

# Termination of Inward Migration for a Gap-opening Planet through Dust Feedback

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#### **Abstract**

Planetary migration due to disk–planet interaction is one of the most important processes determining the architecture of planetary systems. A sufficiently massive planet forms a density gap, and migrates together with the gap. By carrying out two-dimensional and two-fluid (gas and dust grains) hydrodynamic simulations, we investigated the effects of dust feedback on the migration of the gap-opening planet, which has not been considered in previous studies. We found that the gas surface density at the outer edge of the gap becomes smaller due to dust feedback, and thus the torque exerted from the outer disk decreases. This mechanism becomes more effective as the gap becomes wider and deeper. In particular, when the mass of the planet is Jupiter-sized and the turbulent viscosity is  $\alpha = 3 \times 10^{-4}$ , the planet can migrate outward due to the reduction of the torque exerted from the outer disk. Even for a smaller planet, the migration slows down significantly. This termination of the inward migration triggered by dust feedback may explain why ring and gap structures can be frequently observed within protoplanetary disks.

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### 1. Introduction

A planet within a protoplanetary disk interacts with the surrounding disk gas and migrates in a radial direction (e.g., Lin & Papaloizou [1979;](#page-5-0) Goldreich & Tremaine [1980](#page-5-0)). A sufficiently massive planet forms a density gap as a consequence of disk– planet interaction, and it migrates together with the gap (e.g., Lin & Papaloizou [1986;](#page-5-0) Ward [1997](#page-5-0)). This planet migration continues until the gaseous disk is depleted, which determines the final architecture of planetary systems. Therefore, planet migration is one of the most important processes in the formation of planetary systems.

The radial migration of the gap-opening planet is called type II migration. In the ideal case, the gap induced by the massive planet halts the gas flow across it and hence the planet migrates in the same velocity of the viscous drift of the gas (e.g., Lin & Papaloizou [1986;](#page-5-0) Armitage [2007](#page-4-0)). However, recent numerical hydrodynamic simulations have shown that the planetary gap hardly halts the gas flow across it, even if the planet is as massive as Jupiter (e.g., Duffell et al. [2014](#page-5-0); Dürmann & Kley [2015,](#page-5-0) [2017](#page-5-0); Kanagawa et al. [2018b](#page-5-0); Robert et al. [2018](#page-5-0)). By carrying out two-dimensional hydrodynamic simulations in a broad parameter range, Kanagawa et al. ([2018b](#page-5-0)) have found that the torque exerted on the planet is roughly proportional to the surface density at the bottom of the gap, though strictly speaking, the torque is also exerted from the bottom and the edge of the gap. This result indicates that the migration speed of the gap-opening planet is sensitive to the gas structure of the gap.

At the outer edge of the gap, relatively large dust grains, so-called "pebbles," are highly piled up, because these dust grains cannot cross the gap region (e.g., Paardekooper & Mellema [2004](#page-5-0); Muto & Inutsuka [2009](#page-5-0); Zhu et al. [2012](#page-5-0); Dong et al. [2015;](#page-5-0) Pinilla et al. [2015;](#page-5-0) Weber et al. [2018;](#page-5-0) Kanagawa et al. [2018a;](#page-5-0) Meru et al. [2019](#page-5-0)). The dust ring that formed at the outer edge of the gap might be associated with bright rings in the protoplanetary disks observed by e.g., the Atacama Large Millimeter/submillimeter Array (ALMA; e.g.,

ALMA Partnership et al. [2015](#page-4-0); Akiyama et al. [2016](#page-4-0); Nomura et al. [2016](#page-5-0); Tsukagoshi et al. [2016;](#page-5-0) Fedele et al. [2017;](#page-5-0) van der Plas et al. [2017](#page-5-0); Andrews et al. [2018](#page-4-0); Dong et al. [2018](#page-5-0); Long et al. [2018a](#page-5-0), [2018b](#page-5-0)). The dust grains lose angular momentum due to friction with the surrounding disk gas and fall down to the central star. Simultaneously, the disk gas receives the same amount of angular momentum that the dust grains lose; this is referred to as dust feedback (Fu et al. [2014;](#page-5-0) Gonzalez et al. [2015,](#page-5-0) [2017;](#page-5-0) Taki et al. [2016](#page-5-0); Dipierro & Laibe [2017](#page-5-0); Kanagawa et al. [2017](#page-5-0), [2018a;](#page-5-0) Dipierro et al. [2018](#page-5-0); Weber et al. [2018](#page-5-0)). Recent gas–dust two-fluid hydrodynamic simulations (Kanagawa et al. [2018a](#page-5-0); Weber et al. [2018](#page-5-0)) have found that though it is not significant, the dust feedback can modify the outer edge of the gap. This slight modification induced by the dust feedback may significantly affect the migration speed, because it could break the balance between torques exerted from the inner and outer disks.

We investigate the effects of dust feedback on the migration speed of a gap-opening planet by carrying out the gas–dust two-fluid and two-dimensional hydrodynamic simulations. In Section 2, our numerical method and setup are described. The results of our hydrodynamic simulations are shown in Section [3](#page-2-0). In Section [4,](#page-4-0) we summarize and discuss our results.

#### 2. Numerical Method

We implemented the dust component into the hydrodynamic code FARGO (Masset [2000](#page-5-0)) and numerically solved the equations of motion and the continuity equations for the gas and dust grains (Kanagawa et al. [2017,](#page-5-0) [2018a](#page-5-0)). We include the gas–dust drag force in the equation of motion of the gas, as well as that of the dust grains. Due to this drag force in the equation of the motion of the gas (dust feedback), the gas is affected by the dust grains in a way that is similar to dust-grain drift because of the drag force with the gas. In the present study, we take into account the planet migration, which has not been considered by the previous studies. We choose a

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Figure 1. Evolutions of the semimajor axis of the planet (top panel), total torque exerted on the planet (middle panel), and the torques exerted from the inner and outer disks (bottom panel), when  $M_{\text{p}}/M_{\text{*}} = 1 \times 10^{-3}$ ,  $H_0 = 0.05$ and  $\alpha = 3 \times 10^{-4}$ .

two-dimensional cylindrical coordinate system  $(R, \phi)$  with an origin that is located at the position of the central star.

#### 2.1. Planetary Migration

Here we briefly describe the method to implement the migration of the planet. We assume that the eccentricity of the planet is much smaller than unity (this assumption is valid in our simulations shown in this letter). In this case, the equation of motion of the planet is written by

$$
\frac{1}{a_p}\frac{da_p}{dt} = \frac{2\Gamma}{M_p a_p^2 \Omega_{\text{K},p}},\tag{1}
$$

where  $M_p$ ,  $a_p$ , and  $\Omega_{K,p}$  denote the mass, semimajor axis, and the Keplerian angular velocity of the planet, respectively. In the following, the subscript "p" indicates a physical quantity at the orbital radius of the planet  $R = R_p$ . Since we consider a small eccentricity,  $R_p \simeq a_p$ . The torque exerted on the planet  $\Gamma$  is given by the sum of these exerted from the gas disk and the dust disk, as

$$
\Gamma = \Gamma_{\text{gas}} + \Gamma_{\text{dust}},\tag{2}
$$

where  $\Gamma_{\text{gas}}$  and  $\Gamma_{\text{dust}}$  are given by (Kley & Nelson [2012](#page-5-0))

$$
\Gamma_{\rm gas} = \int_{R_{\rm in}}^{R_{\rm out}} R dR \int_0^{2\pi} d\phi \Sigma_{\rm gas} \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial \phi},\tag{3}
$$

$$
\Gamma_{\text{dust}} = \int_{R_{\text{in}}}^{R_{\text{out}}} R dR \int_0^{2\pi} d\phi \Sigma_{\text{dust}} \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial \phi}, \tag{4}
$$

where  $\psi$ ,  $R_{\text{in}}$  and  $R_{\text{out}}$  denote the gravitational potential, and the radii of the inner and outer edge of the disk, respectively. The surface densities of the gas and the dust grains are represented by  $\Sigma_{\text{gas}}$  and  $\Sigma_{\text{dust}}$ , respectively. We introduce a characteristic torque  $\Gamma_0$  as

$$
\Gamma_0(R) = \left(\frac{M_\text{p}}{M_\ast}\right)^2 \left(\frac{h_\text{g}}{R}\right)^{-2} \Sigma_{\text{gas,un}} R^4 \Omega_\text{K}^2,\tag{5}
$$

where  $\Omega_{\rm K}$  and  $\Sigma_{\rm gas,un}$  denote the Keplerian angular velocity and the gas surface density of the unperturbed disk, respectively, which are the functions of R. Note that  $\Gamma_0$  roughly corresponds to the absolute value of the torque expected by the Type I regime.

For convenience, we define a cumulative torque from the gas and the dust grains as

$$
T_{\rm gas}(R) = \int_{R}^{R_{\rm out}} \frac{d\Gamma_{\rm gas}}{dR'} dR' \tag{6}
$$

$$
T_{\text{dust}}(R) = \int_{R}^{R_{\text{out}}} \frac{d\Gamma_{\text{dust}}}{dR'} dR'. \tag{7}
$$

Thus, the cumulative torque exerted from the gas and the dust grains are given by  $T(R) = T_{\text{gas}}(R) + T_{\text{dust}}(R)$ .

# 2.2. Setup of Numerical Simulations

We use the initial orbital radius of the planet  $R_0$  and the mass of the central star  $M_*$  as the unit of length and mass, respectively. Hence, the surface density is normalized by  $M_{*}/R_{0}^{2}$ . We also use the unit of time  $t_0$ , which is defined by  $2\pi/\Omega_K(R_0)$ . The computational domain runs from  $R/R_0 = 0.3$  to  $R/R_0 = 3.2$  with 512 radial zones (equally spaced in logarithmic space) and 1024 azimuthal zones (equally spaced). The initial surface density of the gas is set as  $\Sigma_{\text{gas}}$ ,  $\mu = \Sigma_0 (R/R_0)^{-1}$  with  $\Sigma_0 = 10^{-4}$ . For the dust grains, the initial surface density is set so that the dust-to-gas mass ratio is 0.01. The disk aspect ratio, independent of time, is assumed to be  $h_g/R = H_0 (R/R_0)^{1/4}$ , where  $H_0$  is set as 0.05 in this Letter, and  $h_{\rm g}$  is the gas scale height. The initial angular velocity of the gas is given by  $\Omega_K \sqrt{1 - \eta}$  and  $\eta =$  $-1/2 (h_{\rm g}/R)^2 \partial (\ln P) / \partial (\ln R)$ . For the dust grains, the initial angular velocity is given by  $\Omega_{\rm K}$ . The initial radial velocities of the gas and the dust grains are set as  $-\frac{3\nu}{R}$  and zero, respectively, where  $\nu$  is the kinetic viscosity. We use the  $\alpha$ -prescription of Shakura & Sunyaev ([1973](#page-5-0)), and hence  $\nu = \alpha h_g^2 \Omega_K$ . We also assume that  $\alpha$  is constant throughout the computational domain.

<span id="page-2-0"></span>The smoothing parameter of the gravitational potential is set as  $0.6h_{g,p}$ . We set wave-killing zones with the width of  $0.1R_0$  for the gas at the inner and outer boundaries, as described in Kanagawa et al. ([2018b](#page-5-0)).

We assume constant-sized dust grains. The size of the dust grains  $s_d$  is set to be 0.1 $s_{d,0}$ , where  $s_{d,0}$  is defined by

$$
s_{d,0} = \frac{2\Sigma_0}{\pi \rho_p}
$$
  
= 57.1  $\left(\frac{\Sigma_0}{8.9 \text{ g cm}^{-2}}\right) \left(\frac{\rho_p}{1 \text{ g cm}^{-3}}\right)^{-1}$  cm, (8)

where  $\rho_p$  denotes the internal density of the dust grains. Note that when  $M_* = 1 M_{\odot}$  and  $R_0 = 10$  au, the dimensionless surface density  $\Sigma = 10^{-4}$  corresponds to 8.9 g cm<sup>-2</sup>. Adopting the Epstein regime, one can write the stopping time of dust grains for the two-dimensional disk  $t_{stop}$  as

$$
t_{\rm stop} = \frac{\pi s_{\rm d} \rho_p}{2 \Sigma_{\rm gas} \Omega_{\rm K}}.\tag{9}
$$

The Stokes number of dust grains, *St*, is defined by

$$
St = t_{\text{stop}} \Omega_{\text{K}}.\tag{10}
$$

## 3. Results

# 3.1. Halting Inward Planetary Migration Triggered by the Dust Feedback

First we present the result of our simulations in the case of a Jupiter-mass planet  $(M_{\rm p}/M_{\ast} = 1 \times 10^{-3})$  with  $\alpha = 3 \times 10^{-4}$ and  $H_0 = 0.05$ . The top panel of Figure [1](#page-1-0) compares the evolution of the semimajor axis of the planet with and without the dust feedback. It is obvious that the migration rate is significantly lower when the dust feedback is included. In particular, after  $t \approx 12,000$   $t_0$ , the inward migration is terminated and the planet slowly migrates outward.

The middle and bottom panels of Figure [1](#page-1-0) show a total torque exerted on the planet and the torques exerted from the inner and outer disk, respectively. The absolute value of torque exerted on the planet in the case with the dust feedback is significantly smaller than in the case without the dust feedback. After  $t \approx 12,000 t_0$ , the total torque becomes positive and hence the planet moves outward in the case with the dust feedback. As can be seen from the bottom panel of Figure [1,](#page-1-0) only the torque exerted from the outer disk in the case with the dust feedback decreases as compared to the case without the dust feedback. Because the negative torque exerted from the outer disk decreases in the case with the dust feedback, the inward migration of the planet is halted and finally the planet migrates outward.

The top and middle panels of Figure 2 show the azimuthalaveraged surface densities of the gas and the dust grains at  $t = 12,000 t_0$ , in the cases with and without the dust feedback. The dust feedback makes the gradient of the gas surface density small (in other words, the value of  $\eta$  becomes small) in the outer edge of the gap, as shown by Kanagawa et al. ([2018a](#page-5-0); see also Taki et al. [2016](#page-5-0)). As a result, the surface density of the gas in the outer disk of  $R > 1.3R<sub>p</sub>$  becomes smaller than in the case without the dust feedback. As the dust drift velocity is much faster than that of the planet, the dust grains drifting from the



Figure 2. Azimuthally averaged surface densities of gas (top panel), dust grains (middle panel), and cumulative torque (bottom panel) at  $t = 12,000 t_0$  when the dust feedback is turned on and when the dust feedback is turned off;  $M_{\rm p}/M_{\ast} = 10^{-3}, H_0 = 0.05, \text{ and } \alpha = 3 \times 10^{-4}.$ 

outer disk are trapped into the gas and they form the dust ring at the outer edge. In the inner disk, most of the dust grains drift to the central star. The distribution of the dust grains against the planet's orbit is a consequence of the dust trap by the gap and the fast dust drift.

In the bottom panel of Figure 2, we show the cumulative torques. The torque is exerted from the bottom to the edge of the gap, as Kanagawa et al. ([2018b](#page-5-0)) stated, and the torque in the case without the dust feedback is consistent with that given by the formula of Kanagawa et al. ([2018b](#page-5-0)). In the case with the dust feedback, the slope of the cumulative torque is significantly less steep than that in the case with the dust



Figure 3. The same as in Figure [1](#page-1-0), but  $M_p/M_* = 5 \times 10^{-4}$ .

feedback because of the depletion of the outer disk due to the dust feedback, though they are similar to each other in other regions. Therefore, the torque exerted from the outer disk is smaller, and the outward migration is caused in the case with the dust feedback, as seen in Figure [1.](#page-1-0)

# 3.2. Parameter Study

In order to assess the sensitivity of the effects of dust feedback on planet masses  $(M_p)$  and viscosities  $(\alpha)$ , we performed a series of simulations. First, in Figure 3 we show the case of  $M_p/M_* = 5 \times 10^{-4}$ , but  $H_0$  and  $\alpha$  are the same as in Figure [1](#page-1-0). Similar to the case of Figure [1,](#page-1-0) the value of  $|\Gamma/\Gamma_0|$ decreases because the torque exerted from the outer disk decreases, as in the case with the dust feedback. As a result, the inward migration in the case with the dust feedback is much



Figure 4. Ratios between the torques in the cases when the dust feedback is turned on and turned off (reduction rate), against the values of viscous  $\alpha$  (top panel) and against  $K'$  (bottom panel).

slower than that in the case without the dust feedback. However, in this case, because the gap is narrow and the dust ring is formed closer to the planet, as compared to the case shown in Figure [1](#page-1-0), the negative torque exerted on the planet by the dust ring is significant. Because of this, the inward migration of the planet continues, though the torque exerted from the gas is positive after  $t = 12,000 t_0$ .

The top panel of Figure 4 shows the dependence of the viscosity on the ratio of the torques with and without the dust feedback,  $\Gamma_{\text{fb}}$  and  $\Gamma_{\text{nofb}}$ , for various  $M_{\text{p}}/M_{\ast}$  with  $H_0 = 0.05$ . Specifically, the value of torques in Figure 4 corresponds to the average over 11,500  $t_0 < t < 12,000 \, t_0$ .<sup>1</sup> Note that though we took the torque at  $\sim$  12,000  $t_0$ , the torque at that time may not exactly correspond to the stationary value, as in the case shown in Figure [1.](#page-1-0) Hence, the figure shows only a rough trend.

The top panel of Figure 4 indicates that  $\Gamma_{\text{fb}}/\Gamma_{\text{nofb}}$  decreases with the decrease of  $\alpha$ , because the gap becomes wider. The bottom panel of Figure 4 shows this tendency more clearly. The bottom panel is the same as the top panel, but the horizontal axis of the bottom panel is the dimensionless parameter  $K' = (M_{\rm p}/M_{\ast})^2 (h_{\rm g,p}/R_{\rm p})^{-3} \alpha^{-1}$ , which is related to the gap width of the gas in a stationary state as  $\Delta_{\text{gap}} = 0.41K'^{1/4}$ (Kanagawa et al. [2016](#page-5-0)). The larger value of  $K'$  indicates a wider gap. As can be seen in the bottom panel of Figure 4, the ratio of  $\Gamma_{\text{fb}}$  to  $\Gamma_{\text{nofb}}$  decreases as K' increases (the gap is wider) when  $K' \geq 1$ .

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> We show the torque at ∼8000  $t_0$  only in the case of  $M_p/M_* = 10^{-4}$  and  $\alpha = 10^{-3}$ , because the planet is too close to the inner boundary at ~12,000 *t*<sub>0</sub>.

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Figure 5. Migration timescales obtained by our simulations against  $K'$  that are related to the width of the gap in the case of the relatively light disk  $(M_{disk} \simeq 0.006M_{\odot})$ . Filled symbols indicate the timescale of the inward migration, and the open symbol indicates the timescale of the outward migration. The width of the gap estimated by  $0.41K'^{1/4}$  is indicated in the upper horizontal axis. The dotted and dashed horizontal lines correspond to  $\tau_{\text{mig}} = 1$  Myr and  $\tau_{\text{mig}} = 10$  Myr when  $R_p = 10$  au, respectively.

#### 4. Summary and Discussion

In this Letter, we have shown that the dust feedback reduces the surface density at the outer edge of the gap and the torque exerted on the planet from the outer disk. As a result, the radial migration of the planet can be significantly slow. In particular, when the viscosity is low, namely  $\alpha = 3 \times 10^{-4}$ , the inward migration is halted and the Jupiter-mass planet moves slowly outward.

In the rest of this Letter, we discuss implications of our results for planet formation and observations. The planet migration within the disk continues until the disk gas removal, typically at a few million years, which determines the final position of the planet. Figure 5 shows the migration timescales,  $\tau_{\text{mig}} = -(d \ln a_p/dt)^{-1}$ , calculated by our simulations against the dimensionless parameter  $K'$  (which is mentioned in the previous section). The estimated width of the gap from  $K'$  is indicated in the upper horizontal axis of the figure. This estimated width is just a reference because the simulations of Kanagawa et al. ([2016](#page-5-0)) do not consider dust feedback, and also because the dust gap can be wider than the gap of the gas depending on the size of the dust grains (e.g., Zhu et al. [2012](#page-5-0); de Juan Ovelar et al. [2013](#page-5-0)). We can consider the estimated width as a rough lower limit of the gap width.

As can be seen in Figure 5, the migration timescale becomes longer with the increase of K'. In particular, when  $K' \gtrsim 1$  $(\Delta_{\text{gap}}/R_{\text{p}} \gtrsim 0.5)$ , the timescale of the inward migration is about 10 Myr, which is an order of magnitude larger than the typical disk lifetime. Moreover, when the gap is sufficiently wide, namely,  $K' = 20$ , the planet migrates outward as shown in Section [3.1](#page-2-0). Note that in the figure, the relative light disk is assumed as  $M_{disk} = 0.006 M_{\odot}$ . For massive disks such as the disk of HL Tau ( $M_{disk} \simeq 0.1 M_{\odot}$ ), the migration timescale is shorter  $(\times \sim 0.1)$  than that shown in Figure 5. Even for the massive disk, in the cases with the timescale of  $\sim$ 10 Myr shown in Figure 5, the planet can survive until the removal of the disk gas.

Recent observations have revealed that a number of protoplanetary disks have ring and gap structures. Here we

discuss the observability of the gap formed by the planet. The timescales of the gap formation and planet migration are proportional to the Keplerian rotation period. That is, these timescales are longer in the region with larger radii. Hence, in the outer region, the gap shape may not yet reach stationary state, and the width of the gap is narrower than the stationary width. By considering the long timescale of gap formation and migration, it is understandable that we can observe the narrow gap in the outer region. However, in the inner region, the migration timescale becomes shorter as the Keplerian rotation is faster. Hence, it is difficult to observe the gap in the inner region, due to fast inward migration, without the mechanism that slows down that migration. Only when the planet forms a relatively wide gap, namely  $\Delta_{\rm gap}/R_{\rm p} \gtrsim 0.5$ , can it survive during the disk lifetime, due to the effect of the dust feedback. Hence, the width of the gap would be wide in the inner region, if the observed gap is formed by the planet. In fact, ALMA observations have found such wide gaps in the relatively inner region, for instance, in the disks of HD143006 (Huang et al. [2018](#page-5-0)), HL Tau (ALMA Partnership et al. 2015; Kanagawa et al. [2016](#page-5-0)), and PSD 70 (Long et al. [2018b](#page-5-0)). These gaps could be formed by the planet. In the near future, ALMA will reveal the gaps within the region of  $\leq 10AU$ . Our results imply that these gaps are as wide as  $\Delta_{\rm{gap}}/R_{\rm{p}} \gtrsim 0.5$ .

Within the dust ring in which the dust grains are highly accumulated, the planetesimals and protoplanets can be formed via, e.g., the streaming instability (e.g., Youdin & Goodman [2005](#page-5-0)). The planet migration is very slow until the dust grains are removed by the planetesimal formation. Once the planet formation starts within the dust ring, a number of planets can be formed within the dust ring as discussed in Kanagawa et al. ([2018a](#page-5-0)). Otherwise, a remnant of the dust ring may survive. Such a path of planet formation may explain the large diversity of exoplanets revealed by observations.

The suppression and turnover of the inward migration of a gap-opening planet shown in this Letter are critical for the planetary system formation and the origin of the observed gaps. Although we investigated only the cases with  $H_0 = 0.05$ , a further survey covering a wider parameter range should be performed in order to determine the condition of the onset of the outward migration and quantitative relation of reduced migration time and planet mass.

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