



## Galactic Alchemy I:

# Domain Transfer with Generative AI for Hydrodynamical Simulations

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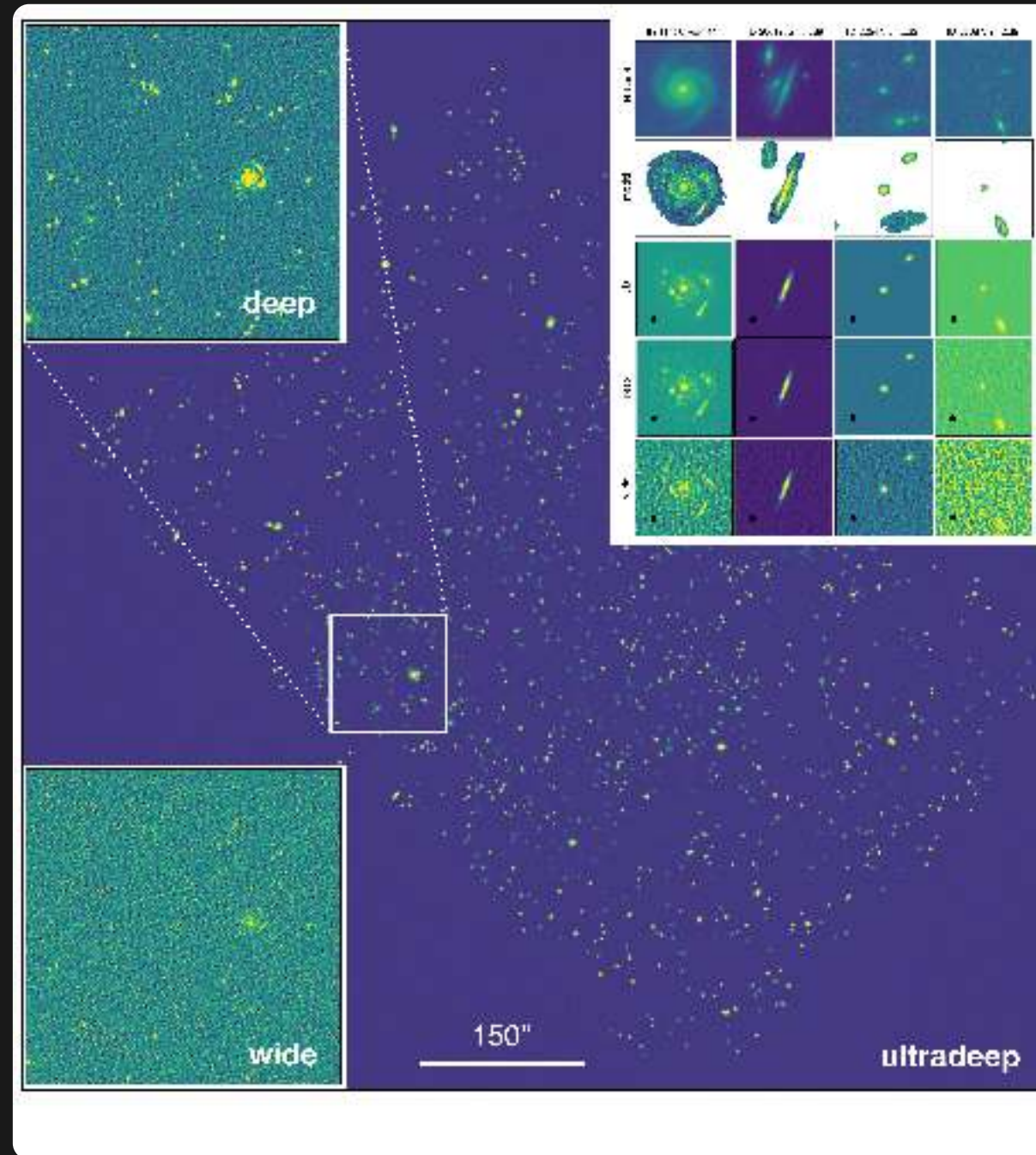
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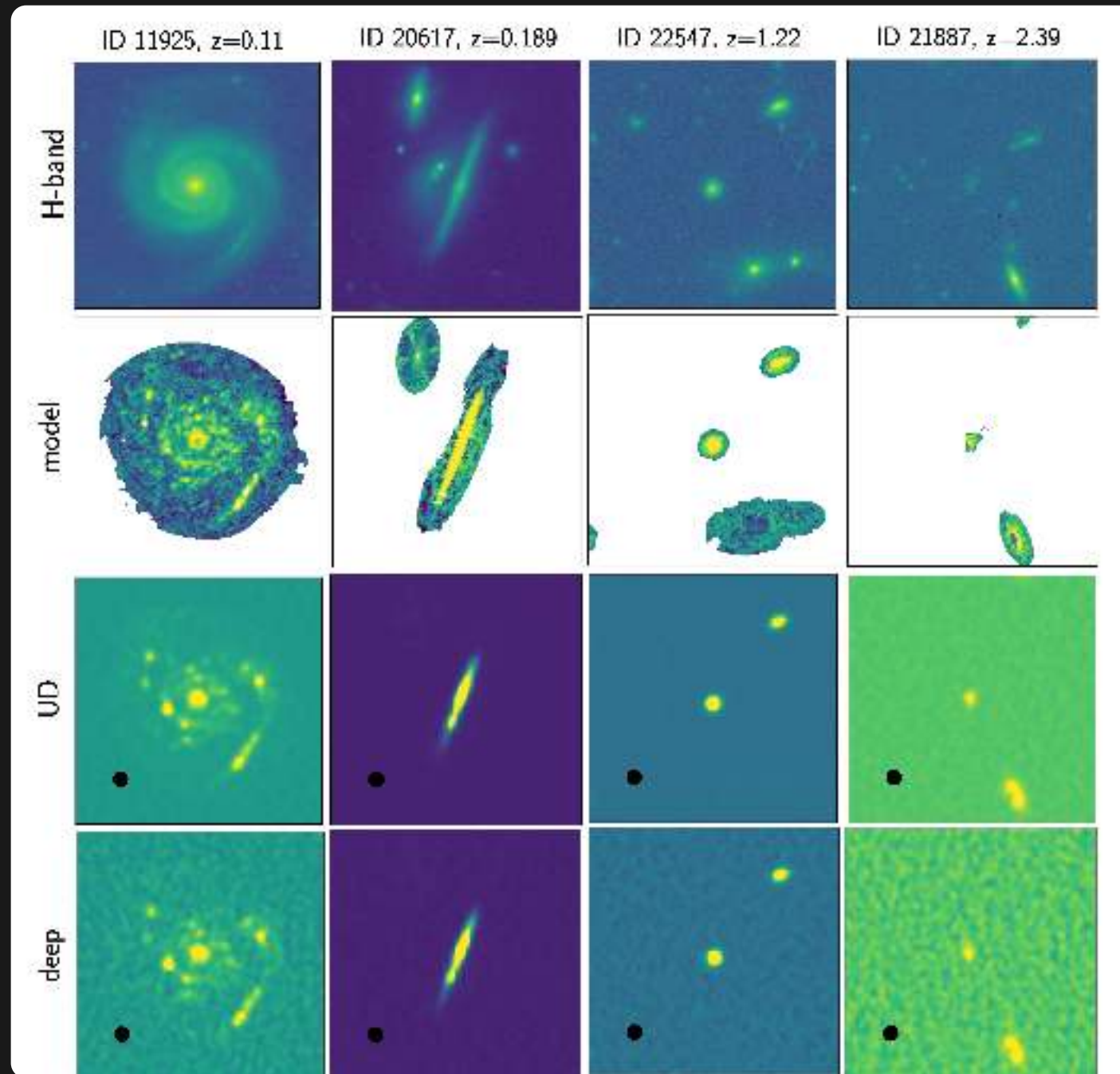
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- SKA-MID (0.35 GHz - 15 GHz, lower redshifts):
  - between 0.04" - 0.70" resolution (with baseline ~ 150km)
  - significant substructure in flux distributions
  - enable new perspective on star-formation as well as AGN

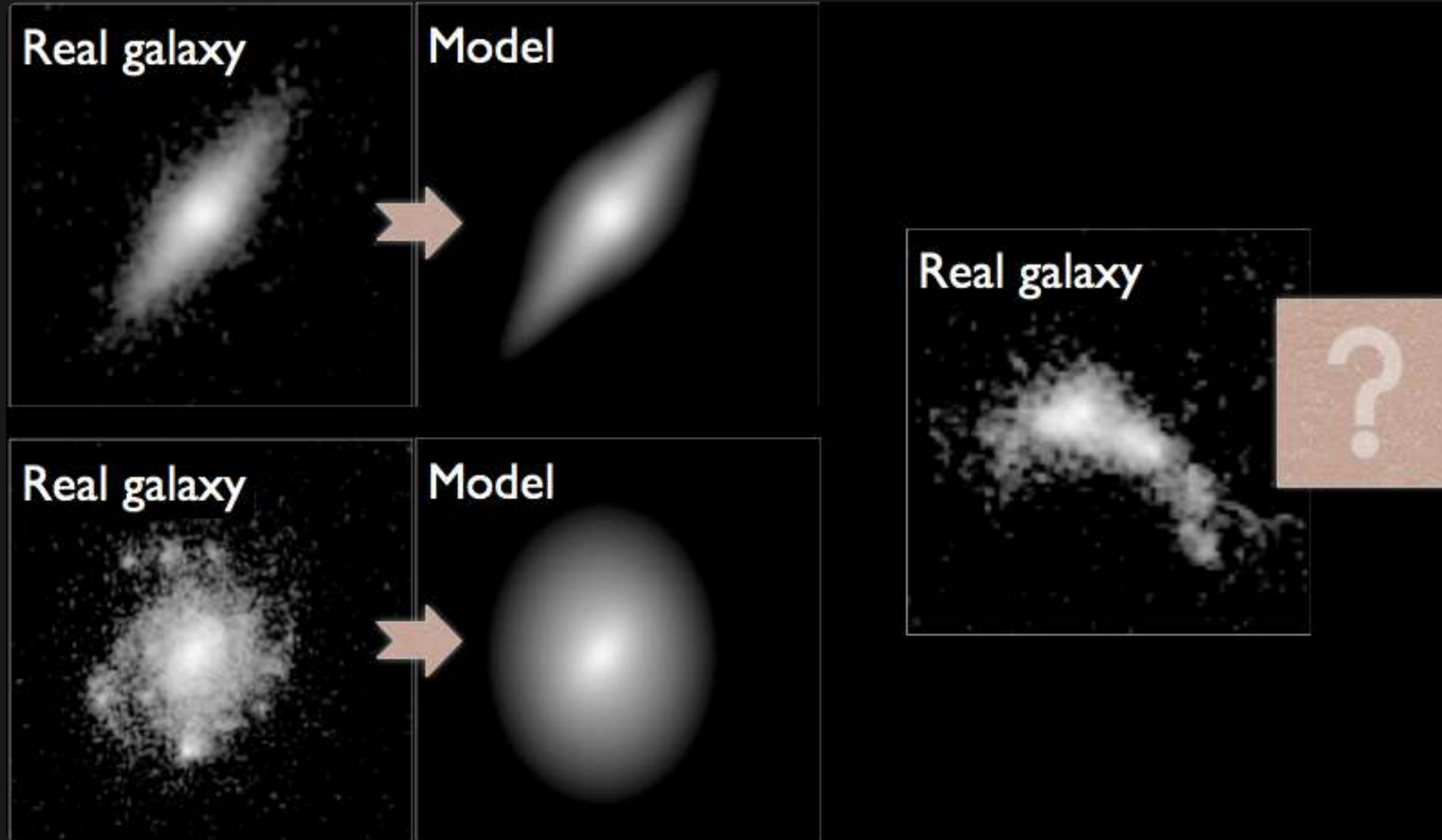








# The old way of modelling galaxies



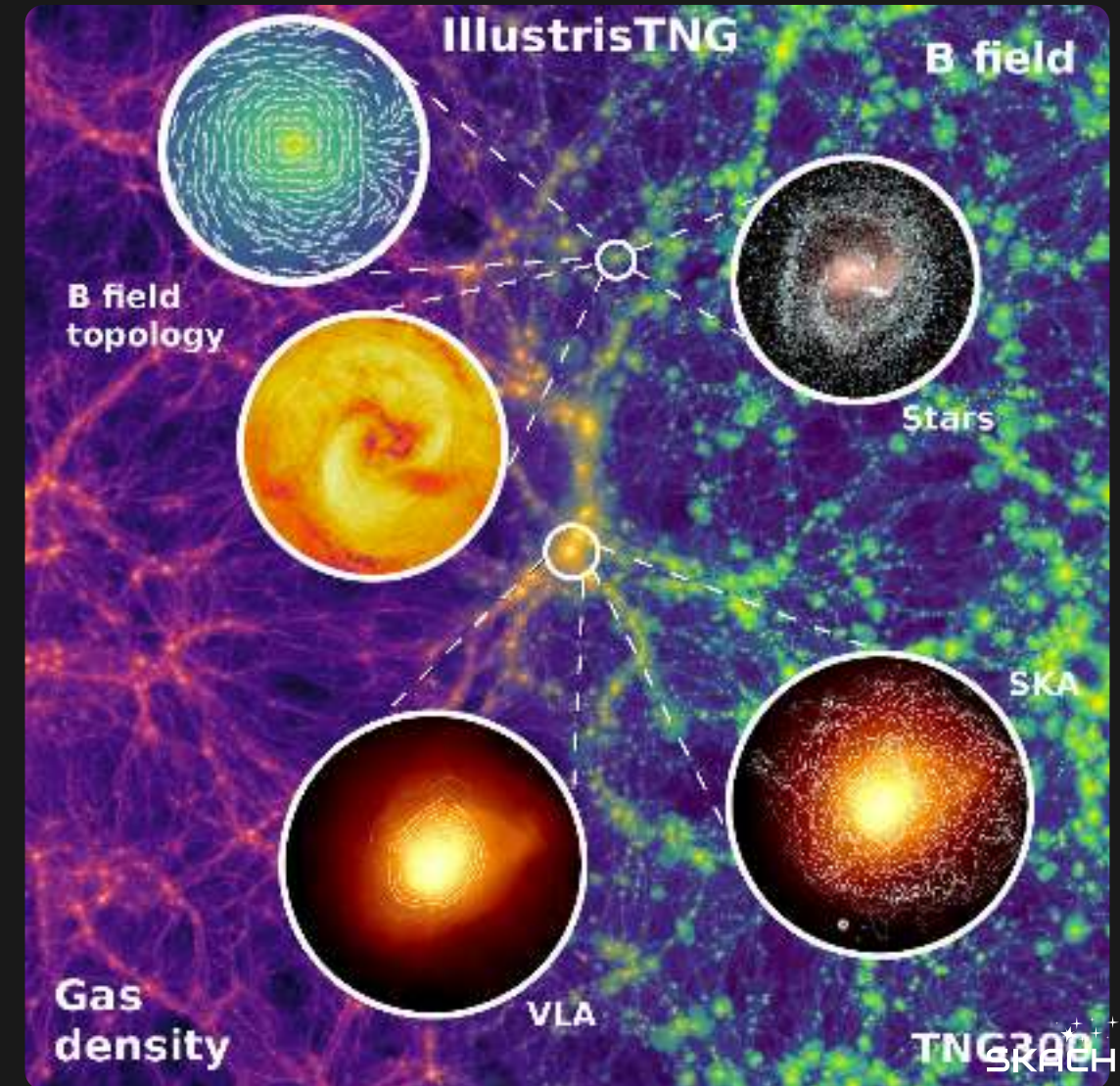
## What problems come with this

- simple models work for simple galaxies, but we will often see:
  - no more blobs, no more Gaussian signals
- not physical models:
  - difficult to infer physical properties
- galaxy modelling has to evolve:
  - e.g., with data-driven methods

# More advanced models

IllustrisTNG simulations

- complex, realistic models
- self-consistent dynamics
- physics: on a wide range of scales
- implicit models:
  - what if we want to fit them to an observation?



# Multi-Domain Galaxy Image Dataset

Our goal:

*"Infuse deep learning map-to-map translation models  
with the physical model from simulations."*

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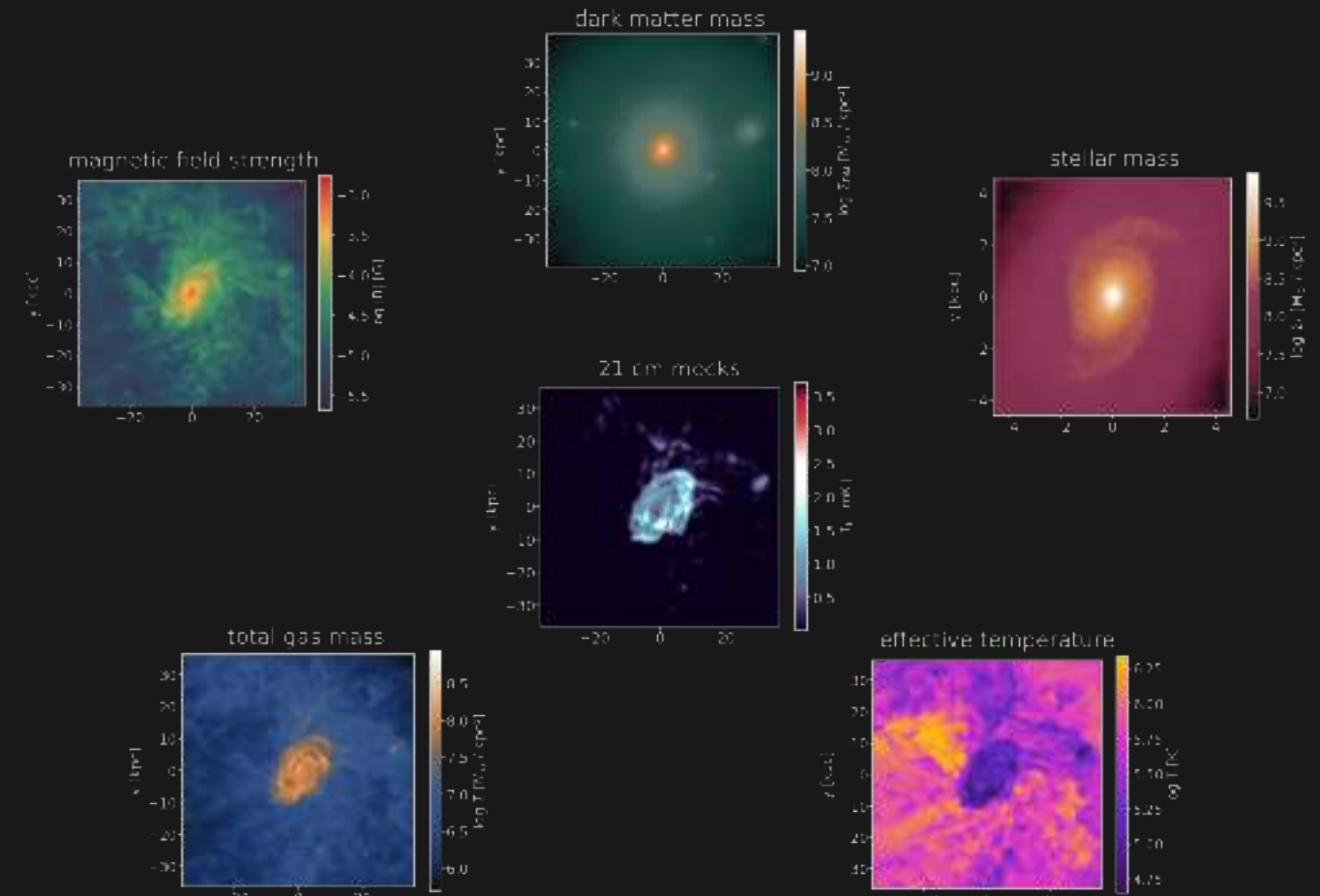
- Question: can we infer unseen properties in observations?

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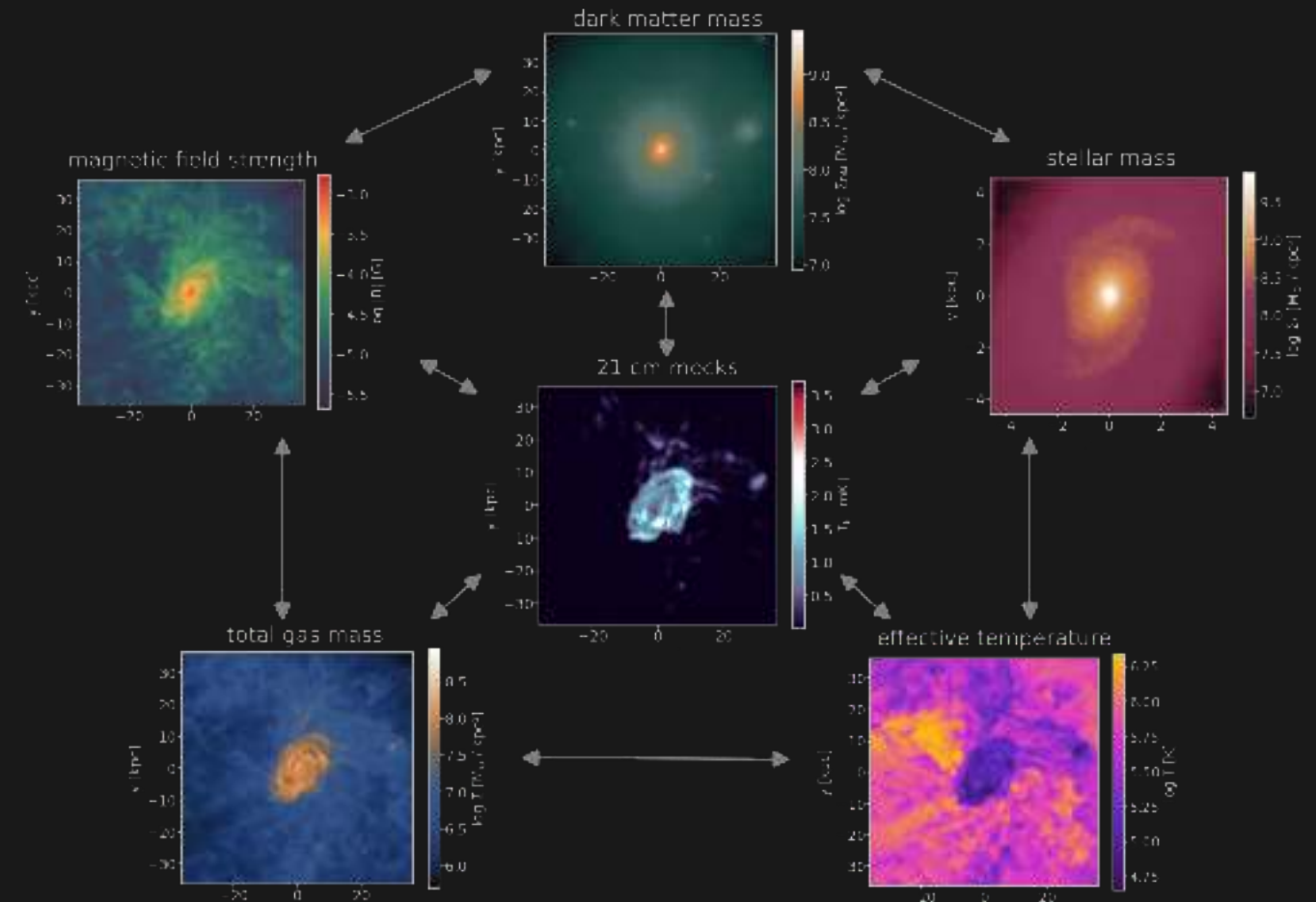
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- *Image-to-image translation* solves the inverse problem:  
 $y = Ax + b$
- in Bayesian terms:  $p(x|y) \propto p(y|x) p(x)$
- $p(y|x)$  is the data likelihood including the physics
- $p(x)$  is our prior knowledge on the solution.
- MAP solution:  $\hat{x} = \arg \max_x \log p(y|x) + \log p(x)$
- explicitly sampling from the posterior distribution is difficult and expensive!

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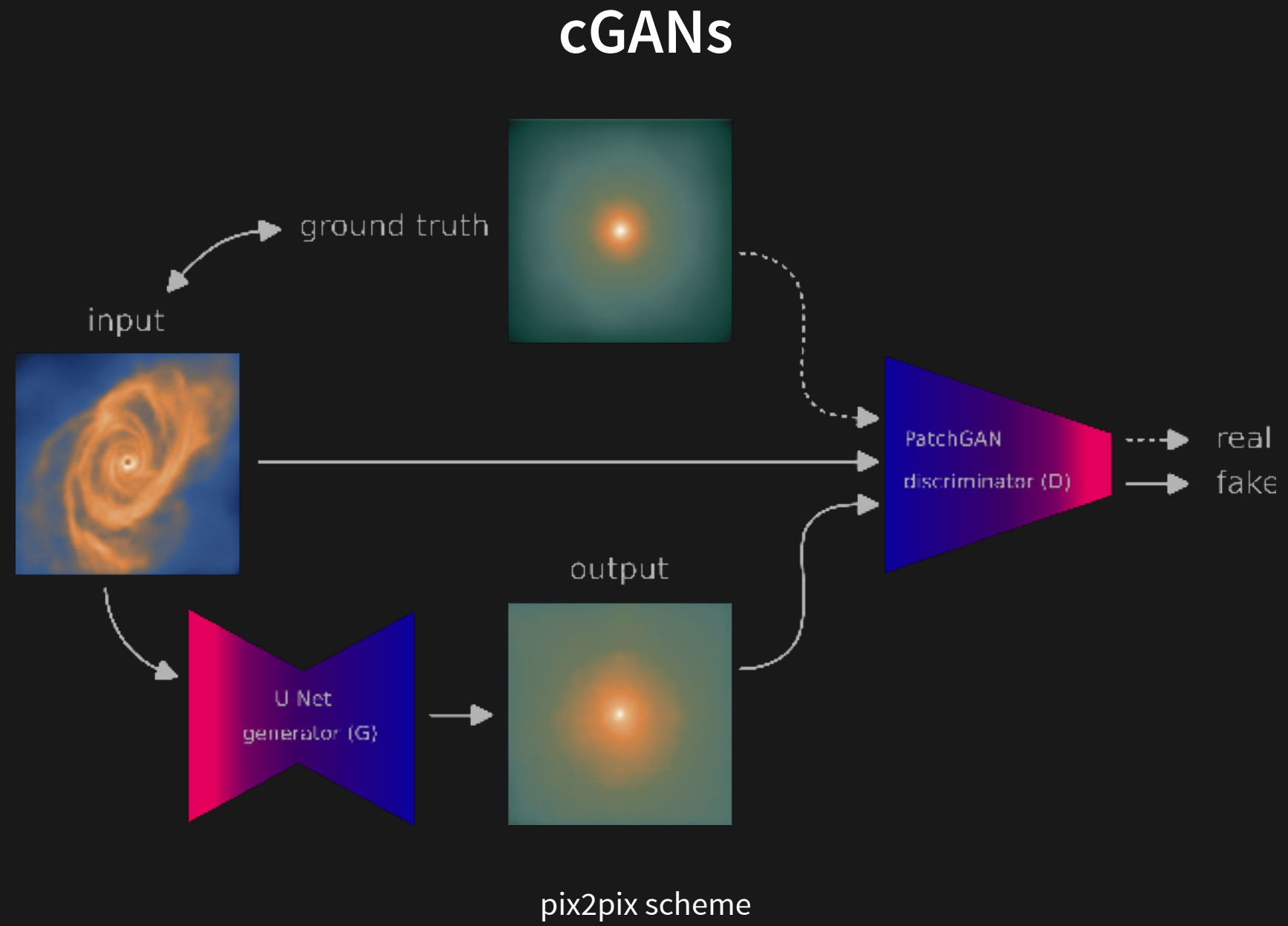
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# DDPM

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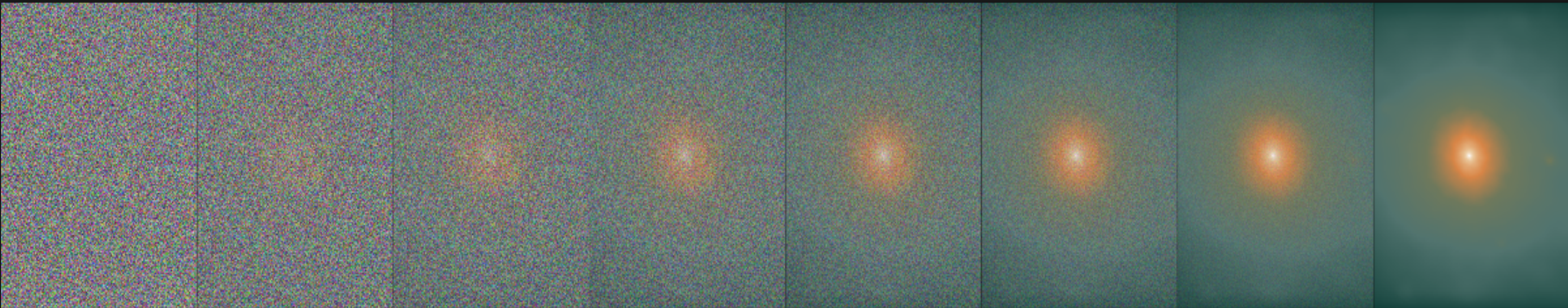
$t = 0.57$

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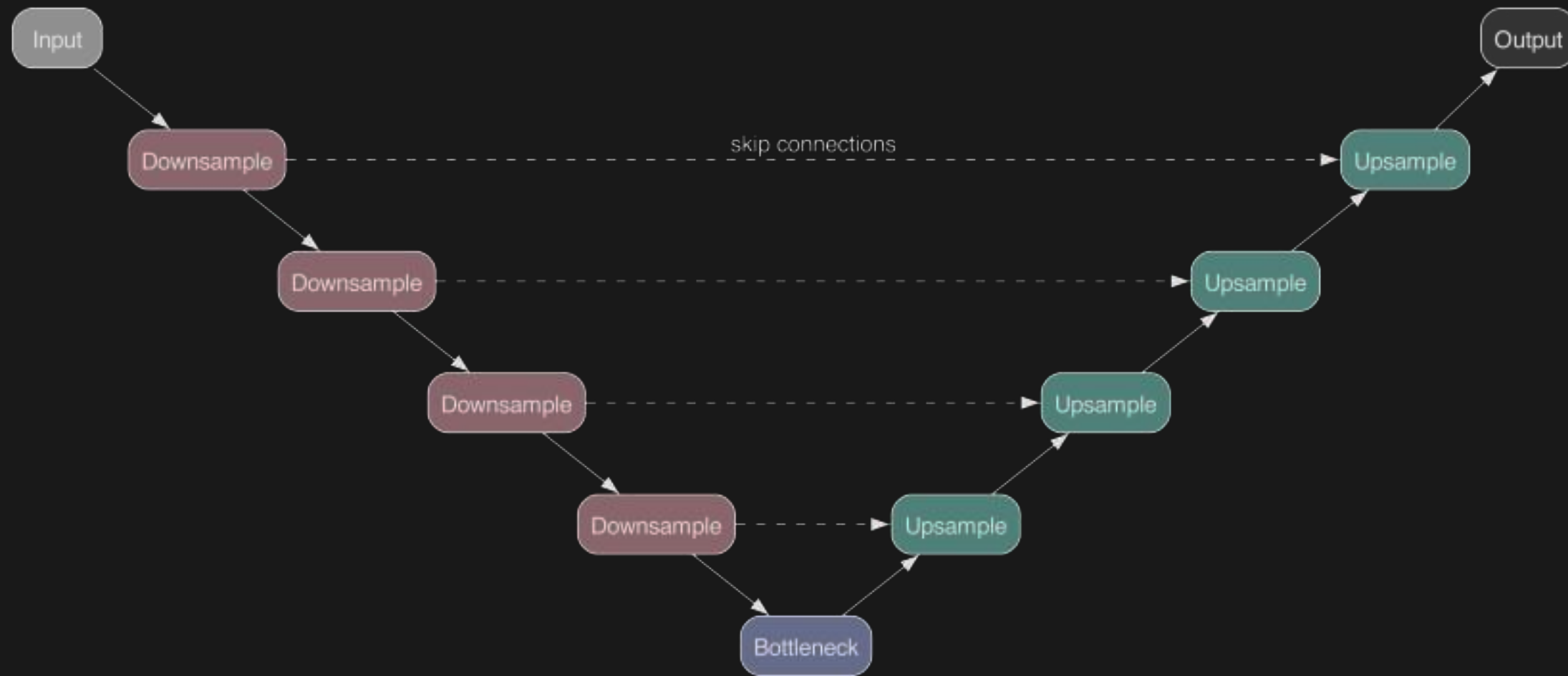
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$t = 0.14$

$t = 0.00$



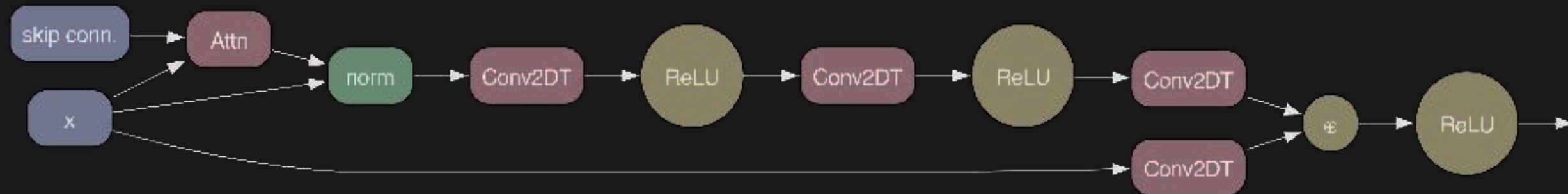
# Main component: U-Net



# Essential changes to U-Net blocks

*"Attention is (almost) all you need!"*

- for better feature selection

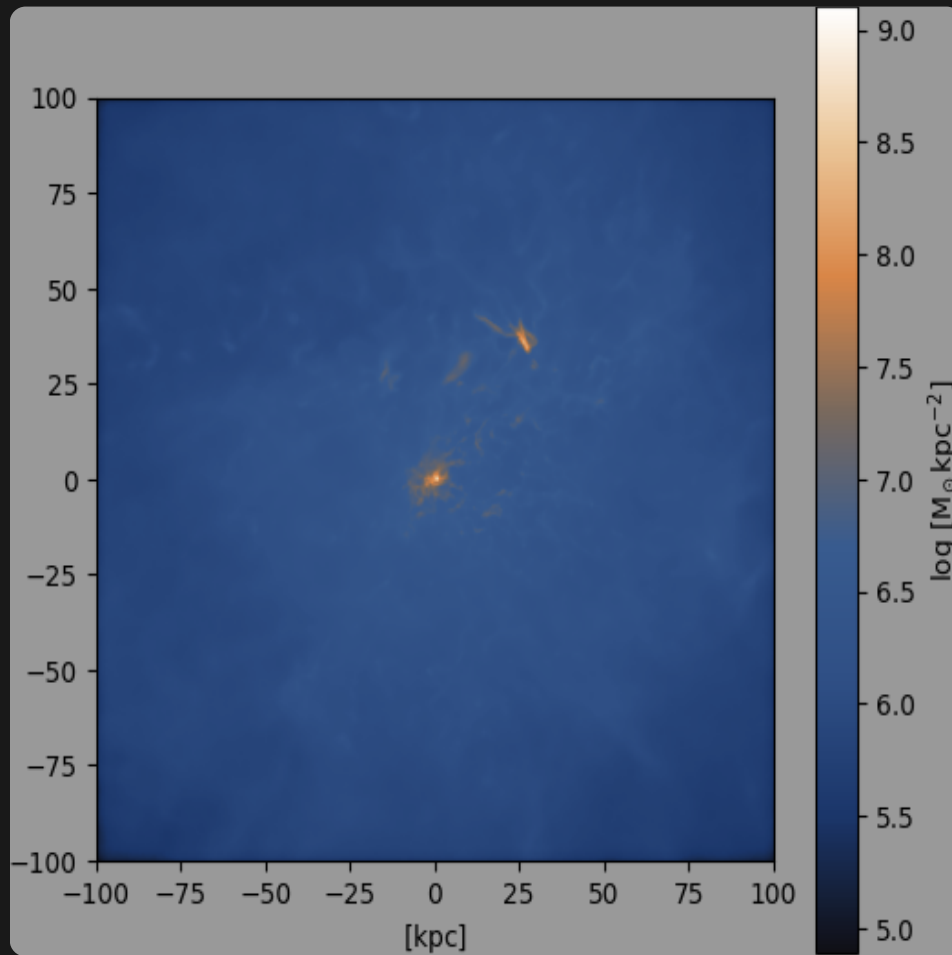


# Results

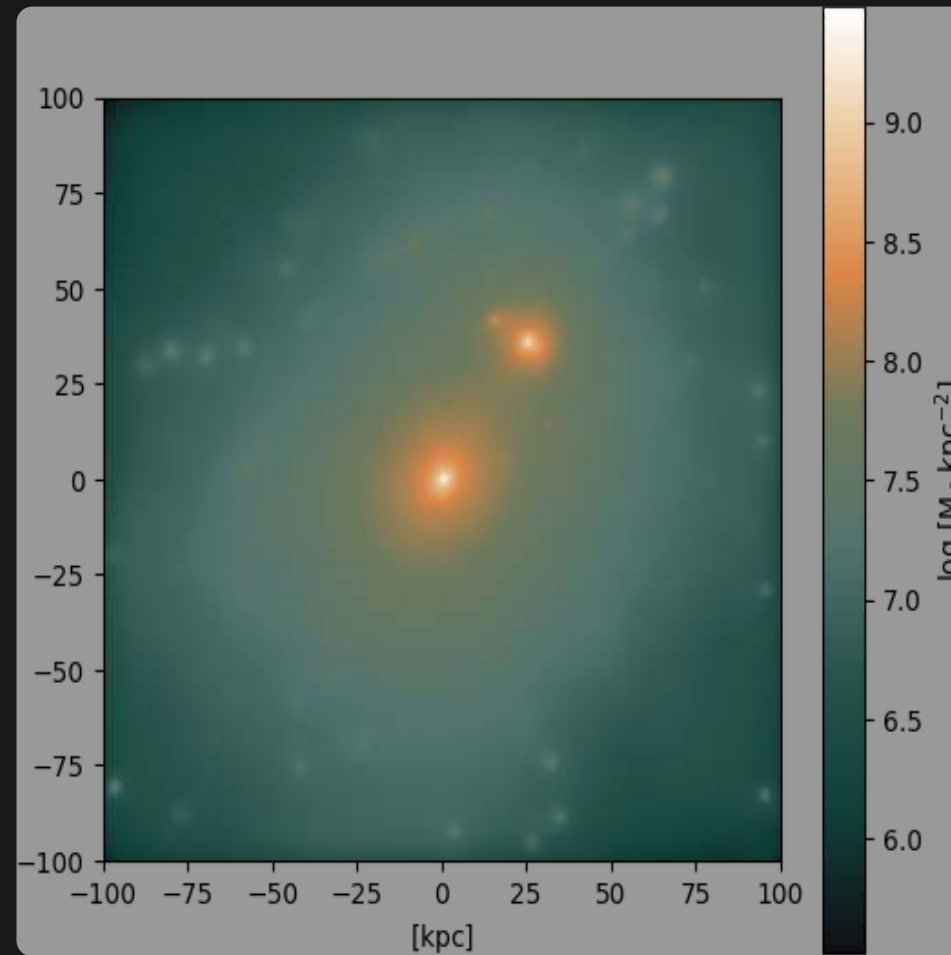
- all evaluated on a hold-out set
- still somewhat preliminary...

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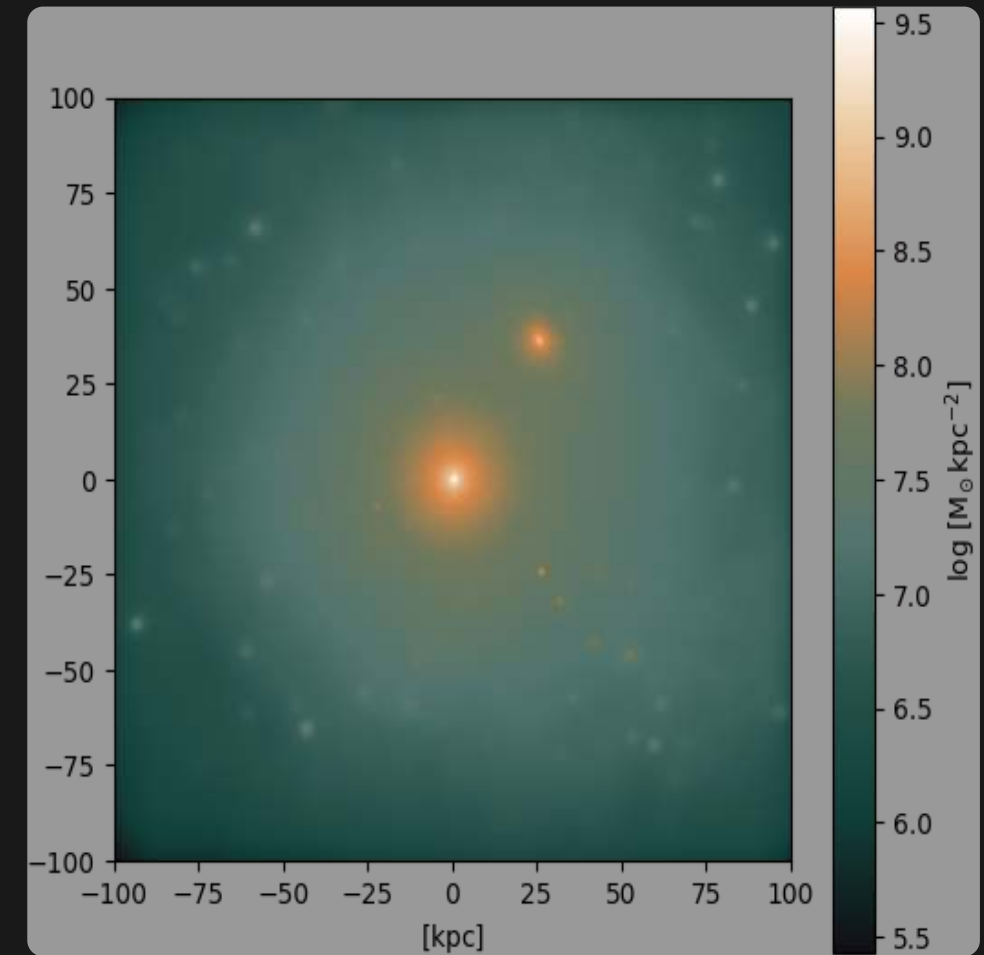
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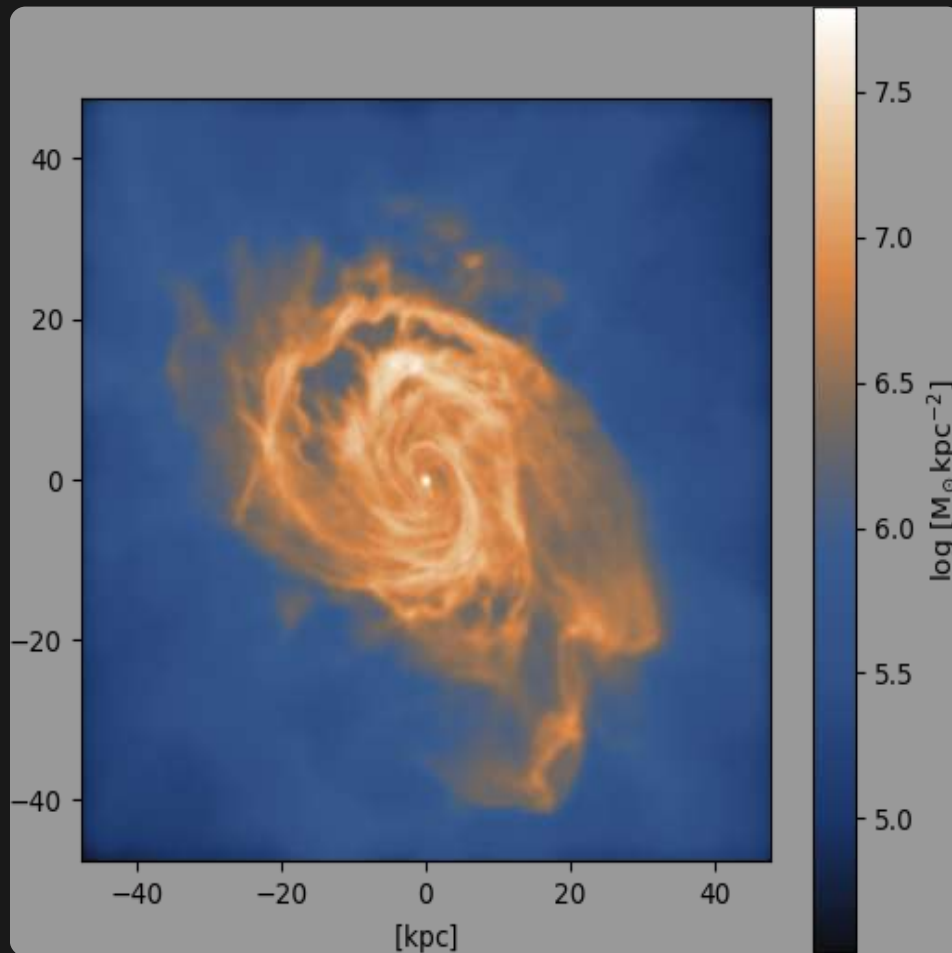
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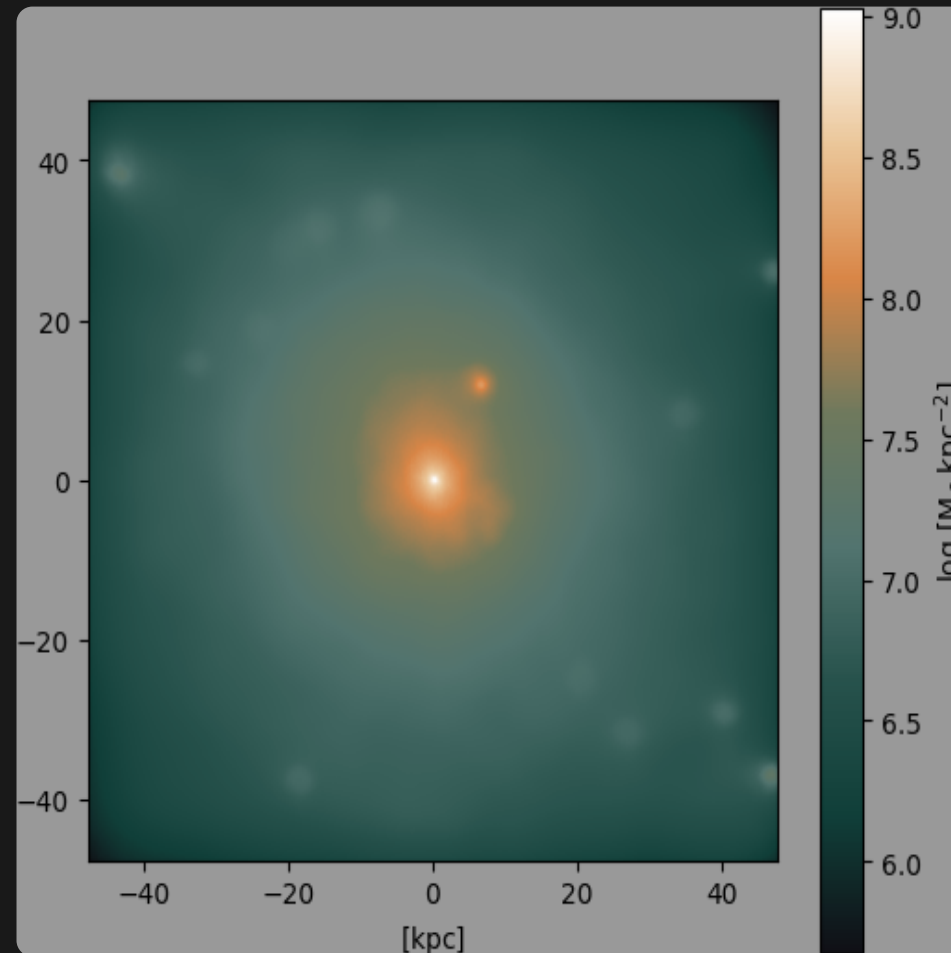
Ground truth



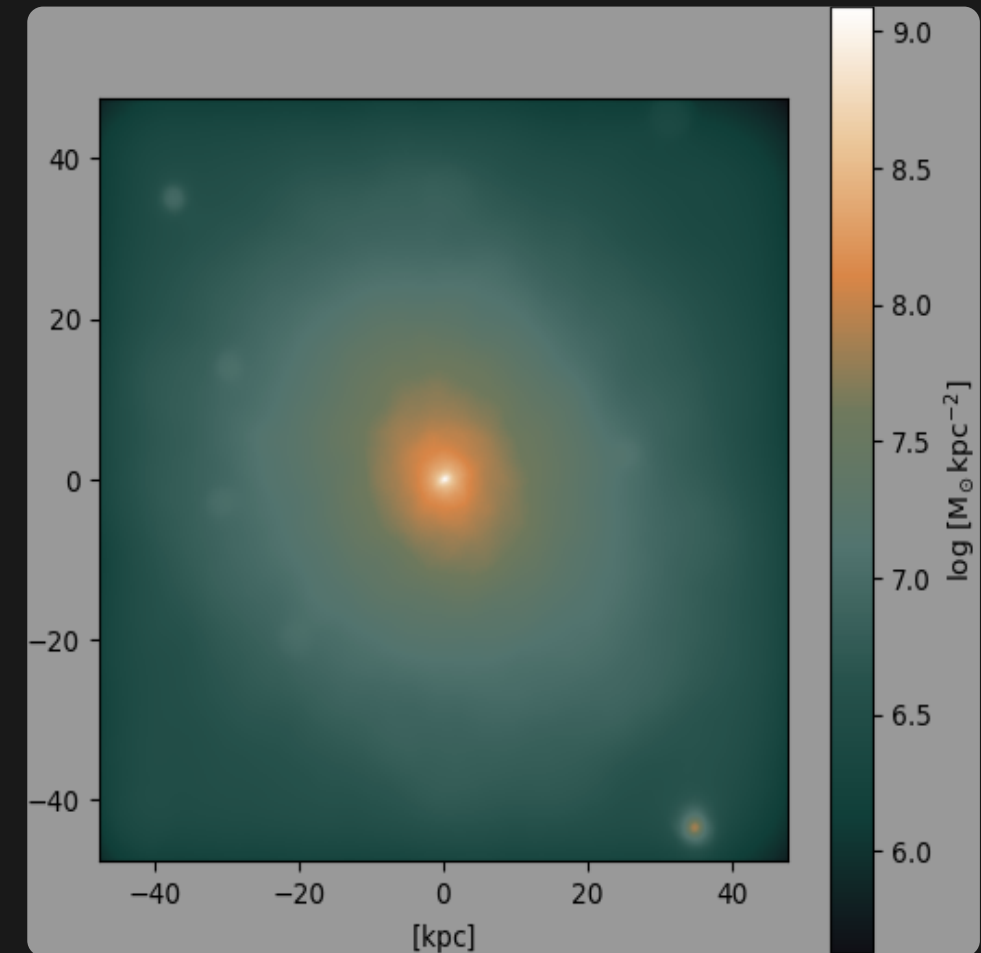
# Gas $\rightarrow$ DM: Spiral galaxy



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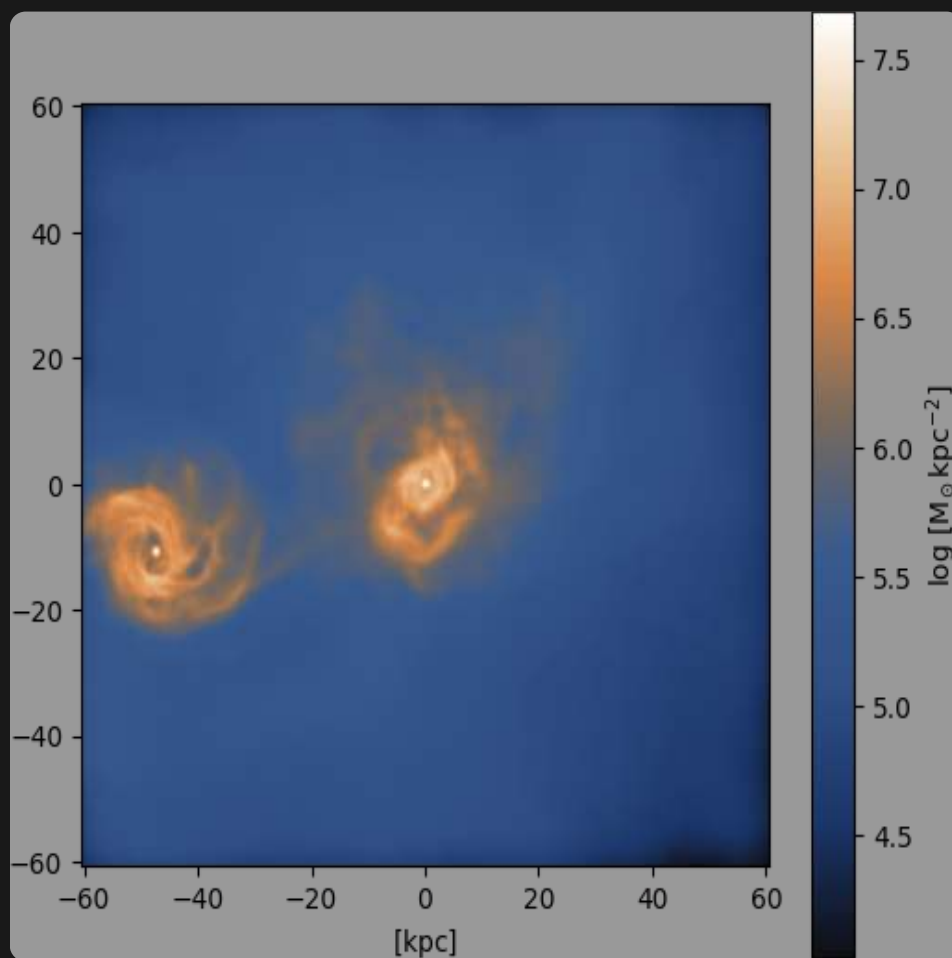


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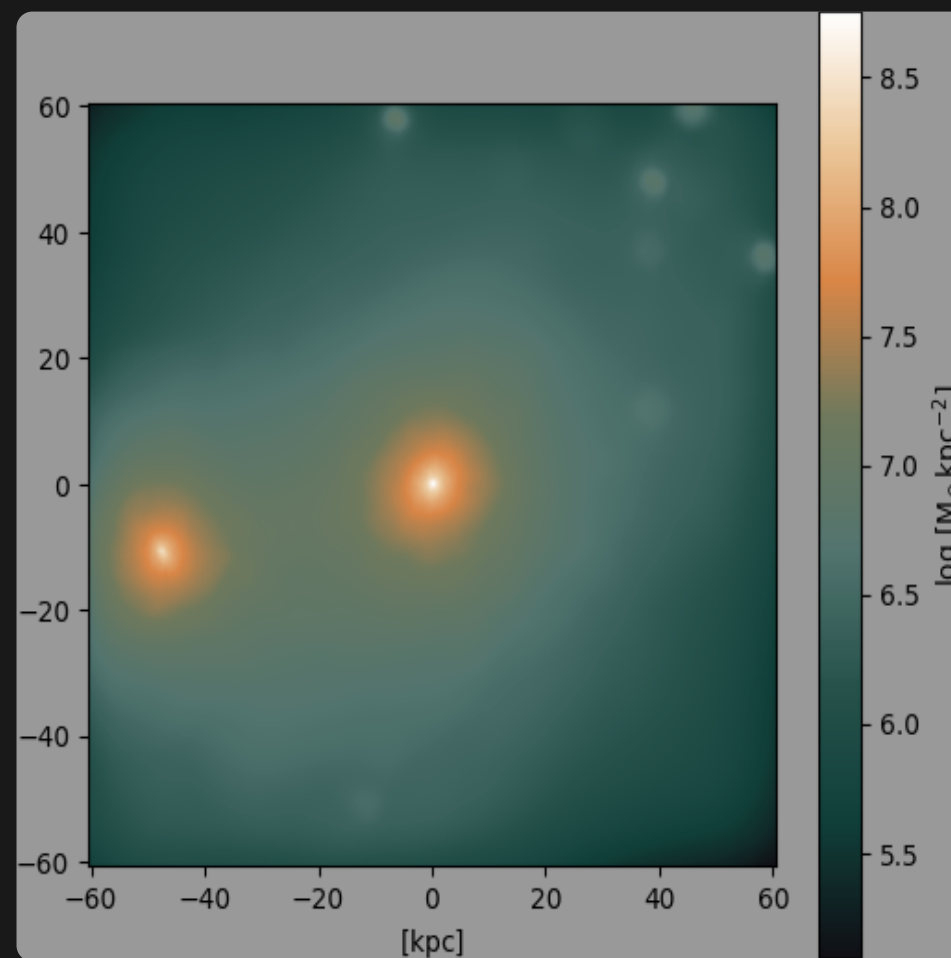


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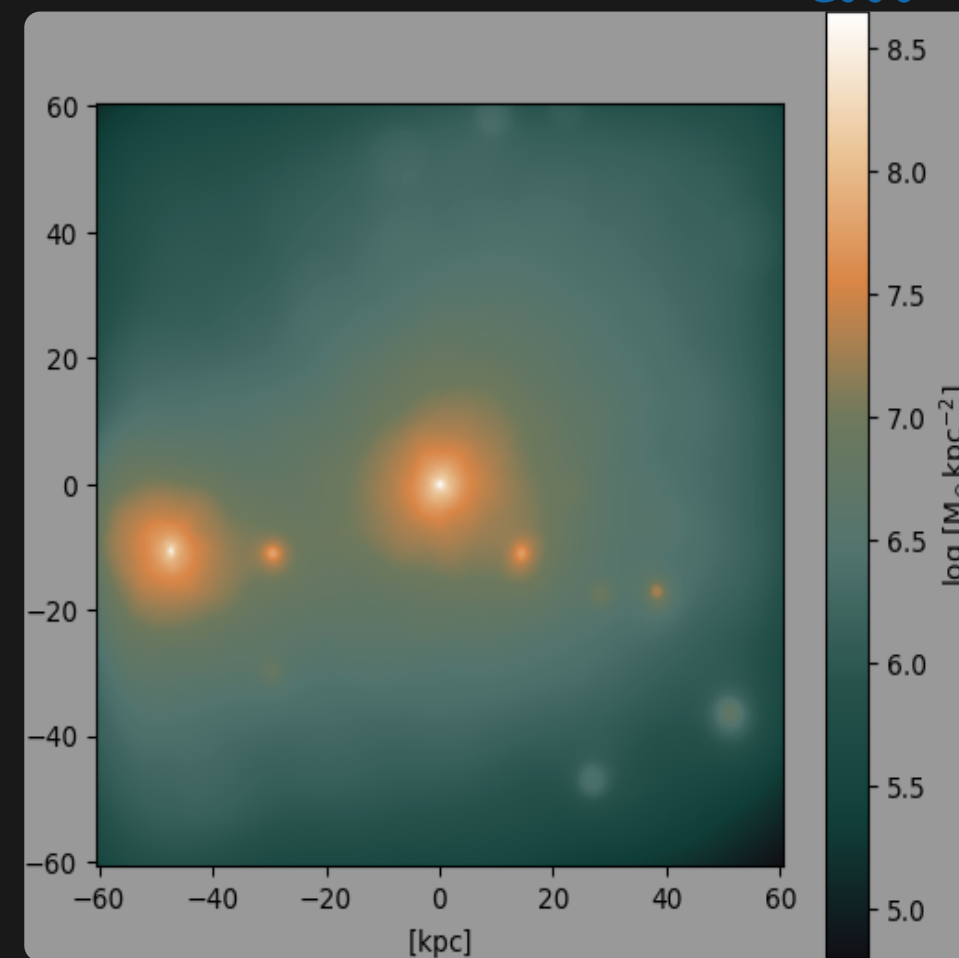
# Gas $\rightarrow$ DM: Merger



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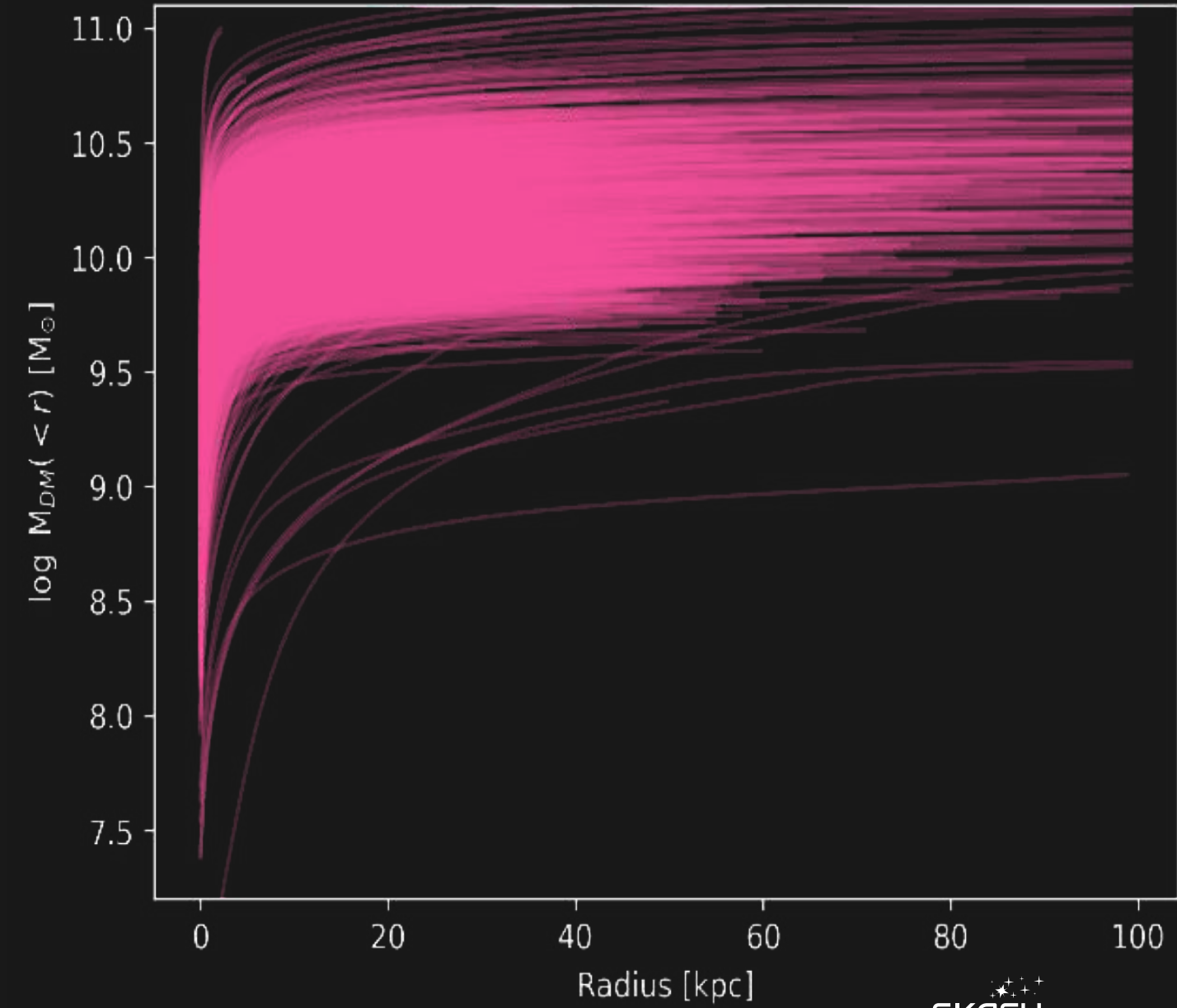
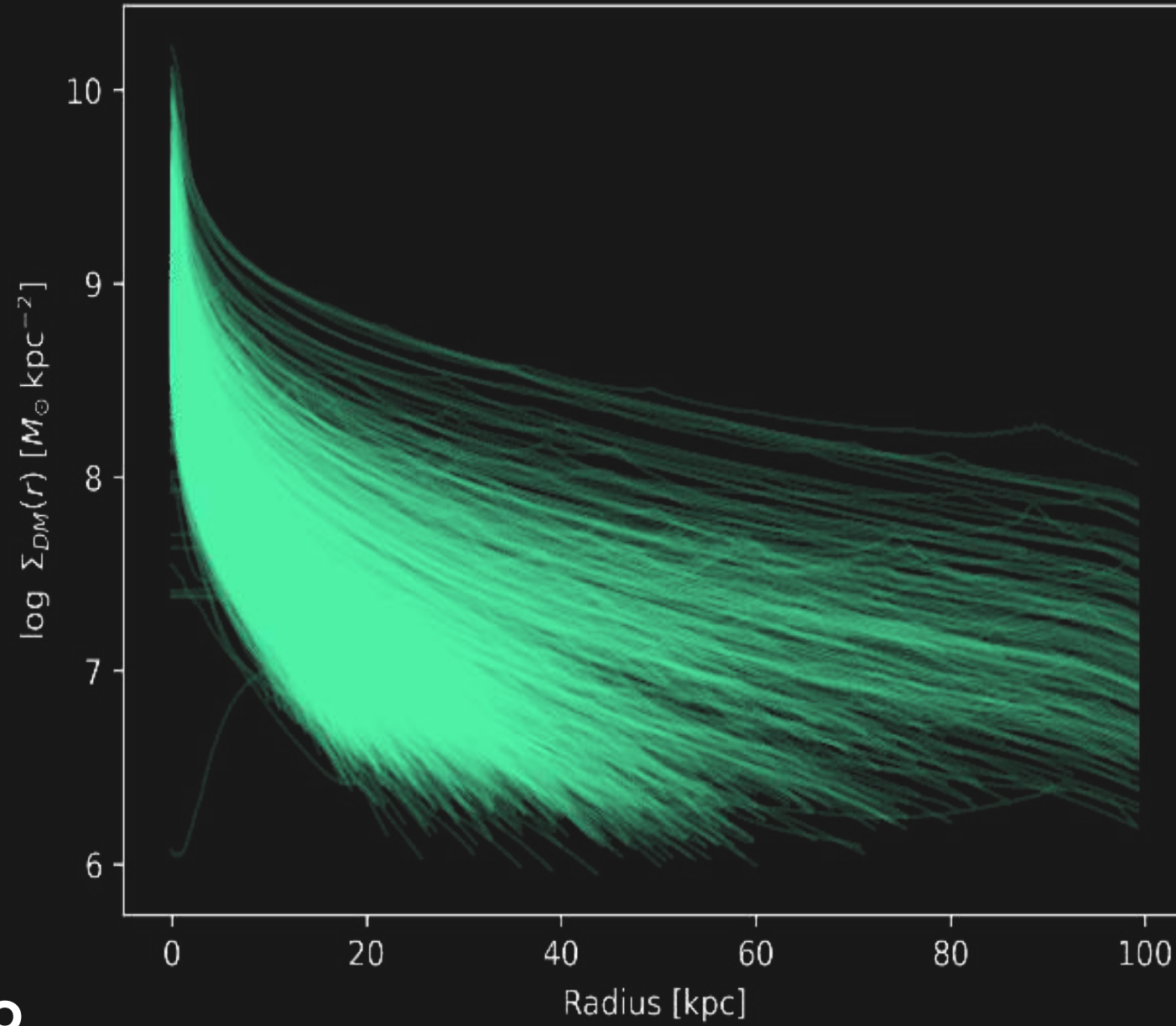


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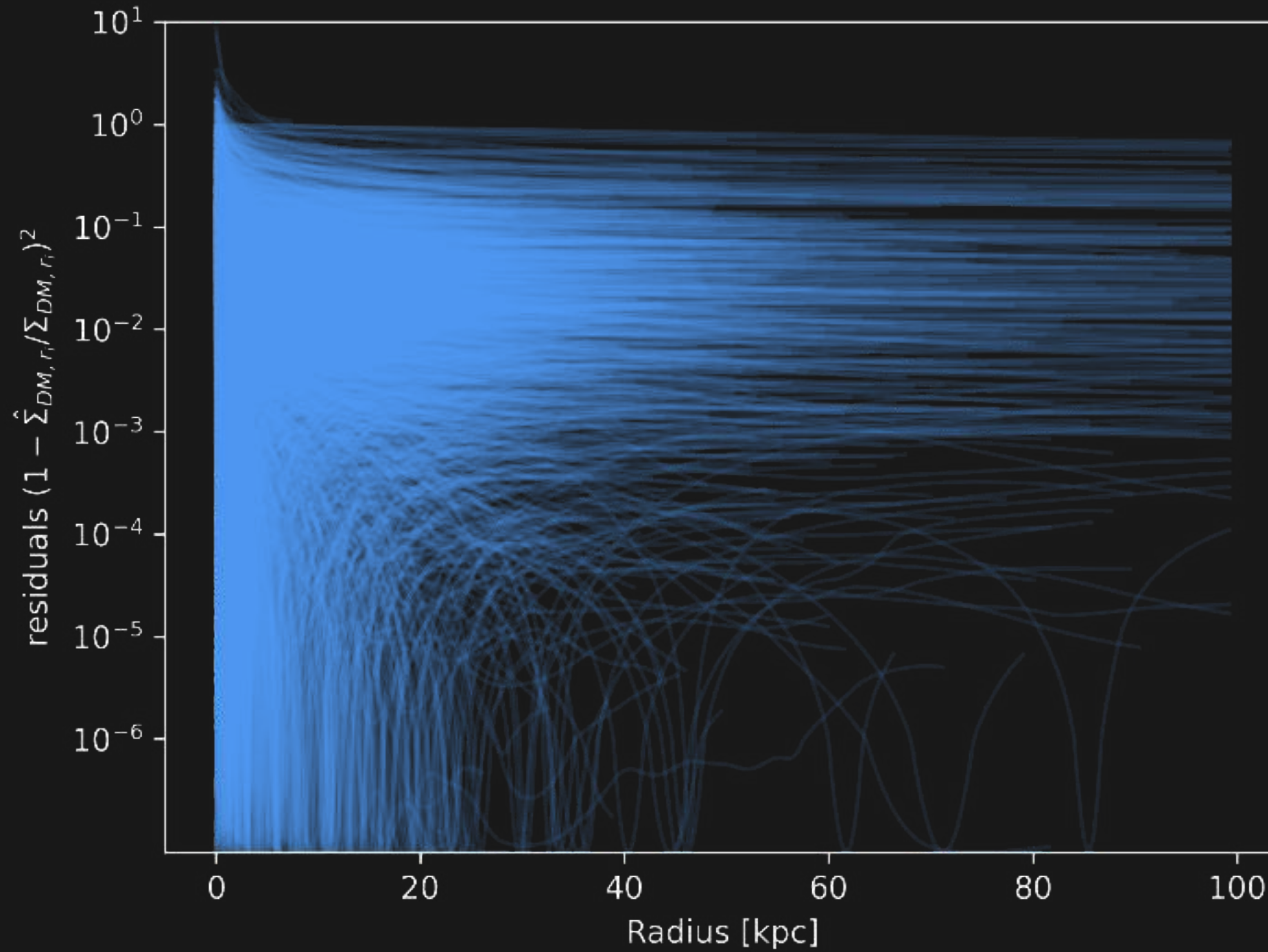
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# Profiles of DM column density

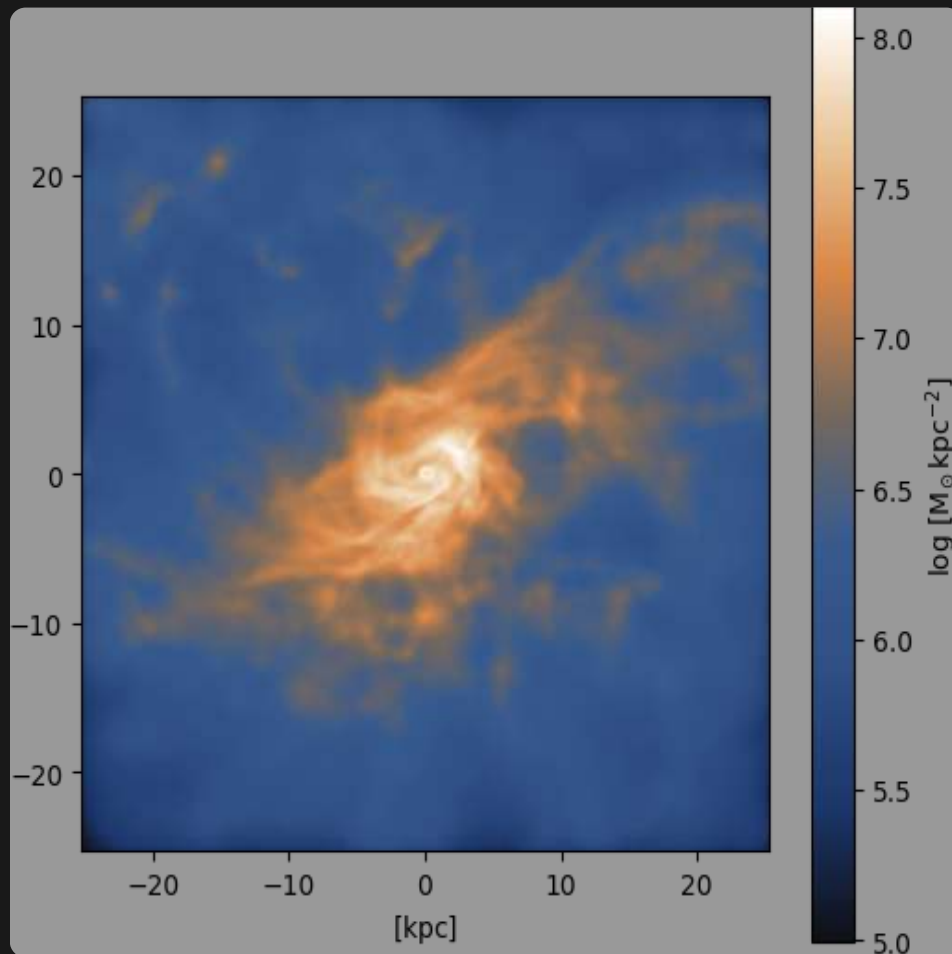




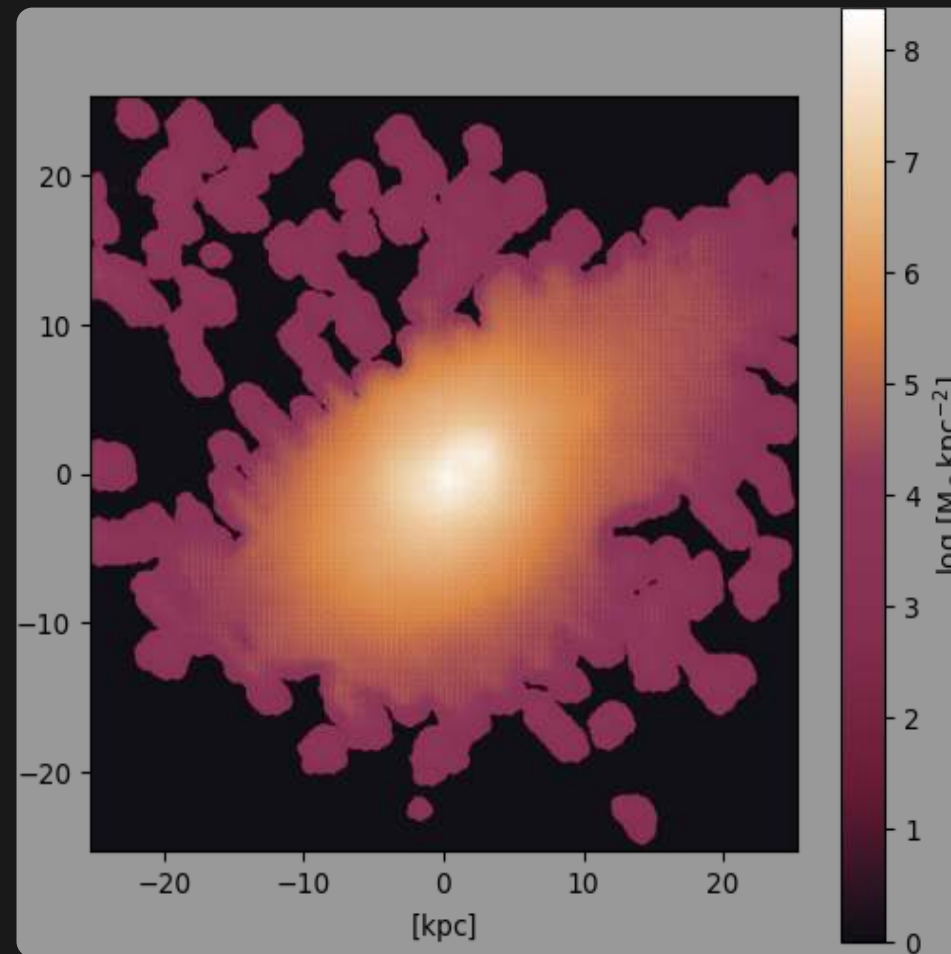
# Profile residuals



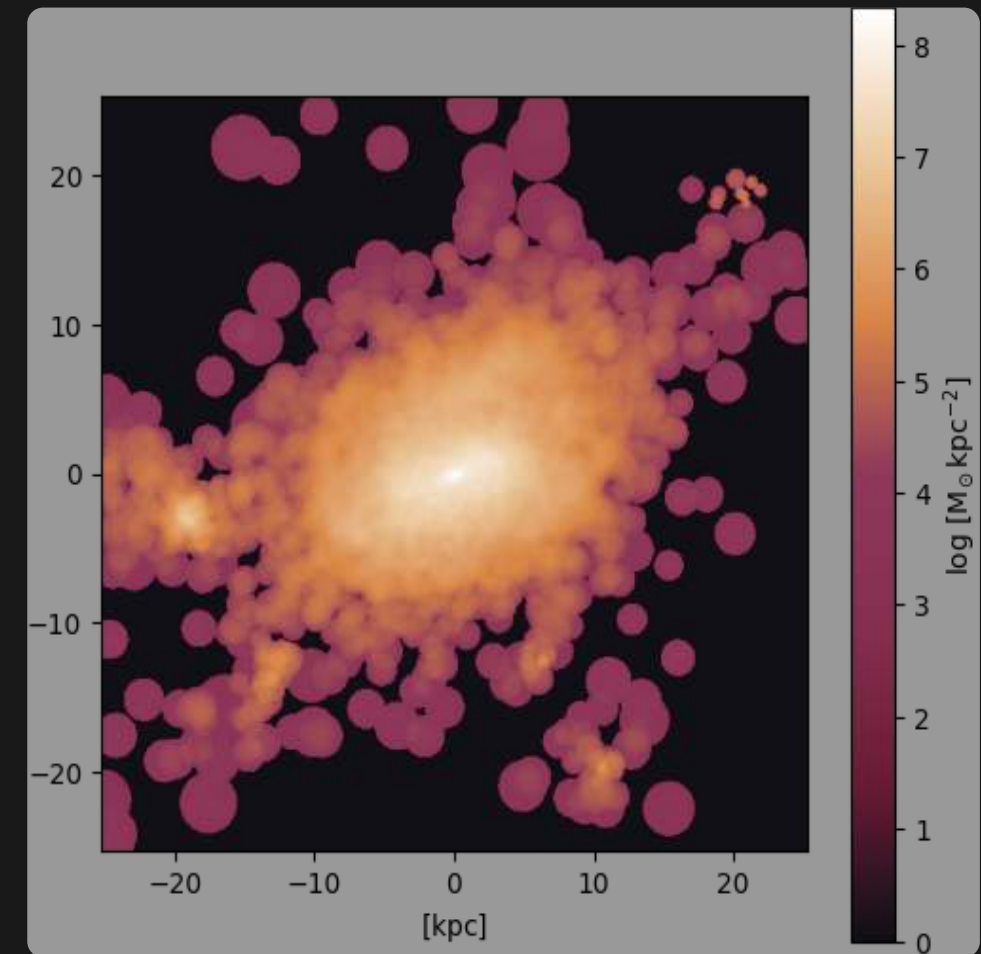
# Gas $\rightarrow$ stars: High turbulence



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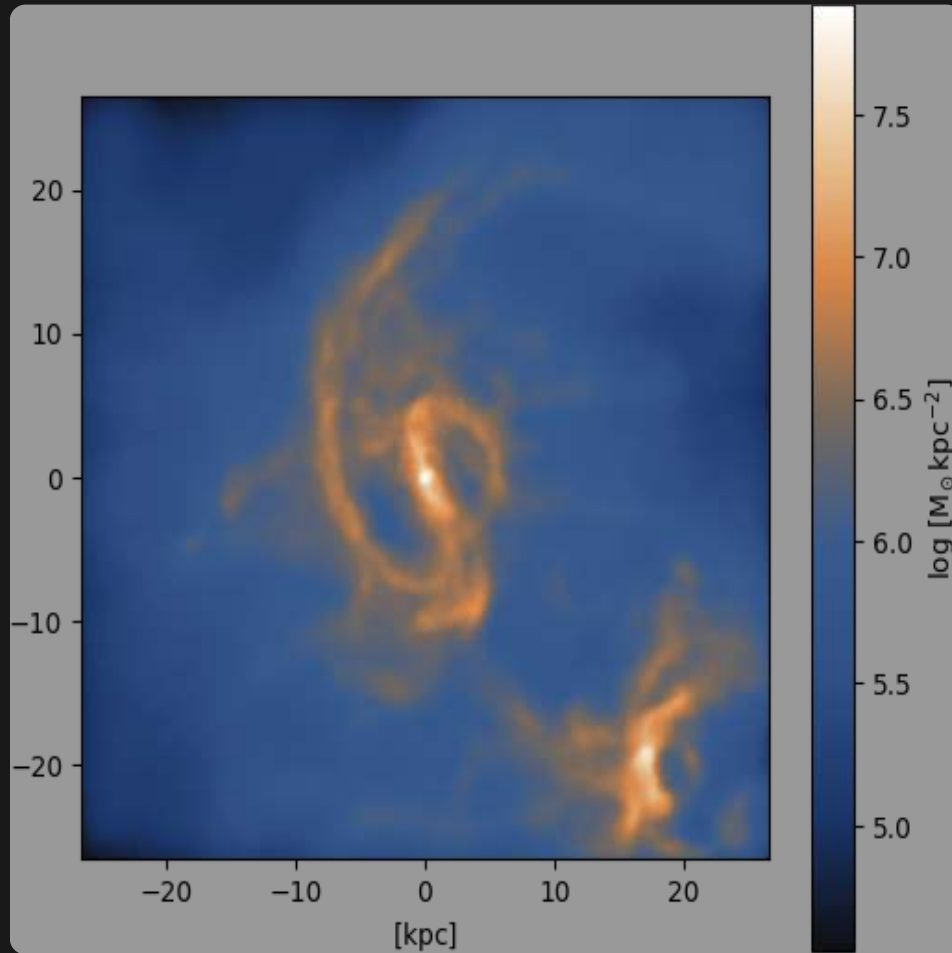


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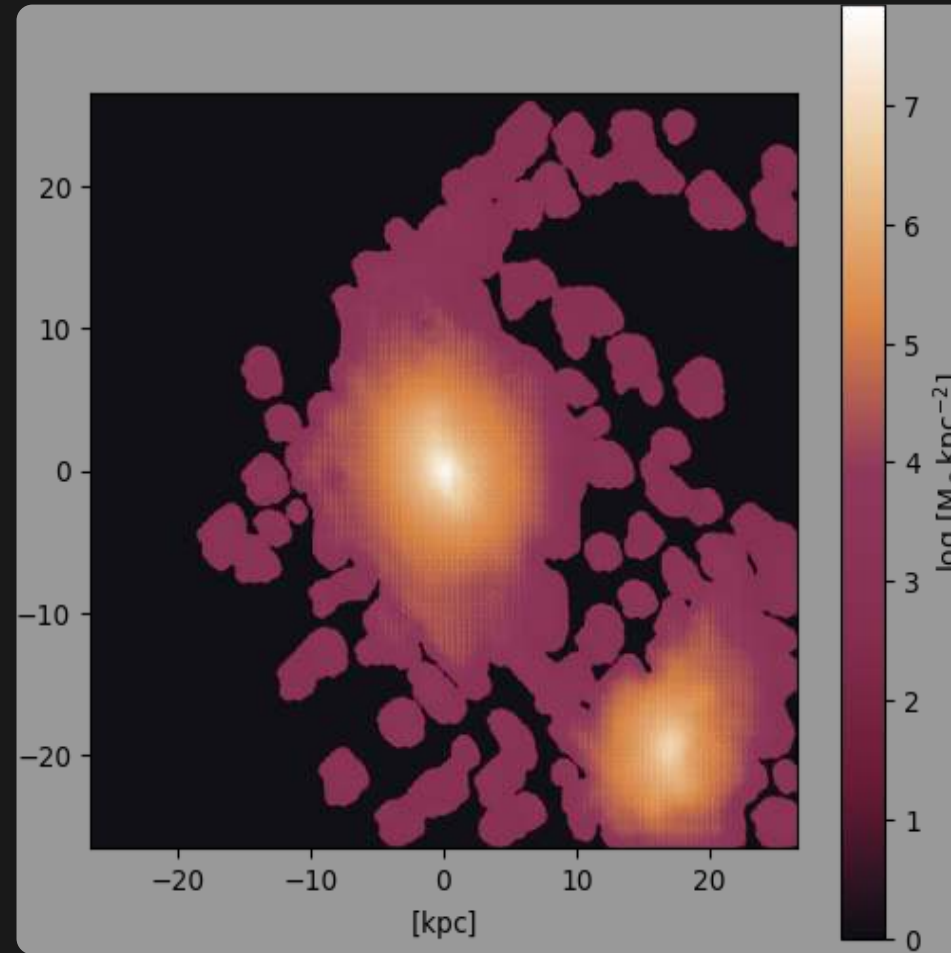


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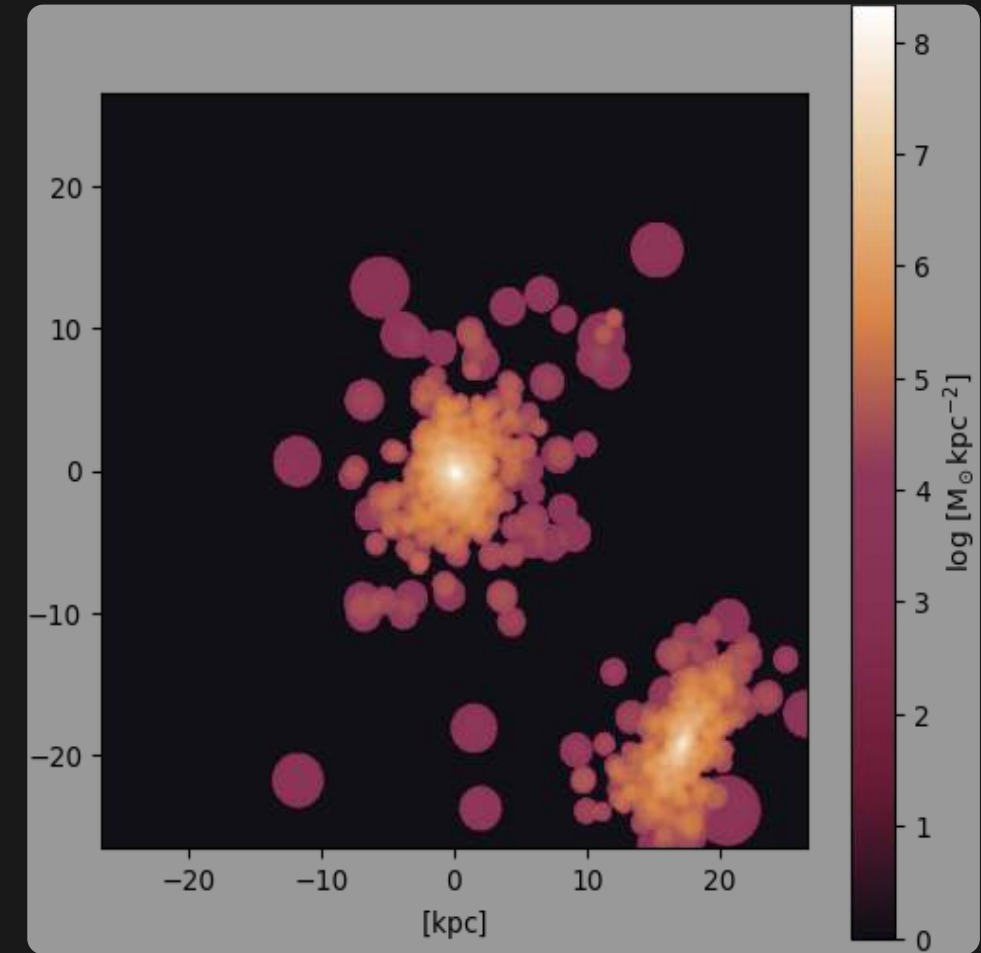
# Gas $\rightarrow$ stars: Mergers



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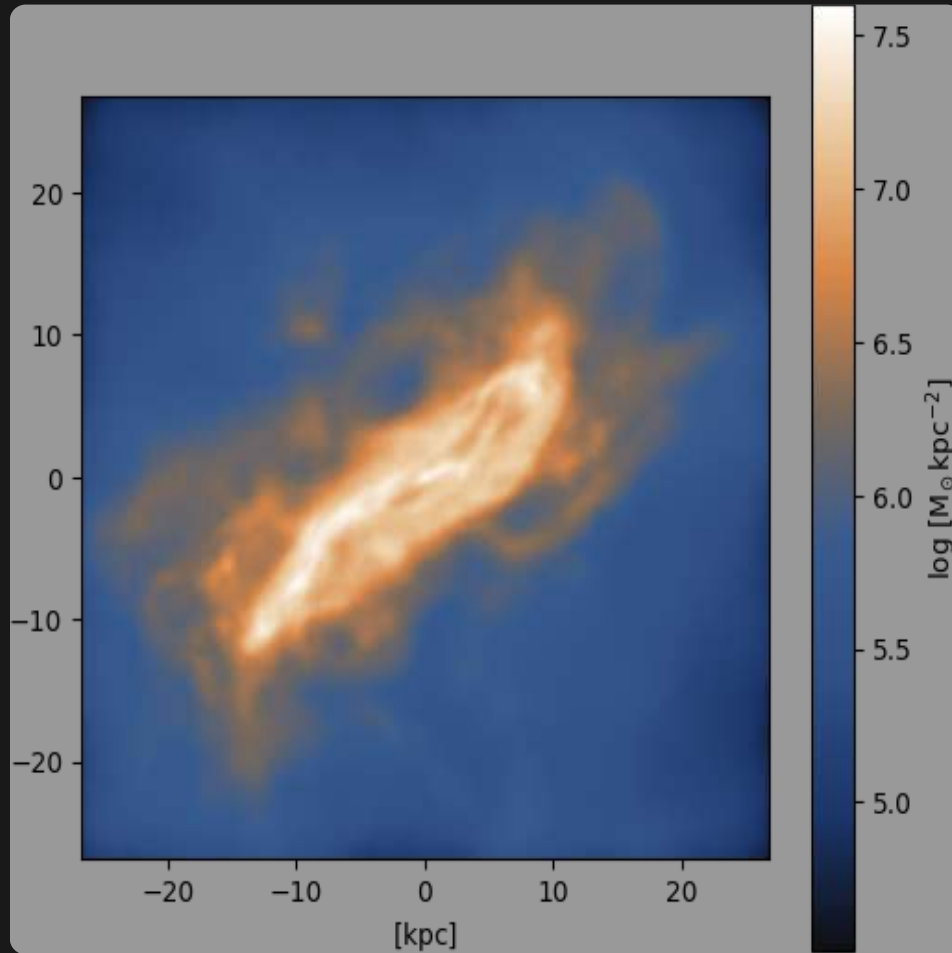


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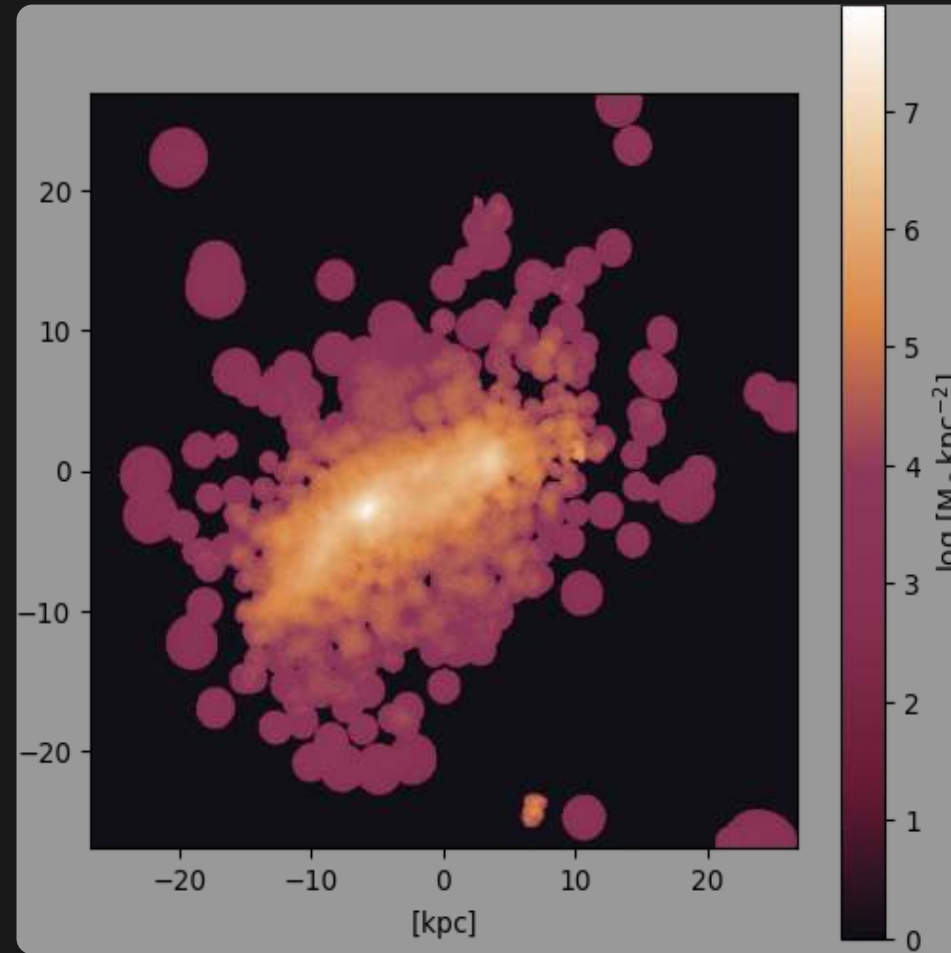


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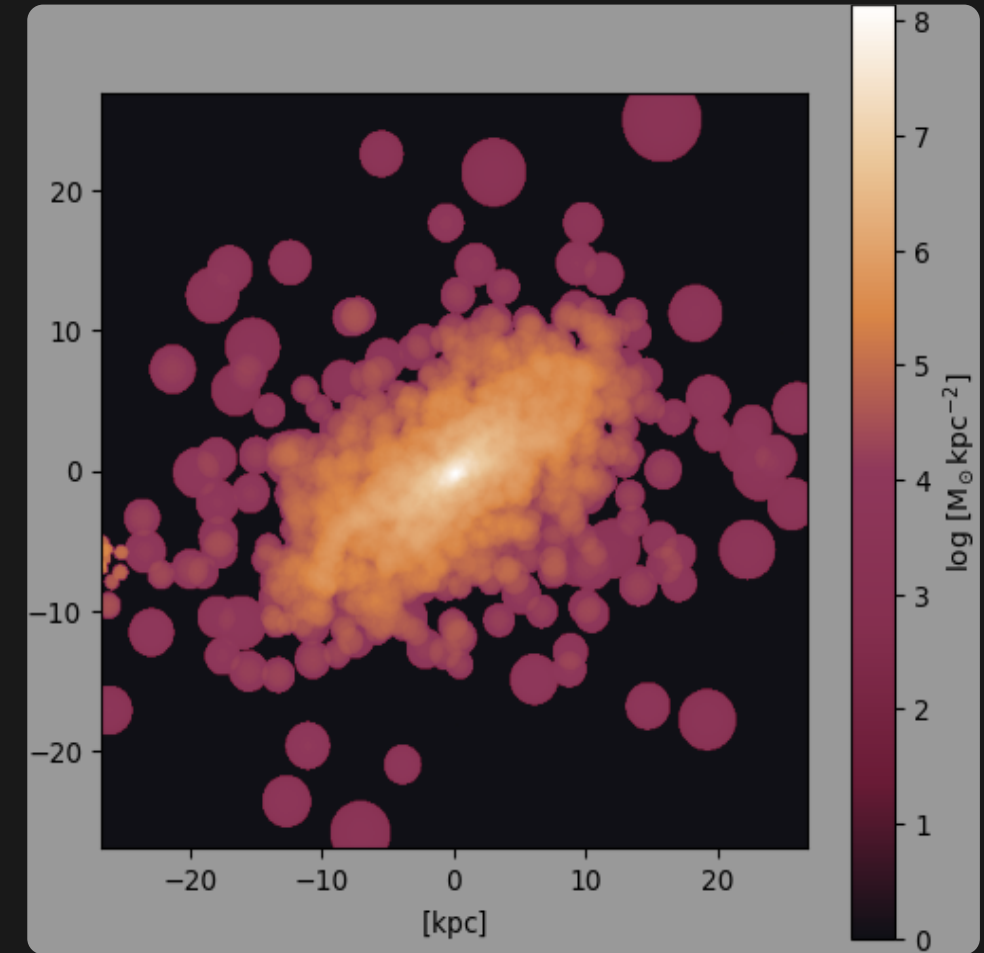
# Gas $\rightarrow$ stars: Irregular shape



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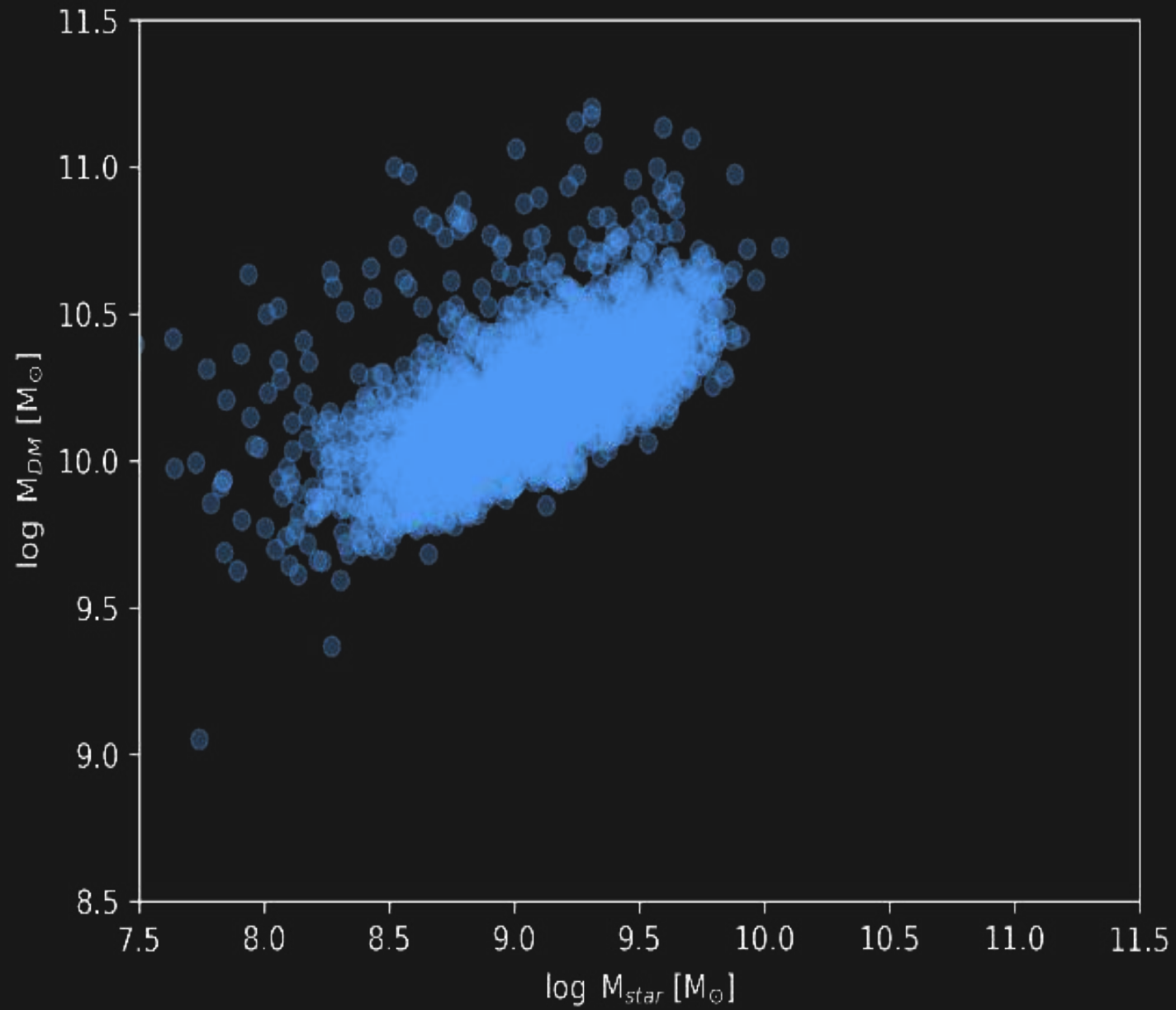
Output (standard DDPM)



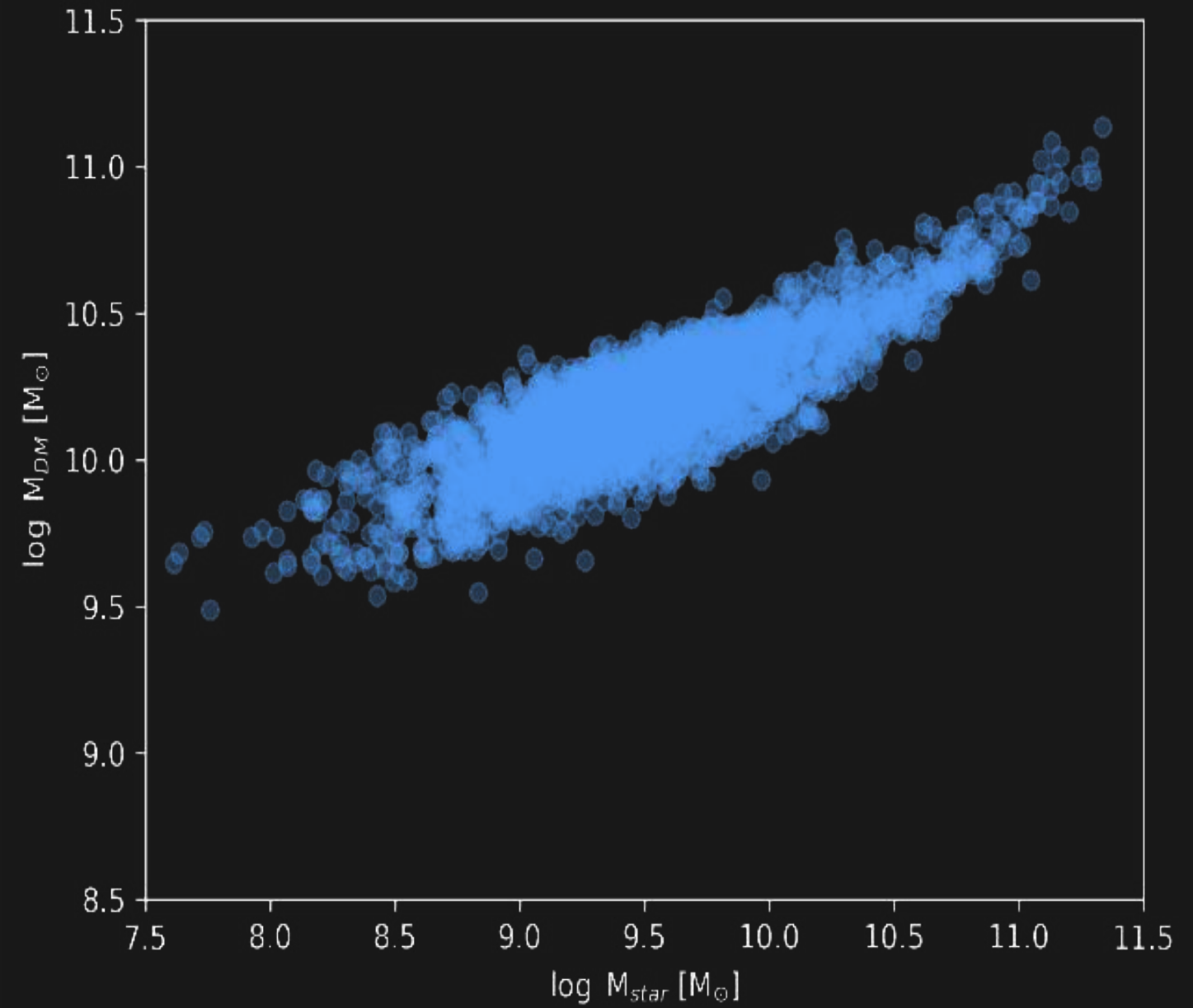
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# "Abundance matching"

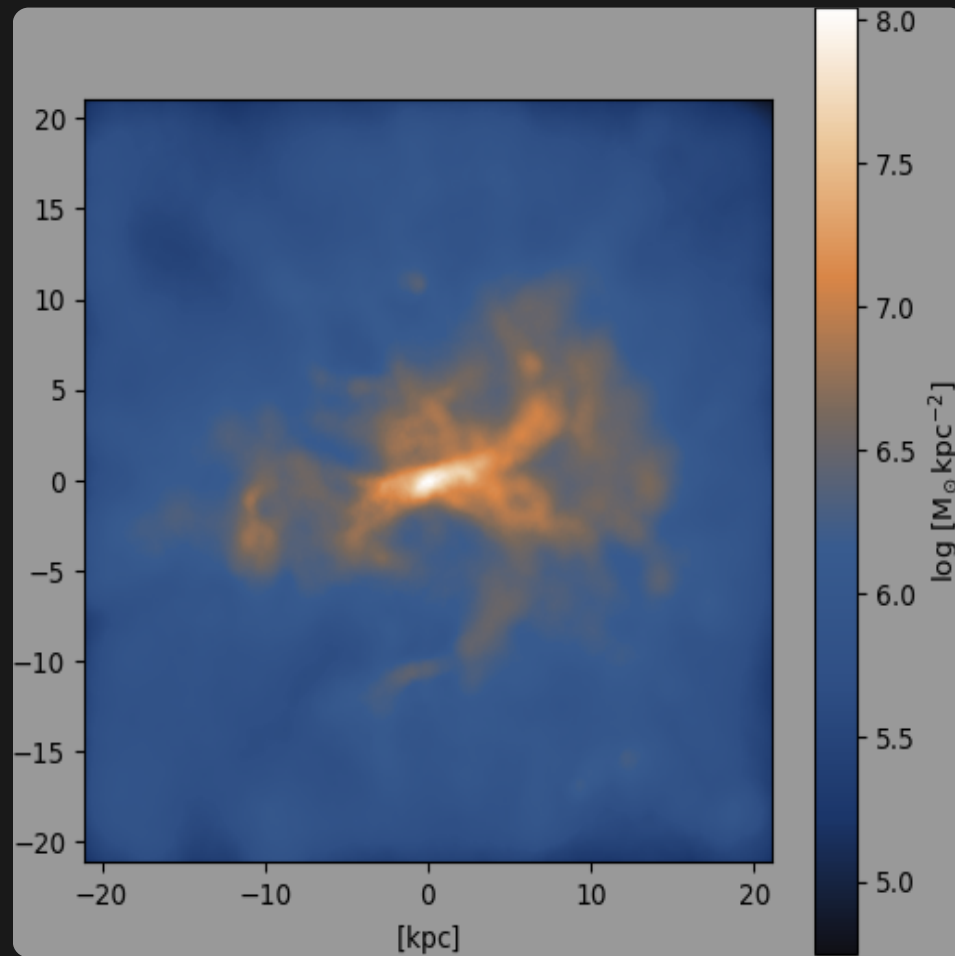


model using pix2pix+Attention

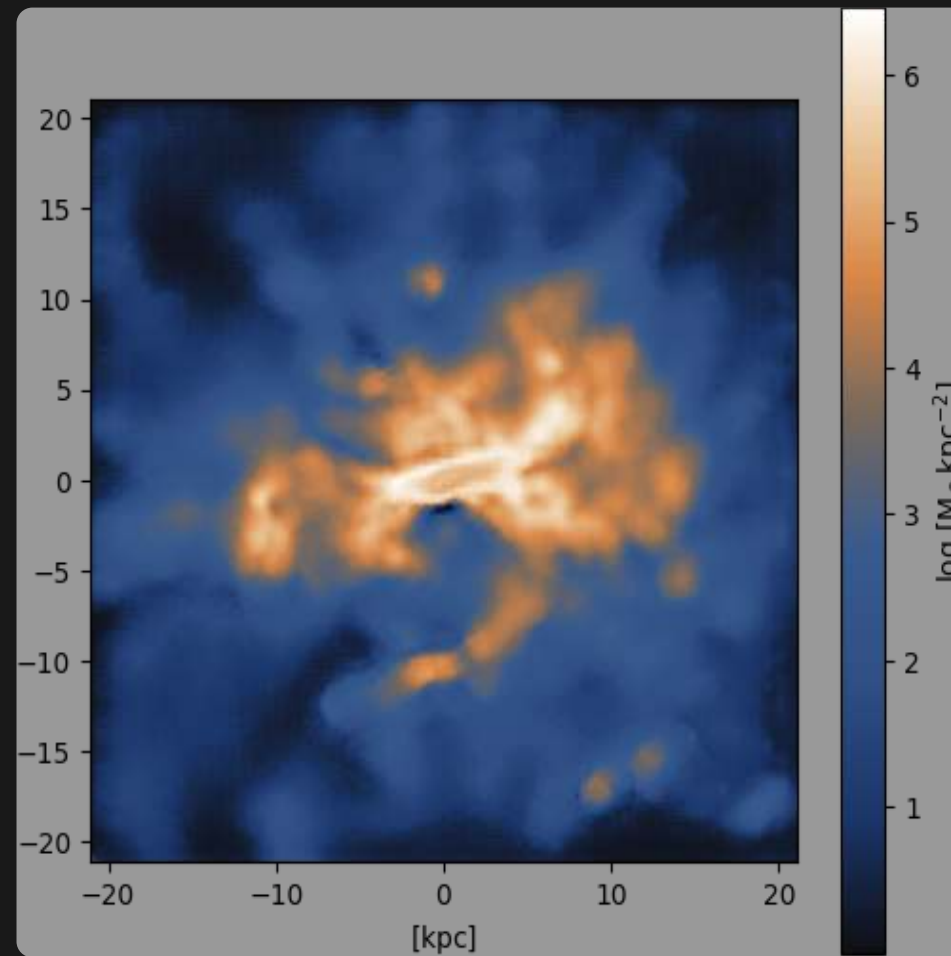


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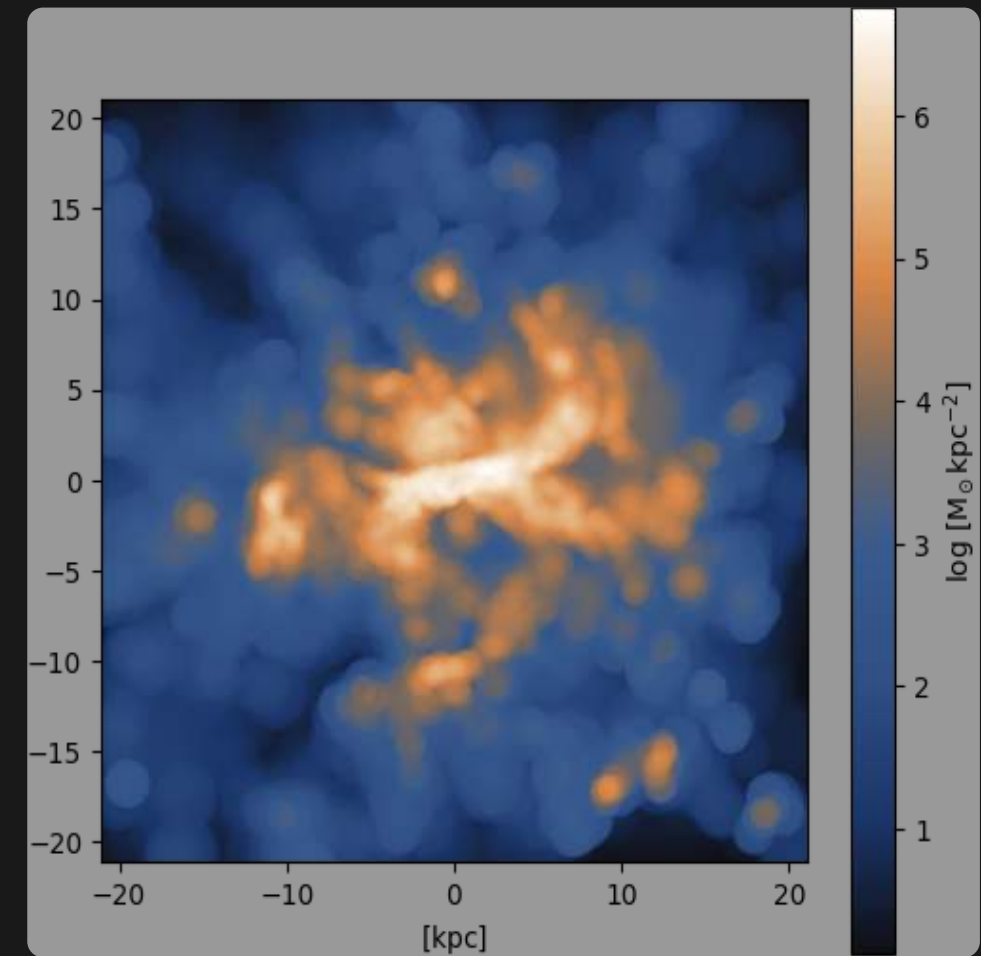
# Gas $\rightarrow$ HI



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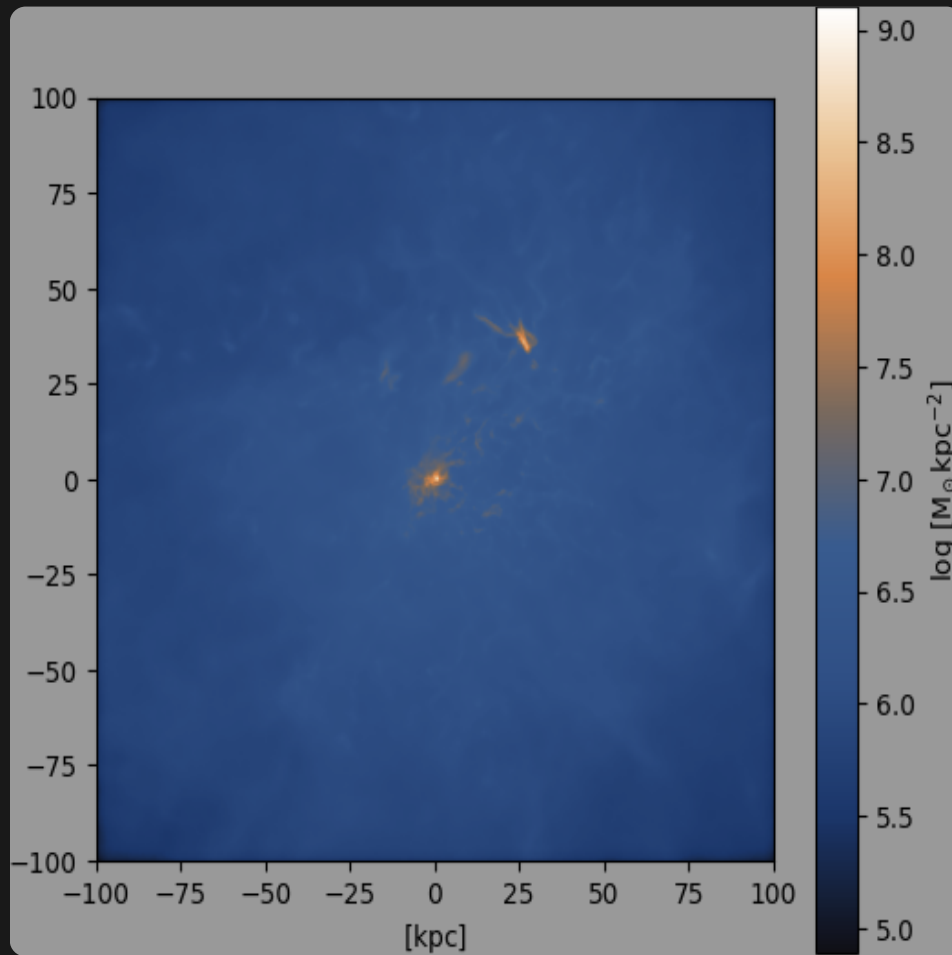


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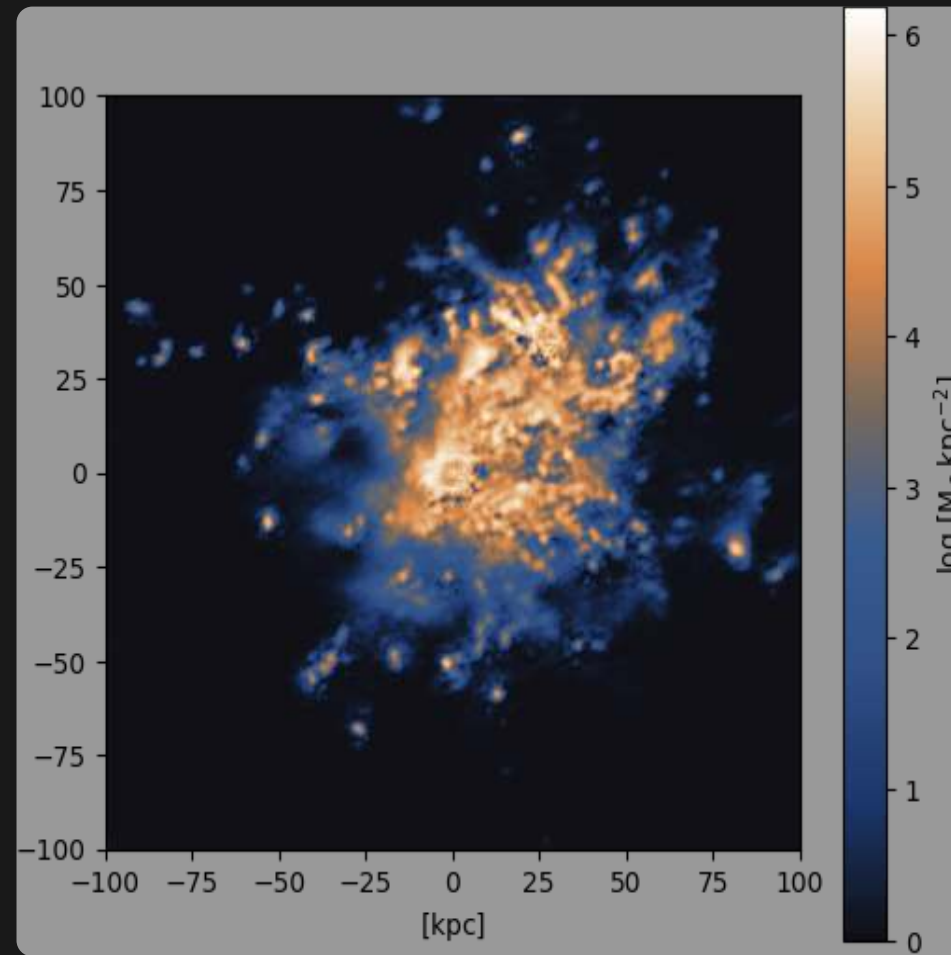


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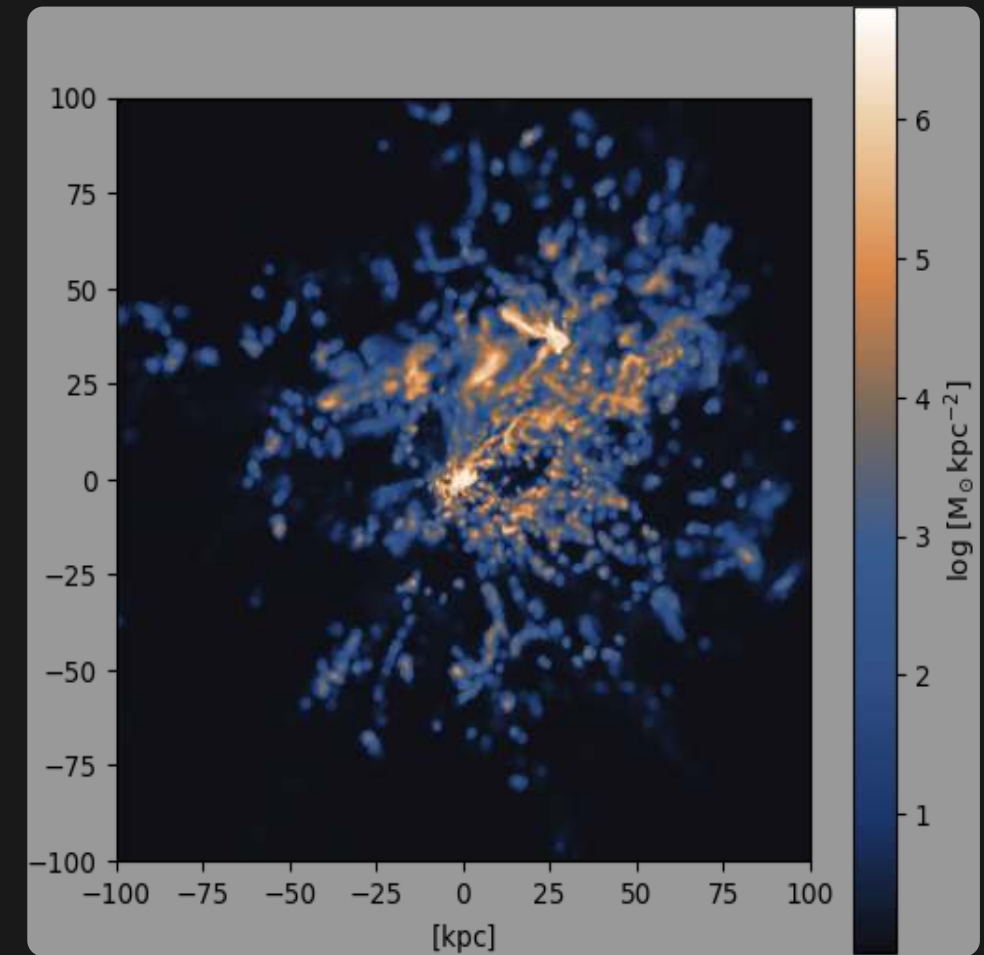
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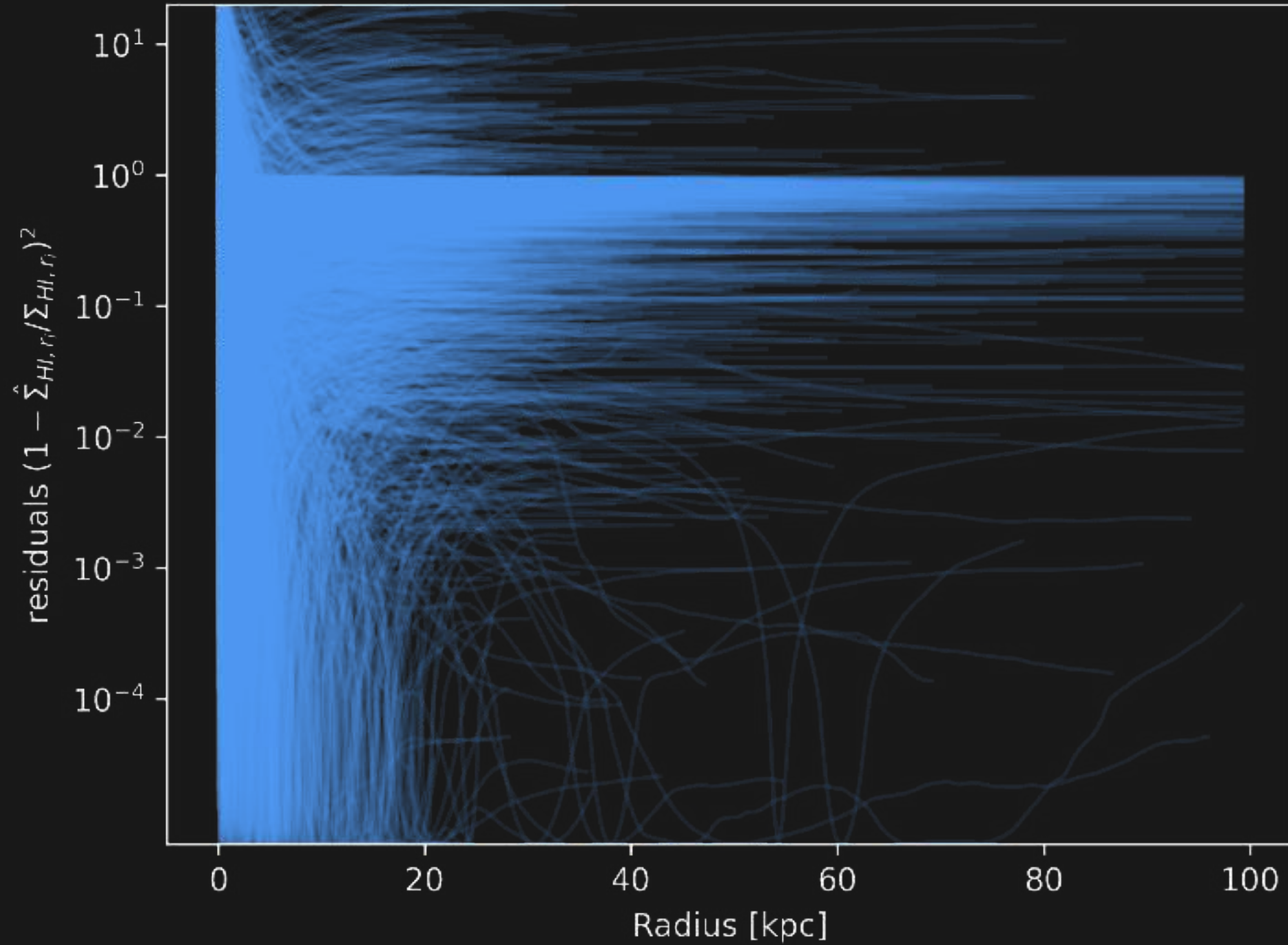
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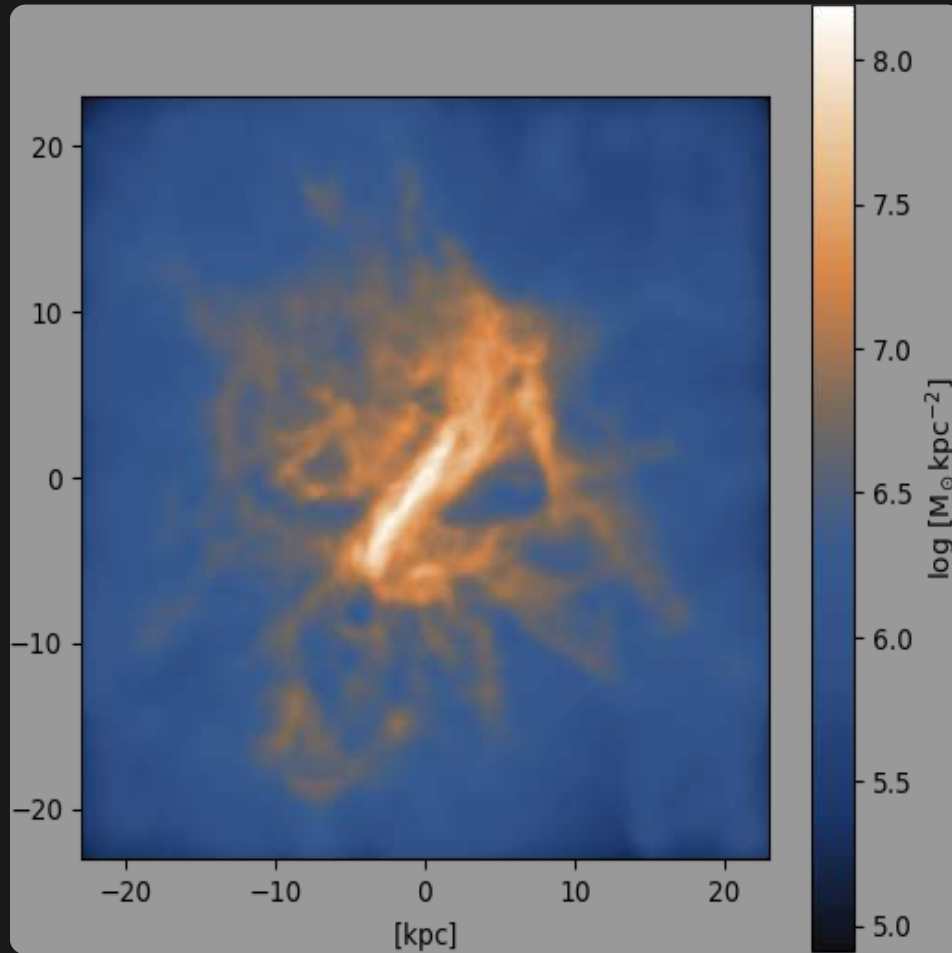
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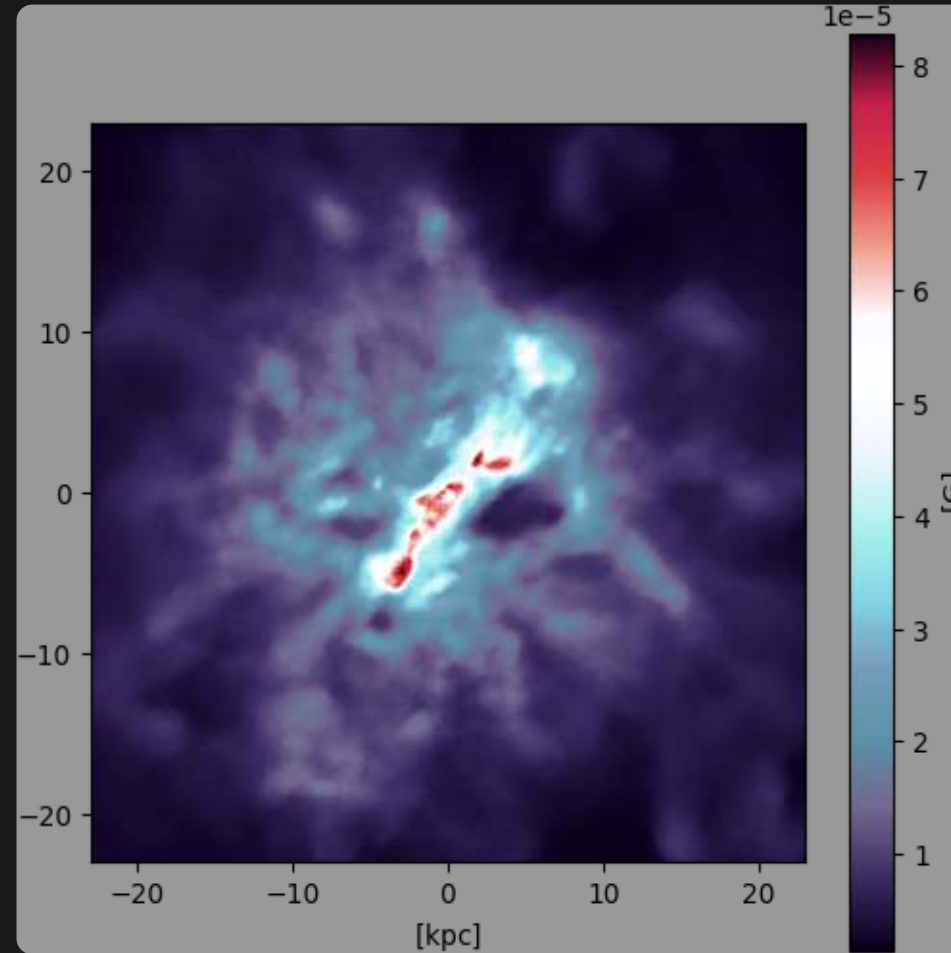
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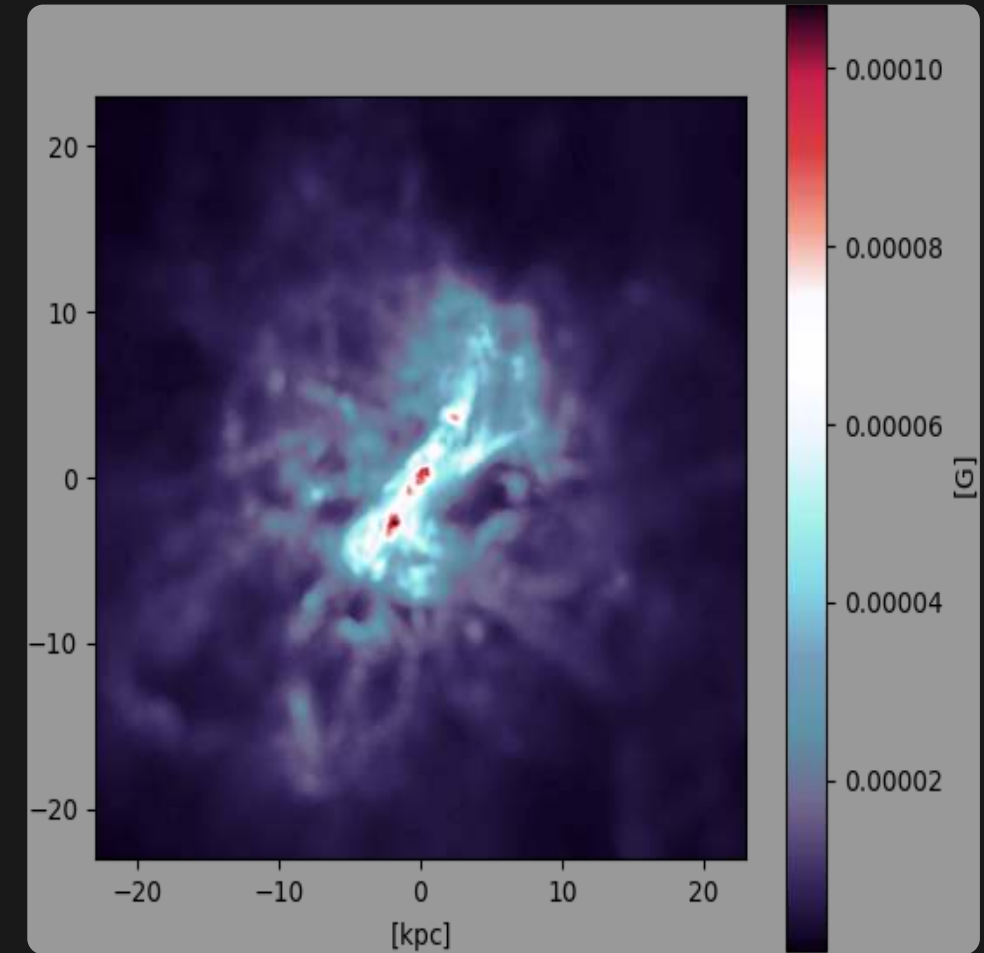
# Gas $\rightarrow$ B-field:



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