Formation of atmospheres



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Outline



Figure 1 Conceptual view of Earth evolution, identifying the three crucial elements (the initial condition, the evolution path, and the present state) and the sciences that contribute to their understanding. The axes are unimportant, since the diagram is merely a 2-D slice of a multidimensional phase space. They might represent temperature or composition, for example.

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Stevenson, 2014

Introduction / constraints: primary atmosphere



Gaillard et al., 2021

Introduction / constraints: chronology of events

Dissipation of gas in the protoplanetary gas confirmed around 10 My by datation using short lived Pd-Ag system on Iron meteorites (*Hunt et al., 2022*)

Constraints on the time of formation of Earth Hf-W + U pb: $\sim 30 - 100$ My and Mars : 1 - 10 My measured on martian meteorites



Figure 1 The timing of events in the early Solar System (Data and models: Dauphas and Pourmand, 2011; Hutcheon et al., 2009; Movshovitz et al., 2010; Qin et al., 2008; Sung et al., 2009; Touboul et al., 2007).

Chambers, 2014

Introduction / constraints: different types of meteorites



Planétologie, Sotin et al., Dunod

Introduction / constraints: accretion models



These ages compatible with accretion models

Fig. 3 Figure from Walsh et al. (2011) showing a simulation of the Grand Tack scenario. The top three panels



Introduction / constraints:



Massol, 2016 based on Lopez and Fortney, 2014 7

Introduction / constraints:



Planetary Mass (Mearth)

Cause of magma ocean

- Blanketting by a dense primary atmosphere
- Impacts
- Radiogenic elements (Al26)



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Chao, 2021

arrows indicate giant impacts. The thin line assumes growth at an exponentially decaying rate (equation 5.4) with timescale τ of 10 Myr and a later final Moon-forming impact. Exponential growth models with longer e-folding timescales have been used to reproduce the Hf-W and U-Pb isotope systematics of the Earth [Halliday, 2004; Rudge et al., 2010] under the assumption of incomplete re-equilibration during impacts (Section 5.2.4.1). M_{ϵ} is one Earth mass.

Nimmo & Kleine 2015



Nimmo & Kleine 2015



Fig. 3. Late-time thermal stage following the impact shown in Fig. 2. (a) Low impact Froude number, $Fr \simeq 6$, $U \simeq 1.3 \text{ m s}^{-1}$. (b) High impact Froude number, $Fr \simeq 100$, $U \simeq 5.4 \text{ m s}^{-1}$. In both experiments $P \simeq 0.02$ and the impactor radius $R \simeq 3$ cm. The experiments in (a) and (b) correspond to supplementary movies S1 and S2, respectively.

Landeau et al., 2021

Certaines petites planètes sans atmospheres primitives vont pouvoir former une atmosphere secondaire Par dégazage.



Fe molten	$+1/2 O_2 \iff$	FeO molten
alloy		silicate



IW: f₀₂

Galliara et al.

Introduction / constraints: Volatiles



Introduction / constraints: different types of meteorites

CometWatch - NavCam images, ESA 7/7/2015



Tchourioumov gerasymenko

Introduction / constraints: water

~18₋₃ /⁺⁸¹ EO



Fig. 1 Sketch illustrating the "water" species present in the various phases of the Earth's mantle and crust. The size of the pie slices represents the approximate volume percentage of the phases. The main reservoir of water in the mantle is nominally anhydrous minerals where hydrogen (H) enters their lattice in defects, and bonds to structural oxygen (*blue field*) (Bell and Rossman 1992b). *Olivine, pyroxene and garnet can incorporate water as H₂ under reduced conditions (Yang et al. 2016). **K-feldspar can sometimes include water as H₂O and NH₄ (Johnson and Rossman 2004)

Peslier et al., 2017

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Massol et al., 2016

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Coupled model

ATMOSPHERE

- Radiative-convective (Marcq, 2012&2017)
- 1D Plan parallel

Keat and volatile transfer

MANTLE

• Parameterized convection, $F_{conv} \propto Ra^{1/3}$

 Bottom up solidification



Salvador et al., 2017

$$u \equiv 0 \qquad \overline{\rho} = \rho_0 (1 + \beta z)$$

Statically unstable



Statically stable

Important physical parameters:gv κ β Dimensions LT^{-2} L^2T^{-1} $L^{2}T^{-1}$ L^{-1}

Spherical particle of radius h Displaced upward of h in a time τ



-Characteristic velocity U?

-Potential energy gained E?

-How much **time** for the particle to lose buoyancy?

- What is the **energy D** dissipated by viscous forces?

Characteristic velocity :
$$U \propto \frac{h}{\tau}$$

Potential energy gained :

 $E \propto (\Delta \rho h^{3})gh$ $\propto \rho_{0}\beta hh^{3}gh$ $\propto \rho_{0}\beta gh^{5}$

The particle lose buoyancy in a time: $\tau \propto \frac{h^2}{\kappa}$

Energy D dissipated by viscous forces : $D \propto \mu \frac{U}{h} h^2 h \propto \mu \frac{h^3}{\tau} \propto \mu \kappa h$

Instability if E>D $\rho_0\beta gh^5 > \mu\kappa h \text{ i.e.: } Ra = \frac{\beta gh^4}{\kappa v} > 1$

Convective patterns as a function of Rayleigh number:



Figure 4 Convection patterns of a fluid heated from below at Rayleigh number 10^5 , 10^6 , 10^7 , 10^8 . The temperature color bars range from 0 (top boundary) to 1 (bottom boundary). The Boussinesq approximation was used (numerical simulations by F. Dubuffet). The increase in Rayleigh number corresponds to a decrease of the boundary layer thicknesses and the width of plumes. Only in the case of the lowest Rayleigh number (top left) is the convection stationary with cells of aspect ratio $\sim \sqrt{2}$ as predicted by marginal stability. For higher Rayleigh number, the patterns are highly time dependent.

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Ricard, 2007

Viscosity

After Takei and Holtzmann 2009

Interpolation between η_s (Karato et Wu, 1993) et η_i (Karki et Stixrude, 2010)



Salvador et al., 2017



Andrault et al., 2016

Exsolution



More references in Iacono et al., 2012

Mass conservation of volatiles

$$M_{vol}^{\text{solid}} + M_{vol}^{\text{liquid}} + M_{vol}^{\text{atm}} = X_{vol,t=0} M_{t=0}^{\text{MO}}$$

$$M_{vol}^{\text{atm}} = \frac{4\pi R_p^2}{g} \left(\frac{\mu_{vol}}{\bar{\mu}}\right) P_{vol}(X_{vol}^{\text{liquid}})$$

Definition: End of Rapid Cooling Stage

Limit between two evolution stages:

- Controlled by F_{conv}, vigorous mantle convection, strong cooling, degassing of the atmosphere
- Controlled by F_☉, quasi steady-state: T_{surf} and P_{atm}, other geodynamic regime

• ERCS taken at time when $F_{conv} = \frac{1}{10}F_{\odot}$

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Time evolution



CO_{2:} 600 ppm; H₂0: 0.4 EO; D=1 AU α =0.2

Degassing



CO₂: 600 ppm; H₂0: 0.4 EO; D=1 AU α =0.2

Distance to the sun

0,77

1,3



CO₂ content



 $H_2O = 0.6$ MEO, $\alpha = 0.2$





Scaling

volatiles

$$x^* = \frac{x[0]_{CO_2}}{x[0]_{CO_2} + x[0]_{H_2O}}$$

Distance to the star

$$D_{C} = \sqrt{\frac{F_0(1-\alpha)}{F_{IR}}}$$

 F_O being the solar constant for the young sun and F_{IR} the Nakajima limit (280 W m⁻² In Marcq et al. model used here)

$$D^* = \frac{D}{D_c} = 0.814$$

Venus

For a 0.4 albedo it requires 0.13 Earth Ocean ($x^* \approx 0.65$)



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Conclusions perspectives

Perspectives:

- Post MO Heat and volatile transfer
- Surface conditions and fracturation



Application to exoplanets: remarks, questions?