

What is a nebula?

- A star “nursery”
- A cloud of gas and dust in space

The Orion Nebula



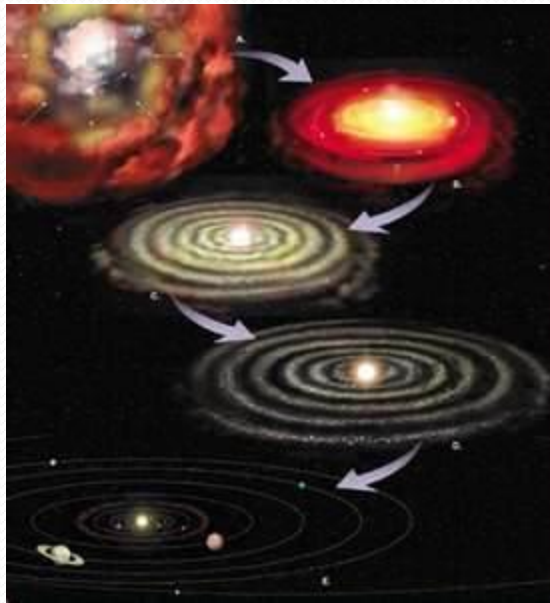




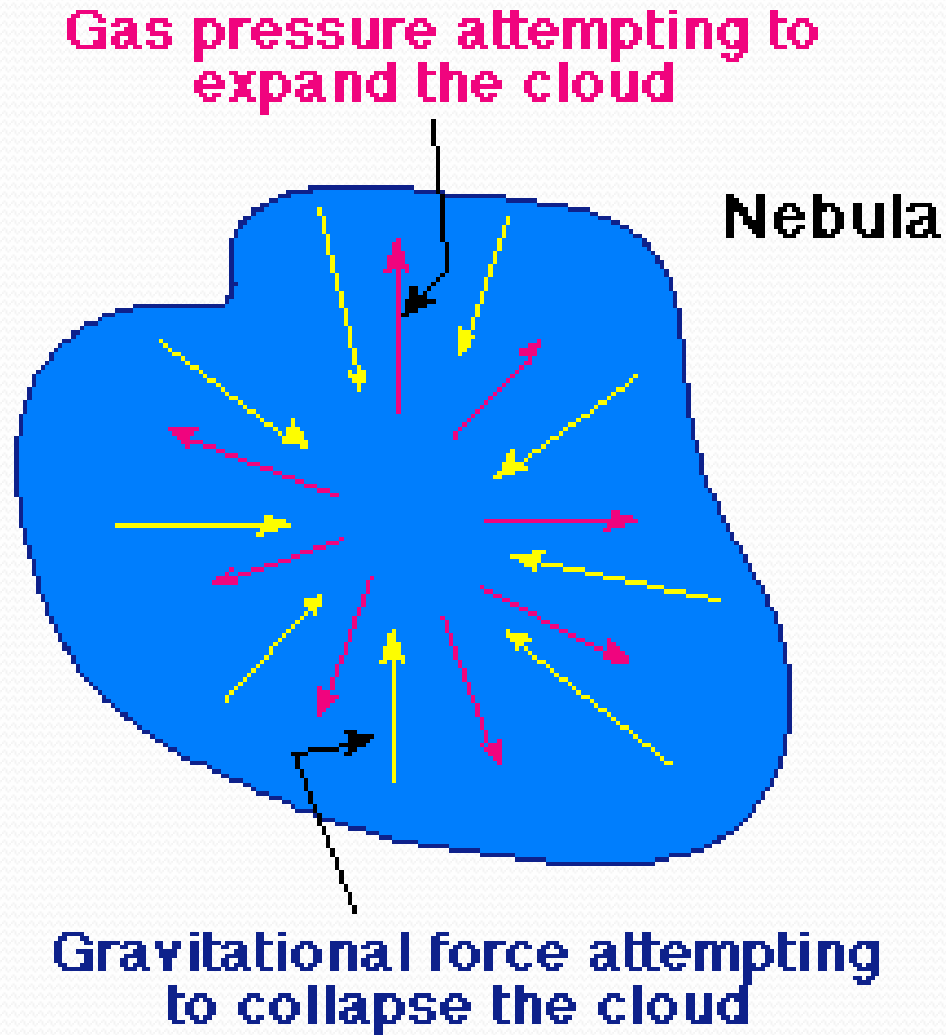


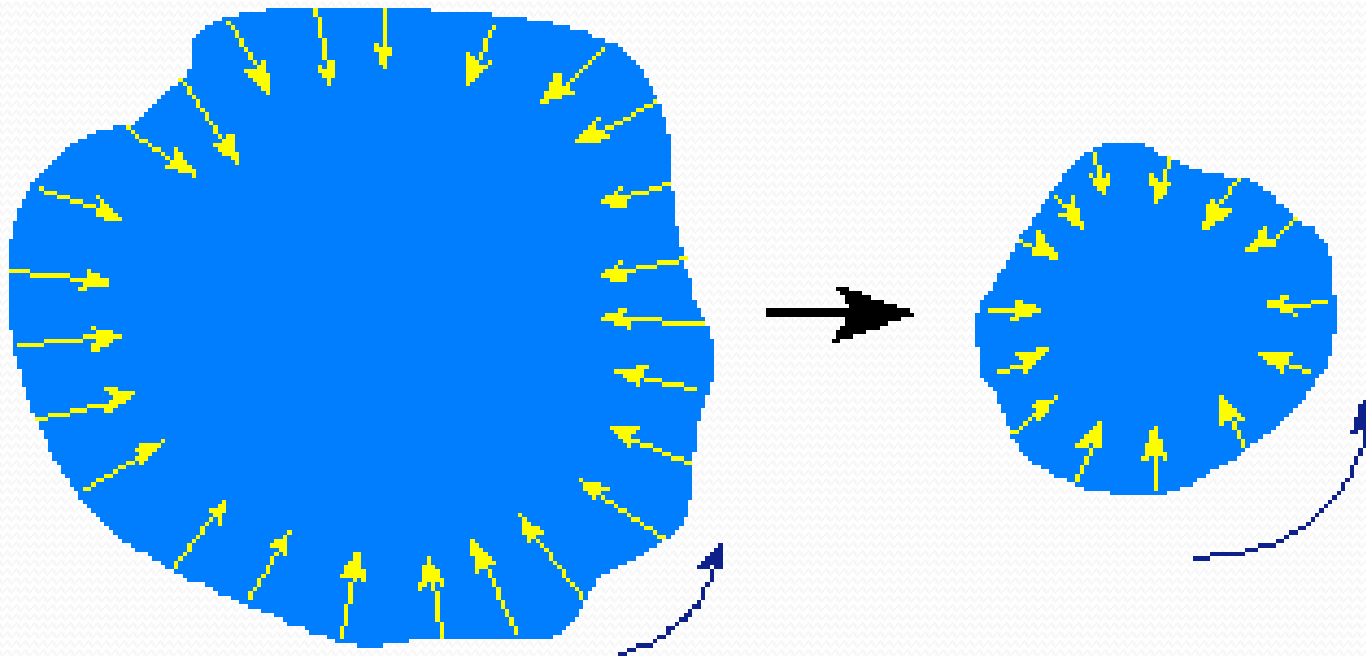
What is the Nebular Theory?

An explanation of how the solar system was formed from a nebula.



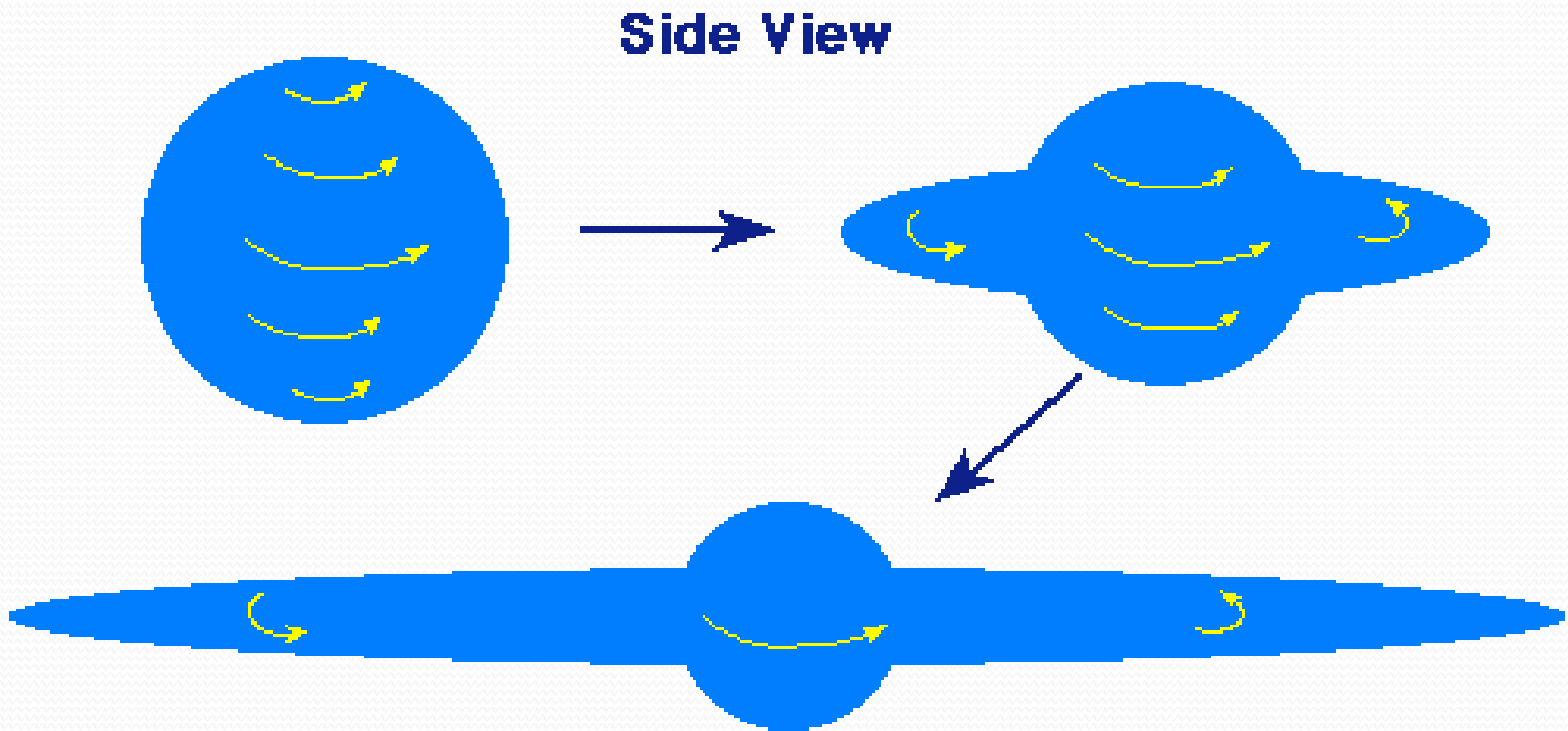
What's happening in a nebula?



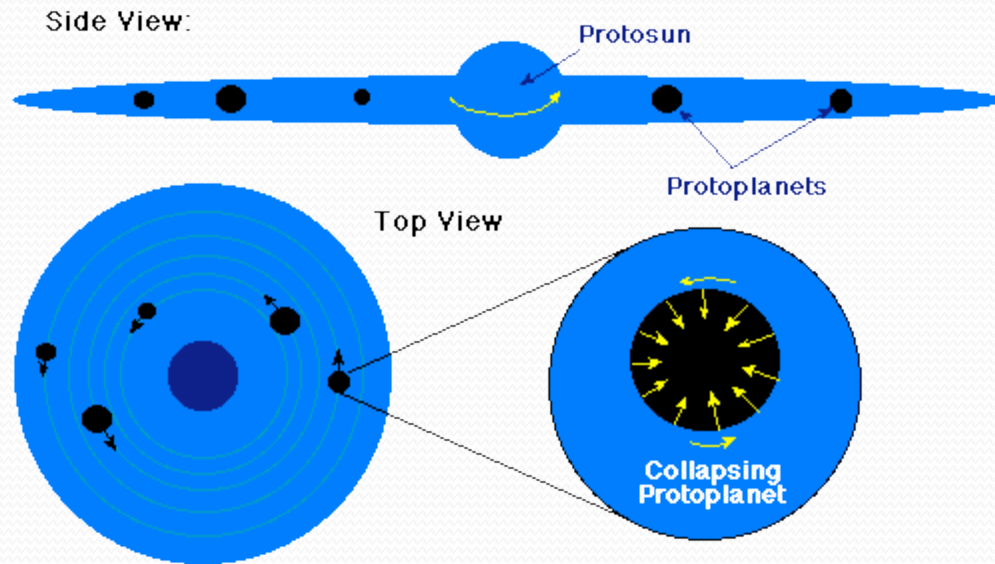


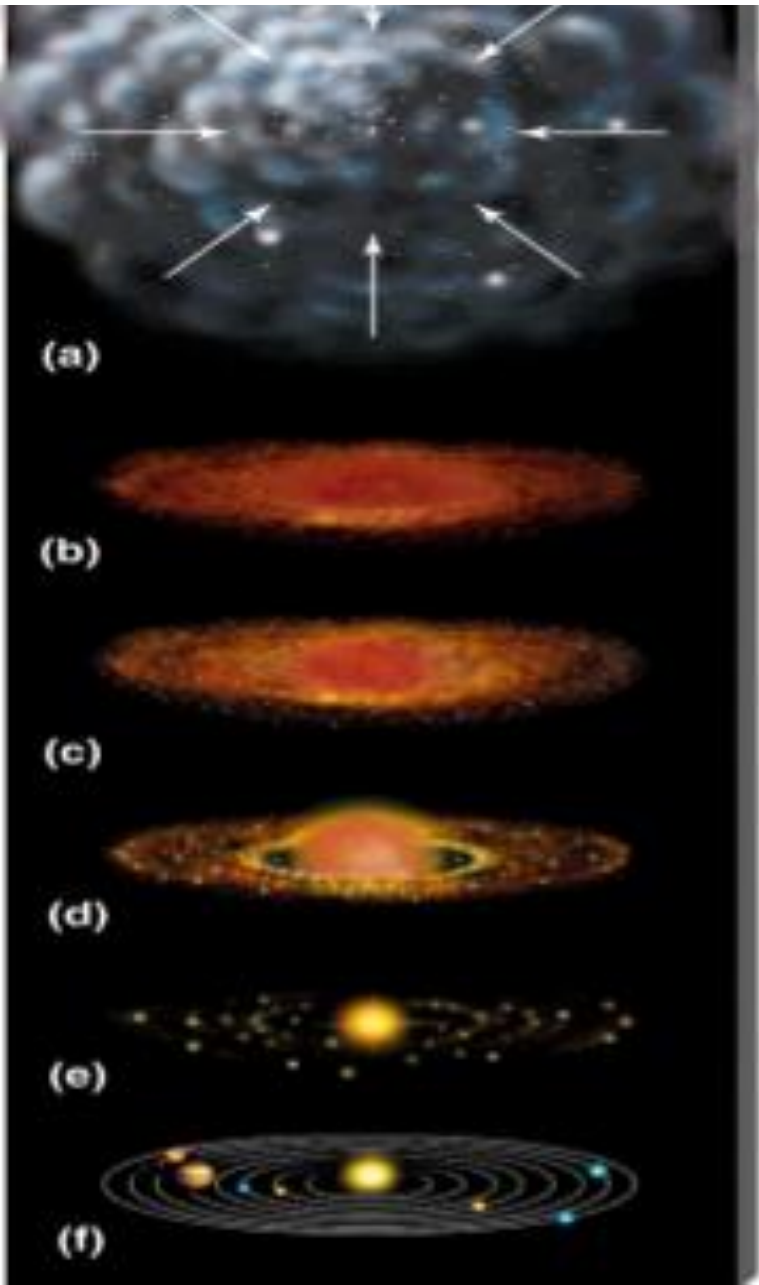
The cloud spins more rapidly as it collapses because of conservation of angular momentum

The collapsing, spinning nebula begins to flatten into a rotating pancake



99% of the mass is located in the center. The rest of the mass forms smaller bodies, our planets.





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OUR SOLAR SYSTEM

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I can explain how our solar system formed from a nebula through gravity and the steps of its formation and will be able to assist my classmates who need help.	I can explain how our solar system formed from a nebula through gravity and the steps of its formation.	I understand that our solar system formed from a nebula, but am not sure what caused its formation.	I know that our solar system formed a long time ago, but don't understand how.	I have no idea how our solar system was formed.