How cosmic rays shape galaxies

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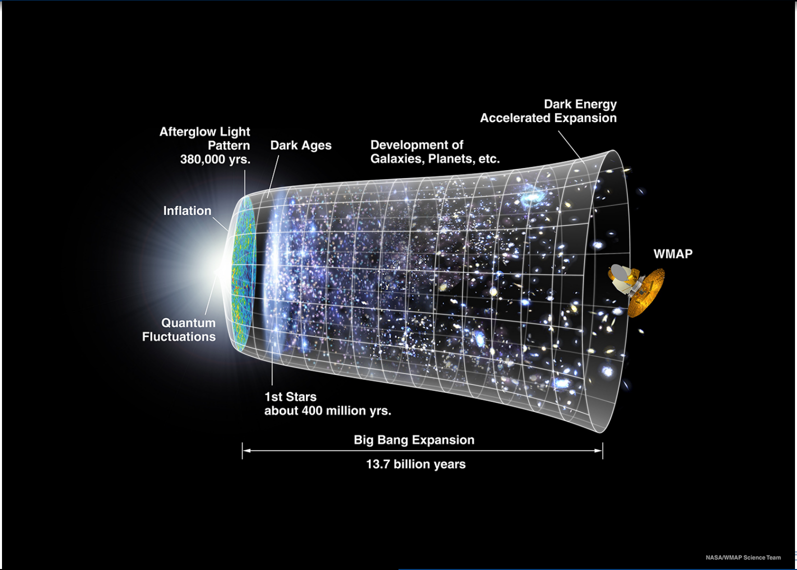
Time line of our Universe



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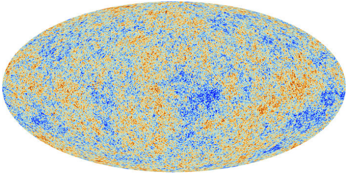

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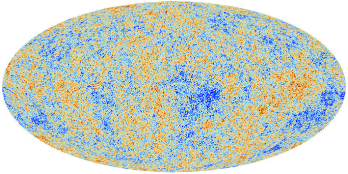

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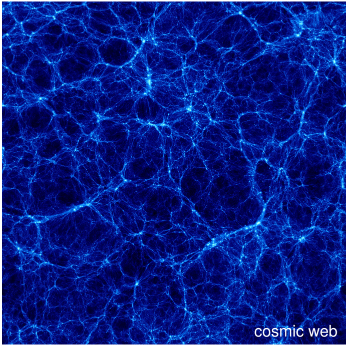

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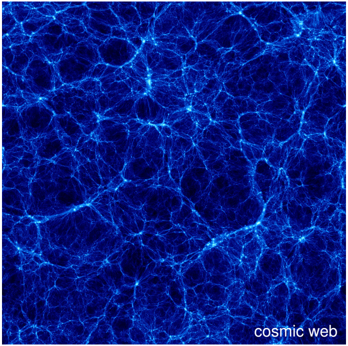

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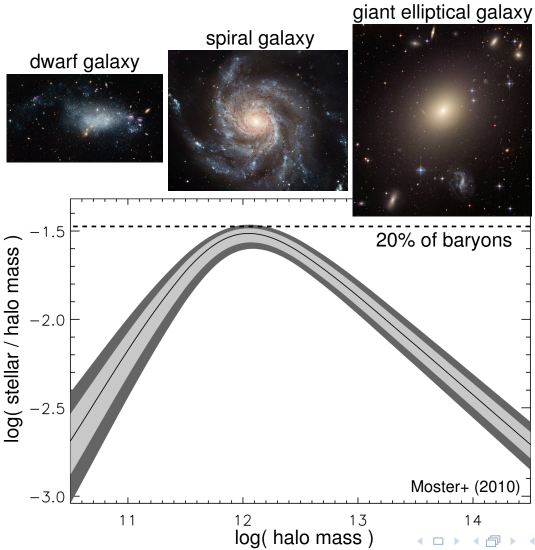

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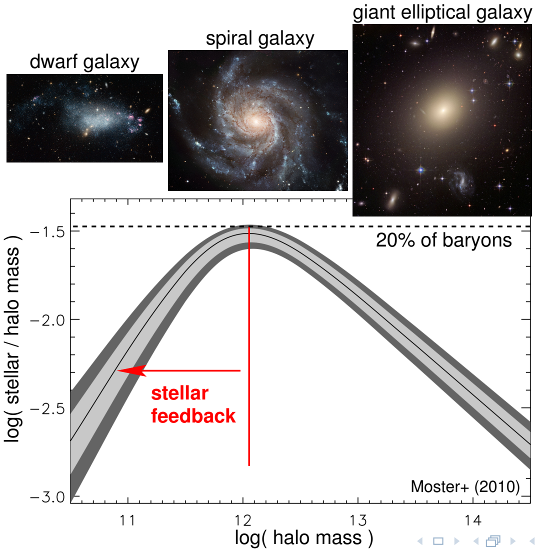

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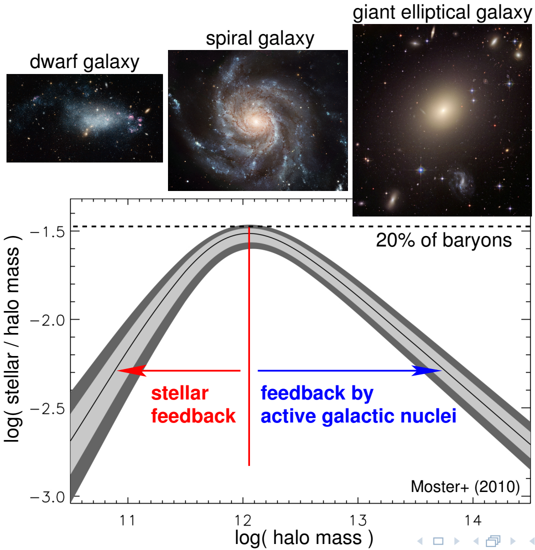

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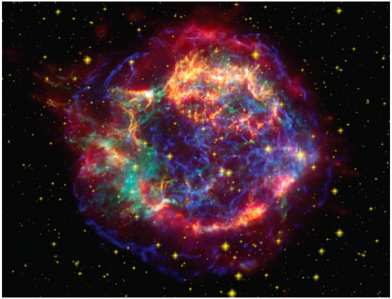

supernova Cassiopeia A

X-ray: NASA/CXC/SAO; Optical: NASA/STScI;
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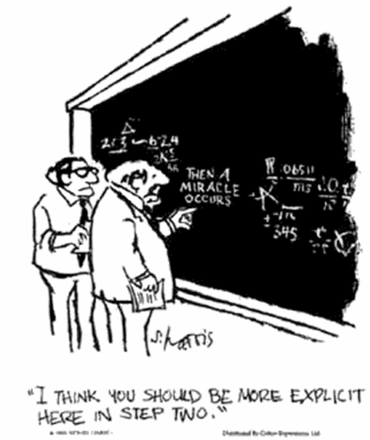

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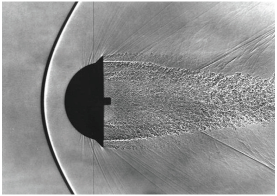

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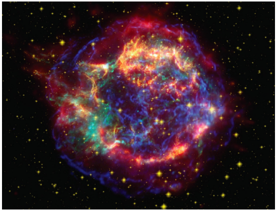

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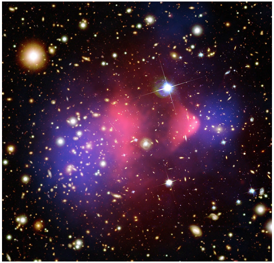

clusters/galaxies, Coulomb collisions set $\lambda_{\rm mfp}$:
$\lambda_{\rm mfp} \sim L_{\rm cluster}/10, \qquad \lambda_{\rm mfp} \sim L_{\rm SNR}$

Mean free path $\gg$ observed shock width!

$\rightarrow$ shocks must be mediated without collisions, but through interactions with collective fields
$\rightarrow$ collisionless shocks

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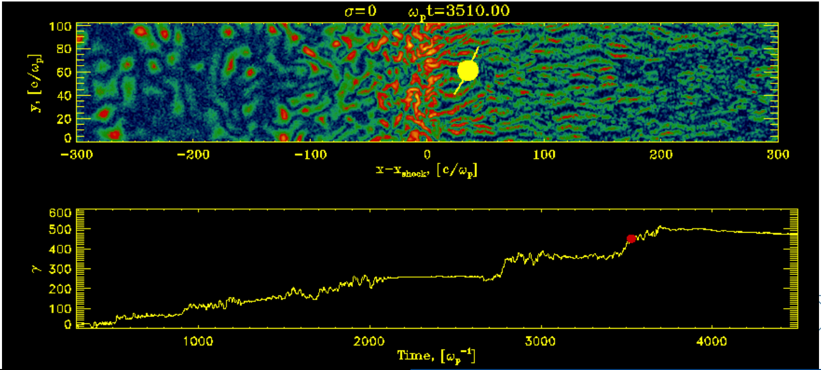
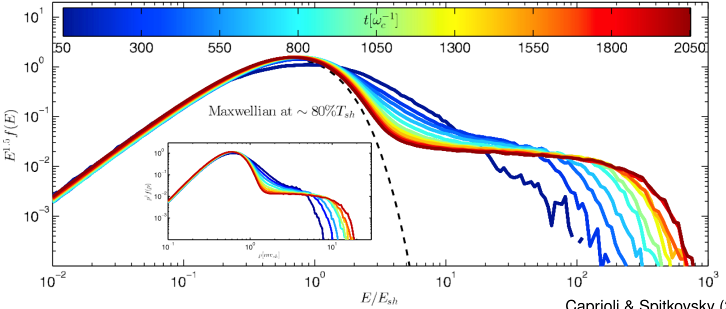
Particle acceleration at relativistic shock, $B_0 = 0$

- self-generated magnetic turbulence scatters particles across the shock
- each crossing results in energy gain – Fermi process
- movie below shows magnetic filaments in the shock frame (top), particle energy is measured the downstream frame (bottom): particle gains energy upon scattering in the upstream (Spitkovsky 2008)



Ion spectrum

Non-relativistic parallel shock in long-term hybrid simulation



Caprioli & Spitkovsky (2014)

- quasi-parallel shocks accelerate ions and produce self-generated waves in the upstream
- particles gain energy in each crossing and have probability of leaving the Fermi cycle by being swept downstream → power-law spectrum
- cosmic ray backreaction is affecting downstream temperature

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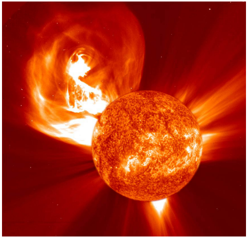

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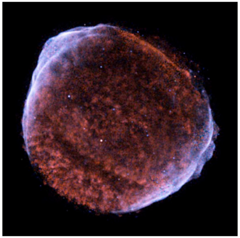

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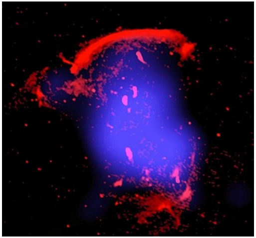

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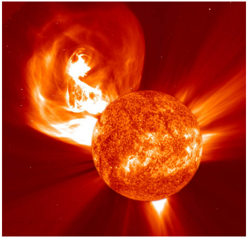

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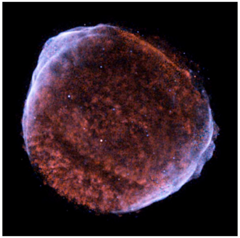

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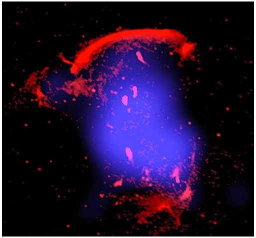

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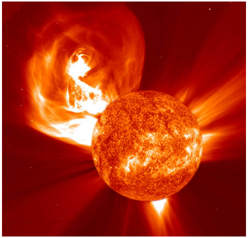
collisionless shocks $\Longleftrightarrow$ energetic particles $\Longleftrightarrow$ electro-magnetic waves



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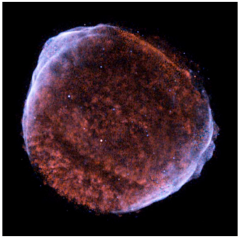

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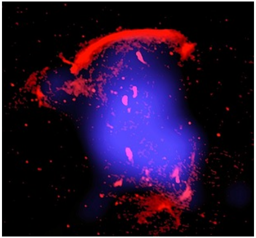

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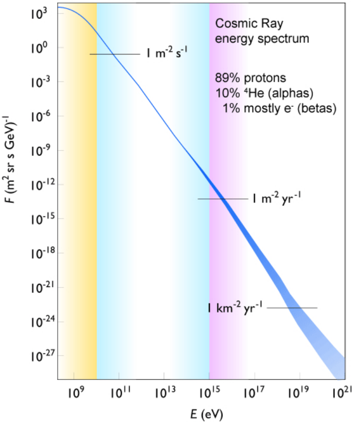

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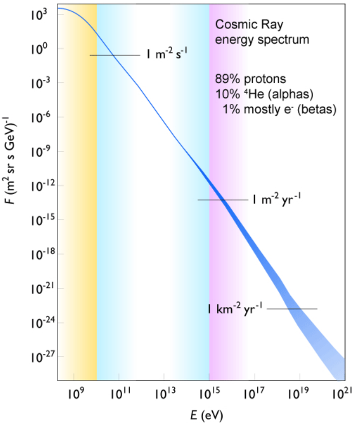

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- energy density of cosmic rays, magnetic fields, and turbulence in the interstellar gas all similar

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- **CR streaming instability:** Kulsrud & Pearce 1969
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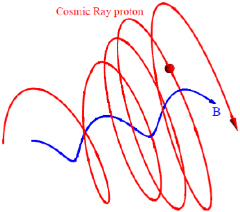

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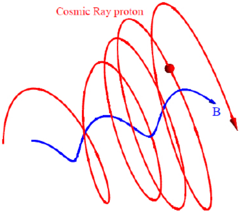

$\rightarrow$ **CRs exert a pressure on the thermal gas by means of scattering off of Alfvén waves**

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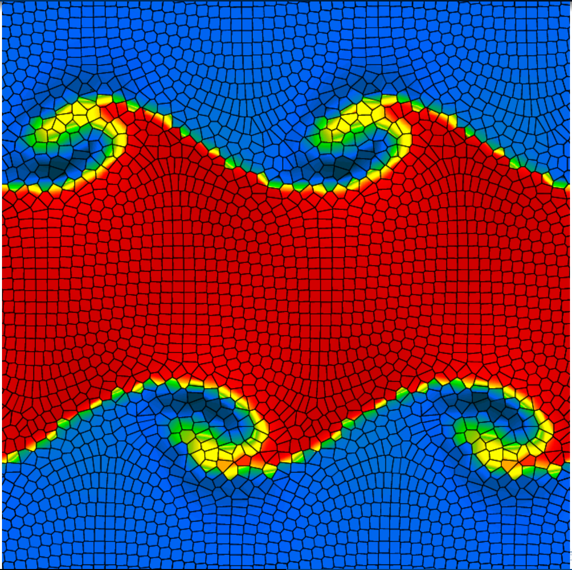
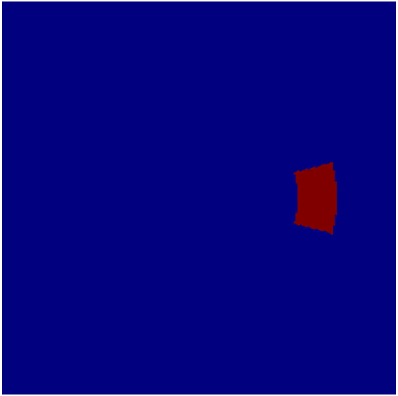
Cosmological moving-mesh code AREPO (Springel 2010)



Anisotropic CR diffusion

- diffusion of CR energy density along magnetic field lines
- implemented on unstructured mesh in AREPO
- implicit solver with local time stepping
- obeys 1. and 2. law of thermodynamics (energy conserving and $\Delta S \geq 0$)



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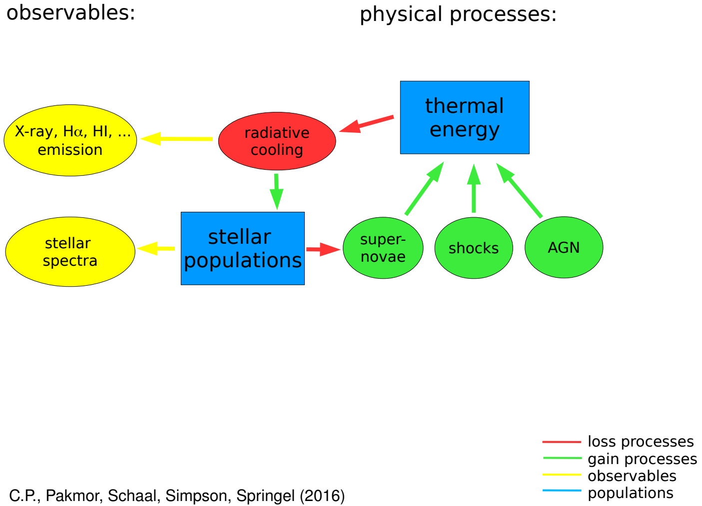
Simulations – flowchart



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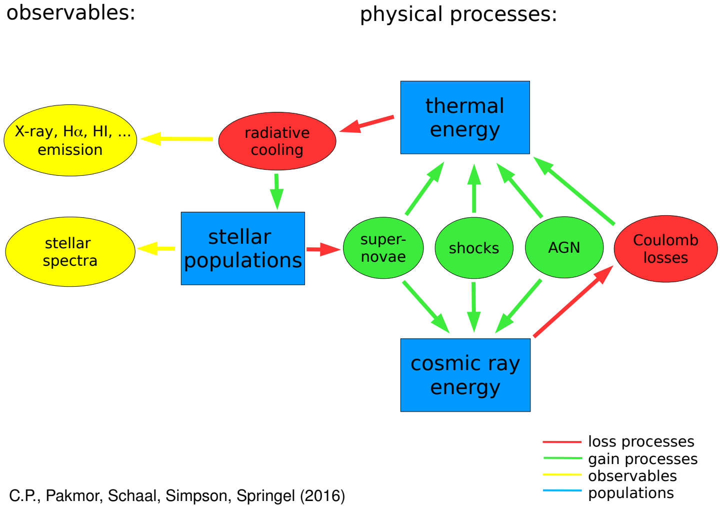

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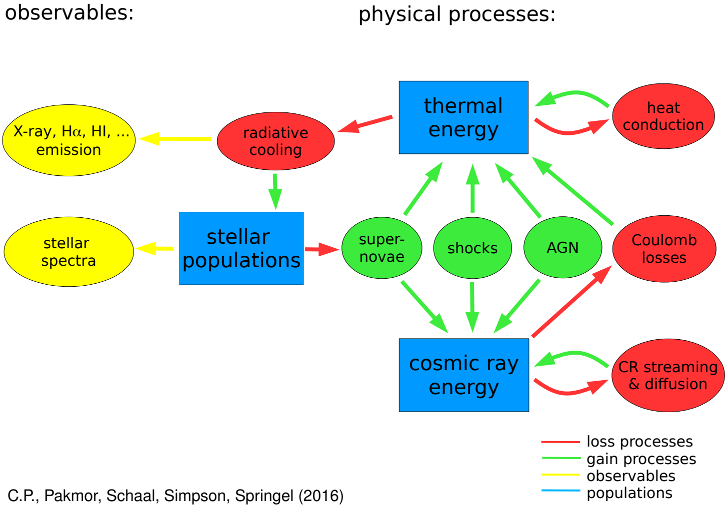

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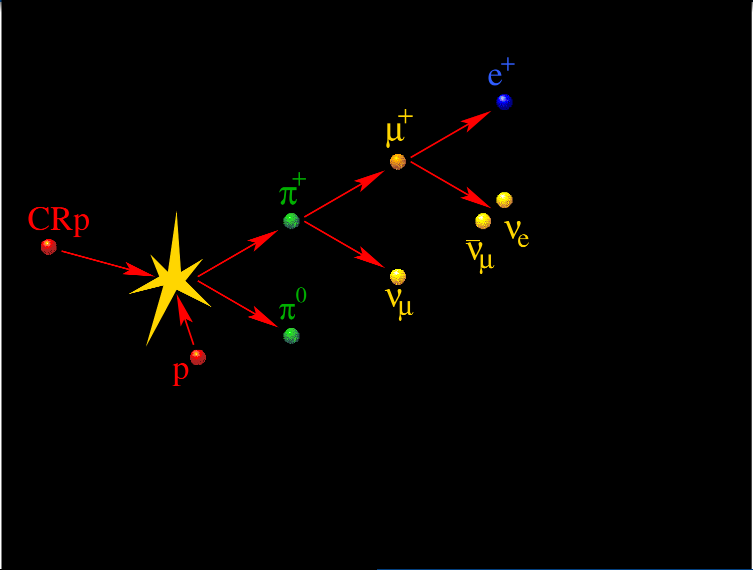

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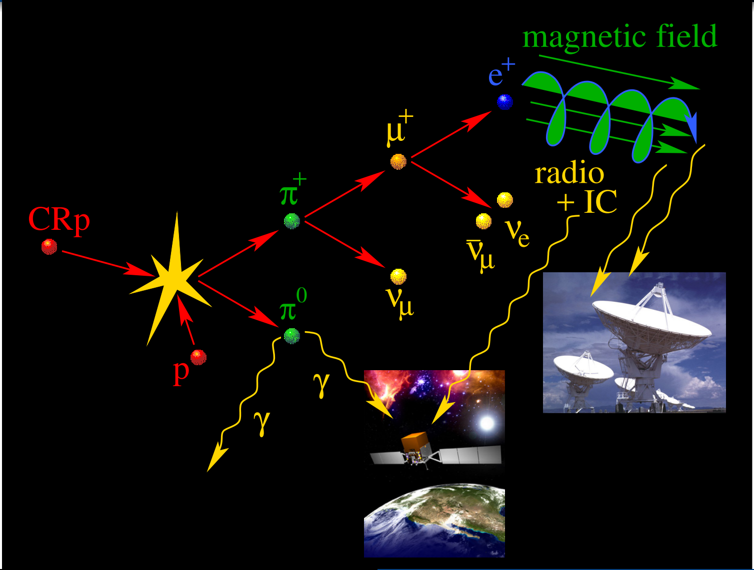

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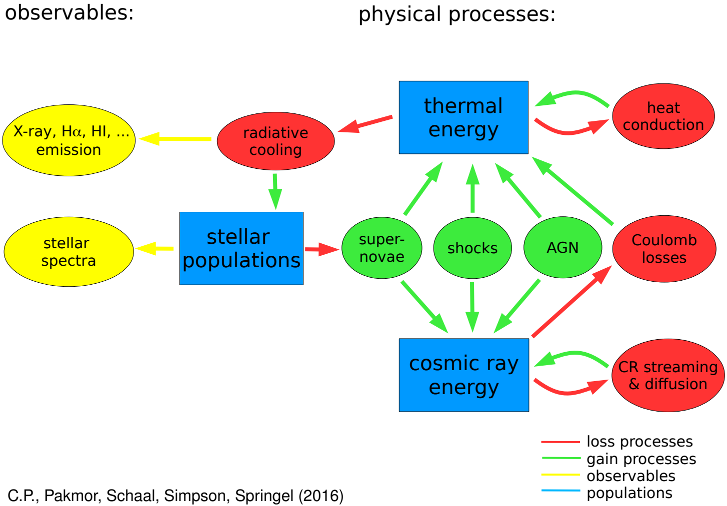

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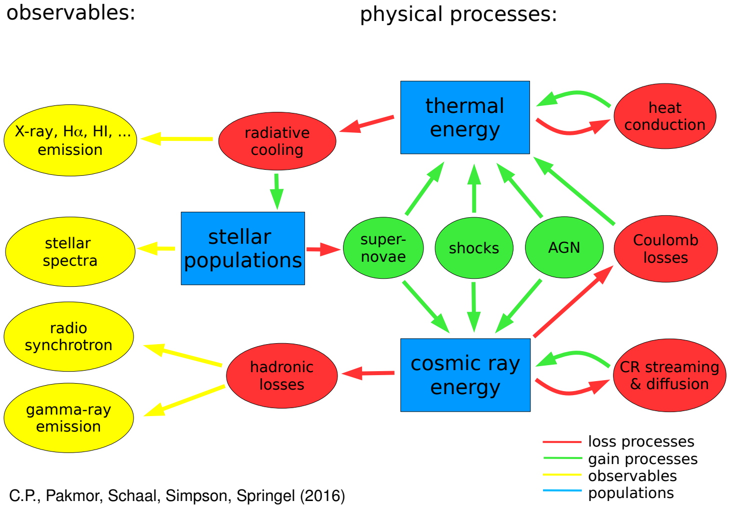

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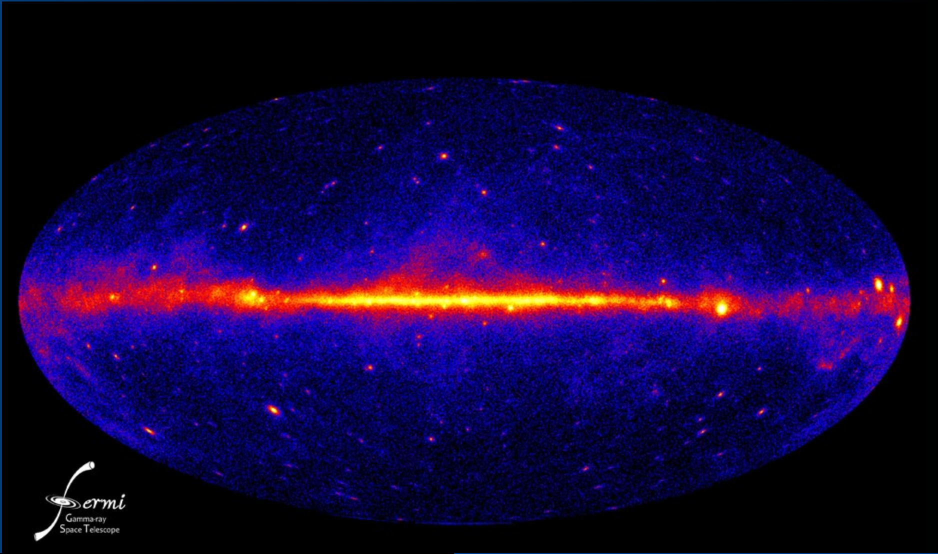
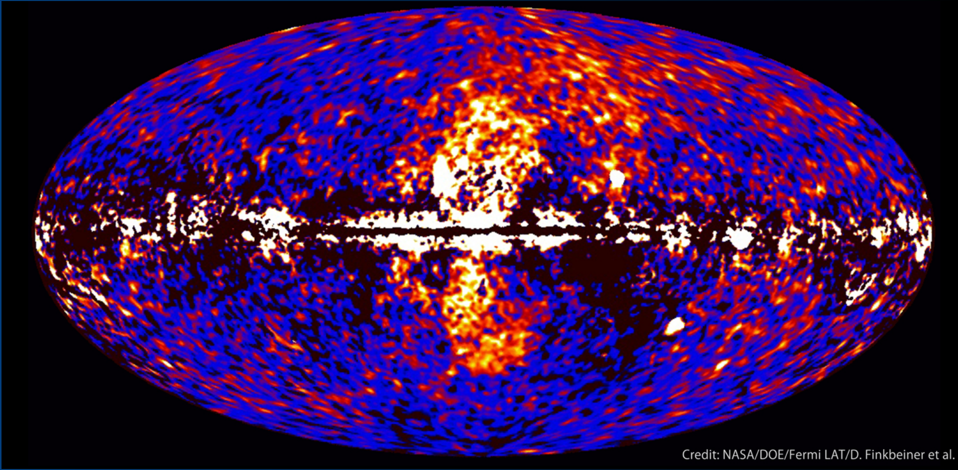
Gamma-ray emission of the Milky Way



Galactic wind in the Milky Way?

Fermi gamma-ray bubbles



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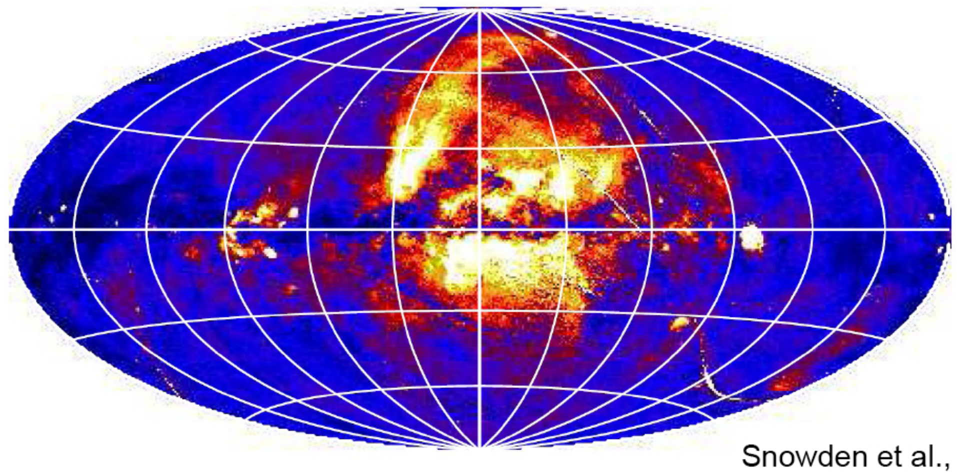
Diffuse X-ray emission in our Galaxy



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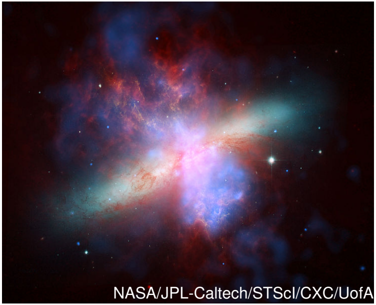

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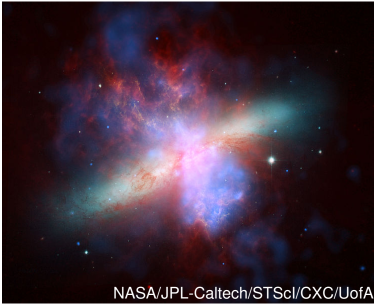

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observed energy equipartition between cosmic rays, thermal gas and magnetic fields
→ suggests self-regulated feedback loop with CR driven winds

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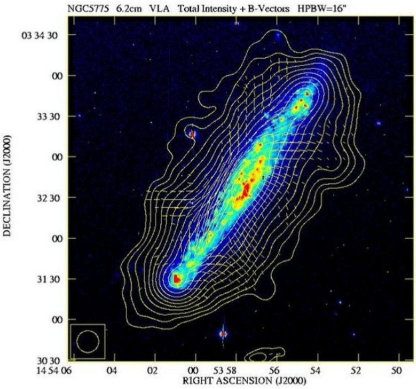
Why are CRs important for wind formation?

Radio halos in disks: CRs and magnetic fields exist at the disk-halo interface



Tüllmann+ (2000)

- CR pressure drops less quickly than thermal pressure ($P \propto \rho^{\gamma}$)
- CRs cool less efficiently than thermal gas
- CR pressure energizes the wind $\rightarrow$ “CR battery”
- poloidal (“open”) field lines at wind launching site $\rightarrow$ CR-driven Parker instability

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Sedov explosion

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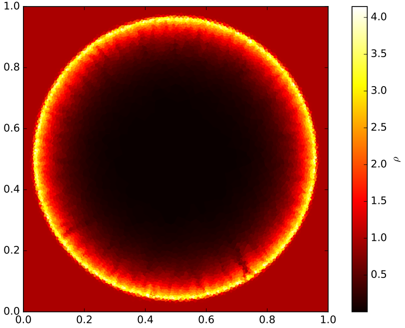

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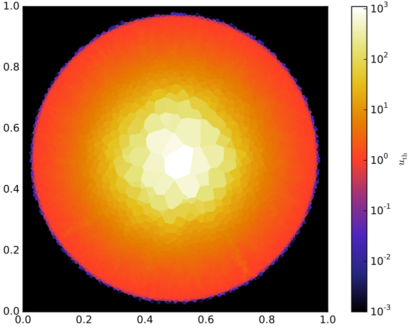

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Sedov explosion with CR acceleration

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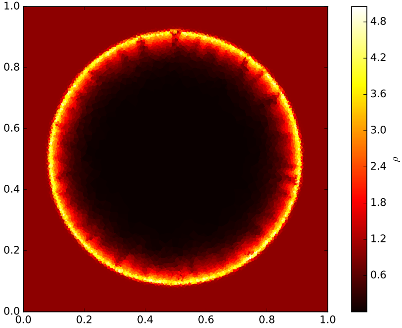

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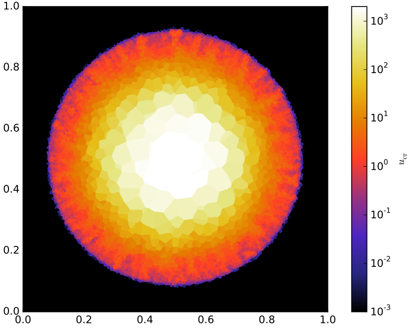

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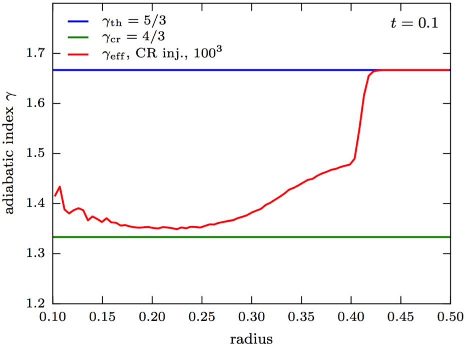

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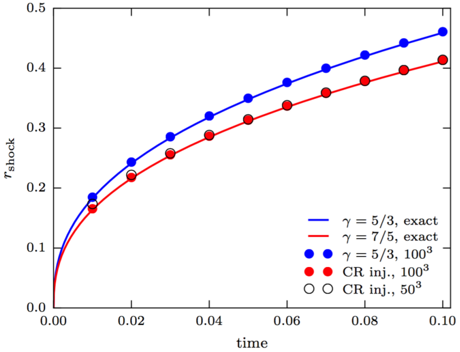

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Outline

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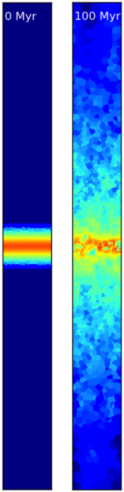
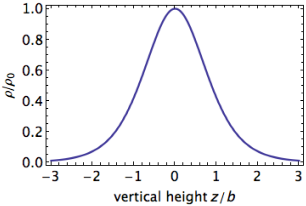


Simpson+ (2016)

- 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.+ 2016, Pakmor+ 2016)

Supernova feedback

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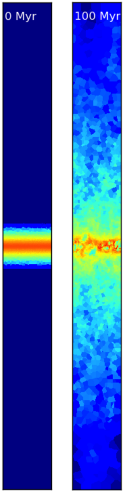


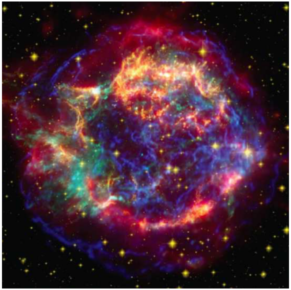
Simpson+ (2016)

- star formation rate:

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

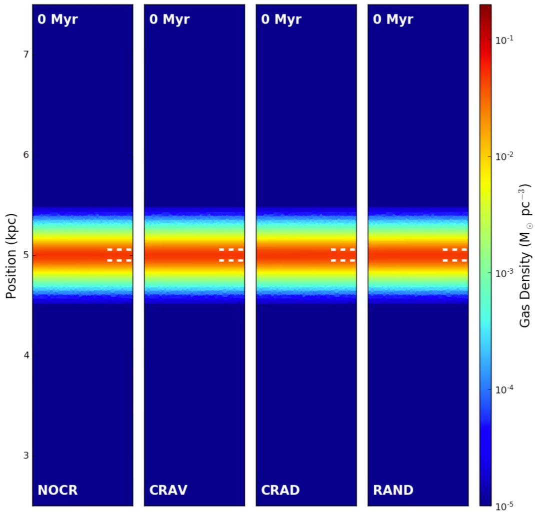
- supernova rate:

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



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

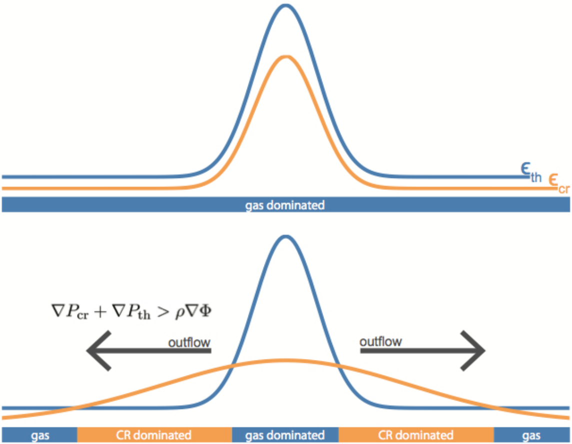
Interstellar medium – turbulence and outflows



Simpson+ (2016)

- NOCR: purely thermal SNe
- CRAV: CR advection, $\{f_{\rm cr}, f_{\rm th}\} = \{0.1, 0.9\}$
- 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)

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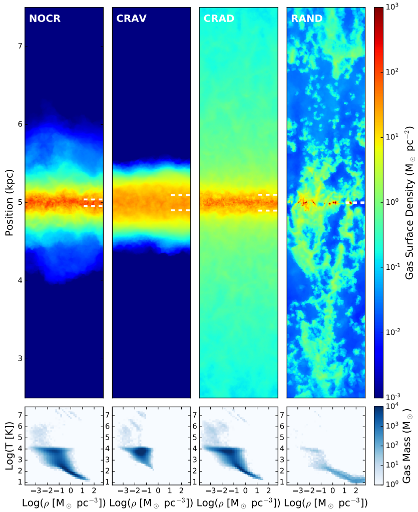

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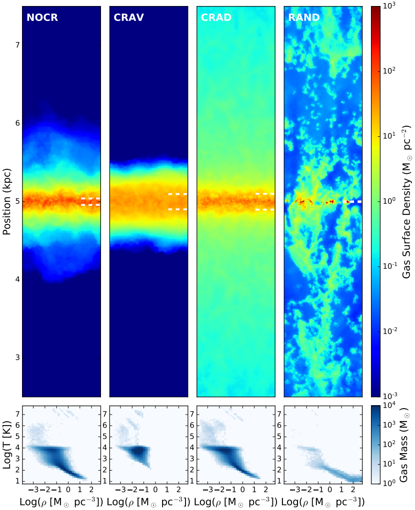

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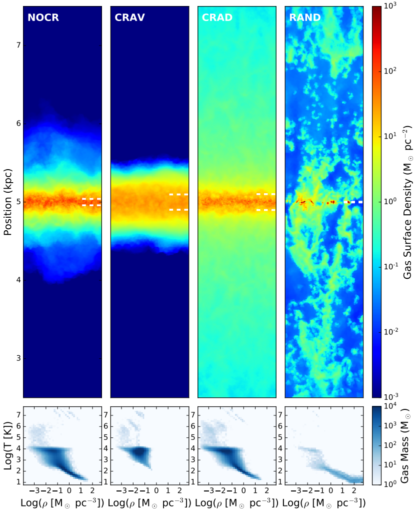

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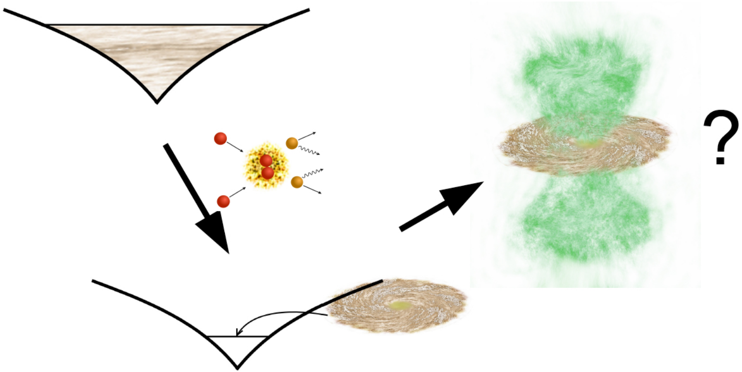
- CR + turbulent pressure self-regulate ISM $\rightarrow$ scale height $h_{1/2} \approx 100$ pc; ISM in RAND collapses to dense phase

$\Rightarrow$ **CR physics is essential for correctly modeling the ISM!**

Galaxy simulation setup: 1. cosmic ray advection



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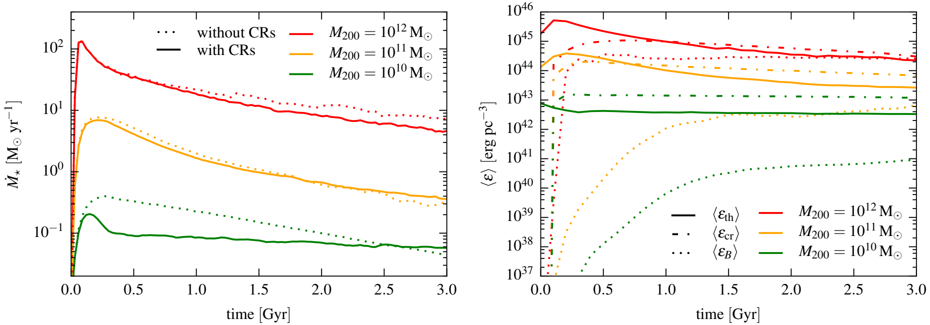
Simulating cosmic ray physics on a moving mesh

MHD + cosmic ray advection: $\{10^{10}, 10^{11}, 10^{12}\}$ $M_\odot$

Time evolution of SFR and energy densities



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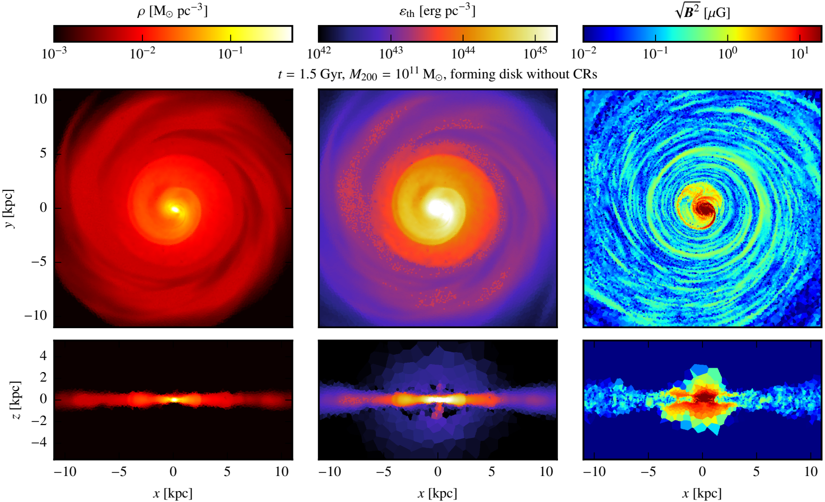
- CR pressure feedback suppresses SFR more in smaller galaxies
- energy budget in disks is dominated by CR pressure
- magnetic dynamo faster in Milky Way galaxies than in dwarfs

MHD galaxy simulation without CRs



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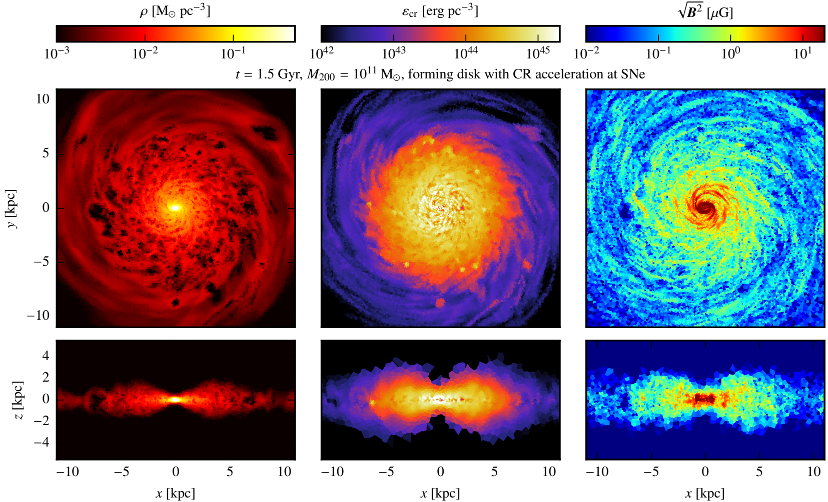

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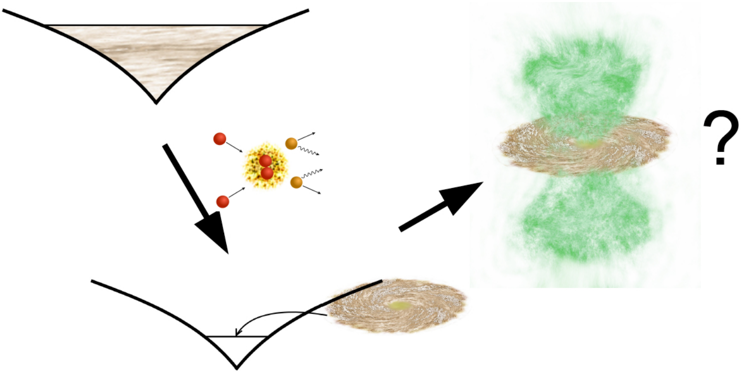
Galaxy simulation setup: 2. cosmic ray diffusion



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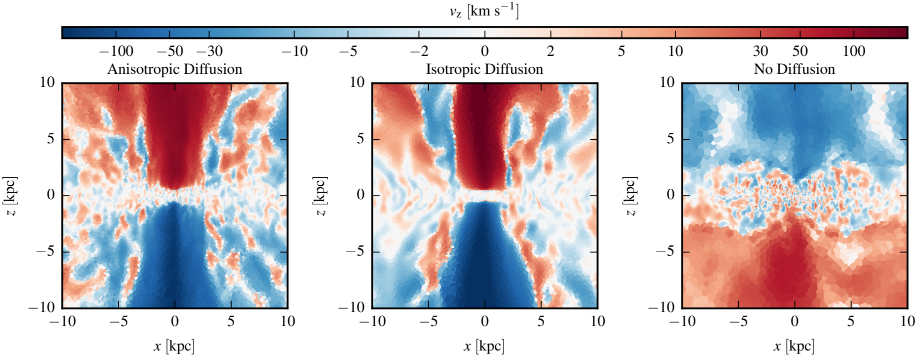
Galactic winds driven by isotropic and anisotropic cosmic ray diffusion in isolated disk galaxies

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

MHD galaxy simulation with CR diffusion



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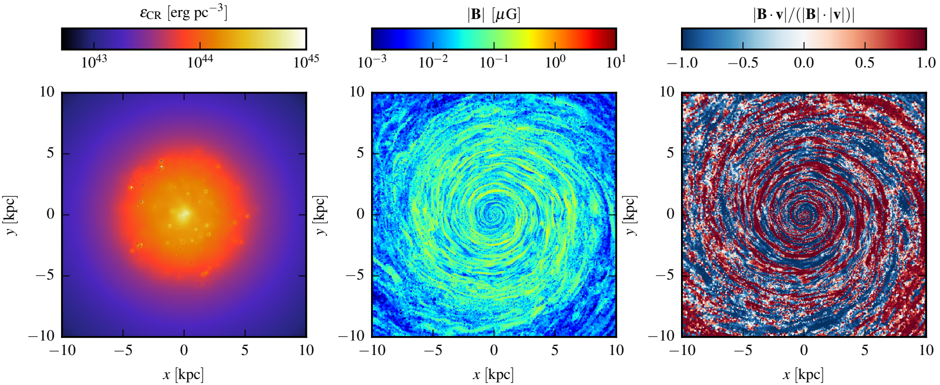
- CR diffusion launches powerful winds
- simulation without CR diffusion exhibits only weak fountain flows

MHD galaxy simulation with CR isotropic diffusion



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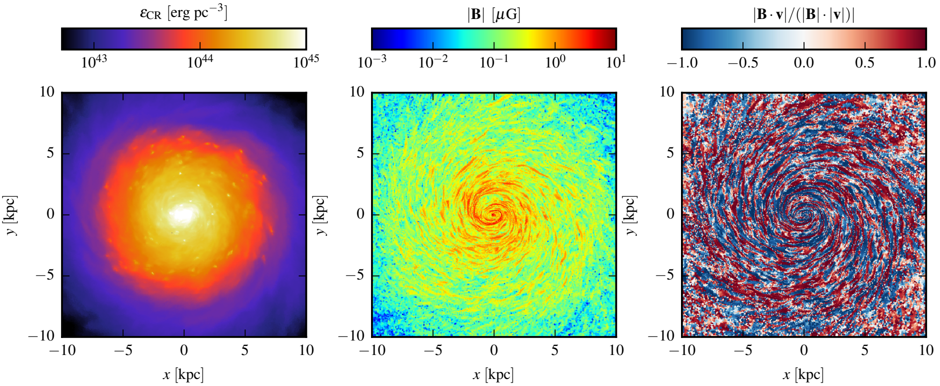
- CR diffusion strongly suppresses SFR
- strong outflow quenches magnetic dynamo to yield $B \sim 0.1\ \mu$G

MHD galaxy simulation with CR anisotropic diffusion



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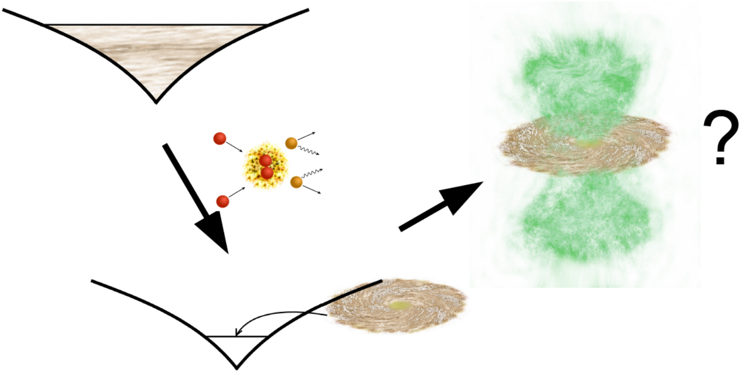
- anisotropic CR diffusion also suppresses SFR
- reactivation of magnetic dynamo: growth to observed strengths

Galaxy simulation setup: 3. non-thermal emission



C.P., Pakmor+ (in prep)
Non-thermal radio and gamma-ray emission in isolated disk galaxies

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

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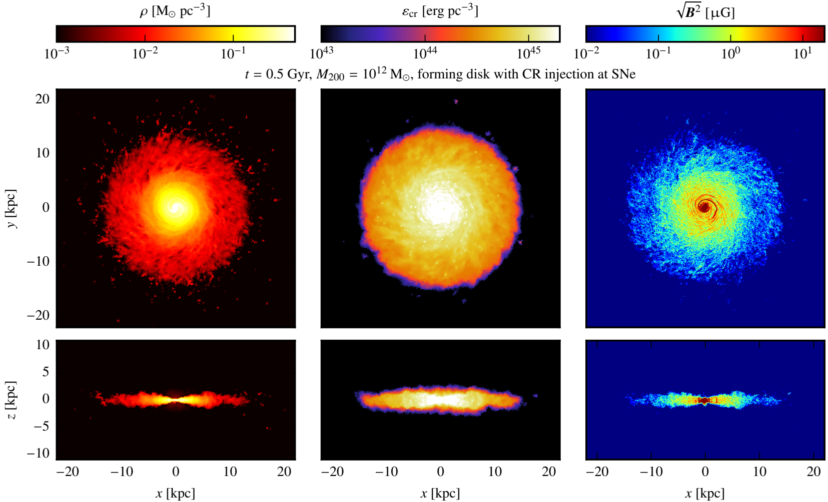

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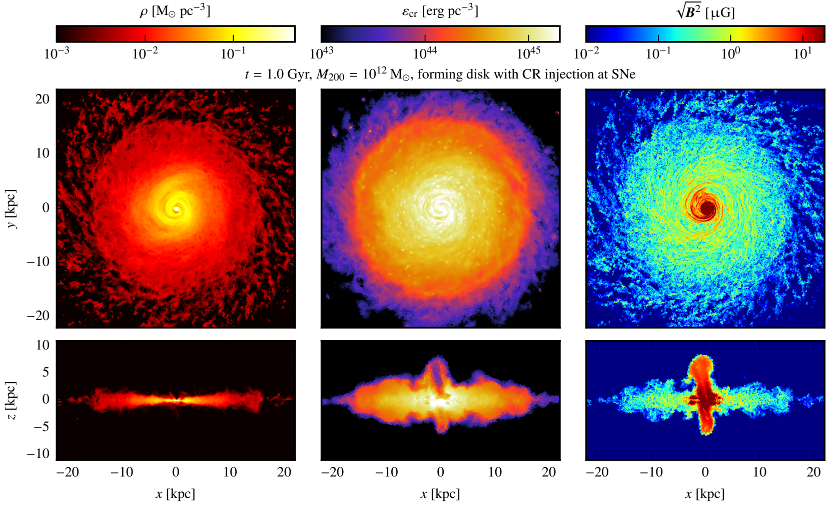

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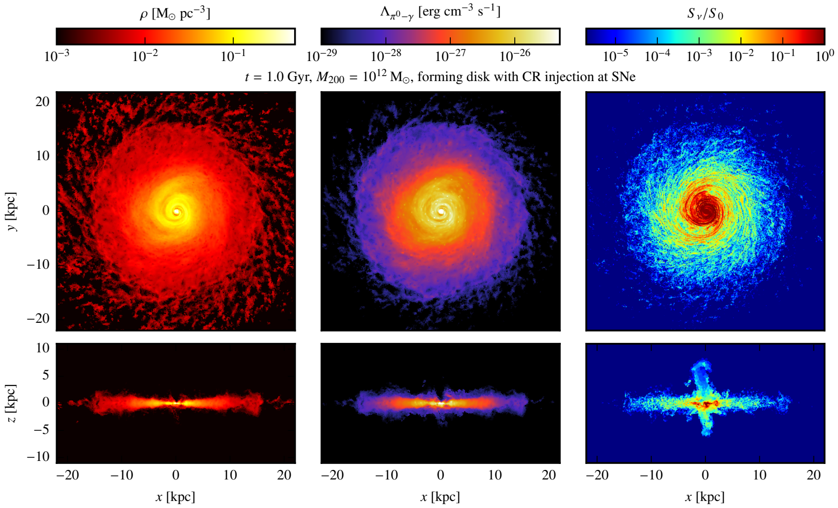
γ-ray and radio emission of Milky Way-like galaxy



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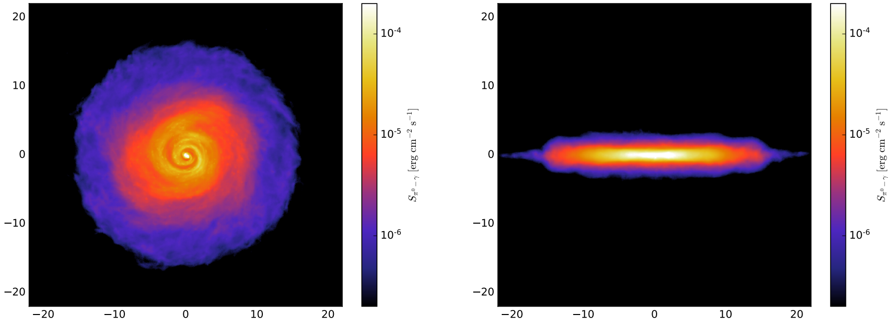
Projected γ-ray emission of Milky Way-like galaxy



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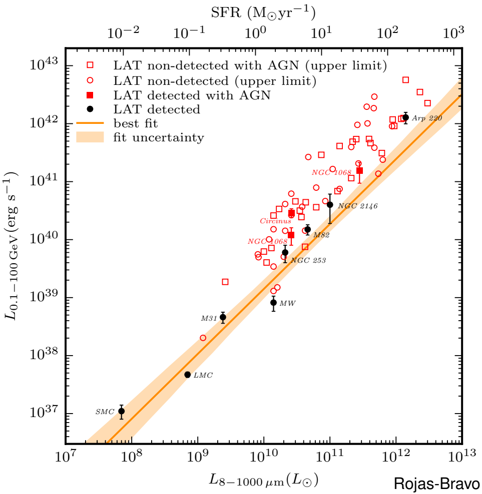
- pion decay γ-ray emission shows no *Fermi*-like bubbles due to low density in wind region $\rightarrow$ leptonic emission? (Selig+ 2015)
- compute gamma-ray luminosity $\rightarrow L_{\mathrm{FIR}} - L_\gamma$

Far infra-red – gamma-ray correlation

Universal conversion: star formation → cosmic rays → gamma rays



Rojas-Bravo & Araya (2016)

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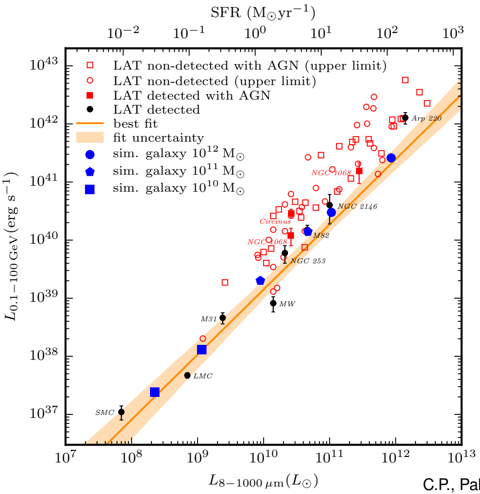

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outlook: improved modeling of plasma physics, follow CR spectra, cosmological settings

need: comparison to resolved radio/γ-ray observations $\rightarrow$ **SKA/CTA**

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