
Role of Turbulence, Magnetic Fields, and Feedback for Star Formation

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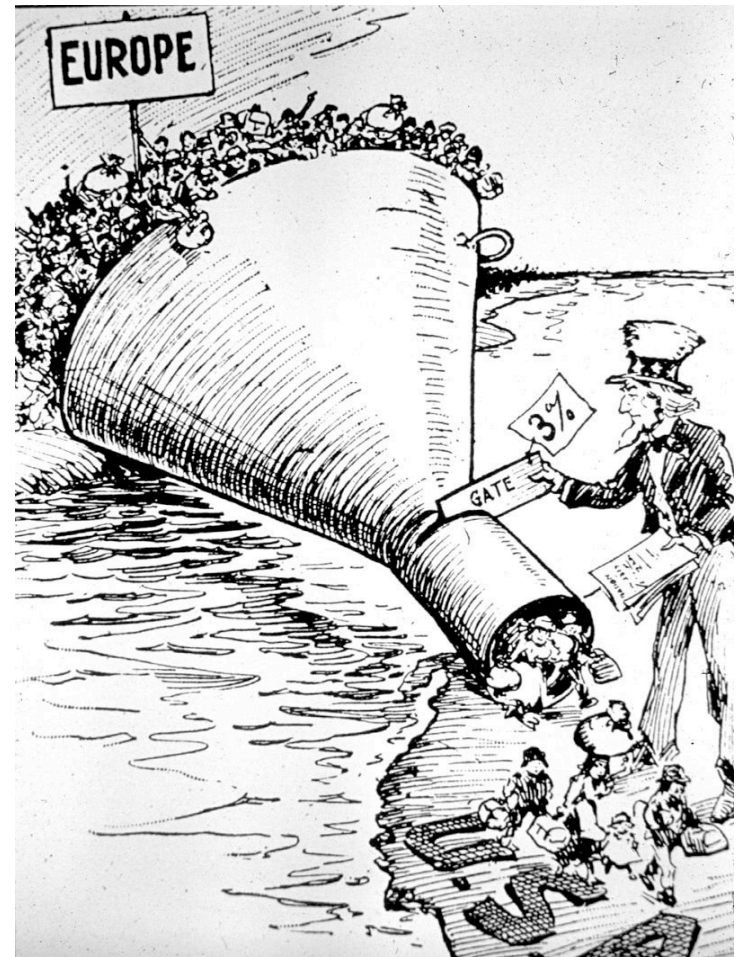
Two Points

1) Star Formation is Messy



**...unless you can
come up with a theory**

2) Star Formation is Inefficient

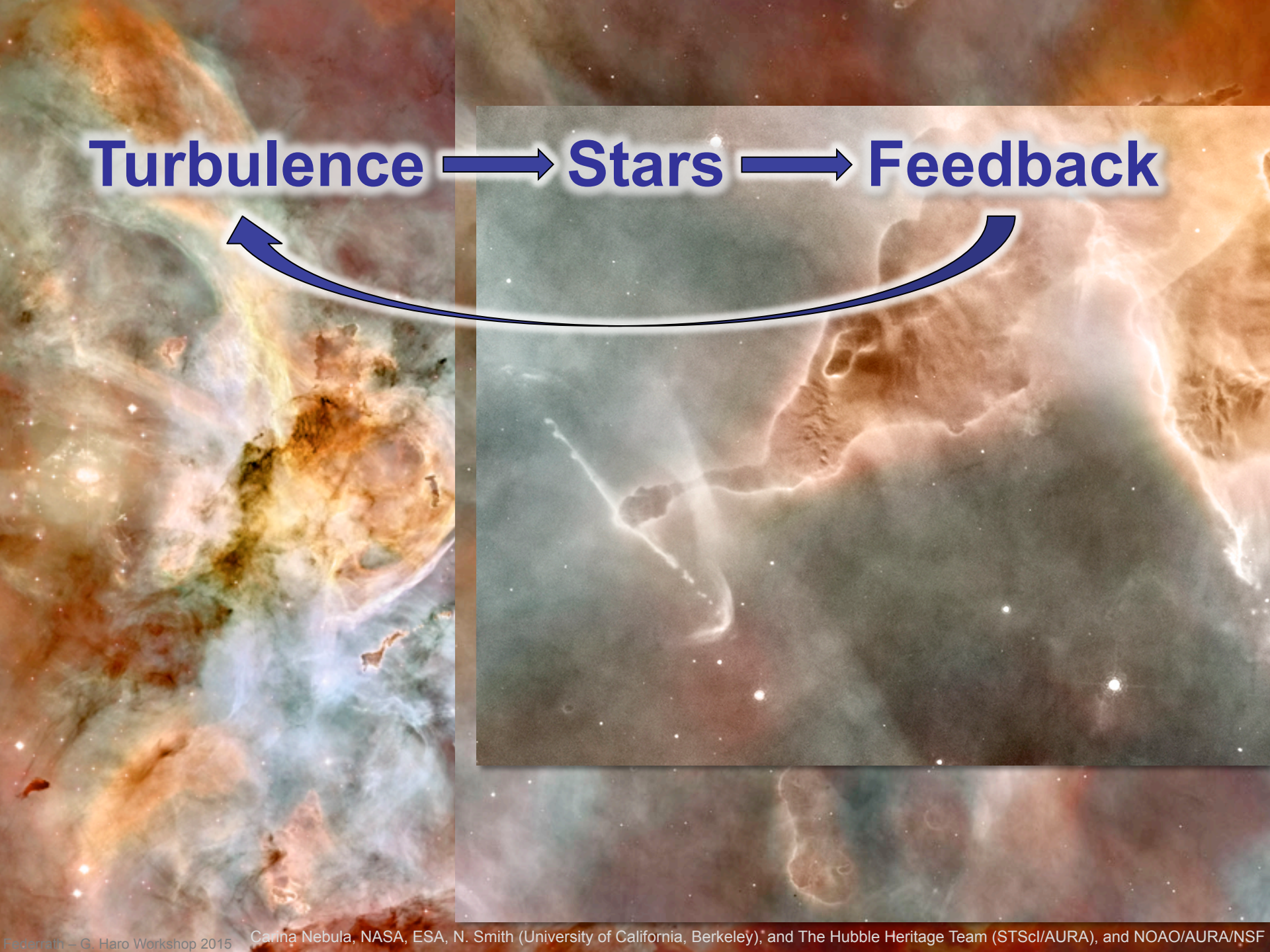
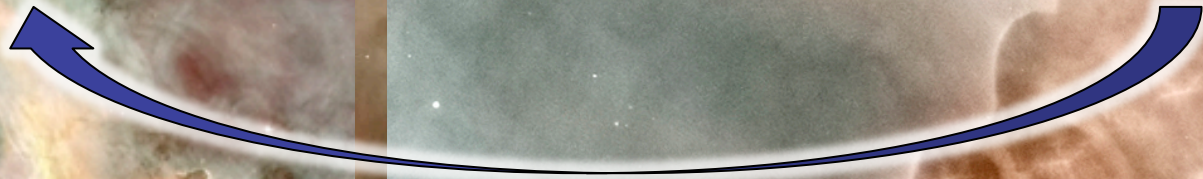


Turbulence \rightarrow Density PDF

Density PDF \rightarrow Star Formation Rate

Modeling jet and outflow feedback

Turbulence → **Stars** → **Feedback**



Star Formation Rate



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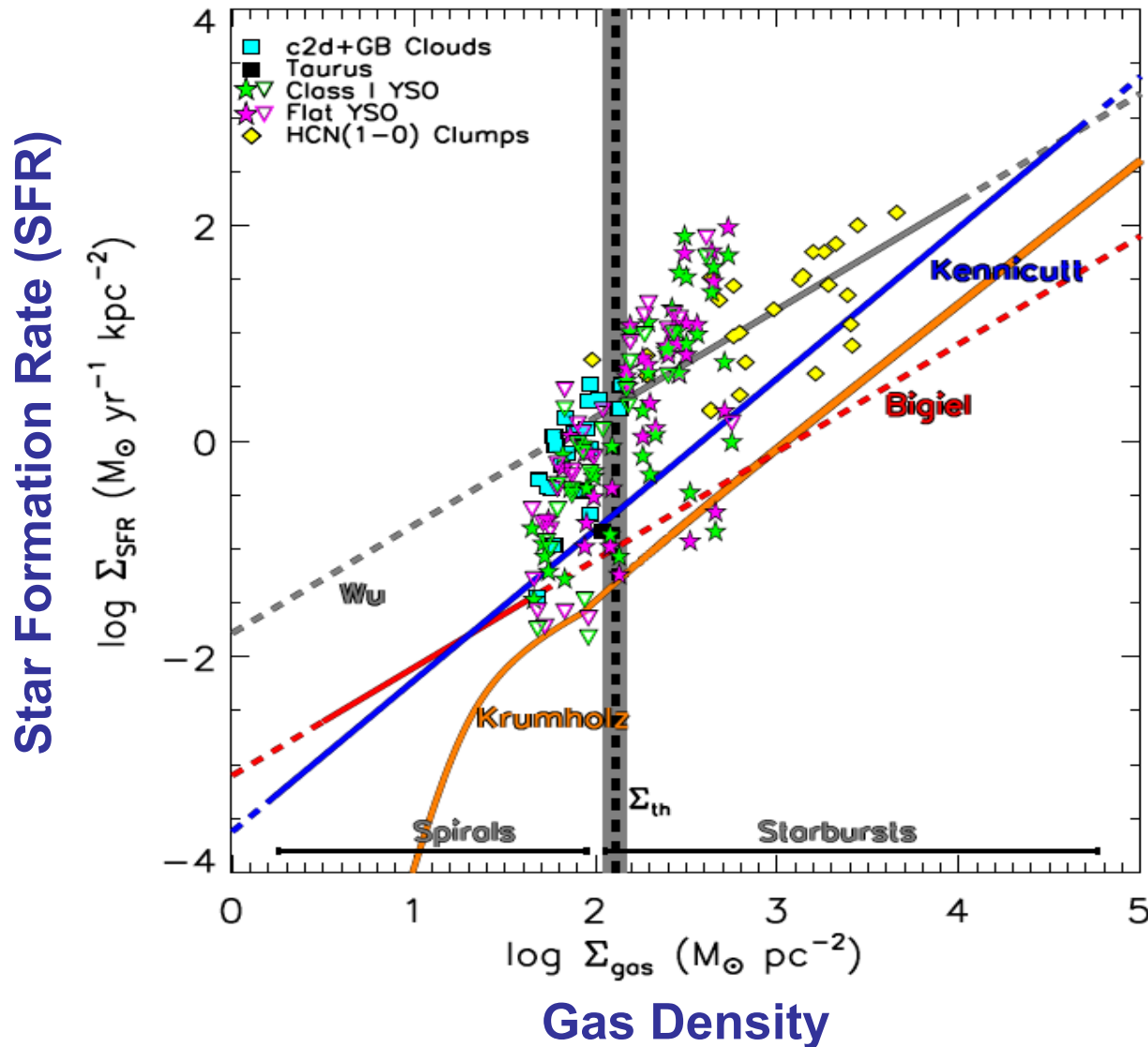
Pipe Nebula

Rho Ophiuchi Cloud

$$\mathbf{SFR}_{\text{Oph}} = 15 \times \mathbf{SFR}_{\text{Pipe}}$$

(Lada et al. 2010)

Universal star formation “law”?



Scatter?



Observational scatter
and physical variations
caused by

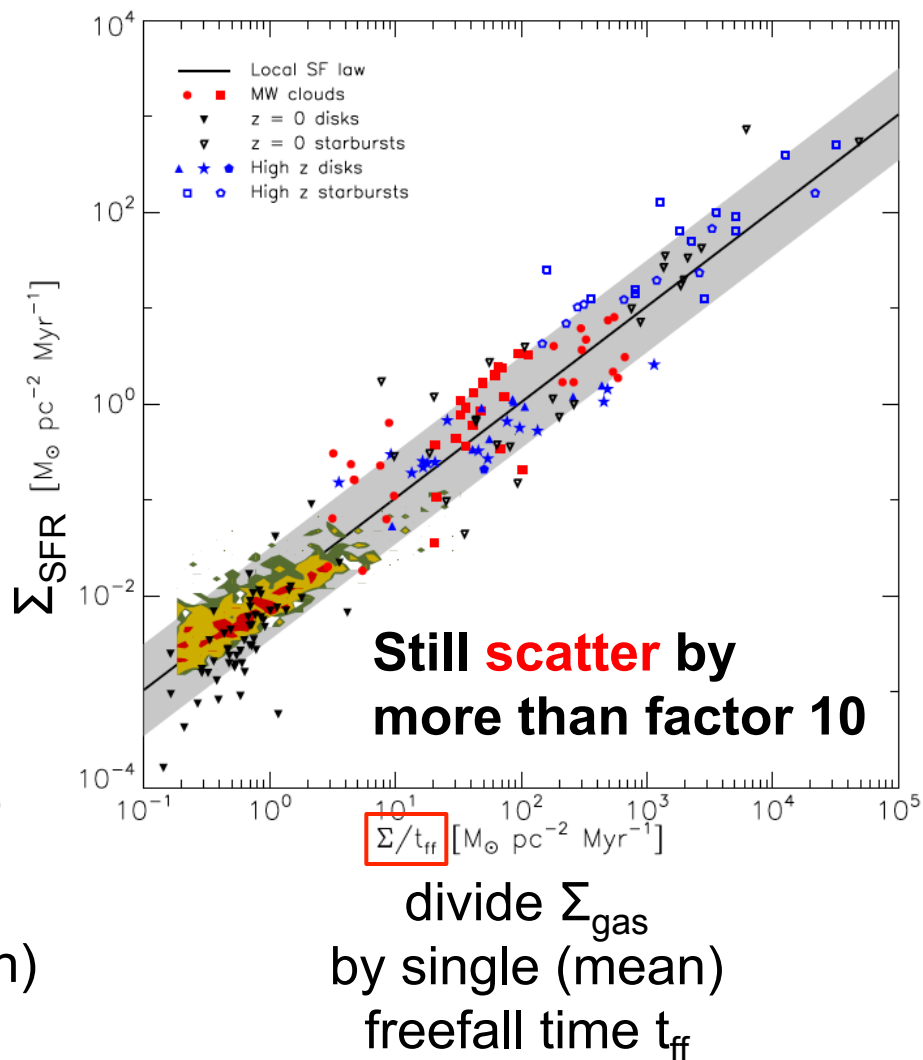
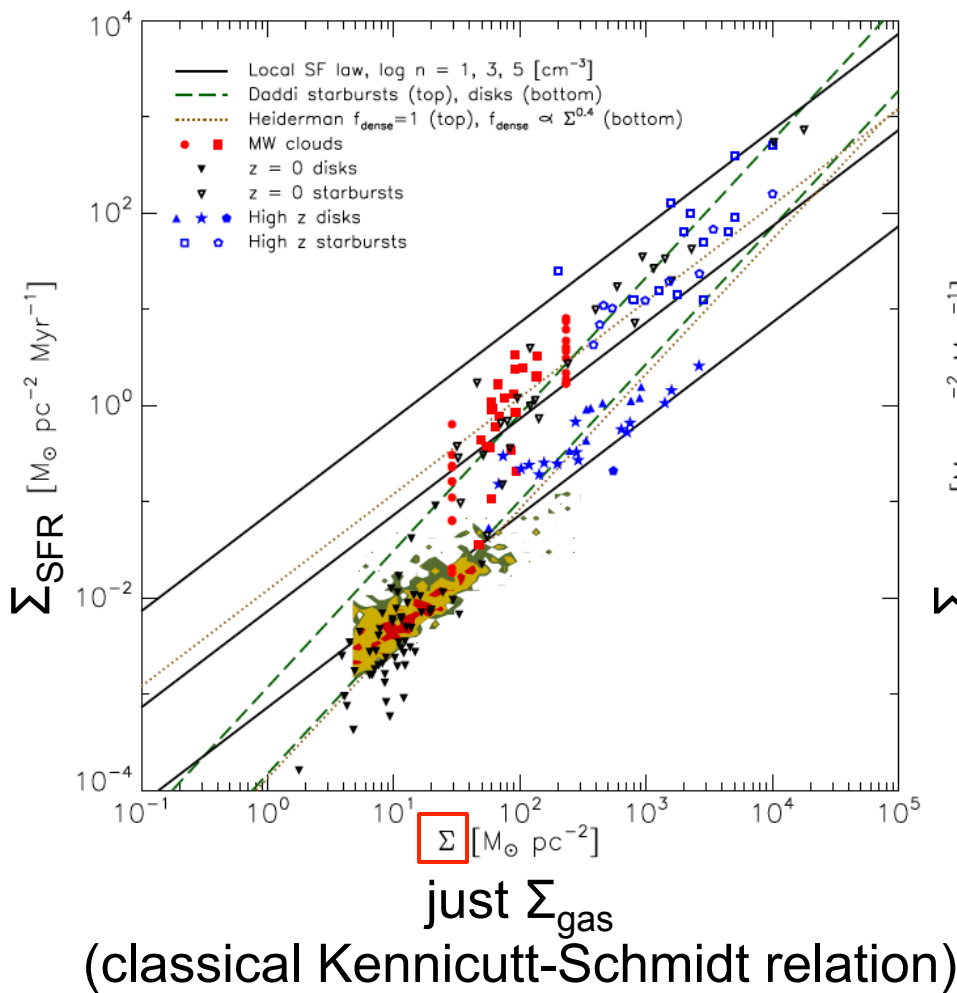
Turbulence

(Heiderman et al. 2010; Lada et al. 2010, Gutermuth et al. 2011)

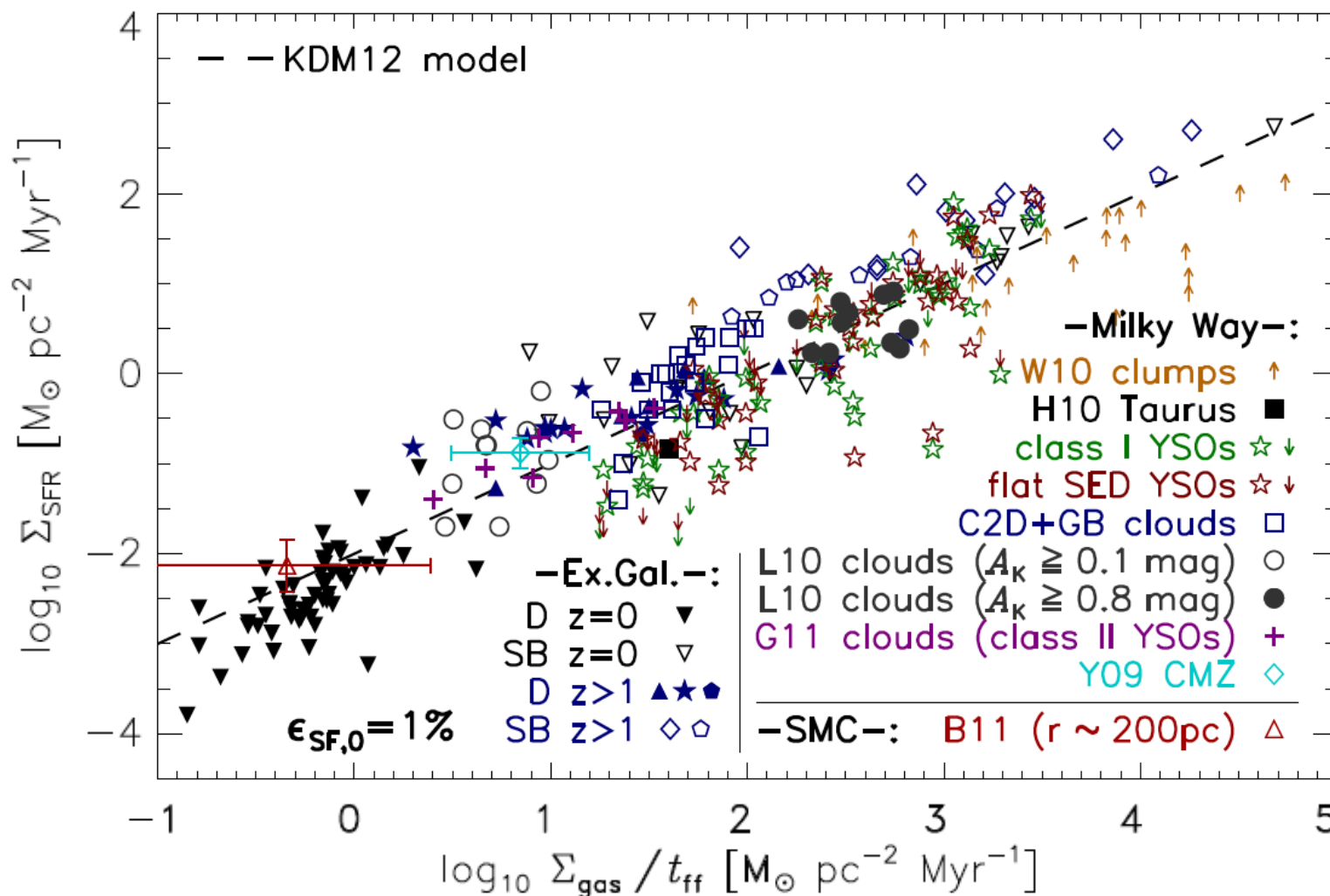
Physical Variations in the Universal Star Formation Law

Krumholz, Dekel, McKee (2012)

A more universal star formation "law"

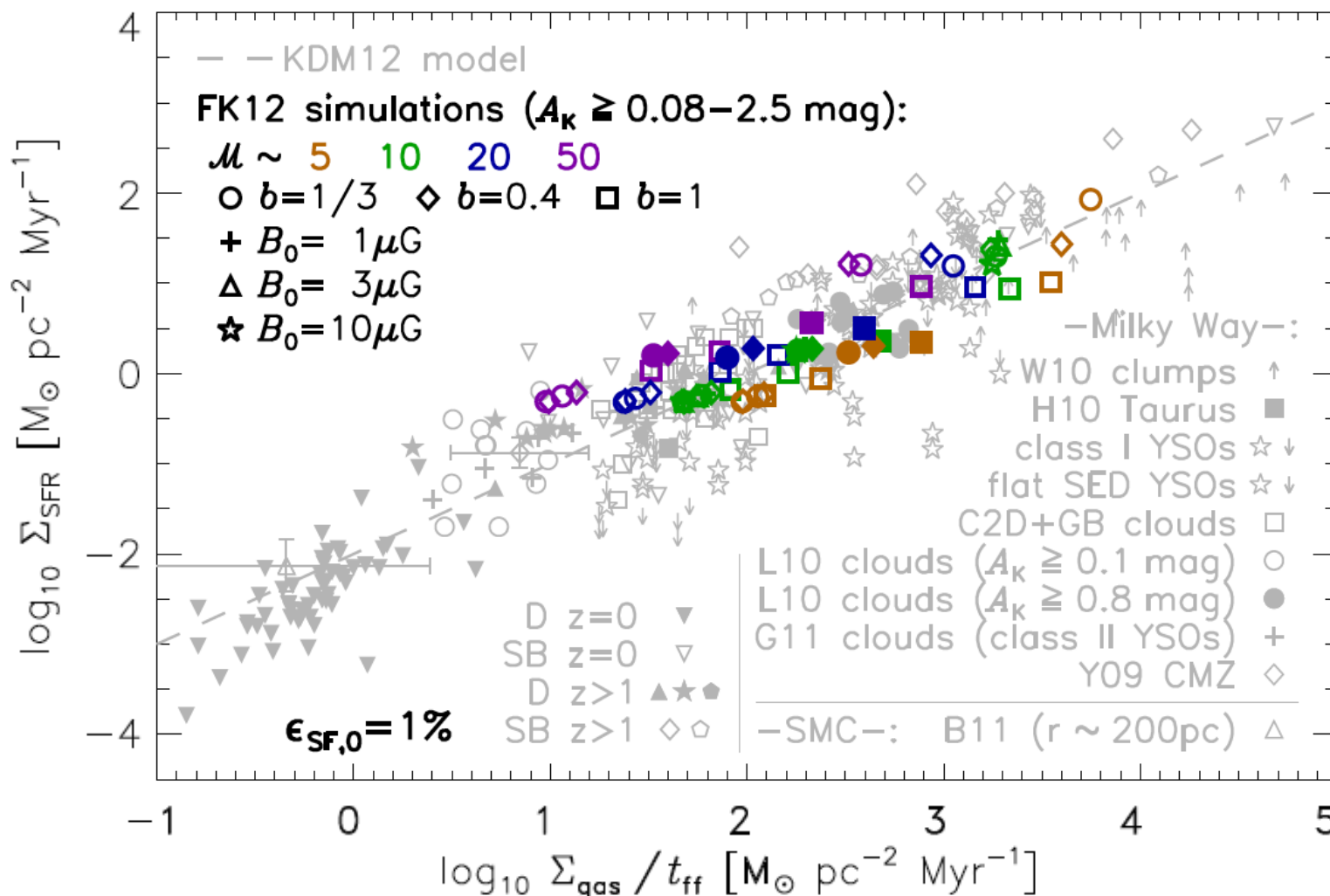


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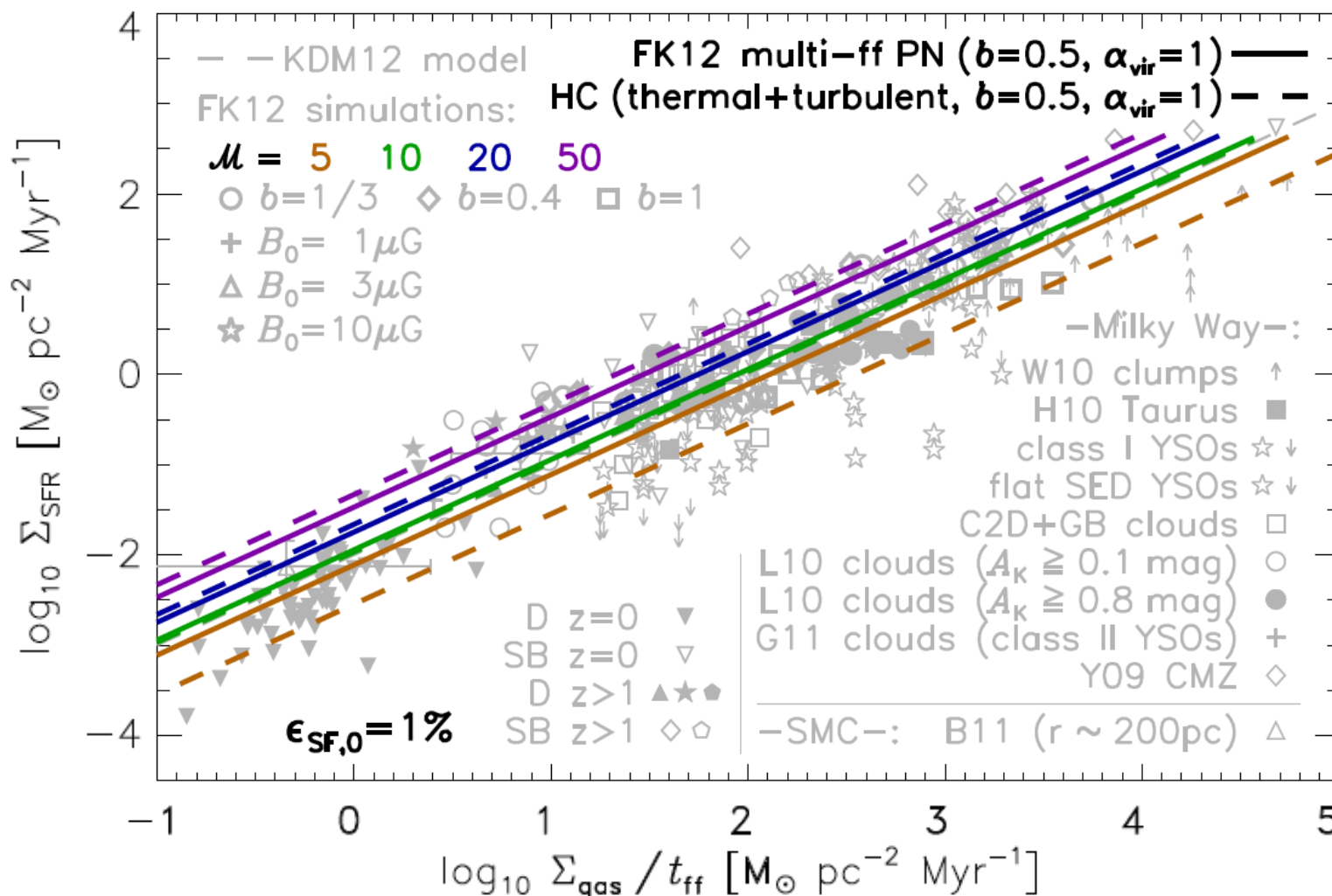
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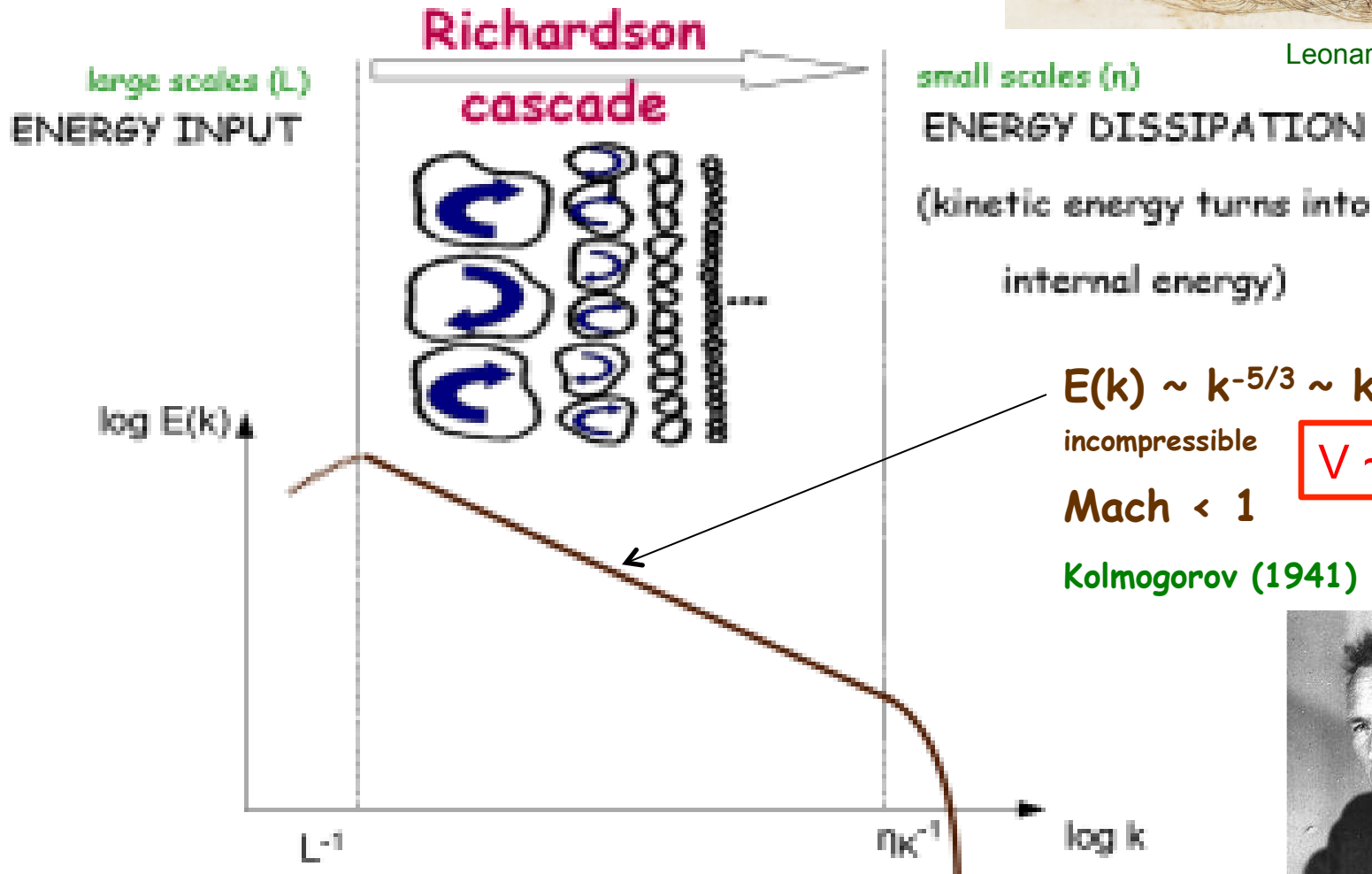
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Turbulence

- Reynolds numbers > 1000
- Kinetic energy cascade



Leonardo da Vinci

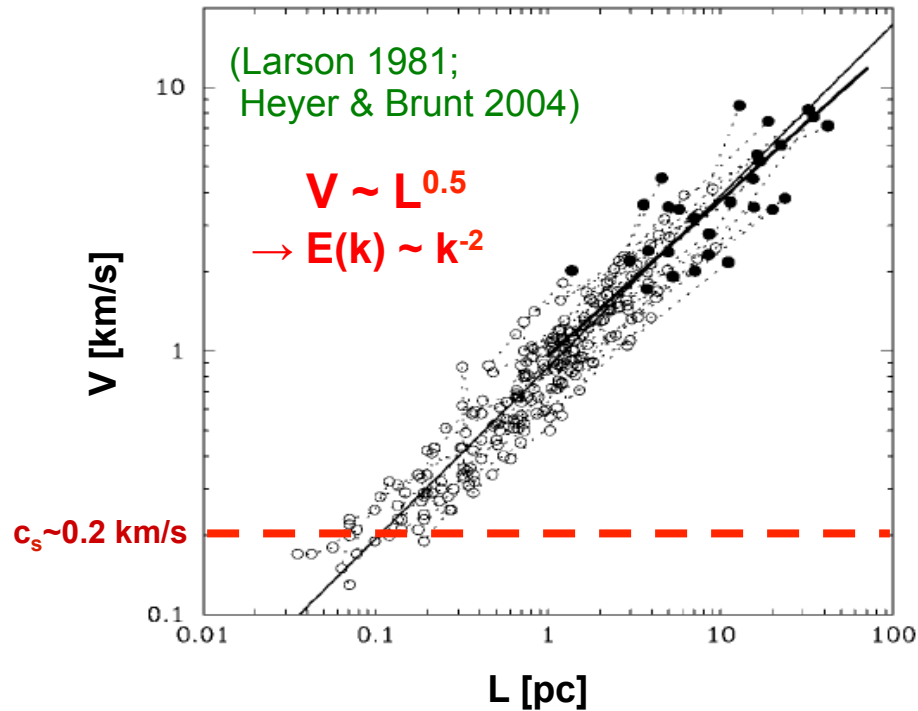


Interstellar Turbulence – scaling

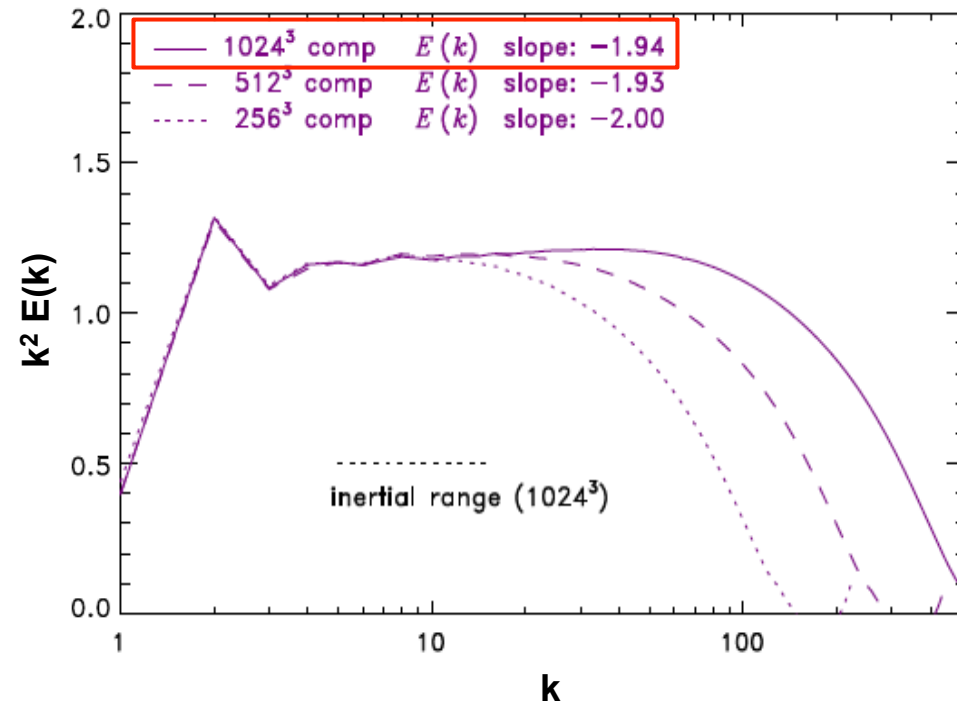
BUT: Larson (1981) relation: $E(k) \sim k^{-1.8-2.0}$

(see also Heyer & Brunt 2004; Roman-Duval et al. 2011)

Observation



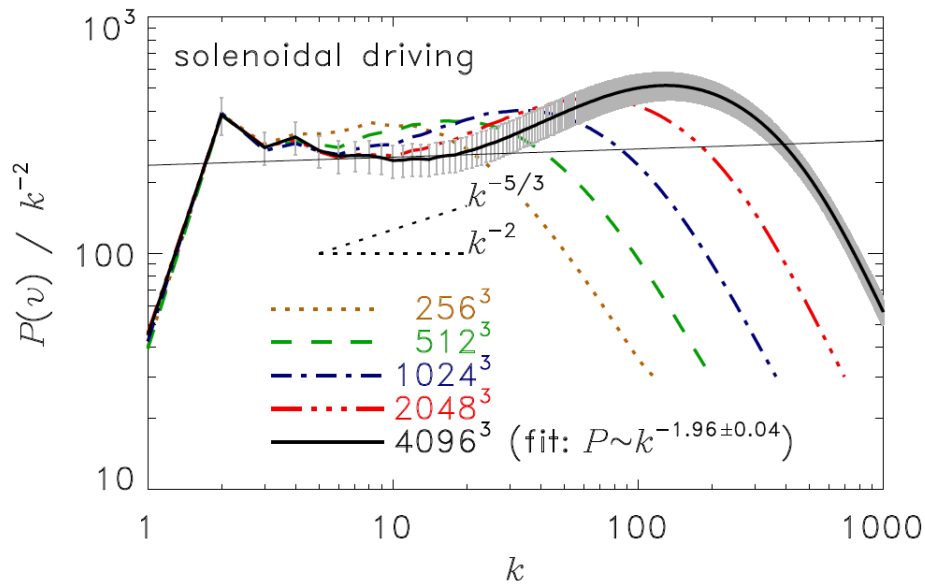
Simulation



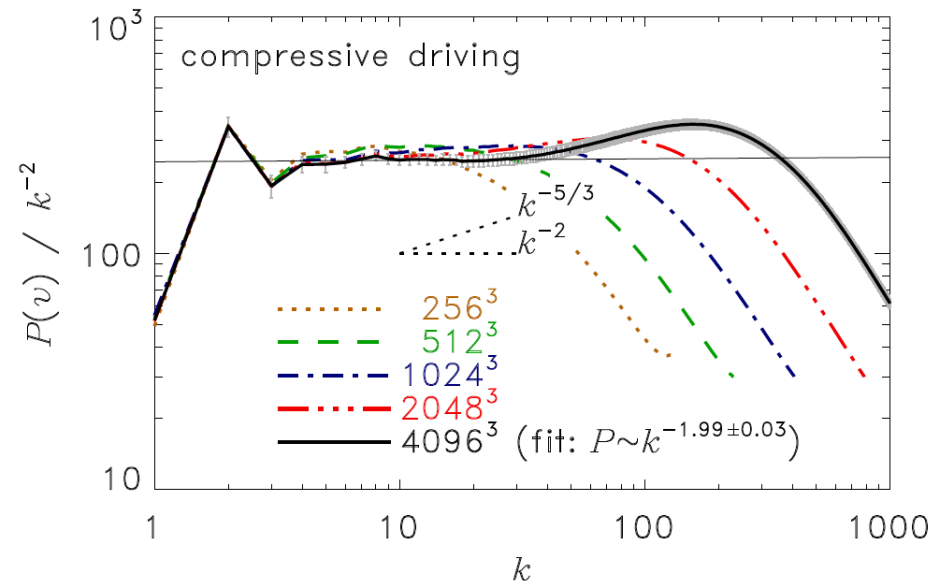
Supersonic, compressible turbulence has steeper $E(k) \sim k^{-1.9}$ than Kolmogorov ($E \sim k^{-5/3}$)

Supersonic turbulence @4096³ grid cells

Solenoidal forcing



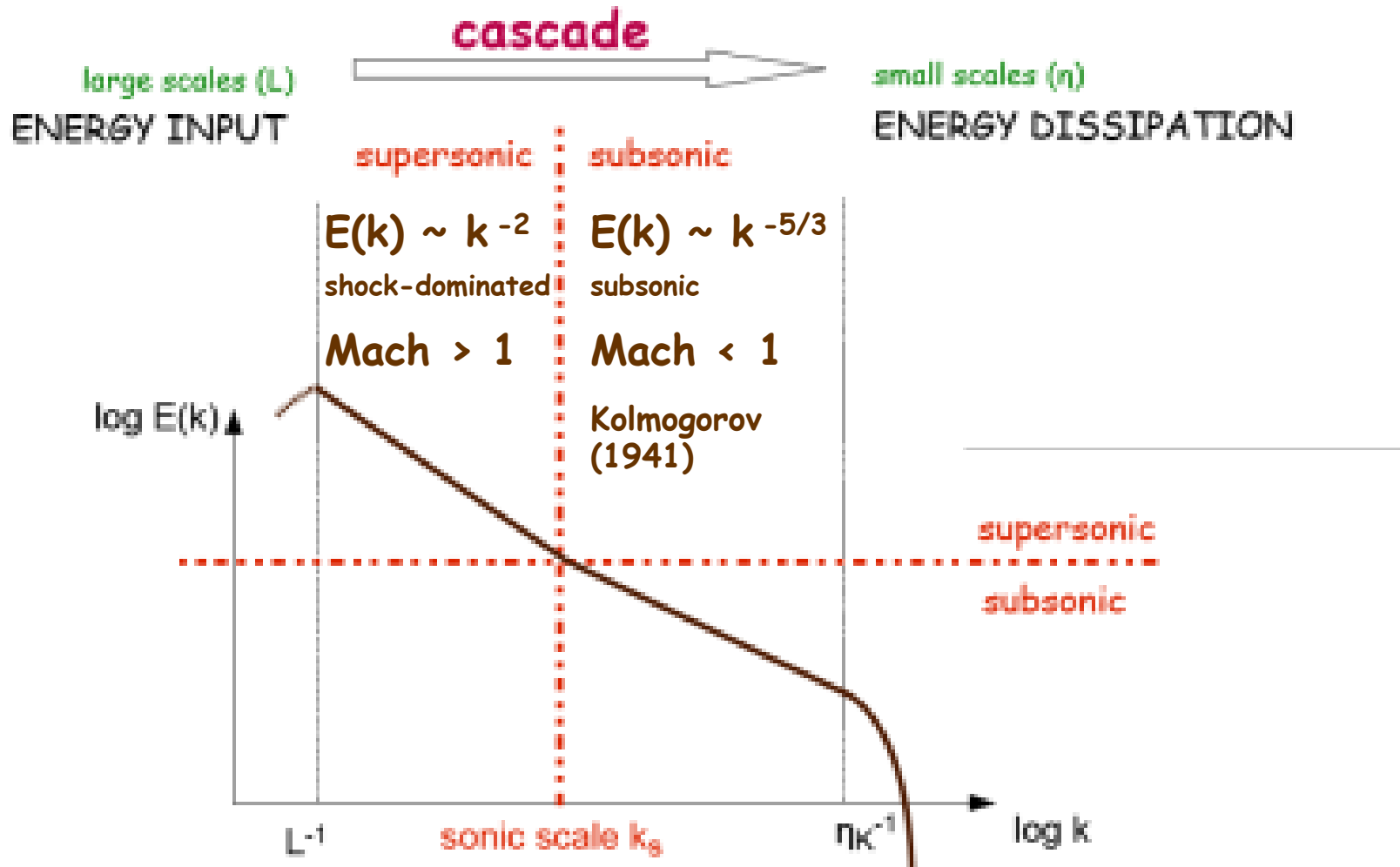
Compressive forcing



Federrath 2013, MNRAS 436, 1245

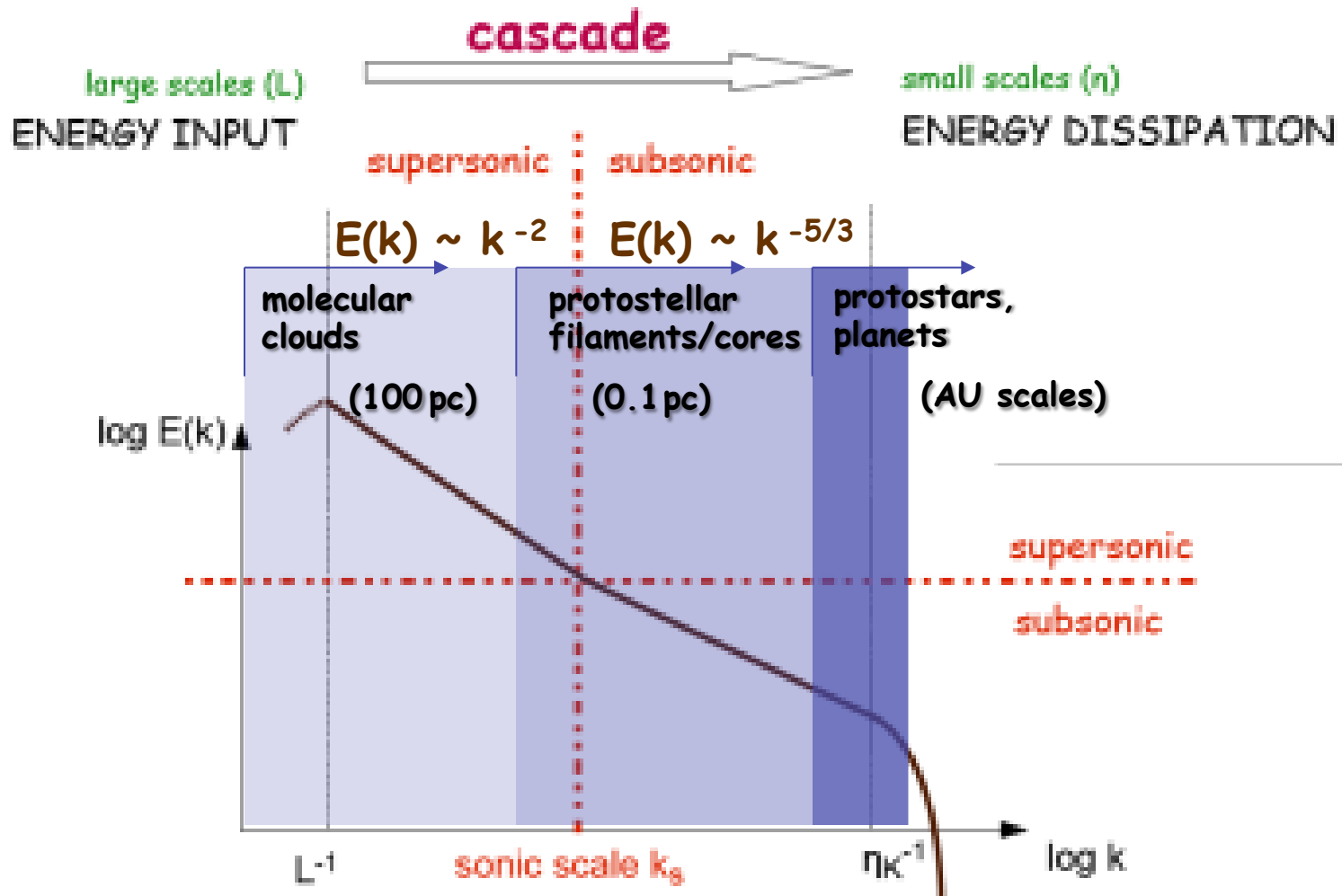
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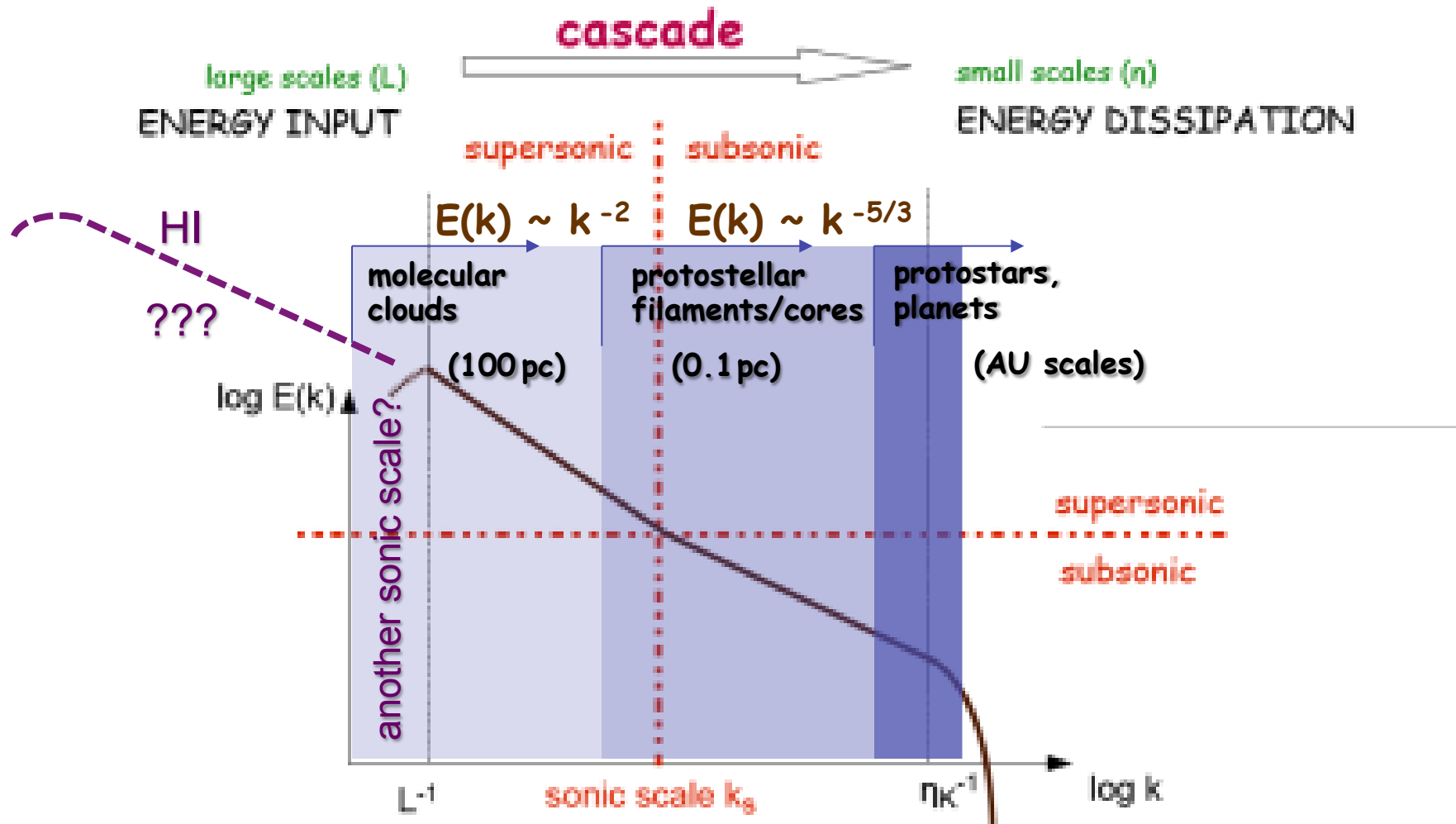
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Turbulence driven by

- Ionization fronts, bubbles?
- Protostellar jets/winds?
- Supernova explosions?
- MRI / shear?
- Gravitational infall?
- Galactic spiral shock?

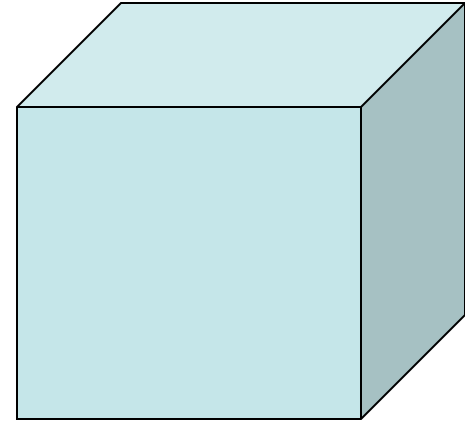
Mac Low & Klessen (2004)

Significant compressive forcing component

Turbulence driving – solenoidal versus compressive

“Turbulence in a box”

- 3D, periodic boundaries
- Driven to supersonic speeds (Mach 2 - 50)
- Large-scale **Forcing Term f**

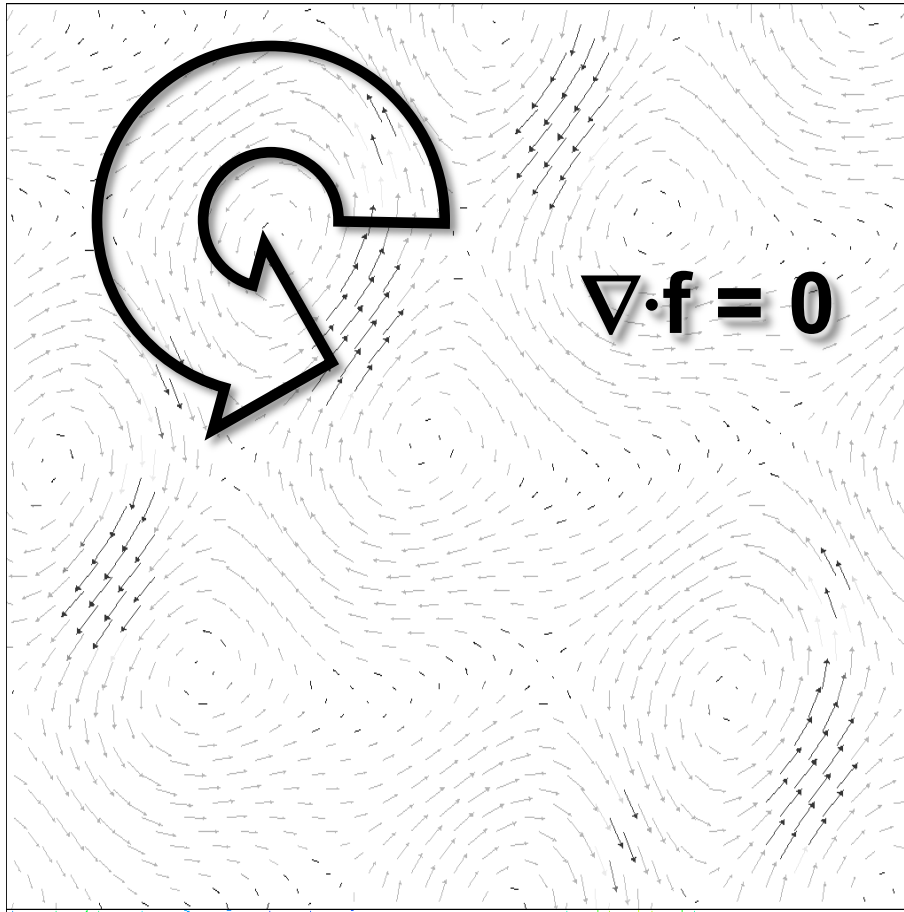


e.g., Vazquez 1994, Padoan+1997, Passot+1998, Stone+1998, Mac Low 1999, Klessen+2000, Ostriker+2001, Heitsch+2001, Cho+2002, Boldyrev+2002, Li+2003, Haugen+2004, Padoan+2004, Jappsen+2005, Ballesteros+2006, Mee+Brandenburg 2006, Kritsuk+2007, Kowal+2007, Dib+2008, Offner+2008, Schmidt+2009, Burkhart +2009, Cho+2009, Lemaster+2009, Glover+2010, Price+2011, DelSordo+2011, Collins +2012, Walch+2012, Scannapieco+2012, Pan+2012, Micic+2012, Robertson+2012, Price+2012, Bauer+2012 +++

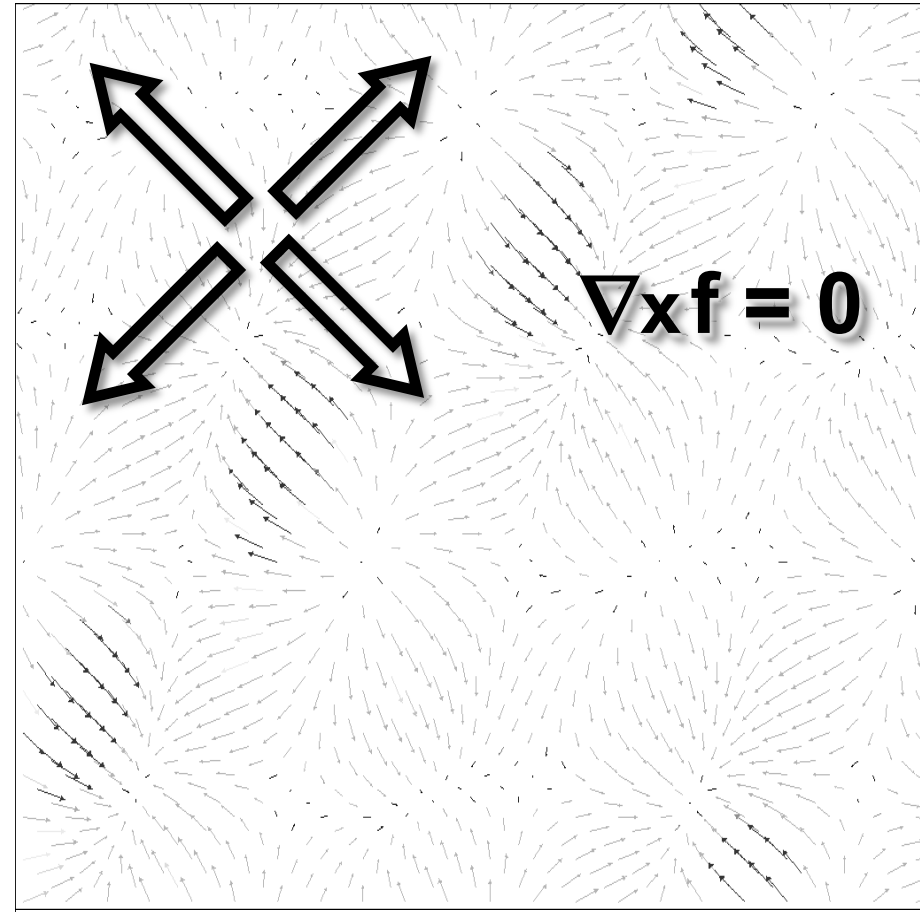
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Ornstein-Uhlenbeck process (stochastic process with autocorrelation time)
→ **forcing varies smoothly in space and time,**
following a well-defined random process

Solenoidal forcing



Compressive forcing



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solenoidal forcing

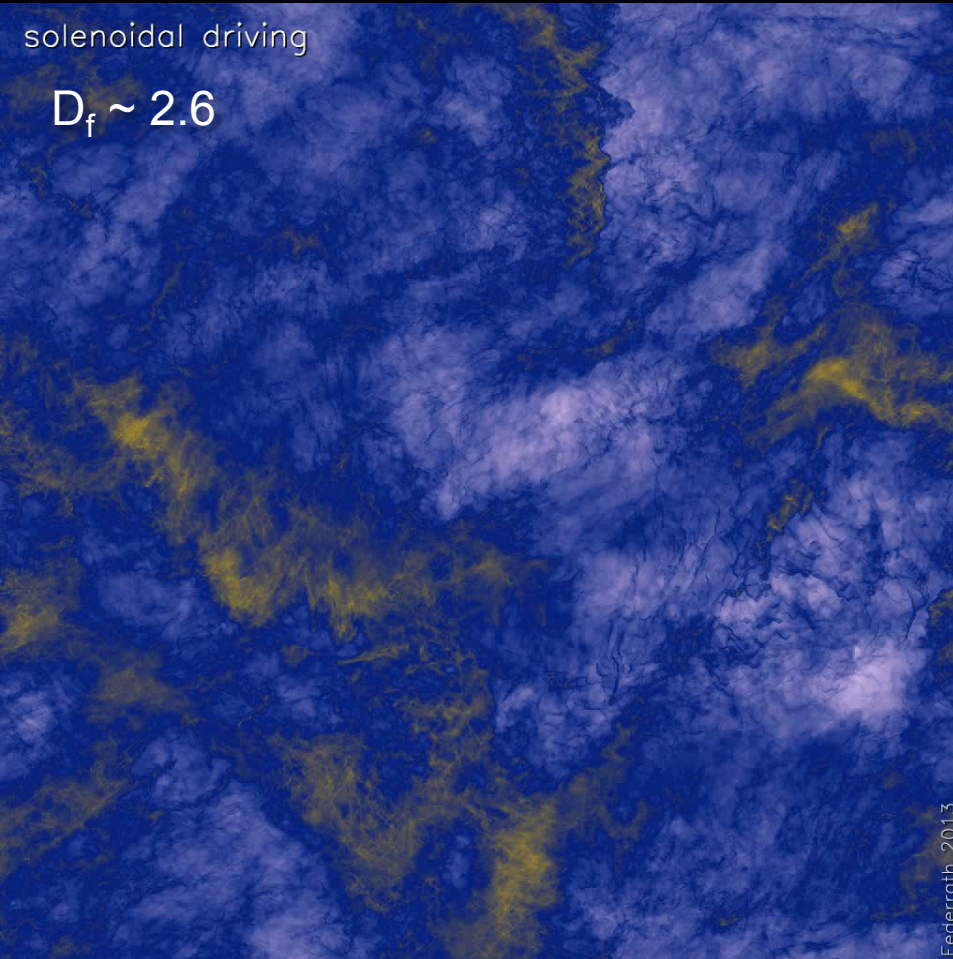
Column Density

compressive forcing

Movies available: <http://www.ita.uni-heidelberg.de/~chfeder/pubs/supersonic/supersonic.shtml>

solenoidal driving

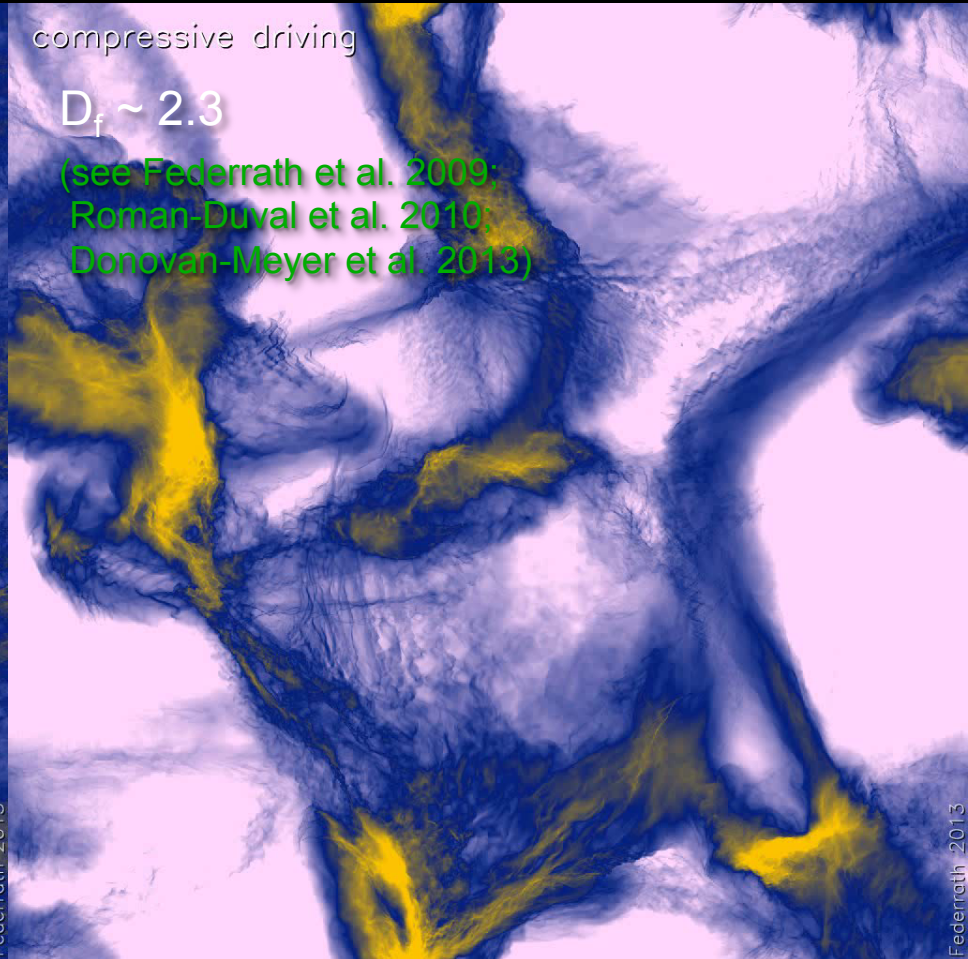
$D_f \sim 2.6$



compressive driving

$D_f \sim 2.3$

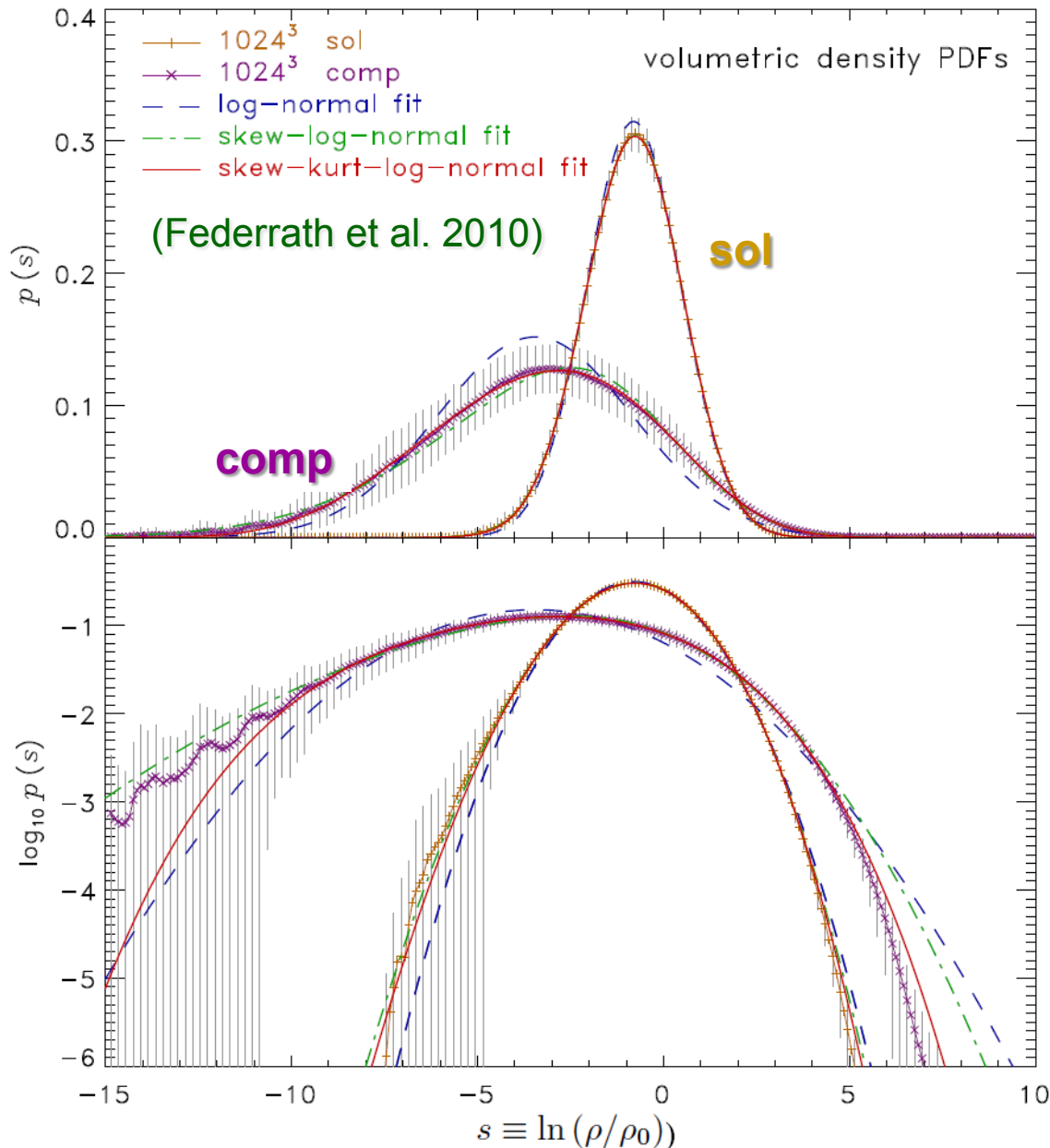
(see Federrath et al. 2009;
Roman-Duval et al. 2010;
Donovan-Meyer et al. 2013)



Compressive forcing produces stronger density enhancements

(Federrath 2013, MNRAS 436, 1245: Supersonic turbulence @ 4096³ grid cells)

The density PDF



Density PDF

log-normal:

$$p_s ds = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma_s^2}} \exp\left[-\frac{(s - \langle s \rangle)^2}{2\sigma_s^2}\right] ds$$

$$s \equiv \ln(\rho/\rho_0)$$

Vazquez-Semadeni (1994); Padoan et al. (1997);
Ostriker et al. (2001); Hopkins (2013)

$$\sigma_s^2 = \ln(1 + b^2 \mathcal{M}^2)$$

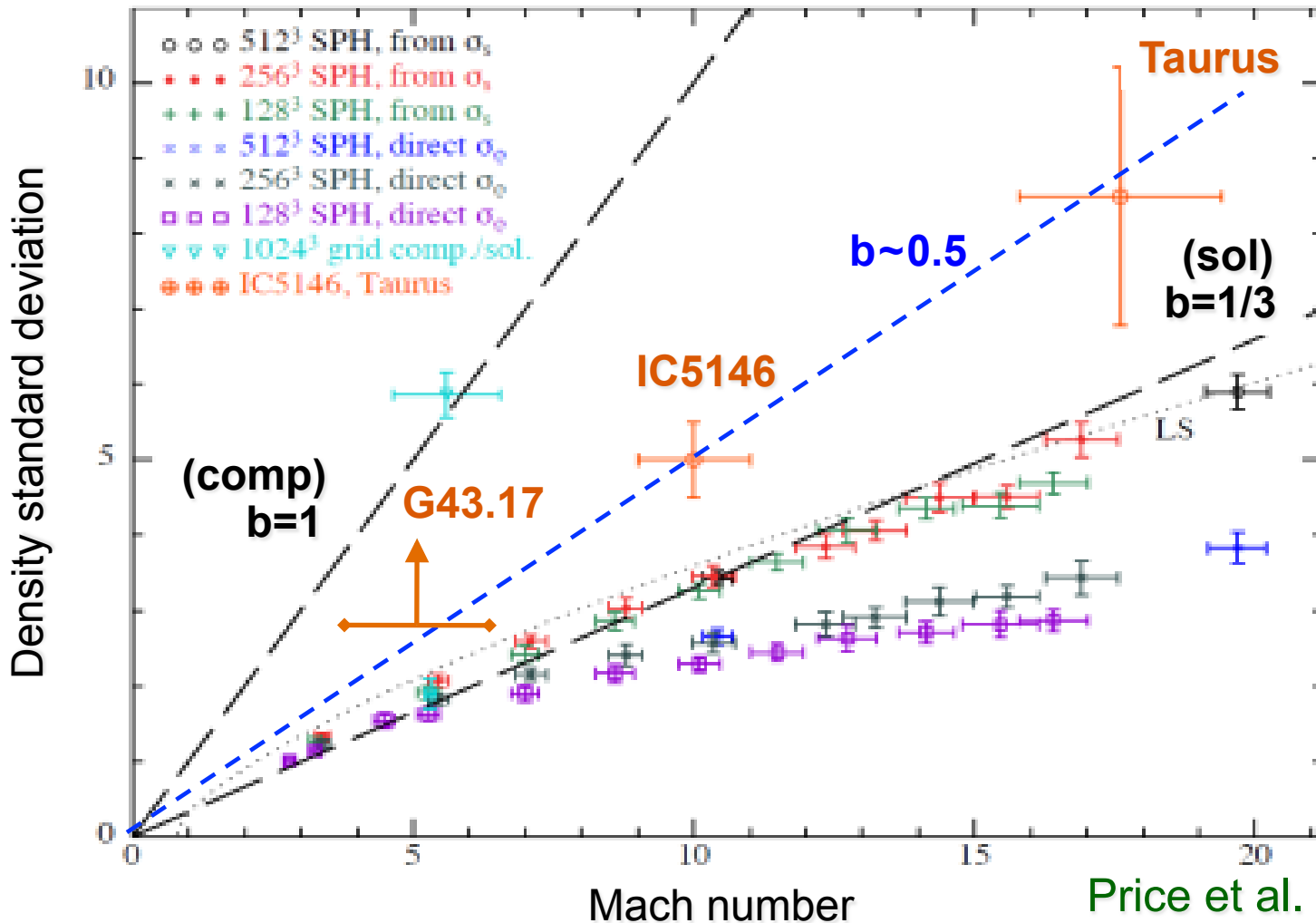


$b = 1/3$ (sol)

$b = 1$ (comp)

Federrath et al. (2008, 2010);
Price et al. (2011); Konstandin et al. (2012);
Molina et al. (2012); Federrath & Banerjee
(2014); Nolan et al. (2015)

The density PDF



2D \rightarrow 3D
conversion
 $\sigma_{N/N_0} \rightarrow \sigma_{\rho/\rho_0}$
 (Brunt et al. 2010a,b)

Price et al. (2011)

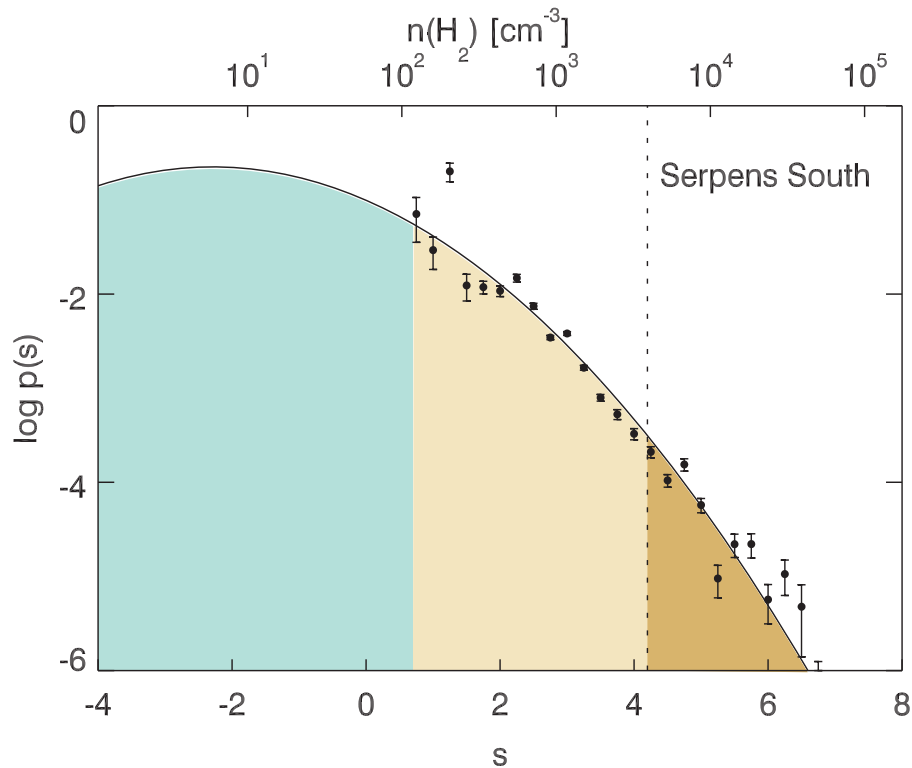
Padoan et al. (1997), Brunt (2010),
 Burkhardt & Lazarian (2012),
 Ginsburg et al. (2013)

$$\sigma_s^2 = \ln(1 + b^2 \mathcal{M}^2) \xrightarrow{p(s)} \sigma_{\rho/\rho_0} = b \mathcal{M}$$

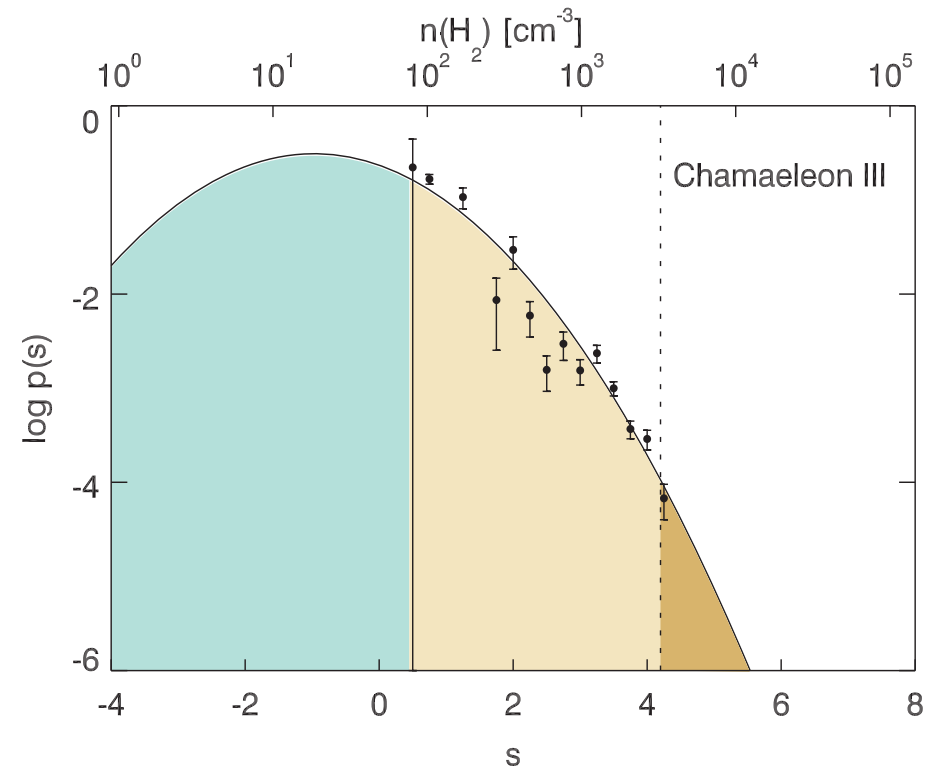
Compressive forcing and/or gravity required to explain observations

PDF → The dense gas fraction

Active star formation



No star formation



Kainulainen, Federrath, Henning (2014, *Science* 344, 183)

Power-law tails →
gravitational collapse

Schneider et al. 2012–2015; Federrath & Klessen 2013;
Girichidis et al. 2014; Sadavoy et al. 2014, Myers 2015

2D → 3D
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Density PDF \rightarrow Star Formation Rate

Modeling jet and outflow feedback

Density PDF is key for star formation theories:

- **Initial Mass Function** (Padoan & Nordlund 02, Hennebelle & Chabrier 08,09,
- **Star Formation Efficiency** (Elmegreen 08, Federrath & Klessen 13)
- **Kennicutt-Schmidt relation** (Elmegreen 02, Krumholz & McKee 05, Tassis 07, Ostriker+10, Elmegreen 11, Veltchev+11, Hopkins 12, Federrath 13, Salim+15)
- **Star Formation Rate** (Krumholz & McKee 05, Padoan & Nordlund 11, Renaud+12, Federrath & Klessen 2012)

All based on integrals over the turbulent density PDF

$$\text{SFR}_{\text{ff}} = \frac{\epsilon_{\text{core}}}{\phi_t} \int_{x_{\text{crit}}}^{\infty} xp(x) dx$$

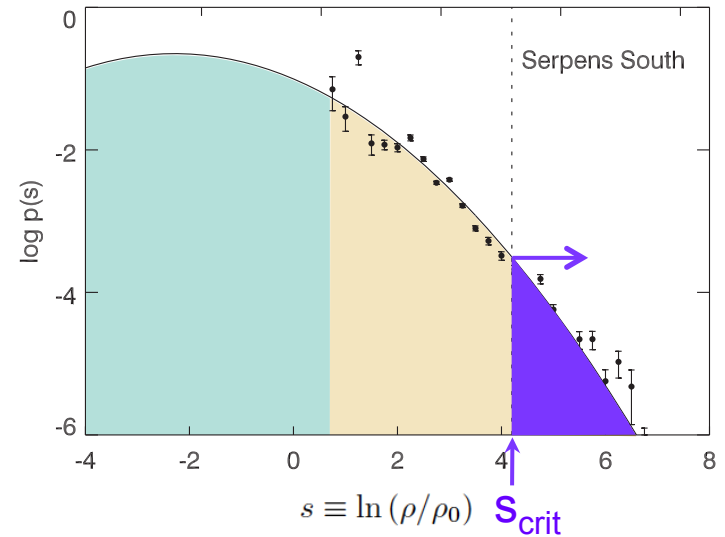
Krumholz & McKee (2005), Padoan & Nordlund (2011); Hennebelle & Chabrier (2011,2013)

Statistical Theory for the Star Formation Rate:

SFR ~ Mass/time

freefall time mass fraction

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From sonic and Jeans scales:

$$s_{\text{crit}} \propto \ln(\alpha_{\text{vir}} \mathcal{M}^2)$$

(Krumholz & McKee 2005, Padoan & Nordlund 2011)

$$\text{SFR}_{\text{ff}} = \text{SFR}_{\text{ff}}(\alpha_{\text{vir}}, b, \mathcal{M})$$

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(e.g., Federrath et al. 2008)

$2E_{\text{kin}}/E_{\text{grav}}$

forcing

Mach number

Federrath & Klessen (2012)

Density PDF \rightarrow Star Formation Rate

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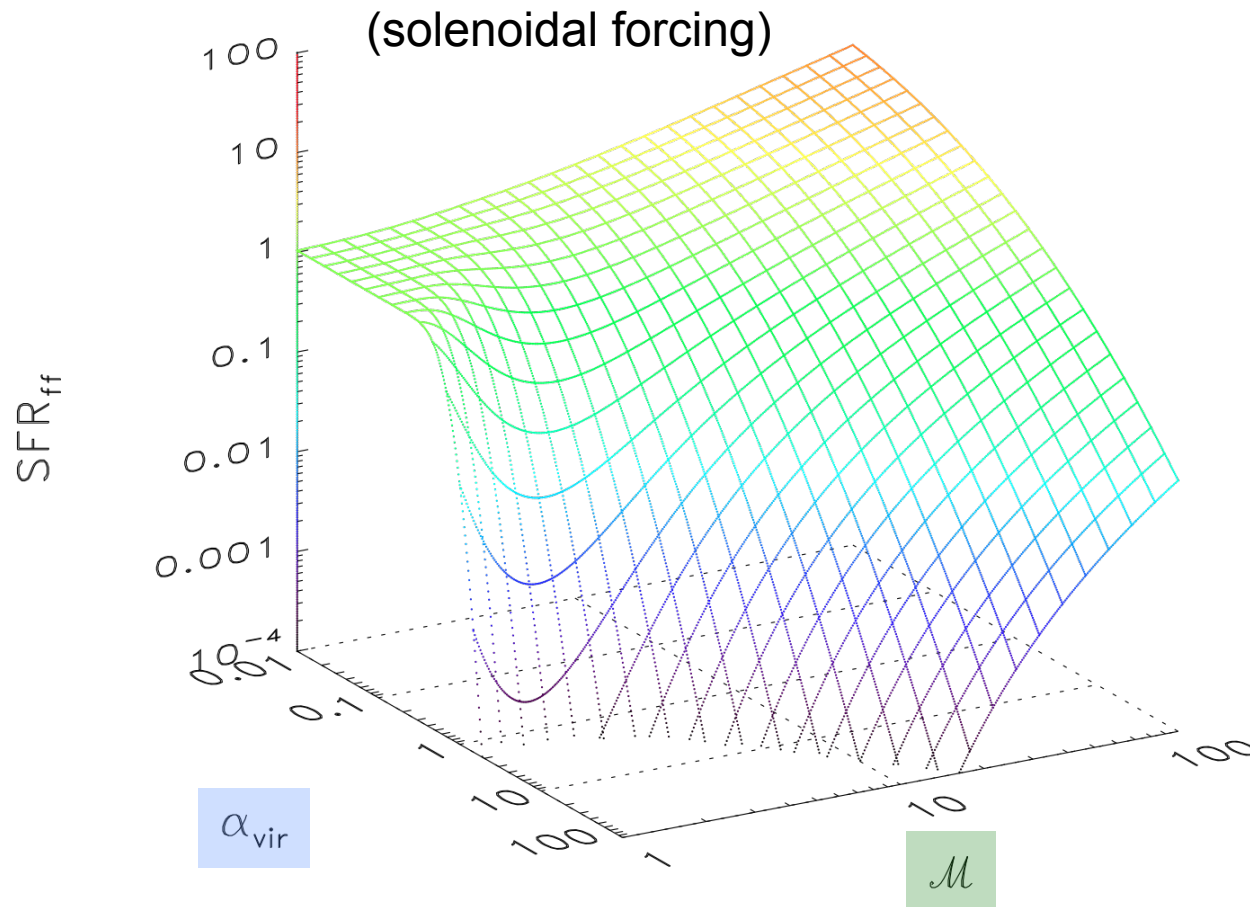
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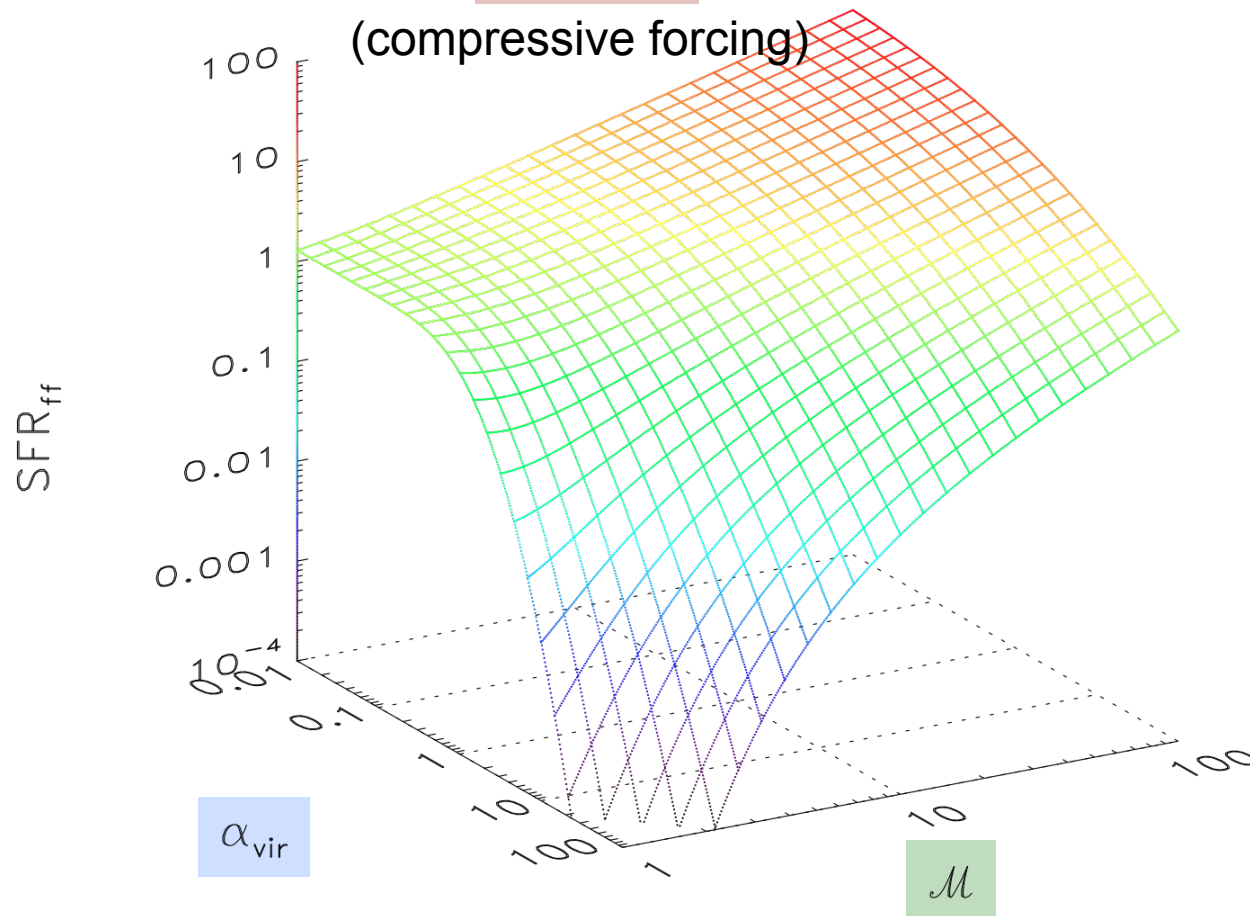
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multi-freefall

(compressive forcing)



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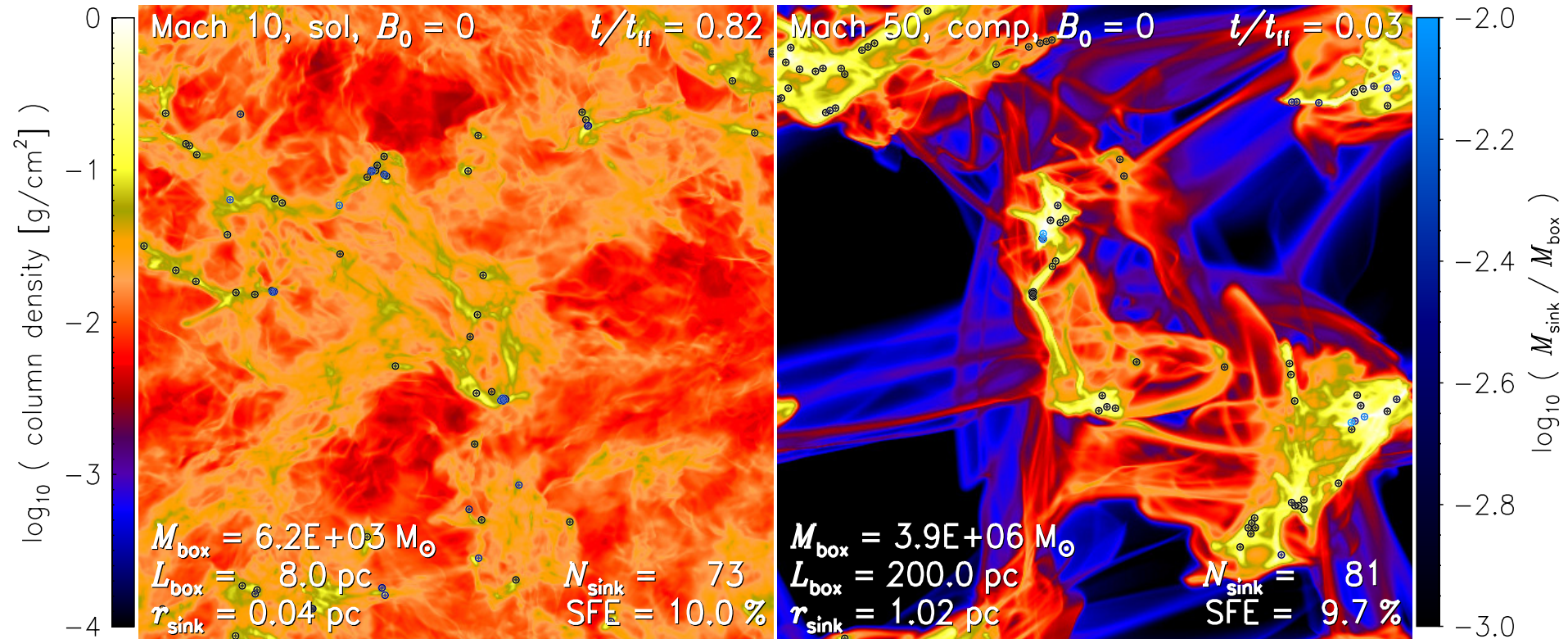
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Numerical Simulation varying the turbulent Mach number:

Movies available: <http://www.ita.uni-heidelberg.de/~chfeder/pubs/sfr/sfr.shtml>

Mach 10 solenoidal driving

Mach 50 compressive driving



SFR_{ff} (simulation) = **0.14** $\times 52$
 SFR_{ff} (theory) = **0.15** $\times 52$

SFR_{ff} (simulation) = **7.3**
 SFR_{ff} (theory) = **7.8**

Theory and Simulations agree well.

The Star Formation Rate – Magnetic fields

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MAGNETIC FIELD:

$$P_{\text{th}} \rightarrow P_{\text{th}} + P_{\text{mag}} \quad \mathcal{M} \rightarrow \mathcal{M} (1 + \beta^{-1})^{-1/2}$$

$$s_{\text{crit}} \propto \ln\left(\alpha_{\text{vir}} \mathcal{M}^2 \frac{\beta}{\beta + 1}\right)$$

$$\sigma_s^2 = \ln\left(1 + b^2 \mathcal{M}^2 \frac{\beta}{\beta + 1}\right)$$

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(Padoan & Nordlund 2011; Molina et al. 2012)

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plasma $\beta = P_{\text{th}}/P_{\text{mag}}$

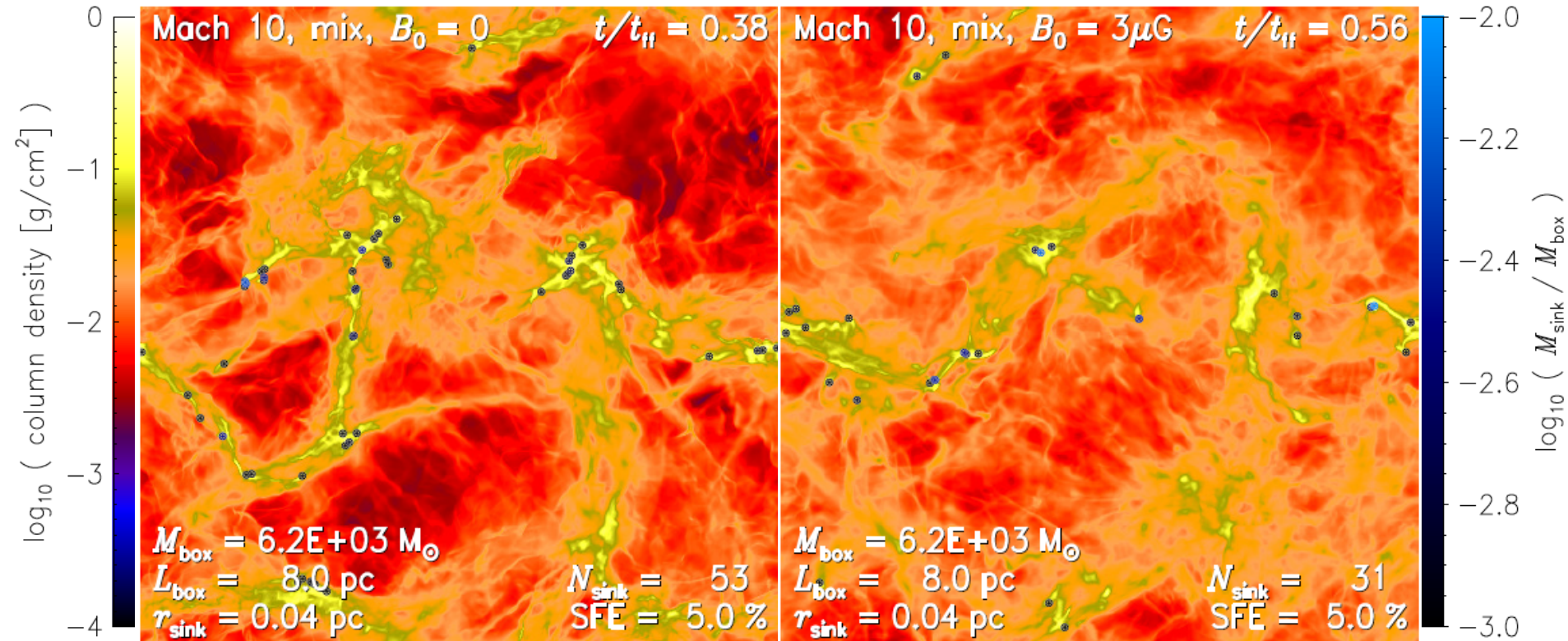
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Numerical Test at Mach 10 with mixed forcing

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$B=0$ ($M_A = \infty$, $\beta = \infty$)

$B=3\mu\text{G}$ ($M_A = 2.7$, $\beta = 0.2$)



SFR_{ff} (simulation) = **0.46**

x0.63

SFR_{ff} (simulation) = **0.29**

SFR_{ff} (theory) = **0.45**

x0.40

SFR_{ff} (theory) = **0.18**

Magnetic field reduces SFR and fragmentation (by factor ~2).

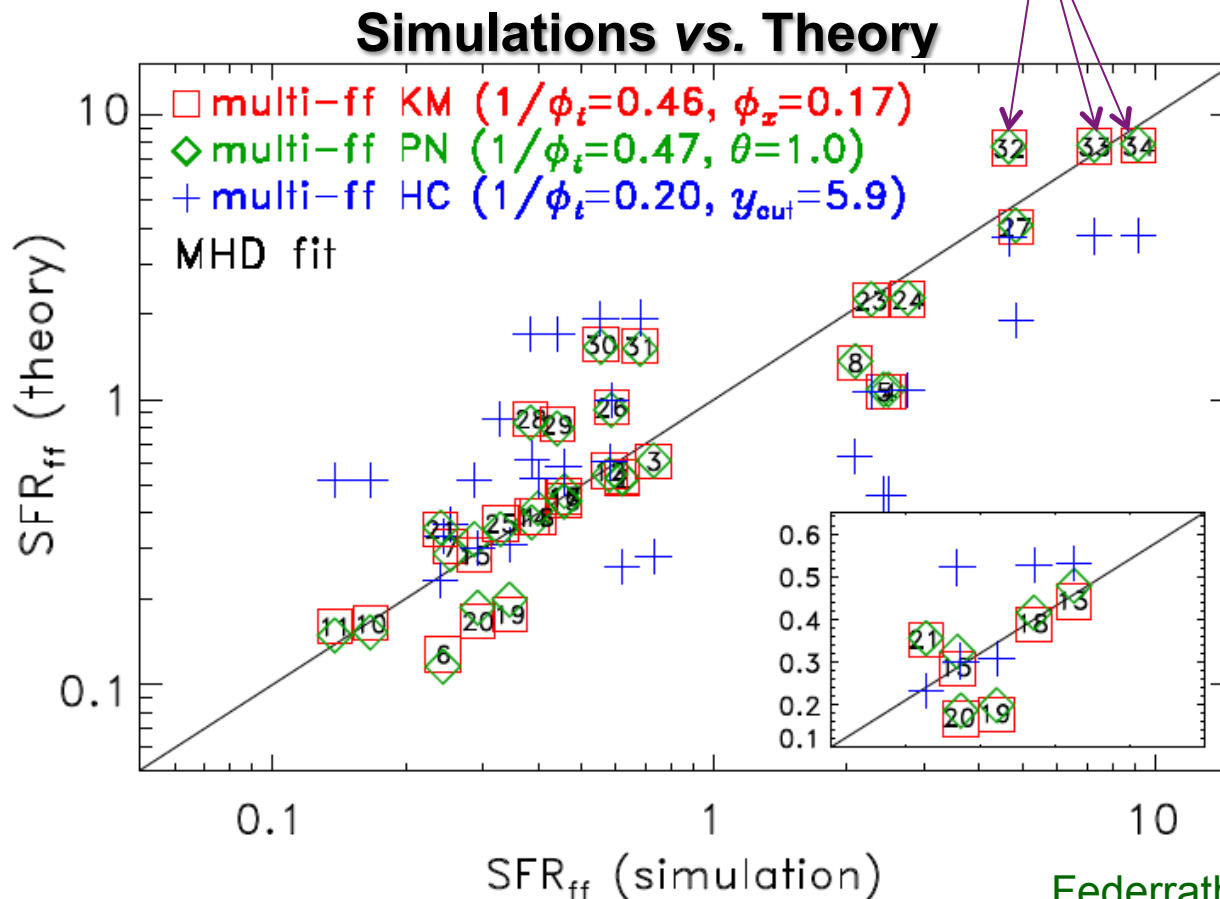
Federrath & Klessen (2012); see also Padoan & Nordlund (2011), Padoan et al. (2012)

The Star Formation Rate

Simulation study with

- cloud masses of $300 - 4 \times 10^6 M_{\odot}$
- solenoidal, mixed, and compressive forcing
- sonic Mach numbers 3 – 50
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Convergence with numerical resolution

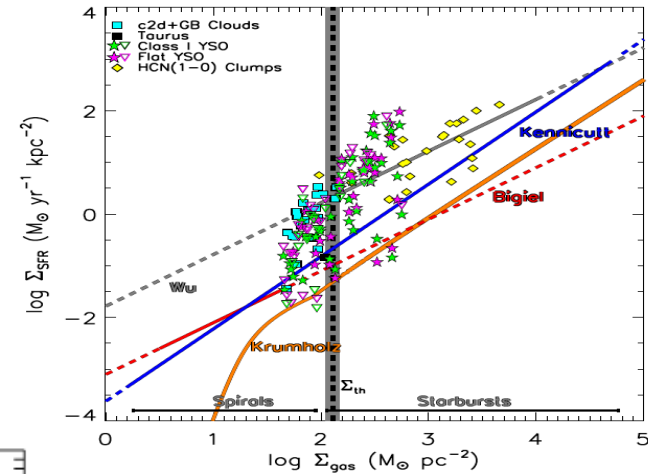
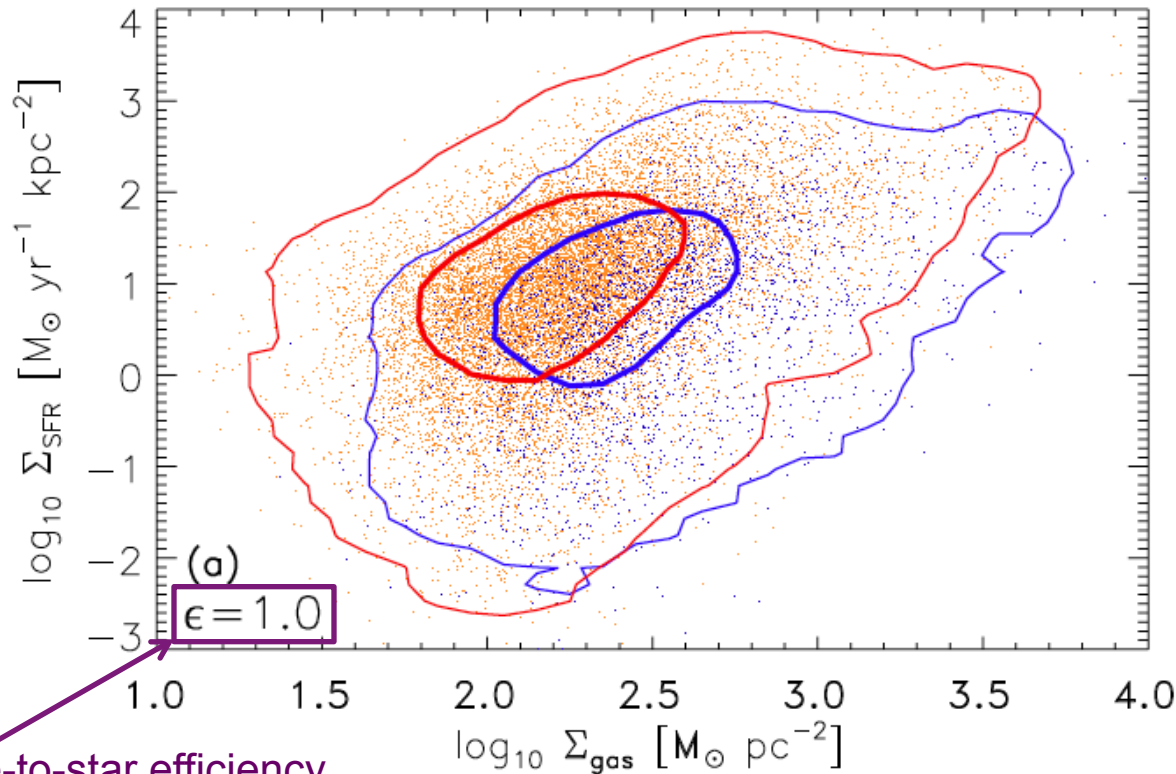


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Simulations vs. Observations



(Heiderman et al. 2010)

SFEs ~ 1-10% (Evans+2009; Burkert & Hartmann 2013; Federrath & Klessen 2013)

— GRAVTURB SFE=10% (red line)
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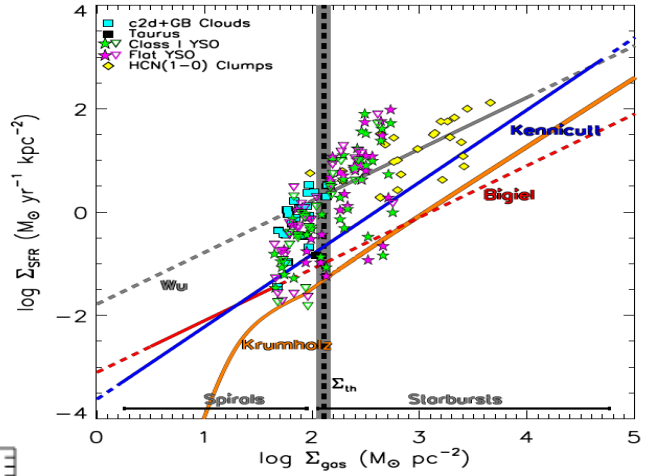
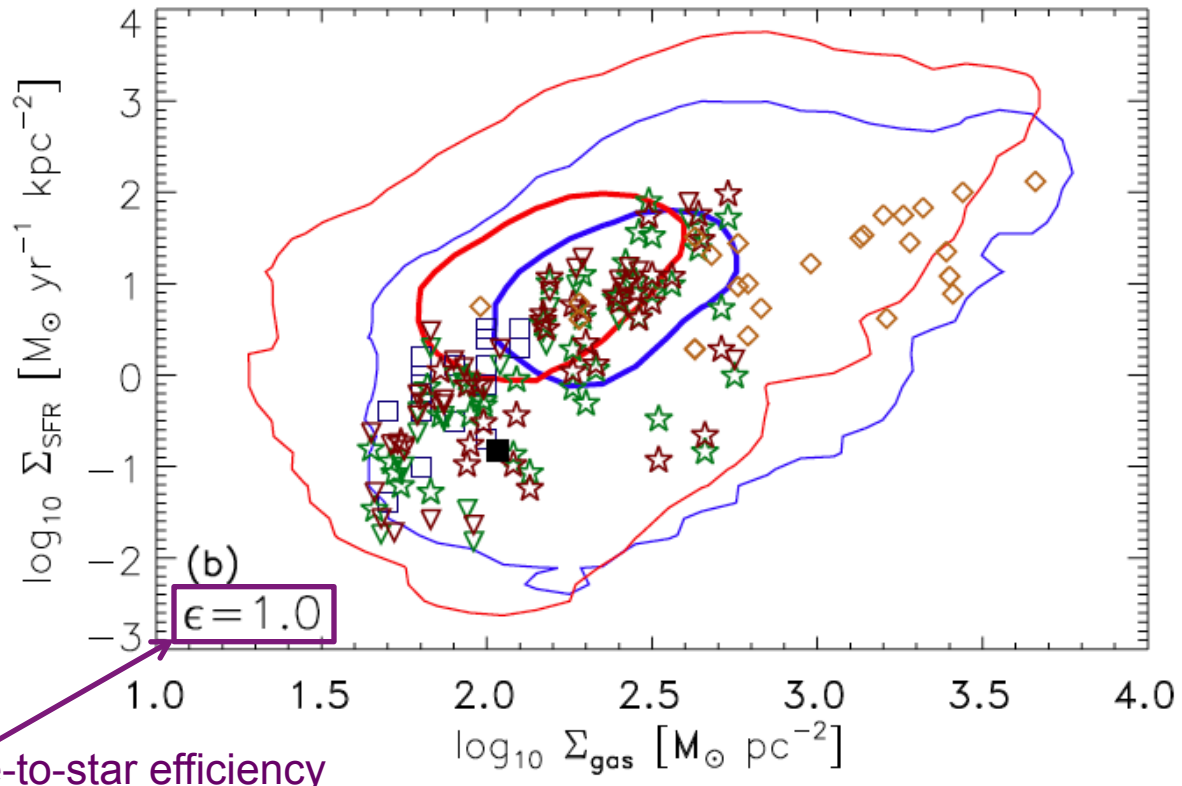
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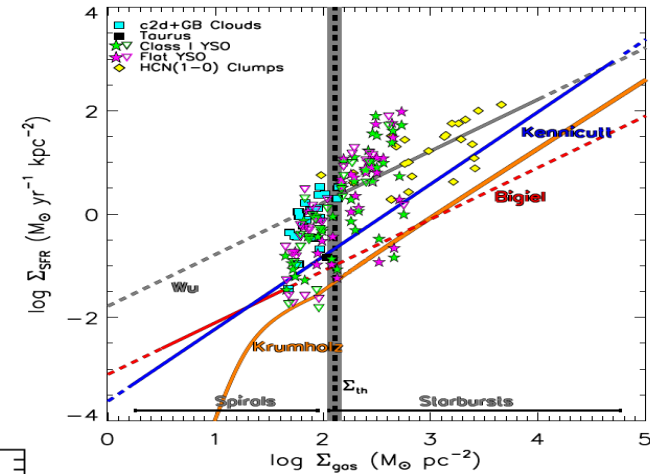
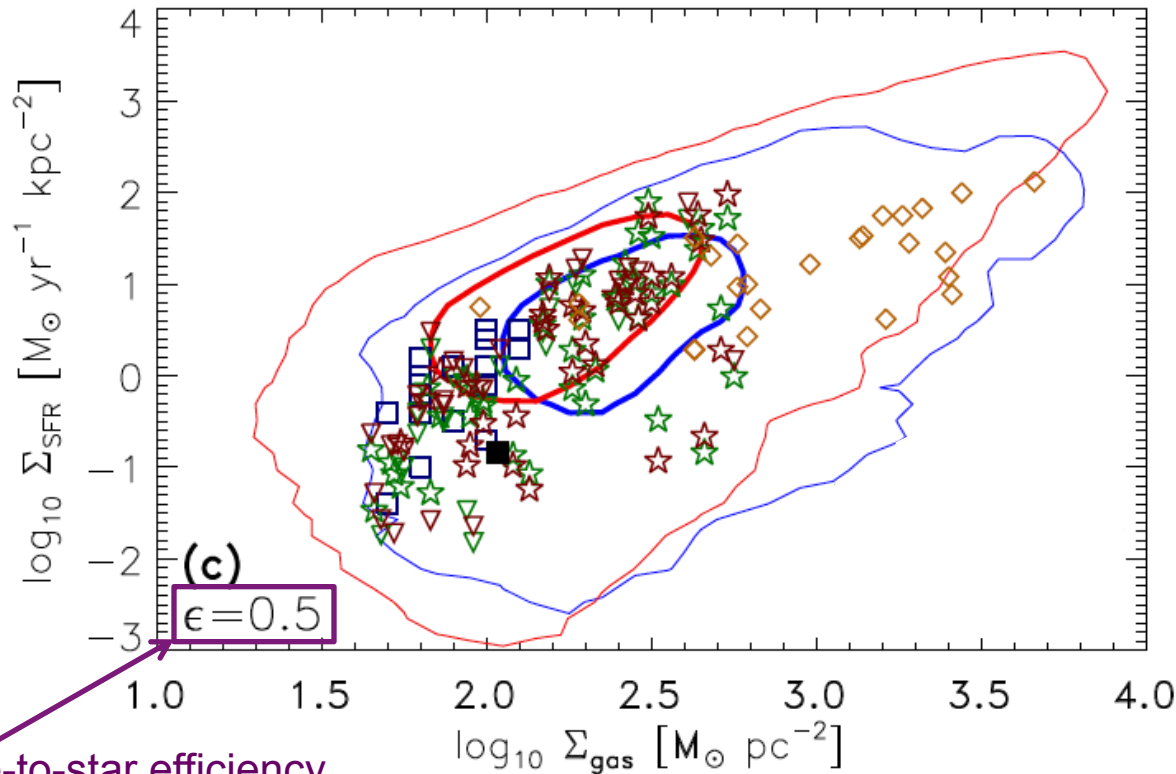
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Star Formation – Jets and Outflows

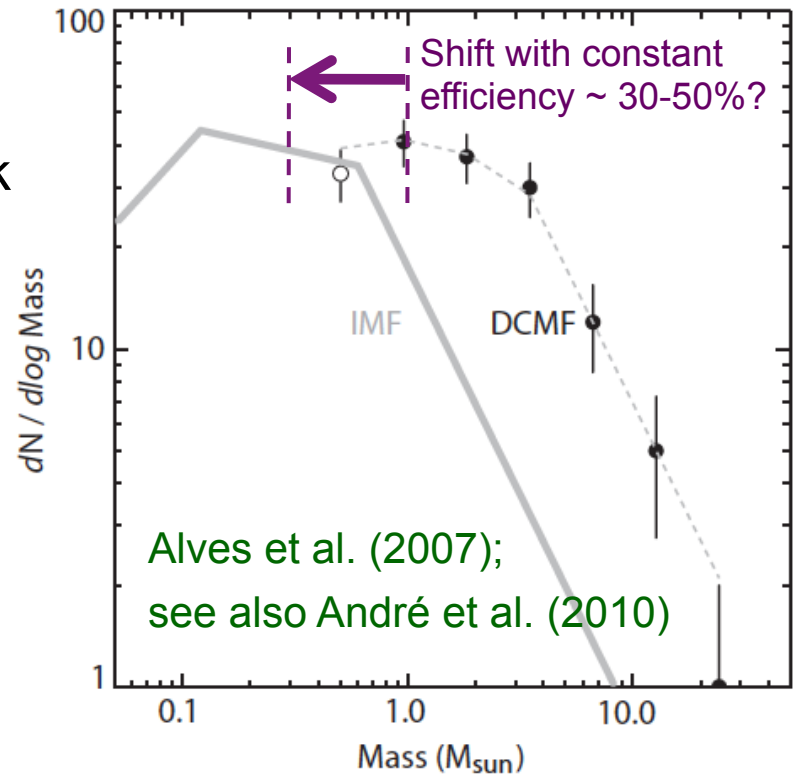
Outflows/Jets

- ◆ Energy comparable to other feedback

(Mac Low & Klessen 2004; Nakamura & Li 2014;
Krumholz et al. 2014)

- ◆ Driven by magnetic field

(Blandford & Payne 1982; Lynden-Bell 2003)



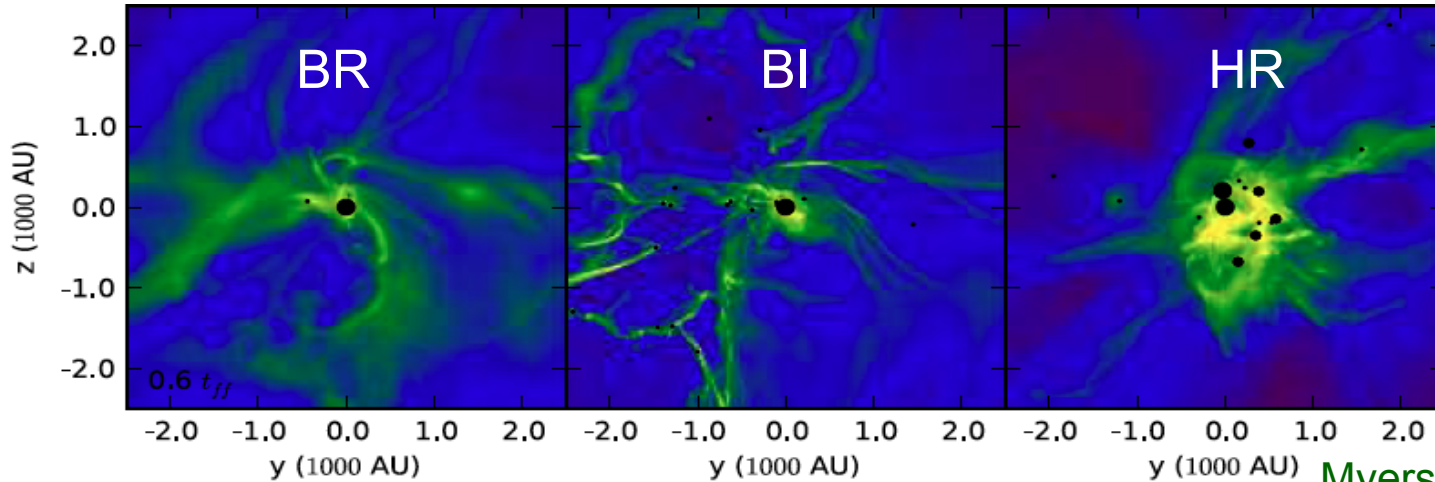
Impact on SFR and IMF:

core-to-star efficiency $\epsilon \sim 0.3\text{--}0.5$

(see also Matzner & McKee 2002)

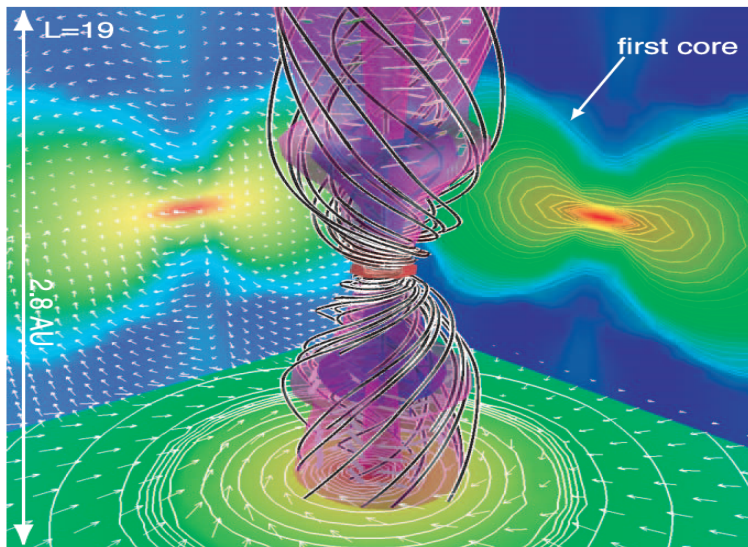
Star Formation – Jets and Outflows

Reduce fragmentation (Hennebelle & Teyssier 08, Bürzle+11, Federrath & Klessen 12)

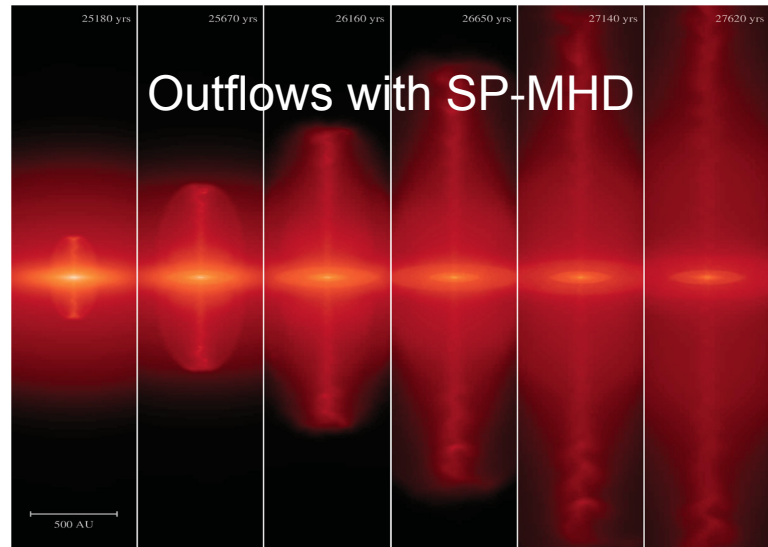


Myers et al. (2013)

Drive jets / outflows (Banerjee & Pudritz 2006, Seifried et al. 2012, Moraghan et al. 2013)



Machida et al. (2008)



Price et al. (2012)

Sink particles

- Quantify fragmentation and accretion
- Prevent code from stalling

$$t_{\text{ff}} = \left(\frac{3\pi}{32G\rho} \right)^{1/2}$$

- Resolve Jeans length

$$\lambda_{\text{J}} = \left(\frac{\pi c_s^2}{G\rho} \right)^{1/2}$$

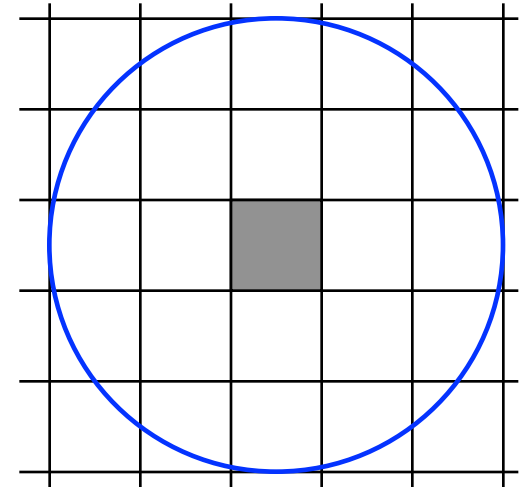
$$\rightarrow \rho_{\text{res}} \quad (\text{resolution criterion})$$

Truelove et al. (1997)

(see also Bate & Burkert 1997)

Collapse checks to avoid spurious sink creation

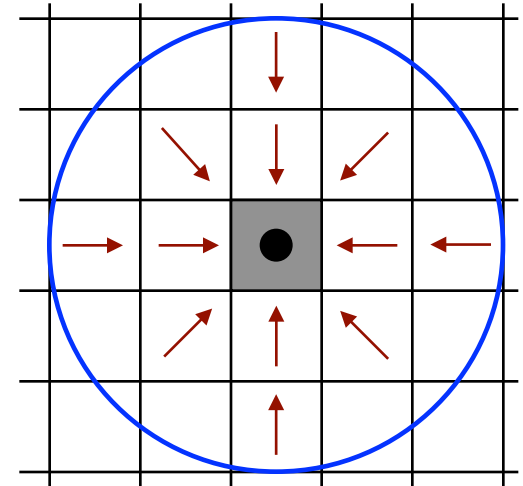
1. Cell exceeds density threshold, $\rho > \rho_{\text{res}}$



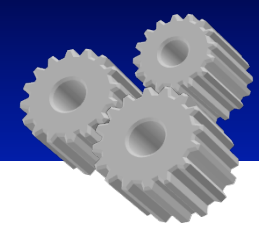
Federrath, Banerjee, Clark, Klessen (2010, ApJ 713, 269)

Collapse checks to avoid spurious sink creation

1. Cell exceeds density threshold, $\rho > \rho_{\text{res}}$
2. Highest level of AMR
3. Converging towards the center
4. Central minimum in gravitational potential
5. Jeans unstable, $|E_{\text{grav}}| > 2E_{\text{th}}$
6. Bound, $E_{\text{grav}} + E_{\text{th}} + E_{\text{kin}} + E_{\text{mag}} < 0$
7. Not within the accretion radius of an existing sink particle

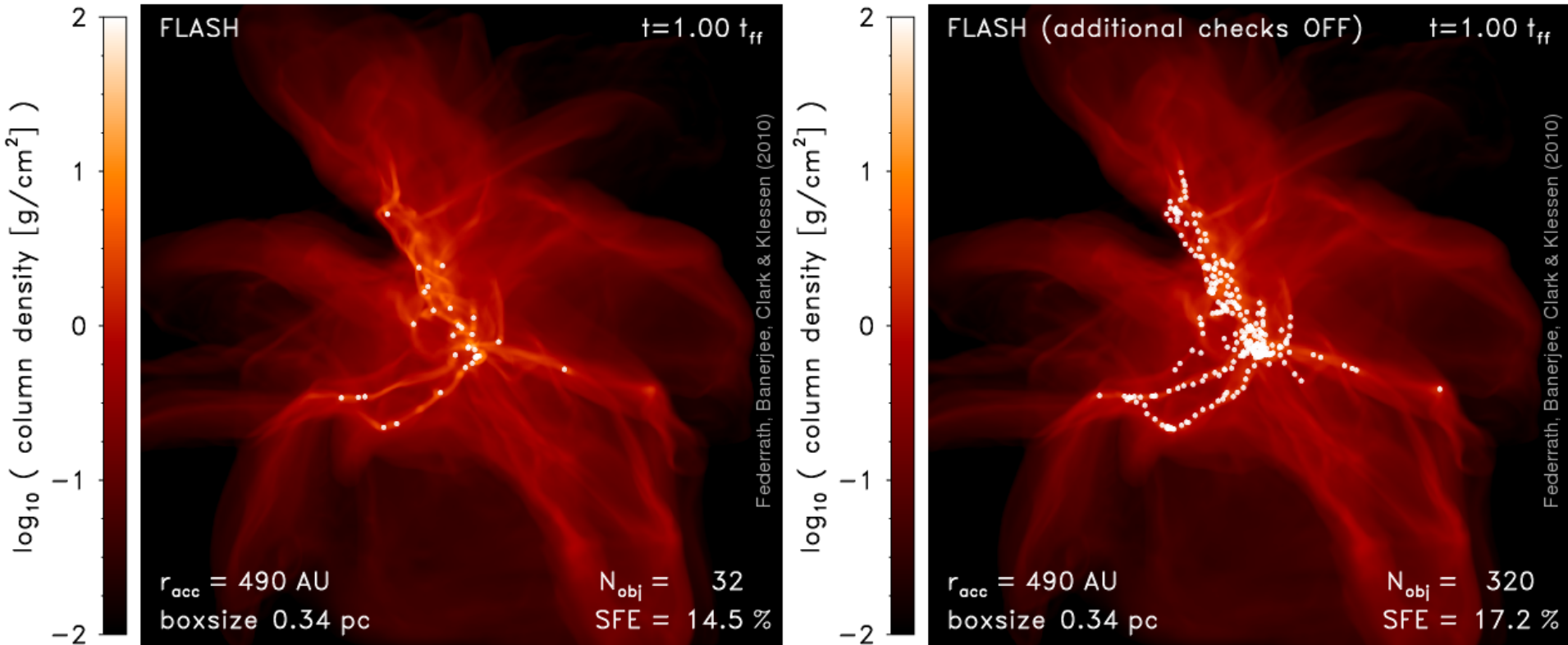


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Sink particle implementation in FLASH

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all checks ON

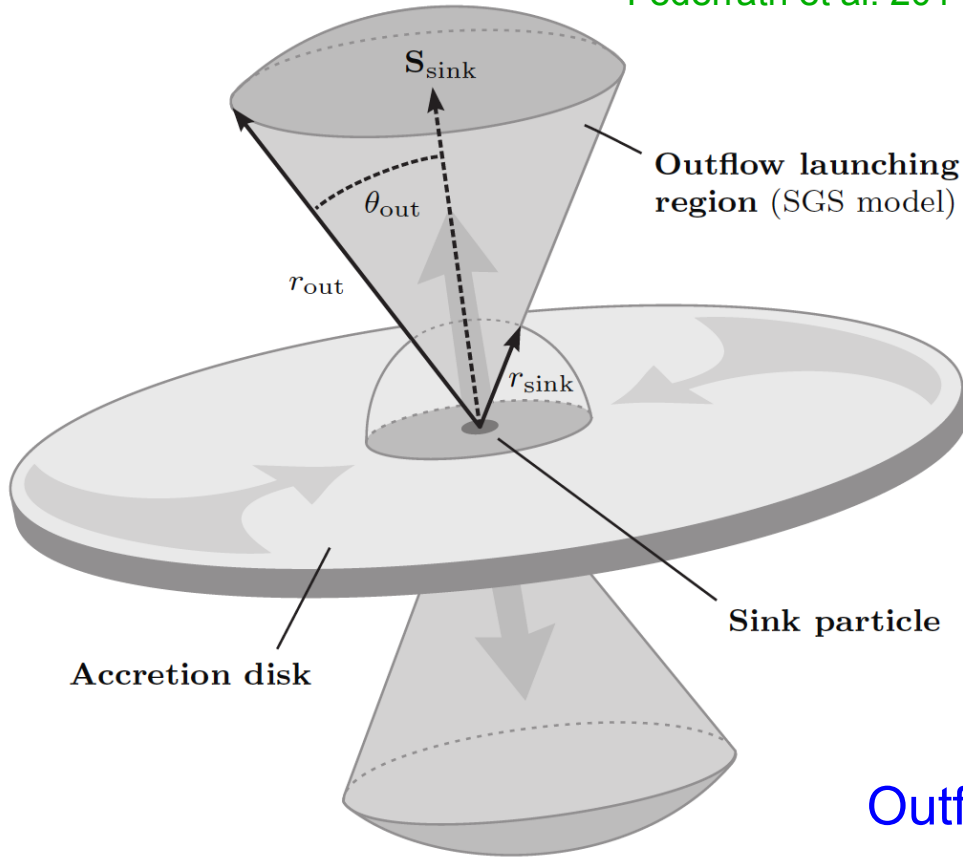
$\rho > \rho_{res}$ **only**

Federrath, Banerjee, Clark, Klessen (2010, ApJ 713, 269)

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Federrath et al. 2014, ApJ 790, 128

List of SGS outflow parameters.



SGS Parameter	Symbol	Default	Reference
Outflow Opening Angle	θ_{out}	30°	[1]
Mass Transfer Fraction	f_m	0.3	[2]
Jet Speed Normalization ^a	$ \mathbf{V}_{\text{out}} $	100 km s^{-1}	[3]
Angular Momentum Fraction	f_a	0.9	[4]
Outflow Radius	r_{out}	$16 \Delta x$	Section 4

Notes. ^a The outflow velocities are dynamically computed according to the Kepler speed at the footpoint of the jet, $|\mathbf{V}_{\text{out}}| = 100 \text{ km s}^{-1} (M_{\text{sink}}/0.5 M_\odot)^{1/2}$ (see Equation 13). References: [1] Blandford & Payne (1982); Appenzeller & Mundt (1989); Camenzind (1990); [2] Hartmann & Calvet (1995); Calvet (1998); Tomisaka (1998); Bacciotti et al. (2002); Tomisaka (2002); Lee et al. (2006); Cabrit et al. (2007); Lee et al. (2007); Hennebelle & Fromang (2008); Duffin & Pudritz (2009); Bacciotti et al. (2011); Price et al. (2012); Seifried et al. (2012); [3] Herbig (1962); Snell et al. (1980); Blandford & Payne (1982); Draine (1983); Uchida & Shibata (1985); Shibata & Uchida (1985, 1986); Pudritz & Norman (1986); Wardle & Königl (1993); Bacciotti et al. (2000); Königl & Pudritz (2000); Bacciotti et al. (2002); Banerjee & Pudritz (2006); Machida et al. (2008); [4] Pelletier & Pudritz (1992); Bacciotti et al. (2002); Banerjee & Pudritz (2006); Hennebelle & Fromang (2008).

Outflow mass:
$$M_{\text{out}} = f_m \dot{M}_{\text{acc}} \Delta t$$

Outflow velocity:
$$|\mathbf{V}_{\text{out}}| = \left(\frac{GM_{\text{sink}}}{10 R_\odot} \right)^{1/2} = 100 \text{ km s}^{-1} \left(\frac{M_{\text{sink}}}{0.5 M_\odot} \right)^{1/2}$$

Outflow angular momentum:
$$\mathbf{L}_{\text{out}} = f_a (\mathbf{S}'_{\text{sink}} - \mathbf{S}_{\text{sink}}) \cdot \mathbf{S}'_{\text{sink}} / |\mathbf{S}'_{\text{sink}}|$$

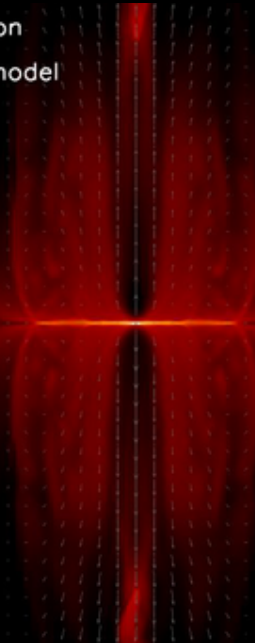
Without Subgrid Model
(low res)

Low resolution
No subgrid model



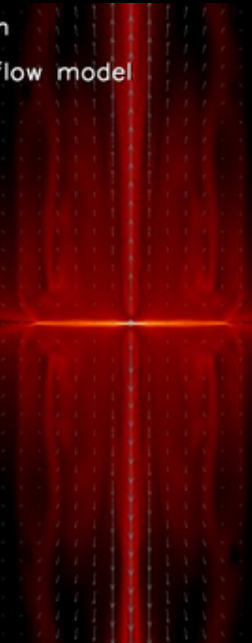
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With Subgrid Model
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Low resolution
With SGS outflow model



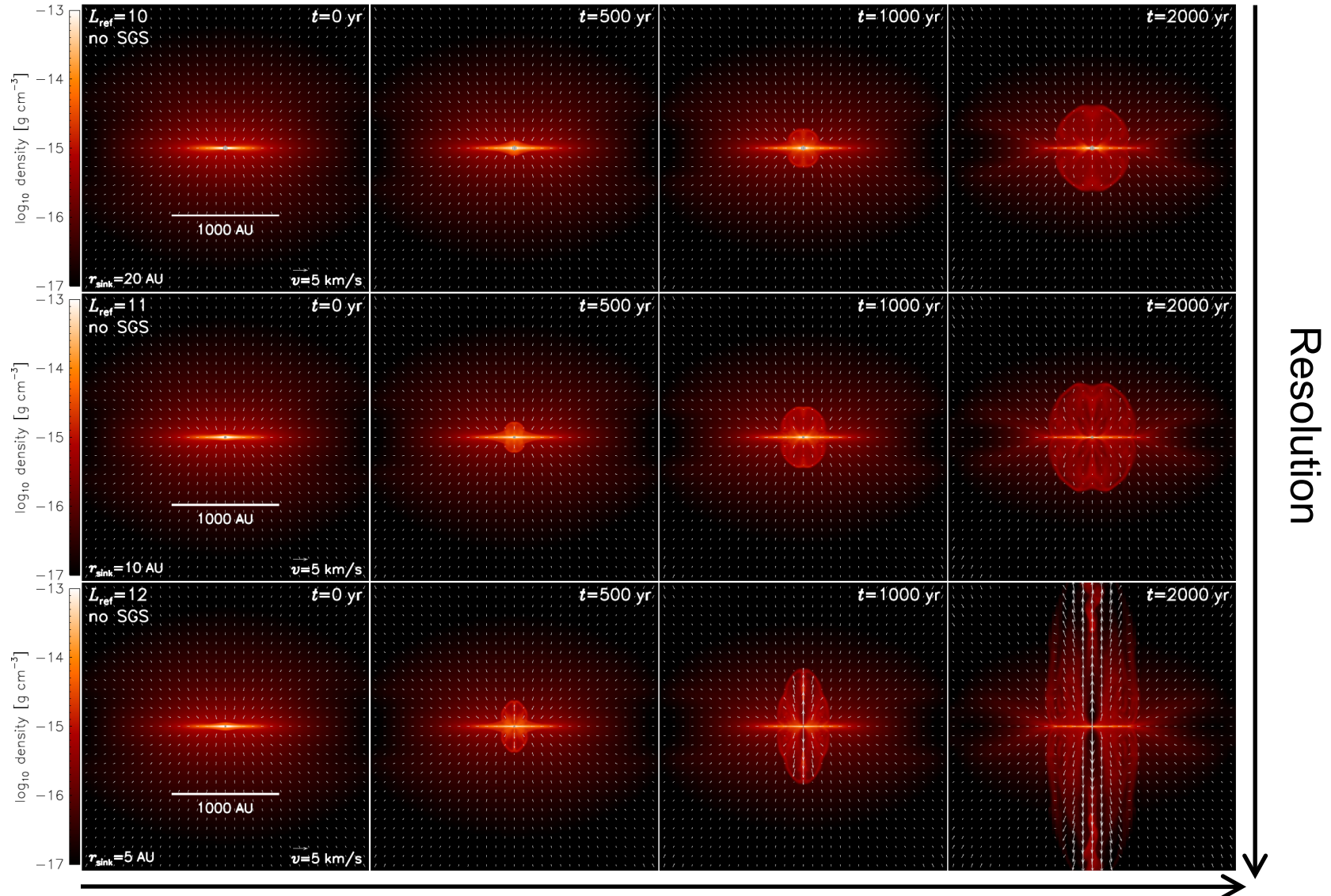
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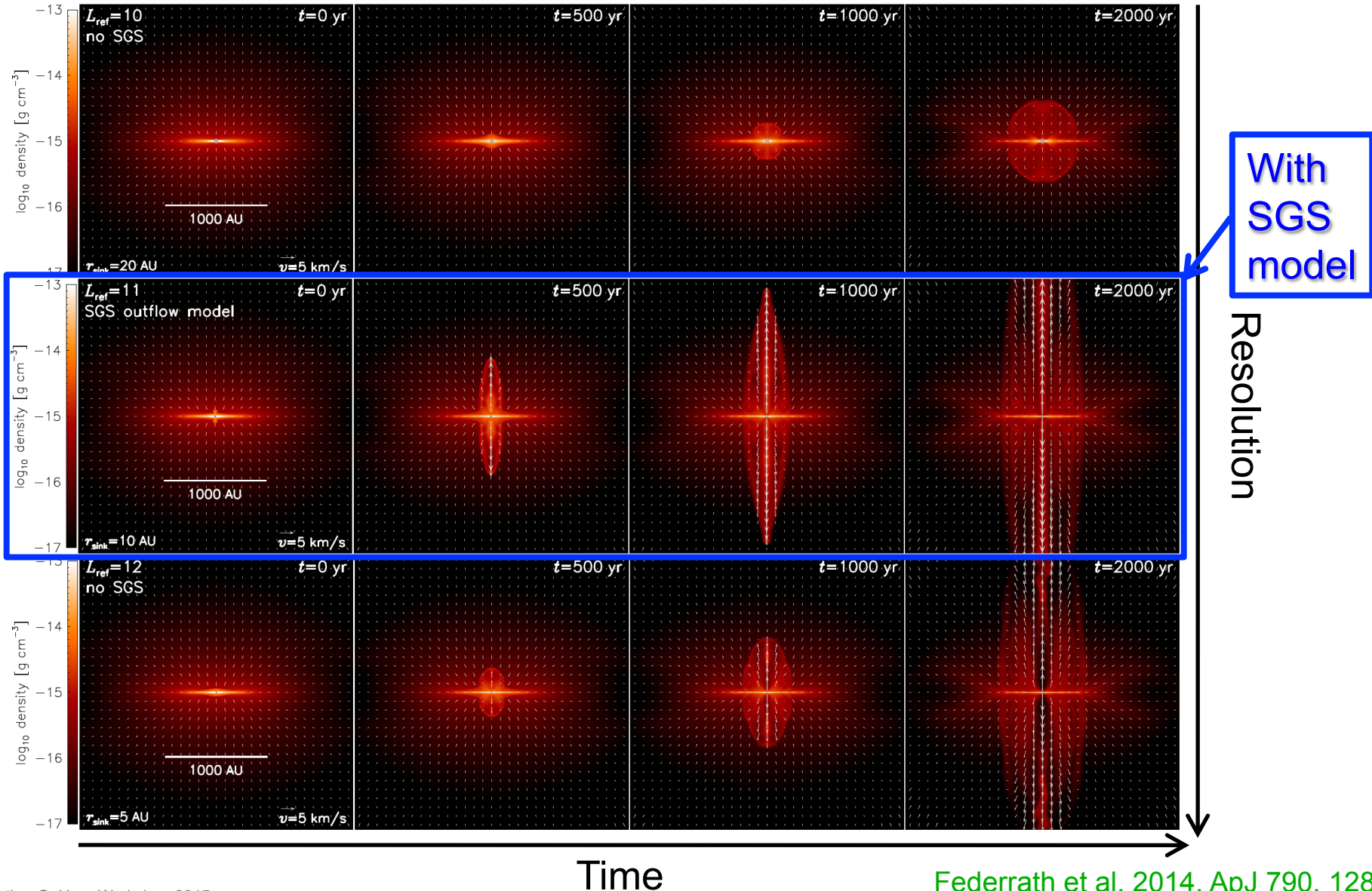
Resolution study *without* SGS model:



Time

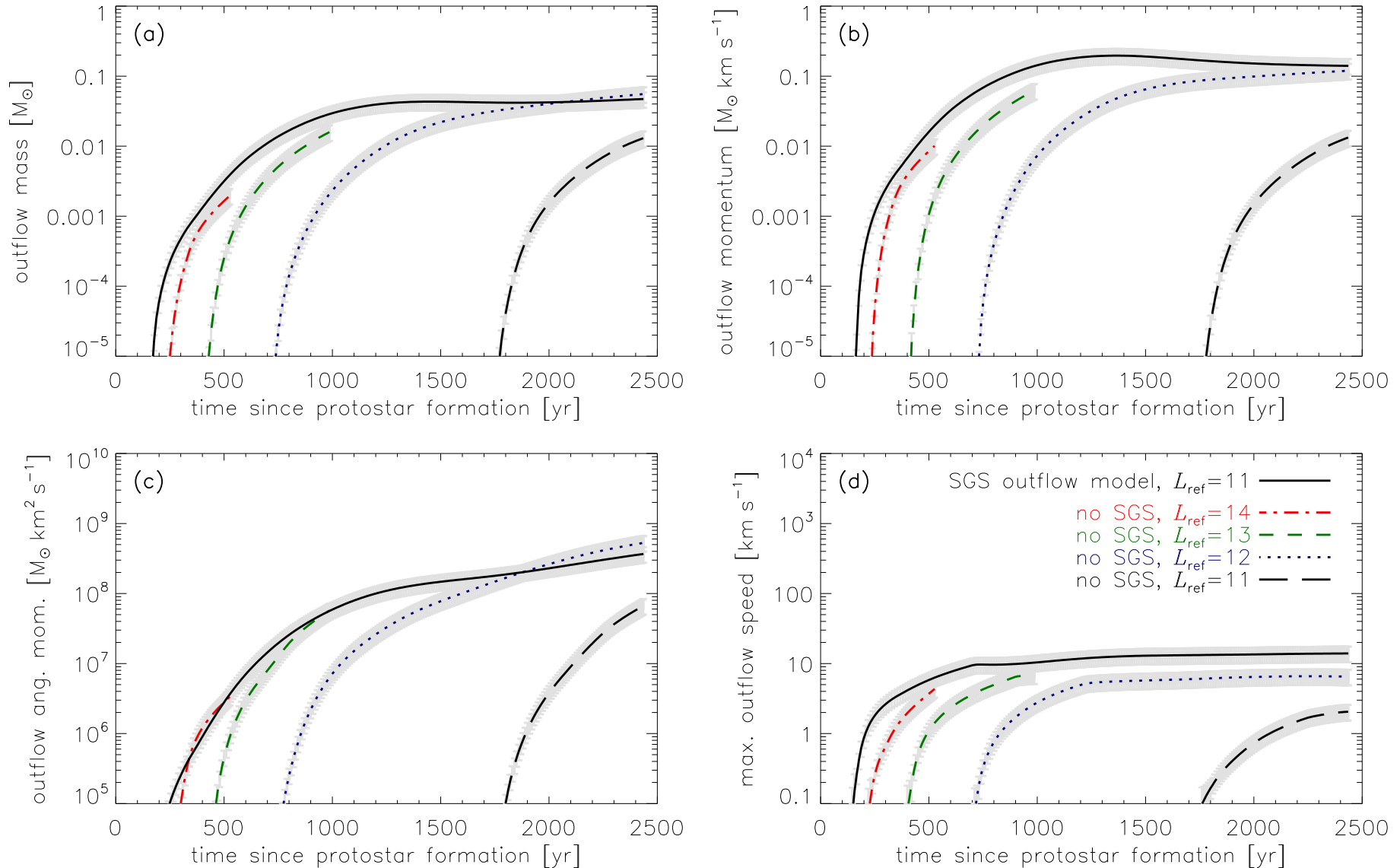
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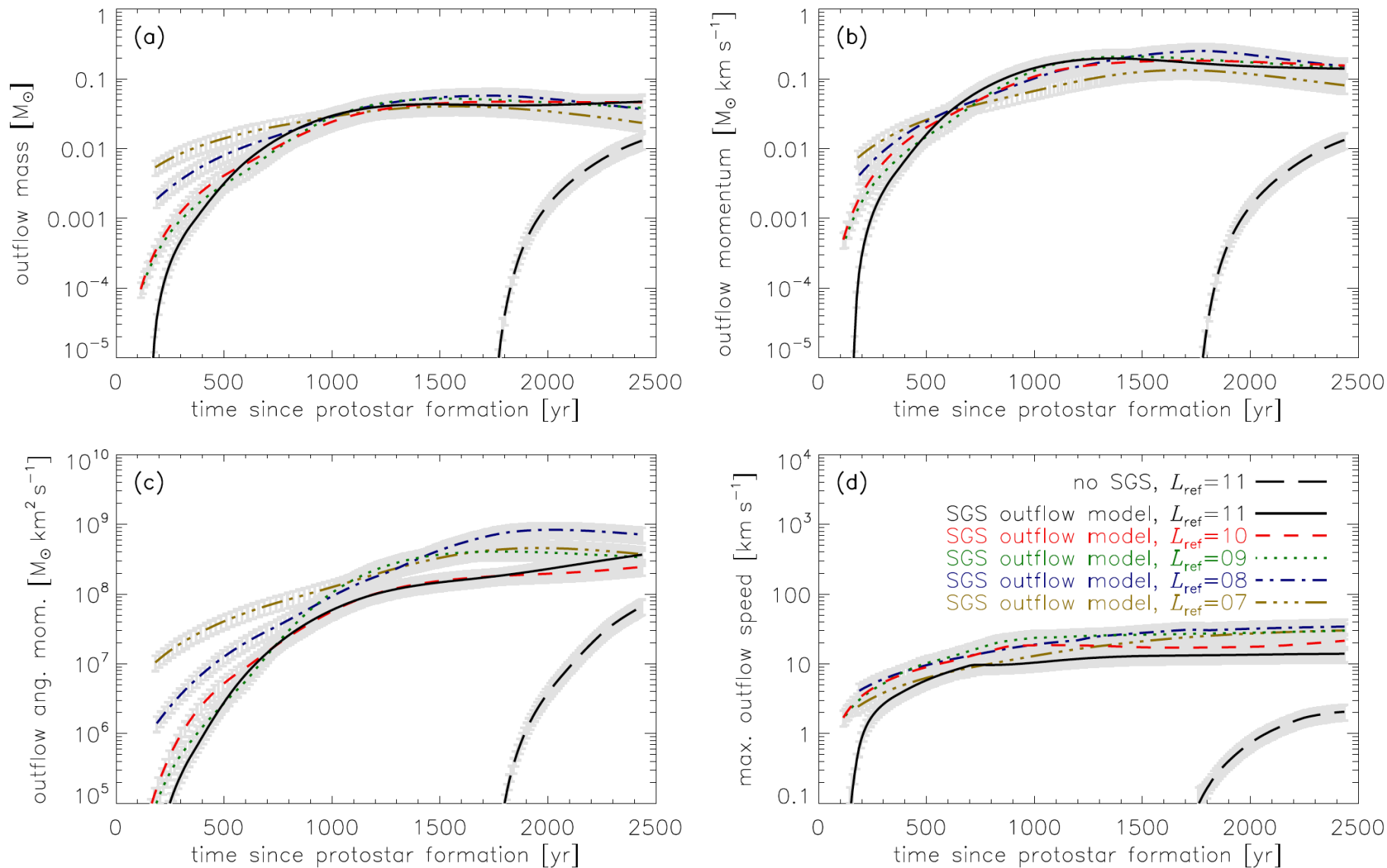
Sink Particles as Star Formation Subgrid Model

Subgrid model reproduces observations and theory



Sink Particles as Star Formation Subgrid Model

Subgrid model is automatically adaptive



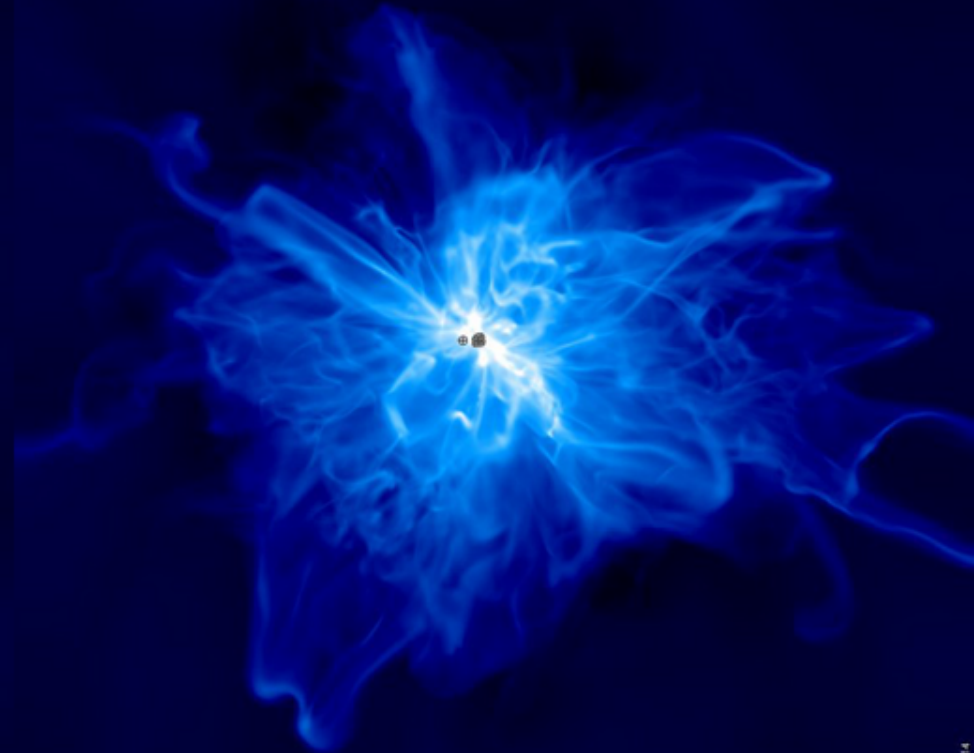
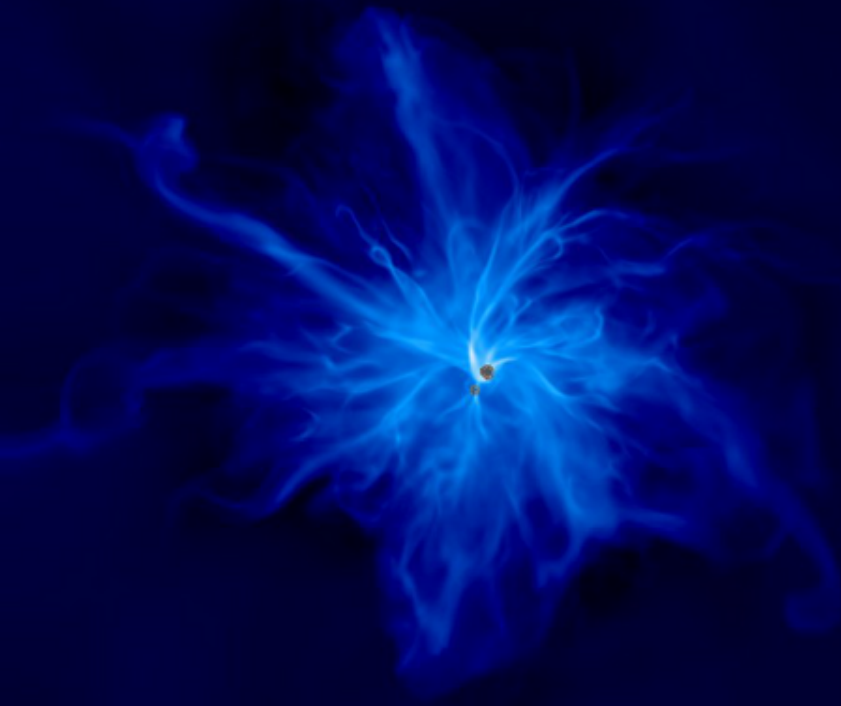
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No outflows

With outflows

$t/t_{\text{ff}}=1.50$



$N_{\text{sink}}=23$

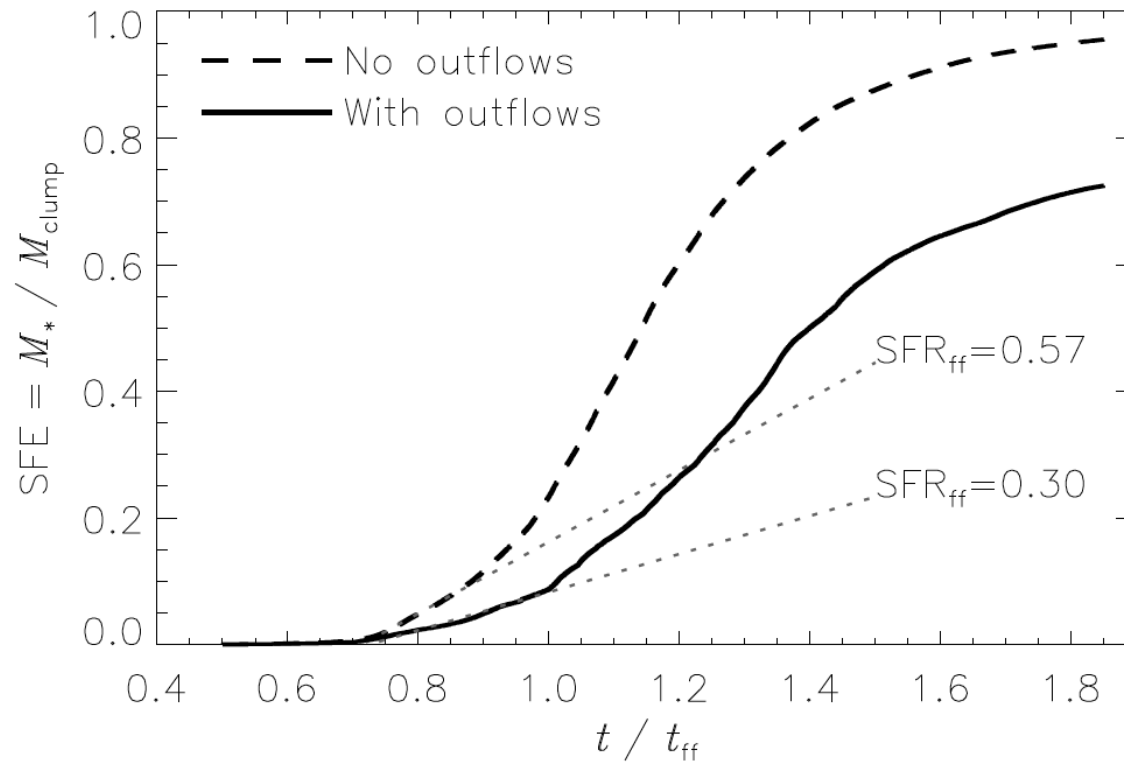
SFE=87.6%

$N_{\text{sink}}=49$

SFE=59.0%

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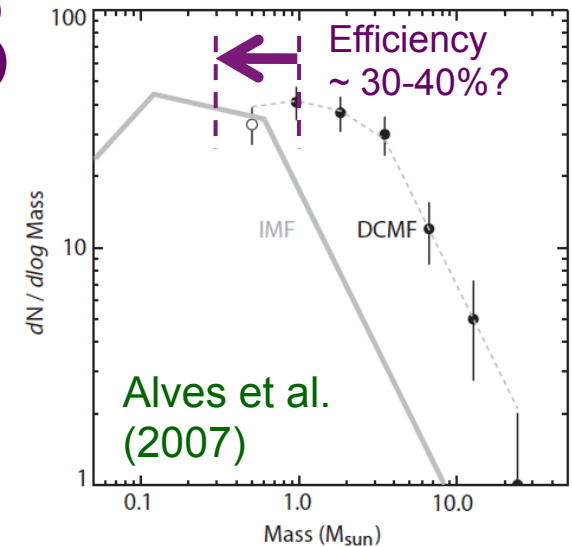
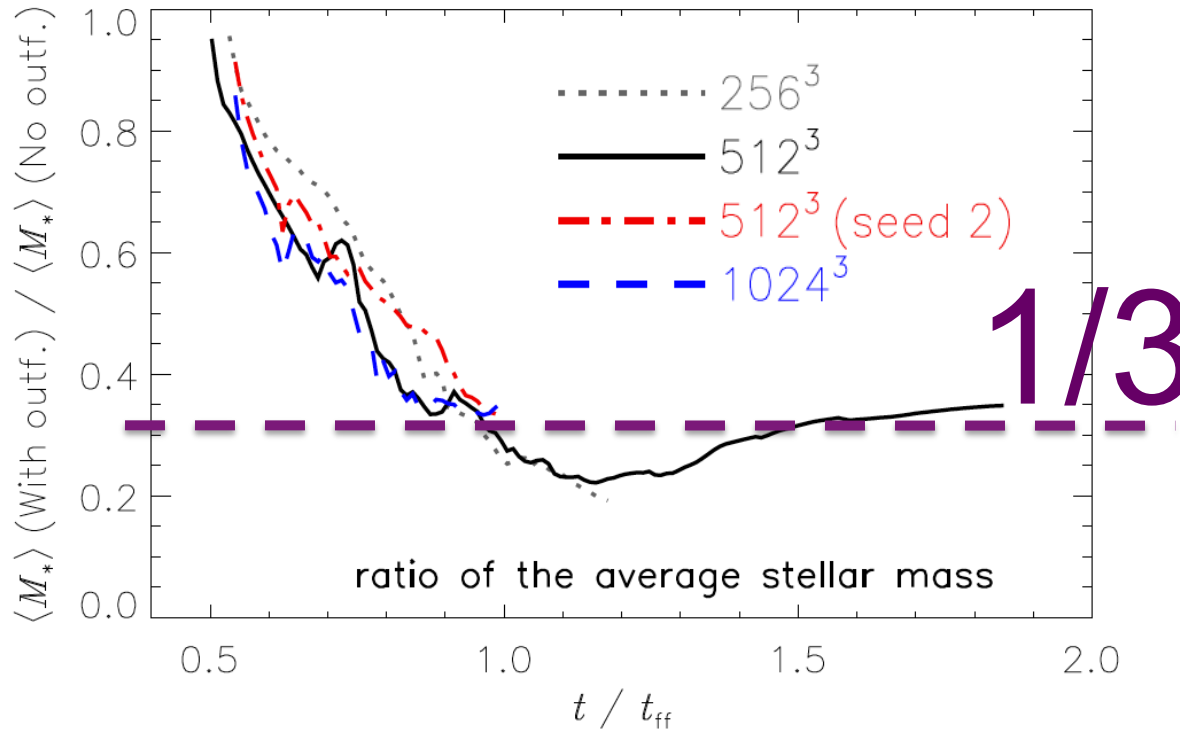
The role of outflow/jet feedback for star cluster formation



RESULTS:

- Outflow/Jet feedback reduces the SFR by factor ~ 2
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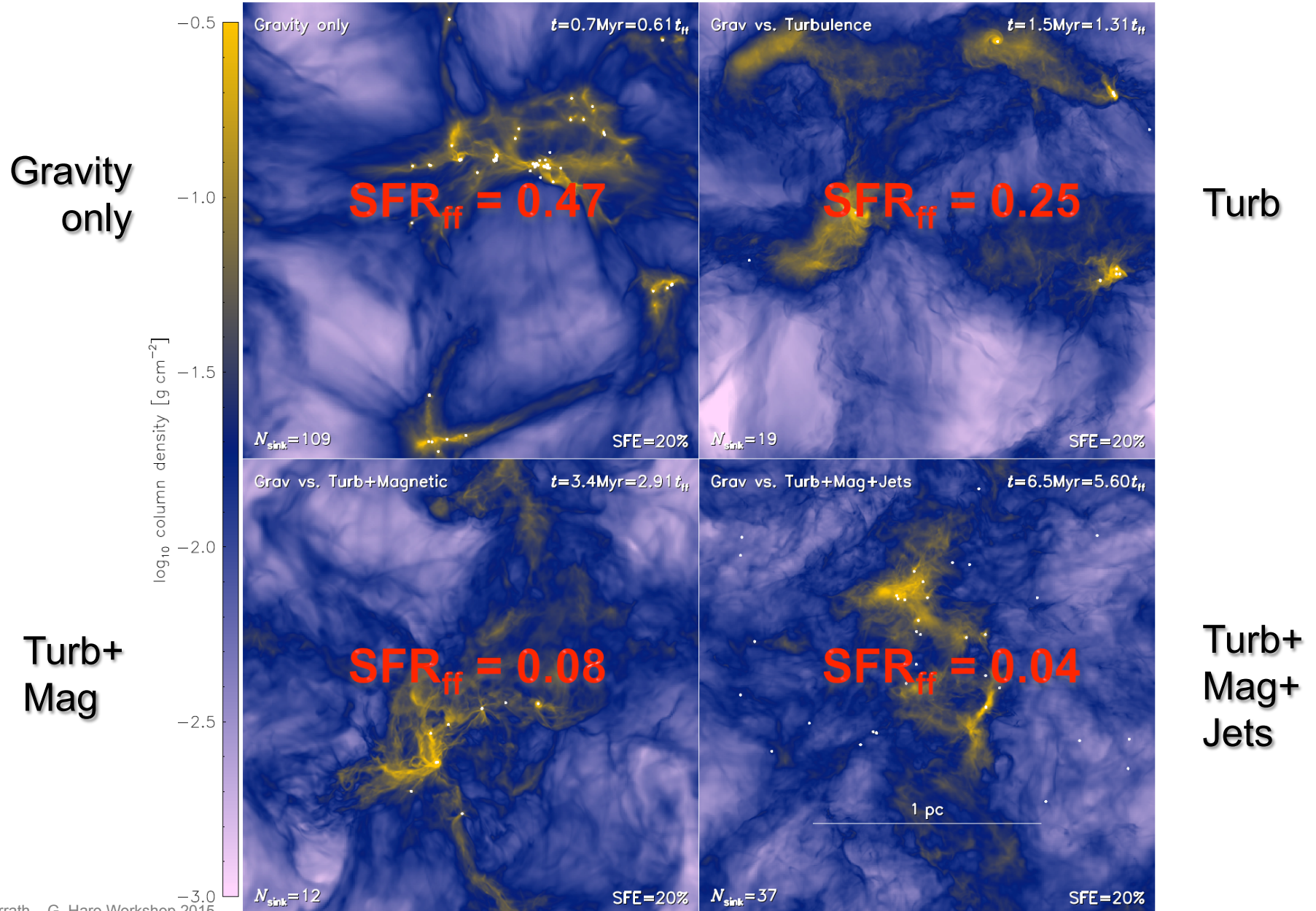


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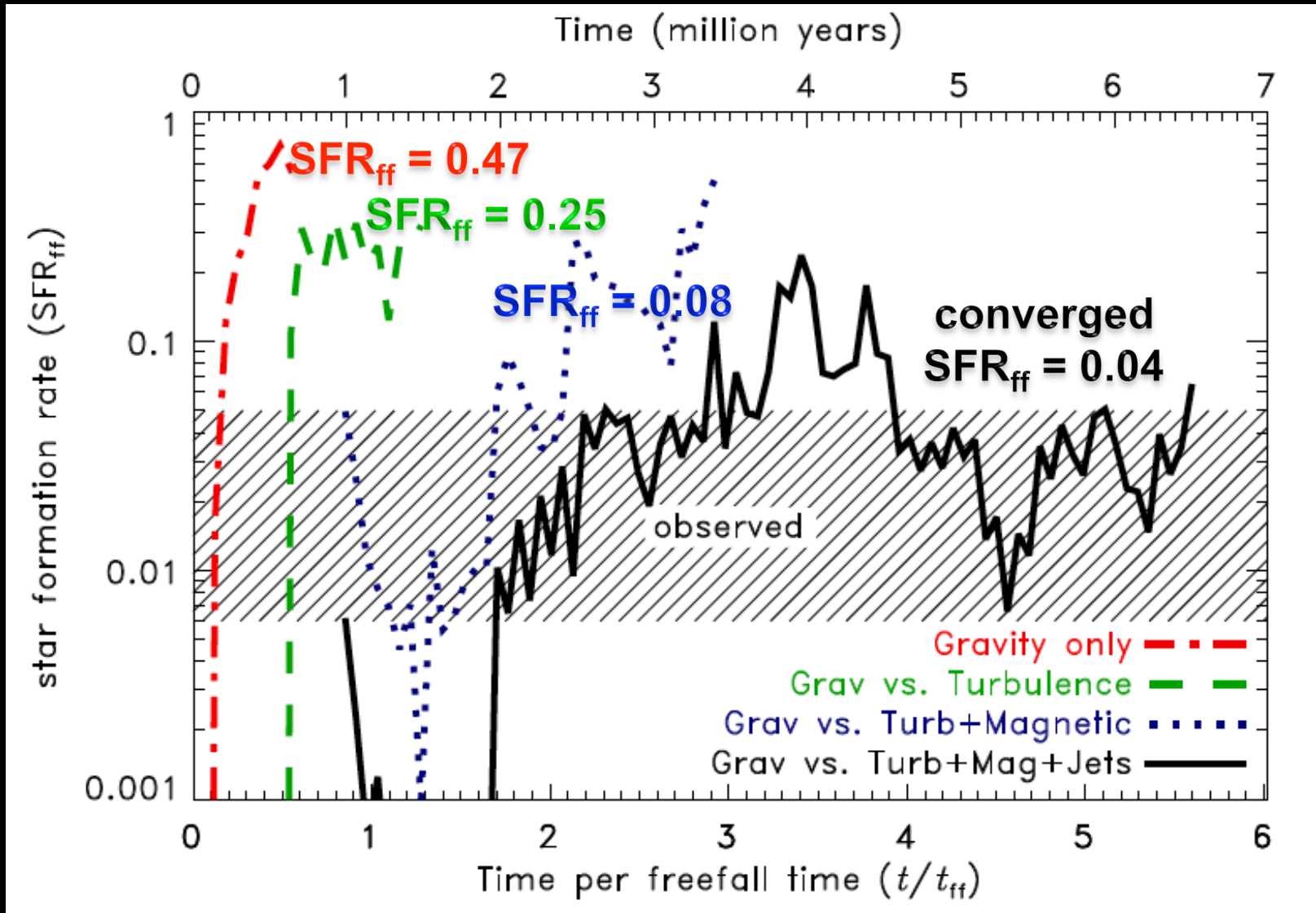
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Why is Star Formation is so Inefficient?

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Star Formation is Inefficient



- **Supersonic, magnetized turbulence** is key for **star formation**
 - SFR from density PDF depends on **virial parameter**, **forcing parameter**, **Mach number**, **plasma beta**
 - Very good agreement between theory, simulations and observations
- **Subgrid model for jet/outflow feedback** in star cluster formation:
 - Implemented for AMR, tested, and demonstrated **convergence**
 - Star formation rate reduced by $\sim 2x$
 - Average star mass reduced by $\sim 3x \rightarrow$ **IMF**
- Star Formation is **inefficient** \rightarrow
Only combination of **Turb+Mag+Feedback** gives realistic SFRs