



M11, NGC 6705: Total Mass  
About 10000  $M(\text{sun})$ , 200 Myr



Orion Nebula, Distance about  
450 pc, Total Mass about  
5000  $M(\text{sun})$ , Diameter about 3 pc

# Cluster formation

- Observations versus Models
- Important parameters
  1. Time scale
  2. Total mass
  3. Initial Mass Function
  4. Velocity distribution
  5. Binary fraction
  6. Diameter
  7. Density distribution

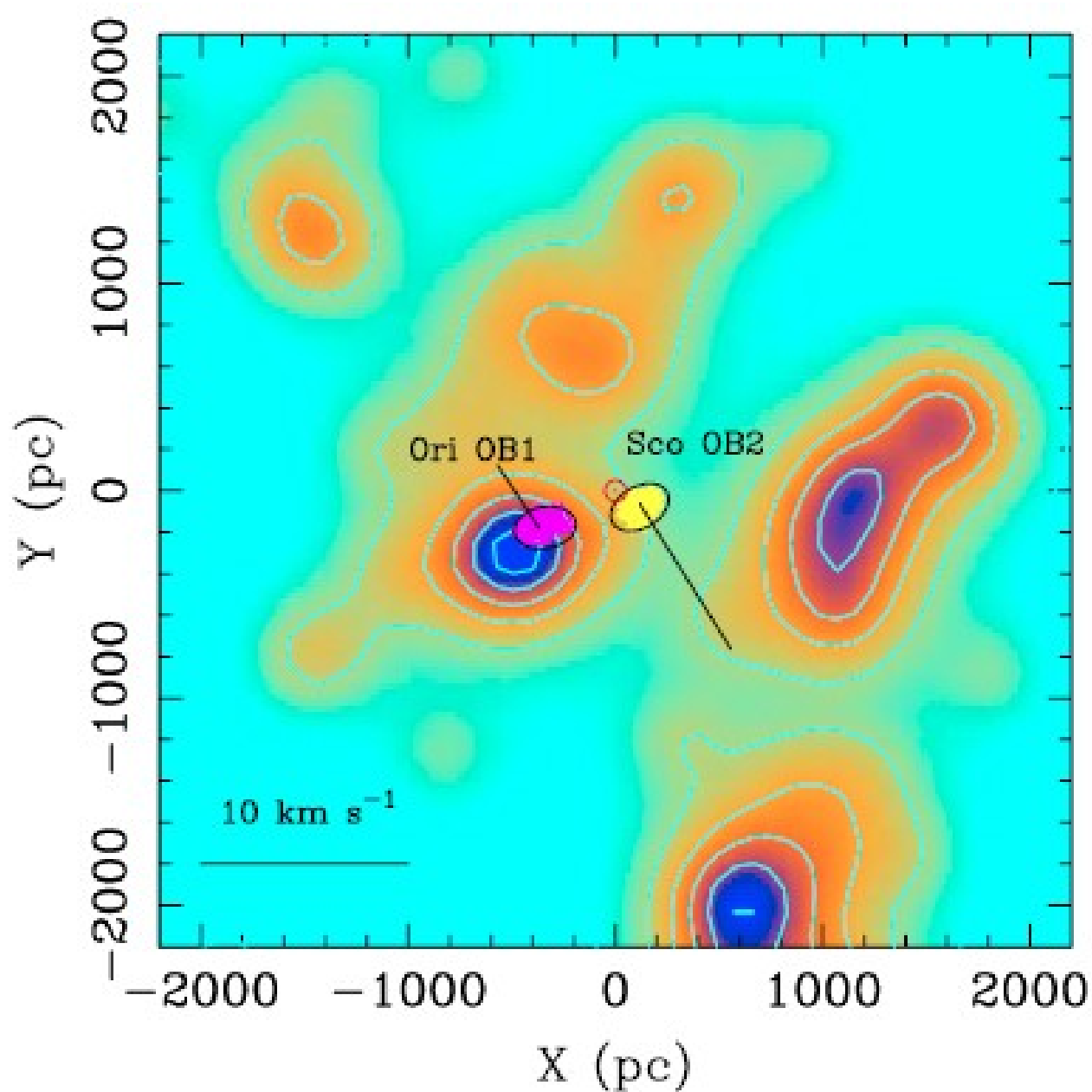
# Heuristic Approach

- We know of 14 Open Clusters which are younger than 10 Myrs within 1000 pc around the Sun (Source: WEBDA)
- There are also five star forming regions
- Open Clusters still have to form within the solar vicinity
- Total masses: up to 40 000 M(sun)
- Stable for some Gyrs
- Evolutionary theory has to explain these facts

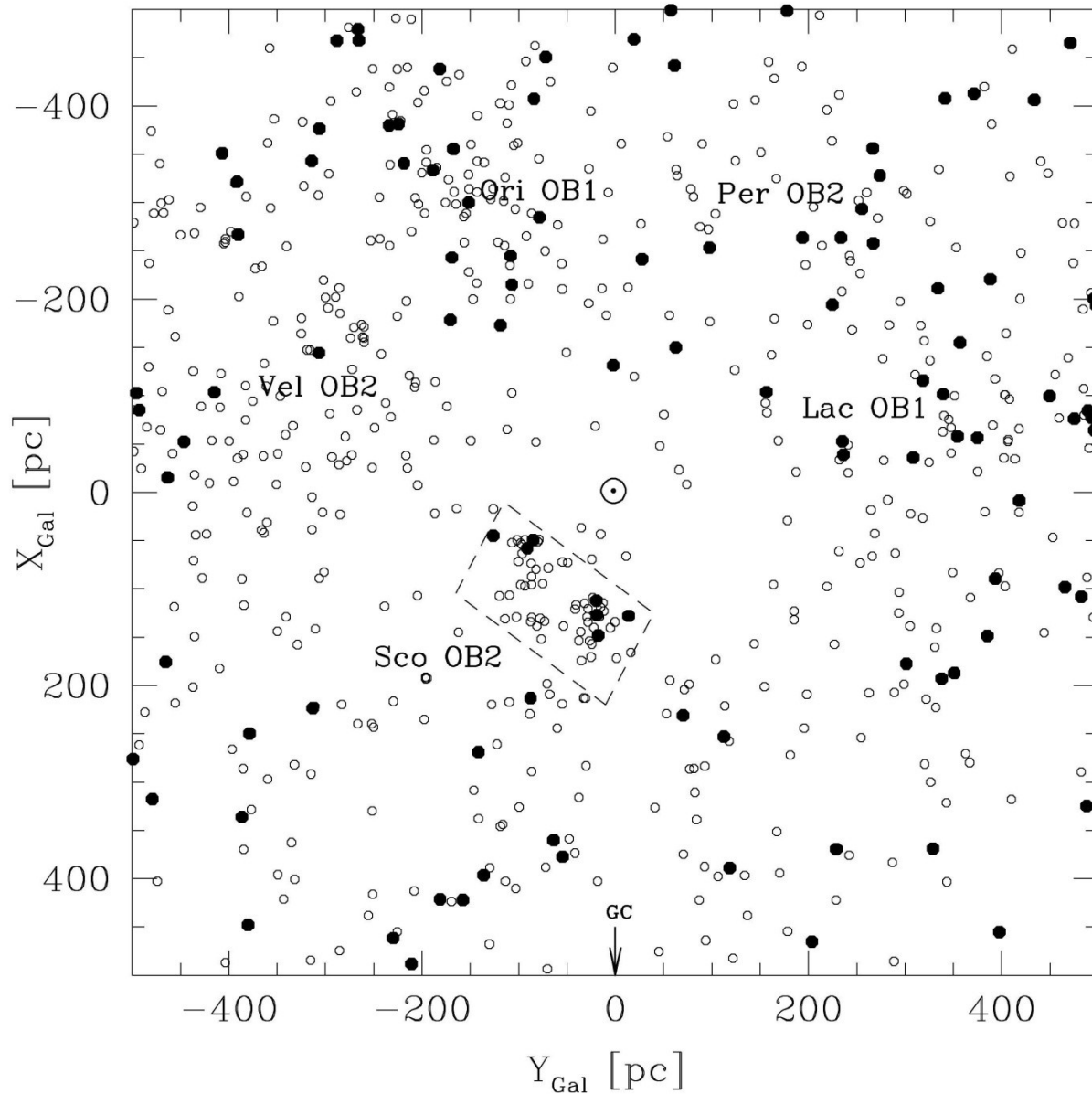
## Clusters selected

Cluster_name	RA_2000_Dec		l	b	Dist	Mod	EB-V	Age	ST	Z	Diam	Fe/H	MRV	pm RA	pm Dec
<a href="#">Mamajek 1</a>	08 42 06	-79 01 38	292.482	-21.654	97	4.93	0.00	6.9		-35.8	40.0		+16.1	-30.00	+27.80
<a href="#">Collinder 70</a>	05 35 31	-01 06 00	205.03	-17.35	391	8.09	0.04	6.71		-116.6	180.0		19.49	0.36	-0.68
<a href="#">ASCC 24</a>	06 28 44	-07 01 11	216.64	-8.23	400	8.44	0.14	6.96		-57.3	42.0		16.35	-5.55	-4.05
<a href="#">ASCC 16</a>	05 24 35	+01 47 59	200.98	-18.35	460	8.59	0.09	6.93		-144.8	74.4		0.75	+0.75	-0.18
<a href="#">NGC 1980</a>	05 35 24	-05 54 35	209.51	-19.60	550	8.86	0.05	6.67	B1	-184.5	25.2		25.34	0.83	-0.36
<a href="#">Bochum 14</a>	18 02 00	-23 41 00	6.388	-0.499	578	13.48	1.508	6.996		-5.0	2.0				
<a href="#">NGC 2264</a>	06 40 58	+09 53 42	202.936	2.196	667	9.28	0.051	6.954	O7	25.6	39.0	-0.15	+25.5	-1.13	-3.80
<a href="#">ASCC 122</a>	22 33 14	+39 36 36	95.91	-15.90	700	9.53	0.10	6.98		-191.8	86.4		-8.17	-0.29	-4.19
<a href="#">Collinder 419</a>	20 17 59	+40 43 12	78.07	2.79	740	10.40	0.34	6.85	B2	36.0	30.0		-8.19	-2.56	-6.99
<a href="#">ASCC 79</a>	15 19 11	-60 43 47	320.04	-2.86	800	10.01	0.16	6.86		-39.9	62.4		4.03	-2.67	-4.10
<a href="#">IC 5146</a>	21 53 24	+47 16 00	94.383	-5.495	852	11.49	0.593	6.00	B1	-81.6	20.0			-1.77	-1.70
<a href="#">Lynga 14</a>	16 55 04	-45 14 00	340.919	-1.089	881	14.15	1.428	6.712		-16.7	3.0				
<a href="#">Ruprecht 119</a>	16 28 15	-51 30 00	333.276	-1.879	956	11.67	0.570	6.853		-31.3	8.0			-1.15	-1.80
<a href="#">NGC 6383</a>	17 34 48	-32 34 00	355.690	0.041	985	10.89	0.298	6.962	O7	0.7	20.0		+7.00	+1.58	-2.00

Several spurious entries like the “ASCC clusters”



Distribution of young open clusters and star forming regions from Alfaro et al., 2009, *Ap&SS*, 324, 141



Stars hotter  
than B0 and  
B0 to B2

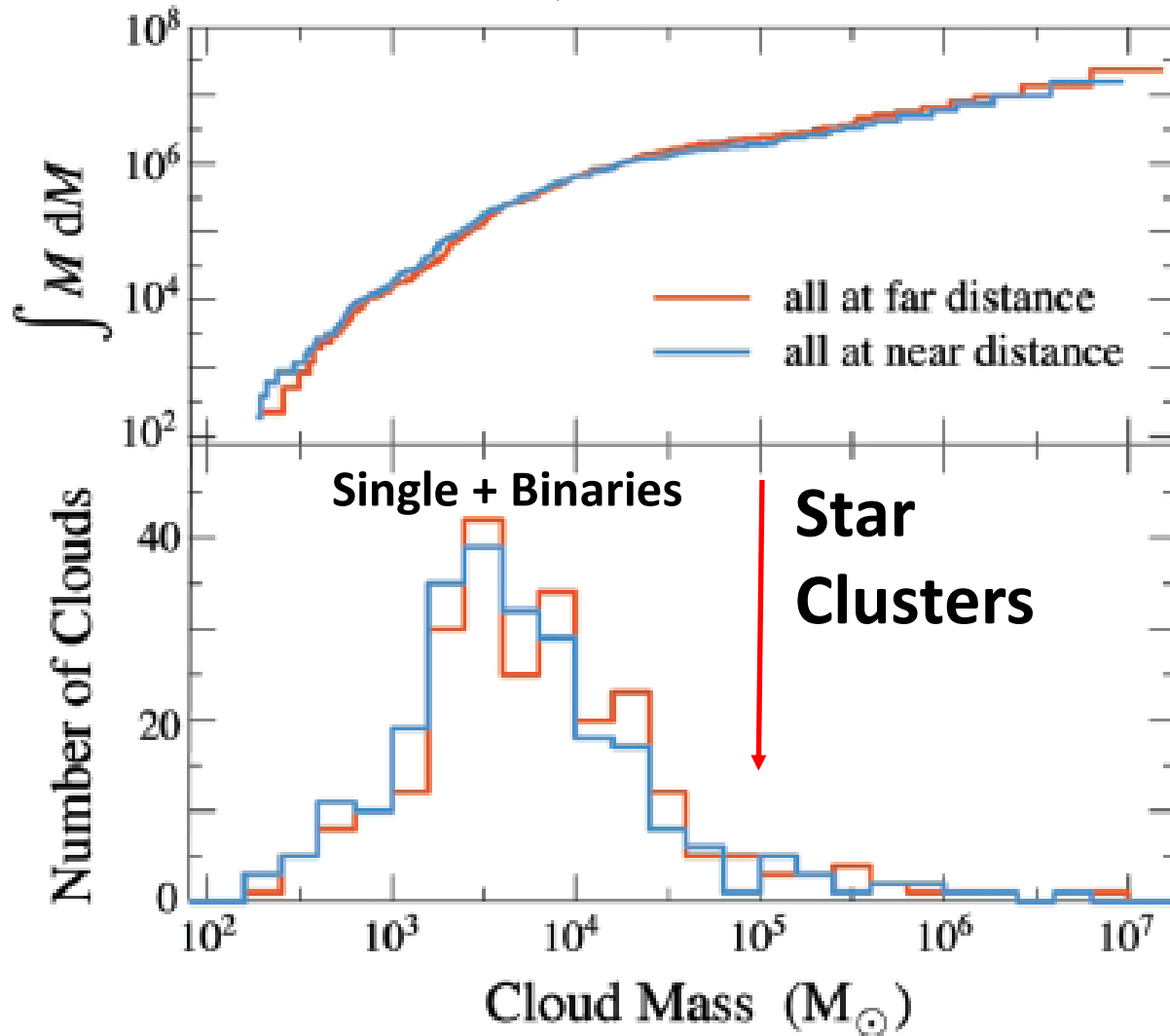
Distribution of star forming regions from Preibisch & Mamajek, 2008, Handbook of Star Forming Regions, Volume II

# Giant Molecular Clouds

- Star Clusters can only form within „Giant Molecular Clouds“ (GMC) with a high enough initial mass
- The stellar formation rate in the solar neighborhood is very low
- But still there have to exist several GMCs to form Star Clusters
- Is the formation process the same for all observed Galaxy types?

# Giant Molecular Clouds

Stark & Lee, 2006, ApJ, 641, L116



Recent investigation of the  $^{13}\text{CO}$  Gas within 2000 pc around the Sun

The number of young OCLs can be very well explained

Formation rate of 0.45 OCLs per  $\text{kpc}^{-2} \text{Myr}^{-1}$  in the galactic disk within 2 kpc around the Sun

Battinelli & Capuzzo-Dolcetta, 1991, MNRAS, 248, 76

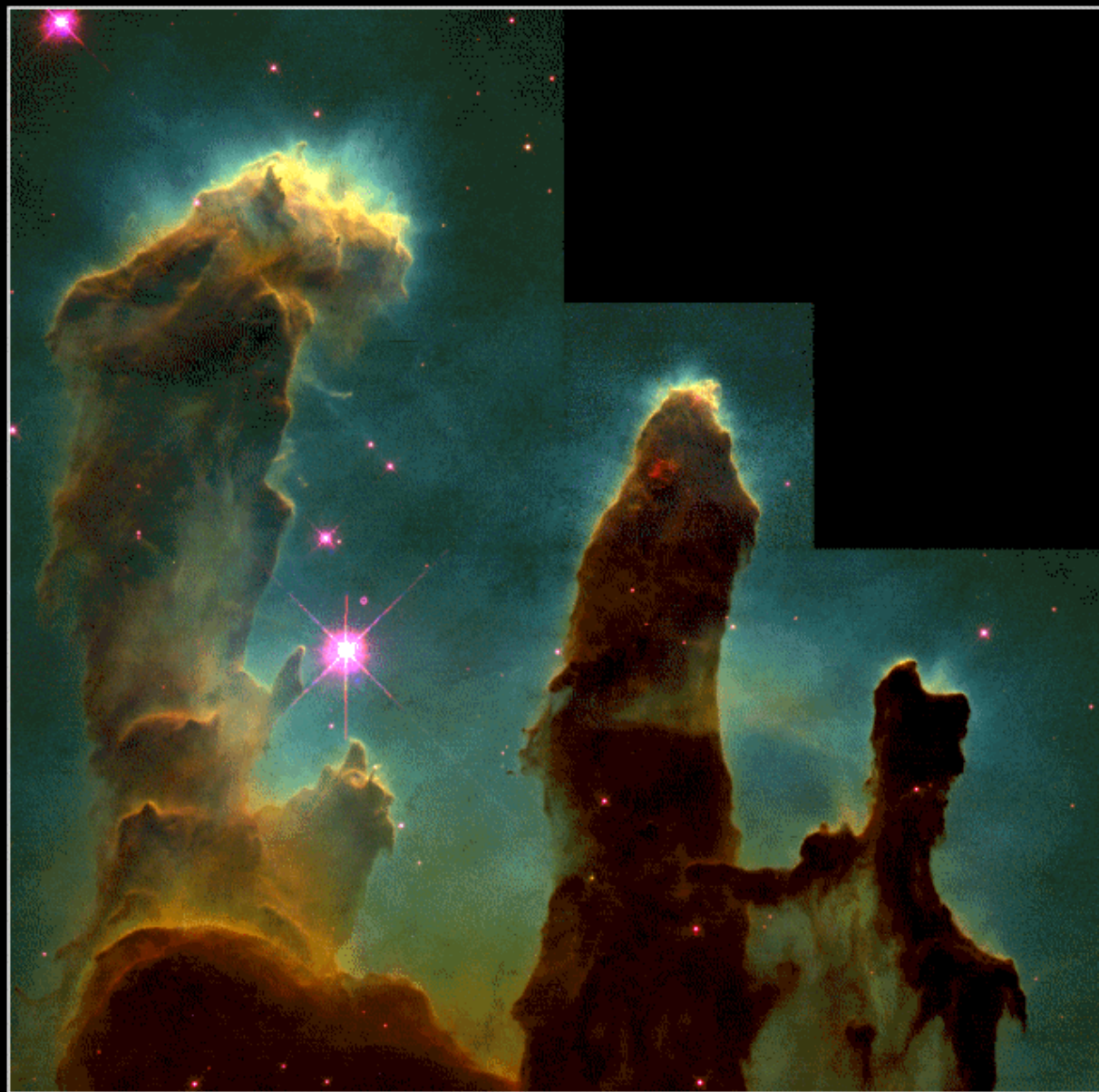


NGC 6611 (M16)

$d = 1750 \text{ pc}$

$t = 8 \text{ Myr}$

Star formation  
„live“



**Gaseous Pillars • M16**

**HST • WFPC2**

PRC95-44a • ST ScI OPO • November 2, 1995  
J. Hester and P. Scowen (AZ State Univ.), NASA

# Initial Mass Function

- The „Initial Mass Function“ (IMF) describes the mass distribution for a population of stars when they are formed together
- Relevant astrophysics:
  1. Size, total mass and metallicity of the initial GMC
  2. Fragmentation of the GMC
  3. Conservation of the angular momentum
  4. Local and global magnetic fields
  5. Accretion in the Pre-Main Sequence phase
- The **only** observational parameter for the test of stellar formation and evolution models
- We observe a luminosity function which has to be transformed to the IMF

# Initial Mass Function

- Several most important questions are still not solved
  1. Is the IMF homogeneous within the Milky Way?
  2. Is the IMF constant throughout time?
  3. What is the influence of the local and global magnetic field on the IMF?
  4. What is the influence of the local and global metallicity on the IMF?

# Initial Mass Function

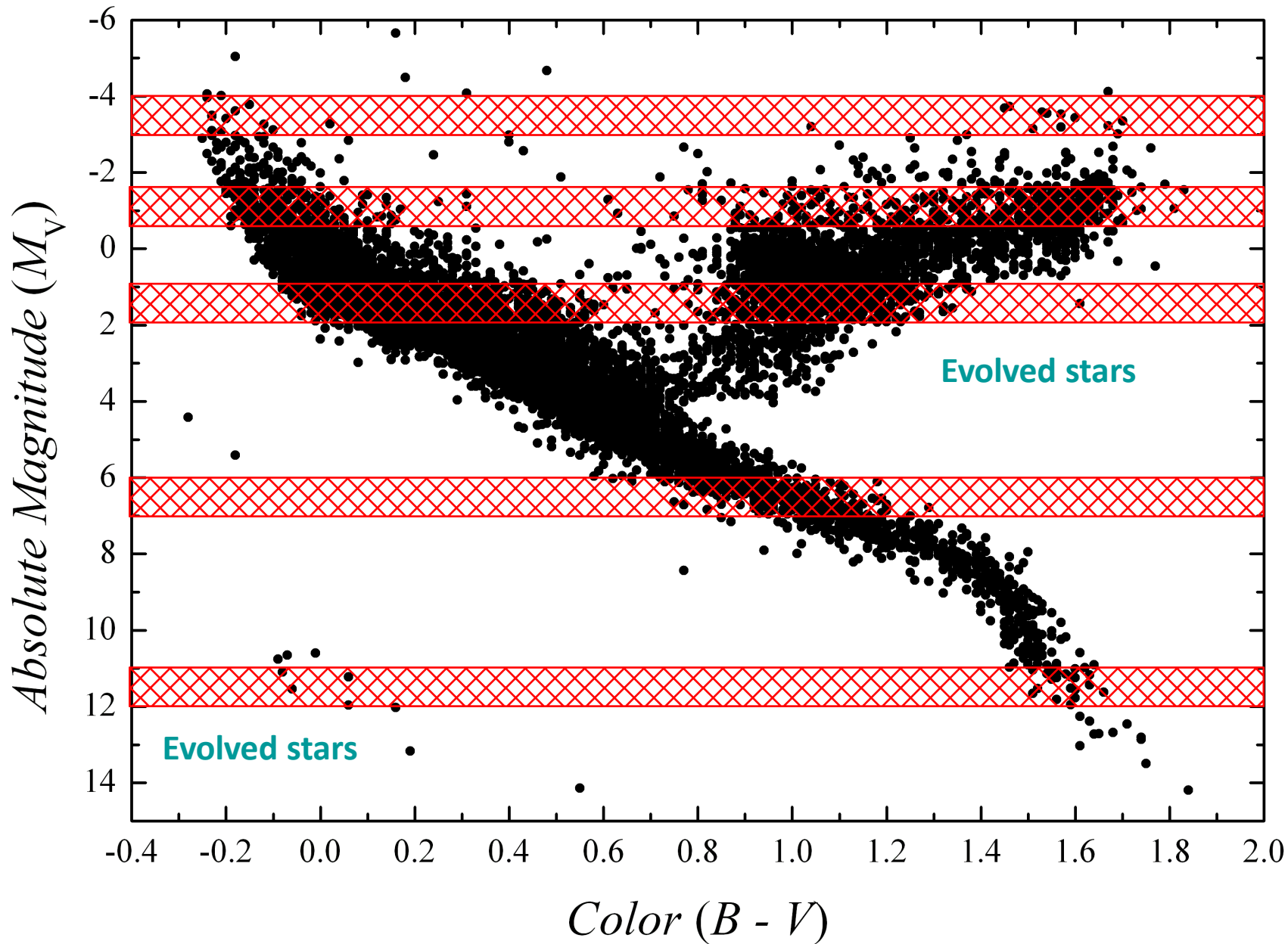
The IMF  $\theta(m)$ , often called „Present-Day Mass Function“ (PDMF), is defined as:

$$dN = \theta(m) dm$$

$dN$  is the number of all stars per cubic parsec on the *main sequence* with a mass between  $M$  and  $(M + dm)$ .

But we observe not the masses of stars but their magnitudes (relative and absolute) or luminosities.

So we have to define the luminosity function and transform it into the IMF.



In each row ( $M_V + dM$ ) there is a mixture of main sequence and evolved objects. For the IMF, we need the main sequence only.

# Luminosity function

The luminosity function  $\Psi(M_V)$ , is defined as:

$$dN = -\Psi(M_V) dM_V$$

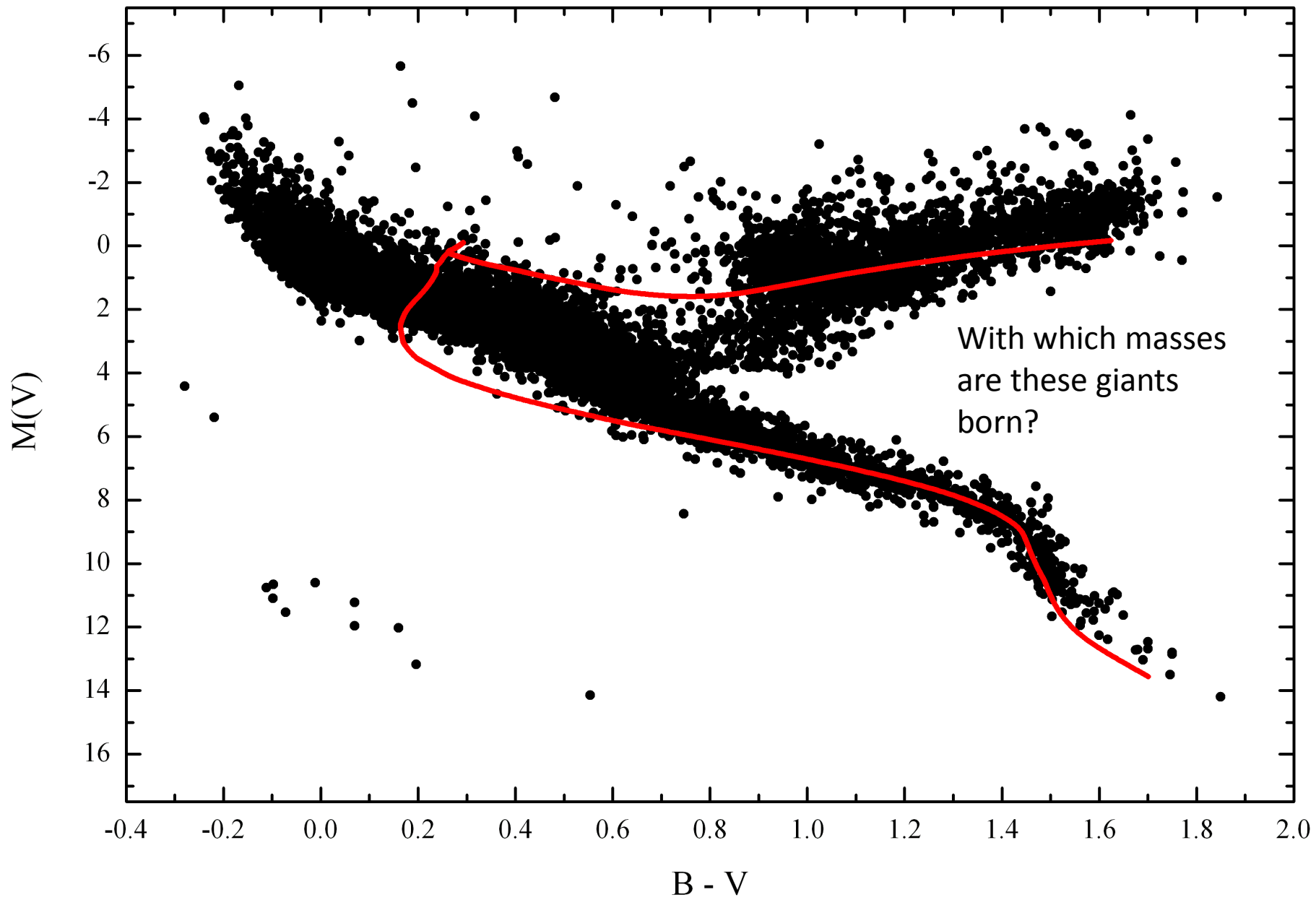
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The transformation to the IMF is given as:

$$\theta(m) = -\Psi(M_V)[dm(M_V)/dM_V]^{-1}$$

The second term is the derivation of the Mass-Luminosity function  $m(M_V)$ . It is depending on the age ( $t$ ), metallicity ( $Z$ ) and rotation ( $v_{\text{rot}}$ )

$$m(M_V) = m(M_V, Z, t, v_{\text{rot}})$$



# Correction of the observations

We have to correct the complete observations for the evolved objects. There are three possibilities:

1. Take a statistical sample with a well known luminosity function (clusters)
2. Take a statistical sample with well known photometric magnitudes and distances
3. Take isochrones = theoretical star evolution = models based on observations = circular argument

All these methods are not self consistent and always introduce an unknown error to the analysis



FRACTION  $f$  OF MAIN-SEQUENCE STARS (TYPE EARLIER THAN  $Sp_d$ )

	$M_v$								
	-4.5	-3.5	-2.5	-1.5	-0.5	+0.5	+1.5	+2.5	+3.5
$Sp_d$ .....	B0	B3	B6	B9	A1	A6	F0	F8	G7
$f$ .....	0.10	0.25	0.48	0.51	0.43	0.40	0.60	0.70	0.90

Salpeter, 1955, ApJ, 121, 161

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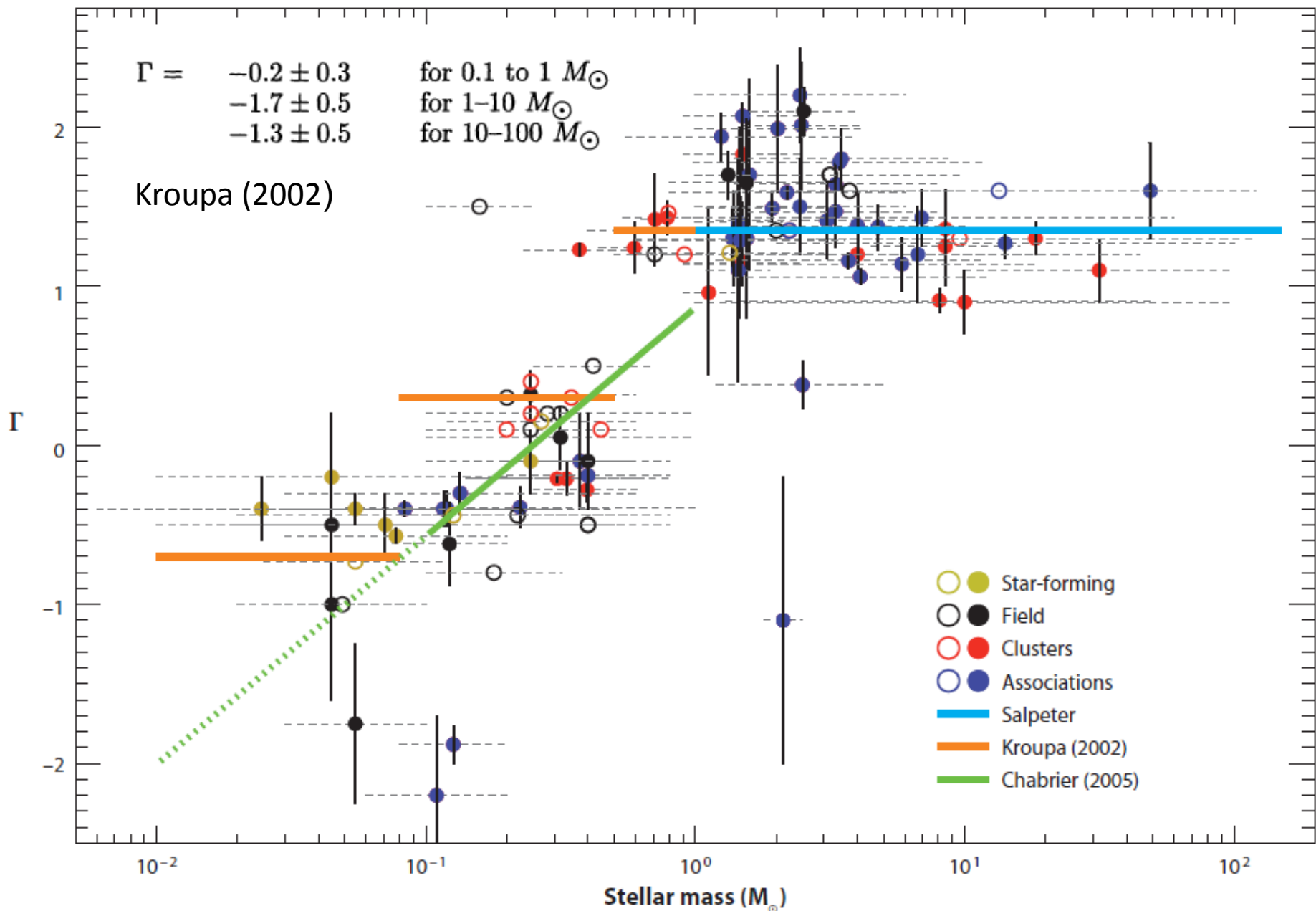
All observations have to be normalized to one “standard system” which means essentially to one “time scale”.

The observations show, that this heuristic law describes them very well

$$\theta(m) \approx m^{-\Gamma} \quad \text{Salpeter law (1955)}$$

Star cluster are one of the most important observational test for the IMF because they, normally, have well defined ages, distances and metallicities. However, the errors are still quiet large.

But there is still no homogeneous IMF determination for open clusters taking into account the available data.

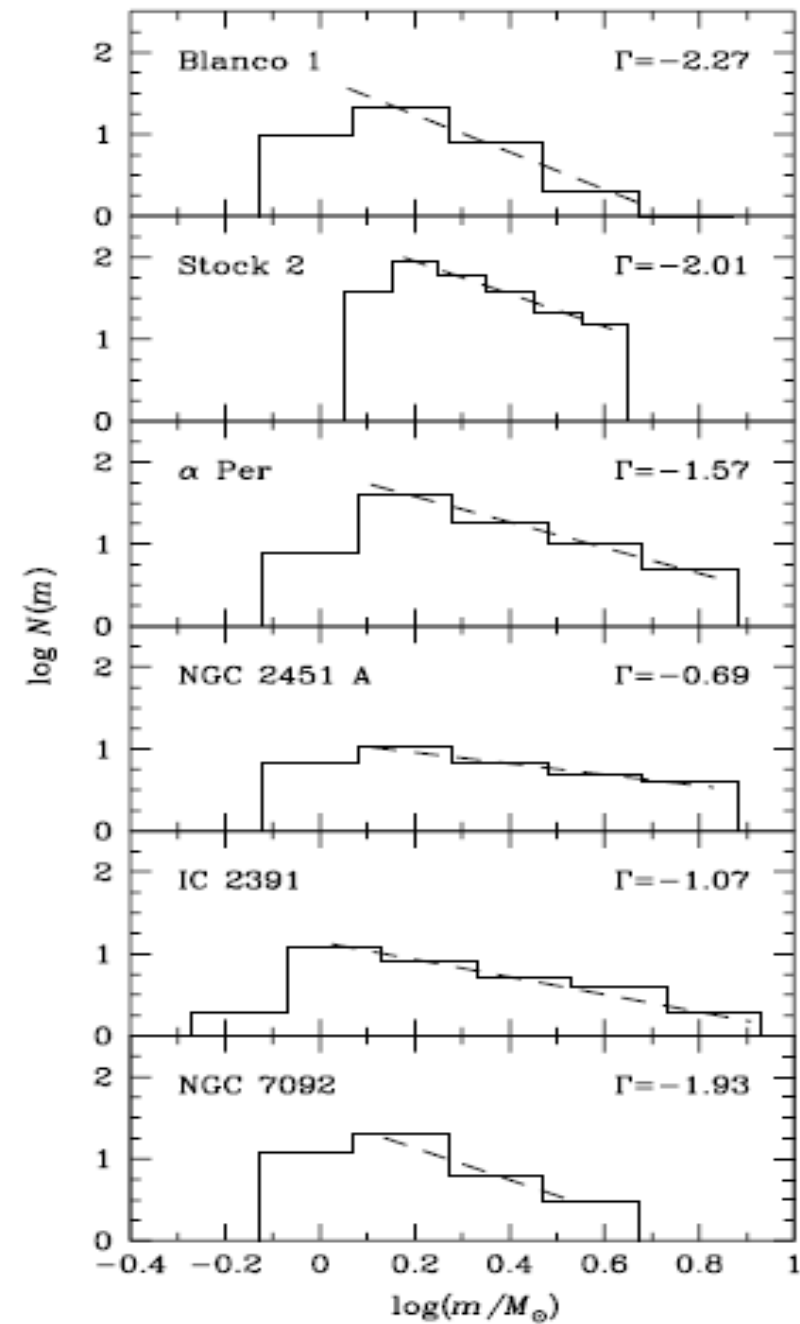


# TYCHO2 data

cluster	$(m - M)_0$ [mag]	$E_{B-V}$ [mag]	$t$ Myr	$d$ [']
Blanco 1*	6.8	0.03	50	105
Stock 2	7.5	...	100	260
$\alpha$ Per*	6.3	0.09	20	255
Pleiades*	5.6	0.05	75	300
NGC 2451 A*	6.4	0.00	20	140
IC 2391*	5.8	0.00	20	110
Praesepe*	6.0	0.00	650	195
IC 2602*	5.8	0.03	10	185
NGC 7092	7.6	0.12	70	170

↑ ; 'G

cluster	# stars	$\Gamma$	mass range [ $M_\odot$ ]	$V_T$ range [mag]
Blanco 1	34	$-2.27 \pm 0.70$	[1.1; 4.8]	[6.1; 11.4]
Stock 2	204	$-2.01 \pm 0.40$	[1.5; 4.1]	[7.6; 11.0]
$\alpha$ Per	70	$-1.57 \pm 0.44$	[1.1; 6.8]	[5.0; 10.5]
Pleiades	127	$-1.99 \pm 0.39$	[1.0; 4.1]	[5.0; 10.9]
NGC 2451 A	27	$-0.69 \pm 0.63$	[1.3; 6.8]	[4.8; 10.0]
IC 2391	29	$-1.07 \pm 0.53$	[1.1; 8.1]	[3.5; 10.7]
NGC 7092	25	$-1.93 \pm 1.24$	[1.4; 3.4]	[6.5; 9.9]



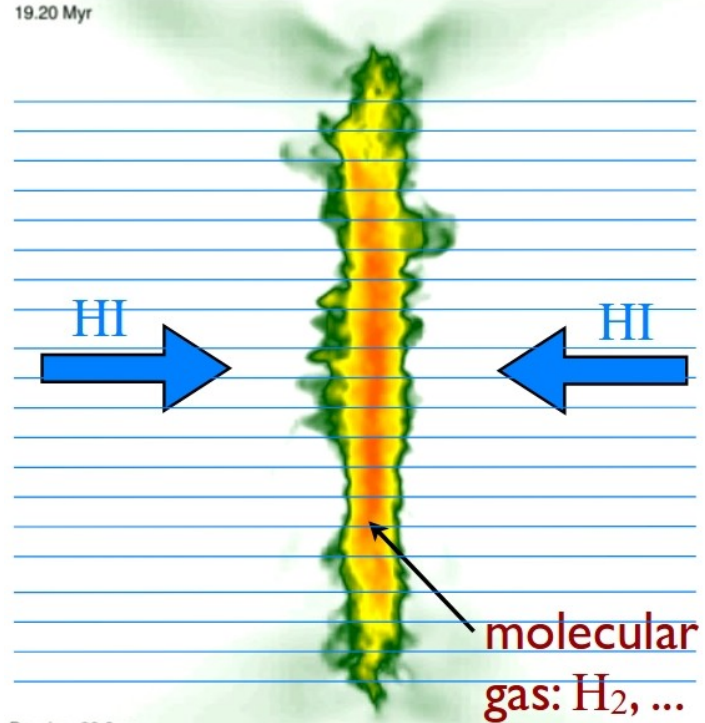
Mass-Function Slope  $\Gamma$  for Two Subregions and for the Whole-Cluster Region in the Given Mass Range

Cluster	Mass range ( $M_{\odot}$ )	Mass function slopes ( $\Gamma \pm \sigma$ )		
		Inner region	Outer region	Whole cluster
Be 62	11.17–1.14	$-0.89 \pm 0.17$	$-2.10 \pm 0.74$	$-1.88 \pm 0.34$
NGC 1528	2.55–0.73	$-1.96 \pm 0.42$	$-2.17 \pm 0.43$	$-2.10 \pm 0.35$
NGC 1960	6.82–1.01	$-1.25 \pm 0.24$	$-1.99 \pm 0.15$	$-1.80 \pm 0.14$
NGC 2287	2.70–0.83	$-1.35 \pm 0.86$	$-1.22 \pm 0.27$	$-1.22 \pm 0.19$
NGC 2301	2.78–0.82	$-0.85 \pm 0.33$	$-1.56 \pm 0.54$	$-1.34 \pm 0.32$
NGC 2323	4.22–0.67	$-1.69 \pm 0.09$	$-2.28 \pm 0.31$	$-2.01 \pm 0.17$
NGC 2420	1.44–0.67	$-0.93 \pm 0.32$	$-1.50 \pm 0.56$	$-1.30 \pm 0.39$
NGC 2437	3.51–1.02	$-1.72 \pm 0.13$	$-2.30 \pm 0.62$	$-2.03 \pm 0.42$
NGC 2548	2.46–0.82	$-1.11 \pm 0.85$	$-1.02 \pm 0.36$	$-1.12 \pm 0.70$

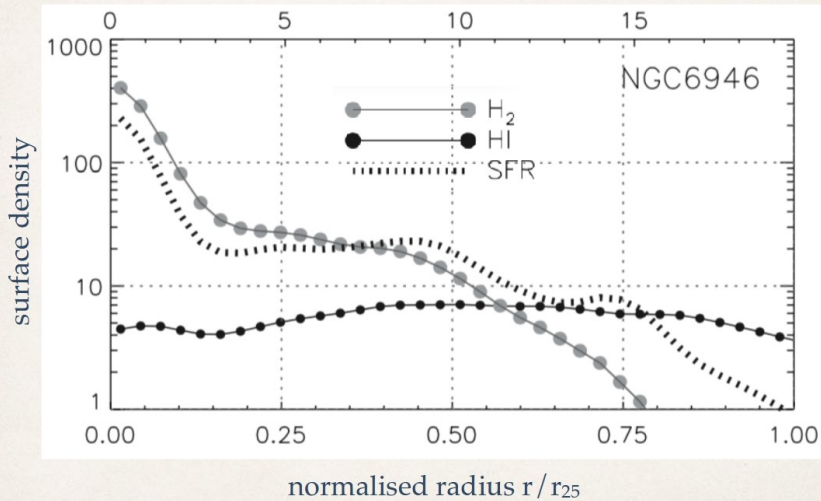
Typical values and errors

# Molecular clouds - formation

- Colliding flows – colliding HI streams (only low-mass cloud formation –  $10^4$ - $10^5 M_{\text{sol}}$ )
- Cloud collisions – in spiral arms (can yield rather massive clouds -  $10^6 M_{\text{sol}}$ )
- Various instabilities ? - can yield massive clouds
- Subsequent supernova explosions – sweeping up the local ISM
- **In all cases, HII formation is needed**

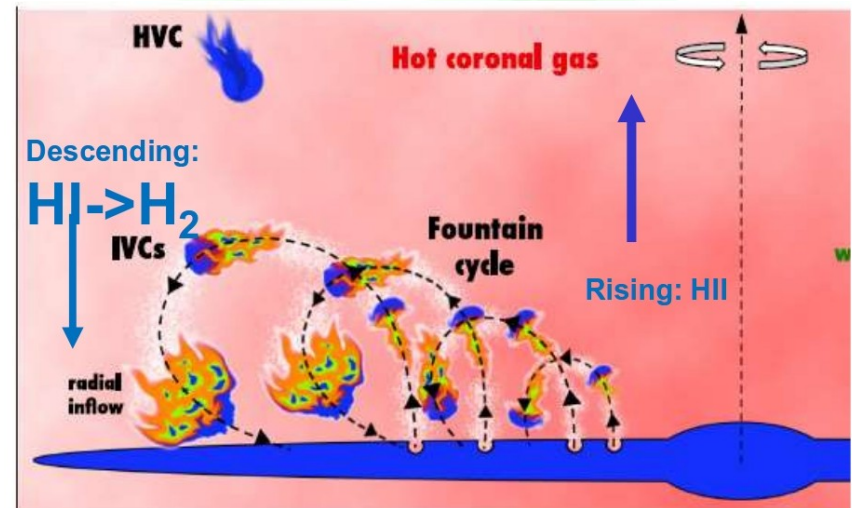


Gas surface density in  $M_{\odot} \text{pc}^{-2}$  for HI and H<sub>2</sub> and SFR density in units of  $10^{-3} M_{\odot} \text{yr}^{-1} \text{kpc}^{-2}$



Bigiel et al. (2008) AJ 136, 2872

Boxsize 80.0 pc



Marasco, Marinacci & Fraternali 2013, MNRAS 443, 1634

# Magnetic fields

by  $q = \eta v_K / c_s$ , where  $\eta v_K$  is the reduction of Keplerian velocity due to the ring and  $c_s$  is the sound speed) also strongly affects clumping. We present local two-dimensional hybrid numerical simulations of aerodynamically coupled particles and gas in the midplane of PPDs. **Magnetic fields and particle self-gravity are ignored.** We explore three different RPG values appropriate for typical PPDs:  $q = 0.025, 0.05$  and  $0.1$ . For each  $q$  value, we consider four different particle size distributions ranging from sub-millimeter to meter sizes and run simulations

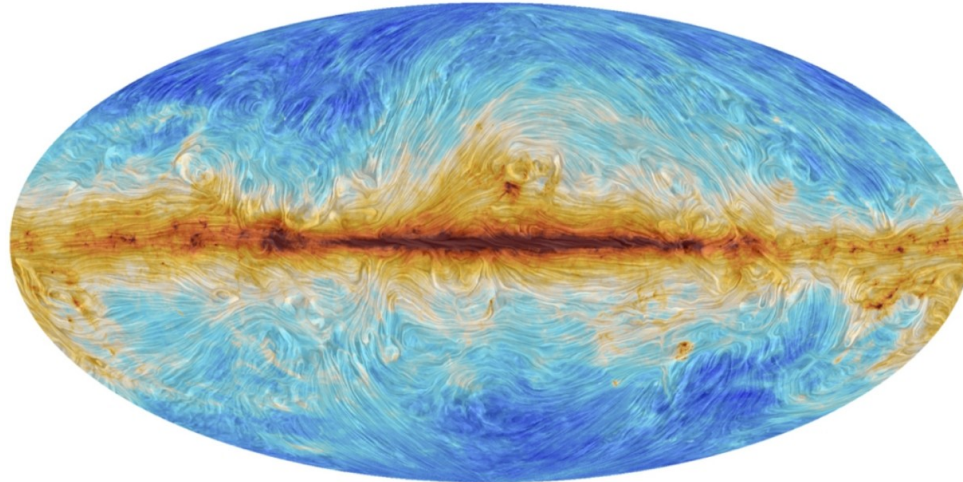
Slide credit: Kothes (2018)

Results from a fully time dependent three-dimensional gasdynamic model of the interaction of the solar wind with the local interstellar medium are presented. Both subsonic and supersonic interstellar winds are considered, **while the mediating effects of interstellar neutrals, magnetic fields, and cosmic rays are ignored.** In accord with solar minimum observations by Ulysses, the solar wind properties are assumed to depend on heliolatitude. Two large, long-lived polar coronal holes, one in the northern and the other in the southern hemisphere, are assumed to produce a hot, low-density, high-speed wind which bounds a cooler, higher-density, low-speed ecliptic wind. The solar wind boundary conditions for the simulation are drawn directly from published Ulysses data [Phillips et al., 1995, 1996]. Results from these calculations are compared to simulations which adopt isotropic solar wind

## I. INTRODUCTION

The problems discussed in this paper are motivated by the desire to understand the detailed mechanisms which trigger the formation of stars in normal spiral galaxies. Central to our discussion are two fundamental ideas: (i) spiral galactic shocks and (ii) the two-phase model of the interstellar medium. Within this context, we concentrate on the roles played by gravitational and thermal mechanisms. **We avoid the vexing problem of the magnetic-field geometry by ignoring at the very outset the effects of the interstellar magnetic field.** We do this not because we feel these effects to be unimportant, but because we wish to keep the present discussion as simple as possible.

### a) Basic Concepts



ESA PLANCK: *Milky Way's magnetic fingerprint* (2015)

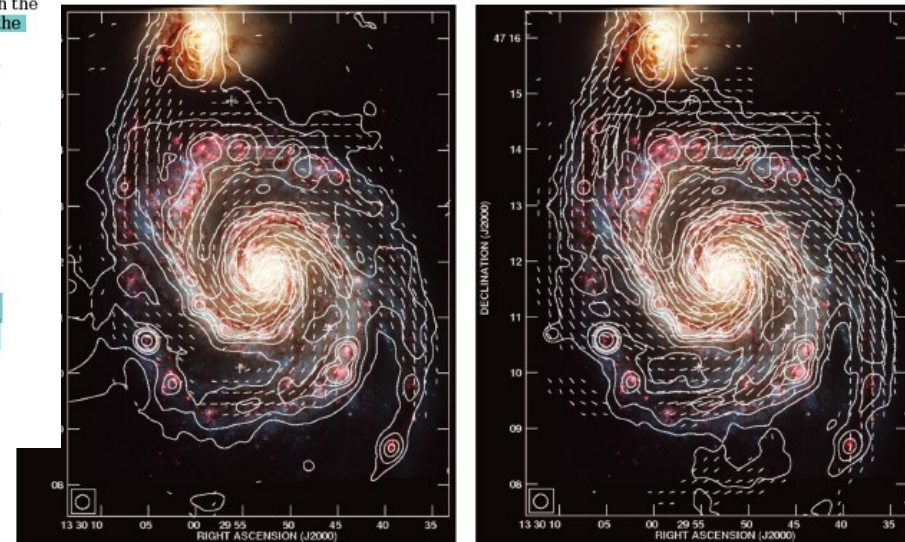


Figure 1. (a) 13 cm (left) and (b) 16 cm (right) radio emission at 15 arcsec resolution from VLA and Effelsberg observations, overlaid on a *Hubble Space Telescope* optical image [image credit: NASA, ESA, S. Beckwith (STScI) and The Hubble Heritage Team (STScI/AURA)]. Total intensity contours in both maps are at 6, 12, 24, 36, 48, 96, 192 times the noise levels of  $20 \mu\text{Jy beam}^{-1}$  at 13 cm and  $30 \mu\text{Jy beam}^{-1}$  at 16 cm. (Note that the roughly horizontal contours at the left edge of panel (a) are artefacts arising from mosaicking the two VLA pointings.) Also shown are the  $B$ -vectors of polarized emission: the plane of polarization of the observed electric field rotated by  $90^\circ$ , not corrected for Faraday rotation, with a length proportional to the polarized intensity (PI) and only plotted where  $PI \geq 3\sigma_{PI}$ .

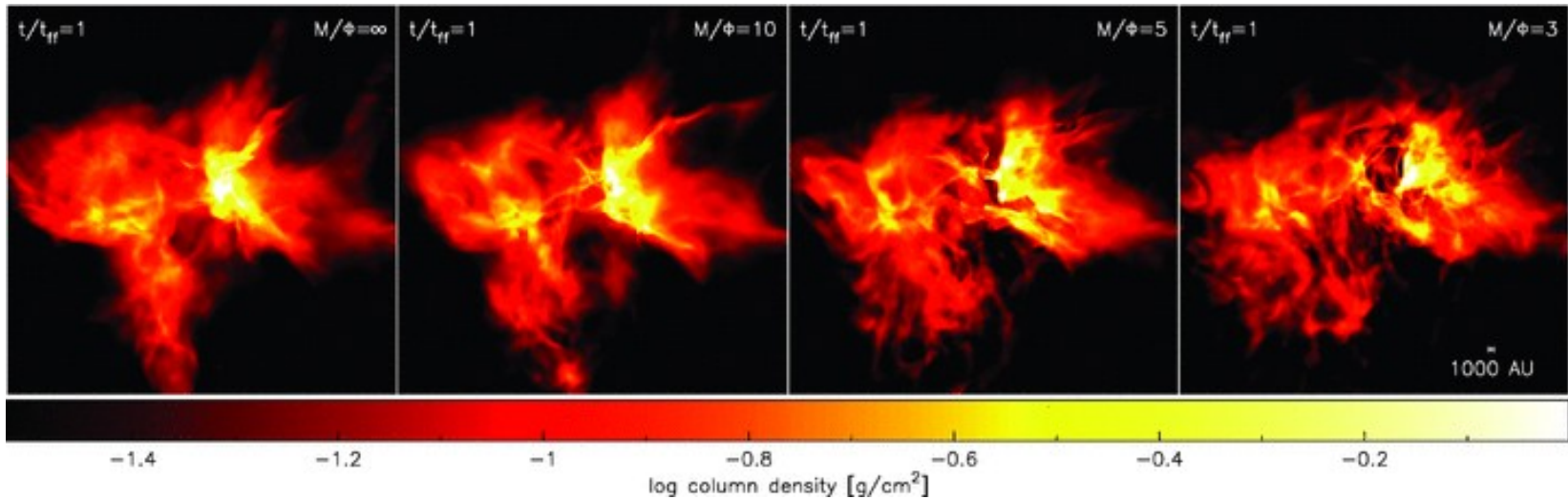
M51, Fletcher+ (2011)

Magnetic field of the Milky way from dust polarization



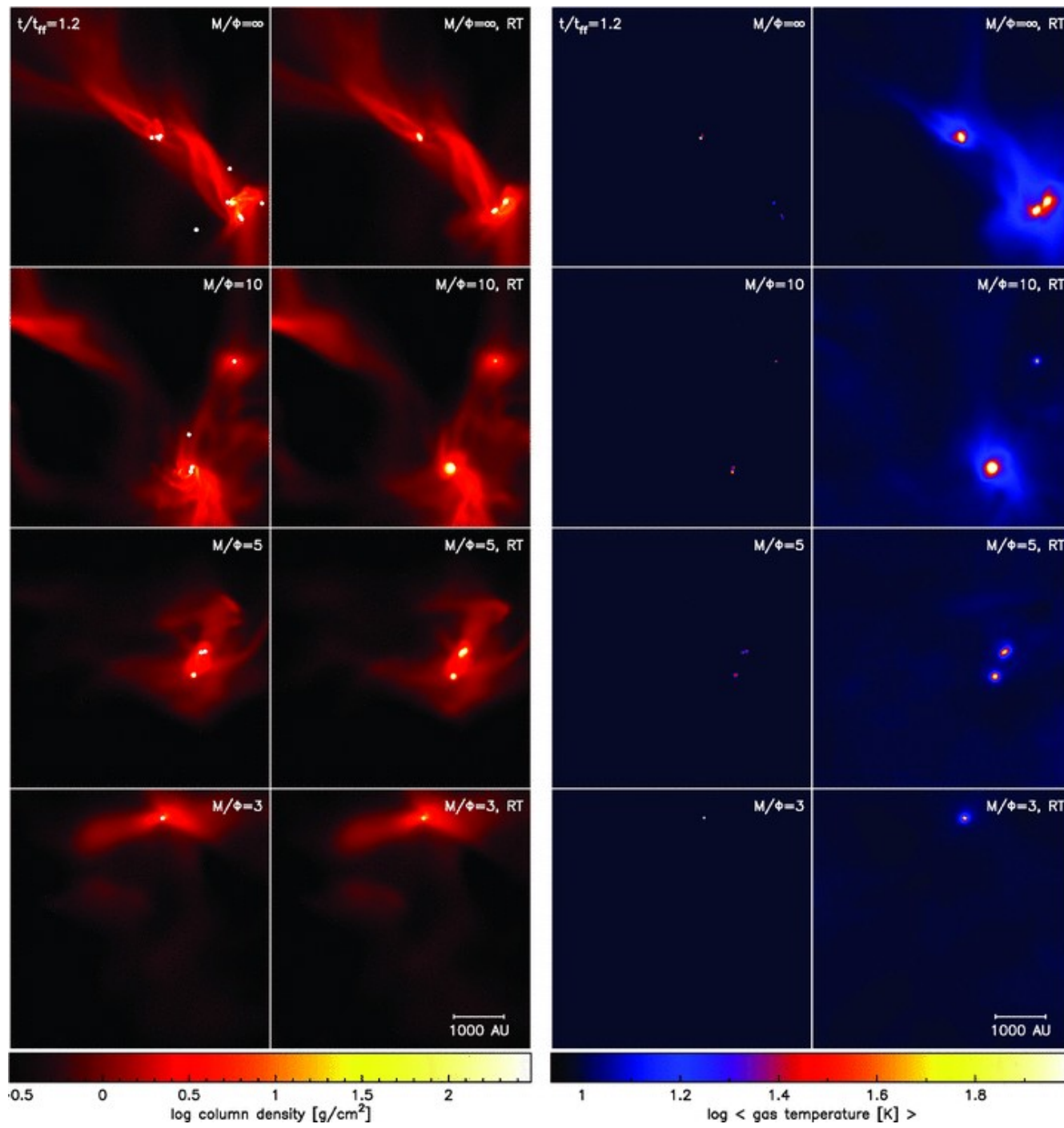
# Magnetic field – star formation

- Price & Bate, 2009, MNRAS, 398, 33
- Effects of magnetic pressure on fragmentation



Increasing magnetic field strength

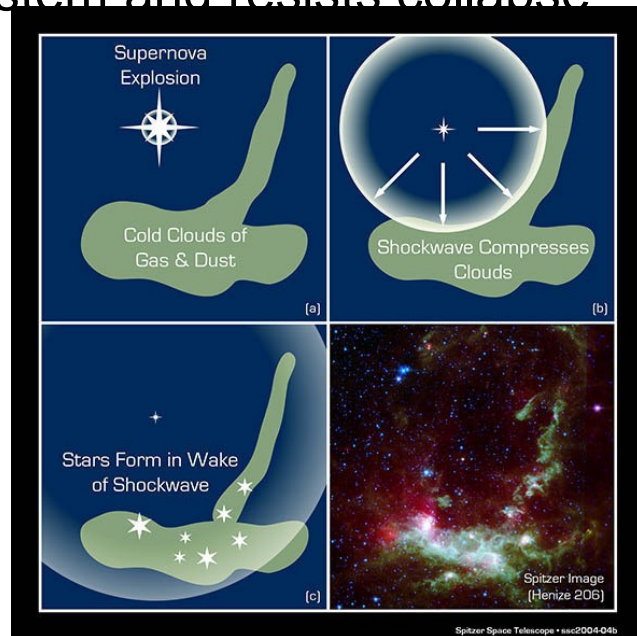
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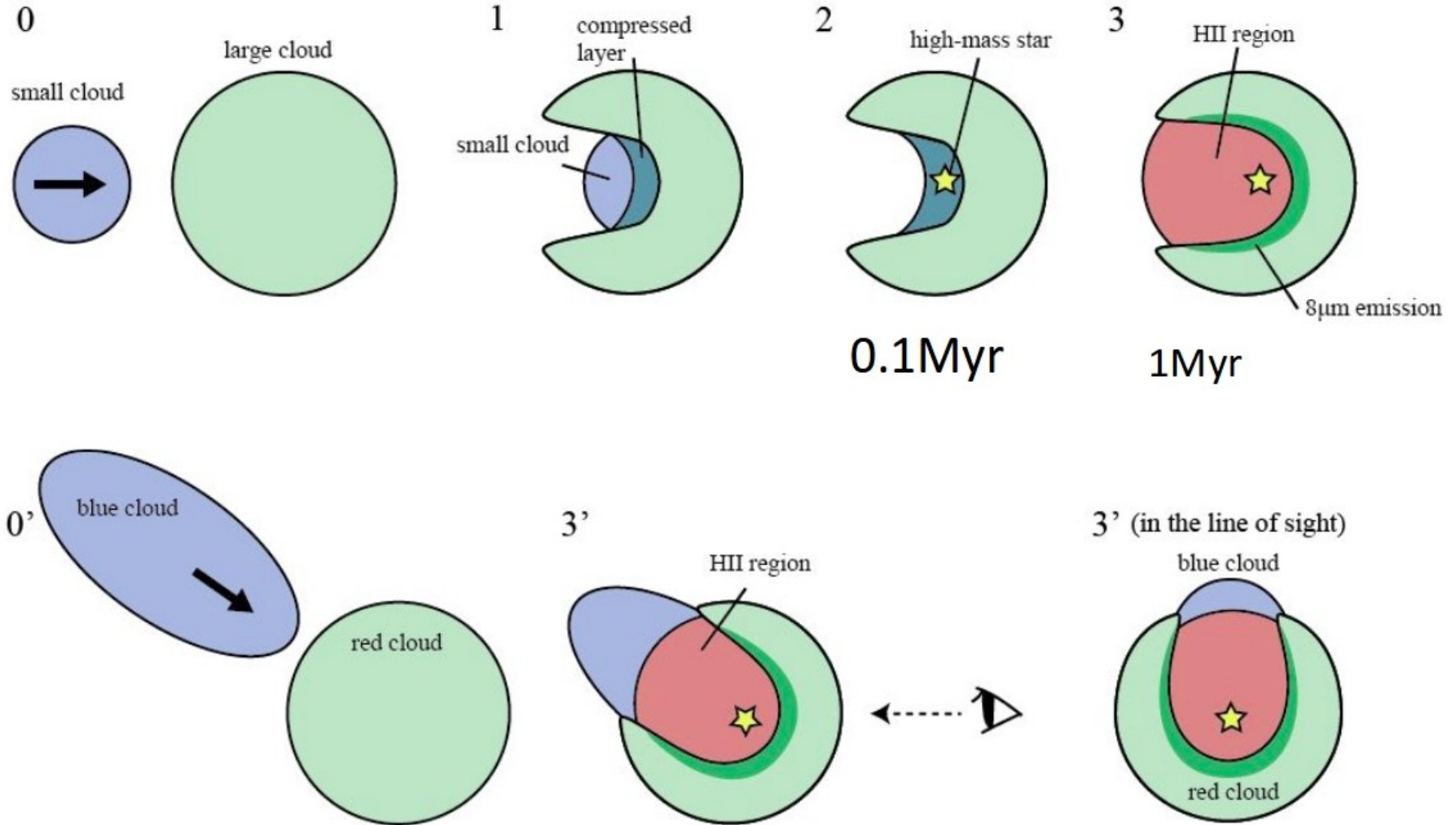
# Star formation physics

- Inertia – turbulence effects
- Inertia – centrifugal force
- Fission – break-up of the collapsing cloud
- Heat pressure – warm gas tends to expand under its own pressure
- Magnetic pressure – mag. field amplified when compressed, changes the dynamics of the system and resists collapse

Constituent	Roles	Produced by	Destroyed by
Dense gas clouds	Form stars	Gravitational collapse; supernova explosions?	Ultraviolet starlight; stellar winds, supernovae
Dust grains	Catalyze molecule formation; stop ultraviolet starlight	Red giant stars	Supernovae
Molecules	Radiate heat from gas clouds, permitting collapse	Grain catalysis	Ultraviolet starlight
Stars	Produce supernovae, red giants, dust, ultraviolet light	Gravitational collapse	Stellar evolution



# Cloud-cloud collision



Credit: Fukui (2018)

## Collect & collapse

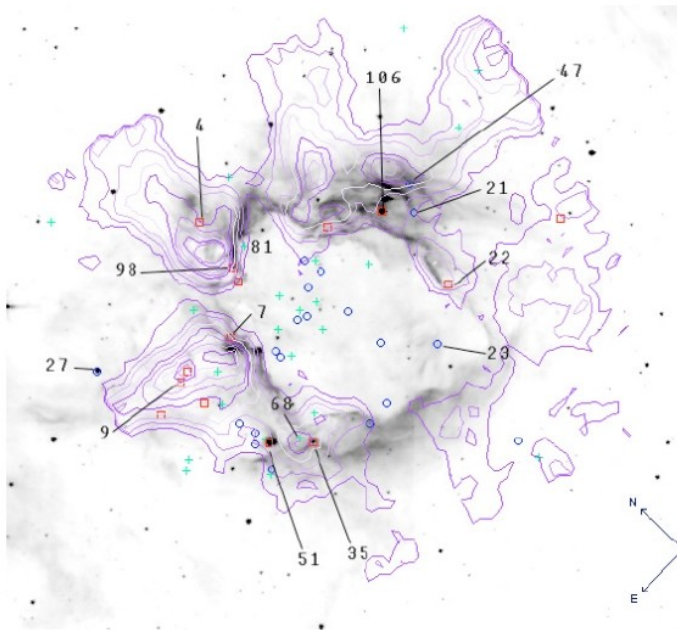


Figure 4: Example of a molecular shell surrounding an HII region with presence of YSOs. The image was extracted from [Pomarès et al. \(2009\)](#). The borders of the HII region are traced with the  $8 \mu\text{m}$  emission (in gray) and the molecular shell, shown in contours, is mapped through the emission of  $^{13}\text{CO}$ . Red squares are the positions of Class I sources, i.e. the youngest YSOs.

During a supersonic expansion of HII region, enough of ISM can be swept up to initialize SF

## Radiatively-driven implosion

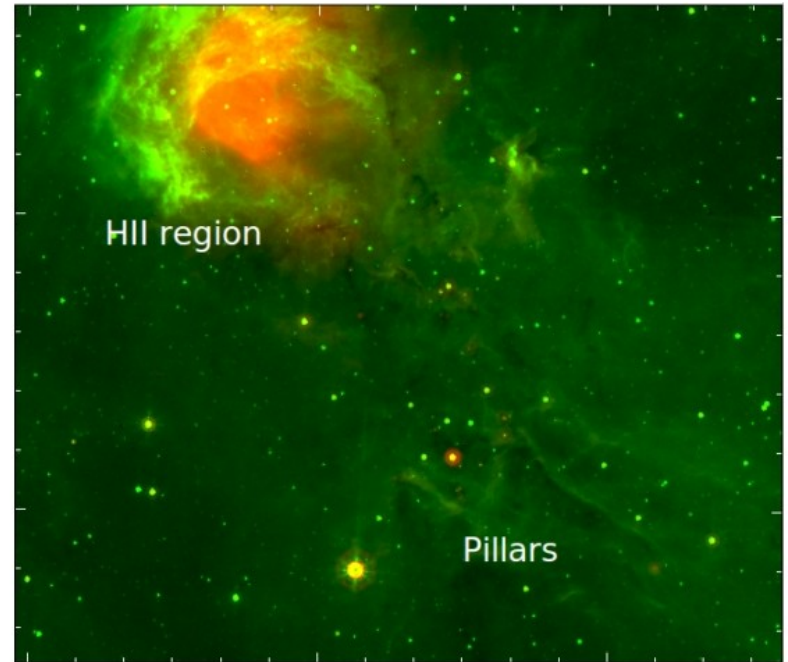
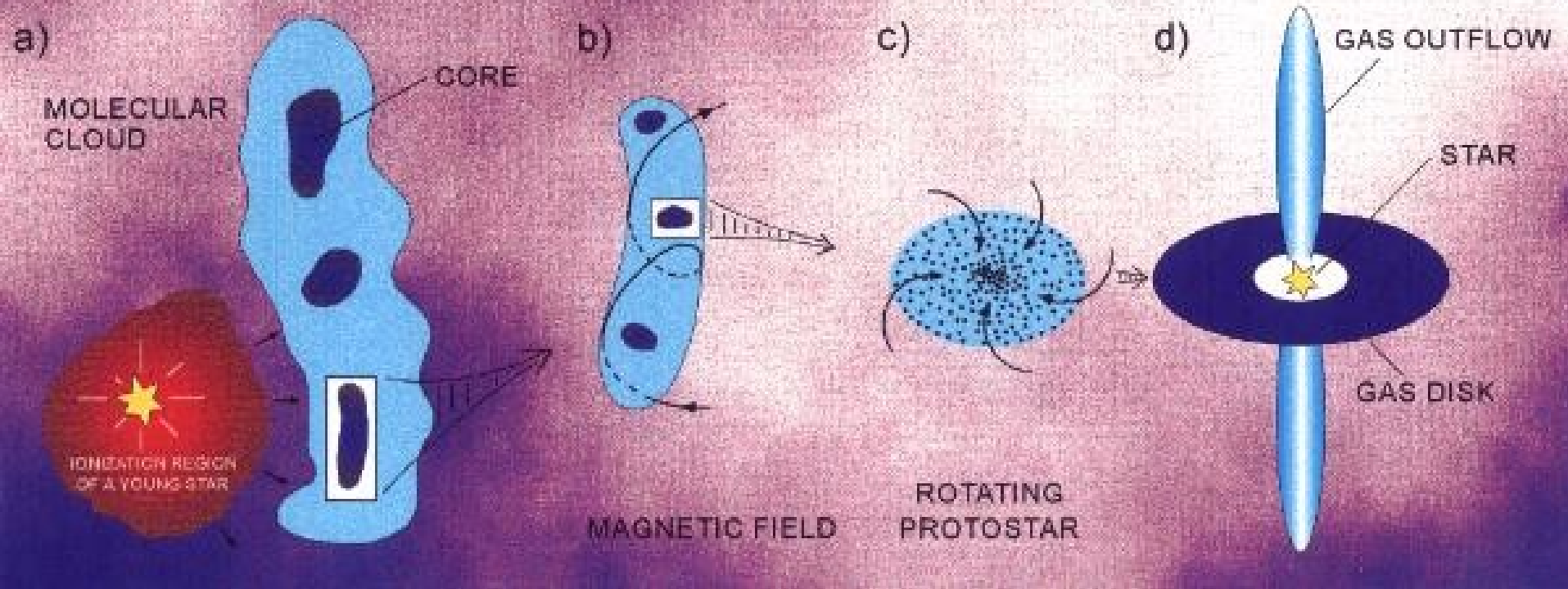


Figure 5: Example of an HII region irradiating pillar-like shape molecular condensations. The  $8$  and  $24 \mu\text{m}$  emissions are displayed in green and red, respectively. From [Paron et al. \(2017\)](#).

Ionization from from a HII region moves over a molecular condensation and generates a dense outer shell of ionized gas. This shell is over-pressured with respect to the interior of the condensation and shocks are driven into it, compressing the interior until the pressure is balanced

# Star formation

## THE STAGES OF STAR FORMATION



Gravitation „wins“

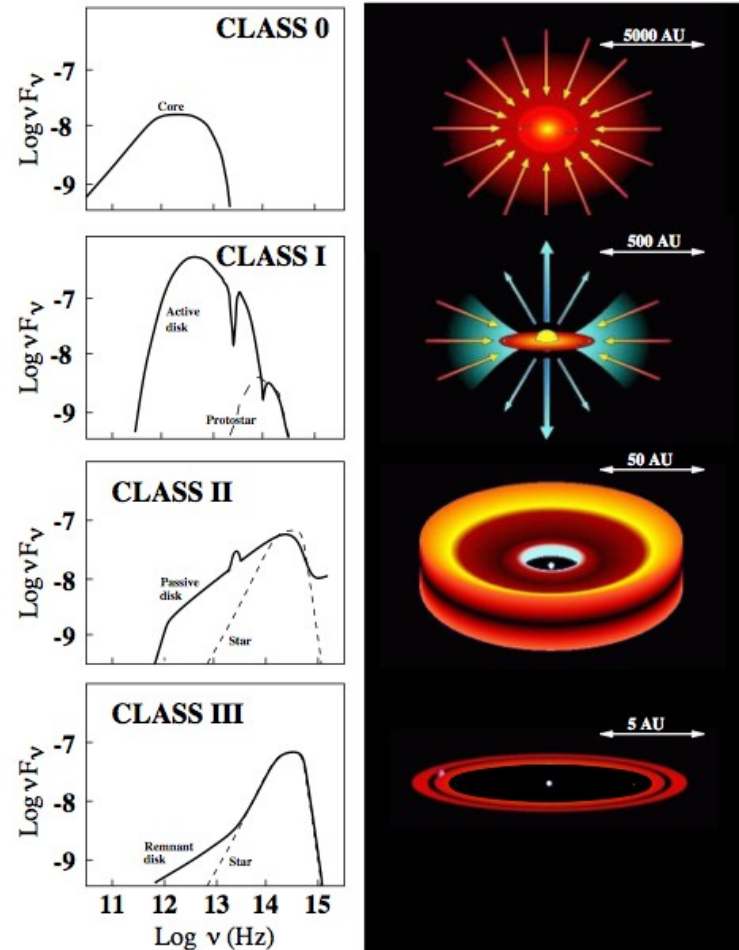
Magnetic field, Shock wave

Protostar

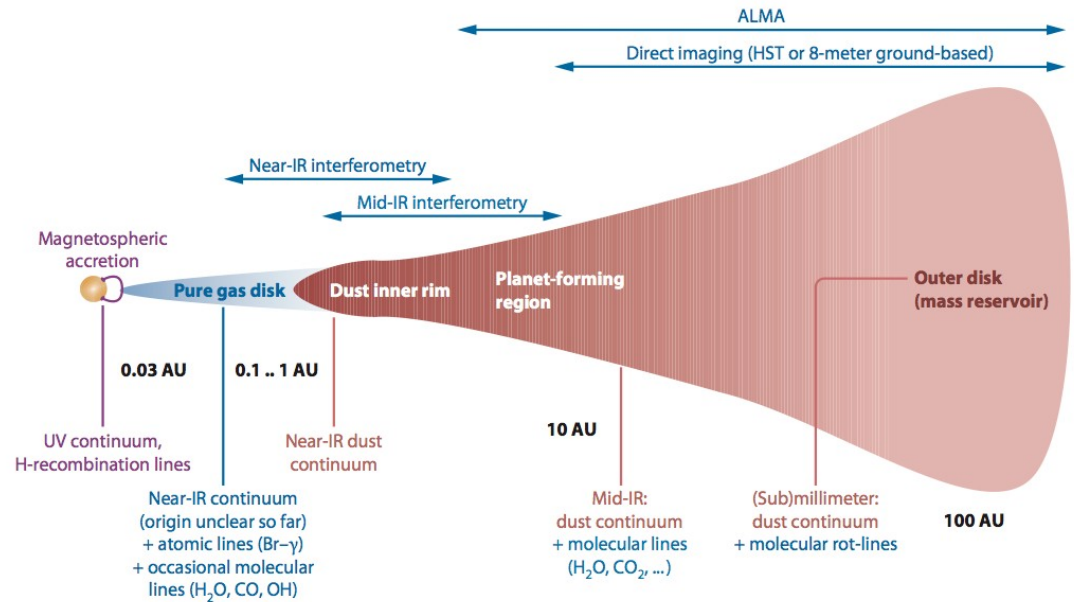
← **FREE GAS** →

← **NO FREE GAS** →

# Protostars



Isella (2006)



Dullemond & Monnier (2010)

- Relatively young field of study (advent of advanced infrared mission and radio astronomy)
- IR photometry can be used to distinguish between the protostar classes
- High mass/low mass stars form the same way?
- Various timescales for different stellar masses

# Star formation

- The detection of free Gas in a Star Cluster is an excellent indicator for the time scale of continuous stellar formation

STAR-FORMING REGIONS

Region	$\langle t \rangle^a$ (Myr)	Molecular Gas?	Ref. (age)
Coalsack .....	...	Yes	...
Orion Nebula .....	1	Yes	1
Taurus .....	2	Yes	1, 2, 3
Oph .....	1	Yes	1
Cha I, II .....	2	Yes	1
Lupus .....	2	Yes	1
MBM 12A .....	2	Yes	4
IC 348 .....	1-3	Yes	1, 4, 5, 6
NGC 2264 .....	3	Yes	1
Upper Sco .....	2-5	No	1, 6, 7
Sco OB2 .....	5-15	No	8
TWA .....	~10	No	9
$\eta$ Cha .....	~10	No	10

<sup>a</sup> Average age in Myr.

Star formation lasts  
3 to 4 Myrs and is  
**continuous**

This is also the  
“intrinsic” error of an  
age determination



# Numerical simulation of star formation in *Giant Molecular Clouds*

- Hypothesis: the formation of all members of a star cluster is continuous for 3 to 4 Myrs within one GMCs
- Is this a realistic approach?
- Is it possible to simulation the formation of star clusters and compare the results with observational data within the solar vicinity?

# Numerical simulation of star formation in *Giant Molecular Clouds*

- Detailed paper by Bate & Bonnell, 2005, MNRAS, 356, 1201
- Basis: Orion Nebula and Taurus star forming region
- “Complete” astrophysical numerical simulation including Shock Waves, dynamical parameters and 3D-Hydrodynamics, Jeans Mass  $< 1 M(\text{sun})$
- The numerical simulations are astonishing close to the observations

# Numerical simulation of star formation in *Giant Molecular Clouds*

Input parameter:

1. Mass (GMC) = 50 M(sun), limited by CPU time
2. Diameter = 0.375 pc, limited by CPU time
3. Time for the gravitational collapse: 19000 years
4. Random turbulence field with a 3D Gaussian distribution

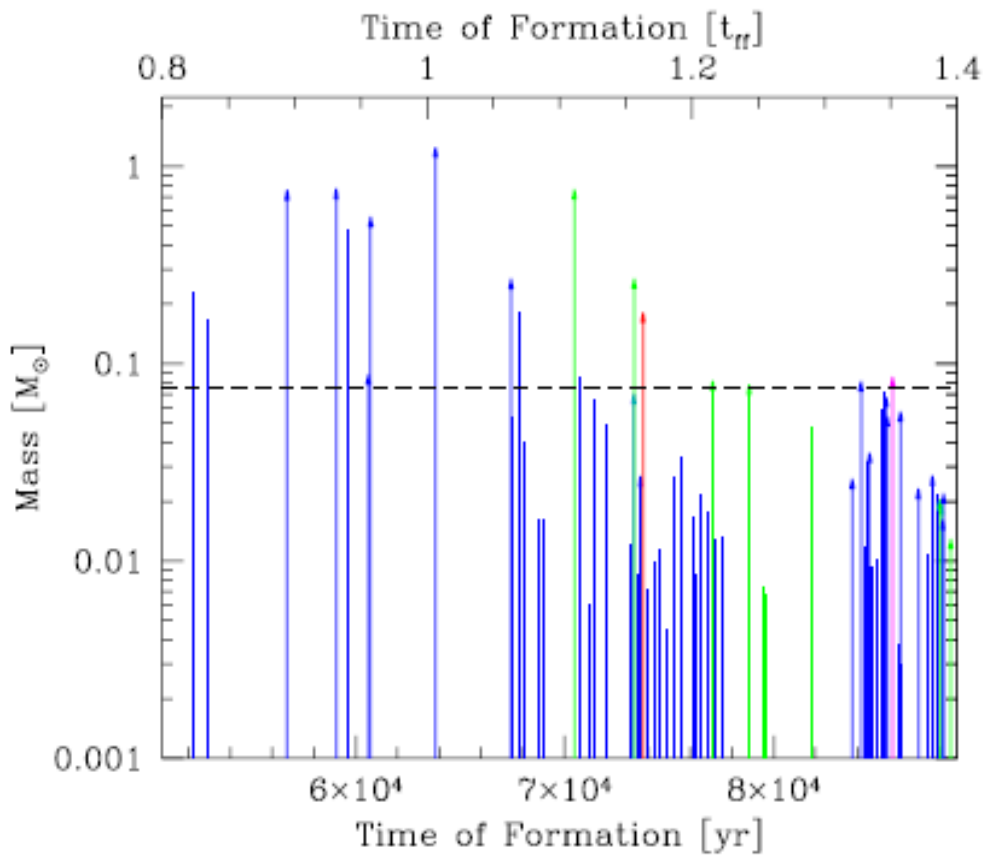
Core	Initial Gas Mass $M_{\odot}$	Initial Size pc	Final Gas Mass $M_{\odot}$	No. Stars Formed	No. Brown Dwarfs Formed	Mass of Stars and Brown Dwarfs $M_{\odot}$	Star Formation Efficiency %
1	1.50 (0.15)	$0.04 \times 0.04 \times 0.03$	2.03 (1.04)	$\geq 13$	$\leq 52$	6.33	76 (86)
2	0.92 (0.16)	$(0.03 \times 0.01 \times 0.01)$	1.18 (0.50)	$\geq 4$	$\leq 8$	1.33	53 (73)
3	0.17 (0.06)	$(0.02 \times 0.01 \times 0.01)$	0.32 (0.08)	1	0	0.18	36 (69)
4	0.31 (0.07)	$(0.03 \times 0.01 \times 0.01)$	0.32 (0.06)	1	0	0.09	22 (60)
Cloud	50.0	$0.38 \times 0.38 \times 0.38$	42.1	$\geq 19$	$\leq 60$	7.92	16

„Stars“: Mass  $> 0.084 M(\text{sun})$

Brown Dwarfs: Mass  $< 0.084 M(\text{sun})$ , no Hydrogen burning

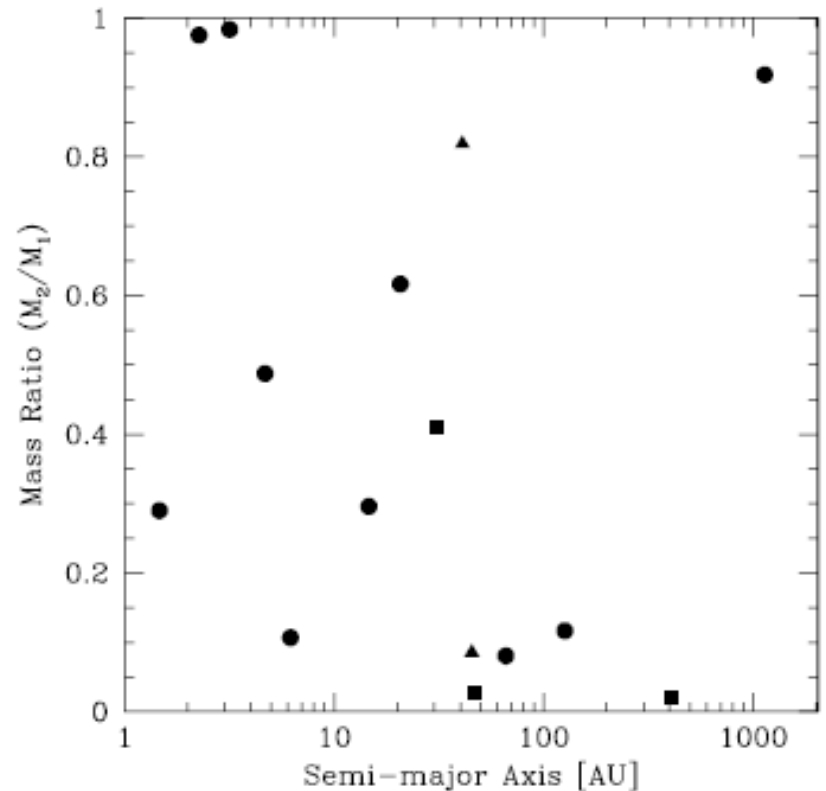
More low mass stars formed due to the IMF

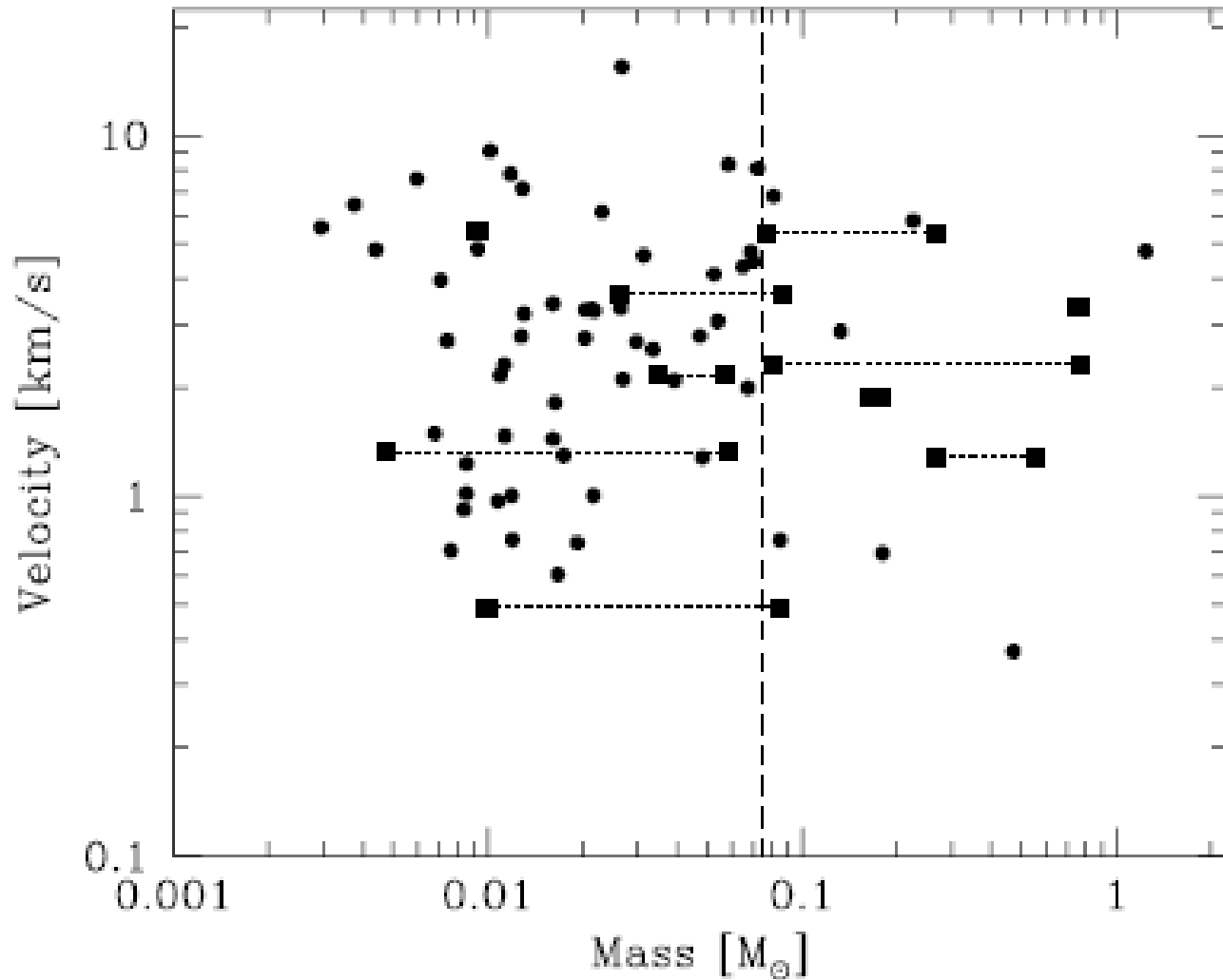
For star clusters it is essential to know the internal velocity distribution because of their evolution (see later)



The formation of  
Binary systems

Continuous star formation  
in time





Binaries are  
connected with  
a line

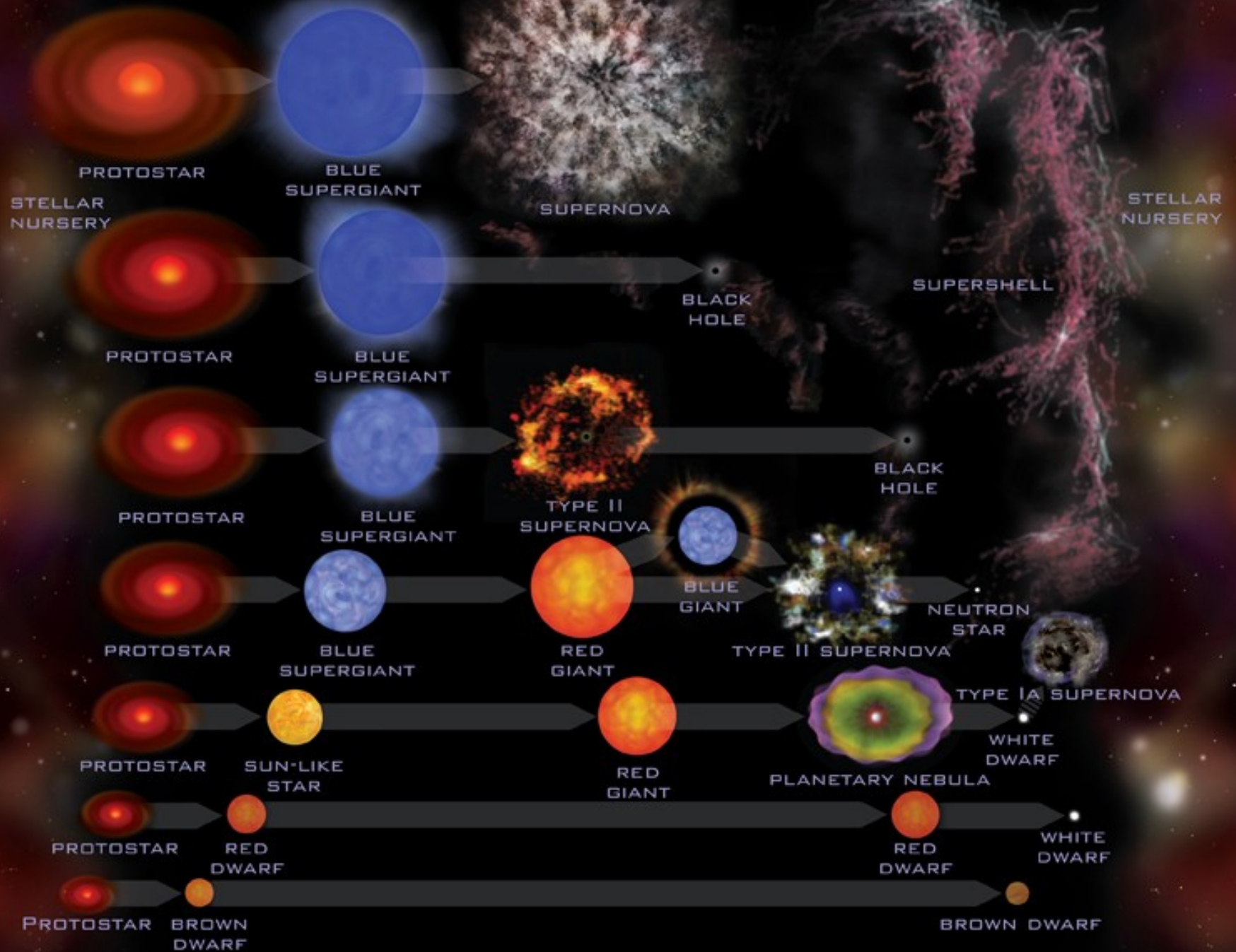
The rms velocity dispersion of the simulations is  $4.3 \text{ km s}^{-1}$   
Such observational data for  $d > 500 \text{ pc}$  are still not  
available => Gaia satellite mission

# Evolution of Star Clusters

- Star Clusters form with the following characteristics
  1. **Total Mass: IMF**
  2. **Metallicity**
  3. **Kinematics of the Cluster center:** location within the Galaxy
  4. **Internal velocity dispersion**
- How does a Star Cluster evolve with these starting parameters?

- Each member (= star) evolve “as an individual”, some important topics
  1. Binary Evolution
  2. Mass Loss (hot stars)
  3. AGB Evolution
  4. Planetary Nebula (cool stars)
  5. Supernovae explosions
- In Star Clusters, collisions are very uncommon (see later), almost no new multiple (binary) systems form during the later evolution
- Star Clusters, normally, follow Galactic Rotation





# Planetary Nebulae

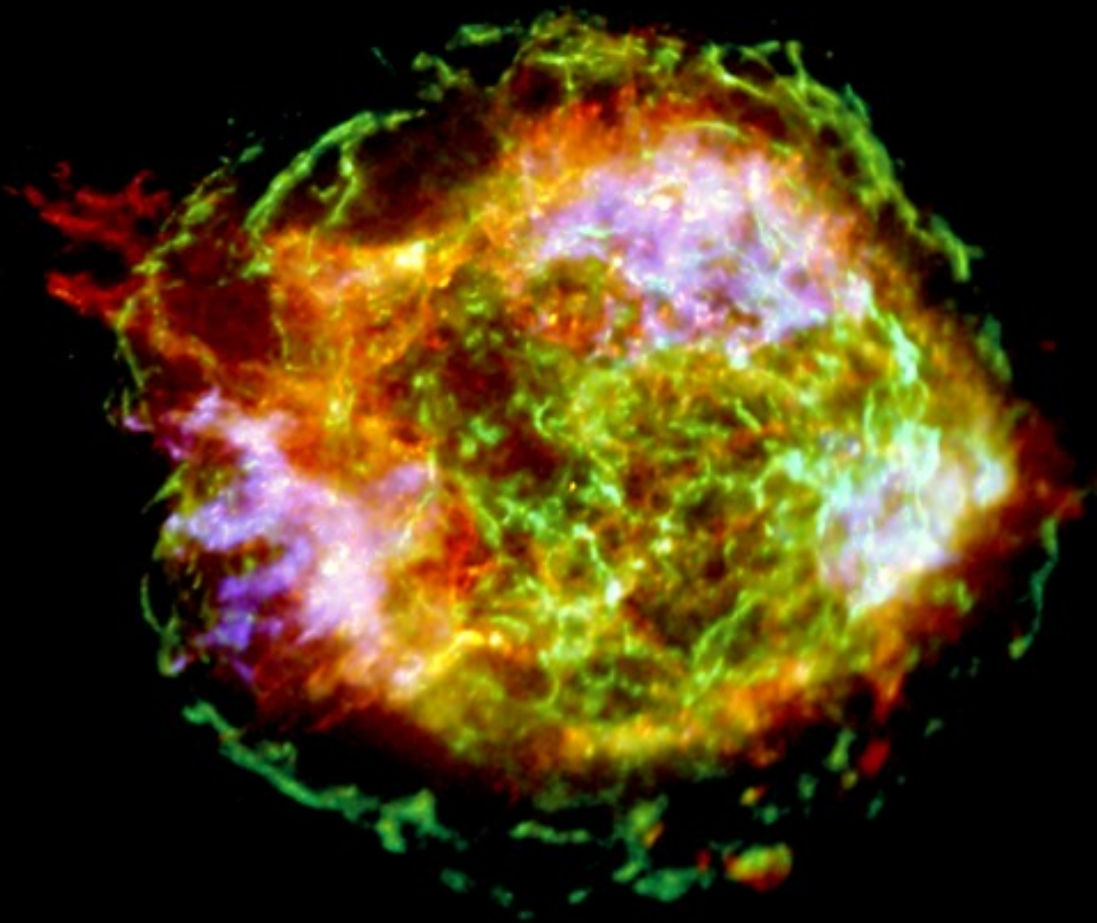
Majaess et al., 2007, PASP, 119, 1349

Not surprisingly, line of sight coincidences almost certainly exist for 7 of the 13 cases considered. Additional studies are advocated, however, for 6 planetary nebula/open cluster coincidences in which a physical association is not excluded by the available evidence, namely M 1-80/Berkeley 57, NGC 2438/NGC 2437, NGC 2452/NGC 2453, VBRC 2 & NGC 2899/IC 2488, and HeFa 1/NGC 6067.

## ADDITIONAL PLANETARY NEBULA/OPEN CLUSTER COINCIDENCES ( $r < 15'$ ).

Planetary Nebula	PN Identifier	Open Cluster	Cluster $r_n$ ( $'$ ) <sup>c</sup>	Estimated $R_C$ ( $'$ ) <sup>d</sup>	Separation ( $'$ )
NGC 6741	G033.8-02.6	Berkeley 81	3	...	13
K4 4-41	G068.7+01.9	NGC 6846	1	...	1
KLW 6	G070.9+02.4	Berkeley 49	2	...	11
K 3-57	G072.1+00.1	Berkeley 51	1	...	12
A 69	G076.3+01.1	Anon (Turner)	3	...	4
Bl 2-1	G104.1+01.0	NGC 7261	3	22	7
FP0739-2709	G242.3-02.4	ESO 493-03	4	...	8
PHR0840-3801	G258.4+02.3	Ruprecht 66	1	...	2
PHR0905-5548	G274.8-05.7	ESO 165-09	8	...	9
Pe 2-4	G275.5-01.3	van den Bergh-Hagen 72	1	...	9
...	...	NGC 2910	2	24	14
NeVe 3-1	G275.9-01.0	NGC 2925	5	26	12
Hf 4	G283.9-01.8	van den Bergh-Hagen 91	3	...	14
He 2-86	G300.7-02.0	NGC 4463	2	22	3
PHR1315-6555	G305.3-03.1	AL 67-01	2	...	1
PHR1429-6043	G314.6-00.1	NGC 5617	5	25	1
vBe 3	G326.1-01.9	NGC 5999	2	25	5

PNs exist in Open Clusters



**Important topic**  
of how SN  
explosions affect  
the cluster  
evolution

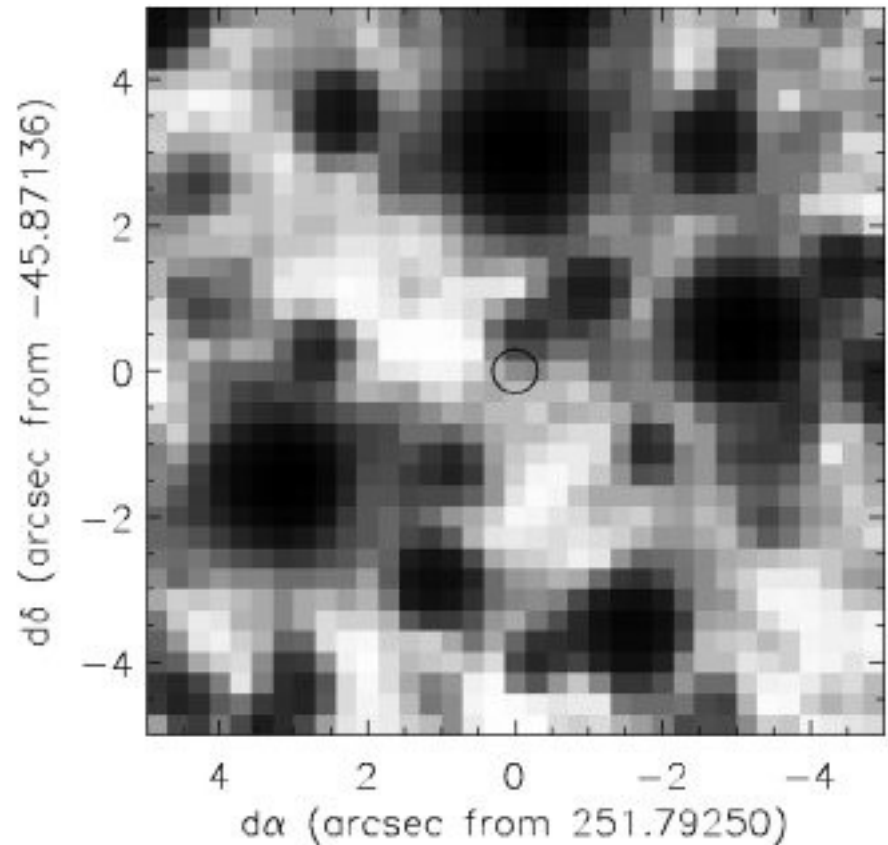
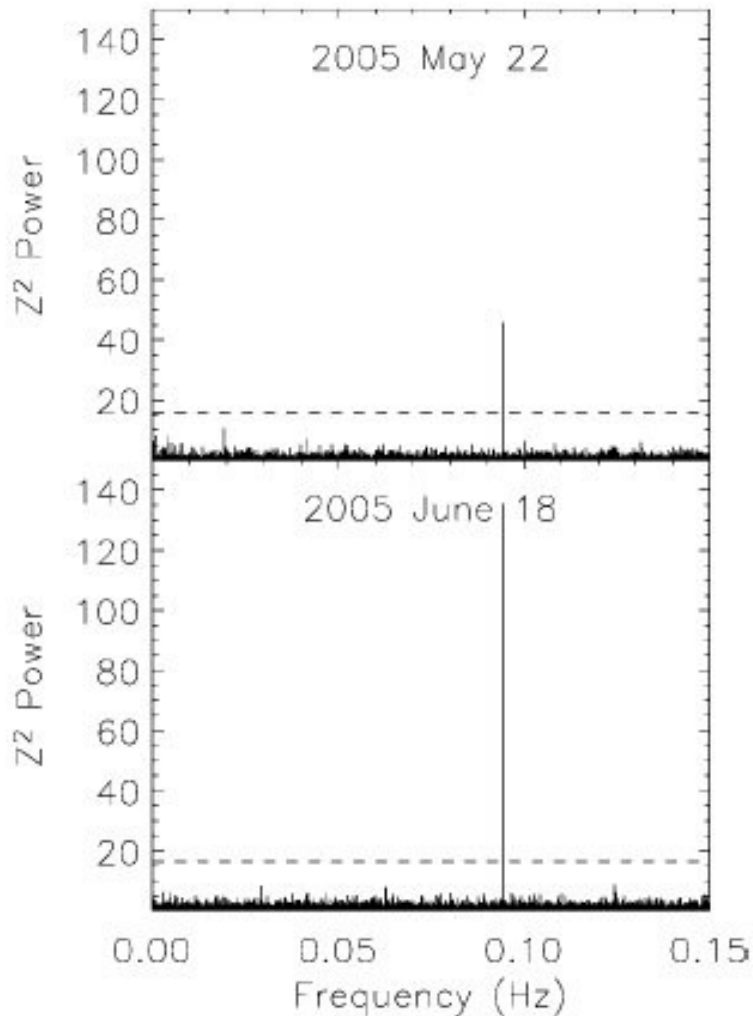
**Shockwaves**  
**Mass flow**

Statistically, SN  
explosions are  
rather common

# SN Remnants

- Catalogue of galactic SNRs:  
<http://www.mrao.cam.ac.uk/surveys/snrs/>
- 274 entries
- Complete list of papers for Open Clusters
  1. Pauls, 1977, A&A, 59, L13: NGC 559?
  2. Kumar, 1978, ApJ, 219, L13: **Tr 18** and 21?
  3. Peterson et al., 1988, MNRAS, 235, 1439: Lynga 1, Pismis 20, Stock 14, and Trumpler 21, none conclusive

Muno et al., 2006, ApJ, 636, L41: **Westerlund 1**  
 $d = 5200$  pc,  $\log t < 6.4$



**Pulsar**, V fainter than 25th mag

- White Dwarfs were detected in Open Clusters
- The number is compatible with a common stellar evolution scenario, but the membership determination is very difficult
- The absolute magnitude of WDs is about 10 magnitudes fainter than the corresponding Main Sequence

# von Hippel, 1998, AJ, 115, 1536

## WHITE DWARFS IN OPEN CLUSTERS

Cluster (1)	Alias (2)	$N_s$ (3)	Reference (4)	$N_b$ (5)	Reference (6)	$N_c$ (7)	Mass (8)	Reference (9)	Age (10)	Reference (11)
Hyades .....		7	1, 2	3	9, 14	<sup>a</sup>	410–480	16	0.63	21
Pleiades .....	M45	1	3, 4, 5	...		1–2	1000–2000	17, 18	0.07	22
NGC 2168 .....	M35	2	3, 6	...		...	≥1600–3200	19	0.09	3, 6
NGC 2287 .....	M41	2	4	...		...	...		0.18	4
NGC 2420 .....		4	7	...		...	≥4000	20	2.4	23
NGC 2451 .....		1	3, 8	...		...	...		0.07	8
NGC 2477 .....		4	7	...		...	...		1.2	7
NGC 2516 .....		4	9	...		...	...		0.14	24
NGC 2632 .....	M44	4	10	...		...	...		0.7	25
NGC 2682 .....	M67	1	11	2	11, 15	...	...		4.0	24
NGC 3532 .....		6	3, 12, 13	...		...	≥600	13	0.17	13
Total .....		36		5		...				

NOTE.—NGC 2632 = Praesepe.

Single      Multiple

In total, 41 WDs until 1998 found, no firm improvement after that

# Why do Star Clusters dissipate?

Virial Theorem:  $2E_{kin} = - \Omega$

Kinetic Energy:  $2E_{kin} = \sum_i m_i \cdot \bar{v}^2 = M \cdot \bar{v}^2$

$\bar{v}$  ... mean  $v$  of the members

relative to the cluster center

Potential Energy:

$$\Omega = - \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{G \cdot M^2}{\bar{R}^2}$$

yielding:

$$\bar{v}^2 = \frac{G \cdot M}{2\bar{R}^2}$$



Escape Velocity:  $\bar{v}_\infty^2 = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \bar{v}^2$

Collisions:  $t_{coll} \approx \frac{1}{\rho \sigma \Delta}$

Density  $\rho$  and cross section  $\sigma$ :

$$\rho = \frac{N}{\bar{R}^3} \quad \sigma = 4\pi R_*^2 \Rightarrow t_{coll} = \frac{\bar{R}^3}{4\pi N \cdot R_*^2 \cdot \Delta}$$

Example of a typical Open Cluster:

$$N = 1000, \Delta v = 10 \text{ km s}^{-1}, R_* = 1.5 R_{Sun}, \bar{R} = 1 \text{ pc}$$

$t_{coll} = 10^{25} \text{ s} \Rightarrow$  Collisions play **no** role

Even in the most inner core parts, collisions are highly improper, but could occur

Conclusions:

1. Binary and Multiple systems are **not** results of collisions in later stages but form already at the very beginning
2. Members do, in general, **not** escape due to collisions (swing-by effect), but their peculiar velocity component is part of the cluster formation or due to a SN

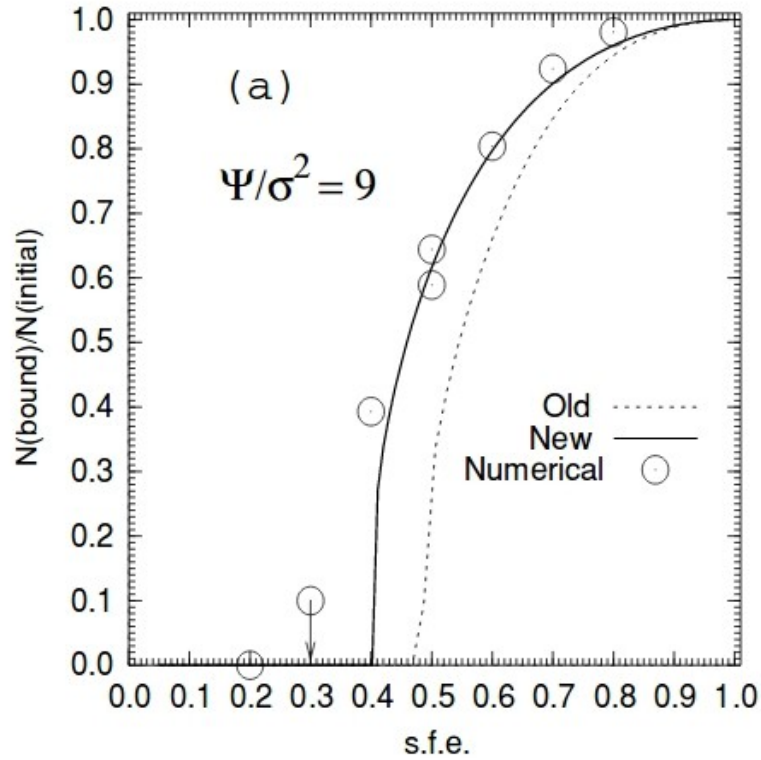
Crossing Time:  $t_{cross} = \frac{\bar{R}}{\Delta}$

$\Delta = 0 \text{ km s}^{-1}$  and  $\bar{R} = 1 \text{ pc} \Rightarrow t_{cross} = 1.9 \cdot 10^8 \text{ yr}$

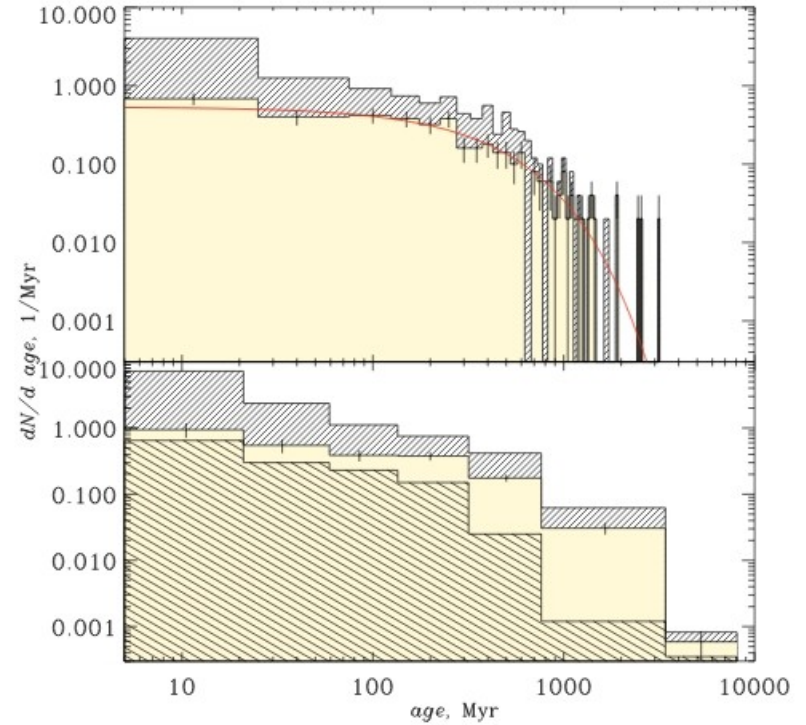
Members can escape from a Star Cluster on a relatively short time scale

Reason: Velocity dispersion caused by the cluster formation and SN events

# Infant mortality problem

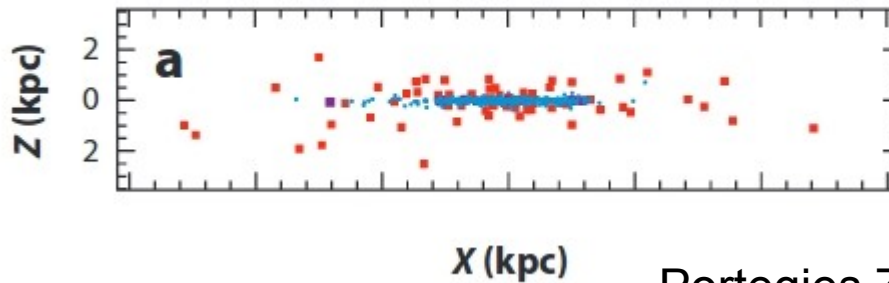


Boily & Kroupa (2003)



Piskunov+ (2006)

## Open clusters



Portegies Zwart+ (2010)

# Tidal Forces due to Differential Galactic Rotation

Total Mass of the Milky Way:  $M_G = 2 \times 10^{11} \text{ M(Sun)}$

Gravitational acceleration of the complete star cluster  $g_G$  and the individual member  $g_*$ :

$$g_G = \frac{G \cdot M_G}{R_{GC}^2} \quad g_* = \frac{G \cdot M_G}{R_{GC}^2}$$

The difference of these two values,  $|g_G - g_*|$ , is the tidal force, of which “the Galaxy” tries to pull away a star from the cluster

$$g_{G,*} = \frac{2 \cdot G \cdot M_G \cdot r}{R_{GC}^3} \text{ for } r \ll R_{GC}$$

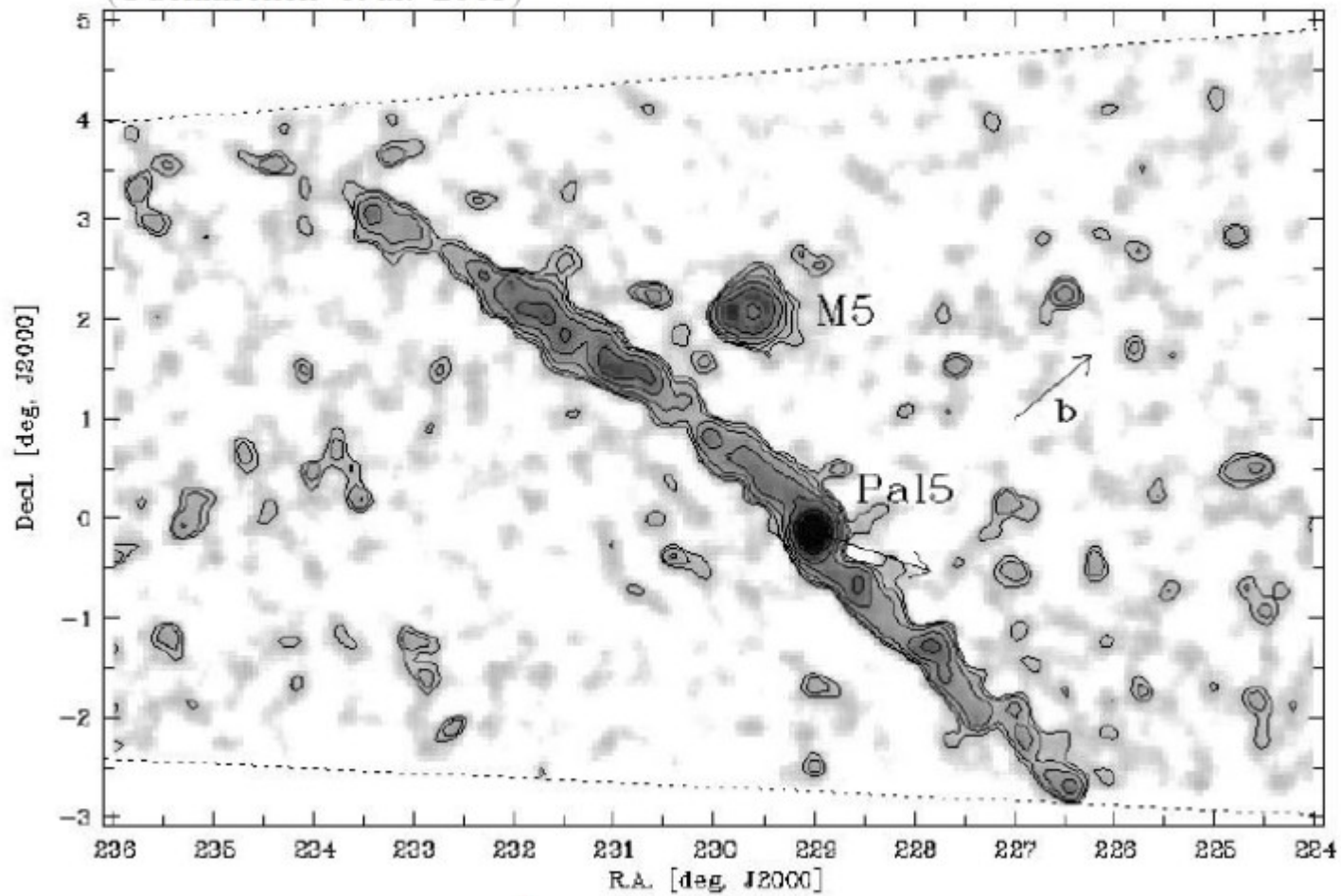
On the other side we have the gravitational force of the open cluster. The stability radius  $r_s$  is defined as:

$$\frac{2 \cdot G \cdot M_G \cdot r_s}{R_{GC}^3} = \frac{G \cdot M_{OC}}{r_s^2} \Rightarrow r_s = R_{GC} \cdot \left( \frac{M_{OC}}{2M_G} \right)^{1/3}$$

For  $1000 M_\odot$  (in)  $\Rightarrow$  diameter 20 pc

$$r_s = 0.9 \cdot \left( \frac{M_{OC}}{1000} \right)^{1/3} \text{ for } R_{GC} = 1 \text{ kpc in } [M_{\text{Sun}}, \text{pc}]$$

(Odenkirchen et al. 2003)



# Summary

- Star Cluster dissipate because of
  1. Differential Galactic Rotation
  2. Internal Velocity Dispersion
  3. Collisions in the first few Myrs
  4. SN Explosions and corresponding Shock Waves
  5. ( Collisions with “Field Stars”)
- Explains the existence of Globular Clusters
- Valid for all Spiral Galaxies