

# How the first stars shaped the first galaxies

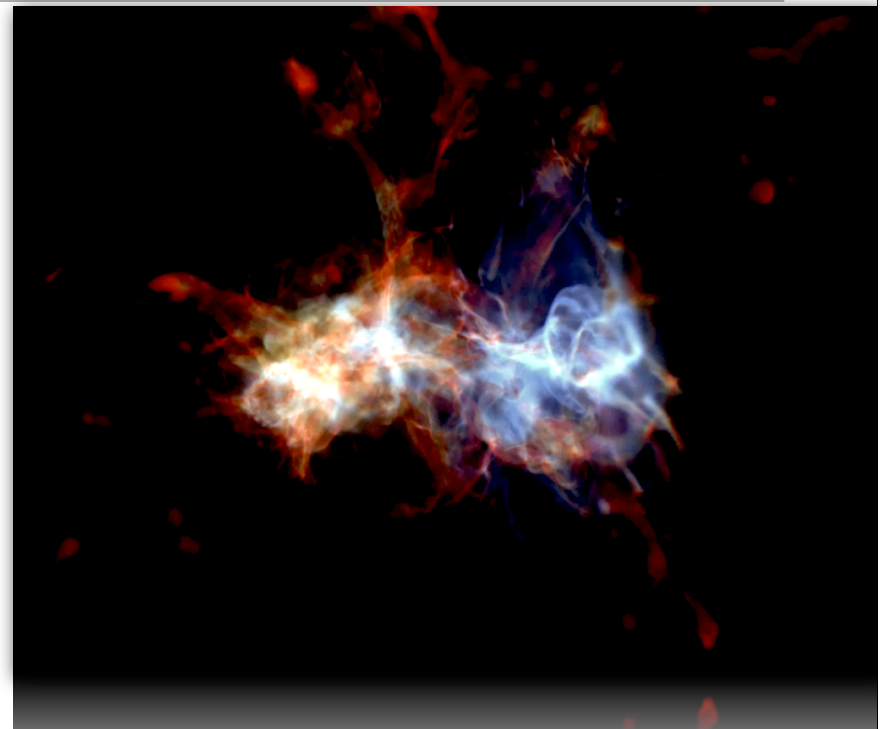
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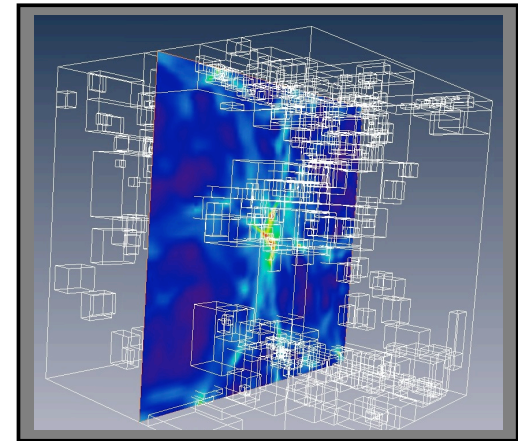
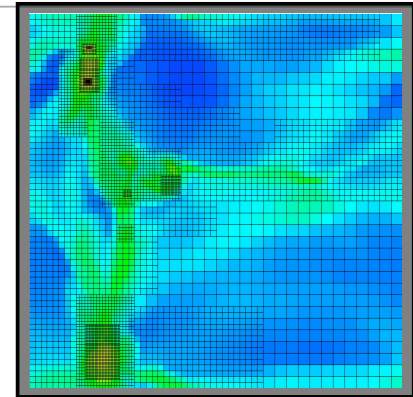
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# Talk Outline

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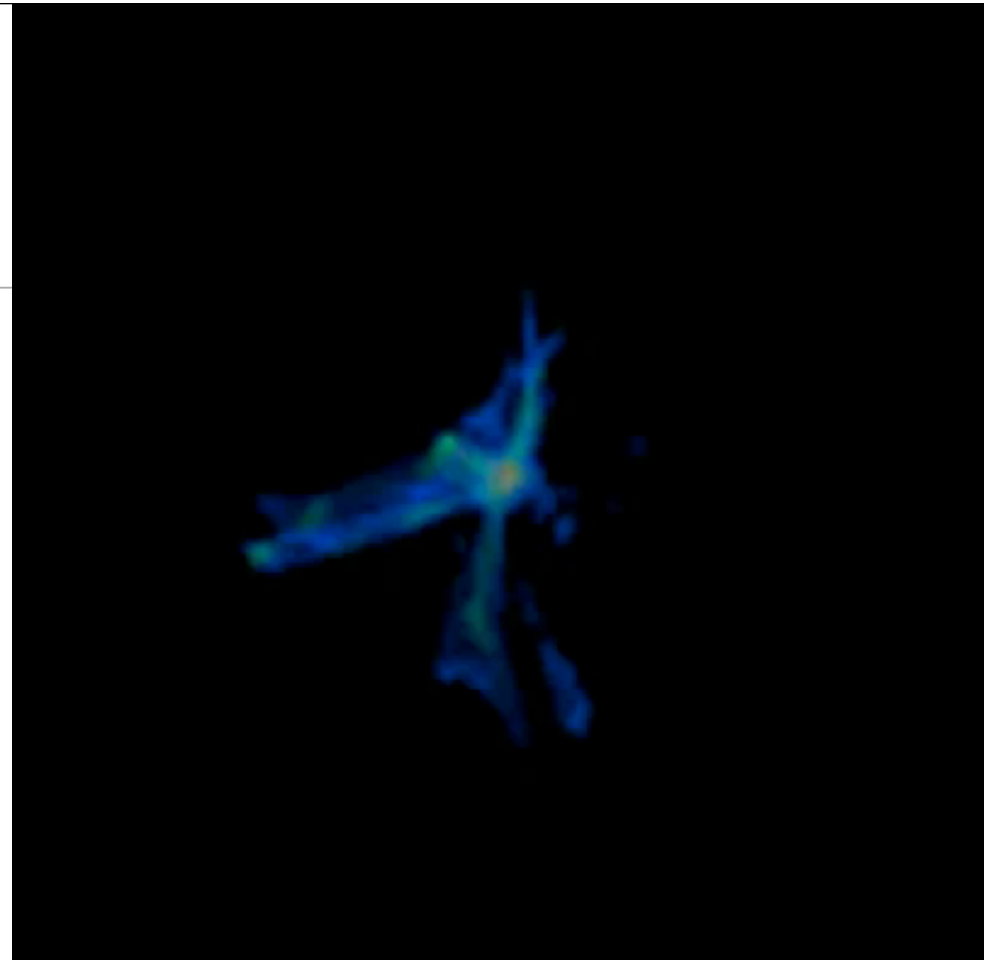
- First Objects are very massive isolated stars
- First stars: HII regions, Supernovae, BH accretion
- Properties of First Galaxies
- ISM and molecular cloud formation
- Why making Galaxies one star at a time?



- public version of enzo at:  
<http://lca.ucsd.edu/portal/software/enzo>

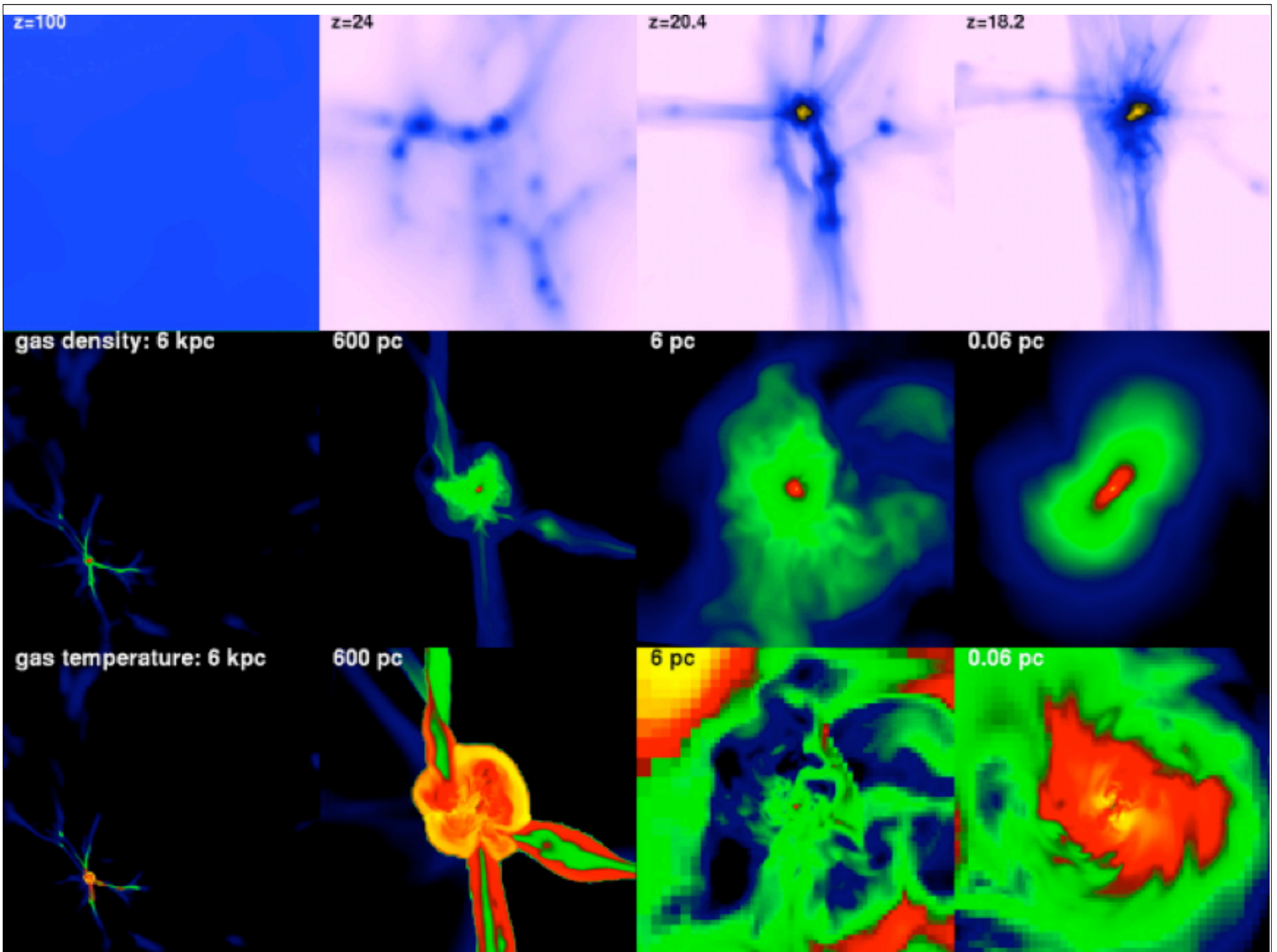
# Initial Value Problem

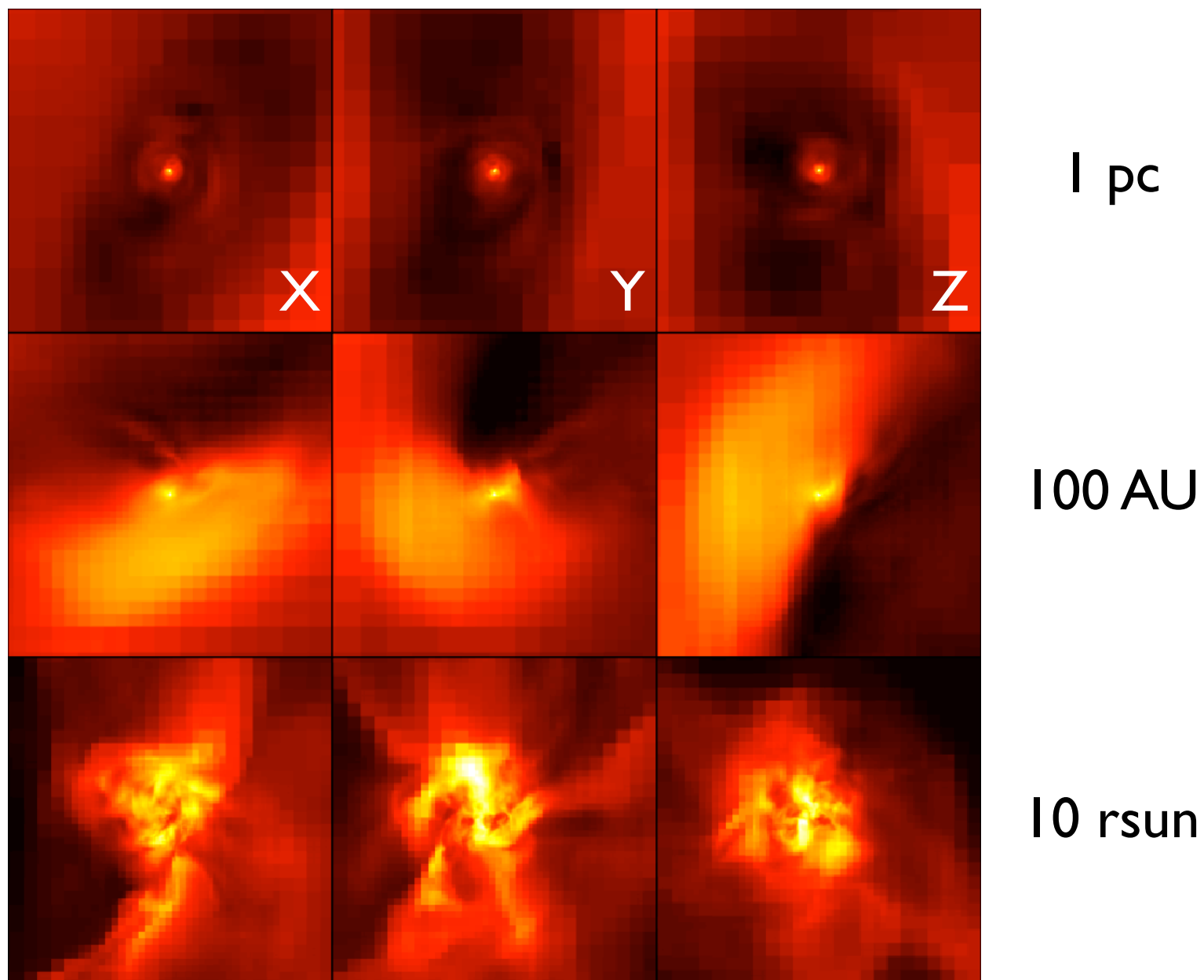
- Initial Conditions: COBE/ACBAR/Boomerang/WMAP/CfA/SDDS/2DF/CDMS/DAMA/Edelweiss/... + Theory: Constituents, Density Fluctuations, Thermal History
- Physics: Gravity, MHD, Chemistry, Radiative Cooling, Radiation Transport, Cosmic Rays, Dust drift & cooling, Supernovae, Stellar evolution, etc.
- Transition from Linear to Non-Linear:
- Using patched based structured adaptive (space & time) mesh refinement
- Differs from current day star formation:
  - Complete ICs are known
  - Chemistry, cooling, B, known



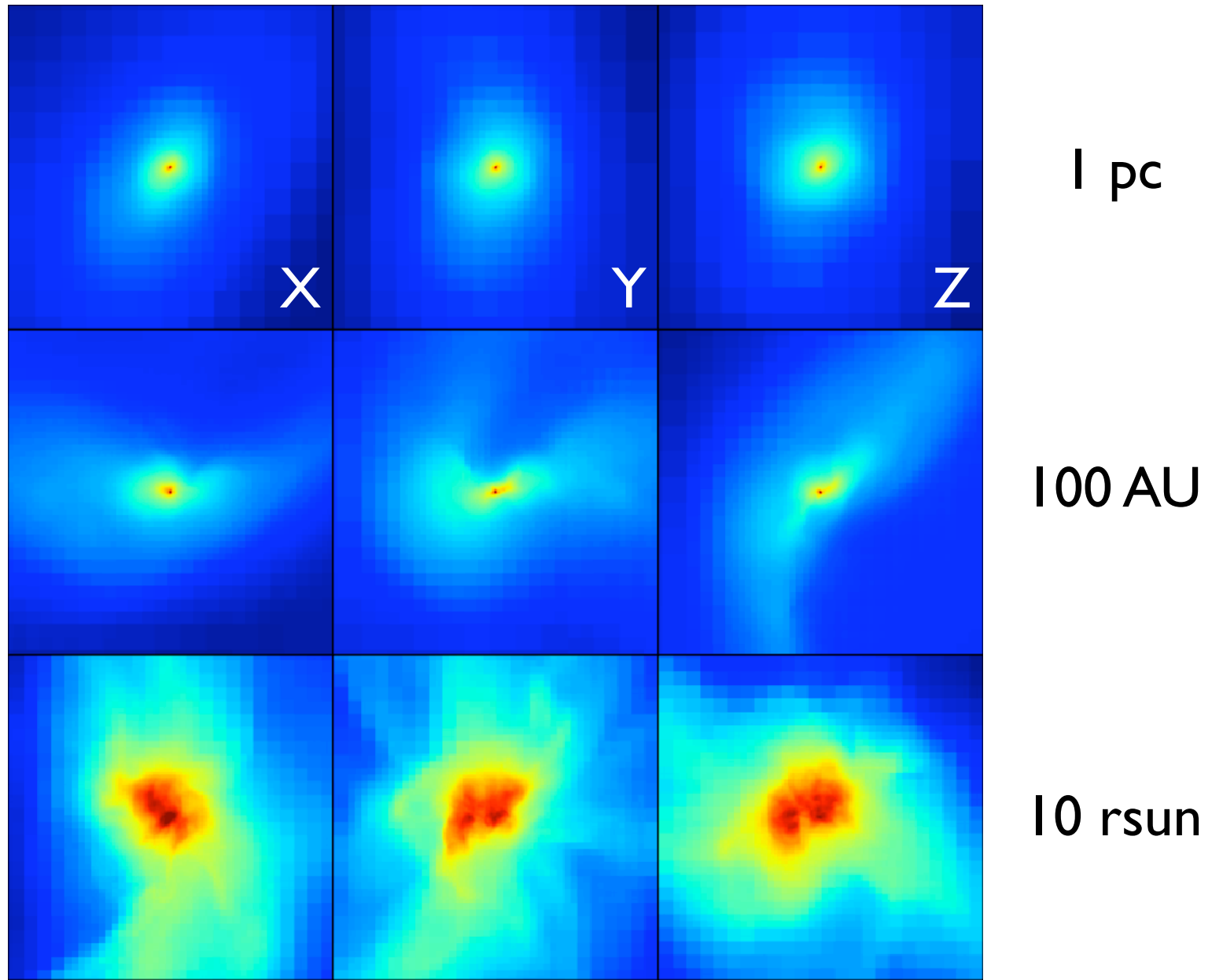
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$$\frac{R_{\odot}}{R_{\text{Milky Way}}} \approx 10^{-12}$$
$$\frac{P_{\odot, \text{Kepler}}}{t_{\text{Hubble}}(z = 30)} \approx 10^{-12}$$

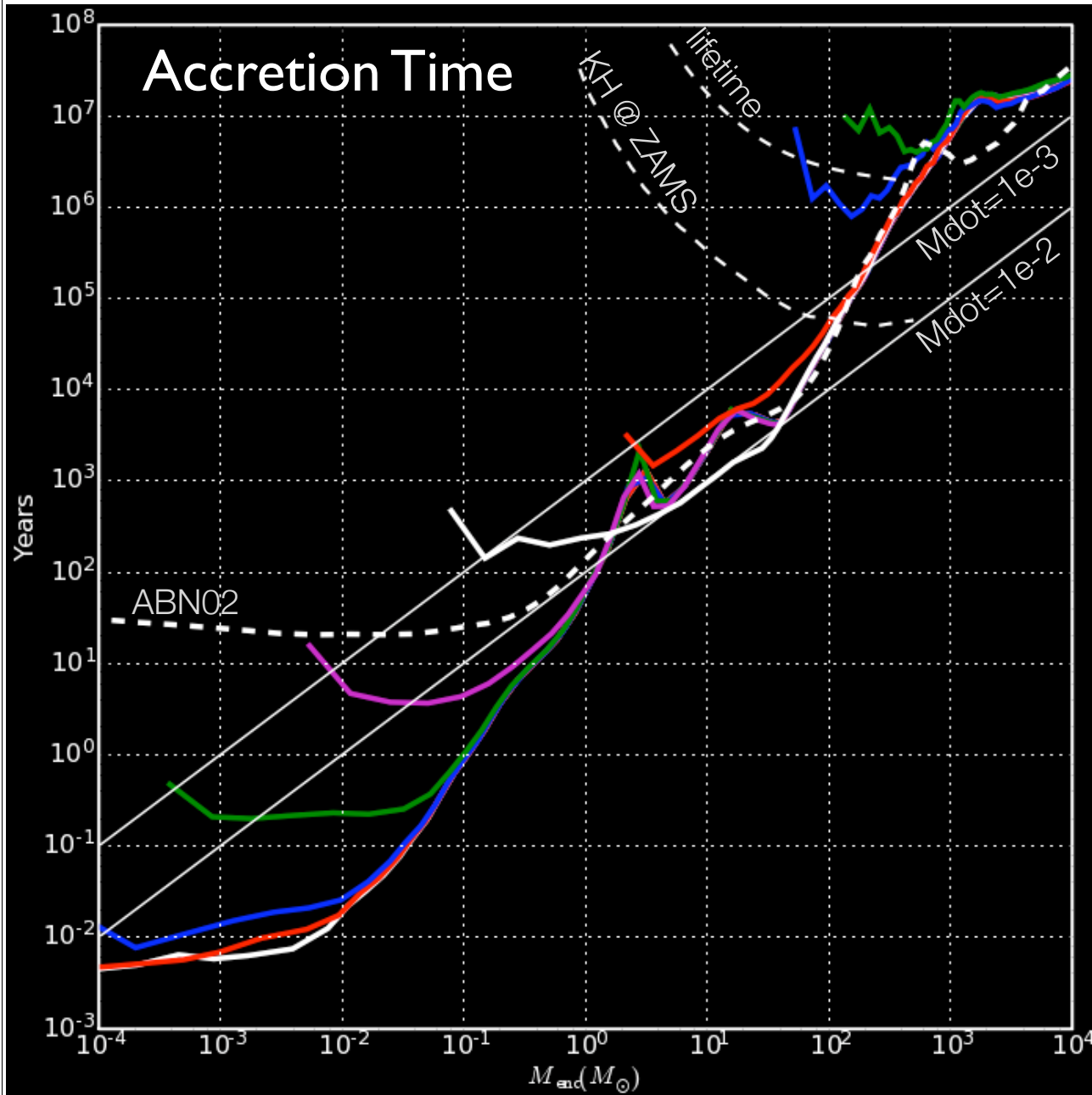




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dynamic range:  $2 \times 10^{13}$   
 min  $dx = 0.1 R_{\text{sun}}$   
 16 cells per jeans length

High density, temperature,  
 equation of state, radiation  
 transport corrections, collision  
 induced emission.

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# Recap

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## First Stars are isolated and very massive

- Theoretical uncertainty: 30 - 300 solar mass

Many simulations with **four very different numerical techniques** and a large range of numerical resolutions have **converged** to this result. Some of these calculations capture over 20 orders of magnitude in density and reach the proto-stellar accretion phase!

Non-equilibrium chemistry & cooling, three body H<sub>2</sub> formation, chemical heating, H<sub>2</sub> line transfer, collision induced emission and its transport, and sufficient resolution to capture chemo-thermal and gravitational instabilities. Stable results against variations on all so far test dark matter variations, as well as strong soft UV backgrounds.

Perfectly consistent with observations!  
Could have been a real problem!



# Immediate consequences

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- Entire mass range are strong UV emitters
- Live fast, die young. (2.7 Myr)
- Fragile Environment
  - Globular Cluster mass halo but  $\sim 100$  times as large  $\rightarrow$  small  $v_{\text{esc}} \sim 2$  km/s
  - Birth clouds are evaporated



CALIFORNIA NEBULA, NGC1499

500 pc = 1,500 light years away

30 pc long

Xi Persei, **منكب** mankib, Shoulder of Pleiades:

O7.5III

330,000 solar luminosities

~40 solar masses,  $T_{\text{eff}}=3.7e4\text{K}$

# 3D Cosmological Radiation Hydrodynamics

Focus on point sources

Early methods: Abel, Norman & Madau 1999 ApJ;  
Abel & Wandelt 2002, MNRAS; Variable Eddington  
tensors: Gnedin & Abel 2001, NewA

Latest: Abel, Wise & Bryan 06 ApJL  
Keeps time dependence of transfer equation

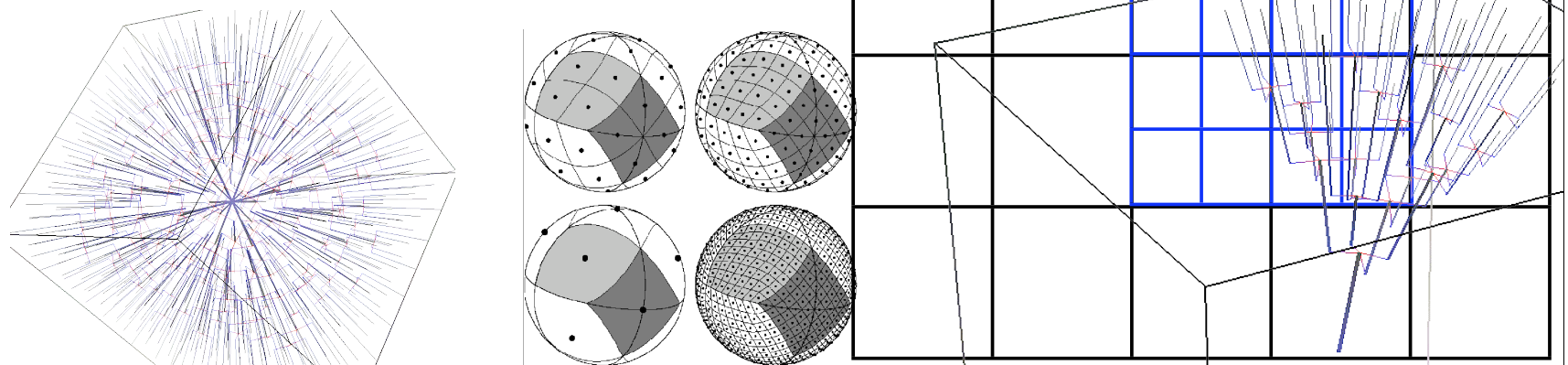
Adaptive ray-tracing of PhotonPackages using  
HEALPIX pixelization of the sphere. Photon  
conserving at any resolution.

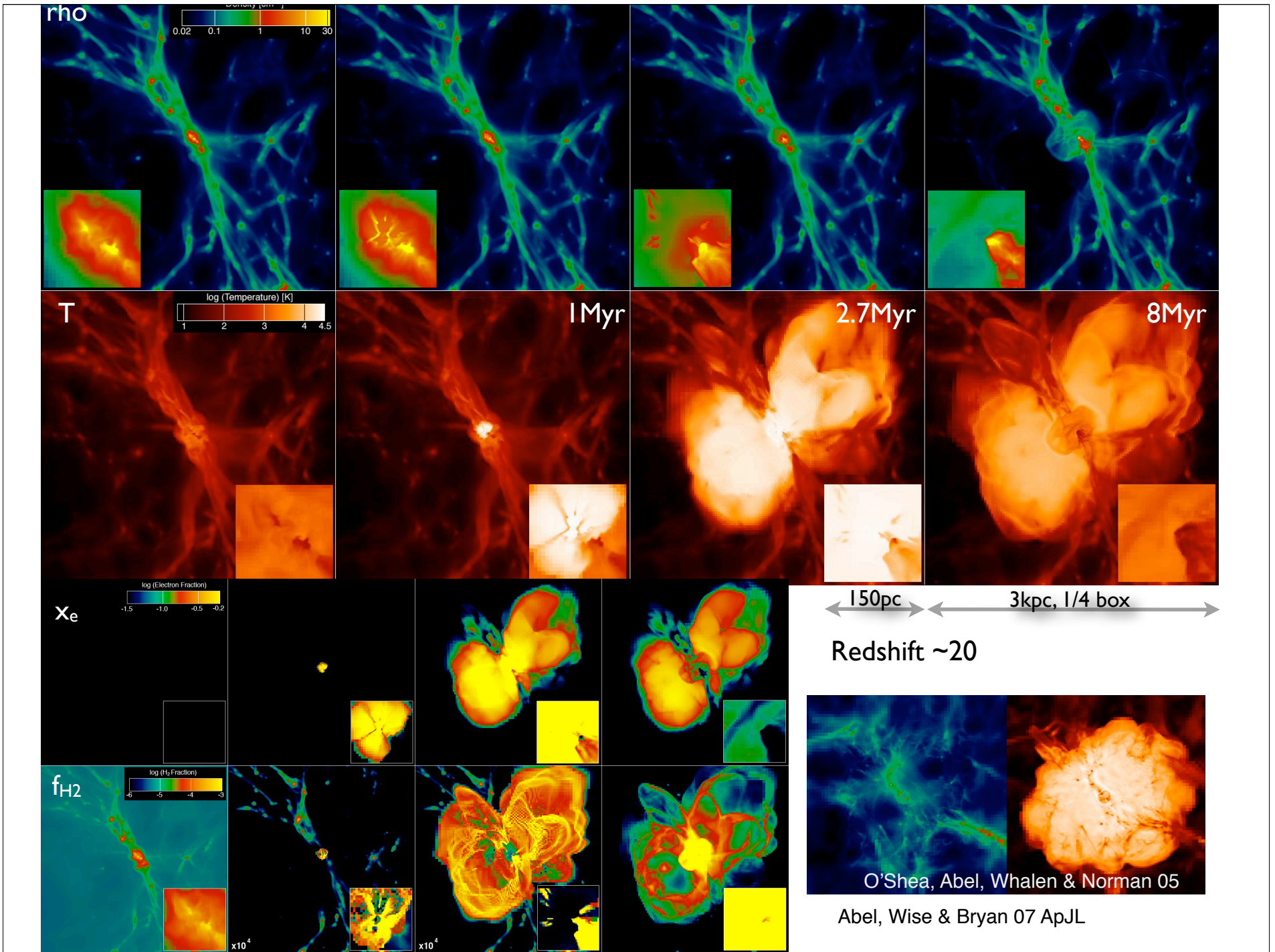
Parallel using MPI and dynamic load balancing.

Fully coupled with non-equilibrium chemistry and  
hydrodynamics.

$$\frac{1}{c} \frac{\partial I_\nu}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial I_\nu}{\partial r} = -\kappa I_\nu$$

Transfer done along adaptive rays  
Case B recombination



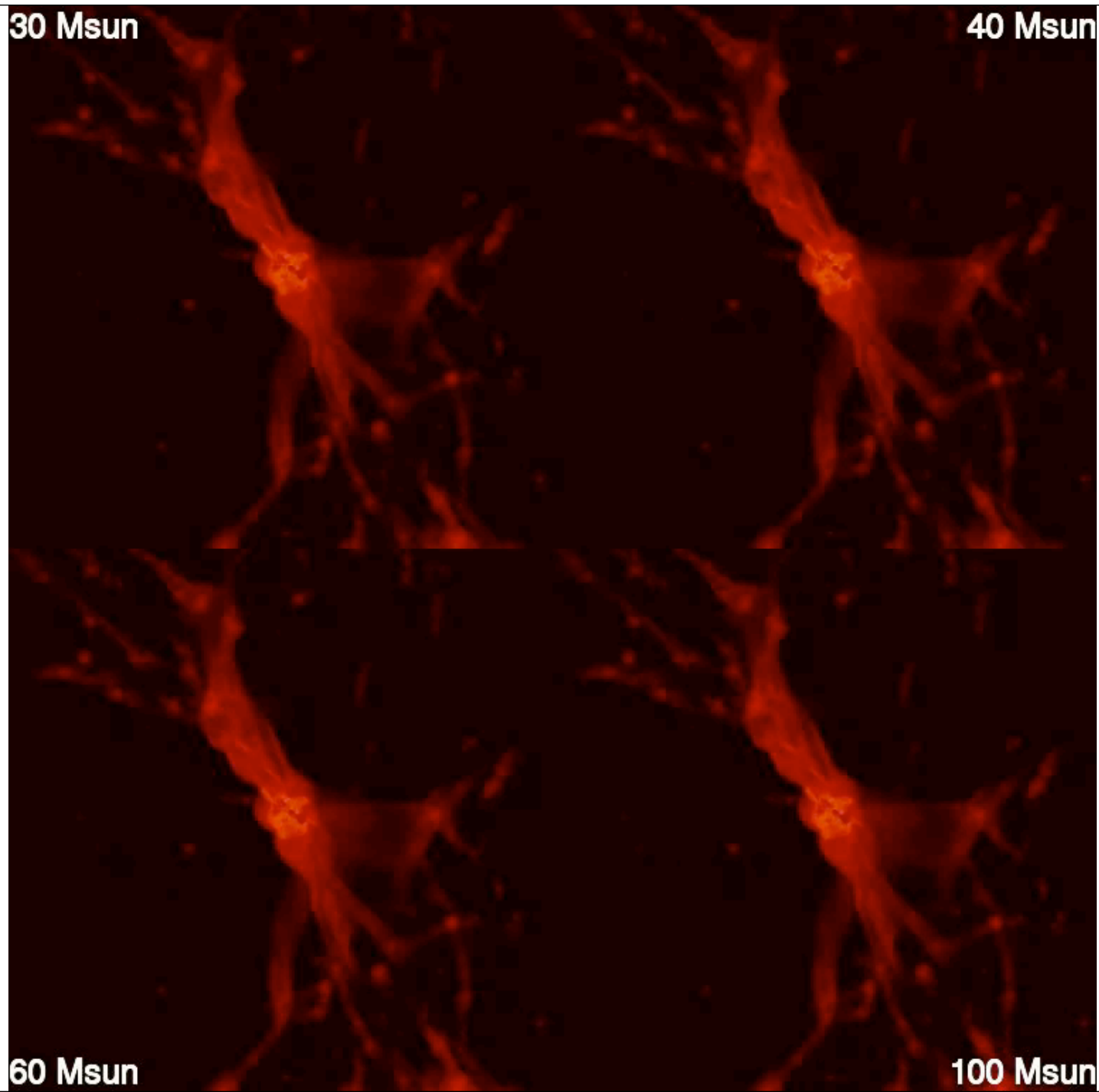


30 Msun

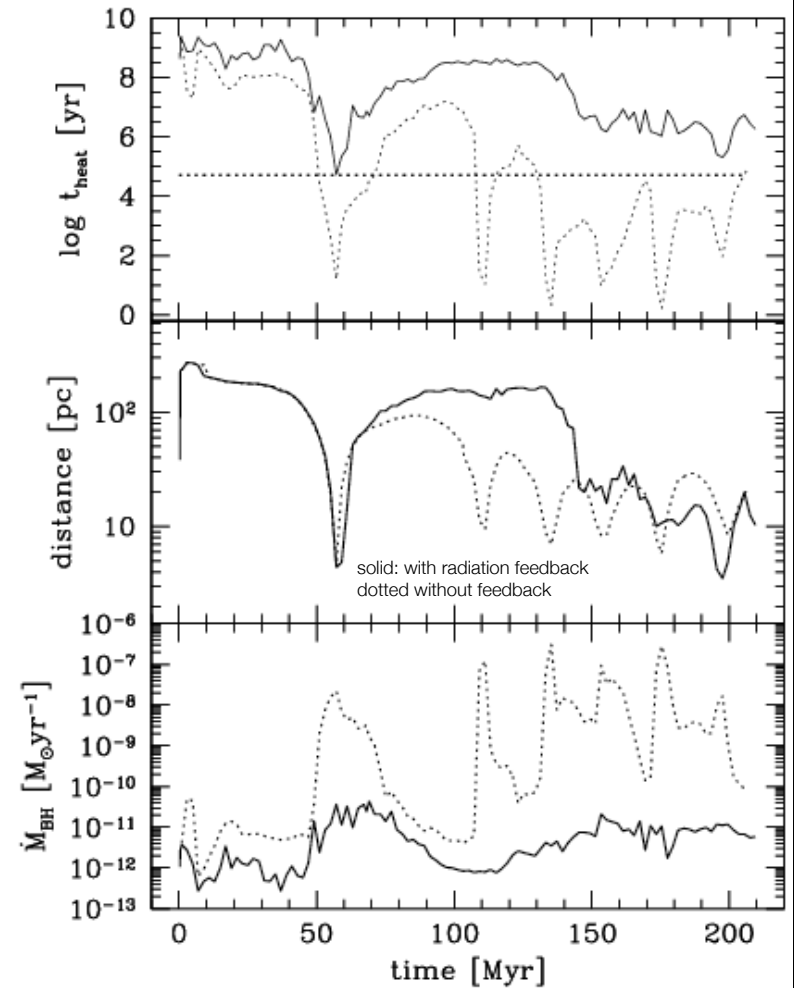
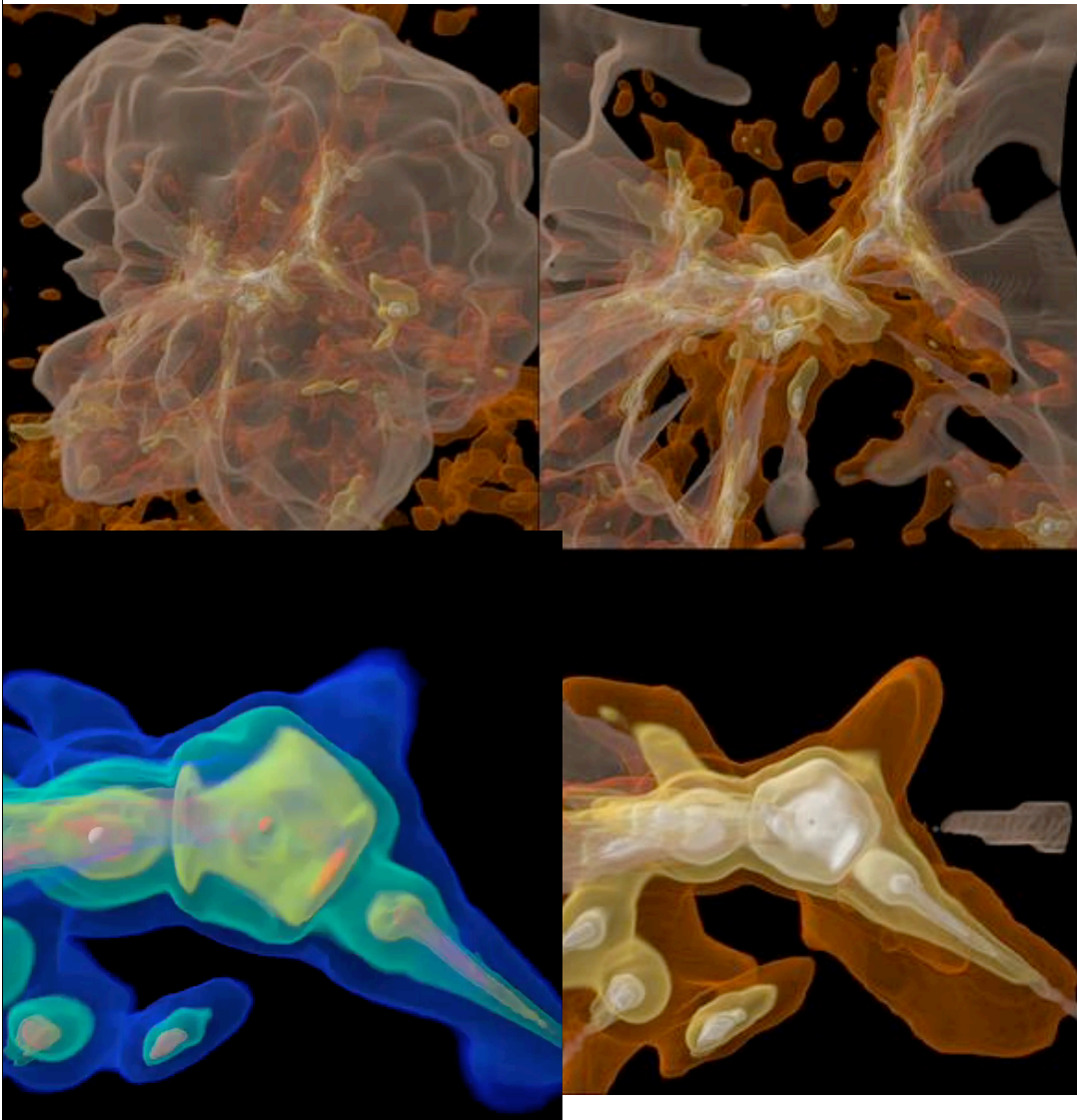
40 Msun

60 Msun

100 Msun

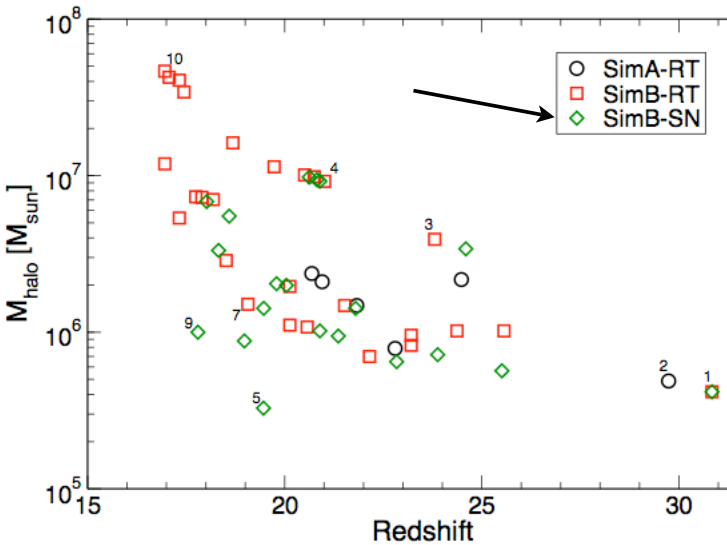
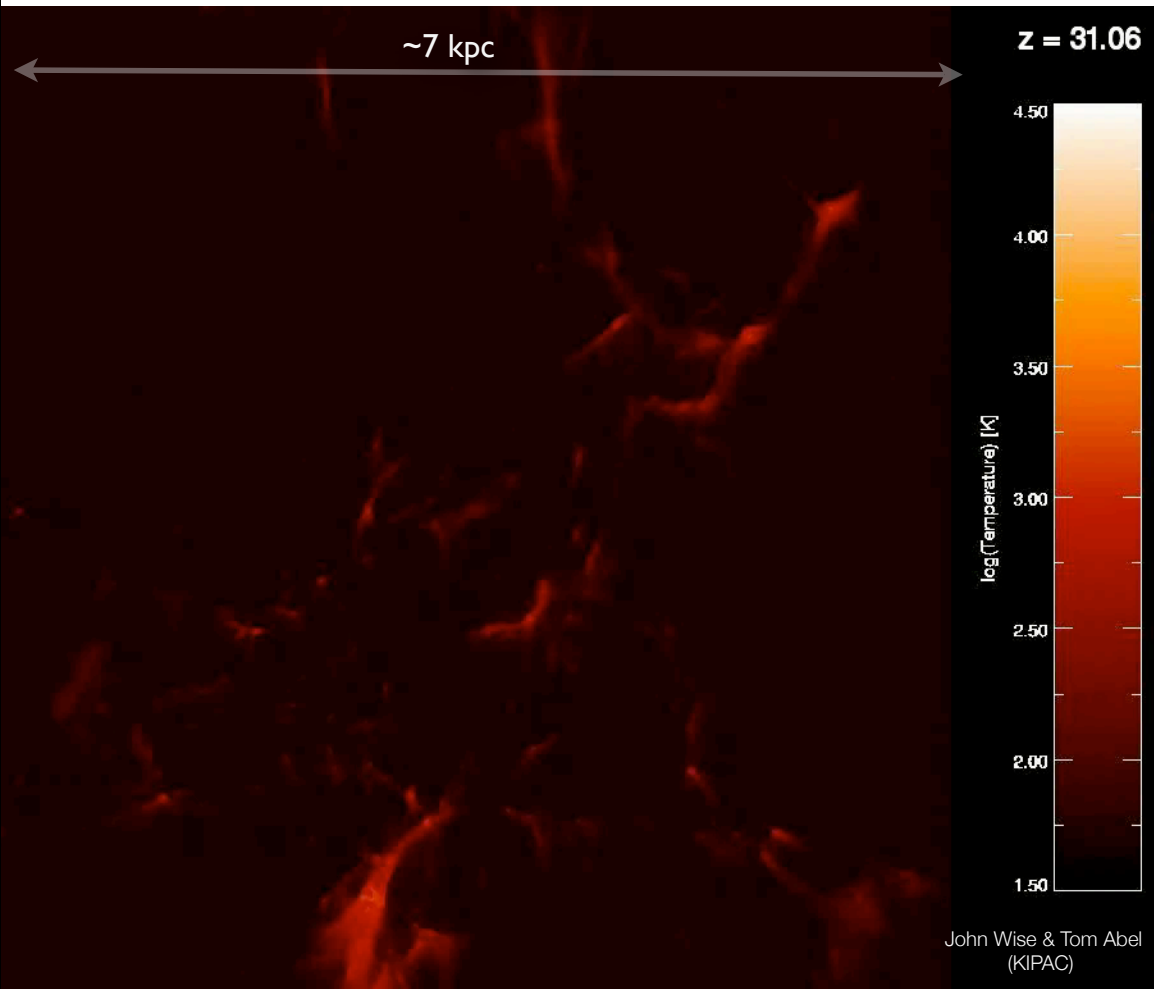


Insignificant BH accretion - no mini quasars through this process, nor pre-cursors of Quasars.



Alvarez, Wise & Abel in prep.

# First few hundred million years: Cosmic Fireworks



halo masses at redshift stars form within them

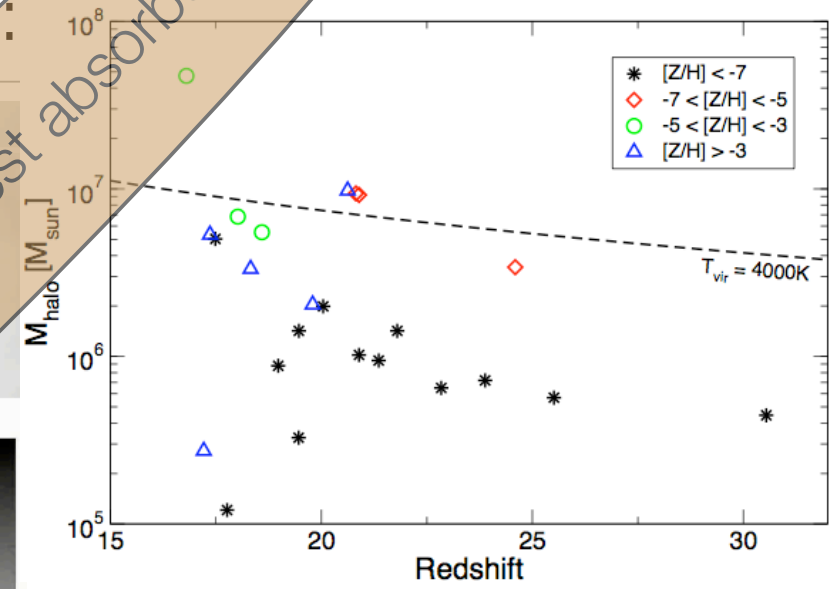
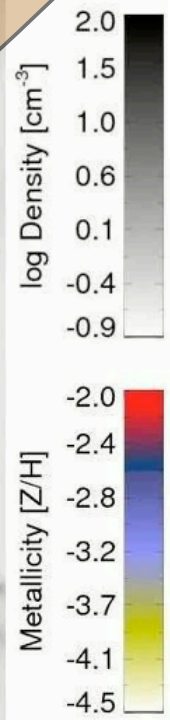
10,000 such patches make Milky Way  
 $\sim 1e5$  popIII remnants  
early metal enrichment

# First few hundred million years:

$z = 31.06$

$\sim 7$  kpc

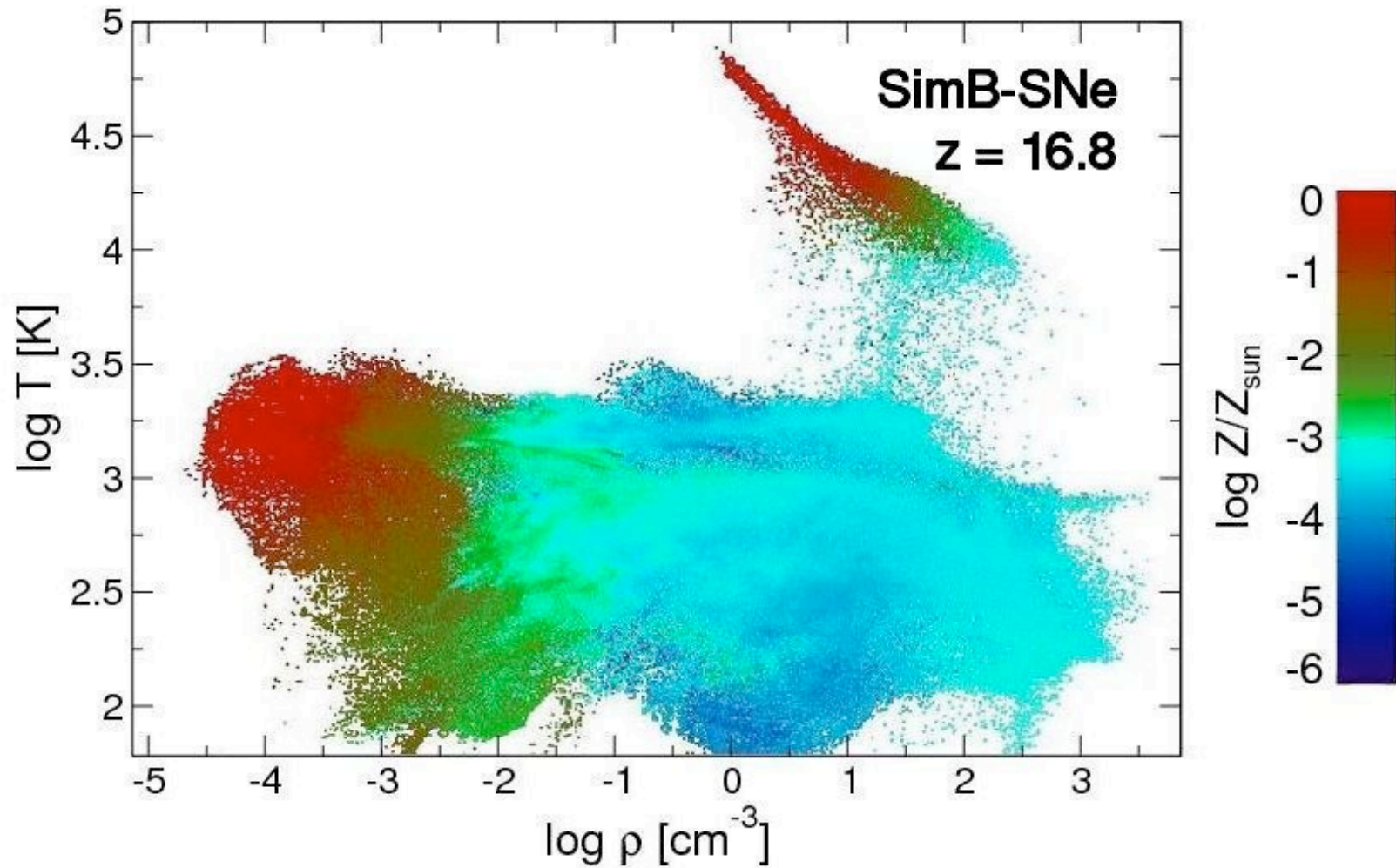
Lyman alpha forest absorber



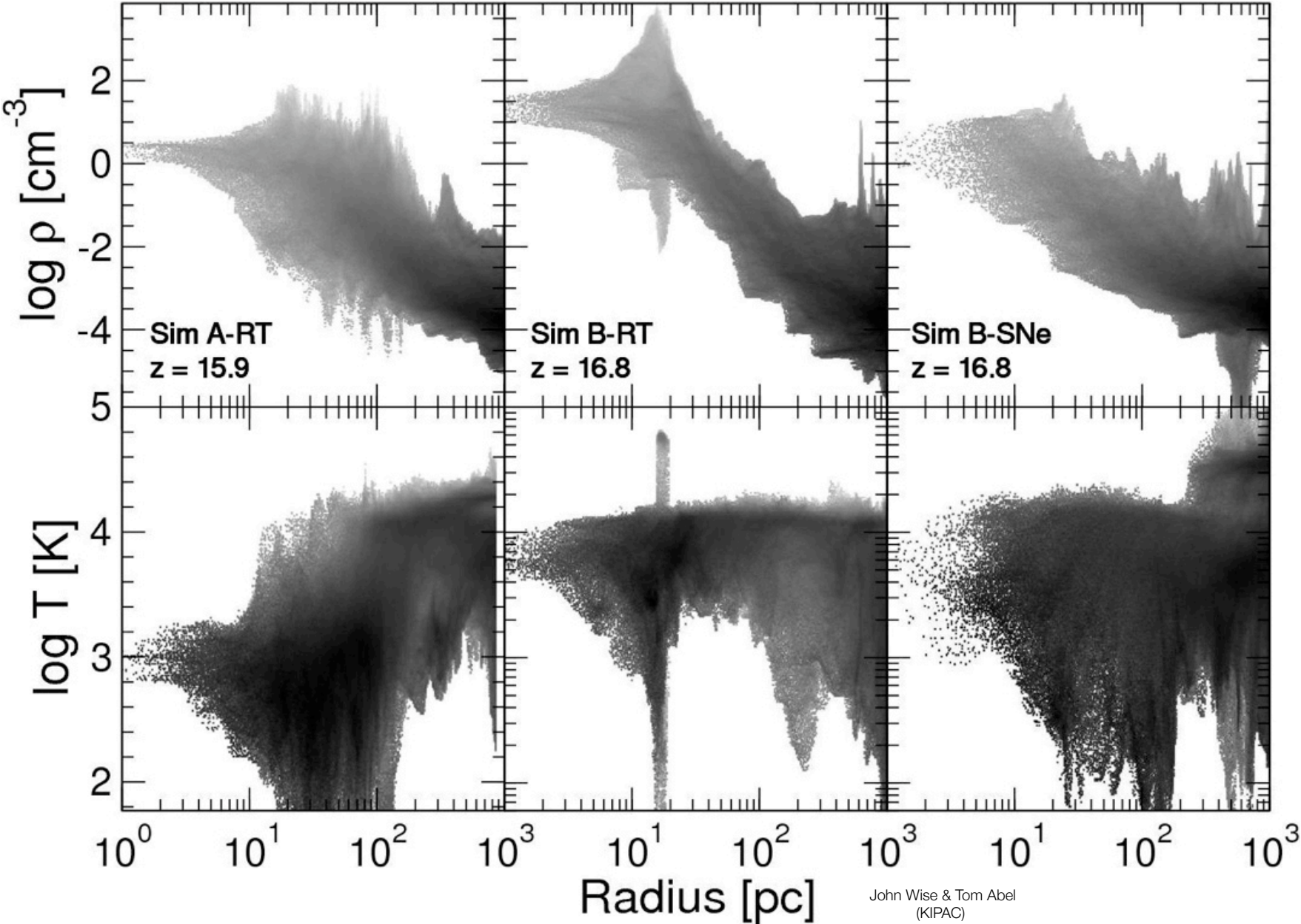
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# Developing an ISM

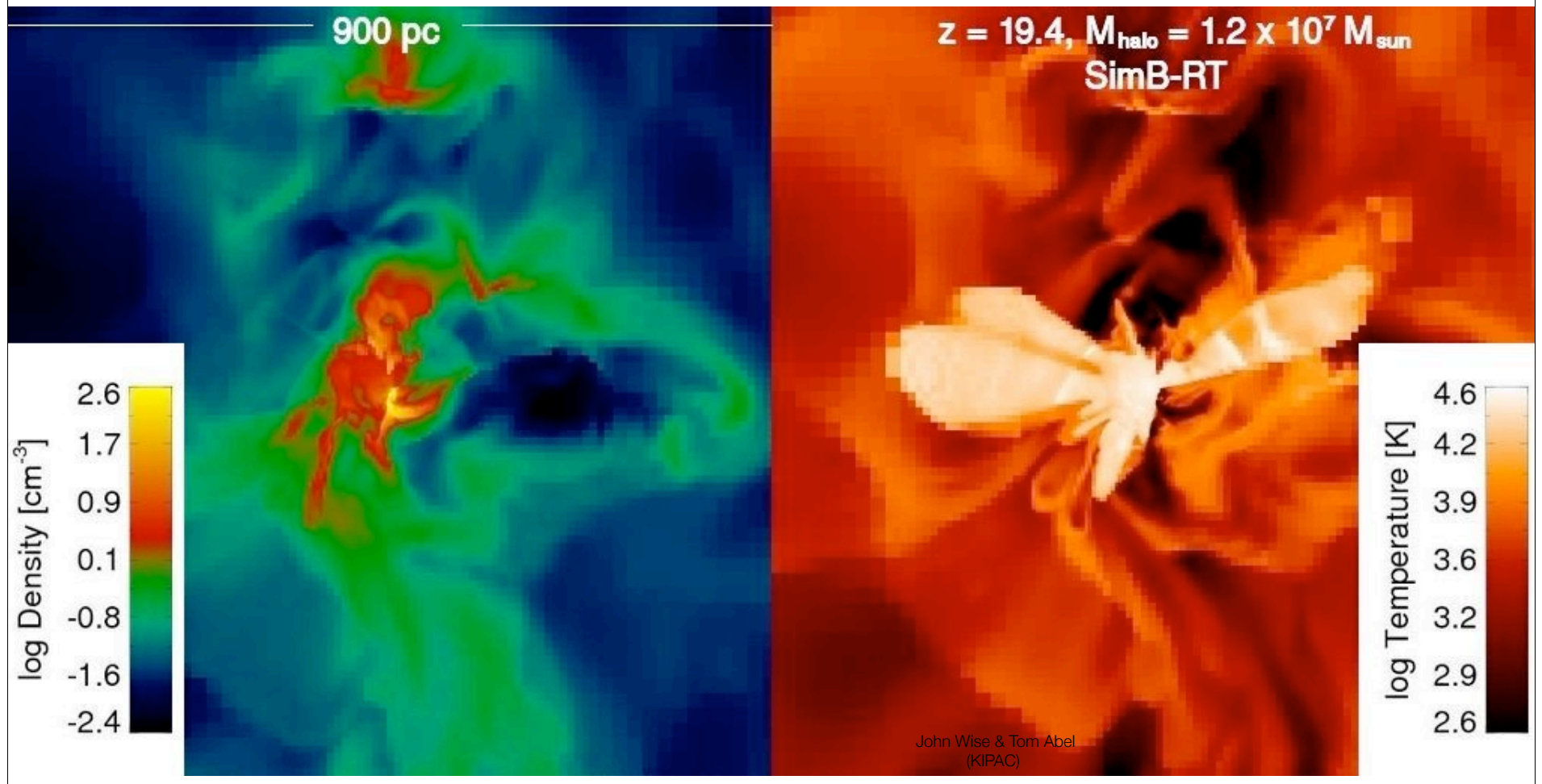


# Radial Profiles – Multi-phase ISM

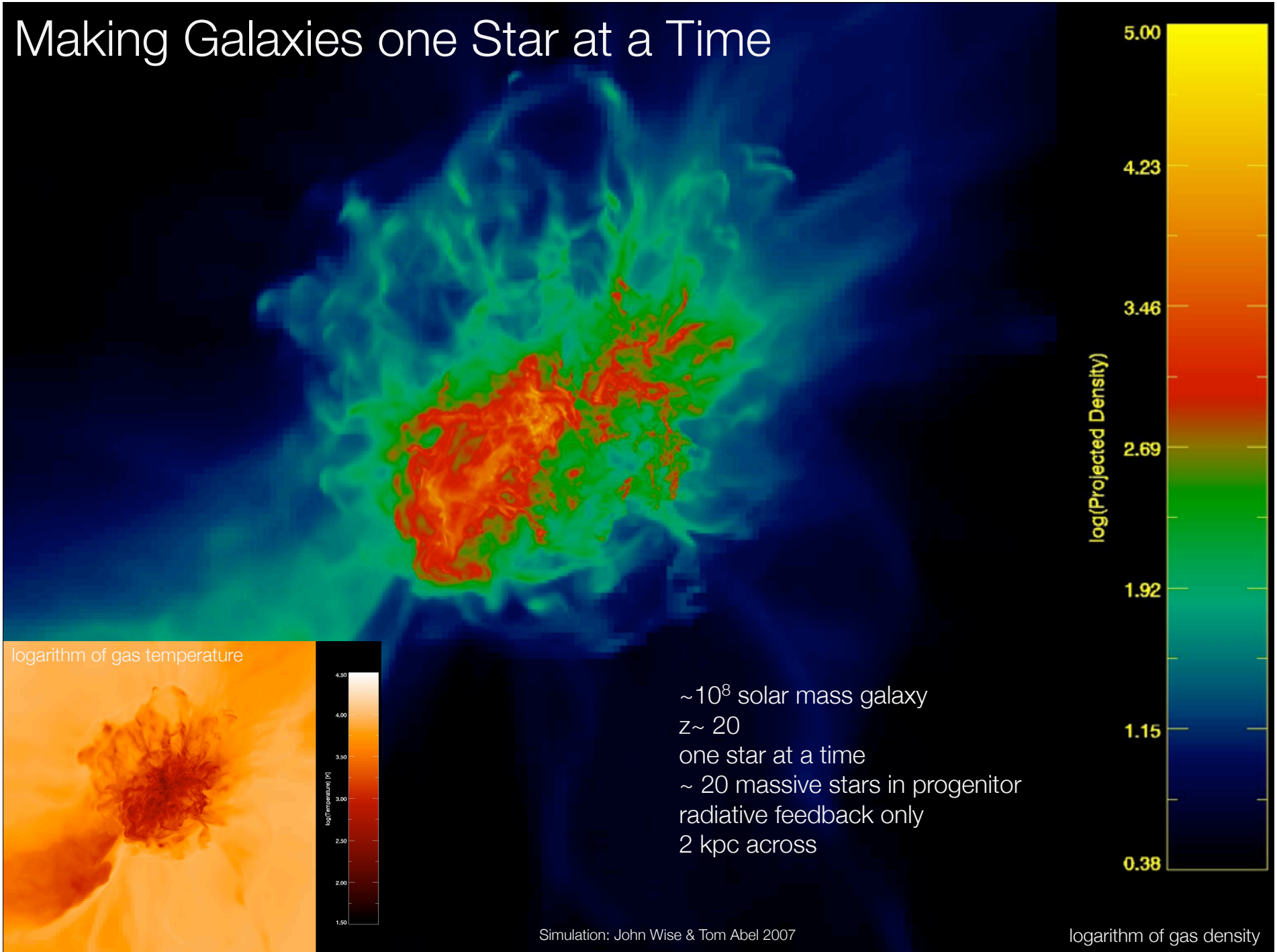


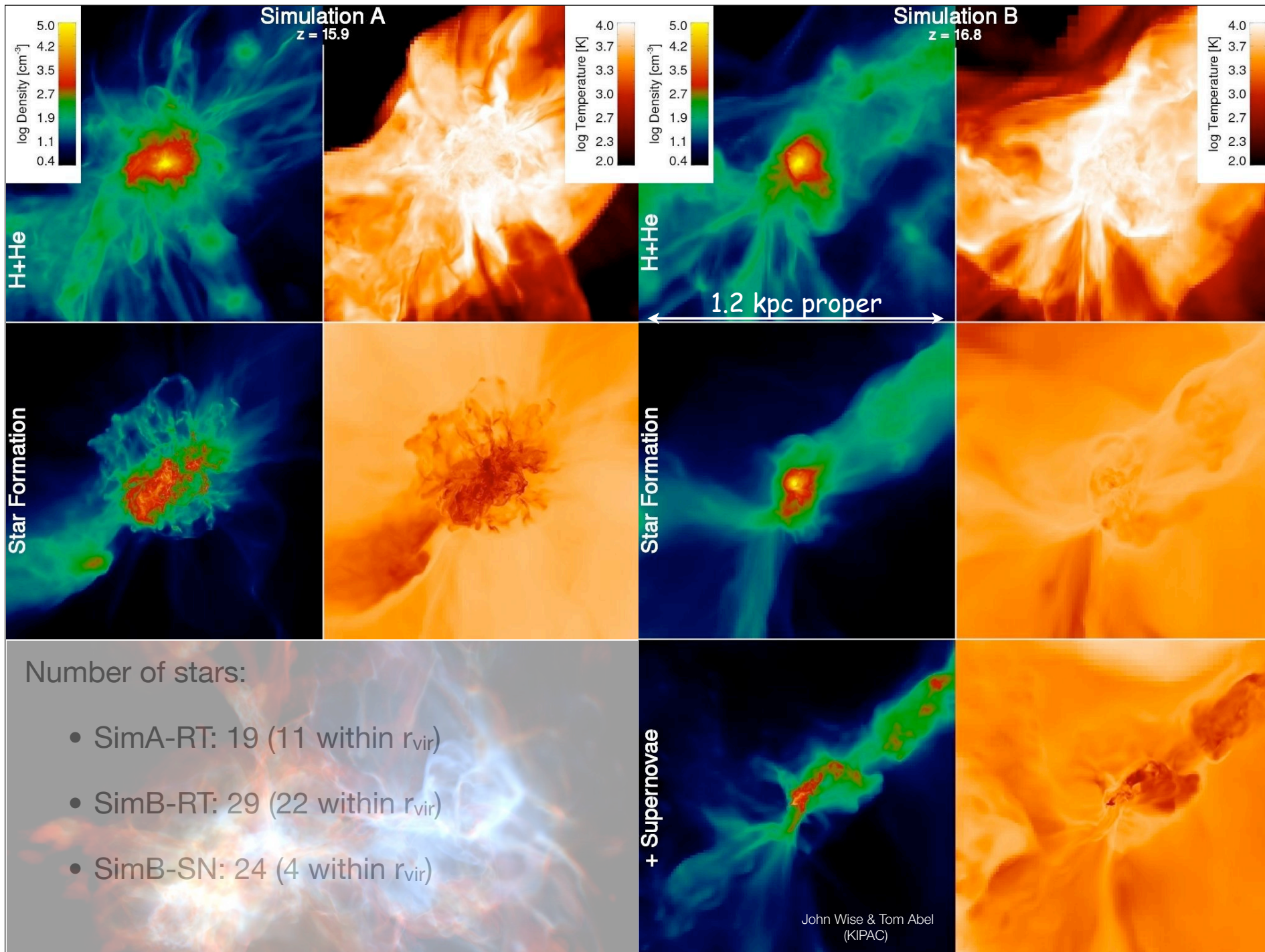
# HII regions starting to be confined inside galaxies

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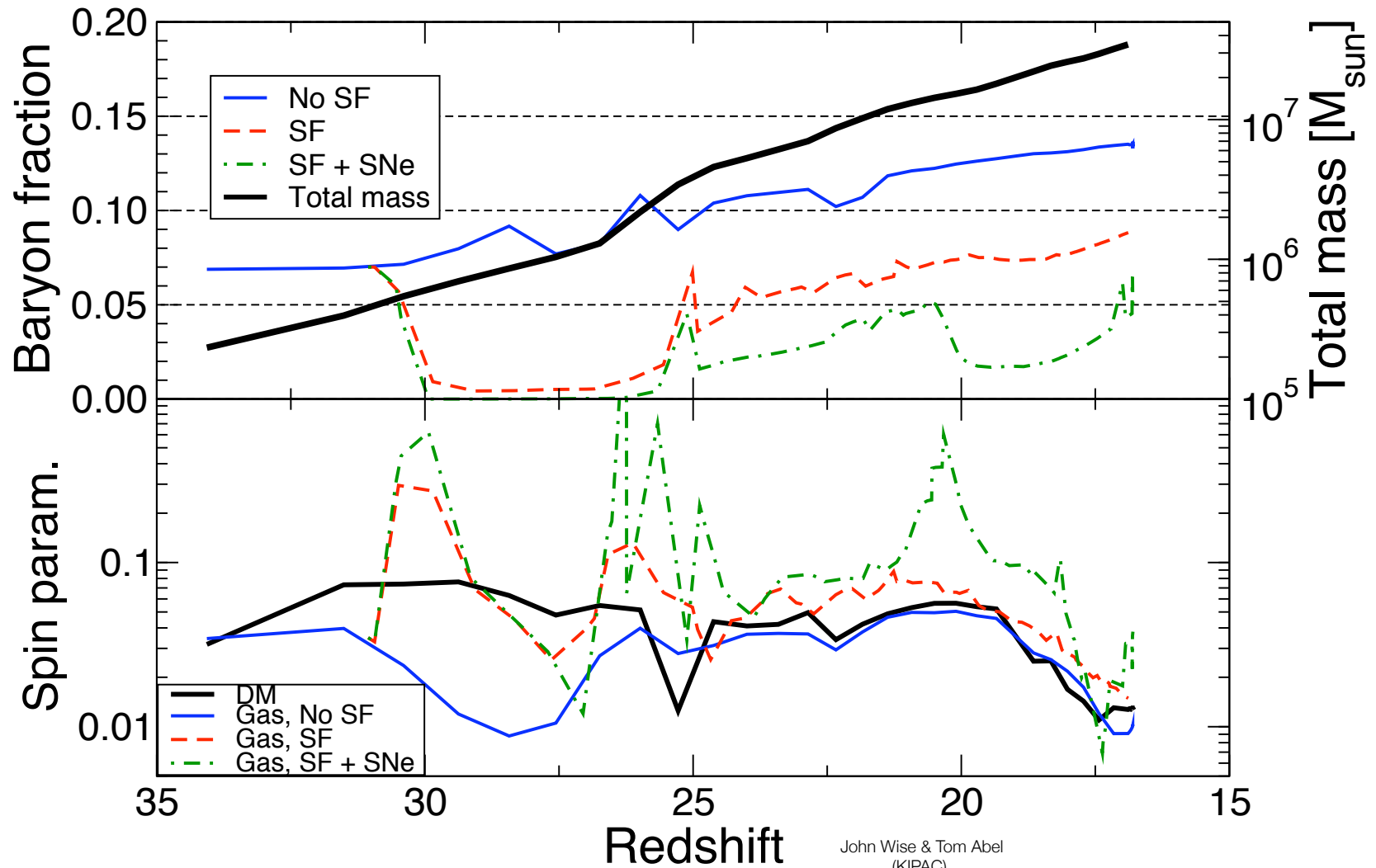


# Making Galaxies one Star at a Time





# Baryon Fraction & Angular Momentum



# Building galaxies one star at a time.

## Why now?

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- JWST, ALMA, LOFAR, MWA, etc. will not be able to observe individual stars but the smallest high redshifts galaxies as yet.
- Target dates: 2013
- We can and should **predict the properties** of these first galaxies to unprecedented detail:
  - metals, stellar content, Lyman alpha strengths, nebular emission lines, etc.**before they are seen.**
- Elucidate first galaxies-Lyman alpha forest connection
- Compare with nearby fossil record in the meantime

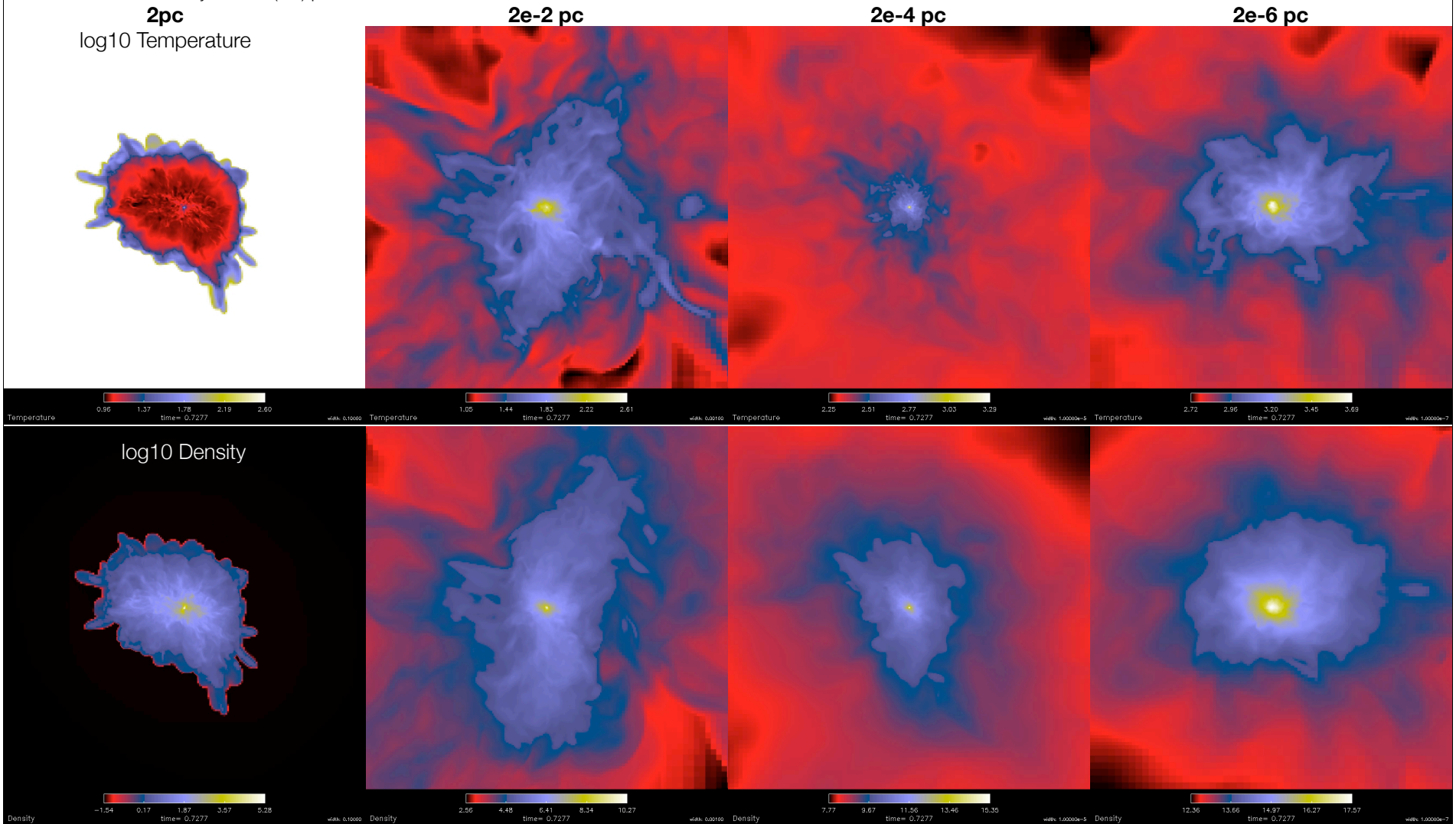


# Application to present day star formation: very promising!

30 solar mass cloud  
 jeans number  $\sim 1$   
 Mach 2 decaying turbulence  
 thermal + turbulent pressure equilibrium with ambient medium  
 31 levels of refinement: 11 orders of magnitude in length dynamic range:  $dx \sim 5e8$  cm  
 64 cells per jeans length corresponds to  $1e6$  SPH particles per jeans mass or  
 $\sim 1e13$  SPH particles for traditional (non-splitting) scheme  
 This run takes a few days on 16 (old) processors

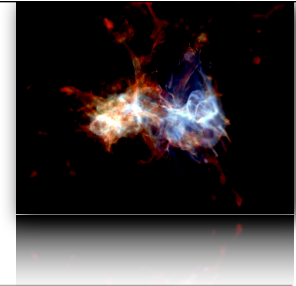
Mass = 30 Msun  
 Density =  $5.65e-22$  g/cm<sup>3</sup>  
 Radius =  $2.932e18$  cm = 0.95 pc  
 Temperature = 10 K,  $\mu = 2$ ,  $\Gamma = 1.4$   
 Initial isothermal sound speed = 0.203192 km/s  
 Surface density =  $2.21e-3$  g/cm<sup>2</sup>  
 Medium Density =  $5.65e-23$  g/cm<sup>3</sup>  
 The time unit is such that  $t=1$  is exactly one initial free fall time

New version of enzo:  
 Hydro: RK2, HLL+PLM  
 MHD with Dedner formalism  
 Neufeld et al. cooling, EOSs  
 Multi-species chemistry  
 Radiation transport  
 Wang & Abel 2007





# Summary



- Wide range of birth, life & death of the first massive stars are being explored on super computers. Second generation primordial stars have lower mass than the first ones.
- HII regions of the first stars evaporate their host-halos leave a medium with  $\sim 1 \text{ cm}^{-3}$  density but can we really assume no winds? Need better 3D stellar evolution calc.
- Enormous impact on subsequent structure formation
  - different angular momentum of gas vs. dark matter in first galaxies
  - turbulence/ISM
  - Black hole accretion limited
  - may provide a lot of the metallicity in quasar absorption systems
  - etc ....
- Developed methods are very well suited to **create star formation theories that will eventually confront observations**

