

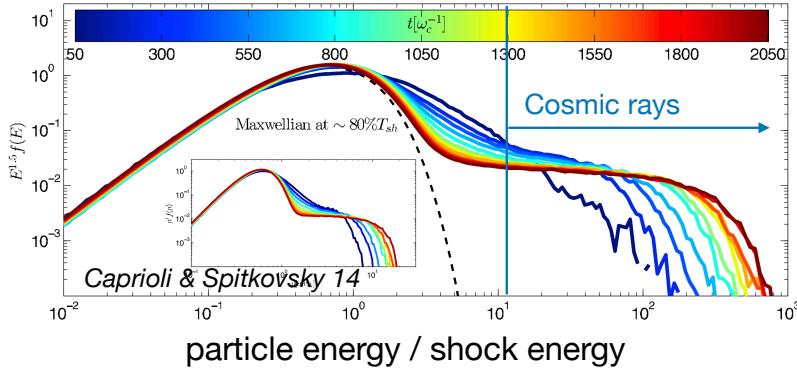
Two-moment Cosmic Rays in **RAMSES**

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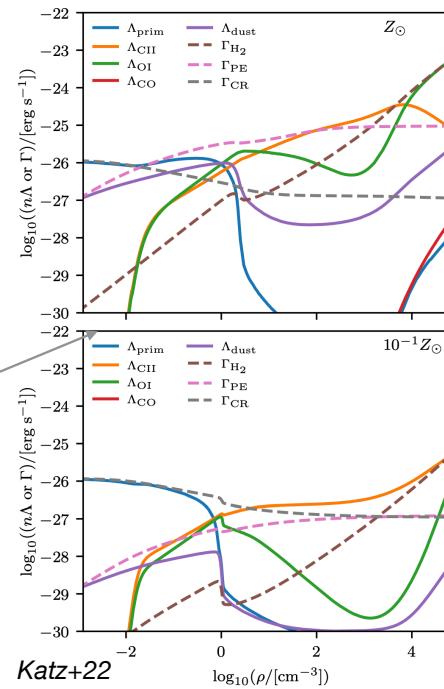
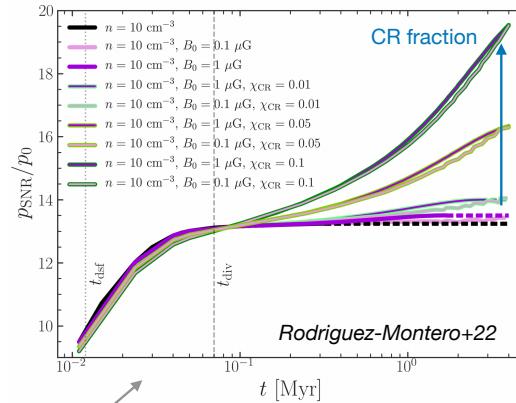


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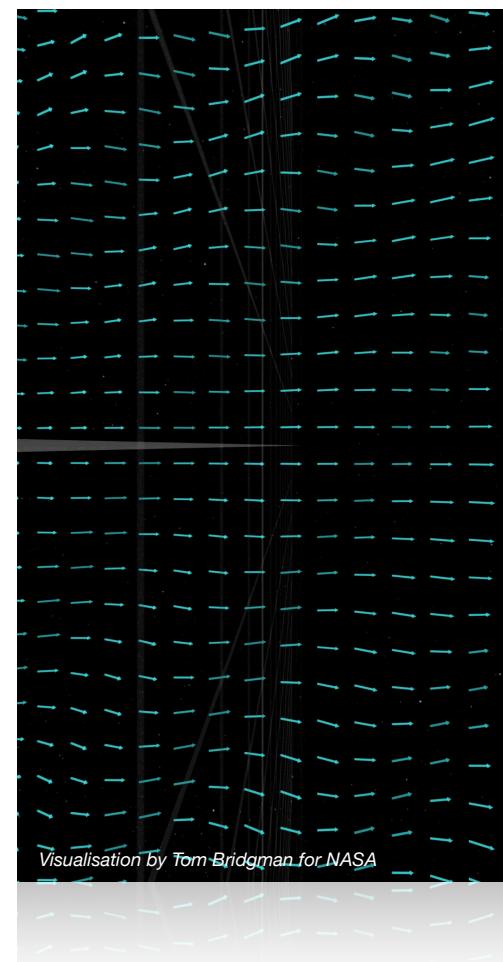
Why should we care about cosmic rays?



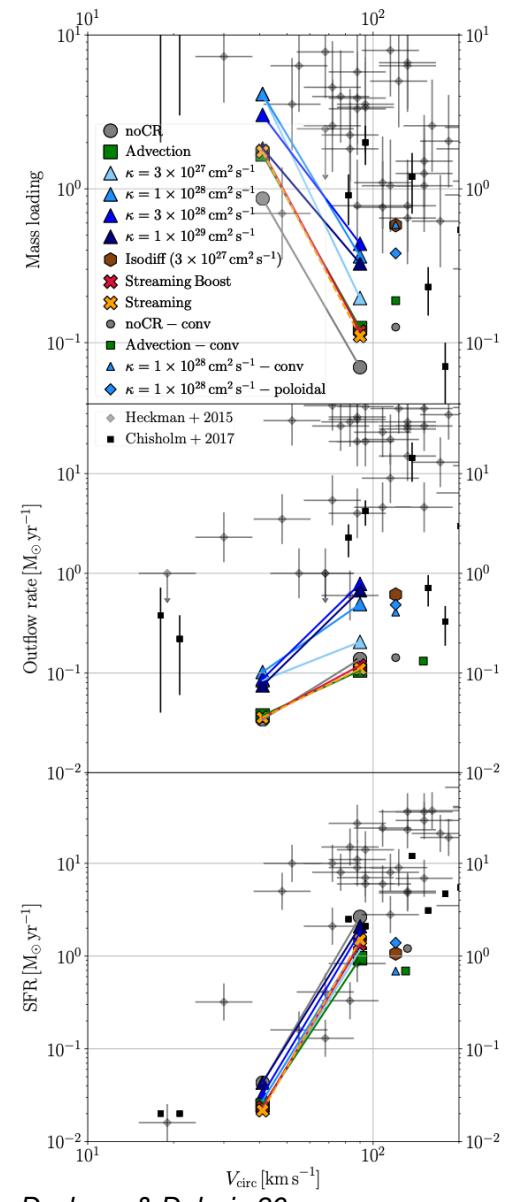
- **Equipartition of energies** (kinetic ~ thermal ~ magnetic ~ cosmic rays) in galaxy formation problems: intra-cluster medium, active galactic nuclei jets, galactic winds, interstellar medium
- As a relativistic population of particles **their adiabat and losses are different from that of the gas**
- **Diffusion** is a key aspect of cosmic ray transport
- Cosmic rays are **produced at shocks**: supernovae, jets, cosmic infall
- More momentum in SN explosions
- Important heating mechanism in the diffuse ISM
- Sets the electron fraction at high cloud densities due to CR ionisation losses



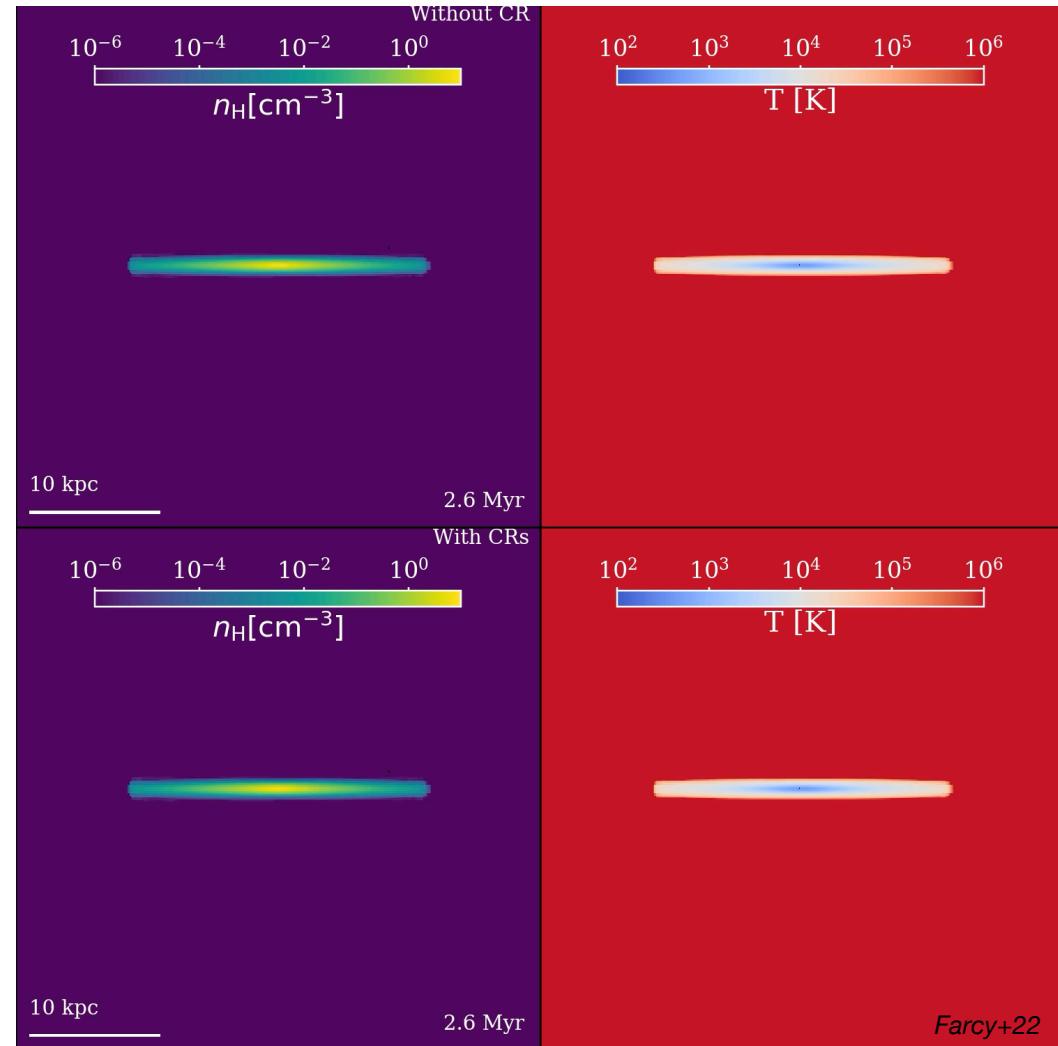
CR particle individual speed is $\sim c$, however, the **CR fluid velocity** is $\{u_{\text{gas}} + u_A + \text{a diffusion speed}\}$ due to efficient CR scattering with Alfvén waves



CR-driven large-scale galactic winds



- Better match to observations w/ CRs
- More mass removed by galactic winds
- Winds are CR pressure-dominated
- Winds are faster and denser, colder
- CRs reduce the amount of dense SF gas



Cosmic ray magneto-hydrodynamics

1-moment already in RAMSES (Dubois & Commerçon 2016, 2019)

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$$\mathbf{F}_C = (E_C + P_C) (\mathbf{v} + \mathbf{v}_s) - \kappa \mathbf{b} (\mathbf{b} \cdot \nabla E_C)$$

Advection

Diffusion

- 1-moment drawbacks:

- severe timestepping condition (-> implicit)

$$\Delta t < C_{\text{cour}} \Delta x^2 / \kappa$$

- overly diffusive

- do not handle the physical speed-of-light limit

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lab-frame formulation of \mathbf{F}_c

$$\vec{\nabla} \cdot (\mathbb{D} E_c) \rightarrow \vec{\nabla} \cdot (\mathbb{D} P_c)$$

$$\mathbb{D} = \frac{1}{3} + \cancel{(1-2\gamma)bb}$$

P1 approx. of pressure tensor (M1?)

- Here the \mathbf{F}_c becomes an extra variable, evolved in each time-step
- V_m is a *maximum* CR speed (or “reduced light speed”), chosen by user at runtime
 - Limits the time-step with the usual Courant condition, i.e.

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Wave-speeds:

$$\lambda = v_{\text{gas}} + f_R V_m$$

Some dark magic, not detailed here...

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Intercell flux with Lax-Friedrich:

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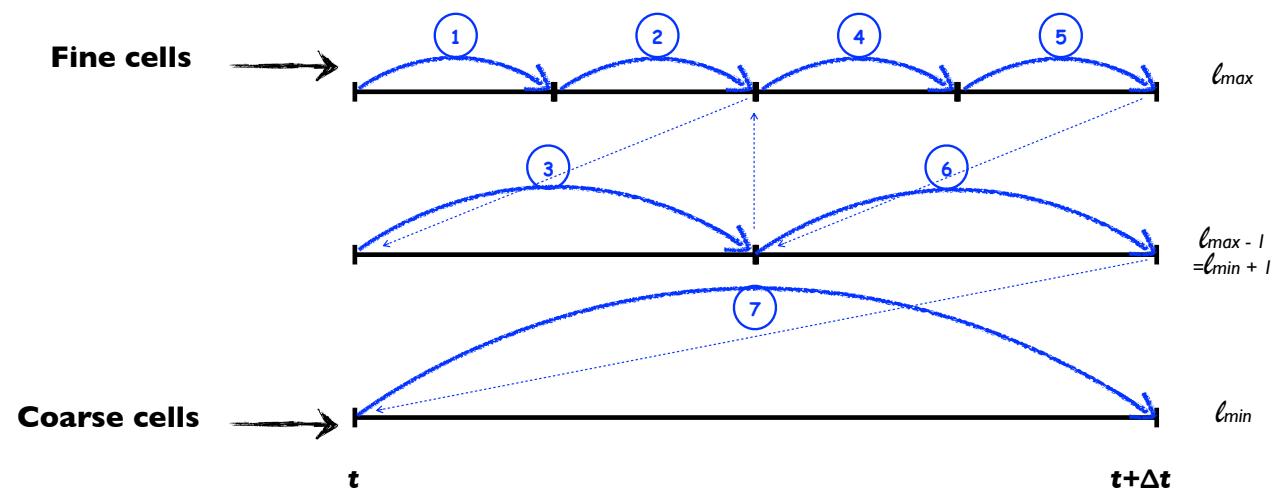
Source terms

- Advection and source terms are ‘operator’ split
- κ is defined in the coordinate-system of \mathbf{B} $\kappa = [\kappa_{\parallel}, \kappa_{\perp}, \kappa_{\perp}]$
- so must rotate \mathbf{F} , \mathbf{v} , \mathbf{v}_s onto \mathbf{B} , solve, and rotate back
- Implicit time integration for coupled source terms

Adding 2mom CRs to RAMSES

Hydro only

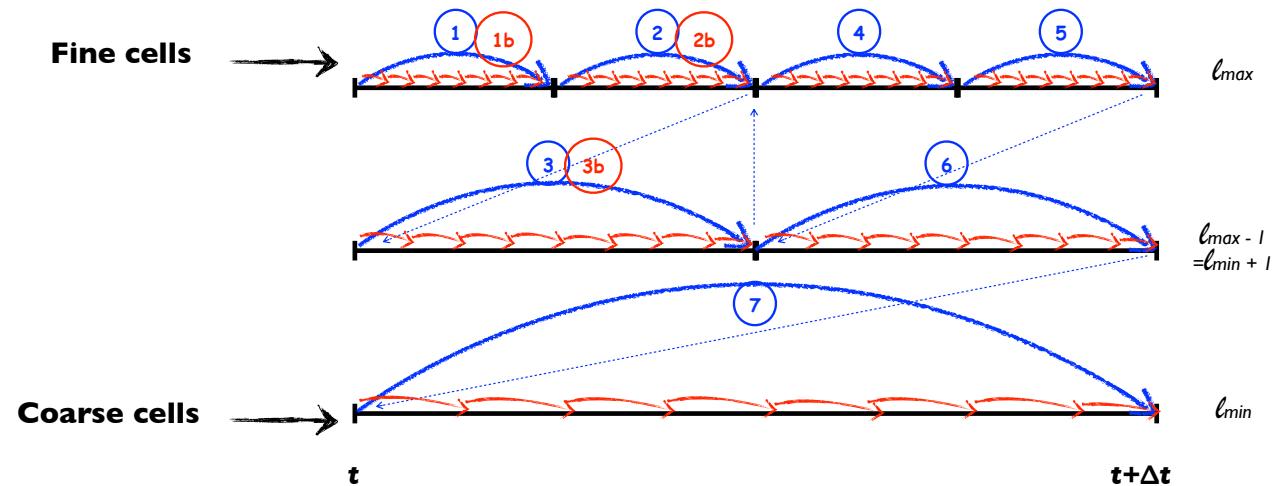
- Two fine steps for every coarse steps, starting at finest level



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Hydro + CRs

- CRs sub-cycled on each level
- Almost all the additions are in `cr_godunov_fine.f90` and `cr_flux_module.f90`
- Call to `crmom_step` inside the `amr_step` routine
- CR sub-cycling precludes exact CR energy conservation across refinement boundaries



Variable speed of light

- We must have $V_m > c_{\text{MHD}}$
- It's difficult to know in advance what will be the maximum c_{MHD} , so we use a variable light-speed, setting in every MHD step in every refinement level:

$$V_m = N c_{\text{MHD}}$$

- For the tests, we typically need $N \gtrsim 10$
- But for isolated galaxy test, the results are converged with $N \gtrsim 3$

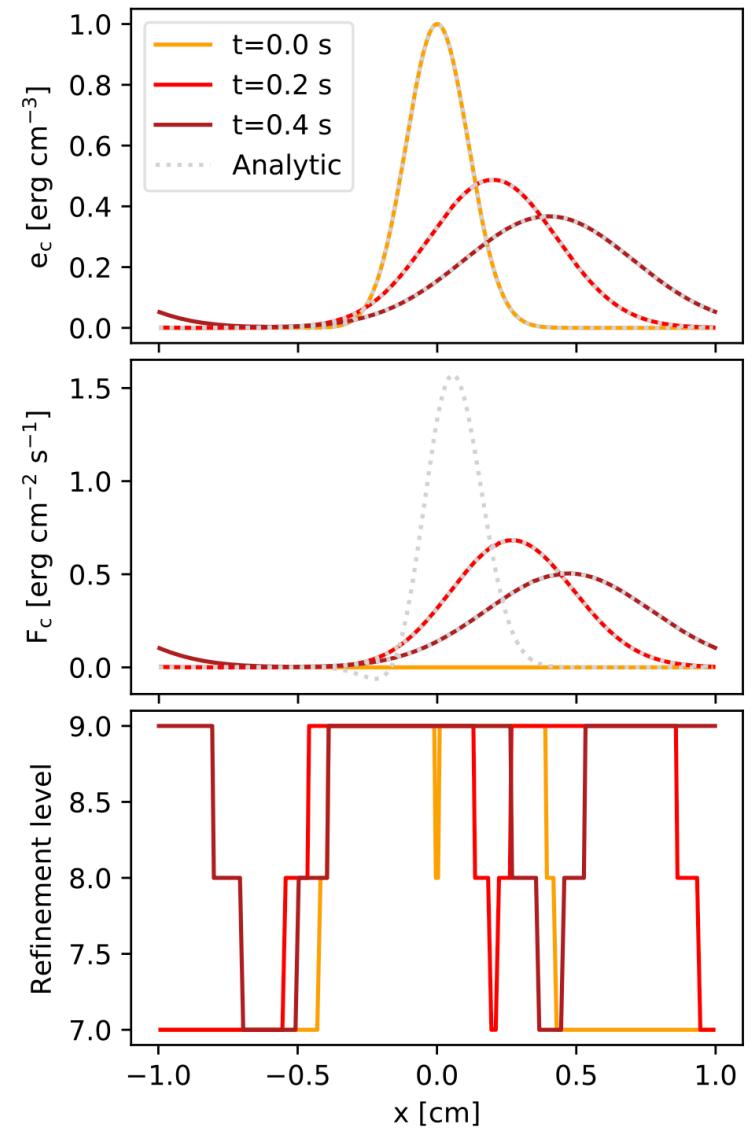
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mostly taken from Jiang & Oh (2017)

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Advection + Diffusion in 1d

- Diffusion can be compared to analytic expression, in dotted curves
- With AMR and moving gas
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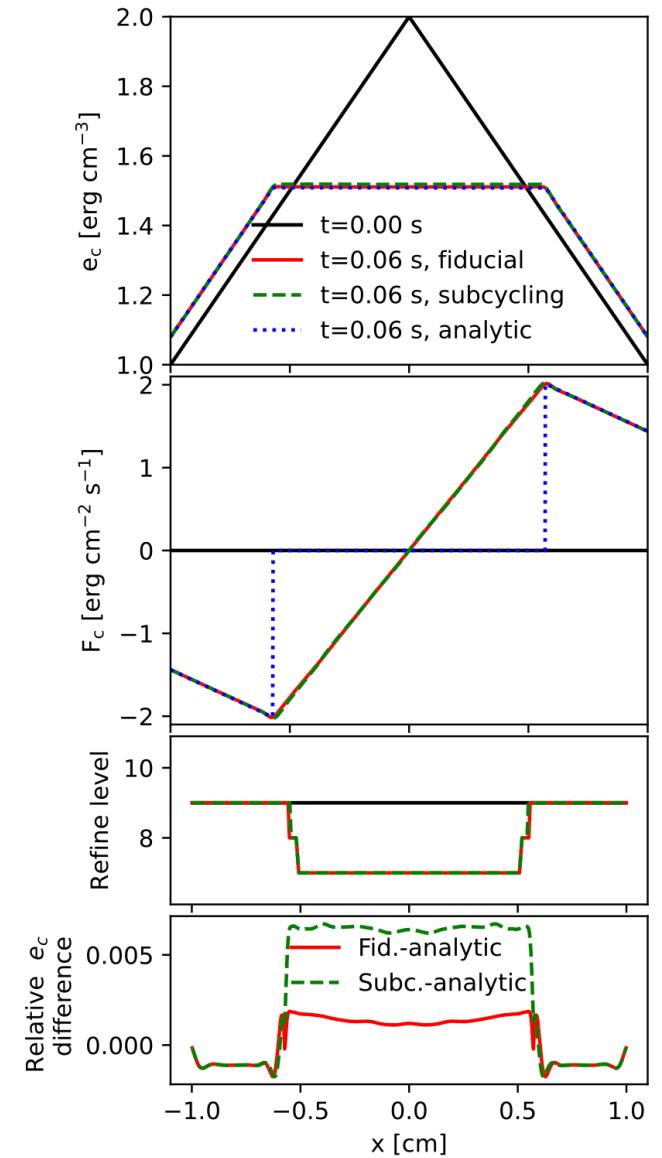
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Pure streaming in 1d

- CRs stream down their own gradient of CR energy

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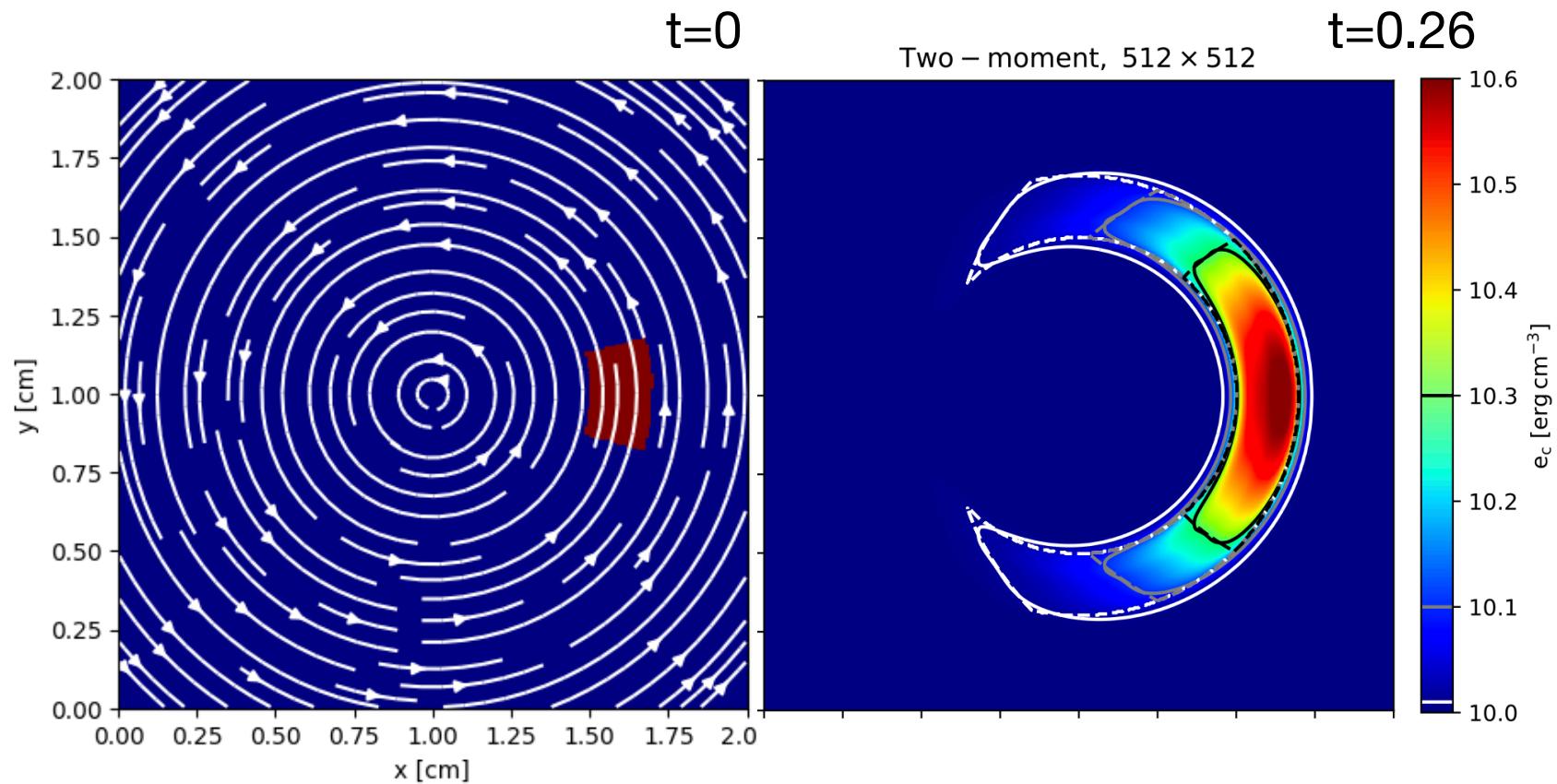
- At CR energy extrema u_s becomes discontinuous as they flow in opposite directions due to streaming



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Anisotropic diffusion in 2D

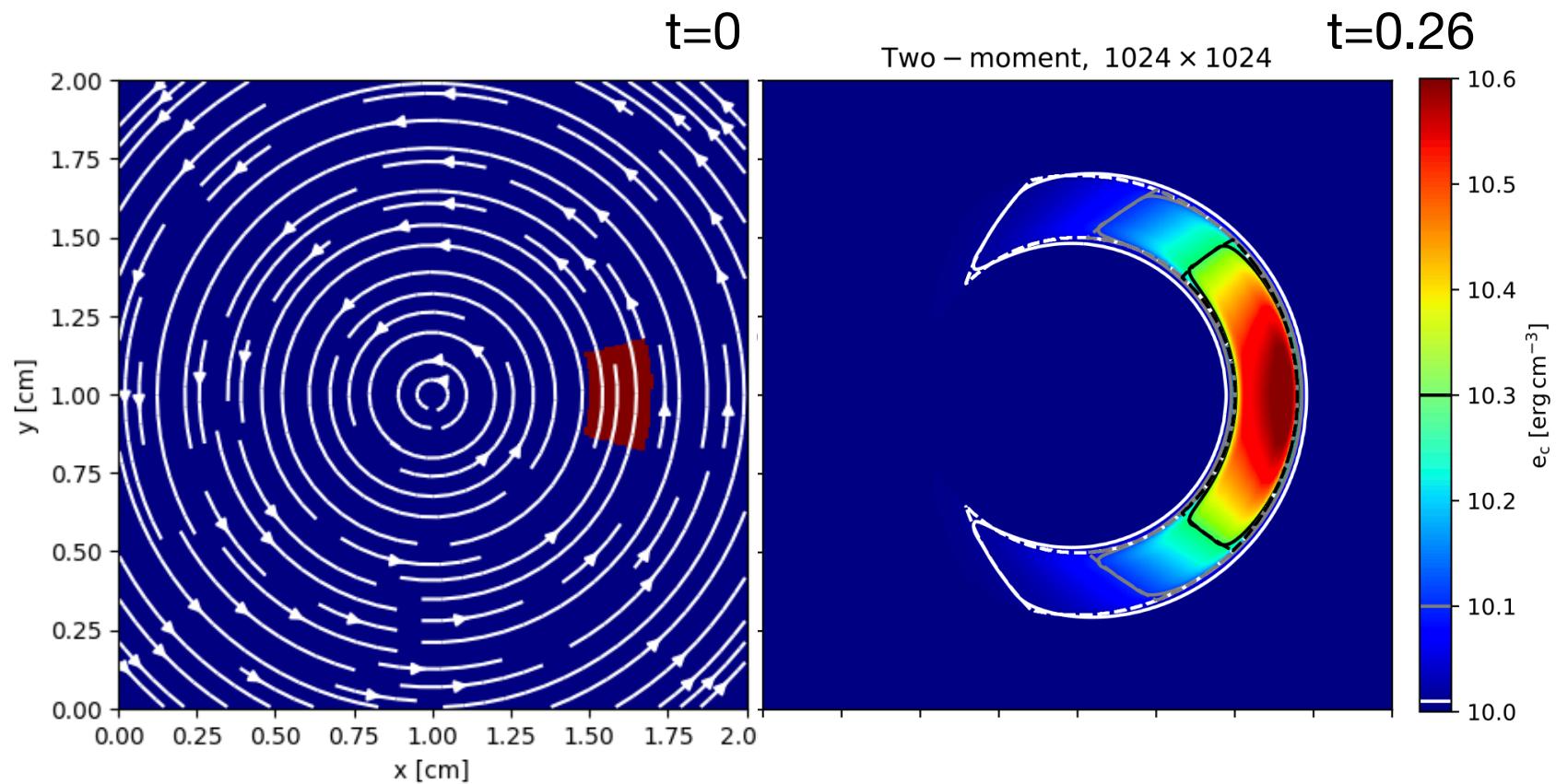
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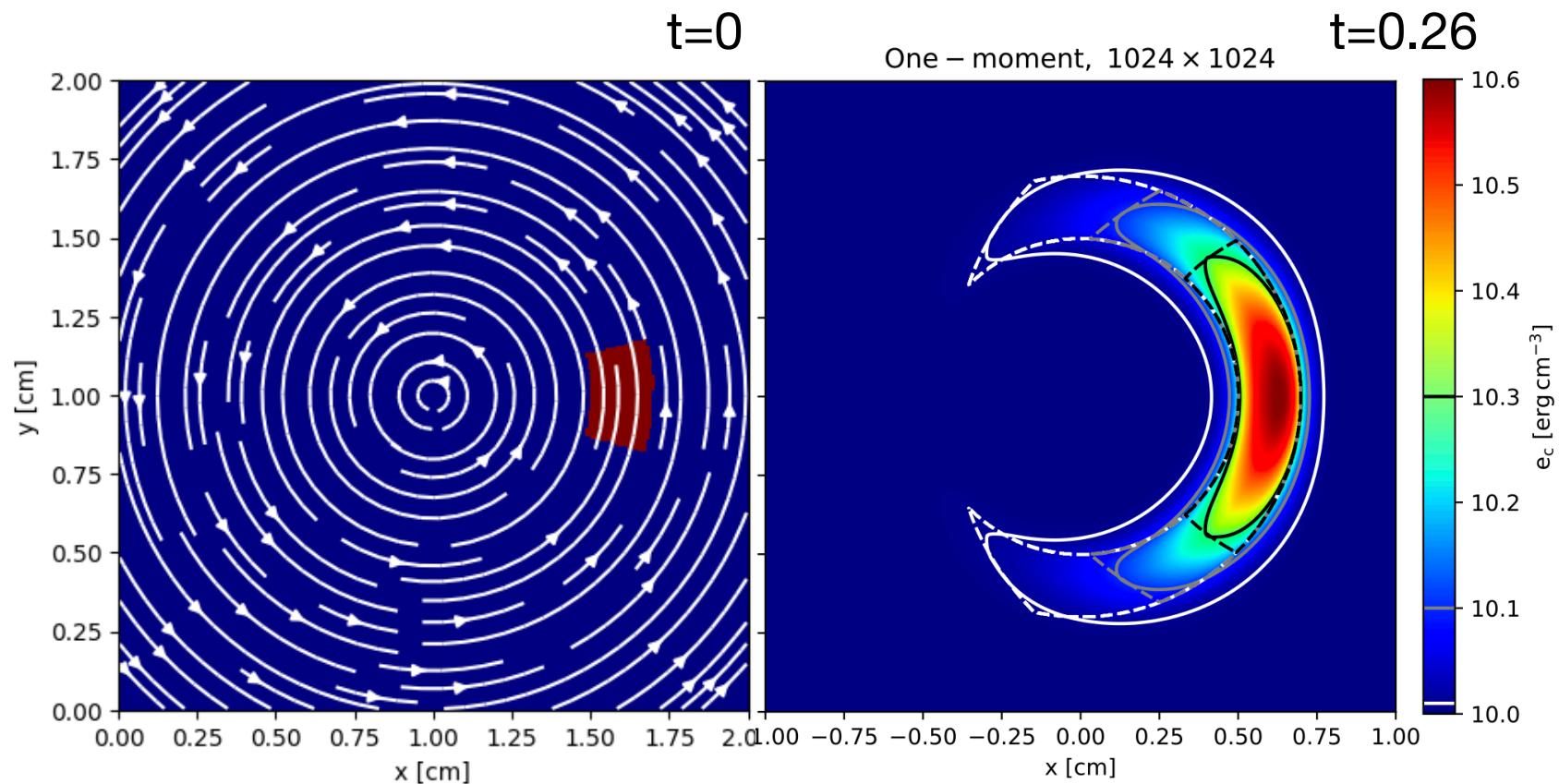
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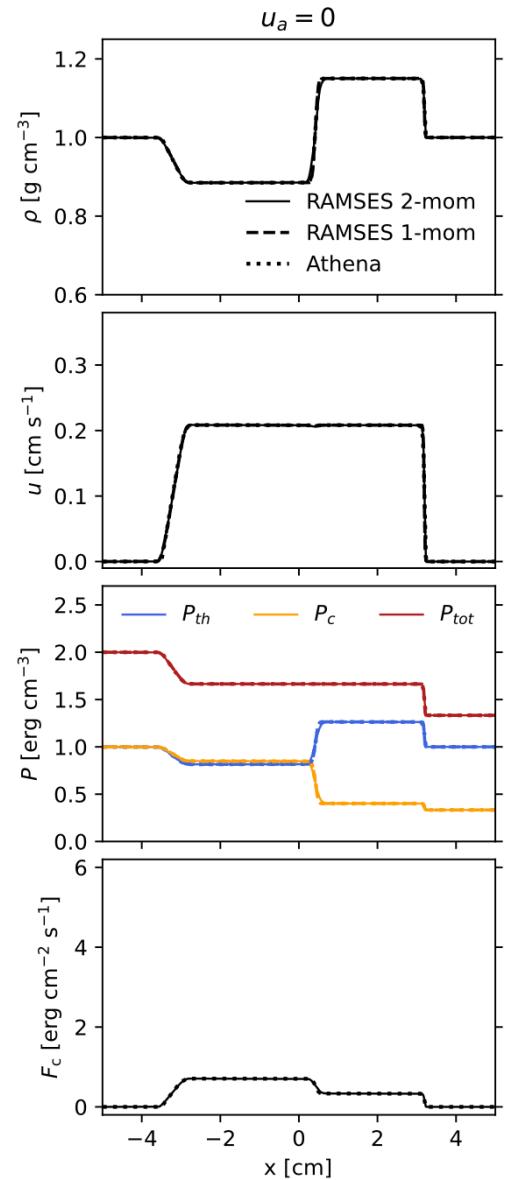
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- It miserably fails if we follow standard Athena method
- Gas momentum injection rate:

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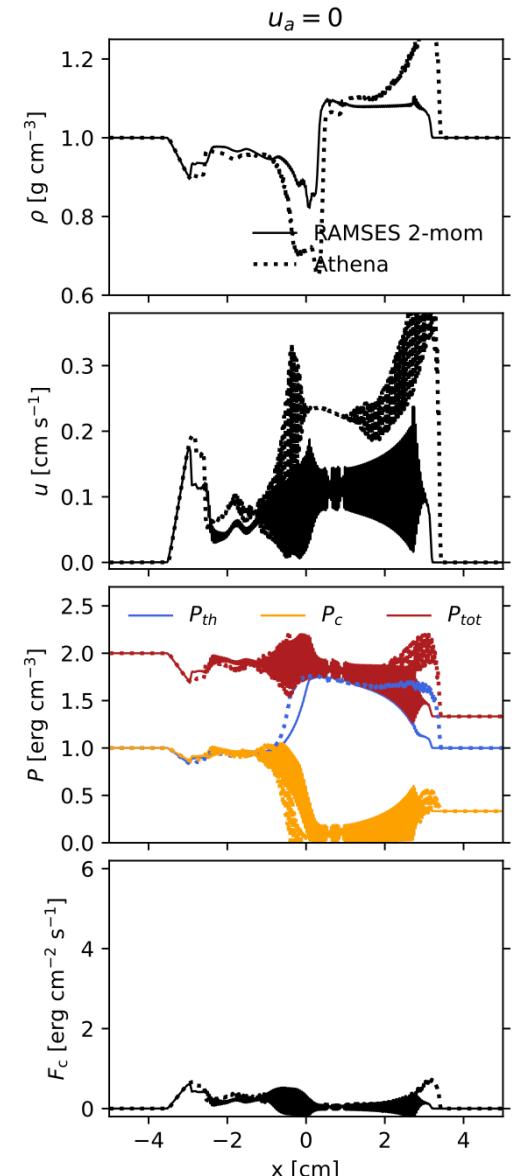
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Athena

- Also use use Lax-Friedrich flux function instead of HLLE stabilises the solution

RAMSES

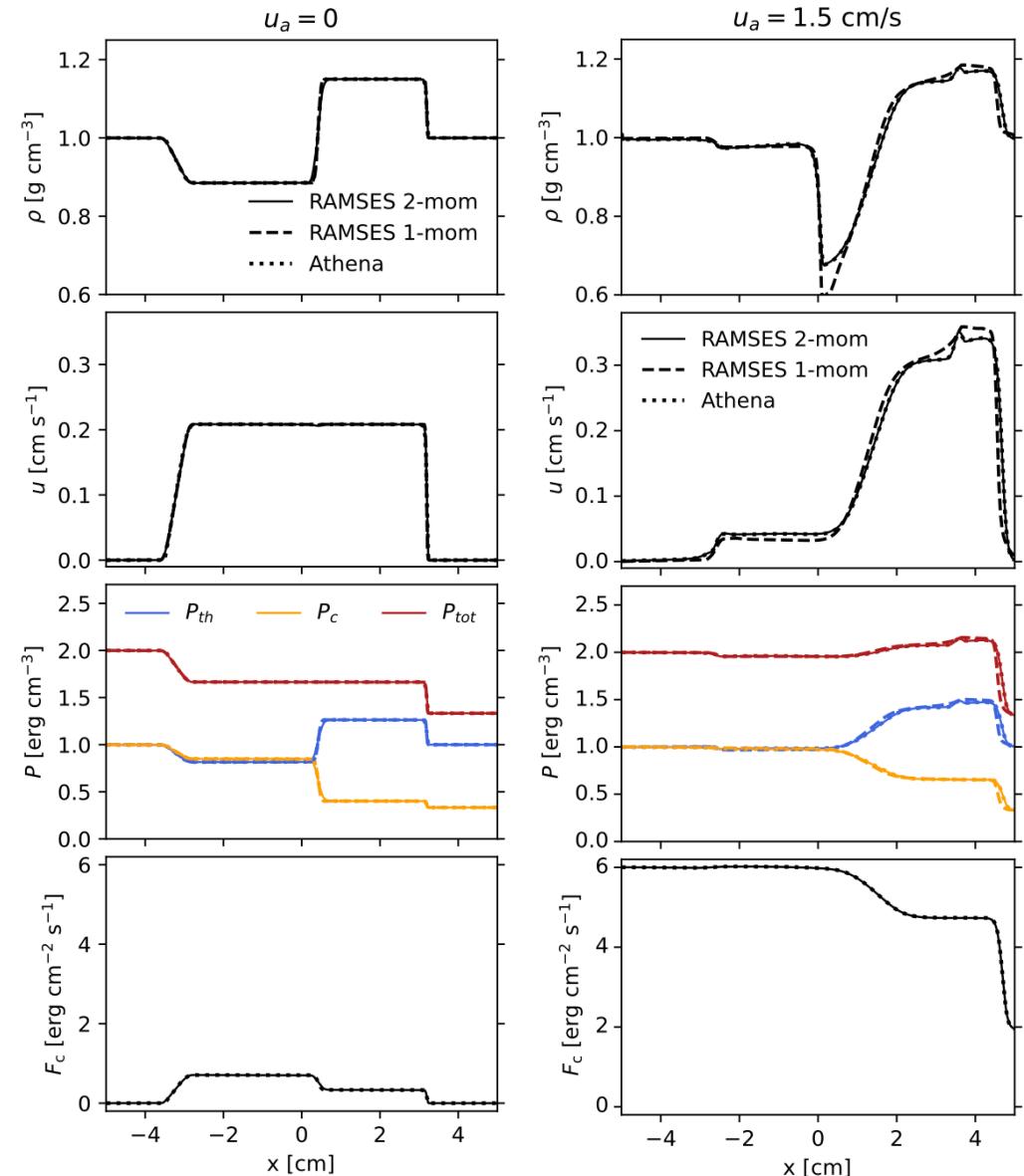
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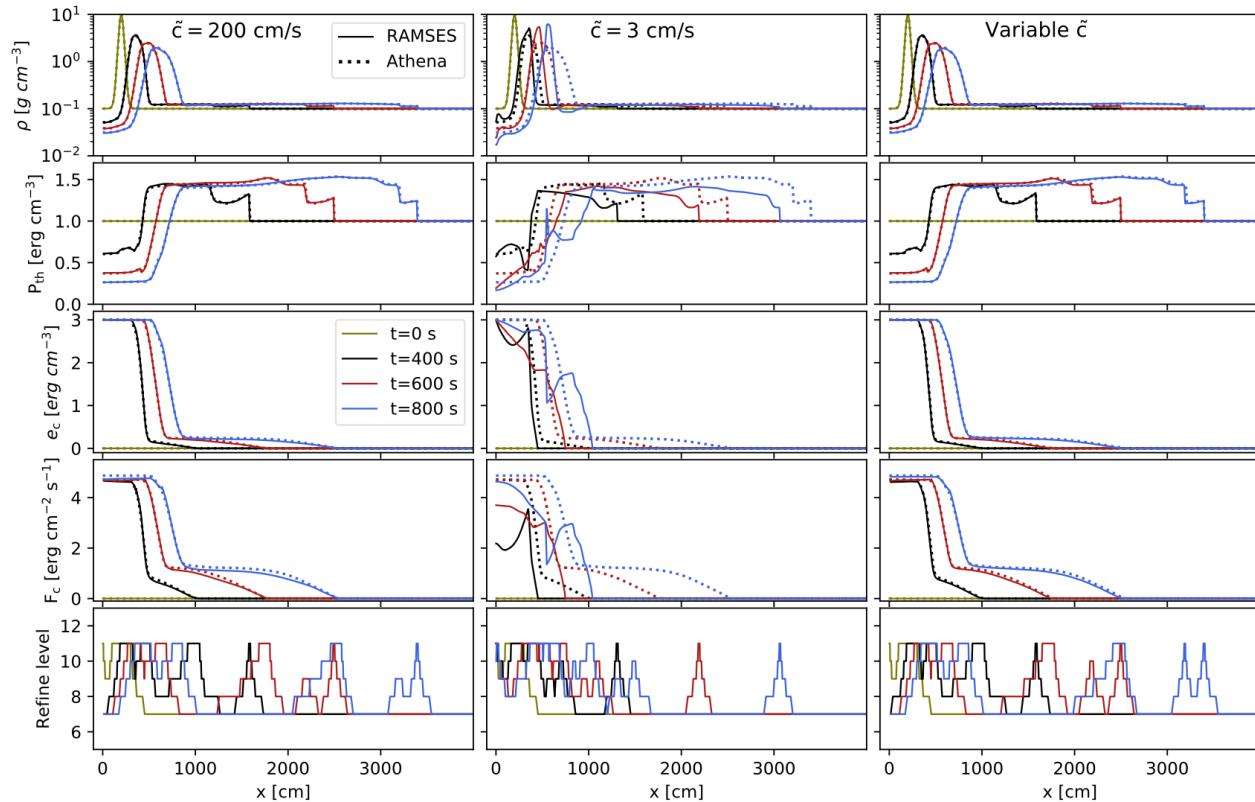
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- Here no diffusion, streaming with $u_A > u_{\text{shock}}$
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- The density dip at $x \sim 0$ is due to CR streaming losses at rate $\vec{u}_s \cdot \vec{\nabla} P_c$: CR energy is given to gas energy, but since $\gamma > \gamma_c$, the gradient of total pressure increases locally
- Shock and rarefaction waves now move at $u \pm u_A$ respectively



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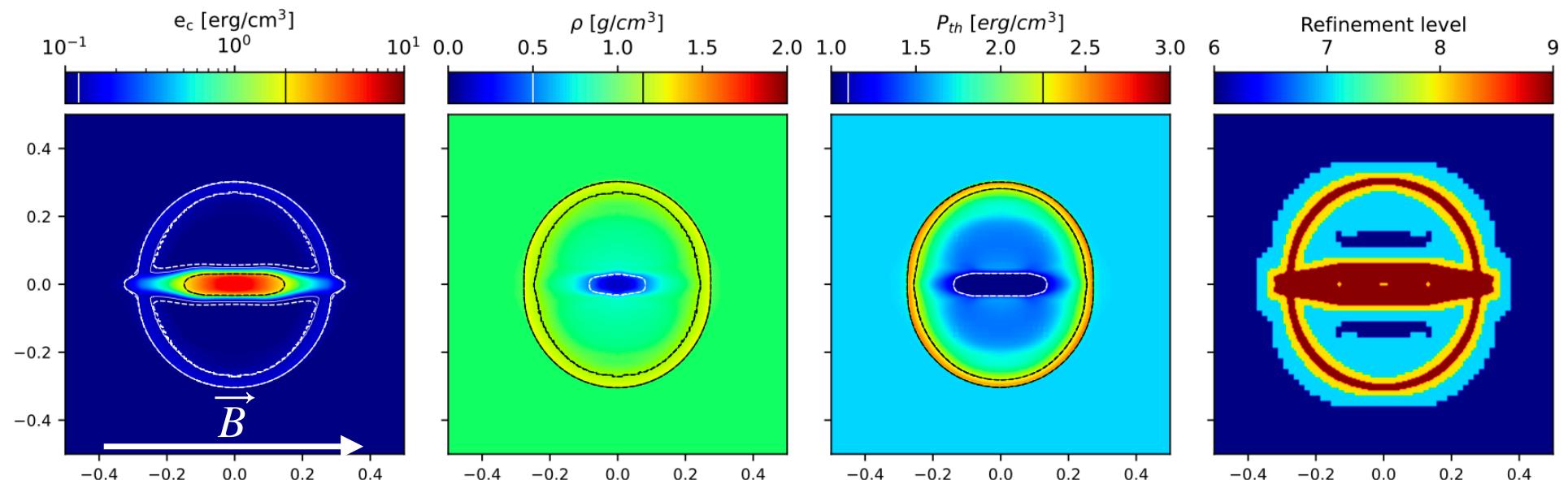
1D cloud with streaming

- $u_A = B/\sqrt{\rho} \sim 0.3 - 3 \text{ cm/s}$
- Bottleneck effect in the cloud where CRs pile up due to reduced streaming velocity
- Compares well with Athena
- **Be careful with reduced speed of light!**



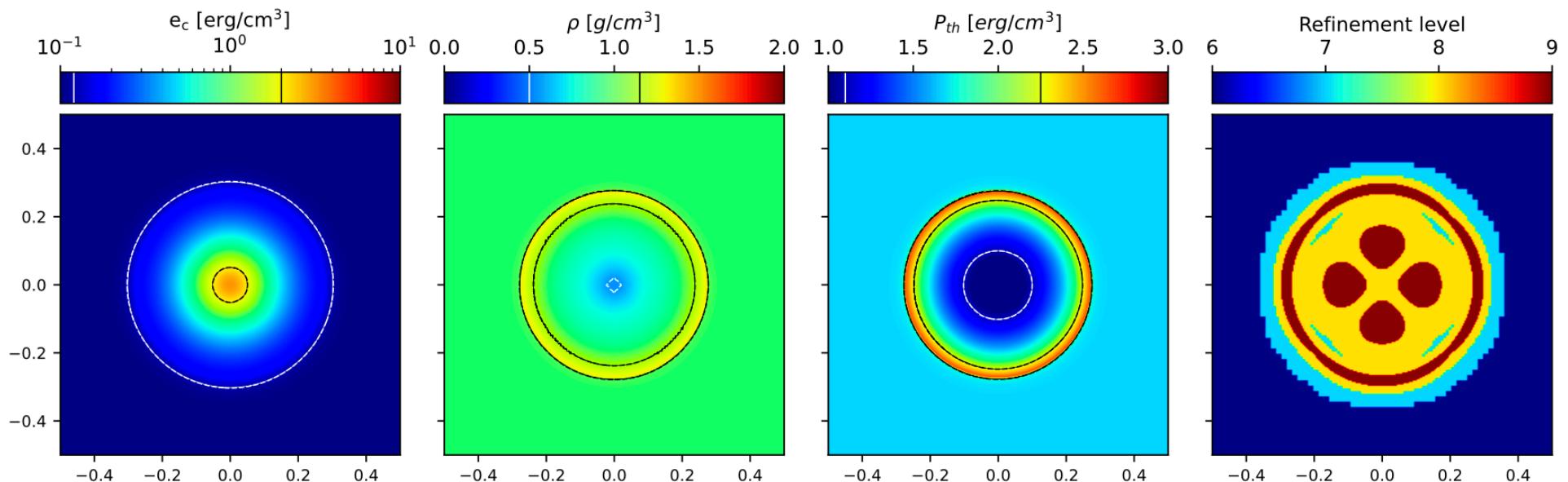
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3D Sedov with anisotropic diffusion



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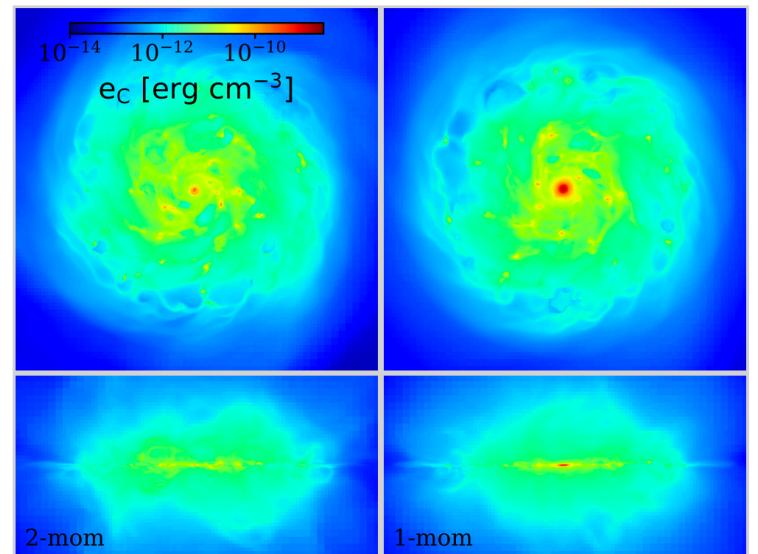
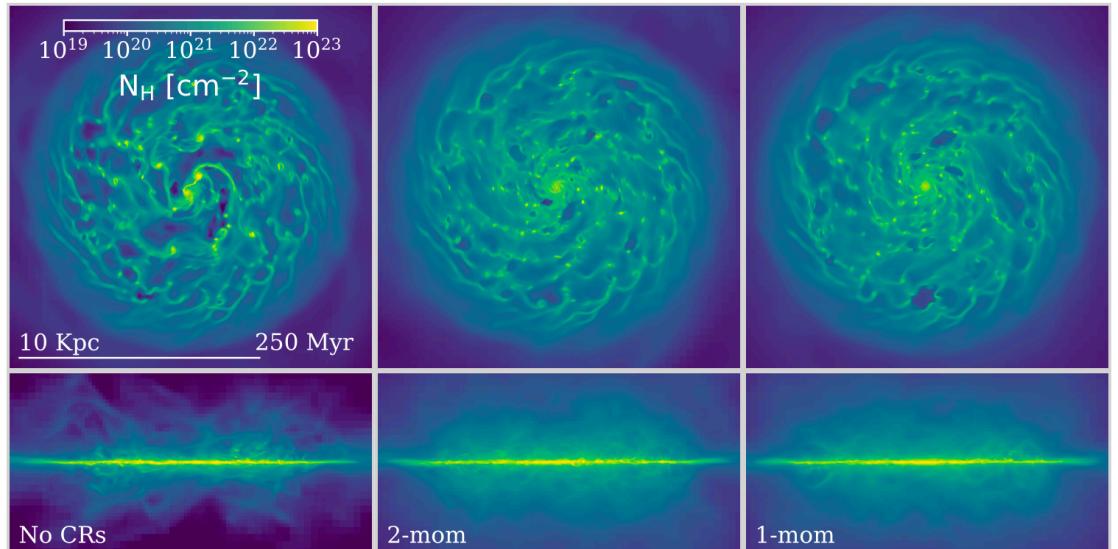
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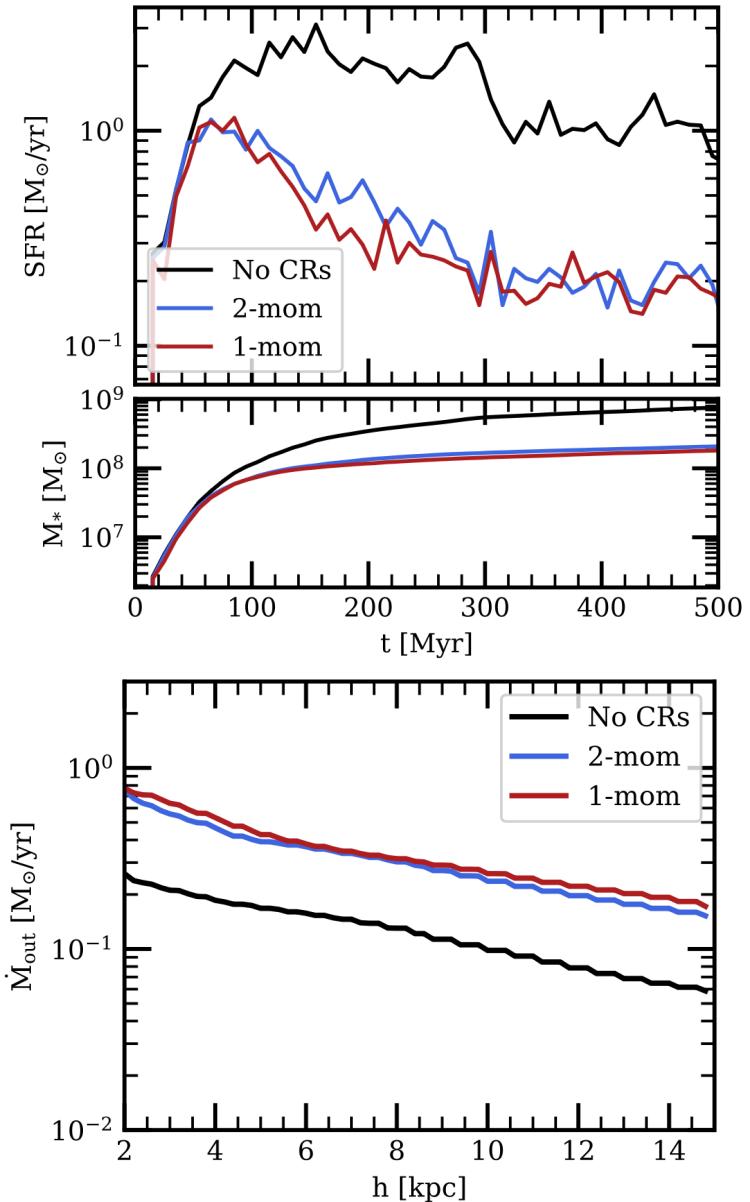
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Conclusions and summary

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- Lower perpendicular numerical diffusion than 1-mom
- Performance:
 - For the constant diffusion galaxy run it is equally good in CR 2-mom and 1-mom (but depends on the speed of light)
 - 2-mom outperforms 1-mom for CR streaming runs (or with variable diffusion)
- Not yet in the public version, but we are happy to share
- The implementation is memory-heavy with 4 variables per CR group!

Recent developments

- **Fluid frame** approach with « NENER » (behaves better in the limit of $c \lesssim V_{\text{mhd}}$)
- Now use **M1** (the closure in CR transport is not as critical as in RT)
- Works with **shock finder + injection** (from Dubois+19)
- CR **spectral method** developed by **Nimatou Diallo** (IAP)
- Currently implemented in **Dyablo** by **San Han** (IAP)
- Variable diffusion coefficient by **Arturo Núñez-Castiñeyra** (IAP)
- Can be used for **thermal conduction** with two-temp. ion-elec. (Appendix F of the paper)