

The Evolution of Tidal Dwarf Galaxies

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Cuillandre, Hawaiian Starlight



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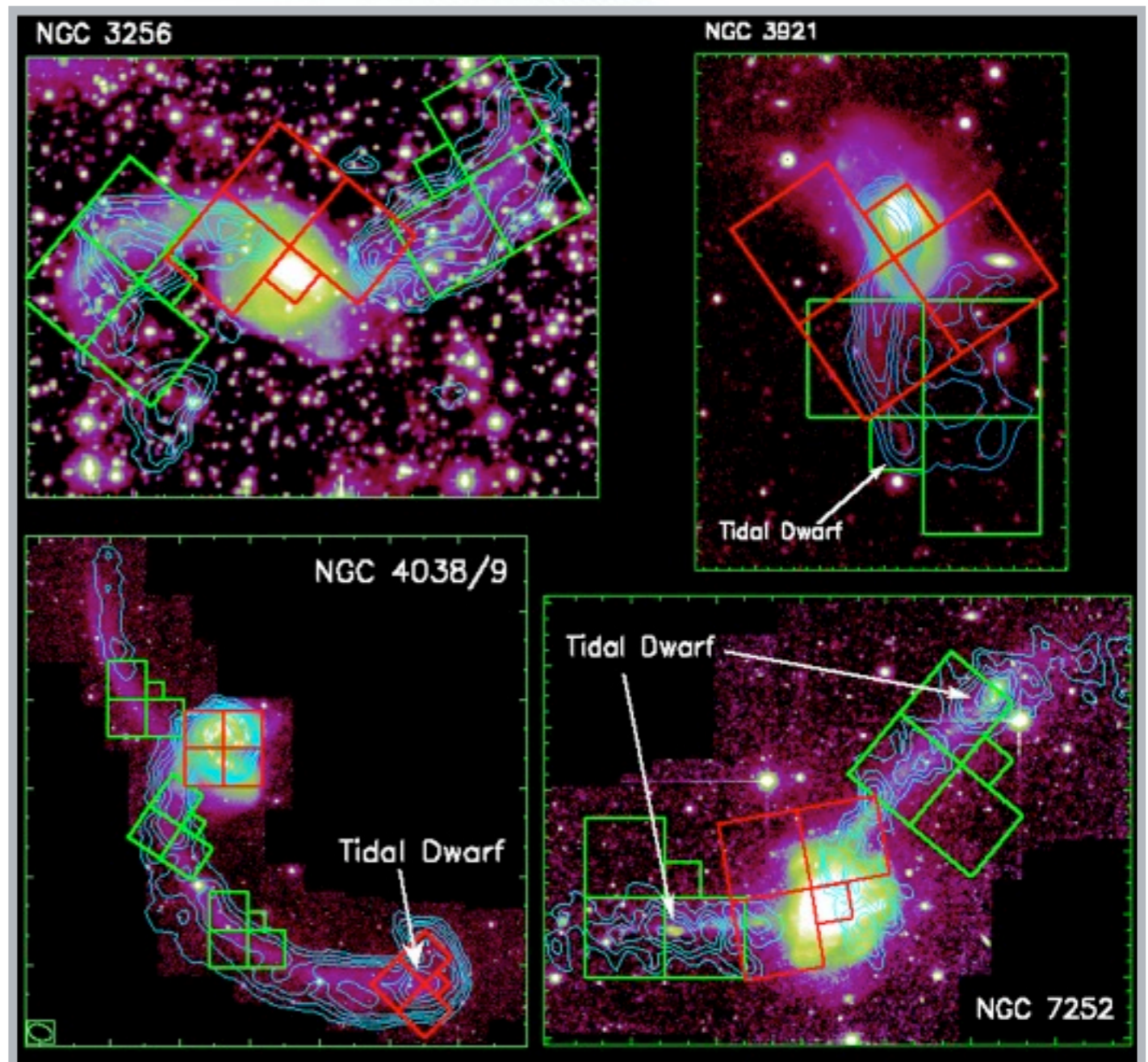
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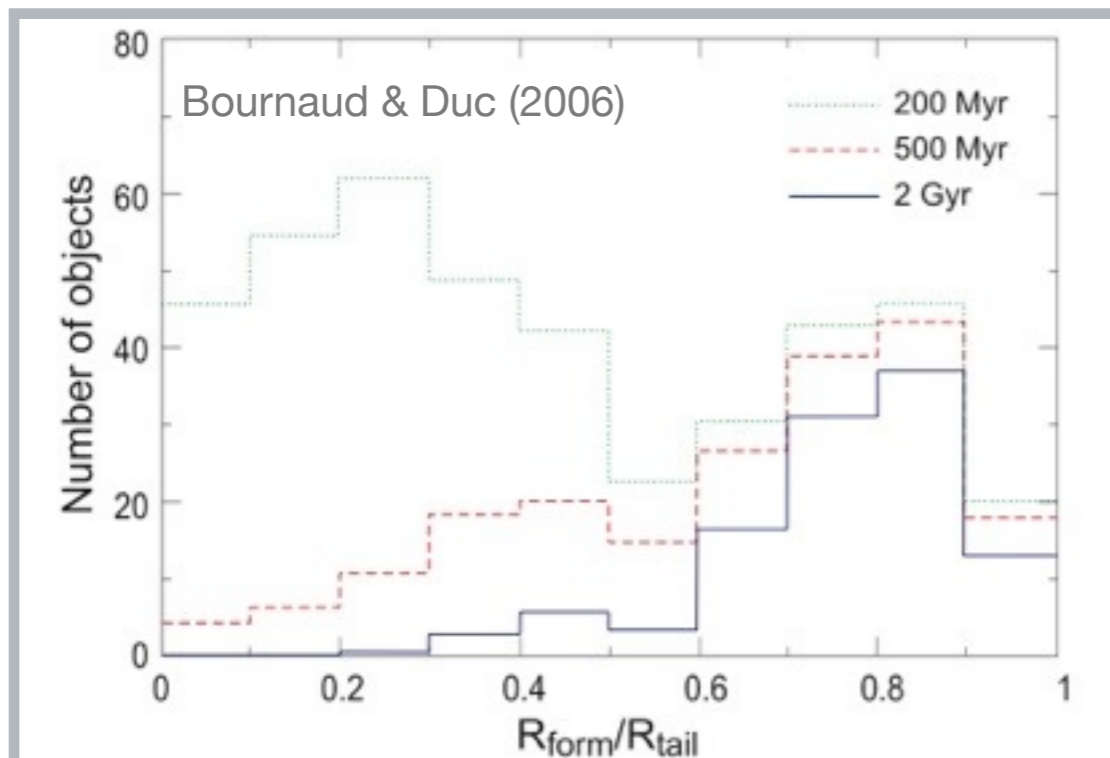
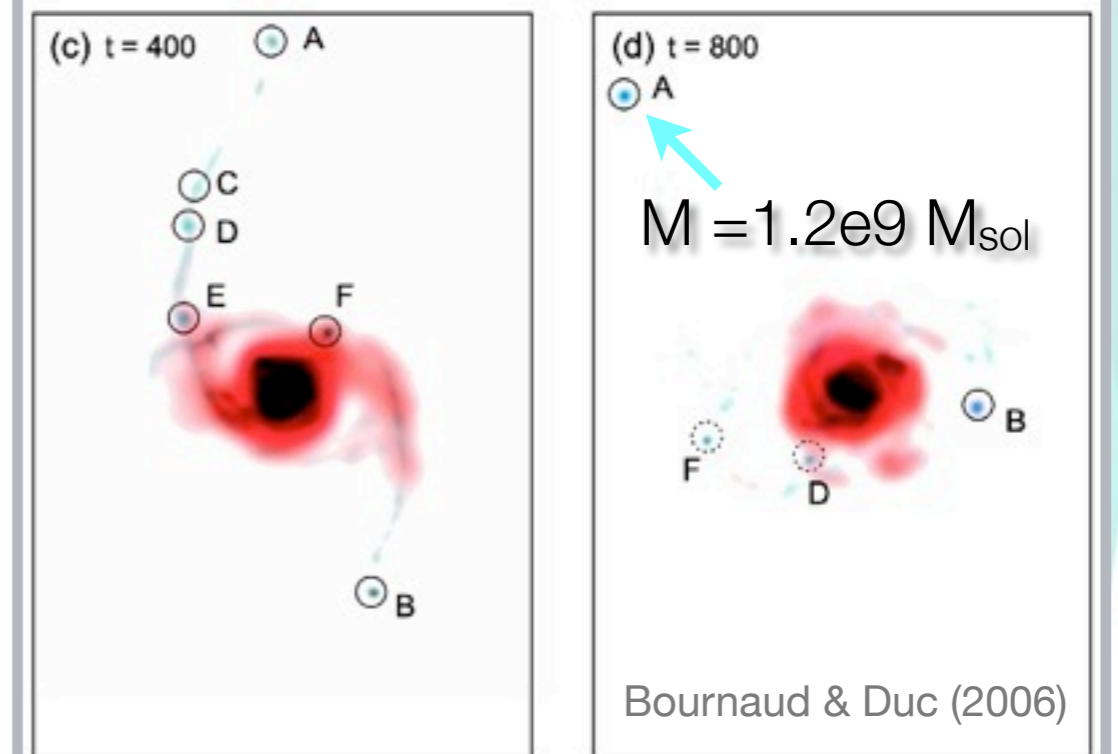
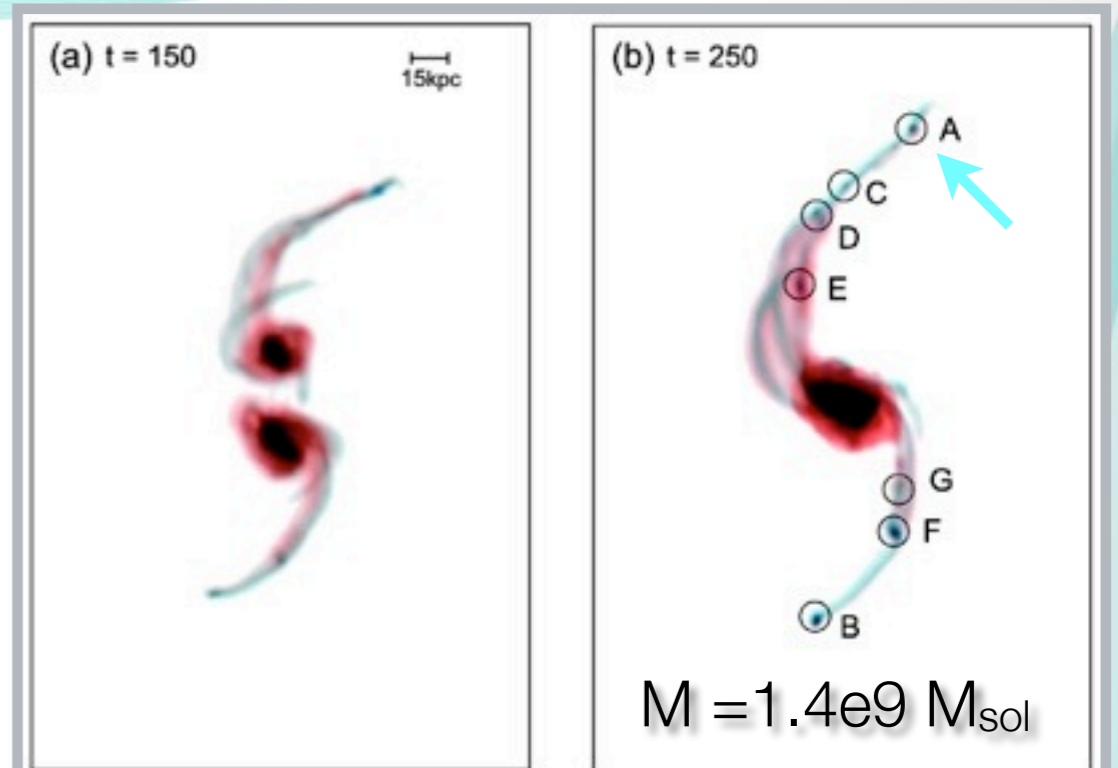
Tidal Dwarf Galaxies

- *More than 60 TDG candidates observed.*
- *Internal kinematics show that they are gravitationally bound systems.*
- *They have active star formation.*
- *Should not contain dark matter.*
- *Stem from already pre-enriched material.*



Tidal Dwarf Galaxies

- *N-body simulations of interacting galaxies*
- *They found 593 substructures.*
- *75 % fall back, but 25 % survive more than 2 Gyrs.*



Motivation

We need high resolution simulations to answer the question:

Can TDGs turn into dSph/dE type galaxies?

against processes like:

- Dynamical Friction (orbital decay)
- Tidal Disruption
- Star Formation and Stellar Feedback

Some Numerical Details

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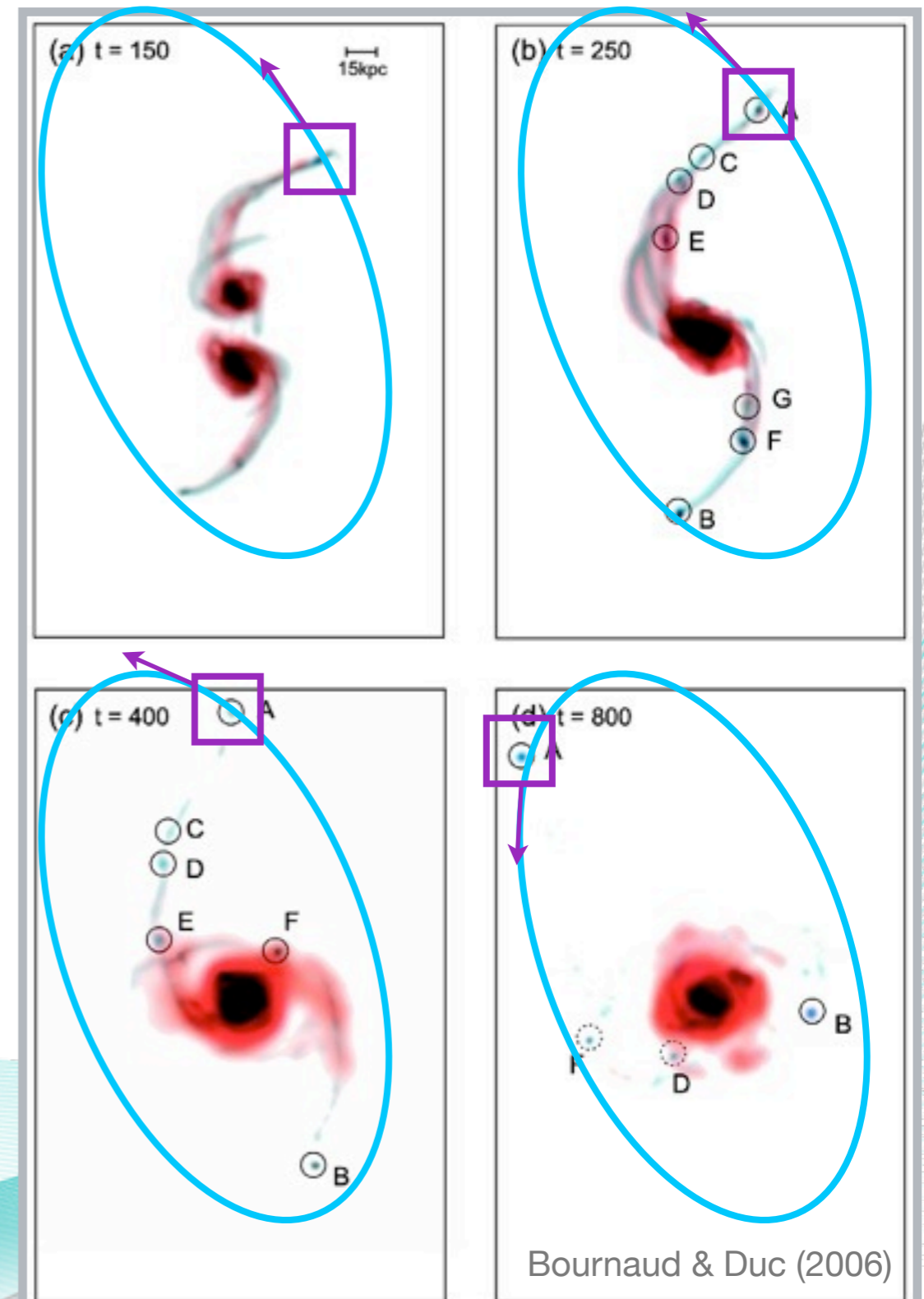
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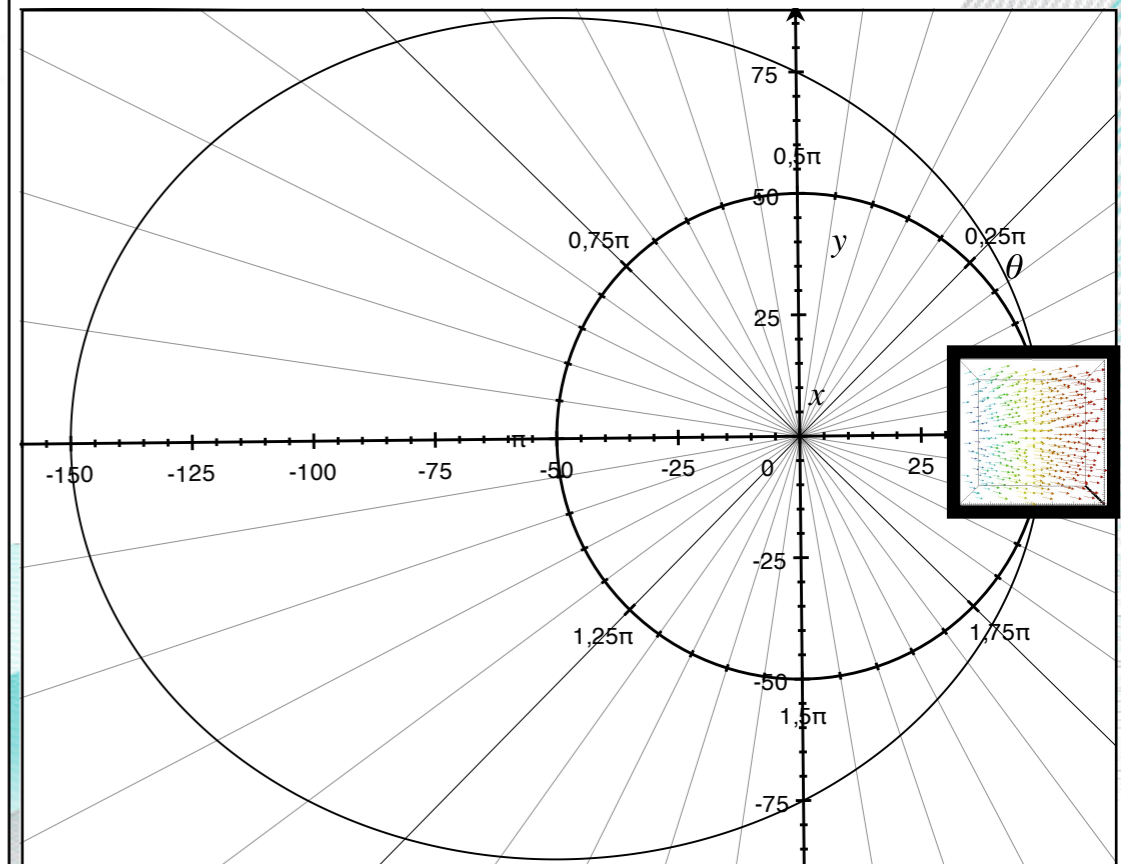
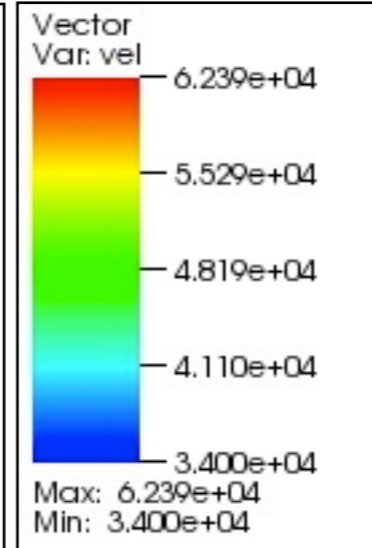
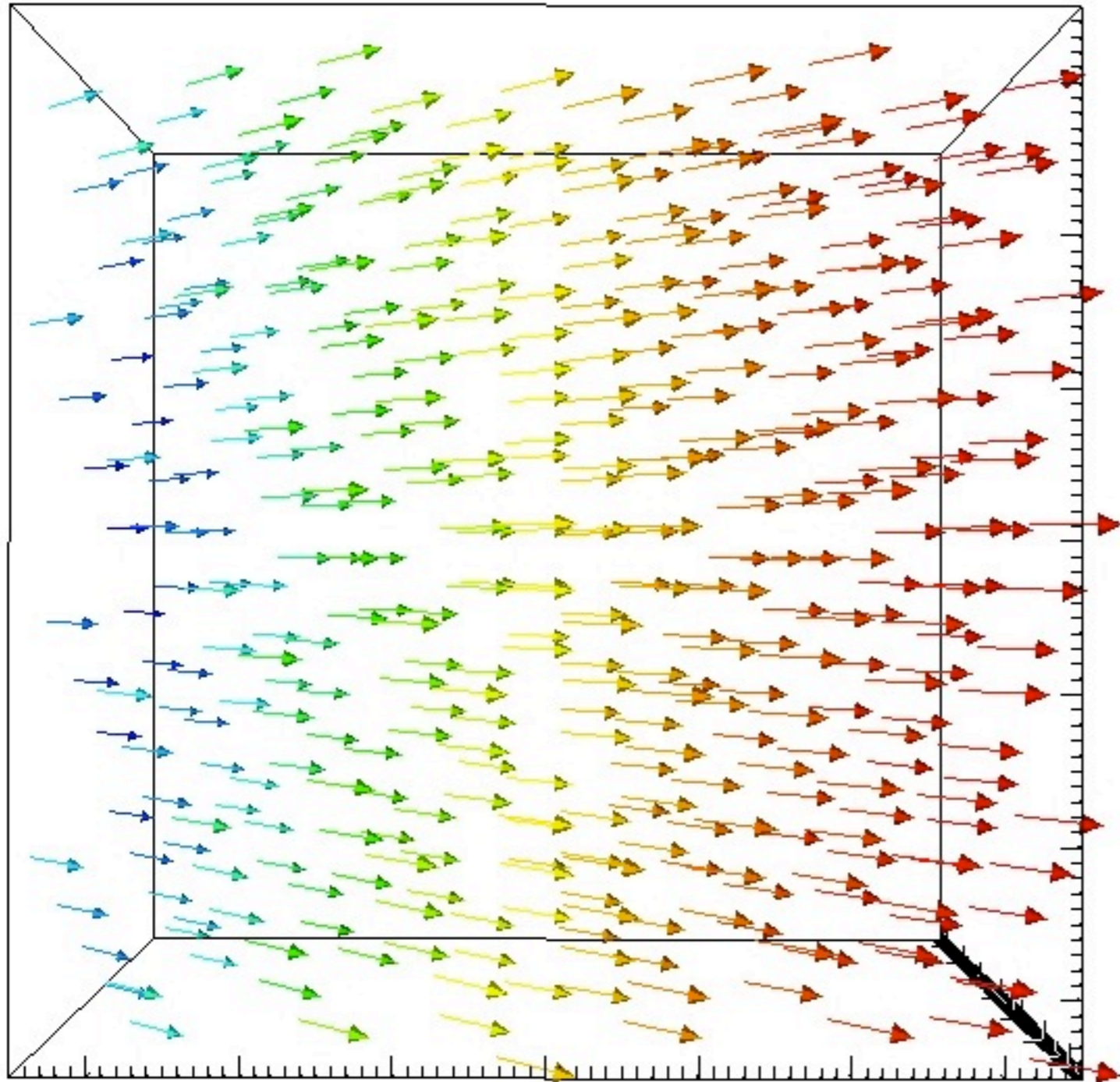
The Orbit Module

Within the simulation box:

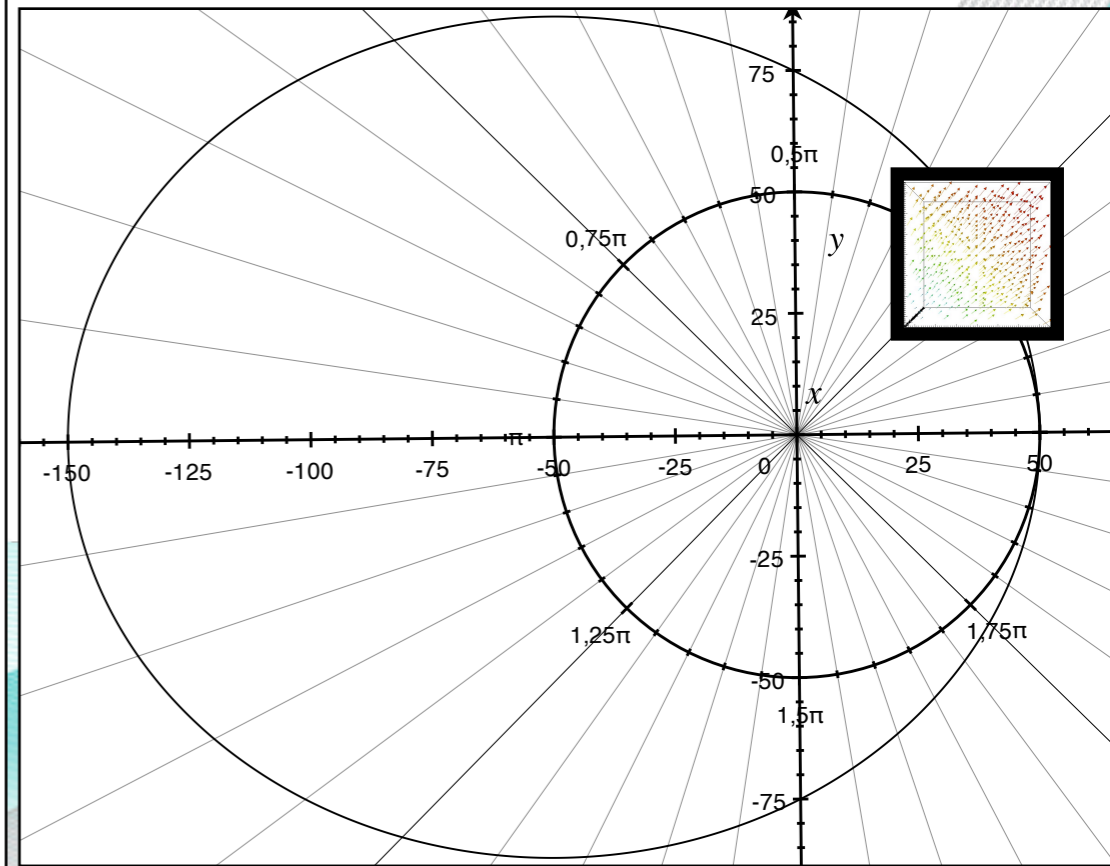
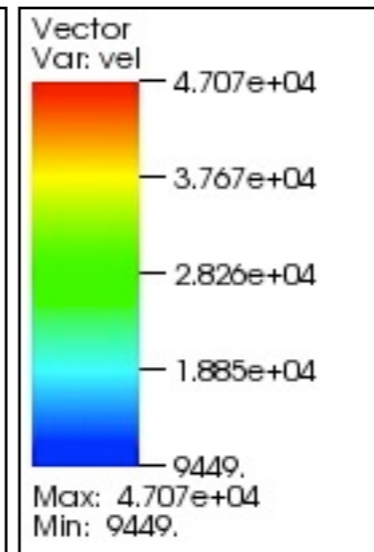
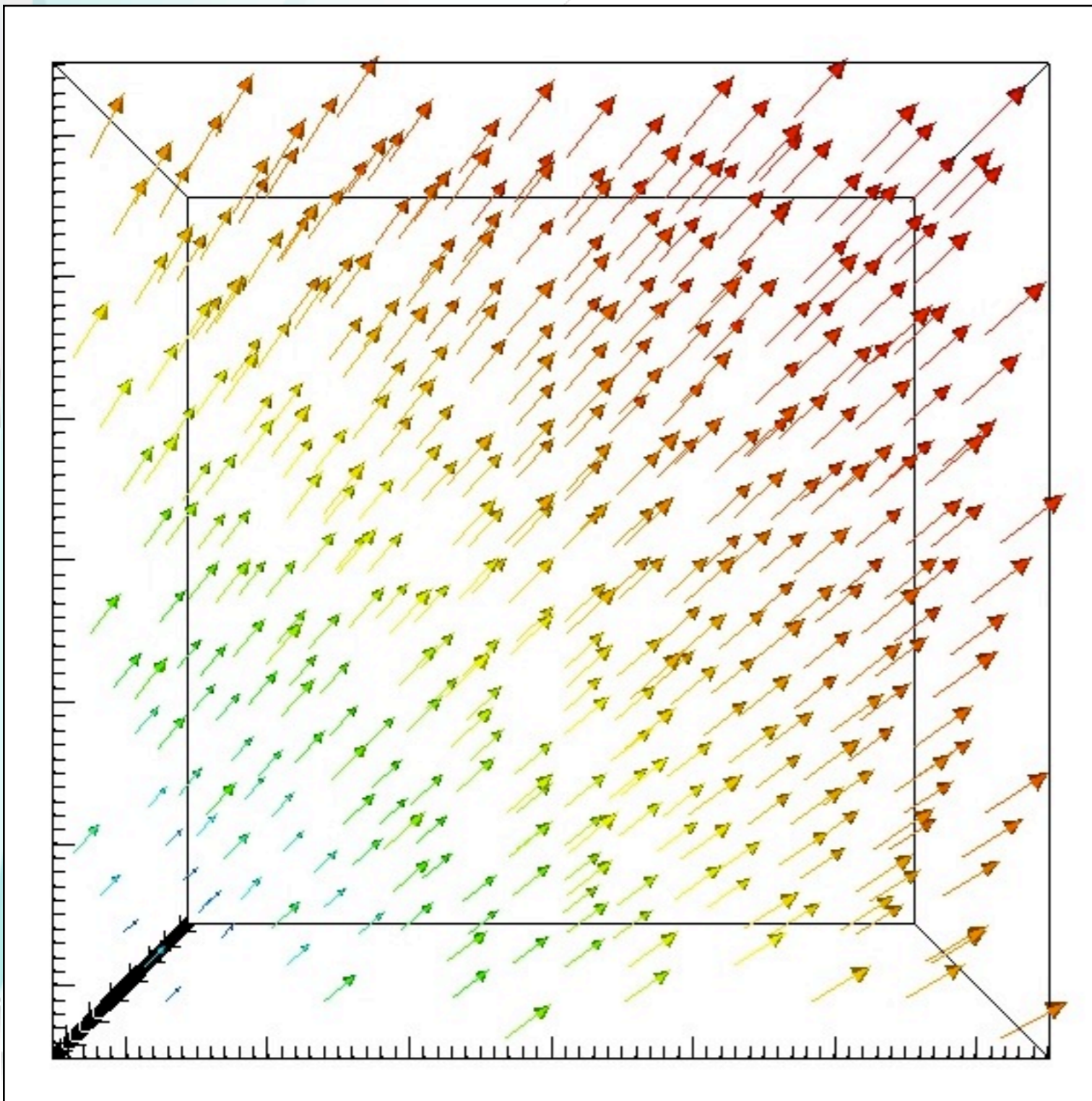
- Time dependent external gravitational potential (additional to the self-gravity)
- Wind: velocity field due to the motion of the simulation box
- Tidal field



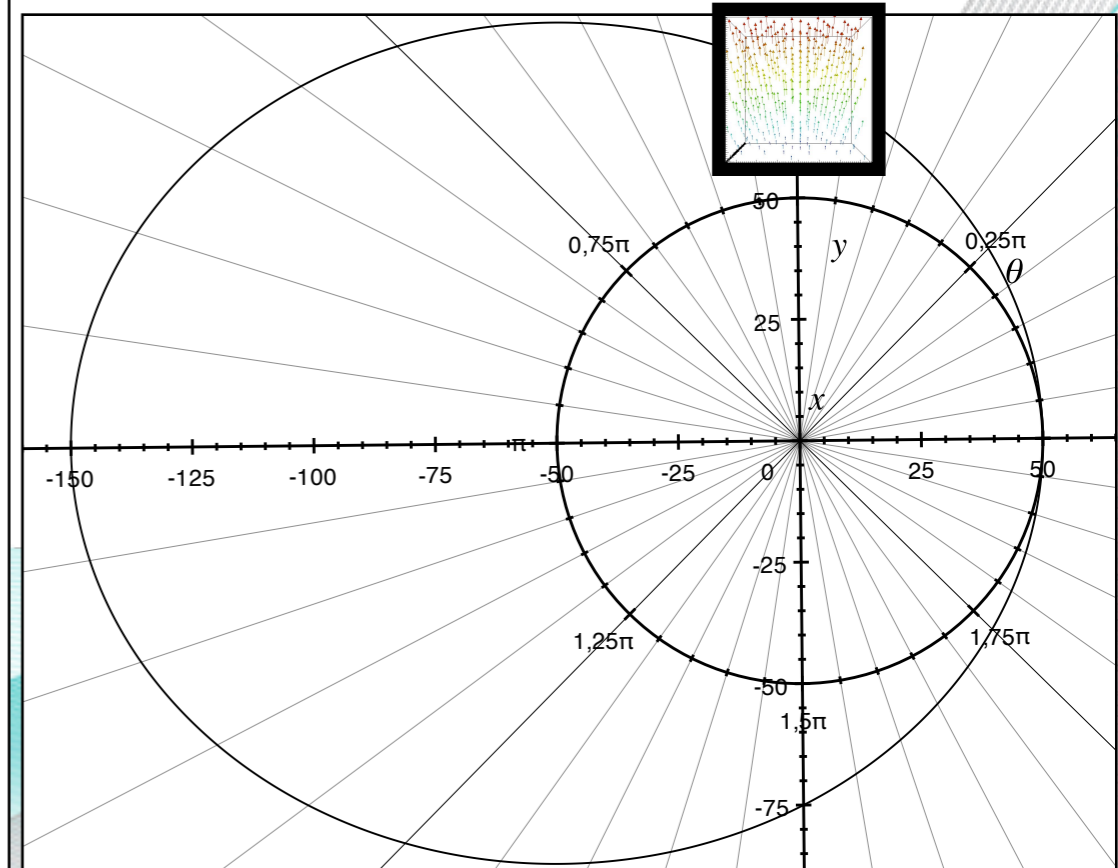
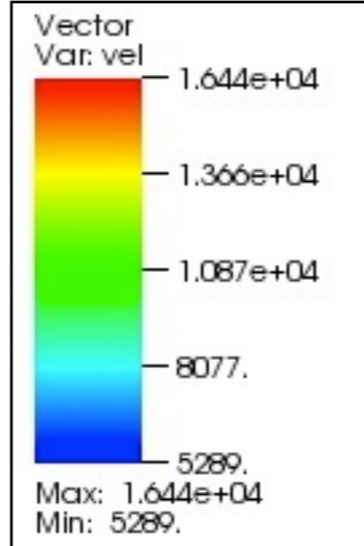
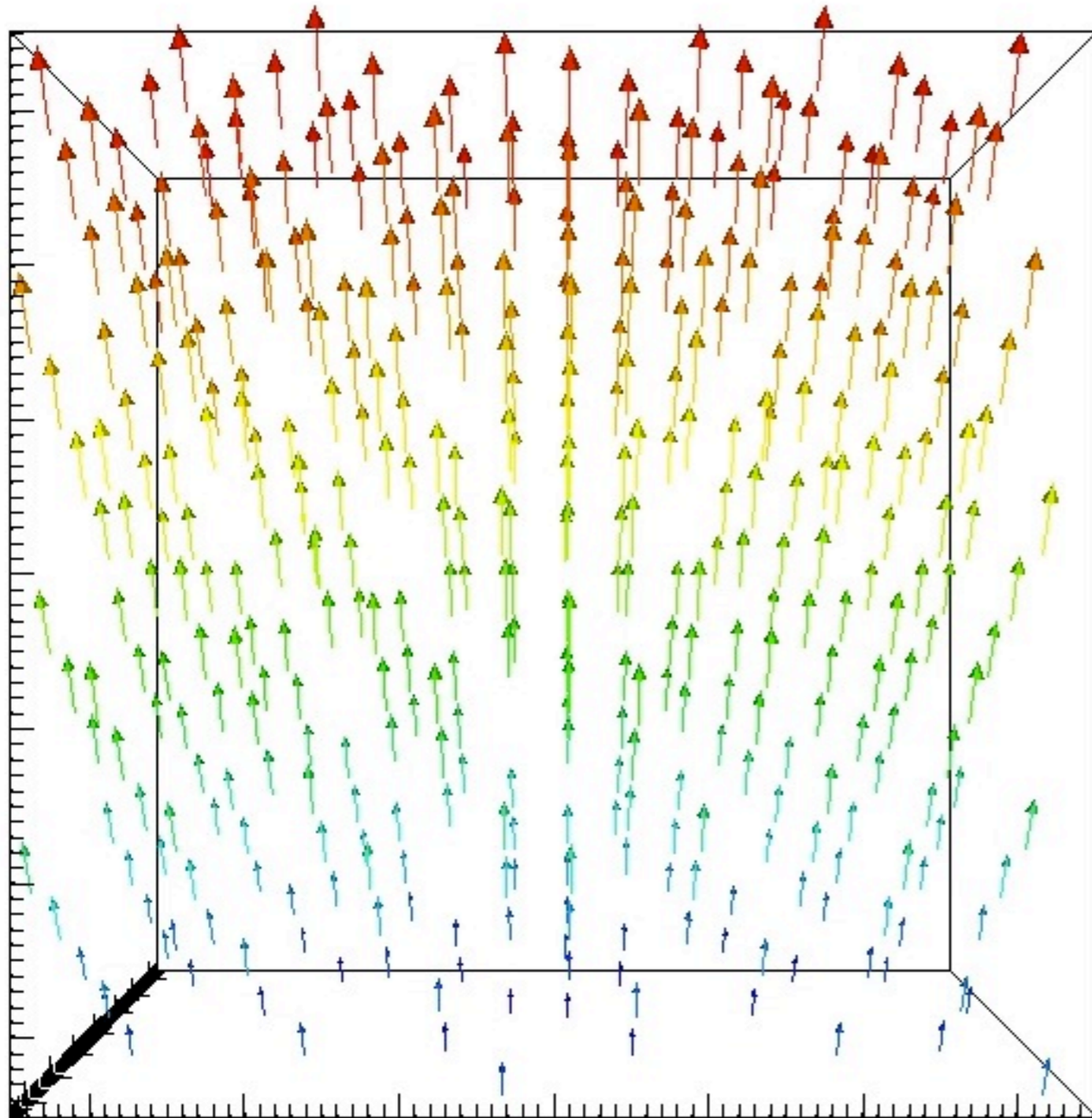
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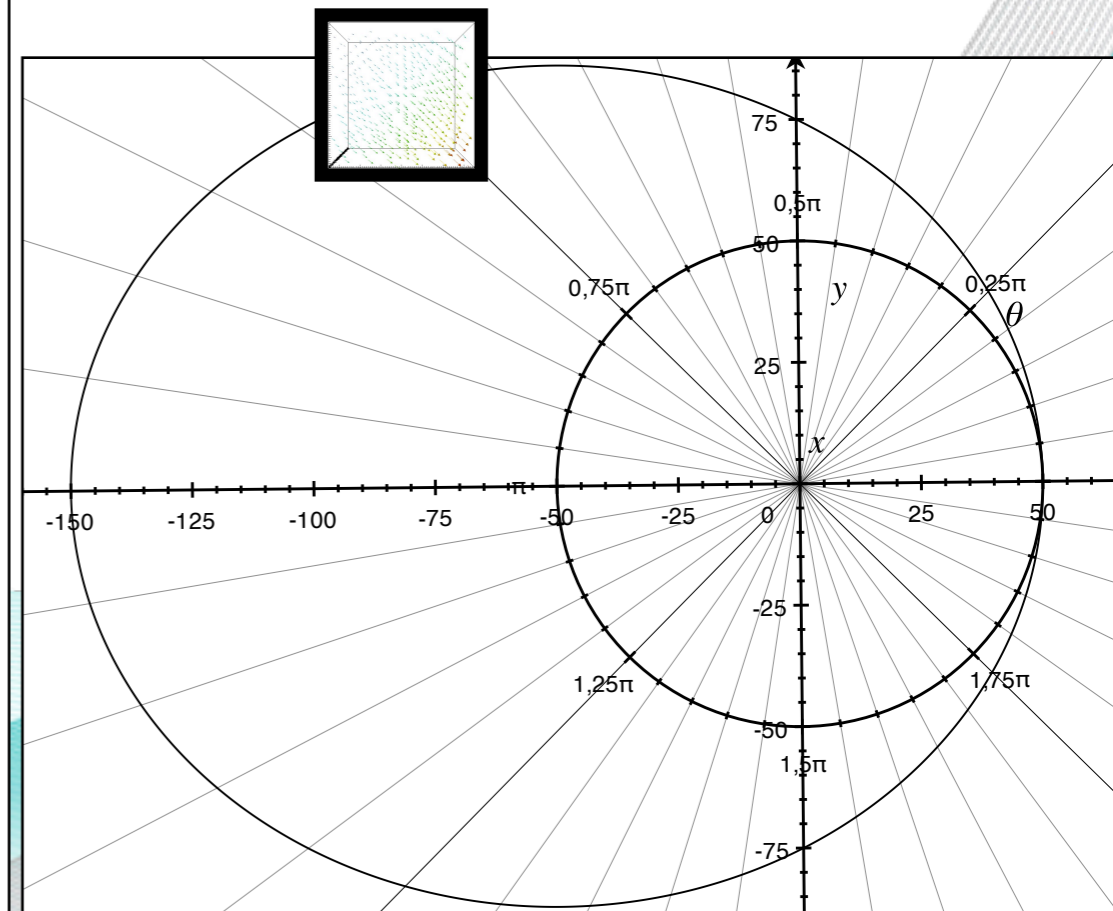
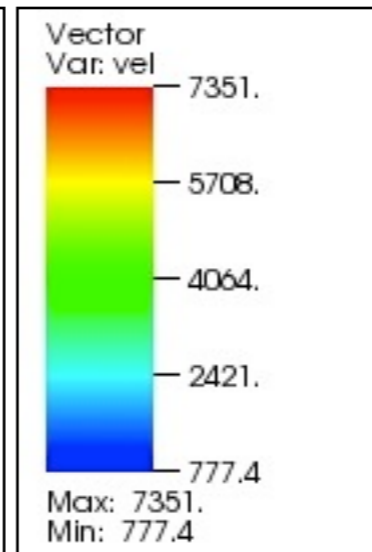
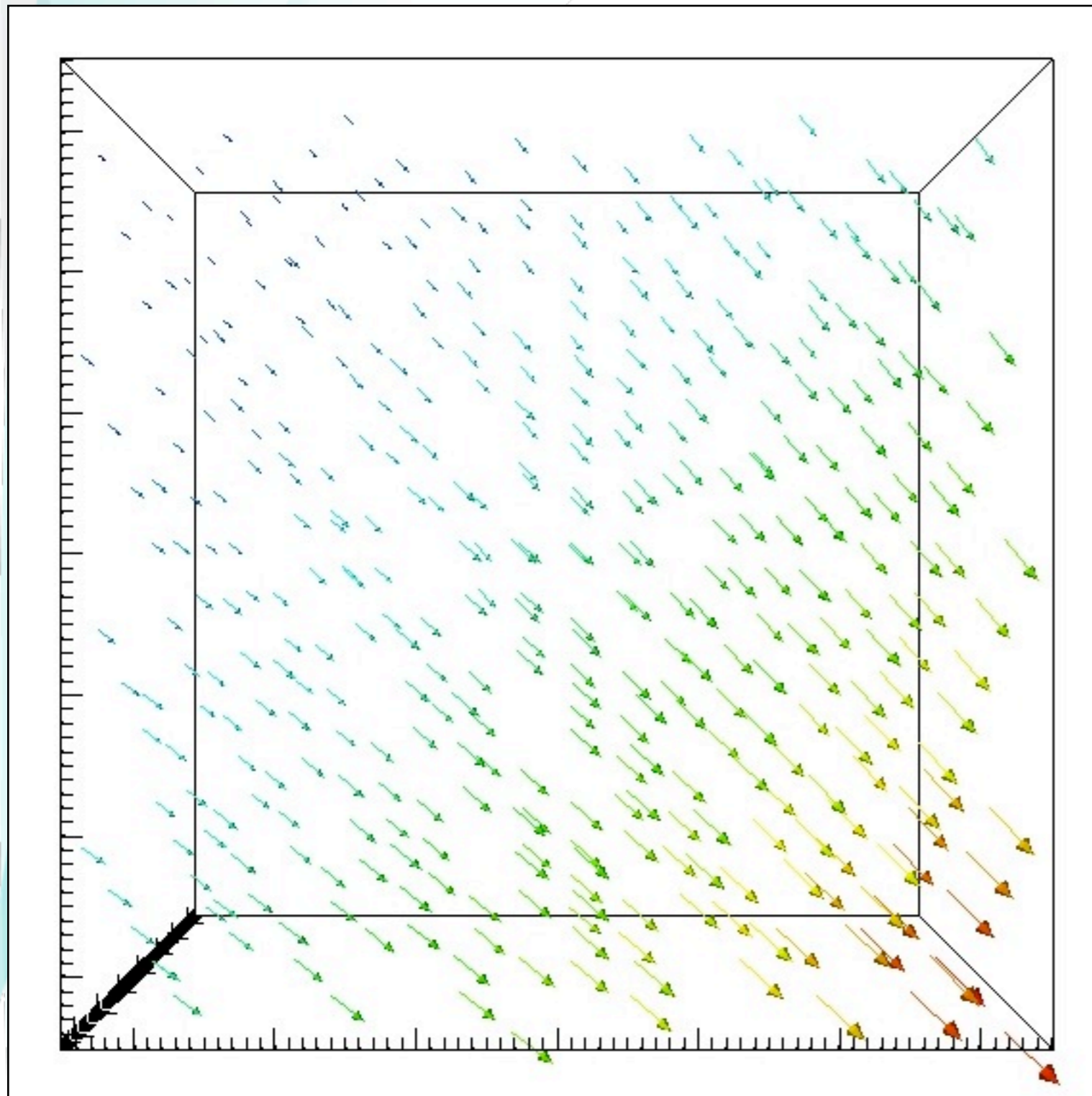
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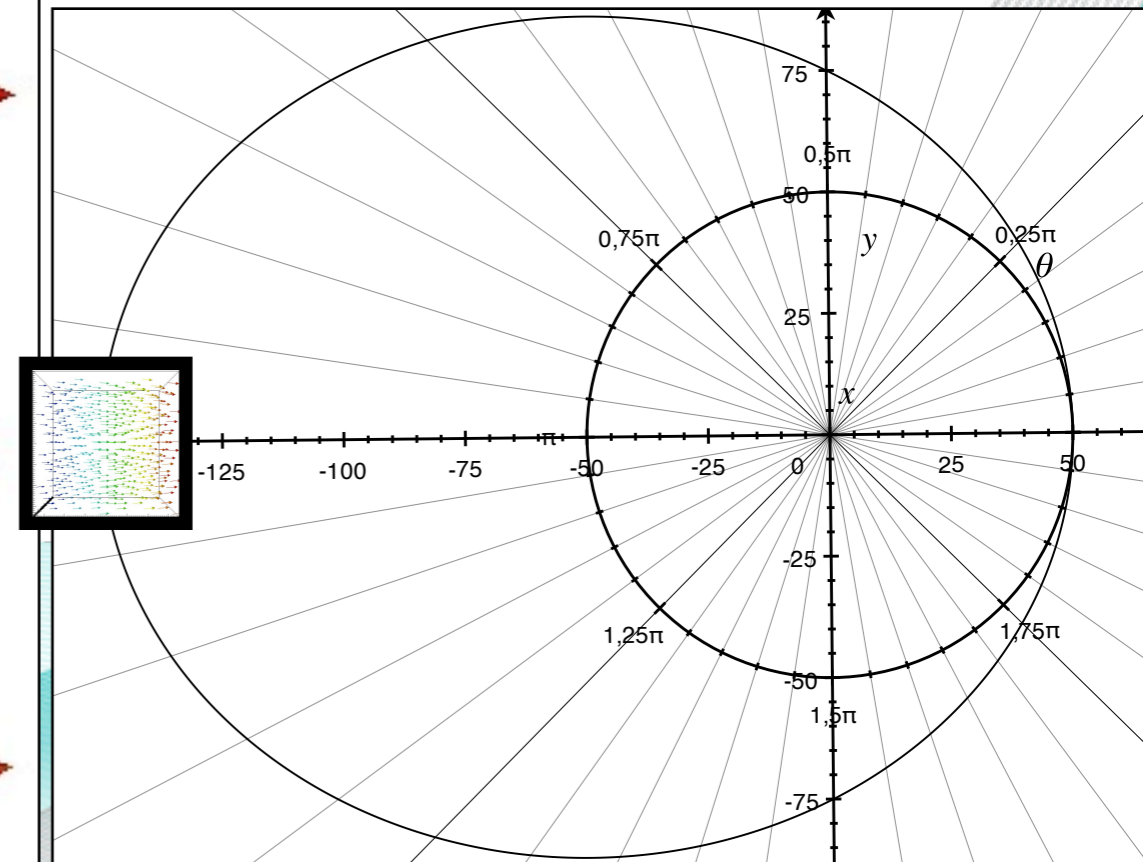
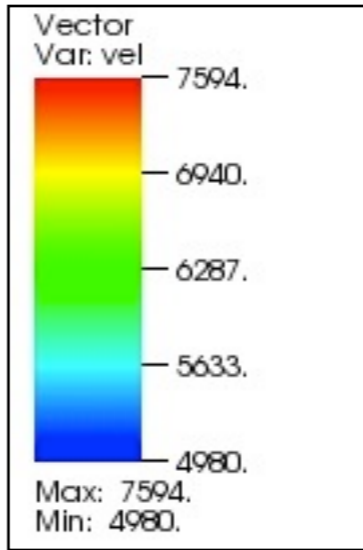
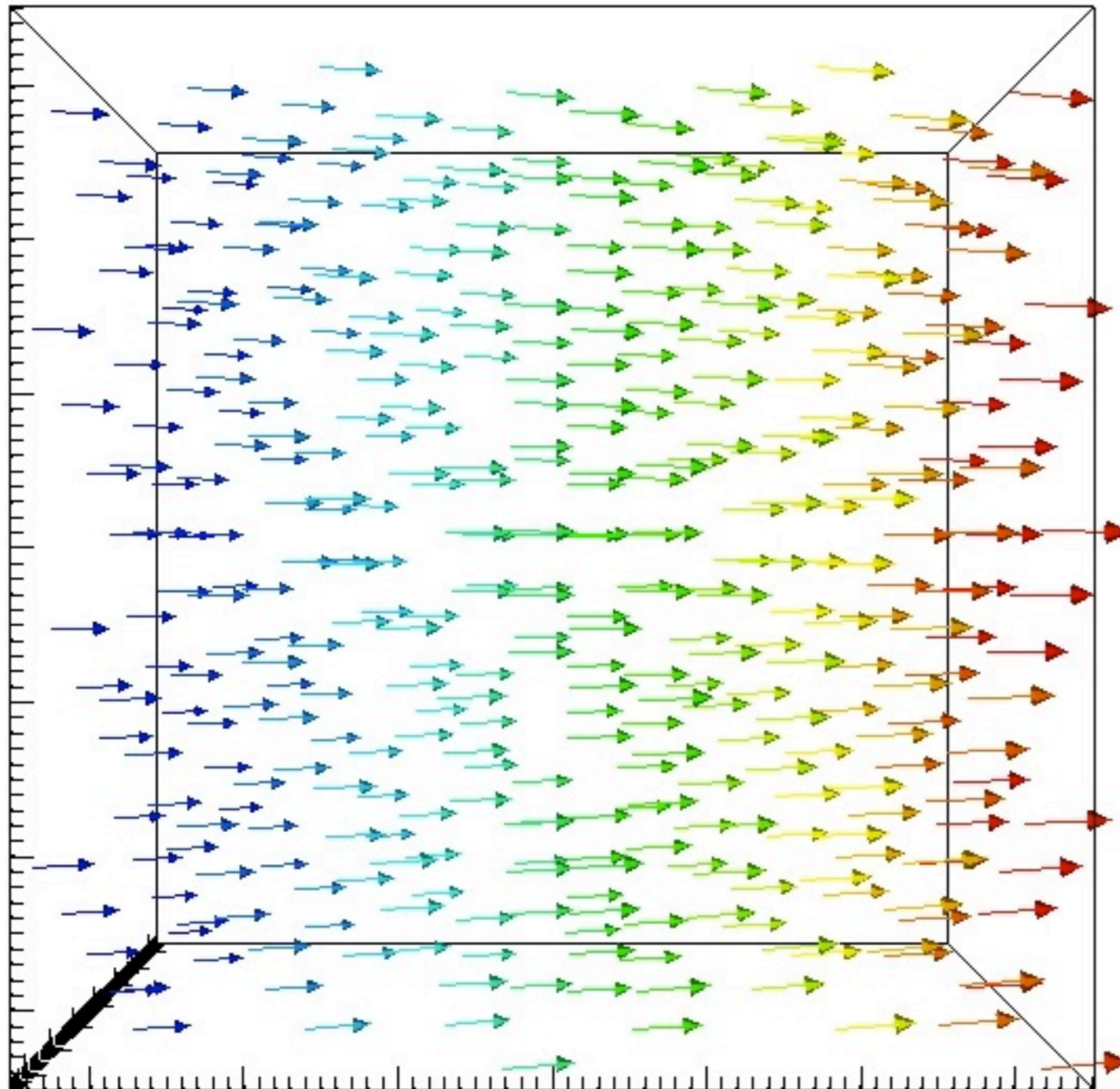
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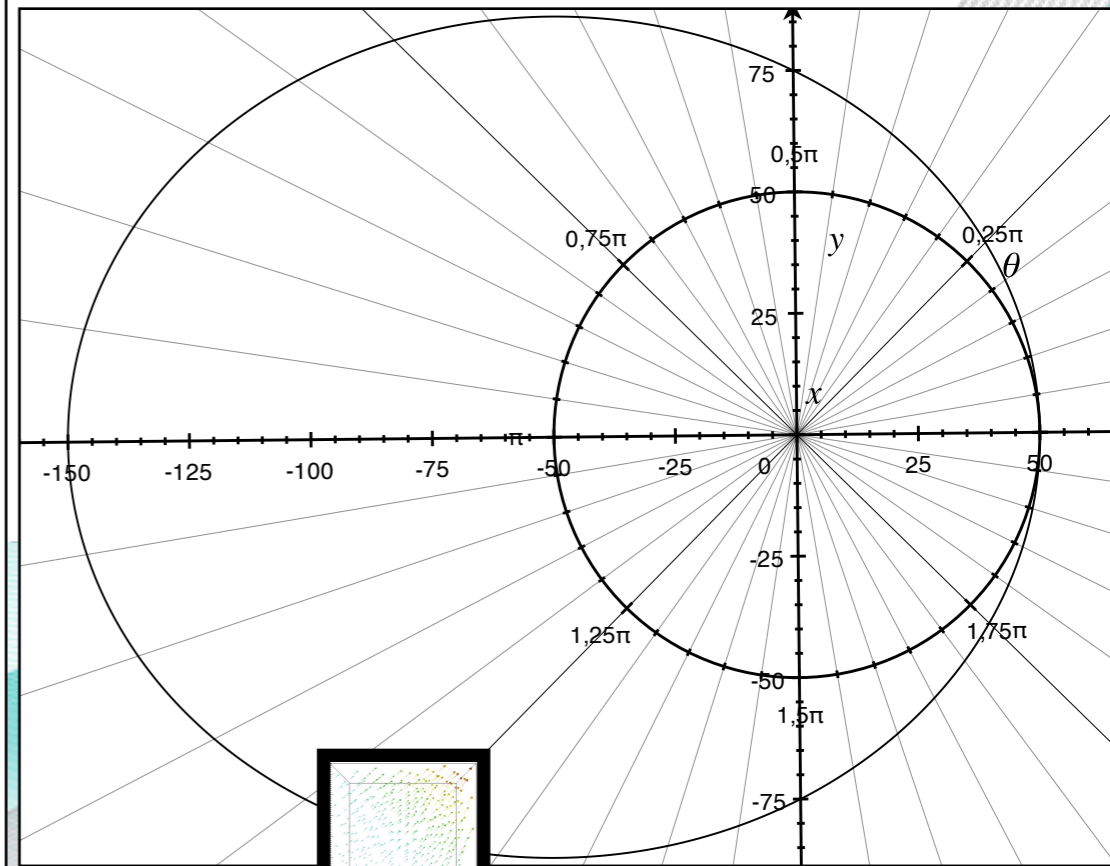
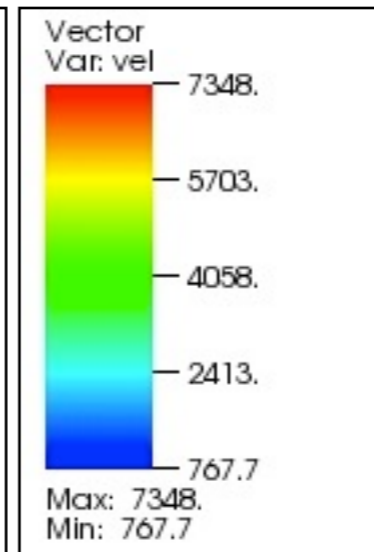
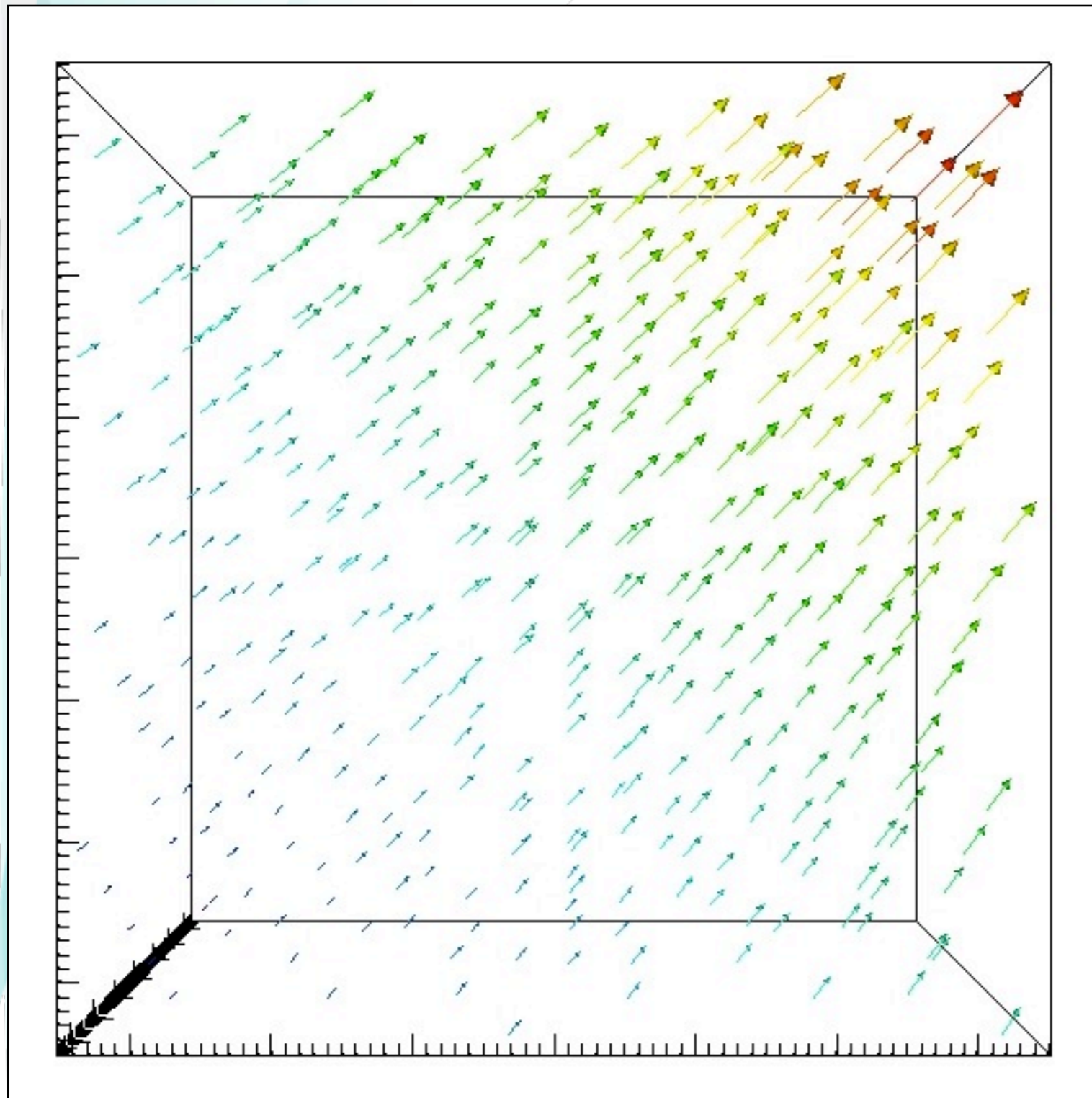
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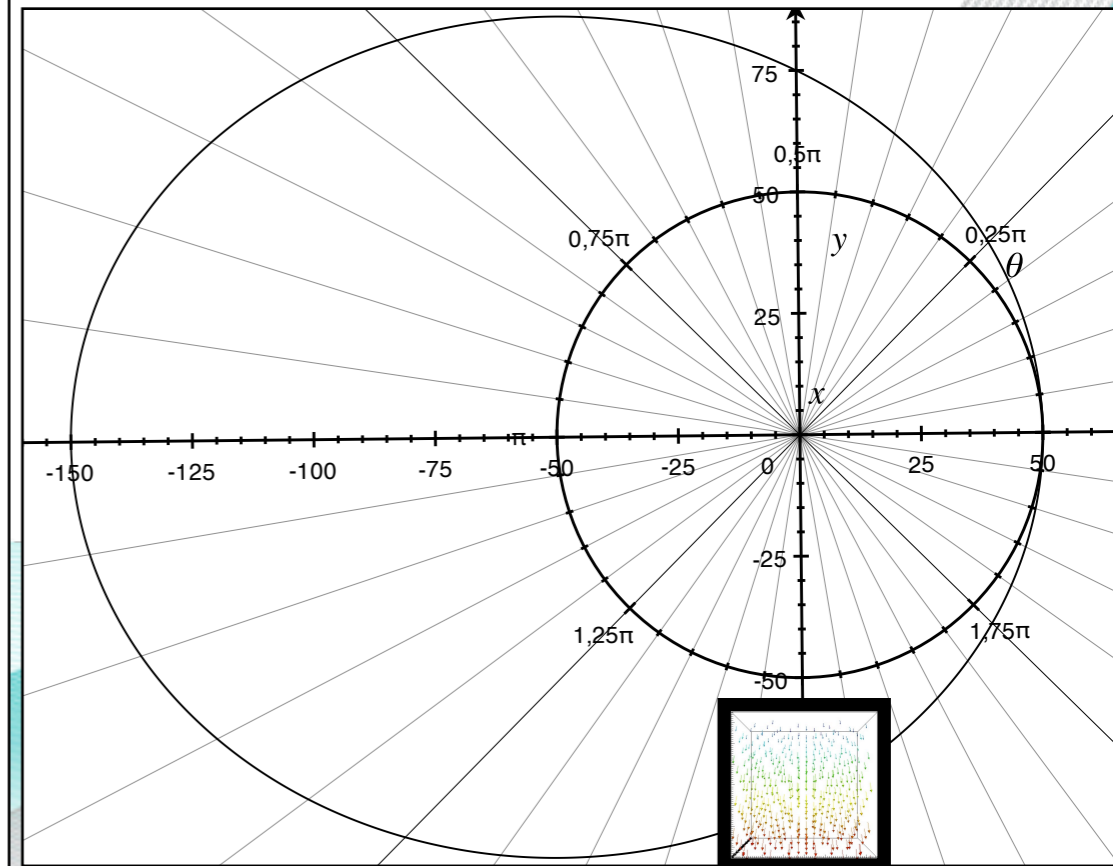
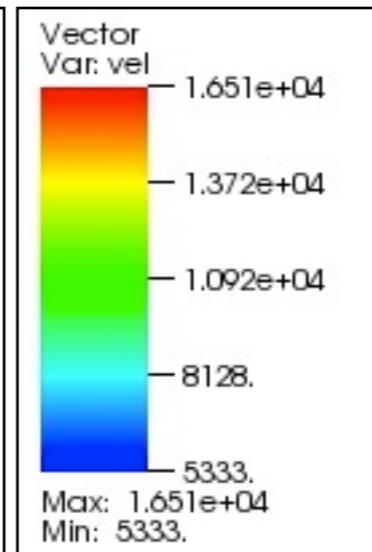
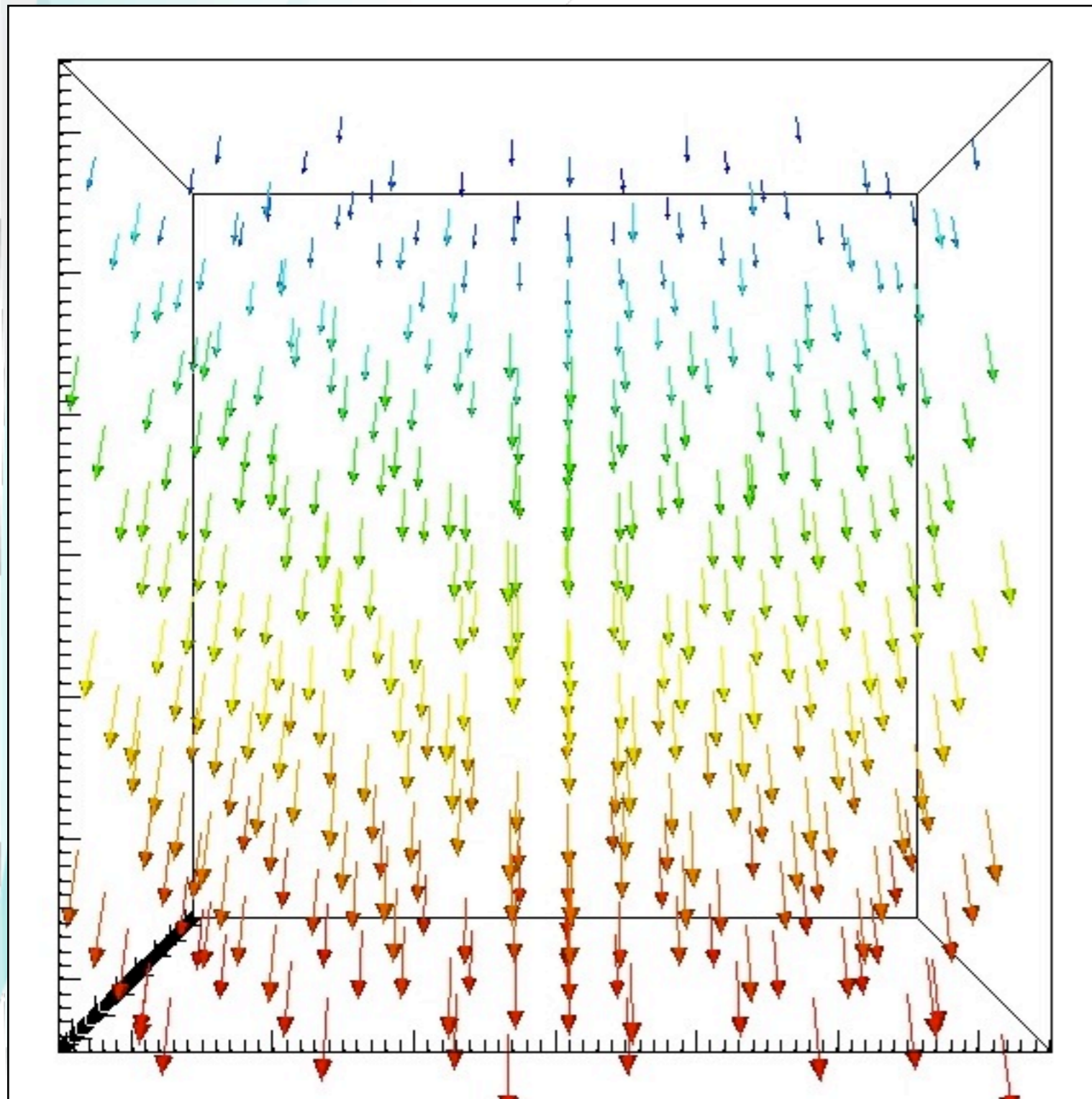
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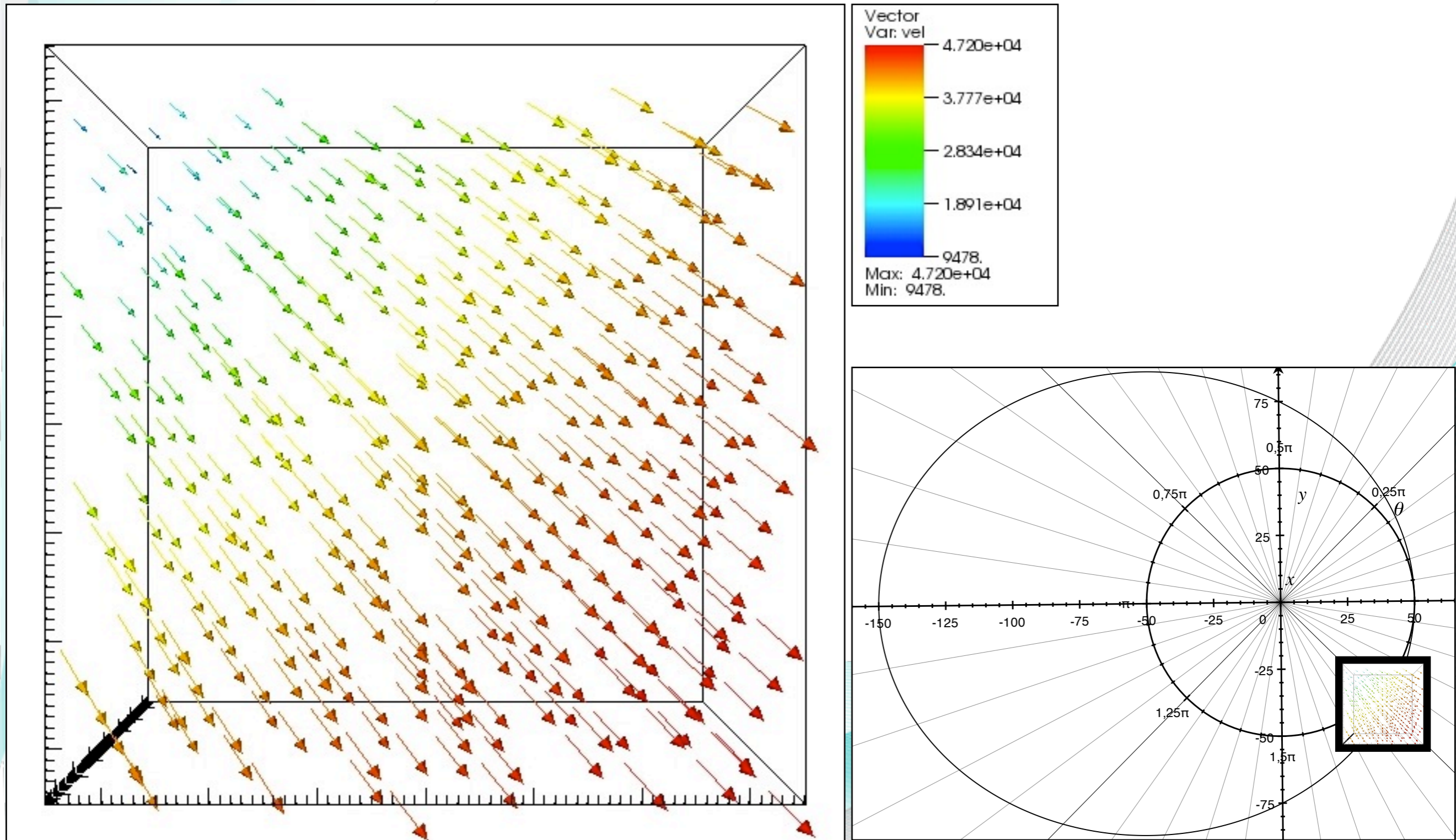
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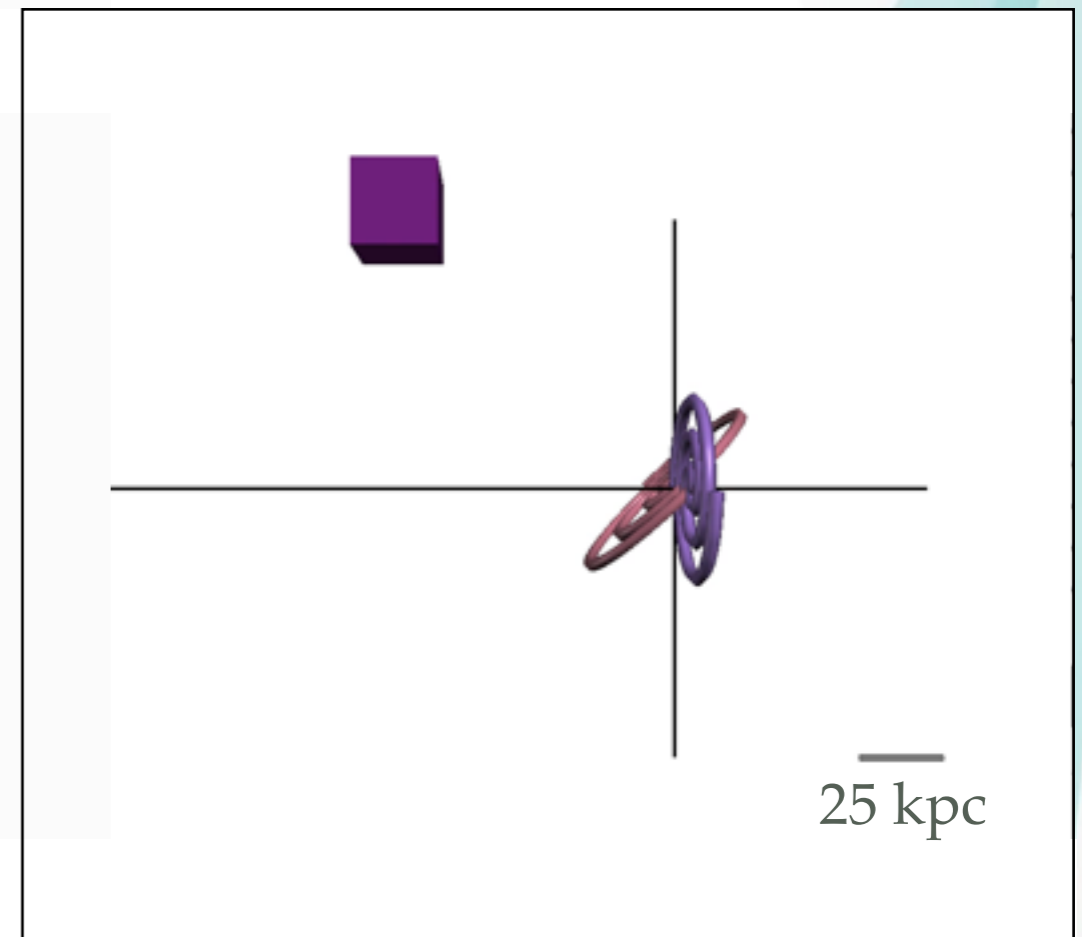
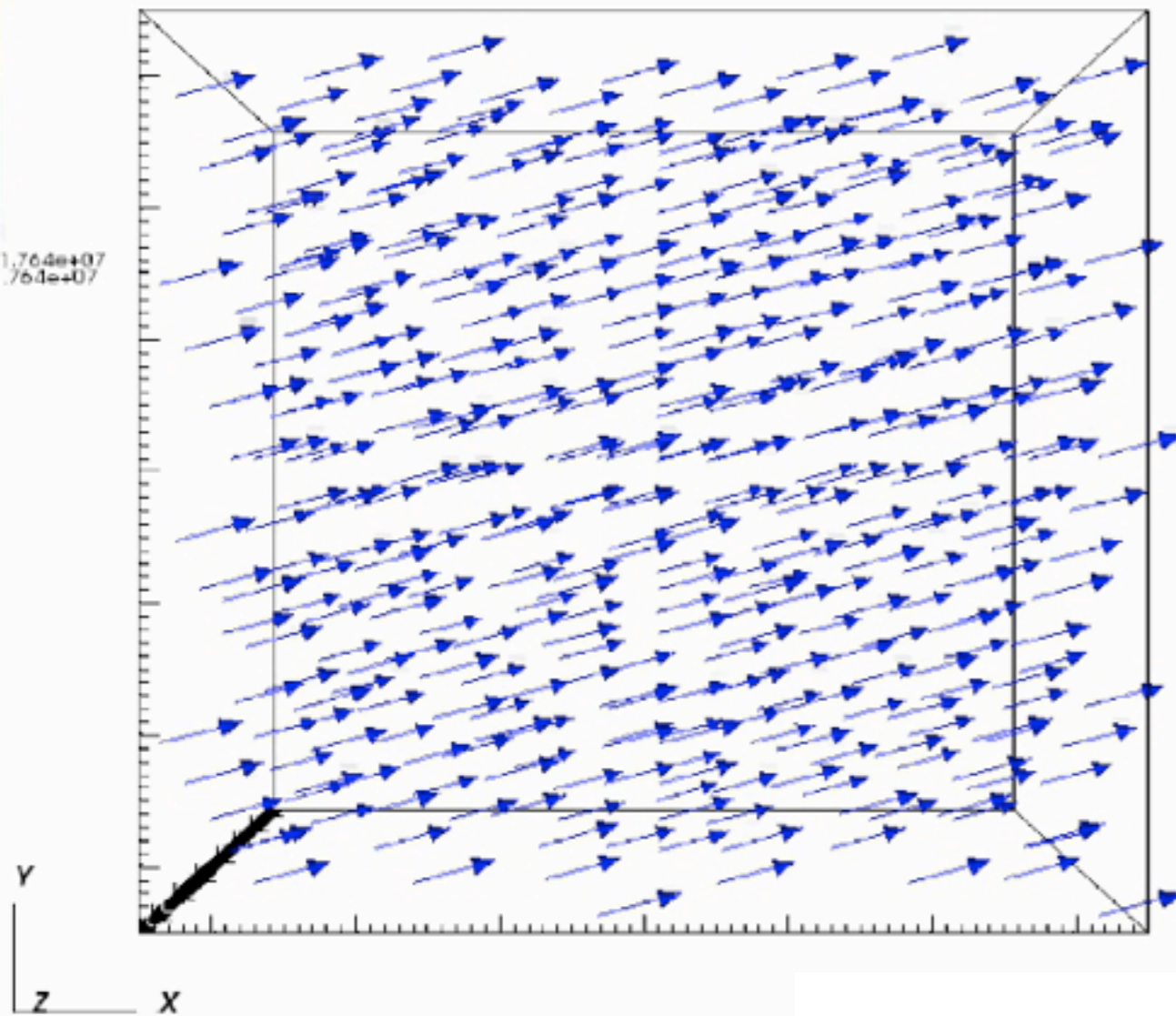
Tidal Field + Wind

DB: tdg_hdf5_plt_cnt_0000
Cycle: 1 Time: 0

Vector
Var: vel
Constant



Max: 1.764e+07
Min: 1.764e+07



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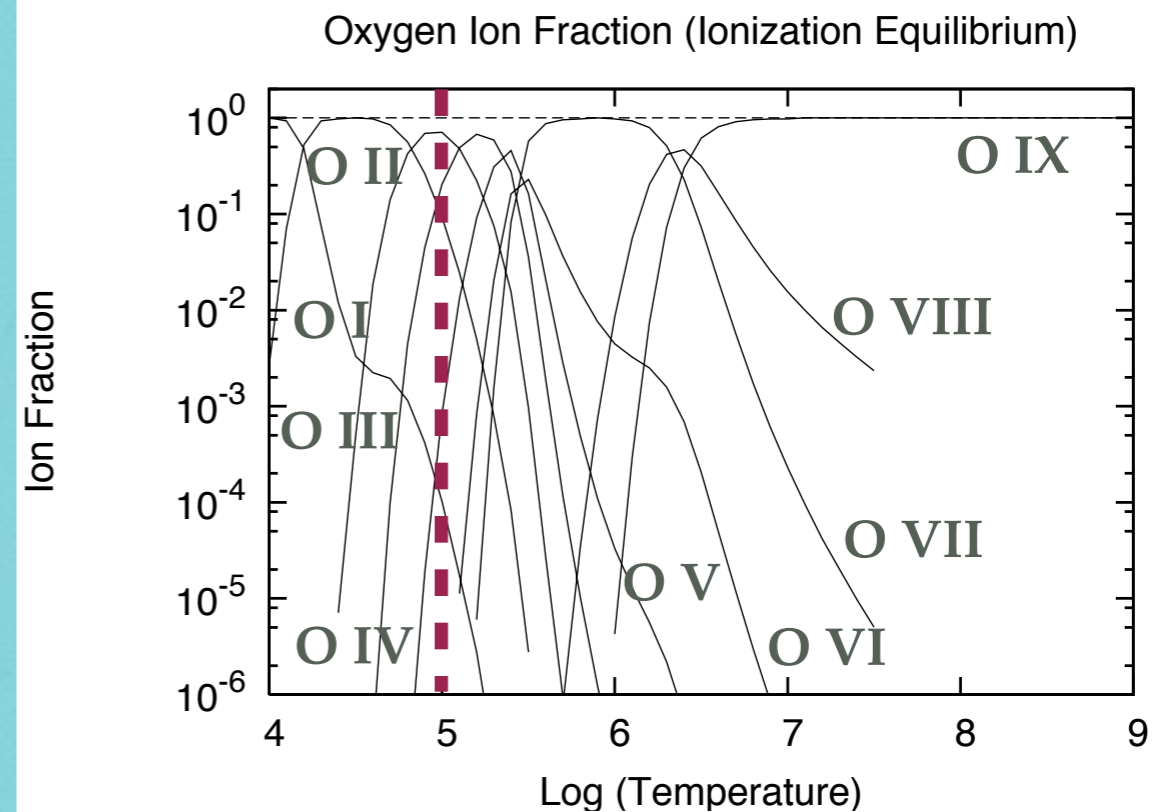
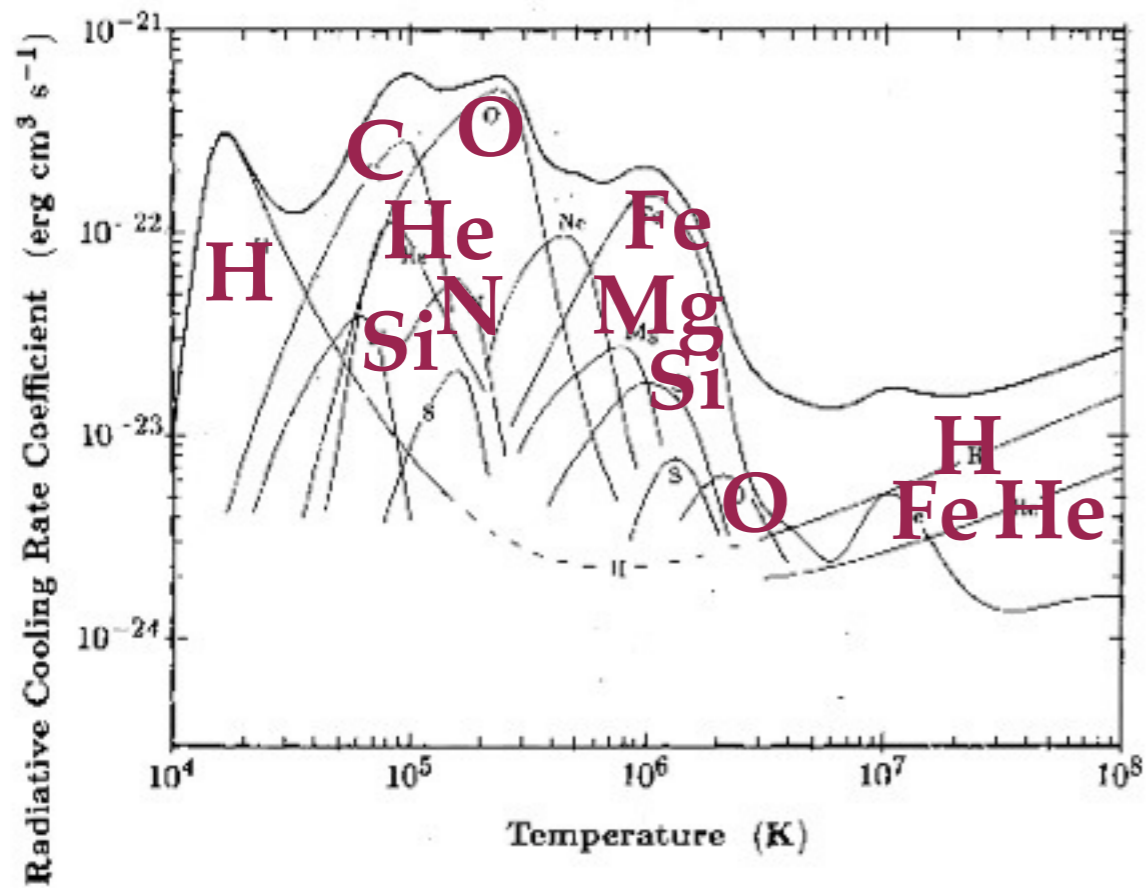
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The Chemistry Module

- Radiative cooling
- Star Formation (IMF)
- Stellar Feedback
 - Stellar Wind Feedback
 - Supernova Feedback (incl. metal release)

Radiative Cooling + Ionization

Included elements: H, He, C, N, O, Mg, Si, Fe



$T < 10^4$ K: Dalgarno & McCray (1972)

$T > 10^4$ K: Boehringer & Hensler (1989)

Data from: Arnaud & Rothenflug (1985)

Self Regulated Star Formation

Star Formation

Stellar Feedback

$$\begin{array}{lcl}
 \frac{dg}{dt} & = & - \Psi(g, T) + \eta \frac{s}{\tau} \\
 \frac{ds}{dt} & = & \xi \Psi(g, T) - \frac{s}{\tau} \\
 \frac{dr}{dt} & = & (1 - \xi) \Psi(g, T) + (1 - \eta) \frac{s}{\tau}
 \end{array}$$

with stellar birth function:

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

η ... fraction of gas ejected by SNe

ξ ... mass fraction of newly formed massive stars

Heating of the ISM by one massive star during its lifetime:

$$\left. \frac{\partial e_{th}}{\partial t} \right|_{OB} = \frac{1}{2} \dot{m} v_\infty^2 + \eta L_y L_{Ly}(m)$$

stellar wind + radiation

with:

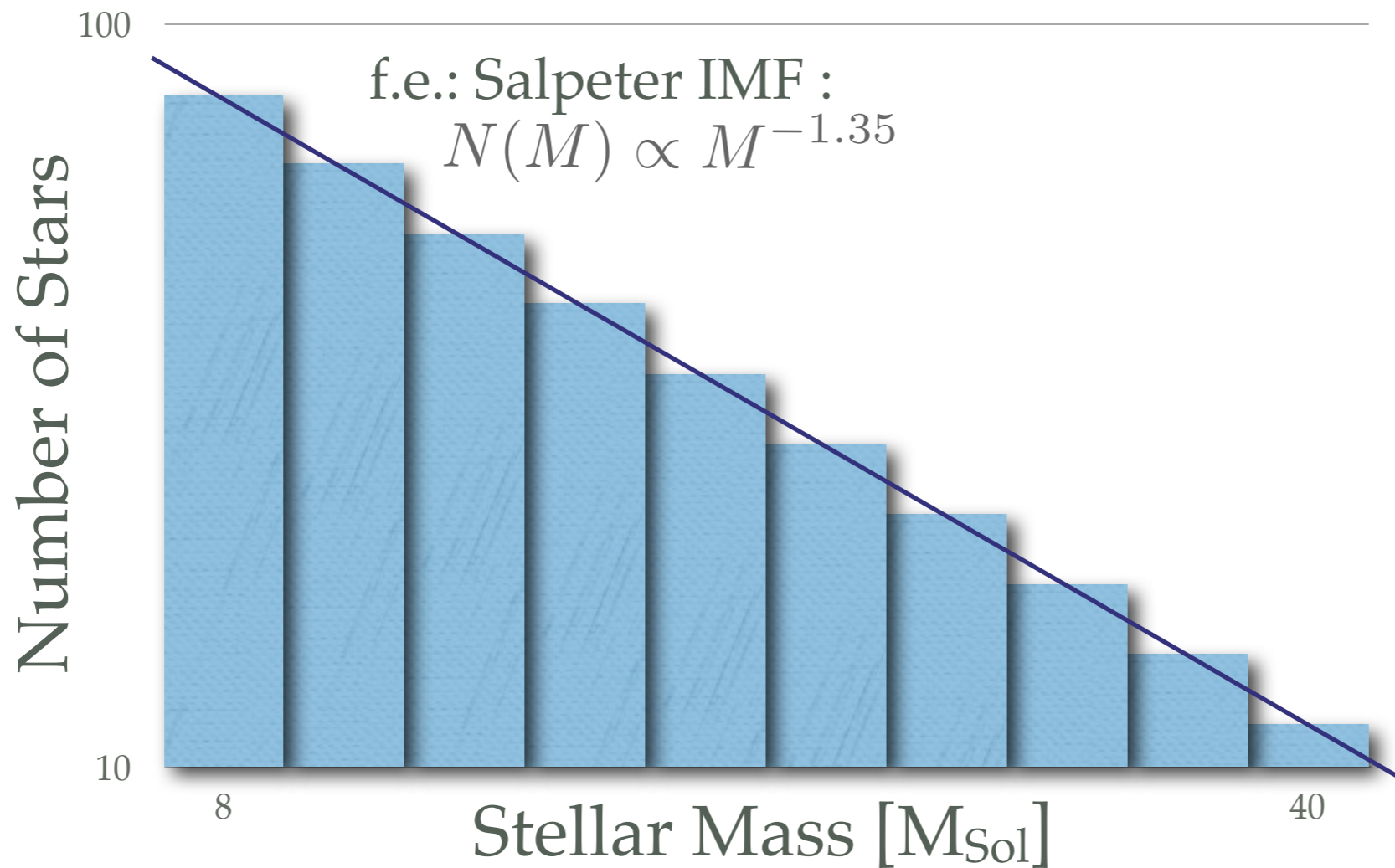
$$L_{Ly}(m) = 10^{40} \left(\frac{m}{M_\odot} \right)^6 \text{ photons s}^{-1} \text{ star}^{-1}$$

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

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

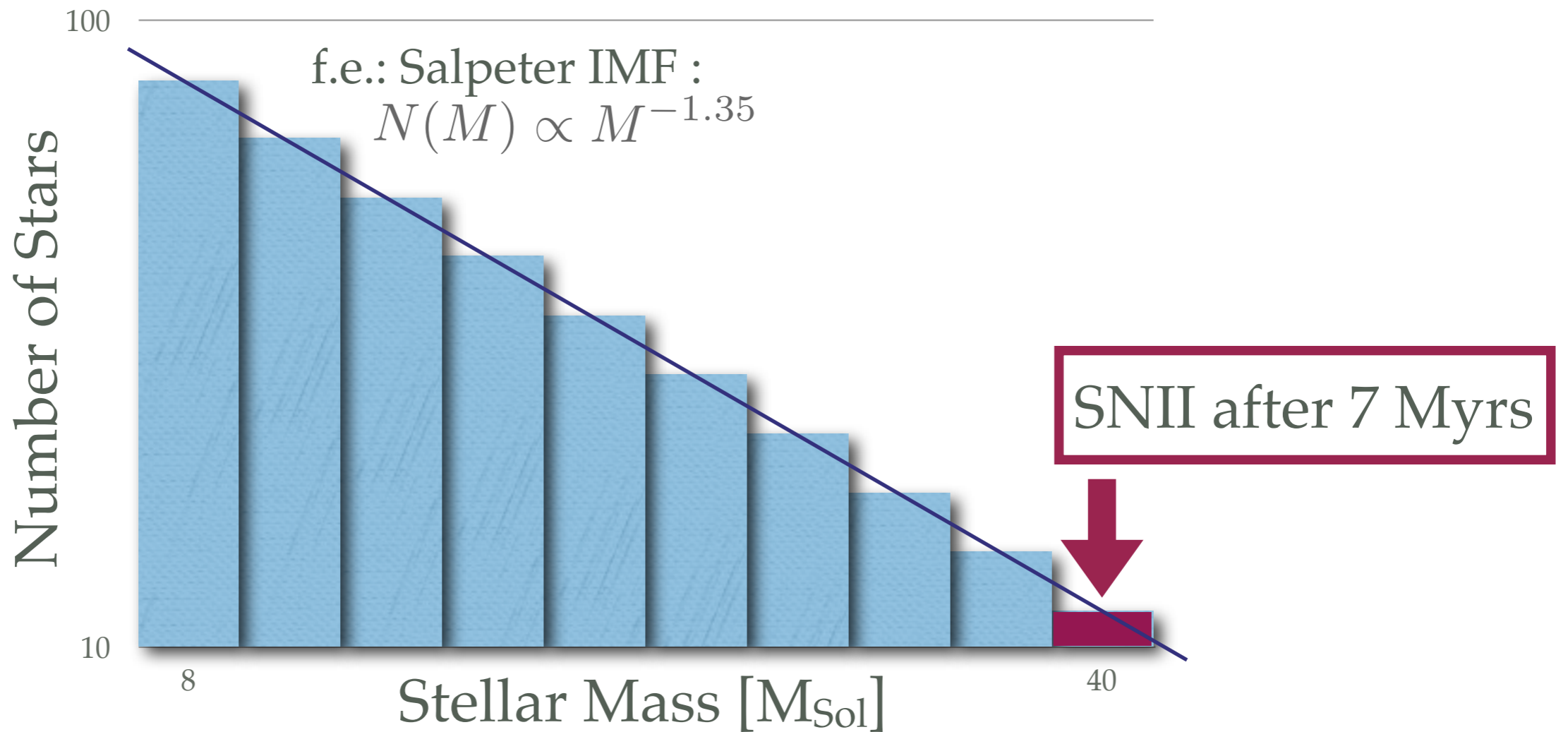
Stellar Feedback I - Energy

Maeder (1989): $\tau(m) = 1.1 \times 10^8 \left(\frac{m}{M_{\odot}} \right)^{-0.75} \text{ yr}$



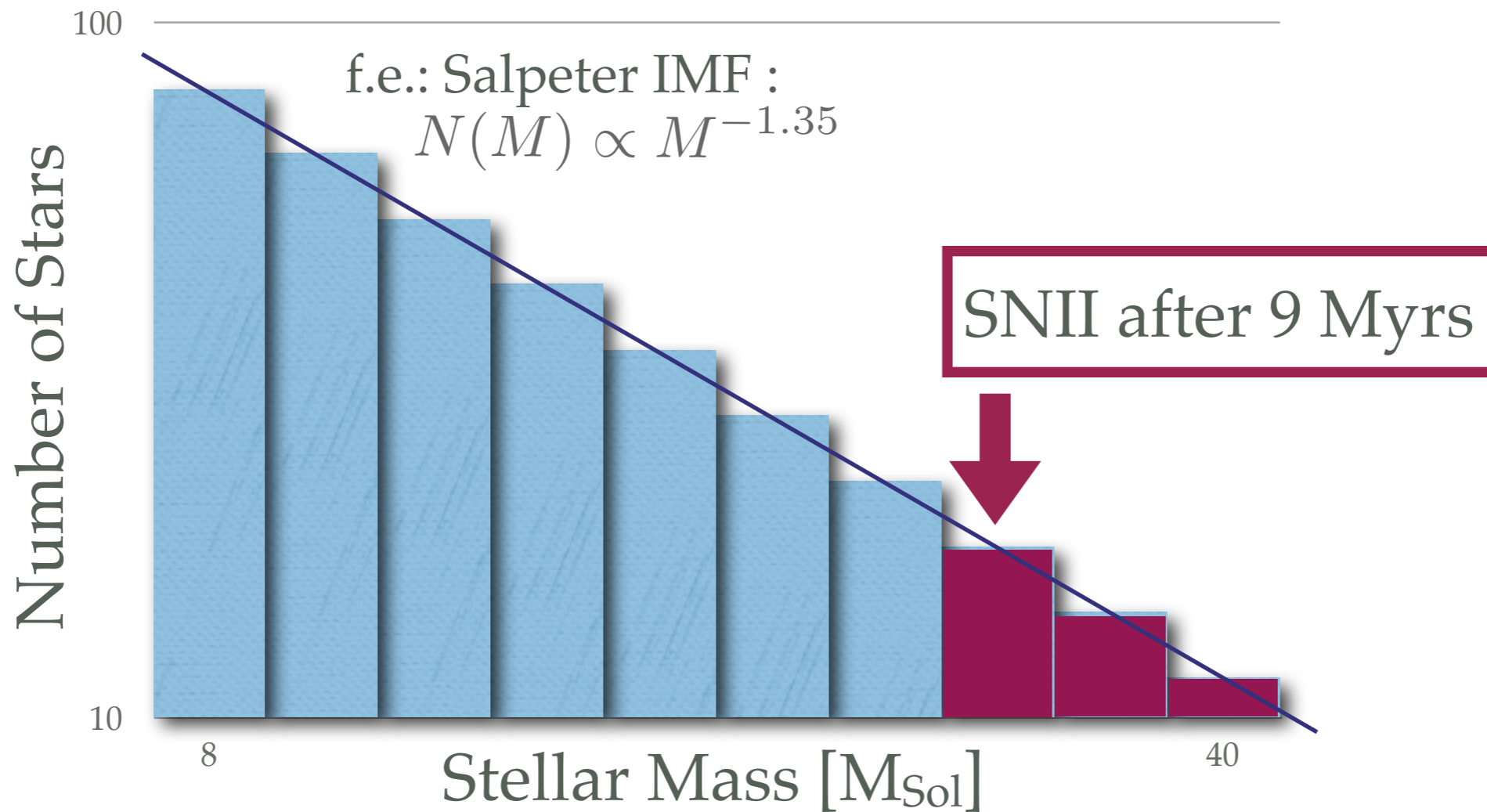
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SN Feedback - Overcooling

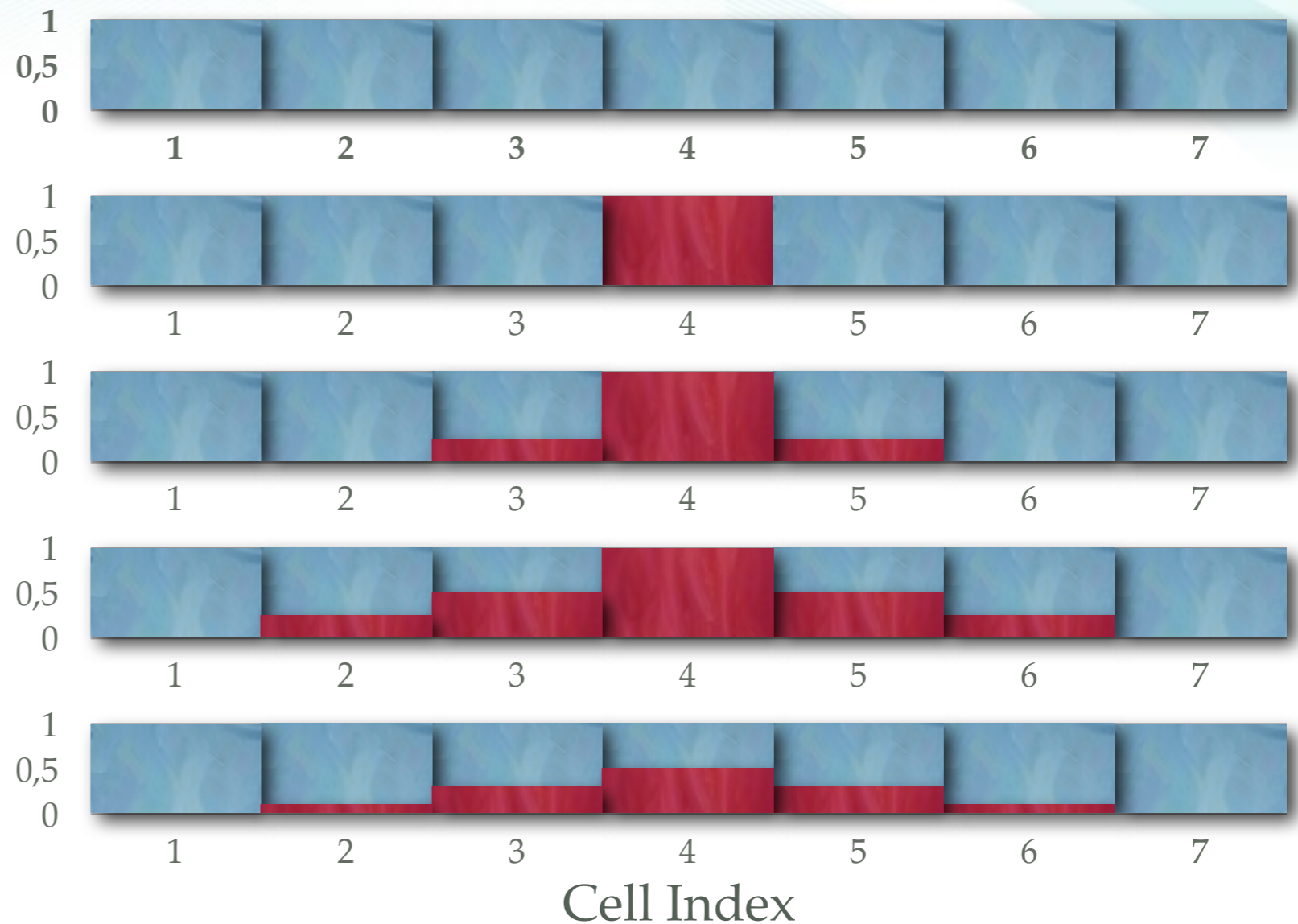
1. Stars are formed but no SN yet

2. SN explosion in cell #4

3. + 4. SN material is advected
(still SNe in #4)

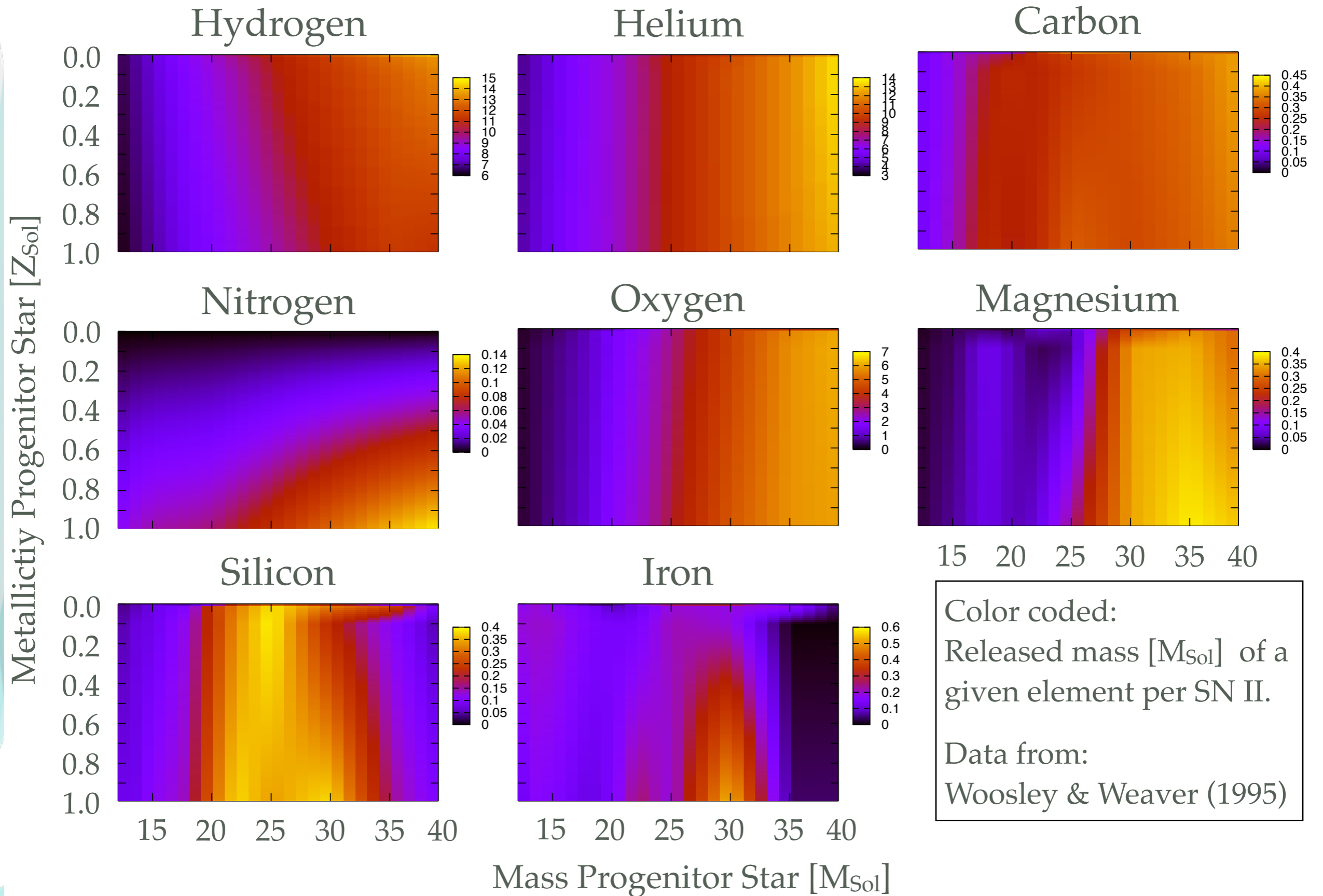
5. Fraction of SN material is
decreasing with time:

$$\frac{d \text{snwi}}{dt} = -\frac{\text{snwi}}{t_w}$$



Cooling is only applied to the non-SN material.

Stellar Feedback II - Chemistry



Results

Work in Progress!

First high resolution runs:

Simulation parameter:

$$r_{min} = 50 \text{ kpc}$$

$$ecc = 0.5$$

$$M_{ext} = 10^{12} M_{\odot}$$

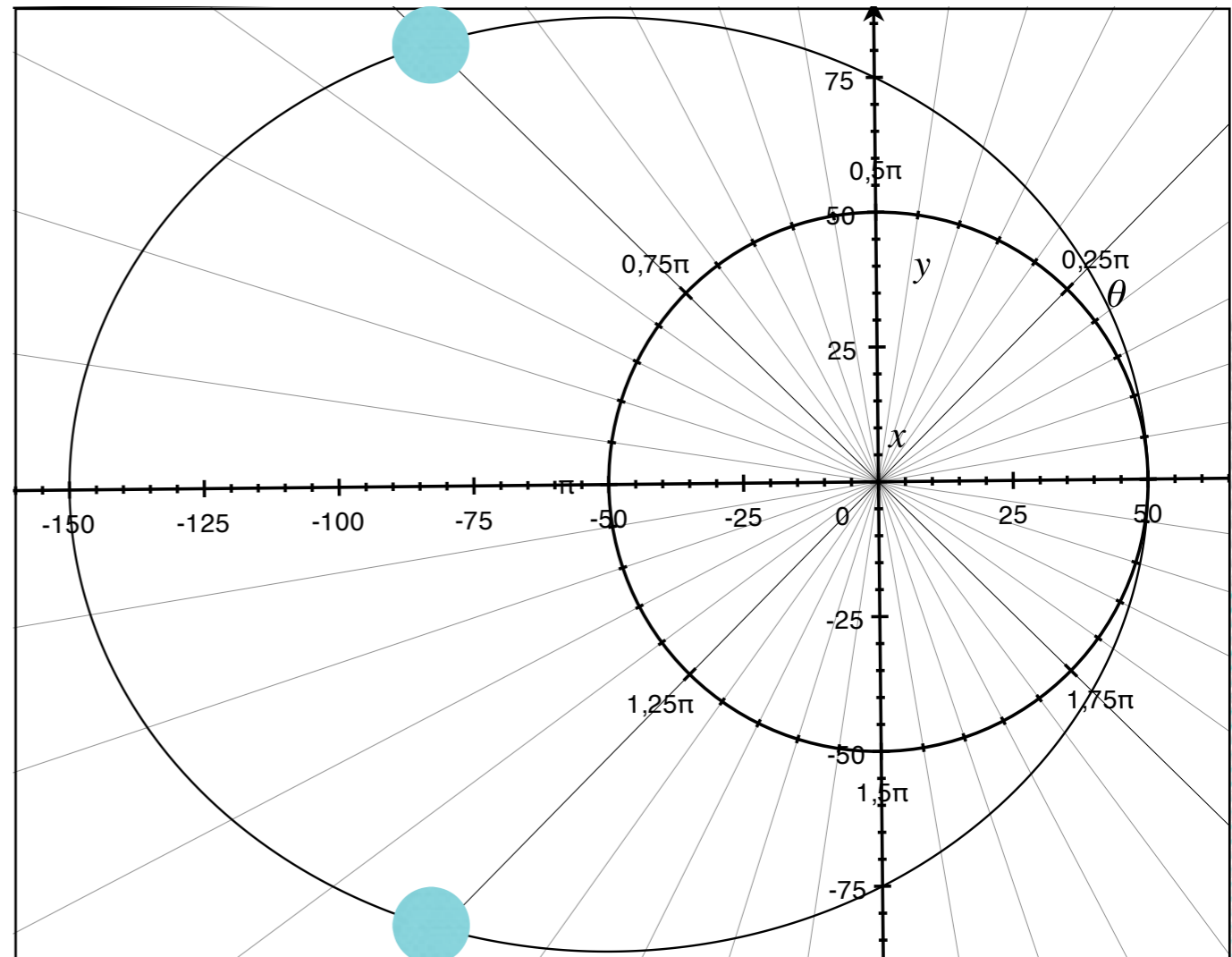
$$\tau_w = 3 \text{ Myrs}$$

Effective resolution:

$$\Delta x = 75 \text{ pc}$$

Initial gas mass = $1.29 \cdot 10^8 M_{\odot}$

Initial cloud radius = 4.4 kpc

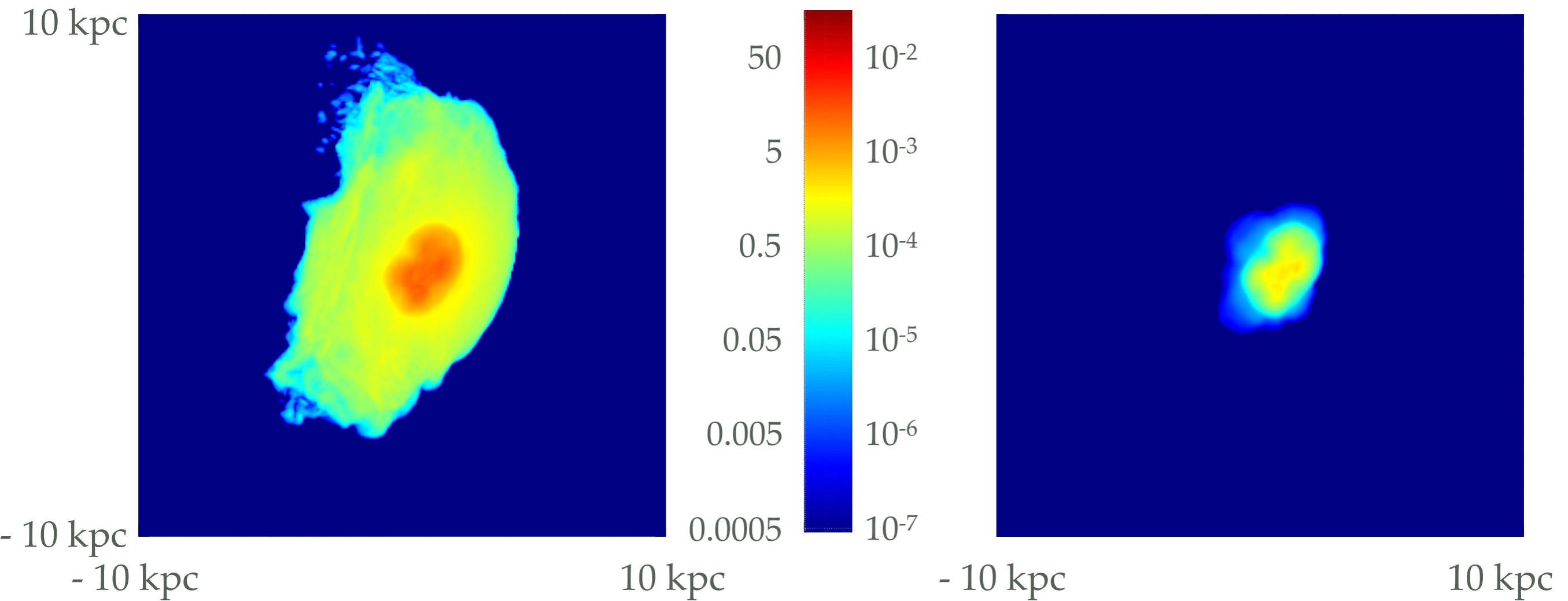


$t = 390 \text{ Myrs}$

Initial gas mass = $1.29 \cdot 10^8 M_{\odot}$

Gas column density

Stars column density



$$M_{Gas} = 1.23 \cdot 10^8 M_{\odot}$$

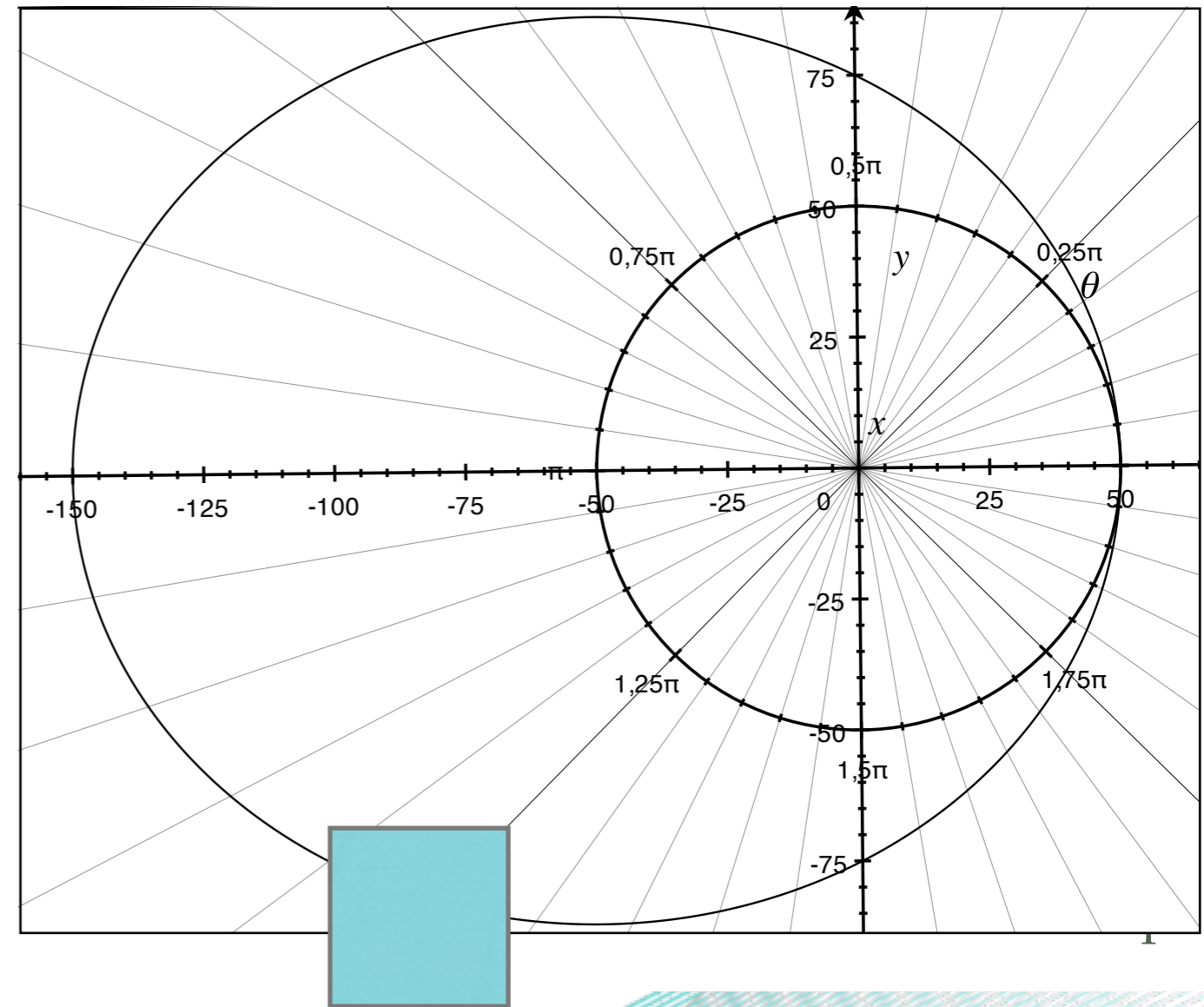
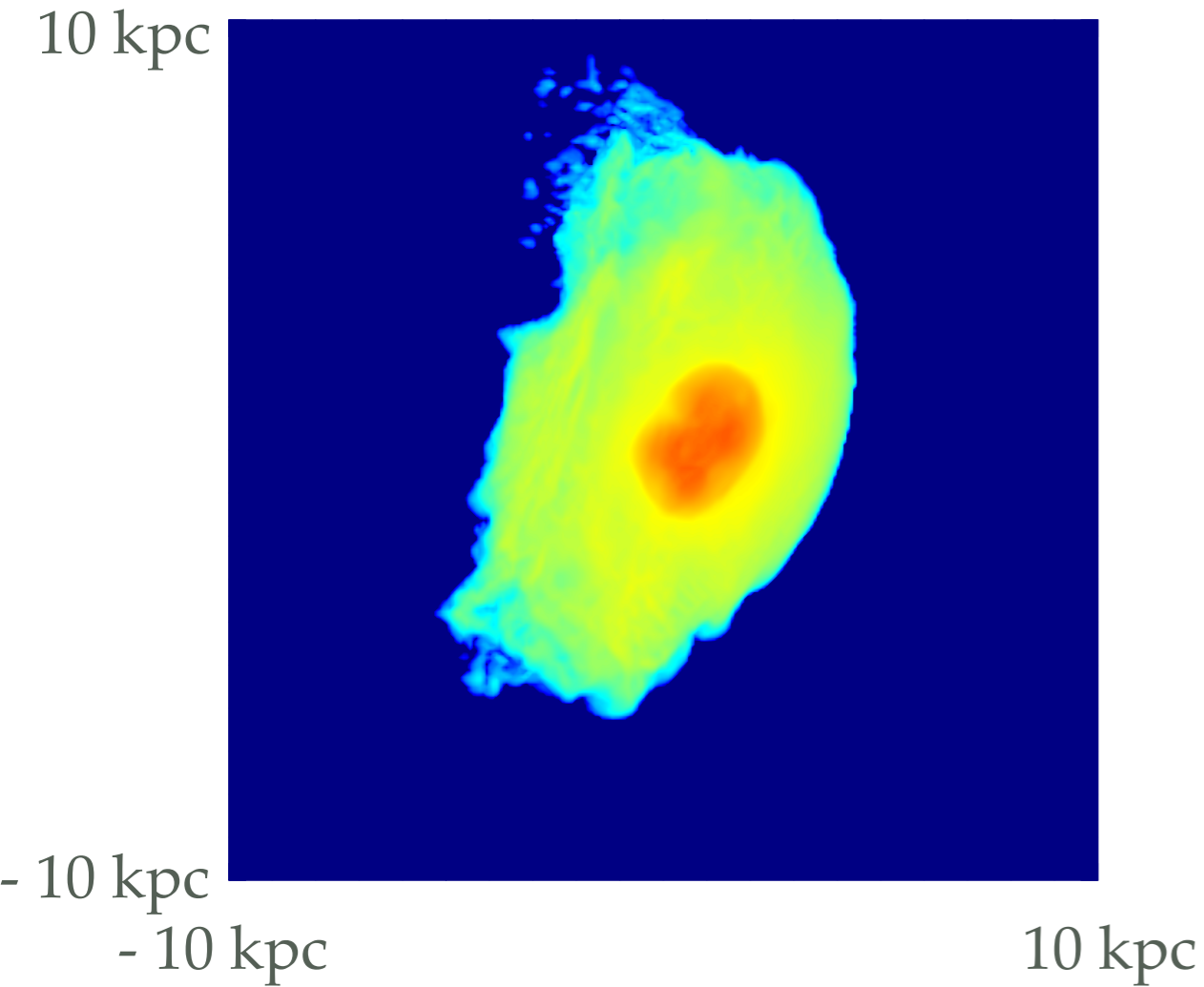
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Runtime on 128 processors: 6d 9h 26m

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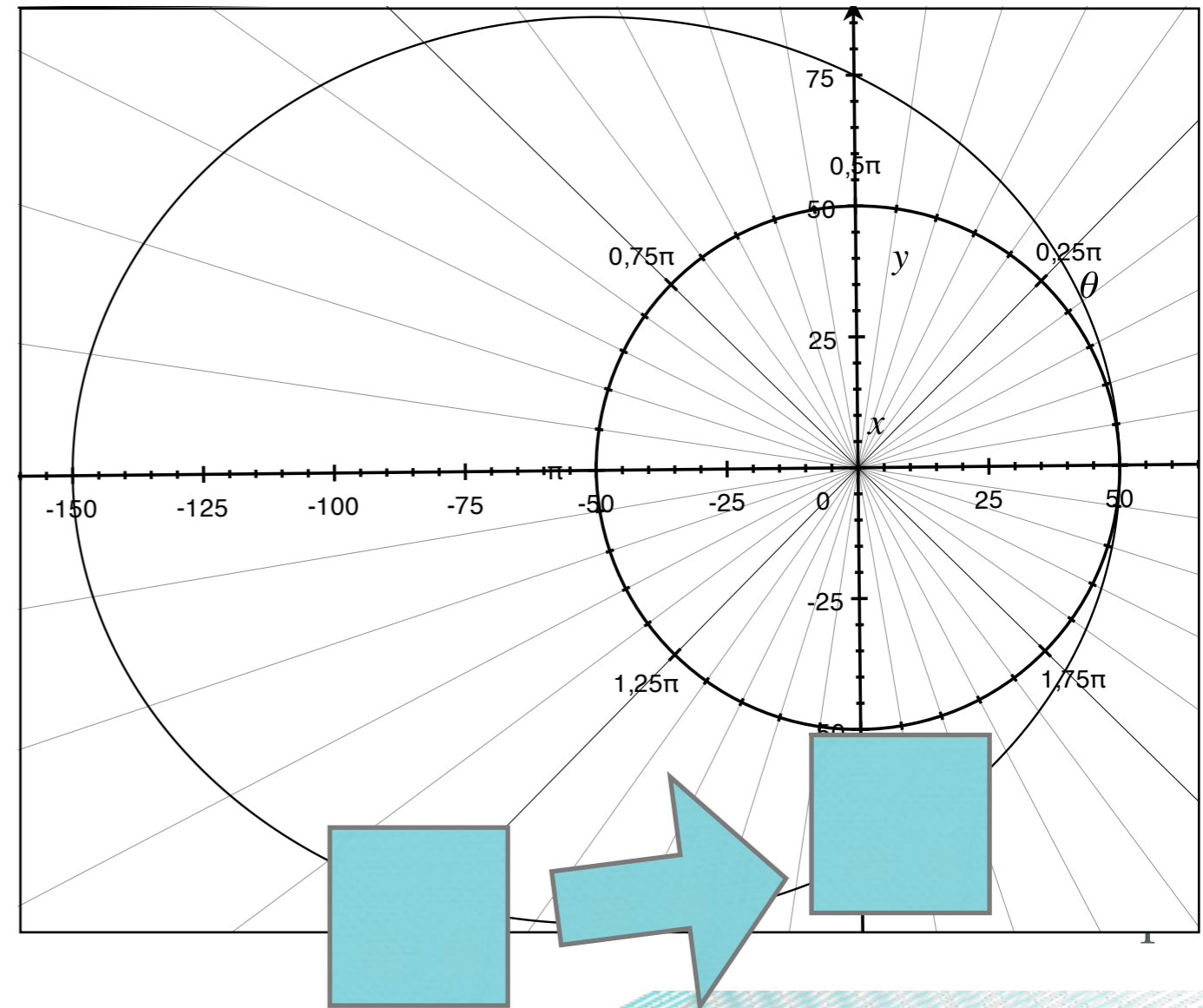
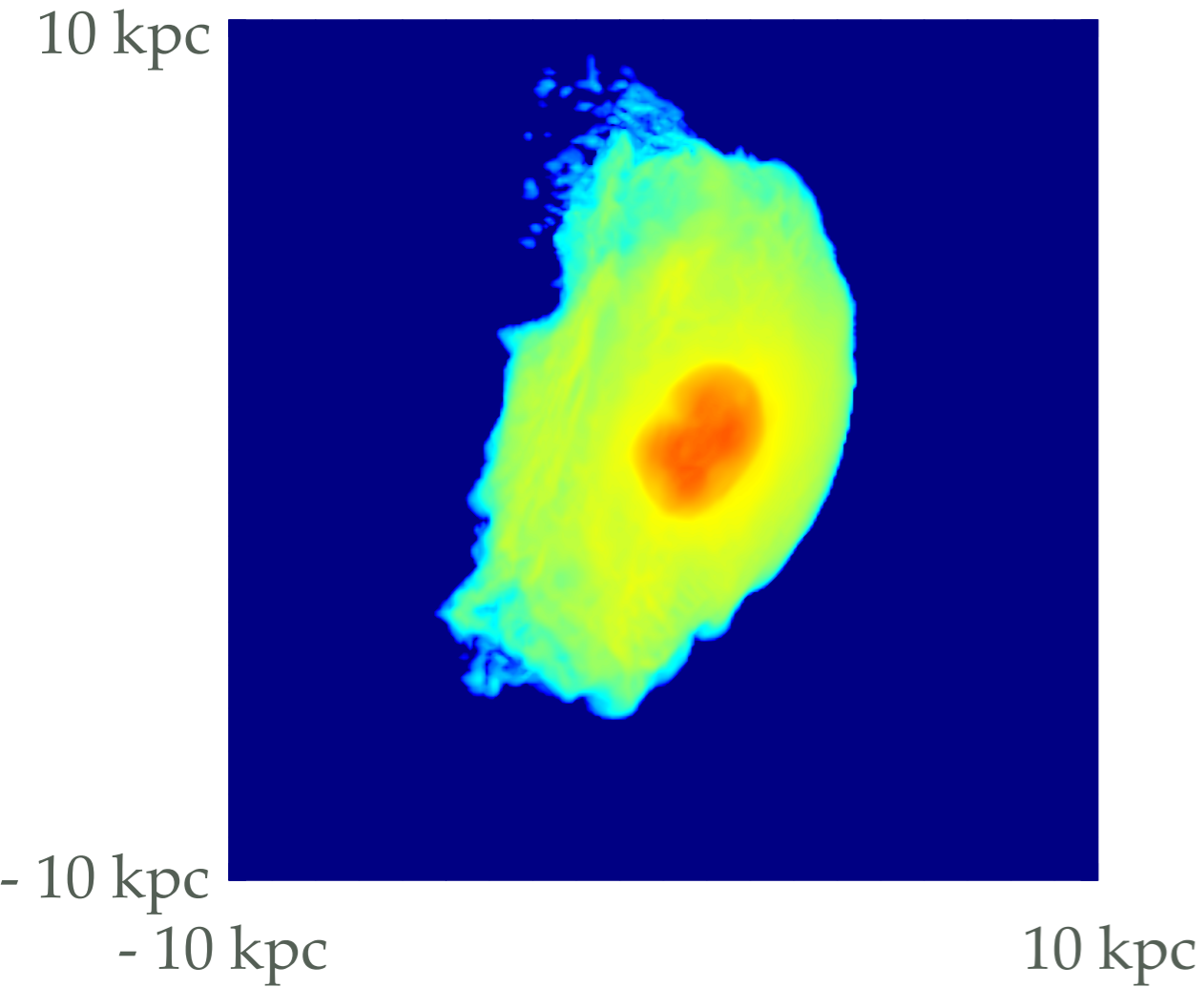
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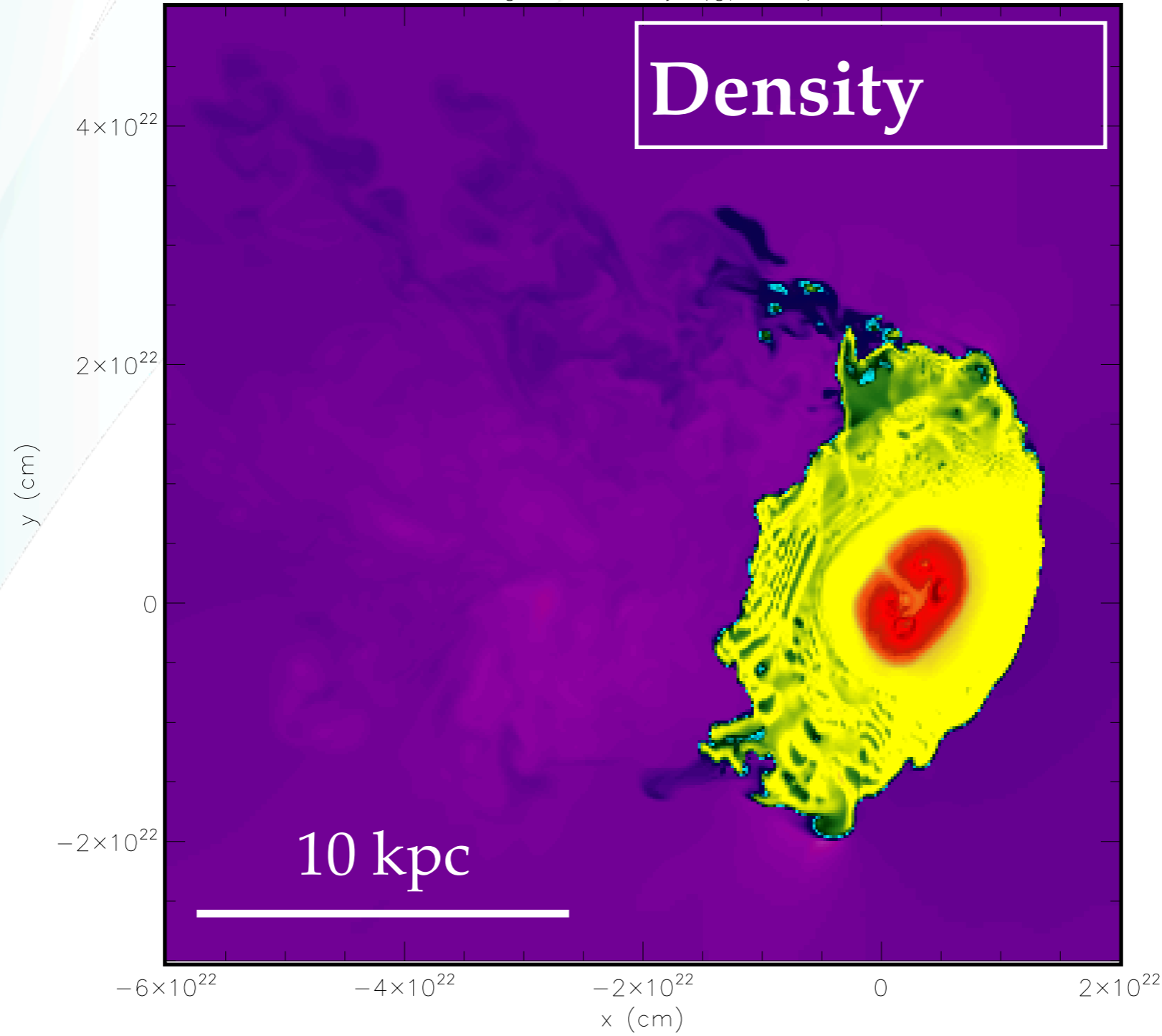
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Log10 Density (g/cm^3)

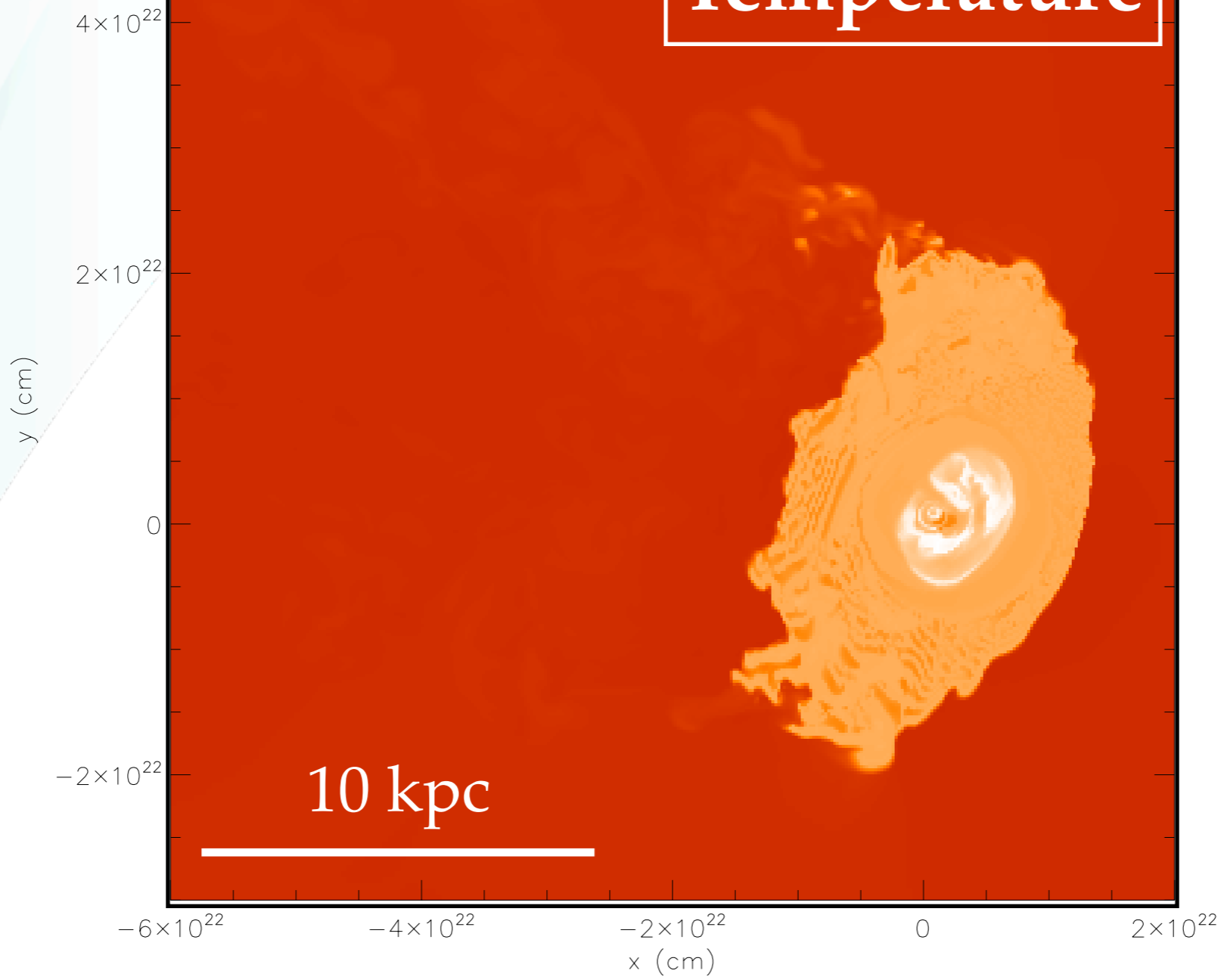
Density



10^{-29} 10^{-28} 10^{-27} 10^{-26} 10^{-25} 10^{-24}

Log10 Temperature (K)

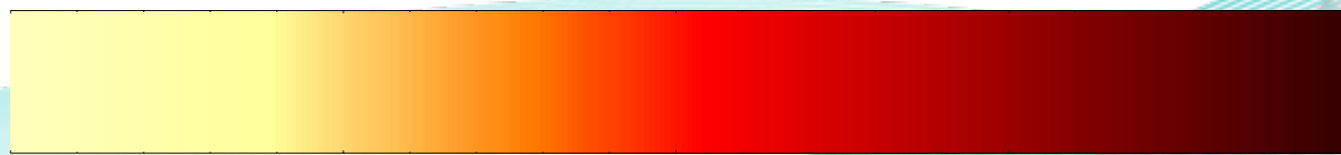
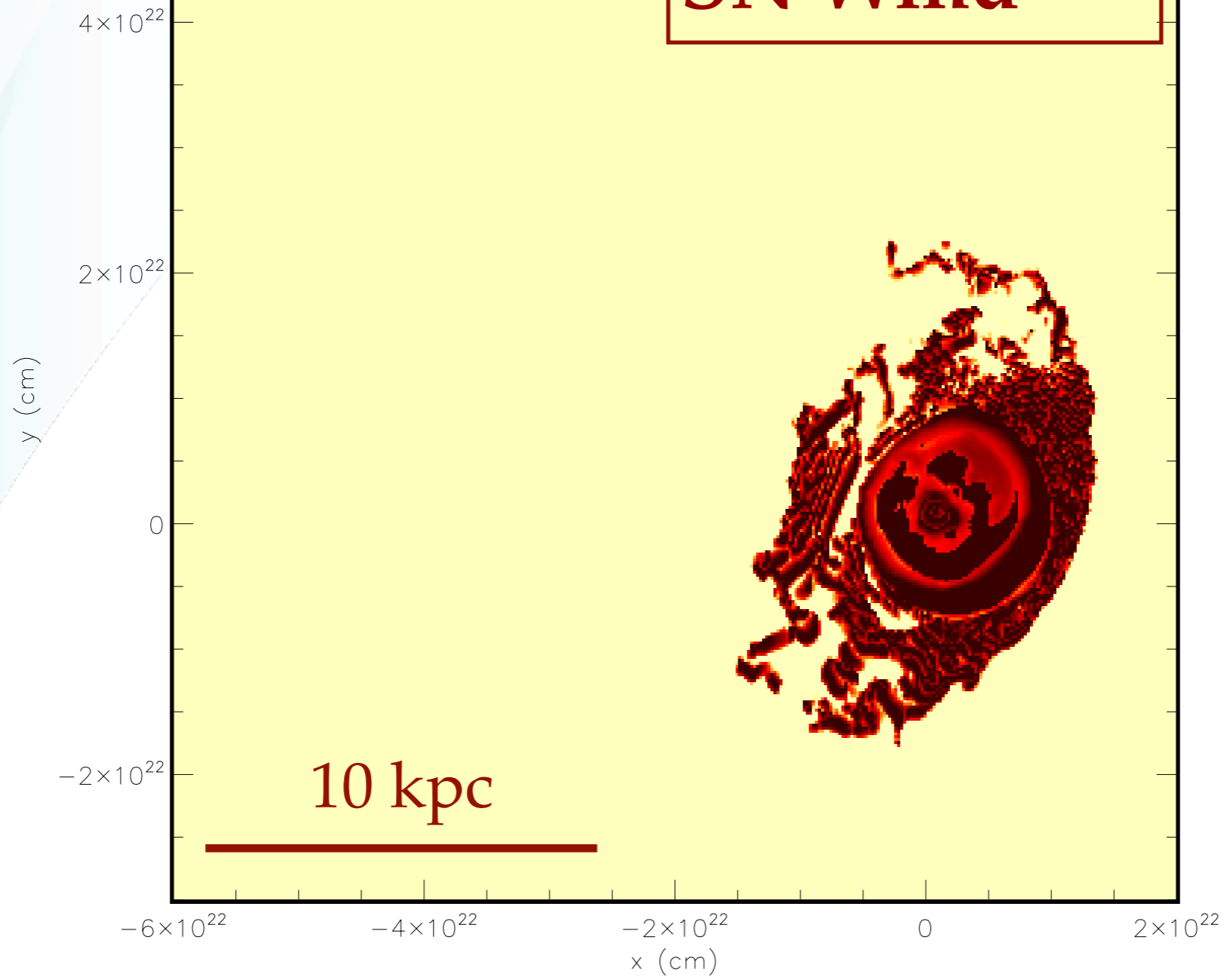
Temperature



10^3 10^4 10^5 10^6 10^7

Log10 snwi

SN Wind



10^{-2}

$10^{-1.5}$

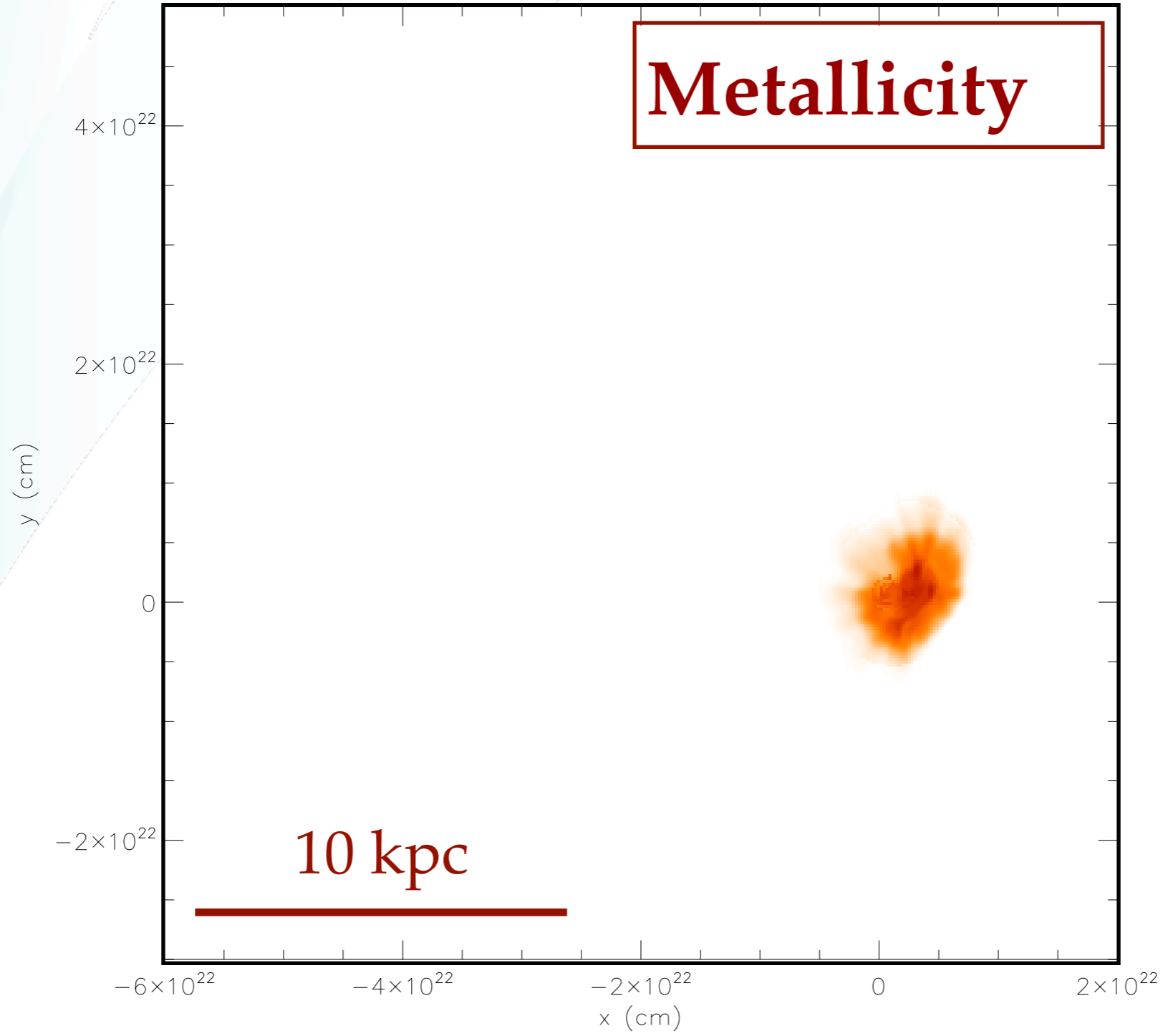
10^{-1}

$10^{-0.5}$

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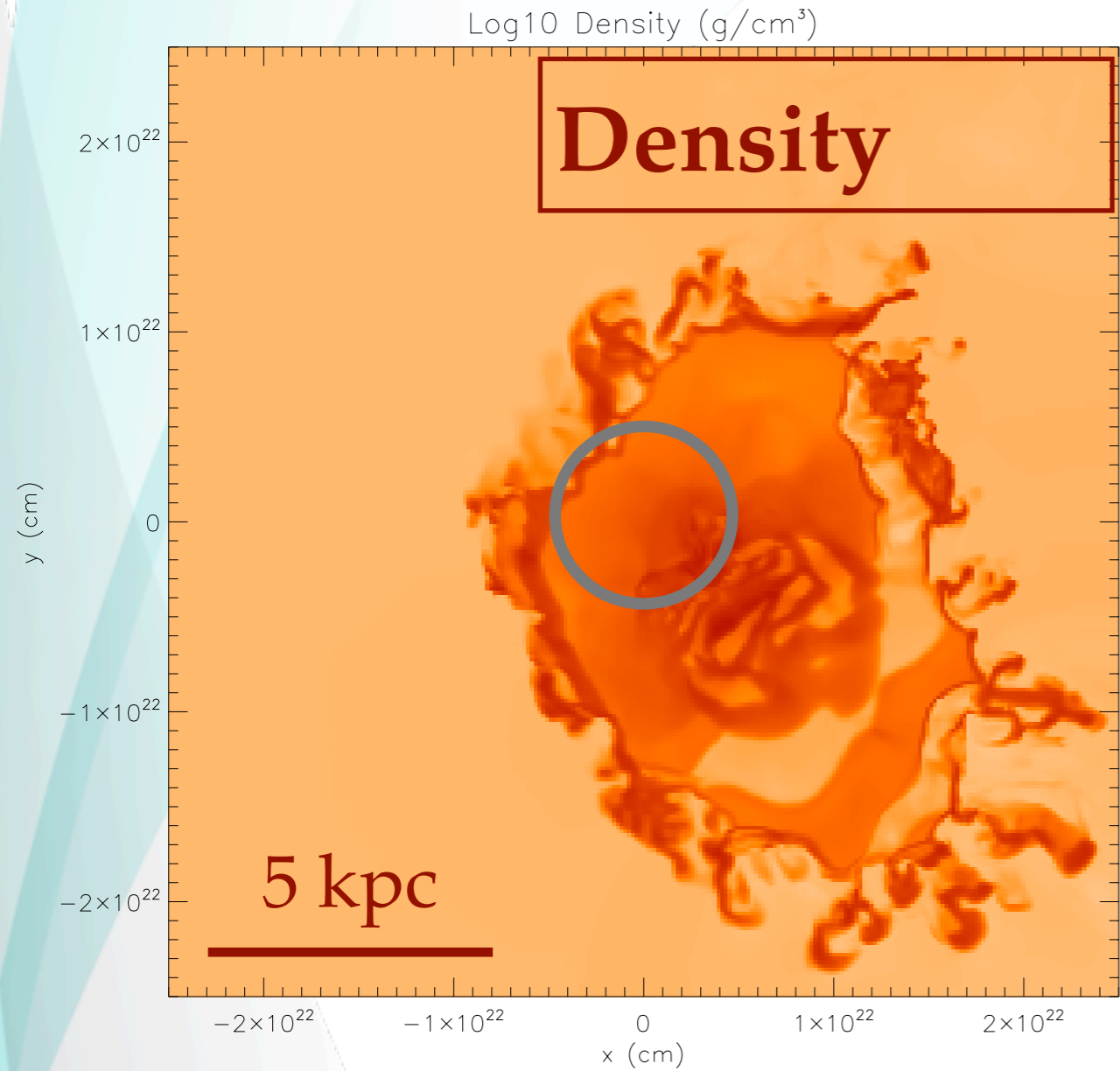
Metallicity



0.765

0.77

Low Mass Run



Effective resolution:
 $\Delta x = 63 \text{ pc}$

Initial gas mass:
 $1.6 \cdot 10^7 M_{\odot}$

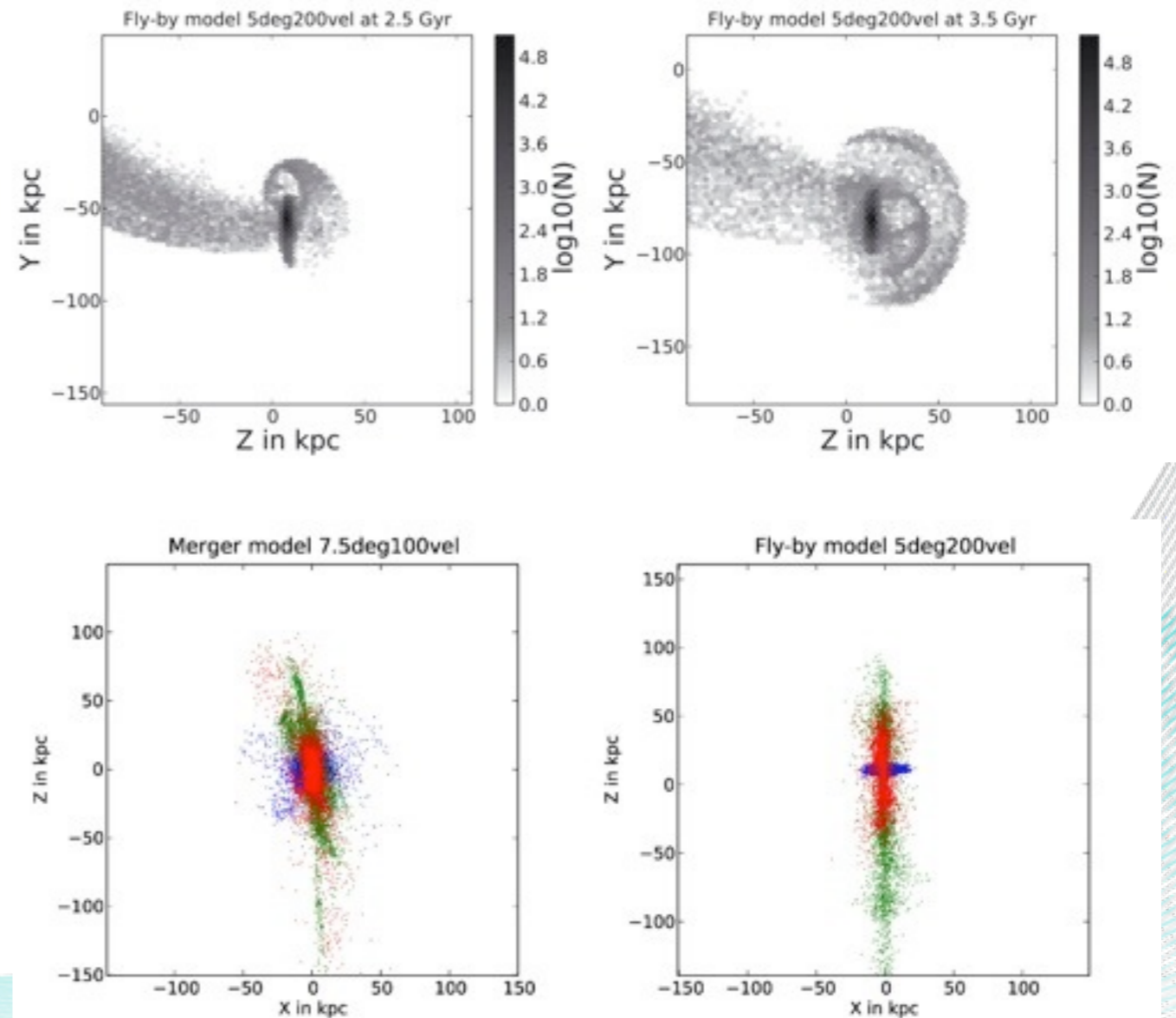
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τ_w	=	3 Myrs

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Outlook

- *Mass flow along the tidal arm*
- *Old stellar population*
- *Include SN I*
- *More realistic gravitational potential*
- *Better initial distribution*
- *Include Stellar Hydrodynamics*
(with N. Mitchell, E. Vorobiev)



Thank you for your attention!

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