

# Simulations of galaxy formation

## Eagles, OWLS, and other Gimics

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- The basics
- What do we want?
- What can we do?
- Does it work?
- What did we learn?
- Where do we go from here?

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- The basics (you know this already)
- What do we want? (rather obvious)
- What can we do? (limitations)
- Does it work? (sometimes)
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# Galaxy formation

## Aims:

- How do galaxies form?
- How do they evolve?
- Which physical processes operate?

2 pc

x 10000

## Basic paradigm

- Dark haloes form
- Cool(ed) gas forms discs
- Discs fragment to form stars

20 kpc

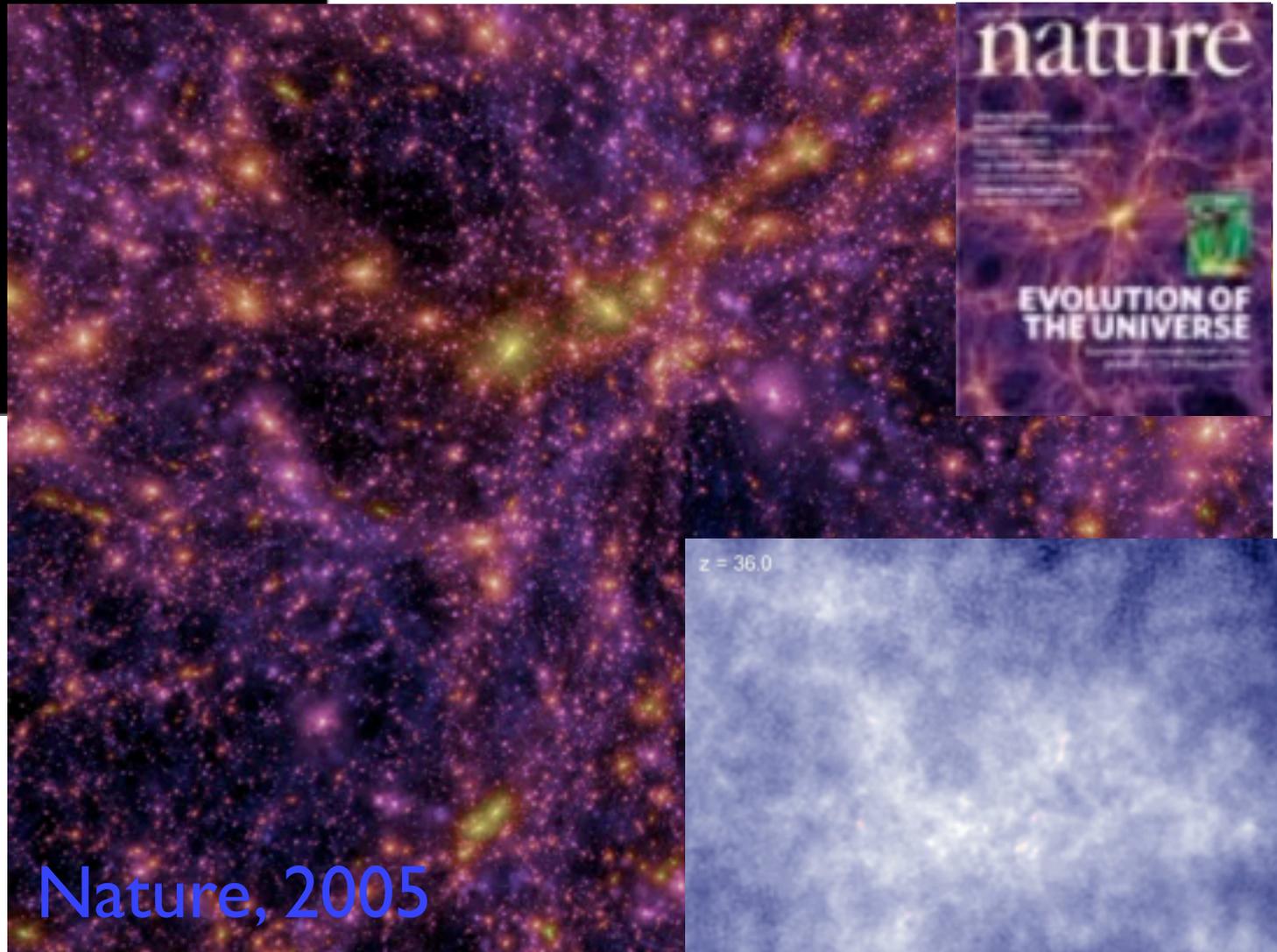
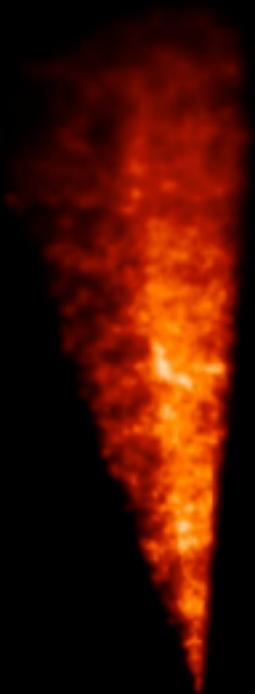
x 10000

## Multi-scale/complex/rich problem

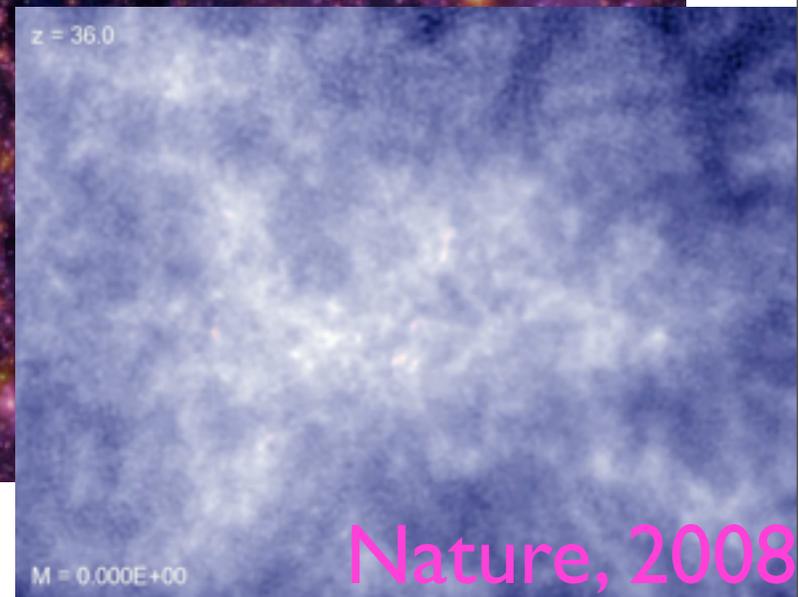
200 Mpc



# Gravitational build-up of dark matter structures is “solved” problem



Nature, 2005

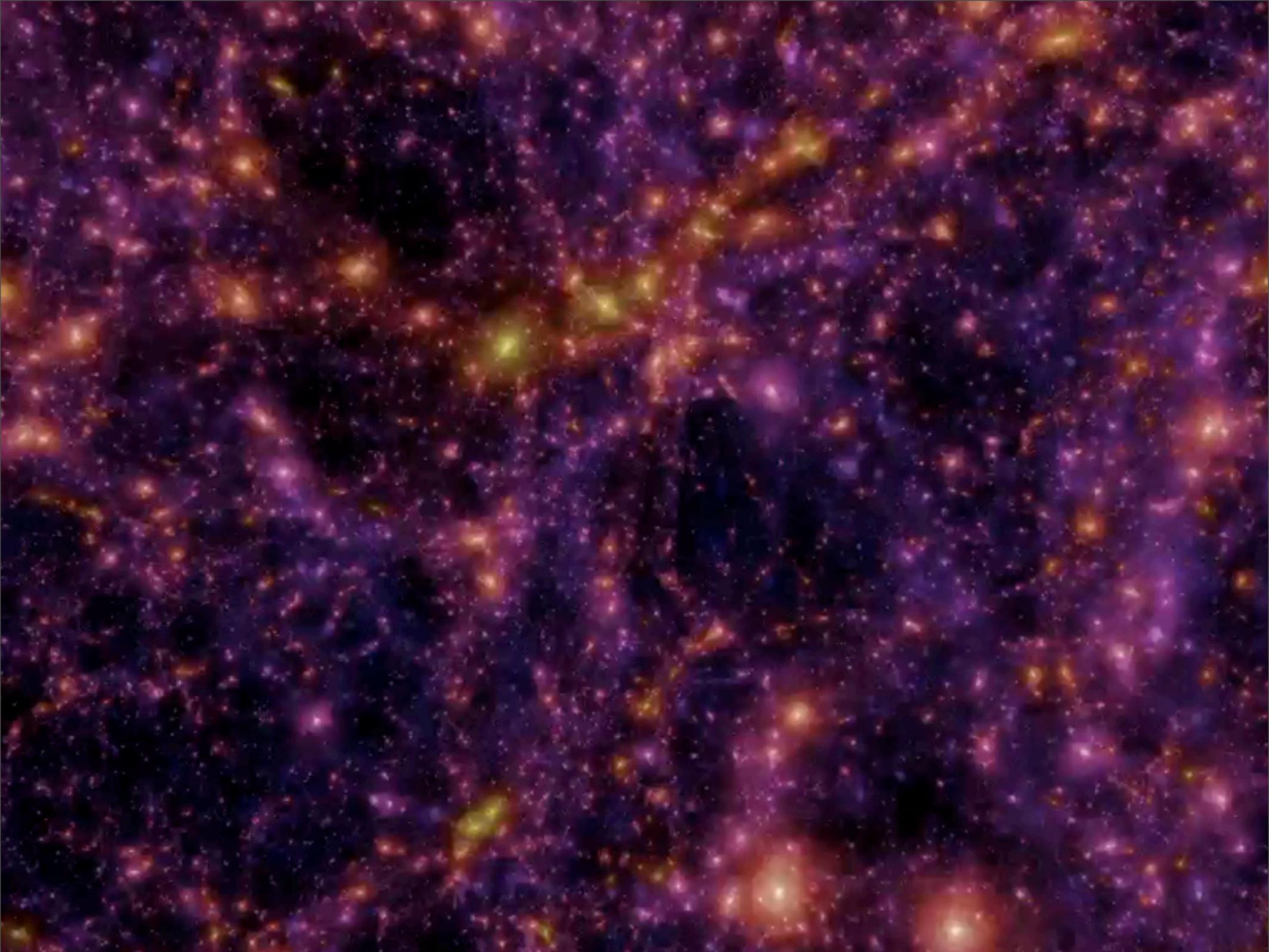


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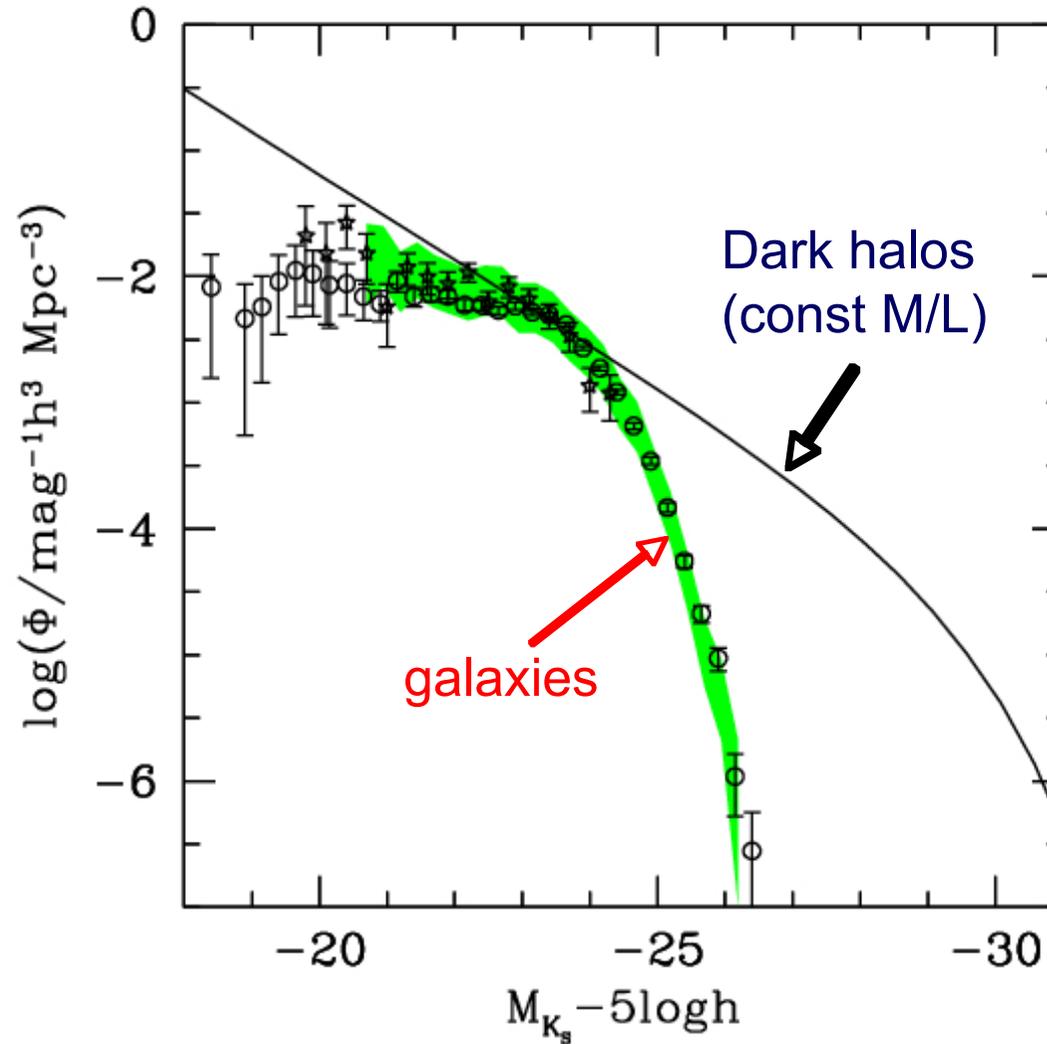
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# Halo mass function and galaxy luminosity functions have different shape



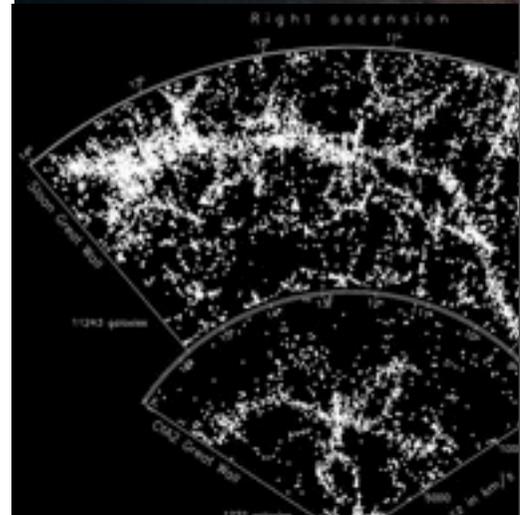
Feedback or **gastrophysics** is very important

# Transfer of power



Gravity

baryonic physics



# The challenges of theory/numerical simulations:

## Scales:

- Box Size = 50 Mpc, bulge size = 1 kpc
  - need  $(500\,000)^3$  resolution elements
- Mean density =  $10^{-7} \text{ cm}^{-3}$ , star formation starts at  $100 \text{ cm}^{-3}$ 
  - $10^9$  density contrast
- Age of Universe 13.7 Gyr, sound-crossing time bulge: 1 Myr
  - require  $10^4$  steps

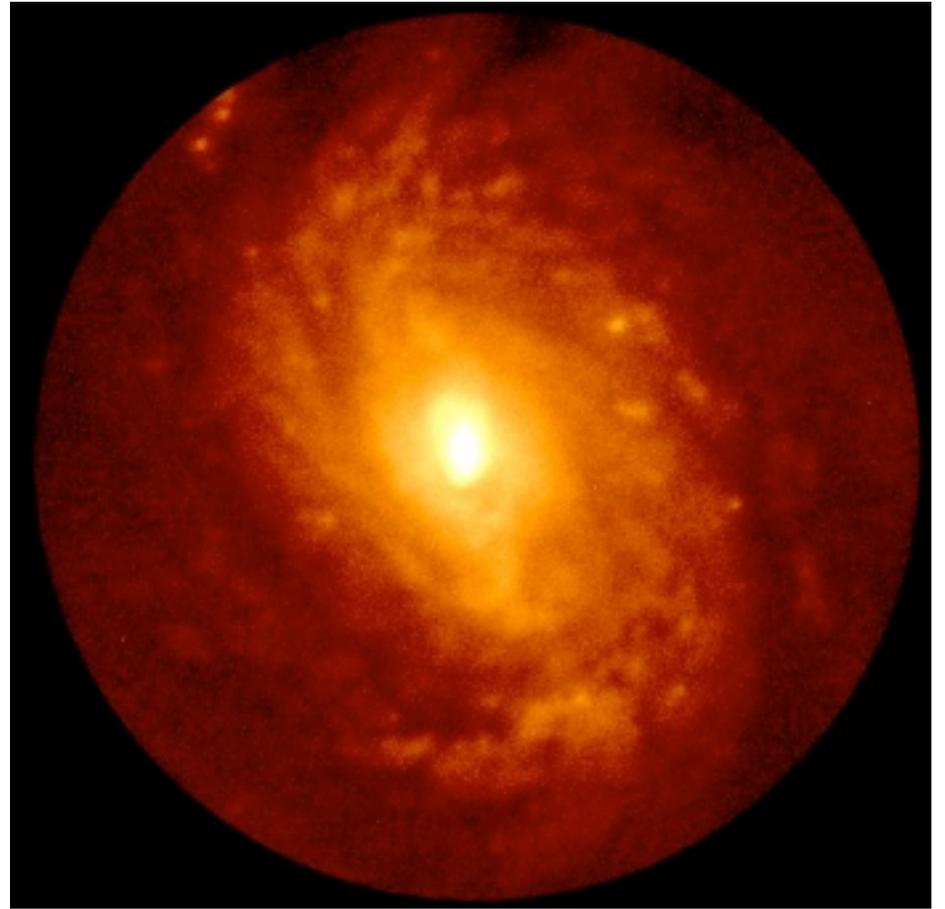
## Physics:

- Gas cooling
  - follow synthesis of elements, effects of radiation
- star formation
  - magnetic fields, dust, shielding
- feedback from stars
- supernovae, cosmic rays
- Black-hole formation
  - feedback from black holes
- Observables!



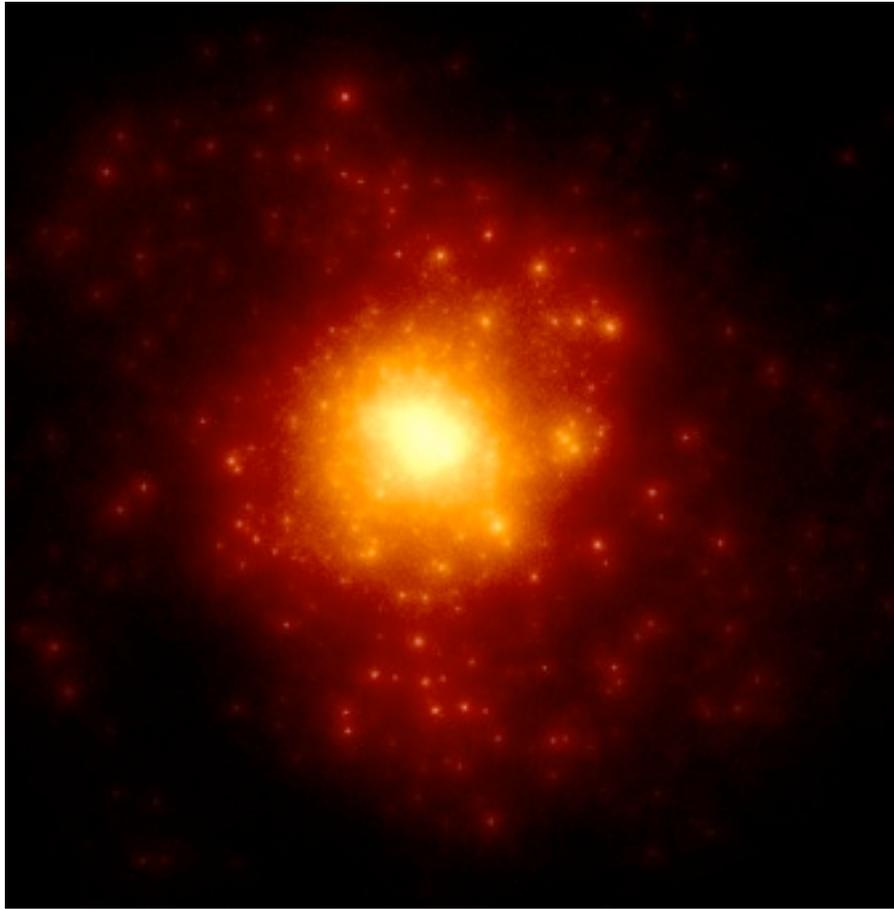
“ .. as we know, there are known knowns; there are things we know we know. We also know there are **known unknowns**; that is to say we know there are some things we do not know. But there are also **unknown unknowns** -- the ones we don't know we don't know.”

# Observed

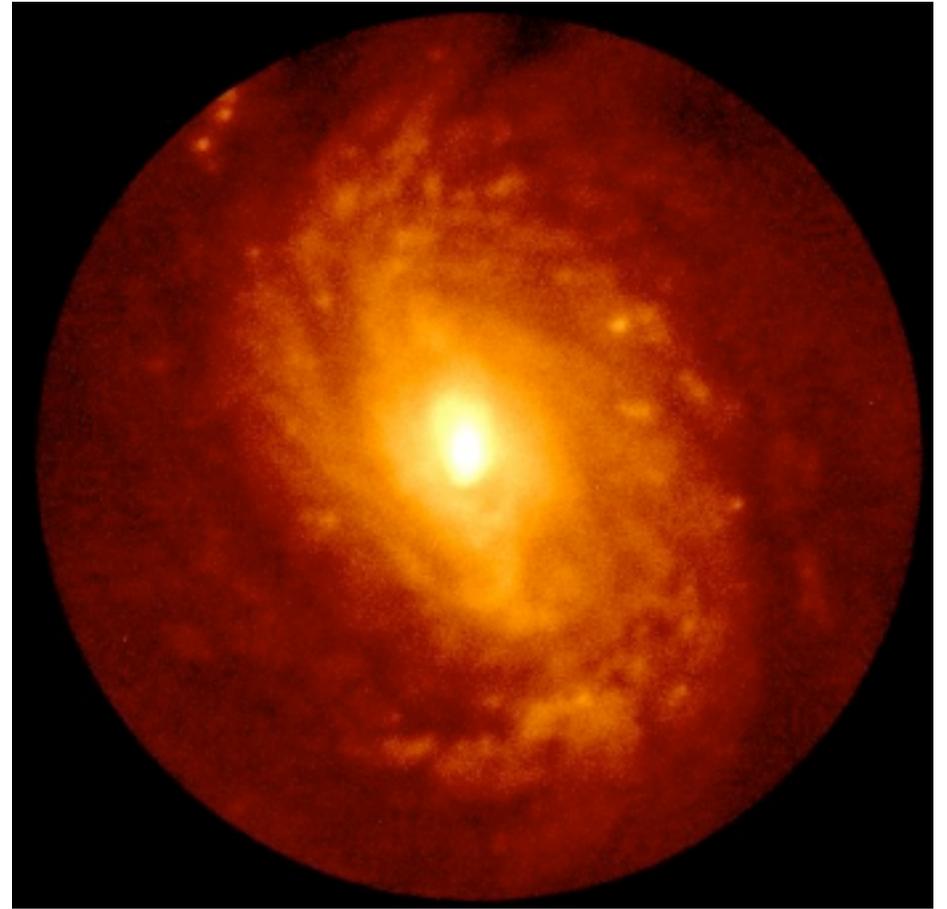


NGC 1068

Simulated



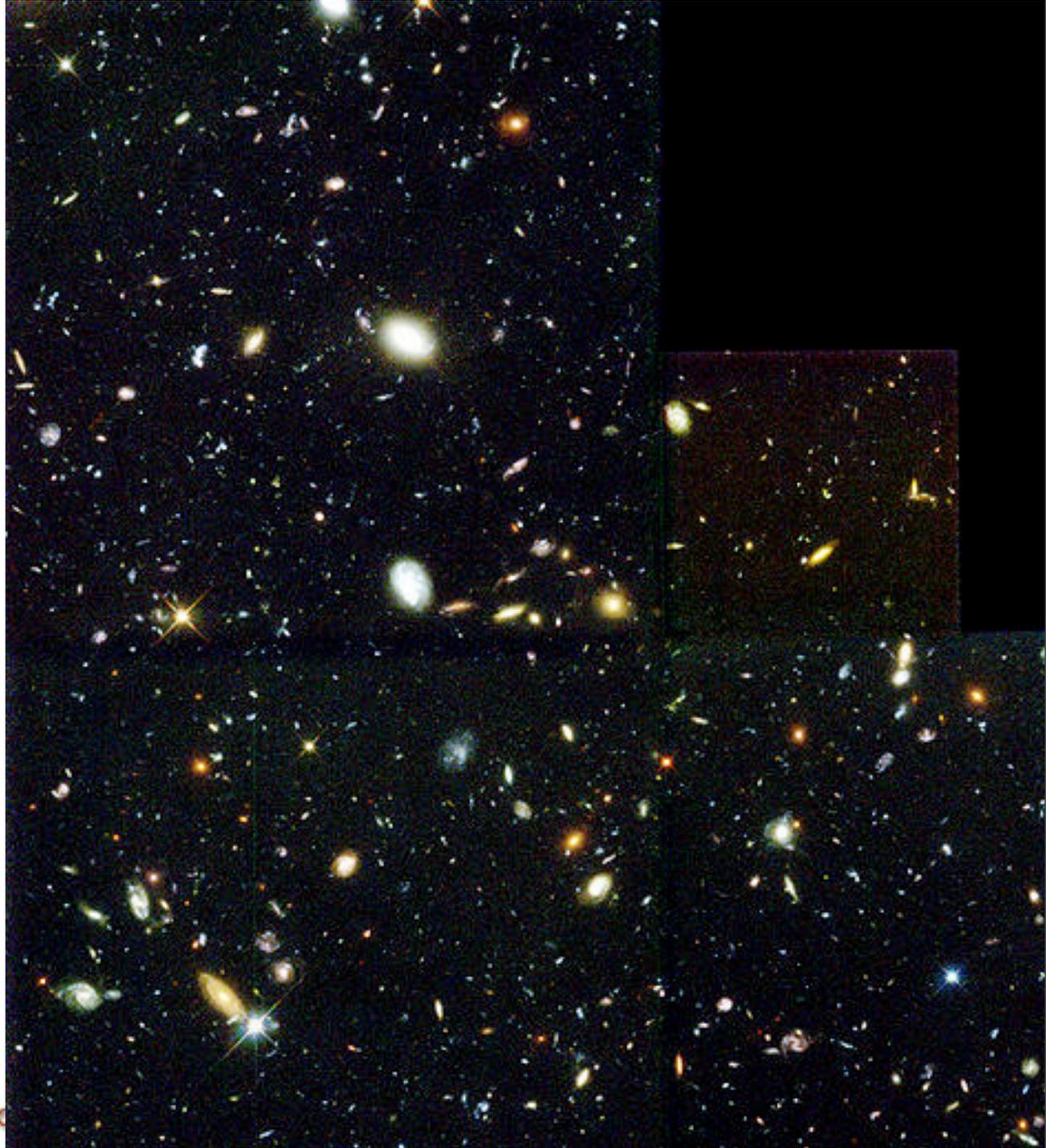
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Gadget simulation

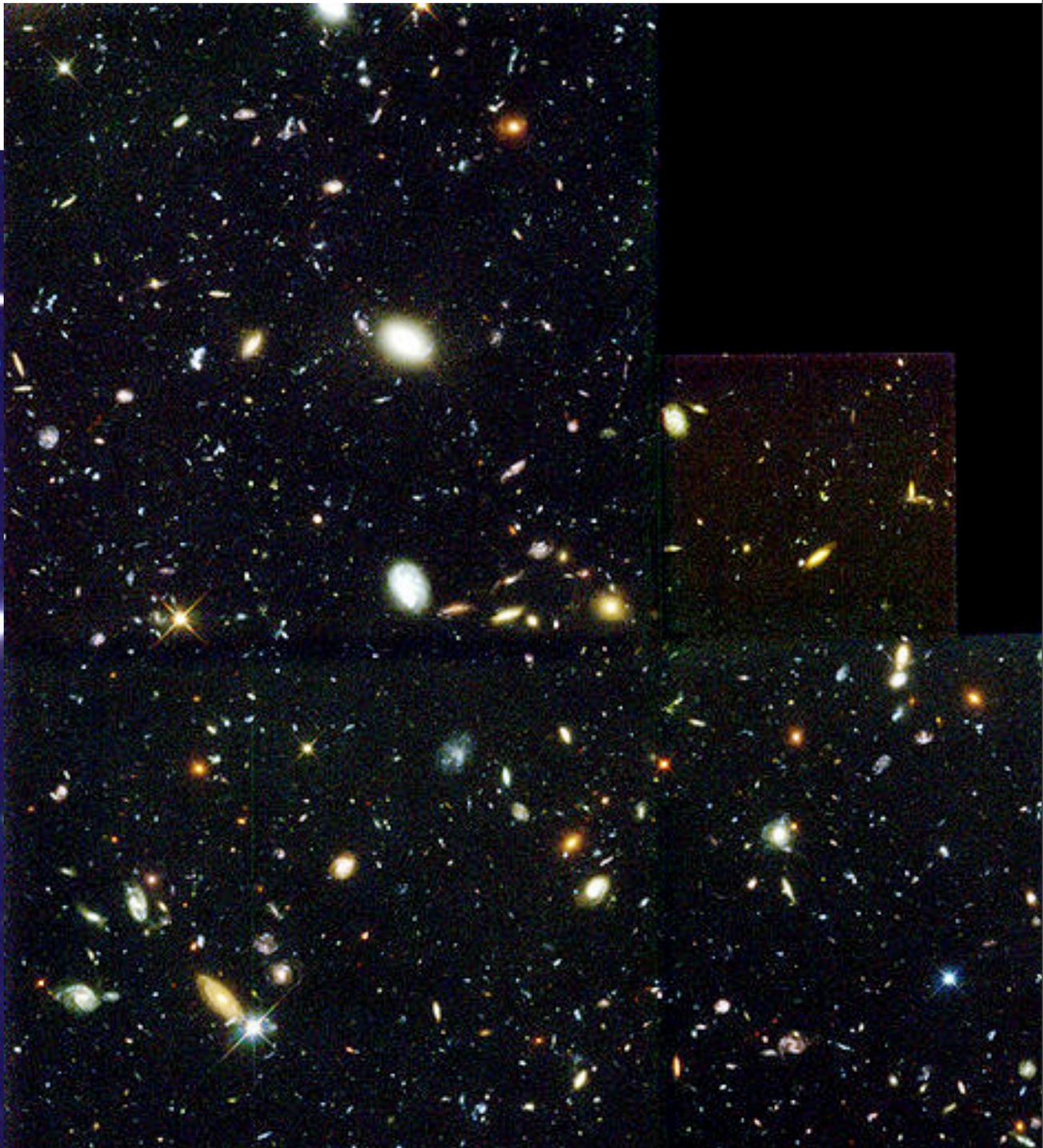
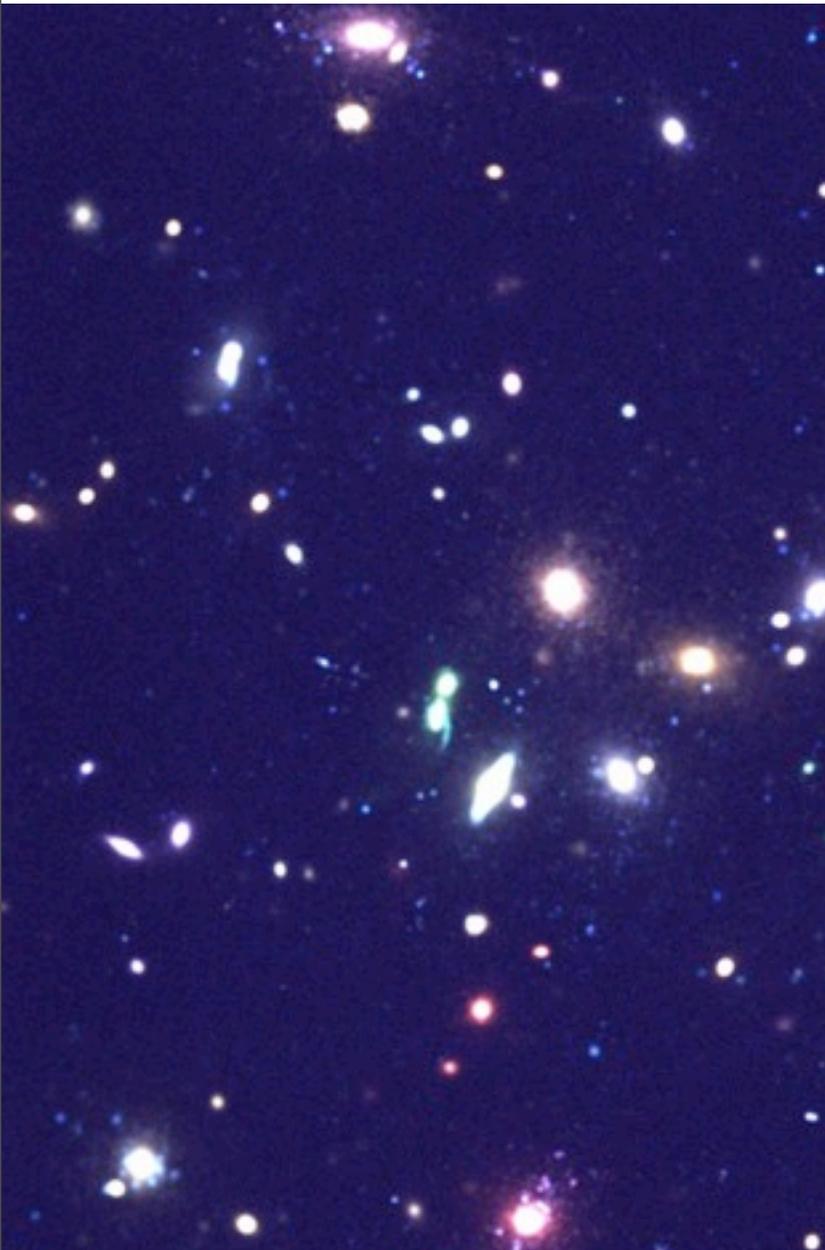
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# Hubble Deep Field



# Hubble Deep Field

Gadget deep field



# GIMIC/OWL (EAGLE) projects

Leiden:  
Claudio Dalla Vecchia  
Joop Schaye



Crain, Robert

Trieste:  
Luca Tornatore



## Aims:

- simulate IGM and galaxies together
- investigate numerical/physical uncertainties

MPA:  
Volker Springel



- Gadget 3
- Star formation guarantees Schmidt law
- Stellar evolution
- Galactic winds
- Metal-dependent cooling

# GIMIC/OWLS project

Leiden:



Trieste:



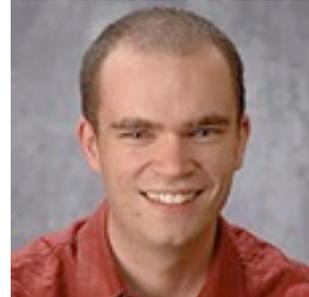
HITS:



MPE



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Overwhelmingly Large Simulations:  
periodic boxes (25, 100 Mpc) with  
range of physics (50+ models)



Galaxy-Intergalactic Medium  
Interaction Calculation  
re-simulations within Millennium  
box with a single choice of  
parameters



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## “Sub-grid physics” needed:

- star formation (resolved densities  $\ll$  densities at which stars form)
- feedback: resolution  $\gg$  supernova blast wave

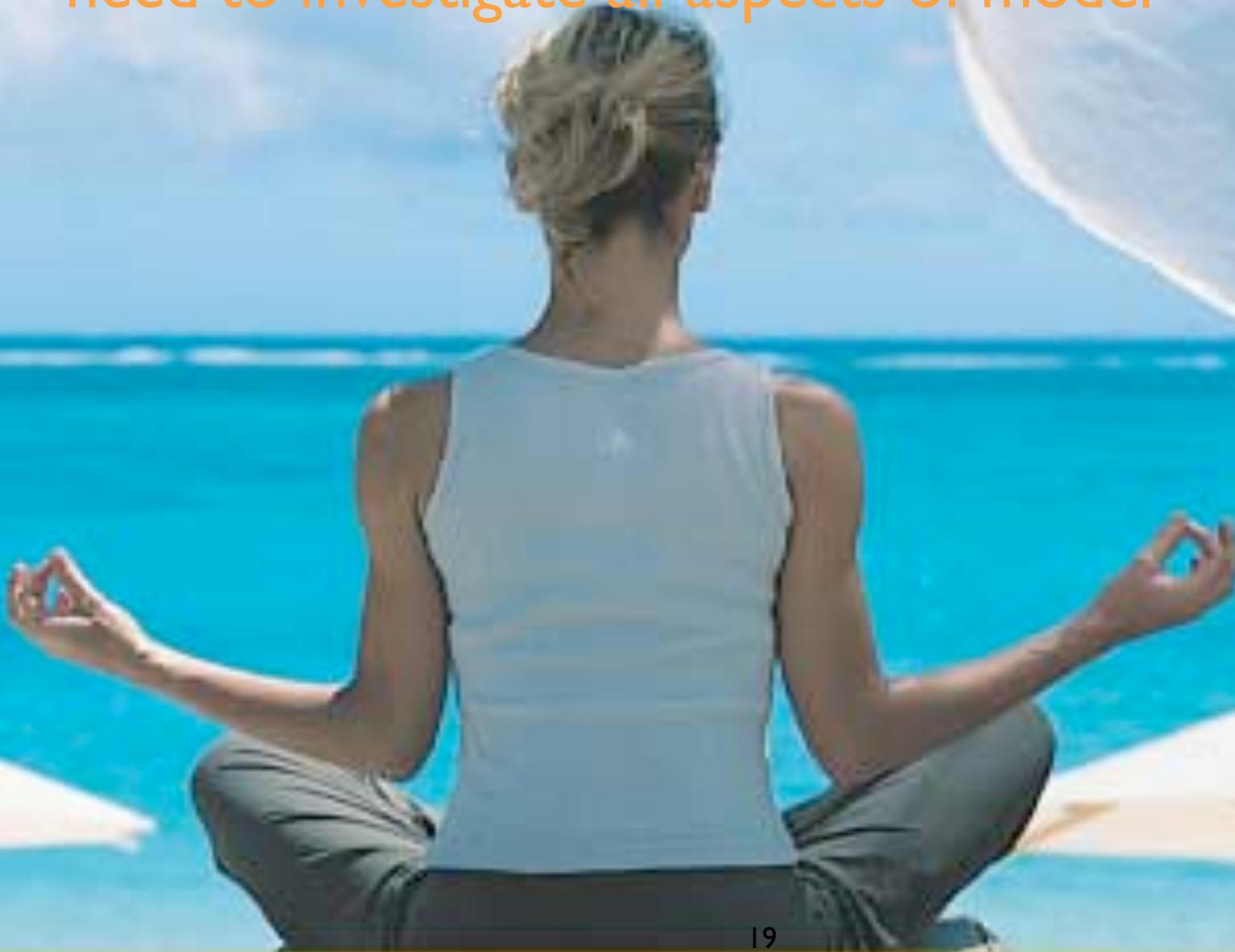
→ use effective “phenomenological” description

## “Numerical convergence”

→ modelling parameters depend on resolution

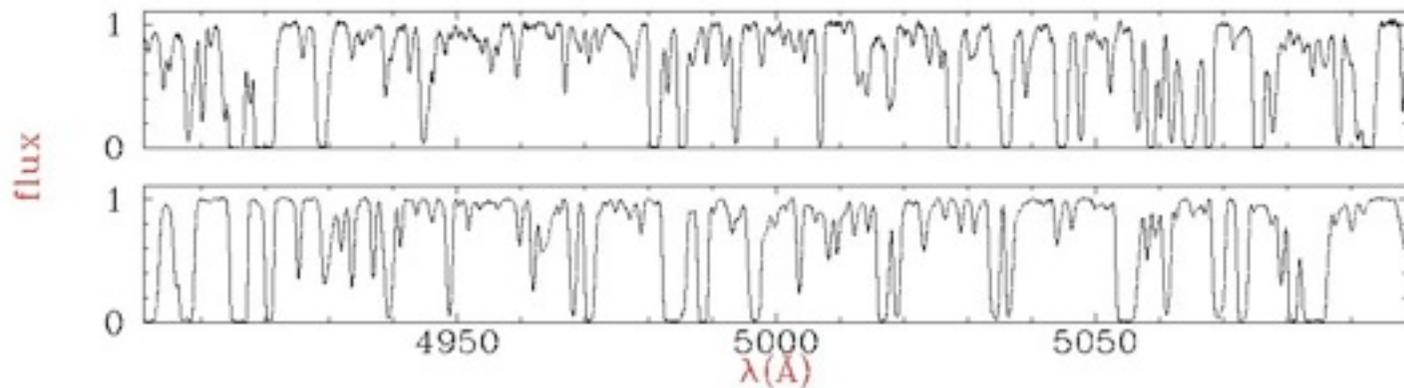
## **holistic approach:**

need to investigate all aspects of model

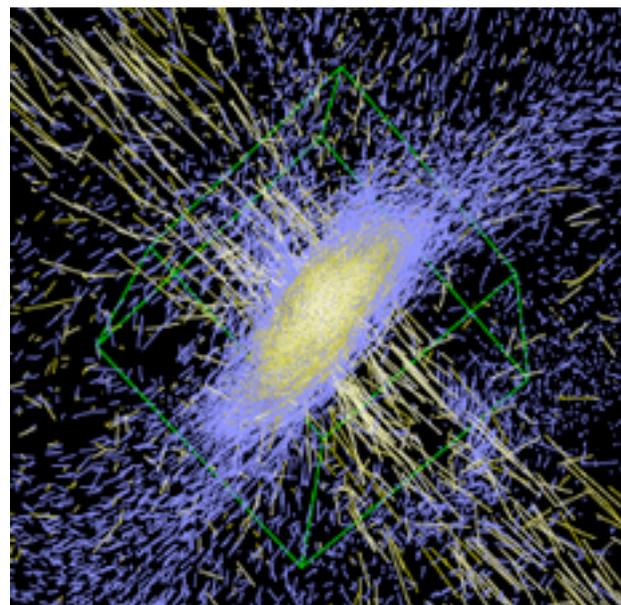




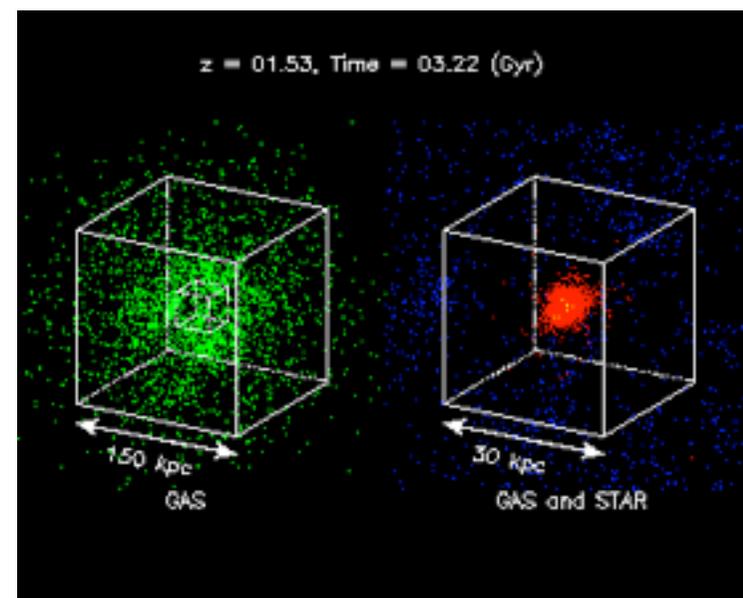
X-ray cluster:  
Borgani et al



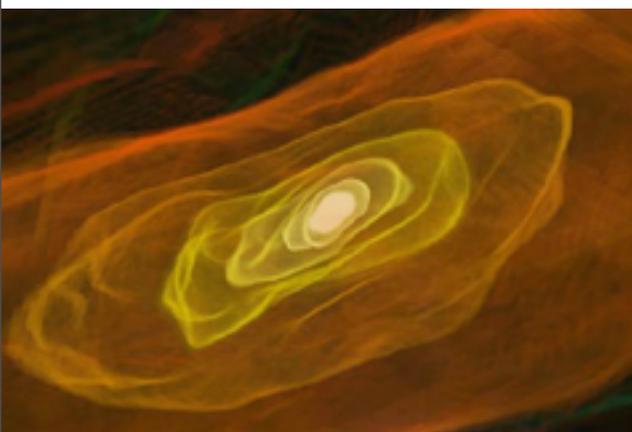
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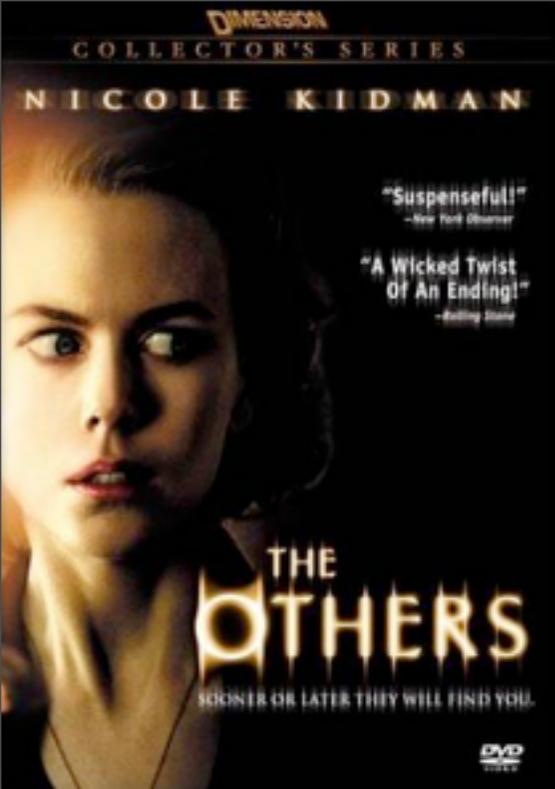
Galaxy: Springel



Dwarf Galaxy:  
Kawata



First star: Abel et al



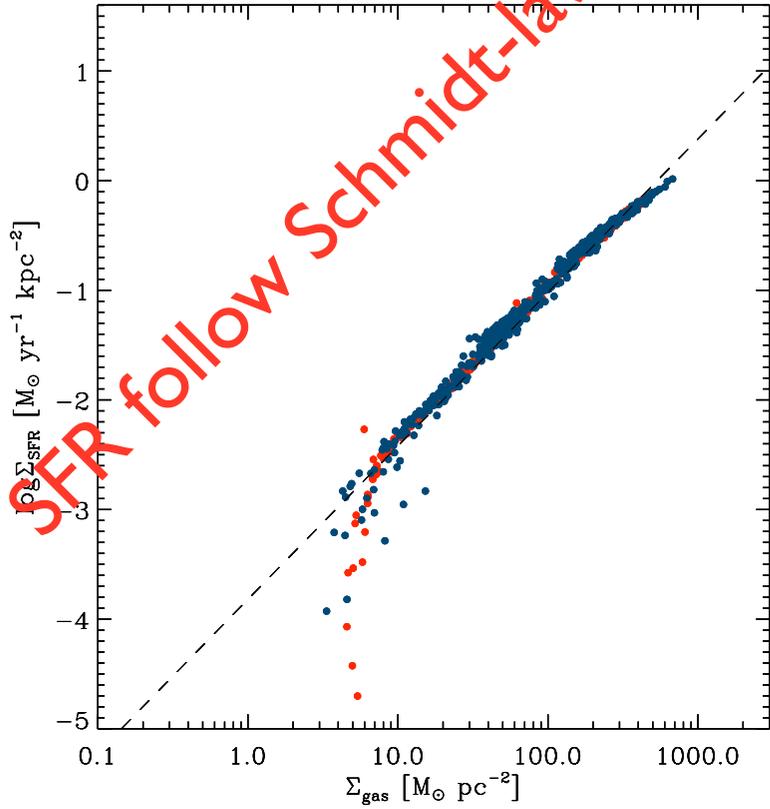
or, our competitors

- Gadget: SPH + TreePM
- Gasoline: SPH + TreePM
- Ramses (AMR)
- Enzo (AMR)
- Art
- Arepo (moving mesh)

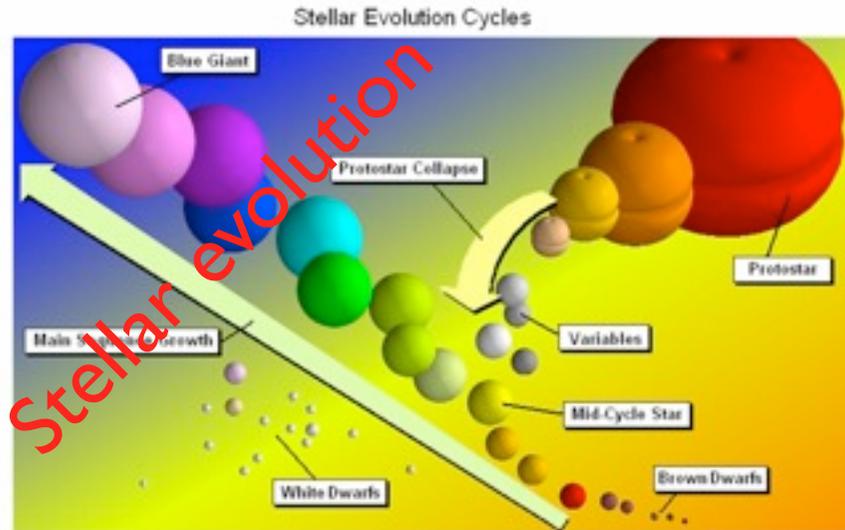
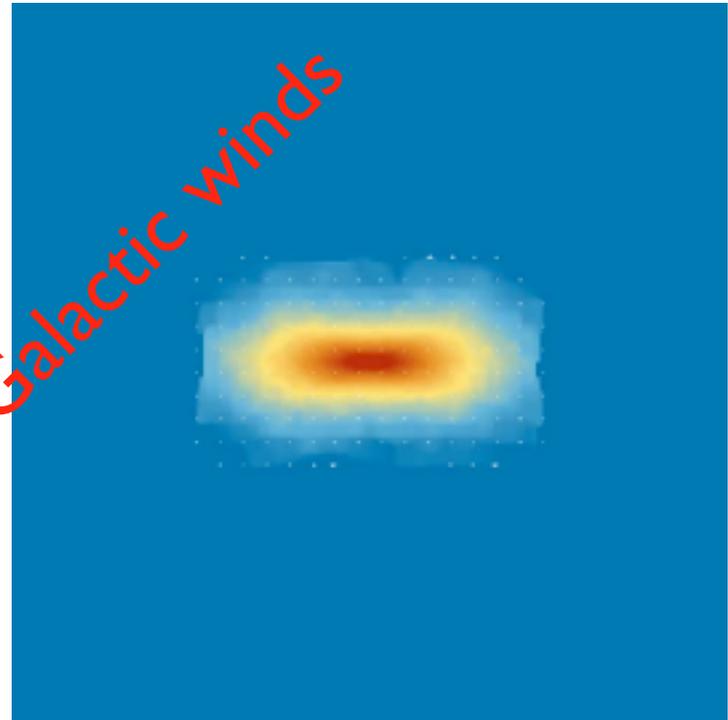
- Dave, Oppenheimer +.Gadget ++
- Hernquist +: Gadget+,Arepo
- Other Gadget+ groups
- Seattle group: Gasoline (SPH)
- Teyssier+: Ramses (AMR)
- Gnedin+
- Hopkins +: Gadget

# Subgrid physics

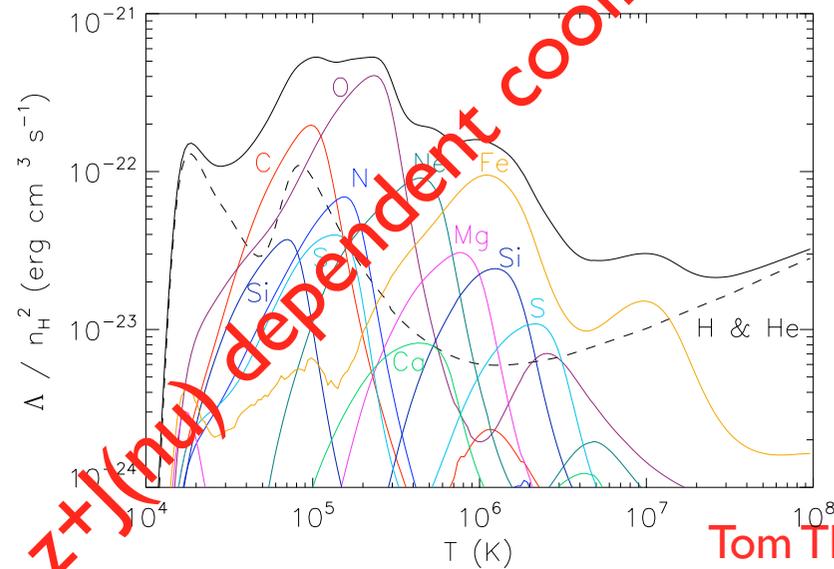
SFR follow Schmidt-law



Galactic winds



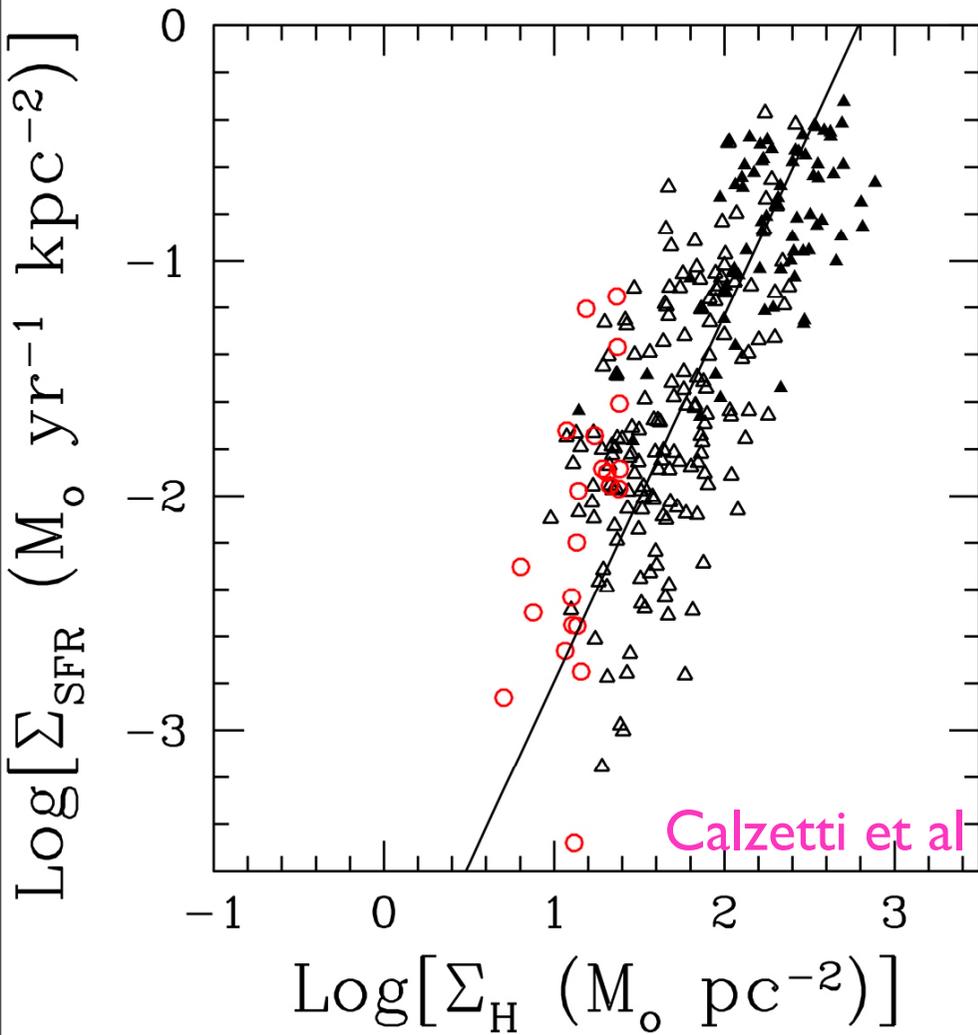
$z+J(\nu)$  dependent cooling



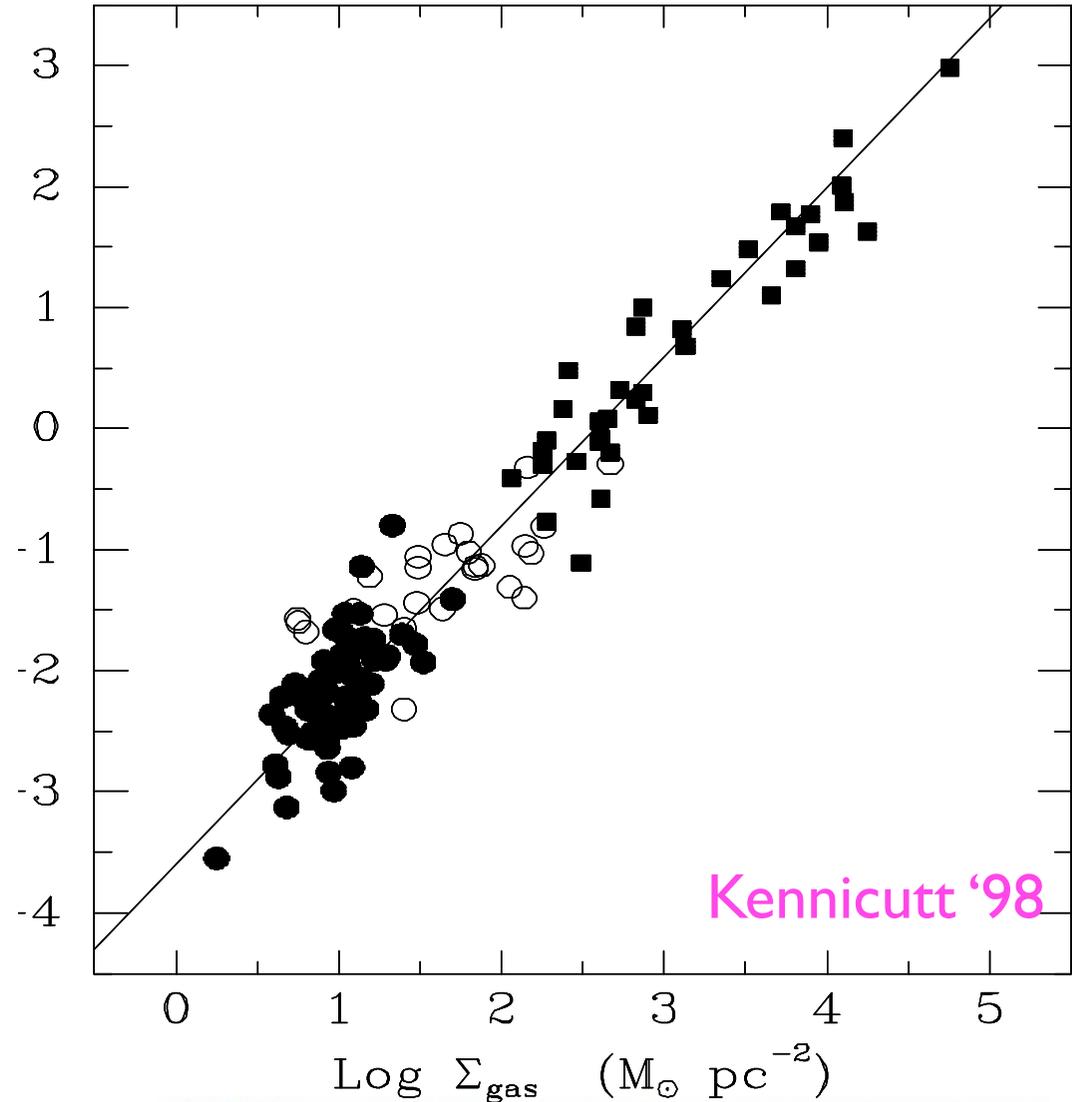
# Star formation: what we want: Schmidt law

$$\Sigma_{\text{SFR}} \propto \Sigma_{\text{gas}}^n \quad (n = 1.4 \pm 0.15)$$

Local: same galaxy



Global: different galaxies



# How to obtain Schmidt law?

## Sub-grid model for SF and ISM

- Insufficient resolution to model multiphase ISM
- Need effective pressure of unresolved, multiphase ISM
- Need star formation law that reproduces observed threshold and Schmidt law with the minimum number of free parameters
- We do not want to simulate more than we can

# Sub-grid model for SF and ISM

## ● What goes in

Effective equation of state (gives the pressure of the gas)

$$P \propto \rho_{\text{gas}}^{\gamma_{\text{eff}}} \quad (\rho_{\text{gas}} > \rho_{\text{thr}})$$

Schmidt law (surface densities)

$$\Sigma_{\text{SFR}} \propto \Sigma_{\text{gas}}^n$$

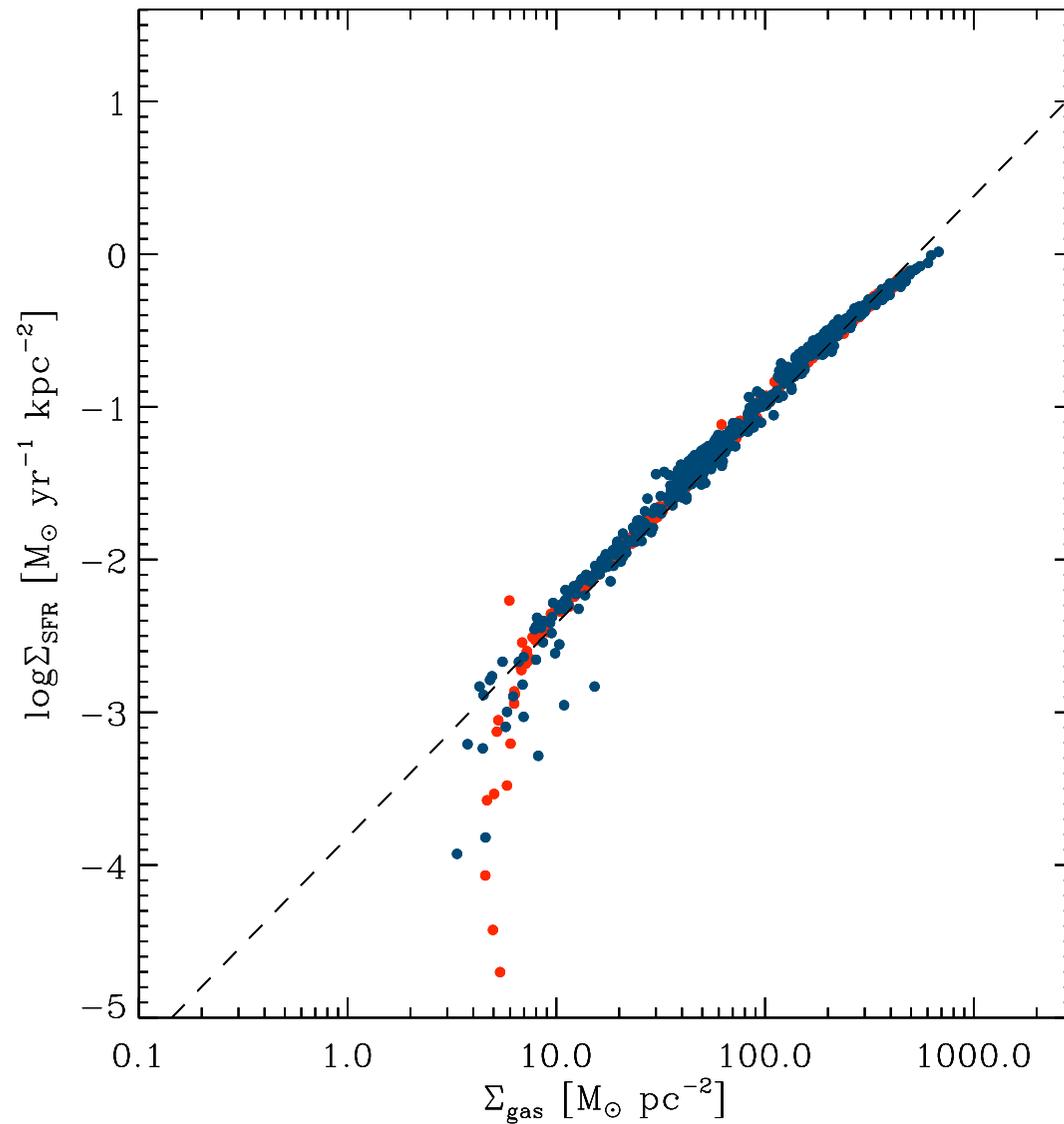
Surface density threshold

## ● What comes out

Volume density star formation law

Volume density threshold

# Implementation guarantees a Schmidt law

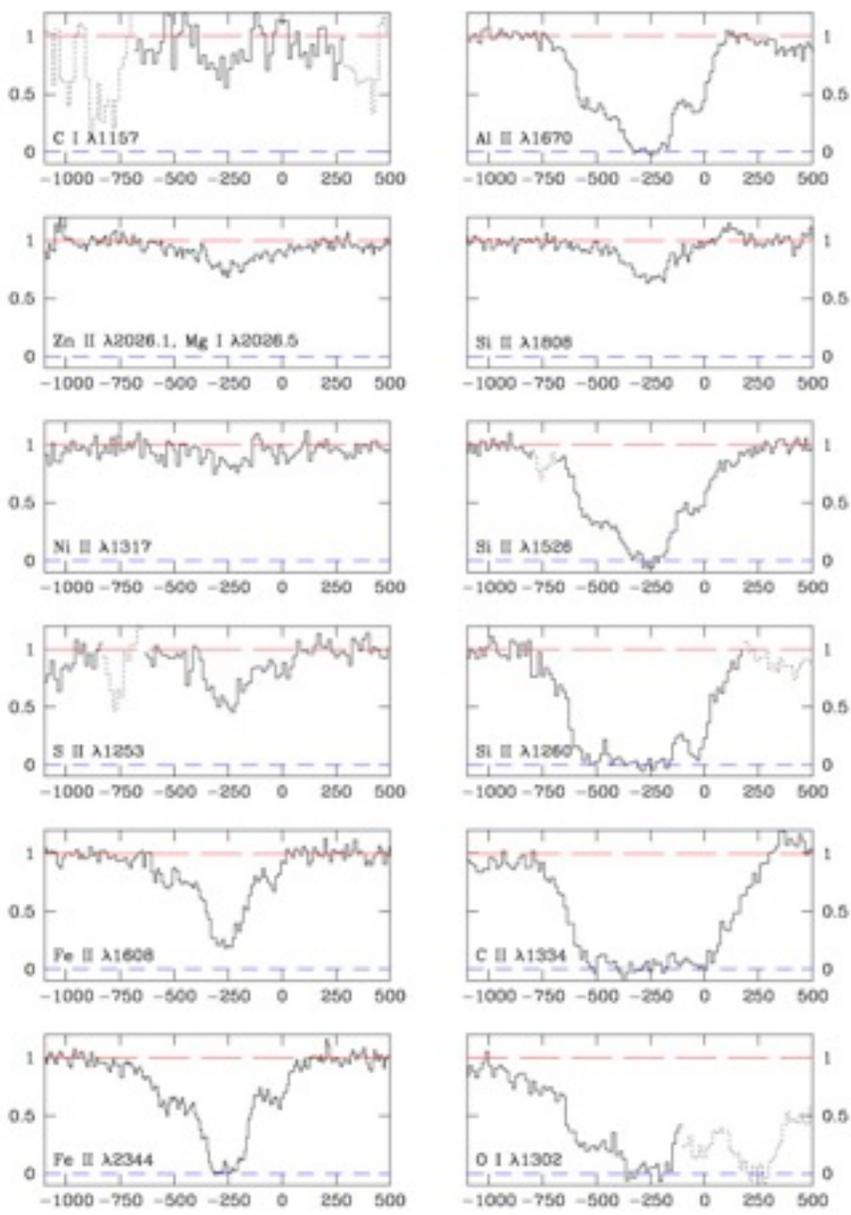


Schaye 04

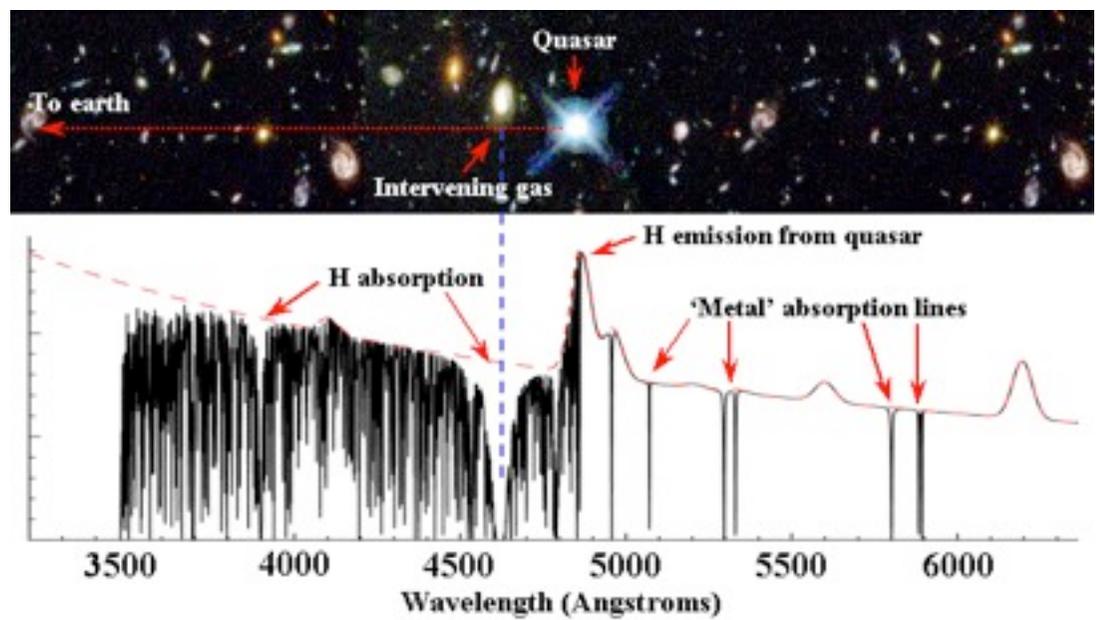
# Evidence for galactic winds:



At low z: M82



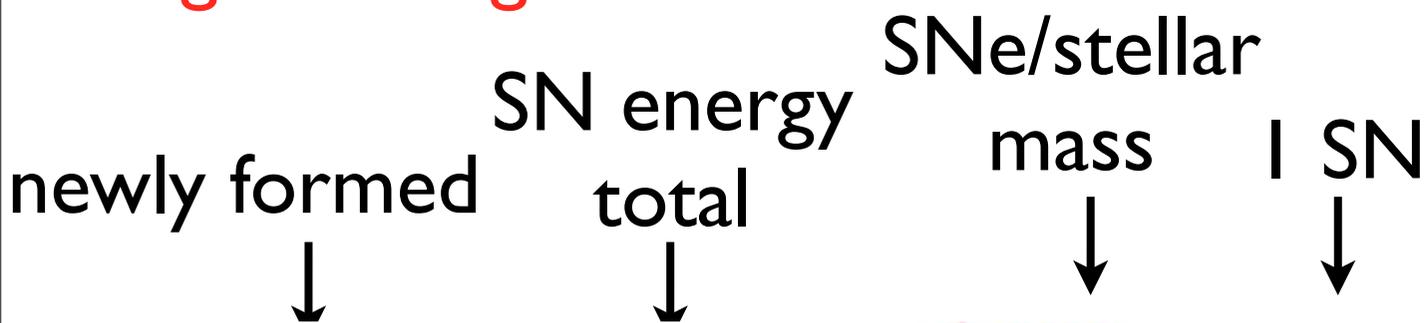
At high z: Pettini et al 02



In absorption



# Energetics of galactic wind



$$\Delta M_{\star} \rightarrow \Delta E_{\star} = \frac{\Delta M_{\star}}{100 M_{\odot}} 10^{51} \text{ erg}$$

$$\dot{E}_{\star} = \eta_{\text{T}} \epsilon_{100} \frac{10^{51} \text{ erg}}{100 M_{\odot}} \dot{M}_{\star} = \eta_{\text{T}} \epsilon_{100} (710 \text{ km s}^{-1})^2$$

$$\Delta E_{\text{wind}} = \frac{1}{2} M_{\text{wind}} v_w^2 + M_{\text{wind}} u_{\text{wind}}$$

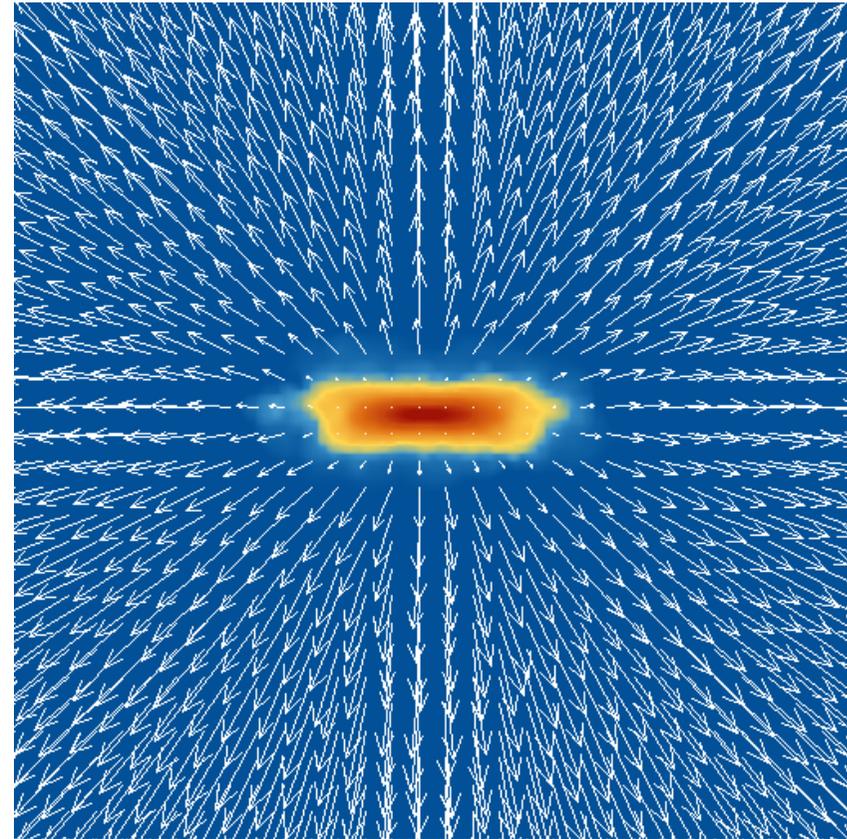
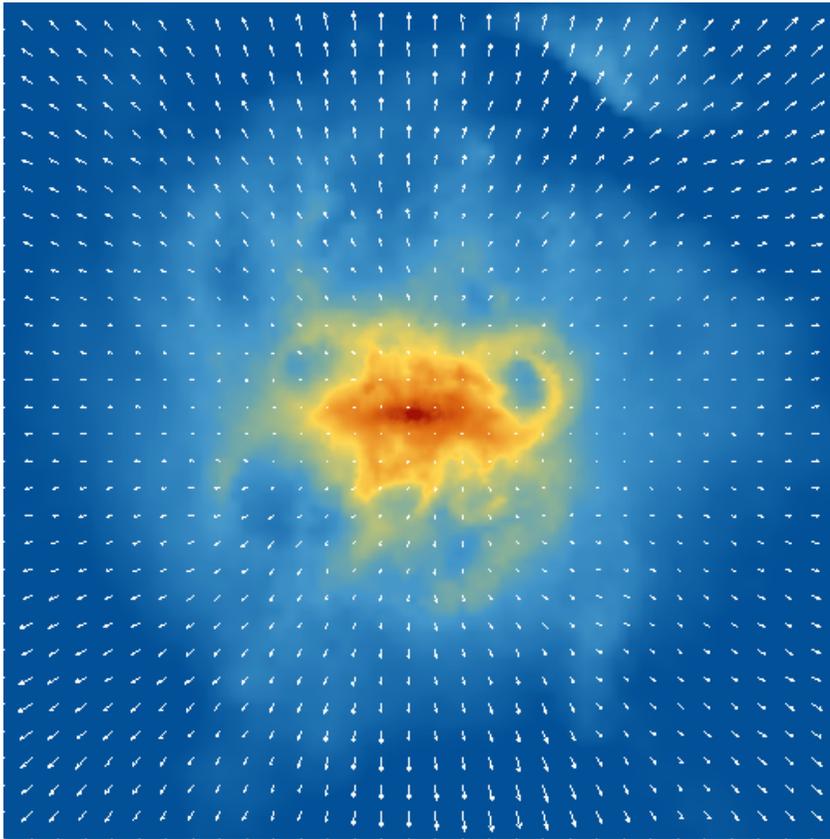
$$\frac{1}{2} \dot{M}_{\text{wind}} v_{\text{wind}}^2 = \dot{E}_{\star}$$

# Energetics of galactic wind

$$\beta \equiv \frac{\dot{M}_{\text{wind}}}{\dot{M}_{\star}} = 2\eta_{\text{T}} \epsilon_{100} (710 \text{ km s}^{-1})^{-2}$$

- Phenomenological model: how to choose mass-loading/wind speed?
- Want significant mass loading ( $\beta > 1$ ): hence feedback becomes inefficient in galaxies a few times more massive than the MW (AGN?)
- Feedback could be very efficient in small galaxies, but only if wind speed comparable to escape speed. But why would this be the case? ( $\beta$  depends on halo?)

## Implementation of winds:



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Schaye & Dalla Vecchia 08

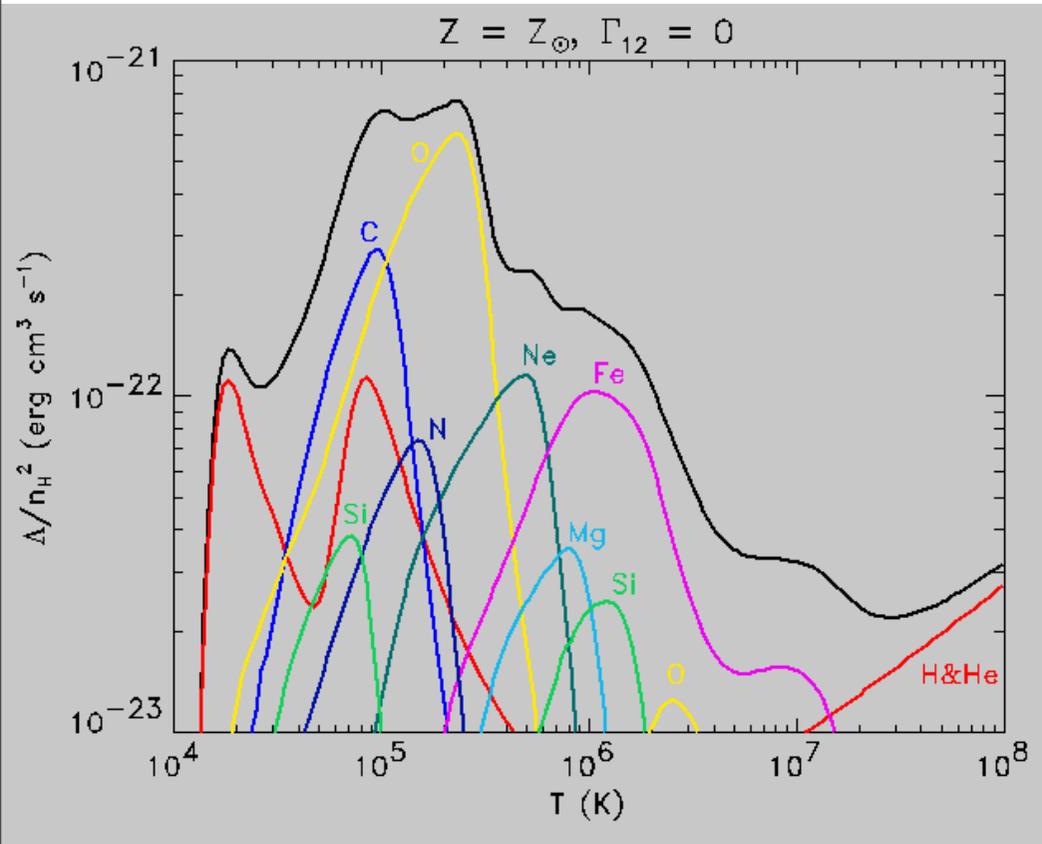
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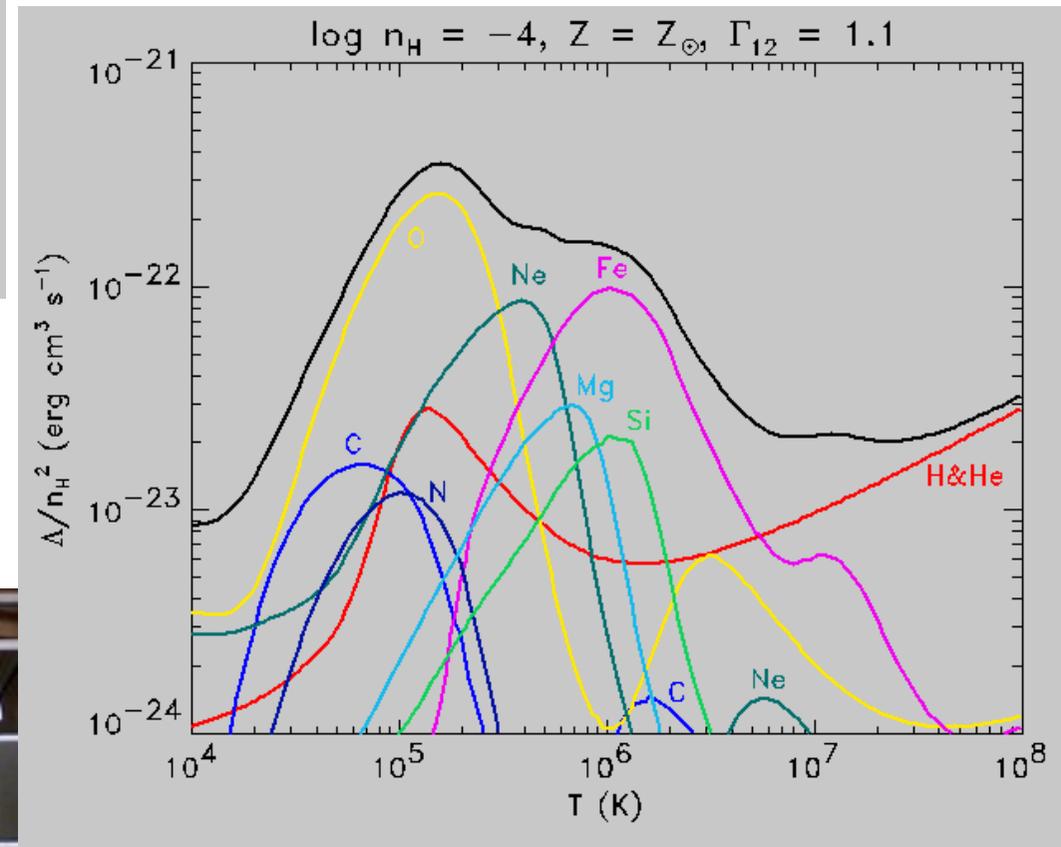


# Metal cooling and the UV-background

## Cooling rate



With ionizing background from gals & AGN



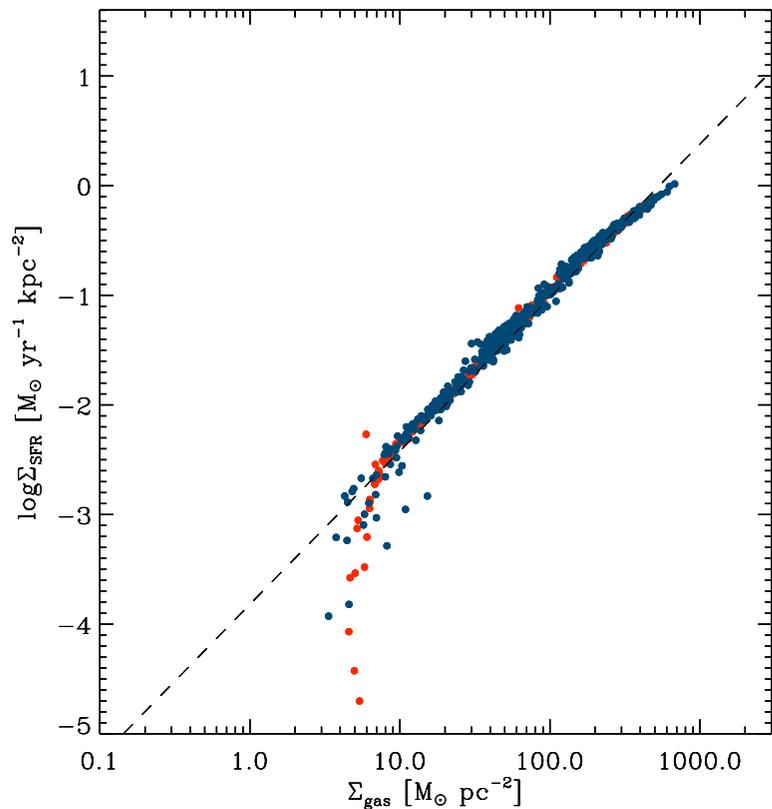
Without ionizing background

Wiersma et al '08

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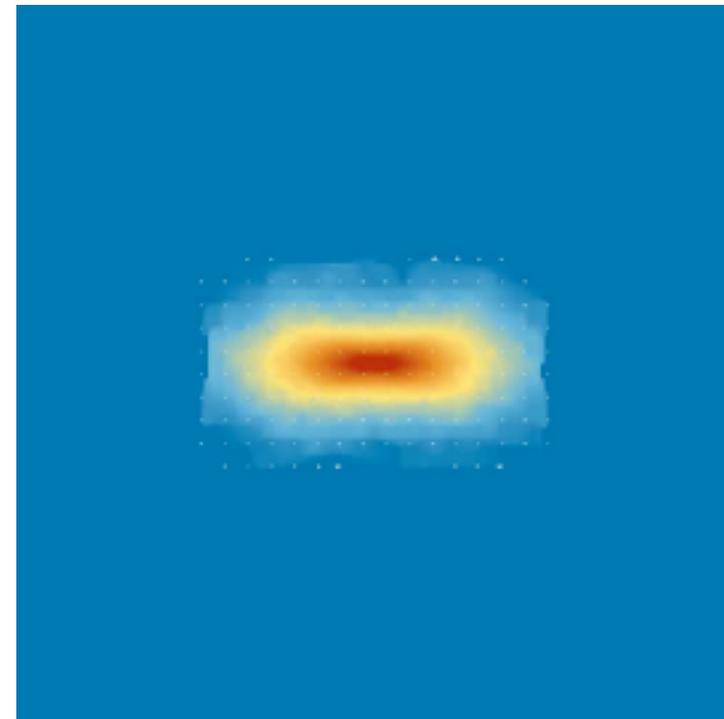


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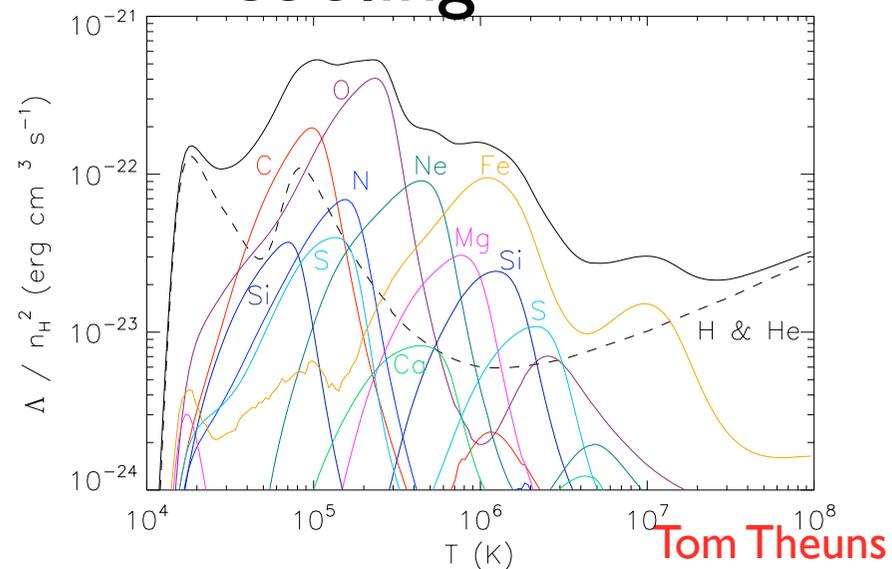


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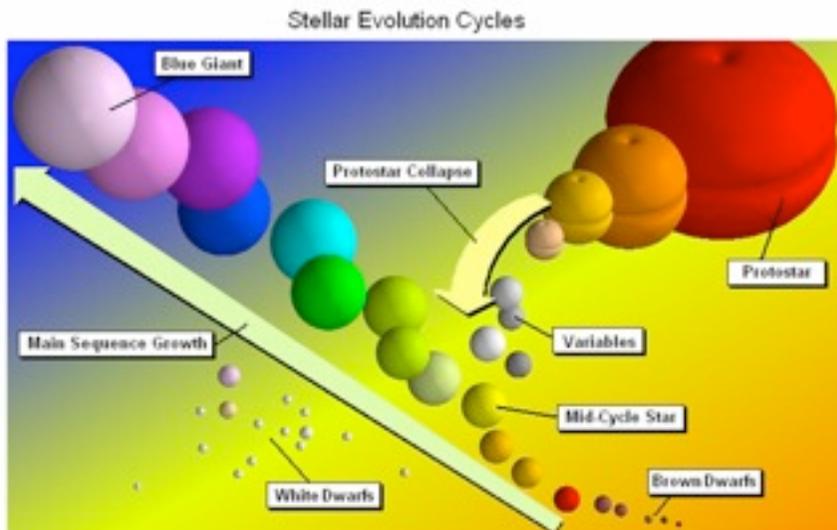
# Galactic winds



# Z+J(nu) dependent cooling



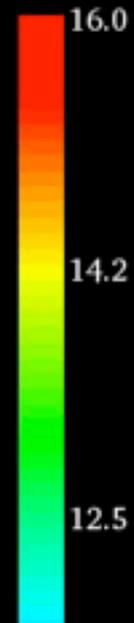
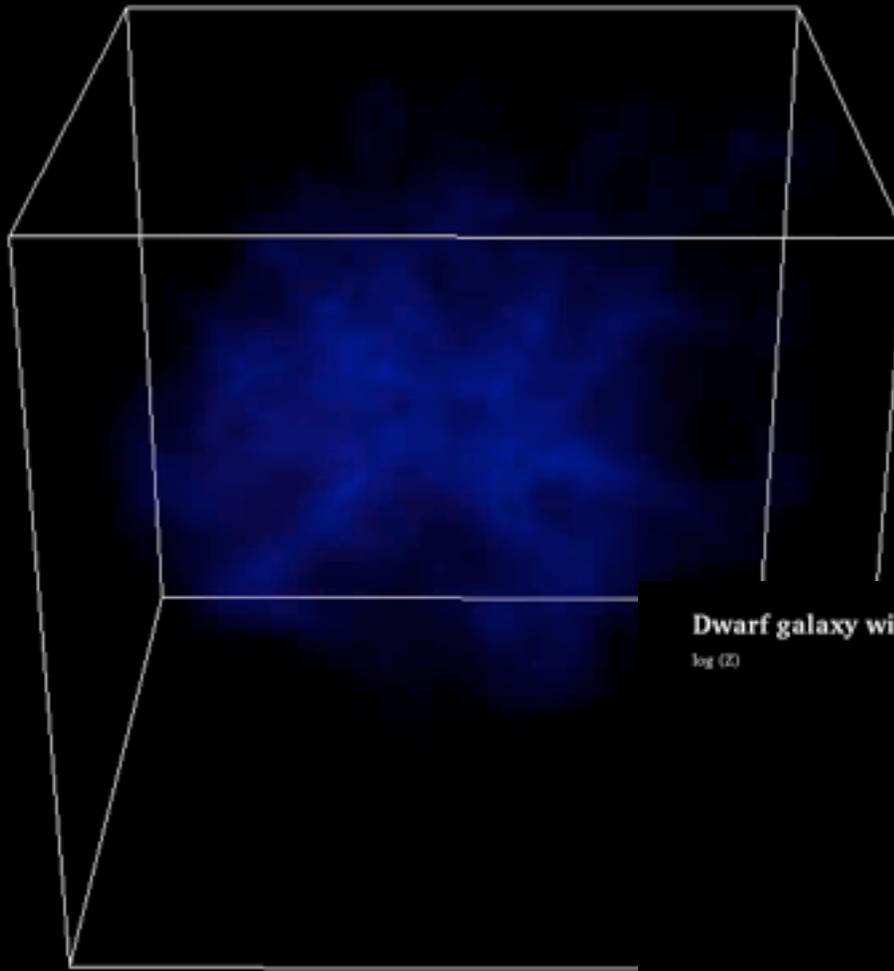
# Stellar evolution



# Dwarf galaxy with GIMIC/OWLS code

$\log(\text{Gas density})$  in  $[\text{Msun}/h / (\text{Mpc}/h)^3]$

## Density

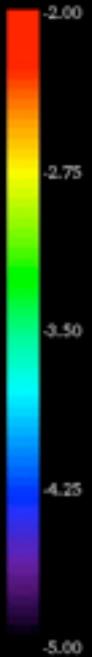
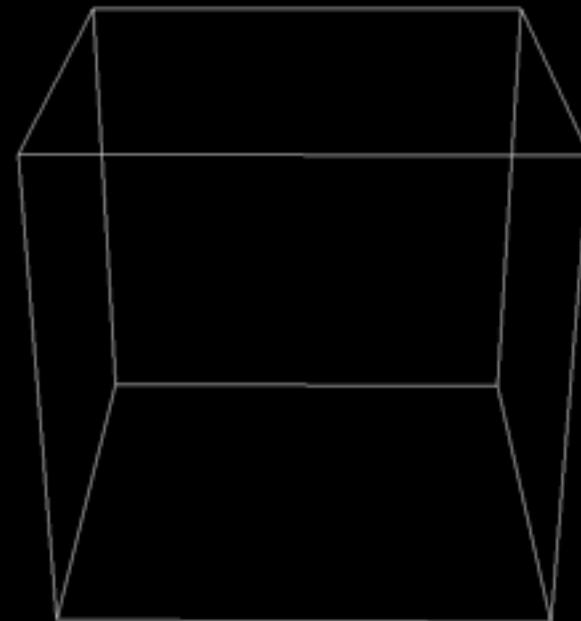


$z = 29.888$   
 $L = 0.999 \text{ Mpc}/h$

# Dwarf galaxy with GIMIC/OWLS code

$\log(Z)$

## Metals



$z = 29.888$   
 $L = 0.999 \text{ Mpc}/h$

# Formation of Milky Way-like galaxy

## X-ray coronae in simulations of galaxy formation

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& Joop Schaye<sup>5</sup>  
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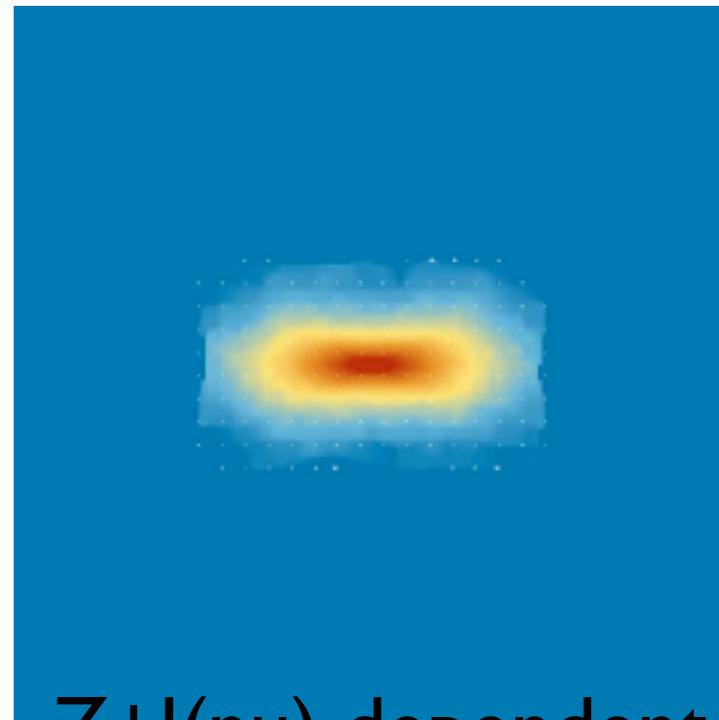
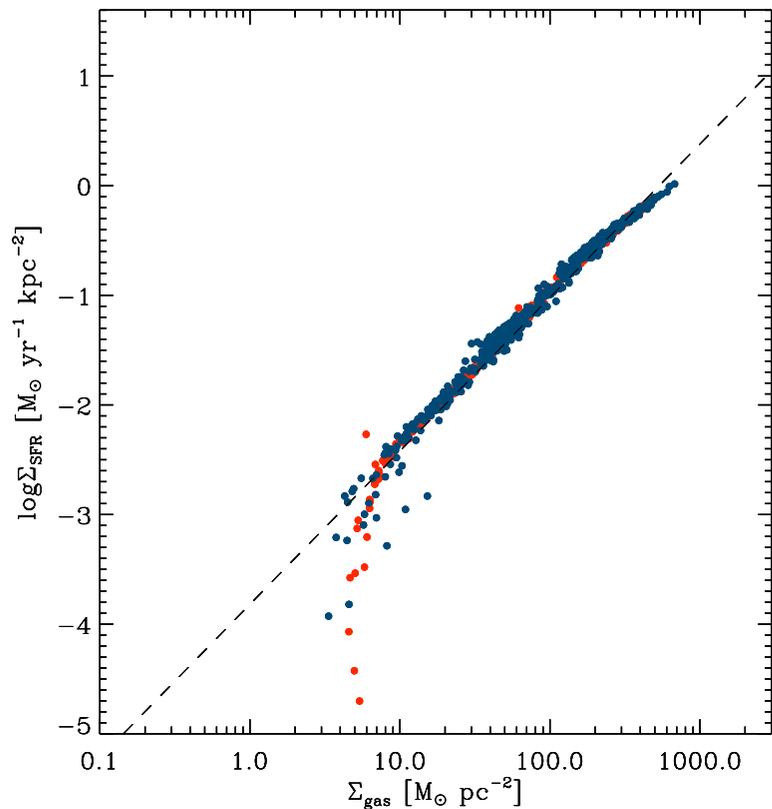
# “GIMIC” deep field



SFR follow Schmidt-law

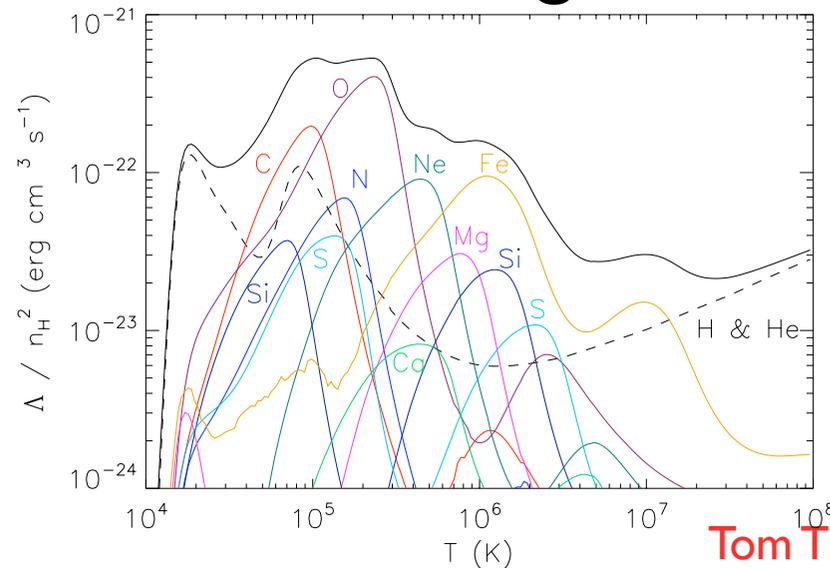
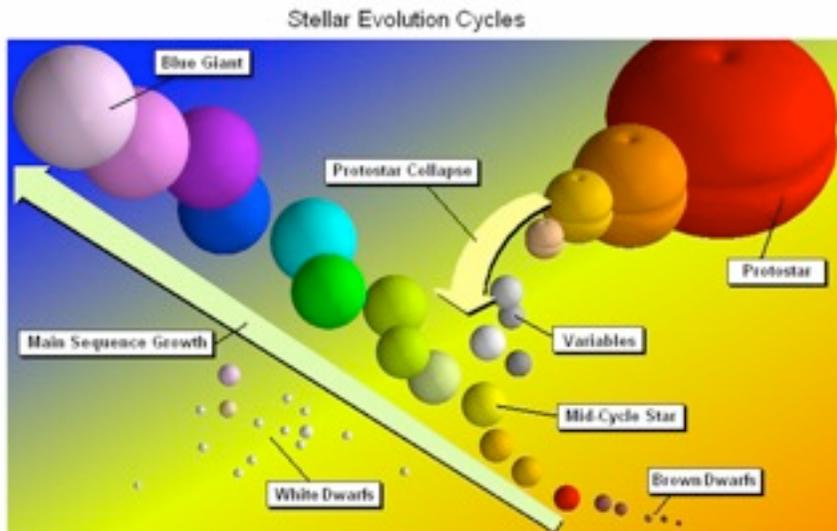
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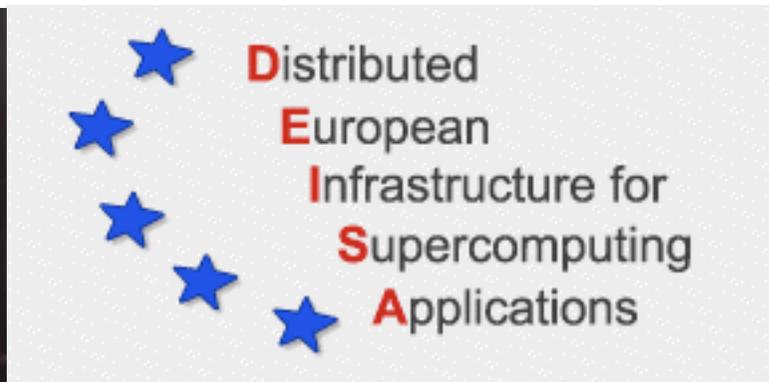
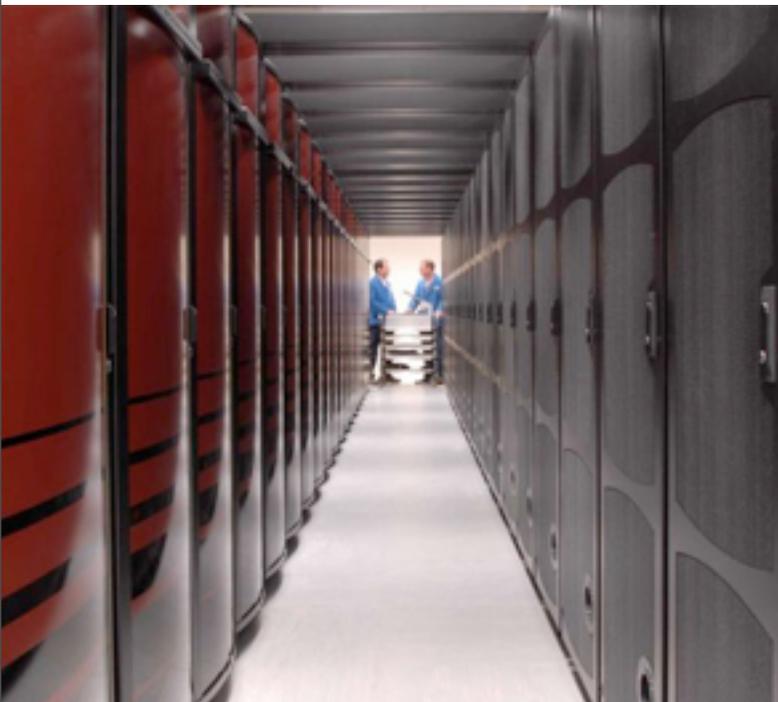


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# Galaxies-Intergalactic Medium Interaction Calculation

## -I. Galaxy formation as a function of large-scale environment.

Robert A. Crain<sup>1,2\*</sup>, Tom Theuns<sup>1,3</sup>, Claudio Dalla Vecchia<sup>4</sup>, Vincent R. Eke<sup>1</sup>, Carlos S. Frenk<sup>1</sup>, Adrian Jenkins<sup>1</sup>, Scott T. Kay<sup>5</sup>, John A. Peacock<sup>6</sup>, Frazer R. Pearce<sup>7</sup>, Joop Schaye<sup>4</sup>, Volker Springel<sup>8</sup>, Peter A. Thomas<sup>9</sup>, Simon D. M. White<sup>8</sup> & Robert P. C. Wiersma<sup>4</sup> (The Virgo Consortium)

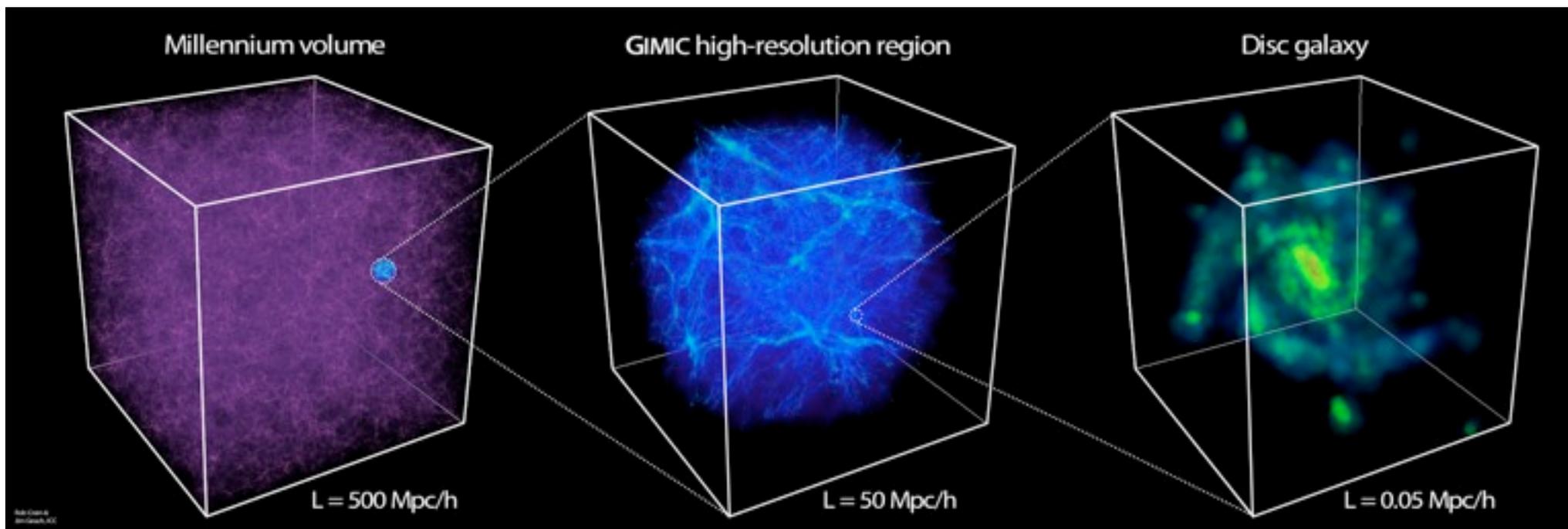




Suite of simulations:  
GIMIC/OWLS



# Galaxy-Intergalactic Medium Interaction Calculation



Zoomed simulations of 5 spheres picked from the Millennium Simulation

Combine LSS with high numerical resolution

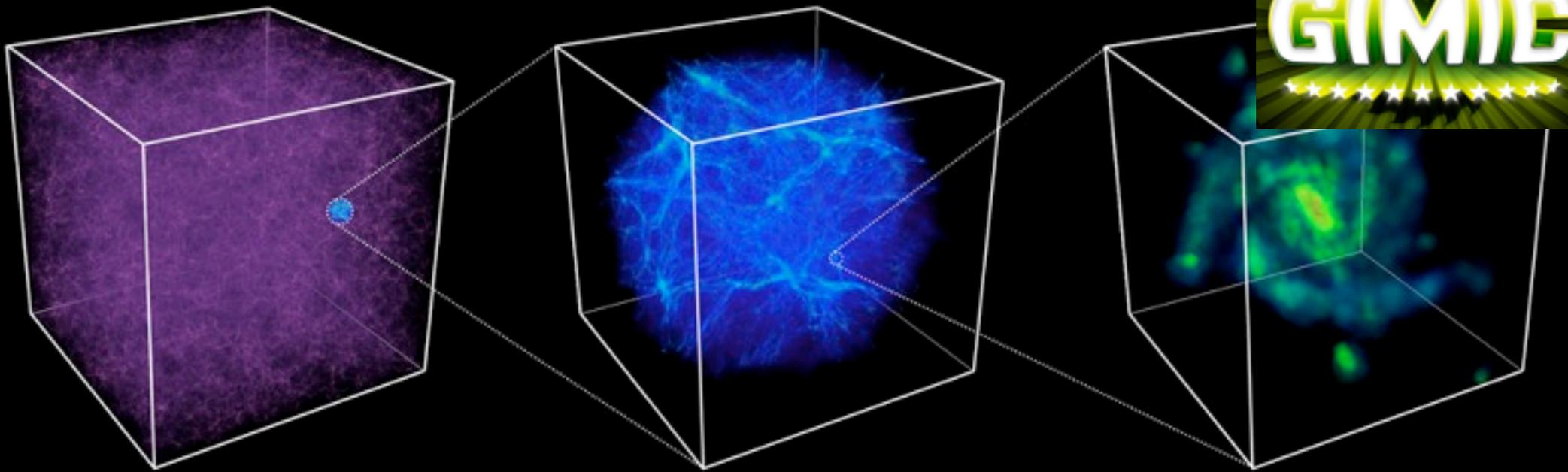
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## Motivation for GIMIC:

- include (very) large-scale structure
- good numerical resolution yet able to reach redshift  $z=0$
- formation of unusual objects (massive cluster, deep void)



# Millennium volume:

- box is 500 Mpc/h on a side
- cosmology  $(\Omega_m, \Omega_\Lambda, \Omega_b, h, \sigma_8, n) = (0.25, 0.75, 0.045, 0.73, 0.9, 1)$
- Springel et al '05



## 5 regions:

- (-2, -1, 0, 1, 2) sigma
- radius 18 Mpc/h (at z=1.5)
- $m_{\text{gas}} = 1.45 \times 10^6 h^{-1} M_\odot$

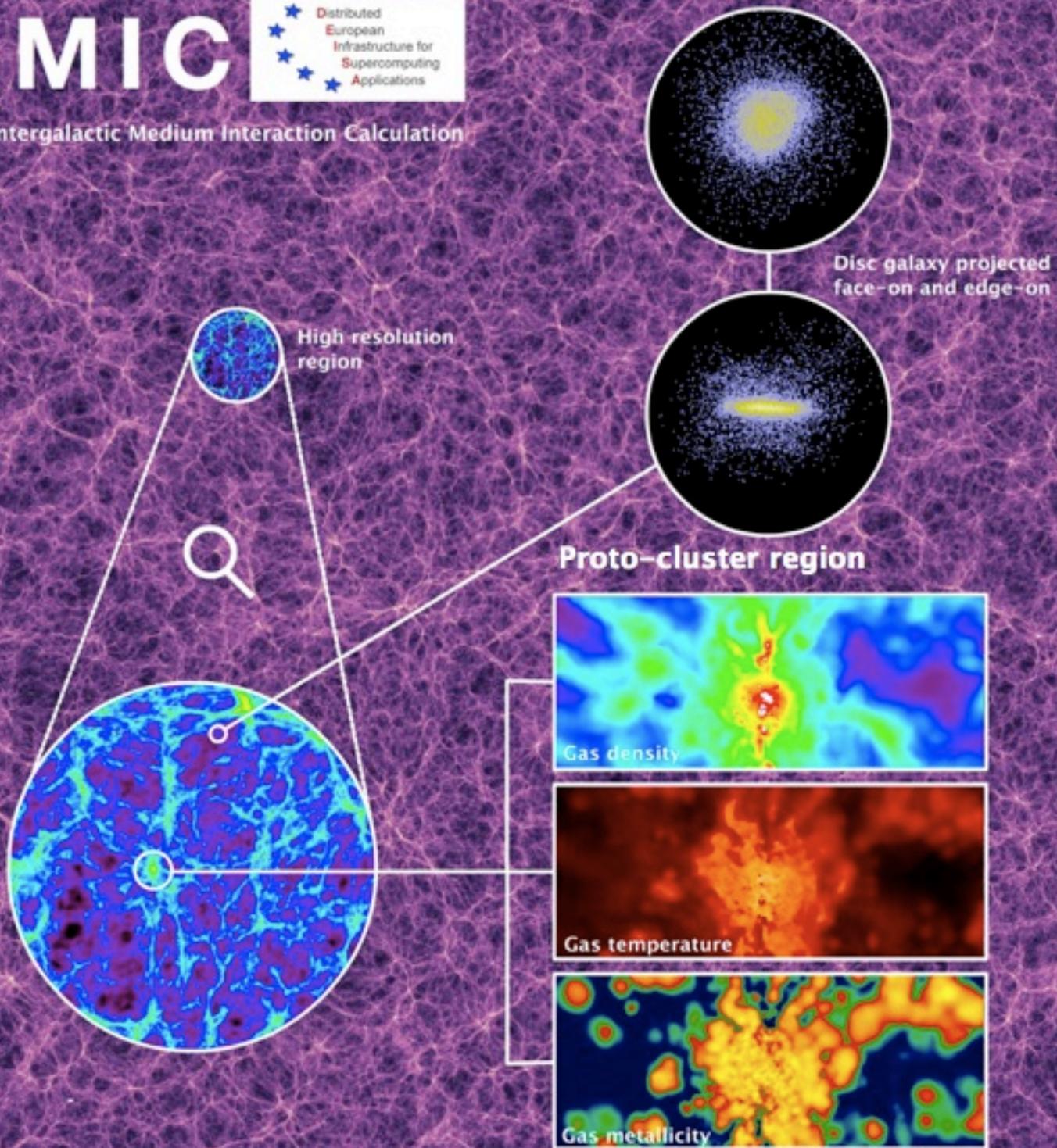
## ICs: A Jenkins

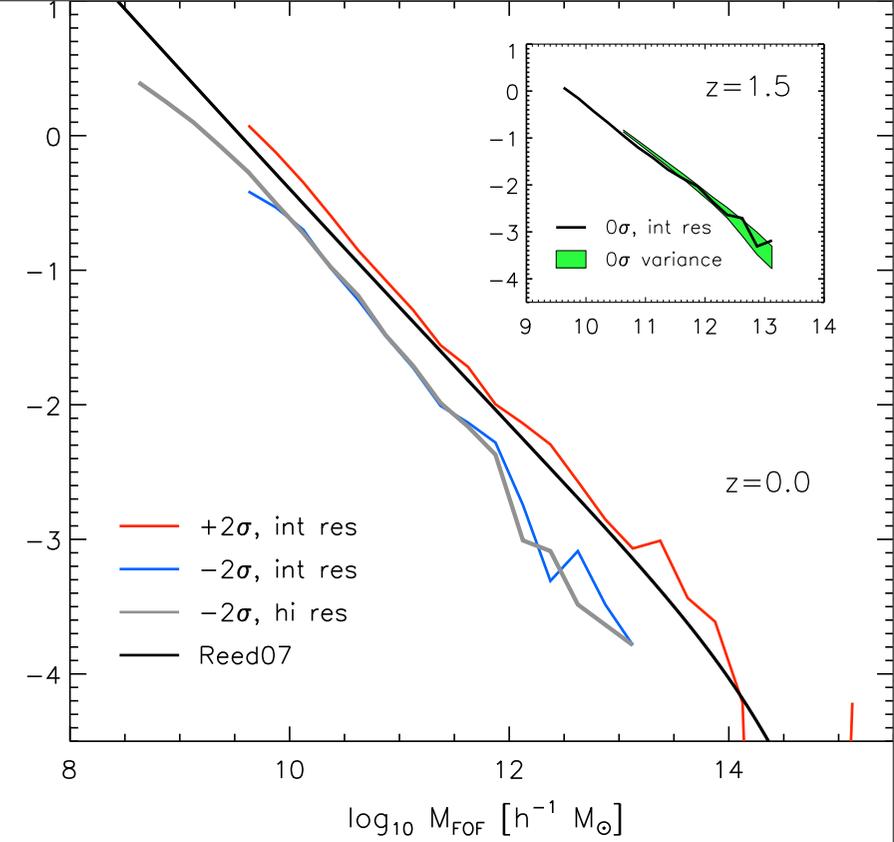
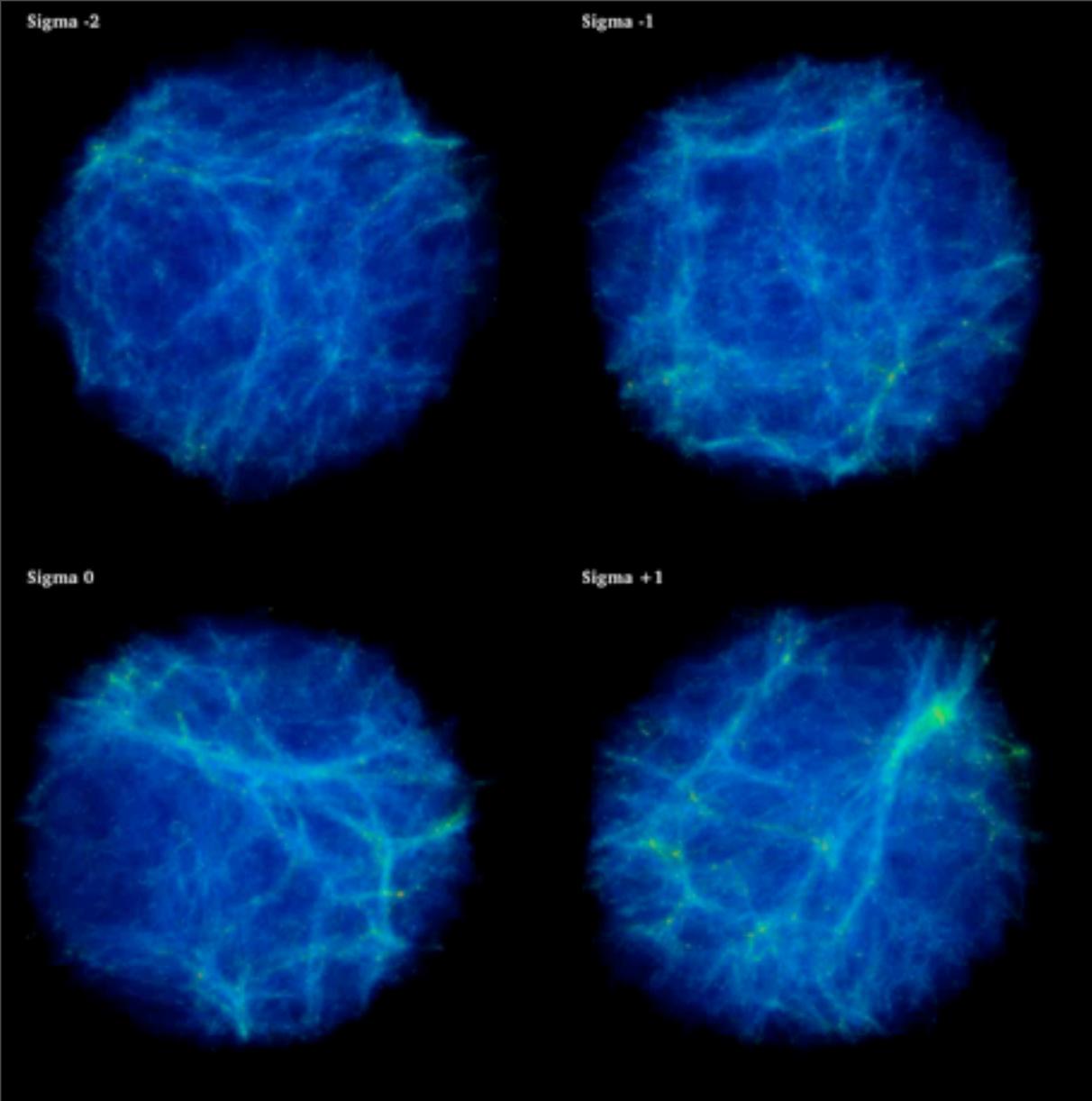


# GIMIC



Galaxies-Intergalactic Medium Interaction Calculation





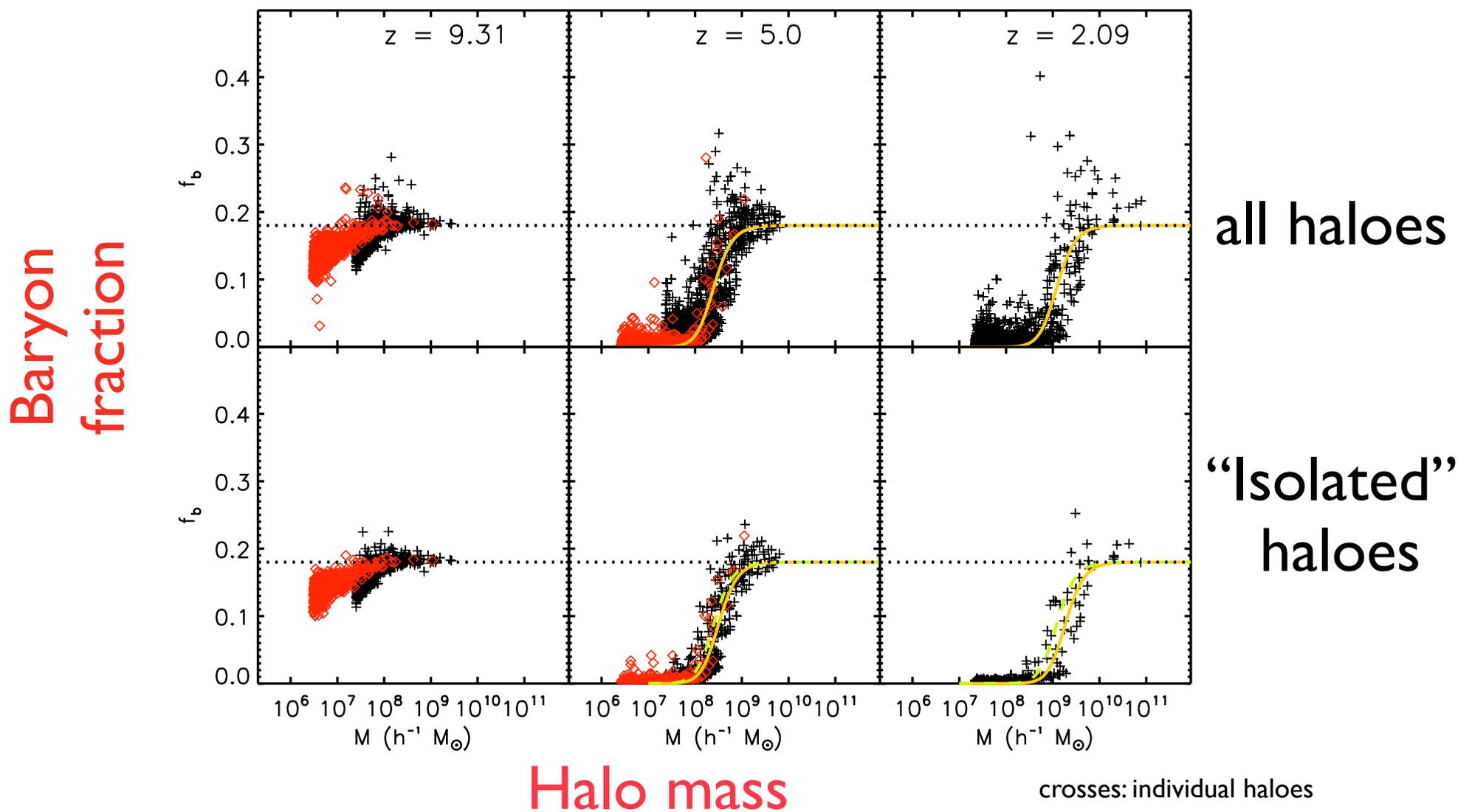
# Massloss of galaxies due to a UV-background

Takashi Okamoto<sup>1\*</sup>, Liang Gao<sup>1,2</sup> and Tom Theuns<sup>1,3</sup>

<sup>1</sup>Institute for Computational Cosmology, Department of Physics, Durham University, South Road, Durham, DH1 3LE

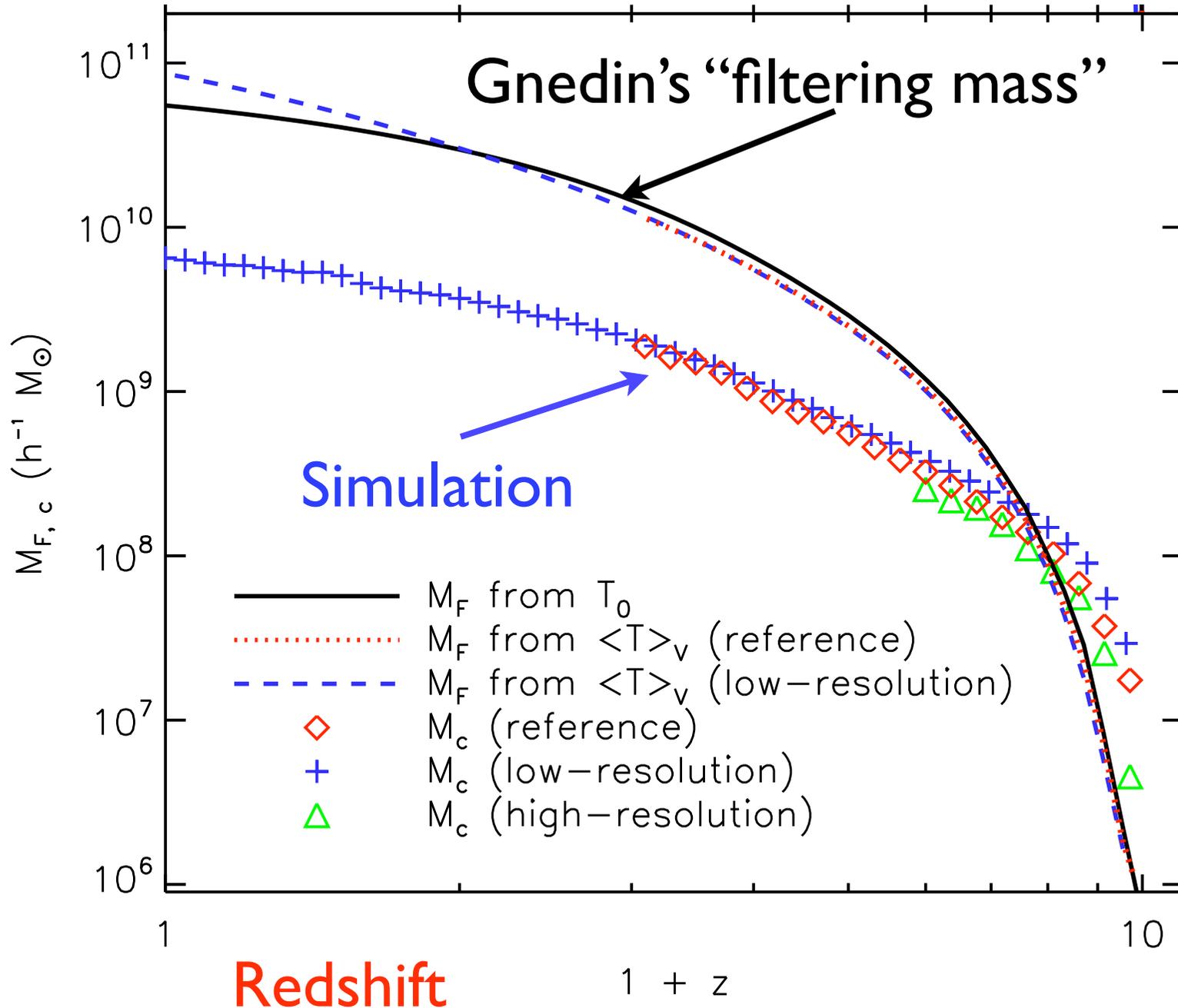
<sup>2</sup>National Astronomical Observatories, Chinese Academy of Science, Beijing, 100012, China

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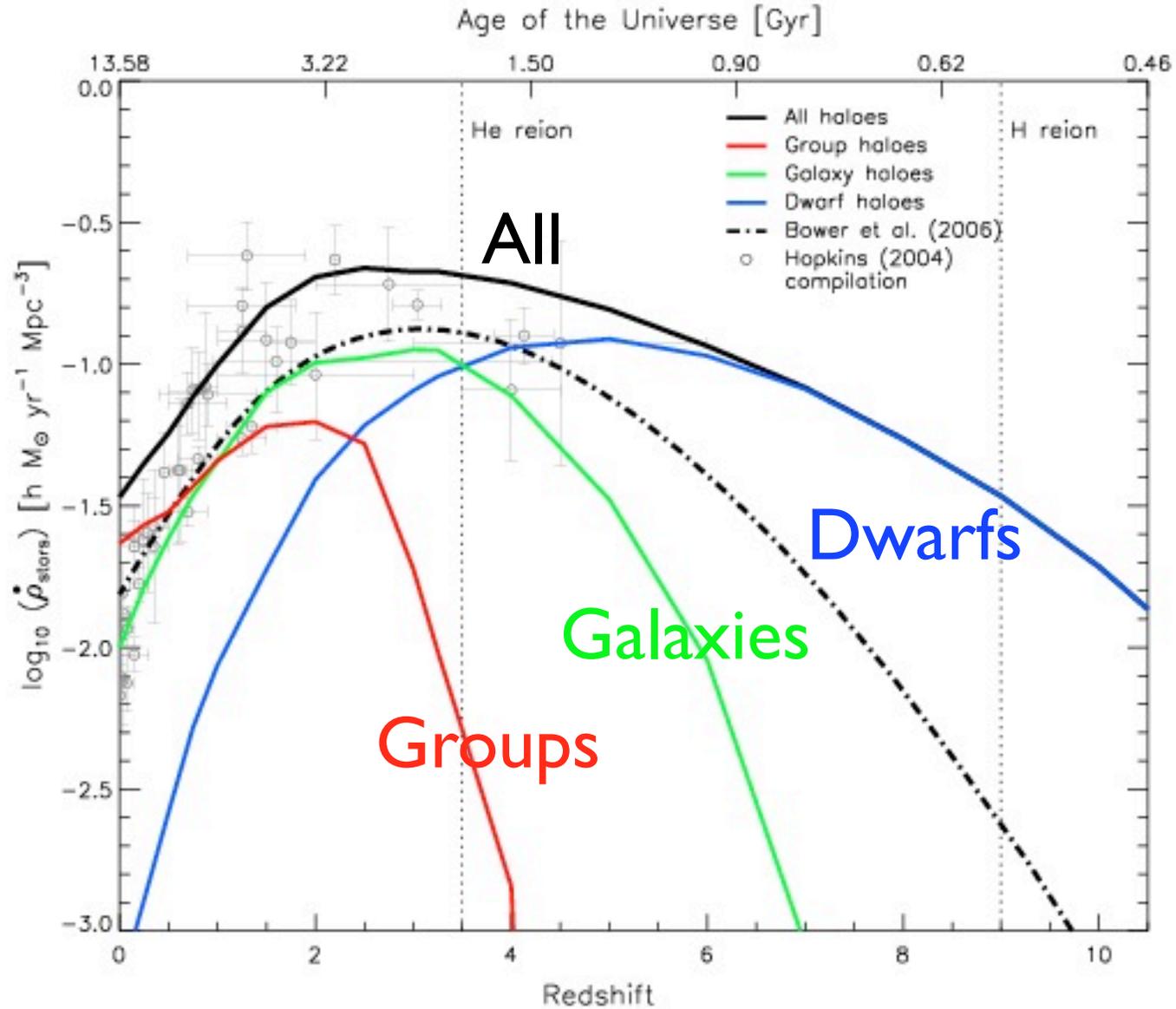
# Characteristic mass is much smaller than Gnedin's filtering mass

Characteristic mass



# Star formation as function of halo mass then

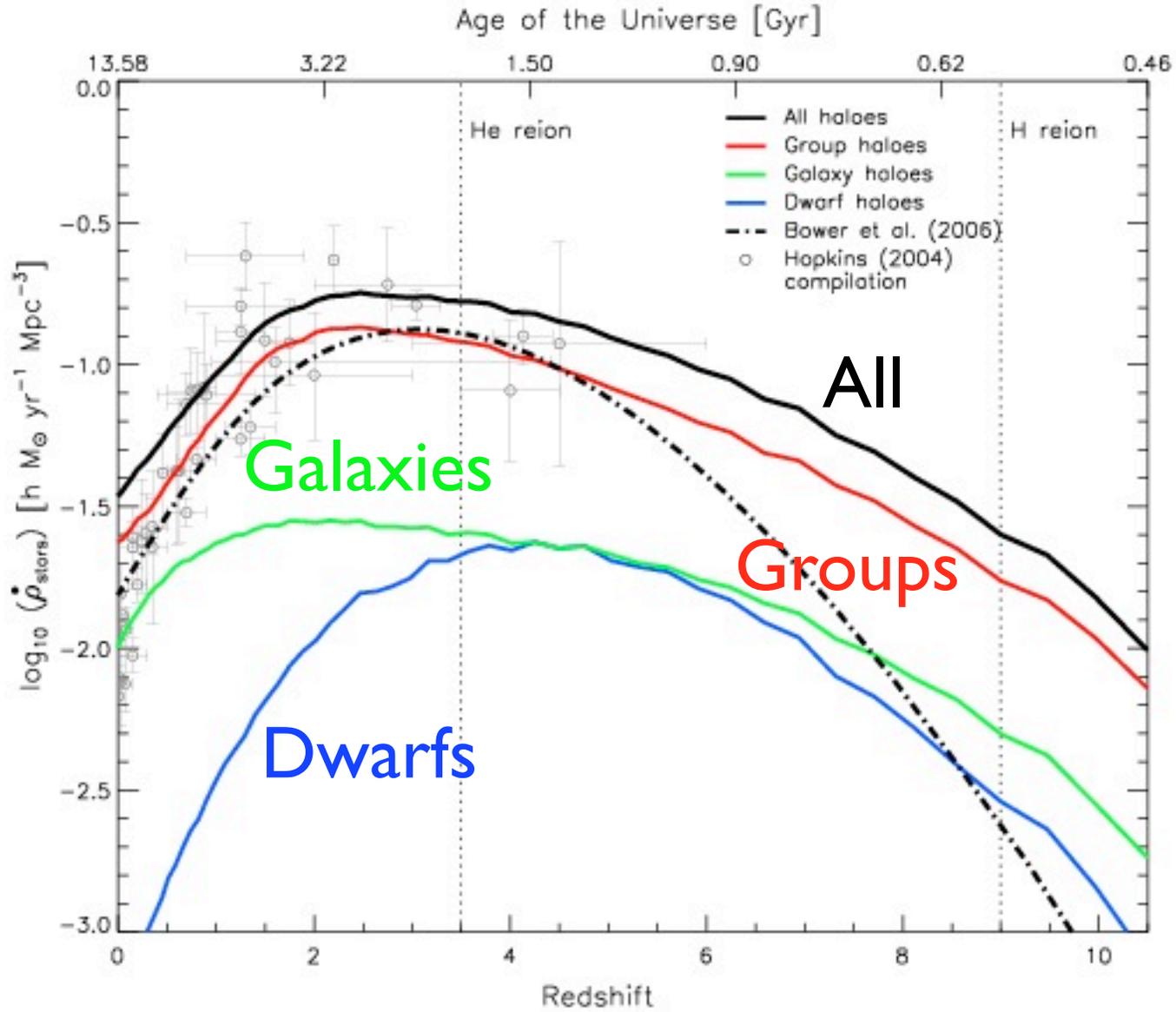
Star formation rate density



Redshift

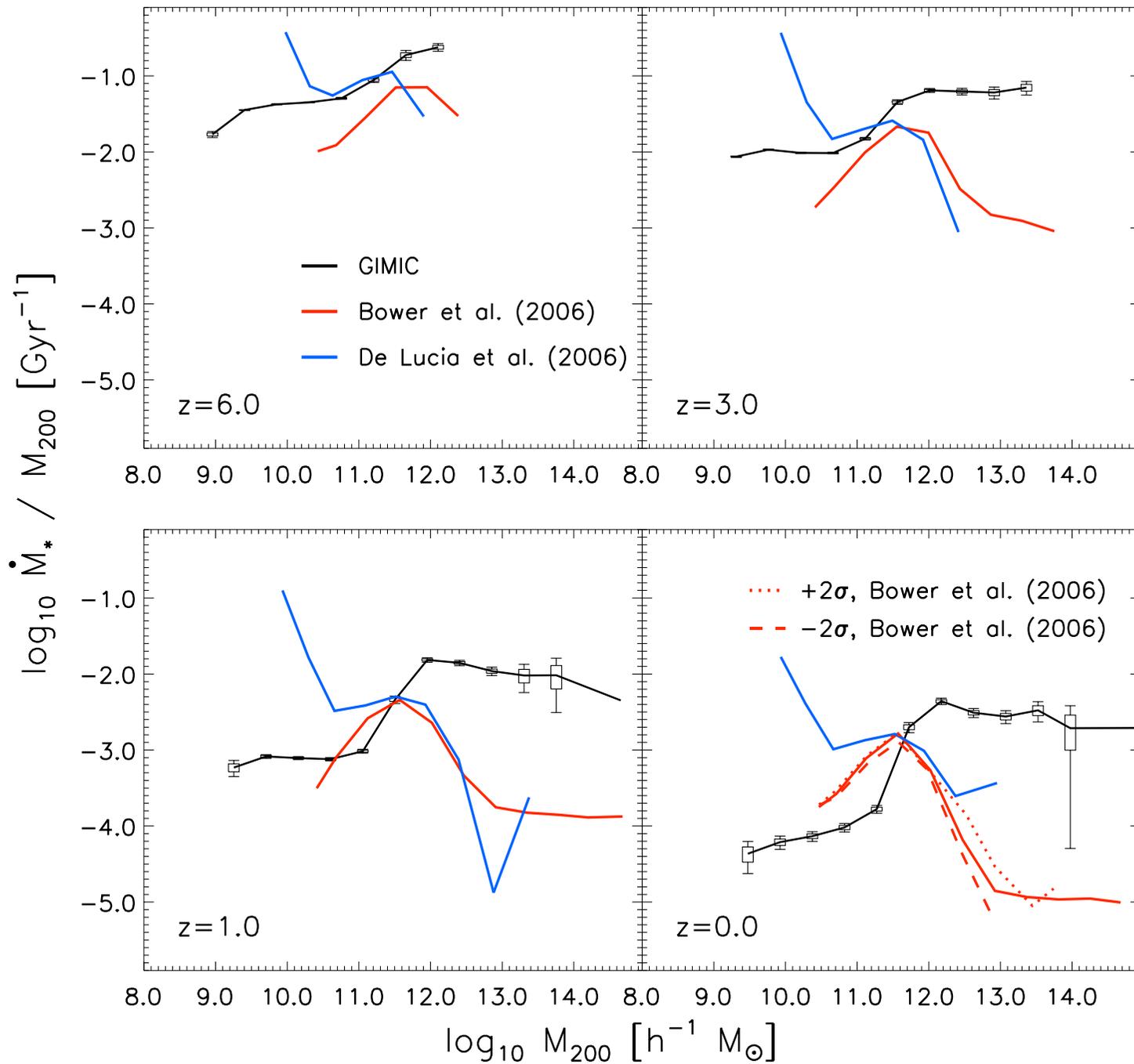
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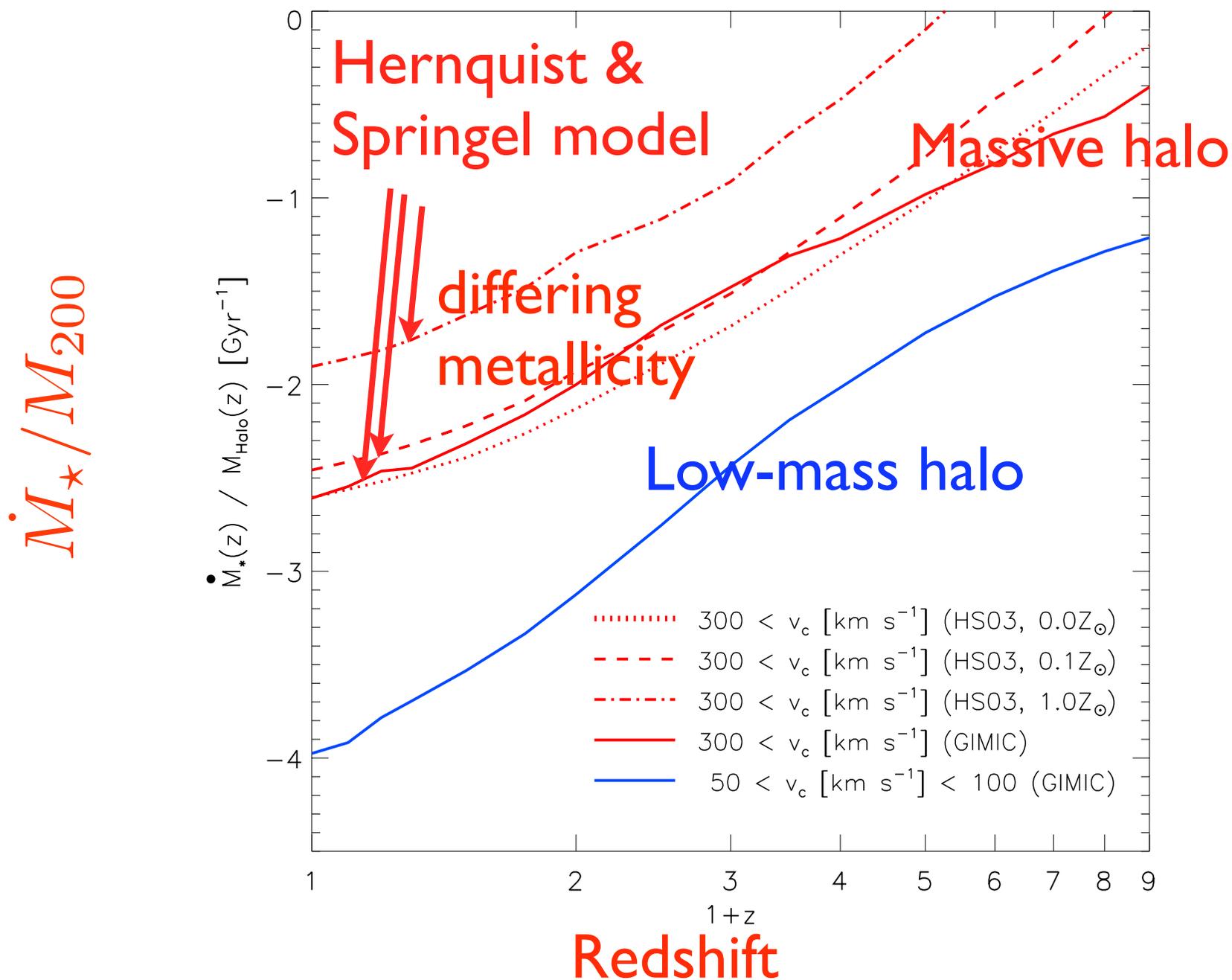
Redshift

# Gimic vs semi-analytical models



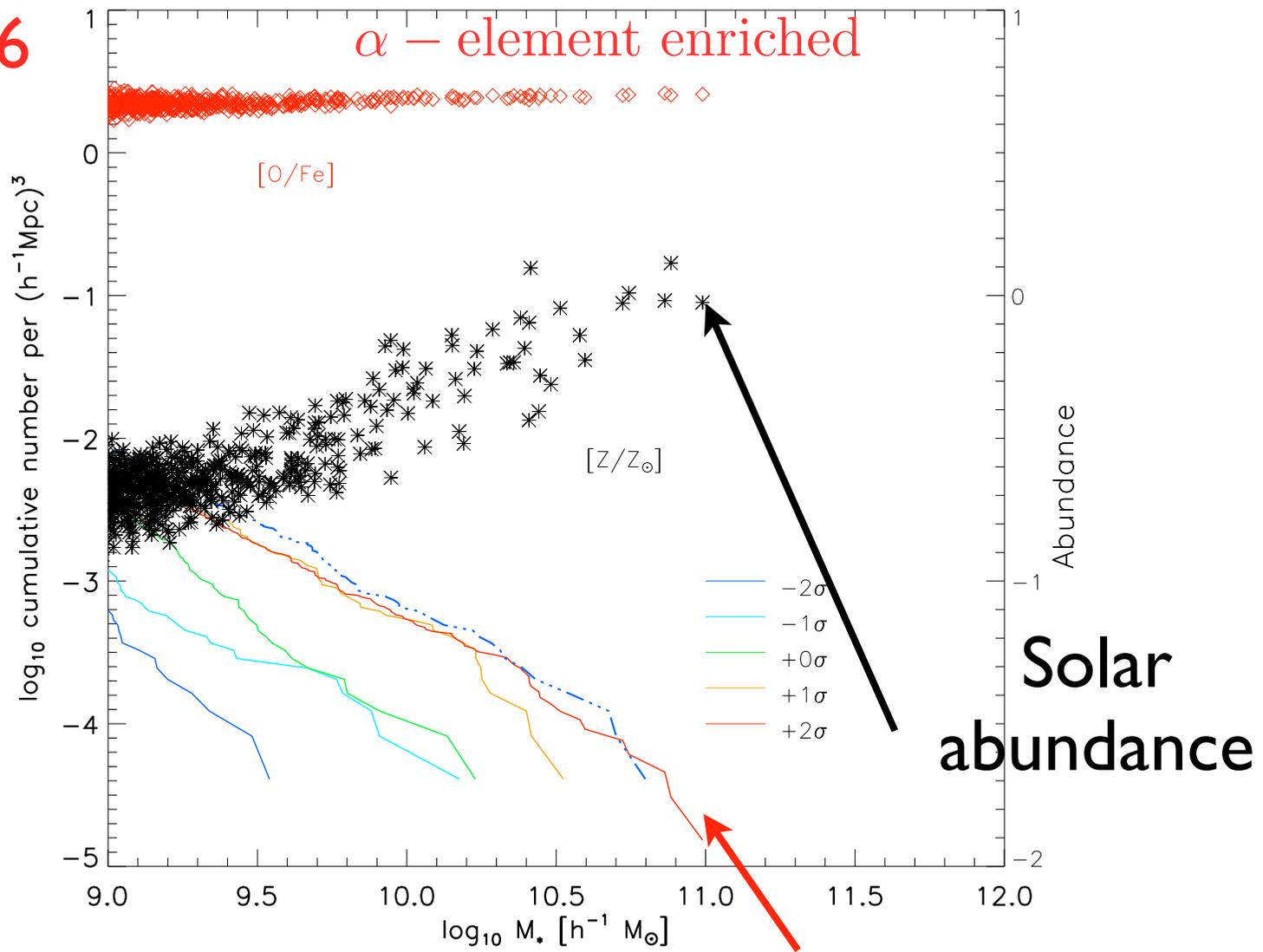
**GIMIC**  
**Bower**  
**De Lucia**

# sSFR as function of redshift



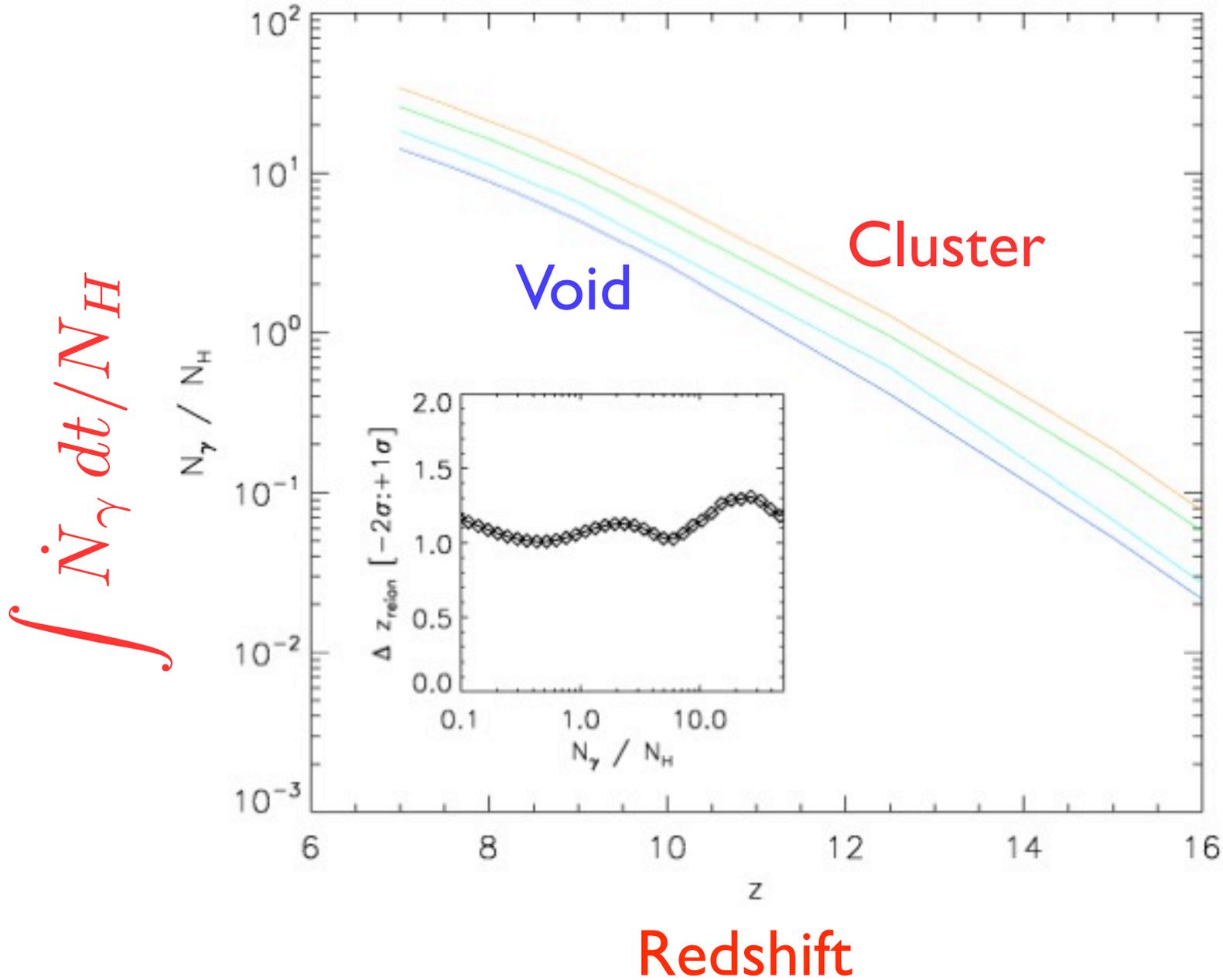
# Reionization as function of environment

Stellar mass function  $z=6$



$M_{\star} = 10^{11} M_{\odot}$  solar-abundance galaxy

# Reionization as function of environment



# The physics driving the cosmic star formation history

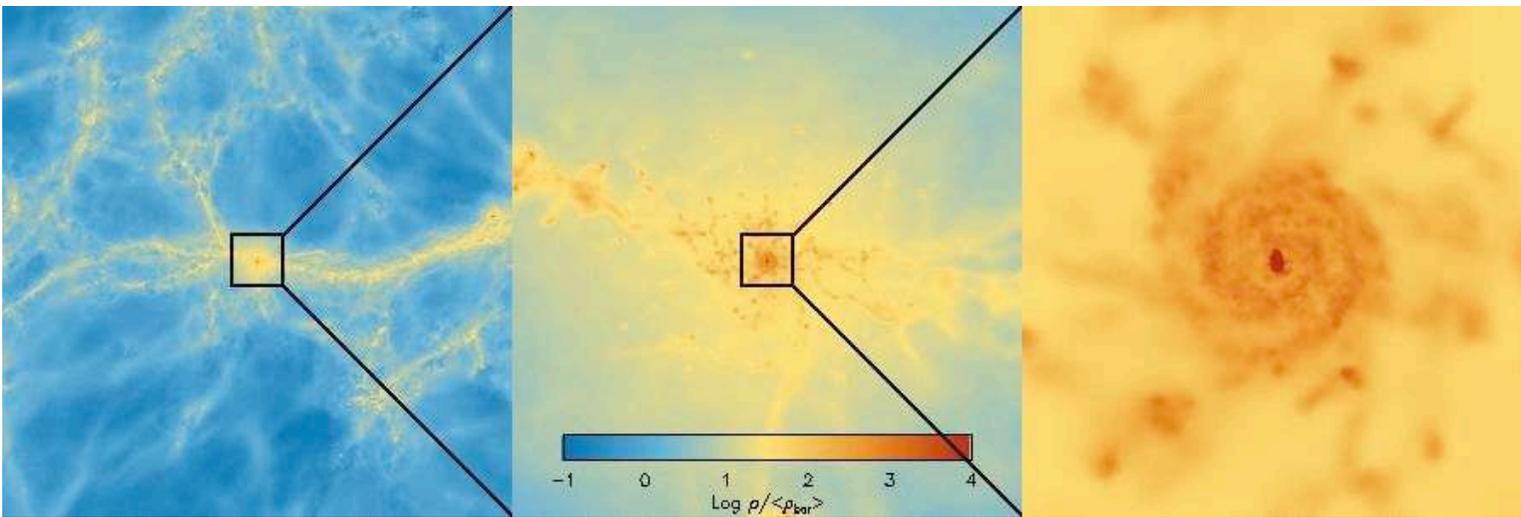
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**Over**whelmingly **L**arge **S**imulations:  
periodic boxes (25, 100Mpc) with  
range of physics (50+models)

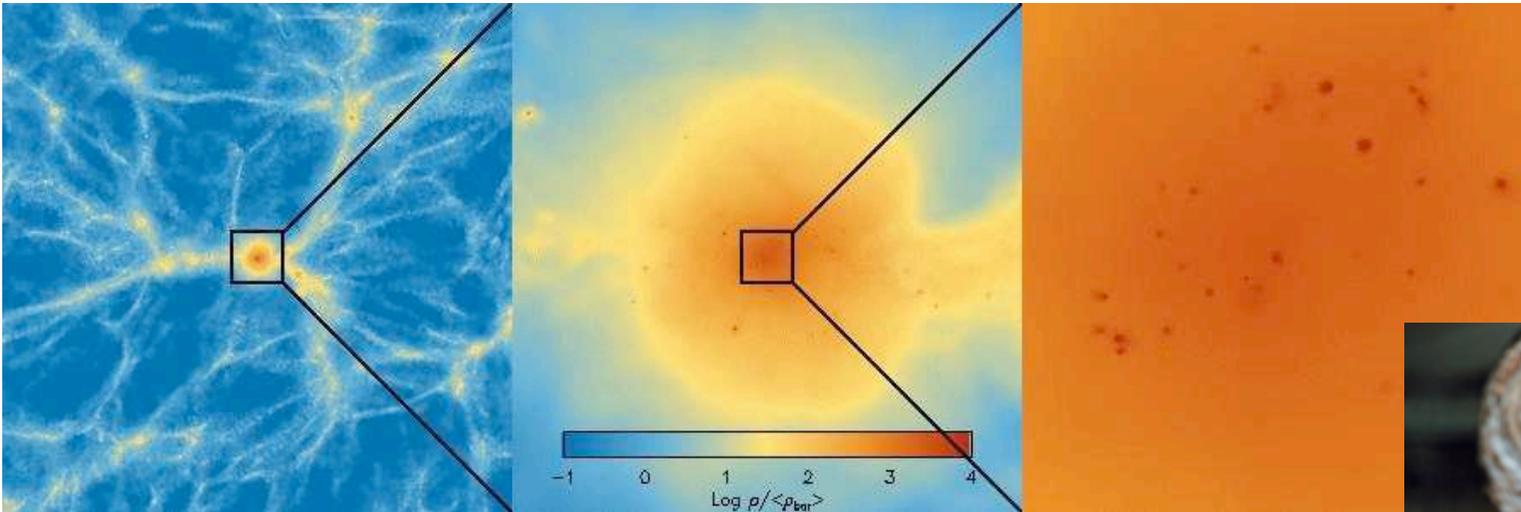




Z= 14.72



**Figure 1.** Zoom into a  $M_{200} = 10^{12.2} M_{\odot}$  halo at  $z = 2$  in the *REF\_L025N512* simulation. From left-to-right, the images are 10, 1, and  $0.1 h^{-1} \text{Mpc}$  on a side. All slices are  $1 h^{-1} \text{Mpc}$  thick. Note that the first image shows only a fraction of the total simulation volume, which is cubic and  $25 h^{-1} \text{Mpc}$  on a side. The color coding shows the projected gas density,  $\log_{10} \rho / \langle \rho_b \rangle$ , and the color scale ranges from -1 to 4 (which is lower than the true maximum of the image). The coordinate axes were rotated to show the galaxy face-on. This halo is the 10th most massive in the simulation. About half of the haloes in this mass range host extended disk galaxies, while the other half have highly disturbed morphologies due to ongoing mergers.

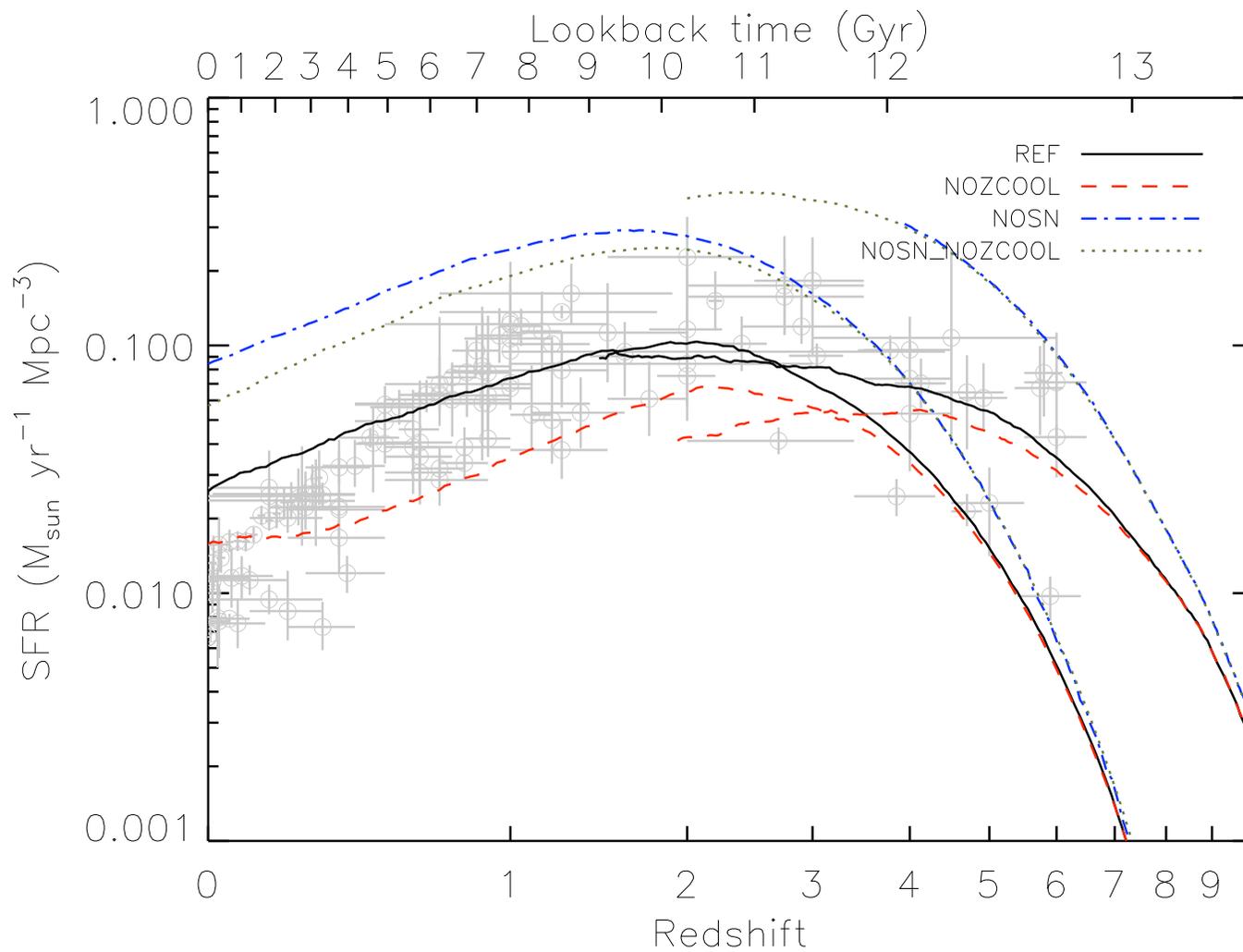


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Name	Box Size (Mpc/h)	Comment
DBLIMFCNTSFV1618	100/25	Top-heavy IMF above $n_H > 30 \text{ cm}^{-3}$ , $v_w = 1618 \text{ km s}^{-1}$
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REFERENCE	100/25	
EOS1p0	100/25	Isothermal equation of state, particles with $n_H > 30 \text{ cm}^{-3}$ are instantaneously converted into stars if they are on the equation of state
EOS1p67	25	Equation of state $p \propto \rho^{\gamma_*}$ , $\gamma_* = 5/3$
IMFSALP	100/25	Salpeter IMF, SF law rescaled
MILL	100/25	Millenium cosmology (WMAP1): $(\Omega_m, \Omega_\Lambda, \Omega_b h^2, h, \sigma_8, n, X_{He}) = (0.25, 0.75, 0.024, 0.73, 0.9, 1.0, 0.249)$
NOAGB_NOSNIa	100	AGB & SNIa mass & energy transfer off
NOHeHEAT	25	No He reheating
NOSN	100/25	No SNII winds, no SNIa energy transfer
NOSN_NOZCOOL	100/25	No SNII winds, no SNIa energy transfer, cooling uses initial (i.e., primordial) abundances
NOZCOOL	100/25	Cooling uses initial (i.e., primordial) abundances
REIONZ06	25	Redshift reionization = 6
REIONZ12	25	Redshift reionization = 12
SFAMPLx3	25	$\dot{\Sigma}_*(0) = 4.545 \times 10^{-4} \text{ M}_\odot \text{ yr}^{-1} \text{ kpc}^{-2}$
SFAMPLx6	25	$\dot{\Sigma}_*(0) = 9.09 \times 10^{-4} \text{ M}_\odot \text{ yr}^{-1} \text{ kpc}^{-2}$
SFSLOPE1p75	25	$\gamma_{KS} = 1.75$
SFTHRESZ	25	Metallicity-dependent SF threshold
SNIaGAUSS	100	Gaussian SNIa delay distribution (efficiency: 2.56 %)
WDENS	100/25	Wind mass loading and velocity determined by the local density
WML1V848	100/25	$\eta = 1$ , $v_w = 848 \text{ km s}^{-1}$
WML4	100/25	$\eta = 4$
WML8V300	25	$\eta = 8$ , $v_w = 300 \text{ km s}^{-1}$
WPOT	100/25	Momentum driven wind model (scaled with the potential)
WPOTNOKICK	100/25	Momentum driven wind model (scaled with the potential) without extra velocity kick = 2 x local velocity dispersion
WVCIRC	100/25	Momentum driven wind model (scaled with the resident halo mass)



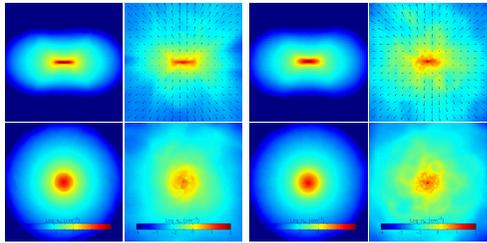


**Figure 6.** As Fig. 5, but comparing the SFHs for models with and without metal-line cooling, both in the presence and absence of SN-driven winds. Except at very high redshift, metal-line cooling strongly increases the SFR. The boost due to metal-line cooling is greater when SN feedback is included, which implies that metals radiate away a significant fraction of the energy injected by SNe.

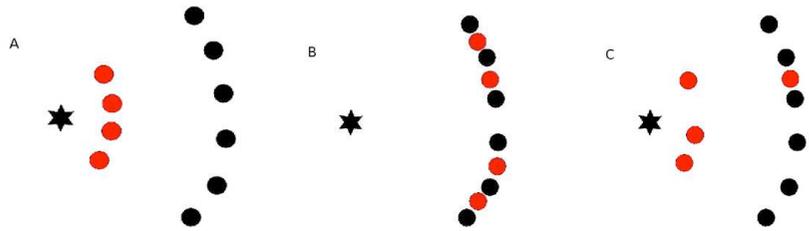


Intermezzo: does your code integrate the relevant equations accurately (enough)?

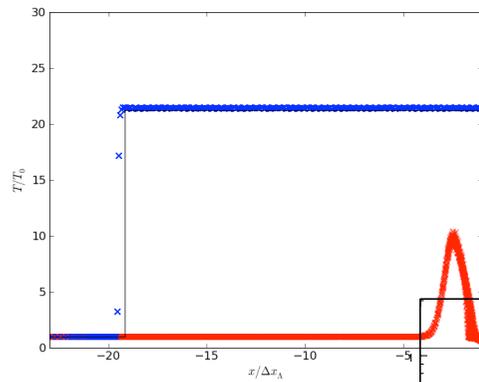
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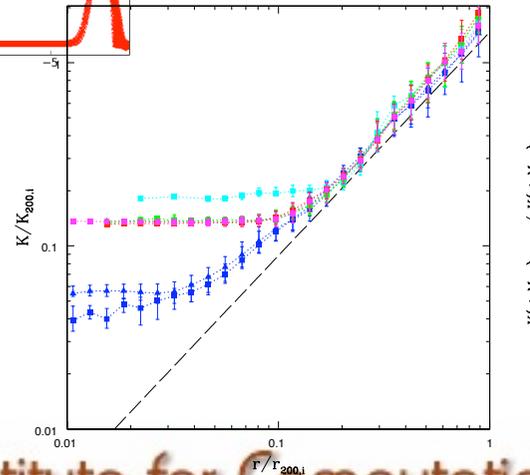
Isolated galaxies



(metal) mixing



Radiative cooling



Entropy profiles

# Massive galaxy

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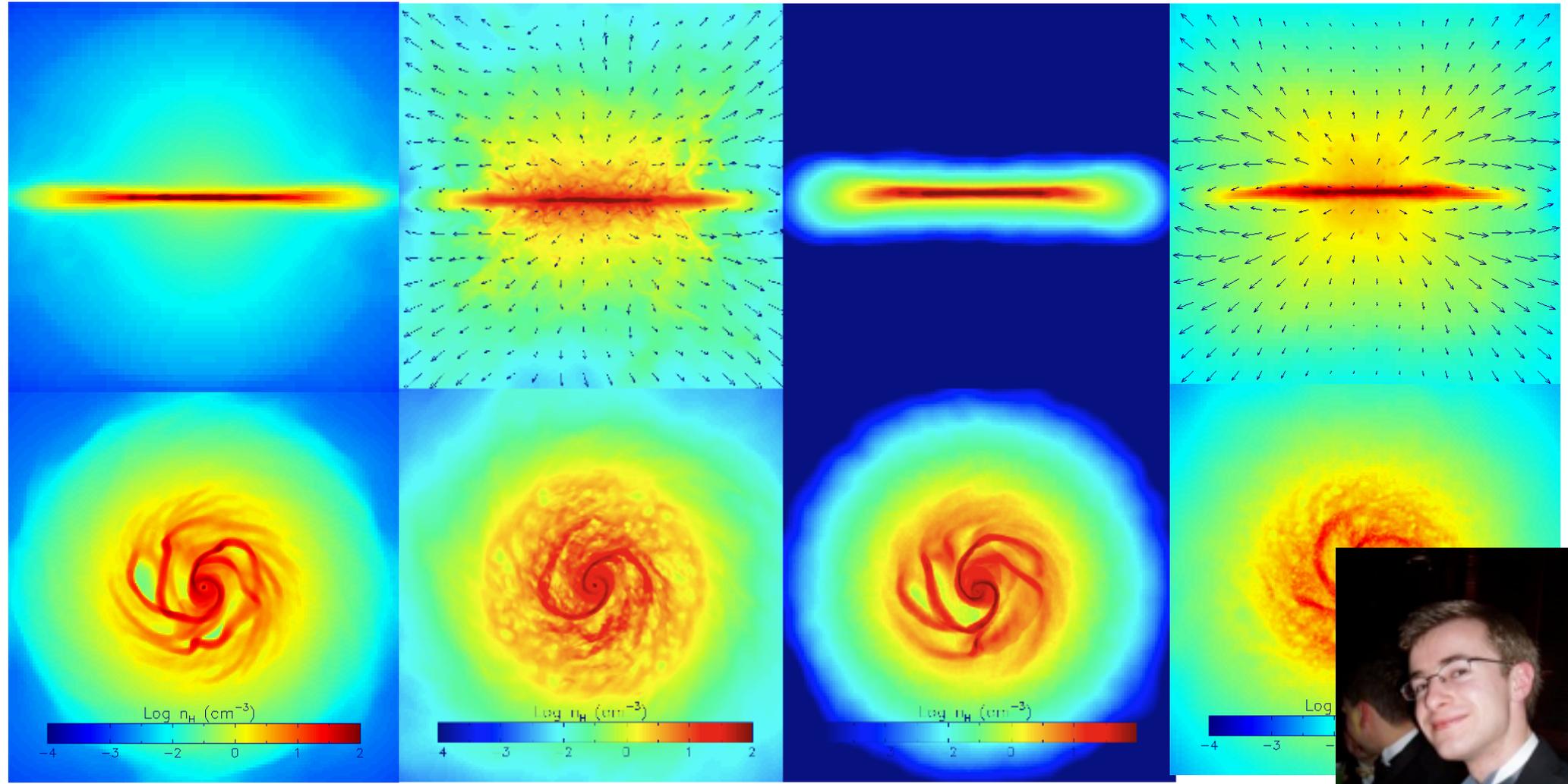
Gadget

without feedback

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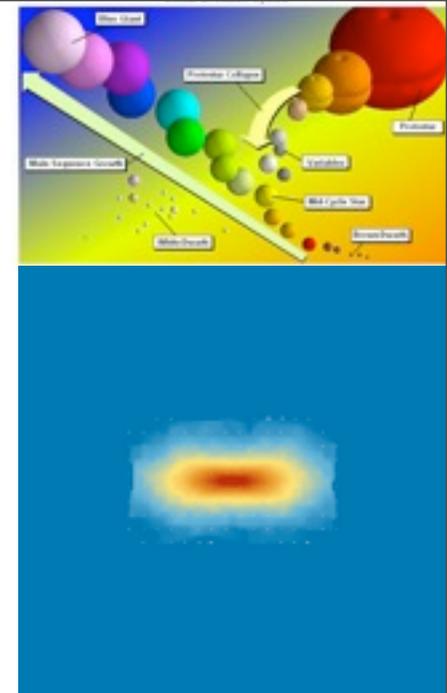
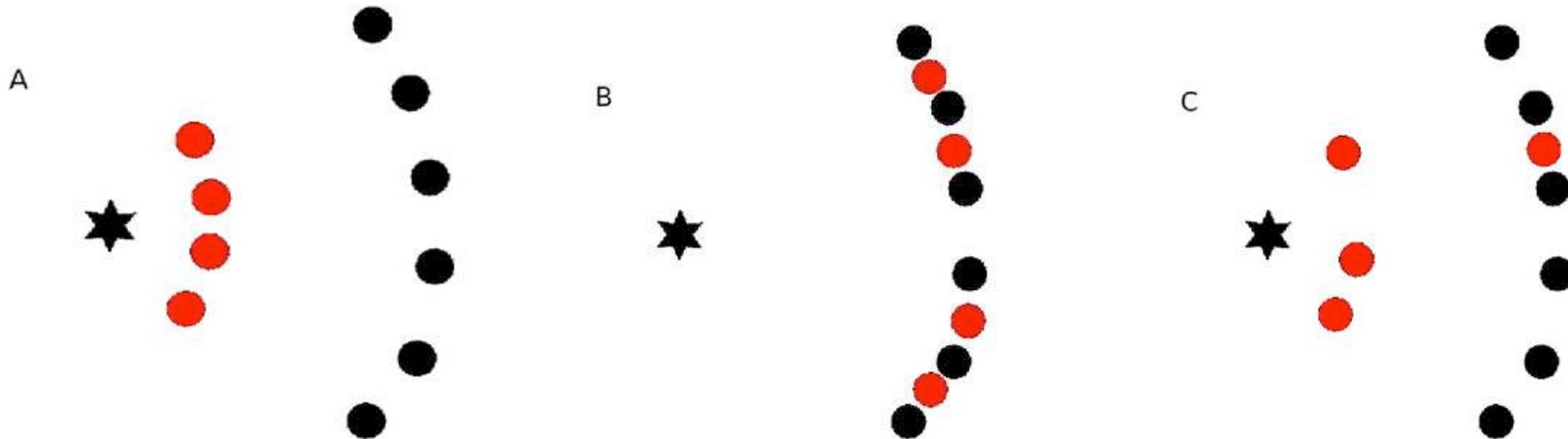


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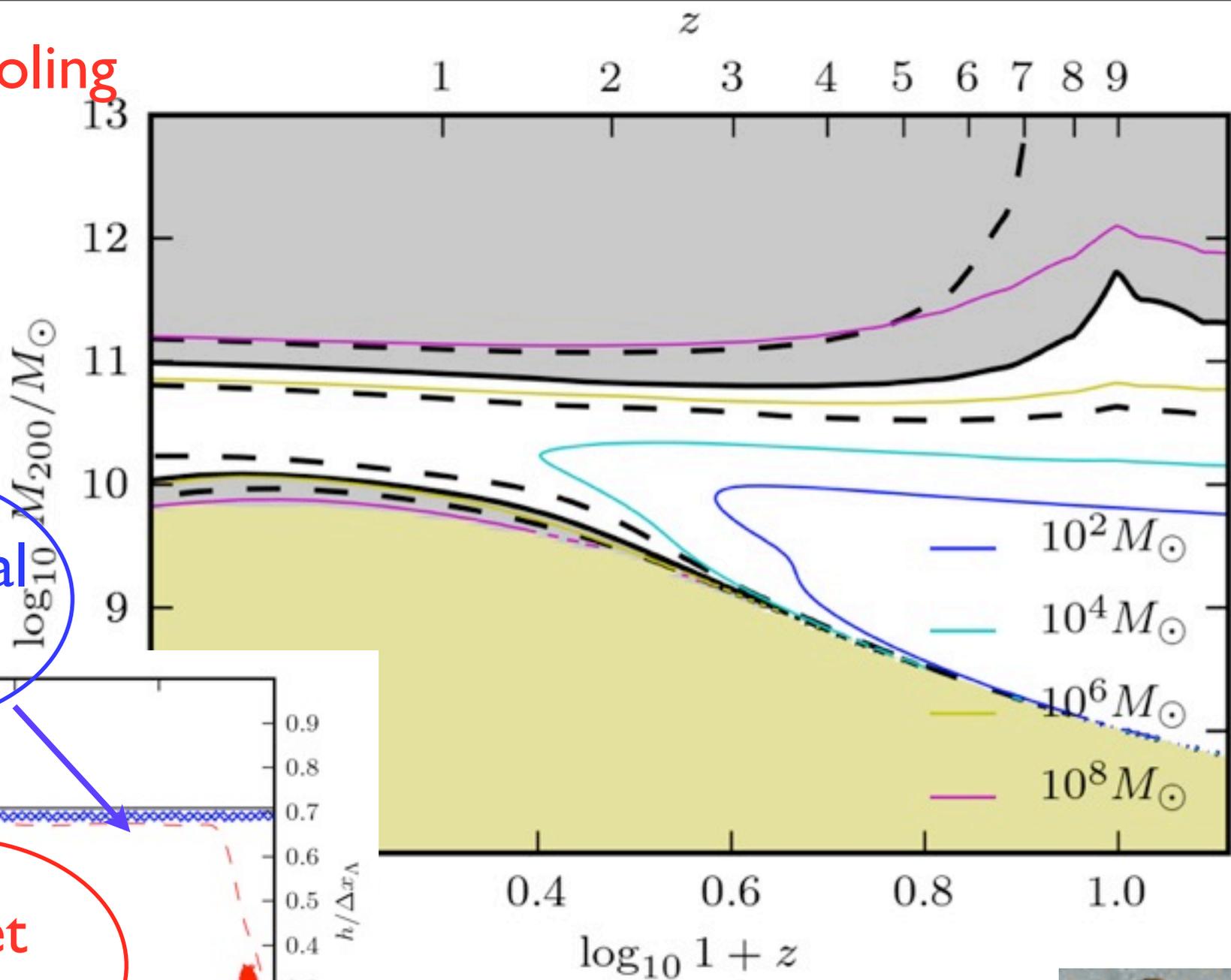
# Chemical enrichment in cosmological, smoothed particle hydrodynamics simulations

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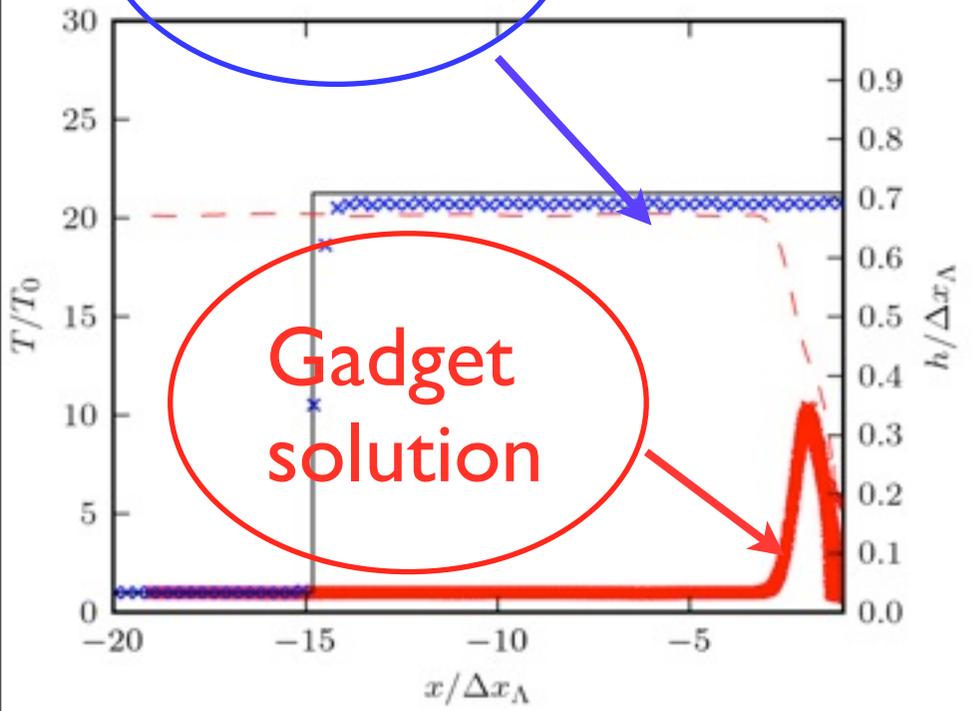
## Enrichment in SPH



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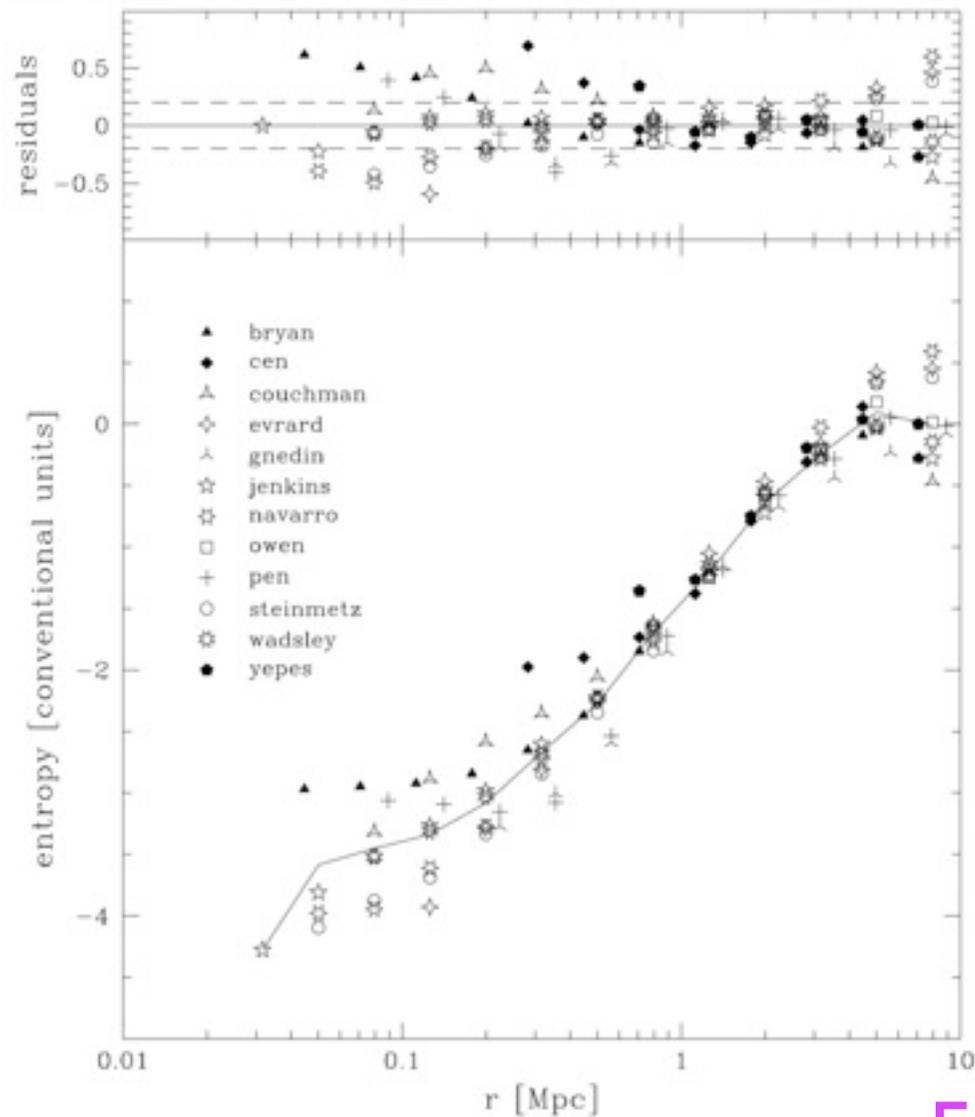


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# The Santa Barbara Cluster Comparison Project: A Comparison of Cosmological Hydrodynamics Solutions



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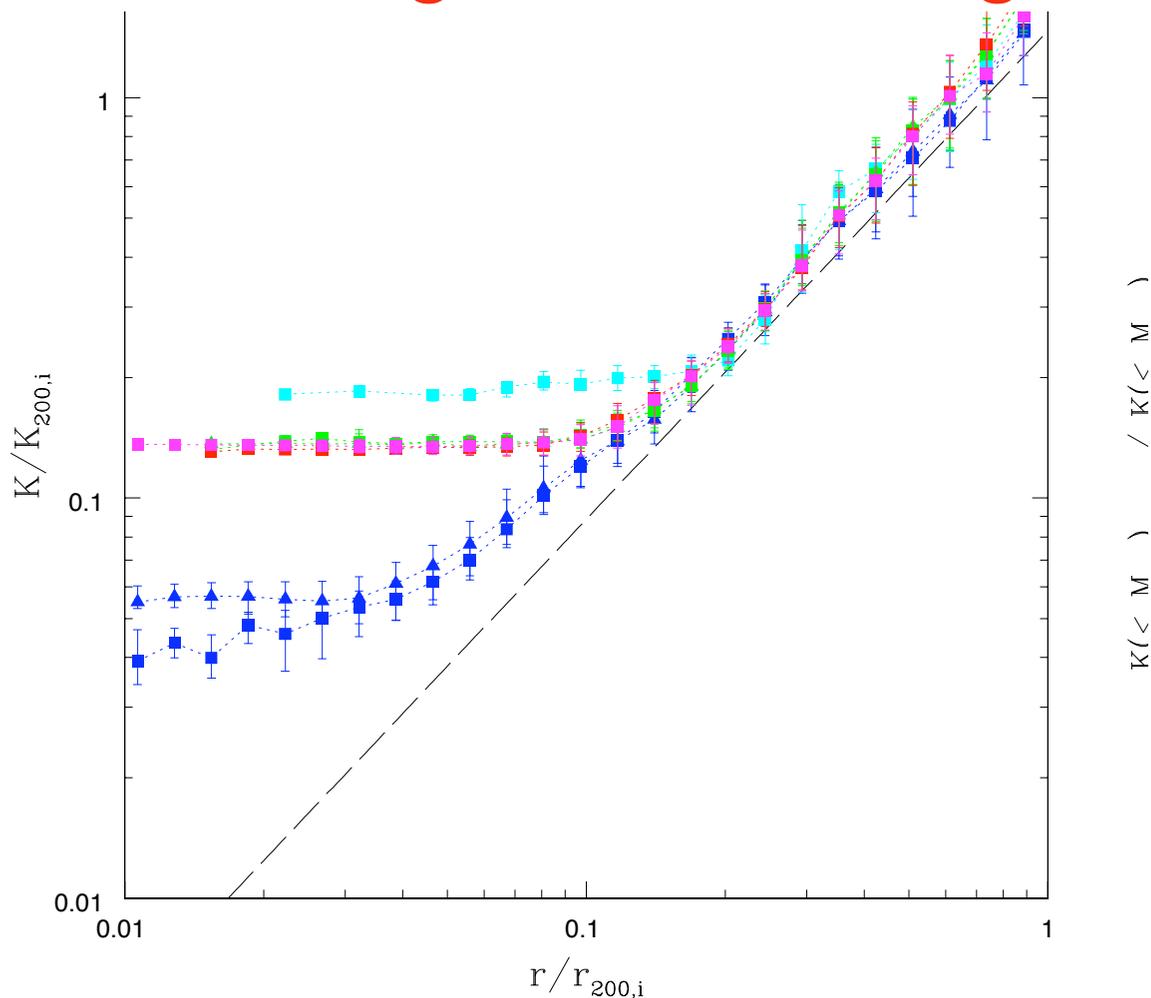
# On the Origin of Cores in Simulated Galaxy Clusters

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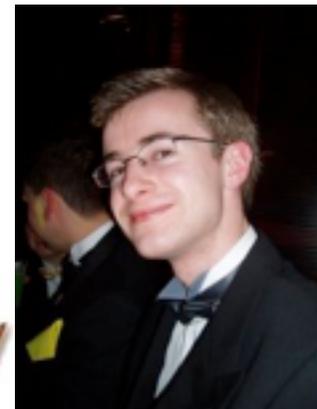
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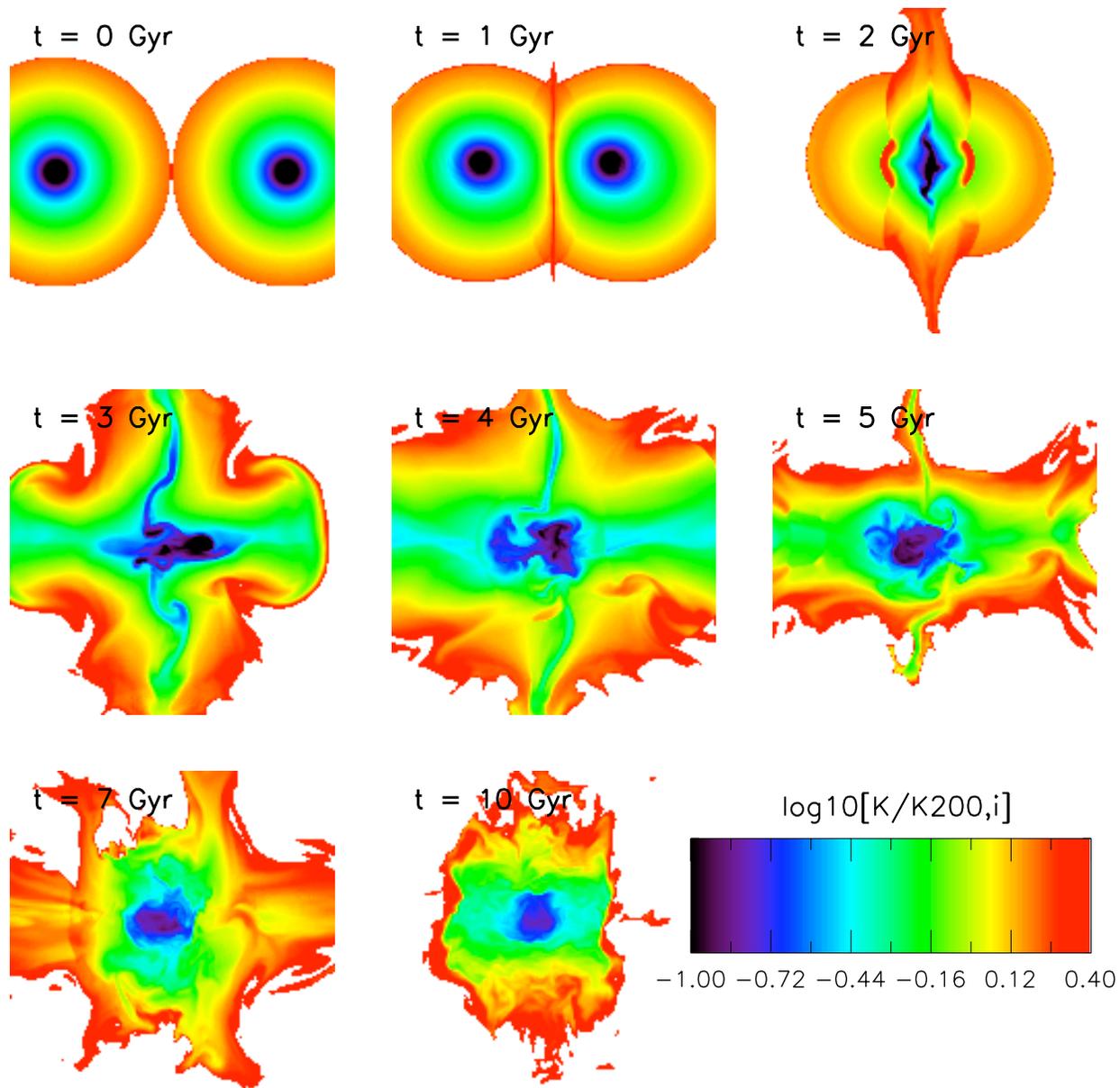
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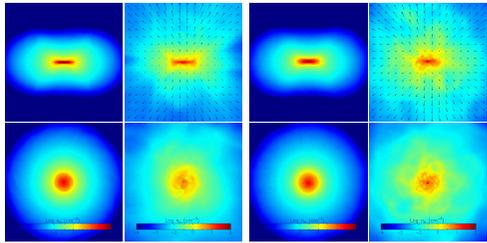
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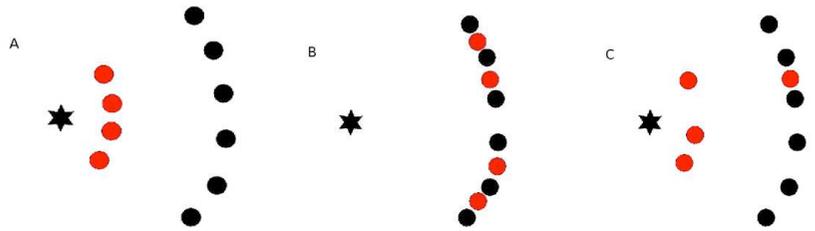
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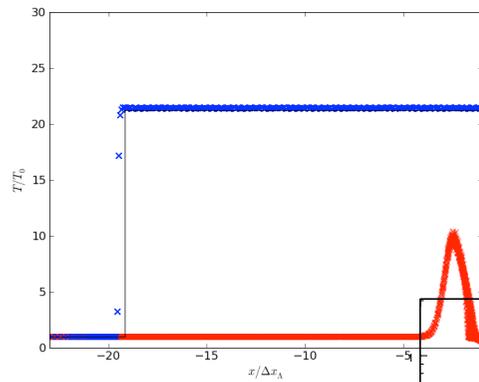
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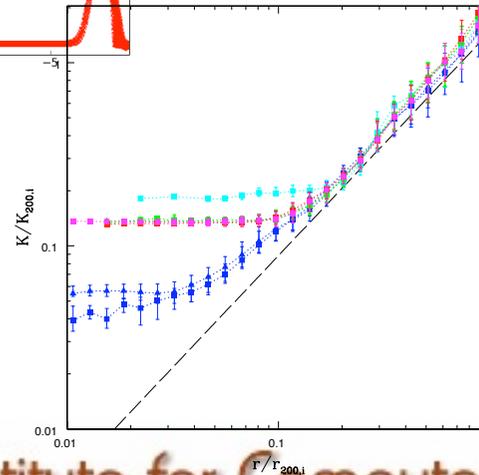
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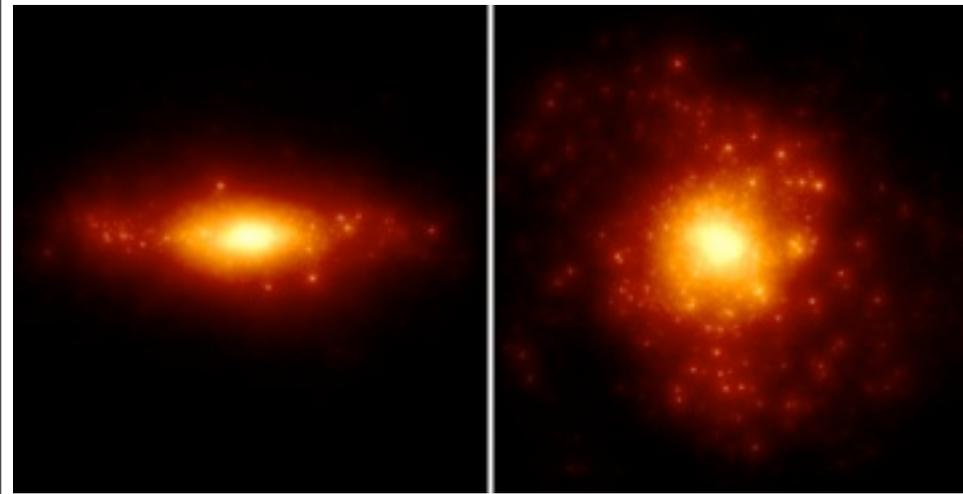
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# THE GOOD THE UGLY AND THE BAD

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Tully-Fisher and  $M^*/M200$  relations: McCarthy+

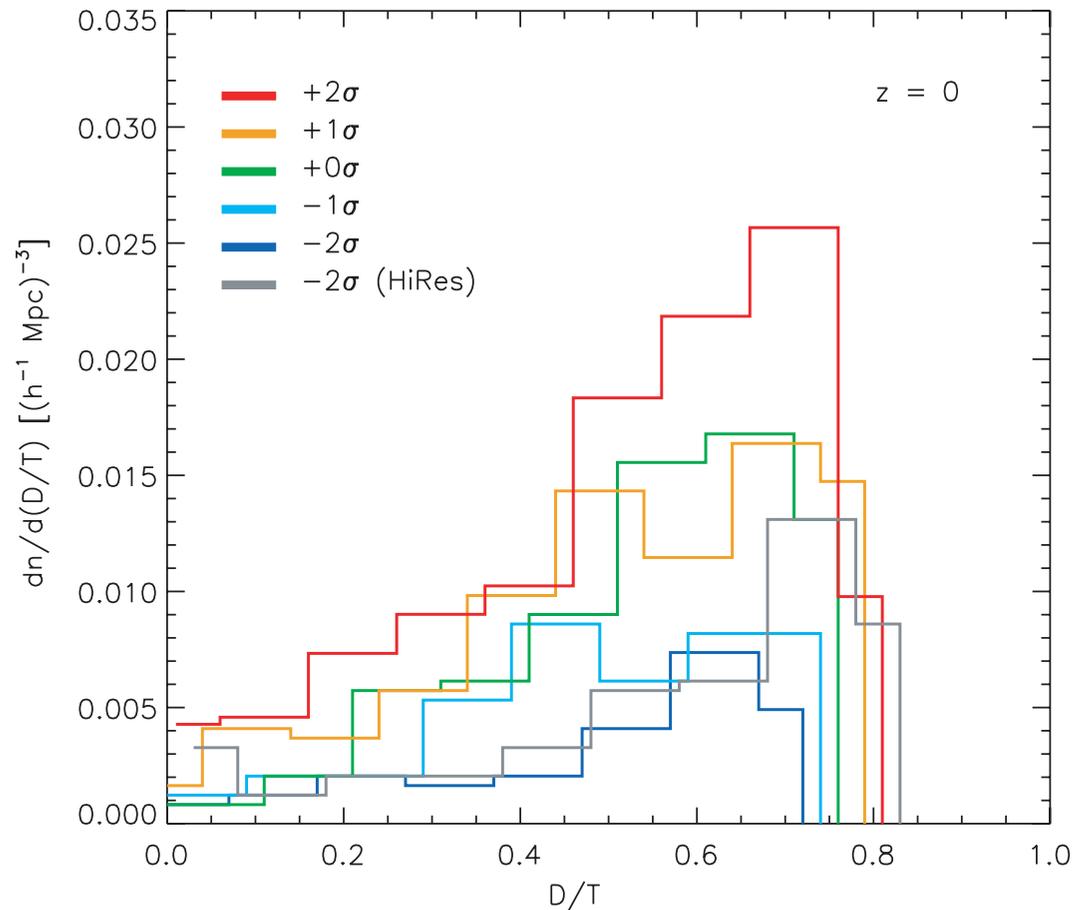
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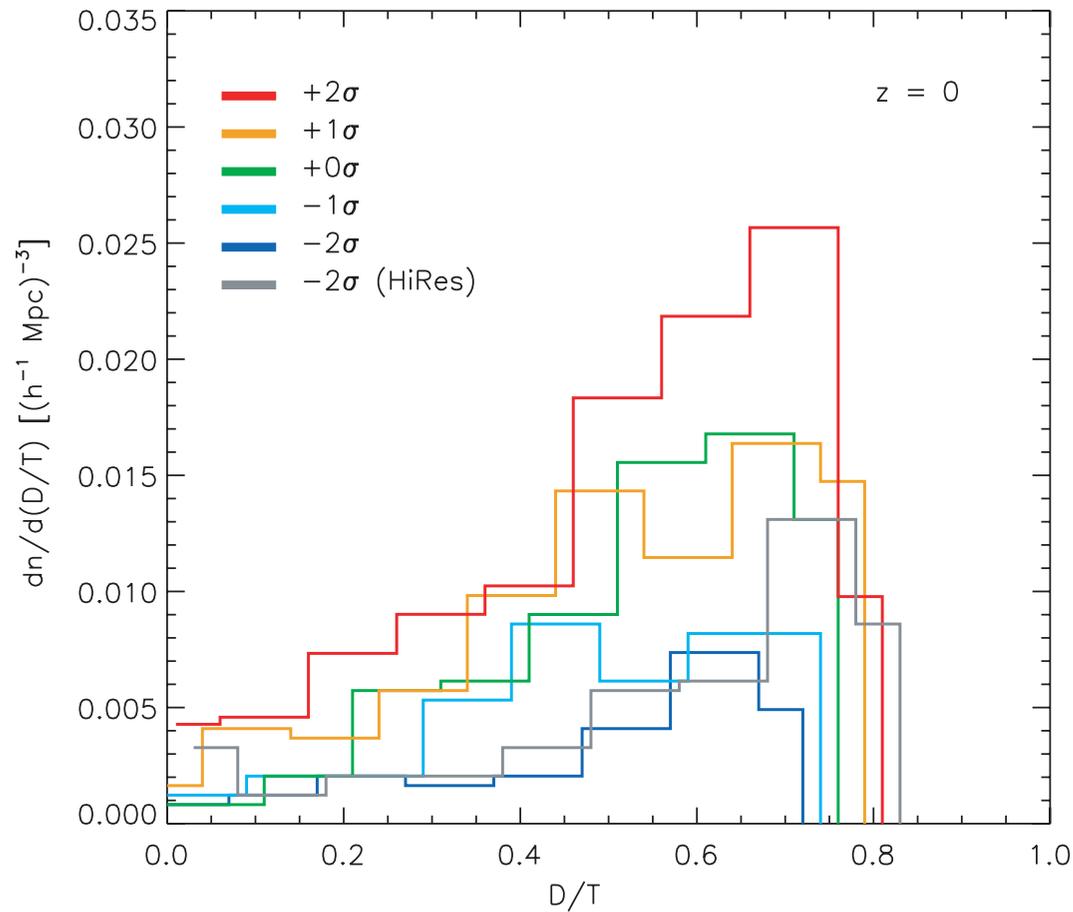
**Bulge-  
dominated**

**Disc-  
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Simulations have  $> 400$  galaxies of MW mass and more, each with  $10^5$  or more particles in them



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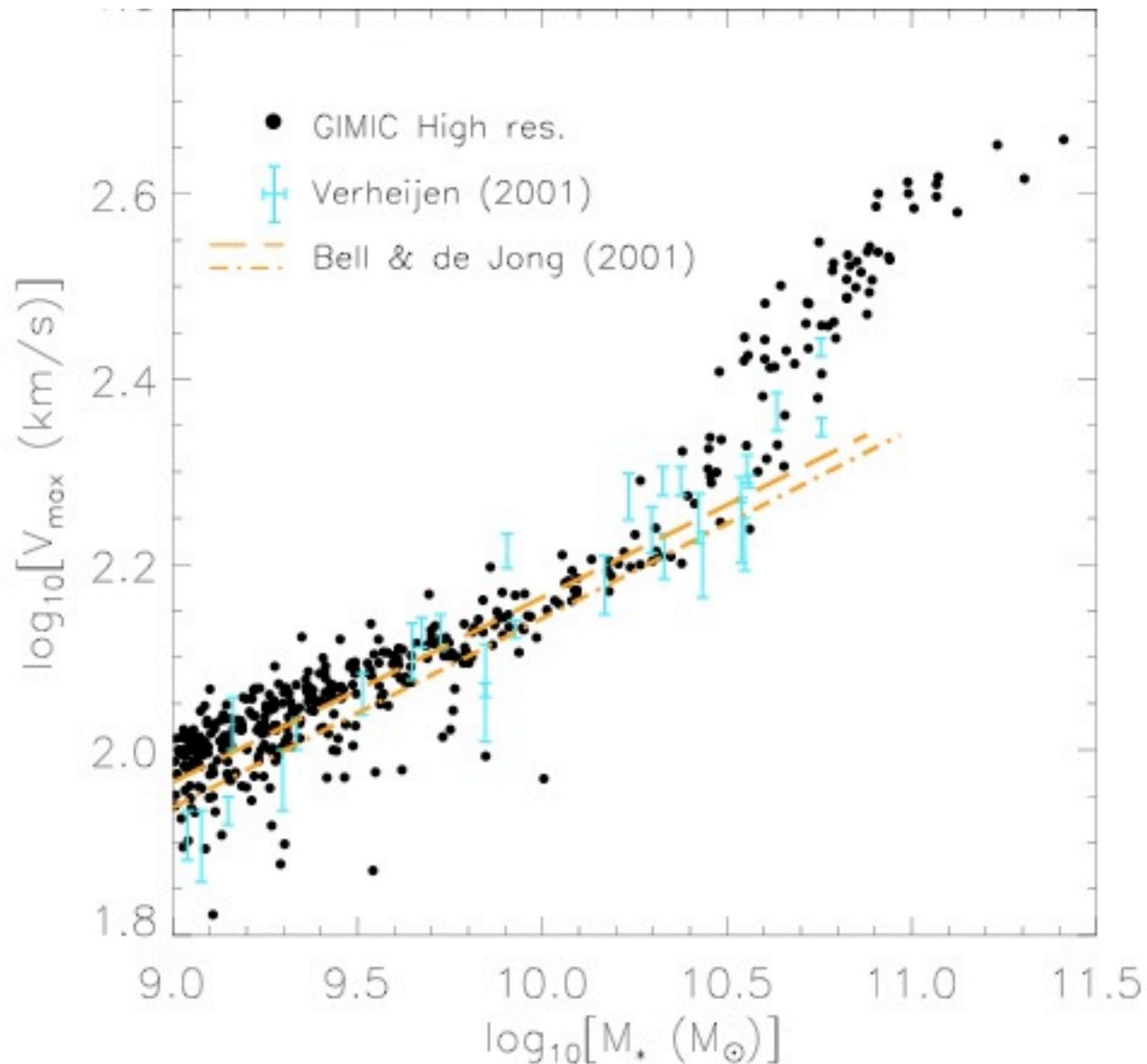
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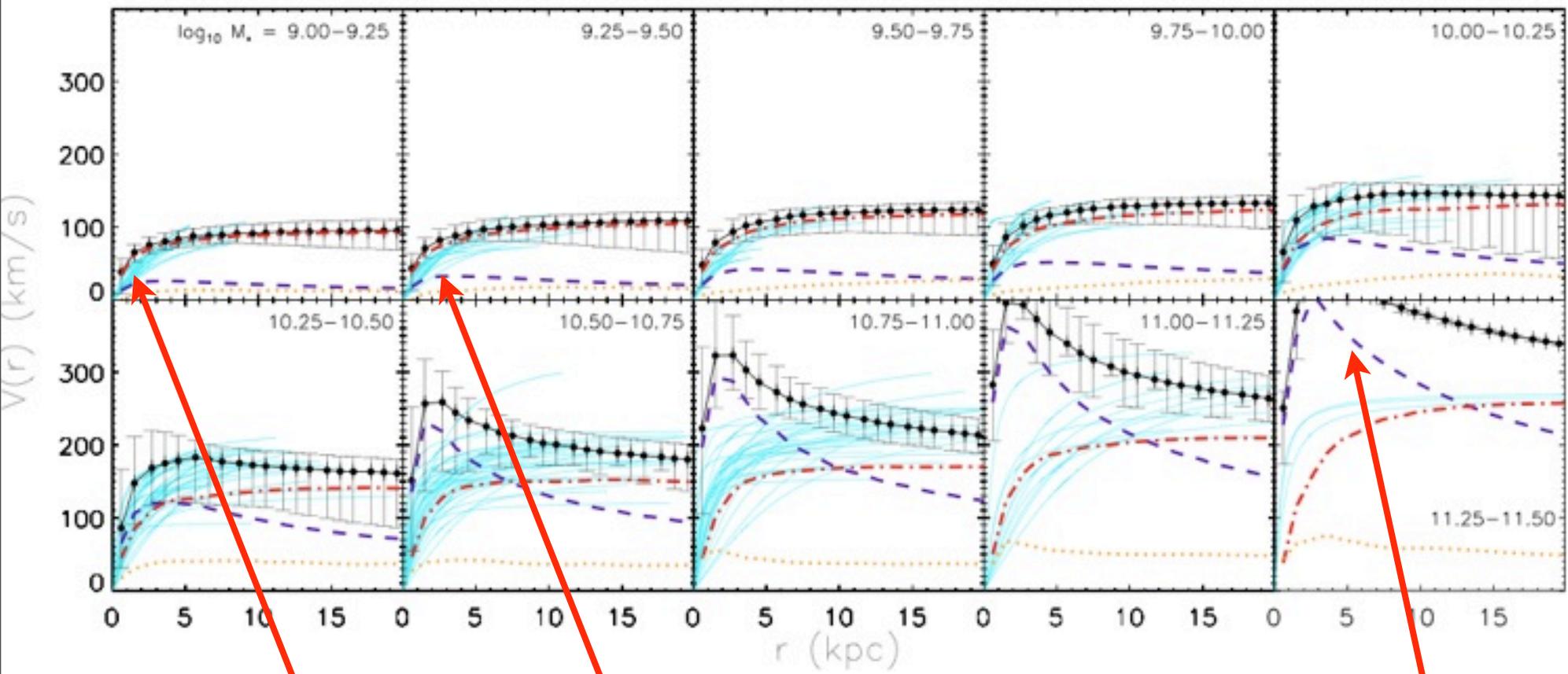
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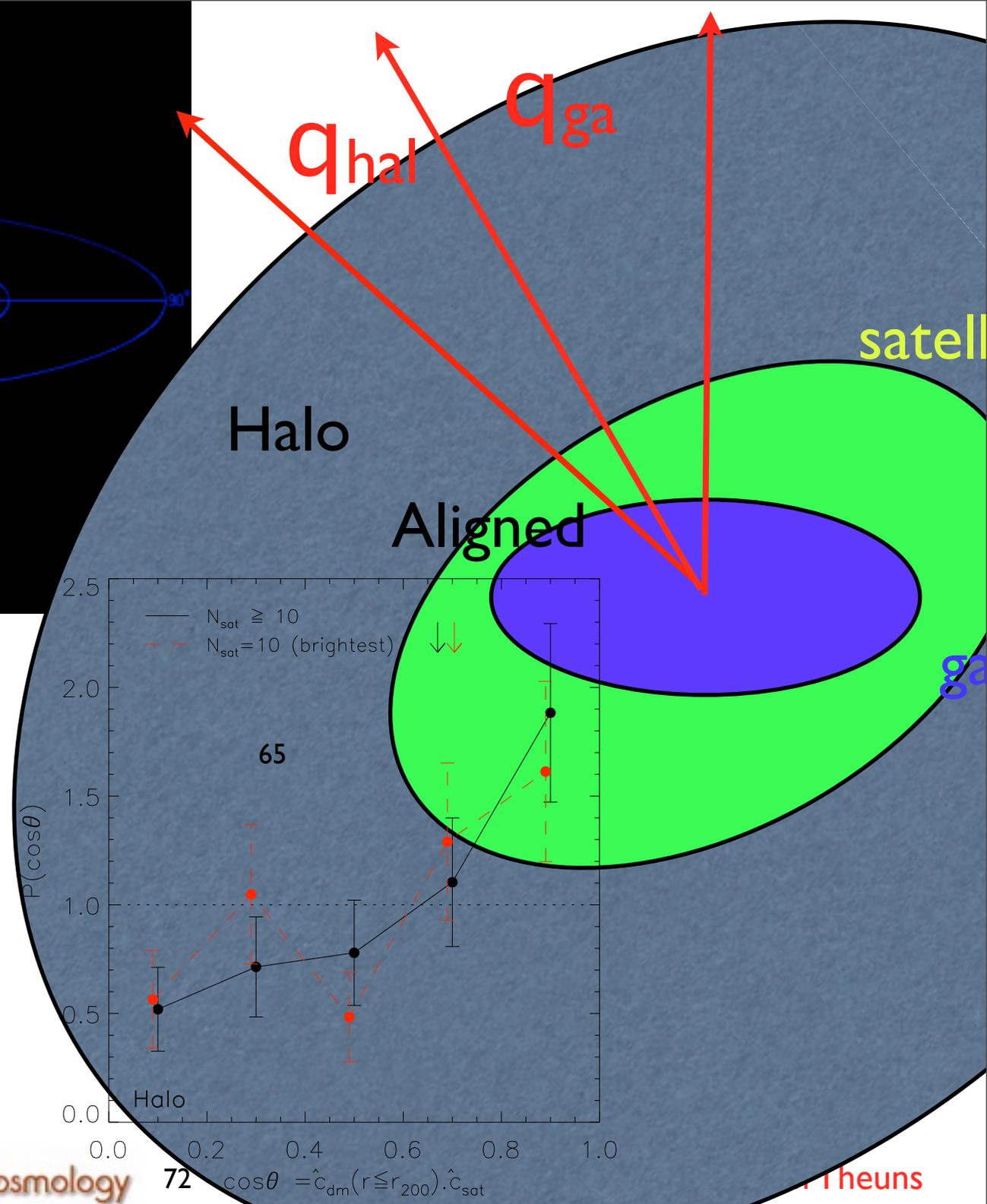
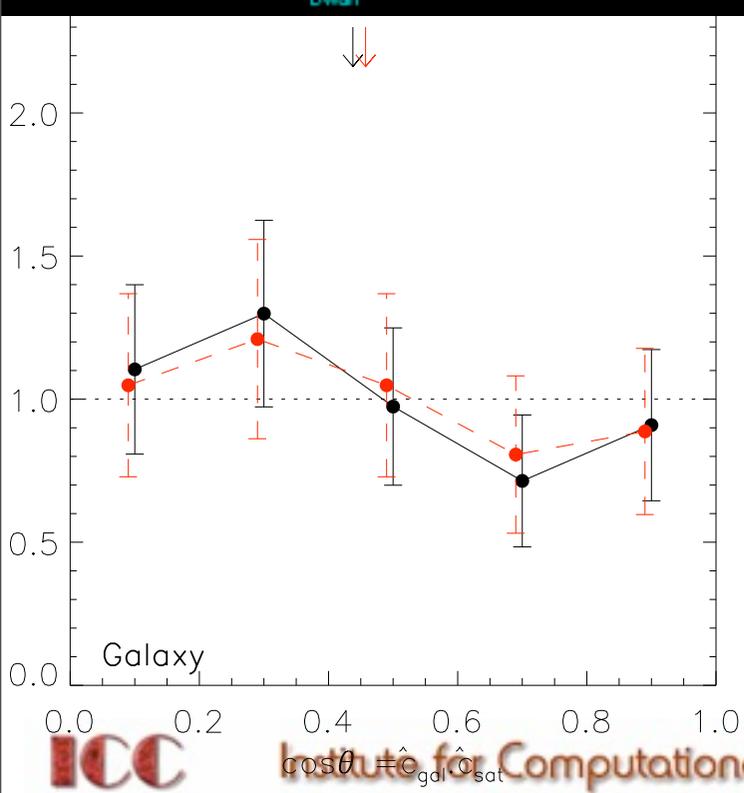
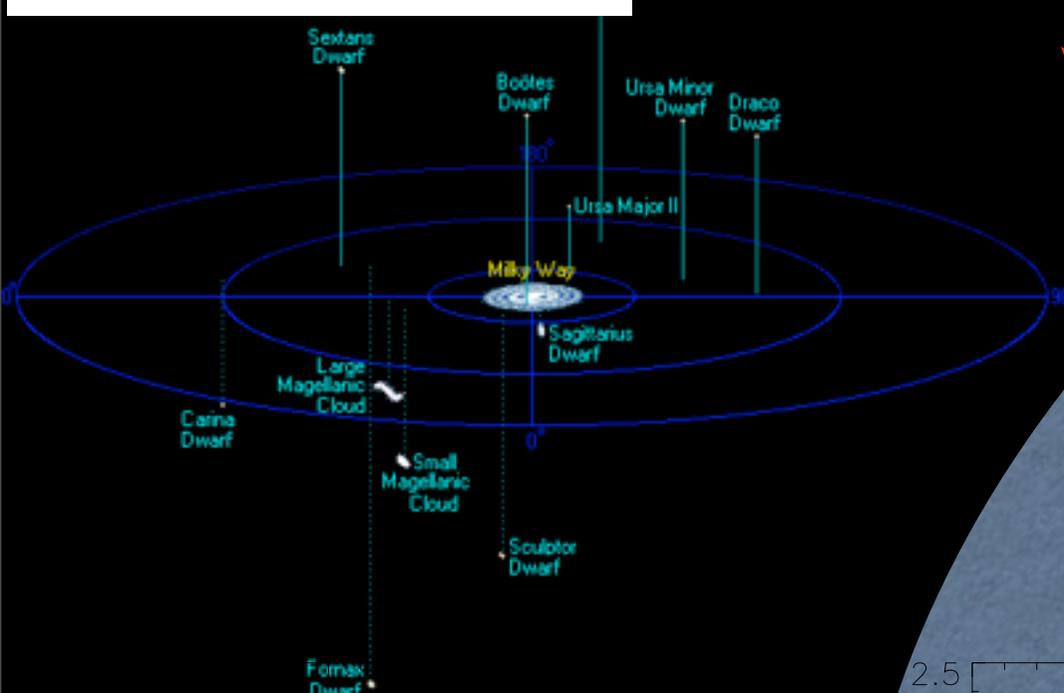
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# Spirals have rotation curves with reasonable shapes, and follow the Tully-Fisher relation!



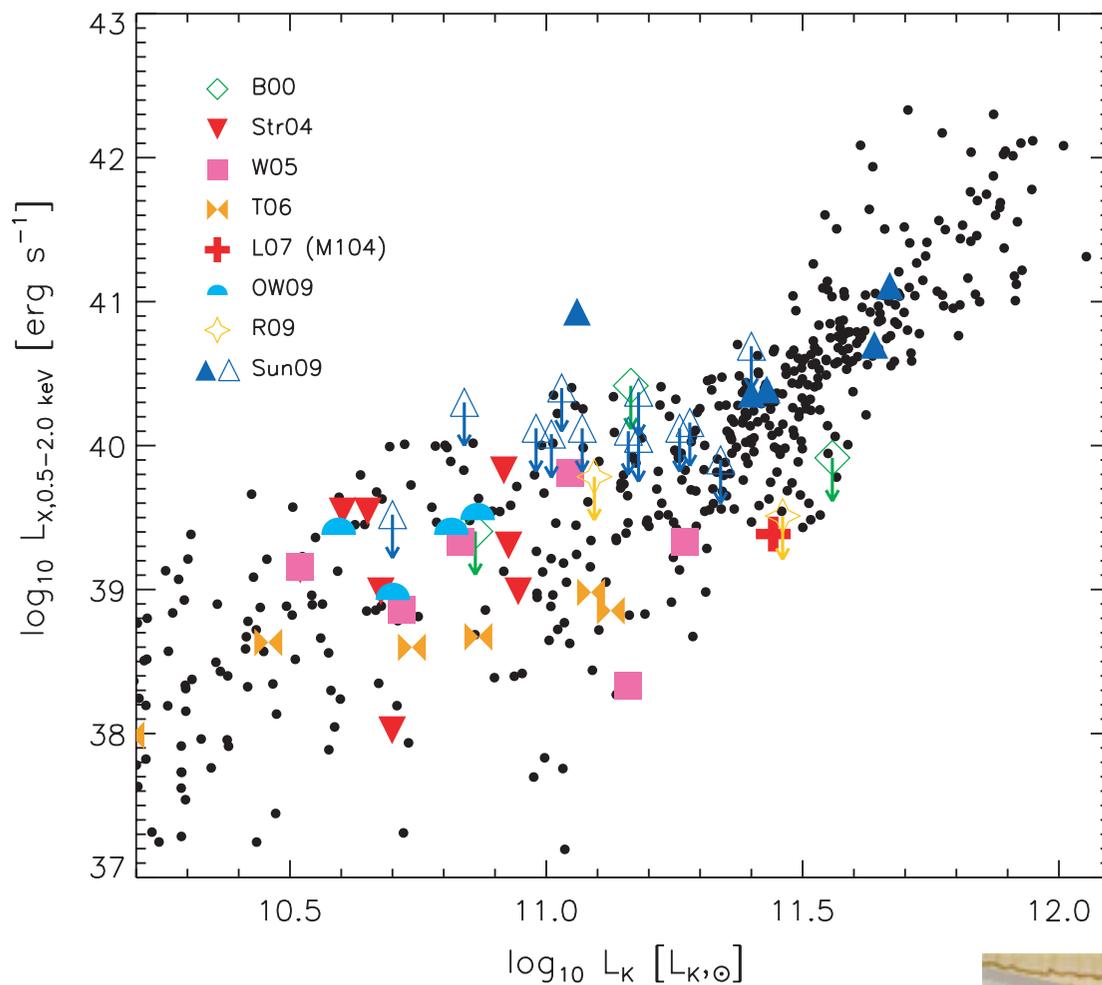
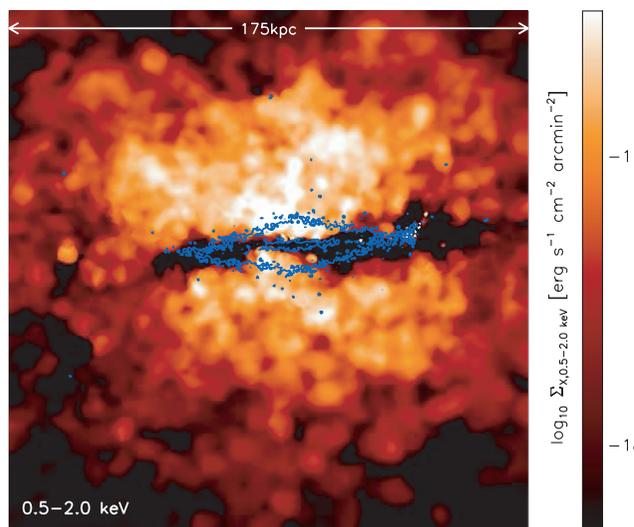


# Satellites of MWs

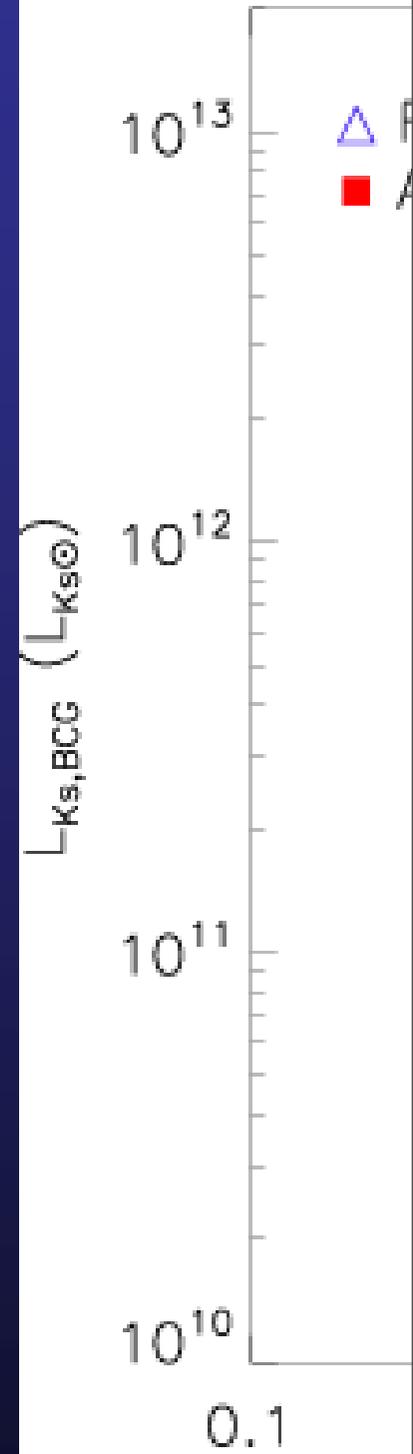
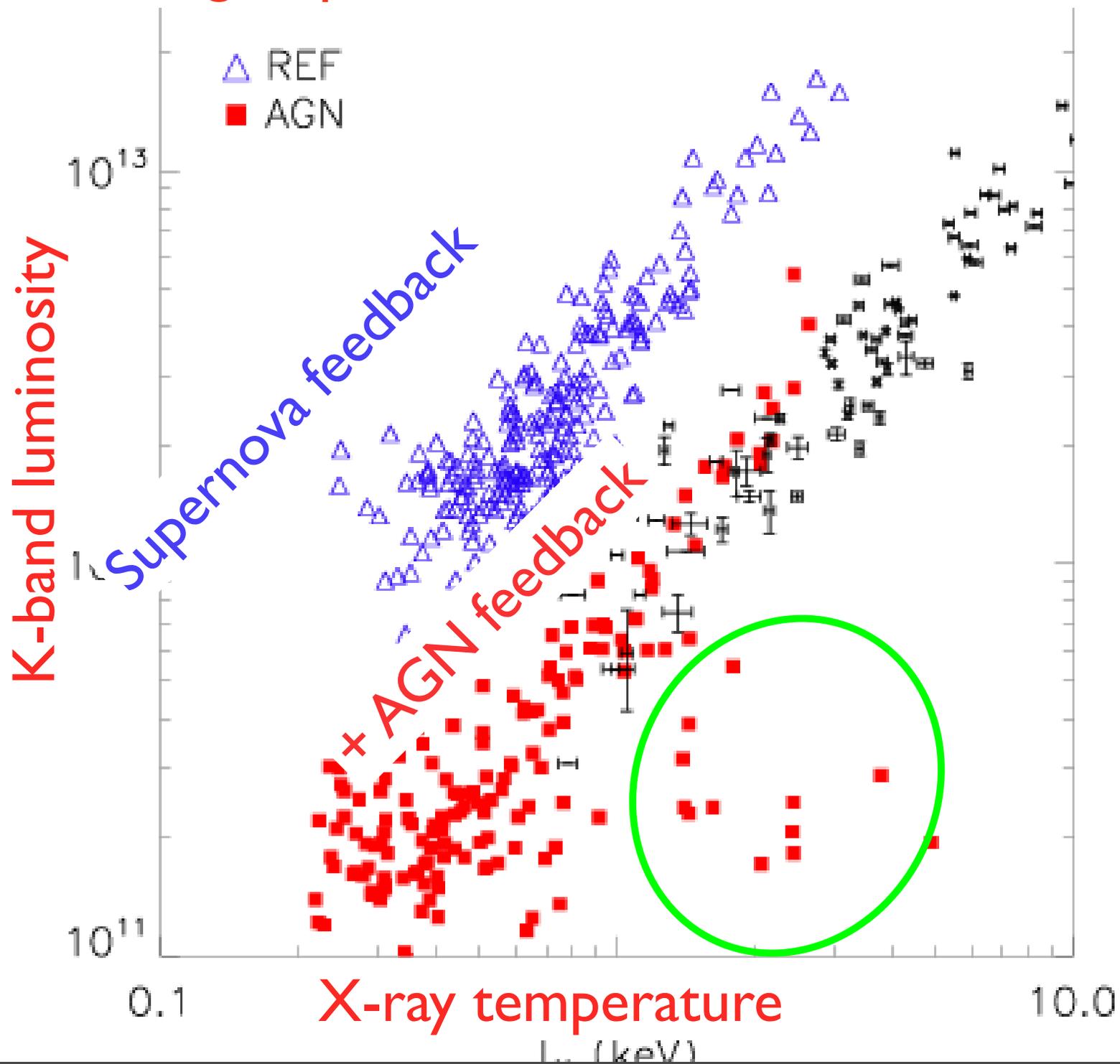


# X-ray haloes of MW-like galaxies

Gas in haloes of spirals has a reasonable X-ray luminosity (long a stumbling block in semi-analytical models)



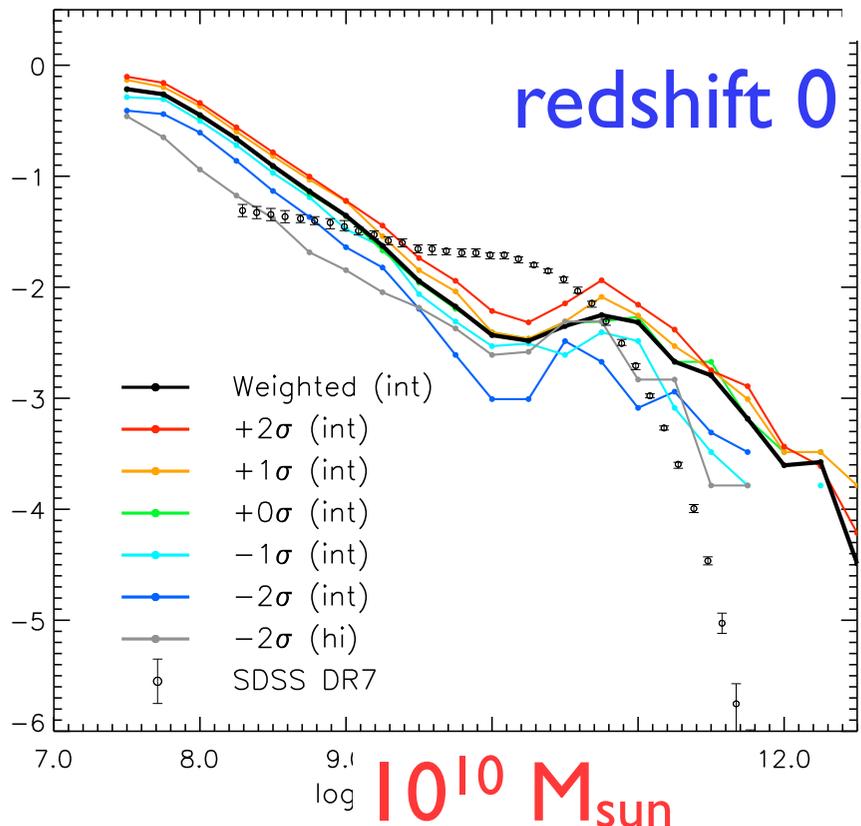
# The bad: groups



# The Ugly: stellar mass function

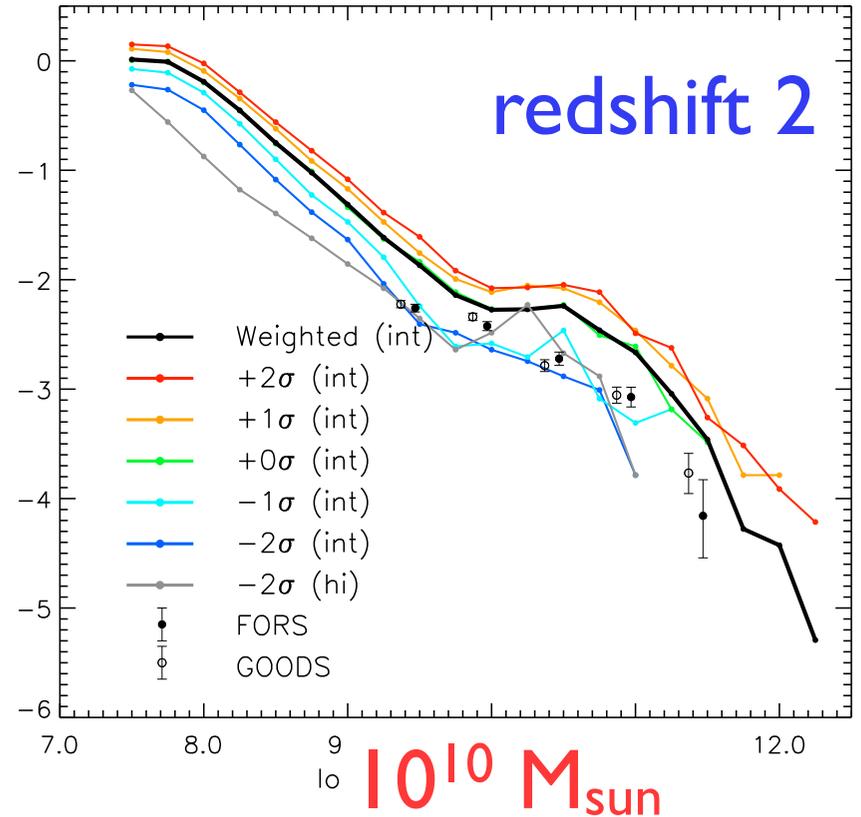
$$\dot{M}_{\text{wind}} \left( \frac{v_{\text{wind}}}{710 \text{ km s}^{-1}} \right)^2 = \epsilon \eta \dot{M}_*$$

Number of galaxies



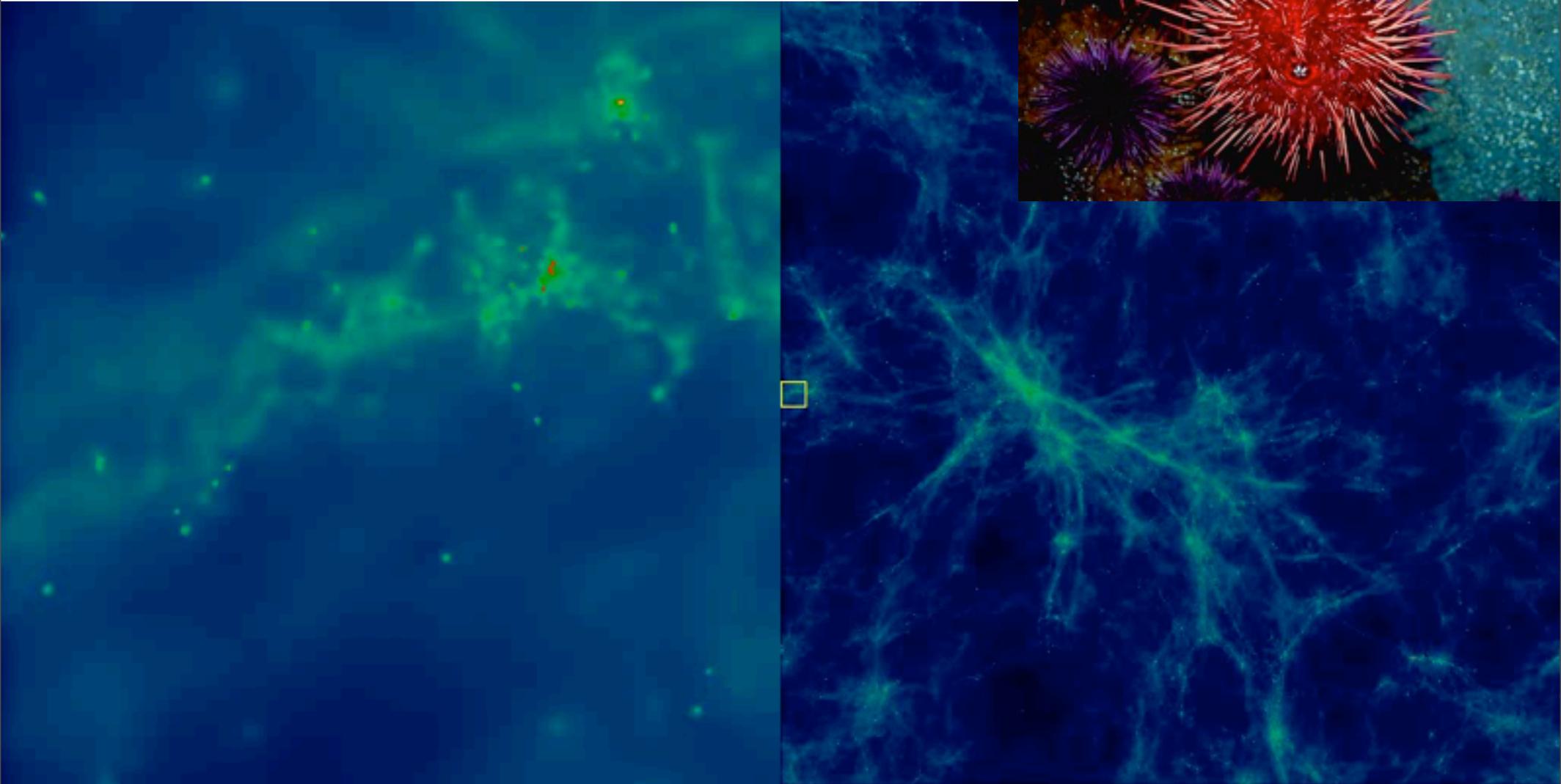
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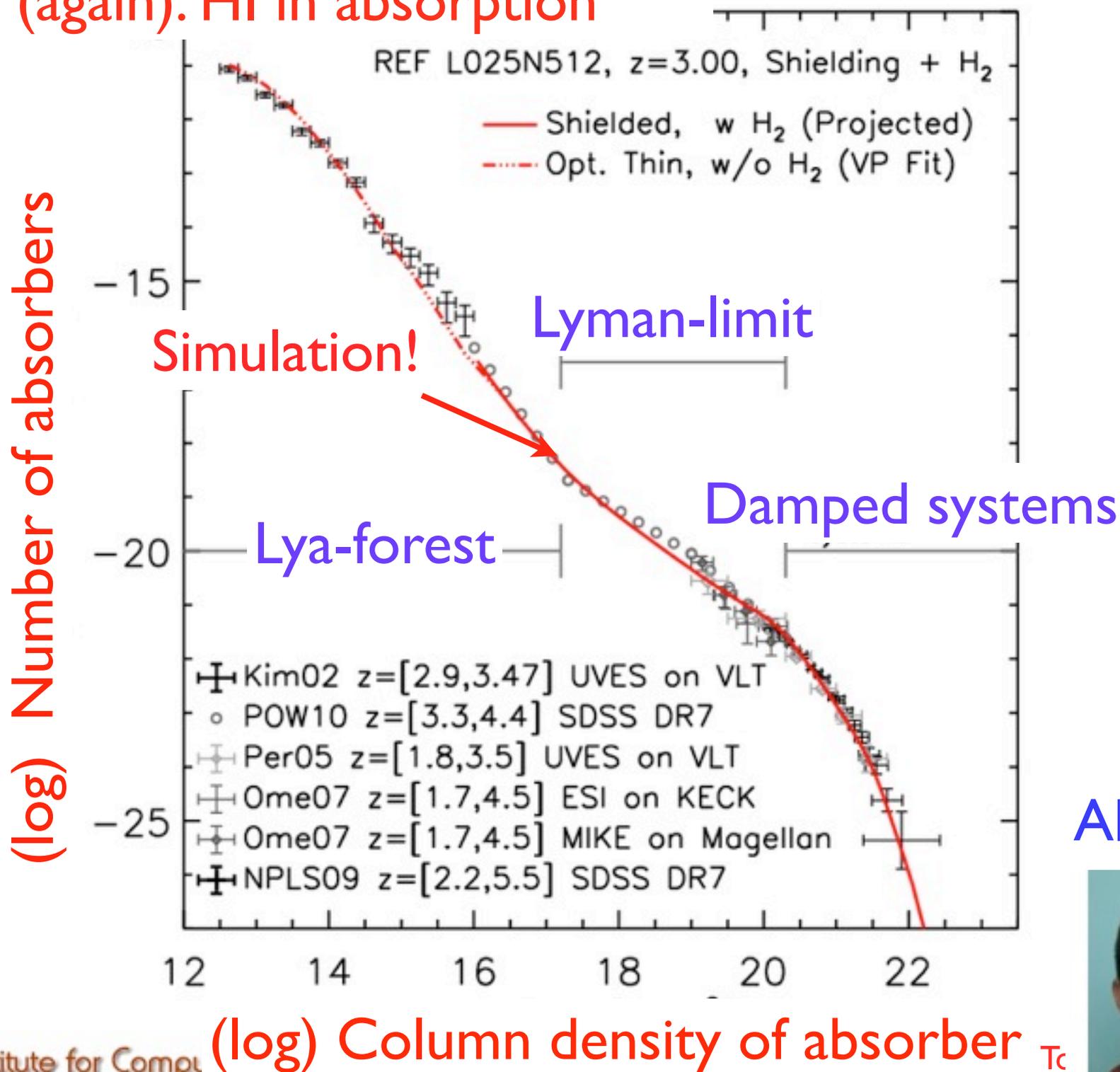


Stellar mass

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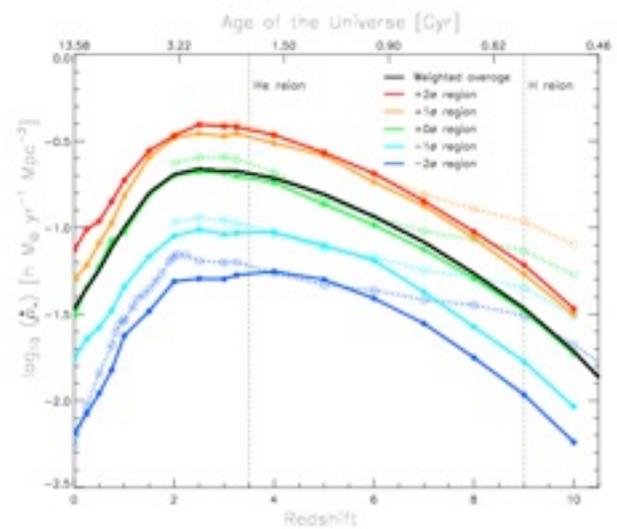


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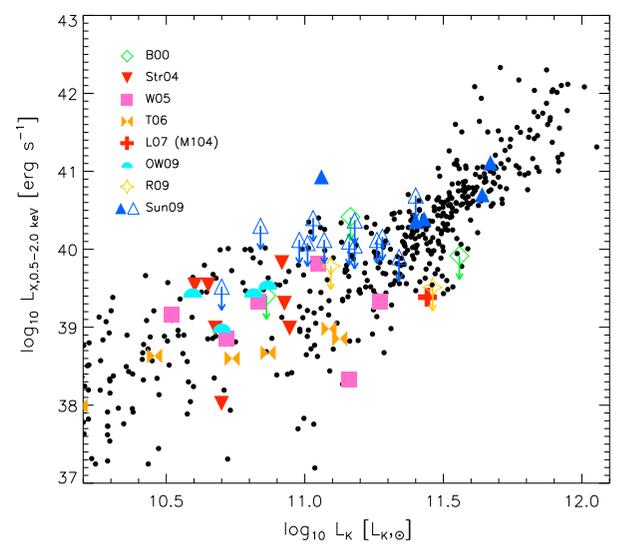


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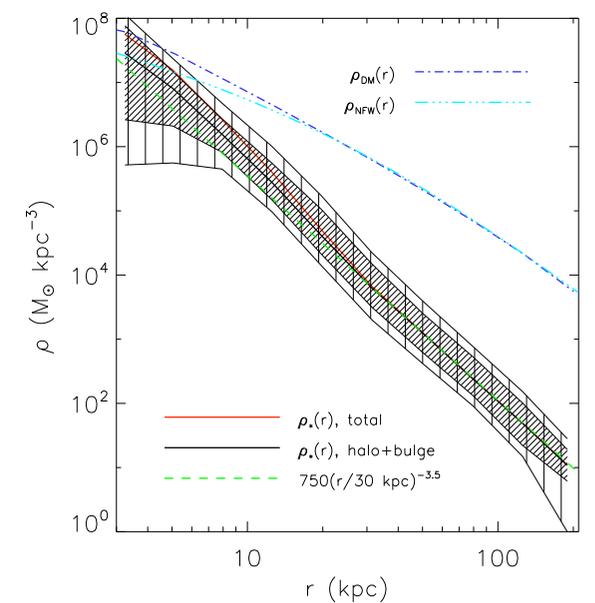




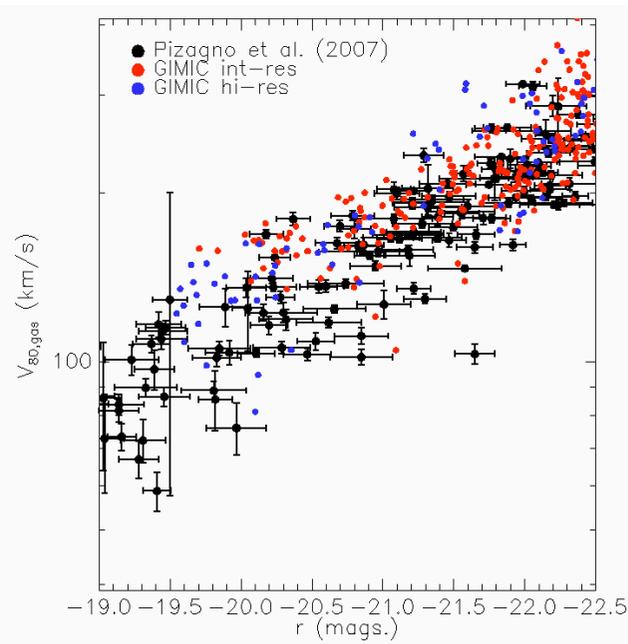
**Mass function**



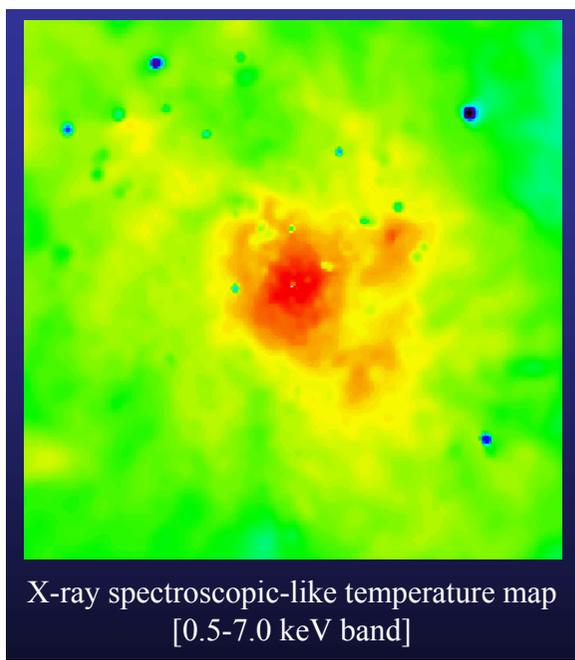
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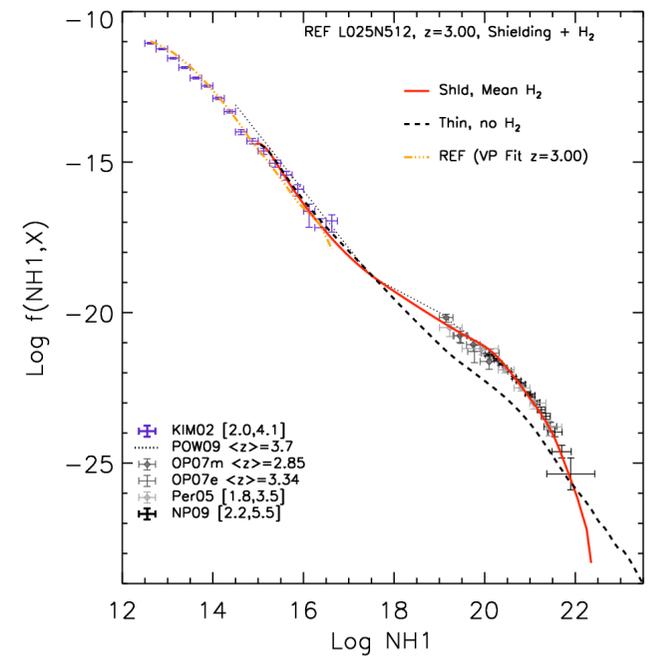
**Stellar halo**



**Tully-Fisher**



**AGN in groups**



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Bad (or not that good): need more physics (AGN)

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The future:

resolution :  $\Delta x < 1 \text{ pc}, M_{\Delta x} = 0.03 M_{\odot}$

Temperature

Disc plane

Density

1 kpc



Feedback superhero

200 pc

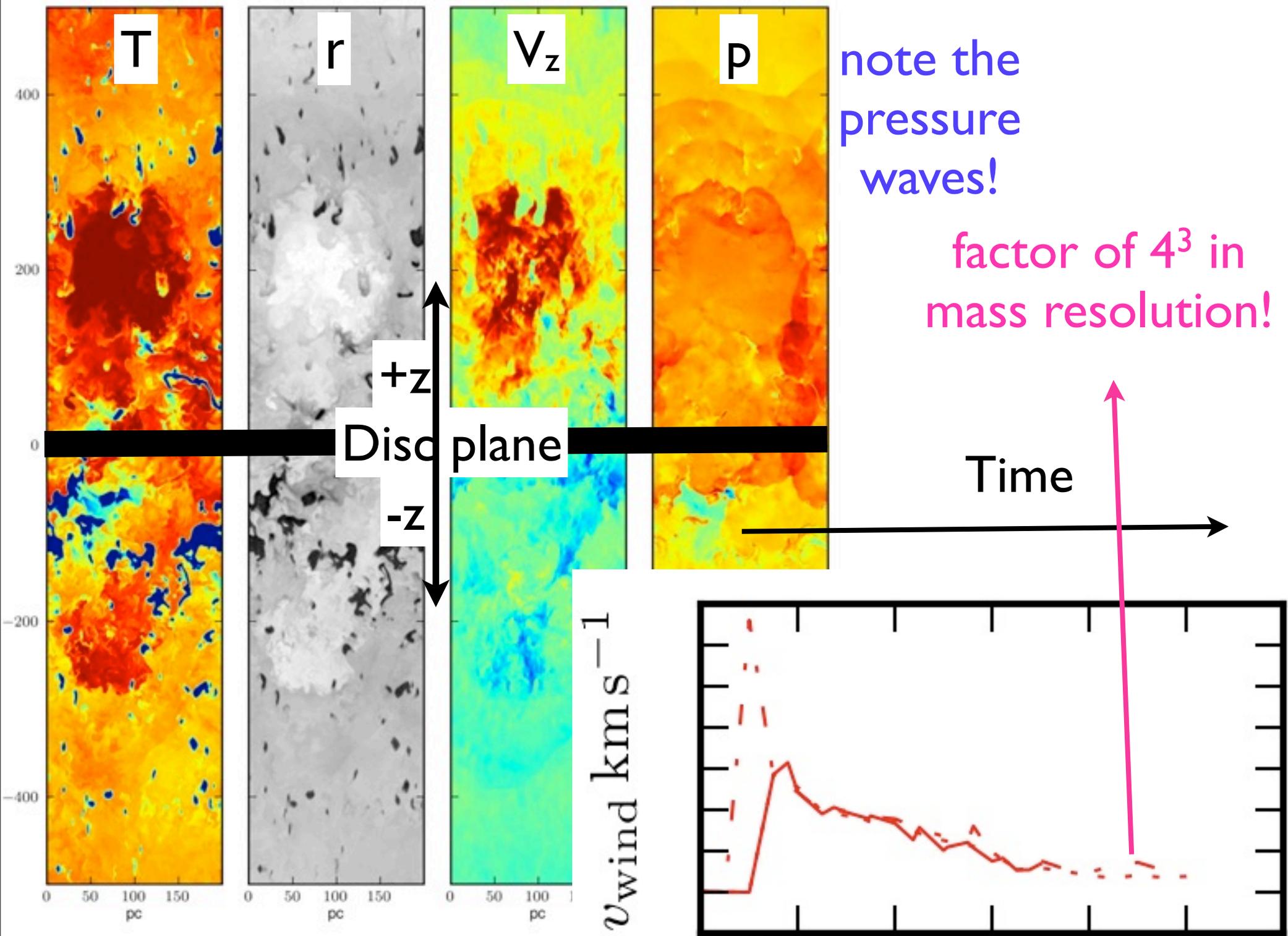
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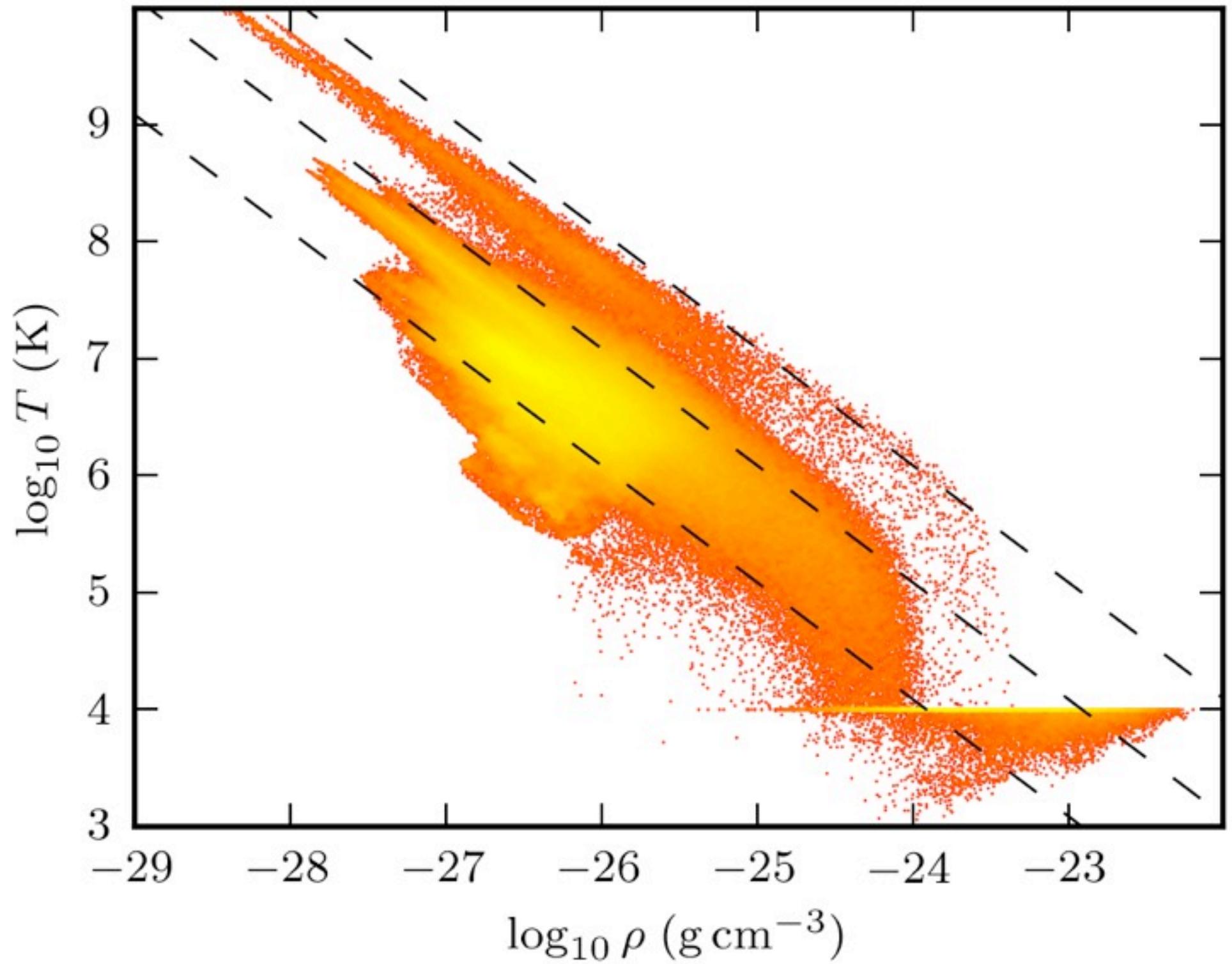
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