



# ACCUMULATION OF PLANETESIMALS BY FORMING TERRESTRIAL PLANETS FROM DIFFERENT REGIONS OF THEIR FEEDING ZONE

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• **Introduction:** In previous papers (e.g. [1-2]) the studies of fractions of planetesimals, initially located at different distances from the Sun, collided with different terrestrial planets were based on computer simulations of the evolution of disks of gravitating bodies united at their collisions. In [1-2] the mutual gravitational influence of bodies was taken into account by the method of spheres of action (i.e., the mutual gravitational influence of bodies was simulated only inside their spheres of action, and outside the spheres the bodies moved around the Sun in unperturbed orbits). The initial disk of initially identical bodies, corresponding to the feeding zone of the terrestrial planets, was divided into four zones depending on the distances of the bodies from the Sun. **It was obtained that the bodies, originally located at different distances from the Sun, became part of the Earth and Venus in close proportions.** Recently [3] I used another approach for estimates of such fractions.

• **The model of calculations:** Below in the series *MeN* of runs, the migration of bodies, originally located in a relatively narrow ring, is studied under the gravitational influence of all planets (from Mercury to Neptune). In the series *Me<sub>01</sub>S* of calculations, I considered the embryos of the terrestrial planets with masses equal to 0.1 of the present masses moving in present orbits of the planets, and also Jupiter and Saturn with their present masses and their present orbits (Uranus and Neptune were excluded). For series *Me<sub>03</sub>N*, masses of the embryos of the terrestrial planets equaled to 0.3 of the present masses of the planets, and all giant planets were considered. The symplectic integrator from the Swift integration package [4] was used. In this integration, the collisions of bodies with planets were not simulated, but the bodies were excluded from integration when they collided with the Sun or their distances from the Sun exceeded 2000 AU. **The orbital elements of the migrated bodies were recorded in the computer memory with a step of 500 years. Based on these arrays, similar to the calculations presented in [5-6], for the considered time interval *T*, I calculated the probabilities of collisions of bodies with planets and the Moon and with their embryos.**

• In each variant of calculations, 250 initial bodies were considered. The initial values  $a_0$  of the semimajor axes  $a$  of the orbits of the bodies changed from  $a_{\text{omin}}$  to  $a_{\text{omin}} + d_a$  AU, and the number of bodies with  $a_0$  was proportional to  $a_0^{1/2}$ . The values of  $a_{\text{omin}}$  varied with a step of 0.2 AU from 0.3 to 1.5 AU.  $d_a = 0.5$  AU for  $a_{\text{omin}} = 1.5$  AU. For other runs  $d_a = 0.2$  AU. In some variants of the *MeN* calculations, initial eccentricities  $e_0$  of orbits equaled to 0.05, and in other runs they were 0.3. For *Me<sub>01</sub>S* calculations I considered only  $e_0 = 0.05$ . The initial inclinations  $i_0$  were equal to  $e_0/2$  rad. It was obtained in [1-2] that, due to the mutual gravitational influence of bodies, the average eccentricity of orbits of bodies in the feeding zone of the terrestrial planets could exceed 0.2.

• The probabilities of collisions of bodies during considered time interval  $T$  (equaled to 1, 2, 5 or 20 million years) with the Earth, Venus, Mars, Mercury, Jupiter, Saturn, the Moon and the Sun are denoted by  $p_E, p_V, p_{Ma}, p_{Me}, p_J, p_S, p_M$  and  $p_{Sun}$ , respectively. The probabilities of collisions of bodies with embryos of the Earth, Venus, Mars, Mercury, Moon with masses equal to 0.1 of their present masses are denoted by  $p_{E01}, p_{V01}, p_{Ma01}, p_{Me01}, p_{M001}$ , respectively. For some runs, based on the obtained arrays of the orbital elements of the migrated bodies, the values of  $p_{E01}, p_{V01}, p_{Ma01}, p_{Me01}, p_{M001}$  were calculated for *MeN* runs, and the values of  $p_E, p_V, p_{Ma}, p_{Me}, p_J, p_S, p_M$  were calculated for *Me<sub>01</sub>S* runs.

• **Probabilities of collisions of bodies with embryos of the terrestrial planets:** Based on the obtained probabilities of collisions, I made a few estimates of the growth of the embryos of the terrestrial planets. The considered model doesn't take into account the mutual gravitational influence of bodies, which increased their eccentricities and mixing of bodies in the zone of the terrestrial planets. The greater are masses of the embryos, the faster is their growth.

• The results of *Me<sub>01</sub>S* calculations showed that at masses of the embryos of the terrestrial planets of about 0.1 of the masses of the planets, an embryo grew mainly by accumulation of bodies from the neighbourhood of its orbit, and the embryos of the Earth and Venus grew faster than the embryos of Mercury and Mars. For *Me<sub>01</sub>S* runs, at each considered zone, bodies collided mainly only with one embryo, and probabilities of collisions of bodies with other embryos were zero or were much smaller than those for that embryo.

• For *Me<sub>01</sub>S* runs and the zone at 0.9-1.1 AU from the Sun (for which the total mass of bodies could be  $\geq 0.5m_E$ , where  $m_E$  is the mass of the Earth),  $p_{E01}$  equaled to 0.2, 0.5 and 1 at  $T$  equaled to 1, 2, and 5 Myr, respectively. For the zone at 0.7-0.9 AU from the Sun (for which the total mass of bodies could be about  $0.4m_E$ ) and *Me<sub>01</sub>S* runs,  $p_{V01}$  equaled to 0.2, 0.4 and 7 at  $T$  equaled to 1, 2, and 5 Myr, respectively. For the zone at 0.5-0.7 AU,  $p_{V01}$  equaled to 0.36 and 9 at  $T$  equaled to 5 and 20 Myr, respectively. It shows that **Venus and Earth could accumulate most of the bodies from the zone at 0.7-1.1 AU from the Sun in less than 5 Myr, and Venus could accumulate most of the bodies from the zone at 0.5-0.7 AU in not more than 10 Myr. So inner layers of the Earth or Venus were formed by accumulation mainly of material from the neighbourhood of the planet's orbit.**

• For *Me<sub>01</sub>S* runs and the zone at 0.3-0.5 AU,  $p_{Me01}$  equaled to 0.03 at  $T=5$  Myr. For the total mass  $M_b$  of bodies in the zone equaled to  $0.1m_E$ ,  $M_b p_{Me01} = 0.03m_E$  is about a half of the mass of Mercury ( $0.055m_E$ ). Therefore, **Mercury also could accumulate a considerable fraction of its mass from the neighbourhood of its orbit.**

• For *Me<sub>01</sub>S* runs and the zone at 1.3-1.5 AU,  $p_{Ma01}$  equaled to 0.011 and 0.035 at  $T$  equaled to 5 and 20 Myr, respectively. For the total mass of bodies in the zone  $M_b = 0.2m_E$  and  $p_{Ma01}$  equaled to 0.011 and 0.035, we have  $M_b p_{Ma01} = 0.02m_E$  and  $M_b p_{Ma01} = 0.07m_E$ , respectively. For *Me<sub>01</sub>S* runs and the zone at 1.5-2.0 AU,

$p_{Ma01}$  equaled to 0.0075 and 0.032 at  $T$  equaled to 5 and 20 Myr, respectively. So compared to other terrestrial planets, Mars (with its present mass of  $0.107m_E$ ) could acquire a smaller fraction of its mass during the considered 5 Myr. However, at  $T=20$  Myr and the mass of material in the zone at 1.3-2.0 AU greater than  $0.3m_E$ , Mars could acquire most of its mass from this zone. Some authors [7] suppose that Mars has acquired most of its mass in not more than 5-10 Myrs. To consider rapid formation of Mars, we can suppose that the Mars embryo with mass of about 0.2 of the present mass of Mars was formed by contraction of a rarefied condensation.

• **Probabilities of collisions of bodies with the terrestrial planets:** Analysis of *Me<sub>03</sub>N* runs showed that probabilities of collisions of the planetesimals, originally located at distances from 0.7 to 0.9 AU from the Sun, with the embryos of the Earth and Venus with masses equal to 0.3 from the masses of the present planets, differed for these embryos by no more than a factor of 2. The estimates based on *MeN* calculations correspond to the last stages of the formation of the planets. The ratio  $p_V/p_E$  of the probabilities of collisions of bodies with Venus and the Earth was in the range from 0.5 to 1.9 for  $a_{\text{omin}}$  in the range from 0.7 to 1.1 AU from the Sun. For  $a_{\text{omin}} = 1.3$  AU, the ratio was also close to this interval (0.5, 1.9), e.g., at  $T=5$  Myr it was 0.48 and 0.38 for  $e_0=0.05$  and  $e_0=0.3$ , respectively ( $p_V/p_E=0.78$  at  $T=20$  Myr and  $e_0=0.3$ ). Therefore, **the amounts of material from different parts of the zone from 0.7 to 1.5 AU from the Sun, which entered into almost formed the Earth and Venus, differed, probably, by no more than 2 times.** For initial bodies with  $a_0 < 0.7$  AU, the fraction of bodies that fell onto Venus was at least several times higher than the fraction of bodies that fell onto the Earth. The tables with the values of  $p_E, p_V, p_{Ma}, p_{Me}, p_J, p_S, p_M$  and  $p_{Sun}$ , and with their ratios to  $p_E$  for *MeN* calculations were presented in [3,8].

• The ratio  $p_{Ma}/p_E$  exceeded 0.1 in the majority of calculations for  $a_{\text{omin}} \geq 1.1$  AU, and for  $a_{\text{omin}} \leq 0.9$  AU in two calculations it reached 0.045 and 0.087. The  $p_{Me}/p_E$  ratio was close to 100 at  $a_{\text{omin}} = 0.3$  AU, and  $p_{Me} \approx 0.5$  for  $a_{\text{omin}} = 0.3$  AU,  $e_0 = 0.05$ , and  $T = 5$  Myr. In other variants,  $p_{Me}/p_E$  was significantly smaller, although it reached 0.07 for  $a_{\text{omin}} = 0.7$  AU,  $e_0 = 0.3$  and  $T = 20$  Myr. The results of the *MeN* calculations testify in favor of **the accumulation by almost formed terrestrial planets and the Moon of the matter originally located near orbits of other planets.**

• **In some runs at  $e_0 = 0.3$  and  $T = 20$  Myr, more than 20% of the original matter could fall onto the Sun.** The ejection of matter into hyperbolic orbits and the probabilities of collisions of bodies with the giant planets were insignificant.

• **Relative probabilities of collisions of bodies with the Earth and the Moon:** At the ratio of the masses of the embryos of the Earth and the Moon equaled to 81 (the ratio of the masses of the Earth and the Moon), **the ratio of probabilities of planetesimals collided with the embryos of the Earth and the Moon in the considered calculations did not exceed 54** and was maximum at the masses of embryos about three times smaller than the present masses of the Earth and the Moon. The ratio of the total mass of the planetesimals that fell onto the Earth to the mass of the planetesimals that fell onto the Moon, in the considered *MeN* variants of calculations ranged from 16.9 (for  $a_{\text{omin}} = 1.1$  AU and  $e_0 = 0.3$ ) to 35.6 (for  $a_{\text{omin}} = 0.9$  AU and  $e_0 = 0.05$ ).

• **Conclusions:** The embryos of the terrestrial planets with masses which were not more than 0.1 of masses of the planets accumulated mainly material from neighbourhoods of their orbits. Inner layers of each terrestrial planet could be accumulated mainly from material from the neighbourhood of this planet.

• The amount of material from different parts of the zone from 0.7 to 1.5 AU from the Sun, which collided with almost formed the Earth and Venus, differed, probably, by no more than 2 times. The outer layers of the Earth and Venus could accumulate similar material from the feeding zone of the terrestrial planets.

• At the ratio of the masses of the embryos of the Earth and the Moon equaled to 81 (the ratio of the masses of the Earth and the Moon), **the ratio of probabilities of planetesimals collided with the embryos of the Earth and the Moon in the considered calculations did not exceed 54.**

• The ejection of matter into hyperbolic orbits and the probability of collisions of bodies with the giant planets were insignificant.

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