TOWARD A DETERMINISTIC MODEL OF PLANETARY FORMATION. I. A DESERT IN THE MASS AND SEMIMAJOR AXIS DISTRIBUTIONS OF EXTRASOLAR PLANETS

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ABSTRACT

In an attempt to develop a deterministic theory for planet formation, we examine the accretion of cores of giant planets from planetesimals, gas accretion onto the cores, and their orbital migration. We adopt a working model for nascent protostellar disks with a wide variety of surface density distributions in order to explore the range of diversity among extrasolar planetary systems. We evaluate the cores’ mass growth rate \( \dot{M}_c \) through runaway planetesimal accretion and oligarchic growth. The accretion rate of cores is estimated with a two-body approximation. In the inner regions of disks, the cores’ eccentricity is effectively damped by their tidal interaction with the ambient disk gas and their early growth is stalled by “isolation.” In the outer regions, the cores’ growth rate is much smaller. If some cores can acquire more mass than a critical value of several Earth masses during the persistence of the disk gas, they would be able to rapidly accrete gas and evolve into gas giant planets. The gas accretion process is initially regulated by the Kelvin-Helmholtz contraction of the planets’ gas envelope. Based on the assumption that the exponential decay of the disk gas mass occurs on the timescales \( \sim 10^6–10^7 \) yr and that the disk mass distribution is comparable to those inferred from the observations of circumstellar disks of T Tauri stars, we carry out simulations to predict the distributions of masses and semimajor axes of extrasolar planets. In disks as massive as the minimum-mass disk for the solar system, gas giants can form only slightly outside the “ice boundary” at a few AU. However, cores can rapidly grow above the critical mass inside the ice boundary in protostellar disks with 5 times more heavy elements than those of the minimum-mass disk. Thereafter, these massive cores accrete gas prior to its depletion and evolve into gas giants. The limited persistence of the disk gas and the decline in the stellar gravity prevent the formation of cores capable of efficient gas accretion outside 20–30 AU. Unimpeded dynamical accretion of gas is a runaway process that is terminated when the residual gas is depleted either globally or locally in the form of a gap in the vicinity of their orbits. Since planets’ masses grow rapidly from 10 to 100 \( M_{\oplus} \), the gas giant planets rarely form with asymptotic masses in this intermediate range. Our model predicts a paucity of extrasolar planets with mass in the range 10–100 \( M_{\oplus} \) and semimajor axis less than 3 AU. We refer to this deficit as a “planet desert.” We also examine the dynamical evolution of protoplanets by considering the effect of orbital migration of giant planets due to their tidal interactions with the gas disks, after they have opened up gaps in the disks. The effect of migration is to sharpen the boundaries and to enhance the contrast of the planet desert. It also clarifies the separation between the three populations of rocky, gas giant, and ice giant planets. Based on our results, we suggest that the planets’ mass versus semimajor axis diagram can provide strong constraints on the dominant formation processes of planets analogous to the implications of the color-magnitude diagram on the paths of stellar evolution. We show that the mass and semimajor axis distributions generated in our simulations for the gas giants are consistent with those of the known extrasolar planets. Our results also indicate that a large fraction (90%–95%) of the planets that have migrated to within 0.05 AU must have perished. Future observations can determine the existence and the boundaries of the planet desert in this diagram, which can be used to extrapolate the ubiquity of rocky planets around nearby stars. Finally, the long-term dynamical interaction between planets of various masses can lead to both eccentricity excitation and scattering of planets to large semimajor axes. These effects are to be included in future models.

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1. INTRODUCTION

More than 100 extrasolar planets have been discovered so far. This sample is sufficiently large that some clues and constraints on the formation of extrasolar planets may be inferred from their kinematic properties. Figure 1 shows the distributions of semimajor axes \( (a) \) and masses \( (M_p) \) of the known extrasolar planets as of 2003 July.\(^1\) Various radial velocity surveys may have exhaustively found most of the planets in the solar neighborhood with radial velocity amplitude \( v_r \approx 10 \) m s\(^{-1}\)

\(^1\) The Extrasolar Planets Encyclopedia is available at http://www.obspm.fr/encycl/encycl.html.
and relatively small semimajor axes, \( a \approx 4-5 \) AU, which correspond to orbital periods \( \lesssim 10 \) yr. The mass distribution in these regions appears to follow a weak power-law function in \( M_p \) with an abrupt upper cutoff at around \( 10 M_J \) (Jorissen, Mayor, & Udry 2001; Tabachnik & Tremaine 2002; Zucker & Mazeh 2002), where \( M_J \) is a Jupiter mass and is \( \approx 320 M_{\oplus} \) (\( M_{\oplus} \) is an Earth mass).

However, Figure 1 also shows a correlation between the \( M_p \) and \( a \) distributions. Zucker & Mazeh (2002), Patzold & Rauer (2002), and Udry, Mayor, & Santos (2003) discussed a deficit of massive (\( M_p \gtrsim 5 M_J \)) and short-period (\( a \gtrsim 0.2 \) AU) planets. Here we focus on another domain of paucity in the \( M_p-a \) distribution: the regions \( a \gtrsim 0.2 \) AU and \( M_p \lesssim M_J \) (Fig. 1). This paucity is not due to the observational selection effects of precision and legacy baseline since planets in this domain have \( v_r \gtrsim 10 \text{ m s}^{-1} \) and orbital periods \( P \) less than a few years (Udry et al. 2003). In this paper we suggest that this paucity reflects the condition for and the process of planetary formation.

We interpret the observational data on Jupiter-mass extrasolar planets with the conventional core accretion model of gas giant planets (Wuchterl, Guillot, & Lissauer 2000 and references therein). In the standard model, terrestrial planets and solid cores of gas giants are formed through the coagulation of planetesimals with initial sizes \( \sim 1-10 \) km (e.g., Safronov 1969; Wetherill 1980; Hayashi, Nakazawa, & Nakagawa 1985). Cores that are heavier than a few lunar masses attract the disk gas and form hydrostatic atmospheres. However, if a solid core reaches a critical mass of greater than or approximately several \( M_{\oplus} \) (\( \gtrsim 1 \) AU), the pressure gradient in the planet’s gaseous atmosphere can no longer support against its gravity and the planet’s atmosphere collapses onto its core (Mizuno 1980; Bodenheimer & Pollack 1986; Pollack et al. 1996; Ikoma, Nakazawa, & Emori 2000). Subsequent disk gas accretion onto the solid core forms a gas giant planet.

The cores’ asymptotic masses and their accretion timescales are determined by surface density of the planetesimal swarm and orbital radius (Kokubo & Ida 2002). In general, the formation of the gas giants is favored slightly outside the “ice boundary” at a few AU (Kokubo & Ida 2002), where the surface density of dust particles increases by a factor of 3–4 as ice condenses. This enhancement of the dust surface density facilitates the formation of large cores. Well beyond the “ice boundary” (\( \gtrsim 10 \) AU), the cores’ growth rate is so small that the residual gas in the disk tends to be depleted before it can be accreted. In very massive protoplanetary disks, however, cores can reach the critical mass inside the ice boundary (Lin & Ida 1997; Kokubo & Ida 2002). Since the core accretion is relatively fast in the inner regions of the disk, gas accretion onto cores can start well before the gas is depleted. Unimpeded dynamical accretion of gas is a runaway process that is terminated when the residual gas is depleted either globally or locally in the form of a gap in the vicinity of the gas giants’ orbits. However, prior to a self-limiting growth stage, the planets grow so rapidly from 10 to more than 100 \( M_{\oplus} \) that they rarely emerge with an asymptotic mass in the intermediate range (10–100 \( M_{\oplus} \)). We refer to such a planet-deficit domain in the \( M_p \)-versus-\( a \) distribution as a “planet desert.”

After their formation, gas giant planets with sufficiently large masses to open up gaps also undergo type II orbital migration, which is well coupled to the viscous evolution of their nacent disks (Lin & Papaloizou 1985). If these planets’ tidal and magnetospheric interaction with their host stars can halt their inward migration, there would be an accumulation of “short-period planets” (equivalently “close-in planets” or “hot Jupiters”), near the disk inner edge (\( \lesssim 0.1 \) AU). Dozens of short-period planets have been discovered (Marcy, Cochran, & Mayor 2000), and their masses appear to be relatively small (Udry et al. 2003). These planets have either formed with relatively low masses (see § 4) or lost some of their initial mass through Roche lobe overflow (Trilling et al. 1998; Gu, Lin, & Bodenheimer 2003). The latter process is only effective in the regions close to the stellar surface. Massive short-period planets may also be more vulnerable to postformation orbital decay as a result of their enhanced tidal interaction with their host stars (Zucker & Mazeh 2002; Patzold & Rauer 2002).

Gas giant planets may attain \( a \) in the range of 0.2–3 AU, only if the disk gas is timely depleted during their migration (Trilling, Lunine, & Benz 2002; Armitage et al. 2002). Type II migration proceeds at a faster pace for planets with relatively lower mass and smaller orbital radius. As shown in § 5, the intermediate-mass planets can open up gaps in inner regions (\( a \lesssim 1 \) AU) and easily migrate to the proximity of the host stars. Larger planets tend to migrate less rapidly than the intermediate-mass planets.

Intermediate-mass planets with insufficient masses to open gaps also interact tidally with the disk gas through their Lindblad and corotation resonances (Goldreich & Tremaine 1980). In principle, any imbalance in the torque can lead to “type I” migration (Ward 1986). The effect of the corotation resonances (Tanaka, Takeuchi, & Ward 2002; Bate et al. 2003) and secondary instabilities in the vicinity of the co-orbital region (Baumgärtner & Korycansky 2001; Koller, Li, & Lin 2003) may be able to quench the magnitude and sign of the net torque. Observationally, there is no evidence that type I migration has brought in any water-filled terrestrial planets into the inner solar system.

Well outside the ice boundary (\( \gtrsim 3 \) AU), the intermediate-mass planets can slowly accrete nearby planetesimals. Prior to the depletion of the gas, however, intermediate-mass planets are unable to open up gaps in outer regions. In the absence of type I migration, they cannot migrate to the inner region from larger orbital radii. Cores in the outer regions of the disk can attain masses in excess of 1 \( M_{\oplus} \) after the gas depletion (§ 2).
The mass distributions for long-period planets are expected to be continuous. However, with the residual gas depleted, the intermediate-mass planets that formed lately cannot migrate to fill the planet desert.

Based on these considerations, we suggest that the intermediate-mass planets may be rare and their deficit gives rise to a "planet desert" at 0.2–3 AU. In § 2 we present the model of core accretion and predict cores' masses as functions of their nascent disks' mass and semimajor axis. In § 3 we include the effects of gas accretion onto the cores. Assuming an appropriate distribution of disk masses that may be comparable to the observationally inferred mass distribution, we carry out, in § 4, Monte Carlo calculations to simulate the mass and semimajor axis distributions of extrasolar planets. The predicted distributions clearly show a paucity of planets with masses comparable to the cores and the effect of dynamical friction from the small planetesimals on the cores (Kokubo & Ida 1995). Kokubo & Ida (1998) called this coagulation process the "oligarchic growth." Because the width of the feeding zone is

$$\Delta a_c \sim 10r_H$$

during the oligarchic growth stage, the isolation masses are slightly larger than those estimated by Lissauer (1987).

The concept of an isolation mass induced by the depletion of the feeding zone is based on the assumption that the orbits of the cores do not evolve with time. In reality, the cores undergo radial diffusion due to their scattering of the field planetesimals (e.g., Murray et al. 1998; Ida et al. 2000) and their tidal interaction with the gas disk (type I migration; e.g., Goldreich & Tremaine 1980; Ward 1986). Under the action of gas drag, the small planetesimals and dust particles may also undergo migration (e.g., Adachi, Hayashi, & Nakazawa 1976). These effects can lead to an expansion of the feeding zones. Thus, in a prescription for the asymptotic mass of cores' growth, it is worthwhile to consider the possibility that the cores' feeding zone may be extended throughout the disk.

2.2. The Cores' Growth Rate

The growth rate of the cores is determined by the velocity dispersion ($\sigma$) or equivalently the eccentricity distribution of the planetesimals and cores. Eccentricity damping due to their tidal interaction with the disk gas (Artymowicz 1993; Ward 1993) inhibits the cores from attaining any significant growth in their velocity dispersion. In contrast, the eccentricity of the low-mass planetesimals is less effectively damped. Instead, it is excited by cores through recoil of dynamical friction. Through a series of three-dimensional numerical simulations, Kokubo & Ida (2002) showed that the planetesimals' eccentricity is larger than the ratio of the cores' $r_H$ and their semimajor axes so that the cores' growth timescale is well described by a simple two-body approximation.

In the modest to high-$\sigma$ limit, the cores' accretion rate at an orbital radius $a$ is (Safronov 1969)

$$\dot{M}_c \sim \pi R_c^2 \rho_d \left( \frac{2GM_c}{R_c \sigma^2} \right) \sigma \sim 2\pi R_c^2 \Sigma_d \Omega_K \left( \frac{GM_c}{R \sigma^2} \right)$$

$$\sim 2\pi \left( \frac{R_c}{a} \right) \left( \frac{M_c}{M} \right) \left( \frac{a \Omega_K}{\sigma} \right)^2 \Sigma_d a^2 \Omega_K,$$

where $\Omega_K = (GM_c/a^3)^{1/2}$ is a Kepler frequency, $\rho_d$ and $\Sigma_d$ are the spatial and surface density of solid components ($\rho_d \sim \Sigma_d \Omega_K/\sigma$), respectively, and $R_c$ is a physical radius of the core. In order for the planetesimals within $\Delta a_c$ to reach the cores,

$$\sigma \Omega_K \sim \Delta a_c \sim 10 \left( \frac{M_c}{3M_*} \right)^{1/3} a,$$
so that the core’s accretion timescale is

\[ \tau_{c, \text{acc}} = \frac{M_c}{M_*} \sim \left( \frac{a}{R_c} \right) \left( \frac{M_c}{\Sigma d} \right) \left( \frac{M_*}{M_*} \right)^{-1/3} T_K, \]

(5)

where \( T_K = 2\pi / \Omega_K \) \([=(M_*/M_\odot)^{1/2}(a/1 \text{ AU})^{3/2}] \) yr is the Kepler period. By taking into account the effect of gas drag on the planetesimals’ velocity dispersion, Kokubo & Ida (2002) derived a more detailed expression (see their eqs. [15] and [16]).

\[ \tau_{c, \text{acc}} \approx 1.2 \times 10^5 \left( \frac{\Sigma_d}{10 \text{ g cm}^{-2}} \right)^{-1/5} \left( \frac{a}{1 \text{ AU}} \right)^{1/3} \left( \frac{M_c}{M_*} \right)^{1/3} \]

\[ \times \left( \frac{\Sigma_g}{2.4 \times 10^3 \text{ g cm}^{-2}} \right)^{-1/5} \left( \frac{m}{10^{18} \text{ g}} \right)^{1/5} \text{ yr}, \]

(6)

where \( \Sigma_g \) is the surface density of the gas in the disk, \( m \) is the mass of typical planetesimals, and \( M_* \) is the Sun’s mass. Since \( \tau_{c, \text{acc}} \equiv M_c/M_{c_*} \), we find from equation (6)

\[ M_c(t) \sim \left( \frac{t}{3.5 \times 10^5 \text{ yr}} \right)^3 \left( \frac{\Sigma_d}{10 \text{ g cm}^{-2}} \right)^3 \]

\[ \times \left( \frac{\Sigma_g}{2.4 \times 10^3 \text{ g cm}^{-2}} \right)^{6/5} \left( \frac{m}{10^{18} \text{ g}} \right)^{-2/5} \]

\[ \times \left( \frac{a}{1 \text{ AU}} \right)^{-9/5} \left( \frac{M_c}{M_{c_*}} \right)^{1/2} \frac{M_\odot}{M_{c_*}} \text{ yr}, \]

(7)

where we neglect variations of \( \Sigma_d \) and \( \Sigma_g \) with time. This approximation is adequately satisfied in the inner regions of the disk where \( \tau_{c, \text{acc}} \) is small compared with the gas depletion timescale.

In the outer regions of the disk, the rate of mass growth is reduced from the above expression during the depletion of the disk gas. In equation (48), we introduce a prescription for the global depletion of the gas. For this prescription of \( \Sigma_g \), the evolution of the core mass becomes

\[ M_c(t) \approx \left( \frac{\tau_{\text{disk}}}{1.4 \times 10^5 \text{ yr}} \right)^3 \left( \frac{\Sigma_d}{10 \text{ g cm}^{-2}} \right)^3 \]

\[ \times \left( \frac{\Sigma_g}{2.4 \times 10^3 \text{ g cm}^{-2}} \right)^{6/5} \left( \frac{m}{10^{18} \text{ g}} \right)^{-2/5} \]

\[ \times \left( \frac{a}{1 \text{ AU}} \right)^{-9/5} \left( \frac{M_c}{M_{c_*}} \right)^{1/2} \left[ 1 - \exp \left( \frac{-2t}{5\tau_{\text{disk}}} \right) \right] M_{c_*}, \]

(8)

where \( \tau_{\text{disk}} \) is the disk depletion timescale. In the limit of \( t \ll \tau_{\text{disk}} \), equation (8) reduces to equation (7). In principle, the magnitude of \( \tau_{c, \text{acc}} \) in the inner disk may be reduced by the core’s inward type I migration (Tanaka & Ida 1999; Papaloizou & Terquem 1999). However, the long \( \tau_{c, \text{acc}} \) is a growth barrier in the outer regions of the disk.

According to equation (8), the cores attain an asymptotic mass. But for \( t > \tau_{\text{disk}} \), the assumptions for circular orbits of the cores and damping of planetesimals’ \( \sigma \) by gas drag break down. When all the gas is depleted and all the heavy-element content is retained by the oligarchic cores, their \( \sigma \) increases to become comparable to their characteristic surface speed \( \sigma \sim V_{\text{surf}} = (GM_\odot/R_c)^{1/2} \) and their collisional cross section reduces to their physical cross section. In this limit, the growth timescale for the final planetary embryos becomes

\[ \tau_{e, \text{acc}} \sim \left( \frac{a}{R_c} \right)^2 \left( \frac{M_e}{\Sigma_{d*}^{1/2}} \right) \left( \frac{M_*}{M_{c_*}} \right)^{1/3} \]

\[ \times \left( \frac{\Sigma_d}{10 \text{ g cm}^{-2}} \right)^{-1} \left( \frac{M_e}{M_*} \right)^{1/3} \left( \frac{\rho_e}{1 \text{ g cm}^{-3}} \right)^{2/3} \]

\[ \times \left( \frac{a}{1 \text{ AU}} \right)^{-1/2} \text{ yr}, \]

(9)

where \( M_e, R_e, \) and \( \rho_e \) are a mass, radius, and an internal density of the embryo, respectively. Here we refer to solid planets after depletion of the gas as “embryos” rather than “cores.” The reduced collisional cross section significantly lengthens the growth timescale for the embryos from that of the cores. The corresponding mass for the embryos is

\[ M_e(t) \approx M_c(\tau_{\text{disk}}) + \left( \frac{t - \tau_{\text{disk}}}{6 \times 10^7 \text{ yr}} \right)^3 \left( \frac{\Sigma_d}{10 \text{ g cm}^{-2}} \right)^3 \]

\[ \times \left( \frac{\rho_e}{1 \text{ g cm}^{-3}} \right)^{2} \left( \frac{a}{1 \text{ AU}} \right)^{-9/2} M_{c_*}, \]

(10)

2.3. Disk Structure Models: The Temperature and Surface Density Distributions

The cores and embryos’ mass, as expressed in both equations (8) and (10), is a function of the surface density of the heavy elements in the form of condensed grains and planetesimals, \( \Sigma_d \). The distribution of \( \Sigma_d \) is poorly determined theoretically and observationally. In principle, the \( \Sigma_d \) distribution is determined by the infall pattern of the heavy elements, the condensation, growth, and sublimation rates of grains, and the particles’ interaction with ambient disk gas. Here we adopt an ad hoc power-law distribution such that

\[ \Sigma_d = f_d \eta_{\text{ice}} \times 10 \left( \frac{a}{1 \text{ AU}} \right)^{-3/2} \text{ g cm}^{-2}, \]

(11)

based on a phenomenological minimum-mass solar nebula model (Hayashi 1981). The power-law dependence may be the consequence of self-similar evolution. We use this prescription as a fiducial model. We plot \( \Sigma_d \) as a function of \( a \) for \( f_d = 0.1, 1, \) and 10 in Figure 2. Using these models, we assess the formation properties of planetary systems as a function of \( \Sigma_d \). The step function variable \( \eta_{\text{ice}} \) is introduced to express the effect of ice condensation/sublimation across the ice boundary (ice ~ a few AU; see eq. [15]). For the inner disk with \( a < a_{\text{acc}}, \eta_{\text{ice}} = 1 \), and for outer regions with \( a > a_{\text{acc}}, \eta_{\text{ice}} = 3 - 4 \). Following the minimum-mass solar nebula model, we adopt \( \eta_{\text{ice}} = 4.2 \) to represent the solar abundance distribution (Hayashi 1981).

We also introduce a scaling parameter for the total disk mass, \( f_d \), which is assumed to be a constant parameter throughout the disk. In the case of the minimum-mass disk model for the solar system (Hayashi 1981), the scaling parameter \( f_d \approx 0.7 \). This value would be larger if the formation of
the solid cores and their retention into the solar system planets were not highly efficient. Radio observations of the continuum radiation in the millimeter-wave length range measure the dust emission from the disks. The observationally inferred total mass of dust, \( M_d \), in the protostellar disks around classical T Tauri stars ranges from \( 10^{-5} \) to \( 3 \times 10^{-3} \) \( M_\odot \) (e.g., Beckwith & Sargent 1996). The disk mass determinations are somewhat uncertain as a result of the poorly known radiative properties of the grains. Nevertheless, their differential dust content provides reasonable evidence for a greater than an orders-of-magnitude dispersion in \( M_d \). In addition, the image of the disks is not well resolved in many cases. A rough magnitude of \( f_d \) can be inferred from the total mass of the disk under the assumption that all disks have similar sizes (a few tens to 100 AU). The observationally inferred mass of T Tauri disks corresponds to a range of \( f_d \approx 0.1\text{--}30 \). We note that disks with \( f_d \) substantially larger than unity do commonly exist.

The presence of gas affects the velocity dispersion and therefore the growth rate of the cores. It is also important for the formation of gaseous giant planets. In principle, the magnitude of the gas surface density \( \Sigma_g \) is determined by the gas infall rate and it evolves as a consequence of the viscous stress in the disk (e.g., Lin & Papaloizou 1985). Similar to all astrophysical accretion disks, the effective viscosity is generally assumed to be due to turbulence. However, in regions of protostellar disks where planets emerge, the cause of turbulence is highly uncertain (Papaloizou & Lin 1995). For computational simplicity, we also assume that \( \Sigma_g \) has a similar power-law dependence on \( a \) as \( \Sigma_d \) such that

\[
\Sigma_g = f_g (2.4 \times 10^3) \left( \frac{a}{1 \text{ AU}} \right)^{-3/2} \text{ g cm}^{-2}. \tag{12}
\]

We vary the scaling parameter \( f_g \) to obtain different disk models and to test the dependence of the planetary properties on the mass of the gas disk. This assumption implies that the relative ratio of gas (volatiles) to dust (refractories composed mainly of heavy elements)

\[
\frac{\Sigma_g}{\Sigma_d} = \frac{240}{f_g \eta_{ice}} \tag{13}
\]

is uniform throughout the disk except across the discontinuity at the ice boundary. While \( f_d/f_g = 1 \) would represent the solar abundance, a different choice of \( f_d/f_g \) would represent the relative enrichment/depletion of the heavy elements in the disks.

In the above equations, we introduce a separate mass scaling parameter \( f_g \) for the gas in order to consider the possibility that the solid components may evolve independently from the gas. The basic concept of the minimum-mass solar nebula model is based on the assumption that all the heavy elements are retained while the original disk gas was depleted. Theories suggest that gas diffuses under the action of viscous stress, but dust and planetesimals migrate under the influence of the gas drag effect such that they tend to evolve independently from each other. Gas may also be preferentially depleted through the photoevaporation (e.g., Shu, Johnstone, & Hollenbach 1993; Matsuyama, Johnstone, & Murray 2003) and winds, while dusty grains may be preferentially retained by the disk (Shang et al. 2000).

At the moment, we can observe the dust component around most, as well as molecular hydrogen around a few, young stars. Among the classical T Tauri stars, there is no apparent dependence of the mass of the dust disks on the host stars’ ages. For stars with ages greater than \( \sim 10^6 \)--\( 10^7 \) yr, the dust mass inferred from the millimeter-wave length continuum is much reduced (Beckwith & Sargent 1996; Wyatt et al. 2003). The near-IR signatures of disks also evolve on a similar timescale (Haisch, Lada, & Lada 2001). This decline has been interpreted as evidence for dust growth and planetesimal formation rather than the depletion of heavy elements (D'Alessio, Calvet, & Hartmann 2001). In this paper we adopt the conjecture that the surface density distribution of the dust plus planetesimals does not change except in those regions where they have been totally accreted by the cores.

Very little information is available on the evolution of \( \Sigma_g \) and \( f_g \), but there is no indication of a divergent depletion pattern between molecular hydrogen and millimeter-size dust emission (Thi et al. 2001). In addition, the presence of spectral evidences and UV veiling for ongoing accretion is well correlated with the millimeter flux for the classical T Tauri stars. Both signatures of protostellar disks also disappear together among weak-line T Tauri stars (Duvert et al. 2000). Based on these observations, we adopt the most simple-minded assumption that gas is depleted on a similar timescale even though the gas and dust depletions proceed through different mechanisms.

In equation (11) we introduce a parameter \( \eta_{ice} \) to take into account the possibility of ice condensation. In order to determine the radius of the ice condensation, \( a_{ice} \), we need to specify the gas temperature in the disk. In most planet-forming regions of interest, the gas density is sufficiently large to maintain a thermal coupling between the gas and the dust particles. In the optically thin regions of the disk, the dust and the gas are heated to an equilibrium temperature (Hayashi 1981) such that

\[
T = 280 \left( \frac{a}{1 \text{ AU}} \right)^{-1/2} \left( \frac{L_\star}{L_\odot} \right)^{1/4} \text{ K.} \tag{14}
\]

For solar-type stars, the stellar luminosity \( L_\star \) is roughly proportional to \( M_d^2 \). Since \( a_{ice} \) corresponds to the radius where \( T \simeq 170 \) K, we find that

![Fig. 2—\( \Sigma_d \) as a function of \( a \) that we used. Here \( f_d \) is an enhancement factor from the minimum-mass disk model for our solar system. The jumps at 2.7 AU are caused by ice grain condensation at \( a > 2.7 \) AU.](image-url)
Hereafter we adopt $a_{\text{acc}} = 2.7 \text{ AU} (L_{\text{c}} = L_{\odot})$ until § 4.1. In the Monte Carlo calculations in §§ 4.2 and 5, we consider variation of $a_{\text{acc}}$. Since scale height of a gas disk is $h \approx c_s/\Omega_K$, where $c_s$ is sound velocity, from equation (14) we find
\[
h / a = 0.05 \left( a / \text{1 AU} \right)^{1/4}.
\] (16)

2.4. The Cores’ Asymptotic Mass

Based on the distributions of $\Sigma_d$ given by equation (11), we find from equation (7)
\[
M_c(t) \simeq \left( \frac{t}{3.5 \times 10^5 \text{ yr}} \right)^3 \eta_{\text{ice}, f_d^3 f_g^6/5} \times \left( \frac{a}{1 \text{ AU}} \right)^{-81/10} \left( \frac{M_c}{M_\odot} \right)^{1/2} M_\odot,
\] (17)
by assuming $m = 10^{18} \text{ g}$. Equivalently, the core accretion timescale is (eq. [6])
\[
\tau_{\text{acc}} \simeq 1.2 \times 10^5 \eta_{\text{ice}, f_d^3 f_g^6/5} \left( a / 1 \text{ AU} \right)^{-27/10}\times \left( \frac{M_c}{M_\odot} \right)^{1/3} \left( \frac{M_c}{M_\odot} \right)^{-1/6} \text{ yr}.
\] (18)

Note that the actual timescale to reach $M_c$ is $3 \tau_{\text{acc}}$ but not $\tau_{\text{acc}}$. The numerical factor of 3 comes from the dependence that $\tau_{\text{acc}} \propto M_c^{1/3}$.

The unimpeded core growth that is described by equation (17) cannot be sustained indefinitely. In the limit that damping effect due to disk-planet interaction (Artymowicz 1993; Ward 1993) regulates a small velocity dispersion for the cores, their growth terminates when they consume all the planetesimals in their feeding zones. If the radial diffusion/migration of the cores is neglected, the isolation mass (Lissauer 1987; Kokubo & Ida 1998, 2000)
\[
M_{c, \text{iso}} = 2 \pi a \Delta a_c \Sigma_d
\] (19)
represents the asymptotic mass of the cores prior to the depletion of the disk gas. If we adopt $\Delta a_c = 10 r_{\text{H}}$ where $M_c$ in $r_{\text{H}}$ is replaced by $M_{c, \text{iso}}$, the isolation mass would be
\[
M_{c, \text{iso}} \simeq 0.16 \left( \frac{\Sigma_d}{10 \text{ g cm}^{-2}} \right)^{3/2} \left( \frac{a}{1 \text{ AU}} \right)^3 \times \left( \frac{\Delta a_c}{10 r_{\text{H}}} \right)^{3/2} \left( \frac{M_c}{M_\odot} \right)^{-1/2} M_\odot.
\] (20)

Upon acquiring $M_{c, \text{iso}}$, the cores consume all the nearby planetesimals. These cores cannot cross each other’s orbits, until the gaseous disk mass has decreased to $\leq 10^{-3} M_\odot$, equivalently $f_g \approx 10^{-3}$, and the damping effect due to disk-planet interaction becomes weak enough (Iwasaki et al. 2002; Kominami & Ida 2002). Even in a gas-free environment, a swarm of planetesimals has a tendency to evolve into a quasi-static oligarchic state. Kokubo & Ida (2002) performed three-dimensional N-body (with $N = 10,000$) simulations of planetesimal accretion in gas-free disks with a wide variety of surface density distribution of the planetesimal swarm. Their results indicate that the process of planetary accretion is fully consistent with the oligarchic growth scenario, i.e., the cores initially emerge with a characteristic orbital separation of $\Delta a_c \approx 10 r_{\text{H}}$. In later stages, however, $\Delta a_c$ increases to $\sim 15 r_{\text{H}}$, which may be due to the radial diffusion of the cores (they neglected radial migration due to disk-planet interaction and did not include the effect of gas drag on a population of small planetesimals). Here we adopt $\Delta a_c = 10 r_{\text{H}}$. From equation (11), we estimate the core masses in protoplanetary systems with equation (20) such that
\[
M_{c, \text{iso}} \simeq 0.16 \left( \frac{\eta_{\text{ice}, f_d^3 f_g^6/5}}{1 \text{ AU}} \right)^{3/2} \left( \frac{a}{1 \text{ AU}} \right)^{3/4} \left( \frac{M_c}{M_\odot} \right)^{-1/2} M_\odot.
\] (21)

If the effect of radial diffusion/migration of the cores is included, the final core mass could become larger than $M_{c, \text{iso}}$. In the limiting case that a migrating core can acquire all the planetesimals inside its orbital semimajor axis, it would attain a maximum asymptotic mass
\[
M_{c, \text{no iso}} \sim \pi a^2 \Sigma_d \simeq 1.2 \left( \frac{\Sigma_d}{10 \text{ g cm}^{-2}} \right) \left( \frac{a}{1 \text{ AU}} \right)^2 M_\odot.
\] (22)

Based on the distributions of $\Sigma_d$ given by equation (11), we find
\[
M_{c, \text{no iso}} \sim 1.2 \eta_{\text{ice}, f_d^3 f_g^6/5} \left( \frac{a}{1 \text{ AU}} \right)^{1/2} M_\odot.
\] (23)

Growth beyond isolation is also possible after the gas depletion and the elimination of its damping effects (Iwasaki et al. 2002; Kominami & Ida 2002). After the gas depletion, the velocity dispersion of the residual cores grows until they cross each other’s orbit. The final stages of cores’ growth may proceed through giant impacts (Lissauer & Stewart 1993). Eventually a few surviving embryos acquire most of the residual planetesimals and less massive cores during the late oligarchic growth stage. Since their collisional cross section is reduced to their geometrical surface, the mass of the embryos evolves with the growth rate given by equation (9),
\[
\frac{dM_e}{dt} = \frac{M_e}{\tau_{\text{acc}}},
\]
\[
\tau_{\text{acc}} \simeq 2 \times 10^7 \eta_{\text{ice}, f_d^3 f_g^6/5} \left( \frac{a}{1 \text{ AU}} \right)^3 \left( \frac{M_e}{M_\odot} \right)^{1/3} \times \left( \frac{\rho_e}{1 \text{ g cm}^{-3}} \right)^{2/3} \left( \frac{M_e}{M_\odot} \right)^{-1/2} \text{ yr}.
\] (24)

The asymptotic embryos’ masses are given by equation (20) with $\Delta a_c \approx V_{\text{surf}}/\Omega_K$,
\[
M_{c, \text{iso}} \simeq 0.52 \eta_{\text{ice}, f_d^3 f_g^6/5} \left( \frac{a}{1 \text{ AU}} \right)^{3/2} \left( \frac{M_e}{M_\odot} \right)^{-3/4} \times \left( \frac{\rho_e}{1 \text{ g cm}^{-3}} \right)^{1/4} M_\odot.
\] (25)

Such a scenario is consistent with the current model for the origin of the Moon (Hartmann & Davis 1975; Cameron & Ward 1976) and the apparently young isotopic age of the Earth, in comparison with asteroid parent bodies (Halliday et al.
Note that even if large-mass cores can be assembled through giant impacts, they can no longer initiate gas accretion because the disk gas needs to be severely depleted prior to their emergence. The limited gas supply during the late phase of core growth through giant impacts is also consistent with the intermediate mass and mostly ice composition of Uranus and Neptune.

In outer regions, the growth of the cores may be terminated before their mass reaches $M_{c,iso}$ or $M_{c, no iso}$. When their characteristic surface speed $V_{surf} = (GM_{c}/R_{c})^{1/2}$ exceeds their local escape speed from the host star, $V_{esc} = (2GM_{c}/a)^{1/2}$, the embryos' 90$^\circ$ grazing scatterings of nearby bodies can lead to the bodies' ejection (Thommes et al. 2003). In this high-$\sigma$ limit, the ratio of collision to ejection probabilities is $f_{cap} \sim (V_{esc}/V_{surf})^{4}$. When $f_{cap}$ become significantly less than unity, the growth of the embryos is terminated. Based on previous numerical simulations (Lin & Ida 1997), we set $f_{cap} \sim 0.1$ such that most scatterings lead to ejection and the embryos' asymptotic mass becomes

$$ M_{c, scsca} \sim 2.5 \times 10^{2} \left( \frac{\rho_{c}}{1 \text{ g cm}^{-3}} \right)^{-1/2} \frac{a}{\tau_{esc}}^{3/4} \left( \frac{a}{1 \text{ AU}} \right)^{-3/2} M_{\odot} $$

$$ \sim 1.4 \times 10^{3} \left( \frac{a}{1 \text{ AU}} \right)^{-3/2} M_{\odot}. \quad (27) $$

This limiting mass at $a \sim 20$–30 AU is comparable to those of the cores of Uranus and Neptune. Note that this limit only applies to the scattering of planetesimals and cores and it is not a limiting mass for gas accretion (see §3). For notations of masses, timescales, etc., see Table 1.

In principle, the largest cores may emerge with sufficient asymptotic masses to initiate gas accretion (see below). But in many regions, this large mass can only be attained after the gas is depleted. Thus, they are prohibited from evolving into gaseous giant planets. In this paper we consider the formation of the gas giants only if some cores are able to acquire the critical mass for the onset of rapid gas accretion before the disk gas is depleted. We assume that the coalescence between the cores, through giant impacts after the gas depletion, does not lead to substantial further growth in the mass of their gaseous envelopes despite the possibility of substantial increases in their core mass.

### 2.5. Core Growth at Different Orbital Radii

With the above prescriptions, we estimate, with equation (7), the cores' growth rate and asymptotic mass limit. The initial
The mass of the cores is arbitrarily set to be a small value, $M_c = 10^{20}\text{ g}$. The choice of an initial value of $M_c$ does not affect the results, since $\tau_{\text{acc}}$ increases with $M_c$. We plot, in Figure 3a, the core masses, after $10^6$ and $10^7$ yr, as a function of $\Sigma_d$ at various locations $a$. For this determination, we assume that the growth of the cores is truncated with a mass $M_{c,\text{iso}}$ (eq. [21]). We also assume $\Sigma_g/\Sigma_d = 240$. A similar plot with the cores’ truncation mass set by $M_{c,\text{no iso}}$ instead of $M_{c,\text{iso}}$ is shown in Figure 3b.

As shown in equation (7), the cores’ growth is relatively fast in regions where $\Sigma_d$ is high and $a$ is small. The results in Figure 3 show that for this region of the parameter space, the cores’ growth is terminated with their asymptotic masses within $10^6$ yr. In contrast, the growth is relatively slow for regions of parameter space with relatively small $\Sigma_d$ and large $a$ so that $M_c(t)$ remains very low in the bottom right regions in Figure 3. An “accretion wave” propagates from the top left to the bottom right regions as time passes. In the very large $\Sigma_d$ and large-$a$ regions, $\Delta a_c \sim 10\rho_H$ for $M_{c,\text{iso}}$ exceeds the magnitude of $a$. Thus, the appropriate expression for the truncation mass is $M_{c,\text{no iso}}$ rather than $M_{c,\text{iso}}$ in these regions.

Next, we consider planetary systems with a $\Sigma_d$ distribution similar to that derived from a minimum-mass solar nebula model (see eq. [11]). Figure 4 shows some examples of the time evolution of the cores’ masses for $f_d = 1$ (Fig. 4a) and $f_d = 10$ (Fig. 4b). The jumps in the cores’ masses at 2.7 AU in these figures reflect a transition in the values of $\Sigma_d$. These results indicate that in the inner regions of the disk, the gas depletion timescale is longer than the buildup timescale for the cores and all the field planetesimals are accreted onto the isolated cores. However, for the minimum-mass solar nebula model (with $f_d' = 1$), $M_{c,\text{iso}}$ at 0.7 and 1 AU is considerably smaller than the present masses of Venus and Earth (see eq. [21]). These planets could have acquired their present mass through either giant impacts after depletion of the gas or the accretion of planetesimals prior to the gas depletion if they have diffused or migrated over large radial distances. In this case, the cores’ asymptotic mass would be $M_{c,\text{iso}}$ (eq. [25]) or $M_{c,\text{no iso}}$ (eq. [23]), which, at 0.7 and 1 AU, is comparable to the mass of the Earth and Venus.

For a more comprehensive parameter study, we show in Figure 5 the dependence of the cores’ mass on $a$ and $f_d$ after $10^6$ and $10^7$ yr. In these calculations, $f_d$ does not decline and is set to
be always equal to $f_d$ since the stages prior to depletion of the gas are considered. The magnitude of $\Sigma_d$ for the minimum-mass solar nebula model corresponds to $f_d \approx 1$. On the gas depletion timescale $\sim 10^6$–$10^7$ yr, the most massive cores attain a critical mass (approximately several $M_\odot$) just outside the ice boundary (2.7 AU). Although the magnitude of both $M_{c, no, iso}$ and $M_{c, iso}$ increases with $a$, the expression in equation (17) indicates that much beyond $a_{ice}$, the cores do not have sufficient time to attain their asymptotic values prior to the depletion of the disk gas. In this case, the formation of gas giants within a minimum-mass solar nebula is most likely to be initiated just outside the ice boundary. But around many classical T Tauri stars, the disk mass inferred from the millimeter-wave length continuum observation corresponds to $f_d \gtrsim 5$ (see §1). The results in Figures 5a and 5b suggest that in very massive protoplanetary disks with $f_d \gtrsim 5$, cores can rapidly attain masses greater than the critical mass for gas accretion (see next section) even inside the ice boundary.

After the gas depletion, $M_{c, iso}$ expands to $M_{c, no, iso}$ or $M_{c, iso}$. $M_{c, sca}$ can also limit embryo growth (see §4.2.3 and Fig. 10). In the calculations in the following sections, we set the asymptotic masses of cores and embryos as follows:

1. The isolated core model: $\min(M_{c, iso}, M_{c, no, iso})$, when $f_g > 10^{-3}$ (before the gas depletion); $\min(M_{c, iso}, M_{c, no, iso}, M_{c, sca})$, when $f_g < 10^{-3}$ (after the gas depletion).

2. The nonisolated core model: $M_{c, no, iso}$, when $f_g > 10^{-3}$; $\min(M_{c, no, iso}, M_{c, sca})$, when $f_g < 10^{-3}$.

3. GAS ACCRETION

Up to now, we only consider the drag effect induced by the gas on the damping of the planetesimals’ and cores’ velocity dispersion. In this section we consider the accretion of gas onto sufficiently massive cores. The necessary condition for any gas accumulation near the cores is that their surface escape velocity must exceed the sound speed of the disk gas. In regions of the
disk where dust can condense to form planets, the sound speed is less than a few kilometers per second such that even lunar-mass cores can attract gas to their proximity. However, the disk gas first accumulates into a static envelope around these cores. In this envelope, the gravity of the cores is balanced by a pressure gradient that is maintained by the energy release during the planetesimals’ bombardment onto the cores.

3.1. Gas Accretion onto Cores

However, when the cores’ mass \( M_c \) becomes larger than a critical value \( M_{c,\text{crit}} \), the state of quasi-hydrostatic equilibrium can no longer be maintained and a phase of gas accretion onto the core is initiated (Mizuno 1980; Bodenheimer & Pollack 1986). Thereafter, the planetesimals and gas accretion proceed concurrently, so that the planetary growth can no longer be expressed in an analytical form as that in equation (17). Based on the existing numerical results, we adopt a simple prescription to evaluate \( M_{c,\text{crit}} \) and the gas accretion rate, \( dM_p/dt \).

The critical core mass depends on the cores’ rate of planetesimal accretion \( M_c \) and the opacity \( \kappa \) associated with the disk gas. Faster accretion and higher opacity (relatively large \( M_c \) and \( \kappa \)) result in a warmer planetary atmosphere and the enhanced pressure gradient stalls the gas accretion (Stevenson 1982; Ikoma et al. 2000). The value of \( M_{c,\text{crit}} \) is regulated by the inefficient radiative layers in the envelope. Instabilities may be induced by rotation and molecular weight gradient in the radiative layers such that the magnitude of \( M_{c,\text{crit}} \) may also be reduced and the production of gas giants may be more prolific.

In the absence of any quantitative multidimensional models, we adopt the results obtained from spherically symmetric thoroughly mixed models. Based on a series of numerical models, Ikoma et al. (2000) find that the critical core mass has the following dependence:

\[
M_{c,\text{crit}} \approx 10 \left( \frac{M_c}{10^{-6} M_\odot \text{yr}^{-1}} \right)^{0.2-0.3} \left( \frac{\kappa}{1 \text{ cm}^2 \text{ g}^{-1}} \right)^{0.2-0.3} M_\odot.
\]

We adopt here a power-law index \( \frac{1}{4} \) for the dependence on \( M_c \). If the dust particles have a similar distribution and abundance as the interstellar medium, \( \kappa \sim 1 \text{ cm}^2 \text{ g}^{-1} \). The actual magnitude of \( \kappa \) is uncertain since the dust particles’ size distribution and the fraction of heavy element in the gas and solid phases are poorly known (Podolak 2003). For computational simplicity, we neglect the dependence of \( M_{c,\text{crit}} \) on \( \kappa \) in our prescription below.
The gaseous envelope of proto–giant planets contracts on a Kelvin-Helmholtz timescale when their masses \( \dot{M}_p \) (including both their solid cores and gaseous envelope) become larger than \( M_{\text{crit}} \). Ikoma et al. (2000) derived through numerical calculation that

\[
\tau_{\text{KH}} \simeq 10^6 \left( \frac{M_p}{M_\odot} \right)^{-\kappa} \left( \frac{1 \text{ g cm}^{-2}}{g} \right)^{\gamma/2} \text{yr,} \tag{29}
\]

with power-law index \( b \simeq 8 \) and \( c \simeq 2.5 \). However, with a different opacity table, the values of \( b \) and \( c \) can be changed to \( \simeq 10 \) and \( \simeq 3.5 \), respectively (M. Ikoma 2003, private communication). Bryden, Lin, & Ida (2000a) obtained \( b \simeq 10 \), \( c \simeq 3.0 \) by fitting the result of Pollack et al. (1996). We adopt here \( b = 9 \) and \( c = 3.0 \) and also neglect the dependence on \( \kappa \) in our prescription below.

The contraction of the gas envelope reduces the local pressure gradient. Consequently, the gas from the surrounding disk flows toward the cores to replenish the envelope at a rate

\[
\frac{d\dot{M}_p}{dt} \simeq \frac{M_p}{\tau_{\text{KH}}} \tag{30}
\]

This rate is well below the Bondi accretion rate (Bondi 1952) when \( M_p \sim M_{\text{crit}} \), so the gas accretion rate is insensitive to the boundary condition in the disk. The magnitude of \( d\dot{M}_p \simeq dt \) due to the Kelvin-Helmholz contraction increases rapidly with \( M_p \). In principle, \( d\dot{M}_p \simeq dt \) is limited by the Bondi accretion rate (Bondi 1952), the Keplerian shear in the gas inflow (Taniwaga & Watanabe 2002), the mass diffusion rate through the disk (Bryden et al. 1999), and the availability of gas near the orbit of the accreting planet. However, these effects become important only when \( M_p \) has already become a significant fraction of Jupiter’s mass \( M_J \). For \( M_p \sim M_J \), \( \tau_{\text{KH}} \) is reduced to the dynamical free-fall timescale and the growth timescale \( M_p/\dot{M}_p \) for Bondi accretion is reduced to \( 10^3 \) yr. Thus, the total gas accretion time for the protoplanets to attain their asymptotic masses is essentially determined by \( \tau_{\text{KH}} \) at \( M_p \sim M_{\text{crit}} \).

Note that when \( M_c \) reaches \( M_{\text{crit}} \), \( \dot{M}_c \) is reduced to zero. Consequently, \( M_{\text{crit}} \) also vanishes and gas accretion can start for any value of \( M_c \). However, if \( \dot{M}_c \simeq \dot{M}_{\text{KH}} \equiv \dot{M}_p(\tau_{\text{KH}} = \tau_{\text{disk}}) \approx 4.6 \left( \frac{\tau_{\text{disk}}}{10^7 \text{ yr}} \right)^{-1/3} M_\odot \), \( \tau_{\text{KH}} \) is so small (eq. [29]) that \( \dot{M}_p \) is not significantly increased by the gas accretion during the first \( 10^7 \) yr after they were formed. In order for the gas giants to actually form and acquire \( M_p > M_{\text{crit}} \), \( M_c \) must be larger than \( M_{\text{crit}} \) in addition to the requirement of \( M_c > M_{\text{crit}} \). Both conditions can be satisfied for \( M_c \gtrsim 4 M_\odot \), if the cores’ rate of planetesimal accretion is significantly reduced from that in equation (3).

### 3.2. A Prescription for the Growth of Gas Giant Planets

Based on the above considerations, we introduce the following simple prescription for the purpose of numerically integrating the formation and early evolution of the gaseous giant planets. This approximation captures the essence of the planet formation process.

1. **Protoplanetary growth due to planetesimal accretion** is computed with the following rate equation:

\[
\frac{d\dot{M}_{\text{pl}}}{dt} = \frac{M_p}{\tau_{\text{acc}}} = \dot{M}_c \left( M_c = M_p \right), \tag{32}
\]

where \( \tau_{\text{acc}} \) is given by equation (18). The value of \( \dot{M}_c \) is obtained from equation (3) with the core mass \( M_c \) being replaced by the protoplanet’s total mass \( M_p \), which also includes the mass of the gaseous envelope.

2. During the growth of the cores, we check whether \( M_p \) is less than the critical core mass for the onset of gas accretion. Based on the discussions in the previous subsection, the magnitude of \( M_{\text{crit}} \) is approximated with a simplified version of equation (28) such that

\[
M_{c,\text{crit}} \approx 10 \left[ \frac{M_c(M_e = M_p)}{10^{-6} M_\odot \text{yr}^{-1}} \right]^{1/4} \tag{33}
\]

In principle, as the field planetesimals are being accreted onto the cores, their surface density in the feeding zone declines, so both \( M_c \) and \( M_{c,\text{crit}} \) decrease. To take this effect into account, we use time-dependent values of \( M_c \) calculated in equation (32) and set \( M_{c,\text{crit}} = 0 \) for cores with \( M_c > M_{c,\text{iso}} \) or \( M_c > M_{c,\text{iso}} \).

3. When \( M_c \) exceeds \( M_{c,\text{crit}} \), gas accretion onto a core is set to start. The gas accretion rate is regulated by the efficiency of heat transfer and is approximated by a simplified version of equations (29) and (30) such that

\[
\frac{d\dot{M}_{\text{pl}}}{dt} \approx \frac{M_p}{\tau_{\text{KH}}}, \tag{34}
\]

The planets’ mass \( M_p \) includes both their gaseous envelope and cores. Because of the expansion of the growing planets’ feed zones, planetesimal accretion onto the cores continues after the gas accretion has started. However, we neglect the collisions between cores until after the disk gas is depleted as we have discussed in the last section.

4. The above gas accretion rate does not explicitly depend on the ambient conditions. The approximation is appropriate provided that there is an adequate supply of the disk gas. However, the disk gas may be depleted either globally through processes such as the viscous evolution, outflow, and photo-evaporation or locally through gap formation. These effects are taken into account in the determination of the asymptotic mass of the giant planets (see the next subsection) but not in their accretion rates.

5. In the limit that the growth of the gas giant planets is terminated by gap formation, we also consider their dynamical evolution with or without the type II orbital migration (see the next section).

### 3.3. Termination of Gas Accretion

Equation (34) shows that the gas accretion rate rapidly increases with \( M_p \). However, there are several asymptotic limits to the unimpeded runaway gas accretion process. These limits arise as a result of the local and global depletion of disk gas.
3.3.1. Local Gas Depletion

In an inviscid disk, gas accretion onto the cores is terminated when they consume all the gas in their feeding zone and attain an isolation mass. The isolation mass for the gas giants can be obtained by replacing \( \Sigma_d \) in equation (20) with \( \Sigma_g \) such as

\[
M_{g,\text{iso}} \approx 50\left(\frac{\Sigma_g}{2.4 \times 10^3 \text{ g cm}^{-2}}\right)^{3/2}\left(\frac{a}{1 \text{ AU}}\right)^3 \times \left(\frac{\Delta a_g}{2r_H}\right)^{3/2}\left(\frac{M_p}{M_{\odot}}\right)^{-1/2} M_{\odot},
\]

(35)

where the Hill (Roche lobe) radius \( r_H \) is evaluated with \( M_p \). For a fiducial magnitude of \( M_{g,\text{iso}} \), we used the width of gas feeding zone \( \Delta a_g = 2r_H \) to be a nominal value. Since it flows normally on circular orbits, gas that is much beyond \( \Delta a_g \) cannot reach the accreting cores without modifying their specific angular momentum. Using the \( \Sigma_g \) distribution in equation (12), we find

\[
M_{g,\text{iso}} \approx 50^{3/2}\left(\frac{a}{1 \text{ AU}}\right)^{3/4}\left(\frac{\Delta a_g}{2r_H}\right)^{3/2}\left(\frac{M_p}{M_{\odot}}\right)^{-1/2} M_{\odot},
\]

(36)

which is comparable to \( M_f \) at the present location of Jupiter. Since \( \Sigma_g \) and equivalently \( f_c \) decrease with time, \( M_{g,\text{iso}} \) also decreases with time. The \( dM_{p,g}/dt \) is set to be zero when \( M_p \) becomes larger than \( M_{g,\text{iso}} \).

However, the observed accretion flow from protostellar disks to their host stars (Hartmann et al. 1998) requires mass and angular momentum transfer throughout the disks. In a viscously evolving disk, gas can continuously diffuse into the feeding zone until the growing planet attains a mass (Lin & Papaloizou 1985)

\[
M_{g,\text{vis}} \approx 40\frac{\nu}{\Omega_K} M_* \approx 40\alpha \left(\frac{h}{a}\right)^2 M_*
\]

\[
\approx 30\left(\frac{\alpha}{10^{-2}}\right)\left(\frac{a}{1 \text{ AU}}\right)^{1/2}\left(\frac{M_p}{M_{\odot}}\right) M_{\odot},
\]

(37)

where we used equation (16) and \( \alpha \)-prescription for the effective viscosity \( \nu \) (Shakura & Sunyaev 1973), in which \( \nu = \alpha h^2 \Omega_K \), where \( \alpha \) is a dimensionless parameter. For \( M_p > M_{g,\text{vis}} \), an embedded planet induces a strong tidal torque to open a gap near its orbit, provided that its Hill (Roche lobe) radius is larger than a critical value \( r_{1L, c} = h \) (Lin & Papaloizou 1993; Bryden et al. 2000b). We find that \( r_{1L, c} = r_{1L, c} \) when

\[
M_{g,\text{th}} \approx 3.8 \times 10^{-4}\left(\frac{a}{1 \text{ AU}}\right)^{3/4} M_*
\]

\[
\approx 1.2 \times 10^2\left(\frac{a}{1 \text{ AU}}\right)^{3/4}\left(\frac{M_p}{M_{\odot}}\right) M_{\odot}.
\]

(38)

Because \( M_{g,\text{th}} \) is generally larger than \( M_{g,\text{vis}} \) except for some very large \( \alpha \) cases, gas inflow onto the planet would actually be halted, when \( M_p \) reaches \( M_{g,\text{th}} \). In some previous hydro-dynamic simulations, embedded protoplanets continue to accrete after the above condition is satisfied albeit at a reduced rate (Artymowicz & Lubow 1996). In order to take this possibility into account, we also modify, in one set of calculations, the truncation condition to \( r_{1L, c} = 1.5h \).

3.3.2. Global Gas Depletion

Before their \( M_p \) increases to the isolation mass, \( M_{\text{gas,iso}} \), protoplanets can accrete at the rate given in equation (34). However, for \( M_p > M_{\text{gas,iso}} \), additional disk material can no longer be brought into the feeding zone by the expansion of its boundary. Nevertheless, in a viscously evolving disk, the feeding zone may be replenished. We also consider the extreme case that the protoplanets’ tidal interaction does not impose the flow of the gas from the disk to their feeding zone. Although gas diffusion can replenish the feeding zone, the rate of gas accretion onto the protoplanet is limited to

\[
\frac{dM_{g,p}}{dt} = \min\left(\frac{M_p}{\Omega_K}, \dot{M}_{\text{disk}}\right),
\]

(39)

where the mass transfer rate in the disk

\[
\dot{M}_{\text{disk}} = 2\pi \Sigma_g a V_{\text{disk}}.
\]

(40)

The gas diffusion speed is determined by the efficiency of viscous transport

\[
V_{\text{disk}} \approx \frac{3\nu}{a} \left[ \frac{\partial \ln(\Sigma_g)}{\partial \ln a} + \frac{1}{2} \right].
\]

(41)

With the \( \alpha \)-prescription for a steady disk, \( V_{\text{disk}} \approx -\alpha h^2 \Omega_K/a \).

The magnitude of \( \alpha \) in the planet formation region is uncertain. We assume that the mass transfer rate throughout the disk is comparable to an observational inferred accretion rate from protostellar disks onto classical T Tauri stars (Hartmann et al. 1998), which can be fitted by

\[
\dot{M}_{\text{disk}} \approx \dot{M}_0 \left(\frac{t}{t_{\text{disk}}}\right)^{-1.5},
\]

(42)

where \( \dot{M}_0 = 10^{-4} M_{\odot} \text{ yr}^{-1} \) for \( t_{\text{disk}} = 10^7 \text{ yr} \) (Calvet, Hartmann, & Strom 2000). The actual data have an order-of-magnitude spread over this fit. The accretion rate onto the planets is limited by the gas replenishment rate of their feeding zone, \( \dot{M}_{\text{disk}} \), when their

\[
\frac{M_p}{\Omega_K} > \dot{M}_{\text{disk}},
\]

(43)

or equivalently when their \( M_p \) becomes larger than

\[
M_{g,\text{sup}}(t) \approx 20\left(\frac{t}{10^7 \text{ yr}}\right)^{-3/8} M_{\odot}
\]

(44)

(see eqs. [29] and [43]). The limiting replenishment rate only modifies \( dM_{\text{gas}, p}/dt \) for protoplanets more massive than both \( M_{g,\text{sup}} \) and \( M_{g,\text{iso}} \). From equations (36) and (49), we find that these conditions are satisfied at the advanced stages of disk evolution when the surface density of the disk is significantly depleted.

At any given location, the emergence of cores that can dynamically accrete gas occurs at an epoch

\[
\tau_{\text{onset}} = 3\tau_{\text{acc}}(M_e = M_{\text{crit}})
\]

\[
\approx 8 \times 10^7 h_{1L, c}^{-1/7} \left(\frac{a}{1 \text{ AU}}\right)^{27/10} \left(\frac{M_e}{10 M_{\odot}}\right)^{1/3} \text{ yr}
\]

(45)
for \( M_x = 1 M_\odot \). According to equation (42), the amount of mass that can be supplied into the feeding zone for \( t > \tau_{\text{onset}} \) is

\[
M_{g, \text{feed}} = \int_{\tau_{\text{onset}}}^{\infty} \dot{M}_{\text{disk}}(t) dt \approx 1.5 \dot{M}_{\text{disk}}(t = \tau_{\text{onset}}) \tau_{\text{disk}} \\
\approx 60 \left( \frac{f_{d}}{4} \right)^{3/2} \frac{a^{21/10}}{10 \text{ AU}}^{-81/20} \left( \frac{\tau_{\text{disk}}}{10^7 \text{ yr}} \right)^{5/2} M_\odot.
\]

(46)

If such a supply is considered, the isolation mass can increase from \( M_{g, \text{iso}} \) to \( M_{g, \text{iso}} + M_{g, \text{feed}} \). However, at large \( a \), \( M_{g, \text{feed}} \) is not large enough. Since sufficiently massive cores (with \( M_x > M_{x, \text{cri}} \)) take longer to form in the outer regions of the disk, the mass transfer rate can limit the amount of material supplied to the feeding zone, \( M_{g, \text{feed}} \), to less than the mass of Jupiter.

The gas accretion is ultimately limited by the amount of residual gas in the entire disk. For our disk model, the maximum available mass is

\[
M_{g, \text{no iso}} \sim \pi a^2 \Sigma_g \approx 290 \left( \frac{\Sigma_g}{2.4 \times 10^5 \text{ g cm}^{-2}} \right) \left( \frac{a}{1 \text{ AU}} \right)^2 M_\odot \approx 290 f_g \left( \frac{a}{1 \text{ AU}} \right)^{1/2} M_\odot.
\]

(47)

When \( M_{g, \text{no iso}} < M_{g, \text{th}} \), \( M_x \) is truncated by \( M_{g, \text{no iso}} \) rather than \( M_{g, \text{th}} \). This condition occurs when \( f_g < 3(a/1 \text{ AU})^{1/4} (M_x/M_\odot)^{5/2} \). Similar to \( M_{g, \text{iso}} \), \( M_{g, \text{no iso}} \) explicitly depends on the magnitude of \( f_g \), i.e., the amount of residual gas in the disk.

As we have already indicated in § 2, the gas content is observed to decline concurrently with the dust (but not the planetesimal) content in protostellar disks. Since the near-IR signature for dust in the inner region declines together with the millimeter indicators of dust in the outer regions of protostellar disks (Duvert et al. 2000), we assume that the residual gas in the these disks is depleted globally in a self-similar manner. We introduce a prescription to approximate the evolution of \( \Sigma_g \) during the depletion phase of the disk such that

\[
\Sigma_g \approx \Sigma_{g, 0} \exp \left( - \frac{t}{\tau_{\text{disk}}} \right),
\]

(48)

where \( \Sigma_{g, 0} \) is an initial distribution (eq. [12]) and \( \tau_{\text{disk}} \) is the gas depletion timescale. Equivalently, \( f_g \) decreases with time from its initial value \( f_{g, 0} \) as

\[
f_g \approx f_{g, 0} \exp \left( - \frac{t}{\tau_{\text{disk}}} \right).
\]

(49)

Based on the observed properties of protostellar disks (Beckwith & Sargent 1996; Wyatt et al. 2003), we set \( \tau_{\text{disk}} = 10^7 \text{ yr} \).

In order to limit the extent of the parameter studies, we also assume here that \( f_{g, 0} = f_{d, 0} \), that is, the gas-to-dust ratio is initially equal to the solar composition. We denote both \( f_{g, 0} \) and \( f_d \) to be \( f_{\text{disk}} \). We consider the cases with \( f_{\text{disk}} = 0.1–30 \) as mentioned in the last section. We do not vary the value of \( f_{\text{disk}} \) during the cores’ growth, but it is locally set to zero when the cores have reached their asymptotic masses.

Based on these prescriptions, we set an asymptotic mass for the gas giants. We assume that the gas accretion onto it is terminated when a proto–giant planet either consumes all the nearby residual gas in the disk or has acquired a sufficiently large mass to open up a gap near its orbit.

4. NASCENT ORBITAL DISTRIBUTION OF PROTOPLANETS

In this section we consider dynamical properties such as the mass and semimajor axis distributions with which planets are formed. This distribution evolves with the orbital migration of the gas giant planets. We discuss the effect of orbital migration in the next section.

4.1. Conditions for the Emergence of Gaseous and Ice Giant Planets

We compute a series of models with \( \tau_{\text{disk}} = 10^7 \text{ yr} \). We determine the asymptotic (at \( t = 10^9 \text{ yr} \)) magnitude of \( M_x \), including that of the gaseous envelope if any, as a function of \( f_{\text{disk}} (= f_d = f_{g, 0} + a) \) (see Fig. 6). For these models, we adopt isolated cores (§ 2.5), and five different prescriptions for the planets’ asymptotic mass after their gas accretion is truncated: \( M_{g, \text{iso}} \) (Fig. 6a), \( M_{g, \text{no iso}} \) (Fig. 6b), \( M_{g, \text{vis}} \) (Fig. 6c), \( M_{g, \text{th}} \) (Fig. 6d), and \( M_{g, \text{iso}} + M_{g, \text{feed}} \) (Fig. 6e). For the evaluation of the asymptotic mass of the gas giants, we adopt \( \Delta a_g = 2 \Delta r_{\text{th}} \) in Figures 6a and 6e, \( M_x = 1 M_\odot \) in Figures 6c and 6d, and \( a = 10^{-3} \text{ } \) in Figure 6c. Since the result of Figure 6c is almost the same as that of Figure 6d, it is omitted. There are some uncertainties in the amount of gas diffusion to the planet’s feeding zone. These upper mass limits provide a range in the asymptotic mass of the planets. In Figure 7 we show the results of a second series of models computed with the non-isolated core model (§ 2.5). All other parameters are identical to the first series of models.

For disks with a uniform \( f_{\text{disk}} \sim 1–3 \), there are three distinct regions in Figure 6. Similar regions also exist in Figure 7 for a disk with uniform \( f_{\text{disk}} \sim 0.3–1 \). In the inner \((a < a_{\text{ice}})\) regions, the asymptotic mass of the cores \( M_x \) is smaller than \( 4 M_\odot \), which is the minimum mass \( (M_{x, \text{KH}}) \) needed to undergo a significant amount of gas accretion within \( 10^7 \text{ yr} \). Since gas is depleted on this timescale, gas giants cannot form in these regions. Although after gas depletion the cores’ mass can exceed several \( M_\odot \) through giant impacts between them, they can no longer accrete gas. These massive cores evolve into terrestrial planets similar to the Earth, and the mass distinction between the terrestrial planets and gas giants is preserved.

In the outer regions of the disk where \( a \sim 10–20 \text{ AU} \), the cores’ planetesimal accretion rate is very low. Although the asymptotic mass limit for the cores is large compared with several \( M_\odot \), there is an inadequate amount of time for the cores to attain a significant amount of mass prior to the depletion of the disk gas. Nevertheless, low-mass cores can slowly accrete gas because, for very low planetesimal accretion rates \( M_x \), the values of \( M_{x, \text{cri}} \) are also small. However, in the low-\( M_x \) limit, the gas disk is severely depleted by the time \( M_x \) becomes comparable to \( M_{x, \text{KH}} \). In advanced stages of gas depletion, the magnitude of both \( M_{g, \text{iso}} \) and \( M_{g, \text{no iso}} \) becomes smaller than \( M_x \) and the cores cannot acquire a massive gaseous envelope. This limited supply of residual disk gas may have quenched the ability of Uranus and Neptune to attain a massive envelope \((\leq 2 M_\odot)\) despite their present ice core mass being \( \geq 15 M_\odot \) (Pollack et al. 1996). We refer to these heavy-element–enhanced latecomers with modest gaseous envelopes as ice giant planets.

In the intermediate region slightly outside the ice boundaries, an abrupt increase in the cores’ asymptotic mass allows the cores to initiate the onset of rapid gas accretion. Gas giants with \( M_x \geq 100 M_\odot \) are preferentially formed in this bright
region in Figures 6 and 7. The boundaries of the region where gas giants can form are set by the requirements that (1) $M_c \geq 4 M_\oplus$ and (2) $3\tau_{acc} \lesssim \tau_{disk}$. The results in Figures 6 and 7 indicate that conditions 1 and 2 are satisfied, for $f_{disk} \gtrsim 1$, at $a_{ig} \gtrsim 3$ AU (the “rocky/gas giant planets’ boundary”) and $a_{gi} \lesssim 10$–20 AU (the “gas/ice giants’ boundary”). Terrestrial planets form inside $a_{ig}$, and ice giants form outside $a_{gi}$. The values of $a_{ig}$ and $a_{gi}$ are expressed in equations (53) and (54).

We now consider $a_{ig}$ and $a_{gi}$ for more general values of $f_{disk}$. Transition from cores to gas giants requires gas accretion and can only occur prior to gas depletion. However, in the presence of gas, the core growth is limited by their asymptotic masses. If the asymptotic mass is determined by the isolation process, it would become $M_{c,iso}$. In this case, condition 1 can only be satisfied if $M_{c,iso} > 4 M_\oplus$. From equation (21), this necessary condition corresponds to

$$f_{disk} \simeq f_g \simeq 8\eta_{ice}^{-1}\left(\frac{a}{1\text{ AU}}\right)^{-1/2}.$$  

(50)

Similarly, in the nonisolated limit, the condition that $M_{c,non iso} > 4 M_\oplus$ corresponds to

$$f_{disk} \simeq f_g \simeq 3\eta_{acc}^{-1}\left(\frac{a}{1\text{ AU}}\right)^{-1/2}.$$  

(51)

(see eq. [23]). These estimates agree with the terrestrial/gas giant planets’ boundary in Figures 6 and 7, respectively. In comparison with the results in the first series, the emergence of the more massive cores in the second series of simulations enhances the probability and speeds up the onset of gas giant formation for modest values of $a$.

In condition 2 ($3\tau_{acc} \lesssim \tau_{disk}$), the quantity $3\tau_{acc}$ is the actual growth timescale for the cores (see eq. [18]). From
equation (18), the condition for $3\tau_{\text{acc}} \simeq \tau_{\text{disk}}$ corresponds to

$$f_{\text{disk}} \simeq f_{\text{g}} \simeq 4 \left( \frac{\eta_{\text{ice}}}{4} \right)^{-5/7} \left( \frac{M_p}{4 M_\odot} \right)^{5/21} \tau_{\text{dep}}^{5/7} \left( \frac{a}{10 \text{ AU}} \right)^{27/14}.$$  \hspace{1cm} (52)

This condition does not depend on whether the asymptotic mass of the cores is limited by $M_{c, \text{iso}}$ or $M_{c, \text{noiso}}$. For $\eta_{\text{ice}} = 4$, $M_p = 4 M_\odot$, and $\tau_{\text{disk}} = 10^7$ yr, this equation indicates that $f_{\text{g}} \simeq 4(a/10 \text{ AU})^{1/2}$, which also agrees well with the gas/ice giants' boundary in Figures 6 and 7.

As the analytical derivation shows, the two boundaries separating the three regions nurture the formation of terrestrial planets, gas giants, and ice giants and do not depend on conditions of truncation of gas accretion. In the outer regions of the disk, the gas/ice giants' boundary is also insensitive to the asymptotic mass of the cores. At large $a$, the barrier for reaching $M_{c, \text{crit}}$ is imposed by the persistence of disk gas on timescales $\tau_{\text{disk}}$ rather than the asymptotic limit of the core's mass.

For disks with arbitrary values of $f_{\text{disk}}$, the boundaries

$$a_{\text{g}} = \begin{cases} 64 f_{\text{disk}}^2 \eta_{\text{ice}} \text{ AU} & \text{(the isolated core case)} \\ 9 f_{\text{disk}}^2 \eta_{\text{ice}} \text{ AU} & \text{(the nonisolated core case)} \end{cases}$$  \hspace{1cm} (53)

and

$$a_{\text{g}} = \begin{cases} 5 f_{\text{disk}}^{14/27} \left( \frac{\eta_{\text{ice}}}{4} \right)^{10/27} \left( \frac{M_p}{4 M_\odot} \right)^{-10/81} \tau_{\text{dep}}^{-10/27} \text{ AU} & \text{(54)} \end{cases}$$

are set by the conditions $f_{\text{disk}} = f_{\text{g}}$ and $f_{\text{g}}$, respectively. In massive disks with considerable heavy-elemental contents, $f_{\text{disk}}$ may be considerably larger than unity. In these massive disks, $a_{\text{g}}$ is less than the ice boundary. In that case, it is

Fig. 7.—Same as Fig. 6, but for core truncation by $M_{c, \text{noiso}}$. [See the electronic edition of the Journal for a color version of this figure.]
possible to form gas giants inside the ice boundary. In disks with \( f_{\text{disk}} \) smaller than a critical value

\[
f_{\text{disk}, \text{min}} = (0.9 \text{ or } 0.4) \left( \frac{\tau_{\text{acc}}}{4} \right)^{-64/68} \times \left( \frac{M_p}{4 \, M_{\odot}} \right)^{5/102} \left( \frac{\tau_{\text{dep}}}{10^7 \, \text{yr}} \right)^{5/34},
\]

\( a_{\text{g}} < a_{\text{g}} \) (the factors 0.9 and 0.4 correspond to the isolated and nonisolated cases, respectively). These results are in agreement with the numerical results presented in Figures 6 and 7.

Since cores must attain at least 4 \( M_{\oplus} \) before they can rapidly accrete gas, in metal-deficit disks with \( f_{\text{disk}} < f_{\text{disk}, \text{min}} \), the gas giants cannot form. For a minimum-mass solar nebula model, \( f_{\text{disk}} \approx 1 \) and is less than \( f_{\text{g}} \) inside the ice line and greater than \( f_{\text{p}} \) outside the ice line such that gas giants can only form at large radii. Since \( f_{\text{disk}, \text{min}} \) is smaller beyond the ice line, it sets a more stringent condition with \( \tau_{\text{acc}} = 4 \). They are also consistent with the apparent paucity of metal-deficit stars with planets (e.g., Gonzalez 1997; Santos, Israelian, & Mayor 2001; Murray & Chaboyer 2002; Fischer & Valenti 2003).

In the gas giant formation domain, the total mass of the planets increases rapidly through runaway gas accretion after it exceeds \( M_{\text{K}} \sim 4 \, M_{\oplus} \). Gas accretion continues until the gas is depleted either globally or locally near the planets’ orbits. Since the planets’ growth timescale from the onset of rapid gas accretion to their asymptotic mass is relatively short compared with the disk depletion timescale, planets with \( M_{\text{p}} \sim 10-100 \, M_{\oplus} \) occupy a very limited domain inside \( a \lesssim 3 \, \text{AU} \), as shown in Figures 6 and 7 (with the exception of the case where \( M_{\text{p}} \) is limited by \( m_{\text{p,vis}} \)). In outer regions (\( a \gtrsim 3-10 \, \text{AU} \)), however, ice giants in such mass ranges can be formed. Their cores attain sufficient mass to accrete gas only after the gas has already been depleted severely.

4.2. Prediction for Mass and Semimajor Axis Distribution

Using the same theoretical model of core growth and gas accretion, we performed Monte Carlo calculations to produce a theoretical prediction for the \( M_{\text{p, iso}} \) distribution of extrasolar planets to compare it with observations (Fig. 1). Planets are assumed to form with equal probability per interval of \( \log a \).

We assume the \( f_{\text{disk}} \) distribution as in Figure 8 to be consistent with observational data (Beckwith & Sargent 1996; Wyatt et al. 2003). This is a Gaussian distribution in terms of \( \log_{10} f_{\text{disk}} \) with a center at \( \log_{10} f_{\text{disk}} = 0.25 \) and dispersion of 1. We also assume a uniform distribution in which \( f_{\text{disk}} \) is uniform in log scale from 0.1 to 30, but the results are almost the same.

The \( \tau_{\text{disk}} \) is distributed from \( 10^6 \) to \( 10^7 \, \text{yr} \) uniformly in log scale, which is also consistent with observational data (Beckwith & Sargent 1996; Wyatt et al. 2003). The range of stellar mass is also considered, so that \( a_{\text{acc}} \) is changed as equation (15). The location of \( a_{\text{acc}} \) is essential for the formation of gas giants, as shown before. In order to directly compare with the observed data, we adopt a similar selection criterion for \( M_{\text{p}} \), in the range of \( 0.7-1.4 \, M_{\text{J}} \). Correspondingly, \( a_{\text{acc}} = 1.3-5.3 \, \text{AU} \). We also assume a uniform distribution in log scale for \( M_{\text{p}} \). In each run, 10,000 initial conditions are taken.

We carry out calculations for planetary formation in disks with an evolving gas content. In these models, the cores’ accretion is truncated when their masses have attained asymptotic values of \( M_{\text{c, iso}} \) (the results with \( M_{\text{c, iso}} \) are similar). These results are shown in Figure 9. Three truncation asymptotic masses resulting from the truncation of gas accretion are considered: \( M_{\text{g}, \text{iso}} \) (Fig. 9a), \( M_{\text{g}, \text{th}} \) (Figs. 9b and 9c), and \( M_{\text{g}, \text{vis}} \) (Fig. 9d). We adopt \( \Delta a_{\text{g}} = 2r_{\text{H}} \) in Figure 9a, the critical Hill radius \( r_{\text{H}} \), being \( h \) and 1.5\( h \) in Figures 9b and 9c, respectively, and \( \alpha = 10^{-3} \) in Figure 9d.

In Figure 9, the green filled circles and blue crosses represent rocky and icy planets with an insignificant amount of gaseous envelopes around them. The green and blue open circles represent rocky and icy planets with an insignificant amount of gaseous envelopes. The red filled circles represent rocky planets with gaseous envelopes around them. The green and blue open circles represent gas-rich rocky and icy planets with gaseous envelopes that are 1–10 times more massive than their cores. The red filled circles represent gas giant planets with gaseous envelopes more than 10 times more massive than their cores. The result in Figure 9a suggests that most gas giants form with masses an order of magnitude larger than Jupiter. Even larger masses would be obtainable if the gas accretion is unimpeded until \( M_{\text{p}} \) becomes \( M_{\text{g}, \text{iso}} \) or \( M_{\text{g}, \text{iso}} + M_{\text{d, feed}} \). This inconsistency with the observed mass distribution of the extrasolar planets is removed by the thermal gap formation condition as represented in Figures 9b and 9c. However, the viscous gap formation condition in Figure 9d places an overstrict upper limit on \( M_{\text{p}} \) so that gas giants cannot form. Numerical simulations of disk-planet interaction indicate that \( M_{\text{g}, \text{th}} \) is the
appropriate upper limit for masses of gas giants (Bryden et al. 1999).

4.2.1. Planet Desert

In Figures 9a, 9b, and 9d these results show a deficit of planets with intermediate mass (10–100 $M_{\oplus}$) and semimajor axis less than 3 AU. The ranges of the deficit are different in Figures 9a, 9b, and 9c. The lower mass boundary of the planet-deficit domain in Figure 9 is demarcated by $M_p \sim 4 M_{\oplus}$ for all models. This value of $M_p$ simply corresponds to the minimum core mass that can satisfy both $M_c > M_{c,\text{crit}}$ and $M_c > M_{c,\text{KH}}$ (§ 3.1), which are the conditions for the cores to undergo rapid gas accretion. Transition across this boundary is weakened by the growth through giant impacts after the disk depletion. The truncation conditions of the cores and gas do not affect this boundary. Future observational determination of this lower mass boundary will provide useful information and constraints on the critical core mass that can lead to the onset of rapid gas accretion.

The upper mass boundary of the planet-deficit domain in Figure 9 is demarcated by the truncation condition for gas accretion. First, we consider the case of $M_{g,\text{iso}}$. Gas accretion is truncated by $M_{g,\text{iso}}$. Gas accretion is truncated by $M_{g,\text{th}}$, $M_{g,\text{th}}$, and $M_{g,\text{vis}}$. We adopt $\Delta r_{\text{th}} = 2 r_{\text{H}}$ in (a), the critical Hill radius $r_{\text{H}}$ being $h$ and 1.5$h$ in (b) and (c), respectively, and $\alpha = 10^{-3}$ in (d). The green filled circles and the blue crosses represent rocky and icy planets with gaseous envelopes less massive than their cores. The green and blue open circles represent gas-rich rocky and icy planets with gaseous envelopes that are 1–10 times more massive than their cores. The red filled circles represent gas giants with envelopes more massive than 10 times their cores. For comparison, we also plot observational data of extrasolar planets in (d). The dashed ascending lines correspond to radial velocity amplitude of 100 (upper line), 10 (middle line), and 1 m s$^{-1}$ (lower line), assuming that the host star mass is 1 $M_{\odot}$.  

![Fig. 9.—Theoretically predicted distribution based on the core accretion model for gas giant planets (for the range of parameters we used, see text). Cores are truncated by $M_{c,\text{iso}}$. Gas accretion is truncated by (a) $M_{g,\text{iso}}$, (b) $M_{g,\text{th}}$, and (d) $M_{g,\text{vis}}$. We adopt $\Delta r_{\text{th}} = 2 r_{\text{H}}$ in (a), the critical Hill radius $r_{\text{H}}$ being $h$ and 1.5$h$ in (b) and (c), respectively, and $\alpha = 10^{-3}$ in (d). The green filled circles and the blue crosses represent rocky and icy planets with gaseous envelopes less massive than their cores. The green and blue open circles represent gas-rich rocky and icy planets with gaseous envelopes that are 1–10 times more massive than their cores. The red filled circles represent gas giants with envelopes more massive than 10 times their cores. For comparison, we also plot observational data of extrasolar planets in (d). The dashed ascending lines correspond to radial velocity amplitude of 100 (upper line), 10 (middle line), and 1 m s$^{-1}$ (lower line), assuming that the host star mass is 1 $M_{\odot}$.

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In the inviscid gaseous disk model, the gas accretion process is terminated by isolation when the planets’ mass reaches a value that is given by equation (36). Since \( f_{g,0} = f_{\text{disk}} \) in all the calculations described here, we obtain, by substituting \( f_{\text{disk}} \) into equation (36), a minimum truncated mass of gas giants in these regions to be

\[
M_{g,\text{iso}}^* \simeq 1.1 \times 10^3 M_\odot. \tag{57}
\]

A similar calculation with \( f_{g,t} \simeq 3(a/1 \text{ AU})^{-1/2} \) (for cores to be truncated by \( M_{c,\text{no iso}} \)) yields

\[
M_{g,\text{iso}}^* \simeq 2.5 \times 10^2 M_\odot. \tag{58}
\]

In regions of the disk where \( f_{\text{disk}} < f_{g,t} \), cores cannot undergo rapid gas accretion, but in regions where \( f_{\text{disk}} > f_{g,t} \), cores accrete gas until \( M_p \) reaches \( M_{g,\text{iso}}^* \). The process of gas accretion can be stalled by the depletion of the disk gas. However, the timescale for the planets to attain their asymptotic mass is essentially independent of \( a \) in Figure 9a. If asymptotic mass is regulated by \( M_{g,\text{iso}}^* \), the observed upper boundary of the planet-deficit domain would provide constraints on the feeding zone width (\( \Delta a_g \)) of gas giants and the critical surface density of solid components that can produce cores large enough for gas accretion (equivalently, \( f_{g,t} \)).

### 4.2.2. Asymptotic Mass of the Gas Giants

Next, the results with gas truncation by \( M_{g,\text{th}} \) are considered. These conditions are particularly appropriate since the ongoing accretion from protostellar disks onto nearly all classical T Tauri stars clearly reflects the consequence of viscous transport of angular momentum and mass in the disks. The thermal truncation condition does not include an explicit \( f_{\text{disk}} \) dependence in the asymptotic mass of the gas giants. The mass dispersion of giant planets at given \( a \) is caused by the dispersion of the stellar mass \( M_* \) and is relatively small. The giant planet mass as a function of \( a \) clearly reflects the gap opening condition given by equation (38). The upper mass boundary of the planet-deficit domain, or equivalently the lower mass boundary of the giant planets’ domain, is demarcated by \( M_{g,\text{th}} \) with \( M_* \sim 0.7 M_\odot \) in the present models. The truncation condition for the core growth stage does not affect the results. Note that we have adopted some idealized truncation conditions. In many numerical simulations (e.g., Artymowicz & Lubow 1996), there are indications that the gas flow onto the giant planets continues, albeit at some reduced rate, after the gap formation. Turbulence may be particularly important in sustaining the planets’ growth until they have acquired larger masses than those shown in Figure 9b. In order to demonstrate this dependency, we consider in Figure 9c an additional model with \( r_{\text{1.k}} = 1.5 h \). This relaxed condition yields 3 times larger \( M_p \) for the gas giants.

The main difference between Figures 9b and 9c is the abundance of the green and blue open circles, which denote that the gas-rich terrestrial (rocky) planets and ice giants with the mass of the envelope do not exceed 10 times that of the core (i.e., \( M_p < 10 M_* \)). From equations (21) and (38), we find

\[
M_{g,\text{th}} \simeq 0.75 \times 10^3 f_{\text{disk}}^{-3/2} \eta_{\text{ice}}^{-3/2} \left( \frac{\tau_{\text{ke}}}{h} \right)^3 \left( \frac{M_*}{M_\odot} \right) M_{\text{iso}}. \tag{59}
\]

Although \( \eta_{\text{ice}} = 1 \) inside the ice line, the critical value of \( f_{\text{disk}} \) (\( \geq 17 \)) for \( M_{g,\text{th}} < 10 M_{\text{iso}} \) in Figure 9b where \( r_{\text{ke}} = h \) is within the range of \( f_{\text{disk}} \) (0.1–30) we have adopted in our simulations. Outside the ice boundary where \( \eta_{\text{ice}} = 4 \), it is much more likely that \( M_{g,\text{th}} < 10 M_{\text{iso}} \). Even though the masses of the gas-rich terrestrial planets and ice giants are dominated by their gaseous envelopes, the metallicity of their envelope may be greater than that of the disk. However, in Figure 9c where \( r_{\text{ke}} = 1.5 h \), \( M_{g,\text{th}} \) is much larger than \( M_{\text{iso}} \). The asymptotic composition of the gas giants in these disks is diluted by the massive gaseous envelope.

#### 4.2.3. Radial Extent of Planet-forming Region

The present scenario also indicates an outer boundary for the domain of gas or ice giant planet formation. The outer boundary for gas giants is set by \( a_g \) (eq. [54]) where \( 3 r_{\text{ke},\text{acc}}(M_{\text{sys}}) = r_{\text{disk}} \). Although in equation (54) \( a_g \) increases with \( f_{\text{disk}} \), it is limited to 30 AU even for the maximum value of \( f_{\text{disk}} \). We have adopted this limited extent of the gas giant formation zone only applies to the core accretion scenario. In the gravitational instability scenario, gas giants are preferentially formed far from their host stars. The spatial distribution of gas giants may provide a discriminating test for the avenue of planet formation.

After the gas depletion, the residual rocky and icy embryos can grow through giant impacts. In the above discussions, we have already indicated that core growth is limited by (a) the availability of building block material (through \( M_{c,\text{no iso}} \); eq. [23]) and (b) the retention efficiency (through \( M_{c,\text{sc}} \); eq. [27]). However, even with unimpeded growth and infinite supply of planetesimals, (c) the maximum mass that can be attained within the life span of the host star (\( \tau_s \)), through collisional coagulation, is (eq. [10])

\[
M_{c,\text{life}} \equiv M_c(\tau_s) \simeq 0.8 \times 10^4 \left( \frac{\tau_s}{1 \text{ Gyr}} \right)^{3/4} \left( \frac{\eta_{\text{ke}}}{4} \right)^{3} \left( \frac{f_{\text{disk}}}{30} \right)^{3} \left( \frac{a}{10 \text{ AU}} \right)^{-9} M_\odot. \tag{60}
\]

The boundary between conditions (a) and (b) is demarcated by \( M_{c,\text{no iso}} = M_{c,\text{sc}} \), and it occurs at

\[
a_{ab} = 3 \left( \frac{\eta_{\text{ke}}}{4} \right)^{-1/2} \left( \frac{f_{\text{disk}}}{30} \right)^{-1/2} \text{ AU}. \tag{61}
\]

The boundary between conditions (b) and (c) is demarcated by \( M_{c,\text{sc}} = M_{c,\text{life}} \), and it occurs at

\[
a_{bc} = 24 \left( \frac{\tau_s}{1 \text{ Gyr}} \right)^{2/5} \left( \frac{\eta_{\text{ke}}}{4} \right)^{2/5} \left( \frac{f_{\text{disk}}}{30} \right)^{2/5} \text{ AU}. \tag{62}
\]

Parameters \( M_{c,\text{life}} \) with \( t = 1 \text{ Gyr} \), \( M_{c,\text{no iso}} \), and \( M_{c,\text{sc}} \) are plotted as functions of \( a \) for \( f_{\text{disk}} = 1, 3, 10, \) and 30 in Figure 10.
Rocky and icy planets can exit in the range surrounded by these masses. This analytic approximation is consistent with the upper limits of \( M_p \) shown in Figure 9. In all panels of Figure 9, the formation of both gas and ice giants is quenched beyond \( \sim 30-40 \) AU despite the availability of planetesimal building blocks. In Figures 9a, 9b, and 9c, the gas-poor ice giants (represented by the blue crosses) do not extend above \( \sim 20 M_{\odot} \). Their growth is limited mostly by \( M_{e,\text{life}} \). After the gas depletion, the enhanced velocity dispersion makes the accretion rate very low. In outer regions beyond \( \sim 30-40 \) AU, this effect quenches ice giants’ further growth. If the asymptotic mass of the giant planets is limited by the viscous condition (Fig. 9d), gas accretion beyond 10 AU would be quenched when \( M_p \sim 40-100 M_{\odot} \). Since their growth is speeded up by the gas accretion, they may be able to attain masses larger than \( M_{p,\text{vis}} \) over some intermediate range of \( a \) (3–10 AU) through collisional coagulation after the gas depletion.

For modest values of \( a_{\text{disk}} \) such as that in the minimum-mass nebula model (\( \sim 1 \)), \( a_{\text{gl}} < a_{\text{si}} < a_{\text{sh}} < a_{\text{bc}} \). In this case, rocky, gas giant, and ice giant planets naturally form in order of increasing distance from their host stars. This expectation is consistent with the distribution of the planets in the solar system. Outside \( a_{\text{bc}} \), the massive ice giants become the scattering agents that induce the residual planetesimals to be ejected to form cometary clouds and freely floating planets. This extrapolation is also consistent with the observed population of scattered Kuiper Belt objects (Duncan & Levison 1997). Beyond \( a_{\text{bc}} \), the growth time is the limiting factor for the emergence of any sizeable protoplanets. In order to account for the absence of modest-size Kuiper Belt objects beyond \( \sim 40-50 \) AU, \( a_{\text{disk}} \lesssim a \) is needed.

4.3. Comparison with Observational Data

The present observational data (Fig. 1) are obtained with some selection effects. For example, only planets with radial velocity amplitude \( v \lesssim 10 \) m s\(^{-1} \) and semimajor axes \( a \lesssim 4-5 \) AU have been detected so far. The planets’ mass inferred from these observations represents a set of minimum values, and their real magnitude is a function of the inclination angle of their orbital plane to the line of sight. Many planets are found with \( a \sim 0.1-1 \) AU and \( M_p \gtrsim M_J \). With the model in which the gas accretion is truncated by first isolation, we can construct such massive close-in planets (Fig. 9a), but their emergence requires massive disks that may be prone to gravitational instability. The second and third models (Figs. 9b and 9c) do not produce Jovian-mass planets inside \( \sim 1 \) AU because the disks’ aspect ratio is relatively small. There are many possibilities, within the framework of the core accretion scenario, to account for this discrepancy. Post–gap-opening accretion can lead to in situ formation of such planets. Orbital migration can also bring in the relatively massive planets formed in the outer regions where the disks’ aspect ratio is relatively large (see next section).

The present data show an apparent lack of planets with \( M_p \lesssim 200 M_{\oplus} \) and \( a \sim 0.2-3 \) AU (see Fig. 1). When corrected for the inclination of their orbits, the demarcation boundary may be shifted to higher masses, by a factor of 2, from that indicated in Figure 1. If this hint of a planet-deficit domain is confirmed by the future observations, it would provide useful constraints on the truncation condition for gas accretion. At their face value, the present data are consistent with the simulated results with a combination of the isolation condition with \( M_{\text{gas,iso}} \) and the thermal condition with \( M_{p,\text{th}} \). The viscous condition with \( M_{p,\text{vis}} \) limits planet masses to values much smaller than observed masses unless (1) an extremely large value of \( \alpha \) is taken (which can be ruled out by the persistent timescale of protostellar disks) or (2) accretion continues after gap formation.

Our numerical simulations also show an outer boundary for the planet-deficit domain at around 3 AU. This boundary reflects the changes in the dominant process that limits the formation of gas giants. At \( a \lesssim 3 \) AU, the condition of \( M_c > 4 M_{\oplus} \) is more important because cores grow rapidly and reach their asymptotic mass prior to the era of gas depletion. However, at \( a \gtrsim 3 \) AU, the cores’ growth is so slow that it is more important for \( \tau_{\text{acc}} \lesssim \tau_{\text{disk}} \) to be satisfied. For most cores that can start gas accretion, \( \tau_{\text{acc}} \) is of order of \( \tau_{\text{disk}} \). Hence, many cores may not be able to initiate the process of gas accretion even though their mass can become larger than 10 \( M_{\oplus} \) after gas depletion. As a result, planetary mass distribution at \( a \gtrsim 3 \) AU is likely to be continuous and does not show a clear deficit. Thus, the outer boundary of the planet-deficit domain indicates the critical semimajor axis where core accretion timescales and disk gas depletion timescales are comparable.

5. ORBITAL MIGRATION

The existing data of known extrasolar planets include a population of short-period planets with period down to 3 days. We consider the possibility of orbital migration in this section.

5.1. Model of Orbital Migration

There are several suggestions that, as a result of a torque imbalance, embedded protoplanetary cores can undergo rapid type I migration (e.g., Goldreich & Tremaine 1980; Ward 1986). At 1 AU, the migration timescale for \( M_c \sim 1 M_{\oplus} \) is only \( 10^4-10^5 \) yr (Ward 1997; Tanaka et al. 2002; Bate et al. 2003). If type I migration is considered, all the protoplanetary cores have a tendency to rapidly migrate to the proximity of their host stars, prior to gas accretion. Thus, type I migration appears...
to be inconsistent with prolific formation of extrasolar giant planets, as well as the efficient preservation of Earth-mass planets in the habitable zones around the Sun.

In contrast, type II migration naturally occurs when a planet acquires an adequate mass to open up a gap. Gap formation process itself requires the dissipation of tidally induced density waves. Turbulent viscosity is a possible mechanism to provide such a dissipation mechanism. It can also regulate the rate of gas accretion onto the classical T Tauri stars. Once a protoplanet has acquired an adequate mass to open up a gap, its orbital evolution is coupled with the viscous evolution of the disk (Lin & Papaloizou 1985).

In the next set of models, we include the effect of type II migration for gas giants that have already attained their asymptotic masses. For computational convenience, we introduce a simple prescription to follow the orbital evolution of the gas giant planets. The direction of the migration can be both inward and outward. We arbitrarily set a stopping semimajor axis for the inwardly migrating planets to be $\sim 0.04$ AU. There are several potential mechanisms for halting the migration near the stellar surface (Lin, Bodenheimer, & Richardson 1996; Trilling et al. 1998), but none of these processes are effective beyond $\sim 0.1–0.2$ AU. The migration can be halted beyond $\sim 0.1–0.2$ AU by gas depletion (Trilling et al. 2002; Armitage et al. 2002; Matsuyama et al. 2003). However, both the planet formation and migration timescales at $0.2–3$ AU are shorter than $\tau_{\text{disk}} \sim 10^6–10^7$ yr. We consider below the necessary condition to build up gas giants and deplete the disk during the course of their migration so that they would be relocated to this intermediate location.

Here we consider only the type II migration in which orbital evolution of a planet embedded in a gap is coupled with the evolution of the disk (Lin et al. 1996; Trilling et al. 2002; Armitage et al. 2002). In a slowly evolving (quasi-steady) disk, the angular momentum flux due to the viscous stress is approximately independent of the disk radius. For a simple approximation, we estimate the net angular momentum transfer rate, in the absence of any planets, at the radius of maximum viscous couple $R_m$ (e.g., Lynden-Bell & Pringle 1974),

$$J_m \simeq \frac{3}{2} \Sigma_g \Omega_{K.m} R_m^2 \sim \frac{3\alpha}{2} \Sigma_g R_m^2 \Omega_{K.m} h_m^2,$$

where the subscript "m" denotes values of various quantities at $R_m$.

Across the gap, the planets’ tidal torque regulates the angular momentum transport. When the disk inside their orbits is accreted onto their host stars or that outside their orbits diffuses to much larger radii, the embedded planets maintain the angular momentum transport balance $4M_p \Omega_{K,p} a_p a_p \sim J_m$ by adjusting their orbital radius $a_p$ (Lin & Papaloizou 1985; Lin et al. 1996). This process leads to planetary migration on a rate

$$\frac{\dot{a}_p}{a_p} \simeq 3 \text{ sign } (a_p - R_m) \alpha \frac{\Sigma_g R_m^2 \Omega_{K.m}}{M_p} \left( \frac{h_m}{\alpha a_p} \right)^2 \Omega_{K.m},$$

where $\Omega_{K,p}$ is Kepler frequency of the planet's orbit at $a_p$.

The sign implies that after it has opened up a gap, an embedded planet at radius $a_p$ would migrate with the disk gas toward its host star if $a_p < R_m$ and away from the star if $a_p > R_m$. Using equations (16) and (12) to substitute for $\Sigma_g$ and $h$, we obtain a migration timescale

$$\tau_{\text{mig}} = \frac{a_p}{\dot{a}_p} = 0.8 \times 10^6 f_g^{-1} \frac{M_p}{M_\odot} \left( \frac{M_\odot}{M_p} \right) \left( \frac{\alpha}{10^{-4}} \right)^{-1} \left( \frac{a_p}{1 \text{ AU}} \right)^{1/2} \text{ yr.}$$

5.2. An $\alpha$-Prescription for Gas Disk Evolution

The value of $R_m$ depends on the $\Sigma_g$ distribution. For the minimum-mass solar nebula model, we estimate it to be $\sim 10$ AU (Lin & Papaloizou 1985). However, the observationally inferred size and mass of the disks have a large dispersion. A similar dispersion is expected in $R_m$. During the viscous diffusion process, $R_m$ evolves outward if there is no inflow to replenish the disk mass. In the absence of inflow and outflow, $\Sigma_g$ declines in most parts of the disk as mass is accreted onto the host stars. From the conservation of the total disk mass,

$$\dot{J}_{\text{tot}} \sim \pi \Sigma_g R_m^2 \Omega_{K.m},$$

we expect

$$\frac{\dot{R}_m}{R_m} \sim \frac{2\Sigma_g}{5\Sigma_g}.$$
over a greater radial extent and the inward migration accelerates with time. In all figures, we indicate the evolution of \( R_m \) with dashed lines. Planets outside \( R_m \) migrated outward. Some planets that formed slightly outside the initial \( R_m \) migrate outward first. However, as \( R_m \) expands beyond their orbits, their migration reverses direction and they undergo orbital decay (Lin & Papaloizou 1985). The migration of some planets is stalled at intermediate radii when the disk is depleted. Note that the number of planets that stalled with intermediate semimajor axes or equivalently periods is a function of \( \tau_{dep} / \tau_{mig,1} \)

5.3. The Modification of the Semimajor Axis Distribution by Migration

We apply the above prescription for migration to the planetary growth model. We added the effects of migration to the Monte Carlo calculations in § 4.2 (Figs. 9a, 9b, and 9c). We assume that type II migration starts when a planet’s mass reaches \( M_{g,th} \) and a gap is opened up in the nascent disk near its orbit (models [a] and [b]). In the case that the gas truncation is induced by isolation, it is less clear when type II migration would be initiated. For simplicity, we assume that migration starts when planetary mass reaches \( M_{g,iso} \), which is larger than \( M_{g,th} \). For model (c), migration is initiated when \( \tau_{II} \) becomes larger than \( h/1.5 \) such that there is a range for which gas accretion and migration occur concurrently. This migration condition is similar to \( M_p > M_{g,vis} \). (As mentioned in the

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**Fig. 11.**—Planetary migration obtained by integrating \( \dot{a}_p \) with eqs. (65) and (68), shown by solid lines. Inside the thick dashed lines, final semimajor axes reach 0.04 AU. They are greater than 0.9 times their original locations, outside the thick solid lines. Dashed lines express \( R_m \). Time is scaled by \( \tau_{mig} \) at 1 AU (\( \tau_{mig,1} \)).
last section, the gas truncation by $M_{\text{gas,vis}}$ seems to be inconsistent with the observational data, but the migration condition by $M_{\text{gas,vis}}$ may be reasonable.

In these calculations, $\tau_{\text{dep}} = 10^6 - 10^7 \text{yr}$. The time-dependent calculation of disk evolution (Lynden-Bell & Pringle 1974) indicates that the disk mass declines on the viscous diffusion timescale near $R_m$. If gas depletion in disks is due to their viscous evolution, we would expect $\tau_{\text{dep}}$ to be comparable to $\tau_{\text{disk,acc}}$ (eq. [70]) near $R_m \sim 10 \text{AU}$. In order to match the observed properties of protostellar disks around classical T Tauri stars, we adopt $\alpha = 10^{-4}$, which corresponds to $\tau_{\text{dep}}/\tau_{\text{disk,acc}} \sim 1$ at 10 AU.

The results of our simulations are shown in Figure 12 for three series of models. In each case, the gas and core accretion are truncated by the conditions that correspond to those in Figure 9. The results show that the spatial distribution of the gas-poor cores is not affected by the migration because it only affects those planets that are able to accrete gas and to open up gaps. But for gas giant planets, equation (65) indicates that the migration timescale increases with their masses and semimajor axes. The less massive gas giants are formed preferentially with relatively small semimajor axes, and they migrate to $\sim 0.04 \text{AU}$ in all the cases. This result is consistent with the observed mass distribution of the short-period planets, which appears to be smaller than that of planets with periods longer than a few months (Udry et al. 2003).

Gas giant planets with $\tau_{\text{mig}} \leq \tau_{\text{disk}}$ migrate over extended radial distance provided that the disk gas is preserved for a sufficiently long time for them to form. For example, the critical value of $f_{\text{disk}}$ for the formation of gas giants is $\sim 3-8$ at $a \sim 1 \text{AU}$ where $f_{\text{ice}} = 1$ (see § 4.1). From equation (18), we find that in disks with $f_{\text{disk}}$ larger than the critical value, the

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**Fig. 12.** Similar plots as Fig. 9, but with the effect of type II migration included. The value of $\alpha$-viscosity is taken as $\alpha = 10^{-4}$ to be consistent with disk depletion times $\sim 10^6 - 10^7 \text{yr}$. (a) Gas accretion is truncated by $M_{g,\text{iso}}$ and core accretion by $M_{c,\text{iso}}$; (b) $M_{g,\text{iso}}$ and $M_{c,\text{iso}}$; (c) $M_{g,\text{th}}$ and $M_{c,\text{iso}}$. We adopt $\Delta m = 2r_H$ in (a) and $M_c = 1 M_\odot$ in (c).
timescale for a core to acquire a mass \( M_p \gtrsim 4 M_\oplus \) is \( 3 \tau_{\text{acc}} \lesssim 10^2 \) yr, which is much smaller than the mean disk depletion timescale \( \tau_{\text{disk}} \sim 10^6 - 10^7 \) yr. If the subsequent gas accretion is limited by either \( M_{p,\text{th}} \) or \( M_{p,\text{iso}} \), the asymptotic mass of the gas giant would be \( \lesssim 10 M_J \) (Fig. 9). For this range of \( M_p \) and \( f_{\text{disk}} \), we find, from equations (65) and (70), that the migration timescale \( \tau_{\text{mig}} \) is less than a few million years provided \( \alpha \sim 10^{-4} \). In most disks, \( R_m \gg 1 \) AU so that the planets formed at \( a \sim 1 \) AU have \( \tau_{\text{mig}} \lesssim \tau_{\text{disk}} \). Thus, within our model here, most gas giant planets formed within \( \sim 1 \) AU are removed by the orbital migration independent of the truncation condition for gas accretion.

Nevertheless, there is a population of gas giants that attain an asymptotic semimajor axis in the range of a fraction of an AU. In fact, the distribution of semimajor axis is nearly continuous from \( \sim 0.04 \) to 4 AU. As we have indicated in the discussion of Figure 11, planets formed between \( a_1 \) and \( a_2 \) slightly outside the initial radius of maximum viscous stress \( (R_m) \) migrate outward first. They reverse their direction and migrate inward after \( R_m \) has expanded beyond their orbit. (In all our calculations, we adopt \( R_m = 10 \) AU initially so that \( a_1 \sim 3-5 \) AU and \( a_2 \sim 10 \) AU.) Their period distribution in the range of a few weeks to years is determined by the ratio of the disk depletion and viscous timescales. With our adopted value of \( \tau_{\text{dep}}/\tau_{\text{disk,acc}} \approx 1 \), the simulated \( a \) distribution is similar to that observed.

Numerical simulations of disk-planet interaction suggest that there may be lingering gas accretion after the gap formation that may lead to \( M_p \) being somewhat but not substantially larger than \( M_{p,\text{th}} \). The postformation accretion may be particularly effective for the eccentric planets because their large epicyclic excursion can be extended beyond the boundaries of the gap. From equation (65) we find that \( \tau_{\text{mig}} \sim \tau_{\text{disk}} \) when \( M_p \) reaches

\[
M_{\text{mig}} = 12.5 f_g \left( \frac{\tau_{\text{disk}}}{10^2 \text{ yr}} \right) \left( \frac{M_\star}{M_\odot} \right) \left( \frac{a}{1 \text{ AU}} \right)^{-1/2} M_J.
\]

If such an effect leads to the formation of any massive planets with \( M_p > M_{\text{mig}} \), they would not be able to migrate significantly from their birthplace.

5.4. Preservation of the Planet-Deficit Domain

The results in Figure 12 show that the domain of the planet desert becomes more clearly defined with all three prescriptions for the truncation of gas accretion. In comparison with the planets’ initial properties (see Fig. 9), the effect of the orbital migration is to reduce and erase the differences introduced to the \( M_p-a \) distribution by the different truncation conditions for gas accretion.

In this series of simulations, we only consider type II migration, which occurs only if a planet can open up a gap with a mass in excess of \( (0.3 - 1) M_{\text{g,th}} \sim (30 - 10^2)(a/1 \text{ AU})^{3/4} M_\oplus \). The lower \( M_p \) boundary of the planet desert is not modified by the type II migration process because it is populated by cores that have not yet initiated the process of rapid gas accretion and may not migrate. As we have already shown that this boundary is primarily determined by the cores’ mass required for transition from the predominantly planetesimal to the mostly gas accretion, it is insensitive to the truncation condition for the cores and their asymptotic masses.

A direct comparison between Figures 9 and 12 clearly indicates that the planet migration process significantly alters the upper \( M_p \) boundary of the planet-deficit domain. Gas giants formed with \( a < a_1 \sim 3 - 5 \) AU (see Fig. 12) migrate to 0.04 AU, but some planets formed between \( a_1 \) and \( a_2 \sim 10 \) AU attain asymptotic \( a \) between 0.04 and 4 AU. As the semimajor axes of these marginally survivable gas giants spread out, they attain a nearly logarithmic period distribution similar to the observed period distribution. Outside \( a_2 \), the gas giants form in the advanced stages of disk evolution when there is insufficient gas to induce any significant migration. Based on the results in Figure 12, we infer a substantial upturn in the semimajor axis distribution of Jupiter-mass gas giants at around 10 AU. The boundary of the upturn in the period distribution is determined by the ratio of gas depletion and the viscous evolution timescales of the disk.

During the migration, the gas giants are not expected to lose mass. Thus, the upper \( M_p \) boundary of the planet-deficit region is set by the lowest gas accretion truncation mass between \( a_1 \) and \( a_2 \). Above this upper boundary, the spread in \( M_p \) among the gas giants with any given \( a \) is due to the dispersion in the gas accretion truncation condition induced by the mass range of the host stars and nascent disks.

In this series of simulations, the outer \( a \) boundary of the planet desert in the \( M_p-a \) diagram occurs at \( \sim 3 \) AU for all three classes of models. The magnitude of the outer \( a \) boundary is determined by the location where cores can attain a sufficient mass to undergo efficient gas accretion prior to the depletion of the gas in the disk. Since this condition is associated with the evolution of the cores, the location of the outer \( a \) boundary does not depend on either the gas accretion truncation conditions or the migration process.

Beyond the outer \( a \) boundary, ice giant planets, similar to Uranus and Neptune, can form with \( 10-100 M_\oplus \). In these regions, the cores grow relatively slowly. Even though the asymptotic mass of the cores is relatively large, they are unable to acquire \( M_{\text{c, KH}} \sim 4 M_\oplus \) to initiate a phase of rapid gas accretion. The large asymptotic mass of these planets is acquired during the final phase of their assembly after gas in the disk has been depleted. In the limit that some residual gas in the disk is preserved for an extended length of time, type II migration cannot relocate these planets because their mass is too small to open up a gap. Nevertheless, the mass spectrum at any \( a \) beyond the outer boundary of the planet desert can evolve slightly with gas accretion and significantly via residual core accretion and giant impacts. The timescale of growth through giant impacts is similar to that for the oligarchic cores and is an increasing function of the planet’s mass. This further coagulation process leads to a continuous mass spectrum. The range of ice giants’ masses in the region just beyond the outer \( a \) boundary is determined by the dispersion in the heavy-element content, i.e., \( f_{\text{disk}} \), out there.

The center of the planet-deficit domain is not entirely void of planets with intermediate \( M_p \) and \( a \)-values. Within the present theoretical framework of our models, only type II migration can modify the planets’ semimajor axis. However, the necessary condition for type II migration is for gas giants to reach their gas accretion truncation mass \( M_{p,\text{th}} \), which is an increasing function of \( a \). Gas giants with \( M_p \) less than the local \( M_{p,\text{th}} \) can be formed inside any disk location. However, planets formed inside the radius of maximum viscous stress in the disk \( R_m \) must always migrate inward. Since \( R_m \) is generally comparable to or larger than \( a_2 \), planets with intermediate \( M_p \) and \( a \) cannot migrate into the planet desert domains from
smaller or larger $a$-values. In our simulation, a few planets located in the planet-deficit, intermediate $M_p$ and $a$ region can be formed in marginally massive disks where $f_{\text{disk}} > f_{\text{disk, min}}$ and $f_p \sim (M_p/M_\odot)/(a/1 \text{ AU})^{-1/2}$ (see eqs. [55] and [47]). In this estimate, we assume that since these planets do not have adequate mass to open a gap, they eventually acquire all the nearby residual disk gas.

5.5. The Spatial Extent of Planetary Systems

In the scenario we presented here, we artificially halt the migration at 0.04 AU to represent the effect of tidal and magnetospheric interaction between short-period planets and their host stars. Besides these processes, MHD turbulence in the disk may also play a role in halting their migration (Terquem 2003). Since most of the short-period planets were formed with $a < a_1$, they generally form with less mass than the planets that accreted gas later, at larger disk radii, and retained a greater fraction of their original semimajor axis. Most gas giant planets formed inside $a_1$ migrate to 0.04 AU. Since gas giants can readily form well within $a_1$ (see Fig. 9), a large accumulation of short-period planets is expected. Although there is a spike in the observed period distribution just outside 0.03 AU, the amplitude of this enhancement is modest. Near the surface of the host stars, the combined effects of tidal, magnetospheric, and radiative effects of the host stars, as well as the secular perturbation of more distant planets, disks, and stars, may lead to the destruction of the short-period planets and the disruptions of their orbits. For our results in Figure 12 to be consistent with the observed distribution, 90%–95% of the planets that migrate to within 0.05 AU must perish.

For the outer boundary of planetary systems, we find that there are several very massive planets that managed to migrate to $a \sim 50–100 \text{ AU}$ in Figures 12a, 12b, and 12c. These planets were formed at 10–30 AU, just outside $a_2$ in massive disks we have simulated. With their large values of $a \sim 10–30 \text{ AU}$ and $f_{\text{disk}} \sim 20–30$, the gravitational stability parameter $Q$ (eq. [56]) at formation locations of these planets is found to be 0.7–1.2, which may be (marginally) gravitationally unstable. Hence, the outward-migrating massive gas giants may actually be more rare.

For disks with modest masses, ice giants can accrete gas to form sizable gaseous envelopes (represented by open blue circles) well beyond the ice boundary. We assume that the ice giants do not migrate because they do not have a sufficient mass to open a clean gap. Nevertheless, the weak tidal interaction may be adequate to induce the ice giants to migrate primarily outward over a limited extent. In the solar system, the migration of Neptune over several AU on a timescale of several Myr may have led to the capture of Kuiper Belt objects on its 3:2 orbit (but not on its 2:1 mean motion resonances (Ida et al. 2000).

In the current analysis, we do not consider the interaction between multiple planets that can lead to dynamical instabilities (Chambers, Wetherill, & Boss 1996; Lin & Ida 1997; Marzari & Weidenschilling 2002). Although sizeable planets may be ejected to large distances from their host stars, such an instability is likely to induce the orbits of the residual planets to become highly eccentric and dynamically segregated with large ($\geq 10$) period ratios (e.g., Weidenschilling & Marzari 1996; Lin & Ida 1997). The search for the orderly packed ice giants with nearly circular orbits may provide useful constraints to differentiate the core accretion and gravitational instability scenarios for planet formation.

6. SUMMARY AND DISCUSSIONS

We have investigated the mass and semimajor axis distributions of extrasolar planets through theoretical models based on the core accretion model for formation of gas giants. Core accretion from planetesimals is modeled by the results of $N$-body simulations. Gas accretion onto the cores is modeled with Kelvin-Helmholtz contraction of the gas envelope. Since the termination of gas accretion onto cores has some uncertainty, we considered various models for the asymptotic mass of the gas giants. In some calculations, we also include the effects of type II migration.

In general, the formation of gas giants is favored just outside the ice boundary at $\sim 3 \text{ AU}$. Inside the ice boundary, because the volatile gases cannot condense into grains, the mass of solid cores tends to be smaller than $4 M_\oplus$, which is necessary for the onset of rapid gas accretion onto them. On the other hand, in outer regions ($\gtrsim 10 \text{ AU}$), core accretion is slow so that cores cannot attain $4 M_\oplus$ before the disk gas is depleted on the timescale of $10^5–10^6 \text{ yr}$. In very massive disks, however, cores become massive enough for the onset of rapid gas accretion even inside the ice boundary within the disk lifetime to attain mass $\gtrsim 100 M_\oplus$. Since planets grow very rapidly from 10 to 100 $M_\oplus$, planets of the intermediate masses are rare at $a \lesssim 3 \text{ AU}$ (planet desert). If the effect of type II migration is included, the deficit becomes more clear and tends to become independent of the model of termination of gas accretion. It also results in accumulation of planets at $a \sim 0.03–0.1 \text{ AU}$. As a result, the deficit becomes $\sim 10–100 M_\oplus$ and 0.2–3 AU.

The current radial velocity survey of nearby stars is limited by the availability of accurate radial velocity measurements (down to the level of $v_\text{r} \gtrsim 10 \text{ m s}^{-1}$) over the past few years. Planets with masses comparable to that of Jupiter and $a \lesssim 4–5 \text{ AU}$ are inferred from these observations. The processed data show a hint of the planet desert (Fig. 1). Further observations in the regime of longer periods (larger $a$) and smaller $v_\text{r}$ will clarify the existence of a planet desert (a deficit of planets with intermediate mass and semimajor axis planets).

Gas giants could also be formed by self-gravitational collapse of a disk (e.g., Boss 2001). If extrasolar planets are formed from the self-gravitational collapse, the mass and semimajor axis distributions of extrasolar planets should show different features from those we show here based on the core accretion model for gas giants. As we showed in §§4 and 5, with the core accretion model, gas giants may be limited to the regions $a \lesssim 20 \text{ AU}$, except for planets on eccentric orbits that are scattered from inner regions by dynamical instabilities in multiple gas giant systems (which we do not consider in this paper). On the other hand, in the self-gravitational collapse model, gas giants are preferentially formed far from their host stars (see eq. [56]), although the mass distribution of gas giants is not clear. The search for gas giants on nearly circular orbits beyond 20–30 AU may provide useful constraints to differentiate the core accretion and gravitational instability models for formation of gas giants.

If the presence of a planet desert is confirmed by future observations, the boundaries of the planet-deficit domain in the mass and semimajor axis plane should provide the following constraints on the planetary formation processes (see also Fig. 13):

1. The lower mass boundary ($M_\text{f}$) indicates the core mass that can initiate the onset of rapid gas accretion. Our theoretical model predicts that $M_\text{f} \sim 4 M_\oplus$ and it does not depend on $a$. (If
we include the coalescence between cores after gas depletion, $M_f$ slightly increases with $a$.)

2. The value of the upper mass boundary ($M_u$) and its dependence on $a$ provide clues on the truncation mechanism of gas accretion. For various models we find (1) $M_u = 3 \times 10^{-2} - 10^{-1} M_{\odot}$ (and independent of $a$) if the gas giants’ growth is limited by an isolation process, (2) $M_u = (20(\alpha/10^{-3})(a/1 AU))^{1/2} M_{\odot}$ if a complete gap is formed through the viscous condition, or (3) $M_u = 80(a/1 AU)^{3/4} M_{\odot}$ if it is due to the thermal condition. However, if the effect of type II migration is included, the results in models 1 and 3 lead to similar $M_u$-$a$ distribution. Then the magnitude of $M_u$ constrains the migration timescales and disk depletion timescales.

3. The smaller $a$ boundary ($a_i$) indicates the maximum radius at which type II migration can be halted.

4. The larger $a$ boundary ($a_u$) traces out the radius where a dominant condition for formation of gas giants changes between the $\tau_{acc}$ condition and $M_{\text{iso}}$ condition. At $a \gtrsim a_u$, the former is more important than the latter, and vice versa. Our theoretical model predicts that $a_u \sim 3$ AU.

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Fig. 13.—Illustrative figure for the planet desert. The lower mass boundary ($M_l$) indicates the core mass that can initiate the onset of rapid gas accretion. The upper mass boundary ($M_u$) and its dependence on $a$ provide clues on the truncation mechanism of gas accretion. The smaller $a$ boundary ($a_i$) indicates the maximum radius at which type II migration can be halted. The larger $a$ boundary ($a_u$) traces out the radius where a dominant condition for formation of gas giants changes between the $\tau_{acc}$ condition and $M_{\text{iso}}$ condition. For details, see text.
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