Planet formation in the ALMA era

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 The Atacama Large Millimetre Array (ALMA), and the SPHERE instrument on VLT are redefining our ideas on protostellar discs, the site of planet formation



Protostellar discs

- Composed of gas (99%) and dust (1%)
- Gas dominated dynamics, dust dominates opacity
- mm-sized dust emit in the radio band (ALMA), micron-sized dust emits in the infrared (SPHERE)
- Different grain sizes coupled to the gas differently
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 m stop}\Omega \propto a$
- Fundamental processes in gas discs:
 - Turbulence, viscous accretion, MHD
- Fundamental processes in dust discs:
 - Vertical settling, radial migration (St~1), dust traps

Rings







Spirals





Horseshoes





What should modelers do?

- For many years, disc models where 1D, axi-symmetric, power-law structures for density and temperature
- Going beyond such models is essential not only to explain observations, but also to understand dynamics
- Two component modeling (gas/dust) is crucial (CRUCIAL!)

What do we (in Milano) do?



- We start from a hydrodynamical SPH simulation with
 - Two components: gas and dust coupled though drag
 - Several point masses: star(s), planets
 - Self-gravity (of both gas and dust)
- We use a Monte-Carlo ray tracing code to get dust temperatures from irradiation
- We compute synthetic images either in scattered light or in dust continuum assuming a given instrumental response (ALMA, HiCIAO, SPHERE, etc...)
- What we do NOT do (yet):
 - Chemistry: chemical network needed to get molecular species and produce gas intensity maps
 - Radiative transfer: to have temperature self-consistently during hydro simulation

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The PHANTOM code

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Alice Cerioli, Gauseppe Lodate & Daniel Price (2015)

Nixon, King & Price (2012)

Rings and planets

- By far the most significant novelty coming from disc imaging is the widespread presence of gaps (e.g. HL Tau)
- Many mechanisms proposed to create gaps (chemistry, dead zones in the MRI, etc.)
- The most natural explanation is associated with the presence of young planets
- The gravitational torque of the planet is able to carve a gaps in the disc

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