A New Approach to Turbulence:

Origins of ISM Structure, Stellar Clustering & the IMF, and (perhaps?) Planet Formation



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The Turbulent ISM IMPORTANT ON (ALMOST) ALL SCALES





- **Gravity**
- Turbulence
- Magnetic, Thermal, Cosmic Ray, Radiation Pressure
- Cooling (atomic, molecular, metal-line, free-free)
- Star & BH Formation/Growth
- "Feedback": Massive stars, SNe, BHs, external galaxies, etc.

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 Generalize to conditional probabilities,
 N-point statistics, resolve "cloud in cloud" problem (e.g. Bond et al. 1991)





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 $(k E(k) \sim u_t(k)^2)$ Velocity: $E(k) \propto k^{-p}$

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$$Lemaster \& Stone 2009$$

$$1 \qquad 2 \qquad 3$$

$$\ln(1 + 0.5 \text{ Mach}^2)$$

$$S(R) = \int d\ln k S_k |W(k, R)|^2$$

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Mode Grows (Collapses) when $\omega < 0$:

$$\rho > \rho_c(k) = \rho_0 \left(1 + |kh| \right) \left[\left(\mathcal{M}_h^{-2} + |kh|^{1-p} \right) kh + \frac{2}{|kh|} \right]$$

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"Counting" Collapsing Objects **EVALUATE DENSITY FIELD vs. "BARRIER"** Averaging Scale R [pc] 1000 100 0.1 10 15 10 Log[Density / Mean] 5 0 -5 0.01 10 100 1000 0.1 lkhl



















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"Void" Abundance VS HI "HOLES" IN THE ISM







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Clustering of Stars: Predicted vs. Observations PREDICT N-POINT CORRELATION FUNCTIONS



Testing the Analytics vs. NUMERICAL SIMULATIONS



0 Myr





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General, Flexible Theory: EXTREMELY ADAPTABLE TO MOST CHOICES

- Complicated, multivariable gas equations of state
- Accretion
- Magnetic Fields
- Time-Dependent Background Evolution/Collapse
- Intermittency
- Correlated, multi-scale driving



What Can We Say About Galactic-Scale IMF Variation?



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"Top-down" turbulence can't stop collapse once self-gravitating

Fast Cooling:
$$\dot{M}_* \sim \frac{M_{\rm gas}}{t_{\rm freefall}}$$

What About Planets?

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Planet Formation?

- Two channels:
 - (1) "Core accretion"

(2) "Direct Collapse"



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... actually, they never are, and that's great!

Many kinds of Non-Gaussianity Appear: BUT THESE ARE TRACTABLE!

- Non-isothermal equations of state
- Long-range forces (gravity)
- Intermittency

 (non-self similarity)
 in the turbulence



Example: Non-isothermal equations of state APPLY COSMOLOGICAL METHODS FOR NON-GAUSSIAN FIELDS





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- > Parameter T = 0.1 represents the "degree of intermittency"
 - *Fundamental* parameter of multi-fractal/cascade models of turbulence



Same values for *T* derived from density PDF or velocity statistics

Summary:

* ISM *statistics* are far more fundamental than we typically assume *

Turbulence + Gravity: ISM structure follows

- Lognormal density PDF is not critical
- > ANALYTICALLY understand:
 - GMC Mass Function & Structure ("first crossing")
 - Core MF ("last crossing") & Linewidth-Size-Mass
 - Clustering of Stars (correlation functions)

Planet Formation in Direct Collapse:

- Modest turbulence (Mach >0.1) is sufficient for ~ 1 event(s)
- Applies to grains as well?
- **Non-Gaussian Statistics**: not dominant in calculations above
 - But very interesting probes of the structure of turbulence!
 - Indicates Mach-density connection generalizes over entire cascade

