



Massive Star Formation

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I. Overview – General Principles

Differences between low and high mass star formation?

Eg. How can you make the most massive stars $\sim 150 M_{\text{sun}}$?

1. **Birth of star** (measured by Kelvin-Helmholtz time); Nuclear burning in massive stars starts BEFORE accretion ends: ie BORN ON M.S.

2. **Importance of radiation fields:**

- Small effects in low mass star formation, major effects for massive stars: (dust destruction, ionizing radiation photoevaporates disks and envelope)

Simplest Geometry: 1 D, spherical

- Eddington limit for most massive star $M_{\text{edd}} \sim 40M_{\text{sun}}$

(Larson & Starrfield 1971, Kahn 1974, Yorke & Krügel 1977, Wolfire & Cassinelli 1987,...).

3. **Role of Outflows?** Jets ubiquitous for lower mass star formation.

(reviews Pudritz+ 2007, Ray + 2007, Frank+ 2014).

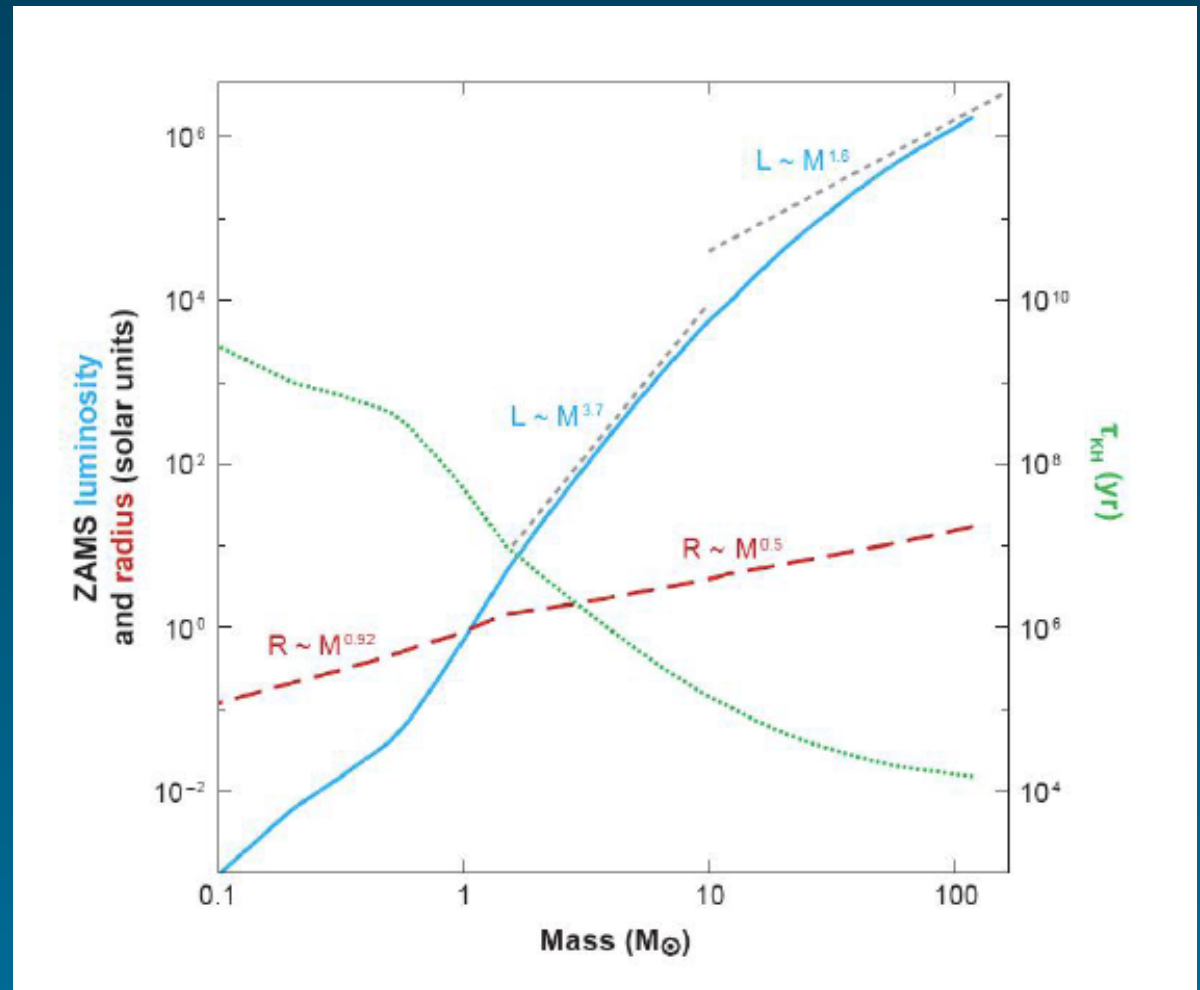
What about jets during O star formation ?

Kelvin-Helmholtz timescales..

The K-H timescale depends on luminosity of the star.

$$\tau_{KH} \sim GM_*^2/R_*L_*$$

- Green: K-K time scale for stars of different masses.
- Note scaling of L and R with stellar mass
- Low masses, $t_K \gg t_{ff}$... stars accrete material and THEN start to burn.



Zinnecker & Yorke 2007

Eddington Luminosity and Mass...

Force balance in self gravitating, radiating gas:

- In equilibrium, radiation pressure balances (outward) pushing on gas – BALANCES – gravitational force:

1. Hydrostatic balance:

$$-\frac{\nabla p}{\rho} - \nabla \Phi = 0$$

2. Radiation pressure related to flux F_{rad} :

$$-\frac{\nabla p}{\rho} = \frac{\kappa}{c} F_{\text{rad}}$$

(κ is gas opacity: for a star, gas is

fully ionized, so opacity is Thompson scattering by electrons)

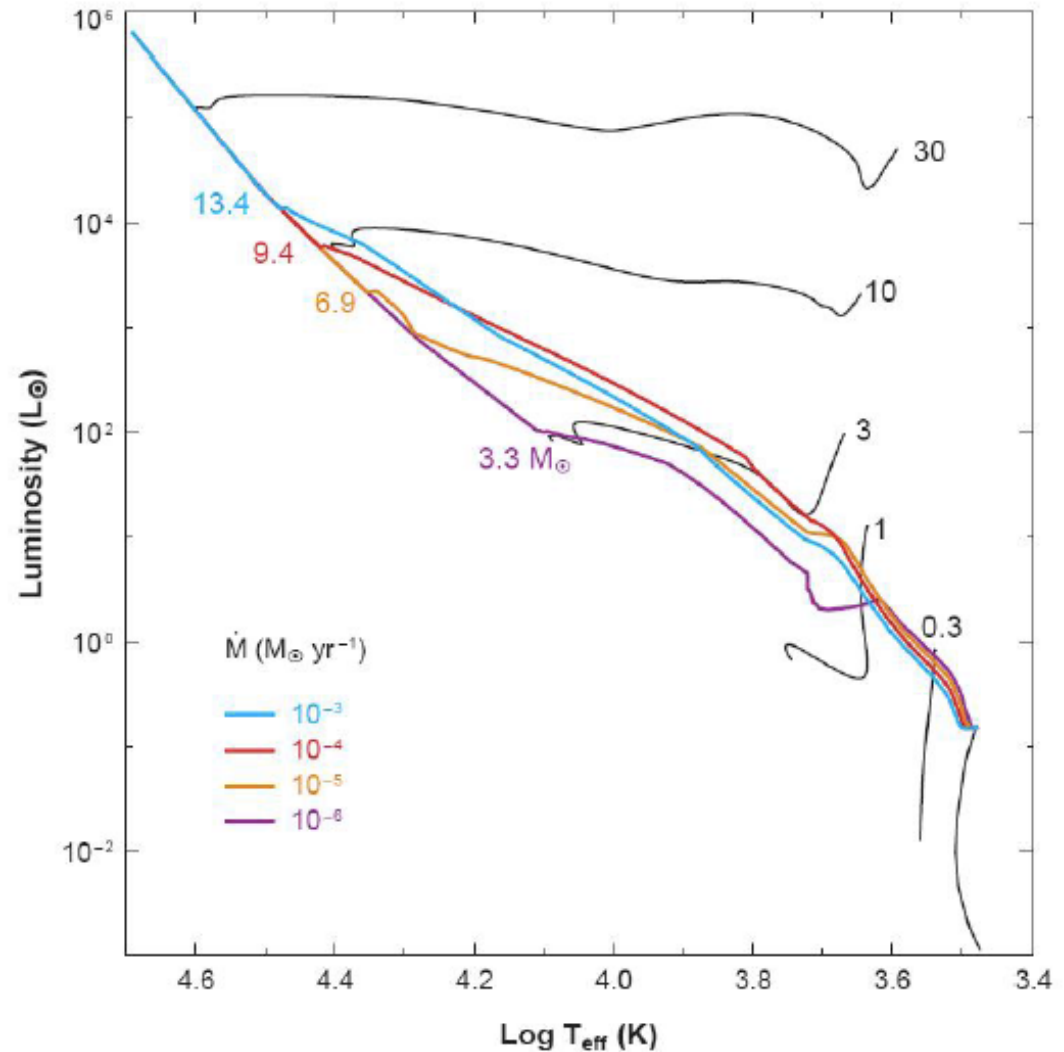
3. Gives Eddington limit: $L = L_{\text{Edd}} = 4\pi GMc / \kappa$

(for hydrogen): $= 3.2 \times 10^4 (M / M_{\text{sun}}) L_{\text{sun}}$

4. Since $L \sim M^\alpha$ -> There is an Eddington Mass M_{Edd}

Pre-Main-Sequence Evolution

Compare:
Pre-main seq
evolution tracks (no
accretion) -
with -
Protostellar cores
accreting at a
constant rate..
(latter start at
protostellar “birthline”
@ $0.1 M_{\text{Sun}}$)

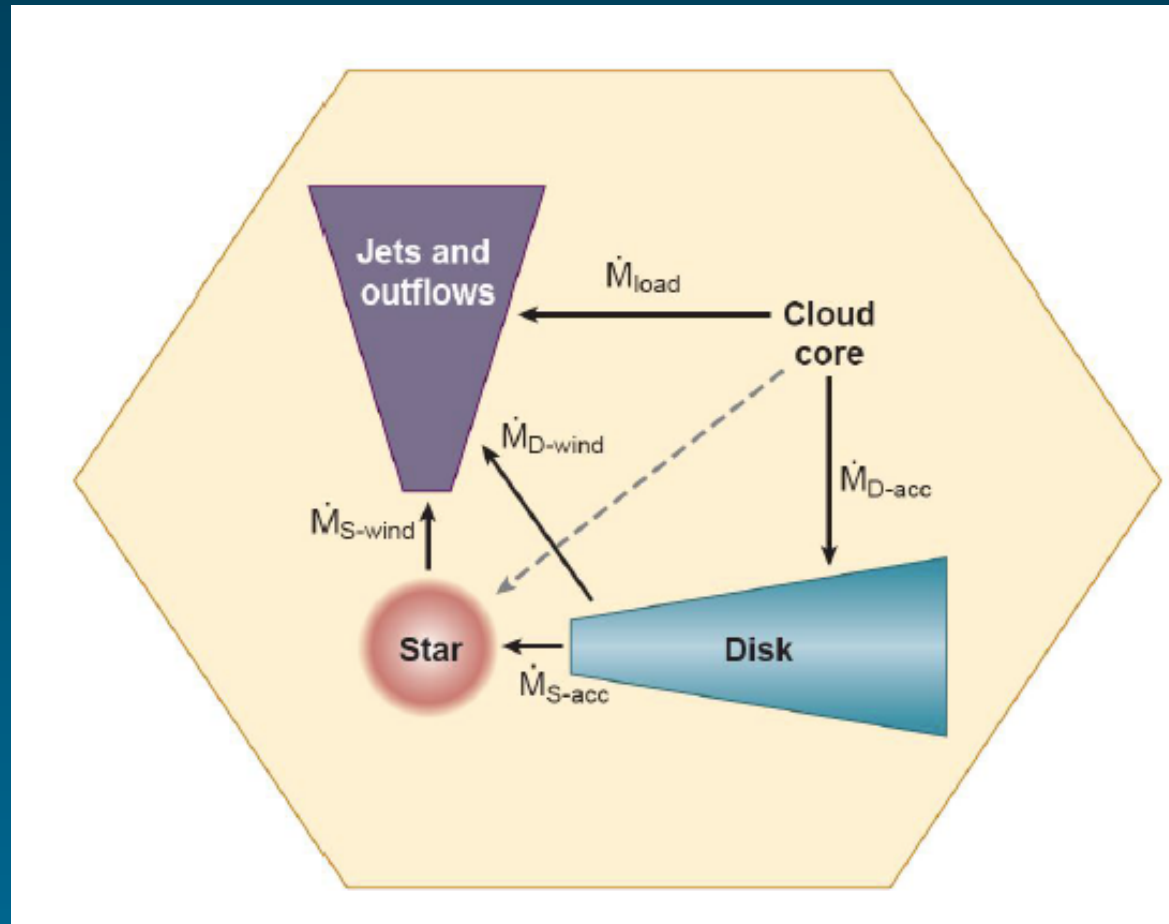


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An organizing diagram: accretion and mass loss

Gas exchange between cloud core, accretion disk and star:

- Mainly collapses into disk -some intercepted by outflows (disk wind, photoevaporative disk wind, stellar wind)
- Jets and disk outflows can clear cavities *before* radiation pressure from star, or stellar winds

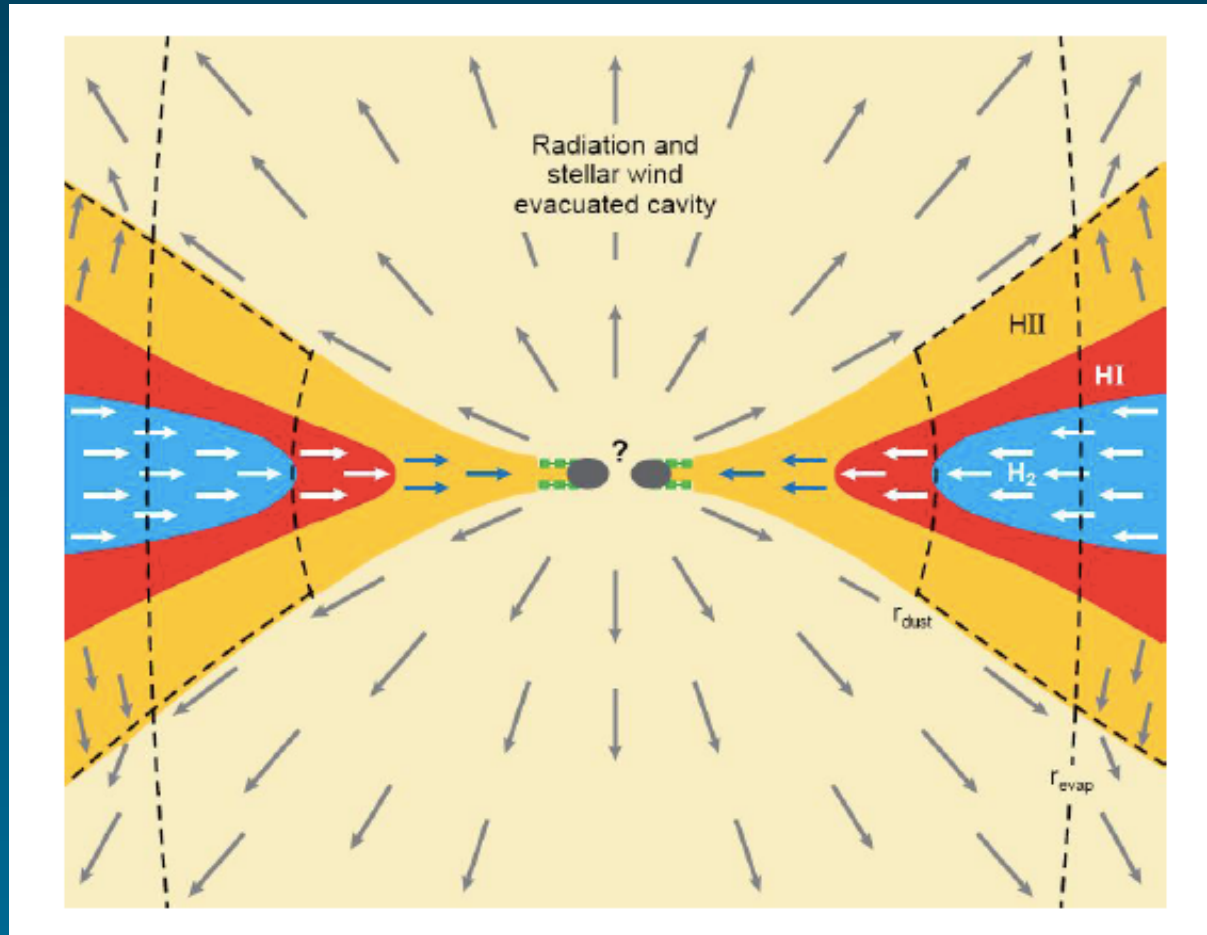


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Disk accretion and massive star formation

Inner disk:

- **Polar cavity** evacuated by radiation and wind (from disk and star)
- **Disk surface layer** is ionized (HII) by EUV. Self shielding gives rise to inner HI heated by FUV. Dust / molecules shield interior from FUV allowing cold H₂
- **Dust destruction** front r_{dust} (little opacity inside this region)
- **Photoevaporative outflow** beyond r_{esc}



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II. Recent Observations

Sites – massive cores in filaments

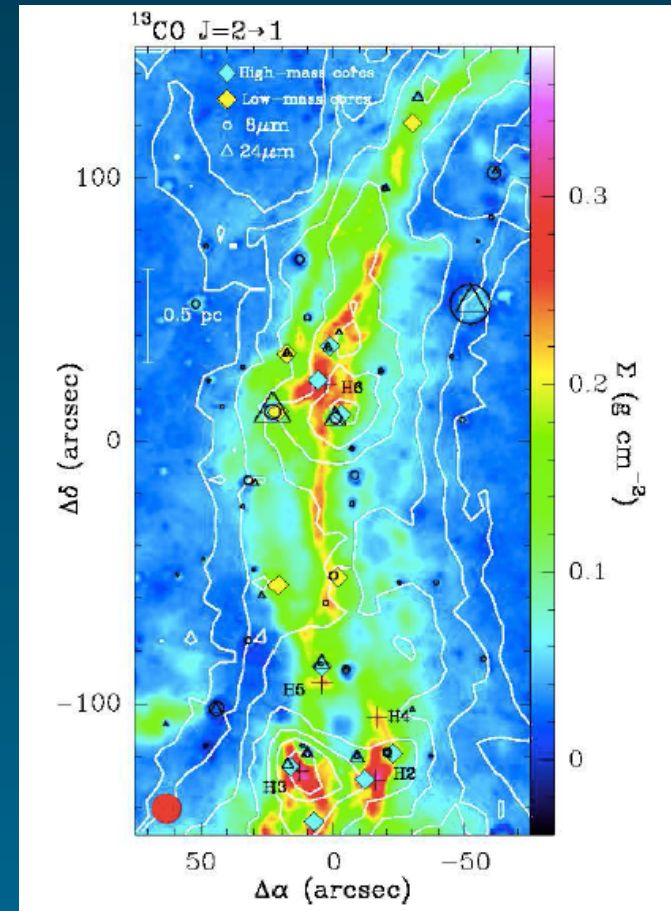
What determines max mass of stars?

$> 150 M_{\text{sun}}$ (Crowther + 2010)

Infrared Dark Clouds (cold and dense)
good for finding massive star formation

Core accretion picture for massive stars?

- In IRDC clouds $M_{\text{core}} \sim 100 M_{\text{Sun}}$ in 0.1 pc

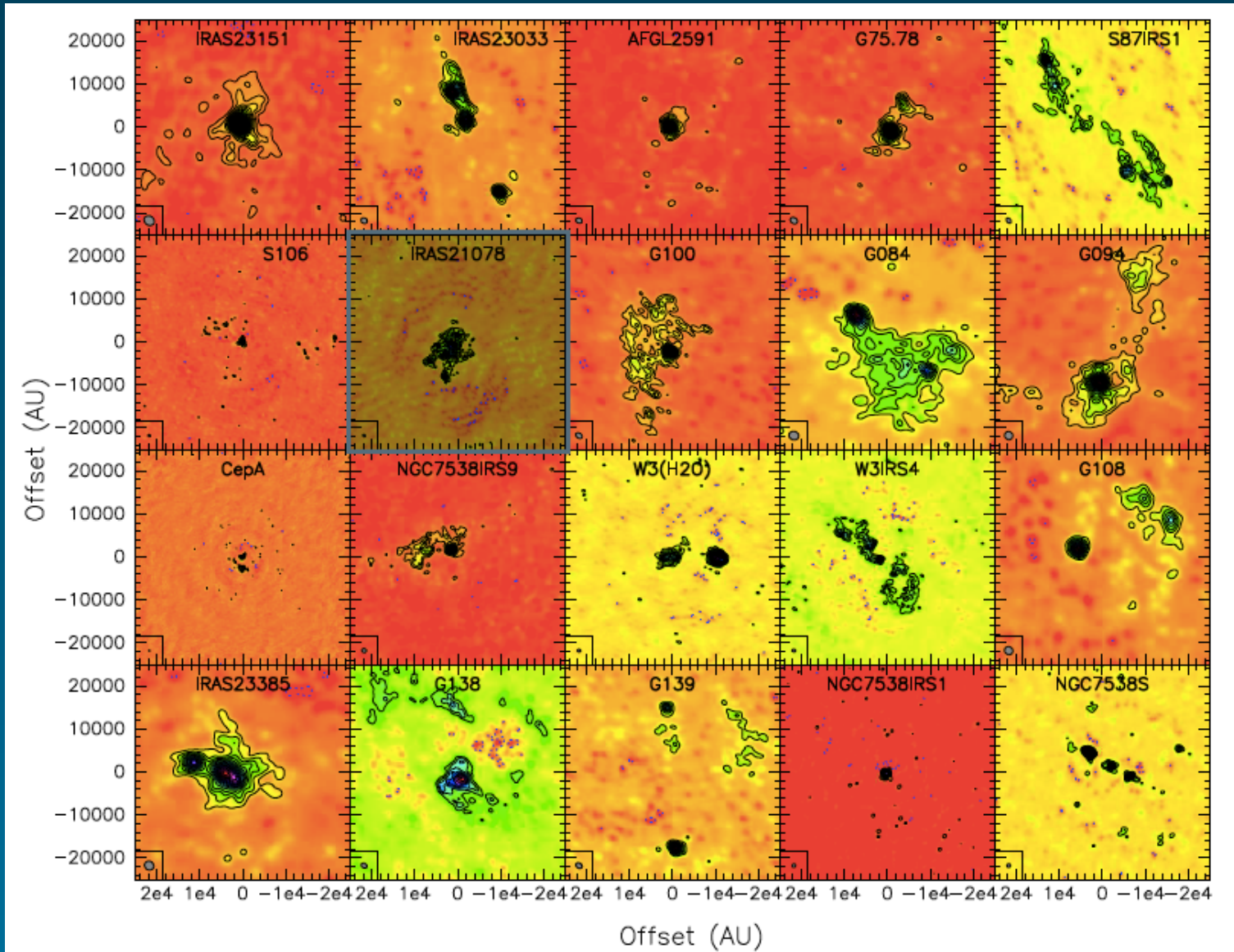


^{13}CO observations of G035.39-00.33 – crosses are high mass cores (from Jimenez-Serra + 2014)

Close-ups: CORE Survey of 20 massive star forming regions
see <http://www.mpia.de/core/>

Noema
millimetre
array +
IRAM 30m;

- $L > 10^4 L_{\text{Sun}}$
- 1.3 mm
continuum -
@ 0.3-0.4''
res.



Beuther, Ahmadi, Mottram, Bosco, Klaasen, and CORE Team 2017

Questions – and Properties

Explore clumps in which high mass stars form:

- How turbulent are these regions?
- How fragmented are they?
- Rotating structures and outflows related to massive star formation?
- Are outflows present?
- Chemical processes unique to high mass sf?

First results:

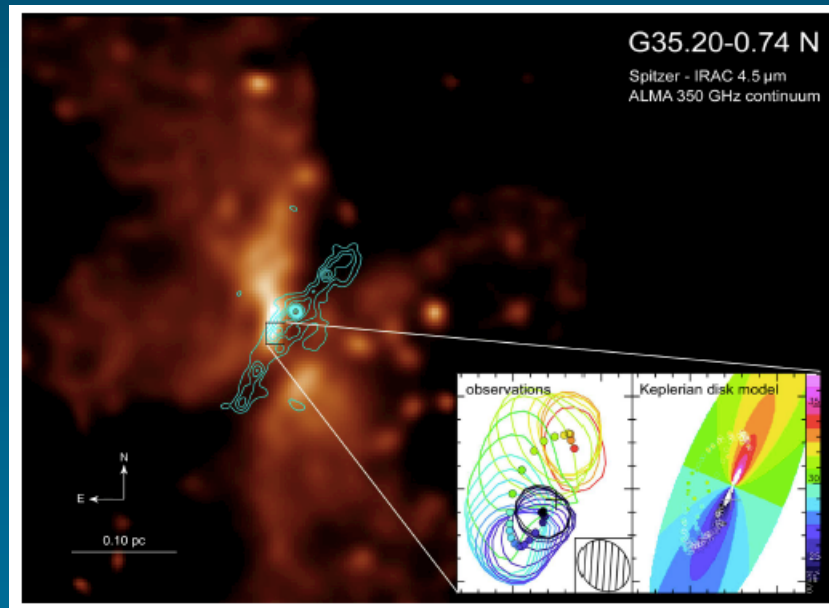
- Fragment masses from $0.1-40 M_{\text{sun}}$, high column densities ($10^{23} - 10^{25} \text{ cm}^{-2}$), densities $10^6 - 10^8 \text{ cm}^{-3}$
- Separations of cores $\sim 1000 \text{ AU} \sim \text{Jeans scale} \rightarrow$ turbulence plays a secondary role
- High B field measured in 2 regions with low fragmentation (B fields support regions against collapse): (Chen+ 2012, Frau+ 2014)

Disks around massive stars

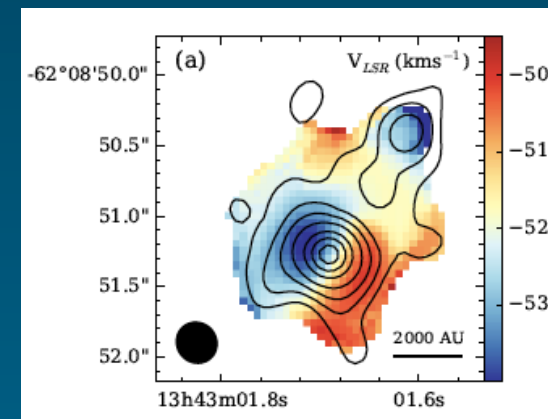
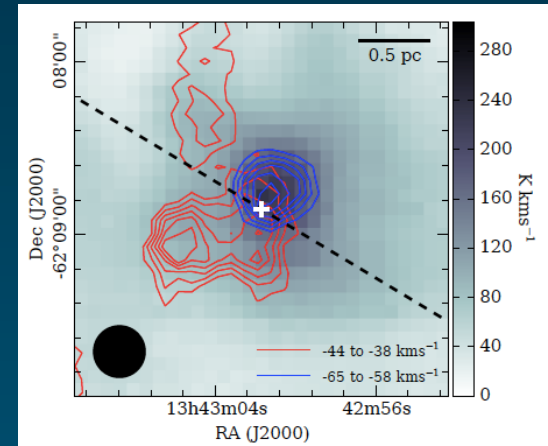
Keplerian disks observed around 8-30 M_{Sun} stars
(review: Bertran & De Witt 2013)

Disk radii \sim few 1000 AU, masses from 4 to a few 10s of M_{Sun}

Core-accretion picture favoured? (Myers & Fuller 1997, McLaughlin & Pudritz 1997, McKee & Tan 2002)..



Best fit is Keplerian disk; velocity peaks of different tracers: (Sanchez-Monge + 2013)



ALMA maps: Keplerian disk around forming O7 star in AFGL 4176 mm1:

25 M_{Sun} star, with 12 M_{Sun} disk.

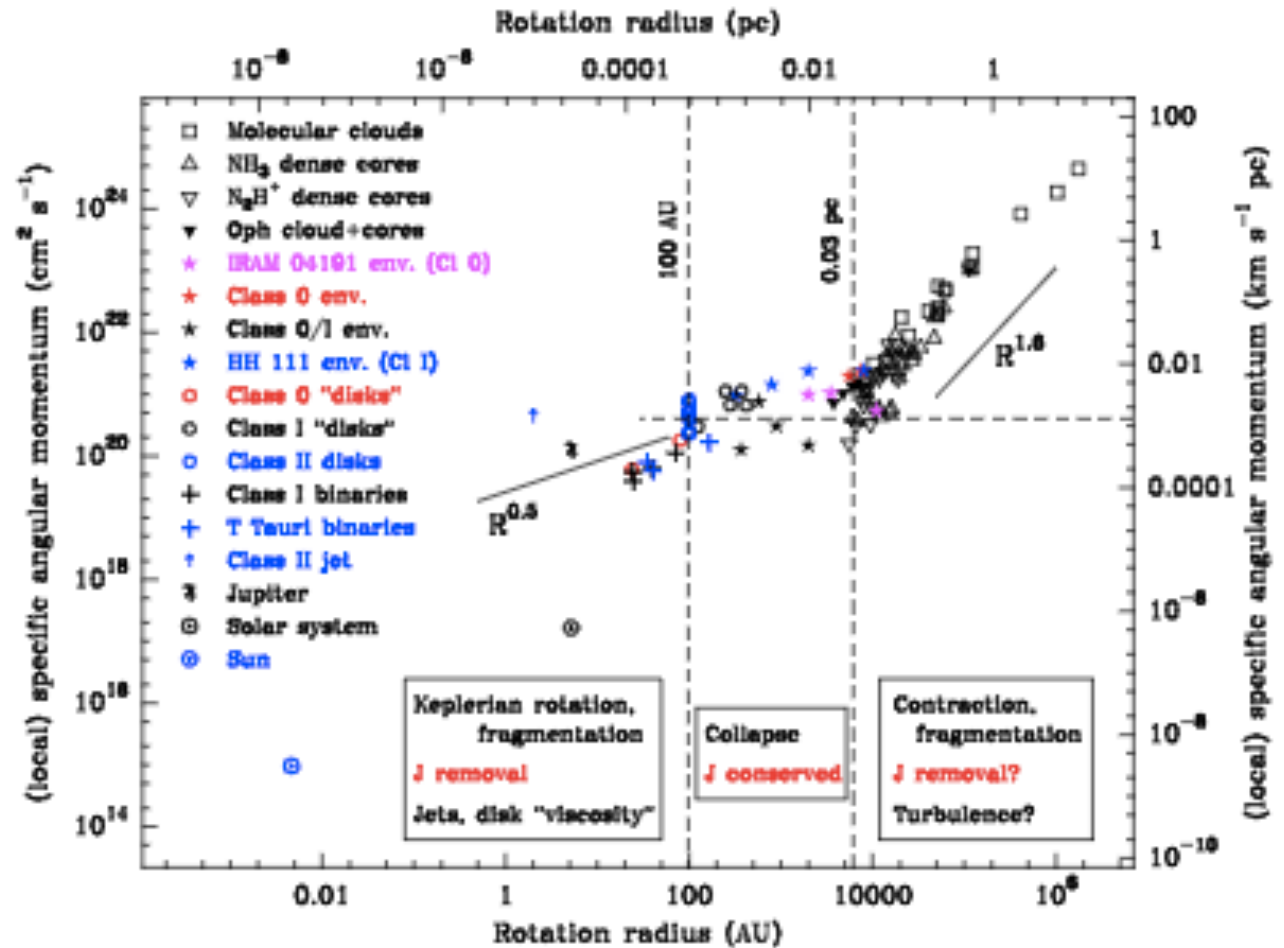
Top: outflow perp to disk

Bottom: CH_3CN (J=13-12)
(Johnston + 2015)

Observed angular momentum distributions

Cloud to YSOs:
Specific angular momentum j as a function of scale and YSO evolutionary stage:

- j conserved on core infall scales
- Keplerian inside 100 AU



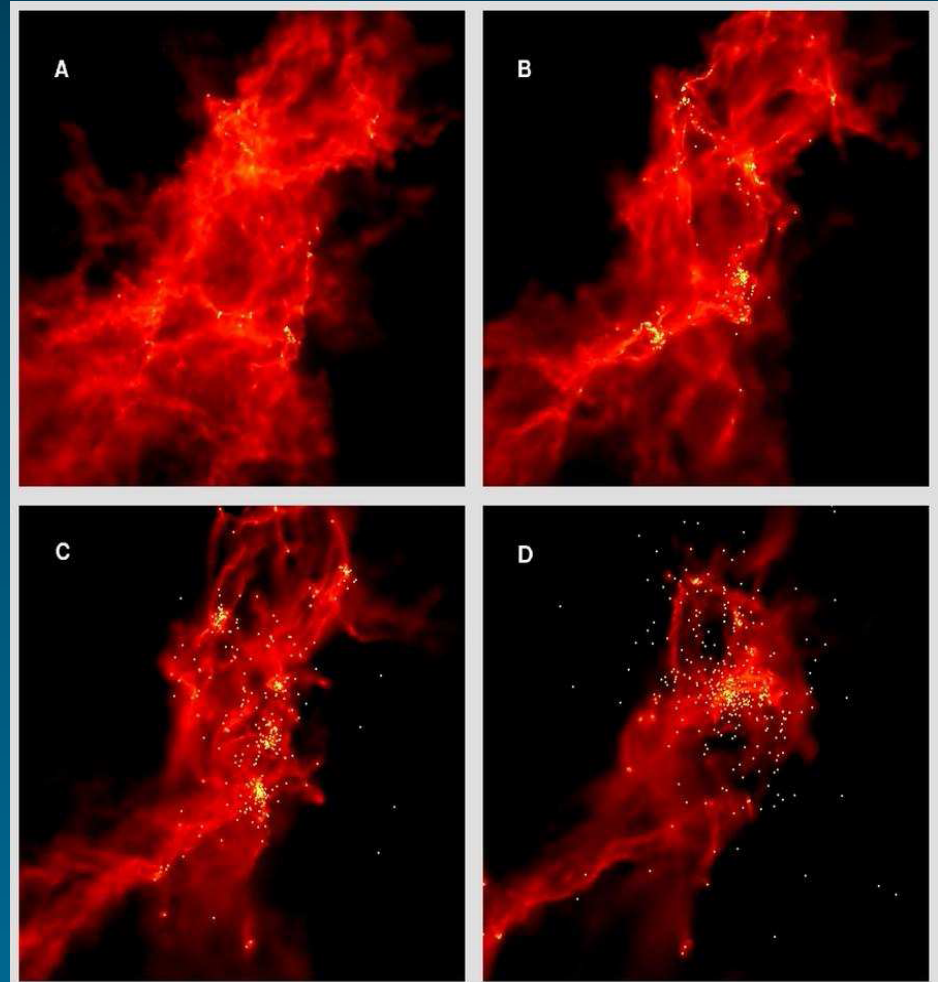
II Theory and Simulations

Theory: 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)



Bonnell et al (2003)

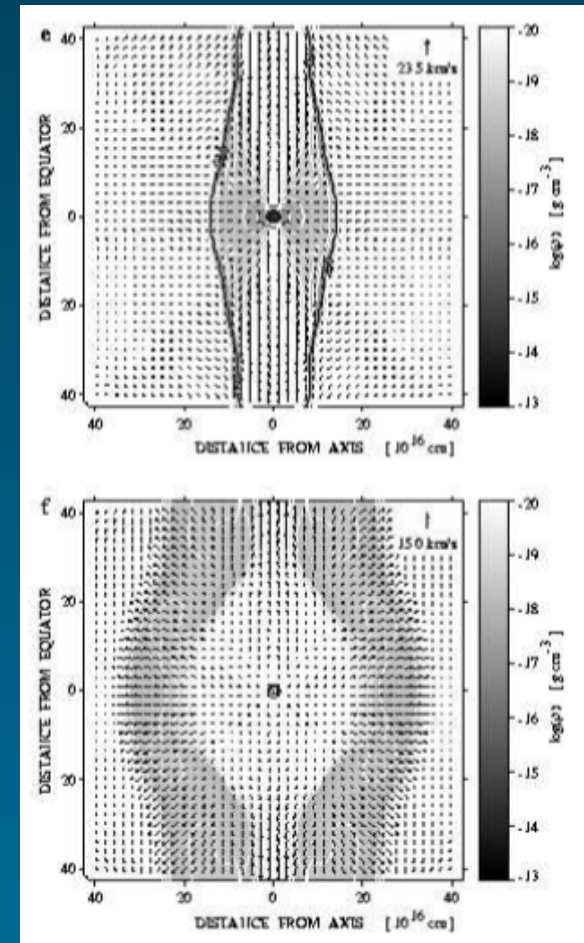
Massive star formation – how do you make a $150M_{\text{Sun}}$?

-1D sims give $M_{\text{max}} \sim 40 M_{\text{Sun}}$ independent of core mass $> 60 M_{\text{Sun}}$ (Kuiper + 2010).

Disk accretion -> asymmetry to radiation field (Nakano 1989) - “flashlight” effect (Yorke & Bodenheimer 1997)

- 2D disk sim, multifrequency FLD but unresolved dust sublimation front;
 - similar mass limit (Yorke & Sonnalter 2002): Disk in 120 solar mass case quickly destroyed

The problem: need to resolve dust sublimation region!



Yorke & Sonnalter 2002

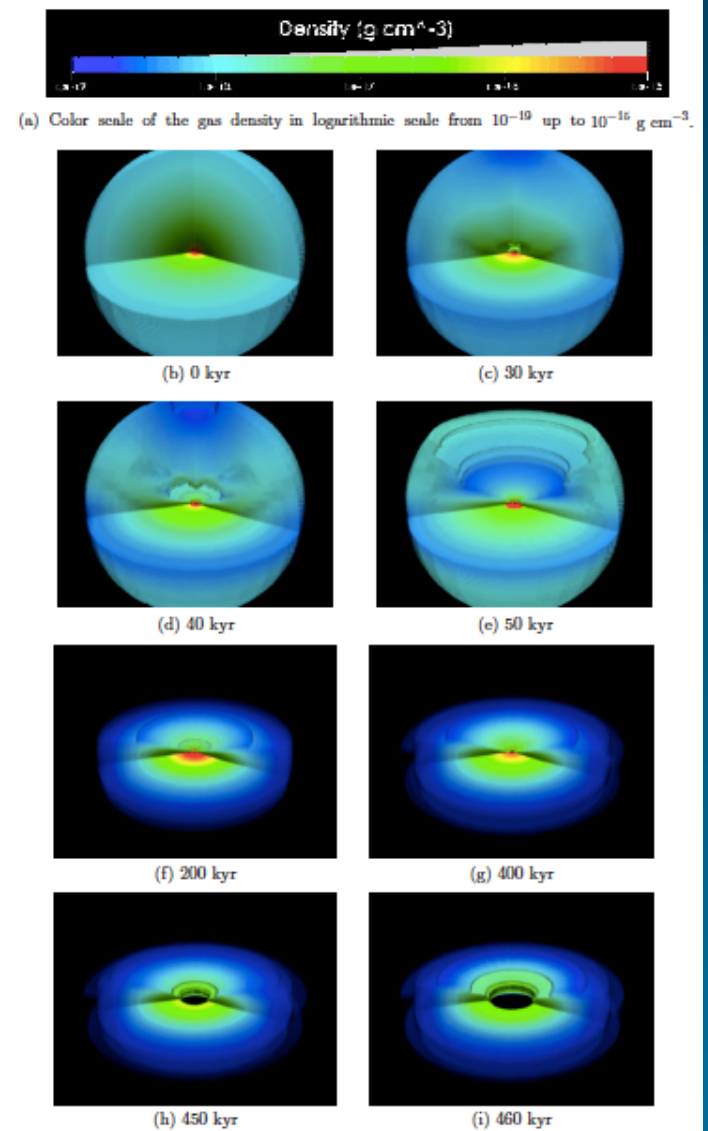
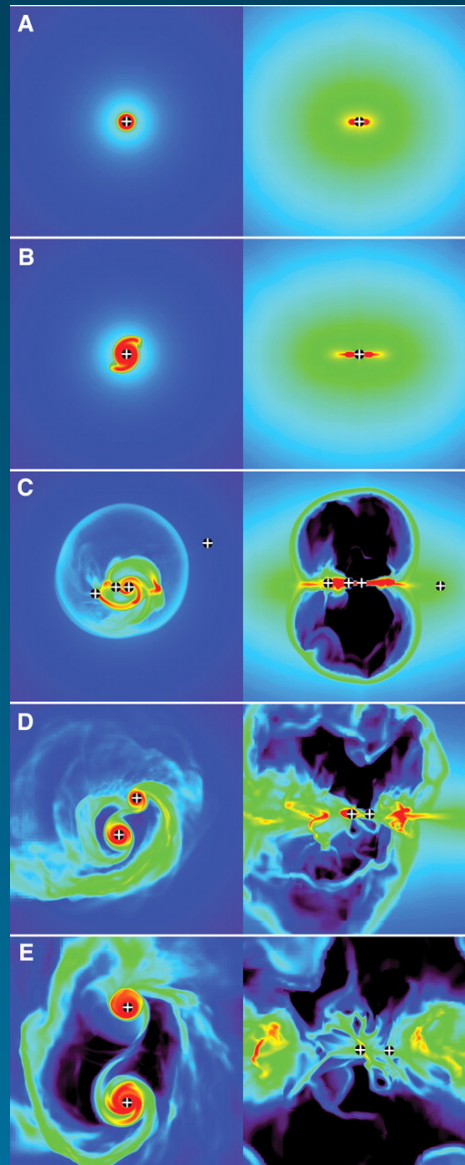
Pure FLD vs Hybrid Radiative Feedback (Krumholz+2009 – Kuiper + 2010)

Pure FLD in a 3D AMR code:
initial $100 M_{\text{sun}}$ core, $r^{-1.5}$ density profile,
no turbulence..

- R-T instabilities @
41.7kyr, multiple
fragmentation

Hybrid code (ray trace +
FLD) - 2D: $120 M_{\text{sun}}$
shown over long time
460kyr

- no R-T instabilities



Radiative Feedback and Massive Star Formation

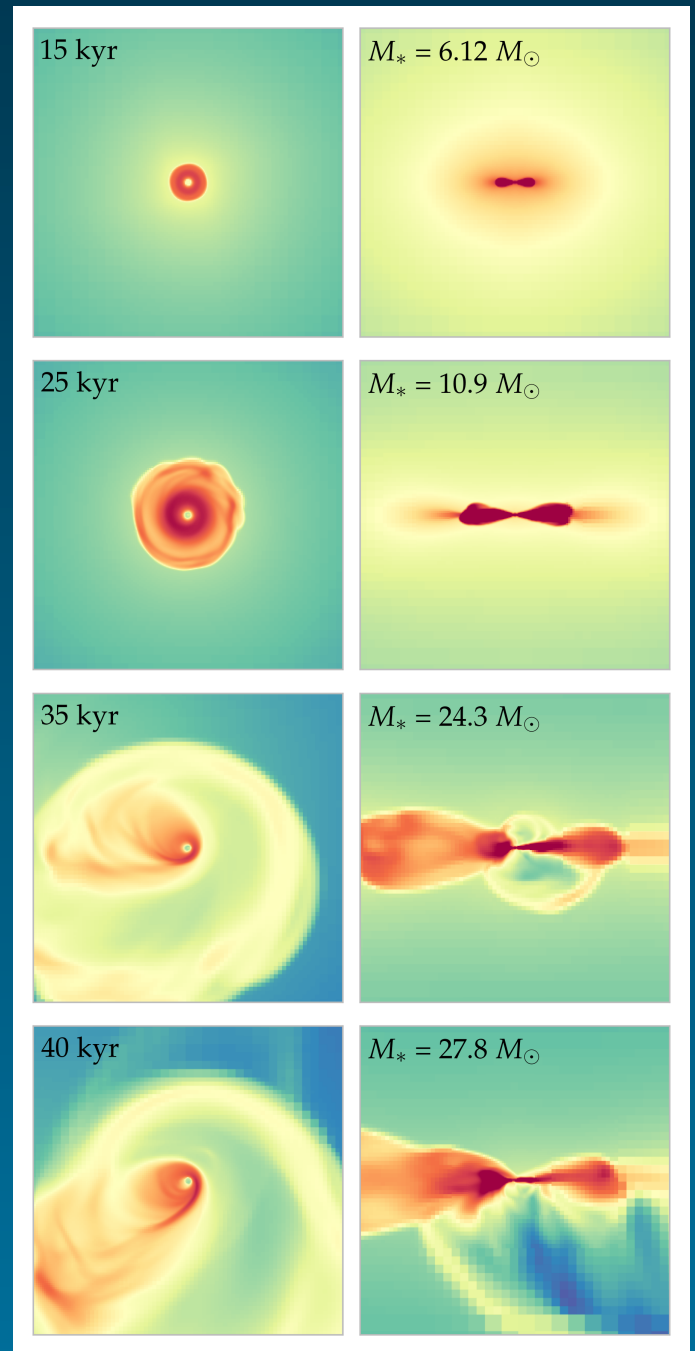
(Klassen, Pudritz, Kuiper, Peters, & Banerjee 2016, ApJ) - using Hybrid AMR FLASH radiative transfer (Klassen+ 2014)

4 stages:

- Gravitational collapse
- Disk formation - smooth
- Disk instability and massive episodic accretion
- Radiative feedback – radiatively driven bubbles

No R-T instability seen (remove ray trace and RT develops, Kuiper+2012)

No disk fragmentation up to 50kyr.



100 M_{sun} mode: left face on, right edge on

Time evolution of central “sink” (massive star) for 3 sims - 30, 100, and 200 M_{sun} cores

1. Initial phase of accretion:

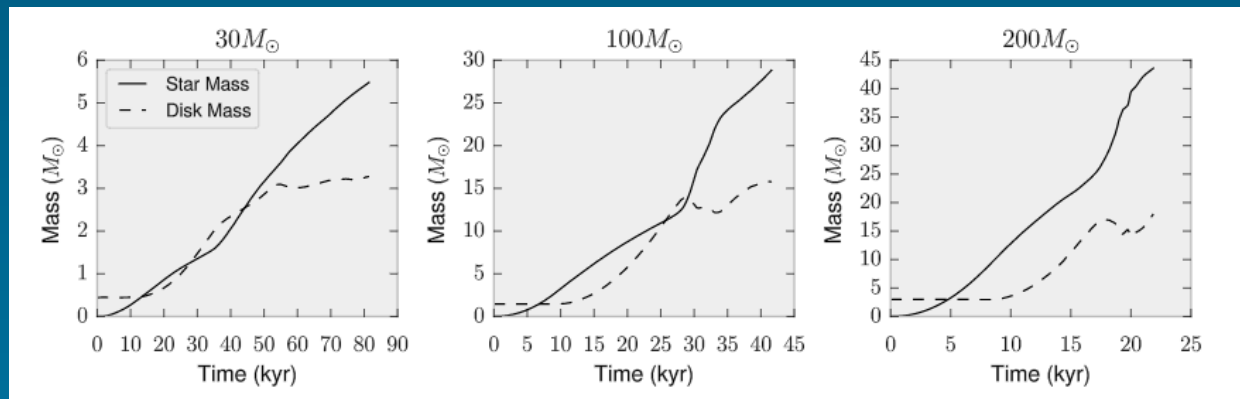
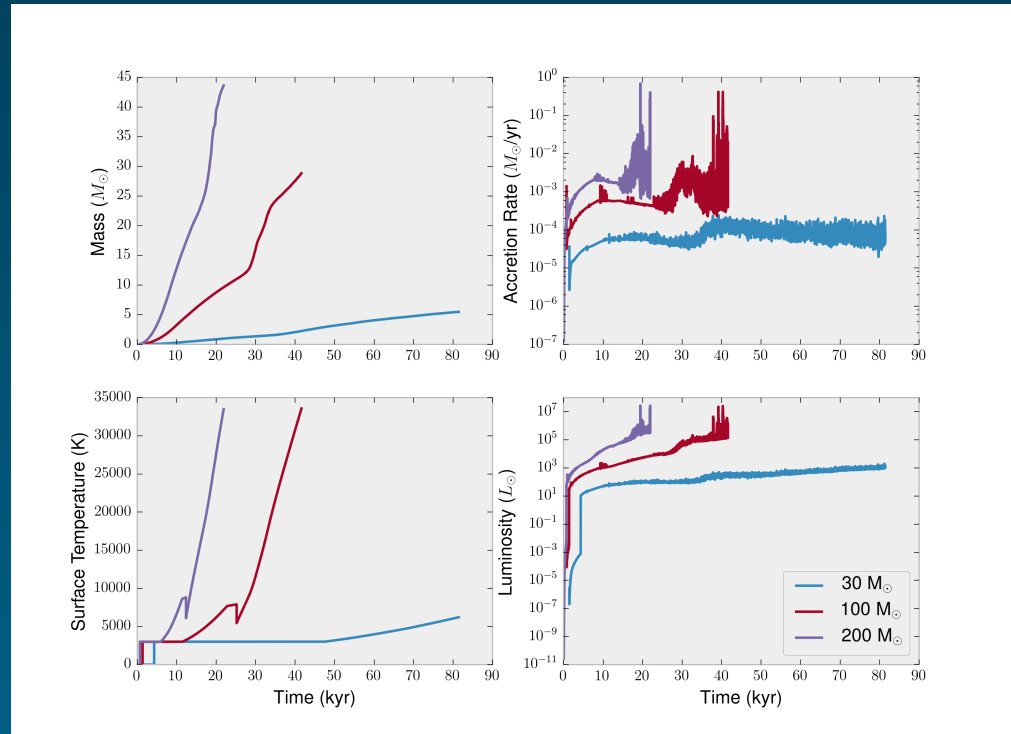
- core collapse

$$dM/dt = m_0 c_s^3 / G$$

$m_0 \sim N_J$ (number of Jeans masses) (Shu, 1977
Giichidis + 2012)

2. Disk accretion - episodic driven by onset of GI.

(Vorobyov & Basu 2007). Disk mass
levels out...



Edge- on view of collapse of $200 M_{\text{sun}}$ core
zoom in to central region



Disk dynamics and Toomre Q

Snapshots of
disk velocity field
and Toomre

$$Q = \kappa c_s / \pi G \Sigma$$

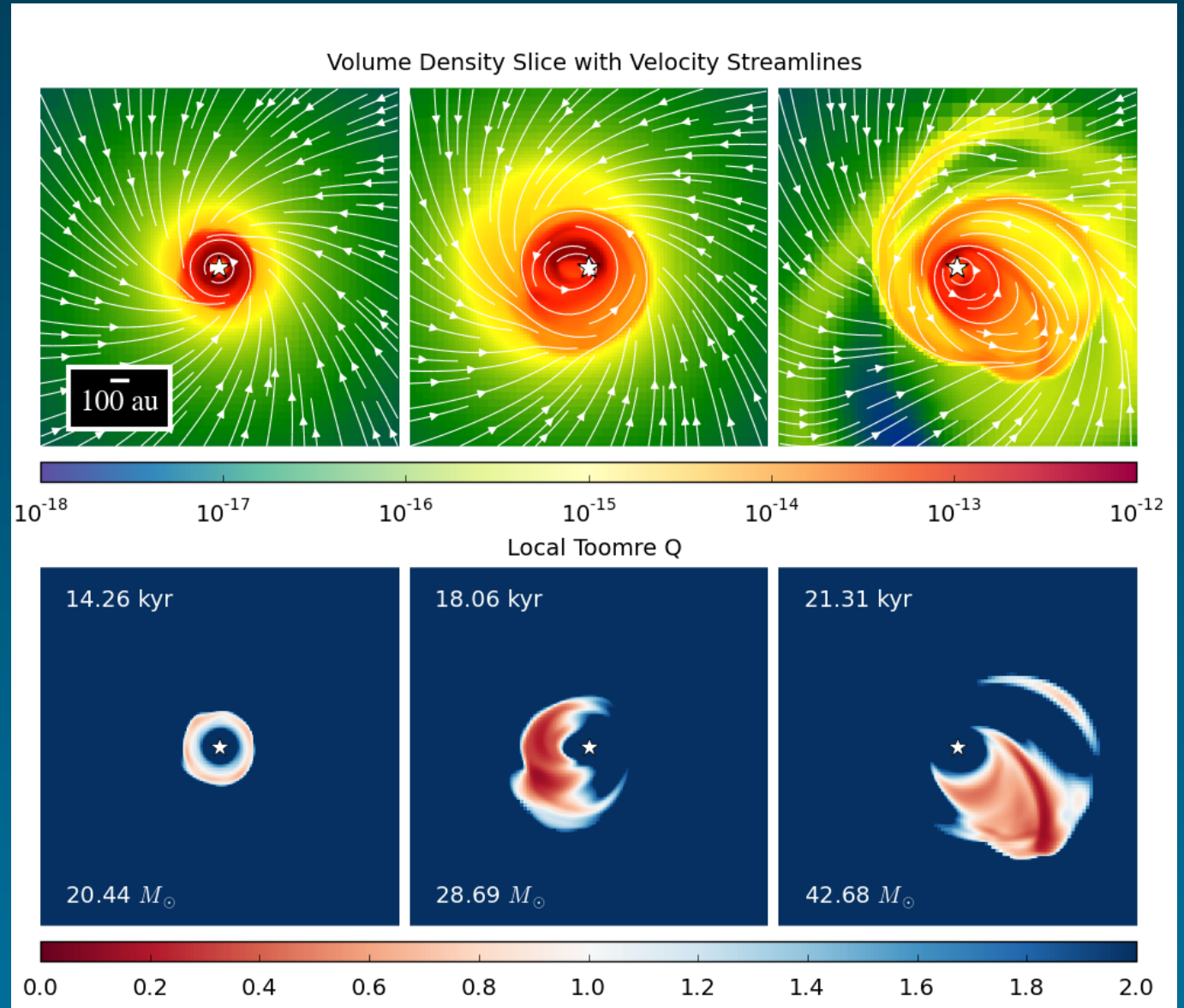
$Q < 1$ unstable

Scale bars:

Top: Column
density

Bottom: values of
Toomre Q

$200 M_{\text{sun}}$ model



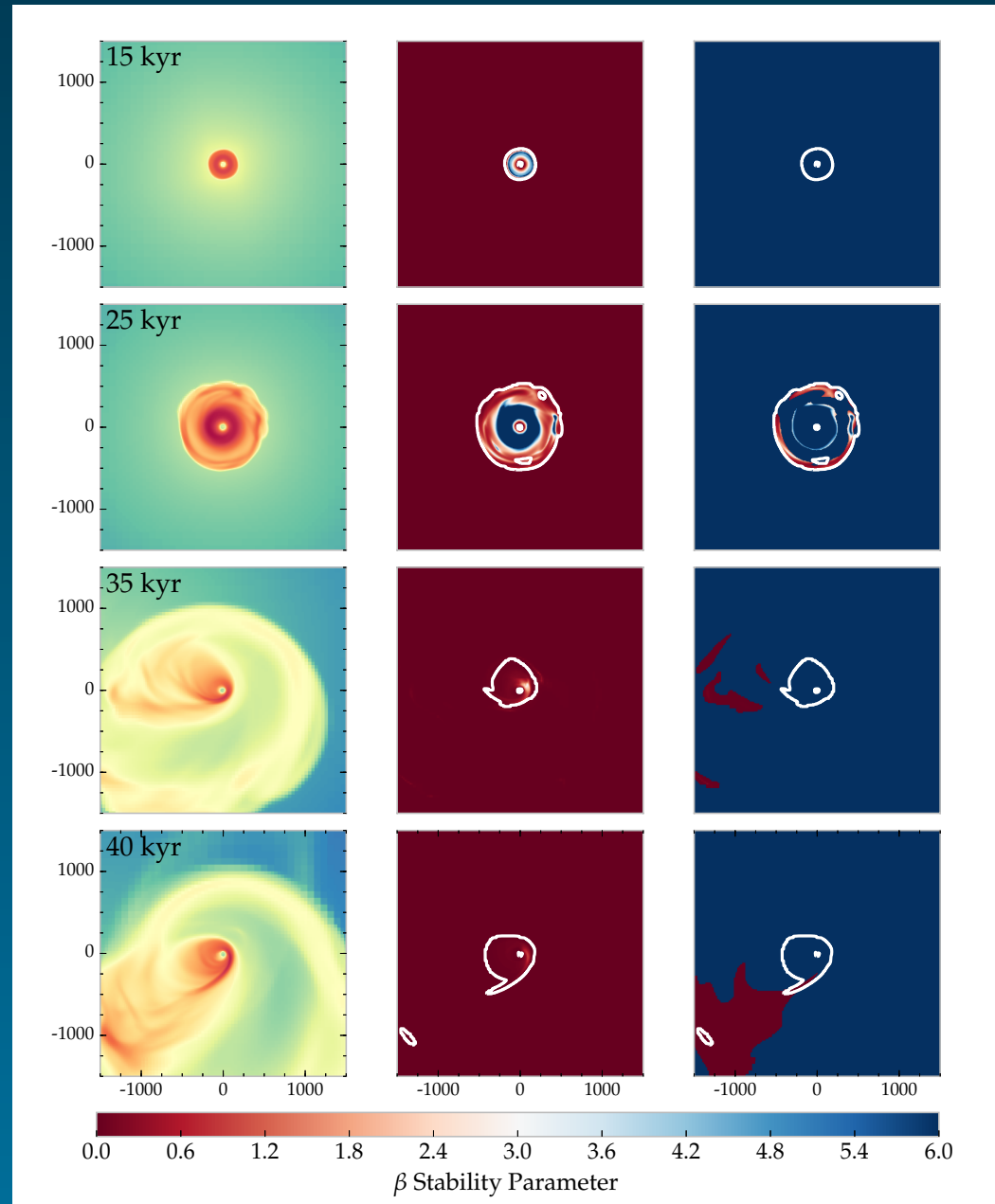
Fragmentation and cooling... mostly stable

Fragmentation of disks requires both $Q < 1$, AND rapid cooling (Johnson & Gammie 2003)

$$t_{\text{cool}}\Omega = \beta < 1$$

Middle: β map (cooling from flux radiative flux loss):

Right column: $Q < 1$ in dark blue: maybe one fragments ~ 1000 AU

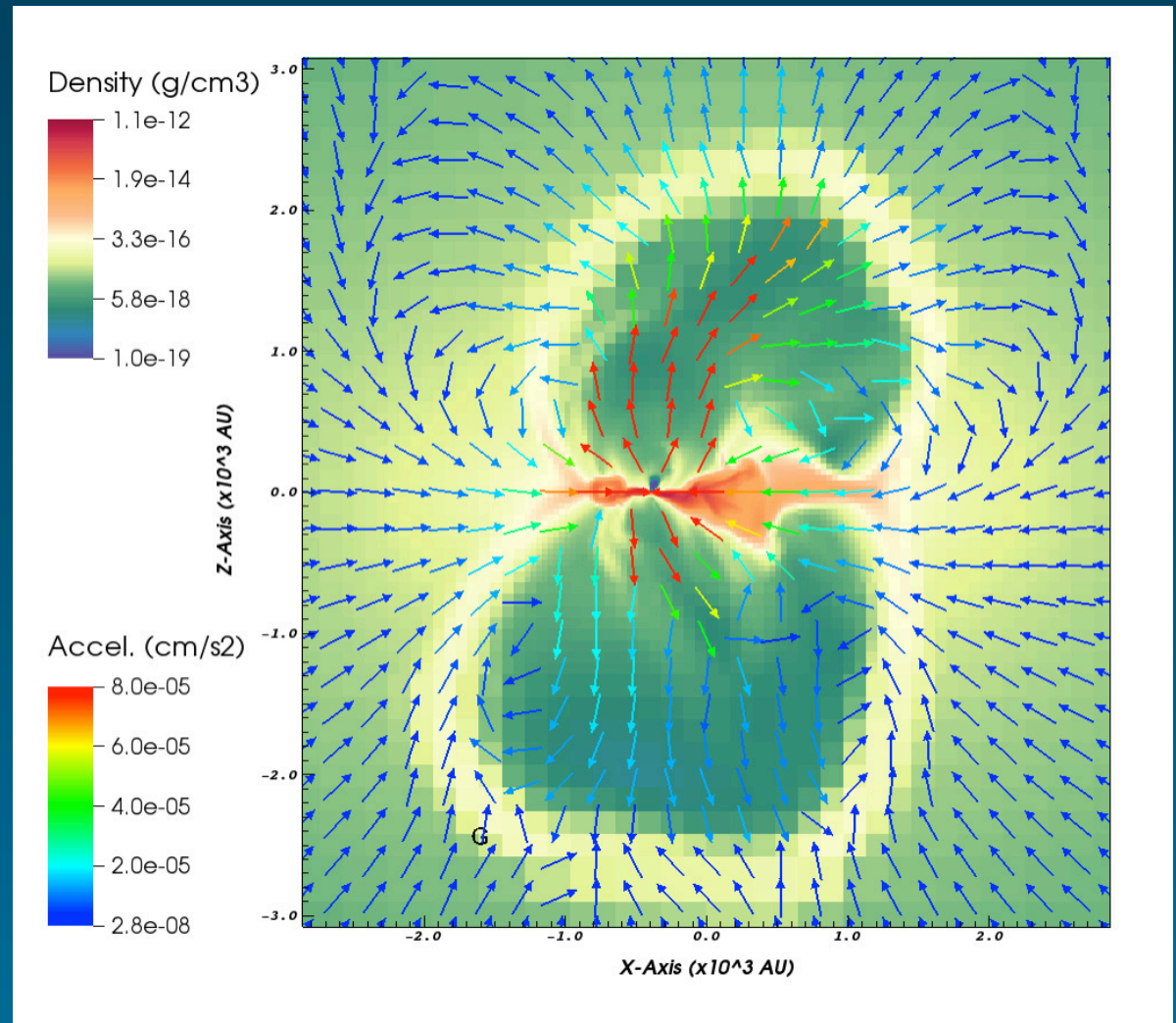


No Rayleigh- Taylor instabilities in bubble wall

R-T: light fluid supporting heavier fluid... net force must be dominated by gravity.

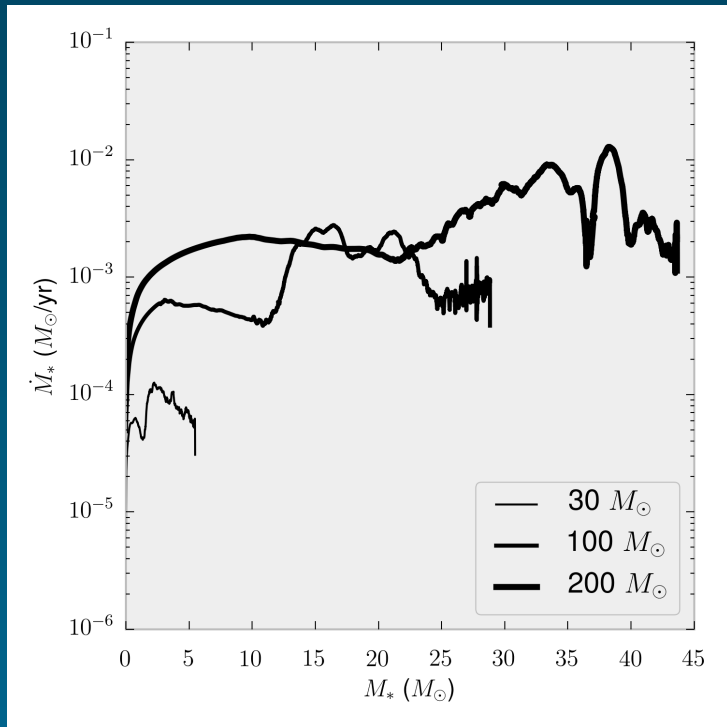
- Net acceleration vectors (radiation – gravity) outwards... stable.

- For reply to this using Orion hybrid code: Rosen+ 2016

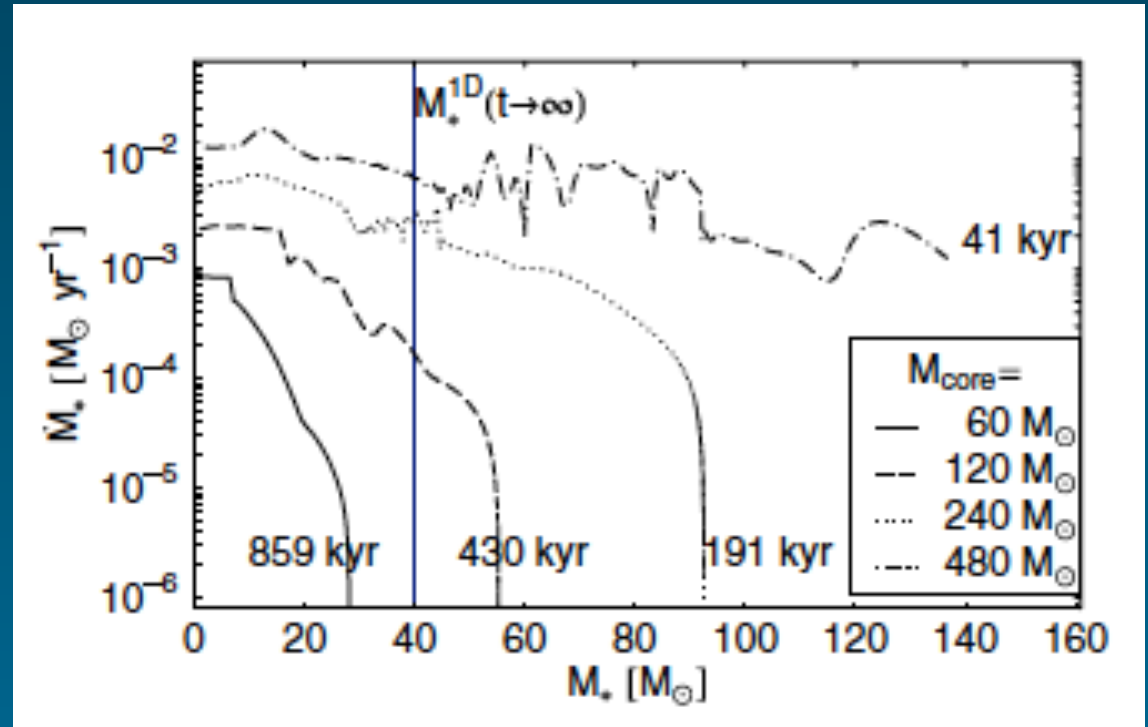


Accretion rates, mass reservoirs, and stellar masses

Only limit on stellar mass is size of mass reservoir....



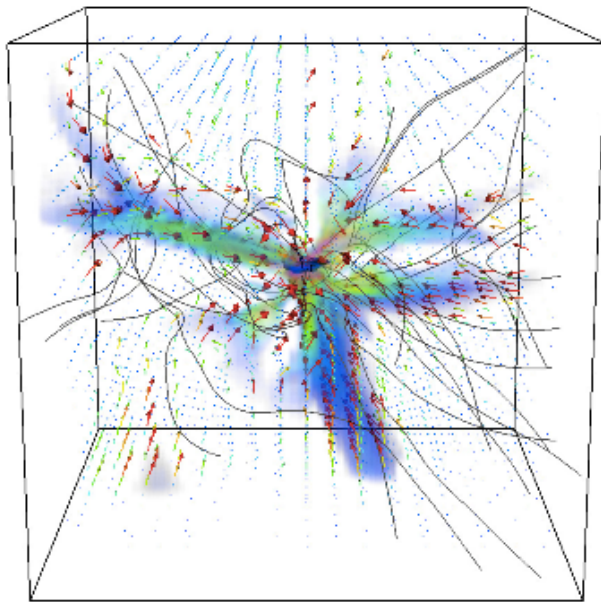
Klassen + 2015 - onset of disk accretion marked



Kuiper + 2010 sims - similar trends, not as marked disk accretion increase

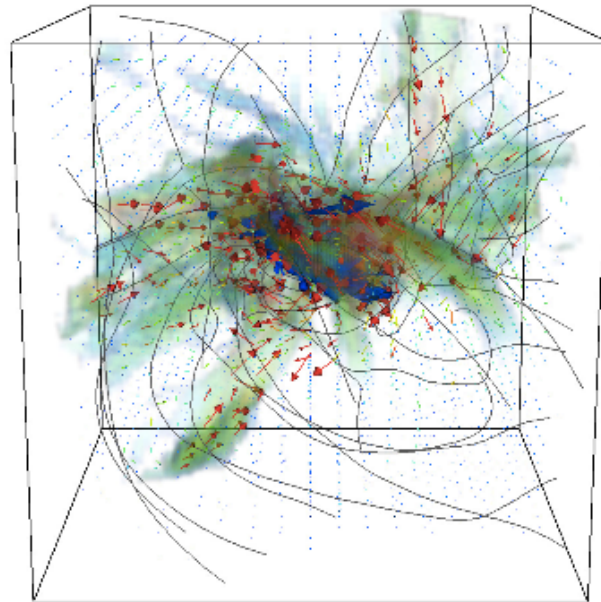
DISKS: turbulence + B field...

1. **Quiescent rotating core** with B field:
Magnetic braking “catastrophe” **NO DISK FORMS!**
(Mellon & Li 2008, Hennebelle & Fromang 2008, review Z-Y Li+ 2014)
2. **Turbulent MHD** – degrades torque, disk forms – accretion from a few filaments covering only 10% of area (Seifried+2012, 2013, 2015)



2.6

and



100 M_{\odot}

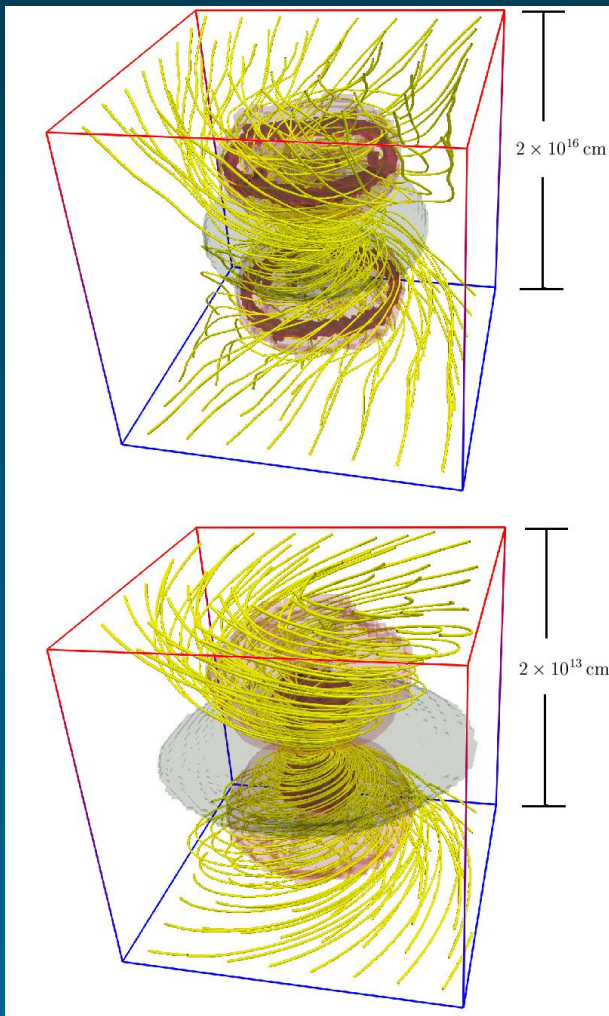
1300 AU scale, **no initial rotation**, velocity vectors, B (black lines), forming Keplerian disk (blue), filaments (green). Seifried, Banerjee, Pudritz, & Klessen (2015)

Outflows

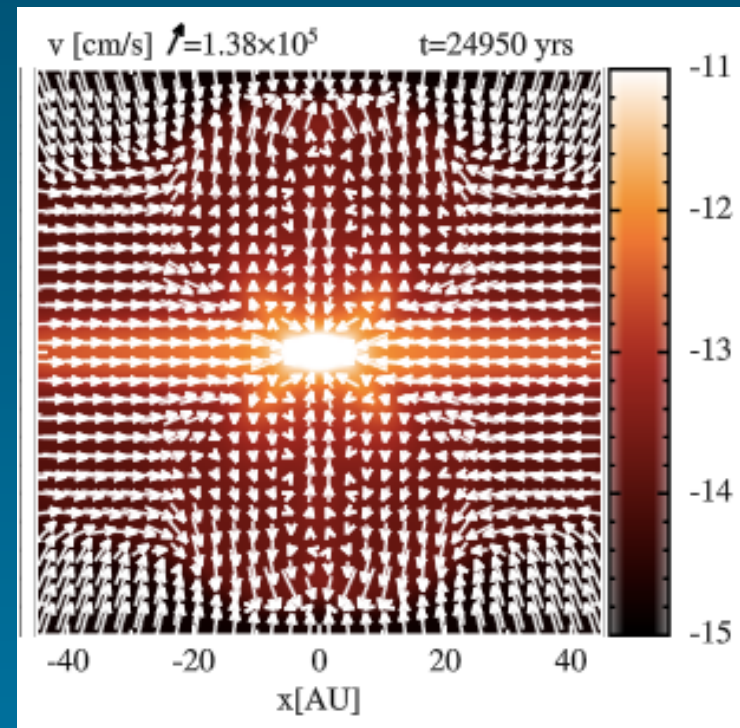
Early stages: gravitational collapse of rotating, magnetized cores produces disks and disk winds (Banerjee & Pudritz 2006, rev. Pudritz +2007): **PRECEEDS Radiative feedback...**

2 components of the flow

- Upper; magnetic tower flow
- Lower; zoomed in by 1000, centrifugally driven disk wind

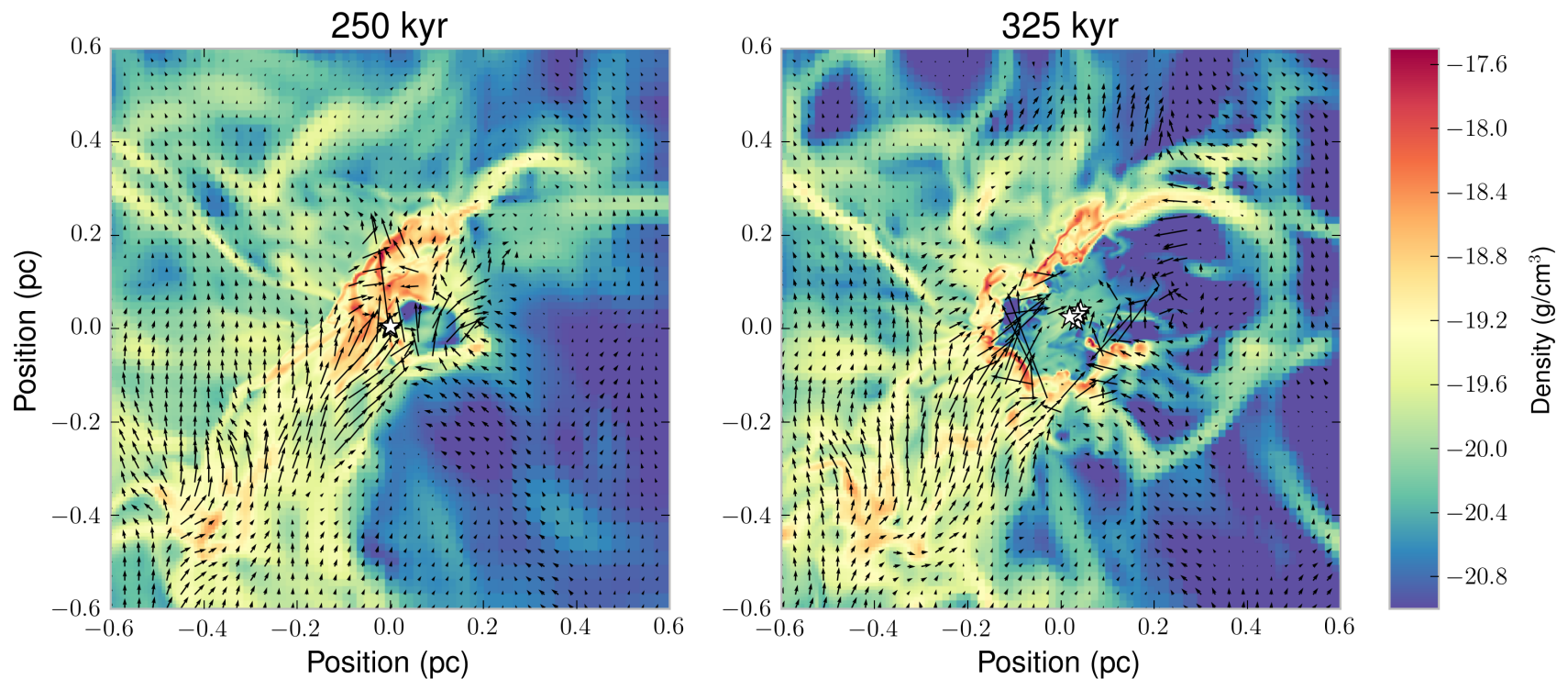


MHD outflows associated with formation of first hydrostatic core (Bate+2014)



Finite mass reservoirs:

Feedback in filamentary clouds: B and ρ in slice
(Klassen, Pudritz, and Kirk 2016, MNR)



Bubble disrupts filament and B structure, ending filament accretion
In 1200 solar mass simulation that forms a $16 M_{\text{Sun}}$ star.

SUMMARY

- Radiation feedback and massive star formation:
 - is likely a disk mediated process; not fallback. Gravitational instability in massive disks creates highly episodic, massive accretion bursts.
 - accretion is probably not limited by radiation – reservoir limited process.
 - We still don't really know how does cloud structure promotes formation of massive cores...
 - Early outflows, if universal, probably clear out the first channels out of which radiation escapes.