The early stages of star formation: collapse, protostellar disc and protostar

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Interstellar matter cycle



What do we find in the interstellar medium?

- photons at all wavelengths
- gas (mainly H, 10% He and 10⁻⁴ heavy elements), turbulent
- magnetic fields (from galactic dynamo?)
- dust (solid phase, 1% mass compared to the gas), but (thermo)dynamically important...
- cosmic rays (high energy particles)

$$E_{th} = E_{grav} = E_{kin} = E_{mag} = E_{rad} = E_{cr} \sim 1 \text{ ev/cm}^3$$

- ➡ multifold research field, all processes couple together...
- slow progress

Magnetic fields are there, at all scales!



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Alves et al. (2018, A&A) - ALMA





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- Turbulence
 - fluctuations at small scales compared to the Jeans scale

$$C_{\rm s,eff}^2 \simeq C_{\rm s}^2 + V_{\rm rms}^2/3$$

Formation of gravitationally bound structures

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m s,eff}^3}{\sqrt{n}}$$

• Gravo-turbulent model (Hennebelle & Chabrier, Padoan & Nordlund)

• Stability in presence of a magnetic field

$$2\mathcal{T} - 4\pi R^3 P_{\text{ext}} - \frac{1}{R} \left(\frac{3}{5} G M^2 - \frac{1}{3} R^4 B^2 \right) = 0$$

• Critical mass

$$M_{\rm c} \sim \left(\frac{5}{9G}\right)^{1/2} \phi_{\rm B}$$

- M>M_c: "magnetically supercritical" cloud
- Magnetic fields ''dilute'' gravity:

$$2(E_{\rm th} + E_{\rm kin}) + E_{\rm grav}(1 - \mu^{-2})$$

Dense core formation



- Within filaments and at the sonic scale for the majority
- Dense core are the progenitors of stars
- I-I relation between core mass function and stellar initial mass function?



Dense core collapse: the challenge

- ✓ Follow the dynamics over a wide range of physical scales:
 - time scales: free-fall time (~ $10^{4,5}$ yr) to second
 - spatial scales: parsec to stellar radius
 - physical scales: density ranges form 10⁴ cm⁻³ to 10²⁴ cm⁻³



Vaytet et al. (2013)

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Star forms in turbulent and magnetised molecular clouds

All components AND all scales of the ISM regulate the evolution of molecular clouds

Multi-scales and multi-physics tools

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Larson (1969)

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- When does the disc form? Does it fragment?
- Implications for planet formation



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Effect of magnetic fields and rotation

Consider a dense core of initial radius R, mass M and temperature T

 $\phi \propto BR^2$

Thermal support

• E_{th}/E_{grav} decreases when R decreases

$$\frac{E_{\rm th}}{E_{\rm grav}} = \frac{3M/m_p kT}{2GM^2/R} \propto R$$

 $\frac{E_{\rm mag}}{E_{\rm grav}} = \frac{B^2 R^3}{G M^2 / R} \propto \left(\frac{\phi}{M}\right)^2$

Centrifugal support

- Angular momentum conservation
- E_{rot}/E_{grav} increases when R decreases

$$\frac{j = R_0^2 \omega_0 = R^2 \omega(t)}{\frac{E_{\rm rot}}{E_{\rm grav}}} = \frac{M R^2 \omega^2}{G M^2 / R} \propto \frac{1}{R}$$

Magnetic support

- Magnetic flux conservation
- $\bullet \; E_{mag}/E_{grav}$ is constant when R decreases

 $\mu = (\phi/M)_{crit}/(\phi/M)$ (observations $\mu \sim 2-5$)

Effect of magnetic fields and rotation

Consequences:

Centrifugal forces become dominant

- flattening of the envelope
- formation of a centrifugally supported disc

Magnetic forces stay comparable to gravity

- flattening of the envelope
- NO formation of a supported structure
- formation of a pseudo-disc (Galli & Shu 1993)

Magnetic fields brakes the cloud

• transfer angular momentum from the inner part to the envelop



Angular momentum conservation



Magnetic flux problem

Consider a cloud of initial radius R=0.1 pc, B~ 10 μ G

- ✓ Magnetic flux $Φ=πBR^2 ~ 3x10^{32}$ G cm²
- ✓ if flux is conserved, at a solar radius (6.5×10^{10} cm), B~ 10^{10} G
- ➡ Magnetic field in star is observed to be < 10⁴ G

=> Magnetic flux has to be removed or transported away during gravitational collapse

Numerical experiments

Typical initial conditions:

- I 100s M_{\odot} isolated dense core
- uniform / BE-like density profile
- uniform temperature (10 K, $\alpha = E_{th}/E_{grav}$)
- solid body / differential rotation ($\beta = E_{rot}/E_{grav}$)
- m=2 density perturbation / turbulent velocity field
- organised magnetic field
- $\mu = (\phi/M)_{crit} / (\phi/M)$ (observations $\mu \sim$ 2-5)

Banerjee & Pudritz (2006)

Refinement criterion solely based on the Jeans length

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 $\frac{\partial \mathbf{B}}{\partial t} - \nabla \times \left[\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{B} - \eta_{\Omega} \mathbf{J} - \frac{\eta_{\mathrm{H}}}{||\mathbf{B}||} \mathbf{J} \times \mathbf{B} + \frac{\eta_{\mathrm{AD}}}{||\mathbf{B}||^2} \mathbf{J} \times \mathbf{B} \times \mathbf{B} \right] = 0$

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- rearrangement of magnetic field lines

- reconnection

magnetic flux diffusion
 ... needs gas-grain chemistry

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Equilibrium chemistry for non-ideal MHD

- ✓ Reduced chemical network dedicated for ionisation (based on the work by Umebayashi & Nakano 1990)
 Reaction
 - H, He, C, O, metallic elements (Fe, Na, Mg, etc..)
 - H^+ , H_3^+ , He^+ , C^+ , molecular and metallic ions
 - bins in the dust grains size distribution (G, G⁺, G⁻)
 - dust evaporation at T>800 K
 - thermal ionisation of potassium (T>1000 K)
 - neutral elements have constant abundances

 ✓UMIST database for gas species (McElroy et al. 2013)
 ✓Kunz & Mouschovias (2009) for interactions with and between grains

✓ Goal: compute a 3D table of abundances:

• depends on temperature, density and CR ionisation

Reaction	α	β	γ
$H^+ + O \rightarrow H + O^+$	6.86×10^{-10}	0.26	0
$H^+ + O_2 \rightarrow H + O_2^+$	2.00×10^{-9}	0.00	0
$H^+ + M \rightarrow H + M^{+}$	1.10×10^{-9}	0.00	0
$He^+ + H_2 \rightarrow He + H^+ + H$	3.70×10^{-14}	0.00	35
$He^+ + CO \rightarrow He + C^+ + O$	1.60×10^{-9}	0.00	0
$\text{He}^+ + \text{O}_2 \rightarrow \text{He} + \text{O}^+ + \text{O}$	1.10×10^{-9}	0.00	0
$H_3^+ + CO \rightarrow H_2 + HCO^+$	1.36×10^{-9}	-0.14	0
$H_3^+ + O \rightarrow H_2 + OH^+$	7.98×10^{-10}	-0.16	0
$H_3^+ + O_2 \rightarrow H_2 + O_2 H^+$	9.30×10^{-10}	0.00	0
$H_3^{+} + M \rightarrow H_2 + H + M^+$	1.10×10^{-9}	0.00	0
$C^{+} + H_2 \rightarrow CH_2^+ + h\nu$	2.00×10^{-16}	0.00	0
$C^+ + O_2 \rightarrow CO^{+} + O$	3.42×10^{-10}	0.00	0
$C^+ + O_2 \rightarrow CO + O^+$	4.54×10^{-10}	0.00	0
$\mathrm{C^{+}} + \mathrm{M} \rightarrow \mathrm{C} + \mathrm{M^{+}}$	1.10×10^{-9}	0.00	0
$m^+ + M \rightarrow m + M^+$	2.90×10^{-9}	0.00	0
$H^+ + e^- \rightarrow H + h\nu$	3.50×10^{-12}	-0.75	0
$\text{He}^+ + \text{e}^- \rightarrow \text{He} + h\nu$	5.36×10^{-12}	-0.5	0
$H_3^+ + e^- \xrightarrow{\rightarrow} H + H + H$ $\rightarrow H_2 + H$	2.34×10^{-8}	-0.52	0
$C^+ + e^- \rightarrow C + h\nu$	2.36×10^{-12}	-0.29	0
$m^+ + e^- \rightarrow m_1 + m_2$	2.40×10^{-7}	-0.69	0
$M^+ + e^- \rightarrow M + h\nu$	2.78×10^{-12}	-0.68	0
$H_2 \rightarrow H_2^+ + e^-$	1.2×10^{-17}		
$H_2 \rightarrow H^{\tilde{+}} + H + e^-$	2.86×10^{-19}		
$\text{He} \rightarrow \text{He}^+ + \text{e}^-$	6.58×10^{-18}		

Marchand et al. (2016)

Equilibrium chemistry for non-ideal MHD

See also Wurster (2016), Zhao et al. (2016, 2018), Dzyurkevich et al. (2017)

Equilibrium chemistry for non-ideal MHD: results

Grain size distribution as first-order effect

Marchand et al. (2016)

Cosmic rays ionisation

Equilibrium chemistry for non-ideal MHD: results

the core interior

Standard numerical framework in 2020

- ✓ Adaptive-mesh-refinement code RAMSES (Teyssier 2002)
- ✓ Non-ideal MHD solver using Constrained Transport (Teyssier et al. 2006, Fromang et al. 2006, Masson et al. 2012,2016). Resistivity from steady-state gas-grain chemistry (Marchand et al. 2016)
- ✓ Multifrequency Radiation-HD solver using the Flux Limited Diffusion approximation (*Commerçon et al. 2011b, 2014, González et al. 2015*). In most studies, just grey
- ✓ Other niMHD implementation: Lesur et al. (2014) in the PLUTO code, Price et al. (2017) in the SPH Phantom code, Marinacci et al. (2018) in the AREPO code

$$\begin{aligned} \partial_t \rho &+ \nabla \cdot [\rho \mathbf{u}] &= 0 \\ \partial_t \rho \mathbf{u} &+ \nabla \cdot [\rho \mathbf{u} \otimes \mathbf{u} + P \mathbb{I}] &= -\rho \nabla \Phi - \lambda \nabla E_r + (\nabla \times \mathbf{B}) \times \mathbf{B} \\ \partial_t E_T &+ \nabla \cdot [\mathbf{u} (E_T + P_T) - \mathbf{B} (\mathbf{B} \cdot \mathbf{u}) + \mathbf{E}_{\text{NIMHD}} \times \mathbf{B}] &= -\rho \mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla \Phi - \mathbb{P}_r \nabla : \mathbf{u} - \lambda \mathbf{u} \nabla E_r + \nabla \cdot \left(\frac{c\lambda}{\rho \kappa_R} \nabla E_r\right) \\ \partial_t E_r &+ \nabla \cdot [\mathbf{u} E_r] &= -\mathbb{P}_r \nabla : \mathbf{u} + \nabla \cdot \left(\frac{c\lambda}{\rho \kappa_R} \nabla E_r\right) + \kappa_P \rho c (a_R T^4 - E_r) \\ \partial_t B &- \nabla \times (\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{B}) - \nabla \times \mathbf{E}_{\text{NIMHD}} &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

Resisitive EMF $\mathbf{E}_{\text{NIMHD}} = +\eta_{\Omega}\mathbf{J} + \frac{\eta_{\text{H}}}{||\mathbf{B}||}\mathbf{J} \times \mathbf{B} - \frac{\eta_{\text{AD}}}{||\mathbf{B}||^2}\mathbf{J} \times \mathbf{B} \times \mathbf{B}$

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- Rotationally supported disc formation (R ~ 50 AU) - consistent with obs.
- P_{therm}/P_{mag}>1 within discs
- **vertical** magnetic field in the disc => initial conditions for protoplanetary discs studies

• formation of a **plateau** at B~0.1G

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Masson et al. (2016)

$1\ M_{\odot}$: Turbulence and ambipolar diffusion

Convergence!

Long time integration

Magnetically regulated disc size with AD

Hennebelle et al. (2016)

$$\tau_{\text{far}} \simeq \frac{B_{\phi}h}{B_z v_{\phi}}$$

$$\tau_{\text{diff}} \simeq \frac{4\pi h^2}{c^2 \eta_{\text{AD}}} \frac{B_z^2 + B_{\phi}^2}{B_z^2} \simeq \frac{4\pi h^2}{c^2 \eta_{\text{AD}}} \qquad 7$$

$$\tau_{\rm br} \simeq \frac{\rho v_{\phi} 4\pi h}{B_z B_{\phi}}$$
$$\tau_{\rm rot} \simeq \frac{2\pi r}{v_{\phi}}$$

 $r_{\rm d,AD} \simeq 18 \text{ au}$ $\times \delta^{2/9} \left(\frac{\eta_{\rm AD}}{0.1 \text{ s}}\right)^{2/9} \left(\frac{B_z}{0.1 \text{ G}}\right)^{-4/9} \left(\frac{M_{\rm d} + M_*}{0.1 M_{\odot}}\right)^{1/3}$

- disc size **does not depend** on turbulence level
- weak dependance on the mass

$$r_{\rm d,hydro} \simeq \frac{\Omega_0^2 R_0^4}{4\pi/3\rho_0 R_0^3 G} = 3\beta R_0 = 106 \,\text{AU} \,\frac{\beta}{0.02} \,\left(\frac{M}{0.1 \,\text{M}_\odot}\right)^{1/3} \left(\frac{\rho_0}{10^{-18} \text{g cm}^{-3}}\right)^{-1/3}$$

Magnetically regulated disc size with AD

- very good agreement between the analytical and experimental values
- disc size does not depend (too much) on initial conditions

 \checkmark Disc formation is regulated by non-ideal processes

 \checkmark Magnetic regulation works for low- and high-mass protostar formation

✓ Prediction of magnetic fields properties at disc (au) scales

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Second collapse

See also Wurster et al. (2018)

Second collapse

Disc birth

Vaytet et al. (2018)

Radiative shocks

- Jump conditions (Rankine-Hugoniot)

$$\begin{split} \rho_1 u_1 &= \rho_2 u_2 \equiv \dot{m}, \\ \rho_1 u_1^2 + P_1 + P_{r1} &= \rho_2 u_2^2 + P_2 + P_{r2}, \\ \dot{m} \left(h_1 + \rho_1 u_1^2 \right) + F_{r1} + u_1 \left(E_{r1} + P_{r1} \right) = \\ \dot{m} \left(h_2 + \rho_2 u_2^2 \right) + F_{r2} + u_2 \left(E_{r2} + P_{r2} \right) \end{split}$$

Shock becomes supercritical if T₋>T_{cr}

$$T_{\rm cr} = \left(\frac{u_1 \rho_1 k_{\rm B}}{(\gamma - 1)\mu m_{\rm H} \sigma}\right)^{1/3}$$

Properties of the radiative accretion shock

Bhandare et al. (2020)

Parametric study based on the initial dense core mass (0.5 to 100 M_{\odot}) using PLUTO with non-ideal gas EOS and radiative transport (FLD)

But...

- Need to lower the dimensionality => 2D axisymmetric models
- No initial rotation, no magnetic fields
- Integration up to 400 years

Early evolution of the second core

Bhandare et al. (2020)

Early evolution of the second core

- Second core expansion (faster when mass increases)
- Development of convective eddies
- => Quid of magnetic fields? Effect of rotation?

Take away III

- ✓ Disc and protostar formation and early evolution highly dependent on the physics included
- \checkmark Angular momentum and magnetic flux problems have a solution
- \checkmark Non ideal MHD is required
- ✓ Early convection is plausible
- ✓ Robustness of the predictions of magnetic properties in class 0 protostars?

Next:

- Longer term evolution
- Consider the environment of dense core (late accretion, streamers)
- Parametric studies of 2nd collapse

What about observations?

Orion Class 0 - ALMA

Disc radius

Magnetically regulated collapse?

Maury et al. (2018)

B335 Class 0

- ALMA 0.8'' @ 233 GHz (~60 AU)
- data "consistent" with magnetised collapse model (2.5M $_{\odot}$; μ =6; low rotation)

- Yen et al. (2015): No Keplerian disc with R>10 AU
- => Magnetic braking or young age?
- Yen et al. (2018): No evidence of ion-neutral decoupling at scales > 100 AU (HCO⁺/C¹⁸O)

Disc radius evolution

Evidences of dust evolution

- Gas disc is 2-3 times larger than the dust discs
- Discs are enriched in dust compared to the ISM
- Evidence of large grains

Dust grains drift and grow!

Gas-dust dynamical coupling

Drag force

$$\mathbf{F}_{\mathrm{g/d}} = -rac{m_{\mathrm{grain}}}{t_{\mathrm{s}}} (\mathbf{v}_{\mathrm{d}} - \mathbf{v}_{\mathrm{g}})$$

Stopping time (Epstein 1924)

$$t_{
m s} = \sqrt{rac{\pi\gamma}{8}} rac{
ho_{
m grain}}{
ho} rac{m{s}_{
m grain}}{m{c}_{
m s}}$$

$\frac{c_{\text{grain}}}{\rho} \frac{c_{\text{grain}}}{C_{\text{S}}}$

Coupling with the gas (Stokes number)

$$\mathsf{St} \equiv \frac{t_{\mathrm{s}}}{t_{\mathrm{dyn}}}$$

- If St<1, strong coupling</p>
- If St>1, poor coupling

Lebreuilly et al. (2019, 2020) Dust in RAMSES

Collapse with dust and gas dynamical coupling

 $\log(\rho)$ [g cm⁻³]

Lebreuilly et al., 2020

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Ideal MHD

Lebreuilly et al., 2020

Dust coagulation & MHD resistivities

See also Silsbee et al. (2020)

Effect of dust grains

Small grains standard MRN amin = 0.005 µm, amax = 0.25 µm Large grains truncated MRN amin = 0.1 μ m, amax = 0.25 μ m Zhao et al (2016)