# Star formation: protostellar collapse

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## Dense core formation

- At the sonic scale for the majority
- Dense core are the progenitors of stars
- 1-1 relation between core mass function and initial stellar mass function?

Konyves et al. (2010) HERSCHEL Observations



## Star formation: building blocks & challenge



- from parsec scale (10<sup>18</sup> cm) to stellar radius (10<sup>10</sup> cm)
- density: from 1 cm<sup>-3</sup> to 10<sup>24</sup> cm<sup>-3</sup>
- temperature: 10 K -10<sup>6</sup> K
- ionisation depends on density and temperature... (ideal vs nonideal MHD)
- chemistry, dust grain evolution (*H*<sub>2</sub> formation, growth, evaporation)

- initial conditions for stellar evolution (*entropy level, magnetic* field flux/geometry, angular momentum)

## Star formation: the challenge

✓ Follow the dynamics over a wide range of physical scales:

- time scales: free-fall time (~10<sup>4,5</sup> yr) to second
- spatial scales: parsec to stellar radius
- physical scales: density ranges form 1 cm<sup>-3</sup> to 10<sup>24</sup> cm<sup>-3</sup>



Vaytet et al. (2013)

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$$M_{\rm Jeans} \propto \rho^{\frac{3}{2}n-2}$$



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Machida et al.

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- uniform temperature (10 K,  $\alpha = E_{th}/E_{grav}$ )
- solid body / differential rotation ( $\beta = E_{rot}/E_{grav}$ )
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Banerjee & Pudritz (2006)

## Effect of magnetic fields and rotation

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

#### Thermal support

• E<sub>th</sub>/Egrav decreases when R decreases

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

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

#### Centrifugal support

- Angular momentum conservation
- Erot/Egrav increases when R decreases

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

#### Magnetic support

- Magnetic flux conservation  $\phi \propto B R^2$
- $\bullet \ E_{mag}/Egrav \ is \ constant \ when \ R \ decreases$

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## Effect of magnetic fields and rotation

#### Consequences:

#### Centrifugal forces become dominant

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

#### Magnetic forces stay comparable to gravity

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

#### Magnetic fields brakes the cloud

• transfer angular momentum from the inner part to the envelop

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## Numerics for star formation

## ★ 2 numerical methods :

Grid based code (AMR) : RAMSES code (Teyssier 2002, Fromang et al. 2006, Commerçon et al. 2011a), ORION code (Krumholz et al.)
FLASH code (Banerjee, Seifried et al.), etc...

- ➡ Advantages :
  - ✓ accuracy
  - ✓ shocks
  - ✓ refinement criteria
- Disadvantages :
  - ✓ (headhach)
  - ✓ Eulerian



#### Banerjee & Pudritz 06

![](_page_20_Picture_12.jpeg)

- ➡ Advantages :
  - ✓ Lagrangian
  - ✓ naturally adaptive
  - ✓ (simpler)

- Disadvantages :
  - ✓ low density = low resolution
  - ✓ noise, dissipative
  - ✓ young

![](_page_20_Picture_21.jpeg)

Bate et al. 02,03,08

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AMR vs. SPH resolution:

![](_page_25_Figure_2.jpeg)

- ★ Debate on the accuracy of both methods:
- => Are these methods appropriate for star formation?
- => Are they converging?
- Identical initial conditions (uniform density & temperature sphere in solid body rotation, Boss & Bodenheimer test)

 $N_{\rm l}^3 = M_{\rm leans}/M_{\rm res}$ 

 Same equations (Euler equation: mass, momentum and total energy + barotropic closure relation)

## AMR vs. SPH: Convergence

![](_page_26_Figure_1.jpeg)

Commerçon et al. 2008

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![](_page_27_Figure_1.jpeg)

AMR:  $64^3 (L_{min}=6)$ ;  $N_J=15$ ! SPH:  $N_p=5x10^5$ ;  $N_N=50$ i.e. ~ 5300 particles/Jeans mass !

#### - CONVERGENCE!

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Commerçon et al. 2011a

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Commerçon et al. 2011a

## 1 Mo dense core collapse: Hydro

![](_page_35_Figure_1.jpeg)

x (AU)

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# 1 Mo dense core collapse: Hydro vs. $\mu$ =5

#### **Comparison to the barotropic case**

Hydro case: more fragmentation
RMHD: magnetic braking <=> radiative feedback (L<sub>acc</sub>)









# 1 Mo dense core collapse: FLD vs. barotrop

#### **Comparison to the barotropic case**

- Hydro case: more fragmentation
- **RMHD**: **magnetic** braking <=> radiative feedback (L<sub>acc</sub>)
- Significant differences in the temperature distribution

<=> observations



#### Commerçon et al. 2010, A&AL



## Intermediate case, $\mu = 20$ - Numerical issue



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✓ **Diffusivity** of the solver => 2 effects that favor fragmentation:

- inefficient magnetic braking
- ➡ more massive disk

✓ Radiative feedback depends on the magnetic braking: L<sub>acc</sub> ~ V<sub>inf</sub><sup>3</sup> (supercritical radiative shock)!

# Influence of the magnetization



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# Disk formation in magnetised cores

#### Late formation

end of class 0, M<sub>env</sub> << M<sub>env,0</sub> (e.g., Machida & Hosokawa 2013)

#### Misalignment

- In reason for the rotation axis and the magnetic field to be aligned (e.g., Hull et al. 2013)
- reduces magnetic braking efficiency (e.g. Hennebelle & Ciardi 2009, Joos et al. 2012, Li et al. 2013)

#### Turbulent diffusion

reconnection events fast with Ohmic diffusion only, collective effect at larger scale (e.g. Santos Lima et al. 2012, Joos et al. 2013, Seifried et al. 2013)

#### Non-ideal MHD

- Ohm dissipation (Tomida et al. 2013, 2015, Machida et al.)
- Hall effect (Krasnopolsky et al. 2011, Tsukamoto et al. 2015, Wurster et al. 2016)
- ambipolar diffusion (Tsukamoto et al. 2015, Masson et al. 2016, Wurster et al. 2016)

# Non ideal MHD

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial \mathbf{B}}{\partial t} &= \mathbf{\nabla} \times \left[ \mathbf{v}_{n} \times \mathbf{B} \right] \\ &- \eta_{\Omega} (\mathbf{\nabla} \times \mathbf{B}) \\ &- \eta_{H} \left\{ (\mathbf{\nabla} \times \mathbf{B}) \times \frac{\mathbf{B}}{\|\mathbf{B}\|} \right\} \\ &- \eta_{AD} \frac{\mathbf{B}}{\|\mathbf{B}\|} \times \left\{ (\mathbf{\nabla} \times \mathbf{B}) \times \frac{\mathbf{B}}{\|\mathbf{B}\|} \right\} \end{aligned}$$

#### Non-ideal effects:

- rearrangement of magnetic field lines
- reconnection
- magnetic flux diffusion
- ... needs gas-grain chemistry

# Non ideal MHD



Marchand et al. (2016)

# Influence of non-ideal MHD

# Rotation and interchange instability

reduce magnetic braking
 (suppress counter-rotation found in ideal MHD)



Masson et al. (2016)

# Influence of non-ideal MHD

# Rotation and interchange instability

- reduce magnetic braking
  (suppress counter-rotation found in ideal MHD)
  reduce development of interchange instability
- changes at the first core scalediffusion is \*controlled\*



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# Misalignment & ambipolar diffusion



- Rotationally supported disk formation (R ~ 50 AU) - consistent with obs.
- disk size **depends** on misalignment
- P<sub>therm</sub>/P<sub>mag</sub>>1 within disks
- poloidal magnetic field
- => initial conditions for protoplanetary disks studies

Masson et al. 2016

- formation of a **plateau** at B~0.1G
- reorganisation of magnetic field lines (essentially poloidal)
- => reduced magnetic braking
- mass and radius of first core do not change
- weaker outflows compared to ideal MHD



# Turbulence & ambipolar diffusion



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# Late evolution



# Towards synthetic observations



- 3 representative cases

MU2: pseudo-disk + outflowMU10: disk + pseudo-disk + outflowMU200: disk + fragmentation

#### - First core lifetime:

MU2	MU10	MU200	
1.2 kyr	3 kyr	> 4 kyr	

Images & SED computed with the radiative transfer code RADMC-3D, developed by C.
 Dullemond (ITA Heidelberg)
 T<sub>dust</sub> =T<sub>gas</sub> (given by the RMHD calculations)

Commerçon, Launhardt, Dullemond & Henning, A&A 2012

# SED - Do we see a first core signature?



- Prestellar core = initial conditions (black line)
- Emission in the FIR => HERSCHEL, SPITZER
- But similar SEDs in the MU200 model, i.e. with a disk!
- => Issues in SED-fitting models for early Class 0?

Help to select first core candidates & to distinguish starless cores and first cores

# SED - Do we see a first core signature?



## Synthetic ALMA dust emission maps



- Fragmentation crisis at the Class 0 stage for low mass star formation - No massive, extended & fragmented disk
- Magnetic field cannot be neglected
- Supported by observations, no large disks (e.g. Maury et al. 2010)

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# High mass star formation scenarii

## Competitive accretion (Bate, Bonnell et al.)

- Massive prestellar core does not exist
- Star clusters and massive stars form simultaneously (*Smith et al. 2009*)

# • Gravitational collapse (Krumholz et al.)

- Massive prestellar does exist
- Fragmentation suppressed by protostellar feedback

• Column density threshold  $\Sigma = 1$  g cm<sup>-2</sup> (Krumholz & McKee 2008)

#### • But... to date:

- Magnetic field neglected
- More or less crude resolution
- Initial fragmentation





High-mass star formation: 100 M<sub>☉</sub> magnetized, turbulent and dense core w. FLD (follow-up of Hennebelle et al. 2011 barotropic study)
 => Influence of the magnetic field strength and radiative transfer on collapse, outflow launching and fragmentation

 $-T_0 = 10 \text{ K}$ 

- Kolmogorov initial power spectrum  $P(k) \propto k^{-5/3}$ - Flat profile  $\rho(r) = \frac{\rho_c}{1 + (r/r_0)^2}$   $\rho_c = 1.4 \times 10^{-20} \text{ g cm}^{-3}$  $r_0 \sim 0.22 \text{ pc}$ 

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Hennebelle et al. 2011

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Model	$\mu$	$lpha_{ m turb}$	$\Delta x_{min}$ (AU)	Coarse grid	$t_0~({ m Myr})$
SPHYDRO	$\infty$	$\sim 10^{-5}$	2.16	$128^{3}$	0.4786
MU130	$\sim 136$	$\sim 0.2$	2.16	$256^{3}$	0.4935
MU5	$\sim 5.3$	$\sim 0.2$	2.16	$256^{3}$	0.5397
MU2	$\sim 2.3$	$\sim 0.2$	2.16	$256^{3}$	0.5982







✓ Trend confirmed with lower resolution runs:



# What's different?



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SPHYDRO	MU130	MU5	MU2
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#### Towards massive star formation?

- Low magnetic field: fragmentation crisis, protostellar feedback would not help
  - similar to previous studies neglecting magnetic fields (competitive accretion), or having a too low resolution (Peters et al. 2011)
  - $\star$  Can magnetic field be neglecting?
- ✓ Intermediate magnetization: 2 fragments arranged in a filamentary like structure. Secondary fragment not produced by disk fragmentation (Krumholz et al.).
  - ➡ OB association formation
- ✓ High magnetization: I single fragment
  - Isolated massive star formation (e.g. observations by Girart et al., Bestenlehner et al. & Bressert et al.)
  - → Further evolution by disk accretion (e.g. Kuiper et al. 2010)
  - ★ Need longer time integration, sink particles

#### 100 M $_{\odot}$ turbulent dense core collapse



Simulations reproduce remarkably well observations, but... for both the strong and weak magnetized cases.
find only one correlation for the number of mm-clumps versus the density at 0.05 pc, i.e., the denser the more fragmented.



Palau et al., 2013 & 2014, ApJ

- Fragmentation can be inhibited in massive dense cores
- Highly magnetized massive dense cores => progenitors of high mass stars

## Formation of massive stars in magnetised cores

- ✓ Focus on isolated massive core, threaded by regular magnetic fields
- ✓ Interplay between magnetic braking and radiative feedback reduces efficiently fragmentation (Commerçon et al. 2011, Myers et al. 2013)
- ✓ Choice of slowly rotating cores to focus on the star-disk-outflow system formation, without strong fragmentation



Commerçon et al. 2011

#### Initial conditions and stellar evolution

- ✓ 100 M<sub>☉</sub>;  $\rho_{\propto}R^{-2}$  ( $\rho_c=2x10^6$  cm<sup>-3</sup>); T = 20 K; R<sub>0</sub> = 0.2 pc
- ✓ Solid body rotation  $\Omega$ =3x10<sup>-15</sup> Hz (r<sub>d</sub>~650 AU)
- ✓ Uniform magnetic field (µ<sub>uni</sub>=2,5,∞) (B=170, 68, 0 µG), aligned with rotation axis (x-axis)
- ✓ at least 10 cells/Jeans length
- ✓ Sink particles :  $\rho_{thre}$  = 10<sup>10</sup> cm<sup>-3</sup>,  $r_{sink}$  = ~20 AU (4 $\Delta x_{min}$ )
- ✓ Protostellar feedback sources associated to the sink:
  - ★ internal luminosity given by Hosokawa et al. tracks (R. Kuiper), Lacc=0
  - ★ all the accreted mass goes in stellar content (most favorable case)
  - ★ NO sub-grid model for outflow
- ✓ 4 models: Hydro, IMHD  $\mu$ =2, ambipolar diffusion  $\mu$ =2 and  $\mu$ =5

#### Hydro collapse



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## Hydro & iMHD: origin of the outflow



- Outflow has a radiative origin
- Magnetic fields disorganised by magnetic flux expulsion (interchange instability, e.g., Masson et al. 2016)













## Outflow morphology



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## Outflow collimation



 ✓ outflow collimated by toroidal B-field
 ✓ outflow extends up to 50 000 AU when M★=12M<sub>☉</sub>, V<sub>out,max</sub>=40 km/s

#### $\checkmark$ outflow is strongly magnetized





#### Is radiative feedback important?



radiative force contributes to the outflow, but does not dominate over the Lorentz force



#### Discs properties



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20

1.6

1.2

0.8

0.4

 $\log(\beta)$  0.0

-0.4

-0.8

-1.2

-1.6

-2.0



- ✓ discs are dominated by thermal pressure with AD (i.e. hydro discs)
- ✓ thick and magnetised disk with iMHD

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## Take away III

- Outflow is primarily of magnetic origin
- Magnetic outflow extends up to 50 000 AU in massive cores
- $\mathbf{M}$  Radiative force does not overtake with  $M_{\star}$ <15 M<sub> $\odot$ </sub>, but
  - contributes to acceleration
- Mo large disk R<500 AU
- observational diagnostics
- ideal MHD and hydro models have strong limitations wrt
  - 1. outflow launching
  - 2. disk properties (as well as for low-mass star formation...)
  - 3. angular momentum transport

# **THANK YOU**