



Radiative Feedback and Cluster Formation Across the GMC Mass Spectrum

SFDE17: from Local Clouds to Distant
Galaxies, Aug. 6-12, 2017, Quy Nhon, Vietnam

Ralph E. Pudritz

Dept. of Physics and Astronomy, and
Origins Institute, McMaster University



Students, postdocs, and collaborators

McMaster: Corey Howard (Ph.D.), Mikhail Klassen (Ph.D.),
Helen Kirk (Banting Fellow, Herzberg Inst. for Astrophysics),
Bill Harris.

PPVI 2014, Andre et al team – filaments: (Philippe Andre, James de
Francesco, Derek Ward-Thompson, Shu-ichiro Inutsuka, and Jaime
Pineda)

Some basic questions:

- How do clusters form in filamentary GMCs?
- 90% of stars form in clusters... so cluster formation must dictate SFEs, SFRs, ... What controls these? Feedback?
- Do cluster properties scale across GMC mass spectrum? Can we go from Orion to globular clusters with similar formation mechanism ?

I Observational Background

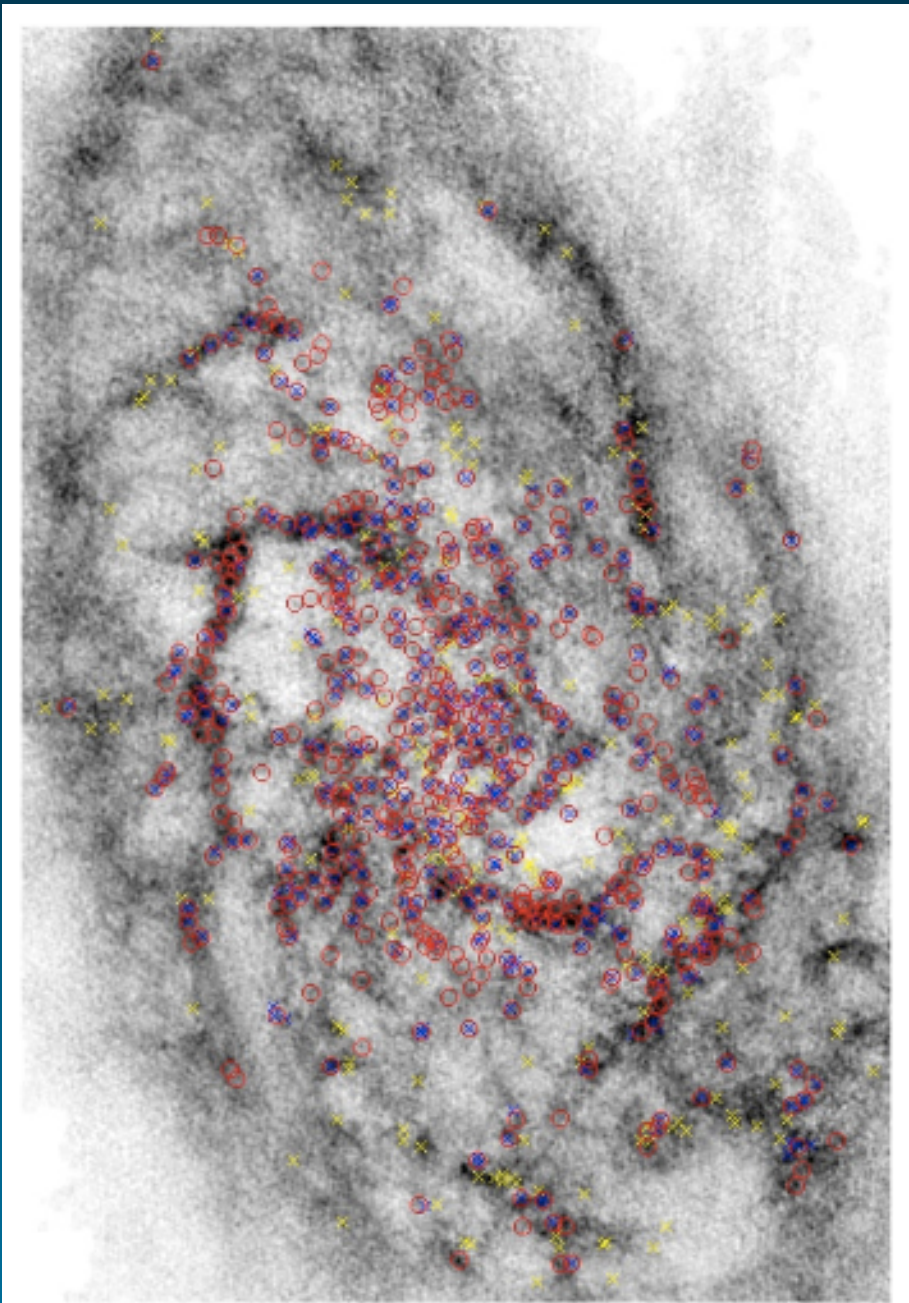
Galactic Scales: eg M33

Correspondence between:

- filamentary HI gas (grey) at 21cm (VLA, GBT)
- 566 giant molecular clouds (IRAM survey); $2 \times 10^4 - 2 \times 10^6 M_{\text{Sun}}$
- 630 young stellar clusters (Spitzer 24 μm , Galex UV- Sharma+2011); ages peak at 5 Myr

Clouds ages ~ 14 Myr (comparable to MW):

No clusters, 4Myr; embedded clusters, 2Myr; close association, clusters-GMCs.



GMCs (red) and clusters (yellow crosses) in M33 - Corbelli + 2017

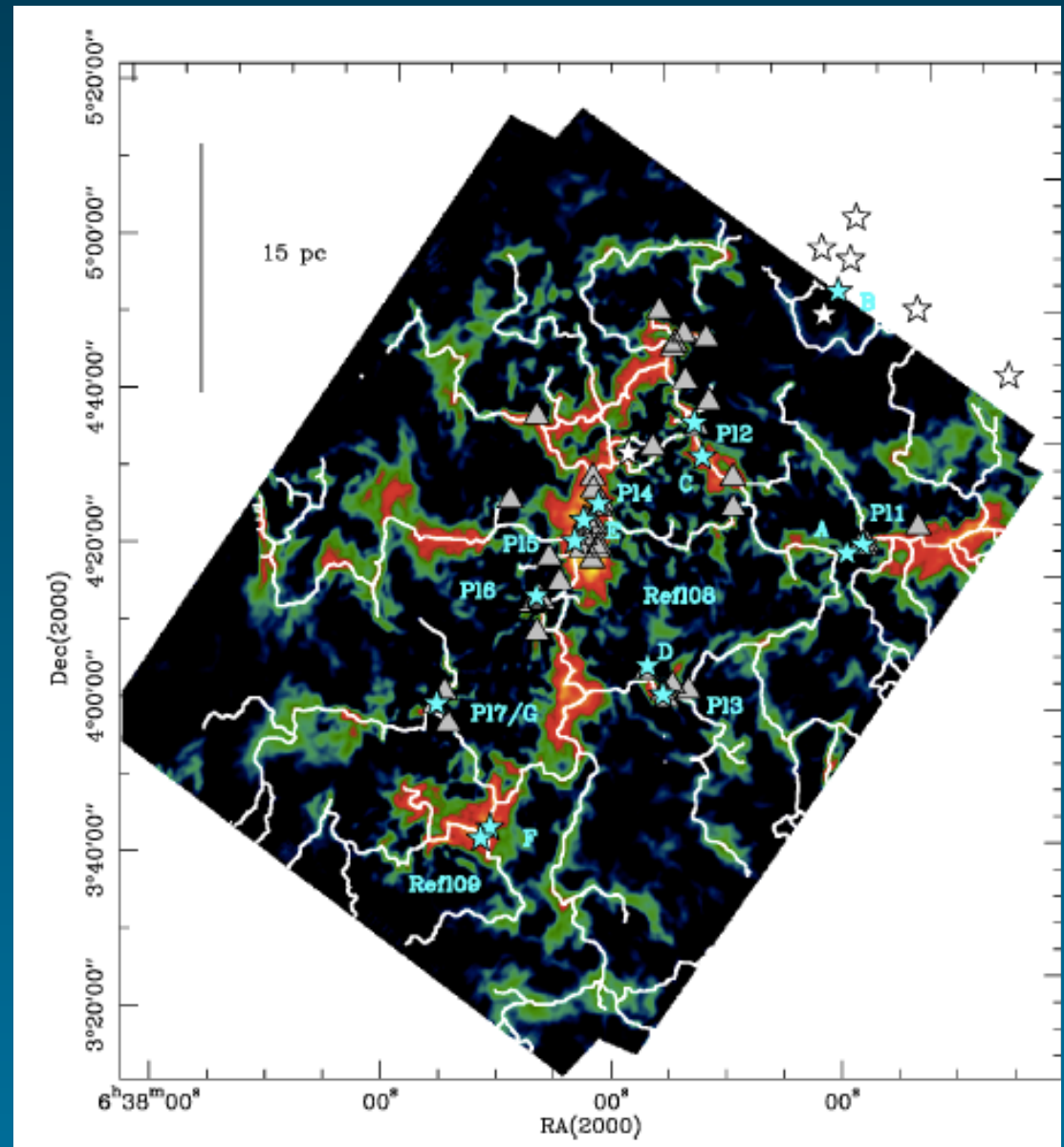
Clusters found at junctions of filaments

- Rosette illuminated by central OB cluster. GMC mass $\sim 10^5 M_{\text{sun}}$
- Clusters lie at filament intersections (eg. Myers 2009). Stellar cores occur in filaments

(simulations: Klessen & Hennebelle 2010, Vasquez-Semadeni + 2009)

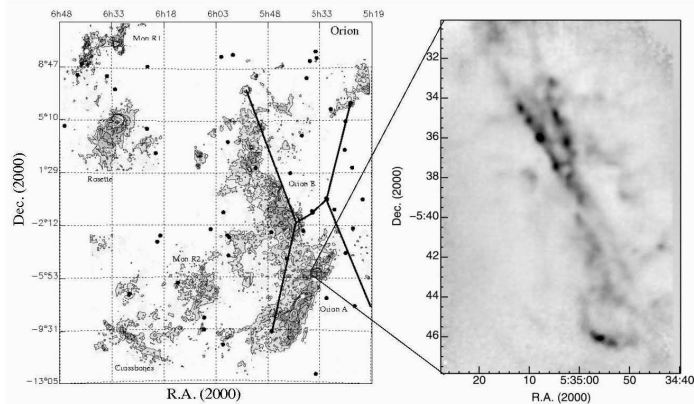
- Break in lognormal PDFs at $A_V \sim 7-10$ mag

- High mass and high accretion rates produce clusters



Clusters (blue stars) in Rosette Molecular Cloud: - Schneider + 2012

Clusters and filamentary clouds in the Milky Way; Orion



Left:

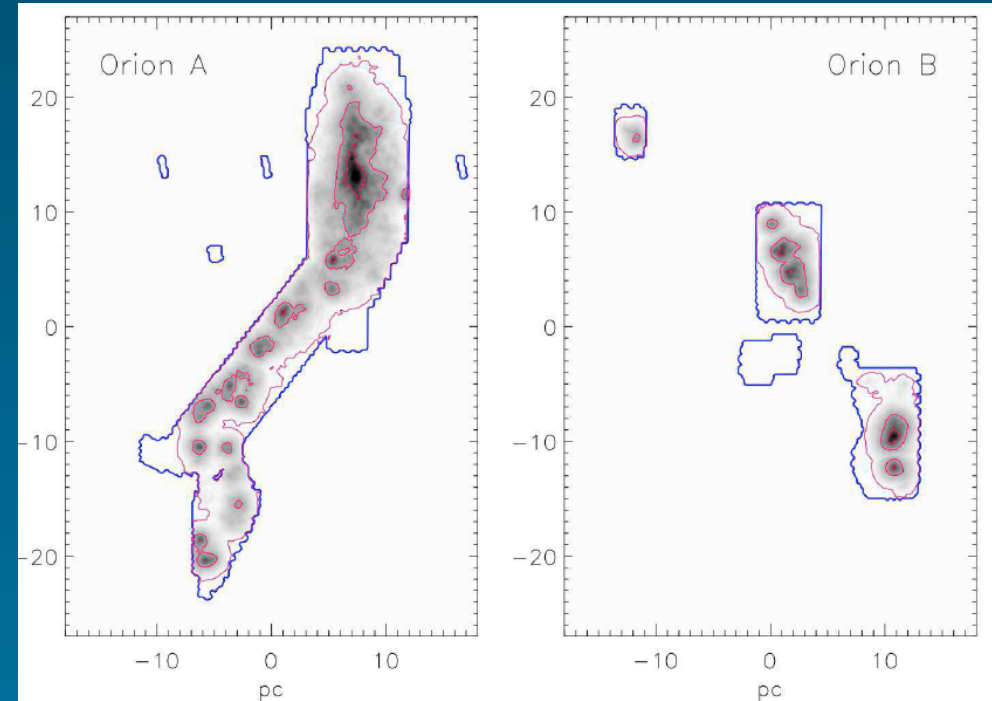
Extinction map of Orion and Mon molecular clouds (Cambresy 1998);

Right :

Scuba continuum 850 micron map of 10 pc portion of cloud (Johnstone & Bally 2006)

Clusters in Orion A and B clouds. Contours at 1, 10, and 100 pc⁻¹ : (McGeath + 2016)

Suggests gravitational fragmentation....



GMC Dynamics: Gravitational Boundedness

- Filaments & clumps
- Range of virial parameters

Observed clouds:

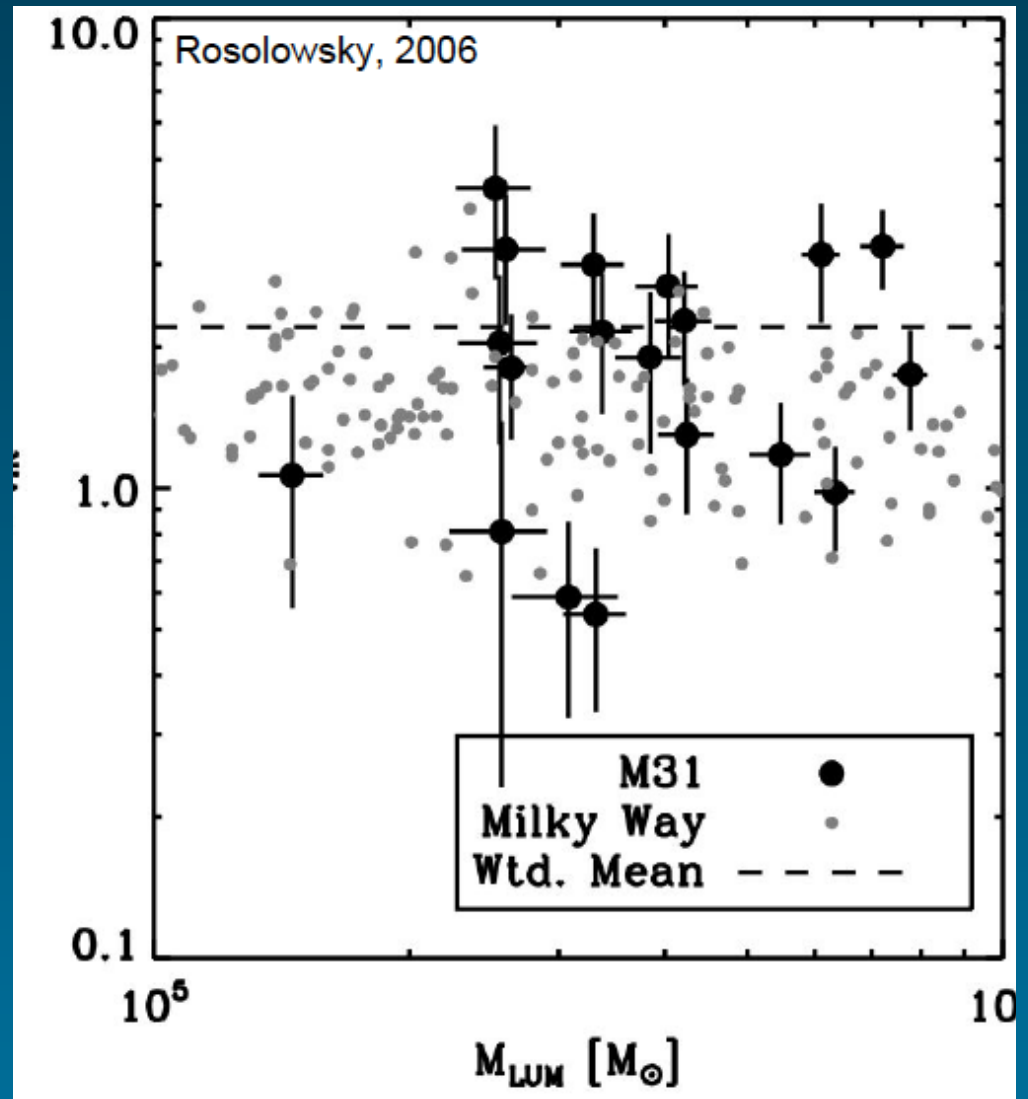
α from 0.5 – 5

(Rosolowsky 2007, Hernandez & Tan 2015)

$$\alpha \approx \frac{5\sigma^2 R}{GM} = \frac{2E_{kin}}{|E_{grav}|}$$

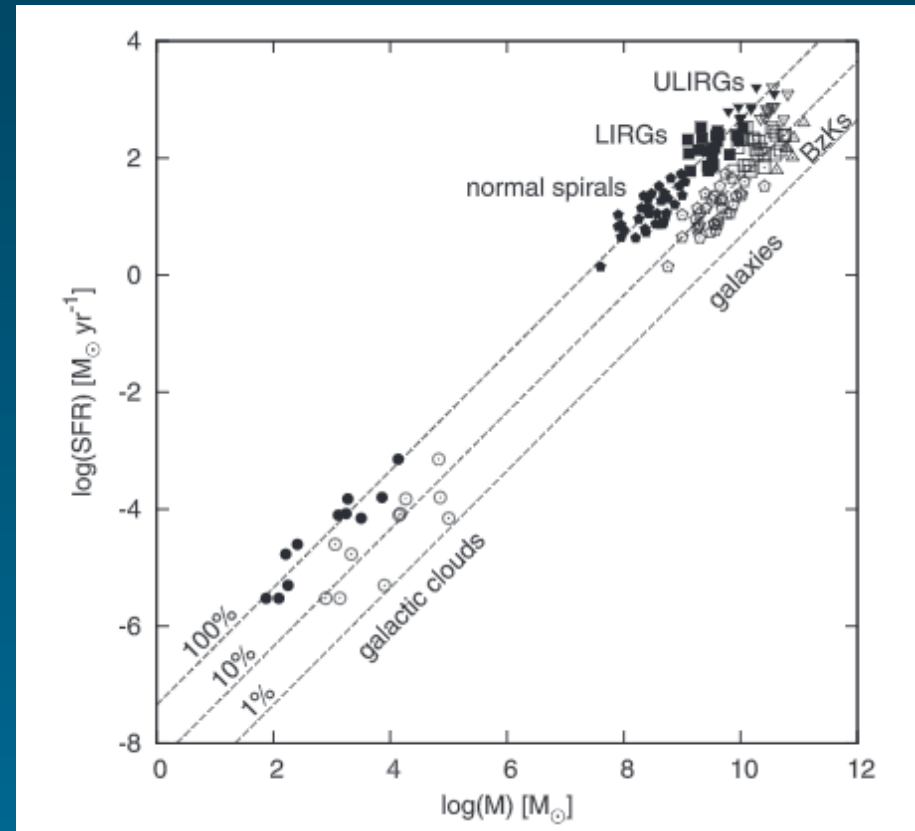
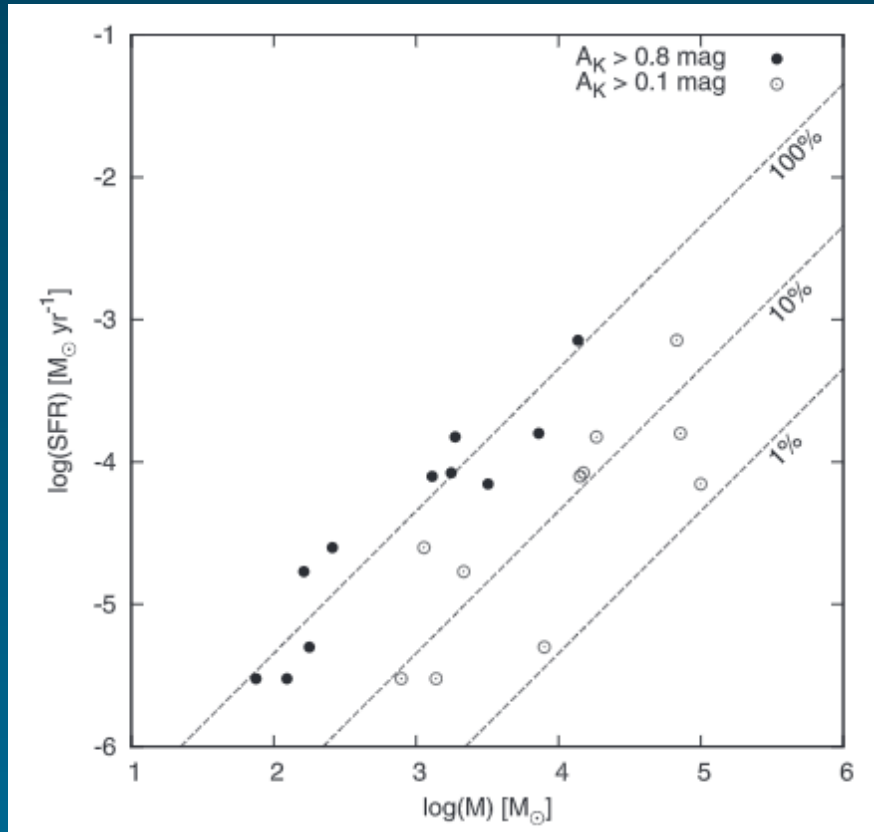
(Bertoldi & McKee, 1992)

- Does this affect cluster formation? SFRs?



Star Formation Rates in Dense Gas: Multiscale Relation

Star formation rates correlate with the mass of dense gas in GMCs ($n \sim 10^4 \text{ cm}^{-3}$ as measured by HCN)



Tight correlation above $A_K \sim 0.8 \text{ mag}$, over 9 decades!

(Lada + 2012; also Wu+2005, Gao & Solomon 2004)

$$SFR \equiv \dot{M}_{*} = 4.6 \times 10^{-8} f_{DG} M_G (M_{\odot}) \quad M_{\odot} \text{ yr}^{-1}$$

Universal cluster scalings?

- Is there a higher density threshold in galactic CMZ? Why is star formation suppressed in dense clouds (Kruijssen+2014)?
- $n_c / n_o = x_{\text{turb}} = A_x \alpha_{\text{vir}} \mathcal{M}^2$; (Krumholz & McKee 2005, Padoan & Nordlund (2011))

If $M = 10$, and $\alpha_{\text{vir}} \sim A_x \sim 1 \rightarrow n_c \sim 10^2 n_o = 10^4 \checkmark$

BUT; very sensitive to exact value of M ... fine tuning?

Can have high virial parameters and M in more unbound systems...

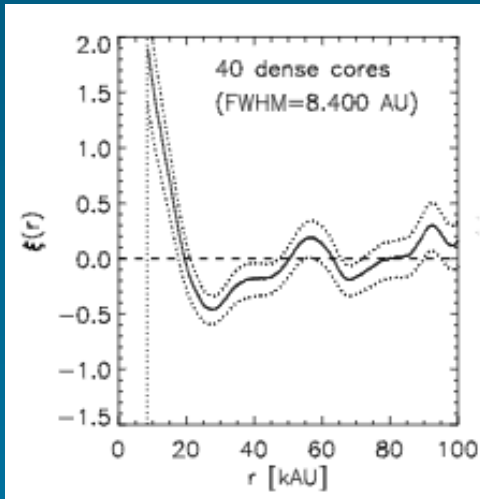
Gravitational Fragmentation of Filaments – the First Step? ALMA Observations of Orion A (Kainulainen+2016)

Multi-scale fragmentation

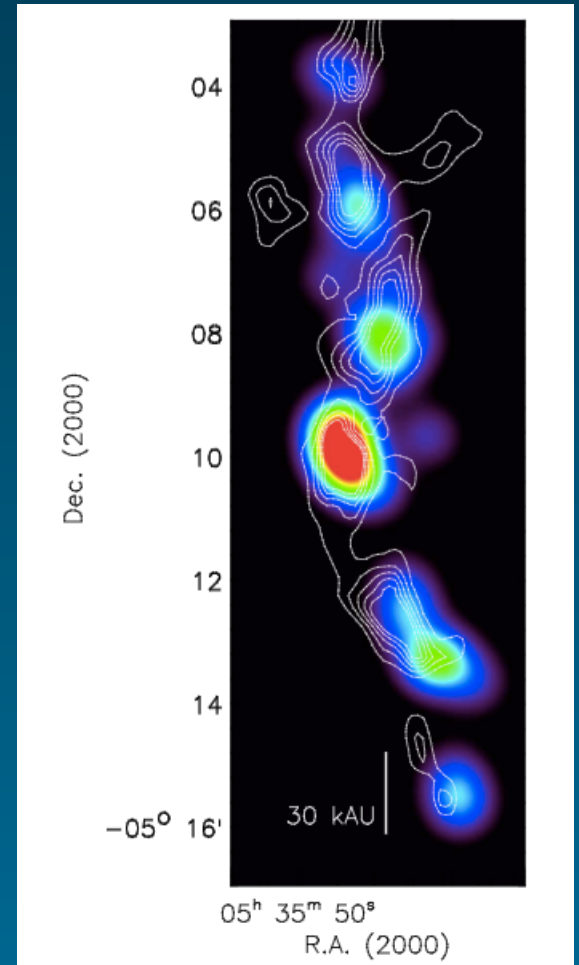
- Linear theory; periodic - fastest growing mode \sim several times filament width (eg. Larson., Inutsuka * Miyama,..)

Peak at 55,000 AU but growing power at spacings $<$ 16,000 AU

- Periodic fragmentation for 55,000 AU (Fiege & Pudritz 2001a,b, Fischera & Martin 2012). Jeans type in spherical regions $<$ 16,000 AU?



2 point correlation function of dense cores



Surface density of dense cores – contours at 60,80... 140 $\times 10^{21}$ cm $^{-2}$

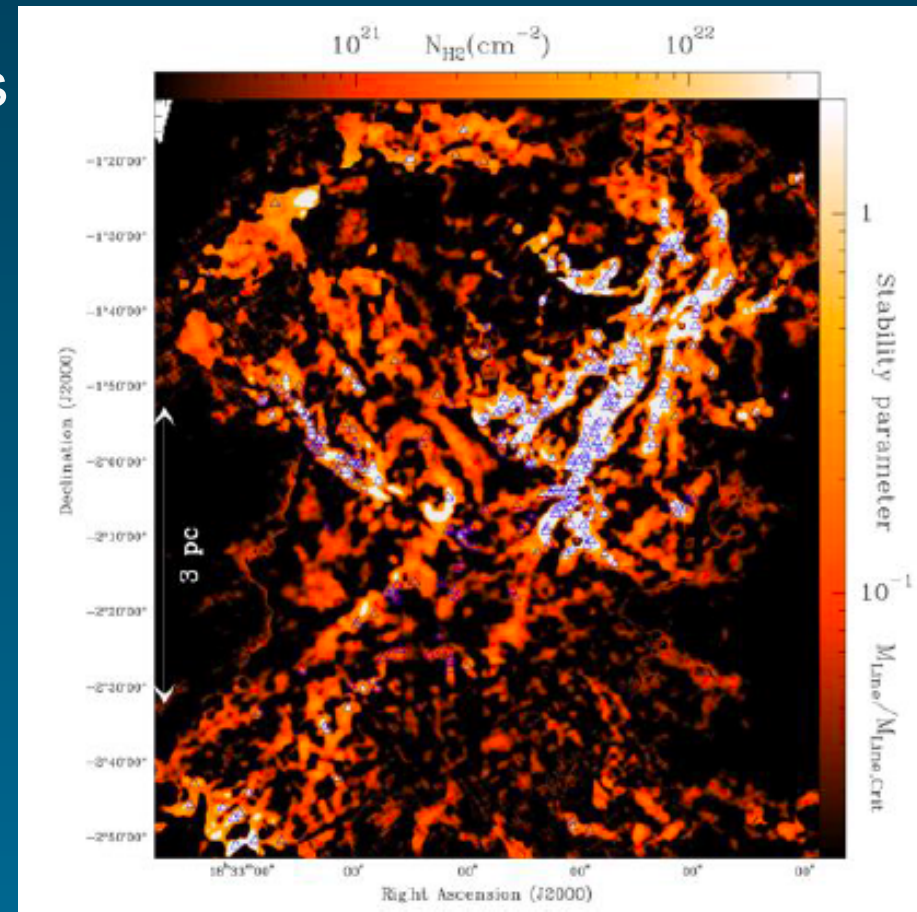
Evidence: core formation by gravitational instability....

Filaments: lengths 0.1 – 100 pc;
masses $1 - 10^5 M_{\text{sun}}$, line masses
 $< 1000 M_{\text{sun}} \text{ pc}^{-1}$ (Bally+ 1987, Hacar
+2013, Kainulainen+2013,2016, .. Review: Andre
+2014)

Herschel observations: clouds
filamentary down to sub pc (Andre+
2010, 2014 (PPVI), Mouschikov+2011,
Henning+2010..)

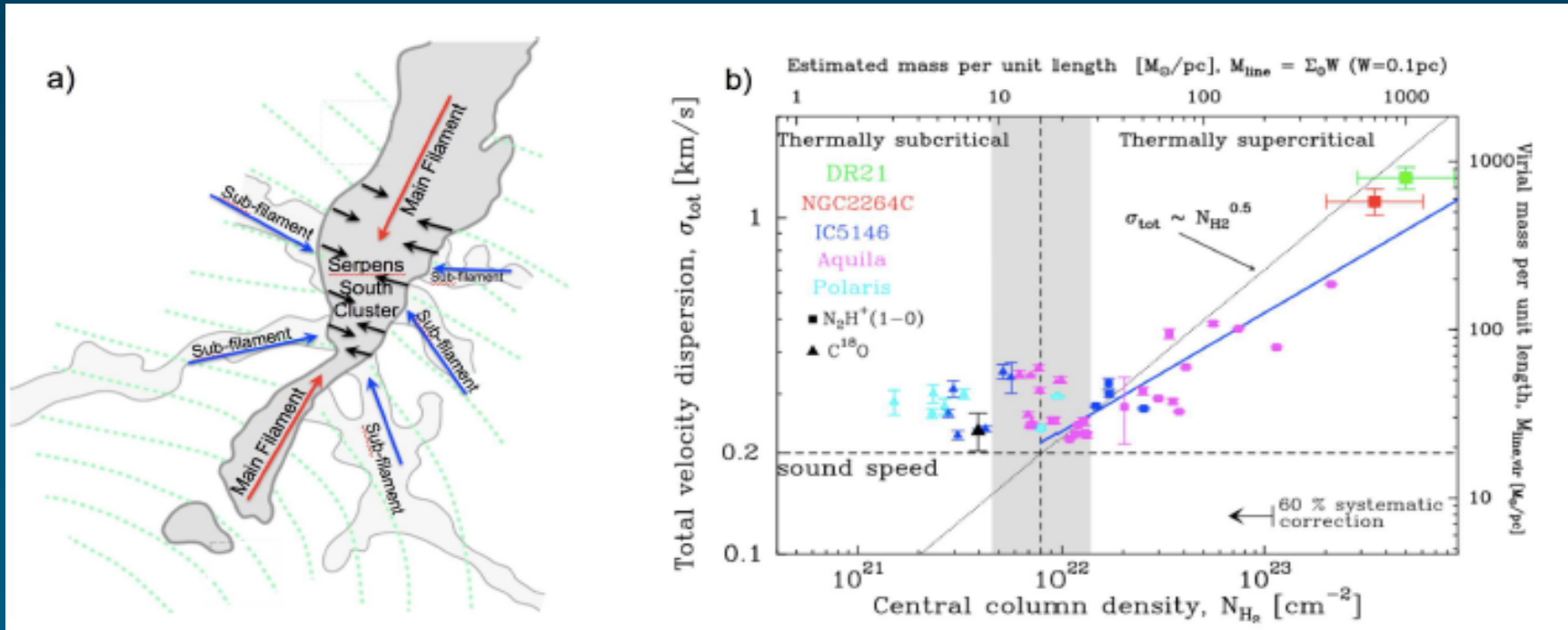
- Cores strongly associated with
filaments $> 70\%$; Polychroni+ 2013)

- GI? White = mass / length (T=10K):
 $m > m_{\text{crit}} = 2 c_s^2 / G \sim 16 M_{\text{sun}} \text{ pc}^{-1}$



Aquila star forming cloud:
Andre+ 2010

Isolated clumps not enough! filamentary flows gather cluster gas...



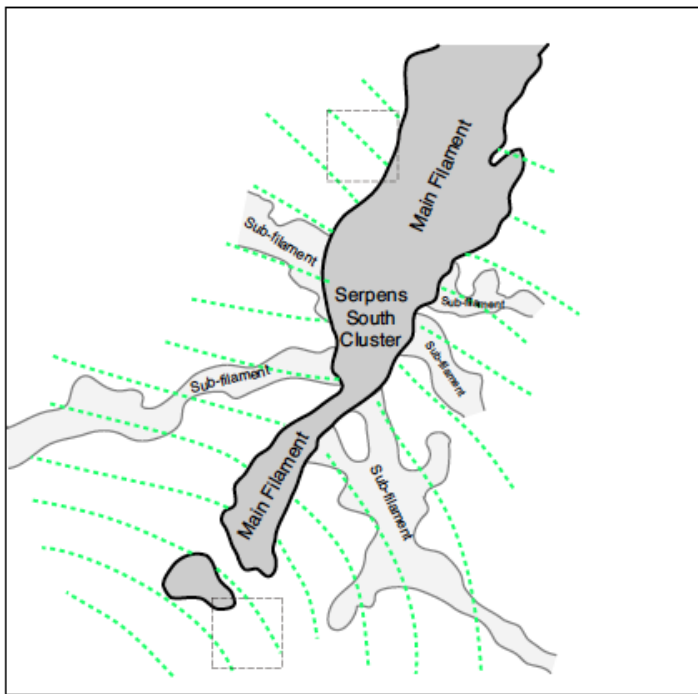
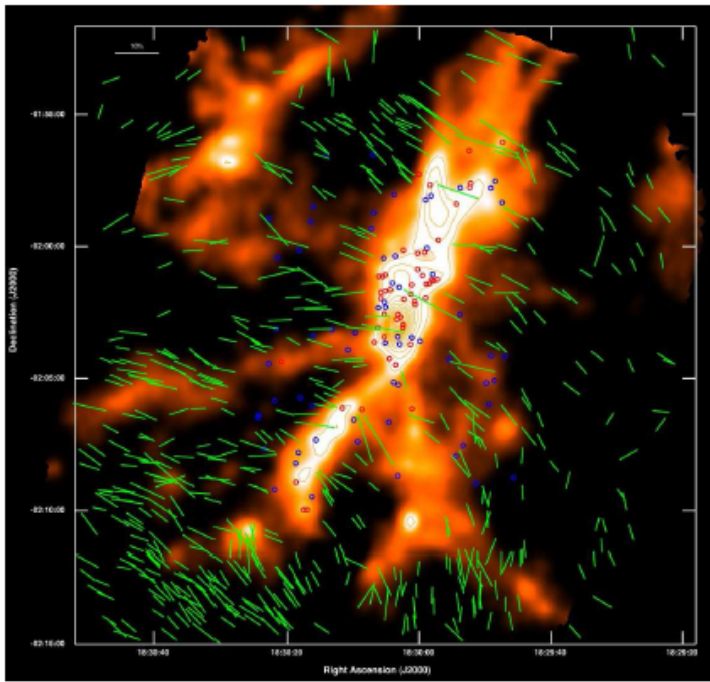
Accretion and filamentary flow:
sketch of velocity field around Serpens-South cluster (Kirk et al 2013)

Total velocity dispersion vs central column density of filaments
(Arzoumanian et al 2013)

B fields - channeling gas onto filaments (review Hua-bai Li + 2014)

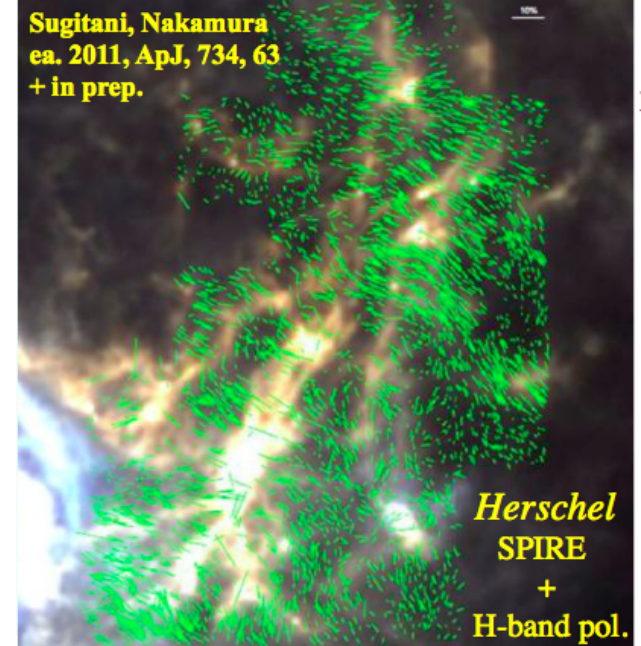
Infrared (H band) polarization overlaid on column density map + young stellar cluster

- Orientation – often perp to dense filament.
- Field strength $\sim 100 \mu\text{G}$



But.. this impedes filamentary flow! (gas doesn't like to cross field lines).
Explanation?

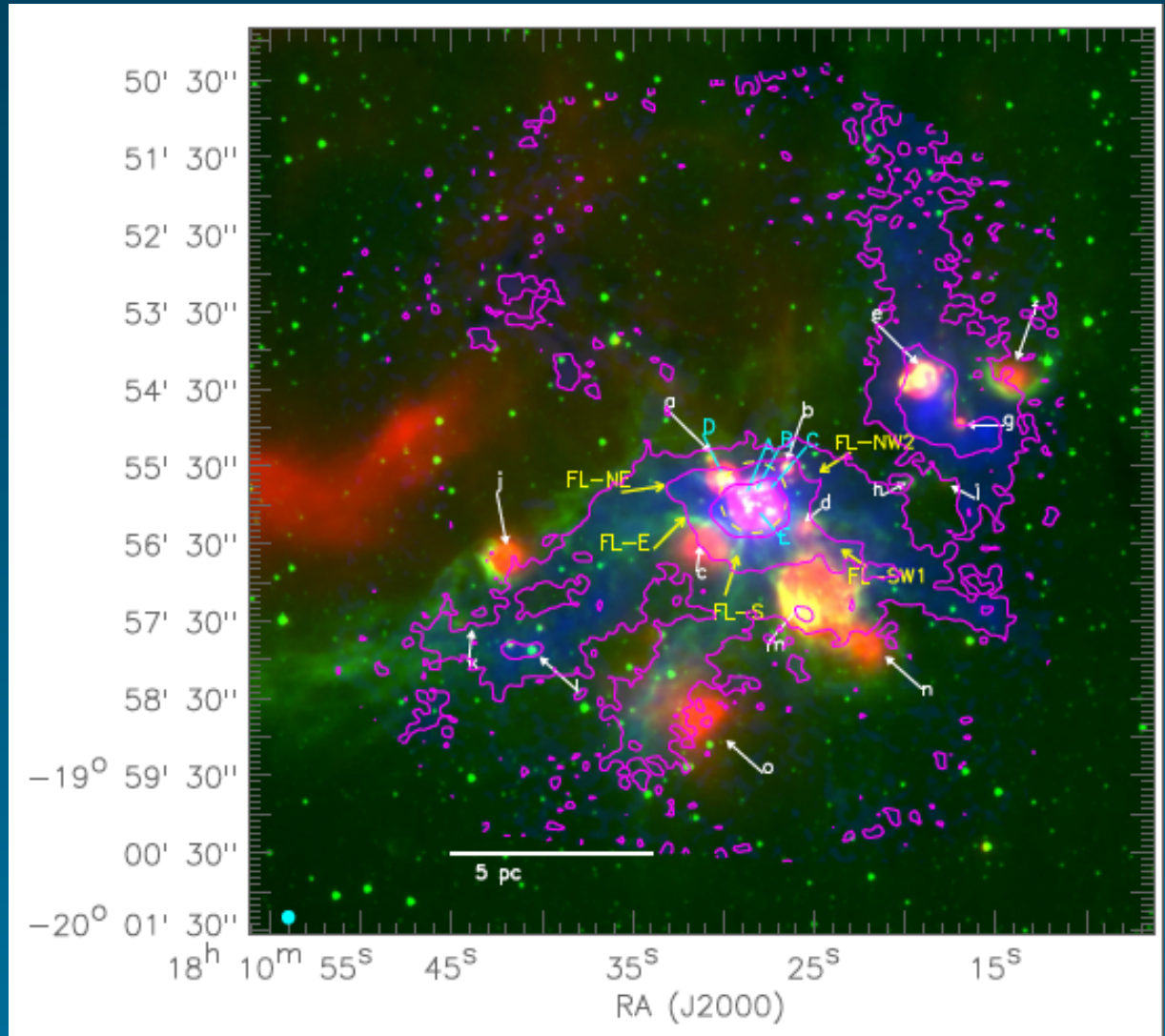
Serpens South filament/protocluster:
M/L $\sim 250 M_{\odot}/\text{pc}$



Ending cluster accretion? radiative feedback from young clusters in filaments

Filaments and OB clusters, and HII regions in G10.6-0.4
(IRAM 30m
MAMBO-2 bolometer array + SMA)

- 200 M_{\odot} OB cluster
- Ultracompact HII regions: A-E



H.B. Liu et al 2011

IMF in star forming regions

Remarkable agreement between different regions: with IMF

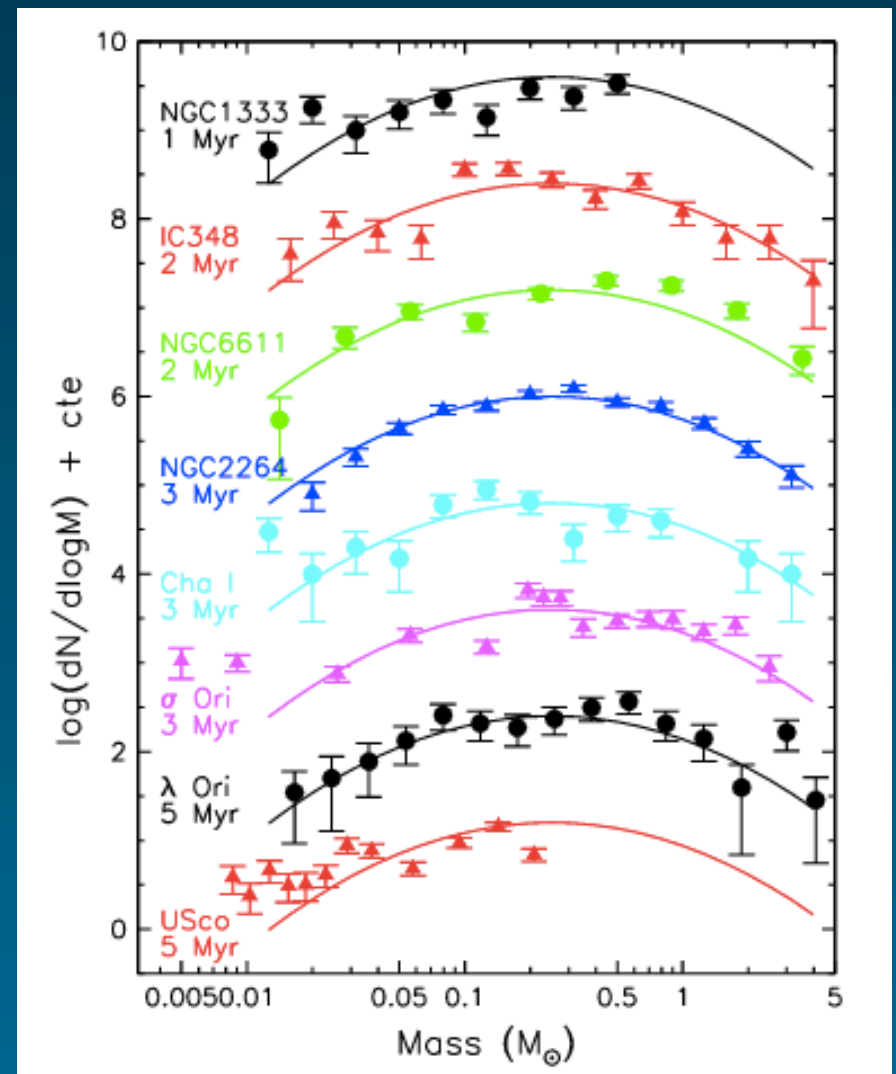
Chabrier (2005):

lognormal - with peak 0.2-0.3 M_{sun} and $\sigma = 0.5$

(JWST will push down to 1 M_{jup} by observing in 3-10 μm)

Why? Properties of turbulence?

(Padoan+ 1997, Hennebelle & Chabrier 2008, Hopkins 2012, Offner+2014)



IMFs from 8 star forming regions. Data: Scholz+2012, Alves de Oliveira+2013, Oliveira+ 2009, Sung & Bessell 2010, Luhman+2007, Pena Ramirex+2012, Bayo +2011, Lodieu2013. Compiled by Offner+2014 (ppvi)

II Cluster formation: turbulence, feedback
and B.

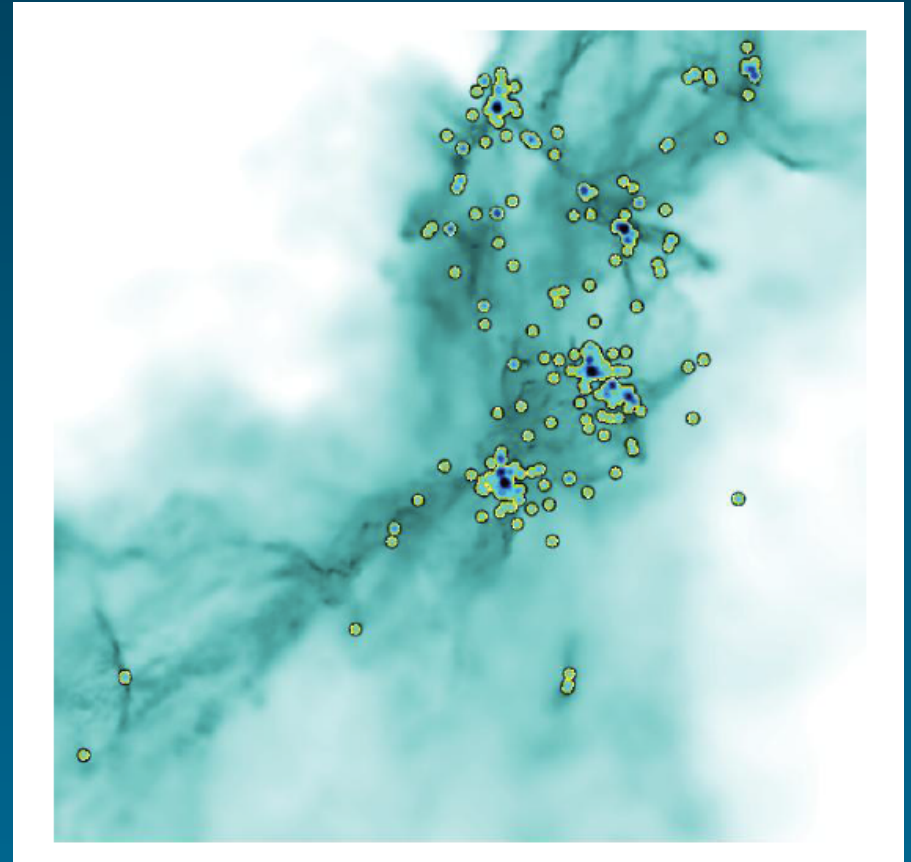
No feedback : turbulence, gravity and fragmentation

Turbulence, filaments, and turbulent fragmentation

- Theory; eg. Larson 1981; Elmegreen & Scalo (2003)
- Reviews: eg. MacLow & Klessen 2004; McKee & Ostriker 2007; Bonnell et al 2007
- Simulations; Porter et al 1994; Vazquez-Semadeni et al 1995, Bate et al 1995, Klessen & Burkert 2001; Ostriker et al 1999, Padoan et al 2001; Tilley & Pudritz, 2004,2007; Krumholz et al 2007, Federrath et al 2010,...

Shocks dissipate turbulent support as t^{-1} (eg. Ostriker 2001)

Figure: Subclusters, containing massive stars (blue), forming and accreting, and merging in turbulent cloud:

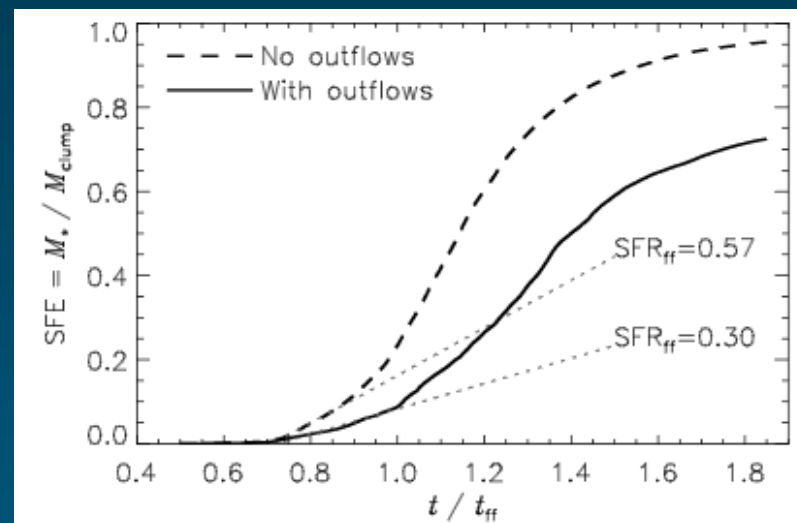


Bonnell, Vine, Bate (2004)

Feedback Effects

- **radiative feedback**: (thermal heating, radiation pressure, photo-ionization):

does not play a strong global role major accreting dense regions absorb most of the ionizing photons (Dale & Bonnell 2011, 2012)



- **jets / outflows**: drive small scale turbulence (Federrath+2014- winds, no rad.) in clumps (Li & Nakamura 2006), Matzner (2007).

Simulations (Federrath + 2014) – reduce efficiencies by ~ 2

- **stellar winds**: perturbation on photionization effects – create spherical HII regions (Dale+ 2014).

Break the filaments with outflows and cutoff gas flow? (eg. Wang + 2010)

- **supernovae**: too late: occur after winds/photoionization (> 4 Myr).

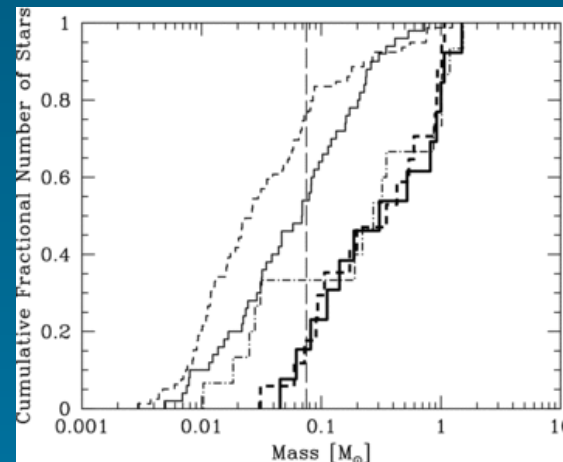
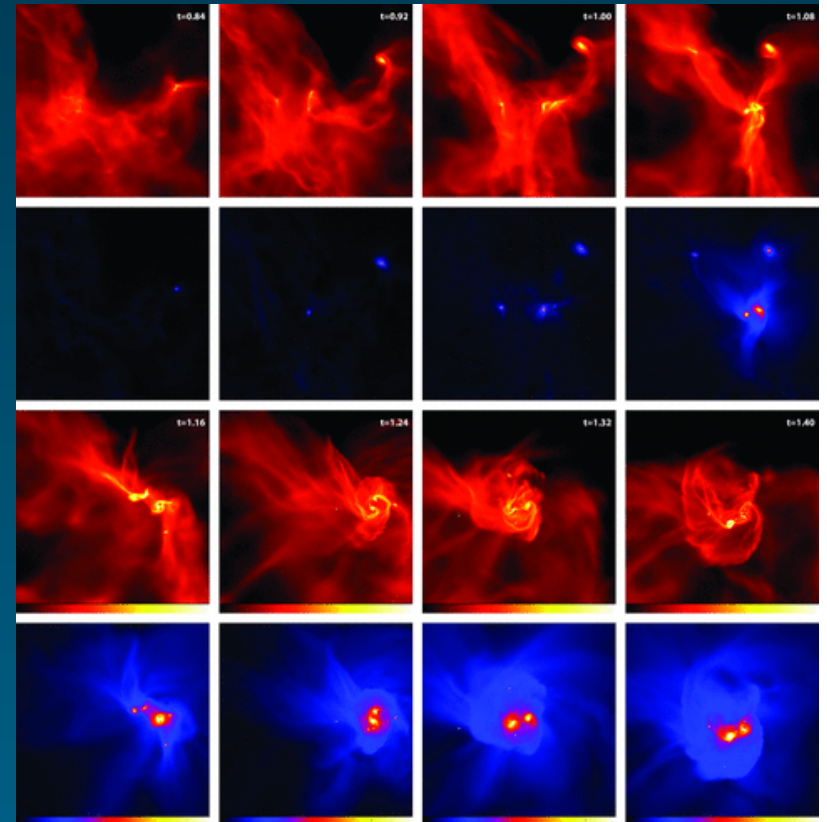
Cluster Formation Including Radiative Feedback

Radiative feedback from massive stars:

raises Jeans Mass $M_J \propto T^{3/2}$

- filaments don't fragment
- gas drains into primary and its disk (eg. Krumholz et al 2007)
- prevent fragmentation out to 1000 AU scales

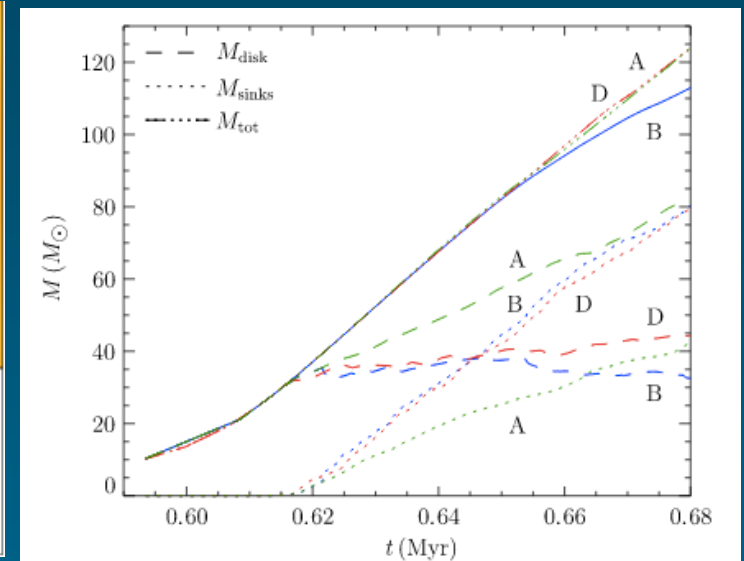
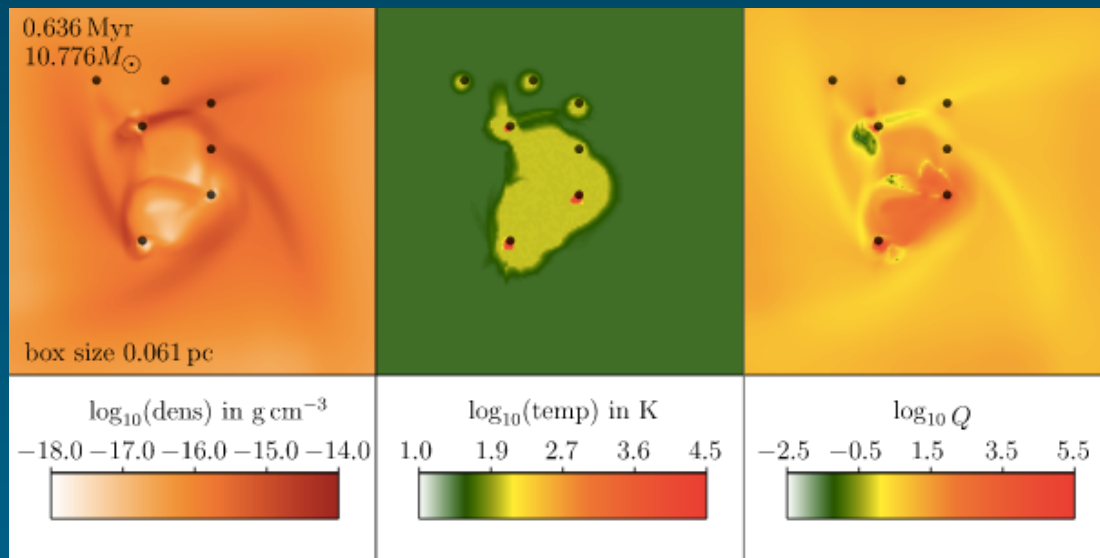
Suppression of brown dwarfs:
by factor 4 (Bate 2009): get robust low mass part of IMF...?



Bate (2009)

Mass limitation during cluster formation: fragmentation-induced starvation?

(Peters, Klessen, Mac Low, & Banerjee 2010)



Collapse into a disk of 1000 M_{sun} clump.

Ionization feedback.

- Fragments compete for gas in an unstable disk: multiplicity for O stars...
- Radiative heating \rightarrow larger Jeans mass
- (100 AU resolution)

Disk mass levels out..

Winds vs Photoionization

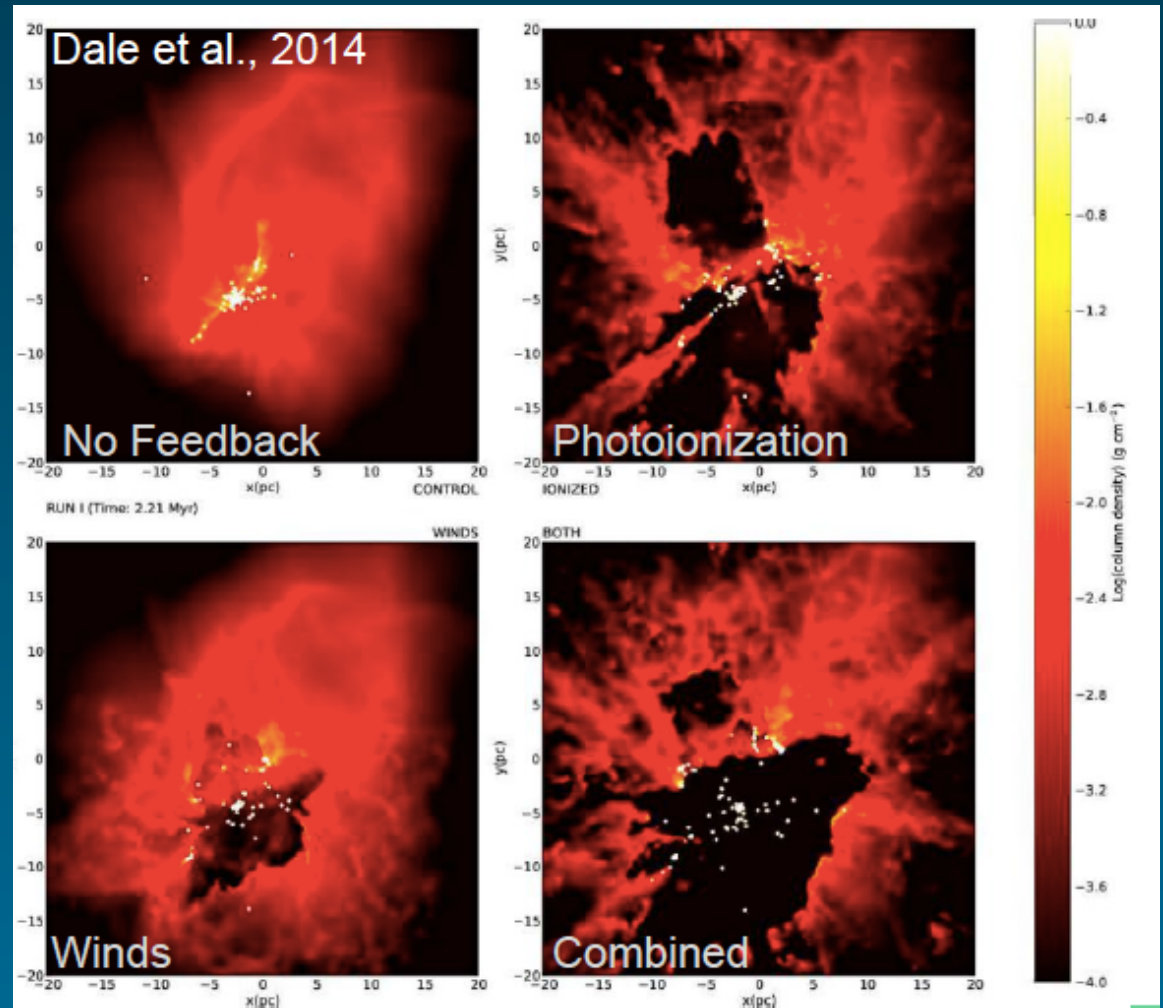
(eg. Dale + 2014)

- Winds most effective early – when massive stars deeply embedded

- Photoionization effects dominate at late times, when winds have cleared dense gas.

- Photoionization effects dominate. Biggest effect is on low mass clouds

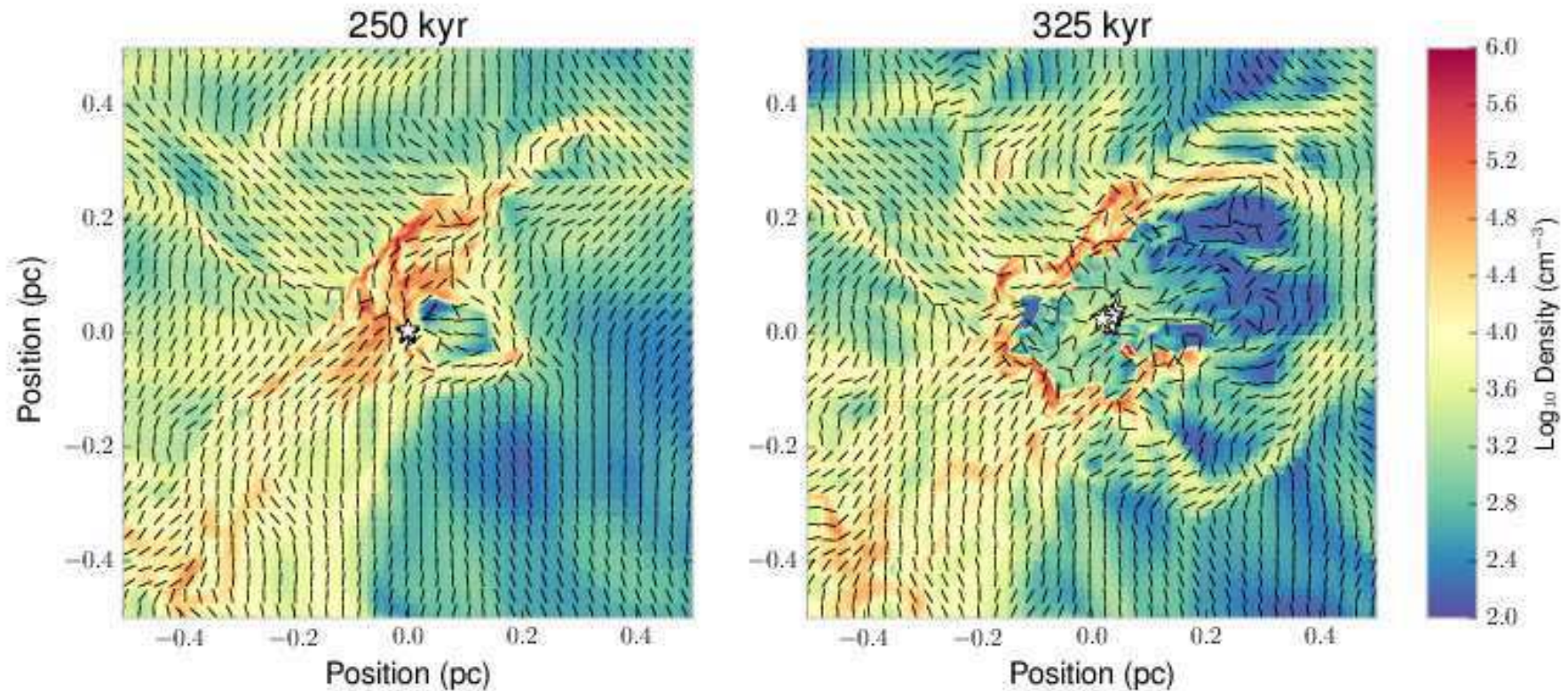
(Also Murray+ 2010, Krumholz+2012..)



Gravity vs B in cluster building filaments:

Feedback in Serpens-like filamentary cloud: B and ρ in slice

(Klassen, Pudritz & Kirk 2016) of gravitationally bound, $1200M_{\text{Sun}}$ cloud

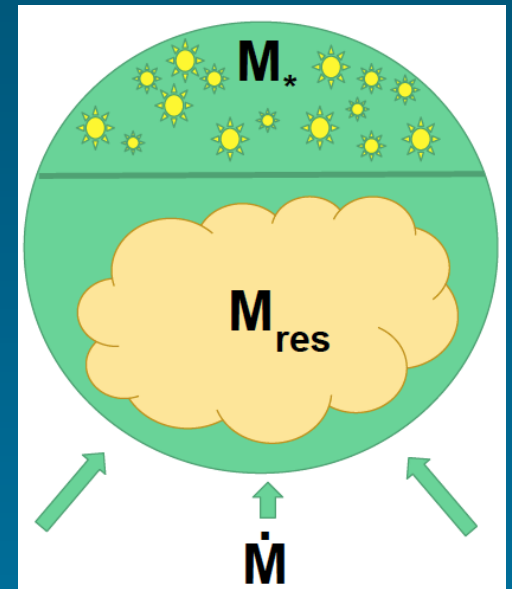


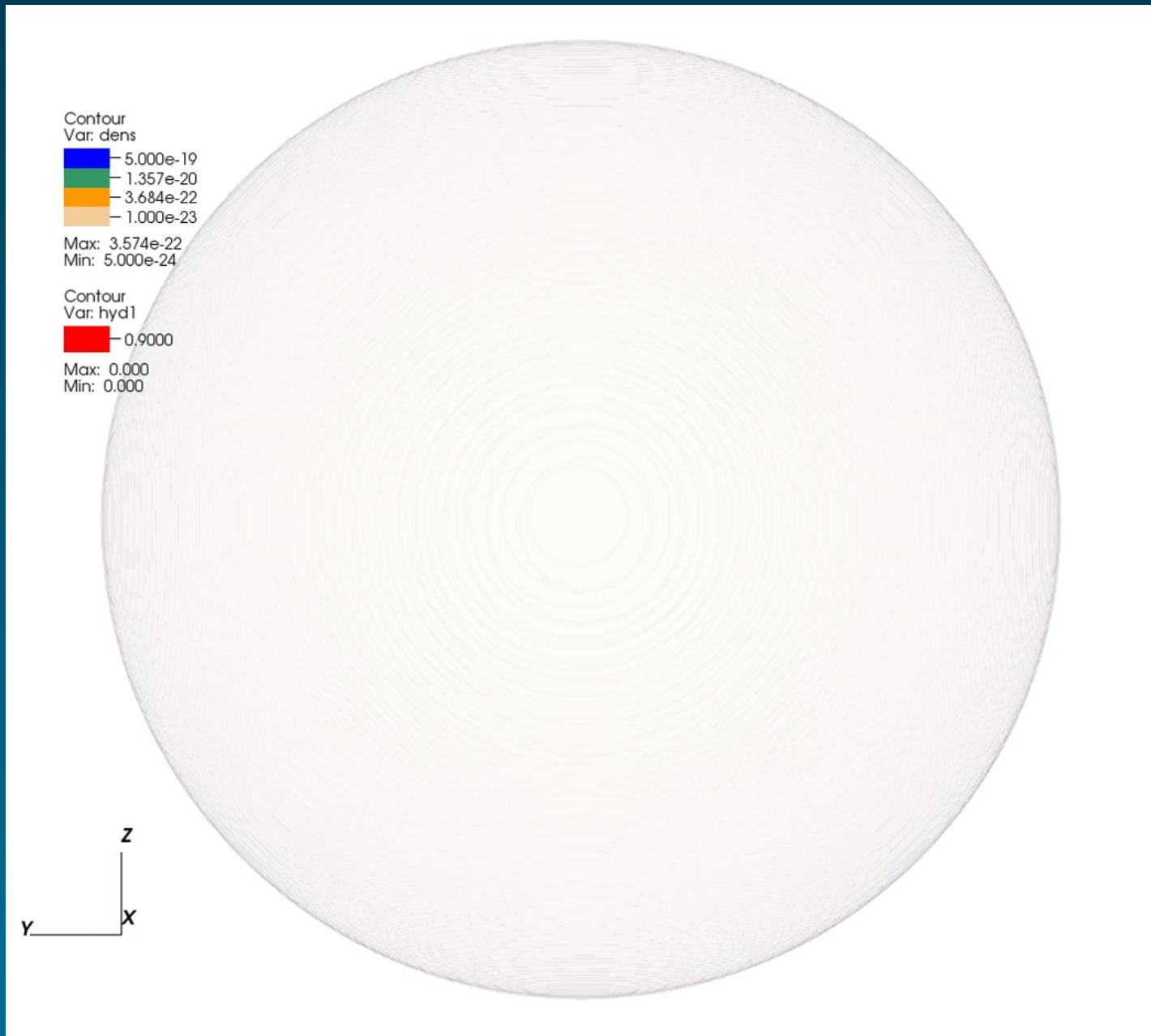
- B II to filament within filament...perp outside: **B dragged by gravitationally driven filamentary flow into cluster ..**
- Bubble disrupts filament ending filamentary flow onto cluster
In cloud that forms a $16 M_{\text{Sun}}$ star and small cluster.

III. Radiative feedback and cluster formation

Simulating radiative feedback and cluster formation in GMCs (Howard, Pudritz, & Harris, 2016)

- Radiative feedback from evolving IMF in cluster sink particles
 - ray tracing from sources (Peters + 2010).
- Ionization, thermal heating, rad. pressure
- Clouds isolated: initial $n=100 \text{ cm}^{-3}$, box 32- 80 pc, flattop + $r^{-3/2}$ density profile; low rotation (2 %); initial Burgers turbulence,
- Subgrid model: (Howard, Pudritz, Harris 2014)
 - Cluster particle forms in GMC ($n=10^4 \text{ cm}^{-3}$ threshold, Lada 2010)
 - Divide gas into gas for star formation (20% per free fall) and reservoir
 - Randomly draw stellar masses from IMF (Chabrier 2005)





$M = 10^6 M_{\text{sol}}$, $\alpha = 0.25$, flatop,..

Cluster formation: initially poorly bound ($\alpha = 3$), $10^6 M_{\text{sun}}$ GMC



Virial parameter: controls cluster formation, SFE...

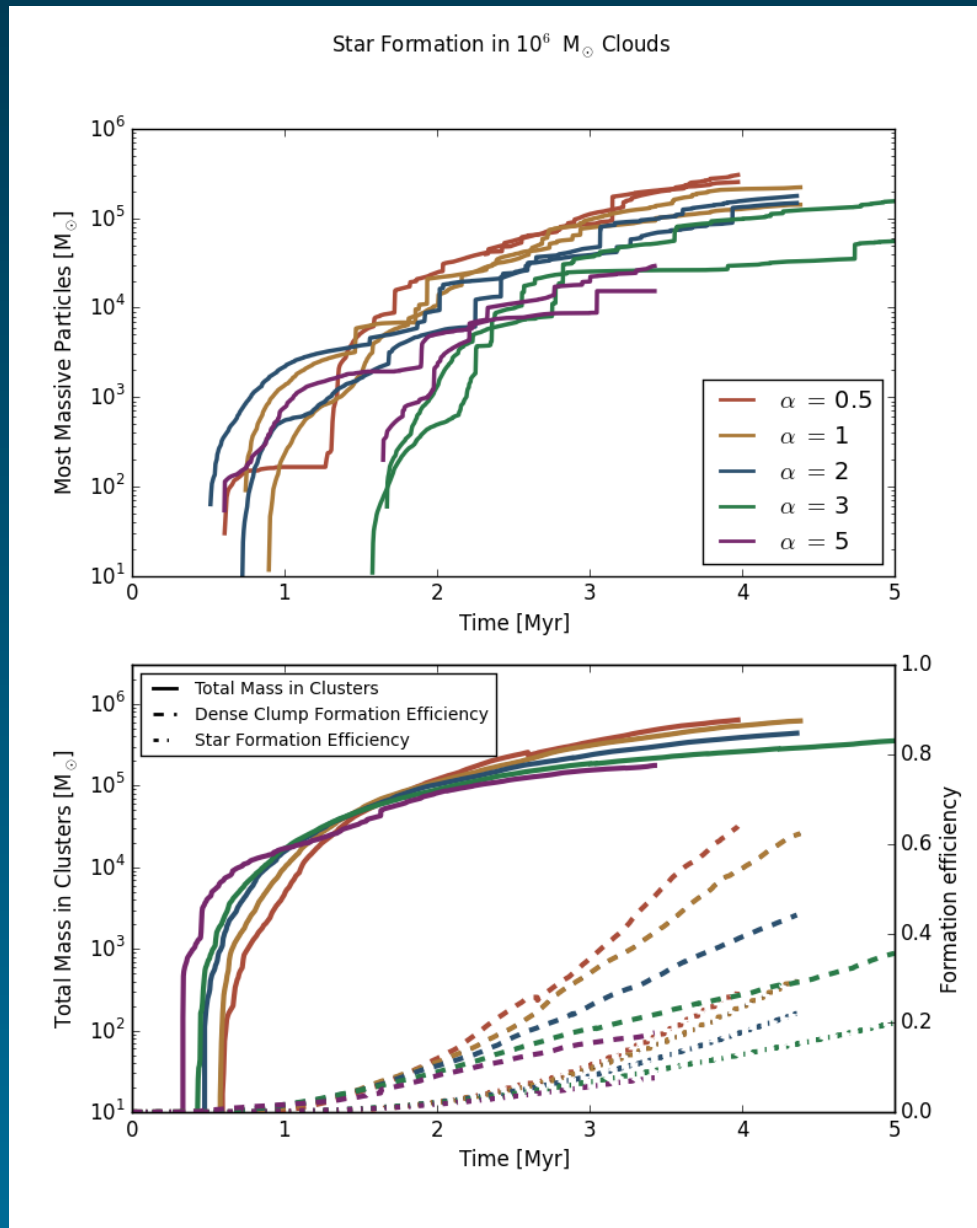
Top: Stellar mass evolution of most massive star clusters – most massive clusters form in most bound clouds

Bottom: clump and star formation efficiencies

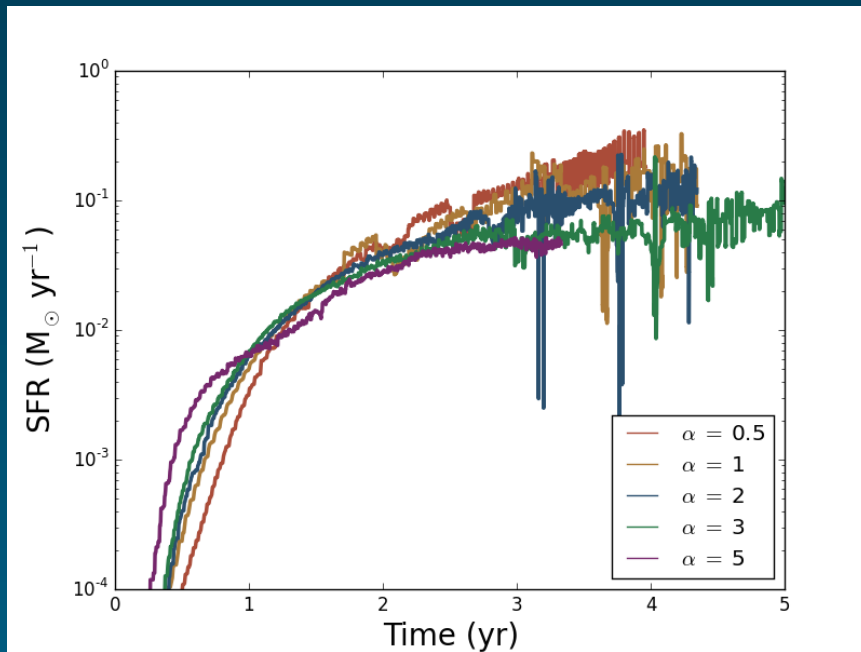
Wide range in star formation efficiencies 20%-40%

Radiative feedback effects negligible for $10^6 M_{\text{Sun}}$

POINT: low SFE requires initially unbound clouds... radiative feedback not so effective



SFR(M_{cl}) scales with M_{cl} : obs. vs theory

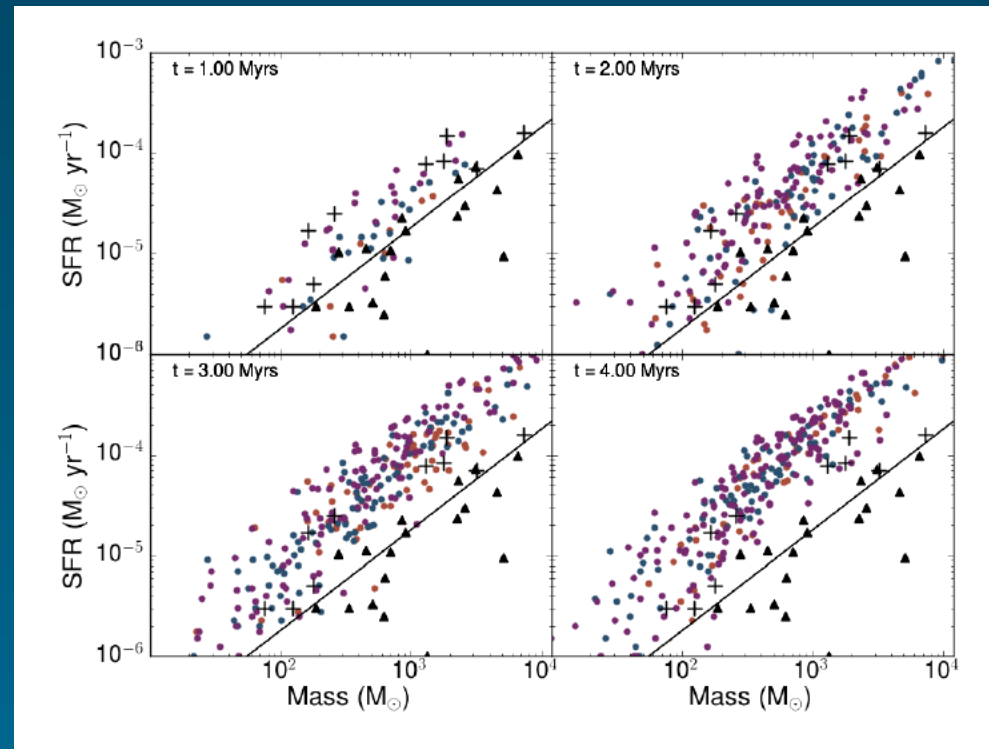


SFR – molecular mass diagram
(C. Lada + 2012)

Lines: dense gas fractions

Dark (open) circles:

$A_K > 0.8$ (> 0.1) mag



Same trend with mass – but higher SFE with time. Additional feedback needed.

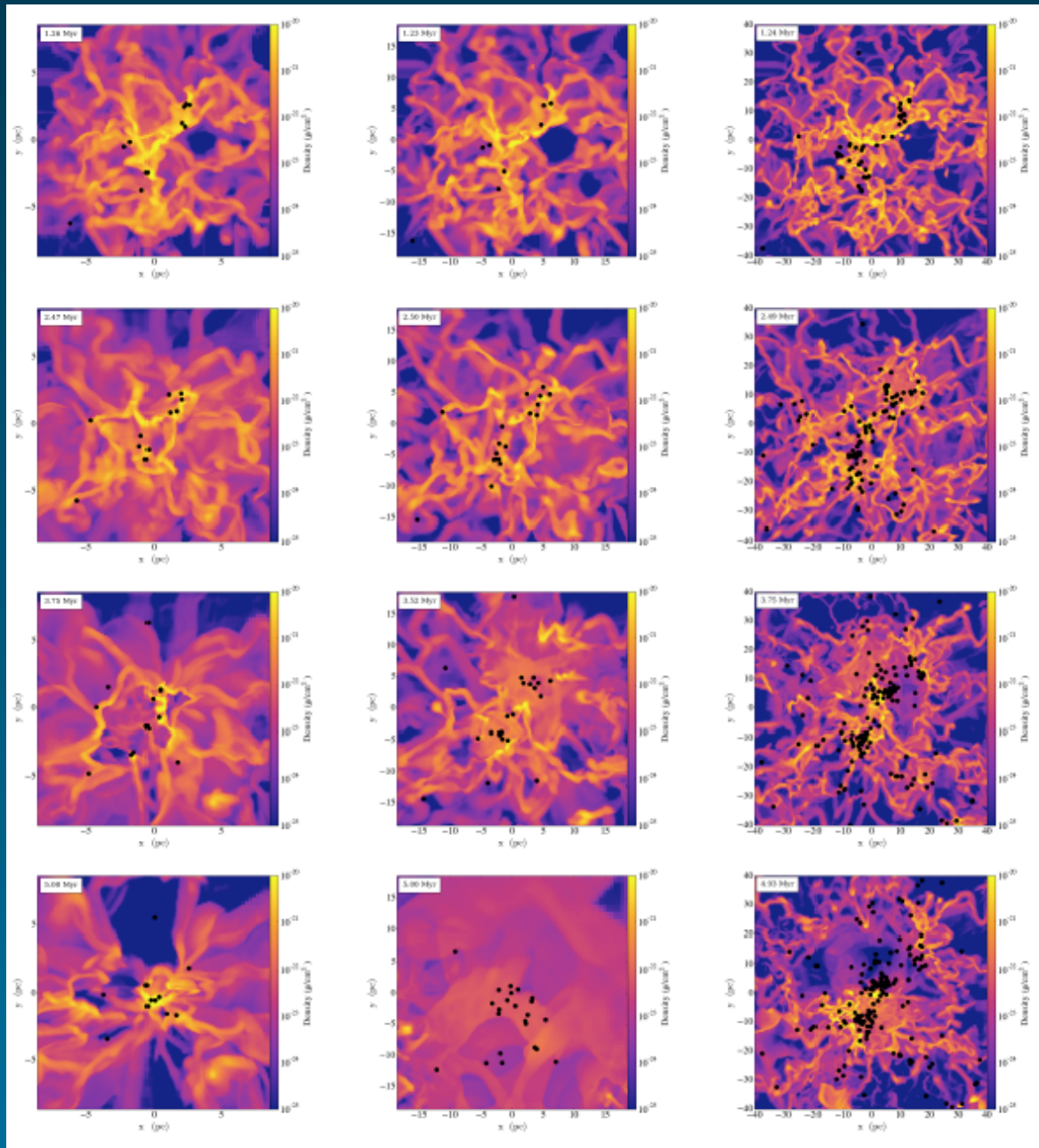
2. Mass sequence of GMCs: (Howard, Pudritz & Harris 2017)

- 10^4 , 10^5 , $10^6 M_{\text{sun}}$
(columns) @ 4 different times

- 20^2 , 40^2 , 80^2 pc^2

- $10^5 M_{\text{sun}}$ clouds dispersed in 5 Myr..
 $10^6 M_{\text{sun}}$ live longer...

Low number of O stars in 10^4 , , large gravity in $10^6 M_{\text{Sun}}$



Cluster Mass Function

Observations of embedded cluster mass function in nearby regions:

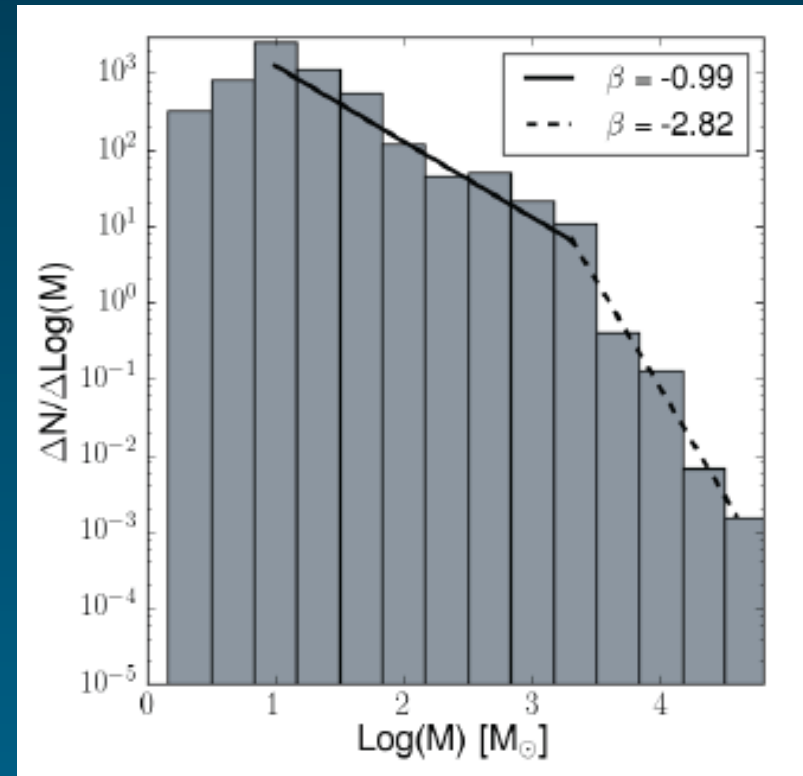
$$d \log N / d \log M \sim M^\beta ; \beta_{\text{obs}} \sim -1$$

(Lada & Lada 2003)

- External galaxies show similar relation (Fall & Chandar 2012)

- Summing up over clouds $10^4 - 10^6$ using observed GMC spectrum.. we find:

- $\beta_{\text{HD}} \sim -0.83$
- $\beta_{\text{RHD}} \sim -0.99$.. Agreement..



Howard, Pudritz, Harris 2017

Radiation feedback shapes the CMF for clusters... reduces the number of high mass clusters that would form in purely hydro simulation...

!V. Cluster Mass- Cloud Scaling
... and the Formation of Globular Clusters

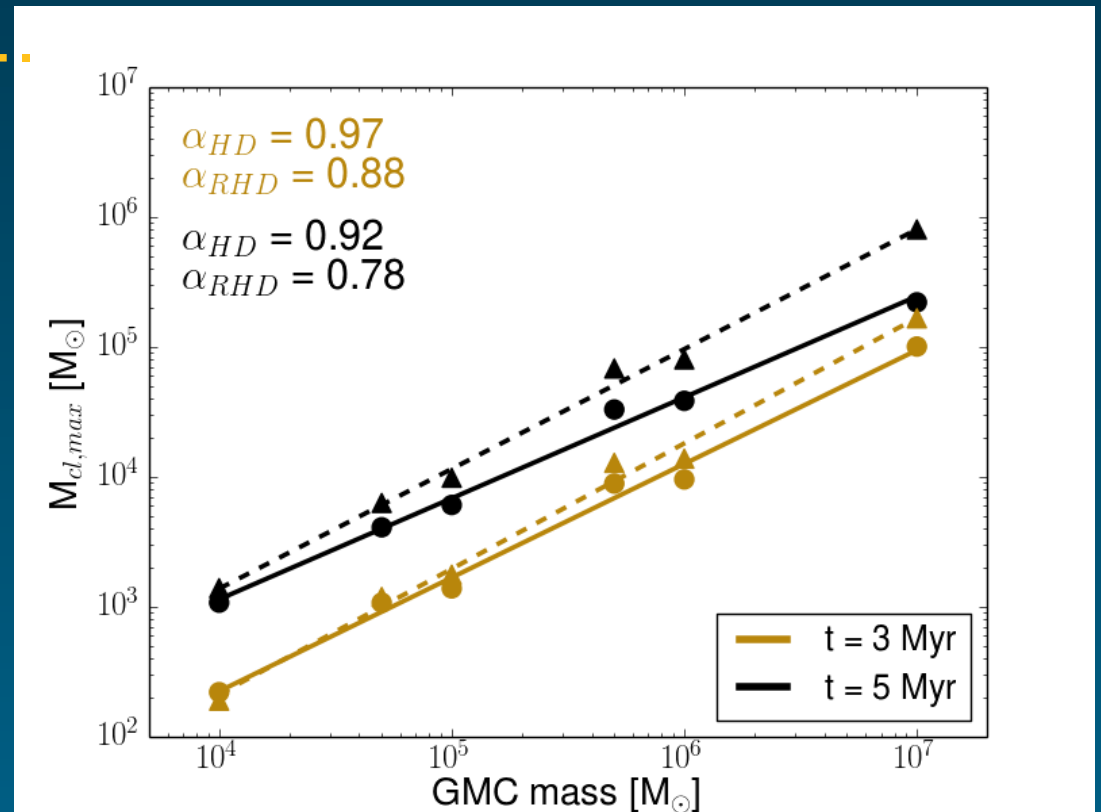
Maximum mass of cluster scales with cloud mass... into globular cluster regime....

Young Massive Clusters form in GMCs....of up to $10^5 M_{\text{sun}}$

Globular clusters proposed to form in Supergiant Molecular Clouds (Harris & Pudritz 1994) ($10^7 M_{\text{Sun}}$)

May also need high pressure environments (Kruijssen 2015)

Add simulations of Supergiant clouds....



(Howard+ 2017, in prep)

$$M_{\text{cluster, max}} \sim M_{\text{cloud}}^{\alpha}$$

Linear for pure hydro..., radiative feedback makes it shallower as massive clusters reduced... but get globular cluster masses...

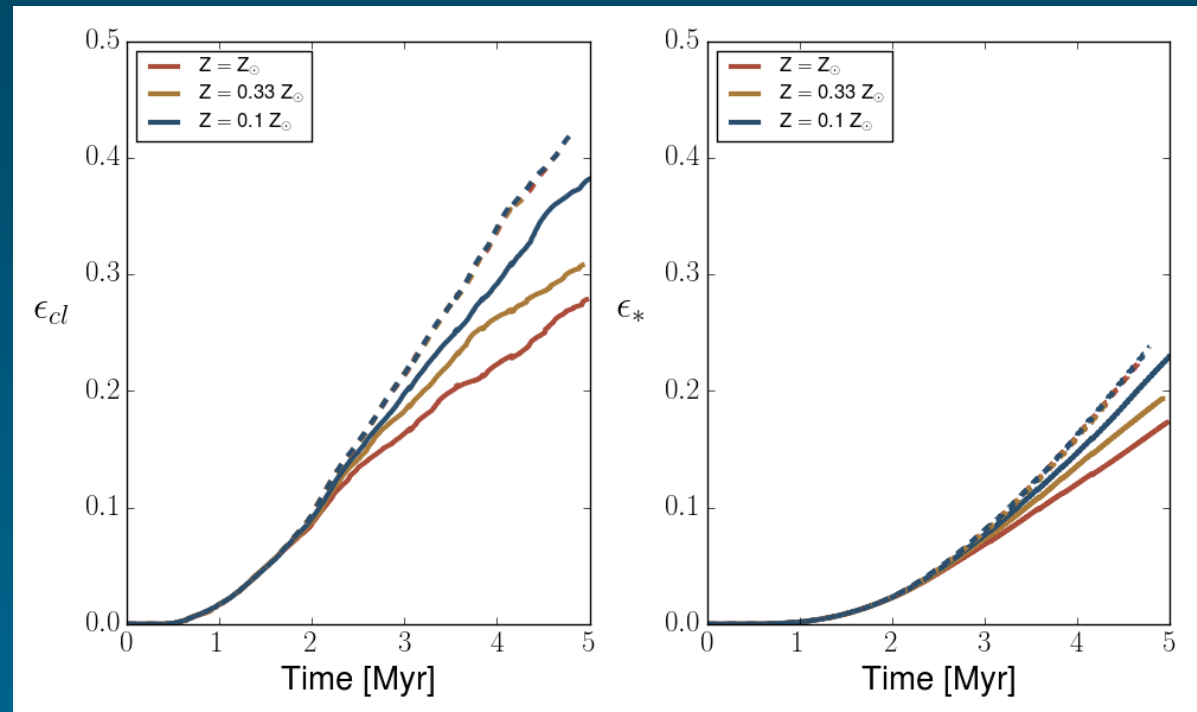
Trends with metallicity:

- higher star formation efficiency as gas gets more metal poor

Gas opacity is reduced (less dust) making feedback less efficient.

SFE approaches hydro limit as
 $Z \sim 0.1 Z_{\text{Sun}}$

Early universe should be building more massive clusters – more efficiently...



SUMMARY

An emerging picture:

- filaments formed by turbulence... clusters form by gravitationally driven processes within them.
- rad feedback destructive to intermediate mass clouds $\sim 10^5 M_{\text{Sun}}$. More massive clouds survive and continue to produce the more massive clusters.
- gravitational boundedness more important for SFE than radiation field - too late to affect very dense gas....
- max cluster masses obey powerlaw scalings with cloud mass. These are not affected by radiation feedback in metal poor gas...