

Vidago Workshop 2006
Physical Processes in Circumstellar Disks Around Young
Stars

Disk Hydrodynamics
Talk #4: Gravitational Instabilities II

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Questions

From the End of Talk #3

- What do REAL disks do?
 - Realistic radiative cooling
 - Realistic equation of state
 - Realistic conditions and environments

- How do REAL disks evolve under GIs?
 - Mass and angular momentum transport?
 - Fragmentation?

- Are GIs in REAL disks local or global?

Outline of Talk #4

Gravitational Instabilities II

- **Simulations with radiative cooling**
 - Introduction
 - 2D treatments
 - Boss
 - IU hydro group
 - UWash/Zurich group
- **Discussion**
 - Sources of disagreement?
 - Radiative tests
 - Analytic arguments
- **Conclusions**

Simulations with Radiative Cooling

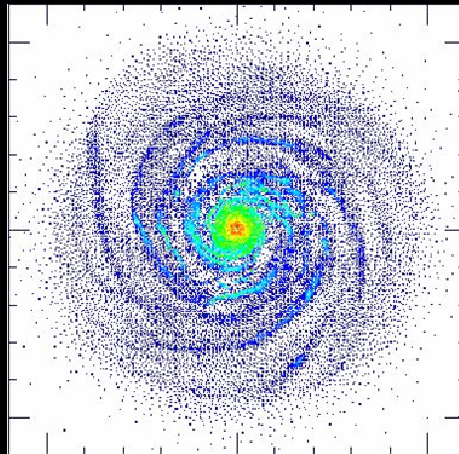
Radiative Cooling

Treatments to Date

- 2D⁺
 - Global: Nelson et al. 2000
 - Local: Johnson & Gammie 2003
- 3D
 - Grid-based
 - Boss 2001, 2002, 2004
 - IU Hydro Group 2004 to now
 - SPH
 - Mayer et al. 2006 (U Wash/Zurich)
 - Stamatellos & Whitworth (Cardiff) 2006
- Major disagreement
 - Boss & Mayer et al. \Rightarrow fast cooling due to “convection” independent of opacity
 - Nelson et al. & IU Group & Cardiff \Rightarrow slow cooling that depends on opacity

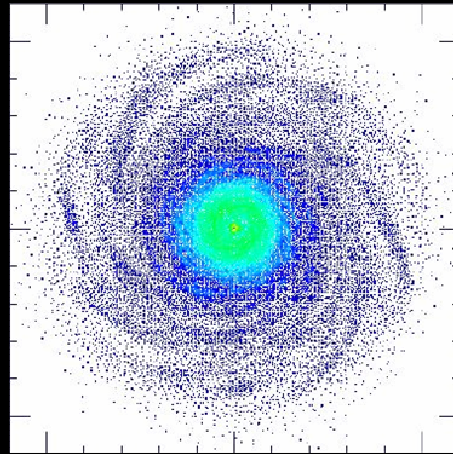
Radiative Cooling 2D⁺

Isothermal



Nelson et al. 1998

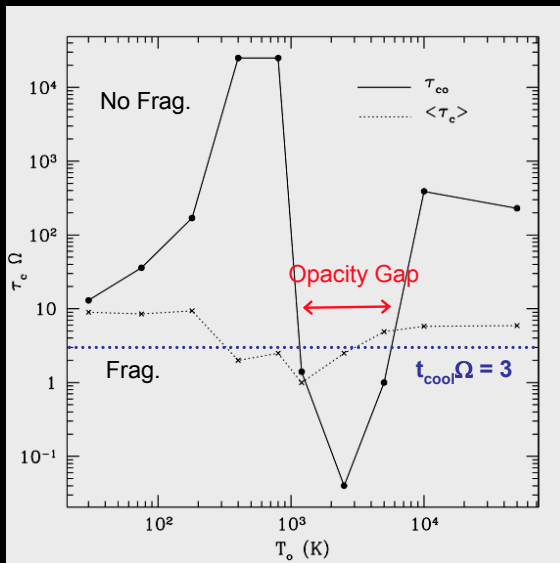
Radiative Cooling



Nelson et al. 2000

Radiative Cooling 2D

Johnson & Gammie 2003



Thin-disk shearing
box simulations with
one-zone radiative
cooling ($\Gamma = 2$)

Conclusions:

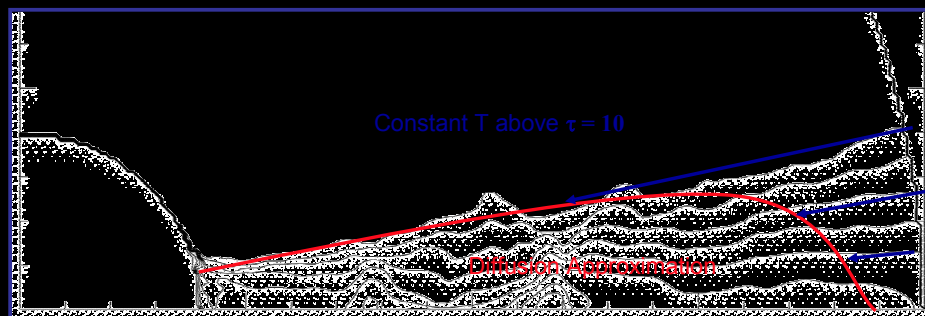
Opacity boundaries
may be important.

You cannot predict
fragmentation from
the initial t_{cool} !!

Fragmentation occurs
for $\langle t_{cool} \rangle \Omega < 1 - 10$.

Radiative Cooling 3D

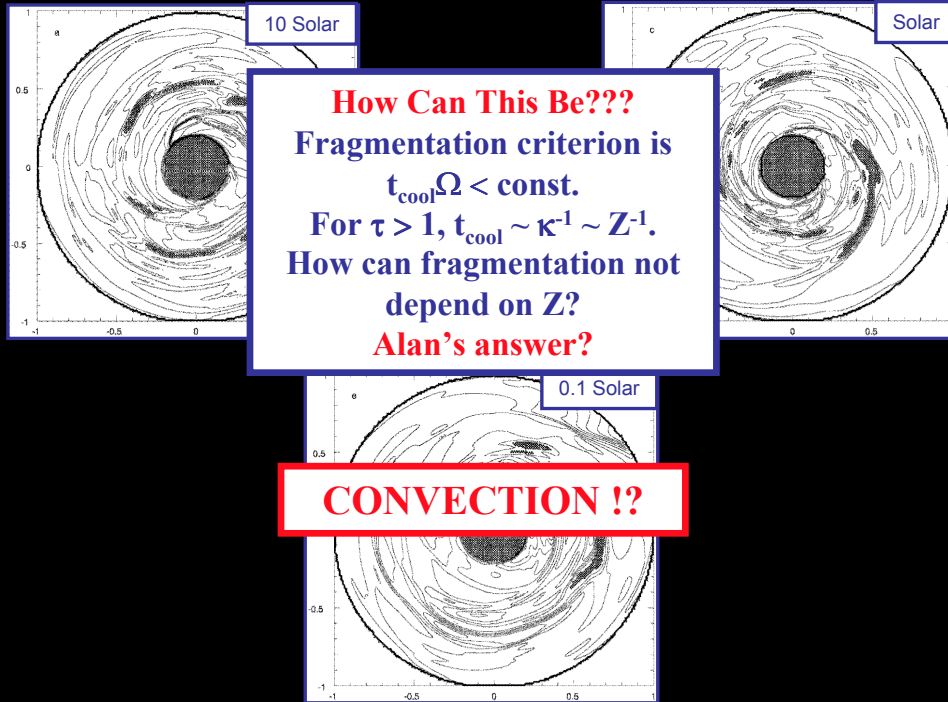
Boss 2001, 2002: Methods



3D radiative diffusion inside $\tau = 10$.
Constant temperature B.C. above $\tau = 10$
represents envelope irradiation.
Optical depth τ is measured radially.
 $M_d/M_s = 0.09$, $M_s = 1 M_\odot$, 4 to 20 AU
Molecular hydrogen EOS
Pollack et al. 1994 opacities

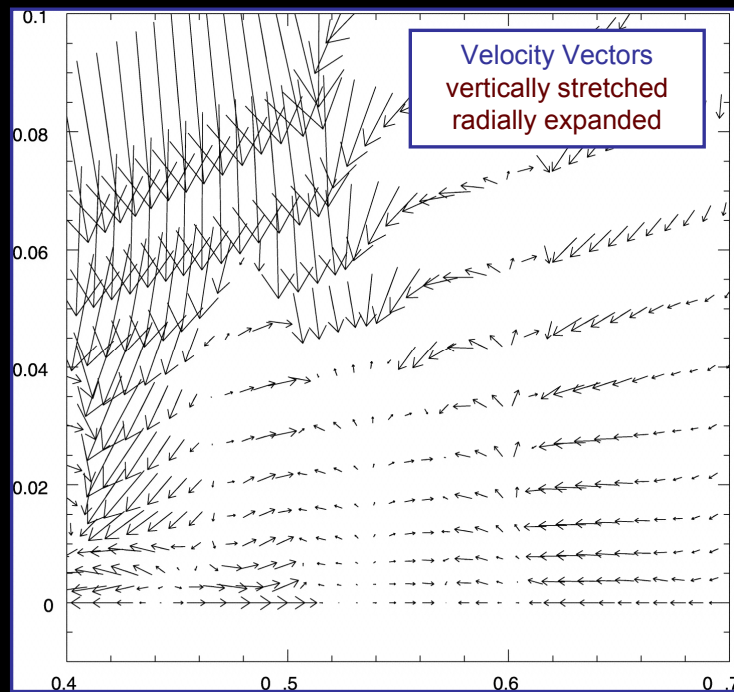
Radiative Cooling 3D

Boss 2002: Metallicity



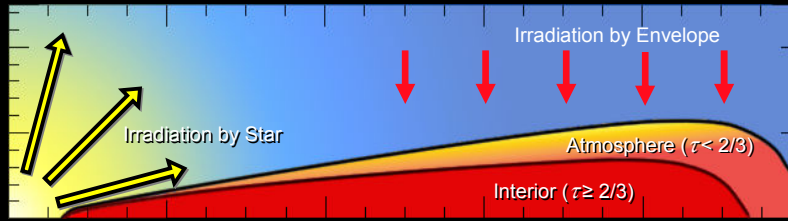
Radiative Cooling 3D

Boss 2004: Convection



Radiative Cooling 3D

IU Hydro Group

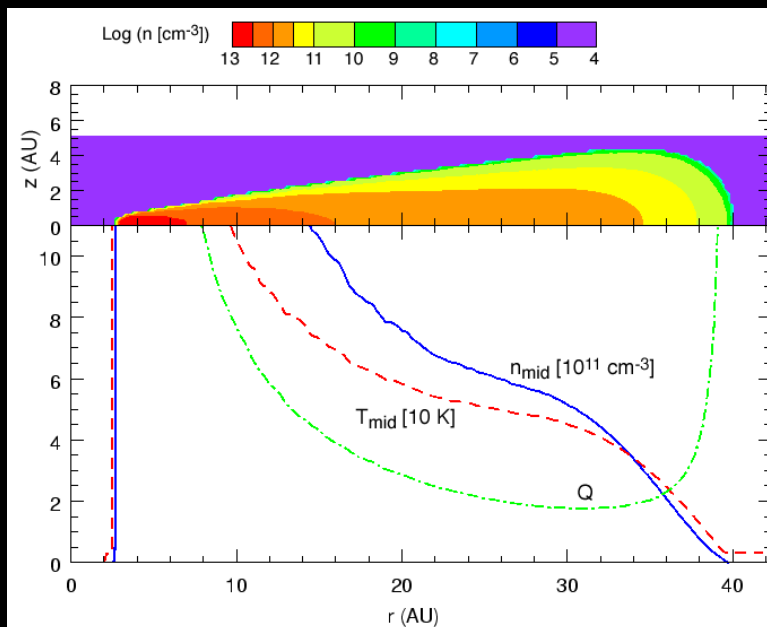


Irradiation, Flux-Limited Diffusion + Optically Thin Radiative Cooling:

- Irradiation by starlight ($T_s = 4,000\text{K}$) or envelope ($T \sim 15$ to 120K) can be on or off
- D'Alessio (2001) opacities, $a^{-3.5}$ with $a_{\min} = 0.005 \mu$ and variable a_{\max} (1μ to 1 mm)
- Match optically thin and thick regions with an Eddington grey atmosphere at $\tau = 2/3$

Radiative Cooling 3D

Mejía et al. 2005, Boley et al. 2006



Initial model

- $R = 40 \text{ AU}$
- $M_d = 0.07 M_\odot$
- $M_* = 0.5 M_\odot$
- $\Sigma(r) \sim r^{-1/2}$
- $Q_{\min} = 1.8$

ORP = outer rotation period = 250 years

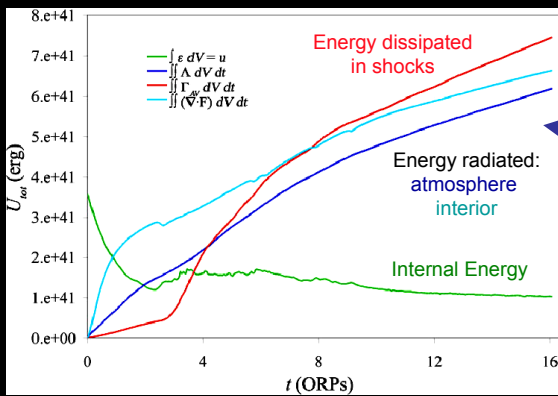
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Mejía Disk with Realistic Cooling

Mejía 2004, Cai et al. 2005, Boley et al. 2006

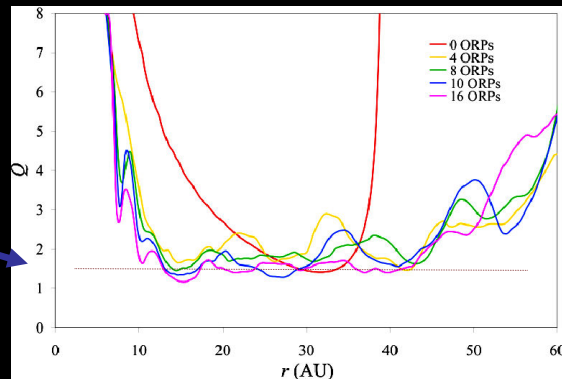
Radiative Cooling 3D

Boley et al. 2006



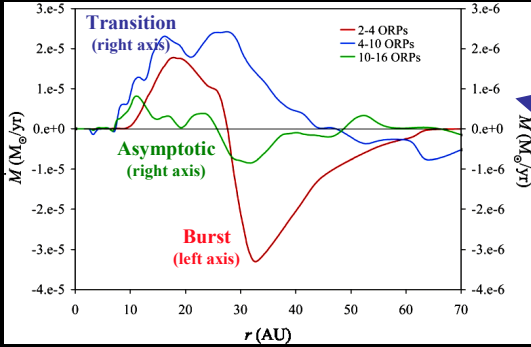
Energy Budget:
 Large amounts of energy are processed through the internal energy (like a star). The disk asymptotes to a quasi-steady state.

Toomre Q asymptotes to an unstable value ≈ 1.5 .



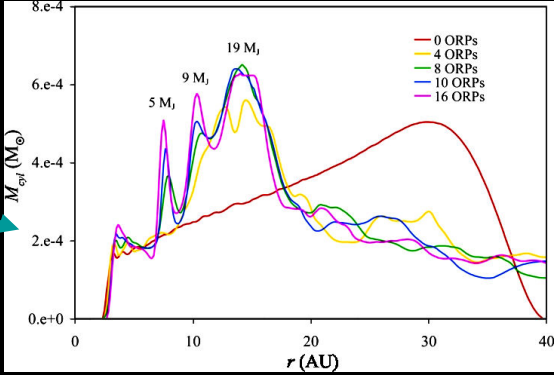
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Boley et al. 2006



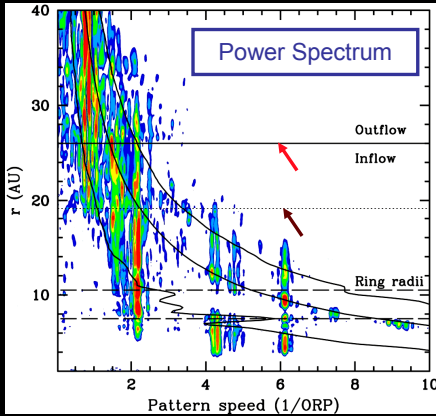
Mass inflow rates approach FU Orionis levels during the **burst** phase and level off to T Tauri star levels in the **asymptotic** phase.

Mass redistribution is strong but nonuniform. Rings and radial concentrations occur.

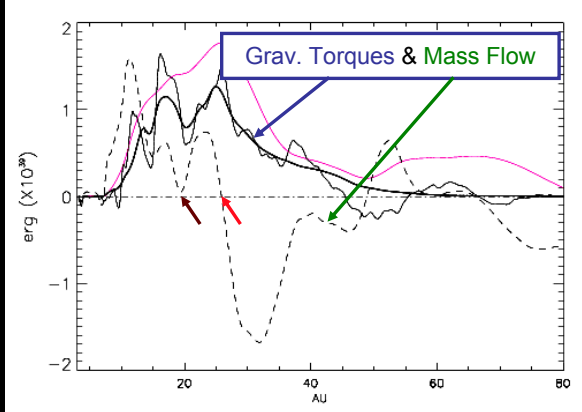


Radiative Cooling 3D

Boley et al. 2006

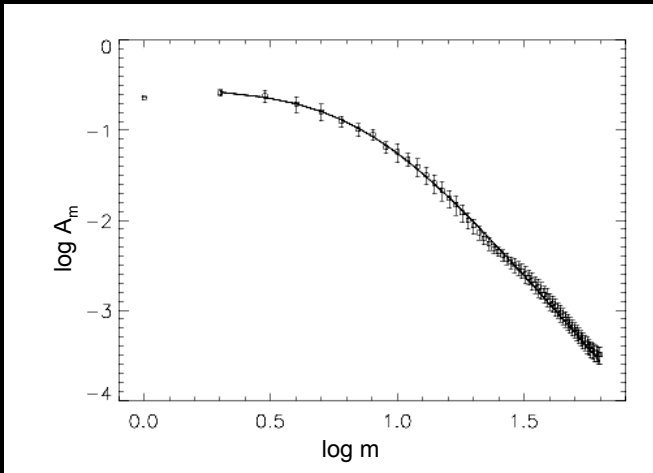


Corotation of global two-armed modes correlates with torque and mass flow features. **Transport by GIs is global!**



Radiative Cooling 3D

Boley et al. 2006



Globally integrated Fourier ϕ -components of $\delta\rho/\rho$ well fitted by

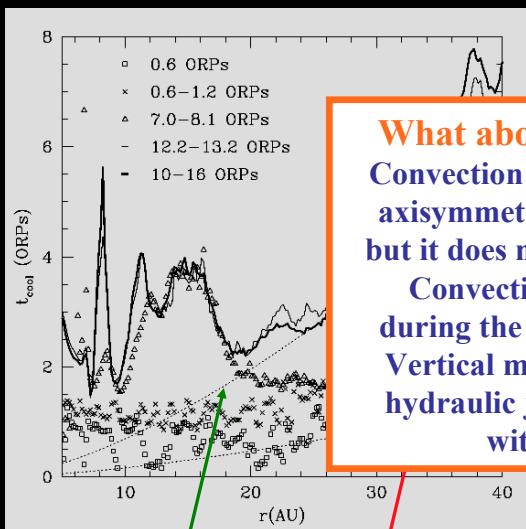
$$A_m \sim [m^2 + 7.5^2]^{-1.64}$$

in the asymptotic phase.

There is fully developed “gravitoturbulence”!

Radiative Cooling 3D

Boley et al. 2006



t_{cool} increases with time but is well above the naïve fragmentation during GI-active phases.

What about convection?

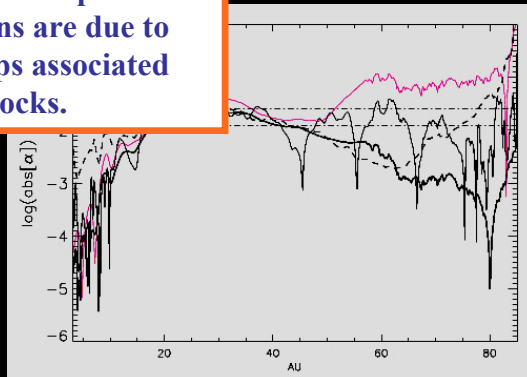
Convection occurs during the axisymmetric cooling phase, but it does not keep t_{cool} short.

Convection is disrupted during the GI active phases. Vertical motions are due to hydraulic jumps associated with shocks.

β and α are roughly near the CR of the 2-armed mode.

$$t_{\text{cool}}\Omega = 25$$

$$t_{\text{cool}}\Omega = 6$$



Realistic Cooling 3D

Natta 1993
Chick & Cassen 1997
D'Alessio et al. 1997

Cai et al. 2006: Envelope Irradiation

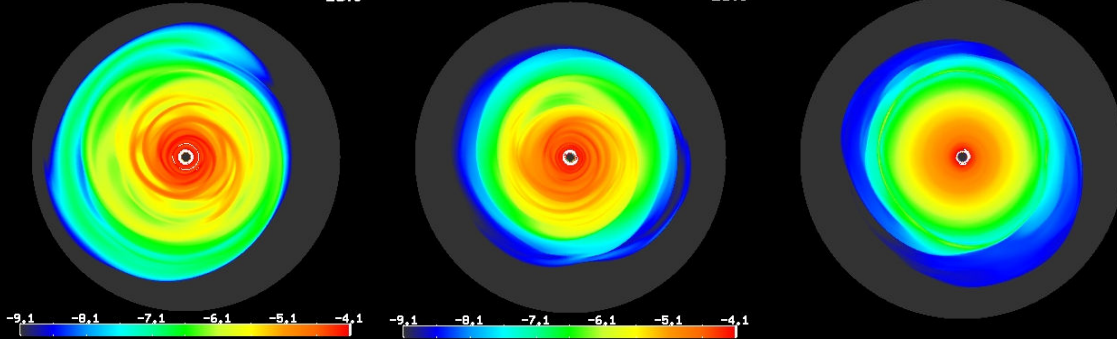
No Envelope
Irradiation

Irradiation
 $T_{\text{env}} = 15\text{K}$

Irradiation
 $T_{\text{env}} = 50\text{K}$

15.0

15.0



Boss 2006 reports a similar effect as his background T is increased.

Radiative Cooling 3D

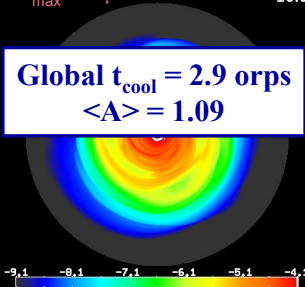
Cai et al. 2005: Metallicity and Grain Size

0.5 Solar

$a_{\text{max}} = 1\mu$

10.0

Global $t_{\text{cool}} = 2.9$ orps
 $\langle A \rangle = 1.09$

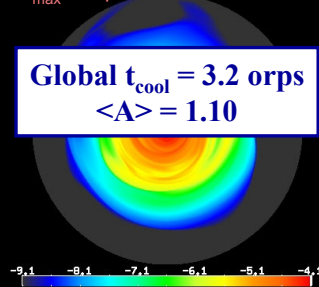


Solar

$a_{\text{max}} = 1\mu$

10.0

Global $t_{\text{cool}} = 3.2$ orps
 $\langle A \rangle = 1.10$

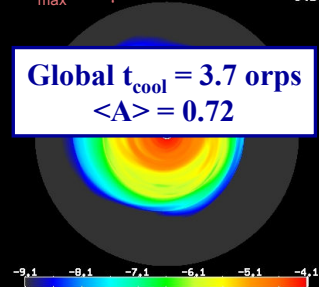


2.0 Solar

$a_{\text{max}} = 1\mu$

9.5

Global $t_{\text{cool}} = 3.7$ orps
 $\langle A \rangle = 0.72$

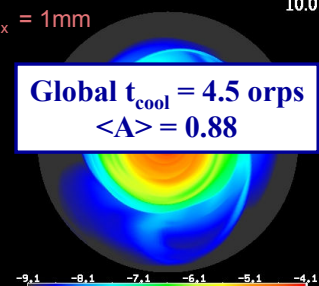


Solar

$a_{\text{max}} = 1\text{mm}$

10.0

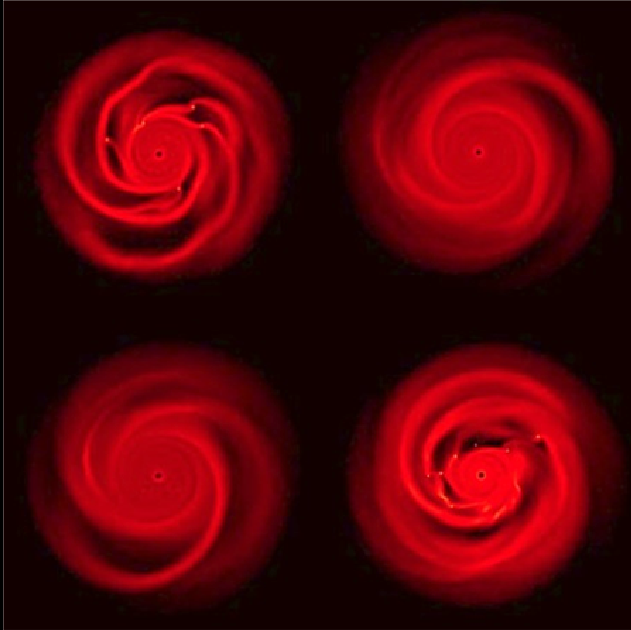
Global $t_{\text{cool}} = 4.5$ orps
 $\langle A \rangle = 0.88$



Higher Z
& higher a_{max}
 \Rightarrow weaker GIs

Radiative Cooling 3D

Mayer et al. 2006



SPH Treatment:

3D diffusion approx. for interior particles.

“Edge” particles are those that see no particles in a vertically oriented cone.

Edge particles radiate like black body surfaces.

$M_d/M_s = 0.05$ to 0.2 ,

$M_s = 1 M_{\odot}$, 20 AU

$\gamma = 7/5$

Fragmentation sensitive to mean molecular weight and cone opening angle!?

Radiative Cooling 3D & 2D⁺

Summary of Global Results

- **Boss & Mayer et al.**
 - Convection \Rightarrow short t_{cool} 's & fragmentation
 - Insensitive to metallicity (Boss only)
- **IU Group & Nelson et al. & Cardiff**
 - No fast cooling due to convection
 - Longer t_{cool} 's & no fragmentation
 - Transport dominated by global modes (IU)
 - GI's weaken with increasing irradiation (IU & Cardiff... Boss agrees)
 - GI's on $>$ few AU scale weaken as metallicity and grain size increase (IU)

Discussion

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Problems/Solutions?

- ④ Differences
 - ④ Treatments of radiative physics, esp. B.C.'s
 - ④ Initial models, EOS, opacities
 - ④ Hydro codes
- ④ Code comparisons
 - ④ Boss/Cai , IU Group/Cardiff underway
 - ④ IU Group/Mayer et al. planned
- ④ Radiative routines
 - ④ Rigorous testing of radiative routines
 - ④ Better 3D techniques

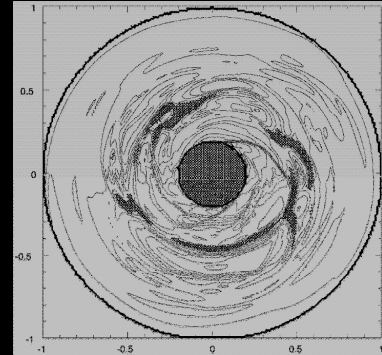
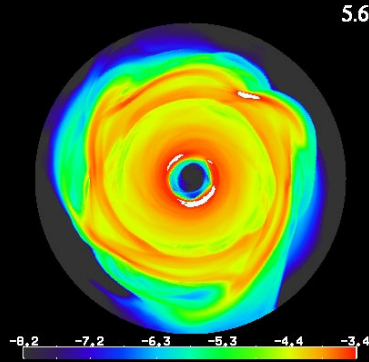
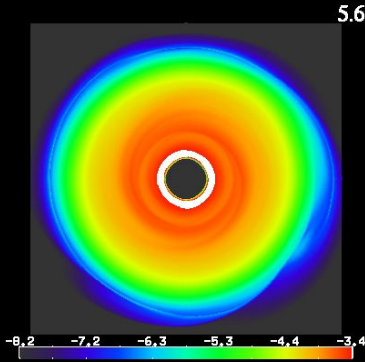
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Boss versus Mejía/Cai

Boss Disk
Mejía/Cai Code
Mejía/Cai BC's

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Boss Disk
Boss Code

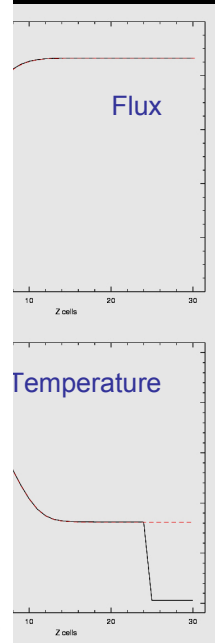
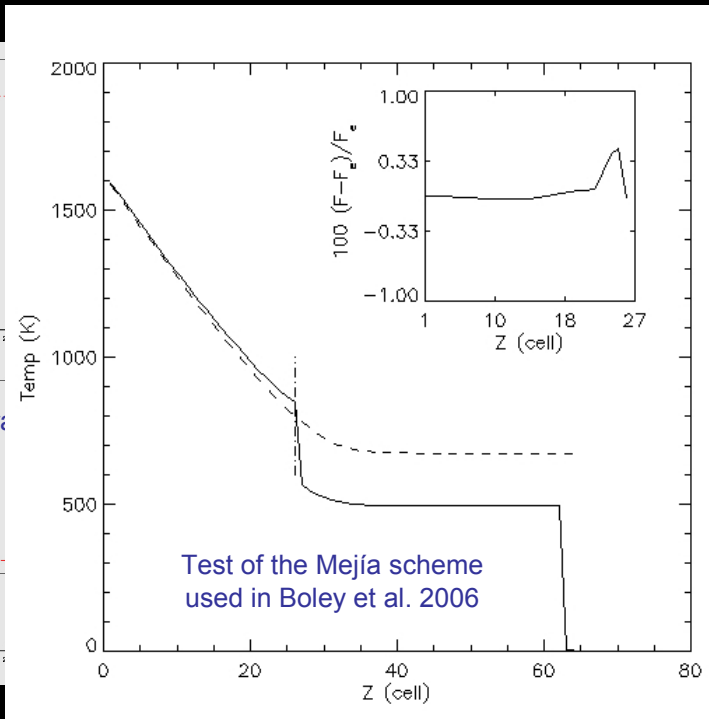
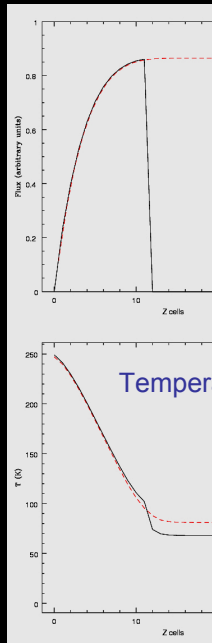


Cai et al. 2006

Boss 2001

Discussion

Plea for Radiative Tests



Discussion

Boley et al. Rerun with New Scheme

Animation courtesy of
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Discussion

Rafikov 2005
Boss 2005
Whitworth & Stamatellos 2006

Analytic Arguments


Fragmentation conditions


Fragmentation requires


 cool disk ($Q < 1$ to 1.5)

 fast cooling ($t_{\text{cool}} < 1$ to a few P_{rot})

These conditions cannot easily both be met in the “planet forming” region (10’s AU) of disks

 does not include convection explicitly

 fragmentation possible beyond ~ 100 AU ?

 $Q \sim c_s \Omega / \Sigma \sim r^{-0.75}$ for Keplerian disk with $T \sim r^{-1/2}$ and $\Sigma \sim 1/r$

Discussion

Analytic Arguments (cont'd)

- Behavior of t_{cool}
 - ⌚ Consider a power-law mass absorption coefficient
 - ⌚ $\kappa \sim T^\beta$ where $\beta \sim 1$ to 2 for $T < 150\text{K}$
 - ⌚ In the absence of convection
 - ⌚ Optically thin: $t_{\text{cool}} \sim \Sigma T / T_{\text{eff}}^4 \sim \tau / T^3 \sim \Sigma^2 Z T^{-3+\beta}$
 - ⌚ Optically thick: $t_{\text{cool}} \sim T / \kappa T^4 \sim T^{-3-\beta} / Z$
 - ⌚ As a disk cools for realistic β
 - ⌚ $t_{\text{cool}} \uparrow$ in both thin and thick regions
 - ⌚ As the metallicity Z increases
 - ⌚ thin: $t_{\text{cool}} \downarrow$ but thick: $t_{\text{cool}} \uparrow$

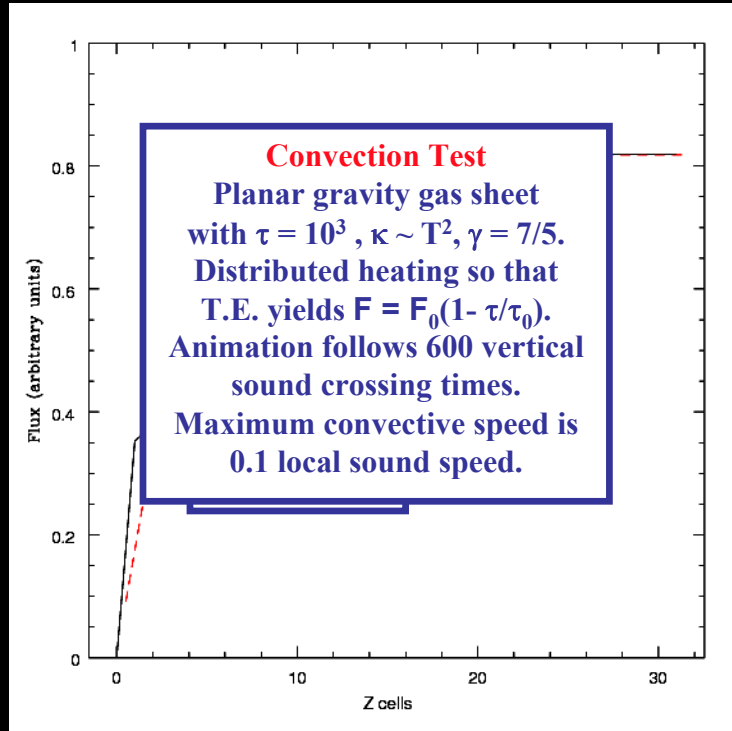
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Analytic Arguments (cont'd)

- Should convection occur?
 - ⌚ Consider a disk contracting quasistatically due to the z-component of gravity
 - ⌚ Optical depth condition
 - ⌚ $\tau > 10$ or so
 - ⌚ Condition for opacity law
 - ⌚ $\beta > 1.5$ for $\gamma = 5/3$
 - ⌚ $\beta > 0.5$ for $\gamma = 7/5$
 - ⌚ Convection should probably occur in disks for realistic β 's and γ 's

Discussion

Convection Test



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Conclusions

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My Personal Conclusions

- Thermal physics critical
 - Radiation!
 - Hydrodynamics! Convection, but
 - Wave propagation!
- Realistic physics
 - Disk geometry
 - Gravitational fields
- Despite
 - Better & tested radiative routines
 - Code comparisons

This is a tough problem to get right!

Recall that $e_{\text{int}}/e_{\text{grav}} \ll 1$ and that all the energy lost by radiation must pass through e_{int} . This radiative bottleneck is what controls the evolution!

Proper treatment of both high and low τ parts of the disk and their interface is essential!

Conclusions

What About Our Questions?

- What do REAL disks do?
 - Realistic radiative cooling
 - Realistic equation of state
 - Realistic conditions and environments

Unclear: Simulations differ significantly
- How do REAL disks evolve under GIs?
 - Mass and angular momentum transport?
 - Fragmentation?
- Are GIs in REAL disks local or global?
 - Transport strong; fragmentation hard

Dominated by global modes but with full nonlinear gravitoturbulence

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Talk #5: Special Effects and the Future

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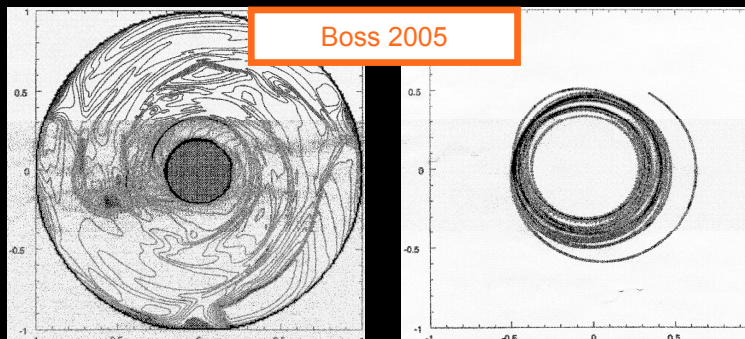
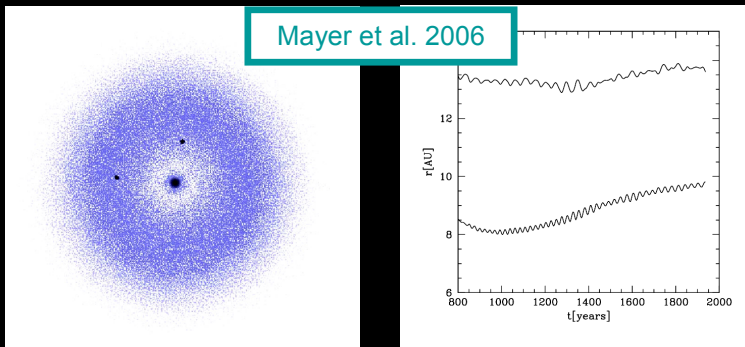
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Special Effects & the Future

- **Special effects & issues**
 - ④ Survival of dense clumps
 - ④ Equation of State
 - ④ Hydraulic jumps, mixing, & irradiation
 - ④ Concentration of solids
 - ④ Bursts & episodic behavior
 - ④ GIs with MRIs
 - ④ “Unified” theory
- **Finale**
 - ④ Conclusions & controversies
 - ④ Future prospects

Special Effects

Clump Longevity Migration in GI-Active Disks

Boss 2005
Mayer et al. 2002, 2004, 2006
Durisen et al. 2006



Mayer et al. & Boss:
Clumps and/or virtual particles survive dozens of orbits (even migrate outwards) in GI-active disks.

Clump Survival

Mayer et al. 2004

Clump Survival

Numerical Effects

Isothermal $Q = 1.35$
Pickett & Durisen 2006

No Artificial Viscosity

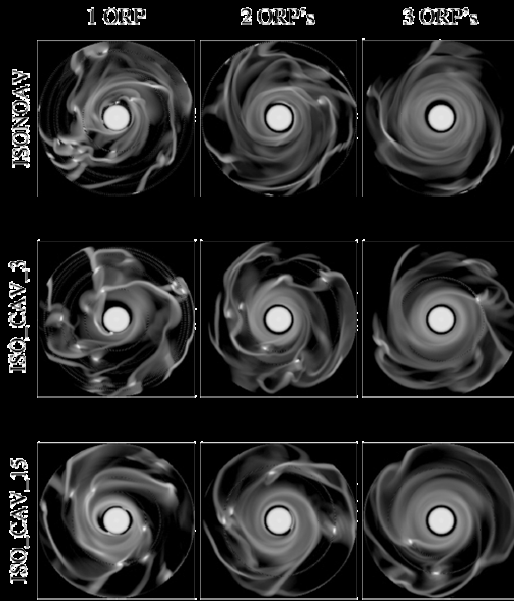
$C_Q = 15$ Artificial Bulk Viscosity

Clump Longevity

Pickett & Durisen 2006

Boss 2004, 2006
Mayer et al. 2004

Time After Fragmentation Begins



No clumps form with higher artificial viscosity (CQ = 21).

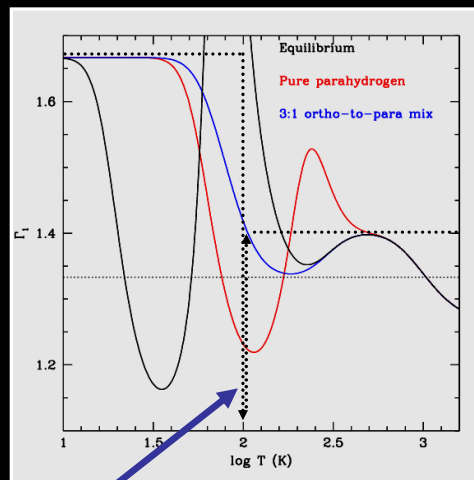
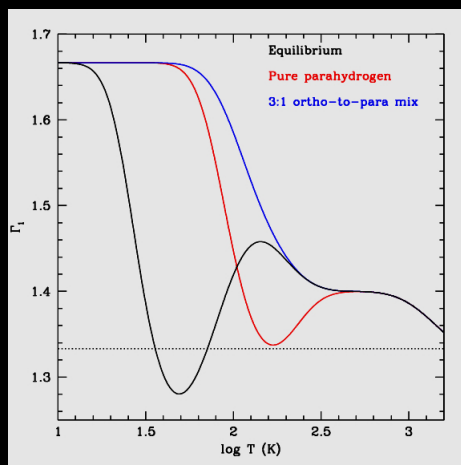
Mayer et al. see long-lived clump survival in isothermal SPH simulations with standard Monaghan SPH artificial viscosity. Clumps do not form with higher bulk viscosity.

Boss finds no clumps with large artificial viscosity but his clumps survive without AV.

Equation of State

Molecular Hydrogen

Black & Bodenheimer 1975
DeCampli et al. 1978
Boss 1984
Boley et al. 2006



Correct $\Gamma_1 = \gamma$

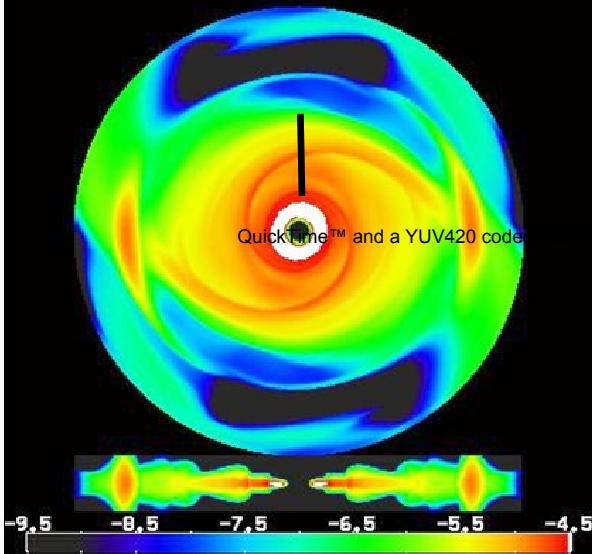
Boss's "clumps" tend to show up near 100K

Dynamic consequences of using the wrong $e(T)$

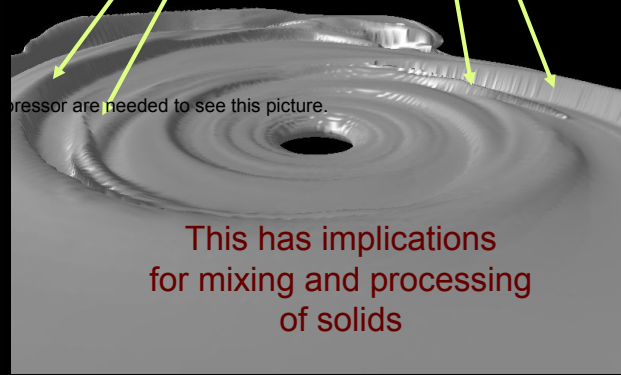
Solid: $e = C_V T$
Dotted: Boss $e(T)$

Jumps, Mixing, & Irradiation

Boley et al. 2005, Boley & Durisen 2006



Hydraulic jumps associated with spiral shocks can lead to breaking waves!



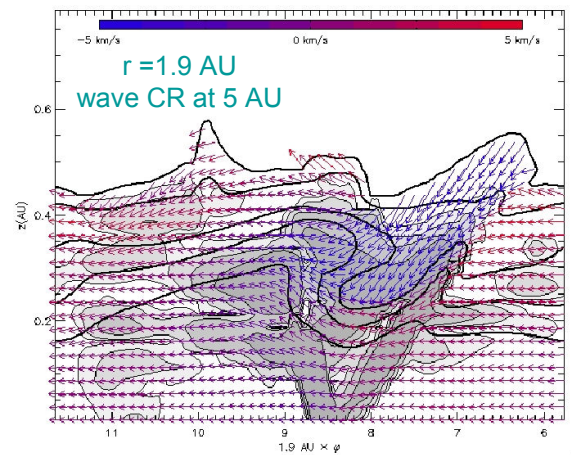
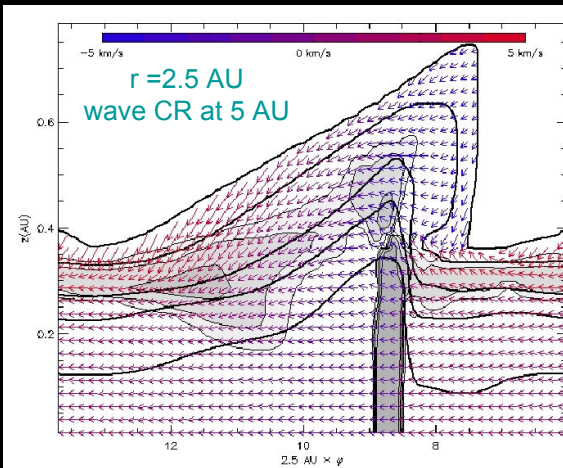
QuickTime™ and a YUV420 code compressor are needed to see this picture.

This has implications for mixing and processing of solids

Jumps, Mixing, & Irradiation

Martos & Cox 1998

Boley & Durisen 2006



“shocks”?

Froude # \approx Mach #

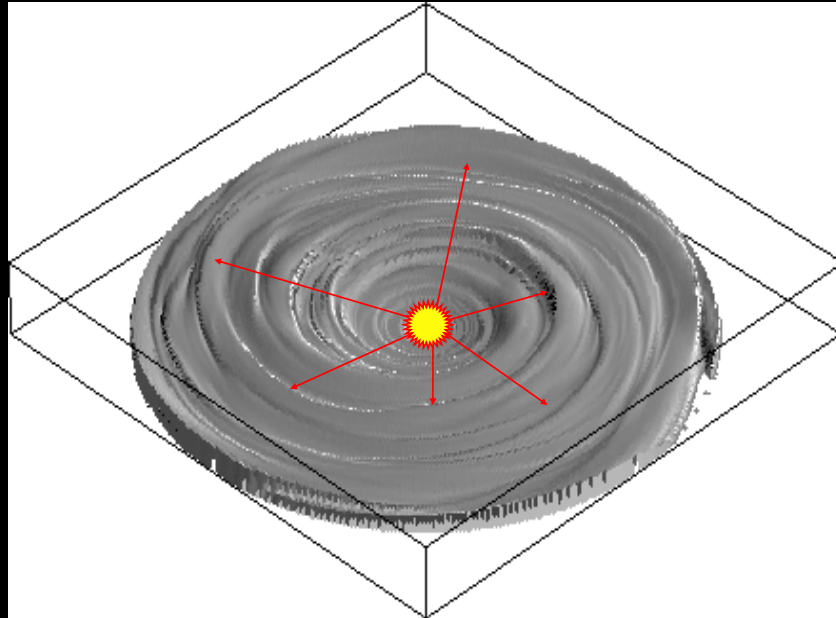
Adiabatic shocks do jump and are not simple “density” waves.

Isothermal shocks do not jump and are density waves.

Jumps, Mixing, & Irradiation

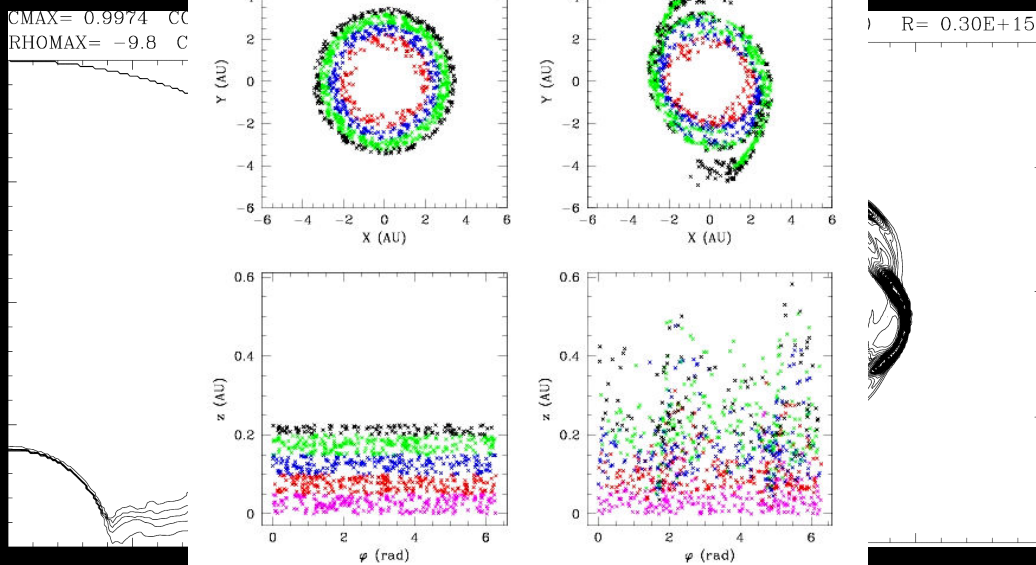
Stellar Irradiation

Durisen et al. 2001
Mejia 2004
Dullemond et al. 2006



Mixing of Gas & Solids

Boley & Durisen 2006

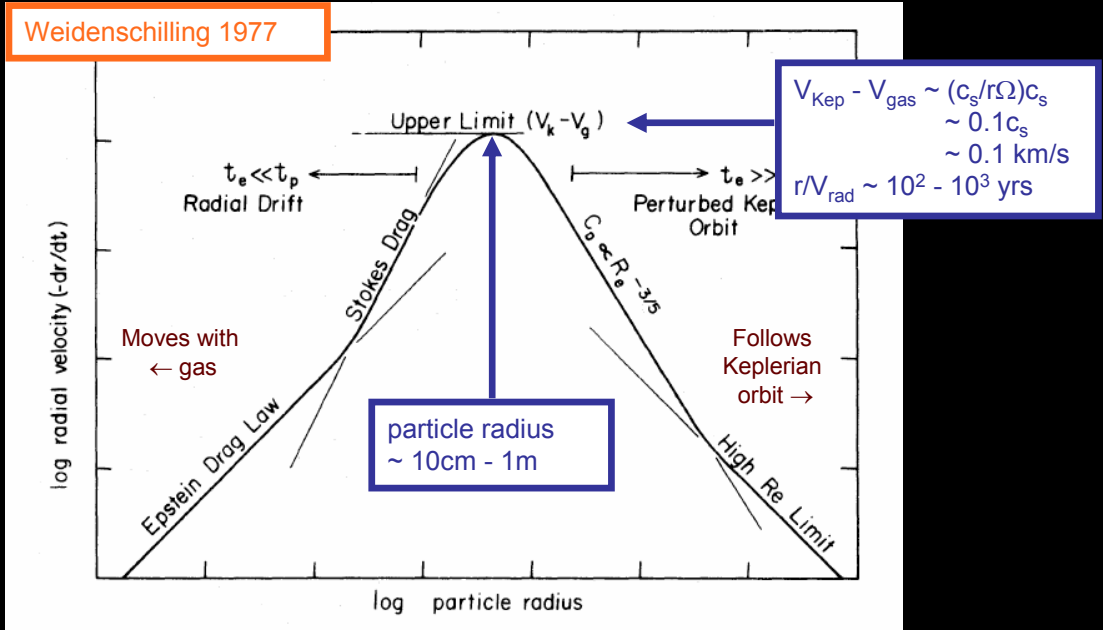


Dynamic time scale 3D mixing of gas and entrained particles by GI spiral waves

Concentration of Solids

Drift due to Gas Drag

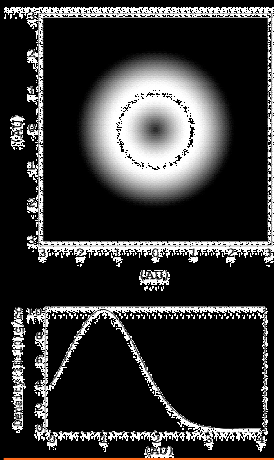
Weidenschilling 1977
 Haghighipour & Boss 2003
 Haghighipour 2004
 Rice et al. 2004, 2006
 Durisen et al. 2005



Concentration of Solids

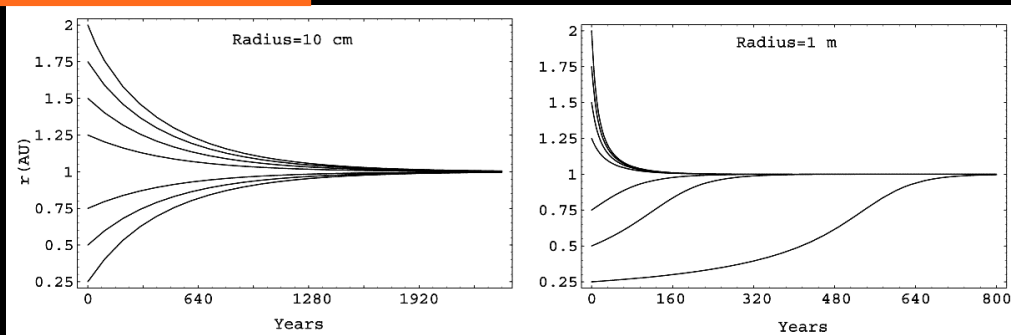
Drift due to Gas Drag

Klahr & Henning 1997
 Haghighipour & Boss 2003
 Haghighipour 2004
 Klahr & Bodenheimer 2006



Haghighipour & Boss show that 10cm - 1m particles do indeed drift to the center of a gas pressure maximum in a matter of 10's to 100's of years. Klahr & Bodenheimer suggest that gas giant cores can grow quickly in vortices.

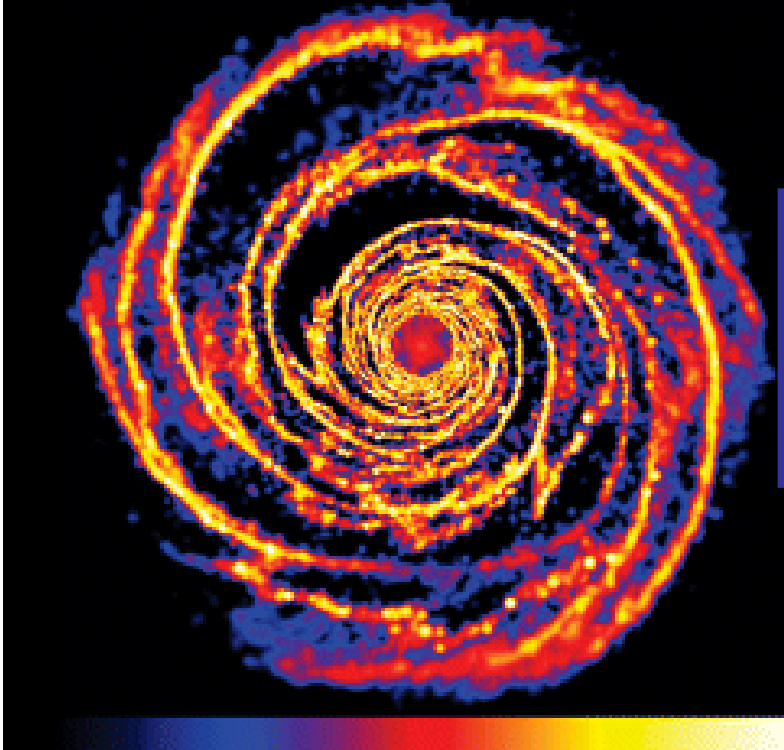
Haghighipour & Boss 2003



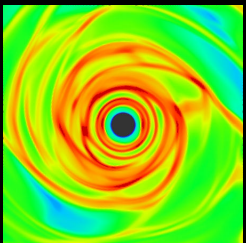
Concentration of Solids

10's cm Particles Concentrate in GI Waves

Yudin & Shu 2002
Rice et al. 2004, 2006
Johansen et al. 2006



Rice et al. 2006
SPH particle gravity
1.5 m particles not only concentrate in spiral arms but also fragment into self-gravitating bound clumps!

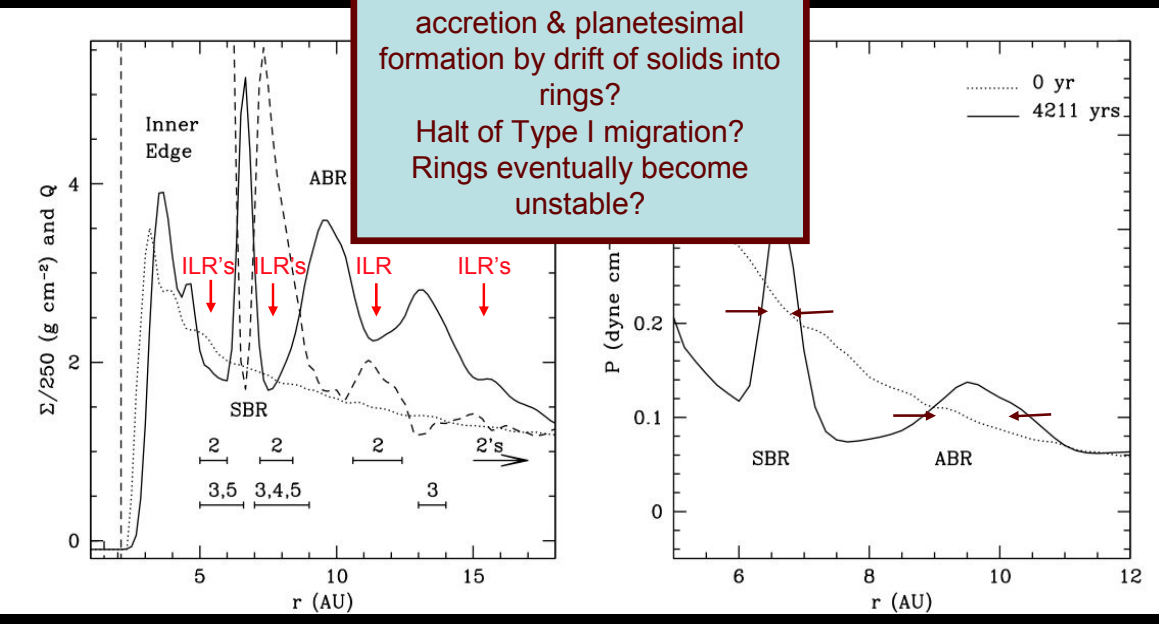


Concentration of Solids

Dense Rings, Resonances, & Planets

Durisen et al. 2005

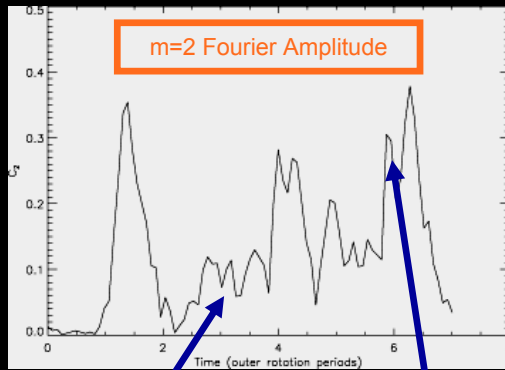
Accelerated core accretion & planetesimal formation by drift of solids into rings?
Halt of Type I migration?
Rings eventually become unstable?



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Ultramassive Disks

Lodato & Rice 2005
Cai 2006

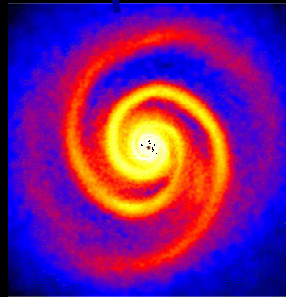
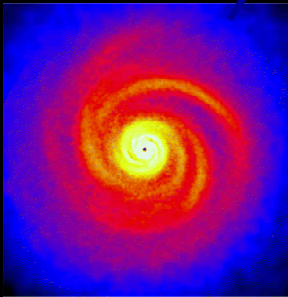


Lodato & Rice 2005:

$$M_d/M_s = 1.0$$

$$\text{SPH } t_{\text{cool}}\Omega = 7.5$$

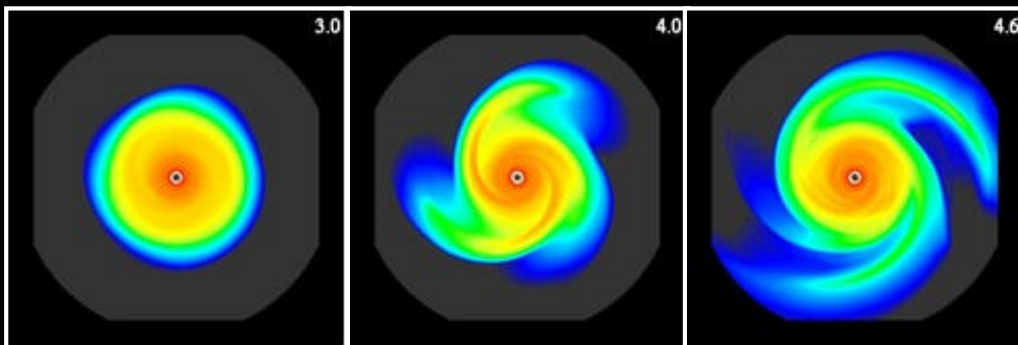
Disk experiences repeated bursts.



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Ultramassive Disks

Pickett et al. 1997, 1998
Lodato & Rice 2005
Cai 2006



Cai 2006 "L1551" model:

$$M_d/M_s = 0.67 \quad R_d = 15 \text{ AU}$$

Grid Radiative

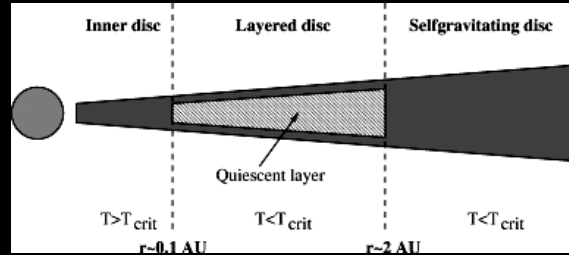
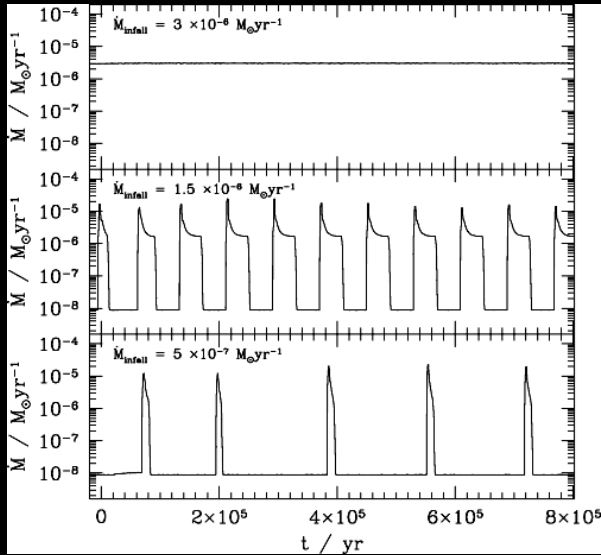
$$a_{\text{max}} = 200\mu \quad T = 120\text{K}$$

Massive disks experience Global instabilities just like Pickett et al. polytropes.

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Layered Accretion & the "Dead Zone"

Gammie 1996, 1999
 Armitage et al. 2001
 Vorobyov & Basu 2005, 2006
 Wunsch et al. 2005
 Hartmann et al. 2006



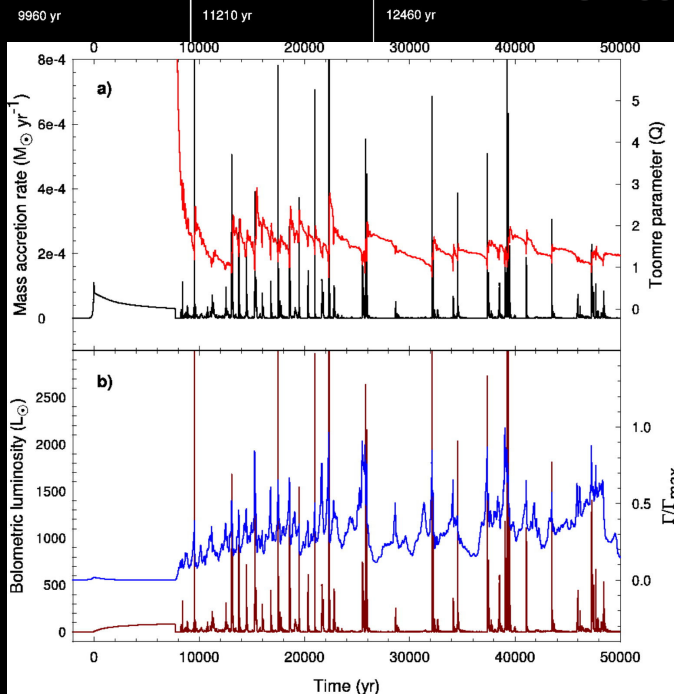
GIs can cause outbursts
 in Dead Zones

Armitage et al. 2001

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Bursts During the Accretion Phase

Gammie 1996, 1999
 Armitage et al. 2001
 Vorobyov & Basu 2005, 2006
 Wunsch et al. 2005
 Hartmann et al. 2006



Disk Formed by Accretion:
 2D Grid Parametric EOS
 Rather Coarse Resolution

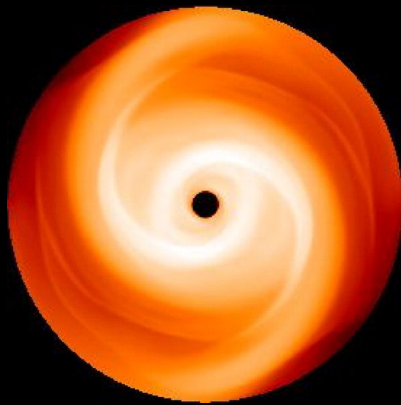
GIs can cause disk
 outbursts during the
 accretion phase

Vorobyov & Basu 2005, 2006

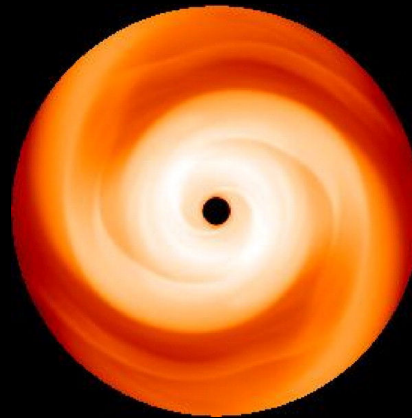
GI's with MRI

Fromang et al. 2004

High GI Stress
Phase



Low GI Stress
Phase



GI stresses weaken
& oscillate due to MRI

GI's with MRI

Fromang 2005

Same Resolution



2x's φ Resolution

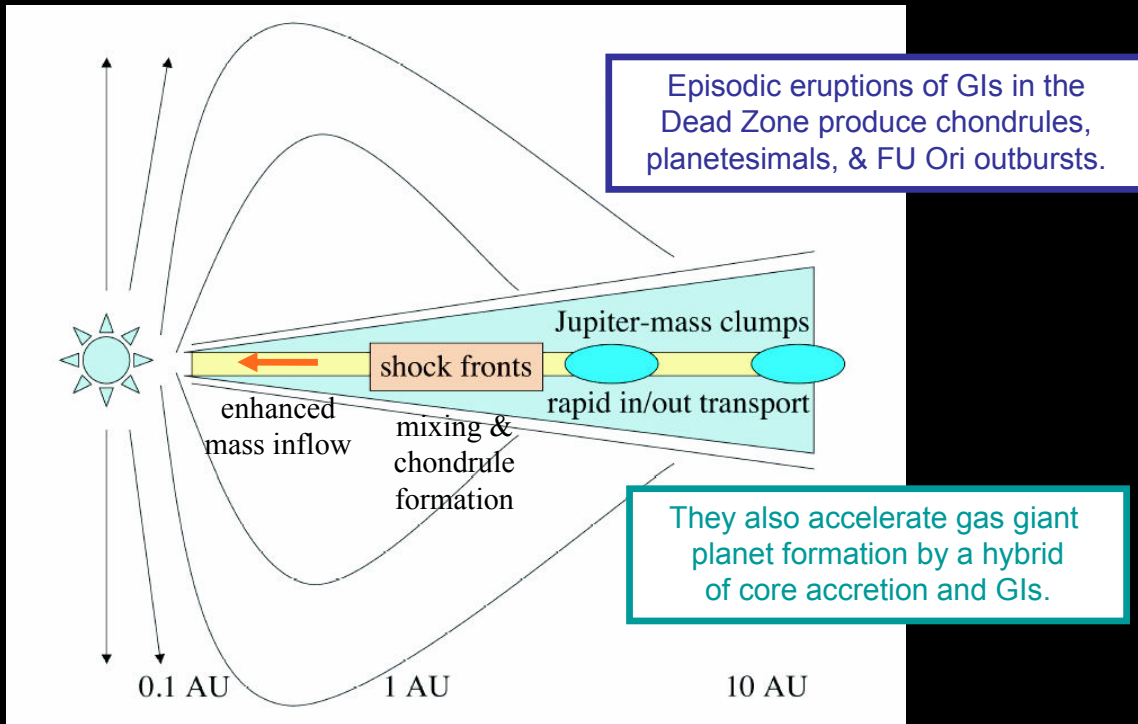


Add $\beta = 8$
Magnetic Field to
isothermal disk.
Results depend on
Resolution.
GI stresses tend to
be weakened by the
MRI turbulence.
Fragmentation
depends on
small-scale turbulent
interactions.

Unified Theory?

Armitage et al. 2001
Boss & Durisen 2005
Boley et al. 2005, 2006
Vorobyov & Basu 2005

Planets, Dead Zones, FU Ori, & Chondrules



Finale

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What Do We Agree About?

- Occurrence & manifestation
 - ④ GI's will occur in any sufficiently cold massive disk
 - ④ Multiple spiral waves grow on a dynamic time scale through swing amplification
- Nonlinear amplitude
 - ④ Regulated by disk thermal physics
 - ④ Real disks are not well represented by idealized cooling laws or EOS's
 - ④ Radiative and convective cooling must be correctly modeled

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What Do We Agree About? (cont'd)

- Ultimate behavior?
 - ④ Asymptotic balance of heating & cooling
 - ④ disk hovers near marginal Q stability
 - ④ α_{eff} increases as t_{cool} decreases
 - ④ large mass transport rates possible in bursts
 - ④ moderate quasi-steady rates are sustainable
 - ④ Fragmentation
 - ④ $\gamma > 1$: for fast enough cooling ($t_{\text{cool}} < P_{\text{rot}}$ or so)
 - ④ becomes easier as γ decreases but harder for realistic radiative cooling (if no convection)
 - ④ isothermal: for $Q < \text{about } 1.4$

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What Else Seems Reasonably Likely?

- Local vs Global
 - You get what you pay for
 - treat t_{cool} as local (e.g., $t_{\text{cool}}\Omega = \text{constant}$) & GIs behave locally
 - treat t_{cool} as global (e.g., $t_{\text{cool}} = \text{constant}$) & the GIs are global (dominated by low-order global modes)
 - except massive disks always act globally
 - GIs will act globally in real disks
 - Waves probably do transport energy when global modes dominate

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What Else Seems Reasonably Likely? (cont'd)

- The third spatial dimension
 - Dynamics
 - GIs corrugate the disk surface
 - spiral shock waves in nonisothermal disks are shock bores not density waves
 - strong vertical and radial mixing occurs
 - Energy transport
 - radiative and convective transport must be modeled
 - energy input from irradiation weakens and can suppress GIs

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What Else Seems Reasonably Likely? (cont'd)

- ④ **Effect of additional physics**
 - ④ **Magnetic fields**
 - ④ MRI turbulence interacts with GI turbulence and tends to weaken GI stresses
 - ④ **Irradiation**
 - ④ envelope \Rightarrow weaken and suppress GIs
 - ④ stellar \Rightarrow not yet well studied (Mejía 2004)
 - ④ **Binary companion**
 - ④ shock heating can suppress fragmentation
 - ④ tidal stresses can induce fragmentation
 - ④ which wins or when depends on cooling

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What Else Seems Reasonably Likely? (cont'd)

- ④ **Planet formation**
 - ④ **GIs have something to do with gas giant planet formation**
 - ④ conditions exist in principle when disk fragmentation will occur
 - ④ GIs rapidly concentrate particles with sizes of 10's cm to a few meters
 - ④ GIs can shock process solids
 - ④ **Hybrid scenarios?**
 - ④ GIs accelerate planetesimal, embryo, and core formation
 - ④ GIs interfere with Type I migration

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Where Is There Little or **NO** Agreement?

- ④ **Cooling in real disks**
 - ④ **Radiative cooling**
 - ④ treatment of B.C.'s, esp. transitions from optically thin to thick
 - ④ **Convective transport**
 - ④ does it occur at all in a GI-active disk?
 - ④ if it does, how effective can it be?
 - ④ can it really make all disks fragment, regardless of metallicity?
 - ④ **Metallicity**
 - ④ are GIs sensitive to metallicity or not?

A. Nelson 2006

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Where Is There Little or **NO** Agreement? (cont'd)

- ④ **Clump survival in fragmented disks**
 - ④ **Sensitive to numerical effects**
 - ④ **Resolution**
 - ④ if too low, causes numerical fragmentation but also suppresses real fragmentation
 - ④ Examples of resolution issues
 - ④ cell size in a grid-based code
 - ④ gravitational softening in an SPH code
 - ④ **Artificial viscosity**
 - ④ suppresses clump formation if too high
 - ④ but enhances longevity at moderate levels

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What Is Required For Further Progress?




- Better radiative schemes
 - Fast 3D monochromatic radiative transport? Can we do it?
 - **THIS IS A TOUGH PROBLEM TO GET RIGHT!**
 - **Job Security!**
 - R
- AMR schemes for disks
- Code comparisons
 - The same calculation run by two or more groups using disparate numerical codes

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What Is Required For Further Progress? (cont'd)

- More inclusive physics
 - Particle dynamics, growth, and mixing
 - affects the dust opacity
 - reacts back on the dynamics
 - External sources of irradiation & mass
 - Companions & embedded bodies
 - Inclusion of MRI
 - Chemistry, EOS, shock processing
 - More and better Dead Zone modeling
- Hybrid planet formation scenarios
 - The best of both worlds?

TAKE THESE POINTS WITH YOU IF NO OTHERS

-  Proper treatment of radiative effects is absolutely critical for modeling GIs and understanding their effects.
-  Spiral waves in disks are intrinsically 3D with interesting consequences.
-  GIs may assist planet formation by creating dense structures, marshalling solids into them, and halting Type I migration.