



Cosmic rays, particle acceleration, and γ -ray constraints on star and galaxy formation

Christoph Pfrommer¹

in collaboration with

M. Pais¹, R. Pakmor², K. Schaal², C. Simpson², V. Springel²

¹Leibniz Institute for Astrophysics Potsdam (AIP)

²Heidelberg Institute for Theoretical Studies (HITS)

International Fermi Symposium, Garmisch-Partenkirchen – 2017

Outline

1 Introduction

- Galaxy formation
- Cosmic ray physics
- Simulated physical processes

2 Galaxy simulations

- Supernova explosions
- Interstellar medium
- Galaxy formation



Outline

1

Introduction

- Galaxy formation
- Cosmic ray physics
- Simulated physical processes

2

Galaxy simulations

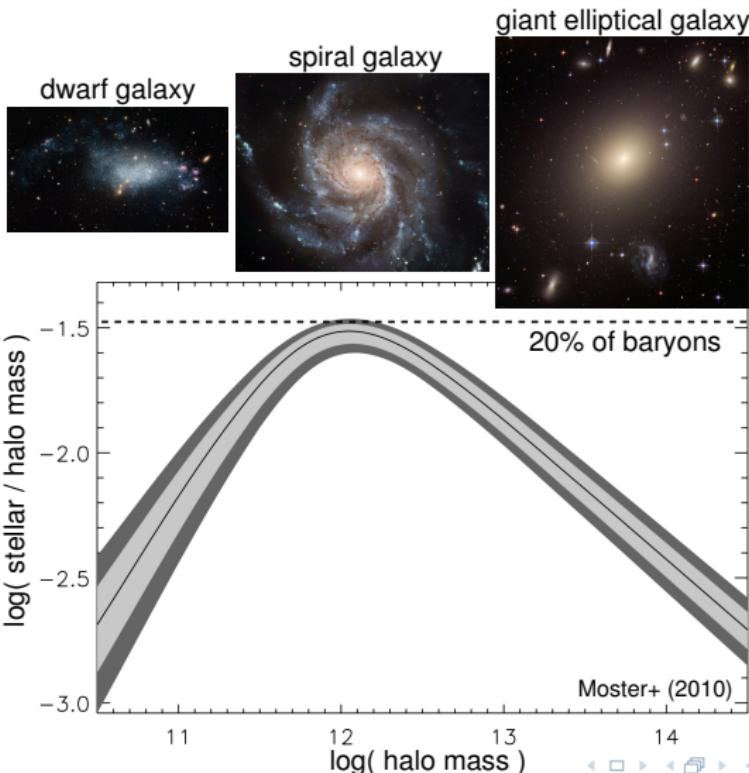
- Supernova explosions
- Interstellar medium
- Galaxy formation



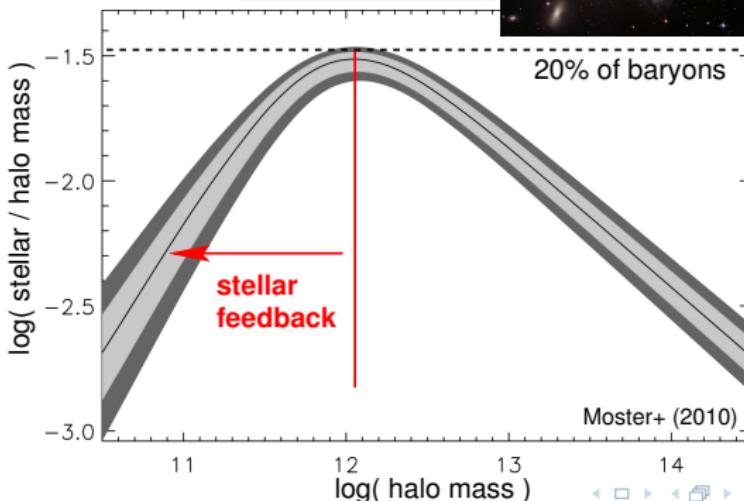
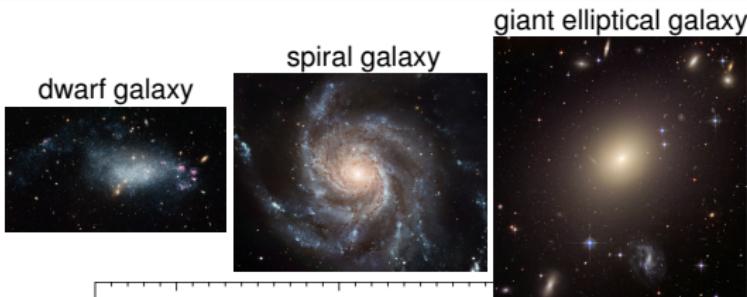
Puzzles in galaxy formation



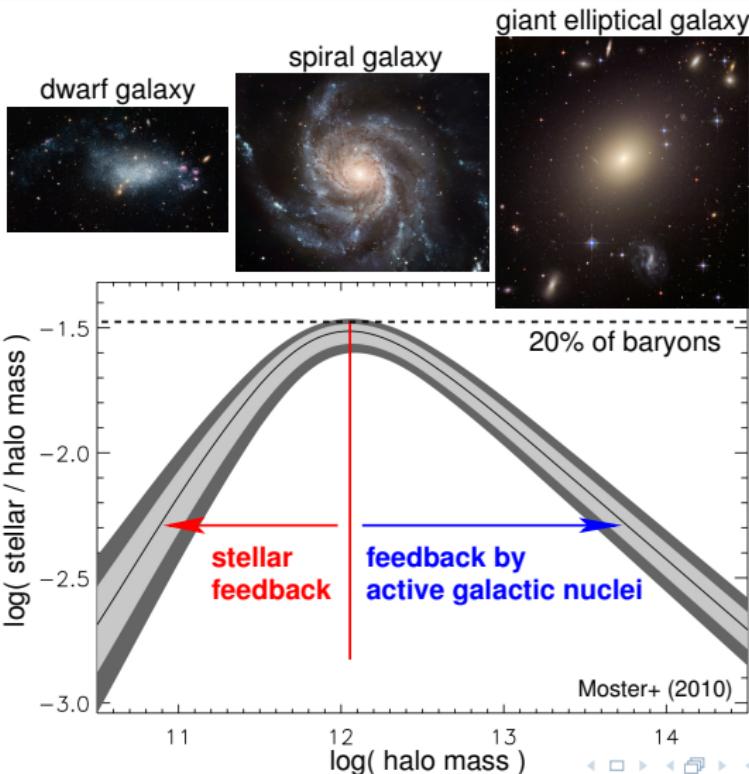
Puzzles in galaxy formation



Puzzles in galaxy formation



Puzzles in galaxy formation



Feedback by galactic winds



supernova Cassiopeia A

X-ray: NASA/CXC/SAO; Optical: NASA/STScI;
Infrared: NASA/JPL-Caltech/Steward/O.Krause et al.

- **galactic supernova remnants** drive **shock waves, turbulence, accelerate electrons + protons, amplify magnetic fields**

Feedback by galactic winds



super wind in M82

NASA/JPL-Caltech/STScI/CXC/UofA

- **galactic supernova remnants**
drive **shock waves, turbulence,**
accelerate electrons + protons,
amplify magnetic fields
- **star formation and supernovae**
drive gas out of galaxies by
galactic super winds

Feedback by galactic winds



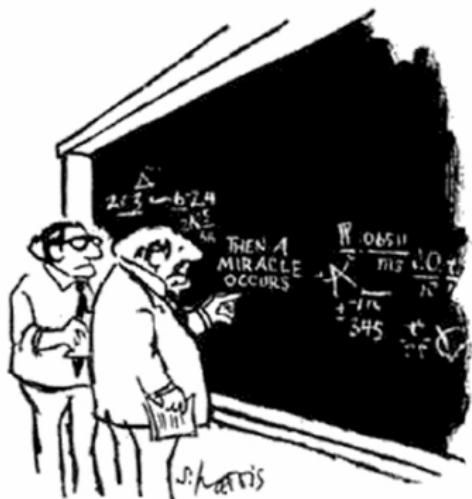
super wind in M82

NASA/JPL-Caltech/STScI/CXC/UofA

- **galactic supernova remnants**
drive **shock waves, turbulence,**
accelerate electrons + protons,
amplify magnetic fields
- **star formation and supernovae**
drive gas out of galaxies by
galactic super winds
- critical for understanding the
physics of galaxy formation
→ may explain puzzle of low
star conversion efficiency in
dwarf galaxies



Feedback by galactic winds



"I THINK YOU SHOULD BE MORE EXPLICIT
HERE IN STEP TWO."

© 1998-1999 J. H. Hart

Reprinted By-Optional Permissions Ltd.

© Sydney Harris

- galactic supernova remnants drive shock waves, turbulence, accelerate electrons + protons, amplify magnetic fields
- star formation and supernovae drive gas out of galaxies by galactic super winds
- critical for understanding the physics of galaxy formation → may explain puzzle of low star conversion efficiency in dwarf galaxies

How are galactic winds driven?



NASA/JPL-Caltech/STScI/CXC/UofA

super wind in M82

- thermal pressure provided by supernovae or AGNs?
- radiation pressure and photoionization by massive stars and QSOs?
- cosmic-ray (CR) pressure and Alfvén wave heating of CRs accelerated at supernova shocks?

How are galactic winds driven?



NASA/JPL-Caltech/STScI/CXC/UofA

super wind in M82

- thermal pressure provided by supernovae or AGNs?
- radiation pressure and photoionization by massive stars and QSOs?
- cosmic-ray (CR) pressure and Alfvén wave heating of CRs accelerated at supernova shocks?

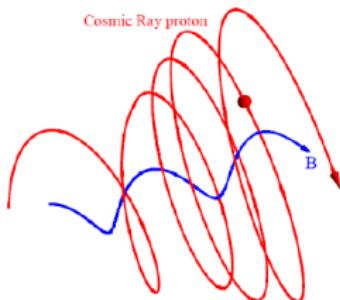
observed energy equipartition between cosmic rays, thermal gas and magnetic fields

→ suggests self-regulated feedback loop with CR driven winds



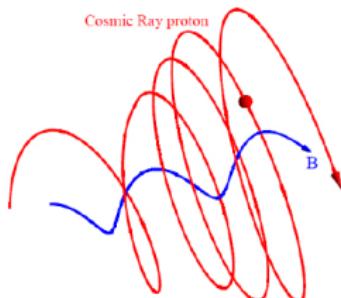
Interactions of CRs and magnetic fields

- CRs scatter on magnetic fields → isotropization of CR momenta
- **CR streaming instability:** Kulsrud & Pearce 1969
 - if $v_{\text{cr}} > v_A$, CR current provides steady driving force, which amplifies an Alfvén wave field in resonance with the gyroradii of CRs
 - scattering off of this wave field limits the (GeV) CRs' bulk speed $\sim v_A$
 - wave damping: transfer of CR energy and momentum to the thermal gas



Interactions of CRs and magnetic fields

- CRs scatter on magnetic fields → isotropization of CR momenta
- **CR streaming instability:** Kulsrud & Pearce 1969
 - if $v_{\text{cr}} > v_A$, CR current provides steady driving force, which amplifies an Alfvén wave field in resonance with the gyroradii of CRs
 - scattering off of this wave field limits the (GeV) CRs' bulk speed $\sim v_A$
 - wave damping: transfer of CR energy and momentum to the thermal gas



→ **CRs exert a pressure on the thermal gas by means of scattering off of Alfvén waves**

Cosmic-ray transport: streaming vs. diffusion

- total CR velocity $\mathbf{v}_{\text{cr}} = \mathbf{v} + \mathbf{v}_{\text{st}} + \mathbf{v}_{\text{di}}$ (where $\mathbf{v} \equiv \mathbf{v}_{\text{gas}}$)
- CRs stream** down their own pressure gradient relative to the gas,
CRs diffuse in the wave frame due to pitch angle scattering by MHD waves (both transports are along the local direction of \mathbf{B}):

$$\mathbf{v}_{\text{st}} = -\mathbf{v}_A \frac{\mathbf{b} \cdot \nabla P_{\text{cr}}}{|\mathbf{b} \cdot \nabla P_{\text{cr}}|}, \quad \mathbf{v}_{\text{di}} = -\kappa_{\text{di}} \mathbf{b} \frac{\mathbf{b} \cdot \nabla \varepsilon_{\text{cr}}}{\varepsilon_{\text{cr}}},$$

Cosmic-ray transport: streaming vs. diffusion

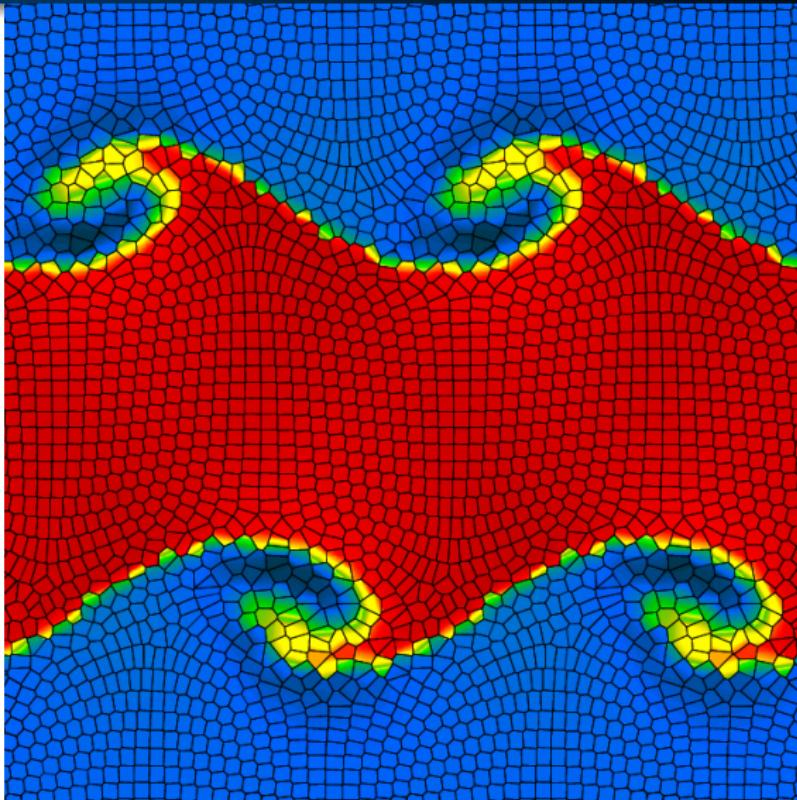
- total CR velocity $\mathbf{v}_{\text{cr}} = \mathbf{v} + \mathbf{v}_{\text{st}} + \mathbf{v}_{\text{di}}$ (where $\mathbf{v} \equiv \mathbf{v}_{\text{gas}}$)
- CRs stream** down their own pressure gradient relative to the gas,
CRs diffuse in the wave frame due to pitch angle scattering by MHD waves (both transports are along the local direction of \mathbf{B}):

$$\mathbf{v}_{\text{st}} = -\mathbf{v}_A \frac{\mathbf{b} \cdot \nabla P_{\text{cr}}}{|\mathbf{b} \cdot \nabla P_{\text{cr}}|}, \quad \mathbf{v}_{\text{di}} = -\kappa_{\text{di}} \mathbf{b} \frac{\mathbf{b} \cdot \nabla \varepsilon_{\text{cr}}}{\varepsilon_{\text{cr}}},$$

- CR streaming** adiabatically transports CR energy with $\sim v_A$
CR diffusion irreversibly disperses the CR energy



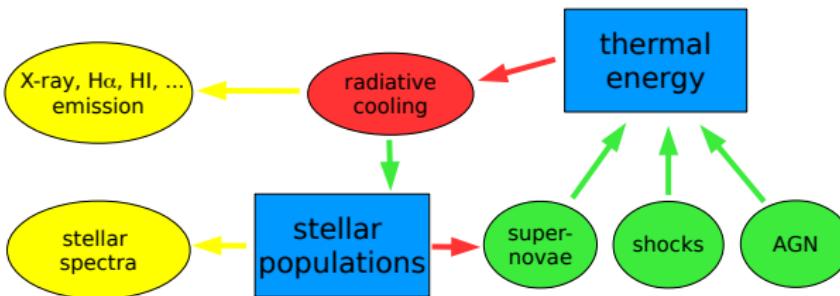
Cosmological moving-mesh code AREPO (Springel 2010)



Simulations – flowchart

observables:

physical processes:



C.P., Pakmor, Schaal, Simpson, Springel (2017)

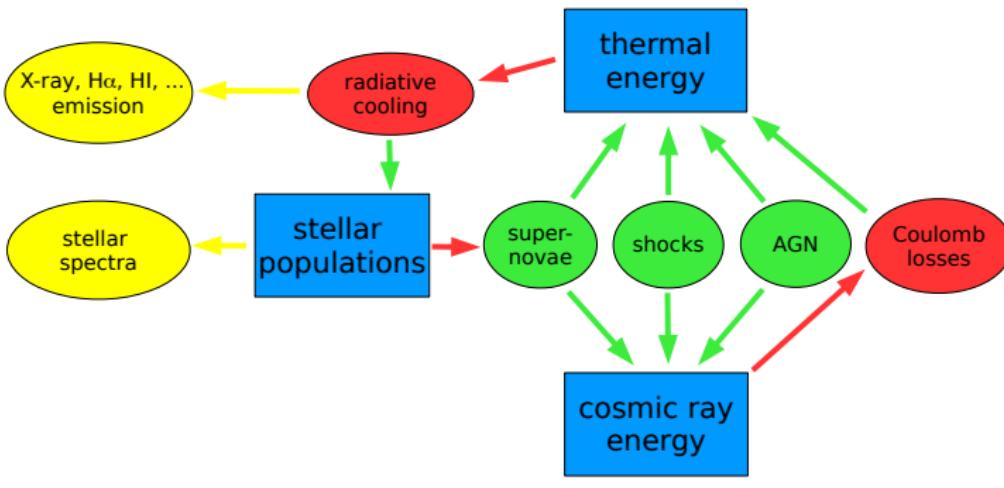
- loss processes
- gain processes
- observables
- populations



Simulations with cosmic ray physics

observables:

physical processes:



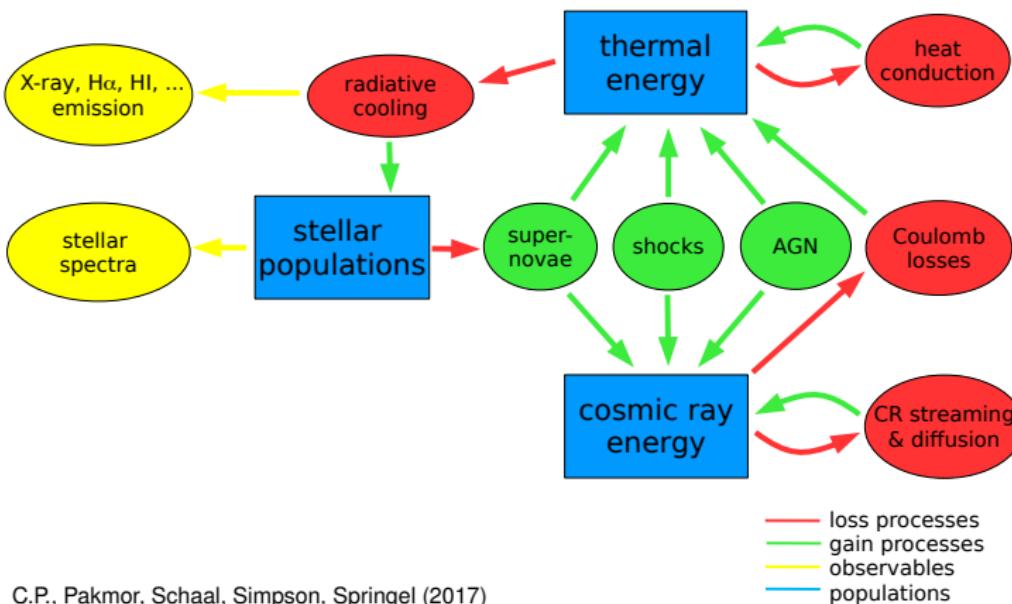
C.P., Pakmor, Schaal, Simpson, Springel (2017)



Simulations with cosmic ray physics

observables:

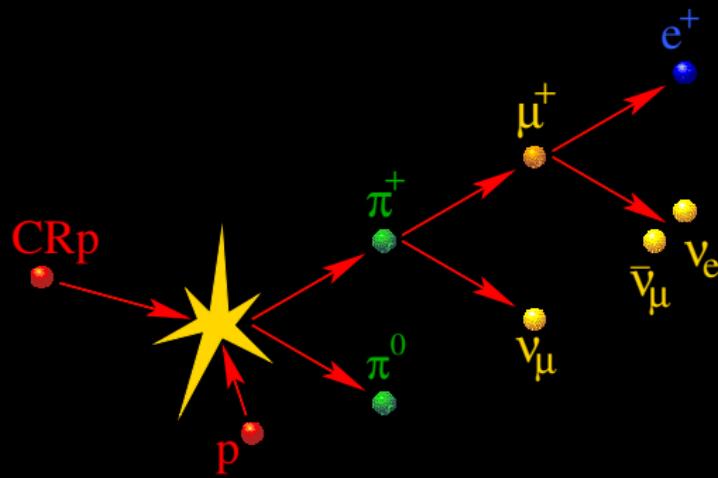
physical processes:



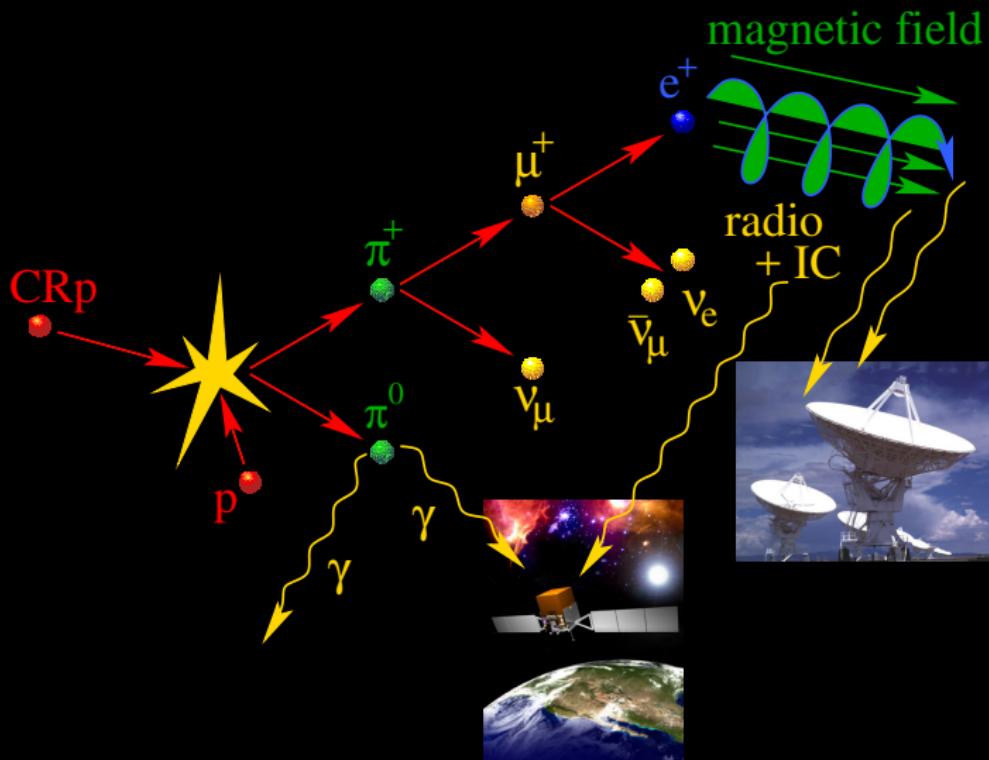
C.P., Pakmor, Schaal, Simpson, Springel (2017)



Hadronic cosmic ray proton interaction



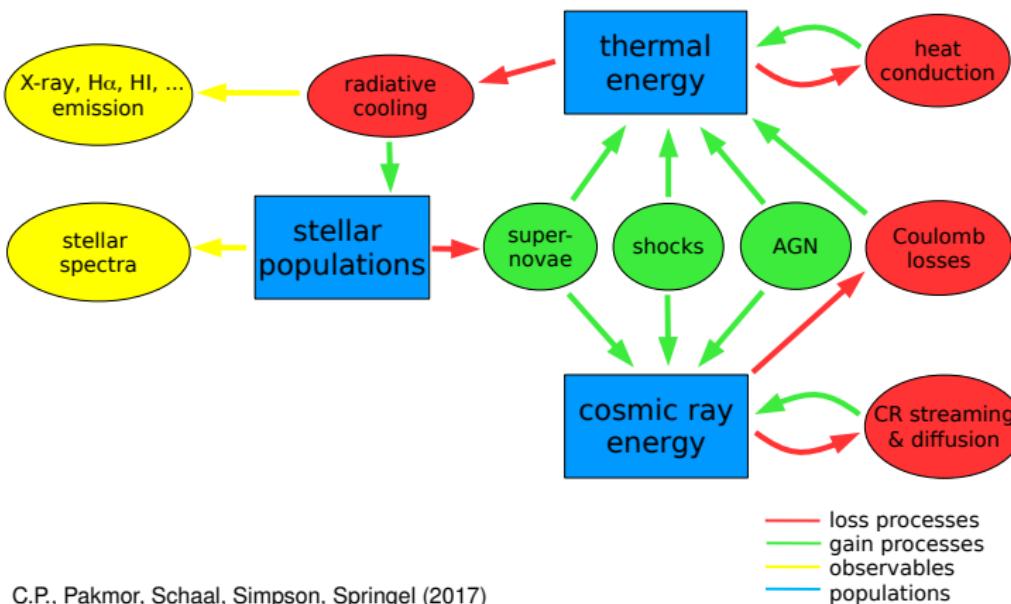
Hadronic cosmic ray proton interaction



Simulations with cosmic ray physics

observables:

physical processes:

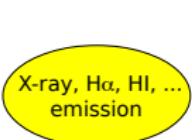


C.P., Pakmor, Schaal, Simpson, Springel (2017)

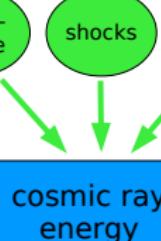
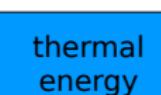


Simulations with cosmic ray physics

observables:



physical processes:



radiative cooling

stellar populations

hadronic losses

heat conduction

shocks

AGN

Coulomb losses

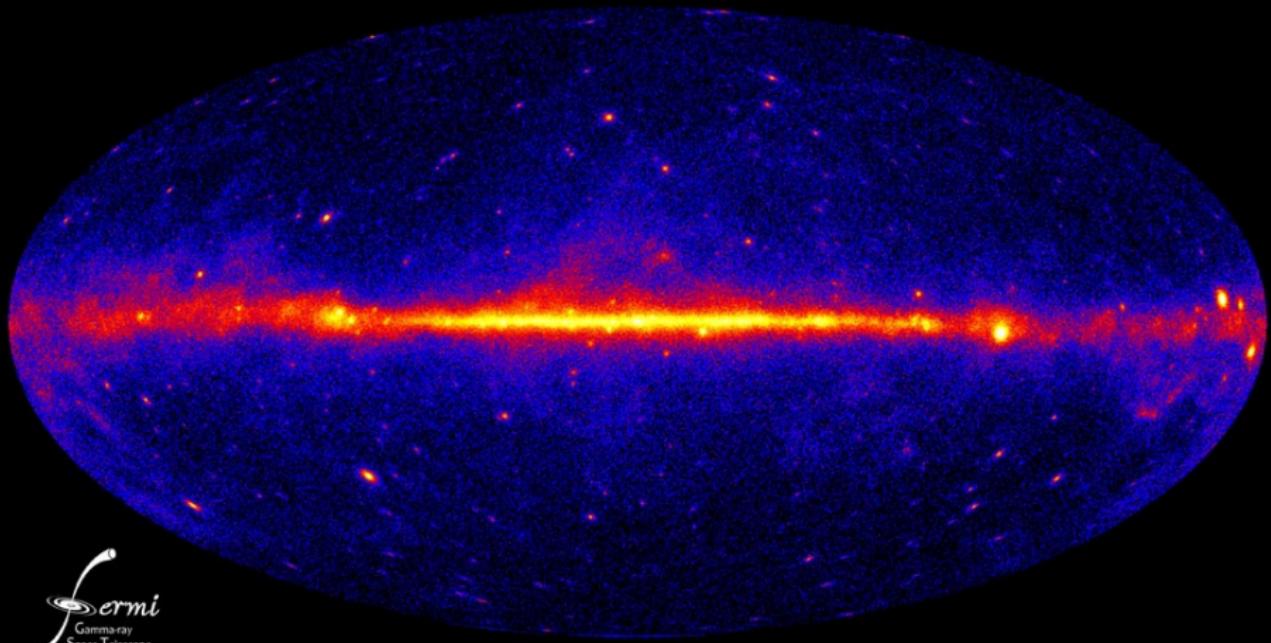
CR streaming & diffusion

- loss processes
- gain processes
- observables
- populations

C.P., Pakmor, Schaal, Simpson, Springel (2017)

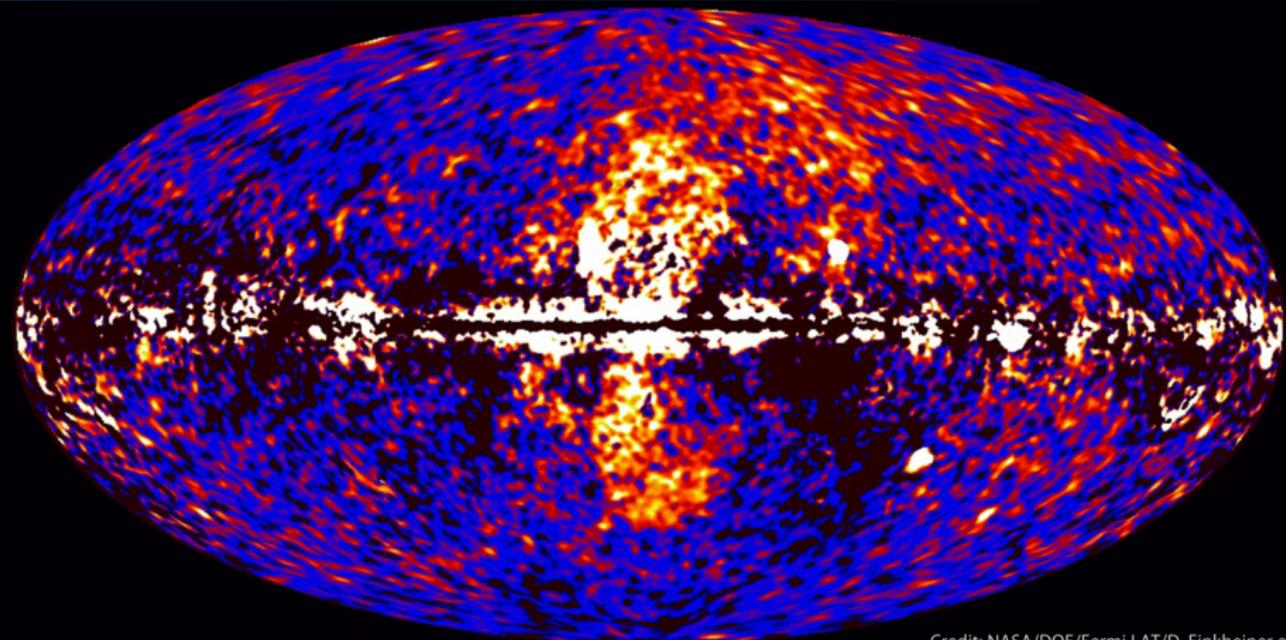


Gamma-ray emission of the Milky Way



Galactic wind in the Milky Way?

Fermi gamma-ray bubbles



Credit: NASA/DOE/Fermi LAT/D. Finkbeiner et al.

Outline

1 Introduction

- Galaxy formation
- Cosmic ray physics
- Simulated physical processes

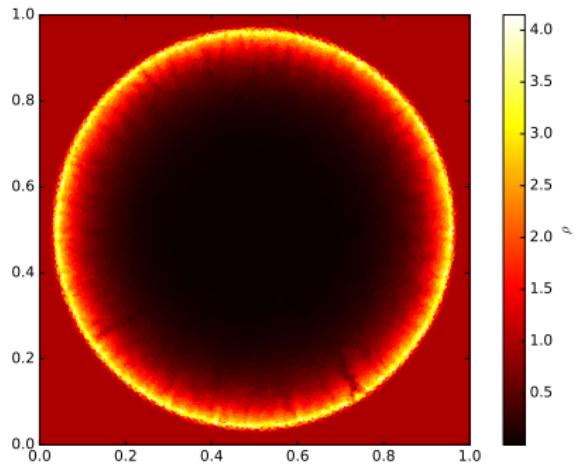
2 Galaxy simulations

- Supernova explosions
- Interstellar medium
- Galaxy formation

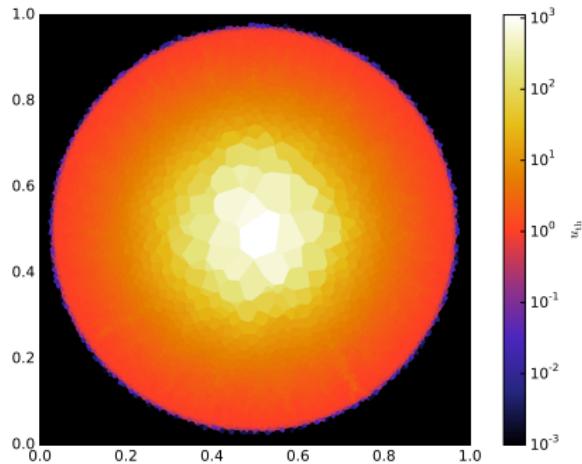


Sedov explosion

density



specific thermal energy



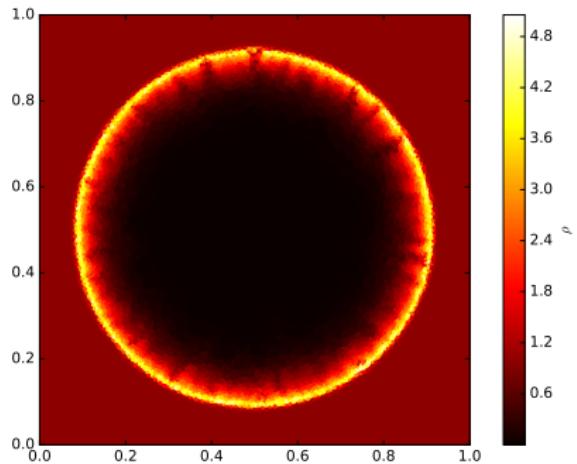
C.P., Pakmor, Schaal, Simpson, Springel (2017)



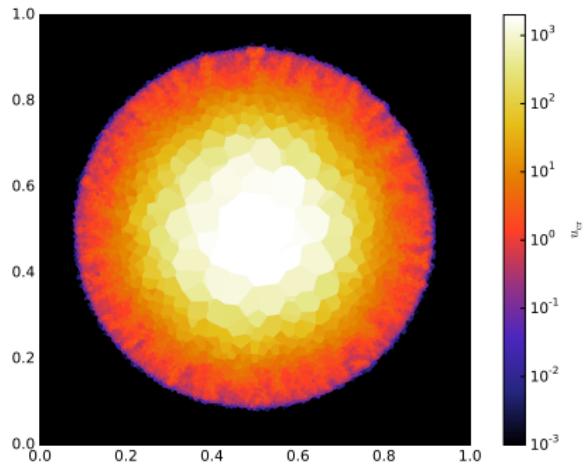
AIP

Sedov explosion with CR acceleration

density



specific cosmic ray energy



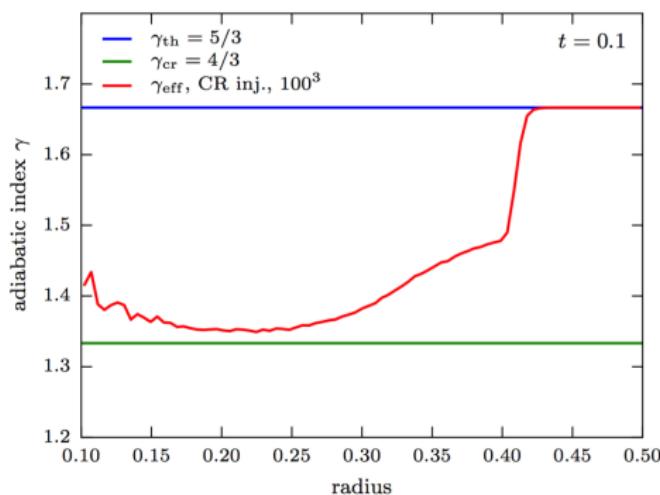
C.P., Pakmor, Schaal, Simpson, Springel (2017)



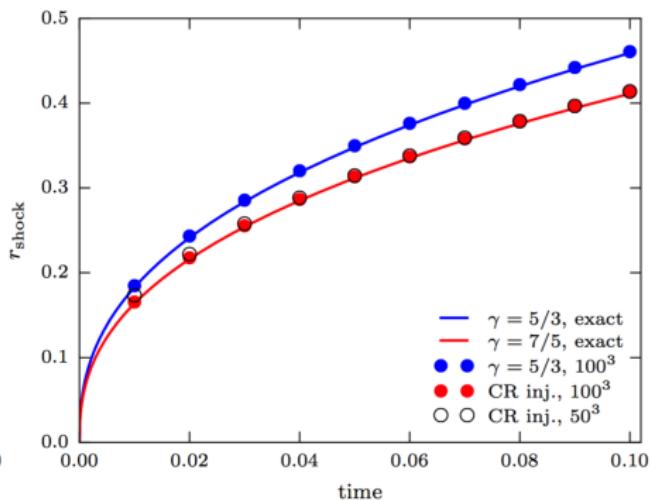
AIP

Sedov explosion with CR acceleration

adiabatic index



shock evolution

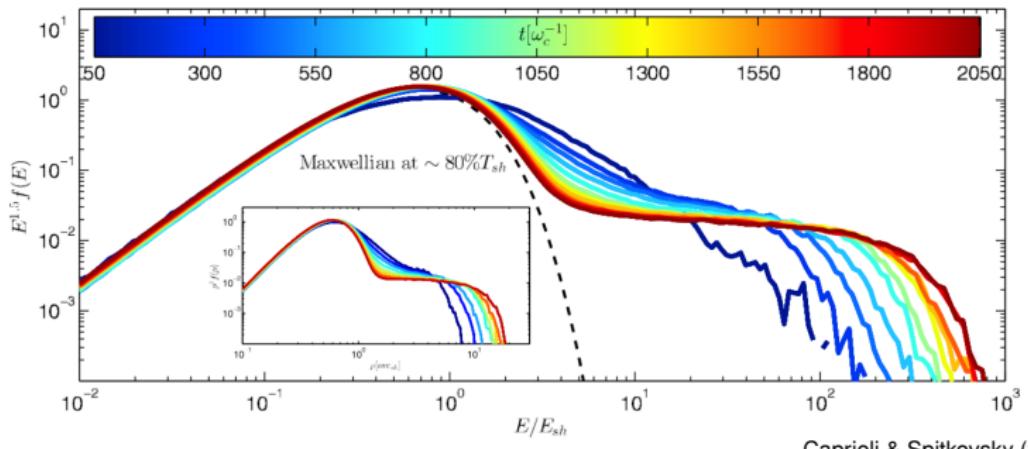


C.P., Pakmor, Schaal, Simpson, Springel (2017)



Ion spectrum

Non-relativistic *parallel shock* in long-term hybrid simulation



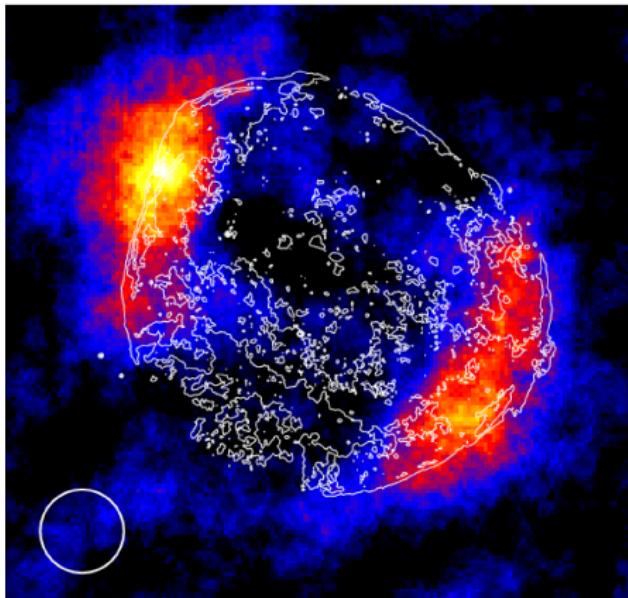
Caprioli & Spitkovsky (2014)

- quasi-parallel shocks ($\mathbf{B} \parallel \mathbf{n}_s$) accelerate ions
- quasi-perpendicular shocks ($\mathbf{B} \perp \mathbf{n}_s$) cannot
- model magnetic obliquity in AREPO simulations

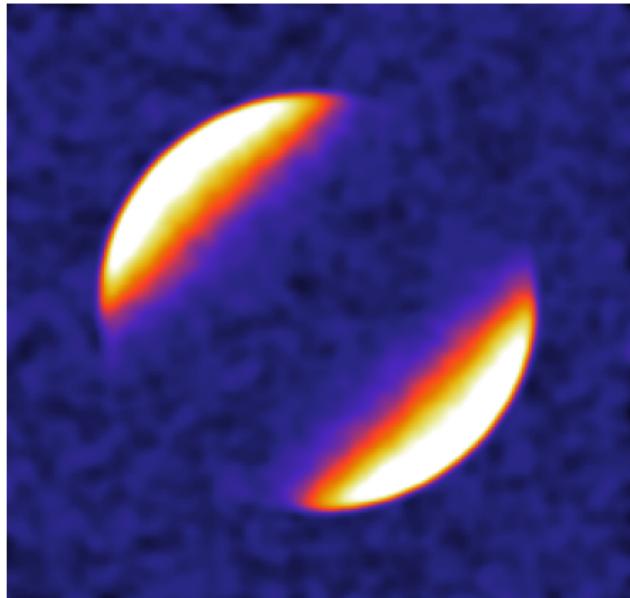


TeV γ rays from shell-type SNRs: SNR 1006

H.E.S.S. observation



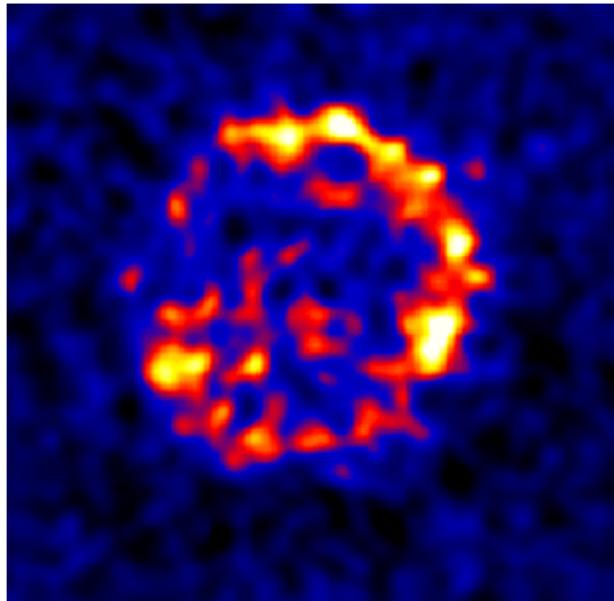
AREPO simulation



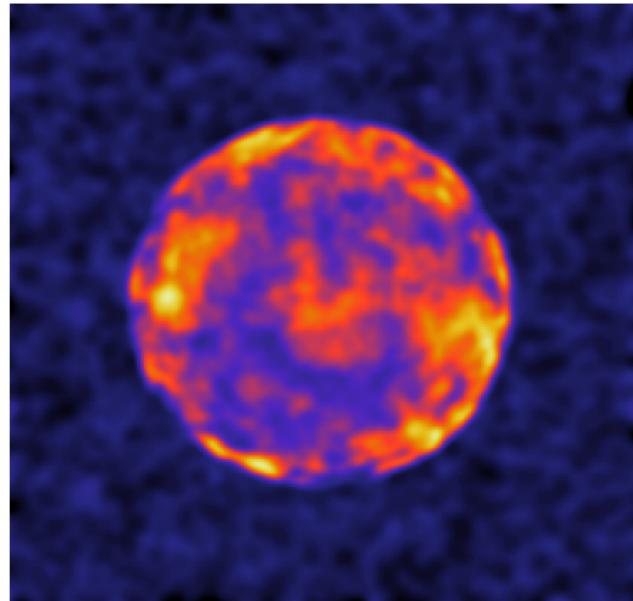
Pais, C.P., Ehlert (in prep.)

TeV γ rays from shell-type SNRs: Vela Junior

H.E.S.S. observation

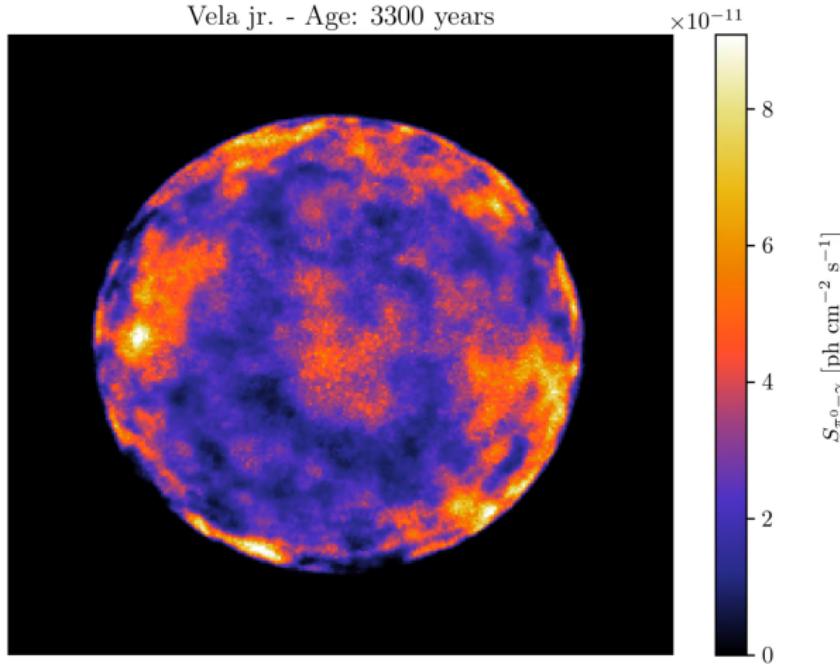


AREPO simulation



Pais, C.P., Ehlert (in prep.)

TeV γ rays from shell-type SNRs: Vela Junior

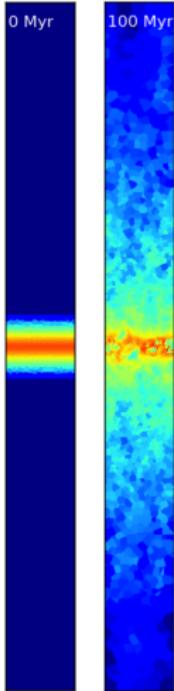


AIP



A model for the multi-phase interstellar medium

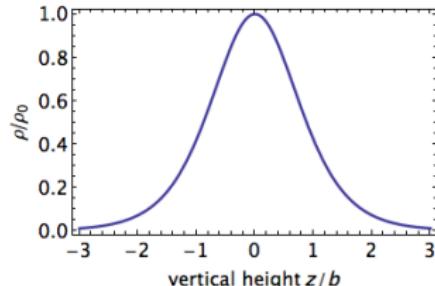
Explore supernovae-driven outflows at high resolution – stratified box simulations



Simpson+ (2016)

- isothermal disk with $T_0 = 10^4$ K
- hydrostatic equilibrium:

$$f_g \nabla^2 \Phi = 4\pi G\rho$$



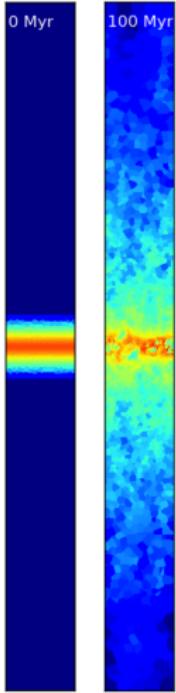
- self-gravity
- atomic & molecular cooling network, self-shielding (Glover & Clark 2012, Smith+ 2014)
- MHD with small magnetic seed field (Pakmor+ 2011)
- cosmic ray physics (C.P.+ 2017, Pakmor+ 2016)



AIP

Supernova feedback

Explore supernovae-driven outflows at high resolution – stratified box simulations



- star formation rate:

$$\dot{M}_{*,i} = \epsilon \frac{M_i}{t_{\text{dyn},i}}$$

- supernova rate:

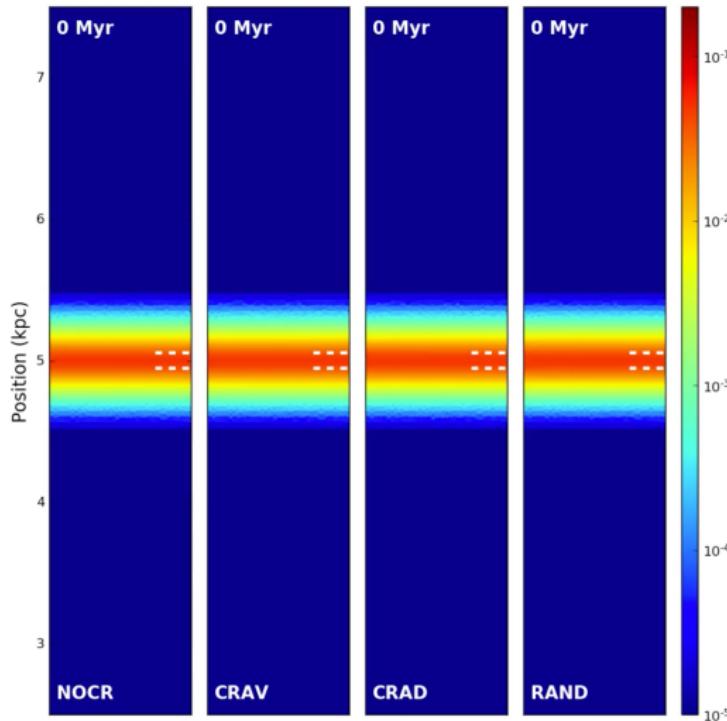
$$\dot{M}_{\text{SN},i} = \dot{M}_{*,i} \frac{1.8 \text{ events}}{100 M_{\odot}}$$



- supernova energy $E_{\text{SN}} = 10^{51}$ erg distributed over 32 nearest neighbors
- input in form of thermal, kinetic, or cosmic ray energy

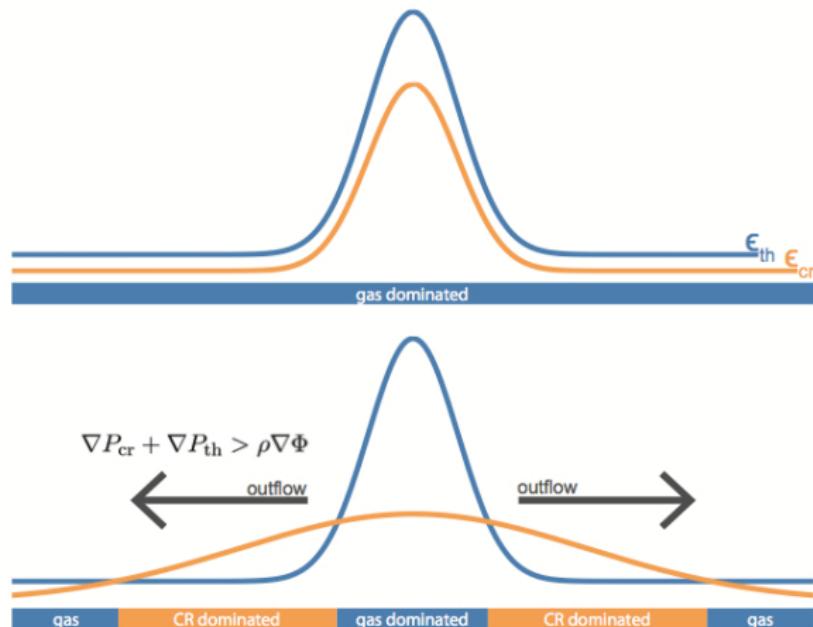
Simpson+ (2016)

Interstellar medium – turbulence and outflows



- **NOCR:** purely thermal SNe
- **CRAV:** CR advection, $\{f_{\text{cr}}, f_{\text{th}}\} = \{0.1, 0.9\}$
- **CRAD:** anisotropic CR diffusion
- **RAND:** random injection

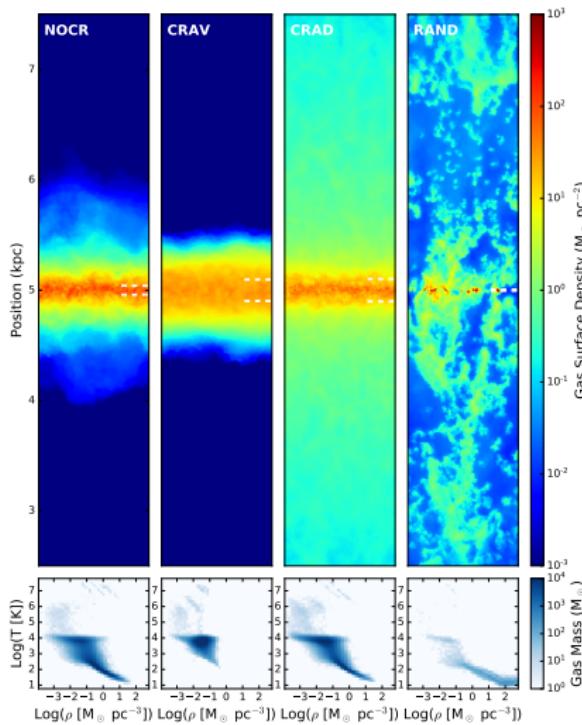
Cosmic ray driven wind: mechanism



CR streaming: Uhlig, C.P.+ (2012)

CR diffusion: Booth+ (2013), Hanasz+ (2013), Salem & Bryan (2014)

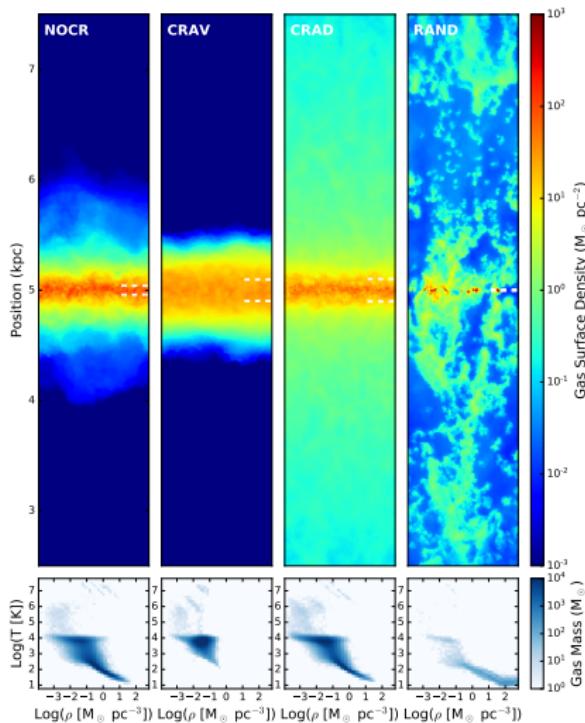
Interstellar medium – turbulence and outflows



- diffusing CRs (CRAD) launch outflows with similar mass loadings as randomly placed feedback models (RAND)

Simpson+ (2016)

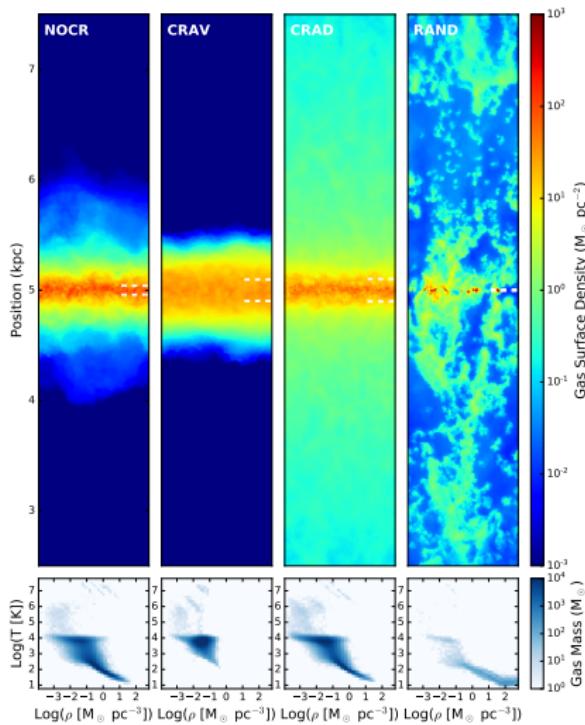
Interstellar medium – turbulence and outflows



- diffusing CRs (CRAD) launch outflows with similar mass loadings as randomly placed feedback models (RAND)
- different forcing: CR pressure gradient (CRAD) vs. kinetic pressure gradients propelling a ballistic outflow (RAND)
→ velocity and clumpiness differ

Simpson+ (2016)

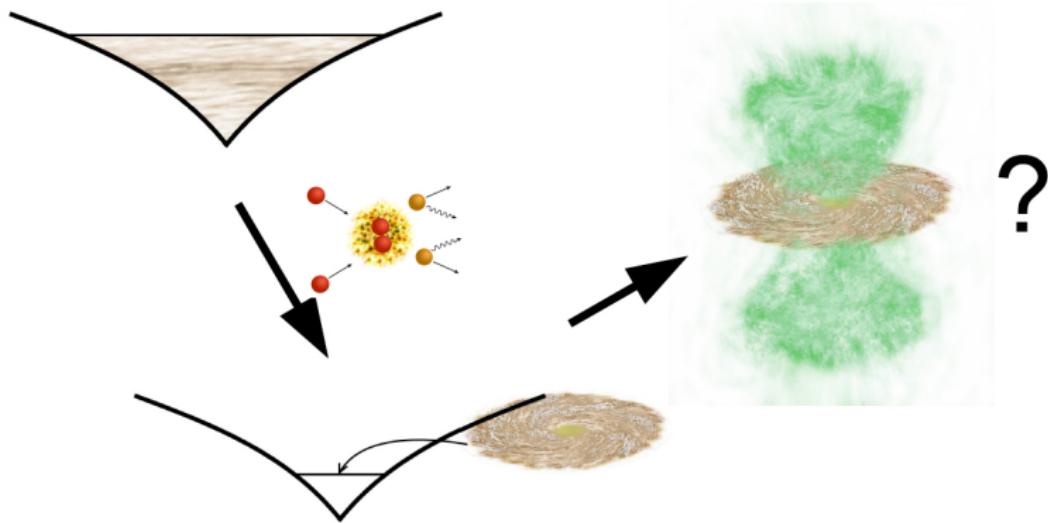
Interstellar medium – turbulence and outflows



- diffusing CRs (CRAD) launch outflows with similar mass loadings as randomly placed feedback models (RAND)
 - different forcing: CR pressure gradient (CRAD) vs. kinetic pressure gradients propelling a ballistic outflow (RAND)
→ velocity and clumpiness differ
 - CR + turbulent pressure self-regulate ISM → scale height $h_{1/2} \approx 100 \text{ pc}$; ISM in RAND collapses to dense phase
- ⇒ CR physics is essential for correctly modeling the ISM!

Simpson+ (2016)

Galaxy simulation setup: 1. cosmic ray-driven winds

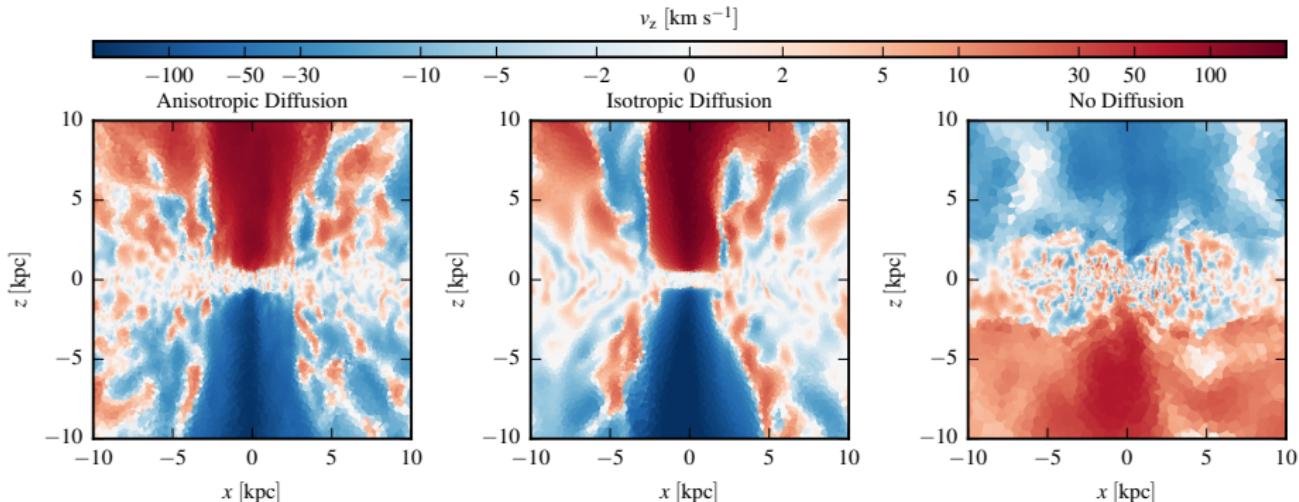


Pakmor, C.P., Simpson, Springel (2016)

*Galactic winds driven by isotropic and anisotropic cosmic ray diffusion
in isolated disk galaxies*

MHD + CR advection + diffusion: $10^{11} M_{\odot}$

MHD galaxy simulation with CR diffusion

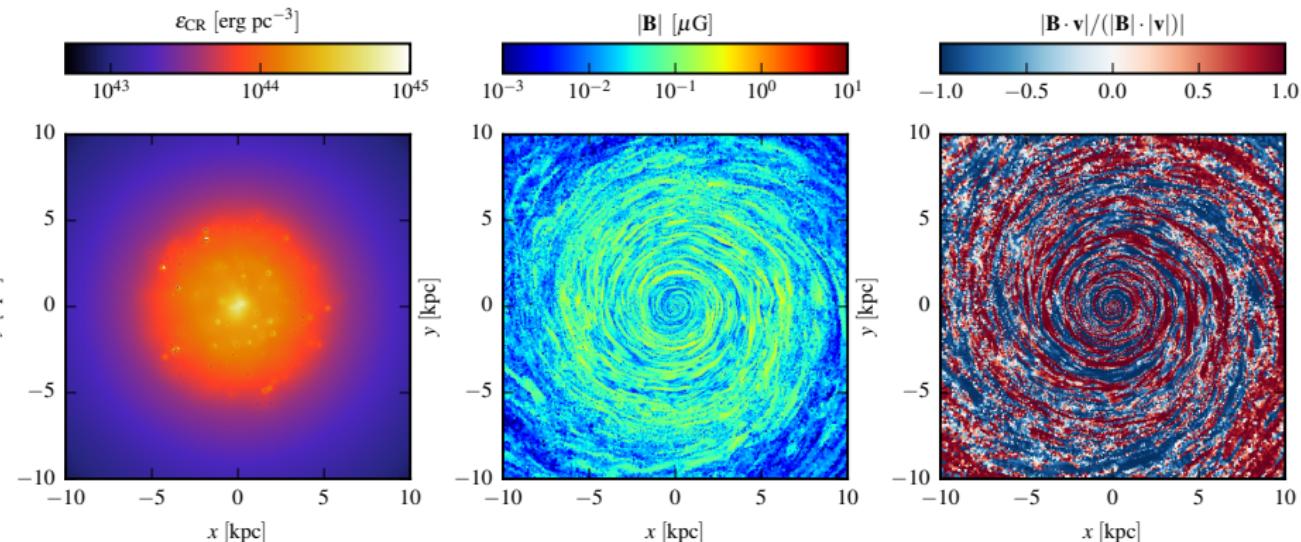


Pakmor, C.P., Simpson, Springel (2016)

- CR diffusion launches powerful winds
- simulation without CR diffusion exhibits only weak fountain flows



MHD galaxy simulation with CR isotropic diffusion

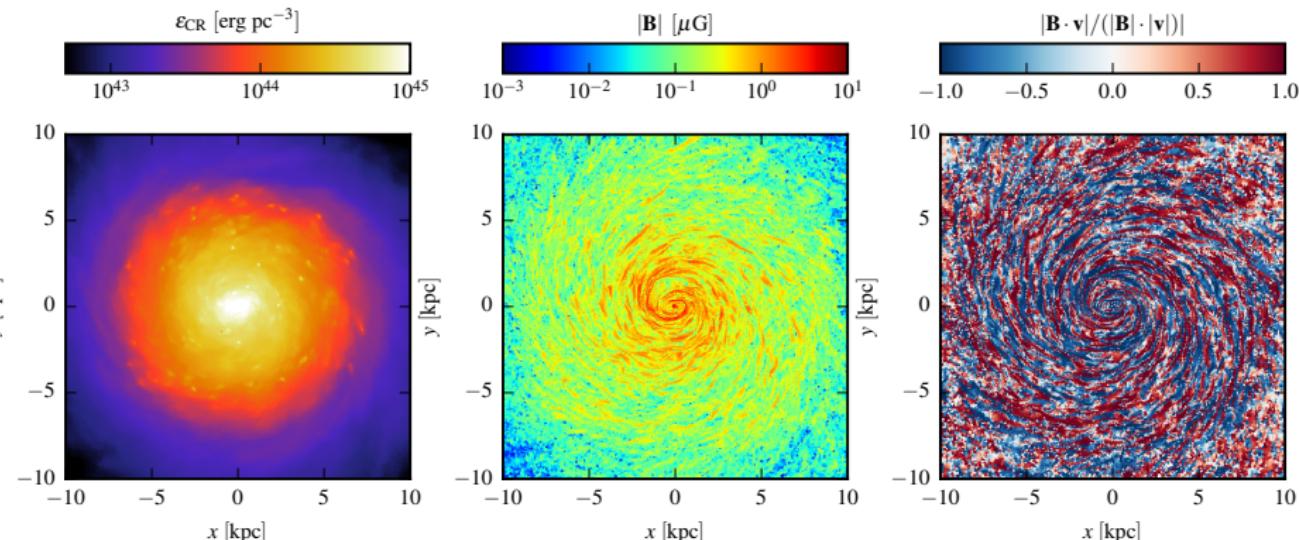


Pakmor, C.P., Simpson, Springel (2016)

- CR diffusion strongly suppresses SFR
- strong outflow quenches magnetic dynamo to yield $B \sim 0.1 \mu\text{G}$



MHD galaxy simulation with CR anisotropic diffusion

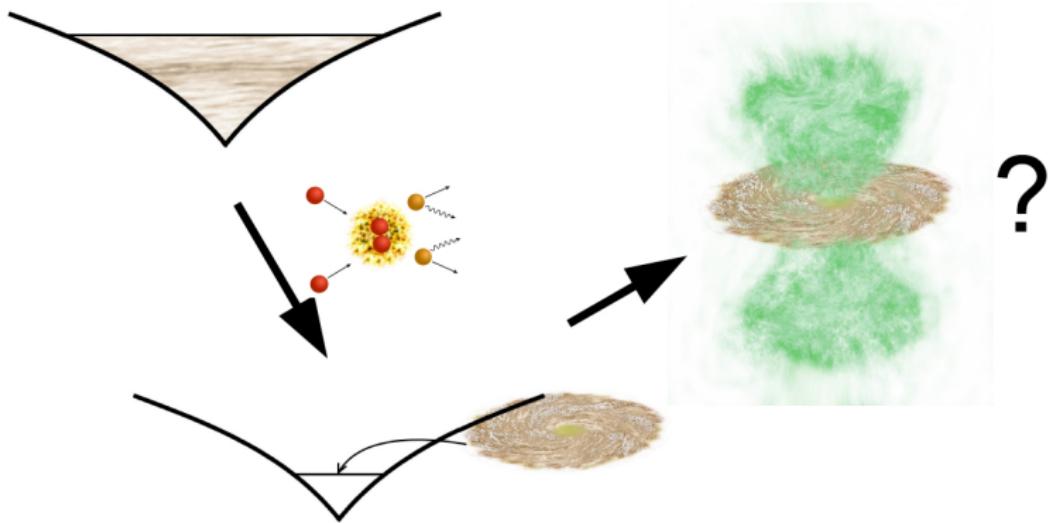


Pakmor, C.P., Simpson, Springel (2016)

- anisotropic CR diffusion also suppresses SFR
- reactivation of magnetic dynamo: growth to observed strengths



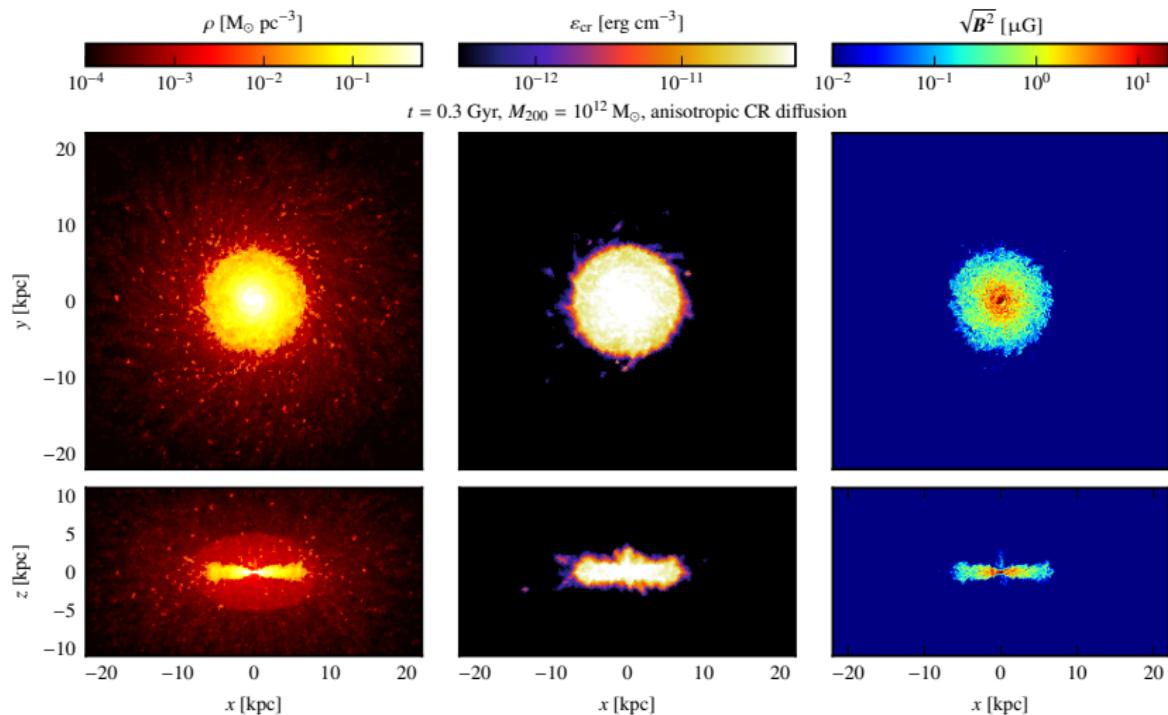
Galaxy simulation setup: 2. gamma-ray emission



C.P., Pakmor, Simpson, Springel (2017a,b)
Simulating radio synchrotron and gamma-ray emission in galaxies

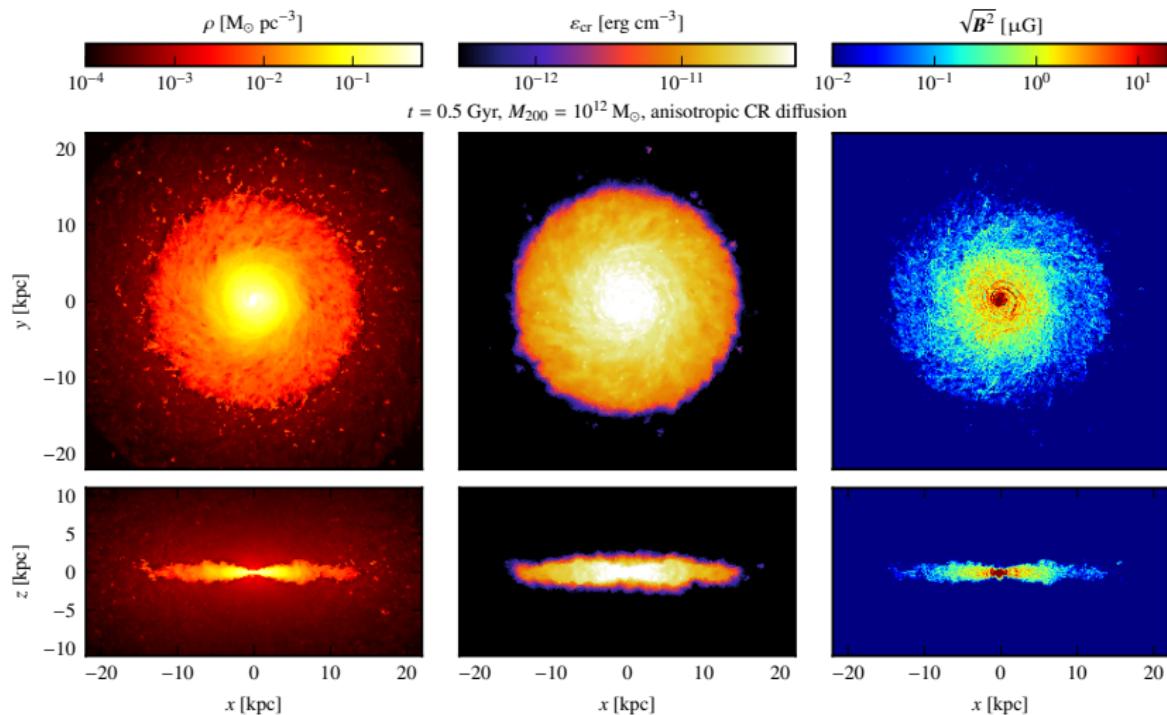
MHD + CR advection + diffusion: $\{10^{10}, 10^{11}, 10^{12}\} M_{\odot}$

Simulation of Milky Way-like galaxy, $t = 0.3$ Gyr



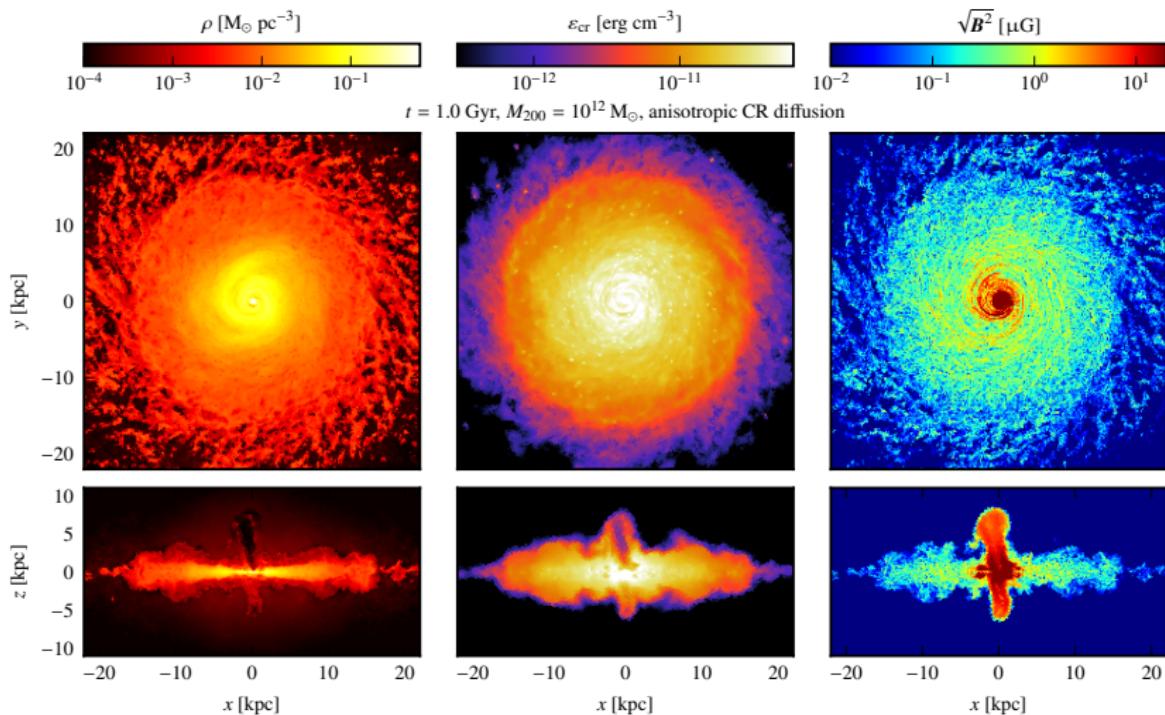
C.P.+ (2017a,b)

Simulation of Milky Way-like galaxy, $t = 0.5$ Gyr



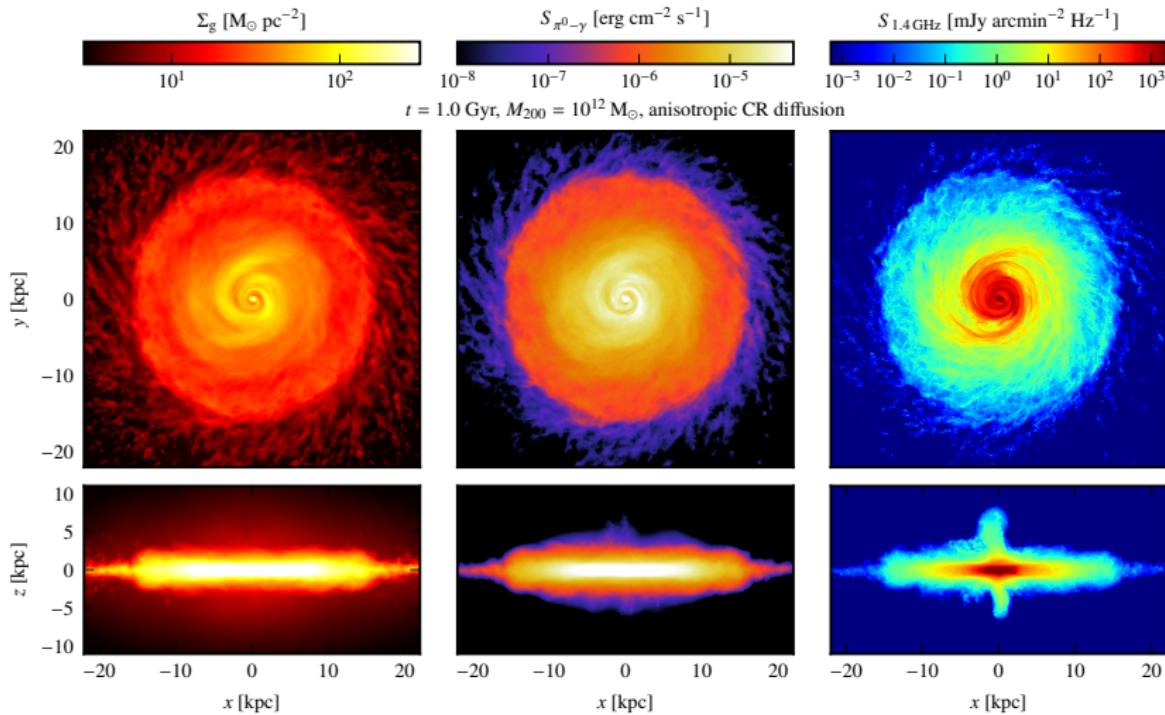
C.P.+ (2017a,b)

Simulation of Milky Way-like galaxy, $t = 1.0$ Gyr



C.P.+ (2017a,b)

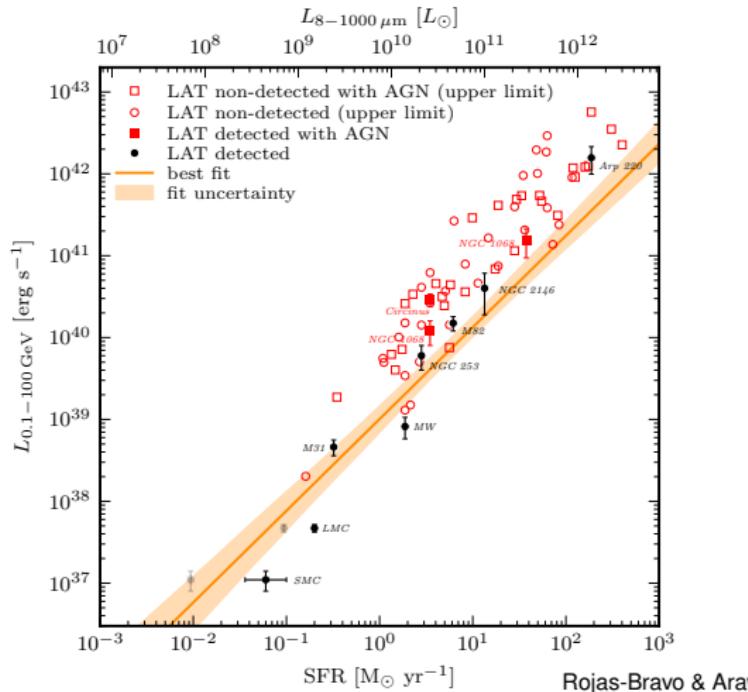
γ -ray and radio emission of Milky Way-like galaxy



C.P.+ (2017a,b)

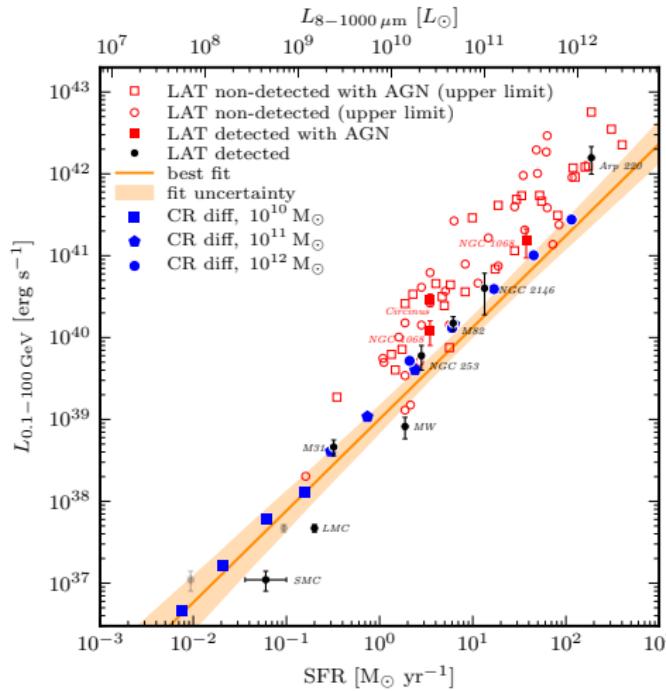
Far infra-red – gamma-ray correlation

Universal conversion: star formation → cosmic rays → gamma rays



Far infra-red – gamma-ray correlation

Universal conversion: star formation → cosmic rays → gamma rays

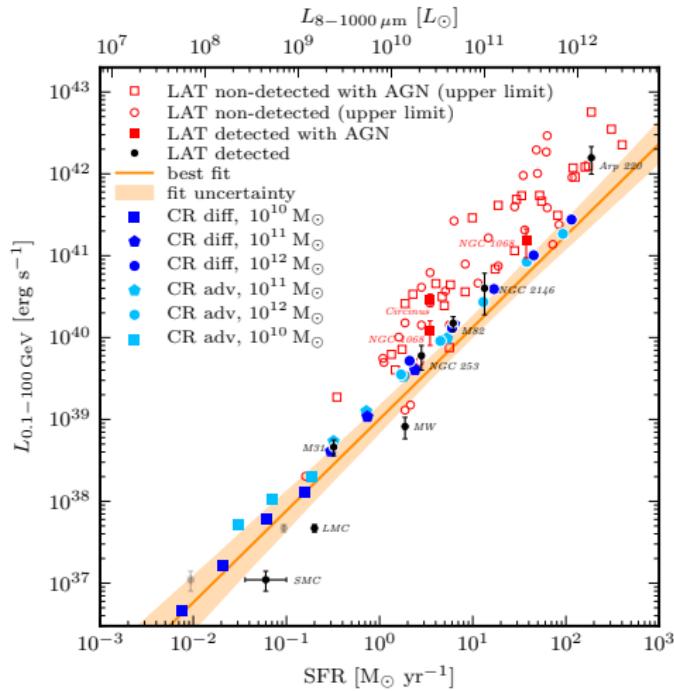


C.P.+ (2017a)



Far infra-red – gamma-ray correlation

Universal conversion: star formation → cosmic rays → gamma rays

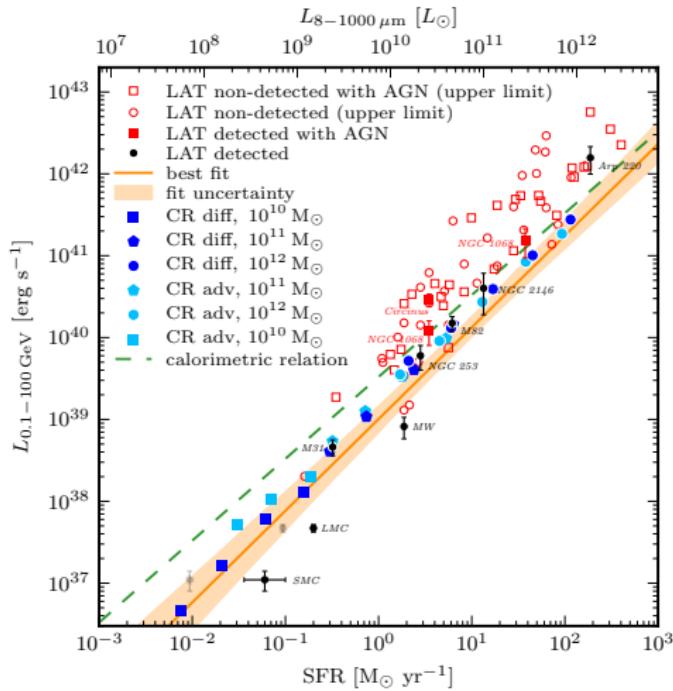


C.P.+ (2017a)



Far infra-red – gamma-ray correlation

Universal conversion: star formation → cosmic rays → gamma rays



C.P.+ (2017a)



Conclusions

- diffusive shock acceleration depends on magnetic obliquity
→ explains morphology of gamma-ray shell-type SNRs



Conclusions

- diffusive shock acceleration depends on magnetic obliquity
→ explains morphology of gamma-ray shell-type SNRs
- galactic winds are naturally explained by CR diffusion
- anisotropic CR diffusion necessary for efficient galactic dynamo:
observed field strengths of $B \sim 10 \mu\text{G}$



Conclusions

- diffusive shock acceleration depends on magnetic obliquity
→ explains morphology of gamma-ray shell-type SNRs
- galactic winds are naturally explained by CR diffusion
- anisotropic CR diffusion necessary for efficient galactic dynamo:
observed field strengths of $B \sim 10 \mu\text{G}$
- no hadronic *Fermi*-like bubbles → leptonic emission?
- $L_{\text{FIR}} - L_\gamma$ correlation probes conversion efficiency of star formation to gamma-rays: calorimetric at high SFRs

Conclusions

- diffusive shock acceleration depends on magnetic obliquity
→ explains morphology of gamma-ray shell-type SNRs
- galactic winds are naturally explained by CR diffusion
- anisotropic CR diffusion necessary for efficient galactic dynamo:
observed field strengths of $B \sim 10 \mu\text{G}$
- no hadronic *Fermi*-like bubbles → leptonic emission?
- $L_{\text{FIR}} - L_{\gamma}$ correlation probes conversion efficiency of star formation to gamma-rays: calorimetric at high SFRs

outlook: improved modeling of plasma physics, follow CR spectra,
cosmological settings

need: comparison to resolved radio/ γ -ray observations → **SKA/CTA**

CRAGSMAN: The Impact of Cosmic RAys on Galaxy and CluSter ForMAtion



European Research Council
financed by the European Commission

This project has received funding from the European Research Council (ERC) under the European Union's Horizon 2020 research and innovation program (grant agreement No CRAGSMAN-646955).



Literature for the talk

Non-thermal radio and gamma-ray emission in galaxies:

- Pfrommer, Pakmor, Simpson, Springel, *Simulating Gamma-ray Emission in Star-forming Galaxies*, 2017a, ApJL.
- Pfrommer, Pakmor, Simpson, Springel, *Simulating Radio Synchrotron Emission in Galaxies: the Origin of the Far Infrared–Radio Correlation*, 2017b, in prep.

Cosmic ray feedback in galaxies:

- Pfrommer, Pakmor, Schaal, Simpson, Springel, *Simulating cosmic ray physics on a moving mesh*, 2017, MNRAS.
- Pakmor, Pfrommer, Simpson, Springel, *Galactic winds driven by isotropic and anisotropic cosmic ray diffusion in isolated disk galaxies*, 2016, ApJL.
- Pakmor, Pfrommer, Simpson, Kannan, Springel, *Semi-implicit anisotropic cosmic ray transport on an unstructured moving mesh*, 2016, MNRAS.

A multi-phase model of the interstellar medium:

- Simpson, Pakmor, Marinacci, Pfrommer, Springel, Glover, Clark, Smith, *The role of cosmic ray pressure in accelerating galactic outflows*, 2016, ApJL.

