# Planet Formation in Stellar clusters

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#### Background -1-



- Stars form in clusters
- Around young stars there exist circumstellar discs which are remainder of the star formation process.
- Planet forms in the circumstellar disscs.
   At least of recent few growing planets are observed in discs.
- Why are few planets observed even in open stellar clusters?
  - Observation difficulty?
  - Do planet start forming in the discs after escaping the stellar clusters?
  - Maybe in stellar clusters conditions are never favourable for planet formation

### **Observation difficulty**

- False positive (Delgado Mena, E., Lovis, C., Santos, N. C., et al. 2018, AA, 619, A2)
- Shallow dips in the light curves (Pepper, J., Stanek, K. Z., Pogge, R. W., et al. 2008, AJ, 135, 907)
- Incompleteness of surveys, i.e pleaides (Fujii, M. S.; Hori, Y., et al. 2019, AA, 624, A110)

# What are the conditions in stellar clusters and what do they mean to planet formation

- Fly-bys: Truncates the disc (Vincke, Kirsten; Breslau, Andreas; Pfalzner, Susanne,577,A115), eject planets at the discs outskirts (Fragner, M. M.; Nelson, R. P.,2009,AA,505,873-889)
- Photoevaporation: disc lifetime, planet atmosphere (e.g. Armitage P.J.2000,AA362, 968)
- Background heating (e.g Ndugu N., Jurua E., Bitsch B., 2018, MNRAS, 474, 886)

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#### What is then missing?

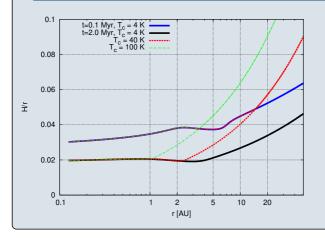
- In sciences it is sometimes good to separate the object of interest from its surroundings and look at it in isolation if clear clarity is needed. sometimes is not always.
- If indeed planets starts forming while their host stars are still in clusters, then it
  is not good to model planet formation as if they all start forming around field
  stars.

#### Planet formation

The most widely accepted planet formation models are the **core accretion** and the gravitational instability models.

- In the core accretion, a bottom top approach is followed.
- Solid materials (cm-sized or km-sized) are accreted from the disc onto the planets-embedded in the disc.
- Aerodynamically coupled pebble (cm-sized) accretion, planetesimal (km-sized) accretion.
- Solid accretion occurs until isolation mass.
- As long as isolation mass is reached when there still gas in the disc, gas accretion proceeds.
- The protoplanet also perturb the natal discs and changes orbit (migration)

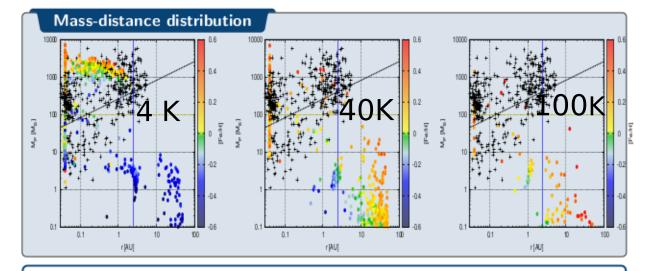
# Disc structure in stellar clusters: Incorporating background heating (Ndugu et al.2018)



- We expanded the disc model of Bitsch et al. 2015 to account for background heating.
- Cluster environments cause flaring H/r profile of the disc.
- Since,  $M_{\rm iso} \propto \left(\frac{H}{r}\right)^3$ , high H/r implies higher  $M_{\rm iso}$
- Cores therefore takes longer time accreting times. By the time gas accretion starts disc might be dispersed.

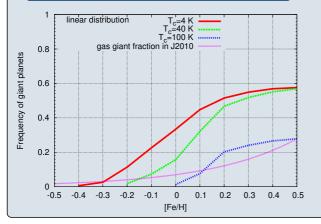
# Planet population synthesis

- How does it work?
  - 1 Randomize the initial conditions of planet formation.
  - @ Generate population of planets.
  - 3 Compare the population of the synthesized planets to observation.
  - 4 Evaluate the suitability of the planet formation models in matching the observation.



SE: Super Earth-	$T_{\rm c}[K]$	SE	NP	HJ	WJ	CJ	Others	- -WJ:Warm Jupiter
	4	32.2	8.9	32.4	16.1	1.2	9.2	- vvj. vvarrir jupiter
NP:Neptunian	40	5.3	3.3	10.7	0.7	0.7	79.3	CJ: Cold Jupiter
HJ: Hot Jupiter -	100	1.9	0.6	1.2	0.0	0.0	96.3	_
nj: not jupiter								

#### **Comparison to giant exoplanets**



- Overfits at low cluster environment.
- Relatively better fit at high cluster environment.
- Saturation of the simulation curve at high metallicity.
- Maybe for efficient solid accretion (pebble accretion), hotter background heating like in clusters is needed for matching the gas giant planets.

#### Remarks

- We modelled only the background heating from stellar clusters, but did not incorporate the impact of clusters on disc truncation and thus on a decrease in pebble flux.
- Our approach is the simplistic, one-embryo per disc, multiplicity will even slower down pebble accretion more due to enhanced eccentricity.
- We did not account for ejection of gas giant planet at the disc's outskirts due to parabolic encounters.
- Our approach immediately stopped when the disc is disc is dispersed, the important long time evolution even after disc evolution not incorporated