

# Early Protostar Evolution

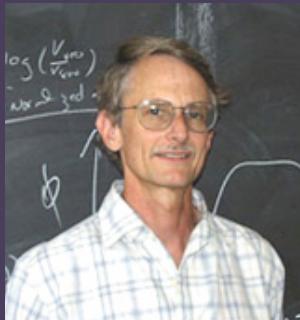
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# Introduction

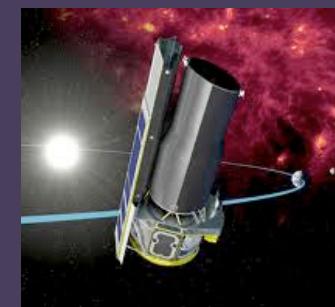
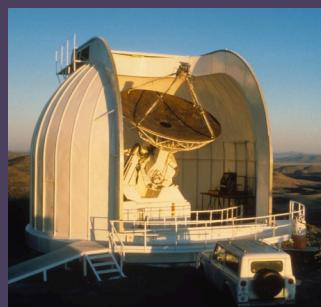
Why we are here



some of Neal's pursuits



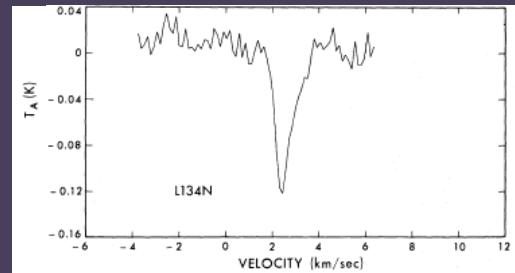
and his tools



# Classic Neal papers

comprehensive studies of observations & models → conclusions

INTERSTELLAR H<sub>2</sub>CO. I. ABSORPTION STUDIES, DARK CLOUDS,  
AND THE COSMIC BACKGROUND RADIATION  
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University of California, Berkeley and University of Maryland  
AND  
G. MORRIS AND T. SATO  
Jet Propulsion Laboratory, California Institute of Technology  
*Received 1974 May 14; revised 1974 September 10*

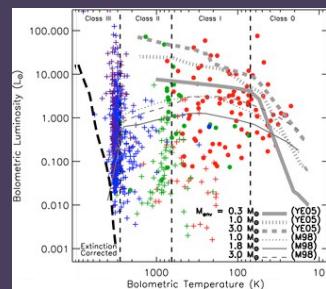


1975 4 authors 130 cites

H<sub>2</sub>CO line absorption → collisional cooling

## THE SPITZER c2d LEGACY RESULTS: STAR-FORMATION RATES AND EFFICIENCIES; EVOLUTION AND LIFETIMES

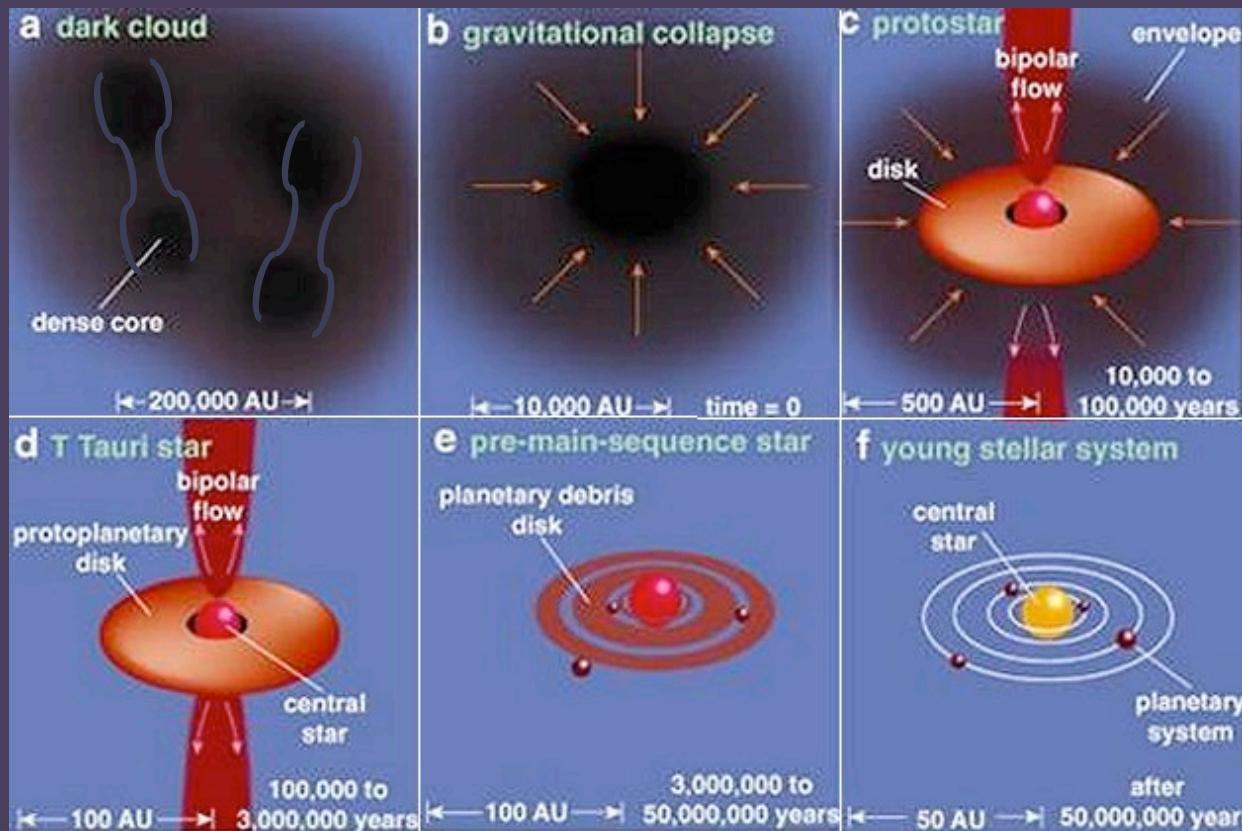
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2009 18 authors 339 cites

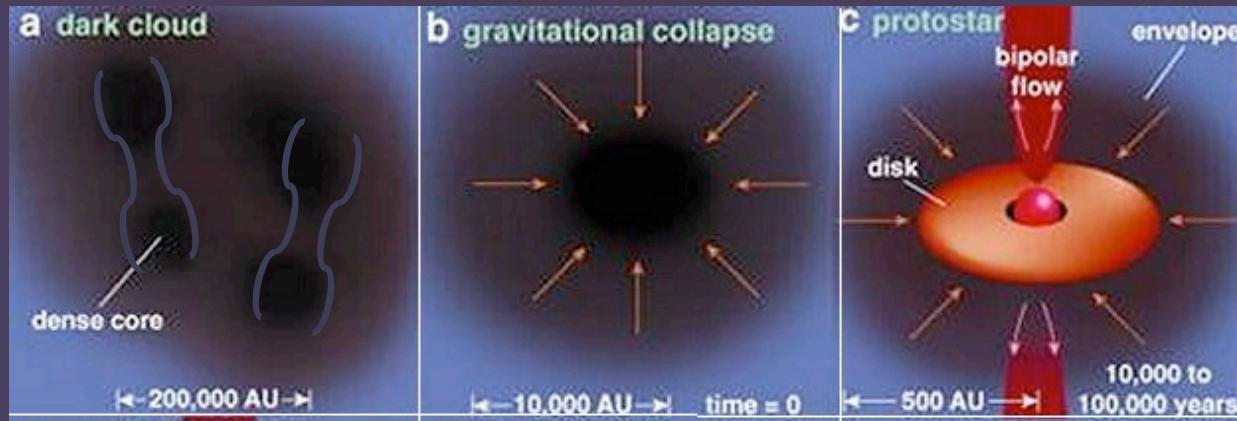
infall rate ≈ SIS collapse rate >> typical accretion rate  
→ nonsteady accretion.

# Protostar evolution



Spitzer Science Center (after Shu, Adams & Lizano 1987)

# Outline



“protostar evolution” = before and after star birth

settings of star formation

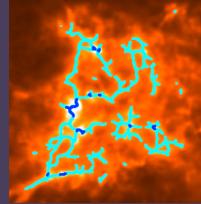
observing and simulating protostars

modeling protostars with IMF constraint

# Settings: big filamentary complexes



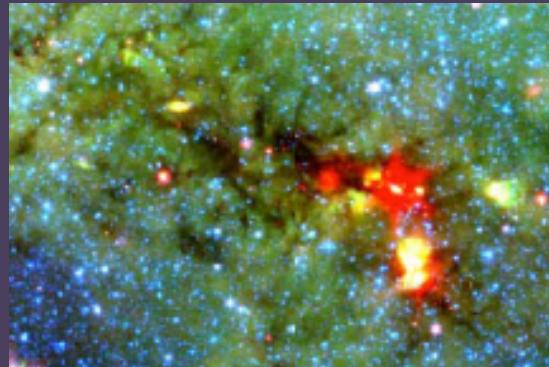
“Nessie” Jackson et al 10 ~80 pc



“South-Nest”



Vela C Hill et al 11 ~ 30 pc



G345.00-022 ~20 pc

M09a

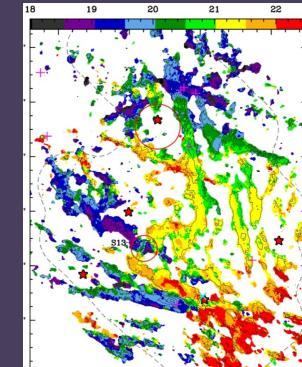


Oph ~20 pc

[www.panther-observatory.com](http://www.panther-observatory.com)



Cr Australis ~5 pc



G14.2-0.5 ~ 5 pc

Busquet et al 11

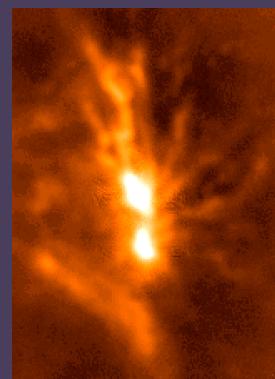
# Small filamentary complexes

Ser S ~ 2 pc



Gutermuth et al 08

Orion A ~1pc



Johnstone & Bally 99

B59 ~1 pc

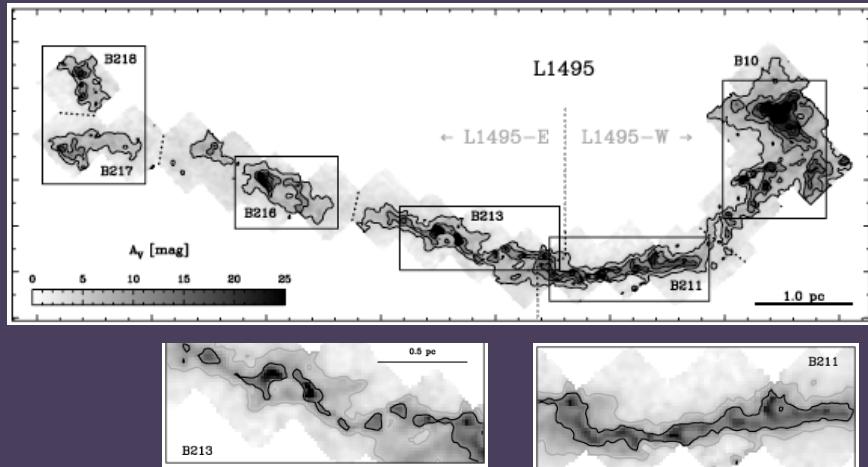


Alves et al 10

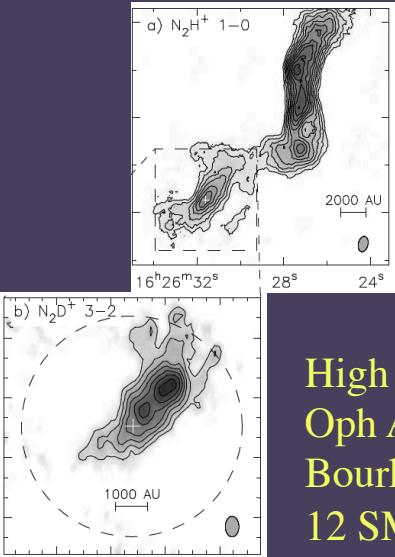
Morphological types--single filament (Nessie)  
parallel filaments (G14.2-0.5)  
network (Vela C South-Nest)  
hub-filament (CrA). Clusters in hubs (M 09)

# Cores in filaments

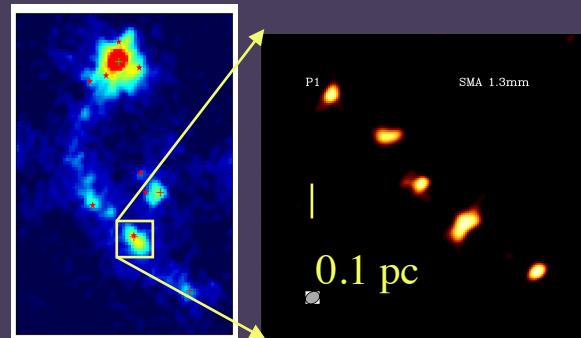
multiple cores,  $\sim$  regular spacing, many size scales, infall



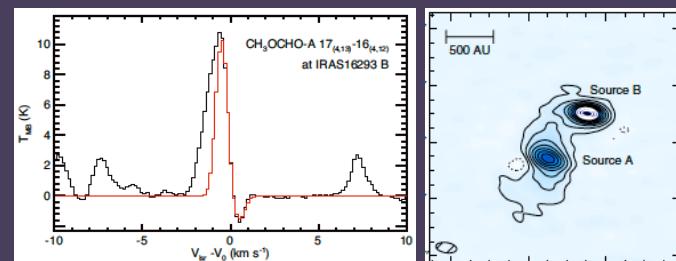
Taurus L1495 Schmalzl et al 10



High resolution  
Oph A N6  
Bourke et al  
12 SMA



IRDC G28.34 Zhang et al 09 SMA



Small scale infall I16293B  
Pineda et al 12 ALMA

# Observing protostars

“protostar”

future star accreting gravitationally from a dense envelope

observing

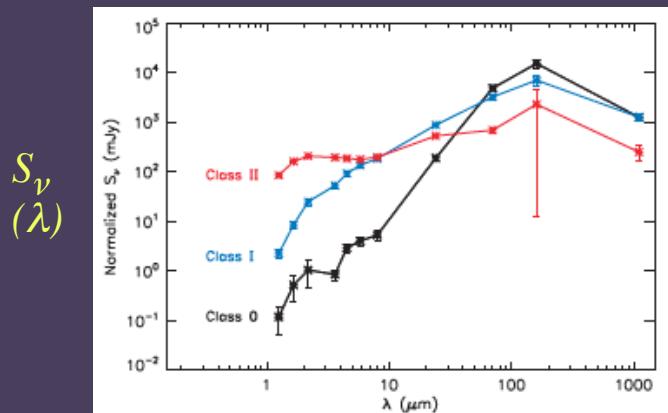
2MASS, IRAS, Spitzer, Herschel, WISE...

classifying SED

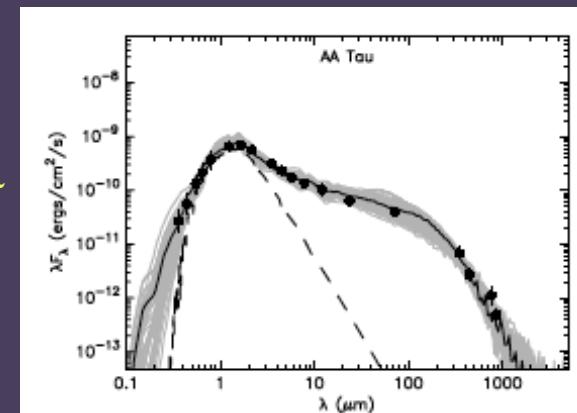
by NIR slope ( $\alpha$ ), area ( $L_{\text{bol}}$ ), shape ( $T_{\text{bol}}$ )

fitting SED

radiative-transfer models (Robitaille et al 07)



Enoch et al 09



Robitaille et al 07

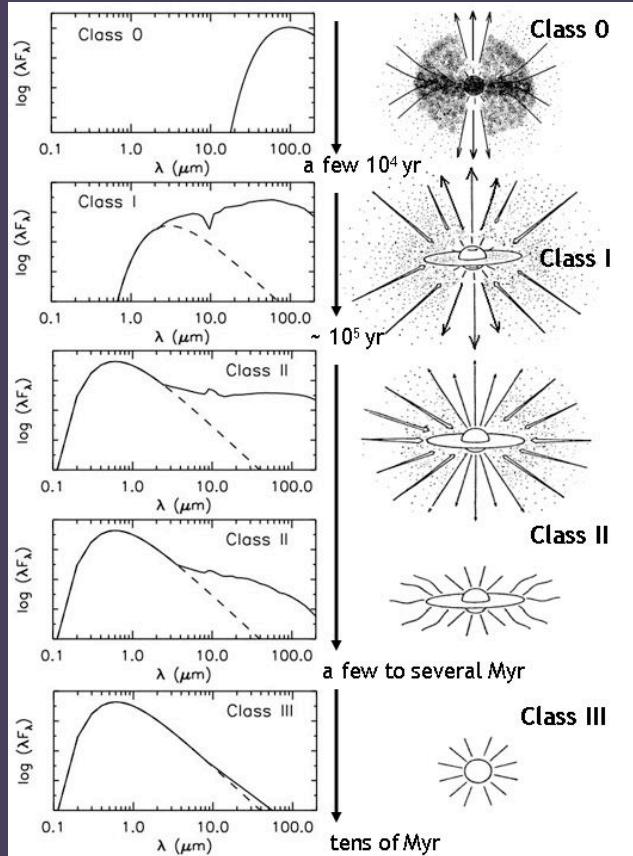
still missing

how fast do protostars gain mass? (ALMA)

# Protostar evolution from population studies

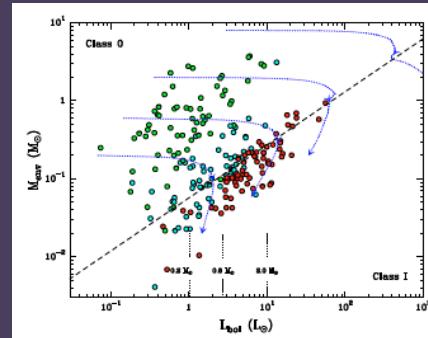
Protostar spectra evolve as protostar accretes, core & disk disperse (Lada & Wilking 84, Adams et al 87)

Spectral evolution



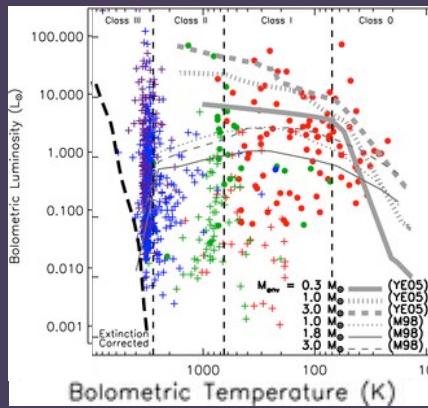
Furlan 13, Wilking 89, Shu et al 87

Population studies



Aquila • Herschel • Bontemps et al 10

$$M_{\text{bol}}$$

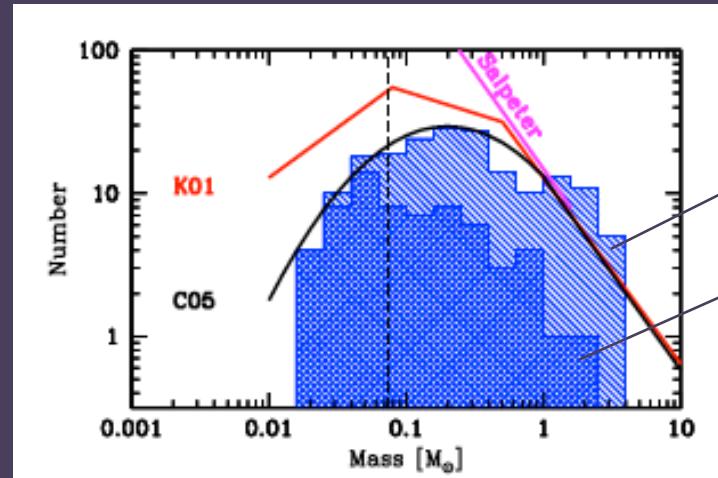
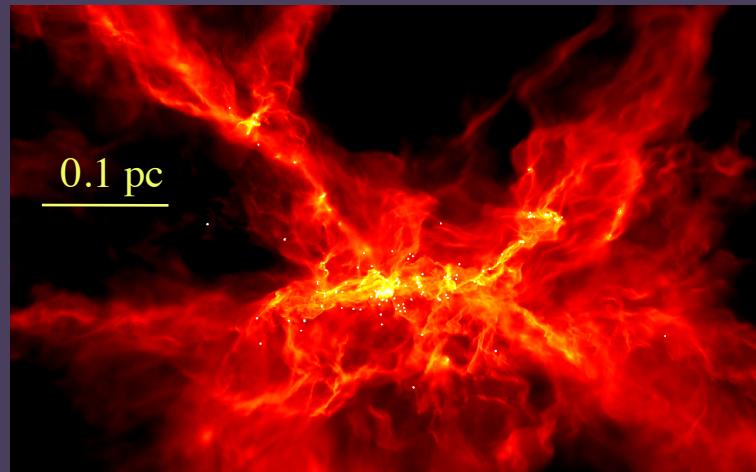


VELLOs  
Dunham  
et al 06

c2d • Spitzer • Evans et al 09

# Simulating protostars

SPH turbulent fragmentation,  $500 M_{\odot}$  cloud makes 147 stars, 36 bds in  $1.2 t_{ff} = 0.23$  Myr.  
Radiative heating feedback, ejection, exhaustion, no outflows, no  $B$ . Bate 12



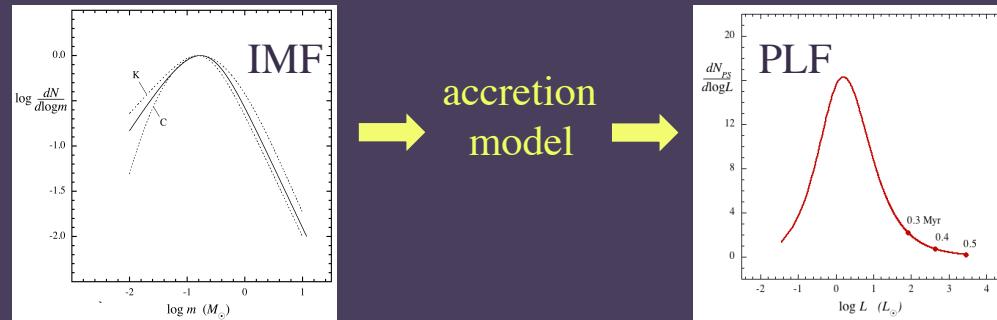
Pro – approximates cloud structure, IMF, distribution of binaries

Con – artificial initial state, not enough final masses, no  $B$ , no ionization, no outflows

Also, Krumholz et al 12, Pudritz 10, Federrath & Klessen 12, Offner et al 09, Smith et al 09

# Protostars and the IMF

As protostars approach IMF, observable PLF tests star formation models (MO 10, OM 11)

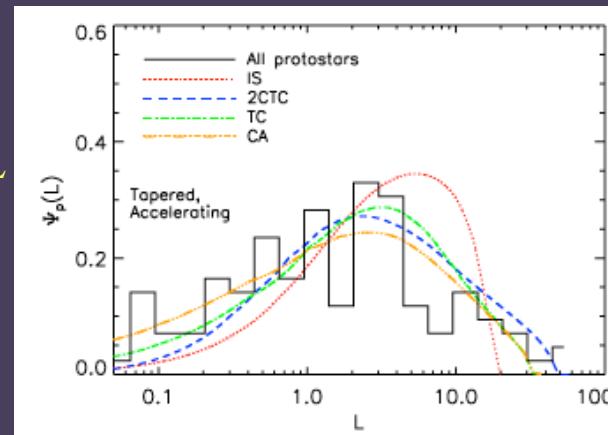


$$L = \frac{\varepsilon G m \dot{m}}{R} \quad \dot{m} = \dot{m}(m)$$

$$\frac{dN}{d\log L} = PLF = \frac{MF}{1 + \frac{m}{\dot{m}} \frac{d\dot{m}}{dm}}$$

constant  $\varepsilon/R$ , accretion model  $\dot{m}(m)$ ,  
 $MF = IMF \rightarrow PLF(\text{accretion model})$

$$dN/d\log L(L)$$



low mass stars-- exclude IS, allow  
 TC, CA, 2CTC, 2CCA - OM 11;  
 Dunham & Vorobyov 12

# Protostar models matching IMF

Accretion (IMF)	Competitive accretion	rate increases with $m$ , competing with neighbors
	Stopped accretion	duration set by ejection, feedback, exhaustion
Fragmentation (CMF $\rightarrow$ IMF)	Gravo-turbulent	core formation by MHD shocks, weak B, lognormal $\lambda_J$
	Turbulent dispersion	turbulence compresses and disperses gas, Jeans collapse depends on scale

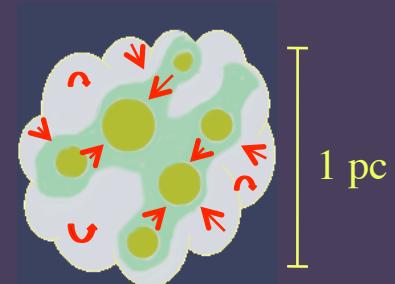
CA Zinnecker 82, Bonnell et al 01, Bate 12  
GT Padoan & Nordlund 02

SA Adams & Fatuzzo 96, Basu & Jones 04, Myers 09-13  
TD Jappsen et al 05, Hennebelle & Chabrier 08, Hopkins 12

# Initial and final conditions model matches IMF

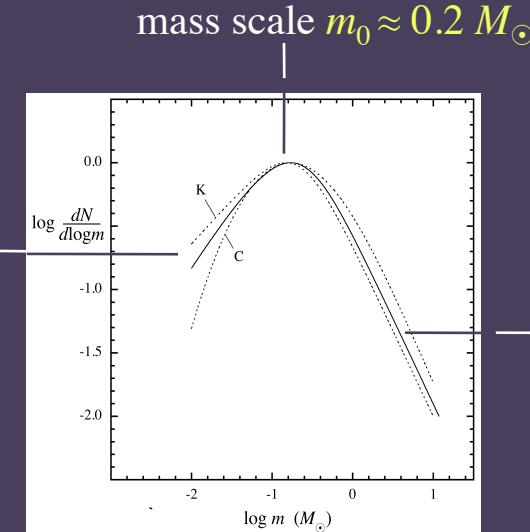
2CA accretion  
equally likely stopping  
 $\rightarrow \text{MF} \approx \text{IMF}$

thermal core in turbulent clump  
ejections, stellar feedback  
3 parameters initial & final conditions



$$\frac{dN}{d\log m} = \ln(10) N \Gamma(\mu/\nu) (\mu + \nu)^{-\Gamma}, \quad \mu \equiv \frac{m}{m_0}, \quad \nu \equiv (1 + \mu^2)^{1/2}, \quad \Gamma \equiv \frac{m_0}{\dot{m}_0 \tau_{stop}}$$

slope = 1  
due to  
constant  $\dot{m}_0$



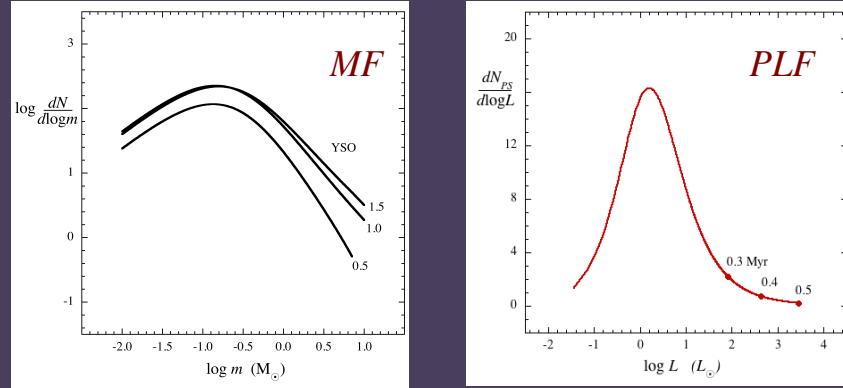
when typical star-forming gas has  $\tau_f = \tau_{stop}$

$T$ (K)	$\bar{n}$ ( $10^4 \text{ cm}^{-3}$ )	$\varepsilon$	
10	8	1/3	nearby clouds
20	64	1/3	IRDCs

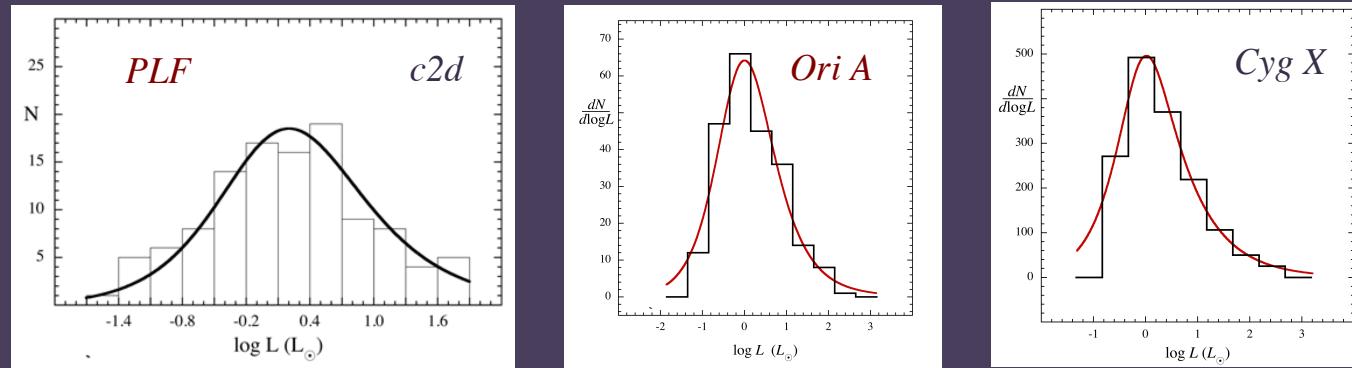
slope  $\Gamma = M(\text{CIS})/M(\text{SIS}) = 1.34$   
 $\Gamma \approx 1.35$  Salpeter slope  
 “universal” - independent of  $M, T, n$

# Initial and final conditions model matches PLFs

2CA model predicts evolution of MF, PLF (*cf.* McKee & Offner 10)



high- $m$  and high- $L$  tails grow as cluster evolves



model fits PLFs in c2d clouds, Orion A, and Cygnus X  
(Evans et al 09, Dunham et al 10, Kryukova et al 12a,b; M12)

# Summary

Protostars

- form in cores in filamentary clouds
- evolve by accreting, by dispersing core & disk
- accrete at rates still to be measured (soon?)
- test star formation models via their LFs

*and...*



Serpens South  
Gutermuth et al 08

# Thank you, Neal!



for your achievements, generosity, and leadership