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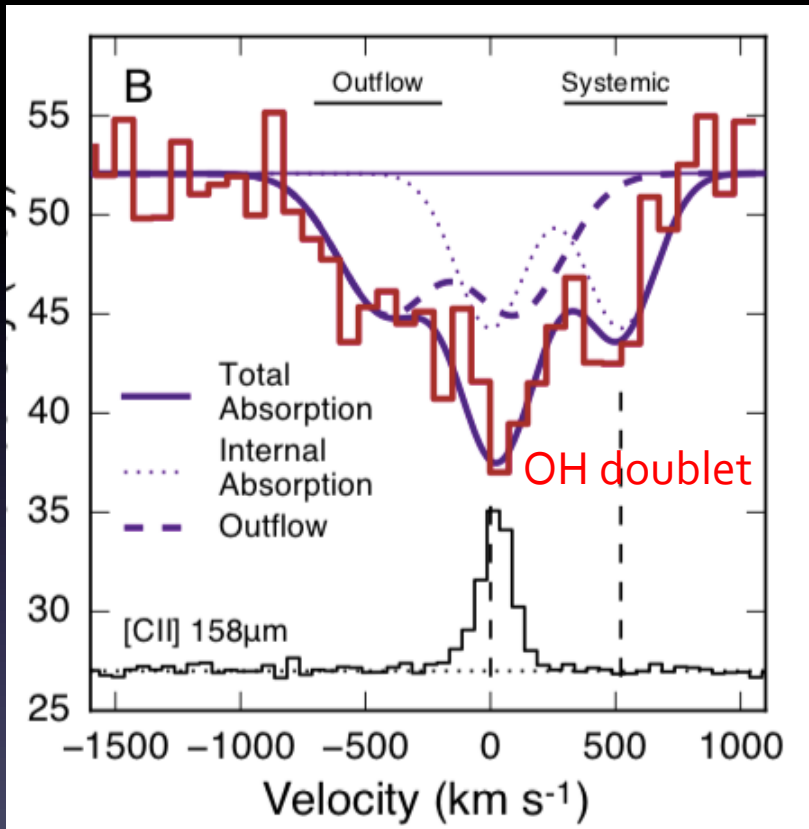
- Galactic Outflow : Importance in Galaxy Evolution



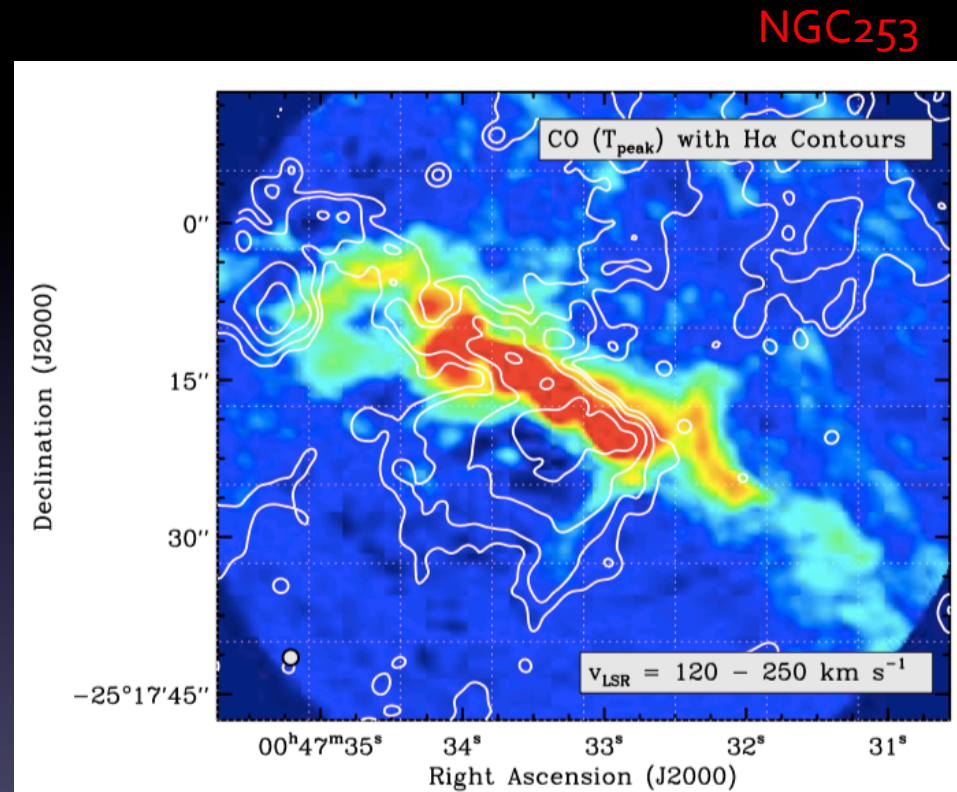
- Galaxy properties: galaxy luminosity function
- Enrichment of IGM
- Star formation feedback

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- Galactic Outflow : Observed Properties



(Spilker et al 2018)



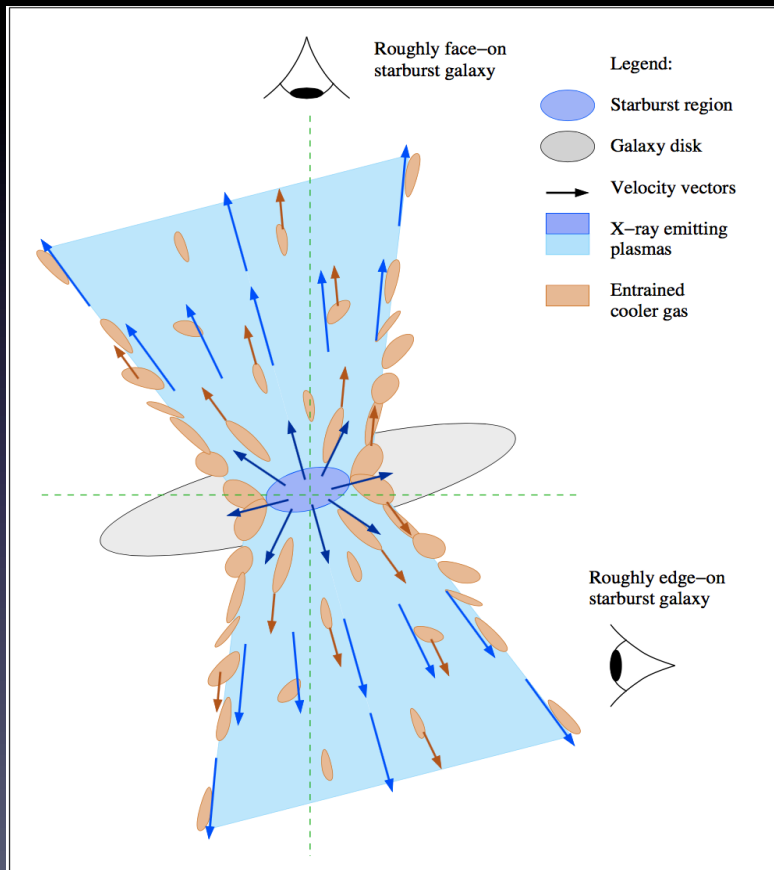
(Walter et al 2017)

- Velocity:  $V_{obs} \sim \text{few } 100 \text{ km/s}$
- Cold gas: Molecular temperature

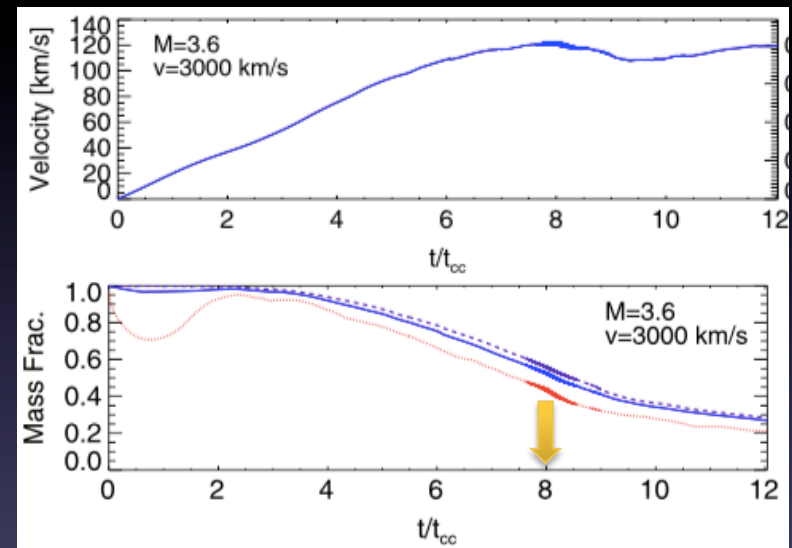
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- Galactic Outflow : Driving Mechanism. Simulation Study

- Schematic Picture



- Entrainment in hot wind



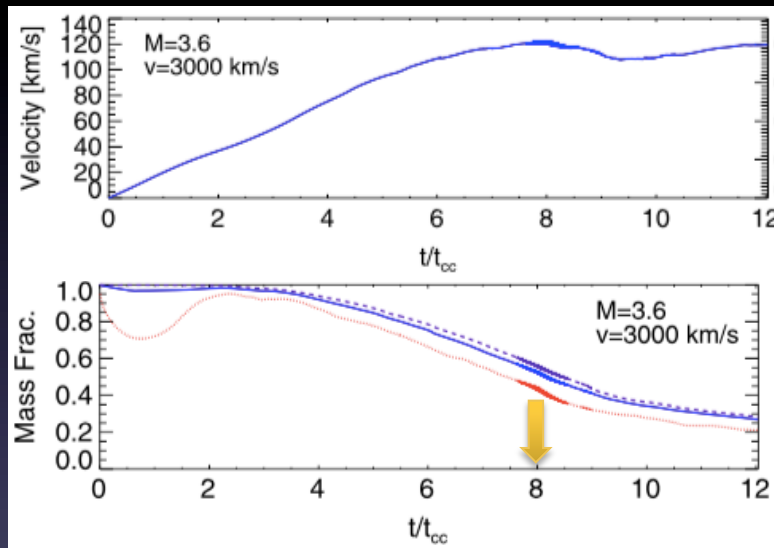
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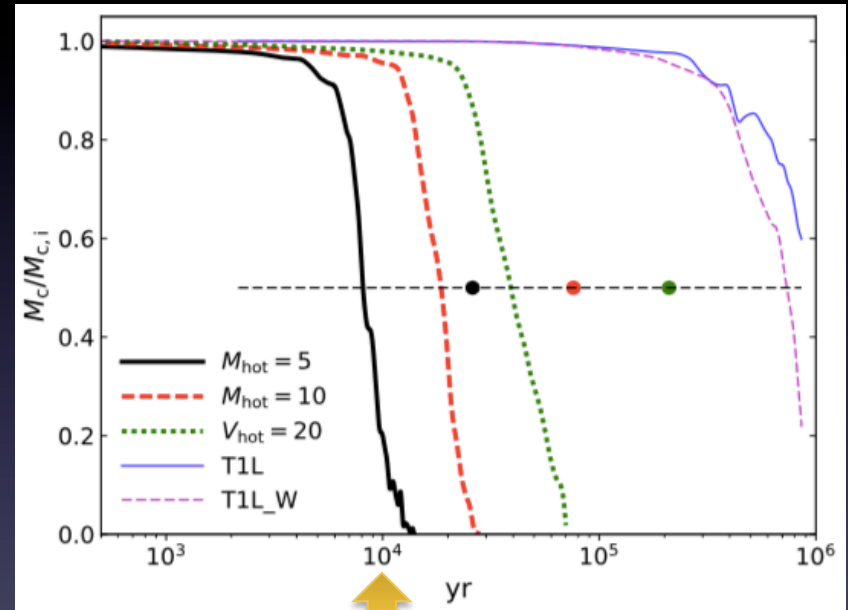
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## Athena++ RHD code

- Directly Solve the multi-band RT Equation

$$\frac{\partial I_\nu}{\partial t} + c\mathbf{n} \cdot \nabla I_\nu = s_\nu(\mathbf{n})$$

- Couple with Hydrodynamic Equation

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

$$\frac{\partial(\rho \mathbf{v})}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot (\rho \mathbf{v} \mathbf{v} + \mathbf{P}) = -\mathbf{S}_P, \quad \mathbf{S}_P \propto \int s_\nu(\mathbf{n}) \mathbf{n} d\Omega d\nu$$

$$\frac{\partial E}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot [(E + P)\mathbf{v}] = -cS_E \quad S_E \propto \int s_\nu(\mathbf{n}) d\Omega d\nu$$

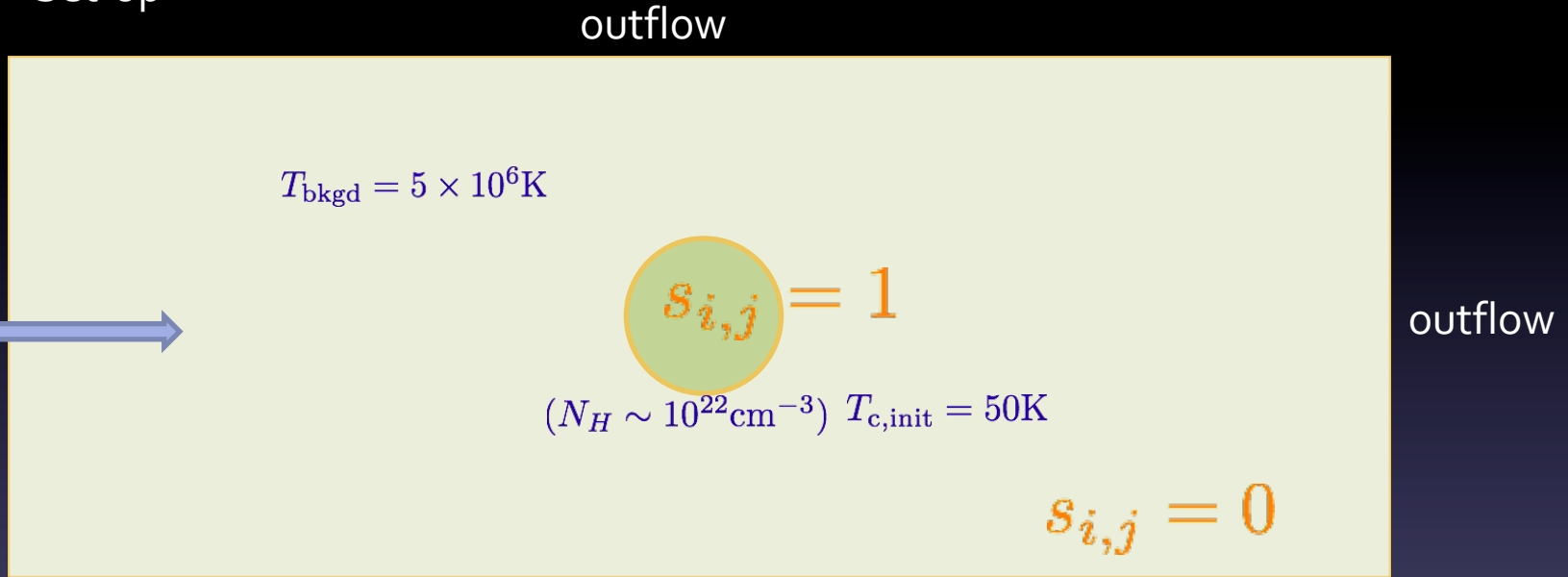
- Reduced Speed of Light Approximation

$$\mathbb{R} = \tilde{c}/c$$

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## Fiducial Run

- Set-up



outflow

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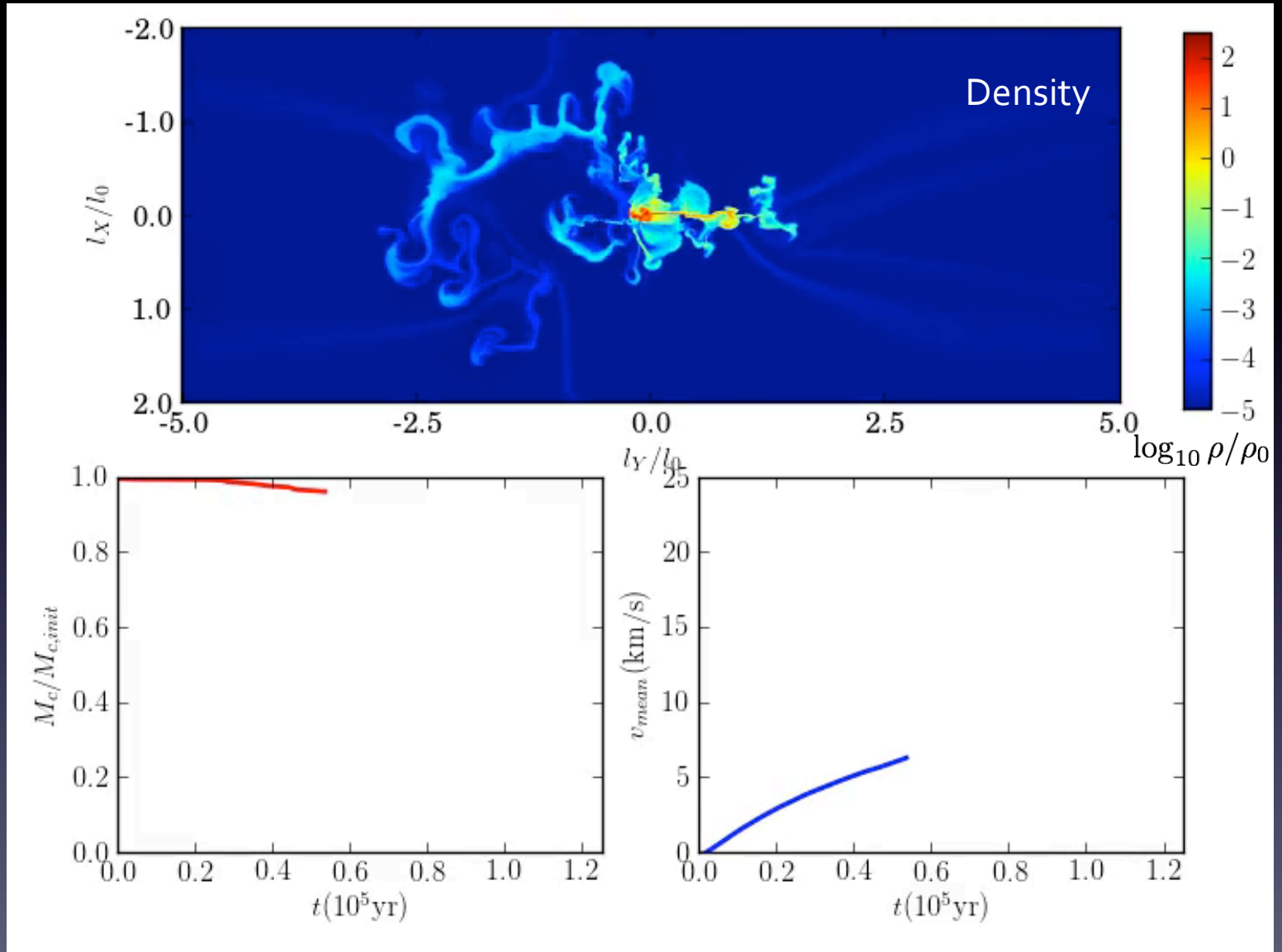
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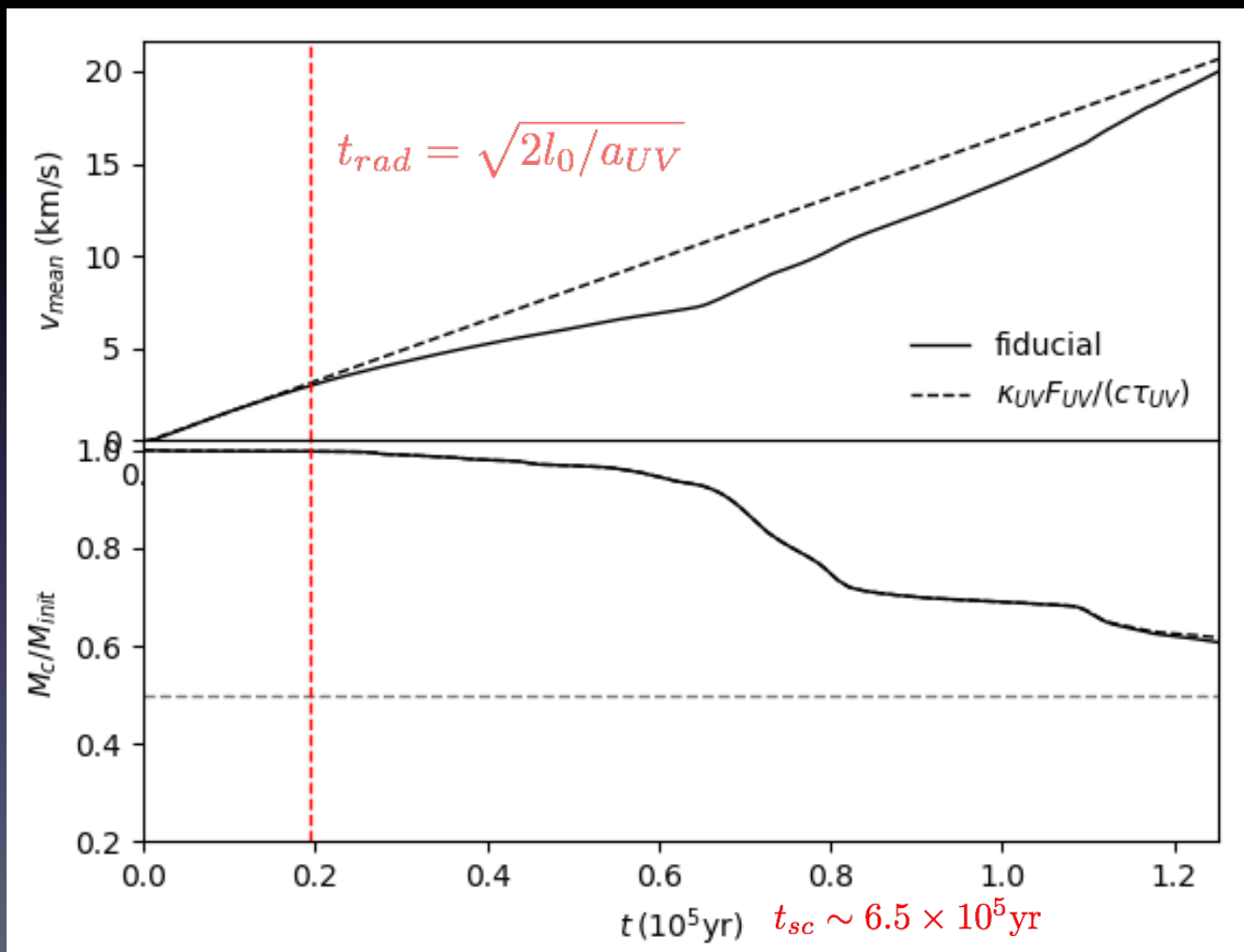


Compression by radiation pressure  $\rightarrow$  volume minimum  $\rightarrow$  Re-expand by gas pressure



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- Cloud surviving time:  $M_c \equiv \sum_{i,j} s_{ij} \rho_{ij} V_{ij}$  passive scalar: dust fraction of cell



Radiation Flux

$$F_{rad}(x) = F_0 e^{-\tau_x}$$

$$a \approx \frac{\kappa F_0}{c\tau_x}$$

$$a_{UV} \equiv \frac{\kappa_{UV} F_{UV}}{c\tau_{UV}}$$

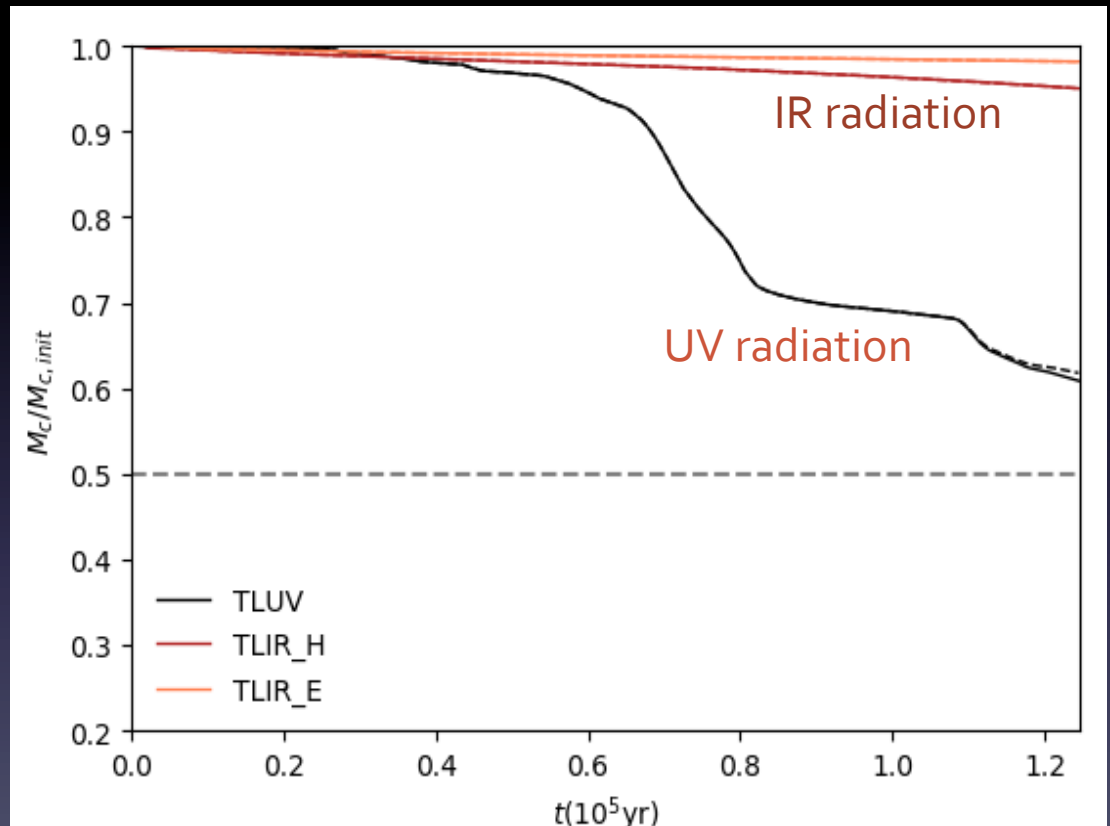
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A very favorable  
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$$F_{UV} \sim 10^{12} L_{\odot} \text{kpc}^{-2}$$

$$\tau_{UV} \sim 10, \tau_{IR} \sim 0.1$$



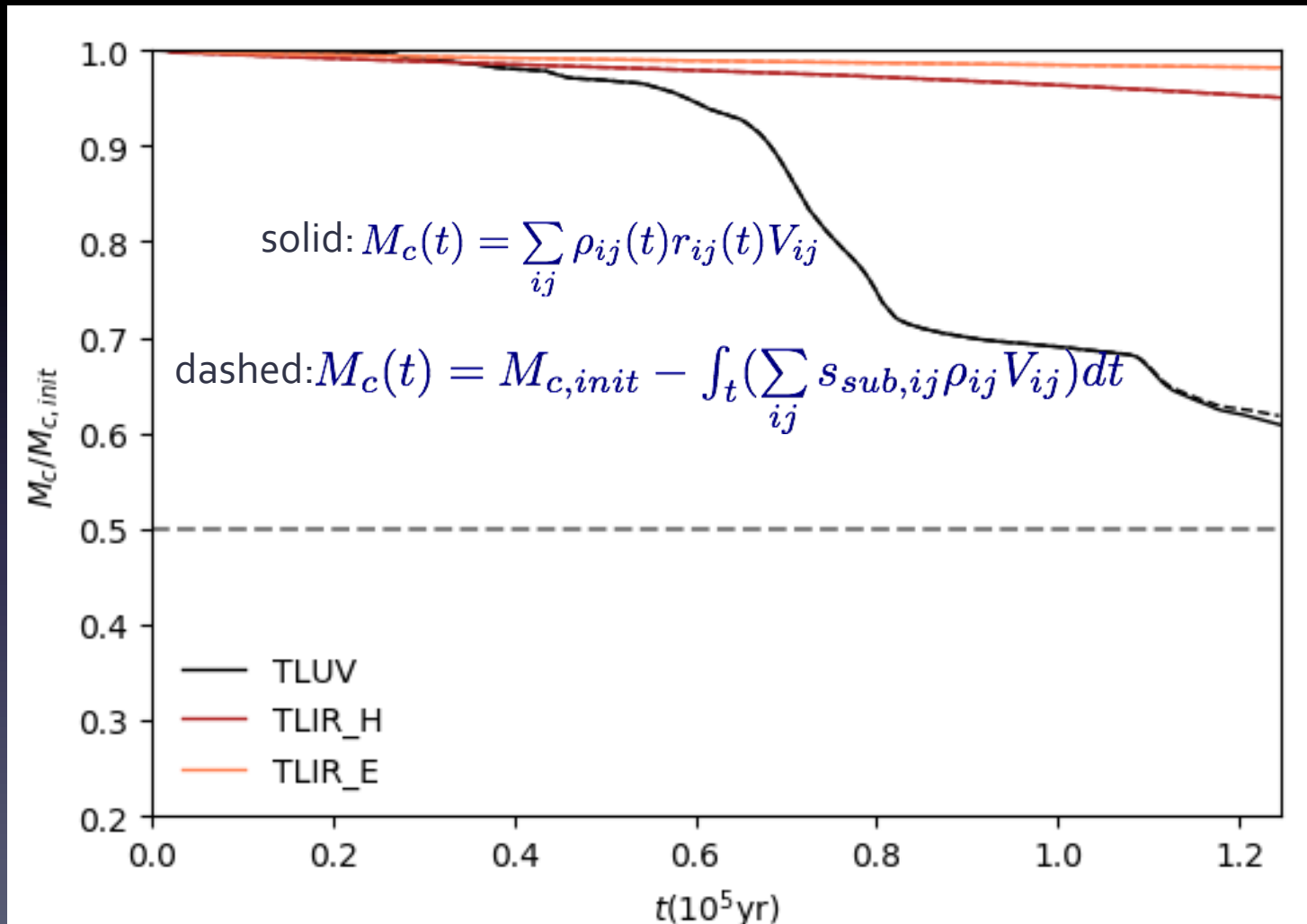
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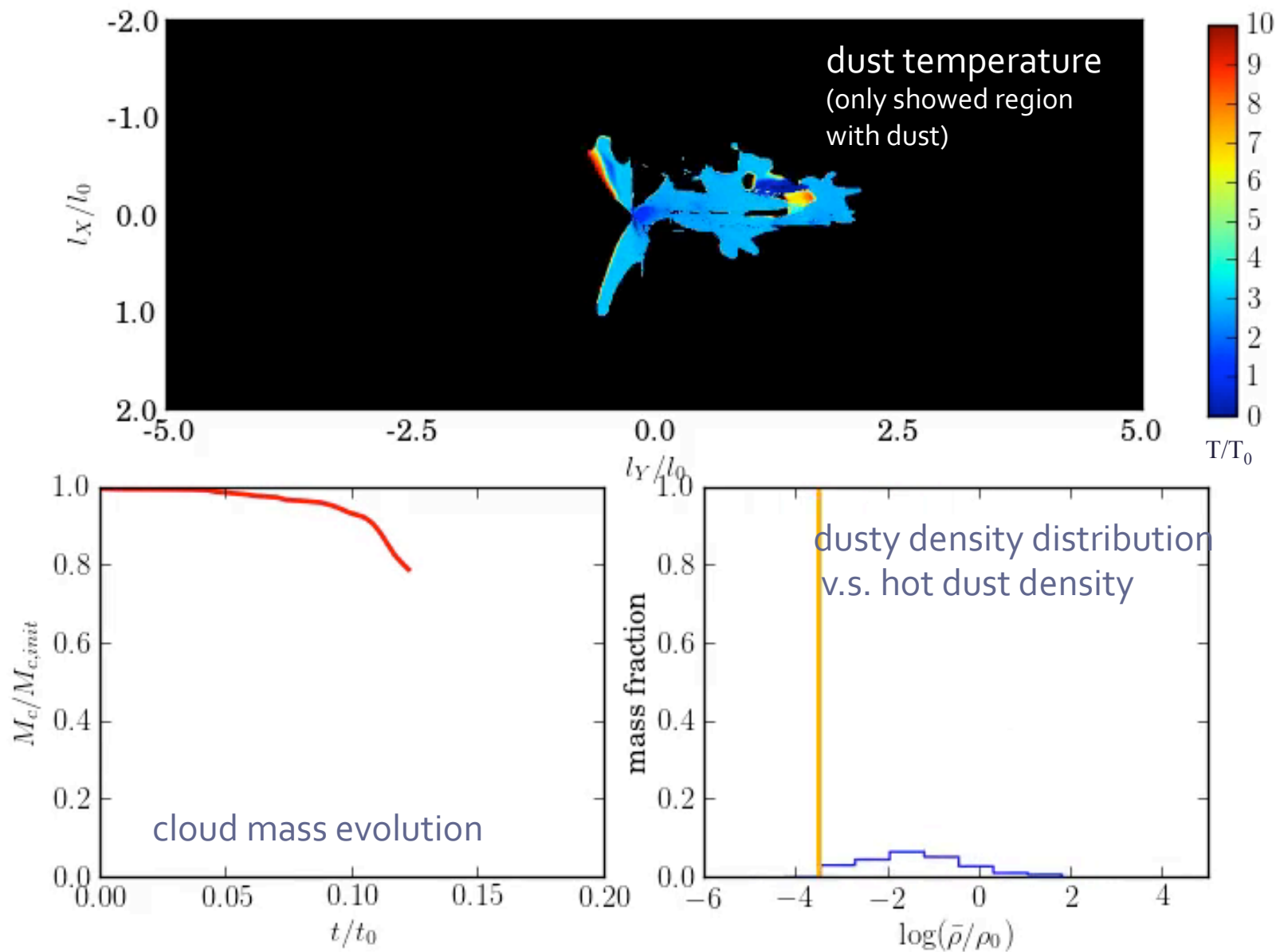
- Take-away
  - Cold cloud being accelerated by UV radiation has significant shorter surviving time compared to IR radiation
- Future Work:
  - Background condition?
  - What fraction of UV radiation in a mixing flux will destroy the cloud?
  - Cosmic Rays?

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- Dust escape from boundary?

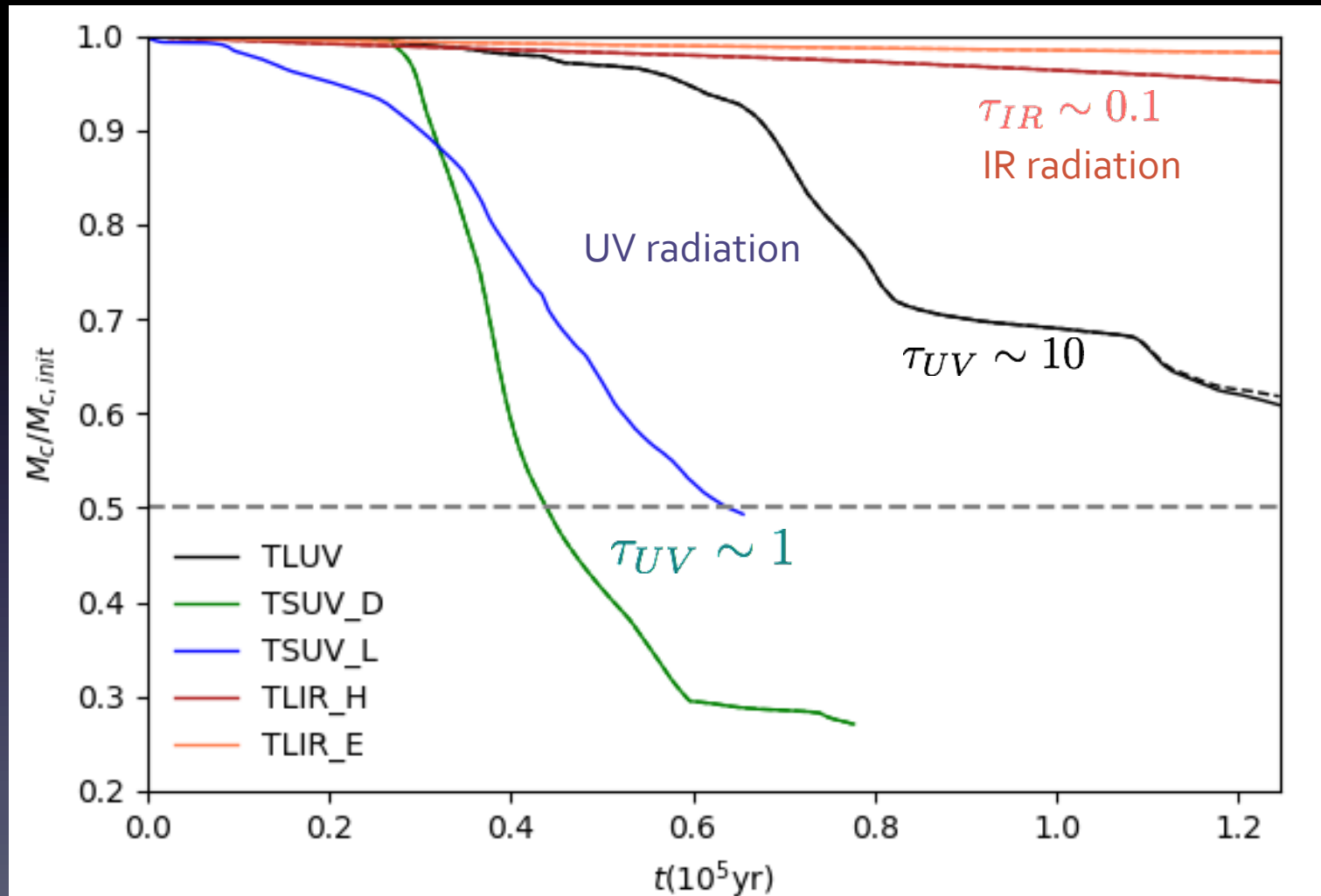


# Dust sublimation happens when mixing with background



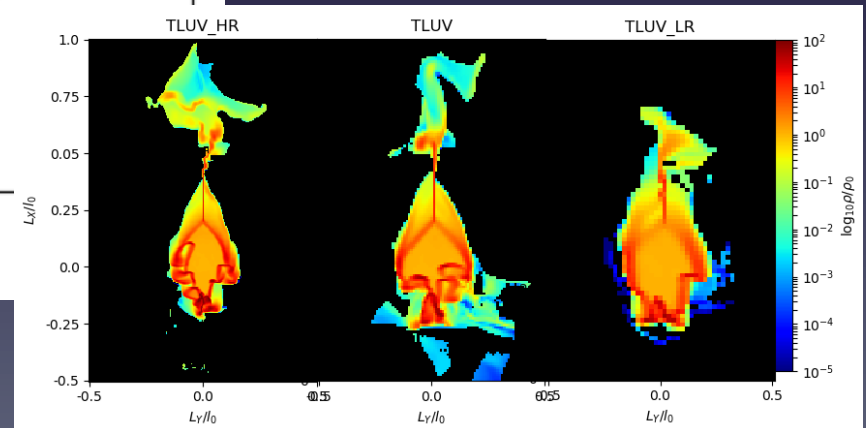
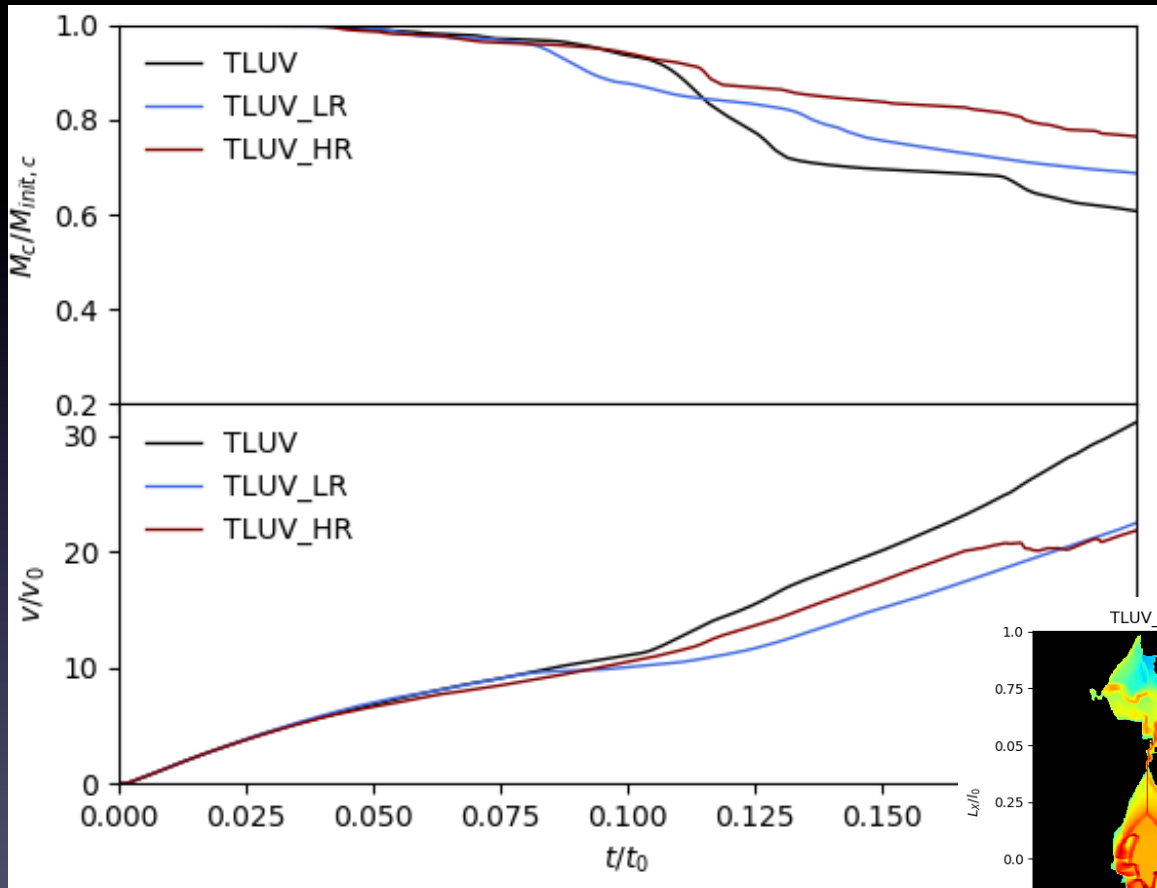
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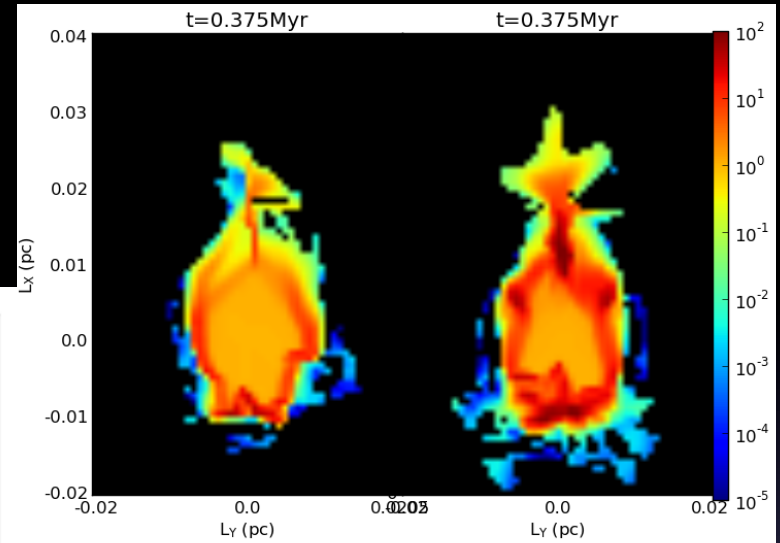
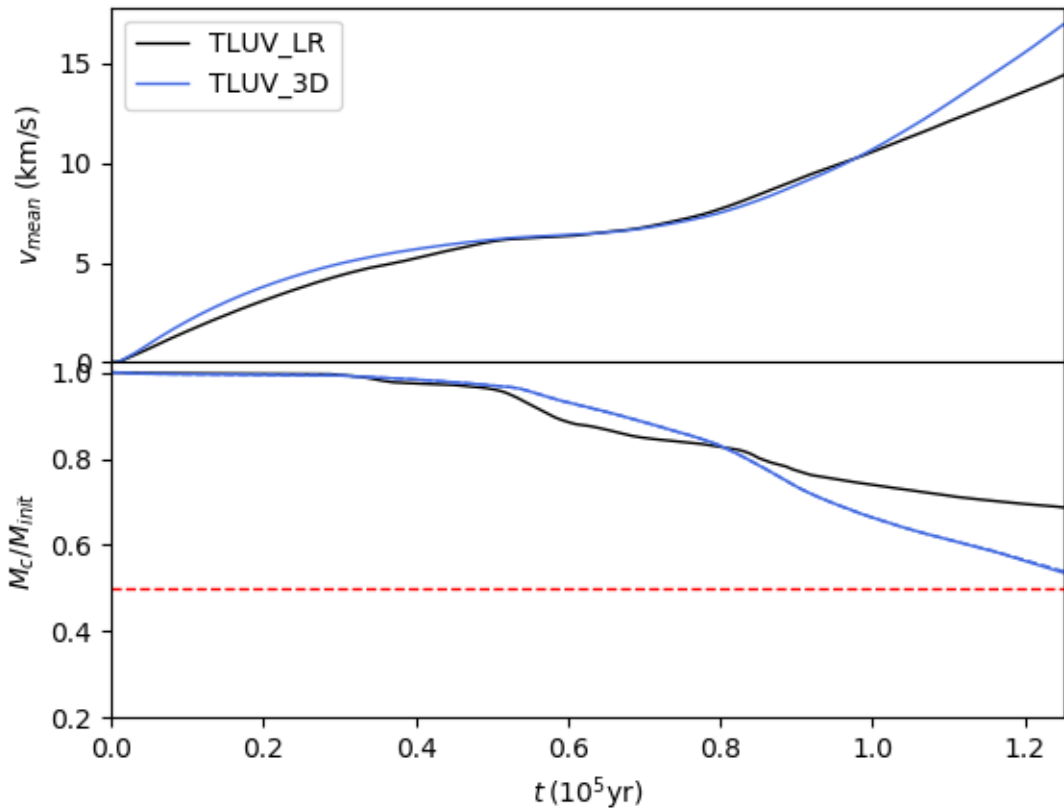
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- Resolution



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- Dimension

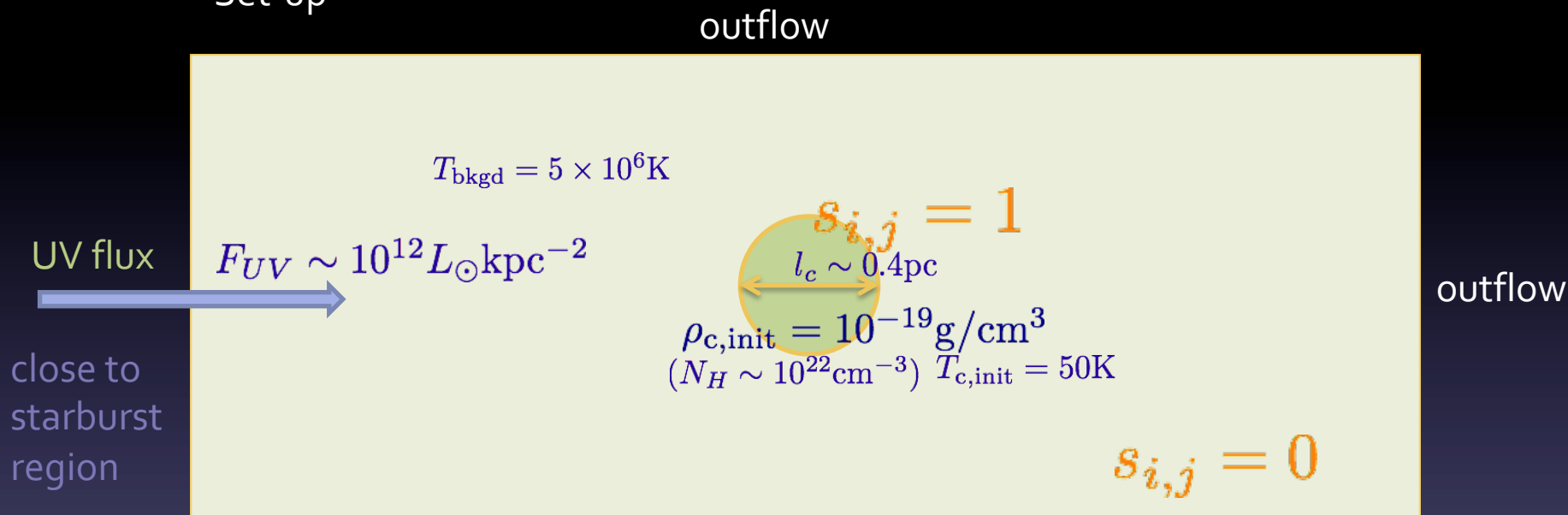




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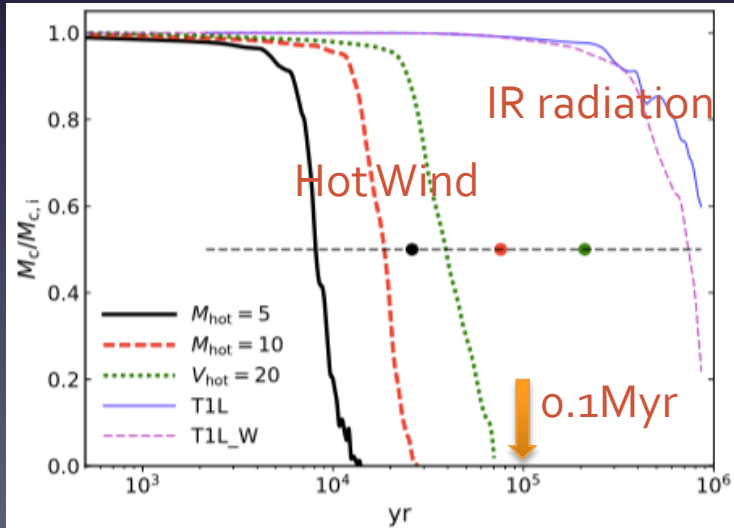
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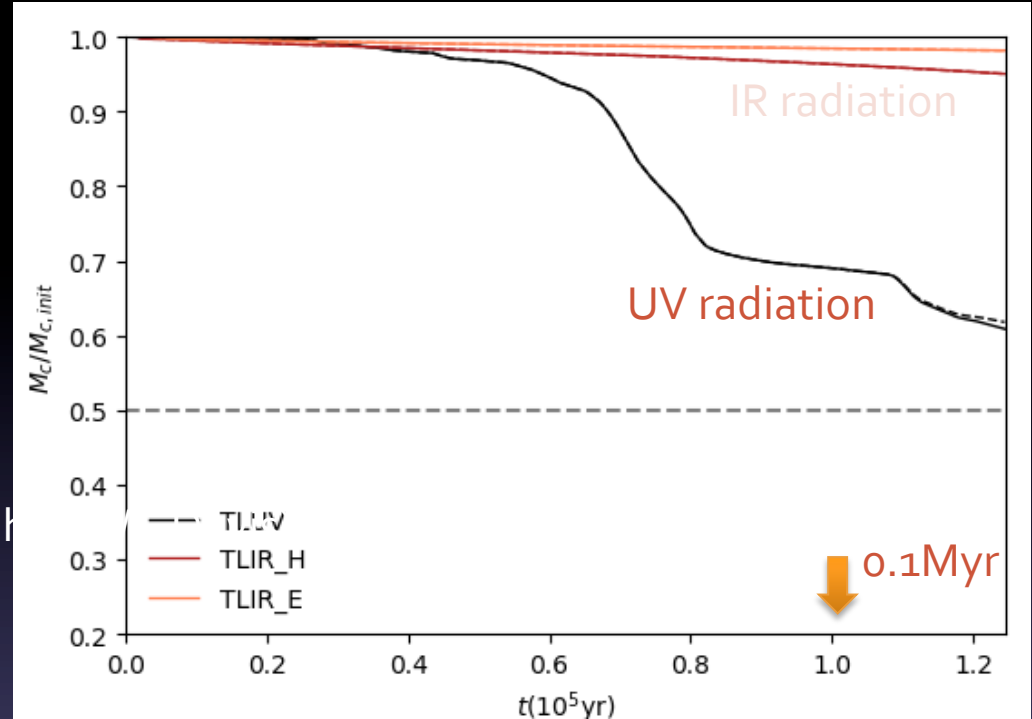
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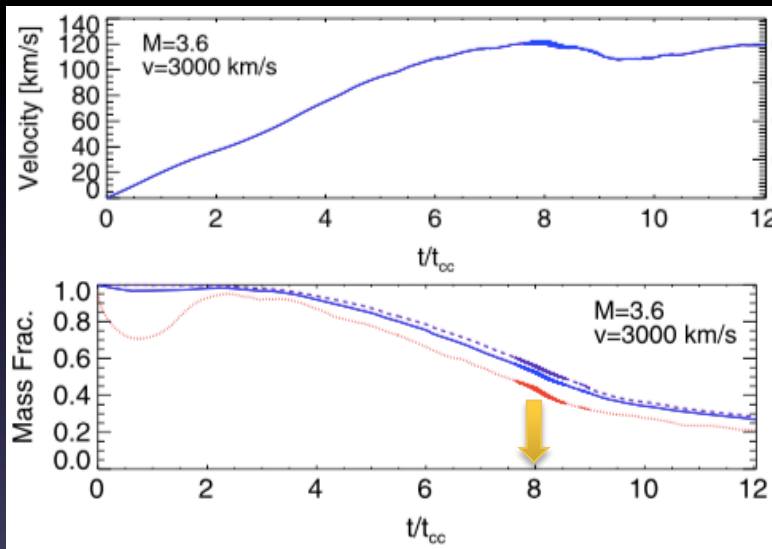
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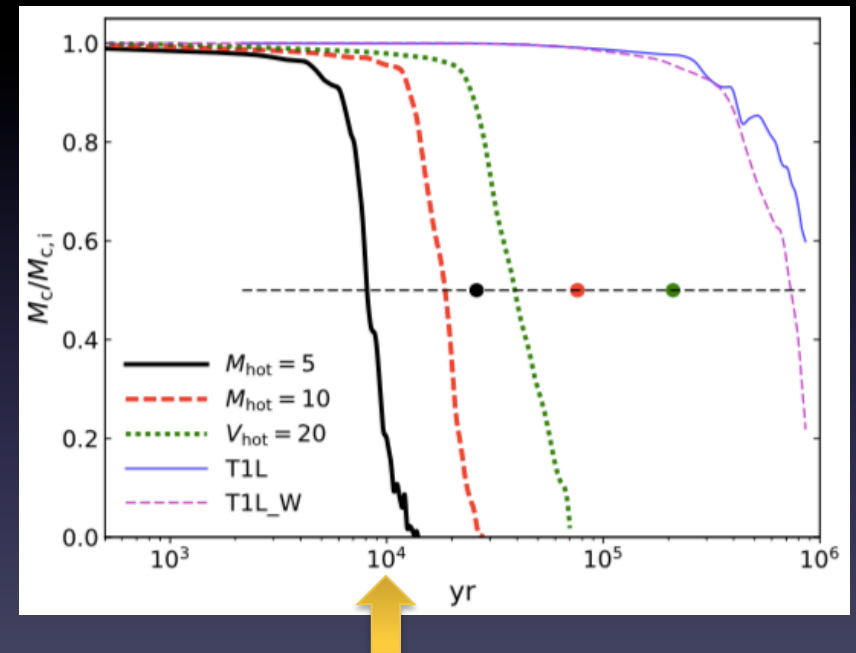
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