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Compute the synthetic population



One learns a lot even if a synthetic population does not match the observed one!



1. Compute the population: individual systems

Global model: Example outcome



Gas-dominated giant ($M_{enve}/M_{core} >=1$) ("Jovian")

- Volatile rich planet, with H/He ("Neptunian")
- Volatile rich planet, without H/He ("water world")
- Iron/silicate planet with H/He ("H/He terrestrial")

Iron/silicate planet without H/He ("Earth-like")

Protoplanet lost during formation and evolution process (accreted by another more massive protoplanet, ejected, collided with the star).

Black bar: peri- to apoastron distance (showing eccentricity)

A global model in action: low solid mass



Class 1. The in situ Earths and ice worlds systems



A global model in action: mid solid mass



Class 2. The migrated sub-Neptune systems

Peas-in-a-pod (Weiss+2018, Millholland+2017): Misra+2021

A global model in action: high solid mass

Class 3. The mixed systems

A global model in action: very high solid mass

Class 4. The dynamically active giants

2. Overview of statistical results

Nominal population 1 M_{\odot}

The variations of the disk initial conditions over a range likely occurring in nature leads to a large diversity of planetary systems, similar as observed.

Statistical overview for 1 M_{\odot}

Fundamental demographical results

- Synthetic planetary system contain on average **8** planets more massive than 1 M_{\oplus} including all orbital distances (no obs. constraints yet).
- Fraction of systems with giants planets: **18 %** (all orbital distances), only 1.6 % at >10 AU.
- Systems with giants contain on average **1.6** giant planets.

• Low-mass planets (0.3-3 M_{\oplus}) in habitable zone: 44 % of stars. Mean multiplicity 1.3 (rather low). Mean [Fe/H] of stars with habitable planets -0.11. Different from Solar System.

What sets the outcome?

The most important initial condition is the mass of solids initially present in the disk.

Grey lines: efficiency of planetary system formation(including H/He) per system

We need 2-3 MMSN to form the Solar System mass.

Adapted from Mordasini+ in prep. aff

Another important initial condition is external disk photoevaporation, setting the disk lifetime. It depends on stellar birth environment and affects the emerging system architecture (e.g., Winter et al. 2020).

3. Comparisons with observations

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Statistical comparison with HARPS survey

HARPS: high accuracy radial velocity planet searcher.

GTO Survey: 822 solar-like stars. Known bias.

See also recent results of California Legacy Survey (Rosenthal+2021, Fulton+2021)

Adapted from Emsenhuber, Mordasini, Udry, Mayor, Marmier + in prep. (NGPPS VII)

Observed

Nb of planets: 161 Nb of stars w planets: 102 Multiplicity: 1.6

<u>Synthetic biased</u> Nb of planets: 317 Nb of stars w planets: 204 Multiplicity: 1.6

- Agreement: similar global structure: relative distribution (concentrations, voids)
- Agreement: Mean multiplicity
 ⇒ system architecture.
- Disagreement: Factor 2 in absolute number. Poss. explanations: Initial conditions? Cluster environment (cf. Winter et al. 2020)?
- Disagreement: Hot Jupiters. Poss. explanation: Kozai plus tidal circularisation channel missing in model.

Quantitative comparison mass distribution

- Agreement: Fundamental bimodal structure
- Agreement: Change in regime at ~20 M⊕: smoking gun of core accretion: runaway gas accretion M_{core}~M_{enve}~10 M_⊕ (but see also Bennet et al. 2021).
- Disagreement: Giant planets factor 2-3 too massive
- Disagreement: Too few intermediate mass planets by factor ~2-3 (planetary desert, Ida & Lin 2004).
 - \Rightarrow too fast gas accretion (cf. Nayakshin et al. 2019)

Similar for gas accretion rate derived from several 3D hydrodynamic models (Machida et al. 2010, D'Angelo et al. 2010, Bodenheimer et al. 2013)

Possible explanations: low viscosity disks (Ginzburg & Chiang 2019a), magnetic regulation (Batygin 2018, Cridland 2018), angular momentum barrier (Takata & Stevenson 1996), 3D circulation (Szulagyi et al. 2014),

Population synthesis makes it possible to *quantify* discrepancies between theory and observations.

Statistical comparison with Kepler survey

Numbers: Bias corrected occurrence rates (Nb of planets in area / Nb of stars x 100)

For a direct comparison, the end-to-end model should include the long term evolution / internal structure calculation including atmospheric escape -> R and L/mag.

- Agreement: relative occurrence, except for (sub)-Neptunes (2-4 R⊕)
- Disagreement: absolute occurrence: too high again (x 5)
- Radius valley not clearly visible for high number of initial embryos: Impact stripping? Water-rich planets? Enriched envelopes?

Statistical comparison with direct imaging

SPHERE@VLT SHINE GTO survey (Vigan et al. 2020) 150 stars

Probes very different kind of planets and a different observable (luminosity).

Actual detections & sensitivity maps

Fraction of FGK stars w. planets (M=1-75 M_J, a=5-300 AU)

Synthetic population & sensitivity maps

- Agreements: overall frequency, mass-luminosity relation (β Pic b)
- Distant giants in synthesis: Single, massive, eccentric planets from scattering events (see Marleau+2019b), mean eccentricity: 0.39
- Disagreement: No HR 8799-like systems: 4 distant massive giants on rather circular orbits
- Structured disks? Formation by gravitational instability?

4. Perspectives and conclusions

Comparisons with observations

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The future is bright regarding new statistical observational constraints.

Exquisite knowledge of planet mass distribution and demographics in giant and low-mass regime. Ideal to investigate mechanisms of gas and solid accretion.

Blue lines: 5 σ detection limits for GAIA (Courtesy D. Segransan, Geneva Obs.)

Transit technique Hab. zone planets Temporal evolution

Data release ~2030

spectroscopy Launch ~2029

Atmo. spectroscopy Statistics of atmo. compositions

Terra incognita as litmus test

2021

~2030

Cross-checking the same theoretical model with population synthesis in many different and especially unexplored parameter spaces:

Key to understand whether theory really captures the governing underlying physics and is not merely a sophisticate fit tweaked to explain already known observations.

Much to do on the theoretical side: initial conditions & early phases, disk models (beyond α -models), hybrid pebble-planetesimal models, link formation-atmospheric composition, gas accretion,...

Observing planet formation as it happens as a new direct constraint on planet formation

Conclusions

 Population synthesis is a tool to compare theory and observation to improve understanding of planet formation

- use full wealth of observational constraints
- put detailed models to the test
- see global statistical consequences: which processes are key?

Observational constraints on many processes

- solid and gas accretion rate
- N-body dynamics
- orbital migration rate
- •See link between disk and planetary properties
- Predict yield of future instruments/space missions
- Continuously improving models
 - population syntheses depend on progress of formation theory as a whole
 - many new theoretical developments to test, many new obs. constraints to come

Resources

Population synthesis review papers -Benz et al., Protostars & Planets VI, 691, 2014 -Mordasini et al., IJA, 201, 2015 -Mordasini, Handbook of Exoplanets, 143, 2018

DACE data base: Bern population synthesis models https://dace.unige.ch/evolution/index

All NGPPS data publicly available via dedicated interactive online tool on DACE website

Freely available toy population synthesis model http://nexsci.caltech.edu/workshop/2015/#handson