Population synthesis of exoplanets

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Population synthesis in astrophysics

A population synthesis is a method of a direct modeling of relatively large populations of weakly interacting objects with non-trivial evolution.

As a rule, the evolution of the objects is followed from their birth up to the present moment.

Evolutionary and Empirical

1. Evolutionary PS.

The evolution is followed from some early stage. Typically, an artificial population is formed (especially, in Monte Carlo simulations)

2. Empirical PS.

It is used, for example, to study integral properties (spectra) of unresolved populations. A library of spectra is used to predict integral properties.



Ingredients:

- initial condition
- evolutionary laws





«Artificial observed universe»







«Artificial universe»

Incredients for planetary PS

- 1. The structure and evolution of the protoplanetary gas disk
- 2. The structure and evolution of the disk of solids (dust, pebbles, planetesimals)
- 3. The accretion of solids leading to the growth of the planetary solid core
- 4. The accretion of H/He leading to the growth of the planetary gaseous envelope
- 5. Orbital migration resulting from the exchange of angular momentum
- 6. N-body interaction among (proto)planets









The first PS model for exoplanets

Authors modeled formation and migration (I&II) of exoplanets in order to reproduce so-called "desert" in mass-semi-major axis distribution (masses 10-100 Earth mass, and a<3 AU). Main ingredients:

- Disk model;
- Accretion model;
- Migration model.

The rate of type I migration was significantly reduced to avoid rapid planet displacement.

> Red- giants; green – rocky; blue – ice.





Individual tracks



Ida, Lin 2013

Mordasini et al. models



Mordanisi et al. published a series of papers (0904.2524, 0904.2542, 1101.0513, 1201.1036) on population synthesis of exoplanets, using an approach generally similar to the one by Ida, Lin.

Then this studies were continued in 1206.6103, 1206.3303, 1708.00868. A review is given in 1402.7086.

An important step is too include planet-planet interactions.

A separate subject is to follow long-term evolution.

Multi-embryo system



Mass growth



Peebles and gas accretion



Mass – semi-major axis distribution







Thick line – computations;

Thin line – bias-corrected data.

Normalization made for 1M_{Jup}

It is still not absolutely clear, if the so-called "planetary desert" exist or not.

Comparison with observations



Observations

Calculations for observable planets (P_{orb}<10 yrs; v>1 m/s)

Calculations

Ida, Lin (2013)





Solid line – all stars. Dashed line – stars with at least one giant planet. Dotted line – stars with at least low-mass planet.

Composition



Formation and evolution model allows to estimate the bulk composition of planets.

Another population synthesis model

Simple model with analytical equations.

Model parameters are optimized to fit known data.

Single and four planet cases were studied.



Mass- distance distribution



Number of planets and SoSys analogues



Role of more complicated migration models

Traps (regions of zero net torque) can slow planet migration (type I).

Traps can be related to peculiarities in density or/and temperature profiles. For example, an ice line can be such critical distance, at which planets are trapped.

Heat transition zone – is another trap. There viscous heating (inside) is changed by irradiation by the star (outer zone).

X-rays due to magnetospheric accretion and cosmic rays ionize the disk. Low ionization produces dead zones in the disk.



Another way to form planets



Hypothesis by Nayakshin (2010). It is possible to make solid planets at low orbits

Tidal downsizing

$$M = M_J = \frac{4\sqrt{2}\pi^3}{3G} \frac{Q^{1/2} c_s^2 H}{\left(1 + \frac{\Delta\Sigma}{\Sigma}\right)} = \frac{4\sqrt{2}\pi^3}{3G} \frac{Q^{1/2} c_s^2 H}{\left(1 + 4.47\sqrt{\alpha}\right)}$$

Fragment mass just after fragmentation

$$R_H = a_p \left(rac{q}{3}
ight)^{1/3}$$

Hill radius becomes smaller as a planet migrates towards the star.

Evolution of a fragment in a disc can result in appearance of a low-mass planet closer to the star, or in appearance of a belt of particles.

Initial and final semi-major axis distribution



45% survived 20% formed solid cores

Mass and semi-major axis distribution



Mass distribution and planet types



Many brown dwarfs (and even low-mass stars for some parameters) can be produced via this channel.

Role of fragment-fragment interaction



Interaction off

Interaction on

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Ejection



Many fragments are ejected. So, this mechanism of planet formation can be an important contributor to the population of free-floating planets and brown dwarfs.

Brown – brown dwarfs; Red – gas giants; Blue – rocky (>50%).

System architecture



Typical systems

Non-typical systems

Another example of population synthesis of planets formed by instability



Many uncertainties.

This picture summarizes all the models, calculated for different assumptions and parameters.

Population synthesis of satellites



How to compare calculations with data

After calculations are made it is necessary to compare it with observational data.

For the case of transiting planets a special script was written.



Literature

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