

# The Interstellar Medium

IMPRS-LECTURE

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# Prologue

...it would be better for the **true physics** if there were **no mathematicians** on earth.

Daniel Bernoulli

A THEORY that agrees with all the data *at any given time* is necessarily *wrong*, as at any given time *not all the data are correct*.

Francis Crick

*TELESCOPE, n.* A device, having a relation to the **eye** similar to that of the *telephone to the ear*, enabling distant objects to plague us with a **multitude of needless details**.

Luckily it is unprovided with a *bell ...*

Ambrose Bierce

For those who want some proof that physicists are **human**, the proof is in the idiocy of all the different units which they use for **measuring energy**.

Richard P. Feynman

# Overview

## LECTURE 1: Non-thermal ISM Components

- **Basic Plasma Physics (Intro)**
  - Debye length, plasma frequency, plasma criteria
- **Magnetic Fields**
  - Basic MHD
  - Alfvén Waves
- **Cosmic Rays (CRs)**
  - CR spectrum, CR clocks, grammage
  - Interaction with ISM, propagation, acceleration

# LECTURE 2: Dynamical ISM Processes

- **Gas Dynamics & Applications**
  - Shocks
  - HII Regions
  - Stellar Winds
  - Superbubbles
- **Instabilities**
  - Kelvin-Helmholtz Instability
  - Parker Instability

# LECTURE 1

## Non-Thermal ISM Components

### I.1 Basic Plasma Physics

- Almost all baryonic matter in the universe is in the form of a plasma ( $> 99\%$ )
- Earth is an exception
- **Terrestrial Phenomena:** lightning, polar lights, neon & candle light
- **Properties:** *collective behaviour*, wave propagation, dispersion, diamagnetic behaviour, Faraday rotation

- **Plasma generation:**

- Temperature increase

- However:** no **phase** transition!

- Continuous* increase of ionization (e.g. flame)

- Photoionisation (e.g. ionosphere)

- Electric Field („cold“ plasma, e.g. gas discharge)

- **Plasma radiation:**

- Lines (emission + absorption)

- Recombination (free-bound transition)

- Bremsstrahlung (free-free transition)

- Black Body radiation (thermodyn. equilibrium)

- Cyclotron & Synchrotron emission

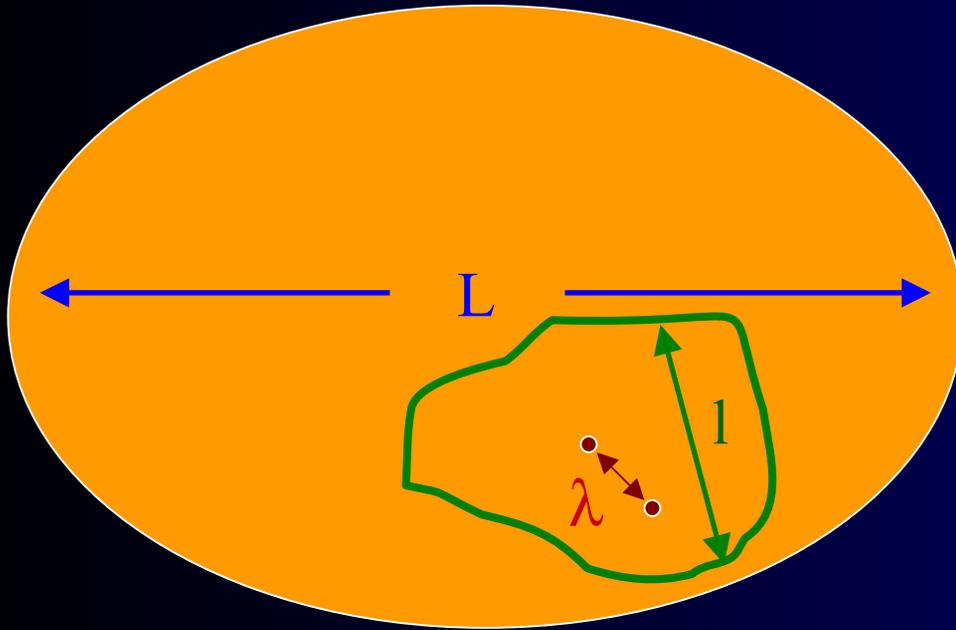
## 1. Definition:

- System of electrically charged particles (electrons + ions) & neutrals
- **Collective behaviour**  $\longrightarrow$  long range Coulomb forces

## 2. Criteria & Parameters for Plasmas:

- i. Macroscopic neutrality: Net Charge  $Q=0$   
 $L \gg \lambda_D$  ( $\lambda_D$ ... Debye length) for **collective** behaviour
- ii. Many particles within Debye sphere  $N_D \approx n_e \lambda_D^3 \gg 1$
- iii. Many plasma oscillations between ion-neutral damping collisions  $\omega \tau_{en} \gg 1$

# Quasi-neutral Plasma



- Physical volume:  $L$
- Test volume:  $l$
- Mean free path:  $\lambda$

- Requirement:

$$\lambda \ll l \ll L$$

Net Charge:  $Q = 0$

- To violate charge neutrality within radius  $r$  requires electric potential:

$$q = \frac{4}{3} \pi r^3 (n_i e + n_e (-e)) = \frac{4}{3} \pi r^3 e (n_i - n_e)$$

$$\Rightarrow \Phi = \frac{q}{r} = \frac{4}{3} \pi r^2 e (n_i - n_e)$$

For

$$e = 4.803 \times 10^{-10} \text{ esu}, 1 \text{ esu} = 1 \text{ cm}^{3/2} \text{ g}^{1/2} \text{ s}^{-1}$$

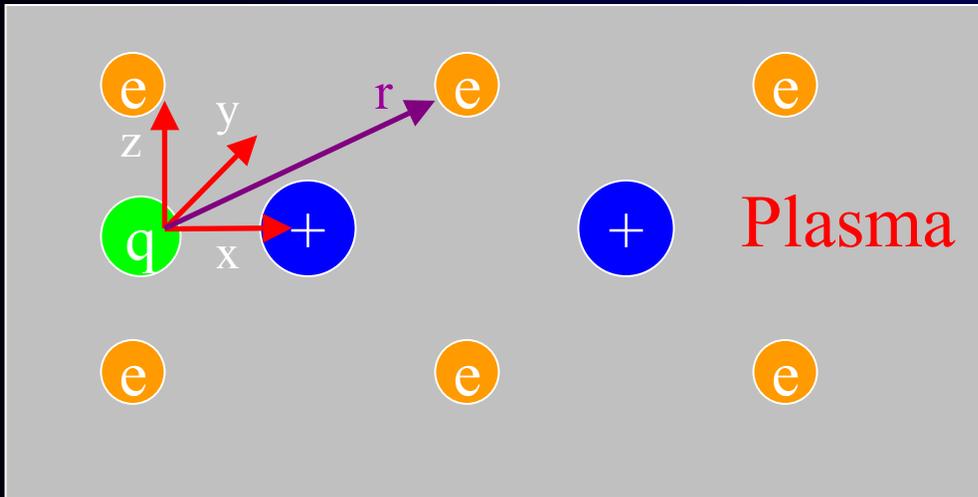
$$\text{and } r = 1 \text{ cm}, n = 10^{11} \text{ cm}^{-3}, |n_i - n_e| \approx 0.01 n_i$$

we need a voltage of

$$\Phi = 6.03 \times 10^3 \text{ V} \quad \text{or } T \approx 7 \times 10^7 \text{ K}$$

# Debye Shielding

- Violation of  $Q=0$  only within Debye sphere



q ... positive test charge

Equilibrium is disturbed

Is there a new equil. state?

Look for steady state!

- Electrostatics:  $\vec{E} = -\vec{\nabla}\Phi(\vec{r})$
- Equilibrium: Boltzmann distribution

$$n_e(\vec{r}) = n_0 \exp\left[\frac{e\Phi(\vec{r})}{k_B T}\right], \quad n_i(\vec{r}) = n_0 \exp\left[\frac{-e\Phi(\vec{r})}{k_B T}\right]$$

- Total charge density:

$$\rho(\vec{\mathbf{r}}) = -e(n_e(\vec{\mathbf{r}}) - n_i(\vec{\mathbf{r}})) + Q\delta(\vec{\mathbf{r}})$$

$$= -en_0 \left\{ \exp\left[\frac{e\Phi(\vec{\mathbf{r}})}{k_B T}\right] - \exp\left[\frac{-e\Phi(\vec{\mathbf{r}})}{k_B T}\right] \right\} + Q\delta(\vec{\mathbf{r}})$$

- Relation between charge distribution and charge density (Maxwell):  $\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{\mathbf{E}} = 4\pi\rho(\vec{\mathbf{r}})$
- Disturbed potential thus given by diff.eq.:

$$\nabla^2 \Phi(\vec{\mathbf{r}}) - 4\pi e n_0 \left\{ \exp\left[\frac{e\Phi(\vec{\mathbf{r}})}{k_B T}\right] - \exp\left[\frac{-e\Phi(\vec{\mathbf{r}})}{k_B T}\right] \right\} = -4\pi Q\delta(\vec{\mathbf{r}})$$

- Test charge with small electrostatic potential energy:

$$e \Phi(\vec{r}) \ll k_B T \quad \longrightarrow \quad \exp\left[\pm e \frac{\Phi(\vec{r})}{k_B T}\right] \approx 1 \pm \frac{\Phi(\vec{r})}{k_B T}$$

- Thus the transcendental equation can be approximated

$$\nabla^2 \Phi(\vec{r}) - 4\pi e n_0 \left\{ 2 e \left[ \frac{\Phi(\vec{r})}{k_B T} \right] \right\} = -4\pi Q \delta(\vec{r})$$

- Defining the Debye length:

$$\lambda_D = \sqrt{\frac{k_B T}{4\pi e^2 n_0}}$$

$$\longrightarrow \nabla^2 \Phi(\vec{r}) - \frac{2}{\lambda_D^2} \Phi(\vec{r}) = -4\pi Q \delta(\vec{r})$$

- Electrostatic forces are central forces:  $\Phi(\vec{r}) = \Phi(r)$

In spherical coordinates:

$$\frac{1}{r^2} \frac{d}{dr} \left( r^2 \frac{d}{dr} \Phi(r) \right) - \frac{2}{\lambda_D^2} \Phi(r) = 0$$

with boundary conditions :

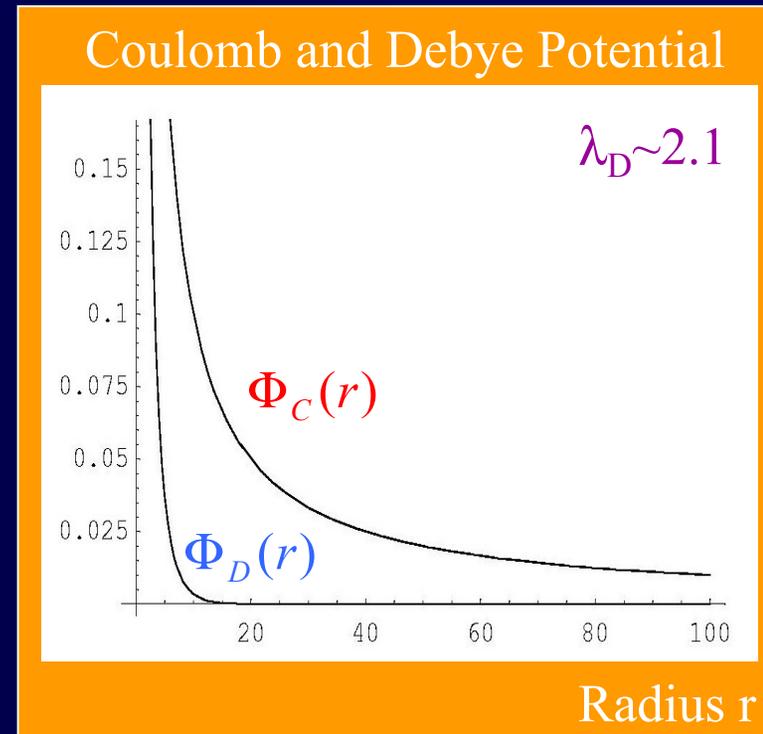
$$r \rightarrow 0: \Phi(r) \rightarrow \Phi_C(r) = \frac{Q}{r}$$

$$r \rightarrow \infty: \Phi(r) \rightarrow 0$$

- Result:

$$\Phi_D(r) = \frac{Q}{r} \exp \left[ -\frac{\sqrt{2}}{\lambda_D} r \right]$$

Debye-Hückel Potential



- Is total charge neutrality fulfilled:  $q_{\text{tot}} = 0$  ?

$$\begin{aligned}
 q_{\text{tot}} &= \int_V \rho(\vec{r}) d^3r = -\frac{q}{2\pi\lambda_D^2} \int_V \frac{1}{r} \exp\left(-\frac{\sqrt{2}}{\lambda_D} r\right) d^3r + \int_V q \delta(\vec{r}) d^3r \\
 &= -\frac{q}{2\pi\lambda_D^2} \int_0^\infty 4\pi r^2 \frac{1}{r} \exp\left(-\frac{\sqrt{2}}{\lambda_D} r\right) dr + \underbrace{\int_0^\infty 4\pi r^2 q \delta(r) dr}_q \\
 &= -\frac{q}{2\pi\lambda_D^2} \left[ 4\pi r \left(-\frac{\lambda_D}{\sqrt{2}}\right) \exp\left(-\frac{\sqrt{2}}{\lambda_D} r\right) \right]_0^\infty + \text{Partial} \\
 &\quad + \frac{q}{2\pi\lambda_D^2} \int_0^\infty 4\pi \left(-\frac{\lambda_D}{\sqrt{2}}\right) \exp\left(-\frac{\sqrt{2}}{\lambda_D} r\right) dr + q \\
 &\quad \quad \quad \text{Integration} \\
 &= -\frac{q}{2\pi\lambda_D^2} [0 - 0] + \frac{q}{2\pi\lambda_D^2} \left[ 4\pi \frac{\lambda_D^2}{2} \exp\left(-\frac{\sqrt{2}}{\lambda_D} r\right) \right]_0^\infty + q \\
 &= \frac{q}{2\pi\lambda_D^2} [0 - 2\pi\lambda_D^2] + q = q - q = 0 \quad \text{q.e.d.}
 \end{aligned}$$

# Importance of Debye Shielding

- Test charge  $q$  **neutralized** by neighbouring plasma charges  $\rightarrow$  within „Debye sphere“
- Charge neutrality guaranteed for  $r \gg \lambda_D$
- For  $r \rightarrow 0$ :  $\Phi_D(r) \rightarrow \infty$  bec.  $e\Phi \ll k_B T$  breaks down
- Factor „2“: due to non-equil. distr. of ions

If we neglect ion motions:  $n_i = n_0$ :

$$\Phi_D(r) = \frac{Q}{r} e^{-\frac{r}{\lambda_D}}$$

- Numbers:

$$\lambda_D = 6.9 \sqrt{\frac{T[\text{K}]}{n_e[\text{cm}^{-3}]}} \text{ cm}$$

**Ionosphere:**  $T=1000 \text{ K}$ ,  $n_e=10^6 \text{ cm}^{-3}$ ,  $\lambda_D=0.2 \text{ cm}$

**ISM:**  $T=10^4 \text{ K}$ ,  $n_e \sim 1 \text{ cm}^{-3}$ ,  $\lambda_D=6.9 \text{ m}$ ;  $L_{\text{ISM}} \sim 3 \cdot 10^{16} \text{ m}$

**Discharge:**  $T=10^4 \text{ K}$ ,  $n_e=10^{10} \text{ cm}^{-3}$ ,  $\lambda_D=6.9 \cdot 10^{-3} \text{ cm}$

- Number of particles in a Debye sphere:

$$N_D = \frac{4}{3} \pi n_e \lambda_D^3 \longrightarrow \text{Plasma parameter: } g = (n_e \lambda_D^3)^{-1}$$

- **Charge neutrality** can only be maintained for a sufficient number of particles in Debye sphere:

$$N_D \gg 1 \Leftrightarrow g \ll 1$$

- **Collective behaviour** only for  $r \ll \lambda_D$  for each particle: only here violation of  $Q=0$  possible
- Debye shielding is due to collective behaviour
- $g \ll 1$ :  $\lambda_{\text{mfp}} \ll \lambda_D$

# Plasma frequency

- Violation of  $Q=0$ : strong electrostatic restoring forces lead to *Langmuir oscillations* due to inertia of particles
- **Electrons move, ions are immobile**
- Averaged over a period:  $Q=0$
- Longitudinal harmonic oscillations with plasma frequency:

$$\omega_p = \sqrt{\frac{4\pi e^2 n_e}{m_e}}$$

# *Oscillations damped by collisions between electrons and neutral particles*

$\tau_{en} \sim 1/\nu_{en}$  ... mean collision time

To restore charge neutrality we need:

$$\omega \gg \nu_{en} \Leftrightarrow \omega \tau_{en} \gg 1$$

## Plasma Criteria

- i.  $L \gg \lambda_D$
- ii.  $N_D \approx n_e \lambda_D^3 \gg 1$
- iii.  $\omega \tau_{en} \gg 1$

Exercise:

Check the validity of plasma criteria: ISM – DIG:  
 $T_e \sim 8000$  K,  $n_e \sim 1$  cm<sup>-3</sup>

## I.2 Magnetic Fields

- Magnetic Fields (MFs) are ubiquitous in universe
- Observational evidence in ISM:
  - Polarization of star light  $\rightarrow$  dust  $\rightarrow$  gives  $B_{\perp}$
  - Zeeman effect  $\rightarrow$  HI  $\rightarrow$  gives  $B_{\parallel}$
  - Synchrotron radiation  $\rightarrow$  relativistic  $e^{-}$   $\rightarrow$  gives  $B_{\perp}$
  - Faraday rotation  $\rightarrow$  thermal  $e^{-}$   $\rightarrow$  gives  $B_{\parallel}$
- Sources of MFs are **electric currents**  $\vec{j}$
- In ISM conductivity  $\sigma$  is high, thus large scale electric fields are negligible and  $\vec{j} = \frac{c}{4\pi} (\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{B})$

# Basic Magnetohydrodynamics (MHD)

- Plasma is ensemble of charged (electrons + ions) and neutral particles → characterized by distribution function in phase space  $f_i(\vec{x}, \vec{p}, t)$  → evol. by Boltzmann Eq.
- MHD is **macroscopic** theory marrying **Maxwell's Eqs.** with **fluid dynamic eqs.**: „**magnetic fluid dynamics**“
- Moving charges produce currents which interact with MF → backreaction on fluid motion
- To see basic MHD effects, a **single fluid MHD** is treated (mass density in ions, high inertia compared to  $e^-$ )
- For simplicity gas treated as **perfect fluid** (eq. of state)
- **Neglect dissipative** processes: molecular viscosity, thermal conductivity, resistivity

# Basic MHD assumptions

## 1. Low frequency limit: $\omega \ll v_c$

- Consider large scale ( $\lambda$  big,  $\omega$  small) gas motions
- Consider volume  $V$  of extension  $L$ :  $\omega \sim \frac{1}{\tau} \sim \frac{v_{th}}{L} \ll v_c \sim \frac{v_{th}}{\lambda_{mfp}}$

(hydrodynamic limit)  $\Leftrightarrow \frac{\lambda_{mfp}}{L} \equiv Kn \ll 1$

- If  $\omega \ll v_{ei}$  then  $P_e \approx P_i$  as assumed
- Note that also  $\omega \ll \omega_g$  (for el. + ions) holds
- Ampère's law:  $\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{B} = \frac{4\pi}{c} \vec{j} + \frac{1}{c} \frac{\partial \vec{E}}{\partial t}$

simplifies to  $\vec{j} = \frac{c}{4\pi} (\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{B})$  since  $\left| \frac{1}{c} \frac{\partial \vec{E}}{\partial t} \right| \ll \left| \vec{\nabla} \times \vec{B} \right| \sim \frac{1/c}{B/L} \frac{E}{\tau} = \frac{L}{\tau} \frac{v}{c^2} \ll 1$

using (see 2.)  $E \sim \frac{v}{c} B$

## 2. Non-relativistic limit : $v/c \ll 1$

- Electric + magnetic field in plasma rest frame are then:

$$\vec{E}' = \vec{E} + \frac{1}{c}(\vec{v} \times \vec{B})$$

$$\vec{B}' = \vec{B} - \frac{1}{c}(\vec{v} \times \vec{E})$$

- For  $v \ll c$ ,  $e^-$  due to high mobility prevent large scale E-fields, i.e.

$$\vec{\nabla} \Phi \rightarrow 0 \Leftrightarrow \vec{E}' \rightarrow 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{E} = -\frac{1}{c}[\vec{v} \times \vec{B}], \quad \vec{B}' = \vec{B} + 1/c^2[\vec{v} \times (\vec{v} \times \vec{B})] \approx \vec{B} \Rightarrow \vec{j}' = \vec{j}$$

- Current density

$$\vec{j} = Zen_i \vec{v}_i - en_e \vec{v}_e = -en_e \vec{u}_e$$

$$\text{with } \vec{u}_e = \vec{v}_e - \vec{v}_i \text{ (drift speed), and } \rho_e = Zen_i - en_e \equiv 0$$

Negligible drift speed between electrons and ions:

$$u_e \sim \frac{j}{en_e} \sim \frac{c}{4\pi} \frac{B}{en_e L}$$

Consider ISM with B-field:  $B \sim 3 \mu\text{G}$ ,  $L \sim 1 \text{ pc}$ ,  $n_e \sim 1 \text{ cm}^{-3}$

$u_e \sim 4.8 \cdot 10^{-11} \text{ km/s}$  as compared to  $c_s \sim 1 \text{ km/s}$

 motion of ions and electrons coupled via collisions;  
small drift speed for keeping up B-field extremely low!

### 3. High electric conductivity $\sigma \rightarrow \infty$ : ideal MHD

- In principle  $u_e$  is needed to calculate current density  
however **Ohm's law** can be used instead:

$$\text{Since } \vec{B}' = \vec{B}, \text{ we have } \vec{j}' = \vec{j} = \sigma \vec{E}' = \sigma \left( \vec{E} + \frac{1}{c} (\vec{v} \times \vec{B}) \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{E} = -\frac{1}{c} (\vec{v} \times \vec{B}), \text{ for } \sigma \rightarrow \infty$$

Thus Faraday's law is given by:

$$\frac{\partial \vec{B}}{\partial t} = -\frac{1}{c} [\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{E}] = -\frac{1}{c} (\vec{\nabla} \times [\vec{v} \times \vec{B}])$$

## Magnetic pressure and tension

- The equation of motion (including Lorentz force term):

$$\rho \frac{d\vec{v}}{dt} = \rho \frac{\partial \vec{v}}{\partial t} + \rho (\vec{v} \cdot \vec{\nabla}) \vec{v} = -\vec{\nabla} P + \vec{F}_{mag} + \vec{F}_{ext}$$

with 
$$\vec{F}_{mag} = \rho \frac{1}{c} [\vec{v} \times \vec{B}] = \frac{1}{c} [\vec{j} \times \vec{B}] = \frac{1}{4\pi} [\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{B}] \times \vec{B}$$

Note: if 
$$\frac{1}{4\pi} [\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{B}] \times \vec{B} = 0 \Rightarrow \vec{B} = -\vec{\nabla} \psi$$
 field is force free

Potential field!

- Magnetic pressure and tension:

- Aside: killing vector cross products use  $\epsilon$ -tensor  $\epsilon_{ijk}$  and write  $\vec{a} \times \vec{b} = a_i b_j \epsilon_{ijk}$  with summation convention and the identity:  $\epsilon_{ijk} \epsilon_{klm} = \delta_{ik} \delta_{jl} - \delta_{il} \delta_{jk}$

Thus:

$$\begin{aligned}
 [\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{B}] \times \vec{B} &= -\vec{B} \times [\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{B}] \\
 &= -B_i (\partial_j B_k \epsilon_{jkl}) \epsilon_{ilm} = -B_i (\partial_j B_k) \epsilon_{jkl} \epsilon_{ilm} \\
 &= B_i (\partial_j B_k) \epsilon_{jkl} \epsilon_{lim} = B_i (\partial_j B_k) [\delta_{ji} \delta_{km} - \delta_{jm} \delta_{ki}] \\
 &= B_i (\partial_i B_m) - B_i (\partial_m B_i) \\
 &= (\vec{B} \vec{\nabla}) \vec{B} - \frac{1}{2} (\vec{\nabla} B^2)
 \end{aligned}$$

- Thus 
$$\vec{F}_{mag} = \frac{1}{4\pi} [\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{B}] \times \vec{B} = \frac{(\vec{B} \vec{\nabla}) \vec{B}}{4\pi} - \frac{B^2}{8\pi}$$

Magnetic tension
Magnetic pressure

- If field lines are parallel  $(\vec{B} \vec{\nabla}) \vec{B} = 0$  i.e. no magnetic tension, but magnetic pressure will act on fluid
- If field lines are bent, magnetic tension straightens them
- Magnetic tension acts along the field lines  
(**Example:** tension keeps refrigerator door closed)

# Ideal MHD Equations

- Note that  $\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{B} = 0$  is included in Faraday's law as *initial condition!*

$$\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} + \vec{\nabla} \cdot (\rho \vec{v}) = 0$$

$$\rho \frac{\partial \vec{v}}{\partial t} + \rho (\vec{v} \cdot \vec{\nabla}) \vec{v} = -\vec{\nabla} P + \frac{1}{4\pi} (\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{B}) \times \vec{B} + \vec{F}_{ext}$$

$$\frac{\partial \vec{B}}{\partial t} = \vec{\nabla} \times (\vec{v} \times \vec{B})$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} \left( \frac{P}{\rho^\gamma} \right) = 0$$

- *Here we used the simple adiabatic energy equation*

# Magnetic Viscosity and Reynolds number

- For **finite conductivity** field lines can diffuse away
- Analyze induction equation:

$$\frac{\partial \vec{B}}{\partial t} = -c(\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{E})$$

$$\vec{j} = \vec{j}' = \sigma \vec{E}' = \sigma \left( \vec{E} + \frac{1}{c}(\vec{v} \times \vec{B}) \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{E} = \frac{\vec{j}}{\sigma} - \frac{1}{c}(\vec{v} \times \vec{B}) \quad \dots \text{keep the term with } \sigma!!!$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\partial \vec{B}}{\partial t} = -\frac{c}{\sigma}(\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{j}) + \vec{\nabla} \times (\vec{v} \times \vec{B})$$

$$= \vec{\nabla} \times (\vec{v} \times \vec{B}) - \frac{c^2}{4\pi\sigma} [\vec{\nabla}(\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{B}) - \nabla^2 \vec{B}]$$

$$= \vec{\nabla} \times (\vec{v} \times \vec{B}) + \eta_m \nabla^2 \vec{B}$$

$$\eta_m = \frac{c^2}{4\pi\sigma}$$

... magnetic viscosity

- First term is the kinematic MHD term, second is

diffusion term

$$|\vec{\nabla} \times (\vec{v} \times \vec{B})| \sim \frac{vB}{L}$$

- Comparing both terms:

$$|\eta_m \nabla^2 \vec{B}| \sim \eta_m \frac{B}{L^2}$$

- Magnetic **Reynolds number**:

$$R_m \equiv \frac{vB/L}{\eta_m B/L^2} = \frac{vL}{\eta_m}$$

- $R_m \gg 1$ : advection term dominates

$R_m \ll 1$ : diffusion term dominates

*cf. analogy to laminar and turbulent motions!*

# Magnetic field diffusion

- For  $R_m \ll 1$  we get:  $\frac{\partial \vec{B}}{\partial t} = \eta_m \nabla^2 \vec{B}$

- Deriving a magnetic diffusion time scale:

$$\frac{B}{\tau_D} \sim \frac{\eta_m B}{L^2} \Rightarrow \tau_D \sim \frac{L^2}{\eta_m} = \frac{4\pi\sigma L^2}{c^2}$$

Note: Form identical to heat conduction and particle diffusion

- Field diffusion decreases magnetic energy: field generating currents are dissipated due to finite conductivity -> Joule heating of plasma

# Examples:

- Block of copper:  $L=10$  cm,  $\sigma=10^{18}$  s $^{-1}$   $\Rightarrow \tau_D \approx 1.2$  s

- Sun:  $R_{\odot} \sim L=7 \cdot 10^{10}$  cm,  $\sigma=10^{16}$  s $^{-1}$

$$\Rightarrow \tau_D \approx 6 \times 10^{17} \text{ s} \approx 2 \times 10^{10} \text{ yr!}$$

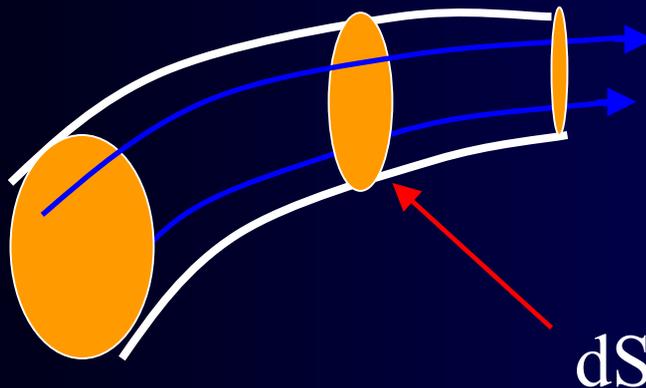
although conductivity is not so high, it is the large dimension  $L$  in the sun (as well as in **ISM**) that keep  $R_m$  high!

- Note that since  $\tau_D \propto \sigma L^2$  turbulence decreases  $L$  and thus diffusion times

 thus fields in ISM have to be regenerated (dynamo?)

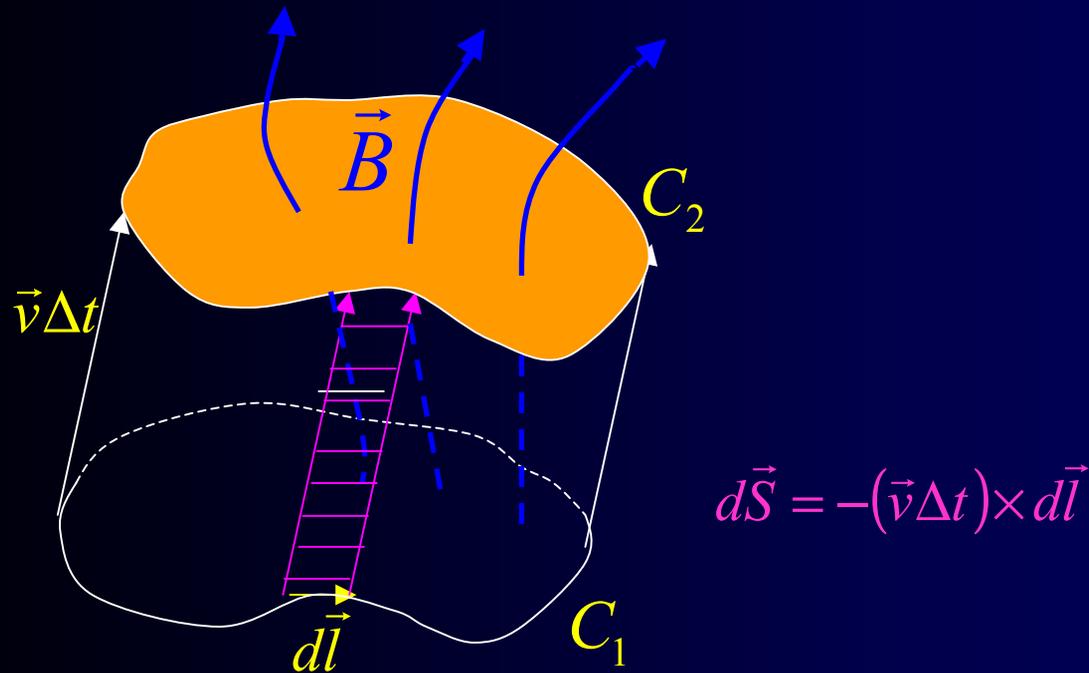
# Concept of Flux freezing

- Flux freezing arises directly from the MHD kinematic (Faraday) equation ( $R_m \gg 1$ ): magnetic field lines are advected along with fluid, magnetic flux through any surface advected with fluid remains constant
- Theorem: Magnetic flux through bounded advected surface remains constant with time
- Proof: Consider flux tube



Flux tube

- Consider surface  $\vec{S}_1 = \vec{S}(t)$  bounded by  $C_1$  and  $\vec{S}_2 = \vec{S}(t + \Delta t)$  by  $C_2$



- Surface changes position and shape with time
- Magnetic flux through surface at time  $t$ :

$$\Phi_B = \int_S \vec{B}(\vec{r}, t) d\vec{S}$$

- Rate of change of flux through open surface:

$$\frac{d}{dt} \left[ \int_S \vec{B}(\vec{r}, t) d\vec{S} \right] = \lim_{\Delta t \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{\Delta t} \left[ \int_{S_2} \vec{B}(\vec{r}, t + \Delta t) d\vec{S} - \int_{S_1} \vec{B}(\vec{r}, t) d\vec{S} \right]$$

- Expand field in Taylor series

$$\vec{B}(\vec{r}, t + \Delta t) = \vec{B}(\vec{r}, t) + \frac{\partial \vec{B}(\vec{r}, t)}{\partial t} \Delta t + \dots$$

- So that

$$\frac{d}{dt} \left[ \int_S \vec{B}(\vec{r}, t) d\vec{S} \right] = \lim_{\Delta t \rightarrow 0} \left\{ \int_{S_2} \frac{\partial \vec{B}(\vec{r}, t)}{\partial t} d\vec{S} + \frac{1}{\Delta t} \left[ \int_{S_2} \vec{B}(\vec{r}, t) d\vec{S} - \int_{S_1} \vec{B}(\vec{r}, t) d\vec{S} \right] \right\}$$

- Using Gauss law

$$\oint_V \vec{B} d\vec{S} = \int_V \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{B} d^3\vec{r} = 0$$

and applying to the closed surface consisting of

$\vec{S}_1, \vec{S}_2$  and the cylindrical surface of length  $\vec{v}\Delta t$

We obtain *bottom* *top* *mantle*

$$\oint \vec{B} d\vec{S} = - \int_{S_1} \vec{B}(\vec{r}, t) d\vec{S} + \int_{S_2} \vec{B}(\vec{r}, t) d\vec{S} - \oint_{C_1} \vec{B}(\vec{r}, t) [(\vec{v} \Delta t) \times d\vec{l}] = 0$$

- Noting that in the limit  $\Delta t \rightarrow 0$ ,  $\vec{S}_2(t) = \vec{S}_2(t + \Delta t) \rightarrow \vec{S}_1(t) = \vec{S}(t)$

$$\frac{d}{dt} \left[ \int_S \vec{B}(\vec{r}, t) d\vec{S} \right] = \int_S \frac{\partial \vec{B}(\vec{r}, t)}{\partial t} d\vec{S} + \oint_C \vec{B}(\vec{r}, t) \cdot [\vec{v} \times d\vec{l}]$$

and using the vector identity  $\vec{B}(\vec{r}, t) \cdot (\vec{v} \times d\vec{l}) = -[\vec{v} \times \vec{B}(\vec{r}, t)] \cdot d\vec{l}$

and Stokes' theorem  $\oint_C [\vec{v} \times \vec{B}(\vec{r}, t)] \cdot d\vec{l} = \int_S \vec{\nabla} \times [\vec{v} \times \vec{B}(\vec{r}, t)] \cdot d\vec{S}$

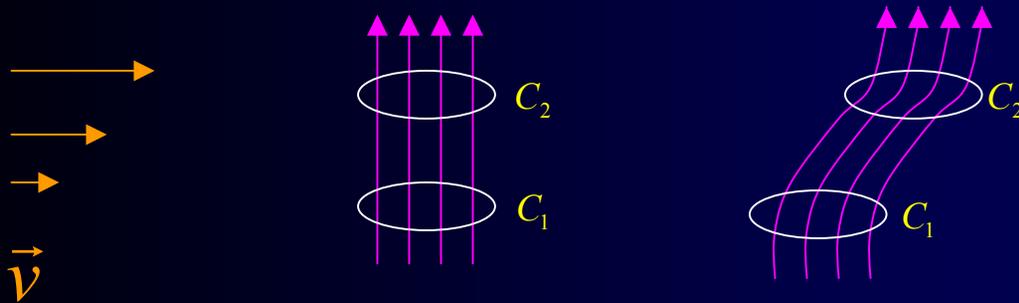
one gets

$$\frac{d}{dt} \left[ \int_S \vec{B}(\vec{r}, t) d\vec{S} \right] = \int_S \left\{ \frac{\partial \vec{B}(\vec{r}, t)}{\partial t} - \vec{\nabla} \times [\vec{v} \times \vec{B}(\vec{r}, t)] \right\} \cdot d\vec{S}$$

- For a highly conducting fluid ( $\sigma \rightarrow \infty$ ) and taking  $\vec{v}$  as fluid velocity, field lines are linked to fluid motion and according to ideal MHD „flux freezing“ holds

$$\frac{d}{dt} \left[ \int_S \vec{B}(\vec{r}, t) d\vec{S} \right] = 0$$

- Note: motions parallel to field are not affected



- For finite conductivity field lines can diffuse out:

$$\frac{d}{dt} \left[ \int_S \vec{B}(\vec{r}, t) d\vec{S} \right] = \eta_m \int_S \nabla^2 \vec{B}(\vec{r}, t) d\vec{S}$$

# MHD waves

- Perturbations are propagated with characteristic speeds
- For simplicity consider linear **time-dependent** perturbations in a **static compressible ideal** background fluid
- Ansatz:

$$\rho = \rho_0 + \delta\rho$$

$$P = P_0 + \delta P$$

$$\vec{v} = \vec{v}_0 + \delta\vec{v}$$

$$\vec{B} = \vec{B}_0 + \delta\vec{B}$$

$$\vec{E} = \vec{E}_0 + \delta\vec{E}$$

$$\vec{j} = \vec{j}_0 + \delta\vec{j}$$

where  $\frac{\delta X}{X} \ll 1$

- Assume background medium at rest:  $\vec{v}_0 = 0$

$$\frac{\partial \delta \rho}{\partial t} = -\vec{\nabla} \cdot (\rho_0 \delta \vec{v}) = 0$$

$$\rho_0 \frac{\partial \delta \vec{v}}{\partial t} = -\vec{\nabla} \delta P + \frac{1}{c} (\delta \vec{j} \times \vec{B}_0)$$

$$\vec{\nabla} \times \delta \vec{B} = \frac{4\pi}{c} \delta \vec{j}$$

$$\vec{\nabla} \times \delta \vec{E} = -\frac{1}{c} \frac{\partial \delta \vec{B}}{\partial t}$$

$$\vec{\nabla} \cdot \delta \vec{B} = 0$$

$$\delta \vec{E} = -\frac{1}{c} (\delta \vec{v} \times \vec{B}_0)$$

$$\frac{\delta P}{P_0} = \gamma \frac{\delta \rho}{\rho_0}$$

Keep only  
first order terms!

Perturbed Equations

- Combining equations and eliminate all variables in favour of  $\delta\vec{v}$
- Defining sound speed:  $c_s^2 = \left(\frac{\partial P}{\partial \rho}\right)_s = \gamma \frac{P}{\rho}$

yields single perturbation equation

$$\frac{\partial^2 \delta\vec{v}}{\partial t^2} - c_s^2 \vec{\nabla}(\vec{\nabla} \cdot \delta\vec{v}) - \left\{ \vec{\nabla} \times \left[ \vec{\nabla} \times \left( \delta\vec{v} \times \frac{\vec{B}_0}{\sqrt{4\pi\rho_0}} \right) \right] \right\} \times \frac{\vec{B}_0}{\sqrt{4\pi\rho_0}} = 0$$

- Defining Alfvén speed:

$$\vec{v}_A = \frac{\vec{B}_0}{\sqrt{4\pi\rho_0}}$$

yields finally 
$$\frac{\partial^2 \delta \vec{v}}{\partial t^2} - c_s^2 \vec{\nabla} (\vec{\nabla} \delta \vec{v}) + \vec{v}_A \left\{ \vec{\nabla} \times [\vec{\nabla} \times (\delta \vec{v} \times \vec{v}_A)] \right\} = 0$$

- We seek solutions for plane waves propagating parallel and perpendicular to B-field
- Wave ansatz:

$$\delta \vec{v}(\vec{x}, t) = A \exp[i(\vec{k}\vec{x} - \omega t)]$$

- Dispersion relation:

$$-\omega^2 \delta \vec{v} + (c_s^2 + v_A^2) (\vec{k} \delta \vec{v}) \vec{k} + \vec{v}_A \vec{k} \left[ (\vec{v}_A \vec{k}) \delta \vec{v} - (\vec{v}_A \delta \vec{v}) \vec{k} - (\vec{k} \delta \vec{v}) \vec{v}_A \right] = 0$$

# Case Study for different type of waves

- Case 1:  $\vec{k} \perp \vec{v}_A$

dispersion relation reads then

$$-\omega^2 \delta\vec{v} + (c_s^2 + v_A^2) (\vec{k} \delta\vec{v}) \vec{k} = 0$$

  $\delta\vec{v} \parallel \vec{k}$       Longitudinal magnetosonic wave  
Phase velocity

$$v_{ph} = \frac{\omega}{k} = \sqrt{c_s^2 + v_A^2}$$

- Case 2:  $\vec{k} \parallel \vec{v}_A$ , i.e.  $\vec{k} \parallel \vec{B}_0$

dispersion relation reads then

$$(k^2 v_A^2 - \omega^2) \delta\vec{v} + \left( \frac{c_s^2}{v_A^2} - 1 \right) k^2 (\vec{v}_A \cdot \delta\vec{v}) \vec{v}_A = 0$$

- Two different types of waves satisfy this DR:

- **Case A:**  $\vec{k} \parallel \delta\vec{v} \Rightarrow \vec{v}_A \parallel \delta\vec{v}$

thus  $(\vec{v}_A \cdot \delta\vec{v})\vec{v}_A = v_A \delta v \frac{v_A}{\delta v} \delta\vec{v} = v_A^2 \delta\vec{v}$

and  $(c_s^2 k^2 - \omega^2) \delta\vec{v} = 0$

the solution is just an ordinary (longitudinal) **sound wave**

- **Case B:**  $\vec{k} \perp \delta\vec{v} \Rightarrow \vec{v}_A \perp \delta\vec{v} \Leftrightarrow \vec{v}_A \cdot \delta\vec{v} = 0$

the DR reads in this case  $(v_A^2 k^2 - \omega^2) \delta\vec{v} = 0$

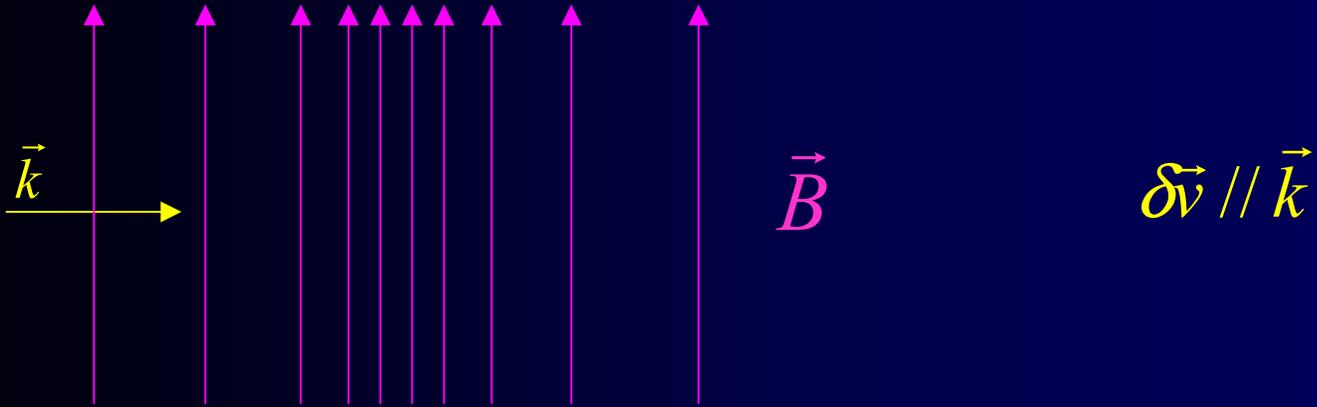
thus  $\frac{\omega}{k} = v_{ph} = v_A$

the solution is a **transverse Alfvén wave** (pure MHD wave)

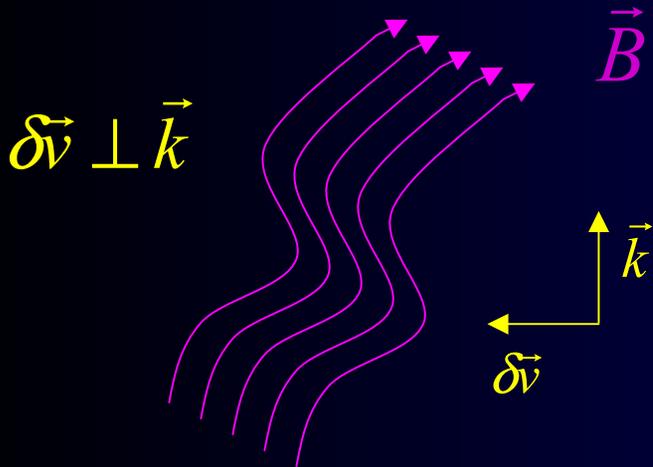
driven by magnetic **tension forces**

due to flux freezing gas (density  $\rho_0$ ) must be set in motion!

- Magnetosonic wave (longitudinal compression wave)



- Transverse Alfvén wave



Note 1: in both cases phase velocity independent of  $\omega$  and  $k$ : dispersion free waves!

Note 2: in ISM density is low, Therefore Alfvén velocity high  $\sim$  km/s

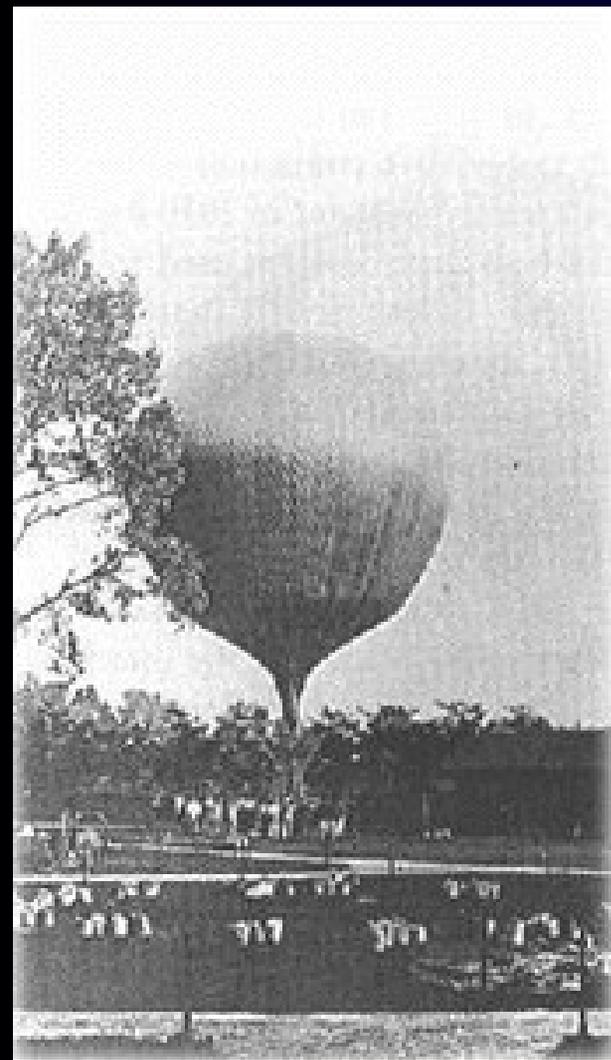
# I.3 Cosmic Rays

## Cosmic Radiation

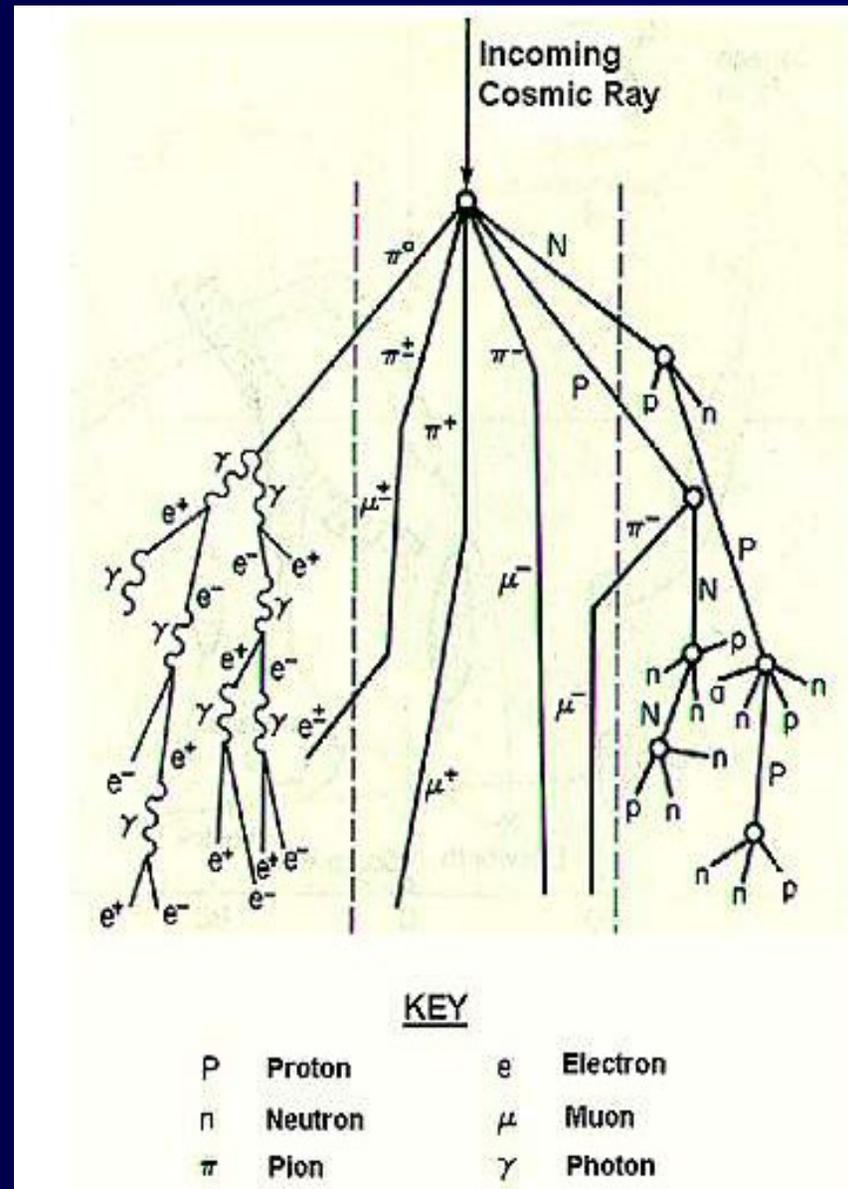
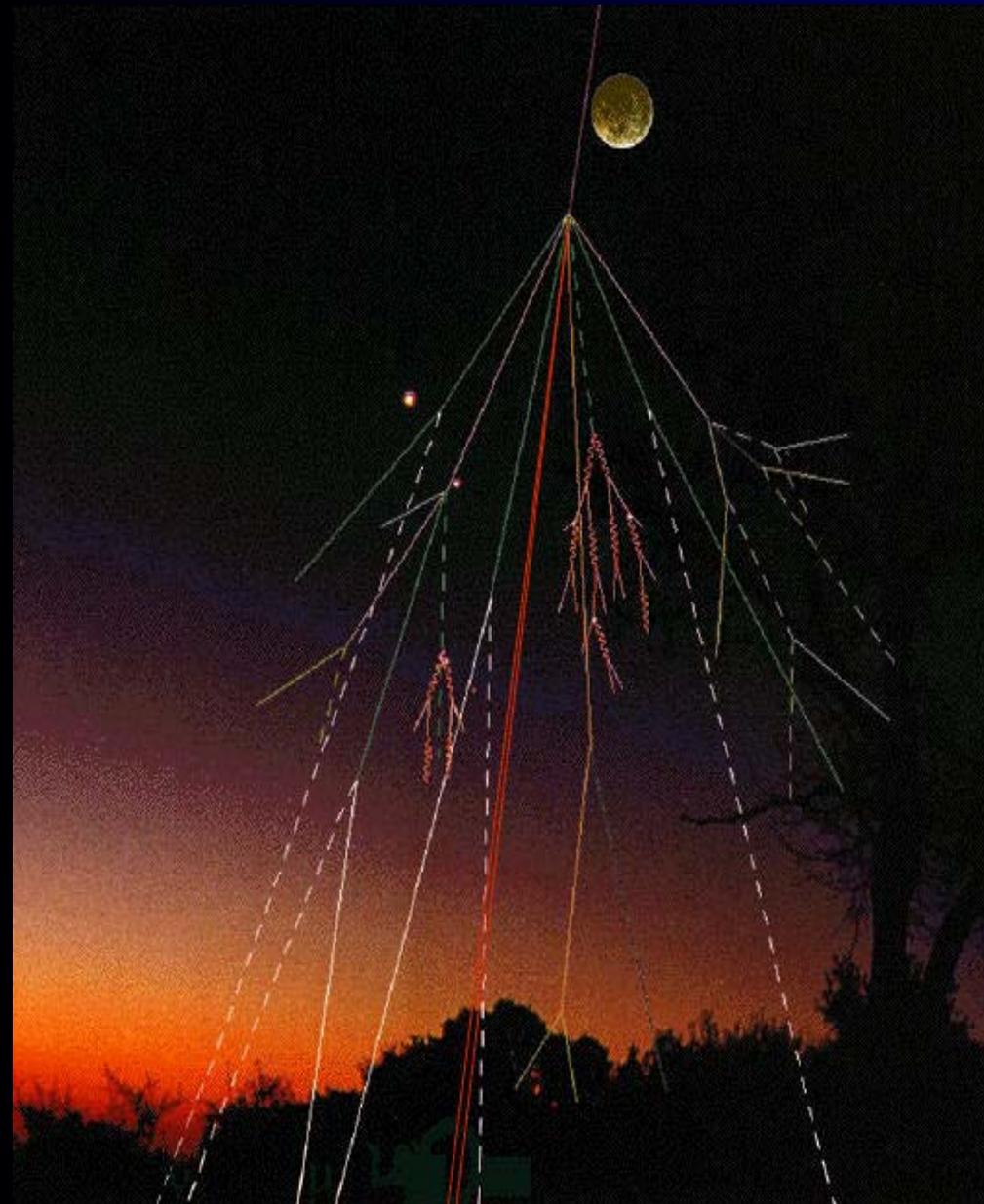
Includes -

- **Particles** (2% electrons, 98% protons and atomic nuclei)
- **Photons**
- Large energies (  $10^9 \text{ eV} \leq E \leq 10^{20} \text{ eV}$  )  
 $\gamma$ -ray photons produced in collisions of high energy particles

# Extraterrestrial Origin



- Increase of ionizing radiation with altitude
- 1912 Victor Hess' balloon flight up to 17500 ft. (without oxygen mask!)
- Used gold leaf electroscope



# Inelastic collision of CRs with ISM



For  $E > 100$  MeV dominant process



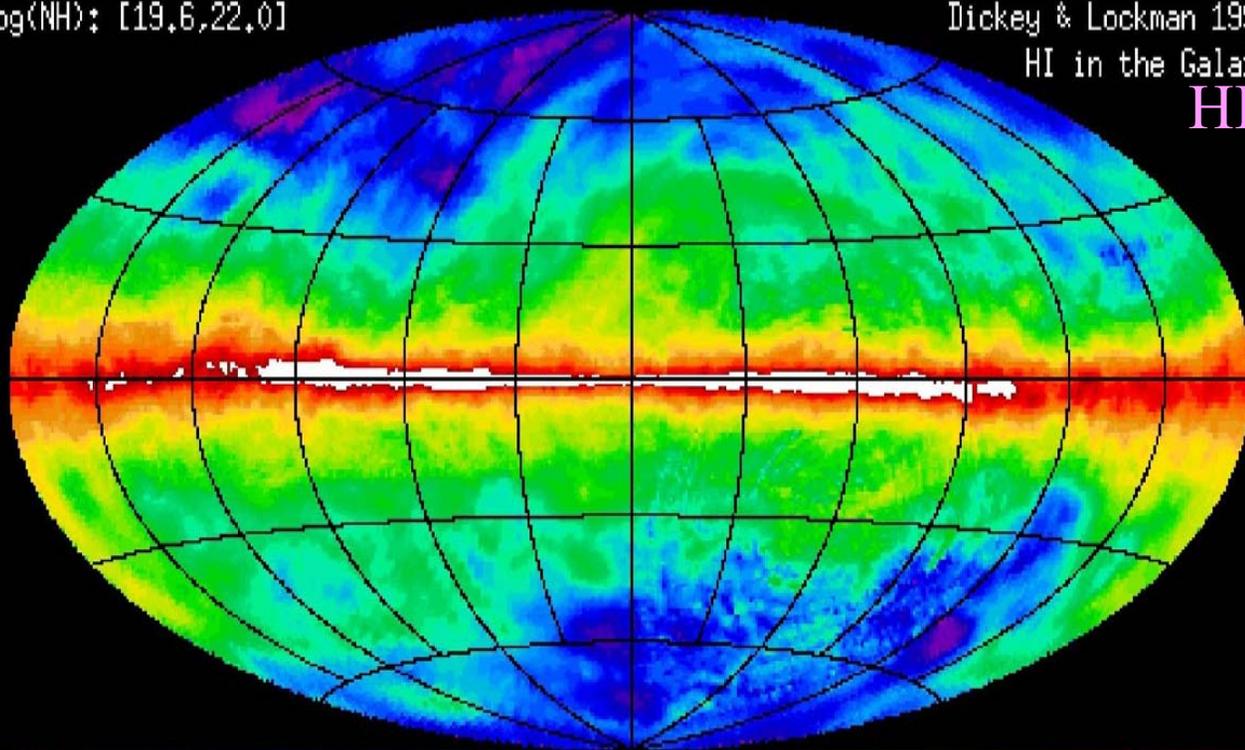
EGRET All-Sky Gamma Ray Survey Above 100 MeV

$\log(NH): [19,6,22,0]$

Dickey & Lockman 1990

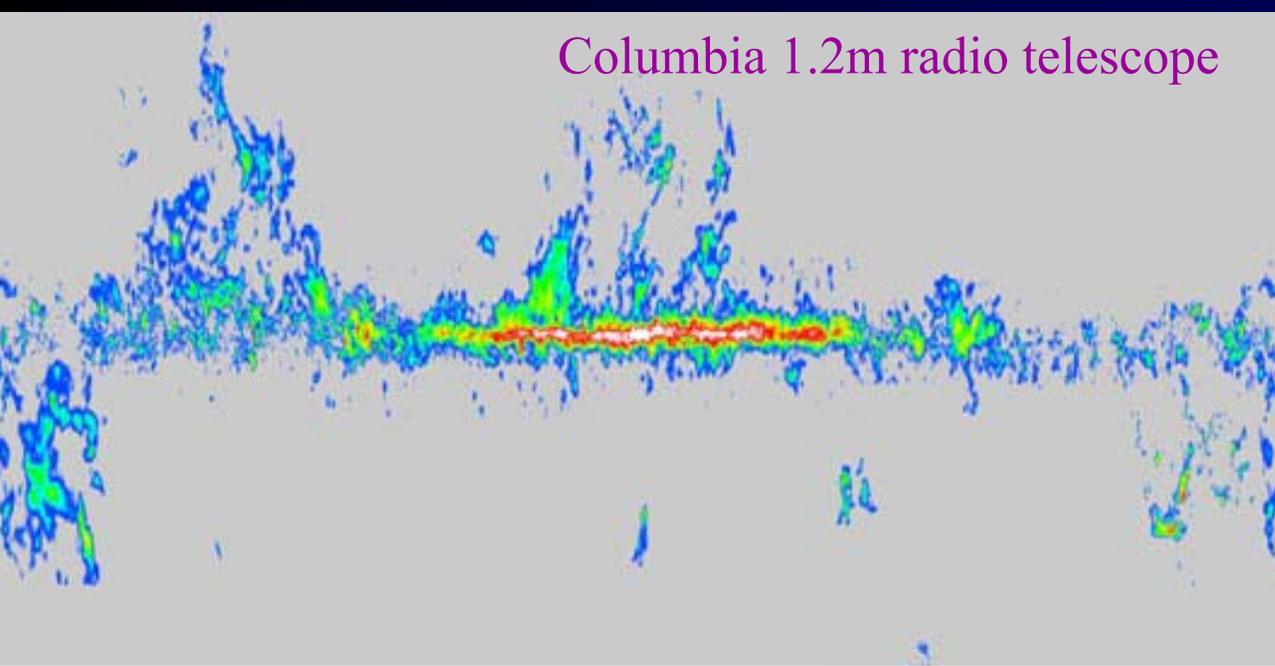
HI in the Galaxy

HI

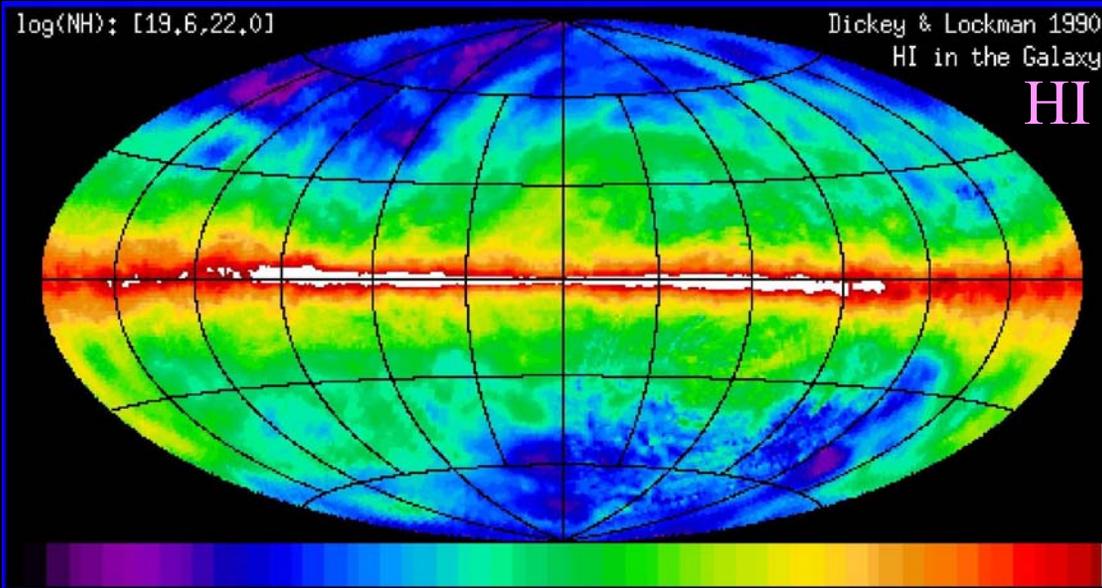


- Diffuse  $\gamma$ -emission maps the **Galactic HI** distribution
- Discrete sources at high lat.: AGN (e.g. 3C279)

## Columbia 1.2m radio telescope



- Top: CO survey of Galaxy mapping molecular gas (Dame et al. 1997)
- Bottom: Galactic HI survey (Dickey & Lockman 1990)



# $\gamma$ -ray luminosity of Galaxy

- Probability that CR proton undergoes inelastic collision with ISM nucleus  $P_{coll} = \sigma_{pp} n_H c$ ,  $\sigma_{pp} = 2.5 \times 10^{-26} \text{ cm}^2$
- 1/3 of pions are  $\pi^0$  decaying with  $\langle E_\gamma \rangle \sim 180 \text{ MeV}$
- If Galactic disk is uniformly filled with gas + CRs the total diffuse  $\gamma$ -ray luminosity is

$$L_\gamma = \frac{1}{3} \sigma_{pp} n_H c \sum n_{CR}(E) E = \frac{1}{3} P_{coll} \epsilon_{CR} V_{gal}$$

- Galaxy with half thickness  $H=200 \text{ pc}$ ,  $n_H \sim 1 \text{ cm}^{-3}$ ,  $\epsilon_{CR} \sim 1 \text{ eV/cm}^3$   $\longrightarrow V_{gal} \sim 2 \cdot 10^{66} \text{ cm}^3$
- $\longrightarrow L_\gamma \approx 10^{39} \text{ erg/s}$  in agreement with obs.!
- Thus  $\gamma$ -rays are tracer of Galactic CR proton distribution

# Chemical composition

<u>Groups of nuclei</u>	<u>Z</u>	<u>CR</u>	<u>Universe</u>
<b>Protons</b> (H)	1	700	3000
<b><math>\alpha</math></b> (He)	2	50	300
<b>Light</b> (Li, Be, B)	3-5	1	0.00001*
<b>Medium</b> (C,N,O,F)	6-9	3	3
<b>Heavy</b> (Ne->Ca)	10-19	0.7	1
<b>V. Heavy</b>	>20	0.3	0.06

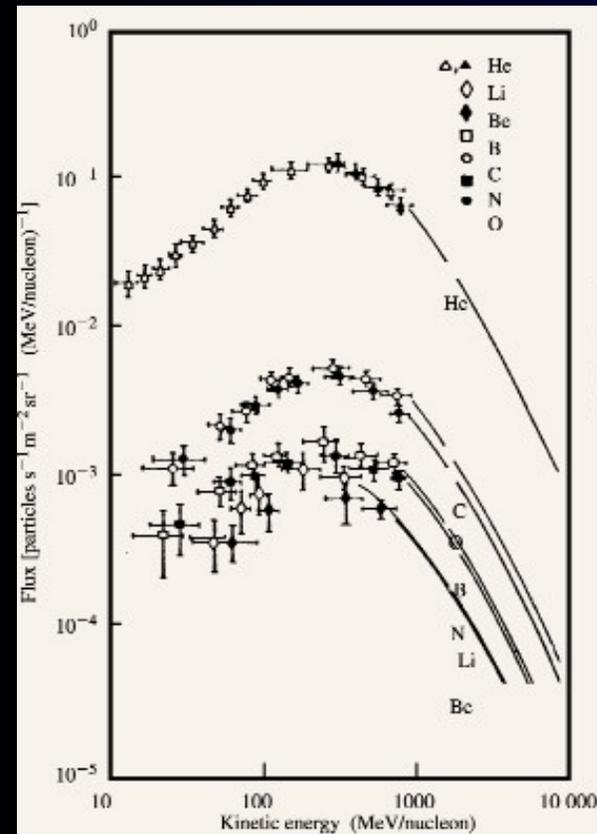
Note: Overabundance of light elements  spallation!

# Origin of light elements

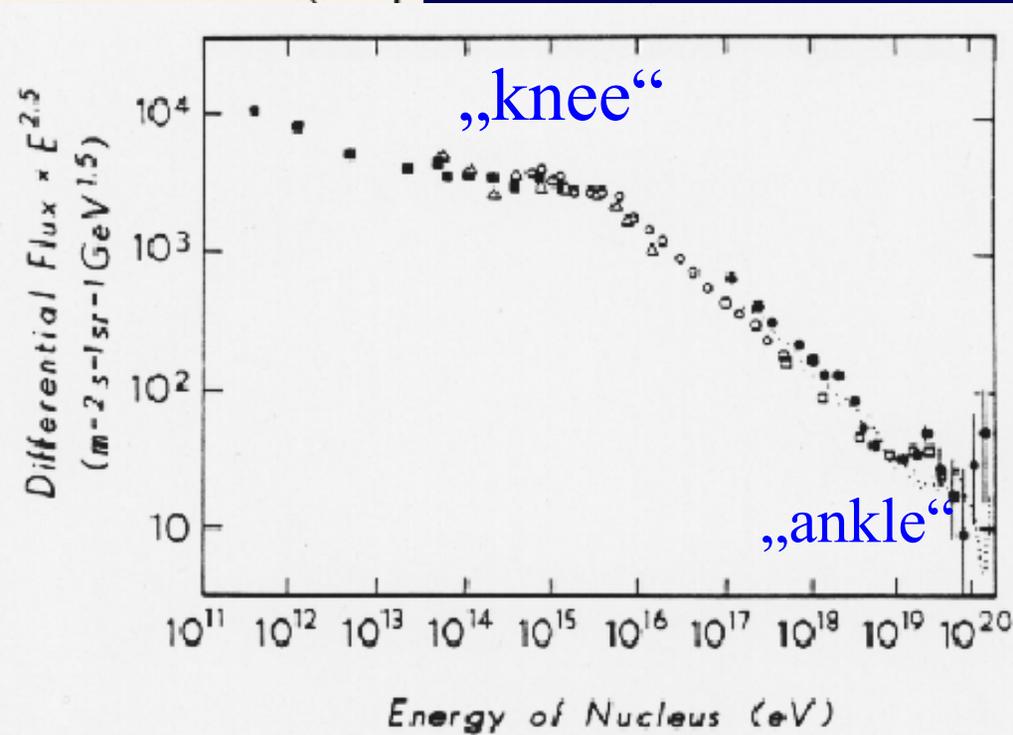
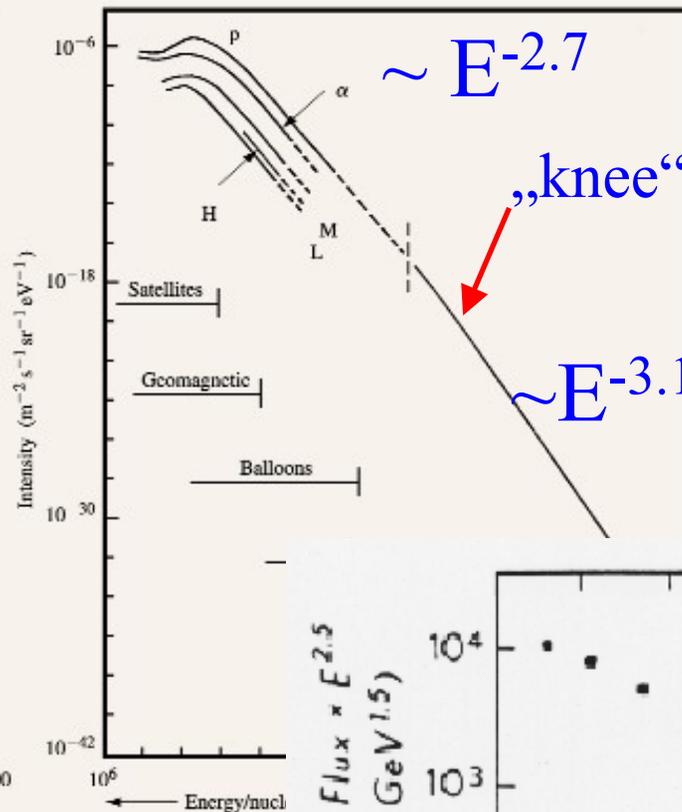
- Over-abundance of light elements caused by fragmentation of ISM particles in inelastic collision with CR primaries
- Use fragmentation probabilities and calculate transfer equations by taking into account all possible channels

# Differential Energy Spectrum

- differential energy spectrum is power law for  $10^9 < E < 10^{15}$  eV
- $10^{16} < E < 10^{15}$  eV



(a)



- for  $E > 10^{19}$  eV CRs are extragalactic ( $r_g \sim 3$  kpc for protons)

# Primary CR energy spectrum

- Power law spectrum for  $10^9 \text{ eV} < E < 10^{15} \text{ eV}$ :

$$I_N(E) \propto E^{-\gamma} \text{ with } \gamma \approx 2.70 \text{ or } N(E)dE = KE^{-\gamma}dE$$

$$[I_N] = \text{cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1} \text{ sr}^{-1} (\text{GeV/nucleon})^{-1}$$

- Steepening for  $E > 10^{15} \text{ eV}$  with  $\gamma = 3.08$  („knee“)  
and becoming shallower for  $E > 10^{18} \text{ eV}$  („ankle“)
- Below  $E \sim 10^9 \text{ eV}$  CR intensity drops due to solar modulation (magnetic field inhibits particle streaming)

gyroradius:

$$r_g = \frac{\gamma_L m_0 v \sin \vartheta}{ZeB} = \left( \frac{pc}{Ze} \right) \frac{\sin \vartheta}{Bc} = R \frac{\sin \vartheta}{Bc}$$

R ... rigidity,  $\theta$  ... pitch angle

**Example:** CR with  $E=1 \text{ GeV}$   
has  $r_g \sim 10^{12} \text{ cm}$ ! For  $B \sim 1 \mu\text{G}$   
@  $10^{15} \text{ eV}$ ,  $r_g \sim 0.3 \text{ pc}$

## Important CR facts:

- **CR Isotropy:**

- Energies  $10^{11} \text{ eV} < E < 10^{15} \text{ eV}$ :  $\frac{\delta I}{I} \approx 6 \times 10^{-4}$  (anisotropy)

consistent with CRs **streaming away** from Galaxy

- Energies  $10^{15} \text{ eV} < E < 10^{19} \text{ eV}$ :

anisotropy increases  $\rightarrow$  particles escape more easily (**energy dependent escape**)

Note: @  $10^{19} \text{ eV}$ ,  $r_g \sim 3 \text{ kpc}$

- Energies  $E > 10^{19} \text{ eV}$ : CRs from Local Supercluster?

particles cannot be confined to Galactic disk

- **CR clocks:**

- CR secondaries produced in spallation (from O and C) such as  $^{10}\text{Be}$  have half life time  $\tau_H \sim 3.6 \text{ Myr}$   $\rightarrow$   $\beta$ -decay into  $^{10}\text{B}$

- From amount of  $^{10}\text{Be}$  relative to other Be isotopes and  $^{10}\text{B}$  and  $\tau_{\text{H}}$  the mean CR residence time can be estimated to be

$\tau_{\text{esc}} \sim 2 \cdot 10^7 \text{ yr}$  for a 1 GeV nucleon

→ CRs have to be constantly replenished!

What are the sources?

- Detailed quantitative analysis of amount of **primaries and secondary** spallation products yields a mean Galactic mass traversed („**grammage**“  $x$ ) as a function rigidity  $R$ :

$$x(R) = 6.9 \left( \frac{R}{20 \text{ GV}} \right)^{-\xi} \text{ g/cm}^2, \quad \xi = 0.6$$

for 1 GeV particle,  $x \sim 9 \text{ g/cm}^2$

- Mean measured CR energy density:

$$\mathcal{E}_{\text{CR}} \sim \mathcal{E}_{\text{mag}} \sim \mathcal{E}_{\text{th}} \sim \mathcal{E}_{\text{turb}} \cong 1 \text{ eV/cm}^3$$

If all CRs were **extragalactic**, an extremely high energy production rate would be necessary (more than AGN and radio galaxies could produce) to sustain high CR background radiation

assuming **energy equipartition** between B-field and CRs  
radio continuum observations of starburst galaxy M82  
give  $\epsilon_{CR}(M82) \sim 100\epsilon_{CR}(Galaxy)$

CR production rate proportional to star formation rate

→ *no constant high background level!*

→ *CR interact strongly with B-field and thermal gas*

## CR propagation:

- High energy nucleons are ultrarelativistic  $\rightarrow$  light travel time from sources  $\tau_{lc} \sim L/c \approx 3 \times 10^4 \text{ yr} \ll \tau_{esc}$
- CRs as charged particles *strongly coupled to B-field*
- *B-field:  $\langle \vec{B} \rangle = \vec{B}_{reg} + \delta\vec{B}$  with strong fluctuation component  $\delta\vec{B} \rightarrow$  MHD (Alfvén) waves*
- Cross field *propagation by pitch angle scattering*

$\rightarrow$  random walk of particles!

$\rightarrow$  CRs **DIFFUSE** through Galaxy with mean speed

$$\langle v_{diff} \rangle \sim L/\tau_r \approx 10 \text{ kpc} / 2 \times 10^7 \text{ yr} = 490 \text{ km/s} \sim 10^{-3} c$$

- Mean gas density traversed by particles

$$\langle \rho_h \rangle \approx x/c\tau_{esc} \sim 5 \times 10^{-25} \text{ g/cm}^3 \sim \frac{1}{4} \langle \rho_{ISM} \rangle$$

particles spend most time **outside the Galactic disk** in the Galactic *halo!*  $\rightarrow$  „*confinement*“ volume

– CR „height“  $\sim 4$  times  $h_g$  ( $=250$  pc)  $\sim 1$  kpc

– CR diffusion coefficient:

$$\kappa \sim h_{CR} \times L / \tau_{esc} \approx 5 \times 10^{28} \text{ cm}^2 / \text{s}$$

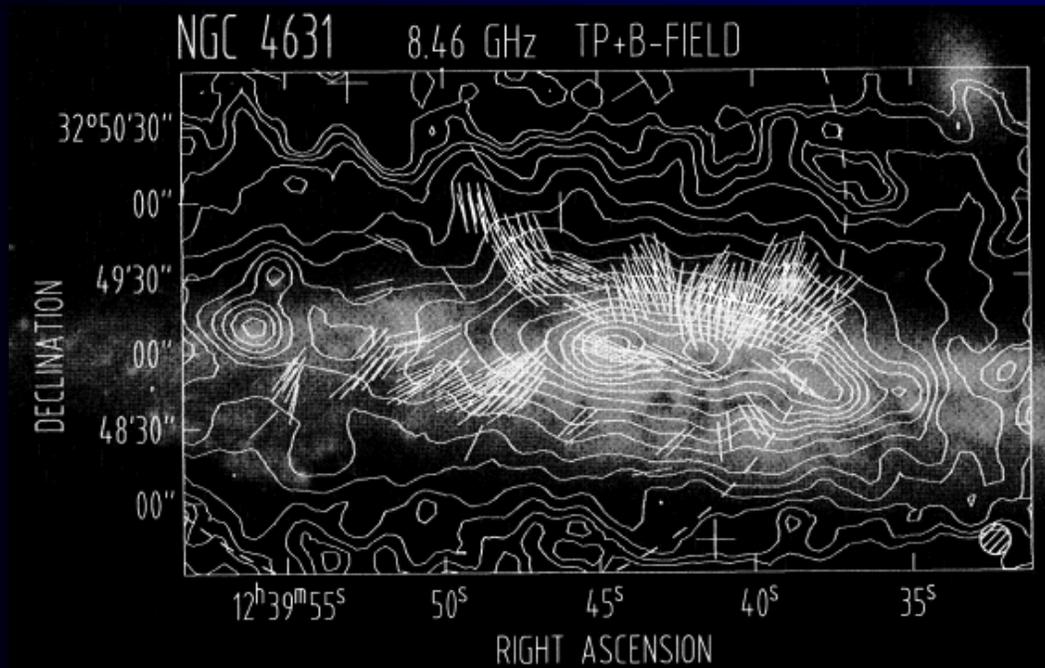
– Mean free path for CR propagation:  $\lambda_{CR} \sim 3\kappa / c \sim 1$  pc

$\rightarrow$  strong scattering off magnetic irregularities!

- Analysis of radioactive isotopes in meteorites: CR flux roughly constant over last  $10^9$  years

## CR origin:

- CR electrons ( $\sim 1\%$  of CR particle density) must be of Galactic origin due to strong **synchrotron losses** in Galactic magnetic field and **inverse Compton** losses
- Note: radio continuum observations of edge-on galaxies show strong halo field



- Estimate of total Galactic CR energy flux:

$$F_{CR} \sim \epsilon_{CR} \frac{V_{conf}}{\tau_{esc}} \approx 10^{41} \text{ erg/s}$$

Note: only  $\sim 1\%$  radiated away in  $\gamma$ -rays!

- Enormous energy requirements leave as most realistic Galactic CR source supernova remnants (SNRs)

– Available hydrodynamic energy:

$$F_{SNR} \sim v_{SN} E_{SNR} \approx \frac{3}{100 \text{ yr}} \cdot 10^{51} \text{ erg} \approx 10^{42} \text{ erg/s}$$

about 10% of total SNR energy has to be converted to CRs

➔ – Promising mechanism: diffusive shock acceleration

- Ultrahigh energy CRs must be extragalactic

$$r_g \geq 100 \text{ kpc} > R_{gal} \text{ (for } E \sim 10^{20} \text{ eV)}$$

## Diffusive shock acceleration:

- Problem: can mechanism explain **power law spectrum**?
- **Diffusive shock acceleration** (DSA) can also explain near cosmic abundances due to acceleration of **ISM** nuclei
- Acceleration in electric fields?

$$\frac{d}{dt}(\gamma_L m \vec{v}) = e \left( \vec{E} + \frac{1}{c} [\vec{v} \times \vec{B}] \right)$$

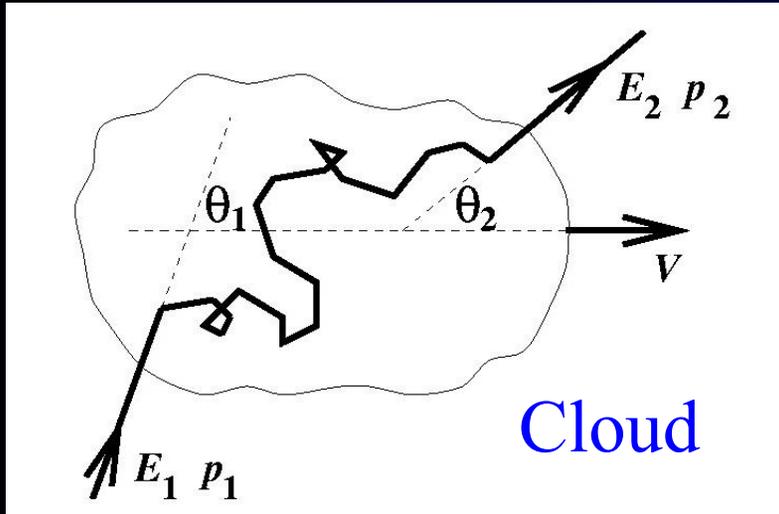
due to high conductivity in ISM, static fields of sufficient magnitude do not exist

→ thus strong **induced E-fields** from strongly time varying large scale B-fields could help → no strong evidence!

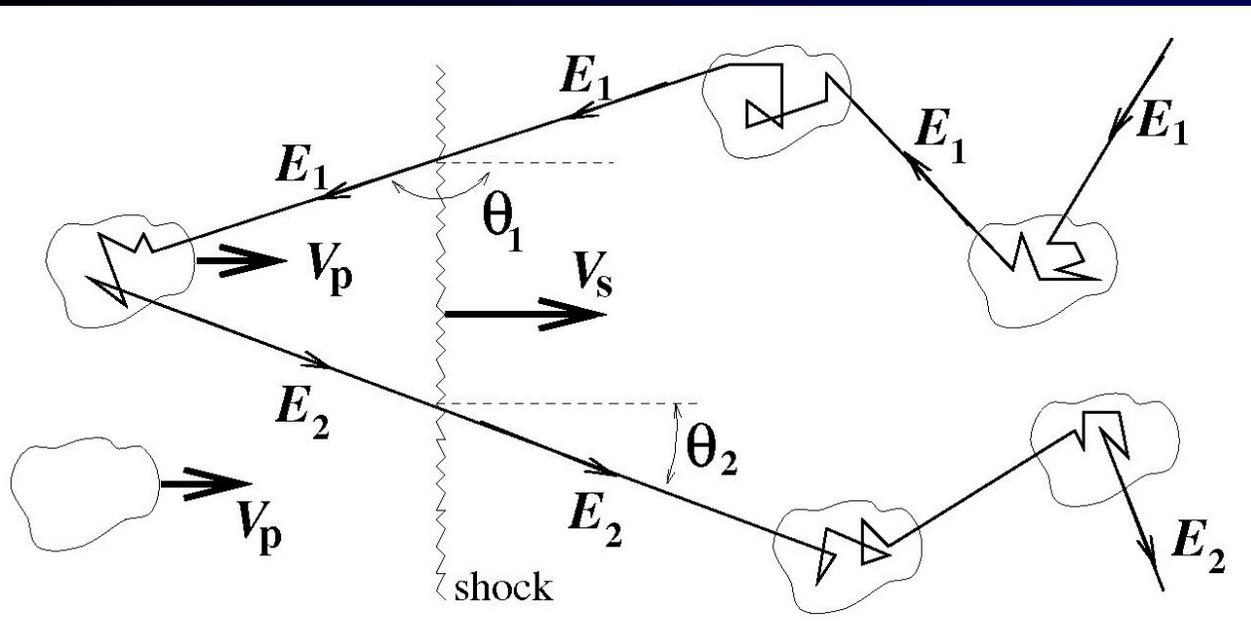
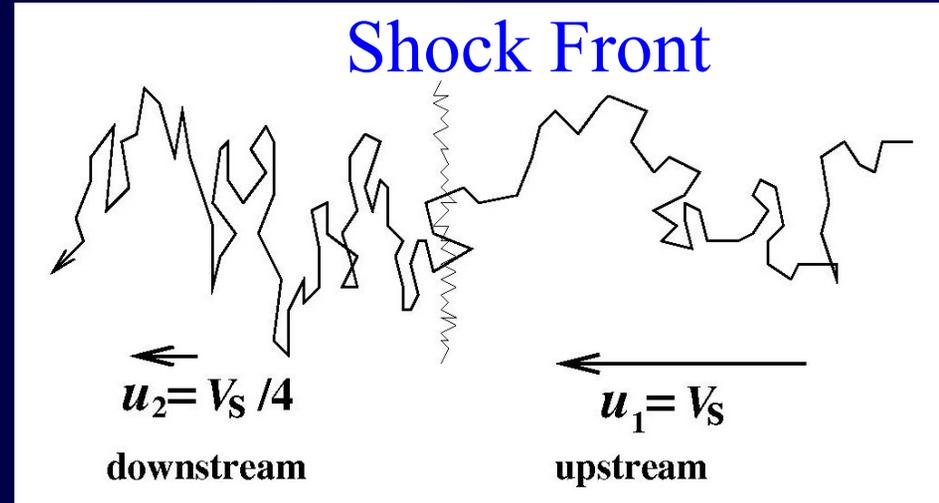
# Fermi mechanism:

- Fermi (1949): randomly moving clouds reflect particles in converging frozen-in B-fields („magnetic mirrors“)
- processes is 2<sup>nd</sup> order, because particles gain energy by head-on collisions and lose energy by following collisions (2<sup>nd</sup> order Fermi process)
- particles gain energy stochastically by collisions
  - 1<sup>st</sup> order Fermi process (more efficient):
    - Shock wave is a converging fluid
    - Particles are scattered (elastically) strongly by field irregularities (MHD waves) back and forth

## 2<sup>nd</sup> order Fermi



## 1<sup>st</sup> order Fermi



- Energy gain per crossing:

$$\frac{\Delta E}{E} \approx \frac{4}{3} \left( \frac{V}{c} \right)^2 \quad (2^{\text{nd}} \text{ order Fermi})$$

- Shock is converging fluid

$$\frac{\Delta E}{E} \approx \frac{4}{3} \frac{V_s}{c} \quad (1^{\text{st}} \text{ order Fermi})$$

- Energy gain per collision:  $\Delta E/E \sim (\Delta v/c)$
- Escape probability downstream increases with energy

$$P_{esc} \approx \frac{V_S}{v} \quad (v \dots \text{particle speed}) \quad \longrightarrow \quad P = 1 - P_{esc} \approx 1 - \frac{V_S}{v}$$

- Essence of **statistical process**:

let  $E = \beta E_0$  be average energy of particle after one collision and  $P$  be probability that particles remains in acceleration process  $\rightarrow$  after  $k$  collisions:

$$N(> E) = N_0 P^k \quad \text{particles with energies } E = E_0 \beta^k$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\ln(N/N_0)}{\ln(E/E_0)} = \frac{\ln P}{\ln \beta}$$

$$\beta \equiv \frac{E}{E_0} = 1 + \frac{\Delta E}{E} \approx 1 + \frac{V_S}{c}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{N}{N_0} = \left( \frac{E}{E_0} \right)^{\ln P / \ln \beta}$$

$$\frac{\ln \beta}{\ln P} = \frac{\ln\left(1 + \frac{V_S}{c}\right)}{\ln\left(1 - \frac{V_S}{v}\right)} \approx \frac{1 + \frac{V_S}{c}}{-\frac{v}{c}\left(1 - \frac{V_S}{v}\right)} \approx -\frac{1}{v/c} \approx -1, \quad (\text{for } V_S \ll v \leq c)$$

- Note: that  $N=N(>E)$ , since a fraction of particles is accelerated to higher energies

therefore differential spectrum given by

$$N(E)dE = \text{const.} \times E^{(\ln P / \ln \beta)^{-1}} dE$$

- Note: **statistical process** leads *naturally* to *power law* spectrum!

- Detailed calculation yields:  $\frac{\ln P}{\ln \beta} \approx -1$  e.g. Bell (1978)
- Hence the spectrum is:

$$N(E)dE = \text{const.} \times E^{-2} dE$$

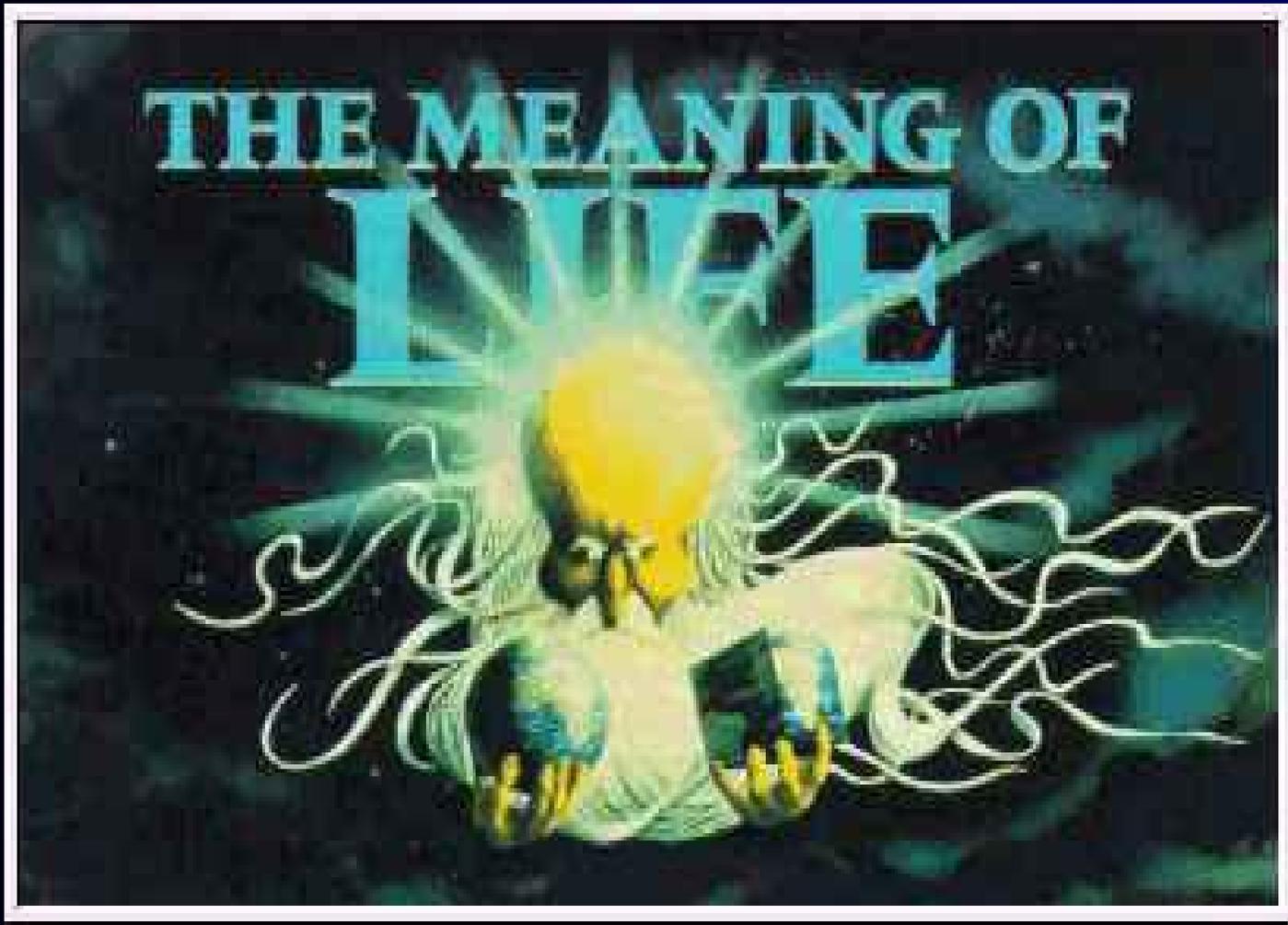
- The measured spectrum  $E < 10^{15}$  eV gives spectral index -2.7

However: CR propagation (diffusion) is energy dependent  $\propto E^{0.6}$

➔ source spectrum  $\propto E^{-2.1}$  : *excellent agreement!*

**PROBLEM:** Injection of particles into acceleration mechanism

Maxwell tail not sufficient ➔ „suprathermal“ particles



- remains unsolved! -

# LECTURE 2

## Dynamical ISM Processes

### II.1 Gas Dynamics & Applications

- ISM is a **compressible magnetized plasma**
- $\lambda_{mfp} \ll L$
- Pressure disturbances due to energy + momentum injection: SNe, SWs, SBs, HII regions, jets
- Speed of sound:  $c_s = \sqrt{\frac{k_B T}{\mu m}}$ ,  $0.3 \leq c_s \leq 120$  km/s  
→ ISM motions are **supersonic**:  $M = \frac{u}{c_s} \gg 1$
- Shocks (**collisionless**) propagate through ISM  
( $\lambda_{mfp} \gg \Delta$ )

# II.2 Shocks

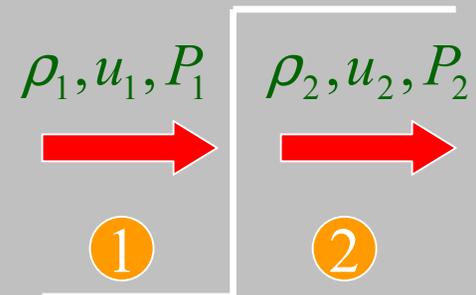
- Assumption: Perfect gas,  $B=0$
- Shock thickness  $\Delta \leq \lambda_{mfp} \longrightarrow \rho, u, P$  time independent across shock discontinuity: steady shock
- Conservation laws: *Rankine-Hugoniot* conditions

$$\rho_1 u_1 = \rho_2 u_2 \quad (\text{mass})$$

$$P_1 + \rho_1 u_1^2 = P_2 + \rho_2 u_2^2 \quad (\text{momentum})$$

$$\frac{1}{2} \rho_1 u_1^2 + \frac{\gamma}{\gamma-1} \frac{P_1}{\rho_1} = \frac{1}{2} \rho_2 u_2^2 + \frac{\gamma}{\gamma-1} \frac{P_2}{\rho_2} \quad (\text{energy})$$

Shock Frame

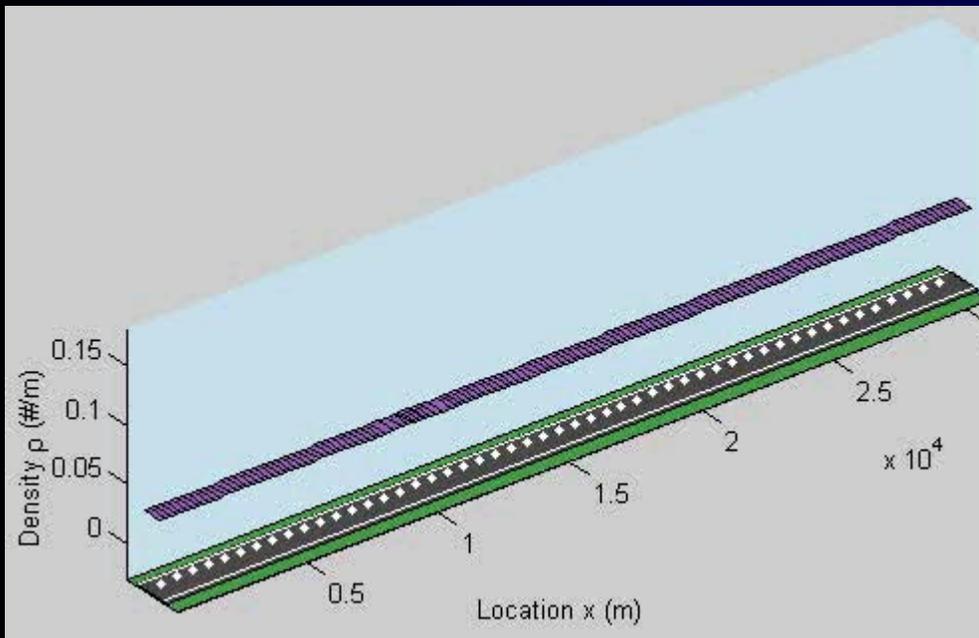


# Analoga

## 1. Traffic Jam:

„speed of sound“  $c_s = \text{vehicle distance}/\text{reaction time} = d/\tau$

- If car density is high and/or people are „sleeping“:  $c_s$  decreases
- If  $v_{\text{car}} \geq c_s$  then a shock wave propagates backwards due to „supersonic“ driving
- Culprits for jams are people who drive **too fast** or **too slow** because they are creating constantly flow **disturbances**



- For each traffic density there is a maximum current density  $j_{\text{max}}$  and hence an optimum car speed to make  $d j_{\text{max}}/d\rho = 0!$

## 2. Hydraulic Jump:

„speed of sound“  $c_s = \sqrt{gh}$  („shallow water“ theory)

### Kitchen sink experiment

- total pressure:  $P_{\text{tot}} = P_{\text{ram}} + P_{\text{hyd}}$

$$P_{\text{tot}} = \rho v^2 + \rho gh$$

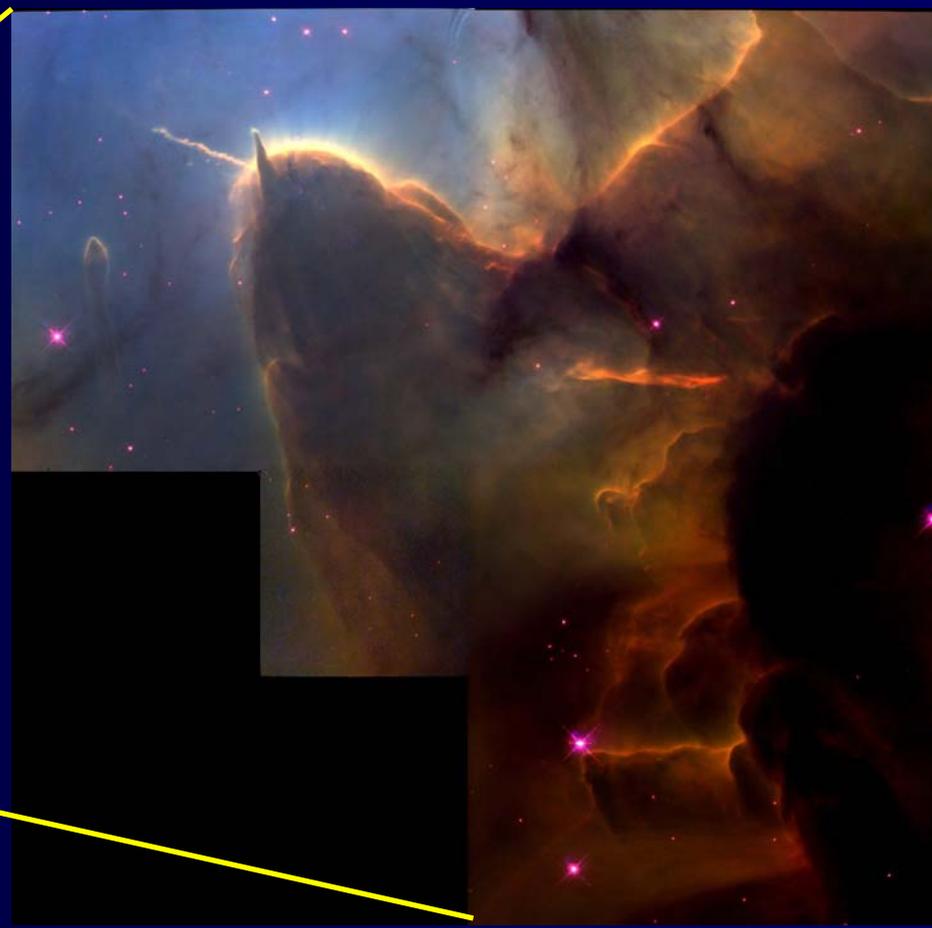
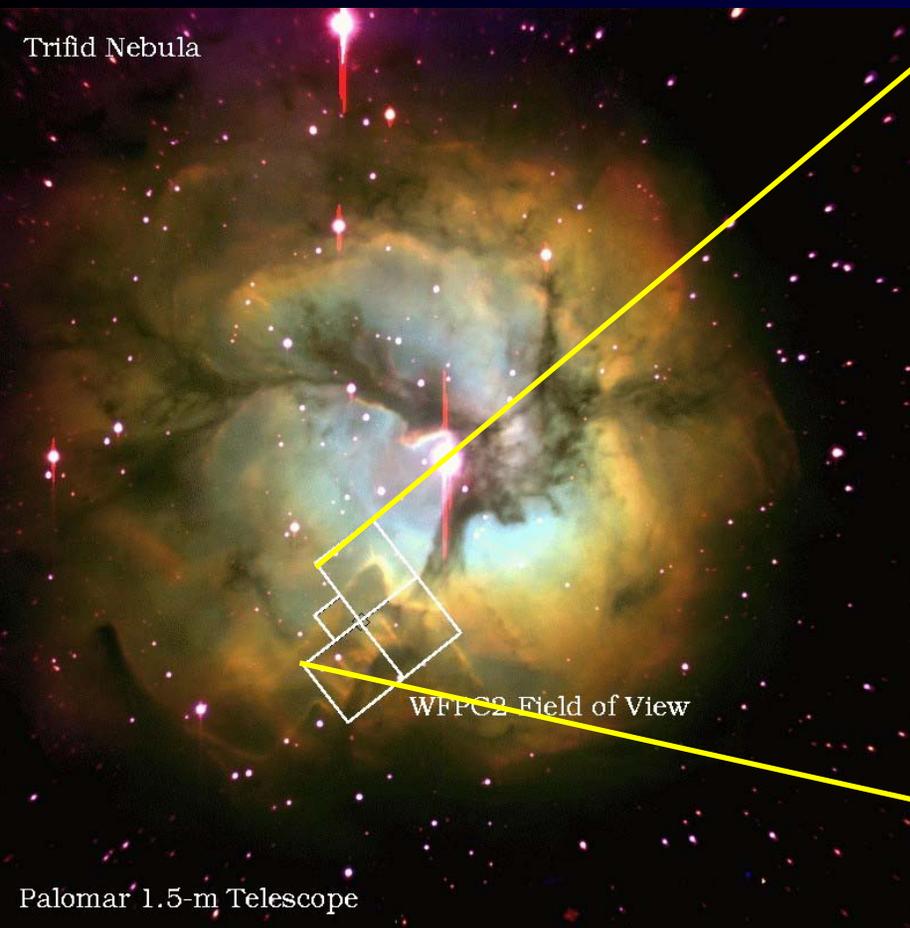
- At bottom:  $v > c_s$
- Therefore: abrupt jump
- Behind jump:
  - $h_2 > h_1$
  - $V_2 < V_1$
- $V_1 > c_1$  „supersonic“
  - $V_2 < c_2$  „subsonic“



## II.3 HII Regions



- Rosette Nebula (NGC2237):
  - Exciting star cluster NGC 2244, formed ~ 4 Myr ago
  - Hole in the centre:  
**Stellar Winds**  
creating expanding bubble



Trifid Nebula:  
Stellar photons heat molecular cloud gas  
Gasdynamical expansion (e.g. jets)

# Facts

- Ly $\alpha$  photon output  $S_*$  of O- and B stars ionizes ambient medium to  $T \sim 8000$  K

– In ionization equilibrium:  $\dot{N}_I = \dot{N}_{rec}$

– Energy input  $Q$  per photon:  $\dot{N}_I Q = \dot{N}_{rec} Q$

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– Energy loss per recombination:  $\left(\frac{3}{2} k_B T_e\right) \dot{N}_{rec}$



Equil. Temperature:

$$T_e = \frac{2 Q}{3 k_B}$$

- $Q$  depends on stellar radiation field and frequency dependence of ioniz. cross section

- Assumption: *stellar rad. field is blackbody*  
average kinetic energy per photo-electron:

$$\langle Q \rangle = \int_{\nu_L}^{\infty} (h\nu - E_H) S_{*\nu} d\nu \bigg/ \int_{\nu_L}^{\infty} S_{*\nu} d\nu, \quad E_H = h\nu_L$$

For a blackbody at temperature  $T_*$ :

$$h\nu S_{*\nu} \propto B_\nu(T_*) = \frac{2h\nu}{c^2} [\exp(h\nu/k_B T_*) - 1]^{-1}$$

For  $h\nu/k_B T_* \gg 1$

$$\langle Q \rangle \approx k_B T_e$$

$$\Rightarrow T_e \approx \frac{2}{3} T_*$$

$T_* = 47000 \text{ K (for O5 star)}$    $T_e \sim 31300 \text{ K}$

**Bad agreement** with observation!

Reason: *forbidden line cooling* of heavy elements, like [OII], [OIII], [NII] is missing!

- For H the total recombination coefficient to all excited states is:  $\beta^{(2)}(T_e) = 2 \times 10^{-10} T_e^{-3/4} \text{ cm}^3 \text{ s}^{-1}$
- Thus  $\dot{N}_{rec} Q = n_e n_H \beta^{(2)} k_B T_*$
- If [OII] is the dominant ionic state:  $n_{OII} \approx 6 \times 10^{-4} n_e$
- Collisional excitation rate (all ions are approx. in the ground state):  
$$N_{ij} = n_e n_I C_{ij}(T_e)$$
$$C_{ij}(T_e) = \left( A_{ij} / T_e^{1/2} \right) \exp[-E_{ij} / k_B T_e]$$

- Radiative energy loss by [OII] for  $^2D_{5/2}$  and  $^2D_{3/2}$  levels

$$L_{OII} \approx 1.1 \times 10^{-32} y_{OII} \left( n^2 / T_e^{1/2} \right) \exp[-3.89 \times 10^4 K / T_e] \text{ erg cm}^{-3} \text{ s}^{-1}$$

taking  $y_{OII} \approx 1$

and demanding  $L_{OII} = \dot{N}_I Q = \dot{N}_{rec} Q$



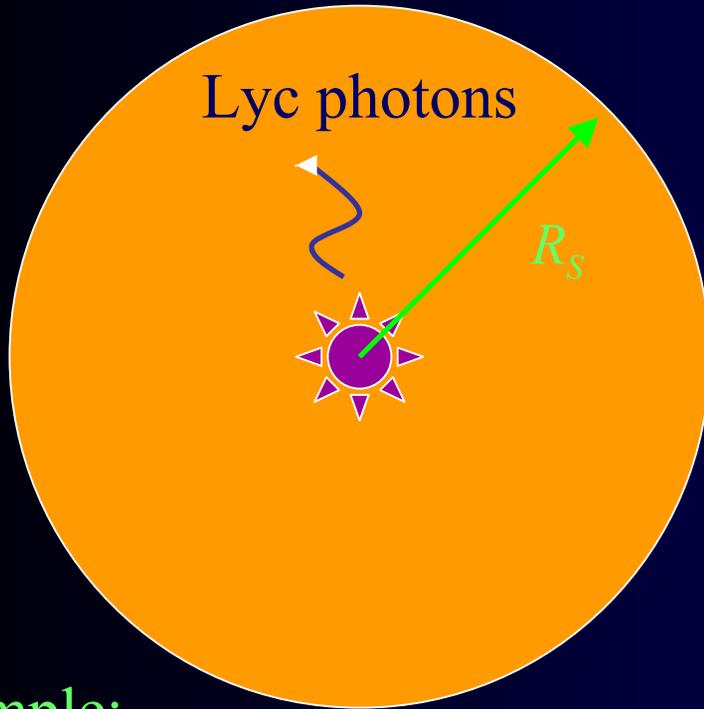
$$T_e^{1/4} \exp[-3.89 \times 10^4 K / T_e] = 2.5 \times 10^{-6} T_*$$

For  $T_* = 40000 \text{ K}$ , we obtain:  $T_e \sim 8500 \text{ K}$ ,  
in excellent agreement with observations!

- HII regions are **thermostats!**

# Dynamics of HII Regions

## Case A: Static HII Region



- Spherical symmetric Model:

- Ionization within radius r:

$$S_* = 4\pi r^2 J$$

- Recombination within r:

$$\frac{4}{3}\pi R_s^3 \beta^{(2)} n_H n_e$$

- Ion. fract.  $x \approx 1 \Rightarrow n_e \approx n_H = n$

- Balance of ion. + recomb.

## Example:

$$\beta^{(2)} = 2 \times 10^{-13} \text{ cm}^3 \text{ s}^{-1} \quad (T \approx 8000 \text{ K})$$

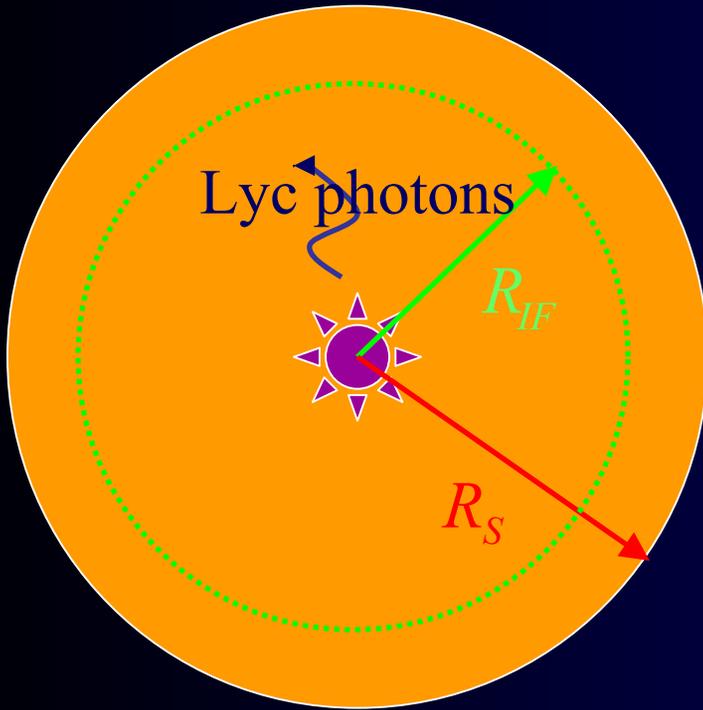
$$n_H = 10^2 \text{ cm}^{-3}, S_* = 10^{49} \text{ s}^{-1} \quad (\text{O6.5 type})$$

$$\Rightarrow R_s \approx 3 \text{ pc}$$

$$R_s = \left( \frac{3 S_*}{4\pi \beta^{(2)} n^2} \right)^{1/3}$$

... „Stroemgren“ radius

## Case B: Evolving HII Region



Equation of motion:

$$\dot{\eta} = (1 - \eta^3) / 3\eta^2$$

- Photon flux at IF:

$$J = \frac{S_*}{4\pi R^2} - \frac{1}{3} \beta^{(2)} n_0^2 R$$

(conservation of photons)

- Thickness of IF  $\sim$  photon mfp:  
planar geometry; no rec. in IF
- Ambient medium at rest
- IF velocity:  $n_0 \frac{dR}{dt} = J$
- Define dimensionless quant.

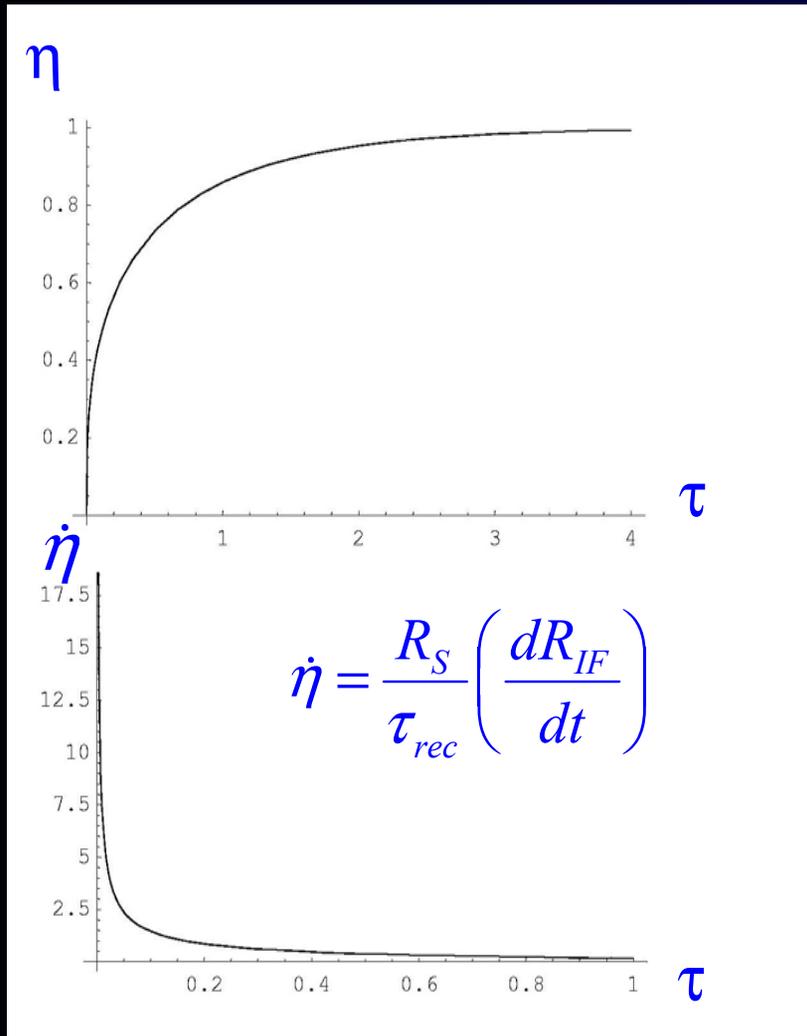
$$\eta = \frac{R}{R_S}, \tau = \frac{t}{\tau_{\text{rec}}}, V_R = \frac{R_S}{\tau_{\text{rec}}}, \tau_{\text{rec}} = (n_0 \beta^{(2)})^{-1}$$

Solution:

$$\eta = C(1 - e^{-\tau})^{1/3}$$

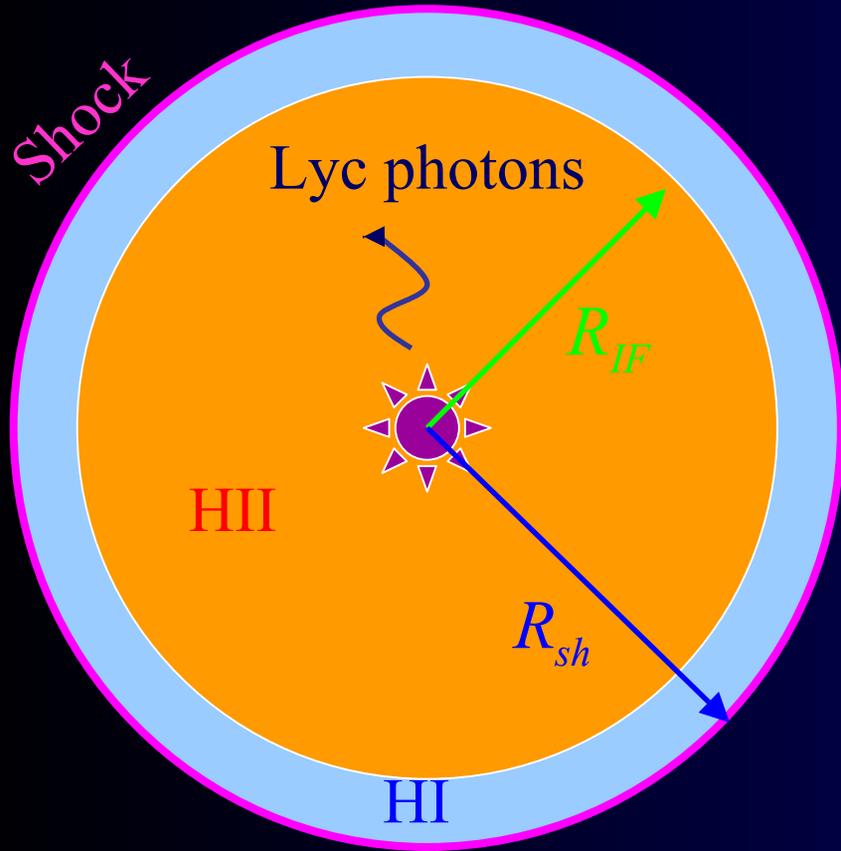
$$\text{BC: } \tau \rightarrow 0, \eta \rightarrow 0$$

# Evolution of Stroemgren sphere



- $R_S$  is reached only within 1% after  $\tau \geq 4\tau_{rec}$
- IF velocity  $\gg c_{II}$  until  $R \sim R_S$  therefore  $n_{II} \approx n_0$  then gasdynamical expansion
- IF velocity slows down rapidly
- However:  $\frac{dR_{IF}}{dt} \ll c_{II}$   
**NOT** possible

# Case C: Gasdynamical Expansion of HII Region



- When  $\dot{R}_{IF} \leq c_{II}$  sound waves can reach IF
- $P_{II} \gg P_I$ : HII gas acts as piston  
➔ shock driven into HI gas
- Gas pressed into thin shell:  
 $R_{IF} \approx R_{sh} := R$
- Pressure uniform in shell & HII region:  $\tau_{sc} \ll \tau_{dyn}$
- Ionization balance in HII reg.

**BUT**: HII **grows** in size + mass

$$\frac{dM_{II}}{dt} = \frac{d}{dt} \left( \frac{4}{3} \pi R_S^3 n_{II} \bar{m} \right) = - \frac{\bar{m} S_*}{\beta^{(2)} n_{II}^2} \frac{dn_{II}}{dt} > 0$$

# Simple Model:

- $P_{sh} \approx P_{II} = 2n_{II}k_B T_{II} = n_{II} \bar{m} c_{II}^2$
- For strong shock:  $P_{sh} = \frac{2}{\gamma+1} \rho_0 V_{sh}^2 = \rho_0 V_{sh}^2$  (for  $\gamma=1$ )
- Ion. Balance:  $S_* = \frac{4}{3} \pi n_{II}^2 \beta^{(2)} R^3 = \frac{4}{3} \pi n_0^2 \beta^{(2)} R_S^3$   
  $\frac{n_{II}}{n_0} = \left(\frac{R_S}{R}\right)^{3/2}$
- Ambient medium at rest:  $V_{sh} = \dot{R}$
- Thus equation of motion:  $\dot{R}^2 = \left(\frac{n_{II}}{n_0}\right) c_{II}^2 = \left(\frac{R_S}{R}\right)^{3/2} c_{II}^2$
- Dimensionless quantities:

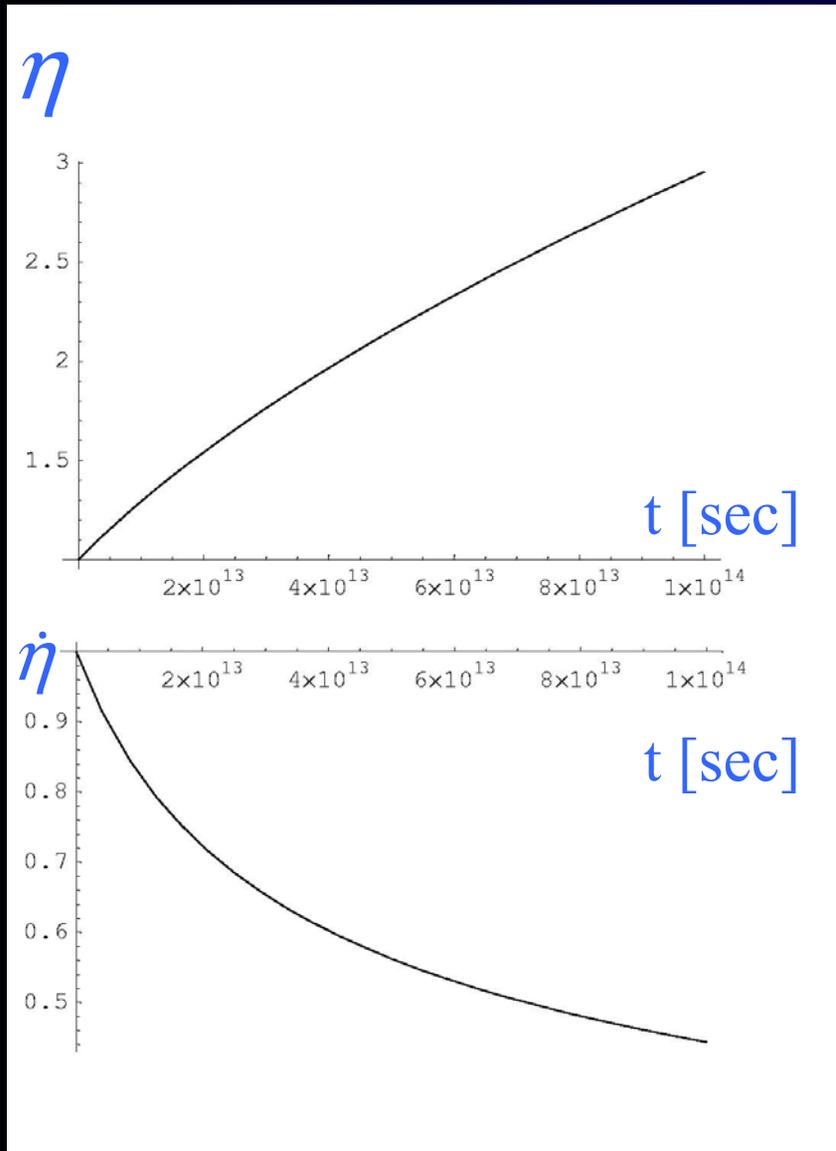
$$\eta = \frac{R}{R_S}, \quad N = c_{II} t / R_S, \quad \dot{\eta} = \dot{R} / c_{II} \Rightarrow \dot{\eta} \eta^{3/4} = 1$$

$$\text{BC: } \eta \rightarrow 1, N \rightarrow 0$$

- **Solution:**

$$\eta = \left(1 + \frac{7}{4} N\right)^{4/7}, \quad \dot{\eta} = \left(1 + \frac{7}{4} N\right)^{-3/7}$$

# Gasdynamical Expansion:



- At  $N = 0$ ,  $\dot{R} = c_{II}$
- Note:  $t_{\text{exp}} \gg \tau_{\text{rec}}$
- Is pressure equilibrium reached:  $P_{II} \approx P_I$ ?  

$$P_{II} \approx P_I \Rightarrow 2n_f k_B T_{II} = n_I k_B T_I$$
- Ionization balance must hold:  $S_* = \frac{4}{3} \pi n_f^2 \beta^{(2)} R_f^3$
- Result:  $n_f = (T_I / 2T_{II}) n_I$   

$$\Rightarrow R_f = (2T_{II} / T_I)^{2/3} R_S$$
- Final mass:  $\frac{M_f}{M_S} = \frac{n_f R_f^3}{n_0 R_S^3} = \frac{2T_{II}}{T_I}$

- Example:

$$T_I = 100 \text{ K}, T_{II} = 8000 \text{ K}, n_0 = 100 \text{ cm}^{-3}$$

$$\Rightarrow n_f / n_0 = 5 \times 10^{-3}, R_f / R_S \approx 34, M_f / M_S \approx 100$$

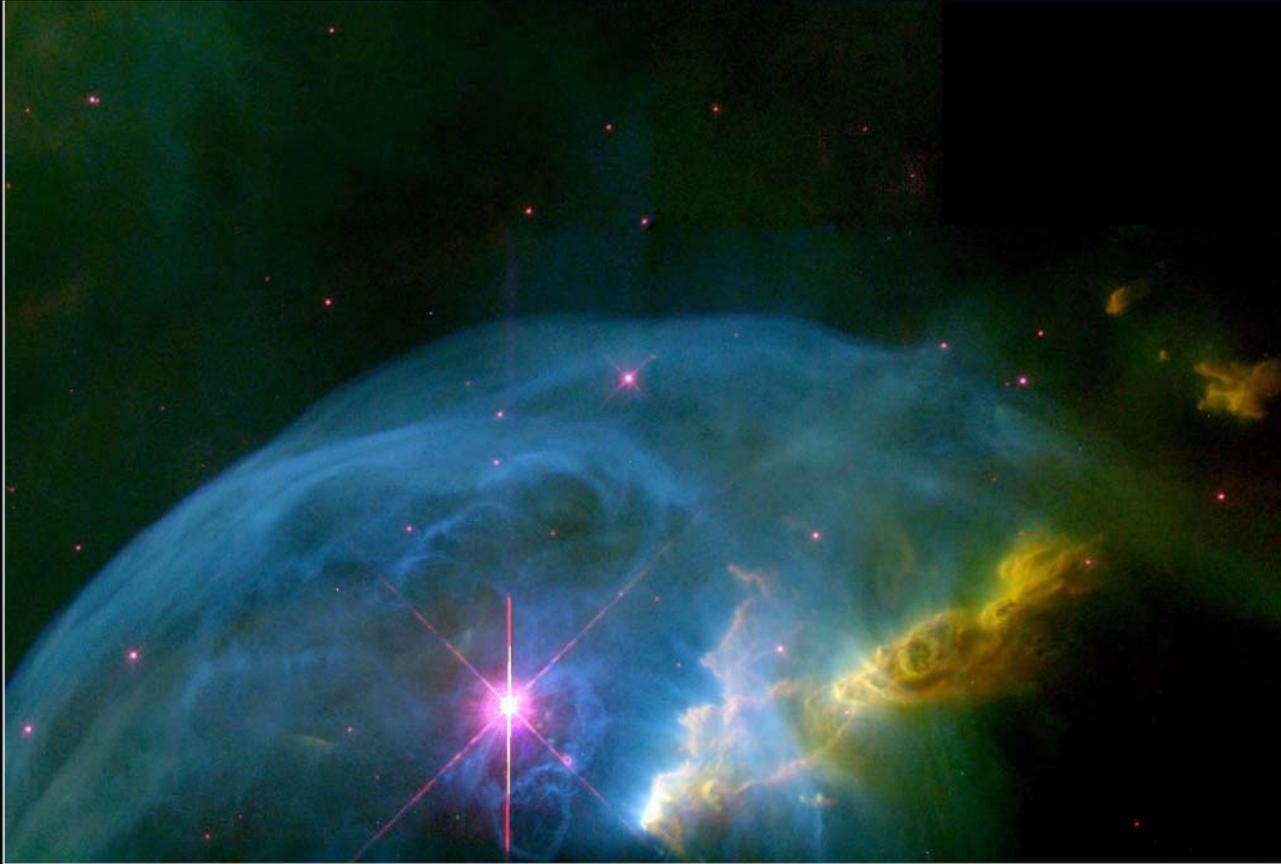
- Initial mass in Stroemgren sphere is a SMALL fraction of final mass

$$\begin{aligned} \text{For } \eta = 34 \Rightarrow t_f &\sim 273 R_S / c_{II} \approx 1.7 \times 10^{13} n_0^{-2/3} \text{ yr} \\ &\approx 7.8 \times 10^7 \text{ yr} \end{aligned}$$

- Equilibrium never reached, because star leaves main sequence before, unless density is high!

$$n_0 \geq 3 \times 10^3 \text{ cm}^{-3}$$

## II.4 Stellar Winds



**Bubble Nebula • NGC 7635**  
Hubble Space Telescope • WFPC2

- Massive star BD+602522 blows bubble into ambient medium
- Ionizing photons produce bright nebula NGC7635
- Diameter is about 2 pc
- Part of bubble network S162 due to more OB stars

# Some Facts

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Taresch et al. : Quantitative Analysis of the FUV, UV and optical spectrum of the O3 star HD 93129A

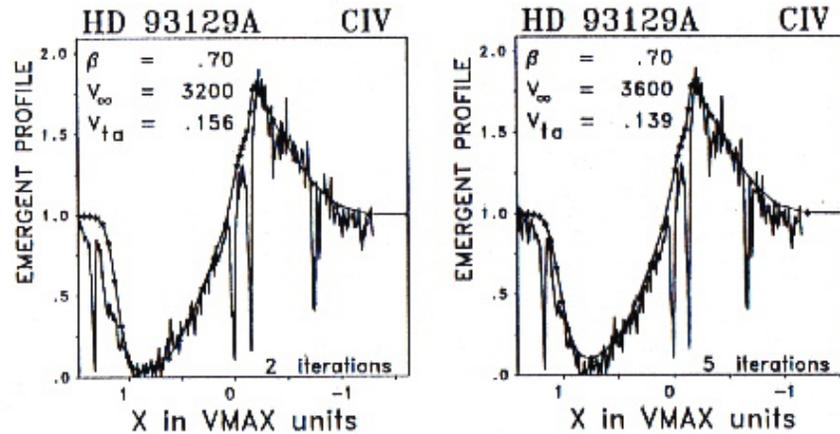


Fig. 5. Line fits to the P-Cygni profile of CIV with  $V_{\infty}=3200 \text{ km s}^{-1}$  and  $V_{\infty}=3600 \text{ km s}^{-1}$ .  $X$  is the Doppler shift relative to the laboratory wavelength of the blue doublet component in units of the terminal velocity  $V_{\infty}$ .  $V_t$  is the microturbulence velocity in units of  $V_{\infty}$ .

$$V_W \sim 2000 - 3000 \text{ km/s}$$

$$\dot{M}_W \sim 10^{-6} M_{\odot}/\text{yr}$$

Total outward force:

$$F_W = \frac{\sigma L}{4\pi r^2}$$

In reality:

$$\sigma = \sigma(\lambda)$$

- O- and B-stars:
  - Burn Hot
  - Live Fast
  - Die young

- Strong UV radiation field
- Momentum transfer to gas
- Resonance lines show P Cygni profiles (e.g. CIV, OVI)

## Line Driven Stellar Wind:

- Assume a stationary wind flow (ignore  $P_{\text{th}}$ )

$$mv \frac{dv}{dr} = -\frac{GM_* m}{r^2} + \frac{\sigma L}{4\pi r^2}$$

radiation pressure

$$v \frac{dv}{dr} = -\frac{GM_*}{r^2} (\Gamma - 1),$$

$$\Gamma = \frac{L_* \sigma}{4\pi GM_* mc} = \frac{L_*}{L_c}$$

$$L_c = \frac{4\pi GM_* mc}{\sigma} \quad (\text{Eddington luminosity})$$

- Stars with  $L_* > L_c$  are radiatively unstable

- Integration:

$$\int_{v_0}^v v dv = \int_{R_*}^r \frac{GM_*}{r^2} (\Gamma - 1) dr \Leftrightarrow \frac{1}{2} (v^2 - v_0^2) = GM_* (\Gamma - 1) \left( \frac{1}{R_*} - \frac{1}{r} \right)$$

- If  $v(R_*) = v_0 = 0$ :

$$v(r) = v_\infty \left( 1 - \frac{R_*}{r} \right)^{1/2}$$

$$v_\infty = \left[ \frac{2GM_*}{R_*} (\Gamma - 1) \right]^{1/2} = v_{esc} \sqrt{\frac{L_*}{L_c} - 1}$$

This is CAK velocity profile ( $L_* > L_c$ , i.e.  $\Gamma > 1$  needed)

- If  $L \gg L_c$   $v_\infty = \sqrt{\frac{\sigma L_*}{2\pi R_* mc}}$

## Example:

- For an O5 star:  $L_* = 7.9 \cdot 10^5 L_\odot$ ,  $R_* = 12 R_\odot$

$$v_\infty = 10 \text{ km/s} \left( \frac{\sigma}{\sigma_T} \right)^{1/2} \left( \frac{m_p}{m} \right)^{1/2} \left( \frac{L_*}{L_\odot} \right)^{1/2} \left( \frac{R_\odot}{R_*} \right)^{1/2}$$

$$\Rightarrow v_\infty \approx 2566 \text{ km/s}$$

- Mass loss rate (assume one interaction per photon):

$$\frac{L_*}{c} = \dot{M}_W v_\infty \quad \text{Momentum rate}$$

Thus we get:  $\dot{M}_W \approx 6.3 \times 10^{-6} M_\odot/\text{yr}$

- Shortcomings: cross sect.  $\lambda$  dep., multiple scattering

- Note:  $L_W = \frac{1}{2} \dot{M}_W V_W^2 \approx 1.3 \times 10^{37} \text{ erg/s} \ll L_* = 3 \times 10^{39} \text{ erg/s}$

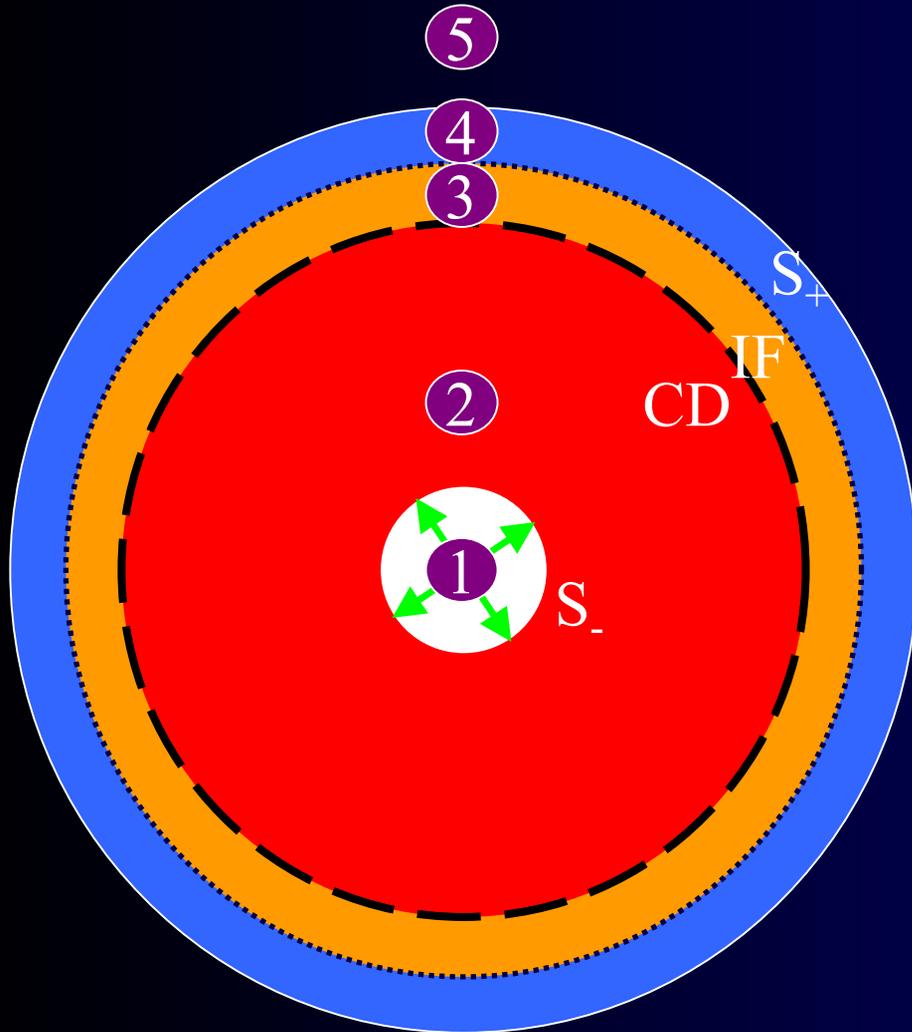
 Most of energy lost as radiation!

Less 1 % converted into mechanical luminosity

# Effects of stellar winds (SWs) on ISM:

- Observationally  $V_W$  is better determined than  $\dot{M}_W$
- We use here for estimates:  $\dot{M}_W = 10^{-6} M_\odot/\text{yr}$   
 $V_W = 2000 \text{ km/s}$ ,  $L_W = \frac{1}{2} \dot{M}_W V_W^2 = 10^{36} \text{ erg/s}$
- Note: kinetic wind energy  $\gg$  thermal energy
- Star also has Lyc output:  $S_* = 10^{49} \text{ s}^{-1}$
- Hypersonic wind flows into HII region:  $M = \frac{V_W}{c_{II}} \approx \frac{2000 \text{ km/s}}{10 \text{ km/s}} = 200$
- SW acts as a **piston**  $\longrightarrow$  **shock wave** formed (once wind feels counter pressure) facing towards star
- Hot bubble pushed ISM  $\longrightarrow$  outwards facing shock
- Contact surface separating shocked wind and ISM

# Flow Pattern:



- ① Free expanding wind shocked at  $S_-$
- ② Energy driven shocked wind bubble bounded by contact discontinuity CD  
No mass flux across C
- ③ Shell of compressed HII region, bounded by IF
- ④ Shell of shocked HI region (ambient gas) bounded by  $S_+$
- ⑤ ambient HI gas

# Qualitative Discussion:

- Region ① : free expanding wind has mainly ram pressure,  $P \approx \rho_W V_W^2$ ,  $\rho_W = \frac{\dot{M}_W}{4\pi r^2 V_W}$
- Region ② : shocked wind; the post-shock temperature is given by 
$$P_b = \frac{3}{4} \rho_b V_W^2 = \frac{3}{16} \rho_W V_W^2 = 2n_b k_B T_b$$
$$\Rightarrow T_b = \frac{3}{32} \frac{\bar{m}}{k_B} V_W^2 \approx 4 \times 10^7 \text{ K}$$
  - Note:  $S_+$  moves slowly with respect to wind
  - Since  $c_b \sim 600 \text{ km/s}$  and CD slows down ( $c_b \gg \dot{R}_b$ ), pressure is uniform and energy is mostly thermal
  - $n_b$  low, therefore  $\tau_{cool} \gg \tau_{dyn} = R_b / \dot{R}_b$  region is adiabatic
  - Density jump by factor 4  $\longrightarrow$  region extended

- Region ③ : expansion of high pressure region drives outer shock  $S_+$ ; compresses HII gas into thin shell
  - Density high (at least 4 times  $n_0$ )
  - Post-shock temperature  $T_{II} \ll T_b$  since  $\dot{R}_b \ll V_w$  } cooling high
  - HII region trapped in dense outer shell, once

$$\dot{N}_{rec} = 4\pi \beta^{(2)} R^2 \delta R n_{sh}^2 \geq S_*$$

- Since wind sweeps up ambient medium into shell:

$$M_{sh} = \frac{4}{3} \pi \rho_0 R_{sh}^3 = 4\pi R^2 \delta R n_{sh} \bar{m}$$

- Pressure uniform since  $\tau_{sc} = \delta R / c_{sh} \ll \tau_{dyn}$

- Region ④ : between IF and  $S_+$ , shock isothermal  $T_I \ll T_{II}$
- Region ⑤ : ambient gas at rest at  $T_I$

# Simple Model for stellar wind expansion:

- Extension of Regions ③ + ④ is  $\delta R \ll R_b$   
 $\Rightarrow R_{sh} = R_b + \delta R \approx R_b$

- Extension of Region ②  $\gg$  Region ①  
therefore it is assumed that ② occupies all space

- Equations:  $M_{sh} = \int_0^r \rho(r') d^3 r'$  (mass conservation)

$$E_{th} = \frac{1}{\gamma - 1} \int_0^r p(r') d^3 r' \quad (\text{thermal energy})$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} (M_{sh} \dot{R}_b) = 4\pi R_b^2 P_b \quad (\text{momentum conservation})$$

$$\frac{d E_{th}}{dt} = L_w - 4\pi R_b^2 \dot{R}_b P_b \quad (\text{energy conservation})$$

# Similarity Solutions:

- No specific length and time scales involved, i.e.  $r$  and  $t$  do not enter the equations separately

→ PDE → ODE, with variable  $R_b = At^\alpha$

- Thermal energy given by  $E_{th} = \frac{4}{3}\pi R_b^3 \frac{3}{2}P_b = 2\pi P_b R_b^3$
- Combining the conservation equations yields

$$R_b^4 \ddot{R}_b + 12R_b^3 \dot{R}_b \ddot{R}_b + 15R_b^2 \dot{R}_b^3 = \frac{3}{2\pi} \frac{L_W}{\rho_0}$$

- Substituting the similarity variable into equation

$$A^5 [\alpha(\alpha-1)(\alpha-2) + 12\alpha^2(\alpha-1) + 15\alpha^3] t^{5\alpha-3} = \frac{3L_W}{2\pi\rho_0}$$

- RHS is time-independent  $\rightarrow$   $5\alpha - 3 = 0 \Rightarrow \alpha = \frac{3}{5}$   
 $A = \left(\frac{125}{154\pi}\right)^{1/5} \left(\frac{L_W}{\rho_0}\right)^{1/5}$

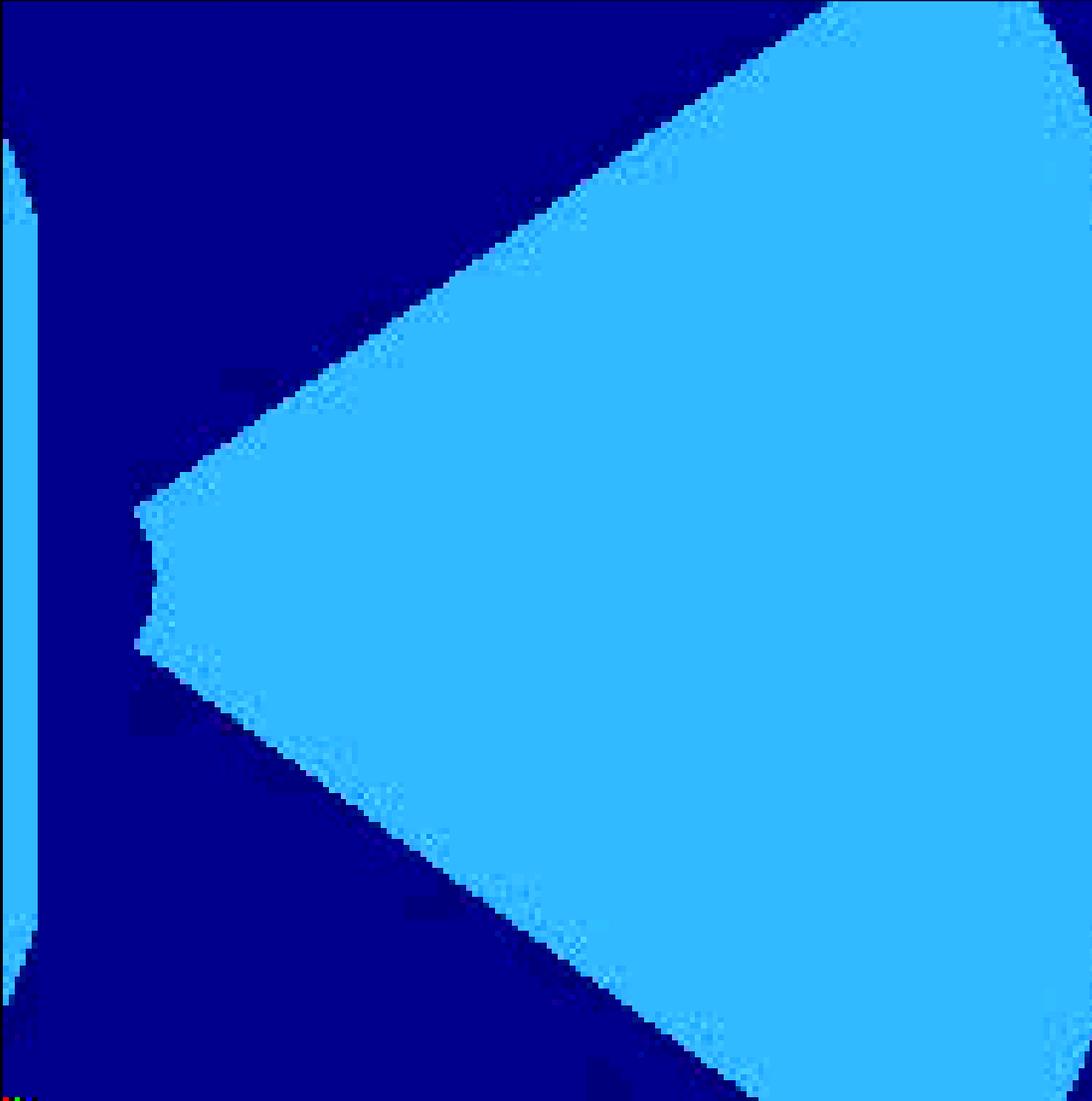
- Thus the solution reads:

$$R_b = A t^{3/5} = \left(\frac{125}{154\pi}\right)^{1/5} \left(\frac{L_W}{\rho_0}\right)^{1/5} t^{3/5}$$

$$\dot{R}_b = V_{sh} = \frac{3}{5} \frac{R_b}{t} = \frac{3}{5} A t^{-2/5}$$

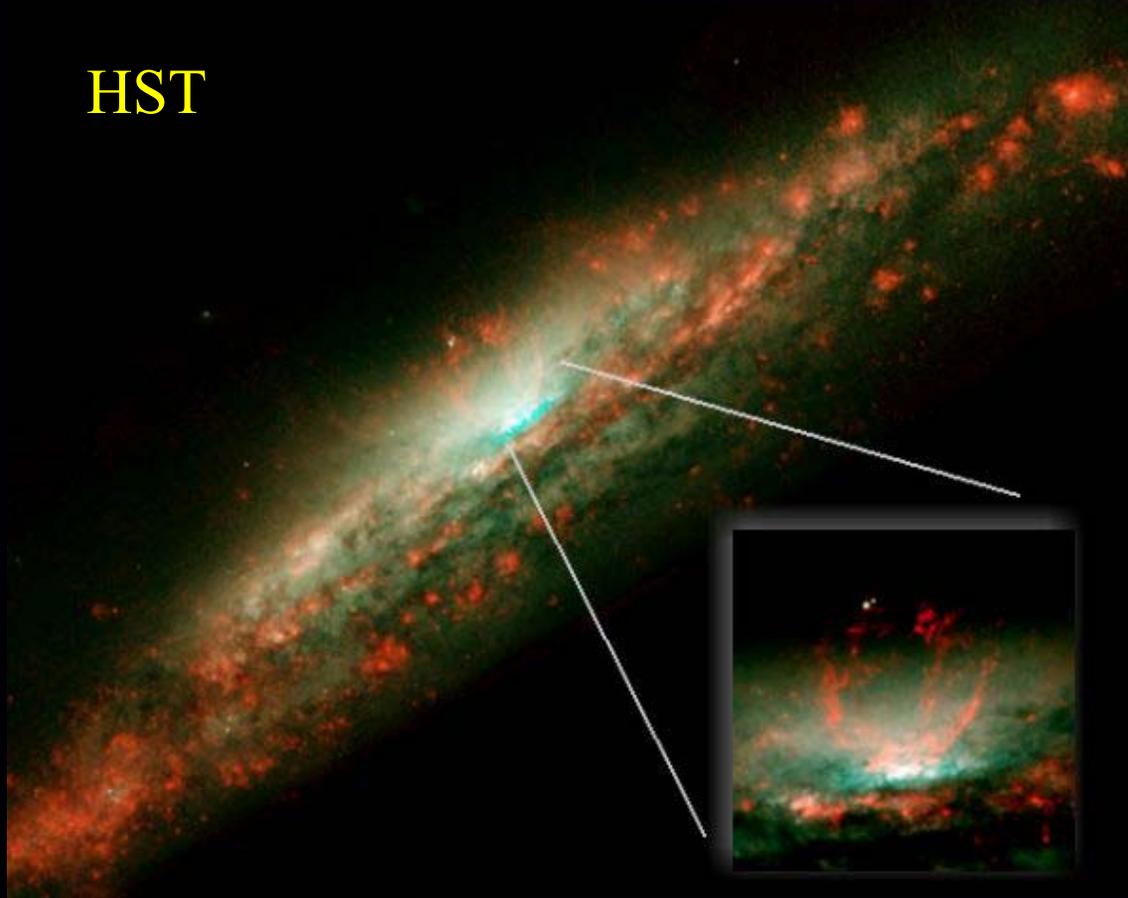
- Note: we have assumed  $P_I \ll P_{sh} = \rho_0 V_{sh}^2$

# Numerical Simulation



# II.5 Superbubbles

HST



- NGC 3079: edge-on spiral,  $D \sim 17$  Mpc
- Starburst galaxy with active nucleus
- Huge nuclear bubble generated by massive stars in concert rising to  $z \sim 700$  pc above disk
- Note: substantial fraction of energy blown into halo!

## More superbubbles:



- Ring nebula Henize 70 (N70) in the LMC
- Superbubble with  $\sim 100$  pc in diameter, excited by SWs and SNe of many massive stars
- Image by 8.2m VLT (+FORS)

# Some Facts

- Massive OB stars are born in associations ( $N_* \sim 10^2 - 10^3$ )
- If this happens approx. **coeval**, **SWs** and **SN** explosions are correlated in space and time!
- About >50% of Galactic SNe occur in clusters
- MS time is short:  $\tau_{\text{MS}} = 3 \times 10^7 (m / 10M_\odot)^{-1.6} \text{ yr}$ 
  - ➔ stars occupy **small volume** during SB formation
  - ➔ SB evolution can be described by energy injection from centre of association
- Initially energy input from SWs + photon output rate of O stars dominates  $L_w = \frac{1}{2} \dot{M}_w V_w^2 \approx 6 \times 10^{35} \text{ erg/s}$  for O7 star

# Simple expansion model:

- In early wind phase SB expansion is given by:

$$R_{SB} = 269 \text{ pc} \left( \frac{L_{38}}{n_0} \right)^{1/5} t_7^{3/5} \quad \text{cf. Cygnus supershell: } R_S \sim 225 \text{ pc}$$

(Cash et al. 1980)

$$L_{38} = \frac{L_W}{10^{38} \text{ erg/s}}, \quad t_7 = \frac{t}{10^7 \text{ yr}} \quad \text{McCray \& Kafatos, 1987}$$

- After  $\tau_{MS} \approx 5 \times 10^6 \text{ yr}$  last O star leaves main sequence and energy input is dominated by successive SN explosions
- Thus for  $5 \times 10^6 \text{ yr} \leq t \leq 5 \times 10^7 \text{ yr}$  until last SN occurs  
( $M \sim 7 M_\odot$ ) subsequent ejecta input at energy  $E \sim 10^{51} E_{51} \text{ erg}$  mimic a **stellar wind!**
- If the number of OB stars is  $N_*$  energy input is given by

$$L_{SB} = \frac{N_* 10^{51} E_{51}}{\tau_{MS} (M_{\min})}$$

- Here we have assumed:
  - A **common bubble** is formed
  - Bubble is **energy driven** (like SW case)
  - Energy input by SNe is constant with time (therefore taking MS life time of least massive SN)
  - Ambient density is constant

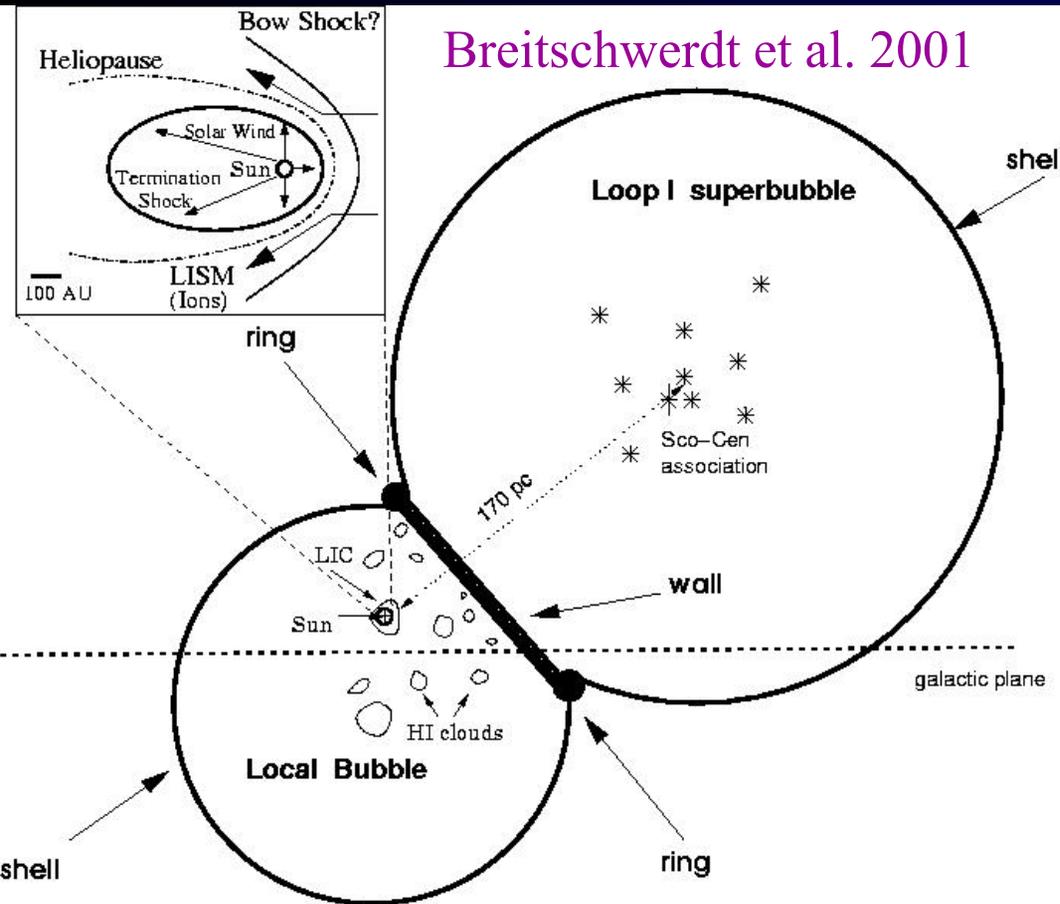
- The expansion is given by:

$$R_{SB} = 97 \text{ pc} \left( \frac{N_* E_{51}}{n_0} \right)^{1/5} t_7^{3/5}$$

$$V_{SB} = 5.7 \text{ km/s} \left( \frac{N_* E_{51}}{n_0} \right)^{1/5} t_7^{-2/5}$$

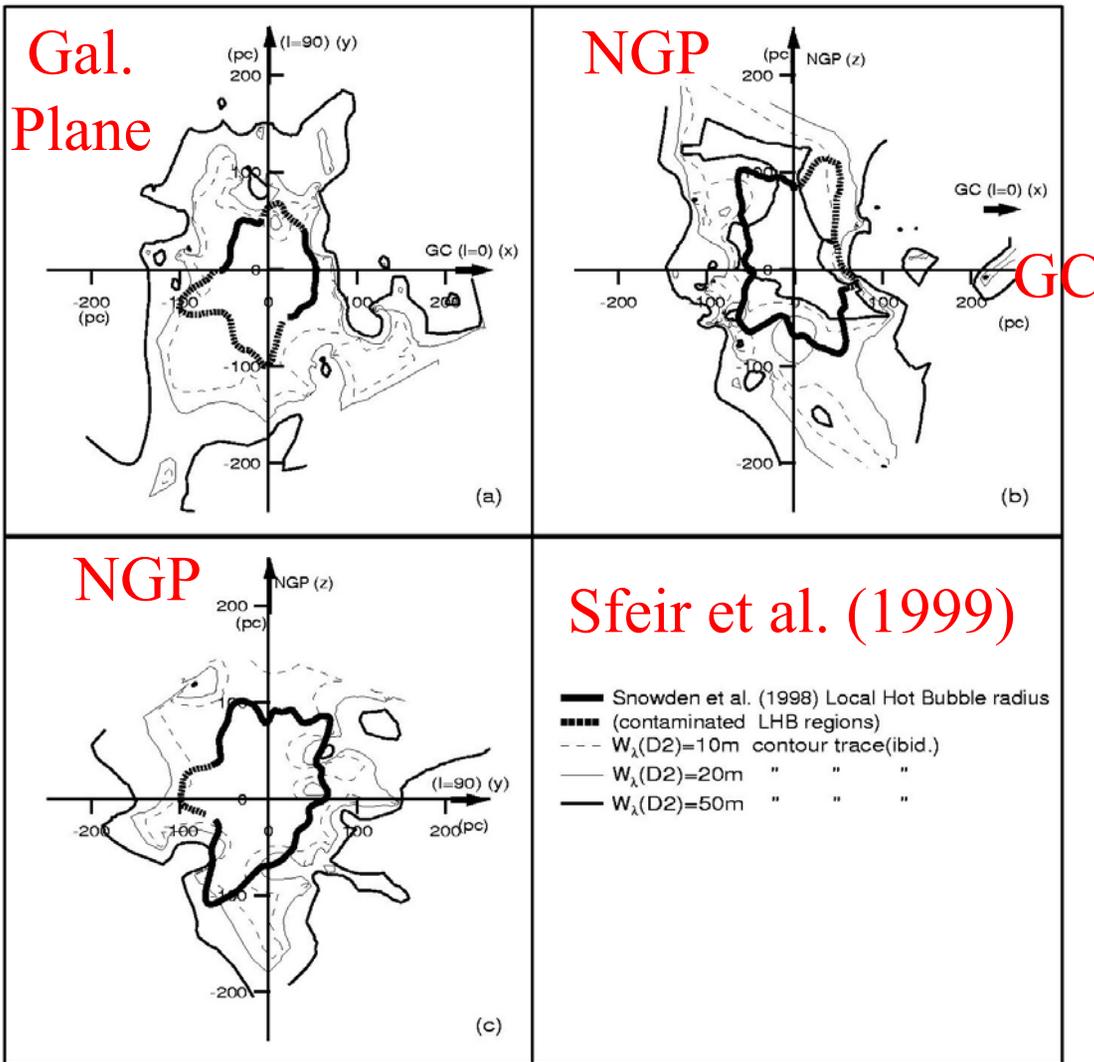
- Most of **SB size** is due to **SN explosions!**
- SB velocity larger than stellar drift
  - explosions occur always *INSIDE* bubble

# Example: Local (Super-)Bubble



- Solar system shielded from ISM by **heliosphere**
- Nearest ISM is diffuse warm HI cloud (**LIC**)
- LIC embedded in low density soft X-ray emitting region: **Local Bubble** ( $R_{LB} \sim 100$  pc)
- Origin of LB: multi-SN?

# NaI absorption line studies



- 3 sections through Local Bubble
- LB inclined  $\sim 20^\circ$  wrt NGP

→ LB  $\perp$  Gould's Belt

- LB open towards NGP?

→ Local Chimney

North Polar Spur

LMC

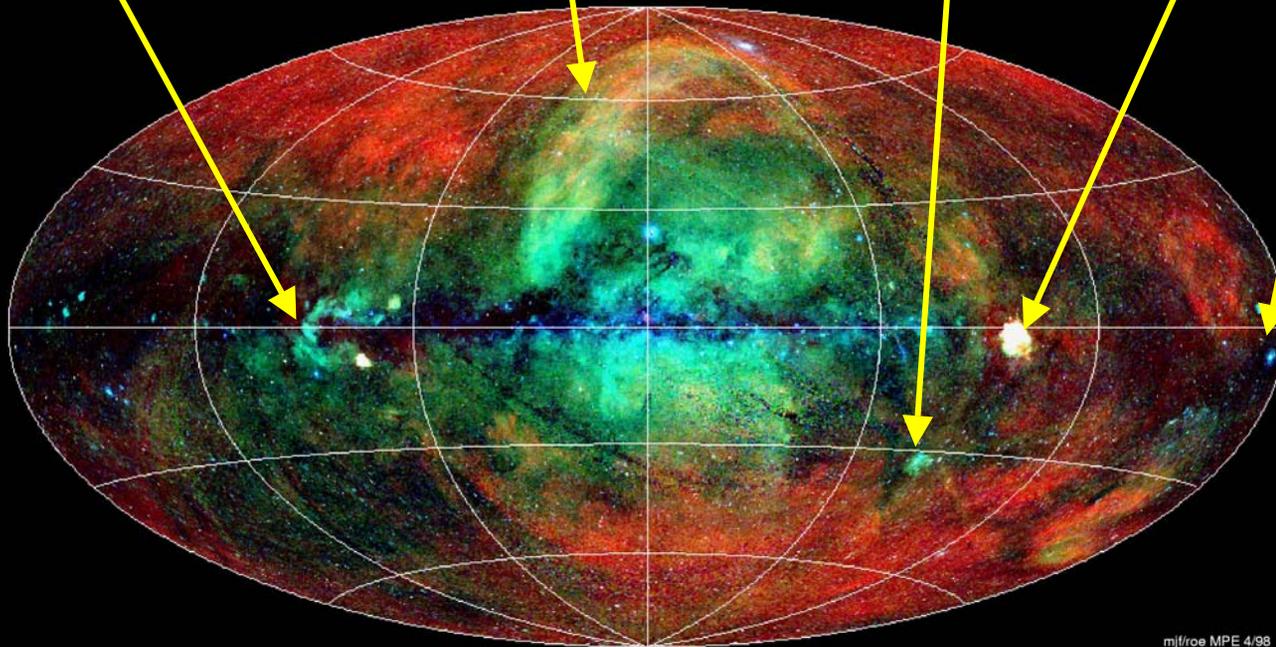
Vela

Crab

Cygnus Loop

## ROSAT PSPC ALL-SKY SURVEY Soft X-ray Background

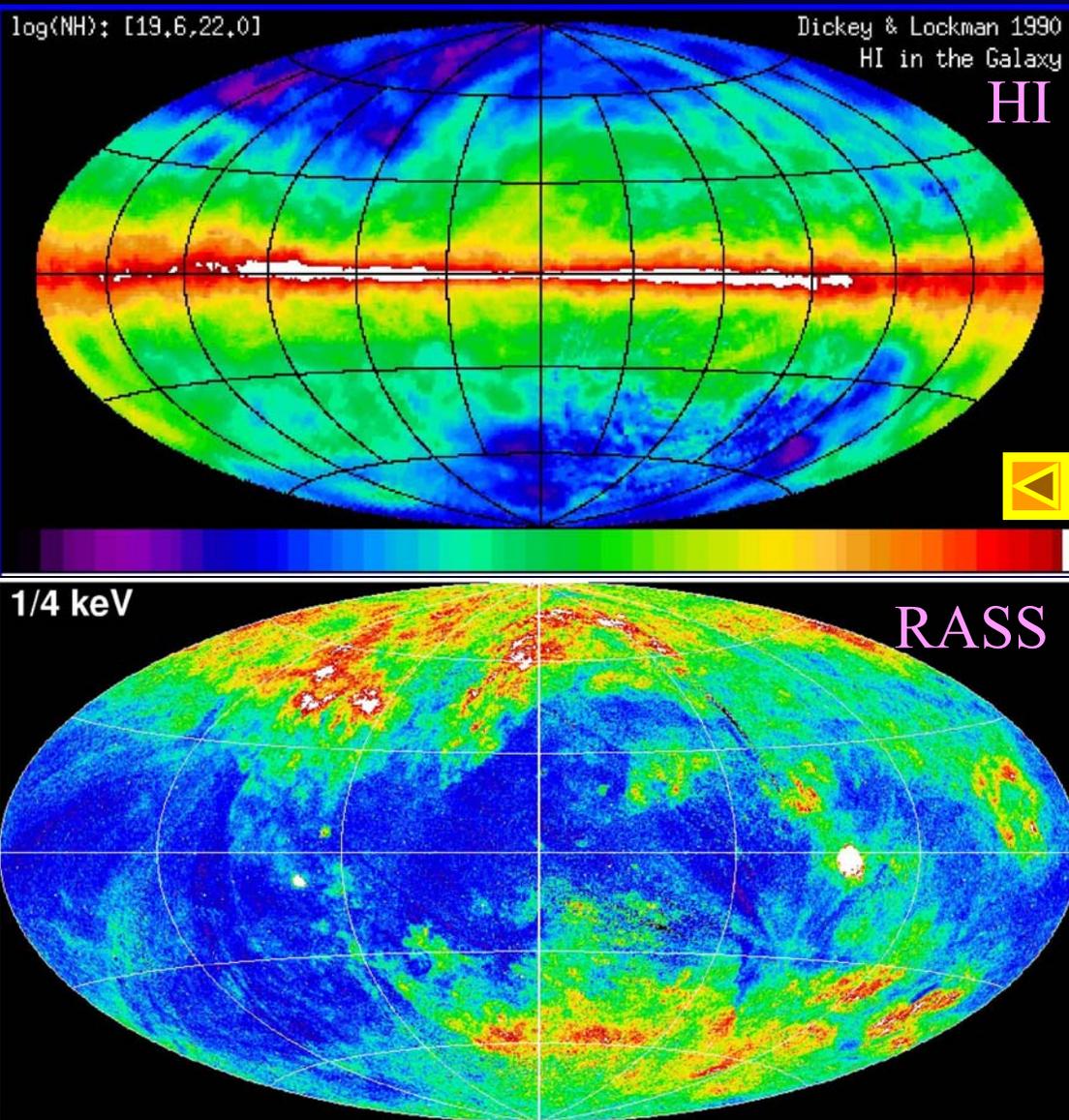
Aitoff Projection  
Galactic II Coordinate System



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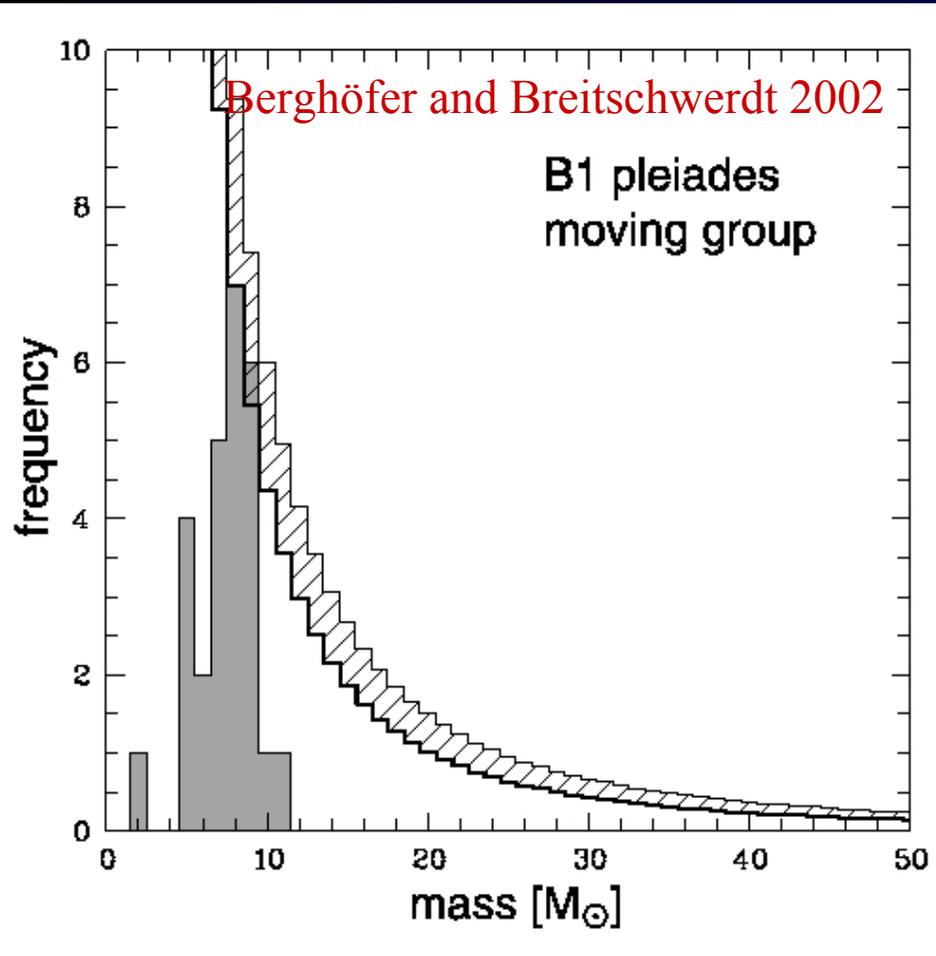
red: 0.1-0.4 keV green: 0.5-0.9 keV blue: 0.9-2.0 keV

# Anticorrelation: SXR – N(HI)



- Anticorrel. on large angular scales for soft emission
- Increase of SXR flux: disk/pole  $\sim 3$
- Absorption effect:  $\sim 50\%$  local em.

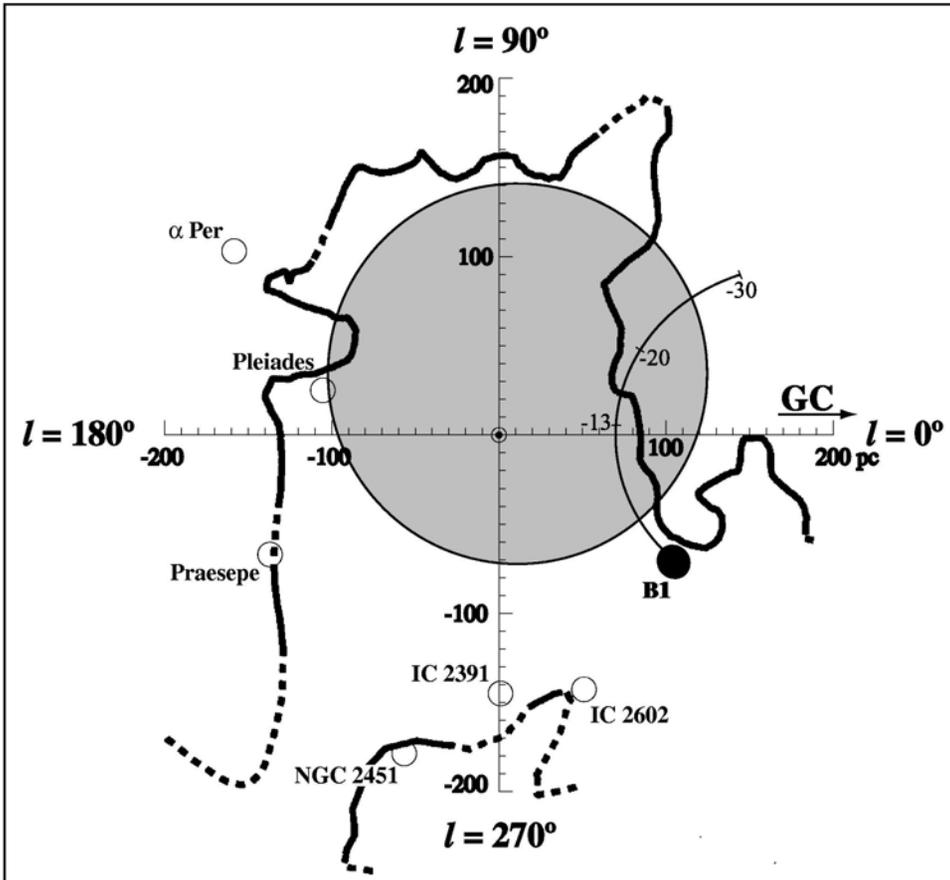
# Local Stellar Population



- Local moving groups (e.g. Pleiades, subgr. B1)
- 1924 B-F-MS stars (kin.): *Hipparcos* + photometric ages (Asiain et al. 1999)
- Youngest SG B1: 27 B,  $\tau \approx 20 \pm 10$  Myr,  $D_0 \approx 120$  pc
- Use evol. track (Schaller 1992): det. stellar masses
- IMF (Massey et al 1995):  
$$\Rightarrow N(m) = N_0 \left( \frac{m}{m_0} \right)^{\Gamma-1}, \Gamma = -1.1$$

# Young Stellar Content and Motion

Berghöfer and Breitschwerdt 2002



- Adjusting IMF (B1):

$$N(m = 8M_0) = 7$$

$$\Rightarrow N(m) = 551.6 \left( \frac{m}{M_0} \right)^{\Gamma-1}$$

$$N(m_{\max}) \leq 1 \Rightarrow m_{\max} \cong 20 M_0$$

$$\Rightarrow N_{\text{SN}} = \int_{m_{\min}}^{m_{\max}} N(m) dm \approx 21$$

- 2 B stars still active
- SNe explode in LB

# Formation and Evolution of the Local Bubble

- Energy input by sequential SNe

$$\tau_{\text{MS}} = 3 \times 10^7 \left( \frac{m}{10 M_0} \right)^{-\alpha} \text{ yr}, \alpha = 1.6 \Rightarrow m = m(\tau)$$

$$L_{\text{SB}} = E_{\text{SN}} \frac{dN_{\text{SN}}}{dt} = L_0 t^{\delta}, \delta = -(\Gamma / \alpha + 1) \approx -0.3$$

- Assumption: coeval star formation

Star deficiency:  $m \geq 10 M_0 \Rightarrow \tau_{\text{cl}} \leq 2.5 \times 10^7 \text{ yr}$

First explosion: 15 Myr ago  $(m_{\text{max}} = 20 M_0)$

# Superbubble Evolution

Analytic  
Model:

$$M_{\text{sh}} = \int_0^r \rho(r') d^3 r' \quad (\text{mass conservation})$$

$$E_{\text{th}} = \frac{1}{\gamma - 1} \int_0^r p(r') d^3 r' \quad (\text{thermal energy})$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} (M_{\text{sh}} \dot{R}_b) = 4\pi R_b^2 P_b \quad (\text{momentum conservation})$$

$$\frac{d E_{\text{th}}}{dt} = L_{\text{SB}}(t) - 4\pi R_b^2 \dot{R}_b P_b \quad (\text{energy conservation})$$

## Similarity solution:

$$R_b = At^\mu, \quad \mu = \frac{\delta+3}{5-\beta}, \quad \rho = \tilde{\rho} \left( \frac{r}{R_0} \right)^{-\beta} = K_0 r^{-\beta}$$

IF:  $\beta = 0, \alpha = 1.6, \Gamma = -1.1 \Rightarrow \mu \approx 0.54$

- Note that similarity exponent  $\mu$  is between SNR (Sedov phase:  $\mu=0.4$ ) AND SW/SB ( $\mu=0.6$ )
- The mass of the shell is given by:

$$M_{sh} = \int_0^{R_b} 4\pi r^2 K_0 r^{-\beta} dr = \frac{4\pi}{3-\beta} K_0 R_b^{3-\beta}$$

- After some tedious calculations we find:

$$A = \left[ \frac{(5-\beta)^3 (3-\beta)}{2\pi(\alpha+3)(7\alpha-\beta-\alpha\beta+11)(4\alpha-2\beta-\alpha\beta+7)} \frac{L_0}{K_0} \right]^{\frac{1}{5-\beta}}$$

# Local Bubble (Analytic results)

- Local Bubble at present:

$$n_0 = 30 \text{ cm}^{-3}, \tau_{\text{exp}} = 13 \text{ Myr} \Rightarrow R_b \approx 146 \text{ pc}, V_{\text{sh}} \approx 5.9 \text{ km/s}$$

- Present LB mass:  $M_{\text{LB}} \geq 600 M_0, M_{\text{ej}} \leq 200 M_0$

 **Mass loading!** (decreases radius)

- Average SN rate in LB:  $f_{\text{SN}} \cong 1/(6.5 \times 10^5 \text{ yr})$

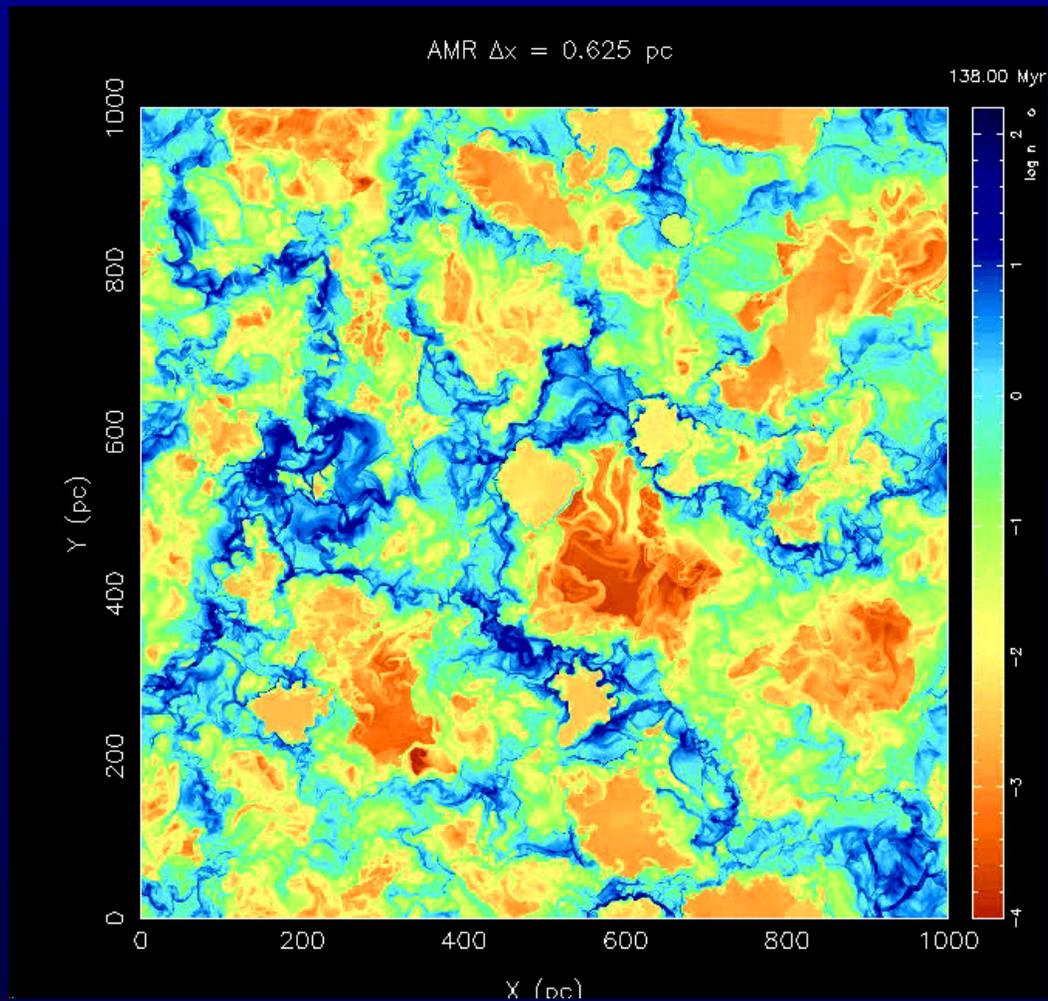
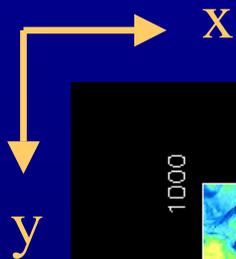
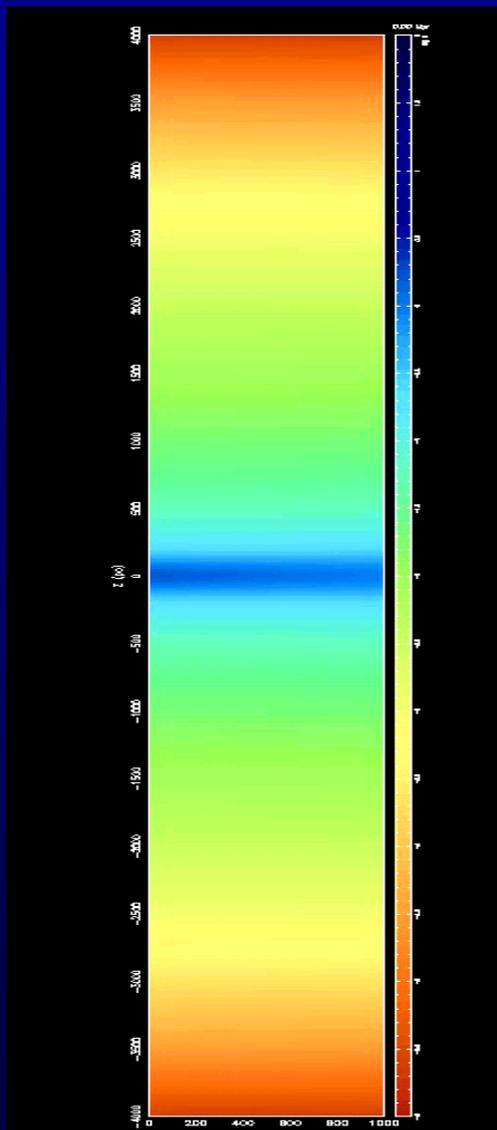
- Cooling time:  $\tau_c \approx 13 \text{ Myr}$  ( $n_b \approx 5 \times 10^{-3} \text{ cm}^{-3}, T_b \approx 10^6 \text{ K}$ )

 **X-ray emission due to last SN(e)!**

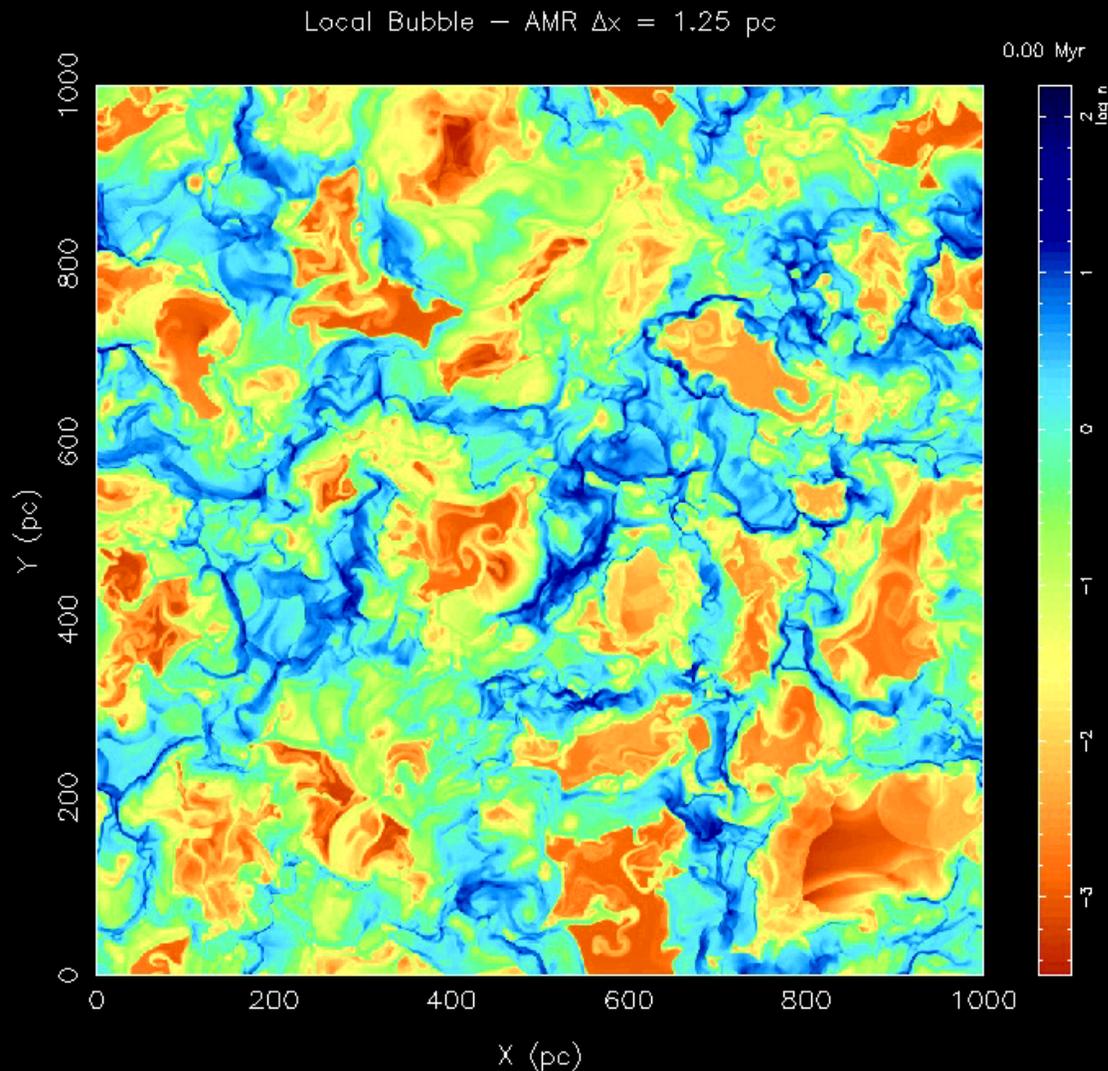
- Energy input by recent SNe:  $\dot{E}_{\text{SN}} = E_{\text{SN}} \frac{dN}{dt}$   
 $\dot{E}_{\text{SN}} \approx 4.3 \times 10^{36} (1 + t_7)^{0.31} \approx 5.2 \times 10^{36} \text{ erg/s}$

# Disturbed background ambient medium

Z

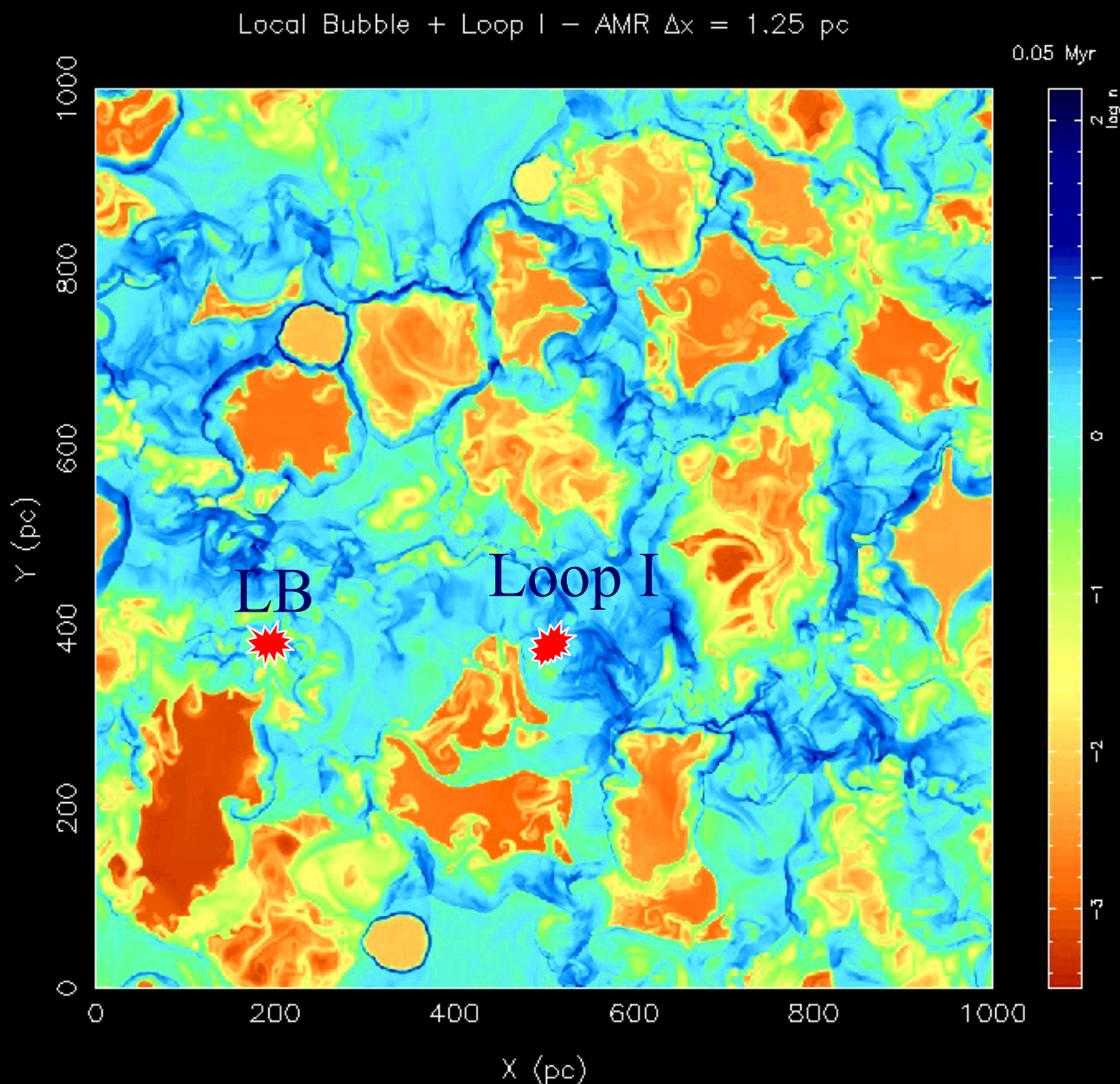


# Local Bubble Evolution: Realistic Ambient Medium



- Density
- Cut through Galactic plane
- LB originates at  $(x,y) = (200 \text{ pc}, 400 \text{ pc})$
- SNe Ia,b,c & II at Galactic rate
- 60% of SNe in OB associations
- 40% are random
- Grid resolution: 1.25 and 0.625 pc

# Numerical Modeling (II)



- Density
- Cut through galactic plane
- LB originates at  $(x,y) = (200 \text{ pc}, 400 \text{ pc})$
- Loop I at  $(x,y) = (500 \text{ pc}, 400 \text{ pc})$

## Results

Bubbles collided  
~ 3 Myr ago

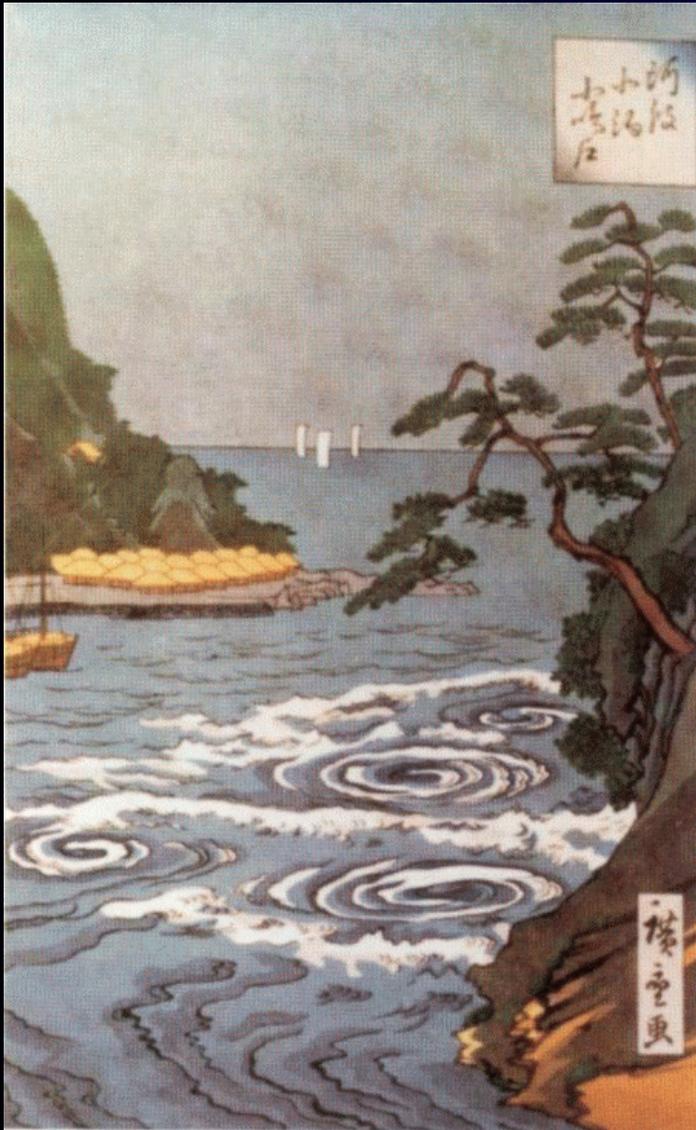
Interaction shell  
fragments in  
~3 Myrs

Bubbles dissolve in  
~ 10 Myrs

## II.6 Instabilities

- Equilibrium configurations (especially in plasma physics) are often subject instabilities
- Boundary surfaces, separating two fluids are susceptible to become unstable (e.g. contact discontinuity, **stratified fluid**)
- Simple test: **linear perturbation analysis**
  - Assume a static background medium at rest
  - Subject the system to finite amplitude disturbances
  - Test for **exponential growth**
  - However: no guarantee, system can be 1<sup>st</sup> order stable and 2<sup>nd</sup> or higher order unstable

# Kelvin-Helmholtz instability



- Why does the surface on a lake have ripples?

## Examples:

Cloud – wind interface:

- Shear flow generates ripples and kinks in the cloud surface due to Kelvin-Helmholtz instability
- „Cat’s eye“ pattern typical



## 2D Simulation of Shear Flow

Vincent van Gogh knew it!

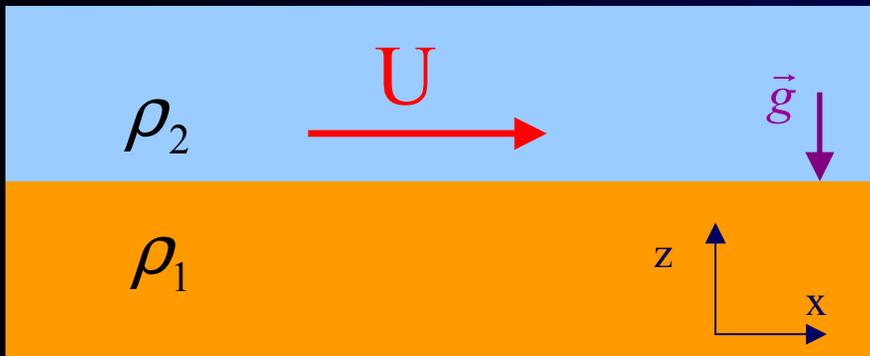


$U_2$

$U_1$

## Normal modes analysis:

- Assume **incompressible inviscid** fluid at rest ( $\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{v} = 0$ )
- Two **stratified** fluids of **different densities** move **relative** to each other in horizontal direction  $x$  at velocity  $U$
- Let disturbed density at  $(x,y,z)$  be  $\rho + \delta\rho$   
corresponding change in pressure is  $\delta P$   
the velocity components of perturbed state are:  
 $U + u, v$  and  $w$  in  $x$ -,  $y$ - and  $z$ -direction  
thus the perturbed equations read:



## Stratified fluid

$\vec{g}$  can stand for any acceleration!

where  $U_s = U(z_s)$

$z_s$  is the surface at which  $\rho$  changes discontinuously

Disturbances vary as

$$\exp i[k_x x + k_y y + \sigma t]$$

Instability if  $\text{Im}(\sigma) < 0$

$$\rho \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} + \rho U \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + \rho w \frac{dU}{dz} = -\frac{\partial}{\partial x} \delta P$$

$$\rho \frac{\partial v}{\partial t} + \rho U \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} = -\frac{\partial}{\partial y} \delta P$$

$$\rho \frac{\partial w}{\partial t} + \rho U \frac{\partial w}{\partial x} = -\frac{\partial}{\partial z} \delta P - g \delta \rho$$

$$\rho \frac{\partial \delta \rho}{\partial t} + U \frac{\partial \delta \rho}{\partial x} = -w \frac{d\rho}{dz}$$

$$\frac{\partial \delta z_s}{\partial t} + U_s \frac{\partial \delta z_s}{\partial x} = w(z_s)$$

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial w}{\partial z} = 0$$

- Inserting the normal modes yields a DR

$$\frac{d}{dz} \left\{ \rho[\sigma + k_x U] \frac{dw}{dz} - \rho k_x \left( \frac{dU}{dz} \right) w \right\} - k^2 \rho[\sigma + k_x U] w = \frac{gk^2 w}{[\sigma + k_x U]} \frac{d\rho}{dz}$$

- At the interface U is discontinuous, but the perturbation velocity w must be **unique**
- Integrate over a small „box“  $(z_s - \varepsilon, z_s + \varepsilon)$ , with  $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0$

$$\Delta_s \left\{ \rho[\sigma + k_x U] \frac{dw}{dz} - \rho k_x \left( \frac{dU}{dz} \right) w \right\} = gk^2 \Delta_s(\rho) \left( \frac{w}{\sigma + k_x U} \right)_s$$

**BC**

where  $\Delta_s(f) = f_{z=z_s+0} - f_{z=z_s-0}$

- Since we have a discontinuity in U and  $\rho$  the DR becomes

$$\left( \frac{d^2}{dz^2} - k^2 \right) w = 0 \quad \text{since} \quad \frac{dU}{dz} = \frac{d\rho}{dz} = 0$$

- Since  $\frac{w}{\sigma + k_x U}$  must be continuous at  $z_s$  and  $w$  must not increase exponentially on either side, we must have

$$w_1 = A(\sigma + k_x U_1) \exp[+kz], \quad (z < 0)$$

$$w_2 = A(\sigma + k_x U_2) \exp[-kz], \quad (z > 0)$$

- Applying the BC to solutions:

$$\rho_2(\sigma + k_x U_2)^2 + \rho_1(\sigma + k_x U_1)^2 = gk(\rho_1 - \rho_2)$$

- Expanding and rearranging yields the growth rate

$$\sigma = -k_x \frac{\rho_1 U_1 + \rho_2 U_2}{\rho_1 + \rho_2} \pm \left[ gk \frac{\rho_1 - \rho_2}{\rho_1 + \rho_2} - k_x^2 \frac{\rho_1 \rho_2 (U_1 - U_2)^2}{(\rho_1 + \rho_2)^2} \right]^{1/2}$$

where  $\vec{k} \vec{U} = kU \cos \vartheta$  and  $k_x = k \cos \vartheta$

- Two solutions are possible

- If  $k_x = 0$

the growth rate is simply  $\sigma = \pm \sqrt{gk \frac{\rho_1 - \rho_2}{\rho_1 + \rho_2}}$

R-T instability

Perturbations transverse to streaming are unaffected by it

- For every other directions of wave vector instability occurs if:

$$k > \frac{g(\rho_1^2 - \rho_2^2)}{\rho_1 \rho_2 (U_1 - U_2)^2 \cos^2 \vartheta}$$

Kelvin-Helmholtz instability

- Even for stable stratification  $\rho_1 > \rho_2$  (against R-T)

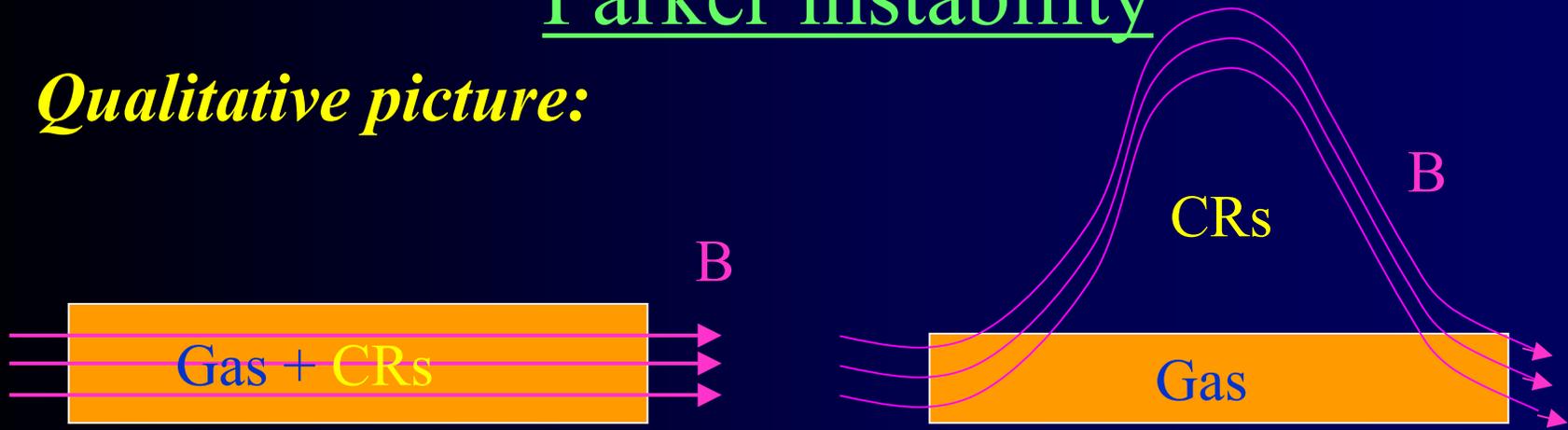
There is ALWAYS instability no matter how SMALL

$U_1 - U_2$  is!

- For large velocity difference large wavelength instability

# Parker instability

- *Qualitative picture:*

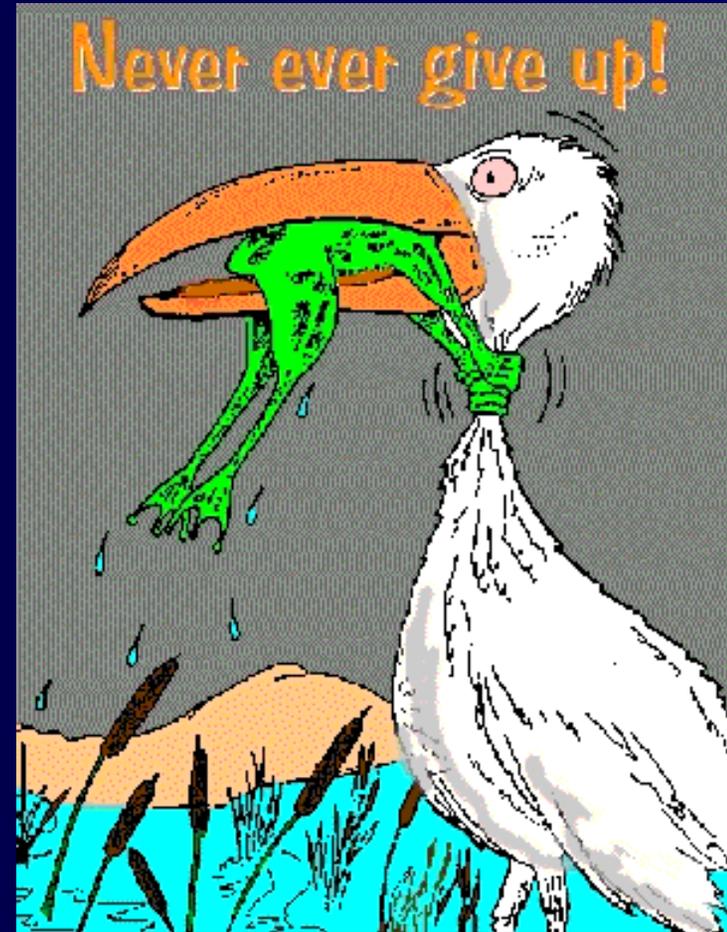


- *CRs are coupled to magnetic field which is frozen into gas*
- *Magnetic field is held down to disk by gas!*
- *CRs exert buoyancy forces on field -> gas slides down along lines to minimize potential energy -> increases buoyancy -> generates *magnetic („Parker“)* loops!*
- *Note:* CRs and magnetic field have tendency to expand if unrestrained

Do not despair if you did not understand everything right away!



BUT



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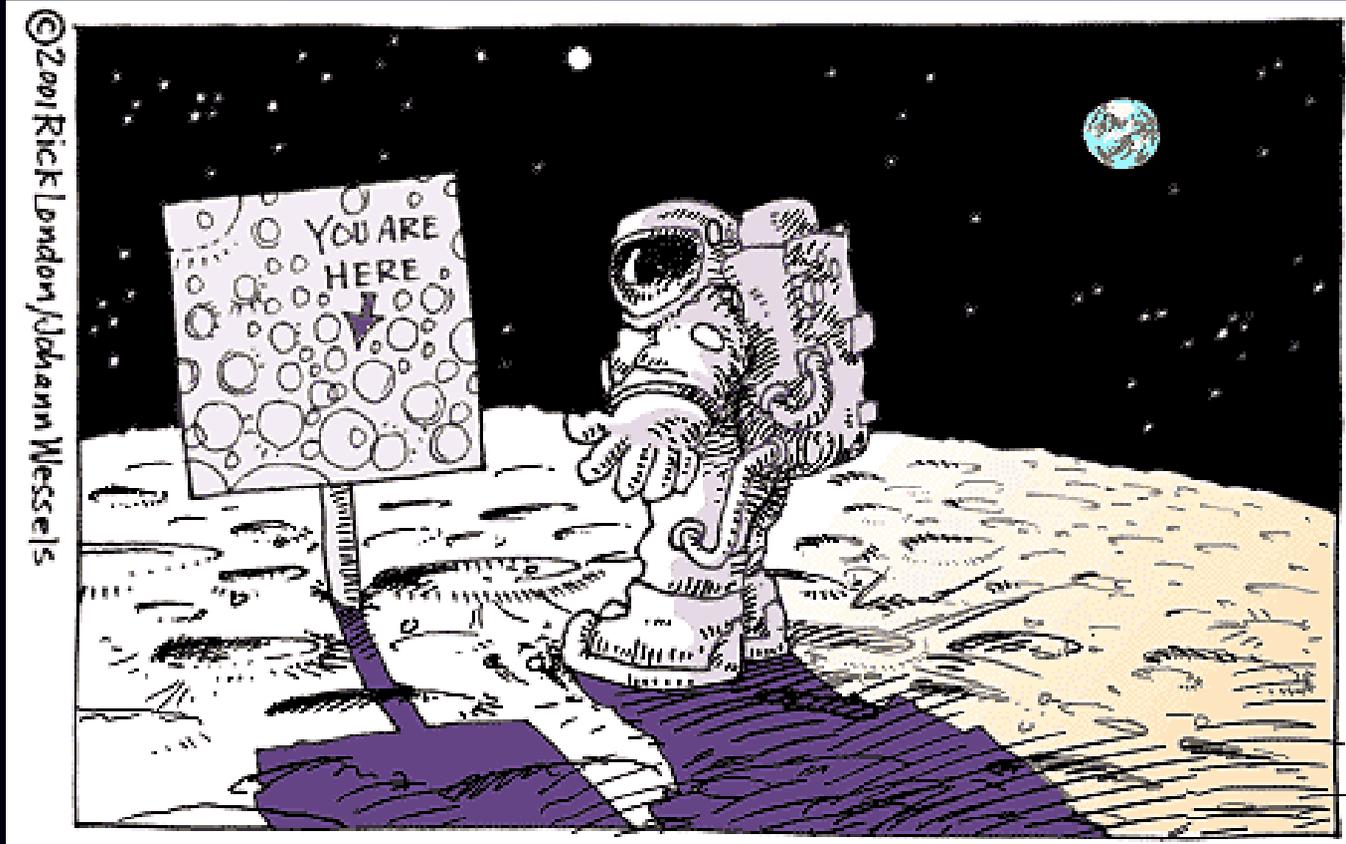
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Bubbles everywhere!!!



- The End -

