

The Evolution of  
Tidal Dwarf Galaxies  
and their stellar populations

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# Observations

Antennae galaxy

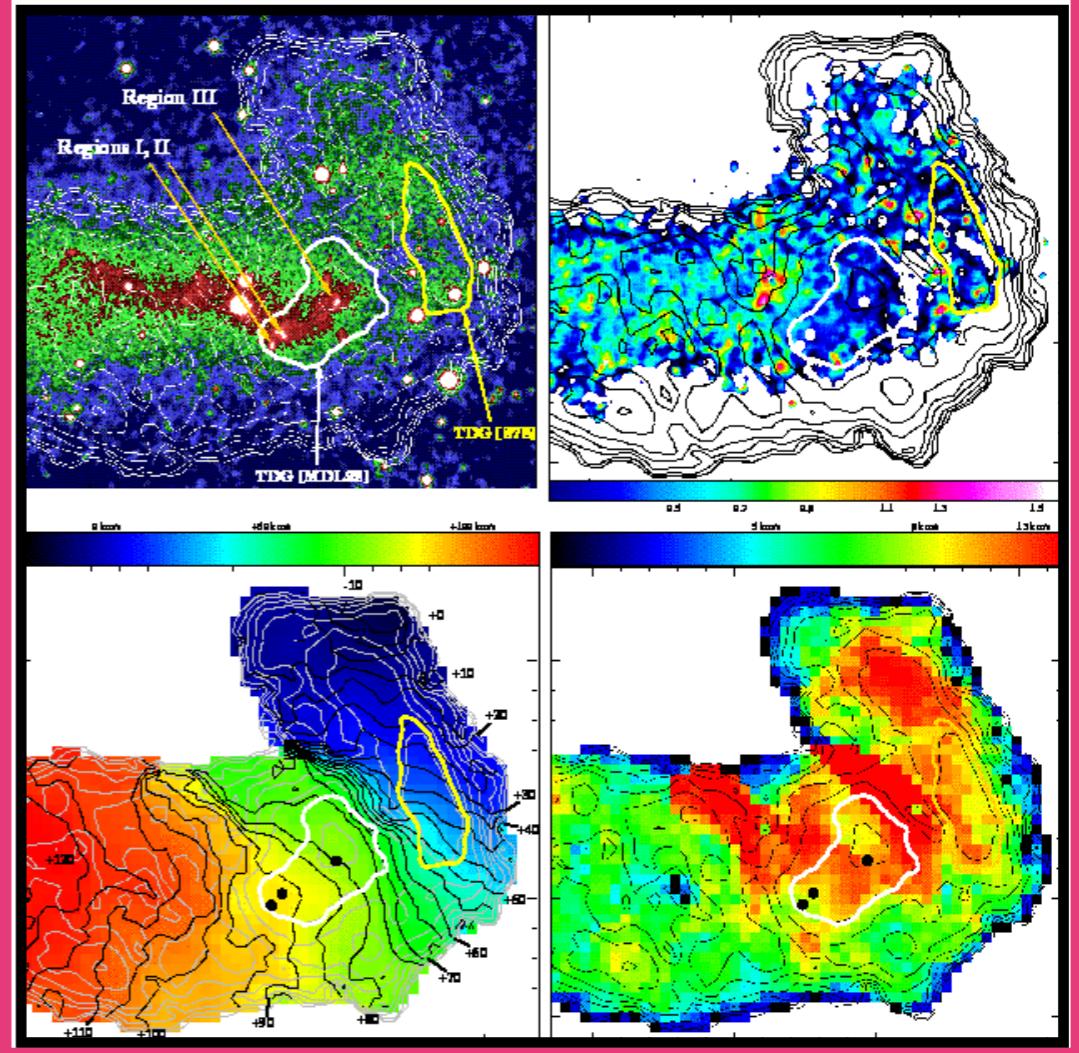


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Guitar galaxy in Abell 1185



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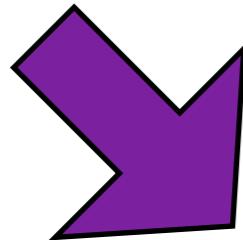


Hibbard et al. (2001)

## Classical dwarf galaxies

Bottom-up

Dark matter dominated  
(isolated) self-enrichment



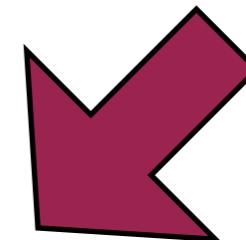
Self-gravitating objects

Cover the same mass range

## Tidal dwarf galaxies

Top-down

No dark matter content  
Pre-enriched material

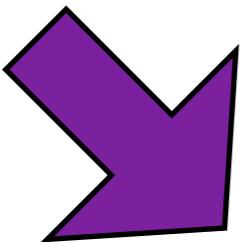


## Classical dwarf galaxies

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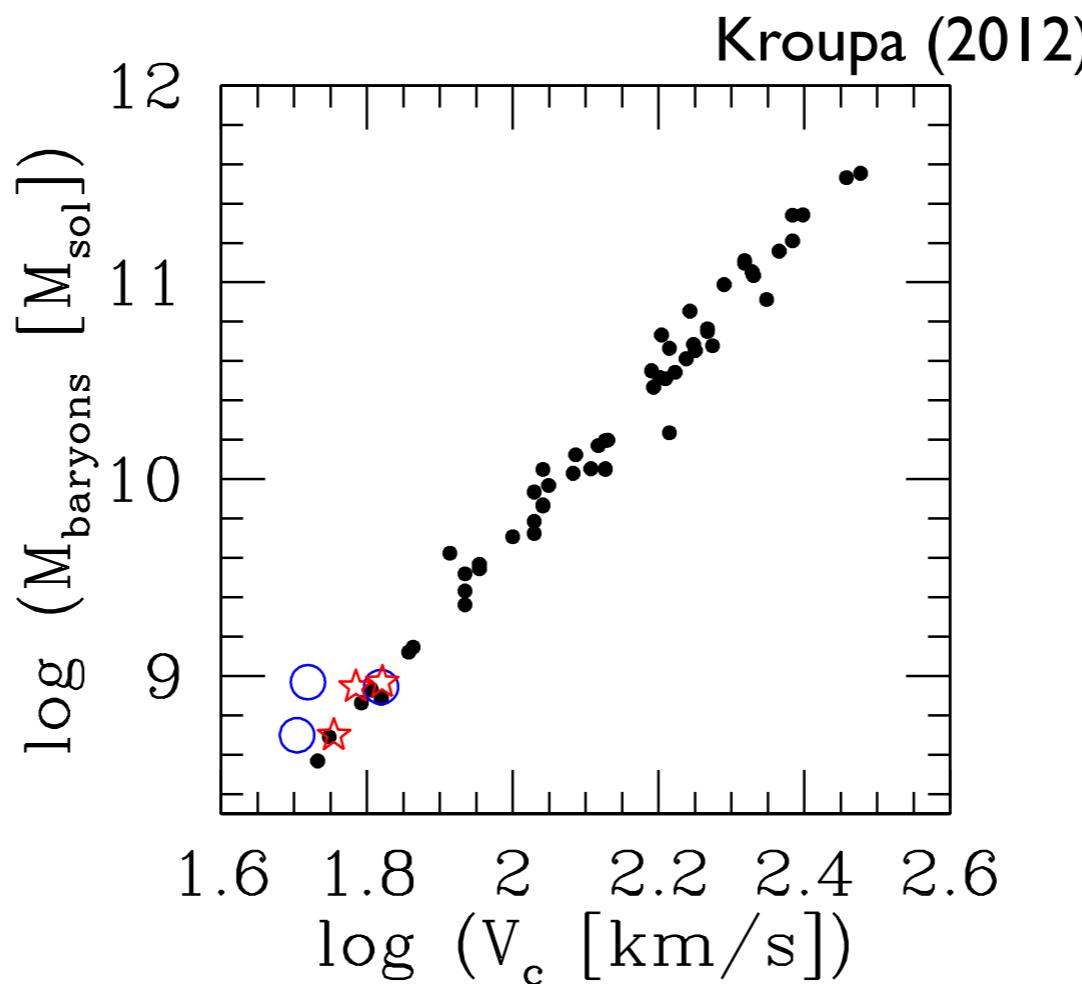
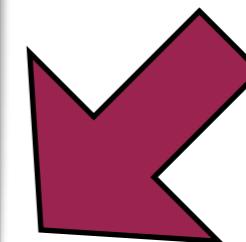


## Tidal dwarf galaxies

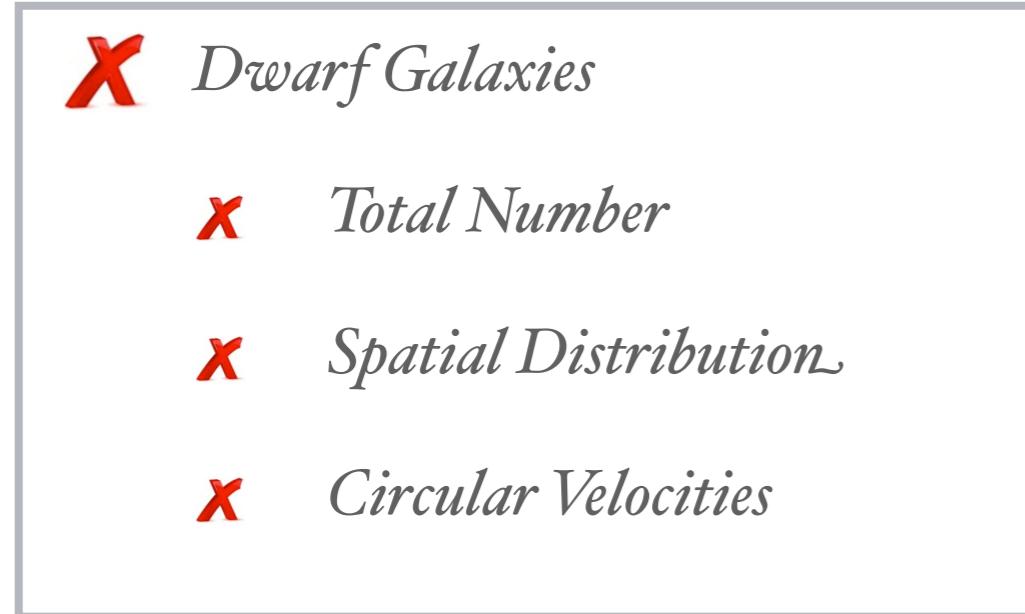
Top-down

matter content

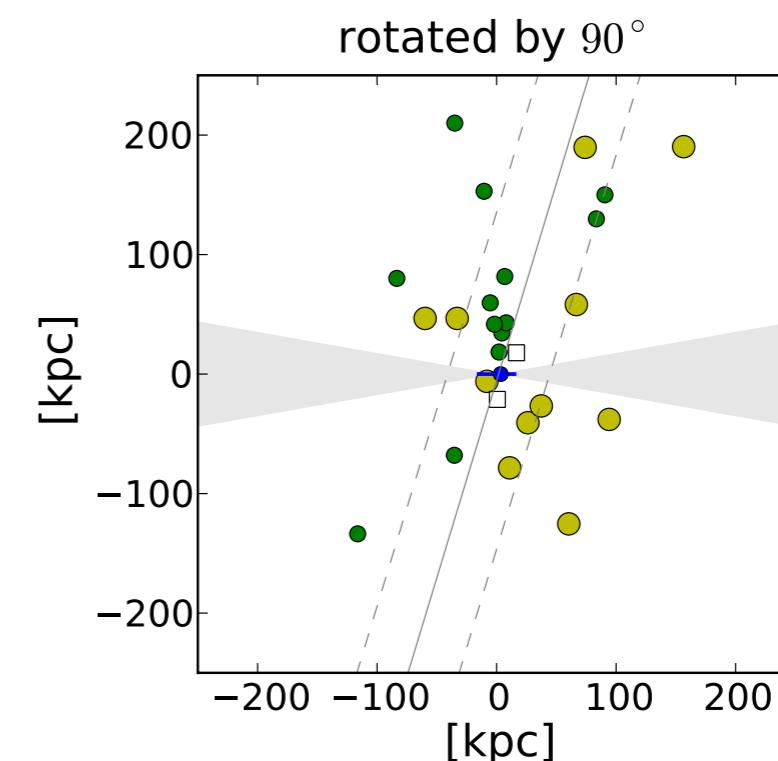
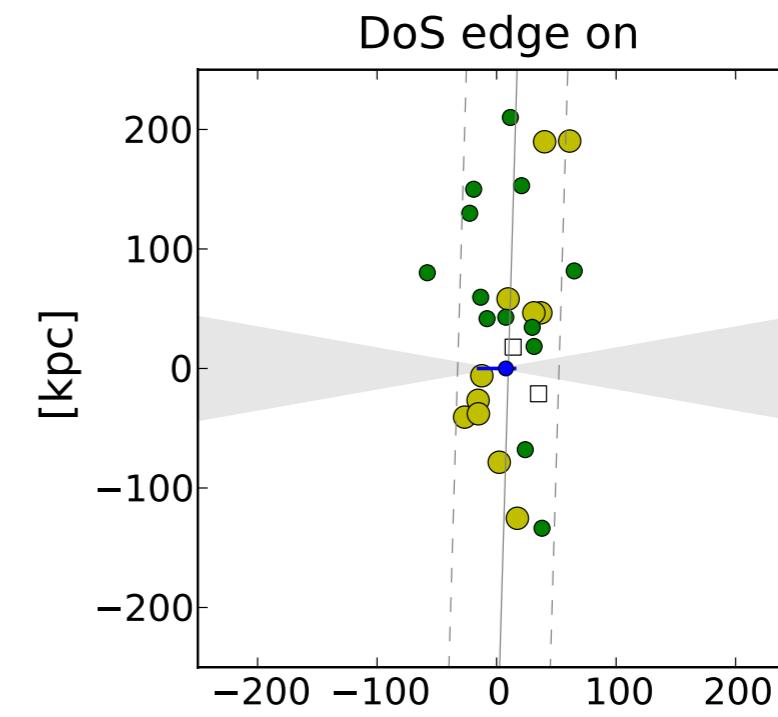
shed material



# Motivation

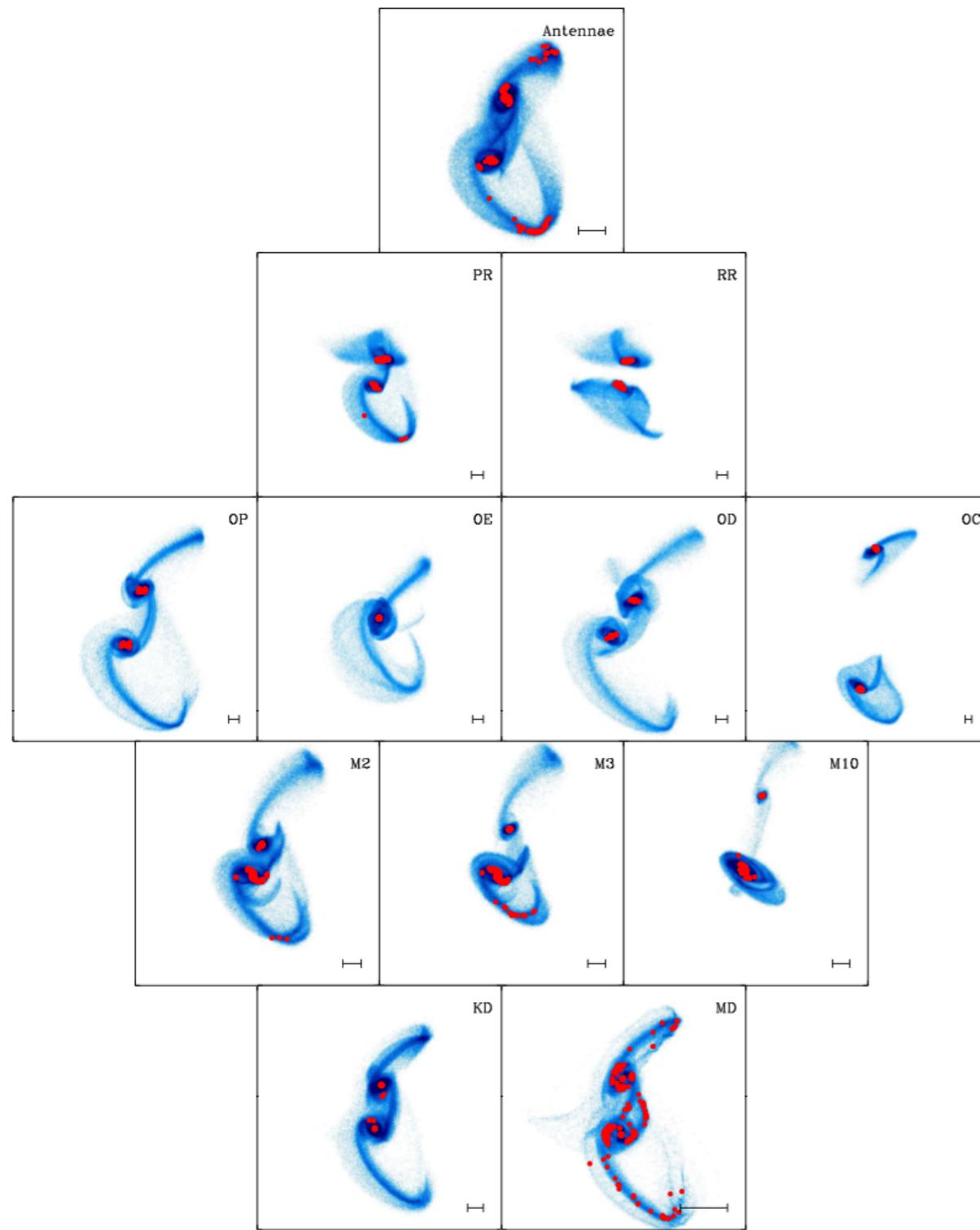


Springel et. al. (2005)

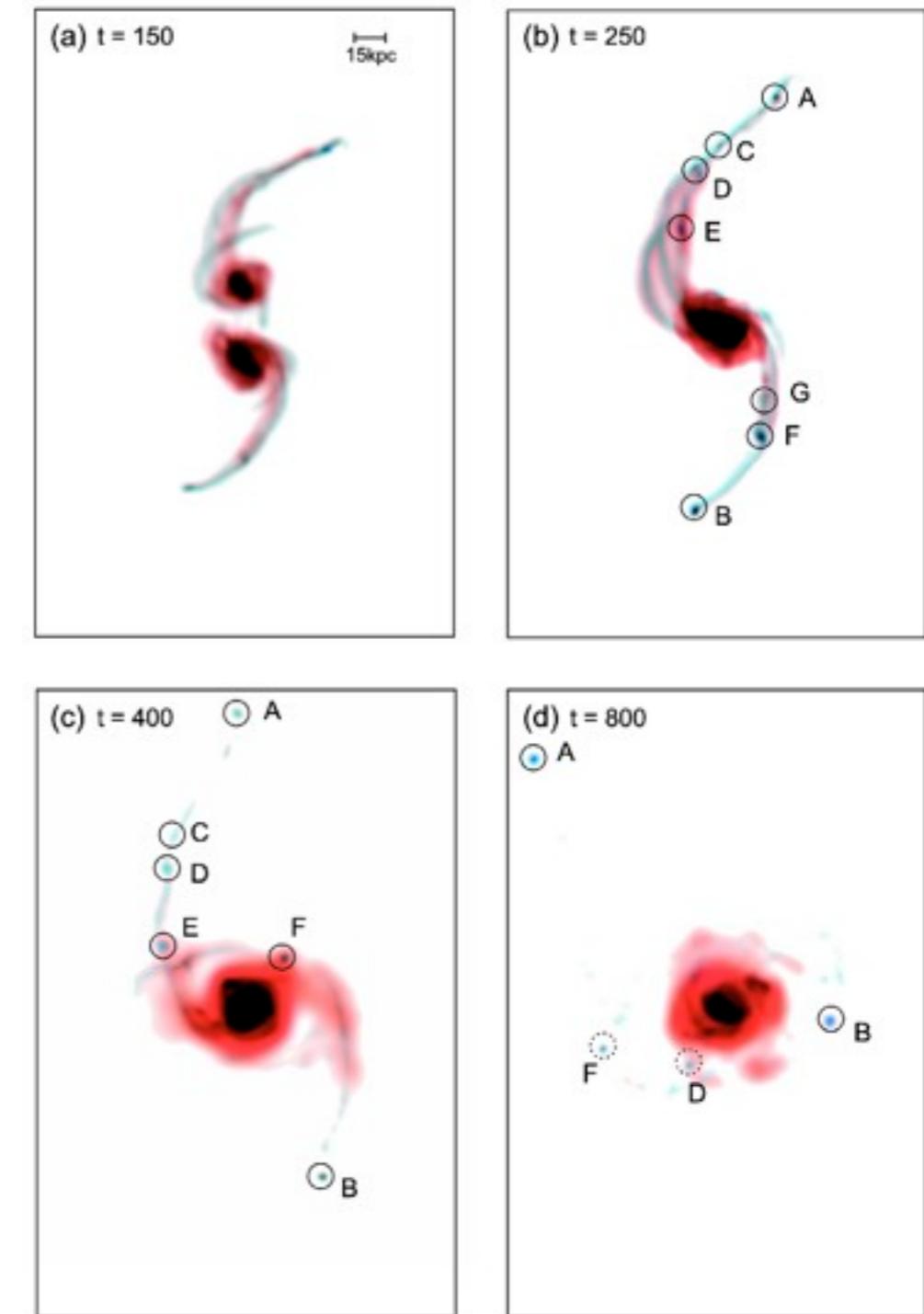


Kroupa et al. (2010)

# Simulations

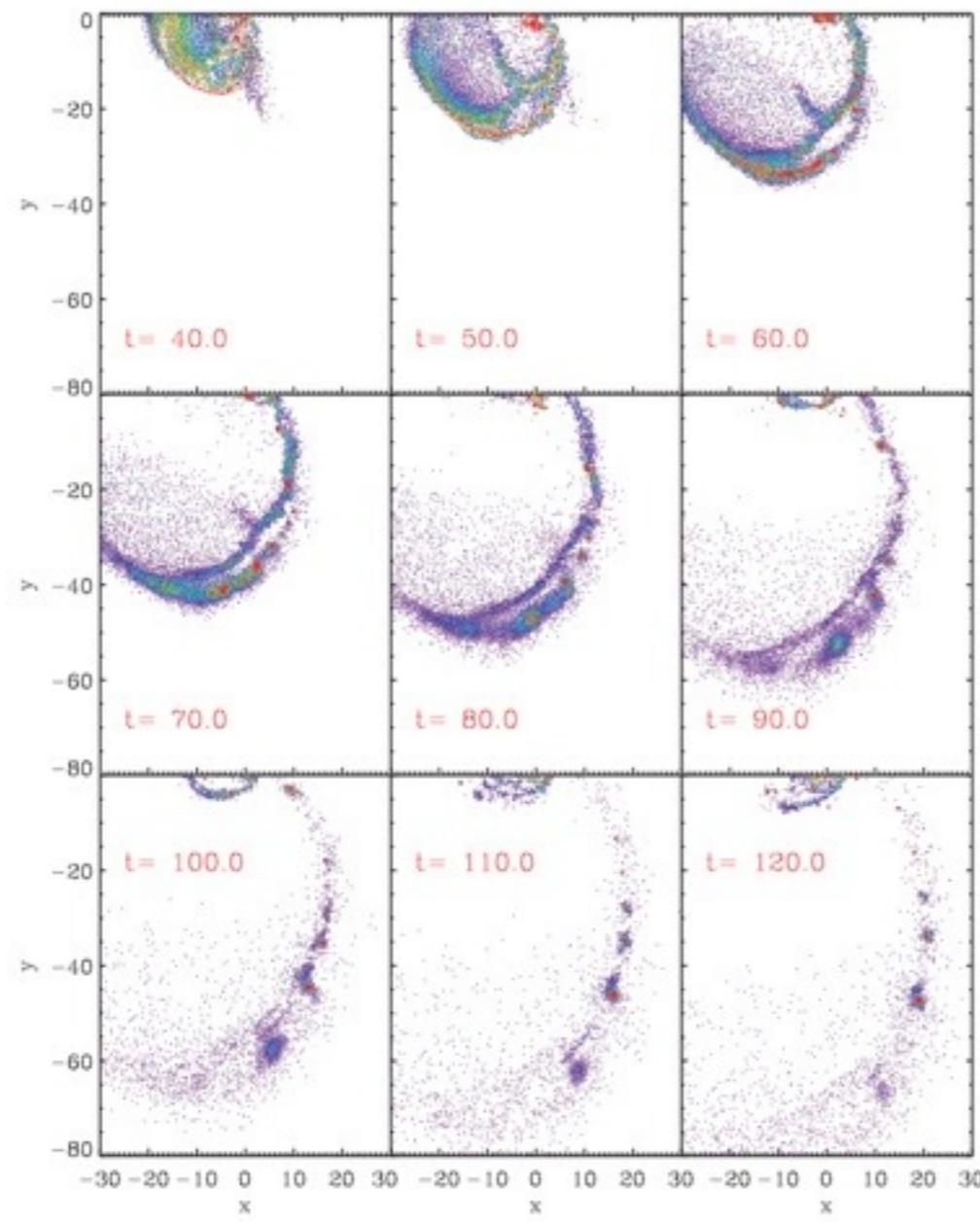


Renaud et al. (2009)

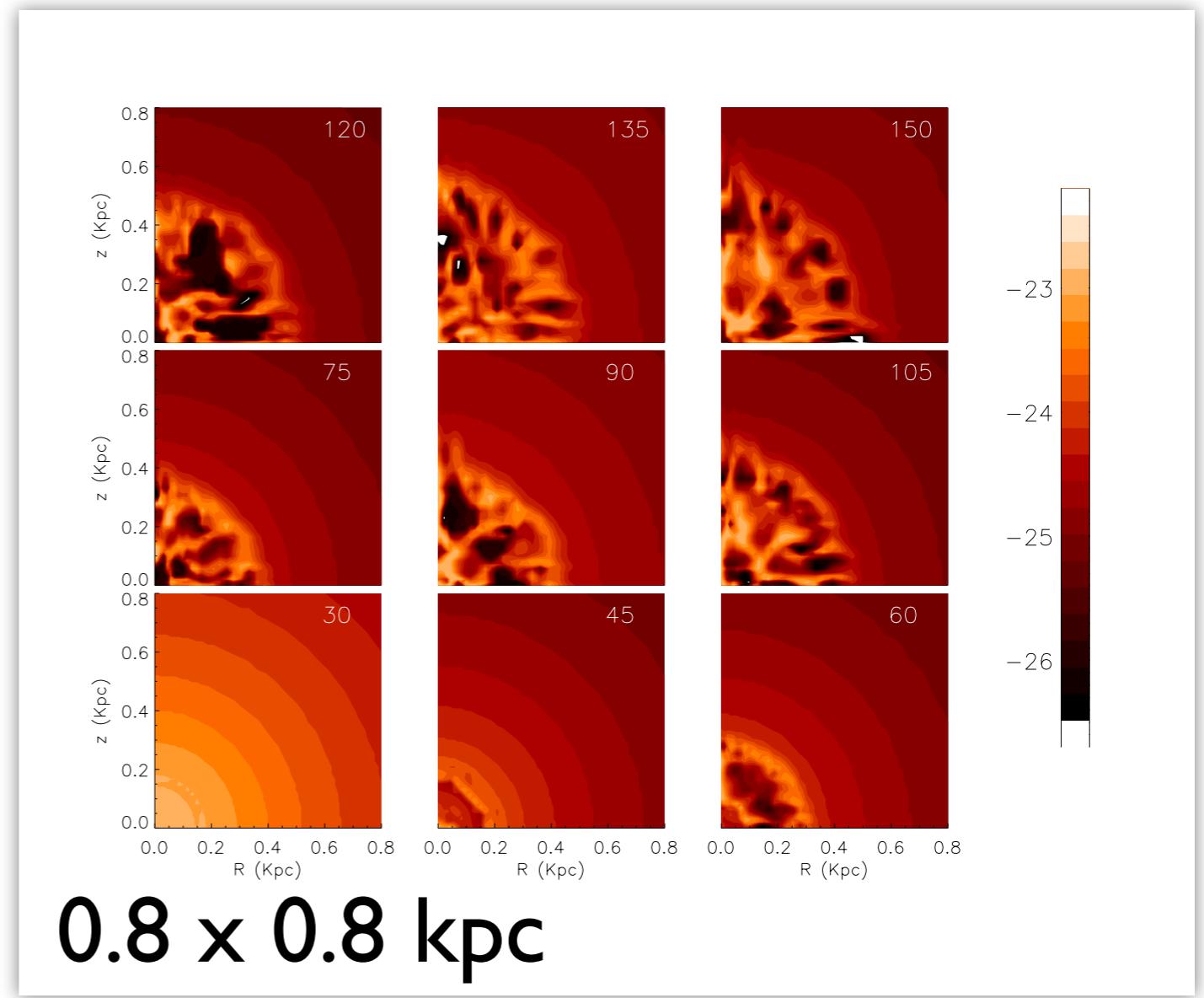


Bournaud & Duc (2006)

# Simulations



Wetzstein et al. (2007)



**0.8 × 0.8 kpc**

Recchi et al. (2007)

# Tidal dwarf galaxy simulation:

Flash basics

Radiative cooling

Stellar feedback

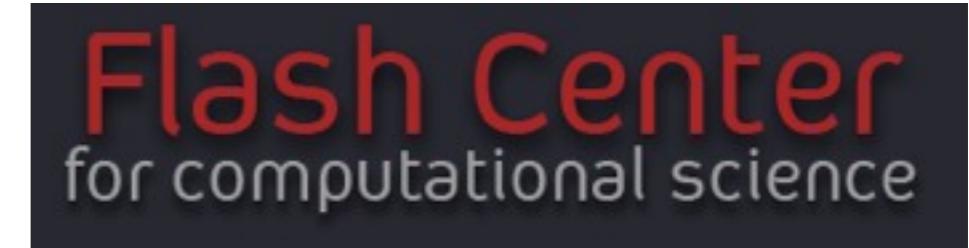
Orbit

Star formation / IMF

Initial conditions

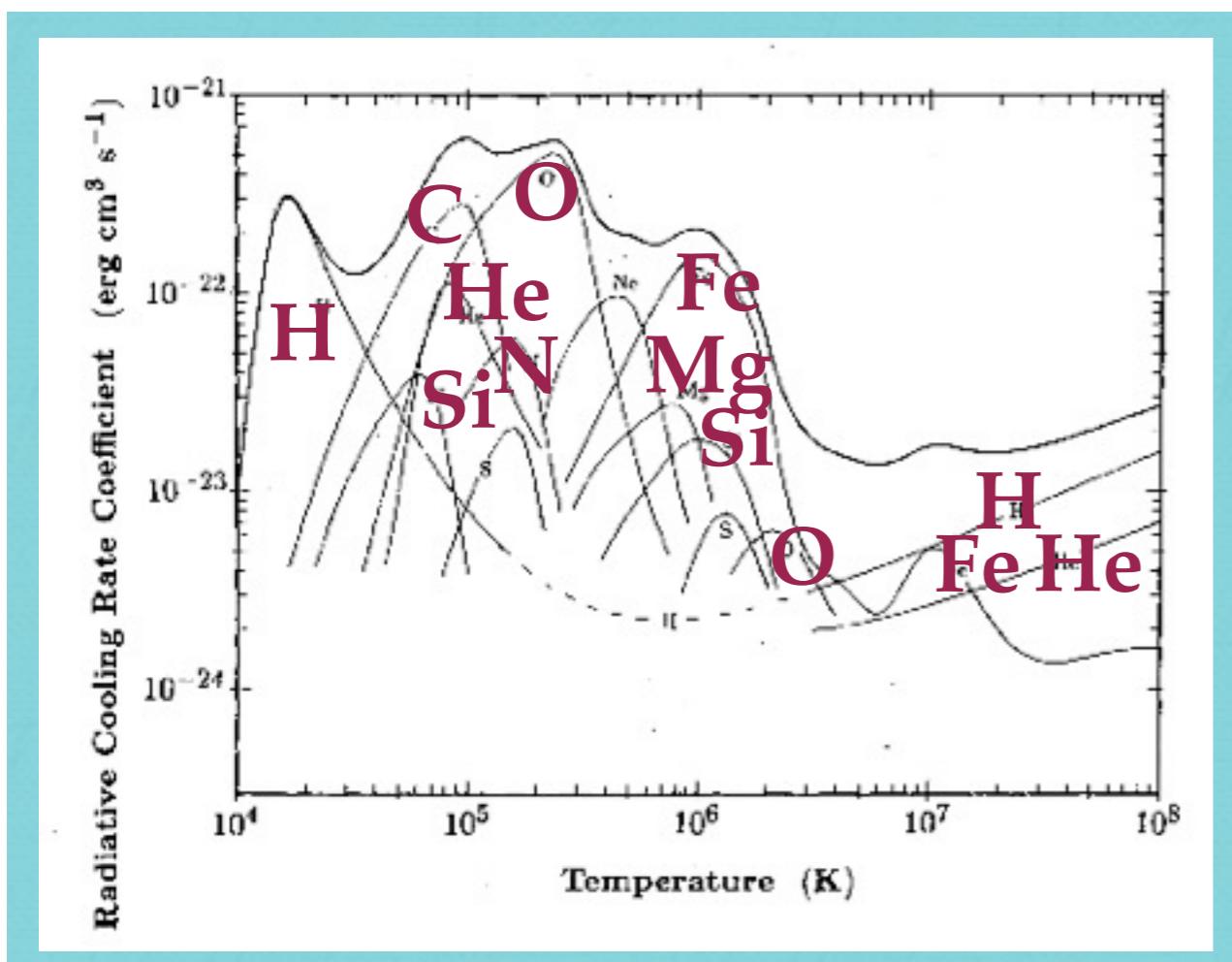
# Flash basics

- University of Chicago
- Version 3.3
- Modified unsplit hydro solver (N. Mitchell)
- Multigrid Poisson Solver
- Adaptive mesh refinement
- Very well parallelized
- Particle module (PM)

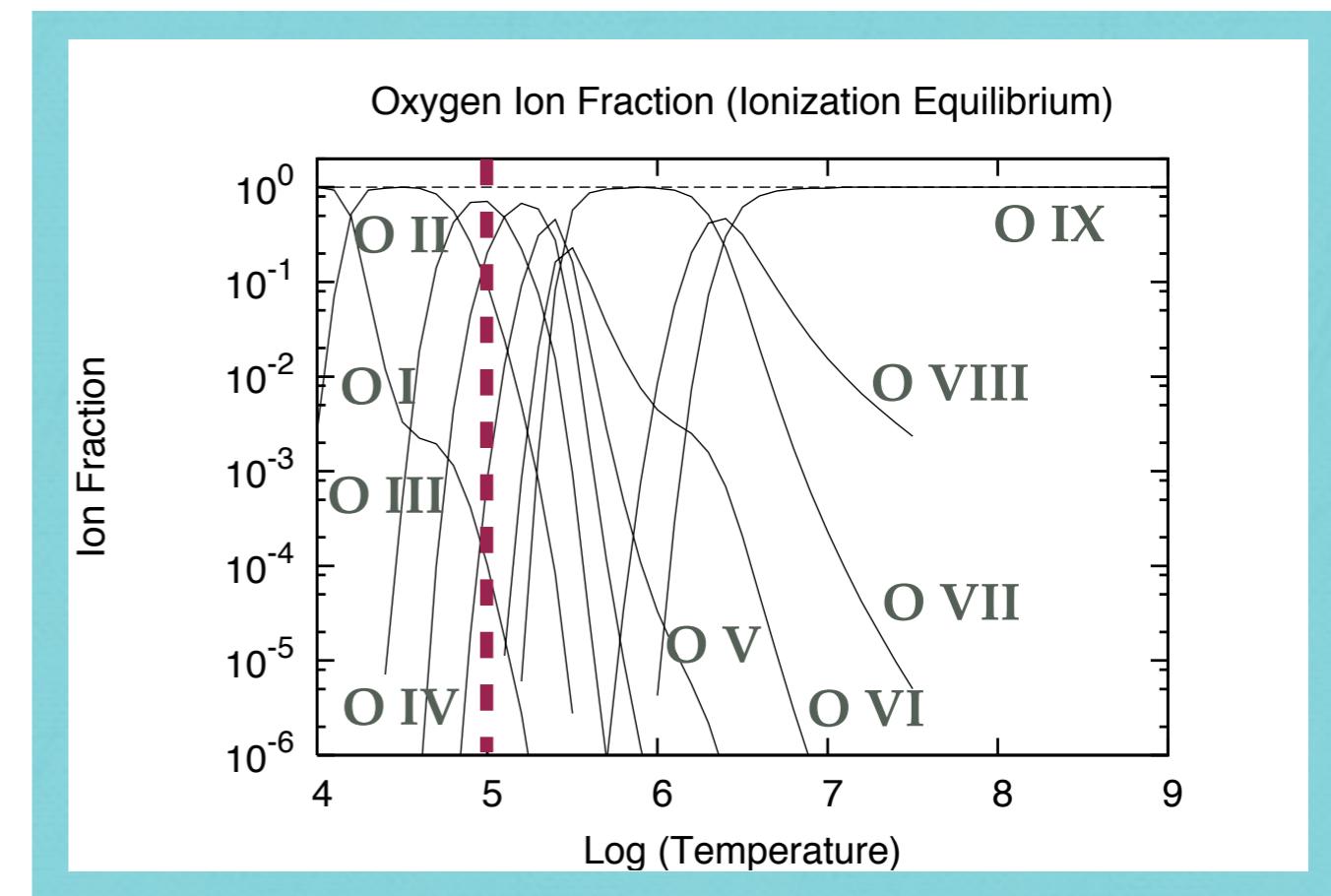


Radiative cooling

# Cooling



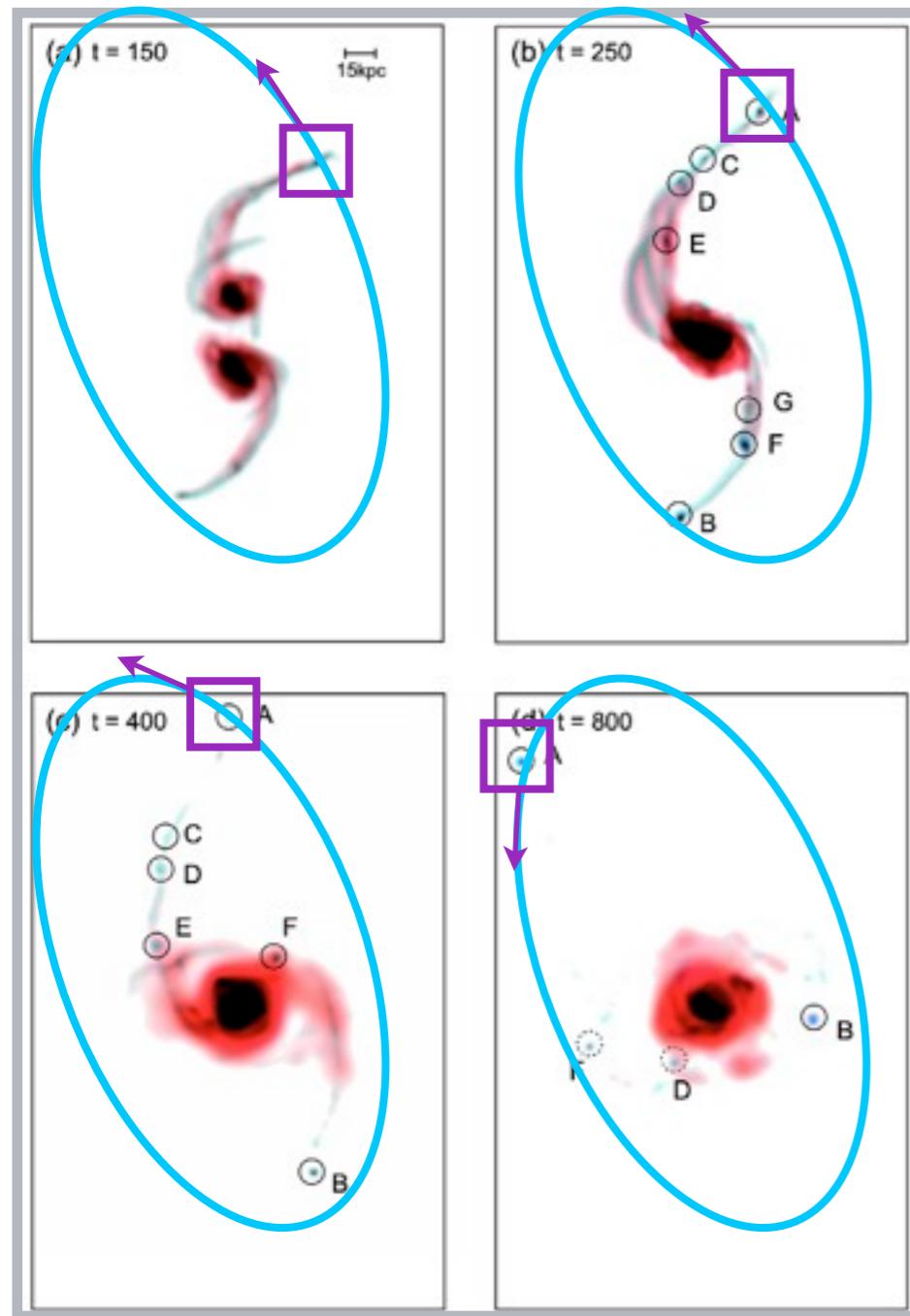
Böhringer & Hensler (1989)



Arnaud & Rothenflug (1985)

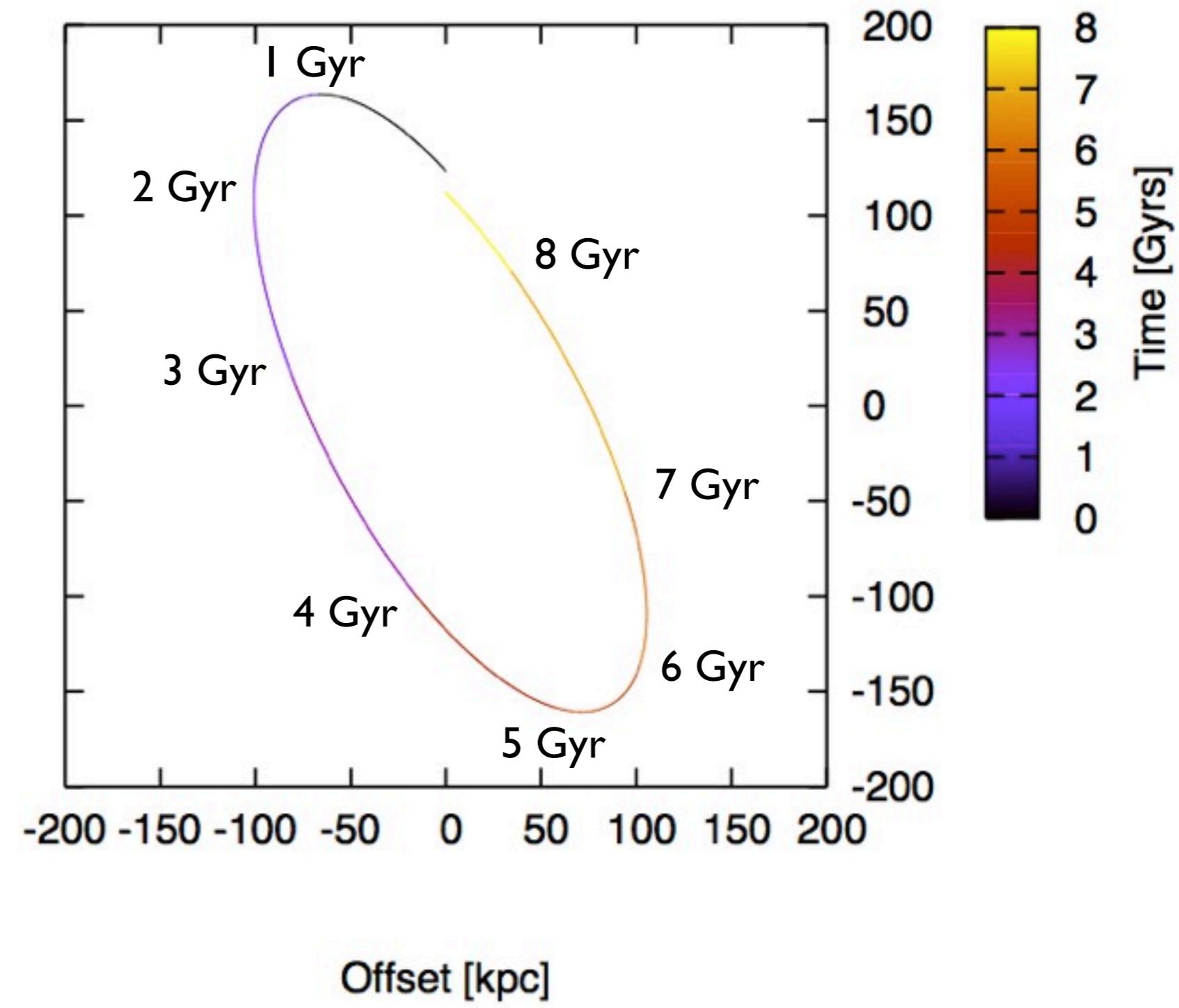
Implicit radiative cooling routine for FLASH

Orbit



Bournaud & Duc (2006)

# Orbit



Orbit

# External tidal field

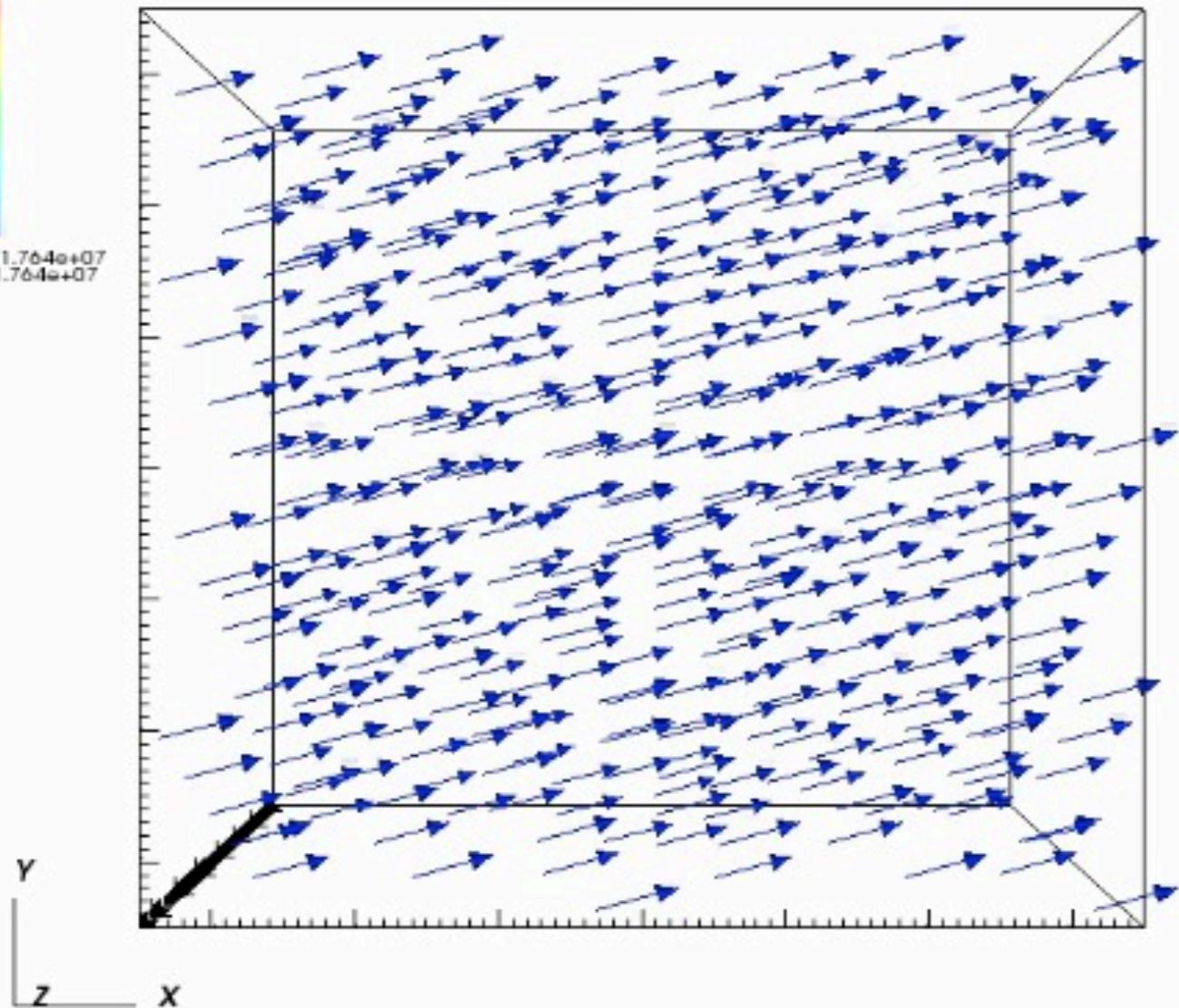
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Cycle: 1 Time: 0

Vector  
Var: vel  
Constant.

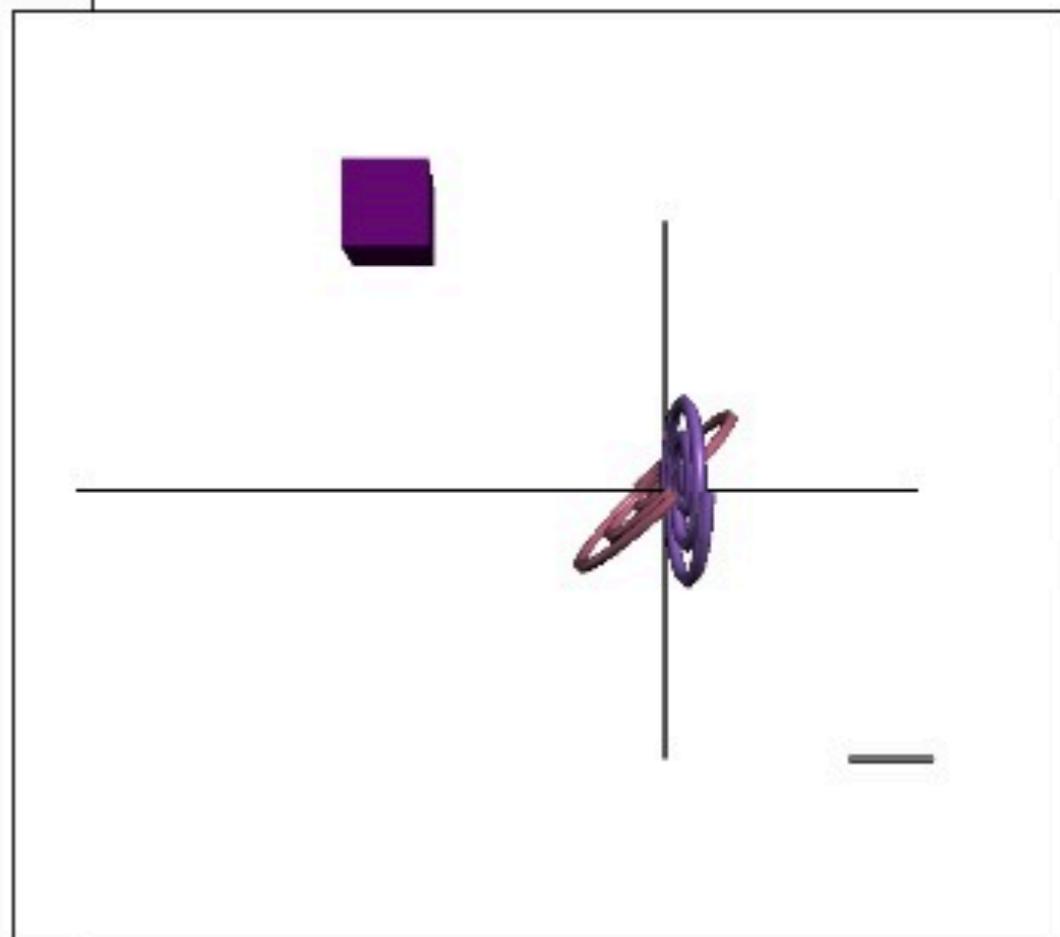


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Min: 1.764e+07

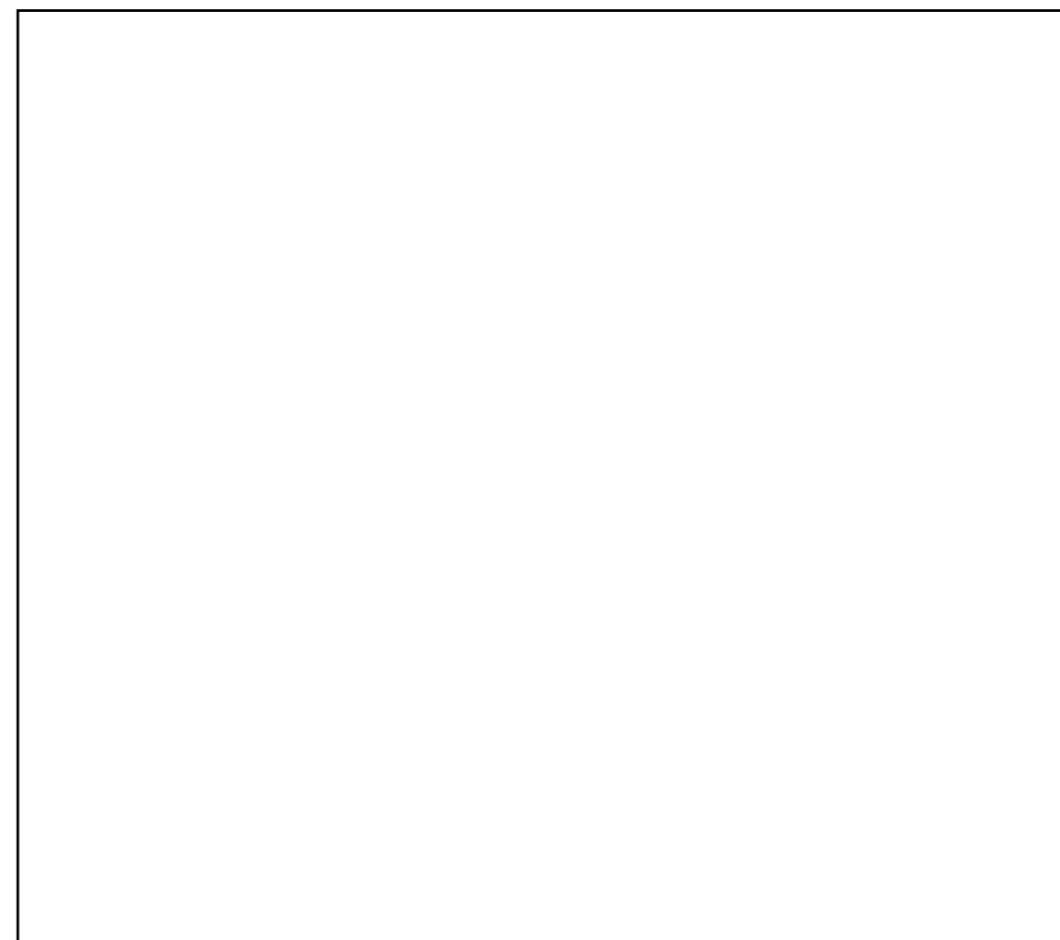


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Orbit

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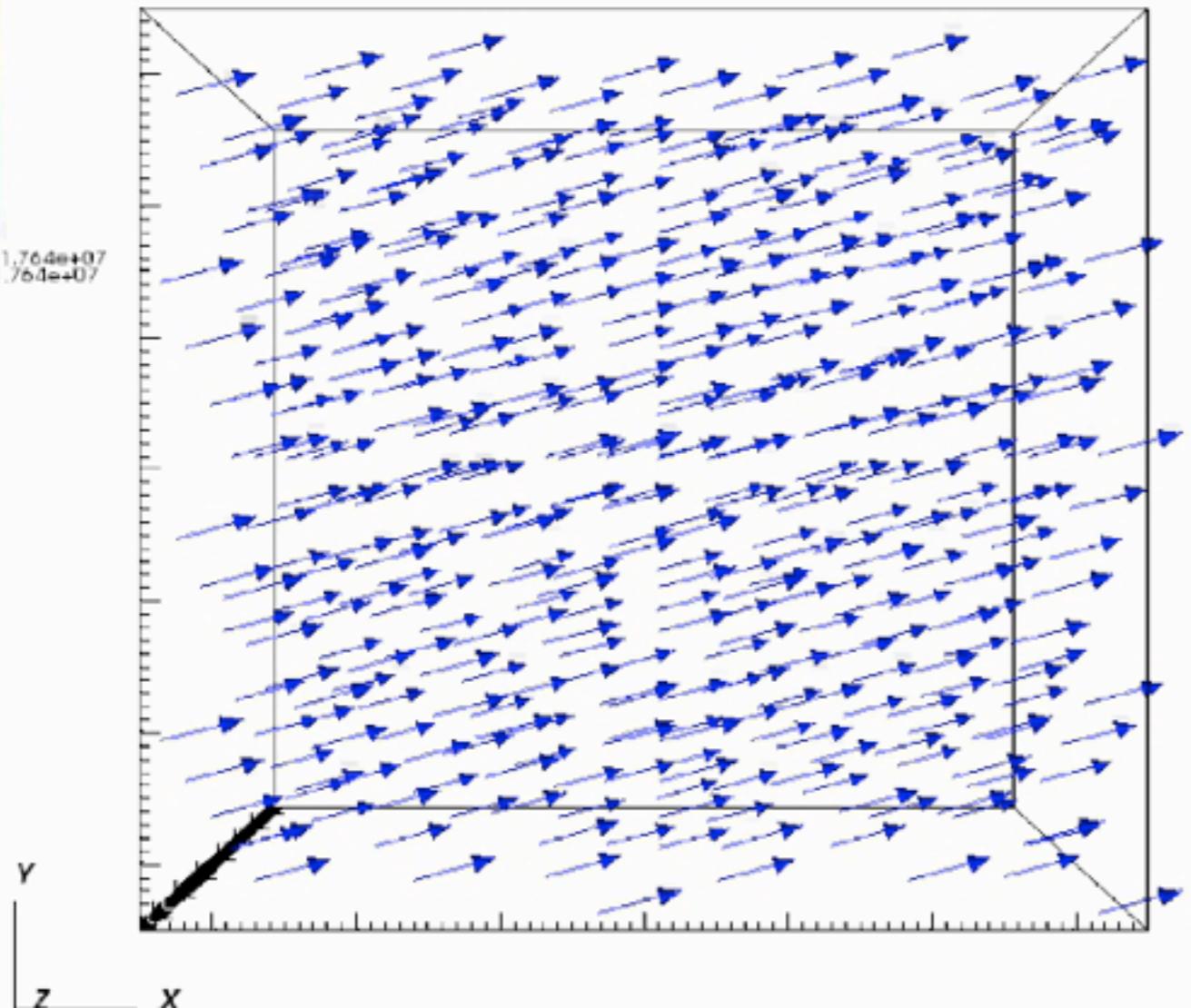
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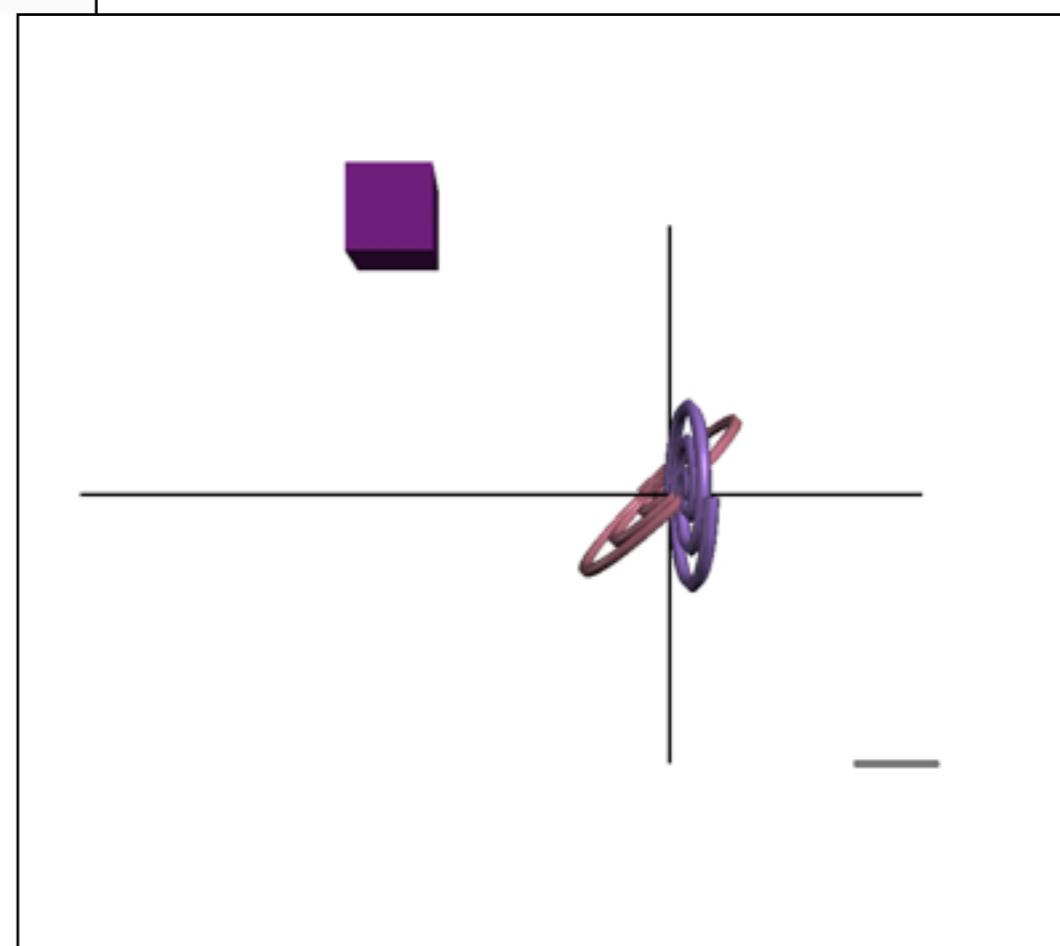


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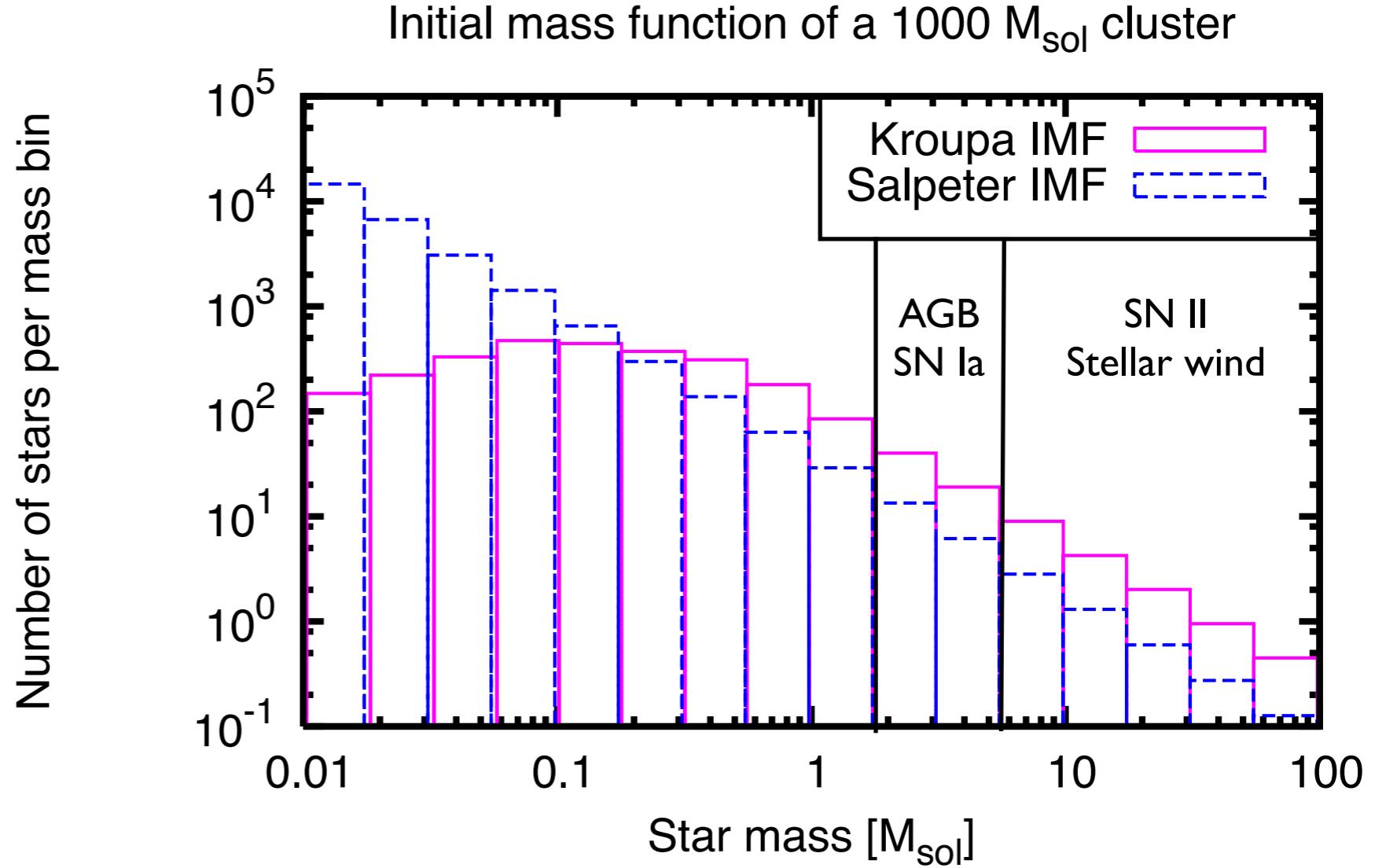


# Selfregulated star formation

Stellar birth function:

$$\Psi(g, T) = C_n g^n e^{-T/T_s}$$

Köppen, Theis & Hensler (1995)



## Stellar feedback

# Stellar Feedback

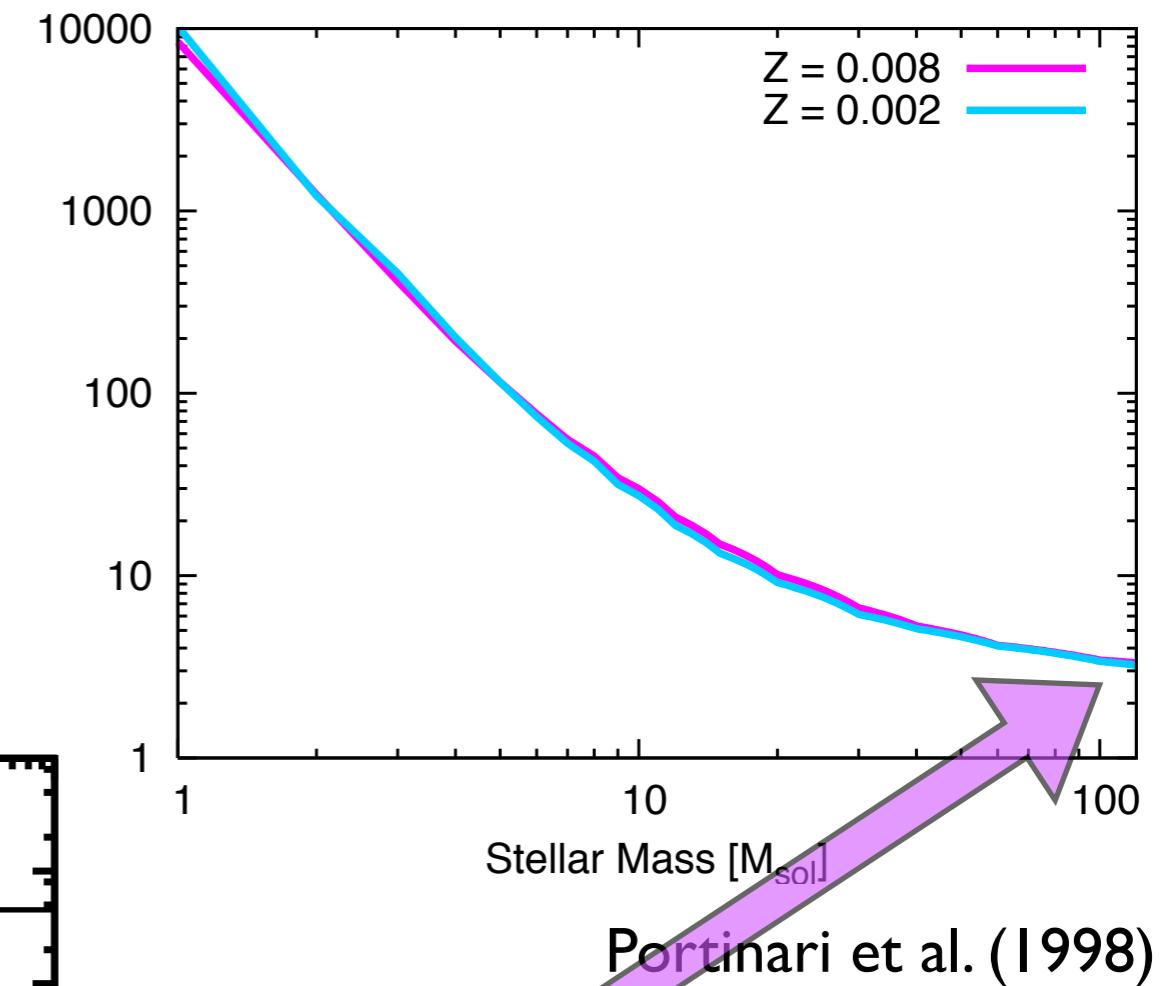
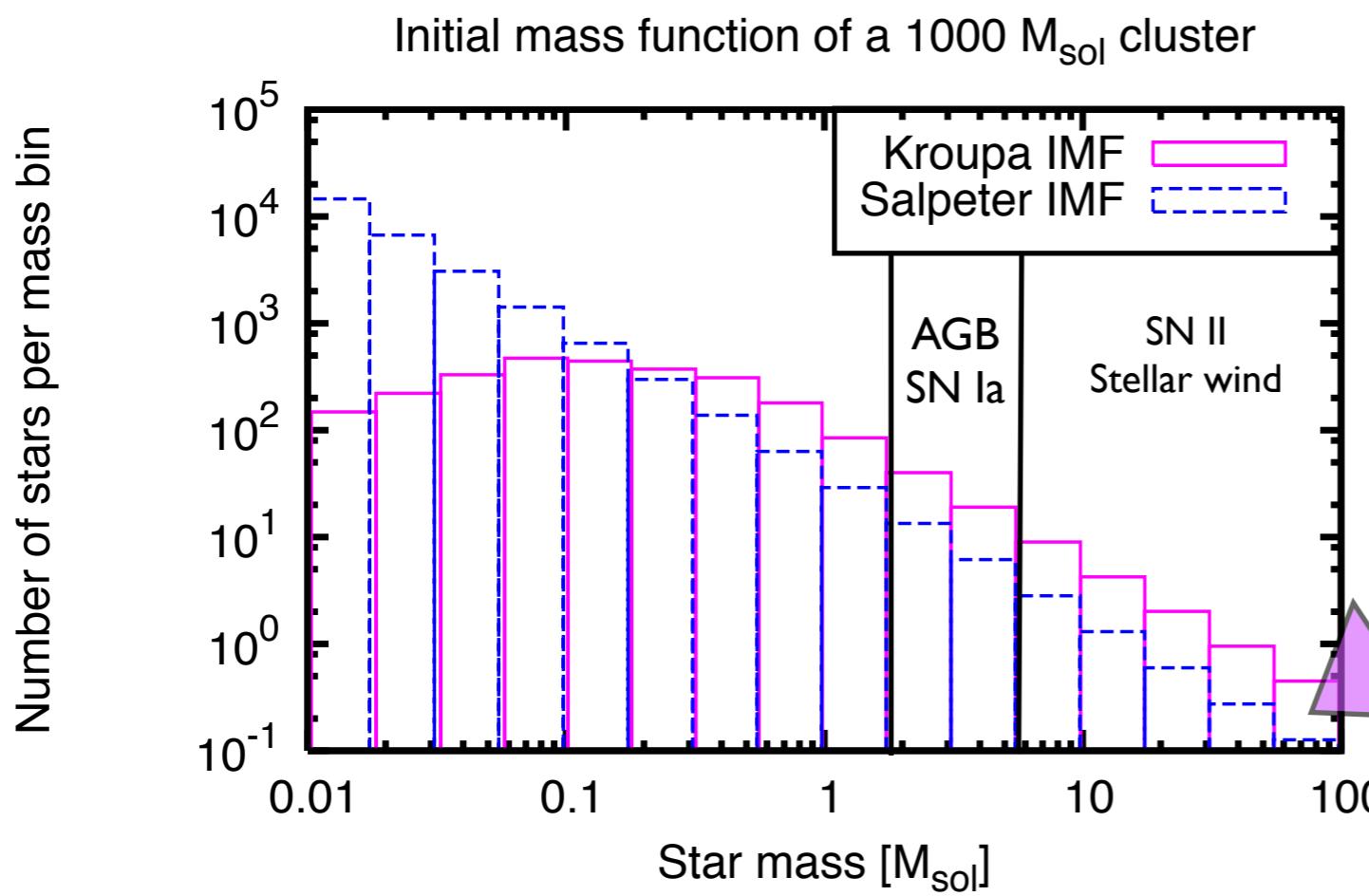
Wind:  $\frac{\partial e_{th}}{\partial t} \Big|_{OB} = \frac{1}{2} \dot{m} v_\infty^2 + \eta_{Ly} L_{Ly}(m)$

$$L_{Ly}(m) = 10^{40} \left( \frac{m}{M_\odot} \right)^6 \text{ photons s}^{-1} \text{ star}^{-1}$$

$$\dot{m} = -10^{-15} \left( \frac{Z}{Z_\odot} \right)^{0.5} \left( \frac{L}{L_\odot} \right)^{1.6} M_\odot \text{ yr}^{-1}$$

$$v_\infty = 3 \cdot 10^3 \left( \frac{m}{M_\odot} \right)^{0.15} \left( \frac{Z}{Z_\odot} \right)^{0.08} \text{ km s}^{-1}$$

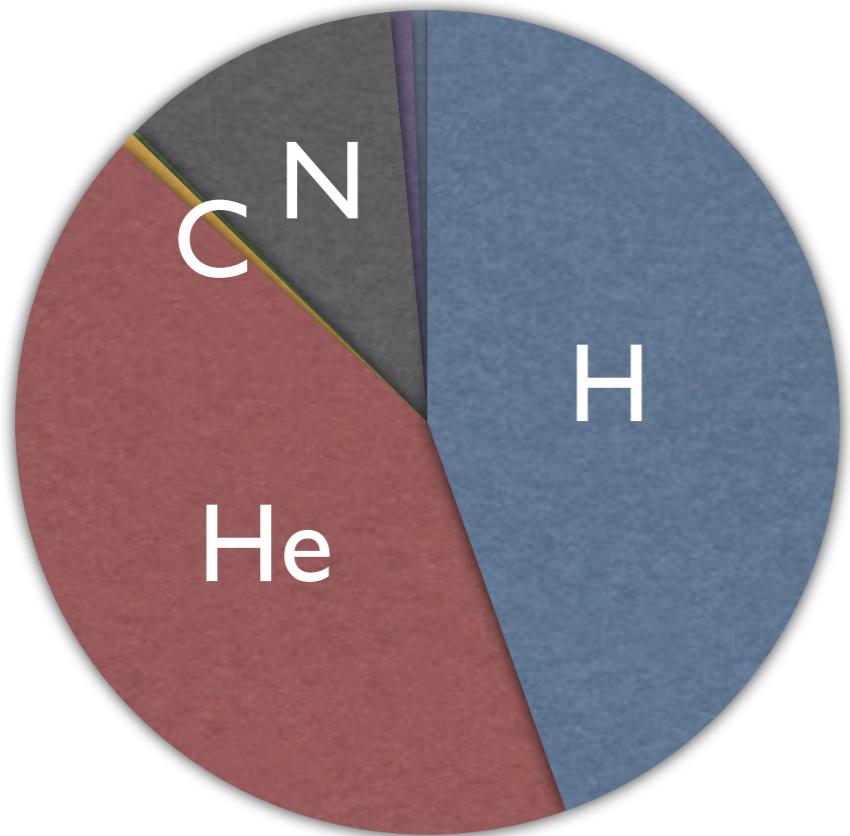
Theis, Burkert & Hensler (1992)



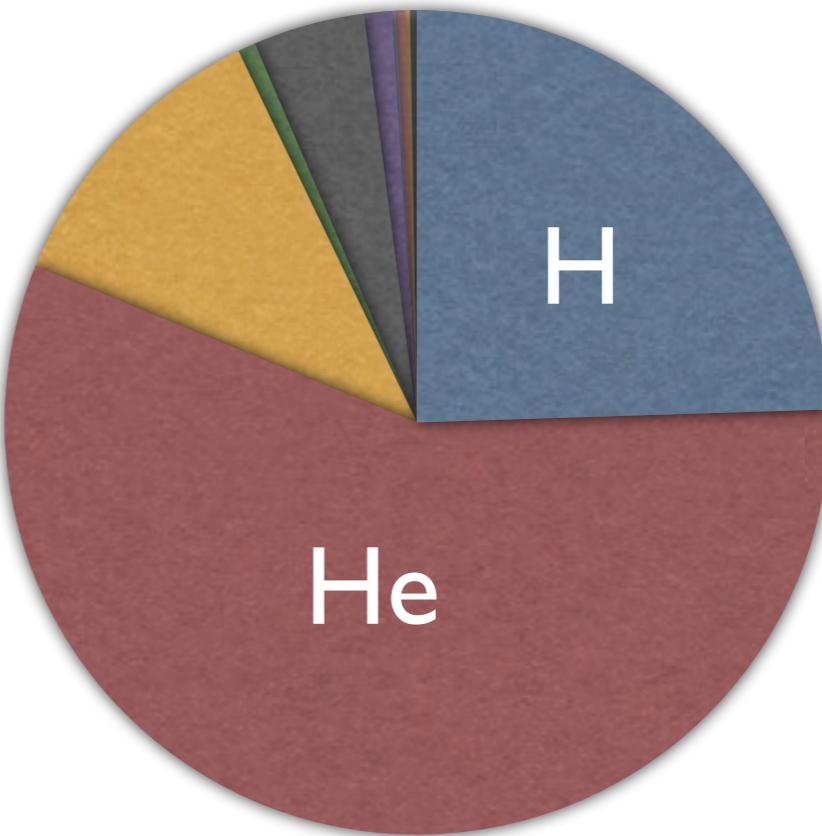
Stellar feedback

# Chemistry

$100 M_{\text{sol}}$   $Z = 0.004$



$100 M_{\text{sol}}$   $Z = 0.02$



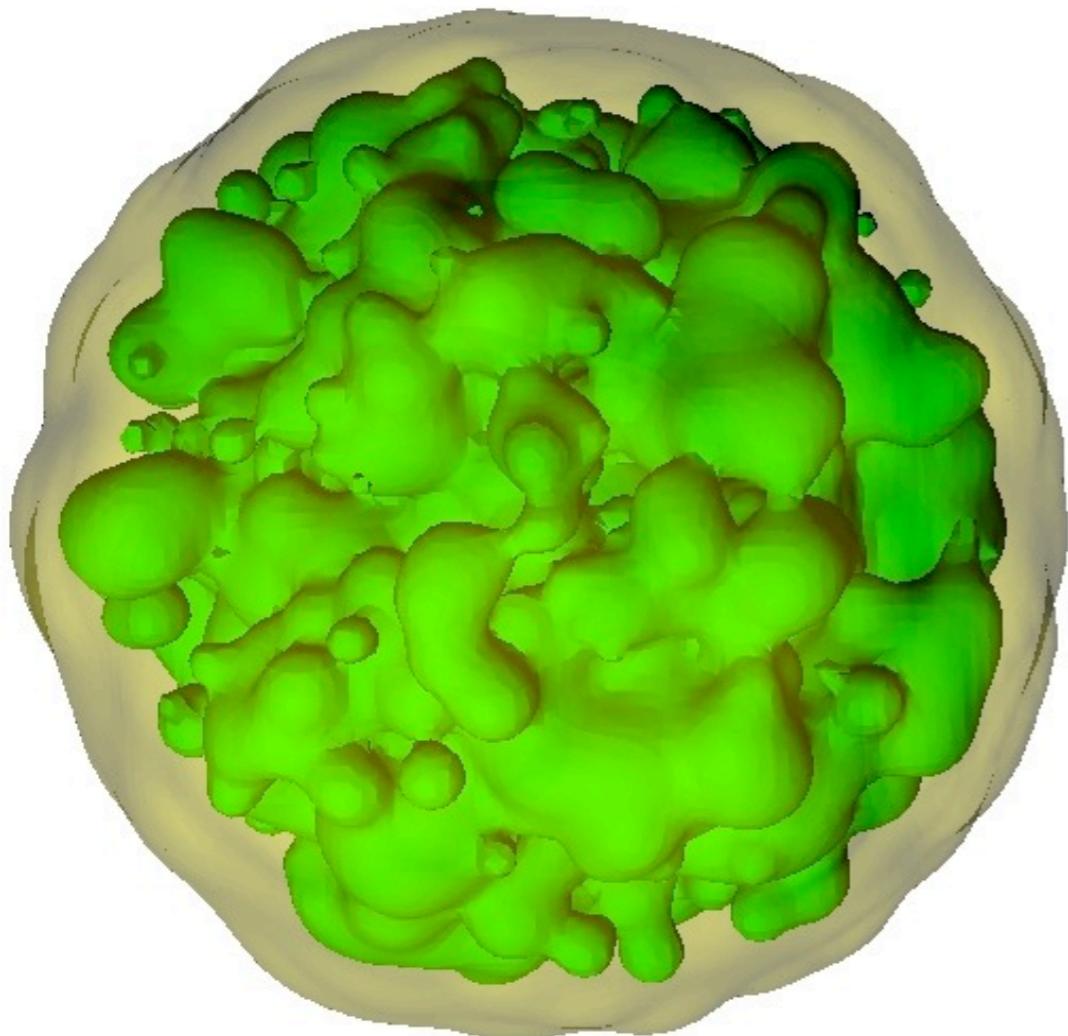
- H
- He
- C
- O
- Ne
- Mg
- Si
- S
- Ca
- Fe

Portinari et al. (1998) + Marigo et al. (1996)

Initial conditions

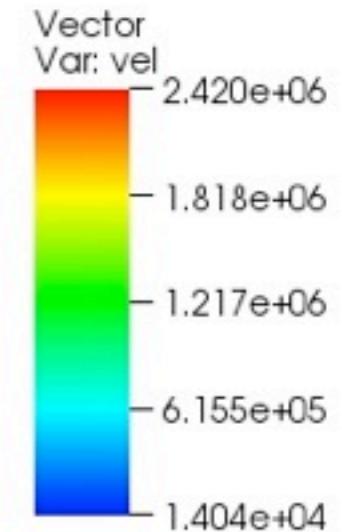
Contour  
Var: dens

— 1.000e-25  
— 1.000e-26



Gas density

# Initial setup



Stellar particles velocity

# Initial setup

$$M_{\text{TDG}} = 1.96 \times 10^8 M_{\text{sol}}$$

$$R_{\text{TDG}} = 3.9 \text{ kpc}$$

$$Z_{\text{TDG}} = 0.0118 = 0.89 Z_{\text{sol}}$$

$$Z_{\text{halo}} = 0.000227 = 0.017 Z_{\text{sol}}$$

500 Gaussian overdensities

Simulation Box:  $(27 \text{ kpc})^3$

Effective Resolution: 50 pc

# Tidal dwarf galaxy simulation:

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# Vienna Scientific Cluster

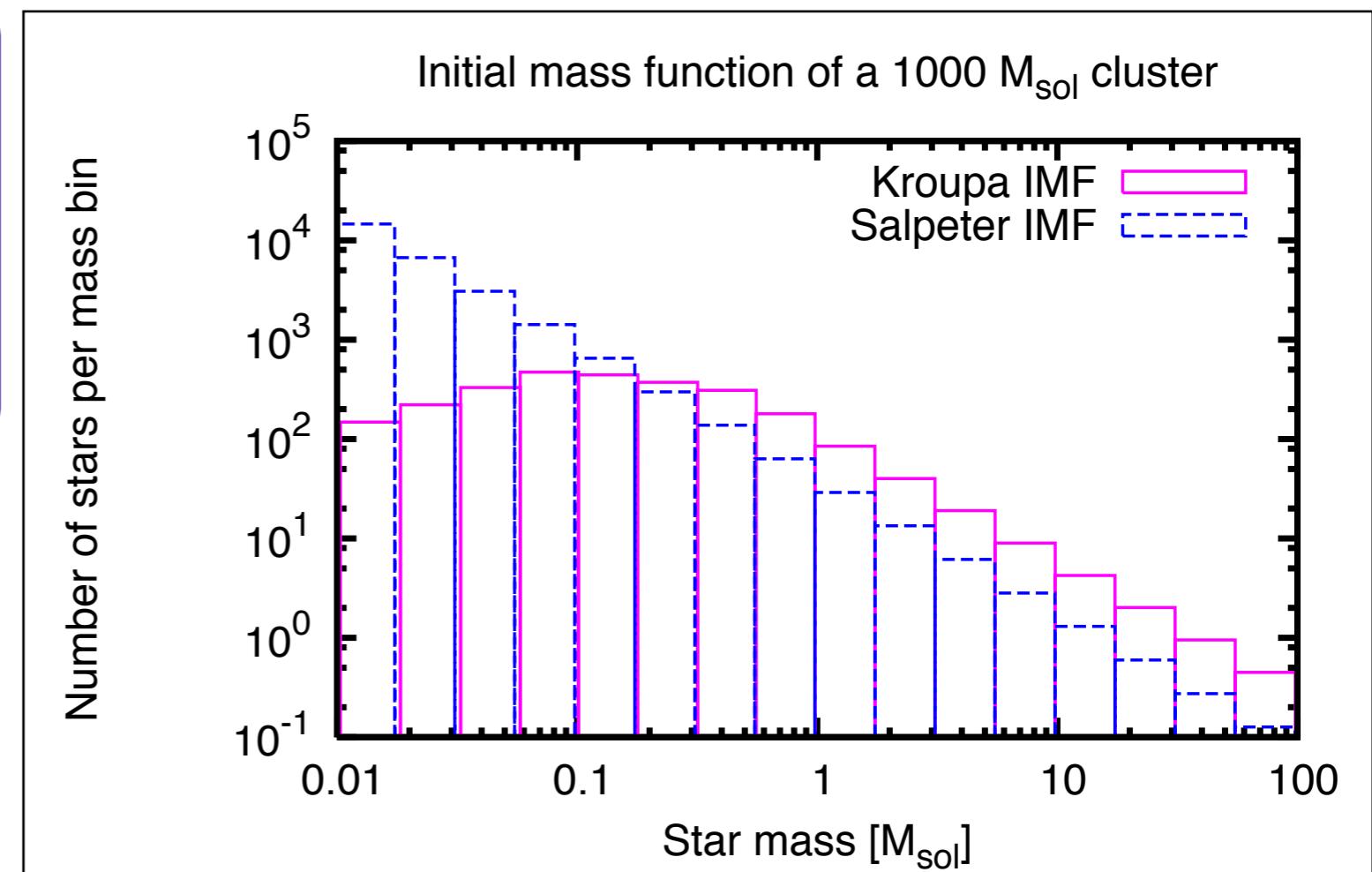


# Data Analysis

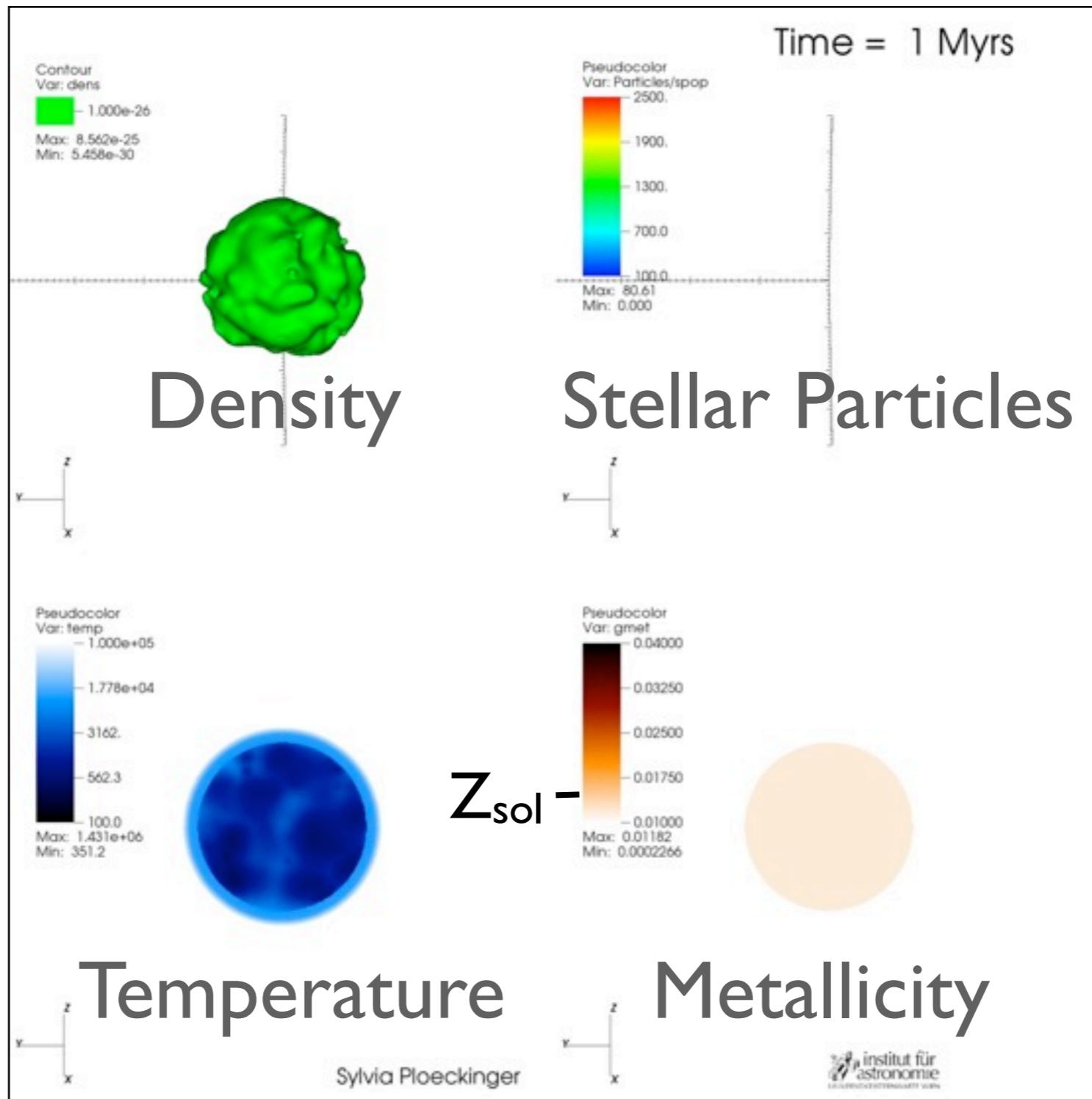
Grid and particle variables used for data analysis:

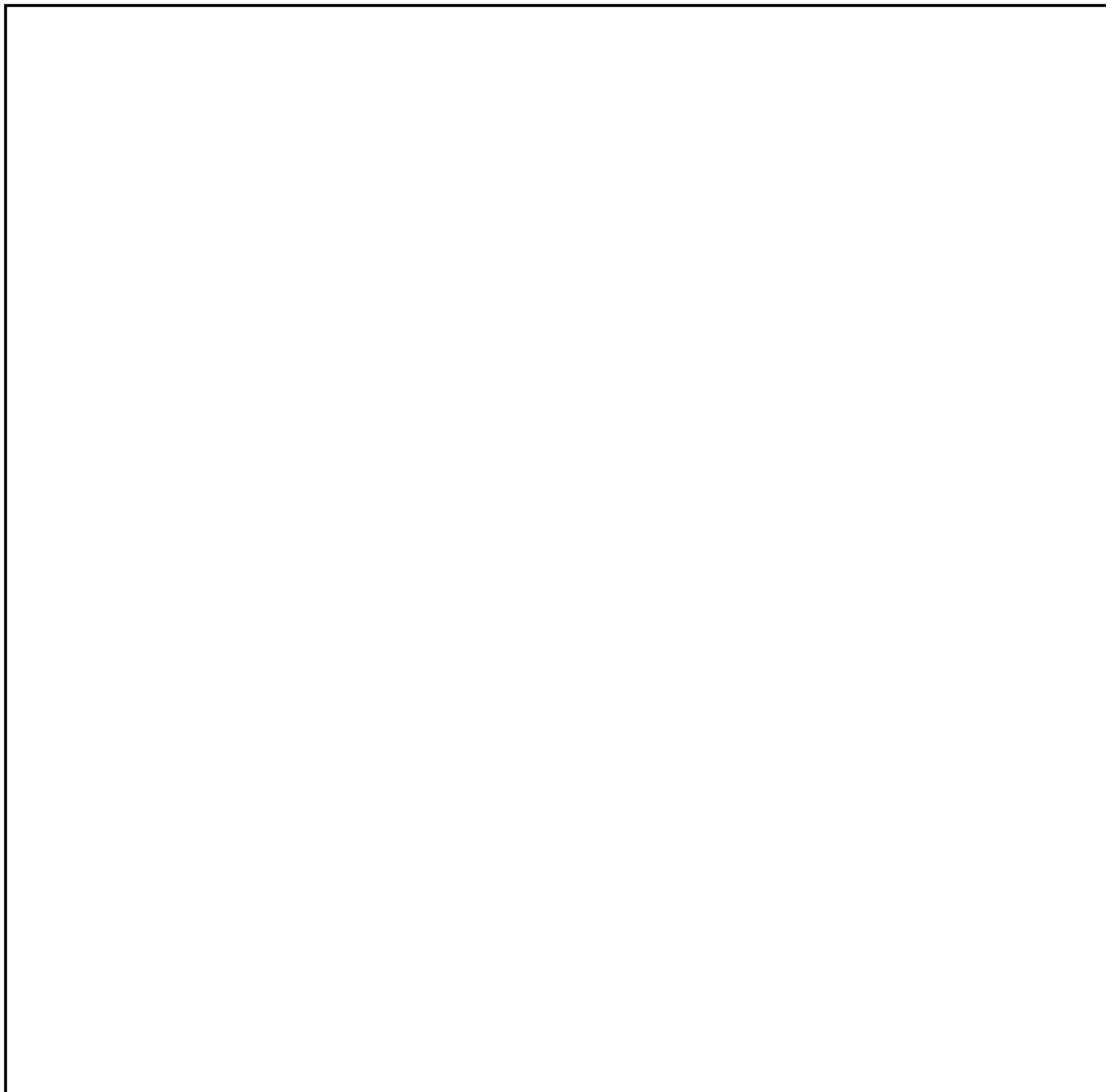
- Temperature
- Density
- II element abundances
- Gas metallicity

- Age
- Mass (spop + mass)
- Metallicity

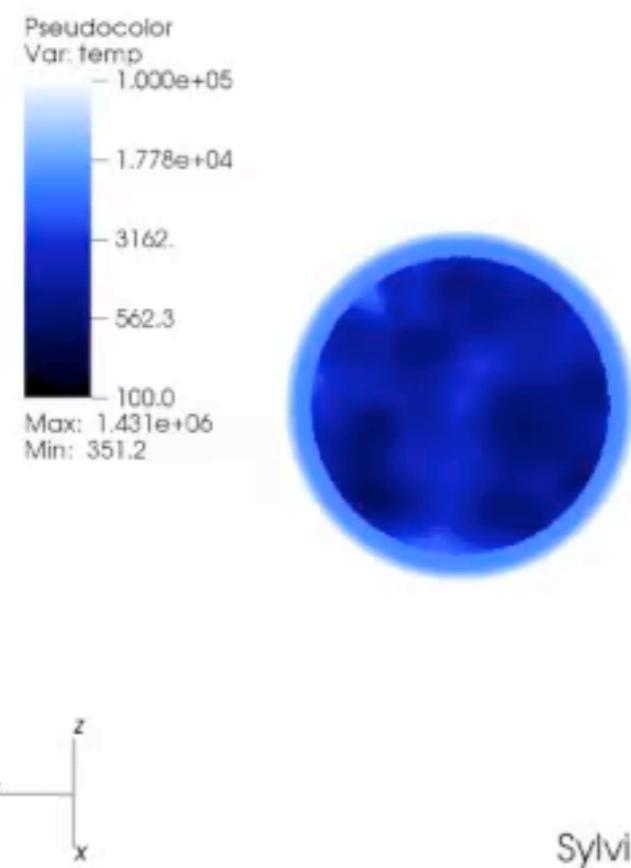
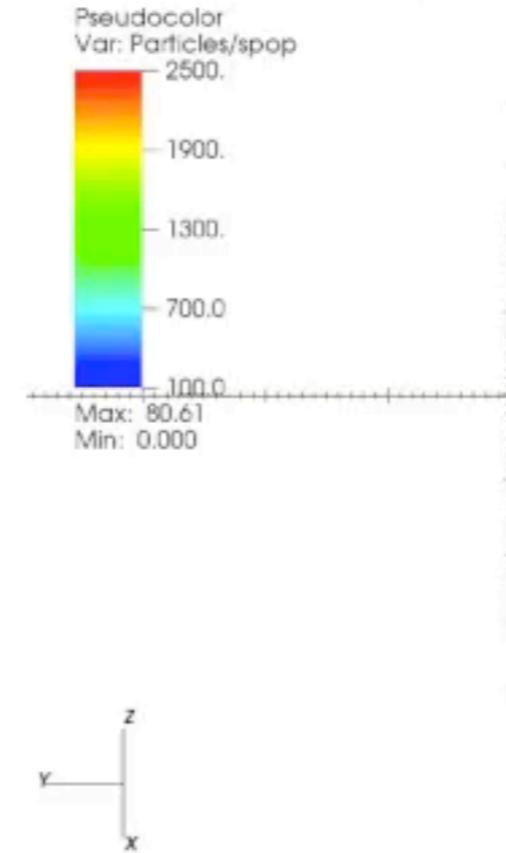
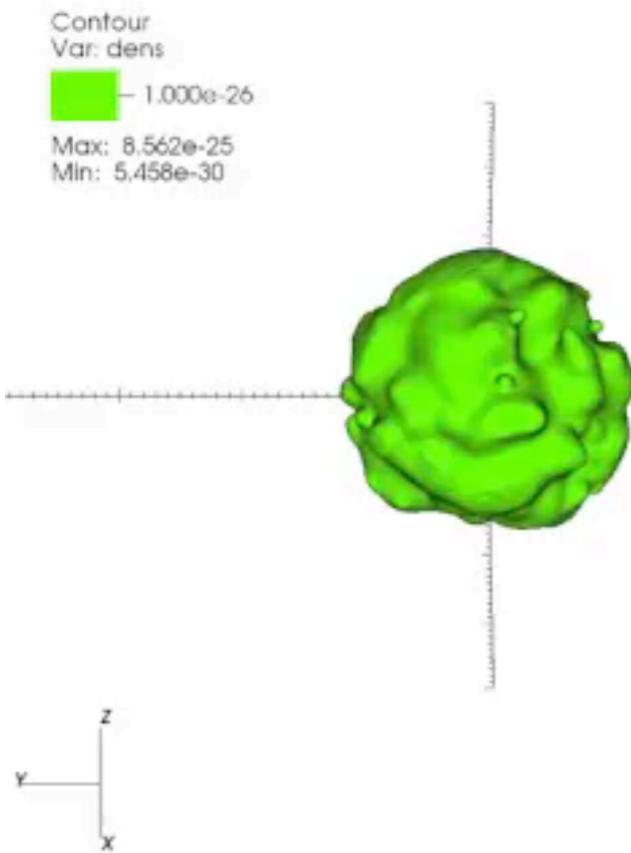


# Animation

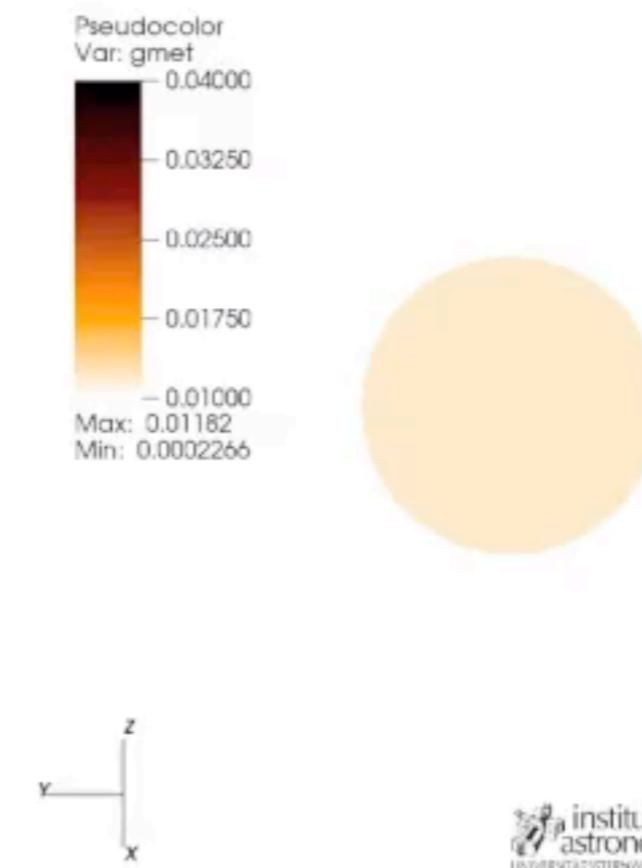




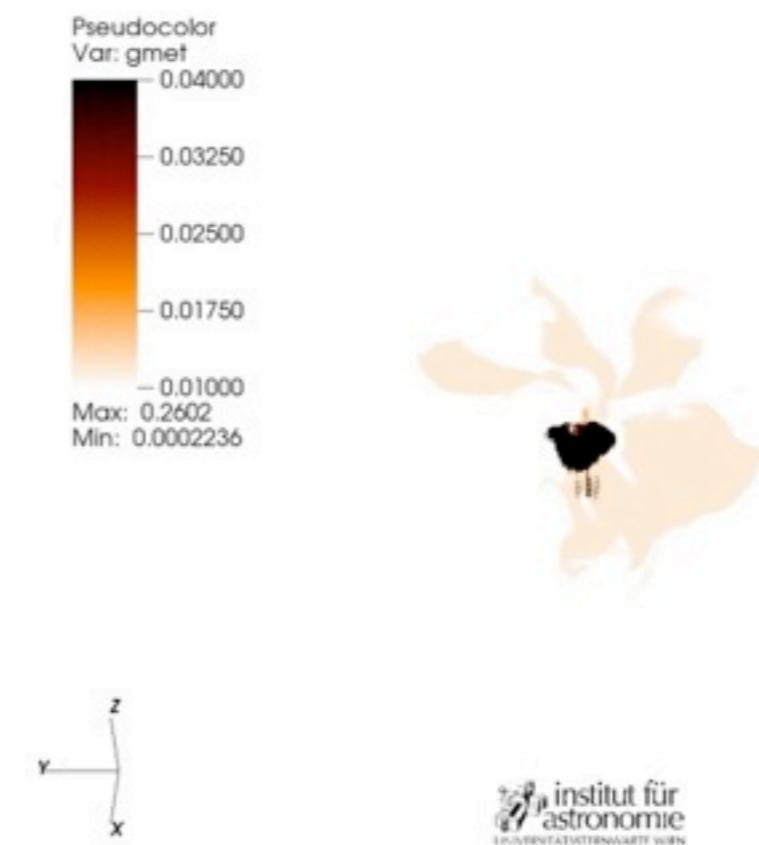
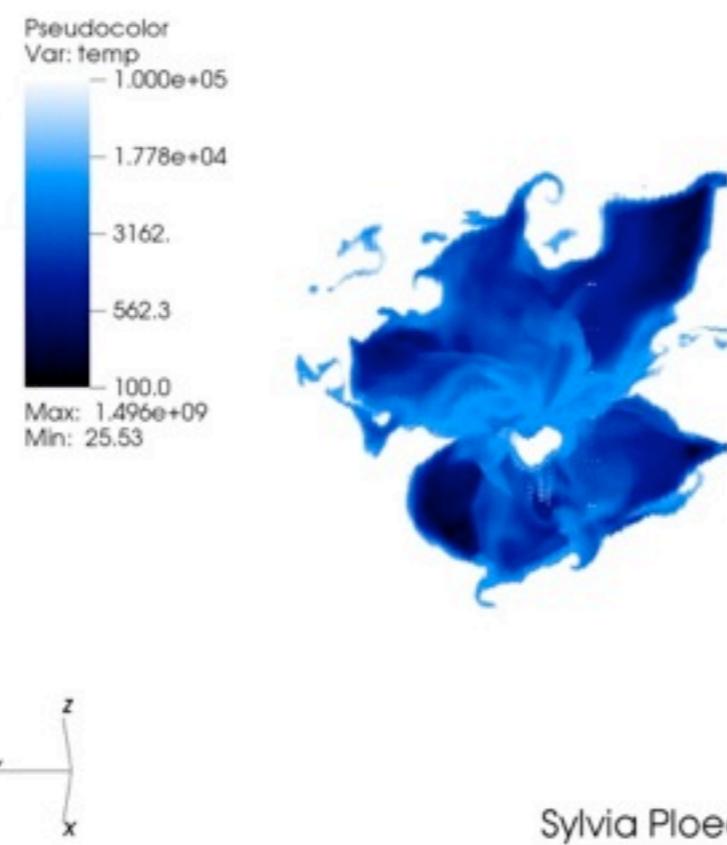
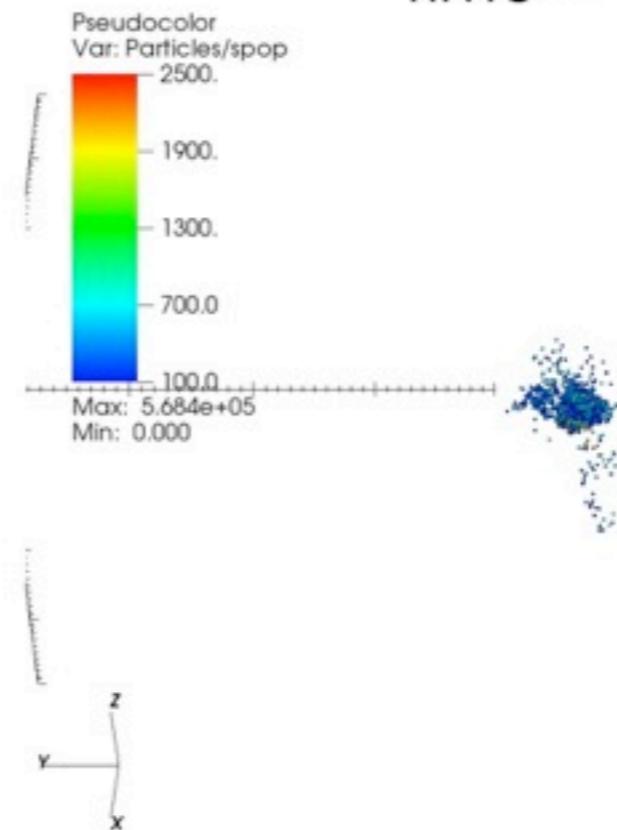
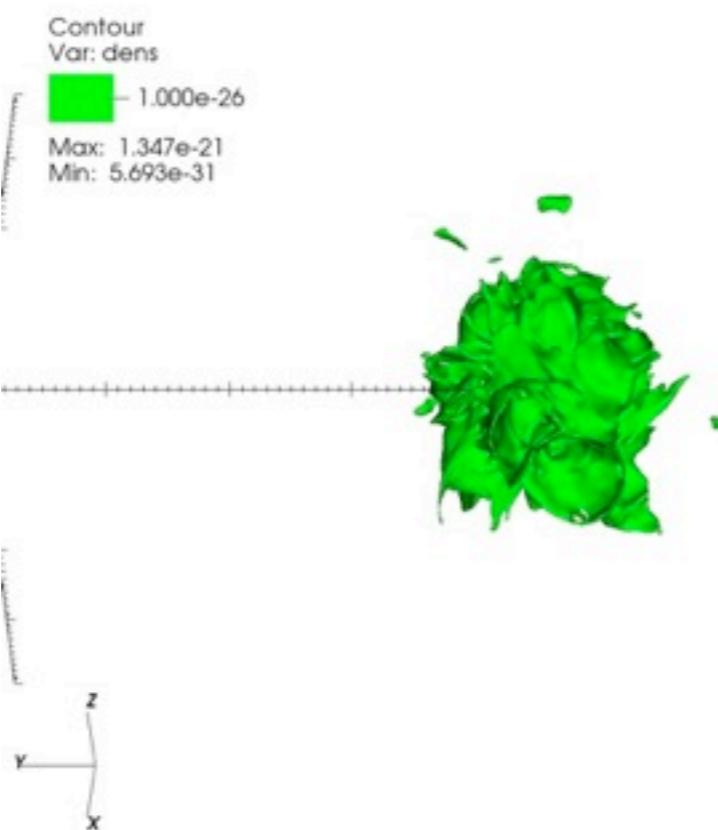
Time = 1 Myrs



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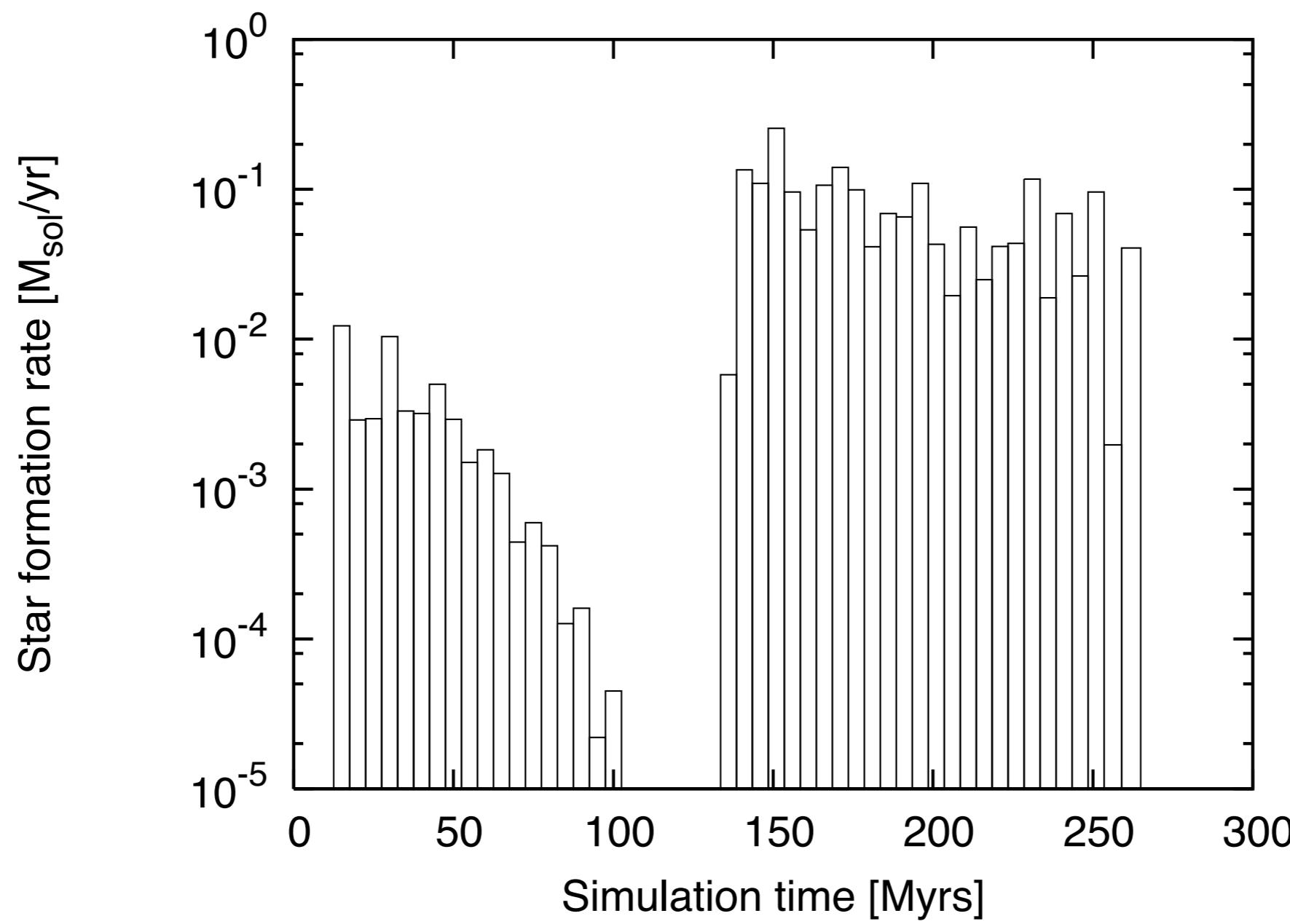


Time = 262 Myrs

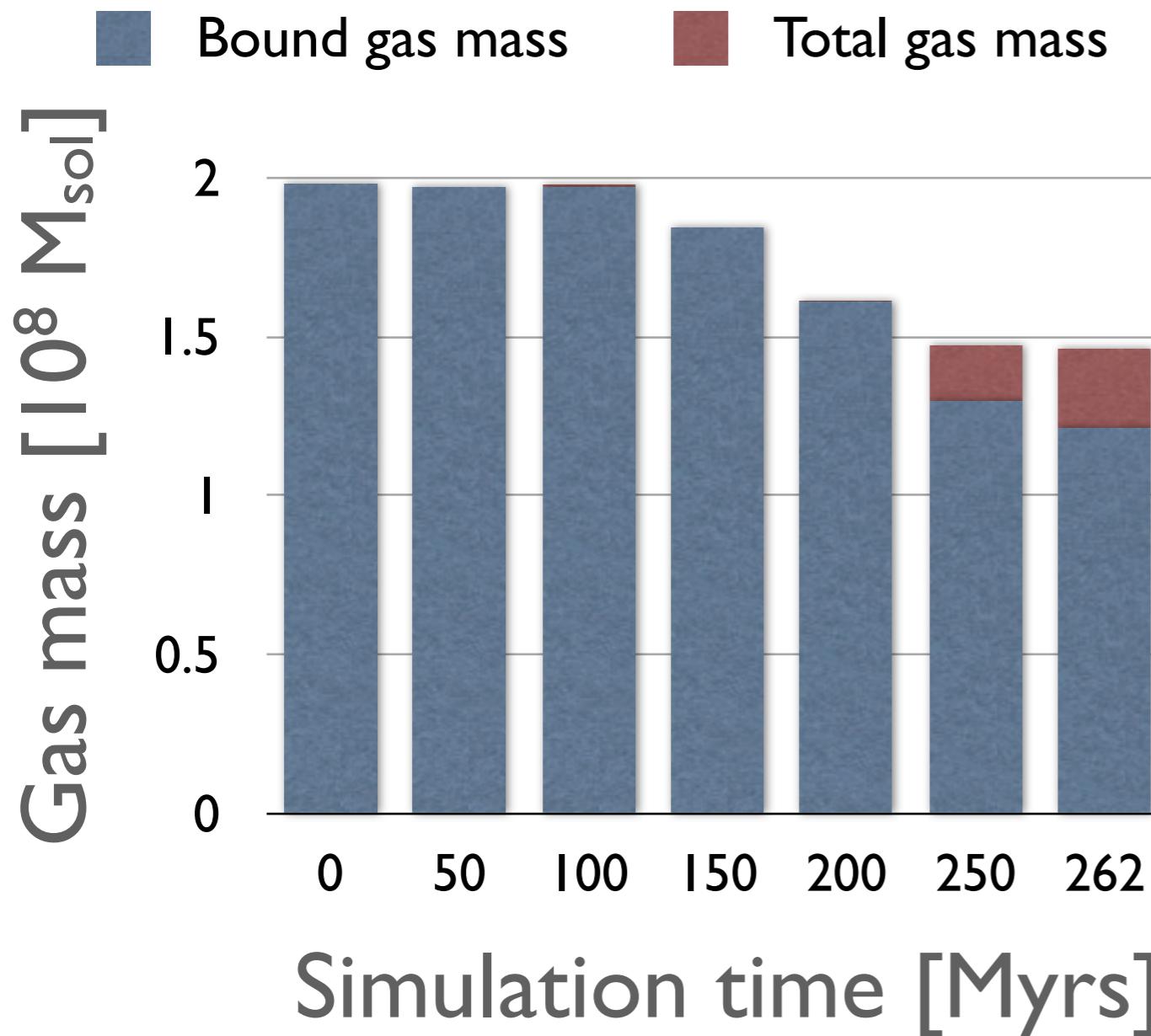


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# Star formation history



# Stability of TDGs



Stellar mass produced in  
262 Myrs:

$$6.1 \times 10^7 M_{\odot}$$

Stellar mass still present at  
262 Myrs:

$$5.2 \times 10^7 M_{\odot}$$

# Outlook

- Test the influence of different IMFs
- Different TDG masses (down to SSC range)
- Include initial rotation
- Mass flow
- Already simulation the formation
- Start at high z



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