

# MHD Simulations: A few Astrophysical Applications



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# MHD Simulations

Star Formation - Magnetic turbulence connection

Jets & accretion disks

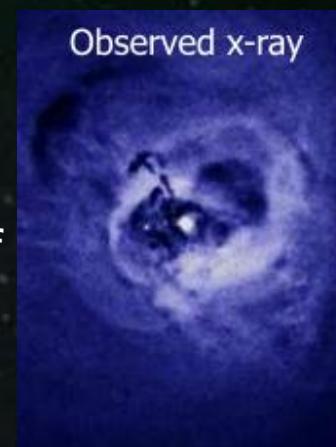
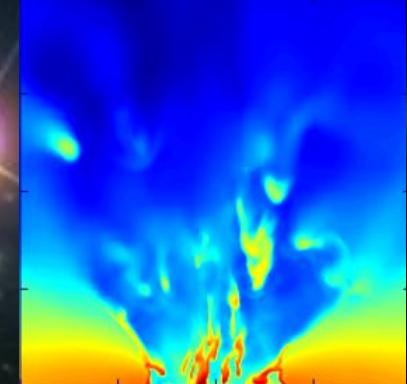
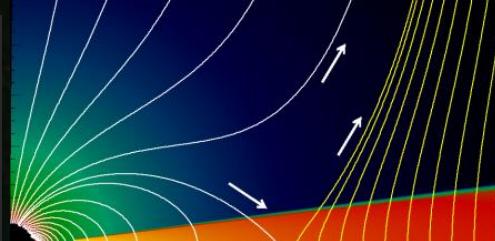
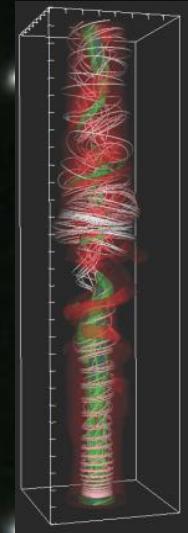
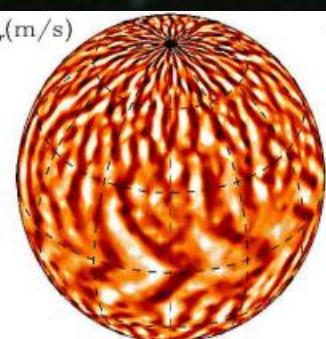
Galactic winds

Observed x-ray

Clusters of Galaxies

Solar Dynamo

Particle acceleration  
Propagation around black holes, etc



# ASTROPHYSICAL FLUIDS: in IDEAL MHD DESCRIPTION

$$\frac{d\rho}{dt} = -\rho \nabla \cdot \mathbf{v},$$

$$\rho \frac{d\vec{v}}{dt} = -\vec{\nabla} p + \rho \vec{g} + \frac{1}{c} \vec{J} \times \vec{B}$$

$$\frac{du}{dt} = -\frac{p}{\rho} (\nabla \cdot \mathbf{v}) - \mathcal{L},$$

$$\frac{d\mathbf{B}}{dt} = -\mathbf{B}(\nabla \cdot \mathbf{v}) + (\mathbf{B} \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{v},$$

# IDEAL MHD EQS. IN CONSERVATIVE FORM

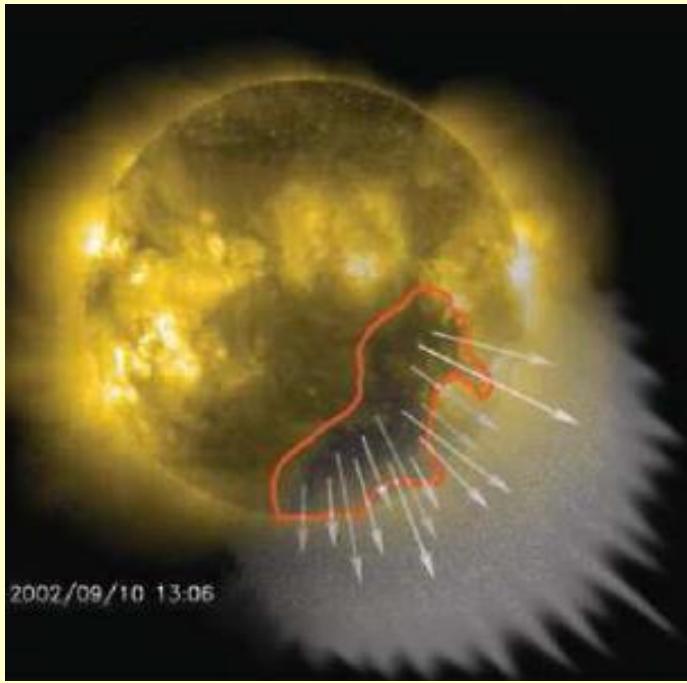
$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{U}}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot \mathbf{T}(\mathbf{U}) = \mathbf{S}(\mathbf{U})$$

$\mathbf{U}$ : conservative variables,  $\mathbf{T}$ : flux of  $\mathbf{U}$  (per time per area);  $\mathbf{S}$ : sources

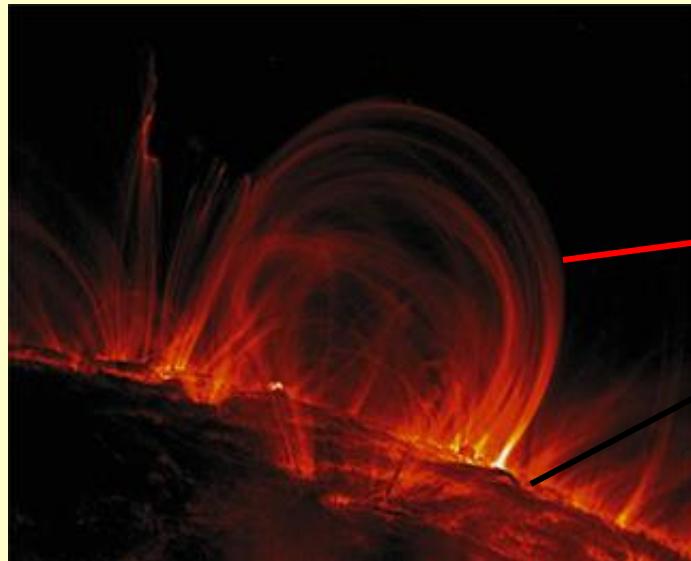
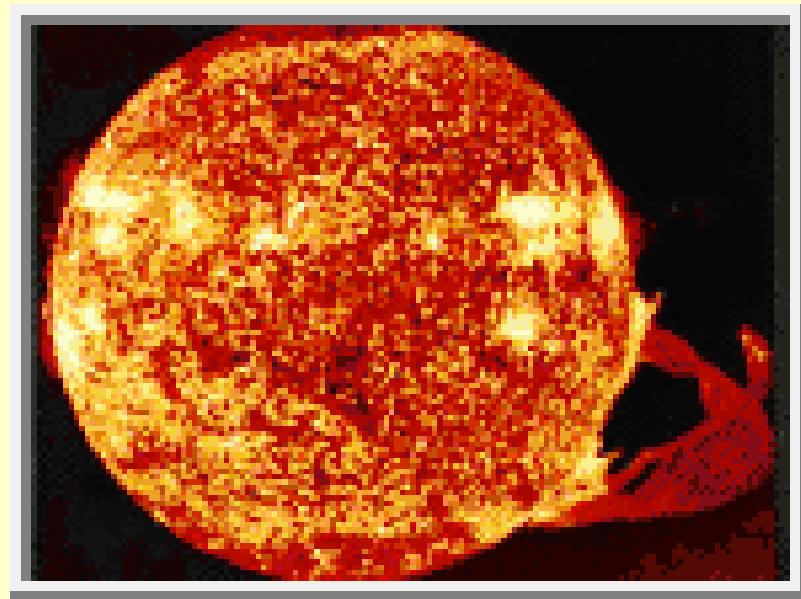
$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \begin{pmatrix} \rho \\ \rho \mathbf{v} \\ E \\ \mathbf{B} \end{pmatrix} = -\nabla \cdot \begin{pmatrix} \rho \mathbf{v} \\ \rho \mathbf{v} \mathbf{v} + \left(P + \frac{\mathbf{B}^2}{8\pi}\right) \mathbf{I} - \frac{\mathbf{B} \mathbf{B}}{4\pi} \\ (E + P + \frac{\mathbf{B}^2}{8\pi}) \mathbf{v} - \frac{(\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{B}) \mathbf{B}}{4\pi} \\ \mathbf{v} \mathbf{B} - \mathbf{B} \mathbf{v} \end{pmatrix}^T + \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \rho \mathbf{a} \\ \rho \mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{a} \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$E = \frac{p}{\gamma - 1} + \frac{\rho \mathbf{v}^2}{2} + \frac{\mathbf{B}^2}{8\pi}$$

$E$ : total energy density;  $\mathbf{a}$ : acceleration vector of external forces (ex. gravity)



# Solar Magnetic Fields



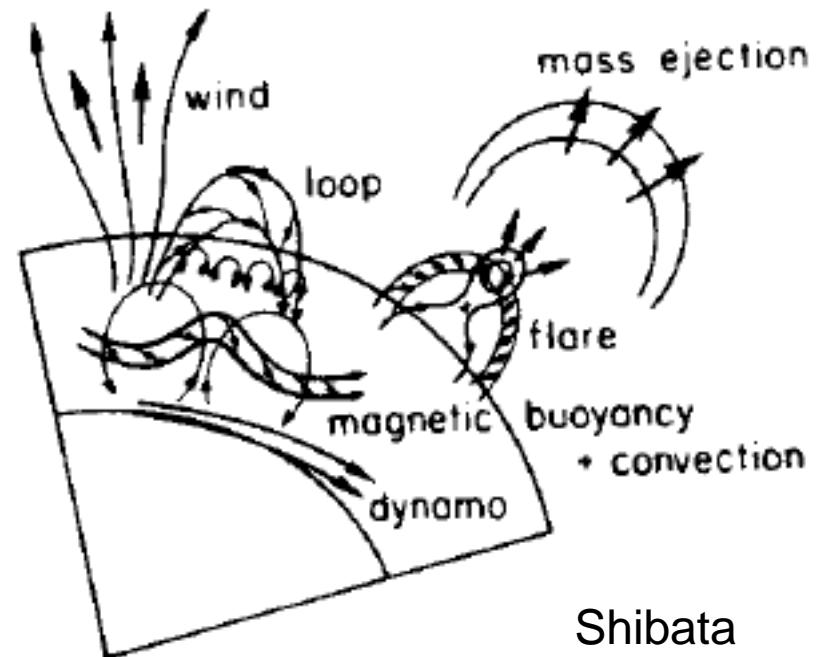
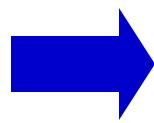
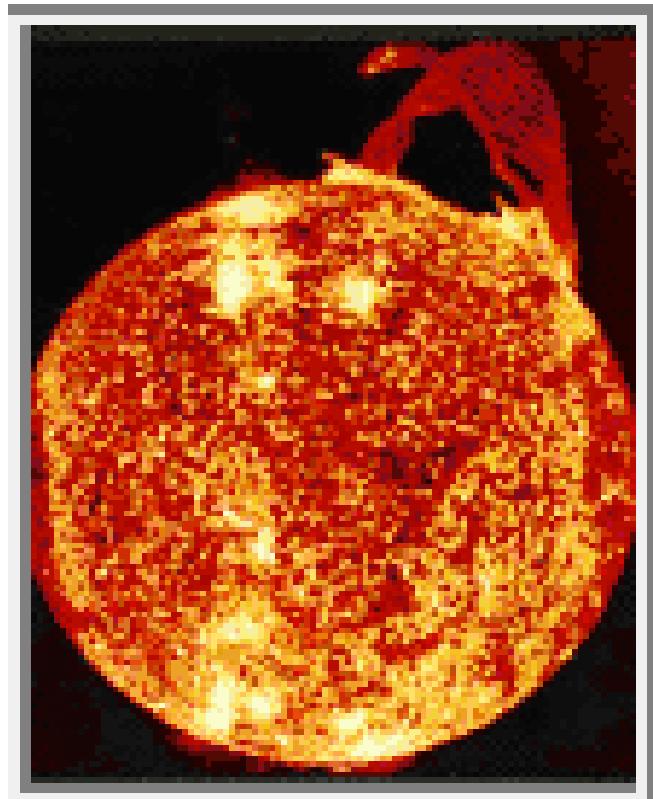
Sun: conductive fluid (PLASMA)  
In the corona:  $2 \times 10^6$  K  
magnetic loops: 30,000-100,000 km)  
Sunspots:  $B = 500-4000 B_{Terra}$

# **What is the origin of magnetic fields in the Sun ?**

## **Dynamo**



# Dynamo: conversion of Rotation + Convection motions of charged fluid into **B**



(stars)

Shibata  
2005

# Dynamo: Generation of Magnetic Fields

**Dynamo:** generates magnetic fields: obviously does not conserve magnetic flux  $\rightarrow$  NON IDEAL MHD

$$\frac{\partial \vec{B}}{\partial t} = \vec{\nabla} \times (\vec{v}_e \times \vec{B}) + \frac{\eta c^2}{4\pi} \vec{\nabla}^2 \vec{B} - \frac{c}{n_e^2 e} \vec{\nabla} n_e \times \vec{\nabla} p_e$$

....+ new terms

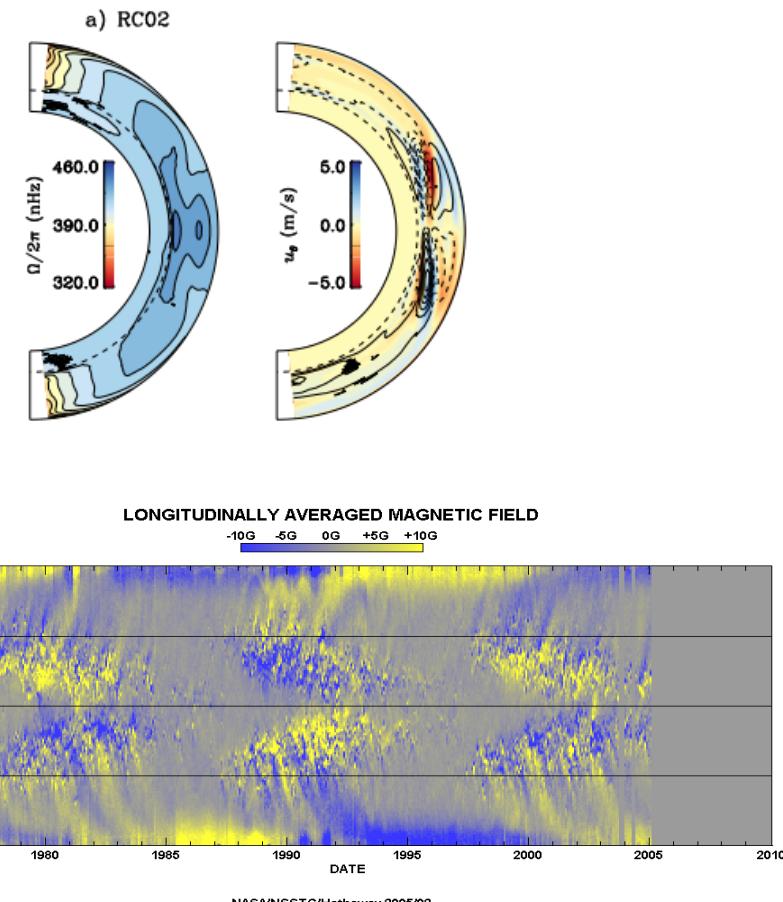
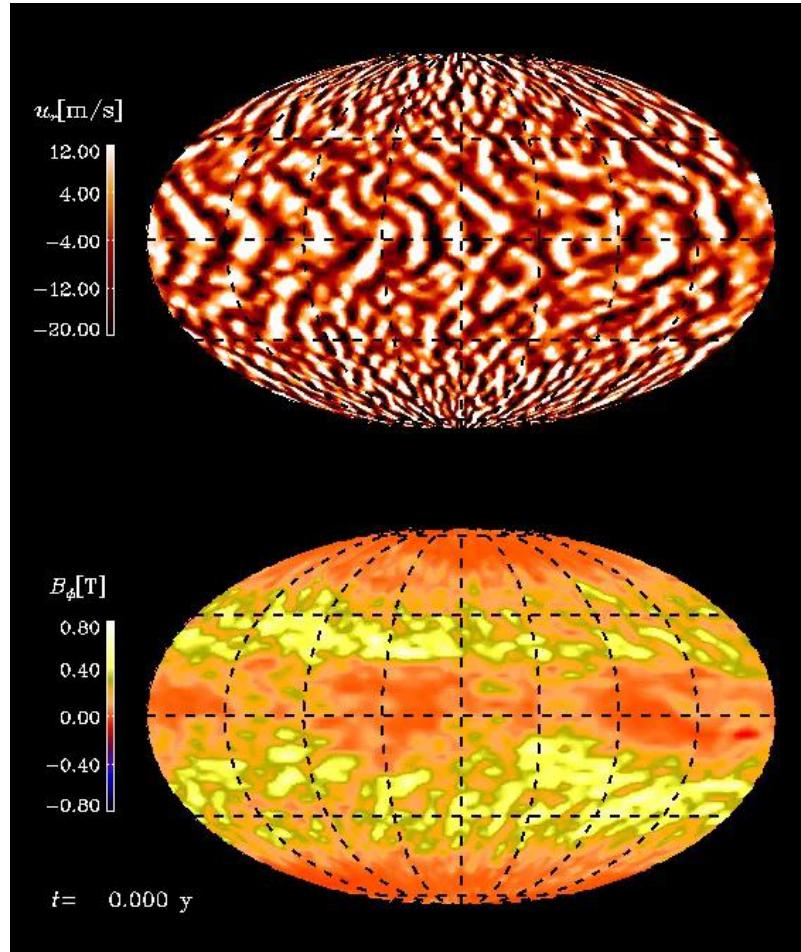


Biermann Battery

See dynamo theory in Chapter 7 in my Notes on Plasma Astrophysics:

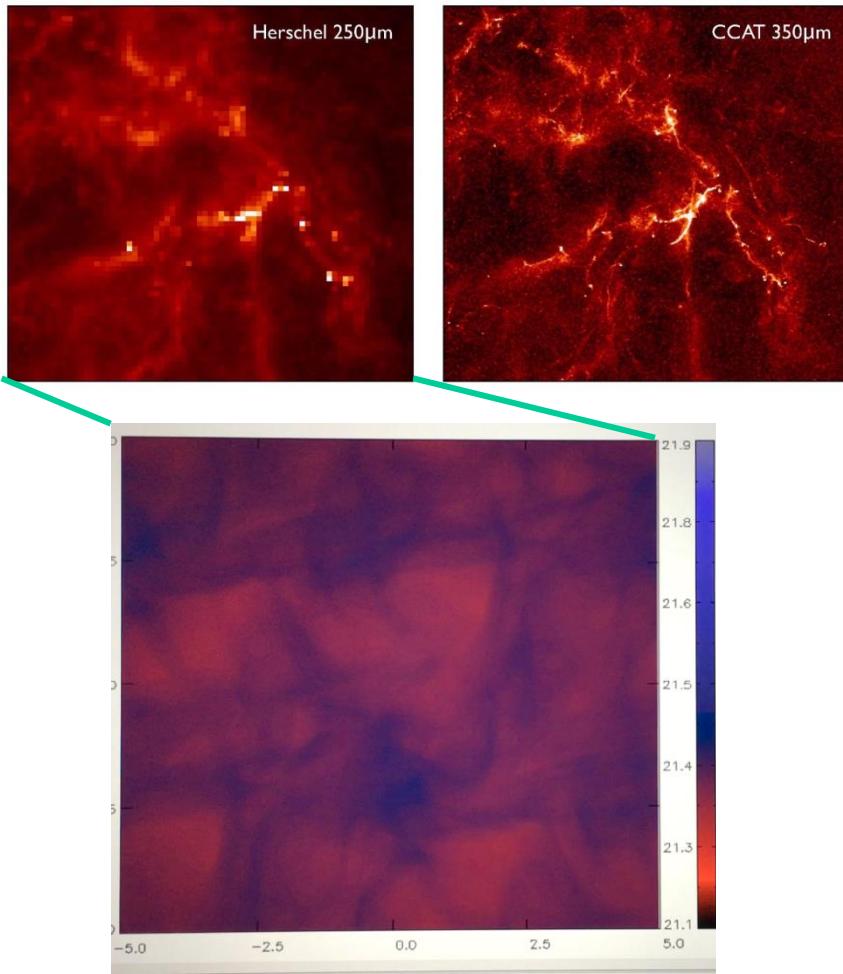
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# Solar Dynamo 3D MHD simulations

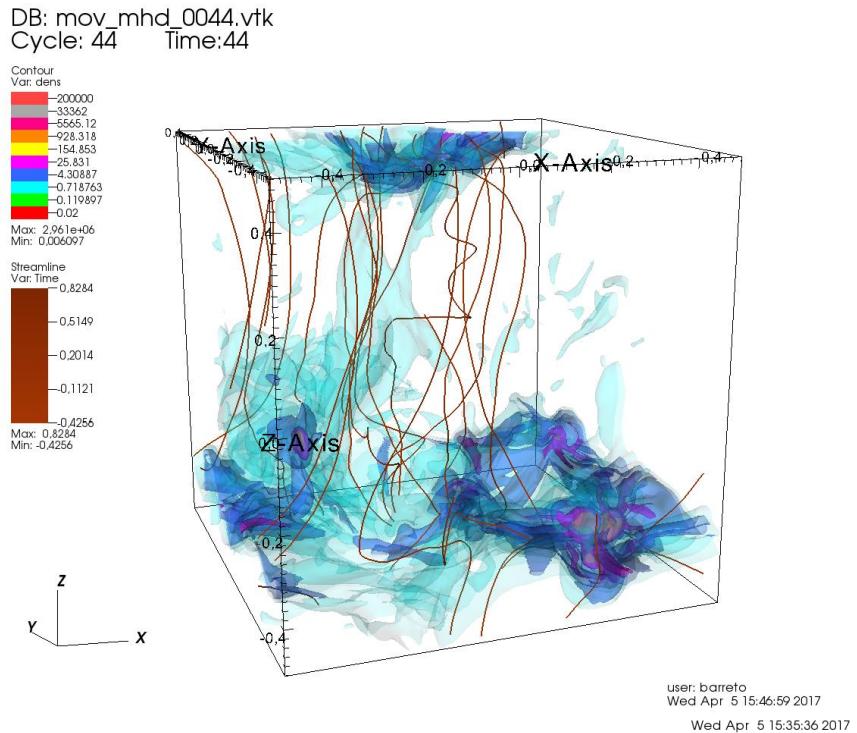


**Guerrero, Smolarkiewicz, de Gouveia Dal Pino, Kosovichev, & Mansour, ApJ 2016a, ApJ Letters 2016b**

# 3D MHD Simulations of turbulent molecular clouds



- Turbulent clouds: gas accumulates along the field lines forming filaments as observed in diffuse interstellar medium



**Santos-Lima, de Gouveia Dal Pino, Lazarian, MNRAS 2013;  
Barreto, de Gouveia Dal Pino, Melioli, Santos-Lima, in prep.**

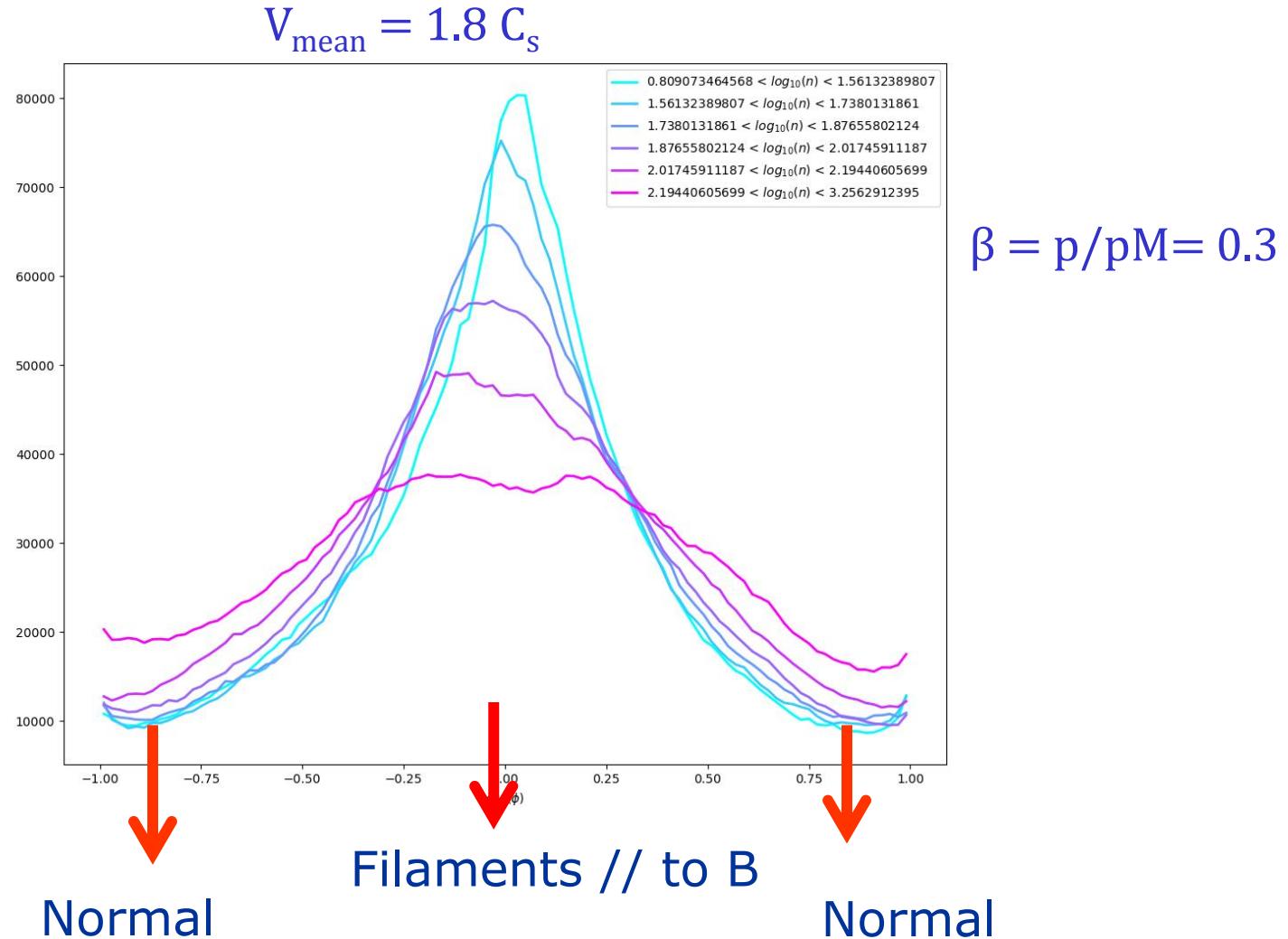
# Distribution of direction of Magnetic fields in the ISM filaments

- In diffuse regions:

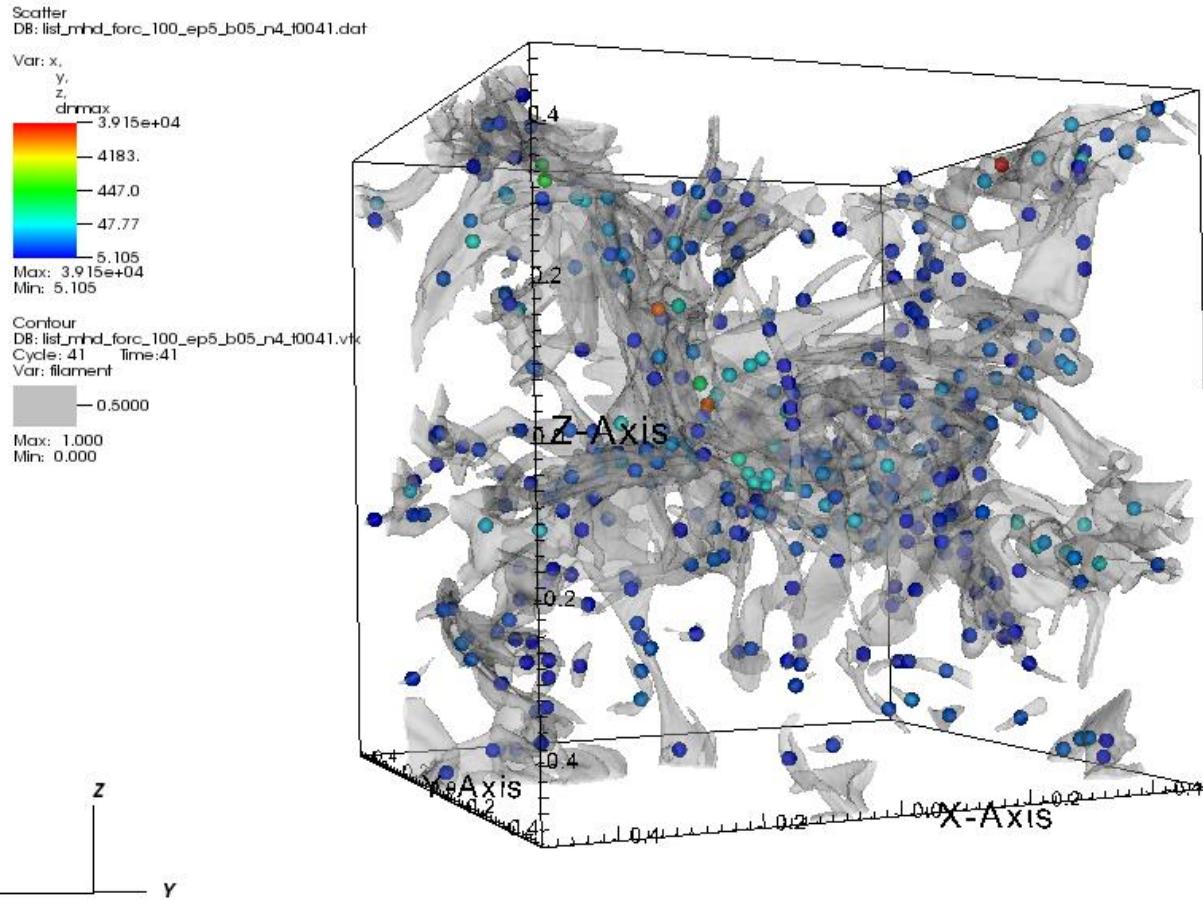
Filaments // B  
Because pressure Forces prevail

- In collapsing regions:

Filaments  $\perp$  to B  
because gravity dominates and matter accumulates more easily  $\perp$  to B



# Star formation clumps Search



$$V_{\text{mean}} = 3.3 C_s$$

$$\beta = 3$$

$$= 2.0 t_{\text{ff}}$$

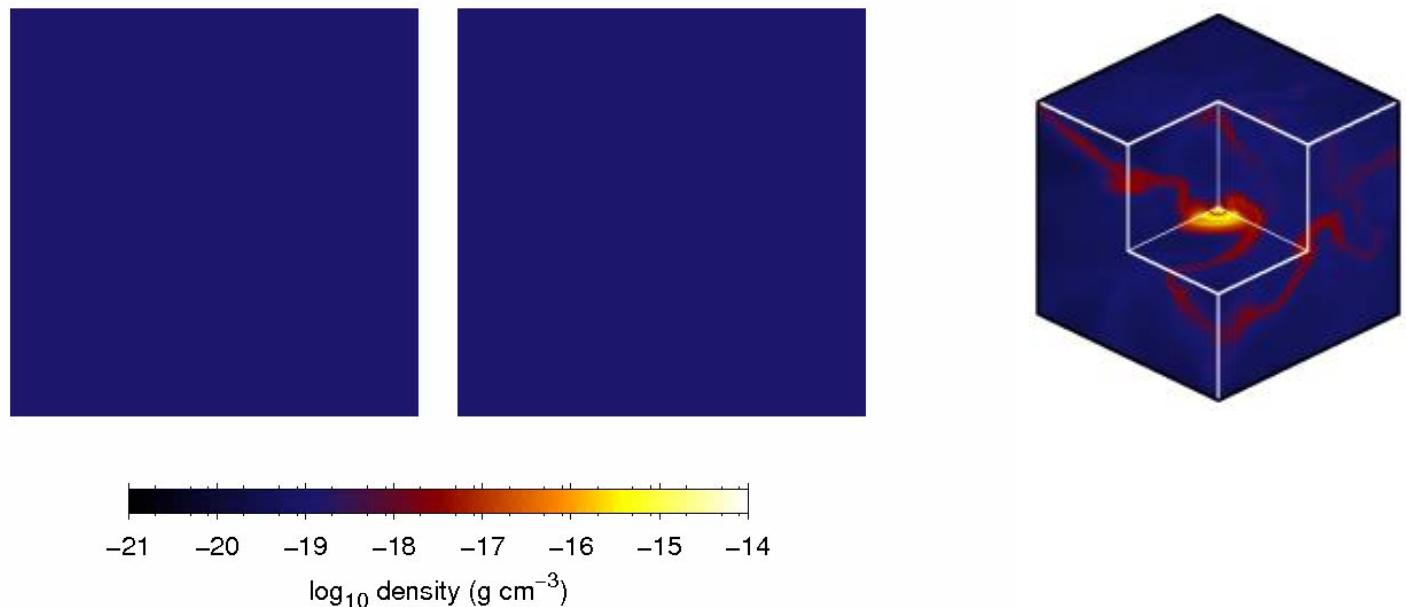
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# 3D MHD simulations of Star Formation: Core collapse and proto-stellar disk formation

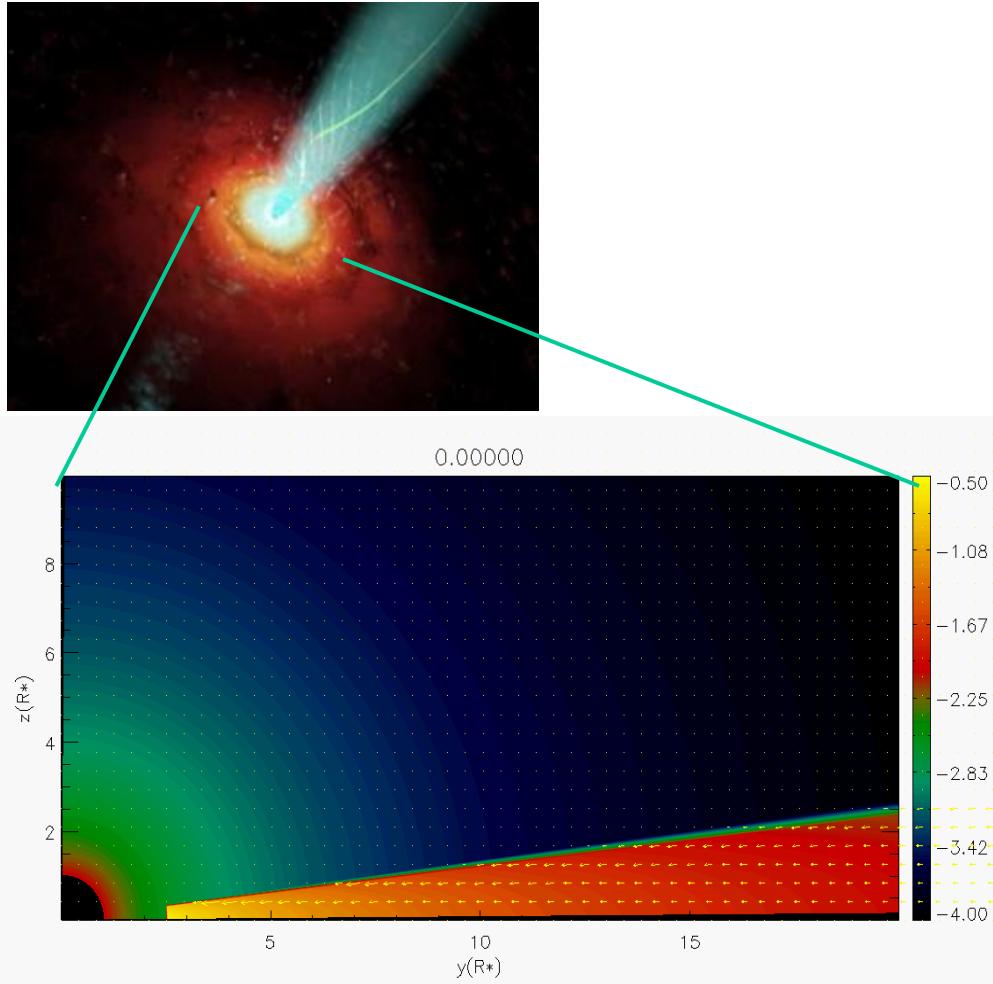
**Magnetic fields (MFs) and turbulence influence star formation:**  
turbulence helps the removal of excess of MF that is dragged-in (via  
**turbulent reconnection**), and allows the core and disk to form under  
the action of gravity

$t = 0.000 \text{ Myr}$

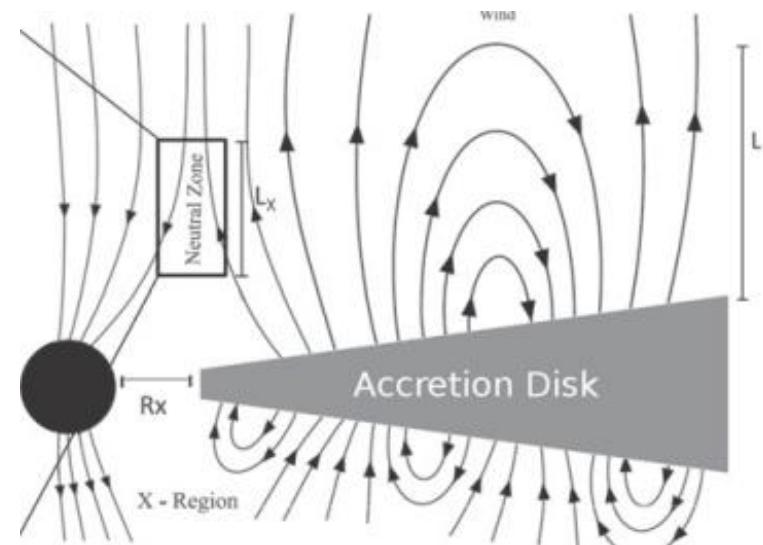


**Santos-Lima, de Gouveia Dal Pino, Lazarian, ApJ 2012  
MNRAS 2013**

# MHD simulations of Accretion Disks around compact sources: Global

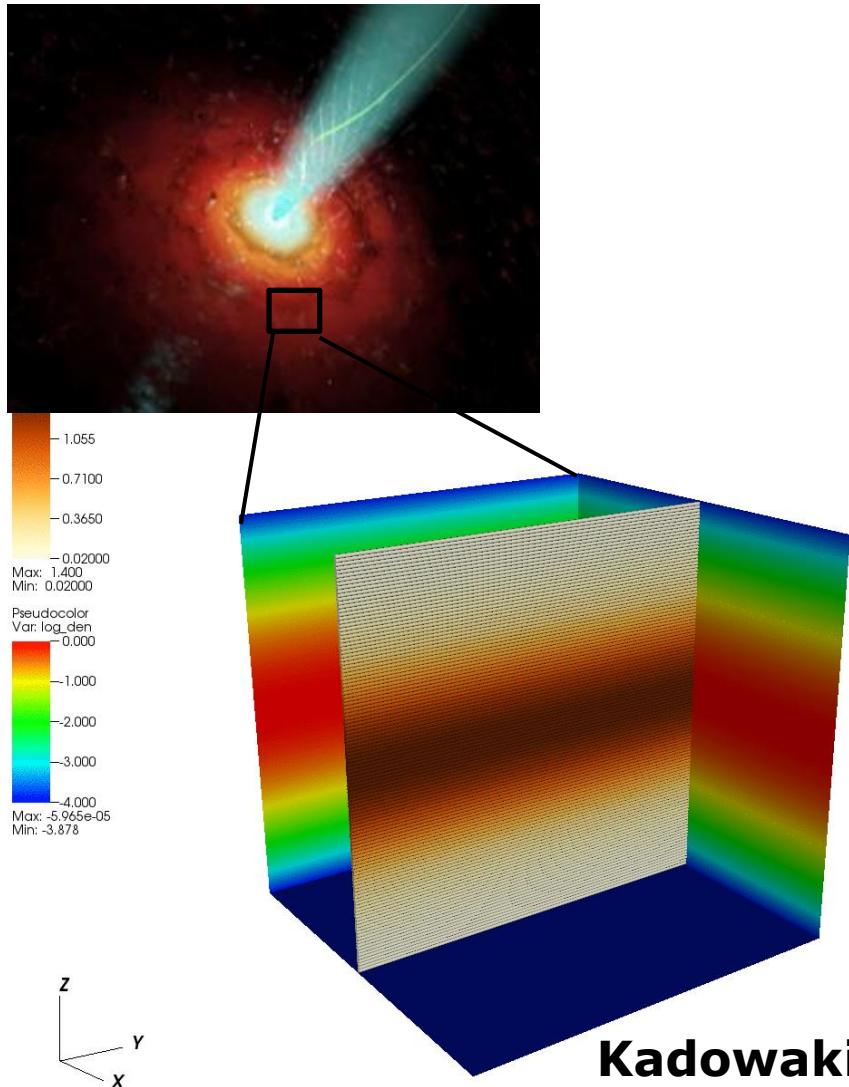


- Magnetic Reconnection and plasmon ejection: as in the Sun



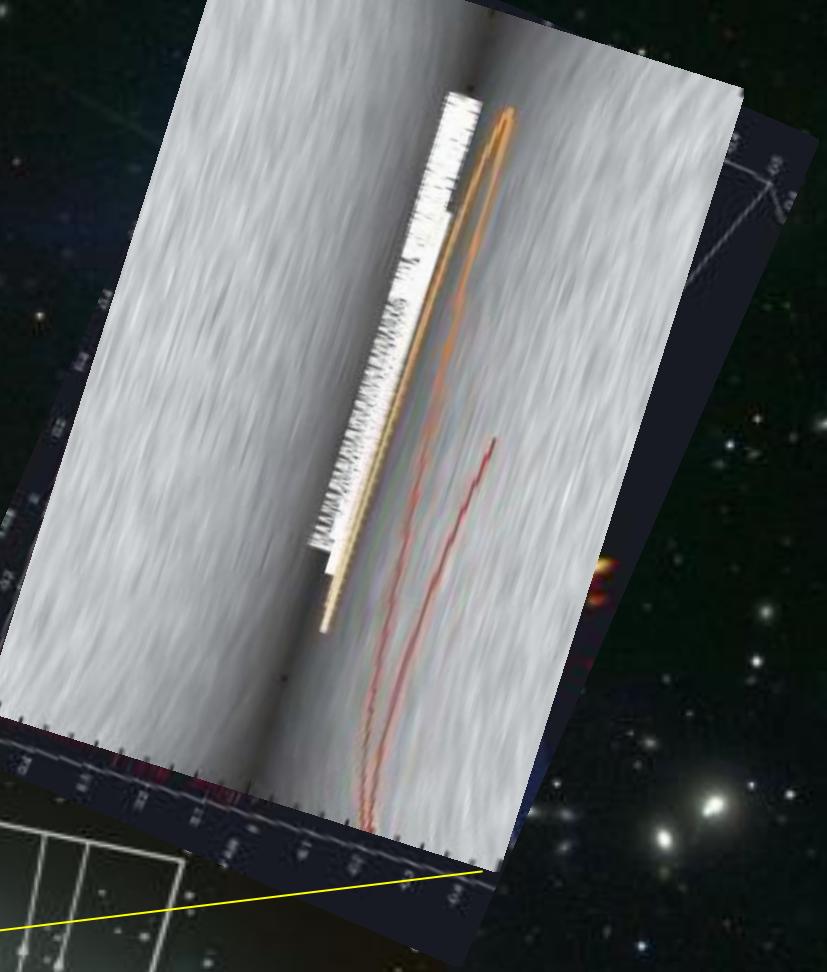
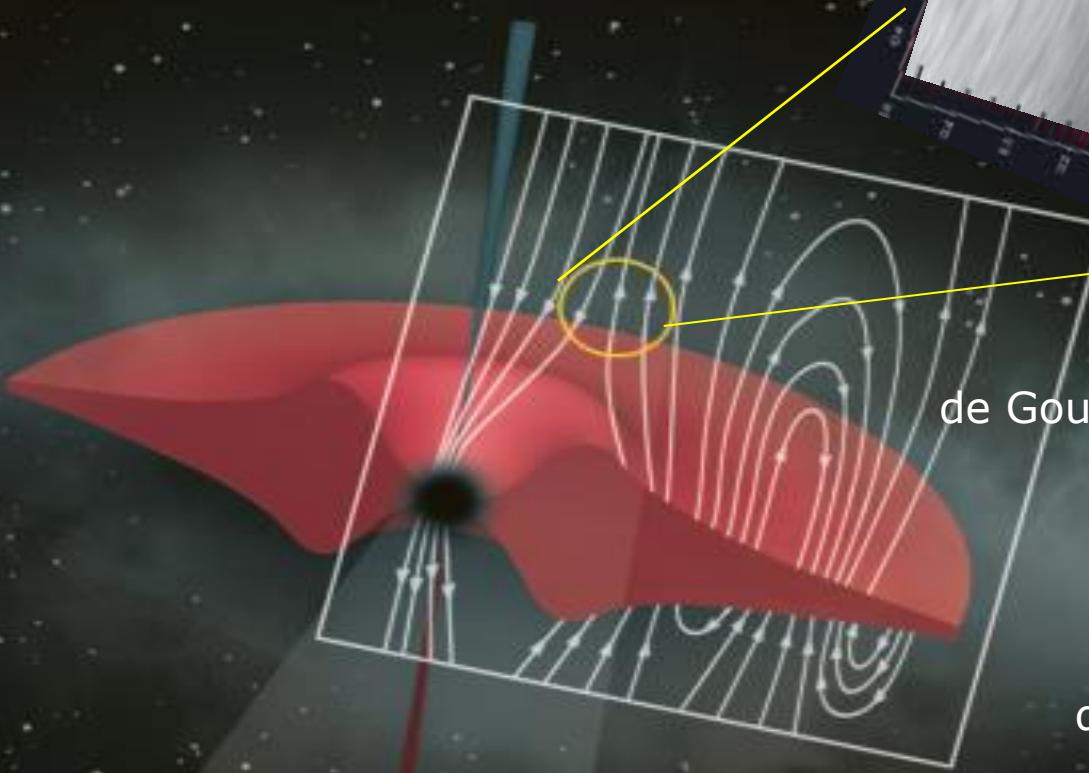
de Gouveia Dal Pino & Lazarian 2005

# 3D MHD Simulations of Accretion disks: Shearing box



- Magnetic fields drive the transport of angular momentum
- Magnetic fields arise from the accretion disk and build a corona around the disk just like on the solar surface
- There is plenty of reconnection too

# Magnetic reconnection and Particle acceleration around Black hole sources

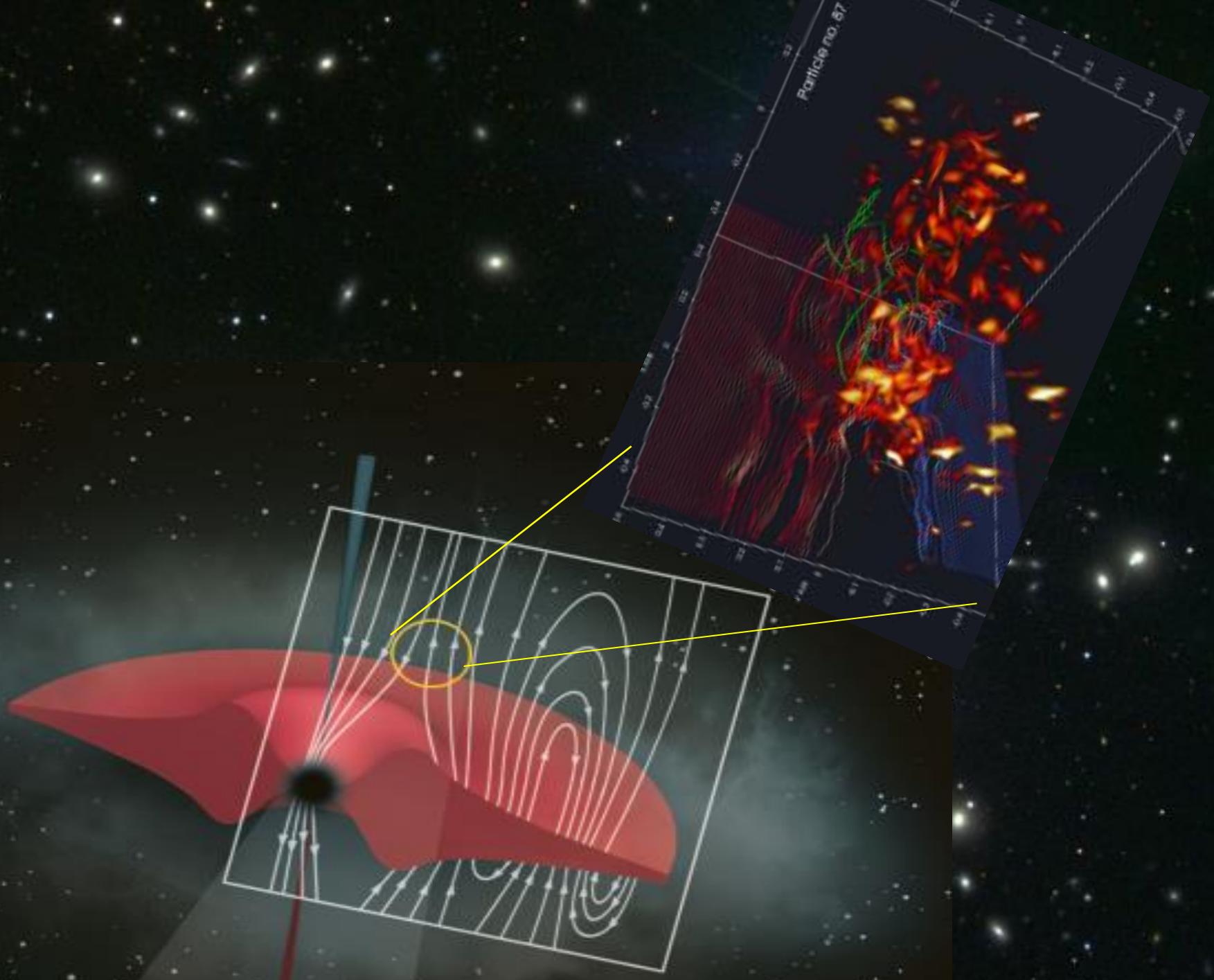


de Gouveia Dal Pino & Lazarian, A&A  
2005

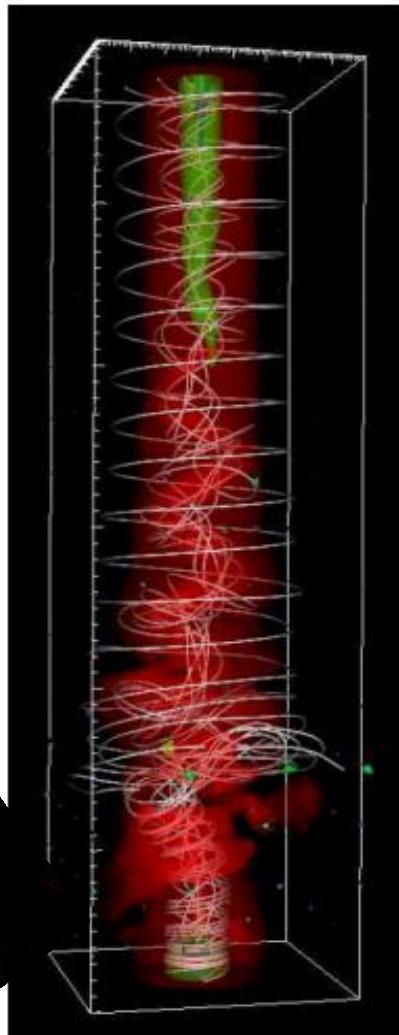
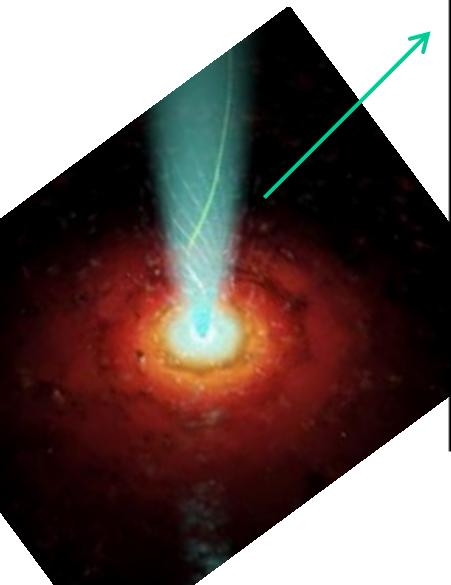
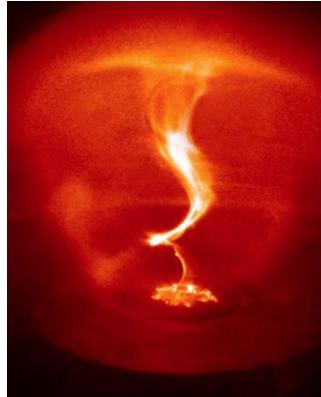
Kowal, de Gouveia Dal Pino &  
Lazarian ApJ 2011

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Lazarian PRL 2012

del Valle, de Gouveia Dal Pino,  
Kowal, ApJ 2016



# 3D Relativistic-MHD Simulations of Jets



- Magnetic fields influence origin, acceleration and propagation of jets everywhere in the Universe
- formation of kinks that distort the helical structure and break the lines causing magnetic reconnection

**Singh, Mizuno, de Gouveia Dal Pino, ApJ 2016**

# Winds in active galaxies driven by AGN and Supernovae feedback

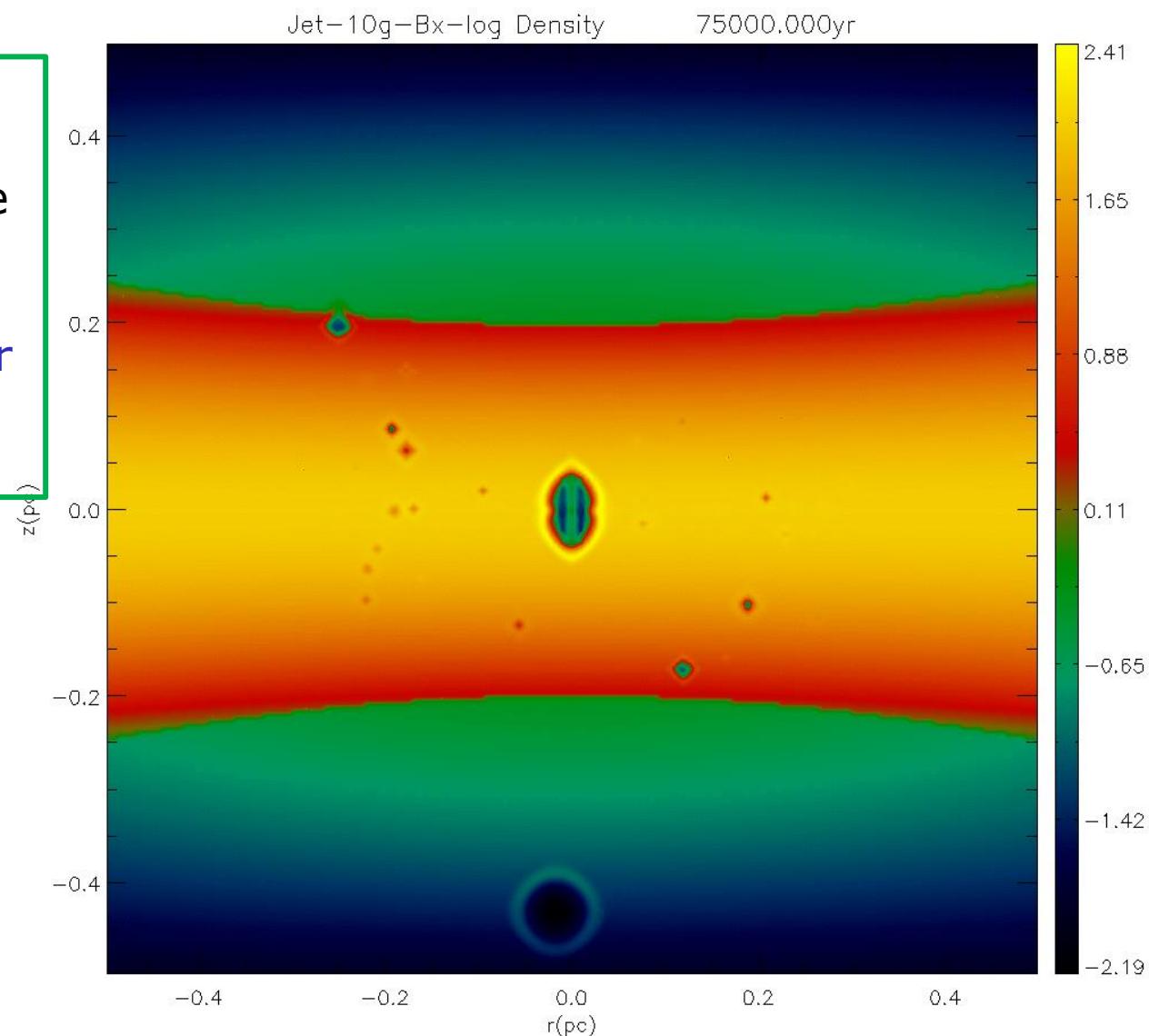
MHD radiative cooling simulations of nuclear region ( $1\text{kpc}^3$ ) of active galaxy:

taking into account star formation, SNe wind + AGN outflow feedbacks

AGN outflow  
( $10^\circ$  opening angle)

Initial  $B_x = 0.76 \mu\text{G}$

Clavijo, de Gouveia Dal Pino, Melioli 2018)

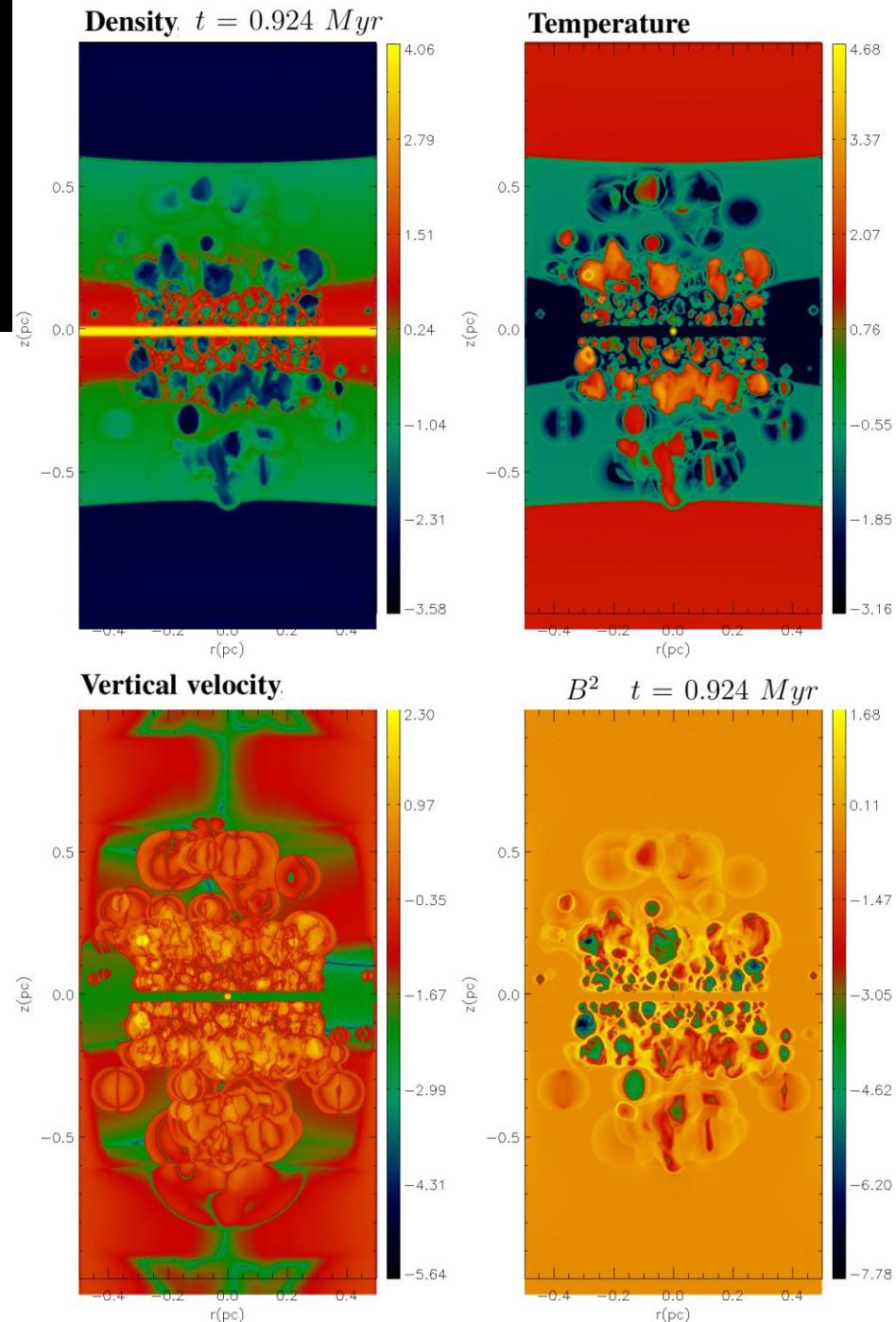


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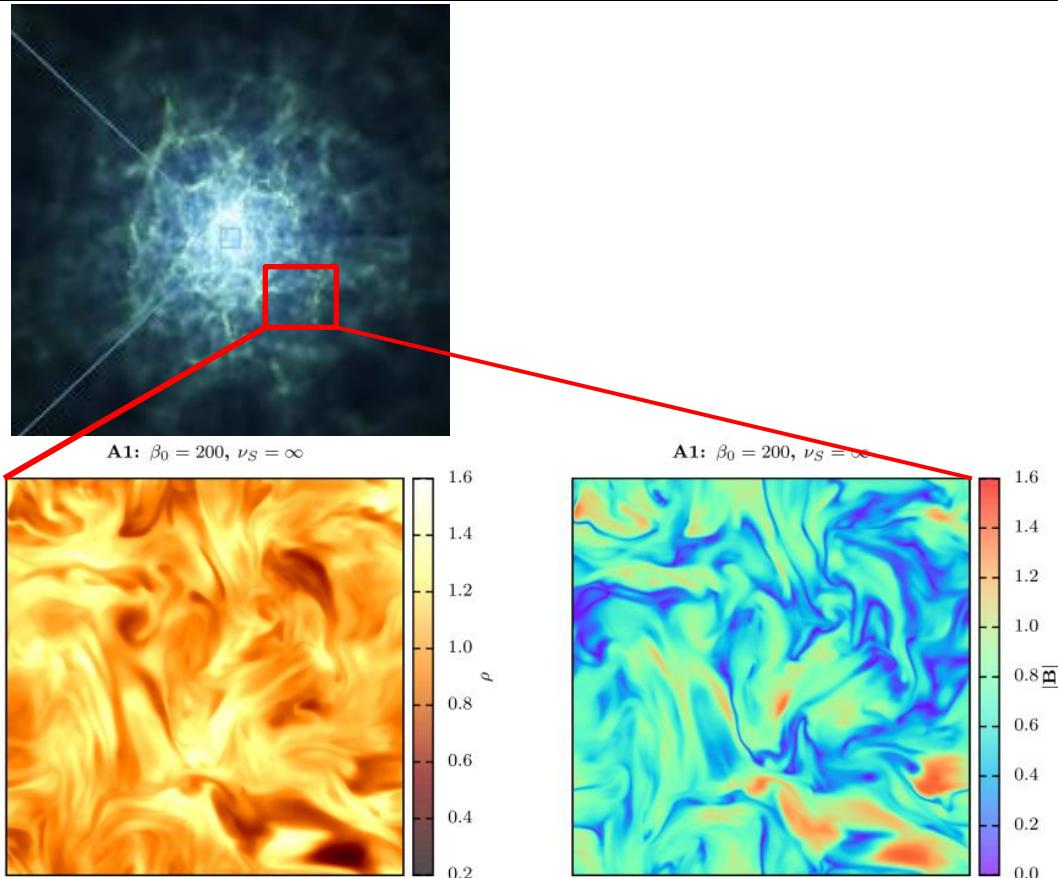
**AGN spherical wind:  
injected in galaxy after  
SNe wind fully developed**

AGN and supernovae driven winds drive ultra fast and hot outflows:  $v > 10,000 \text{ km/s}$   
( $T > 10^7 \text{ K}$ ,  $n > 100 \text{ cm}^{-3}$ ) ->  
 $\sim$  Observations

Clavijo, de Gouveia Dal Pino,  
Melioli 2018)



# 3D MHD Simulations of the Intergalactic Medium: magnetic fields amplified by turbulence



- MFs influence galaxies and intergalactic gas evolution and dynamics, and cosmic ray propagation

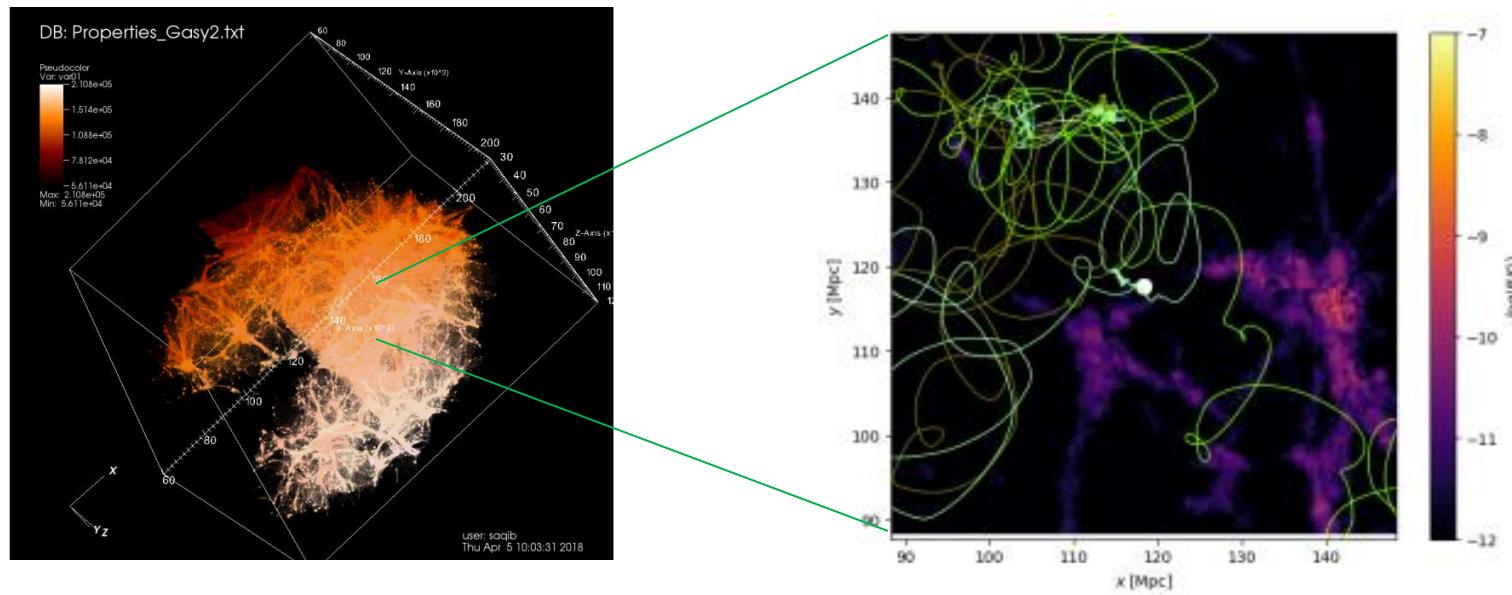
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**Nakwaki, Kowal, Santos-Lima, de Gouveia Dal Pino, F.-Goncalves, MNRAS 2016**

**Santos-Lima, Yan, de Gouveia Dal Pino & Lazarian, MNRAS 2016**

**Santos-Lima, de Gouveia Dal Pino, et al. MNRAS 2016; 2018**

# Cosmological MHD simulations and CR Propagation



**Left: cosmological MHD simulation** ( $200 \text{ Mpc}^3$ ) (Dolag et al. 2004) containing density distribution of filaments with cluster of galaxies.

**Right: magnetic field distribution** in a slice of the domain. **Trajectories of CR particles** with  $E = 10^{17}$  eV (green lines). White circle: observer position, and white star: source position.

(Alves-Batista, de Gouveia Dal Pino, Hussein, Dolag, in prep.)



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