Which is responsible for driving disc evolution? Viscosity or magnetised winds?

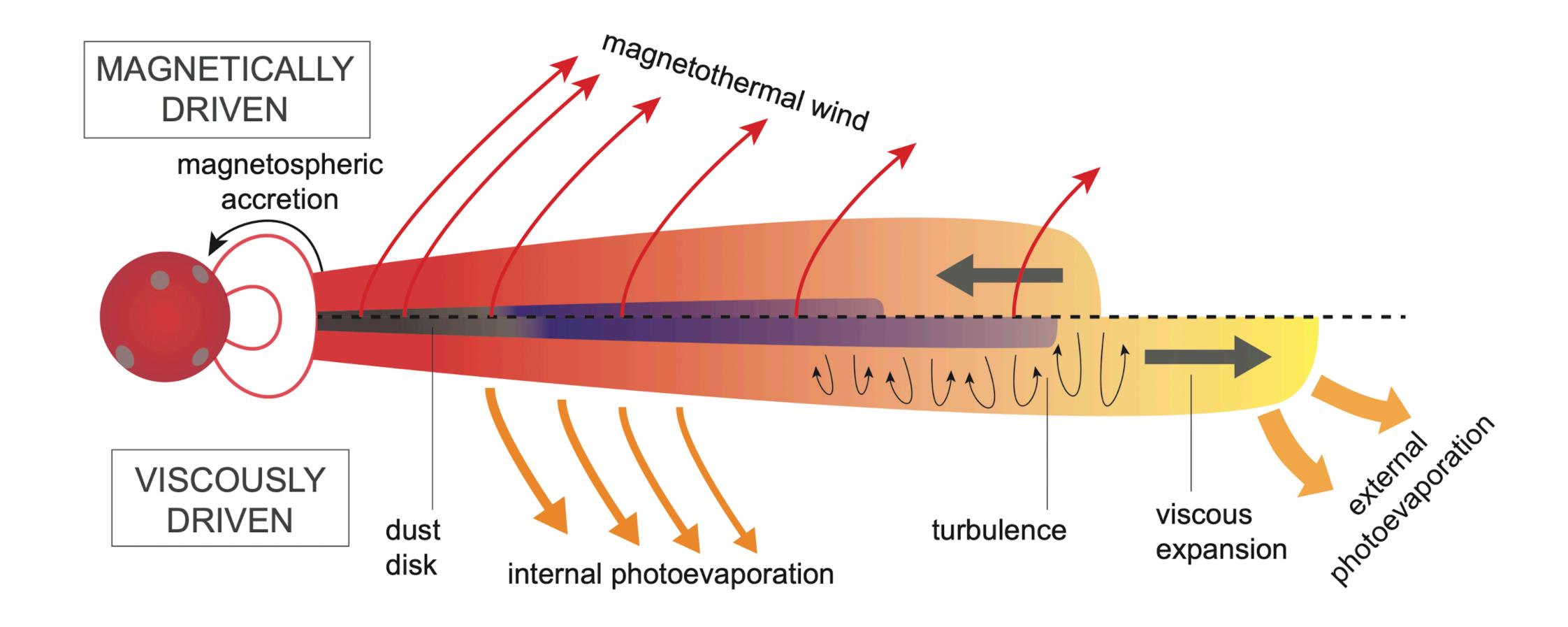
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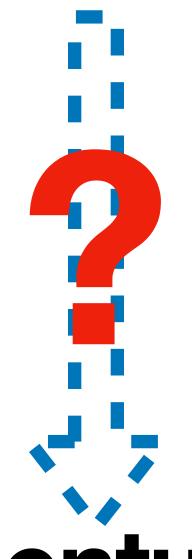


Background



Manara+2022, Lynden-Bell&Pringle 1974, Bai&Stone 2013

Gas disc sizes



angular momentum transport?

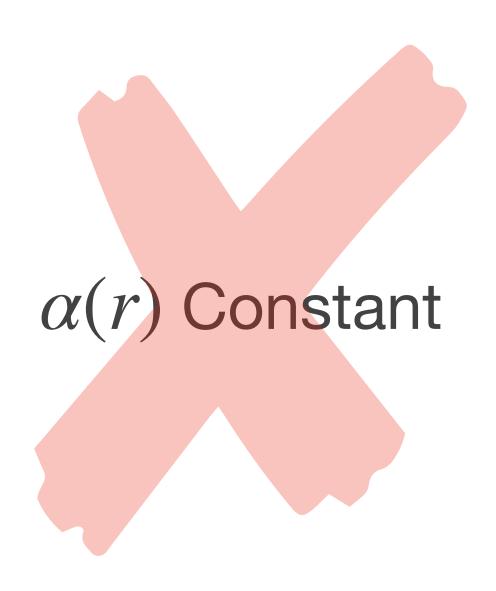
Models: transition profiles



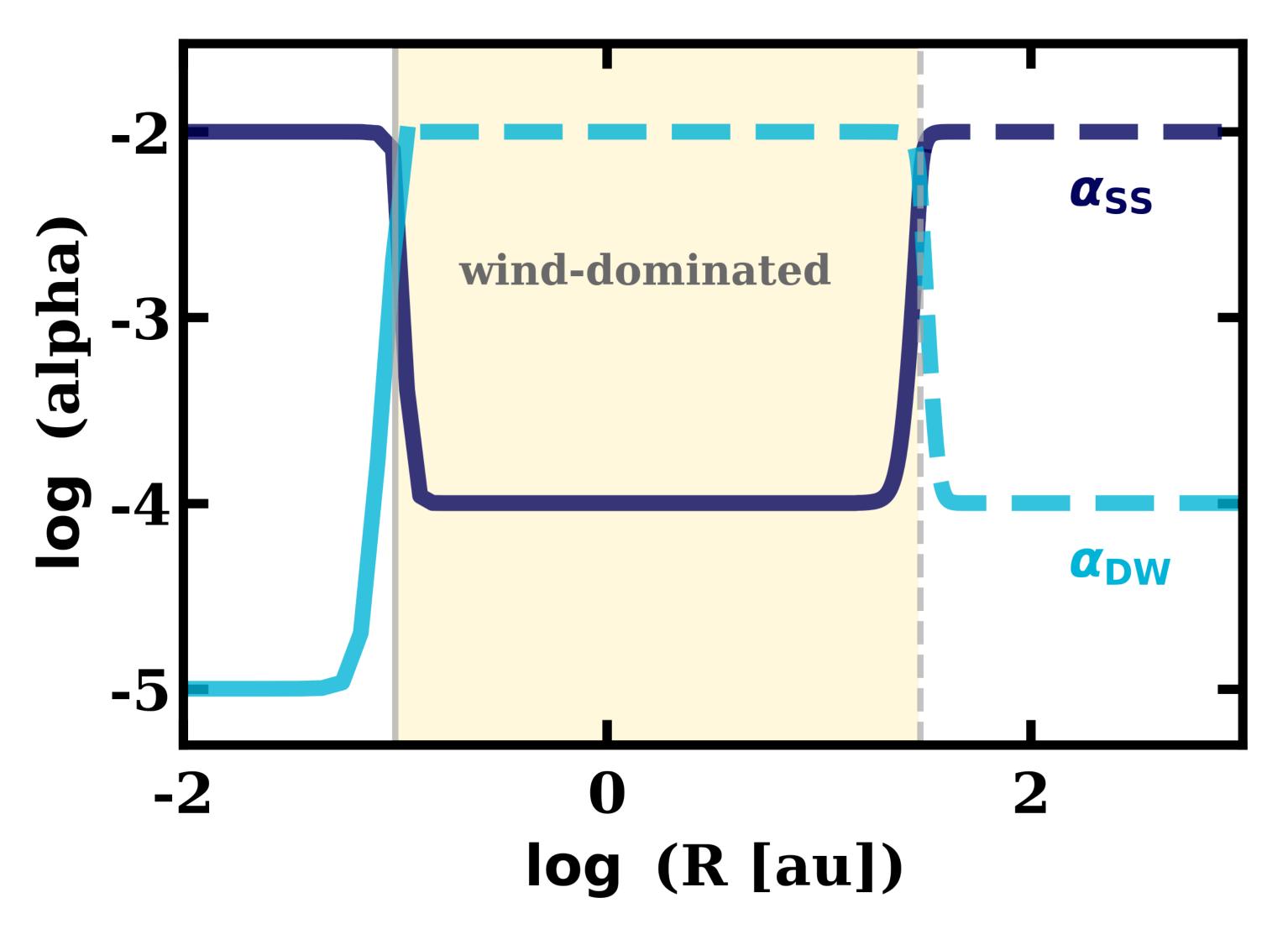


"Hybrid" discs driven by **viscosity** and **winds** together. Their strengths are described by α .

Models: transition profiles







Viscosity dominates inner and outer discs.

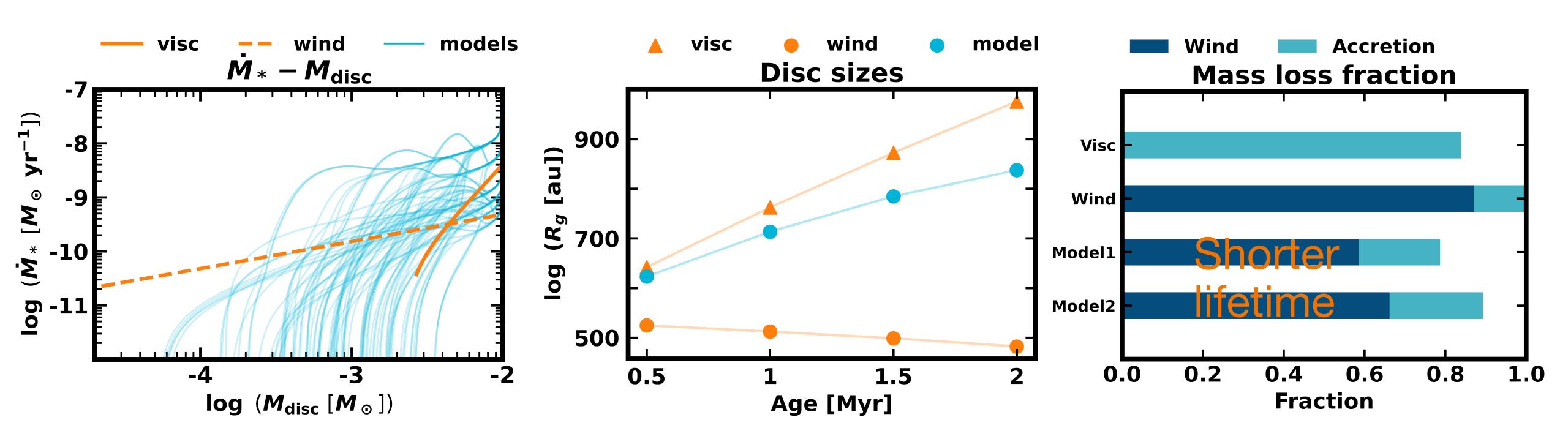
Winds dominate intermediate discs.

Outer transition radius: free parameter

Bai 2013

Results

Hybrid discs: Accreting and expanding like viscous discs, and losing mass like wind-driven discs.



Stellar accretion rates & gas disc sizes are local indicators.

Individual discs

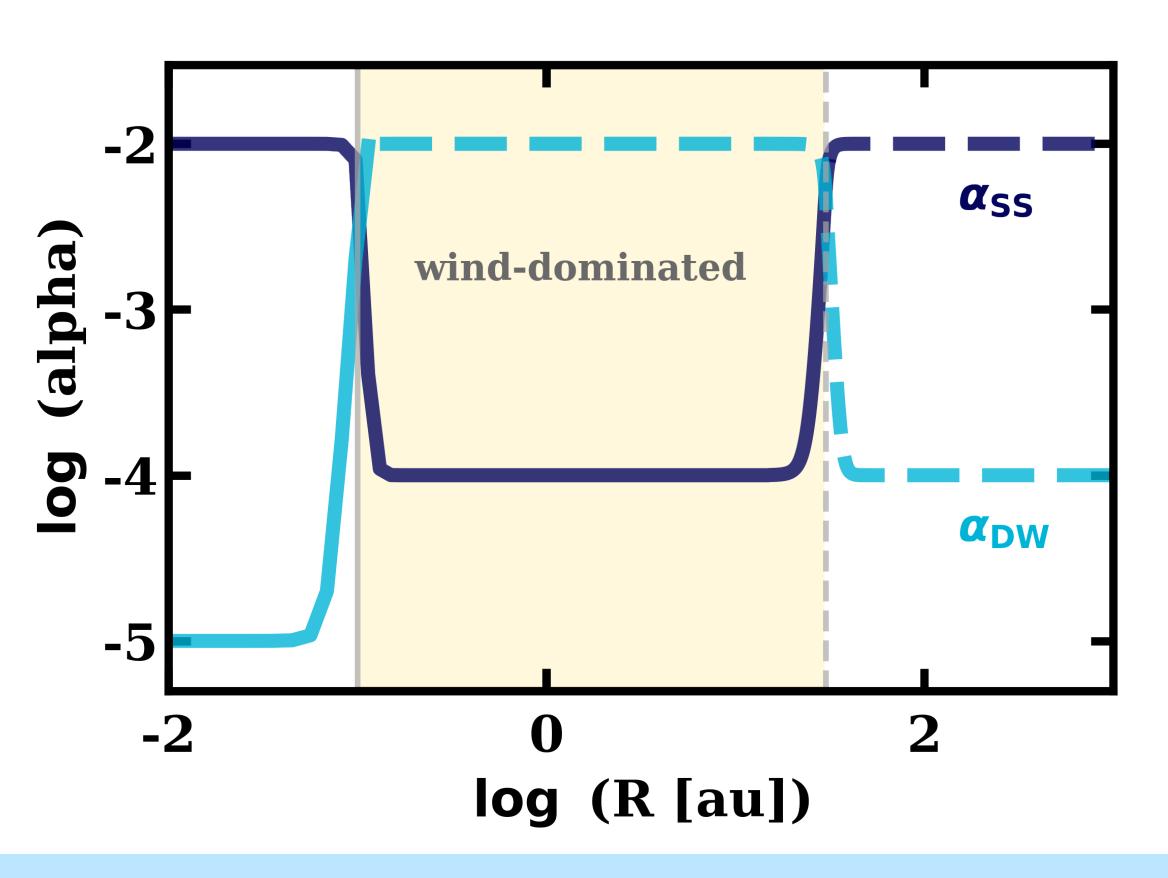
disc spreads when viscosity dominates the outer disc



Disc demographics

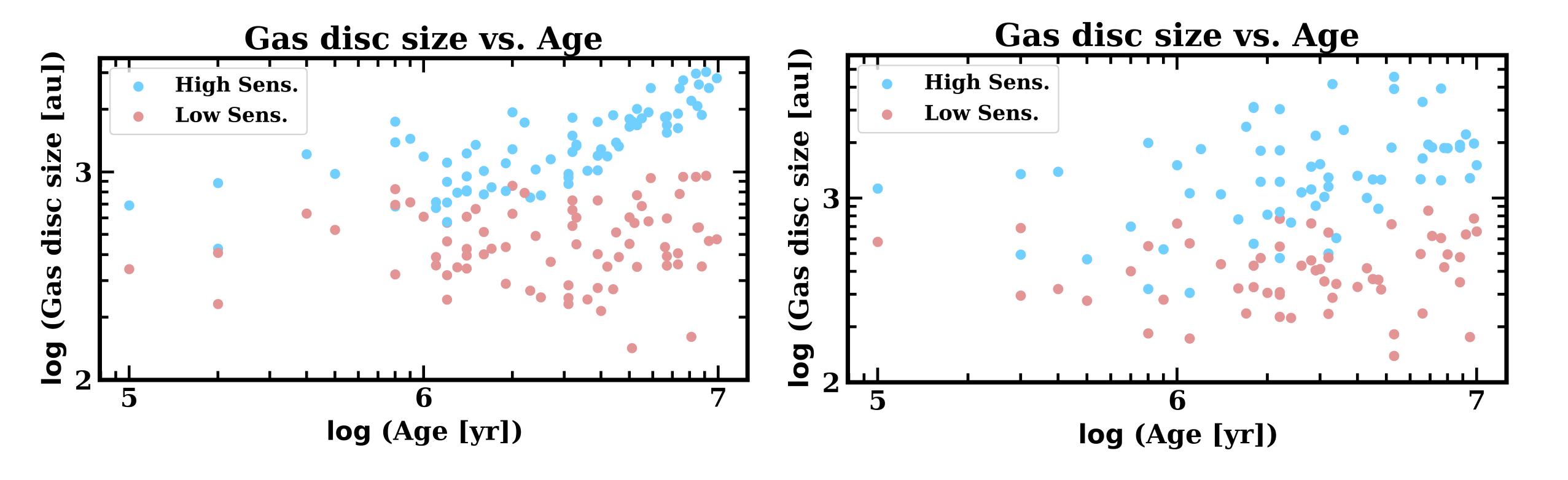
Disc personalities: different initial properties

- 1st population: disc masses, disc sizes, wind-dominated region sizes
- 2nd population: also $\alpha_{\rm SS}$ & $\alpha_{\rm DW}$ combinations



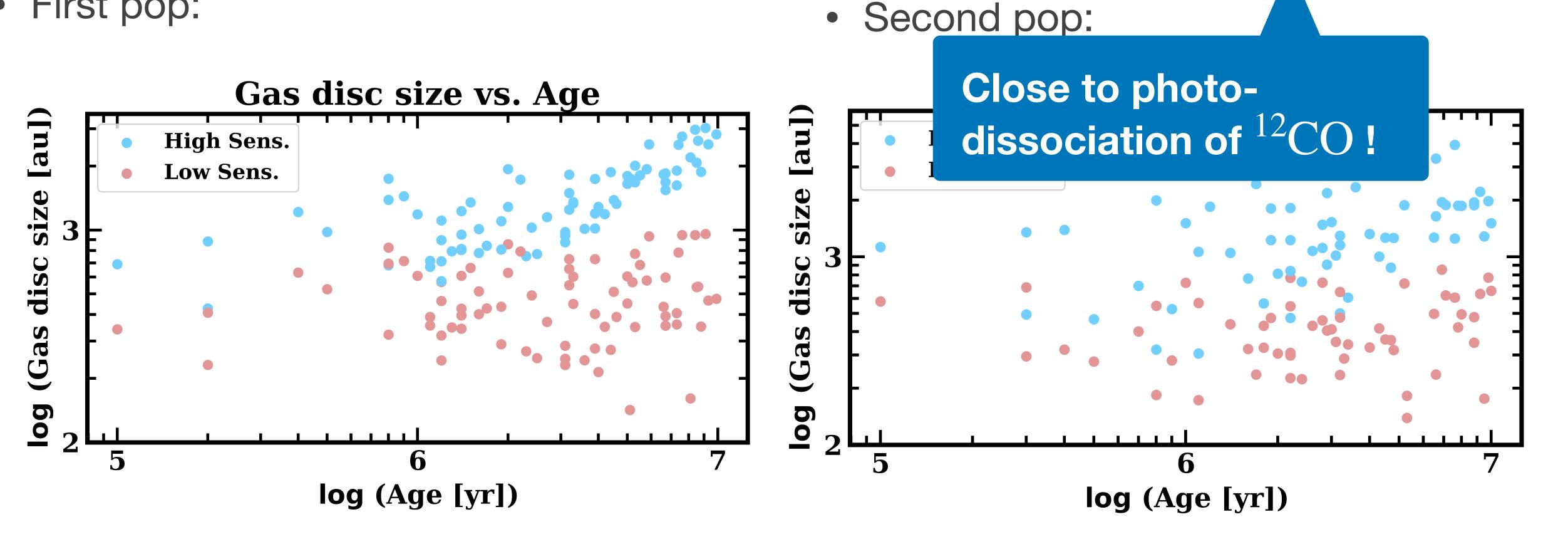
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Second pop:



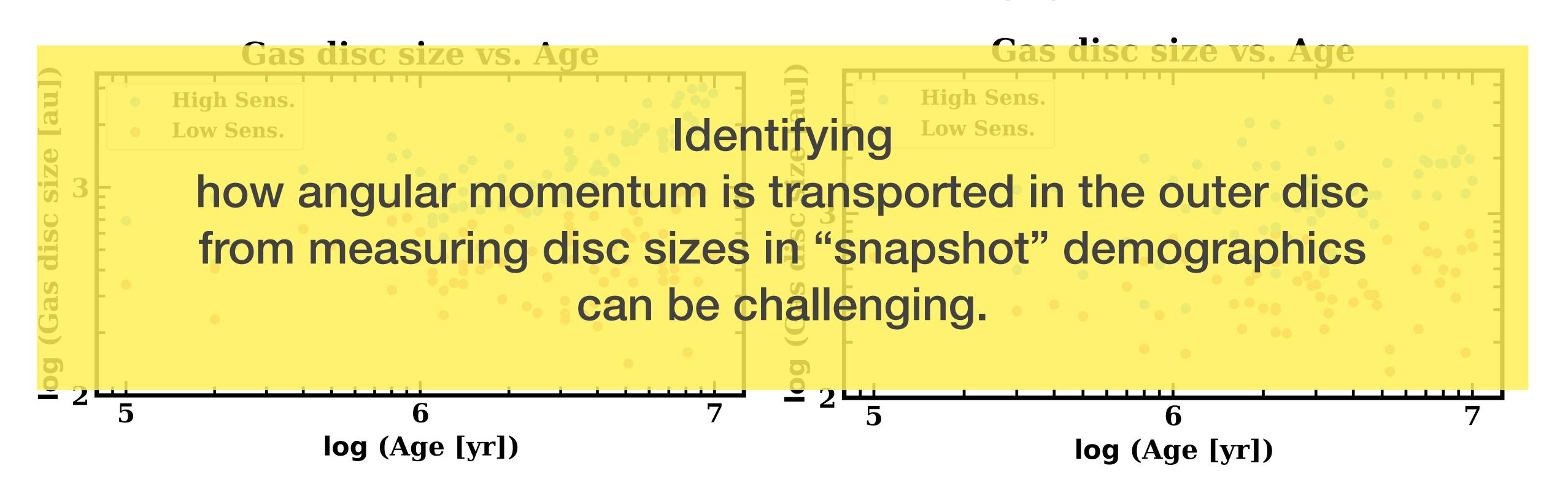
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Take-home messages

- We study 1-D gas disc models simultaneously driven by viscosity and magnetised winds ("hybrid discs"). We assume their efficiency of transporting angular momentum varies with radii.
- These hybrid discs accrete and spread like viscous discs, but lose mass and are short-lived as wind-driven discs.
- Discs sizes and stellar accretion rates can only tell how the angular momentum is transported **locally.** Other observables are required to jointly determine how the angular momentum is transported **globally.**
- Even individual disc spreads, this trend is challenging to be observed in demographics.