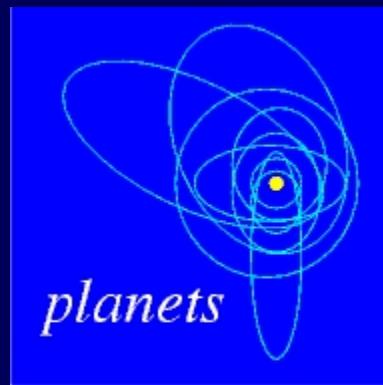


Photoevaporation of protoplanetary disks

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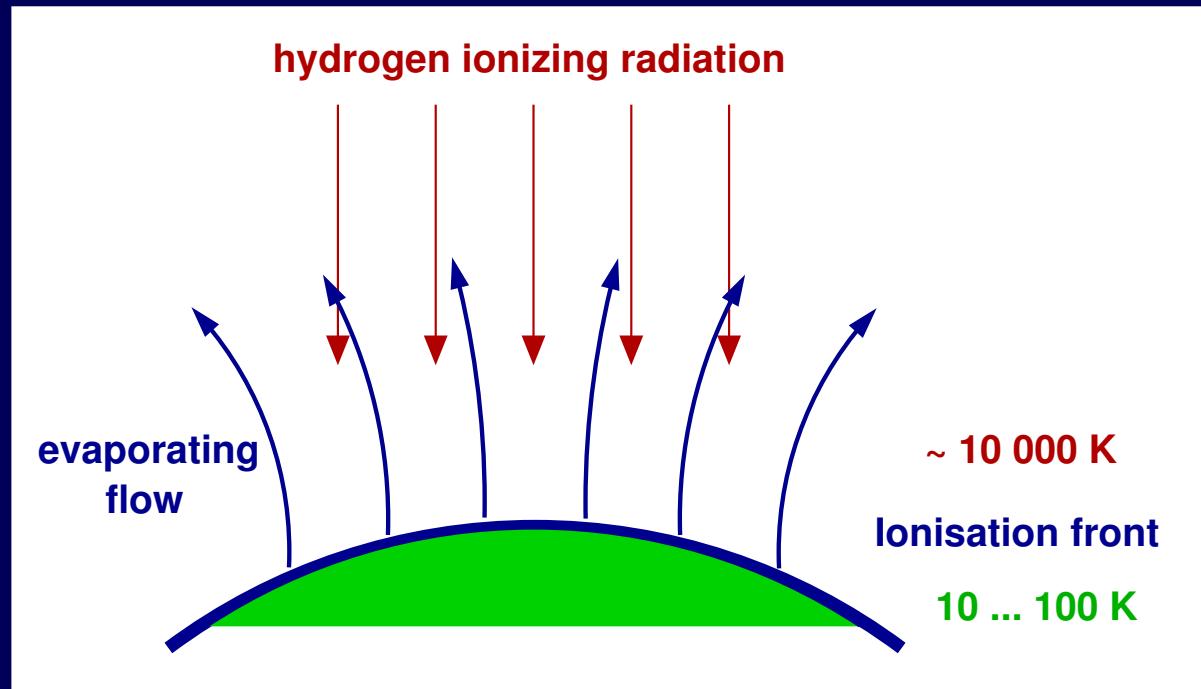
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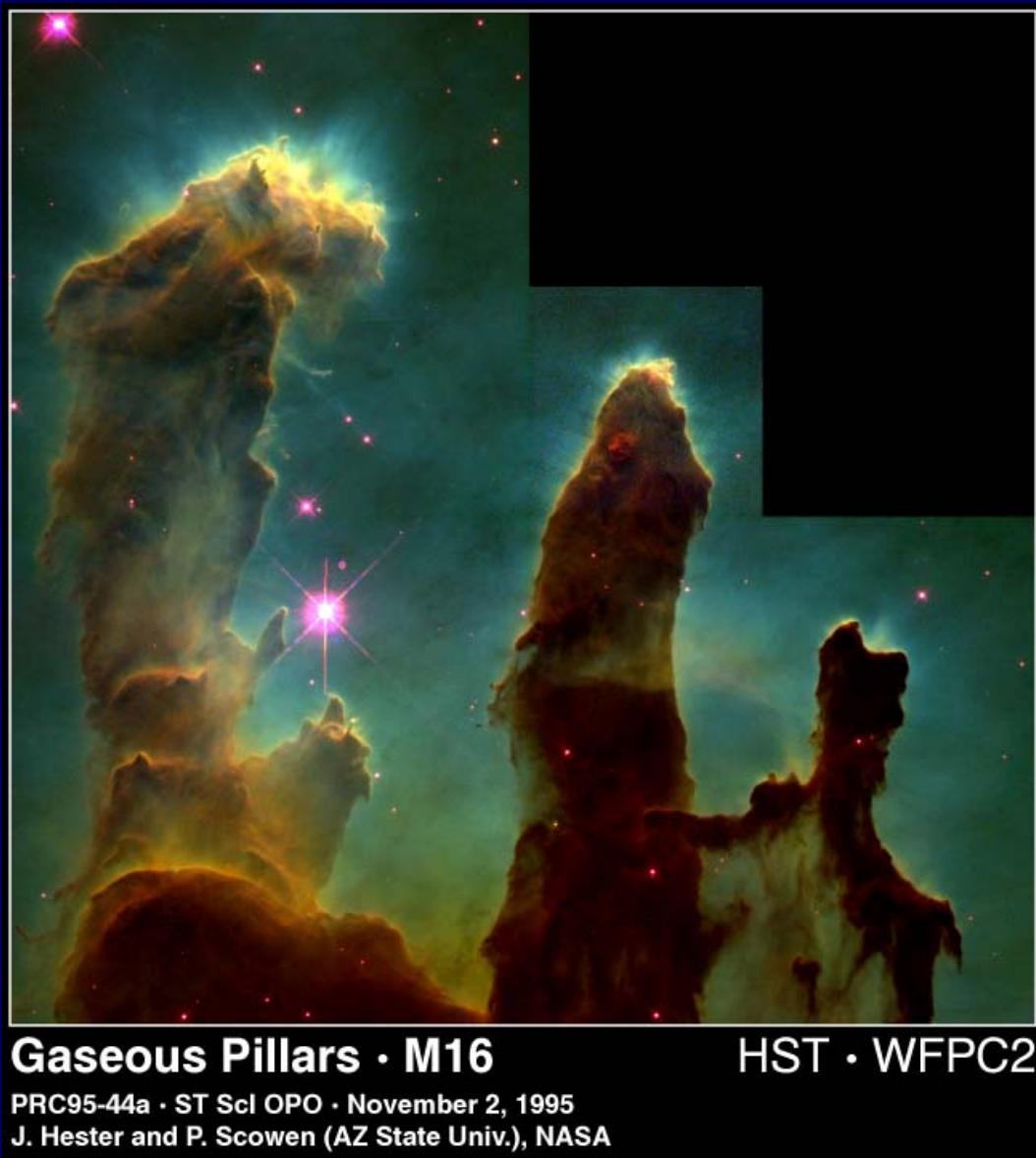
- Photoevaporation of clouds and disks
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- Proplyd candidates in other star forming regions
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 - general structure of proplyds
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- Two-dimensional numerical simulations
 - physics involved
 - formation of tails and jets
 - time-dependent photoevaporation rate
- Photoevaporation from inside
- Importance of other disk dispersal mechanisms
- Consequences for the formation of the solar system

The photoevaporation process



- UV photons ($h\nu > 13.6\text{ eV}$) reach surface of dense material
- UV photons ionize hydrogen and heat the region behind the advancing ionization front up to $\sim 10^4\text{ K}$
- hot material expands → evaporating flow

Photoevaporation of molecular clouds



Gaseous Pillars • M16

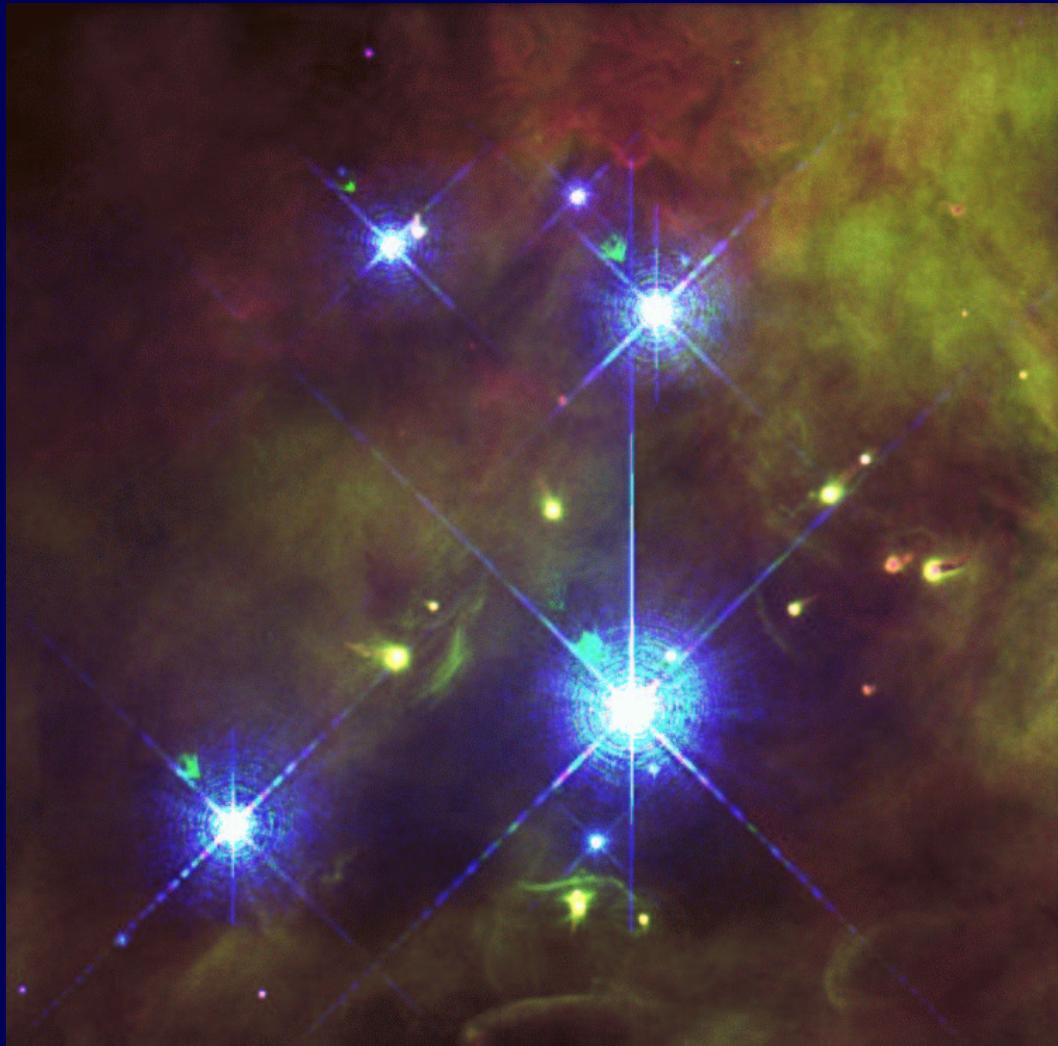
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Eagle Nebula M16

- dense molecular clouds at border of HII region
- structure of the evaporating flow:
 $n \propto d^{-2}$
n: density of the flow
d: distance from ionization front
- strong free-free emission and emission in forbidden lines close to the ionization front
- ionization front traces cloud surface

Photoevaporation of protoplanetary disks



Bally et al. (1998)

Orion Nebula M42

- UV photons from Trapezium Cluster
- Emission lines:
 $\text{H}\alpha \rightarrow$ green
 $[\text{NII}] \rightarrow$ red
 $[\text{OI}] \rightarrow$ blue
- Photoevaporating disks appear as head-tail objects (proplyds)
- tails are pointing away from main ionizing star θ^1 Orionis C

The acronym

PROPLYDS = PROtoPLanatarY DiskS

Protoplanetary disks made visible by being in or in front of an H II region.

(O'Dell, Wen & Hu 1993)

Two types of proplyds:

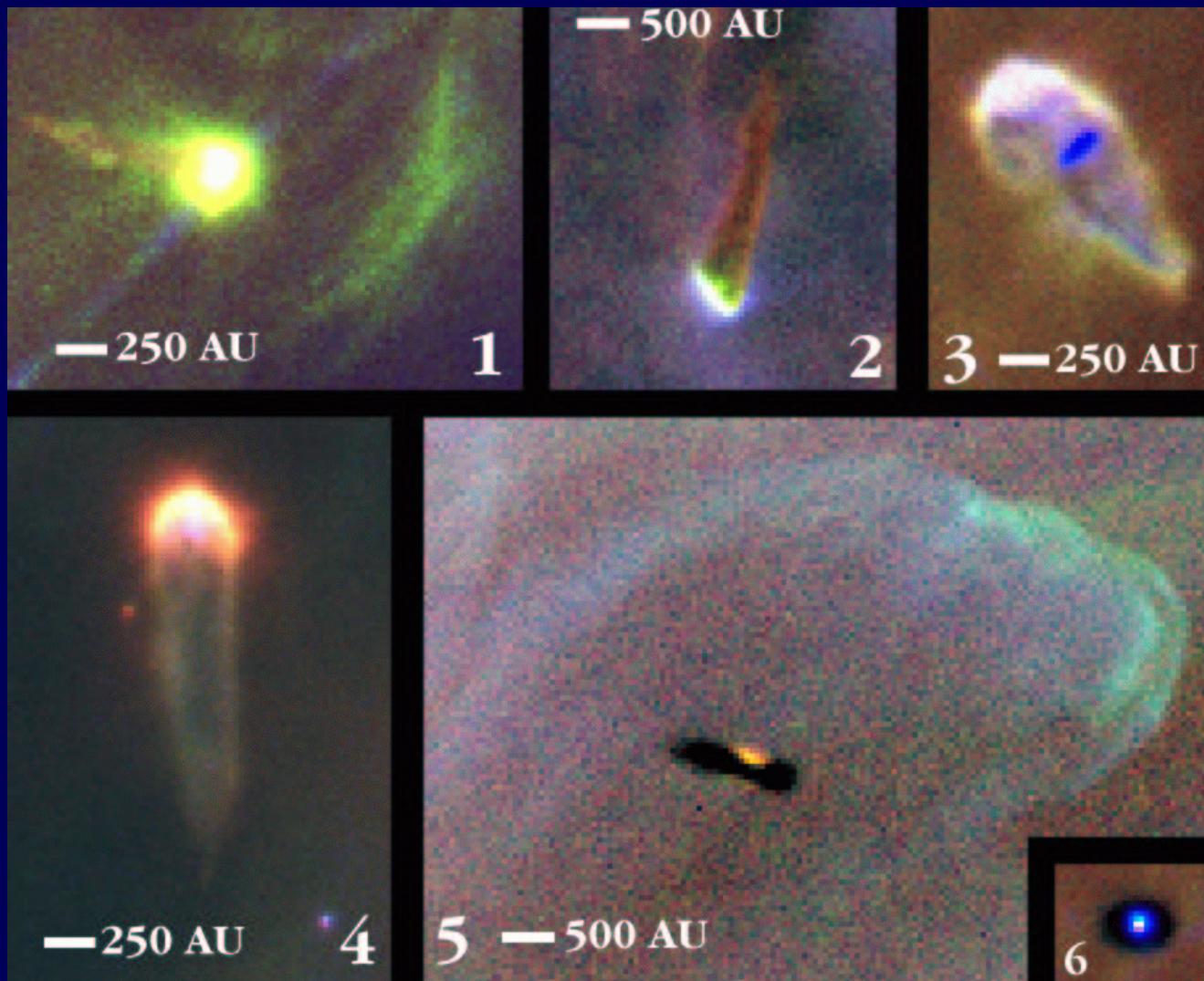
"protoplanetary disks being **in** an HII region" → **proplyds** (star-disk system + head-tail envelope)
"protoplanetary disks being **in front of** an HII region" → **dark proplyds, silhouette disks**

Other propositions:

PIGS = Partially Ionized GlobuleS (Dopita et al. 1974, Garay 1987)

EIDERS = Externally Ionized Disks in the Environs of Radiation Sources (Felli et al. 1993)

Proplyds in the Orion Nebula

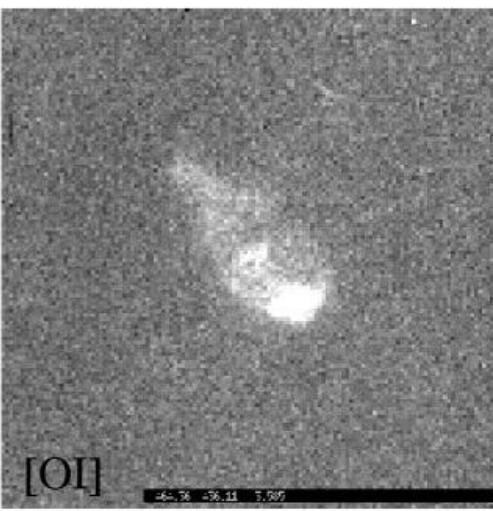
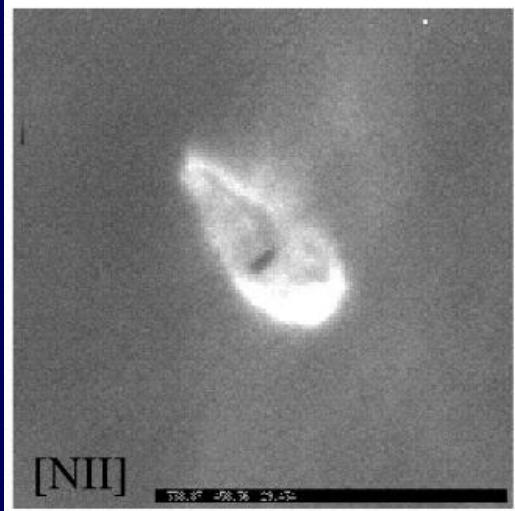
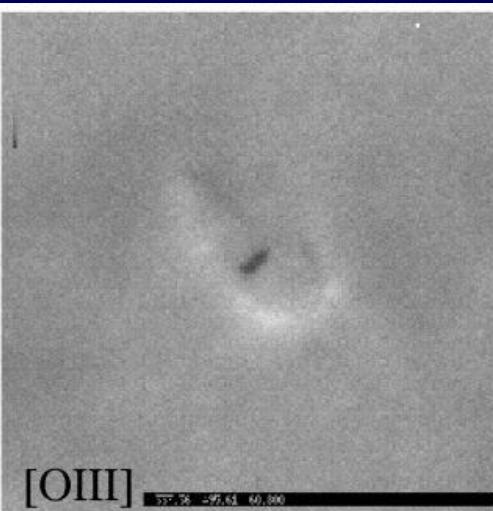
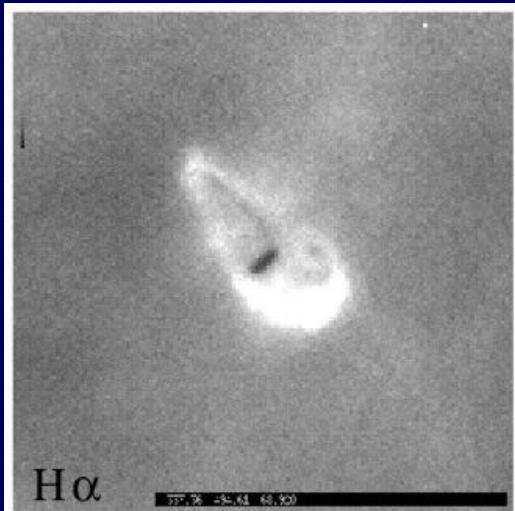


Bally et al. (1998)

Properties of the Orion proplyds

- first detection of 6 nebulosities (Laques & Vital 1979)
→ LV objects
- radio continuum (VLA) (Garay et al. 1987, Churchwell et al. 1987, Felli et al. 1993)
→ compact radio sources with $n_e \sim 10^6 \text{ cm}^{-3}$
- IR images (McCaughren & Stauffer 1994)
→ IR sources within the proplyds
- optical images (HST: O'Dell et al. (1993), O'Dell & Wong (1996); adaptive optic: McCullough et al. (1995))
→ head-tail structure, orientation towards UV source
- Chen et al. (1998) (HST)
→ disk-like H₂ emission
→ stand-off of ionization front
- Bally et al. (1998, 2000) (HST)
→ dark silhouettes within the proplyds (30%)
→ tail length 100 - 1700 AU, limb brightened
→ micro-jets, [OIII] arcs
- Spectroscopic observations (Maebuern et al. 2002, de la Fuente et al. 2003)
→ velocity in the ionized flow: $\sim 20 \text{ km/s}$
→ velocity of the micro-jets: $\sim 100 \text{ km/s}$

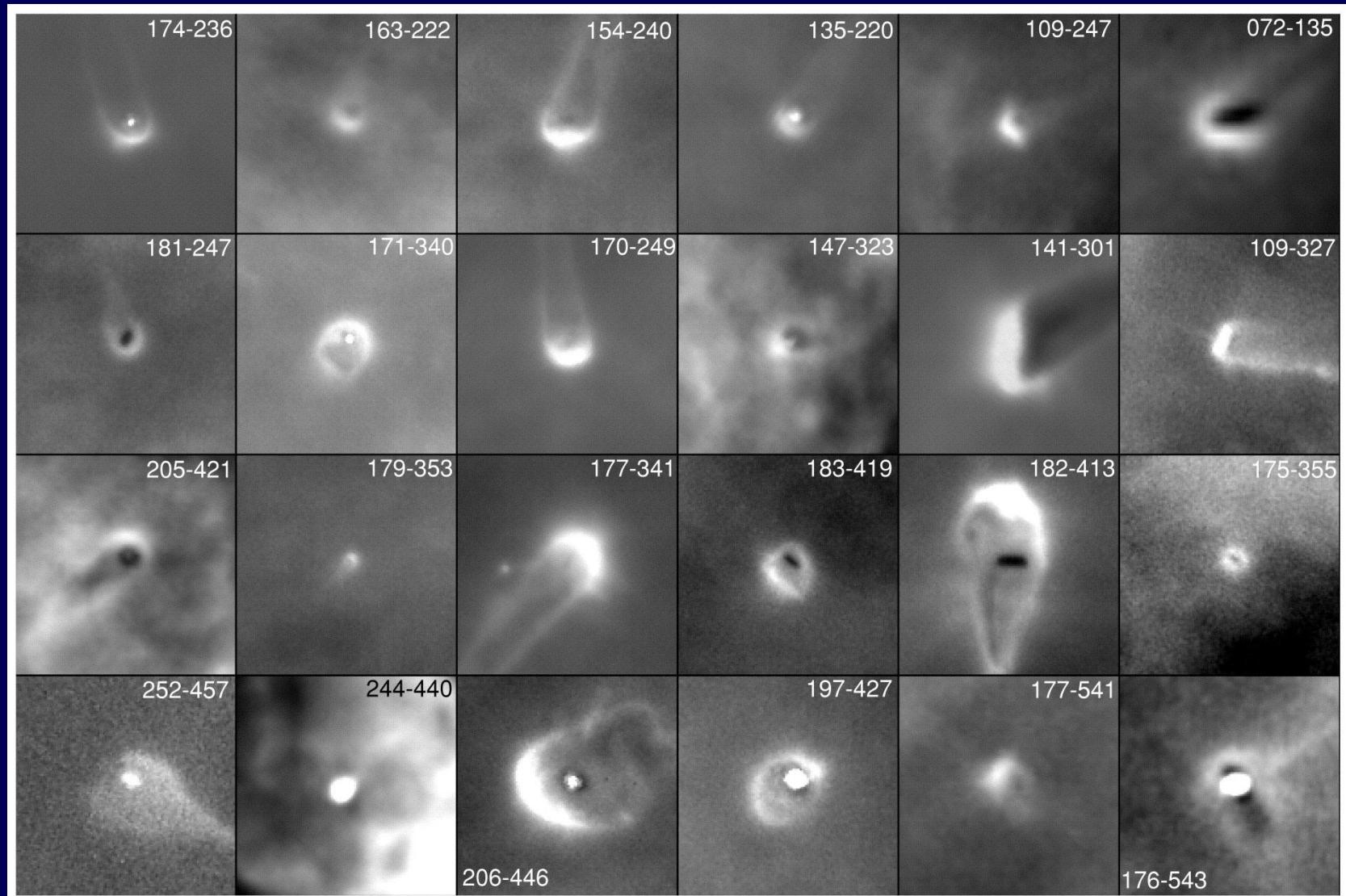
Proplyd HST 10



H α , [OIII], [NII]:
→ ionized envelope in emission
→ disk in absorption

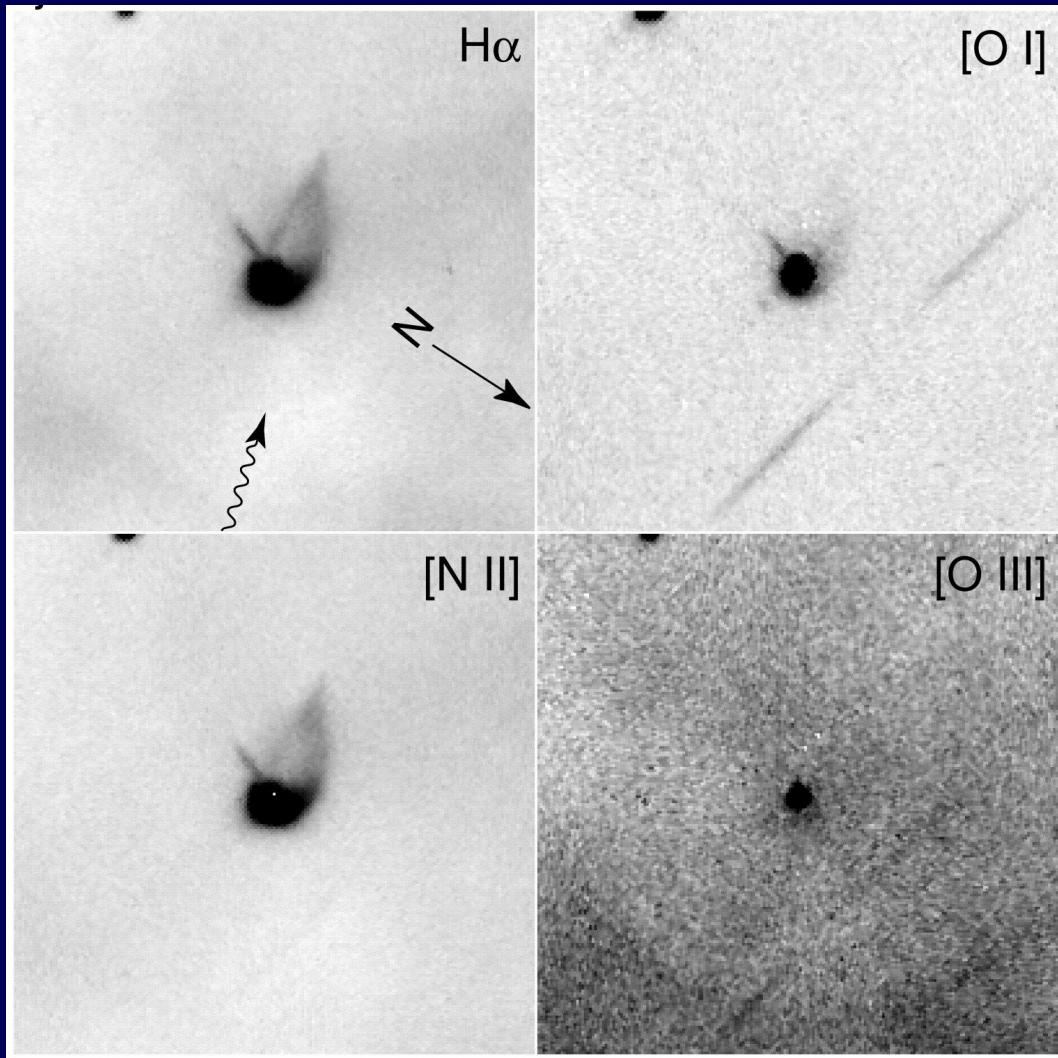
[OI], molecular hydrogen:
→ disk in emission
→ stand-off of ionization front

Orion proplyds in H α



Bally et al. (2000)

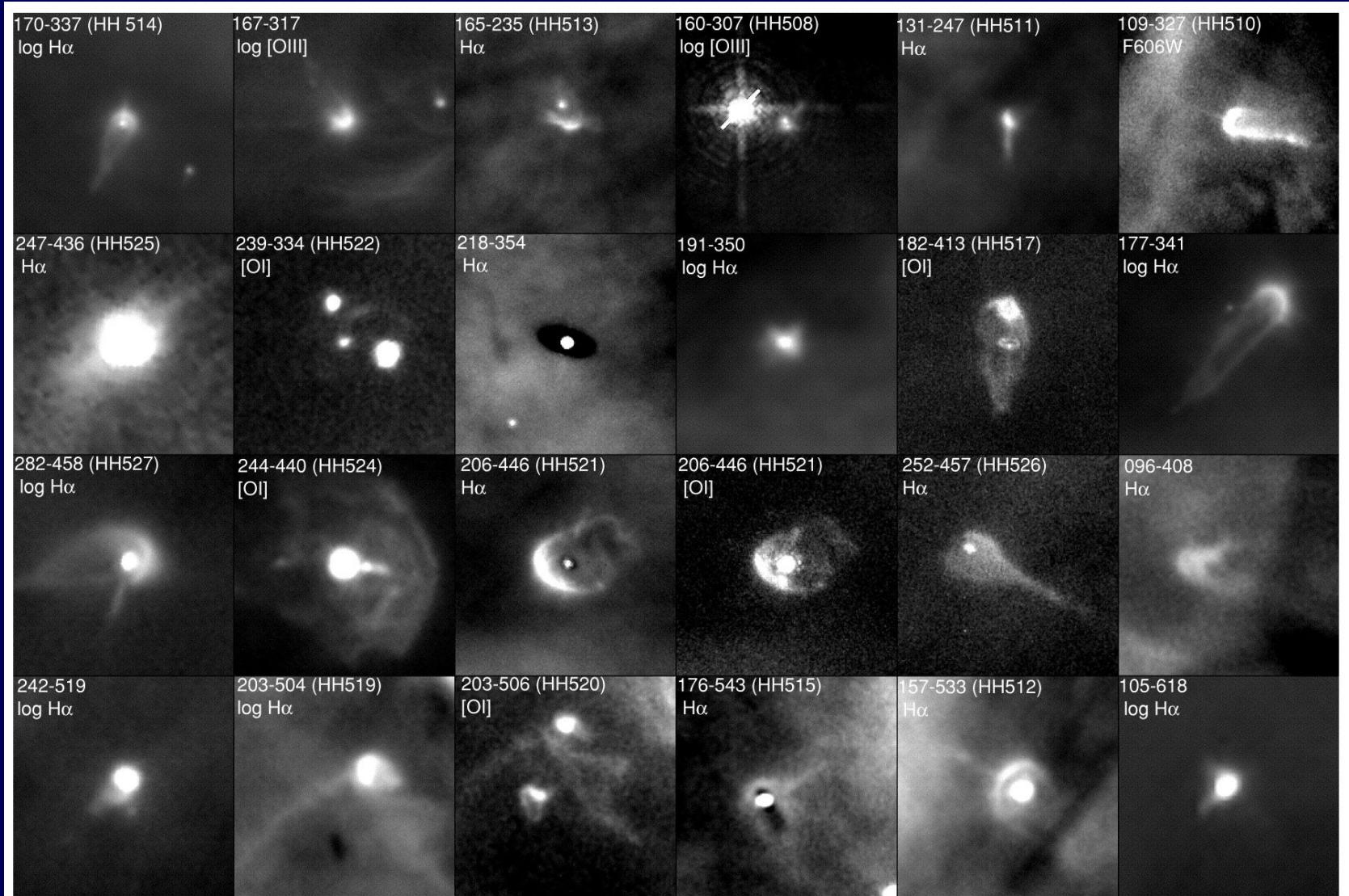
Micro-jet in proplyd 282-458 (HH527)



→ one-sided micro-jet
→ rotation axis \neq
direction of UV source

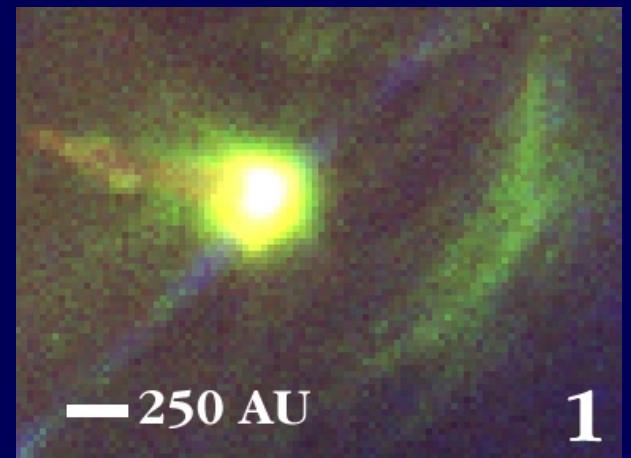
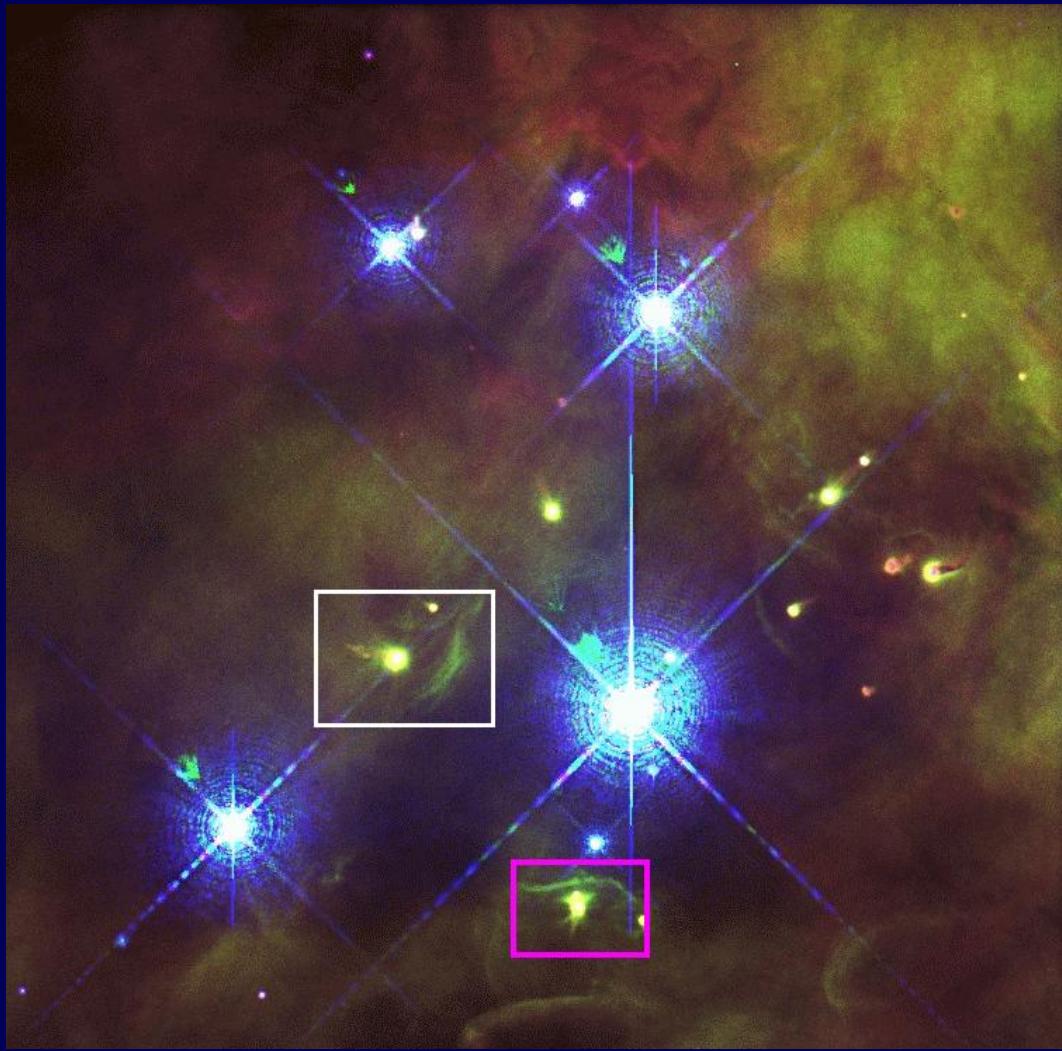
Bally et al. (2000)

More micro-jets in Orion proplyds



Bally et al. (2000)

[OIII] arcs – Wind interaction

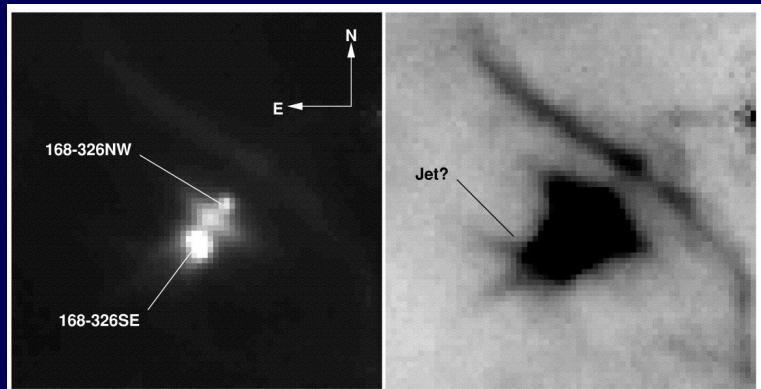


- Interaction of stellar wind with evaporating flow from proplyd head
- Position of shock front is defined by pressure equilibrium between both flows

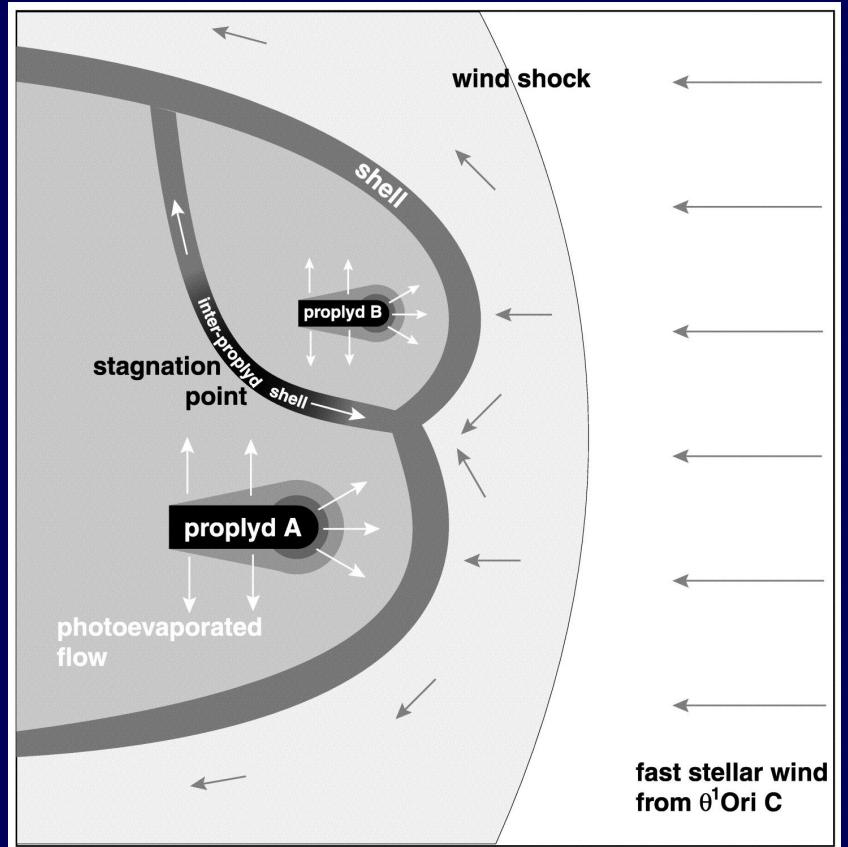
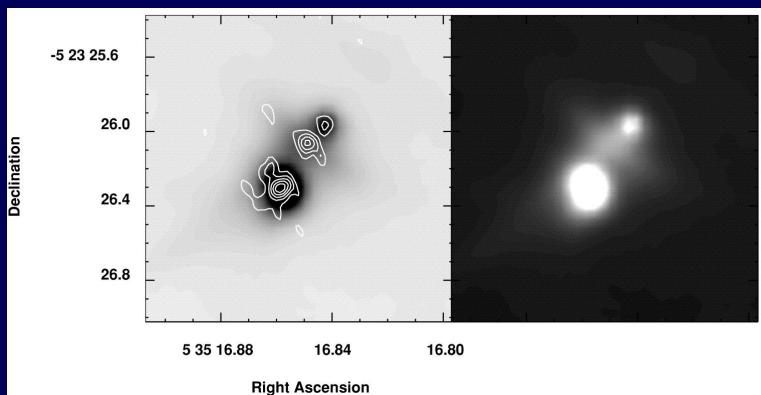
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Binary proplyd LV1 – Interaction between winds from proplyds

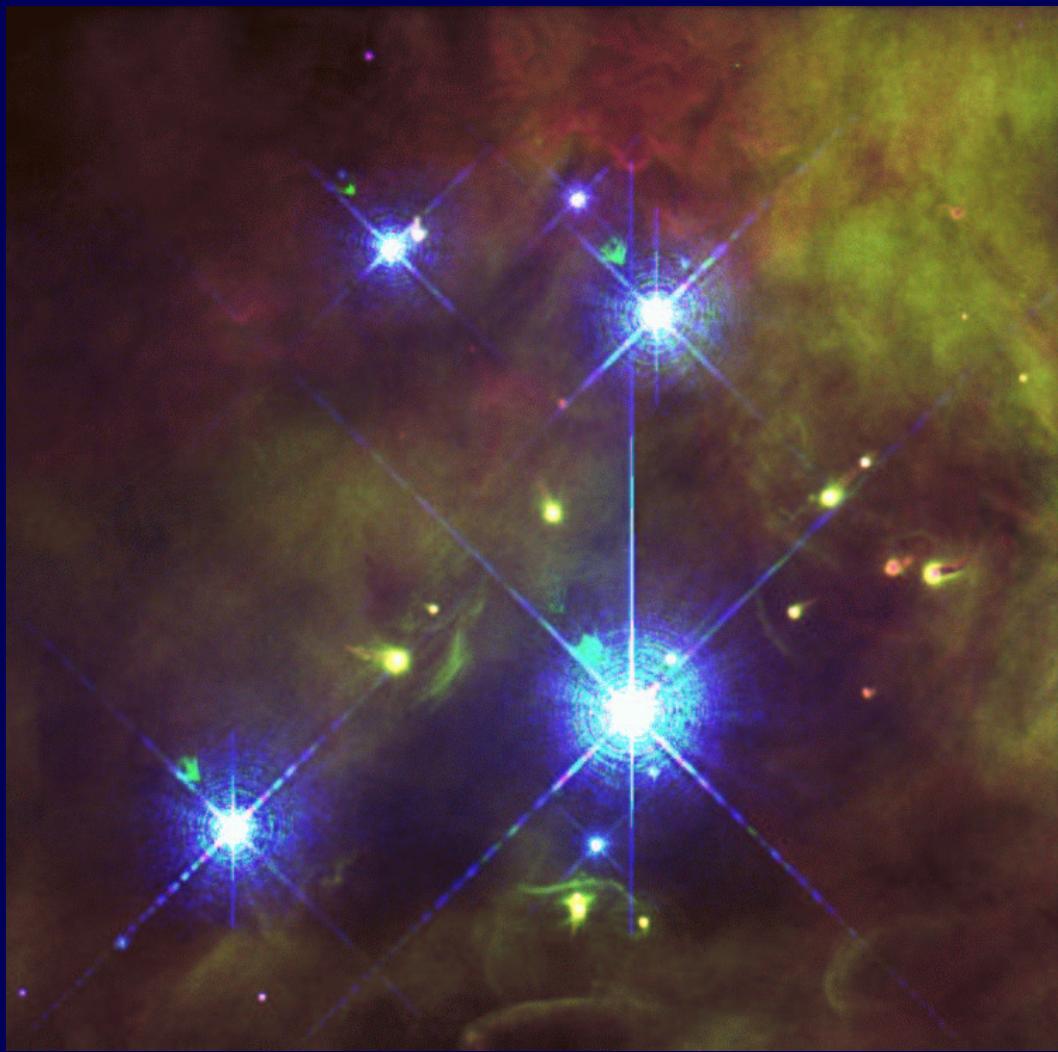
[OIII] λ 5007 image (high and low resolution)



HST H α image and MERLIN 5 GHz contours



Proplyds in the Orion Nebula



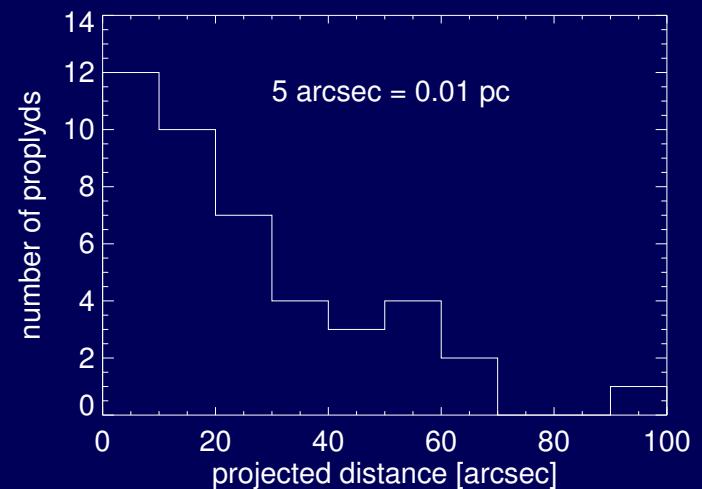
Bally et al. (1998)

Orion Nebula M42

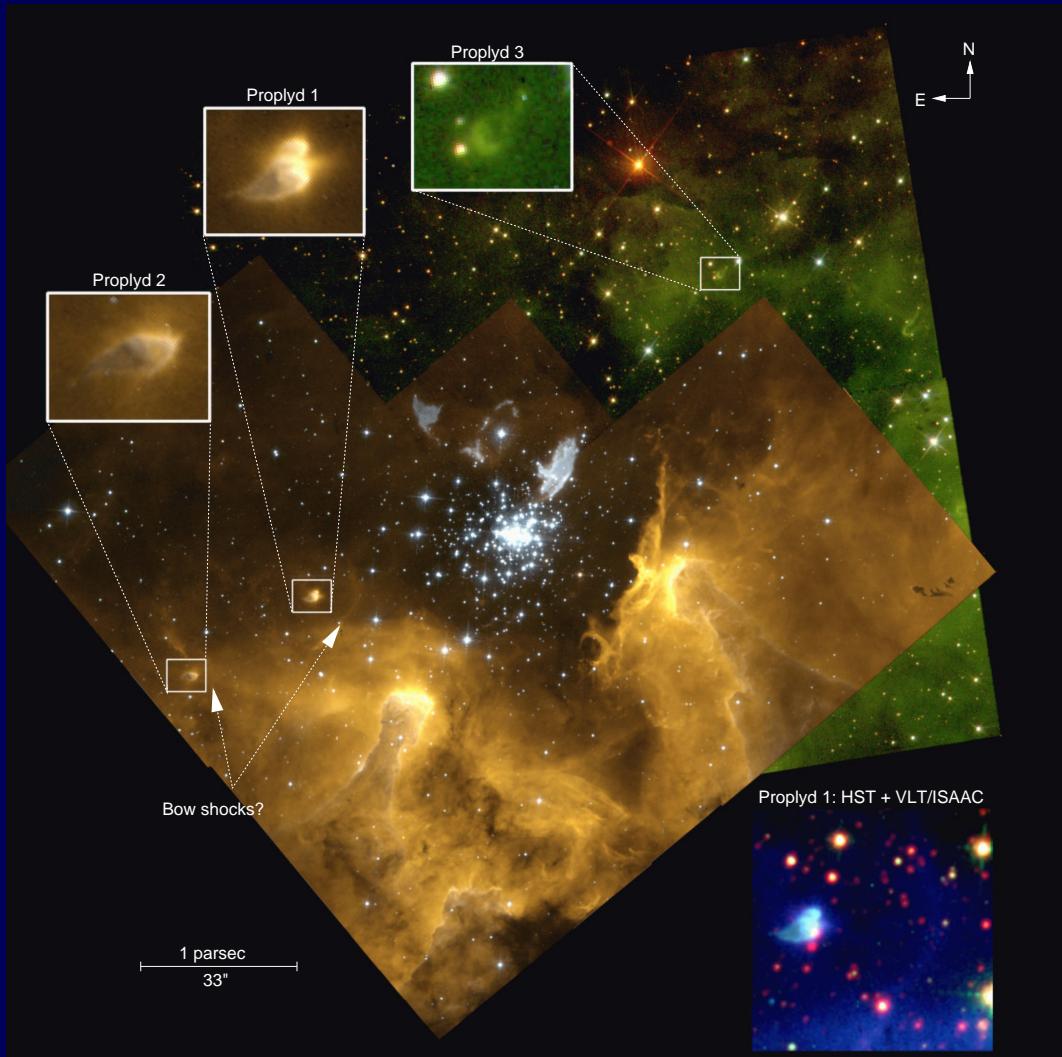
Main ionizing source:
O6 star θ^1 Orionis C

Luminosity: $L_{\text{bol}} \sim 10^5 L_{\odot}$

UV photon rate: $S_{\text{UV}} = 1.5 \times 10^{49} \text{ s}^{-1}$



Proplyd candidates in NGC 3603



Giant HII Region NGC 3603

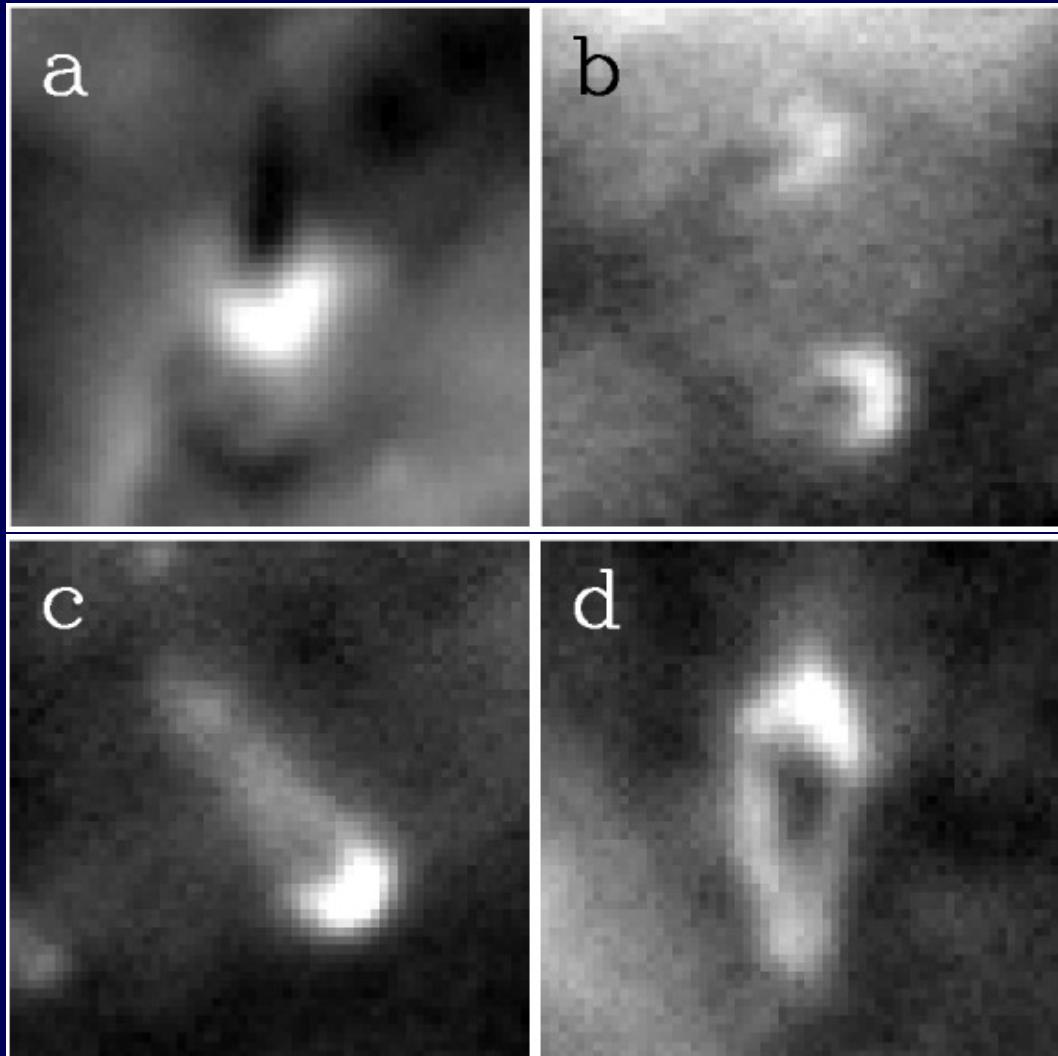
Ionizing source:
compact massive cluster ($>4000 M_{\odot}$)
with ~ 70 O-type stars and 3 WR stars

Luminosity: $L_{\text{bol}} > 10^7 L_{\odot}$
UV photon rate: $S_{\text{UV}} = 10^{51} \text{ s}^{-1}$

Proplyd	distance from cluster
#	pc
1	1.3
2	2.2
3	2.0

Brandner et al. (2000)

Proplyd candidates in the Carina Nebula



Carina Nebula NGC 3372

Ionizing source:
several clusters of young massive stars
 ~ 60 O-type stars + η Car (LBV)

Luminosity: $L_{\text{bol}} \sim 10^7 L_{\odot}$

UV photon rate: $S_{\text{UV}} \sim 10^{51} \text{ s}^{-1}$

Distance from UV source: $\sim 0.1 \text{ pc}$

Smith et al. (2003)

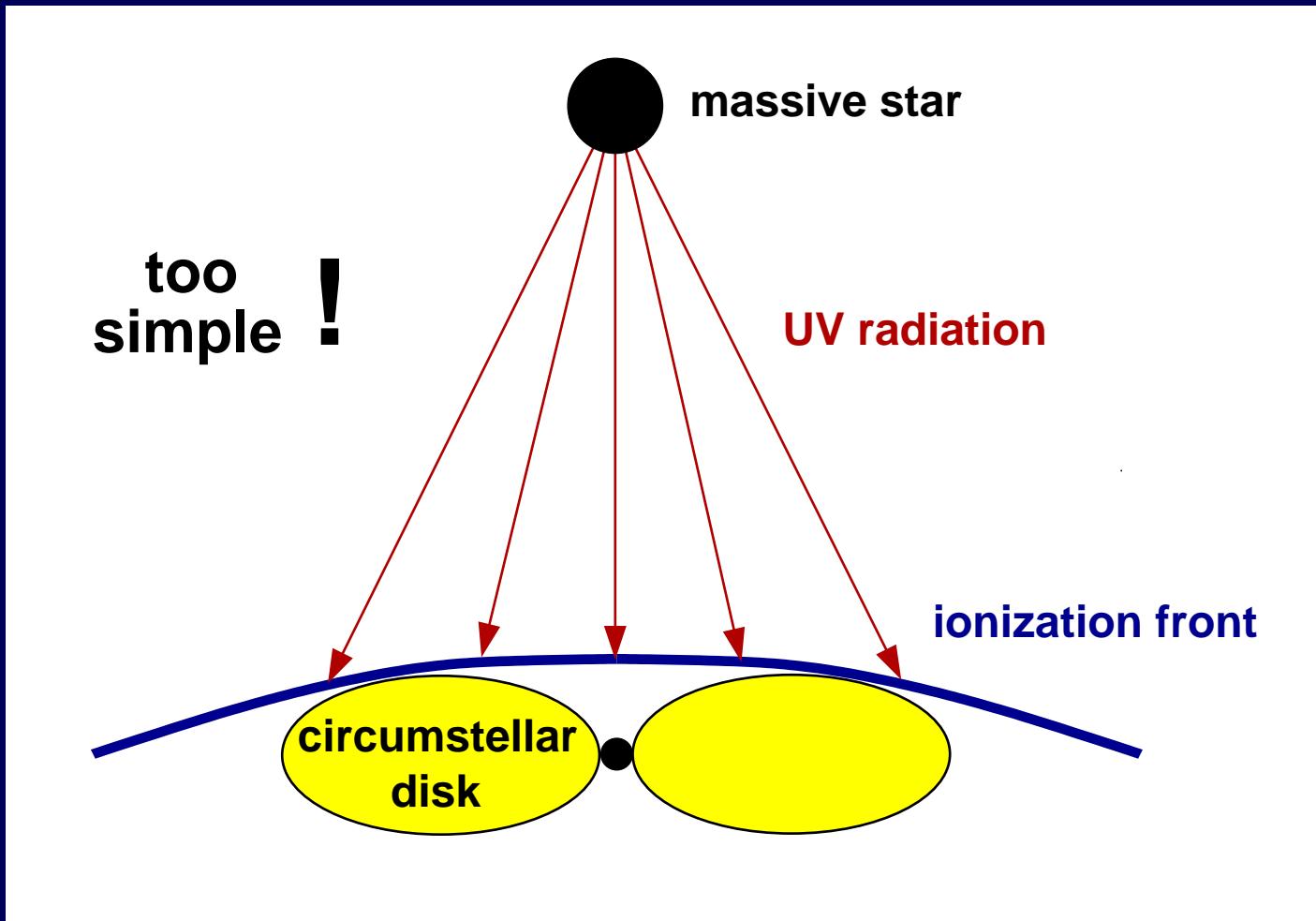
Comparison of proplyds in different environments

star formation region			proplyds		
name	distance kpc	UV photon rate s^{-1}	distance pc	tail size AU	mass loss rate $M_{\odot} \text{ yr}^{-1}$
Orion M42	0.43	10^{49}	0.01–0.15	~ 500	$\sim 10^{-7}$
Carina Nebula	2.3	10^{51}	~ 0.1	< 10 000	$\sim 10^{-5}$
NGC 3603	6	10^{51}	1.3–2.2	~ 20 000	$\sim 10^{-5}$

Possible reasons for difference in size:

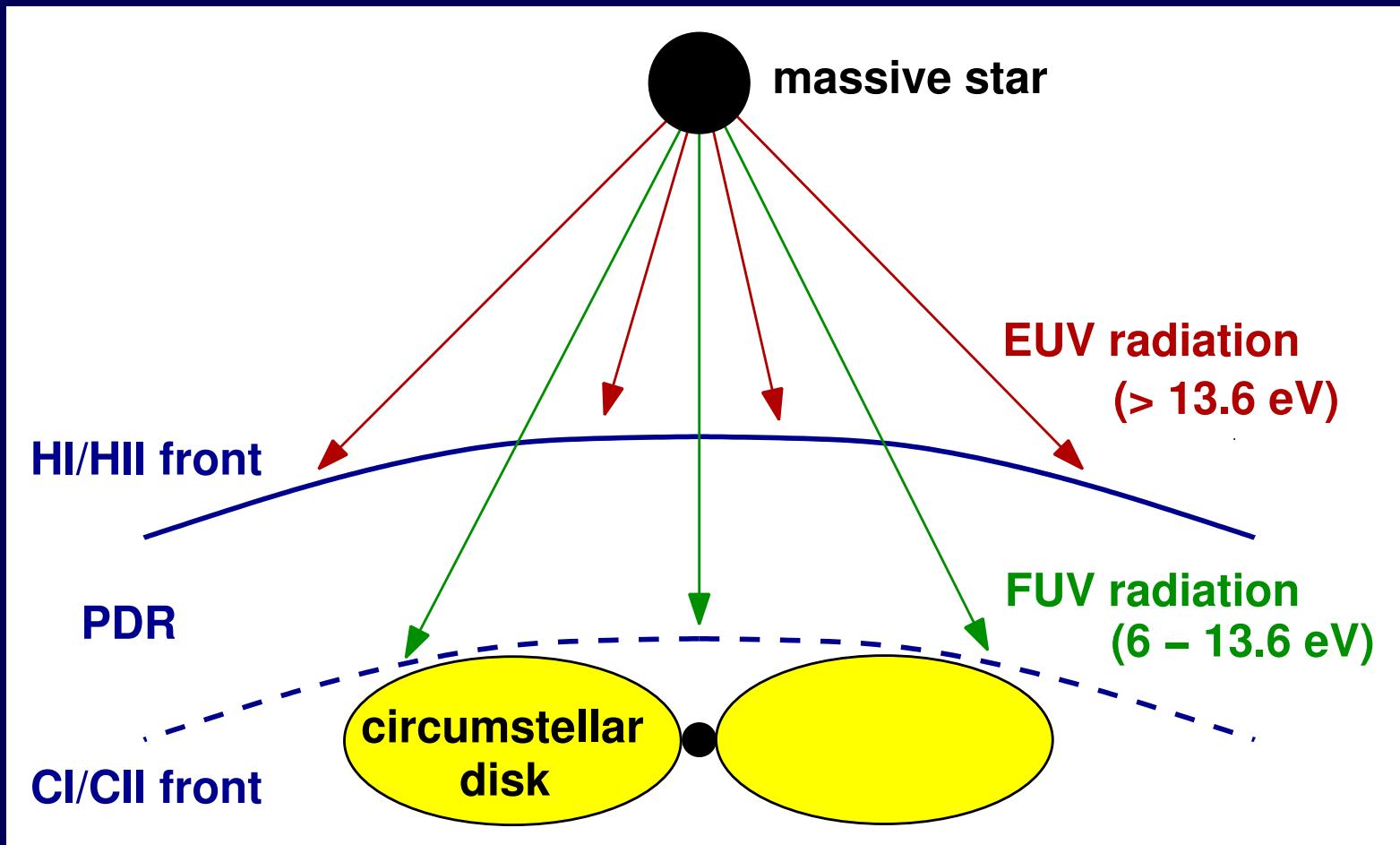
- selection effect
- larger disks, only recently separated from clouds
- FUV/EUV ratio very high

External UV illumination



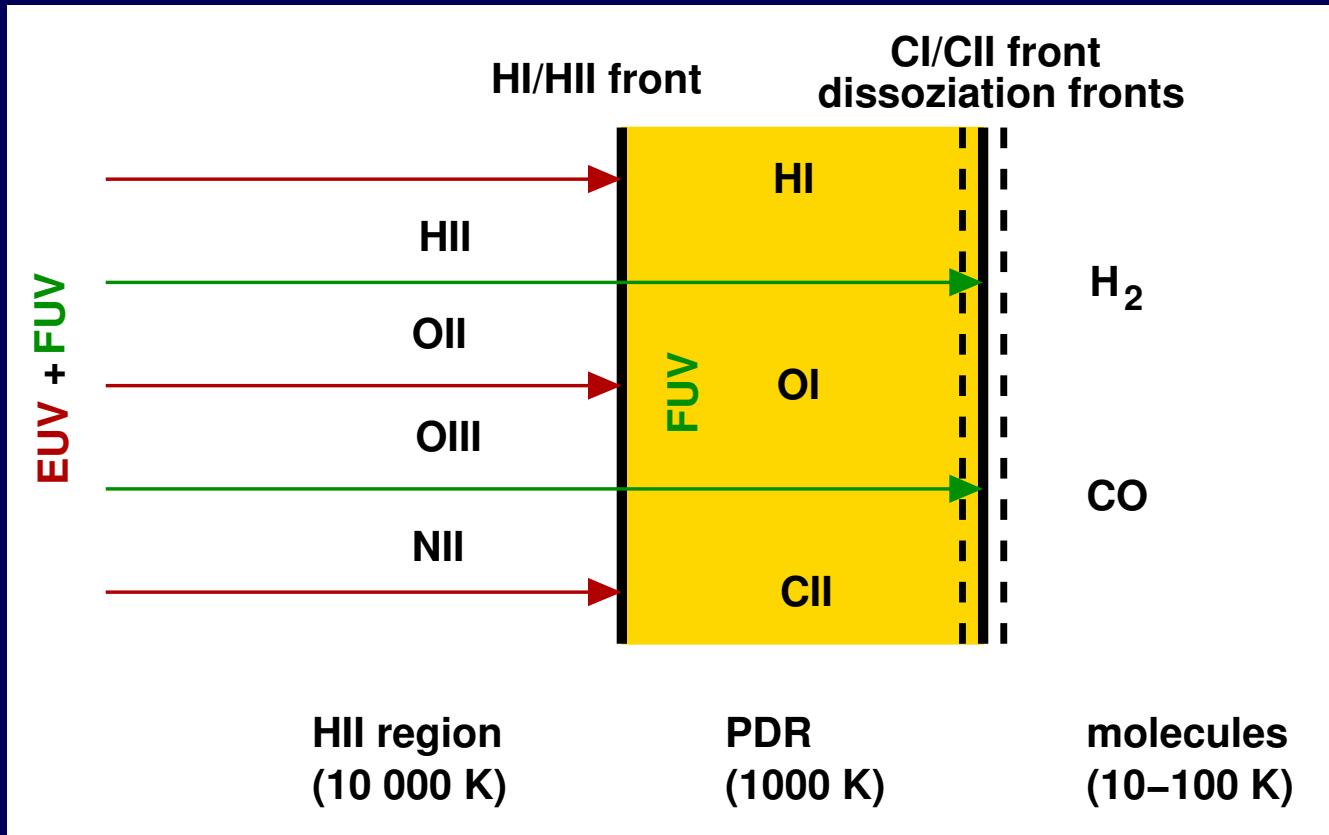
- Hydrogen ionization front directly envelopes the disk
- Lifetime of tails is very short ($\sim 10^4$ yr)

External UV illumination



Simple PDR model

PDR = PhotoDissociation Region or Photon-Dominated Region



PDR heating mechanisms:

photo-electric effect on dust grains, ionization of C, dissociation of molecules

PDR cooling mechanisms:

OI 63 μm , CII 158 μm , H₂ lines

Important radii

Gravitational radius R_g

thermal velocity = escape velocity

$$R_g = \frac{GM}{c_s^2}$$

$$R_g \sim 10 \text{ AU}$$

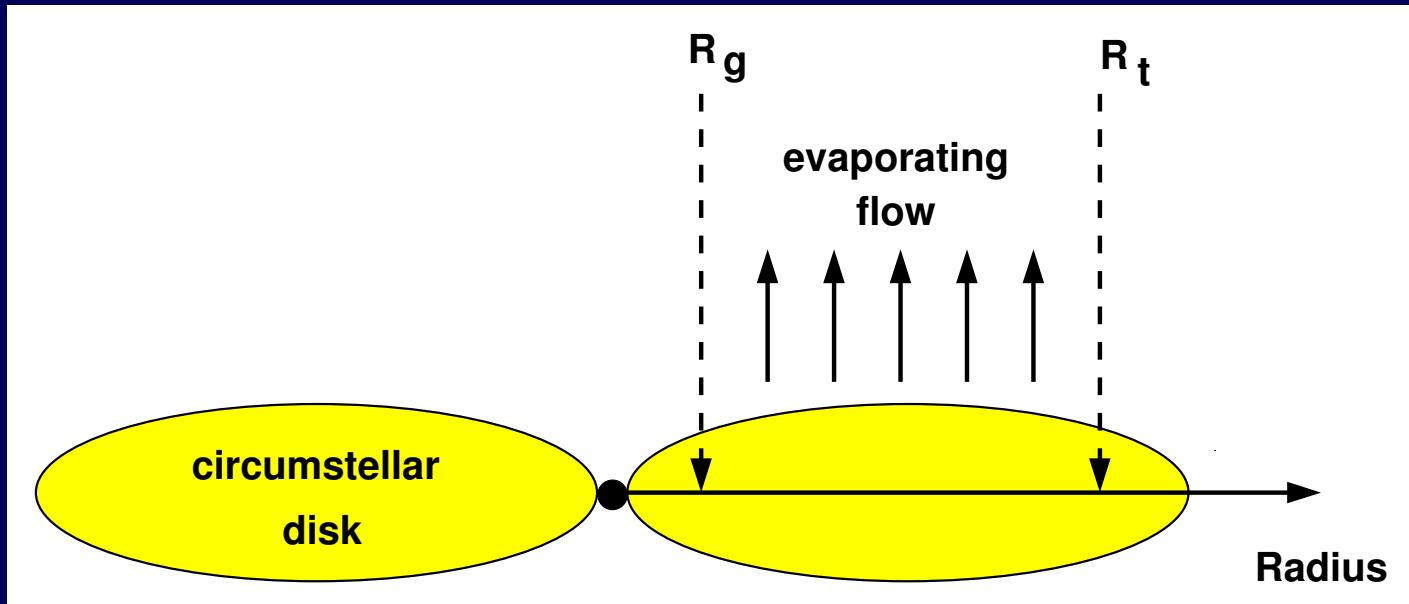
(for $M = 1 M_\odot$ and $c_s = 3 \text{ km/s}$)

Truncation radius R_t

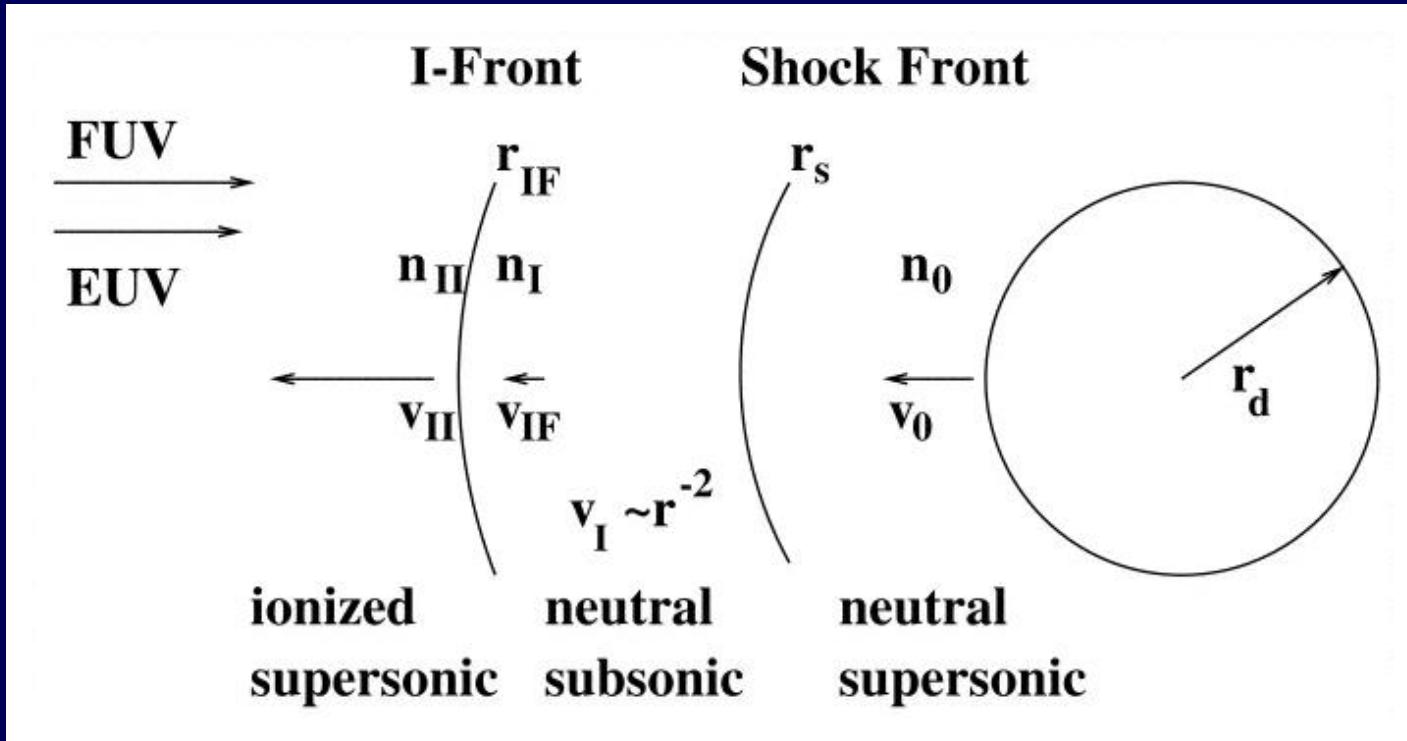
pressure of advancing ionization front = midplane pressure in disk

$$R_t \sim 300 \text{ AU}$$

(for $M = 0.5 M_\odot$, $M_d = 0.1 M_\odot$, surface density profile $\propto r^{-1.5}$)



FUV dominated flows

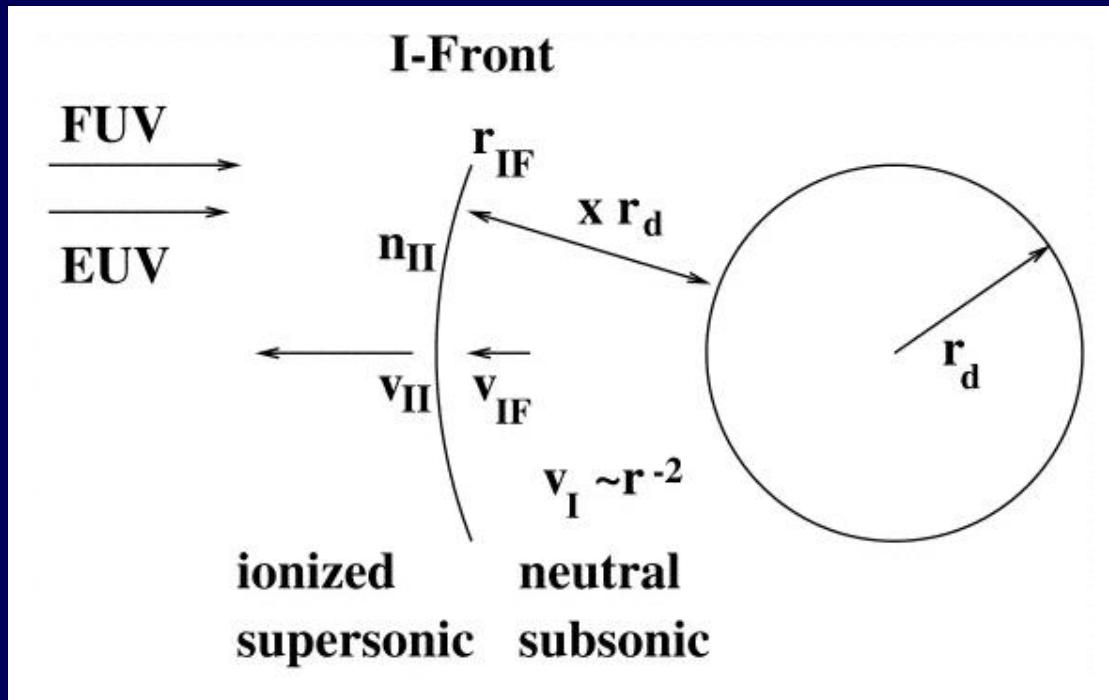


$$\dot{M}_{\text{FUV}} = 2 \times 10^{-8} \text{ M}_\odot \text{ yr}^{-1} \left(\frac{N_d}{5 \times 10^{21} \text{ cm}^{-2}} \right) \left(\frac{r_d}{10 \text{ AU}} \right)$$

N_d : gas column density of the neutral region ($\tau_{\text{FUV}} \sim 1$)

(Johnstone et al. 1998, Störzer & Hollenbach 1999)

EUV dominated flows



$$\dot{M}_{\text{EUV}} = 7 \times 10^{-9} \text{ M}_\odot \text{ yr}^{-1} \left(\frac{\Phi_{\text{EUV}}}{10^{49} \text{ s}^{-1}} \right)^{0.5} \left(\frac{d}{10^{17} \text{ cm}} \right)^{-1} \left(\frac{r_d}{10 \text{ AU}} \right)^{1.5}$$

Φ_{EUV} : EUV photon rate

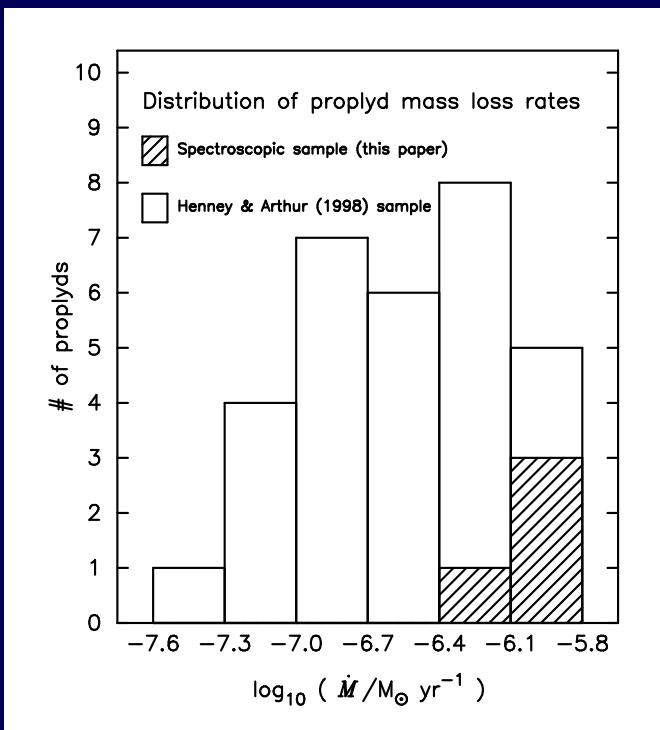
d : distance to the UV source

(Johnstone et al. 1998, Störzer & Hollenbach 1999)

Photoevaporation rate and the lifetime of disks

Orion Nebula

$$r_d = 20 - 100 \text{ AU} \text{ and } d = 0.01 - 0.15 \text{ pc}$$
$$\rightarrow \dot{M}_{\text{theory}} = 10^{-7} - 10^{-6} \text{ M}_\odot \text{ yr}^{-1}$$



Estimated from: $\dot{M}_{\text{obs}} \sim \pi r^2 m_H n_e c$
(Henney & O'Dell 1999)

Lifetime of disks

Photoevaporation time scale: $\tau = M_d / \dot{M}$

But: disk radius is not constant

Assumption: surface density $\Sigma \propto r^{-1.5}$

$$M_d(\text{current}) = \dot{M} t_i$$

$$\text{Illumination time } t_i < 10^5 \text{ yr}$$

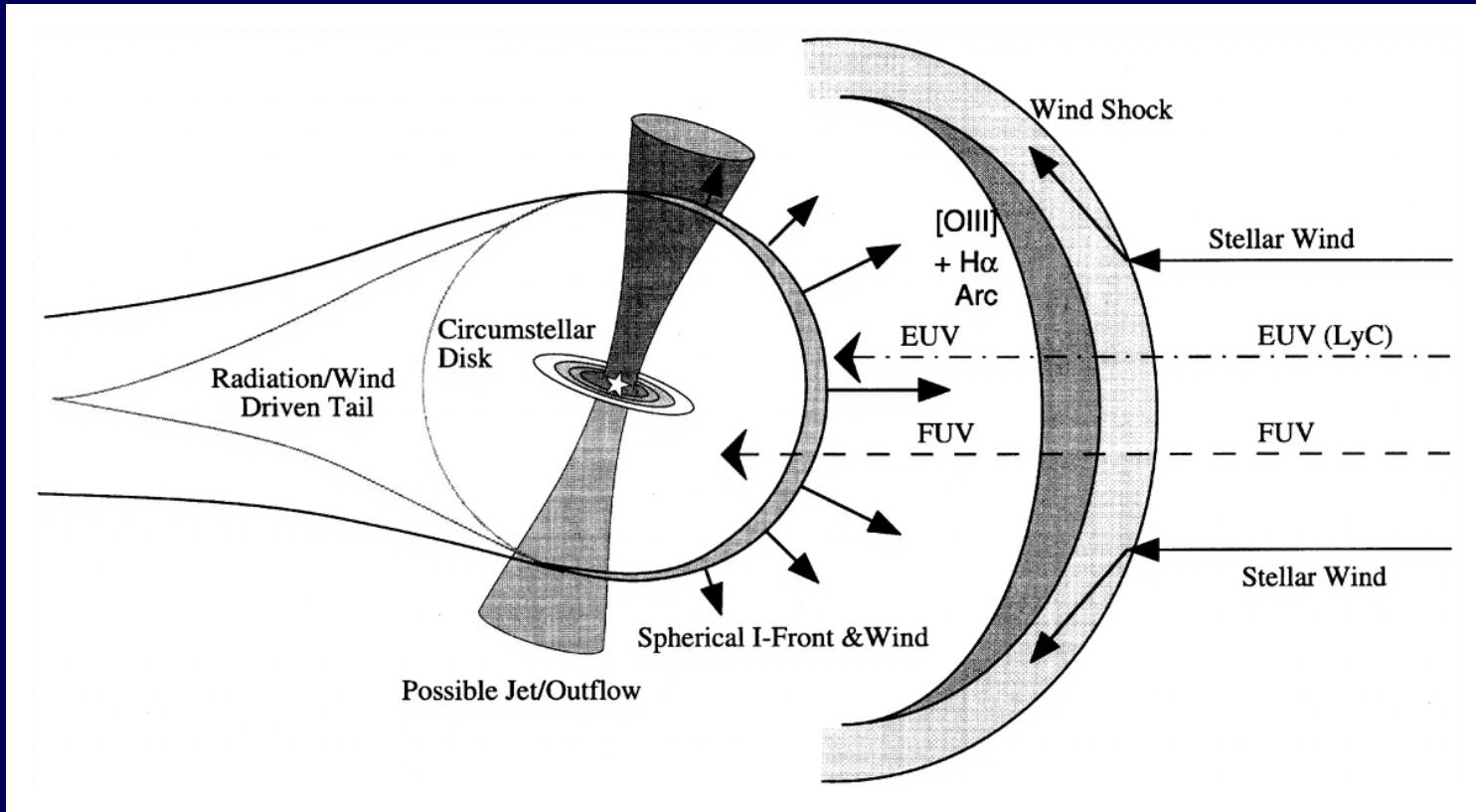
$$\text{for } M_d(\text{current}) = 0.01 \text{ M}_\odot$$

Small in comparison of cluster age $\sim 10^6$ yr
(Johnstone et al. 1998)

Uncertain:

- disk evolution: $\Sigma(r, t)$, $r_d(t)$
- orbits of low-mass stars in cluster: $d(t)$
- contribution of the dark side of the disk

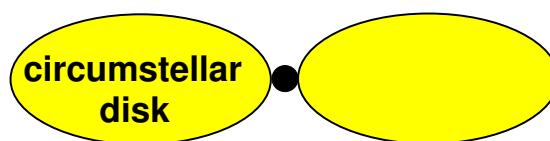
A model for proplyds – The whole picture



- disks at any angle, disks with jets
- formation and evolution of tails
- interaction with external stellar winds
- spectral appearance of photoevaporating disks

→ Numerical simulations

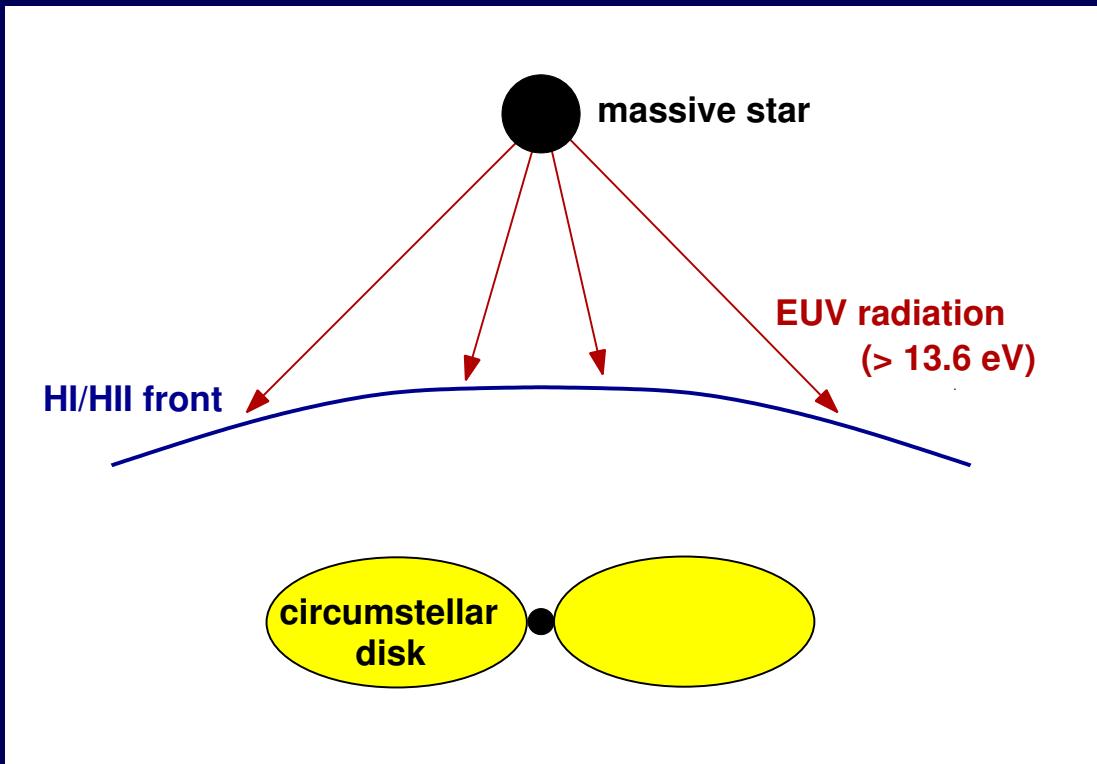
Numerical simulations – Physics



- **Hydrodynamics**

- hydrodynamics
- self-gravity
- angular momentum transfer
- continuum radiation transfer

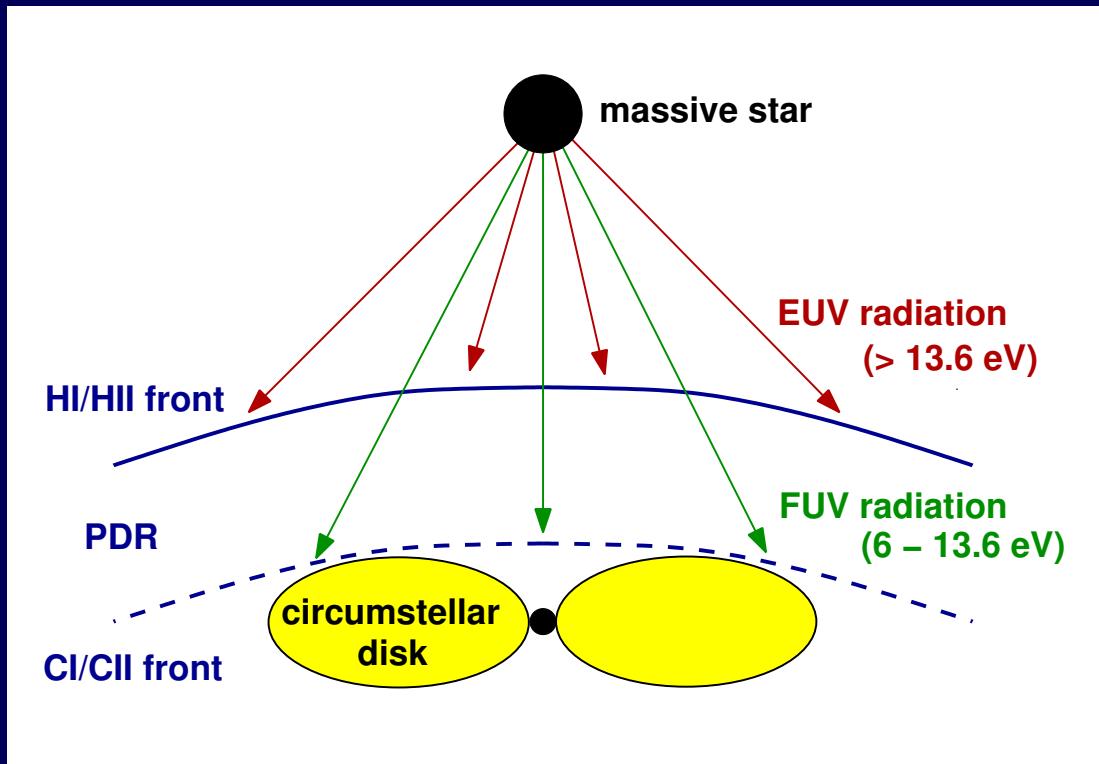
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- ionization/recombination of hydrogen
- heating/cooling (HII region)

Numerical simulations – Physics



- Hydrodynamics
- EUV radiation
- FUV radiation

- transfer of direct FUV photons
- transfer of diffuse FUV photons
- ionization/recombination of carbon
- heating/cooling (PDR)

Hydrodynamics and continuum radiative transfer

Equation of continuity:

$$\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i}(\rho v_i) = 0$$

Equation of motion:

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t}(\rho v_i) + \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j}(\rho v_i v_j) = -\frac{\partial p}{\partial x_i} - \rho \frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial x_i} + \rho \frac{\partial T_{ij}}{\partial x_j} + \rho \frac{\kappa F_i}{c}$$

Energy equation:

$$\frac{\partial e}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i}(e v_i) = -p \frac{\partial v_i}{\partial x_i} + \rho T_{ij} \frac{\partial v_i}{\partial x_j} - \Lambda_{\text{gas-dust}} + (\Gamma - \Lambda)_{\text{UV}}$$

Equation of state:

$$p = p(\rho, e)$$

Poisson equation:

$$\Delta \Phi = 4\pi G \rho$$

Radiative transfer (dust continuum, grey approximation, isotropic point source):

$$\frac{\partial F_i}{\partial x_i} = \begin{cases} \epsilon & \text{at position of point source} \\ 0 & \text{elsewhere} \end{cases}$$

Direct UV radiation

Transfer equation for integration along lines of sight:

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{F}_{\text{star}} = -\chi_{\text{star}}^{\text{ext}} F_{\text{star}}$$

Extinction coefficient for EUV photons:

$$\chi_{\text{star}}^{\text{ext}} = n(1-x)\sigma_{\text{star}} + \kappa_{\text{dust}}^{\text{ext}}$$

Extinction coefficient for FUV photons:

$$\chi_{\text{star}}^{\text{ext}} = n_C(1-x_C)\sigma_C^{\text{FUV}} + \kappa_{\text{dust}}^{\text{ext}}$$

Solution for spherical symmetry:

$$F_{\text{star}} = \frac{S_{\text{star}}}{4\pi r^2} \exp(-\tau) \quad \text{mit} \quad \tau = \int \chi_{\text{star}}^{\text{ext}} ds$$

Diffuse UV radiation

Flux-limited diffusion (FLD) approximation (Levermore & Pomraning 1981):

$$\mathbf{F} = -\frac{\lambda c}{\chi^{\text{ext}}} \nabla u$$

Flux-limiter:

$$\lambda = \frac{1}{S} \left(\coth S - \frac{1}{S} \right) \quad \text{and} \quad S = \frac{|\nabla u|}{\chi^{\text{ext}} u}$$

Advantage:

$$\mathbf{F} \rightarrow \begin{cases} \frac{c \nabla u}{3 \chi^{\text{ext}}} & \text{for } S \rightarrow \infty \quad (\text{optically thick}) \\ c u \cdot \frac{\nabla u}{|\nabla u|} & \text{for } S \rightarrow 0 \quad (\text{optically thin}) \end{cases}$$

Diffuse UV radiation

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} - \nabla \cdot \left(\frac{\lambda c}{\chi^{\text{ext}}} \nabla u \right) = \epsilon - \chi^{\text{abs}} c u$$

EUV: Recombination of hydrogen into the ground state:

$$\epsilon_{\text{rec}} = \alpha(T_{\text{gas}}) n^2 x^2$$

$$\chi_{\text{rec}}^{\text{ext}} = n(1-x)\sigma_{\text{rec}} + \kappa_{\text{rec}}^{\text{ext}}$$

$$\chi_{\text{rec}}^{\text{abs}} = n(1-x)\sigma_{\text{rec}} + \kappa_{\text{rec}}^{\text{abs}}$$

EUV: Scattering on dust grains:

$$\epsilon_{\text{dust}} = \kappa_{\text{dust}}^{\text{scat}} c u_{\text{star}}^{\text{EUV}},$$

$$\chi_{\text{dust}}^{\text{ext}} = n(1-x)\sigma_{\text{star}} + \kappa_{\text{dust}}^{\text{ext}}$$

$$\chi_{\text{dust}}^{\text{abs}} = n(1-x)\sigma_{\text{star}} + \kappa_{\text{dust}}^{\text{abs}}$$

FUV: Scattering on dust grains:

$$\epsilon_{\text{dust}} = \kappa_{\text{dust}}^{\text{scat}} c u_{\text{star}}^{\text{FUV}}$$

$$\chi_{\text{dust}}^{\text{ext}} = n_C(1-x_C)\sigma_C^{\text{FUV}} + \kappa_{\text{dust}}^{\text{ext}}$$

$$\chi_{\text{dust}}^{\text{abs}} = n_C(1-x_C)\sigma_C^{\text{FUV}} + \kappa_{\text{dust}}^{\text{abs}}$$

Ionization/Recombination

Rate equation for the degree of ionization of hydrogen x :

$$\frac{\partial \rho x}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot (\rho x \mathbf{v}) = \rho(1 - x)[\sigma_{\text{star}} u_{\text{star}}^{\text{EUV}} + \sigma_{\text{rec}} u_{\text{rec}}^{\text{EUV}} + \sigma_{\text{star}} u_{\text{dust}}^{\text{EUV}}]c + \rho C(T)nx(1 - x) - \rho \alpha_{\text{A}}(T)nx^2$$

photoionization (only EUV photons)

collisional ionization recombination

Rate equation for the degree of ionization of carbon x_C :

$$\frac{\partial x_C}{\partial t} = (1 - x_C) [\sigma_C^{\text{FUV}}(u_{\text{star}}^{\text{FUV}} + u_{\text{dust}}^{\text{FUV}}) + \sigma_C^{\text{EUV}}(u_{\text{star}}^{\text{EUV}} + u_{\text{rec}}^{\text{EUV}} + u_{\text{dust}}^{\text{EUV}})] c - \alpha_C x_C n_e$$

photoionization (EUV and FUV photons)

recombination

Heating/Cooling

region	main heating mechanism	main cooling mechanism
HII region	<p>photoionization</p> $\Gamma = n(1 - x)\sigma cu[\langle h\nu \rangle_\sigma - 13.6 \text{ eV}]$	<p>radiative cooling [OIII],[OII],[NII]</p> $\Lambda_{\nu_{ij}} = n_i A_{ij} h\nu_{ij}$
PDR	<p>photo-electric effect on dust grains</p> $\Gamma = 10^{-24} \eta G_0 n \text{ erg s}^{-1}$ $\eta(T, G_0, n_e): \text{efficiency}$	<p>radiative cooling [OI],[CII]</p> $\Lambda = n_i A_{ij} h\nu_{ij} \beta_{\text{esc}}(\tau_{ij})$ $\beta_{\text{esc}}: \text{escape probability}$

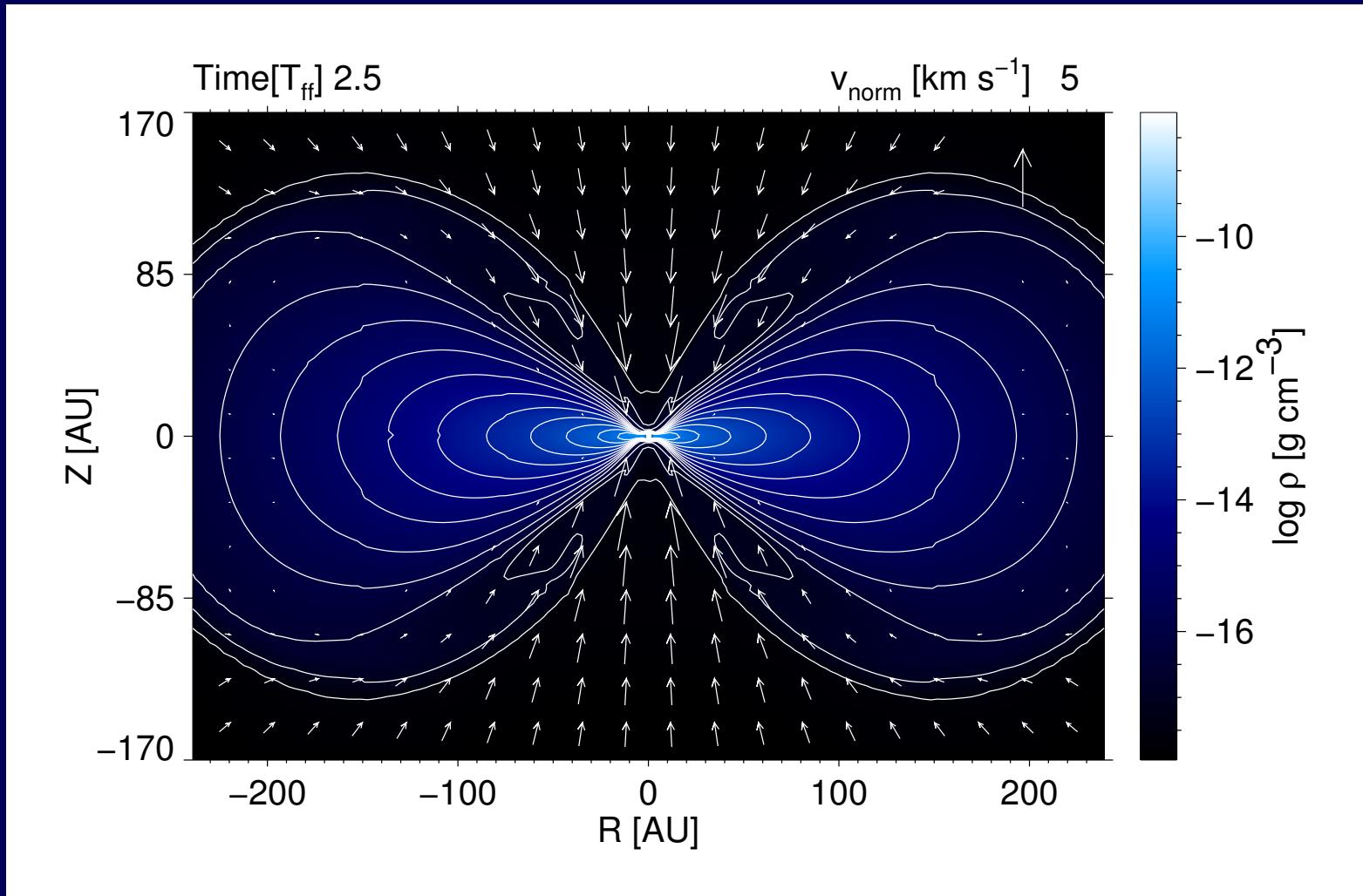
Numerical methods

RHD-Program EXTERN

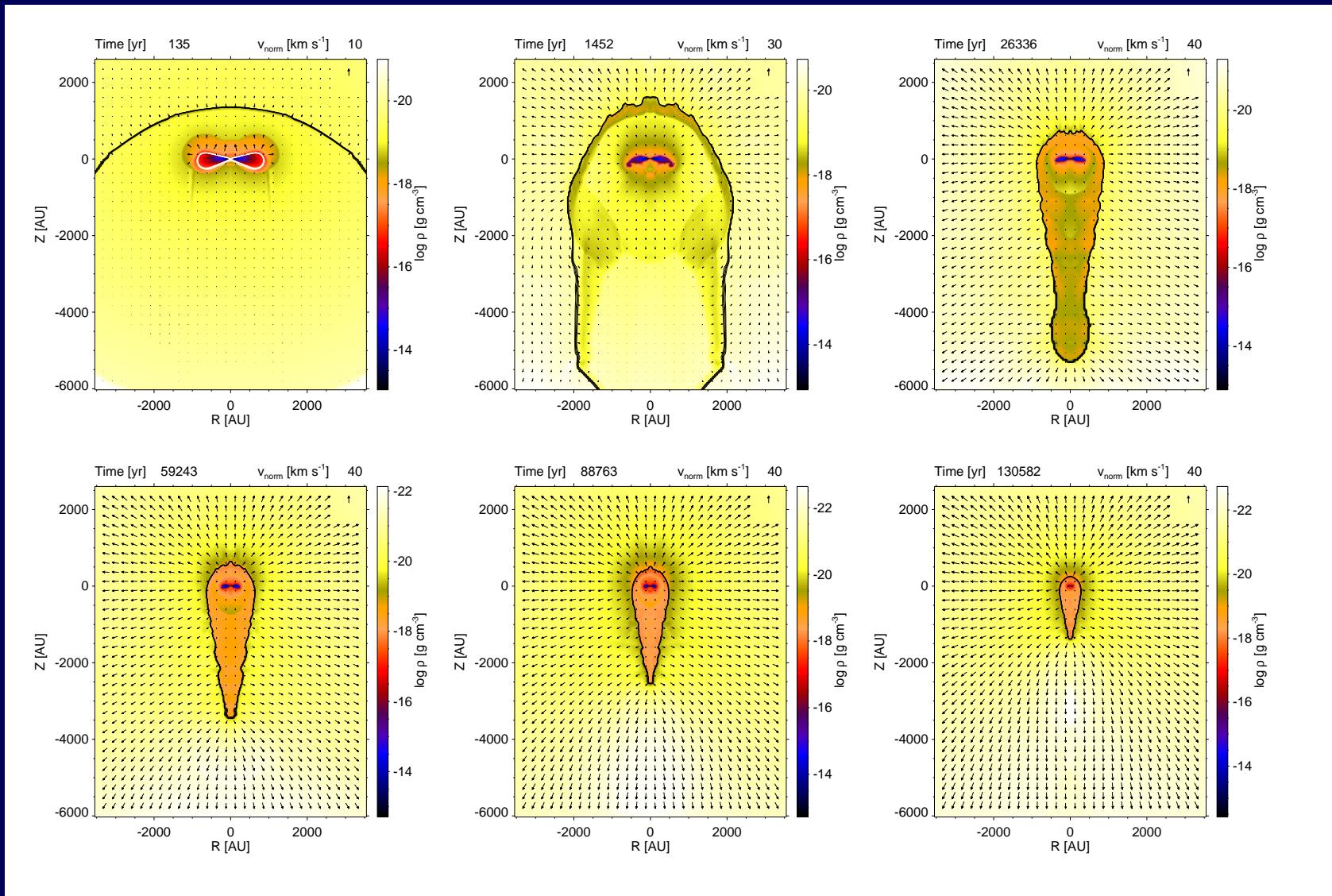
RHD-Package	Grid architecture and lines of sight arrangement
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• explicit 2D hydrodynamics (method of nested grids)• angular momentum transfer• self-gravity• wind generator for stellar wind• continuum radiation transfer	
<h3>EUV-Package</h3> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• transfer of direct EUV photons along lines of sight• transfer of diffuse EUV photons (recombination of H)• transfer of diffuse EUV photons (dust scattering)• ionization/recombination of H• heating/cooling ($T \sim 10000$ K)	
<h3>FUV-Package</h3> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• transfer of direct FUV photons along lines of sight• transfer of diffuse FUV photons (dust scattering)• ionization/recombination of C• heating/cooling ($T \sim 1000$ K)	

Initial star-disk models

Results from collapse simulations (e.g. Yorke & Bodenheimer 1999):

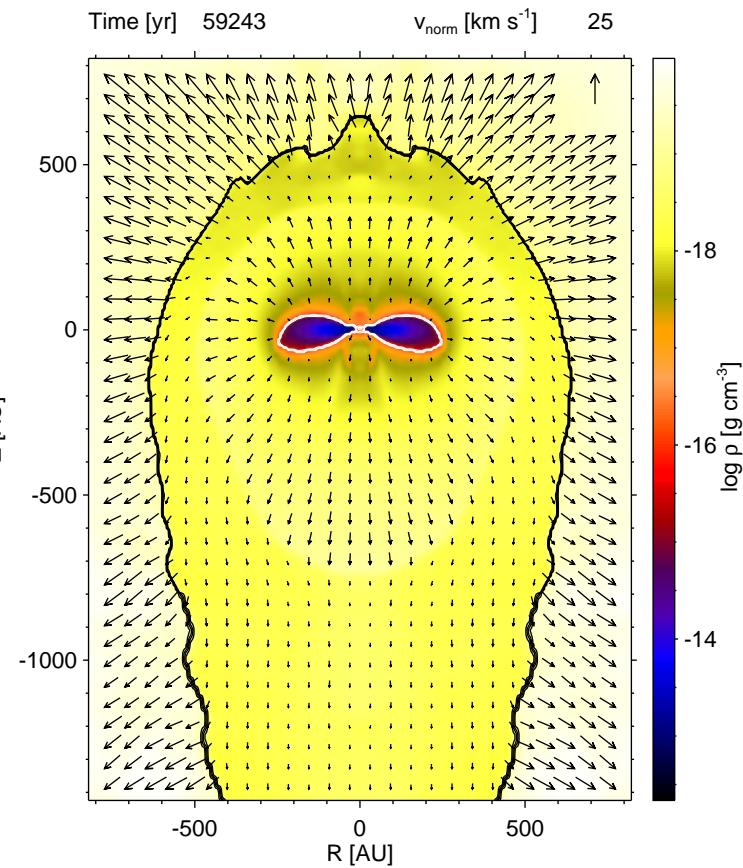


External UV illumination – Evolution

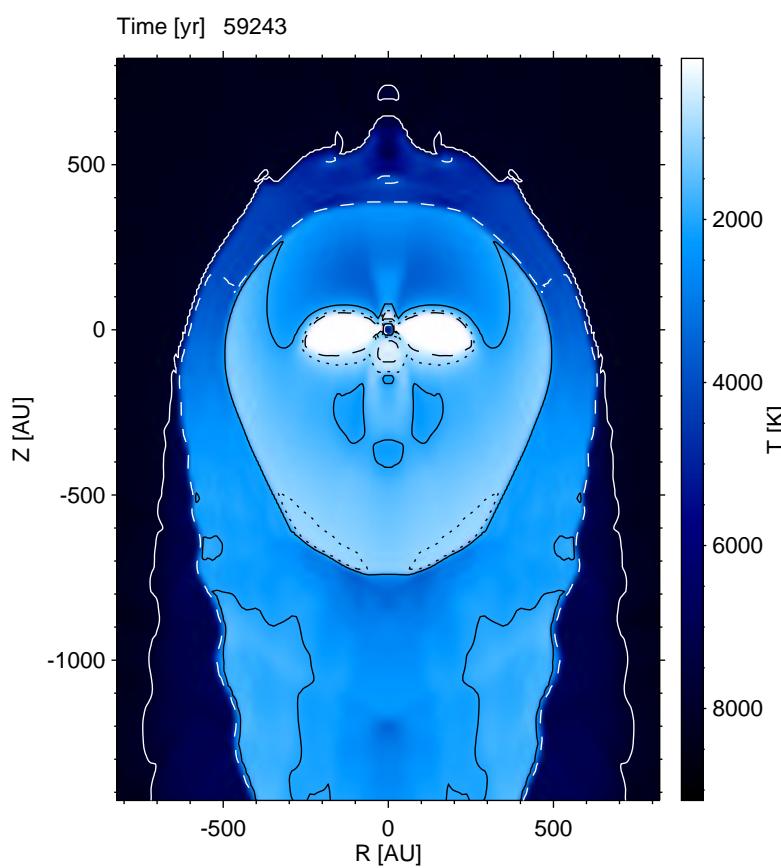


External UV illumination – Head of object

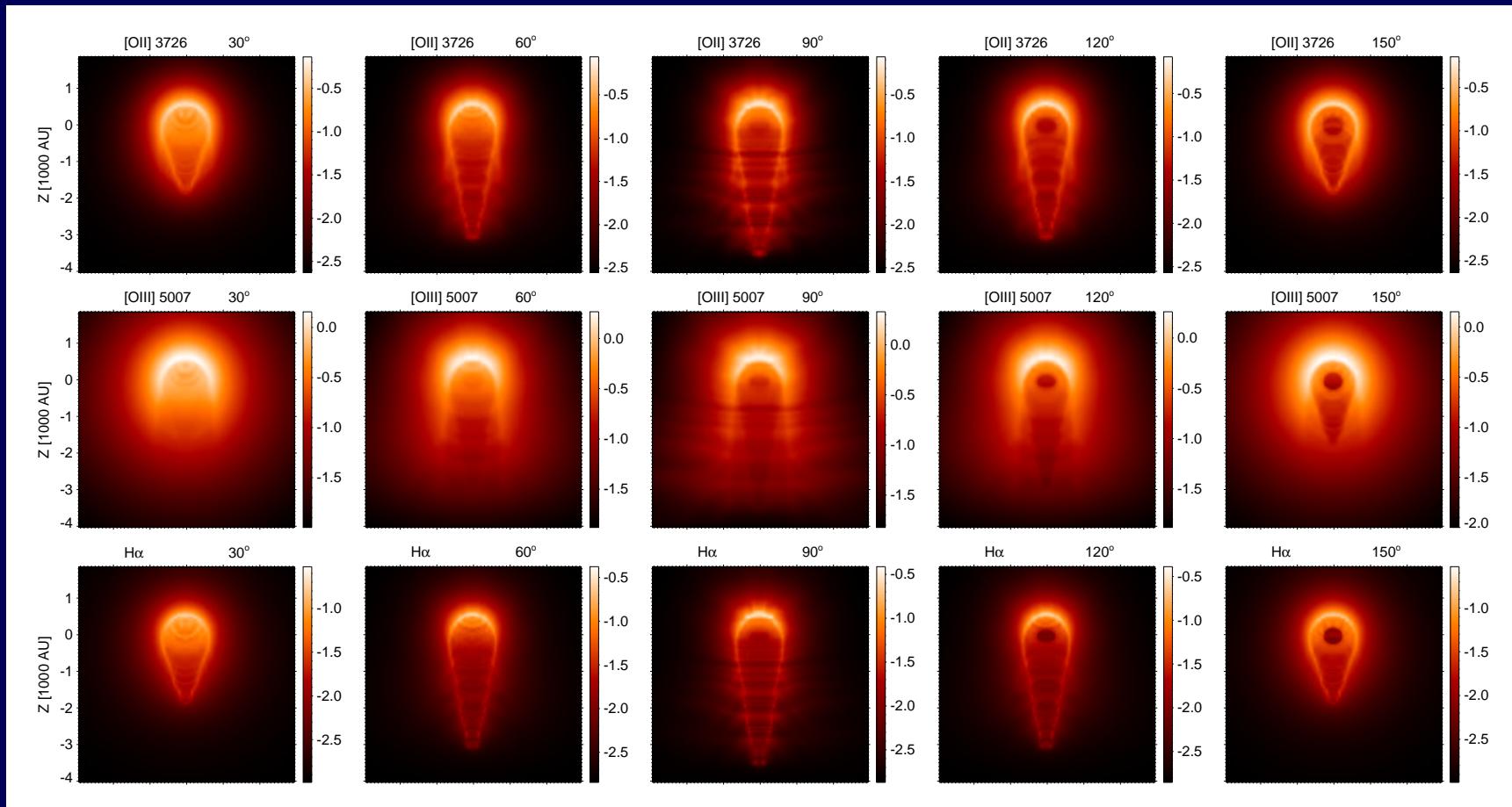
Density



Temperature

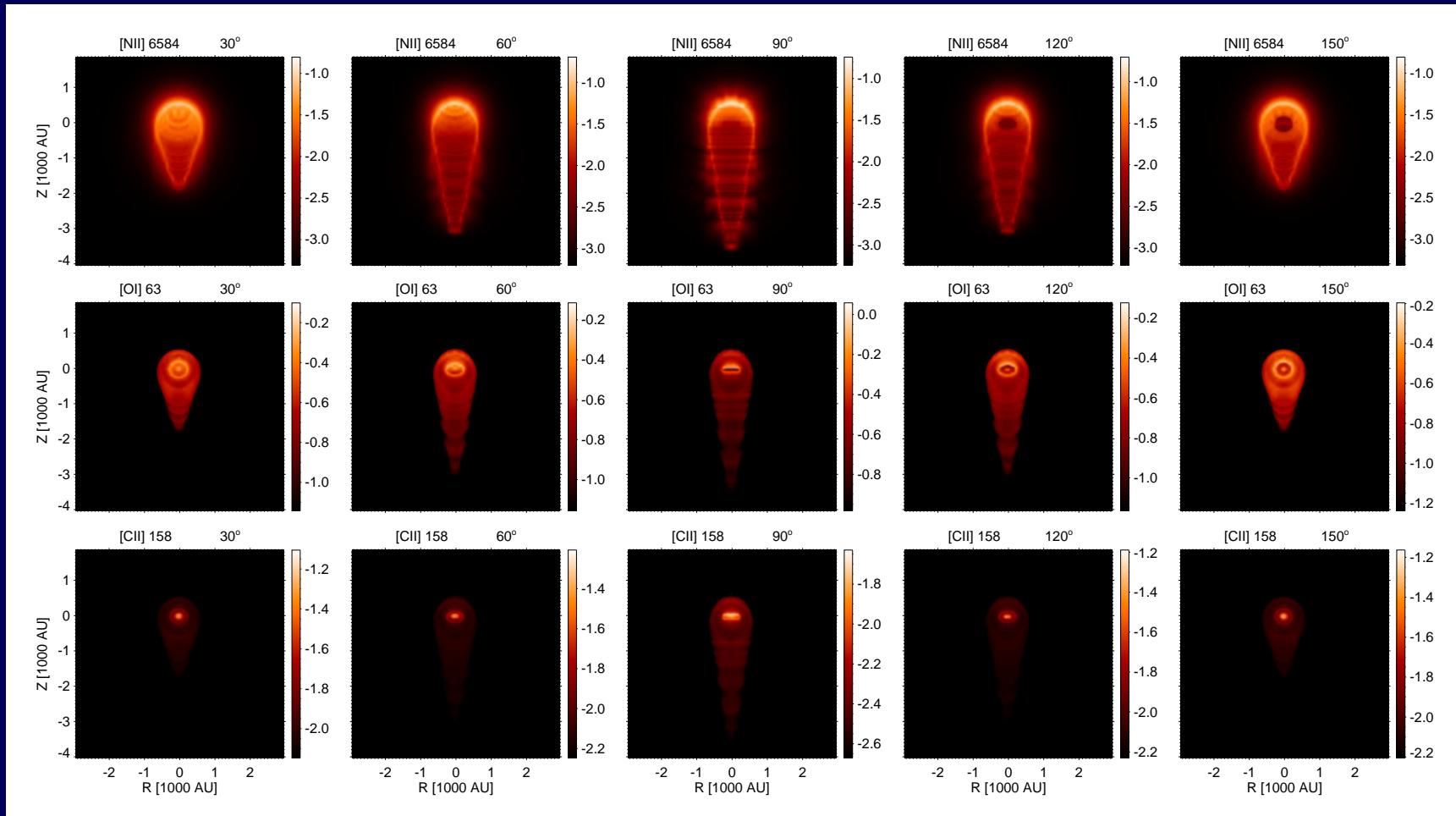


Comparison with observations – Emission lines



Richling & Yorke (2000)

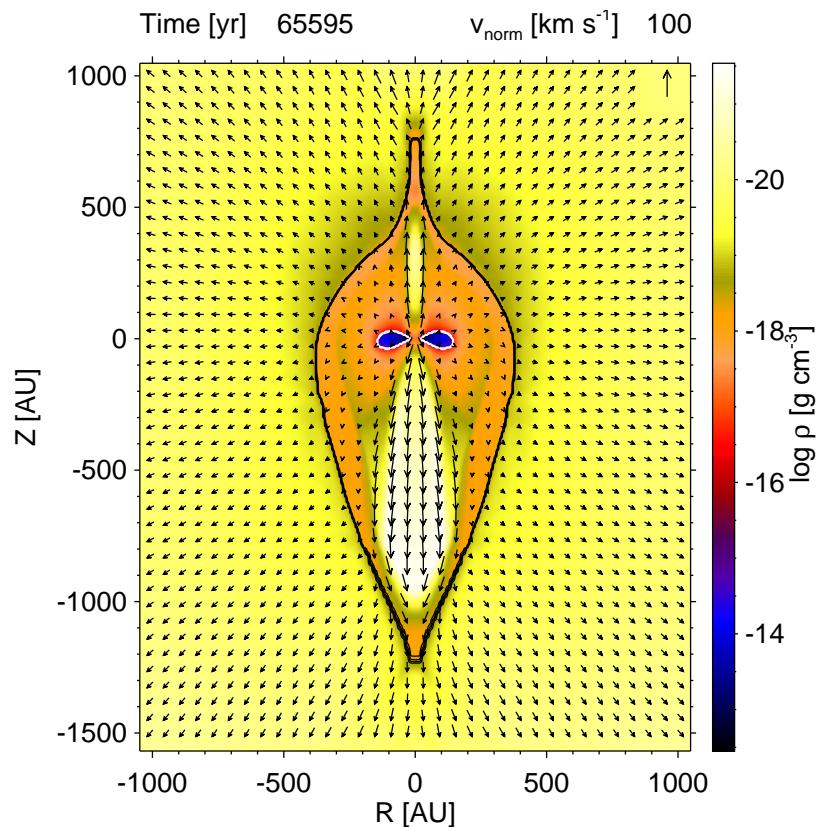
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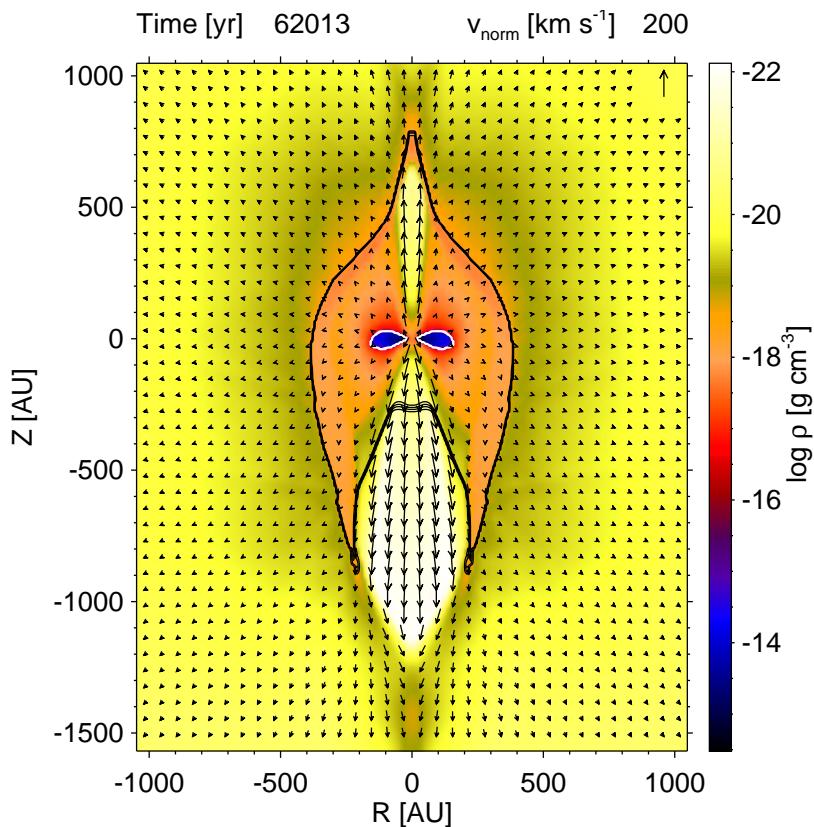
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Influence of stellar winds

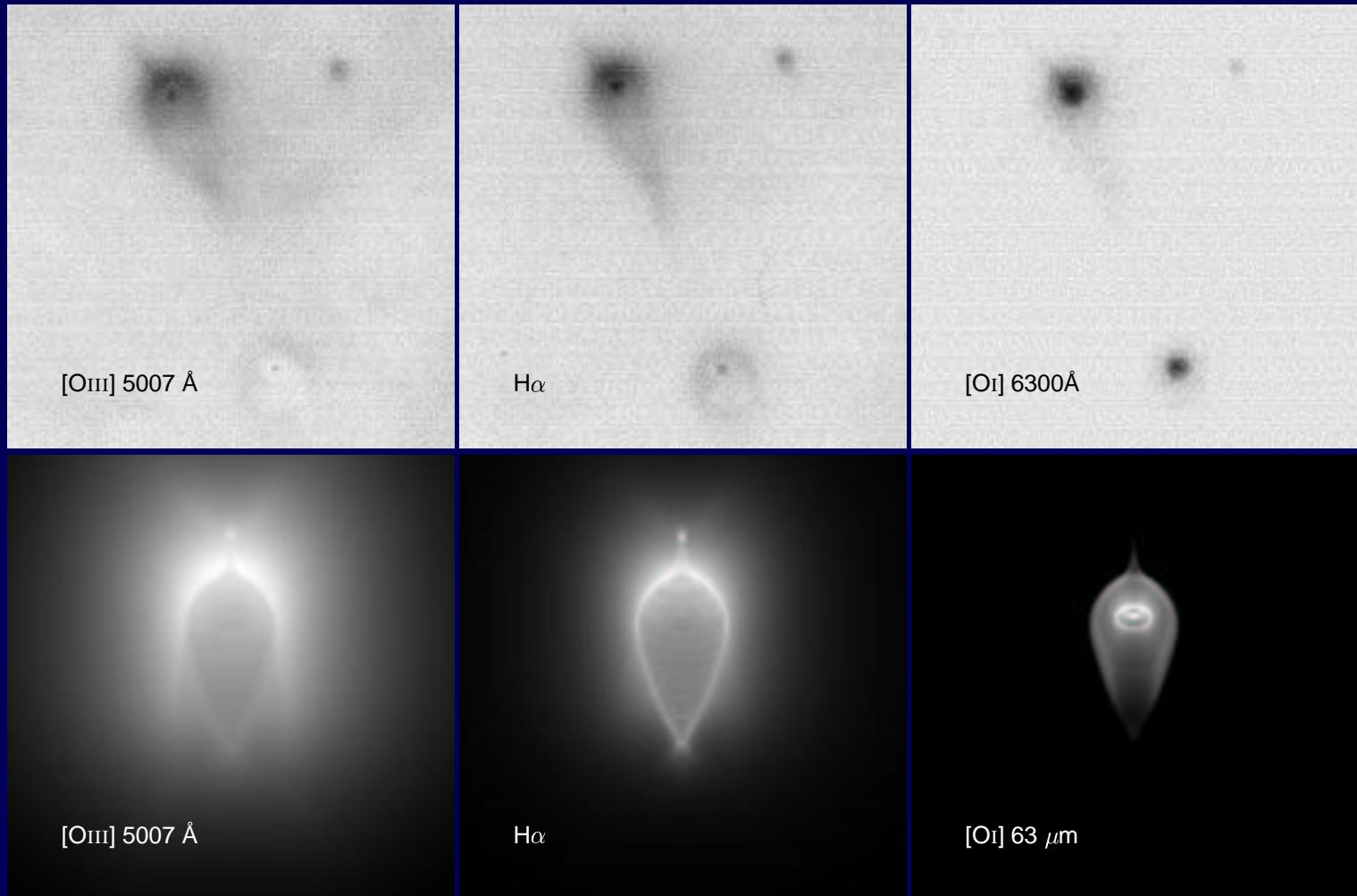
$$v_{\text{wind}} = 100 \text{ km s}^{-1}$$



$$v_{\text{wind}} = 200 \text{ km s}^{-1}$$



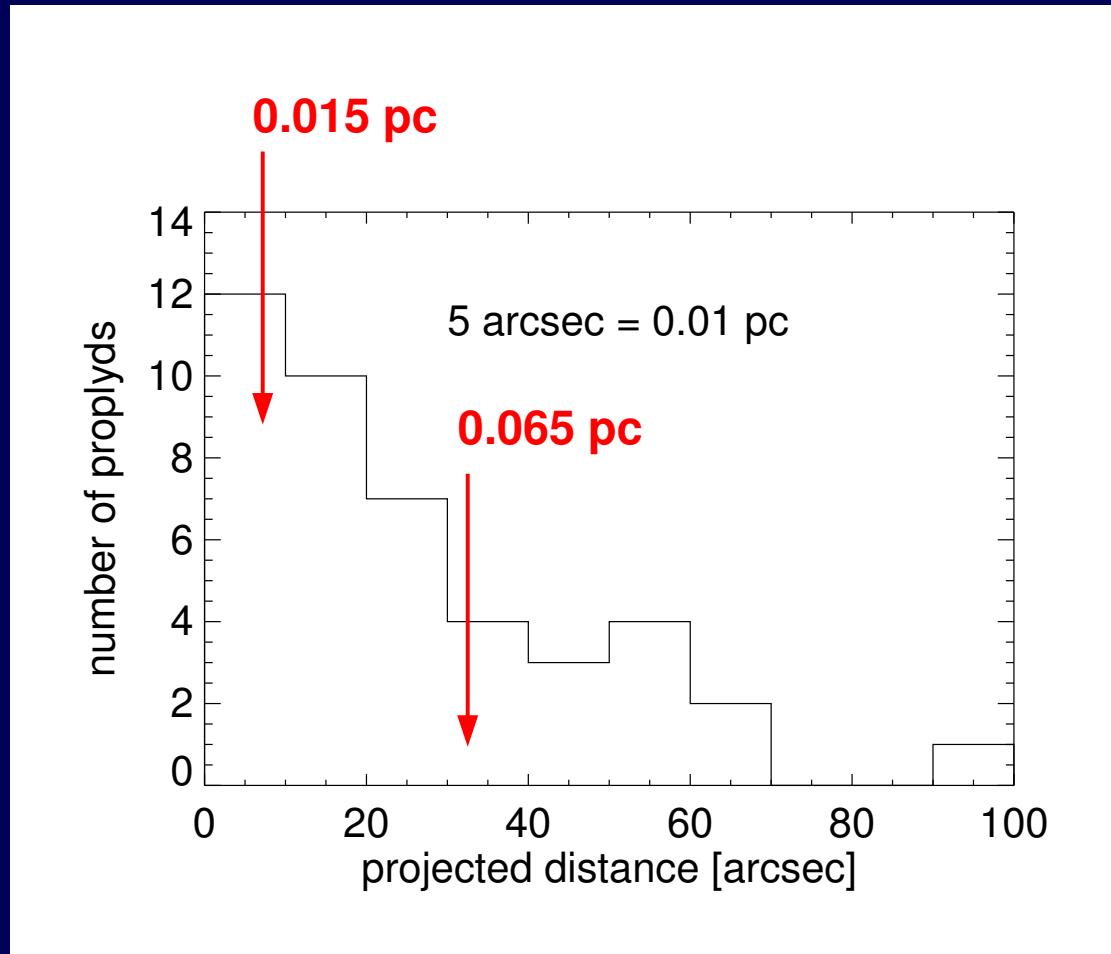
Influence of stellar winds – Micro-jets



Distance from ionizing source

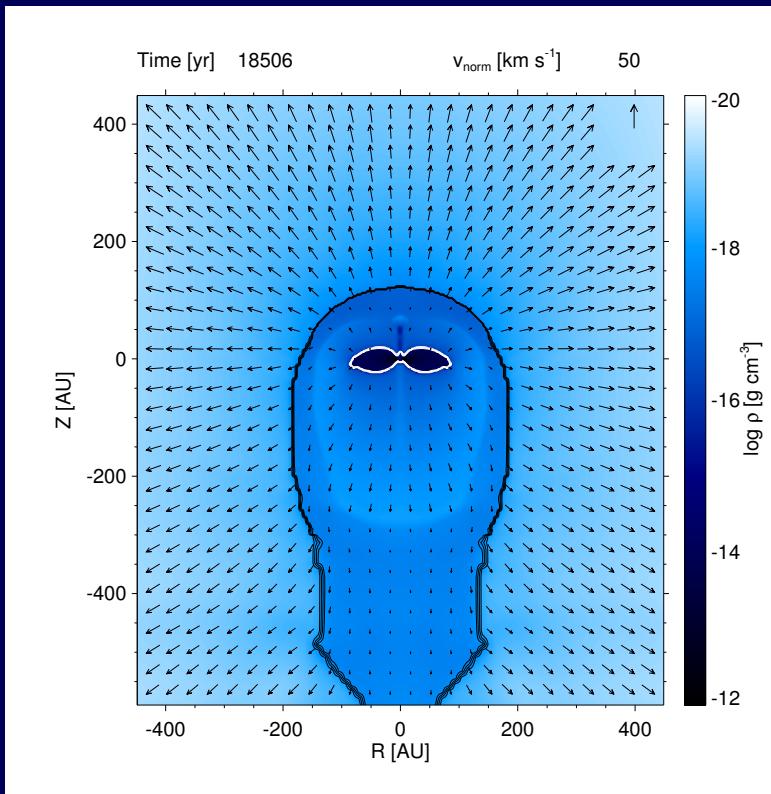
Orion Nebula

UV photon rate: $\Phi_{\text{UV}} = 1.5 \times 10^{49} \text{ s}^{-1}$

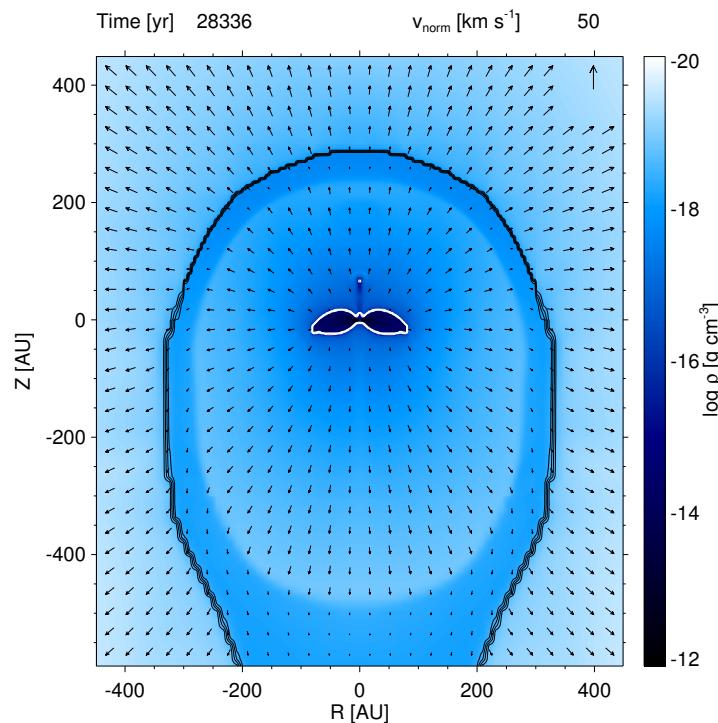


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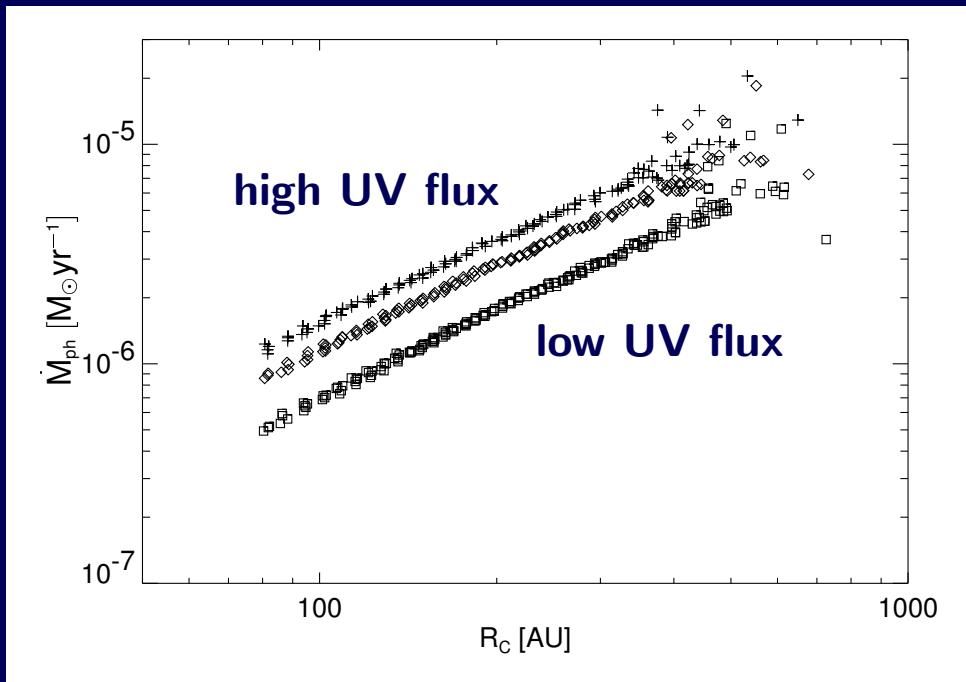
EUV-dominated flow



FUV-dominated flow



Photoevaporation rate



EUV dominated: $\dot{M} \propto r^{1.5}$

→ Simulations: $\dot{M} \propto r^{1.25}$

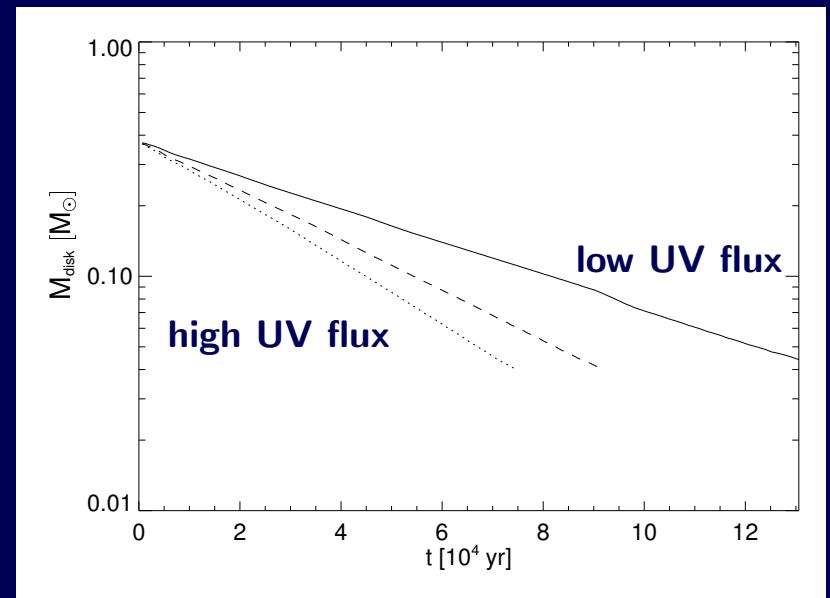
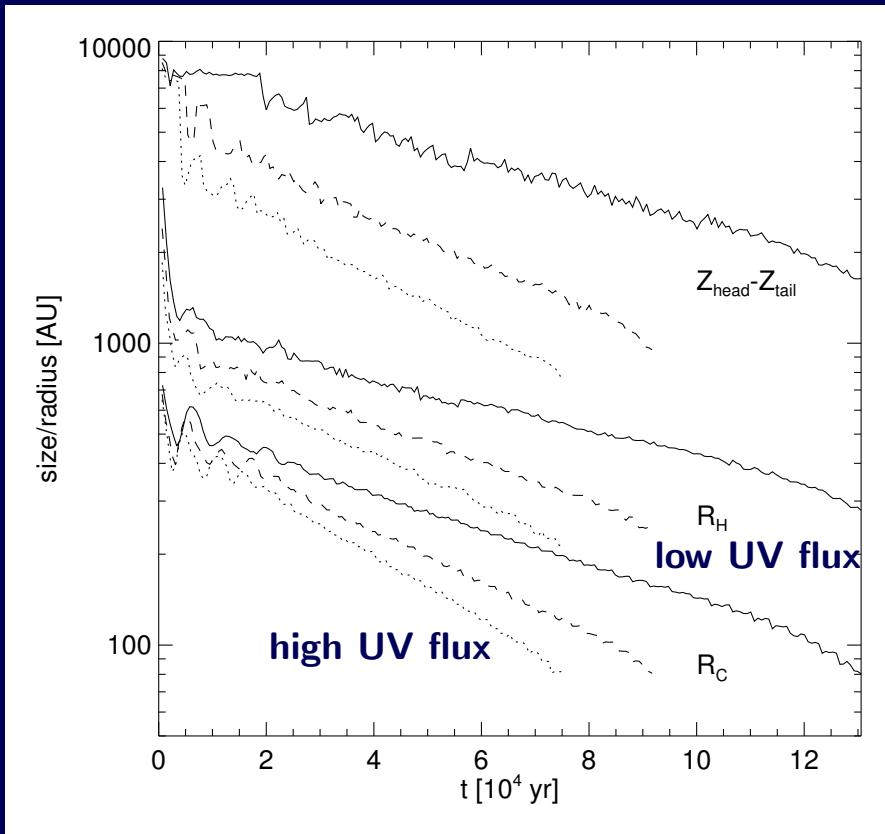
FUV dominated: $\dot{M} \propto r^{1.0}$

$$\dot{M} = 1.6 \times 10^{-6} M_{\odot} \text{yr}^{-1} \left(\frac{d}{10^{17} \text{ cm}} \right)^{-0.75} \left(\frac{r_d}{100 \text{ AU}} \right)^{1.25}$$

for $\log \Phi_{\text{EUV}} = 48.89$ and $\log \Phi_{\text{FUV}} = 49.25$

→ $\dot{M} = 10^{-7} - 10^{-6} M_{\odot} \text{yr}^{-1}$ for Orion proplyds

Time-dependent photoevaporation



- Radius decreases with time
- Photoevaporation from “outside in”
- Photoevaporation time scale increases

$$M(t) = M_0(t) \times \exp(-t/\tau)$$
$$\tau_{1/10} \sim 10^5 \text{ yr}$$

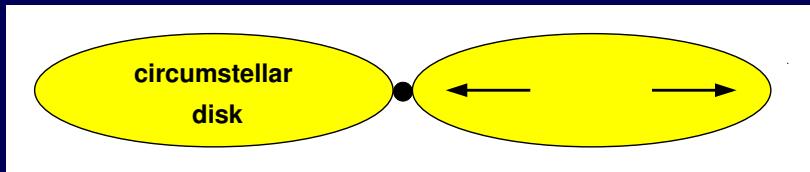
in agreement with semi-analytical calculations

Photoevaporation and viscous accretion

Angular momentum transfer

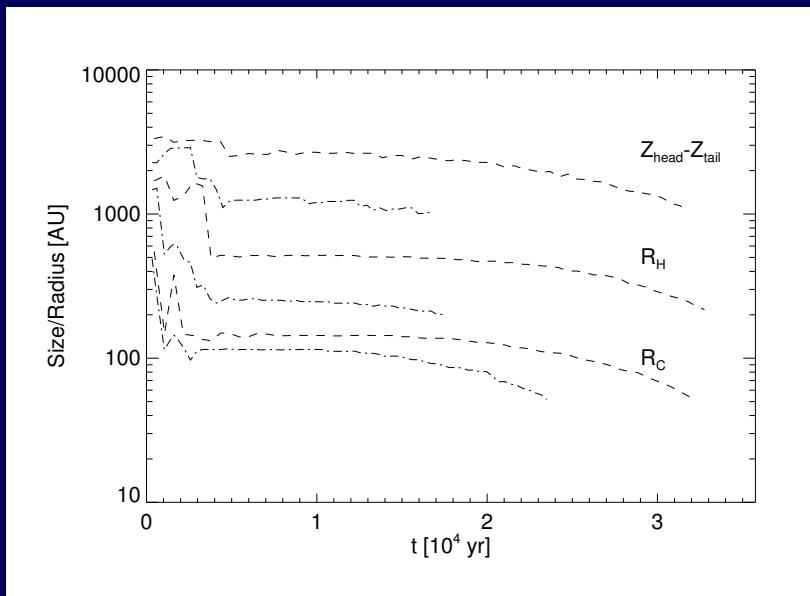
Redistribution of angular momentum:

- Inner material moves closer to the star
- Outer material spreads out



Photoevaporation and accretion

- Disk radius decreases more slowly

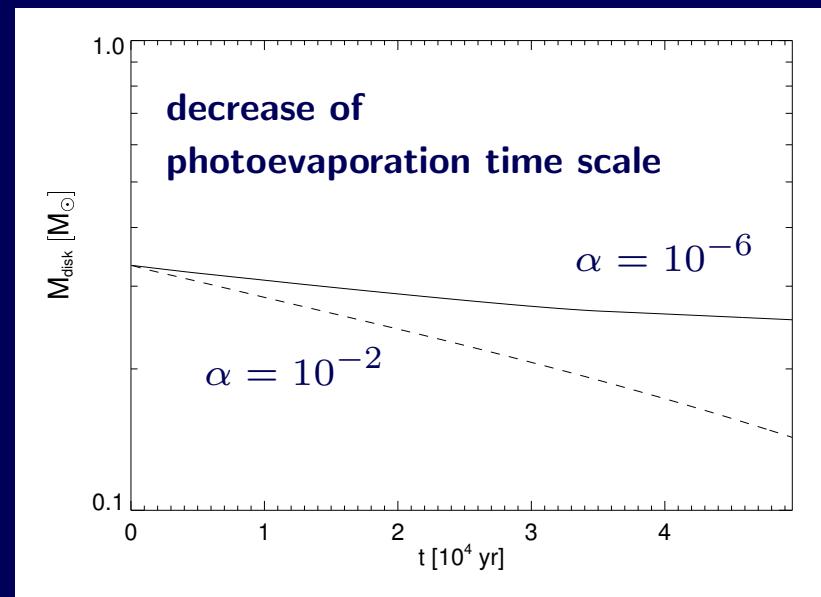


“ α -prescription” (Shakura & Sunyaev 1973)

viscosity coefficient: $\nu \propto \alpha H c_s$

(H : scale height, c : sound speed)

$$T_{ij} = \nu \left[\frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{\partial v_j}{\partial x_i} + \frac{\partial v_i}{\partial x_j} \right) - \frac{1}{3} \delta_{ij} \frac{\partial v_i}{\partial x_i} \right]$$



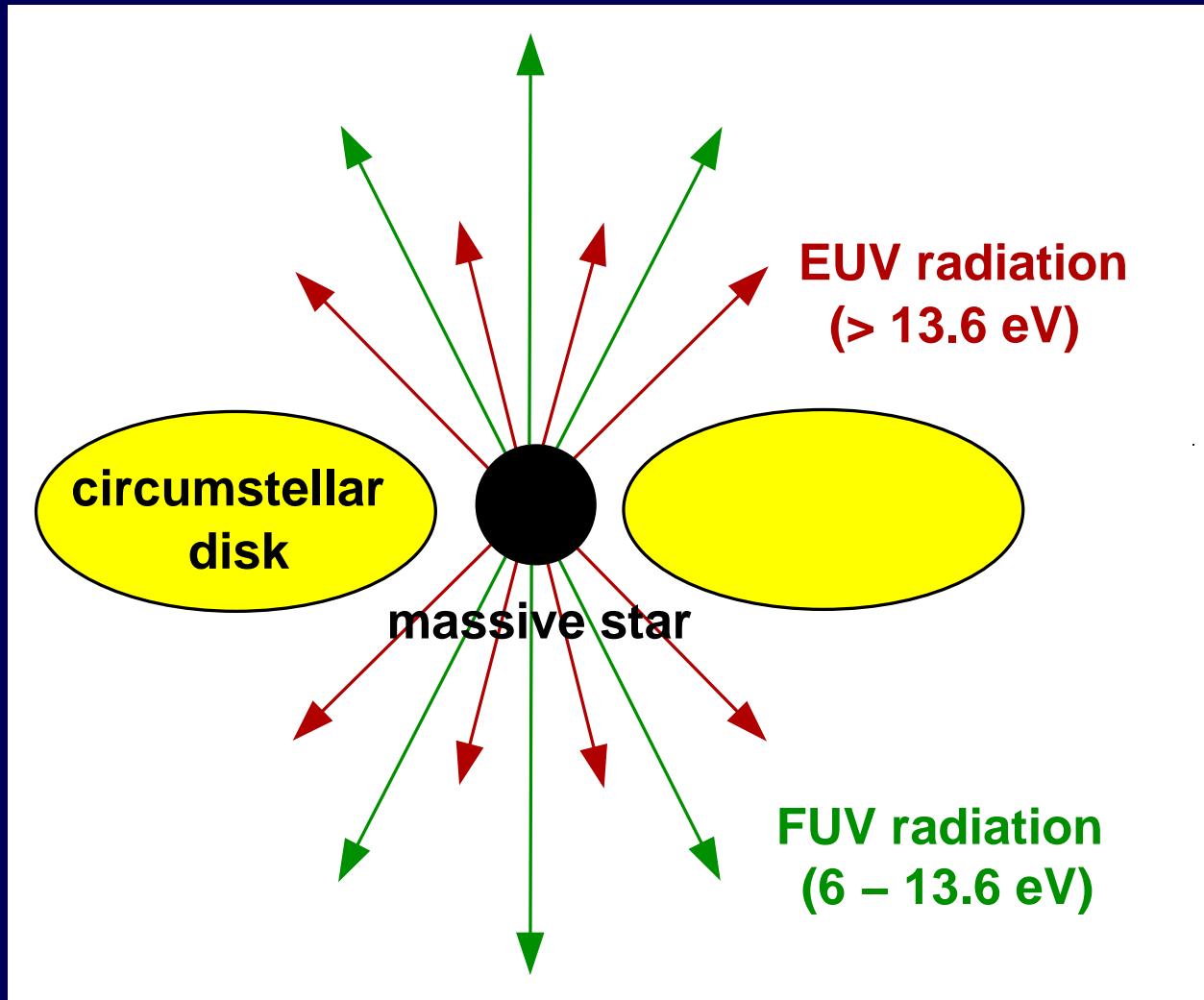
1D study (Matsuyama et al. 2003)

Photoevaporation and accretion destroy entire disk

external FUV radiation: $10^6 - 10^7$ yr

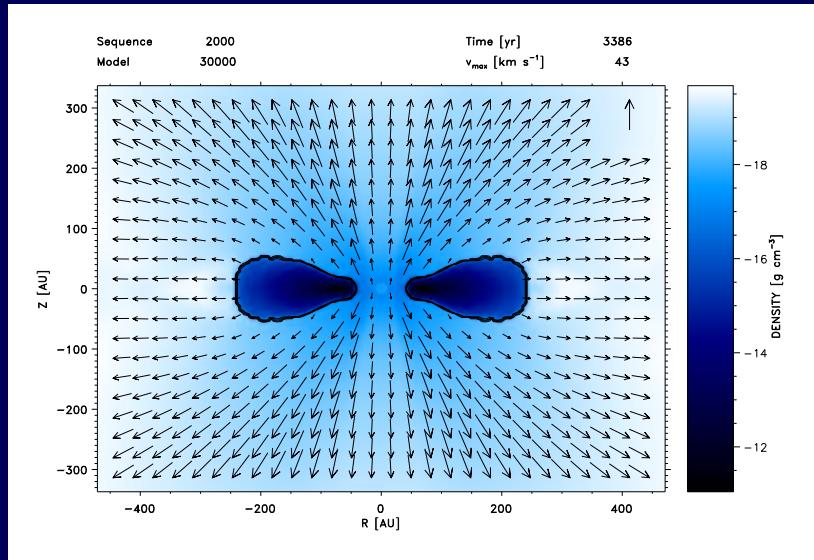
external EUV radiation: $10^5 - 10^6$ yr

Photoevaporation from the central star



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EUV radiation:



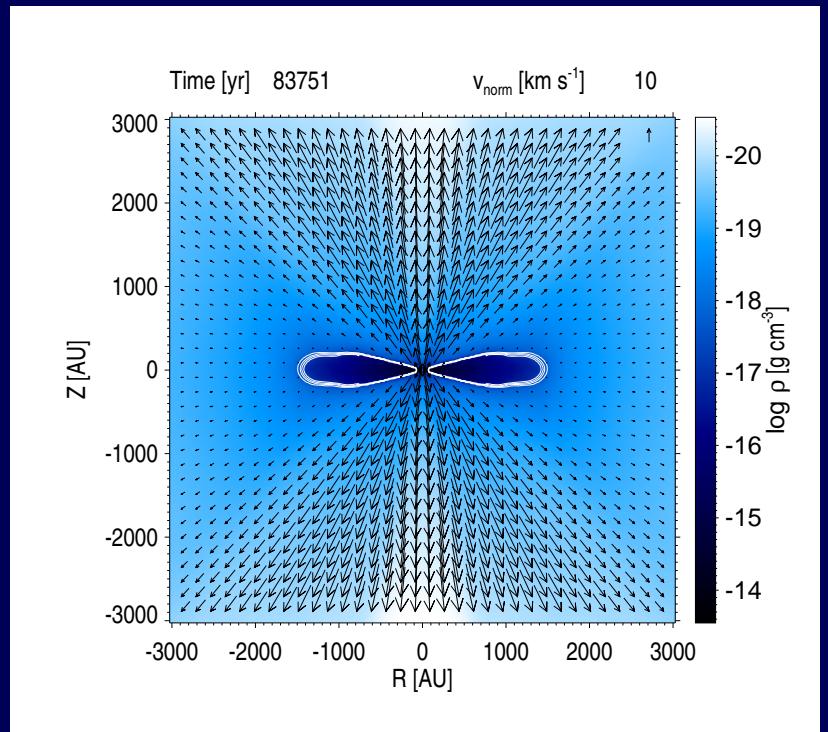
(Richling & Yorke 1997)

Important for massive stars ($> 8 M_{\odot}$)
 → formation of UCHII regions

$$\dot{M} = 4 \times 10^{-10} M_{\odot} \text{ yr}^{-1} \left(\frac{\Phi_{\text{EUV}}}{10^{41} \text{ s}^{-1}} \right)^{0.5} \left(\frac{M_{\star}}{M_{\odot}} \right)^{0.5}$$

(Hollenbach et al. 1994)

FUV radiation:



New Simulation:

$$2.5 M_{\odot}, \log \Phi_{\text{EUV}} = 44.68, \log \Phi_{\text{FUV}} = 45.17$$

$$\rightarrow \dot{M} = 5.4 \times 10^{-6} M_{\odot} \text{ yr}^{-1}$$

Important for low-mass stars?

Other disk dispersal mechanisms

- viscous accretion onto the central source

$$\tau_{\text{acc}} = 10^5 \text{ yr} \left(\frac{\alpha}{0.01} \right)^{-1} \left(\frac{r}{10 \text{ AU}} \right)$$

- internal photoevaporation

$$\tau_{\text{ph}} = 10^7 \text{ yr} \left(\frac{\Phi_{\text{EUV}}}{10^{41} \text{ s}^{-1}} \right)^{-1/2} \left(\frac{\Sigma_0}{\Sigma_{\min}} \right)$$

- close stellar encounters (dense clusters)

$$\tau_{\text{se}} = 2 \times 10^7 \text{ yr} \left(\frac{n_{\star}}{10^4 \text{ pc}^{-3}} \right)^{-1} \left(\frac{v}{1 \text{ km s}^{-1}} \right)^{-1} \left(\frac{r}{100 \text{ AU}} \right)^{-2}$$

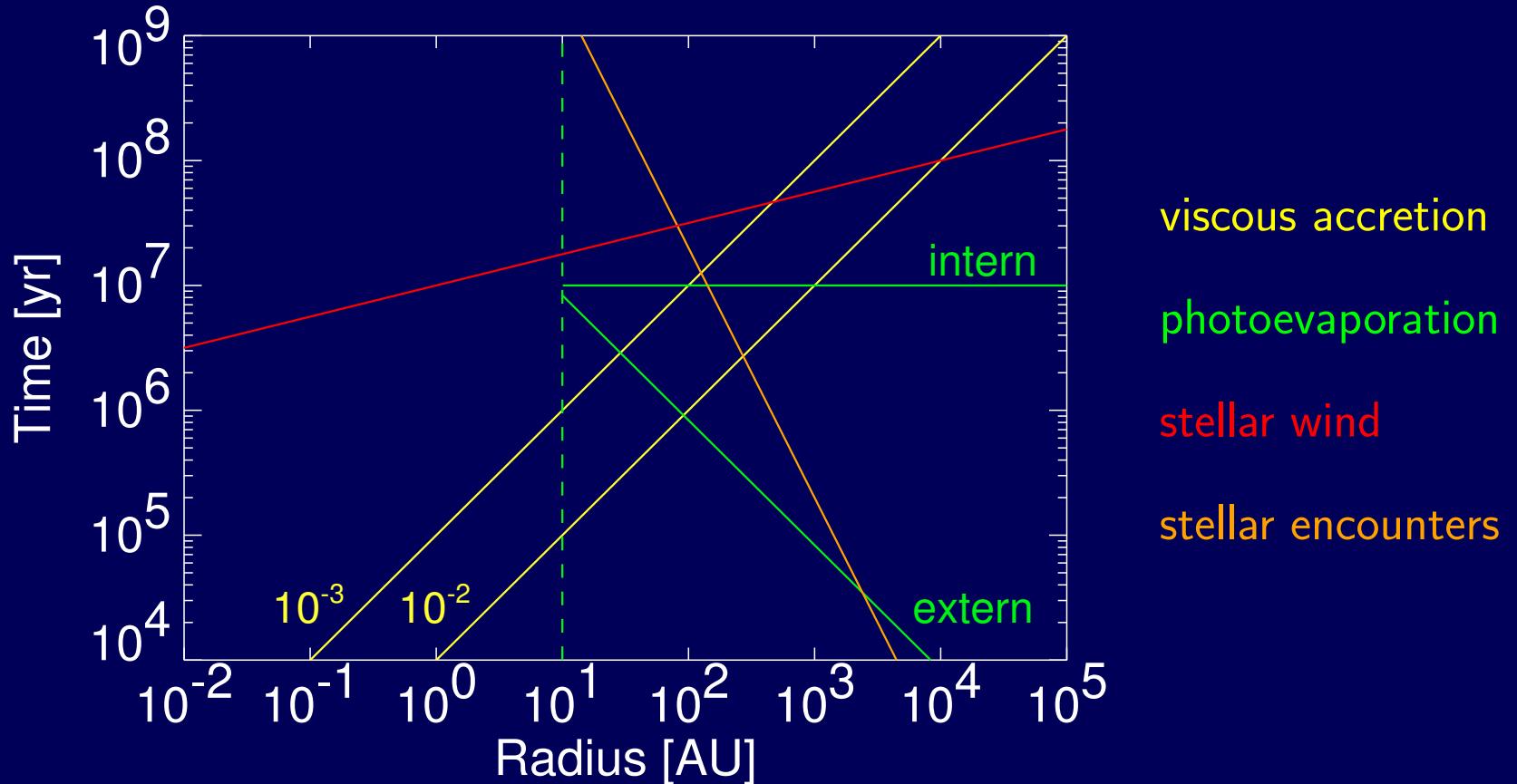
- stellar winds (early evolutionary phases)

$$\tau_{\text{sw}} = 10^7 \text{ yr} \left(\frac{r}{1 \text{ AU}} \right)^{1/4} \left(\frac{\epsilon (\sin \theta)^2}{10^{-4}} \right)^{-1} \left(\frac{M_{\text{d}}}{M_{\min}} \right) \left(\frac{v}{100 \text{ km s}^{-1}} \right)^{-1} \left(\frac{\dot{M}_{\text{w}}}{10^{-8} M_{\odot} \text{ yr}^{-1}} \right)^{-1}$$

(Hollenbach et al. 2000)

Comparison of disk dispersal time scales

Trapezium conditions, $M_d = 0.01 M_\odot$, radial orbits



Implications for the formation of the solar system

