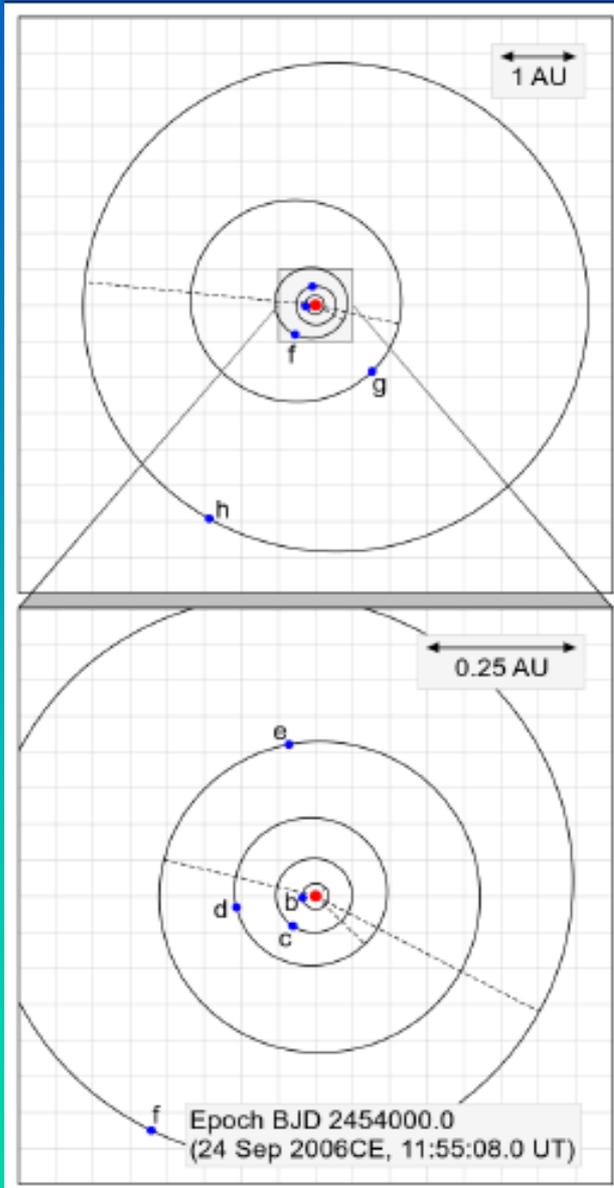


# gas giant formation accelerated by disk accretion processes



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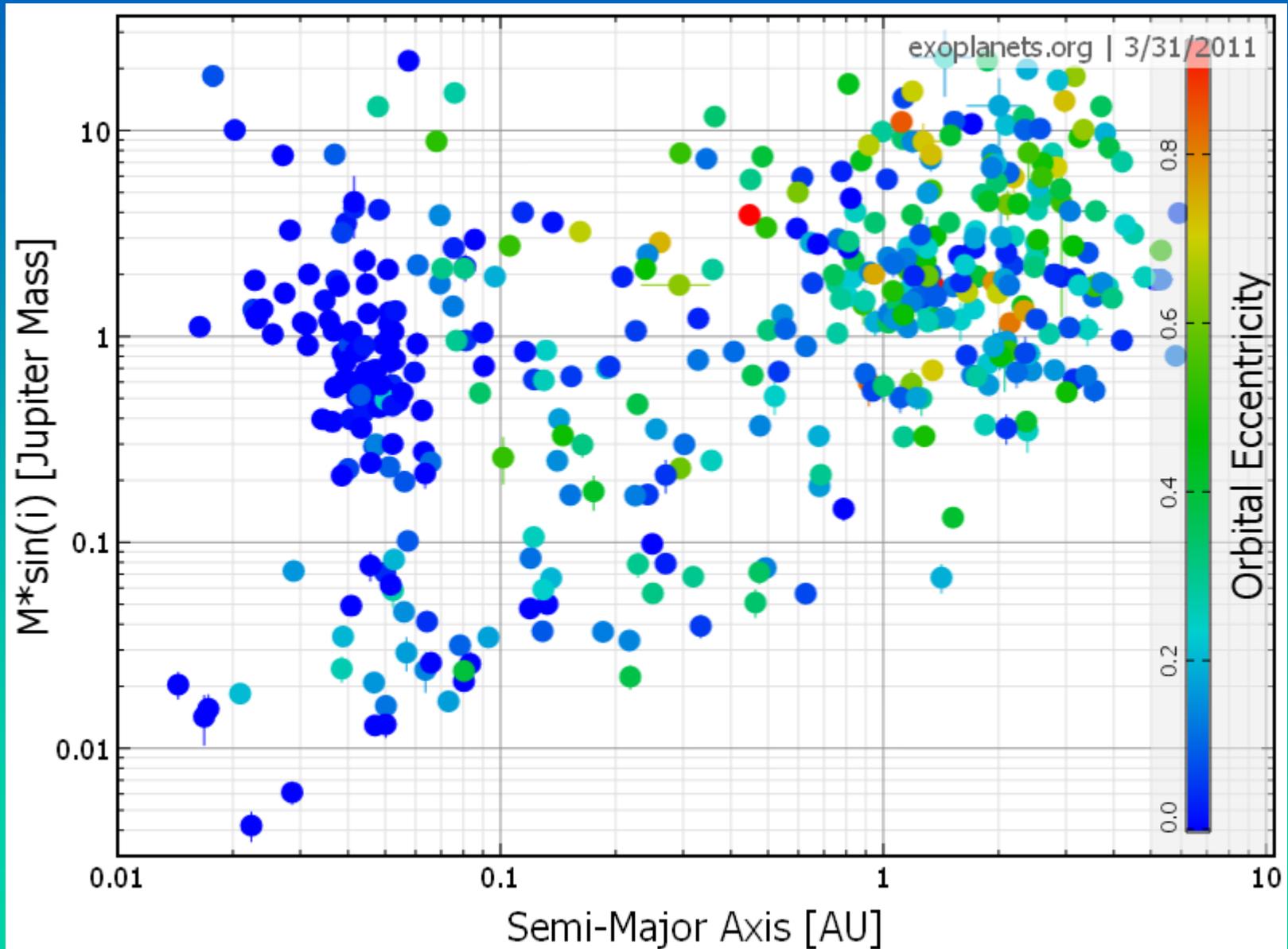
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■ 539 exoplanets observed upto Mar. 28, 2011

~100 transits; ~ 350 Jupiters.



Visible Light  
(ISS)

# Context

- Introduction to core-accretion model of gas giant formation.: alternative: gravitational instability

- a key problem of core-accretion model:  
**too long formation time**

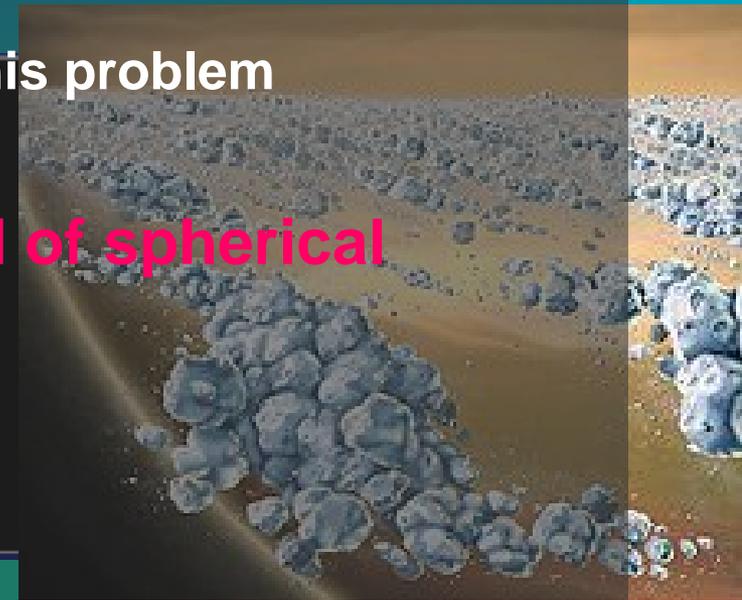
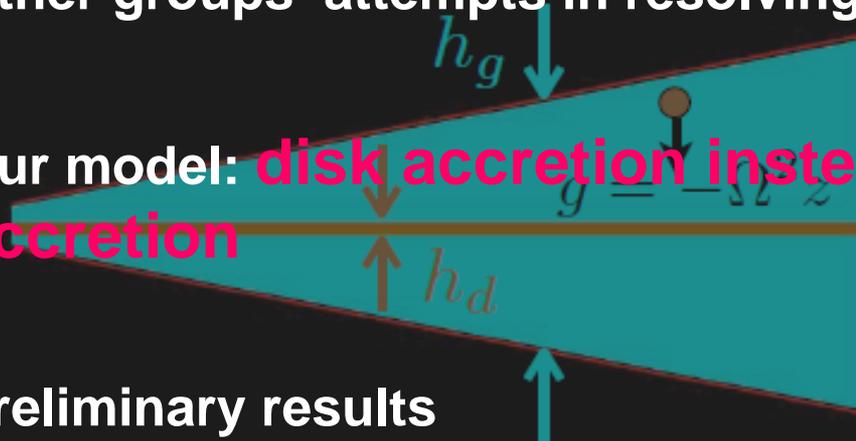
Radio Signals  
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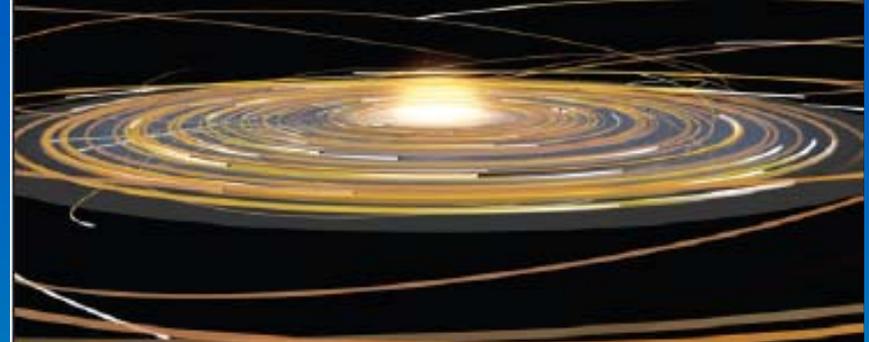
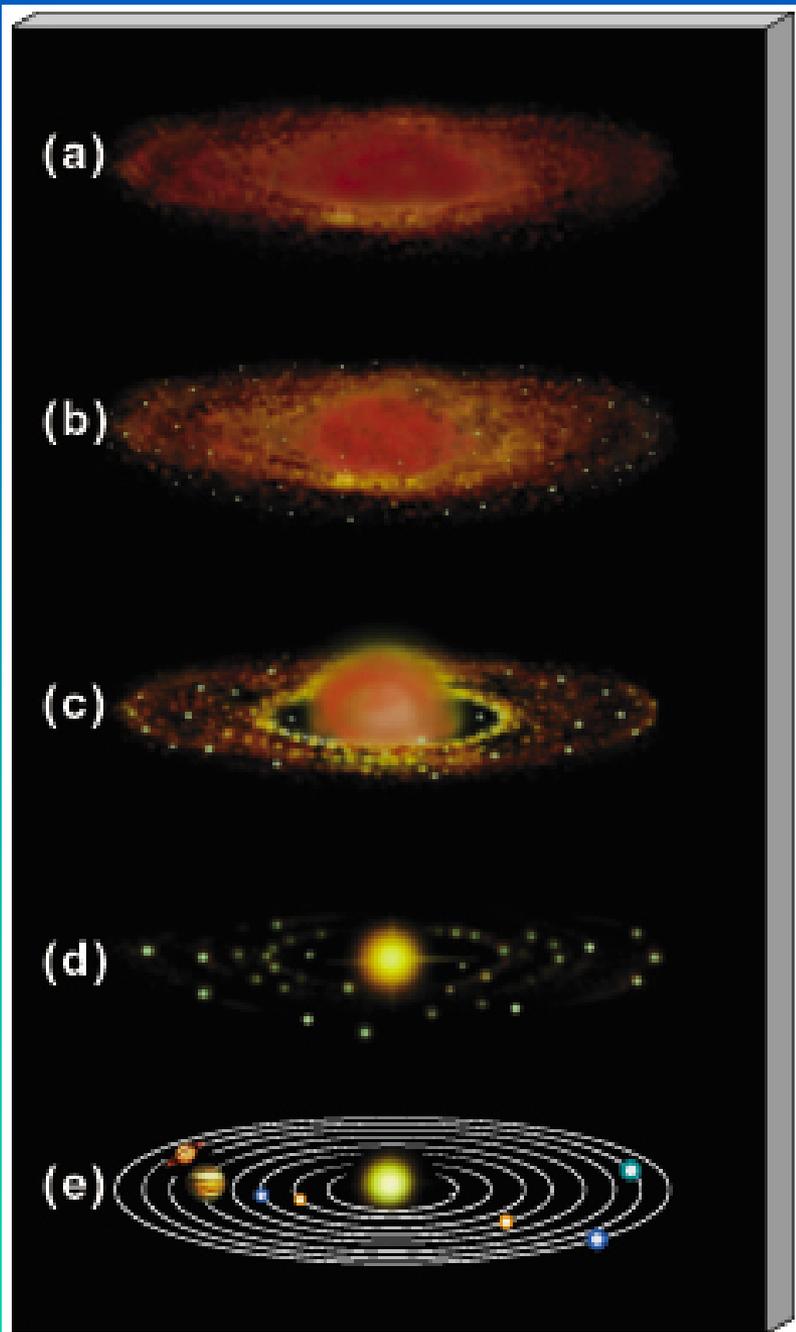
- Other groups' attempts in resolving this problem

- Our model: **disk accretion instead of spherical accretion**

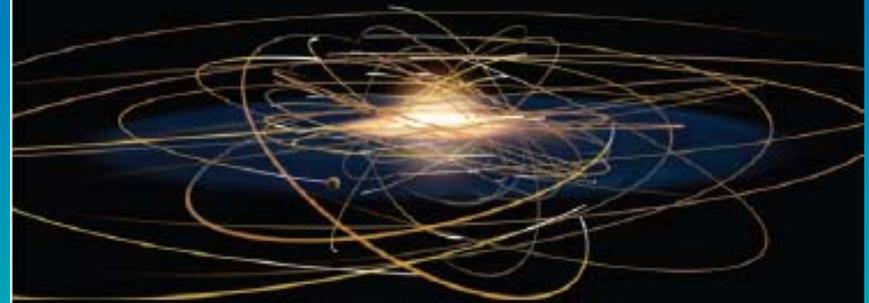
- Preliminary results

- conclusions





Planetesimals collide and adhere.



A few bodies undergo runaway growth. They stir up the orbits of the rest.



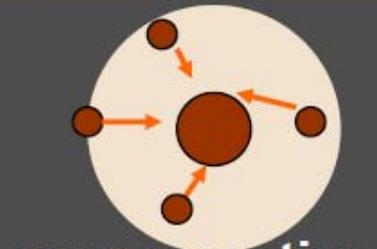
The embryos run out of raw material and stop growing.

1. Dust condensation and growth
2. Planetesimal growth
3. Gas accretion
4. Orbital migration
5. Gas disk depletion
6. Long term dynamical evolution

# Core-accretion model of gas giant

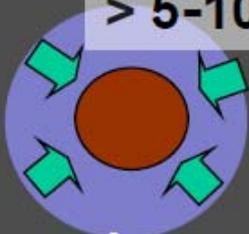
$$\Sigma, a_{ini} = (\text{integration on } 10^9 \text{y}) \Rightarrow M_p, a_{final}$$

protoplanetary disk:  
H/He gas (99wt%) + dust grains (1wt%)



core accretion

> 5-10M<sub>⊕</sub>

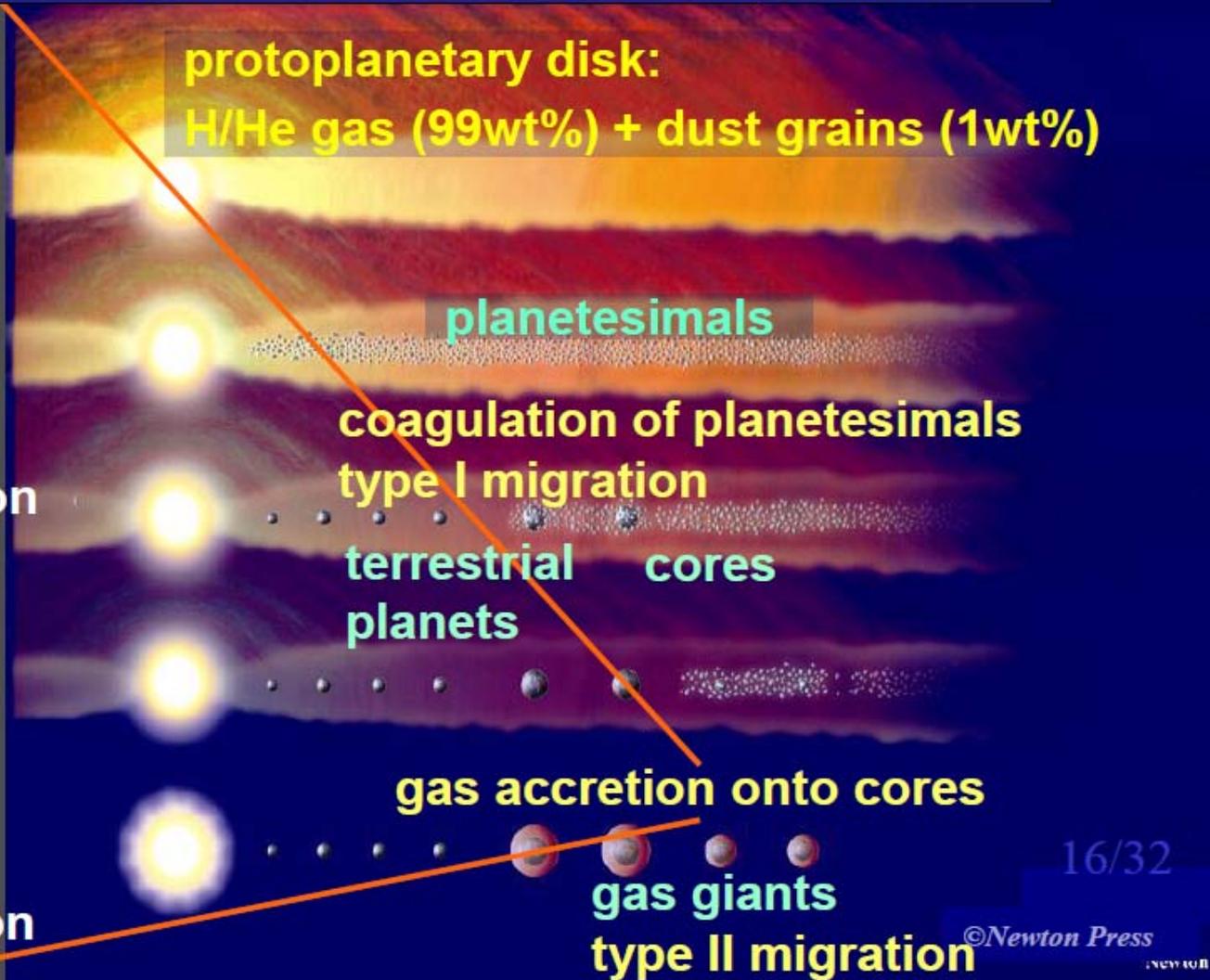


gas envelope contraction

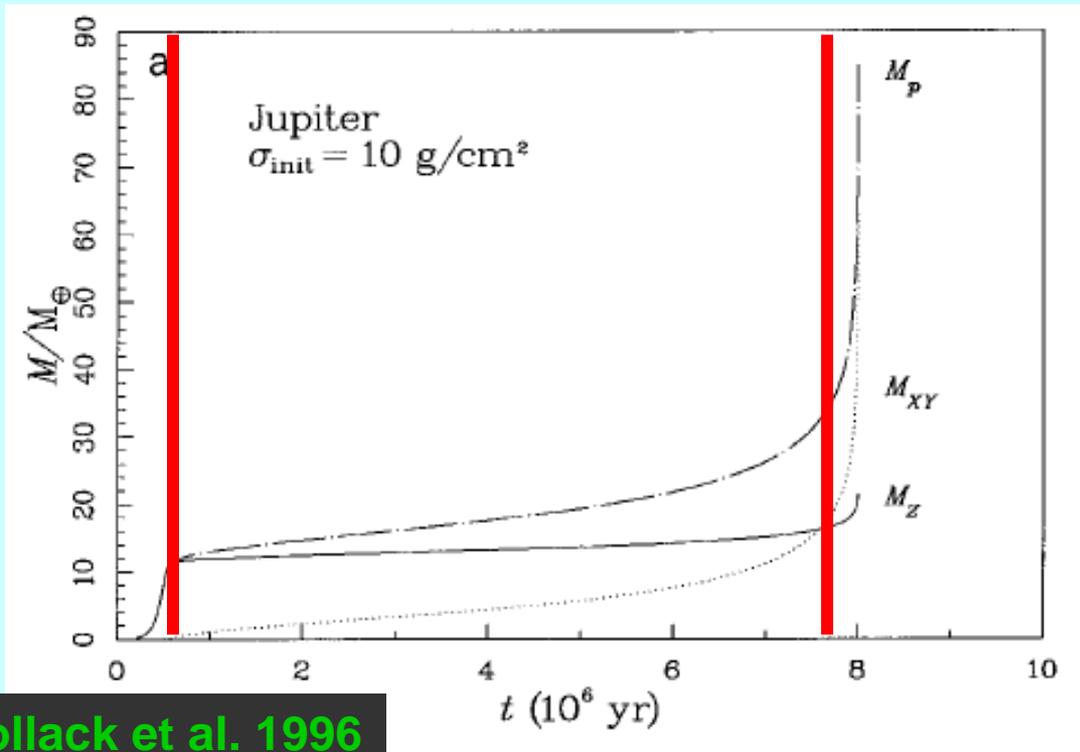
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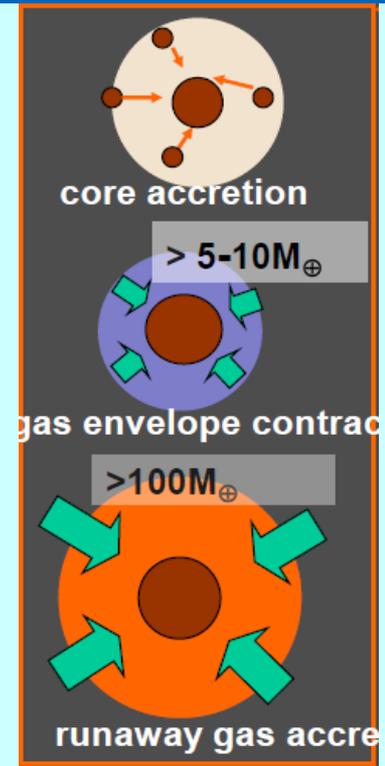
runaway gas accretion



# Numerical approaches in this picture



Pollack et al. 1996



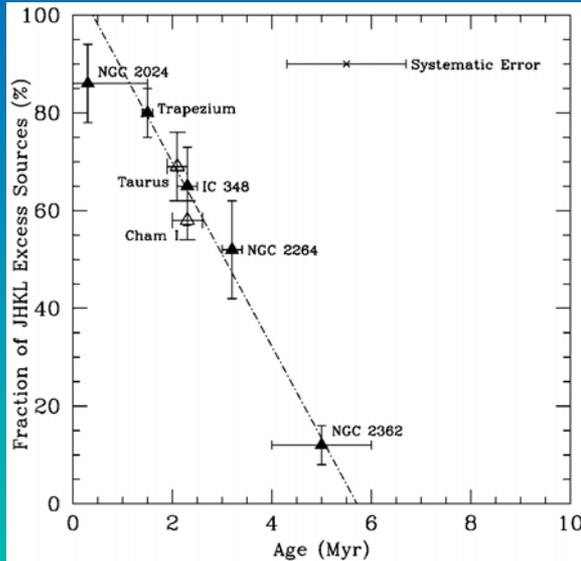
Bondi gas accretion rate:  $\dot{M} \propto \frac{\rho M^2}{C_s^3}$

Growth timescale:  $T = \frac{M}{\dot{M}} \propto \frac{C_s^3}{\rho M}$

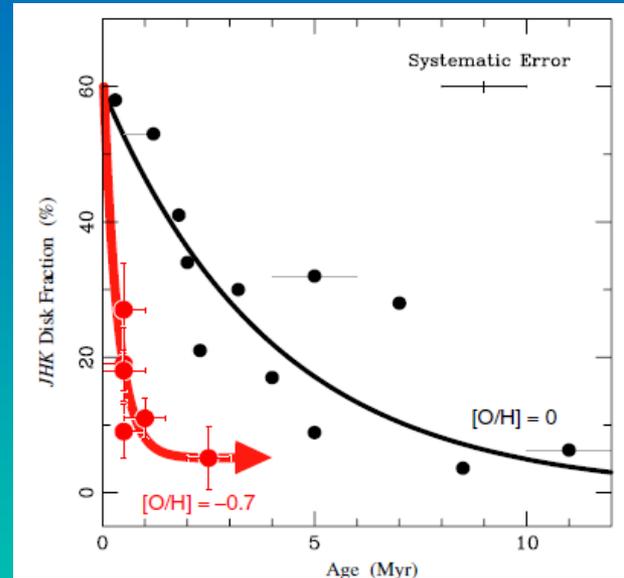
two key conclusions:

- most of the mass is accumulated during phase 3.
- most of the time is spent during phase 2.

➤ The formation time is larger than the mean lifetime ( $\leq 3$  Myr) of the protostellar disk (IR: Haisch+, 2001; Metchev+, 2004; Yasui+, 2010. sub-mm: Andrews & Williams, 2005)



Haisch+ 2001

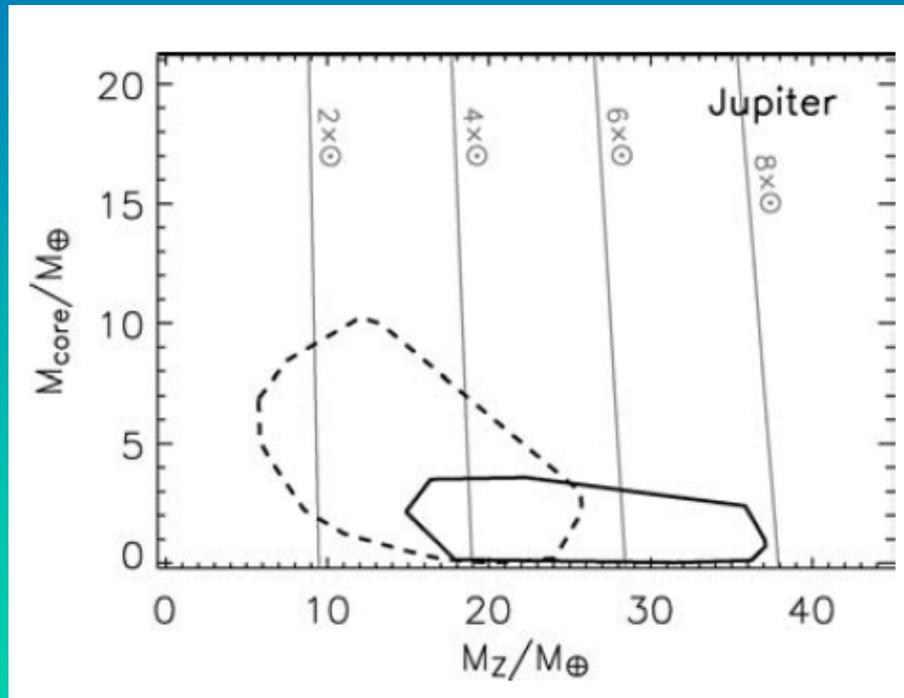


Yasui+ 2010

On the other hand, Andrews & Williams (2005): The fraction of objects detected in sub-mm (cold dust,  $\sim 10$ K) is nearly identical to that detected in NIR/MIR, implying that dust in inner and outer disks are removed nearly simultaneously.

➤ The core of Jupiter is set to  $16 M_E$  during the modeling, while new observations indicates that it should be about  $1-10 M_E$  (Saumon & Guillot, 2004; Guillot, 2005)

New EOS and gravitational fields obtained by *Pioneer* and *Voyager* space missions.



Guillot 2005

# How to meet this challenge?

■ **External reasons** --- During the growth of the core, consider **migration, protostellar disk evolution and gap formation**, or equivalently, modify the surrounding gas properties (Papaloizou & Terquem, 1999; Alibert et al., 2005)

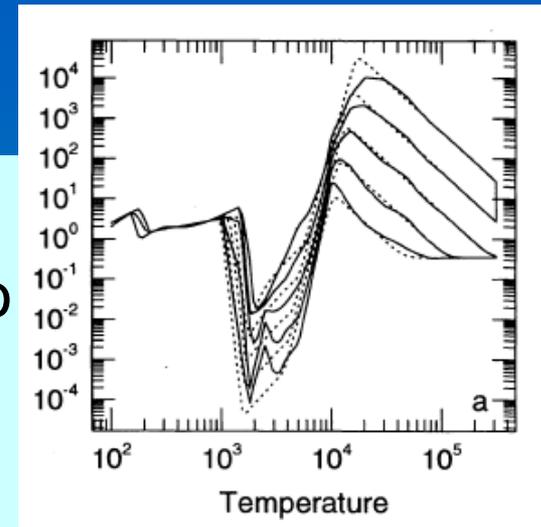
→ global simulations; migration prevents depletion of the feeding zone, which is suffered by in situ formation theory.

# meet this challenge - contd.

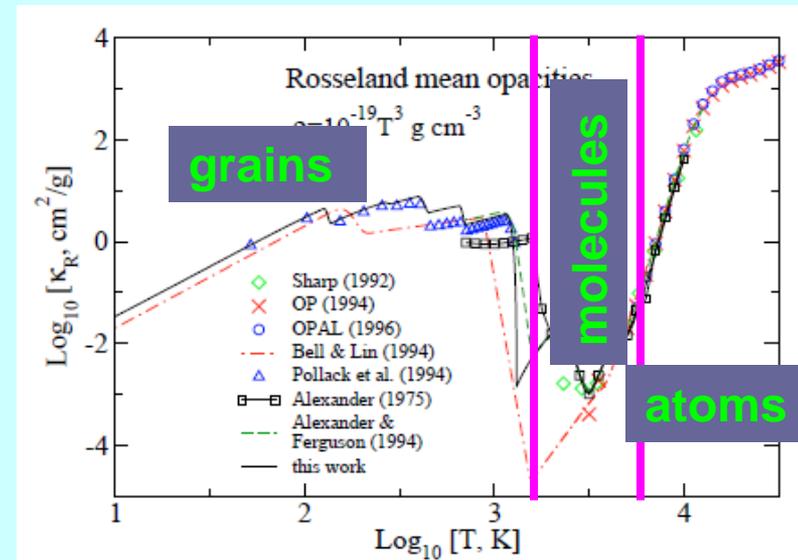
■ **Internal reasons** --- **Cool efficiently through reduced dust opacity.** In order to accrete more rapidly, the thermal energy during the accretion process should be quickly lost away.

$$F(r) = \frac{L(r)}{4\pi r^2} = -\frac{ac}{3\kappa_R \rho} \frac{dT^4}{dr},$$

**Opacity is dominated by small grains.** → Consider **grain sedimentation, coagulation**, to reduce the fraction of small grains (Hubickyj et al., 2005; Lissauer et al., 2009; Movshovitz et al., 2010 ).

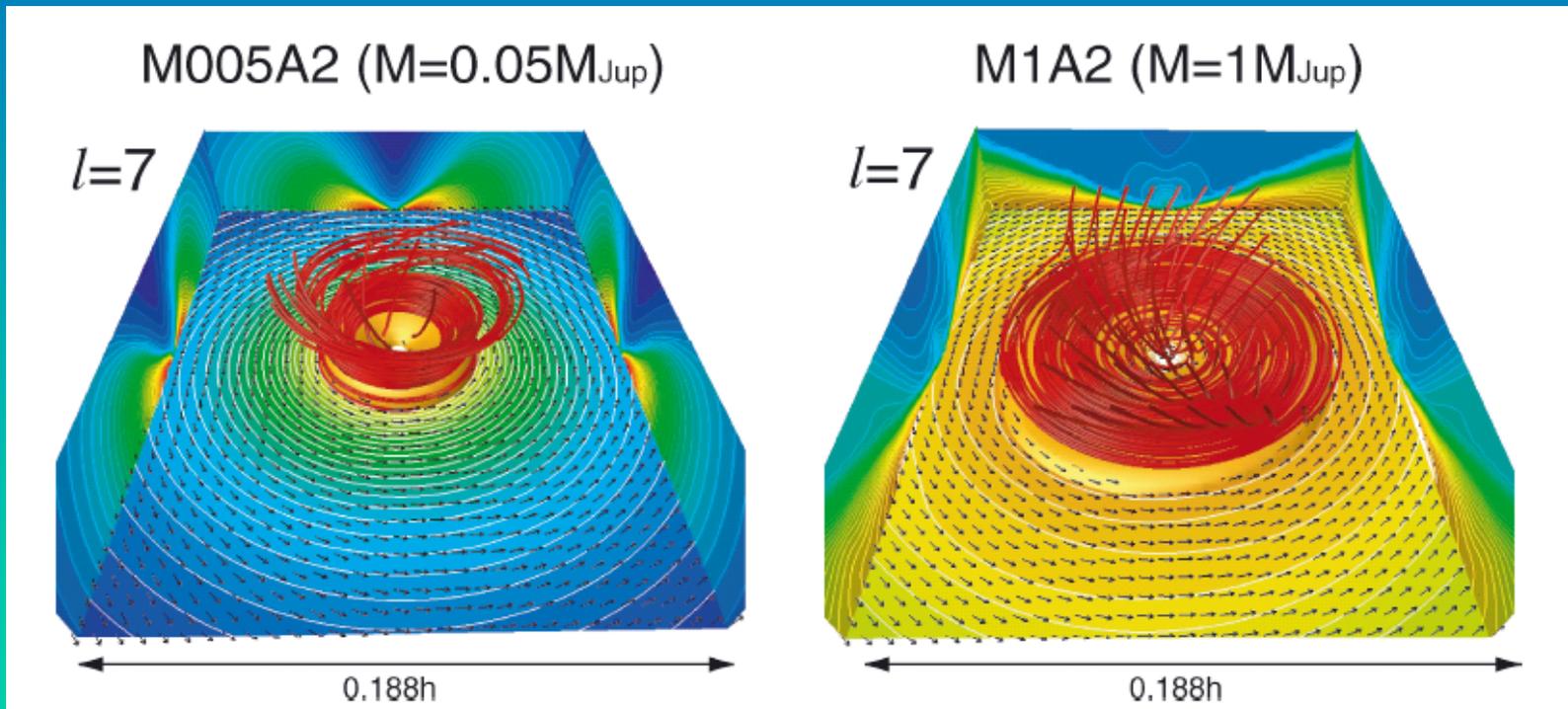


Bell & Lin 1994



Semenov+ 2003

- Disk accretion at later stages, i.e., the planet mass larger than one Jupiter mass are investigated recently (Lubow, Seibert, Artymowicz 1999; Tanigawa & Watanabe 2002; Ward & Canup, 2010; etc).
- But these are for different purposes, unrelated to the topic here.

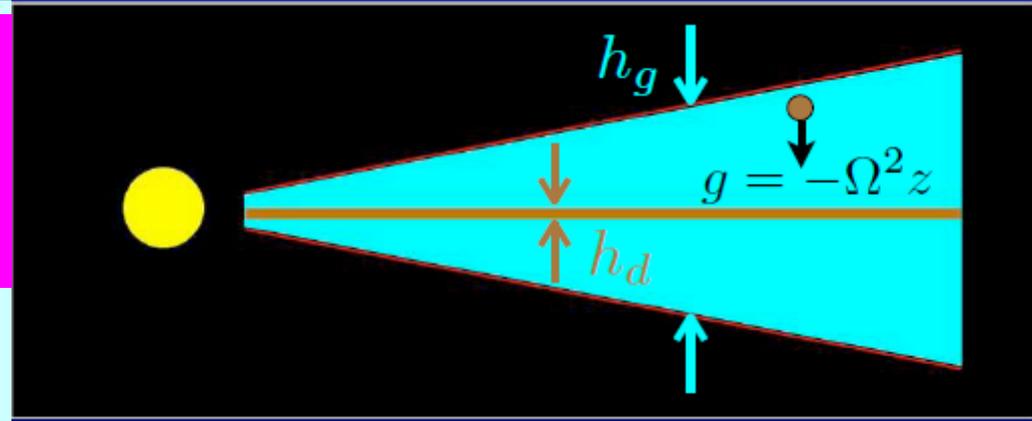


**Machida 2009; Machida +, 2010**

# Our model: disk accretion

We believe that the key factor in the formation of gas giant is through the disk accretion instead of spherical accretion:

$$F(r) = \frac{L(r)}{4\pi r^2} = -\frac{ac}{3\kappa_R \rho} \frac{dT^4}{dr},$$



◆ due to the fact of differential rotation of the protostellar disk, the feeding gas has sufficient angular momentum.

e.g., the gas at Hill radius has a relative  $L(R_h)$  of about  $\sim L_{\text{kep}}(R_h/10)$ .

◆ low density (and opacity) regions above the two surfaces. Small grains coupled with gas; larger grains sediment and coagulate to the mid-plane.

◆ convection within the disk, will further help to increase the radiative loss → cool more efficiently.

!!!! This is a dynamical model, while almost all the previous work are based on hydrostatic assumptions.

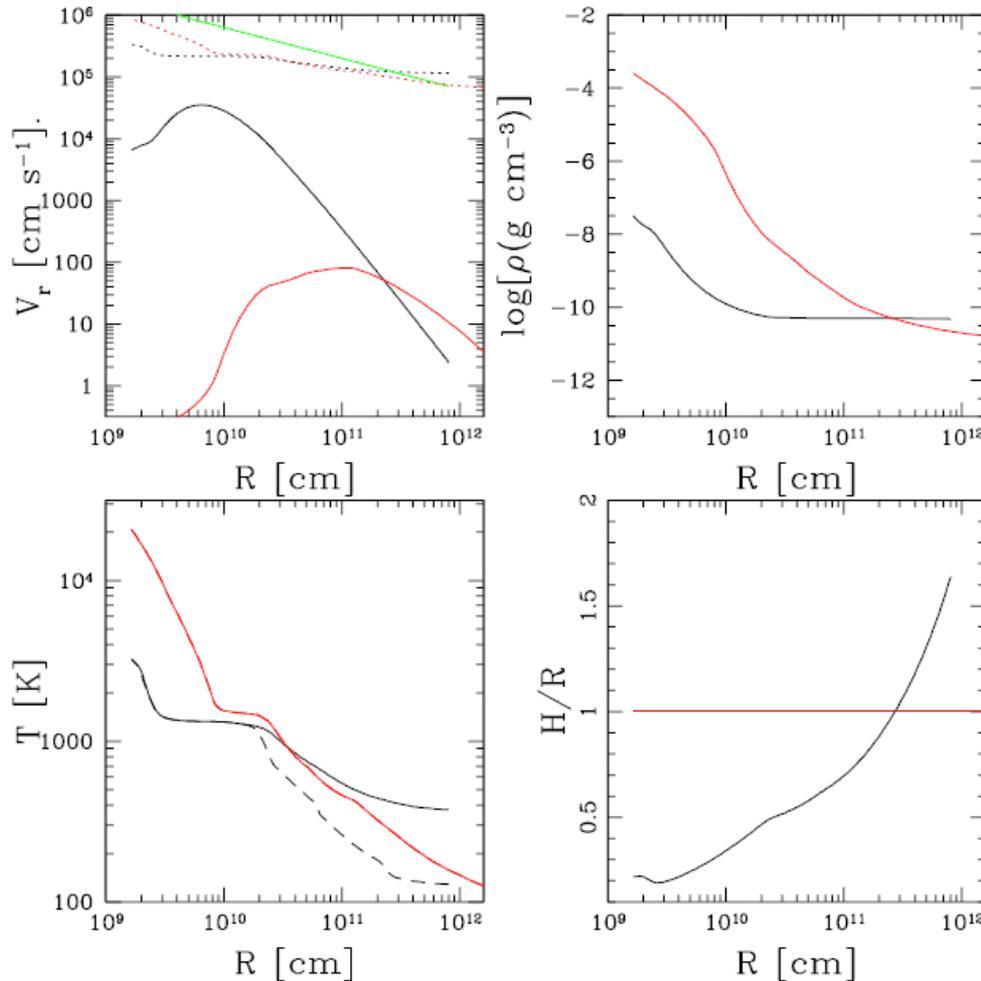
# Preliminary numerical results

10  $M_E$  @ 5AU of 1  $M_{\text{sun}}$

MMSN @ Hill radius

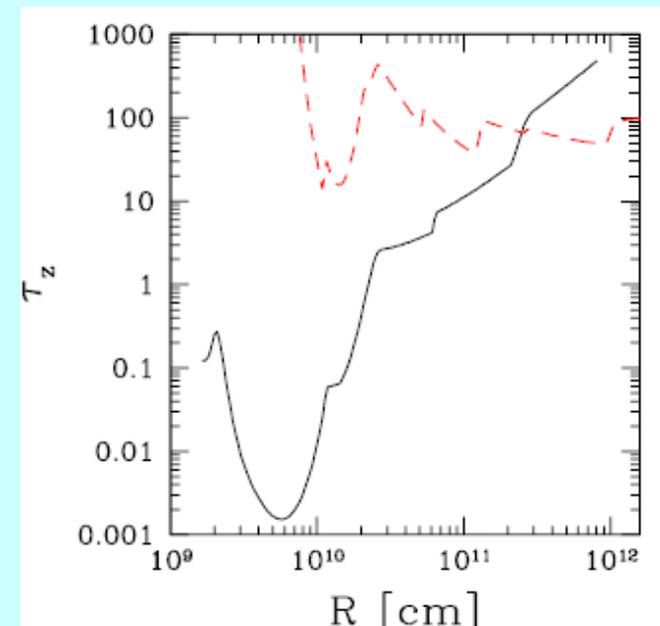
Accretion rate:  $10^{-5} M_E/\text{yr}$

Opacity: Semenov et al. 2003

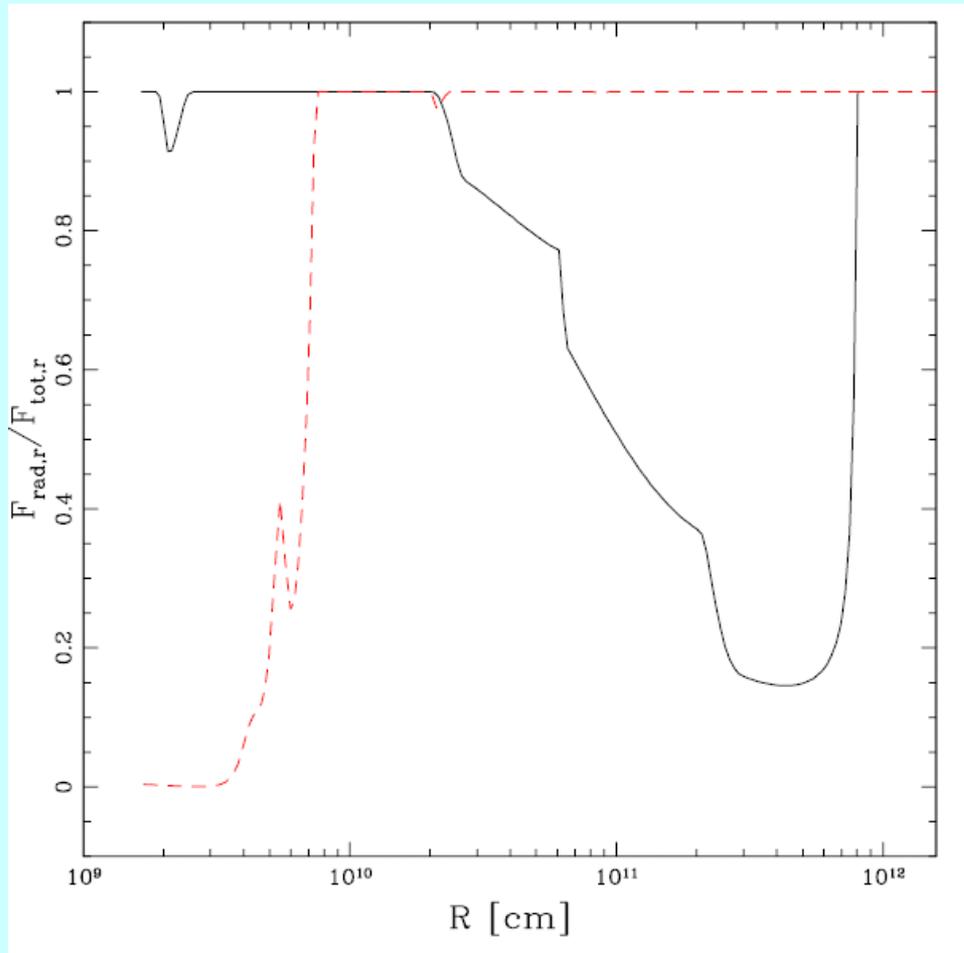


**Red: spherical accretion;**

**black: disk accretion**



# Preliminary numerical results– contd.



$$F_{\text{tot},r} = F_{\text{rad},r} + F_{\text{conv},r}$$

Convection plays a crucial role in both spherical and disk accretion

# Discussions on grain motions

- Drag force between gas and grains (**s: dust size**),

$$F_d = m_p \frac{\rho}{\rho_s} \frac{C(\text{Re})}{s} |\Delta v| (\dot{r} - v_g)$$

- The particle (dust) motion is governed by,

$$r'' = -\nabla\Phi - \frac{1}{m_p} F_d,$$



$(V-V_g)^2/s$  is roughly a constant for various species of dust,

Larger grains will have higher relative velocities, and will quickly settle down to the mid-plane.

Grain growth through, i.e., **coagulation** (Movshovitz & Podolak 2008), **sedimentation** (Youdin 2010), will further reduce the fraction of small grains, thus reduce the opacity of the system.

# Summary

- ◆ The accretion process of the proto-planet is most likely to be disk-like instead of spherical.
- ◆ Small grains are coupled with gas, thus also in a disk configuration. Grains will coagulate and larger grains will settle down to the disk mid plane → dead zone (? Gammie 1996)
- ◆ Most of the thermal energy due to viscous heating in the disk are transported (through convection and radiative diffusion) to the disk surface and radiated away.

