# Impact of the Hydrodynamical Scheme on modeling Subsonic Turbulence

Turbulence with Meshless Finite Mass (MFM)



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- Turbulence plays an important role in the ICM
  - Provides additional pressure contribution
  - Turbulent dynamo
- In galaxy clusters subsonic turbulence excited after mergers, then decays

e.g. Schuecker+2004, Subramanian+2006

• Many hydro-methods have problems with the description of subsonic turbulence  ${}_{\mathsf{Padoan+2007, Bauer\&Springel2012}}$ 

Can be resolved partly by numerical improvements

Price2012

#### Turbulence in Galaxy Clusters – Simulations vs Observations



- Disagreement between simulations and observations.
- Need to properly capture turbulent cascade.

Sayers et al. (2021)

$$\frac{\mathsf{d}}{\mathsf{d}t}(V_i U_i) + \sum_{j \in Ngb} \left( F_{ij} \cdot A_{ij}^{\mathsf{eff}} \right) = S_i V_i \tag{1}$$

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 (2)  
flux  $F$  (3)  
source  $S$  (4)

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- Flux calculation as for a moving mesh
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Numerically:

- Gradient interpolation
- Slope limiting
- Flux calculation



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Groth et al. (2023), submitted to MNRAS arXiv:2301.03612



### Turbulent Power Spectrum – Setup

- 300 kpc box
- Constant density  $ho = 1.6 \cdot 10^{-6}$
- Seed energy at a  $\approx 70$  large scale modes
- Initial turbulent energy fraction  $X_i = 0.3$
- Energy cascades down
- Turbulent power spectrum builds up
- Use different hydro-methods, resolution and initial turbulent energy fraction





































#### Turbulent Power Spectrum – Method Comparison



- All methods agree at large scales.
- Lack energy present at intermediate to small scales compared to expected Kolmogorow spectrum.
- MFM shows the shallowest dip in energy, located close to the resolution limit.

#### Turbulent Power Spectrum – Convergence Behavior



- Dip moves to smaller scales as the resolution increases.
- For highest resolution, almost perfectly resembles expected Kolmogorov slope over wide range of scales.
- Overall, MFM converges well with resolution.

# Decay of Turbulent Energy – Method Comparison



- Total energy conserved
- Turbulent energy transformed into internal energy
- Comparable decay between MFM and SPH

# Decay of Turbulent Energy





- Decay independent of X<sub>i</sub> for SPH and Arepo
- Breaks down for MFM only at  $X_i < 0.003$ , corresponding to  $\mathcal{M} < 0.007$

# Decay of Turbulent Energy – Convergence



Decay time increases with resolution.

#### MFM for Calculations of Galaxy Clusters



- Similar large scale structure in all cases
- Structures more smeared out for MFM compared to SPH
- Depends on artificial conductivity for SPH

# MFM for Calculations of Galaxy Clusters



Reference lines from Sembolini+2016

Riemann solver in MFM allows mixing into the core

- $\Rightarrow$  increased central entropy
- $\Rightarrow$  lower central density

# Turbulence in Galaxy Clusters - Effect of the Hydro-Scheme





- Zoom-in simulation of a galaxy cluster at low resolution ( $m_{\rm gas} = 1.6 \cdot 10^8 M_{\odot}$ ,  $m_{\rm DM} = 10^9 M_{\odot}$ )
- From the dianoga suite

Bonafede+2011

#### Preliminary results:

- Core is less dense for MFM
- More smaller structures, visible both in density and temperature
- Increased amount of turbulence at smaller scales for MFM

# Summary



- New MFM implementation in OpenGadget3
- MFM performs very well when applied to decaying subsonic turbulence
- Power-spectrum captured most accurately compared to other methods
- Good convergence behavior
- Comparable decay in turbulent energy between MFM and SPH
- $\bullet\,$  Works down to very small Mach numbers  $\mathcal{M} < 0.007$
- Promising first results for simulations of galaxy clusters towards the modeling of turbulence in the ICM