Inside-Out Planet Formation

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Systems with Tightly-packed Inner Planets (STIPs)



Fabricky et al. (2014)

Properties of STIPs

- ≥3 planets per system
- Sizes of ~1-3 $R_{\oplus},$ consecutive planets have

similar sizes or slightly bigger

- Periods from ~1-100 days; peak at ~10-20 days
- Tightly-packed (period ratios near 1.5-3; separations of ~10-20 R_{Hill}), but not on verge of instability
- Mostly non-resonant period ratios, but ~10% just wide of 1st order resonances (mostly 2:1 & 3:2)
- Low dispersion in inclinations (≤3°)
- Wide range of densities
- Occur around tens of percent of (single) stars
- May be the dominant mode of planet formation

Migration or In Situ Formation?

Migration

(e.g., Alibert et al. 2006; McNeil & Nelson 2010; Kley & Nelson 2012)

- Form planets in outer disk

Core Accretion

(c.f. Gravitational Instability) But still many open questions, including the *meter-sized barrier*

- Migration to inner disk





Migration or In Situ Formation?

[AU]

Migration (e.g., McNeil & Nelson 2010; Kley & Nelson 2012)

- Form planets in outer disk
- Type I or Type II migration to inner disk
- Expect pile-ups of orbits near resonances



So mechanisms invoked to prevent trapping in resonances (Stochastic Turbulent Migration: Rein 2012; Eccentricity damping during migration: Goldreich & Schlichting 2014)

and/or move planets out of resonance (e.g., Papaloizou 2011; Lithwick & Wu 2012; Batygin & Morbidelli 2013).

Migration or In Situ Formation?

In Situ Formation: Hansen & Murray (2012, 2013)

- Concentration of solids (~20-100 M_E inside ~1AU) arranged in an inner enriched disk of protoplanets
- They model final stages of
 oligarchic growth of planets (Ida & Lin 1998; Kokubo & Ida 2002)
- Some of the initial protoplanets are already ${>}1M_{\oplus}$
- Orbital evolution with gas leads to orbital architectures that differ from observed systems (Ogihara, Morbidelli & Guillot 2015)



(see also Chiang & Laughlin 2013)

Observational Evidence

Grain Growth in Disks



Overview of Inside-Out Planet Formation Chatterjee & Tan (2014)



Rapid radial drift of cm to m-sized "pebbles" via gas drag. They collect at the pressure maximum at the **dead zone inner boundary (DZIB)**, likely first set by thermal ionization of alkali metals at ~1200K.

Pebbles concentrate in narrow ring. Begin to dominate local gas mass surface density, $\Sigma_p > \Sigma_g$, eventually by factors ~10.

A planet forms from the pebble ring. It grows to then clear a gap, leading to viscous clearing of the inner disk.

With reduced extinction from the inner disk, the DZIB retreats outwards and the process repeats.



Inner, "Vulcan" Planet Mass versus Orbital Radius

 $M_{G} = 5.0 \ \phi_{G,0.3} \ \alpha_{-3} \ r_{0.1AU} \ M_{\oplus}$

 $M_{p,1}/M_{\oplus} = p_0 r_{AU}^{p_1}$ Synthetic planet population with $M_G = 5.0 \ \phi_{G,0.3} \ \alpha_{-3} \ r_{0.1AU} \ M_{\oplus}$ [include Kepler observational biases]

Power law index, p₁, agrees
Dispersion consistent with
being due to density variations
But normalization, p₀, too high

Consistent model if reduce DZIB viscosity: $\alpha_{-3} = 0.2$



Conclusions

Systems with Tightly-packed Inner (Super-Earth) Planets (STIPs) are common. Migration or In Situ Formation?

Inside-Out Planet Formation:

- Radial drift of cm-m sized solids
- Massive "pebble" ring at pressure maximum of dead zone
 inner boundary
- Planet formation & growth from pebble ring
- Planet mass grows until gap-opening
- Gap-opening leads to dead zone retreat
- New pebble ring forms, process repeats

Features of this planet formation model:



- Rapid radial drift of pebbles, i.e., meter-sized barrier, is not a problem for this model.
- Creates ~1-10M_⊕ planets on tightly-packed close orbits, starting from typical disks.
- Predicts flat scalings of planet mass with orbital radius, consistent with observed systems.
- Orbital spacings should be ≥3 Hill radii of inner planet. Spacing from first to second planet should be larger than subsequent spacings, as observed.

• Inner "Vulcan" planet mass vs orbital radius $M_G = 5.0 \ \phi_{G,0.3} \ \alpha_{-3} \ r_{0.1AU} \ M_{\oplus}$, independent of accretion rate. Consistent with observed planets (both scaling and normalization).

How to stop STIP Inside-Out Planet Formation? (Solar System?)

- Outer pressure trap, e.g., due to opacity jump?
- Maintain MRI inner midplane region out to large radii extra ionization due to radionuclides (²⁶AI)?
- Suppress MRI inner region (anti-aligned B-fields leading to Hall Effect suppression)?