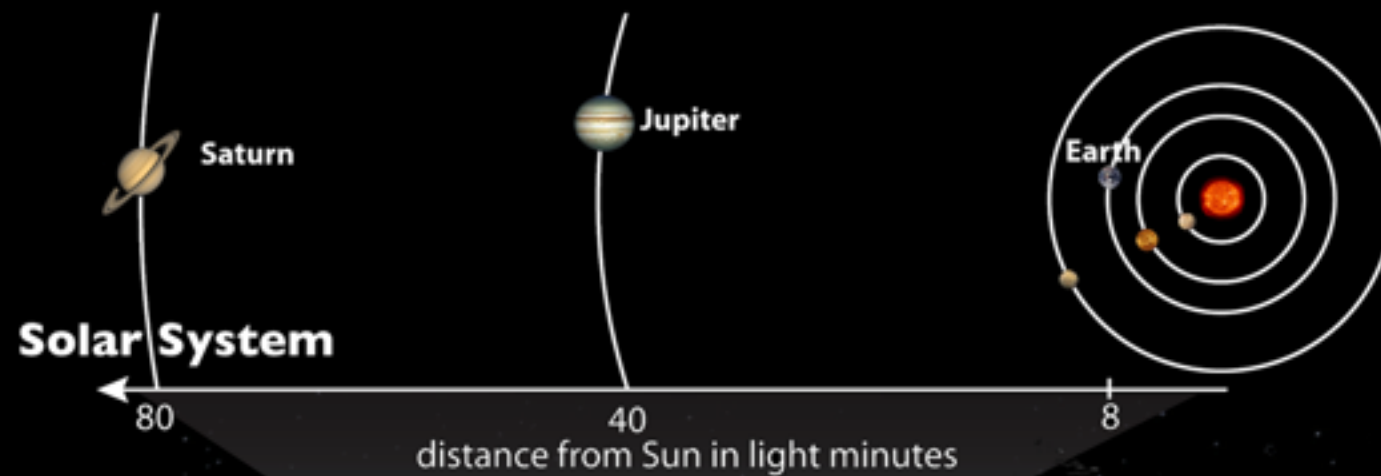
The background of the slide is a vibrant, orange-red cosmic web, showing a complex network of filaments and nodes of light, representing the large-scale structure of the universe. The text is overlaid on this background.

# **Supercomputing the Universe**

**Joel R. Primack**



# The Modern Scientific Cosmos



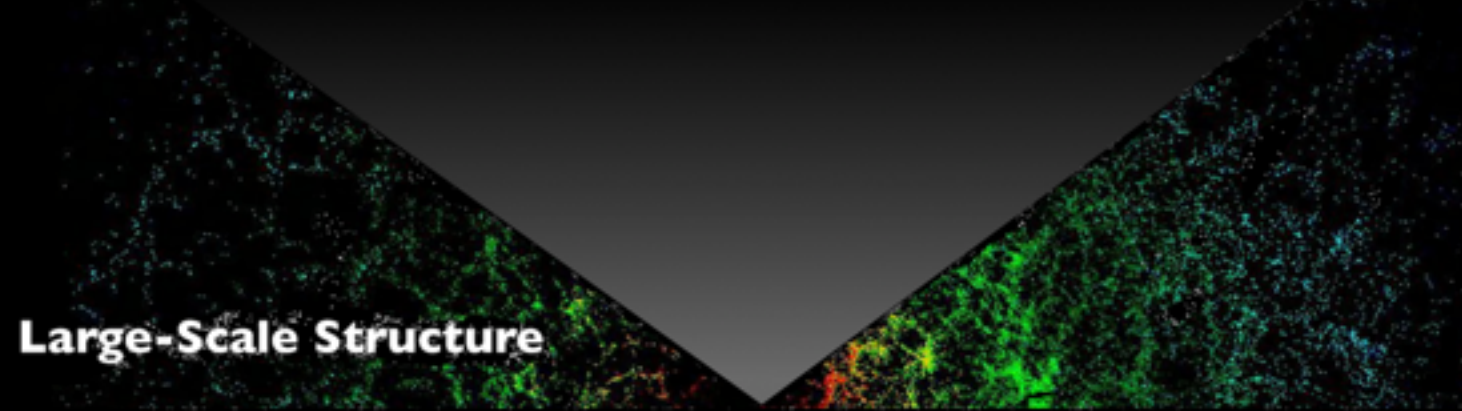
**Our Cosmic Address**



100,000 light-years



each dot is a big galaxy



Sloan Digital Sky Survey

0 1 billion light-years to cosmic horizon

# VOYAGE TO THE VIRGO CLUSTER





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A deep space photograph of the Virgo Cluster of galaxies. The image shows a vast field of galaxies in various colors and orientations, set against a dark background. The galaxies are densely packed, with some appearing as bright, elongated structures and others as smaller, more distant points of light. The overall scene is a rich and diverse collection of celestial bodies.



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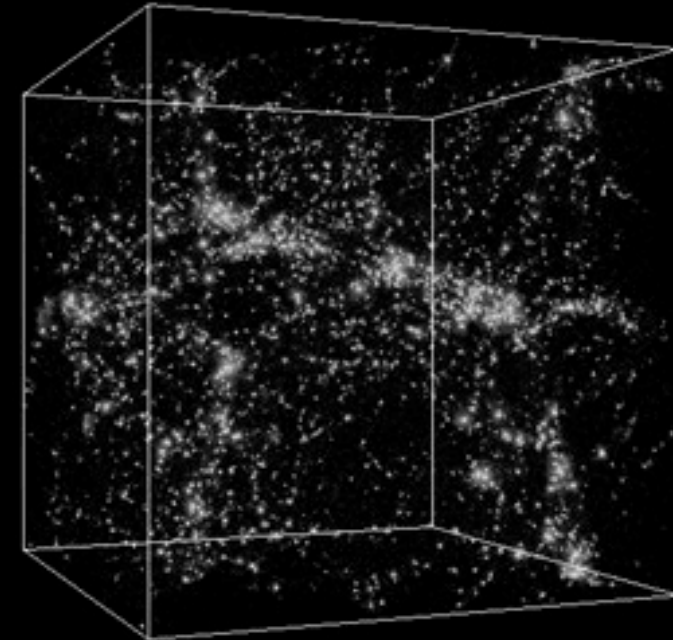
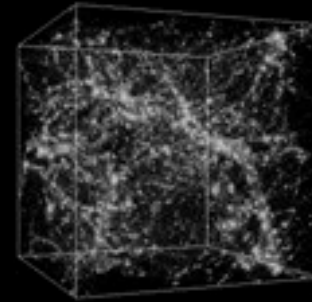
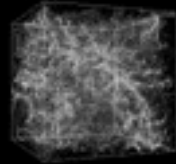




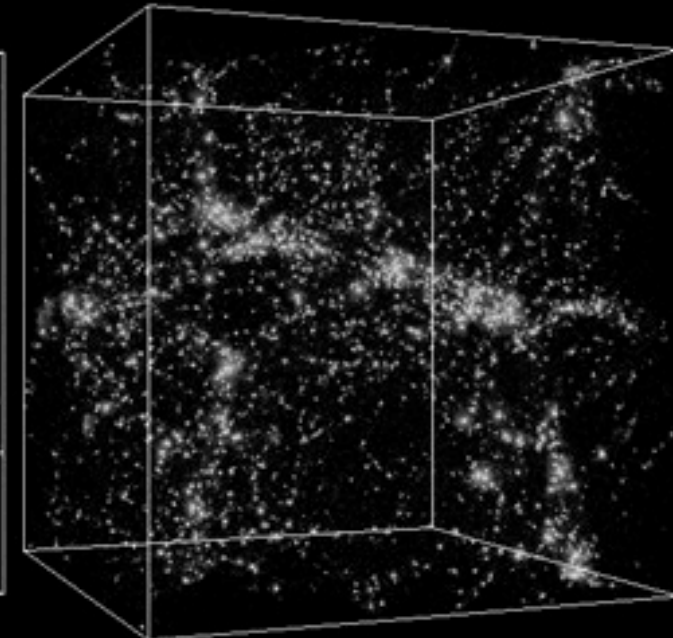
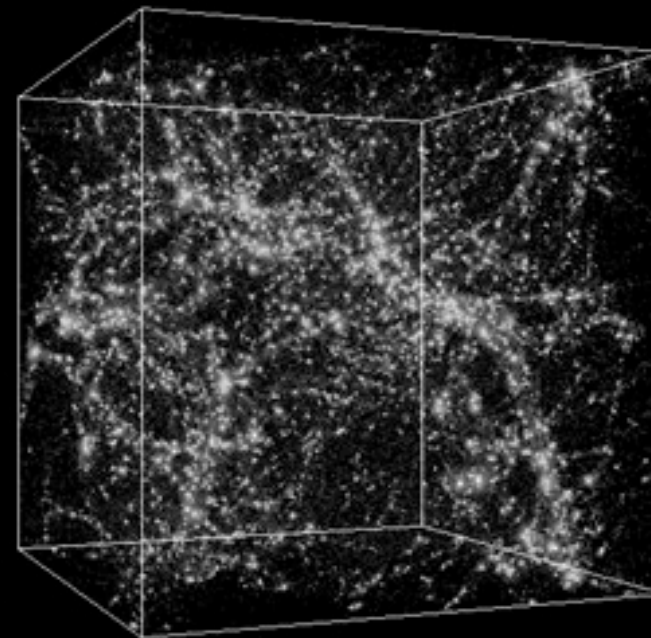
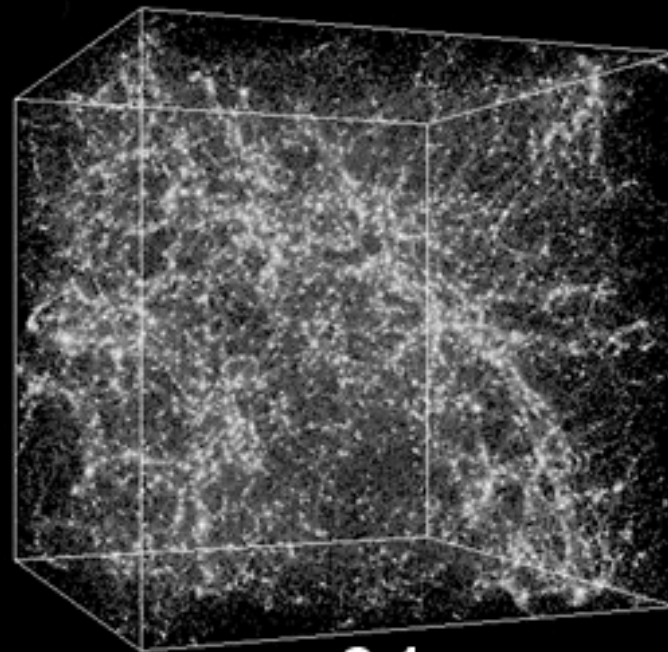
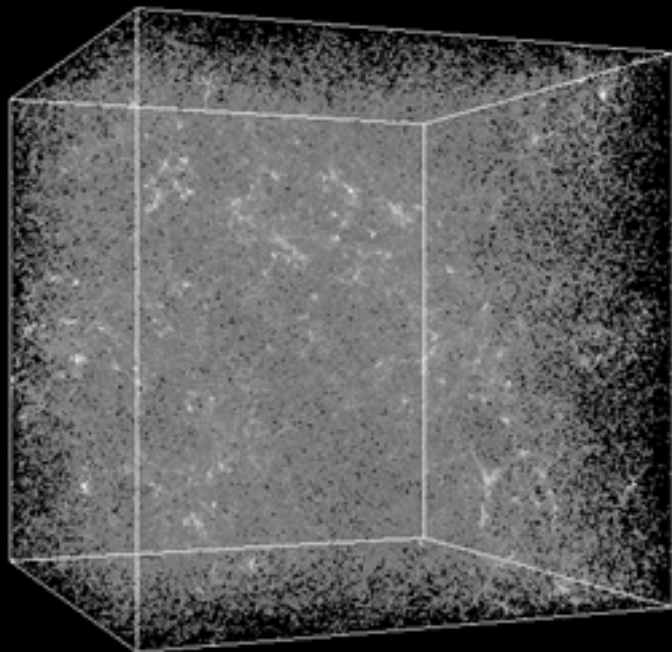
"QUARKS. NEUTRINOS. MESONS. ALL THOSE DAMN PARTICLES YOU CAN'T SEE. THAT'S WHAT DROVE ME TO DRINK. BUT NOW I CAN SEE THEM!"



# dark matter simulation - expanding with the universe



# same simulation - not showing expansion



0.5

2.1

5.7

13.5

**Billions of years after the Big Bang**



# CONSTRAINED LOCAL UNIVERSE SIMULATION





Virgo Cluster



MW & M31



Fornax Cluster





Virgo Cluster



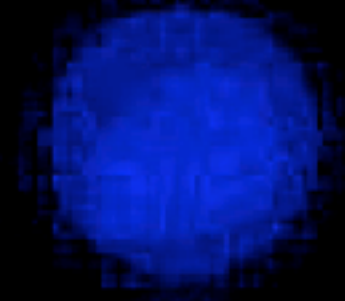
MW & M31



Fornax Cluster



$z=49.000$



Expanding Simulation - Ben Moore et al.  
Music: L. Subramanian & Stephane Grapelli  
"French Resolution" album *Conversations*

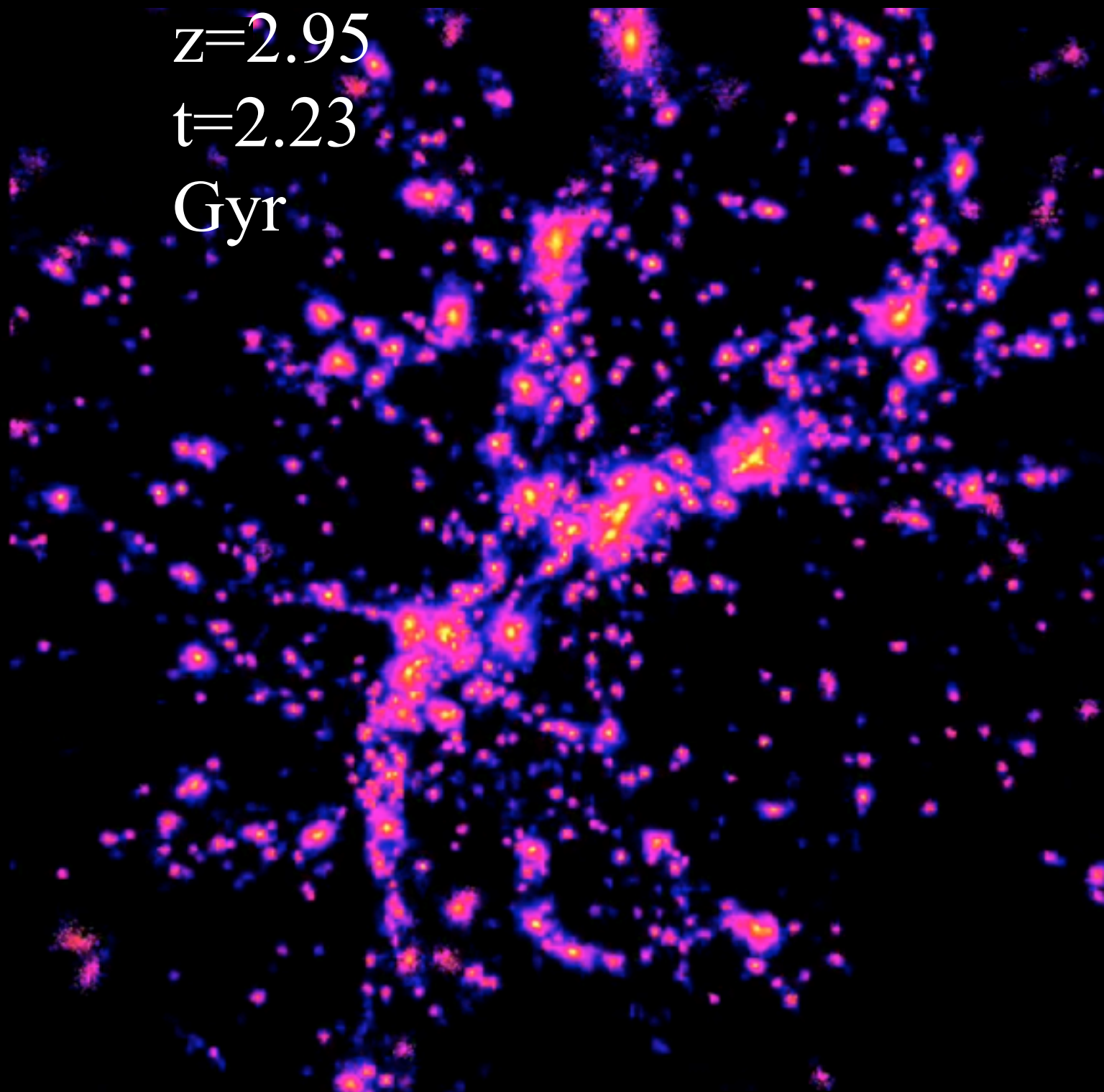
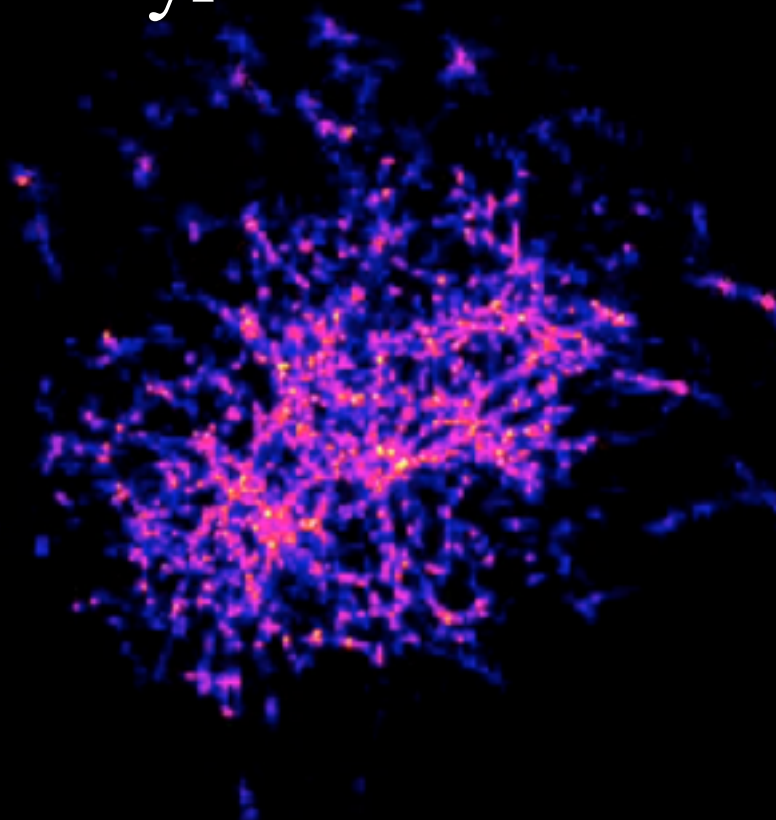


# Expansion....

$z=49.00$   
 $t=49$   
Myr

$z=12.01$   
 $t=374\text{M}$   
yr

$z=2.95$   
 $t=2.23$   
Gyr





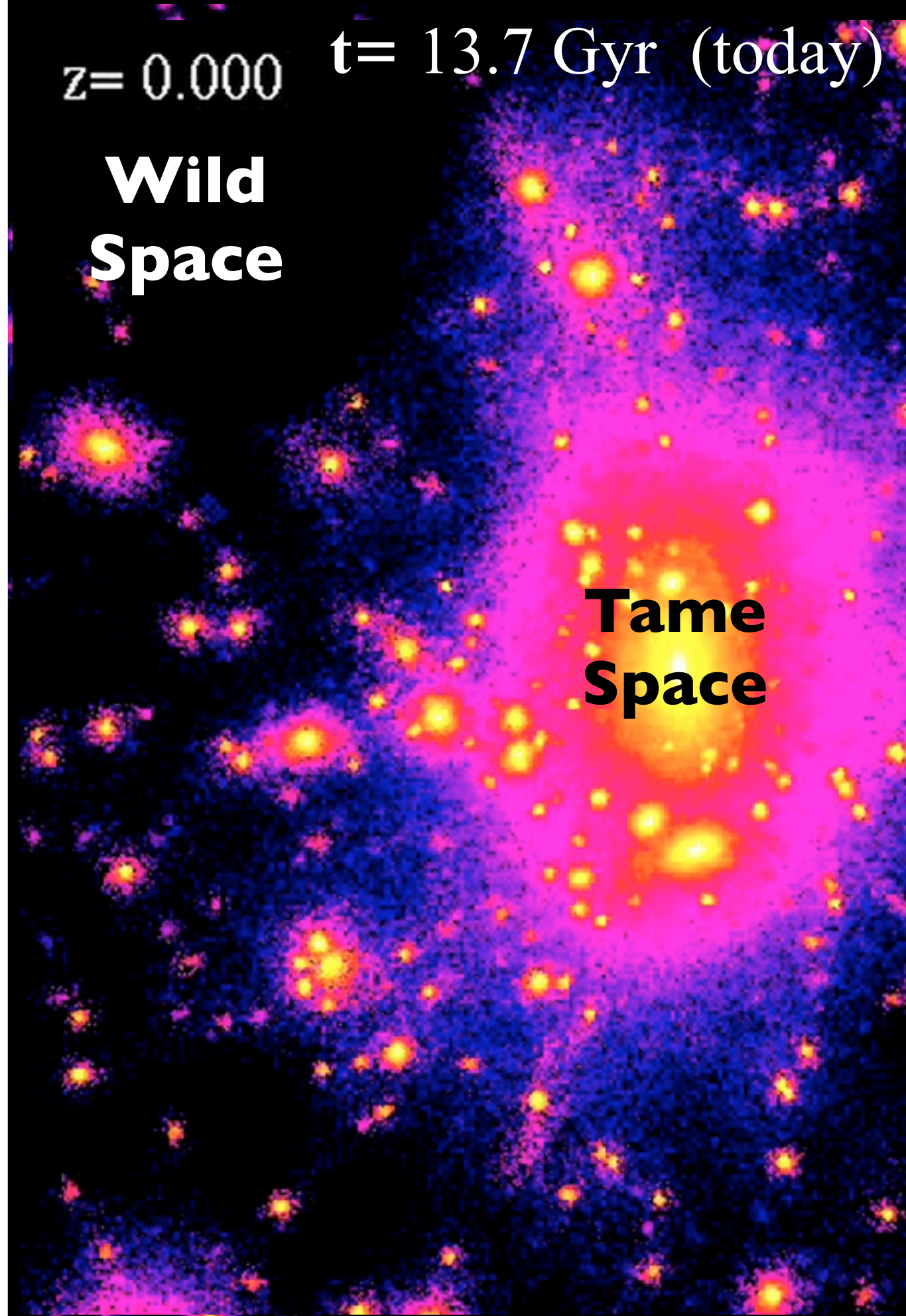
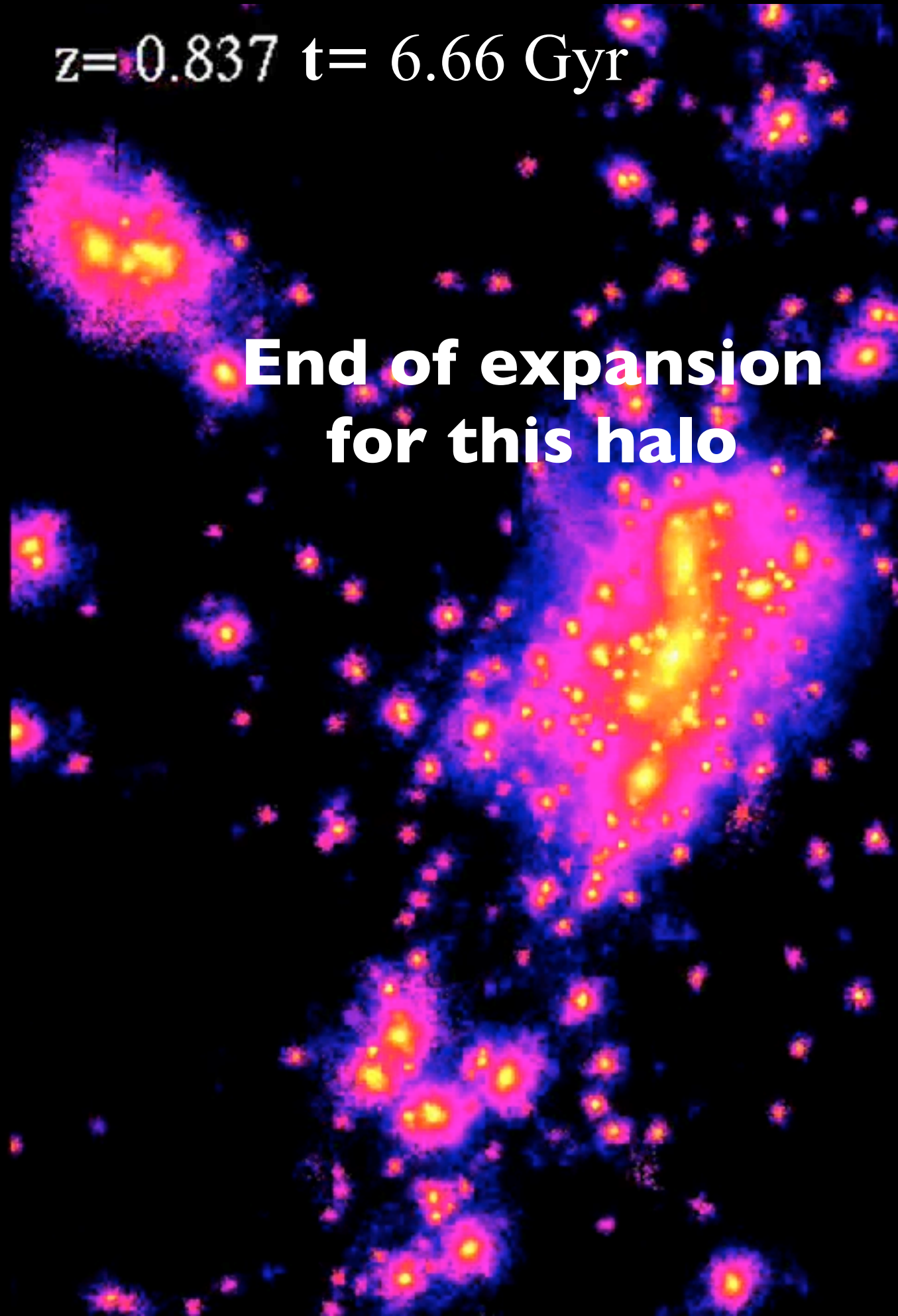
$z=0.837$   $t=6.66$  Gyr

**End of expansion  
for this halo**

$z=0.000$   $t=13.7$  Gyr (today)

**Wild  
Space**

**Tame  
Space**





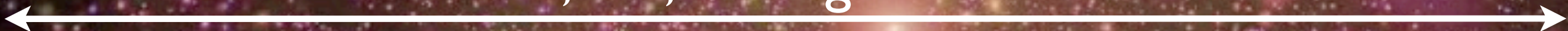
# Aquarius Simulation

Volker Springel

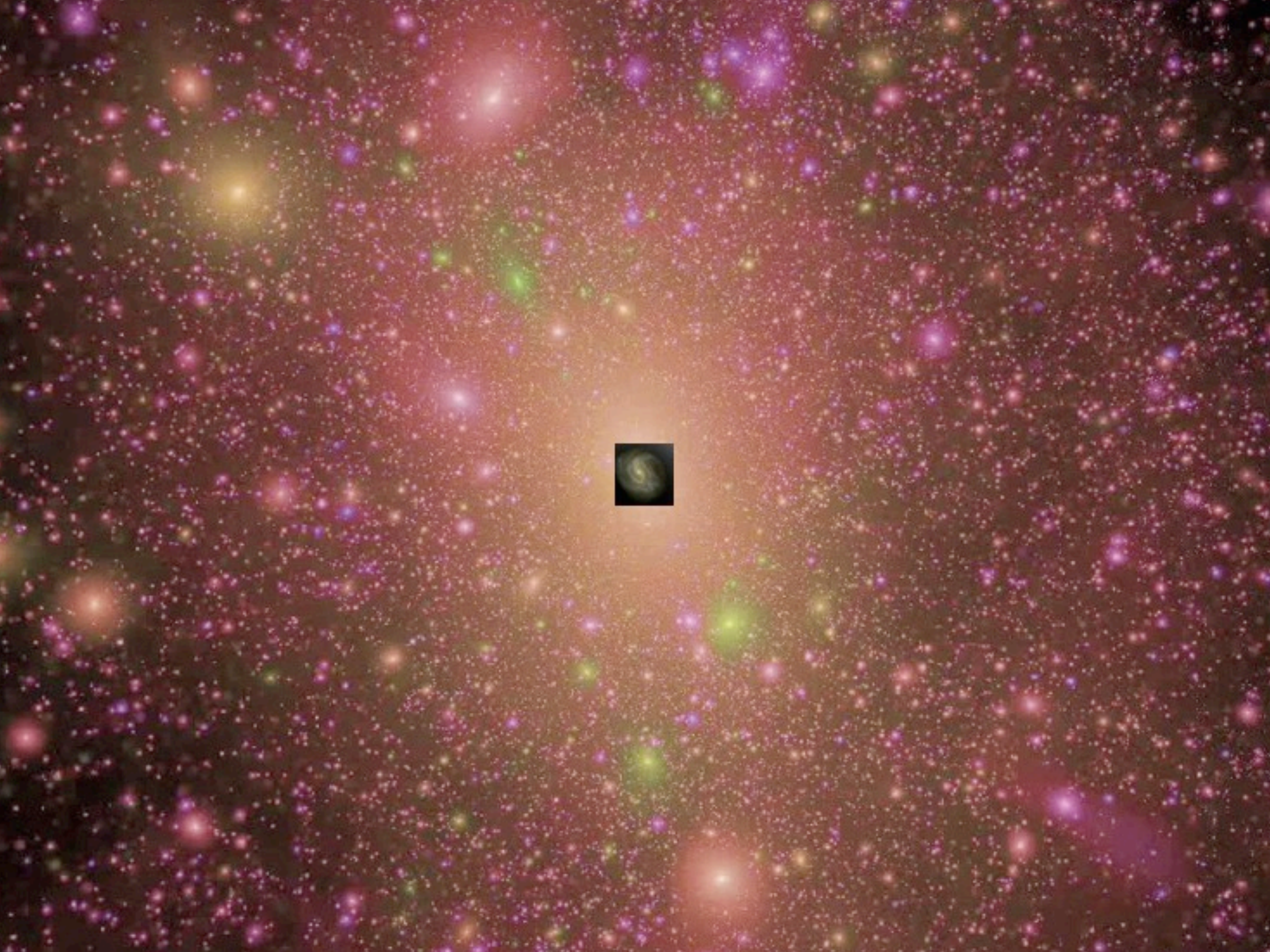
Milky Way  
100,000 Light Years



Milky Way Dark Matter Halo  
1,500,000 Light Years









# **Bolshoi Cosmological Simulation**

Anatoly Klypin & Joel Primack

NASA Ames Research Center

$8.6 \times 10^9$  particles    1 kpc resolution

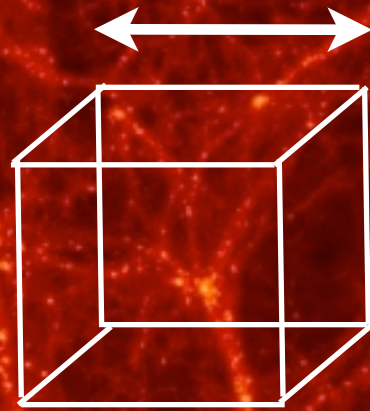
1 Billion Light Years





# Bolshoi Cosmological Simulation

100 Million Light Years




1 Billion Light Years





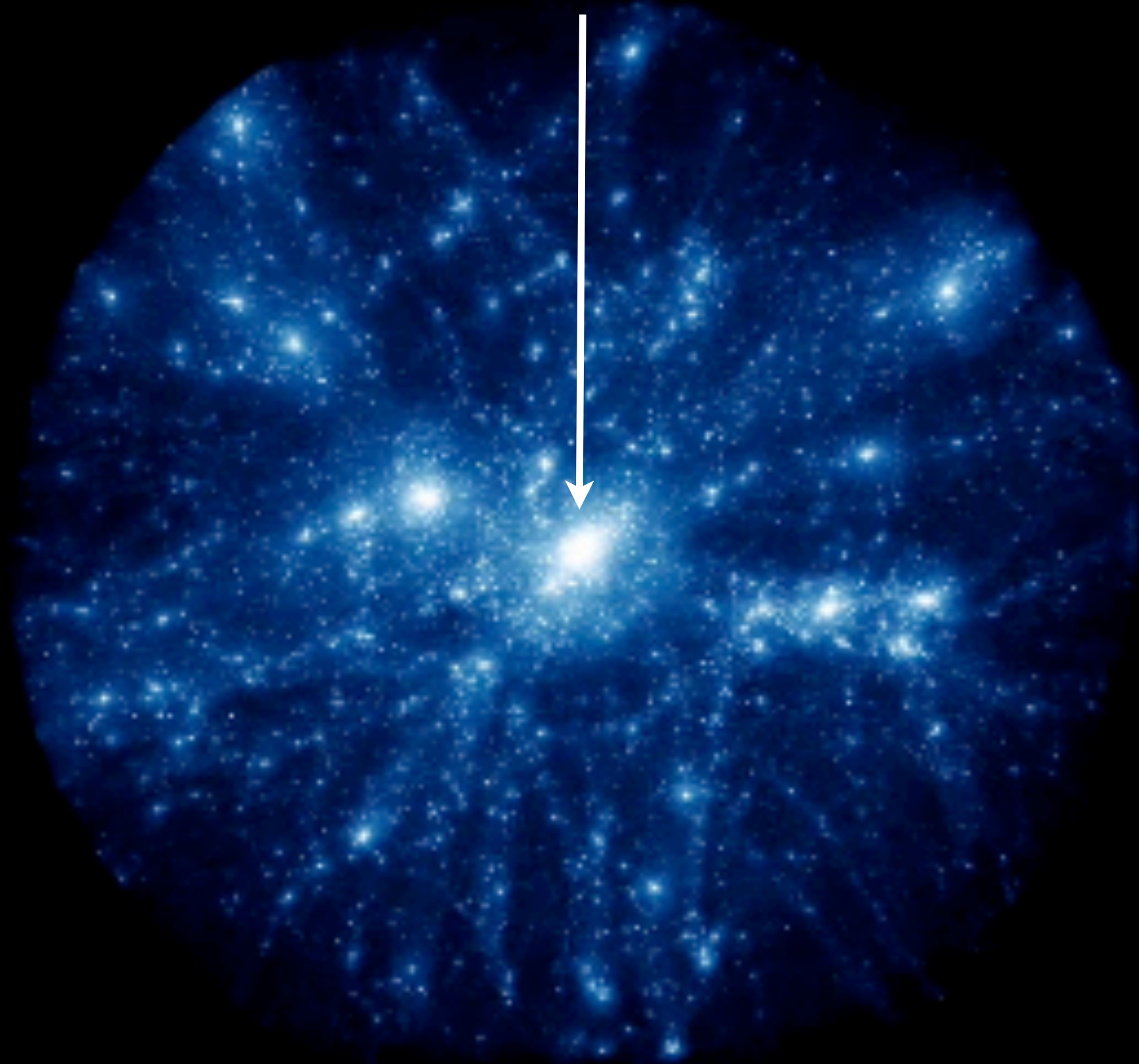
# Bolshoi Cosmological Simulation

Bolshoi Simulation - Anatoly Klypin & Joel Primack  
Visualization: Christopher Henze, NASA  
100 Million Light Years  
Music: Ray Lynch "Her Knees Deep in My Mind"  
album *Nothing Above My Head But the Evening*





# How the Halo of the Big Cluster Formed





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*Merger Tree (History) of All the Halos that Have Fallen in by Today*

Time: 13664 Myr Ago  
Timestep Redshift: 14.083  
Radius Mode: Rvir  
Focus Distance: 6.1  
Aperture: 40.0  
World Rotation: (216.7, 0.06, -0.94, -0.34)  
Trackball Rotation: (0.0, 0.00, 0.00, 0.00)  
Camera Position: (0.0, 0.0, -6.1)

Peter Behroozi



**Bjork** “Dark Matter”  
*Biophilia*





# SKY & TELESCOPE

Dive Deep In  
the Lagoon p. 61

JULY 2012

# Universe in

From the Big Bang p. 26 to Now

# a Box





500 Million Years  
After the Big Bang

2.2 Billion Years

**COSMIC WEB:** The Bolshoi simulation models the evolution of dark matter, which is responsible for the large-scale structure of the universe. Here, snapshots from the simulation show the dark matter distribution at 500 million and 2.2 billion years [top] and 6 billion and 13.7 billion years [bottom] after the big bang. These images are 50-million-light-year-thick slices of a cube of simulated universe that today would measure roughly 1 billion light-years on a side and encompass about 100 galaxy clusters.

SOURCES: SIMULATION, ANATOLY KLYPIN AND JOEL R. PRIMACK; VISUALIZATION, STEFAN GOTTLÖBER/LEIBNIZ INSTITUTE FOR ASTROPHYSICS POTSDAM

## THE UNIVERSE IN A SUPERCOMPUTER

6 Billion Years

Now

**To understand the cosmos,  
we must evolve it all over again**  
By Joel R. Primack

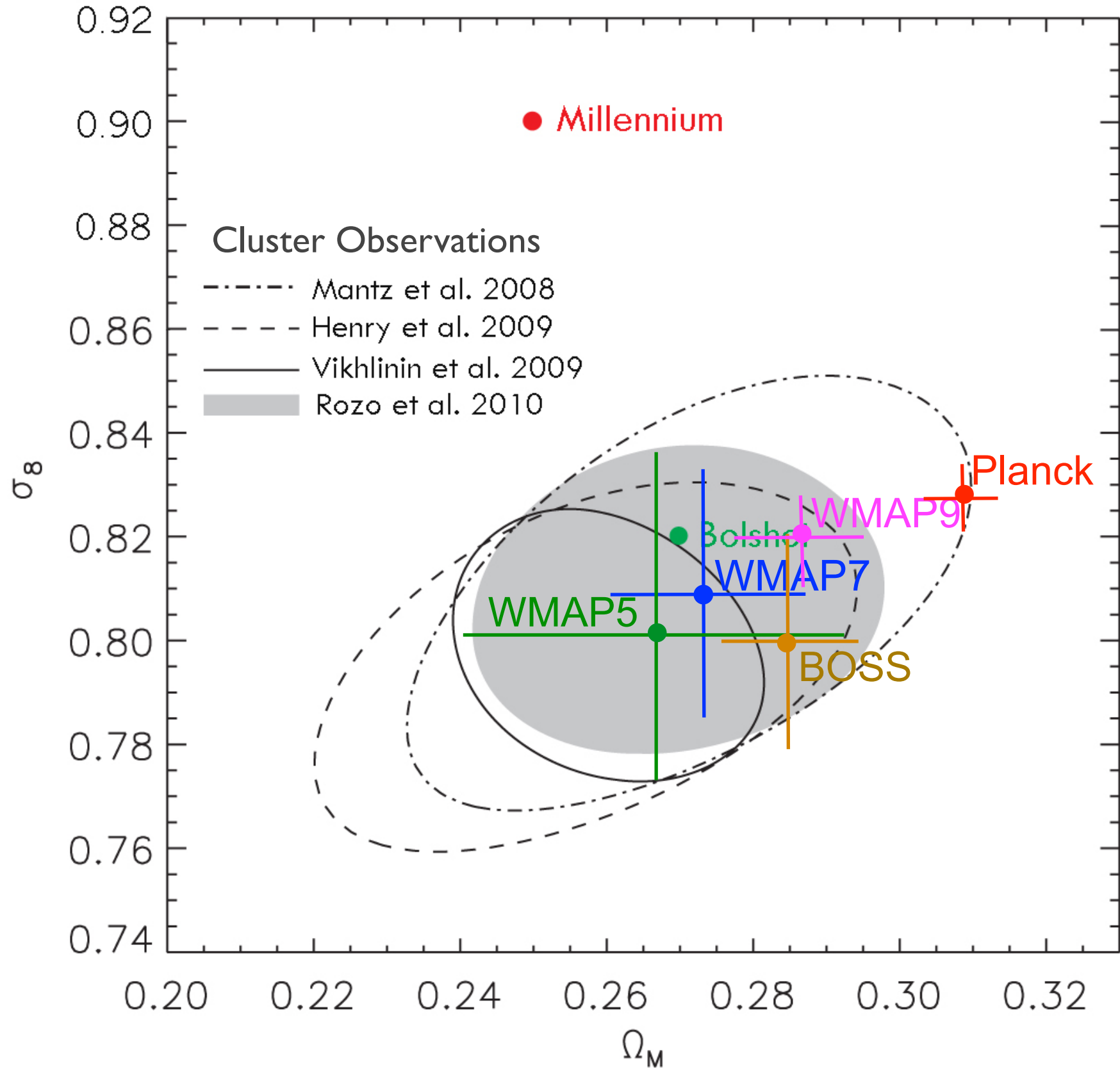
**W**HEN IT COMES TO RECONSTRUCTING THE PAST, you might think that astrophysicists have it easy. After all, the sky is awash with evidence. For most of the universe's history, space has been largely transparent, so much so that light emitted by distant galaxies can travel for billions of years before finally reaching Earth. It might seem that all researchers have to do to find out what the universe looked like, say, 10 billion years ago is to build a telescope sensitive enough to pick up that ancient light.

Actually, it's more complicated than that. Most of the ordinary matter in the universe—the stuff that makes up all the atoms, stars, and galaxies astronomers can see—is invisible, either sprinkled throughout intergalactic space in tenuous forms that emit and absorb little light or else swaddled inside galaxies in murky clouds of dust and gas. When astronomers look out into the night sky with their most powerful telescopes, they can see no more than about 10 percent of the ordinary matter that's out there.

To make matters worse, cosmologists have discovered that if you add up all the mass and energy in the universe, only a small fraction is composed of ordinary matter. A good 95 percent of the cosmos is made up of two very different kinds of invisible and as-yet-unidentified stuff that is “dark,” meaning that it emits and absorbs no light at all. One of these mysterious components, called dark matter, seems immune to all fundamental forces except gravity and perhaps the weak interaction, which is responsible for



# Determination of $\sigma_8$ and $\Omega_M$ from CMB+ WMAP+SN+Clusters    Planck+WP+HighL+BAO





# **Bolshoi-Planck Cosmological Simulation**

Anatoly Klypin & Joel Primack

Finished 6 Aug 2013 on Pleiades computer

at NASA Ames Research Center

$8.6 \times 10^9$  particles 1 kpc resolution

now being analyzed

1 Billion Light Years





# Observational Data

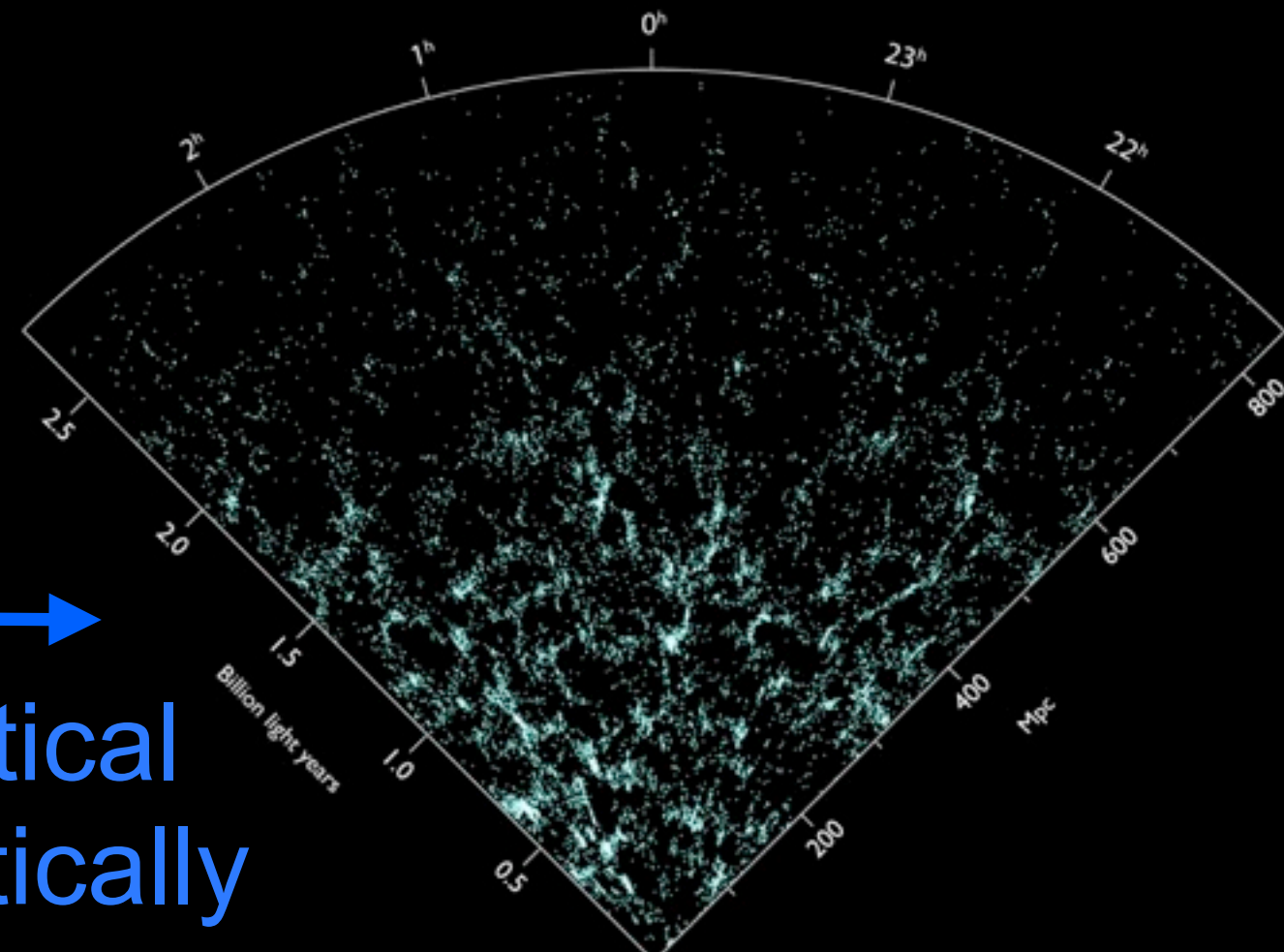
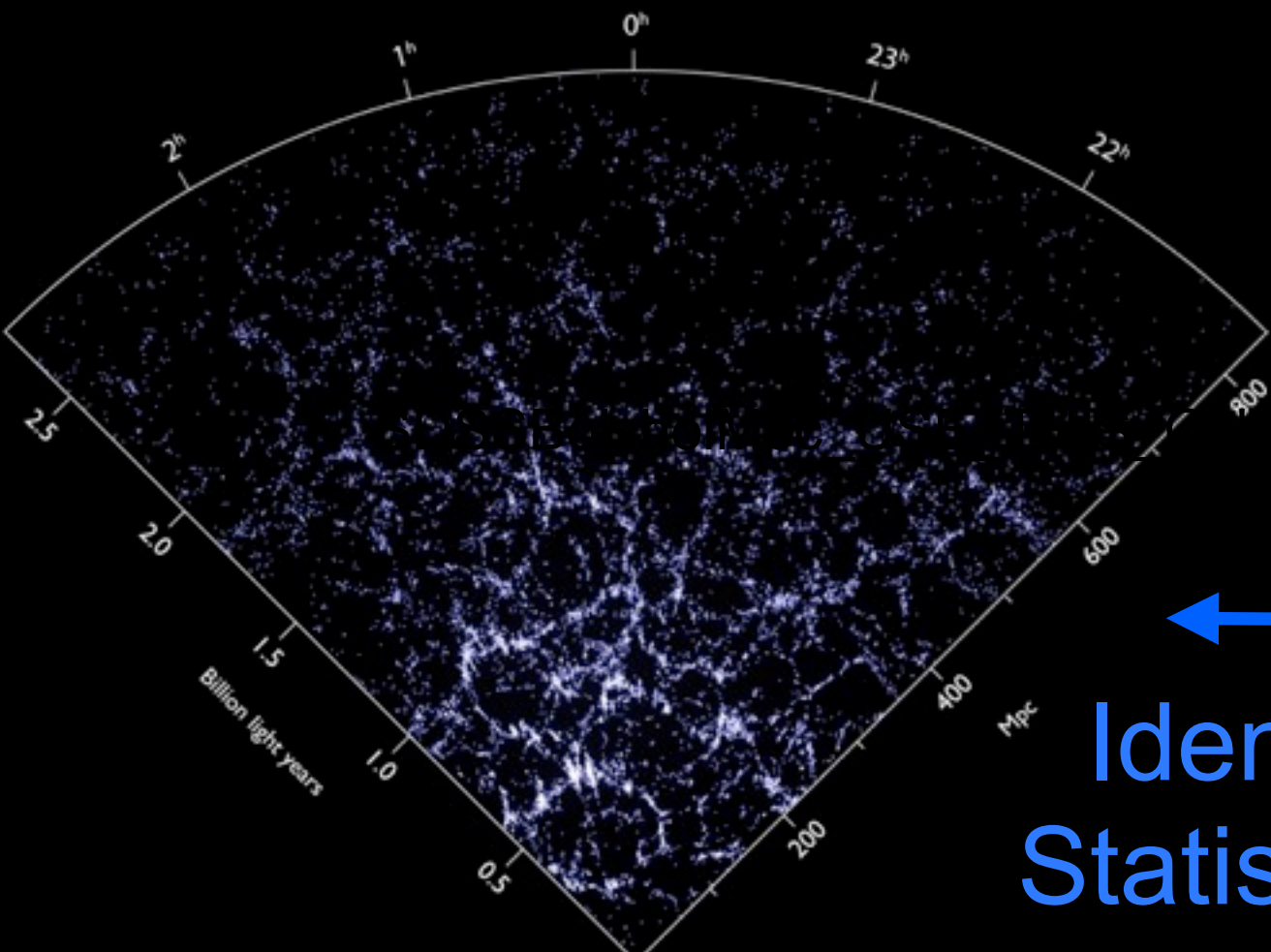
Sloan Digital Sky Survey

# Cosmological Simulation

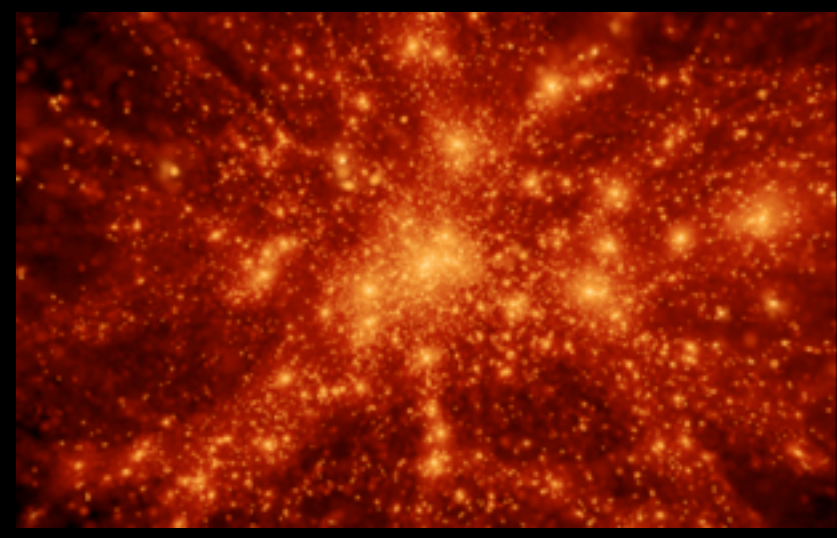
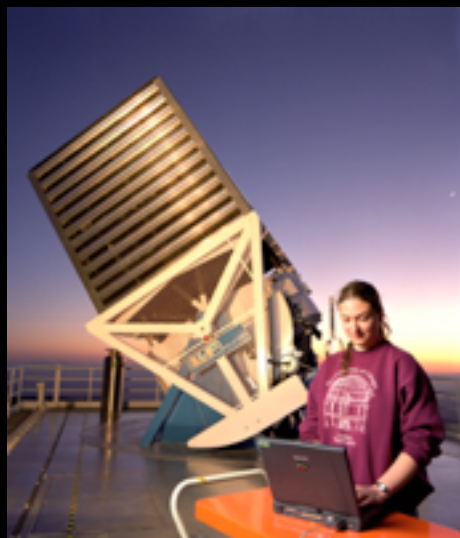
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SDSS

Bolshoi



Identical  
Statistically



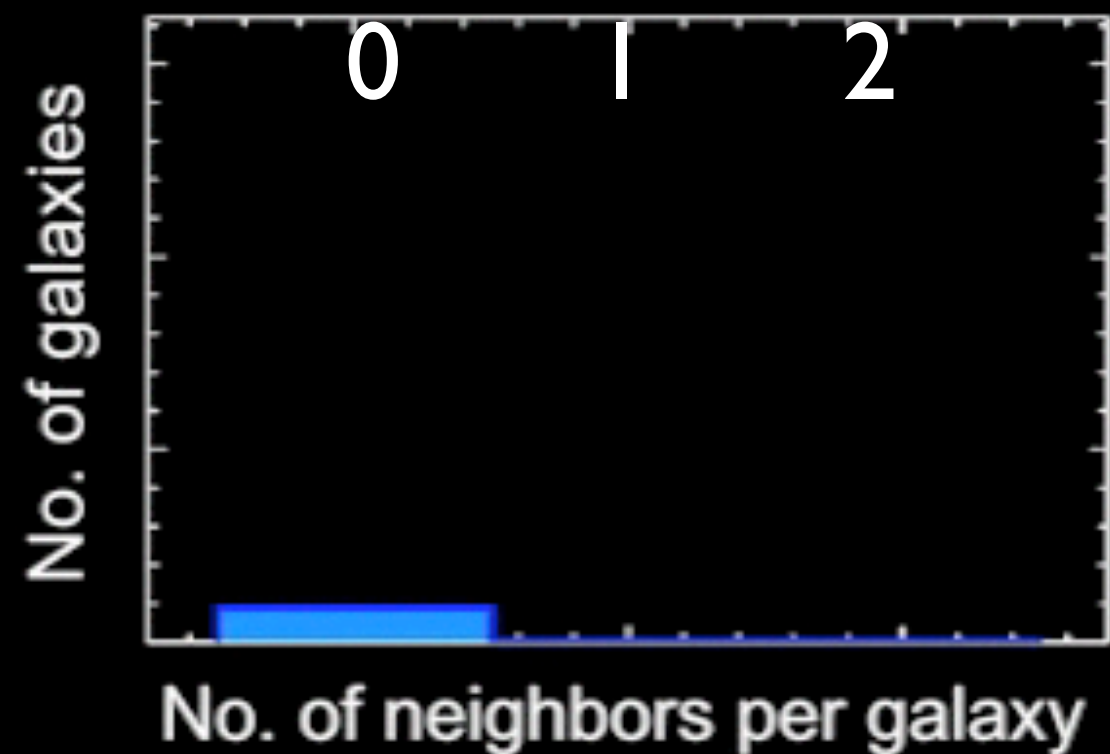


The Milky Way has two large satellite galaxies,  
the small and large Magellanic Clouds

***How common is this?***

The Bolshoi simulation + halo abundance matching  
predict the likelihood of 0, 1, 2, 3, ... large satellites

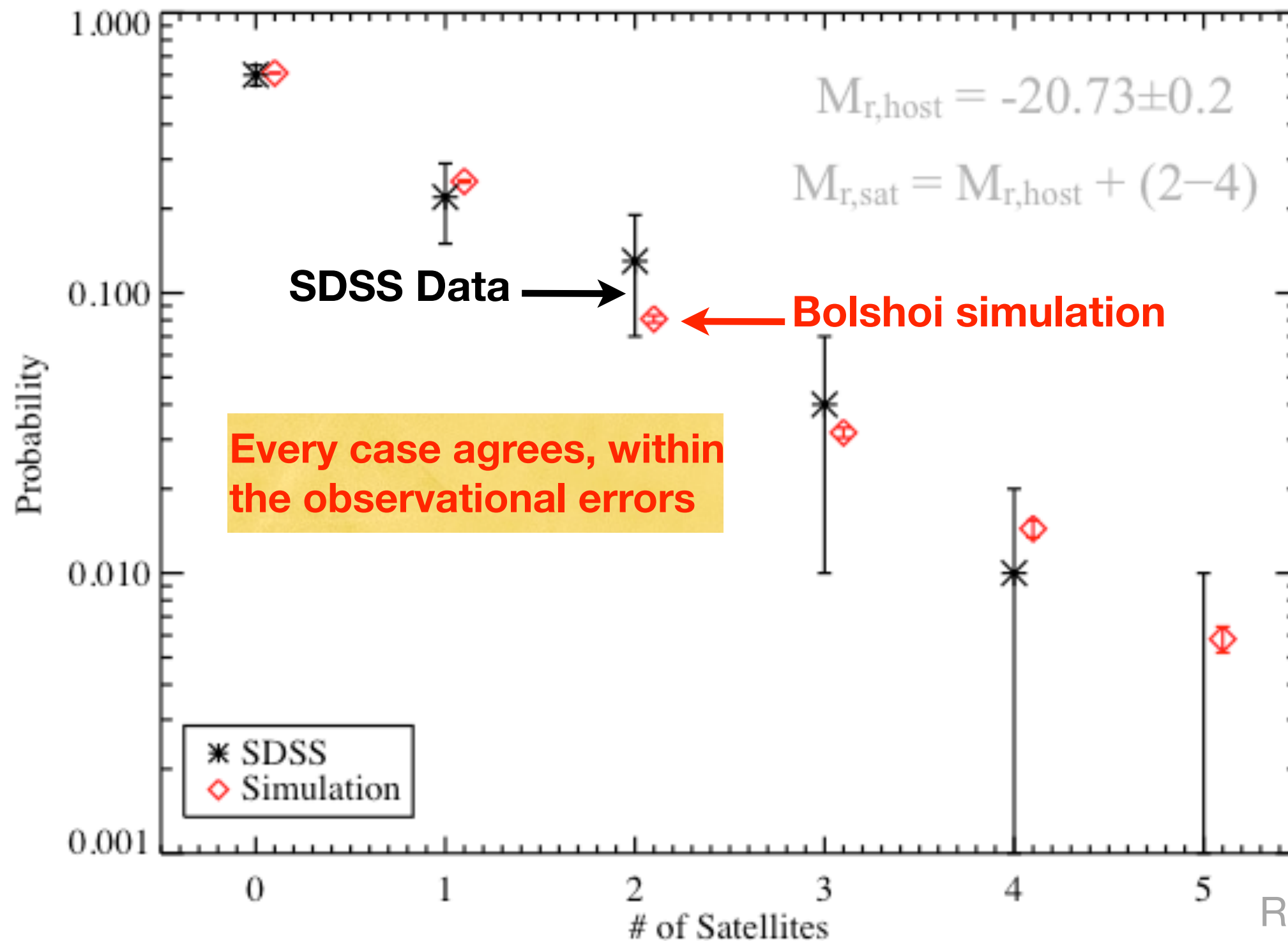






# Statistics of MW bright satellites:

## Sloan Digital Sky Survey data vs. Bolshoi simulation

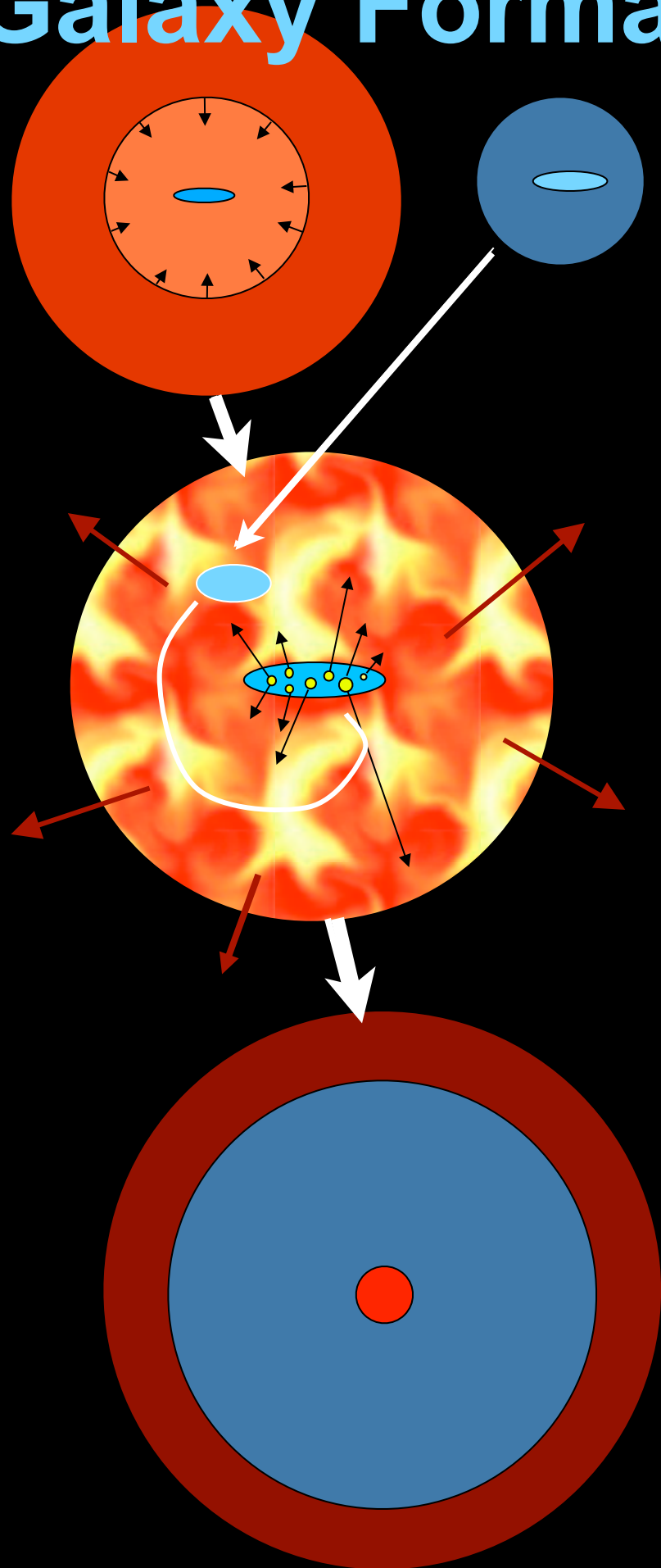


Risa Wechsler

**Busha et al. 2011 ApJ**  
**Liu et al. 2011 ApJ**



# Galaxy Formation via SemiAnalytic Models



- gas is collisionally heated when perturbations ‘turn around’ and collapse to form gravitationally bound structures
- gas in halos cools via atomic line transitions (depends on density, temperature, and metallicity)
- cooled gas collapses to form a rotationally supported disk
- cold gas forms stars, with efficiency a function of gas density (e.g. Schmidt-Kennicutt Law, metallicity effects?)
- massive stars and SNe reheat (and in small halos expel) cold gas and some metals
- galaxy mergers trigger bursts of star formation; ‘major’ mergers transform disks into spheroids and fuel AGN
- AGN feedback cuts off star formation
- **including effects of dissipation in gas-rich galaxy mergers leads to observed elliptical size-mass relation**
- **including spheroid formation by disk instability is essential to reproduce the observed elliptical luminosity function**

White & Frenk 91; Kauffmann+93; Cole+94; Somerville & Primack 99; Cole+00; Somerville, Primack, & Faber 01; Croton et al. 2006; Somerville +08; Fanidakis+09; Covington et al. 10, 11; Somerville, Gilmore, Primack, & Dominguez 11; Porter et al.



Elliptical galaxies follow a size-mass relation. The Bolhoi semi-analytic model correctly predicts this and the other relations of elliptical galaxies.

Disk galaxies follow a relation between the speed they spin and their luminosity. The theory also correctly predict this.



Finally, the theory correctly predicts the numbers of Disk Galaxies and Elliptical Galaxies of all masses



# Cosmological Simulations

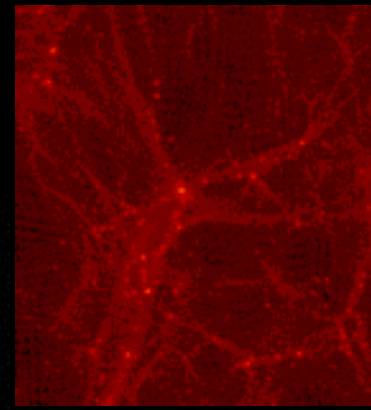
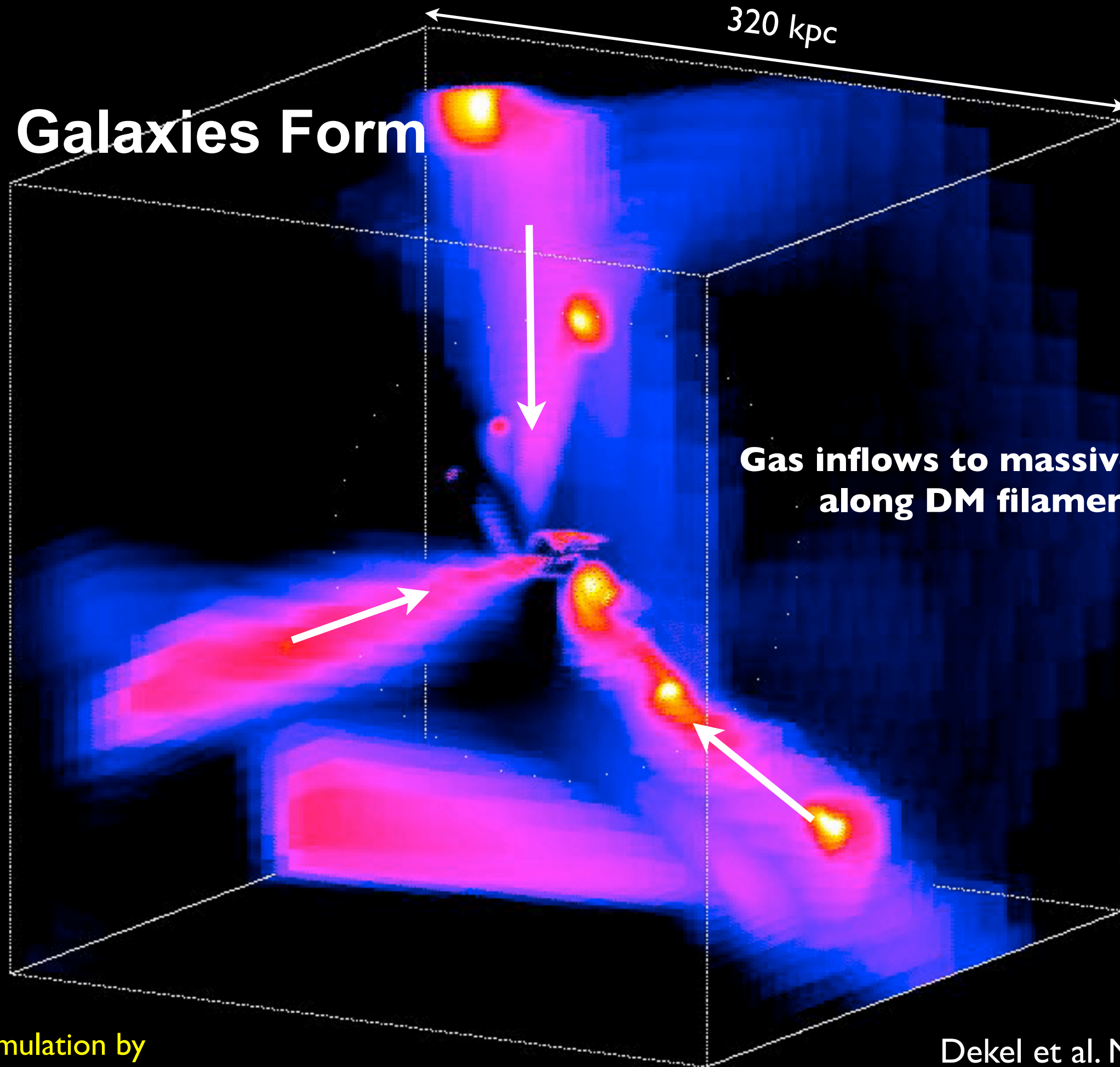
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# How Galaxies Form

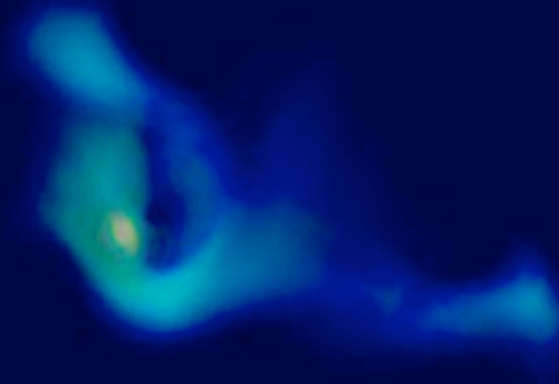




# How Gas moves and Stars form according to galaxy simulations



- Stars



time=276

ART Simulation Daniel Ceverino;  
Visualization: David Ellsworth

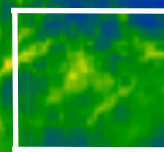


# Gas Density in ART Zoom-in Simulations

simulation by Daniel Ceverino et al., analyzed and visualized by Chris Moody using *yt*

Simulation includes gas cooling by atomic hydrogen and helium, metal and molecular hydrogen cooling, photoionization heating by a UV background with partial self-shielding, star formation, stellar mass loss, metal enrichment of the ISM, and feedback from stellar winds and supernovae. Force resolution is  $\sim 35\text{--}70$  pc.

2 Mpc

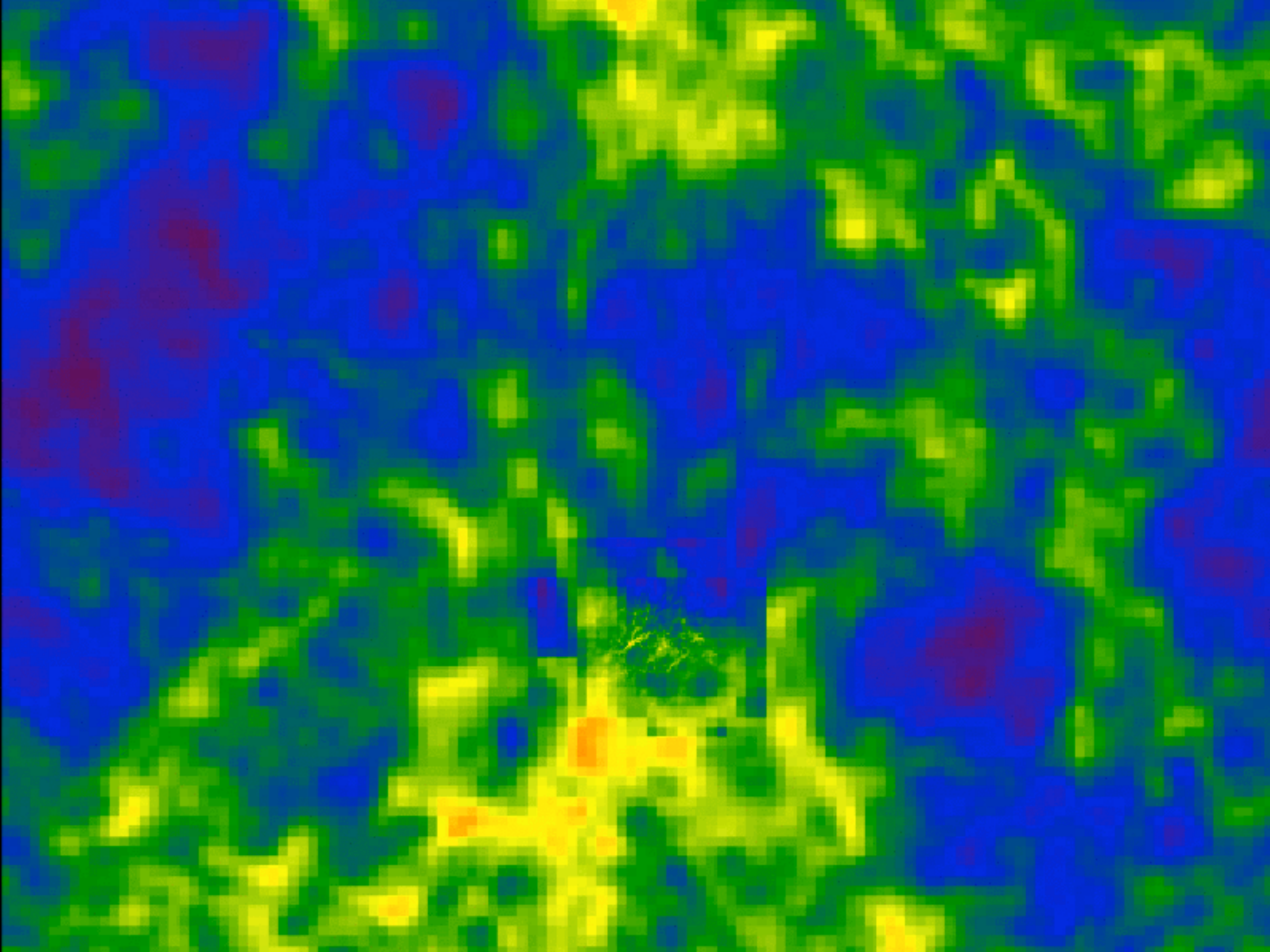


High-  
resolution  
region

40 Mpc







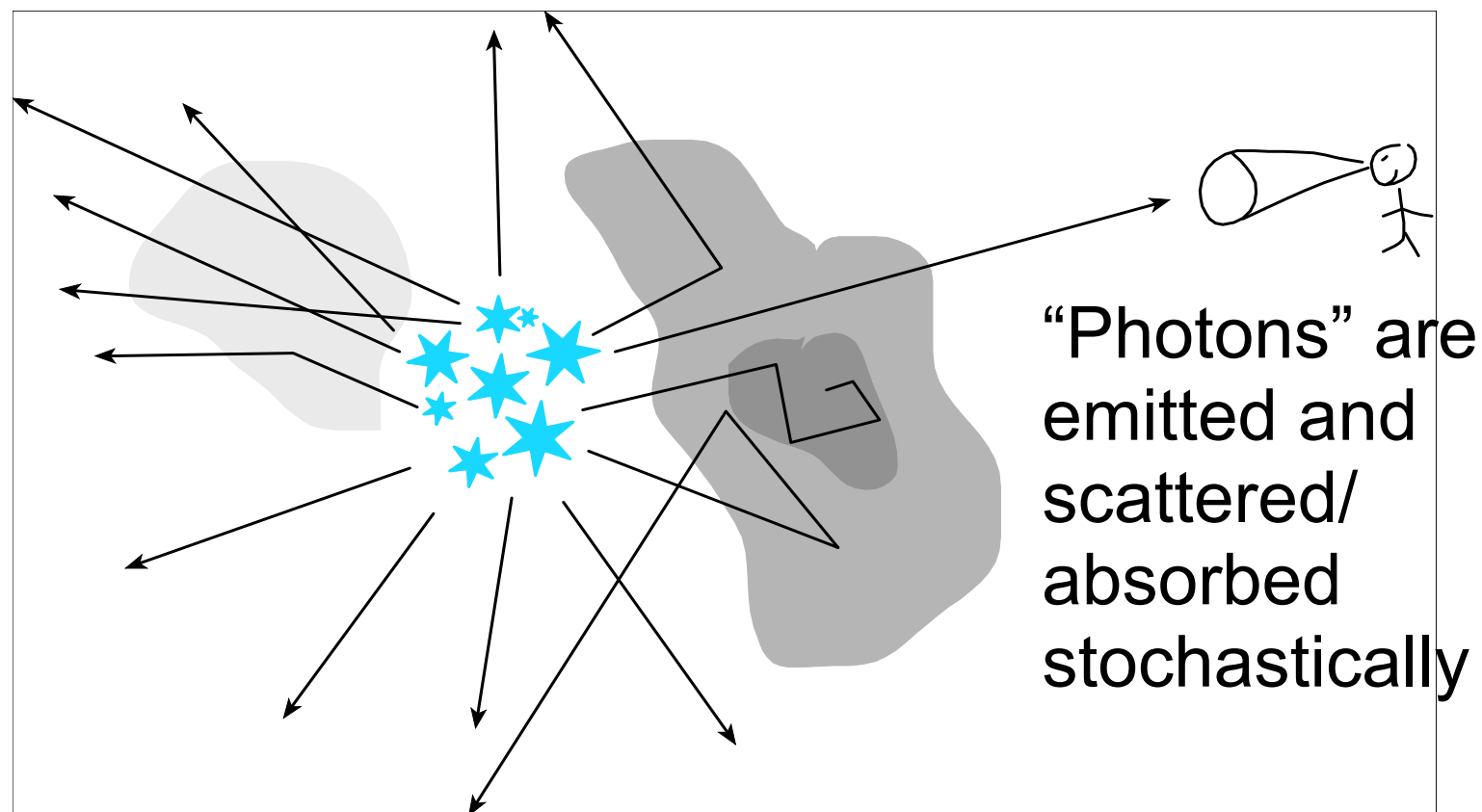


# *Sunrise* Radiative Transfer Code

Patrik Jonsson  
& Joel Primack

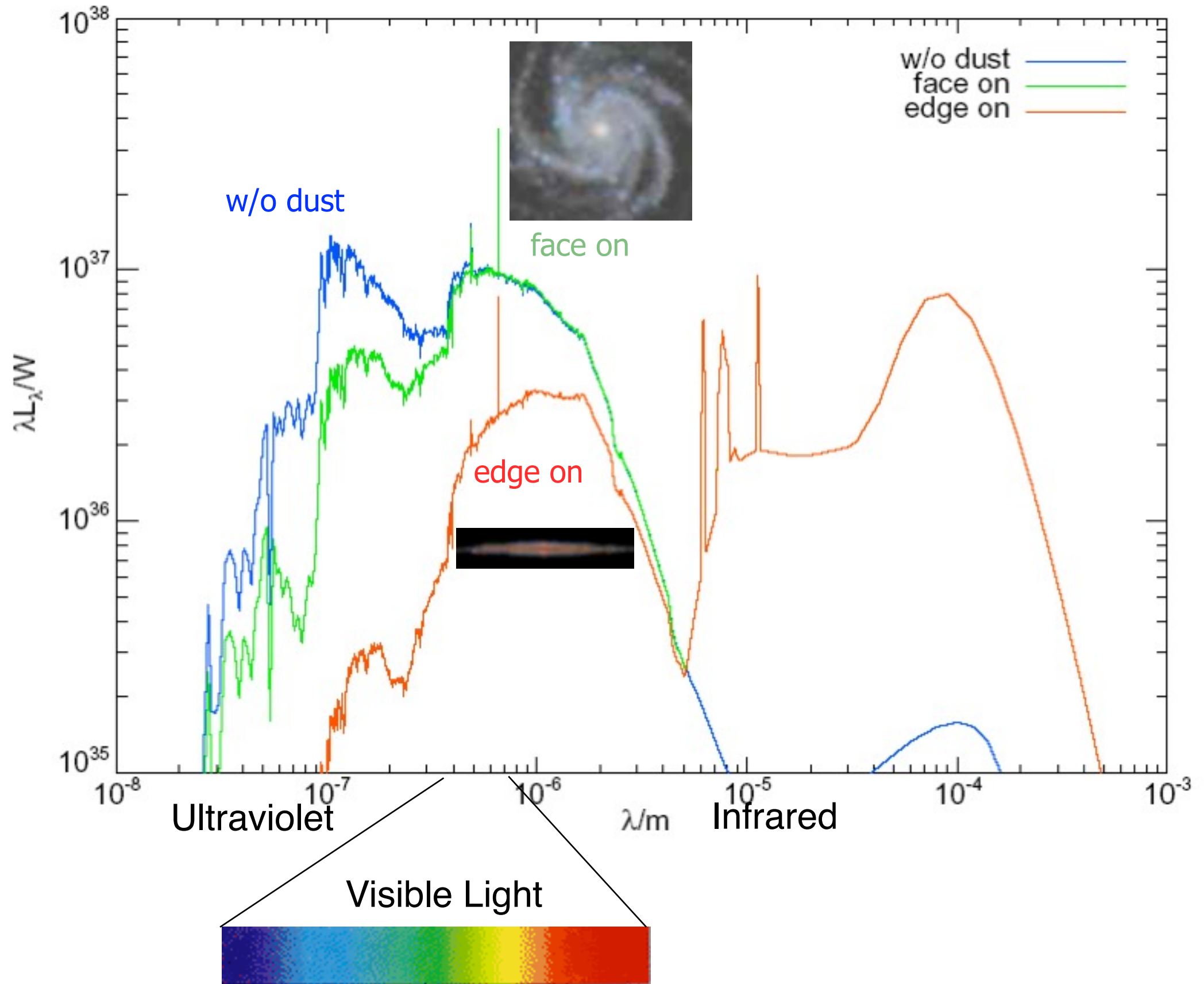
For every simulation snapshot:

- Evolving stellar spectra calculation
- Adaptive grid construction
- Monte Carlo radiative transfer
- “Polychromatic” rays save 100x CPU time
- Graphic Processor Units give 10x speedup





# Spectral Energy Distribution





In about 5 billion years, our Milky Way Galaxy will collide and merge with our neighboring giant galaxy, Andromeda.

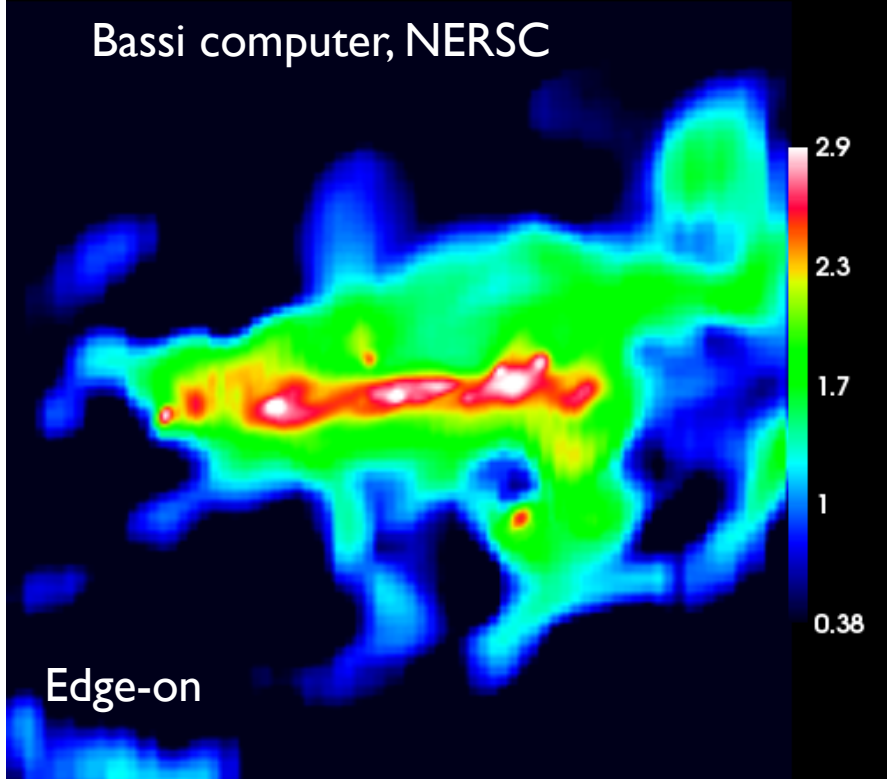
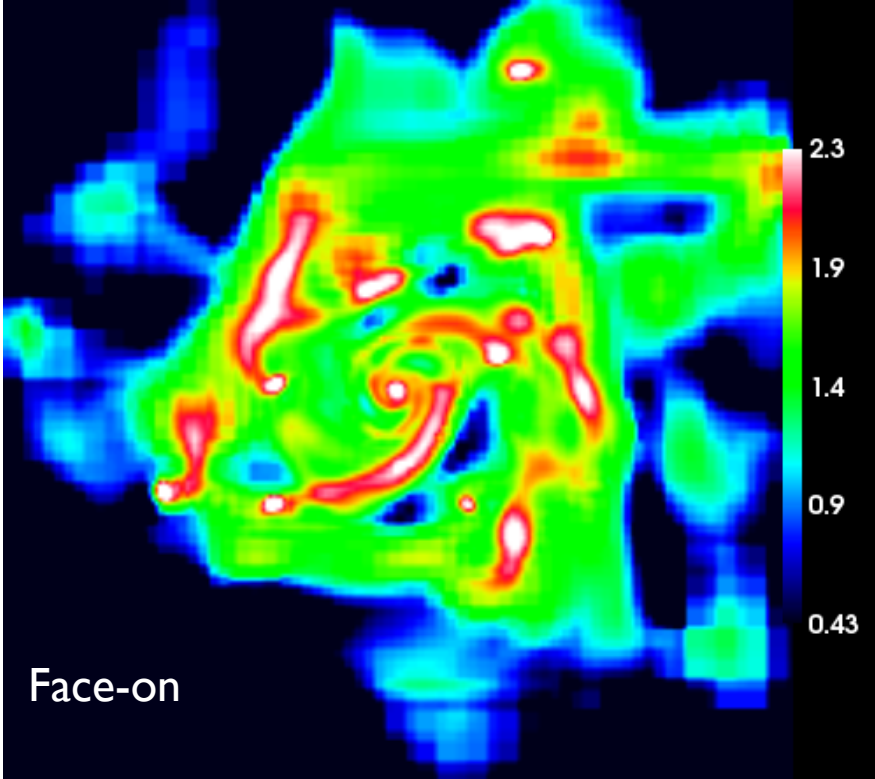
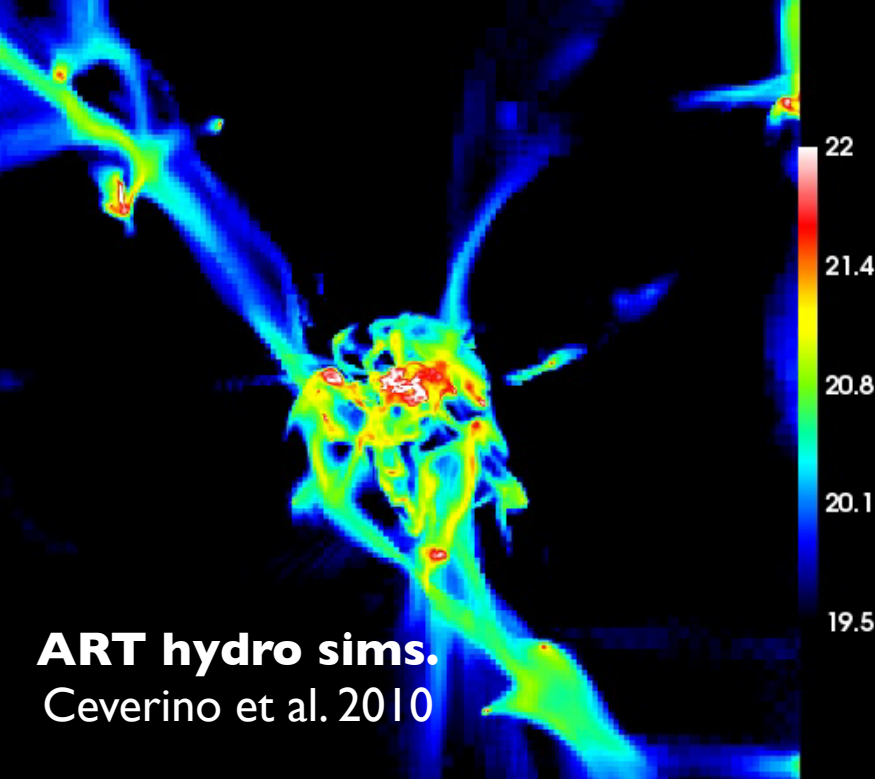




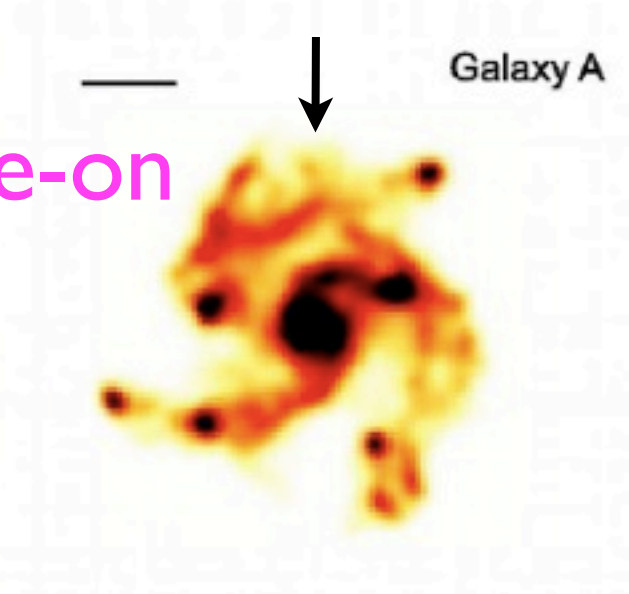
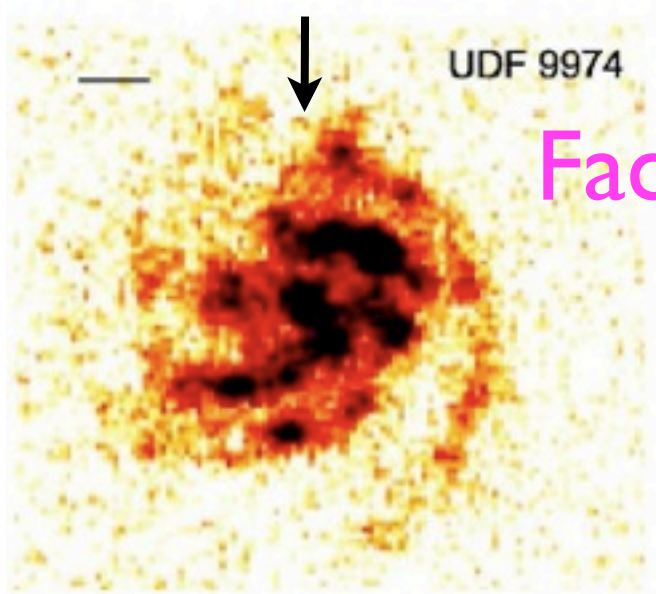
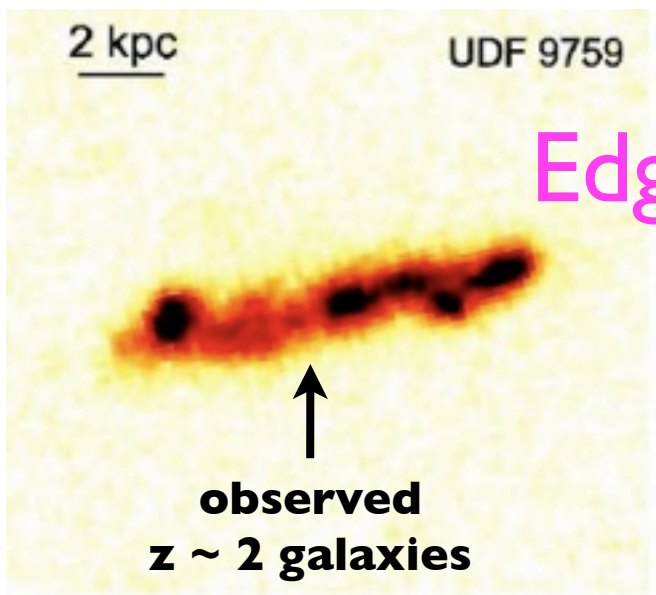


Spiral Galaxy Merger Simulation - Patrik Jonsson, Greg Novak, Joel Primack  
Music: Nancy Abrams "All's Well that Ends Well" from album *Alien Wisdom*

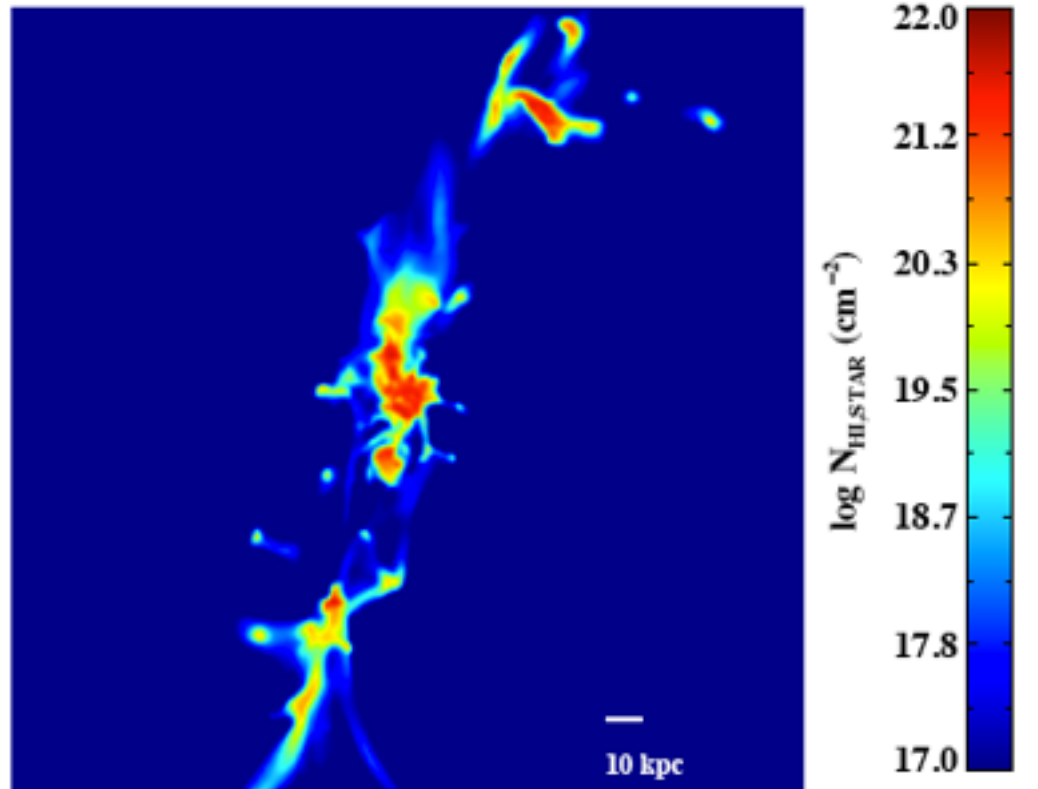




now running on NERSC Hopper-II  
and NASA Ames Pleiades supercomputers

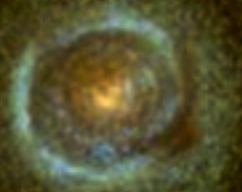


**Ly alpha blobs from same simulation**





# What's the effect of including dust?



with  
dust



Dramatic effects on

- Appearance
- Half-mass radii (bigger with dust)
- Sersic index (lower with dust)



stars  
only





# Ceverino+VL6 Cosmological Zoom-in Simulation

Face-On

Edge-On

VL06\_a0.110\_0000420\_skipir\_allrays7  
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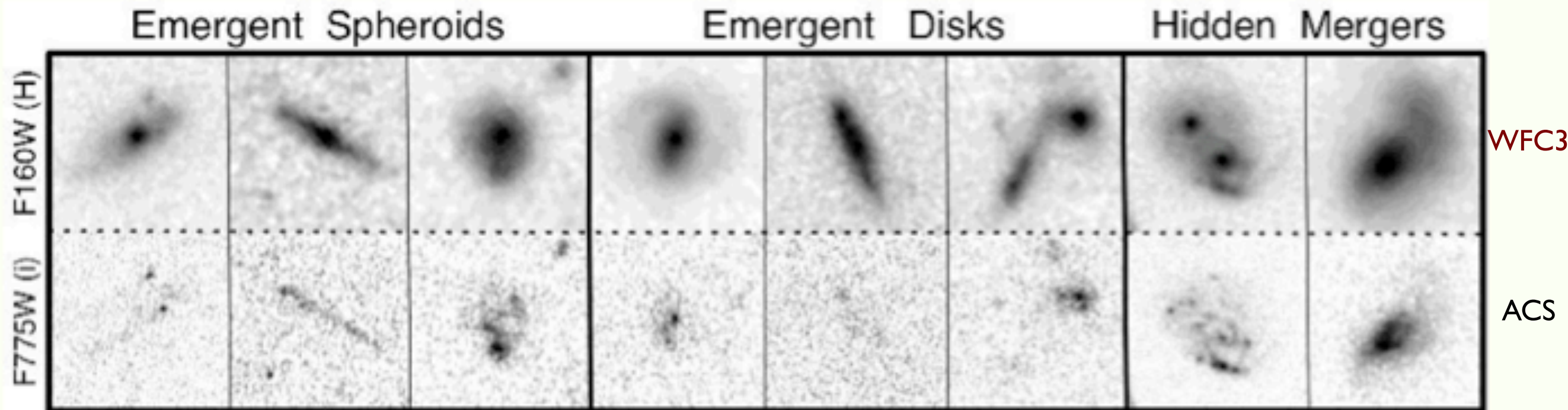
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$z = 8.1$



# The CANDELS Survey with new near-ir camera WFC3

## GALAXIES ~10 BILLION YEARS AGO



CANDELS makes use of the near-infrared WFC3 camera (top row) and the visible-light ACS camera (bottom row). Using these two cameras, CANDELS will reveal new details of the distant Universe and test the reality of cosmic dark energy.

Hubble  
Space  
Telescope



<http://candels.ucolick.org>

**CANDELS is a powerful imaging survey of the distant Universe being carried out with two cameras on board the Hubble Space Telescope.**

- **CANDELS is the largest project in the history of Hubble**, with 902 assigned orbits of observing time. This is the equivalent of four months of Hubble time if executed consecutively, but in practice CANDELS will take three years to complete (2010-2013).
- **The core of CANDELS is the revolutionary near-infrared WFC3 camera**, installed on Hubble in May 2009. WFC3 is sensitive to longer, redder wavelengths, which permits it to follow the stretching of lightwaves caused by the expanding Universe. This enables CANDELS to detect and measure objects much farther out in space and nearer to the Big Bang than before. CANDELS also uses the visible-light ACS camera, and together the two cameras give unprecedented panchromatic coverage of galaxies from optical wavelengths to the near-IR.



**Simulated  
Galaxy  
10 billion  
years ago**

**as it would  
appear  
nearby to  
our eyes**

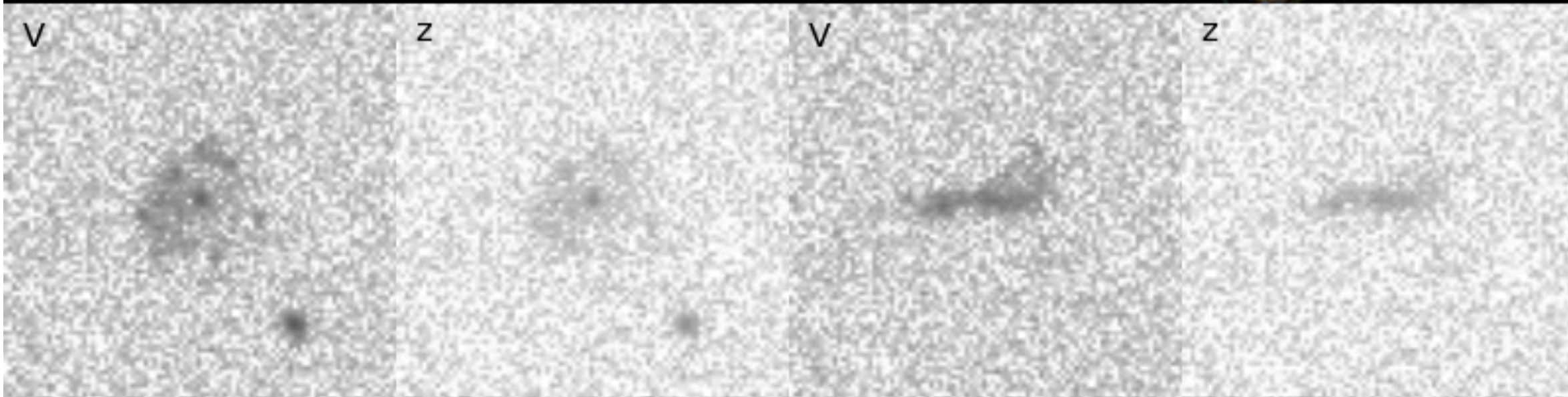


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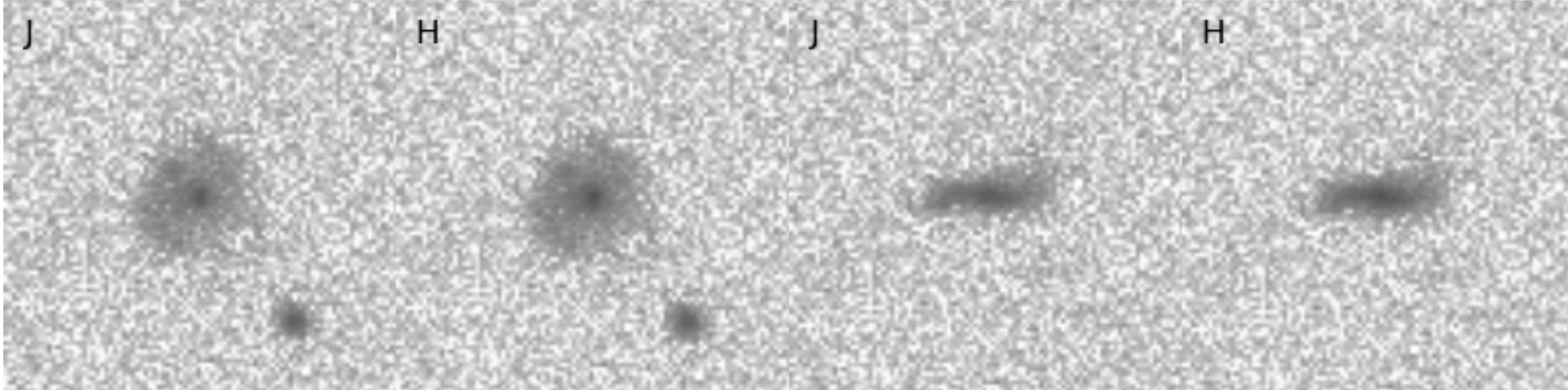


**edge-on**

**as it  
would  
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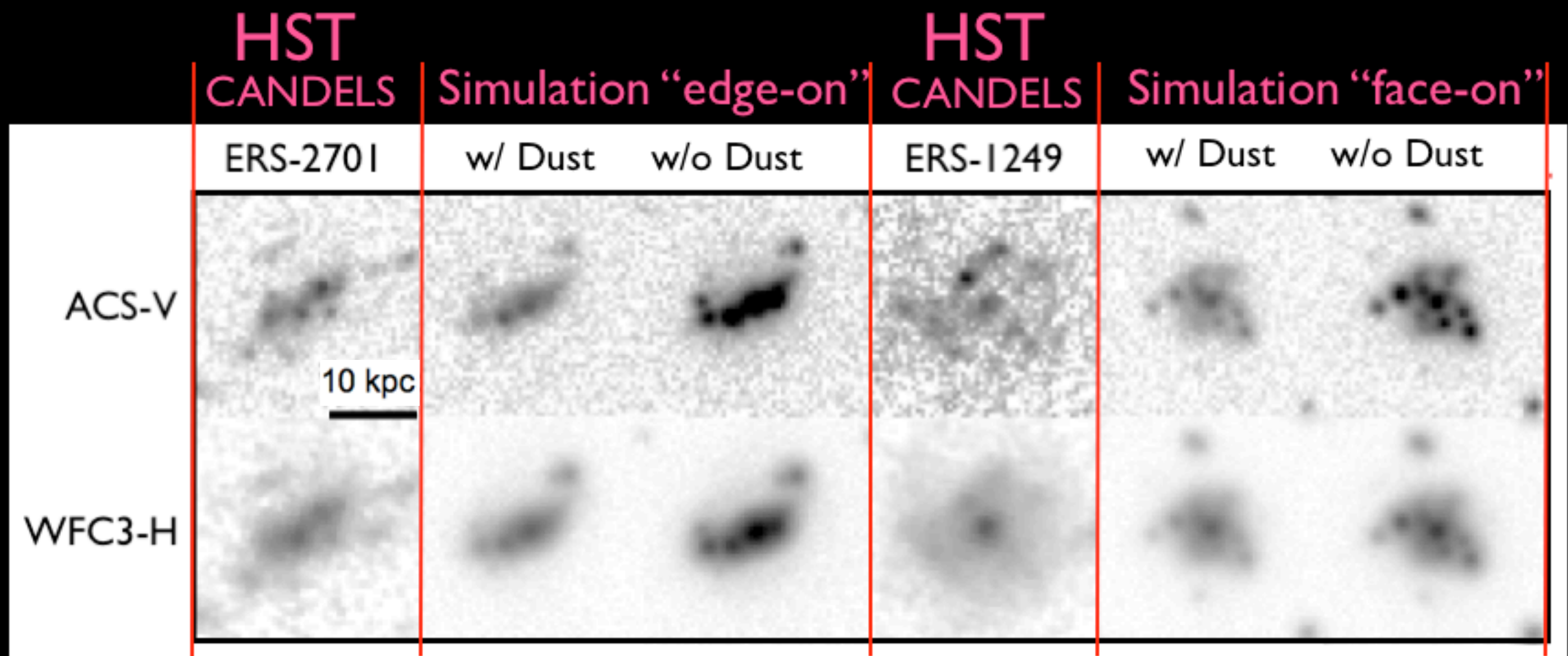


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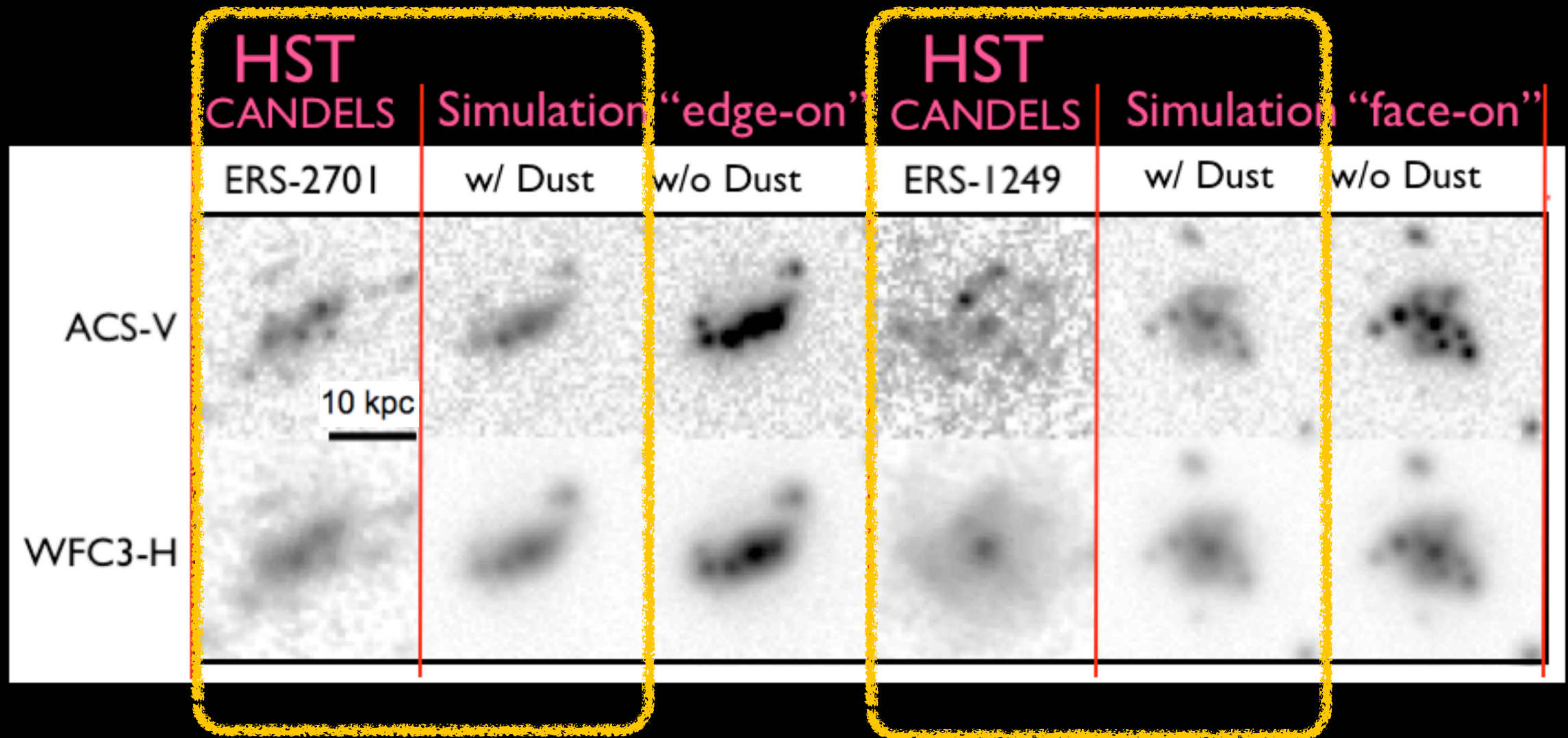


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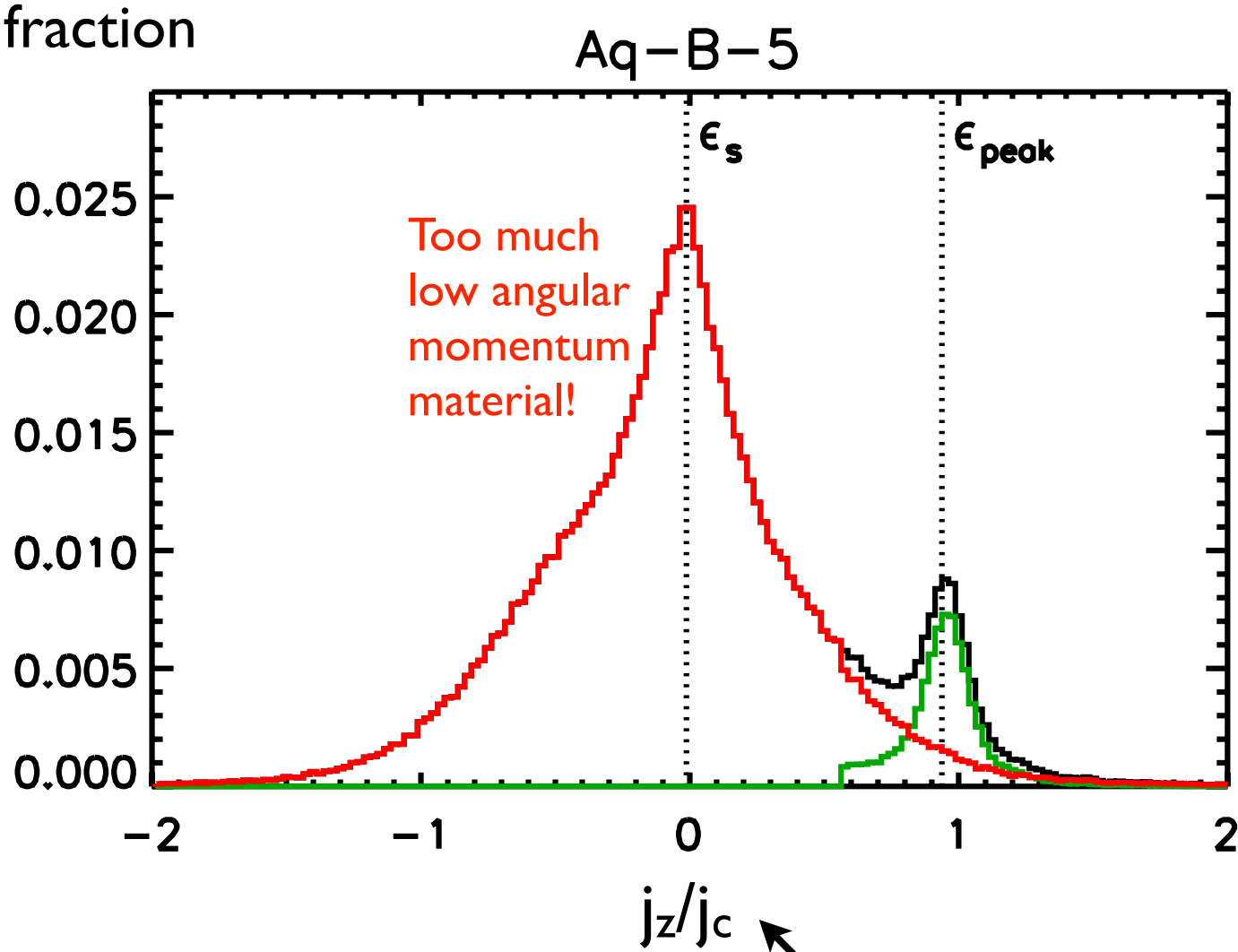


We are now systematically comparing simulated and observed galaxy images



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Scannapieco et al. 2009

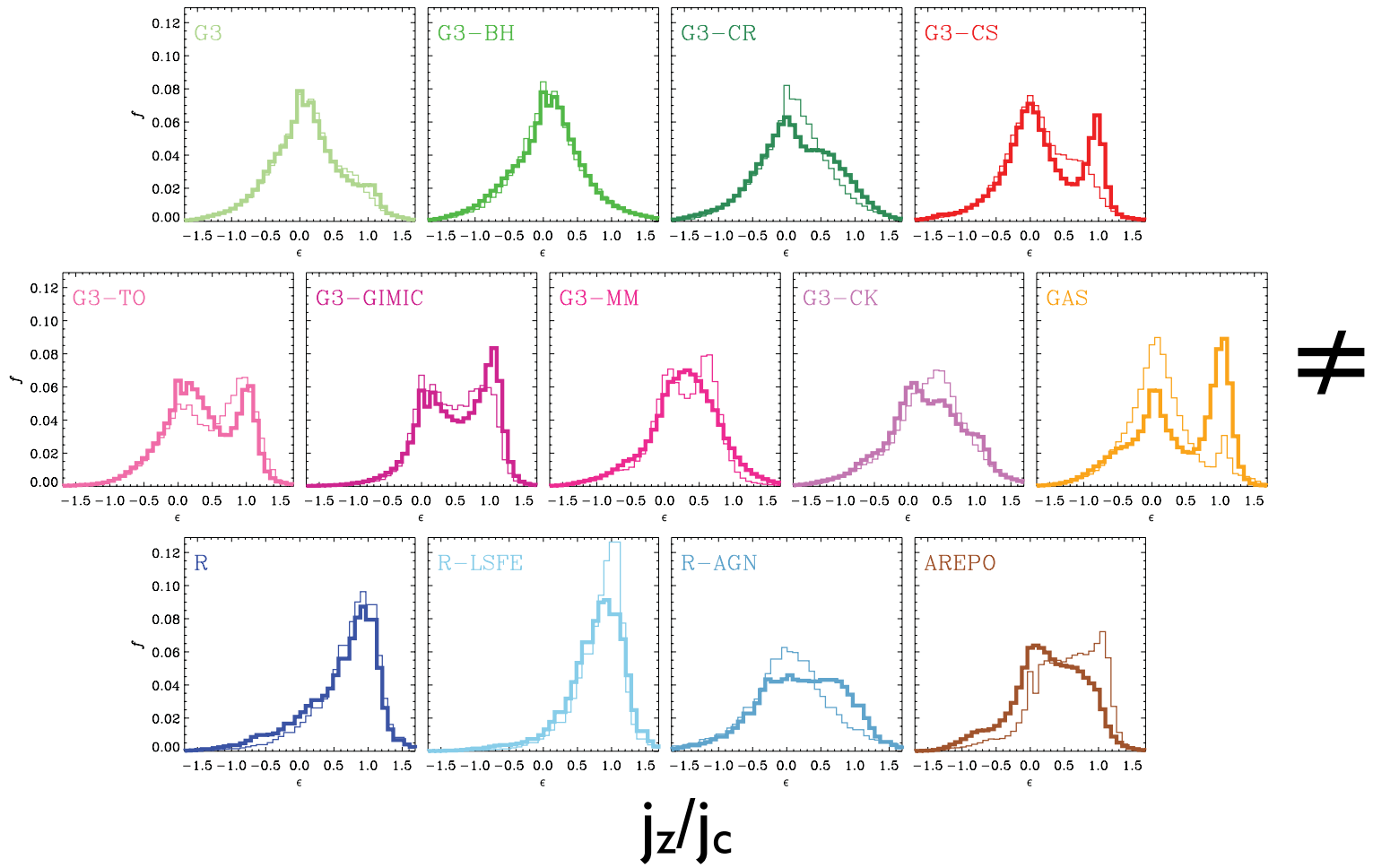
angular momentum / ang mom needed for rotation



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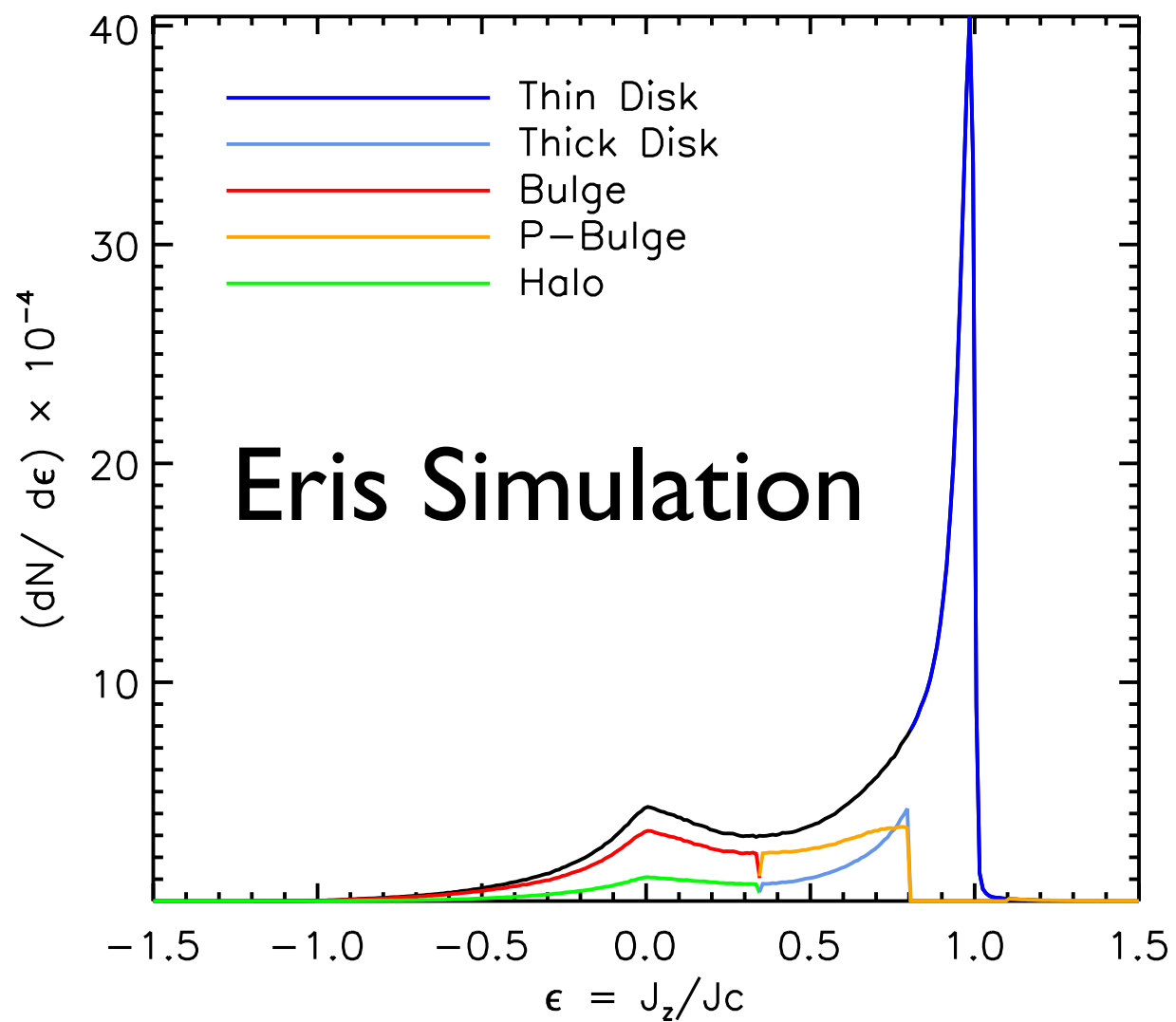
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# The Angular Momentum ~~Catastrophe~~

Eris, the first high-resolution simulation of a  $\sim 10^{12} M_{\odot}$  halo, produced a realistic spiral galaxy. Adequate resolution and physically realistic feedback appear to be sufficient.



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***Assembling Galaxies of Resolved Anatomy***  
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**~90 astrophysicists using 9 codes have joined AGORA**

**Next meeting: after UCSC Galaxy Workshop Aug 16-19, 2013**

[www.AGORAsimulations.org](http://www.AGORAsimulations.org)



# AGORA High-Resolution Simulation Comparison

## Initial Conditions for Simulations

MUSIC galaxy masses at  $z \sim 0$ :  $\sim 10^{10}, 10^{11}, 10^{12}, 10^{13} M_{\odot}$

with both quiet and busy merging trees

isolation criteria agreed for Lagrangian regions

Isolated Spiral Galaxy at  $z \sim 1$ :  $\sim 10^{12} M_{\odot}$

## Astrophysics that all groups will include

UV background (Haardt-Madau 2012)

cooling function (based on ENZO and Eris cooling)

Tools to compare simulations based on *yt*, to be available for all codes used in AGORA

Images and SEDs for all timesteps from *yt*  *Sunrise*

[www.AGORAsimulations.org](http://www.AGORAsimulations.org)



## AGORA Task-Oriented Working Groups

	Working Group	Objectives and Tasks
T1	Common Astrophysics	UV background, metal-dependent cooling, IMF, metal yields
T2	ICs: Isolated	common initial conditions for isolated low- $z$ disk galaxies
T3	ICs: Cosmological	common initial conditions for cosmological zoom-in simulations
T4	Common Analysis	support yt and other analysis tools, define quantitative and physically meaningful comparisons across simulations

## AGORA Science Working Groups

	Working Group	Science Questions (includes, but not limited to)
S1	Isolated Galaxies and Subgrid Physics	tune the subgrid physics across platforms to produce similar results for similar astrophysical assumptions
S2	Dwarf Galaxies	simulate $\sim 10^{10} M_{\odot}$ halos, compare results across all platforms
S3	Dark Matter	radial profile, shape, substructure, core-cusp problem
S4	Satellite Galaxies	effects of environment, UV background, tidal disruption
S5	Galactic Characteristics	surface brightness, stellar properties, metallicity, images, SEDs
S6	Outflows	outflows, circumgalactic medium, metal absorption systems
S7	High-redshift Galaxies	cold flows, clumpiness, kinematics, Lyman-limit systems
S8	Interstellar Medium	galactic interstellar medium, thermodynamics
S9	Massive Black Holes	black hole growth and feedback in galactic context
S10	Ly $\alpha$ Absorption and Emission	prediction of Ly $\alpha$ maps for simulated galaxies and their environments including effects of radiative transfer

# **AGORA High-Resolution Galaxy Simulation Comparison Project: Calendar**

**AGORA Kickoff Meeting: August 17-18-19, 2012, at UCSC**

**Roughly every four months: AGORA SeeVogh web conference  
First web conf. Nov. 16, 2012; next April 26, 2013; ...**

**yt Developers Workshop: UCSC March 6-8**

**AGORA Flagship Paper to be submitted: June 30**

**Summer 2013:**

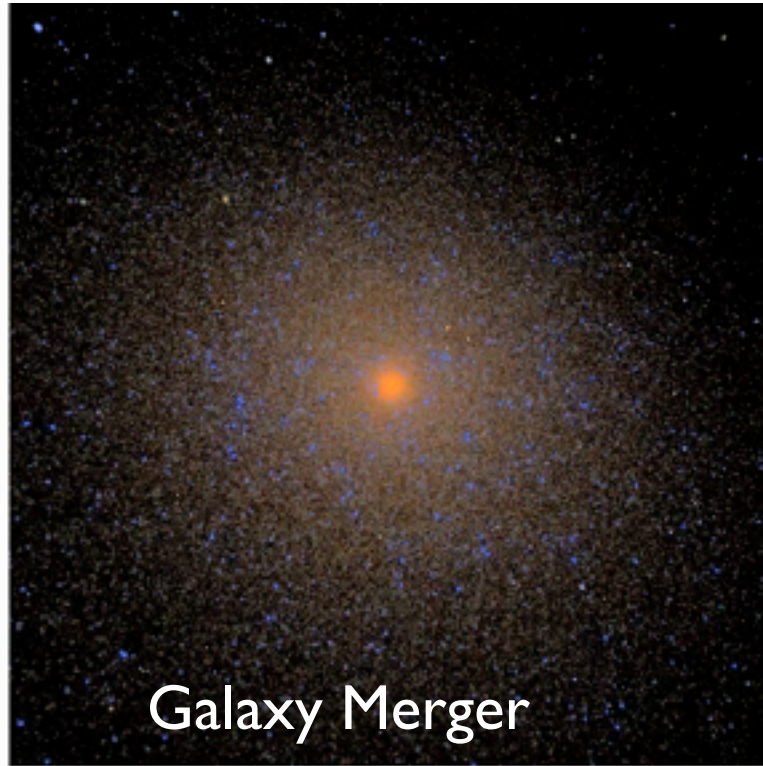
**UC-HiPACC Summer School on Star and Planet Formation  
July 22 - August 9, at UCSC, directed by Mark Krumholz  
Santa Cruz Galaxy Workshop - August 12-16 (by invitation -  
contact Avishai Dekel or Joel Primack)**

**AGORA Conference August 16-19 at UCSC**

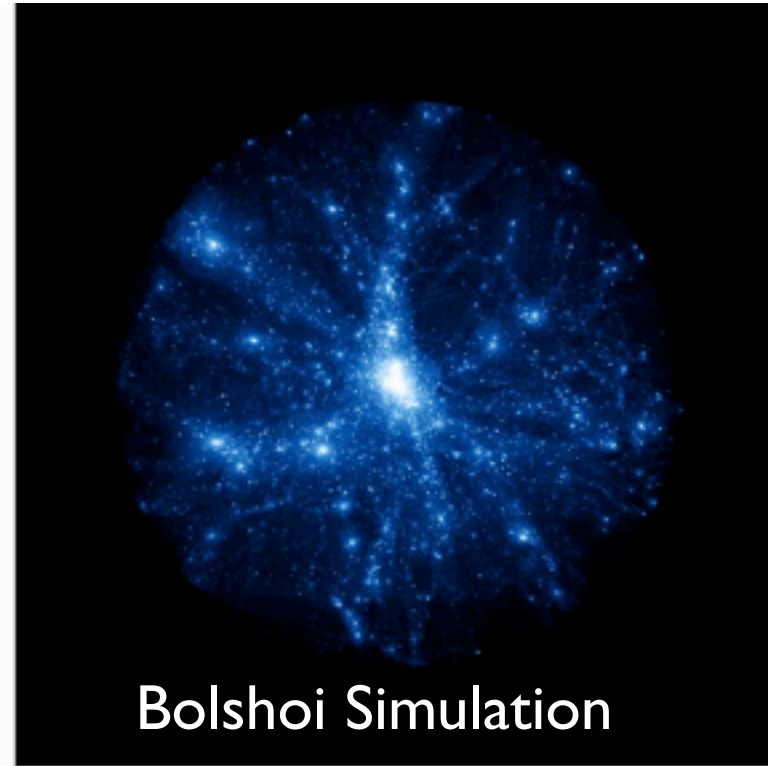


# Cosmic 3D Questions

Milky Way  
Meets  
Andromeda  
Our galactic  
future?



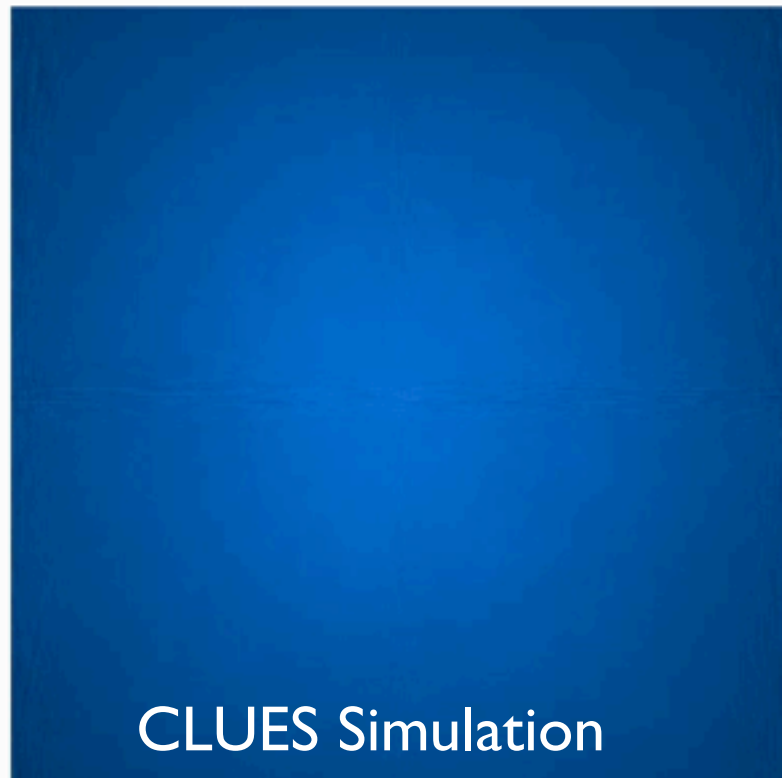
Galaxy Merger



Bolshoi Simulation

Halo Shape  
and  
Orientation  
Do  
observations  
agree?

Milky Way's  
Universe  
Special  
Environment  
?



CLUES Simulation

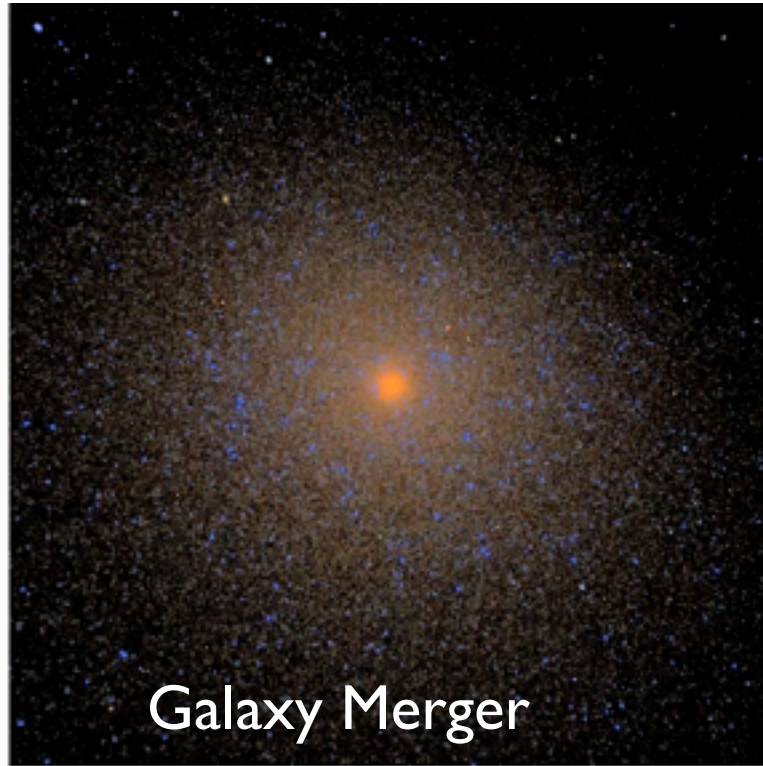


Bolshoi Merger Tree

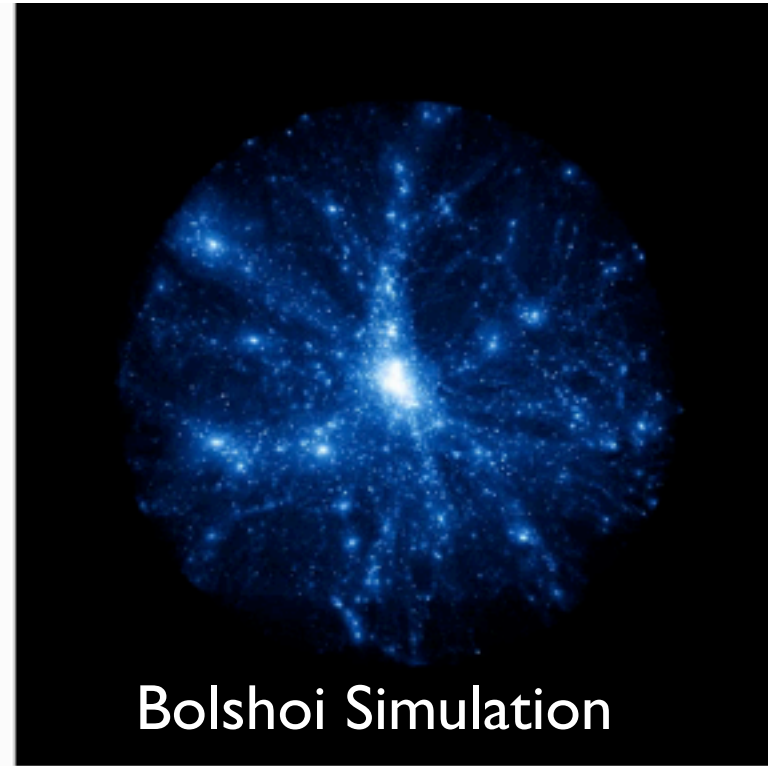
Satellite  
Galaxies  
Do they  
fit in  
subhalos  
?

# Ways of Showing 3D

Milky Way  
Meets  
Andromeda  
Extreme  
Perspective



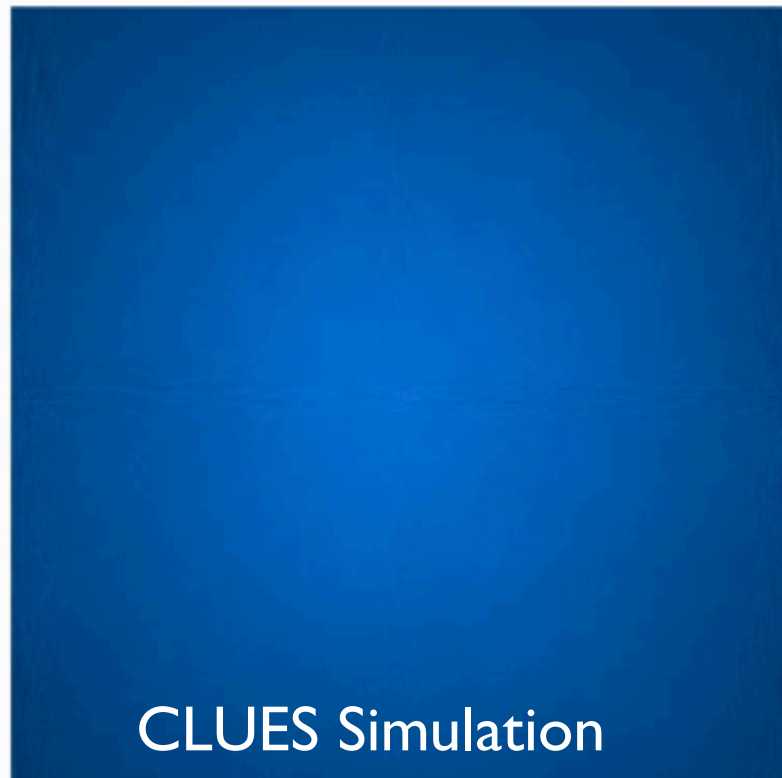
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Bolshoi Simulation

The Cosmic  
Web  
Rotation &  
Zoom-in

Milky Way's  
Universe  
Comoving  
Evolution,  
Fly-through



CLUES Simulation



Bolshoi Merger Tree

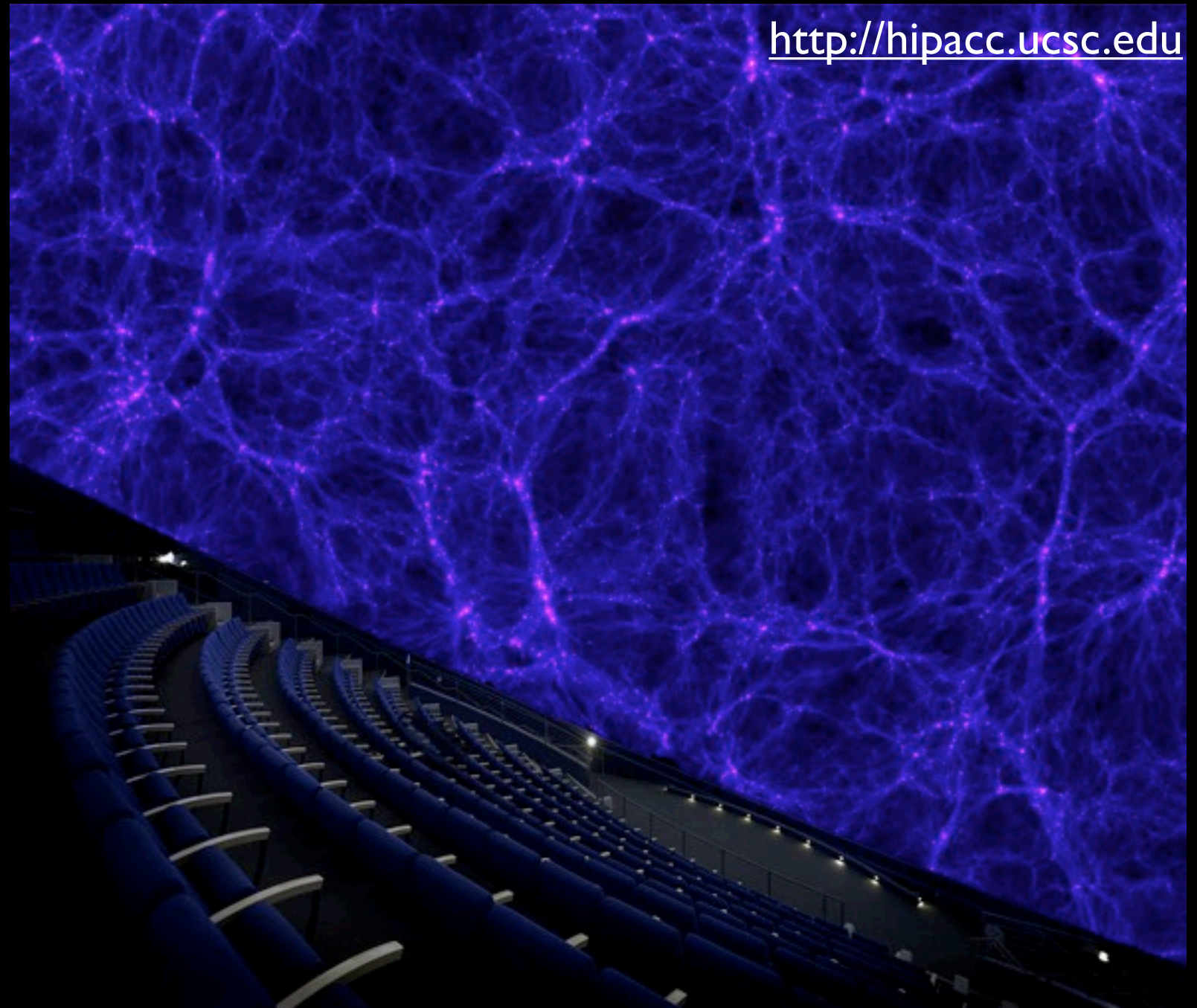
Satellite  
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# Astro-Computation Visualization and Outreach

Project lead: Prof. Joel Primack, Director, UC High-Performance AstroComputing Center  
UC-HIPACC Visualization and Outreach Specialist: Nina McCurdy

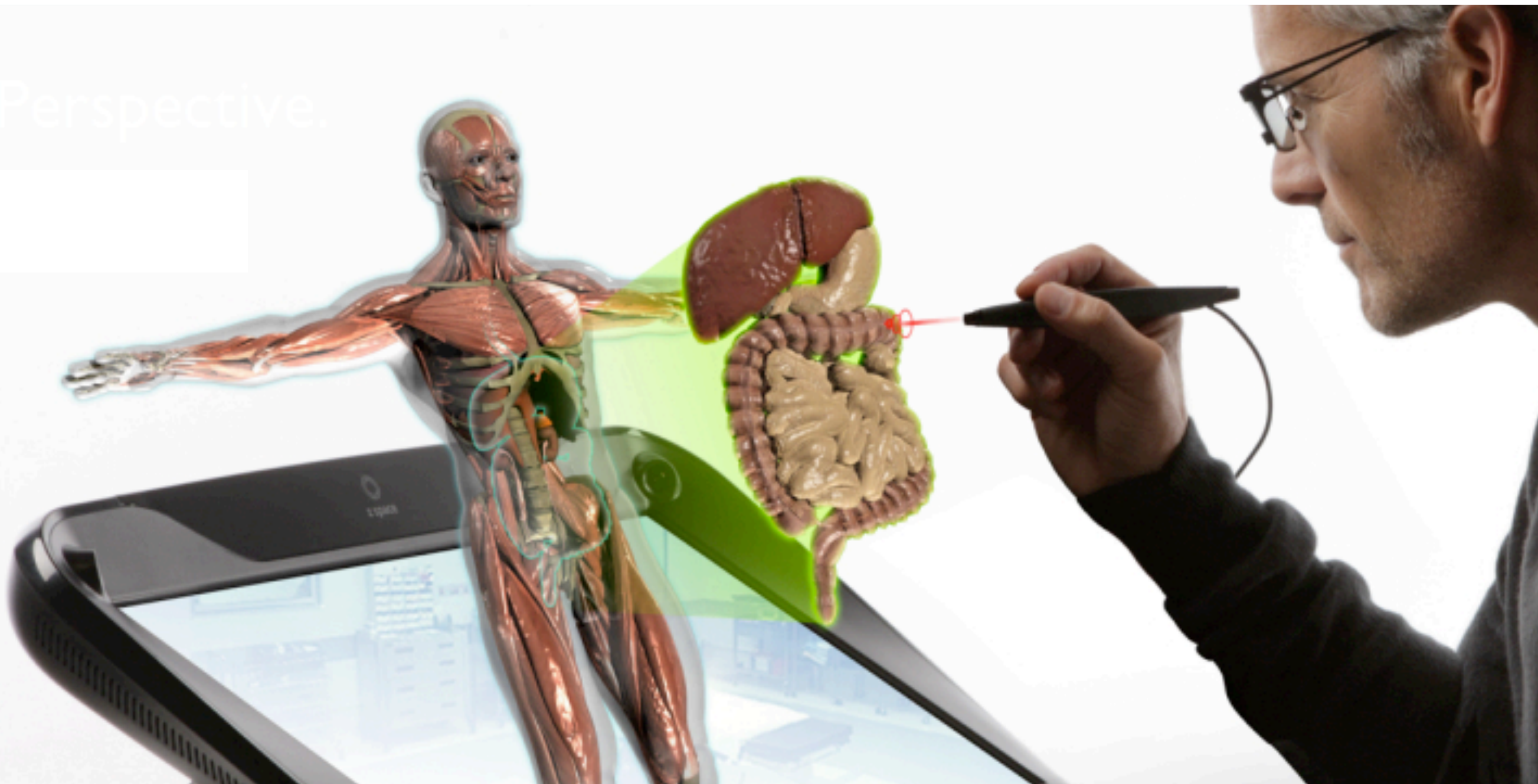


HIPACC is working with the Morrison Planetarium at the California Academy of Sciences (pictured here) to show how dark matter shapes the universe. We helped prepare their show *LIFE: a Cosmic Story* that opened in fall 2010, and also a major planetarium show that opened the new 8000 pixel across Adler Planetarium Grainger Sky Theater in July 2011.



# zSpace Holographic Workstation

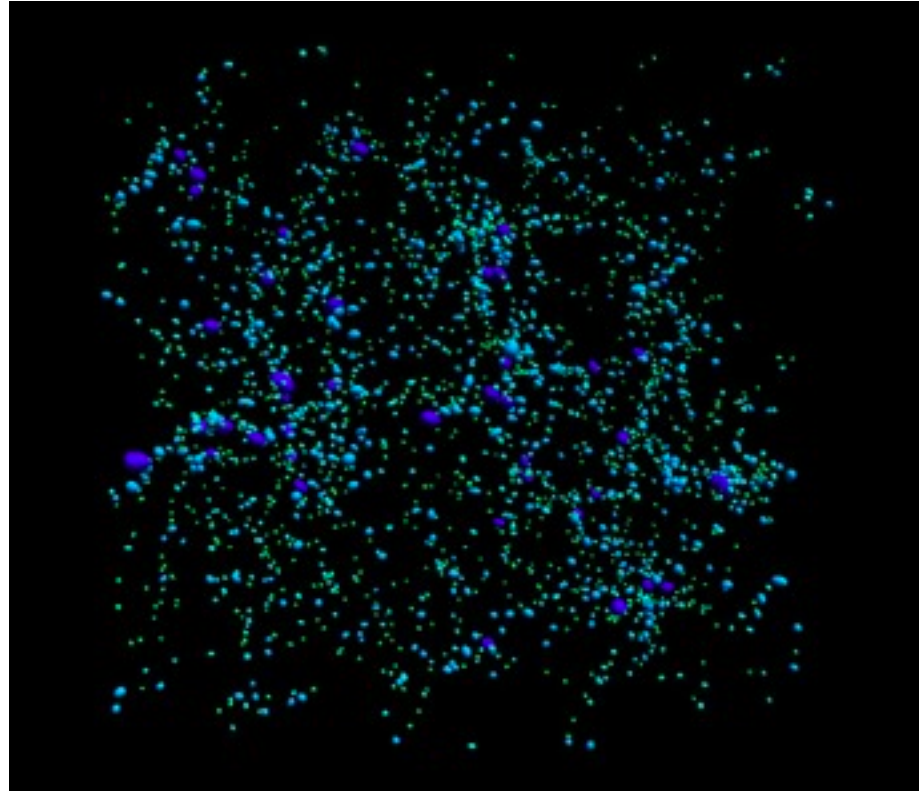
Perspective.



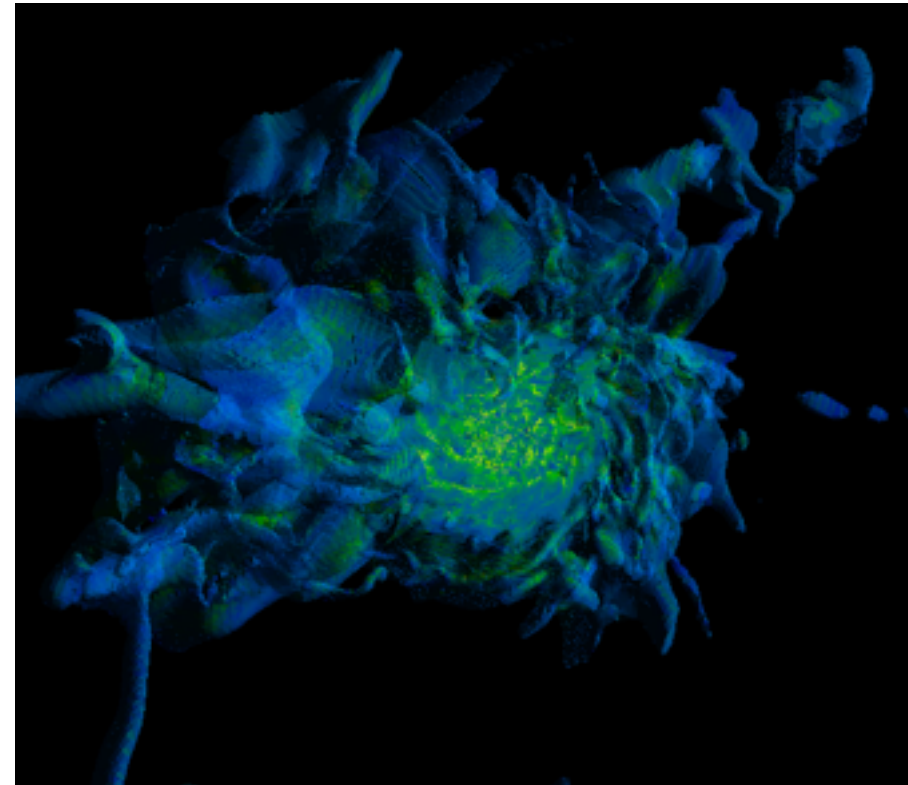
**zSpace, a Silicon Valley startup, has given their technology to the UCSC 3D Visualization Laboratory (3D VizLab)**



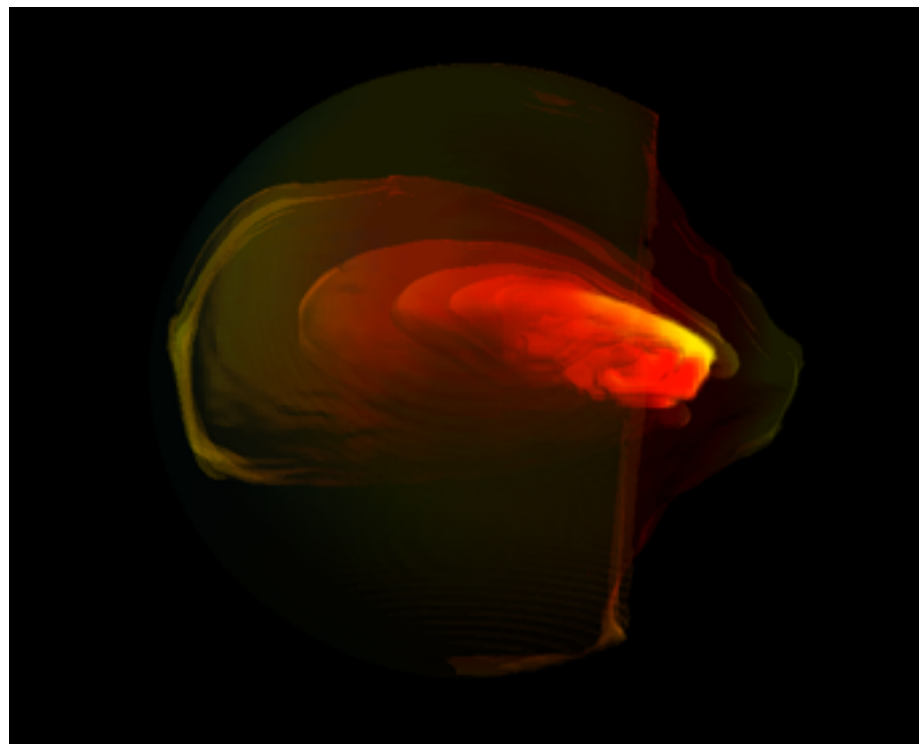
# Current zSpace Projects



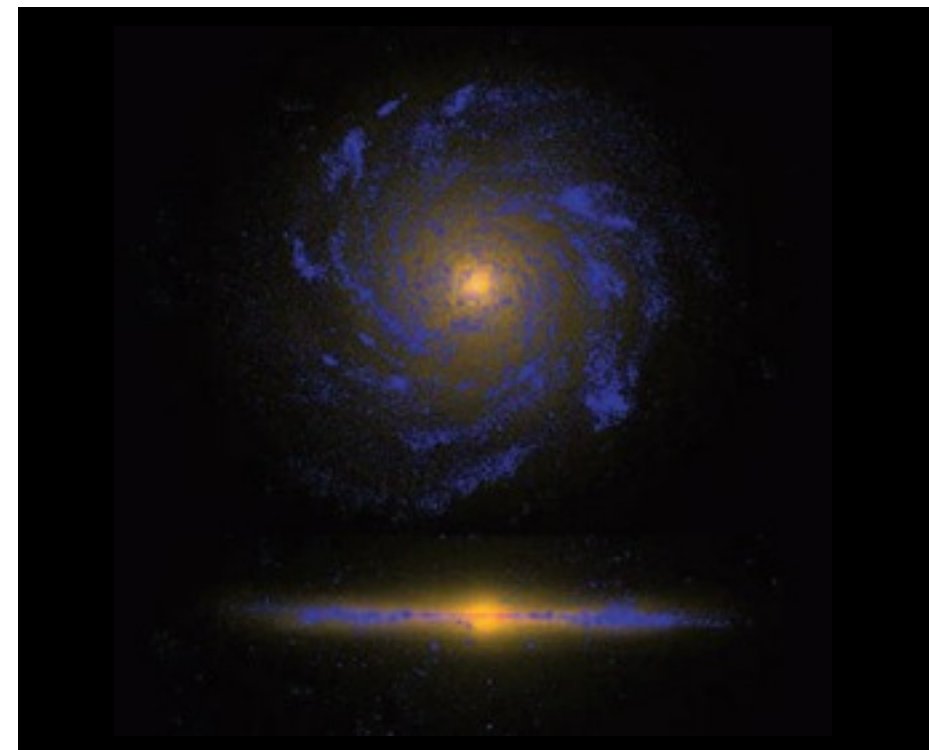
Dark Matter Halos in the Cosmic Web



Galaxy Formation & Evolution



Dwarf Galaxies & Gas Collection



The Epicyclic Motion of Galactic Stars

# AstroComputing is Prototypical Scientific Computing

Astronomy has several advantages:

The data tends to be pretty **clean**

The data is (mostly) **non-proprietary**

The research is (mostly) **funded**

The data is pretty **sexy**

There's a lot of **public involvement:**





# Big Challenges of AstroComputing

## Big Data

### Sloan Digital Sky Survey (SDSS) 2008

2.5 Terapixels of images  
40 TB raw data → 120 TB processed  
35 TB catalogs

### Mikulski Archive for Space Telescopes (MAST) 2013

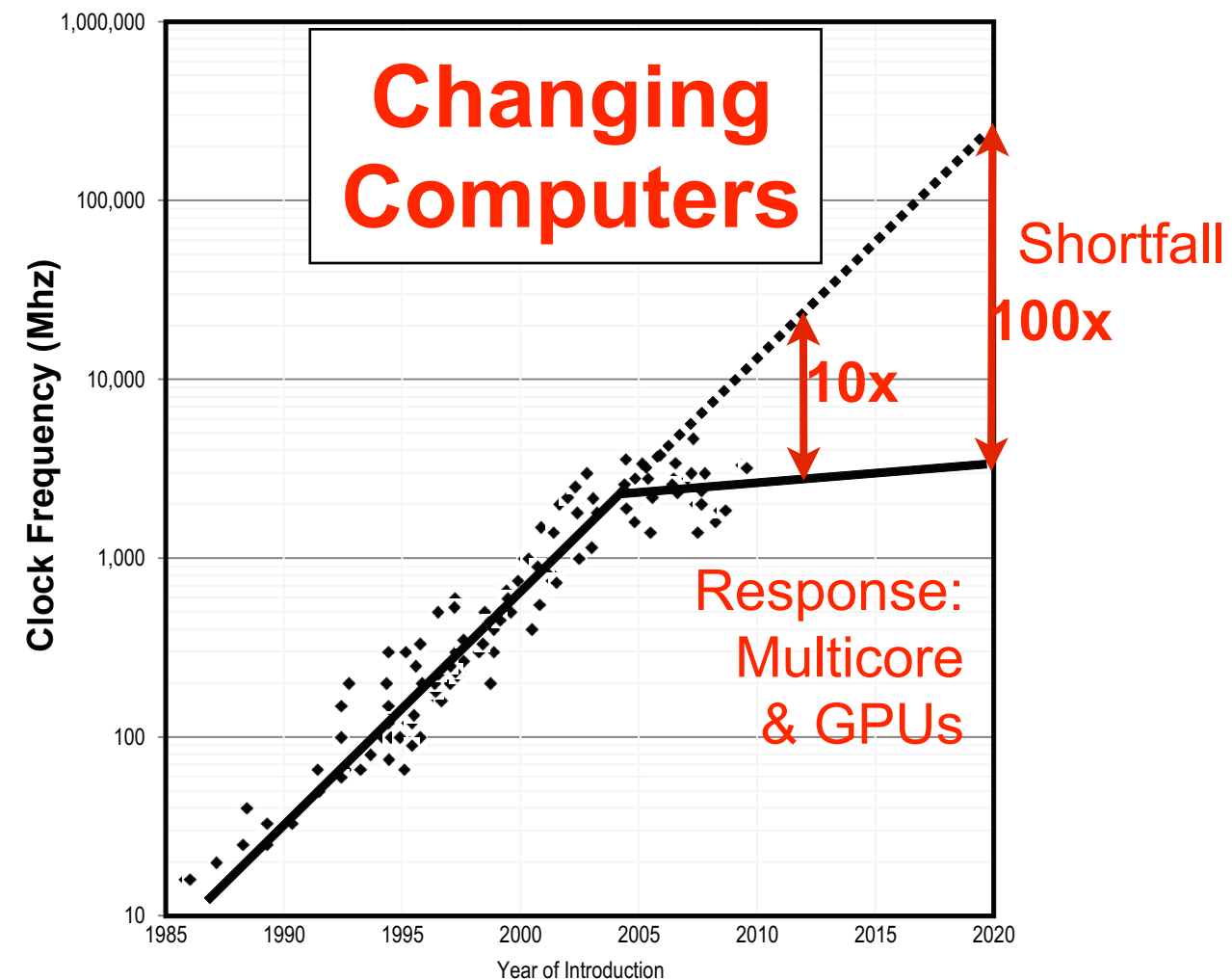
185 TB of images  
25 TB/year ingest rate  
>100 TB/year retrieval rate

### Large Synoptic Survey Telescope (LSST) 2019

15 TB per night for 10 years  
100 PB image archive  
20 PB final database catalog

### Square Kilometer Array (SKA) ~2024

1 EB per day (~ internet traffic today)  
100 PFlop/s processing power  
~1 EB processed data/year



Increasingly inhomogeneous computers are harder to program! We need **computational scientists and engineers** and new compilers that generate code for nodes with cores+accelerators with automatic load balancing and fault tolerance.

# The Big Data Future in Astronomy

Exponential growth in computing power and detectors and falling cost of data storage has enabled vast increases in

- Ambitious surveys, with massive storage for archives
- Simulation realism - virtual experiments on the universe

Astronomy is becoming dominated by surveys and simulations

- How can we understand such huge amounts of data?  
We need data microscopes and telescopes!

We have to analyze outputs as the supercomputers run

- Users will send questions (algorithms) to where the data is stored and get back answers including visualizations (not raw data)



# High Performance Scientific Computing Needs

The challenges facing us are

“**Big data**” -- too large to move -- from more powerful observations, larger computer outputs, and falling storage costs

**Changing high-performance computer architecture** -- from networked single processors to multicore and GPUs

These challenges demand new collaborations between natural scientists and computer scientists to develop

Tools and scientific programmers to convert legacy code and write **new codes efficient on multicore/GPU architectures**, including **fault tolerance** and **automatic load balancing**

New ways to **visualize and analyze big data remotely**

**Train new generations of scientific computer users**

**Improve education and outreach**

UC-HiPACC is proposing a **California Scientific Computing Institute** in Silicon Valley to work on these issues -- **we welcome collaboration!**

# Supercomputing the Universe

Joel R. Primack, UCSC

<http://scipp.ucsc.edu/personnel/profiles/primack.html>

Websites related to this talk:

<http://hipacc.ucsc.edu> University of California High-Performance AstroComputing Center (UC-HiPACC)

<http://hipacc.ucsc.edu/v4/> International Astronomy Visualization Gallery

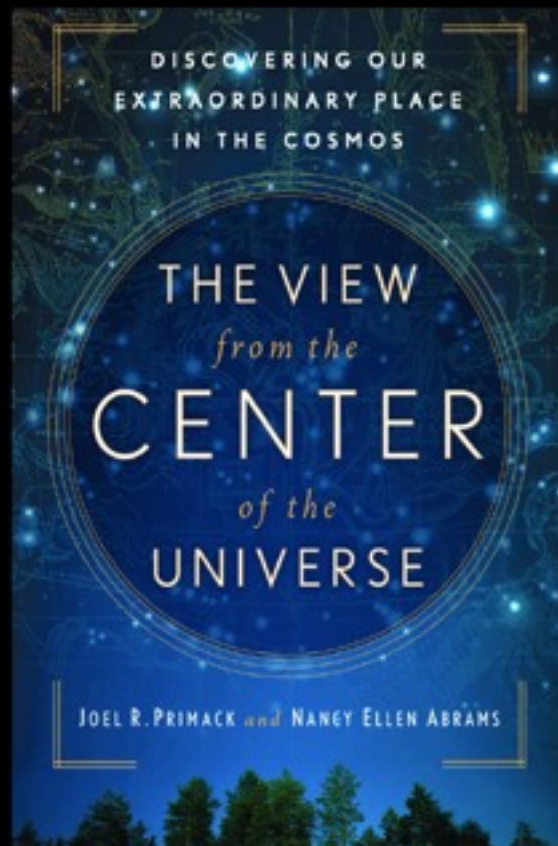
<http://hipacc.ucsc.edu/Bolshoi> Bolshoi simulations

<http://candels.ucolick.org> CANDELS survey

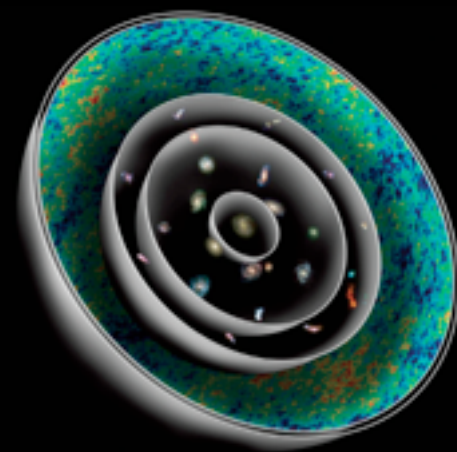
<http://code.google.com/p/sunrise/> Sunrise dust code

**Abrams & Primack Book Websites with images and videos:**

[ViewfromtheCenter.com](http://ViewfromtheCenter.com)



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