

The Origin of Multiphase Galaxy Outflows

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Starburst Galaxy M82



Image credit: NASA

Outflows Are Multiphase

Hard X-rays

$T > 10^7$ K

Soft X-rays

$T > 10^6$ K

In nearby starbursts, outflows can be observed in spatially resolved X-ray emitting gas.

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Dust
 $T < 10^4 \text{ K}$

Hard X-rays
 $T > 10^7 \text{ K}$

Optical
(starlight, H α)

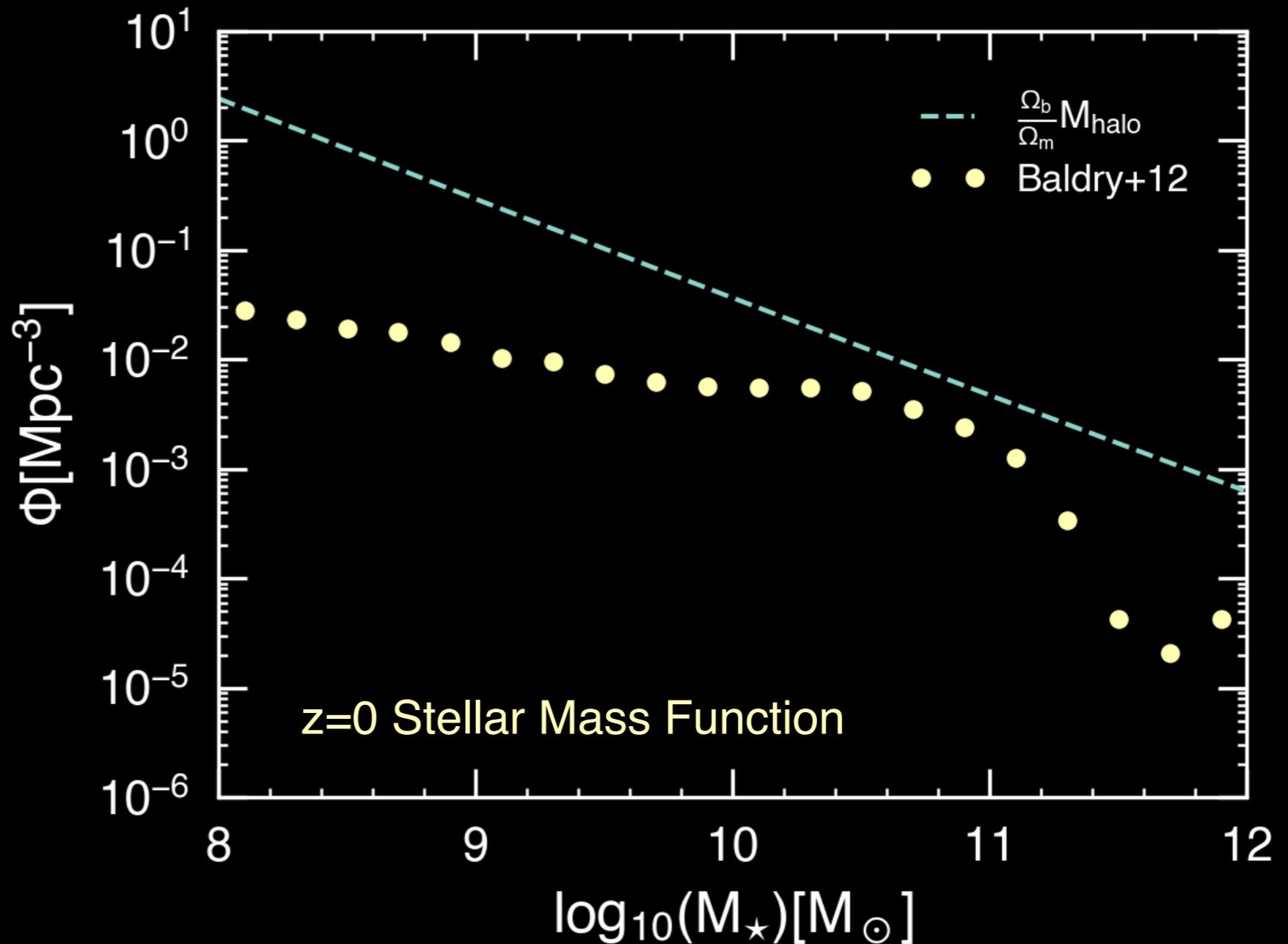
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Optical line emission and dust trace spatially coincident cooler phases.

Outflows Are Necessary

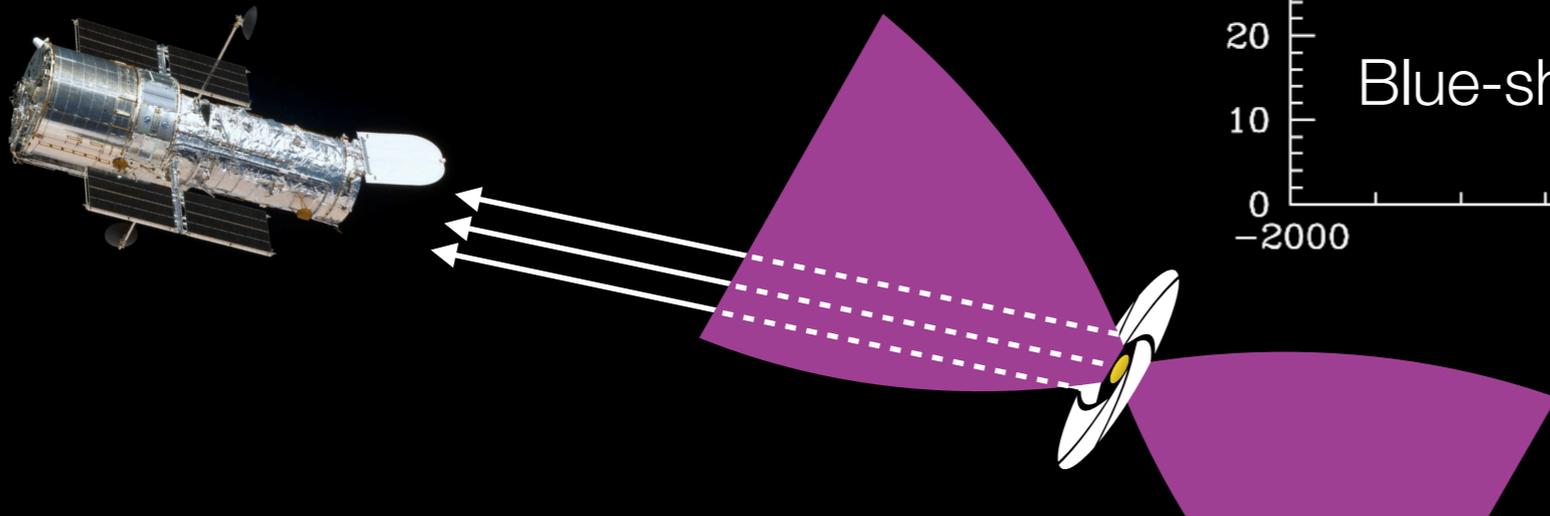
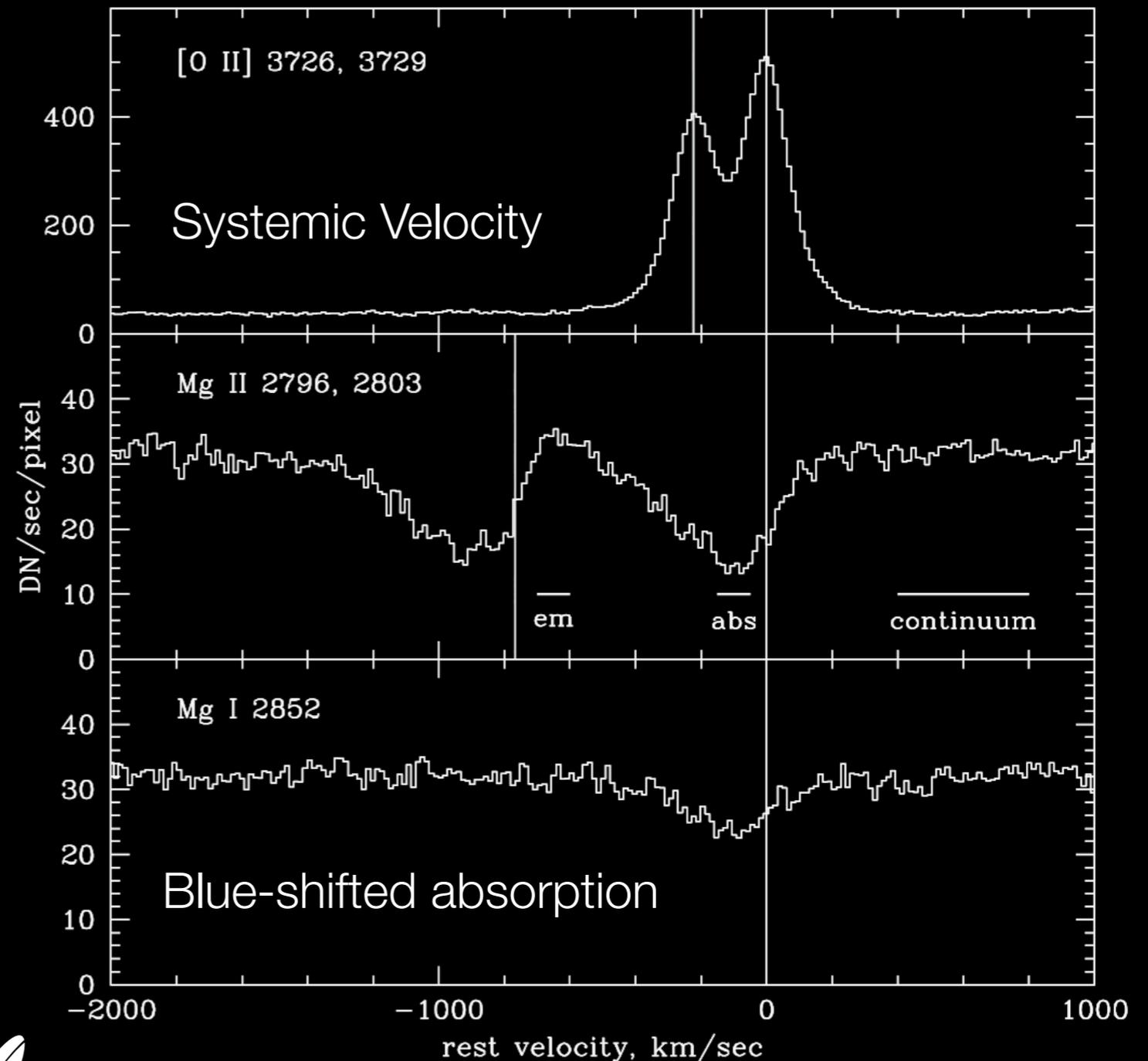
Cosmological simulations require stellar feedback to:

- reproduce the stellar mass function,
- regulate star formation in galaxies,
- enrich the circumgalactic medium (CGM) and intergalactic medium (IGM) with metals,
- and more.



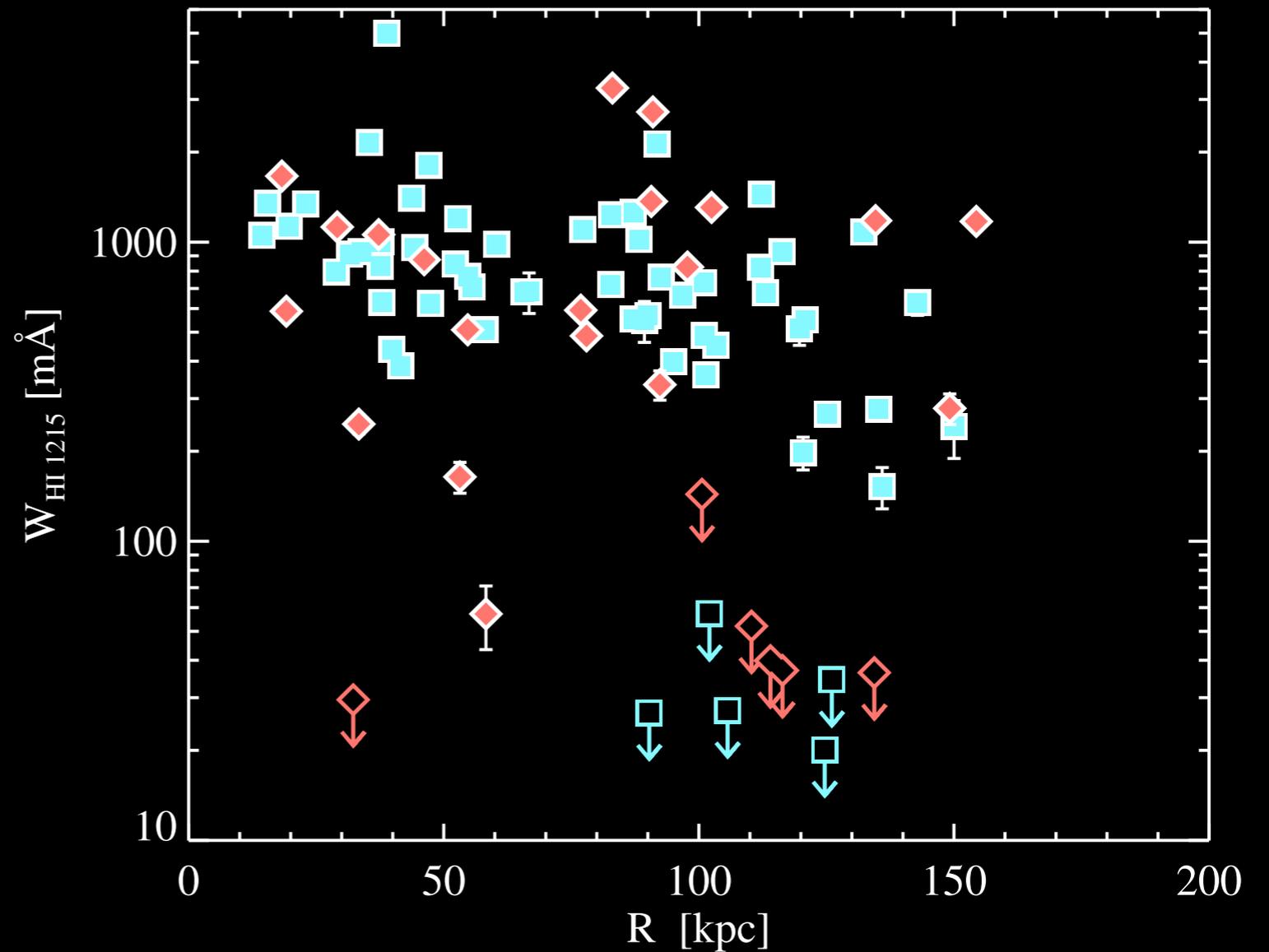
Cool Gas Exists In Outflows

Low-ionization, blue-shifted metal lines are frequently observed when looking “down the barrel” at star-forming galaxies, indicating cool, outflowing material.

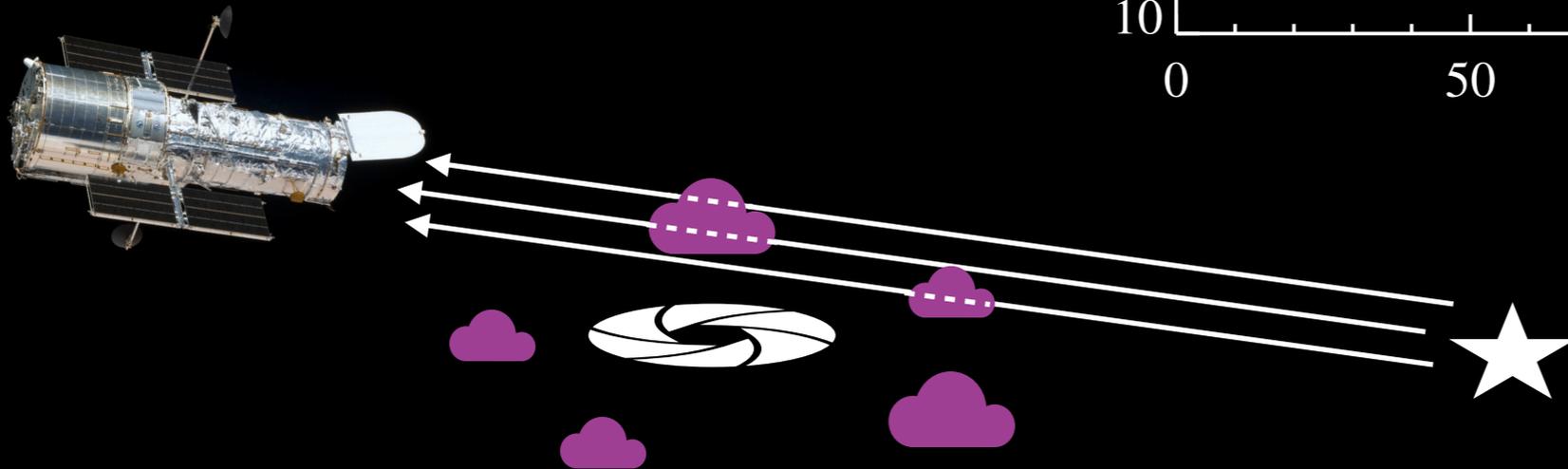


... And Around Galaxies ...

Recent surveys have found abundant neutral hydrogen in the halos of both star-forming and passive galaxies at low and high redshift.



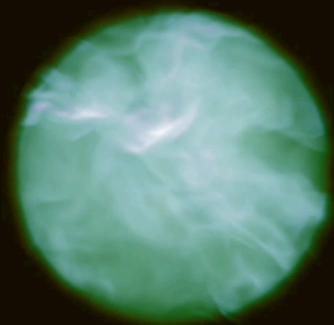
Bordoloi et al. (2017)



... But Cool Gas Is Difficult To Accelerate.

v_{wind} →

— 5 pc



0 kyr

Schneider & Robertson (2017)

See also: Cooper+09; Scannapieco+15; McCourt+15; Brügggen+16,20; Banda-Barragán+16,18,19,20,21; Gronke+18,19; Forbes+19; Sparre+19,20; Li+20; Kanjilal+20; Abruzzo+21; Farber+21

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Simulating Outflows Is Challenging

~10 kpc (galactic disk)



~1 kpc (winds generated)

~100 kpc (CGM)

The scales involved in galactic wind evolution range from ~1-10 pc (cooling radius of supernova bubbles) to ~100 kpc (virial radius of halo).

Cholla: Computational hydrodynamics on II architectures



Cholla are also a group of cactus species that grows in the Sonoran Desert of southern Arizona.

- A GPU-native, massively-parallel, grid-based hydrodynamics code (publicly available at github.com/cholla-hydro/cholla)
- Available physics includes:
 - Unsplit 3D compressible hydrodynamics
 - Optically thin radiative cooling and photoionization heating
 - Static gravity
 - Passive Scalar Tracking
 - Self gravity (FFT based or relaxation method)
 - Particles
 - Cosmology

Schneider & Robertson (2015, 2017);
Schneider+20; [Villasenor+21](#)

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 - Star formation and stellar feedback models (Orlando Warren)
 - MHD (Robert Caddy)
 - Dust (Helena Richie)
 - Radiative Transfer
 - Automated testing and continuous integration (Robert Caddy)

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Frontier: The first US exascale supercomputer

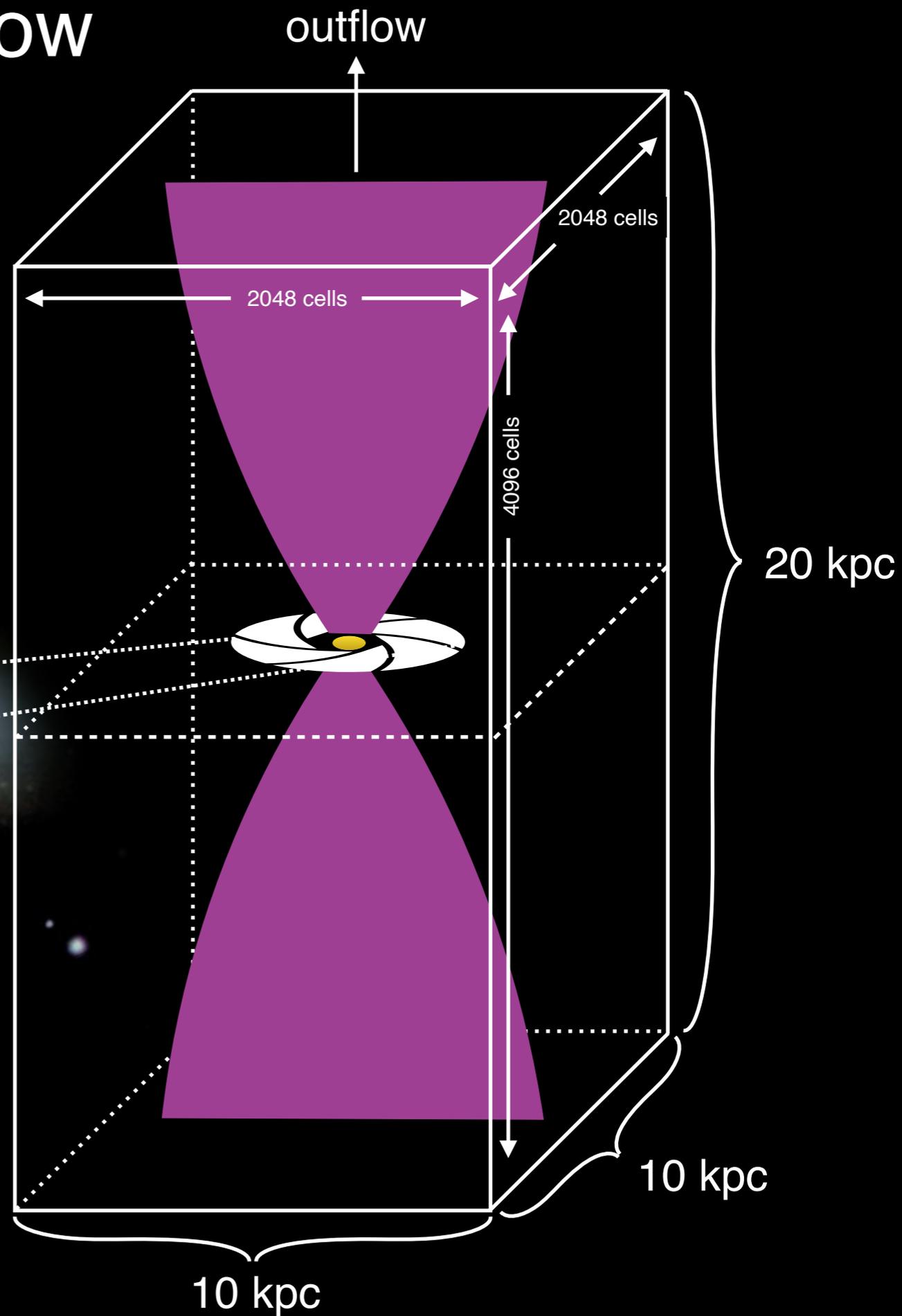


See <https://www.olcf.ornl.gov/caar/frontier-caar/>

The Cholla Galactic Outflow Simulations Project (CGOLS)

1 disk scale length ($R = 800$ pc)

3 disk scale lengths ($R = 2.4$ kpc)

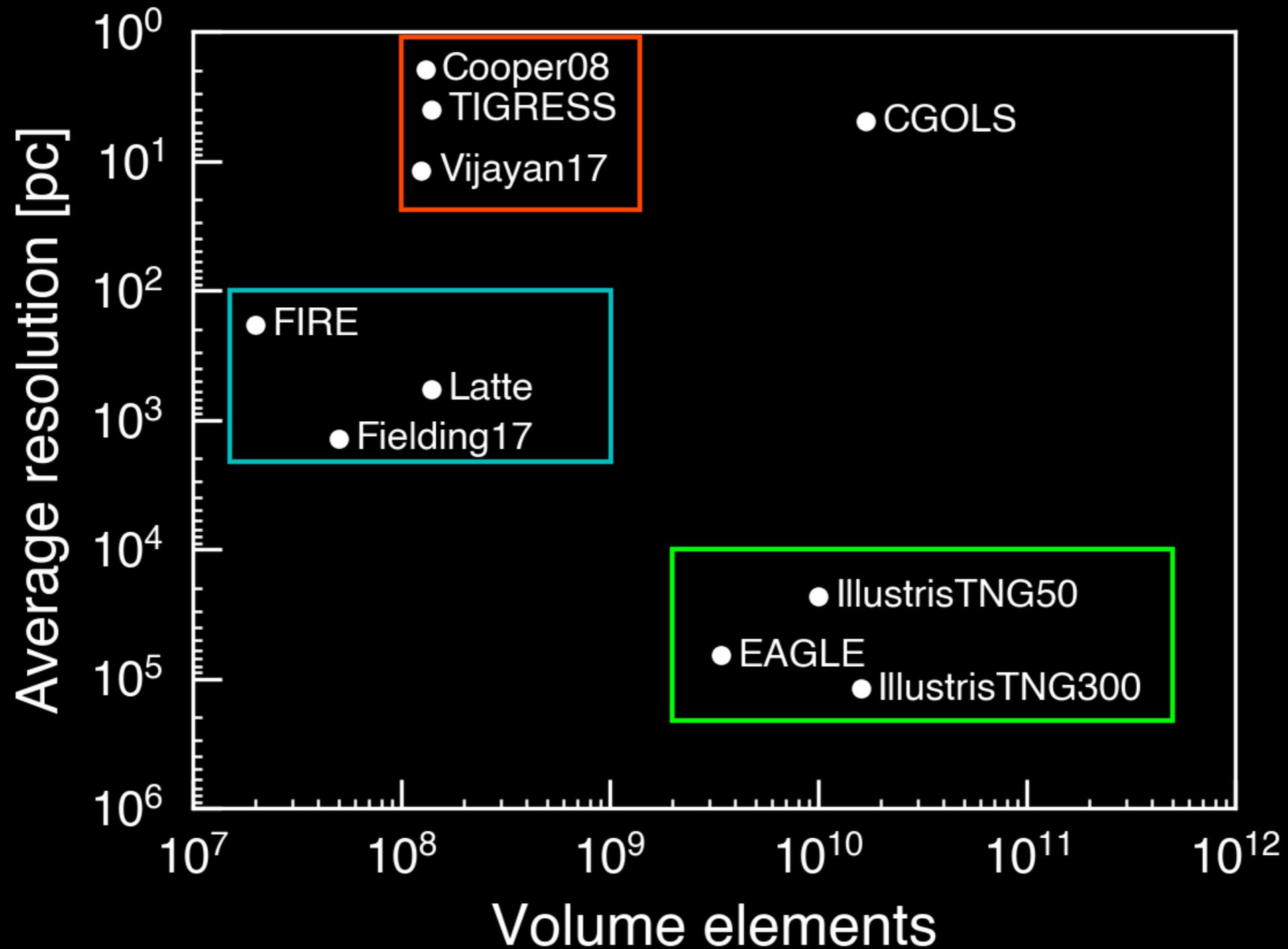


Schneider & Robertson (2018)

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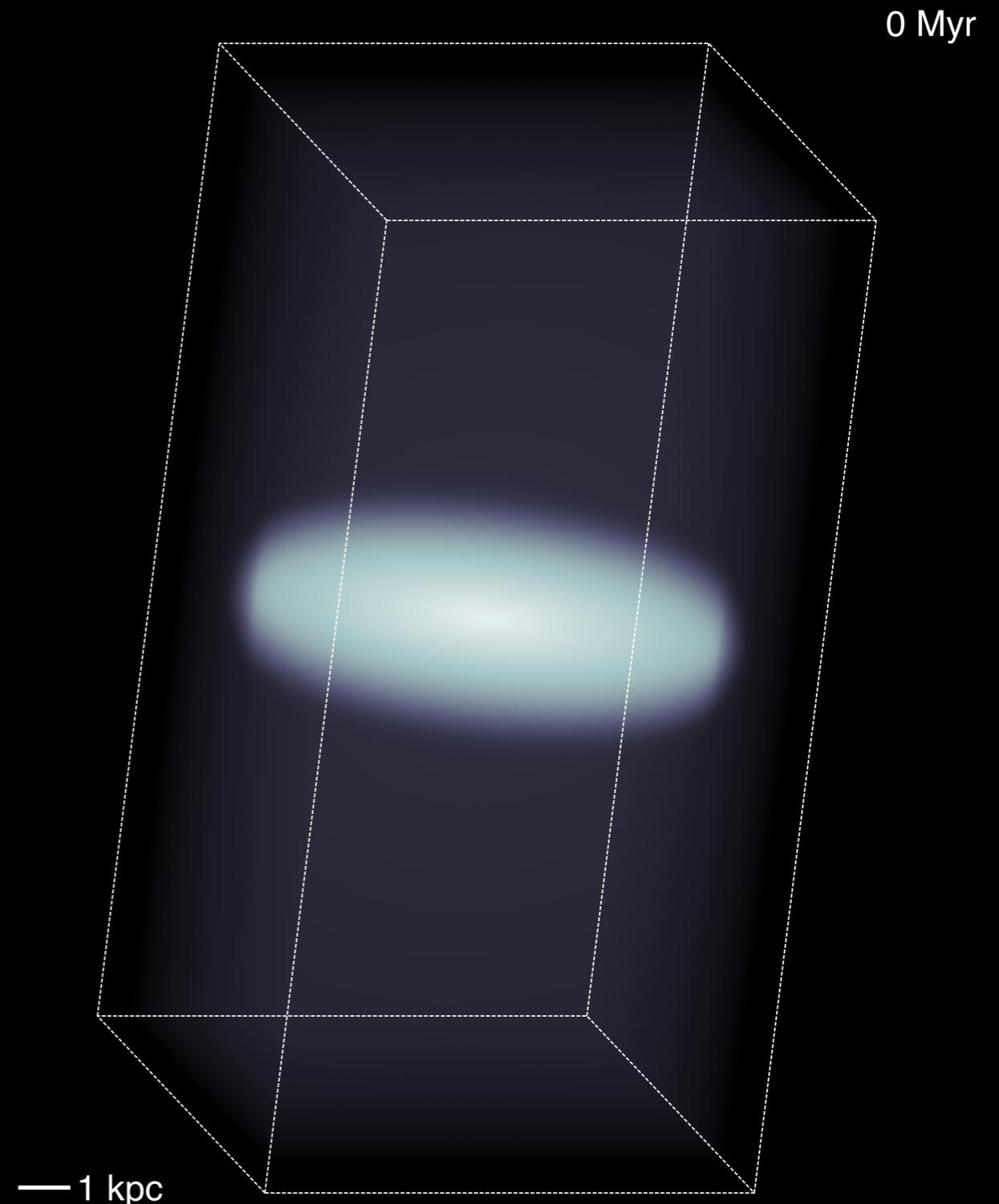
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What's unique about CGOLS?



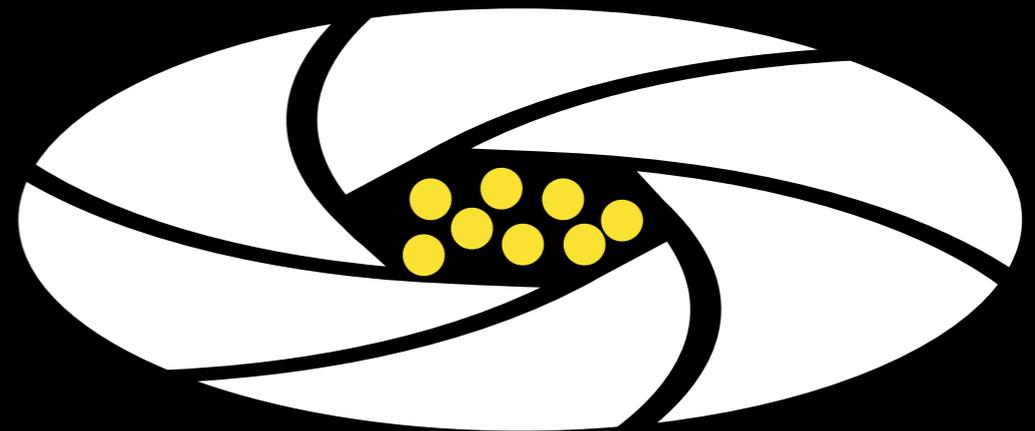
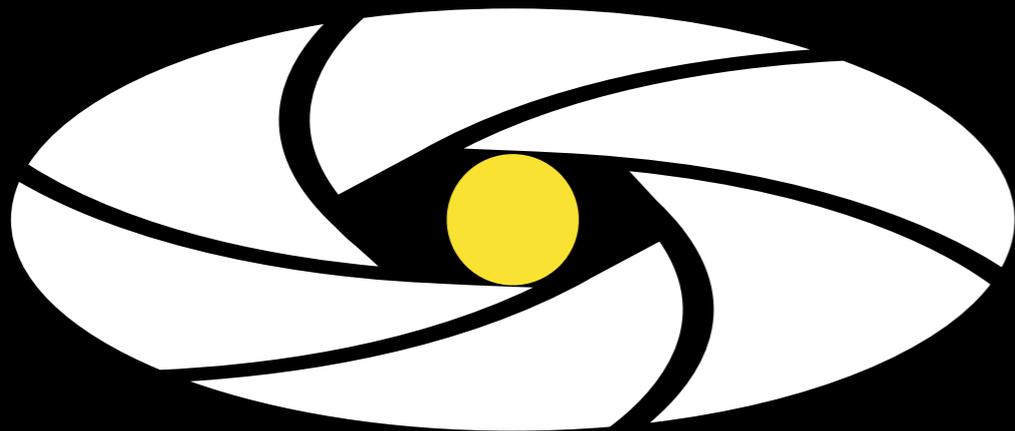
CGOLS Simulation Features

- Isothermal gas disk, $T = 10^4$ K in vertical hydrostatic and rotational equilibrium
- Static potential with a stellar disk + NFW dark matter halo, $M_{\text{stars}} = 10^{10} M_{\odot}$ and $M_{\text{DM}} = 10^{11} M_{\odot}$
- All simulations run at three resolutions: $\Delta x = 5\text{pc}$, 10pc , and 20pc , in a $10\text{ kpc} \times 10\text{ kpc} \times 20\text{ kpc}$ box



CGOLS Simulation Features

Feedback Models



Feedback is either central or clustered, with varied mass loading, energy loading, and “SFR”.

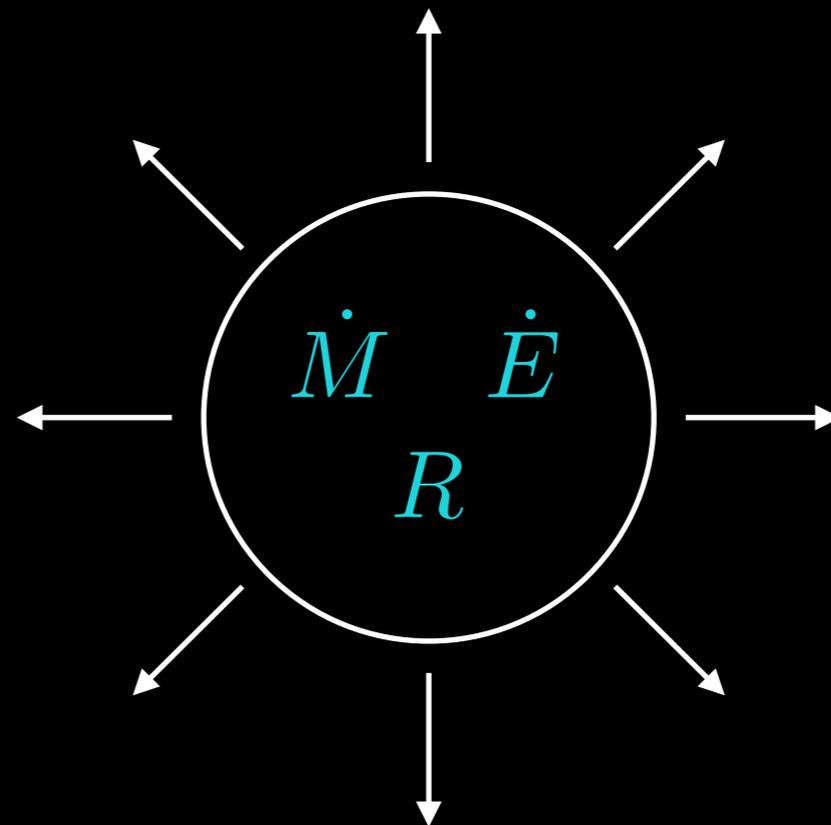
The Adiabatic Wind Model

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R : injection radius



The Chevalier & Clegg model neglects gravity, radiative cooling, and additional sources of momentum.

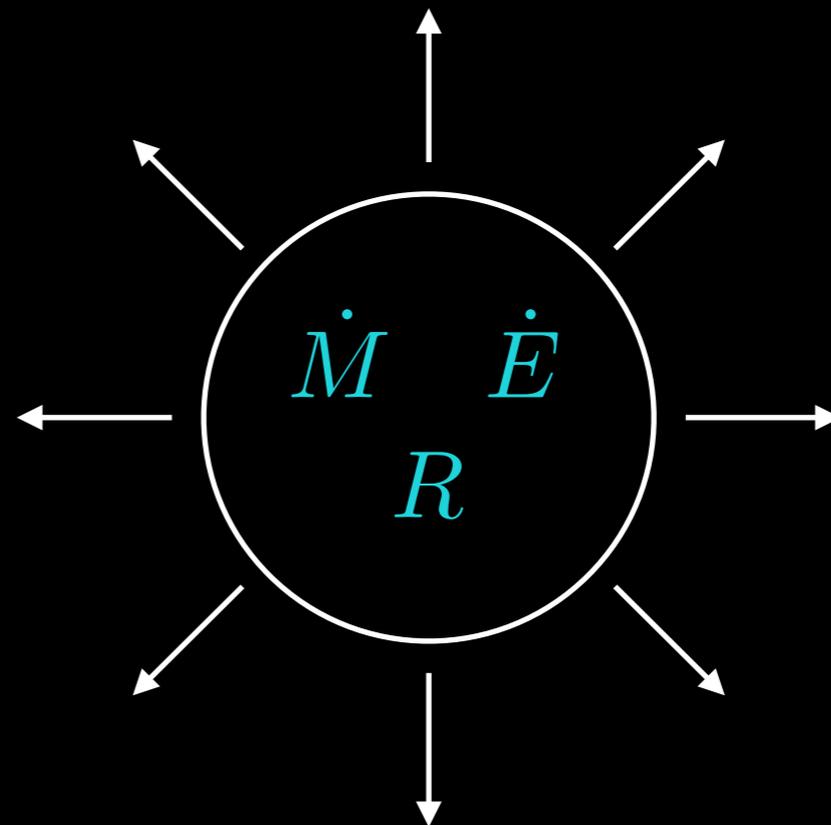
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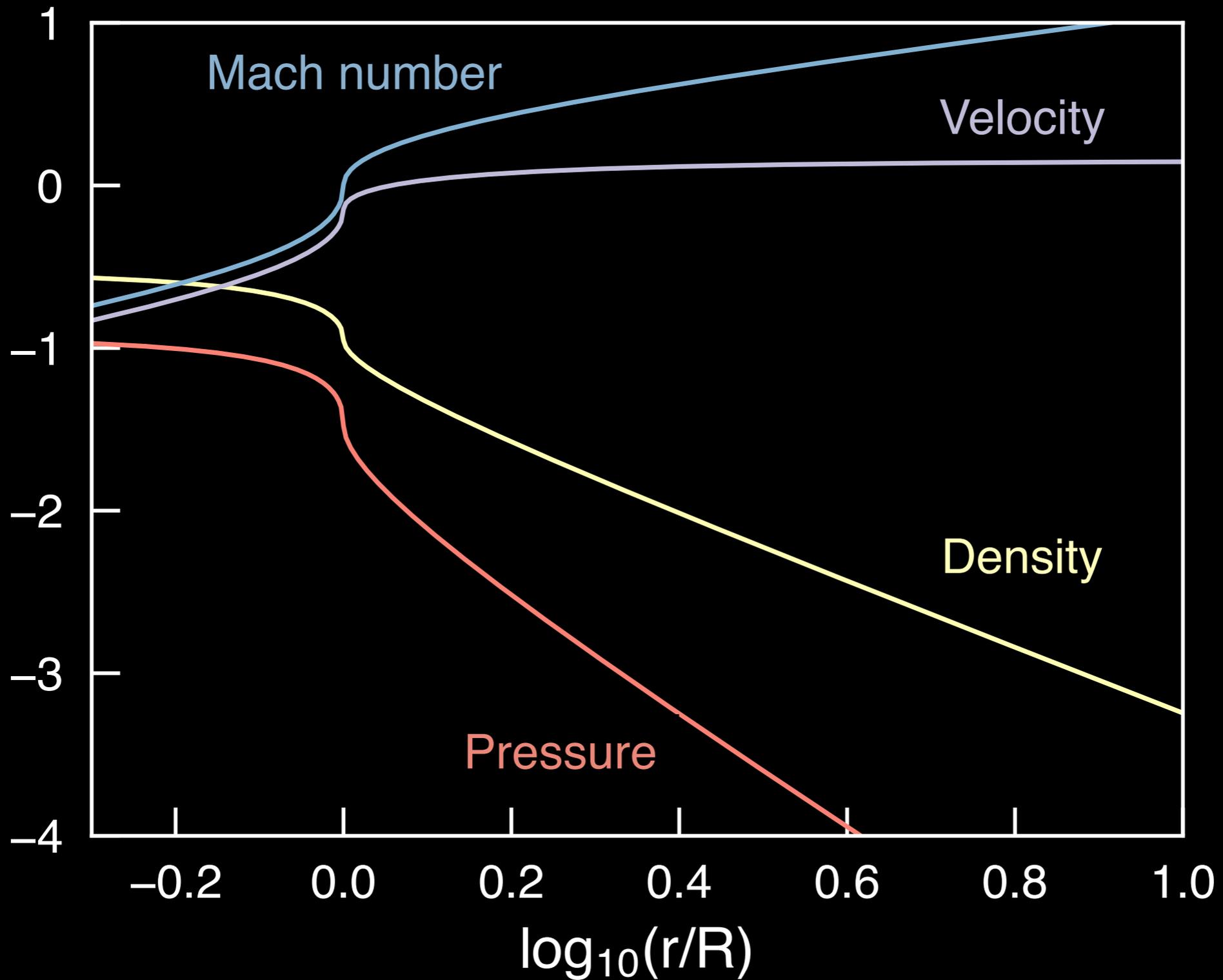
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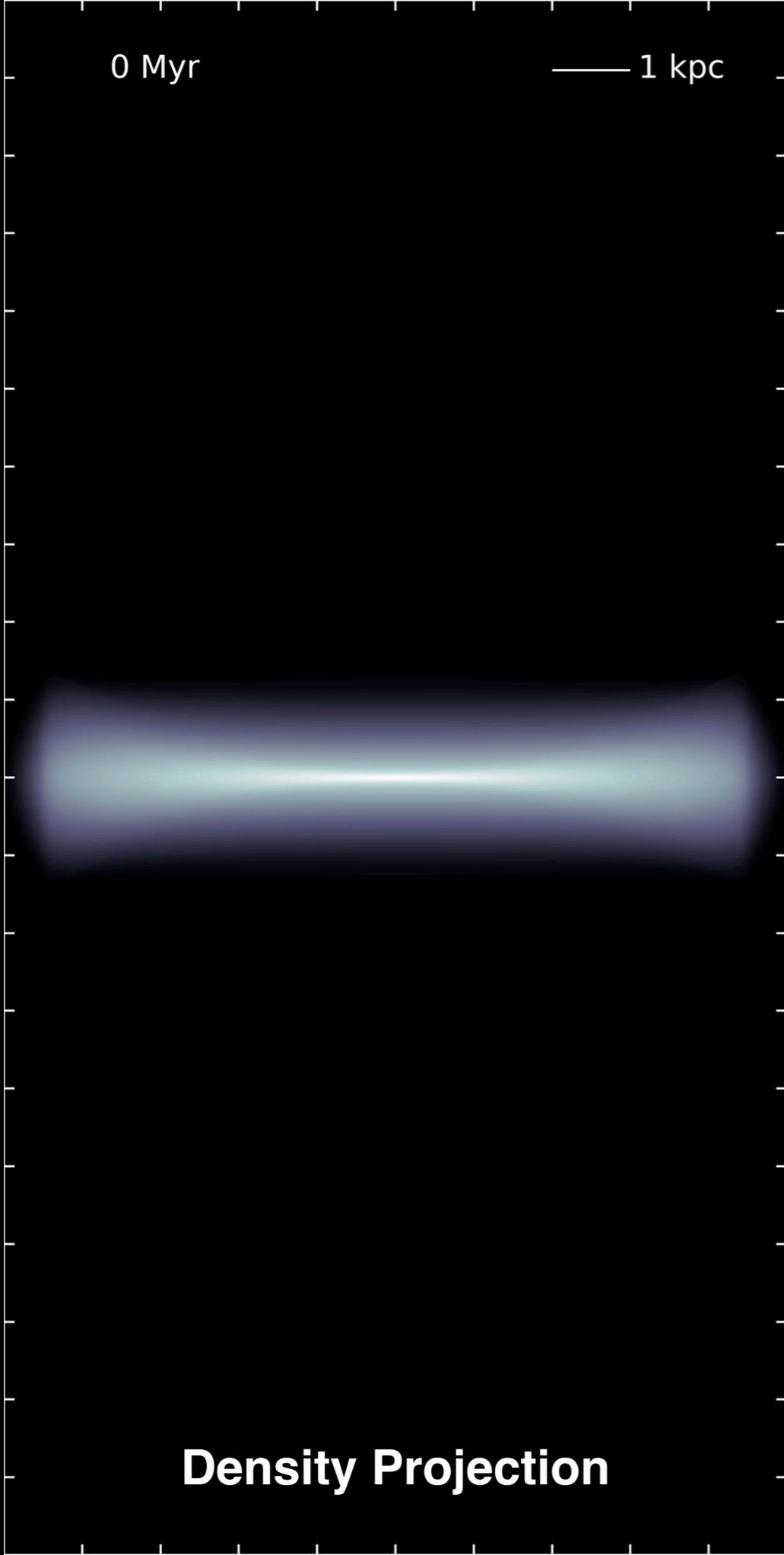
$$\dot{M}_{\text{wind}} = \beta \dot{M}_{\text{SFR}} \quad \dot{E}_{\text{wind}} = 3 \times 10^{41} \text{ erg s}^{-1} \alpha \dot{M}_{\text{SFR}}$$

Mass-loading factor Energy-loading factor

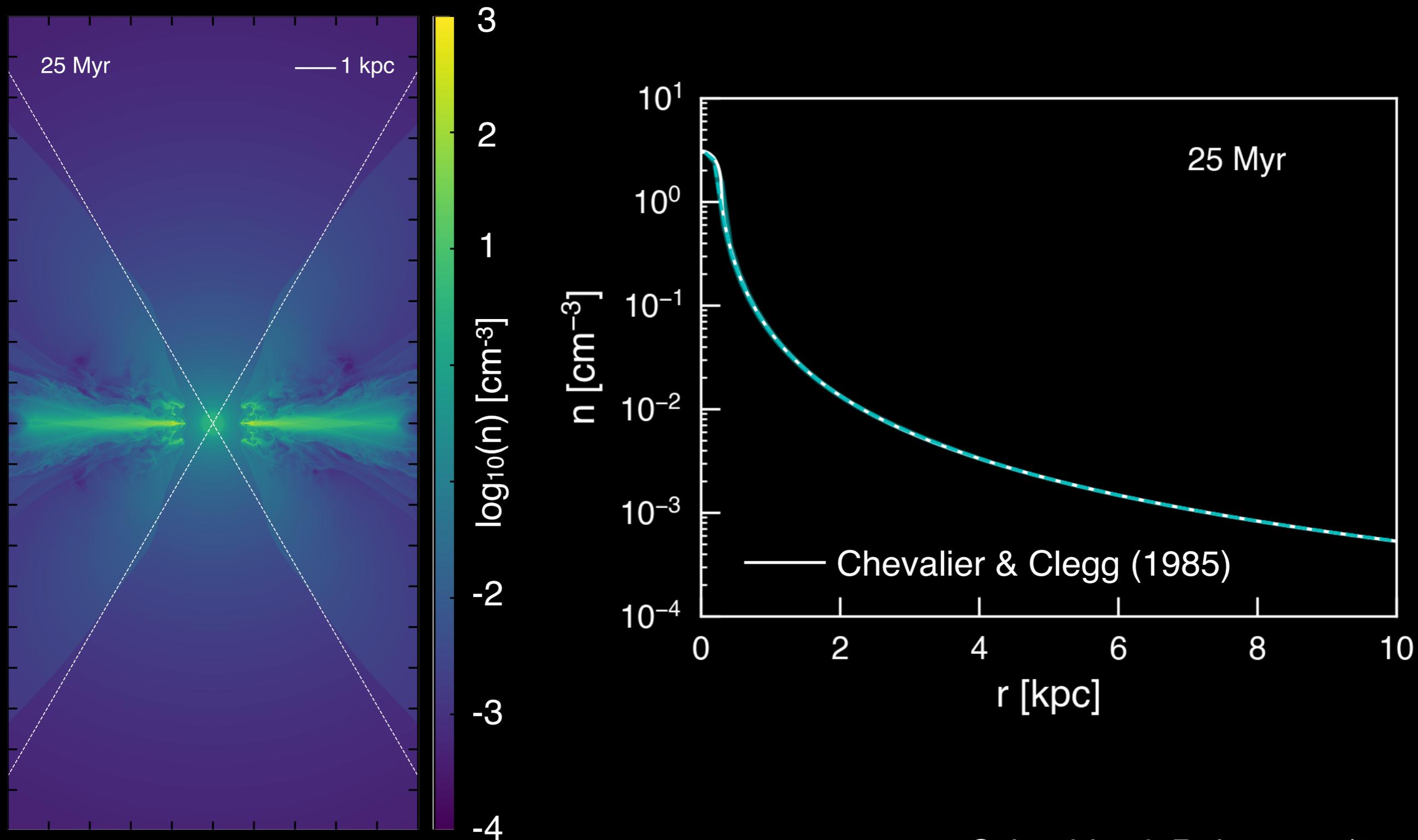
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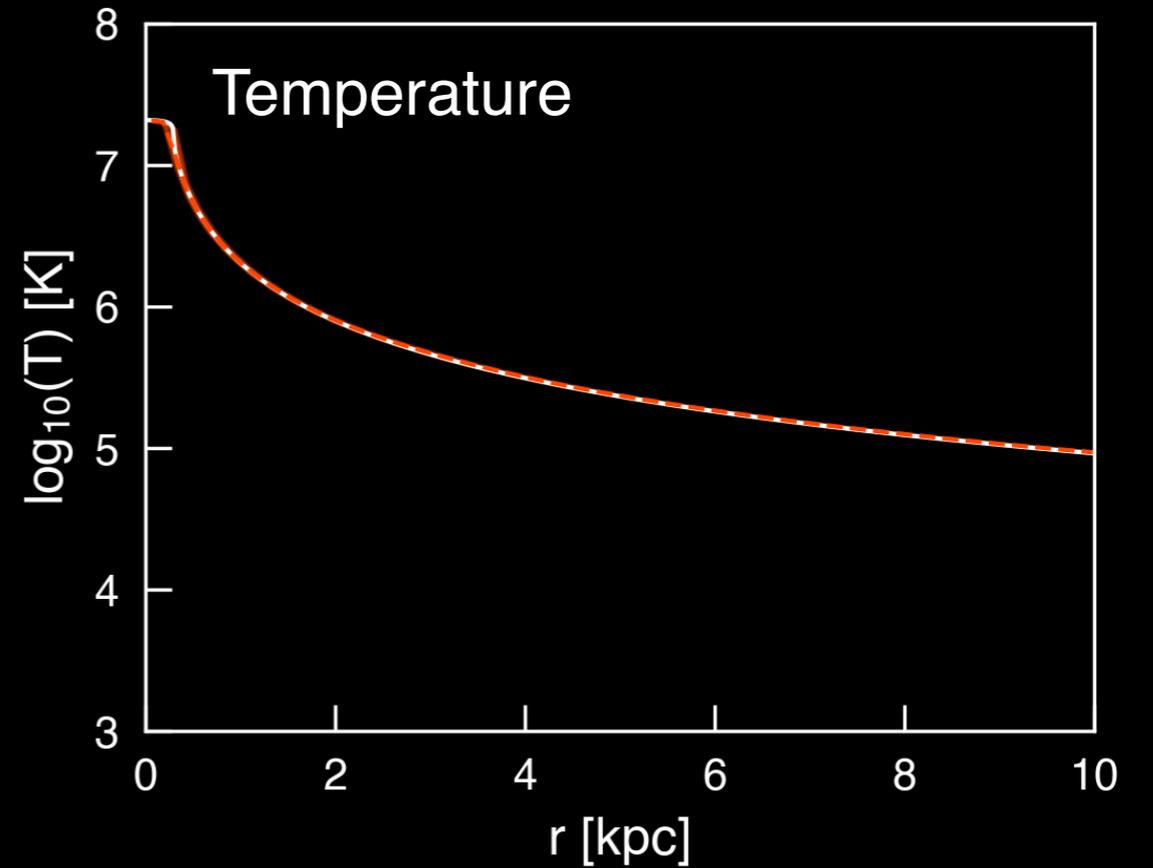
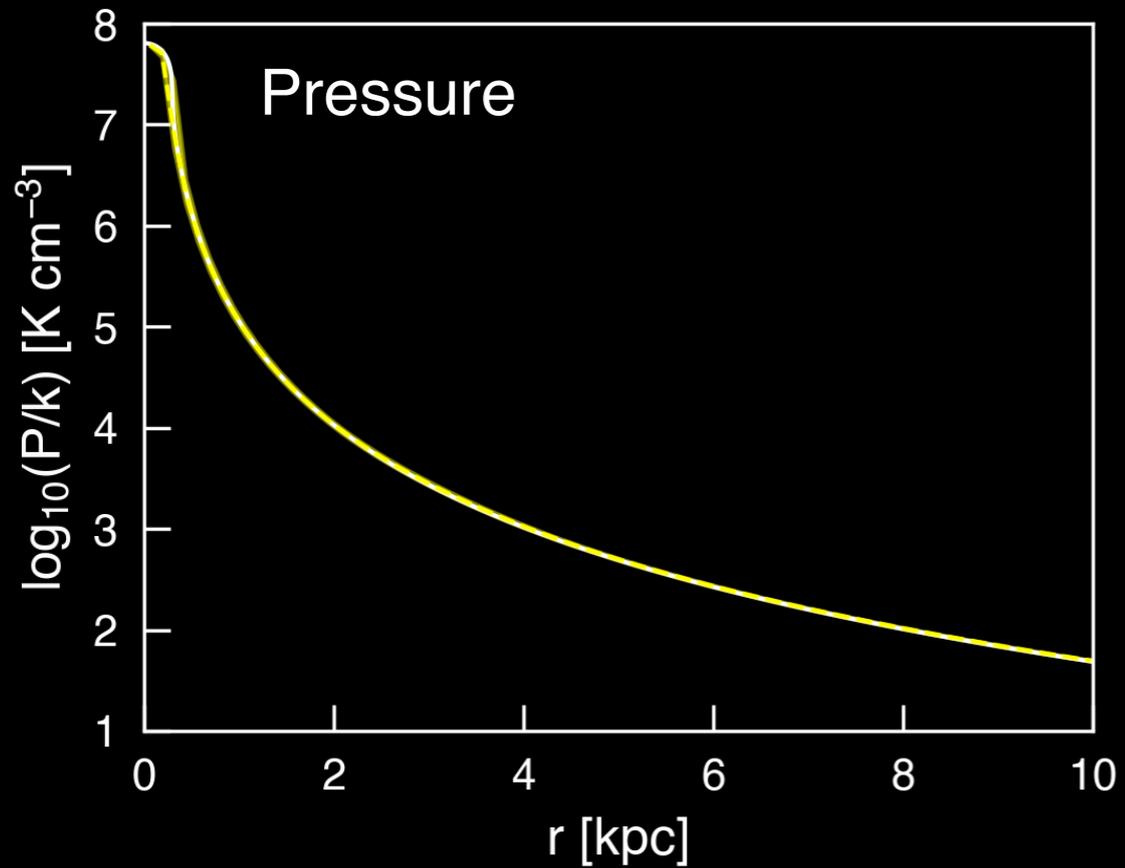
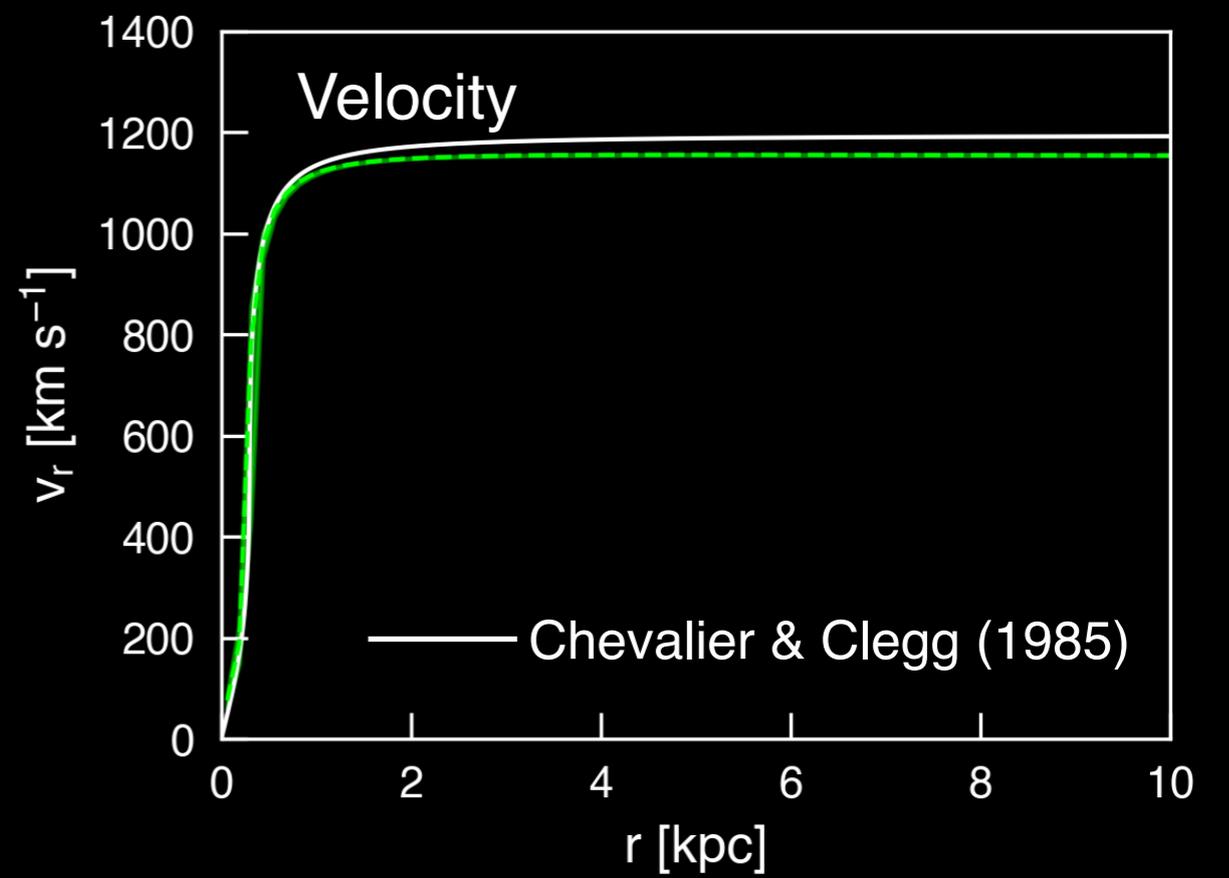
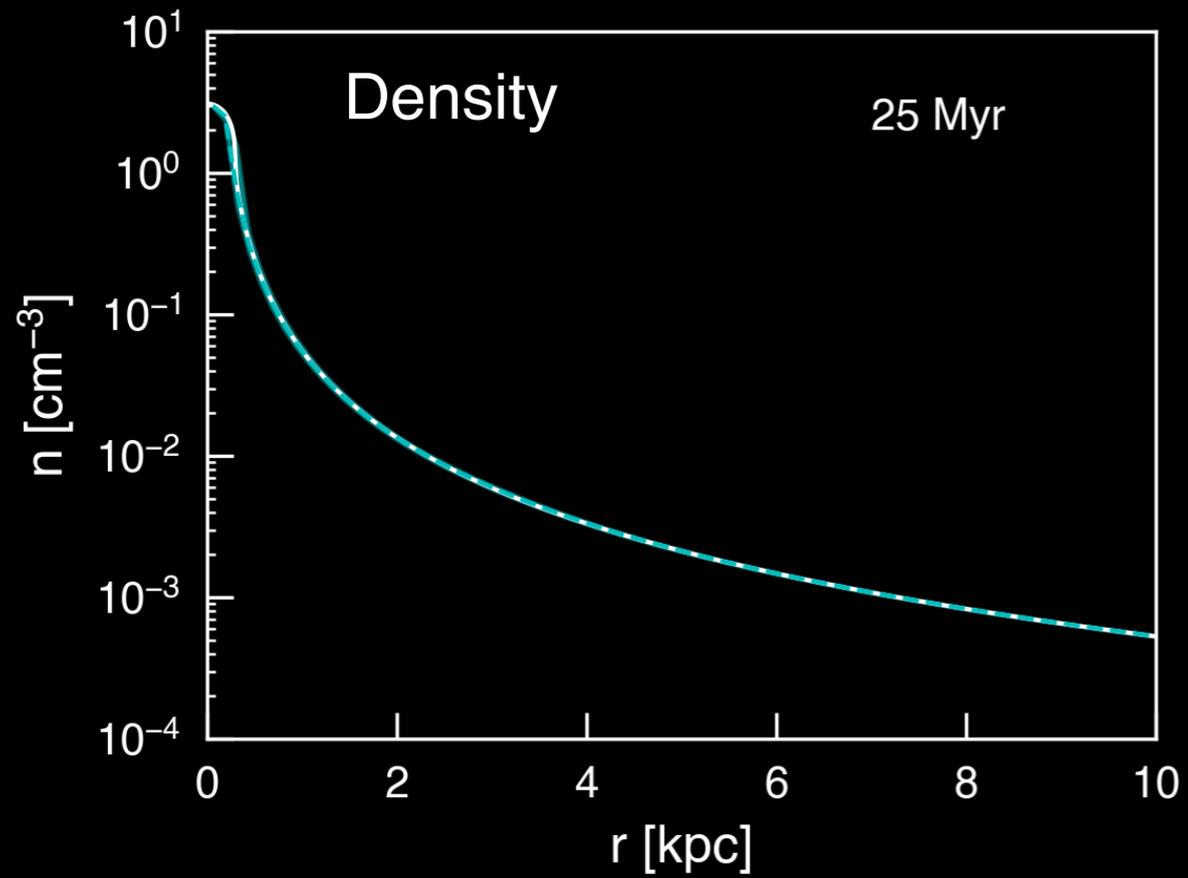


Adiabatic Simulation - Central Feedback

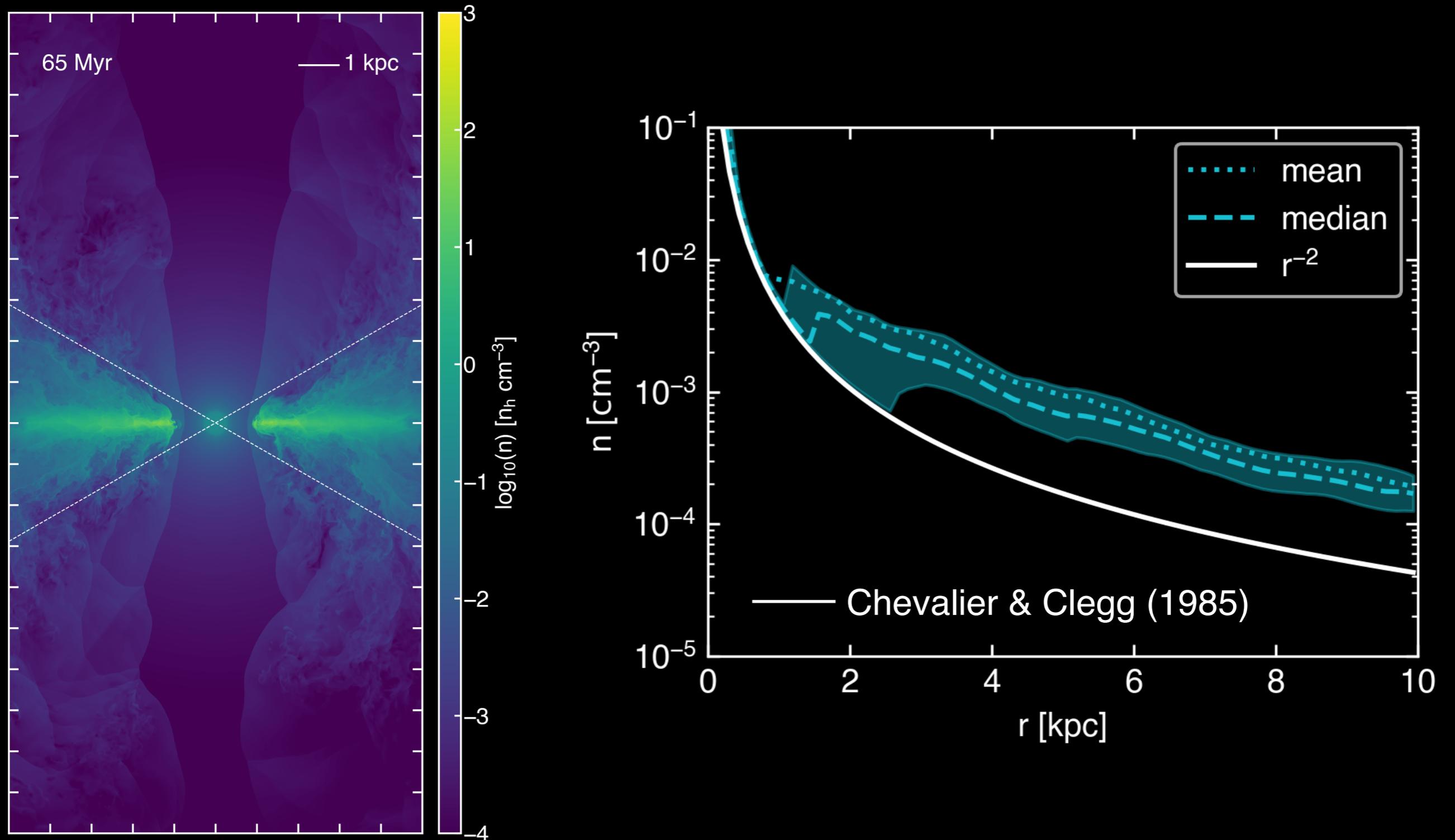


Within the free wind zone, the analytic model provides a good fit to the simulation results.

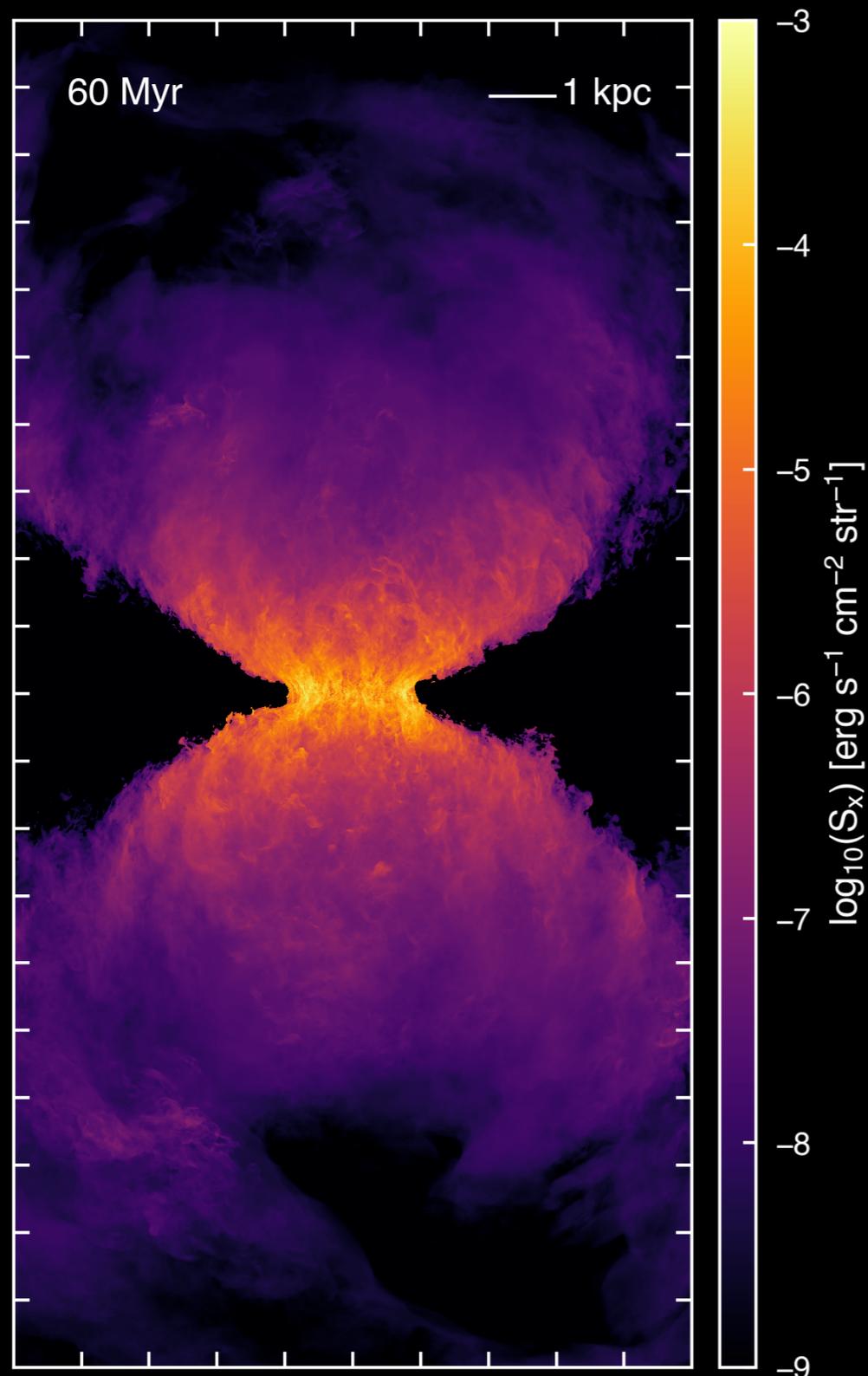




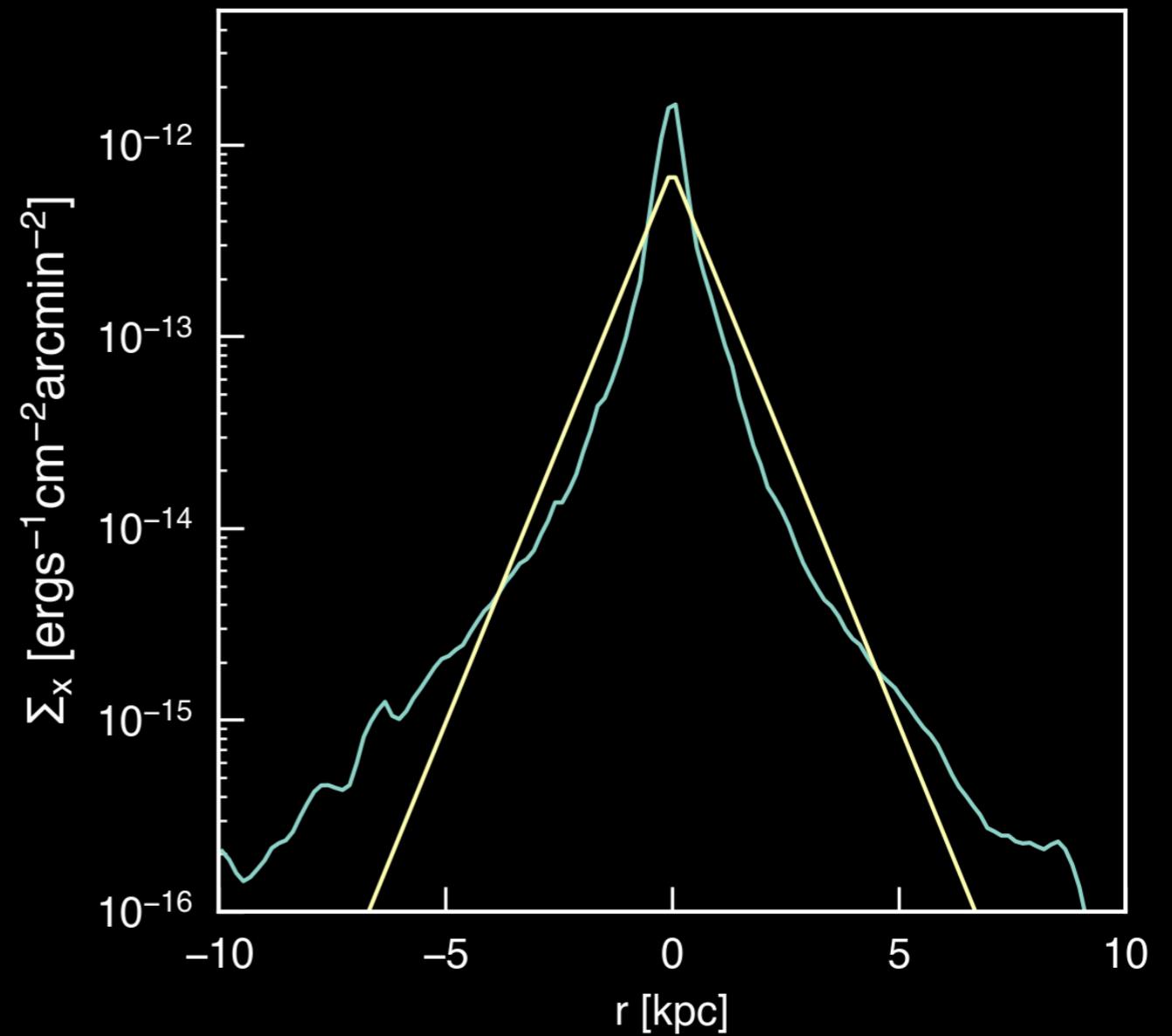
Outside, the wind is significantly mass-loaded.



Comparison to X-ray Observations

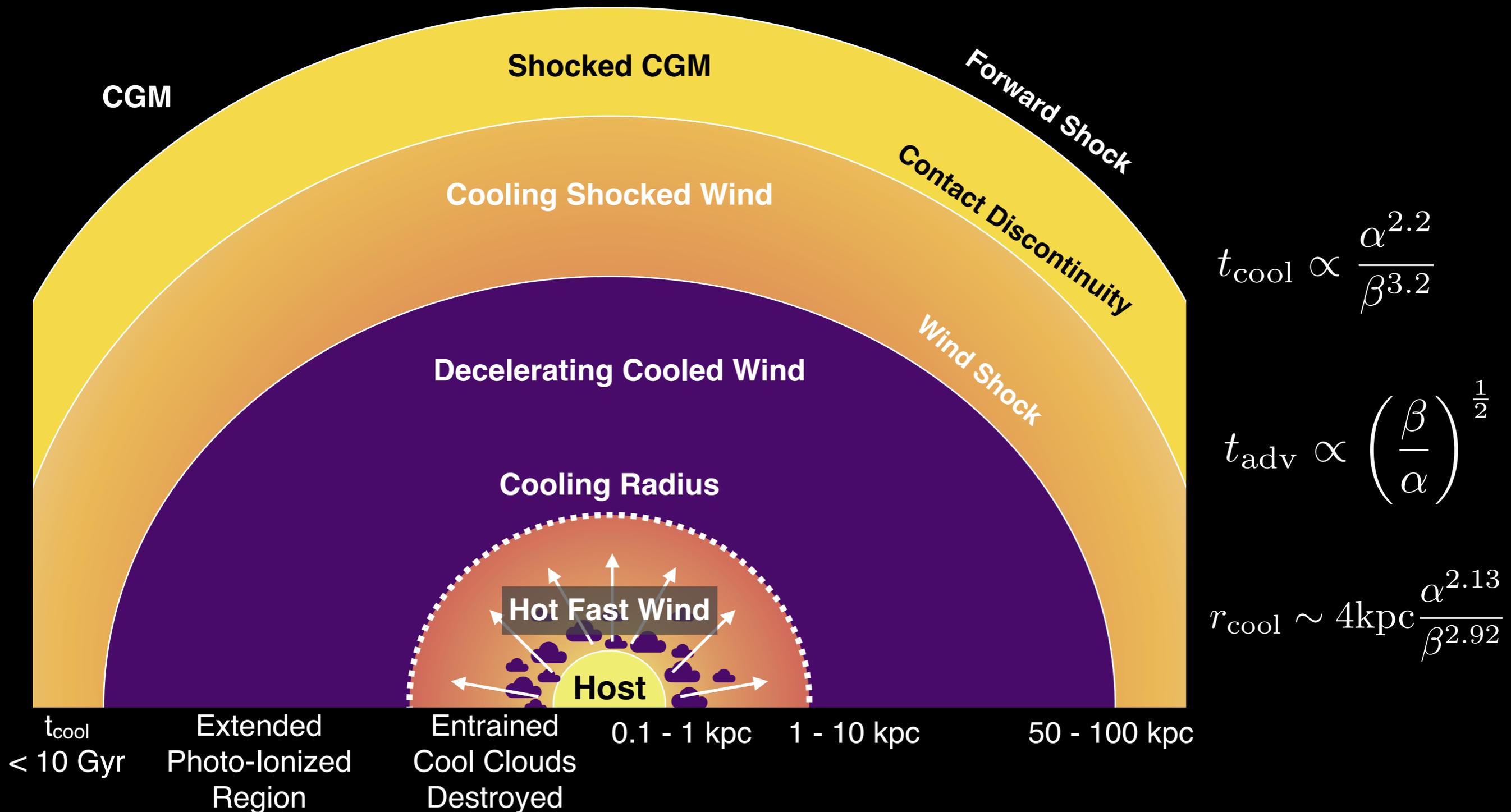


X-ray Surface Brightness Profile

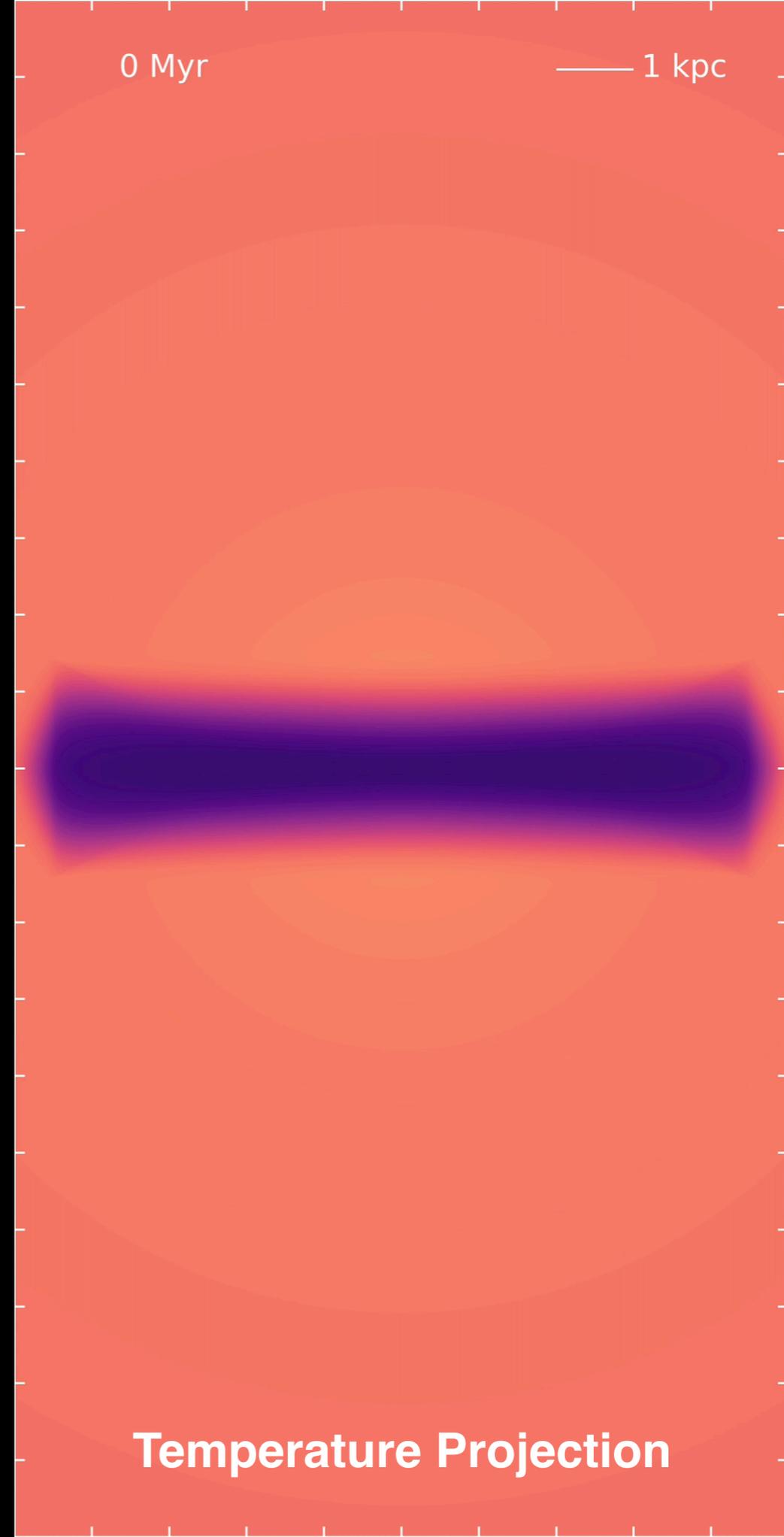
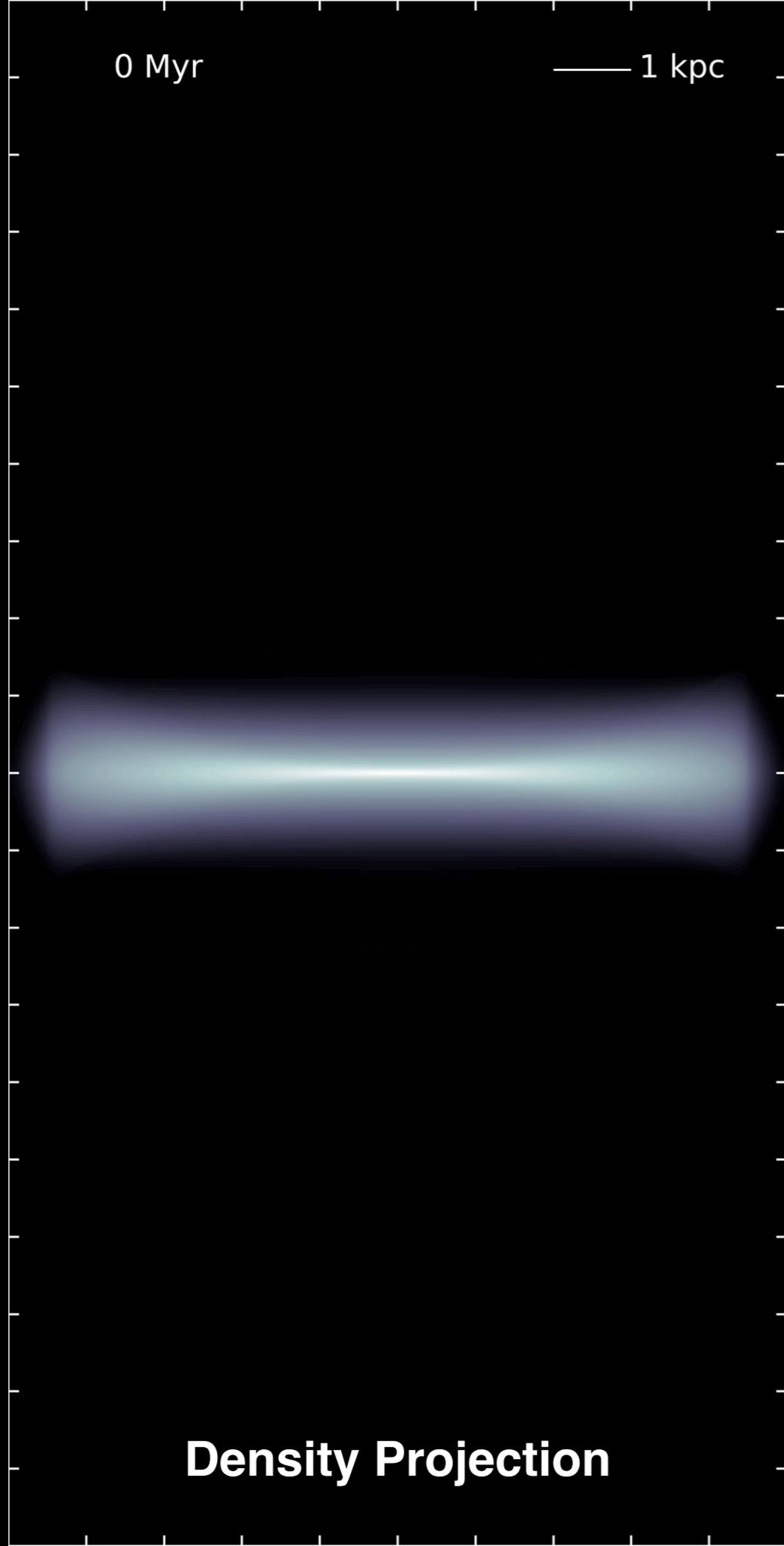


Total luminosity sim: $1.9 \times 10^{40} \text{ erg s}^{-1}$
Total luminosity obs: $4.3 \times 10^{40} \text{ erg s}^{-1}$

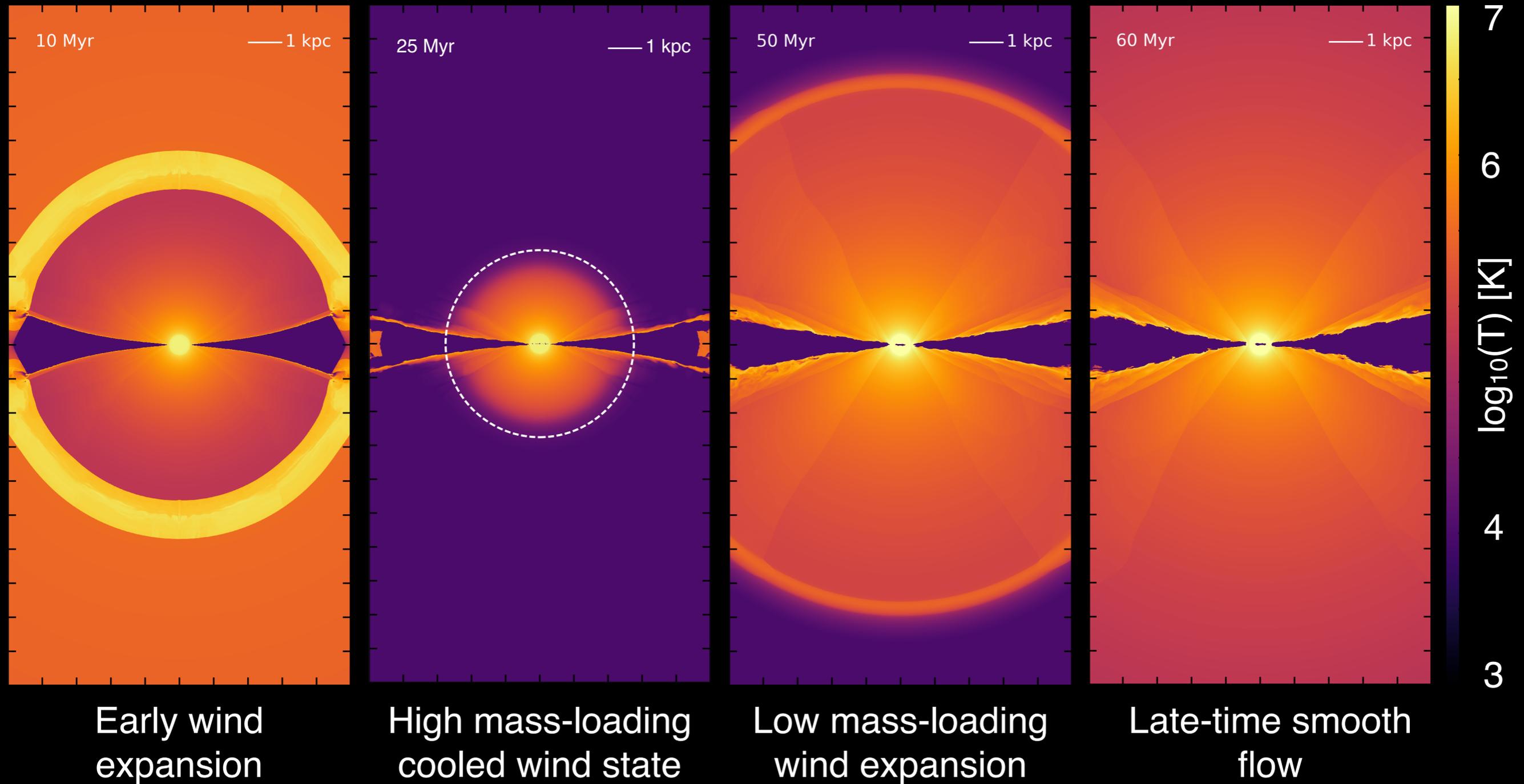
The Radiative Wind Model

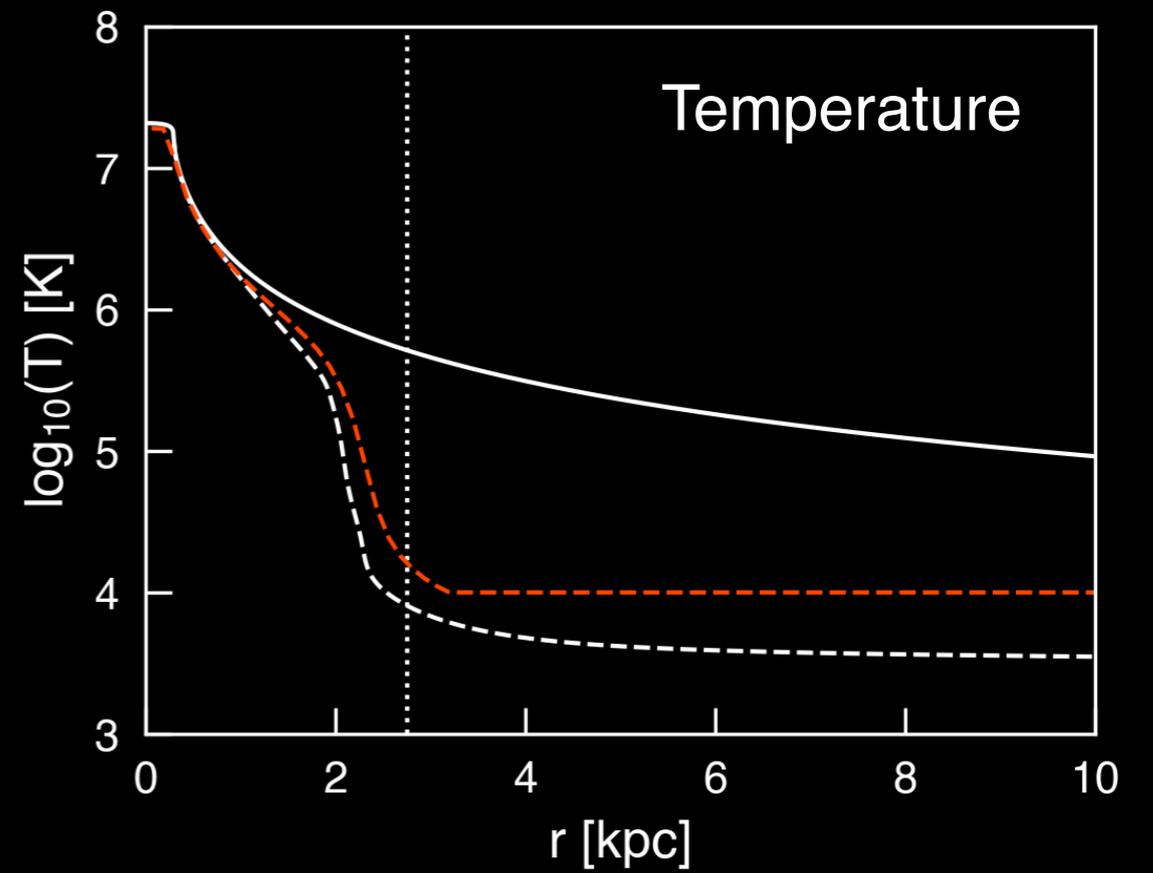
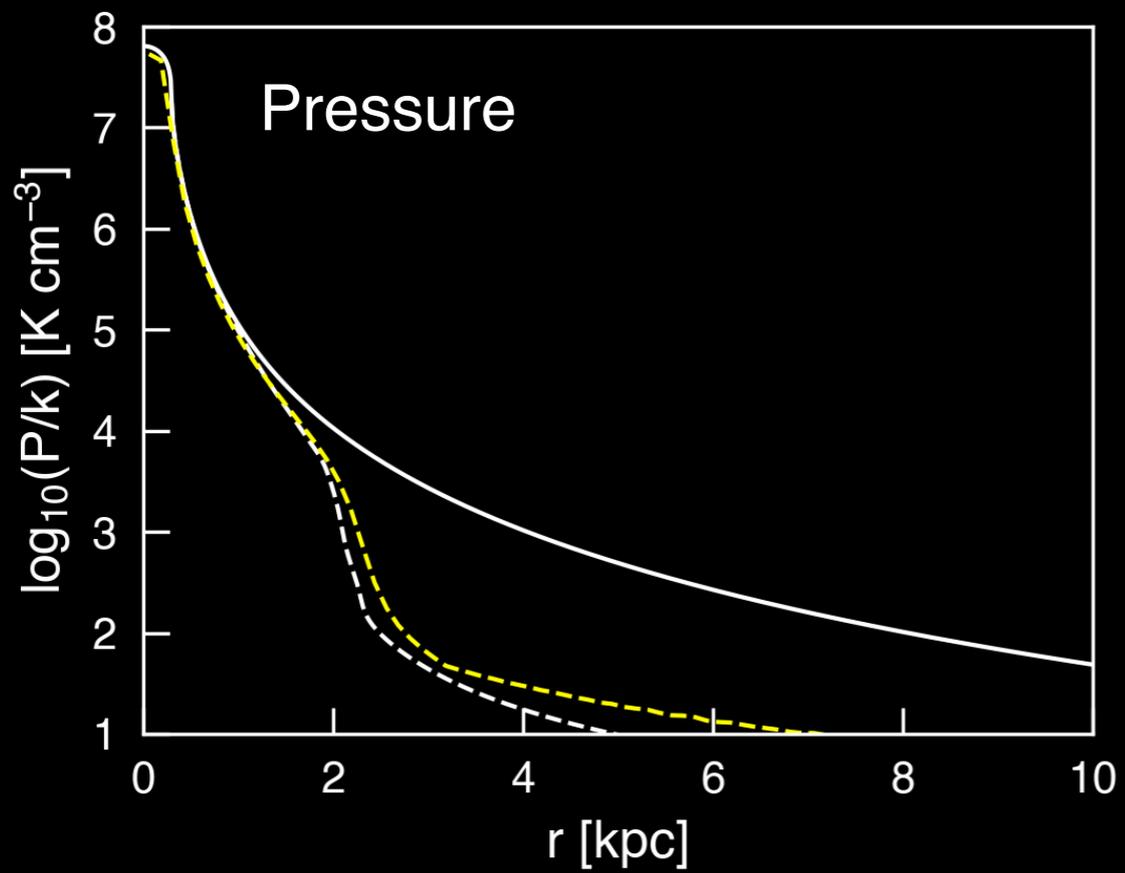
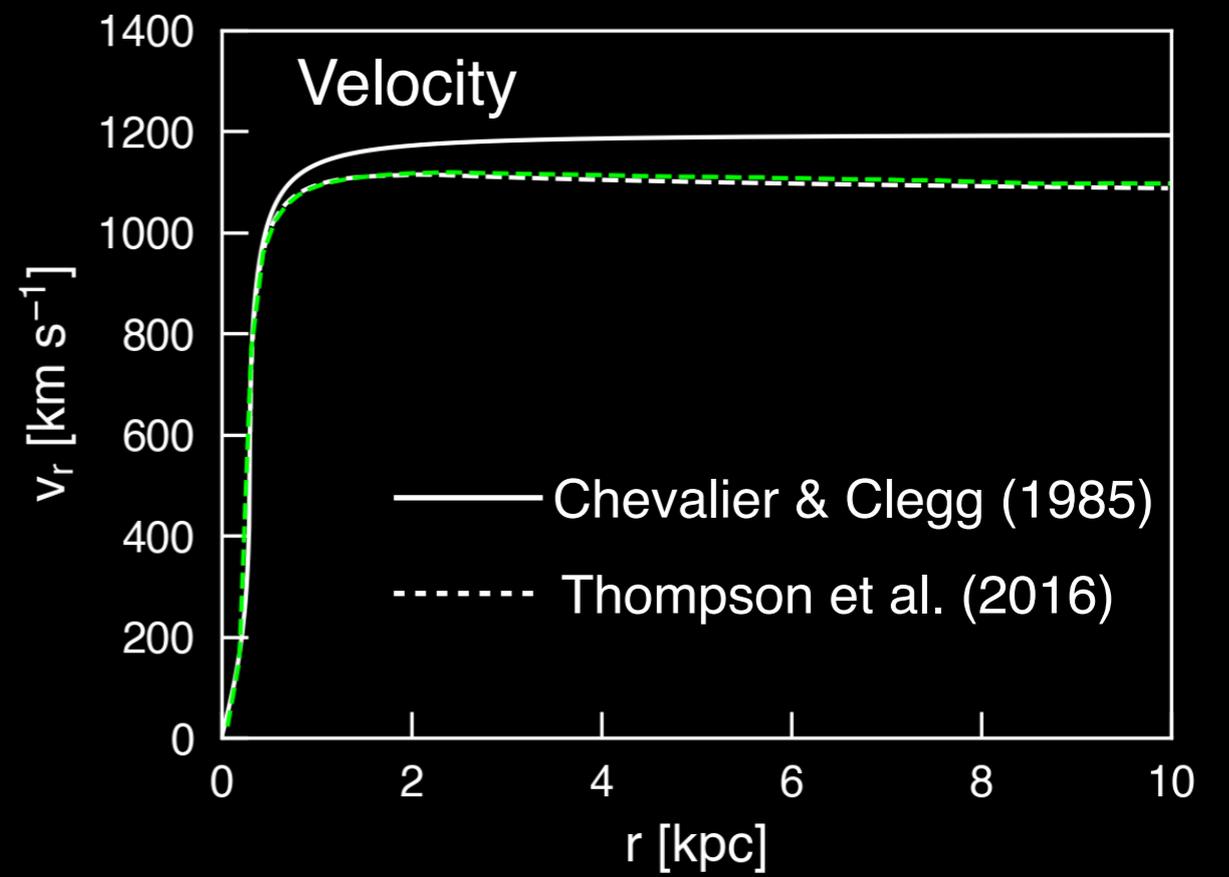
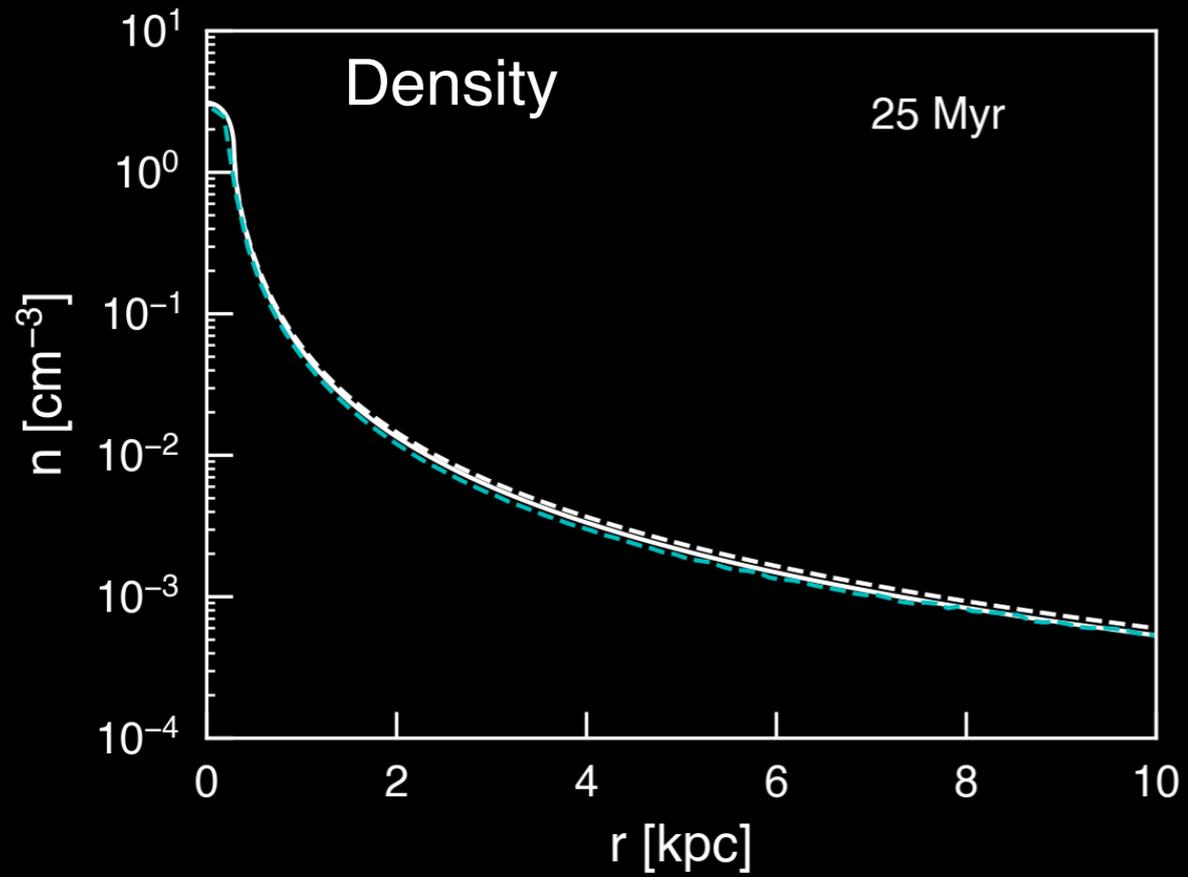


Radiative Simulation - Central Feedback



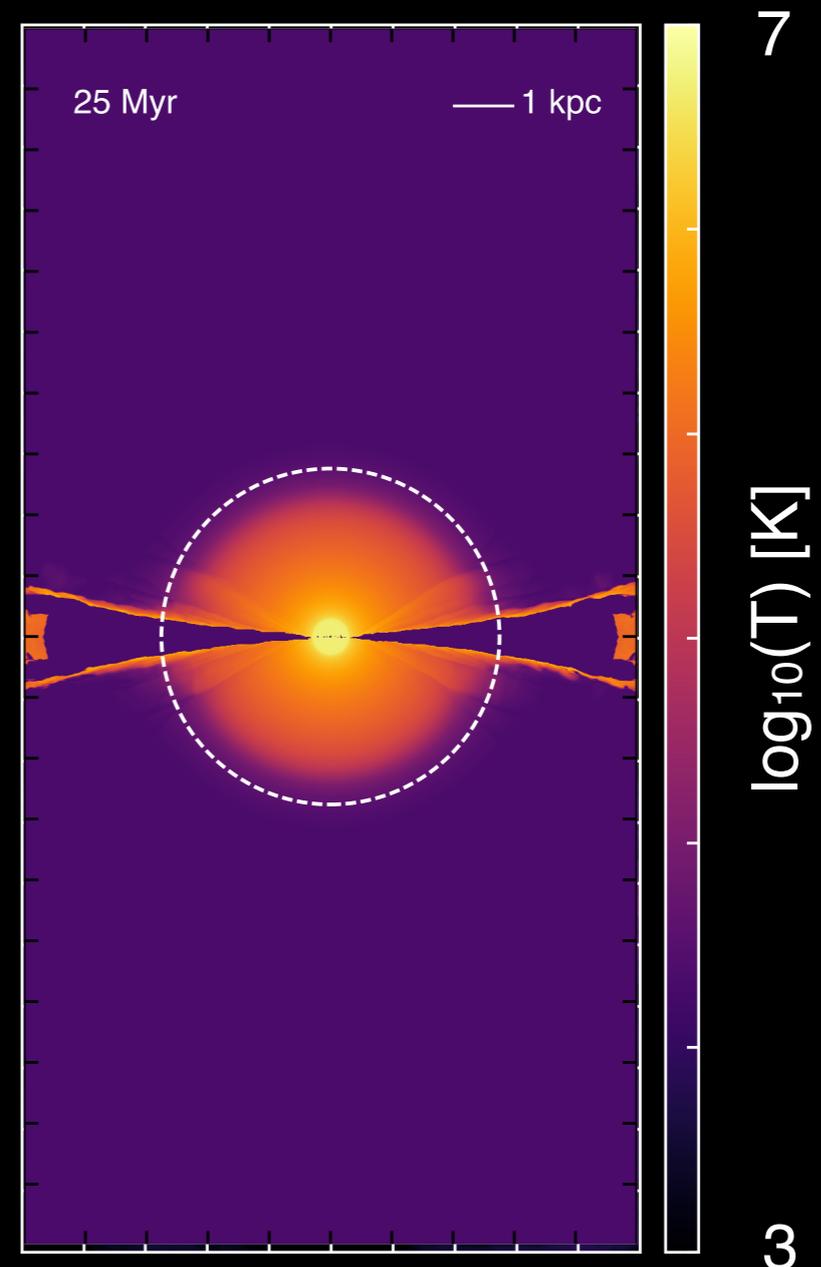
Temperature Structure in the Radiative Model





Where do we stand?

- The adiabatic model does a good job reproducing the X-ray observations, but can't explain the cool gas.
- The radiative model produces fast-moving, cool gas, but lacks a true multiphase structure.

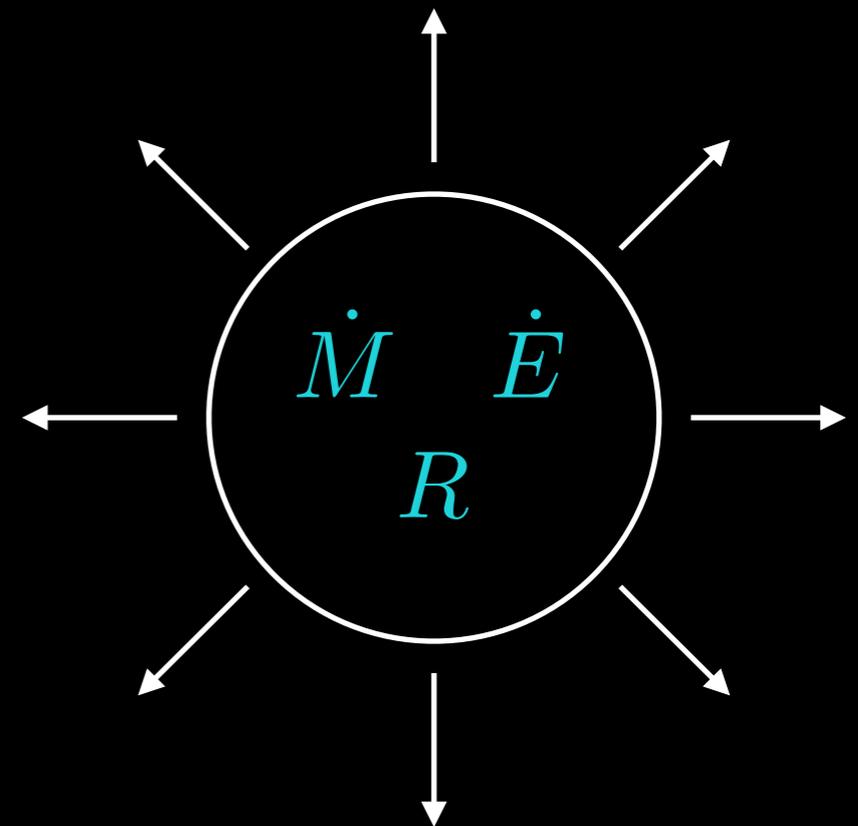


Neither model accounts for multiphase structure *at a single radius* in the outflow.

Assumptions in the Model

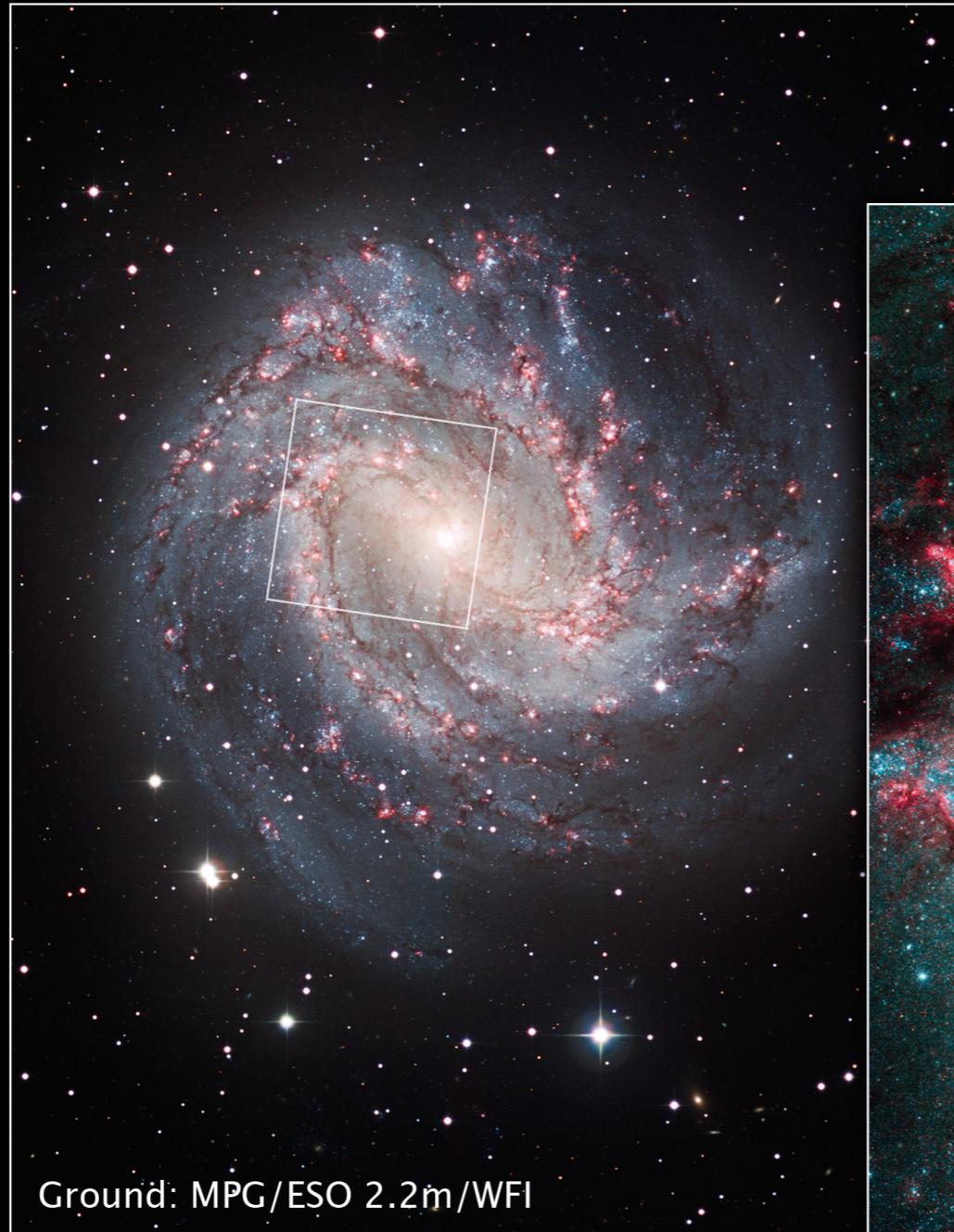
These simple models involved some big assumptions, namely:

- The **radius** within which feedback is deposited
- The **spherically symmetric** nature of the feedback
- The **arbitrary** (though not unmotivated) values for the mass and energy loading factors



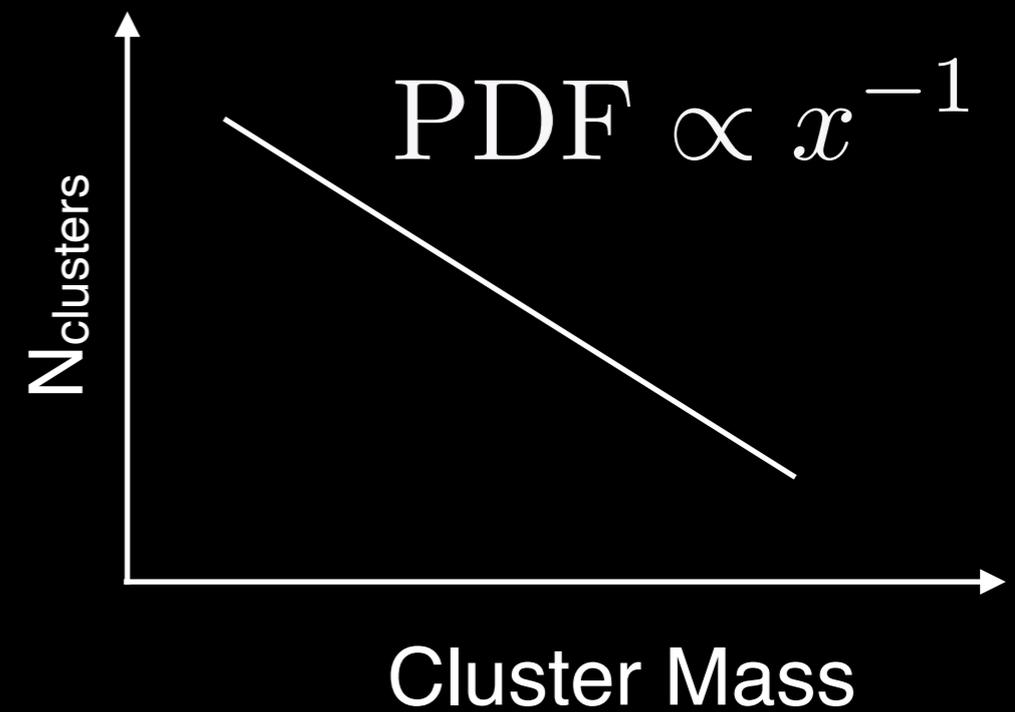
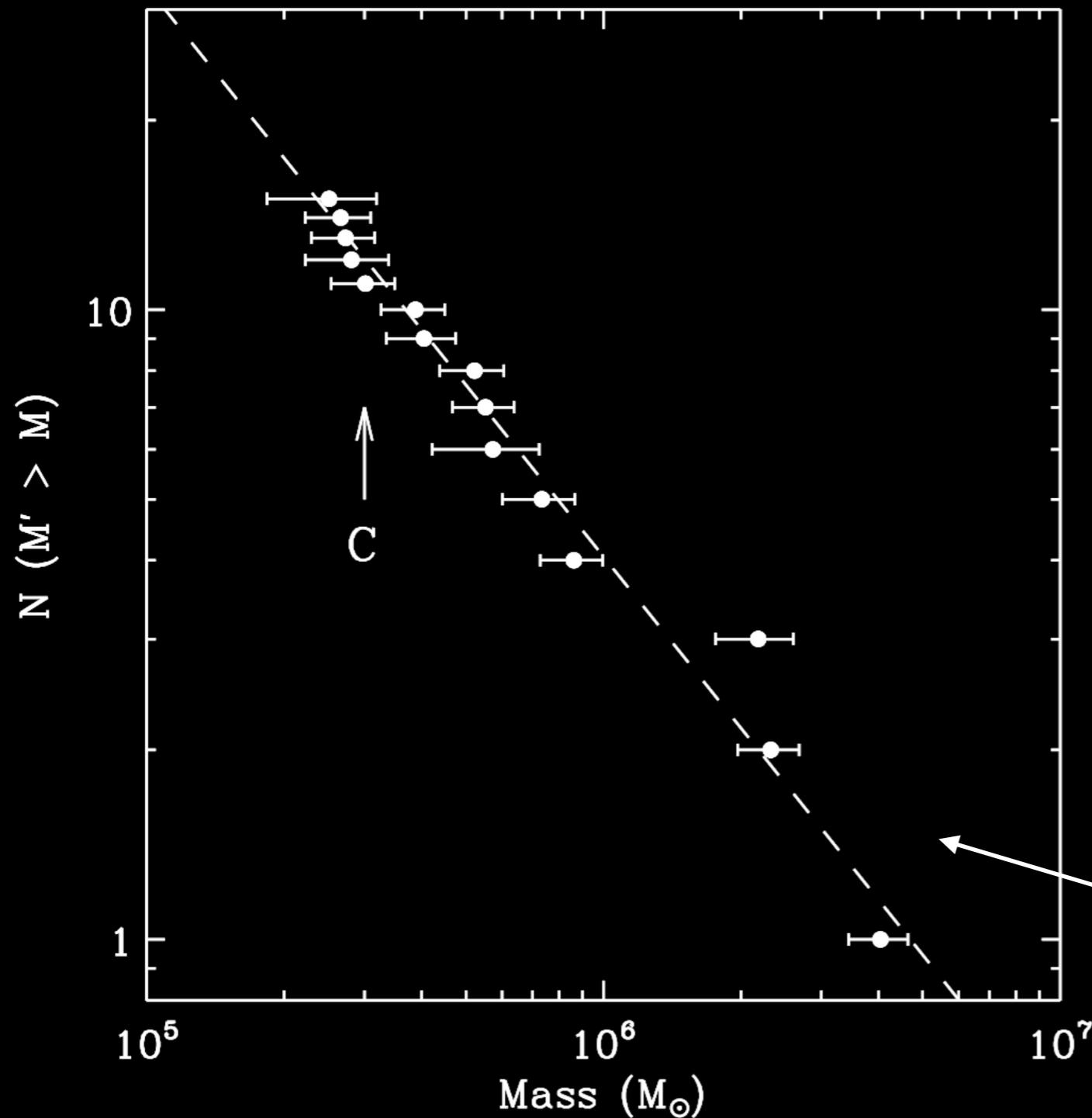
Some (relevant) facts about
star formation

1. Stars form in clusters. Bigger stars form in bigger clusters.



Spiral Galaxy M83
Hubble Space Telescope ■ WFC3/UVIS

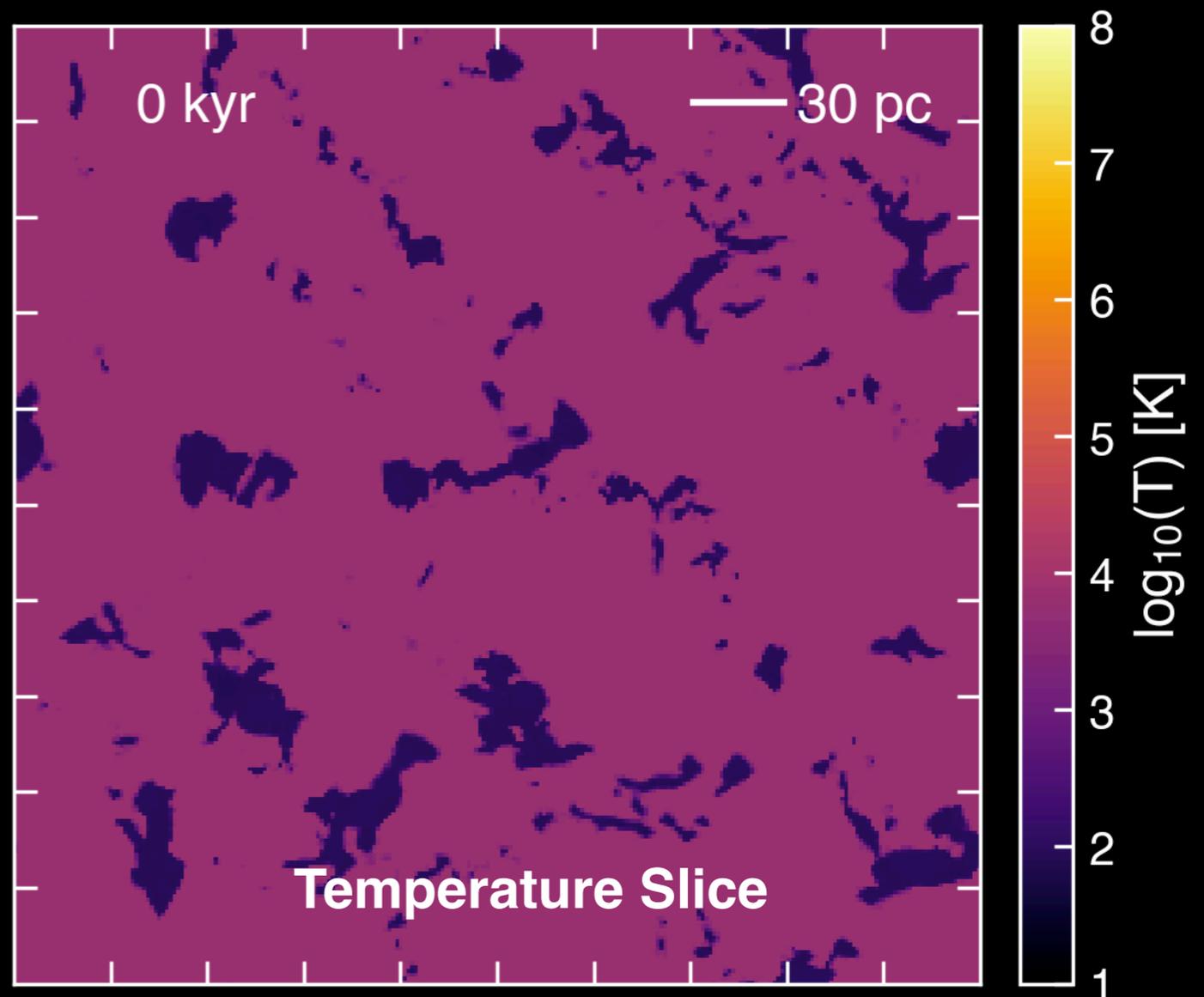
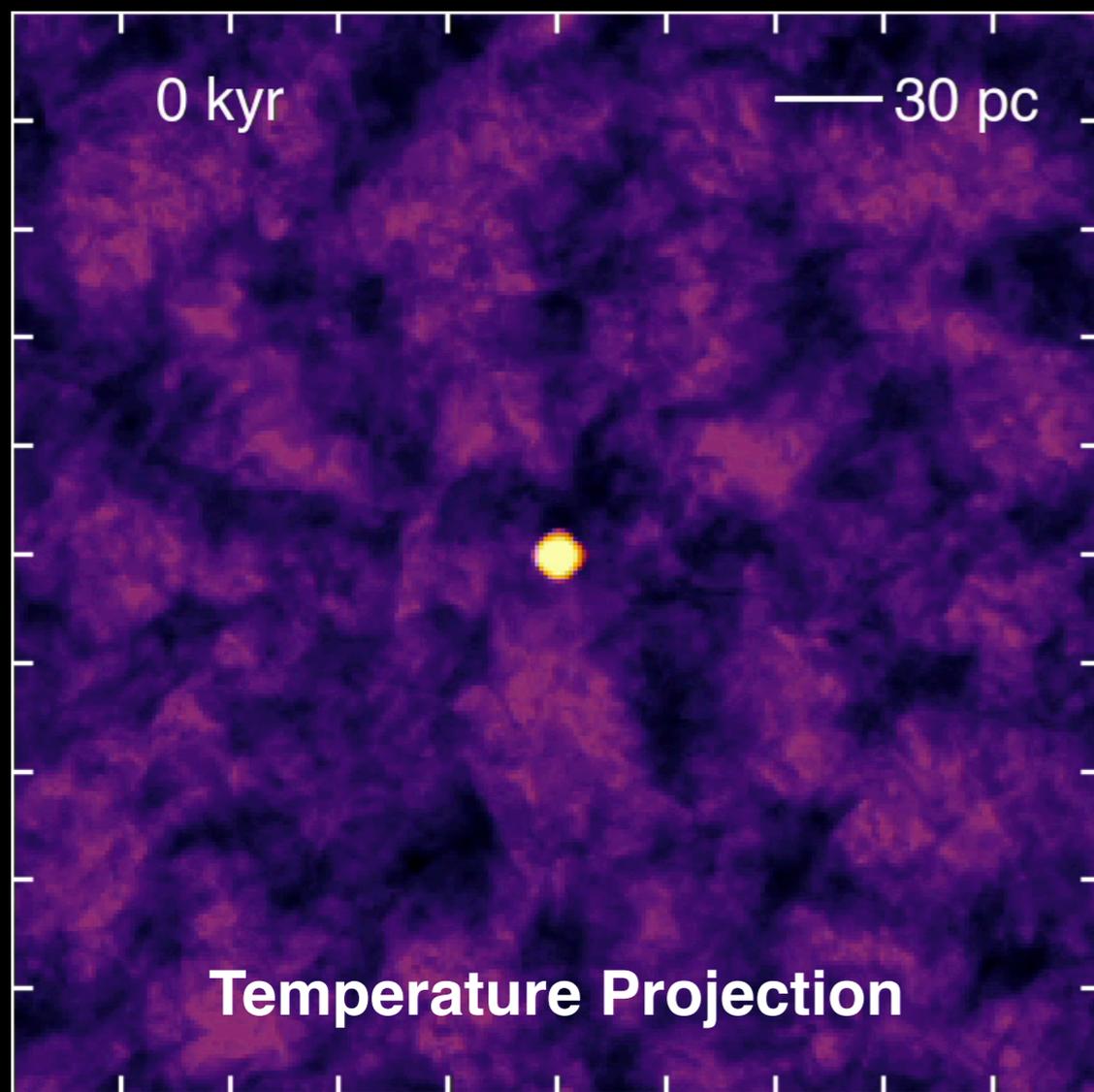
2. The cluster mass function is fairly shallow \rightarrow at least half, or more, of all the stellar mass forms in the biggest clusters.



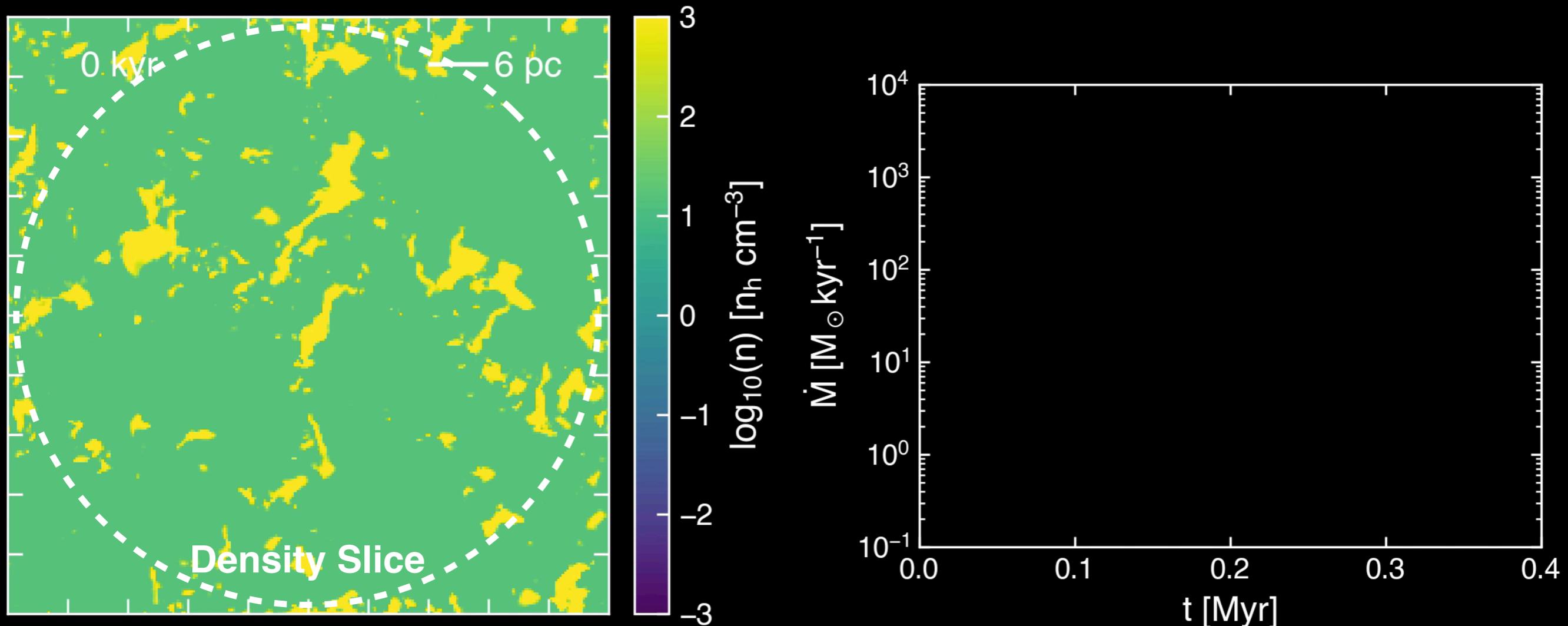
Ex: In M82, 60% of the mass of the nuclear starburst is in the three largest clusters.

Superbubble Simulations

Using well-resolved simulations of a multi-phase ISM, we can capture the processes that are unresolved in our global galaxy simulations (CGOLS).



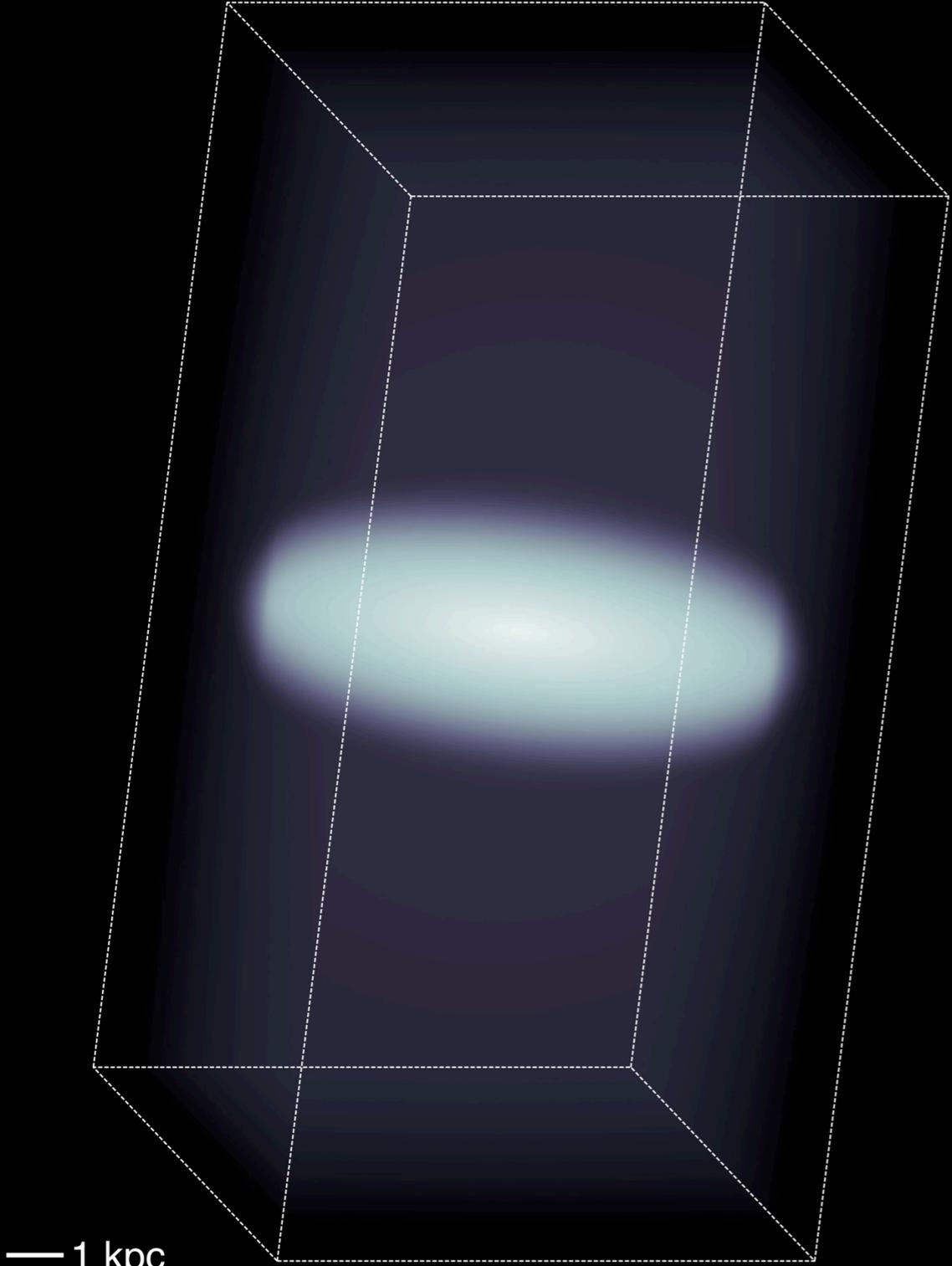
What should the mass and energy loading be?



Using these simulations, we can directly measure mass and energy loading rates for individual clusters.

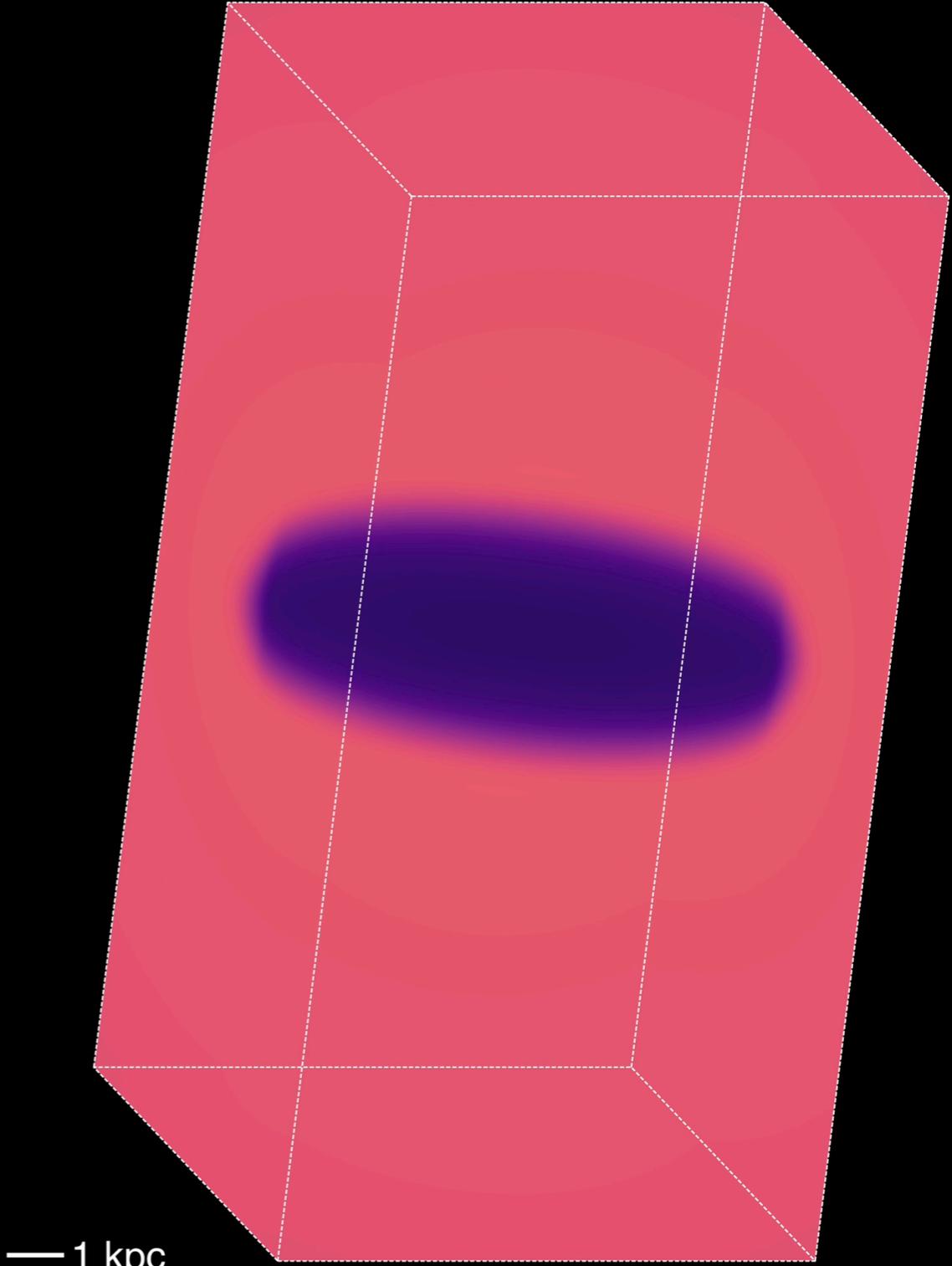
Radiative Simulation - Time-Variable Clustered Feedback

0 Myr



Density Projection

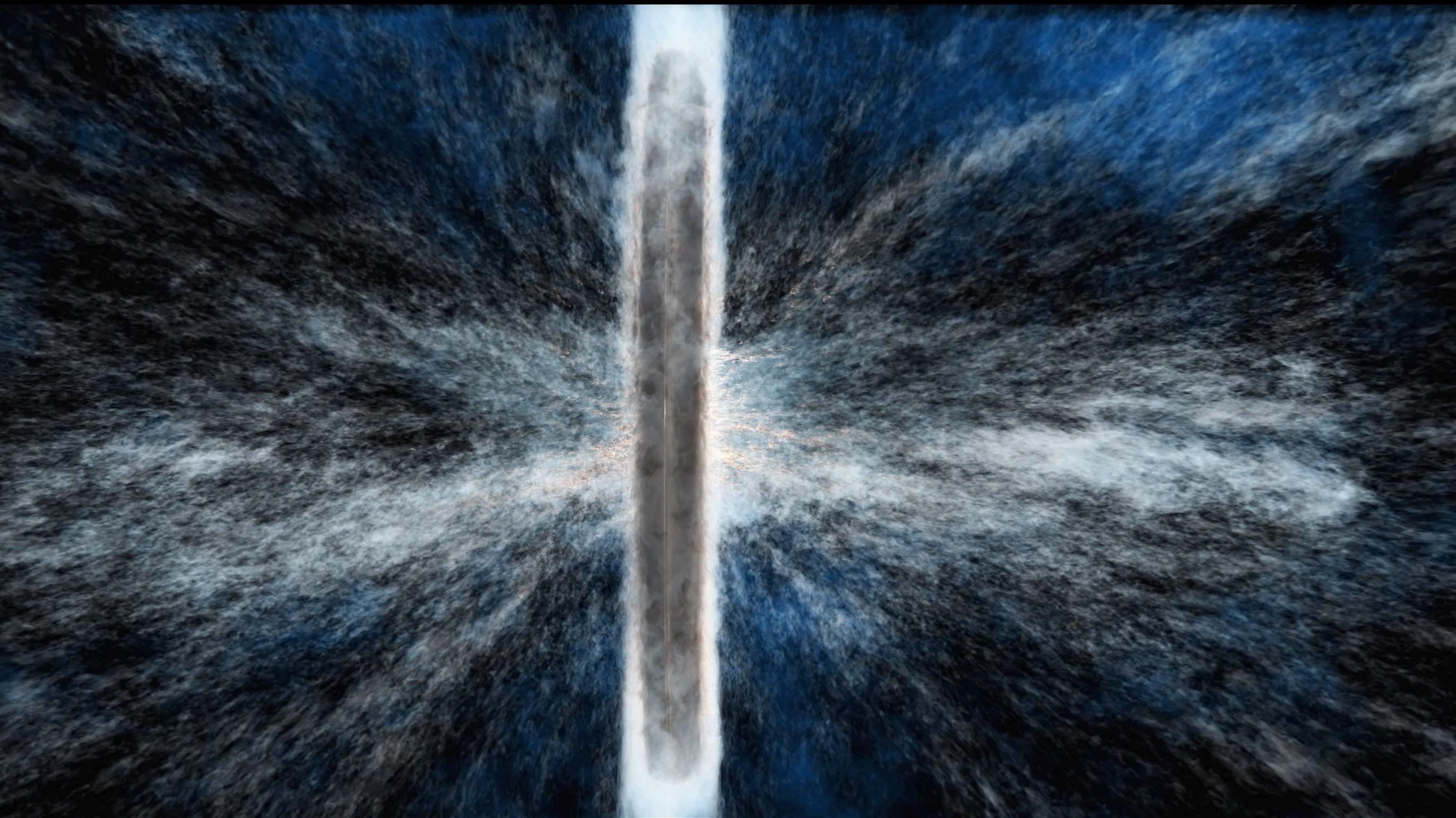
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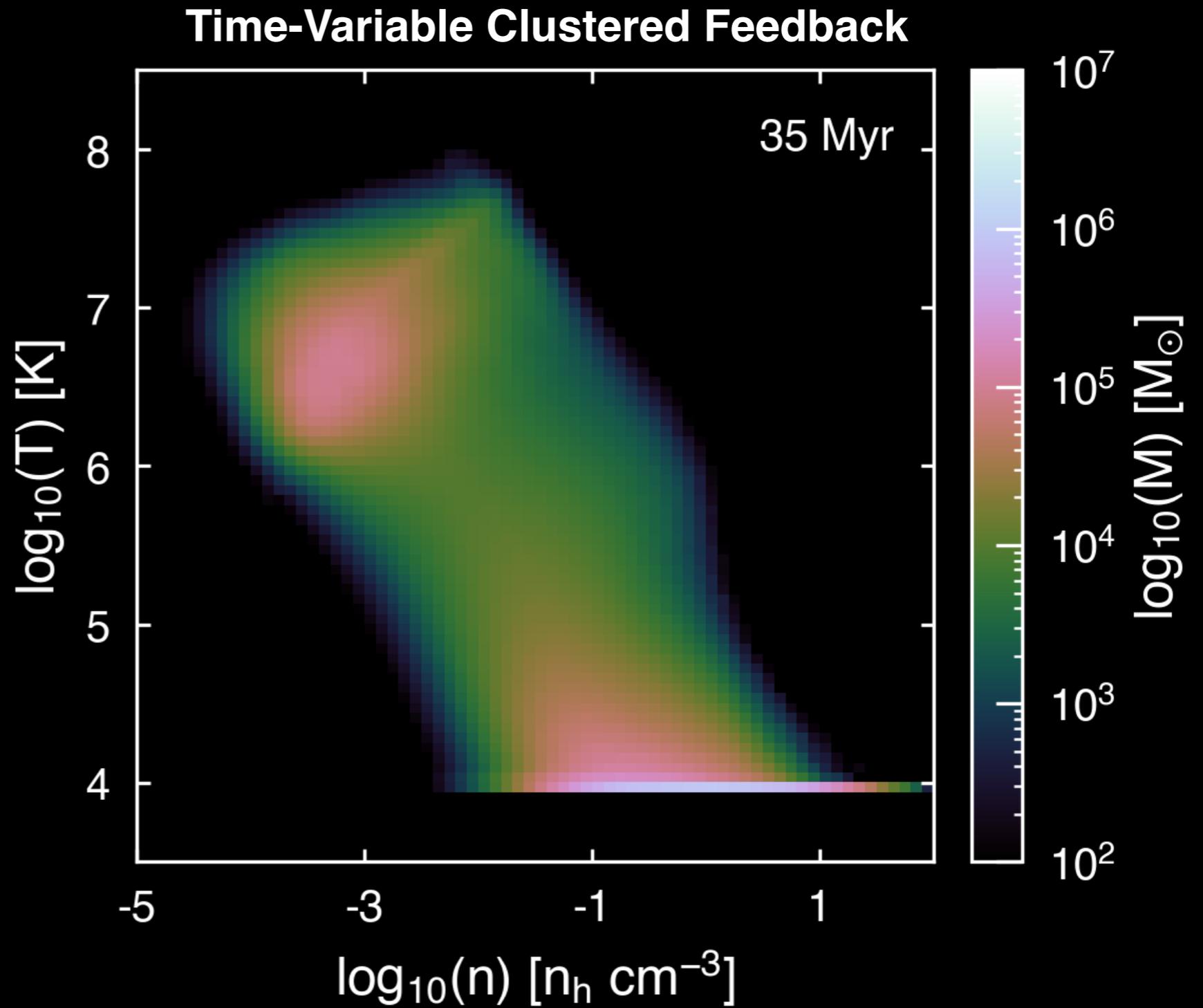
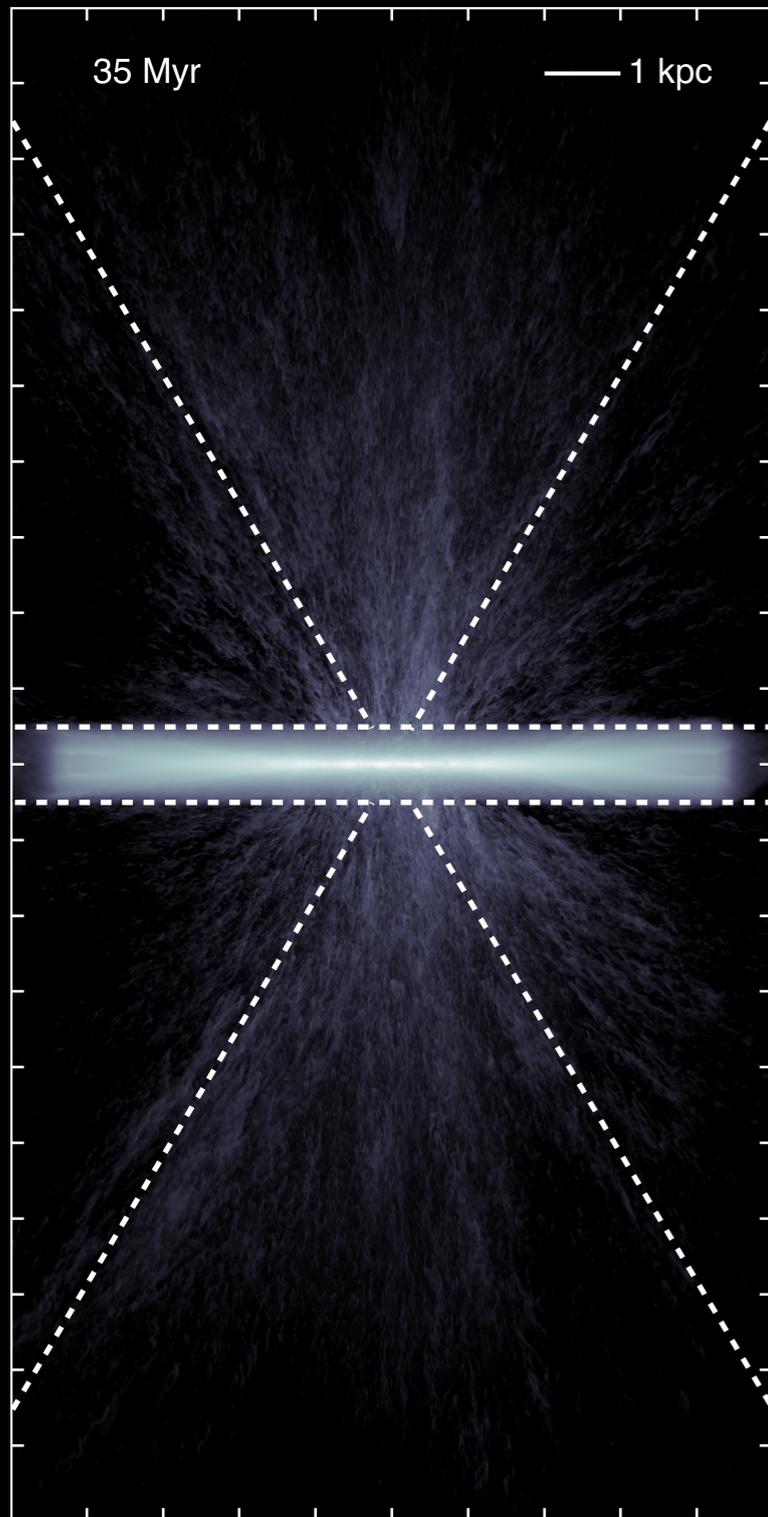
Temperature Projection

Schneider et al. (2020) Arxiv No. 2002.10468

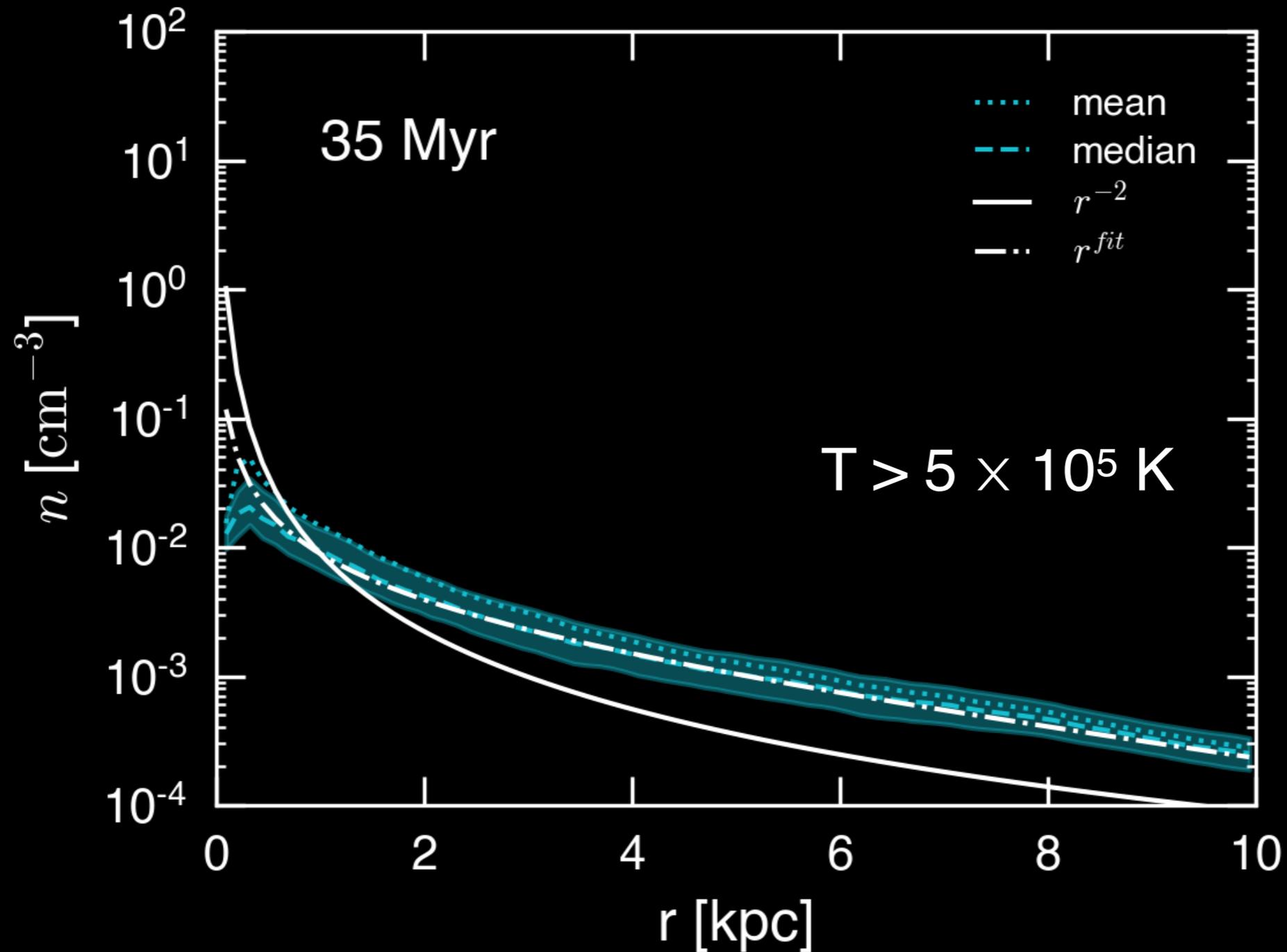
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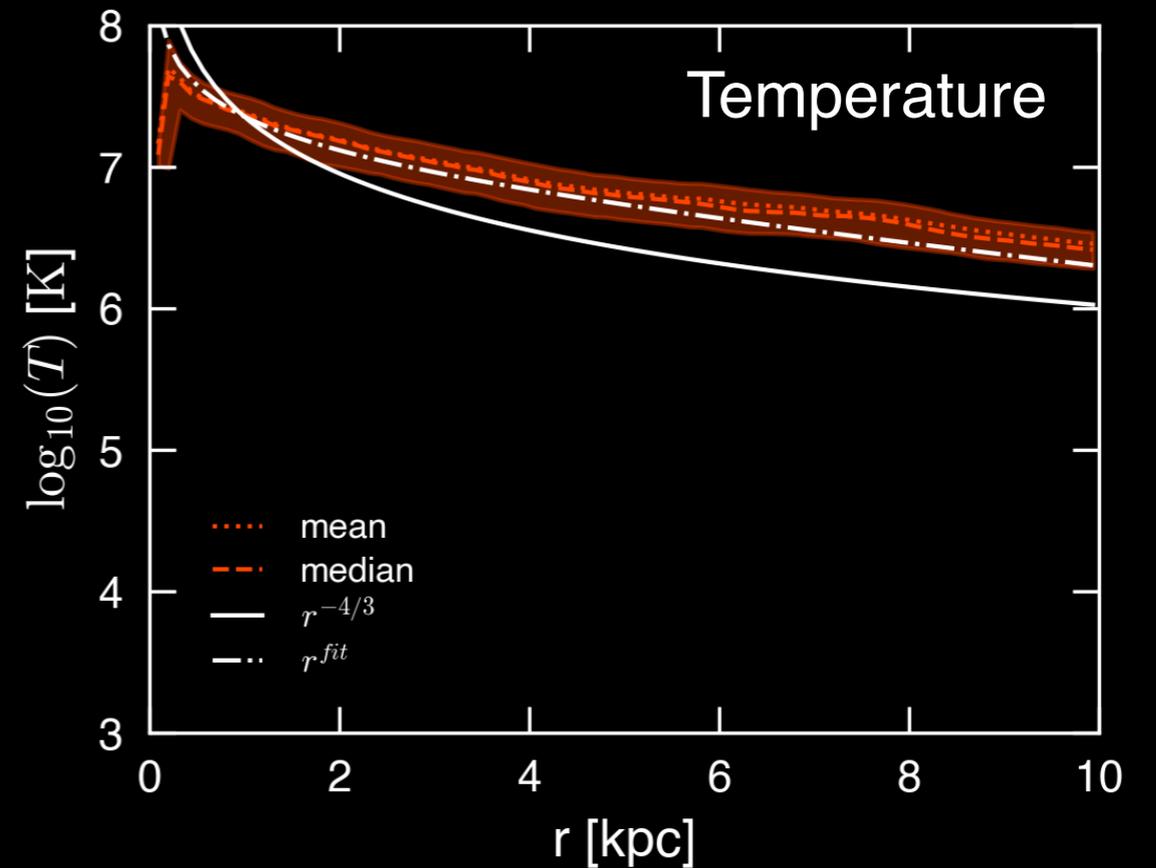
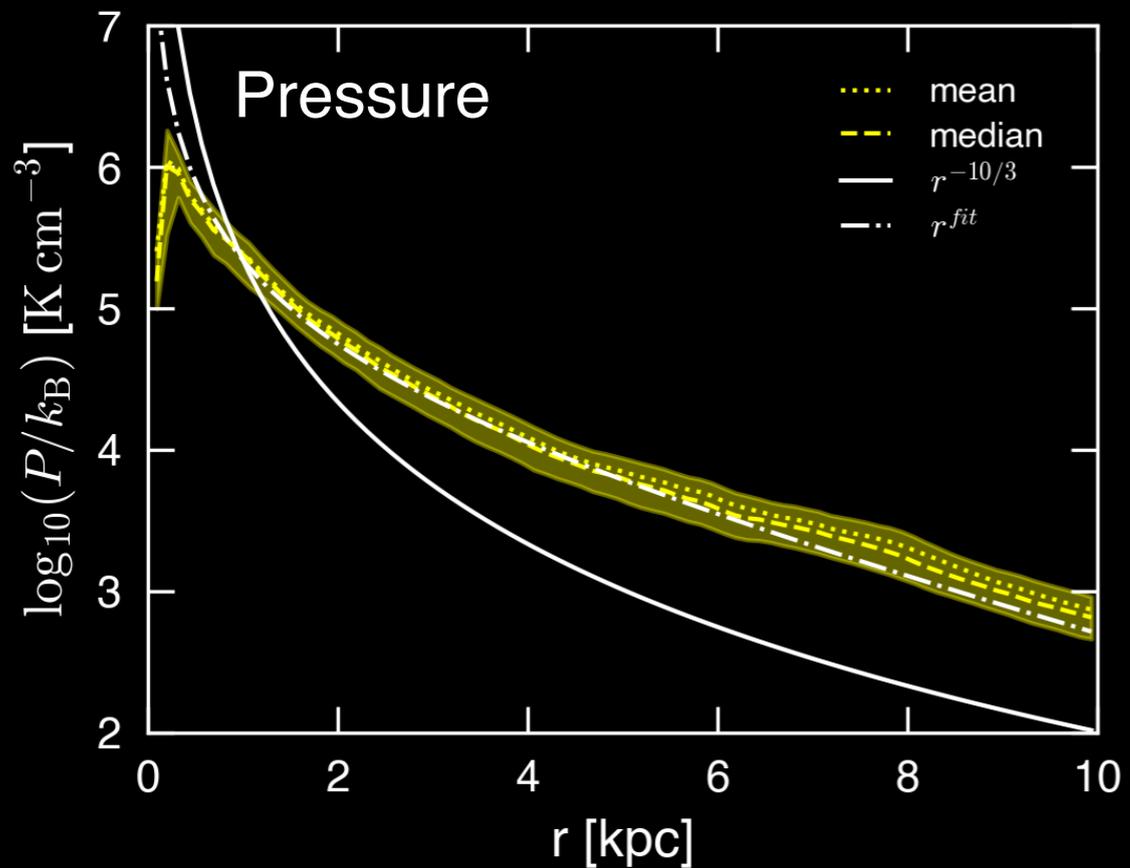
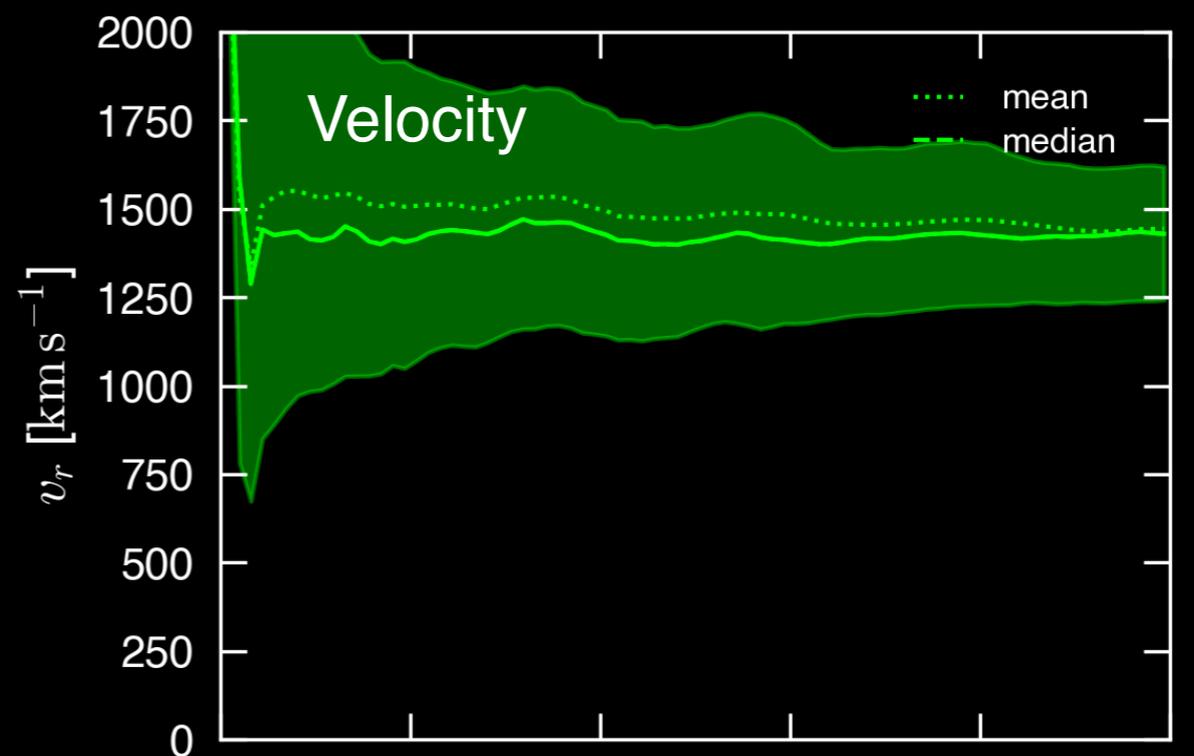
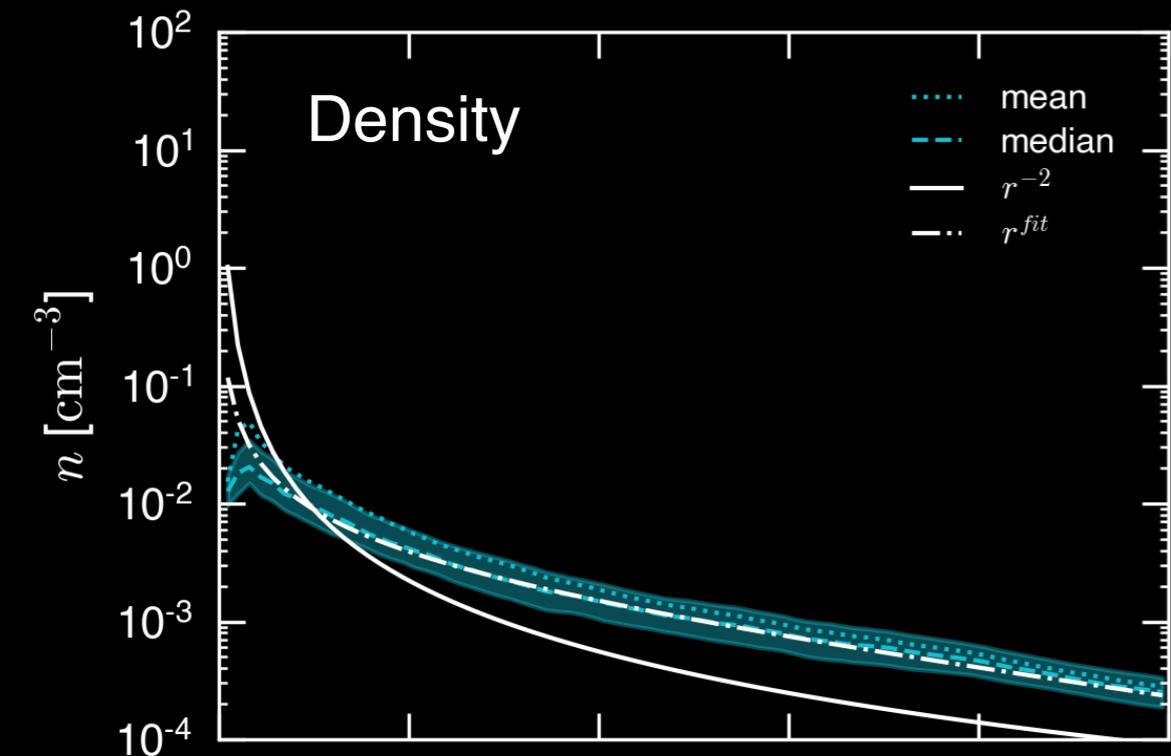
How is the mass distributed?



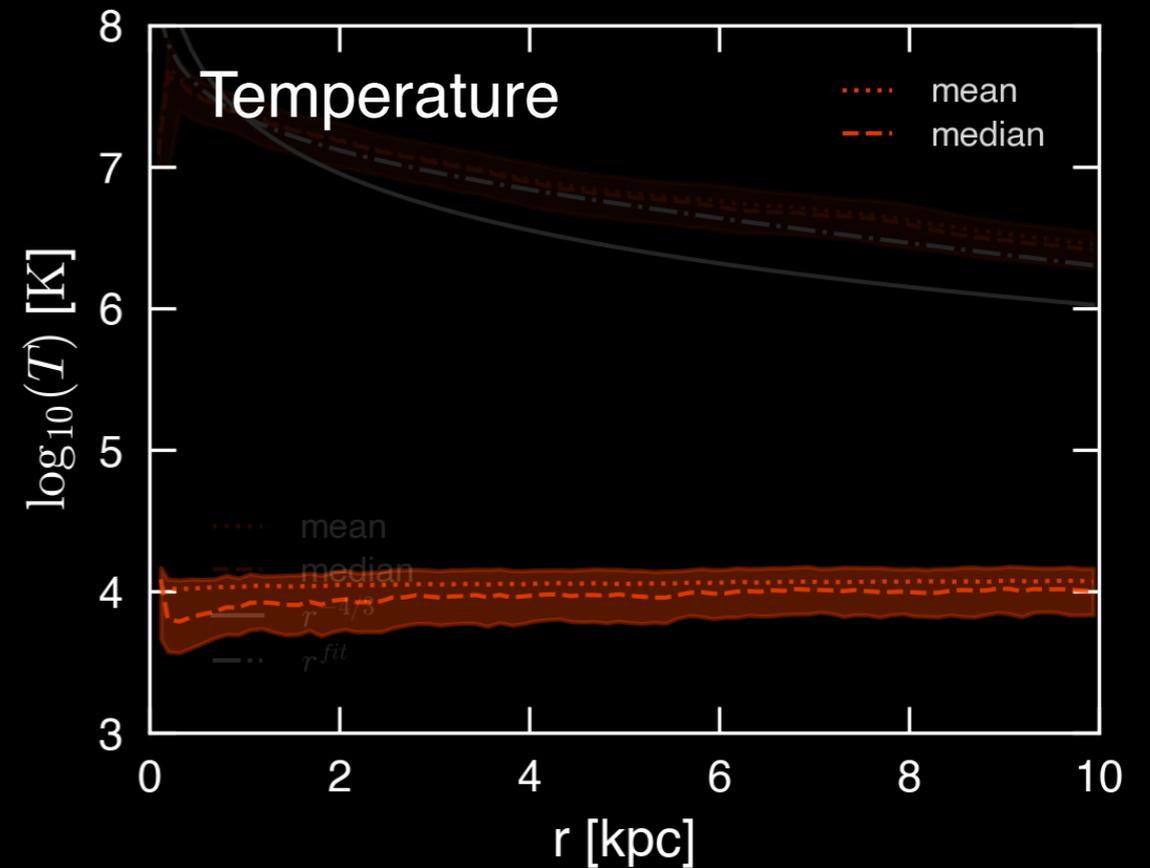
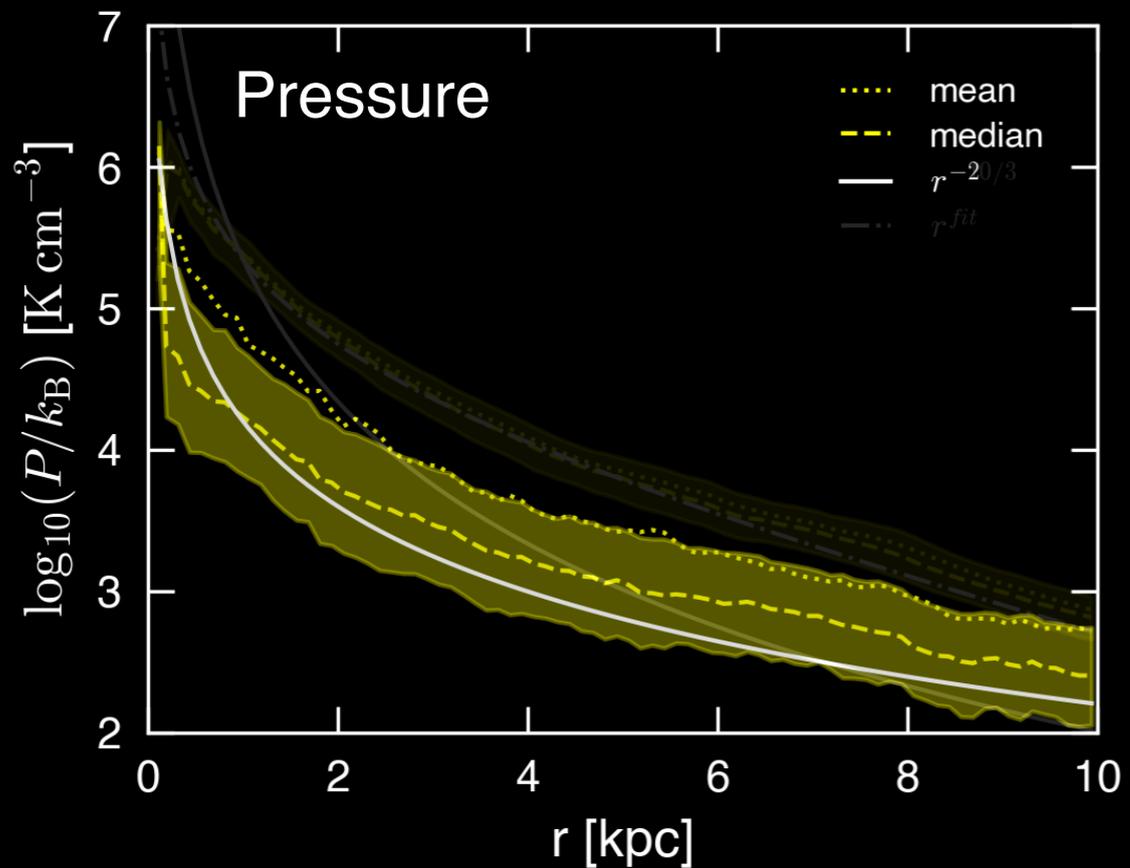
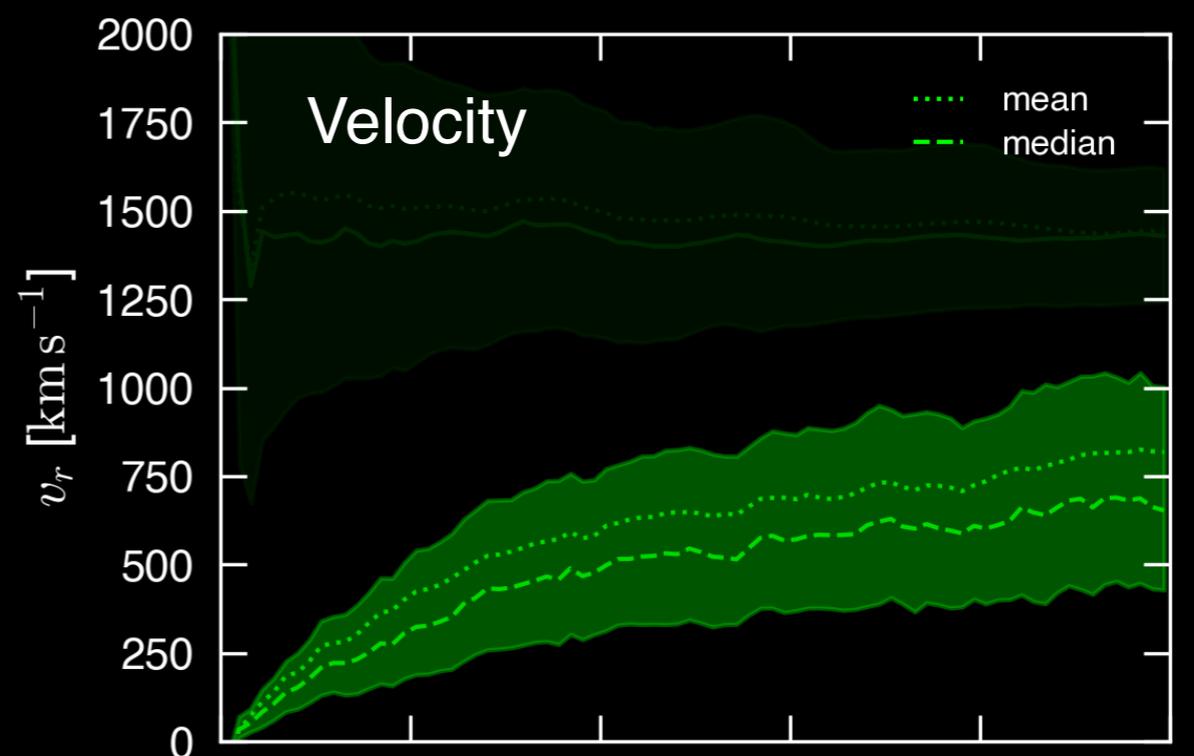
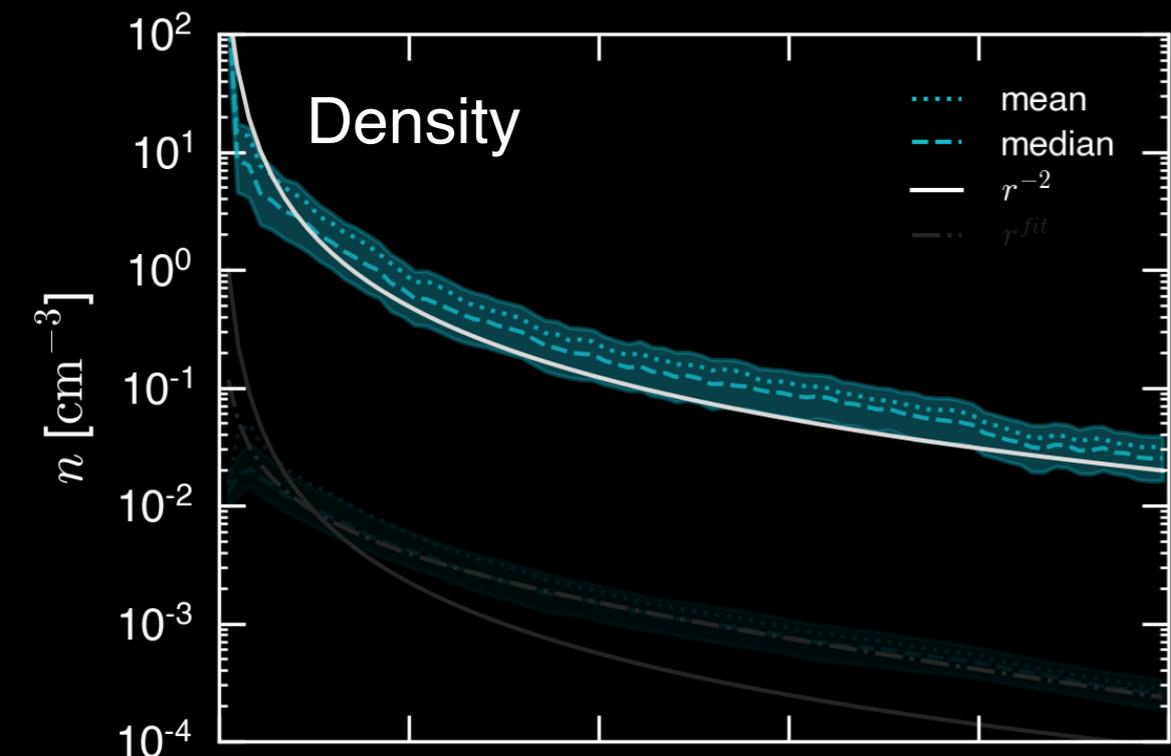
Hot Gas Radial Profiles



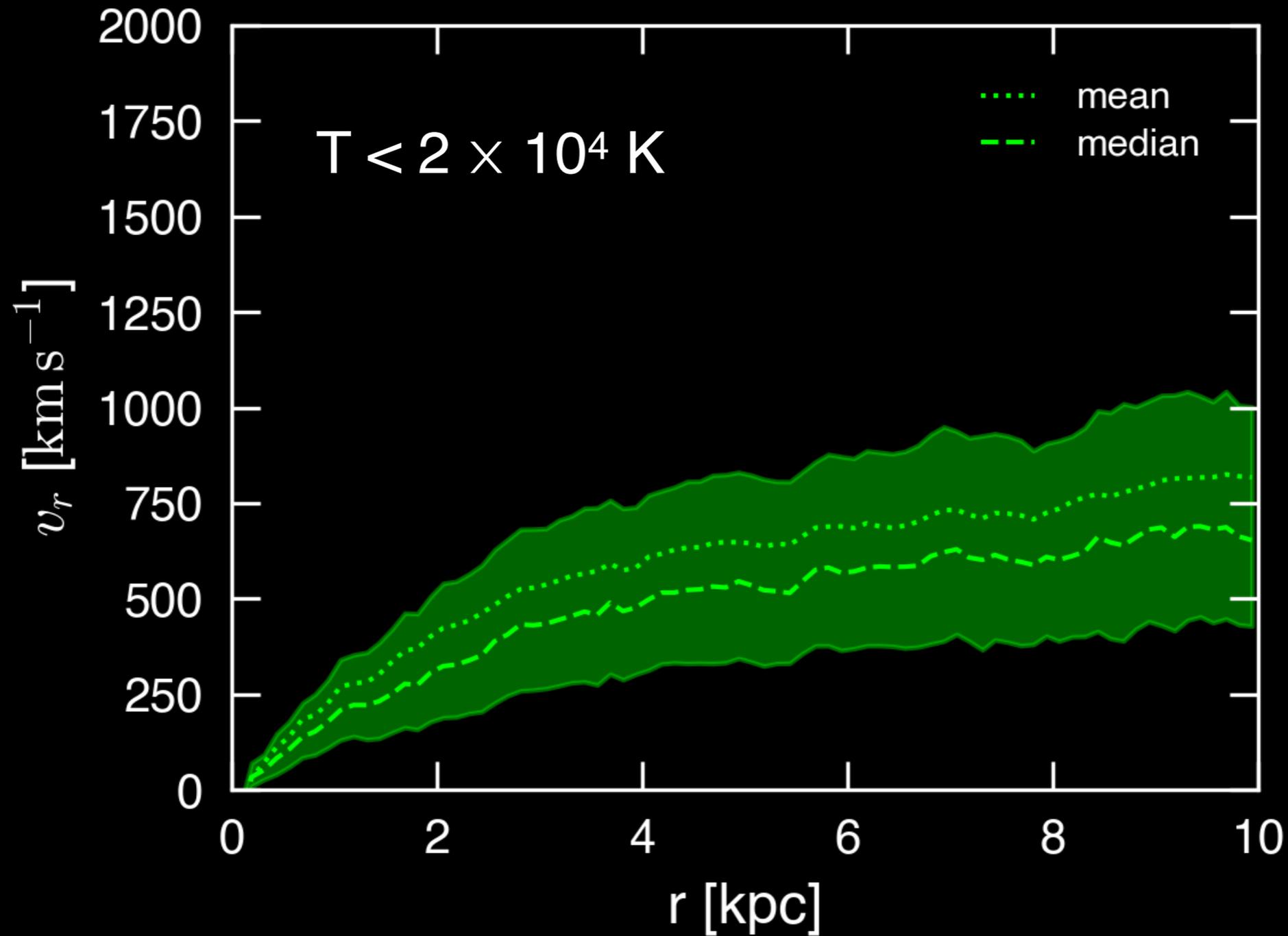
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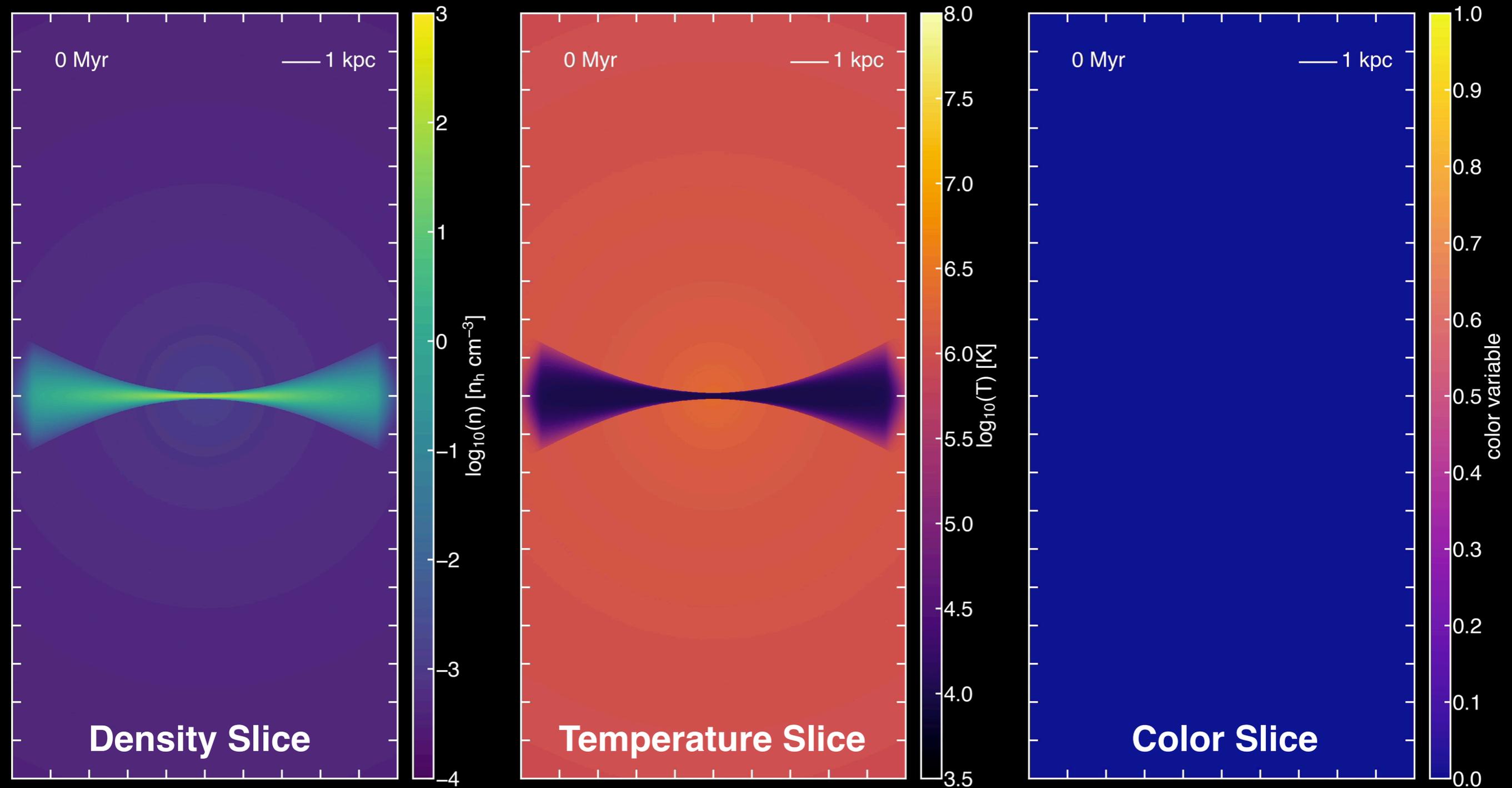
Cool Gas Radial Profiles



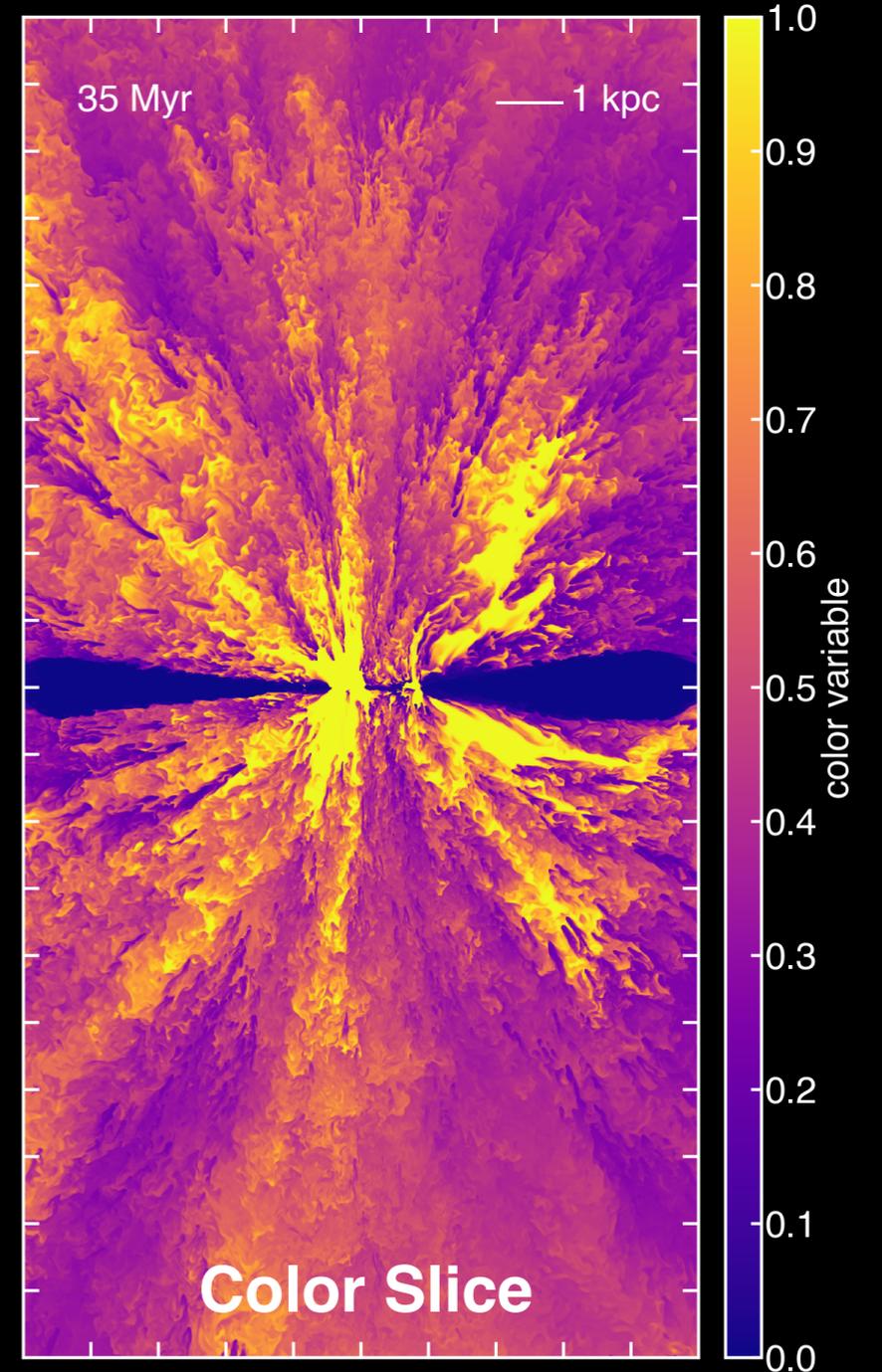
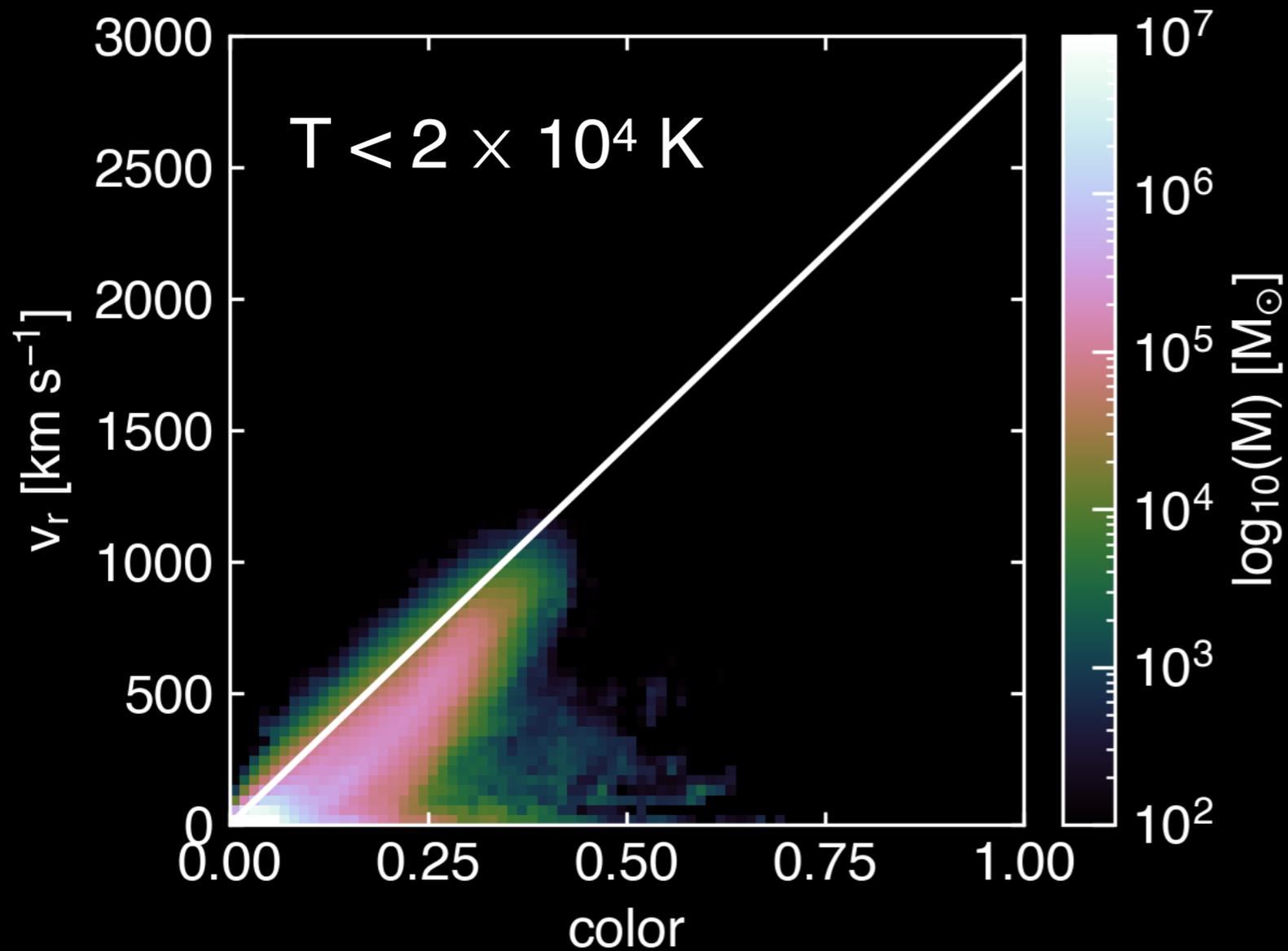
How fast is the gas moving?



How does the cool gas form?



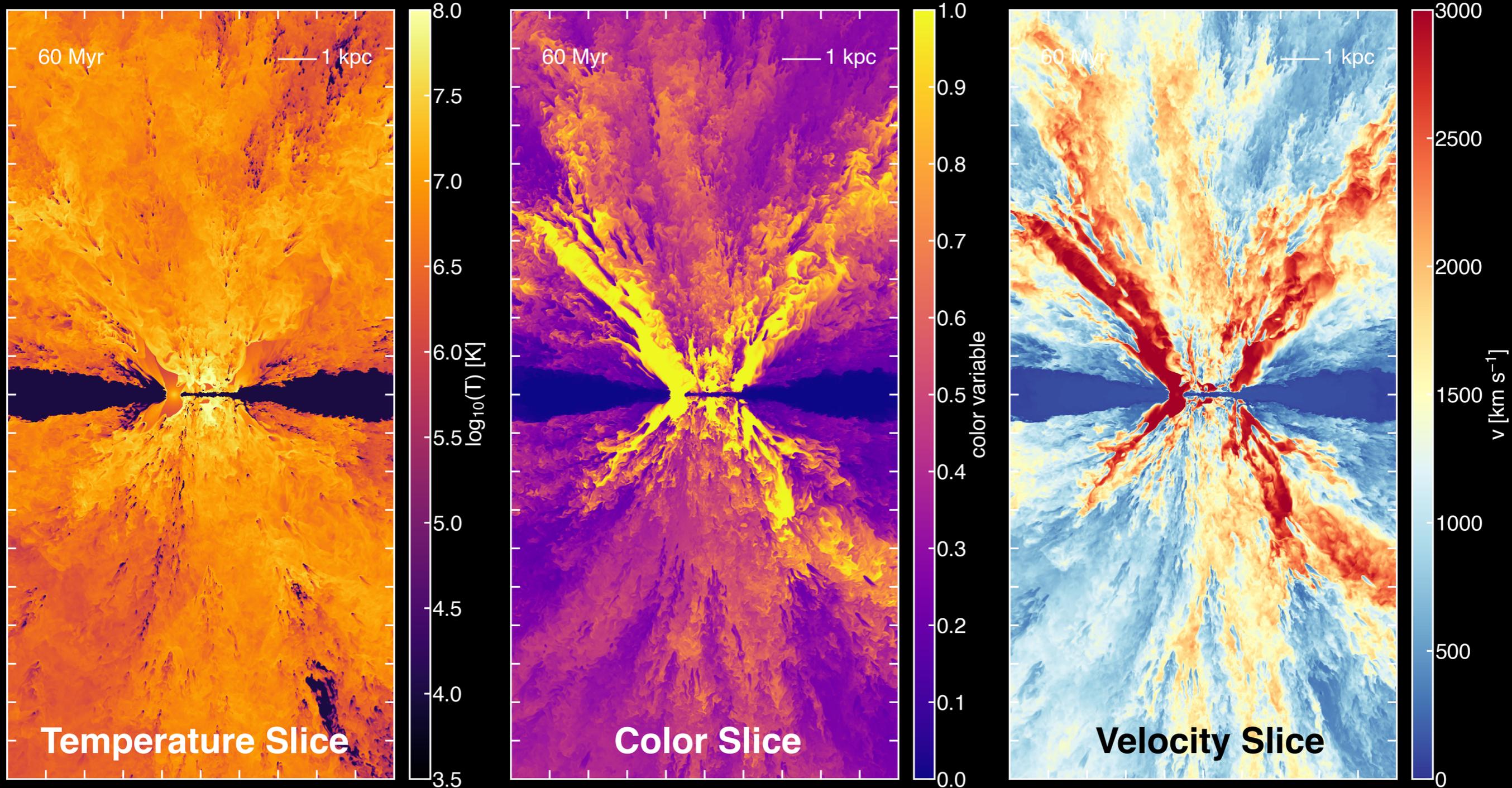
How is the cool gas accelerated?



See also Armillotta+16,17; Gritton+17; Gronke+18,19;
Fielding+18,21; Melso+19;

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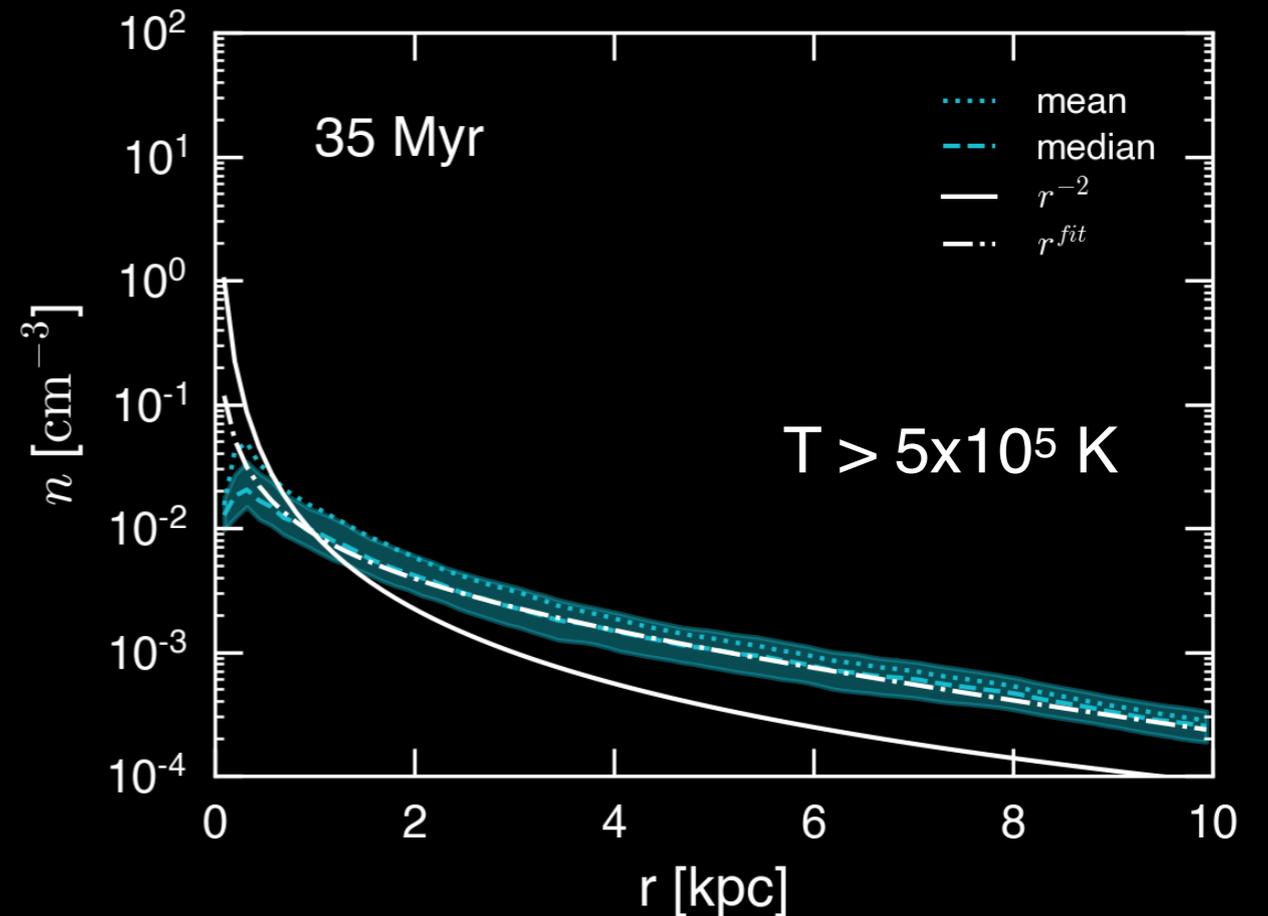
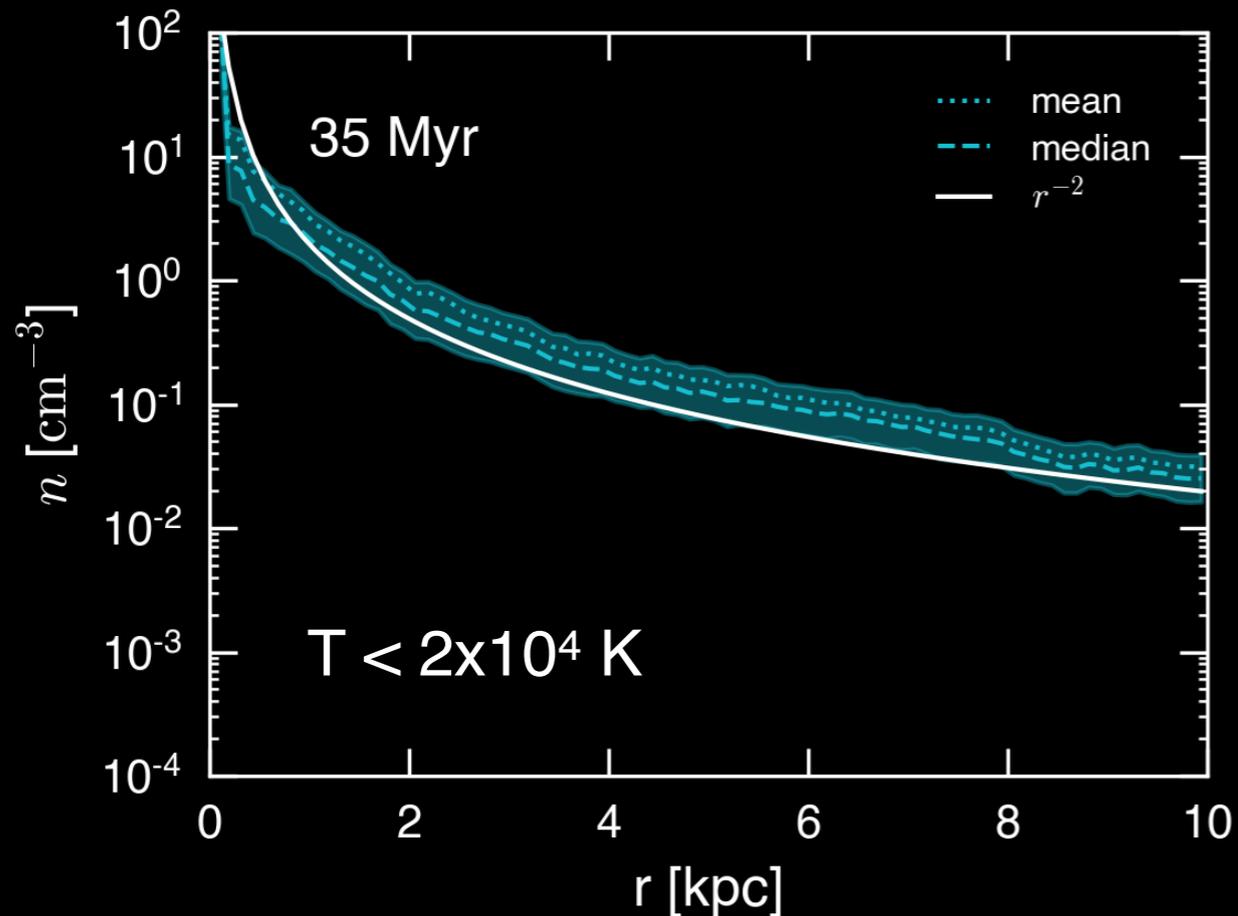


Summary: Can we build a physically-motivated model that explains observed nature of galaxy outflows?

- Reproduces the multiphase nature of outflows ✓
- Explains the velocity structure of outflows ✓
- Efficiently transports metals out of galaxies to enrich the CGM and beyond ✓

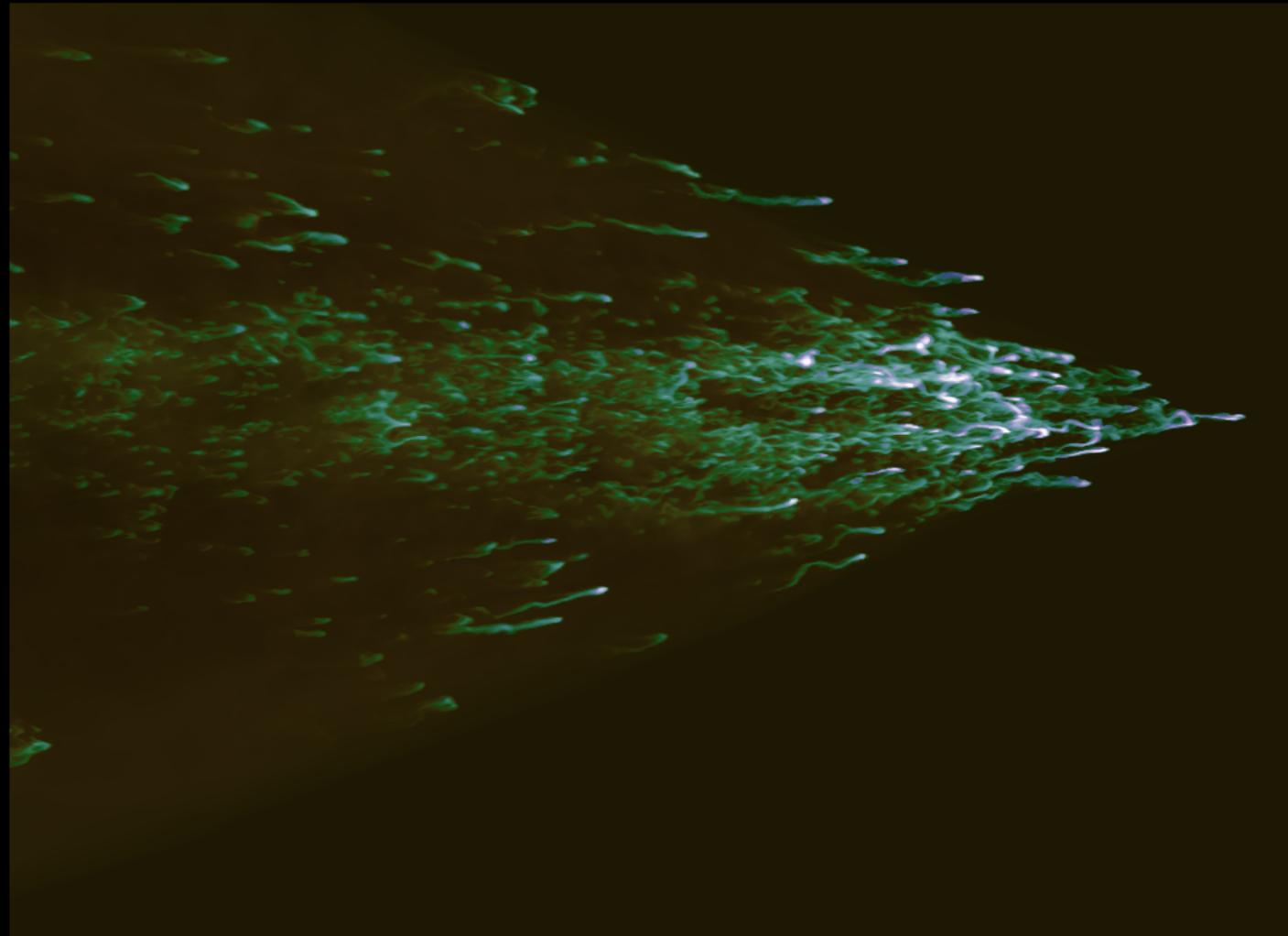
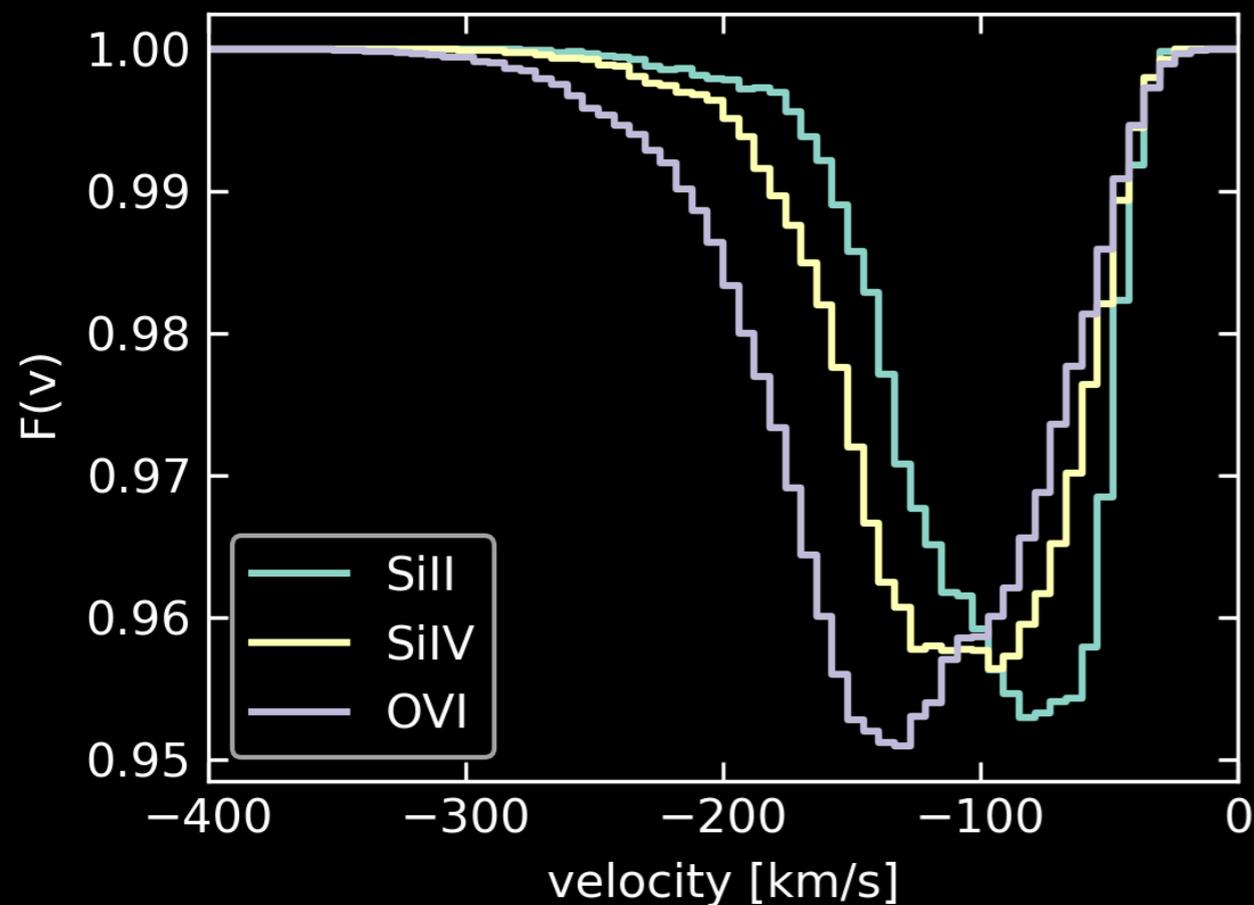
What's Next for CGOLS?

We are refining our two-phase analytic models for outflows - see work by Dustin Nguyen at OSU!



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Further progress in differentiating between models will come by improving our comparisons to observations.

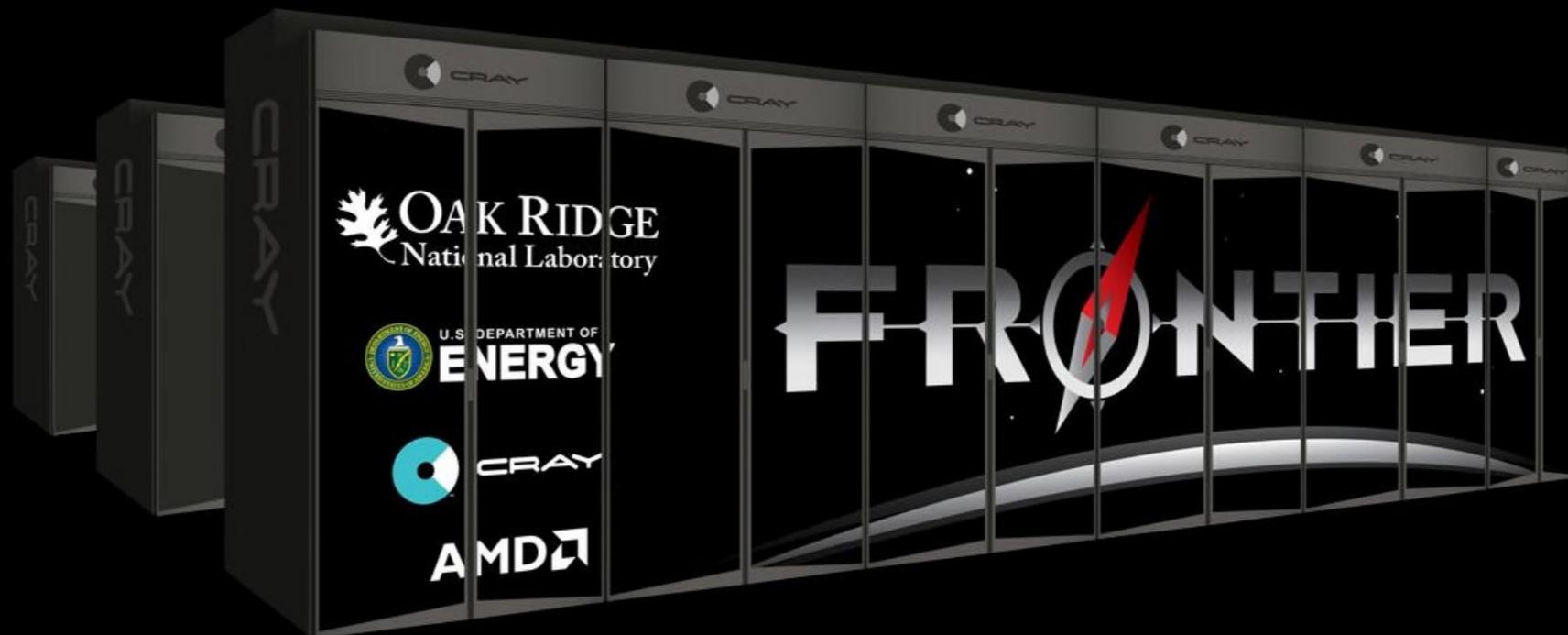


Mock absorption-line profiles will enable us to compare to observables directly (de la Cruz, Schneider & Ostriker, 2021, Fortis+ *in prep.*).

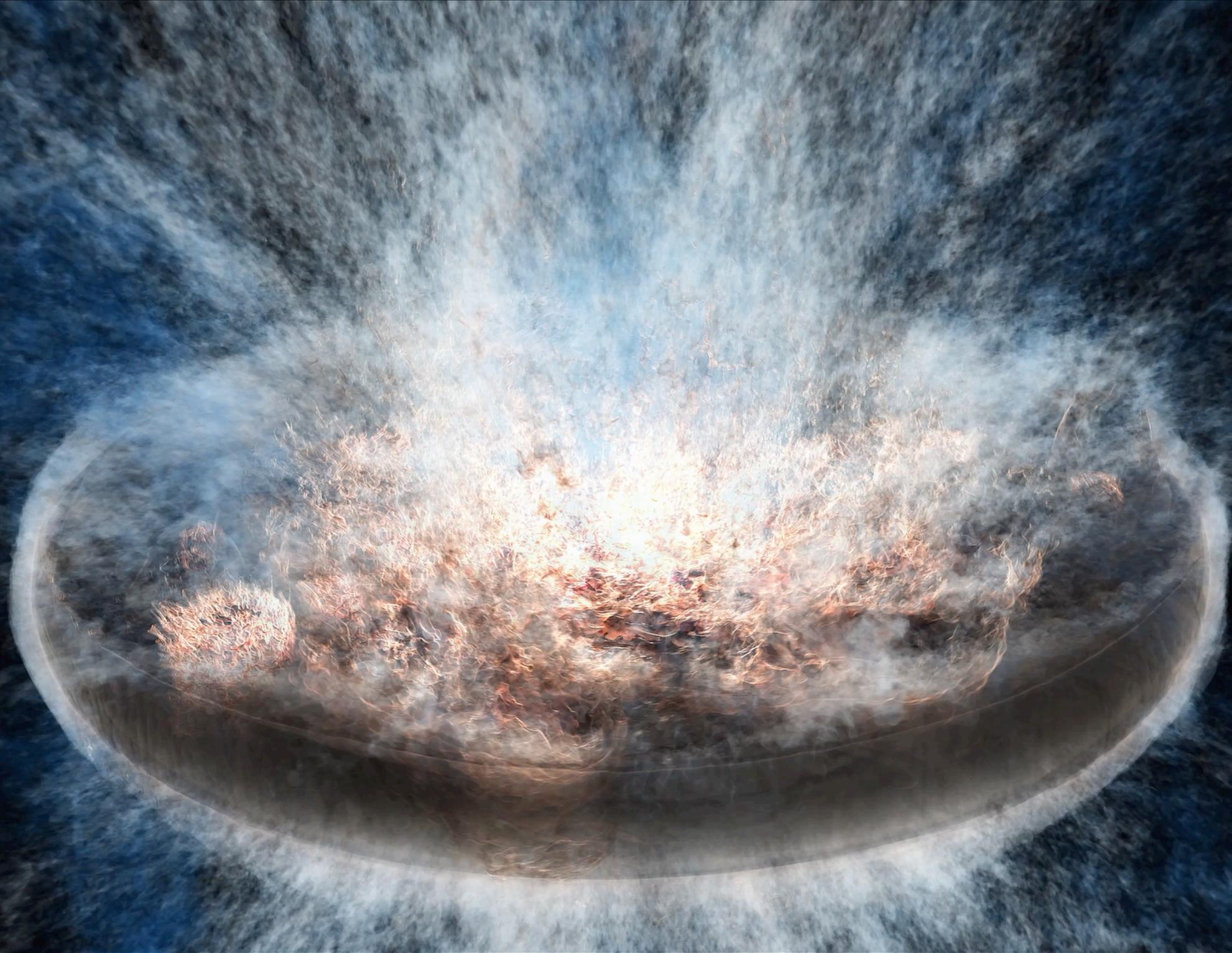
What's Next for CGOLS?

The Cholla CAAR team will produce an exascale Milky Way Galaxy simulation: over 10^{12} cells, with self-gravity, self consistent star formation and stellar feedback (Orlando Warren + CAAR team).

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We still have more time variations to analyze and feedback



Visualization produced using the NVIDIA IndeX software package. Thanks!