

Structure formation, turbulence and feedback

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Turbulent molecular clouds

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Dear Patrick,

greetings from Arcetri. I hope this e-mail finds you well.

I am contacting you with my hat as co-editor of Astronomy & Astrophysics Reviews

(A&ARv) for the section on Interstellar Matter and related topics.

This is a field that has

not been covered in previous issues of the Review and the Board felt important

to start filling this gap. This is why I would like to explore informally whether you are

interested in writing a chapter for the 2012 or 2013 A&ARv volume on

"Physical

Processes in Molecular Clouds" (preliminary title) with an emphasis on

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Abstract Stars form within molecular clouds but our understanding of this fundamental process remains hampered by the complexity of the physics that drives their evolution. We review our observational and theoretical knowledge of molecular clouds trying to confront the two approaches wherever possible. After a broad presentation of the cold interstellar medium and molecular clouds, we emphasize the dynamical processes with special focus to turbulence and its impact on cloud evolution. We then review our knowledge of the velocity, density and magnetic fields. We end by openings towards new chemistry models and the links between molecular cloud structure and star-formation rates.

Keywords Instabilities · Interstellar medium: kinematics and dynamics – structure – clouds · Star: formation

1 Introduction: bridging theory and observations

In the Galaxy and all spiral galaxies, molecular clouds are the sites of star-formation. The roots of star-formation are therefore to be sought in the physics

puff, I managed to enter all your suggestions. Thanks... given the time I spent to do it, I can imagine the time you took... Clearly this improves immensely the text. I think it is fair to acknowledge this. Am I authorized to state it ?

Patrick,

merci pour penser a ça, mais pour moi ton message suffit! ... don't put me in the acknowledgements.

Bon dimanche, j'espere,

francesco

Molecular clouds:

Galactic box and colliding flows
Turbulence and clumps



~10-100 pc

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Formation and size
Feedback and SFR



~1-10 pc

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Cores from zooming-in simulations



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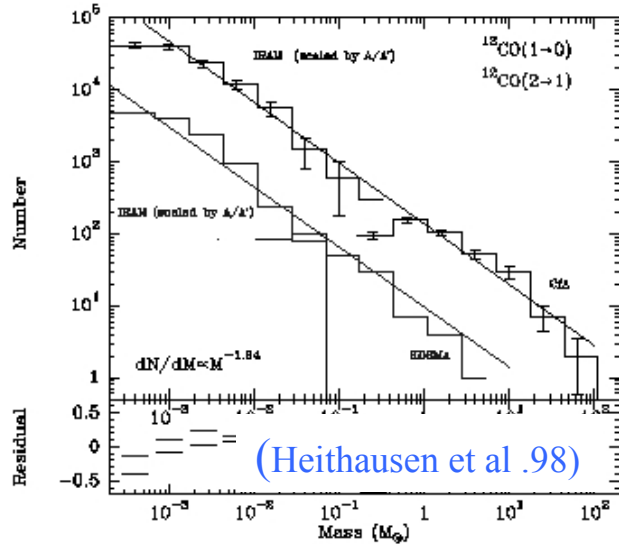


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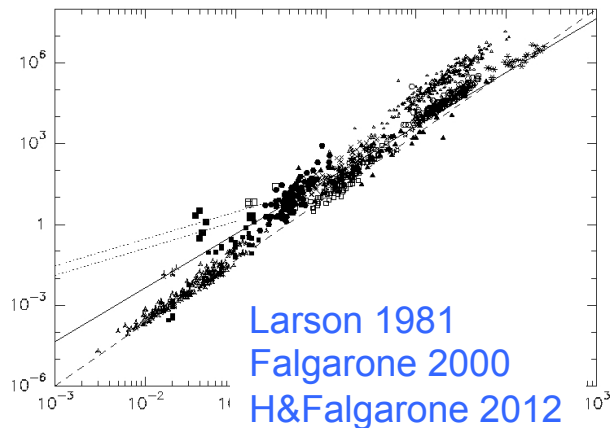
Motivations

Molecular clouds properties not obviously dependent on the presence of stars
 What is the origin of their internal turbulence ? Can we understand their statistics ?

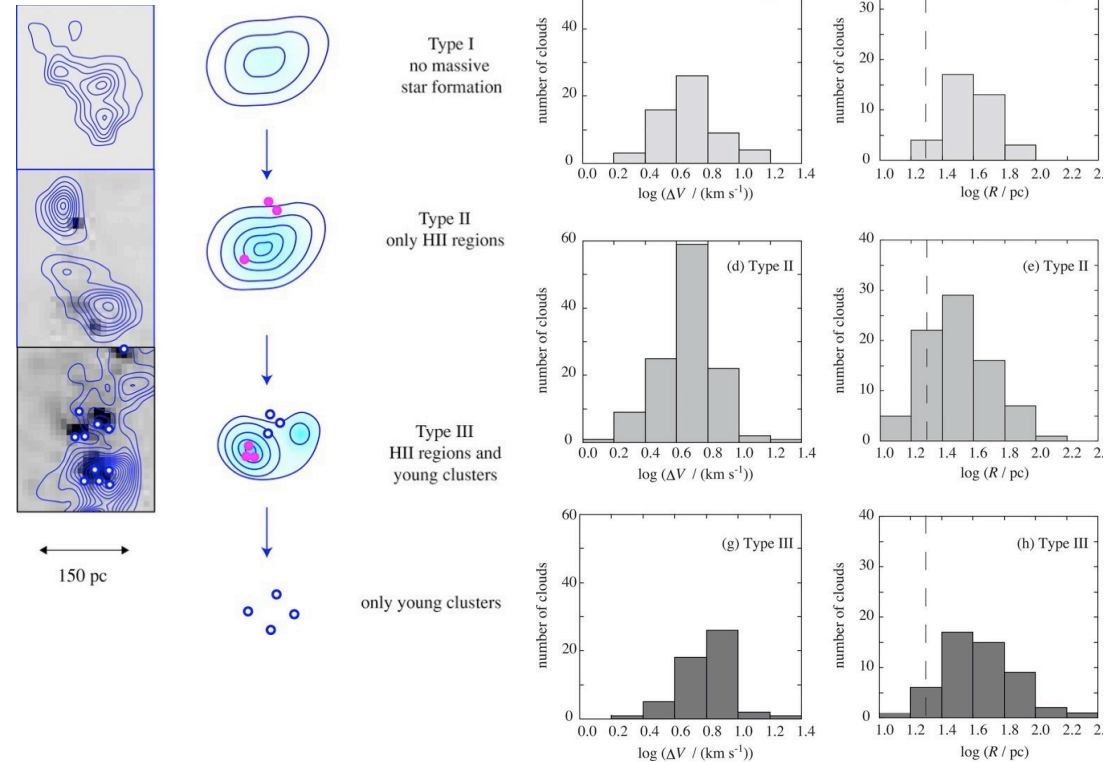
Universal Mass Spectrum $dN/dM \propto M^{-1.6-1.8}$



Mass versus size of CO clumps $M \propto R^{2-2.3}$



Molecular clouds in the LMC
 An evolutionary sequence ?



=> accretion rate onto GMC: few times $10^{-2} M_{*}/\text{yr}$?

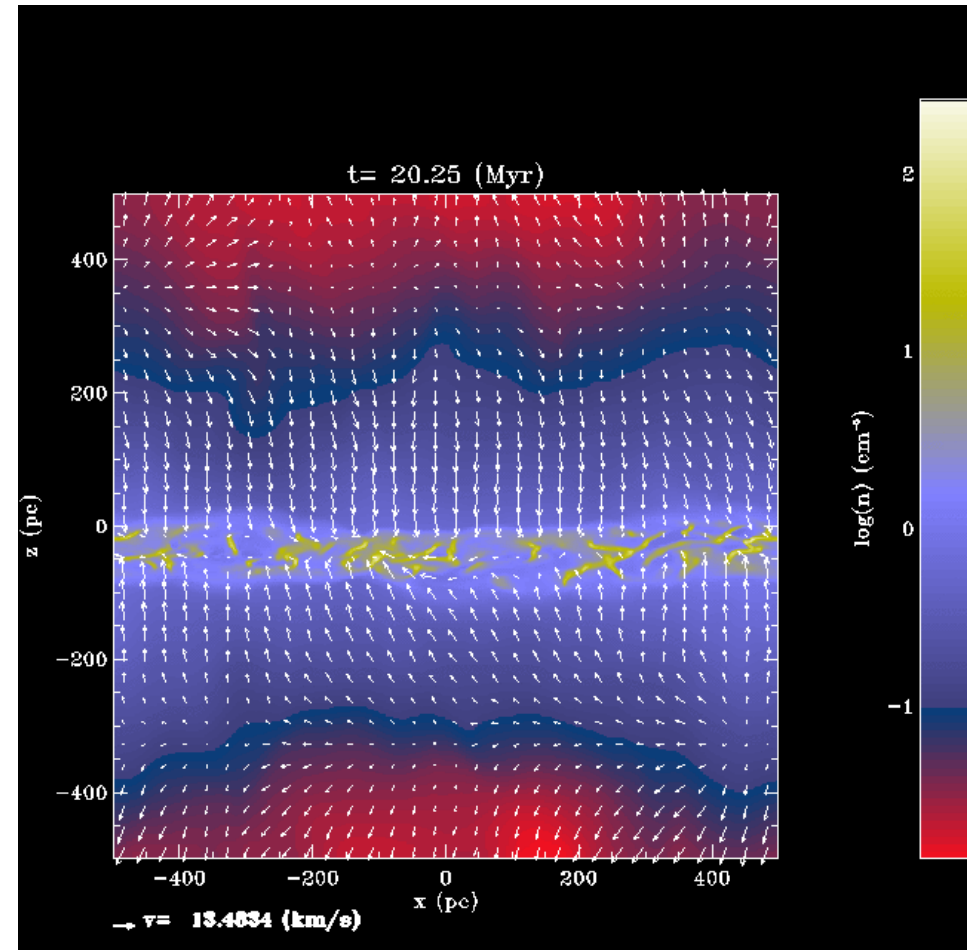
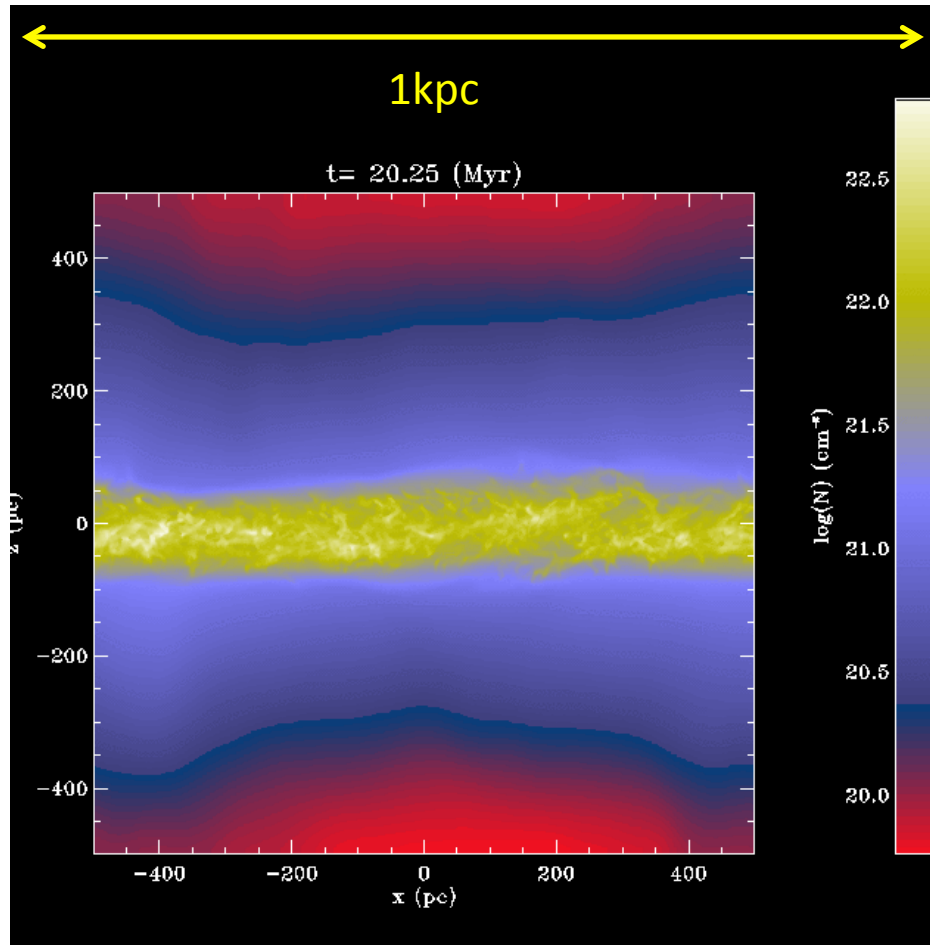
(Kawamura et al. 09, Fukui & Kawamura 2010)

Supernovae regulated ISM (from few 100 pc to 1kpc)

(Slyz et al. 2005, de Avillez & Breitschwerdt 2005,2007, Joung & MacLow 2006, Hill et al. 2012, Ostriker+2011, Kim+2011,2015, H& Iffrig 2014, 2017, Gatto et al. 2014, Walch+2015, Ibanez-Mejia 2016, 2017, Butler+2015, 2017)

Column density

density

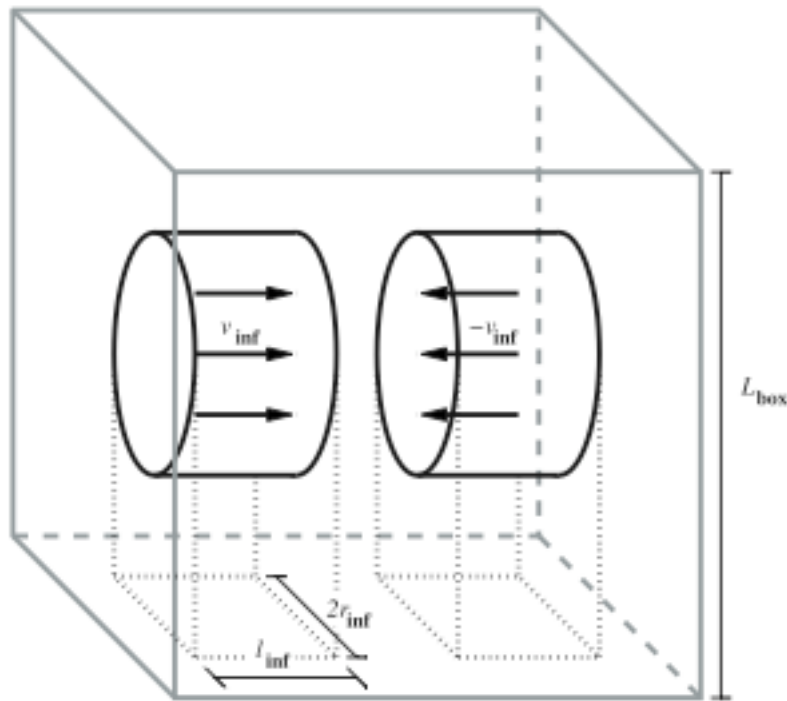


Formation of a molecular clouds from colliding flows of HI

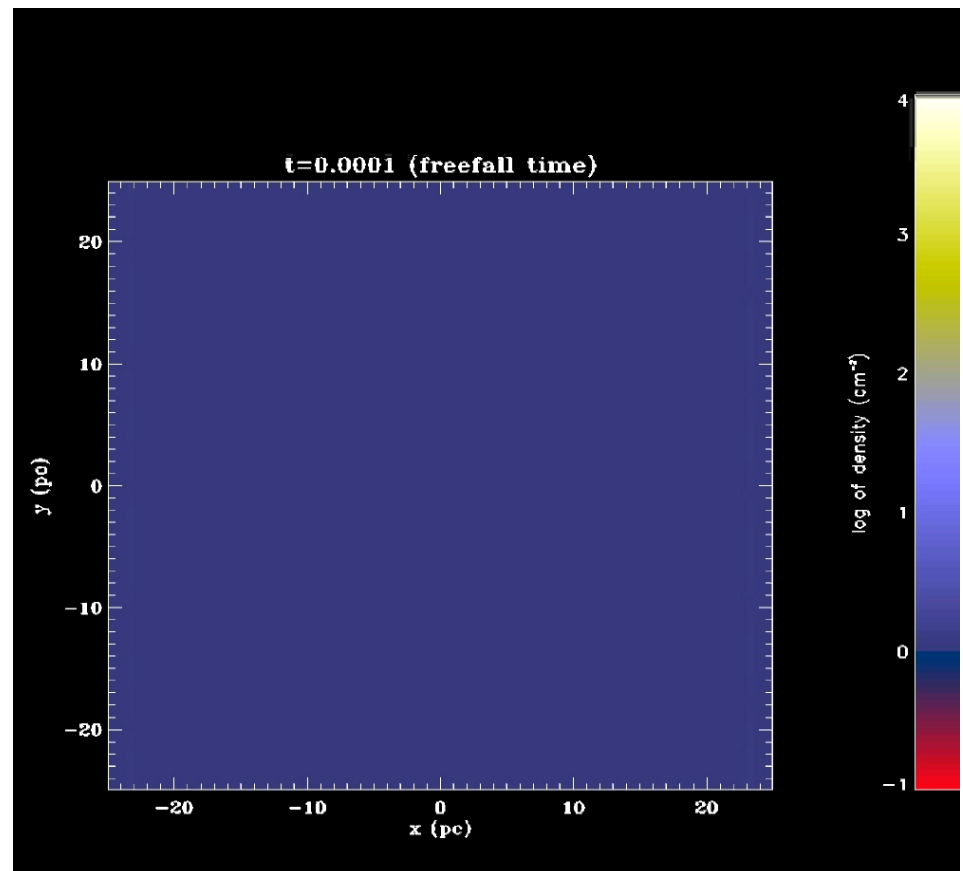
Koyama & Inutsuka 02,04, Kritsuk & Norman 02, Gazol et al. 02, Audit & H 05, 07, 10, Heitsch et al. 05, 06, 08, Vazquez-Semadeni et al. 06, 07,11, H+08, Banerjee+09, Clark+12, Inoue & Inutsuka 12, Valdivia+16)

Flow of WNM (density 1cc), velocity 20km/s each side, initial magnetic field 5 μ G, resolution 2 10^{-2} pc

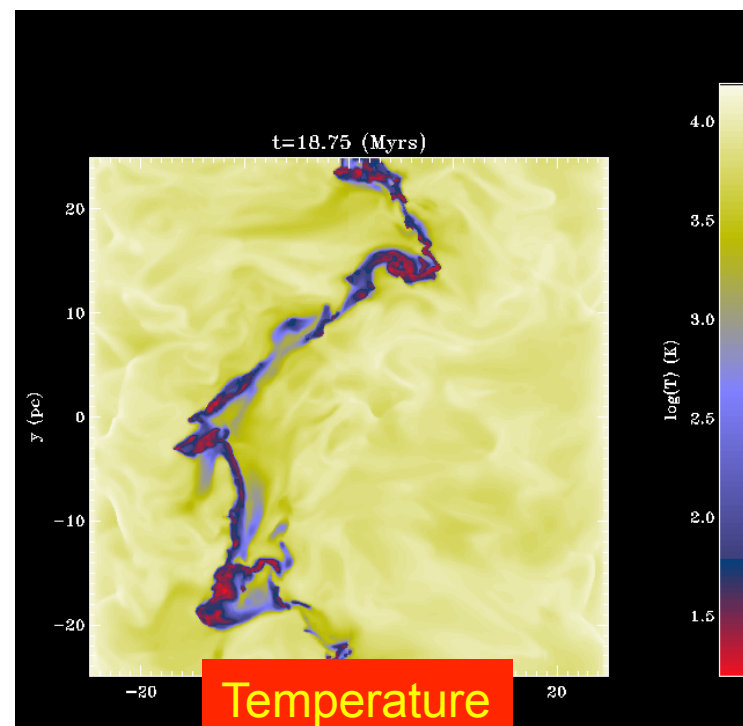
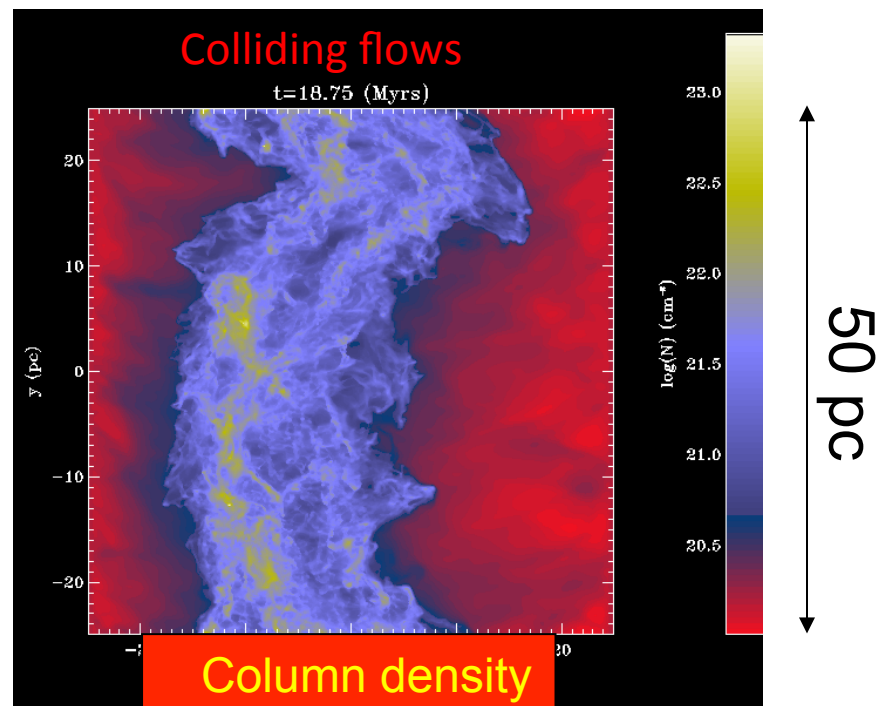
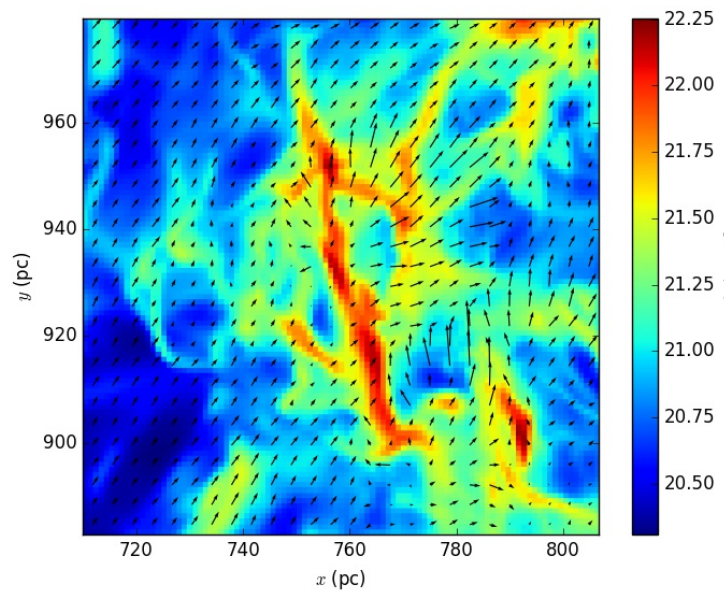
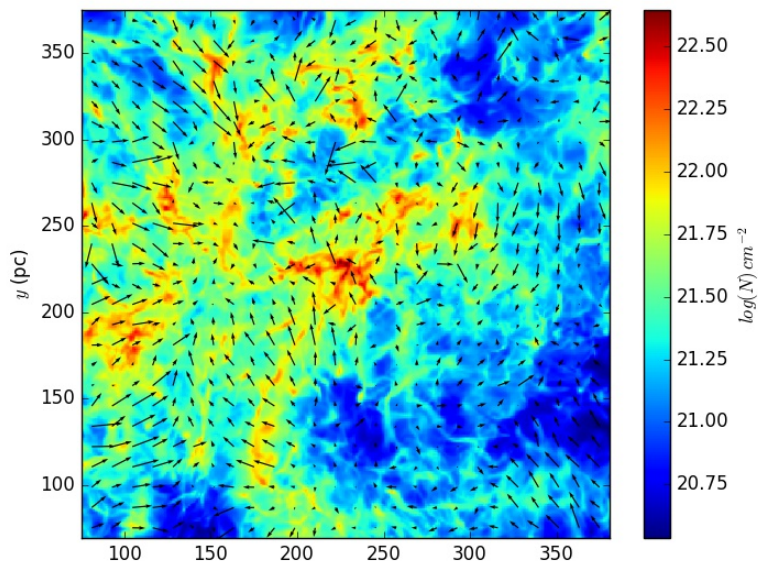
Colliding flows



50 pc



Clumps from galactic box simulations

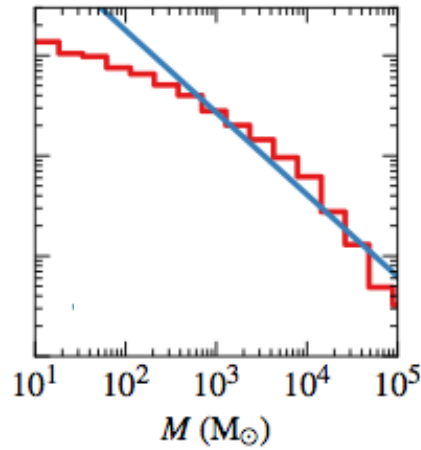


Mass spectrum and mass size

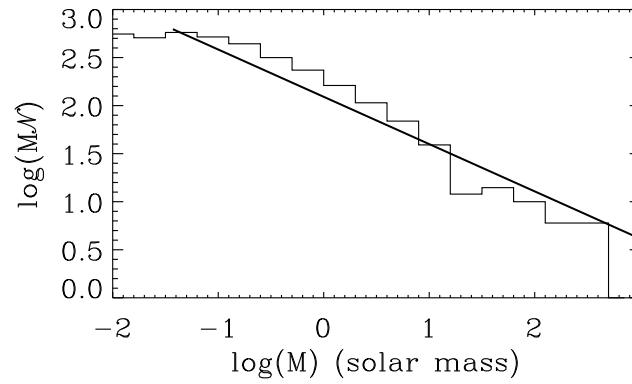
(H et al. 2008, Heitsch et al. 2009, Inoue & Inutsuka 2012, Iffrig&H2017)

Mass spectrum of clumps $dN/dM \propto M^{-1.7}$

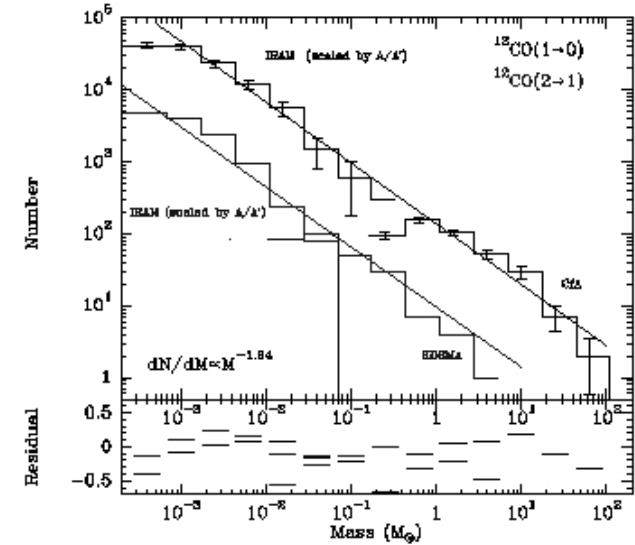
From galactic box



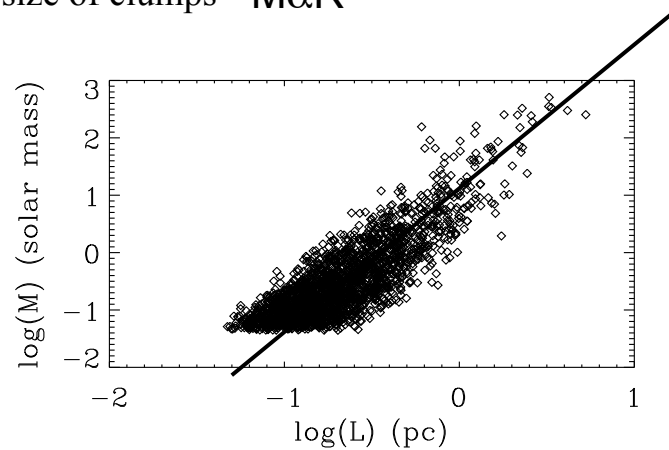
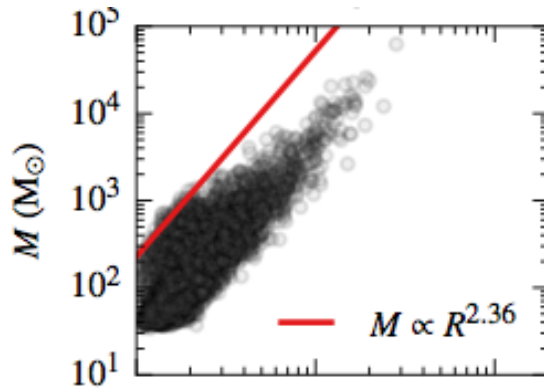
From colliding flows



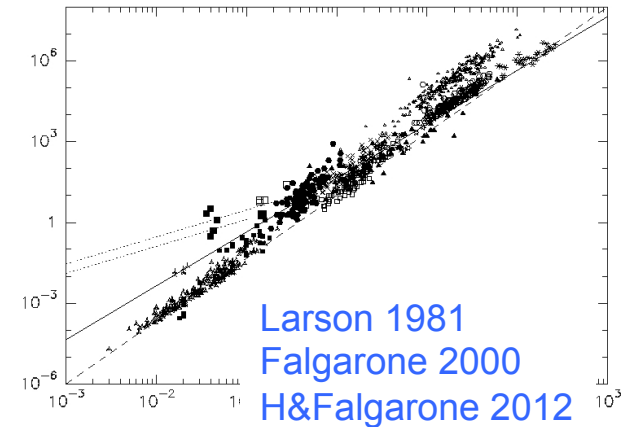
Universal Mass Spectrum
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Mass versus size of clumps $M \propto R^{2.3-2.5}$

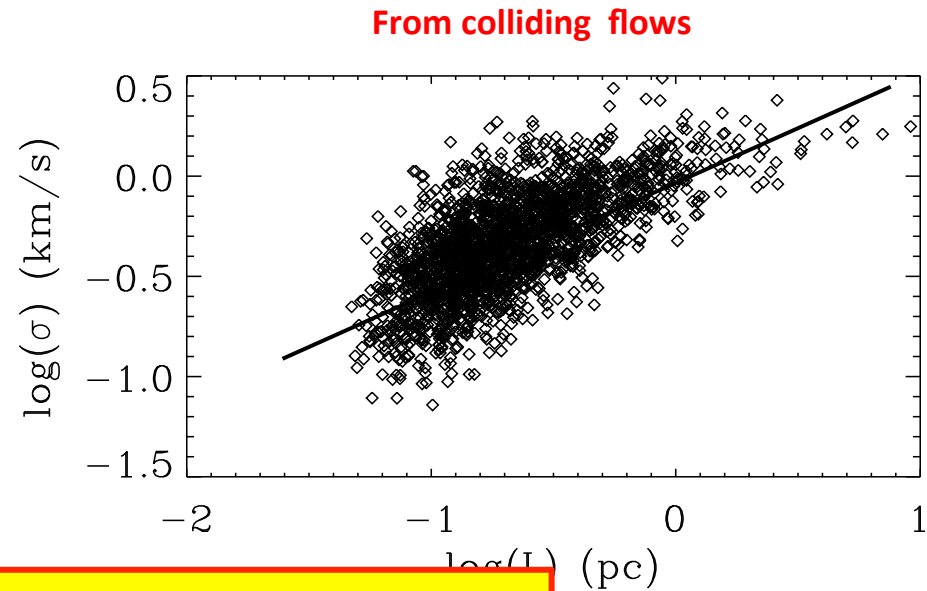
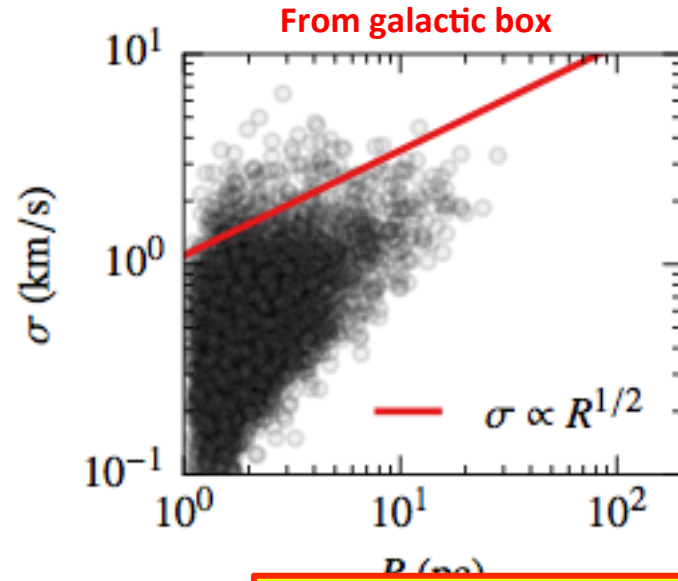


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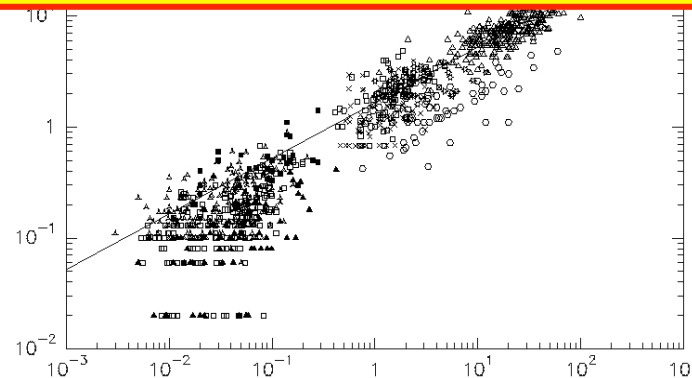


Internal clump velocity dispersion

$$\sigma(L) \approx 1 \text{ km s}^{-1} (L/1 \text{ pc})^{0.5}$$



Compatible with Larson law
=>is turbulence within GMC driven from outside ?
=>is it driven by continuous accretion of HI ?



Falgarone 2000

Velocity dispersion (Larson 1981, Kritsuk+2007, Klessen & H 2010)

$$P(v) \propto k^{-n}; n = \frac{11}{3} \text{ or } 4 \Rightarrow \sigma(l) \propto l^a, a = (n - 3)/2$$

$$\dot{E}_{decay} = \frac{E}{\tau_d} \left(= \frac{1}{2} \frac{M \sigma^3}{L} \right) = \dot{E}_{inj} \Rightarrow \sigma = \left(\frac{2 \dot{E}_{inj} L}{M} \right)^{1/3}$$

$$dM / dt \Rightarrow \dot{E}_{inj} = \frac{1}{2} \dot{M}_{in} V_{in}^2$$

Mass size relation (Fleck 1981, Kritsuk+2007)

$$M(l) \propto l^{2.3} \Rightarrow \rho \propto l^{-0.7} \quad \rho v^2 = cst \Rightarrow \rho \propto l^{-\approx 0.8-1} \text{ or } \rho v^3 / l = cst \Rightarrow \rho \propto l^{-\approx 0.2-0.5}$$

Mass spectrum as turbulent fluctuations (H & Chabrier 2008, Hopkins 2015)

Use the statistics of supersonic turbulence (lognormal distribution, powerspectrum of logρ)

count the fluctuations above some density threshold => CO clumps

$$P(\log \rho) \propto k^{-n}, \frac{dN}{dM} = M^{-\gamma} \Rightarrow \gamma = 2 - \frac{n - 3}{3}$$

$$n = \frac{11}{3} \Rightarrow \gamma \approx 1.7 - 1.8$$

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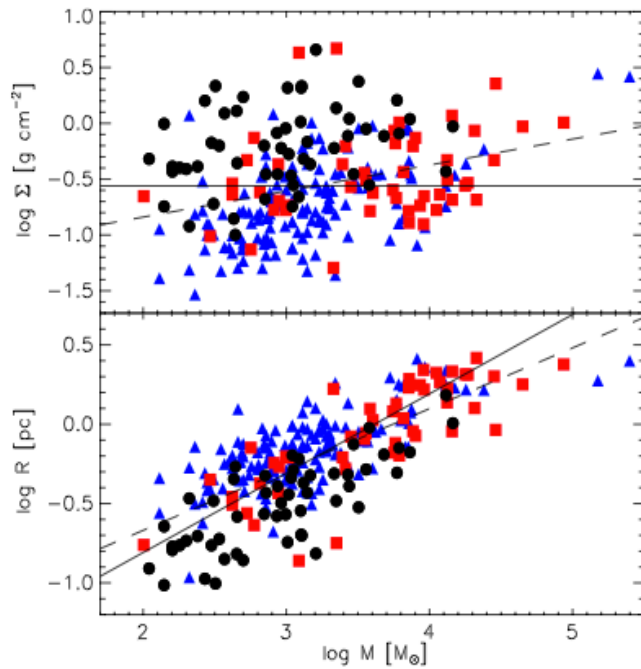
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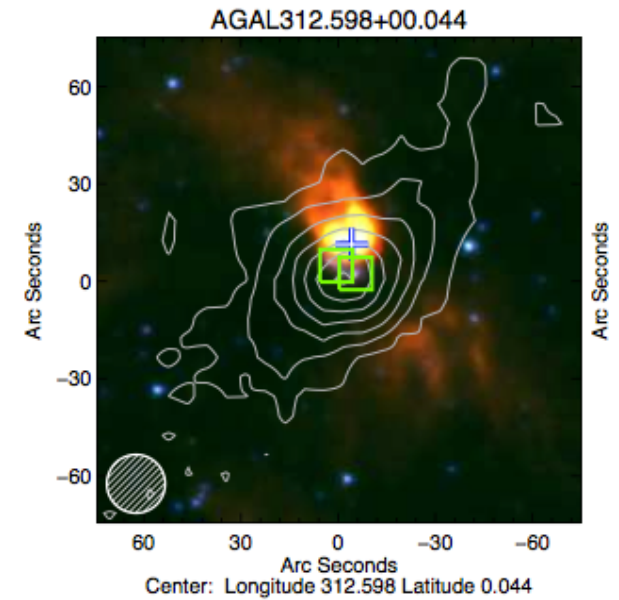


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Motivations: Massive star forming clumps and clusters

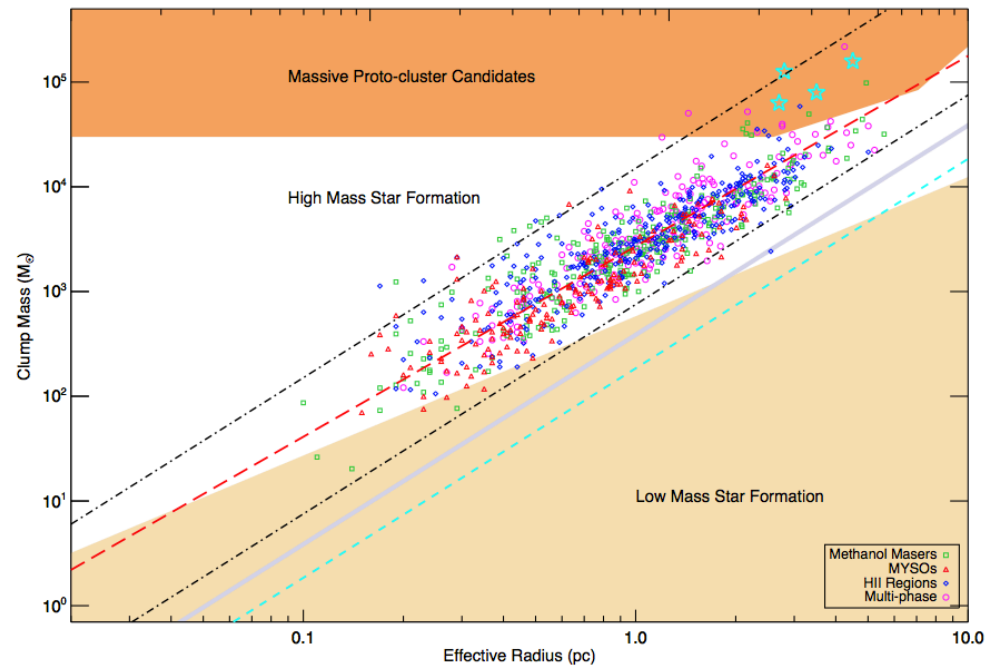


Fall+2010

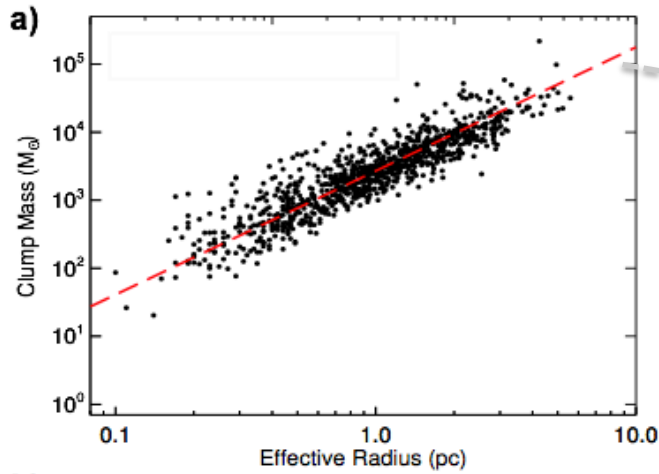


from ATLASGAL and RMS

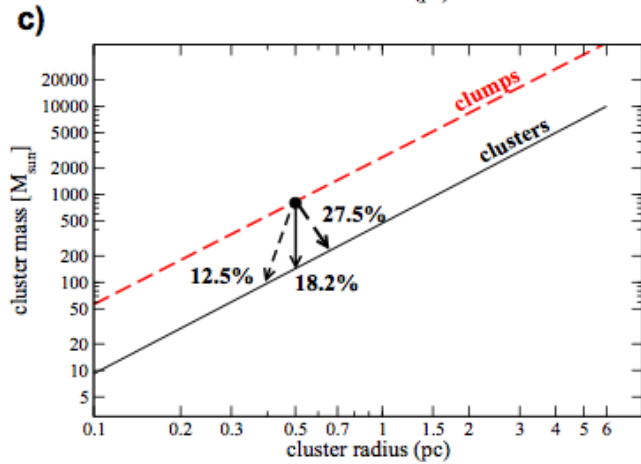
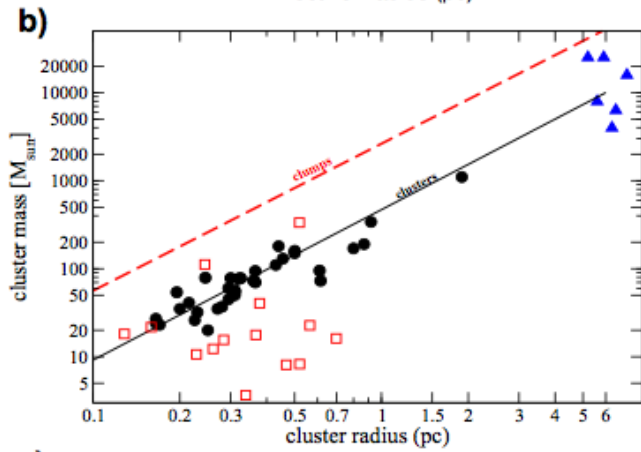
Urquhart +2015



Massive
star forming
clump

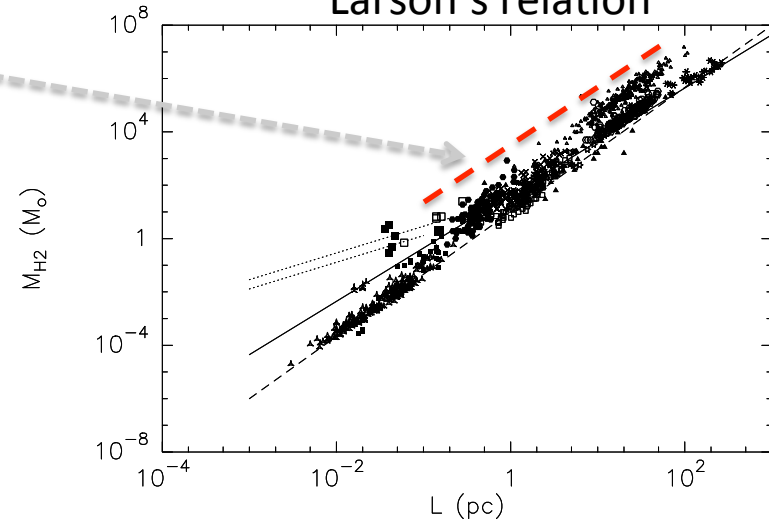


Clusters



Pfazlner +2015

Larson's relation



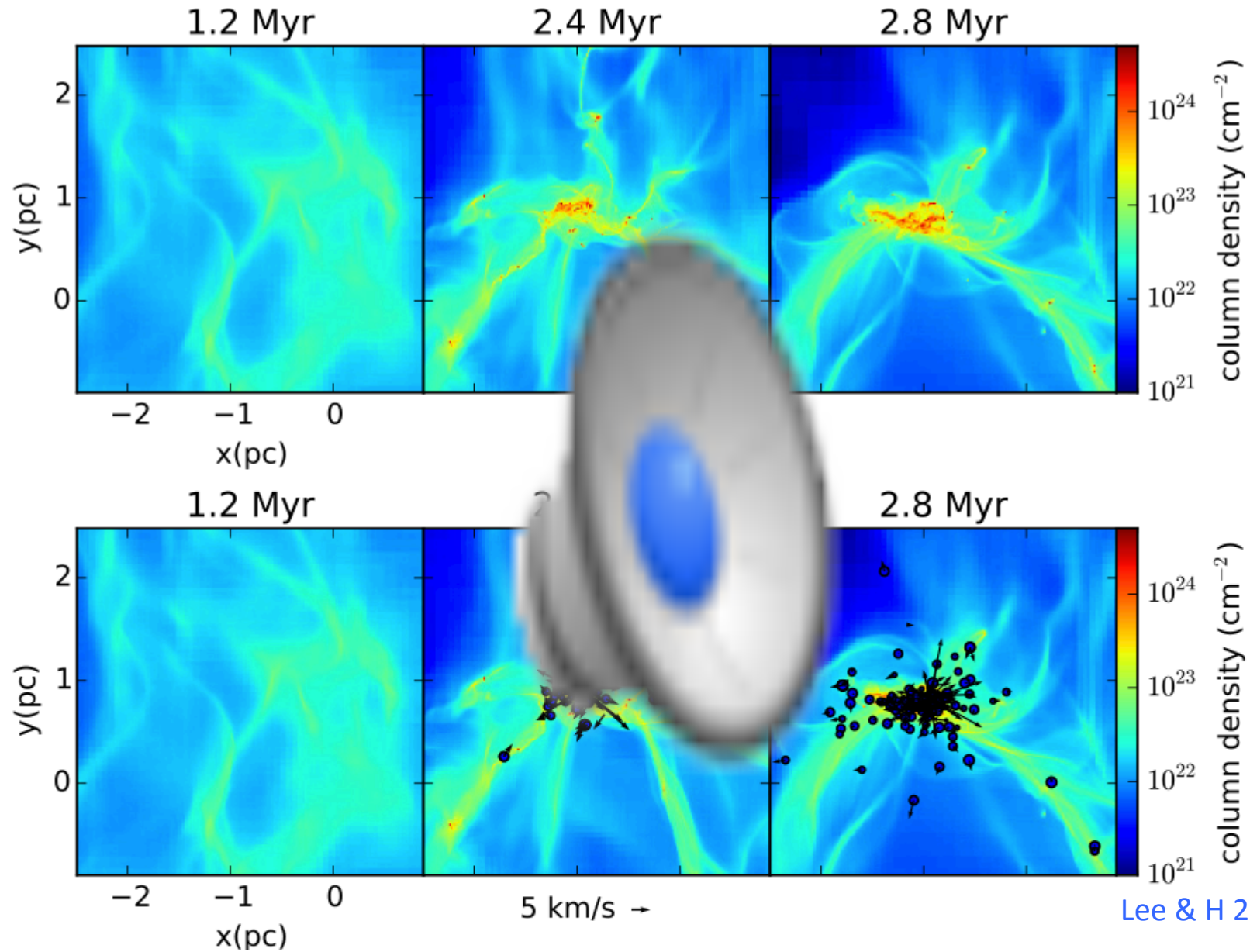
Falgarone+2009

=>Massive star forming clump
are very different from typical
ISM clouds
=>They are likely progenitor of
clusters

How do they form ?

Forming one single cluster from gravitational collapse of a turbulent cloud

(Bate+2003,2009,2012,2015 , Bonnell+2008, Girichidis+2011,Krumholz+2012, Ballesteros-Paredes +2015,Padoan+2014,Bleuler&Teyssier2015, Lee&H2016,Vazquez-Semadeni+2016)



From infall to virial ? A model for protocluster

(H2012, Lee&H2016b and see Li G-X 2017 for a related model)

Mechanical equilibrium

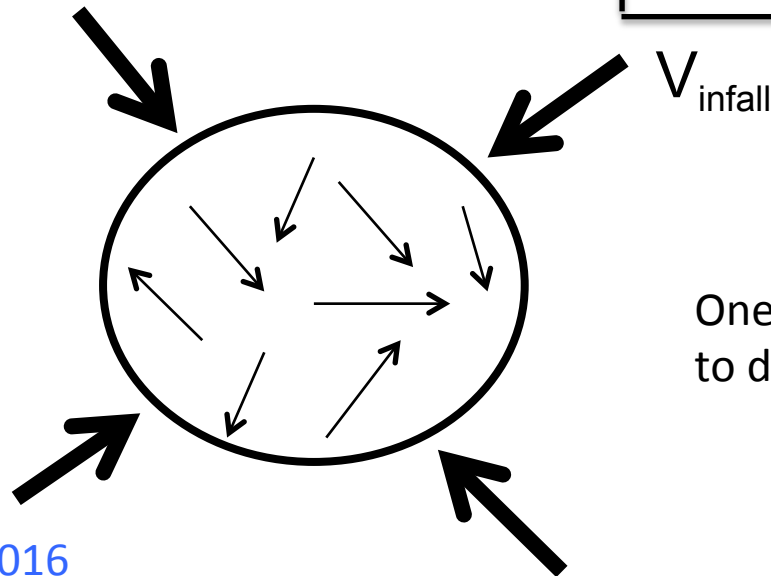
$$\sigma \propto \sqrt{\frac{M}{R}}$$

Energy balance : dissipation=injection

$$\frac{M\sigma^3}{R} \propto \sigma^2 \dot{M} \propto \sigma^2 M^{0.75}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{M}{R} \sqrt{\frac{M}{R}} \propto M^{0.75}$$

$$\Rightarrow M \propto R^2$$



H2012, Lee&H2016

Turbulent dissipation and gravity:

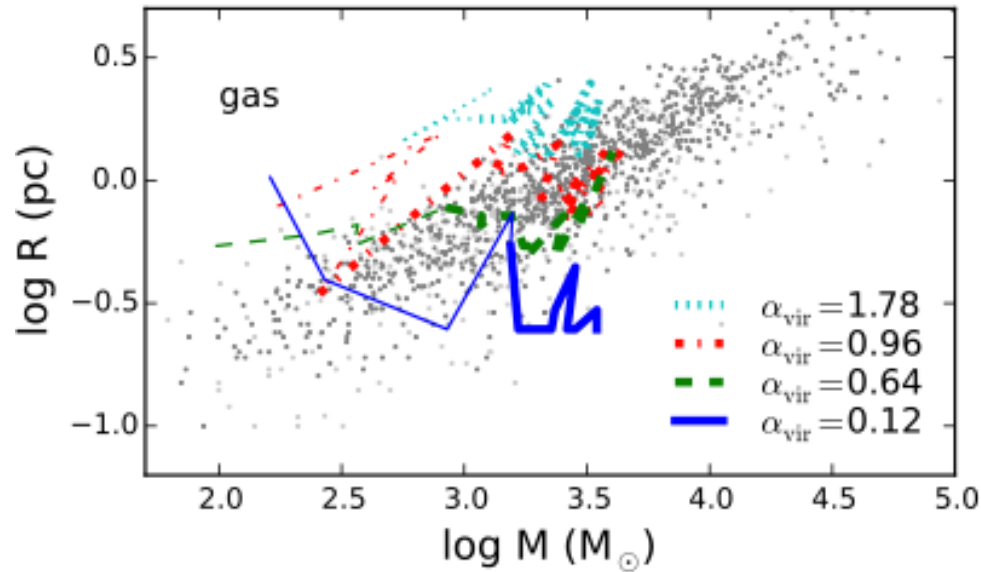
$$\epsilon_{\text{vir}} \approx \eta \times \frac{U_{\text{vir},l}^3}{l} = G^{3/2} m^{3/2} l^{-5/2} \times \eta$$

$$m_{\text{crit}} \approx G^{-1} \epsilon_{\text{cascade}}^{2/3} \eta^{-2/3} l^{5/3}$$

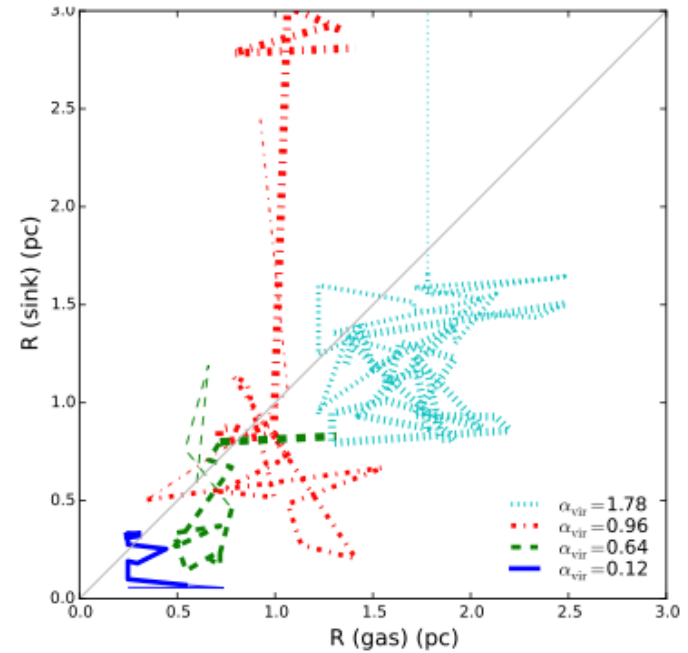
Li 2017

One crossing time is needed to dissipate incoming energy

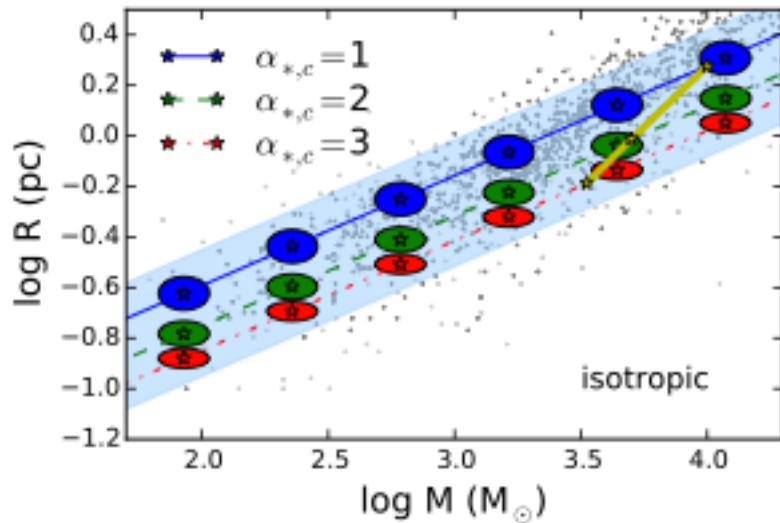
Gas distribution radius vs mass



Sink distribution radius vs gas distribution radius



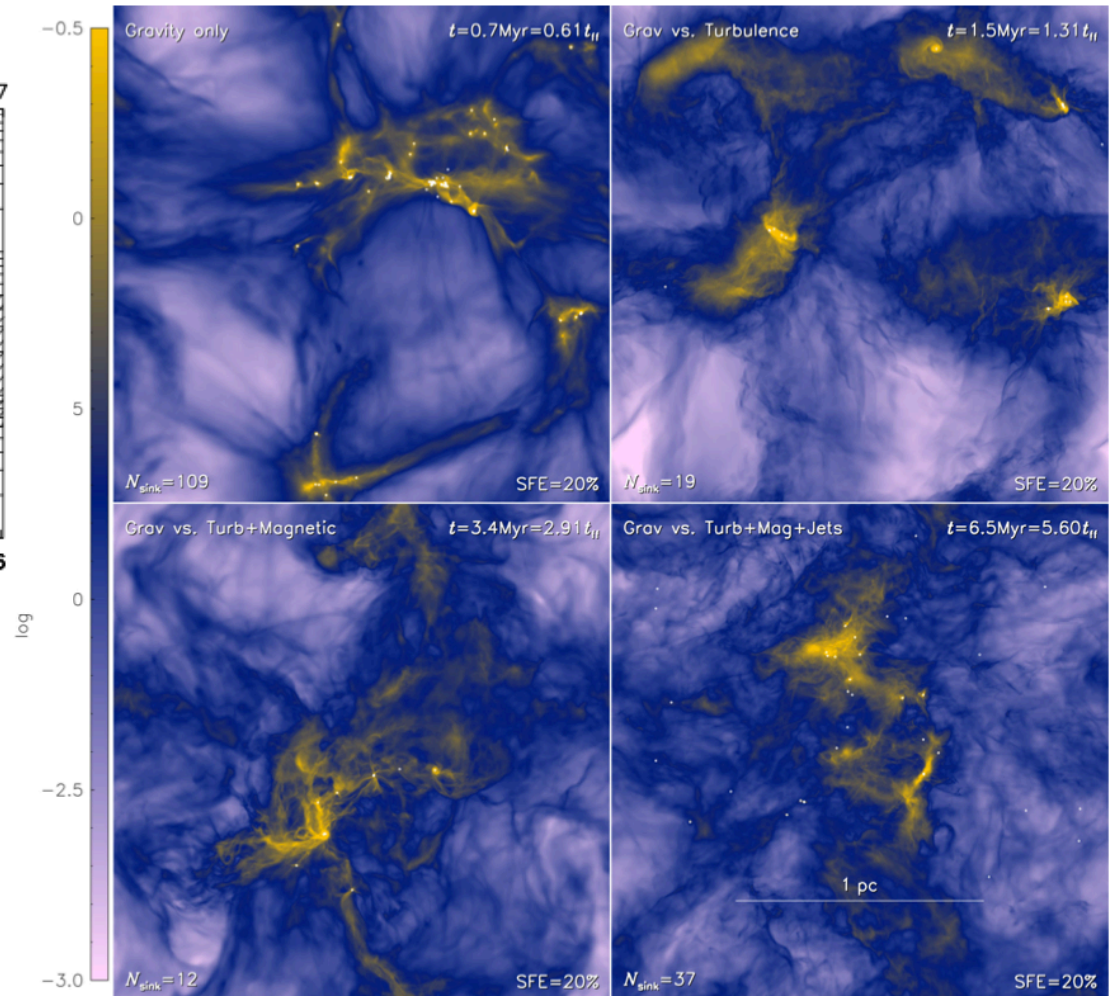
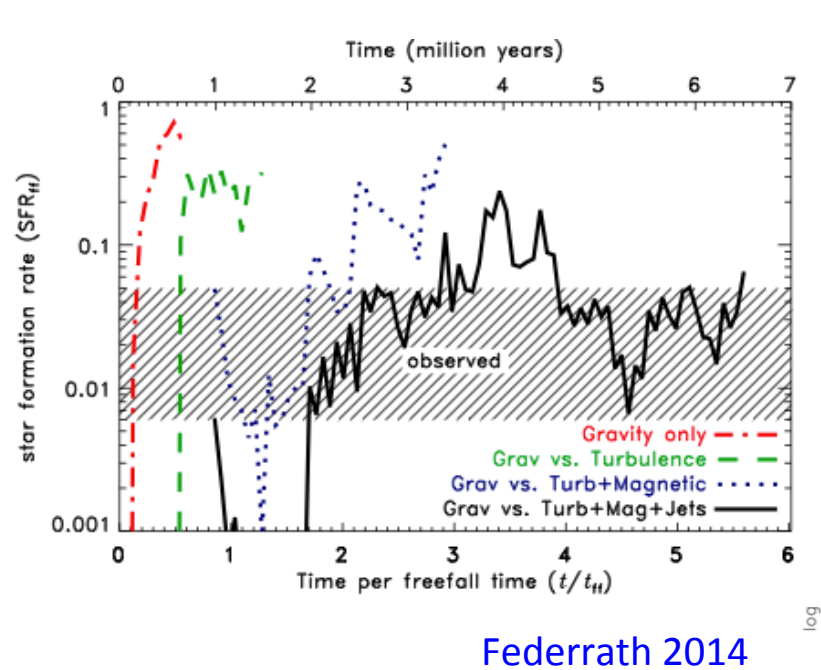
Comparison between model and observations



=> virial equilibrium, radius and rotation of the gas are passed to the stars

Reproducing the SFR in cluster type simulations: role of jets

(Li & Nakamura 2007, Wang+2011, Federrath&Klessen 2012, Federrath 2014)

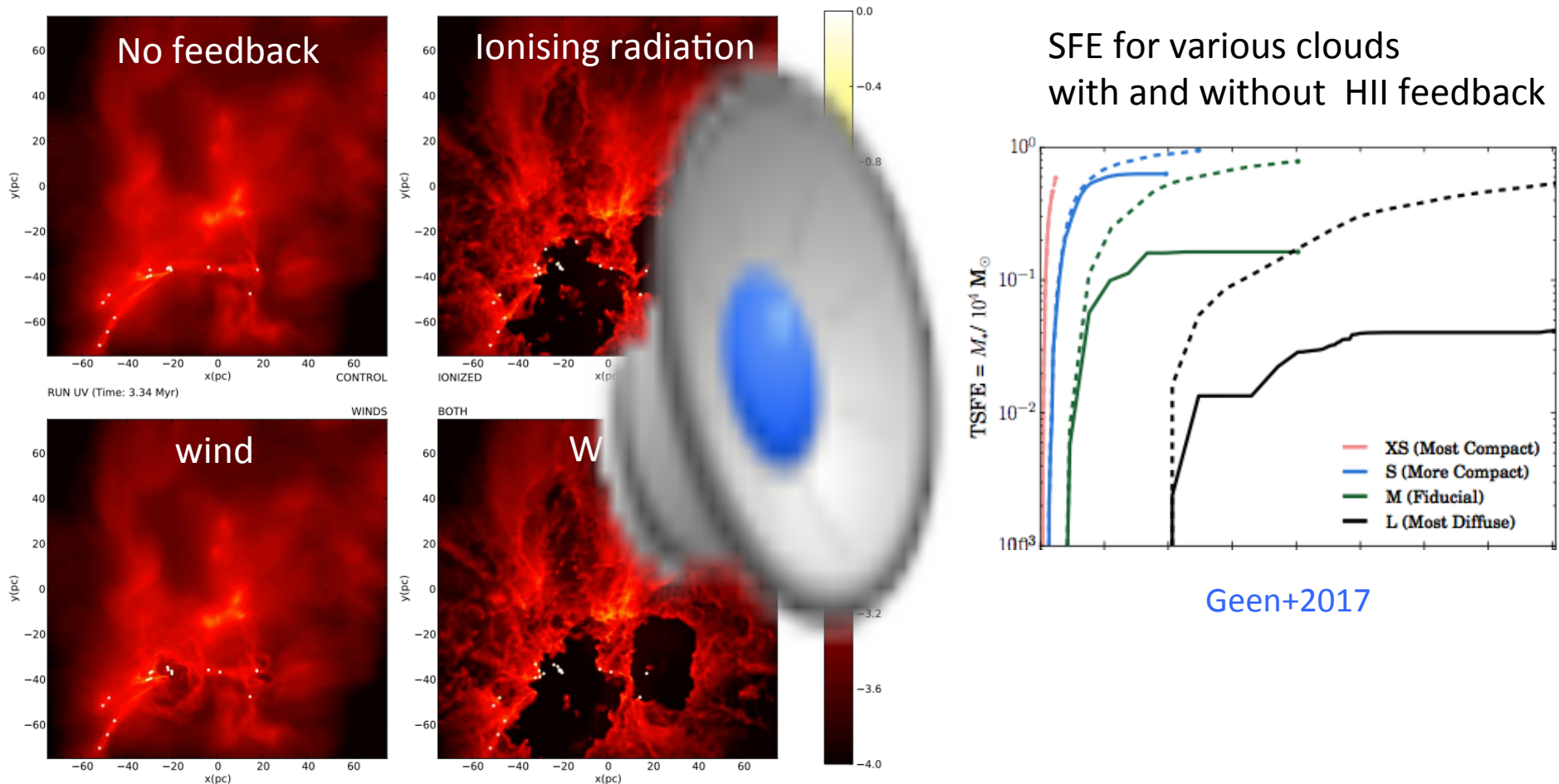


Seems that the combination of MHD+turbulence+jet may lead to reasonable SFR

(keeping in mind large uncertainties with outflow/jets energy injection).

Reproducing the SFE in molecular clouds/cluster type simulations: the role of ionising radiation

(Fall+2010, Matzner2007, Dale+2011,2015, Gavagnin+2017, Geen+2017)



Dale et al. 2013

Neighbourhood type clouds are predicted to have SFE~0.1-0.2
Too compact clouds have very high SFE.
Complete census of the feedback processes must be performed

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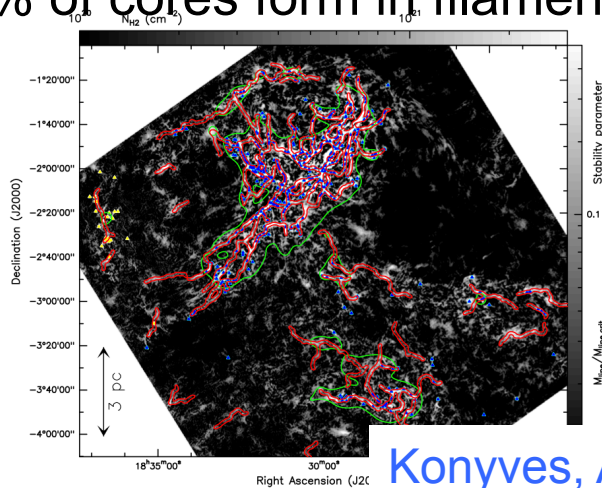


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Filaments and Core Mass Function

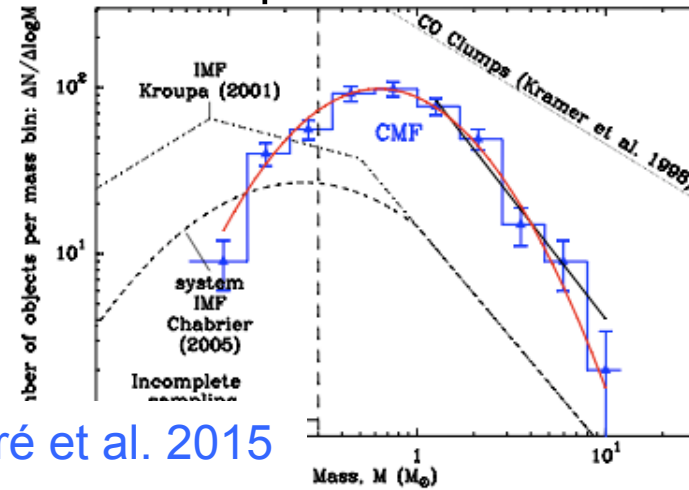
(Motte et al. 1998, Testi & Sargent 1998, Alves et al. 2007, Johnstone et al. 2002, Enoch et al. 2008, Simpson et al. 2008, André et al. 2010, Konyves et al. 2010, 2015)

75% of cores form in filaments

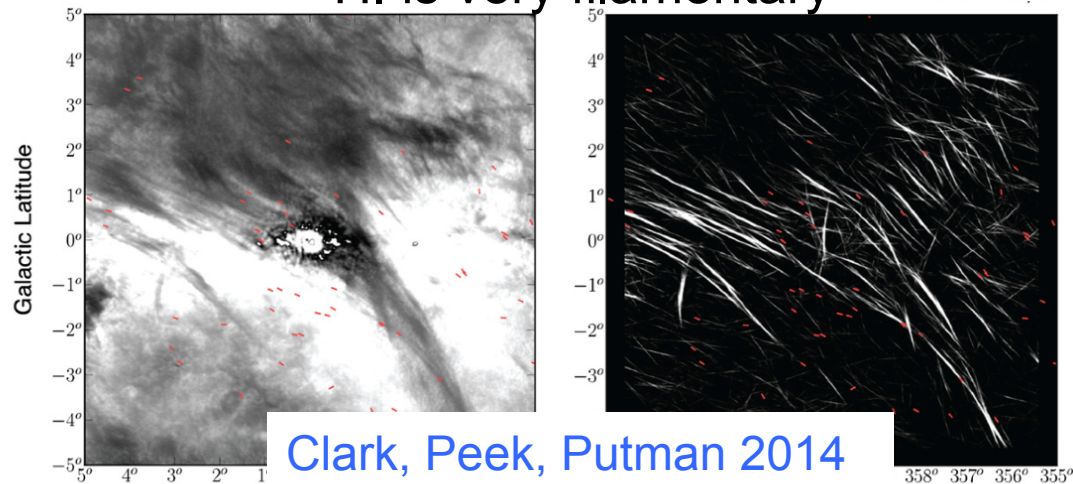


Konyves, André et al. 2015

CMF in Aquila molecular cloud

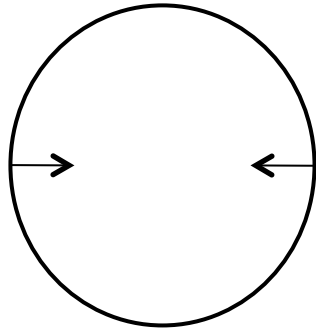


HI is very filamentary

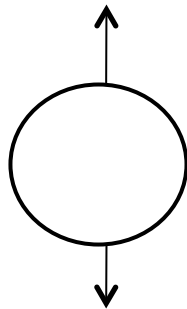


Clark, Peek, Putman 2014

How to form a filament ?



Compression of
two of the axis:
shock or gravity



Extension of
one of the axis:
Shear
***(the very heart of
turbulence)***

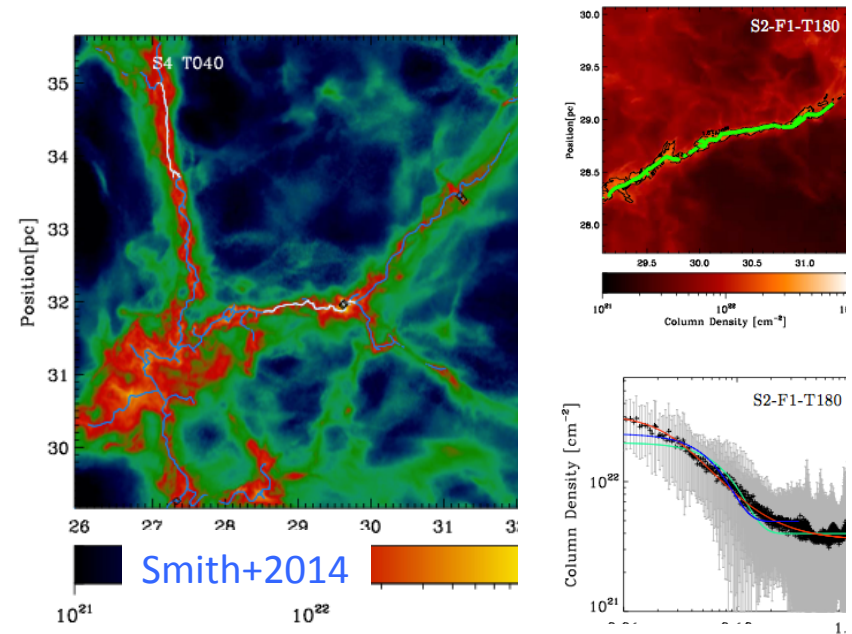
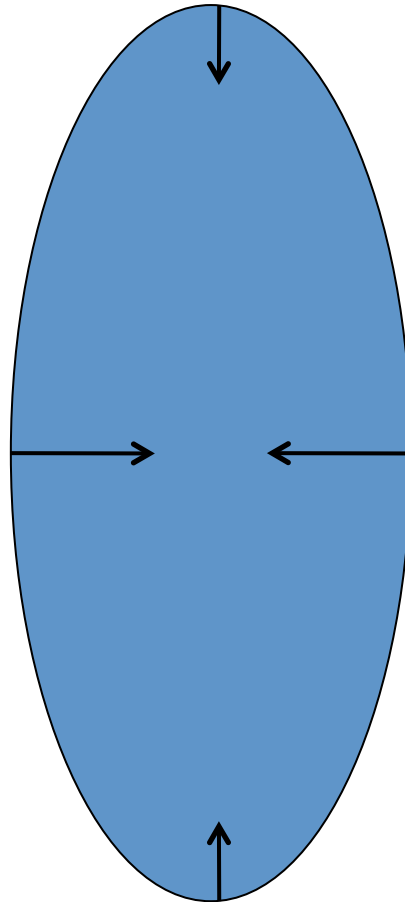
Gravitational amplification of anisotropies (seeded by turbulence ?)

(Mestel+71)

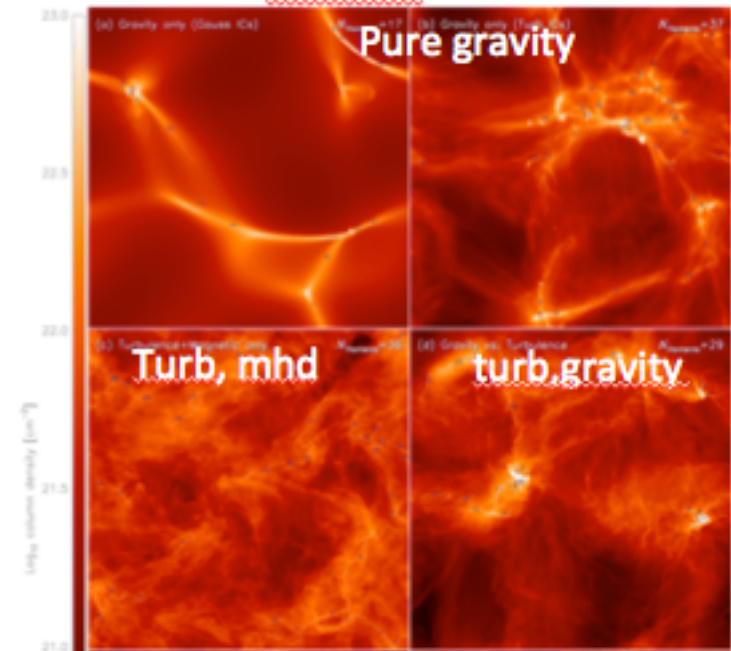
$$F_z \propto \frac{\phi}{l}$$

$$F_r \propto \frac{\phi}{r}$$

$$\Rightarrow F_z \leq F_r$$

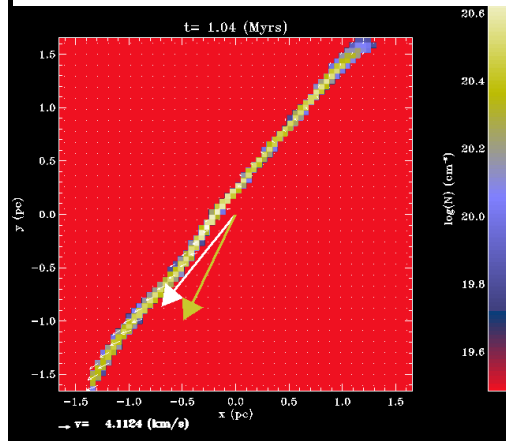


Federrath 2015

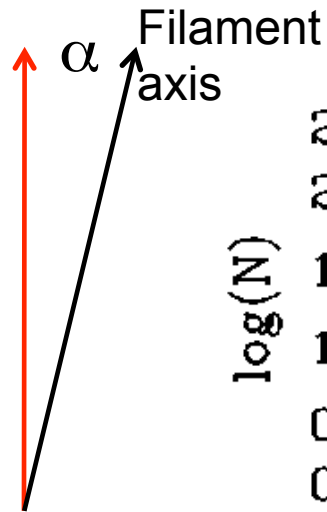


Non-self-gravitating filament: Importance of turbulence and magnetic field

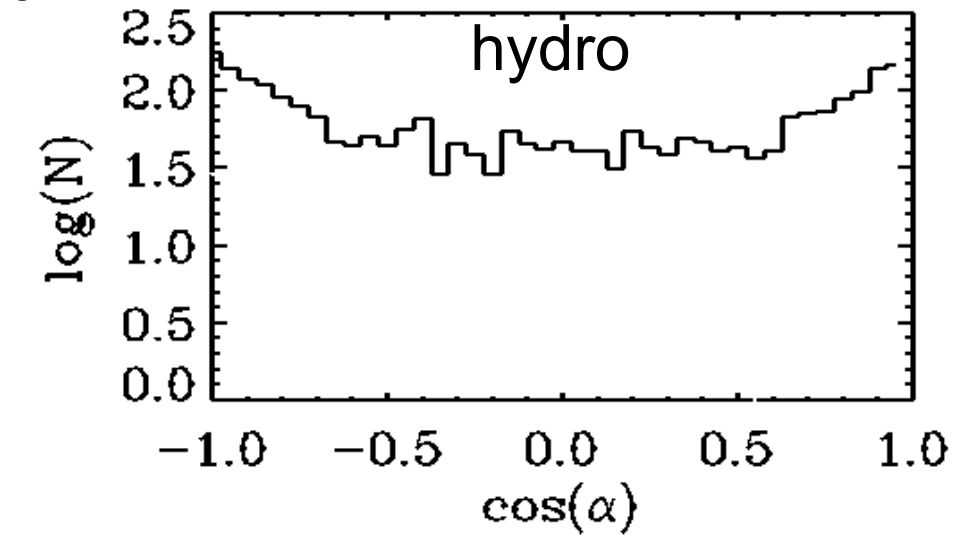
An extreme filament in MHD simulations



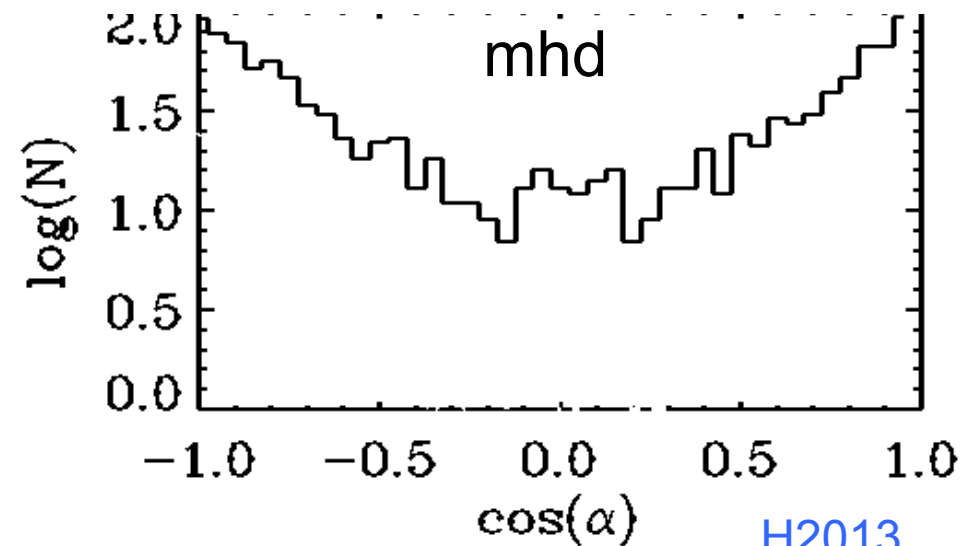
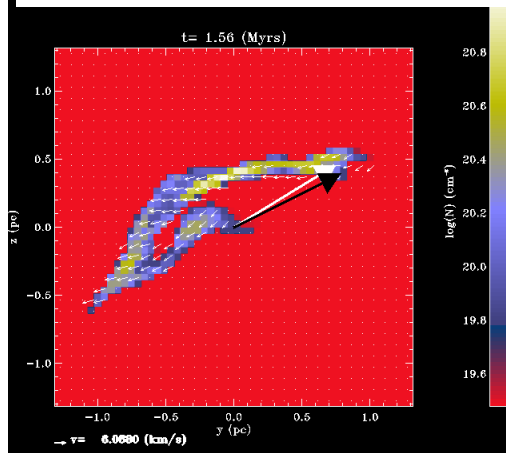
Turbulent strain axis



Correlation between strain and Filament axis

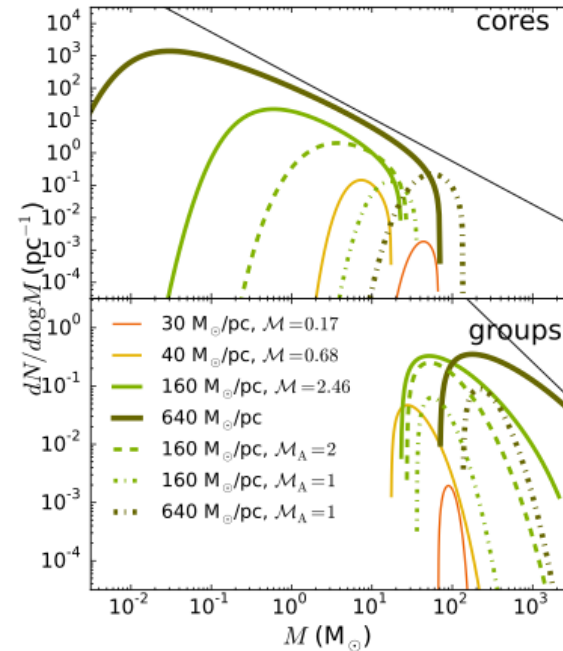
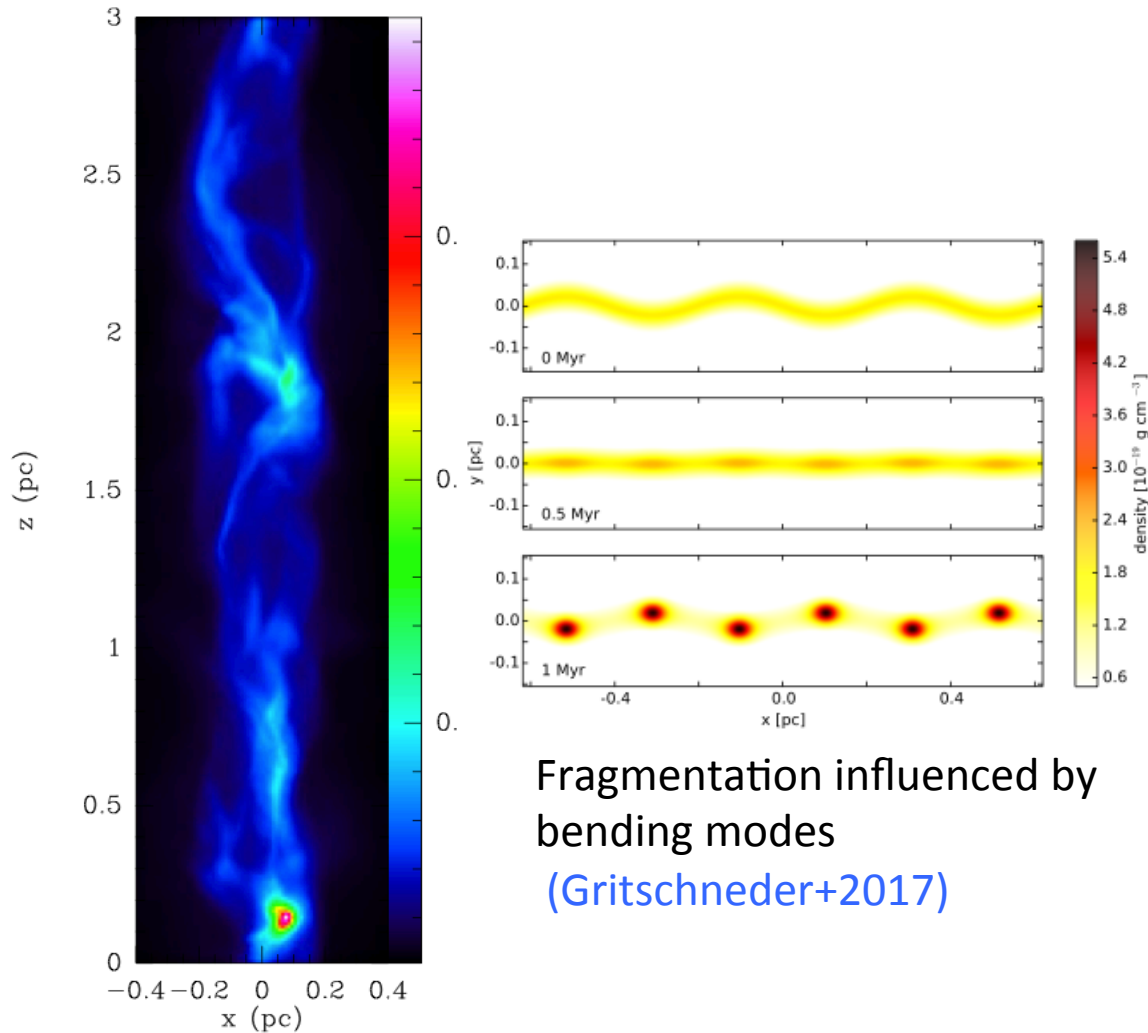


An extreme filament in hydro simulations

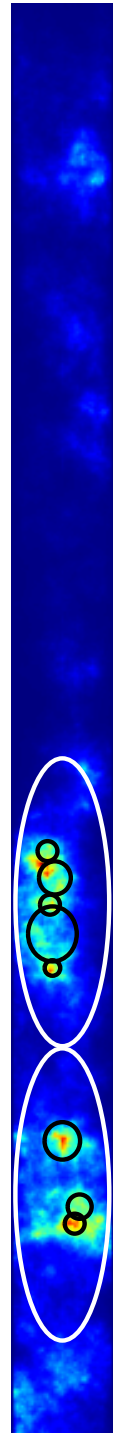


Fragmentation of filaments into cores

(Inutsuka+1992,1997,Inutsuka 2001,Clarke+2016,Gritschneider+2017,Lee+2017)

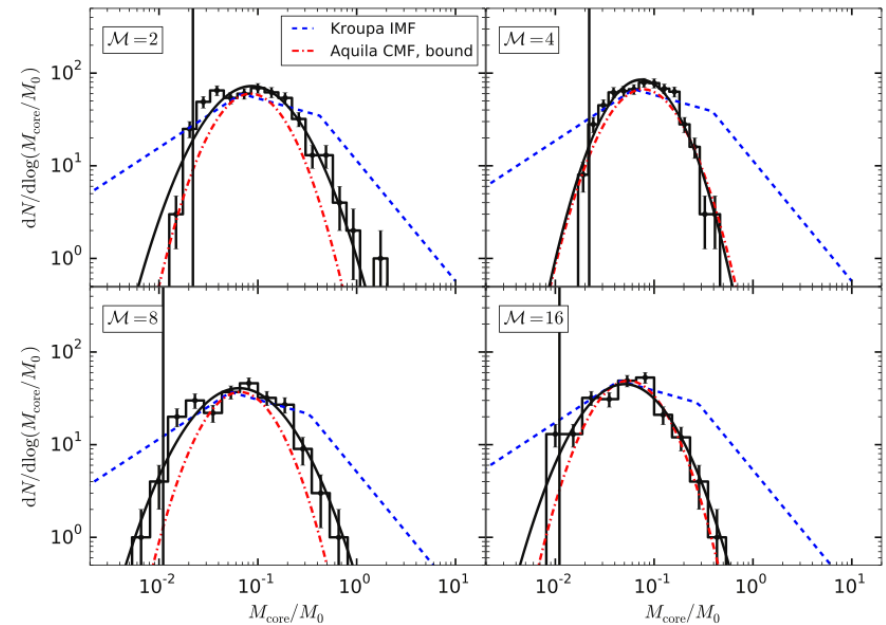
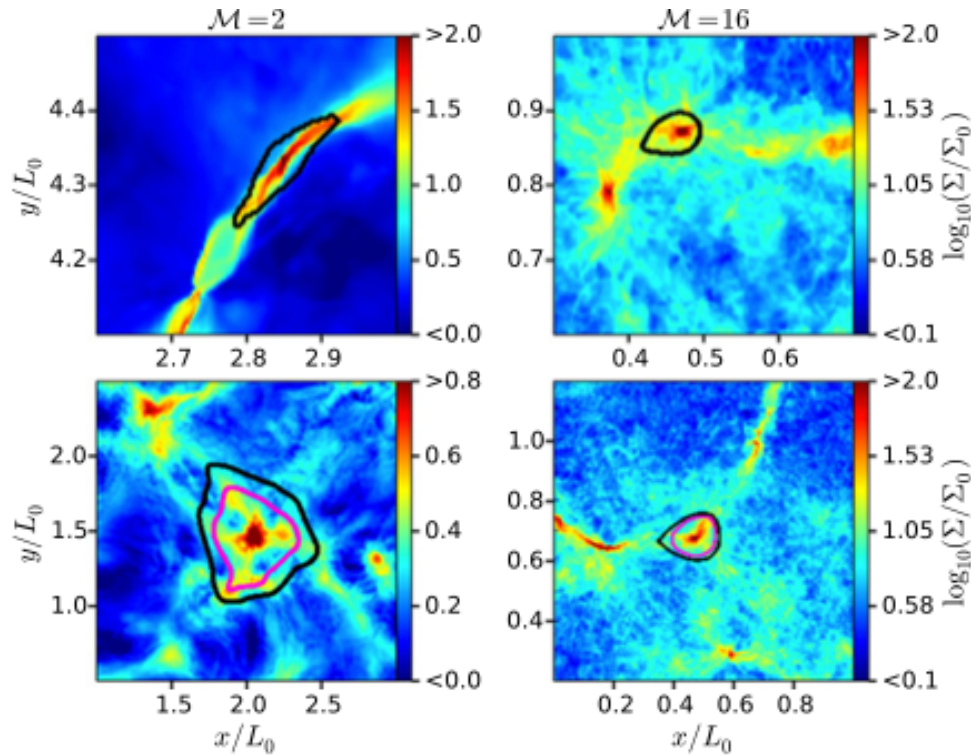
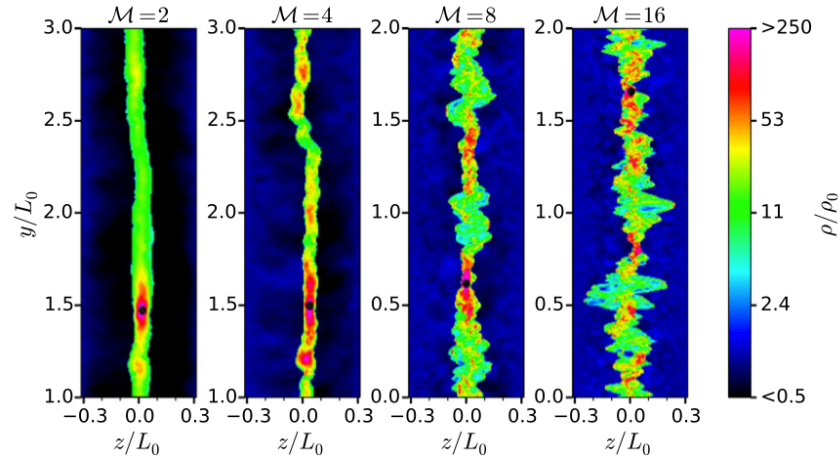


Fragmentation by turbulence
Inside filament (Clarke+2016)



Filaments and cores from colliding flow calculations

(Gong & Ostriker 2011, 2013, 2015)



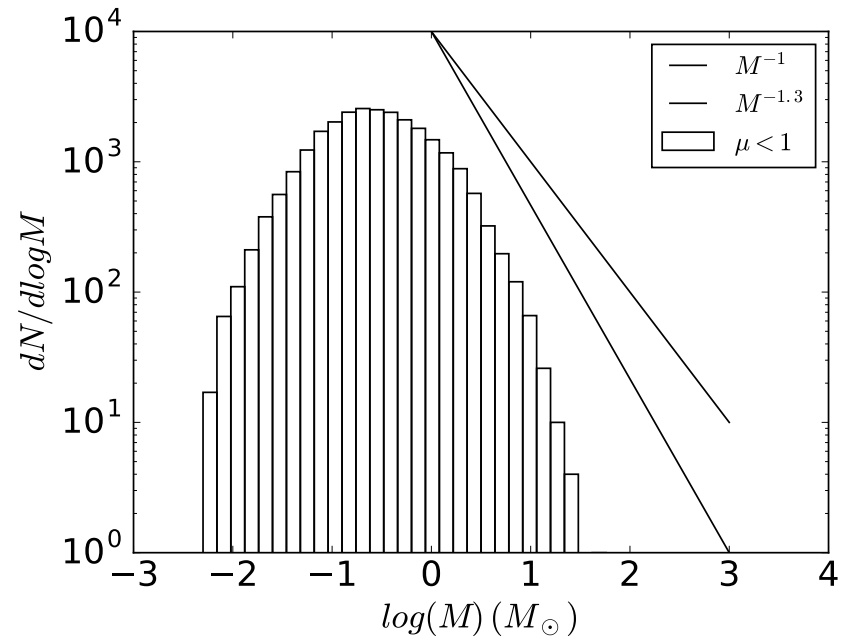
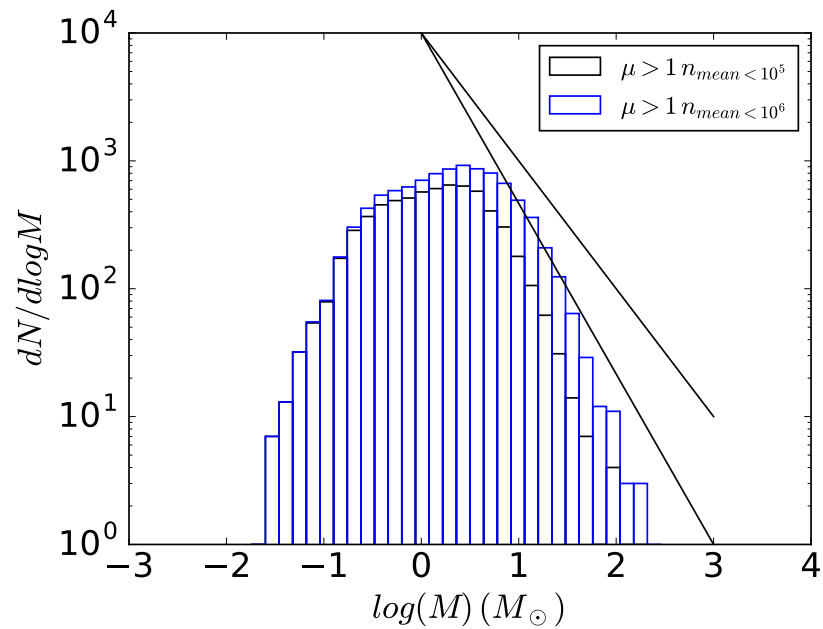
FRIGG : From Intermediate Galactic scales to self-Gravitating cores

--Spinning the clouds—

Goal : obtain a self-consistent description from few 100pc to less than 0.1 pc (spatial resolution of 0.004 pc)



Getting the “core” mass function from zooming-in simulations



Encouraging results :

- CMF depends on the exact definition adopted for cores
- resolution issue with the peak

Conclusions

Accretion seems to be always playing a role
(galaxies ?, molecular clouds, clusters, discs, stars ?)

Molecular clouds: 2-phase, accreting paradigm ?
Seems to reproduce many observations in particular the velocity dispersion

Are clusters inheriting their properties from a virialised state induced by accretion driven turbulence ?

Is ionising radiation setting the SFE of the MC ?

Is the core mass function strongly influenced by the filamentary geometry ?