#### Physics 224 The Interstellar Medium

Lecture #21: Feedback, Cosmic Rays & Closing the Loop

## Outline

- Part I: Feedback
- Part II: Cosmic Rays
- Part III: Global ISM models





## Radiative Feedback



## Mechanical Feedback



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## Supernovae



Stars with masses > 8 M<sub>☉</sub> explode.

Supernovae produce ~10<sup>53</sup> ergs in neutrinos ~10<sup>51</sup> ergs in kinetic energy

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# Supernovae

Initially:  $M_{ejecta} \sim few M_{\odot}$ ,  $v_{ejecta} \sim 10^4 \text{ km/s}$ 

Phase	Characteristics	Ends when	Radius at end
Free Expansion	ballistic expansion, shock wave into ISM/CSM, ejecta cools due to adiabatic expansion, reverse shock when $P_{shocked ISM} > P_{ej}$	M <sub>swept</sub> > M <sub>ej</sub>	R ~ t
Sedov-Taylor	ejecta is very hot, P <sub>ej</sub> >P <sub>ISM</sub> expansion driven by hot gas, radiation losses are unimportant	radiative losses become important	R ~ t <sup>2/5</sup>
Snow Plow	pressure driven expansion with radiative loss, then momentum driven	shock becomes subsonic	$R \sim t^{2/7}$ $R \sim t^{1/4}$
Fadeaway	turbulence dissipates remnant structure and merges with ISM	_	_





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# Cosmic Rays

Energies and rates of the cosmic-ray particles 10<sup>4</sup> Flux of Cosmic Rays Grigorov Akeno 10<sup>0</sup> protons only MSU -0-1 particle per m<sup>2</sup> – second 10<sup>-1</sup> KASCADE Tibet KASCADE-Grande IceTop73 all-particle HiRes1&2 10<sup>-2</sup> TA2013 10<sup>-6</sup> (GeV cm<sup>-2</sup>sr<sup>-1</sup>s<sup>-1</sup>) electrons Auger2013 Flux (m<sup>2</sup> sr s Gev)<sup>-1</sup> Model H4a Knee CREAM all particle (1 particle per m<sup>2</sup> – year) positrons **10**<sup>-11</sup> 10<sup>-4</sup> Galactic E<sup>2</sup>dN/dE 10<sup>-16</sup> 10<sup>-6</sup> antiprotons **10**<sup>-21</sup> Extra-Galactic 10<sup>-8</sup> Fixed target Ankle HERA RHIC TEVATRON (1 particle per km<sup>2</sup> – year) 10<sup>-26</sup> LHC 10<sup>-10</sup> 10<sup>10</sup> 10<sup>0</sup> 10<sup>2</sup> 10<sup>4</sup> 10<sup>6</sup> 10<sup>8</sup> 10<sup>12</sup> 10<sup>12</sup> 10<sup>15</sup> 10<sup>9</sup> 10<sup>18</sup> 10<sup>21</sup> Е (GeV / particle) Energy (eV) https://masterclass.icecube.wisc.edu/en/analyses/cosmic-ray-energy-spectrum (source: Swordy – U.Chicago)

## Cosmic Rays

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Maximum energy attainable by diffusive shock acceleration is set by when B-fields can no longer confine CR.

gyroradius > scale of system

$$\begin{split} R_{\rm gyro} &= \frac{pc}{eB_{\perp}} & E_{\rm max} = eB_{\rm SNR}L \\ {\rm p=momentum} & E_{\rm max} \approx 10^{7.0} {\rm GeV} \left(\frac{L}{23 {\rm pc}}\right) \left(\frac{B_{\rm SNR}}{10 \mu {\rm G}}\right) \end{split}$$

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$$E_{\rm max} \approx 10^{7.0} {\rm GeV} \left(\frac{L}{23 {\rm pc}}\right) \left(\frac{B_{\rm SNR}}{10 \mu {\rm G}}\right)$$

Supernova shocks have long been thought to be the best candidate for CR acceleration.

Recently, first direct evidence...

![](_page_19_Figure_1.jpeg)

Accelerated protons create pions when they run into the surrounding ISM. Pions decay and produce gamma rays.

Fermi confirmation of gamma-ray spectrum following pion decay prediction for some SNRs in the MW. (Ackermann et al. 2013)

# ISM Energy Density

Component	<i>u</i> (eV cm <sup>-3</sup> )
Cosmic Microwave Background	0.25 (Т <sub>СМВ</sub> = 2.725 К)
Gas Thermal Energy	0.49 (for nT = 3800 cm <sup>-3</sup> K)
Gas Turbulent Kinetic Energy	0.22 (for n = 1 cm <sup>-3</sup> , v <sub>turb</sub> = 1 km/s)
B-Field	0.89 (for 6 µGauss)
Cosmic Rays	1.39 (see Draine ch 13)
Starlight	0.54 (for hv < 13.6 eV)

#### All the same order of magnitude!

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How does THIS affect THIS	Gravitational Potential	Gas	Dust	Radiation Field	Cosmic Rays	Magnetic Fields	Stars
Gravitational Potential		hydrostatic pressure, dynamics, spiral arms, large scale gas stability	2nd order	2nd order	pressure confinement, dynamical influence (e.g. spiral arms)	gas dynamics, pressure arrange B-field	sets stellar mass distribution, 2nd order hydrostatic pressure -> SF
Gas	self-gravity in dense gas clouds	gas dynamics, collisional excitation, self gravity	dust growth in dense gas, collisional heating/cooling, charging, dust destruction in shocks	alters radiation field (H2 shielding, ionizing photons absorbed)	creation (shocks accelerate), collisions (CR + p+ -> γ ray), confinement (B-field)	dynamically, MHD turbulence, dynamos create/ amplify B-field	star formation
Dust	2nd order	heating/cooling gas, shielding, chemistry, metal abundance (grain sputtering)	grain-grain collisions, shielding small grains from UV	extinction (absorption & scattering)	2nd order	ionization of grains and gas, keeps B-field tied to gas	key role in SF
Radiation Field	2nd order	heating of gas, ionization, photoelectric effect	heating dust, charging grains (PE effect), destruction of small grains		2nd order	ionization of gas, keeps B-field tied to gas	key role in SF
Cosmic Rays	2nd order	ionization in dense gas, connection to B- field	2nd order	2nd order		tied closely to B- field, equipartition?	heats dense gas that forms stars
Magnetic Fields	2nd order	dynamically, MHD turbulence	grain alignment, charged grains coupled to B- field	2nd order	tied closely to B- field, equipartition?	? reconnection & dissipation	dynamically important in collapse -> SF
Stars	large part of the overall mass that sets the grav potential	SNe/winds - dynamics, nucleosynthesis (metals), radiation field generation	create & destroy dust, generate radiation field that heats dust	directly produce it	SNe shocks -> CR	2nd order	feedback shuts off SF

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# Global ISM Models

- FGH 1969 Thermal Instability 2 phase model
- McKee & Ostriker 1977 SNe regulated 3 phase model
- Hydrostatic Balance models Ostriker, McKee & Leroy 2010
- Simulations of SNe regulated ISM

### FGH 1969 Thermal Instability

![](_page_28_Figure_1.jpeg)

Not a full ISM model, predicts existence of two phases in thermal equil. given heating and cooling rates and average ISM pressure.

Observational prediction: CNM/WNM n,T, & filling factors

> Issues: why is P what it is?

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#### MO 1977 SNe Driven 3 Phase

A SMALL CLOUD

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SNe rate, ISM density structure, cloud evaporation combine to set radius (& therefore pressure) at which SN remnants overlap.

Observational prediction: filling factors of hot ionized gas, CNM/WNM, ISM pressure

#### Issues:

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In equlibrium:

 $\begin{array}{l} heating \ from \ UV \\ \Gamma_{diffuse} \ \propto \ SFR \ \propto \ M_{self-grav} \end{array}$ 

balances:

cooling from far-IR lines  $\Lambda_{diffuse} \propto n \propto P_{diffuse} \propto \Sigma$ 

Observational prediction: relationship between  $\Sigma_{tot}$ ,  $\Sigma_{self-grav}$ ,  $\Sigma_{diffuse}$  Issues:

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Observational prediction: relationship between  $\Sigma_{tot}$ ,  $\Sigma_{self-grav}$ ,  $\Sigma_{diffuse}$  In equlibrium:

heating from UV  $\Gamma_{diffuse} \propto SFR \propto M_{self-grav}$ 

balances:

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Issues:

gravity of gas, stars, DM

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In equlibrium:

thermal pressure in diffuse gas heating from UV  $\Gamma_{diffuse} \propto SFR \propto M_{self-grav}$ 

balances:

cooling from far-IR lines  $\Lambda_{diffuse} \propto n \propto P_{diffuse} \propto \Sigma$ 

Observational prediction: relationship between  $\Sigma_{tot}$ ,  $\Sigma_{self-grav}$ ,  $\Sigma_{diffuse}$  Issues:

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In equlibrium:

thermal pressure in diffuse gas heating from UV  $\Gamma_{diffuse} \propto SFR \propto M_{self-grav}$ 

balances:

cooling from far-IR lines  $\Lambda_{diffuse} \propto n \propto P_{diffuse} \propto \Sigma$ 

Observational prediction: relationship between  $\Sigma_{tot}$ ,  $\Sigma_{self-grav}$ ,  $\Sigma_{diffuse}$ 

#### Issues:

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Star Formation

Observational prediction: relationship between  $\Sigma_{tot}$ ,  $\Sigma_{self-grav}$ ,  $\Sigma_{diffuse}$  In equlibrium:

thermal pressure in diffus<u>e</u> gas heating from UV  $\Gamma_{diffuse} \propto SFR \propto M_{self-grav}$ 

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Issues:

# Global ISM Models

Test models with observables:

Easier: Stellar mass surface density Gas mass surface density Star formation rate Dust mass surface density (& dust-to-gas ratio) Mass spectrum of molecular clouds Metallicity Gas "phase" (CNM/WNM, H<sub>2</sub> fraction)

> <u>Harder:</u> B-field strength Cosmic ray flux

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A variety of models reproduce the basic properties of the MW's ISM.

To test models need to see if they also work in conditions different from the MW, i.e. local galaxies.

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Beyond the MW, don't have access to the same detailed measurements. Key observations include "scaling relations" that show how gas, SFR, stars, dust are related.

The Schmidt-Kennicutt relation is a key scaling connecting galaxy averaged SF surface density and total gas surface density.

Schmidt (1959), Kennicutt (1989, 1998)

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On kiloparsec scales, KS relation shows SF associated with  $H_2$  and a variety of HI-to- $H_2$  ratios

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![](_page_41_Picture_0.jpeg)

Image from: https://public.nrao.edu/AlmaExtras/

#### EDGING INTO THE UNKNOWN

After 35 years, the Voyager 1 spacecraft may finally be nearing the edge of the Solar System — the heliopause — but the probe's readings are proving difficult to interpret. Its sister craft, Voyager 2, is probably a few years away from reaching the milestone.

#### **VOYAGER 1**

Launched 5 September 1977. Current distance from Sun: 18.2 billion kilometres.

#### **BOW SHOCK?**

A shock wave of ionized gas. Latest observations suggest the Solar System is not moving through the interstellar medium fast enough to create one.

#### VOYAGER 2 Launched 20 August 1977. Current distance from Sun: 14.9 billion kilometres.

INTERSTELLAR SPACE

#### HELIOPAUSE

SUN

The boundary of the Solar System, where the outward pressure of the heliosphere is in balance with the inward push of the interstellar medium.

#### HELIOSPHERE

The extended bubble of solar particles streaming into the interstellar medium. It is nearest to the Sun in the direction of the Solar System's motion through space.

#### TERMINATION SHOCK

Past this boundary, particles streaming from the Sun slow to subsonic speed. Voyager 1 crossed it in December 2004; Voyager 2 in August 2007.

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Cowen, Nature, 2012

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