# Phase change process in embedded planet's envelope

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### **Planets with Envelope**



A majority of sub-Neptunes, how do they obtain their envelope?

#### 1D envelope structure model



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One important result: planet will fall into runaway gas accretion once core mass reach 5~20  $M_\oplus$ 

#### Polluted Envelope from pebble evaporation



*Brouwers+ 2019,2020,2021 Ormel+ 2021 Venturini+ 2016*  Even **easier** to get runaway accretion, where are the sub-Neptunes come from ?

#### **Planet-disk interaction**



Kley & Nelson., ARAA 2012

#### Local shearing flow



# Envelope recycling



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0.030

**Fully recycled** for pure H/He gas seen in 3D RHD simulations. Hot gas in the disk continuously **refresh the envelope!** 





# How is recycling mechanism affected by pebble evaporation?

- Is the entire envelope fully recycled, can it prevent runaway gas accretion?
- What are the implications for compositions of planets, like (super) earth's dry water content e.g.

# Model set-up: Hydrodynamic



- Local frame, 2D Polar coordinate, Radially logarithmic spacing.
- Planet (2-3 $M_{\oplus}$ ) is put at 5 AU with following a MMSN disk profile. All units are normalized to local (at 5 AU) scale height, sound speed and orbital frequency.

Fluid Species					
fluid	description	stopping time			
H/He	feel pressure				
Vapor	feel pressure				
Pebble	lce, Silicate etc. Pressureless	$ au_{pebble} = any$			
Numerical tool:					
Athena++ Multi-Fluid Dust module					
Huang & Bai, ApJS accepted.					
https://arxiv.org/abs/2206.01023					

# Model set-up: phase change process

after one hydro step 1. Initial state



2. Sublimation



Grid cell H/He Pebble Vapor Temperature

We have added **sublimation/condensation to** Athena++ !

Basic idea of dealing phase change: Energy & Mass conservation in a local cell. Cheng Li & Xi Chen, ApJS, 2019

3. Outcome



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Gas density increase since vapor injects in.

Vapor fraction reach ~ 17% and go flat for the inner region (Well -coupled dusts).

**Flatter temperature profile** at sublimation region because of latent heat absorption.



# Recycling efficiency: Let fresh H/He in

More difficult to recycle vapors out for higher vapor fraction.



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# Summary

- We modified Athena++ multi-fluid dust module to account for phase changes.
- We find steady state for well-coupled dusts, while St=0.05 pebbles trigger instabilities. The recycling slows down for higher vapor fraction case.

# Next steps

- Quantify effects on recycling efficiency, investigate pebbles with different properties (St, mean molecular weight etc.).
- Conduct 3D simulations.

# Back-up slides: Tricks in dealing vapor fraction

fluid module				
fluid	description	stopping time	label	
$ ho_g$	He/H + vapor		fluid*	
$ ho_{d,dust}$	dust particle	$ au_{d,dust} = any$	dustfluid*1	
$ ho_{d,f_{vapor}}$	tracer particle to represent vapor fraction only	$ au_{d,f_{vapor}}=0$	dustfluid2	

\*: fluid: feel pressure; dustfluid: pressureless

#### Athena + dustfluid module workflow



**Fig. 6.** Evolution of three planets in phase II with our default parameters (see Table 1) at 0.1 AU. The solid curve indicates the classical case, where the core grows indefinitely and the envelope is metal-free. In the dash-dotted and dashed lines, the growth of the core is limited to  $M_{\oplus}$  and 5  $M_{\oplus}$ , respectively. Accretion of nebular gas accelerates when the envelope becomes polluted. This leads to a smaller mass in metals at the onset of runaway accretion.

Brouwers & Ormel, A&A, 2020