

Multiscale relativistic jets modelling with FLASH-HARM joint simulations.

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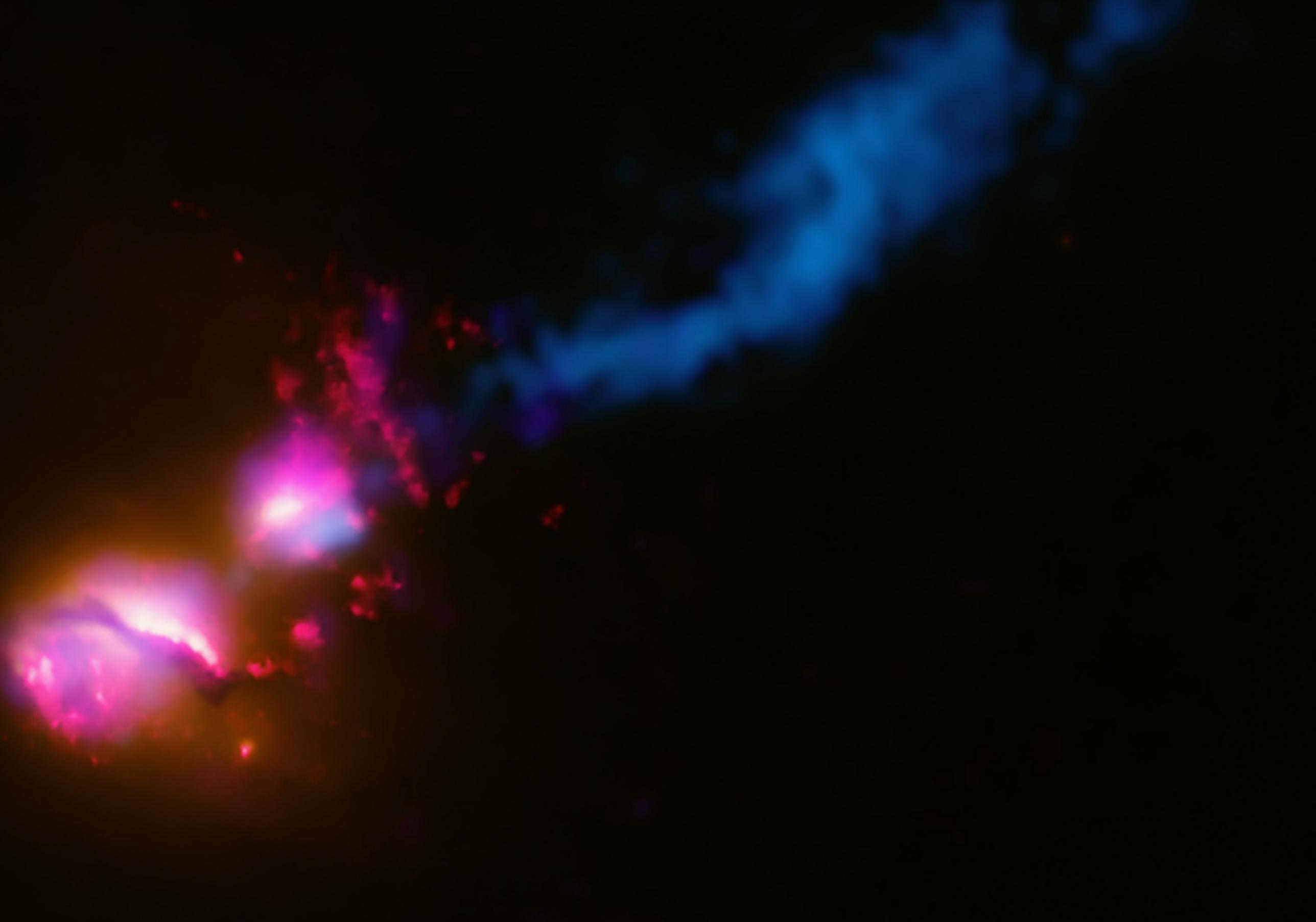
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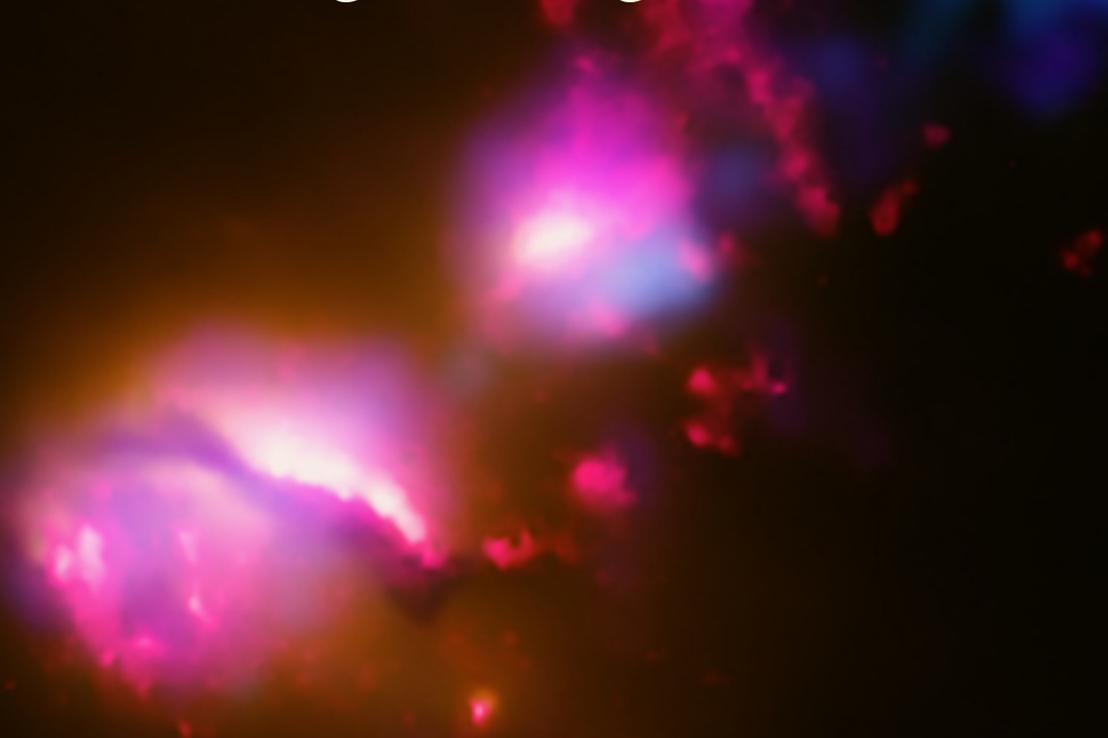
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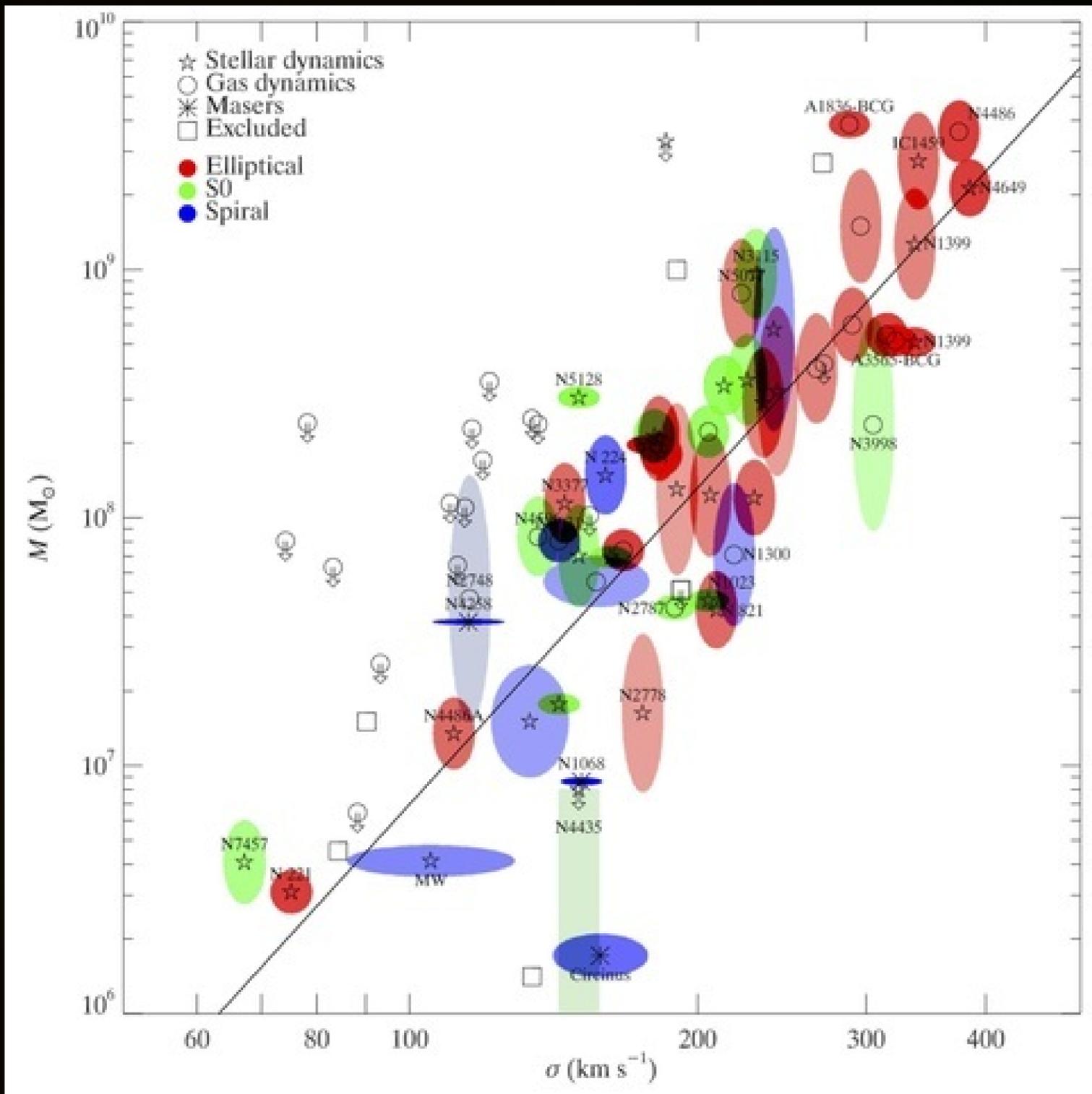
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 $M_{\text{BH}} \propto \sigma_g^4$ (Gültekin et al., 2009).
- $\sigma_g = \langle v_*^2 \rangle \propto GM/R_g$ (a *proxy* for total [stellar+dark matter] mass within R_g).



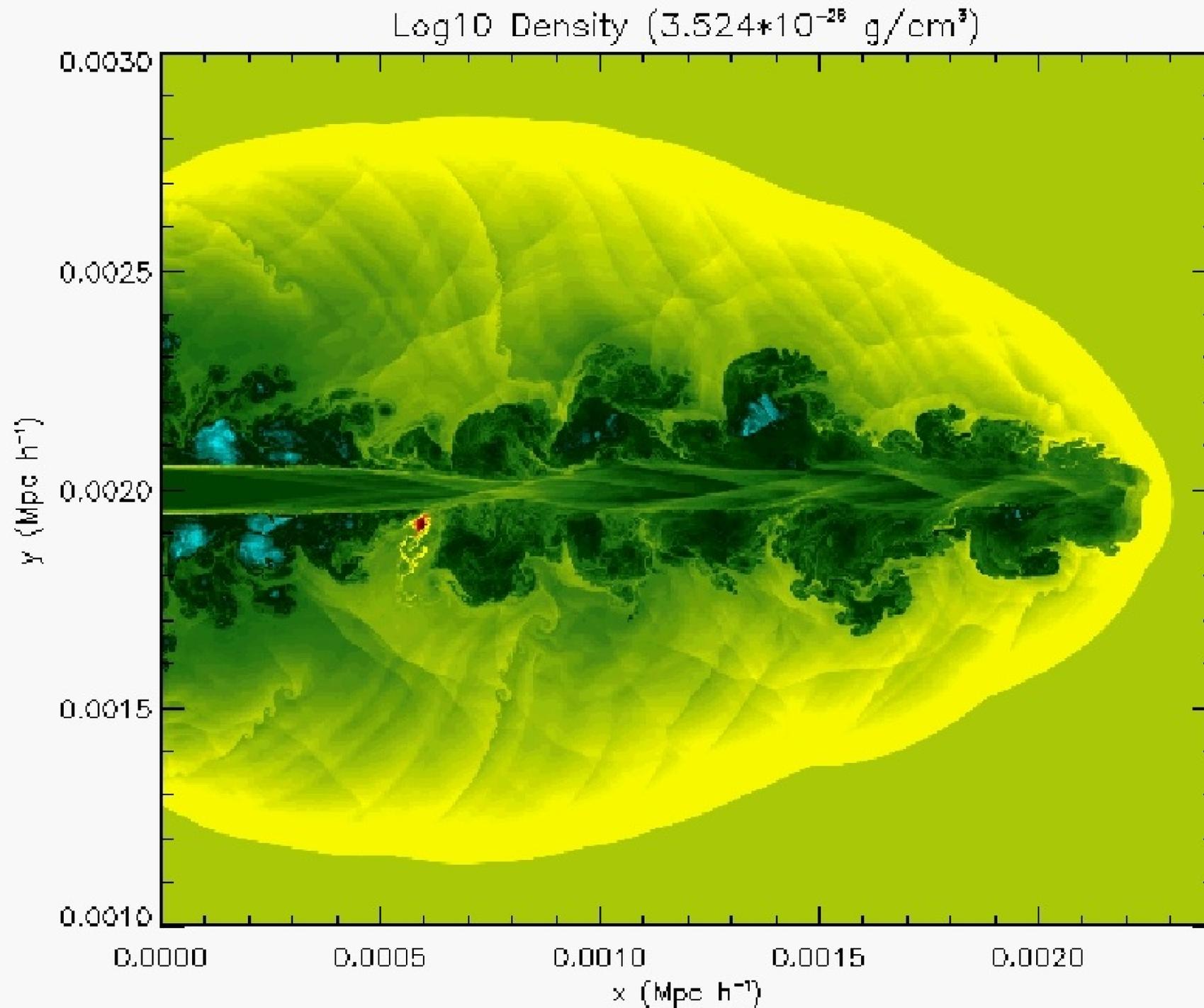
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Yet, $R_{\text{BH}} = 2GM_{\text{BH}}/c^2 \approx 9.57 \cdot 10^{-8} M_6 \text{ pc} \ll R_g \approx 10^4 \text{ pc}$

How can be possible that such a tight correlation arises when the spatial (and temporal) scales of SMBHs and stellar formation processes are so different?

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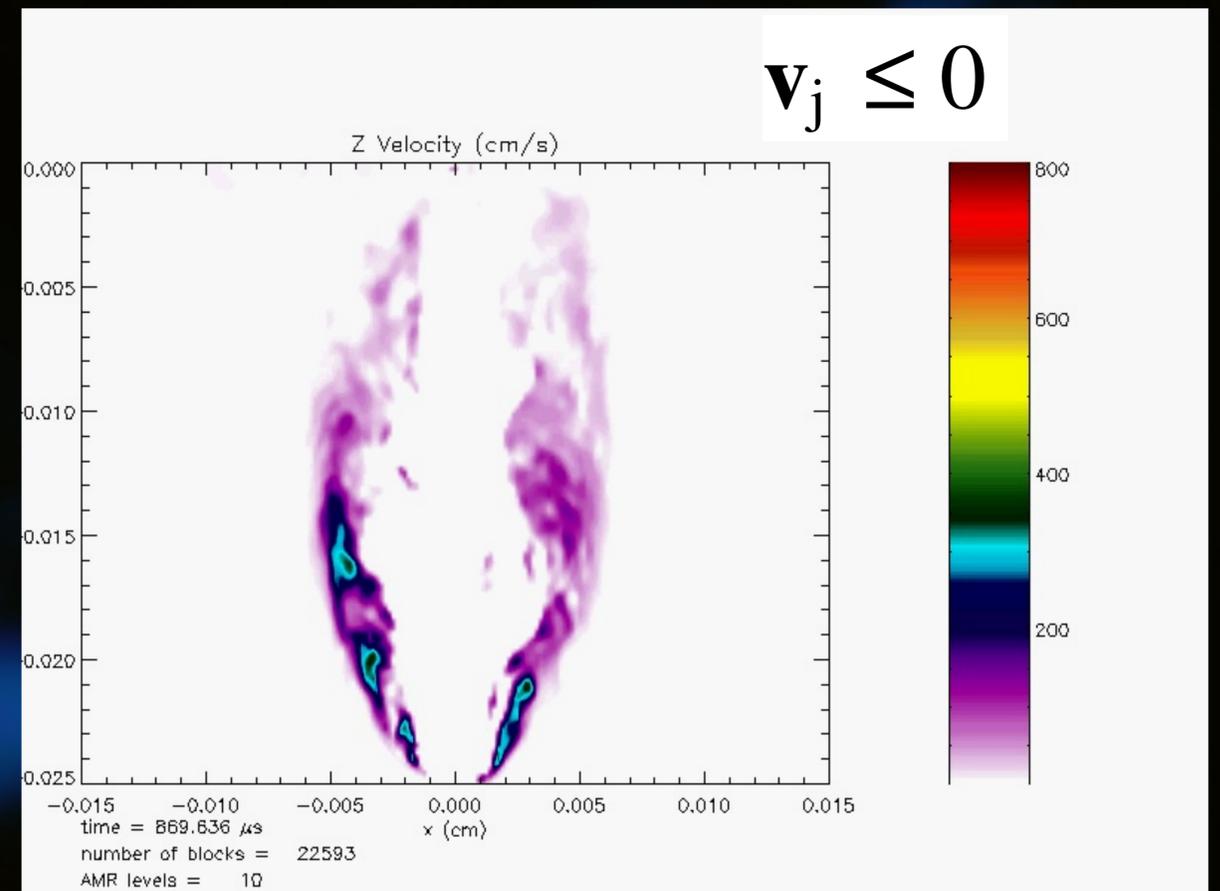
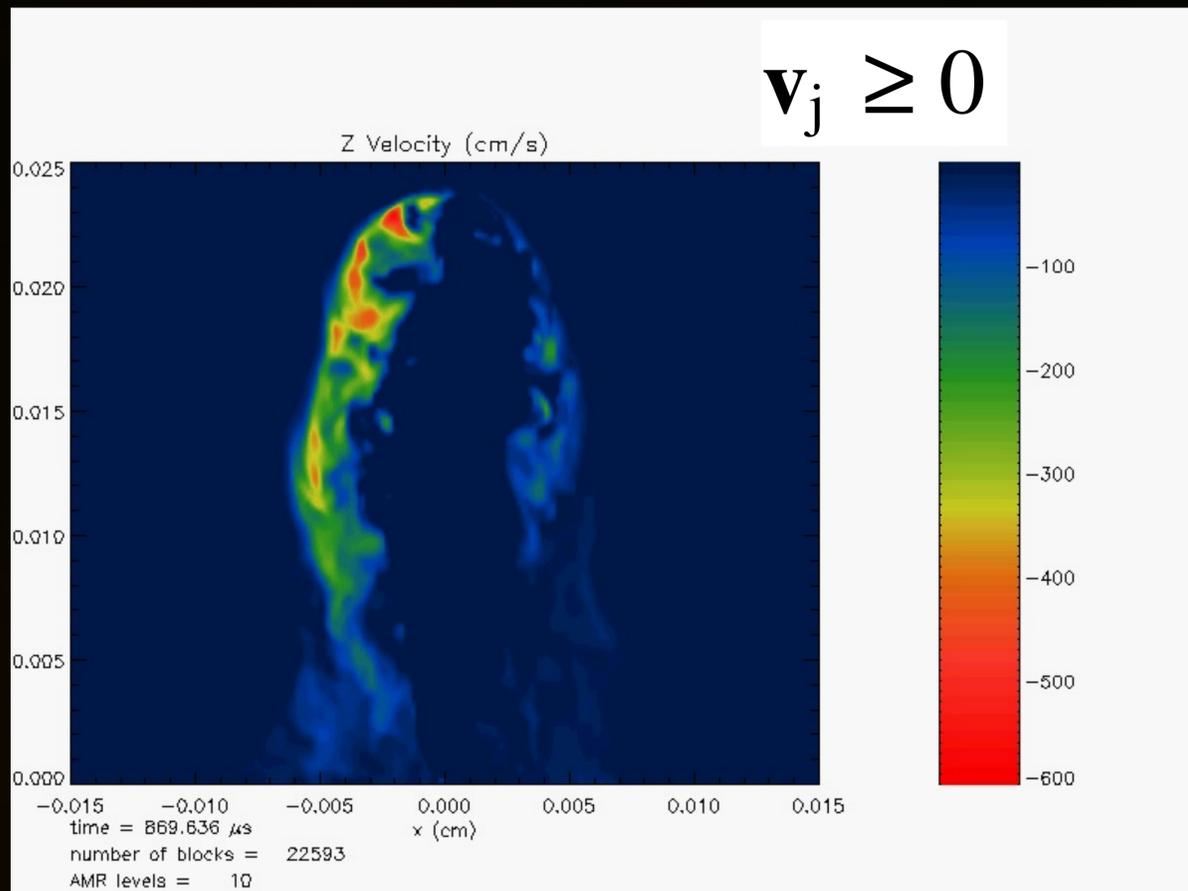
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- Backflows within SMBHs relativistic jets: cross talk of macro- (galaxy) with micro (SMBH) scales

Jet propagation on galactic scales (FLASH)



- Jets carve large cavities (*cocoons*) within the Interstellar Medium of the host galaxy, filling it with *hot* ($10^6 - 10^{8.7}$ K), *low density* ($10^{-1} - 10^{-6} e^- cm^{-3}$) plasma \rightarrow SF clouds (**red**) shocked and evaporated (*negative feedback*)
- Backflows (not visible here) develop

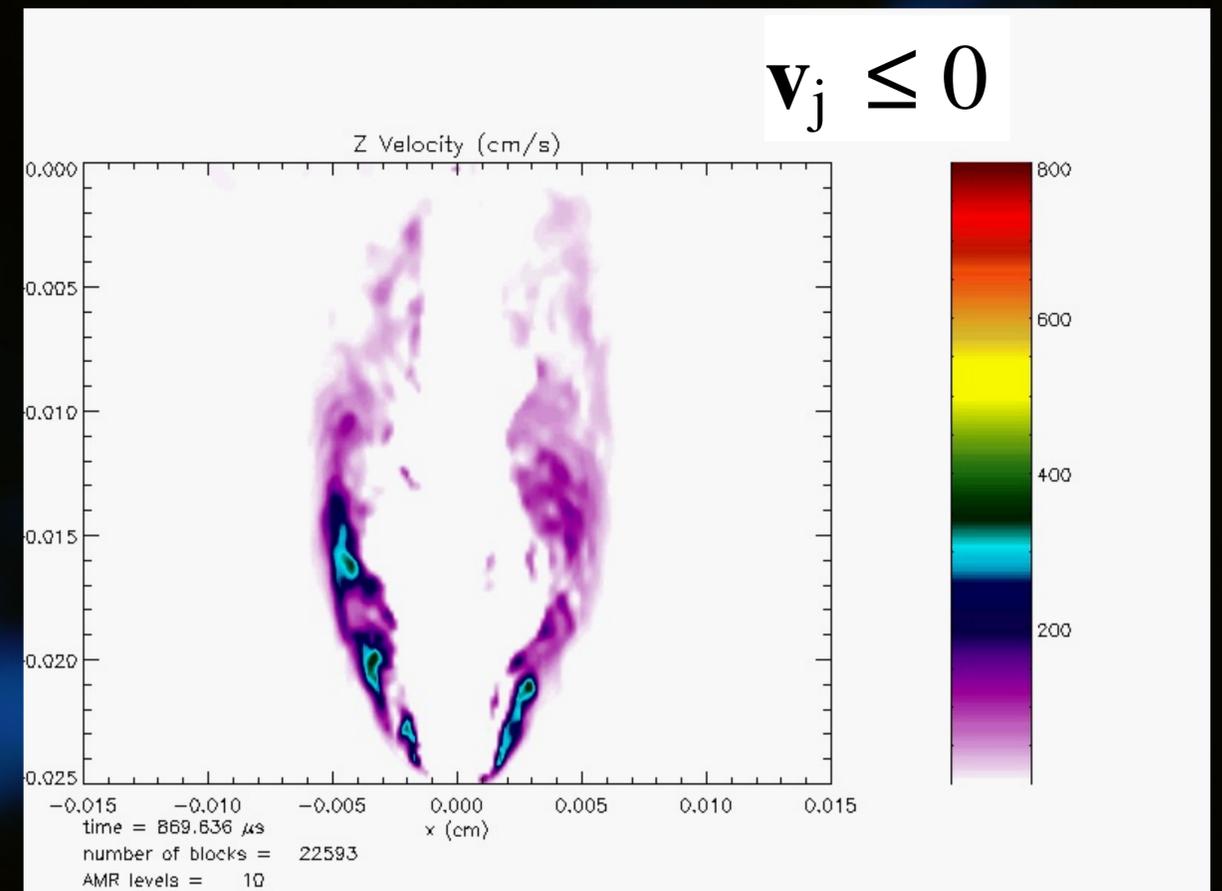
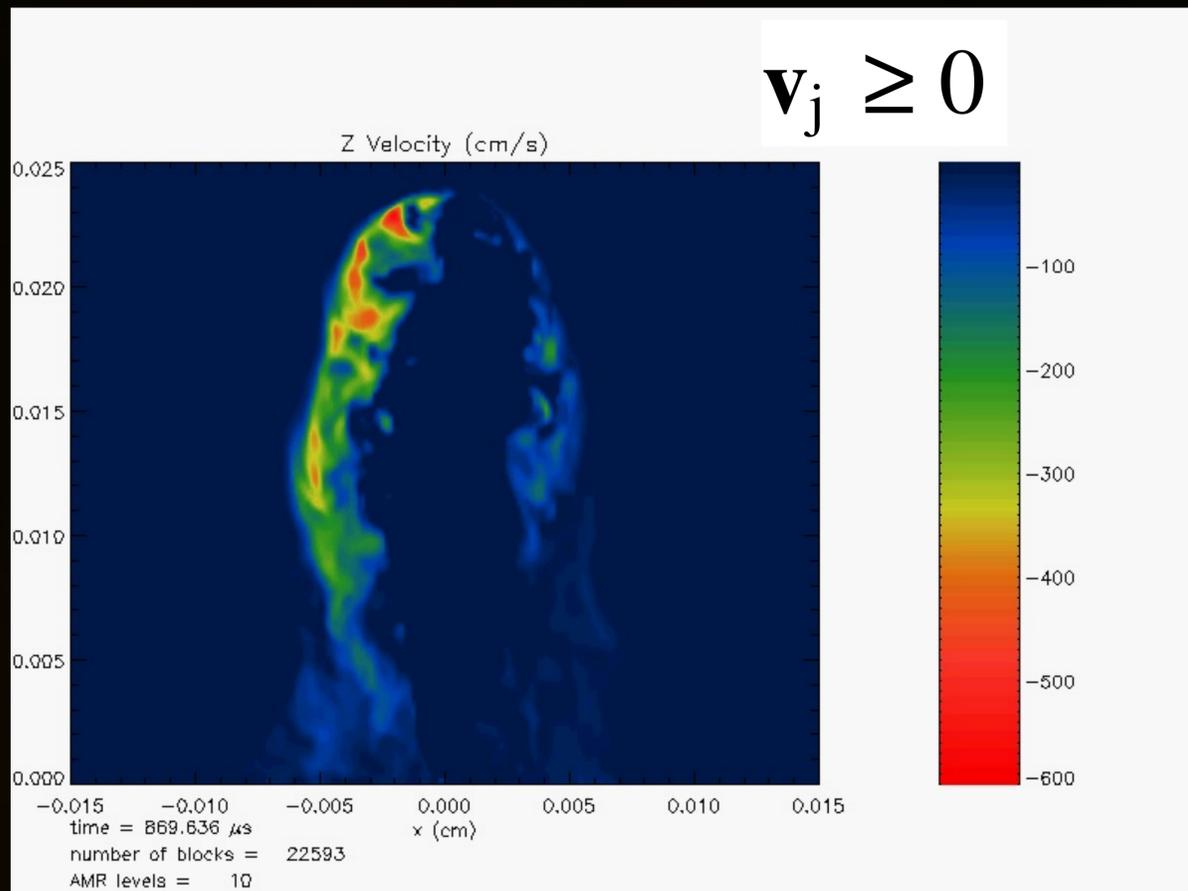
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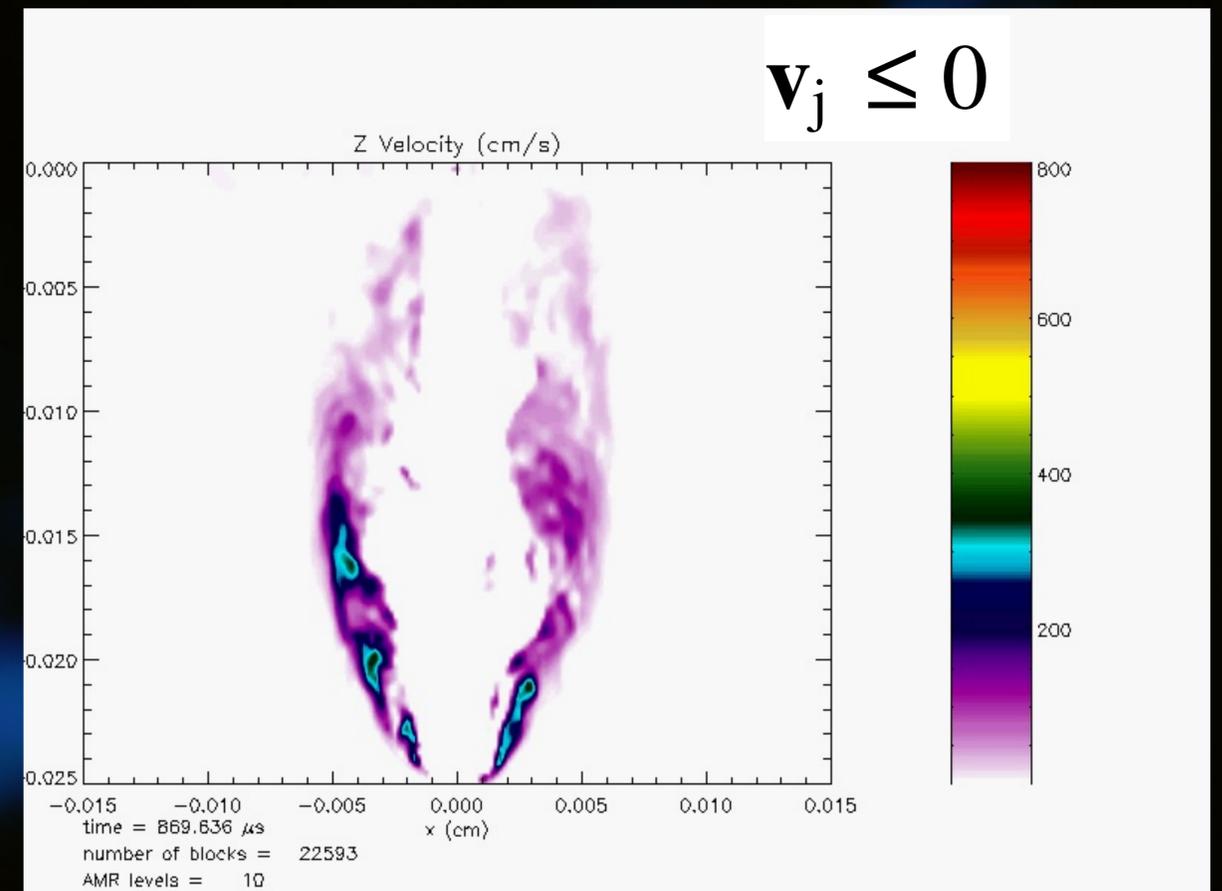
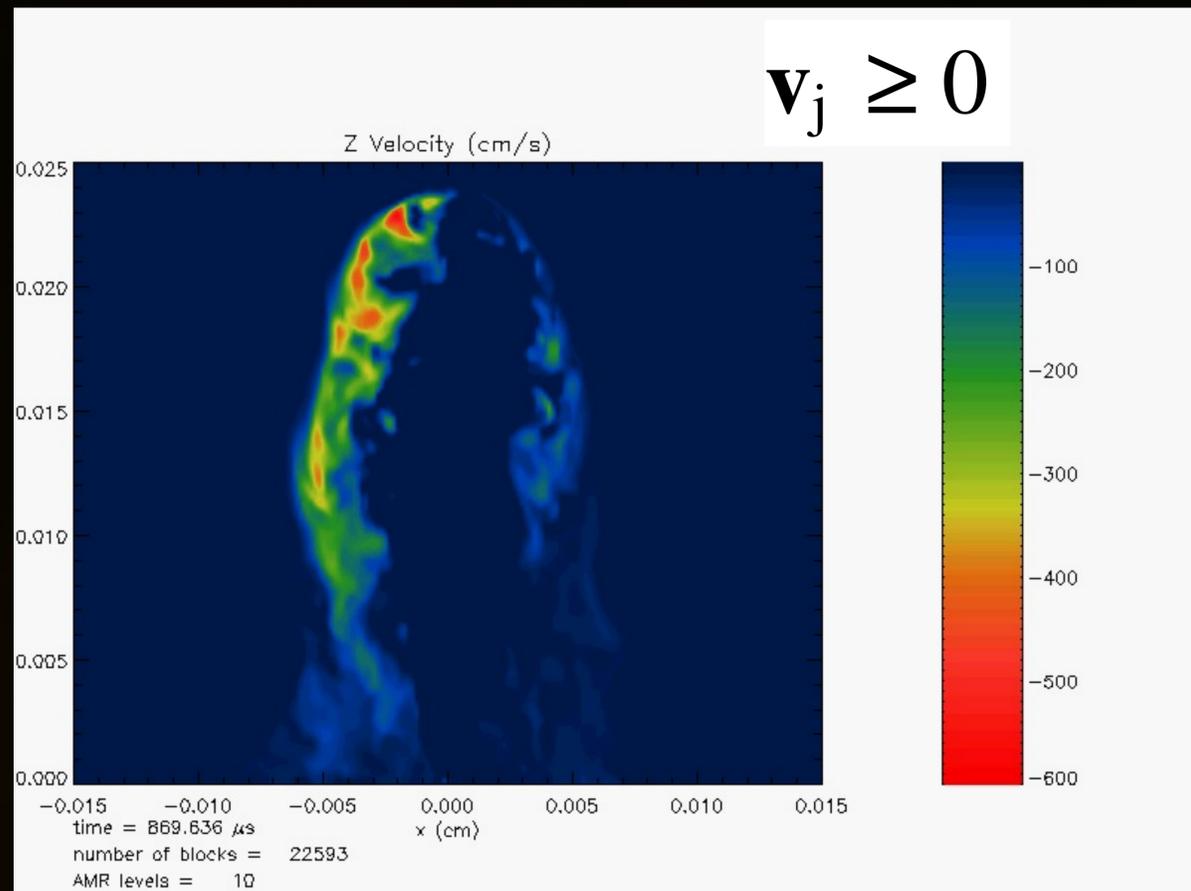
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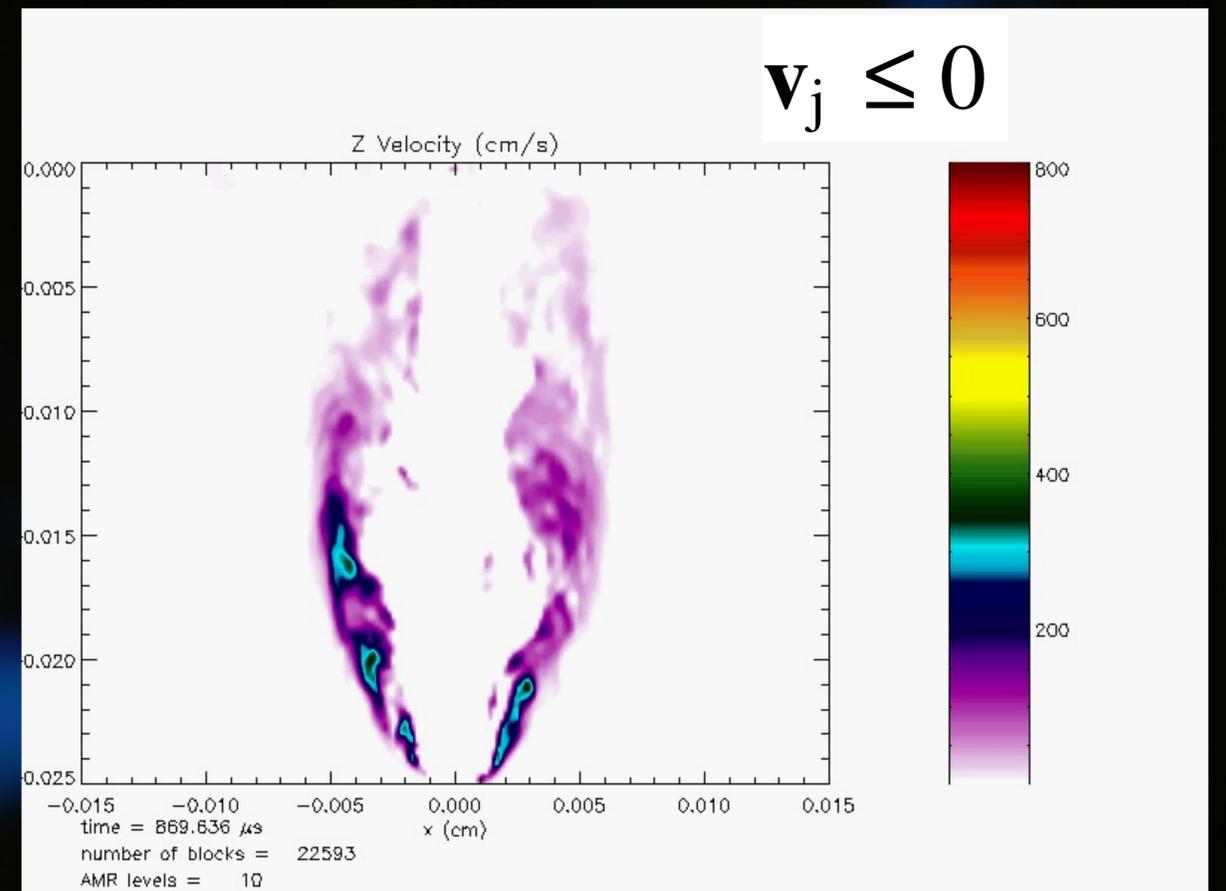
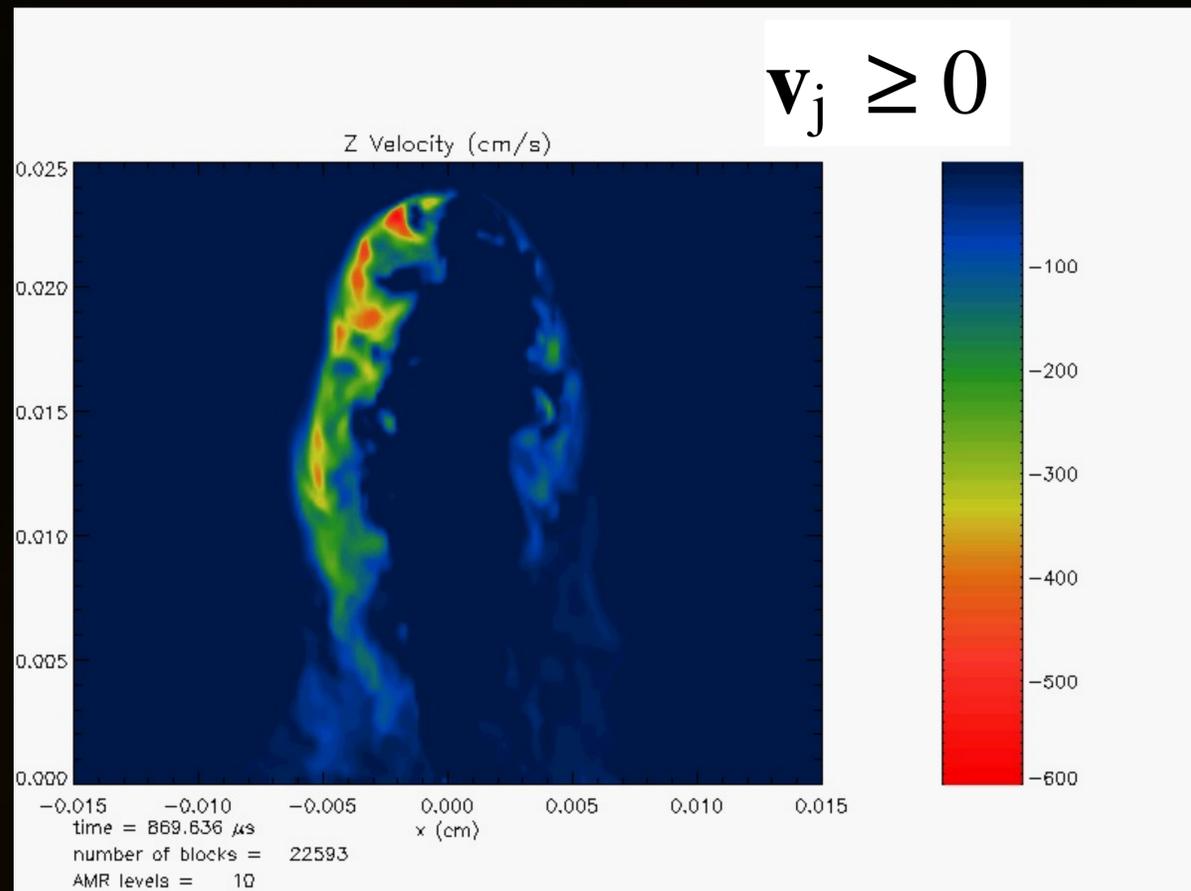


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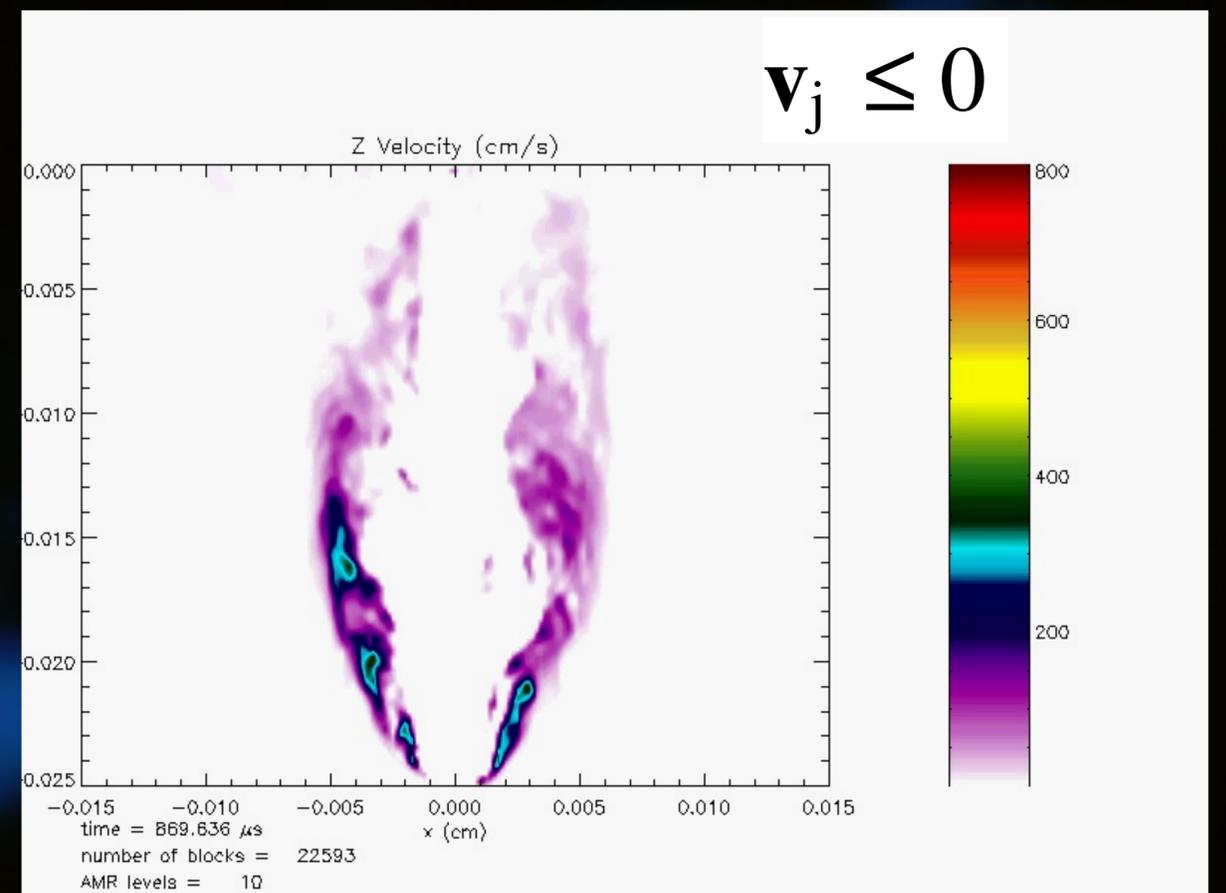
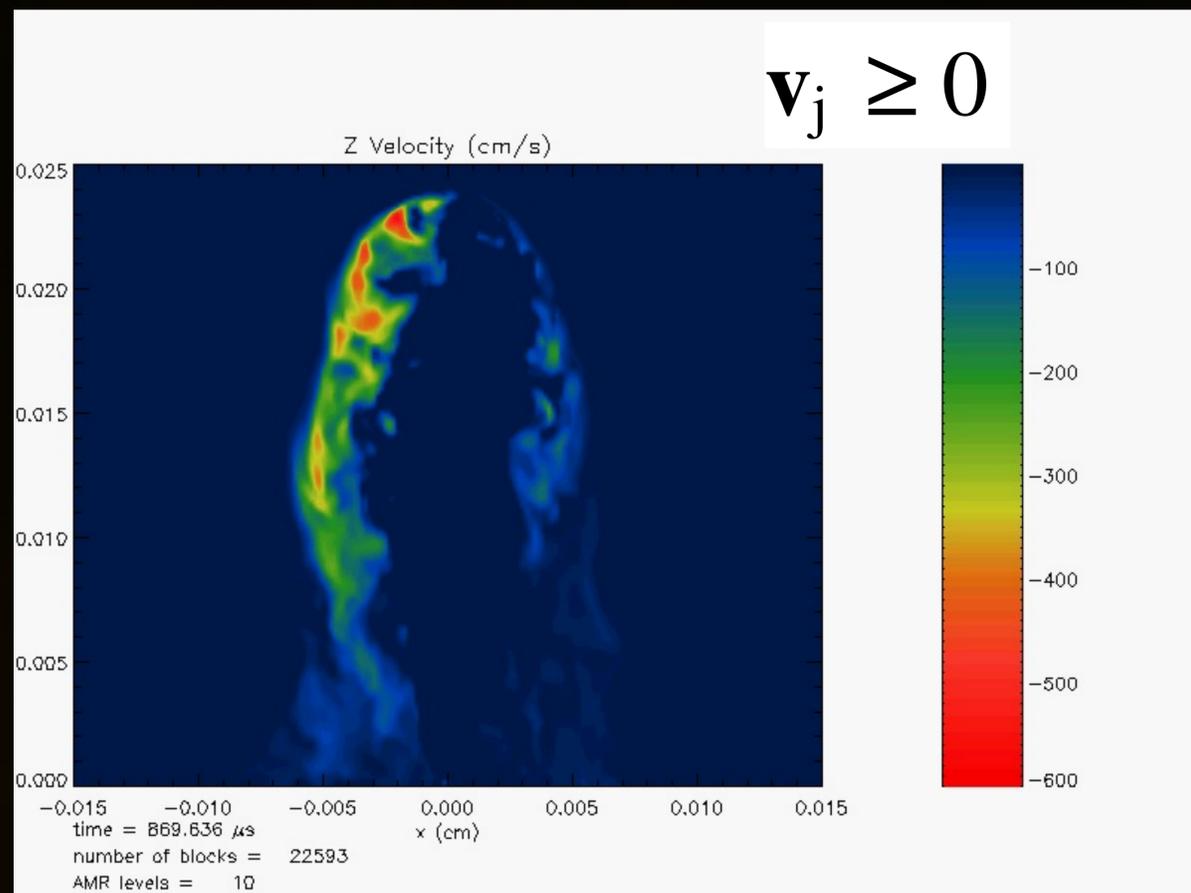
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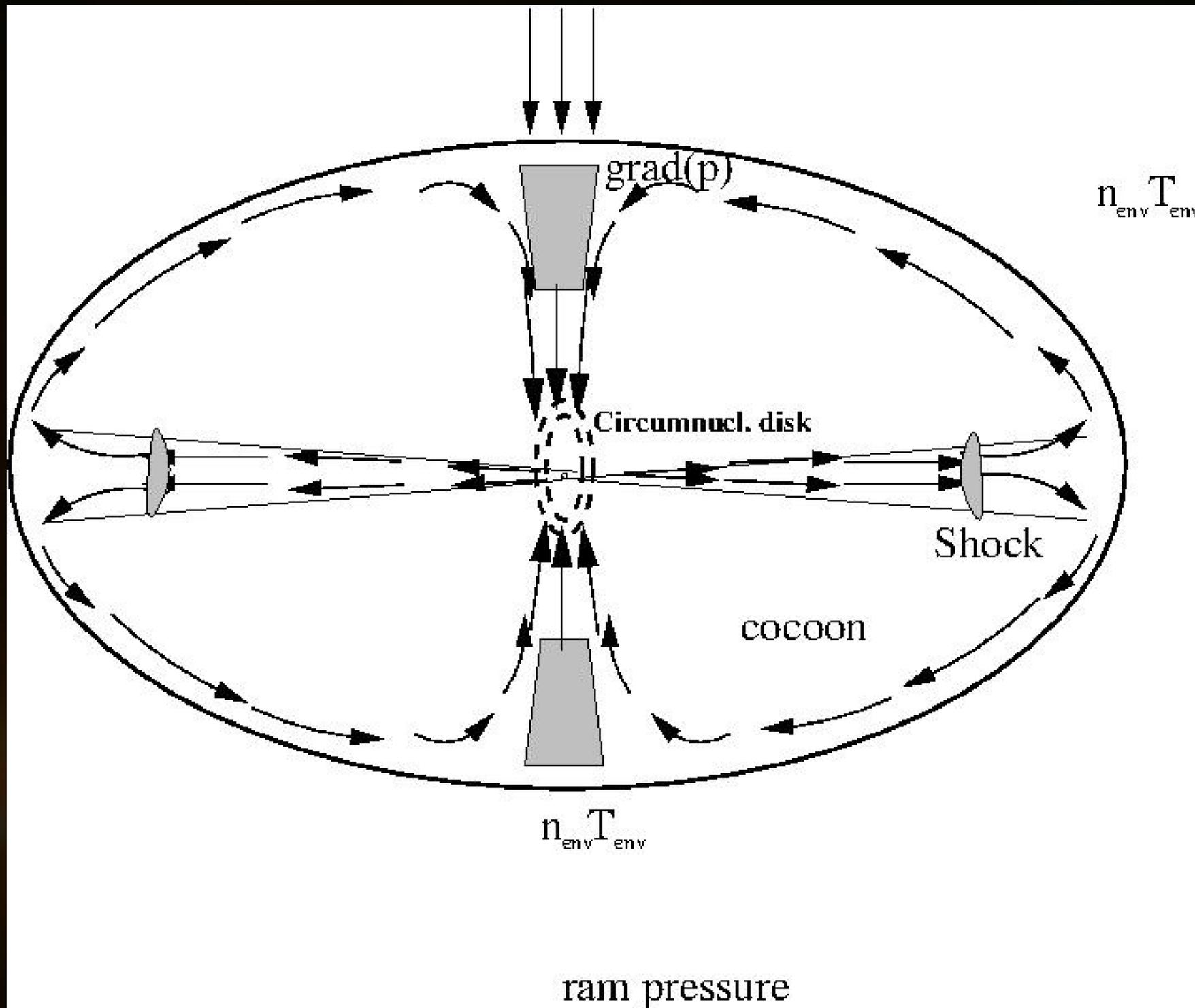
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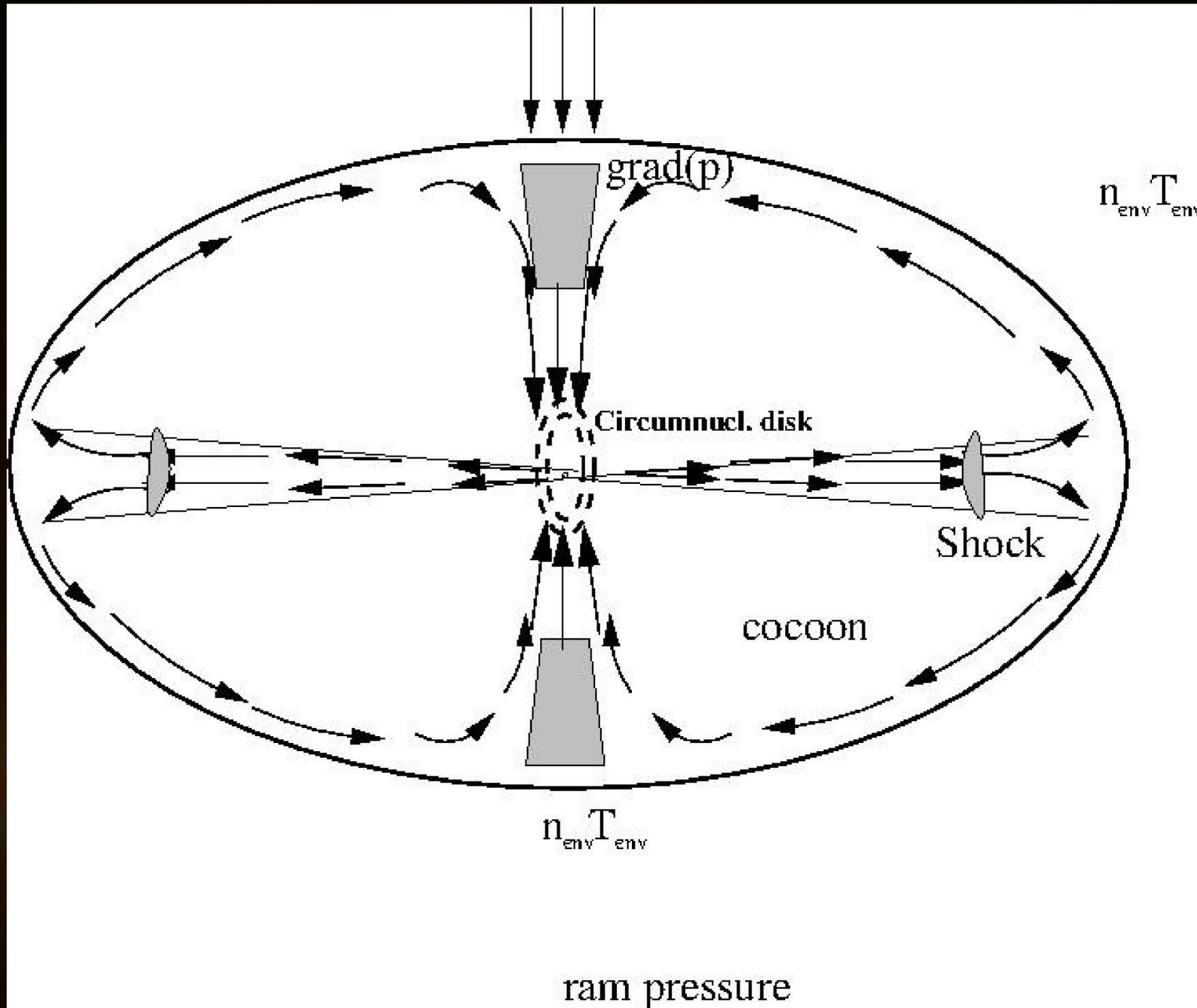


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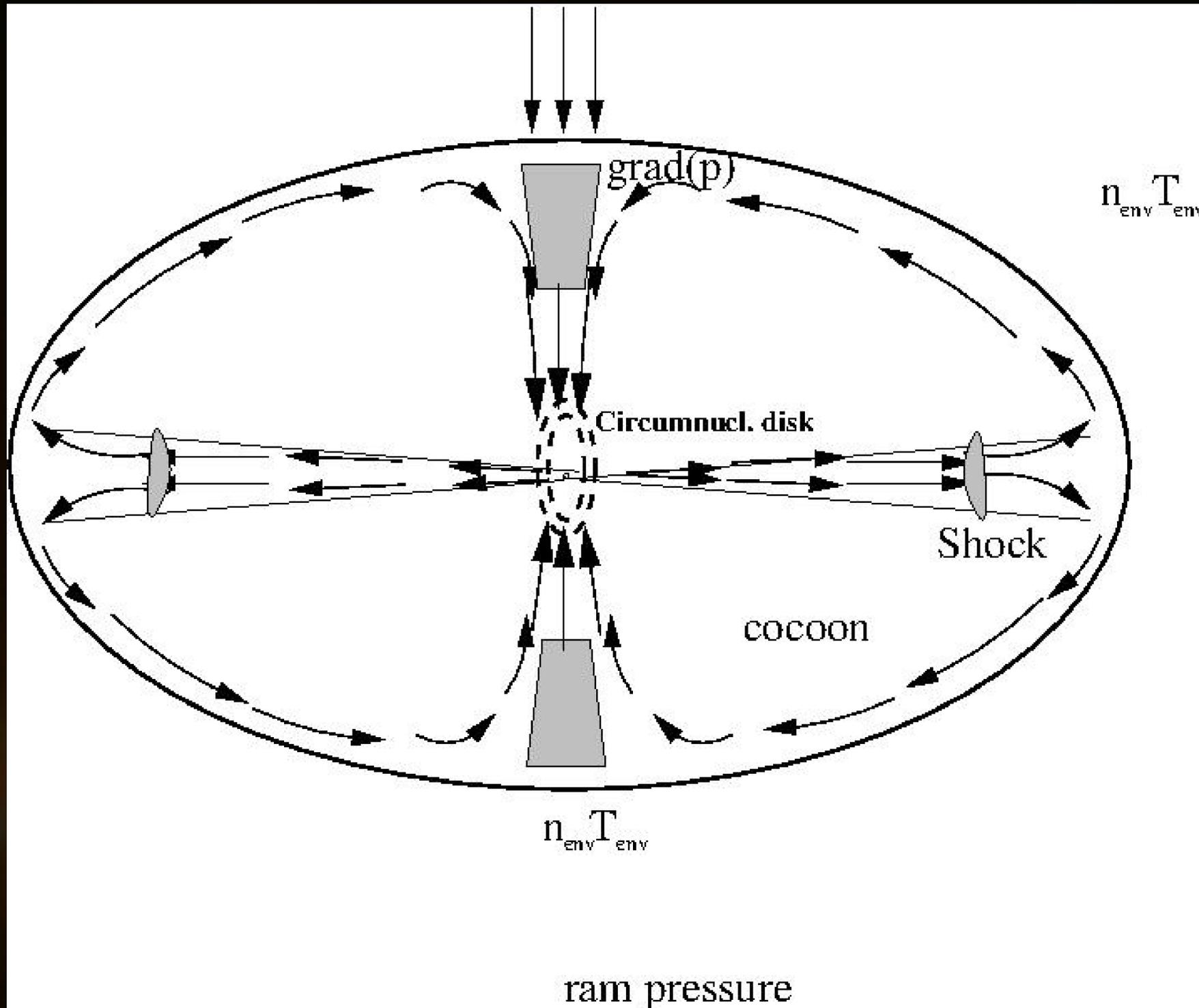
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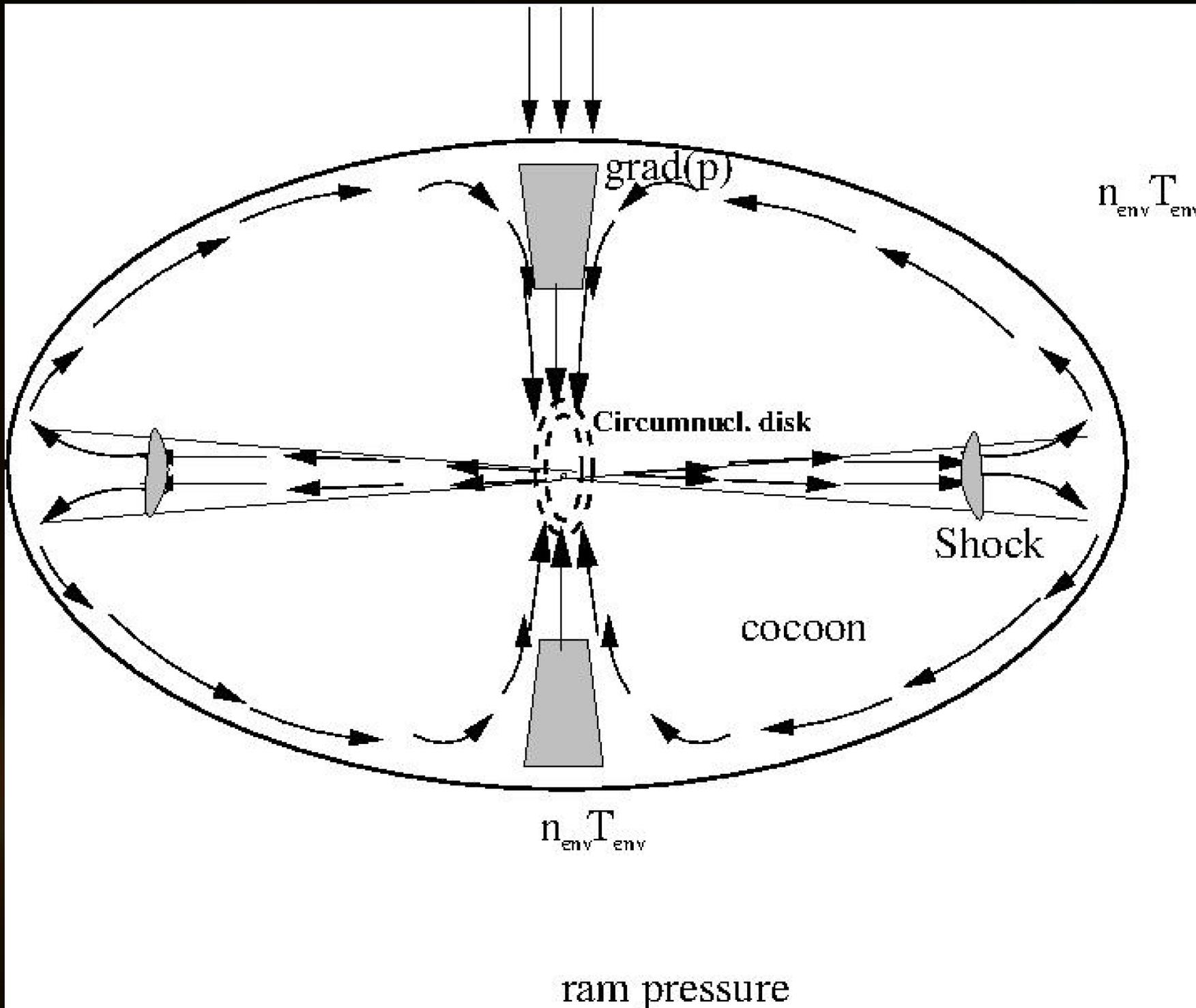


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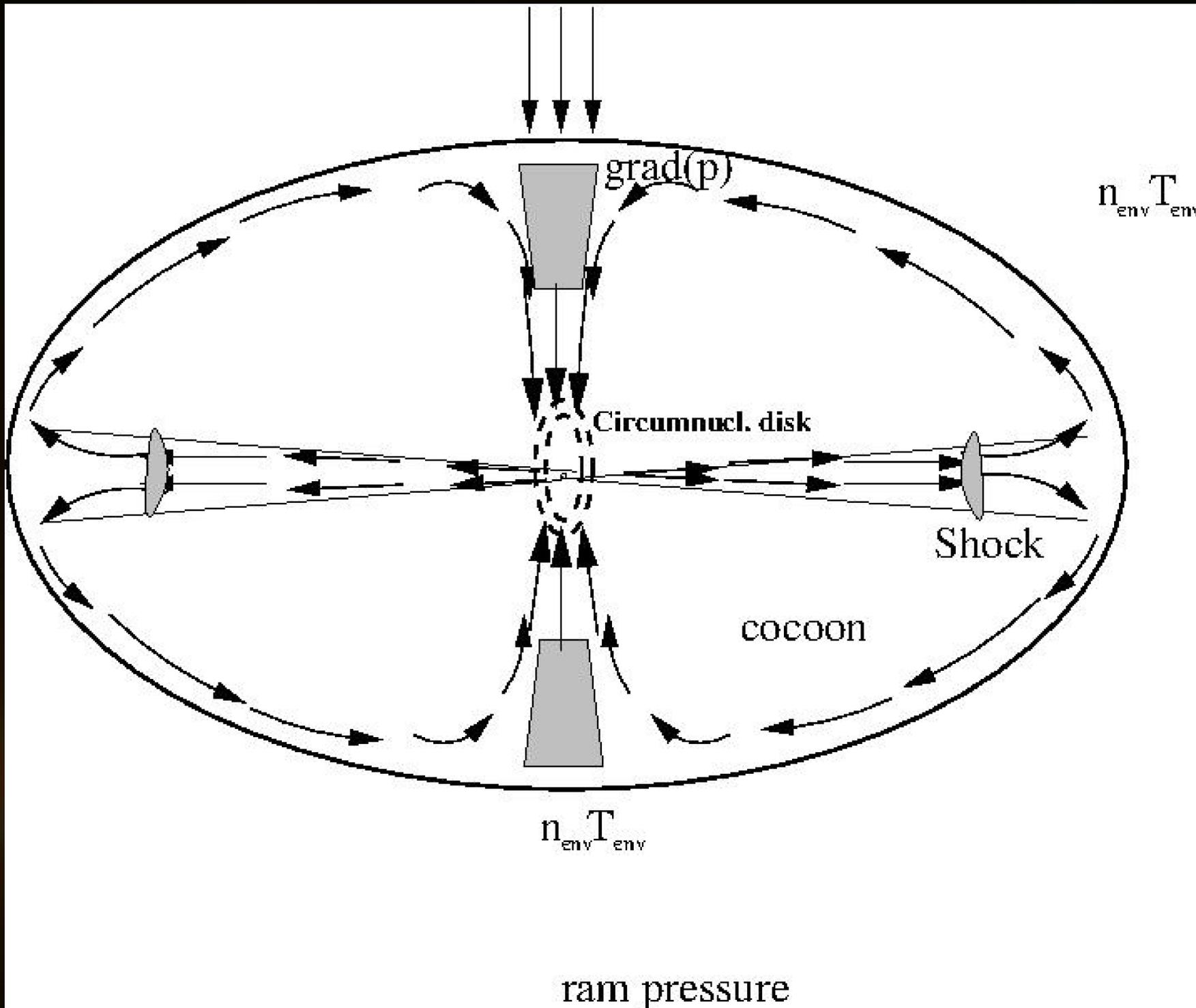


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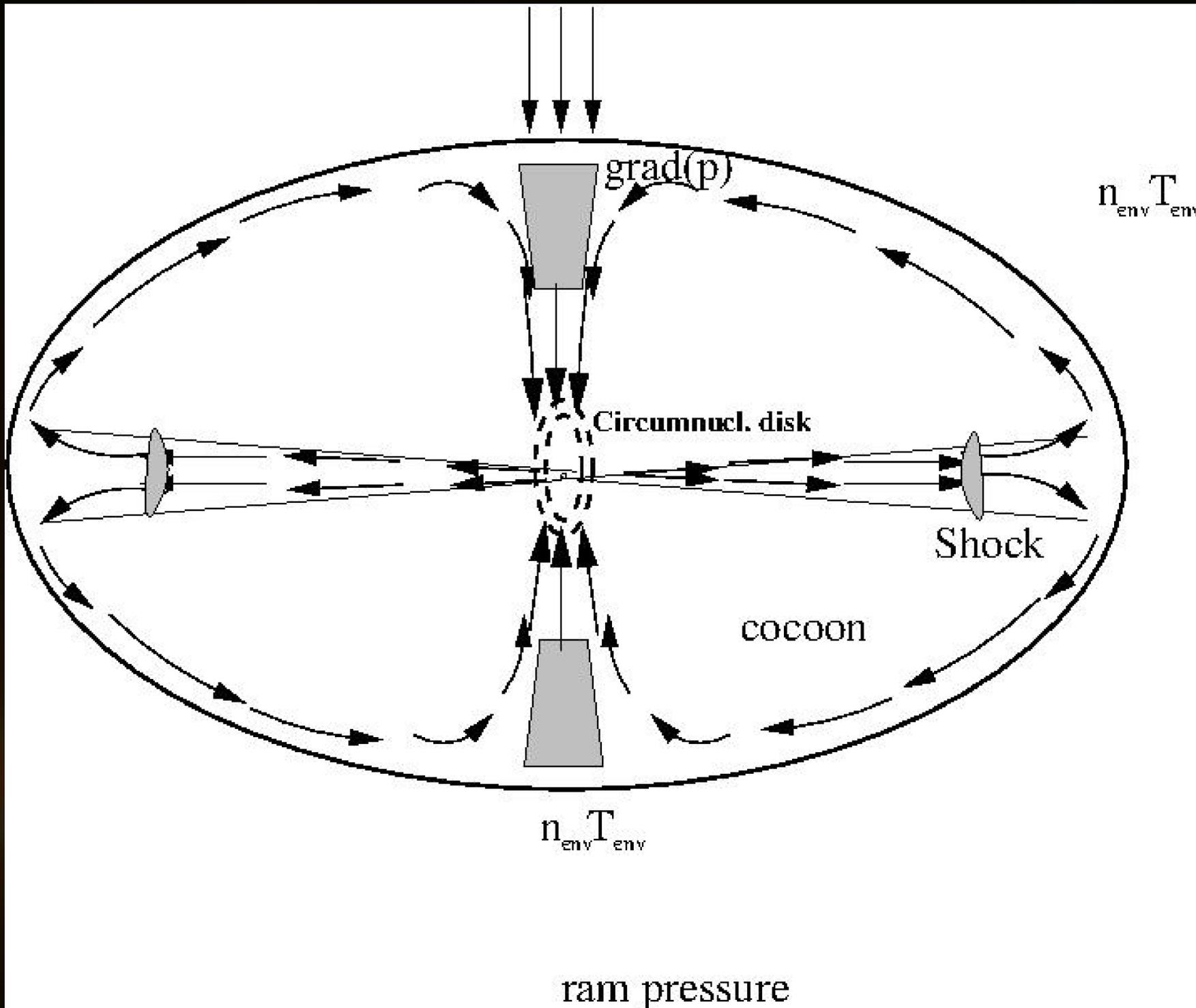


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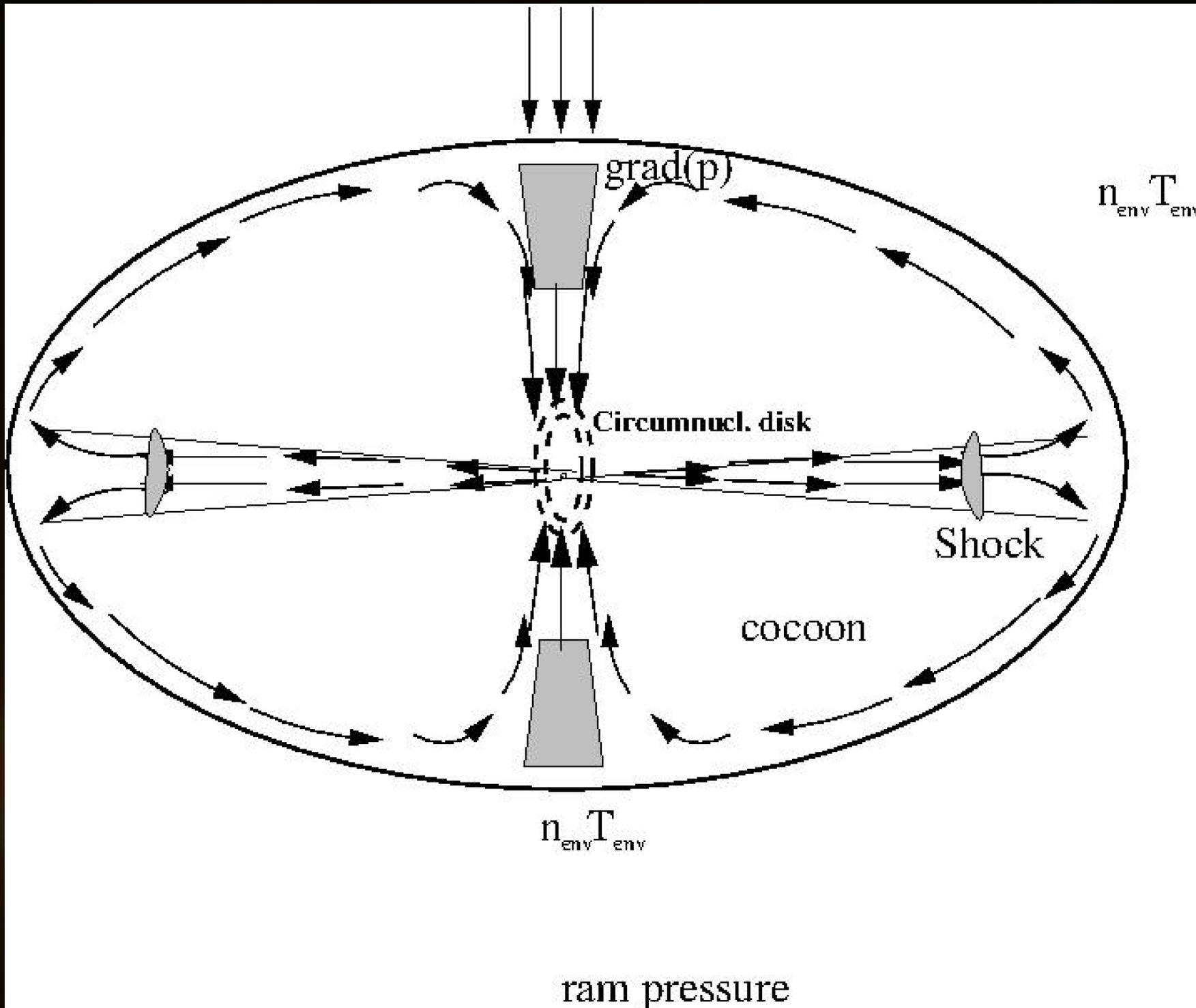
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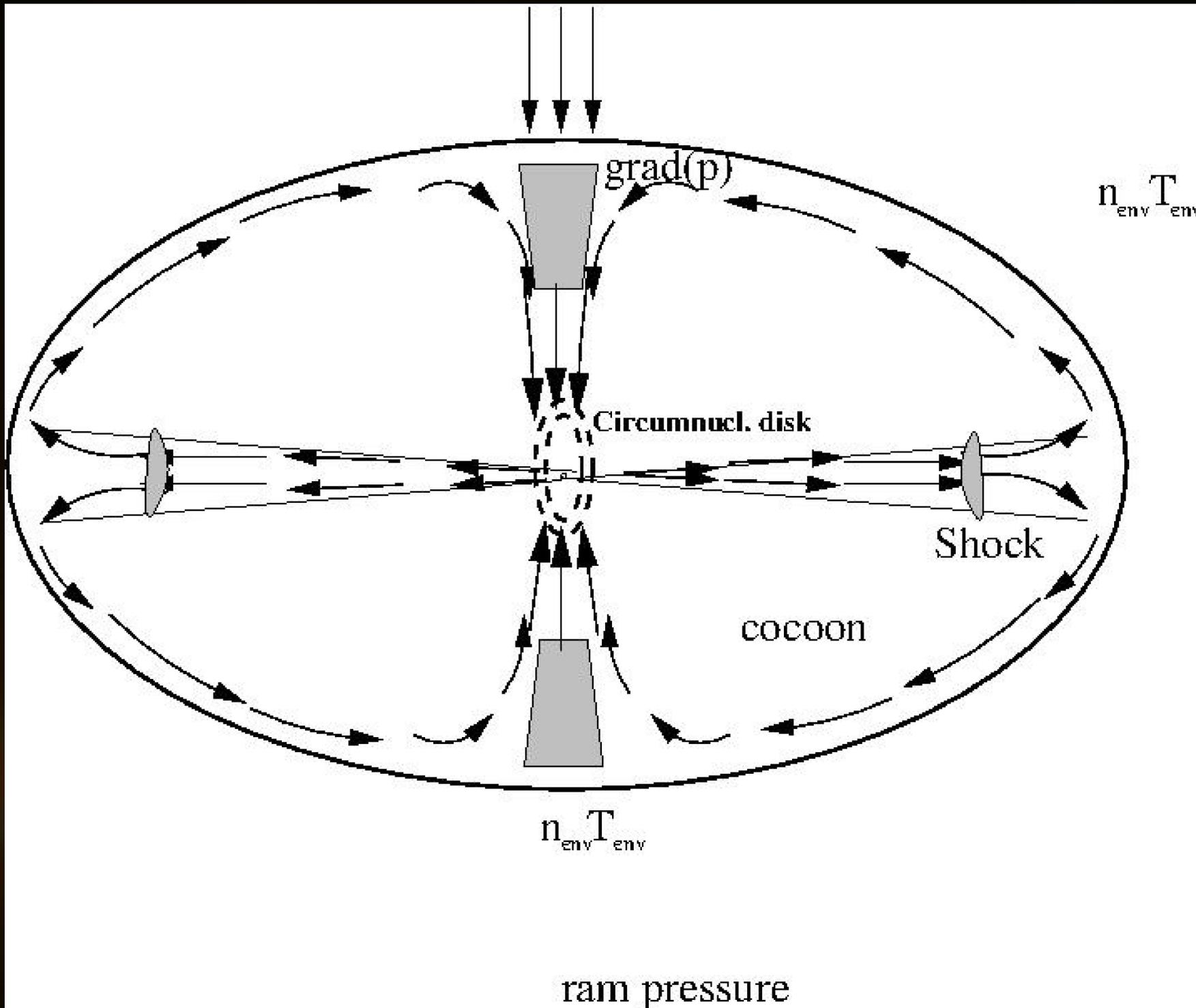
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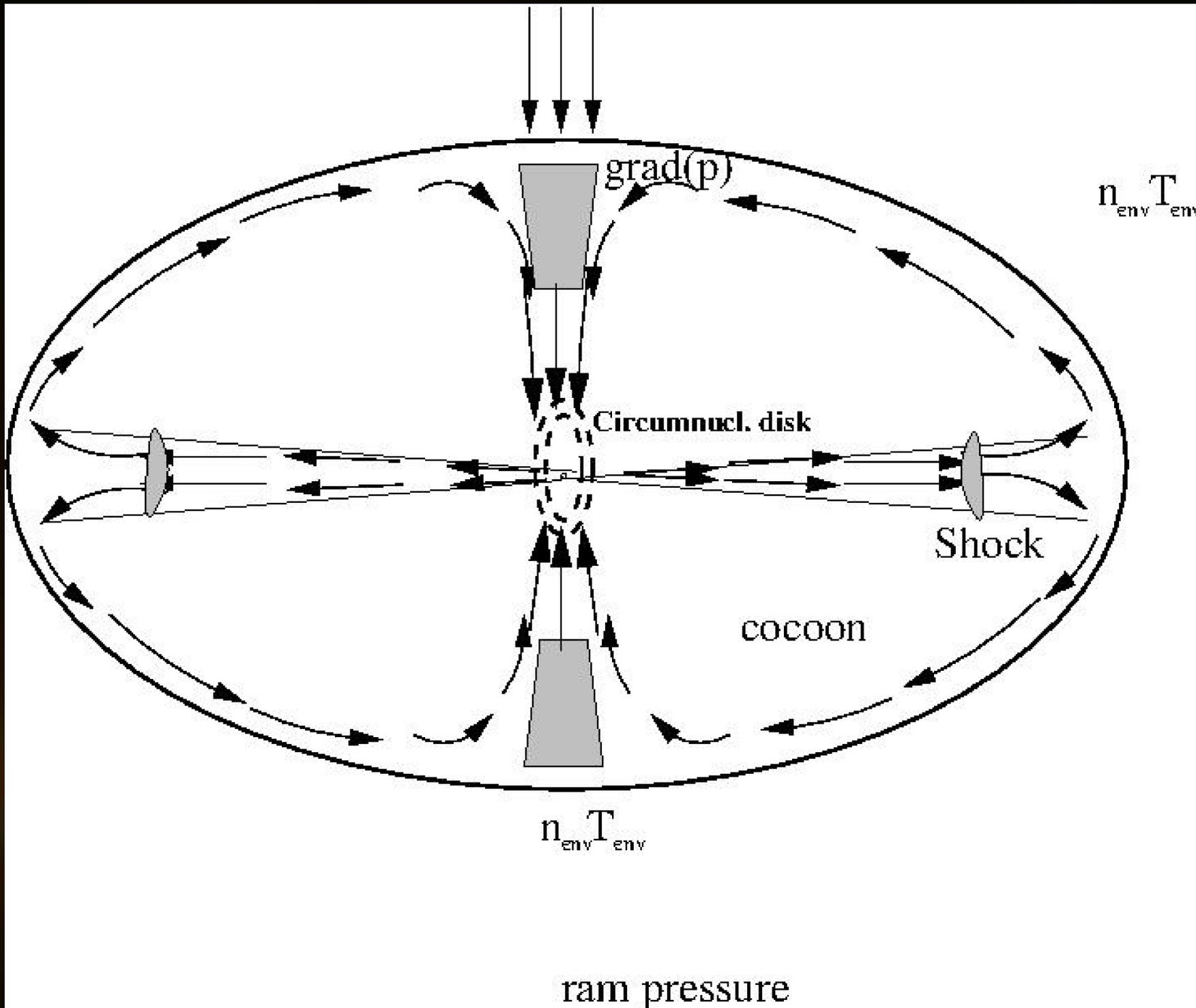
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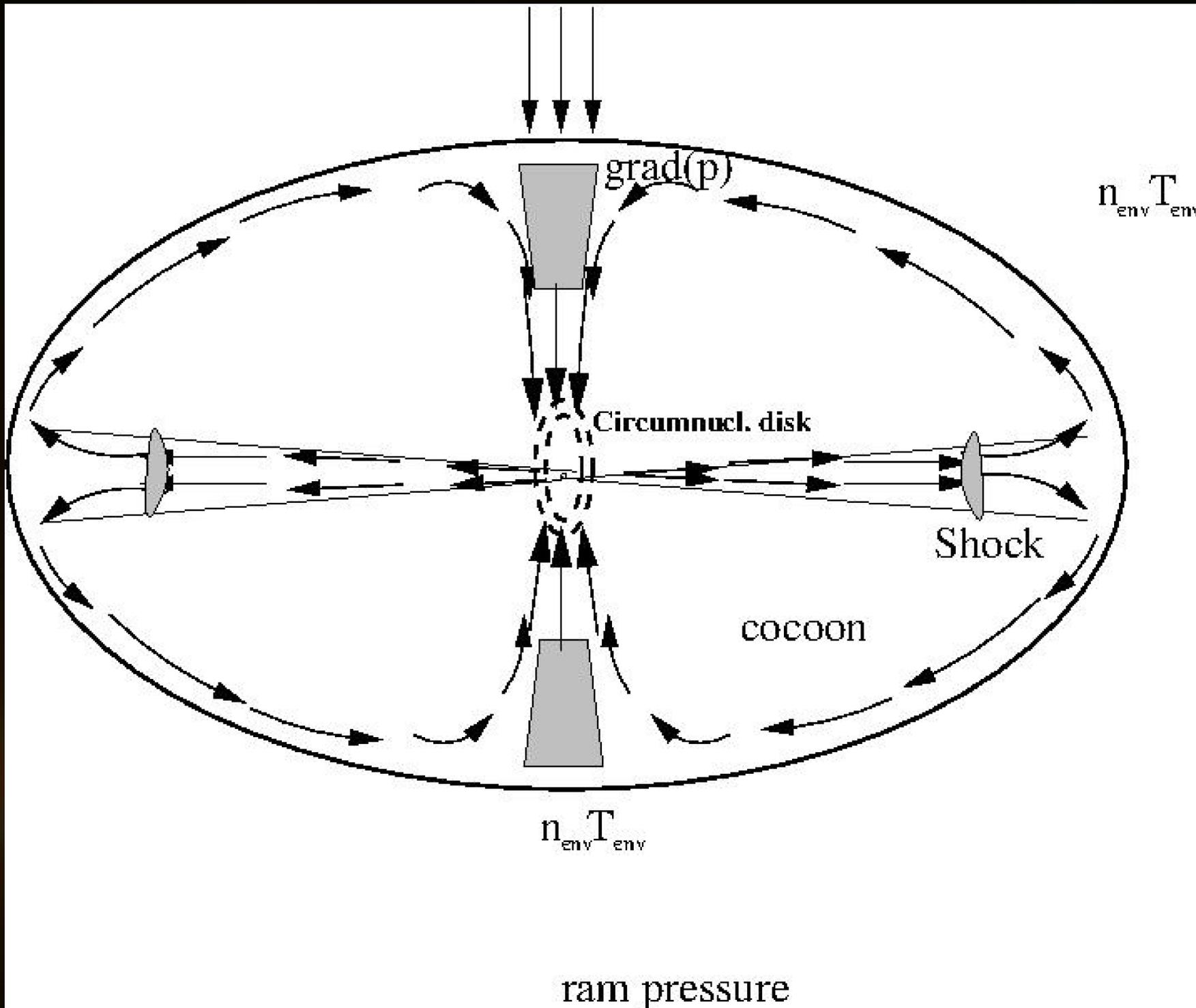
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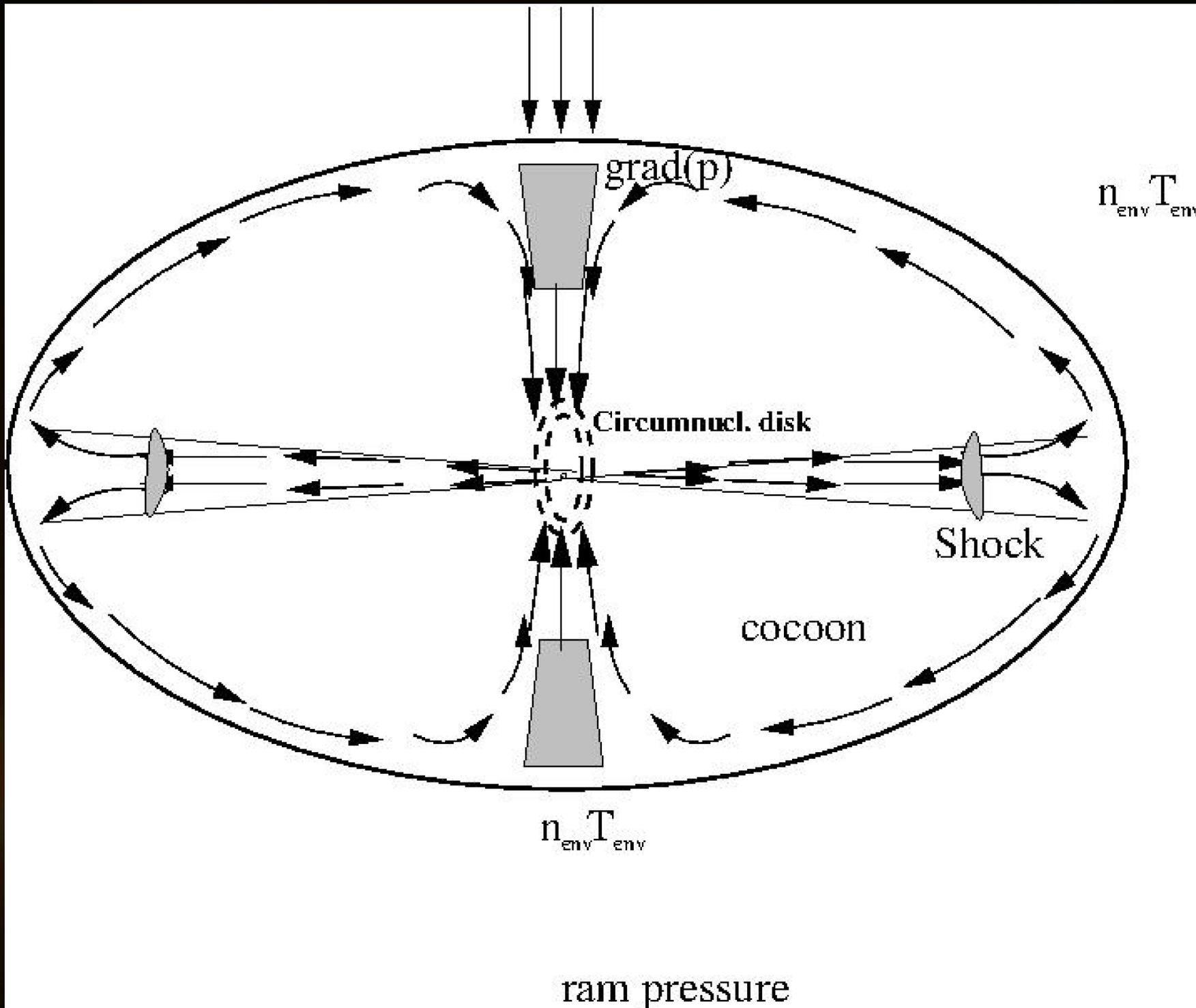
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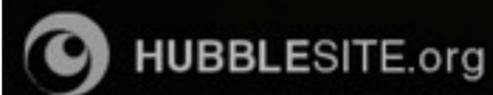
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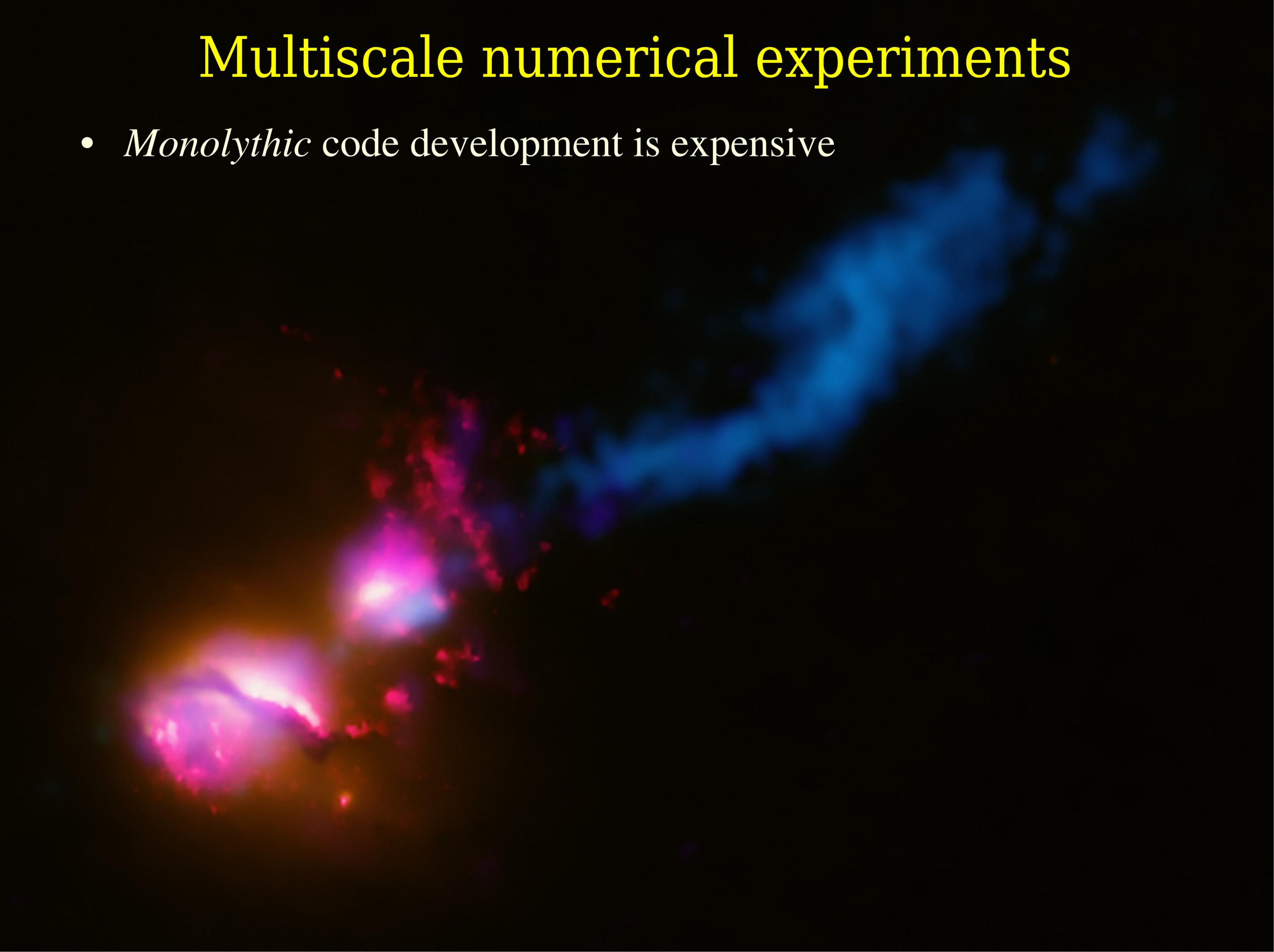
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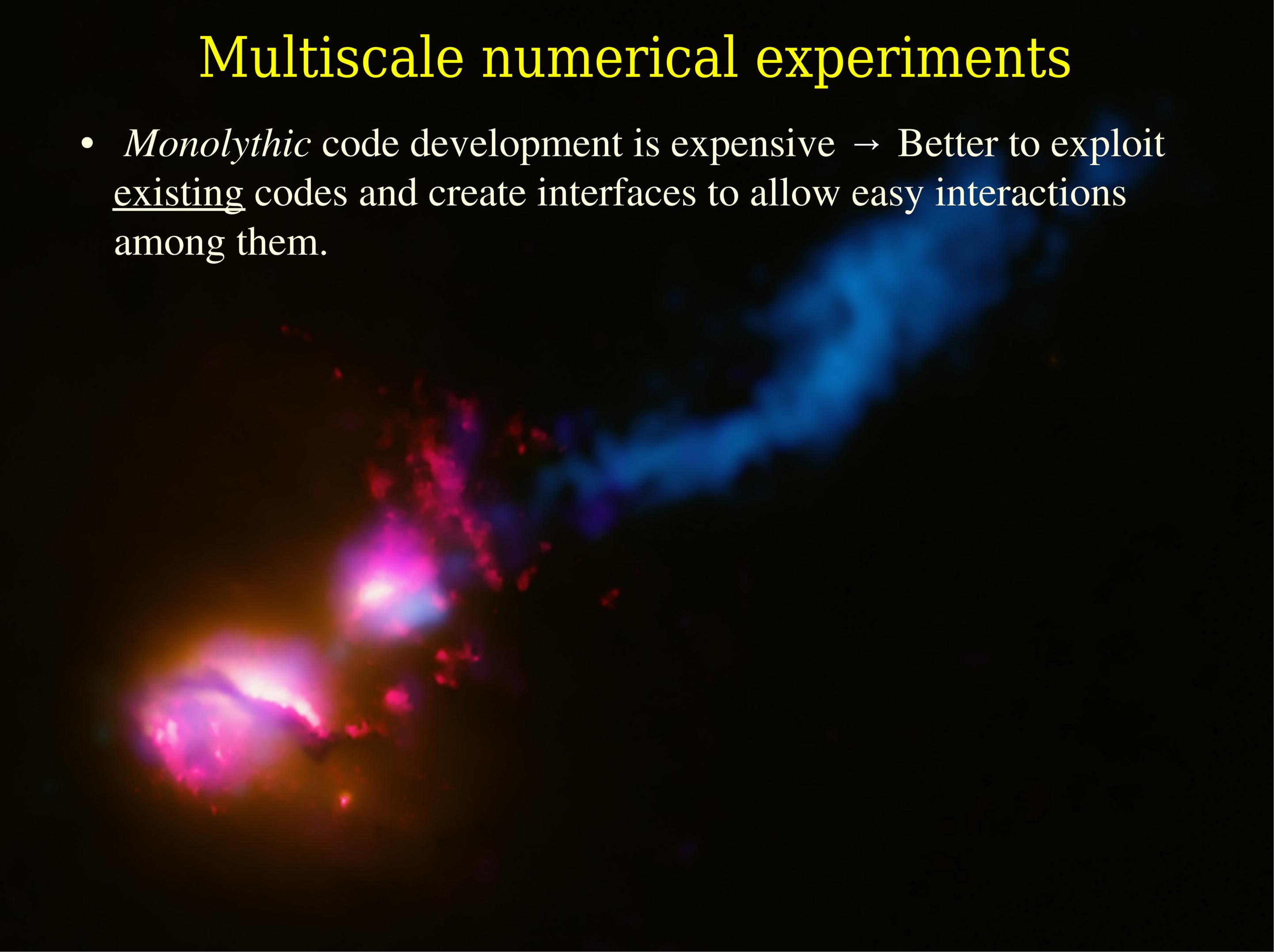
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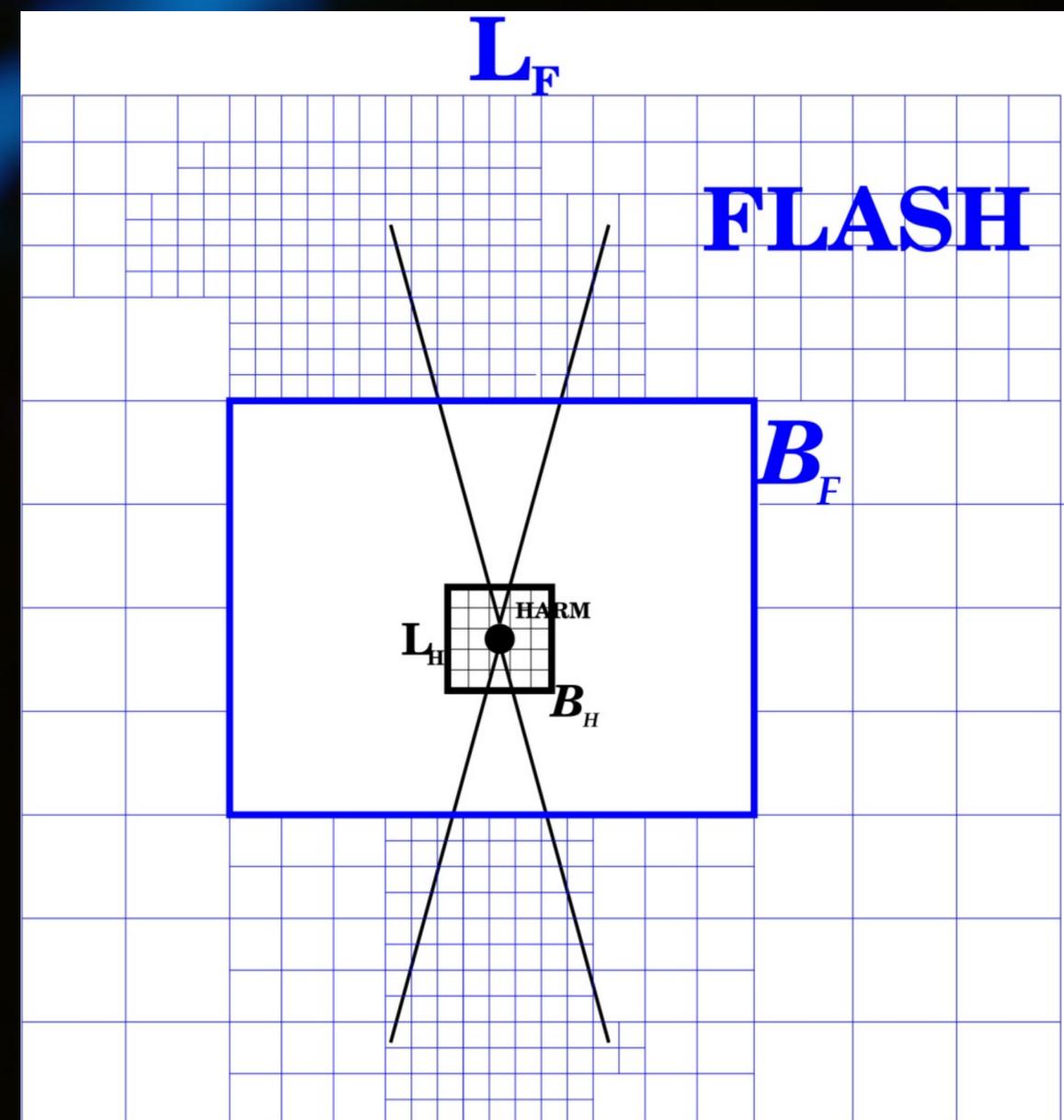
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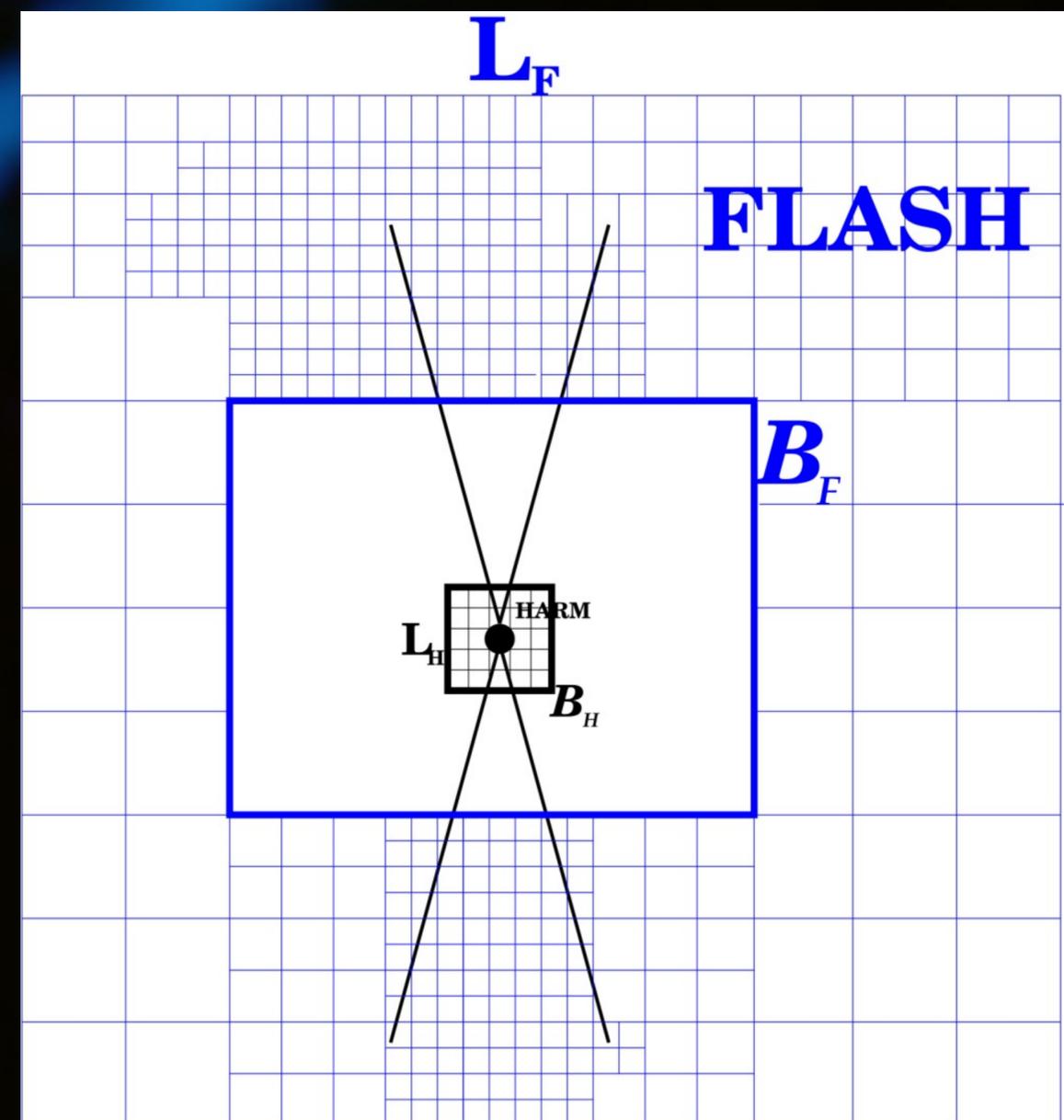
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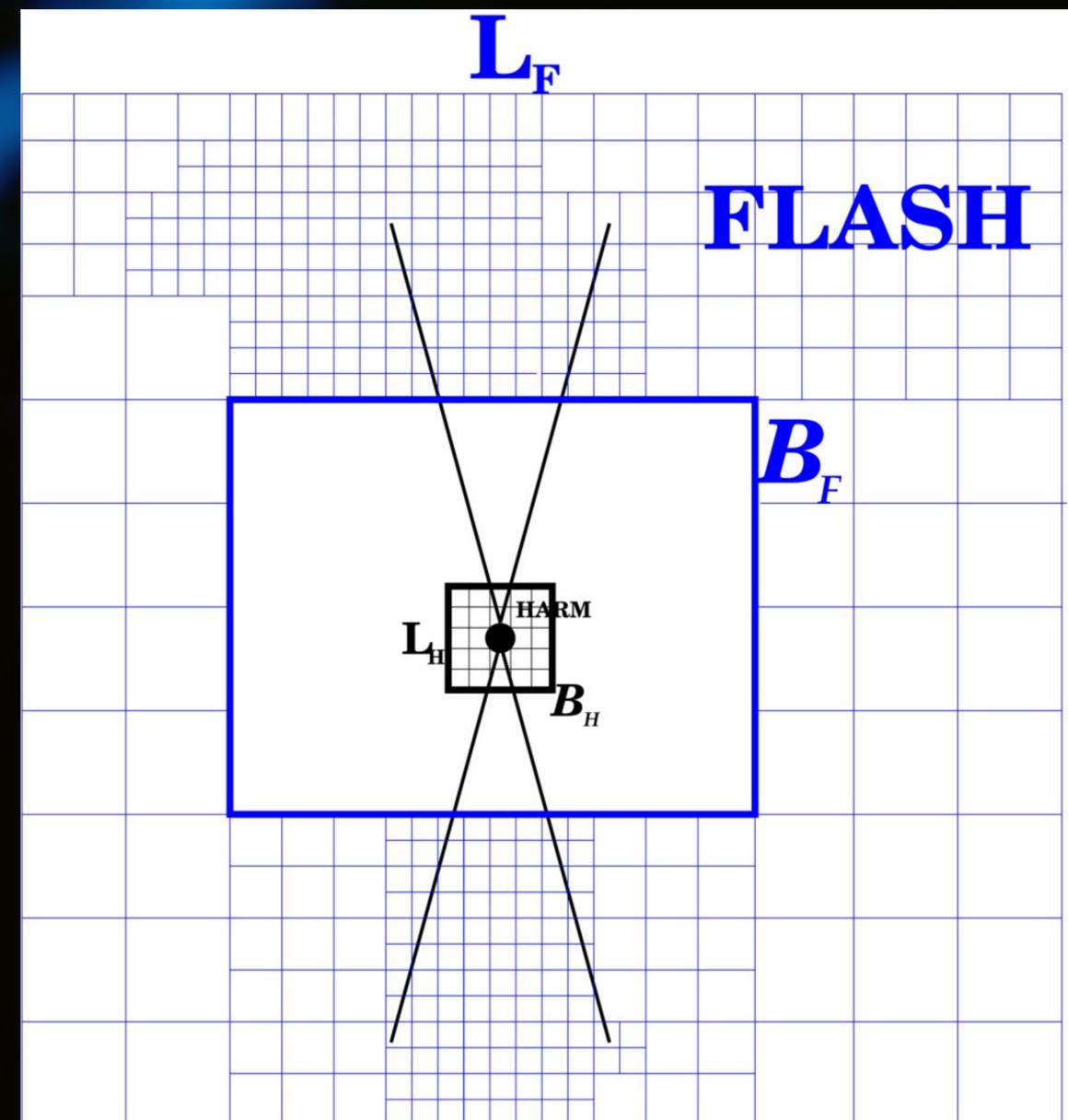
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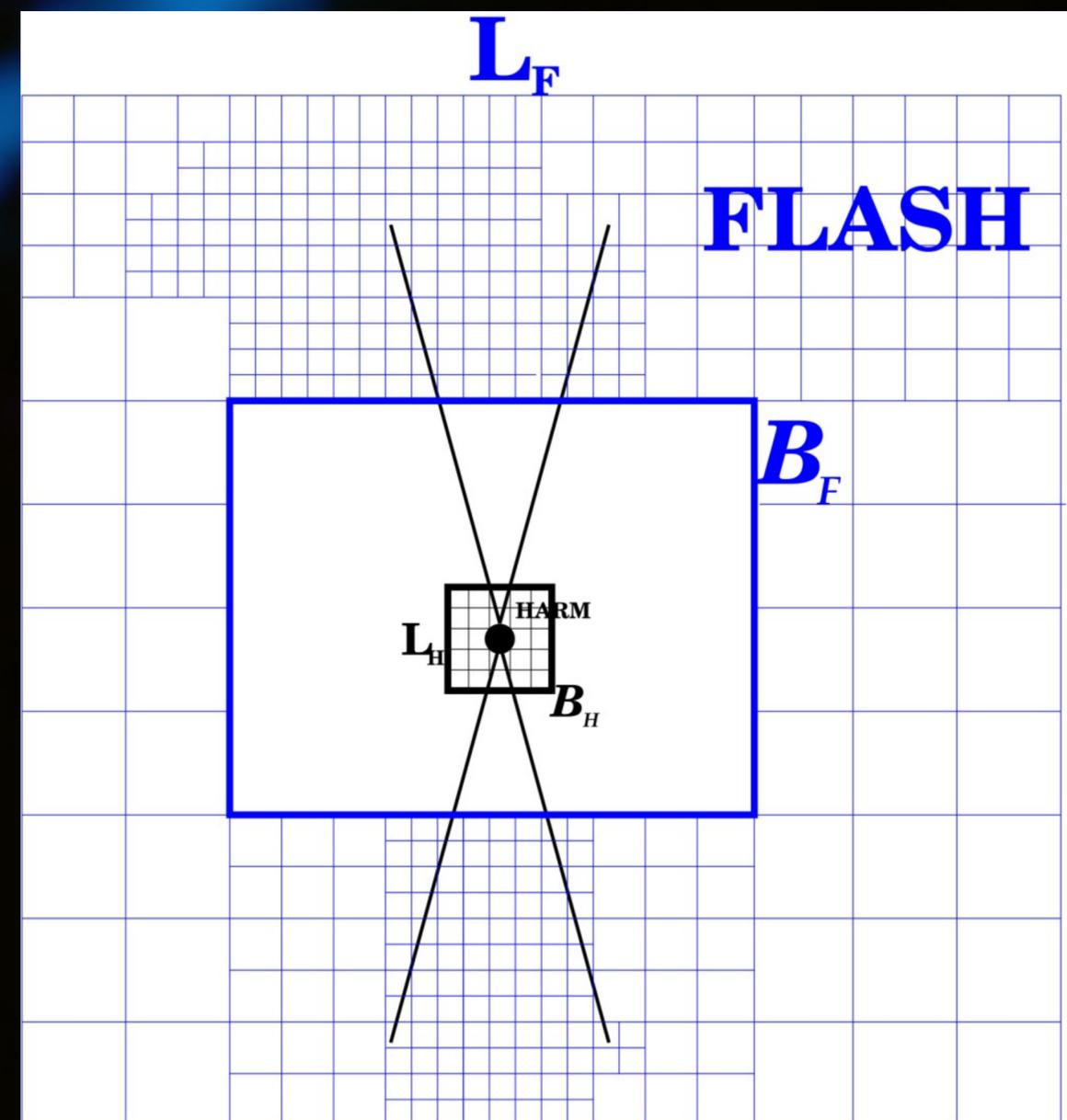
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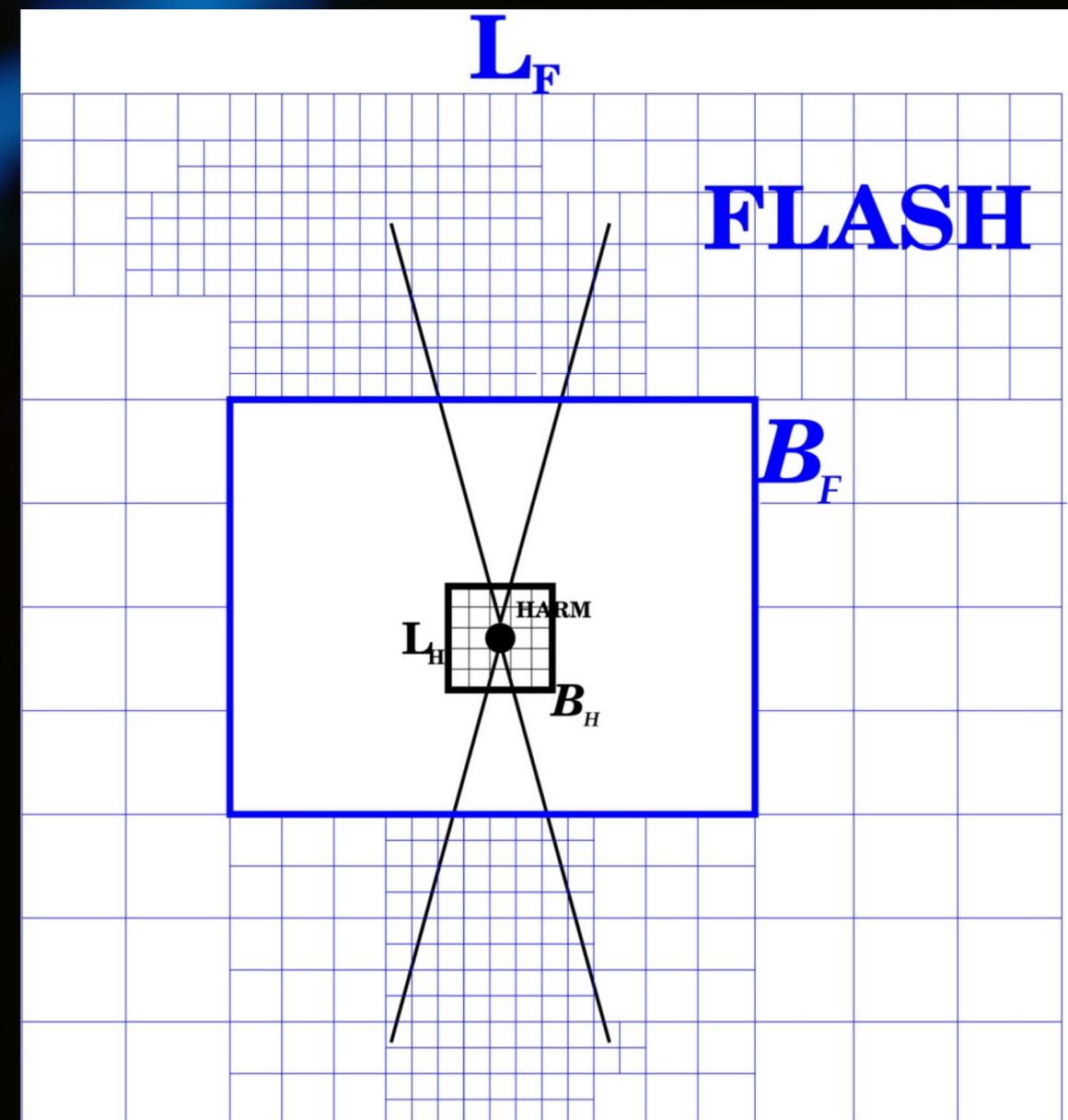
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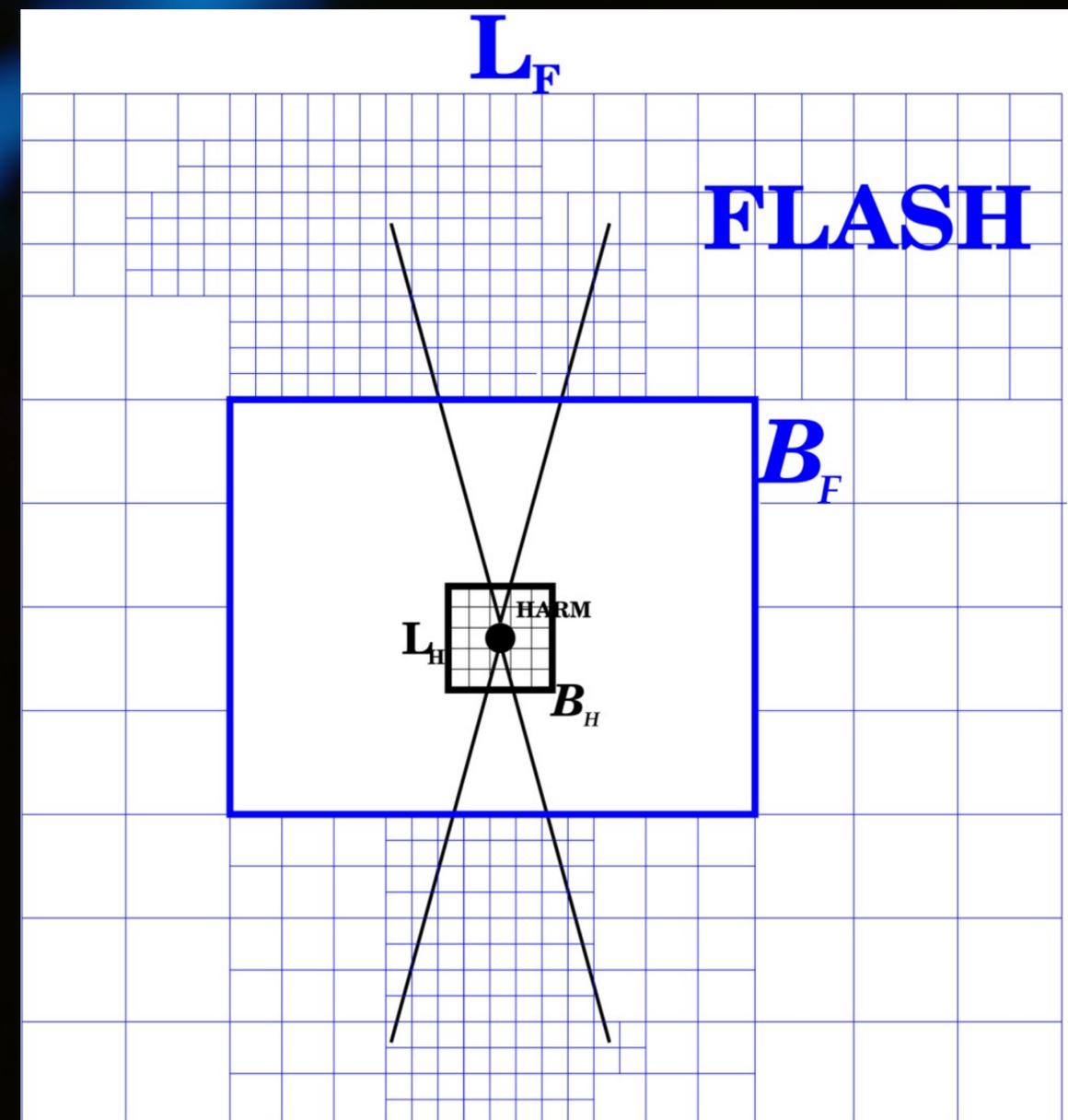
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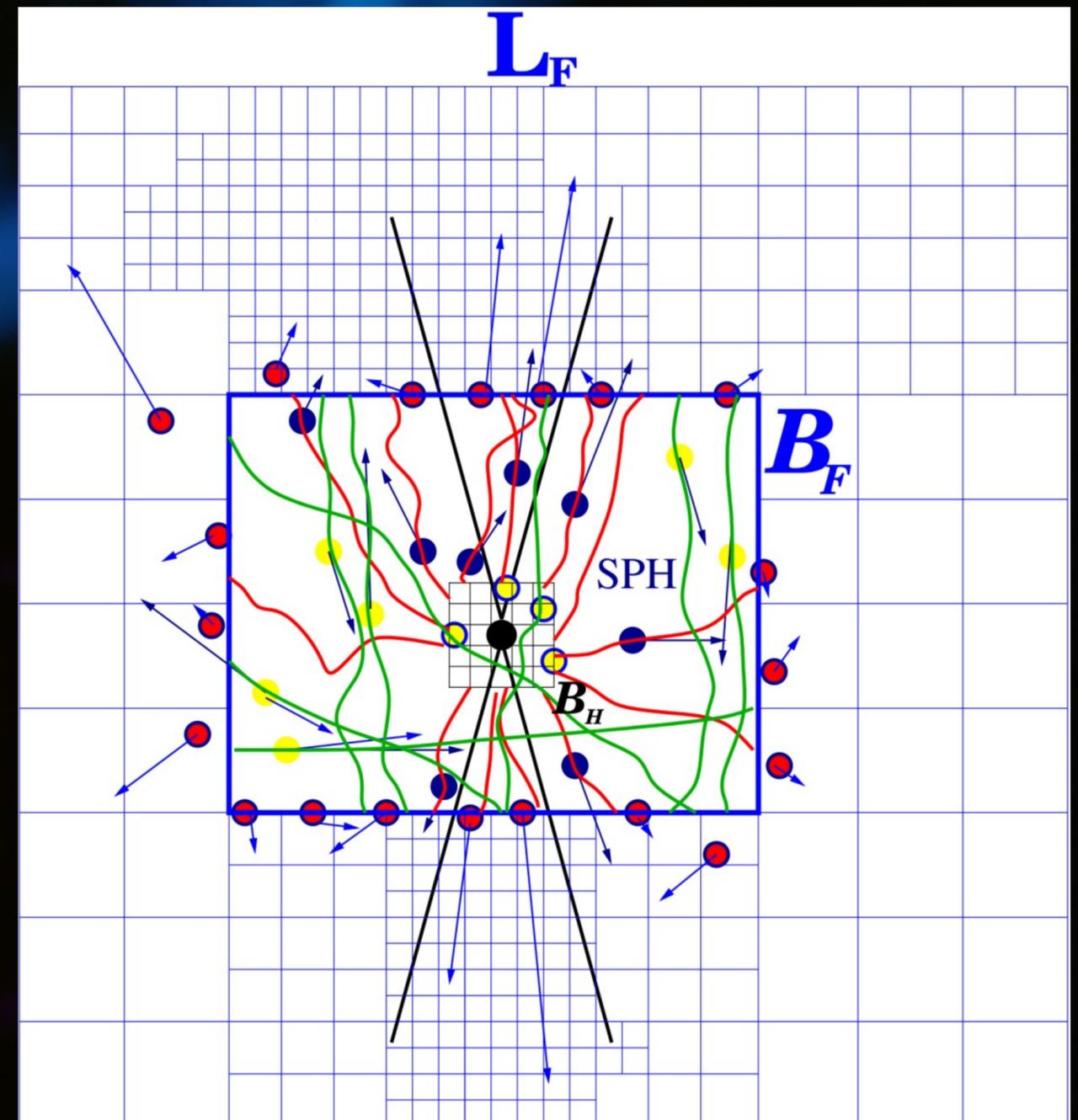


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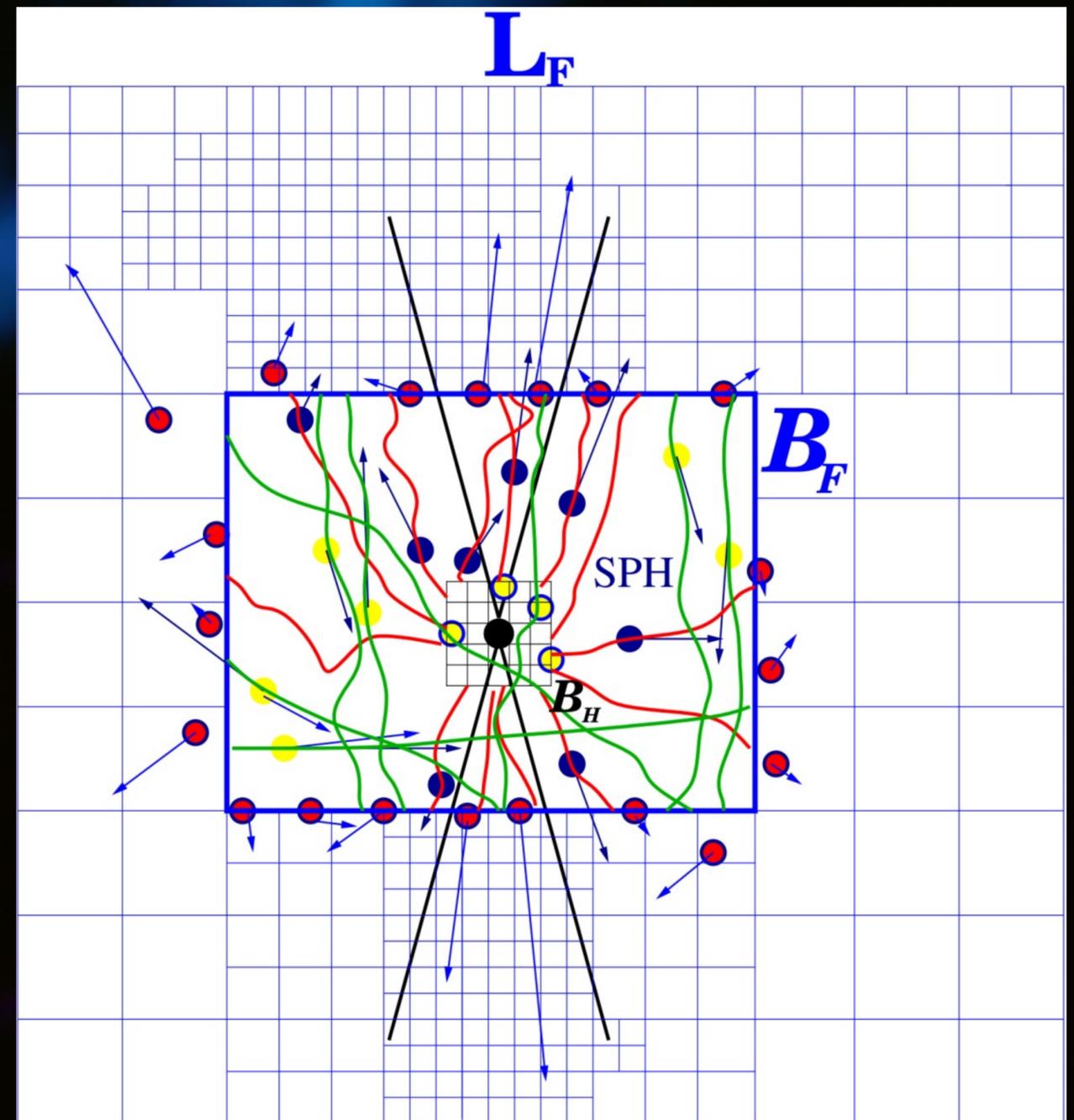
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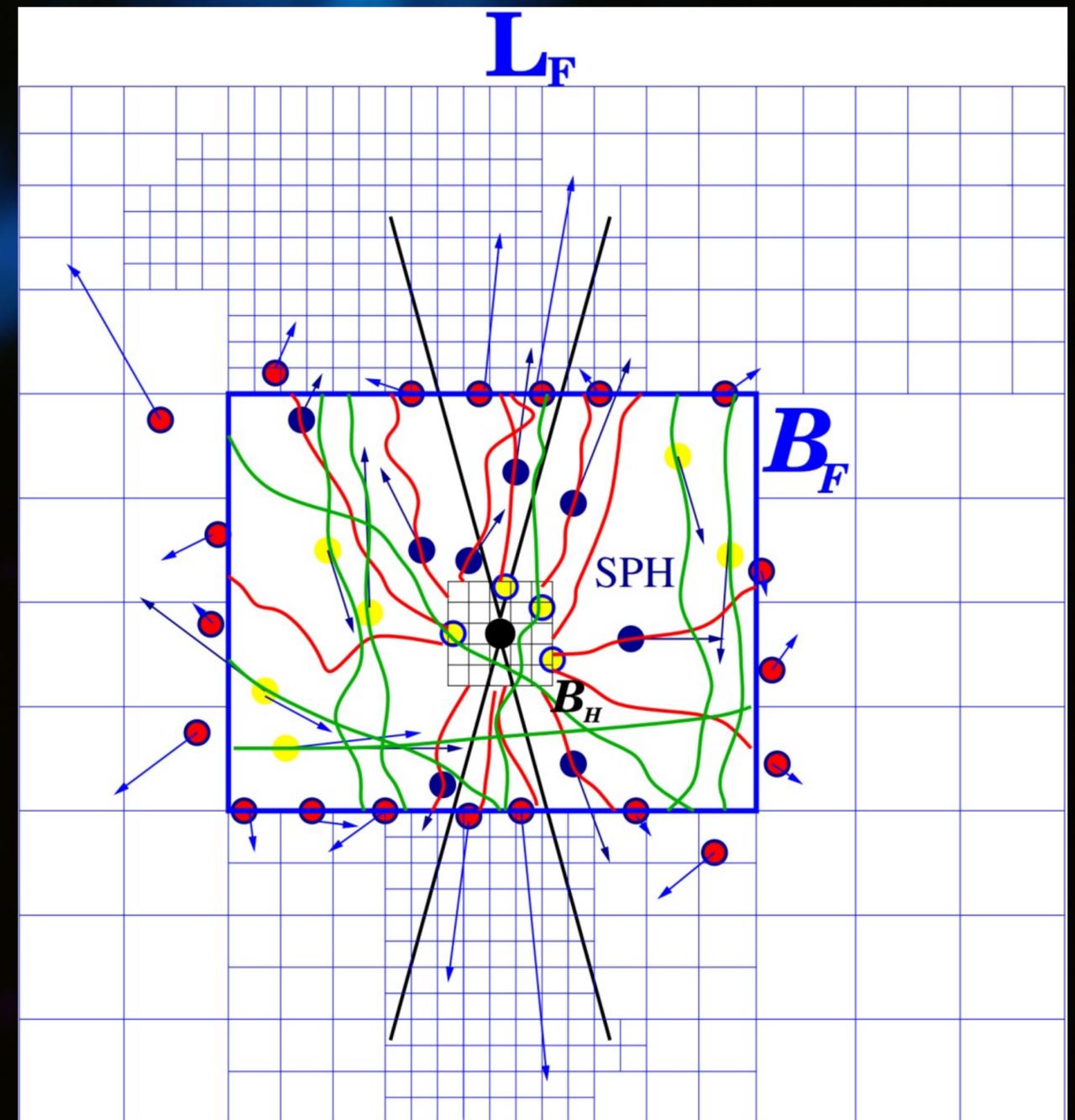
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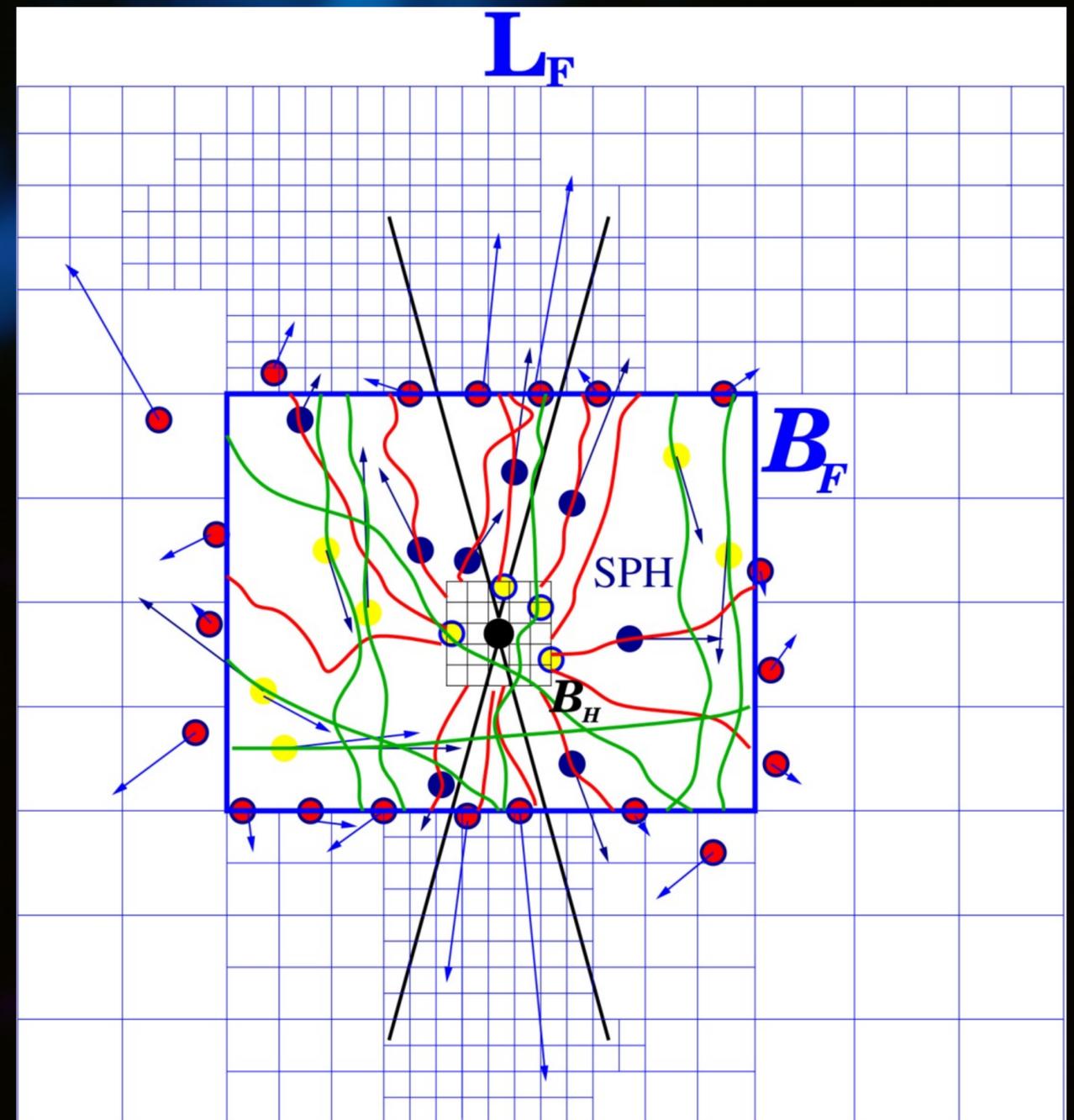
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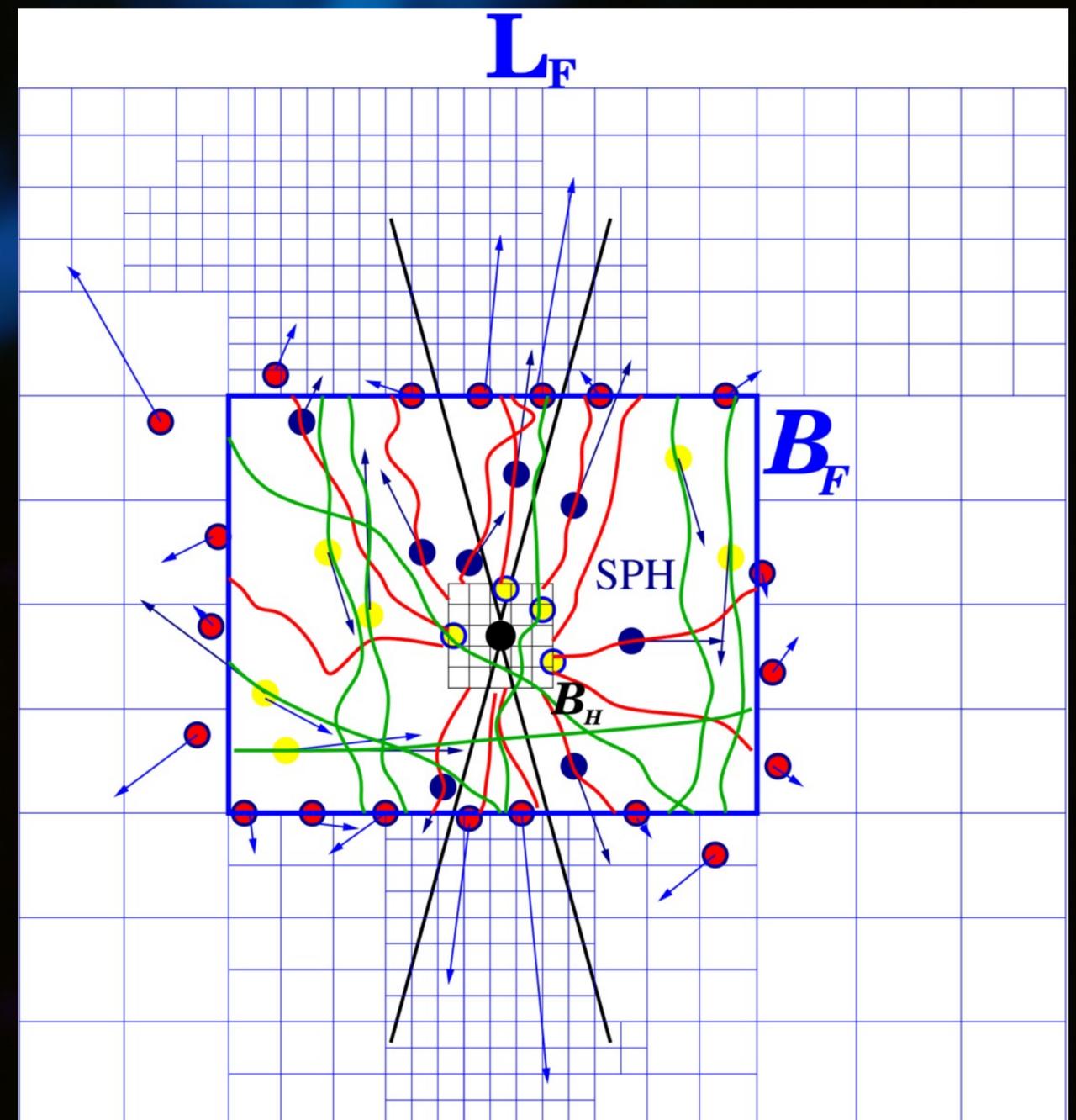


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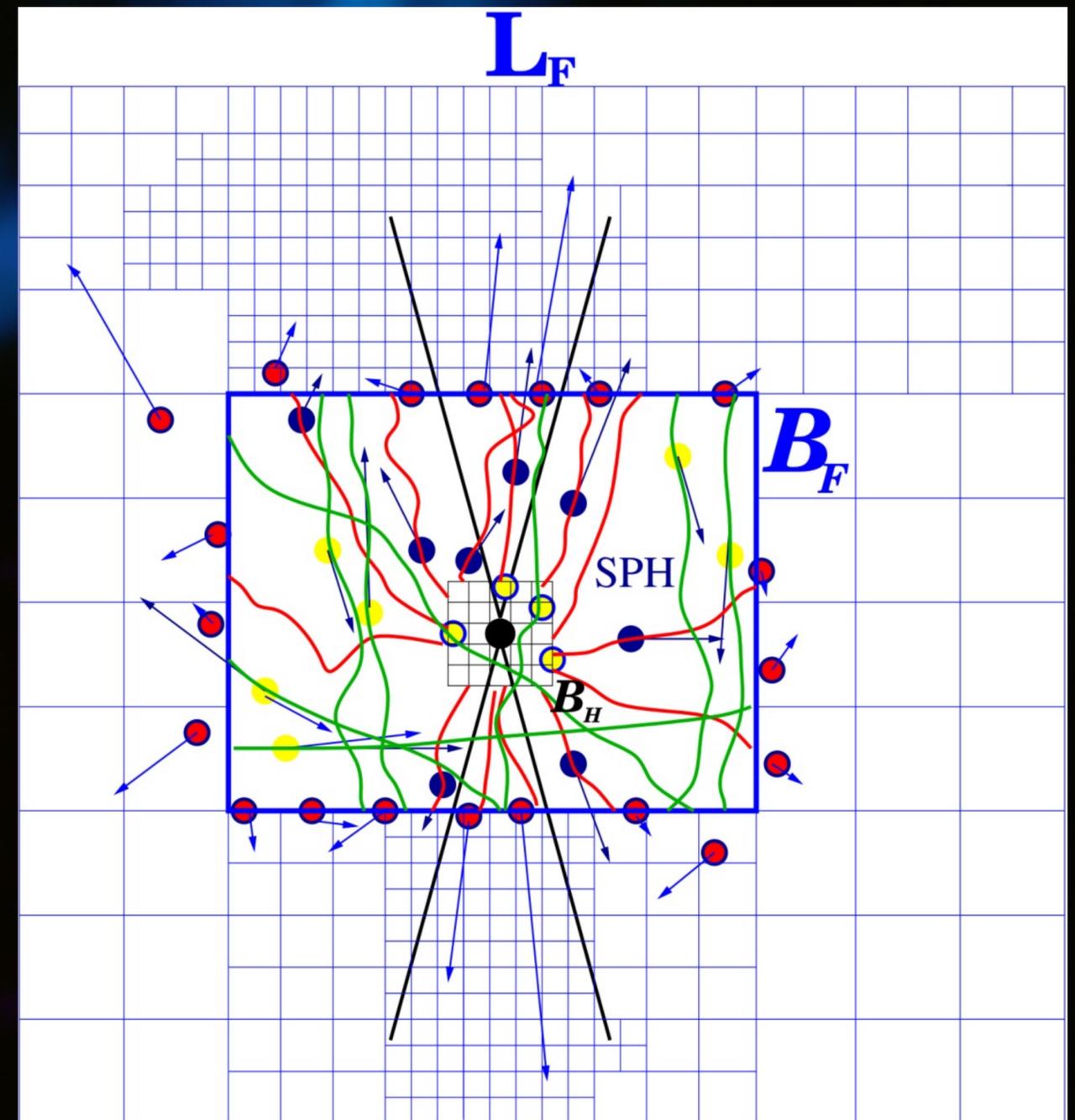


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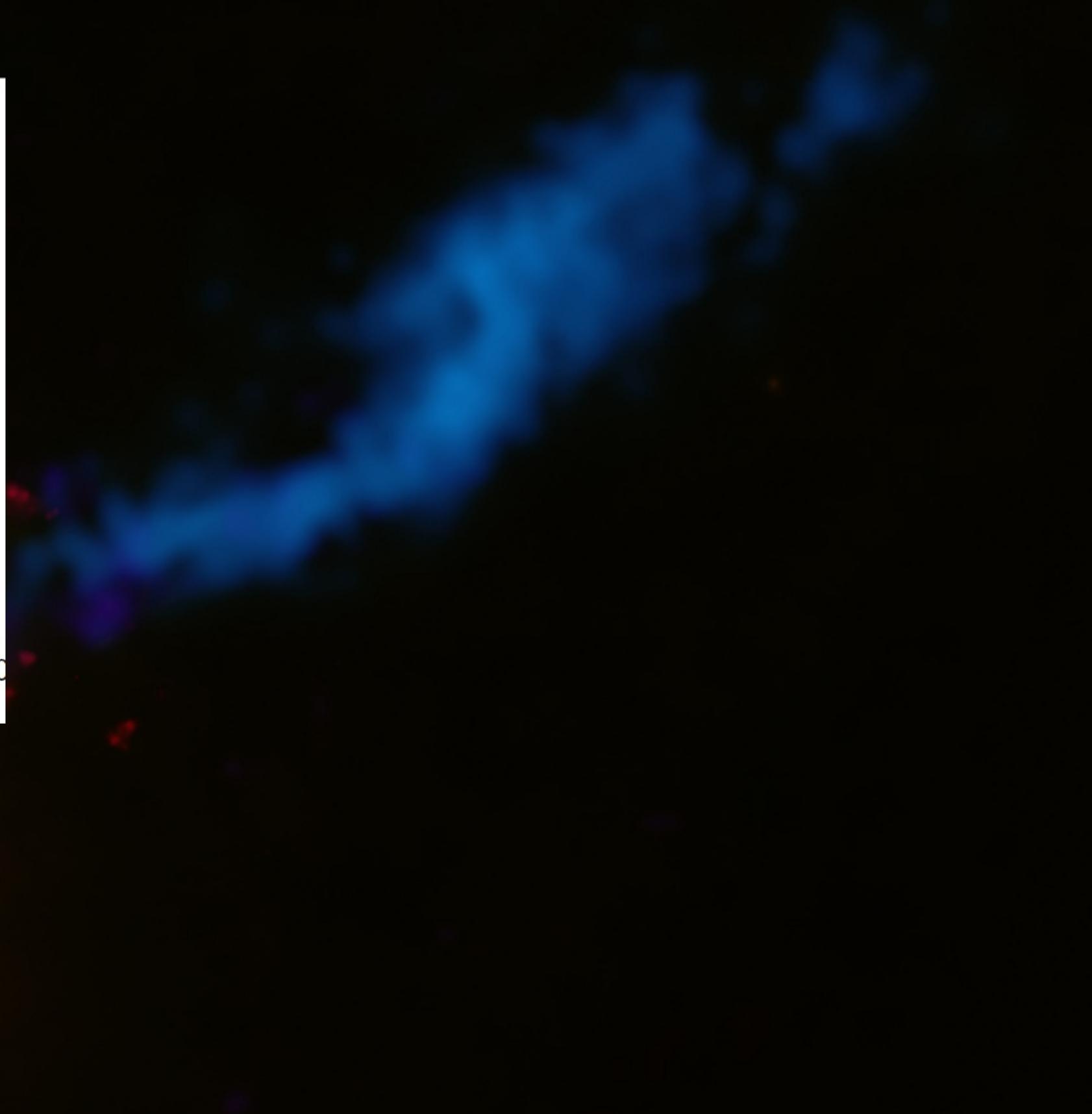
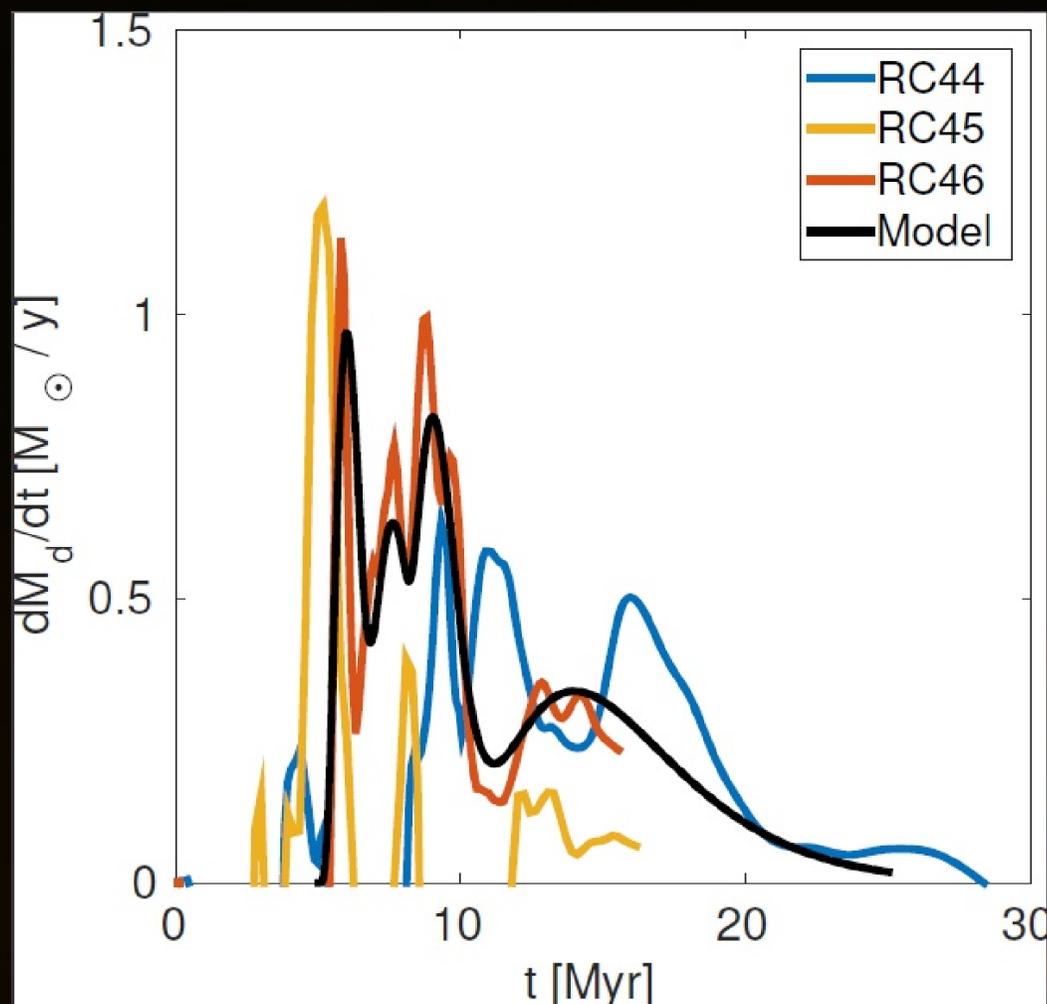
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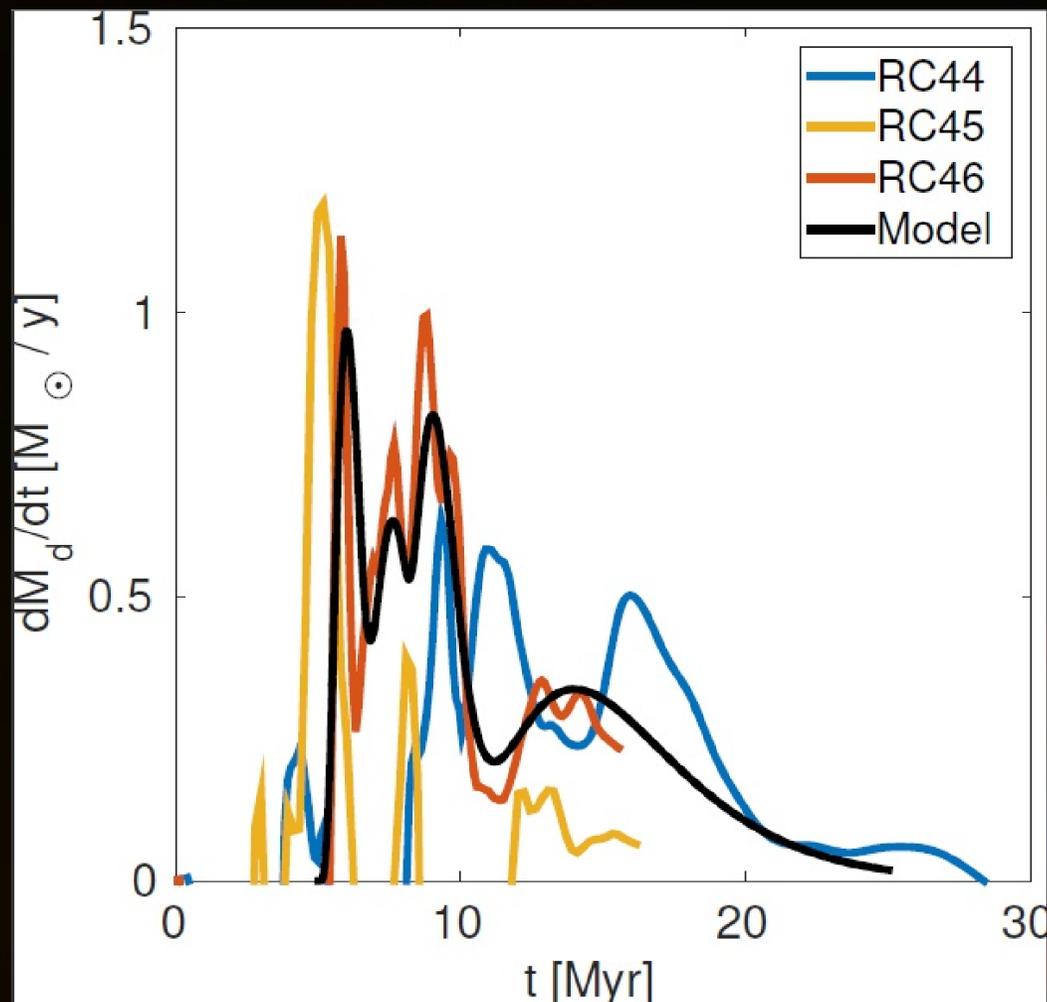
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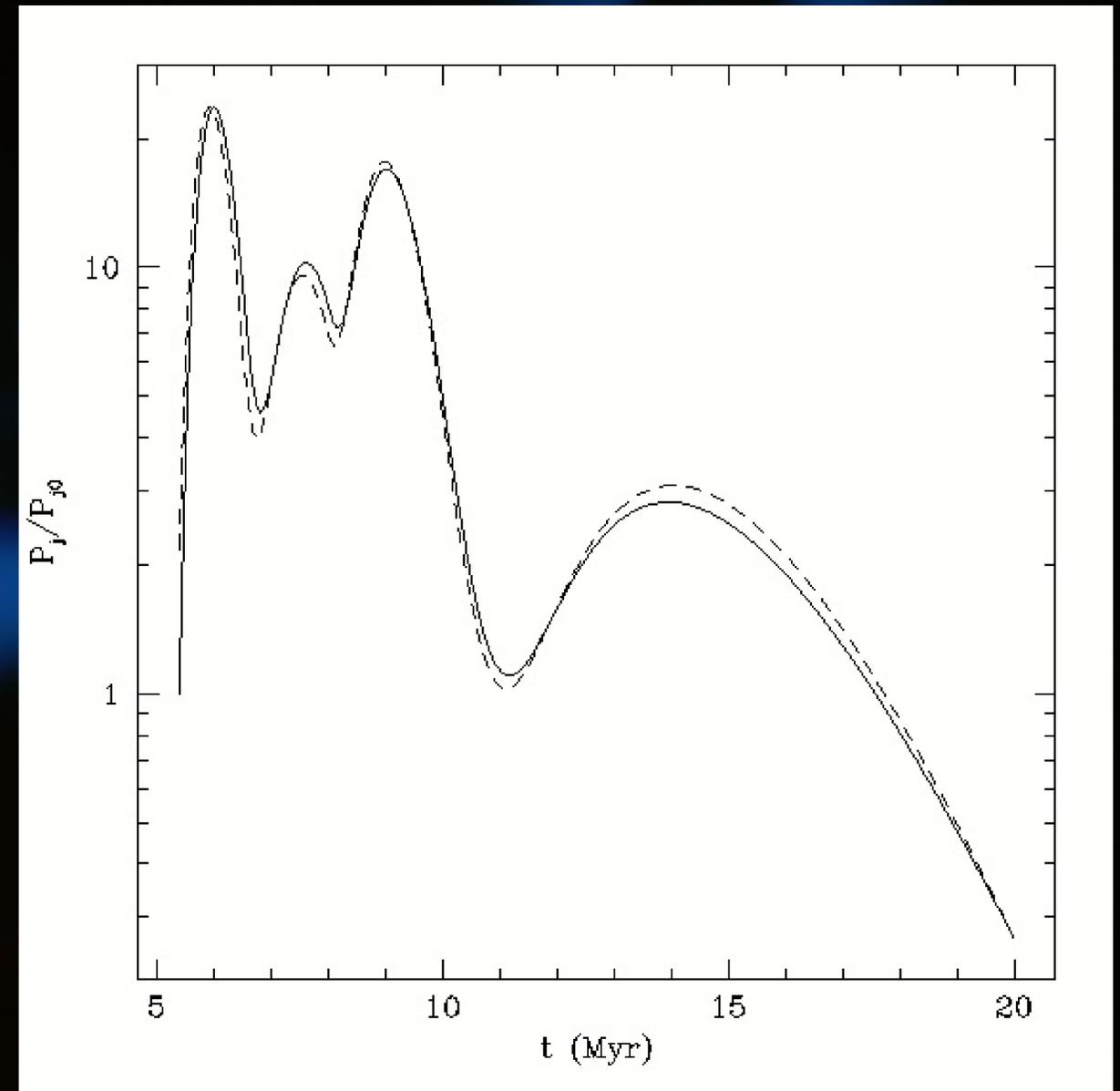
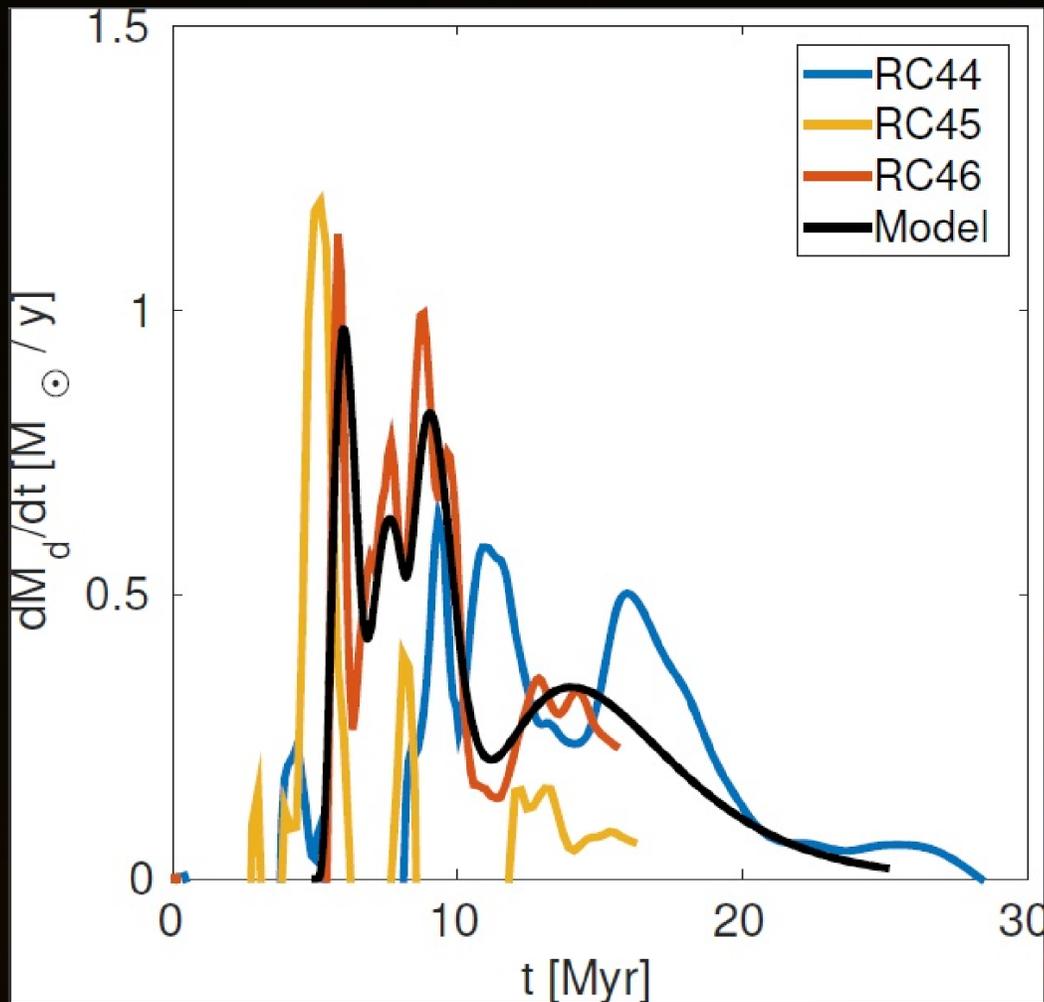


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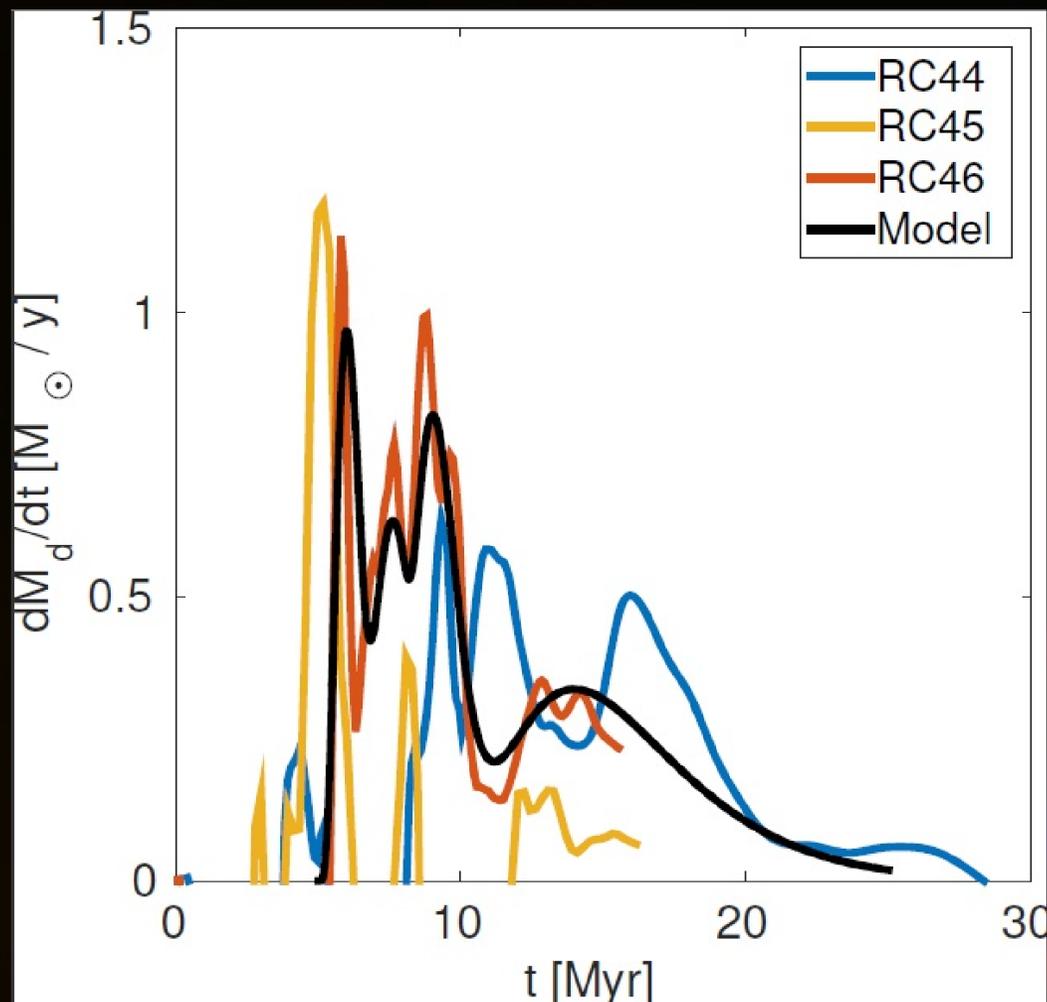
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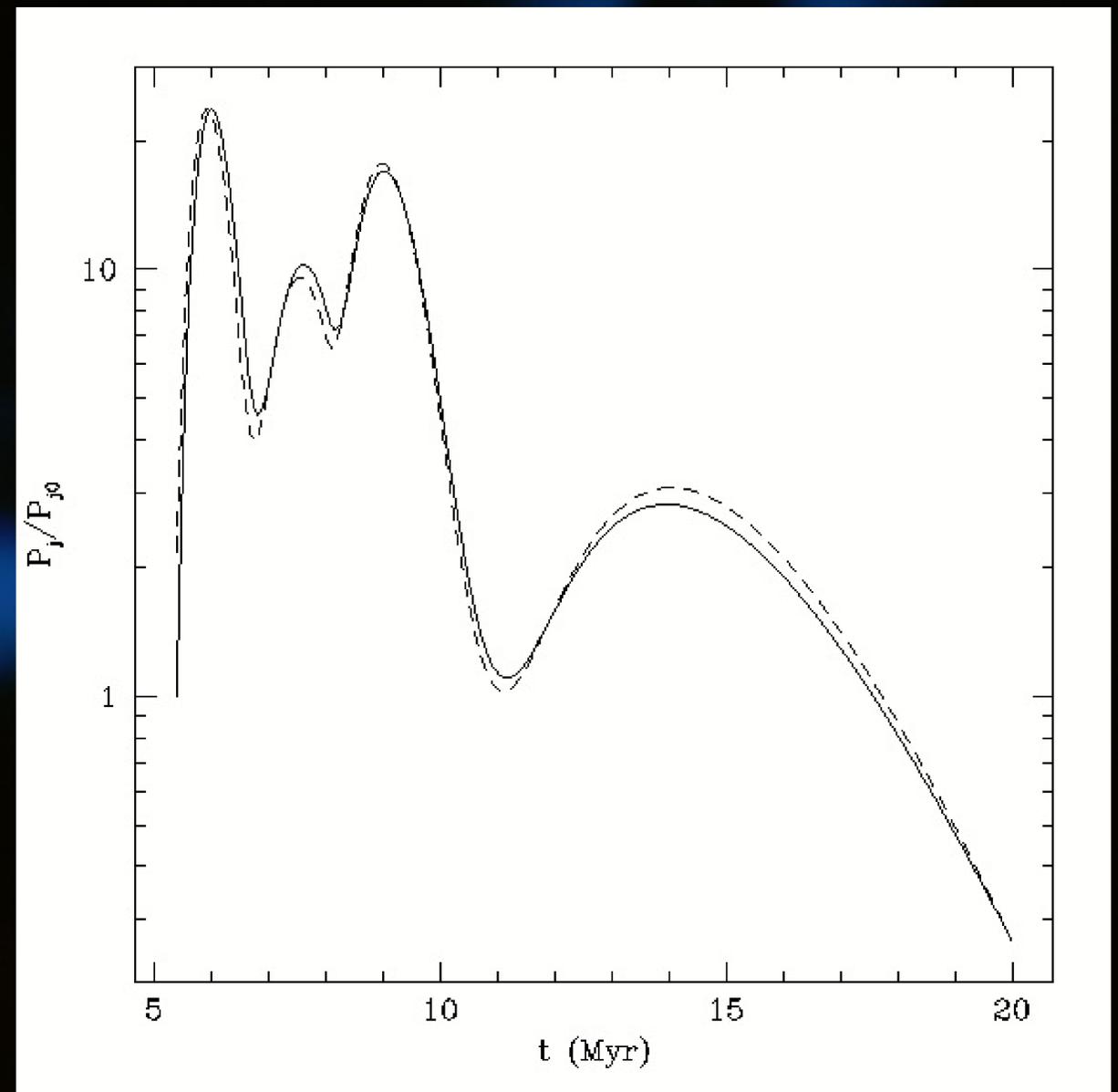


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Efficiency factor ϵ :

From observed luminosities and mass:

$$\dot{m} = \frac{L}{\epsilon c^2} \approx 0.18 \frac{1}{\epsilon} \left(\frac{L}{10^{46} \text{ erg/s}} \right) \left(\frac{M_{\odot}}{1 \text{ yr}} \right)$$

→ even for modest values of \dot{m} one gets very high values of the mass-radiation energy conversion factor ϵ .

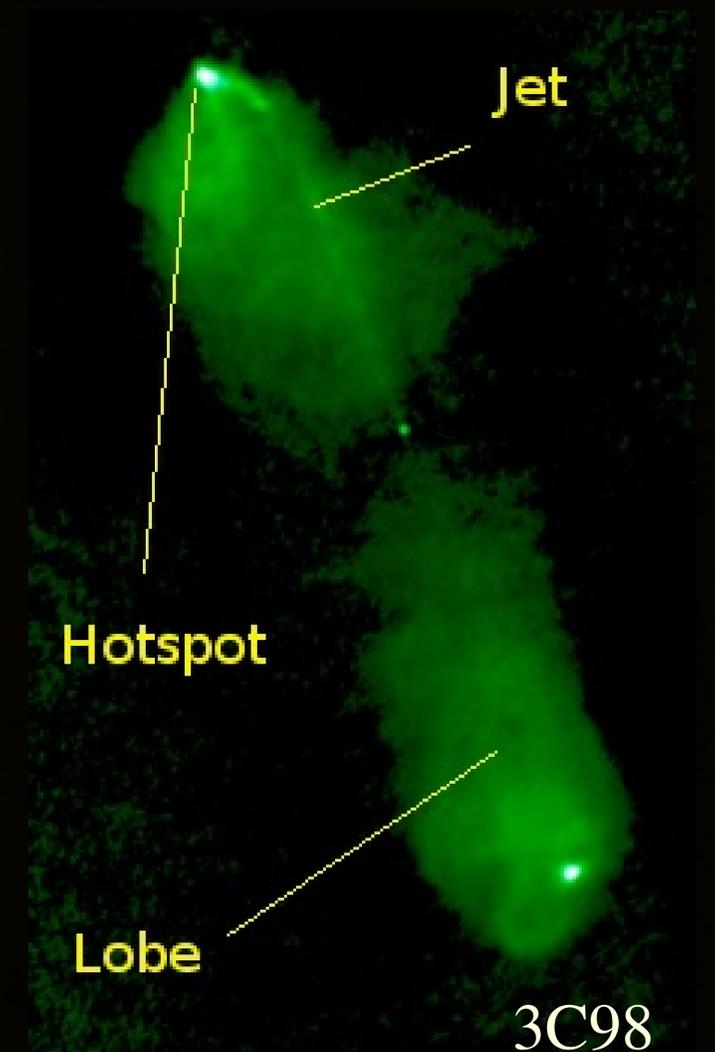
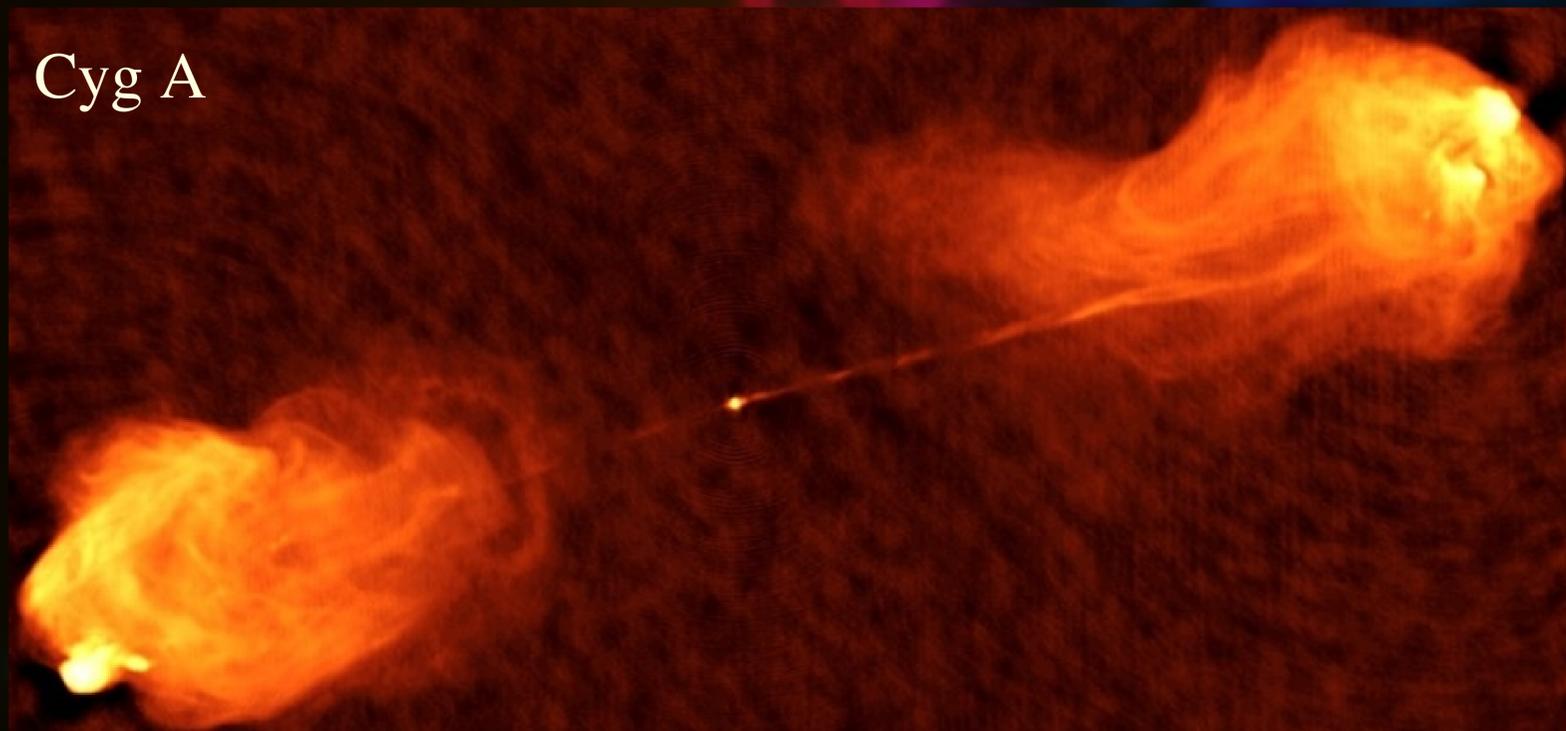
Recall that nuclear fusion conversion factors: $\epsilon_{\text{nuc}} \lesssim 7 \cdot 10^{-3}$

SMBHs are the most efficient *engines* to convert mass-energy into radiation and mechanical power (relativistic jets).

AGNs/QSO feedback: current paradigm

"Quasar" mode: powerful ($L \approx 10^{46}$ - 10^{47} erg s⁻¹) radio emission from the subparsec accretion region around the central SMBH $\rightarrow L \geq L_{Edd} \rightarrow$ powerful outflows blow away the host galaxy's ISM \rightarrow quick *inhibition of star formation* (negative feedback)

"Radio" mode: a relativistic jet from the accretion region conveys energy (and little momentum) into the host galaxy's ISM \rightarrow inflates a *cocoon* of hot ($T_c \approx 10^{8-9.5}$ K) low density ($n_e \approx 10^{-4}$ - 10^{-1} cm⁻³) high β plasma



Quasar vs. Radio: isotropic vs. directional feedback

BH feedback: how BHs *inhibit* star formation in their host galaxies.

Relativistic jets emitted by AGNs enter the Interstellar, star-forming gas of their host galaxies.

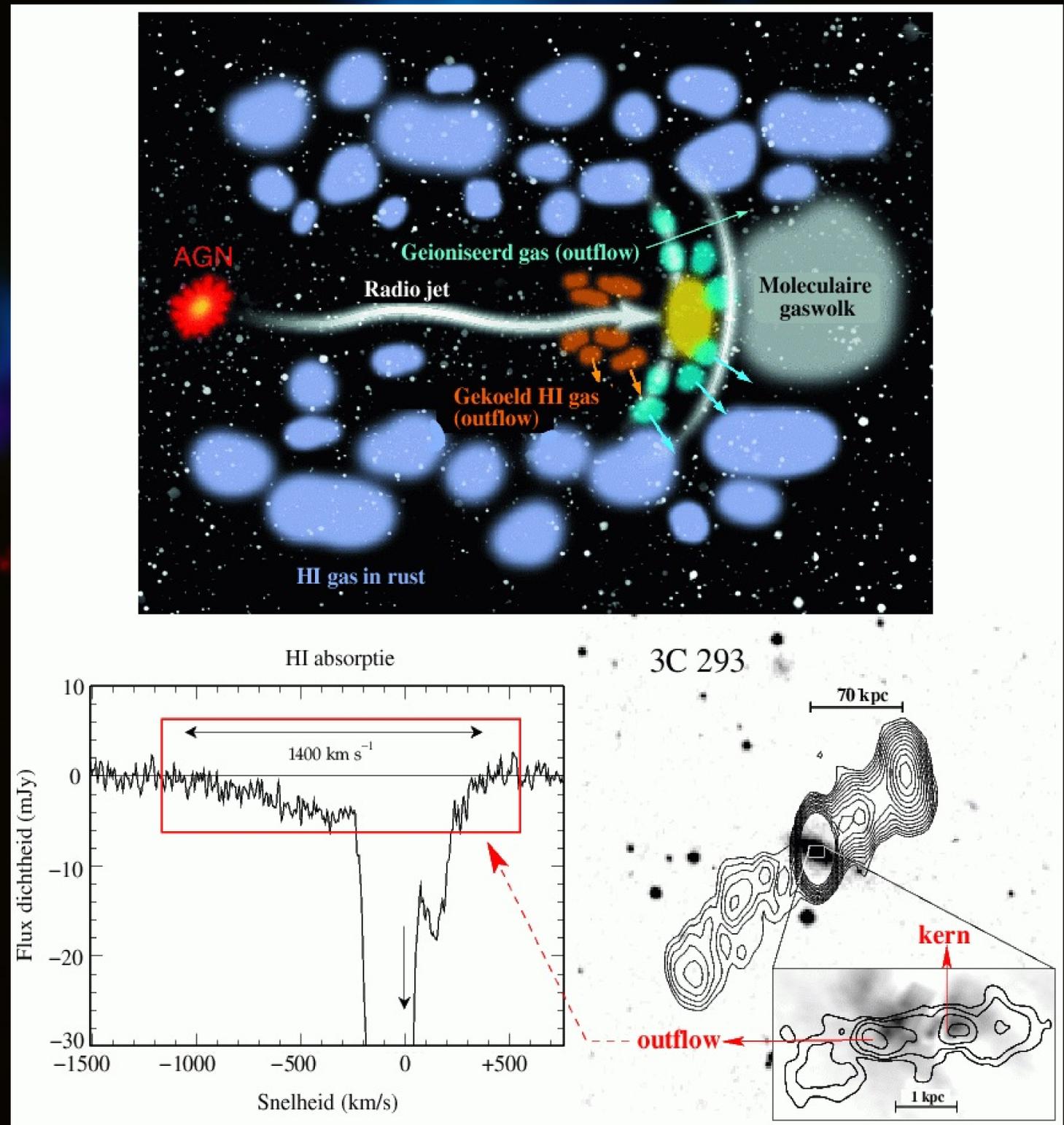
- SF Clouds are shocked and heated up.
- Critical mass for Star formation (Bonnor-Ebert mass):

$$M_{\max} \simeq 1.14 \frac{c_{\text{is}}^2}{G^{3/2} p_0^{1/2}}$$

c_{is} : sound speed within the cloud

p_0 : pressure of the confining warm phase

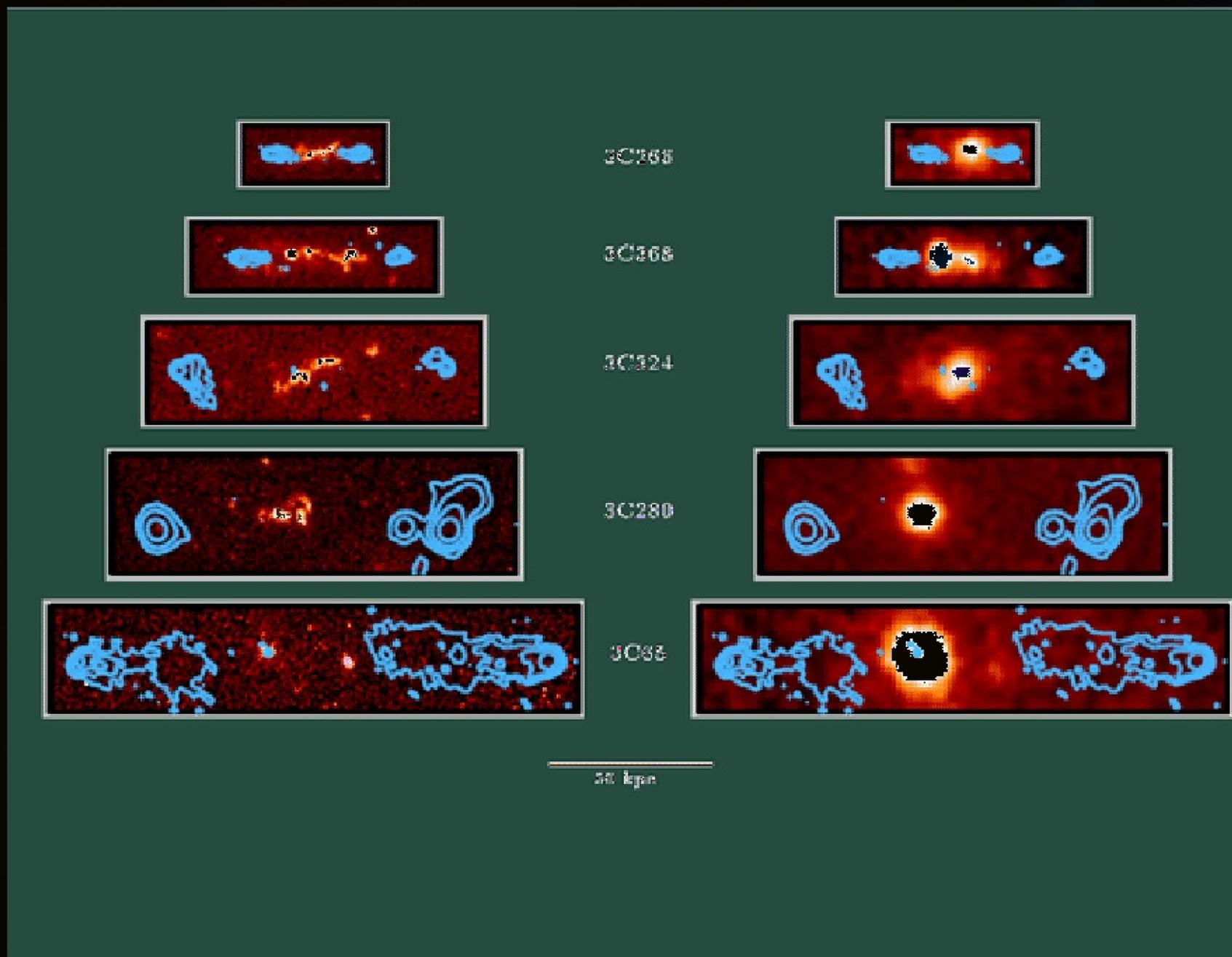
- Larger $T_c \rightarrow$ Larger $M_{\max} \rightarrow$ Supernovae \rightarrow Winds blow out clouds \rightarrow No more Star Form.



Positive feedback (?): the Radio/optical alignment in RGs

IR (star formation) and radio (jet) emission contours tend to be aligned in high- z radio galaxies.

Best, Longair and Rottgering (1996): 28 HzRG, FR II with both HST (optical), IRCAM (2.2 μm) and radio (1.8 GHz) contour maps.



- Radio lobes extending from 300 to 1200 Kpc
- All these galaxies are E's : yet regions of *recent star formation* (optical, colour isocontours) are aligned with the jets
- Redshift selection ($1 \lesssim z \lesssim 1.3$) ensures similar intrinsic $P_{1.8} \rightarrow$ hom. sample
- Similar for *small* RGs sample

Numerical experiment of jet propagation and feedback

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Feedback from reorienting AGN jets

I. Jet–ICM coupling, cavity properties and global energetics[★]

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Jet propagation in galaxies

Numerical experiments provide a quantitative framework to describe how feedback connects the small accretion, sub-parsec scale to the large, kiloparsec galaxy scale.

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot (\rho \mathbf{v}) &= 0 \\ \frac{\partial \rho \mathbf{v}}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot (\rho \mathbf{v} \mathbf{v} - \mathbf{B} \mathbf{B}) + \nabla p_* &= \rho \mathbf{g} + \nabla \cdot \tau \\ \frac{\partial \rho E}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot (\mathbf{v}(\rho E + p_*) - \mathbf{B}(\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{B})) &= \rho \mathbf{g} \cdot \mathbf{v} + \nabla \cdot (\mathbf{v} \cdot \tau + \sigma \nabla T) + \nabla \cdot (\mathbf{B} \times (\eta \nabla \times \mathbf{B})) \\ \frac{\partial \mathbf{B}}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot (\mathbf{v} \mathbf{B} - \mathbf{B} \mathbf{v}) &= -\nabla \times (\eta \nabla \times \mathbf{B})\end{aligned}$$

where

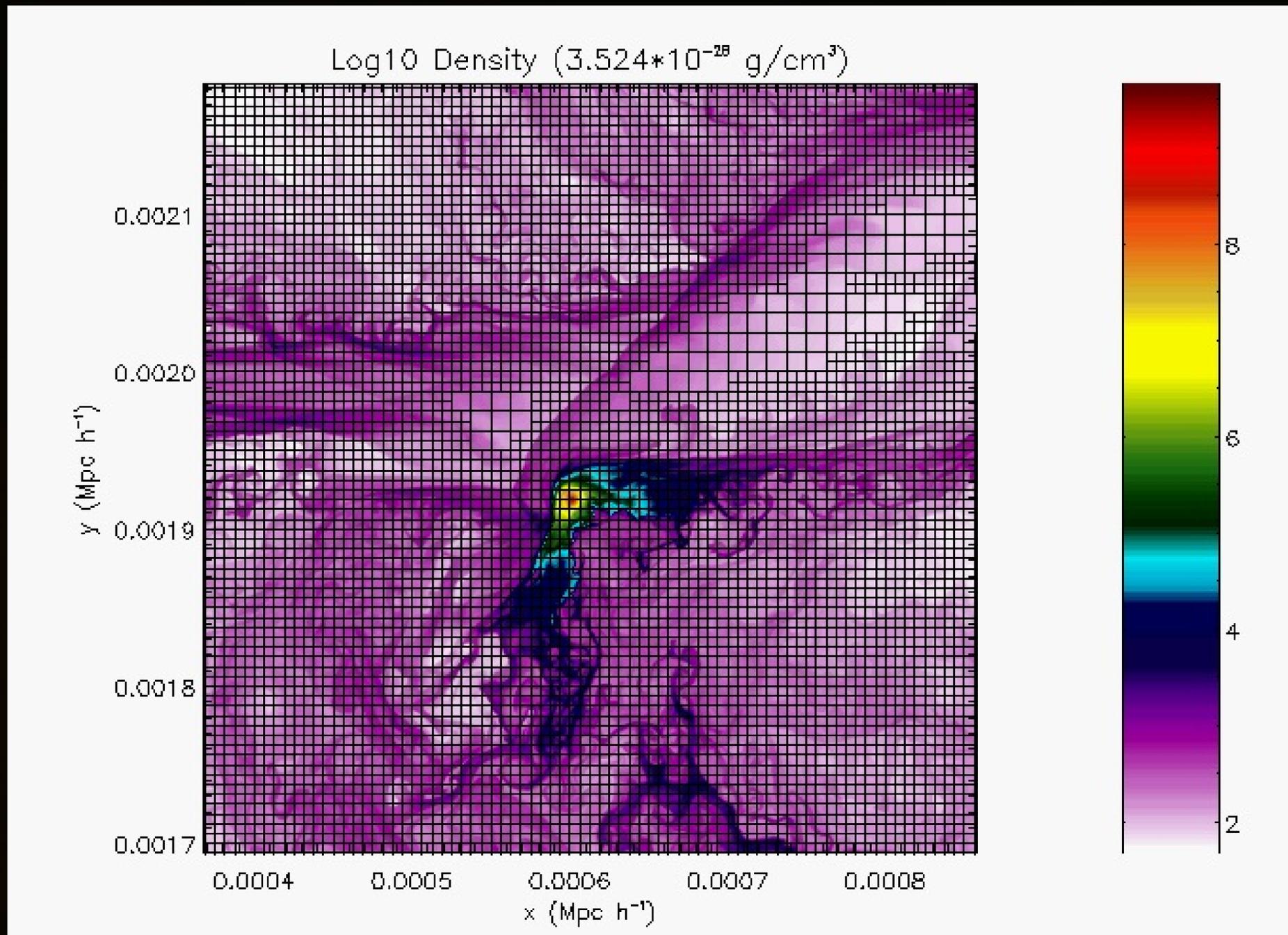
$$p_* = p + \frac{B^2}{2},$$

$$E = \frac{1}{2} v^2 + \epsilon + \frac{1}{2} \frac{B^2}{\rho},$$

$$\tau = \mu \left((\nabla \mathbf{v}) + (\nabla \mathbf{v})^T - \frac{2}{3} (\nabla \cdot \mathbf{v}) \mathbf{I} \right)$$

We actually solve a *discretized version* of this system → convergence issues e.g. under *shock collisions* are not *analytically* (numerical analysis) really clear....

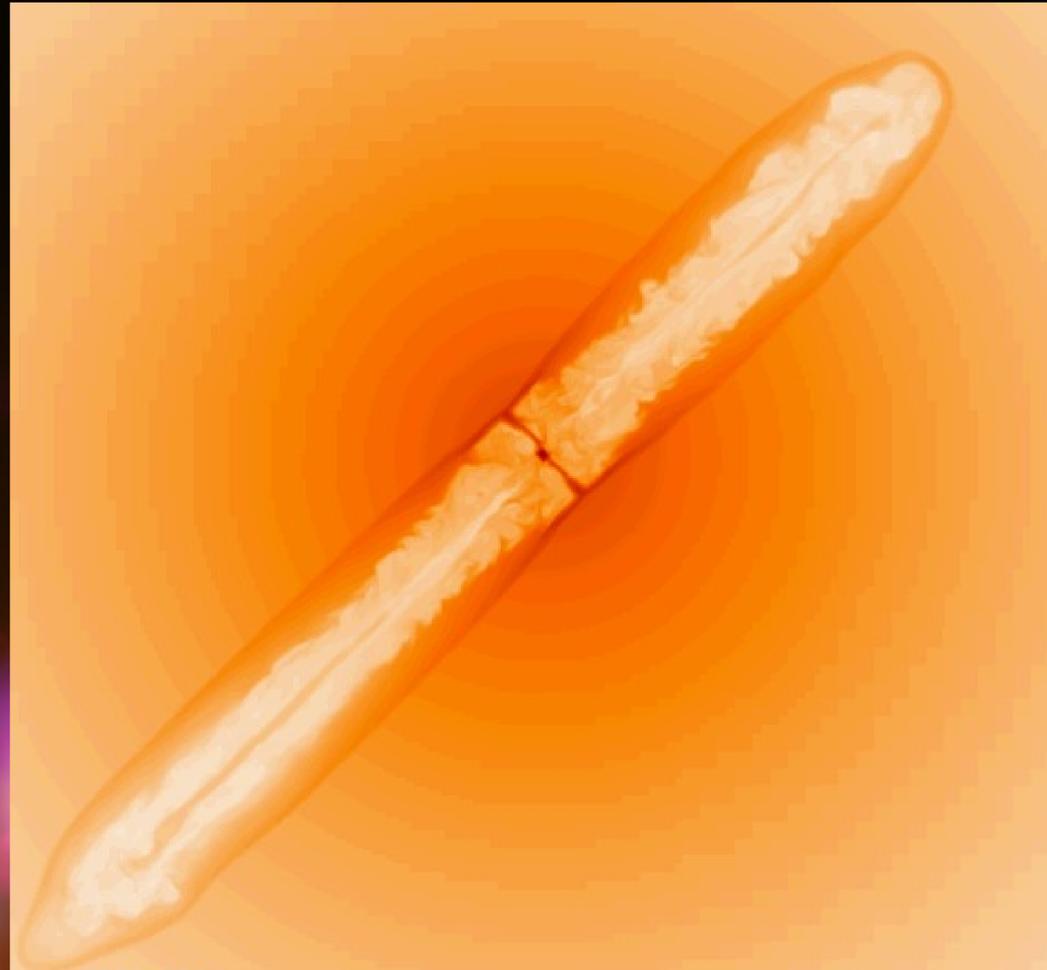
Multiple shocks and their downstream acoustic waves are natural by-products of jet propagation in the Interstellar Medium (ISM) of its host galaxy.



- *Shock-capturing* centered discretization schemes strongly limit numerical diffusion and provide a *reliable* tool to a quantitative study of the rich thermodynamic phenomenology inside the cocoons.
- *Jet-(cold) cloud* interactions are resolved to a quantifiable accuracy through *Adaptive Mesh Refinement* discretization.

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- Cocoon: turbulence, expansion, slowing down due to ISM's ram pressure
- Is there a feedback also from the ISM down to the very small central accretion scale?
- Can this feedback promote a self-regulation of AGNs activity?
- Could the environment play a role in self-regulation of AGN's activity?

Backflows in jet-powered AGNs

Standard model of jet propagating into the ISM of its host galaxy (Alexander, 1980):
 Jet carves a *cocoon*

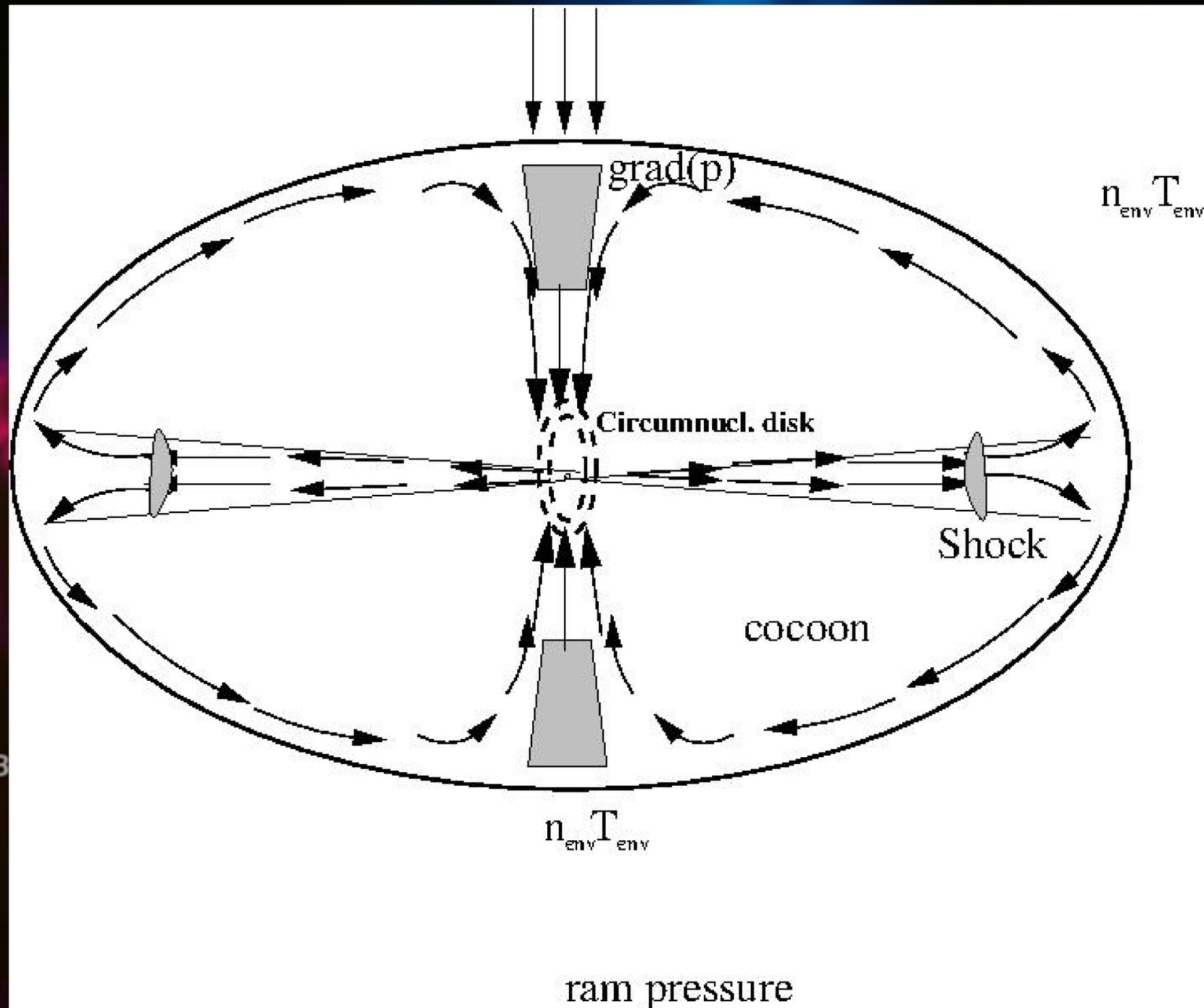
$n_c \ll n_{env}, T_c \gg T_{env}$ but: $p_c = n_c T_c \gg n_{env} T_{env} \rightarrow$ cocoon (initially) expands

In FR II: $V_{jet} \gg c_s \gtrsim V_c \rightarrow$
Shock

What is the fate of the shocked gas?

1. $V_{ps} \approx 0 \rightarrow$
 thermalization
2. $\nabla \times V \neq 0 \rightarrow$ backflow

BOTH these take place.
 On the meridional plane $\nabla p \neq 0$

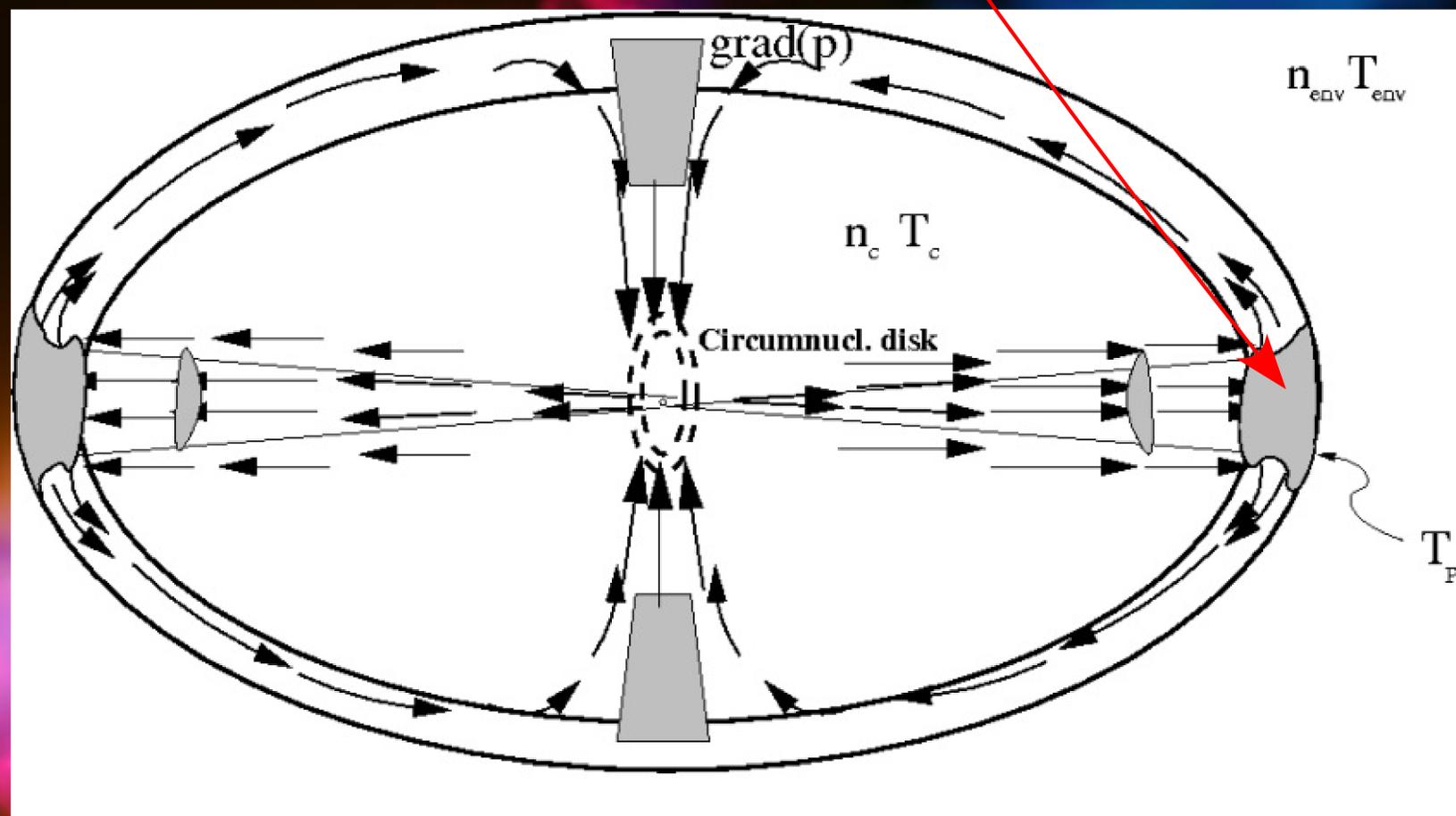


Backflows from first principles hydrodynamics

- Crocco's theorem: vorticity arises from **curved shock fronts** (ZAMM 17, 1, 1937)
- Origin is thermodynamical: vorticity is produced from discontinuities in h and S before the **Hot Spot**

$$\vec{v} \times \text{curl } \vec{v} = \nabla h - T \nabla S$$

$$h = U + \frac{p}{\rho} + \frac{1}{2} v^2$$



- Random curvature fluctuations \rightarrow non-Markov turbulence
- Macroscopic curvature \rightarrow backflow

- Backflow is temporally persistent but spatially incoherent and not axisymmetric all way down to the central accretion region

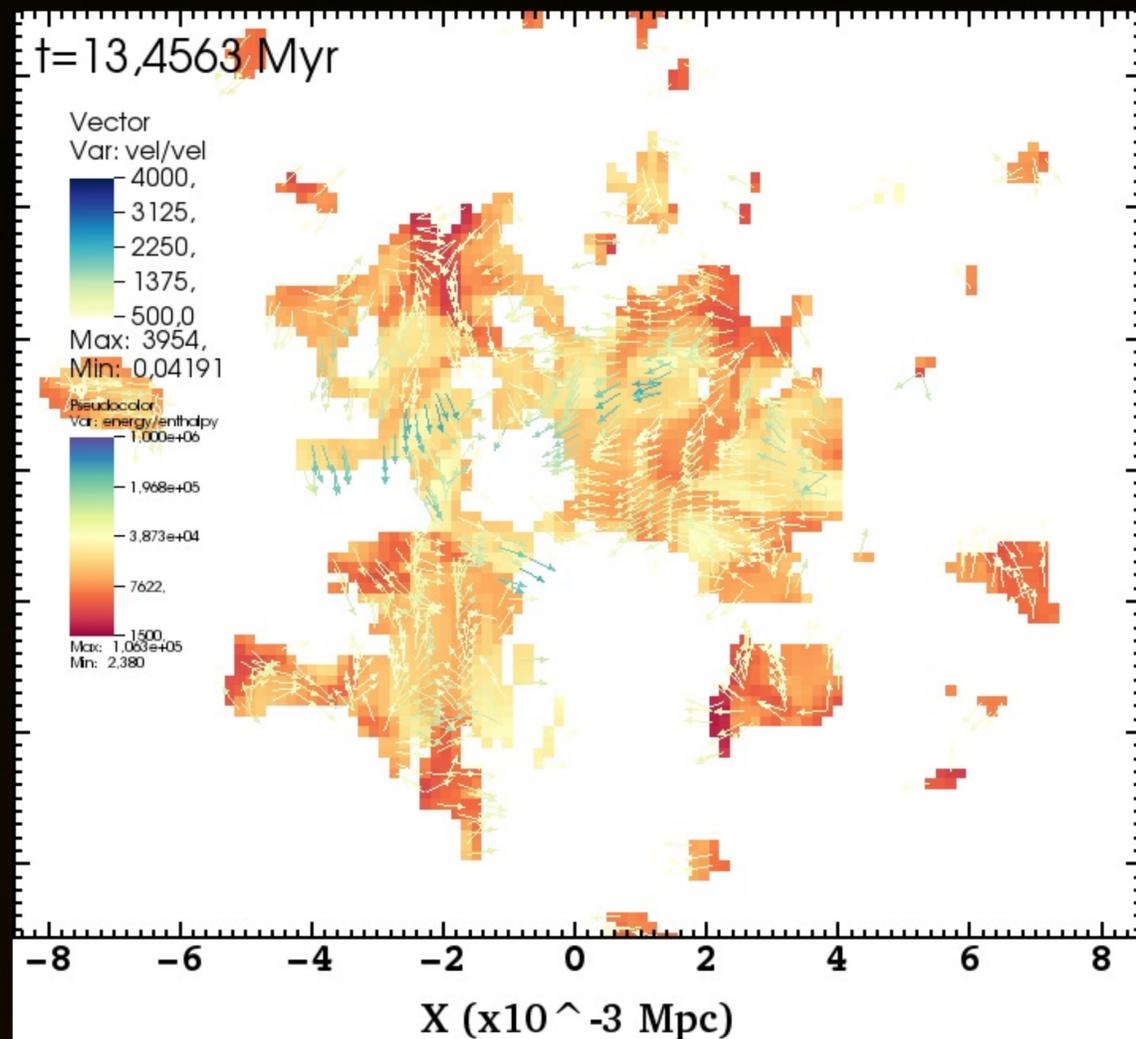
Numerical experiments

Name	Simulation		Halo		Jet			Backflowing mass (at given time)	
	Resolution [pc]	t_{\max} [Myr]	M_{200} [M_{\odot}]	$t_{\text{cool},0}$ [yr]	P_{jet} [erg/s]	\mathcal{M}_{jet}	Δt_{jet} [Myr]	$T_{\text{ot in cavity}}$ [M_{\odot}]	$Central\ 2\ \text{kpcdisk}$ [M_{\odot}]
<i>Elongated Cavity series</i>									
EC42	156.25	473	1.7×10^{12}	6×10^8	10^{42}	5	79	4.84×10^5 (20 Myr)	1.28×10^4 (20 Myr)
EC43	156.25	140	1.7×10^{12}	6×10^8	10^{43}	5	42	4.69×10^5 (10 Myr)	7.11×10^3 (10 Myr)
EC44	156.25	115	1.7×10^{12}	6×10^8	10^{44}	5	21	9.92×10^5 (10 Myr)	1.9×10^4 (7 Myr)
<i>Round Cavity series</i>									
RC44	156.25	23.1	2.6×10^{12}	4×10^8	1.12×10^{44}	5	23.1	6.90×10^4 (10 Myr)	1.04×10^5 (10 Myr)
RC45	156.25	22.2	2.6×10^{12}	4×10^8	1.12×10^{45}	5	22.2	4.84×10^4 (8 Myr)	6.80×10^4 (8 Myr)
RC46	156.25	22.2	2.6×10^{12}	4×10^8	1.12×10^{46}	5	22.2	2.71×10^5 (7 Myr)	4.34×10^4 (7 Myr)

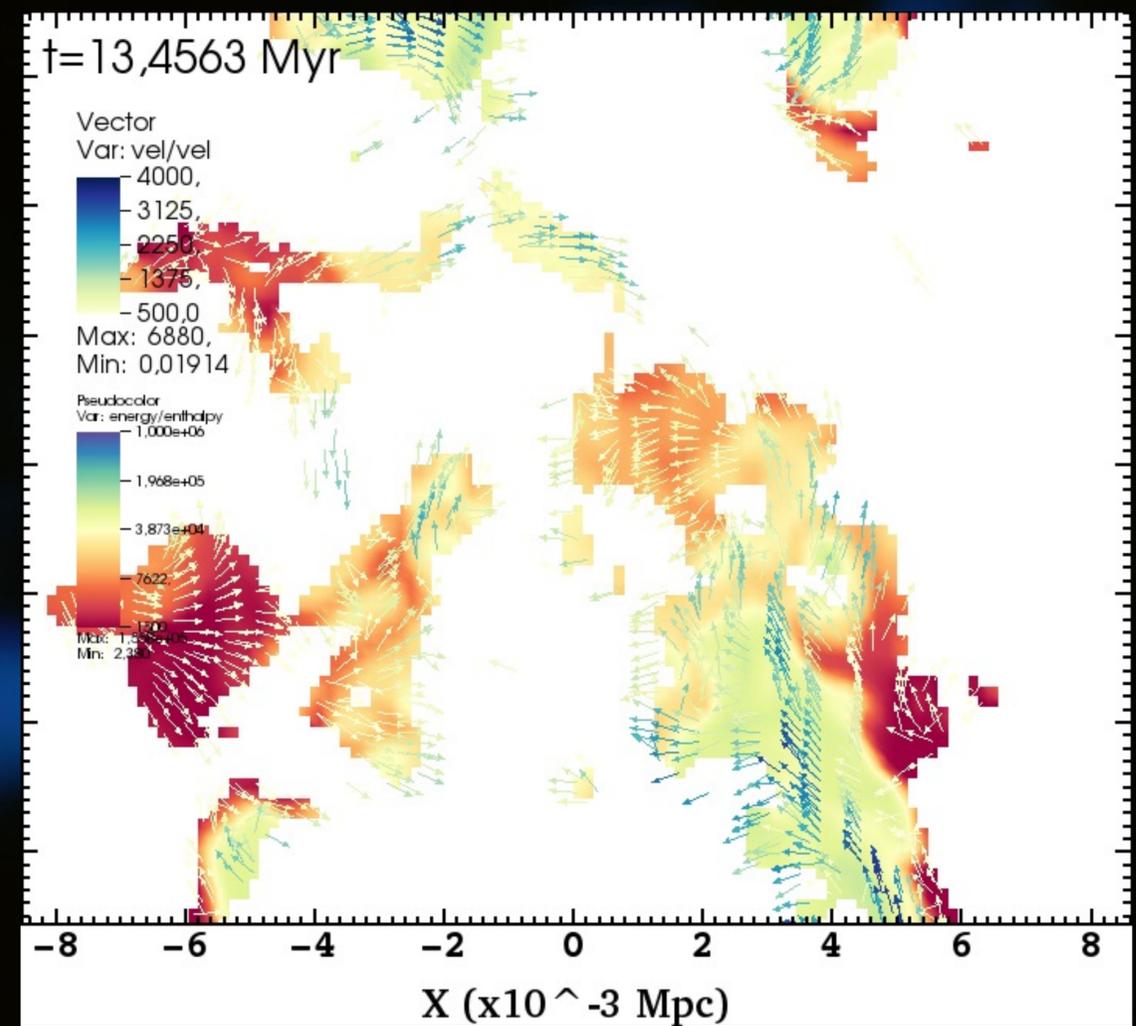
Table 1. Parameters, timings and bubbles' characteristics. All simulation parameters: run specifications (name, smallest cell side, simulation time), halo parameters (mass, central cooling time), jet parameters (power of each of the two jets, Mach number, time of activity) and total backflow gas mass at the given time (i.e. the total mass in the backflowing region isolated in Figures 1 to 4).

Here we consider only the FR II (with hotspot) series RC44-46.

Crocco mechanism at work



y=0



z=0

- Converging, patchy, intermittent flows feed the central accretion region
- Large-scale backflow is bent in the meridional plane and shows intermittent spiral features

Observational evidence for backflows

- Scattering from CMB on backflows: linear polarization

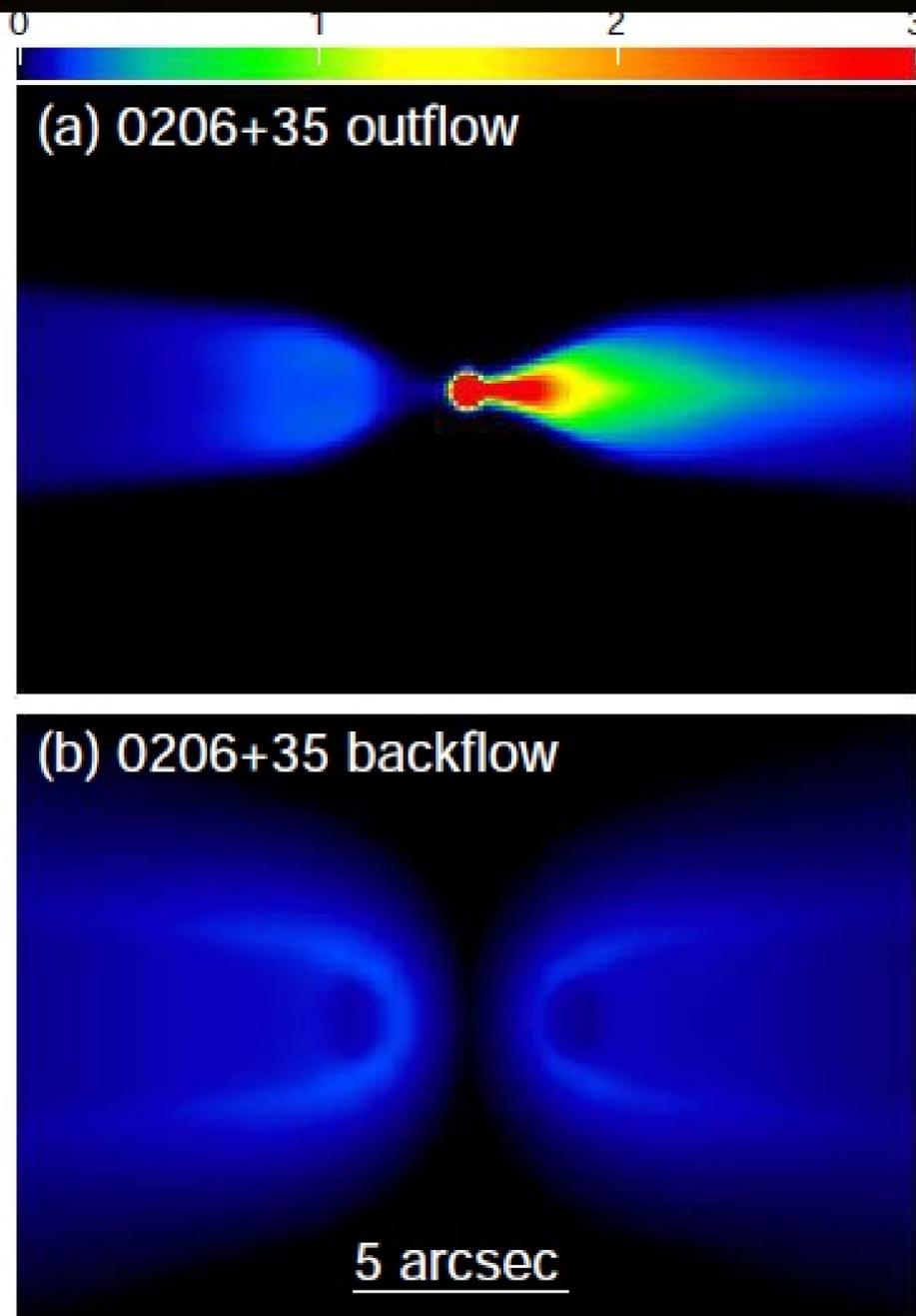
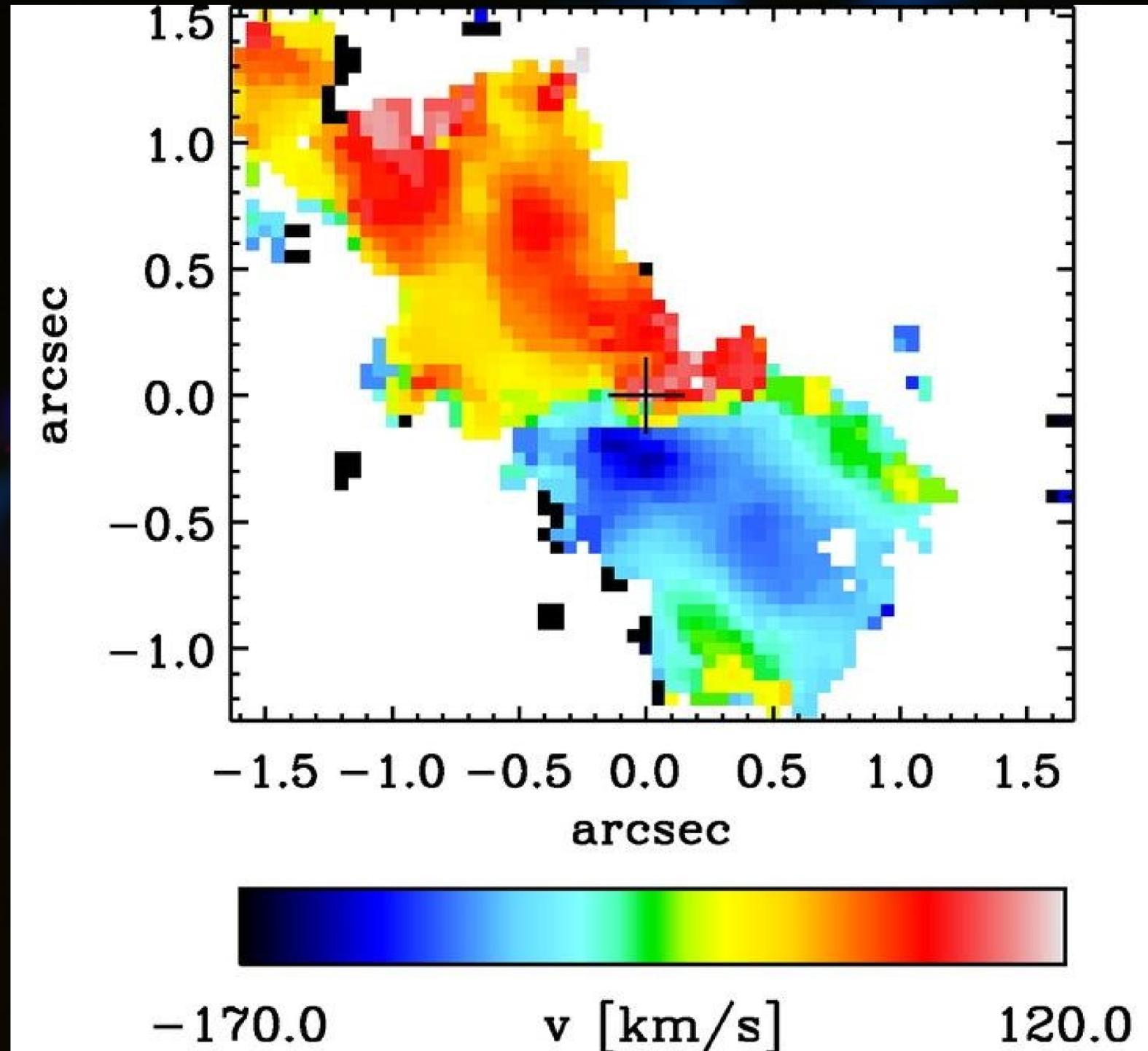


Figure 9. Predicted brightness distributions for the outflowing and back-flowing parts of the model for 0206+35. (a) outflow; (b) backflow.

Laing & Bridle, 2012: FRI, mildly relativistic velocities



Neumayer et al, 2007: CEN A

Deeper analysis with MUSE: [Hamer et al., 2015](#)

AGN backflows: a self-regulation mechanism of growth and feedback

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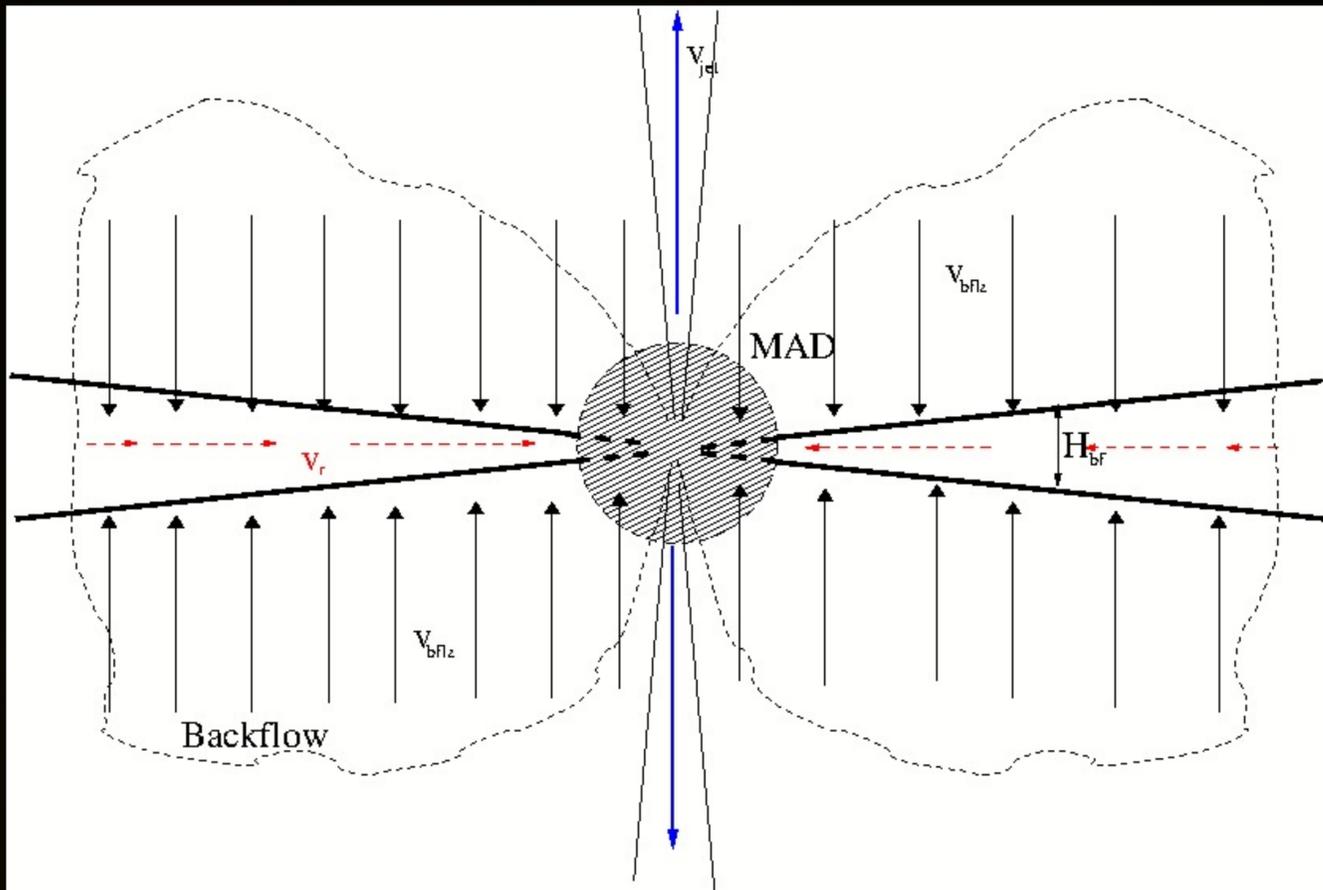
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Self-regulation of accretion: How compressive backflow enhances accretion



- A *Magnetically Arrested Disc* is compressed by the backflow → Time-varying surface density
- Initial disc: Kaburaki (1986)
magnetised disc profile:

$$\Sigma_0(r) = \sigma_0 \frac{r_0}{r}$$

Assume

$$v_r = -\frac{\beta A(t)}{r} \quad \frac{\partial \Sigma}{\partial t} + v_r \frac{\partial \Sigma}{\partial r} + \frac{\Sigma}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} (r v_r) = -2\rho_{bf} v_{bf}|_z \Big|_{z=H/2} \equiv A(t)$$

EXACT solution:

$$\Sigma(r, t) = \int_0^t d\tau A(\tau) + \Sigma_0 \left(\sqrt{r^2 + 2\beta \int_0^t d\tau A(\tau)} \right)$$

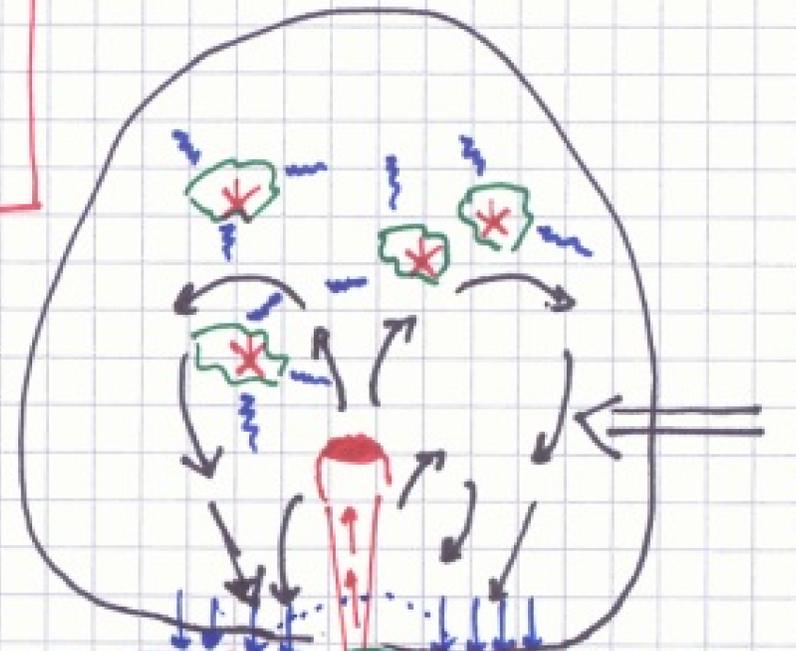
Comments and drawbacks

Both 3D CFD simulations and models predict backflows as the only global feedback mechanism acting to regulate SMBH jet emission and accretion.

- Implicit assumption: all the accreted gas within MAD enhances P_{jet} . **But** some will be accreted by the SMBH.....
- Fate of gas after entering MAD ?
- Backflow changes accretion on short ($t \lesssim 2\text{-}5$ Myrs) - it has never been taken into account in accretion and jet powering models so far.
- Next paper: model predicts a correlaton between EUV ($\lambda \lesssim 1100 \text{ \AA}$) with GHz synchr. for RLQ

My "unified" mechanical AGN feedback model

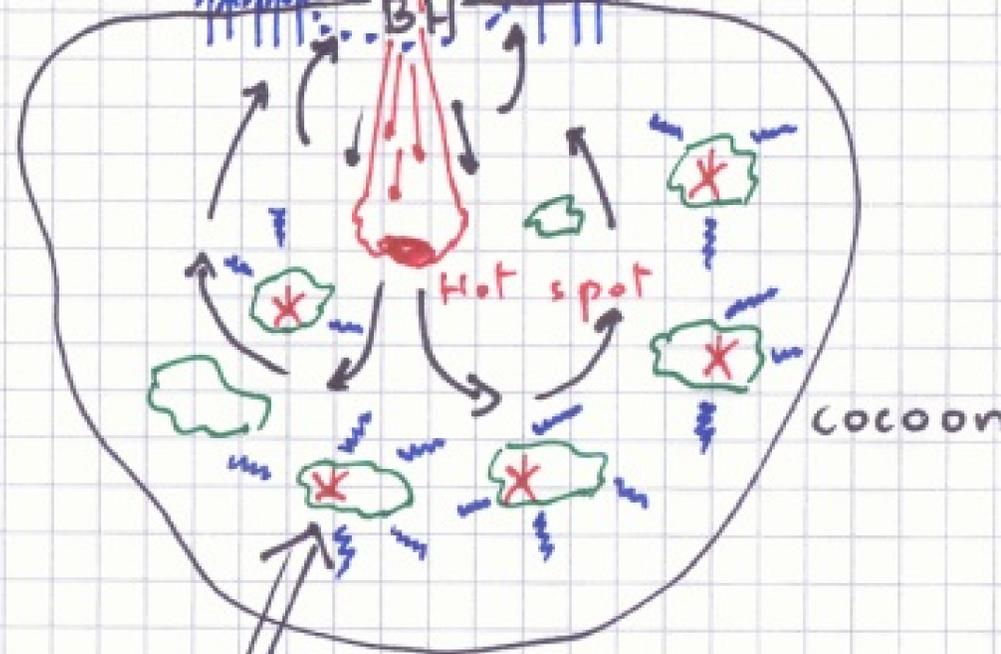
A "unified" model of AGN feedback



SF suppressed during active cocoon exp. negative FB

SF induced by backflow's compr. in the circumnucl. disc positive FB

circumnuclear disc (~ 20 pc)



SF induced by therm. inst. during passive cocoon exp. positive FB

 : cooling ISM/IGM clouds

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The self-similar model of jet-cocoon systems

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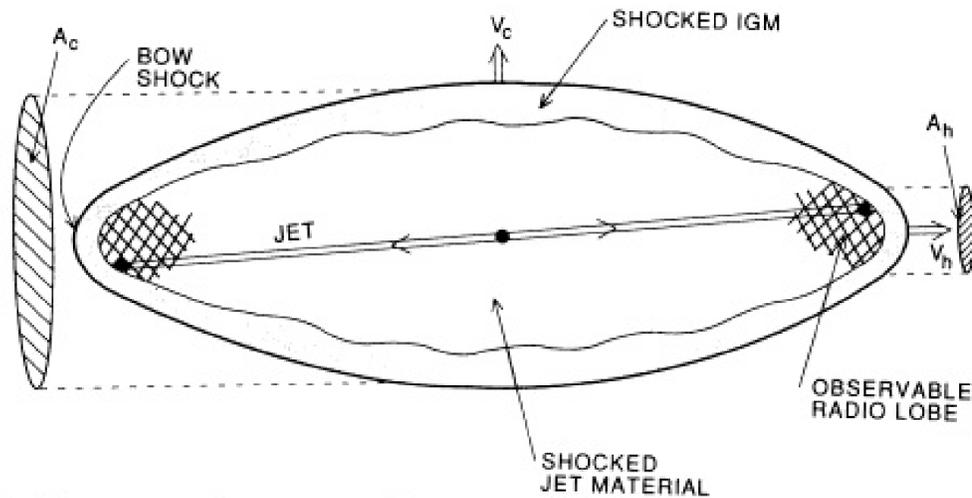
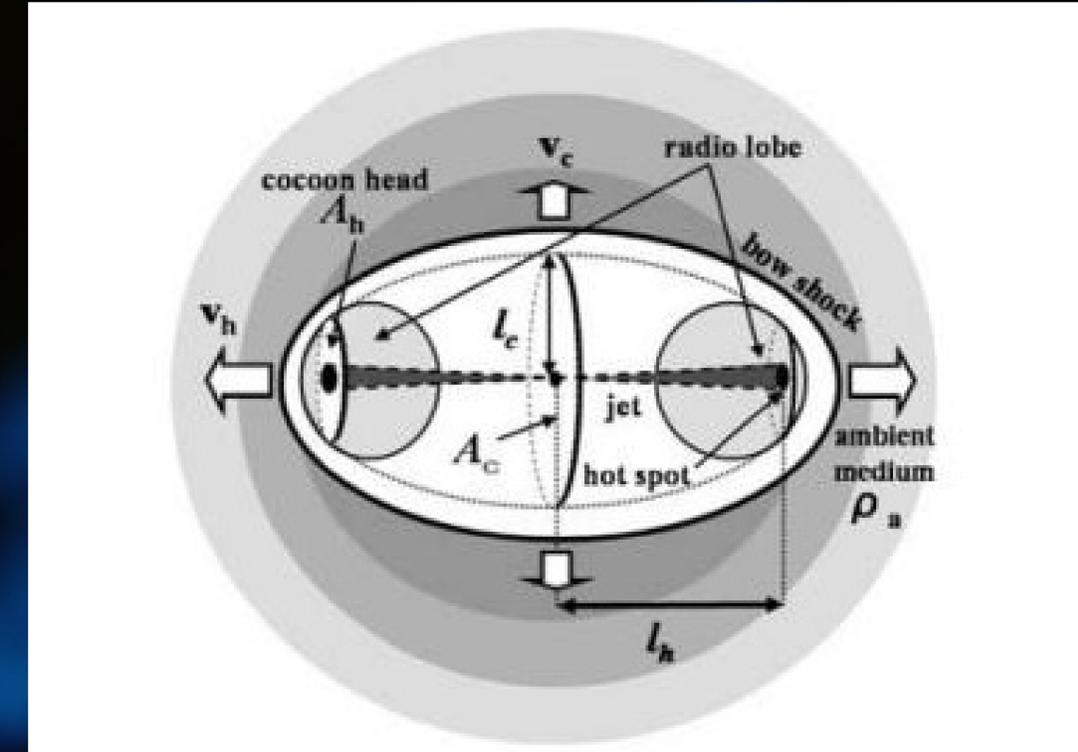


FIG. 1.—Schematic diagram of the overpressured cocoon surrounding a powerful double radio source. The shock bounding the cocoon expands into the IGM with speed v_b along the mean jet axis and $\sim v_c$ in orthogonal directions. The observable radio lobes constitute only a small fraction of the cocoon's volume near the ends of the jets, and the mean cross sectional area of the cocoon, A_c , is much larger than the area of the bow shock, A_b . Due to fluctuations in the jet direction, momentum is deposited over a much wider area than the instantaneous jet cross section. For Cygnus A, we estimate $A_b \sim 28 \text{ kpc}^2$; the total projected length of the cocoon is $\sim 120 \text{ kpc}$ (for $H_0 = 75 \text{ km s}^{-1} \text{ Mpc}^{-1}$). In the multiphase IGM proposed for high- z radio galaxies, clouds could penetrate into the region of shocked jet material and star formation could occur throughout the interior of the cocoon.



Begelman & Cioffi, 1989

Kino & Kawakatu, 2006

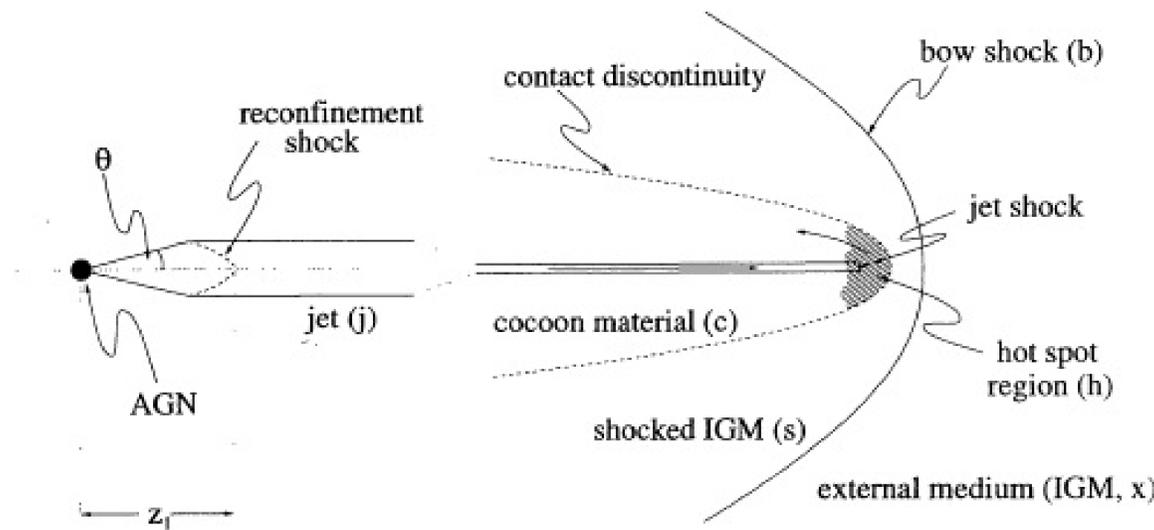


Figure 1. Basic elements of a radio source. The letters in brackets are the indices used for quantities in the indicated regions.

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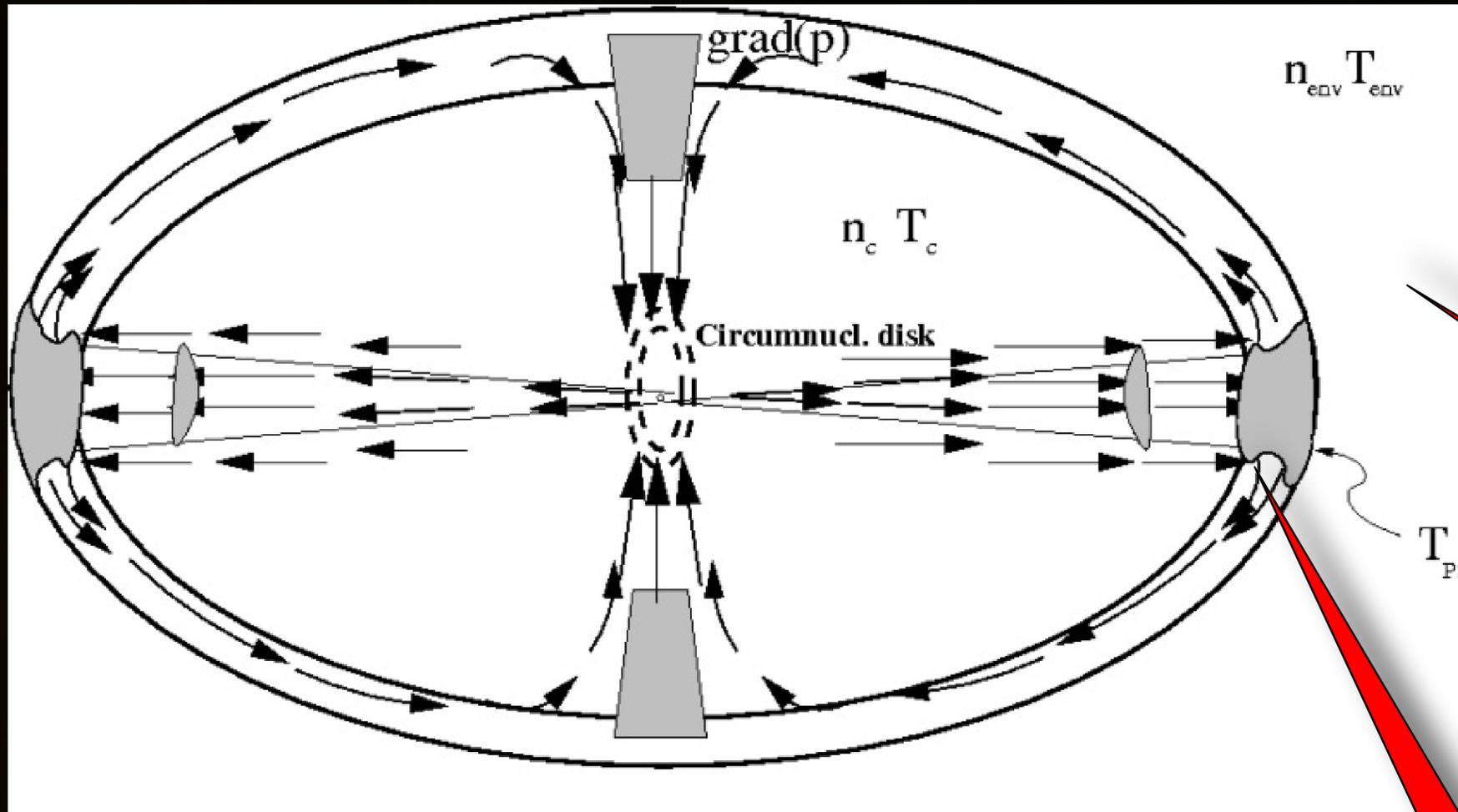
- Falle (1991), Alexander (1997): Self-similar expansion, a/b constant, $a(t)$ from:

$$\rho_{hs} * A_{hs} = m_{hs} dv_{hs}/dt$$

- No cooling \rightarrow adiabatic expansion of cocoon
- NO backflow is predicted within the SSM

Kaiser & Alexander, 1997

Backflow's origin is thermodynamical



- Shock dissipation $\rightarrow \Delta h \neq 0 \rightarrow$ gradients in specific enthalpy across a shock
- Crocco's theorem (1937):

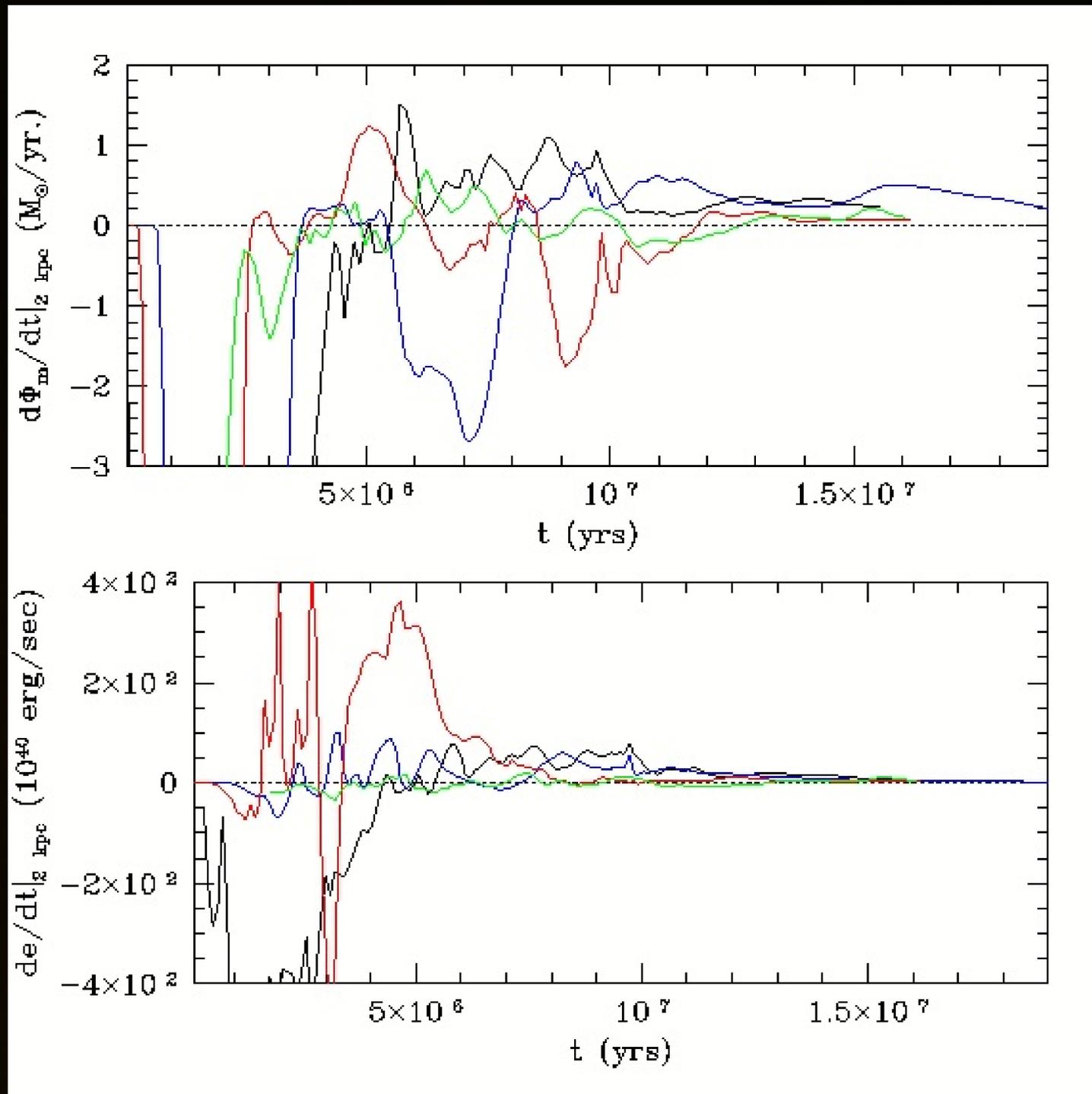
$$\vec{v} \times \text{curl } \vec{v} = \nabla h - T \nabla S$$

Circulation is created by discontinuities in h and/or entropy S

$$h = U + \frac{p}{\rho} + \frac{1}{2} v^2$$

- **At least two regions** in a bi-jet/cocoon system where $\Delta h \neq 0$: **Hot spot** and on the **meridional symmetry plane**

Mass and energy flux



- dM/dt and de/dt @ $r=2$ kpc around central SMBH

- After $t \approx 6 - 10$ Myrs. constant positive inflows \rightarrow total mass and energy are advected

- $M(t_{\text{acc}} \approx 2 \times 10^7 \text{ Myr.}) \approx 10^{6-6.7}$

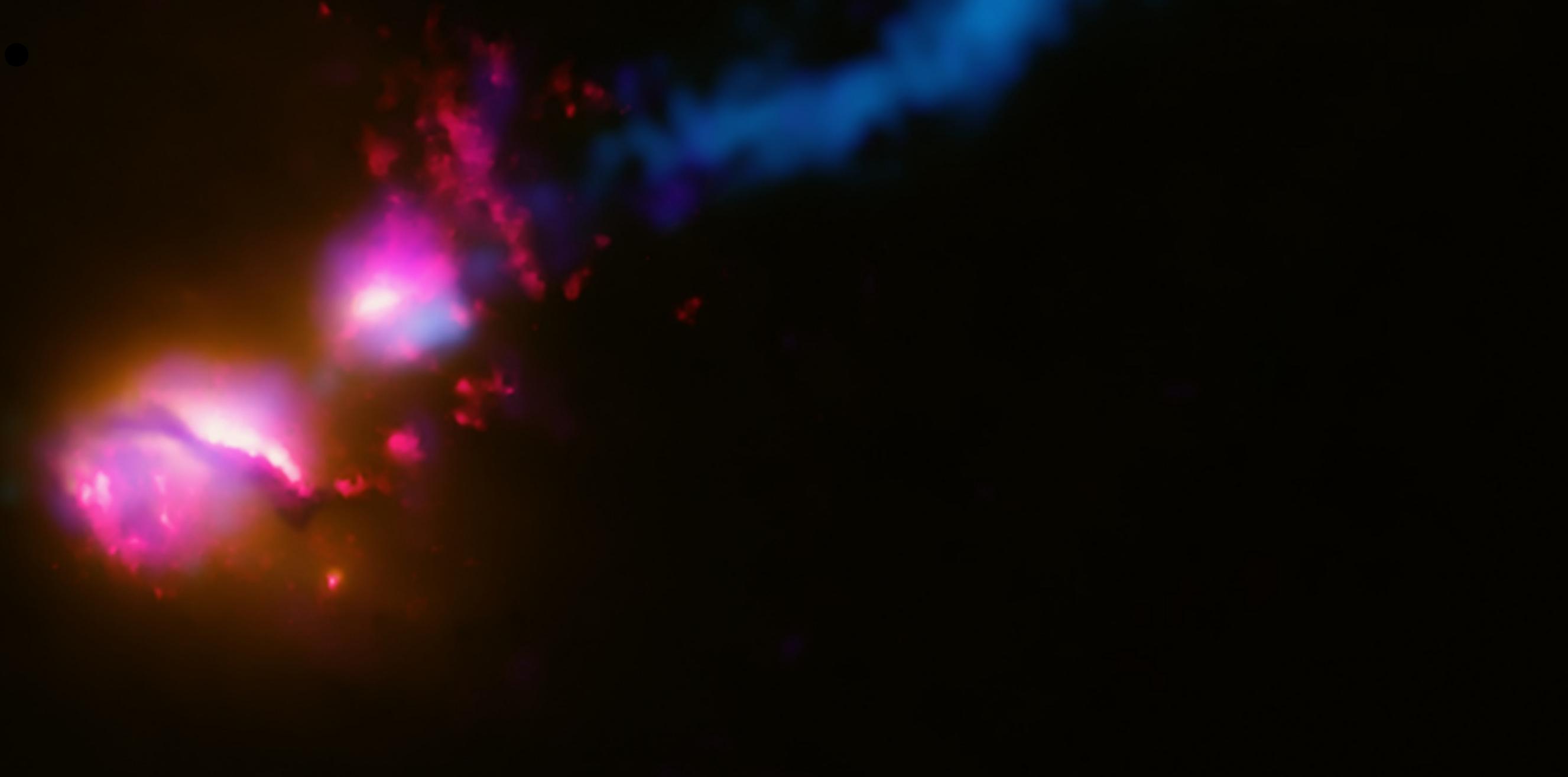
M_{\odot}

- Independent of P_{jet}

- This low angular momentum gas can feed the SMBH \leftrightarrow self regulation mechanism

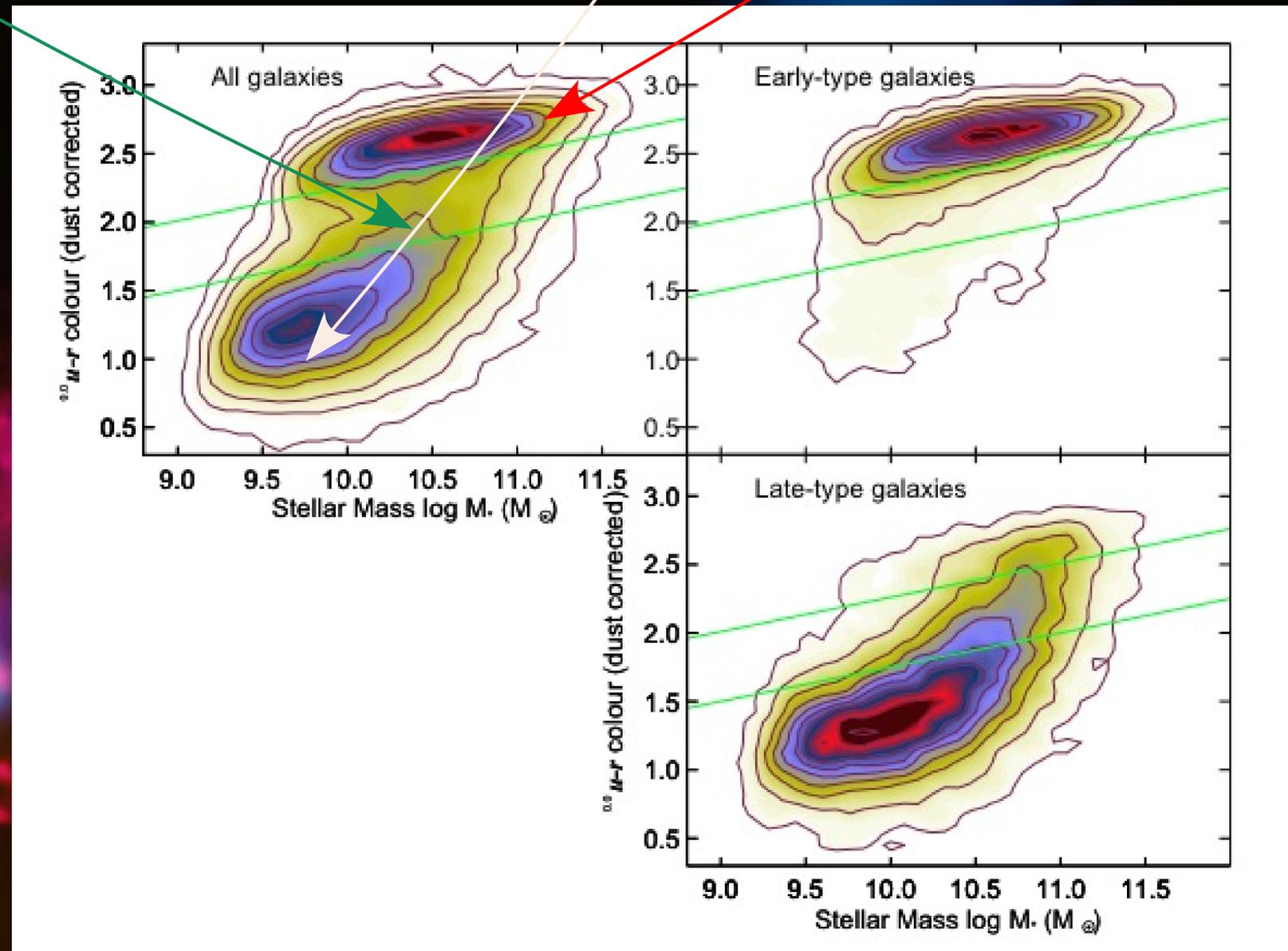
AGNs/QSO feedback: what is it?

- RGs: low z () and high z (radio alignment effect, see: <https://ned.ipac.caltech.edu/level5/Sept08/Miley/Miley4.html>)
- Feedback - Blue cloud/Red valley migration . Evidence for AGN negative feedback (quote also Romeo's paper)
- Positive feedback: why is needed - History: Rees & Silk - Gaibler et al's paper (positive feedback in spirals) - Evidence in CenA, M87, Minkowski object



AGNs/QSO feedback: what is *negative feedback*?

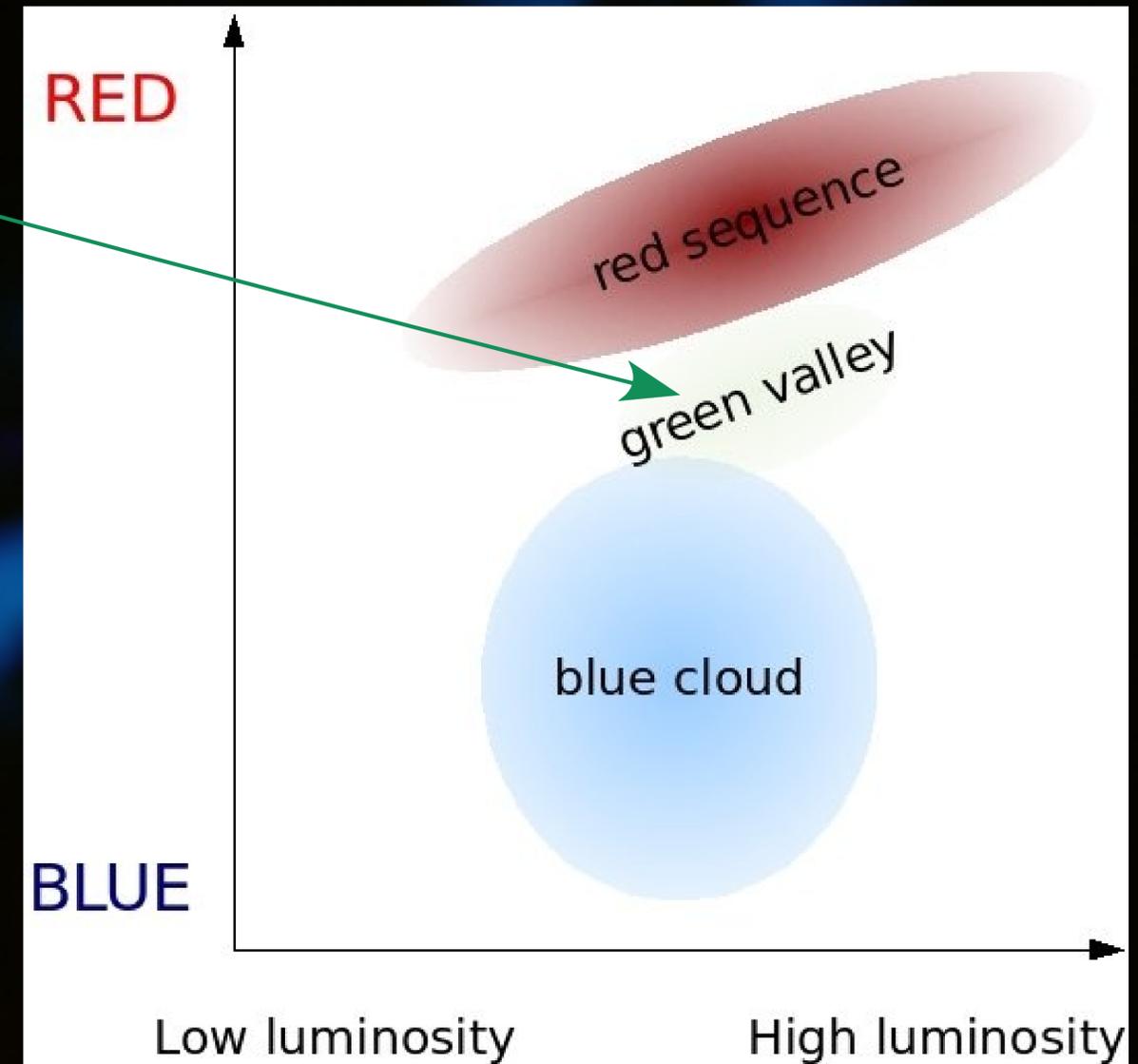
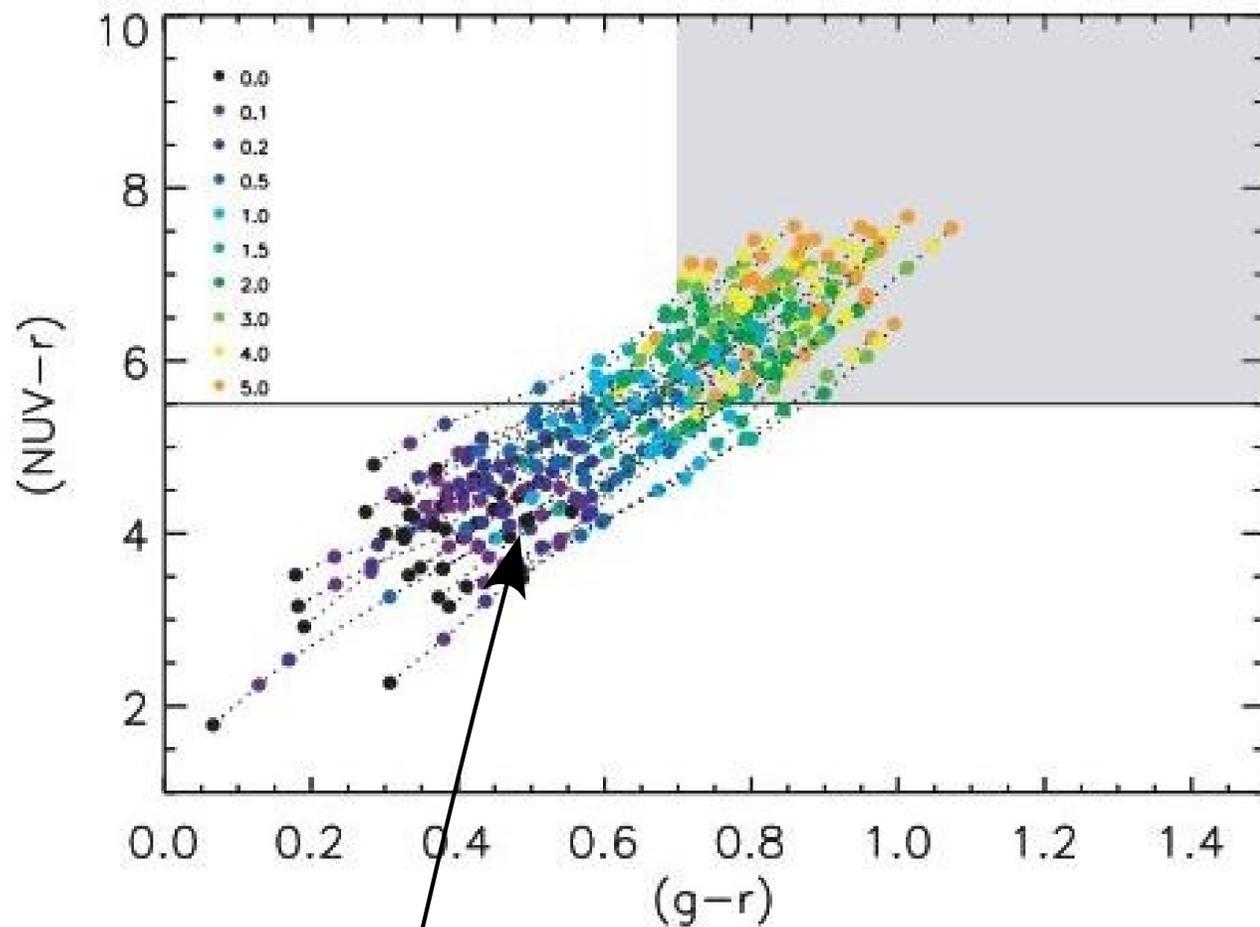
- The Colour-Magnitude diagram of galaxies: *Blue Cloud*, *Red Sequence* and *Green Valley*
- Colours \rightarrow stellar populations
- Early-type galaxies today host $\sim 80\%$ of all the stars in the local Universe \rightarrow How can stellar populations have evolved so fast from *Blue Cloud* to *Red Sequence*?
- A stellar evolutionary question.



AGNs/QSO feedback acts quickly

All these galaxies host a (sometimes active) AGN, e.g. most late-type in the *Green Valley* are Seyfert 1

Kaviraj et al, MNRAS 960. 70 (2007)



AGNs can *quickly* ($\lesssim 2-3$ Gyrs) and *heavily* damps star formation promoting migration from the *Blue Cloud* to the *Red Sequence* (Silk & Rees 1998)