

Cecil and Sally Drinkward
Postdoctoral Fellowship
Program

Caltech Presidential
Postdoctoral Fellowship
Program

National Laser Users'
Facility Program

Center for High Energy
Density Laboratory
Astrophysics

Vortex Dynamics in Inertial Fusion and Astrophysics

*Michael Wadas¹, Heath LeFevre², William White², Griffin Cearley³,
Carolyn Kuranz², Aaron Towne², Eric Johnsen²*

¹California Institute of Technology, Pasadena, CA

²University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI

³Sandia National Laboratory, Albuquerque, NM



Introduction

1



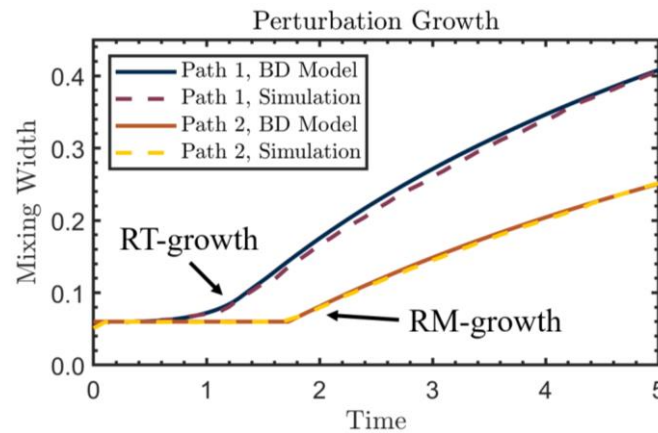
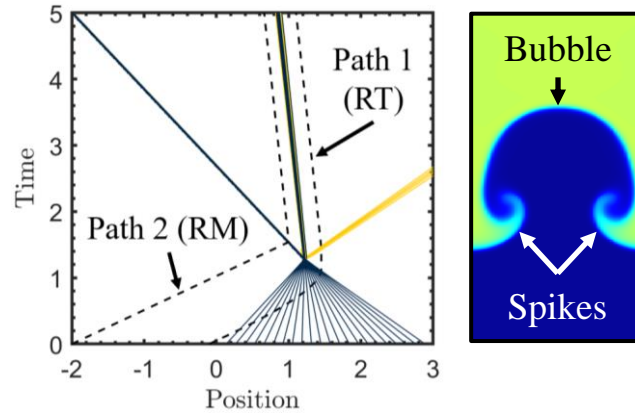
Eric Johnsen



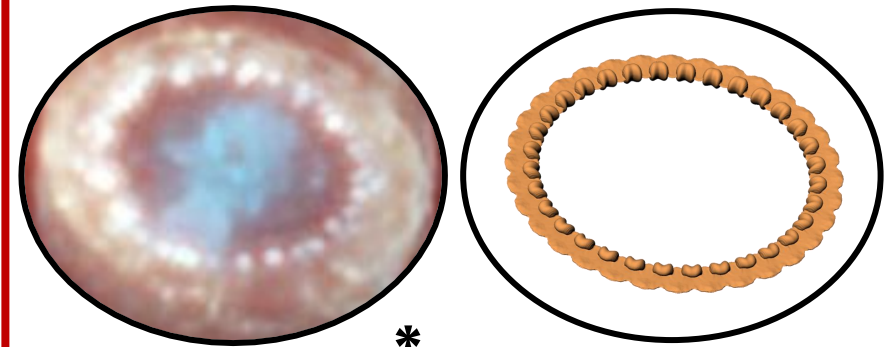
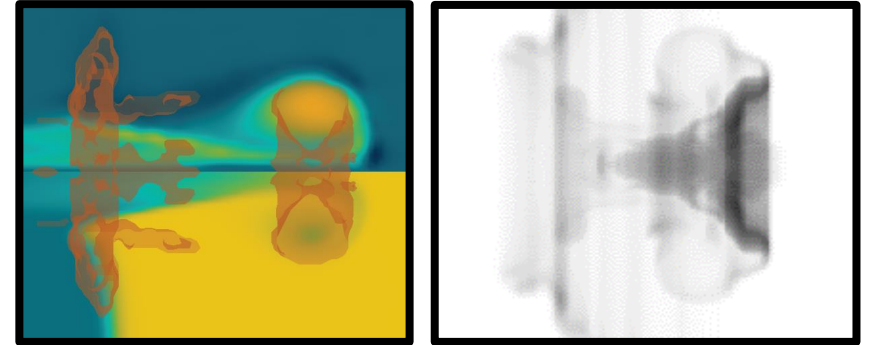
Carolyn Kuranz



Wave Shaping and Hydrodynamic Stability



Vortex Dynamics in ICF and Astrophysics



*NASA, ESA, CSA, Matsuura et al. (2023)



Outline

2

Ejection: Intro

Ejection: Theory and Simulation

Ejection: Experiments

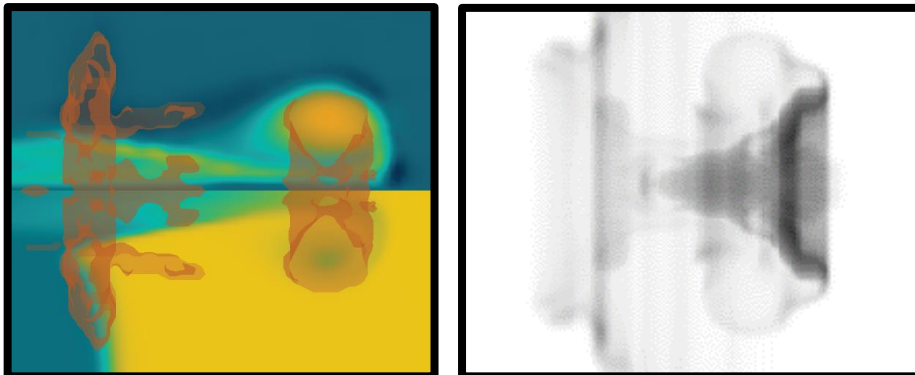
Clumping: Supernova 1987A

Clumping: Protoplanetary Disks

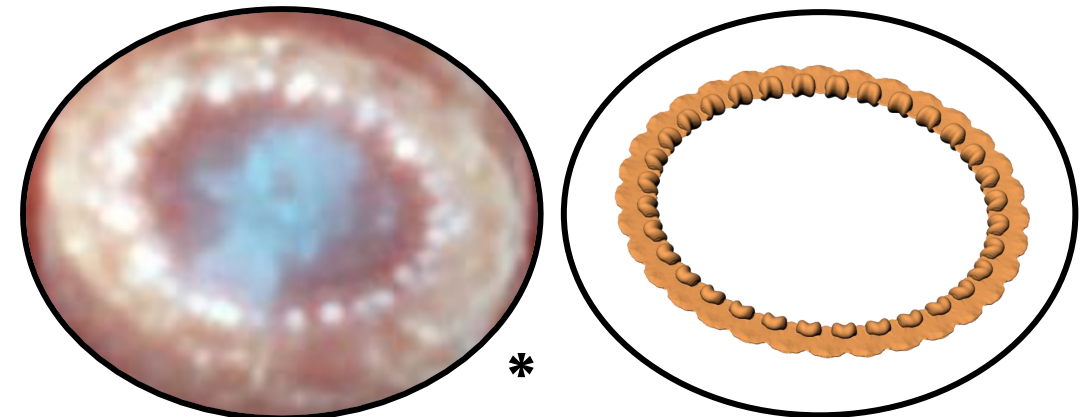
Conclusion

- Vortex Ring Ejection from Shocked Interfaces: Vortex rings abound in high-energy-density physics, including inertial fusion and supernovae, when shock waves accelerate fluid interfaces.
 - These compressible, multifluid rings may share many physics with their incompressible, single-fluid counterparts.
 - An extended theory describes the formation dynamics of such rings.
 - Ongoing experiments at the Omega EP laser facility isolate vortex ring formation.
- Vortex Instability and Circumstellar Clumping: The Crow instability may stimulate the formation of clumps along the circumstellar gas cloud around Supernova 1987A.
 - Stability analysis predicts a dominant wavelength consistent with the number of clumps, and simulations reproduce key observables.
 - A similar instability mechanism may stimulate clumping in protoplanetary disks.

Part 1



Part 2





The Richtmyer-Meshkov instability describes the growth of perturbations along shocked interfaces, which can lead to the ejection of vortex rings.

Ejection: Intro

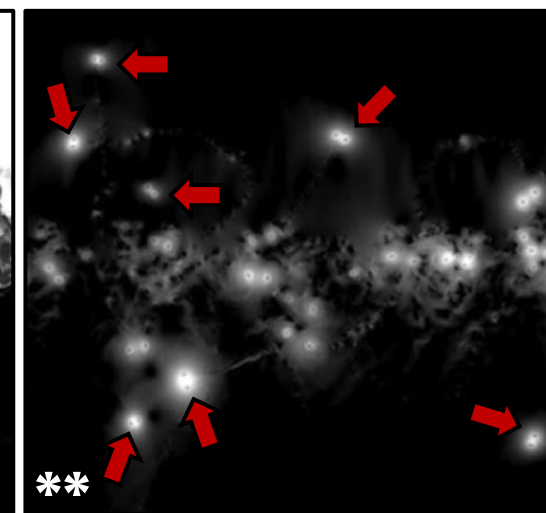
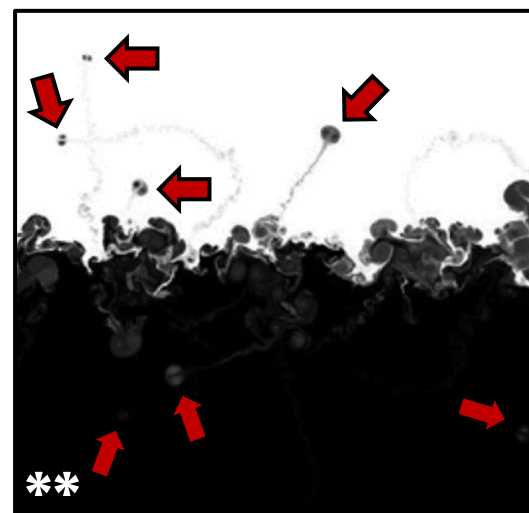
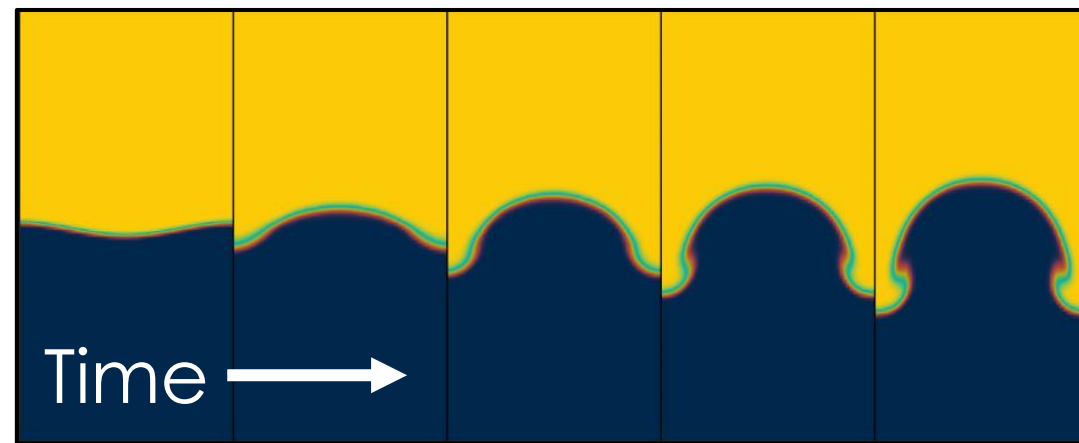
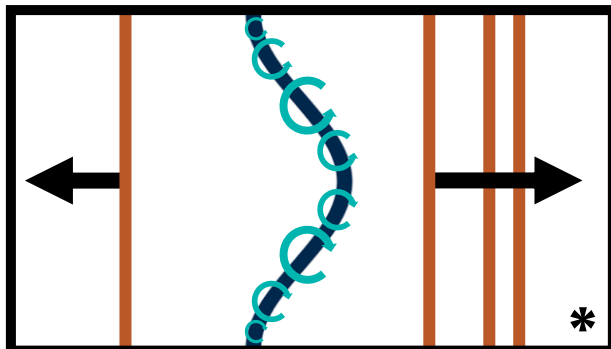
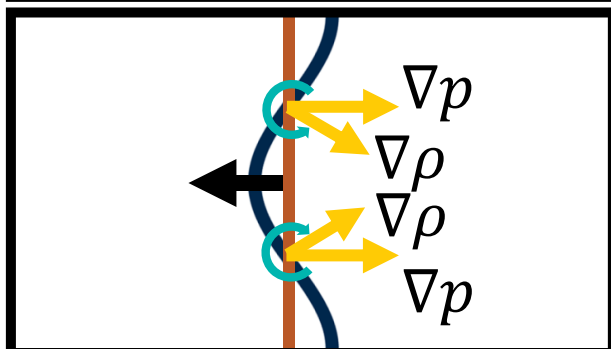
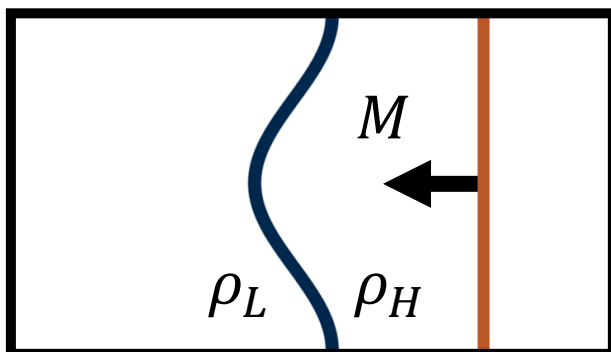
Ejection: Theory and Simulation

Ejection: Experiments

Clumping: Supernova 1987A

Clumping: Protoplanetary Disks

Conclusion



* Brouillette, Ann. Rev. Fluid Mech., 34, 2002 ** Thornber, Phys. Plasmas, 22, 2015



Shock-induced interfacial mixing also occurs in supernovae.

Ejection: Intro

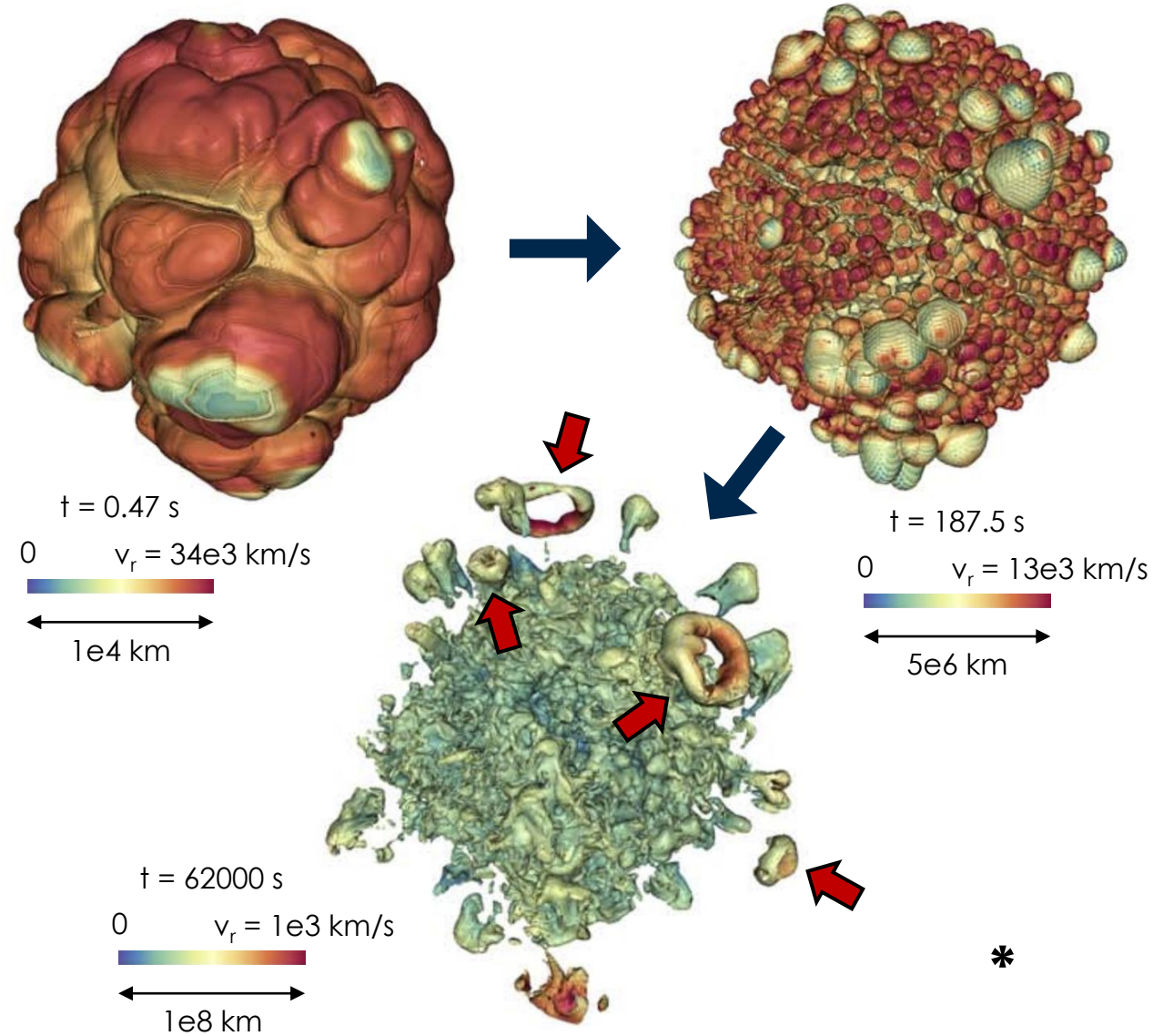
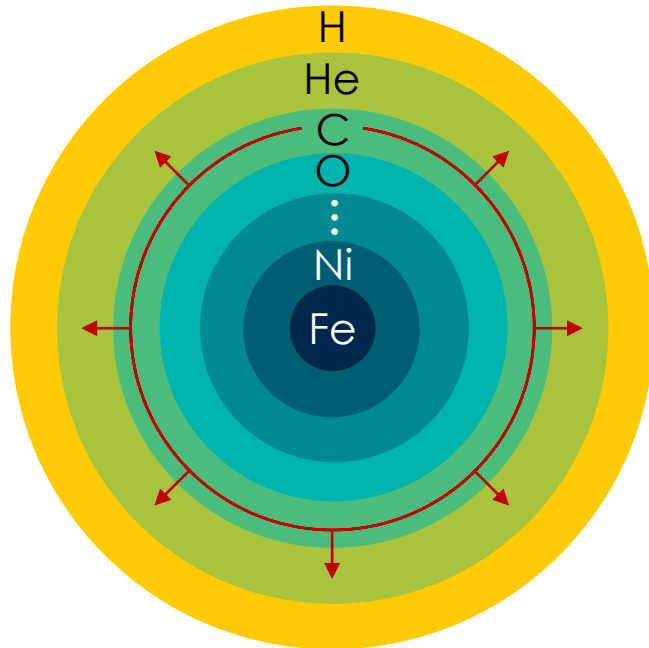
Ejection: Theory and Simulation

Ejection: Experiments

Clumping: Supernova 1987A

Clumping: Protoplanetary Disks

Conclusion



* Sandoval, Astrophys. J., 921, 2021



Inertial fusion uses laser-driven shocks to compress fuel, but interfaces are unstable and significant jetting can occur.

5

Ejection: Intro

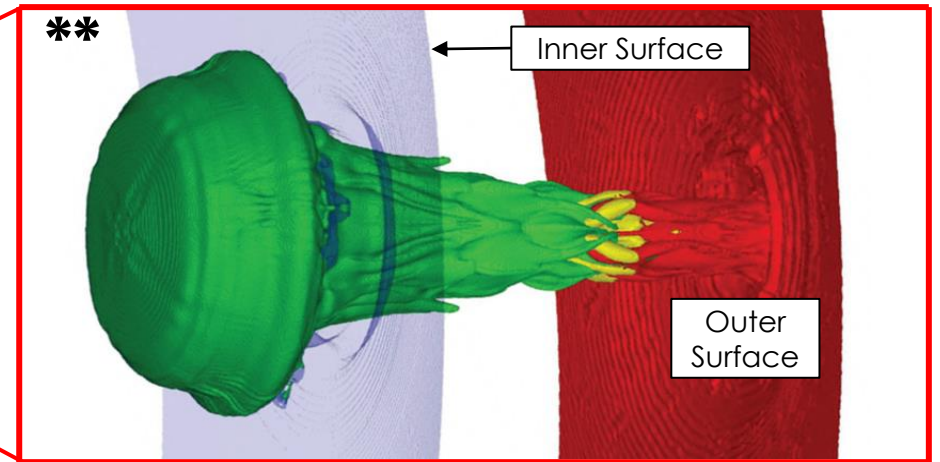
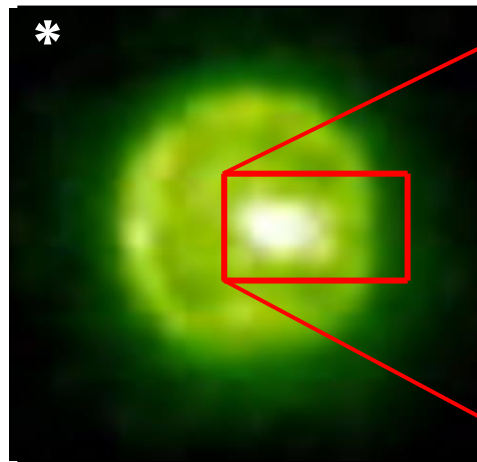
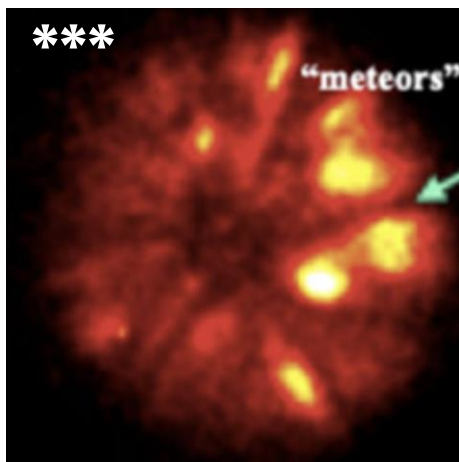
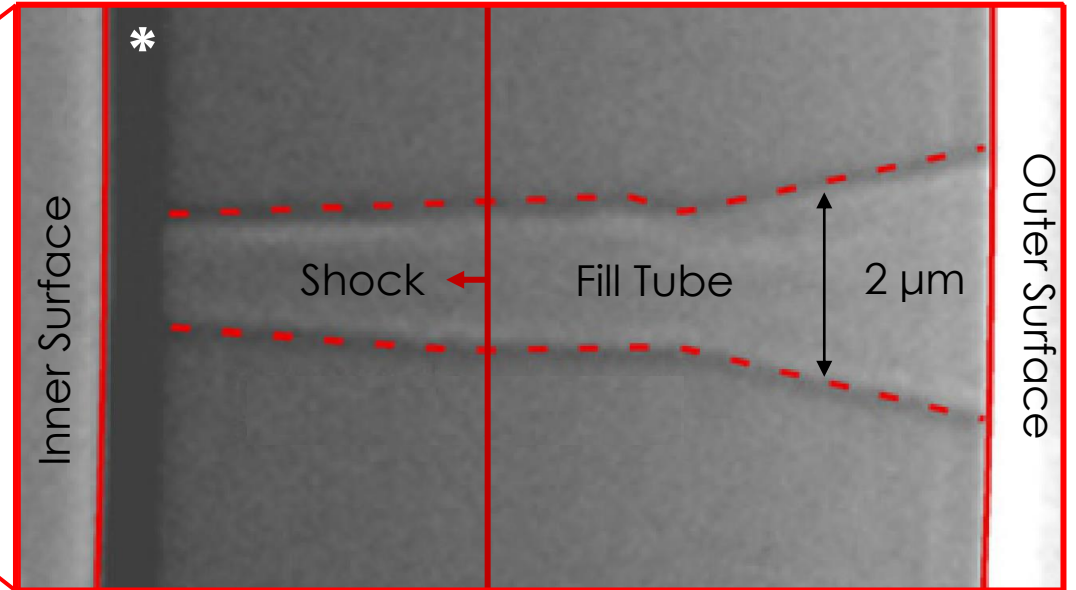
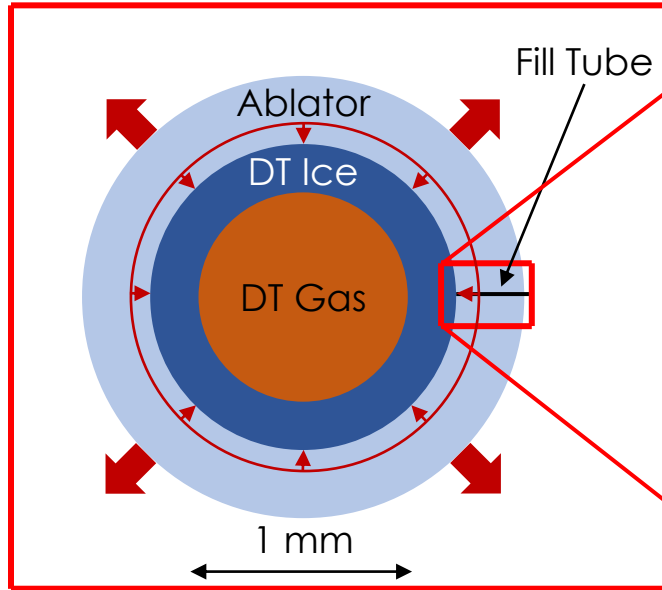
Ejection: Theory and Simulation

Ejection: Experiments

Clumping: Supernova 1987A

Clumping: Protoplanetary Disks

Conclusion



* Baker, Phys. Plasmas, 27, 2020 ** Haines, Phys. Plasmas, 26, 2019 *** Pickworth, Phys. Plasmas, 25, 2018



Vortex ring ejection from shocked interfaces is extensively observed.

6

Ejection: Intro

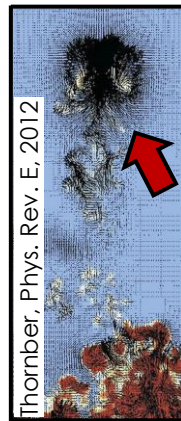
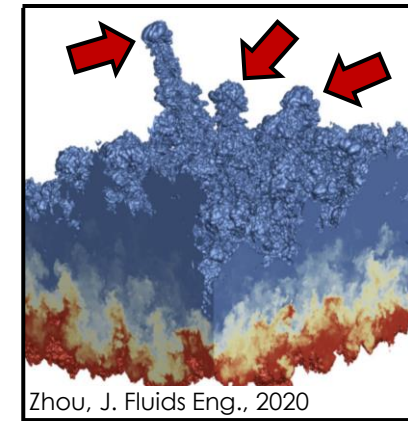
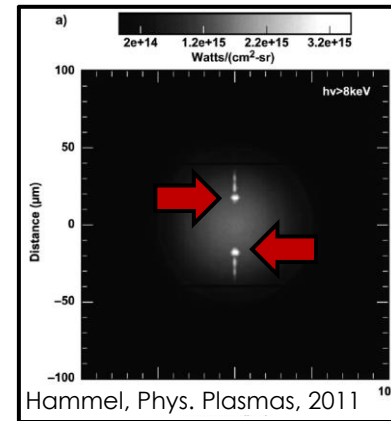
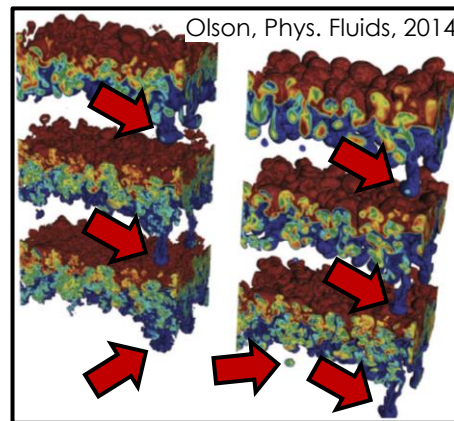
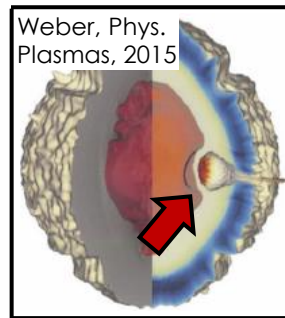
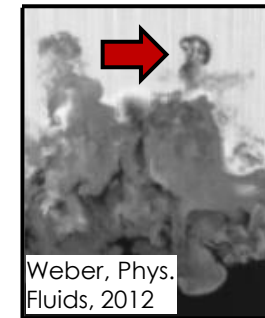
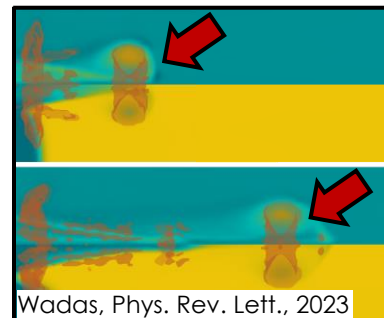
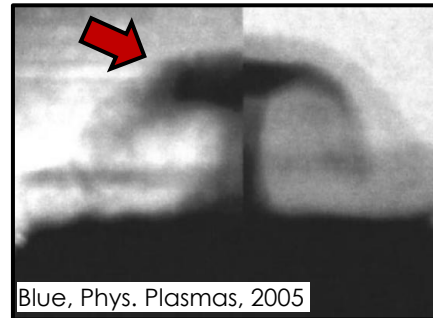
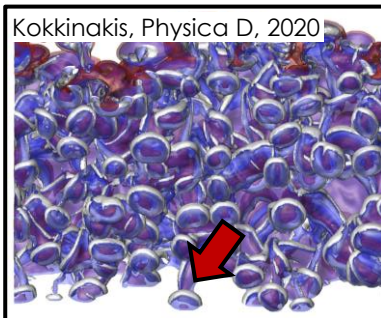
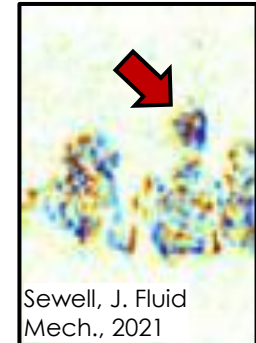
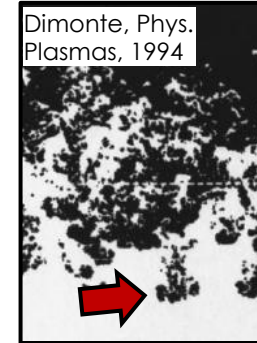
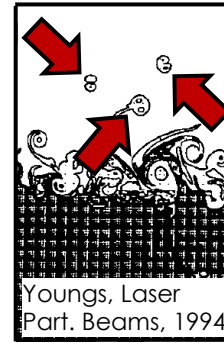
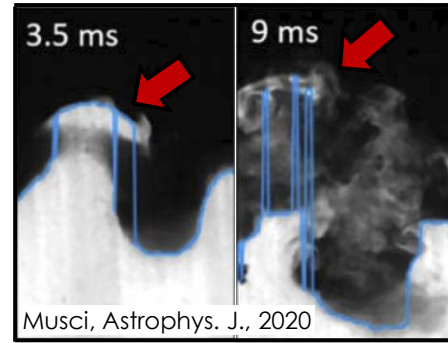
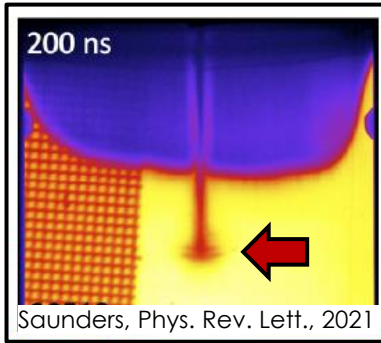
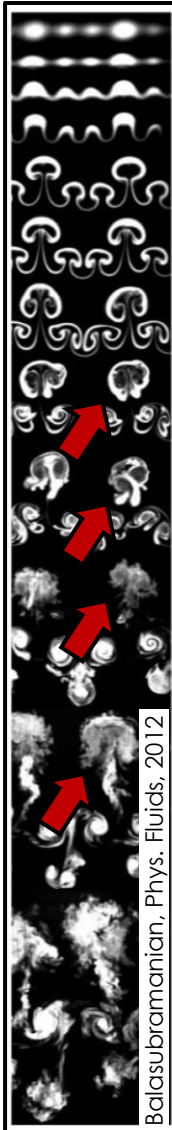
Ejection: Theory and Simulation

Ejection: Experiments

Clumping: Supernova 1987A

Clumping: Protoplanetary Disks

Conclusion





Vortex ring properties scale with the stroke length of their generator.

Ejection: Intro

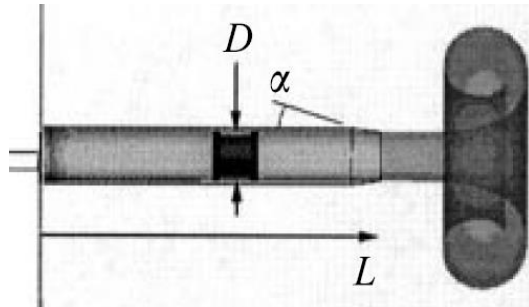
Ejection: Theory and Simulation

Ejection: Experiments

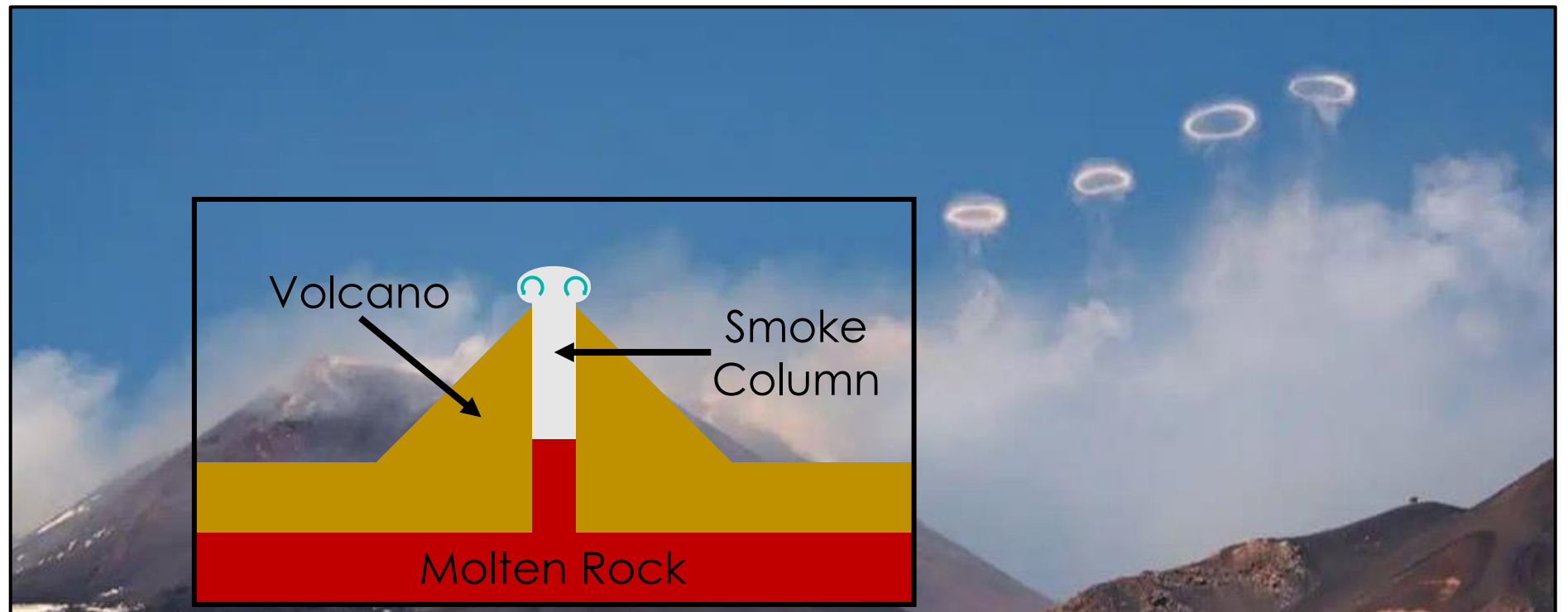
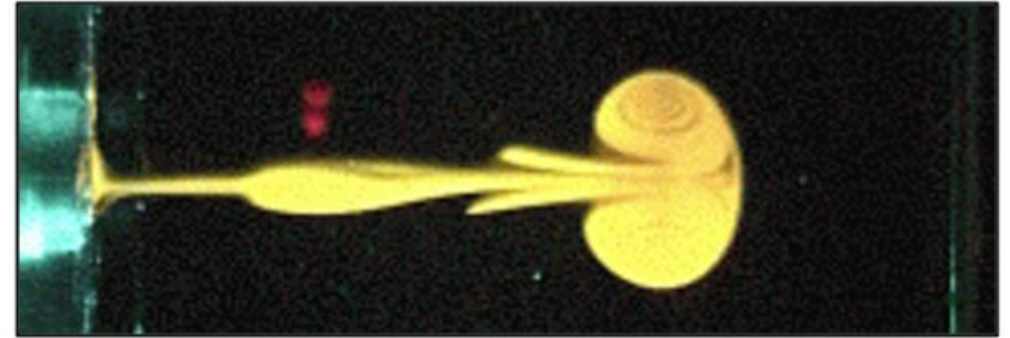
Clumping: Supernova 1987A

Clumping: Protoplanetary Disks

Conclusion



Water Tank





Vortex ring properties scale with the stroke length of their generator.

8

Ejection: Intro

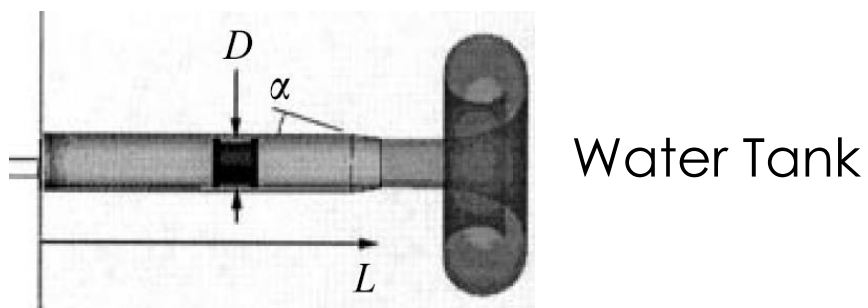
Ejection: Theory and Simulation

Ejection: Experiments

Clumping: Supernova 1987A

Clumping: Protoplanetary Disks

Conclusion



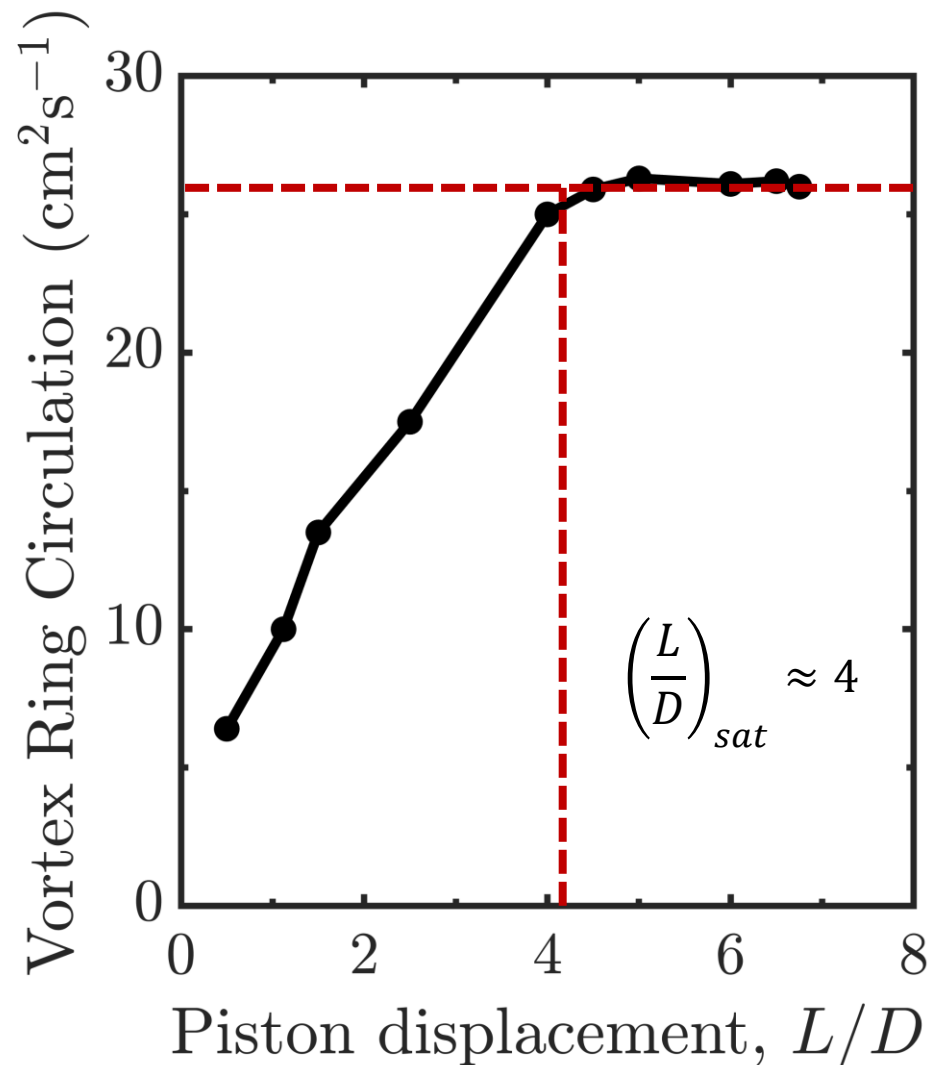
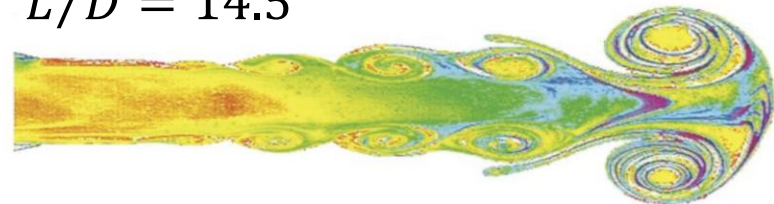
$L/D = 2.0$



$L/D = 3.8$



$L/D = 14.5$





Analysis of energy, impulse, and circulation explains vortex rings saturation.

Ejection: Intro

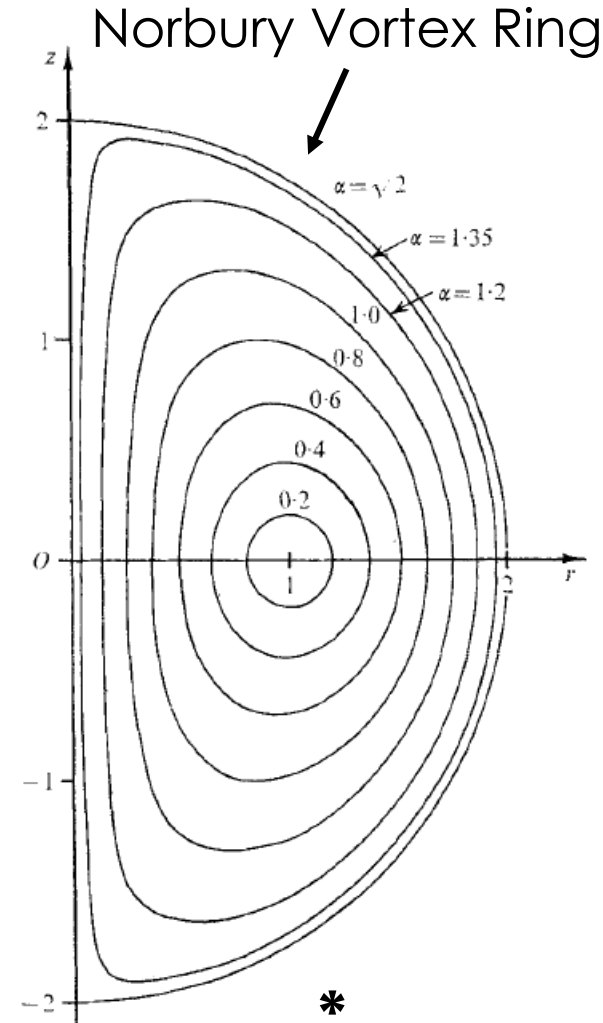
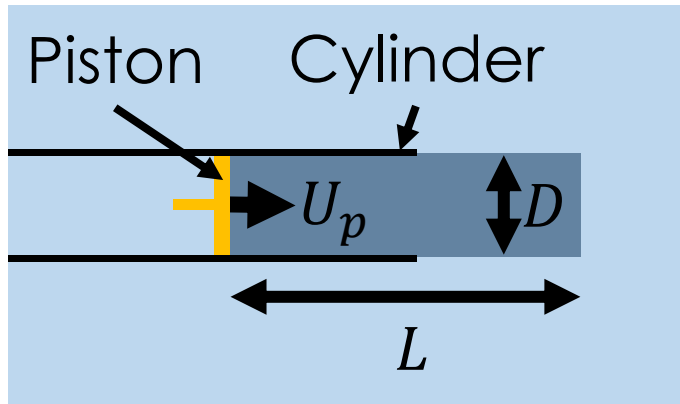
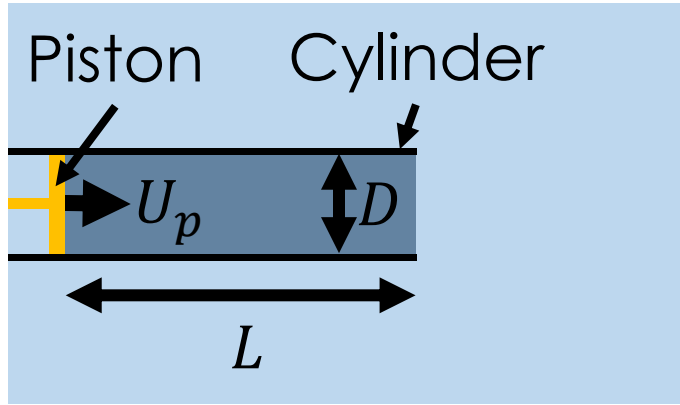
Ejection: Theory and Simulation

Ejection: Experiments

Clumping: Supernova 1987A

Clumping: Protoplanetary Disks

Conclusion



<u>Slug Flow</u>	<u>Norbury Ring</u>
$E = \frac{1}{8} \pi D^2 L U_p^2$	$E = (\Omega \alpha l)^2 l^3 E_N$
$\Gamma = \frac{1}{2} L U_p$	$\Gamma = (\Omega \alpha l) l \Gamma_N$
$I = \frac{1}{4} \pi D^2 L U_p$	$I = (\Omega \alpha l) l^3 I_N$
$U_{tr} = \frac{\partial E}{\partial I} = \frac{1}{2} U_p$	$U_{tr} = (\Omega \alpha l) U_N$

**

$$\frac{L}{D} = \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{2}} I_N^{\frac{1}{2}} \Gamma_N^{\frac{3}{2}} E_N^{-1}$$

$$\frac{L}{D} = \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{2}} I_N^{-\frac{1}{2}} \Gamma_N^{\frac{3}{2}} U_N^{-1}$$

* Norbury, J Fluid Mech., 360 1973 ** Mohseni, Phys. Fluids, 10, 1998



Analysis of energy, impulse, and circulation explains vortex rings saturation.

Ejection: Intro

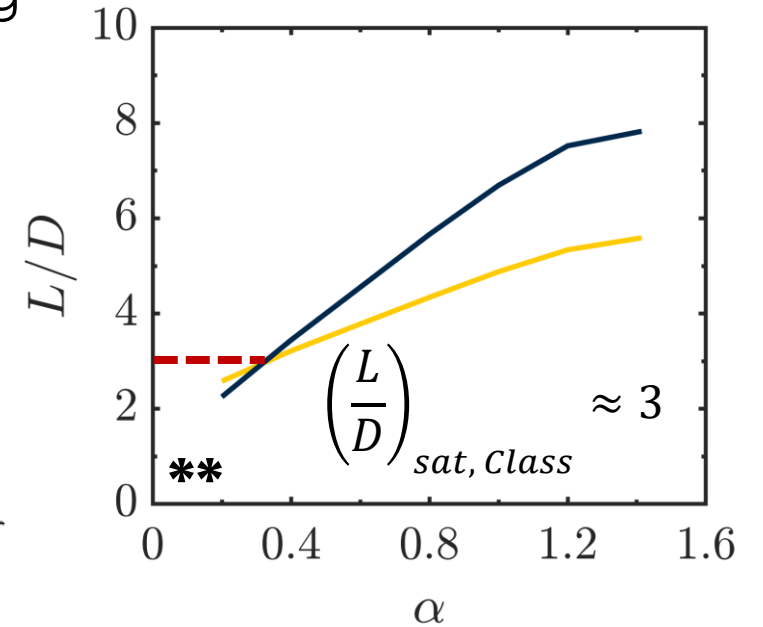
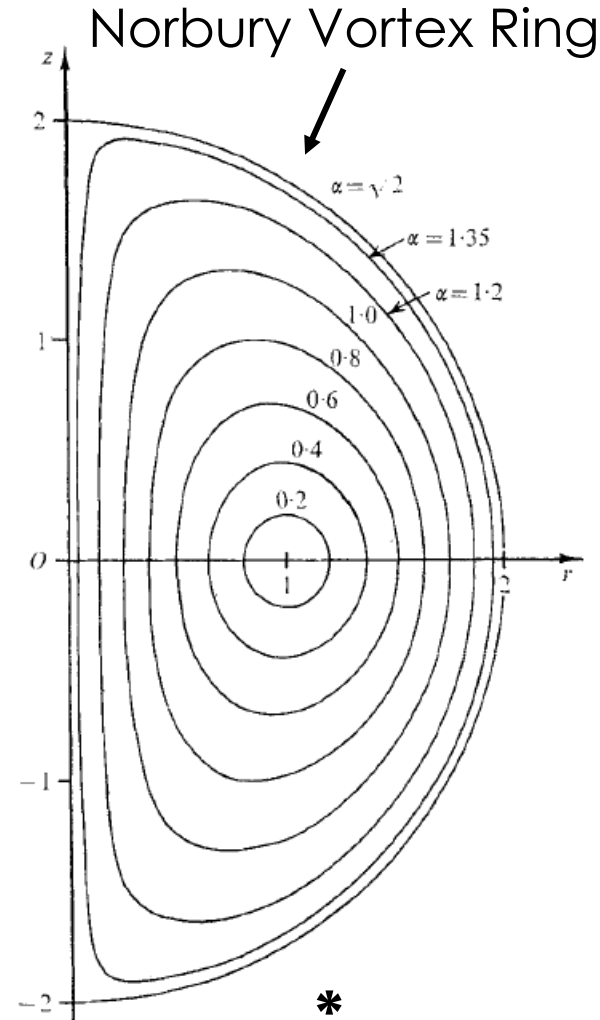
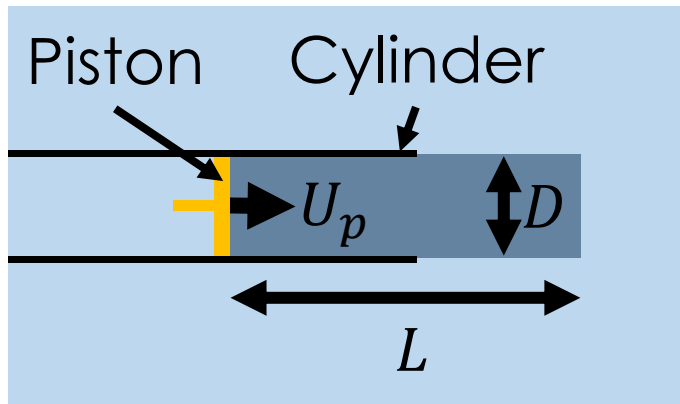
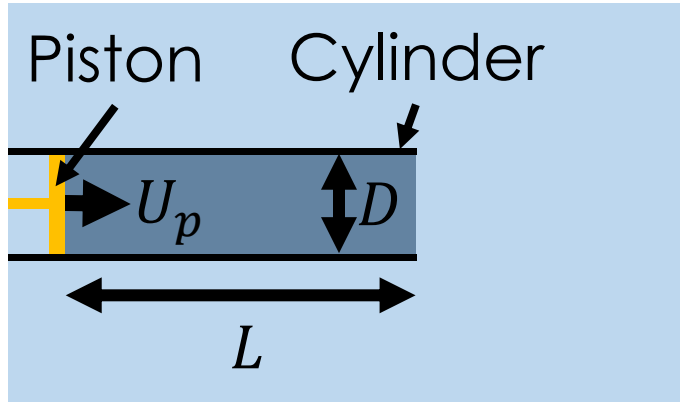
Ejection: Theory and Simulation

Ejection: Experiments

Clumping: Supernova 1987A

Clumping: Protoplanetary Disks

Conclusion



$$3.0 \leq \left(\frac{L}{D}\right)_{sat} \leq 4.6$$

* Norbury, J Fluid Mech., 360 1973 ** Mohseni, Phys. Fluids, 10, 1998



The analysis is extended to rings ejected from shocked interfaces.

Ejection: Intro

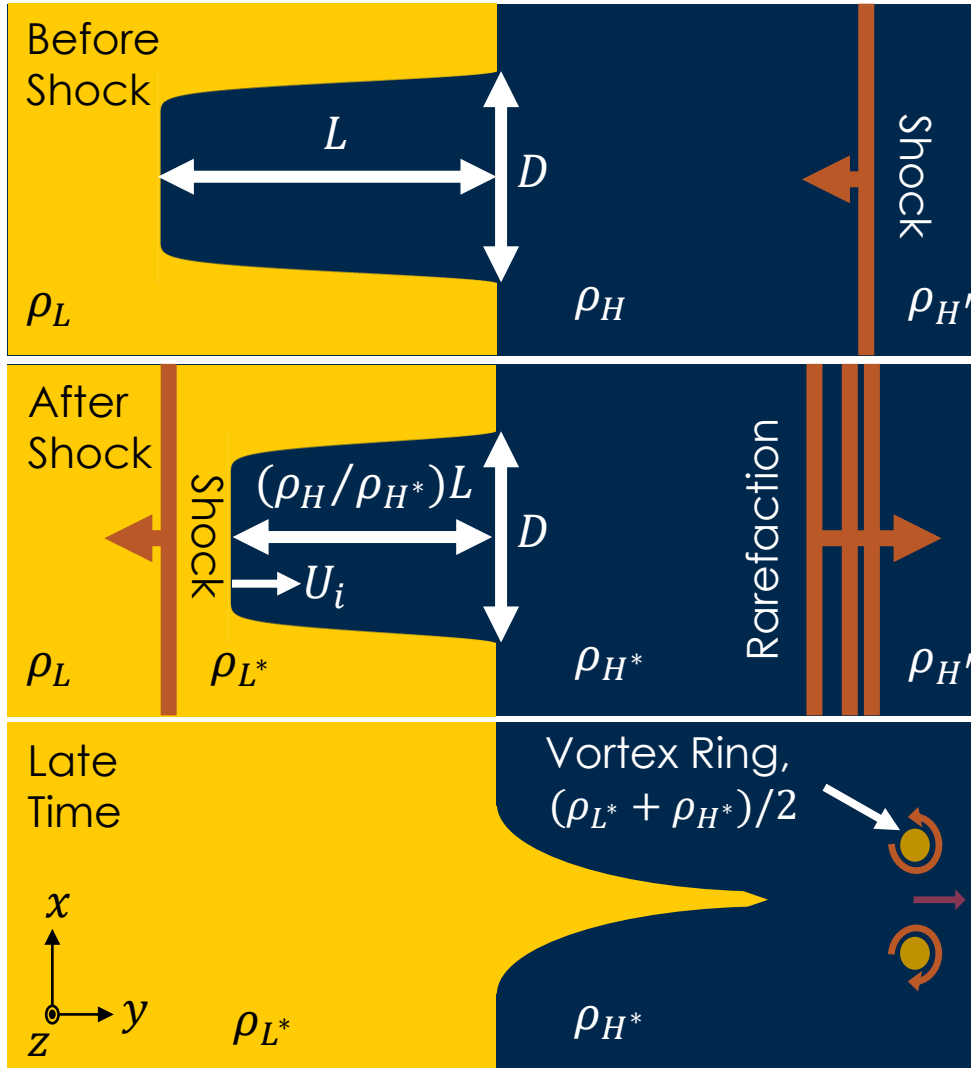
Ejection: Theory and Simulation

Ejection: Experiments

Clumping: Supernova 1987A

Clumping: Protoplanetary Disks

Conclusion



<u>Slug Flow</u>	<u>Norbury Vortex Ring</u>
$E = \rho_H \frac{1}{8} \pi D^2 L U_i^2$	$E = \frac{(\rho_{L^*} + \rho_{H^*})}{2} (\Omega \alpha l)^2 l^3 E_N$
$\Gamma = \frac{\rho_H}{\rho_{H^*}} \frac{1}{2} L U_i$	$\Gamma = (\Omega \alpha l) l \Gamma_N$
$I = \rho_H \frac{1}{4} \pi D^2 L U_i$	$I = \frac{(\rho_{L^*} + \rho_{H^*})}{2} (\Omega \alpha l) l^3 I_N$
$U_{tr} = \frac{\partial E}{\partial I} = \frac{1}{2} U_i$	$U_{tr} = (\Omega \alpha l) U_N$

$$\left(\frac{L}{D}\right)_{sat, RMI} = \sigma \left(\frac{L}{D}\right)_{sat, Class}$$

$$\sigma = \sqrt{\frac{2\rho_{H^*}}{\rho_{L^*} + \rho_{H^*}} \frac{\rho_{H^*}}{\rho_H}} = f(\rho_{H^*}/\rho_H, \rho_H/\rho_L)$$



Simulations show the emergence of the trailing jet.

11

Ejection: Intro

Ejection: Theory and Simulation

Ejection: Experiments

Clumping: Supernova 1987A

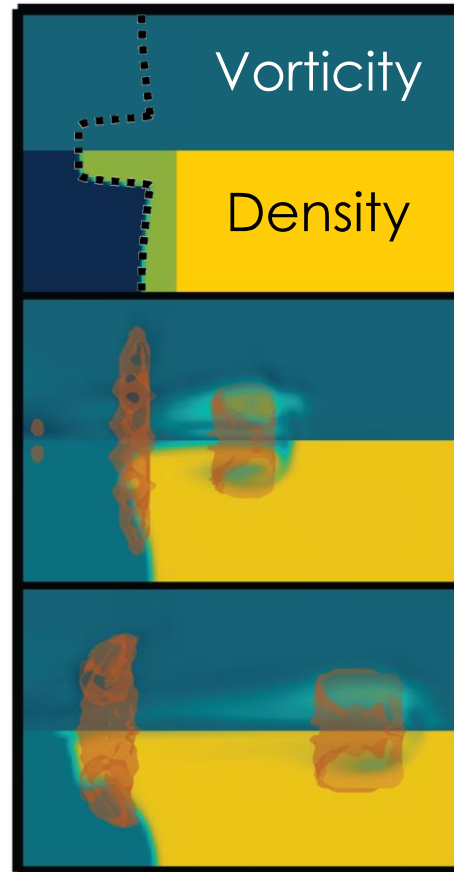
Clumping: Protoplanetary Disks

Conclusion

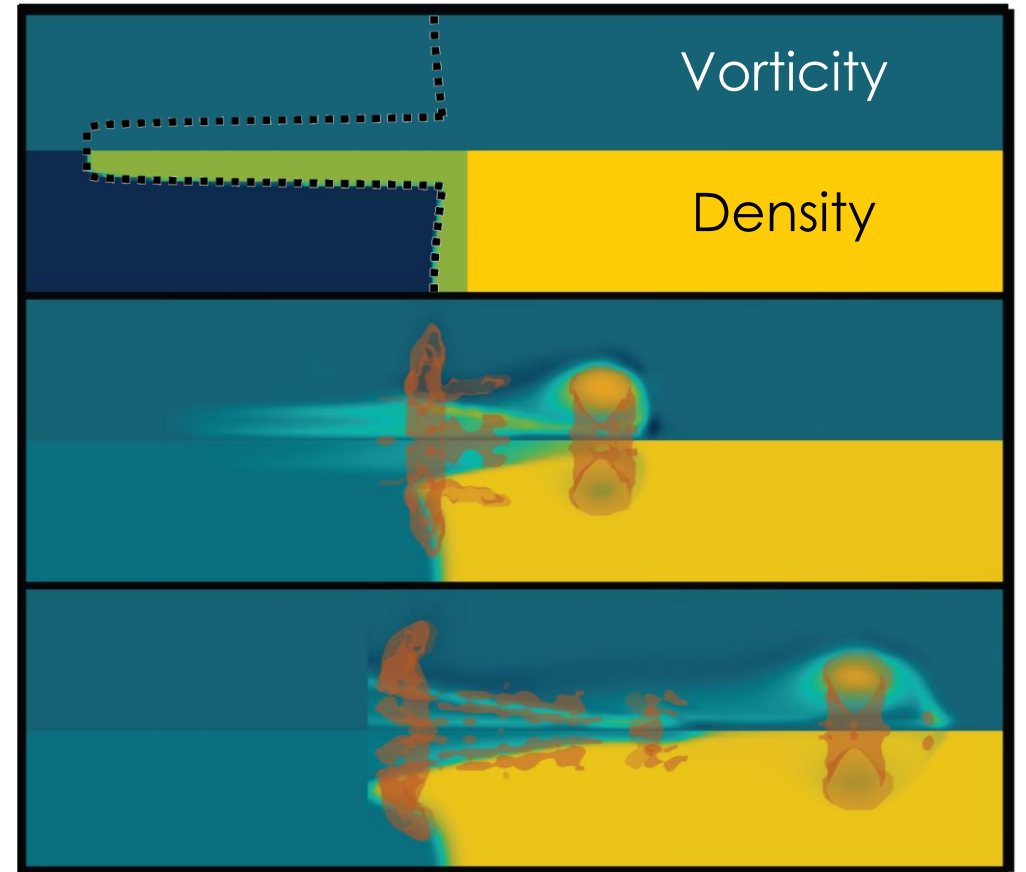
ρ_{H^*}, ω_{max}



ρ_L, ω_{min}



$L/D = 1$



$L/D = 5$



Simulations show good agreement with extended formation-number theory.

12

Ejection: Intro

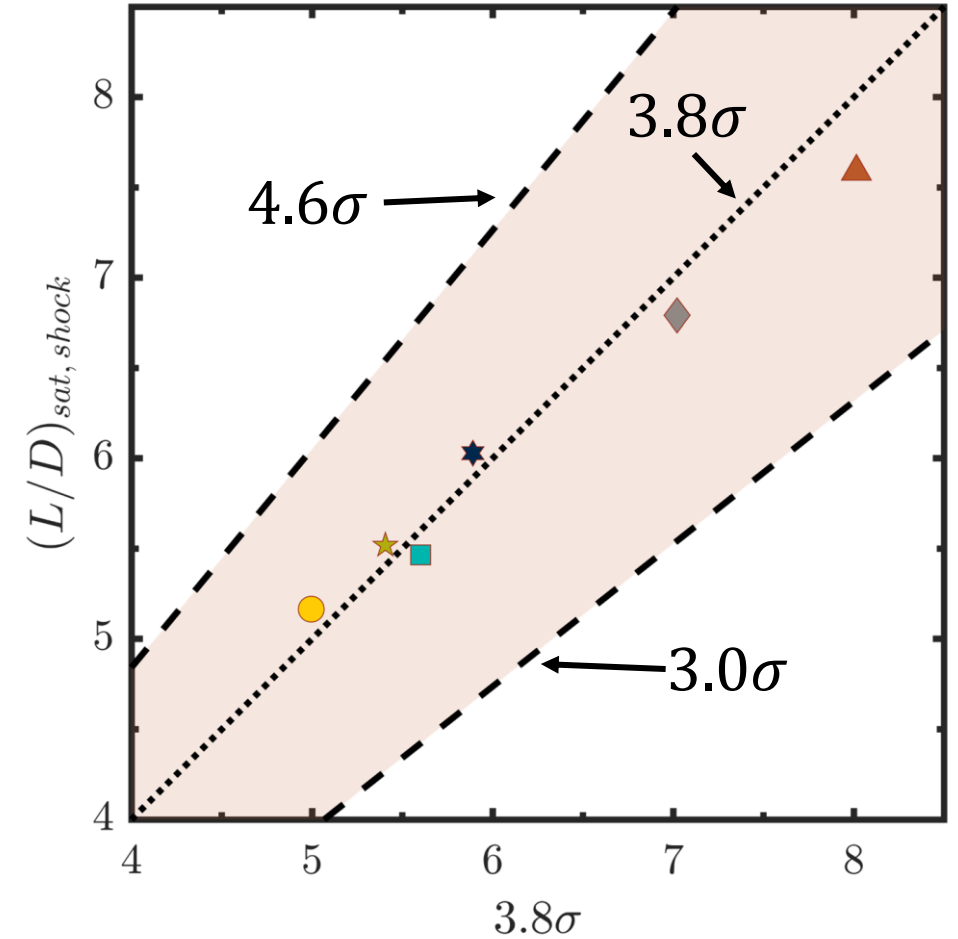
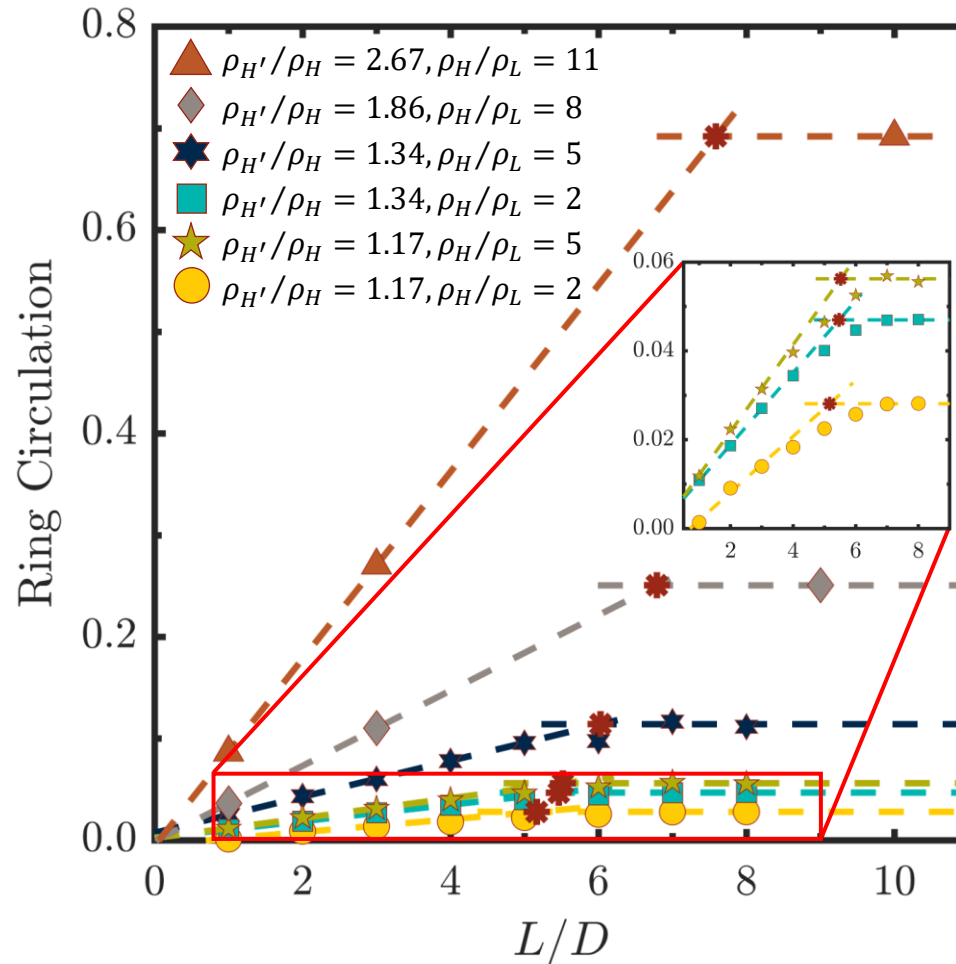
Ejection: Theory and Simulation

Ejection: Experiments

Clumping: Supernova 1987A

Clumping: Protoplanetary Disks

Conclusion





Laser-driven shocks can be used to examine vortex ring ejection.

13

Ejection: Intro

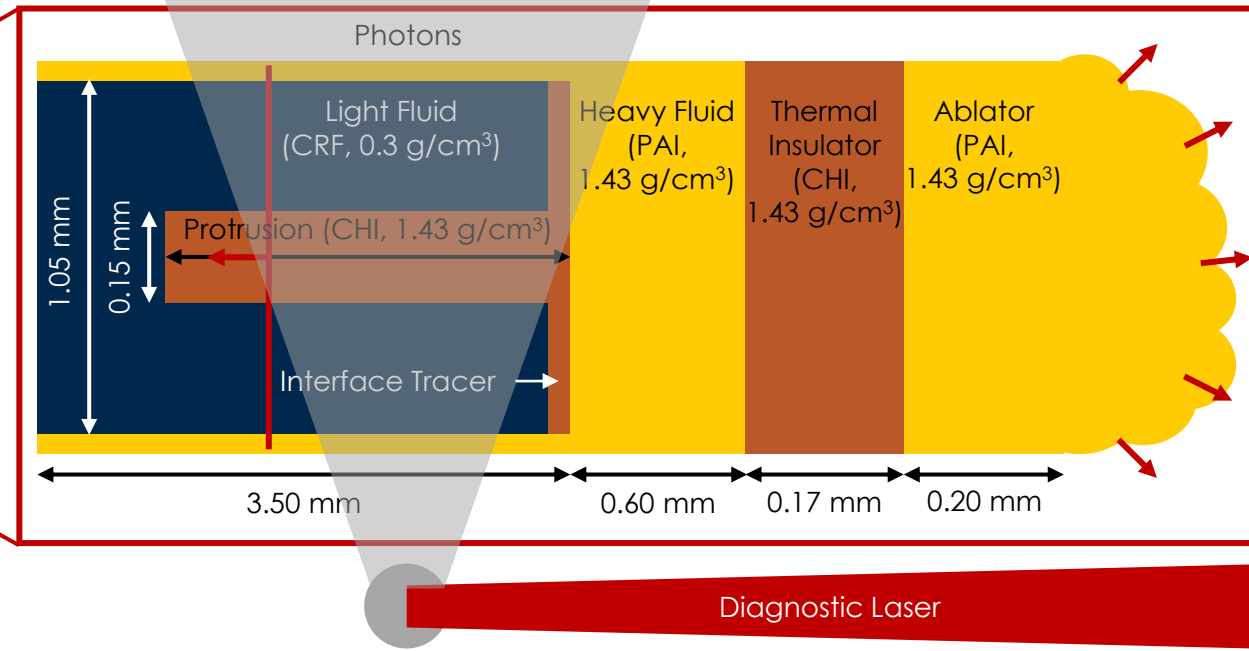
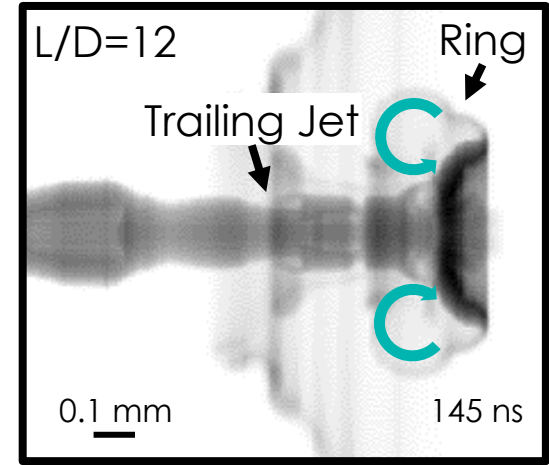
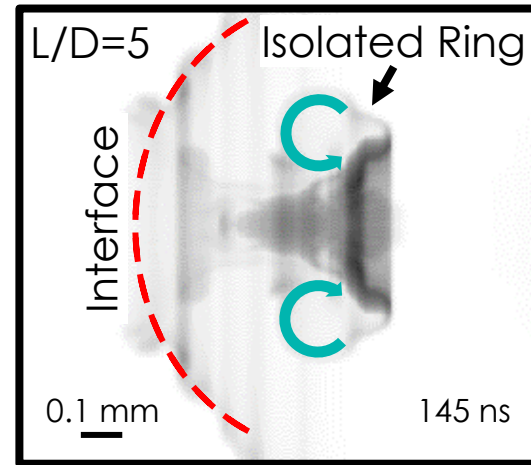
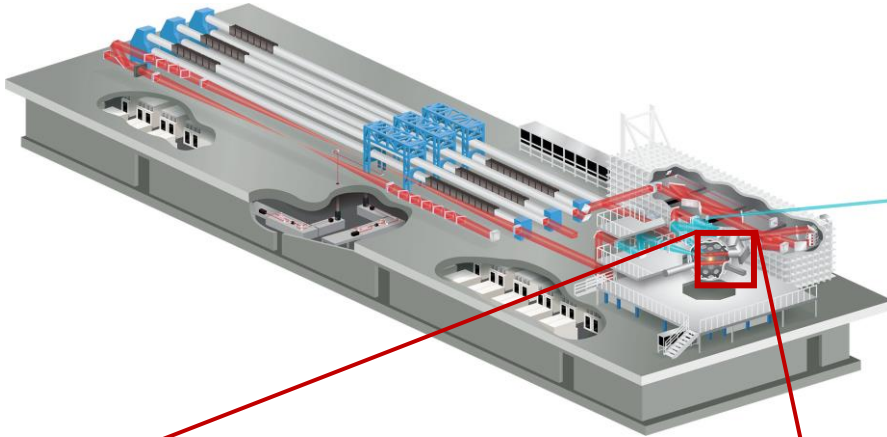
Ejection: Theory and Simulation

Ejection: Experiments

Clumping: Supernova 1987A

Clumping: Protoplanetary Disks

Conclusion





SN1987A shapes our understanding of stellar evolution.

14

Ejection: Intro

Ejection: Theory
and Simulation

Ejection:
Experiments

**Clumping:
Supernova 1987A**

Clumping:
Protoplanetary
Disks

Conclusion

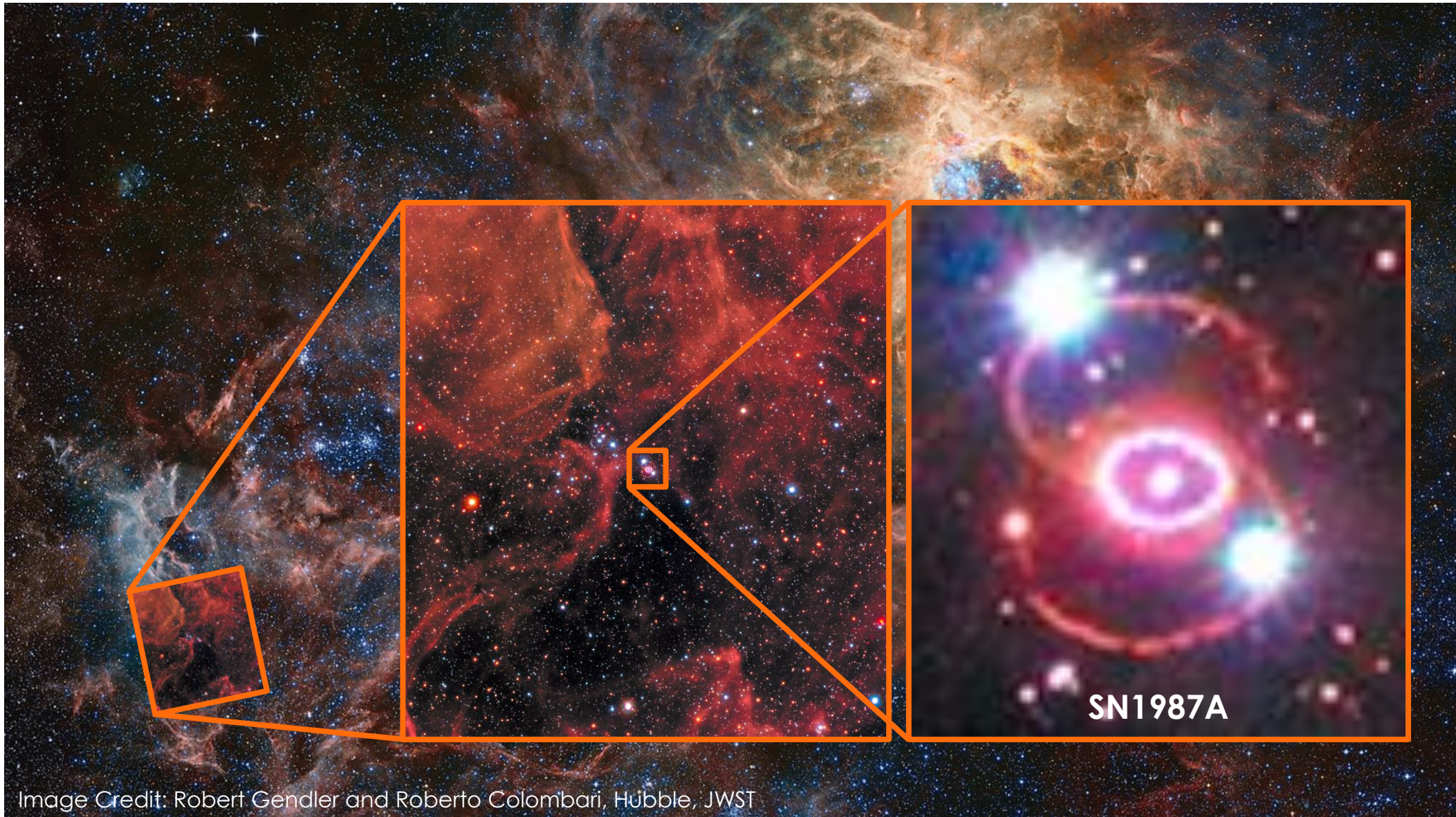


Image Credit: Robert Gendler and Roberto Colombari, Hubble, JWST



The remnant of SN1987A is dominated by a three-ring structure.

Ejection: Intro

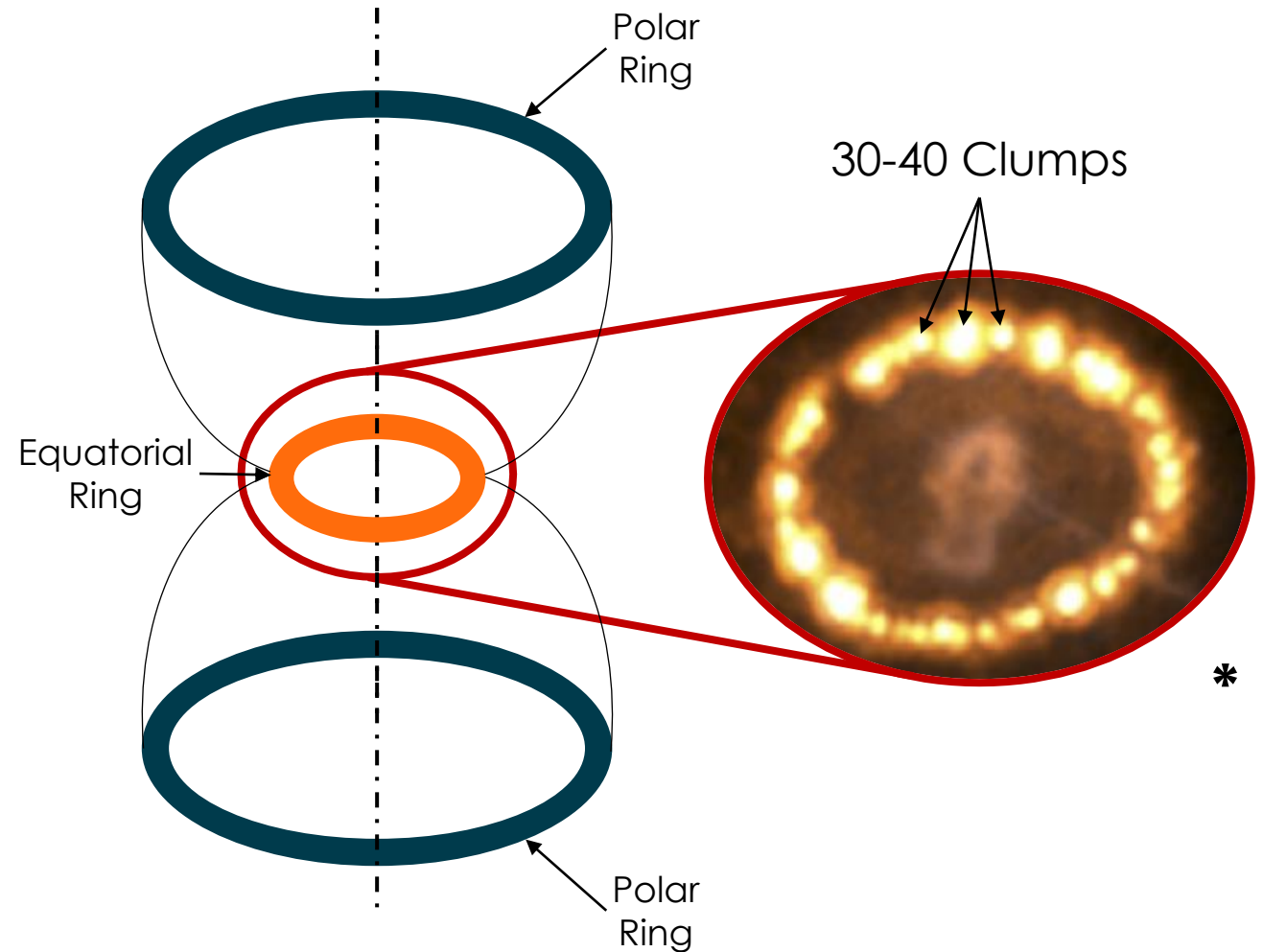
Ejection: Theory and Simulation

Ejection: Experiments

Clumping: Supernova 1987A

Clumping: Protoplanetary Disks

Conclusion



* Fransson, Astrophys. J., 806, 2015



The rings may result from a binary merger preceding the supernova.

Ejection: Intro

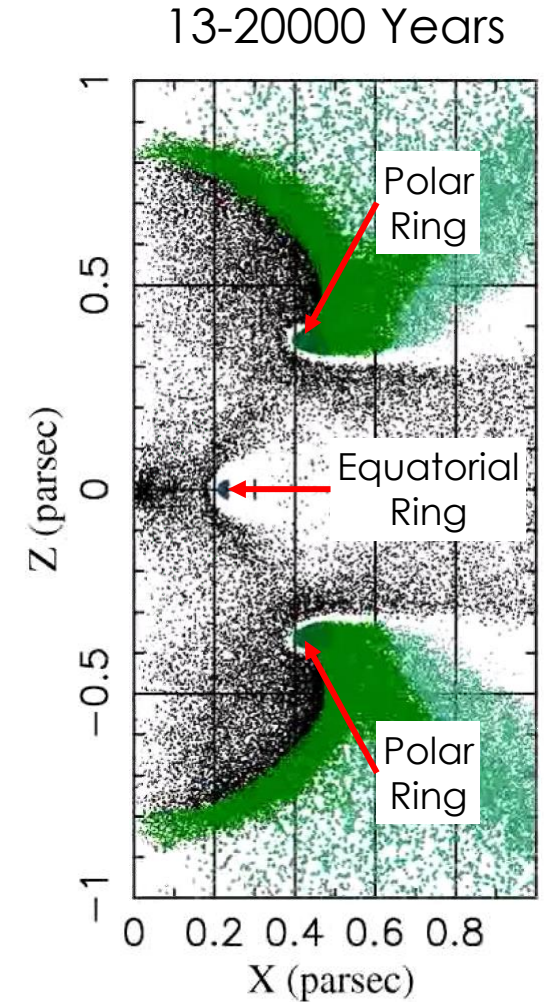
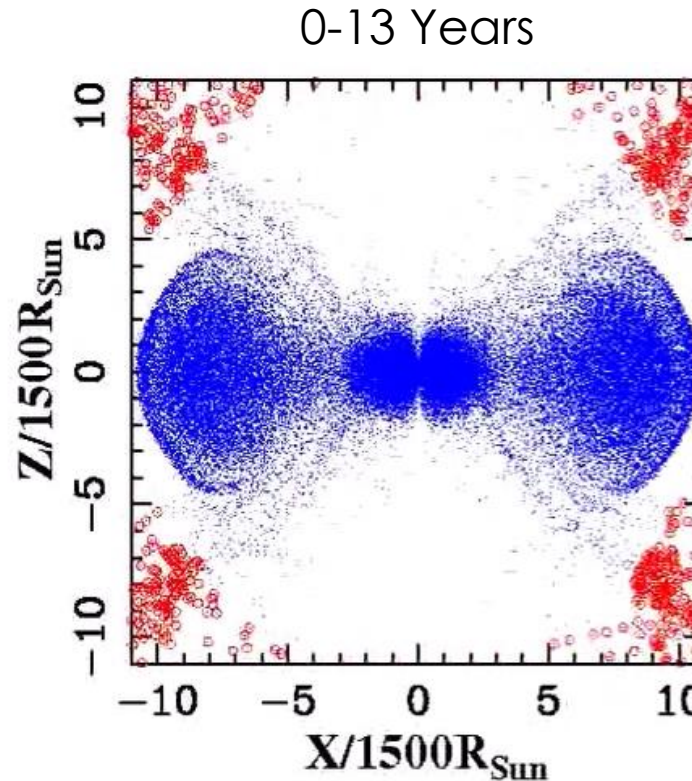
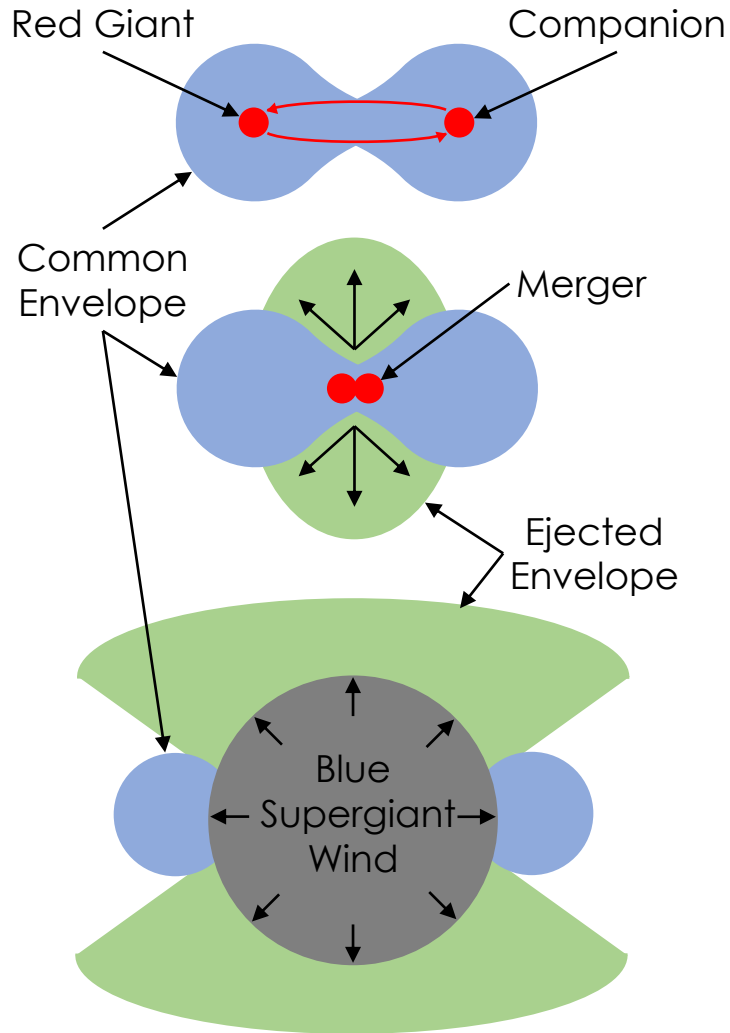
Ejection: Theory and Simulation

Ejection: Experiments

Clumping: Supernova 1987A

Clumping: Protoplanetary Disks

Conclusion





Solar wind can stimulate vortex dipole formation in the equatorial ring.

17

Ejection: Intro

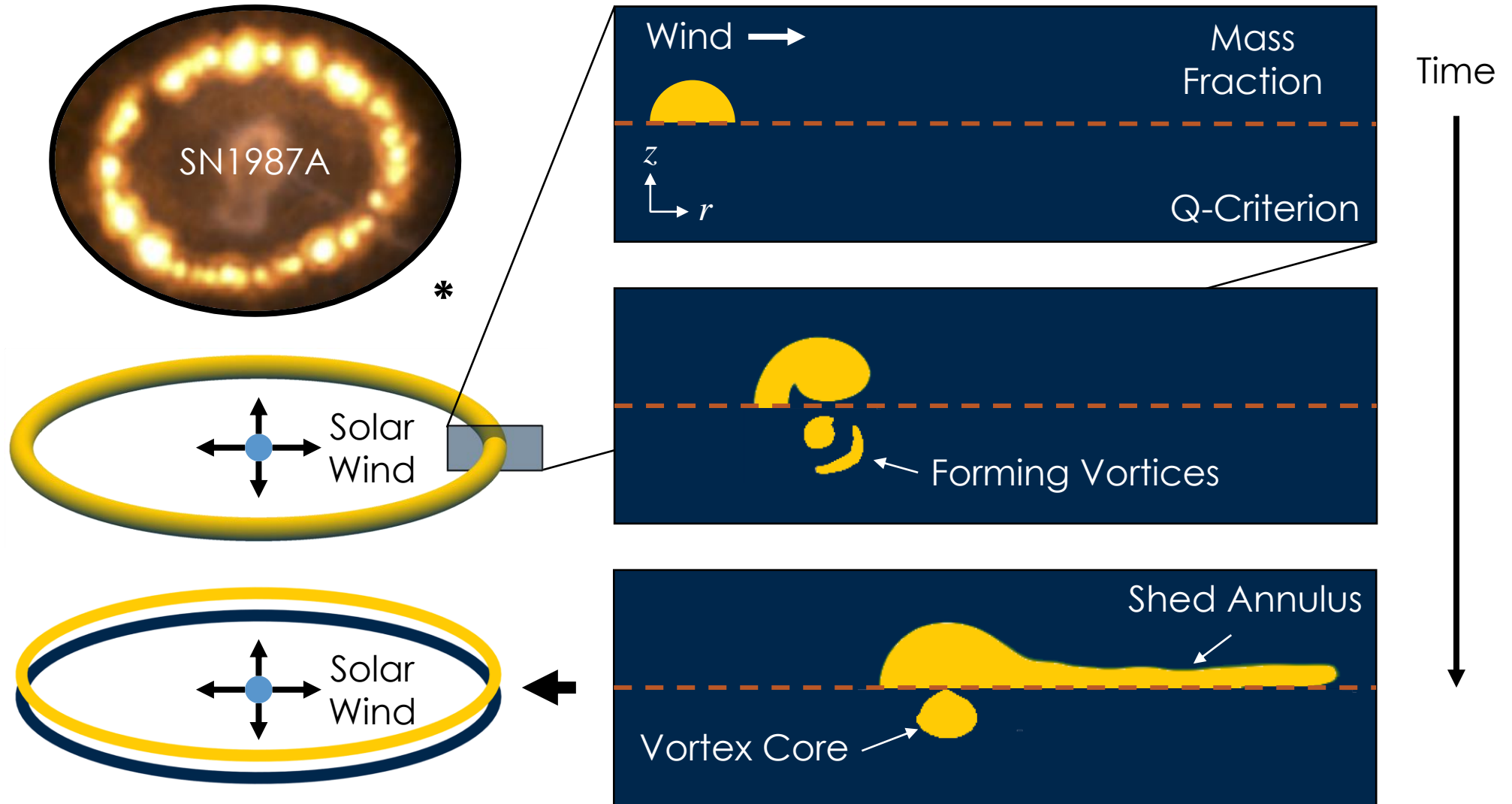
Ejection: Theory and Simulation

Ejection: Experiments

Clumping: Supernova 1987A

Clumping: Protoplanetary Disks

Conclusion



* Fransson, *Astrophys. J.*, 806, 2015



The stability analysis considers perturbations along co-axial vortex rings.

Ejection: Intro

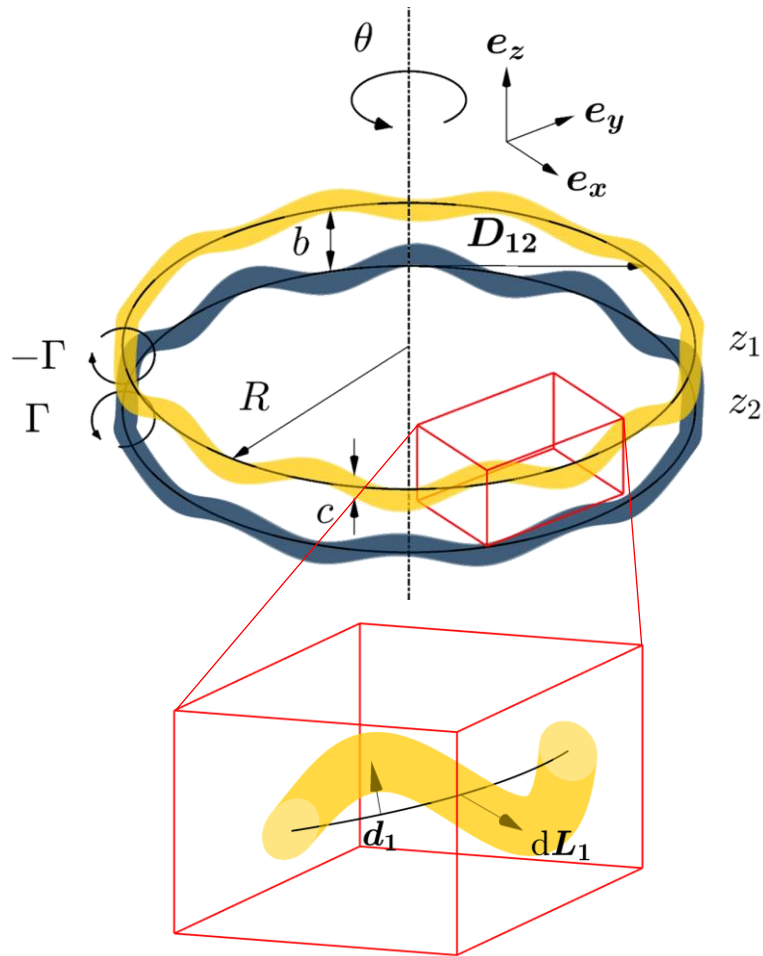
Ejection: Theory and Simulation

Ejection: Experiments

Clumping: Supernova 1987A

Clumping: Protoplanetary Disks

Conclusion



$$U_n = \sum_{m=1}^2 \frac{\Gamma_m}{4\pi} \int \frac{\mathbf{D}_{mn} \times d\mathbf{L}_m}{|\mathbf{D}_{mn}|^3} = \mathbf{e}_x u_n + \mathbf{e}_y v_n + \mathbf{e}_z w_n$$

$$\mathbf{D}_{mn} = \mathbf{e}_x R(\cos \theta_{m'} - \cos \theta_n) + \mathbf{e}_y R(\sin \theta_{m'} - \sin \theta_n) + \mathbf{e}_z (z_m - z_n) + (\mathbf{d}'_m - \mathbf{d}_n)$$

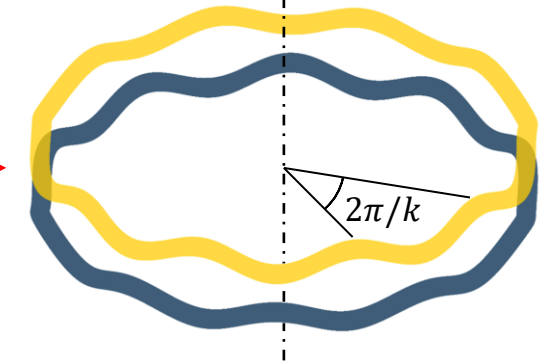
$$\mathbf{d}_n = \mathbf{e}_x h_n(\theta_n, t) \cos \theta_n + \mathbf{e}_y h_n(\theta_n, t) \sin \theta_n + \mathbf{e}_z s_n(\theta_n, t) = \tilde{\mathbf{d}}_n e^{at+ik\theta_n}$$

$$d\mathbf{L}_n = (-\mathbf{e}_x R \sin \theta_n + \mathbf{e}_y R \cos \theta_n + \partial \mathbf{d}_n / \partial \theta_n) d\theta_n$$

$$\partial \mathbf{d}_n / \partial t + u_n (\partial \mathbf{d}_n / \partial x_n) + v_n (\partial \mathbf{d}_n / \partial y_n) = \mathbf{e}_x u_n + \mathbf{e}_y v_n + \mathbf{e}_z w_n$$



$$a \begin{bmatrix} \hat{h}_1 \\ \hat{s}_1 \\ \hat{h}_2 \\ \hat{s}_2 \end{bmatrix} = M \begin{bmatrix} \hat{h}_1 \\ \hat{s}_1 \\ \hat{h}_2 \\ \hat{s}_2 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{matrix} \hat{s}_s = \hat{s}_2 - \hat{s}_1 \\ \hat{h}_s = \hat{h}_2 + \hat{h}_1 \end{matrix}$$



$$R \approx 1.3 \times 10^{14} \text{ m} \quad c \approx 3.2 \times 10^{12} \text{ m}$$

$$b \approx 6.5 \times 10^{12} \text{ m} \quad \Gamma \approx 1.1 \times 10^{18} \text{ m}^2/\text{s} \quad |\mathbf{d}| \approx 1.6 \times 10^{10} \text{ m}$$



For SN1987A, the dominant wavenumber matches the number of clumps.

19

Ejection: Intro

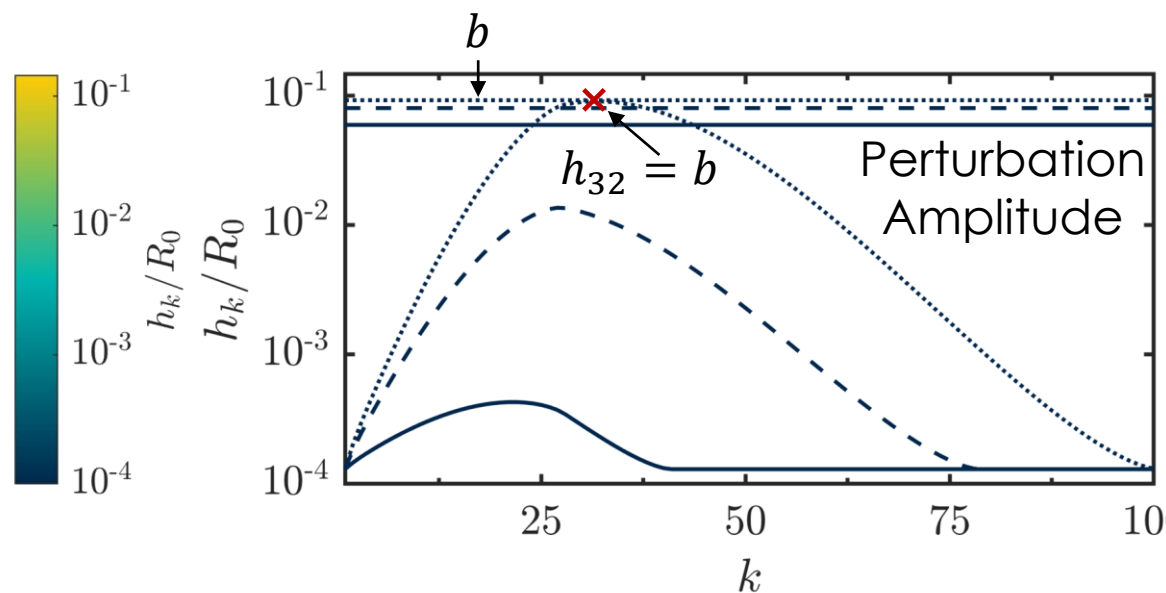
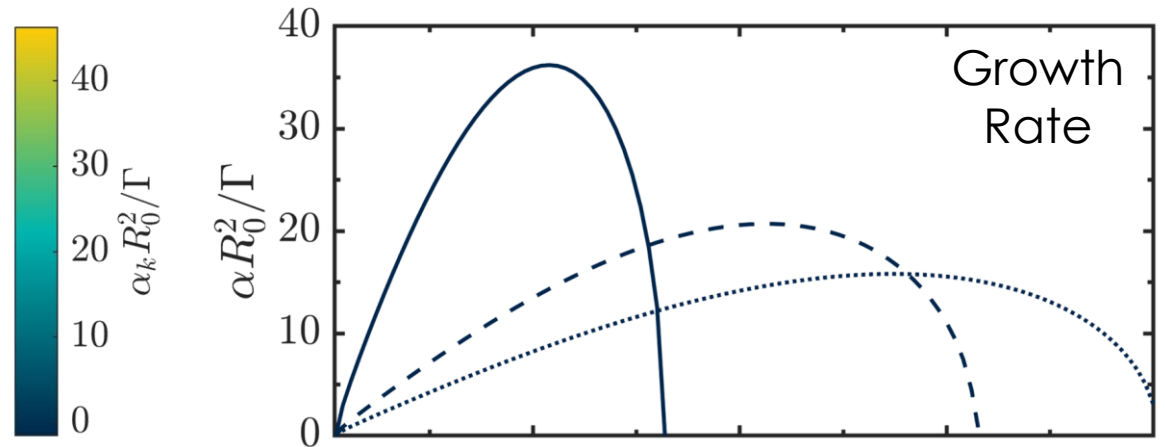
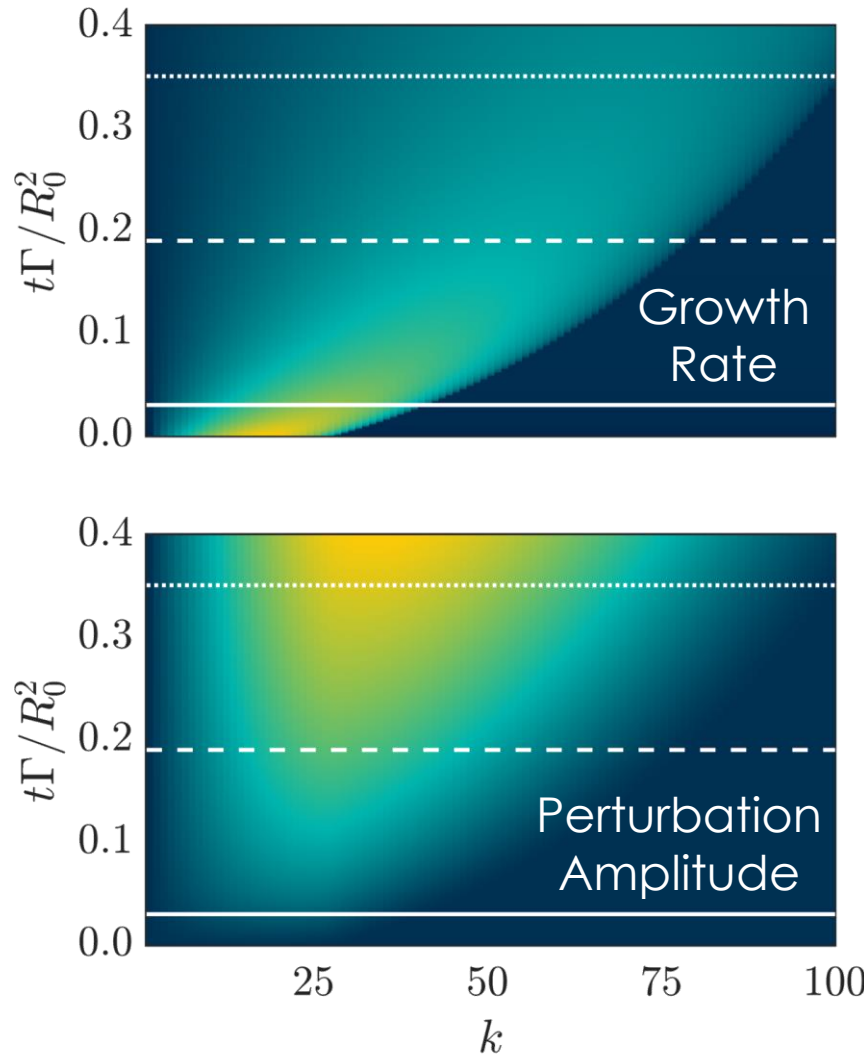
Ejection: Theory and Simulation

Ejection: Experiments

Clumping: Supernova 1987A

Clumping: Protoplanetary Disks

Conclusion





Simulations elucidate clump formation and SN1987A's inner clump annulus.

Ejection: Intro

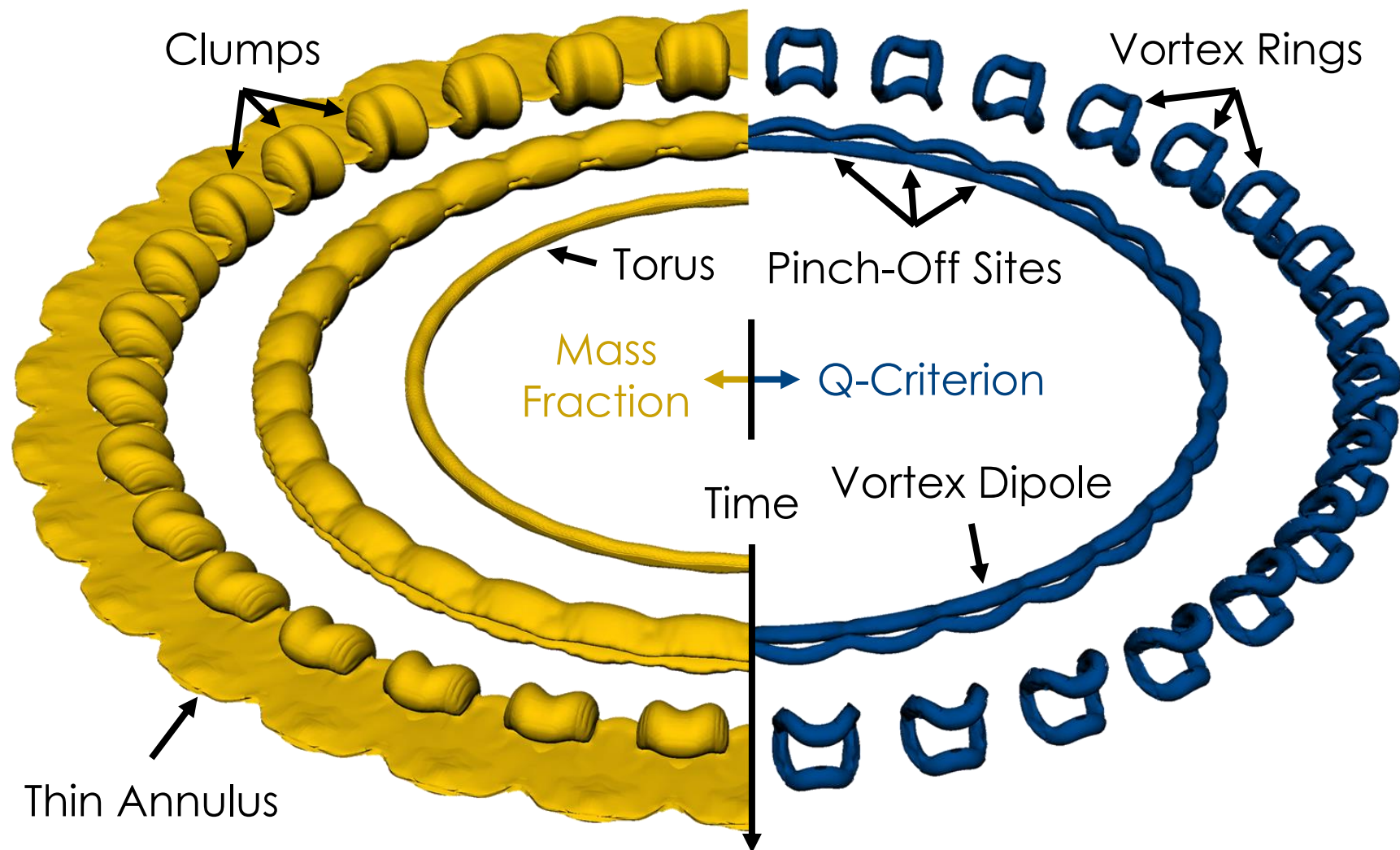
Ejection: Theory and Simulation

Ejection: Experiments

Clumping: Supernova 1987A

Clumping: Protoplanetary Disks

Conclusion





Simulations show good agreement with telescopic data.

21

Ejection: Intro

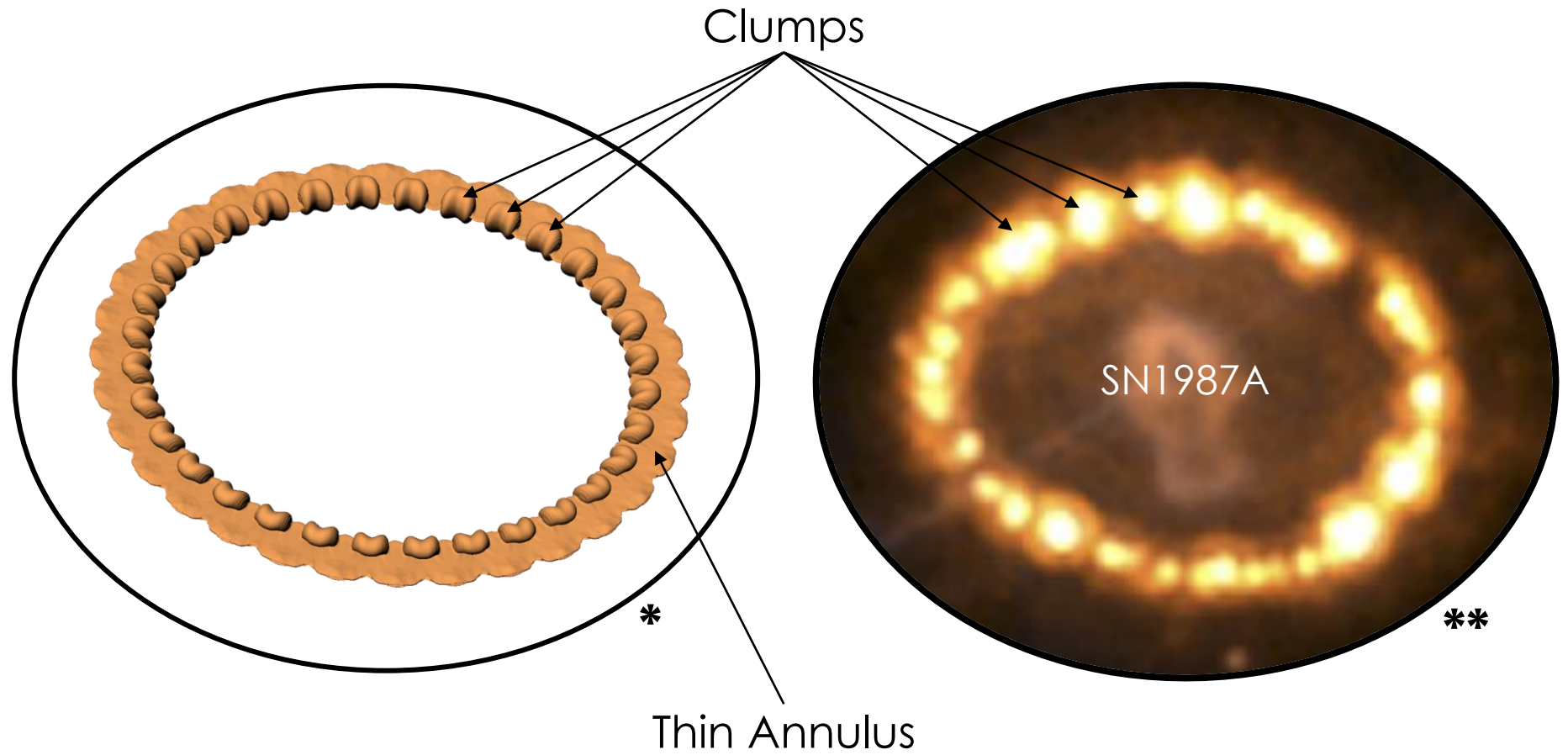
Ejection: Theory and Simulation

Ejection: Experiments

Clumping: Supernova 1987A

Clumping: Protoplanetary Disks

Conclusion



* Wadas, Phys. Rev. Lett., 132, 2024 ** Fransson, Astrophys. J., 806, 2015



Simulations show good agreement with telescopic data.

21

Ejection: Intro

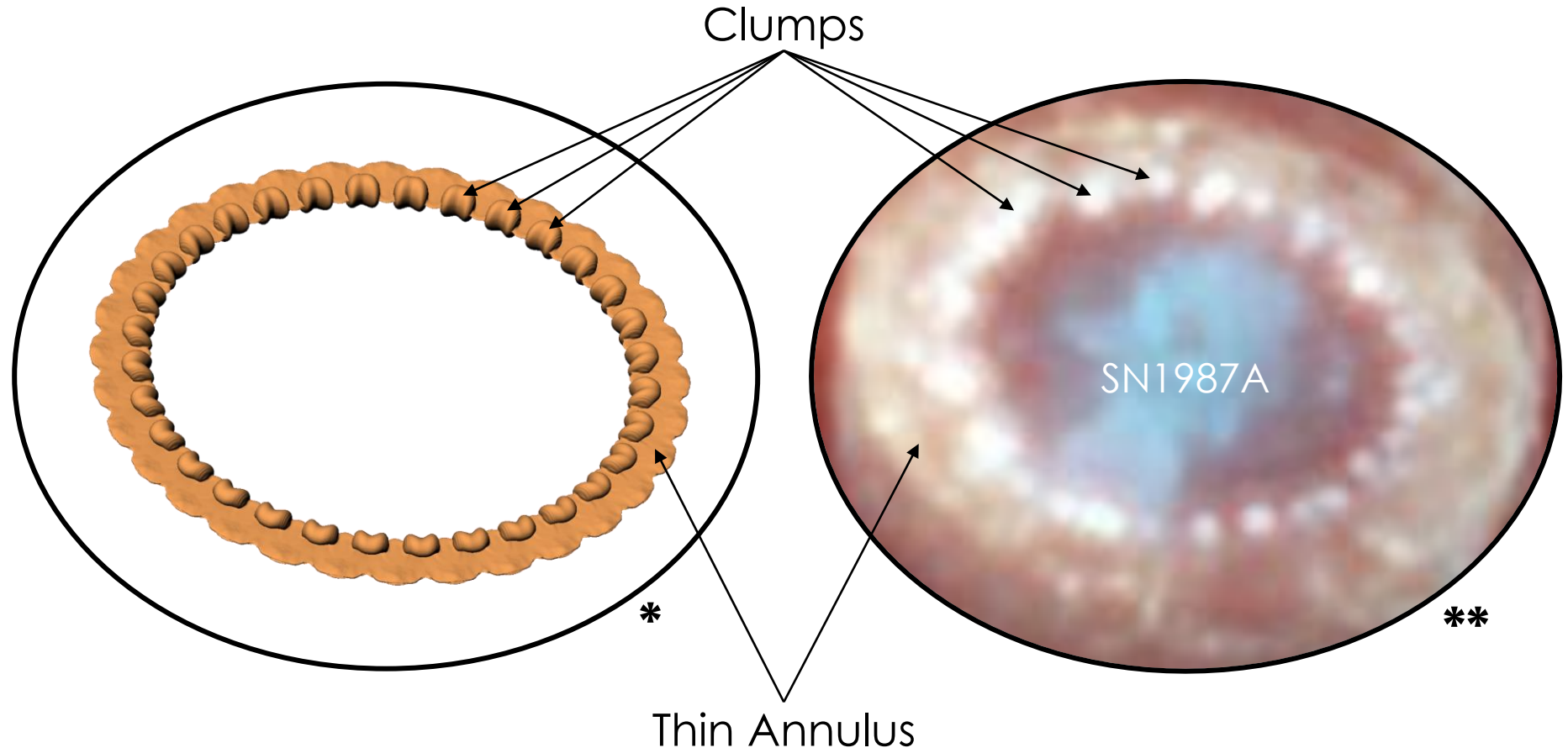
Ejection: Theory and Simulation

Ejection: Experiments

Clumping: Supernova 1987A

Clumping: Protoplanetary Disks

Conclusion



* Wadas, Phys. Rev. Lett., 132, 2024 ** NASA, ESA, CSA, Matsuura, 2023



Protoplanetary disks are the leftovers from star formation.

Ejection: Intro

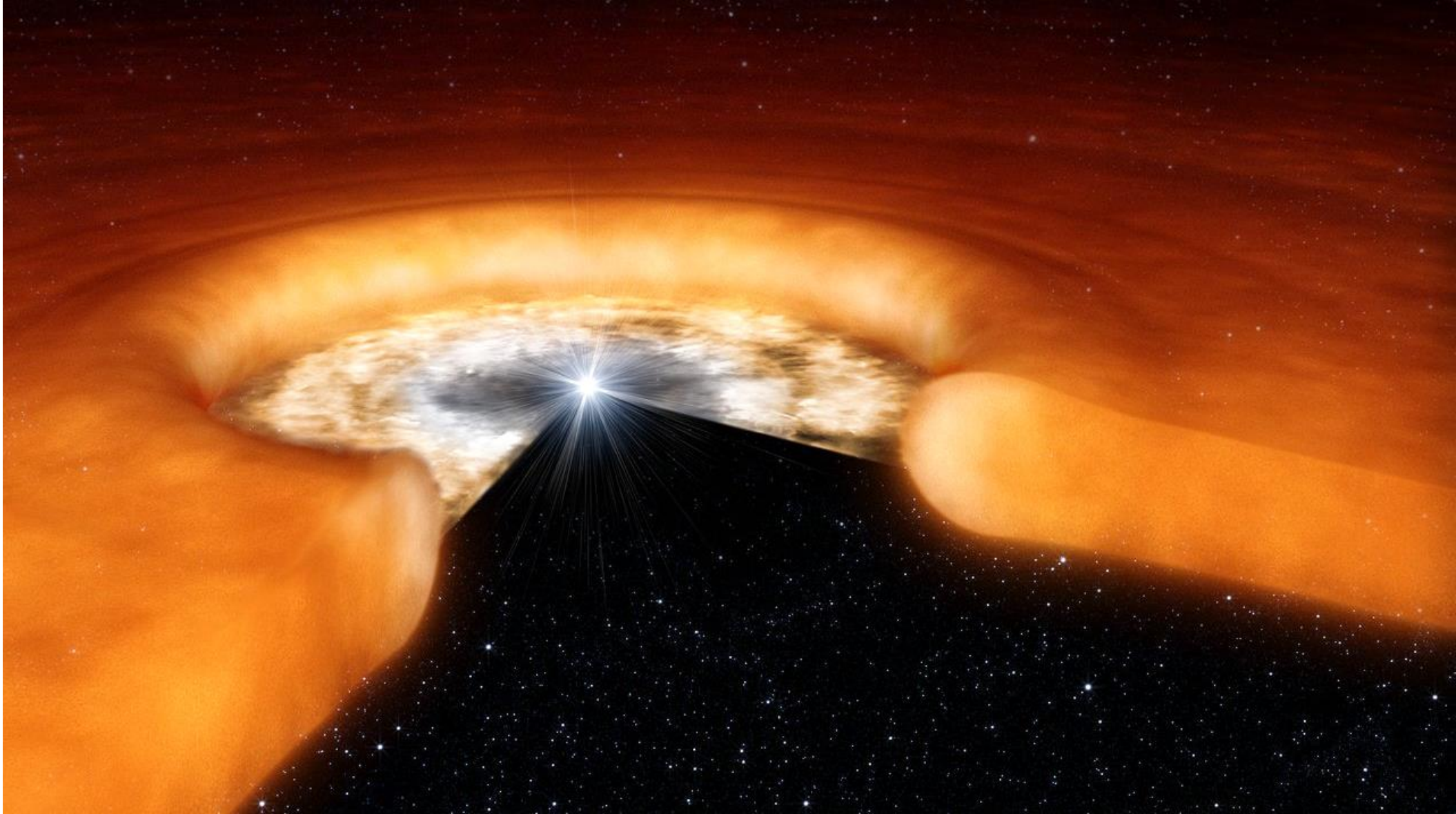
Ejection: Theory
and Simulation

Ejection:
Experiments

Clumping:
Supernova 1987A

**Clumping:
Protoplanetary
Disks**

Conclusion





Solar wind can stimulate multiple vortex dipoles in protoplanetary disks.

Ejection: Intro

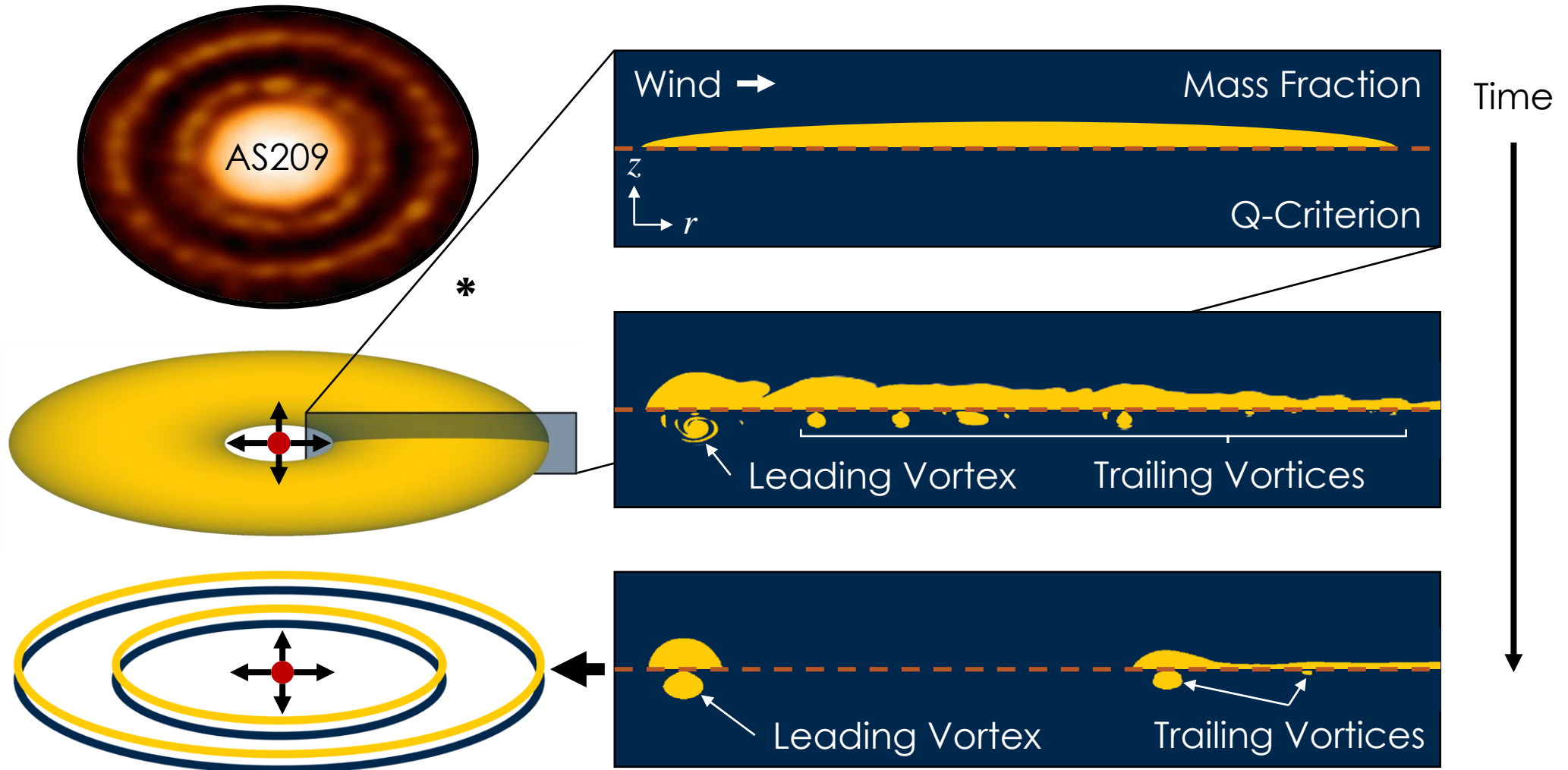
Ejection: Theory and Simulation

Ejection: Experiments

Clumping: Supernova 1987A

Clumping: Protoplanetary Disks

Conclusion



* Fedele, Astron. Astrophys. 610, 2018



Airplanes, vortex rings, and stars may share common vortex dynamics.

Ejection: Intro

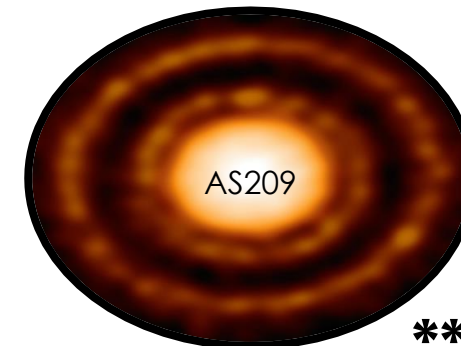
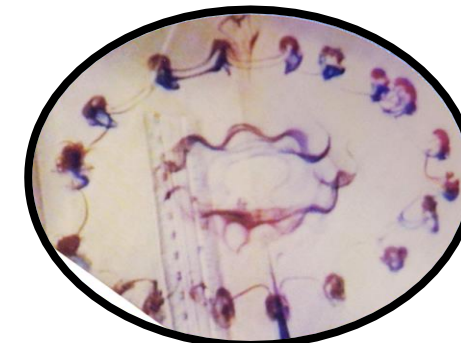
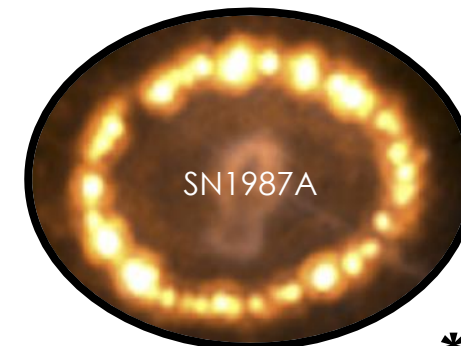
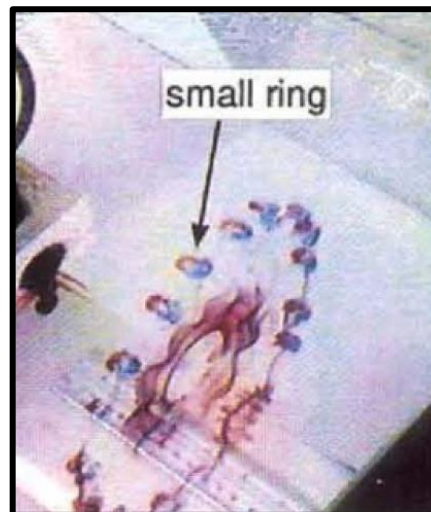
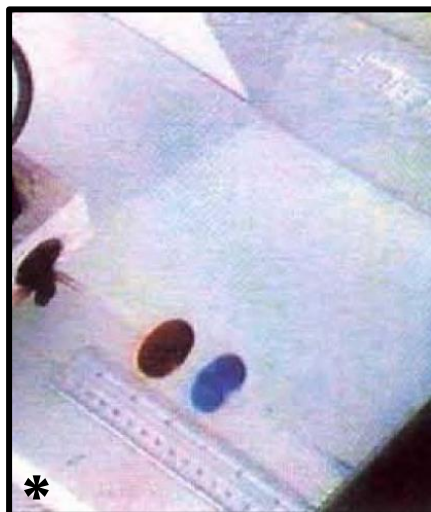
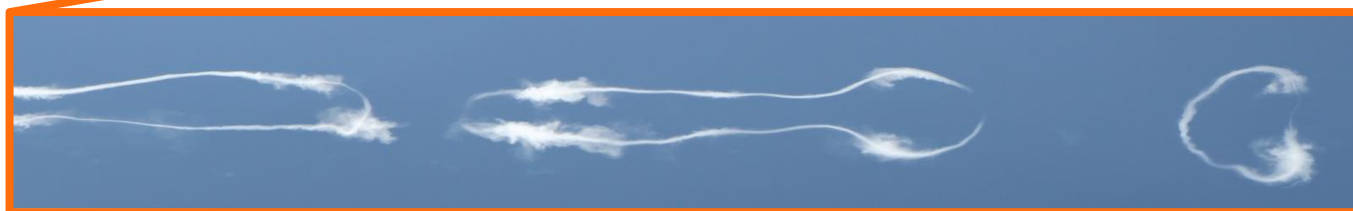
Ejection: Theory and Simulation

Ejection: Experiments

Clumping: Supernova 1987A

Clumping: Protoplanetary Disks

Conclusion



*Lim, Nat. Lett., 357, 1992 ** Fransson, Astrophys. J., 806, 2015 *** Fedele, Astron. Astrophys. 610, 2018



Summary

Ejection: Intro

Ejection: Theory and Simulation

Ejection: Experiments

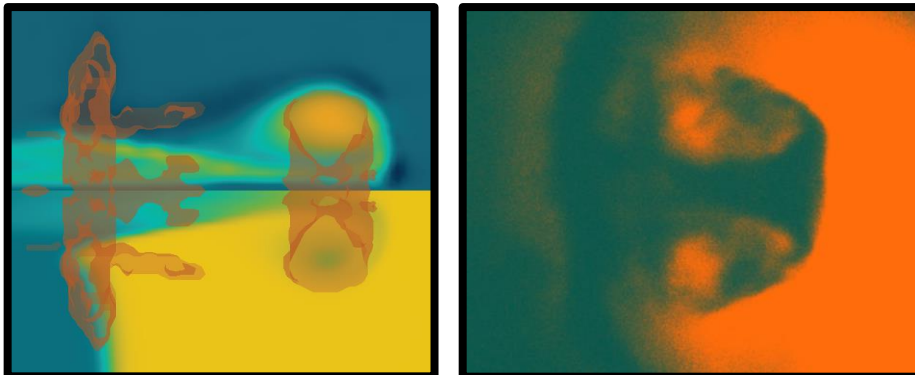
Clumping: Supernova 1987A

Clumping: Protoplanetary Disks

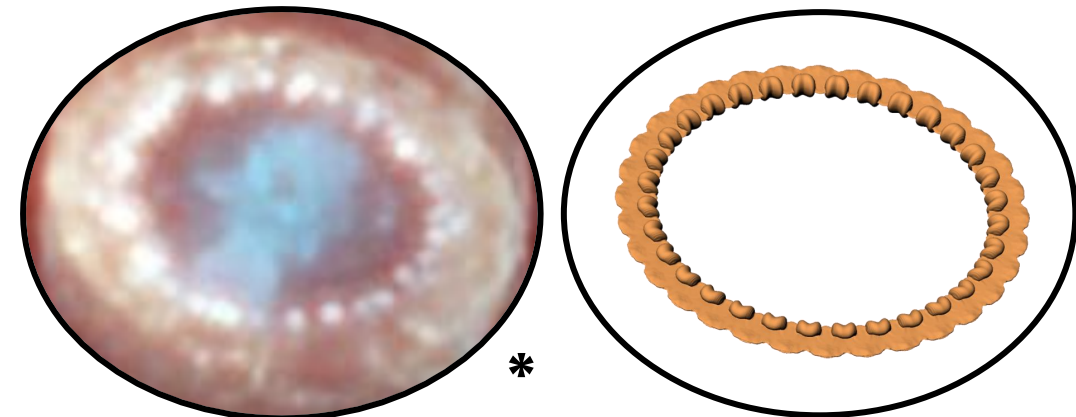
Conclusion

- ❑ Vortex Ring Ejection from Shocked Interfaces: Vortex rings abound in high-energy-density physics, including inertial fusion and supernovae, when shock waves accelerate fluid interfaces.
 - ❑ These compressible, multifluid rings may share many physics with their incompressible, single-fluid counterparts.
 - ❑ An extended theory describes the formation dynamics of such rings.
 - ❑ Ongoing experiments at the Omega EP laser facility isolate vortex ring formation.
- ❑ Vortex Instability and Circumstellar Clumping: The Crow instability may stimulate the formation of clumps along the circumstellar gas cloud around Supernova 1987A.
 - ❑ Stability analysis predicts a dominant wavelength consistent with the number of clumps, and simulations reproduce key observables.
 - ❑ A similar instability mechanism may stimulate clumping in protoplanetary disks.

Part 1



Part 2





Thank you!

Questions?