

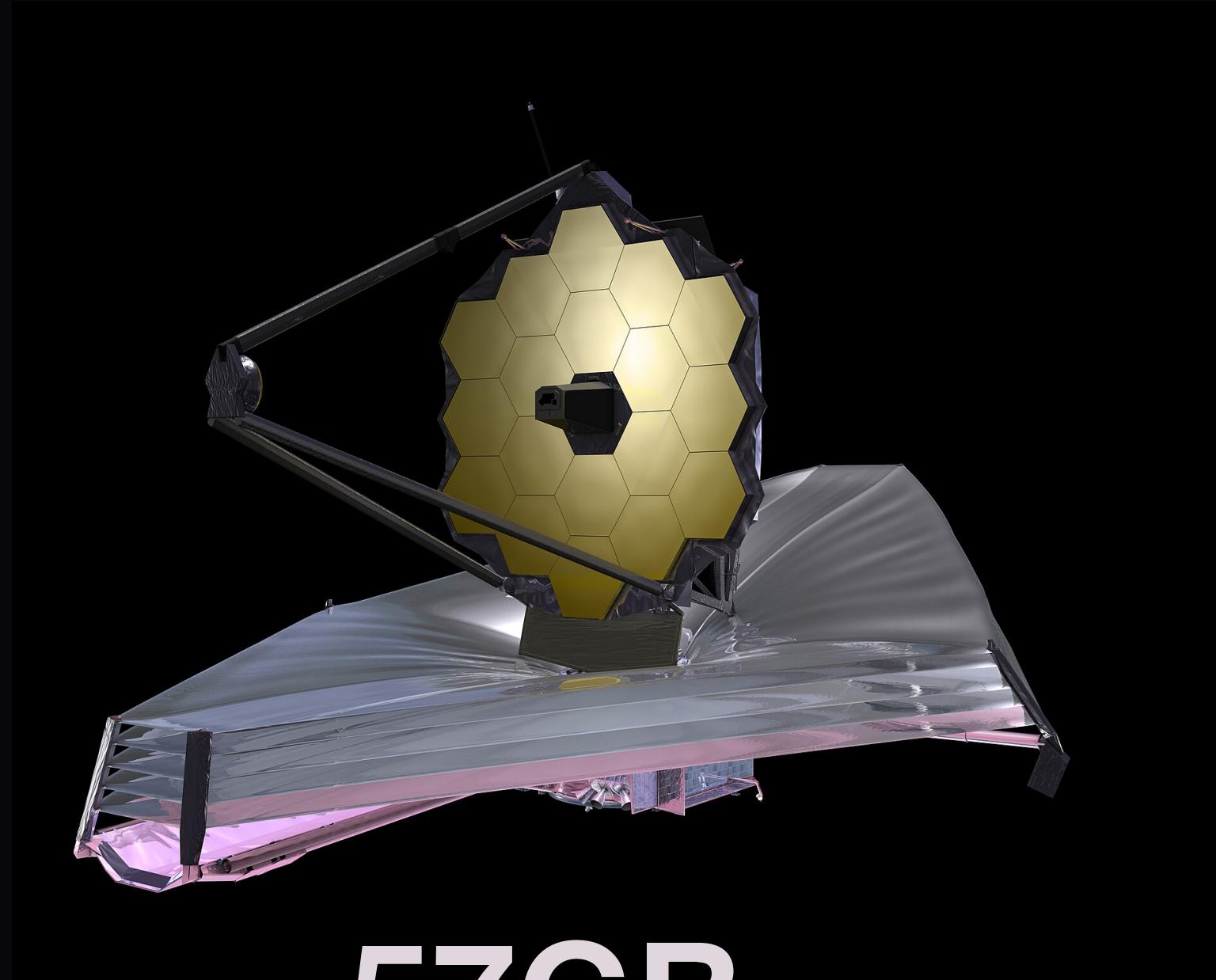
Research Examples — using AI for cosmology and galaxy formation studies

(how **not** to be used by AI)

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'Big Data' Era in Cosmology



57GB

Daily data download from JWST
~500TB over lifetime



~20TB
/ day

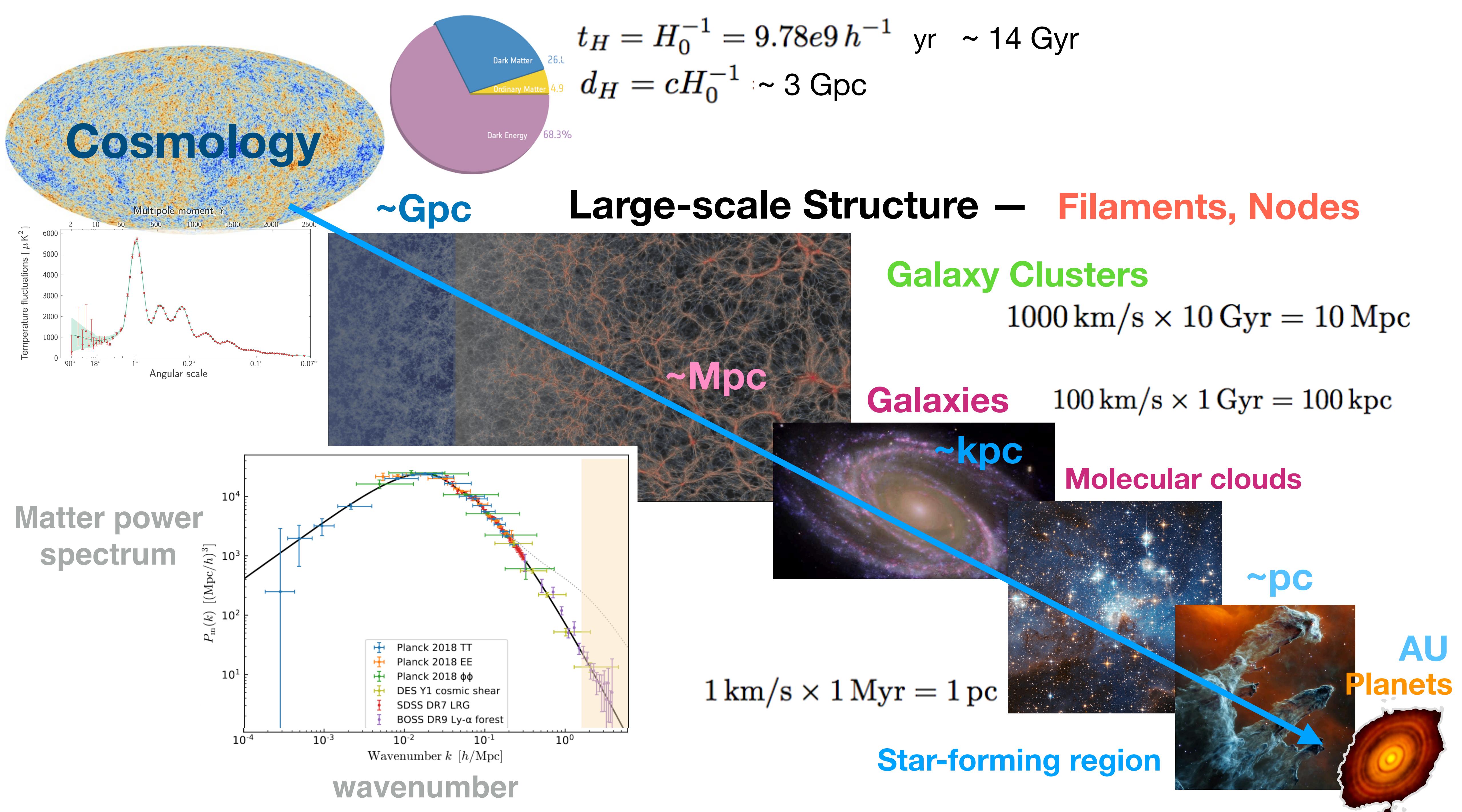


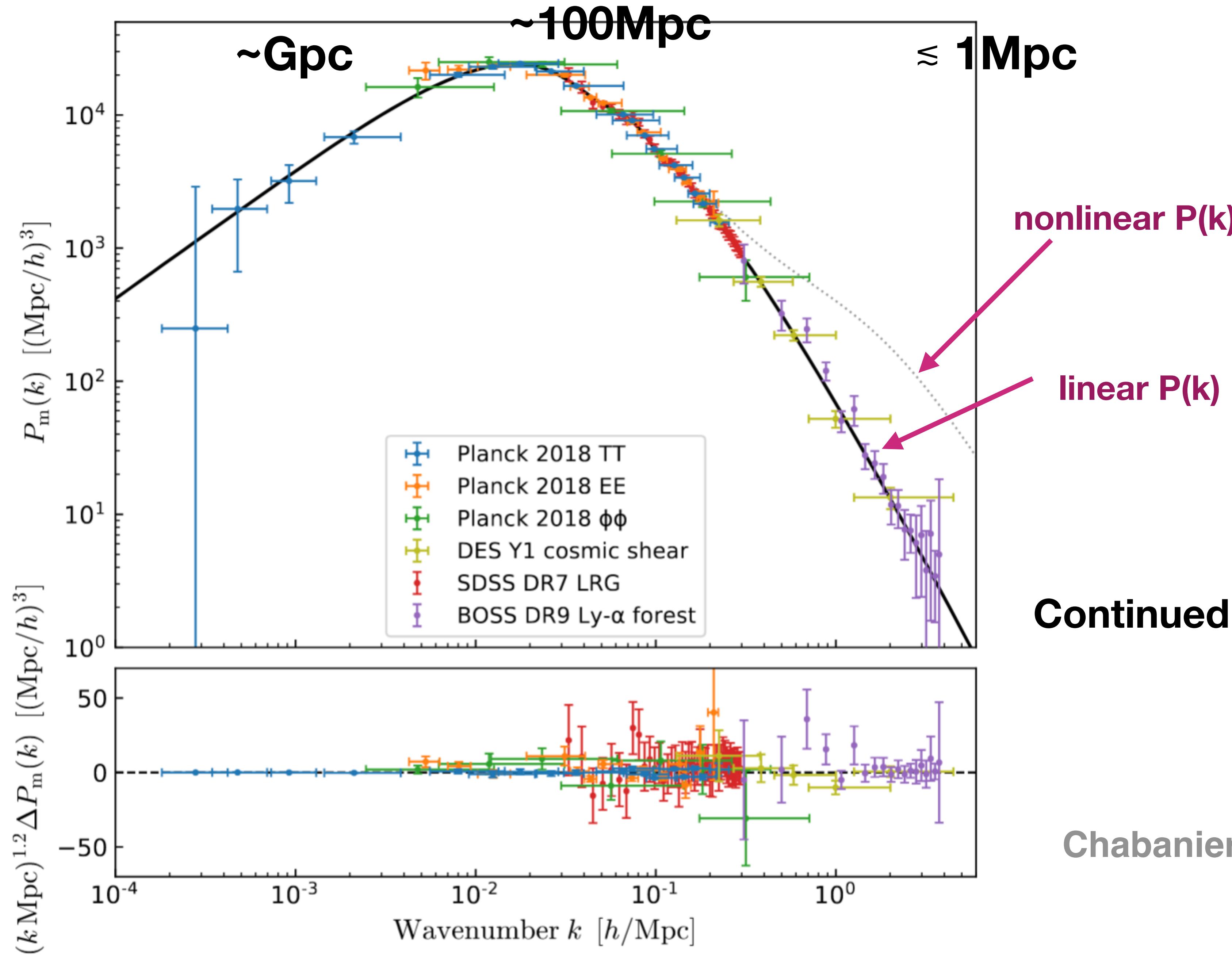
3G pixel image / 30sec
~100PB over lifetime



Observable in Euclid, Roman, ALMA, JWST, Subaru-PFS, SKA, etc.

- Massive datasets; difficult to handle.
- Sophisticated computational techniques required for analysis.
- Traditional methods cannot efficiently extract cosmological params.

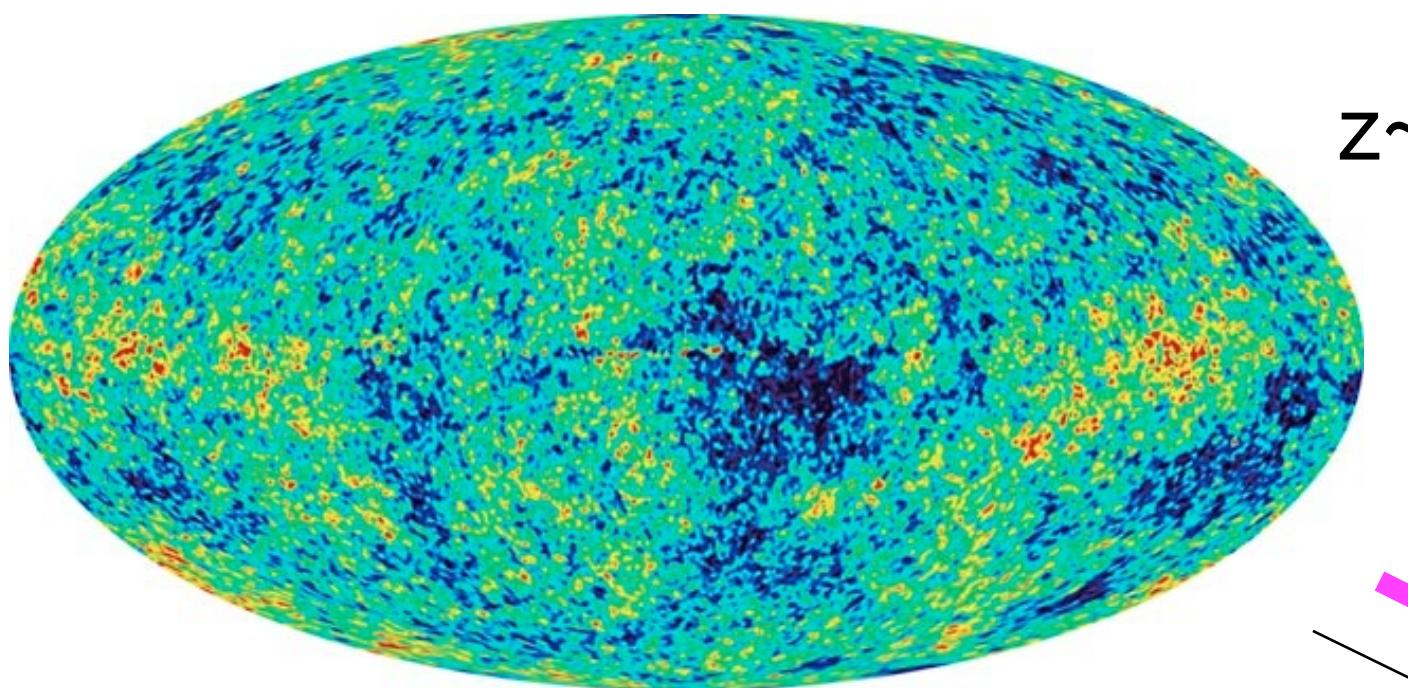




Forward Modeling by “Computational Cosmology”

— started in the ‘90s.

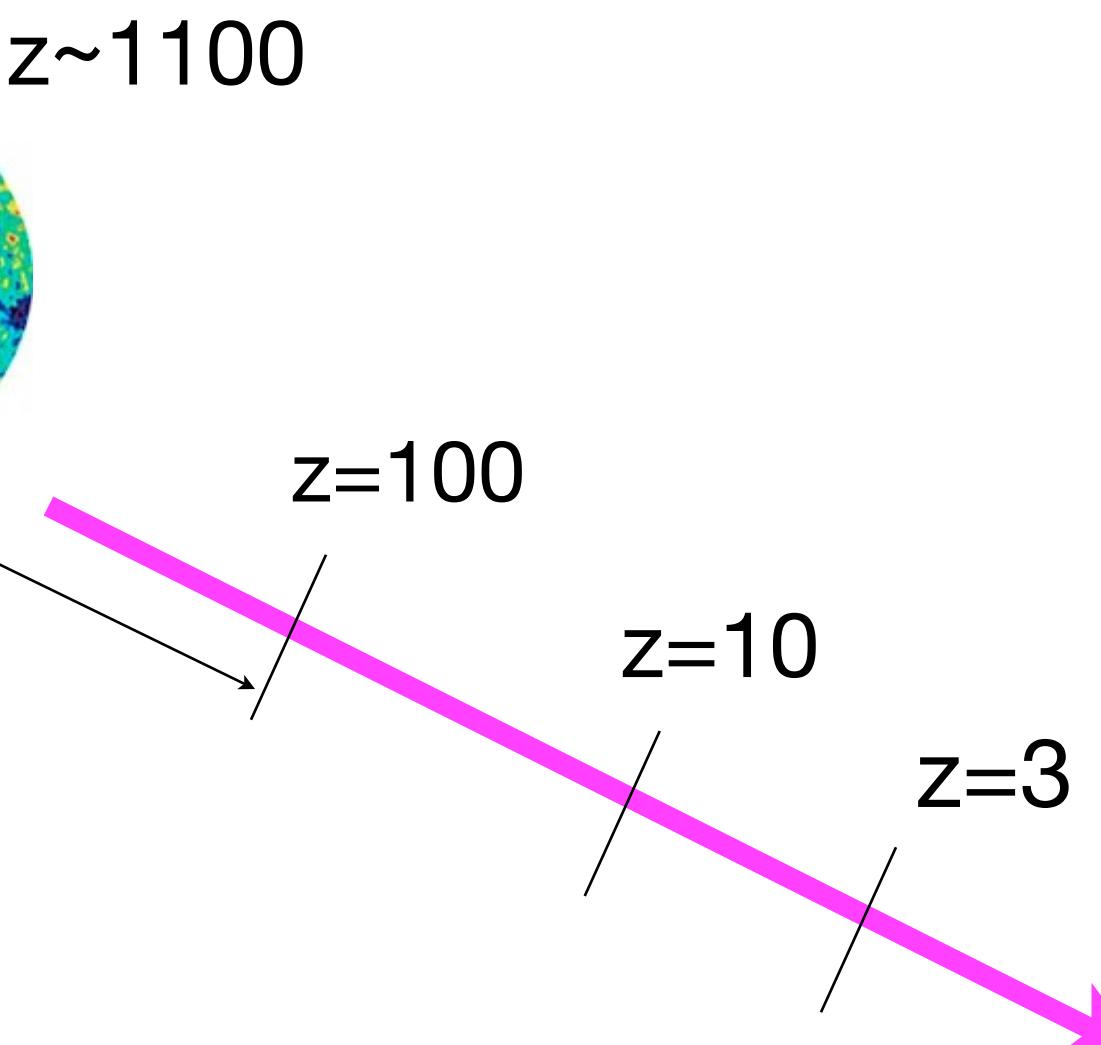
**Self-consistent galaxy formation scenario
from first principles**



Initial conditions

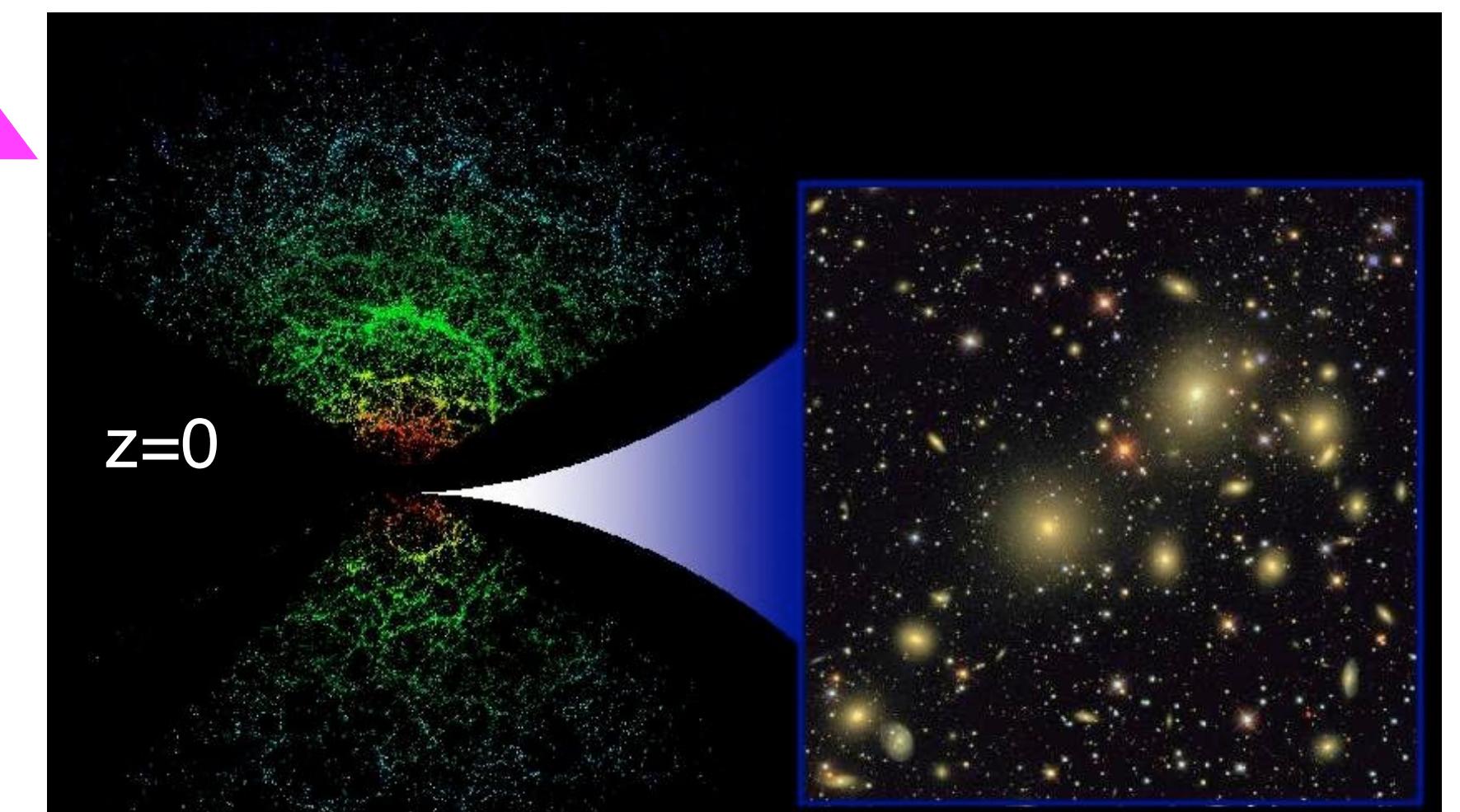
Cosmological params,
Dark Energy, Dark Matter,
Baryons
(+ expanding universe)

Gravity + Hydrodynamics

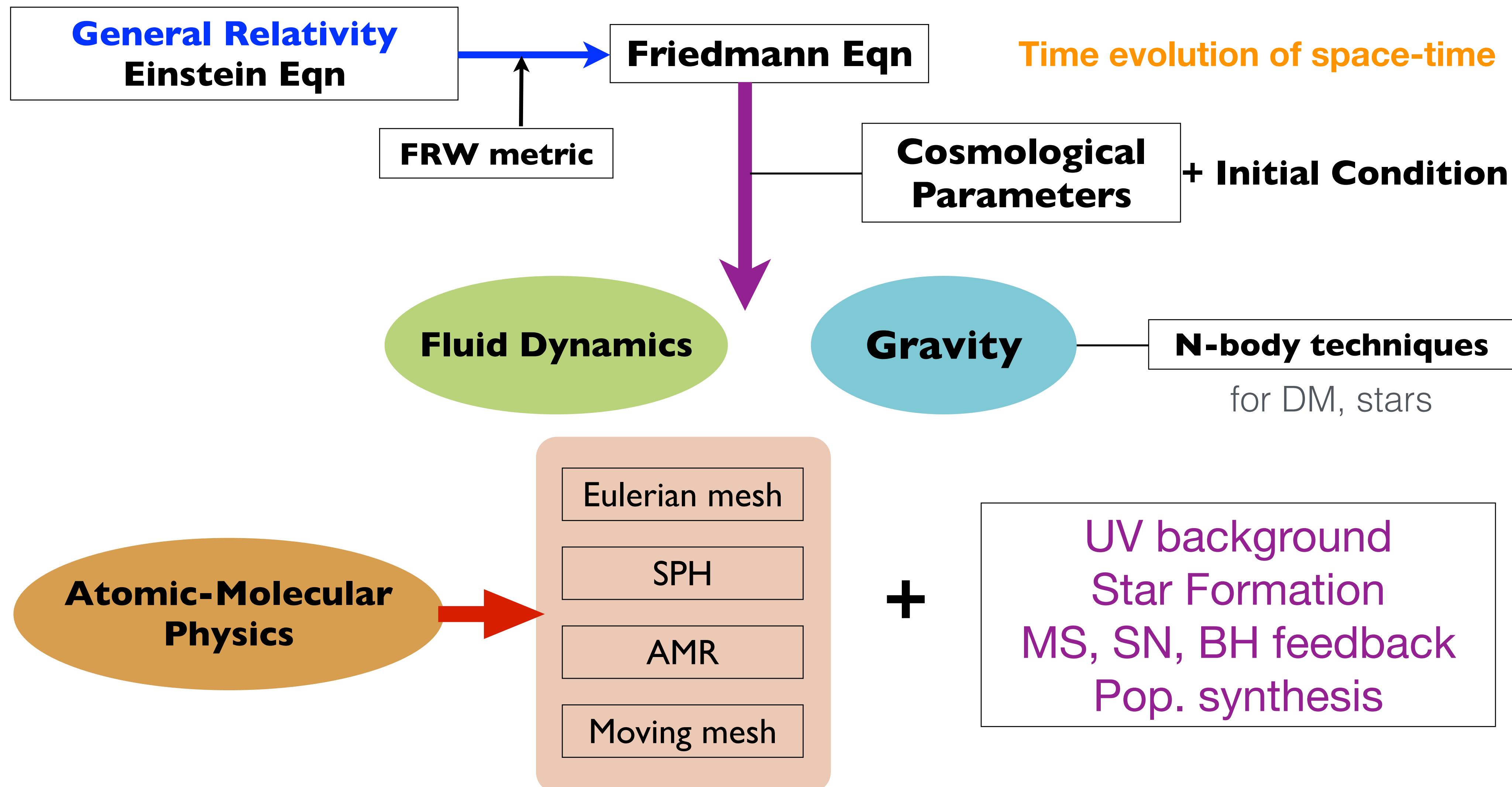


Baryonic physics

Radiative heating/cooling,
Star formation,
& Feedback

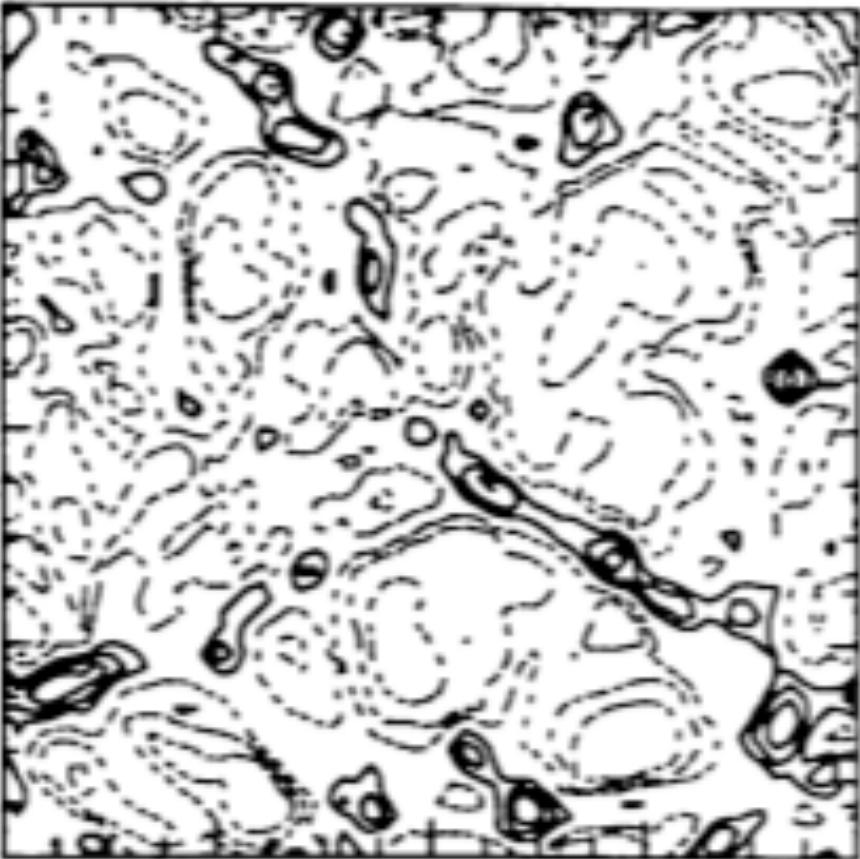


Framework of Computational Cosmology



Three Revolutions in Cosmo. Hydro Sims

1990': 1st Revolution

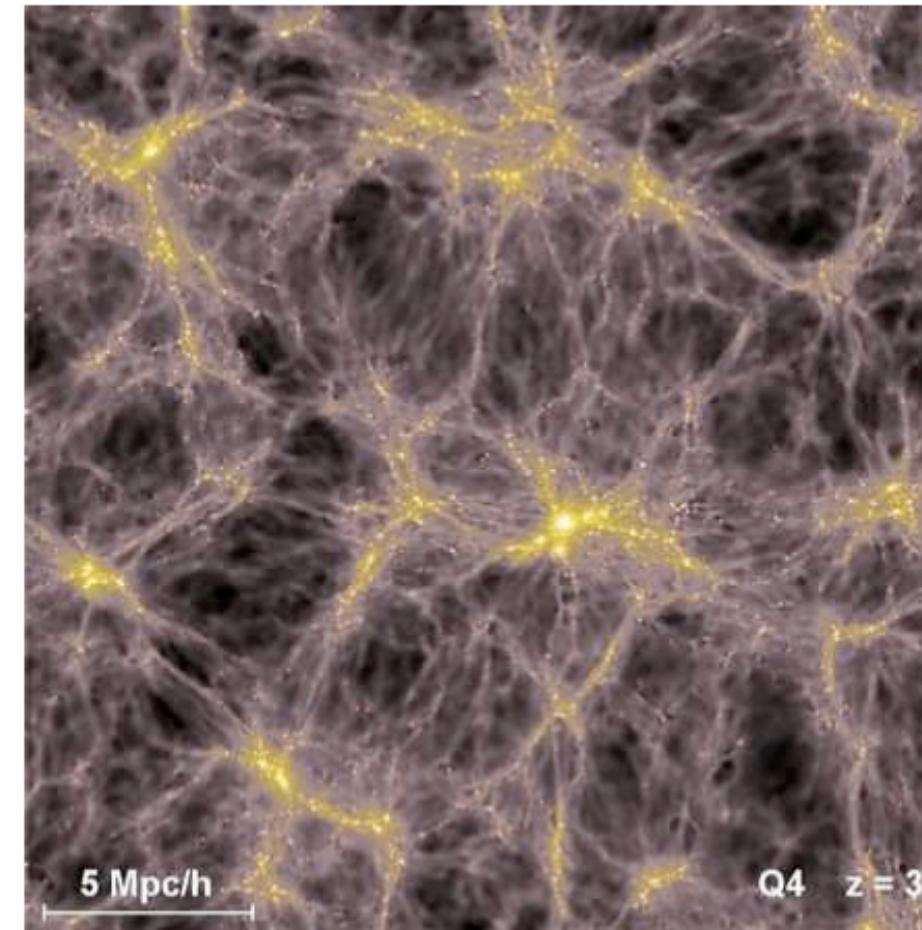


First cosmological, but coarse calculation

Resolution ~100 kpc

e.g. Cen, Ostriker '92-'93
Katz+ '96

2001-2011
2nd Rev.

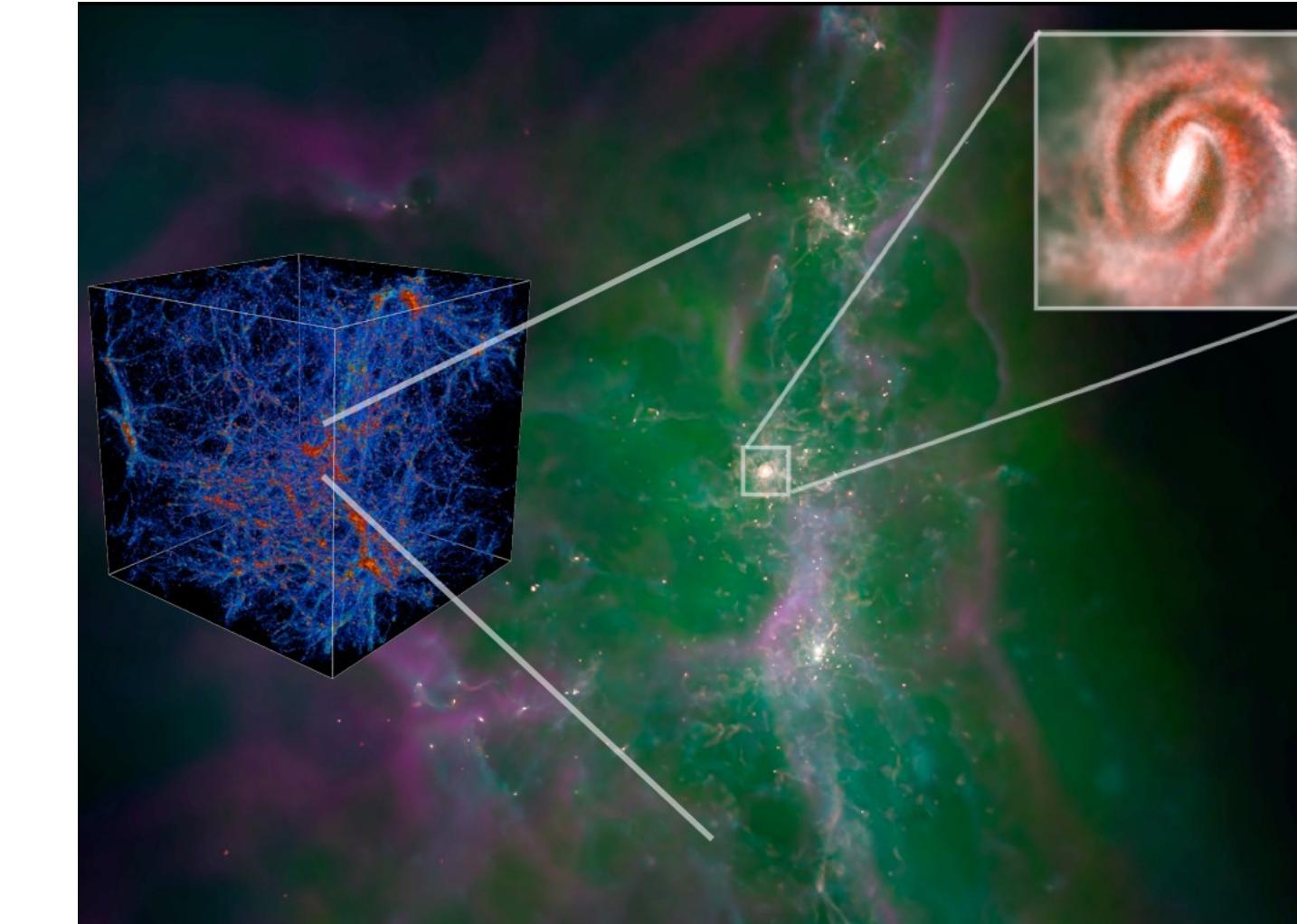


Larger scale, medium resolution
w. subgrid models

Resolution ~ kpc

e.g. Springel & Hernquist '03
KN+ '01, '04, '06

2012~
3rd Rev.



Zoom-in method allows much higher res.

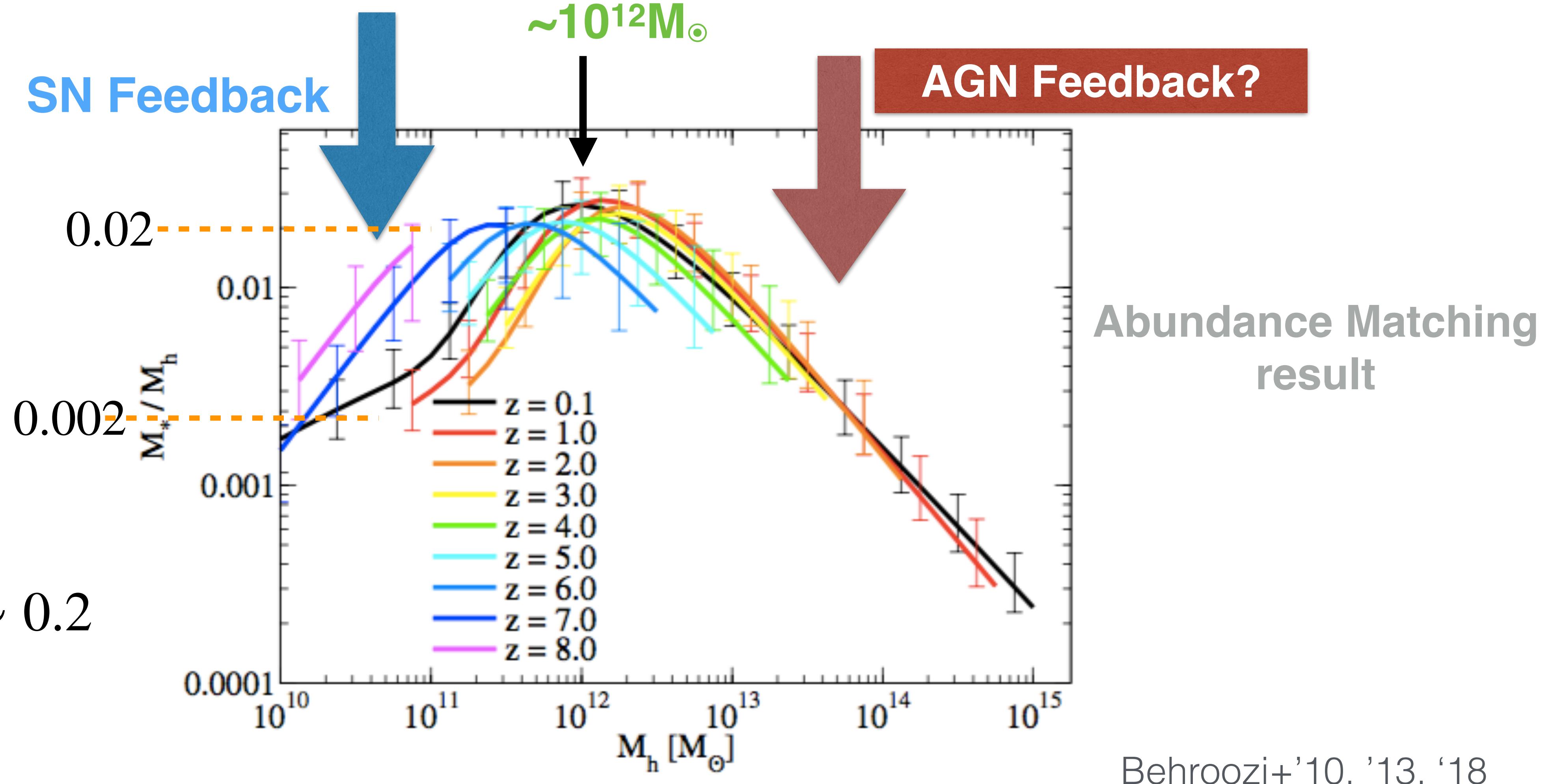
Resolution~ 10-100pc → < 3pc

IC code: GRAFIC (Bertschinger)
MUSIC (Hahn & Abel '11)

Stellar-to-Halo Mass Ratio (SHMR)

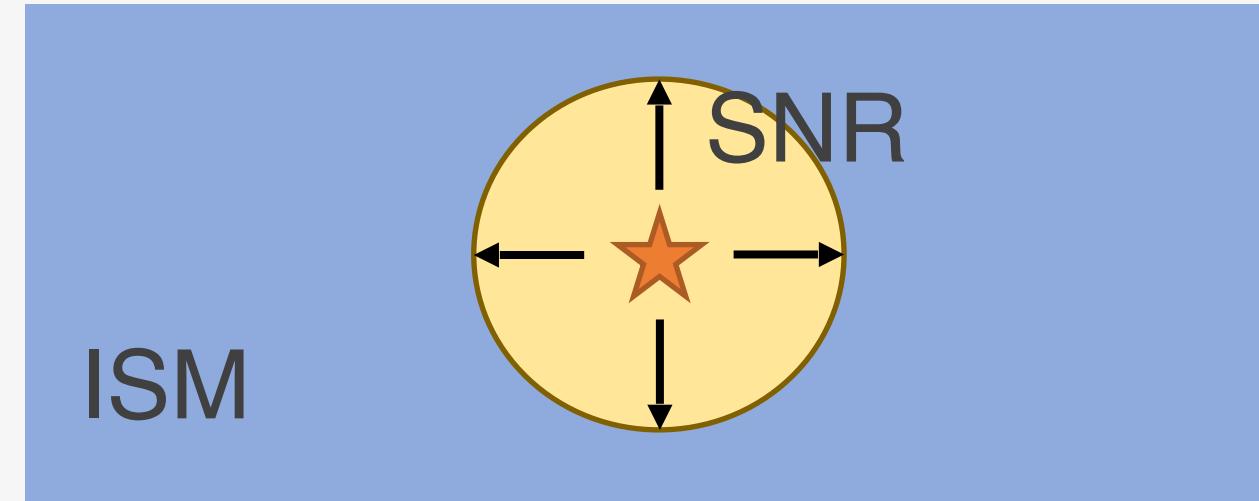
cf.

$$\frac{\Omega_b}{\Omega_{DM}} \sim \frac{0.045}{0.22} \sim 0.2$$



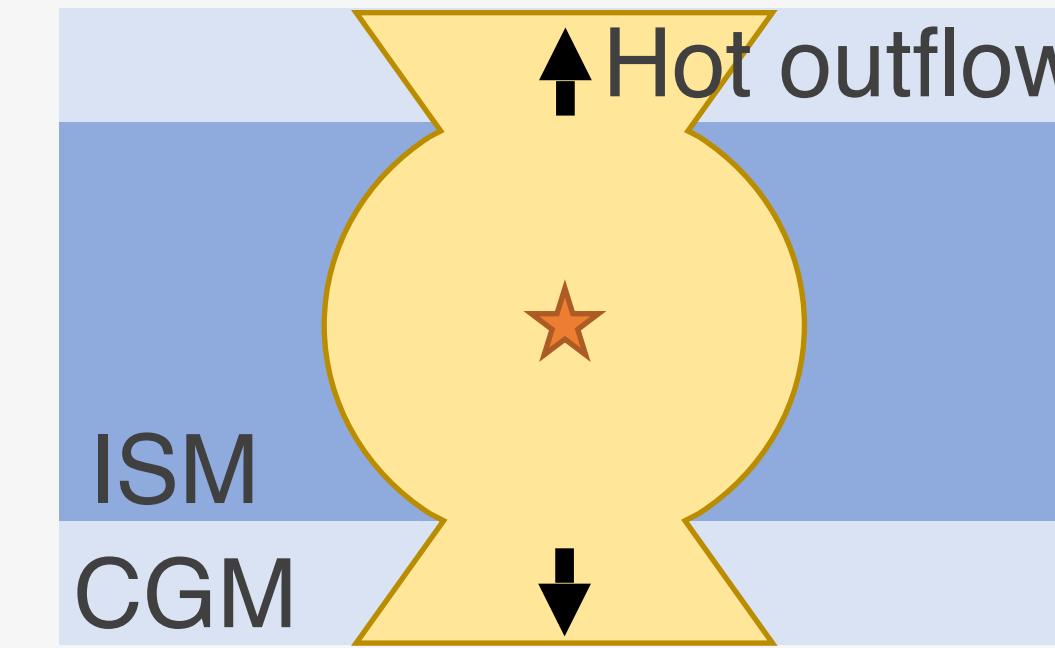
(cf. Ilbert+ '10; George+ '11; Leauthaud+ '12)

Two modes of SN Feedback: Kinetic & Thermal



Kinetic FB

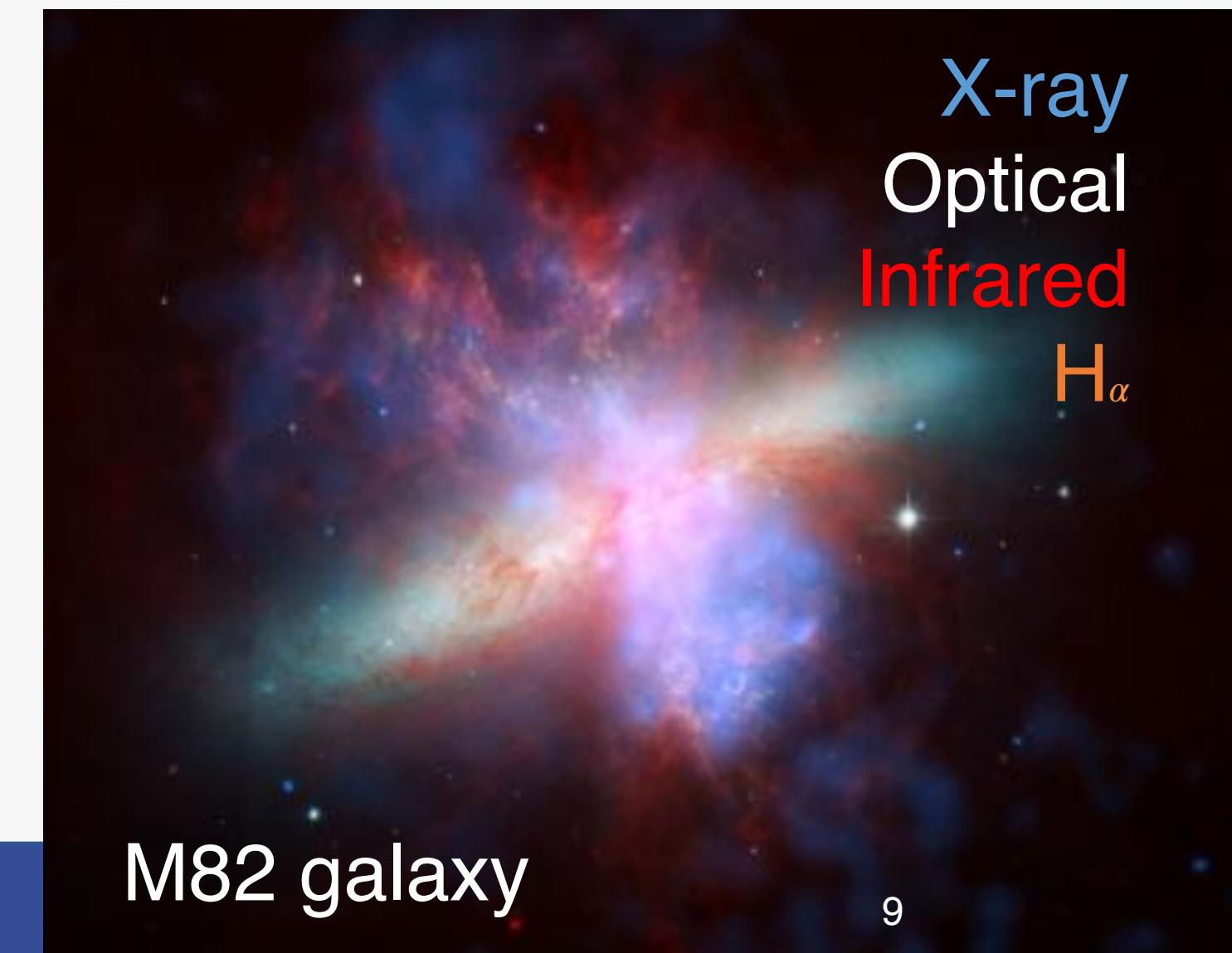
- SNR gives momentum to ISM
- Drive **turbulence**



Thermal FB

- Shock heating by SN ejecta
- Produce **hot outflow**
- **Transport metals** out from the galaxy

- The Adiabatic phase (Sedov-Taylor phase) is unresolved in large-scale cosmological simulation
- Explicit modeling of galactic wind is necessary to produce hot galactic wind



Historical Flow Chart of SN Feedback Treatment

1st phase '90s

Simple thermal feedback

Overcooling problem

**2nd phase
'00-'10**

Phenomenological subgrid model (thermal + kinetic)
based on galactic properties (SFR, M_{star} , M_{halo})

Multi-phase ISM model

**3rd phase
'10~
(w/ zoom sim)**

More direct, local,
thermal + kinetic + radiative feedback

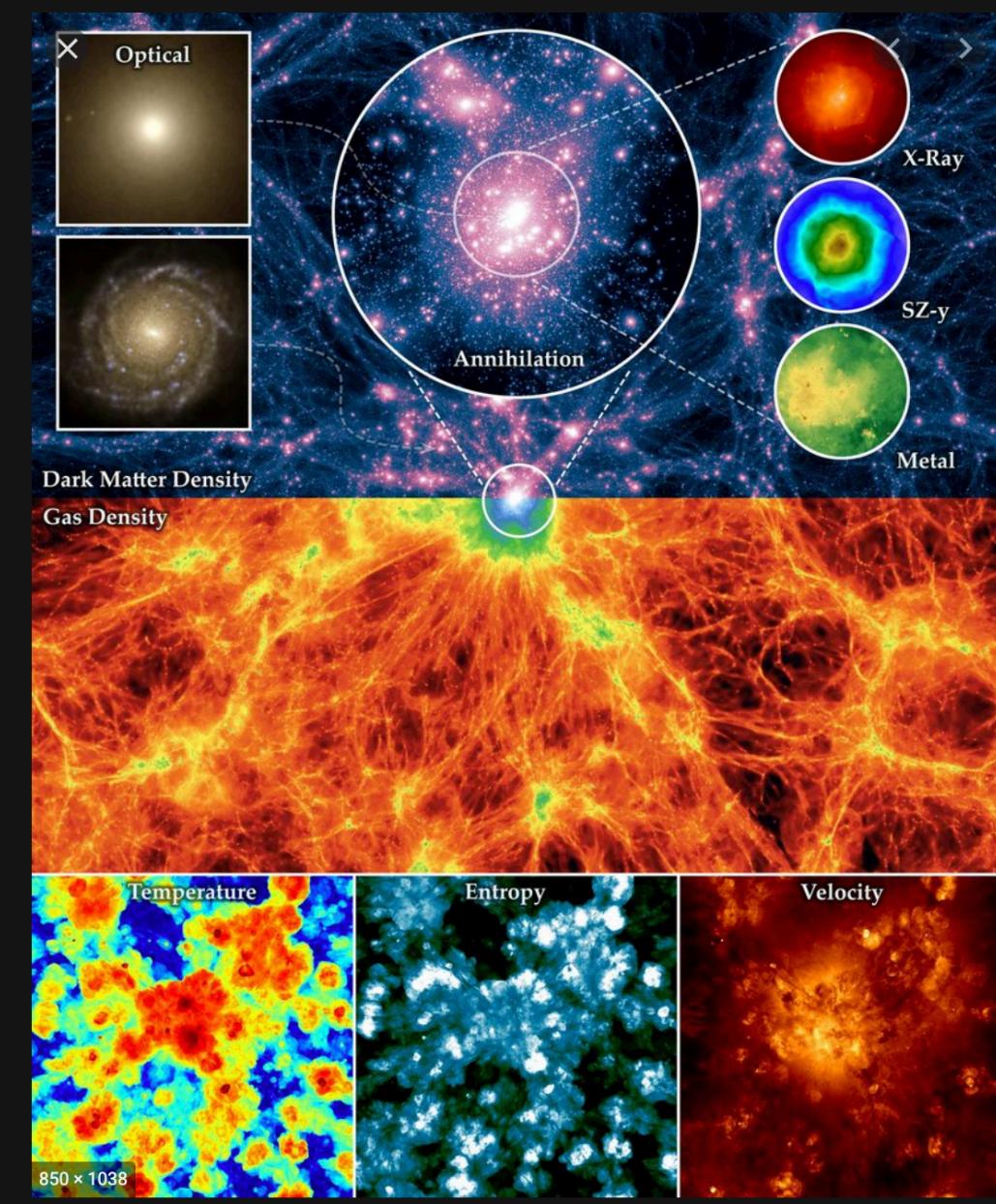
AGN feedback models

- Two-mode AGN feedback model

Eddington-limited accretion: $\dot{M} = \min(\dot{M}_{\text{Bondi}}, \dot{M}_{\text{Edd}}),$

$$\dot{M}_{\text{Bondi}} = \frac{4\pi G^2 M_{\text{BH}}^2 \rho}{c_s^3}, \quad \dot{M}_{\text{Edd}} = \frac{4\pi G M_{\text{BH}} m_p}{\varepsilon_r \sigma_T} c,$$

IllustrisTNG
AREPO



- Eddington ratio threshold

$$\chi = \min \left[0.002 \left(\frac{M_{\text{BH}}}{10^8 M_{\odot}} \right)^2, 0.1 \right],$$

high

low

T [K]

$$\dot{E}_{\text{therm}} = 0.02 \dot{M} c^2,$$

$$\dot{E}_{\text{kin}} = \varepsilon_{f,\text{kin}} \dot{M} c^2,$$

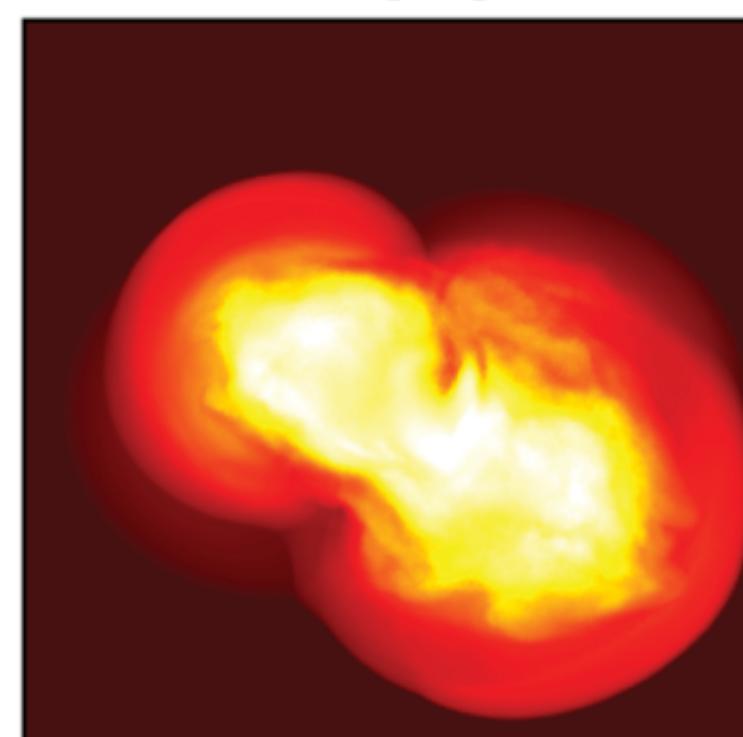
thermal (quasar) mode

kinetic (jet) mode

(maintenance mode)

$$\varepsilon_{f,\text{kin}} = \min \left(\frac{\rho}{0.05 \rho_{\text{SFthresh}}}, 0.2 \right),$$

weaker coupling in low- ρ environment



10^9
 10^8
 10^7

Weinberger+’18

Angular Momentum / Torque model

● **EAGLE** (GADGET-3)

$$\dot{M}_{\text{BH}} = \min(\dot{M}_{\text{Bondi}} \times \underbrace{\min((c_s/V_\Phi)^3/C_{\text{visc}}, 1)}, \dot{M}_{\text{Edd}}), \quad \text{Rosas-Guevara+15,16}$$

V_Φ : average circular speed of gas around BH

C_{visc} : free param for viscosity of subgrid accretion disk

$$\epsilon_r \epsilon_f = 0.1 \times 0.15 = 0.015.$$

Stochastic thermal heating only when sufficient to raise to $\Delta T = 10^{8.5} K$

● **SIMBA** (Gizmo)

$$\dot{M}_{\text{BH}} = (1 - \epsilon_r) \left[\min(\dot{M}_{\text{Bondi}}, \dot{M}_{\text{Edd}}) + \underbrace{\min(\dot{M}_{\text{Torque}}, 3 \dot{M}_{\text{Edd}})} \right],$$

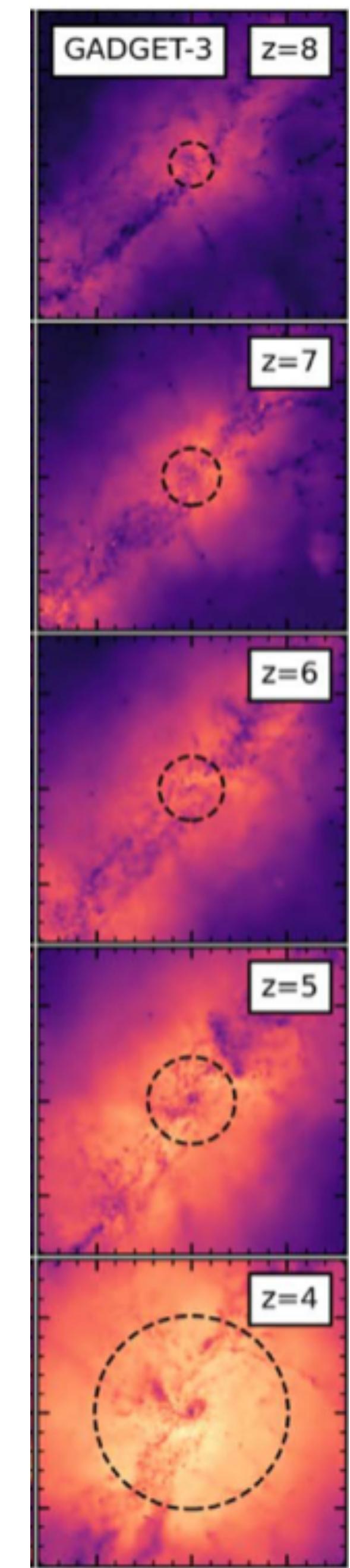
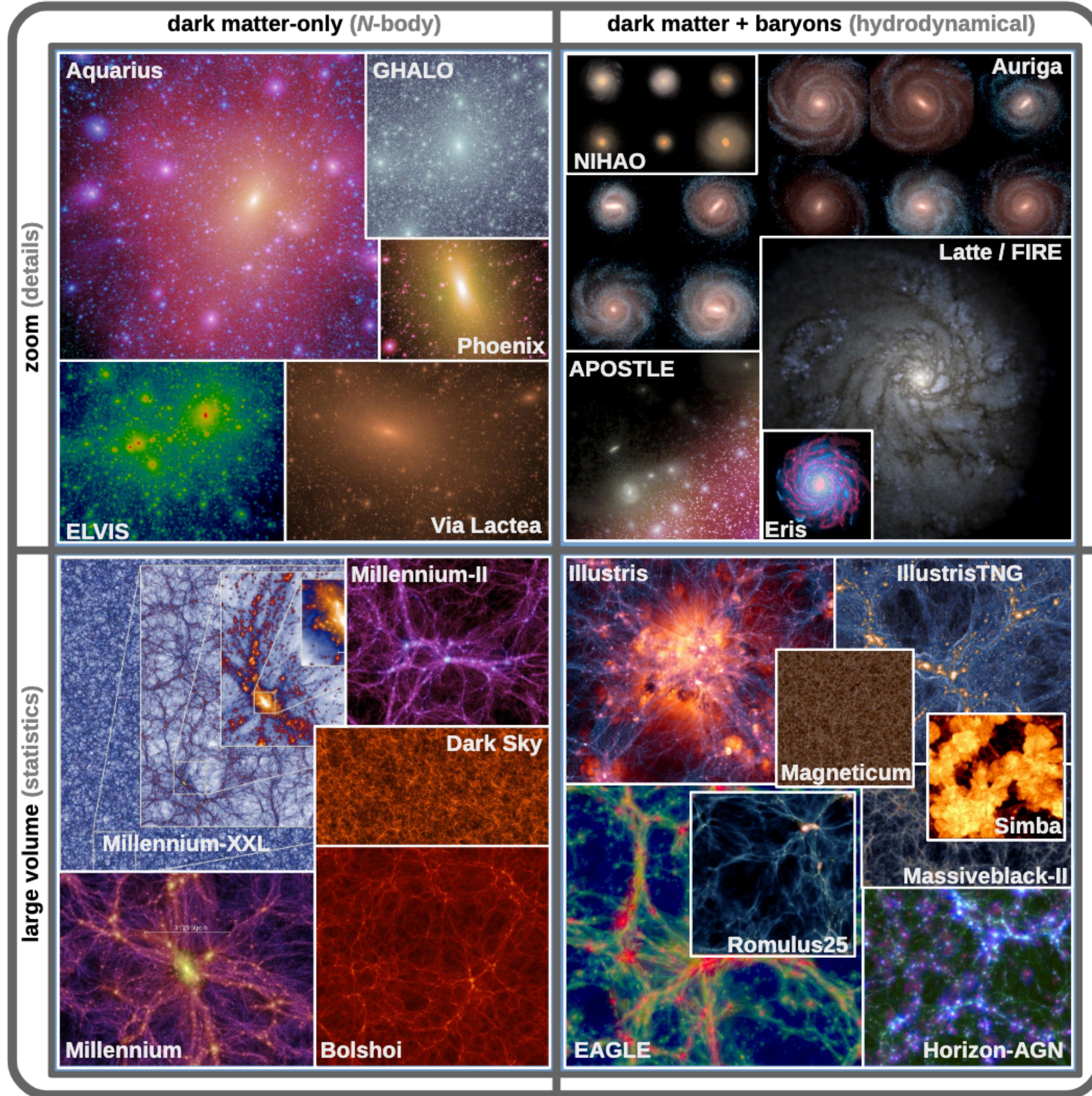
$$\dot{M}_{\text{Torque}} = \epsilon_T f_d^{5/2} \times \left(\frac{M_{\text{BH}}}{10^8 M_\odot} \right)^{1/6} \times \left(\frac{M_{\text{enc}}(R_0)}{10^9 M_\odot} \right) \times \left(\frac{R_0}{100 \text{ pc}} \right)^{-3/2} \times \left(1 + \frac{f_0}{f_{\text{gas}}} \right)^{-1} M_\odot/\text{yr},$$

gas inflow rate driven by grav. instabilities from galactic to the accretion disk scale, within $R_0 = 2 h^{-1} \text{ kpc}$
(Hopkins & Quataert '10; Angl'és-Alc'azar+ '15, '17).

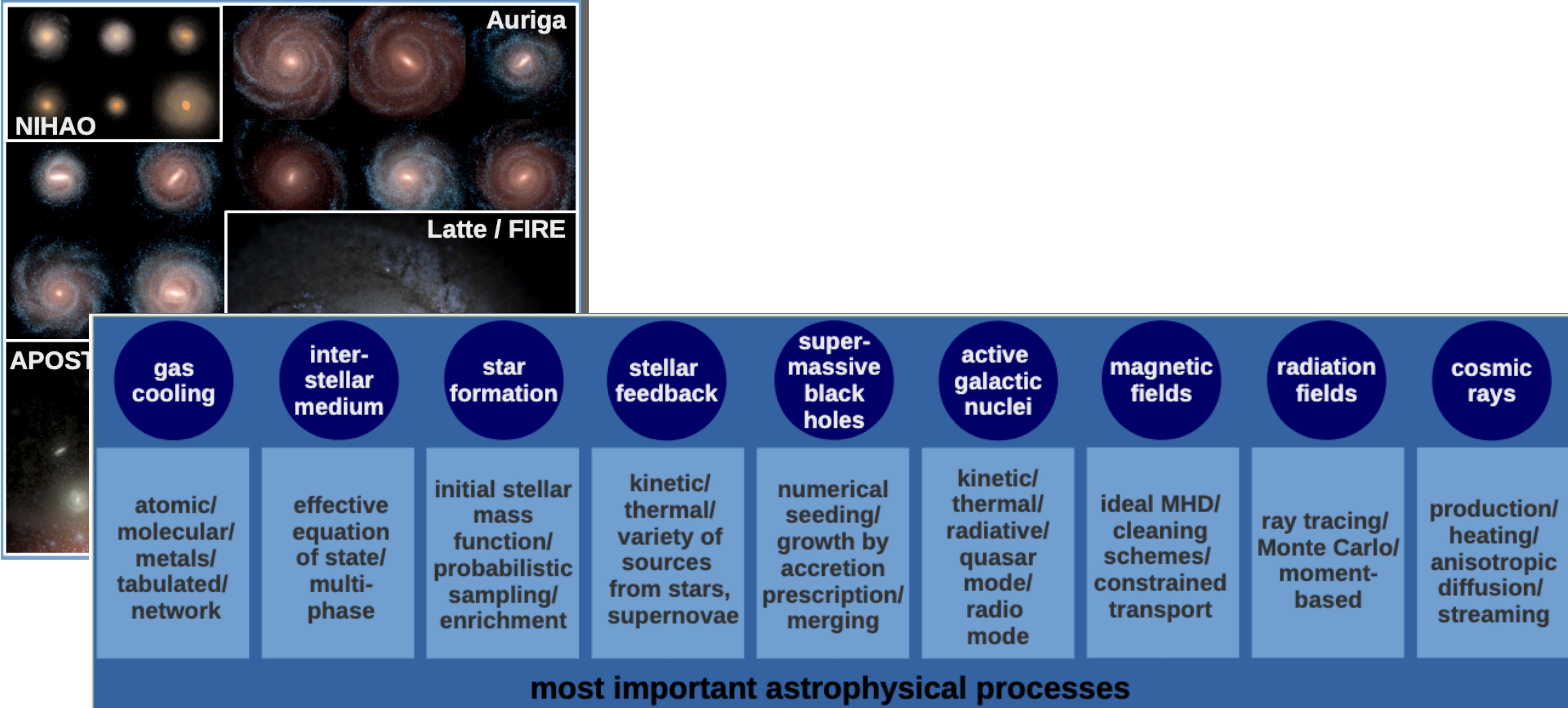
Table 1. List of common parameters for subgrid physics

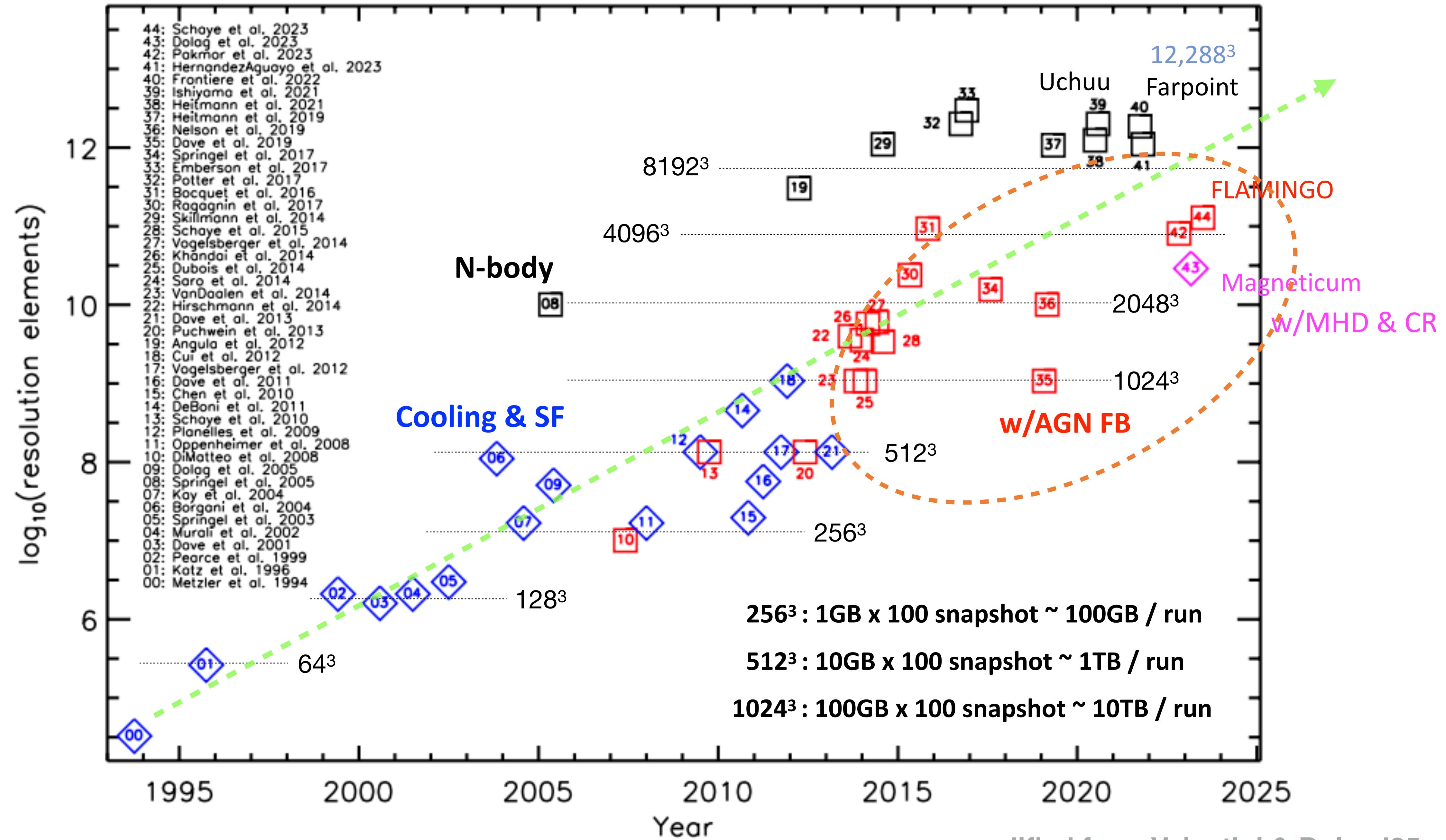
Parameter	Adopted value	Description
n_{thres}	0.1 cm^{-3}	Lower density threshold to allow star formation
T_{thres}	10^4 K	Upper temperature threshold to allow star formation
ϵ_*	0.01	Star formation efficiency
n_{spawn}	2	Maximum number of stars spawned from one gas particle
$N_{\text{ngb,fb}}$	8 ± 2	Number of gas particles subject to feedback
$n_{\text{event,snii}}$	2	SNII feedback event number
$n_{\text{event,snia}}$	8	SNIa feedback event number
$n_{\text{event,agb}}$	8	AGB feedback event number
$M_{\text{seeding,FoF}}$	$10^{10} h^{-1} M_\odot$	FoF mass threshold to seed BH
$M_{\text{seeding,star}}$	$10^8 h^{-1} M_\odot$	FoF stellar mass threshold to seed BH
ϵ_r	0.1	Radiative efficiency of BH
ϵ_{FB}	0.15	AGN feedback efficiency
ΔT_{AGN}	$10^{8.5} \text{ K}$	AGN feedback temperature
C_{visc}	~ 10	Torque parameter of BH accretion

AGORA
code comparison
project



Roca-Fabrega+’21 (incl. KN)







Welcome to the homepage of CROCODILE simulation project! CROCODILE simulation have been run with the GADGET4-Osaka code ([Romano et al. 2022a](#), [2022b](#); [Oku & Nagamine 2024](#)), a proprietary modified version of the public GADGET-4 code ([Springel et al. 2021](#)). GADGET4-Osaka uses TreePM to solve for gravity and the pressure-based entropy-conserving formulation of smoothed particle hydrodynamics (SPH) to solve for hydrodynamics. The SPH implementation includes artificial viscosity using velocity field reconstruction, artificial conduction, and a wake-up timestep limiter to ensure capturing subgrid physics effects in hydrodynamics. The CROCODILE implementation of galaxy formation physics includes radiative cooling and photoionization, star formation, stellar evolution considering a metallicity-dependent stellar initial mass function and hypernova fraction, dust evolution, stellar feedback, and supermassive black hole (SMBH) formation and feedback. Radiative gas cooling is implemented using the Grackle cooling library ([Smith et al. 2017](#)) with the ultraviolet background radiation of [Haardt & Madau \(2012\)](#). A non-thermal pressure floor is applied to prevent unphysical fragmentation. Dust production and destruction are modeled on-the-fly with 30 dust-size bins considering the diffusion of dust and metals ([Hirashita & Aoyama 2019](#); [Aoyama et al. 2020](#); [Romano et al. 2022a](#)). The stellar feedback includes supernova momentum input and galactic wind, which are modeled based on high-resolution simulations of superbubbles ([Oku et al. 2022](#); [Oku & Nagamine 2024](#)), as well as enrichment of 12 metal elements due to type-II and Ia supernovae and



CROCODILE Suite

L200

L100

L50

Osaka FB model III
(Oku & KN+ '24)

L25

Name	L_{box} [h^{-1} Mpc]	$N_{\text{particles}}$	m_{DM} [h^{-1} M_{\odot}]	m_{gas} [h^{-1} M_{\odot}]	C_{visc}	m_{BHseed} [h^{-1} M_{\odot}]	Feedback Type					
							SN Mechanical	SN GalWind	AGN	Stellar IMF	HN fraction	Note
L200N1024_Fiducial	200	2×1024^3	5.39×10^8	1.01×10^8	200π	1×10^5	✓	✓	✓	variable ¹	Z-dependent ²	
L200N1024_NoBH	200	2×1024^3	5.39×10^8	1.01×10^8	-	-	✓	✓		variable	Z-dependent	No black holes
L200N1024_BF25	200	2×1024^3	5.39×10^8	1.01×10^8	200π	1×10^5	✓	✓	✓	variable	Z-dependent	25x boost to the Bondi accretion rate.
L200N1024_BF50NEL	200	2×1024^3	5.39×10^8	1.01×10^8	200π	1×10^5	✓	✓	✓	variable	Z-dependent	50x boost to the Bondi accretion rate. No Eddington limit.
L100N1024_Fiducial	100	2×1024^3	6.74×10^7	1.26×10^7	200π	1×10^5	✓	✓	✓	variable	Z-dependent	
L100N1024_NoBH	100	2×1024^3	6.74×10^7	1.26×10^7	-	-	✓	✓		variable	Z-dependent	No black holes
L100N1024_NoFBNoBH	100	2×1024^3	6.74×10^7	1.26×10^7	-	-				variable	Z-dependent	No black holes
L100N1024_SNonly	100	2×1024^3	6.74×10^7	1.26×10^7	200π	1×10^5	✓	✓		variable	Z-dependent	
L100N1024_Cvisc100pi	100	2×1024^3	6.74×10^7	1.26×10^7	100π	1×10^5	✓	✓	✓	variable	Z-dependent	
L50N512_Fiducial	50	2×512^3	6.74×10^7	1.26×10^7	200π	1×10^5	✓	✓	✓	variable	Z-dependent	
L50N512_NoSNGalWind	50	2×512^3	6.74×10^7	1.26×10^7	200π	1×10^5	✓		✓	variable	Z-dependent	
L50N512_AGNonly	50	2×512^3	6.74×10^7	1.26×10^7	200π	1×10^5			✓	variable	Z-dependent	
L50N512_SNonly	50	2×512^3	6.74×10^7	1.26×10^7	200π	1×10^5	✓	✓		variable	Z-dependent	
L50N512_NoZdepSN	50	2×512^3	6.74×10^7	1.26×10^7	200π	1×10^5	✓	✓	✓	Chabrier	0.01	
L50N512_NoBH	50	2×512^3	6.74×10^7	1.26×10^7	-	-	✓	✓		variable	Z-dependent	No black holes
L50N512_NoFB	50	2×512^3	6.74×10^7	1.26×10^7	200π	1×10^5				variable	Z-dependent	
L50N512_NoFBNoBH	50	2×512^3	6.74×10^7	1.26×10^7	-	-				variable	Z-dependent	No black holes
L50N512_LowCvisc	50	2×512^3	6.74×10^7	1.26×10^7	2π	1×10^5	✓	✓	✓	variable	Z-dependent	
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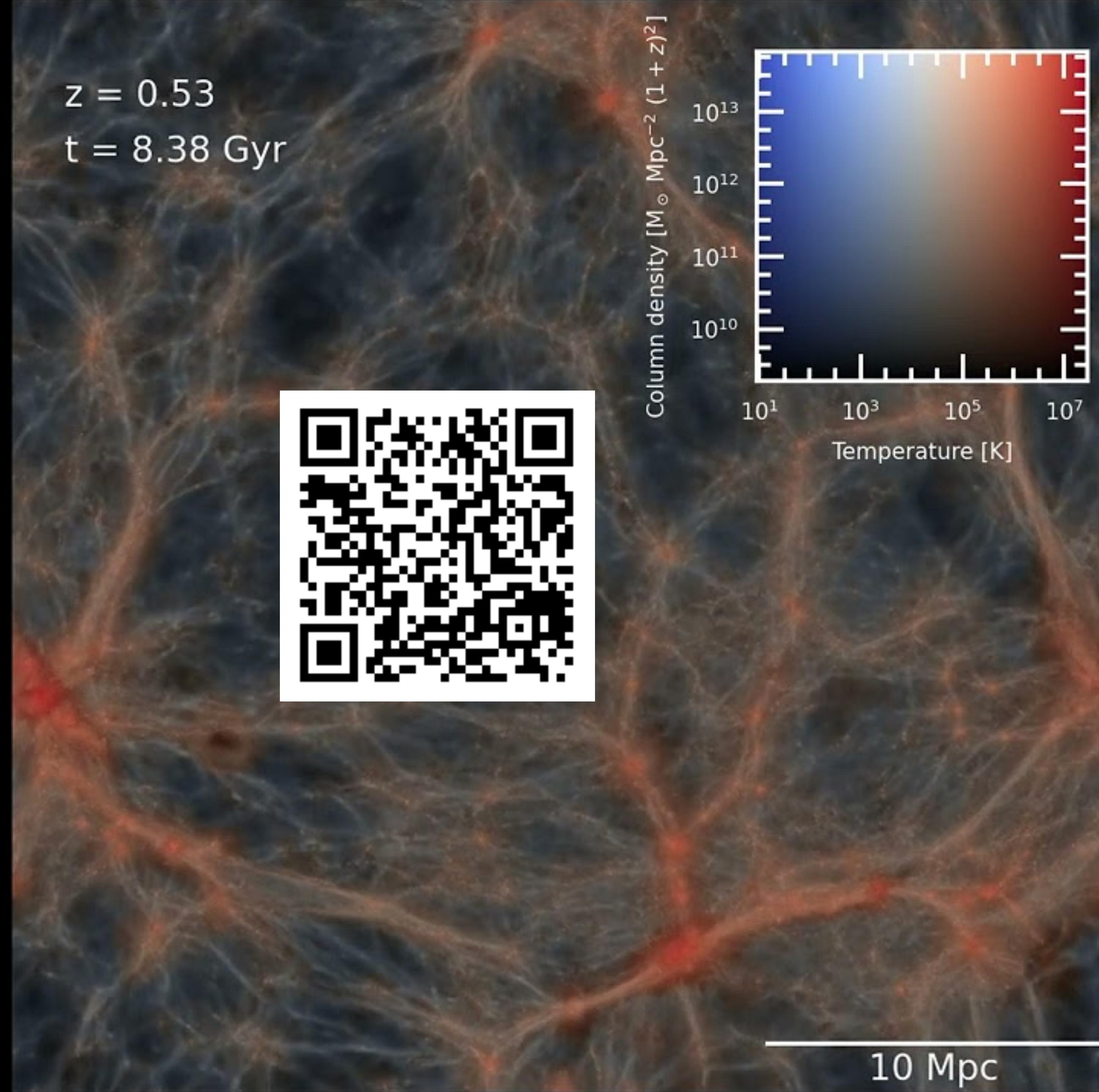
CROCODYLE simulation

GADGET4- OSAKA code



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$z = 0.53$
 $t = 8.38 \text{ Gyr}$



Understanding
the matter
distribution:
DM, gas, stars
H_I, metals, dust, ...

25 & 50 Mpc/h
Star formation
SN & AGN fb
UVB

+ 100, 200, 500 Mpc/h



Oku & KN '24 ApJ

CROCODYLE



- Cosmological SPH GADGET4-Osaka code
- Star formation, SN / AGN feedback, HM12/FG09 UVB
- Chabrier / Top-heavy IMF at low-metallicities
- 13 species chemistry & cooling module – CELib (Saitoh '17)
- variety of feedback model combinations in 25-500 Mpc/h
- dust formation/destruction w/ grain size evol. – Aoyama+ '18, '19, '21

Oku & KN '24

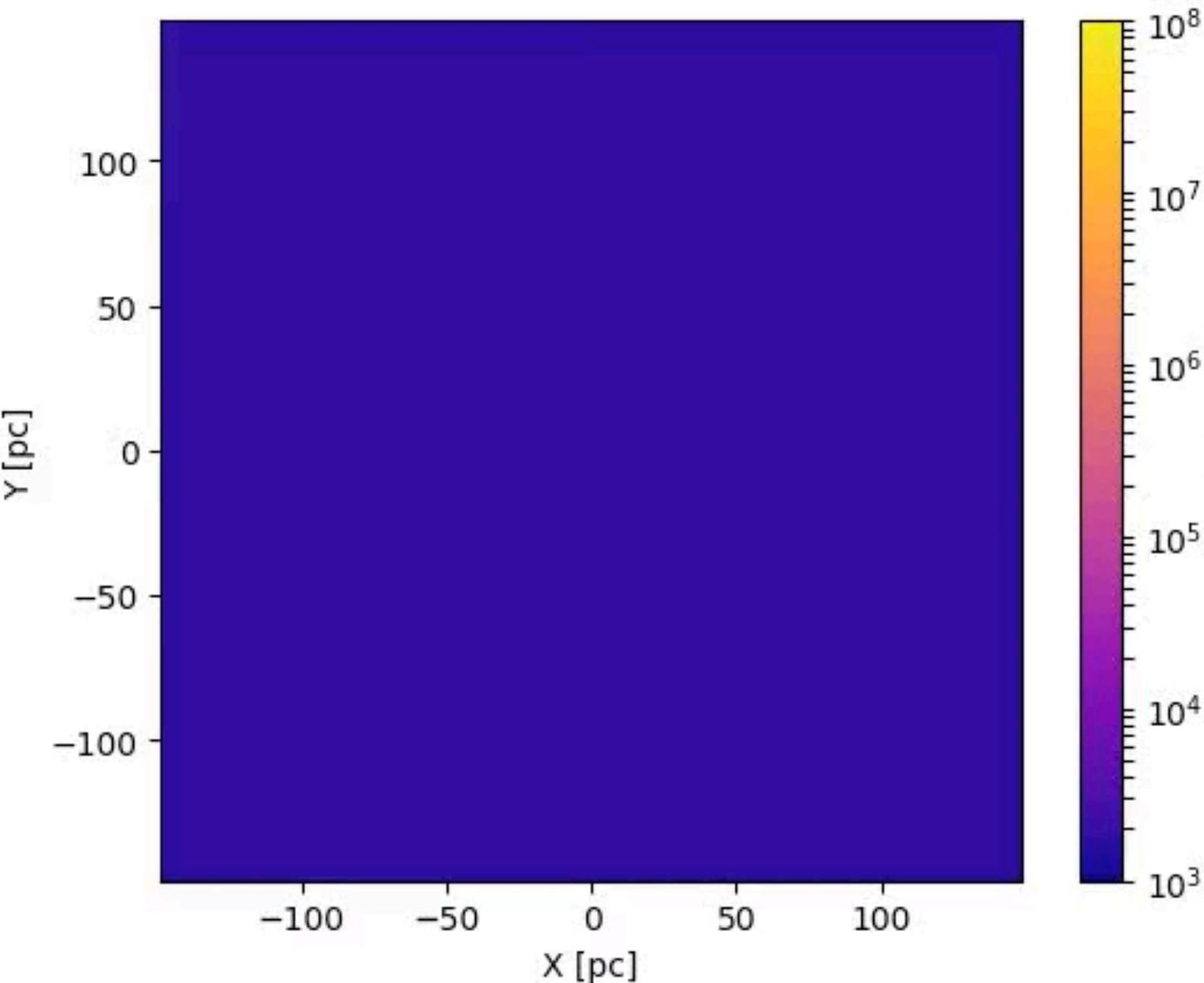
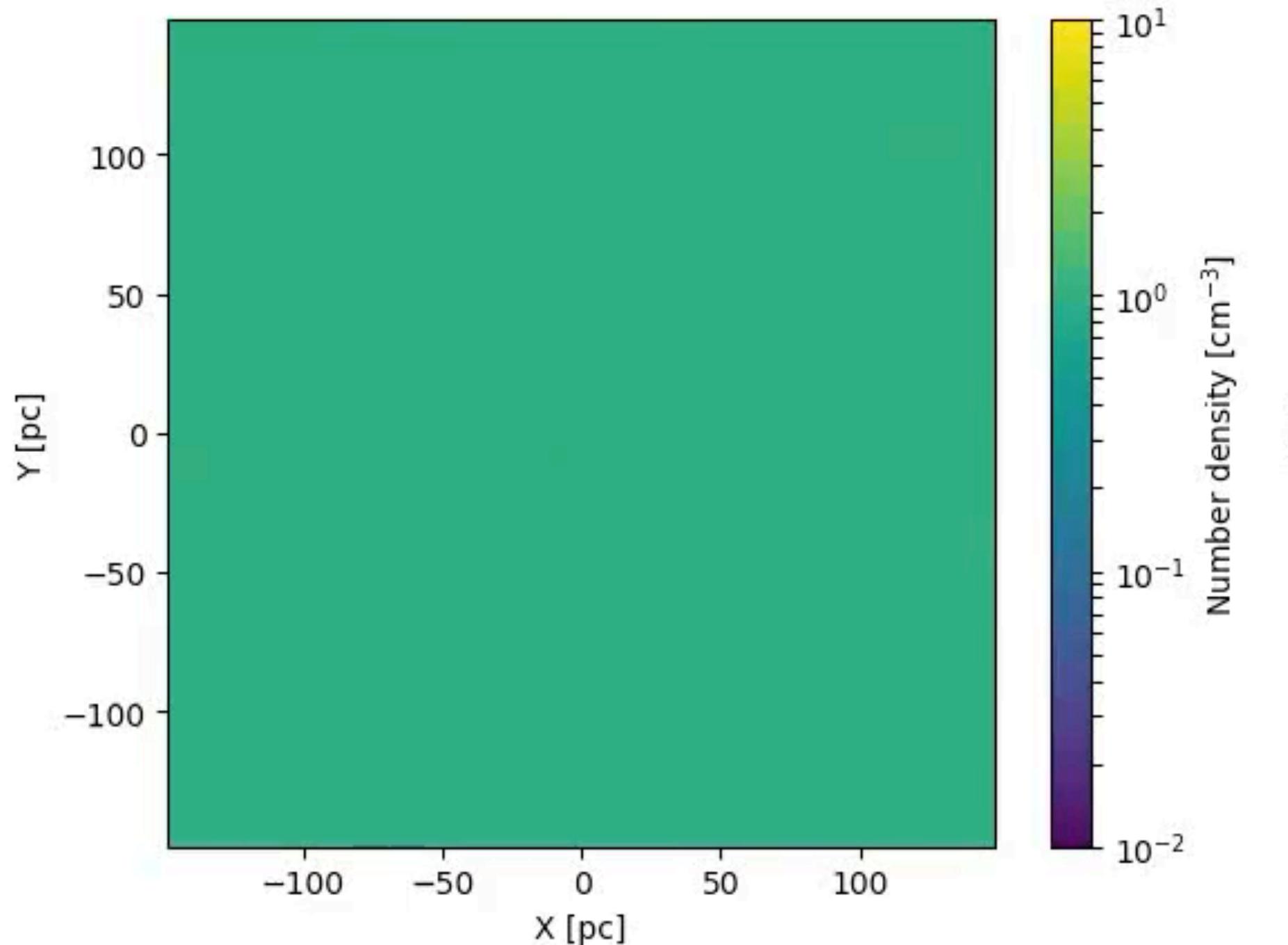
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L25N256	25	2×256^3	200π	1×10^5	✓	✓	✓	variable	Z-dependent	
L25N128	25	2×128^3	200π	1×10^5	✓	✓	✓	variable	Z-dependent	
L25N256NoZdepSN	25	2×256^3	200π	1×10^5	✓	✓	✓	Chabrier	0.01	

$$m_{\text{DM}} = 6.7 \times 10^7 M_{\odot}$$

$$m_{\text{gas}} = 1.3 \times 10^7 M_{\odot}$$

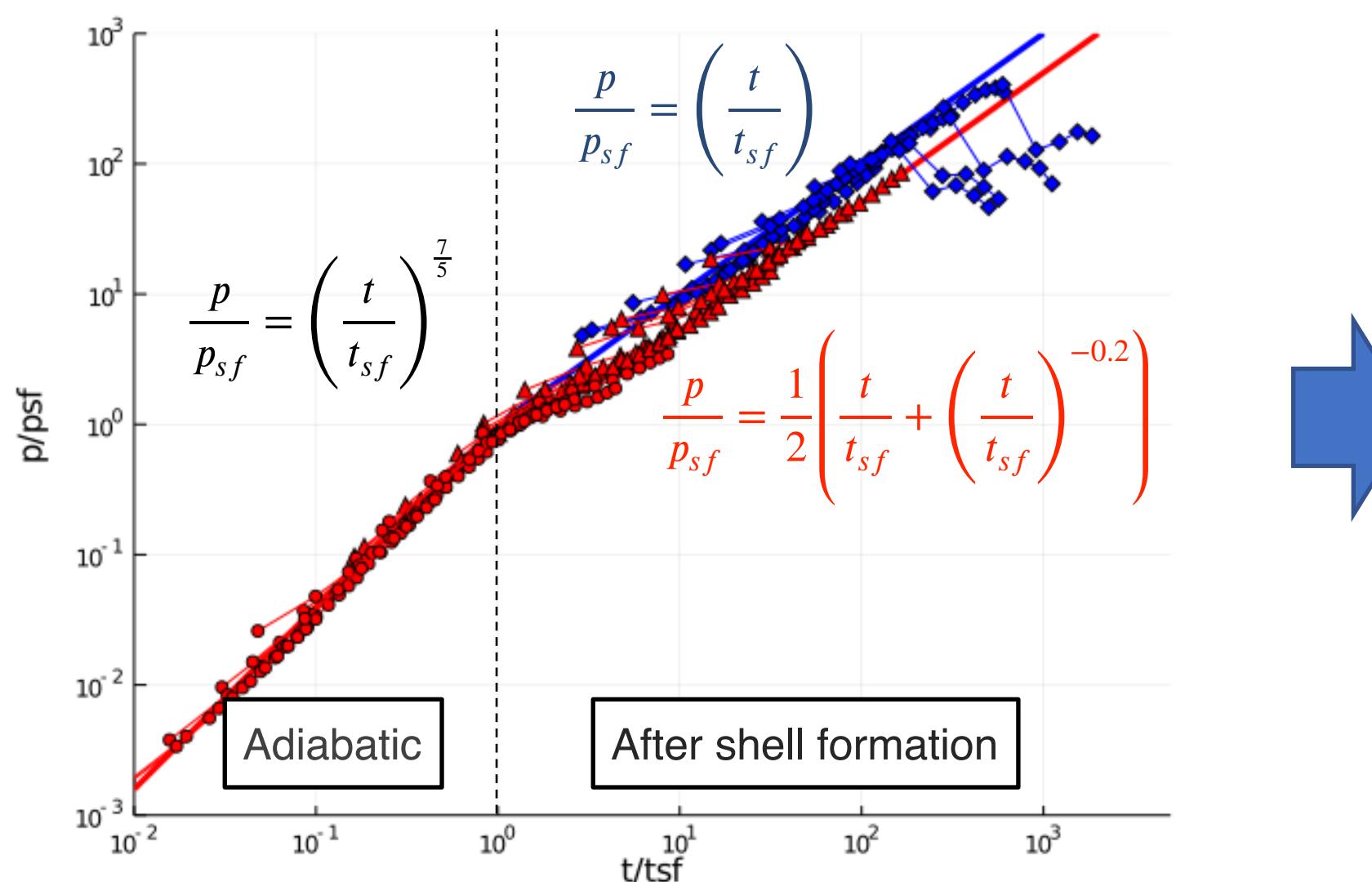
$$\epsilon_g = 3.4 h^{-1} \text{ ckpc} \quad (\geq 500 \text{ phys pc})$$

Athena++ Superbubble Simulation



A unified time evolution model of superbubble momentum

Oku+ '22



Assuming initial stellar cluster mass function

$$\frac{dN}{dM_c} \propto M_c^{-2}$$
 (Krumholz+19), translate to momentum per SN

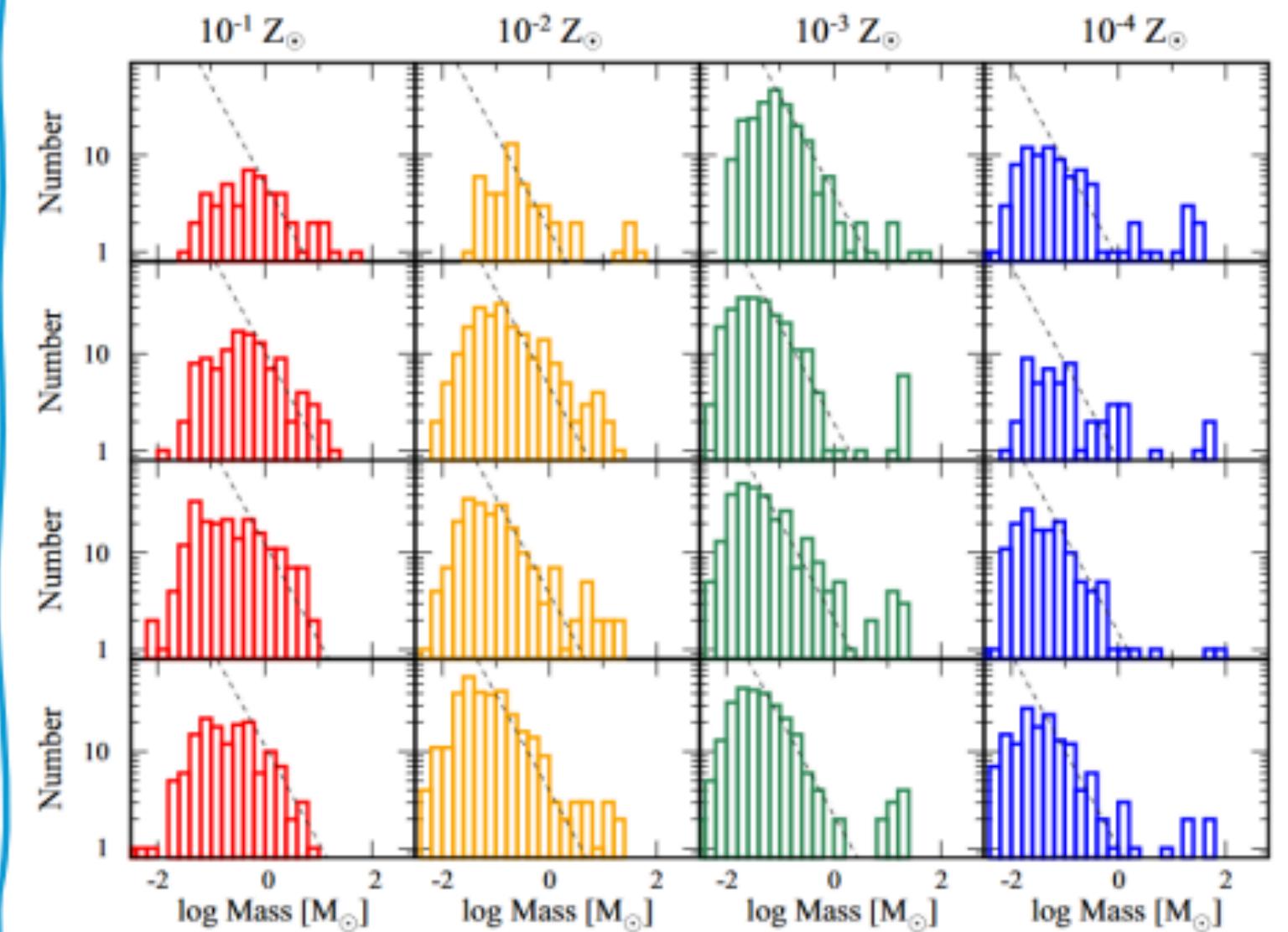
$$\hat{p} = 1.75 \times 10^5 \left(\frac{n}{1 \text{ cm}^{-3}} \right)^{-0.05} \left(\frac{\Lambda(10^6 \text{ K})}{10^{-22} \text{ erg cm}^3 \text{ s}^{-1}} \right)^{-0.17} [\text{M}_\odot \text{ km s}^{-1}]$$

x3 enhancement of momentum for Z=0 than Z_\odot ISM

cf. Kim & Ostriker '18, ...

Top-heavy IMF & Enhanced specific SN energy

Metallicity- & redshift-dependent IMF

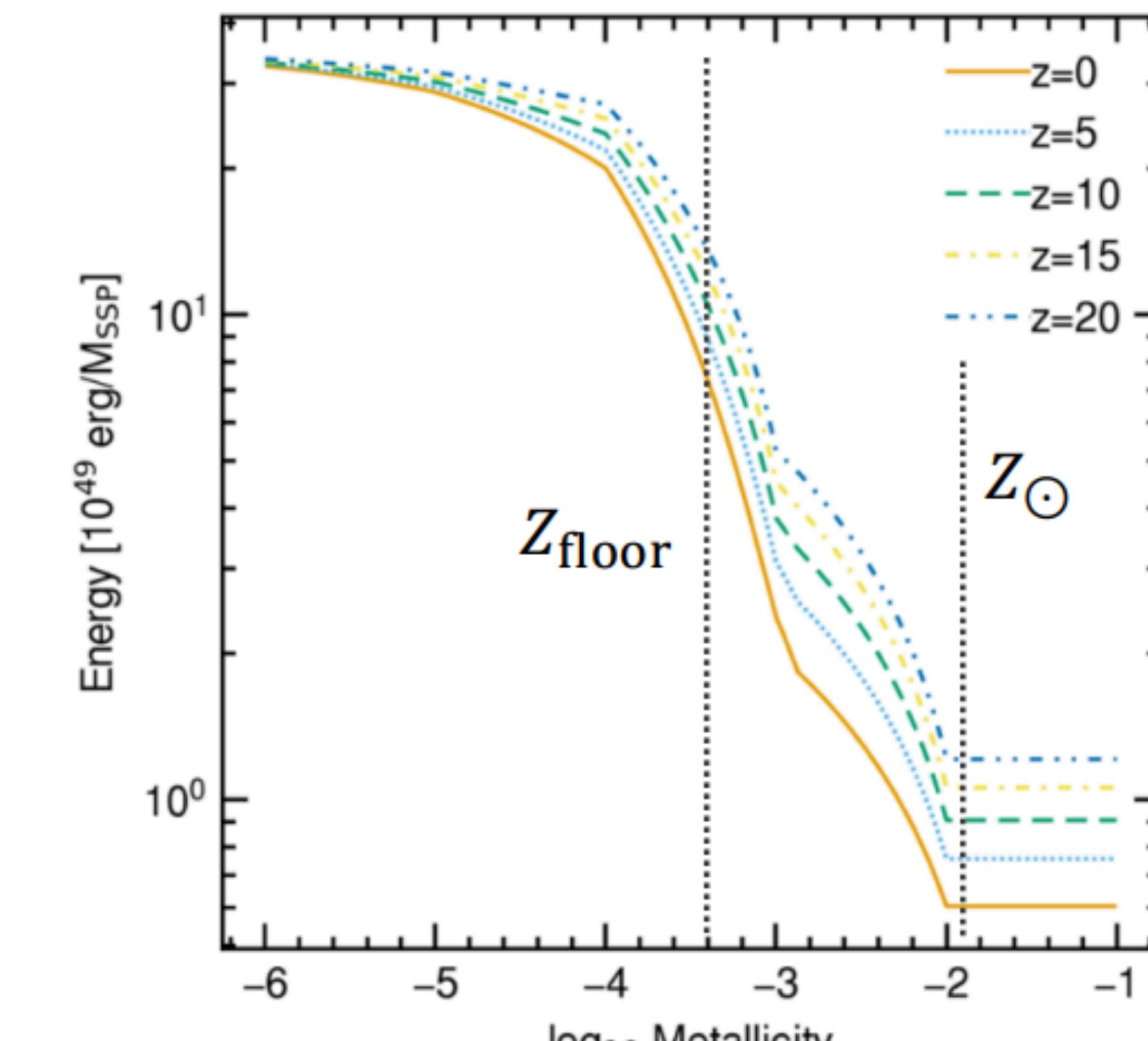
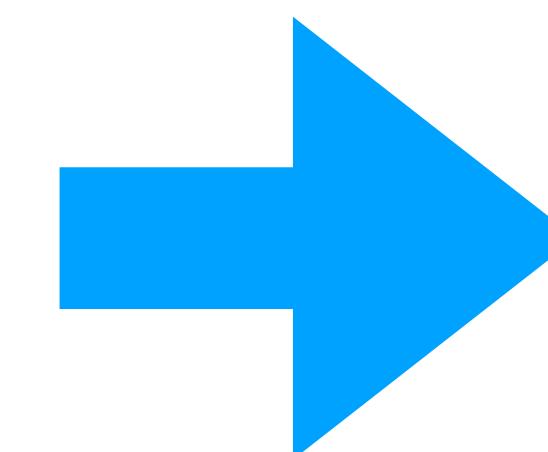


Metallicity-dependent
HN Fraction ($E_{\text{HN}} = 10^{52} \text{ erg}$)

$$f_{\text{HN}} = \begin{cases} 0.5 & (Z < 0.001) \\ 0.01 & (Z > 0.001) \end{cases}$$

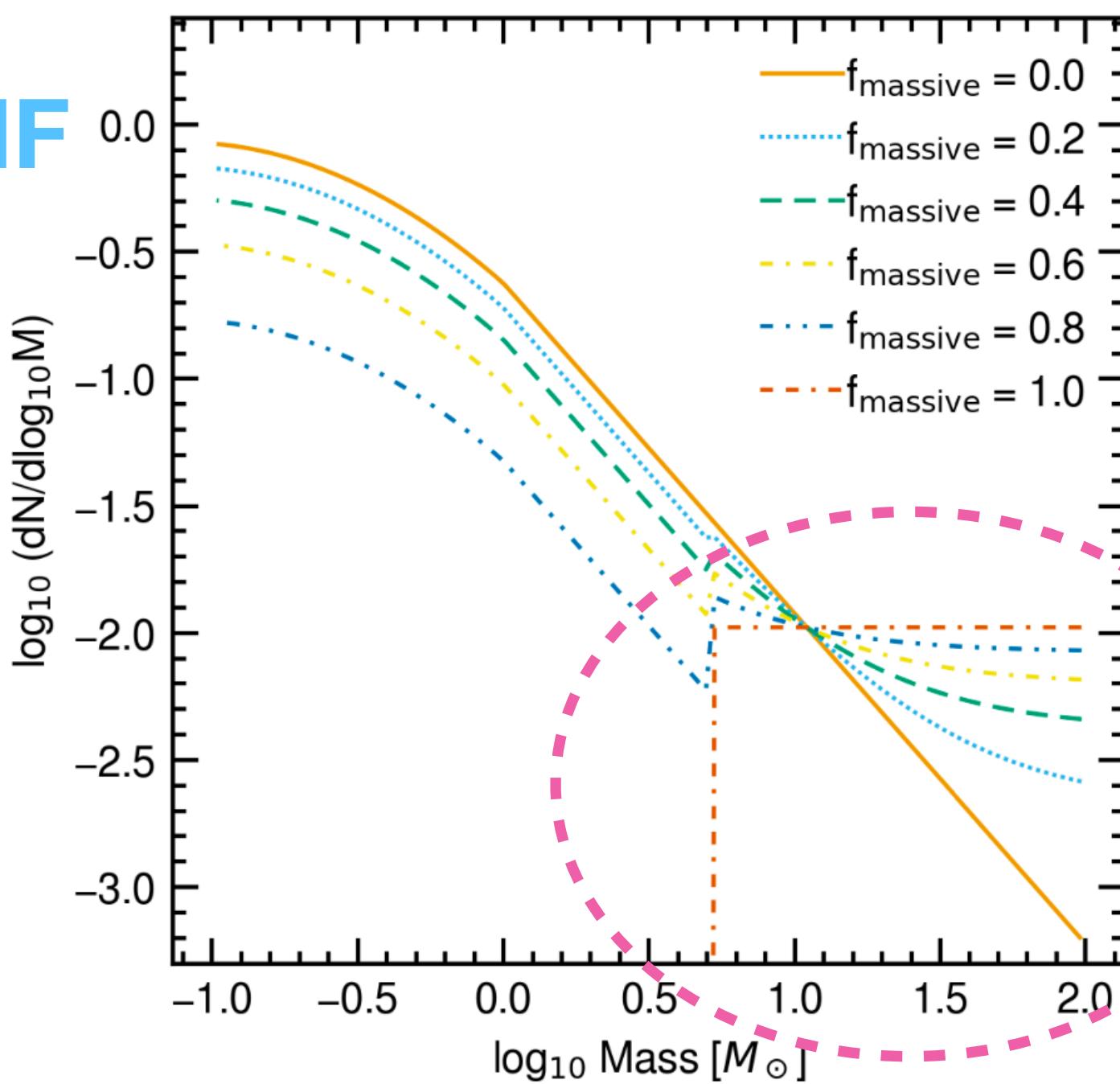
(Kobayashi+06)

Metallicity- & redshift-dependent **SN Energy Yield**

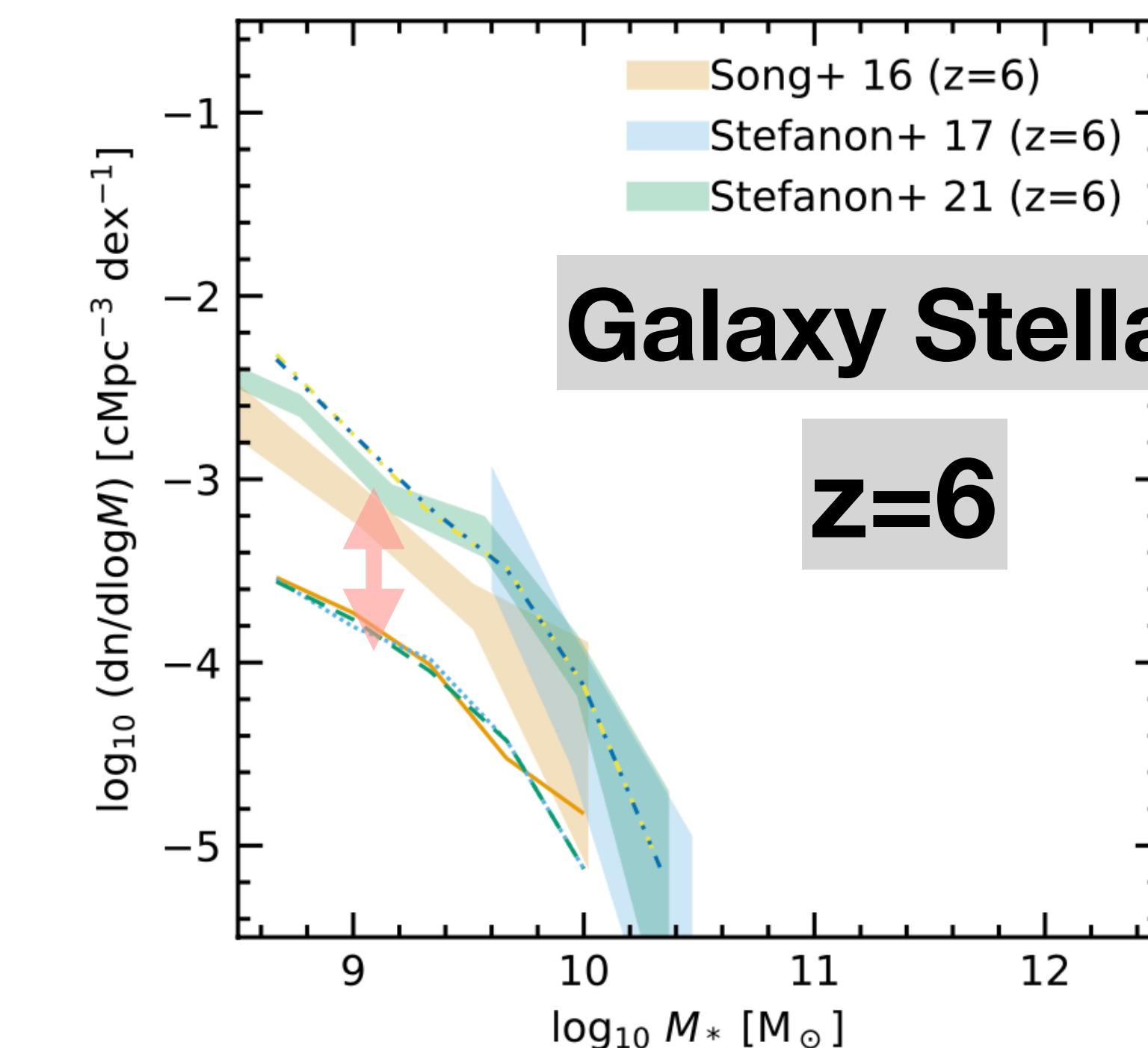
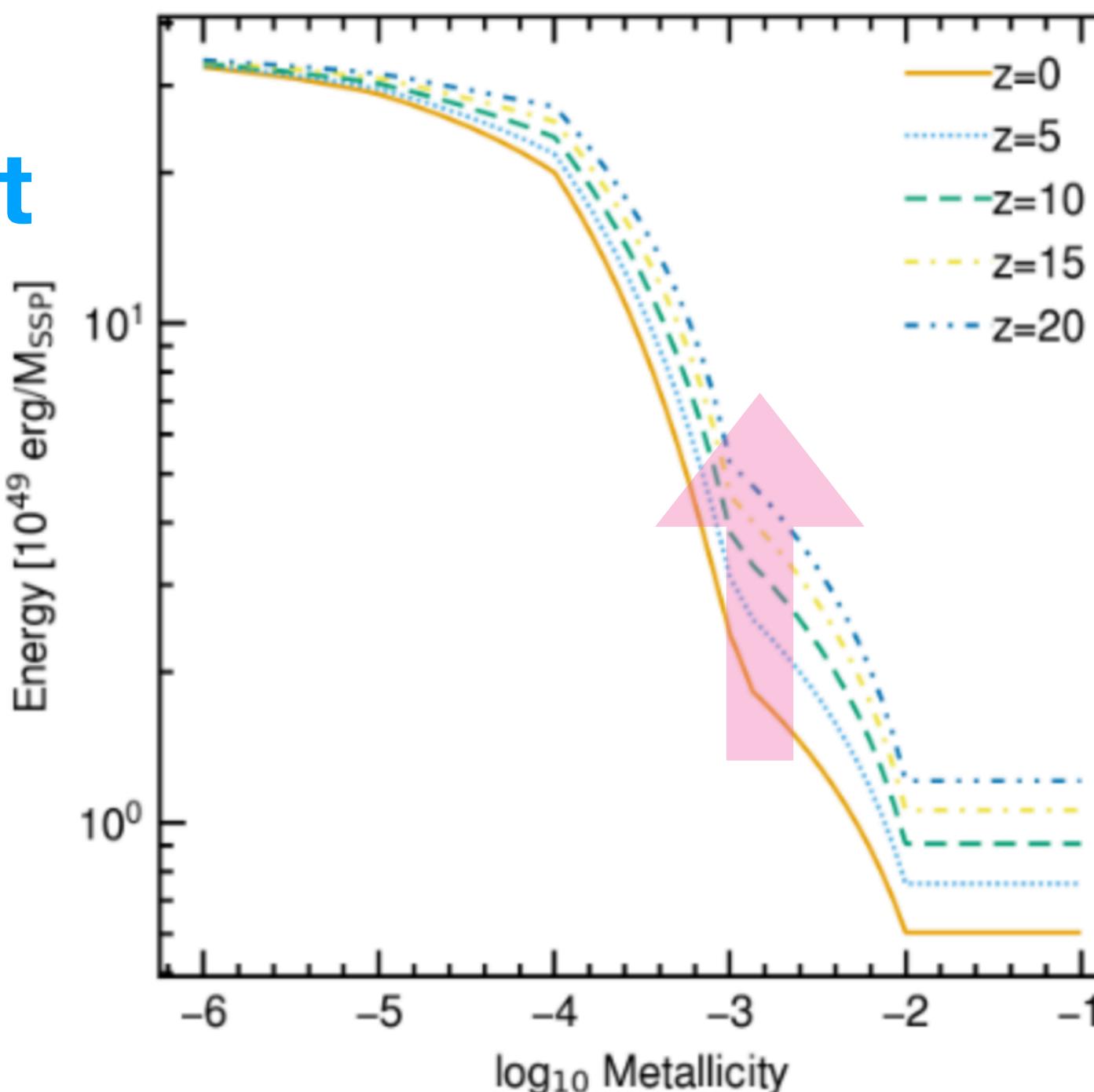


SN Energy Boost by >10

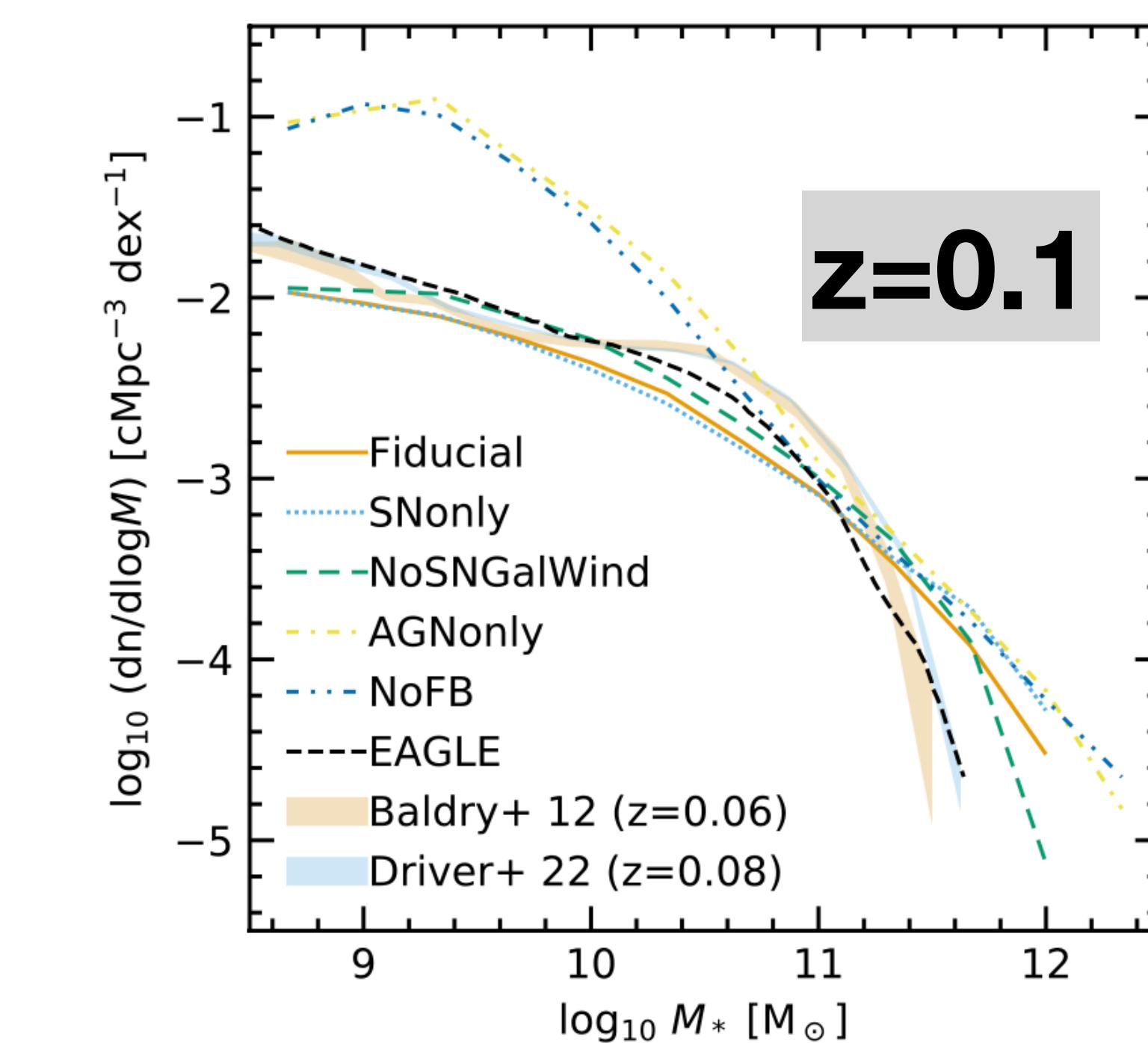
Top-heavy IMF model (Chon+22)



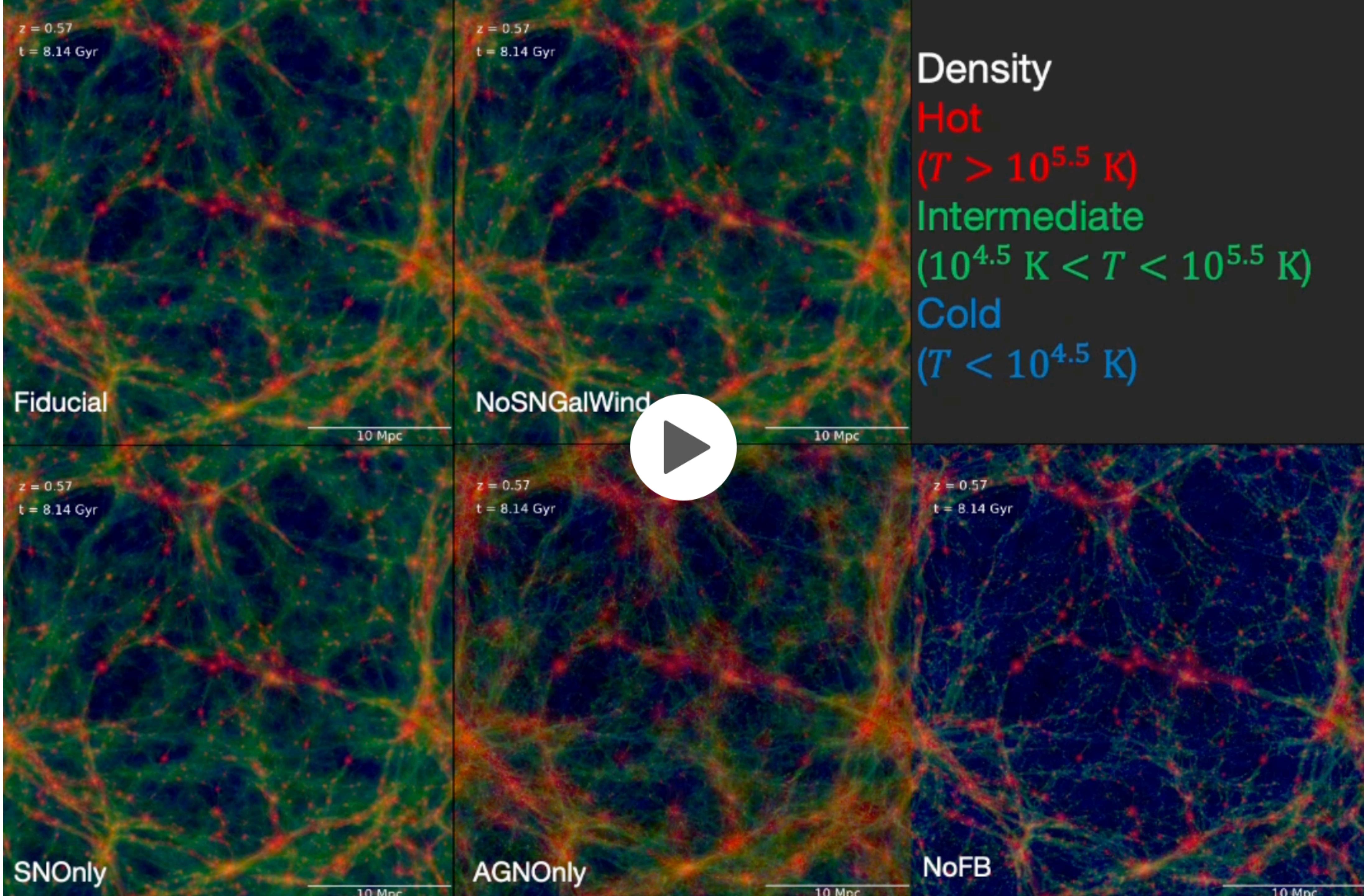
Specific SN energy input



Terminal momentum injection based on small-scale high-res superbubble Athena++ sim. (Oku+22)



+
TIGRESS mass-loading factor
(Kim & Ostriker '18;
Oku & KN '24)



Density

Hot

($T > 10^{5.5}$ K)

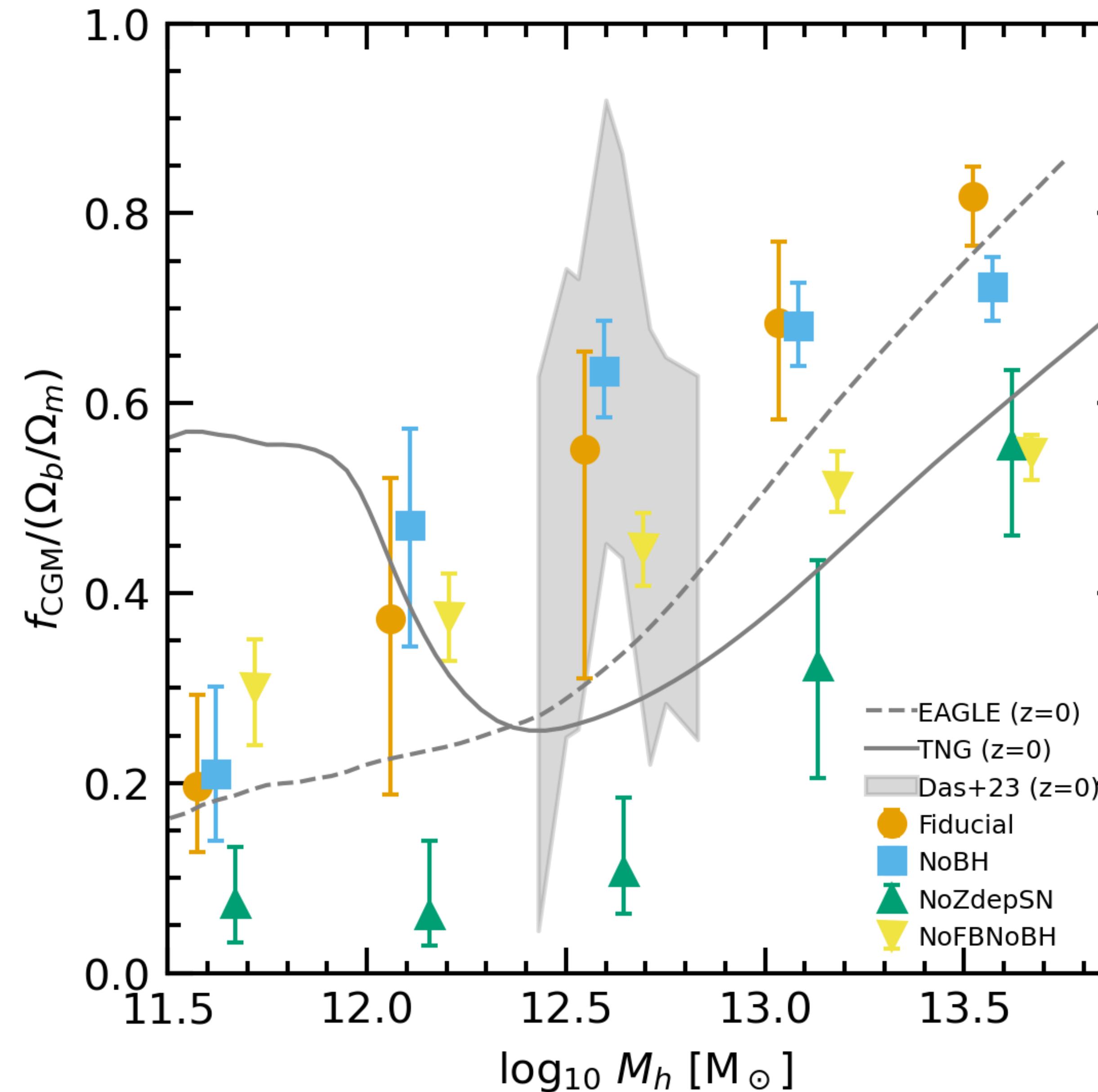
Intermediate

($10^{4.5} \text{ K} < T < 10^{5.5}$ K)

Cold

($T < 10^{4.5}$ K)

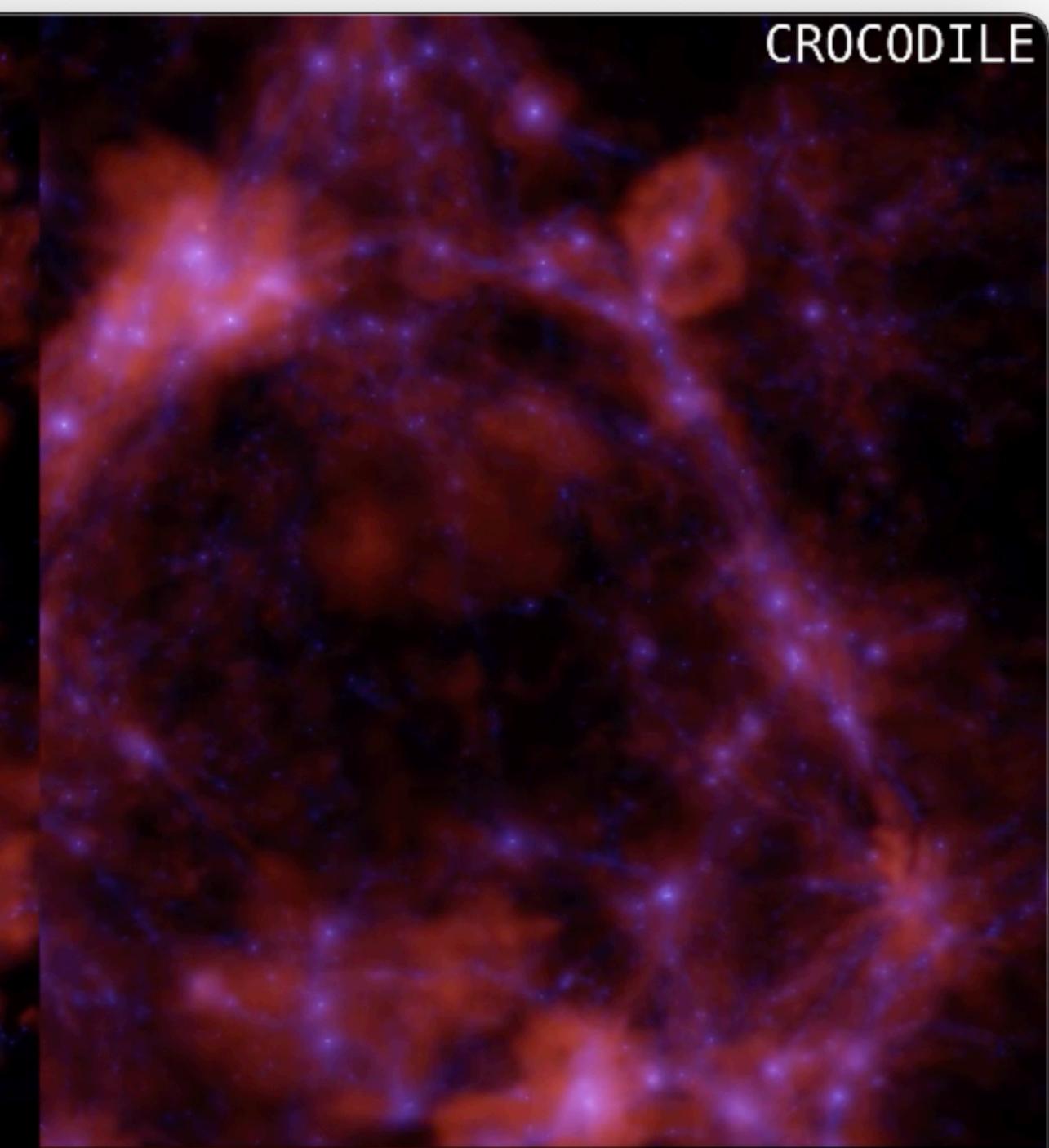
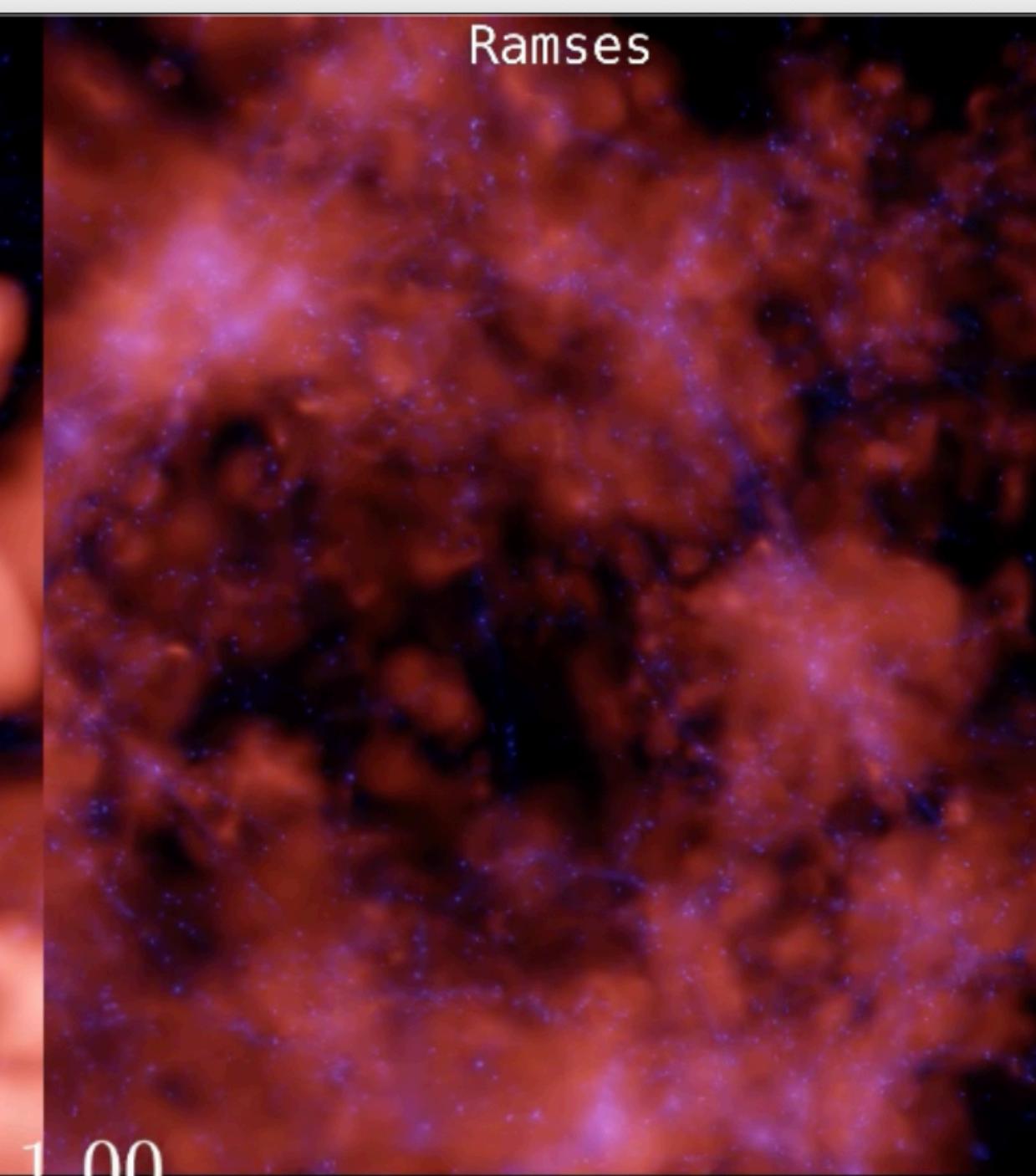
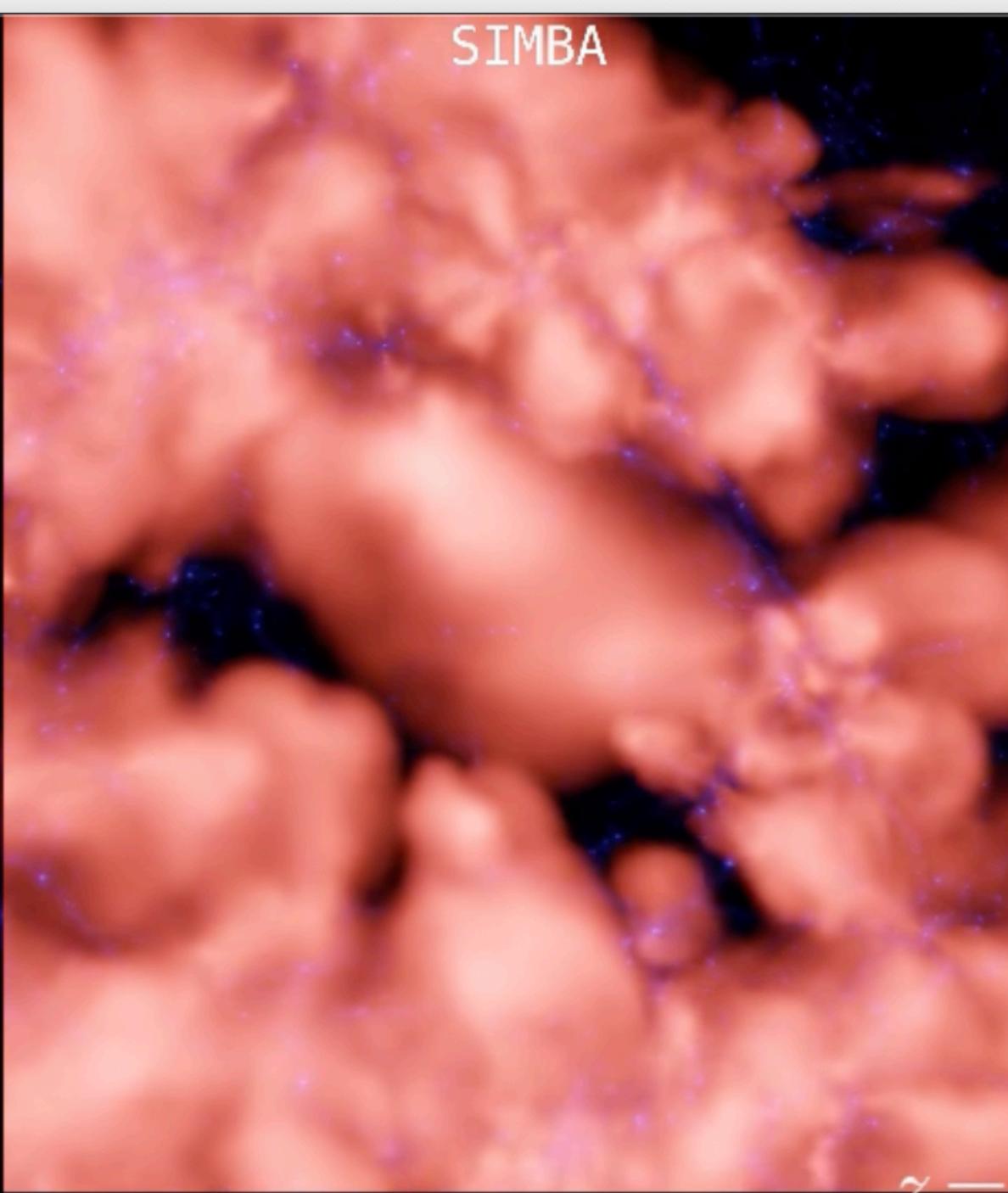
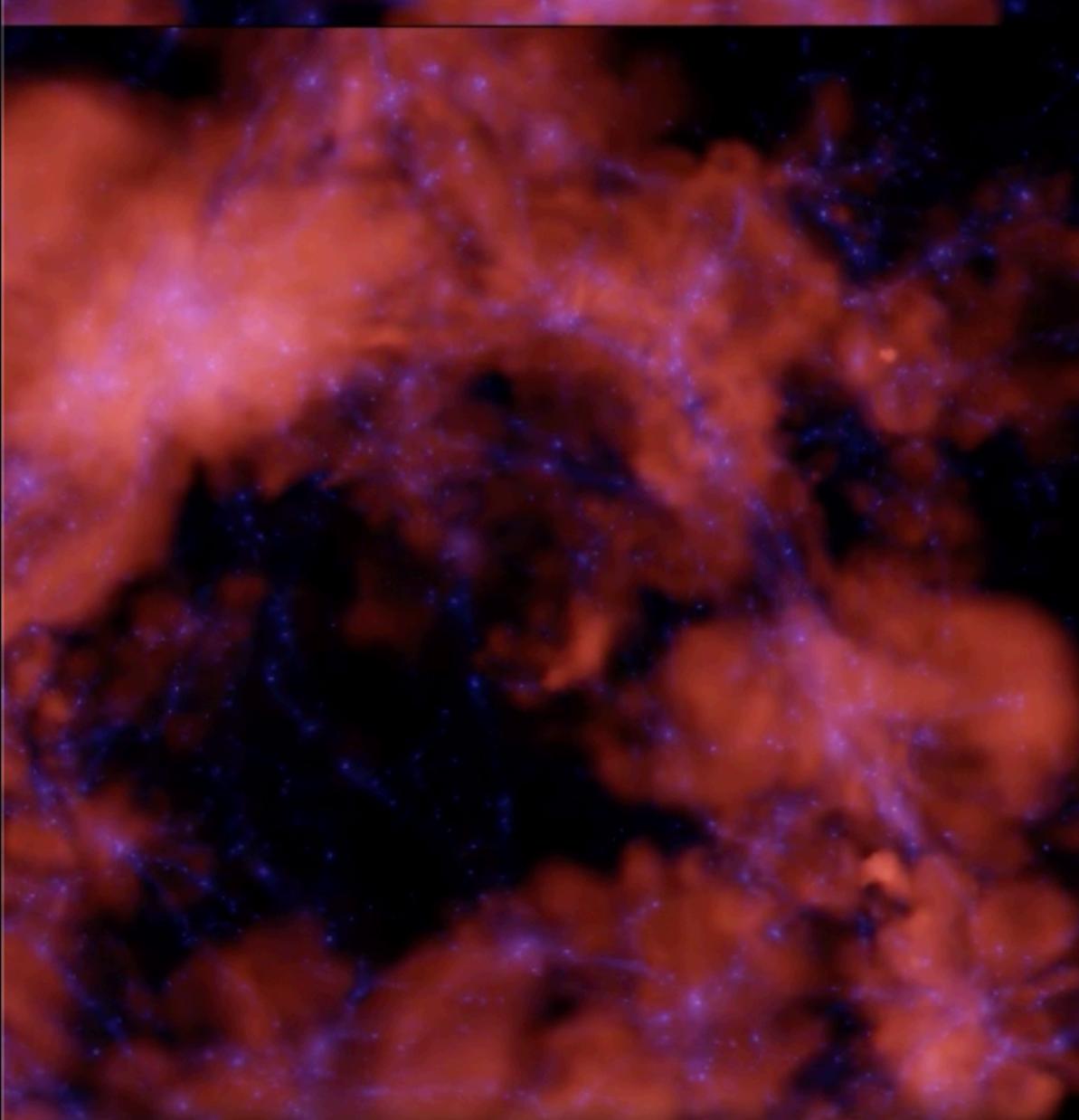
Baryon fraction in DM halos



cf. Davies+'20

Zhang, KN+'25,
submitted

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$z = 1.00$

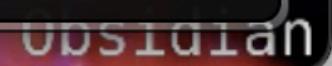
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Learning Feedback Physics with AI

AGN Feedback

Supermassive black holes regulate galaxy growth through energetic jets.

Model Refinement

Improved physics implementations based on AI insights.

Stellar Feedback

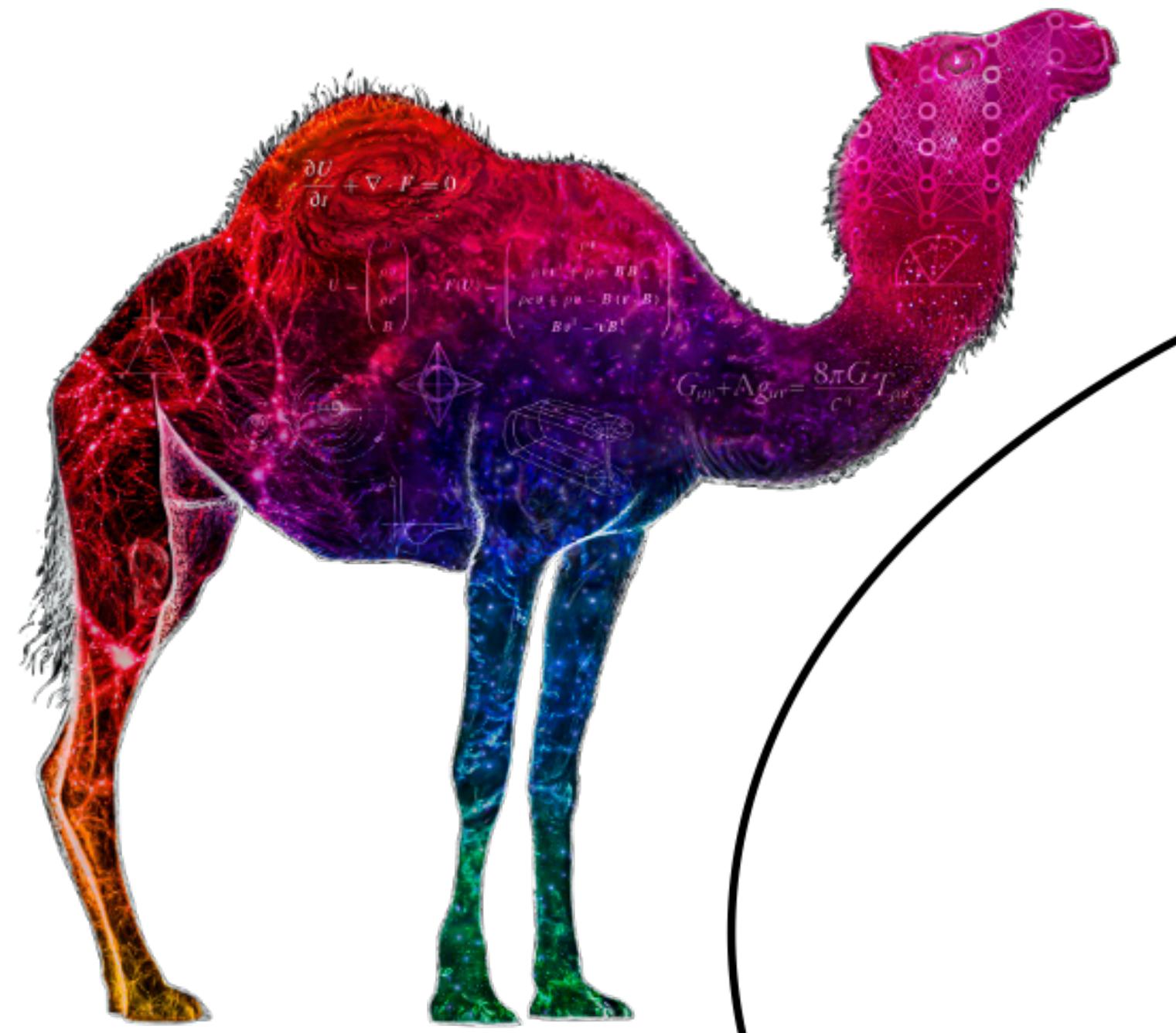
Supernovae drive galactic winds, enriching the intergalactic medium.

AI Analysis

ML identifies feedback signatures across cosmic scales.



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Cosmology

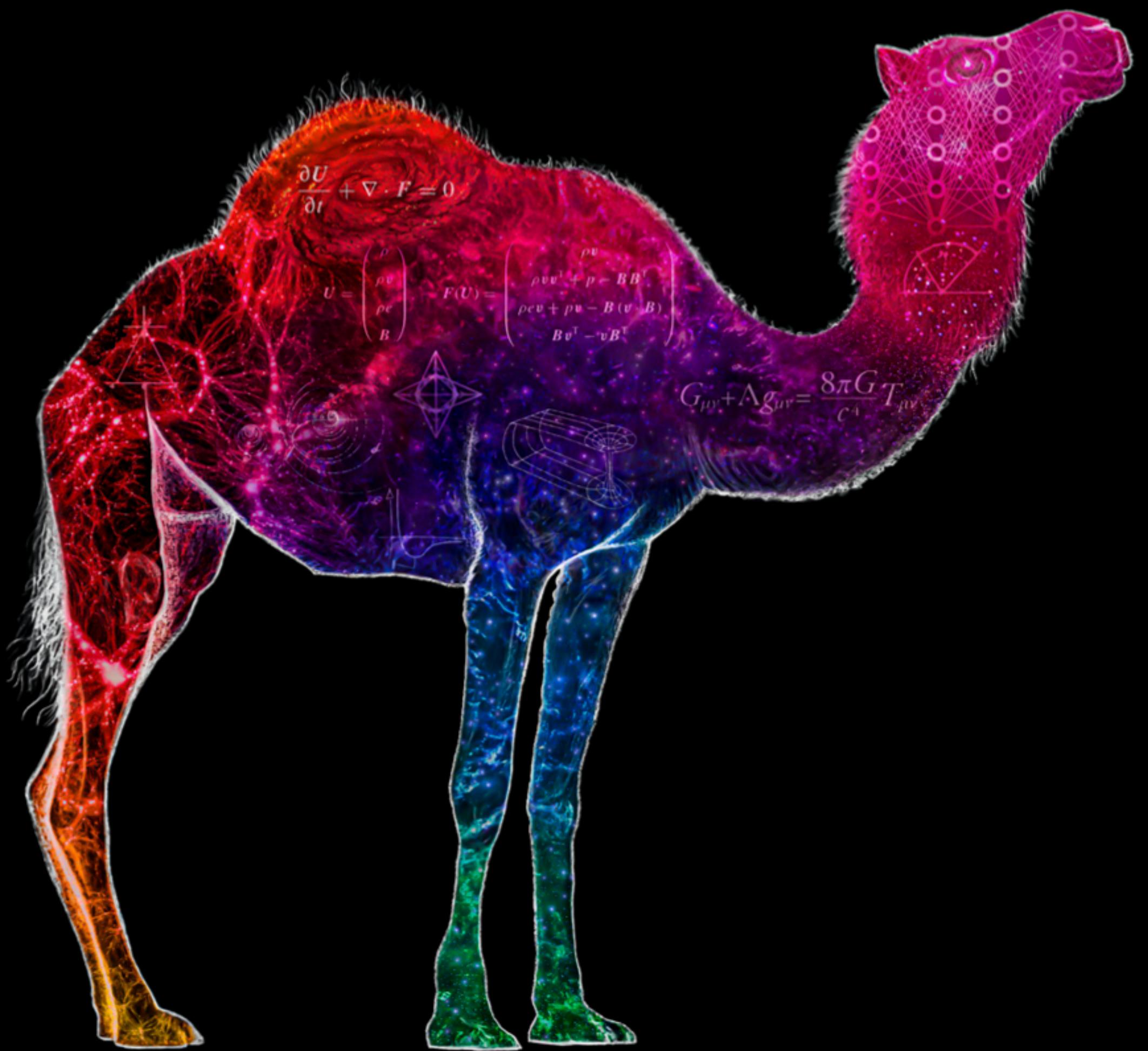
Astrophysics

Machine
Learning

Simulations

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Cosmology and Astrophysics with MachinE Learning Simulations

A set of 14,000+ simulations:

- 6,000+ N-body sims
- 8,000+ state-of-the art hydrodynamic sims

Hydrodynamic sims w/ 9 different codes/subgrid models:

- 1) IllustrisTNG, 2) SIMBA, 3) Astrid, 4) Magneticum, 5) SWIFT-EAGLE, 6) Ramses, 7) Enzo, 8) ***CROCODILE***, 9) Obsidian

- Variations in cosmological & astrophysical parameters

2-4 cosmological & 4-30 astrophysical parameters

- Hundreds of thousands of snapshots & galaxy catalogs

- Designed for ***Machine Learning Applications***

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≥4PB and increasing.

Now L25 & L50
~1.6PB ~1.8PB

Suite

- IllustrisTNG
- SWIFT-EAGLE
- SIMBA
- Ramses
- Astrid
- Magneticum
- CROCODILE
- Enzo
- Obsidian

SB

LH

1P

CV

EX

5 cosmological
parameters

Ω_m, σ_8
 A_{SN1}, A_{SN2}
 A_{AGN1}, A_{AGN2}

Most astrophysical
parameters

Ω_m, σ_8
 A_{SN1}, A_{SN2}
 A_{AGN1}, A_{AGN2}

Same cosmology &
astrophysics

Same cosmology
Extreme astrophysics

Different random
seed

Different random
seed

Same random
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Different random
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Same random
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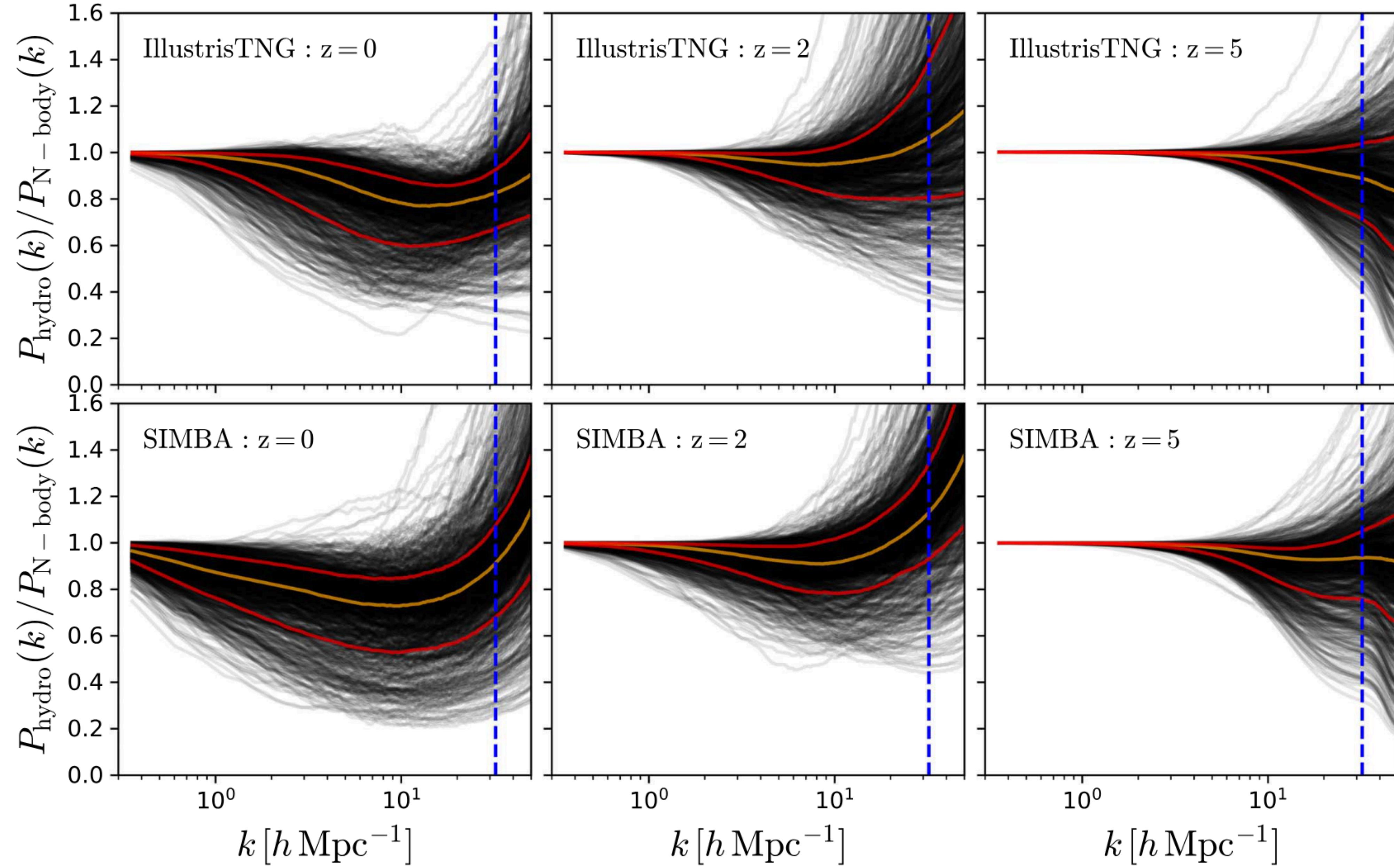
1,024 simulations

1,000 simulations

~80 simulations

27 simulations

3 simulations

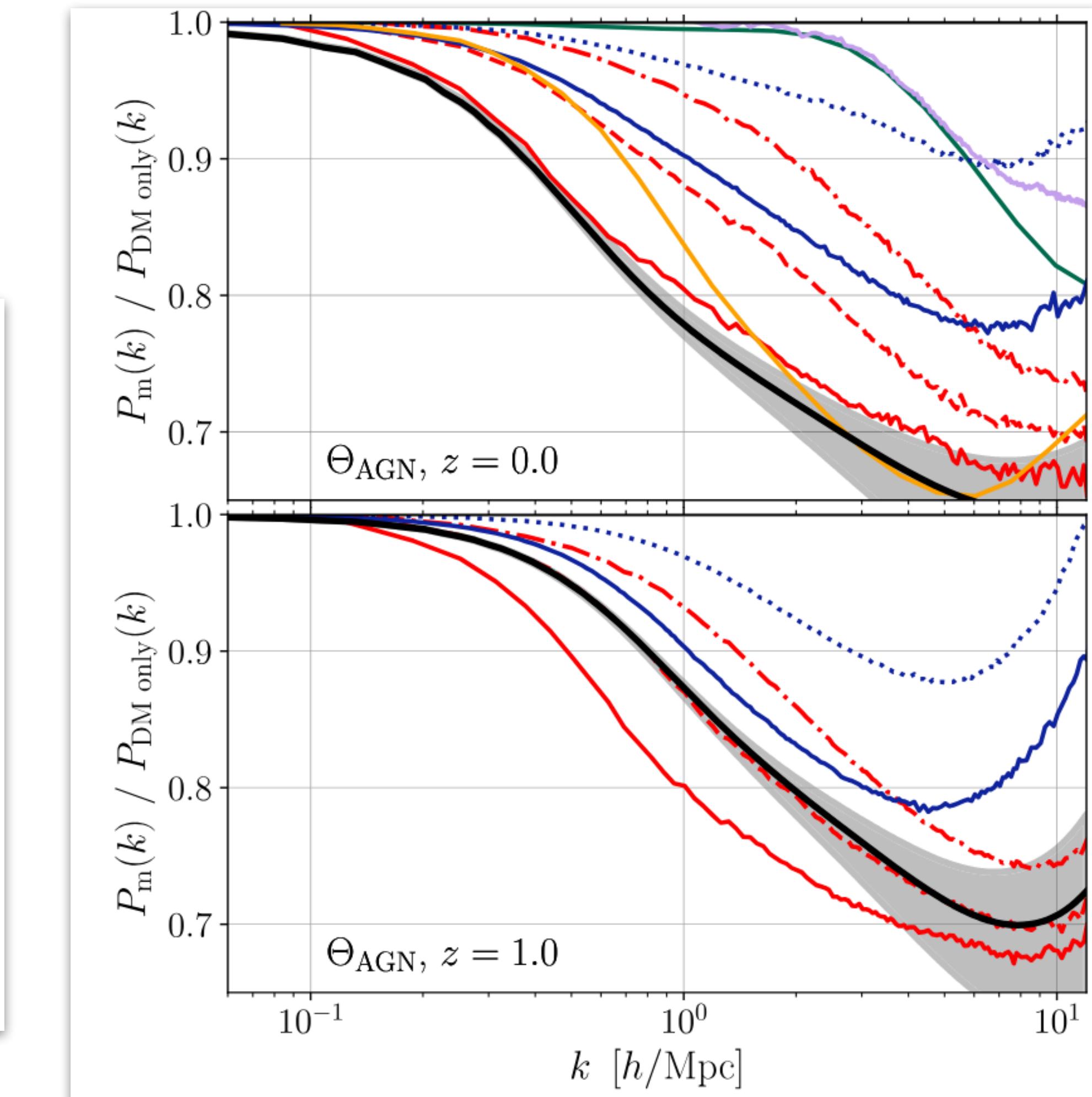
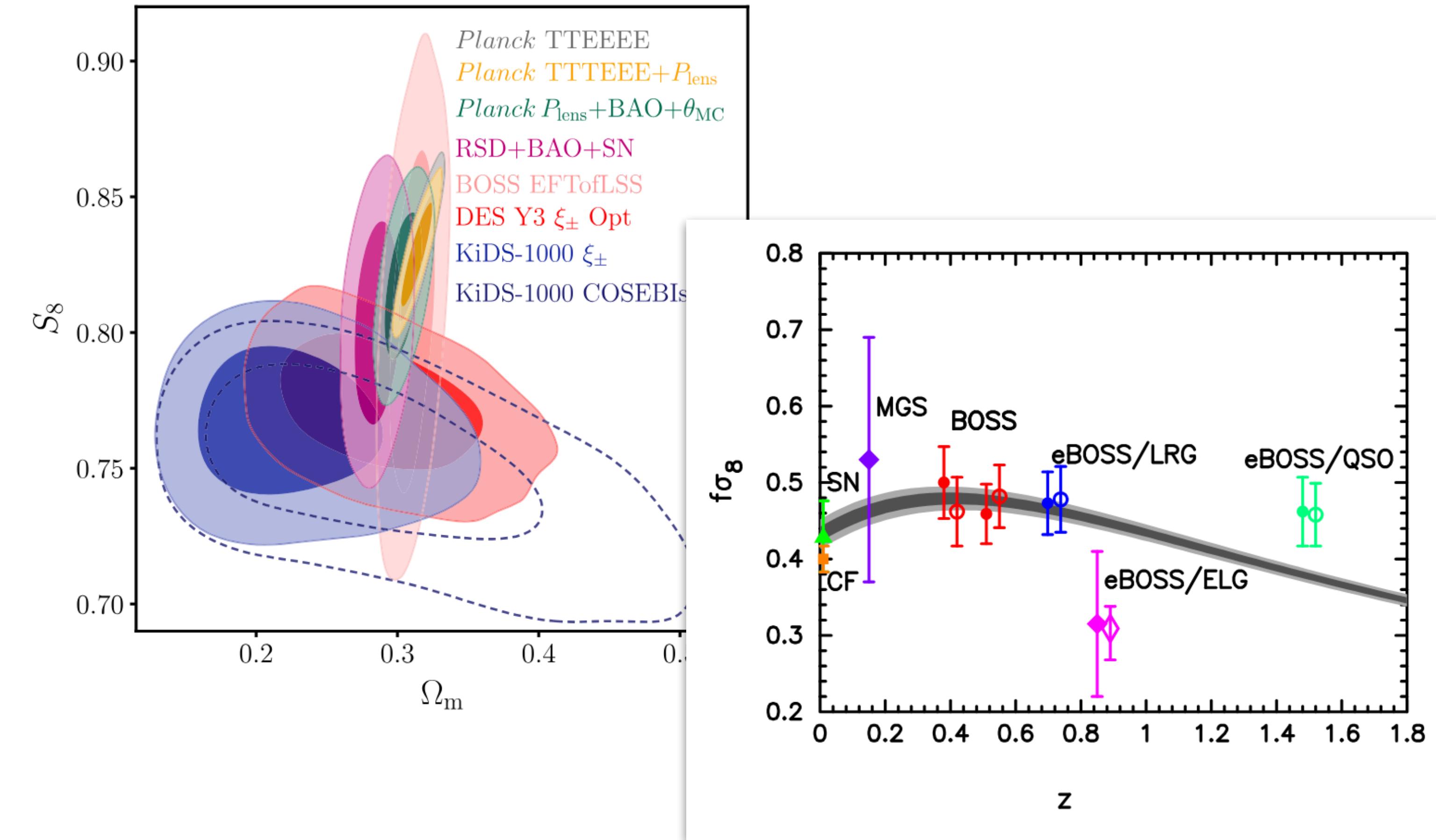


1P set variations

Villaescusa-Navarro+ '21 (CAMELS flagship paper)

S₈ tension & P_k suppression

Amon & Efstatihou '22

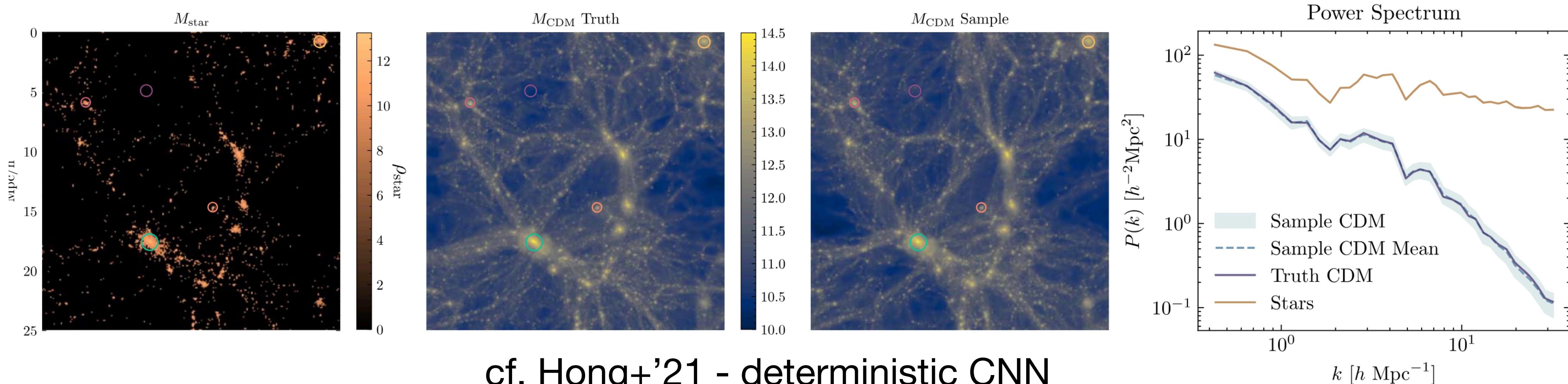
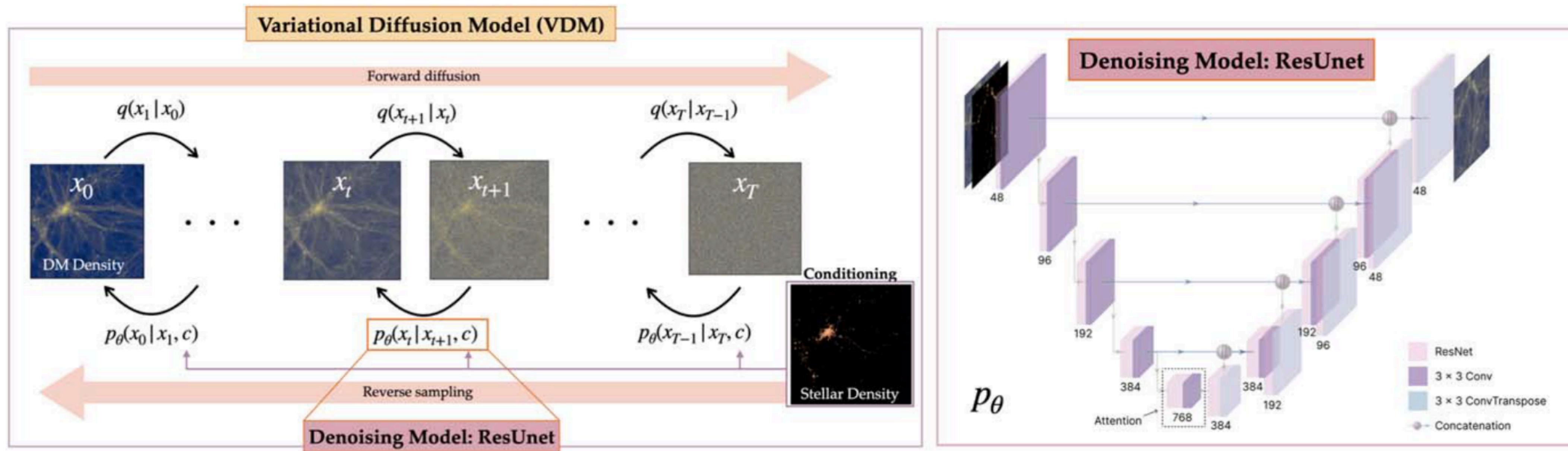


Legend for simulation results:

- TNG300
- C-OWLS AGN $T_{\text{heat}} 8.7$
- C-OWLS AGN $T_{\text{heat}} 8.5$
- C-OWLS AGN
- BAHAMAS $T_{\text{heat}} 7.6$
- BAHAMAS $T_{\text{heat}} 8.0$
- Illustris
- Horizon

“Debiasing with Diffusion: Probabilistic Reconstruction of Dark Matter Fields from Galaxies with CAMELS”

Ono+ ’24, ApJ

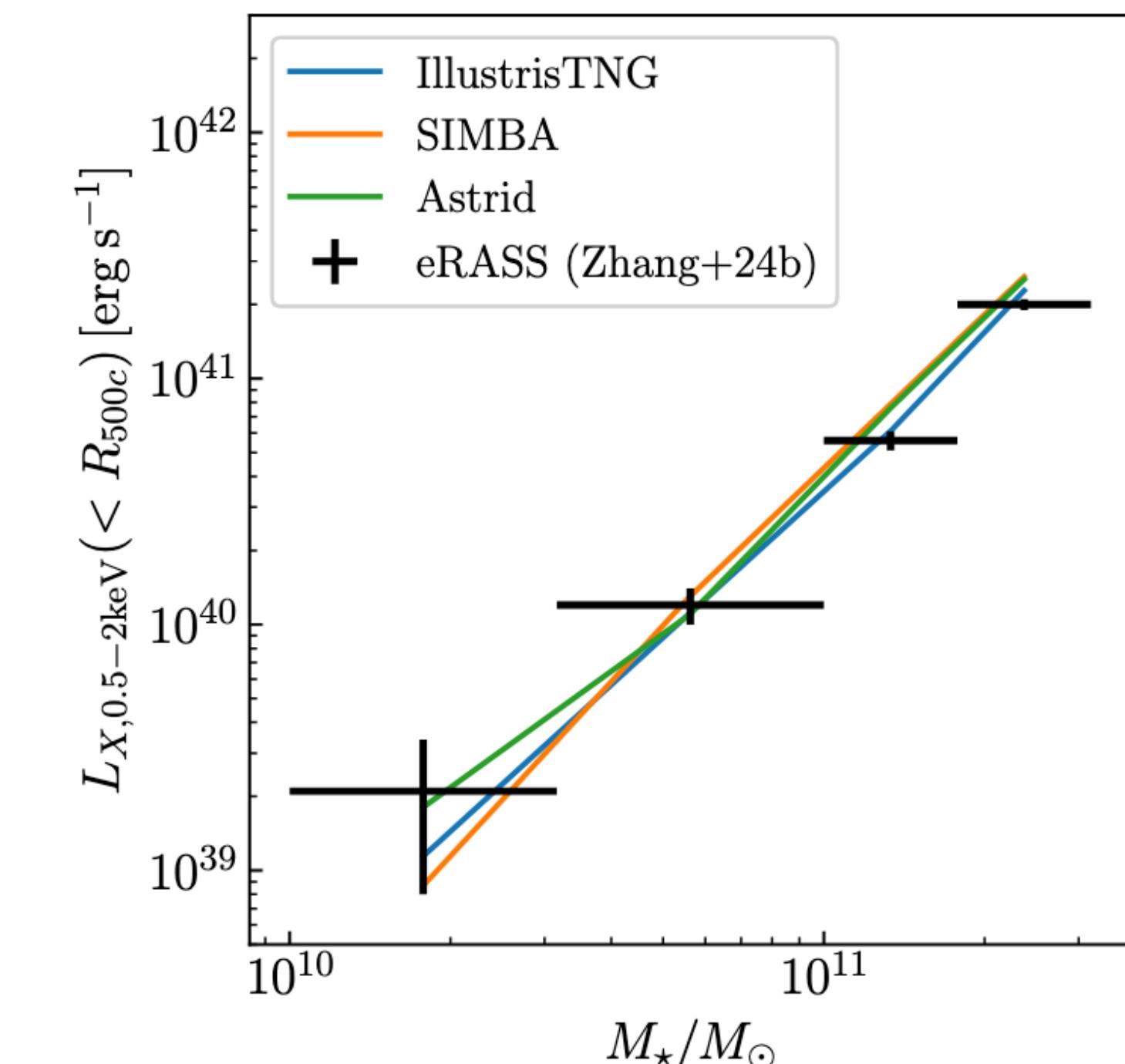
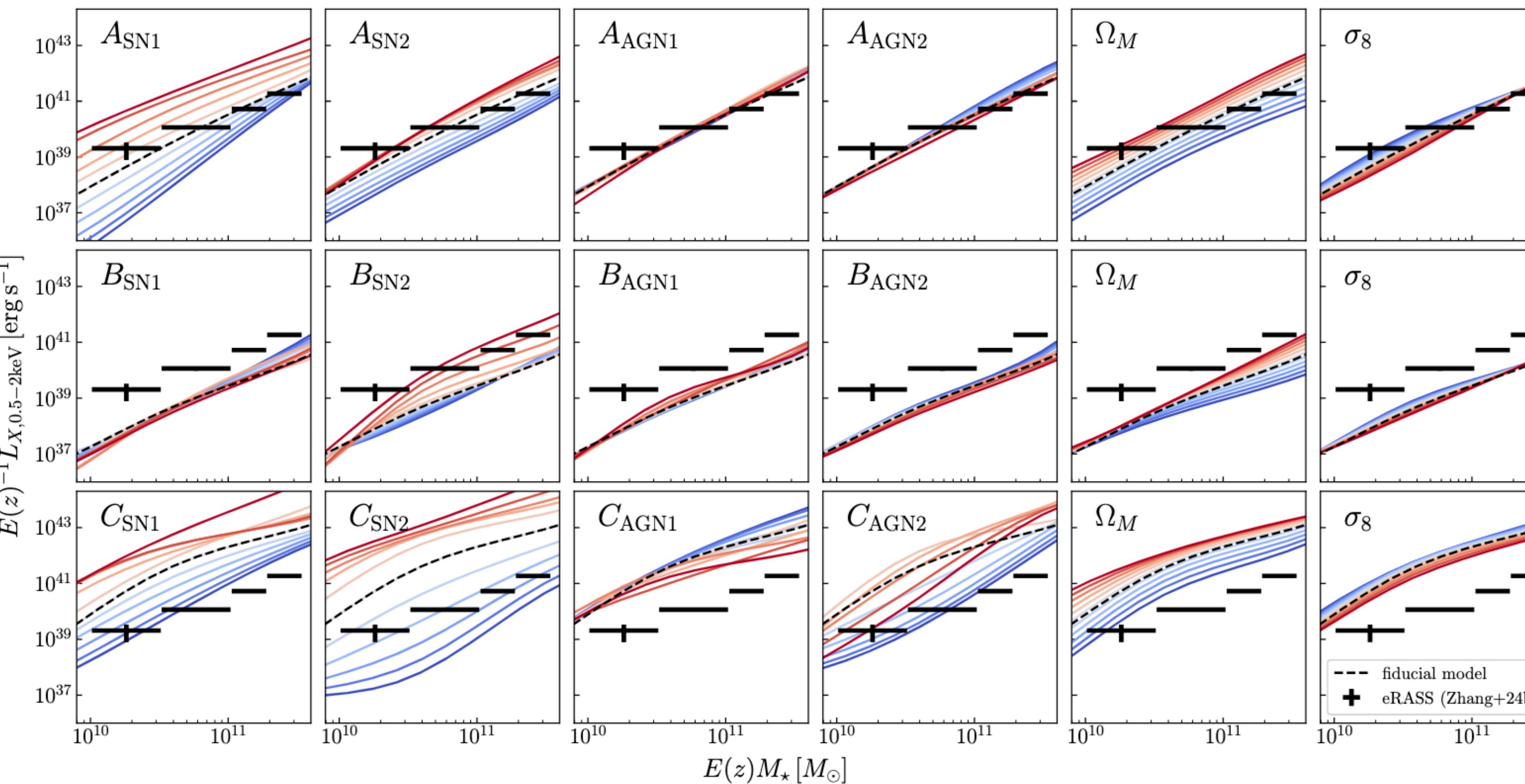


X-raying CAMELS: Constraining Baryonic Feedback in the Circum-Galactic Medium with the CAMELS simulations and eRASS X-ray Observations

Lau+ '25, ApJ (arXiv:2412.04559)

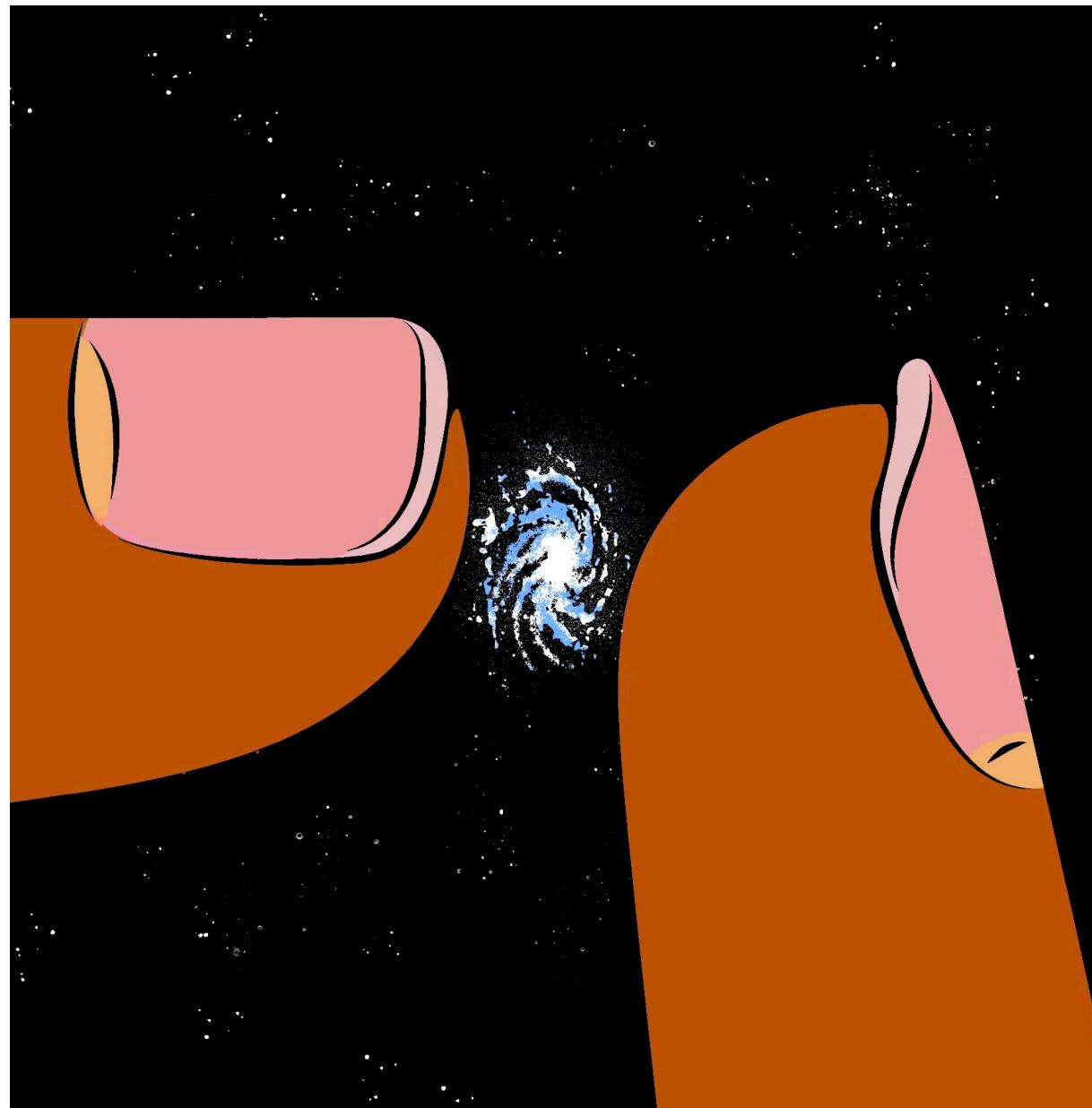
Table 1. Best-fit Feedback Parameters

Parameter	TNG	SIMBA	Astrid
SN1	$2.07^{+0.35}_{-0.34}$	$3.45^{+0.35}_{-0.38}$	$2.07^{+0.82}_{-1.00}$
SN2	$0.6^{+0.13}_{-0.07}$	$1.63^{+0.20}_{-0.05}$	$0.78^{+0.13}_{-0.13}$
AGN1	$2.18^{+1.56}_{-1.14}$	$1.79^{+0.55}_{-0.80}$	$2.42^{+0.84}_{-1.39}$
AGN2	$1.15^{+0.53}_{-0.54}$	$1.62^{+0.27}_{-0.53}$	$0.67^{+0.65}_{-0.30}$



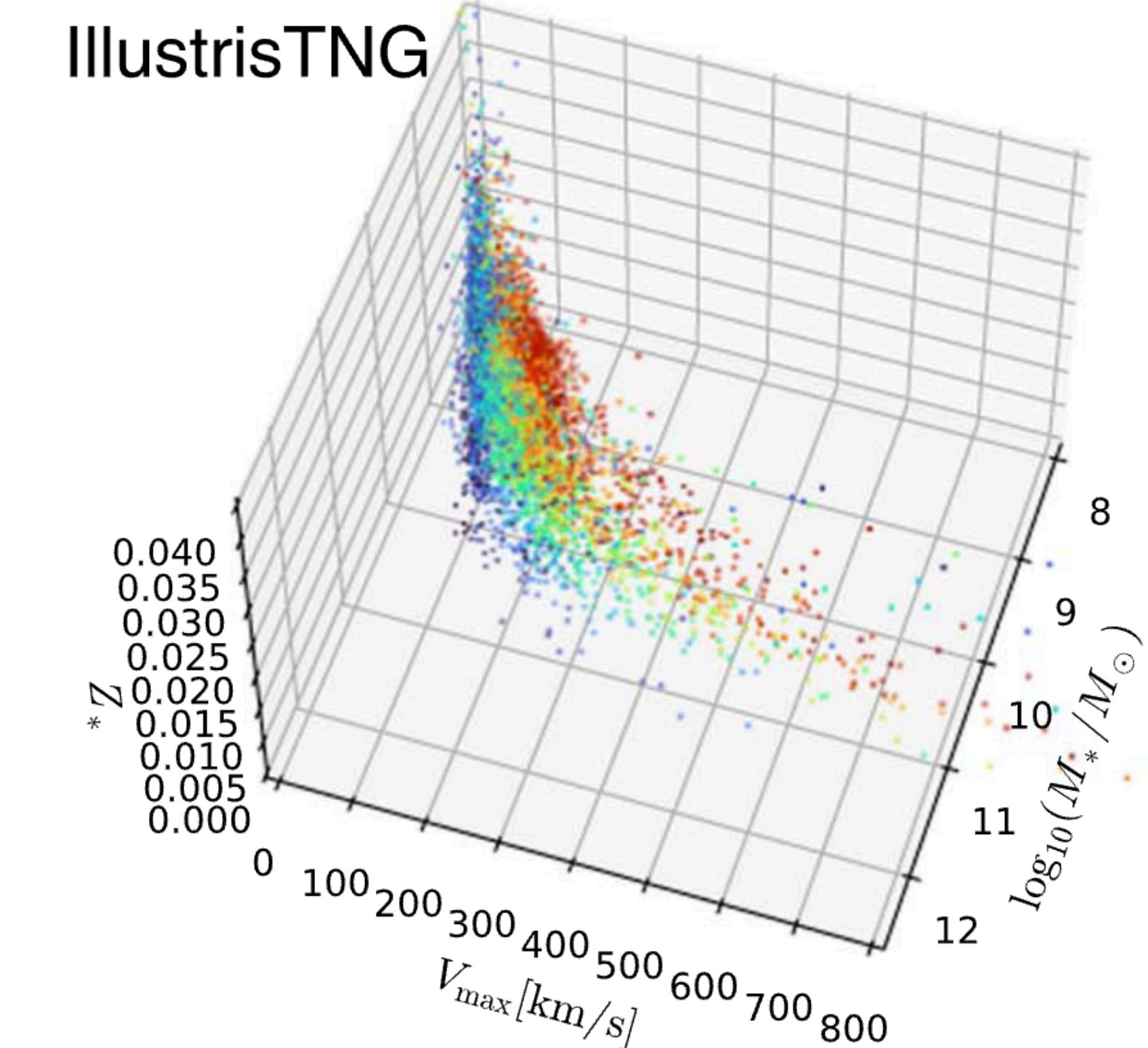
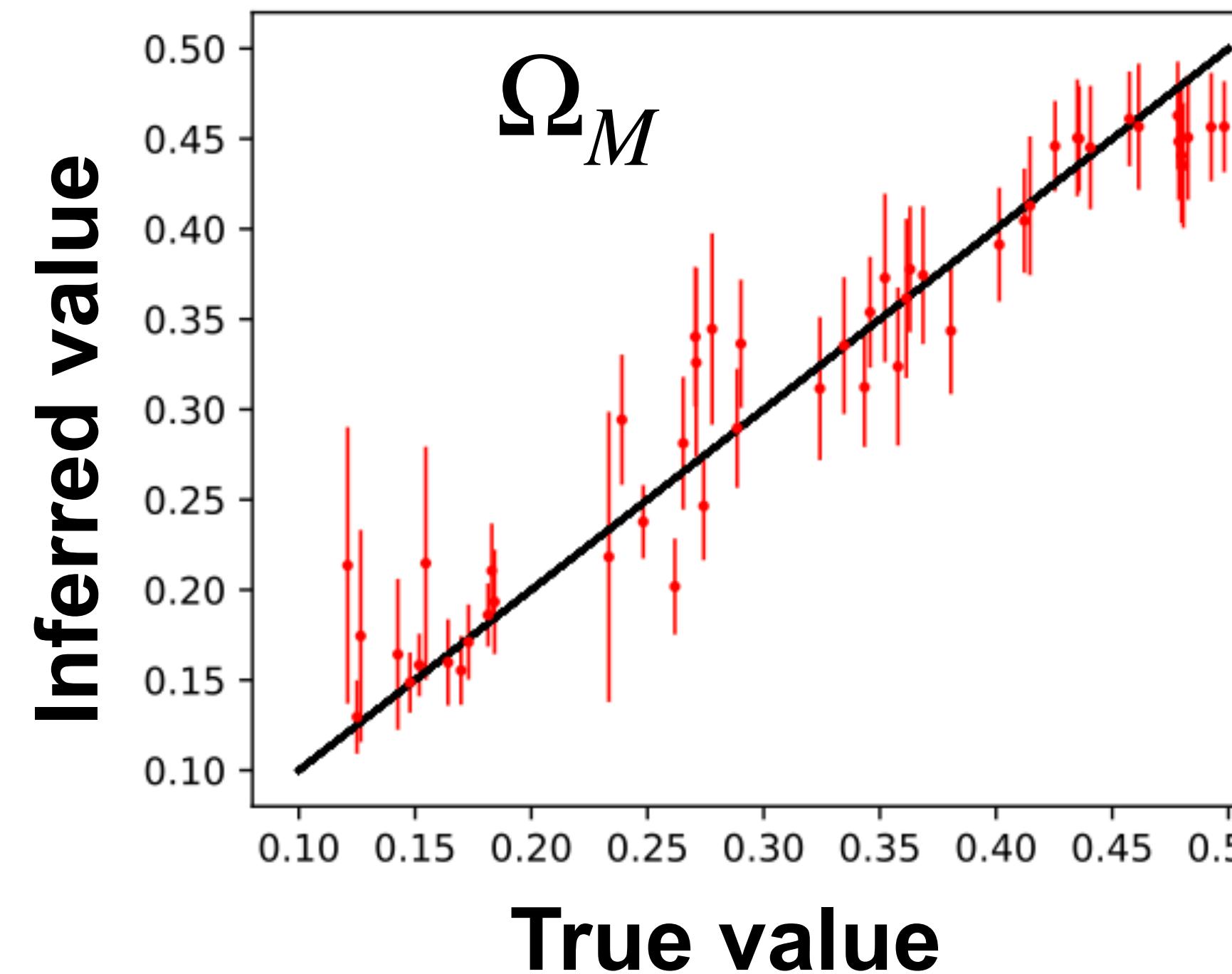
Cosmology with one galaxy?

Villaescusa-Navarro+ '22b



$\Omega_m \in [0.1, 0.5]$
 $\sigma_8 \in [0.6, 1.0]$
 $A_{\text{SN}1}, A_{\text{AGN}1} \in [0.25, 4.0]$
 $A_{\text{SN}2}, A_{\text{AGN}2} \in [0.5, 2.0]$,

- Train NN w/ 2000 CAMELS LH set; Likelihood-free inference on params.
- Possible to infer Ω_M with $\sim 10\%$ precision from just one galaxy
- Link btw cosmology and astrophysics via ***low-dim manifold*** of gal properties
- New possibilities for connecting cosmology and galaxy formation with AI



Concerns & Issues of using AI models

1. **Interpretability** and **Explainability** (解釈可能性、説明可能性)

- Black-box problem: Complex AI models lack transparency in their decision-making processes.
- Difficulty in verifying scientific consistency or physical interpretability of results.
- Uncertainty whether the inferred cosmo. params or feedback mechanisms are physically meaningful.

2. **Overfitting** and **Generalization** Issues (過学習 & 汎化)

- AI models, particularly those with many parameters, risk overfitting training data.
- Training data set isn't representative for generalization.
- Incorrect cosmo. inferences due to poor generalization from simulated data to actual obs data.

3. Data **Bias** and **Quality**; Extrapolation limit

- AI models heavily depend on training data quality and completeness.
- Bias in training data (selection bias, obs. bias) may propagate and amplify errors.
- Biased predictions if simulations or training datasets are not fully representative.

4. **Loss of Physical Insight** (因果関係 & 相関関係の混同)

- Excessive reliance on AI can shift the focus from understanding physical processes to mere predictive accuracy.
- Risk of substituting physical understanding with model performance.
- Potential stagnation in theoretical advancements if AI predictions are not complemented by deeper physical insights.

5. Significant Computational Cost and Scalability (計算コスト & スケーラビリティ)

- Scaling AI-based analysis to petabyte-scale datasets (LSST, SKA) poses significant practical challenges.
- Increased cost and complexity in infrastructure needed to support large-scale ML applications.

6. Reproducibility and Robustness (検証の難しさ)

- Difficulty reproducing AI results due to stochastic training procedures or proprietary algorithms.
- Vulnerability of AI models to subtle changes in input data or initial conditions.
- Challenges in scientific reproducibility, validation, and robustness testing of cosmological results.

7. Ethical and Sociological Concerns (倫理学的・社会学的課題)

- Potential for unintentional ethical issues — open access, data privacy, fairness, and model biases.
- Unequal access to resources needed for AI research can exacerbate disparities.
- Barriers to collaboration or biases introduced by unequal access to AI methods and data resources.

8. Misuse or Over-Reliance on AI Results

- Scientists or policymakers might accept AI-driven results without sufficient critical scrutiny.
- Overconfidence in AI predictions without adequate error analysis or understanding of limitations.
- Misguided scientific or policy decisions based on inadequately vetted AI-driven cosmological findings.