## ASTC25

## Lectures 9-10

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# Jeans instability \& the collapse of molecular clouds 

James Hopwood Jeans
(1877-1946)


## How Do Stars Form?



Giant Molecular Cloud, 160 pc away contains numerous dark clouds

GMCs contain: dark clouds, cores, Bok globules GMC mass $=\sim 10^{5}$ solar masses

V380 Ori +
NGC1999

## Dark clouds



Different instruments: Spitzer telescope, SMA (Sub-mm Array) and CARMA observe the dark cloud in different wavelengths


The central molecular zone of Galactic Center

# Snake nebula 

## mid-IR

( $\lambda=20-50 \mu \mathrm{~m}$ )

## Spitzer <br> Space

Telescope

Herschel

## far-IR <br> $\lambda=70 \mu \mathrm{~m}$

Herschel
Space
Telescope


















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## Comparison of Hubble and Webb Space Telescope

 images of M16 (star forming region in Serpent constellation)TheTrapezium cluster in the center of Orion Nebula

Jeans Mass in molecular clouds
J.H. Jeans (1902)

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\begin{array}{rr}
\frac{d P}{d r}=-\rho \frac{G m}{r^{2}} & \text { hydrostatic eq. } 1 \cdot \underbrace{\frac{4}{3} \pi r^{3}}_{V} \\
V d P=-\frac{1}{3} \frac{\text { smdm }}{r} & \left(d m=4 \pi r^{2} \rho d r\right) \\
d(P V)=V d P+P d V & (d m=\rho d V)
\end{array}
$$

Integrate:

$$
\int d(P V)-\int P d V=-\frac{1}{3} \int \frac{G m d m}{r}
$$

(*)

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\underbrace{\int P d V}_{\int \frac{d m P}{\rho}}=[P V]_{0}^{R}+\frac{1}{3} \int \frac{G m d m}{r}
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\left\{\begin{array}{l}
\text { Ideal e.o.s. } \Rightarrow P=\frac{\rho \frac{k T}{\mu m_{H}}=: \frac{\rho R_{B} T}{\mu} ; R_{B}=\frac{k}{m_{H}}}{} \quad \int d V P=\frac{R_{B}}{\mu} \int T_{\rho} d V \frac{R_{B} T}{\mu} M
\end{array}\right.
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Substituting into $(*)$ we get

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\begin{aligned}
& \qquad \frac{R_{B}}{\mu} T M=\left.P V\right|_{\left.\right|_{\text {boundary }} ^{\text {bolond }}}+\underbrace{\frac{1}{3} \frac{G m d m}{r}}_{\propto \frac{G M^{2}}{R}} \\
& \text { where } \alpha \sim 1
\end{aligned}
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\frac{R_{B}}{\mu} T M=\left.P V\right|_{\substack{\text { boundary } \\ \text { oof cloud }}}+\underbrace{\frac{1}{3} \frac{G m d m}{r}}_{\alpha \frac{G M^{2}}{R}}
$$

where $\alpha \sim 1$

$$
\begin{array}{ll}
\frac{R_{B}}{\mu} T M \geqslant \frac{1}{3} \alpha \frac{G M^{* 2}}{R} & \text { or } \\
R T \geqslant \frac{\alpha}{3} \frac{G M \mu m_{H}}{R} \\
R \geqslant \frac{\alpha}{3} \frac{\mu G M}{R_{B} T} & \text { ~ thermal } \\
\text { energy } \begin{array}{c}
\text { Gratin. } \\
\text { binding } \\
\text { energy }
\end{array}
\end{array}
$$

or $R \geqslant R_{J}$ (Jeans radius)
$R_{J}=$ lower limit on cloud size, given cloud mass $M$ and tamperafure $T$.
or $R \geqslant R_{V}$ (Jeans radius)
$R_{y}=$ lower limit on cloud size, given cloud mass $M$ and temperature $T$.
Conversely, if $R \& T$ are known, $M \leqslant M_{J}$
Jeans mass $M_{J}:=\frac{3}{\alpha} \frac{R_{B} T R}{\mu G}$ (upper limit

$$
M_{J} \approx 10^{5} M_{\odot}\left(\frac{T}{k}\right)^{3 / 2}\left(\frac{n}{m^{3}}\right)^{-\frac{1}{2}}=100 M_{\odot}\left(\frac{T}{k}\right)^{3 / 2}\left(\frac{n}{\mathrm{~cm}^{-3}}\right)^{-1 / 2}
$$

(we obtain this form by expressing $R$ through mean density $\rho_{a v}=M / V=M^{2} /\left(\frac{4}{3} \pi R^{3}\right)$, or the mean muter density $n=\rho a r /\left(\mu m_{H}\right)$ )


Figure 10.1 Schematic illustration of the fragmentation of a gas cloud.

Following the fragmentation history, and tracking the way $M_{\text {Jeans }}$ changes w.r.t. the fragment mass,
F. Hoyle (1953) arrived at a concept of opacity-limited fragmentation.

When heat gets trapped by opacity, Jeans mass increases because $T$ rises.

The smallest mass of a fragment is $\sim 0.01 \mathrm{M}_{\odot}=10 \mathrm{~m}_{\text {Jup }}$

This theory recently encountered possible observational challenges that we will consider below

## Chushiro Hayashi (1920-2010 )

# Hayashi tracks and the 

 Pre-Main Sequence evolution of starsHayashi zone and the Pre-Main-Sequence phase (sect. 8.1 Prialnik)
Polytropes $\Rightarrow P=K \rho^{1+\frac{1}{n}}$ to describe convective

$$
K^{n}=C_{n} G^{n} M^{n-1} R^{s+n}
$$

Joining convective interior and radiative atmosphere (photosphere) at $r=R$


$$
K=k_{0} \rho^{a} T^{b}
$$

$(a, b, n) \rightarrow$ determine the relationship between
$L$, Ref, $M$
(H-R diagram tracks)
One often tales $a=1, n=1.5 \ldots 3$, then

Hayashi theory gives a nice explanation for nearly vertical tracks of PMS objects in the H-R diagram, under certain assumptions/guesses


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$$
\log L=\underbrace{\left.\frac{9-2 n+6}{2-n}\right)} \log T_{\text {eff }}+\left(\frac{1-2 n}{2-n}\right) \log M+
$$

for $b \approx 4$ this
is $\approx 20 \Rightarrow$ almost vertical tracks on H-R diagram

Log T_eff H-R diagram


Figure 8.1 Evolutionary paths in the H-R diagram for stars of different initial mass (as marked) during the pre-main-sequence phase. The shade of segments is indicative of the time spent in each phase, ranging from less than $10^{3} \mathrm{yr}$ (light) to more than $10^{7} \mathrm{yr}$ (dark), as given in Table 8.1 [adapted from I. Iben Jr. (1965), Astrophys. J., 141].

## Star formation in reality is a bit different: e.g., no spherical symmetry!

Hayashi phase of protostar contraction


Vhich regions of a star are convective and which radiative?

That depends on mass...


Figure 8.4 The extent of convective zones (shaded areas) in main-sequence star models as a function of the stellar mass [adapted from R. Kippenhahn \& A. Weigert (1990), Stellar Structure and Evolution, Springer-Verlag].

## UK Astroph. Fluids Facility supercomputer (parallel computer)

Stars are forming in... these racks

Matthew Symmetric initial conditions Bate (1998)

# Collapse of a Molecular Cloud Core to Stellar Densities: 

Rotational Instability of the First Hydrostatic Core

## Matthew R. Bate

MPI für Astronomie, Heidelberg, Germany Institute of Astronomy, Cambridge, U.K.

October 1998

Realistic star formation simulations using
Smoothed Particle Hydrodynamics (SPH) became possible at the end of the $20^{\text {th }}$ century.

Millions of particles represent a moving, irregular, 3-D grid, and can be thought of as gas clouds that partially overlap. Each particle interacts with 10... 50 neighbors to represent pressure forces with good accuracy.

A somewhat ad hoc treatment also simulates gas with viscosity, although not in the form found in Navier-Stokes eq. of viscous fluid.

SPH has been used for supernova simulations.


Matthew Bate (2003), Bate and Benz (2003) SPH method (Smoothed Particles Hydrodynamics) with 1.5 M particles

Starting from turbulent, self-gravitating gas cloud

Collapse starts after turbulence dies down and Jeans mass drops below the cloud mass


A link to animation
is shown on the course web page +here:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YbdwTwB8itc\&t=78s
Or here https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YbdwTwB8jtc

## Brown dwarfs, or a failed attempt at stardom

As seen in the SPH simulation of molecular cloud fragmentation, brown dwarfs (smallest objects simulated as white points) form in large numbers, and are mostly dispersed throughout the Galaxy afterwards. Sometimes, they are found as orbital companions to stars (not frequently, hence the term "brown dwarf desert" as opposed to a large numbers of planetary companions to stars.)

And there is even one BD with it's own companion of only 5 Jupiter masses!

A strange system 2MASS1207 discovered in 2003 (among other by UofT professor Ray Jayawardhana) :

## 5 M $_{\text {Jup }}$ planet around a 25 M $_{\text {Jup }}$ Brown Dwarf



Such object challenge the distinction between failed stars and planets (conventionally, mass of 13 Jupiters is a demarcation line). Also, star formation theory predicts that objects of 0.5-5 Jupiter mass cannot form in collapsing cloud cores in the process of opacity-limited fragmentation. Yet, quite possibly, they actually form like/together with brown dwarfs. James Webb Space Telescope in 2023 unexpectedly found 42 JuMBOs, Jupitermass Binary Objects, free floating (not associated with stars) in Orion Nebula



Amateur
astrography today returns beautiful Pictures of Orion nebula M42

JWST


Possibly a result of two young stars colliding in Trapezium Cluster of Orion nebula

## JuMBOs

## JuMBO 33

## JuMBO 31

## JuMBO 34

JuMBO 35

JuMBO 32

540 free floating planets have been imaged in M42 with JWST. $9 \%$ of them (48) are in Jupiter Mass Binary Objects
S. Pearson and M. McCaugherin (Nov. 2023) https://arxiv.org/pdf/2310.01231.pdf
"We have discovered and characterised a sample of 540 planetary-mass candidates with masses down to 0.6 Jupiter masses, demonstrating that there is indeed no sharp cut-off in the mass function. Furthermore, we find that $9 \%$ of the planetary-mass objects are in wide binaries, a result that is highly unexpected and which challenges current theories of both star and planet formation"

A lane of JuMBOs in Trapezium Cluster of Orion nebula, JWST NIRcam. The pictured planetary-mass objects have $\mathrm{m}<7 \mathrm{M}_{\text {jup }}$, Projected distances: 25 to 390 AU , most are thus wide binaries. Average mass ratio $m_{2} / m_{1}=0.66$, with distribution unlike binary BDs, which strongly prefer to have an equally massive companion. Artymowicz(1986) predicted that mass equalization happens when a forming binary object accretes gas from its circumbinary disk. This seems to apply to BDs but for not to Jupiter-mass free floaters in Trapezium.


Table 1 A short summary of the key JuMBO properties. All masses are in units of $M_{\odot}$, projected separation are given in au. For an extend version of thistablethat includesphotoneyy, spe tholsupherntary catalogue.

| Name | RA (deg) | DEC (deg) | M_Pri | Av_Pri | M_Sec | Av_Sec | Proj_Sep | M-Ter | Av_Ter |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| JuMBO 1 | 83.716375 | -5.374688 | 0.001 | 6.3 | 0.001 | 4.3 | 357.7 | - | - |
| JuMBO 2 | 83.718439 | -5.391585 | 0.002 | 16.4 | 0.002 | 13.1 | 114.7 | - | - |
| JuMBO 3 | 83.720854 | -5.379591 | 0.003 | 19.7 | 0.003 | 10.8 | 52.3 | - | - |
| JuMBO 4 | 83.727380 | -5.444921 | 0.002 | 23.7 | 0.001 | 10.6 | 324.4 | - | - |
| JuMBO 5 | 83.727997 | -5.389459 | 0.003 | 10 | 0.002 | 32.8 | 384.3 | - | - |
| JuMBO 6 | 83.734156 | -5.368803 | 0.003 | 46.6 | 0.003 | 56.5 | 70.2 | - |  |
| JuMBO 7 | 83.735012 | -5.387694 | 0.001 | 17.4 | 0.001 | 17.3 | 119 | - |  |
| JuMBO 8 | 83.736001 | -5.445662 | 0.002 | 21 | 0.002 | 15.9 | 101.2 | - |  |
| JuMBO 9 | 83.736884 | -5.332175 | 0.001 | 13.1 | 0.0007 | 8.8 | 211.5 | - |  |
| JuMBO 10 | 83.748149 | -5.445690 | 0.001 | 6.9 | 0.001 | 8.9 | 342.5 | - |  |
| JuMBO 11 | 83.753378 | -5.431788 | 0.0008 | 10.4 | 0.0007 | 15.9 | 192.2 | - |  |
| JuMBO 12 | 83.753580 | -5.354639 | 0.003 | 20.1 | 0.001 | 19.8 | 366.2 | - |  |
| JuMBO 13 | 83.760064 | -5.393619 | 0.001 | 20.5 | 0.001 | 26.5 | 192.6 | - |  |
| JuMBO 14 | 83.767052 | -5.406016 | 0.009 | 39.5 | 0.008 | 36 | 55.6 | - |  |
| JuMBO 15 | 83.768695 | -5.440258 | 0.003 | 39.8 | 0.002 | 26.5 | 329.8 | - |  |
| JuMBO 16 | 83.769429 | -5.415209 | 0.001 | 5.3 | 0.001 | 6.5 | 273.9 | - |  |
| JuMBO 17 | 83.775698 | -5.432976 | 0.001 | 24.5 | 0.0006 | 10.7 | 194.9 | - |  |
| JuMBO 18 | 83.779749 | -5.424113 | 0.003 | 11.7 | 0.002 | 6.6 | 150.6 | - | - |
| JuMBO 19 | 83.785686 | -5.345893 | 0.003 | 22.6 | 0.002 | 31.5 | 273.6 | - | - |
| JuMBO 20 | 83.786364 | -5.411568 | 0.003 | 19.1 | 0.002 | 11.3 | 149.4 | - | - |
| JuMBO 21 | 83.788762 | -5.398635 | 0.007 | 74.2 | 0.002 | 26.1 | 200.5 | - |  |
| JuMBO 22 | 83.801462 | -5.342754 | 0.004 | 51.6 | 0.003 | 29.4 | 127.4 | - |  |
| JuMBO 23 | 83.829058 | -5.446920 | 0.004 | 35.2 | 0.002 | 11.3 | 314.7 | - |  |
| JuMBO 24 | 83.831262 | -5.394369 | 0.011 | 3.6 | 0.011 | 3.5 | 28 | - |  |
| JuMBO 25 | 83.836455 | -5.371124 | 0.005 | 14.2 | 0.004 | 16.4 | 46.1 | 0.004 | 6.1 |
| JuMBO 26 | 83.838007 | -5.366544 | 0.008 | 12.5 | 0.003 | 9.1 | 267.1 | - |  |
| JuMBO 27 | 83.846621 | -5.399533 | 0.009 | 2.4 | 0.002 | 2.8 | 333.1 | - |  |
| JuMBO 28 | 83.846940 | -5.392726 | 0.011 | 8.7 | 0.009 | 20.1 | 58.9 | - |  |
| JuMBO 29 | 83.847252 | -5.346677 | 0.012 | 11.9 | 0.003 | 14.4 | 135 | - | - |
| JuMBO 30 | 83.848540 | -5.405963 | 0.005 | 33.1 | 0.002 | 2.2 | 374.1 | - | - |
| JuMBO 31 | 83.856732 | -5.387897 | 0.007 | 12.8 | 0.003 | 15.2 | 206.7 | - | - |
| JuMBO 32 | 83.860453 | -5.388966 | 0.004 | 14.4 | 0.003 | 11.9 | 118 | - | - |
| JuMBO 33 | 83.863086 | -5.388234 | 0.004 | 17.8 | 0.004 | 23.1 | 73.7 | - | - |
| JuMBO 34 | 83.867221 | -5.388611 | 0.005 | 15.4 | 0.005 | 13.9 | 66.4 | - | - |
| JuMBO 35 | 83.868427 | -5.390019 | 0.004 | 10.1 | 0.003 | 10.3 | 84.5 | - | - |
| JuMBO 36 | 83.878803 | -5.340274 | 0.013 | 32.3 | 0.004 | 36 | 363 | - | - |
| JuMBO 37 | 83.882254 | -5.330745 | 0.003 | 18.3 | 0.002 | 32.2 | 317.6 | - | - |
| JuMBO 38 | 83.883267 | -5.351932 | 0.004 | 27.8 | 0.002 | 24.4 | 213.6 | - | - |
| JuMBO 39 | 83.886789 | -5.372932 | 0.004 | 41.9 | 0.002 | 32.9 | 251 | - | - |
| JuMBO 40 | 83.886856 | -5.364031 | 0.005 | 18.1 | 0.005 | 23 | 164.3 | - | - |
| JuMBO 41 | 83.887251 | -5.375283 | 0.011 | 31.7 | 0.0008 | 17.2 | 287.2 | - | - |
| JuMBO 42 | 83.897548 | -5.333713 | 0.003 | 17.8 | 0.0007 | 15.2 | 123.3 | 0.0007 | 10.8 |



The orange dot is the coldest exoplanet ever directly imaged: WISE J0830+2837 is about 11 pc away, much closer than M42. It was imaged at 3.6 and $4.5 \mu \mathrm{~m}$ by Spitzer Space Telescope. $T=300-350 \mathrm{~K}$, or $27-77^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$.

## Disks

## a natural way to stardom

As seen in the simulation of molecular cloud fragmentation, star formation is very non-spherical and not even very axisymmetric: it is 3-D and leads to protostars surrounded by accretion disks. The main physical reason is the angular momentum (L) conservation: before L is transferred outward (e.g. by viscosity), the gas cannot approach the rotation axis; but it has no such restriction on approaching the equatorial plane (or midplane), where it gathers in the form of a rotationally-supported thin disk.


## T Tau = T Tauri stars

[Taurus. $=\mathrm{Ox}$, a constellation]

Herbig-Haro 212 object, VLT (ESA),Mt Paranal, Chile)

## Classical T Tau

## stars

with massive H-He disks and jets age $=\mathrm{a}$ few * $10^{5} \mathrm{yr}$


They evolve later, at several Myr of age, into the weak-lined T Tau star class with low-mass disks, no gas in the vicinity of the star


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\text { age }=10^{6}-10^{5} \mathrm{yr}
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## Disks around Young Stars

## PRC99-05b • STScl OPO

C. Burrows and J. Krist (STScl), K. Stapelfeldt (JPL) and NASA


The size is similar to, but larger than of our primordial Solar Nebula (limited to $R<100 \mathrm{AU}$, which is shown by the paucity of objects beyond 50 AU radius)

## JWST images of Orion disks in infrared (NIRcam)

Grid-based simulation of a disk with protostar and a small brown dwarf companion, in a circumbinary gap. Notice the spiral density waves emitted by the system. Planets may form in both circumstellar and circumbinary disks.

## Dusty disks, often much older than T Tau disks

JWST found LONE planets in the Orion Nebula and we can't explain them I Night Sky News October 2023


