

# THE REIONIZERS: HIGH-Z DWARF GALAXIES

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# OPEN QUESTIONS:

## POP III STARS AND GALAXIES DURING REIONIZATION

- How did metal-free (Pop III) stars affect high- $z$  structure formation?
  - Metal enrichment
  - Reionization
  - Dwarf galaxy properties
- Why do current models overpredict SF in low-mass galaxies at high redshift? aka “forming-too-many-stars-at-high- $z$  problem”
- How do these dwarf galaxies depend on environment?
- Do Pop III stars leave any physical (e.g. metallicity gradients, M/L ratios, metallicity distributions) imprint on dwarf galaxies?

# OUR APPROACH: SIMULATIONS

- Small-scale ( $<3 \text{ Mpc}^3$ ) AMR radiation hydro simulations
- **Coupled radiative transfer** (ray tracing in the optically thin and thick regimes)



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Temperature

1.2 kpc

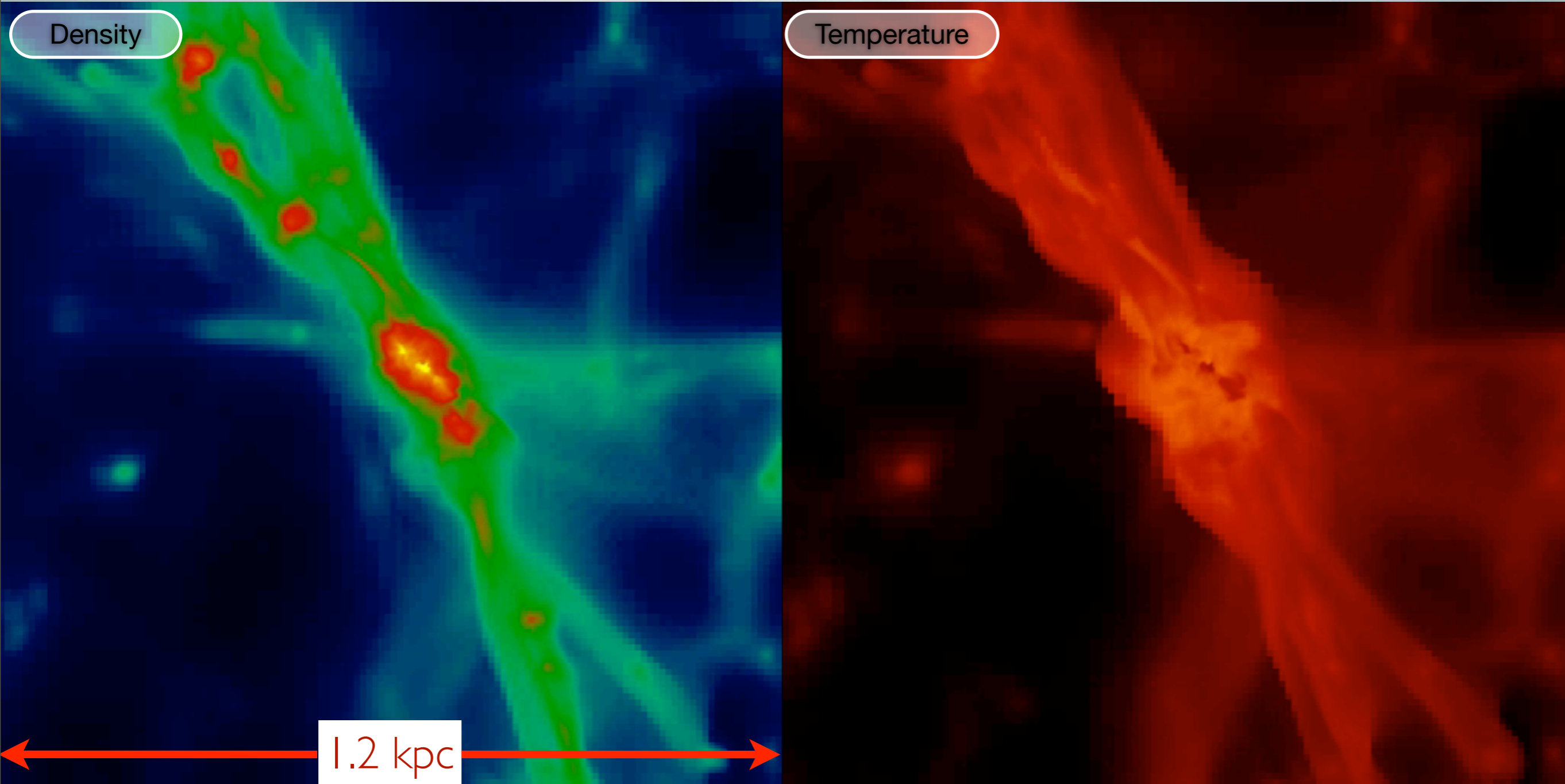
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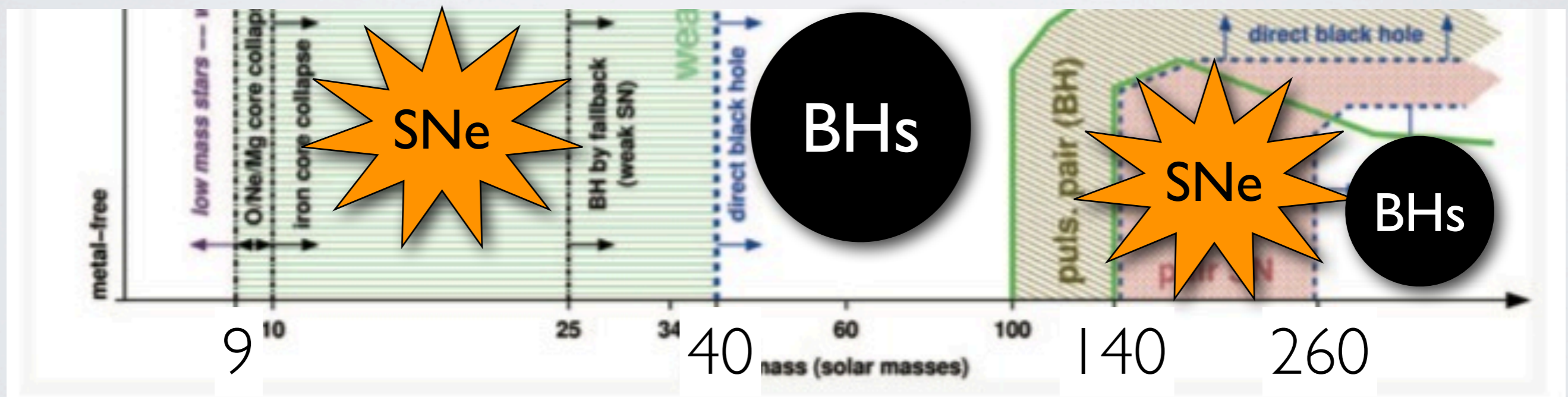
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## AMR RAD-HYDRO SIMULATIONS

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- **Coupled radiative transfer** (ray tracing: optically thin and thick regimes)
- 1800 M<sub>⊙</sub> mass resolution, 0.1 pc maximal spatial resolution
- Self-consistent Population III to II transition at 10<sup>-4</sup> Z<sub>⊙</sub>
- Assume a Kroupa-like IMF for Pop III stars with mass-dependent luminosities, lifetimes, and endpoints. Schaerer (2002), Heger+ (2003)

$$f(\log M) = M^{-1.3} \exp \left[ - \left( \frac{M_{\text{char}}}{M} \right)^{1.6} \right], \quad M_{\text{char}} = 100M_{\odot}$$

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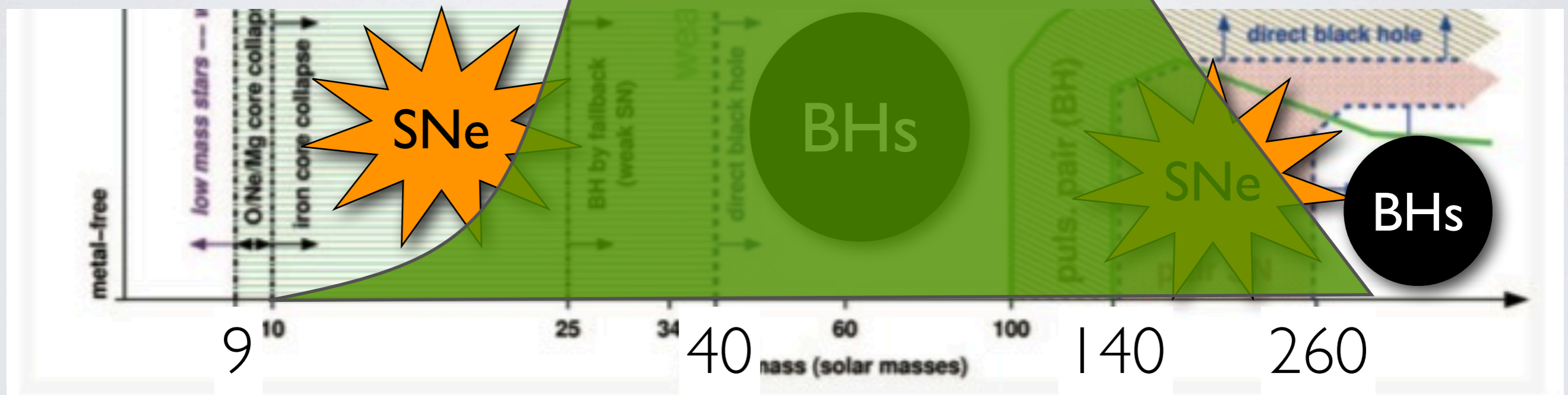


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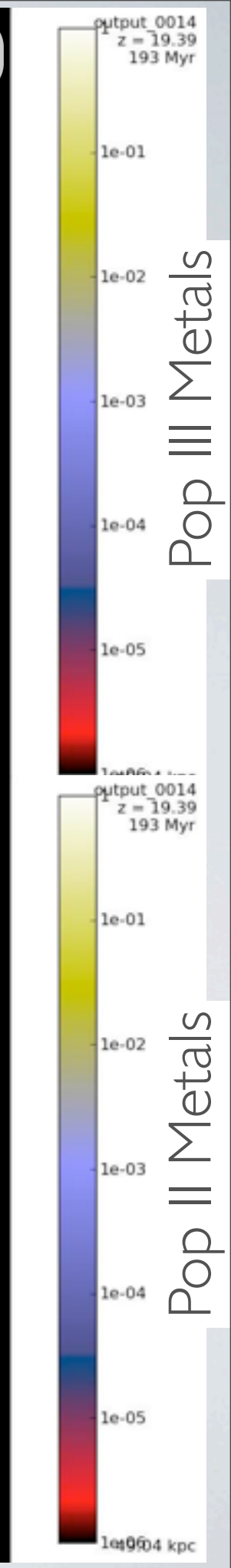
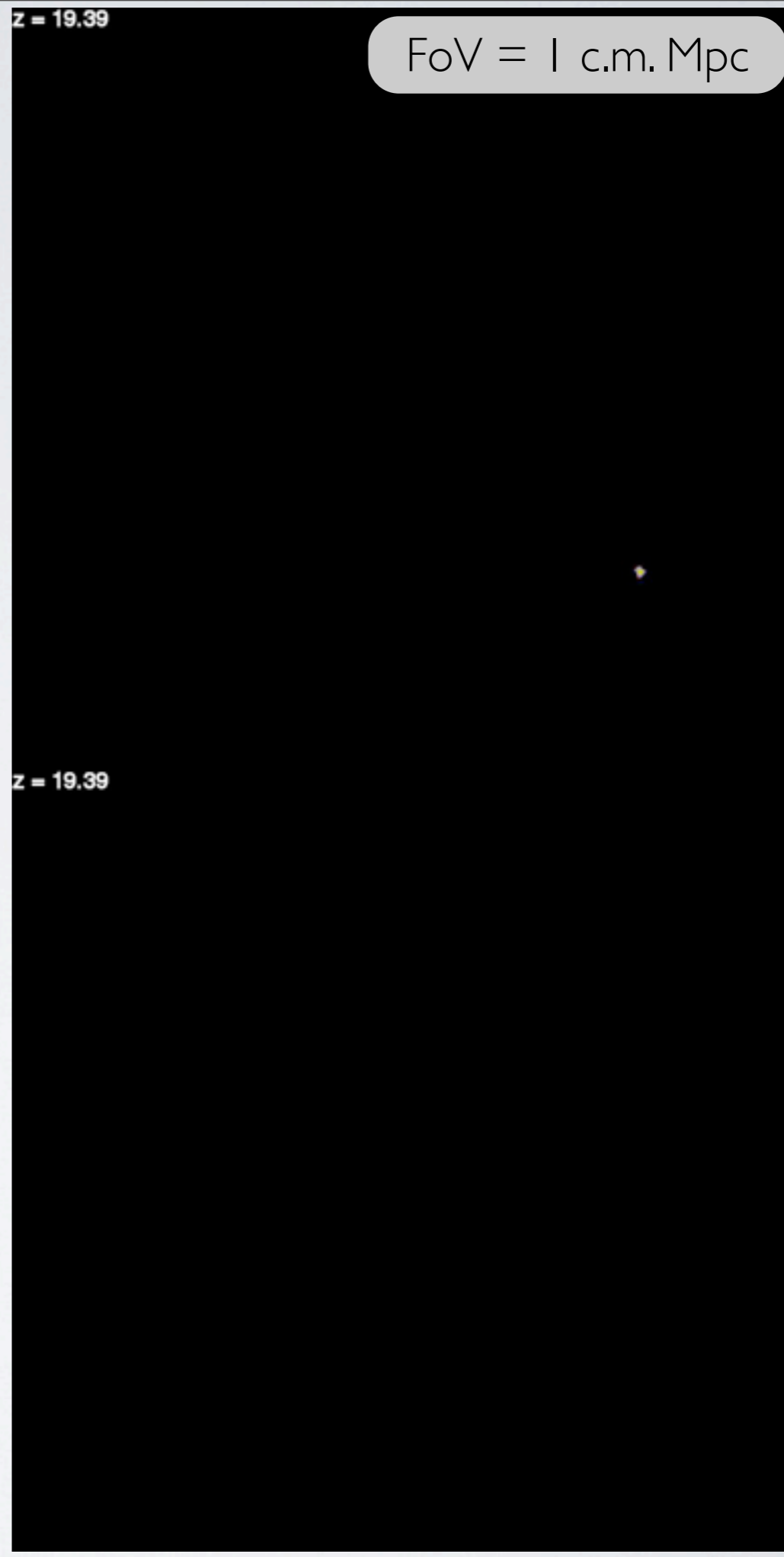
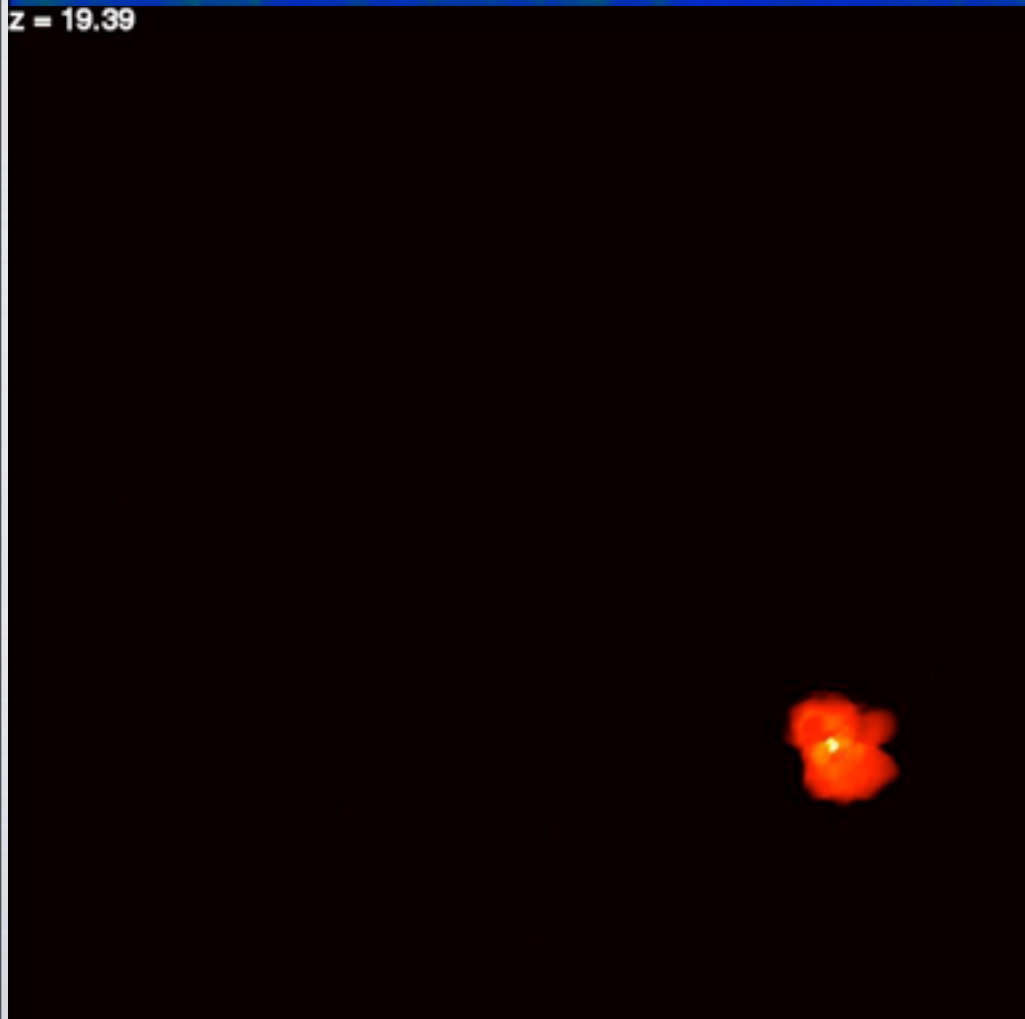
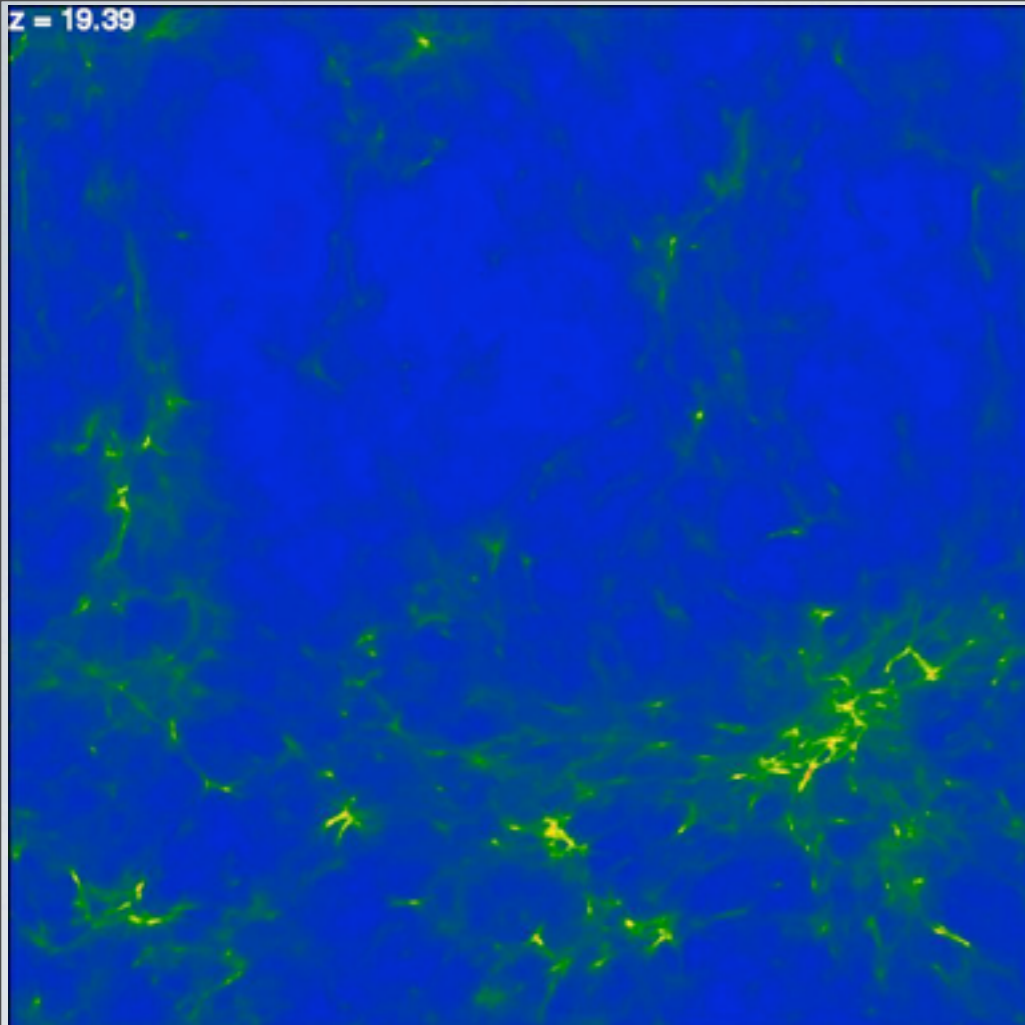
FoV = 1 c.m. Mpc

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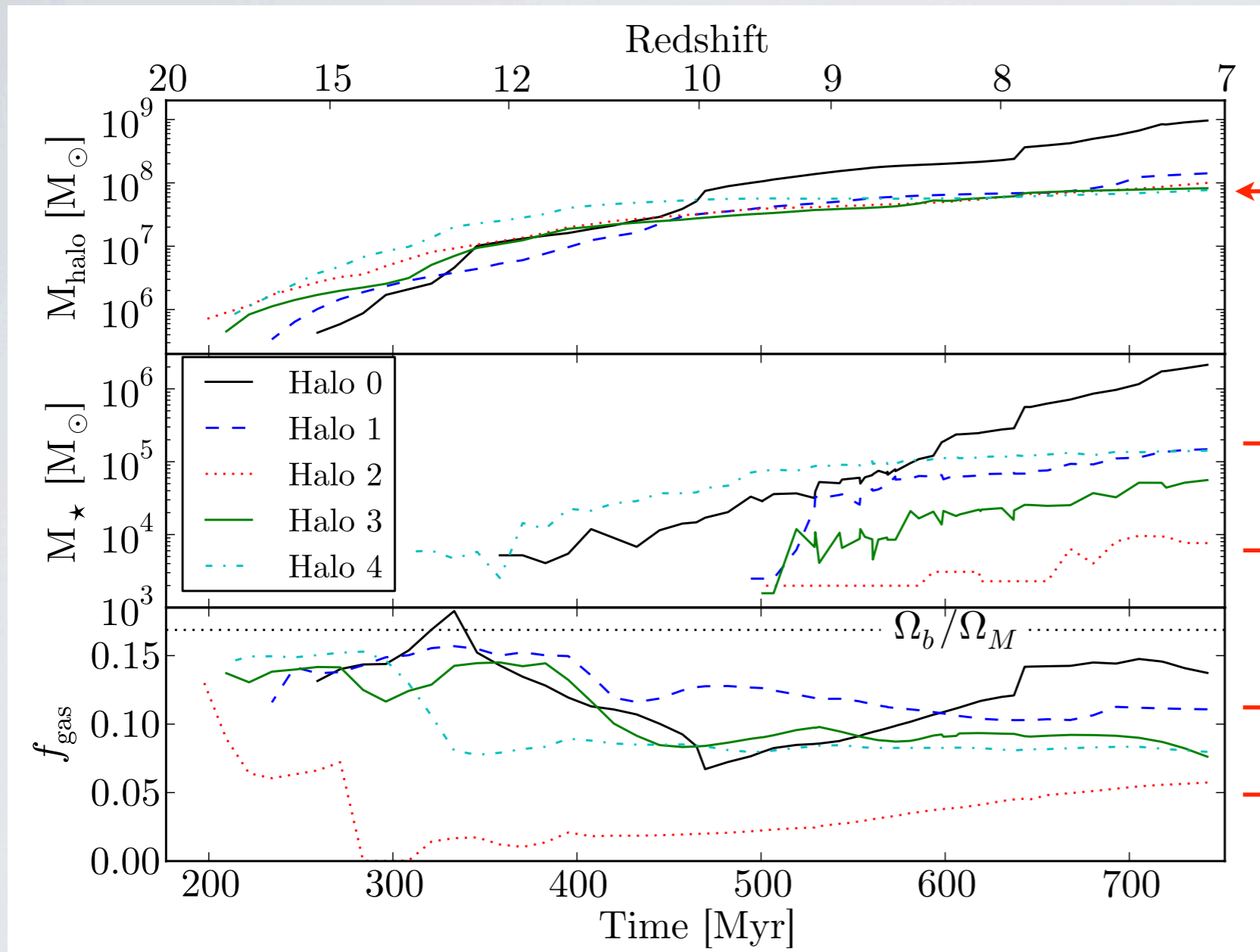
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Pop III Metals

Pop II Metals



# DWARF GALAXY BUILDUP

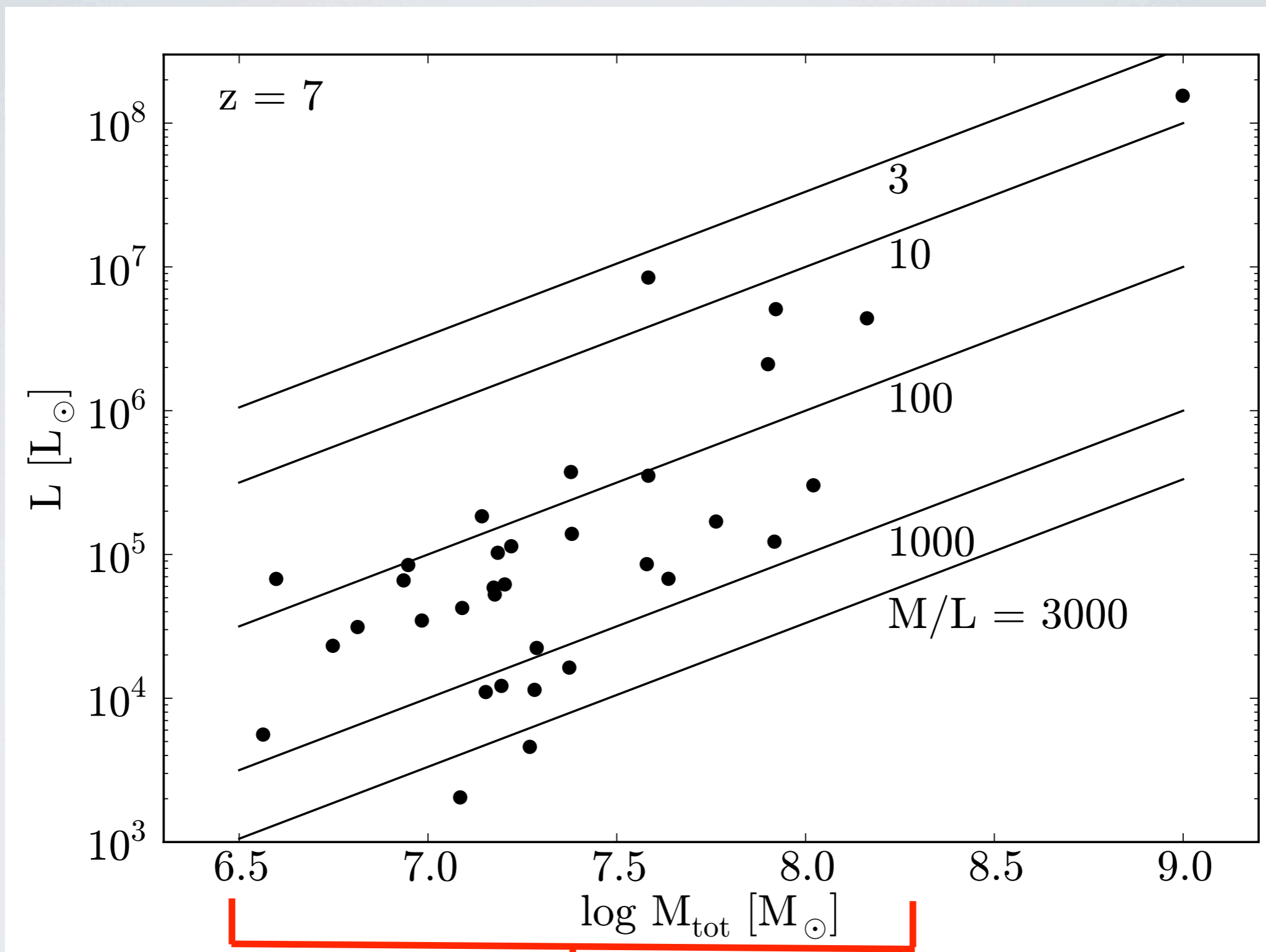


Galaxies with similar halo masses can differ in stellar mass by an order of magnitude!

$$M_{\star}/M_{\text{gas}} = 0.01 - 0.05$$

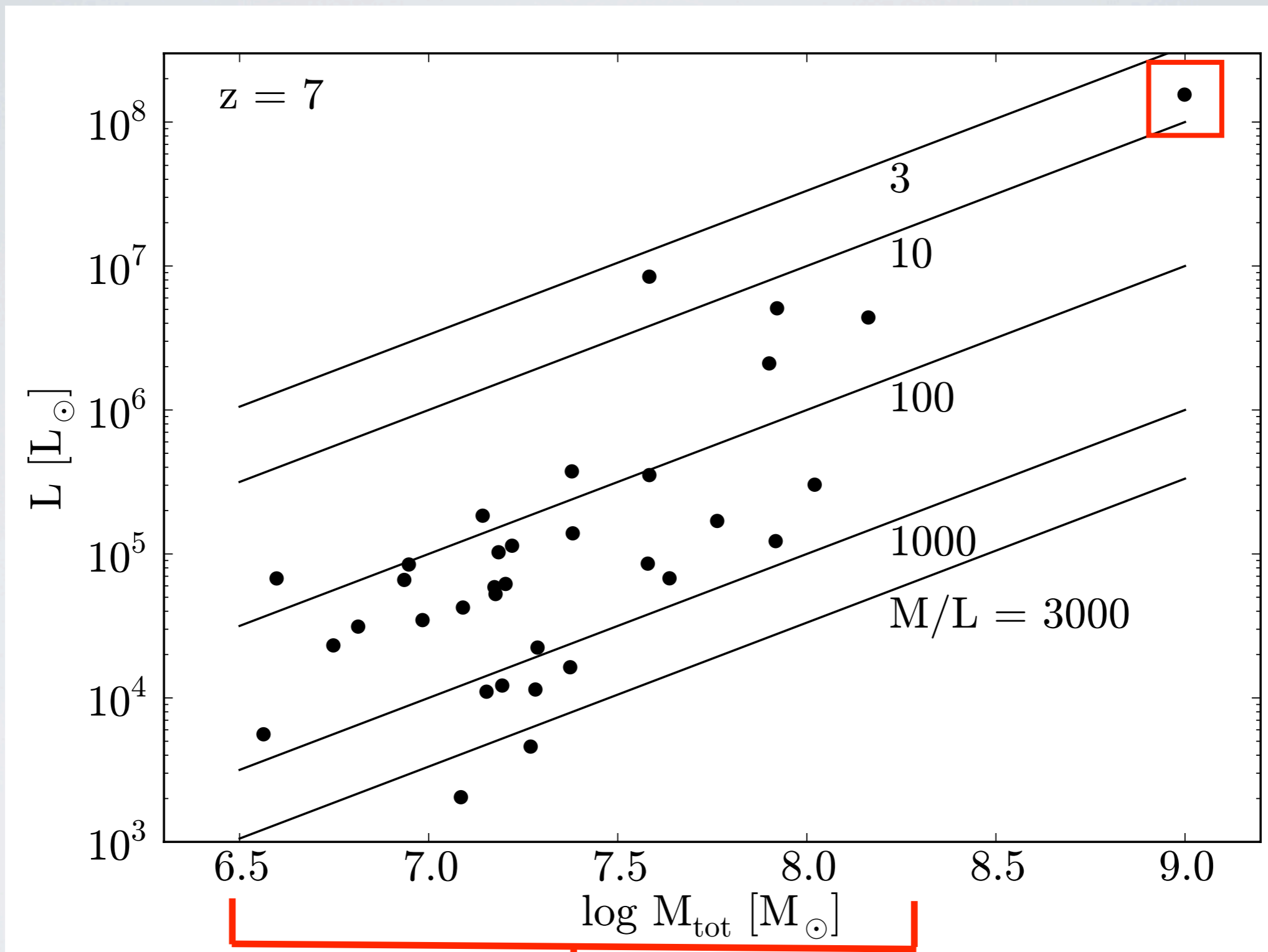
- The initial buildup of the dwarfs are regulated by prior Pop III feedback and radiative feedback from nearby galaxies.

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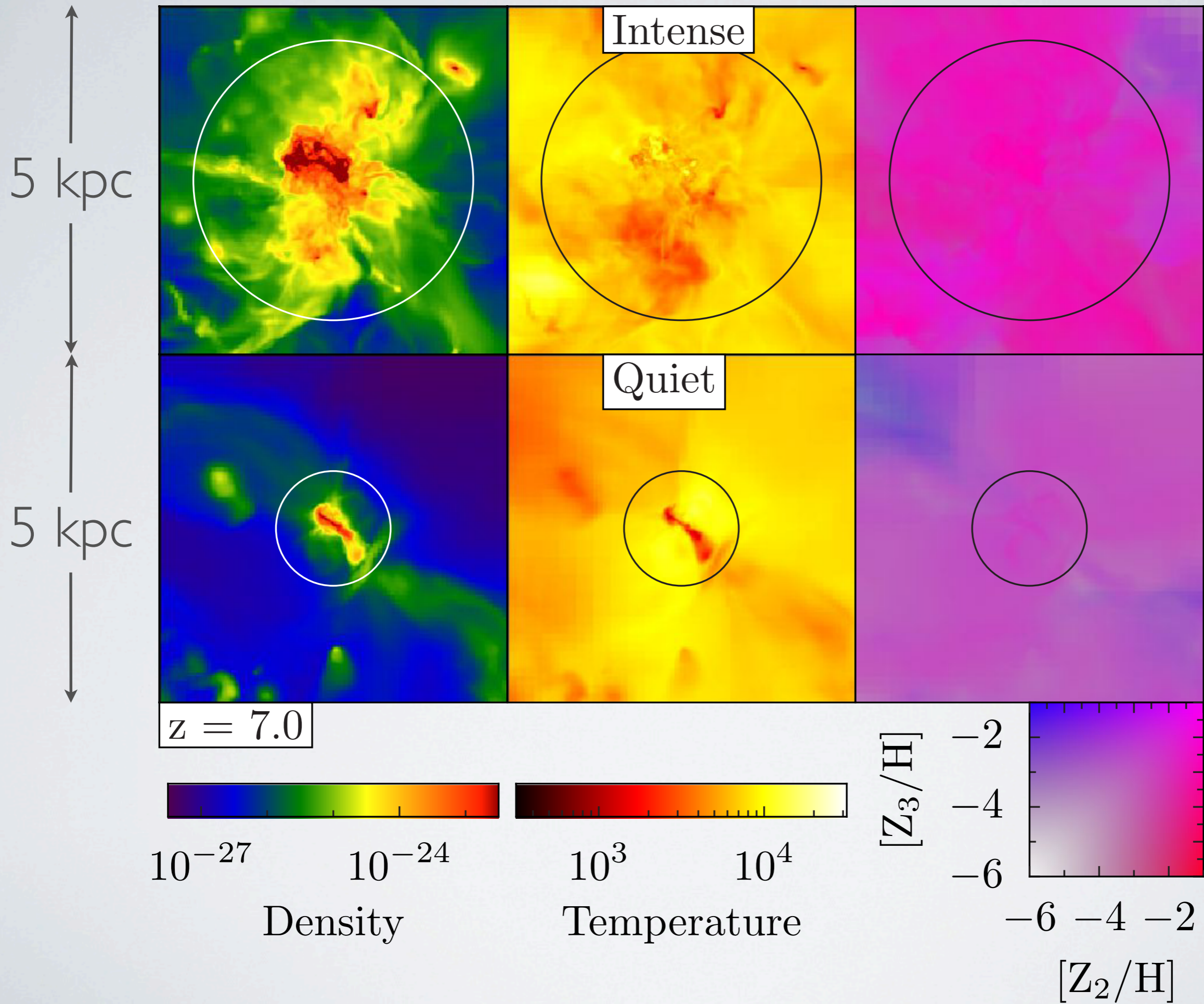


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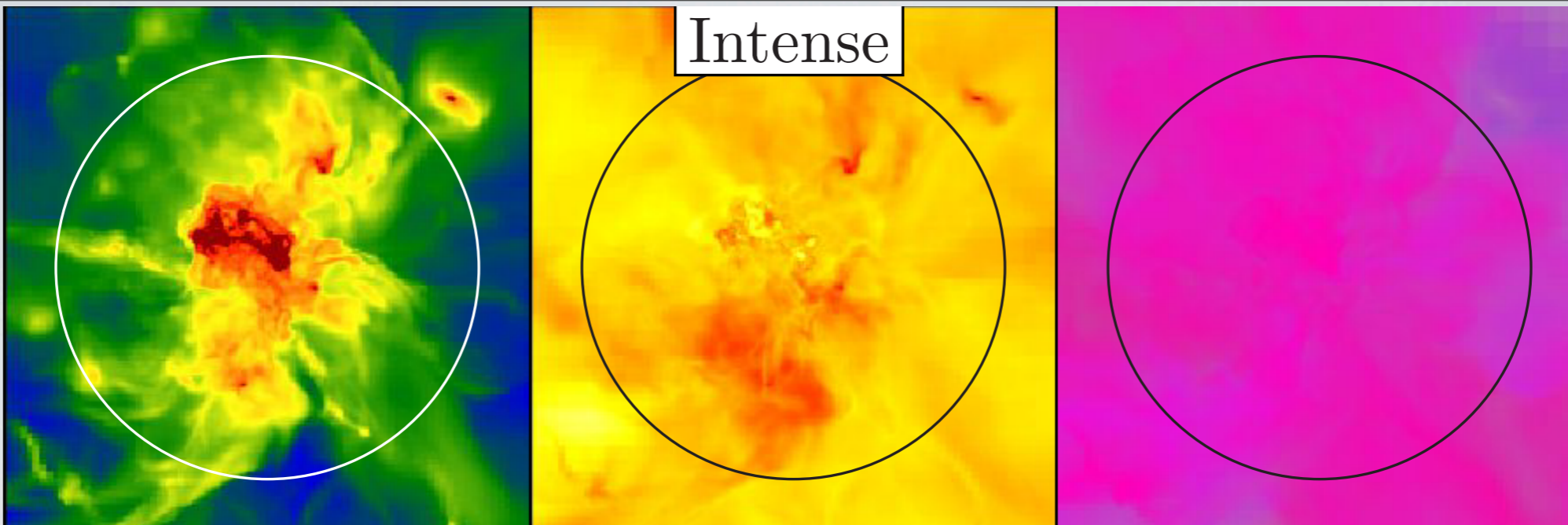
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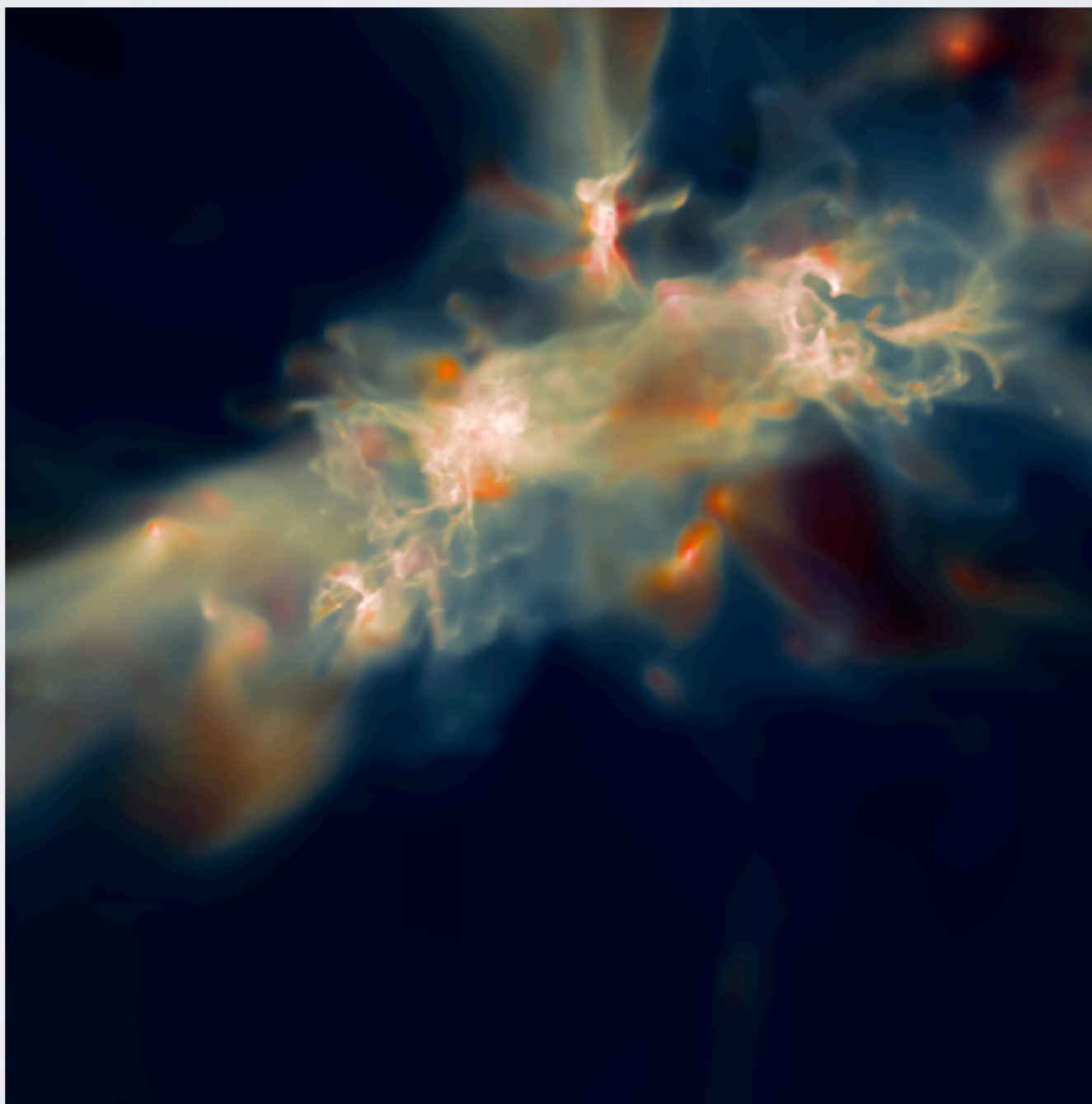
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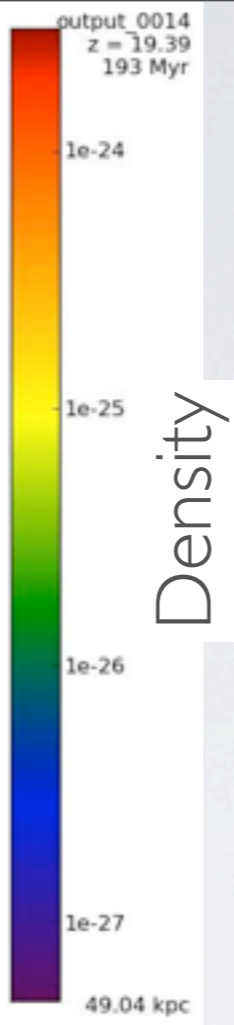
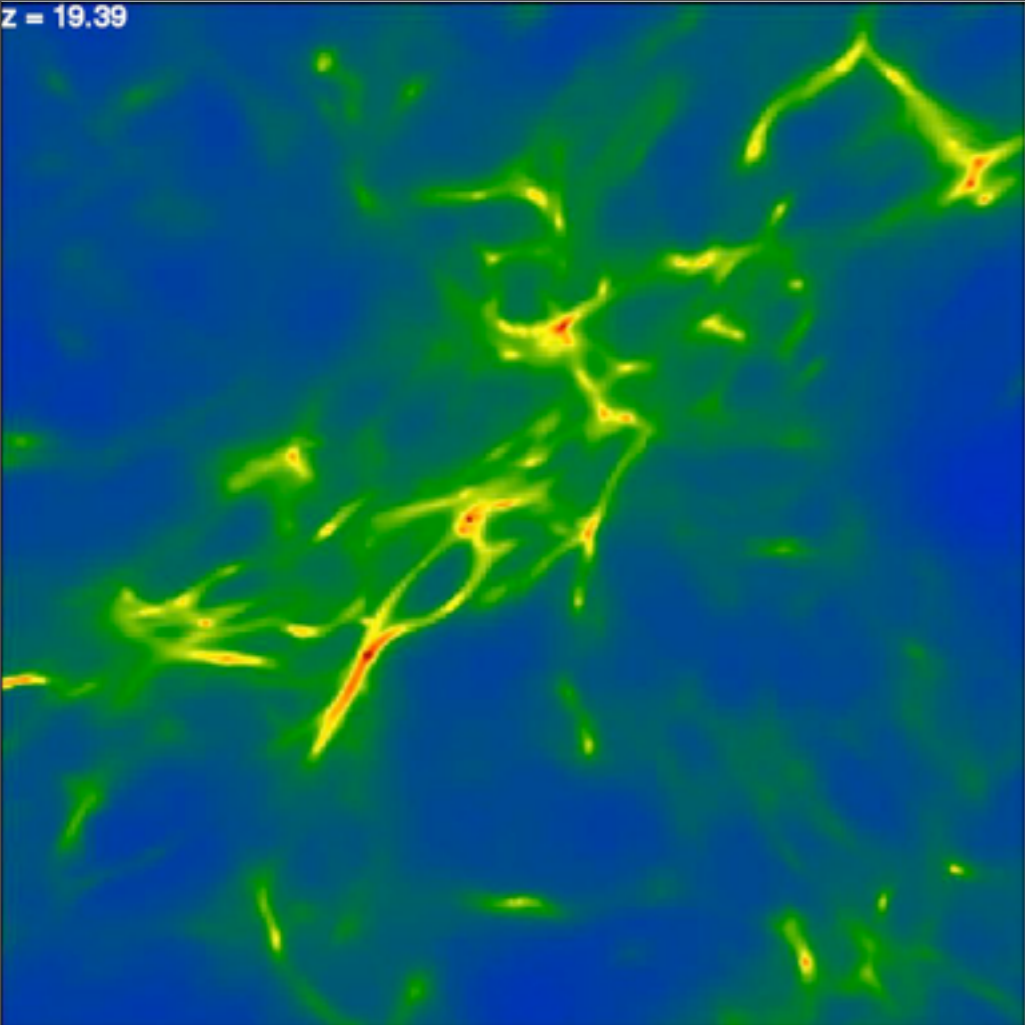
5 kpc



FoV = 10 kpc

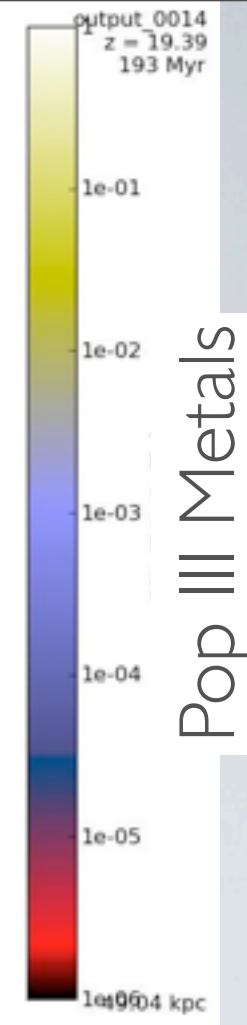
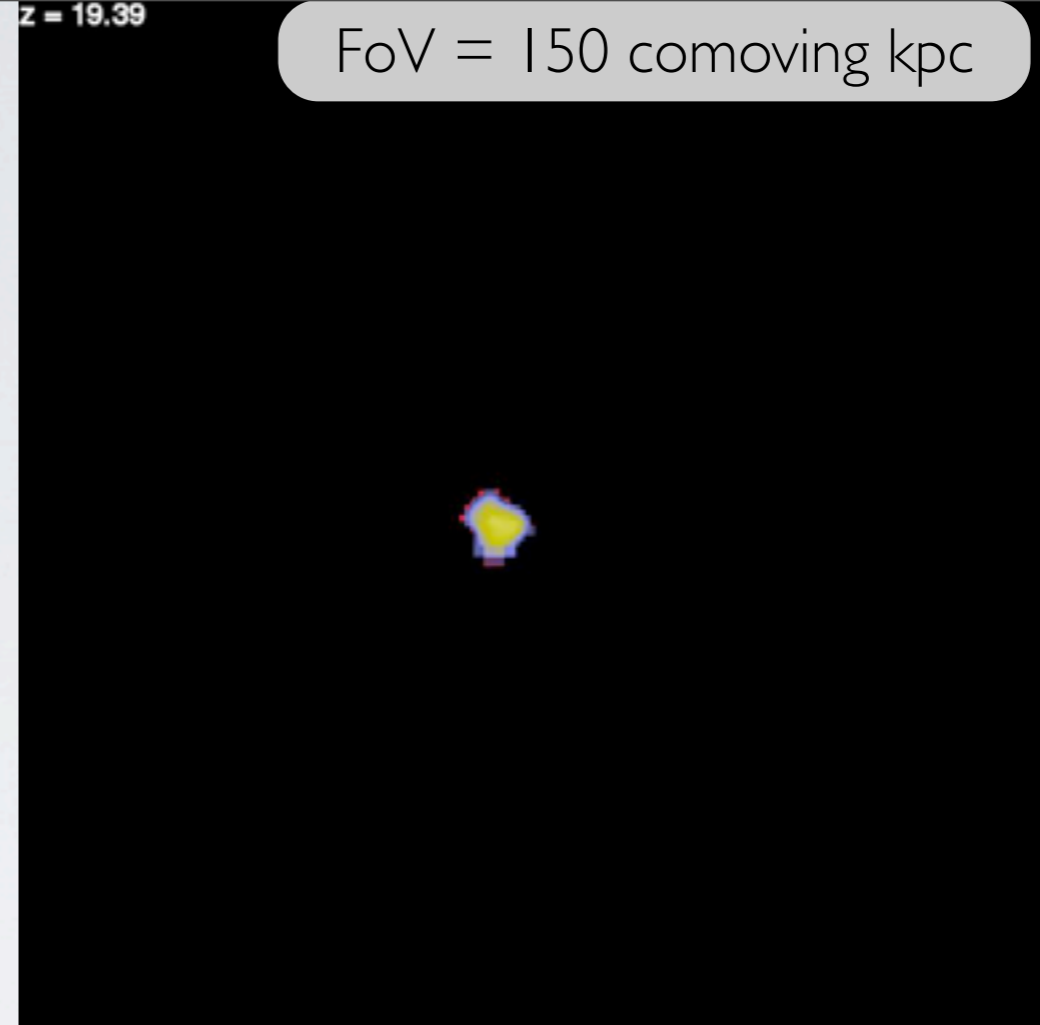


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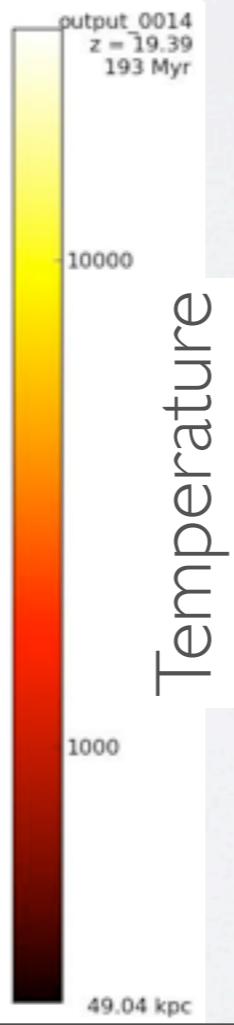
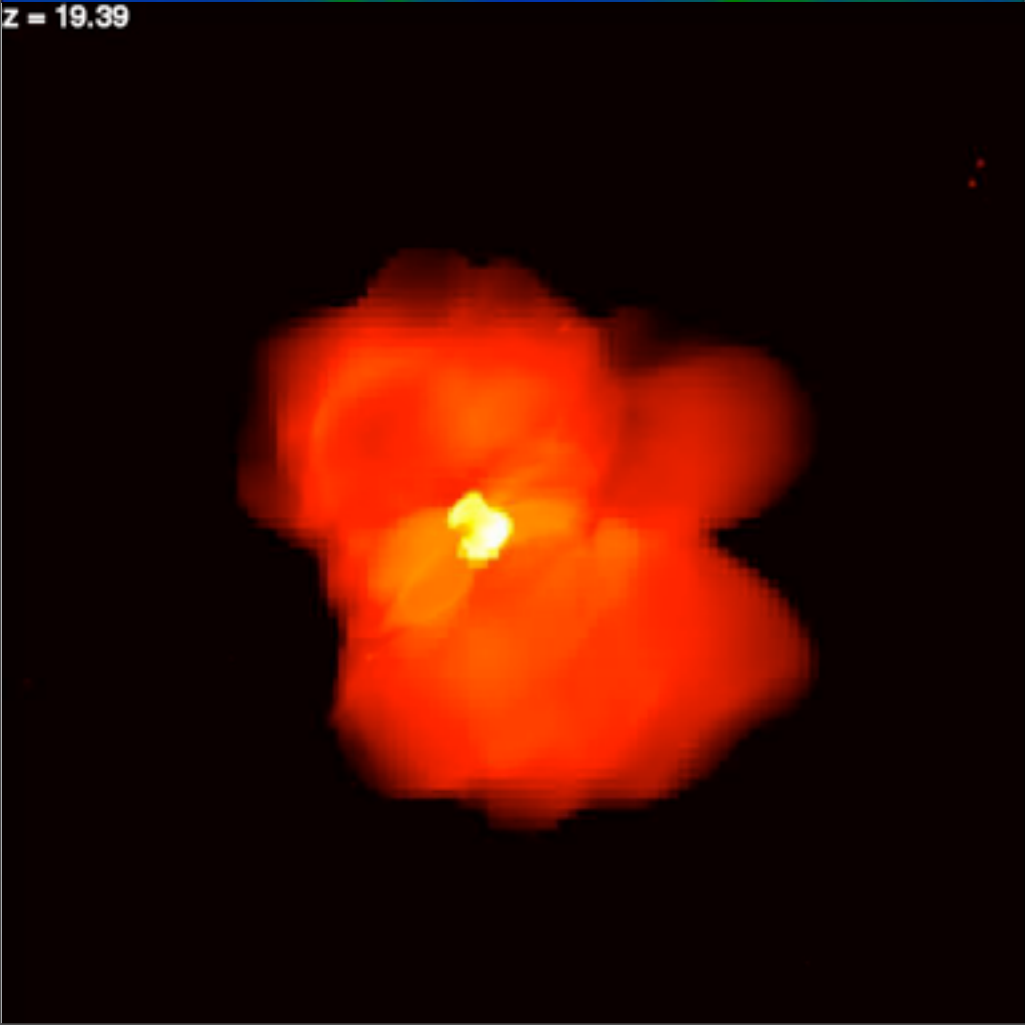


FoV = 150 comoving kpc

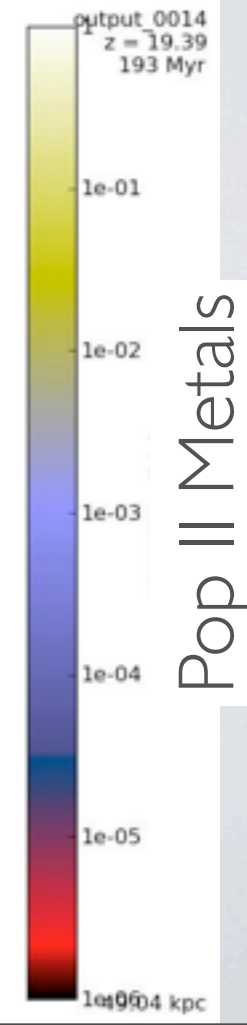
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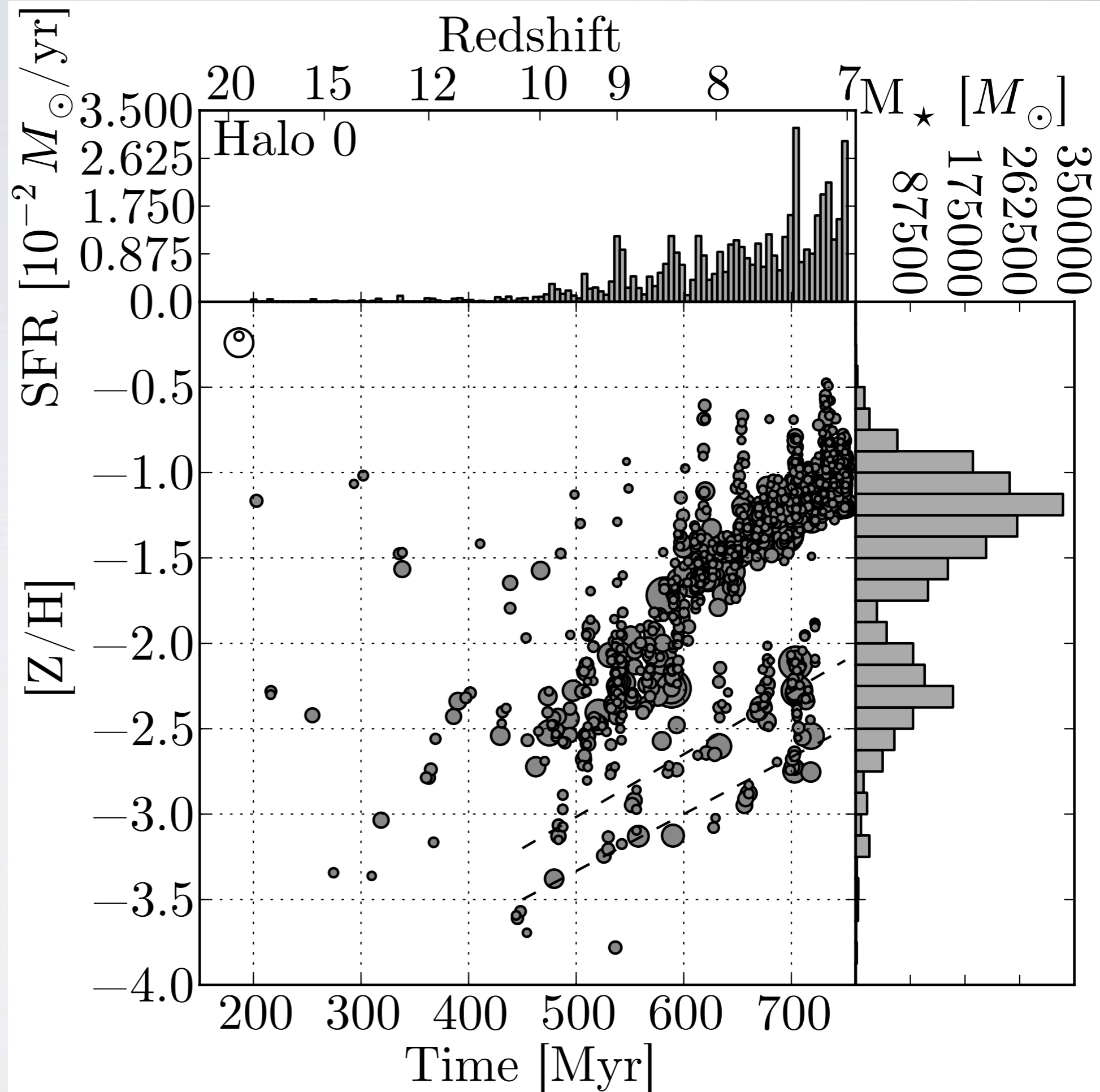


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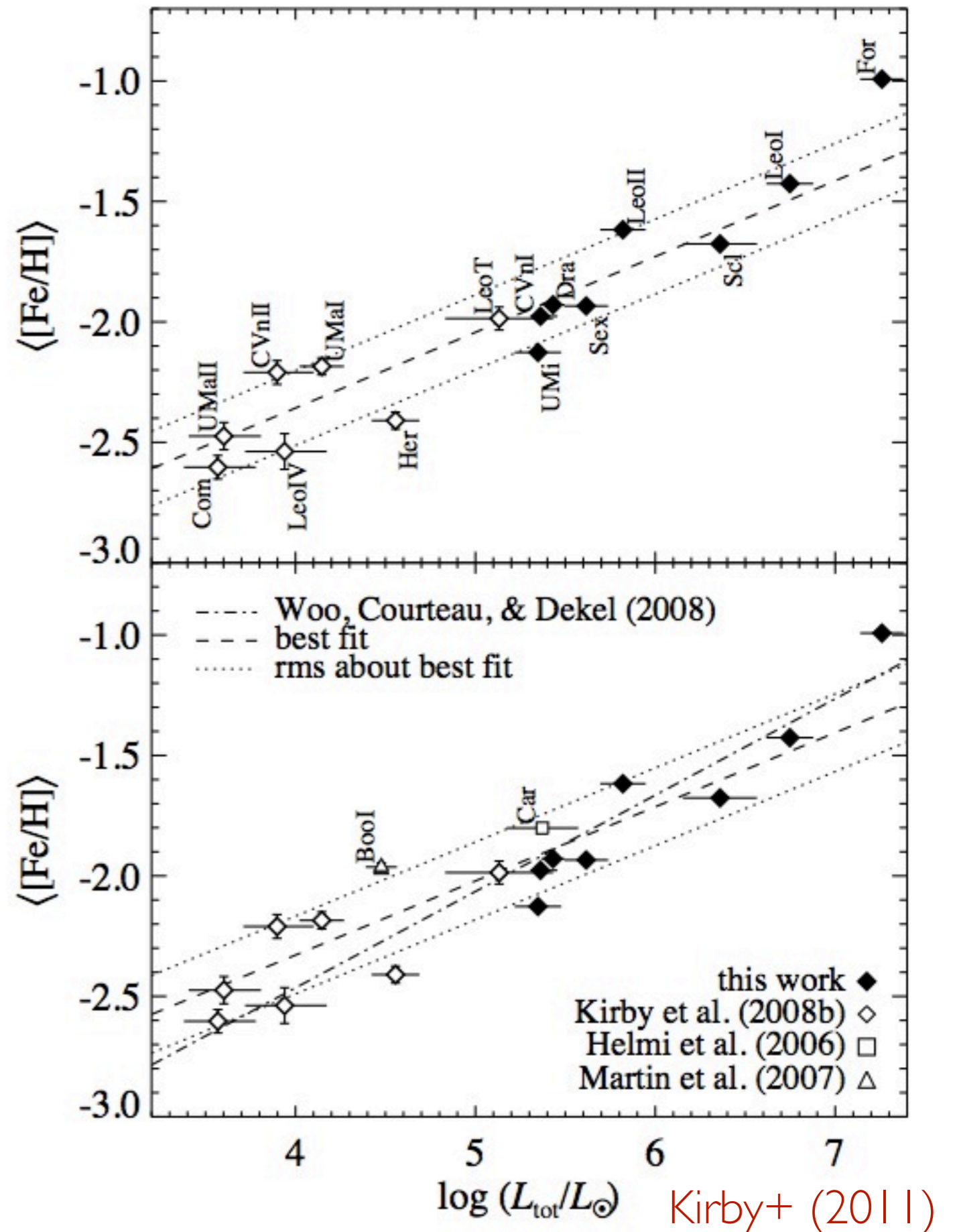


- Most massive halo ( $10^9 M_{\odot}$ ) at  $z=7$
- Undergoing a major merger
- Bi-modal metallicity distribution function
- 2% of stars with  $[Z/H] < -3$
- Induced SF makes less metal-poor stars formed near SN blastwaves



# Z-L RELATION IN LOCAL DWARF GALAXIES

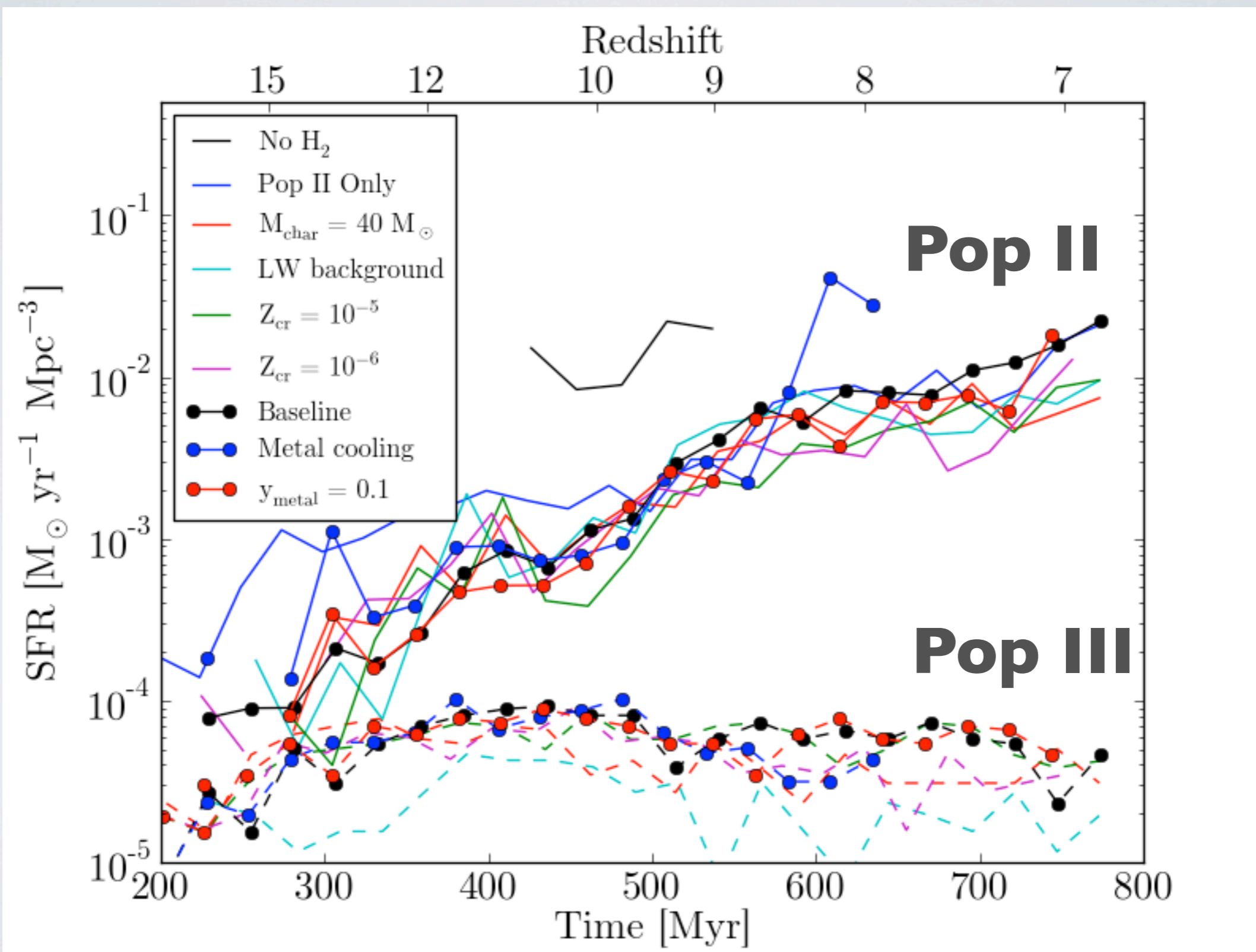
- Average metallicity in a  $10^6 L_{\odot}$  galaxy is  $[Fe/H] \sim -2$
- Useful constraint of high-redshift galaxies, if we assume that this metal-poor population was formed during reionization.



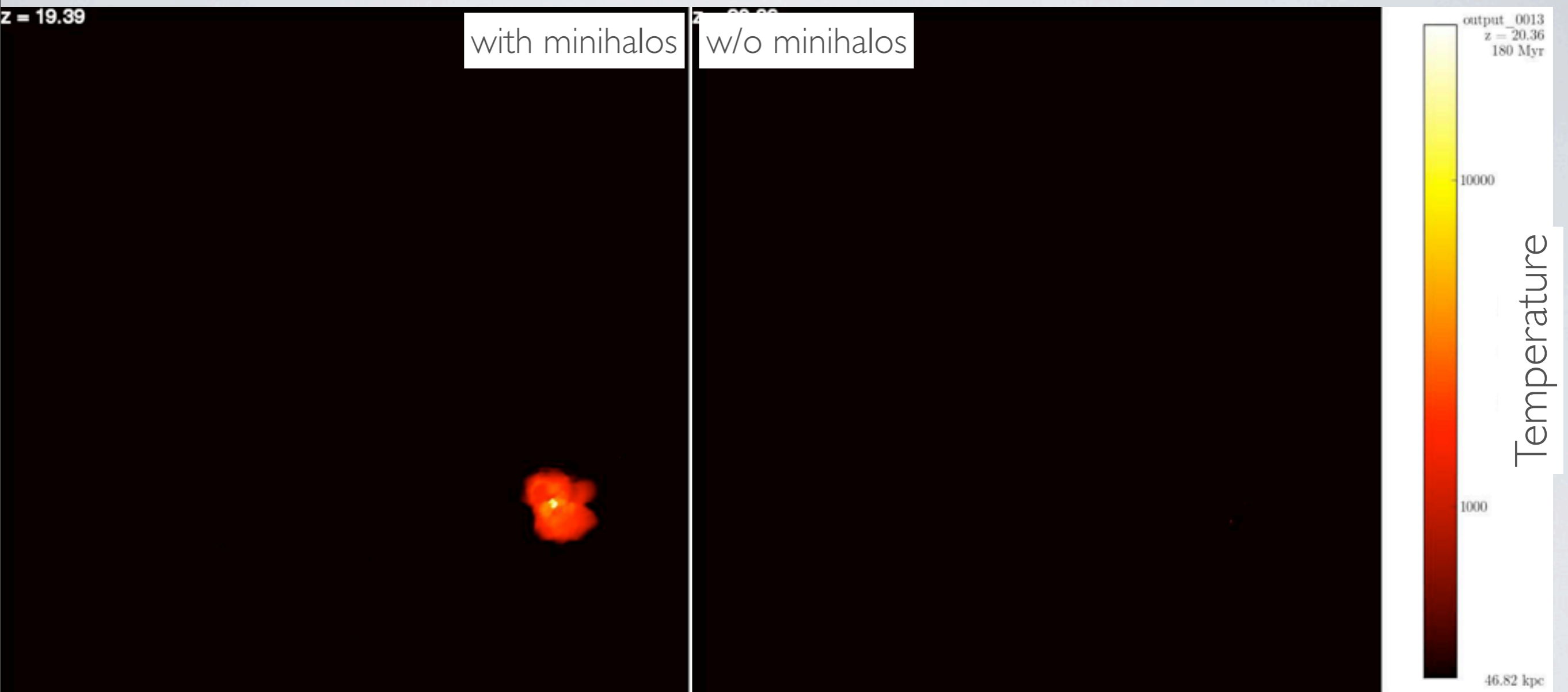
# VARYING THE SUBGRID MODELS

$M_{\text{char}} = 40 M_{\odot}$	No H <sub>2</sub> cooling (i.e. minihalos)
$Z_{\text{crit}} = 10^{-5}$ and $10^{-6} Z_{\odot}$	No Pop III SF
Redshift dependent Lyman-Werner background (LWB)	Supersonic streaming velocities
LWB + Metal cooling	LWB + Metal cooling + enhanced metal ejecta ( $y=0.025$ )
<b>LWB + Metal cooling + radiation pressure</b>	

# STAR FORMATION RATES



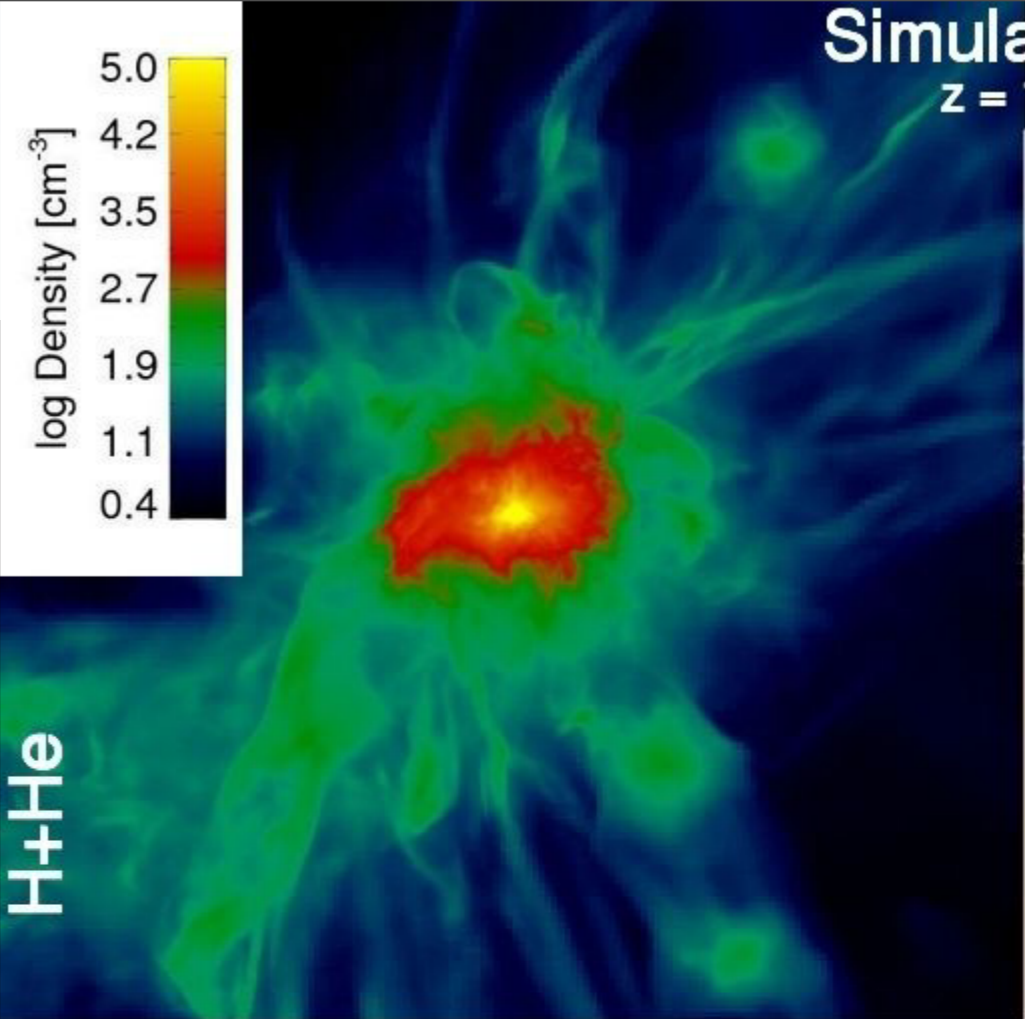
# NEGLECTING $M < 10^8 M_{\odot}$ HALOS



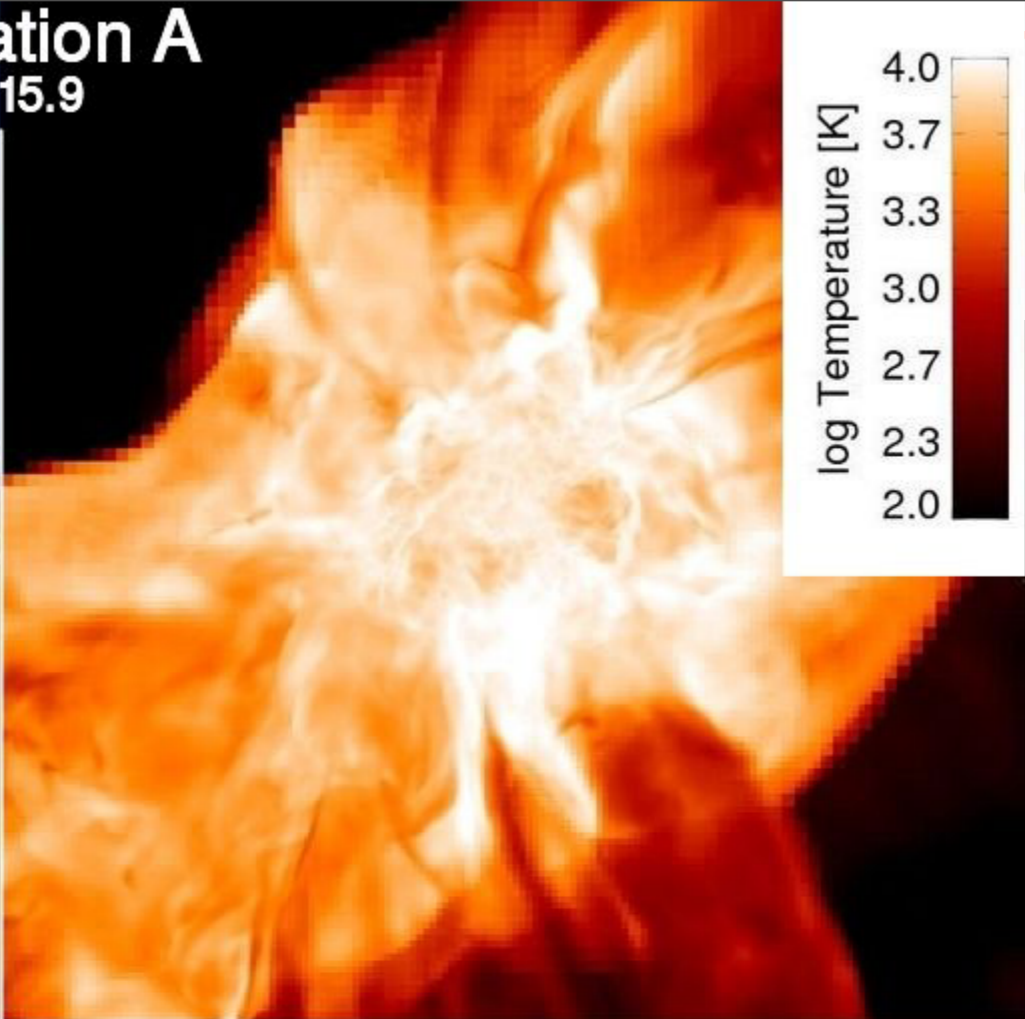
- No stellar feedback in  $M < 10^8 M_{\odot}$  halos  $\rightarrow f_{\text{gas}} = \Omega_b / \Omega_m$
- High-z halos are too gas-rich, leading to an overproduction of stellar mass and SFR in low-mass, high-z galaxies.

# Simulation A

$z = 15.9$



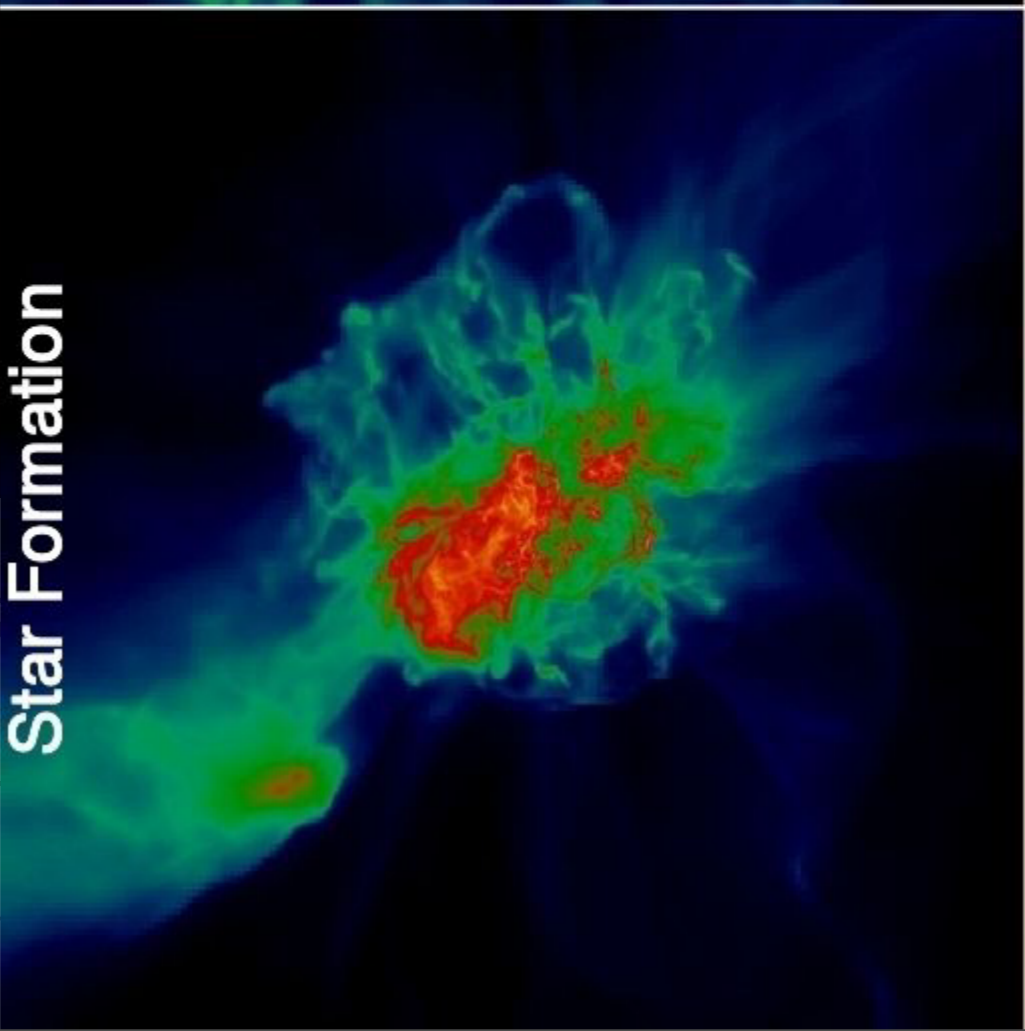
H+He



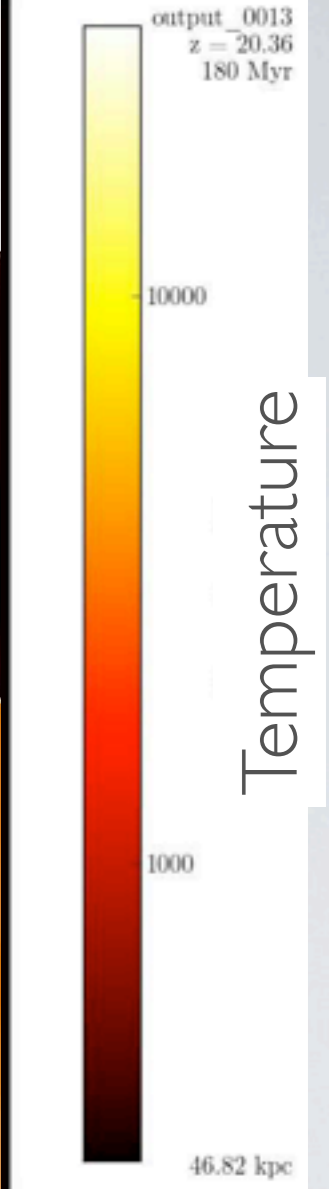
V+ (in prep.)

# OS

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Star Formation

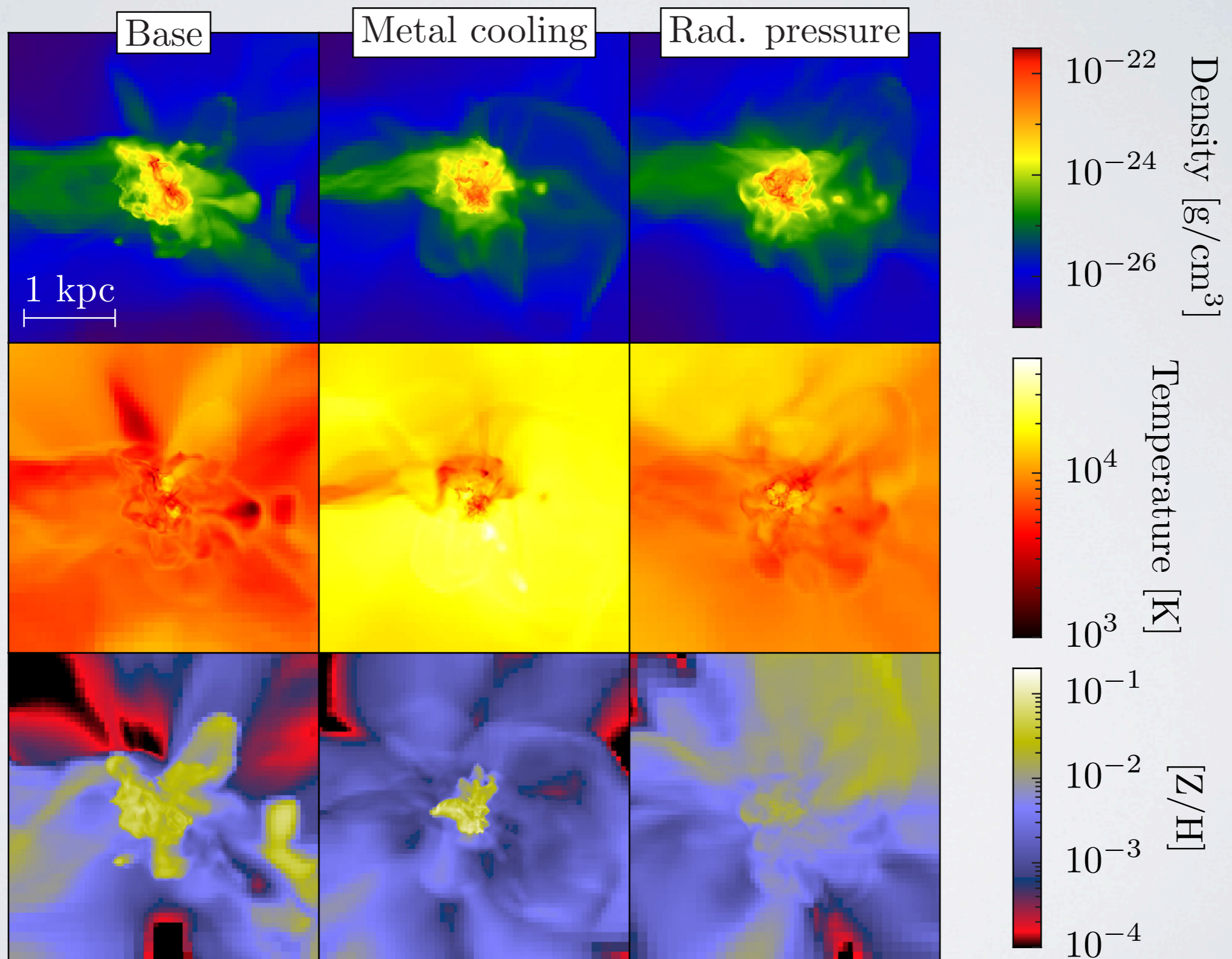


- No s
- High stellar

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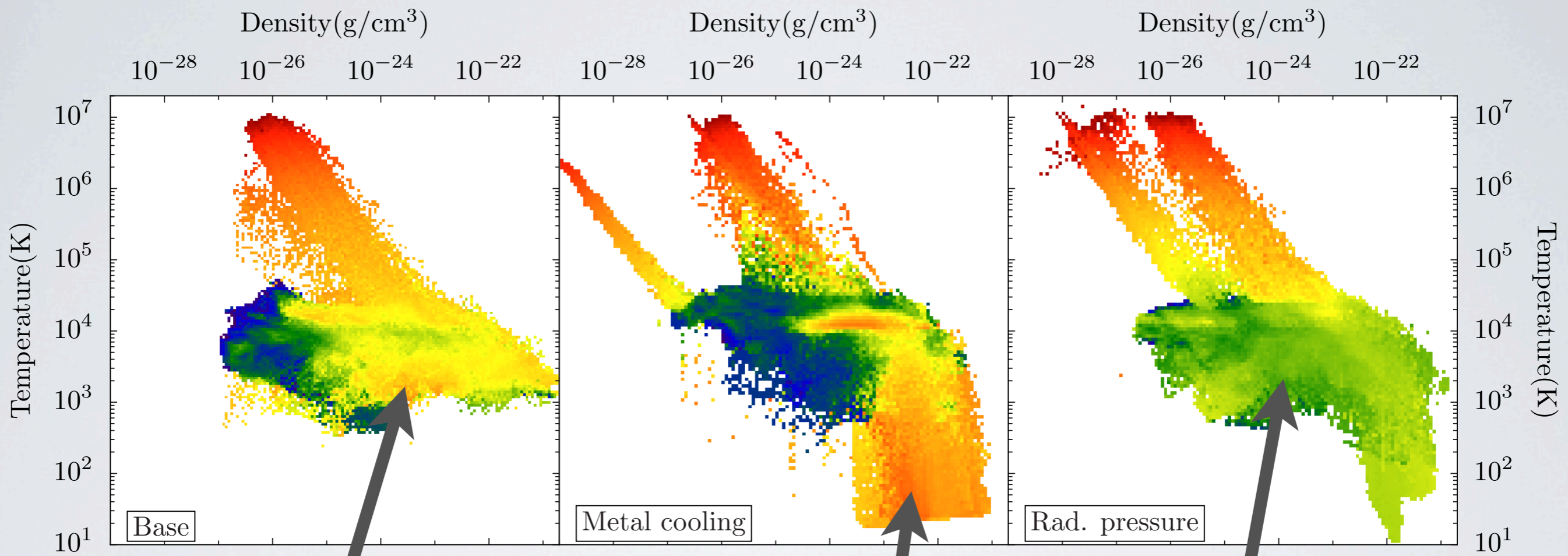
Wise & Abel (2008)

## EFFECTS OF RADIATION PRESSURE

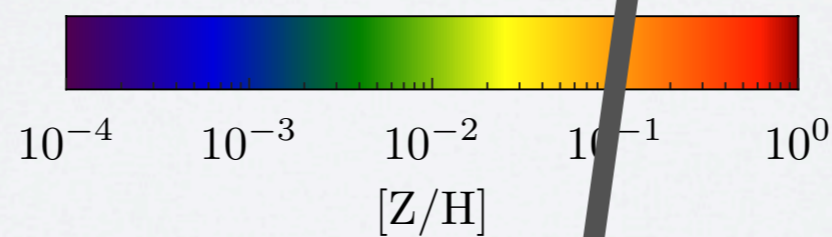
 $M_{\text{VIR}} = 3 \times 10^8 M_{\odot}$  GALAXY AT  $z = 8$ 

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## AVG. METALLICITIES IN DENSITY-TEMPERATURE SPACE



H<sub>2</sub> cooling to T ~ 1000 K.  
Local UV radiation field prevents cooling to 300 K.



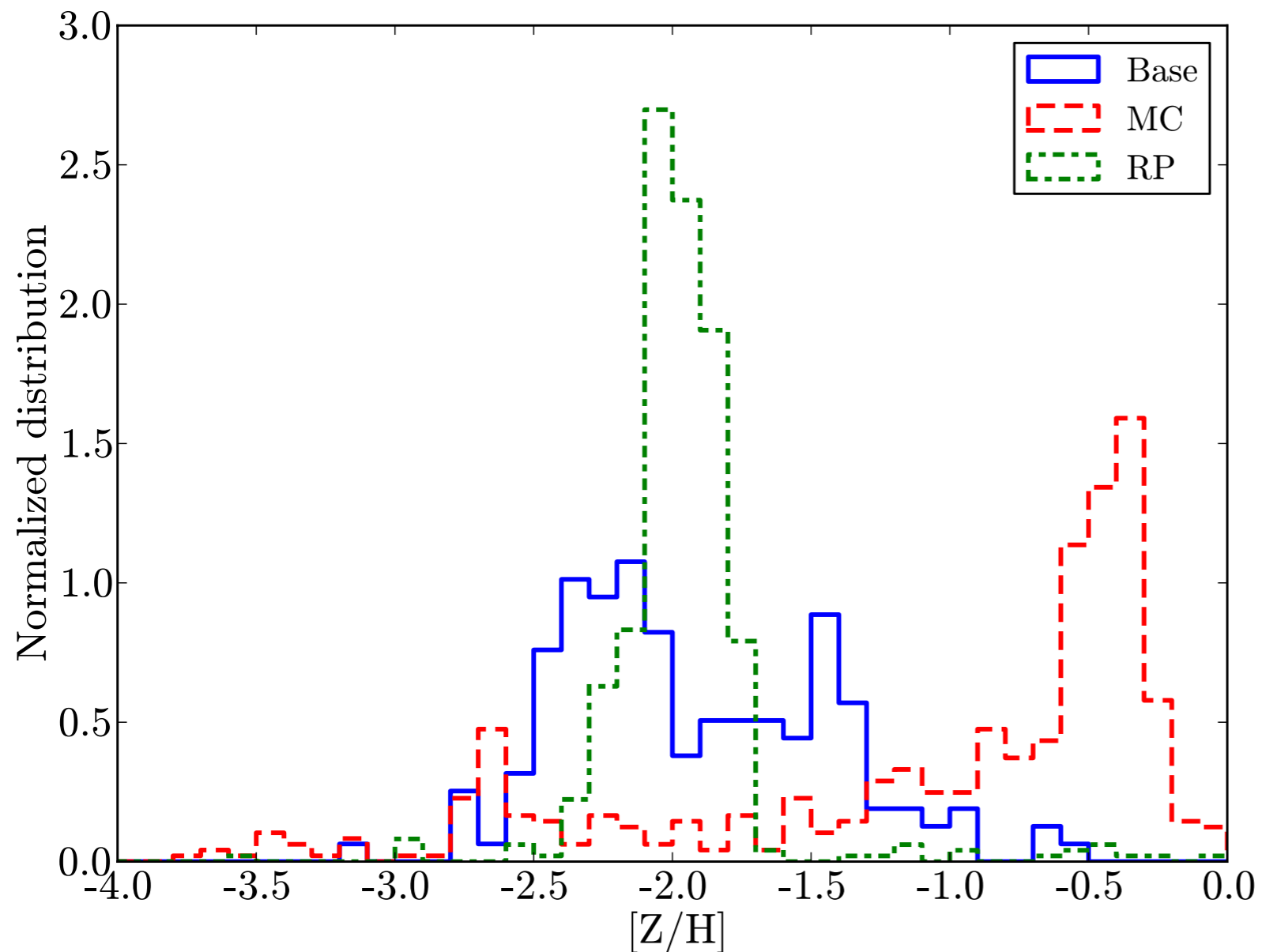
Radiation pressure aids in dispersing metals to the ISM.

Metal-rich ejecta "trapped" in cold, dense gas. Little mixing.



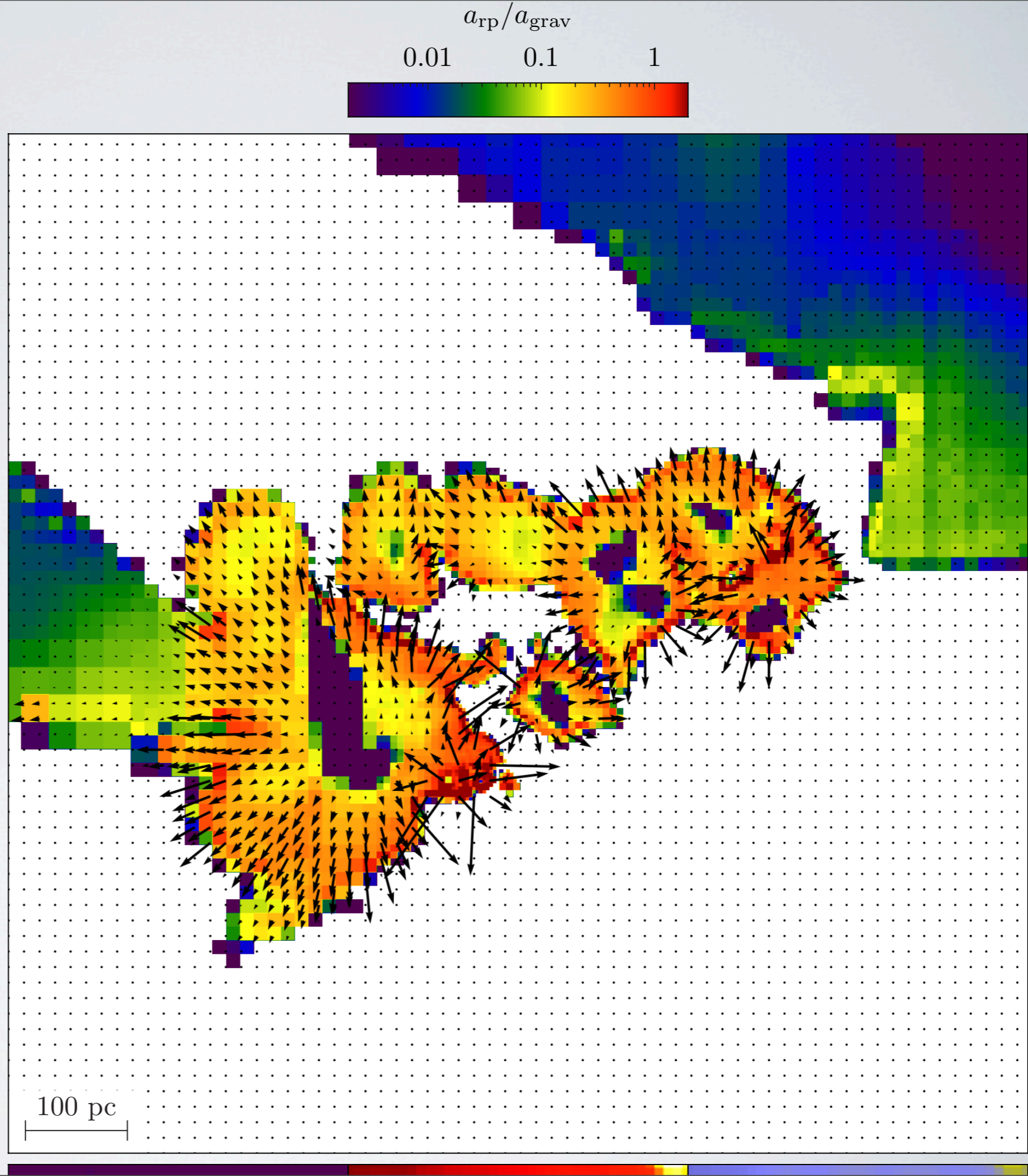
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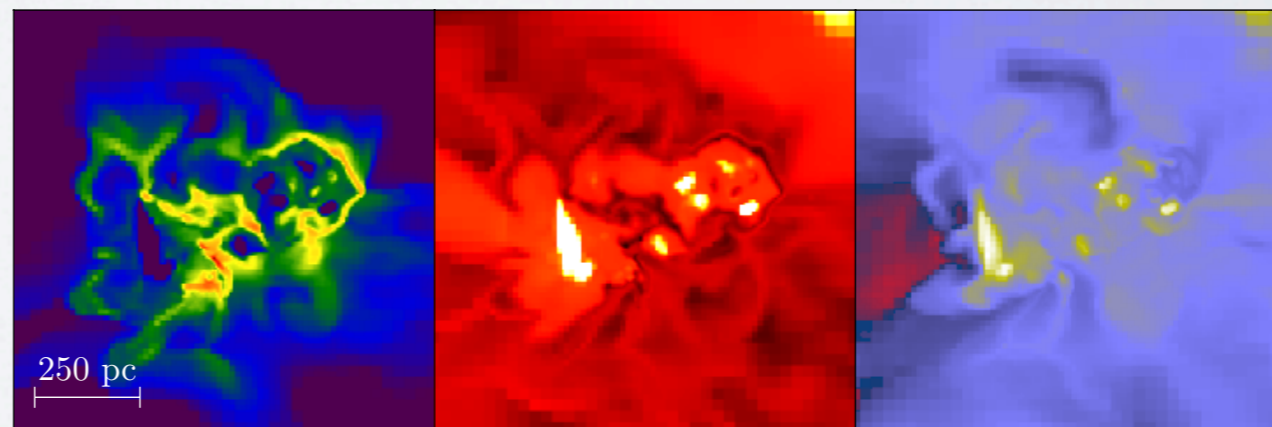
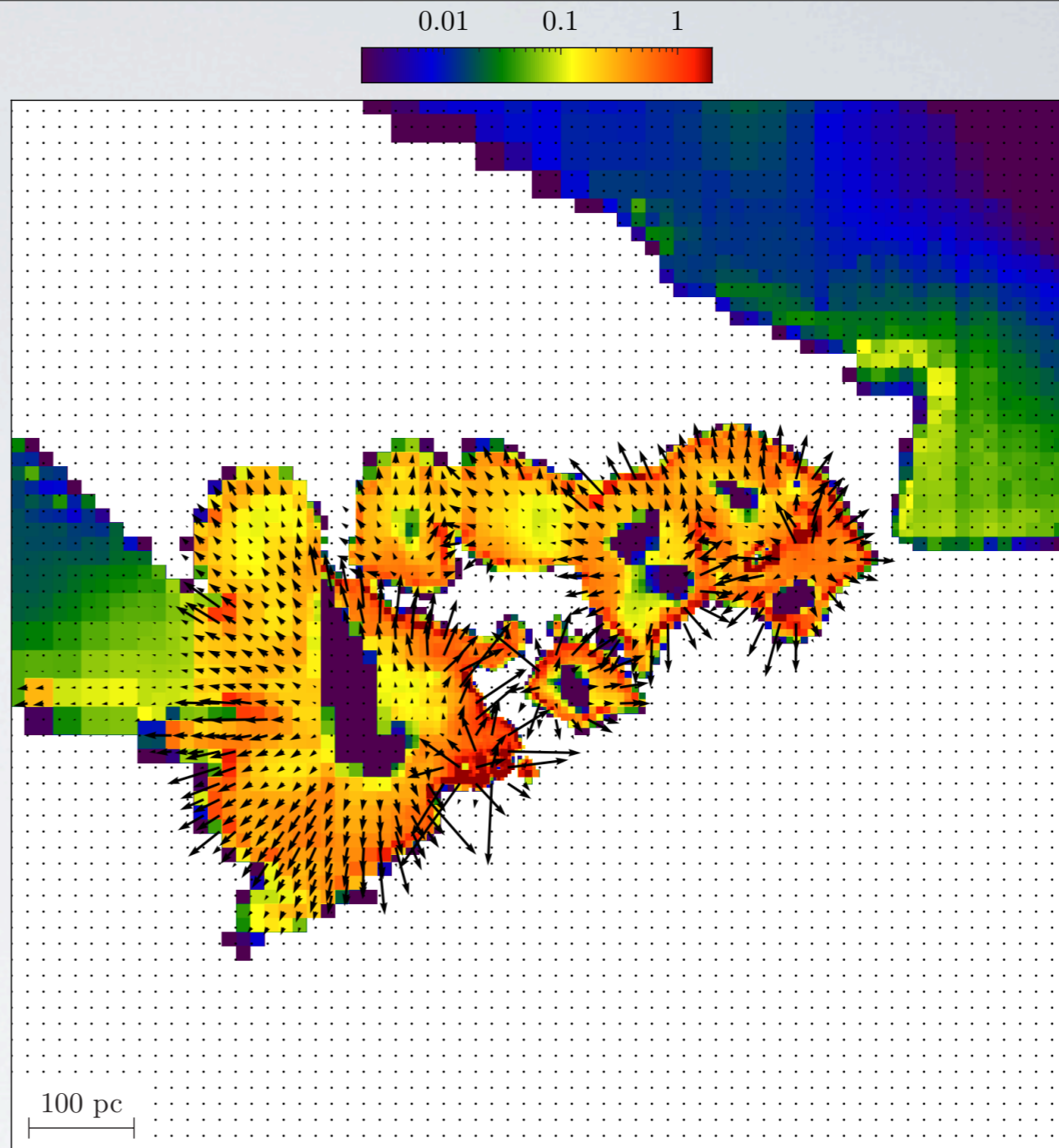


Feedback from radiation pressure more effectively disperses metal-rich ejecta and produces a galaxy on the mass-metallicity relation

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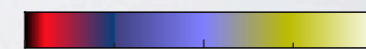
$10^{-24}$   $10^{-23}$   $10^{-22}$

Density( $\text{g}/\text{cm}^3$ )



$10^3$   $10^4$   $10^5$   $10^6$

Temperature(K)



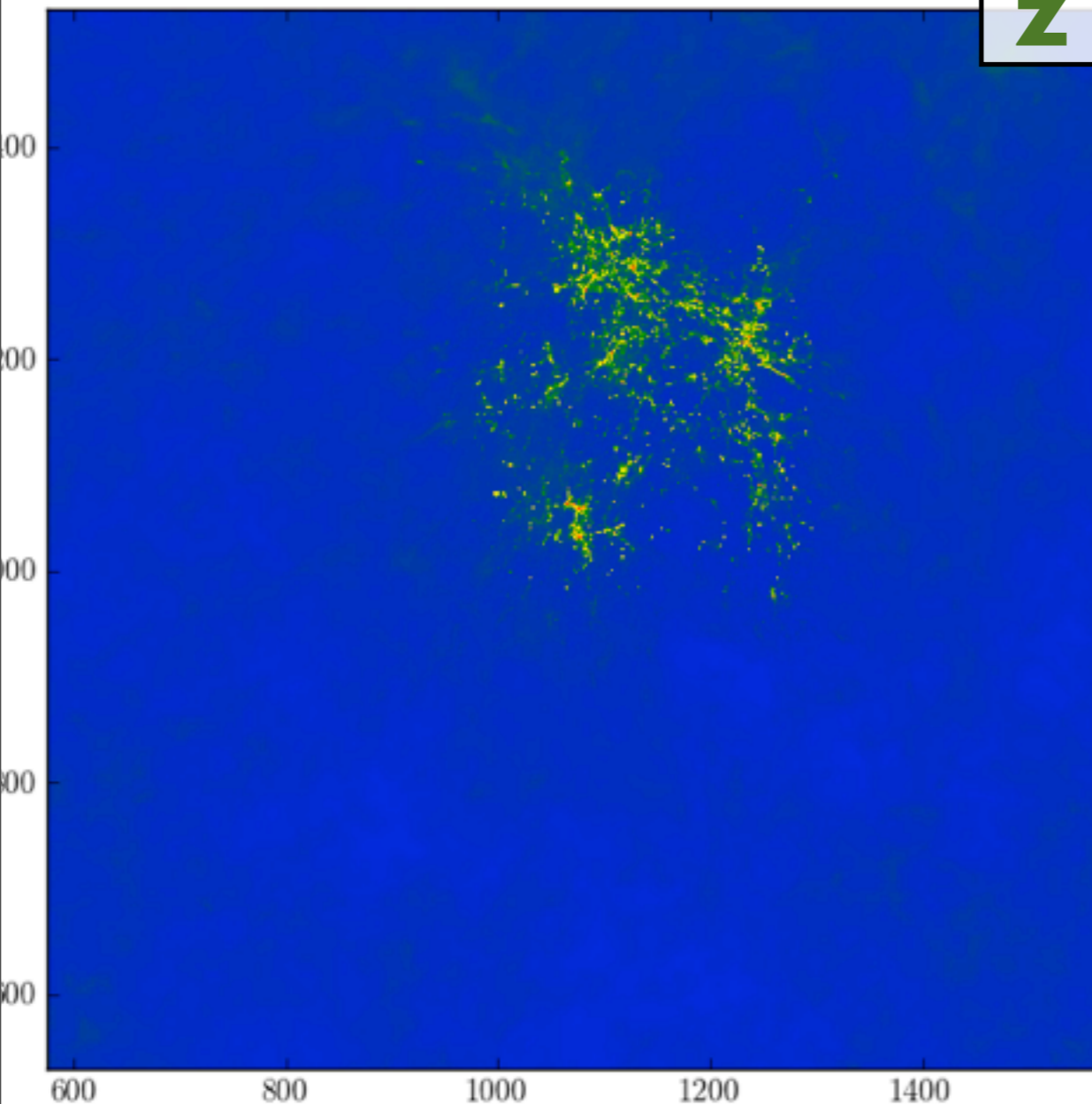
$10^{-4}$   $10^{-2}$   $10^0$

Metallicity( $Z \odot$ )

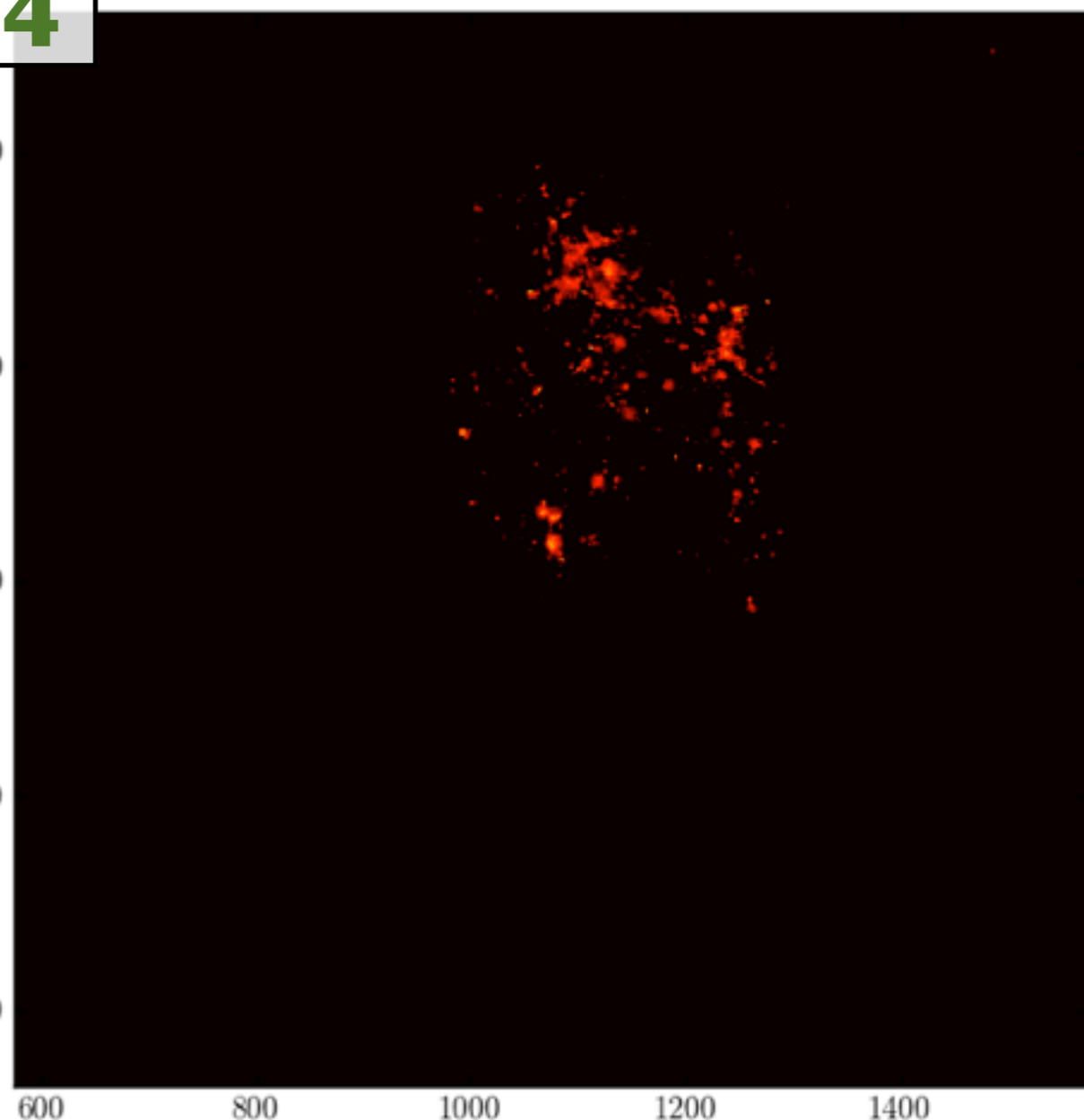
# FUTURE WORK

- Same physics ( $M_{\text{char}} = 40 M_{\odot}$ )
- 40 cMpc box
- Zoom-in region of 5 cMpc
- $10^4 M_{\text{sun}}$  DM particles

**z = 16.4**



proper kpc



Projected Density  
(scale:  $3 \times 10^{-28} - 3 \times 10^{-24} \text{ g/cm}^3$ )

Projected Temperature  
(scale:  $10^3 - 3 \times 10^4 \text{ K}$ )

# CONCLUSIONS

- Radiative and chemical feedback play an important role in the formation of the first galaxies and starting reionization

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- Population III stars enrich the IGM and dwarf galaxies up to  $10^{-3}Z_{\odot}$ , possibly providing a metallicity floor for halo/dSph stars and DLAs.
- Differing Population III stellar feedback can cause a scatter in M/L up to a factor of 30 at a fixed DM mass.
- **Radiation pressure** (in addition to photo-heating and SNe) may play an important role in high-z dwarf galaxy formation.

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- Even the smallest galaxies are complex with star formation and feedback.



# IONIZATION HISTORY

