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# Influence of the large galactic scales on molecular cloud formation

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## Curriculum

- "Classe préparatoire", Lycée Kléber, Strasbourg
- ENS Cachan (physics department, L3 + M1)
- Whole-year internship with Patrick Hennebelle
- M2 "Modélisation et Simulation"

## How I got here

- Interests in astrophysics due to L3 / M1 internships
- Strong interests in numerical simulation
- Whole-year internship with Patrick Hennebelle went well

# Introduction

## Goal

- Study the dynamics of the ISM
- What regulates molecular cloud (and star) formation ?

## Means

- MHD simulations
- Gravity + radiative cooling

## Why ?

- Goal: understand the observed star formation rates
- Gravity only  $\rightsquigarrow SFR_{est} \sim 100SFR_{obs}$
- "Feedback"?

We need to study the effect of feedback processes quantitatively

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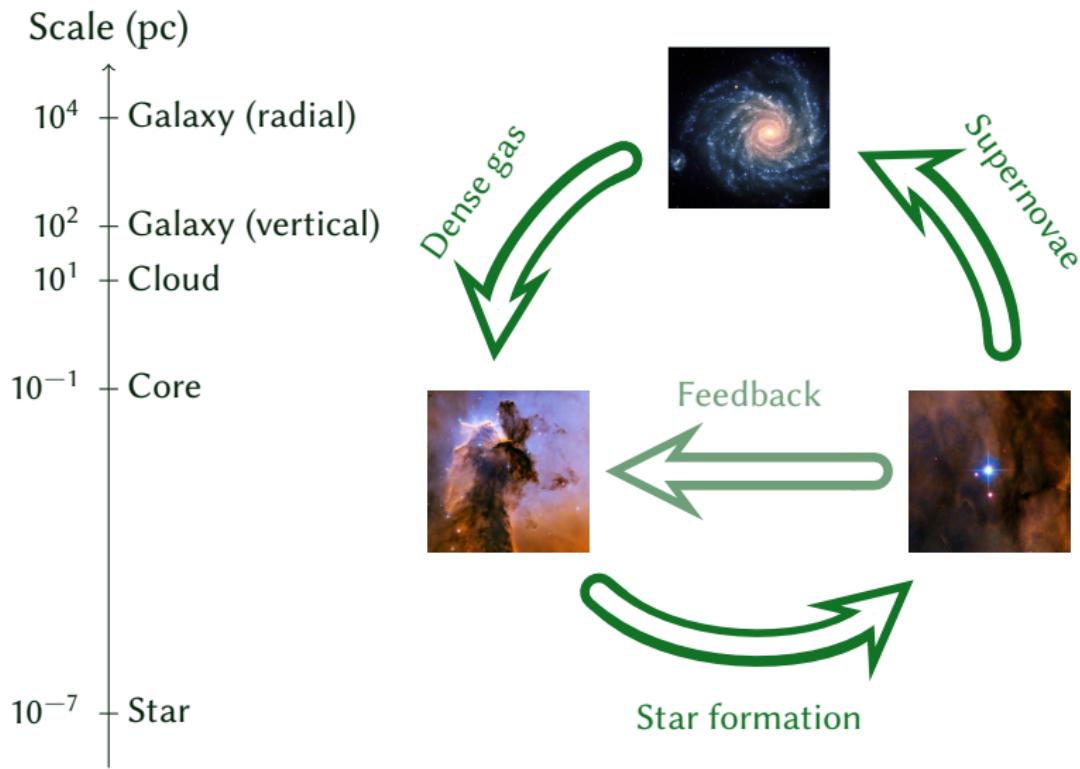
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Scale (pc)

$10^4$

$10^2$

$10^1$

$10^{-1}$

Core

Not resolved

$10^{-7}$

Star

Galaxy (radial)

Galaxy (vertical)

Cloud

Feedback

Not resolved

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Dense gas



Supernovae



Feedback



Not resolved

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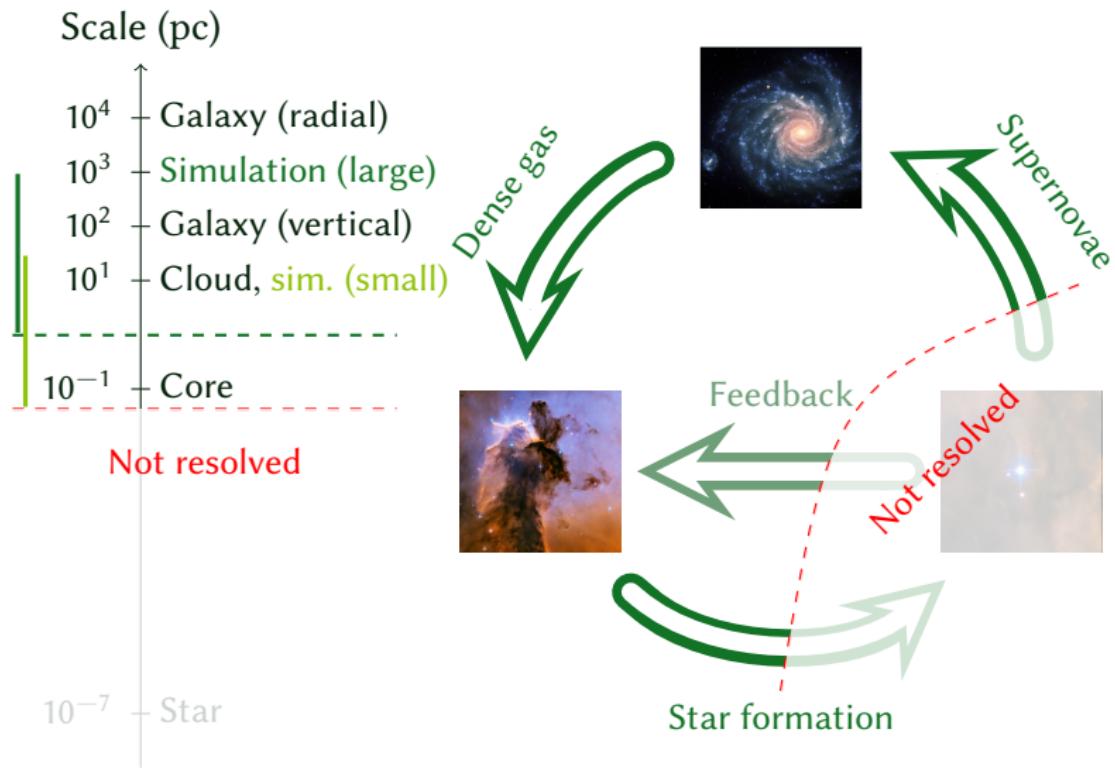
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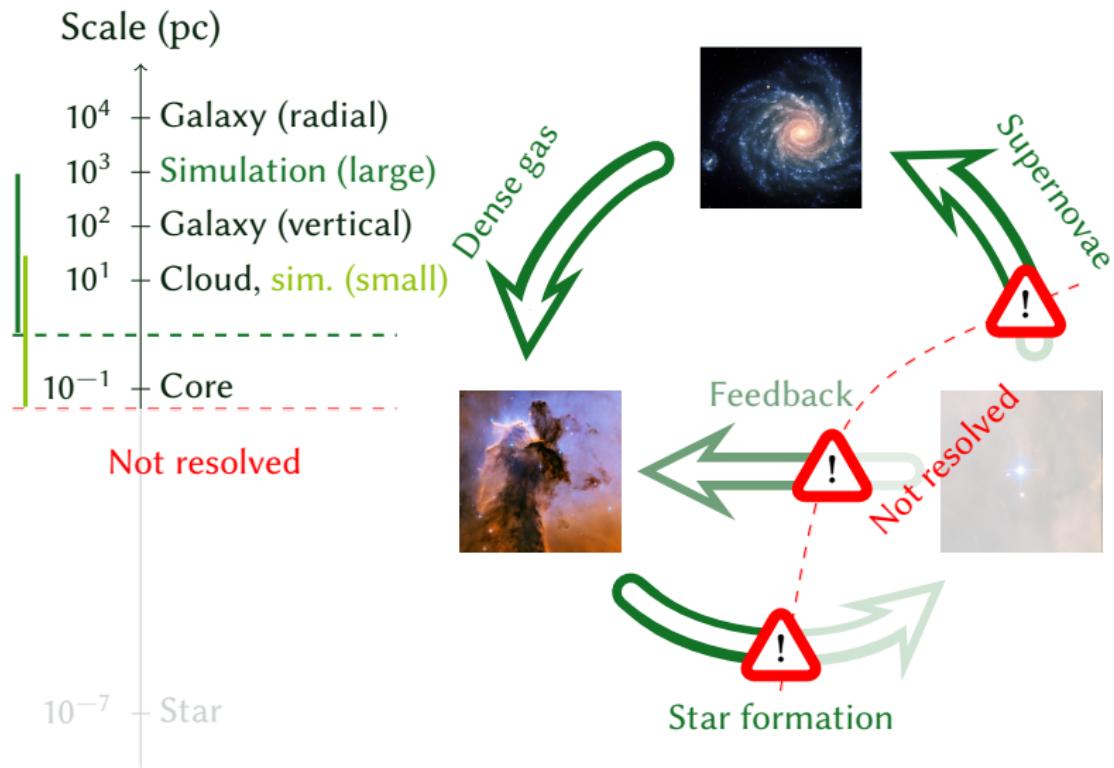
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# Technical issues

## Supernovae

- Small-scale simulation
- Model for large-scale simulations

## Star formation

- Sink particles
- Depending on resolution: stars or "clusters"
- Positions for feedback sources

## Further work: other feedback processes

- Simulations on a relevant scale
- Subgrid models for the large-scale simulations
- Correlation with the formed "stars"

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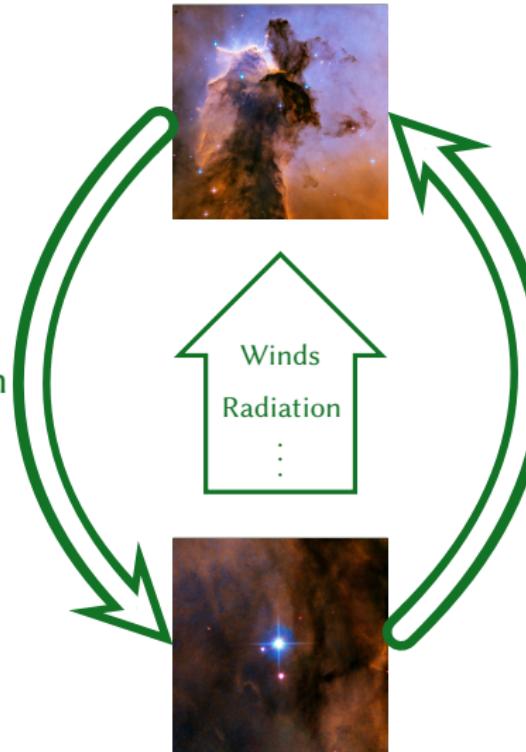
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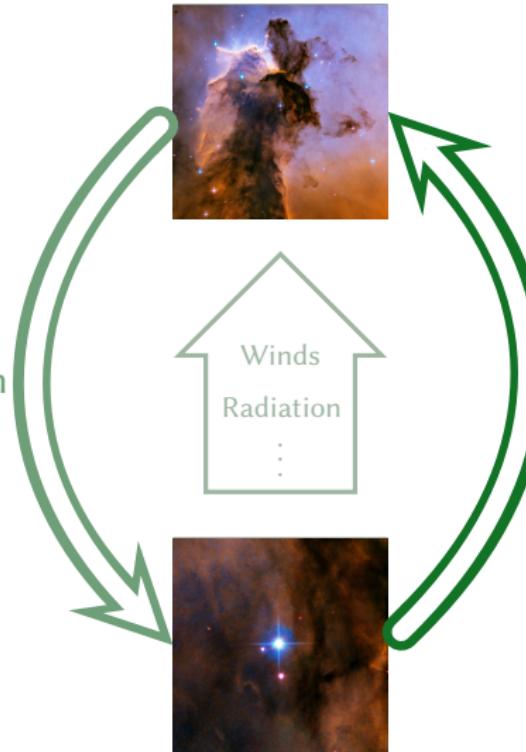
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# Preliminary study: supernova in a uniform medium

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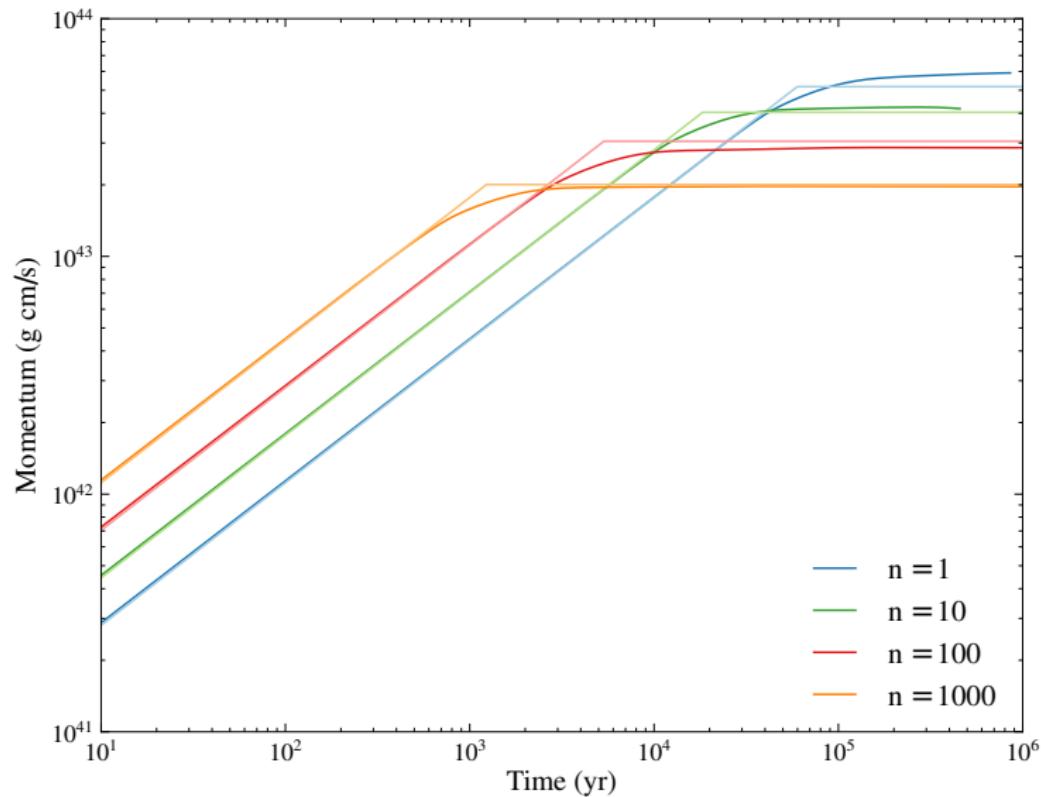
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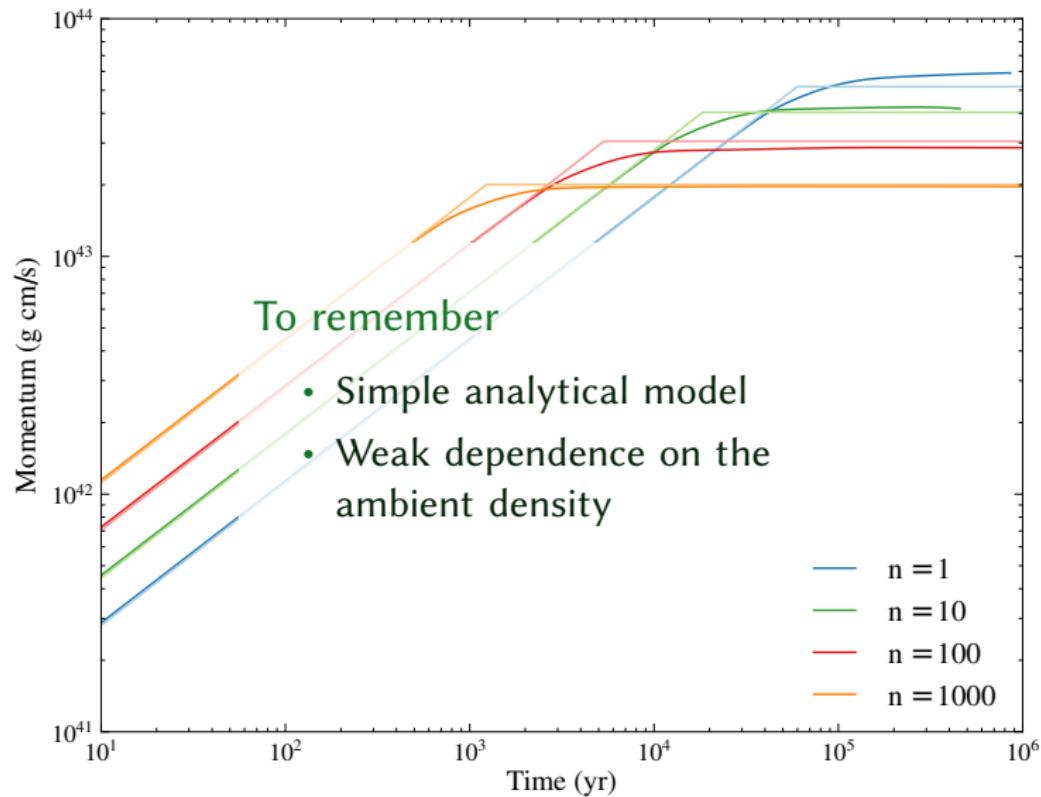
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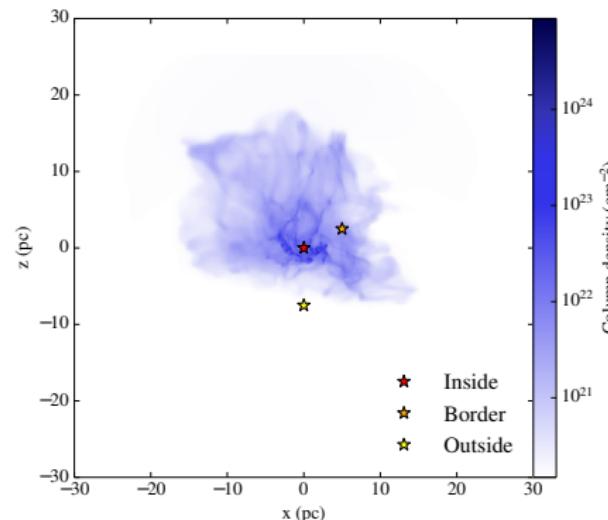
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# Impact of a single supernova on a molecular cloud

# Simulations

## Configurations:

- (I) Supernova inside the cloud
- (II) Supernova at the border
- (III) Supernova outside
- (IV) Cloud without supernova



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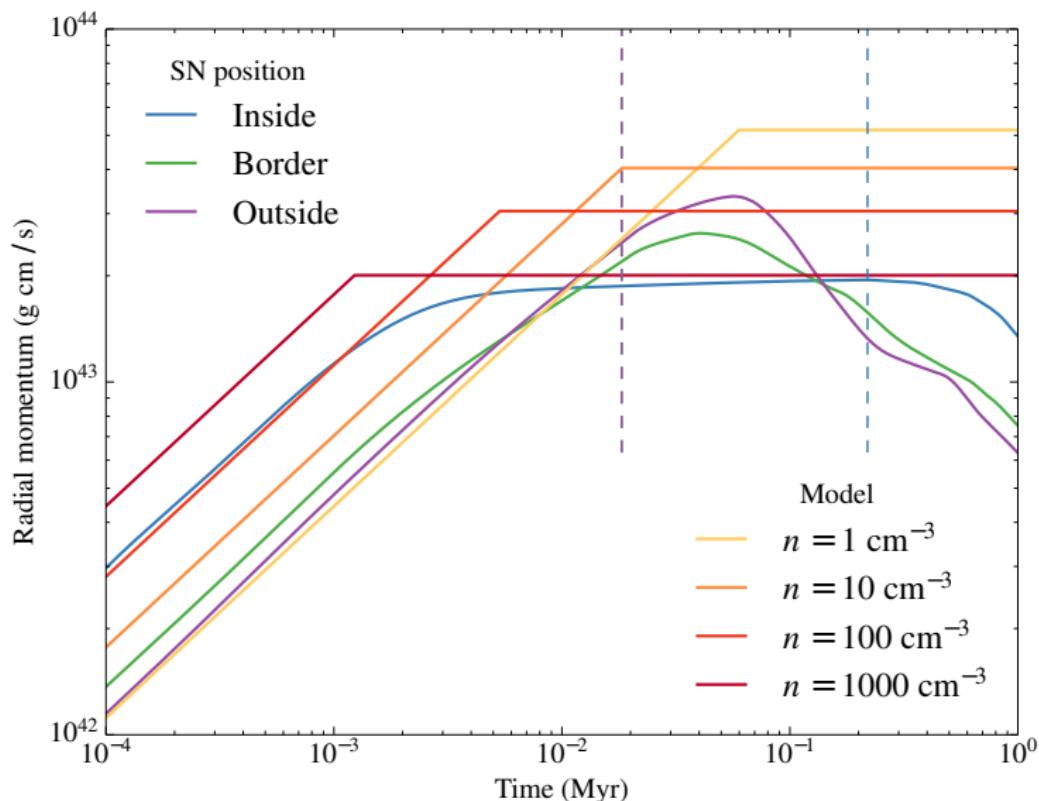
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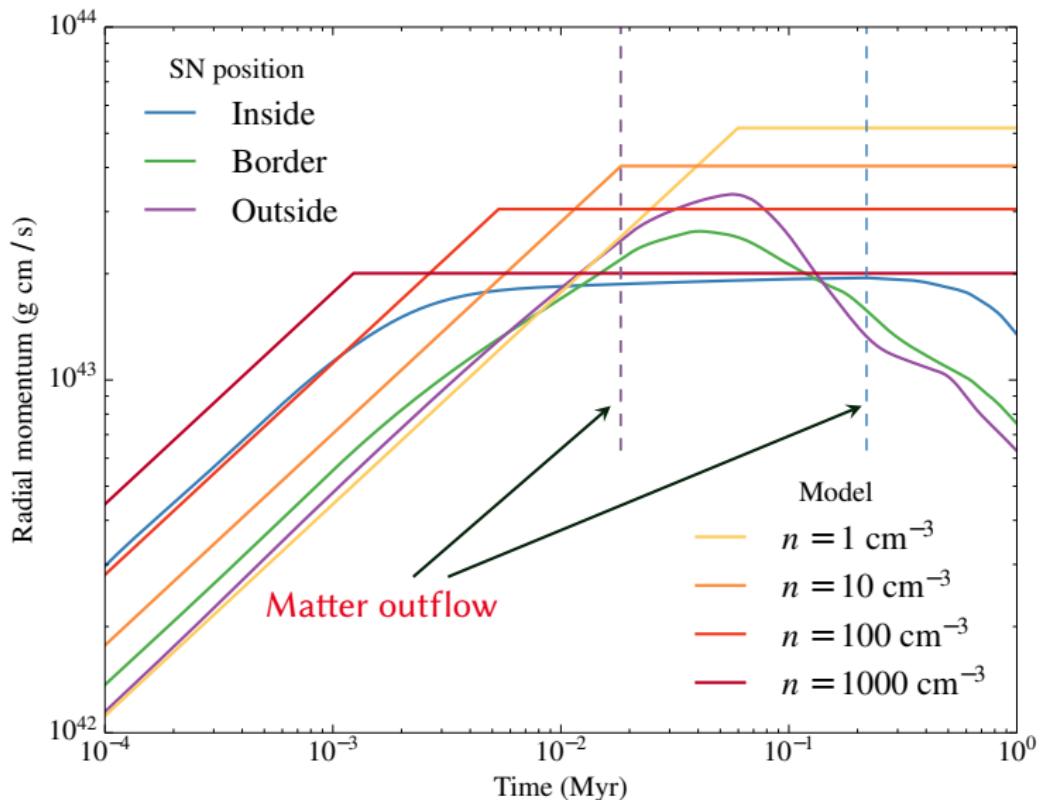
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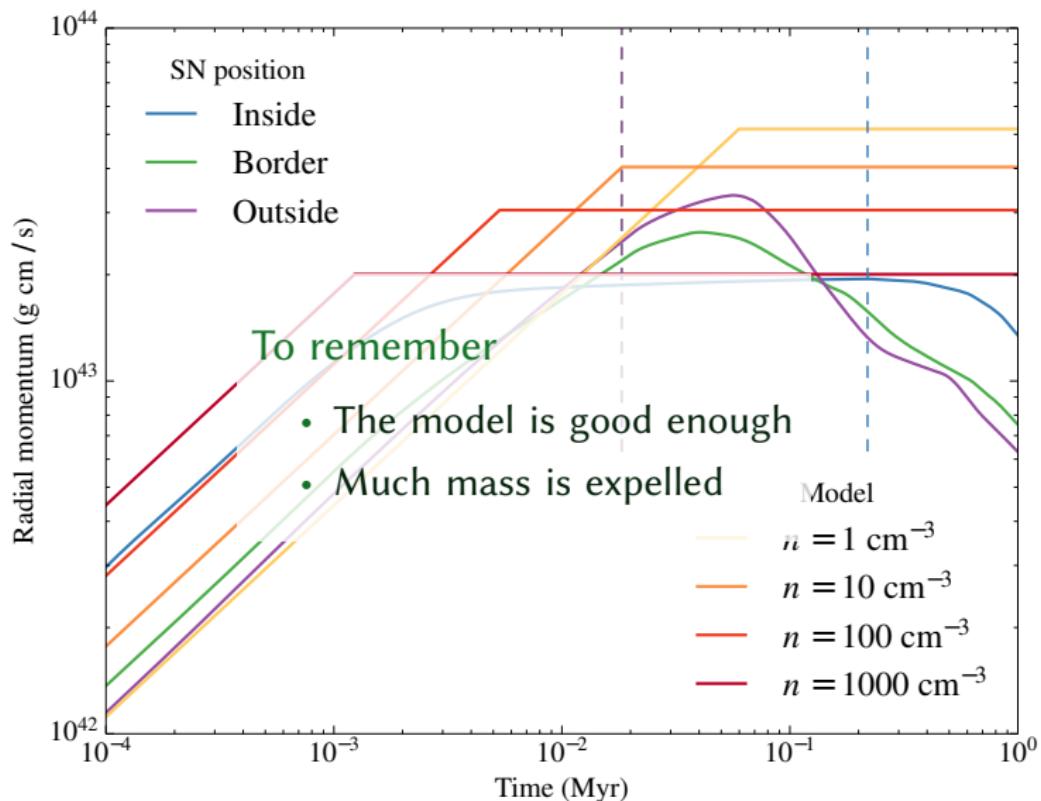
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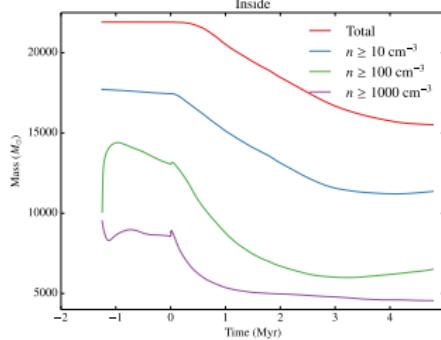
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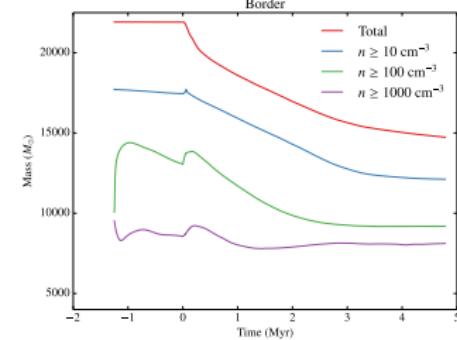
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## Mass

### Inside

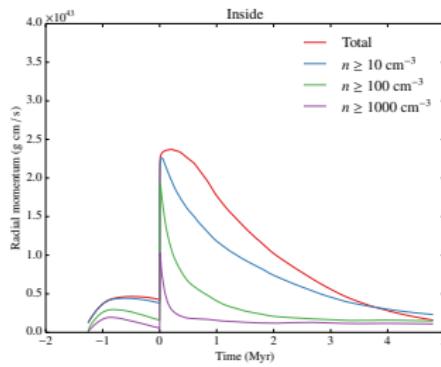


### Border

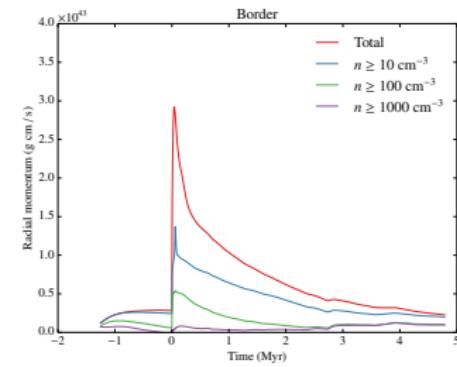


## Momentum

### Inside



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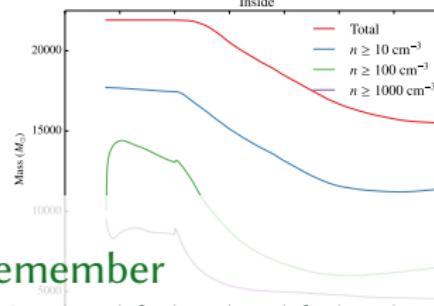
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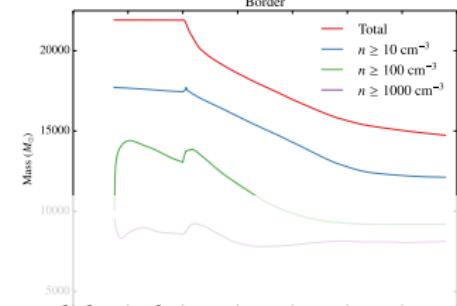
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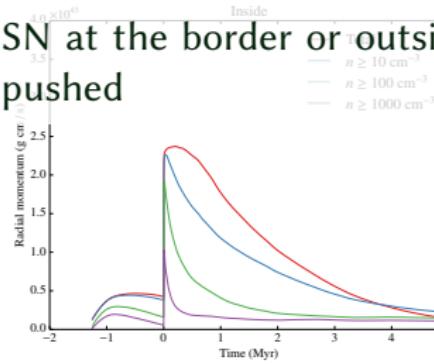


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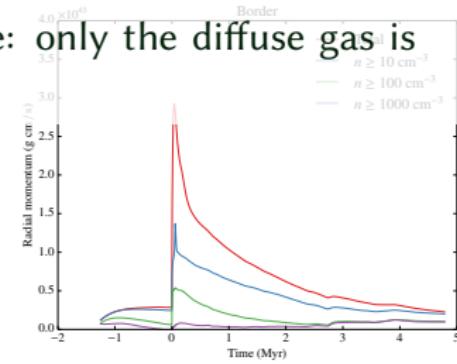
- SN inside: everything is moved by the supernova
- SN at the border or outside: only the diffuse gas is pushed

Momentum

Inside



Border



# Results

## We have

- Simple supernova feedback model
- Valid in turbulent magnetized "cloud-like" medium
- Scientific result: supernovae inject momentum into moderately dense medium

## But

- The dynamics strongly depend on the location
- The star is able to move and to push the surrounding medium (winds, radiation)

Iffrig & Hennebelle, A & A, 2015, arXiv:1410.7972

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# Large scale simulations: the supernova-driven ISM

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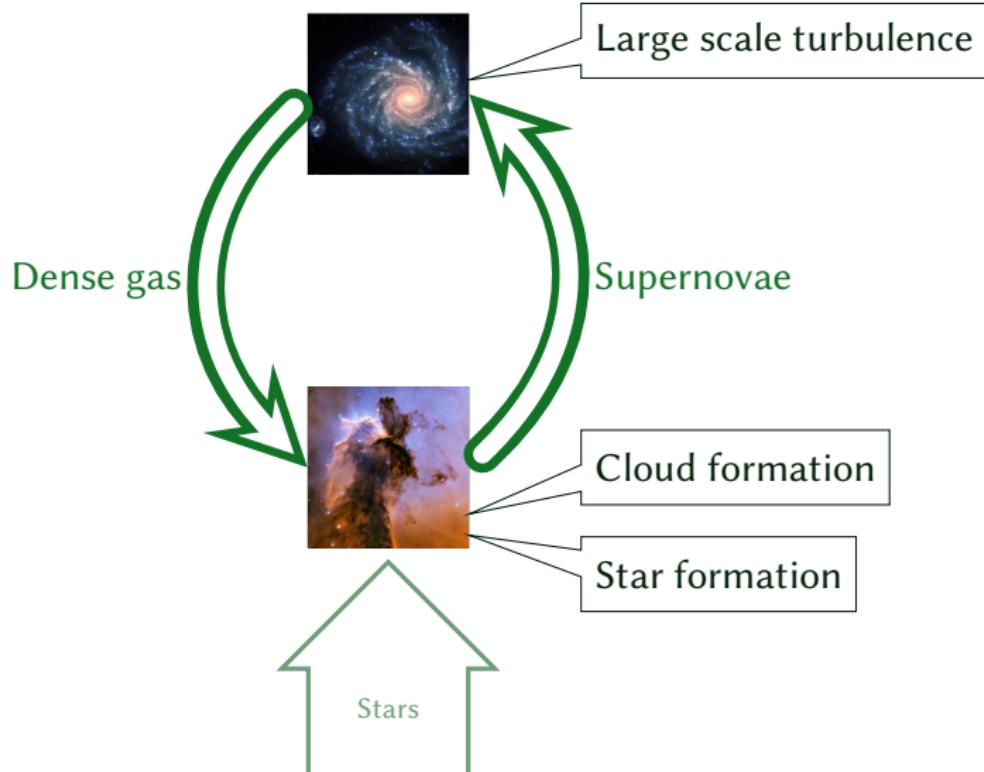
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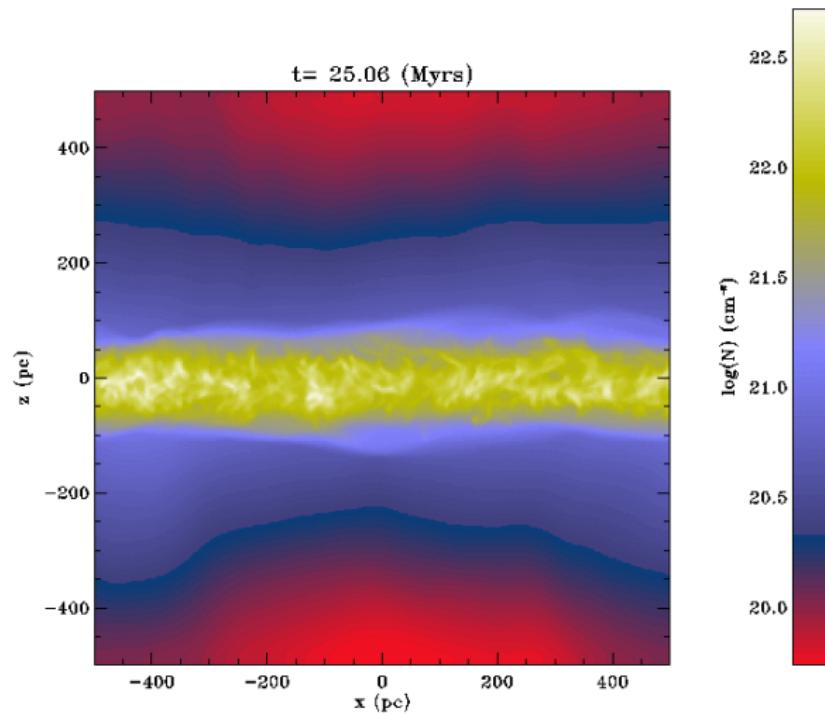
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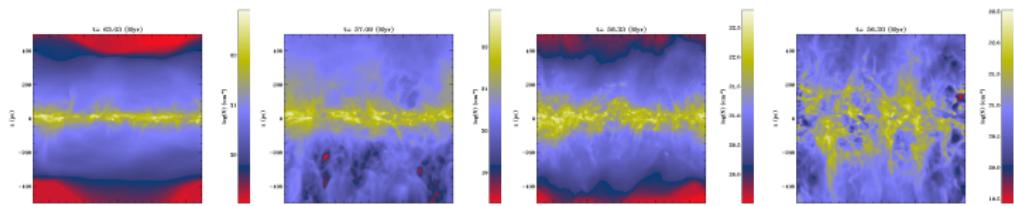
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# Variability with respect to the feedback scheme

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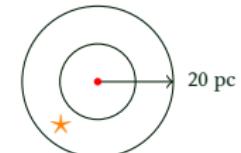
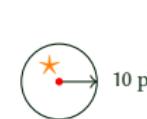
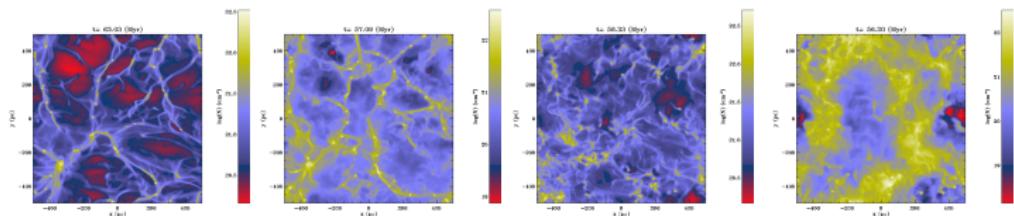
No feedback

Random

Sphere

Shell

Face-on



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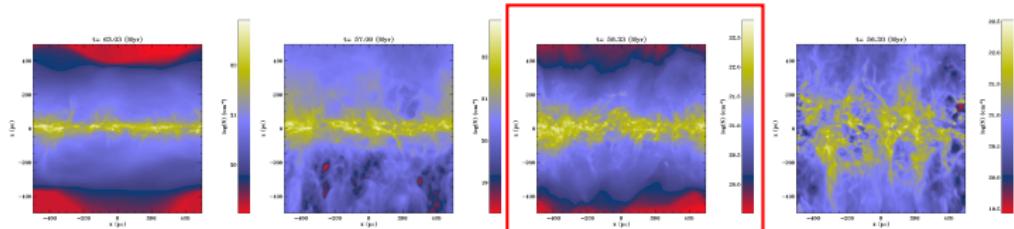
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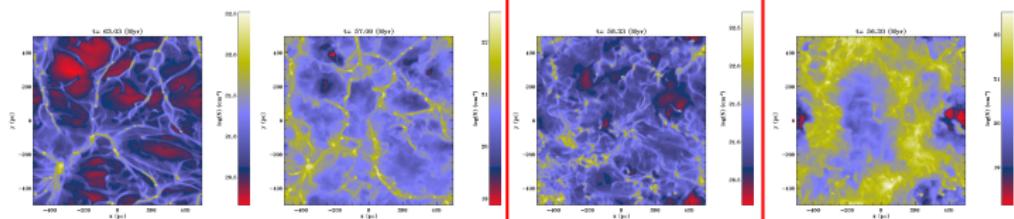
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10 pc



20 pc

Hennebelle &amp; Iffrig, A &amp; A, 2014, arXiv:1405.7819

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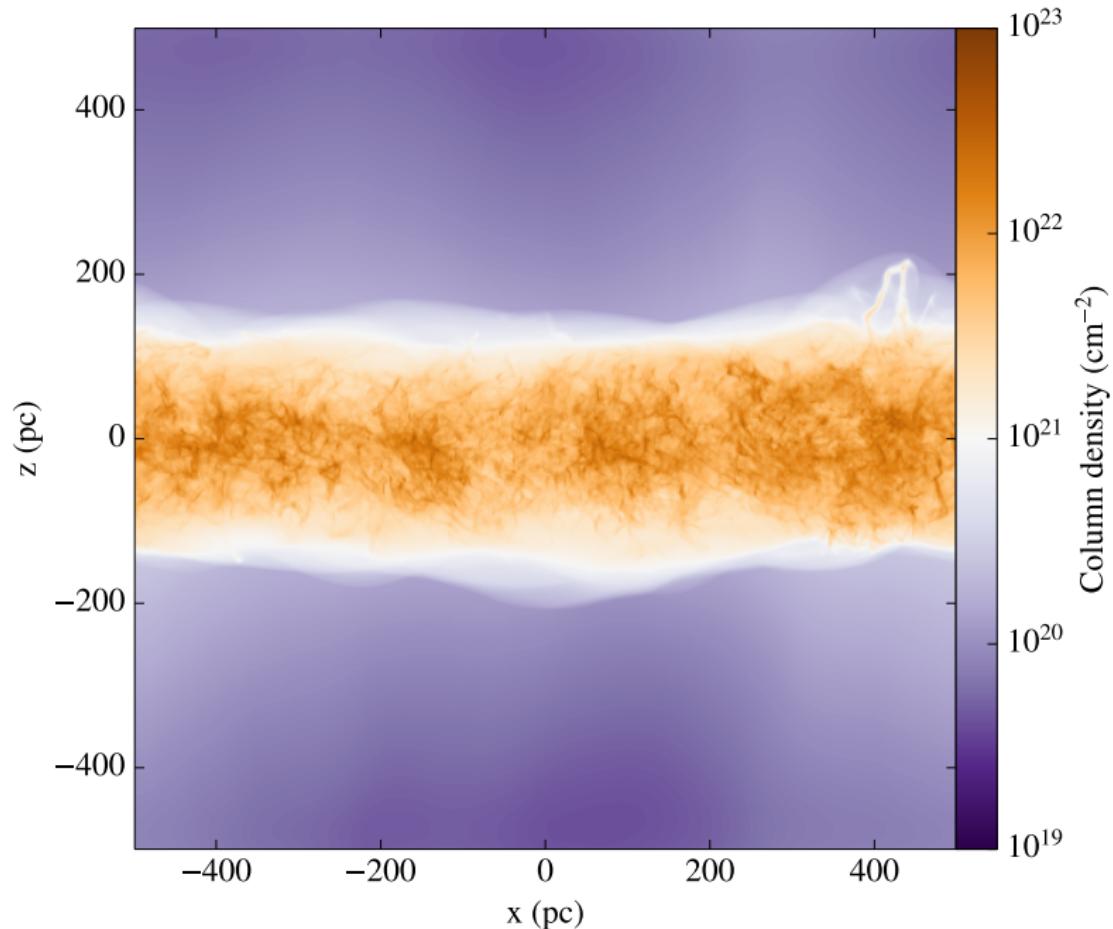
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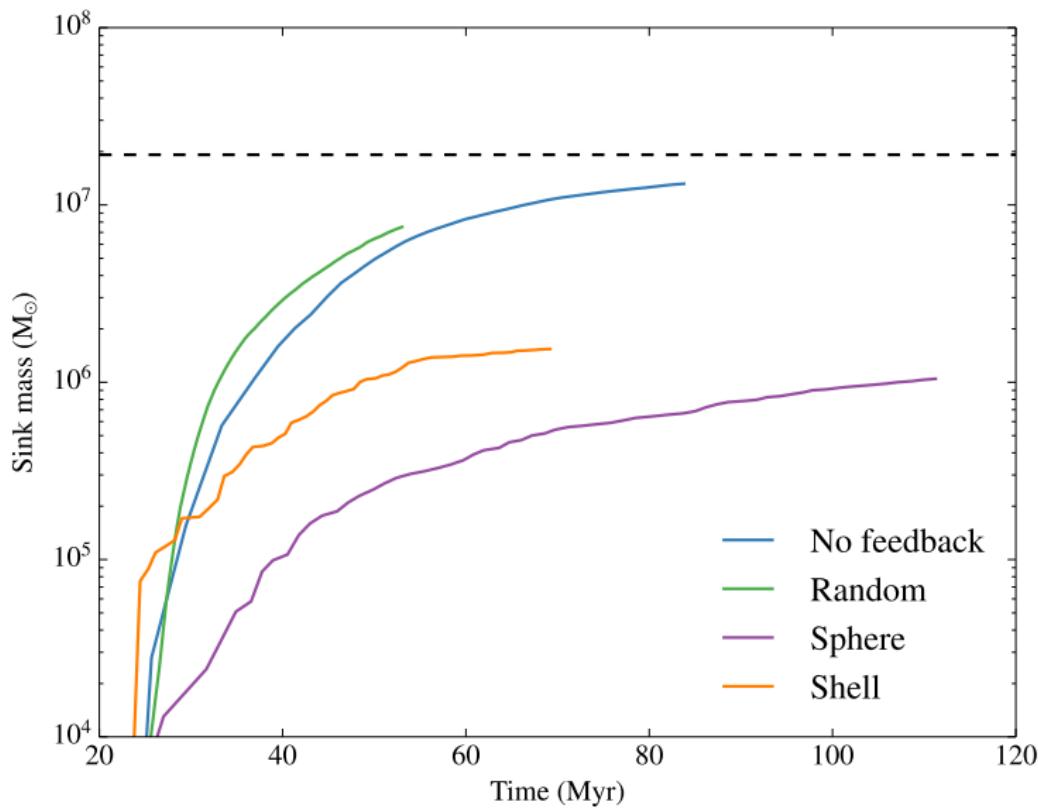
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# Large scale turbulence: 3D

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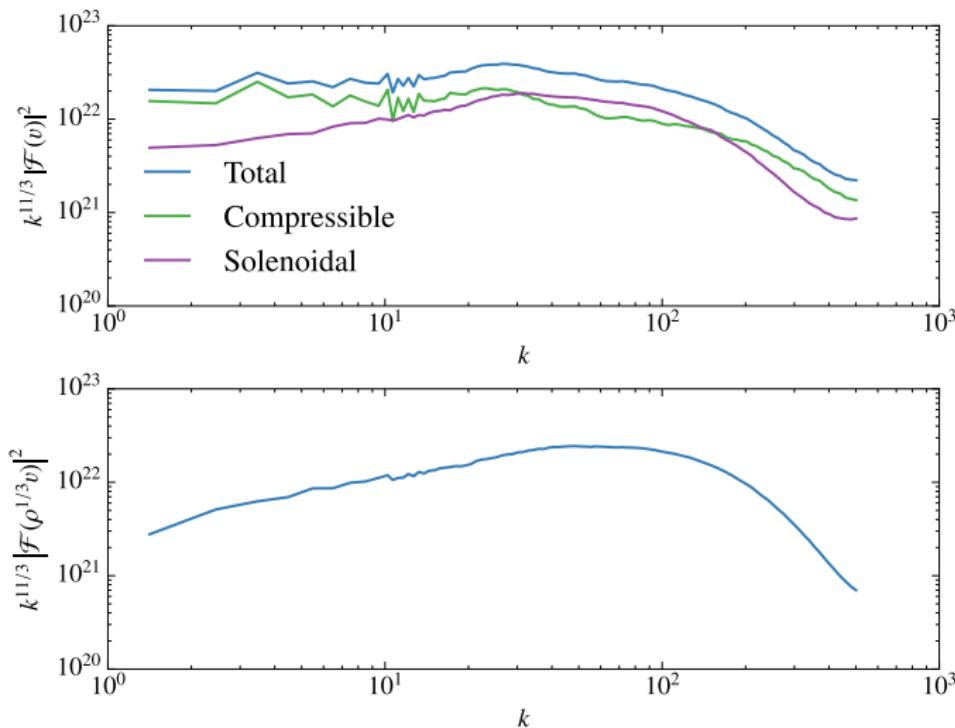
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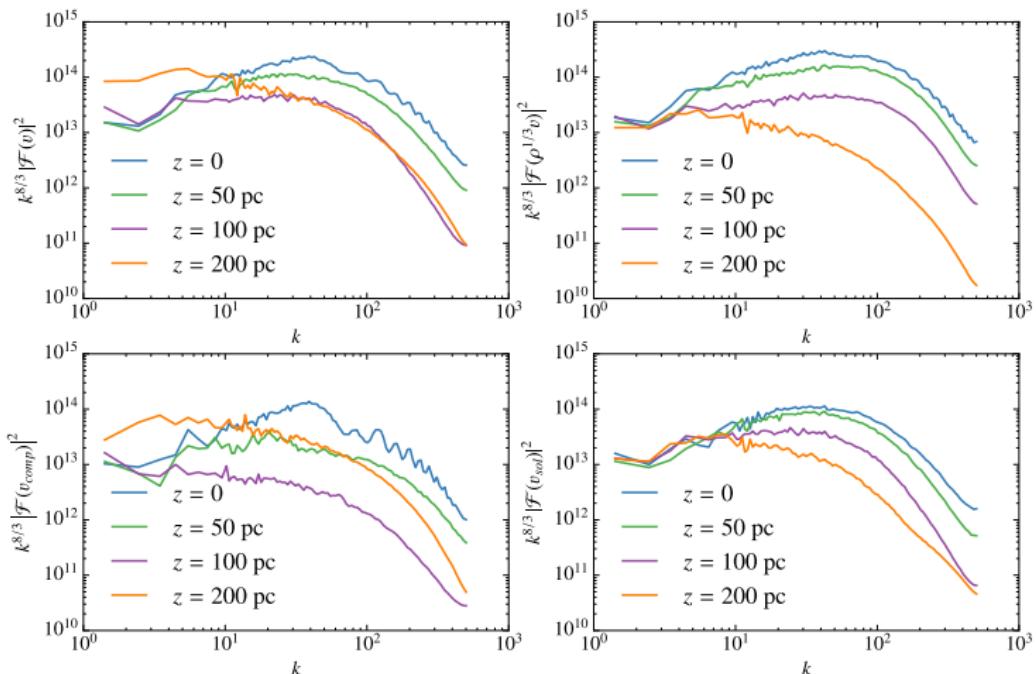
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## Results

- Sensitivity to the feedback scheme
- Supernova feedback regulates star formation
- It is possible to study large scale turbulence (to a limited extent)

## But...

- The subgrid feedback model has to be improved
- We will have to take care of the large scale structure: spiral arms, rotation, ...
- Supernovae are probably not the only relevant process

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## Large scale

- Detailed study of the high-resolution data (clump properties, ...)
- Zoom-in simulations

## Small scale: more physics

- Winds (work in progress), H<sub>II</sub> regions (kinetic model)
- Ionization and radiative transfer (S. Geen)
- H<sub>2</sub> chemistry (V. Valdivia)
- Couplings

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# Thanks for your attention!

Single event: Iffrig & Hennebelle, A & A, 2015, arXiv:1410.7972

Large scale: Hennebelle & Iffrig, A & A, 2014, arXiv:1405.7819