

Self-Gravitating Supersonic MHD Turbulence

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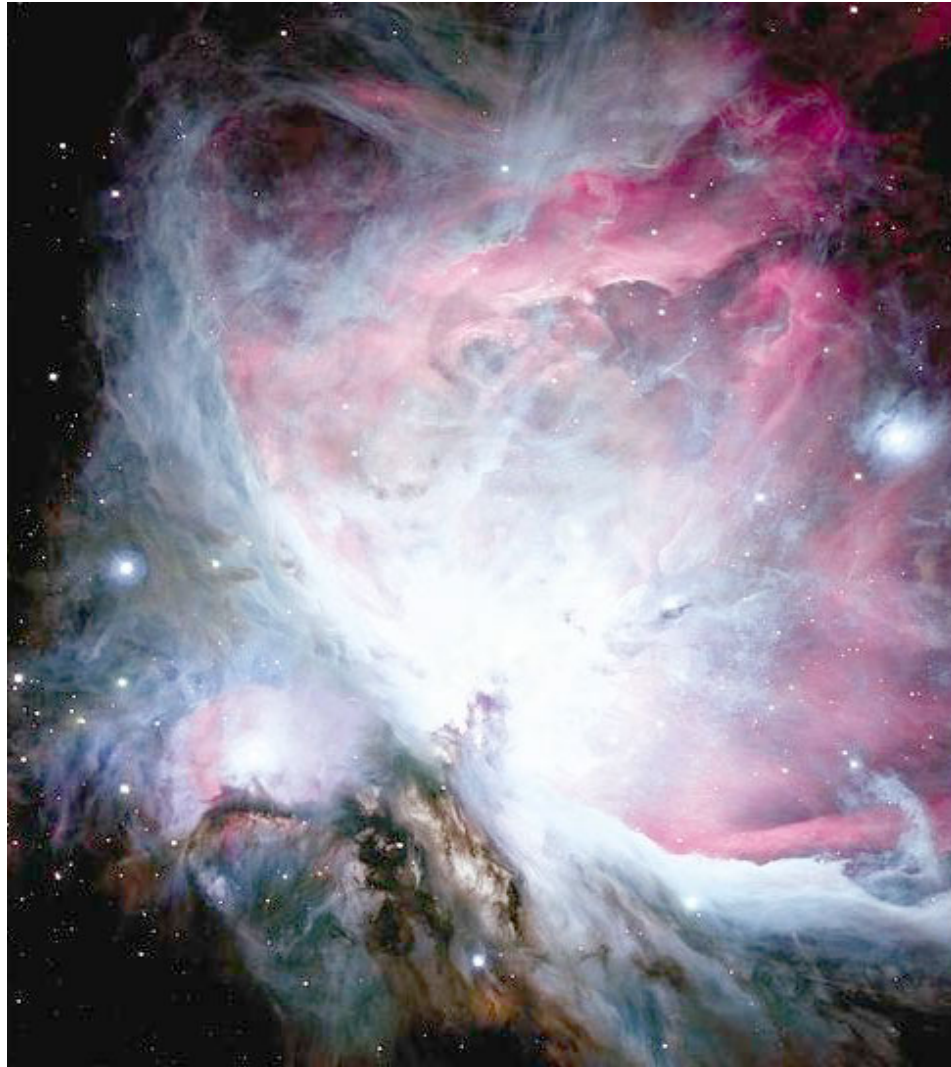
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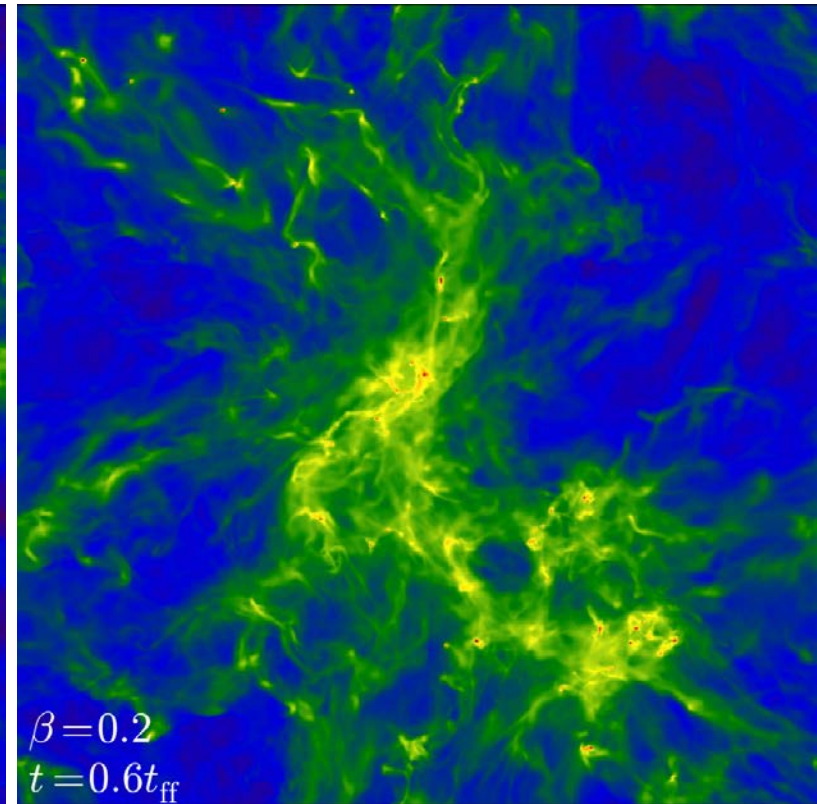
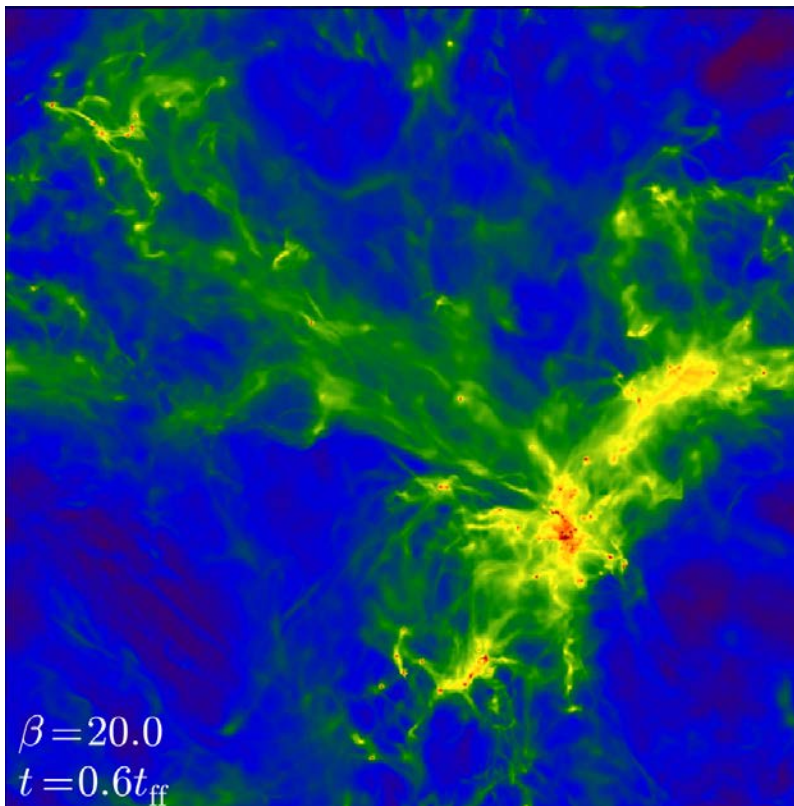
Application I: Star-Forming Clouds

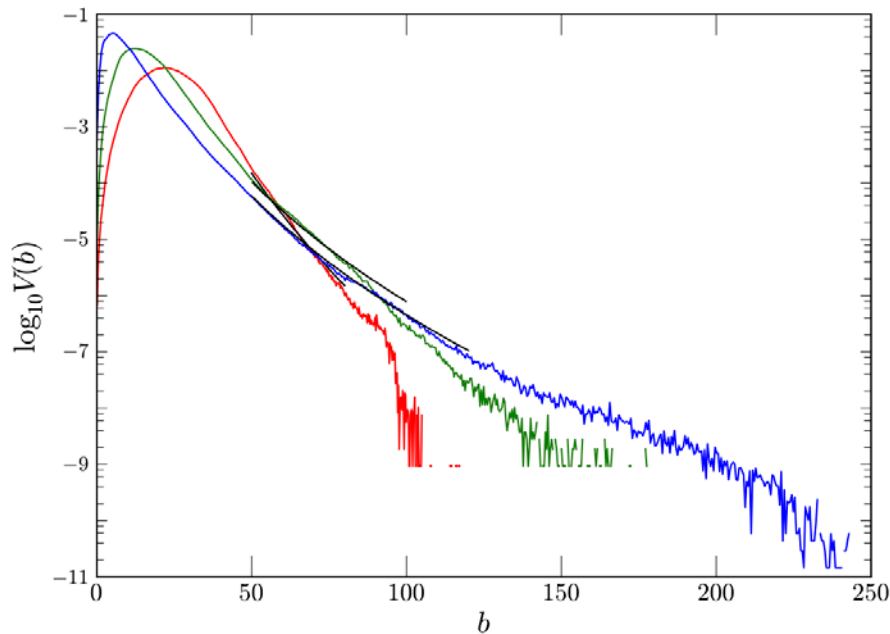
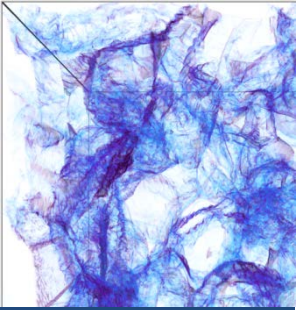


ILES of Forced MHD

Collins et al. (2012):

- AMR simulation (4 levels, 16 cells per Jeans length)
- PLM (Li et al. 2008), CT method, $\text{Ma}_{\text{rms}} \approx 9$



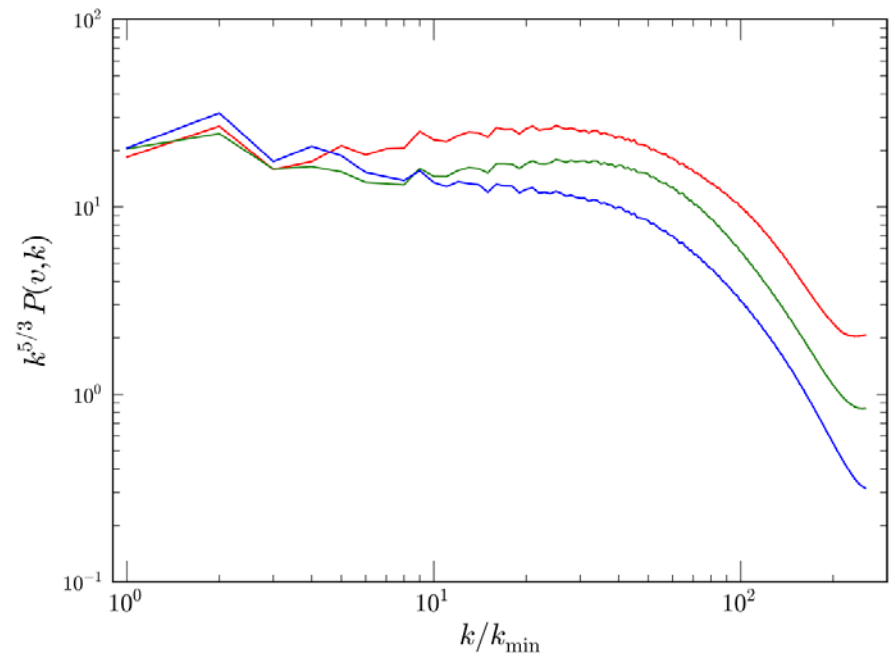


Magnetic field PDFs:

- field fluctuation b
- peaks given by β_0
- widest tail for weakest field

Velocity power spectra:

- no evolution due to gravity
- Steeper slope for lower β_0



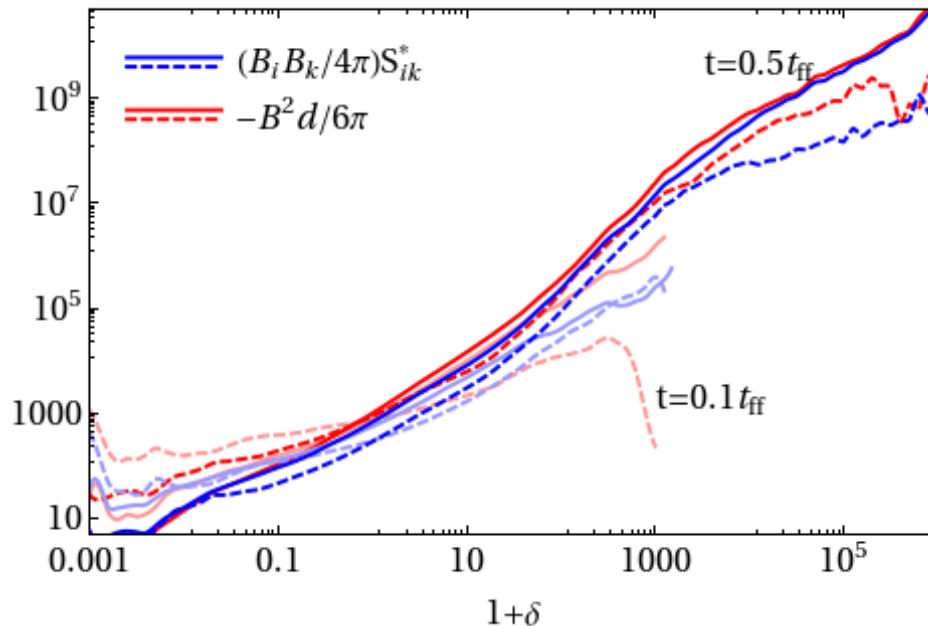
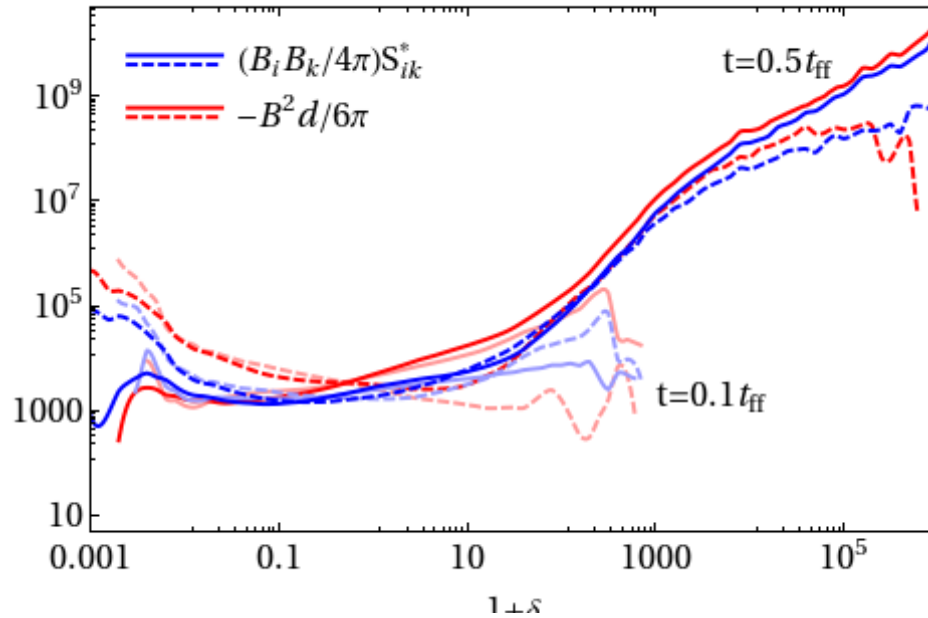
Local Magnetic Field Amplification

- PDE for the **magnetic pressure** follows from compressible induction equation (ideal MHD):

$$\frac{D}{Dt} \left(\frac{B^2}{8\pi} \right) = \frac{1}{4\pi} \left(B_i B_k S_{ik}^* - \frac{2}{3} B^2 d \right)$$

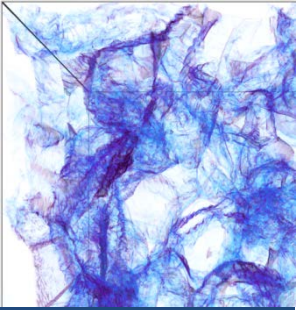
- Two contributions:
 - Amplification by **shear** (dynamo action)
 - Gravitational and shock **compression**
- Can be positive or negative
 - Compute averages of positive and negative contributions for given overdensity $\rho / \rho_0 = 1 + \delta$

$\beta \approx 0.034$ and 0.21 (WS, Collins, Kritsuk 2013)



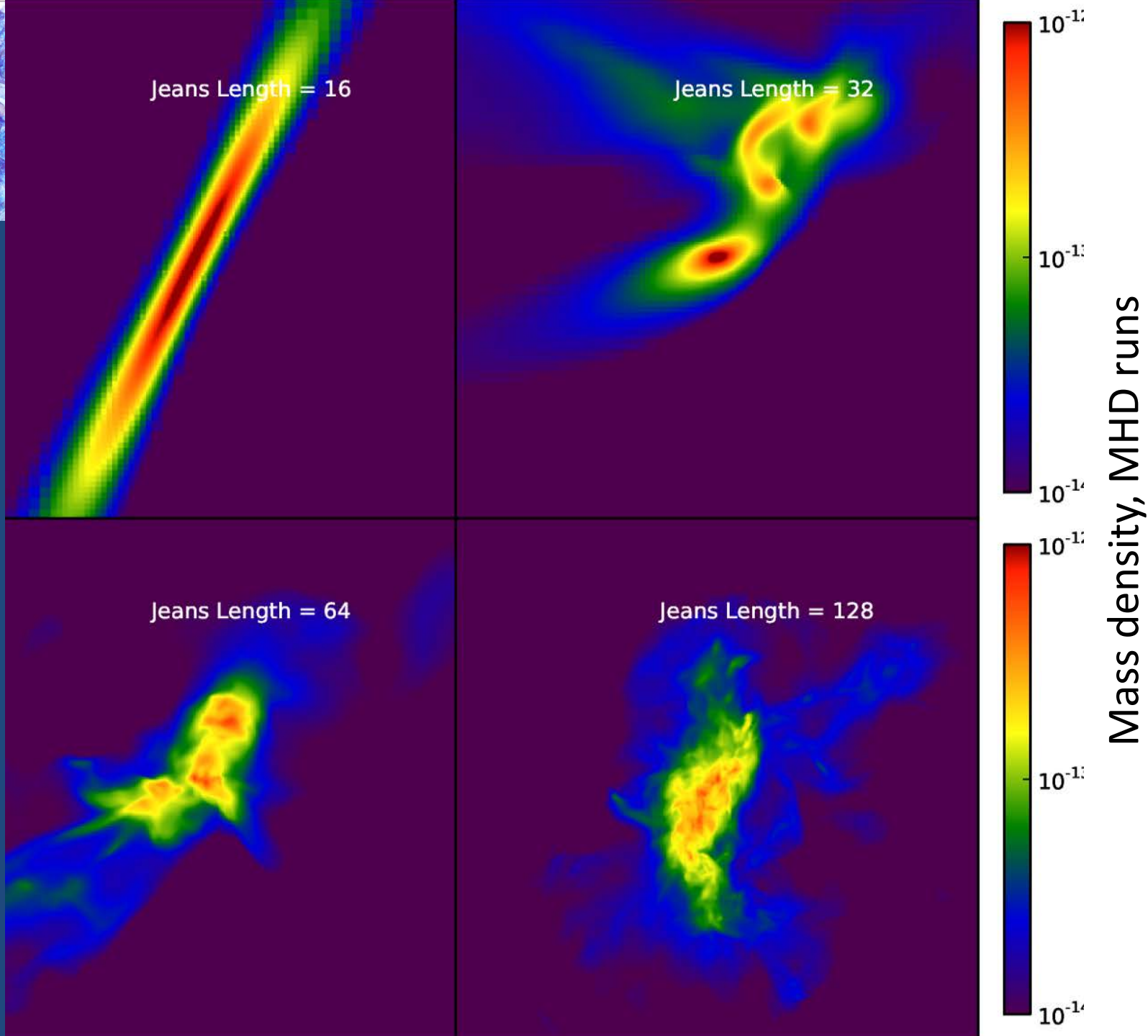
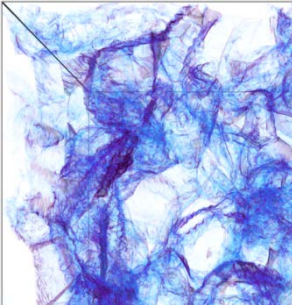
Magnetic field amplification:

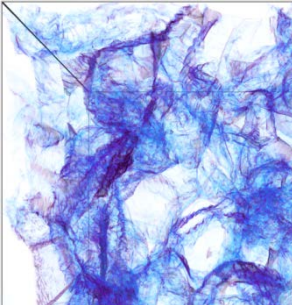
- initially saturation
- balance between shear-induced and compressive amplification
- stronger effect for higher β
- net amplification at high densities (collapsing gas)



Application II: The First Stars in the Universe

- **Direct collapse scenario:**
 - dark matter halos of mass $\sim 10^7 M_{\text{sun}}$
 - fragmentation due to atomic gas cooling
 - collapse produces prestellar cores ($1000 M_{\text{sun}}$)
- Might lead to the formation of seed black holes that can grow to **supermassive BHs**
- **Deep zoom-in simulations** with Enzo ([Latif, Schleicher, WS, and Niemeyer 2013](#)):
 - 27 levels of refinement
 - follows collapse down to 0.25 AU
 - MHD runs
 - HD runs: comparison LES to ILES



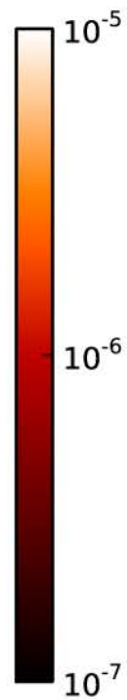
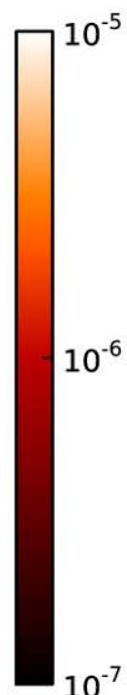


Jeans Length = 16

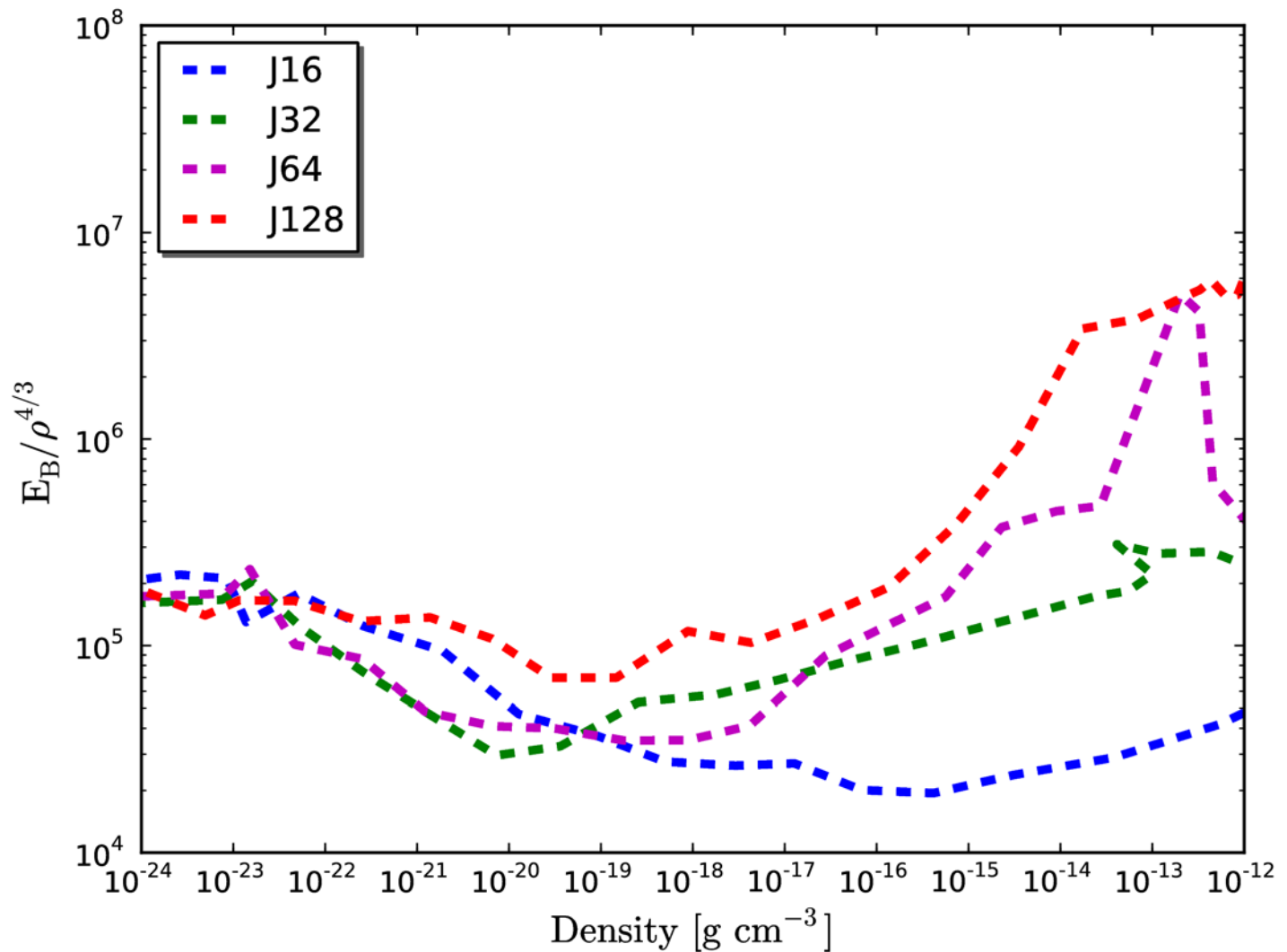
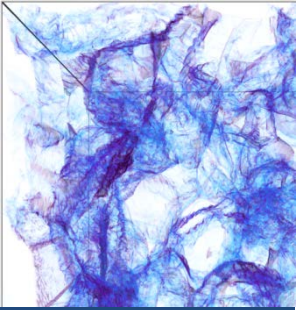
Jeans Length = 32

Jeans Length = 64

Jeans Length = 128



Magnetic field, MHD runs



Magnetic field amplification:

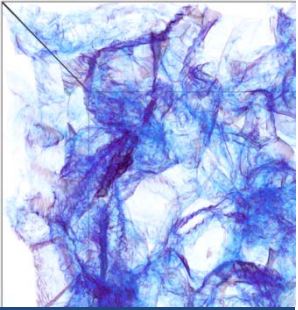
- no amplification at low resolution
- Amplification at high densities for ≥ 64 cells per λ_j

What's going on here?

- Turbulence is **driven by self-gravity** of the gas
- Energy injection on length scales $l \geq \lambda_J$
- We barely touch the turbulent cascade in these simulations – would need $\Delta \ll \lambda_J$
- **Growth rate** of B due to dynamo can be estimated by (Schober et al. 2012):

$$1 / \tau_B \sim \frac{V}{\lambda_J} \text{Re}^{1/2} \sim \frac{V}{\lambda_J} \left(\frac{\lambda_J}{l_K} \right)^{2/3}$$

- But in ILES that do not resolve the physical dissipation scale, the dynamo is driven from the **smallest resolved length scales** $l \sim \Delta \gg l_K$



Subgrid Scale Model for Hydrodynamical Turbulence

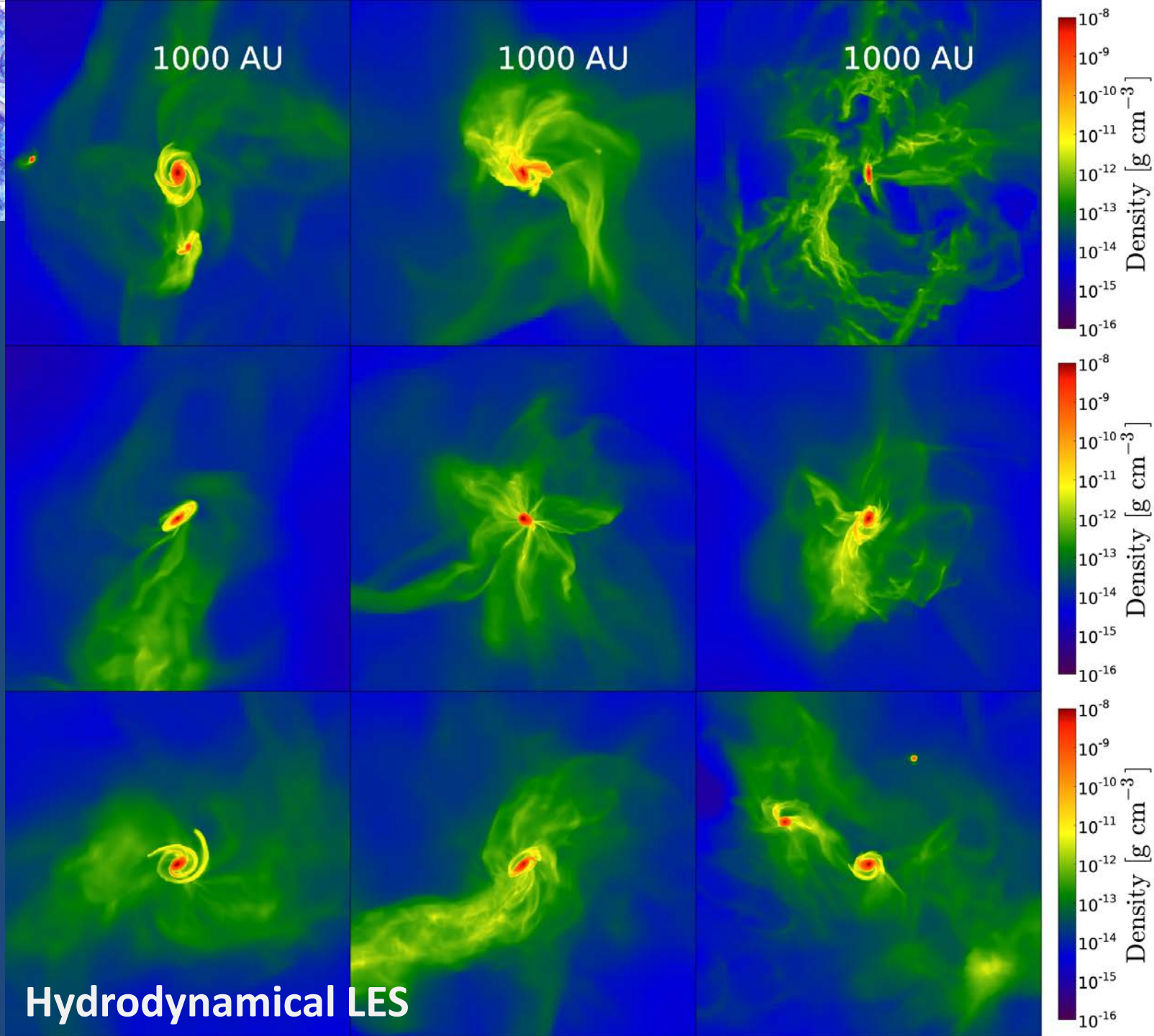
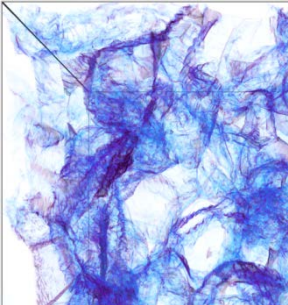
- Based on [Germano \(1992\)](#) decomposition
- A priori tests of closure for compressible turbulence ([Schmidt et al. 2006, 2011](#))

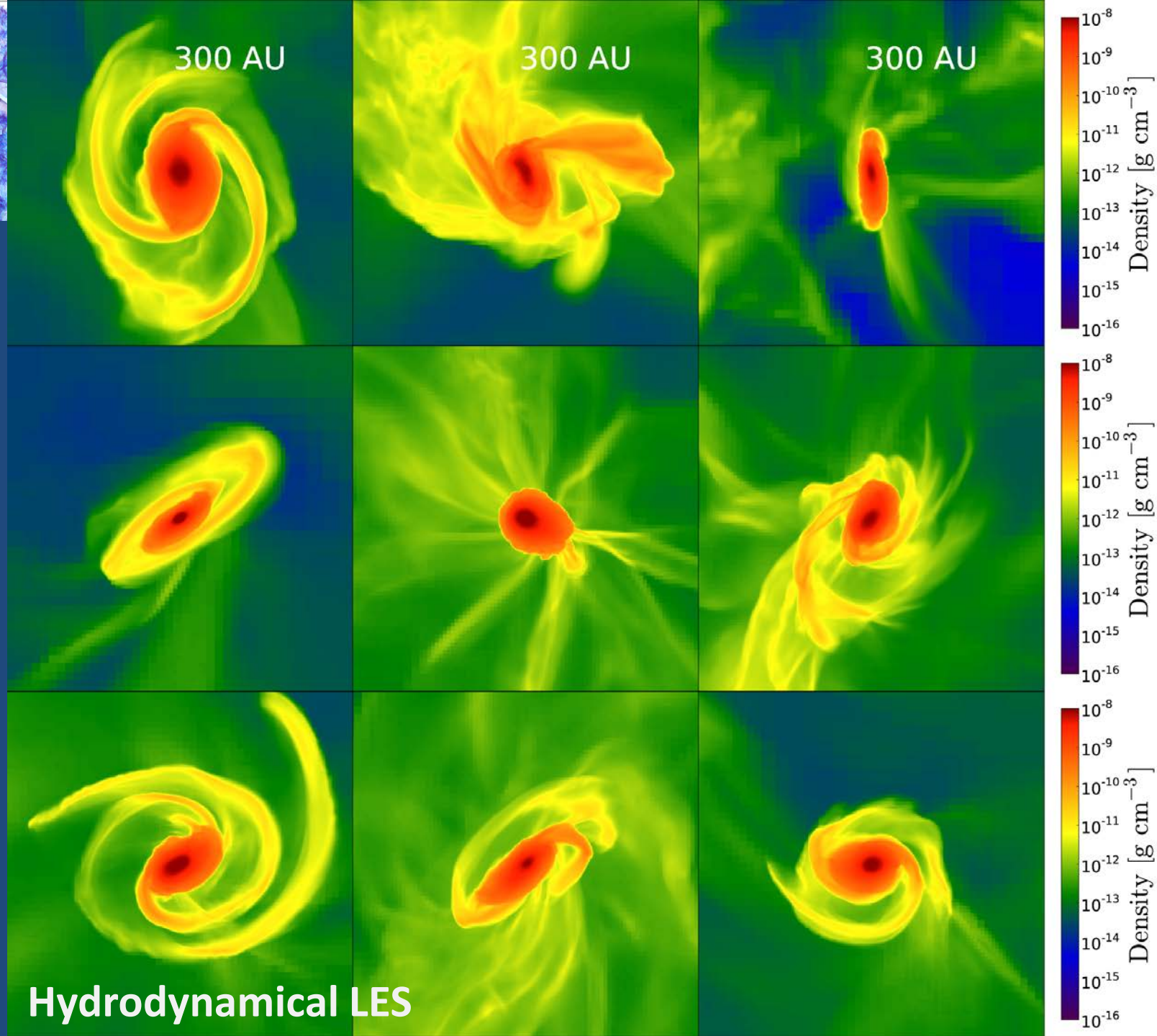
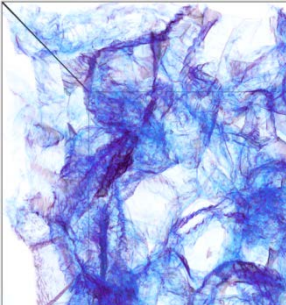
$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \rho + \nabla \cdot (\mathbf{u} \rho) = 0$$

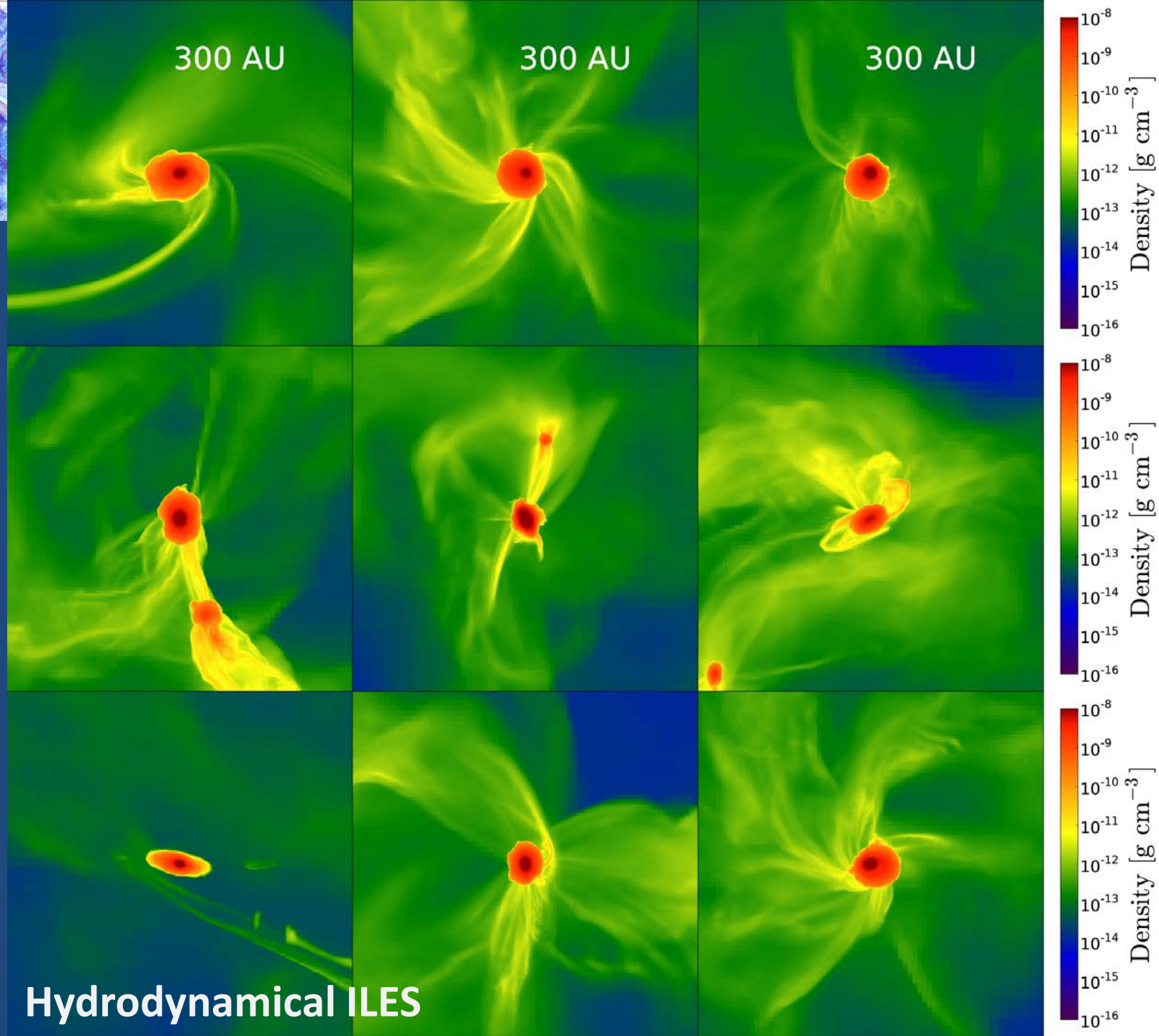
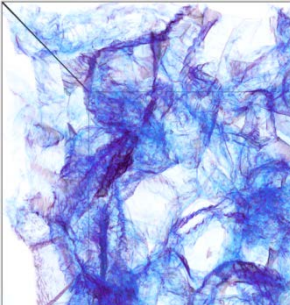
$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} (\rho \mathbf{u}) + \nabla \cdot (\rho \mathbf{u} \otimes \mathbf{u}) = - \nabla \cdot \underbrace{\left(P + \frac{2}{3} \rho K \right)}_{\text{eff. pressure}} + \underbrace{\nabla \cdot \boldsymbol{\tau}_{\text{sgs}}^*}_{\text{nondiag. stresses}} + \rho (\mathbf{g} + \mathbf{f}_{\text{ext}})$$

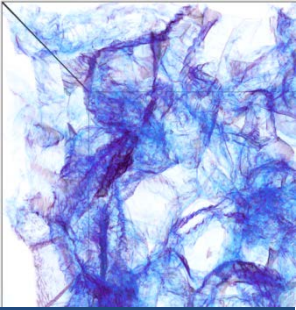
$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \rho E + \nabla \cdot (\rho \mathbf{u} E) = & - \nabla \cdot \left[\mathbf{u} \left(P + \frac{2}{3} \rho K \right) \right] + \nabla \cdot (\mathbf{u} \cdot \boldsymbol{\tau}_{\text{sgs}}^*) \\ & + \rho \mathbf{u} \cdot (\mathbf{g} + \mathbf{f}_{\text{ext}}) \underbrace{-\Lambda + \Gamma}_{\text{radiative}} \underbrace{-\Sigma + \rho \epsilon}_{\text{turbulent}} \end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \rho K + \nabla \cdot (\rho \mathbf{u} K) = \mathfrak{D} + \Sigma - \rho \epsilon$$









ILES vs LES

	ILES	LES
diffusivity (SGS)	$\nu_{\text{num}} = \nu_{\text{turb}}?$	e.g. $\nu_{\text{sgs}} = C_v \Delta K^{1/2}$
dissipation	instantaneous (kin. energy to heat)	intermediate reservoir ρK
turbulent pressure (SGS)	none	$P_{\text{sgs}} = \frac{2}{3} \rho K$
dynamo	increases with $1/\Delta$	closure for $\alpha \mathbf{B}$
AMR	numerical cooling/heating	energy bookkeeping ($\frac{1}{2} \rho u^2 \leftrightarrow \rho K$)