Zoom-in cosmological simulations of cold flows-hot halo gas interaction: Refinement focused on cold gas filaments

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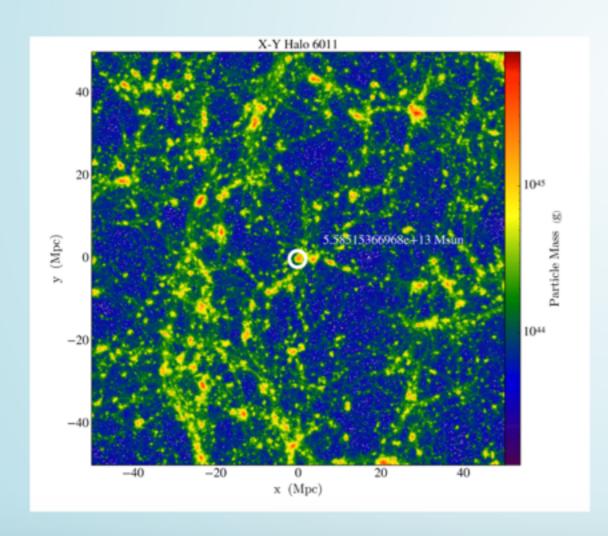
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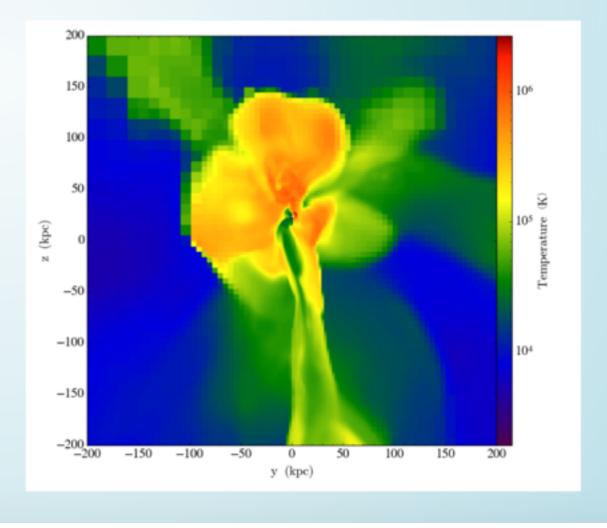
Goal: To study the evolution of cold flow instabilities in a cosmological context (following Nir Mandelker et al 2016a)

Method: Zoom-in cosmological simulations using RAMSES code (with no BHs/AGN) + new refinement criteria

Cold flows - Hot CGM interaction

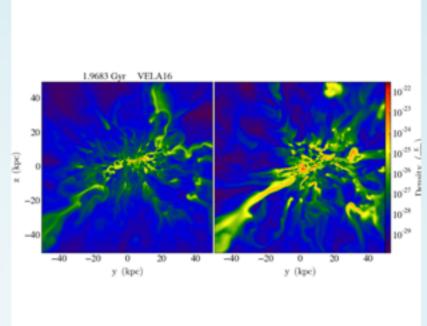
- Massive galaxies at z=1-4 in nodes of the cosmic web
- Mvir~10^12Msun. Virial shock, hot halo at T~10^6K
- Feed by cold gas streams penetrating the hot halo

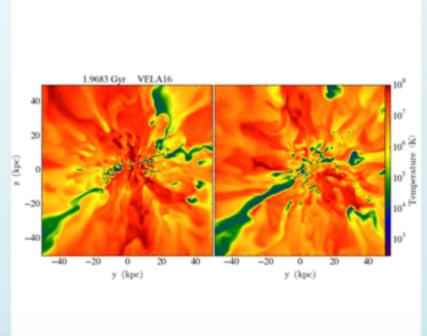


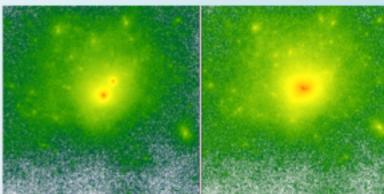


Cold flows - Hot CGM interaction

- Cold filaments narrower than
 Rvir
- About half of the gas that cross Rvir ends in the central region (SFR, angular momentum)
- Infall at constant velocity (from simulations)
- Stability? Break into clumps?
 Comparison with
 observations.

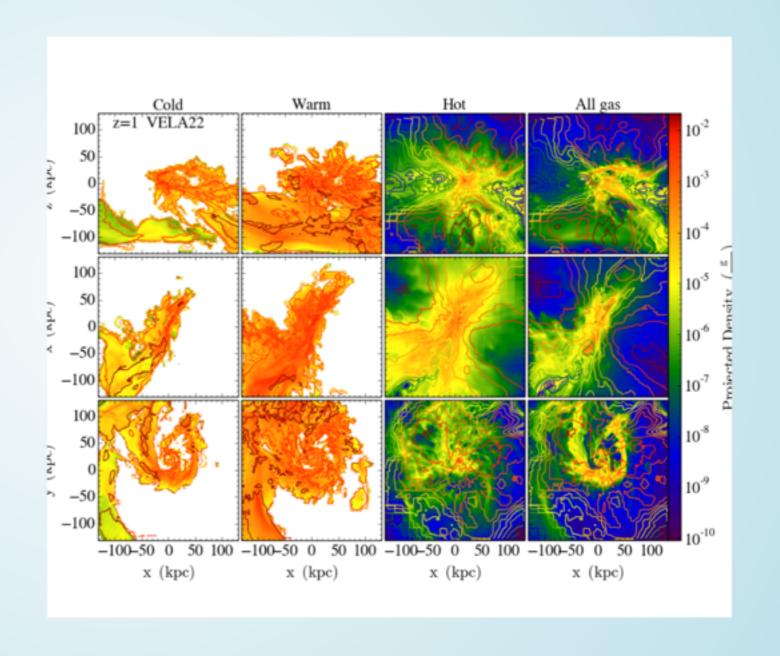






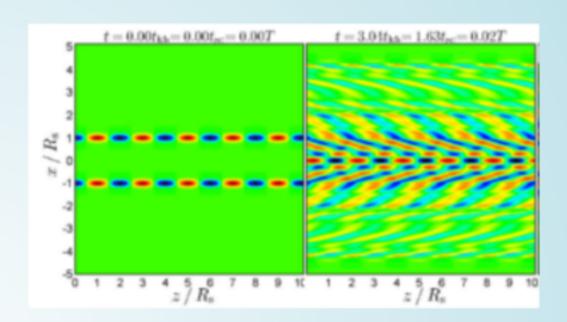
Cold flows - Hot CGM interaction: Models

- To study the cold flow hot halo
 CGM interaction we need:
 - Realistic physical processes for gas hydrodynamics
 - High spatial and temporal resolution (cold flows are of tens of parsecs)
 - Cosmological context
 - Understanding of the individual processes that drive instabilities.



Cold flows - Hot CGM interaction: Models

- Mandelker et al. 2016a:
 - First paper of a series
 - Study of the Kelvin-Helmholtz instability
 - Ramses CODE
 - No magnetic fields
 - No thermal conduction
 - No cooling
 - No gravity (no halo potential, no self-gravity)
 - Adiabatic processes
 - Supersonic flow of cold-dense gas through hot underdense gas medium
 - Slab or cylinder 3D
 - Study of Kelvin-Helmholtz instability

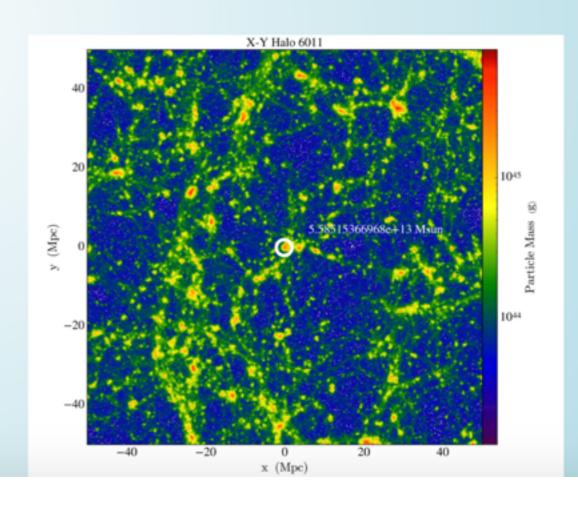


The code:

- RAMSES code (bitbucket last version)
- Cooling (H, He, metals) / Heating below z=10 (reionization)
- SF: 0.1H/cm³, eps=0.02 (t0= 8 Gyr)
- SNe: Blastwave, 50% kinetic
- No AGN

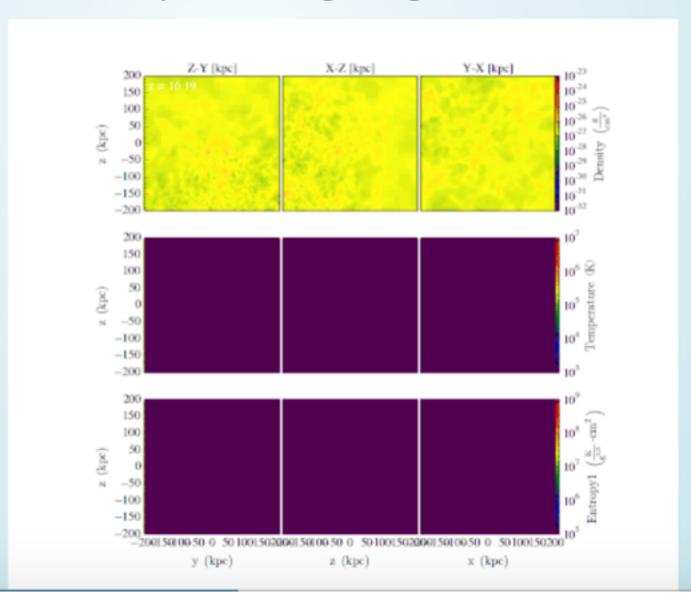
Initial conditions (zoom-in technique):

- Low resolution DM-only run, up to z=0
- Halo selection: by mass + by environment



Main simulation:

- Using usual refinement prescription (DM/gas mass/density threshold)
- Up to z~2 (defined cold filaments penetrating hot gas halo)
- Resolution ~600 pc.

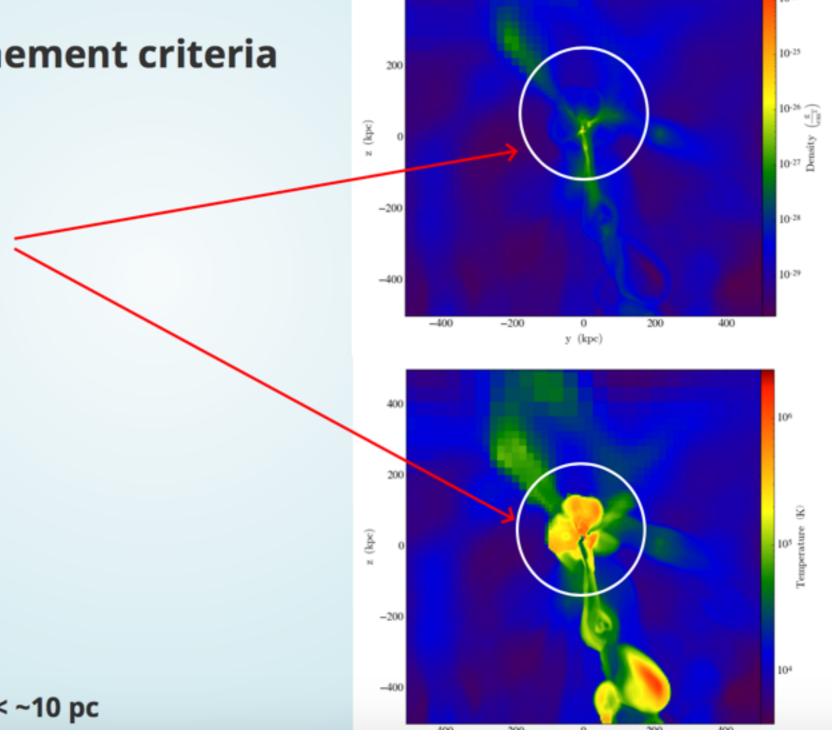


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Simulation with new refinement criteria

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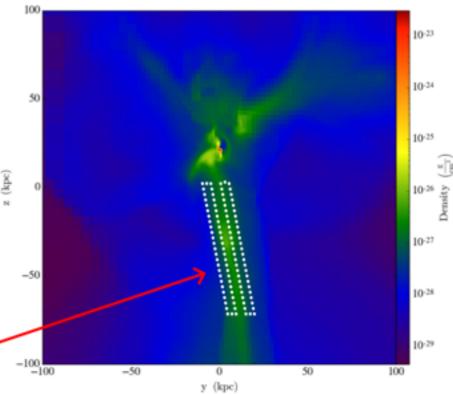


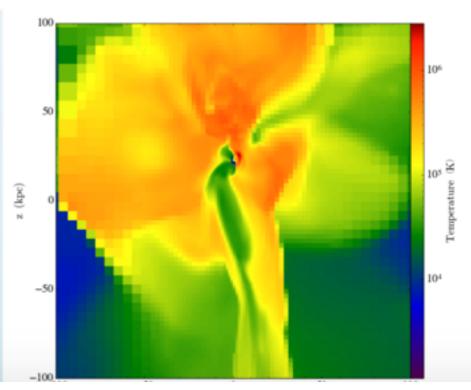
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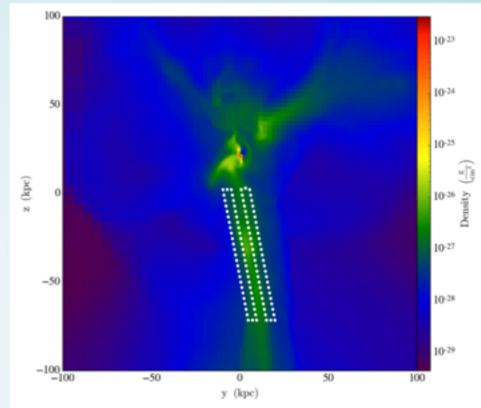


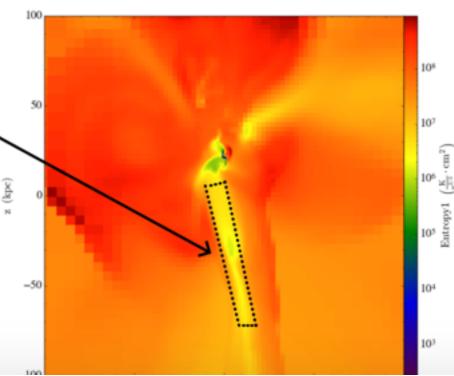
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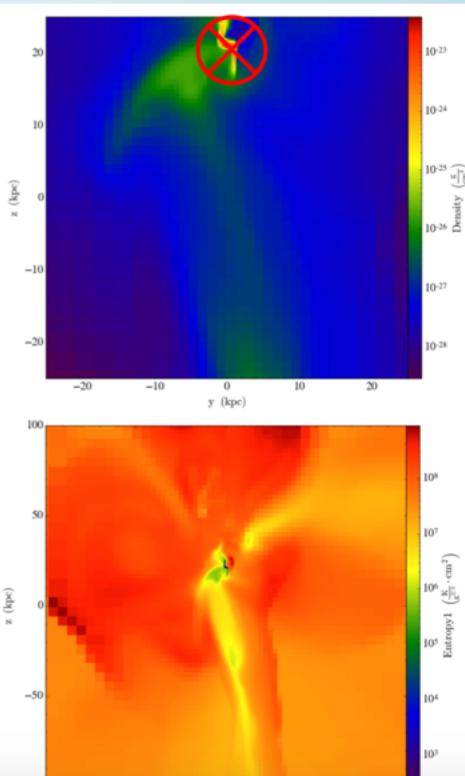


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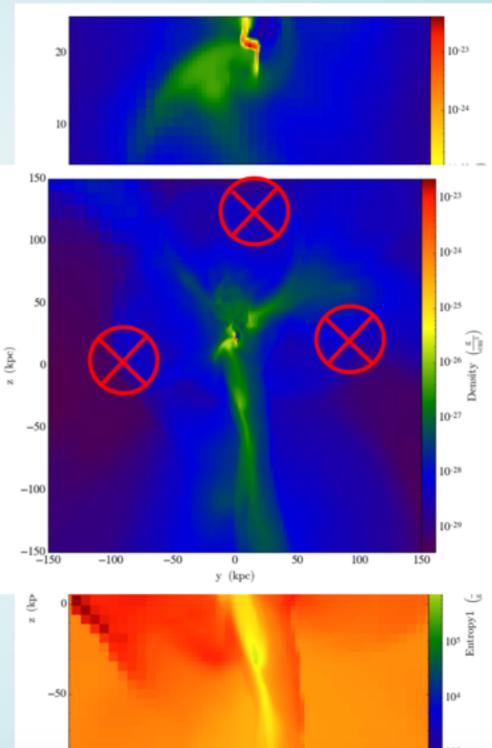
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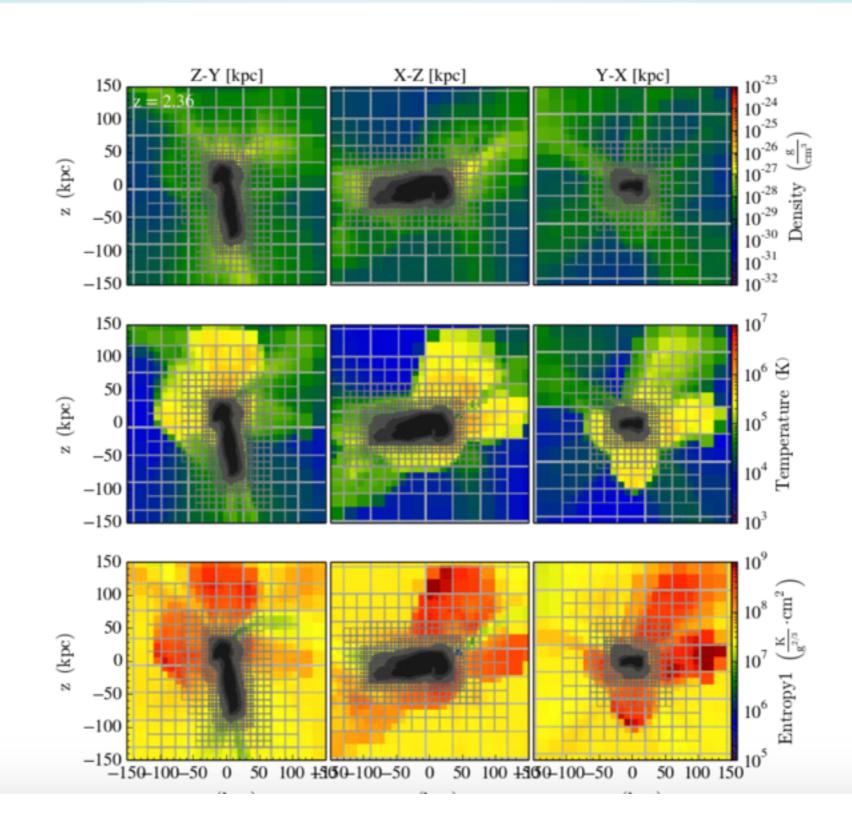
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- Low limit in density (no refinement in CGM)



Results



Next steps

- Increase the spatial resolution up to 10pc or more (CRITICAL to properly simulate instabilities!)
- More halos and more massive (to have statistics and different scenarios)
- Begin the analysis, following Mandelker et al. 2016

Simulating VELA models up to z=0 using RAMSES

Goal

 Get models of VELA galaxies using RAMSES code, up to z=0, and using SNe + BH + AGN.

Motivation

- The group in Jerusalem + collaborators have a deep knowledge of the 35 VELA galaxy models (run using ART by D. Ceverino, with different SNe feedback recipes).
- ART is not very well parallelized, very difficult to reach z=0 with high resolution when simulating massive galaxies.
- Several properties of external galaxies can only be observed at low redshifts (0-0.5), e.g. cool/hot CGM.

Simulating VELA models up to z=0 using RAMSES

How to proceed?

Convert full ART-VELA initial conditions to RAMSES?

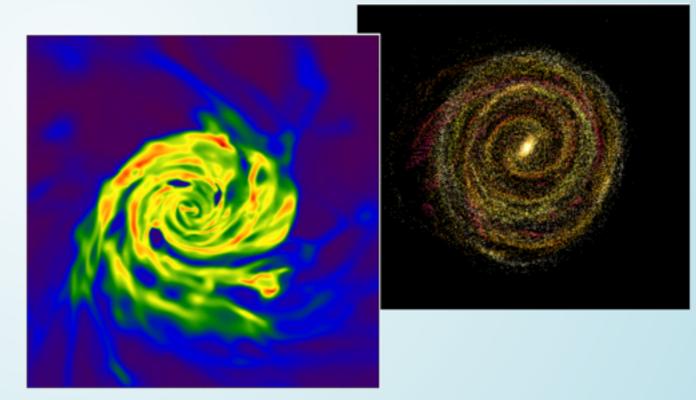
Convert DM-only ART-VELA initial conditions to RAMSES and then add baryons

independently?

Convert the first time step?

Does it has been done before?

Thank you!



GARROTXA models (Roca-Fabrega et al 2016)