

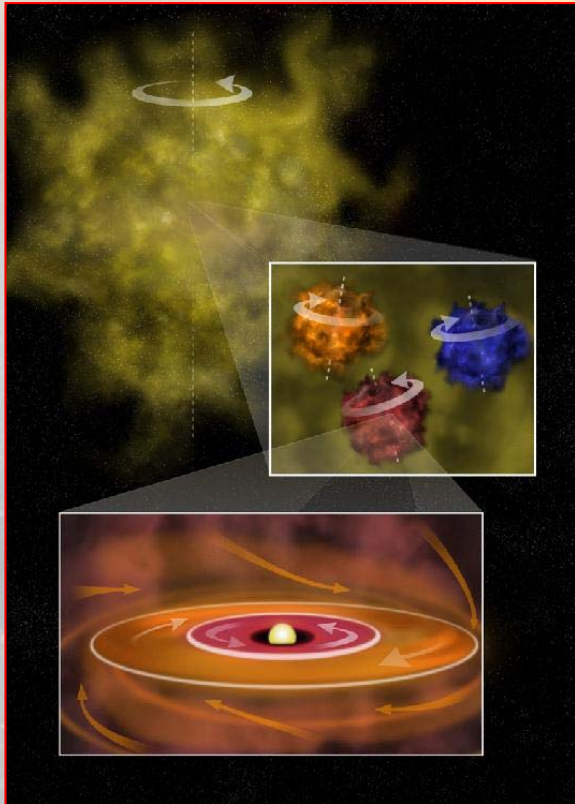


Protoplanetary Disks

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Disks and star formation



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- Disks of gas and dust are observed around young stars for about 10^7 years
- Disks form because of **angular momentum** (conservation) , collapse from interstellar densities $n \sim 10^5 \text{cm}^{-3}$ to stellar densities $n \sim 10^{24} \text{cm}^{-3}$

- Interstellar clouds: Fraction of rotational energy compared to gravitational energy:

$$J_{\text{cloud core}} = 10^{54} \text{g cm}^2 \text{s}^{-1}$$

$$\beta = \frac{E_{\text{rot}}}{|E_{\text{grav}}|}$$

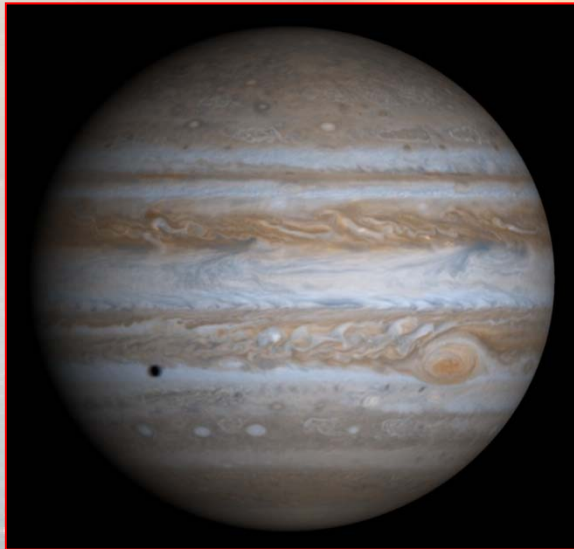
- $M = 1 M_{\odot}$ and $R = 0.05 \text{pc}$ leads typically to

$$j_{\text{cc}} = \frac{J_{\text{cloud core}}}{1 M_{\odot}} = 10^{20} \text{cm}^2 \text{s}^{-1}$$

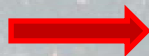
$$j_{\text{cc}} = \sqrt{GM_* r_{\text{eq}}}$$

- Uniformly rotating cloud with same β settles to centrifugal equilibrium at $r_{\text{eq}} \sim 100 \text{AU}$

Some Solar system values



NASA/Cassini: **Jupiter**
with shadow of Europa



- Masses of planets are only 0.13% compared to the Solar mass $M_{\odot} = 1.989 \times 10^{33} \text{ g}$
- Angular momentum of our sun:

$$J_{\odot} = k^2 M_{\odot} R_{\odot}^2 \Omega \simeq 3 \cdot 10^{48} \text{ g cm}^2 \text{ s}^{-1}$$

$$k^2 \simeq 0.1$$

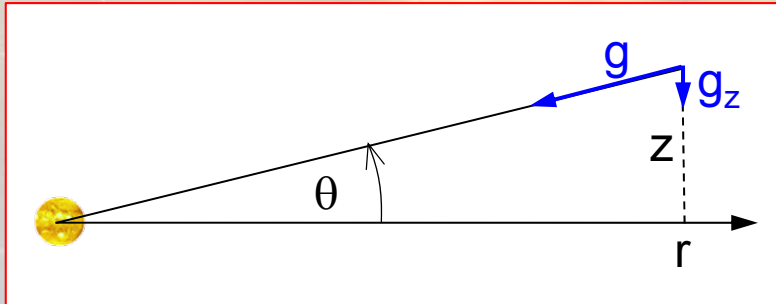
$R_{\odot} = 6.96 \times 10^{10} \text{ cm}$, $\Omega = 2.9 \times 10^{-6} \text{ s}^{-1}$
(corresponding to 25 days rotation period),
k typical value for main sequence star

- Orbital angular momentum of Jupiter:

$$J_{\text{Jup}} = M_{\text{Jup}} \sqrt{GM_{\odot} a_{\text{Jup}}} = 2 \cdot 10^{50} \text{ g cm}^2 \text{ s}^{-1}$$

- Small values compared to interstellar clouds, substantial segregation of mass and angular momentum necessary

Vertical hydrostatic structure (I)



$$\frac{dP}{dz} = -\rho g_z$$

$$\frac{1}{\rho} \frac{d\rho}{dz} = -\frac{G M_* z}{c_s^2 (r^2 + z^2)^{3/2}}$$

- Hydrostatic equilibrium perpendicular to the disc plane, i.e. $v_z = 0$
- Gravity only due to central object with mass M_* , ignoring the disk mass

$$g_z = g \sin \theta = \frac{G M_*}{(r^2 + z^2)} \frac{z}{(r^2 + z^2)^{1/2}}$$

- Isothermal equation of state, where $c_s = c_s(T)$ constant sound velocity

$$P = c_s^2 \rho$$

- Vertical density structure by simple integration, ρ_0 equatorial density

$$\rho = \rho_0 \exp \left[\frac{G M_*}{c_s^2} \left(\frac{1}{(r^2 + z^2)^{1/2}} - \frac{1}{r} \right) \right]$$

Vertical hydrostatic structure (II)

$$z \ll r :$$

- Thin disc assumption simplifies hydrostatic structure
- Radial balance from Keplerian motion v_K , Ω Keplerian angular velocity

$$\frac{1}{\rho} \frac{d\rho}{dz} = -\frac{GM_* z}{c_s^2 r^3} = -\frac{\Omega^2}{c_s^2} z$$

$$\frac{GM_*}{r^2} = \frac{v_K^2}{r} = \frac{\Omega^2 r^2}{r}$$

$$h = \frac{c_s}{\Omega}$$

- Vertical scale height h by ratio between sound velocity and Keplerian angular velocity leads to simpler density structure
- Azimuthal Mach number \mathcal{M} from velocity ratio

$$\rho = \rho_0 e^{-z^2/2h^2}$$

$$\frac{h}{r} = \frac{c_s}{r\Omega} = \mathcal{M}^{-1}$$

$$\mathcal{M} = \frac{v_K}{c_s}$$

Surface density

- Simplification by integration of the gas density over the vertical direction, leads to surface density Σ

$$\Sigma(r, \varphi) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \rho(r, \varphi, z) dz$$

- Vertical hydrostatic equilibrium assumed:

$$\Sigma = \rho_0 \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-z^2/2h^2} dz$$

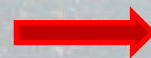
Remember: $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-x^2} dx = \sqrt{\pi}$

- Simple relation between central density ρ_0 and surface density Σ , but quantities depend on radius, e.g. $h=h(r)$

$$\rho_0 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \frac{\Sigma}{h}$$

- Example: $T=100$ K ($r=1$ AU) yields with $\mu=2.6$ and a central mass of $1M_{\odot}$:

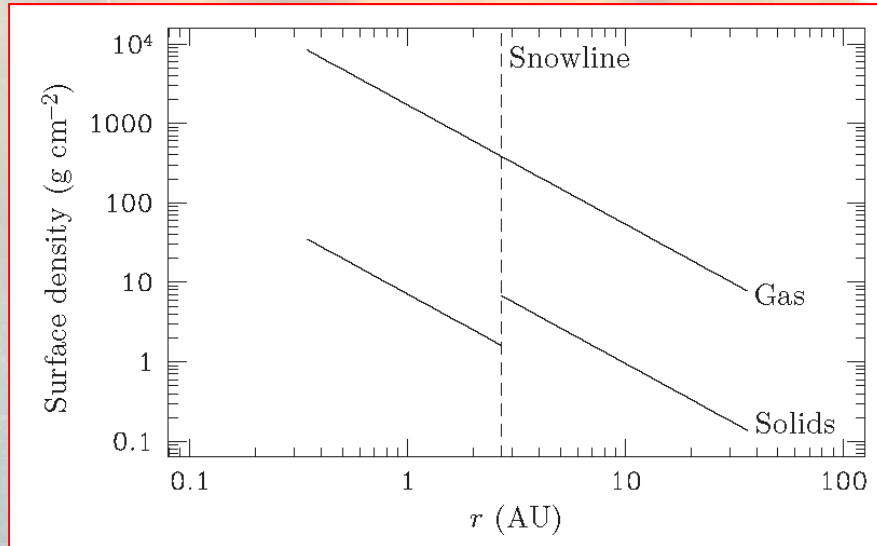
$$c_s^2 = \frac{k_B T}{\mu m_p}$$



$$c_s \simeq 0.6 \text{ km/s}$$

$$\frac{h}{r} \simeq 0.02$$

Minimum mass Solar nebula



- Hayashi (1981): lower limit of surface density, spread each planetary mass across its orbit:

$$\Sigma(r) = 1.7 \cdot 10^3 \left(\frac{r}{[1 \text{ AU}]} \right)^{-3/2} \text{ g cm}^2$$

- Integration up to 30 AU yields to 0.01 M_☉, comparable to other disc observations
- Surface density of solids, presence of icy particles in outer disk

$$\Sigma_{\text{rock}}(r) = 7.1 \cdot 10^3 \left(\frac{r}{[1 \text{ AU}]} \right)^{-3/2} \text{ g cm}^2 \quad \text{for } r < 2.7 \text{ AU}$$
$$\Sigma_{\text{rock+ice}}(r) = 30 \cdot 10^3 \left(\frac{r}{[1 \text{ AU}]} \right)^{-3/2} \text{ g cm}^2 \quad \text{for } r > 2.7 \text{ AU}$$

Hydrodynamic Equations

- **Cylindrical coordinates** (r, φ, z) and

$$\vec{u} = (u_r, u_\varphi, u_z)$$

- **Equation of continuity:**

$$\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot (\rho \vec{u}) = 0$$



$$\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial r \rho u_r}{\partial r} + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial \rho u_\varphi}{\partial \varphi} + \frac{\partial \rho u_z}{\partial z} = 0$$

- **Navier-Stokes** equation for a viscous fluid with kinematic viscosity ν and bulk (=second) viscosity ζ

$$\frac{\partial \vec{u}}{\partial t} + (\vec{u} \cdot \nabla) \vec{u} = -\frac{1}{\rho} \nabla P - \nabla \Phi + \nu \Delta \vec{u} + \left(\frac{\nu}{3} + \zeta \right) \nabla (\nabla \cdot \vec{u})$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial u_r}{\partial t} + u_r \frac{\partial u_r}{\partial r} + \frac{u_\varphi}{r} \frac{\partial u_r}{\partial \varphi} + u_z \frac{\partial u_r}{\partial z} - \frac{u_\varphi^2}{r} &= -\frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial P}{\partial r} - \frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial r} \\ \frac{\partial u_\varphi}{\partial t} + u_r \frac{\partial u_\varphi}{\partial r} + \frac{u_\varphi}{r} \frac{\partial u_\varphi}{\partial \varphi} + u_z \frac{\partial u_\varphi}{\partial z} - \frac{u_r u_\varphi}{r} &= -\frac{1}{\rho r} \frac{\partial P}{\partial \varphi} - \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial \varphi} \\ \frac{\partial u_z}{\partial t} + u_r \frac{\partial u_z}{\partial r} + \frac{u_\varphi}{r} \frac{\partial u_z}{\partial \varphi} + u_z \frac{\partial u_z}{\partial z} &= -\frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial P}{\partial z} - \frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial z} \end{aligned}$$

Radial forces

- Stationary solutions, i.e. $u_r=0$

$$\cancel{\frac{\partial u_r}{\partial t}} + u_r \cancel{\frac{\partial u_r}{\partial r}} + \frac{u_\varphi}{r} \cancel{\frac{\partial u_r}{\partial \varphi}} + u_z \cancel{\frac{\partial u_r}{\partial z}} - \frac{u_\varphi^2}{r} = -\frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial P}{\partial r} - \frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial r}$$

→
$$\frac{u_\varphi^2}{r} = \frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial P}{\partial r} + \frac{GM_*}{r^2}$$

- Pressure P_0 at r_0 varies locally like with $P_0 = c_s^2 \rho_0$

$$P(r) = P_0 \left(\frac{r}{r_0} \right)^{-n}$$

- Pressure is decreasing outwards, hence u_φ is always smaller than Keplerian velocity v_K , e.g. $n=3$, $h/r=0.05$, $\Sigma \sim r^{-1}$

$$u_\varphi = v_K \left(1 - n \frac{c_s^2}{v_K^2} \right)^{1/2}$$



$$u_\varphi \simeq 0.996 v_K$$

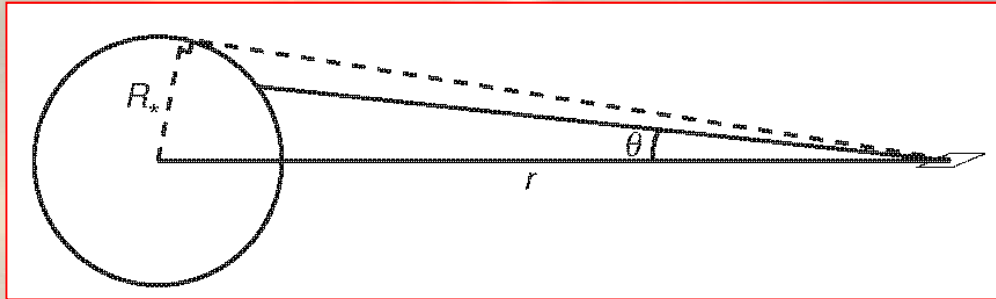
Simple temperature structure

- Disk temperature reaches equilibrium on time scales shorter than stellar evolution time scales
- Temperature: Balance between heating (viscous dissipation, irradiation, accretion) and cooling (radiation, evaporation)
- Accreted material related to the stellar luminosity absorbed by the disk ($\sim 1/4$), i.e. the accretion rate can be estimated for $R = 2R_{\odot}$ and $L = 1L_{\odot}$

$$\frac{GM_*\dot{M}}{R_*} \simeq \frac{1}{4}L_* \quad \longrightarrow \quad \dot{M} \simeq 2 \cdot 10^{-8} M_{\odot} \text{ yr}^{-1}$$

- Temperature structure depends on disk geometry, can be flat, warped or flared

Razor-thin disk (I)



- Flux F through a surface in the equatorial plane, assuming a constant Intensity at the stellar surface I_*

$$F = \int I_* \sin \theta \cos \phi d\Omega$$

$$-\pi/2 \leq \phi \leq \pi/2 \quad 0 < \theta < \sin^{-1}\left(\frac{R_*}{r}\right) \quad d\Omega = \sin \theta d\theta d\phi$$

→

$$F = I_* \int_{-\pi/2}^{\pi/2} \cos \phi d\phi \int_0^{\sin^{-1}(R_*/r)} \sin^2 \theta d\theta$$

Razor-thin disk (II)

- Integration leads to

$$F = I_* \left[\sin^{-1} \left(\frac{R_*}{r} \right) - \left(\frac{R_*}{r} \right) \sqrt{1 - \left(\frac{R_*}{r} \right)^2} \right]$$

- Stellar surface I_* related to stellar temperature:

$$I_* = \frac{\sigma}{\pi} T_*^4$$

- Disk temperature

$$\left(\frac{T_{\text{disk}}}{T_*} \right)^4 = \frac{1}{\pi} \left[\sin^{-1} \left(\frac{R_*}{r} \right) - \left(\frac{R_*}{r} \right) \sqrt{1 - \left(\frac{R_*}{r} \right)^2} \right]$$

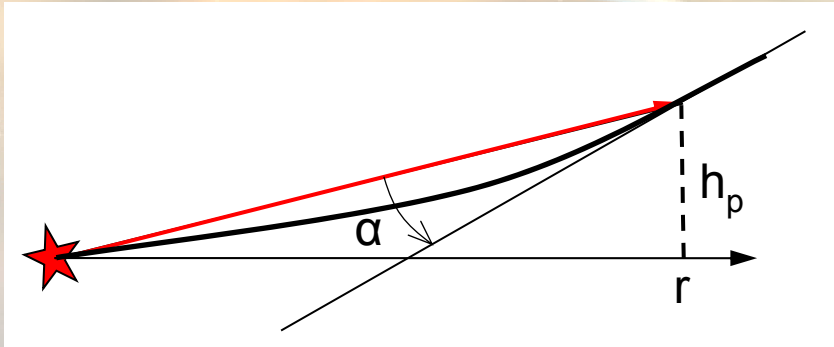
- Integration over the whole disk at both sides leads

$$L_{\text{disk}} = 2 \times \int_{R_*}^{\infty} 2\pi r \sigma T_{\text{disk}}^4 dr = \frac{1}{4} L_*$$

- Taylor expansion for large radii

$$T_{\text{disk}}(r) \propto r^{-3/4}$$

Flared disks (I)



$$\alpha = \frac{dh_p}{dr} - \frac{h_p}{r}$$

- Absorption height is function of distance $h_p(r)$, (details in Kenyon & Hartmann 1987),
- Increased absorption of stellar radiation produces larger IR-excess
- Simplified for a central point source and for $r \gg R_*$
- Absorption height depends also on the opacity, i.e. $h_p(r) \neq h(r)$
- Equilibrium: Absorption equals emission (per unit disk area)

$$Q_+ = 2\alpha \left(\frac{L_*}{4\pi r^2} \right)$$

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$$Q_- = 2\sigma T_{\text{disk}}^4$$

Flared disks (II)

- Disk temperature profile

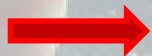
$$T_{\text{disk}} = \left(\frac{L_*}{4\pi\sigma} \right)^{1/4} \alpha^{-1/4} r^{-1/2}$$

- Central star radiates as a black body

$$L_* = 4\pi\sigma R_* T_*^4$$

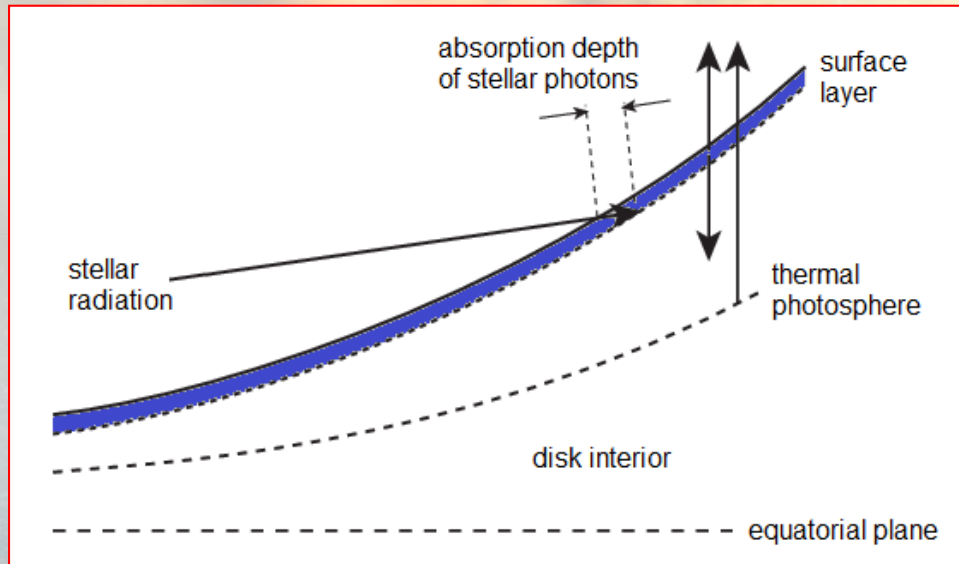
$$\frac{T_{\text{disk}}}{T_*} = \left(\frac{R_*}{r} \right)^{1/2} \alpha^{-1/4}$$

- For optically thick disks we can assume a constant ratio between h_p and h , i.e. $h_p \sim h$ and solve equations for α
- Temperature profile for large radii in a flared disk (Kenyon and Hartmann 1987):

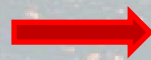


$$T_{\text{disk}}(r) \propto r^{-1/2}$$

Radiation within disks



$$\epsilon = 1, \quad \lambda \leq 2\pi a$$
$$\epsilon = \frac{2\pi a}{\lambda}, \quad \lambda > 2\pi a$$



$$\epsilon \sim \lambda^{-1}$$

- **Dust particles** are most important opacity source
- Absorption of stellar radiation (around $1 \mu\text{m}$), reemission at longer wavelengths in IR
- About half of the incoming flux is radiated into space, half is heating the disk
- Radiating properties of the dust particles determine temperature
- **Opacity from Mie-theory**, particles with radius a

Dust Temperature

$$Q_{\text{cool}} = 4\pi a^2 \epsilon_d \sigma T_d^4$$

$$Q_{\text{heat}} = \pi a^2 \epsilon_* F_*$$

$$L_* = 4\pi R_*^2 \sigma T_*^4$$

$$Q_{\text{heat}} = Q_{\text{cool}}$$

$$\pi a^2 \epsilon_* \frac{4\pi R_*^2 \sigma T_*^4}{4\pi r^2} = 4\pi a^2 \epsilon_d \sigma T_d^4$$

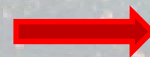
$$\frac{T_d}{T_*} = \left(\frac{\epsilon_*}{\epsilon_d} \right)^{1/4} \left(\frac{R_*}{2r} \right)^{1/2}$$

$$\epsilon \propto \lambda^{-1} \propto T$$

$$\frac{\epsilon_*}{\epsilon_d} = \frac{T_*}{T_d}$$

$$\frac{T_d}{T_*} = \left(\frac{R_*}{2r} \right)^{2/5}$$

- Simple calculation of the **dust temperature** T_d through equilibrium between heating (absorption) Q_{heat} and cooling (emission) Q_{cool}
- Amount of absorbed stellar radiation ϵ_*
- Dust emission coefficient ϵ_d
- Emission scaling according to black body, Wien's law
- Results in simple power-law, e.g.
 $T_* = 4000 \text{ K}$ $R_* = 2 R_{\odot}$



$$T_d = 470 \left(\frac{r}{[1 \text{ AU}]} \right)^{-2/5} \text{ K}$$

Condensation of dust

$$G = H - TS$$

$$G = G(\mu_i)$$

Species	Composition	$T_{\text{cond}} [K]$
Methane	CH ₄	41
Argon hydrate	Ar.6H ₂ O	48
Methane hydrate	CH ₄ .7H ₂ O	78
Ammonia hydrate	NH ₃ .H ₂ O	131
Water ice	H ₂ O	182
Magnetite	Fe ₃ O ₄	371
Troilite	FeS	704
Forsterite	Mg ₂ SiO ₄	1354
Perovskite	CaTiO ₃	1441
Aluminum oxide	Al ₂ O ₃	1677

Lodders (2003) for $P=10^{-4}$ bar

- **Chemical composition** of the disk difficult to calculate, chemical elements are distributed in different molecules, e.g. Oxygen in CO, H₂O, Fe₃O₄, Mg₂SiO₄
- **Simplification:** Thermodynamical equilibrium, minimize the Gibbs free energy G , system consists of several phases, μ_i chemical potential
- E.g.: Lodders (2003) includes 2000 gaseous species and 1600 different condensates
- Condensation depends basically on temperature

Ionization of disks

$$T \sim \frac{\chi}{10 k_B}$$

- Temperatures range in disks from a few 1000 K at the vicinity of the star to few 10K at outer boundary
- Disks are mainly neutral because even $\chi=4.34\text{eV}$ for Potassium requires $T \geq 4000\text{ K}$
- Small amounts of charged particles responsible for coupling to magnetic fields
- **Sources of ionization:**

- Thermal ionization (Saha equation)

$$\frac{n^+ n_e}{n} = \frac{2U^+}{U} \left(\frac{2\pi m_e k_B T}{h^2} \right)^{2/3} \exp\left(-\frac{\chi}{k_B T}\right)$$

- Radioactive decay
- Energetic particles and photons (cosmic rays and X-ray flares):

$$\sigma(E) = 8.5 \cdot 10^{-23} \left(\frac{E}{[\text{keV}]} \right)^{-2.81} \text{ cm}^2$$

Surface density

$$\Sigma(r, \varphi) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \rho(r, \varphi, z) dz$$

$$\frac{\partial \Sigma}{\partial t} + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial r \Sigma u_r}{\partial r} = 0$$

$$\Omega \sim r^{-3/2}$$

- The equation of continuity in axial symmetry after integration over the vertical direction
- Conservation of angular momentum with viscous transport due to torques

$$r \frac{\partial (r^2 \Omega \Sigma)}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial (r^2 \Omega \cdot r \Sigma u_r)}{\partial r} = \frac{1}{2\pi} \frac{\partial G}{\partial r}$$

$$G = 2\pi r \cdot \nu \Sigma r \frac{\partial \Omega}{\partial r} \cdot r = 2\pi \nu \Sigma r^3 \frac{\partial \Omega}{\partial r}$$

- Viscous evolution surface density (ν kinematic viscosity)

$$\frac{\partial \Sigma}{\partial t} = \frac{3}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left[r^{1/2} \frac{\partial (\nu \Sigma r^{1/2})}{\partial r} \right]$$



Viscosity time scales

$$X = 2r^{1/2}$$

$$f = \frac{3}{2}\Sigma X$$

$$D = \frac{12\nu}{X^2}$$

- Diffusive nature can be seen by introducing new variables
- Evolution of the surface density given by a diffusion equation with diffusion coefficient D

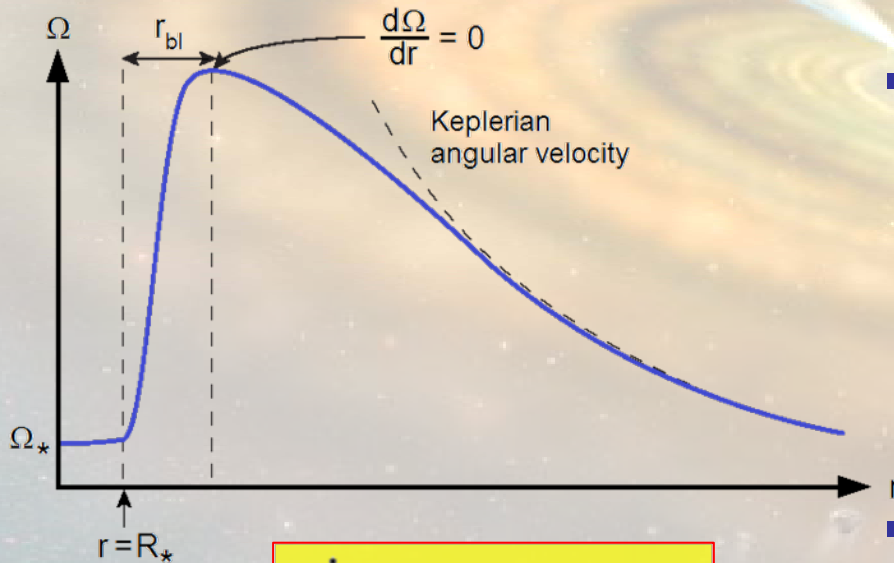
$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial t} = D \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial X^2}$$

$$\tau_{\text{diff}} = \frac{\Delta X^2}{D}$$

$$\tau_\nu \simeq \frac{r^2}{\nu}$$

- Viscous time scale over distance ΔX
- Physical time scale for viscous disk evolution
- τ_ν of the order of 10^6 years for protostellar disks with $\sim 1M_\odot$

Solutions to the disk equation (I)



$$\dot{M} = -2\pi r \Sigma u_r$$

$$\frac{d\Omega}{dr} = 0$$

$$C = -\dot{M}(R_* + r_{bl})^2 \Omega_{\max}$$

- Stationary solution with viscosity allows simple integration

$$\frac{d(r\Sigma u_r \cdot r^2\Omega)}{dr} = \frac{1}{2\pi} \frac{d}{dr} \left(2\pi\nu\Sigma r^3 \frac{d\Omega}{dr} \right)$$

$$r\Sigma u_r \cdot r^2\Omega = \nu\Sigma r^3 \frac{d\Omega}{dr} + C$$

- Mass accretion rate

$$-\dot{M}r^2\Omega = 2\pi\nu\Sigma r^3 \frac{d\Omega}{dr} + C$$

- Boundary layer couples Keplerian disk to stellar rotation with Ω_*
- Viscous stress vanishes at $R_* + r_{bl}$

Solutions to the disk equation (II)

- Boundary layer is small compared to stellar radius, i.e.

$$R_* + r_{\text{bl}} \simeq R_*$$

- Angular velocity at boundary layer approximated by Keplerian

$$\Omega_{\text{max}} \simeq \sqrt{\frac{GM_*}{R_*^3}} \quad \longrightarrow \quad C \simeq -\dot{M} R_*^2 \sqrt{\frac{GM_*}{R_*^3}}$$

- For a Keplerian disk ($\Omega \sim r^{-3/2}$) we get a steady state solution of the disk structure with a *zero torque boundary* at the inner edge

$$\nu \Sigma = \frac{\dot{M}}{3\pi} \left(1 - \sqrt{\frac{R_*}{r}} \right) \quad \longrightarrow \quad \Sigma \sim \nu^{-1}$$

- Surface density scales for large radii with the kinematic viscosity
- BUT:** Disk can be truncated earlier by magnetic fields (e.g. at T Tauri stars), complex physics at the inner boundary

Temperature in accreting disks

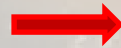
- Dissipation of energy from viscous friction is given by

$$D(r) = \frac{G}{4\pi r} \frac{d\Omega}{dr} = \nu \Sigma r^2 \left(\frac{d\Omega}{dr} \right)^2 = \frac{9}{8} \nu \Sigma \Omega^2$$

where last term is calculated in case of Keplerian velocities

- The energy is radiated away by a black body

$$D(r) = \sigma T_{\text{disk}}^4$$



$$T_{\text{disk}}^4 = \frac{3GM_* \dot{M}}{8\pi\sigma r^3} \left(1 - \sqrt{\frac{R_*}{r}} \right)$$

- Temperature of viscous disks is independent of the kinematic viscosity for a steady disk and for large radii $r \gg R_*$

$$T \sim r^{-3/4}$$

- Accretion rate of $10^{-7} M_{\odot}/\text{yr}$, $M \sim 1 M_{\odot}$ leads at 1AU: $T_{\text{disk}} \sim 150\text{K}$

Vertical disk structure

$$\frac{dP}{dz} = -\rho g_z$$

$$F_z \gg F_r$$

$$\frac{dF_z}{dz} = \frac{9}{4}\rho\nu\Omega^2$$

$$\frac{dT}{dz} = -\frac{3\kappa_R\rho}{16\sigma T^3}F_z$$

- Dissipation of gravitational energy closer to mid-plane
 - Vertical temperature gradient will exist, transport of energy by radiation or turbulence
 - **Hydrostatic equilibrium** in vertical direction
 - **Energy generation** by viscous dissipation
 - **Radiative transport** in optical thick media, κ_R is the Rosseland-mean opacity, importance of dust particles
 - Equation of state, e.g. adiabatic with $\gamma=7/5$
 - Gradients too steep, transport by convection leads to vertical adiabatic gradient
- ➔ Detailed structure by numerical solutions

Mid-plane temperature

- Energy dissipation assumed to be located at $z=0$

$$F_z(0) = \sigma T_{\text{disk}}^4 \simeq F_z(z)$$

- Define optical depth τ to the disk mid-plane

$$\tau = \frac{1}{2} \kappa_R \Sigma$$

$$-\frac{16\sigma}{3\kappa_R} \int_0^z T^3 dT = \sigma T_{\text{disk}}^4 \int_0^z \rho(z') dz'$$

$$-\frac{4\sigma}{3\kappa_R} T^4 \Big|_{T_z}^{T_{\text{disk}}} = \sigma T_{\text{disk}}^4 \int_0^z \rho(z') dz' = \sigma T_{\text{disk}}^4 \frac{\Sigma}{2}$$

$$T_c \gg T_{\text{disk}}$$

- Viscous disks will be substantially hotter in the mid-plane

$$\left(\frac{T_z}{T_{\text{disk}}} \right)^4 \simeq \frac{3}{4} \tau$$

- For $\tau=100$: $T_c \approx 3T_{\text{disk}}$, important for condensation, ice on grains, chemistry, molecules, ...

Angular momentum transport

$$\nu_m \sim \lambda_m c_s$$

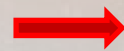
$$\lambda_m = \frac{1}{n\sigma_m}$$

$$\sigma_{H_2} \simeq 2 \cdot 10^{-15} \text{cm}^2$$

$$\nu_m = 2.5 \cdot 10^7 \text{cm}^2 \text{s}^{-1}$$

- Disk temperature independent on viscosity but density structure as well as time scale of evolution are determined
- Physical understanding and description of viscosity essential for disk structure and evolution
- Molecular viscosity ν_m and mean free path λ_m :
- Example: $r=10 \text{ AU}$, $n=10^{12} \text{cm}^{-3}$, $c_s=0.5 \text{ km/s}$

$$\tau_\nu \simeq \frac{r^2}{\nu}$$



$$\tau_\nu \simeq 3 \cdot 10^{13} \text{years}$$

- Reynolds Number Re: Disk are highly turbulent



$$\text{Re} = \frac{UL}{\nu_m} = 10^{10}$$

Shakura-Sunyaev Disks

- Define a *turbulent* or *effective viscosity*
- Simple description of such a viscosity, based on scaling arguments (Shakura & Sunyaev 1973)
- Largest scale of an eddy is scale height h
- Velocity of the order of sound velocity, otherwise shock and rapid dissipation
- Shakura-Sunyaev α -parameter, so-called α -disks, $\alpha < 1$

$$\nu = \alpha c_s h$$

- Different attempts for calculating this parameter, radial dependence of $\alpha = \alpha(r)$ is unknown
- Solutions of numerical computations are not satisfying observational constraints

Magnetorotational instability (I)

$$\frac{d}{dr} (r^2 \Omega) < 0$$

- Instability of rotating disks with $M_{\text{disk}}/M_{\star} < h/r$ from linear stability analysis due to **Rayleigh**
- Keplerian disks are Rayleigh-stable, i.e. angular momentum increases with radius

$$\frac{d}{dr} (\Omega^2) < 0$$

- Magnetic fields provide additional degrees of freedom, violently destabilize disks
- Weakly magnetized fluids are unstable if angular velocity decreases with radius, so-called Magnetorotational instability (=MRI)
- **Keplerian disks with weak magnetic fields are MRI-unstable**
- MRI requires lengthy algebra (e.g. Balbus & Hawley, 1998) due to MHD-equations

Magnetorotational instability (II)

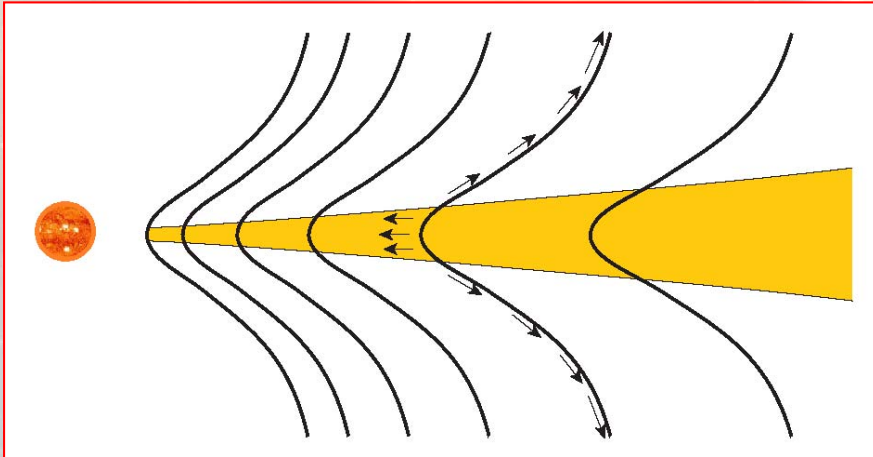
$$\beta = \frac{8\pi P}{B^2}$$

$$\beta > \frac{2\pi^2}{3}$$

- MRI requires a differentially rotating disk
- Small perturbations on magnetic field lines are sheared by differential rotation
- Magnetic tension separates the fluid elements by further angular momentum transport
- The MRI has large growth rates of the order of one orbital period
- Numerical simulations on the non-linear behavior of MRI leads to a state of sustained MHD turbulence
- Radial and azimuthal fluctuations in velocities can be averaged and interpreted as α -term, connect small-scale fluctuations to global angular momentum transfer

$$\alpha = \left\langle \frac{\delta u_r \delta u_\varphi}{c_s^2} - \frac{B_r B_\varphi}{4\pi \rho c_s^2} \right\rangle \sim 10^{-2}$$

Magnetic disk winds



$$T_{\text{mag}} = \frac{B_{\varphi}^s B_z^s}{2\pi}$$

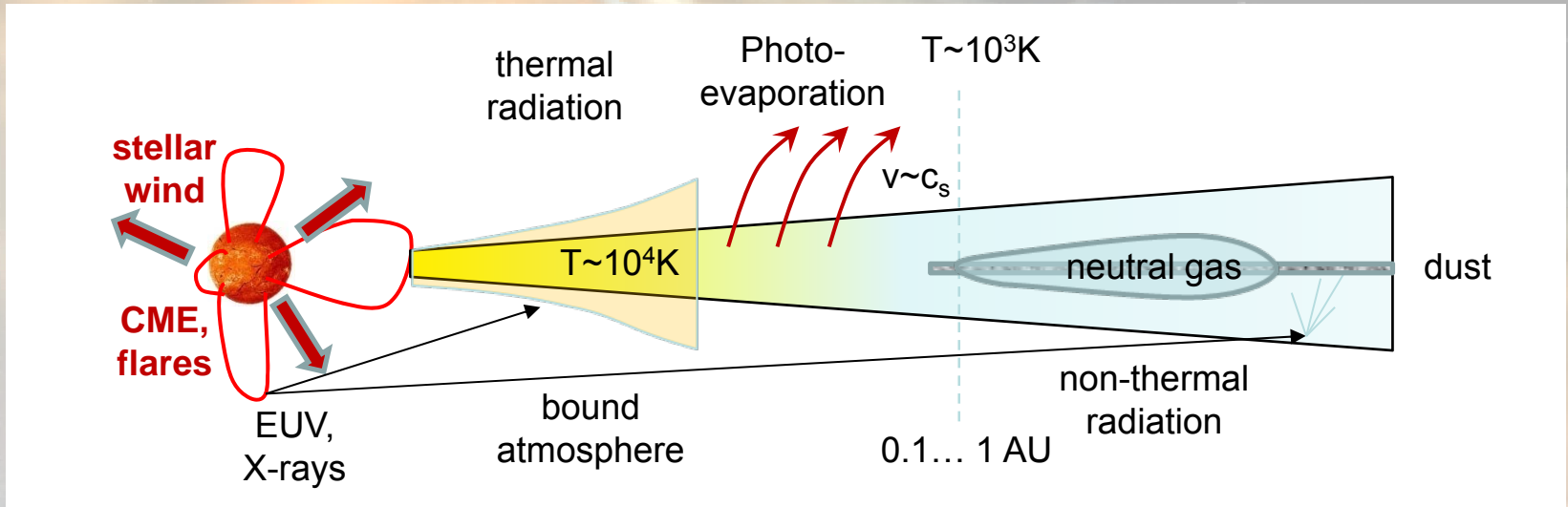
$$|u_{r,\text{mag}}| = \frac{B_{\varphi}^s B_z^s}{\pi \Sigma \Omega}$$

$$u_{r,\text{vis}} = -\frac{3\nu}{2r}$$

$$\frac{|u_{r,\text{mag}}|}{|u_{r,\text{vis}}|} \sim \frac{B_{\varphi}^s B_z^s}{B_r B_{\varphi}} \left(\frac{h}{r}\right)^{-1}$$

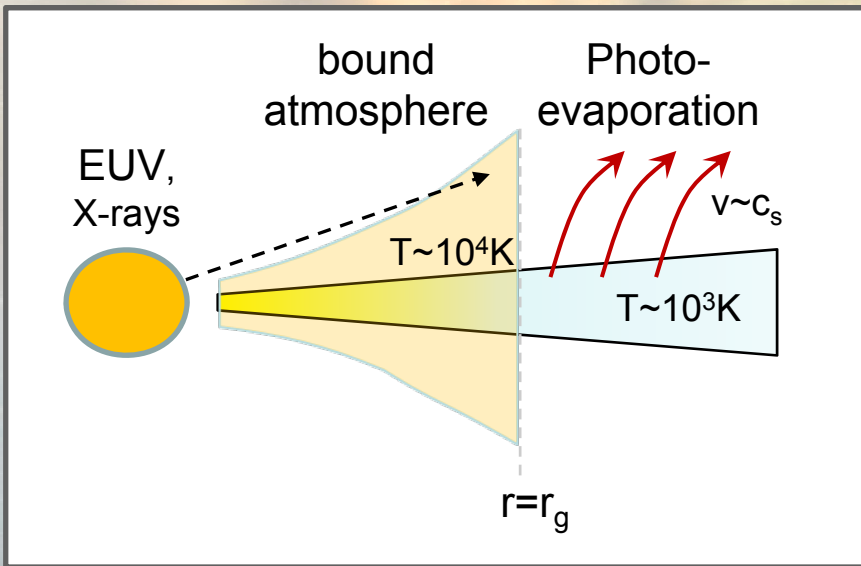
- Magnetic fields connect the disk with the external medium
- Torques T_{mag} on the disk surface (per unit area) lead to a radial inflow $u_{r,\text{mag}}$
- Compare this velocity with the α of MRI-generated radial inflow
- The global magnetic fields are much more efficient to reduce the angular momentum than internal redistribution by MRI
- **BUT:** Topology of magnetic field unclear, strong fields suppress MRI and many open questions on disk winds

Layered disks



- Magnetic fields will play important role for disk evolution
- Inner parts hot enough for thermal ionisation
- Cosmic rays, X-rays and EUV can penetrate deep to provide a level of ionization
- Possible *dead zone* of neutral gas without coupling to magnetic fields

Photoevaporation



- UV-radiation heats the disk surface, $E = h\nu > 13.6\text{eV}$
- Define a radius r_g where sound speed equals orbital velocity

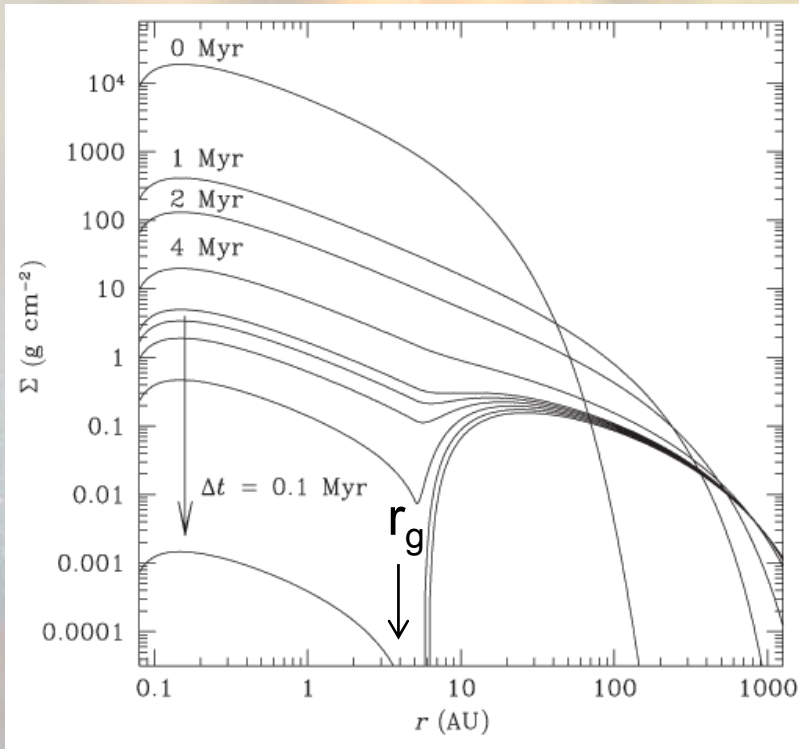
$$r_g = \frac{GM_*}{c_s^2} = 8.9 \left(\frac{M_*}{[M_\odot]} \right) \left(\frac{c_s}{[10 \text{ km/s}]} \right)^{-2} \text{ AU}$$

$$\dot{\Sigma}_{\text{wind}} \simeq 2\rho(r)c_s$$

- Loss of mass due to ionisation at $r > r_g$, material is unbound and escapes
- Numerical simulation lead to

$$\dot{M}_{\text{wind}} \simeq 1.6 \cdot 10^{-10} \left(\frac{\Phi}{[10^{41} \text{ s}^{-1}]} \right)^{1/2} \left(\frac{M_*}{[M_\odot]} \right)^{1/2} M_\odot \text{ yr}^{-1}$$

Viscous evaporation



Clarke et al. (2001)

$$\frac{\partial \Sigma}{\partial t} = \frac{3}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left[r^{1/2} \frac{\partial (\nu \Sigma r^{1/2})}{\partial r} \right] + \dot{\Sigma}_{\text{wind}}(r, t)$$

- Simple model with mass loss, e.g. $r_g = 5$ AU
- Disk evolves in three phases
 - Mass loss decouples inner and outer disk, gap around r_g
 - Inner disk evolution on viscous time scale $\sim 10^5$ years, accretion on central object
 - Inner disk becomes optically thin, UV-flux illuminates inner edge of outer disk, total dispersal within 10^5 years

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