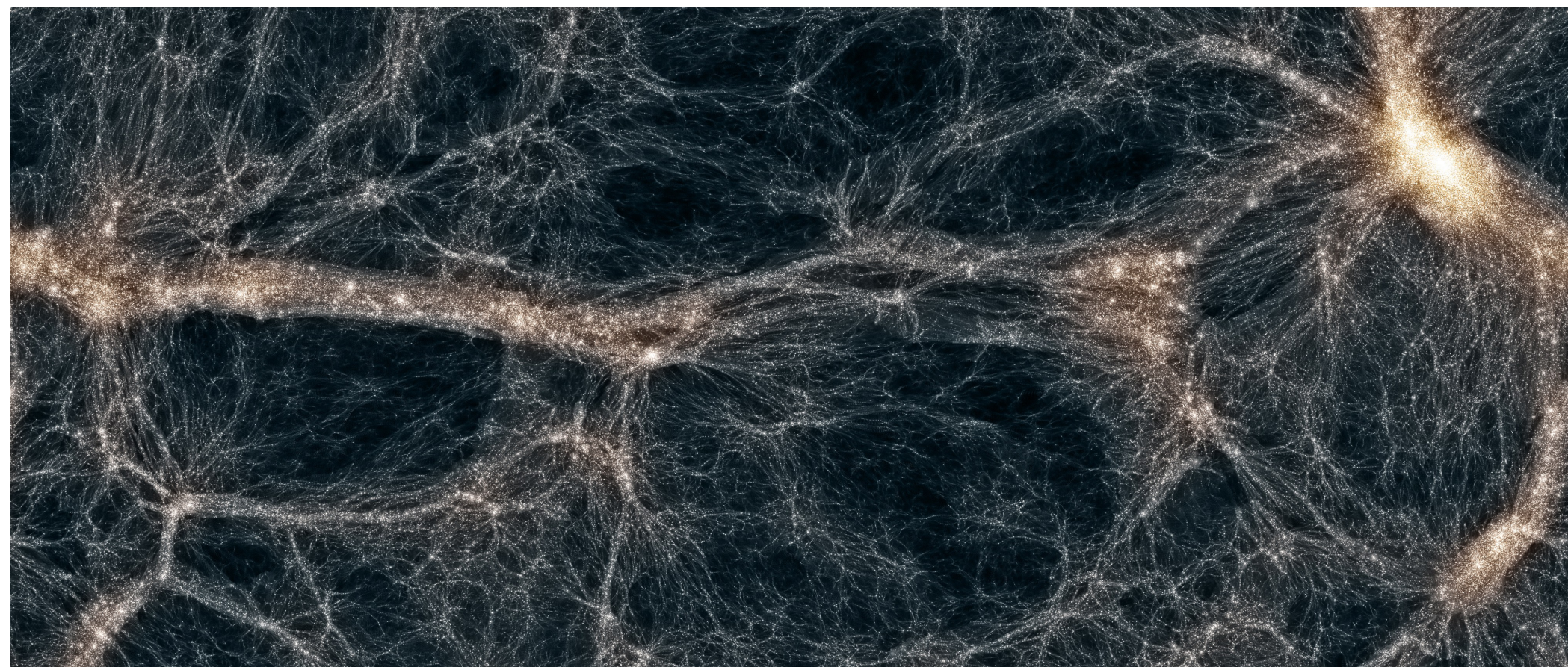


# ChaNGa: from cosmology to a flexible, parallel tree-code framework



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# Dark Matter in the Universe

- Cosmic Microwave Background (Gigapc)

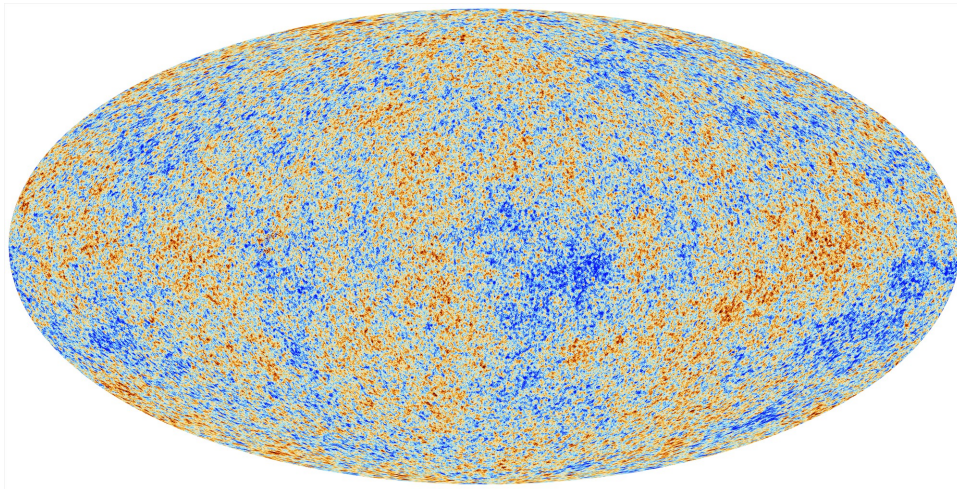
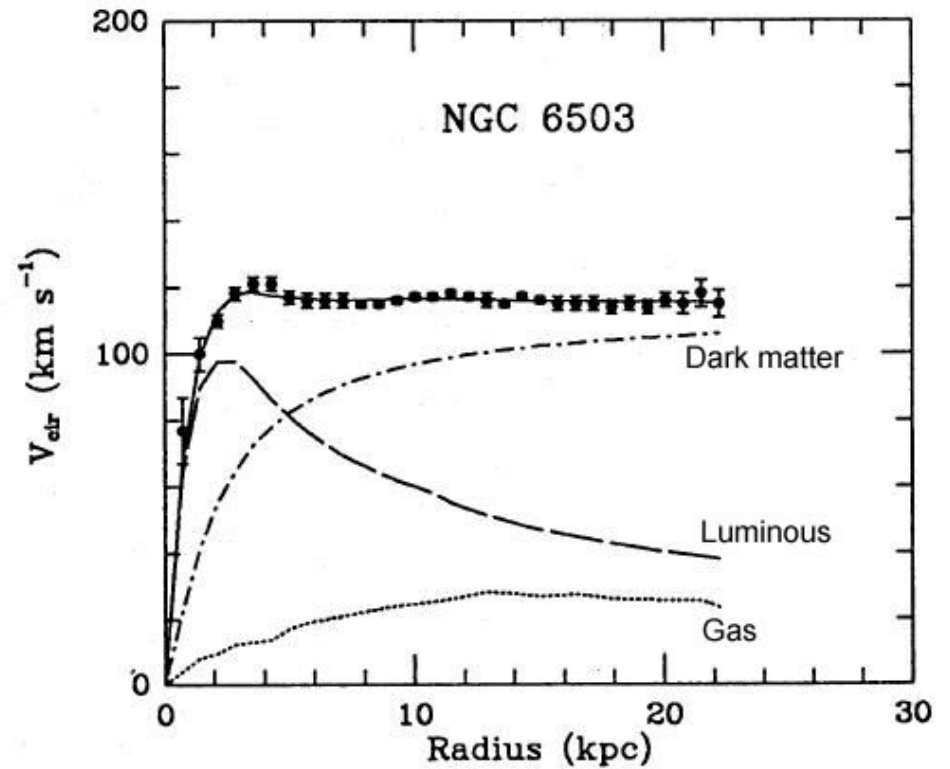


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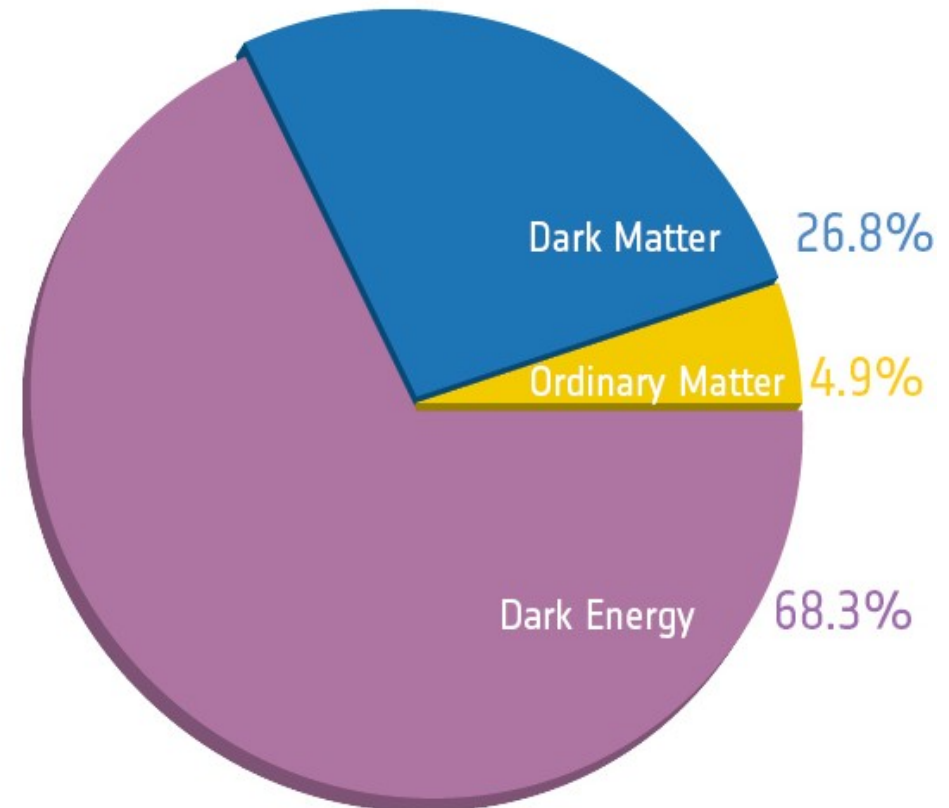
- Galaxy Rotation Curves (Kilopc)



Begeman, Broels & Sanders, 1991

# Fundamental Problem: Dark Matter and Energy: What is it?

- Not baryons
- Gravitates!
- **Simulations** show:  
not known neutrinos
- Candidates:
  - Sterile Neutrinos
  - Axions
  - Lightest SUSY Particle (LSP)

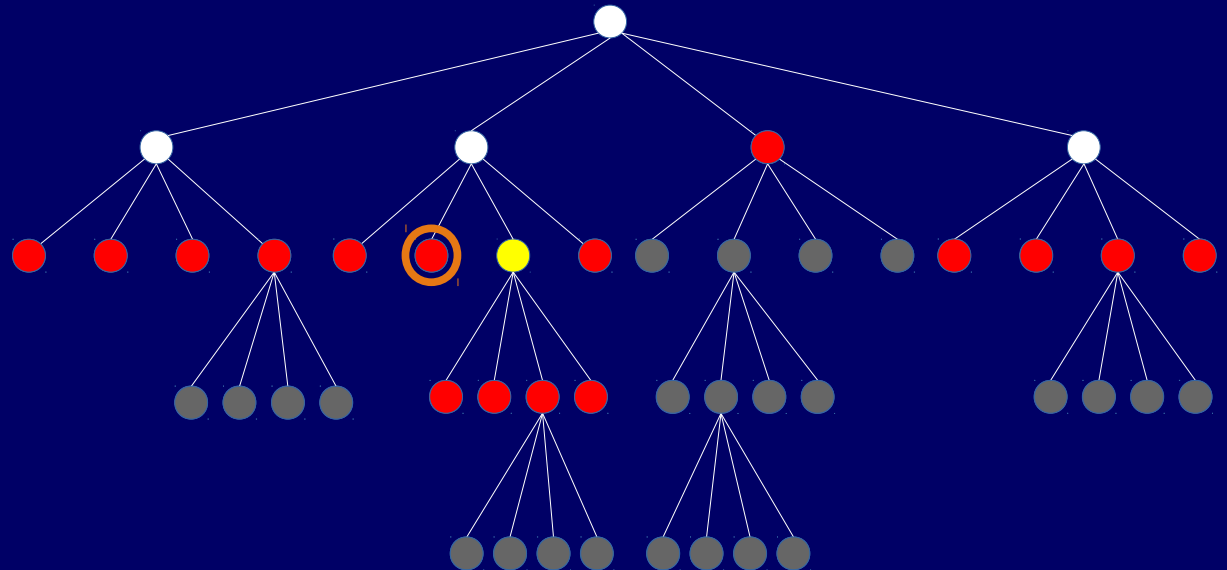
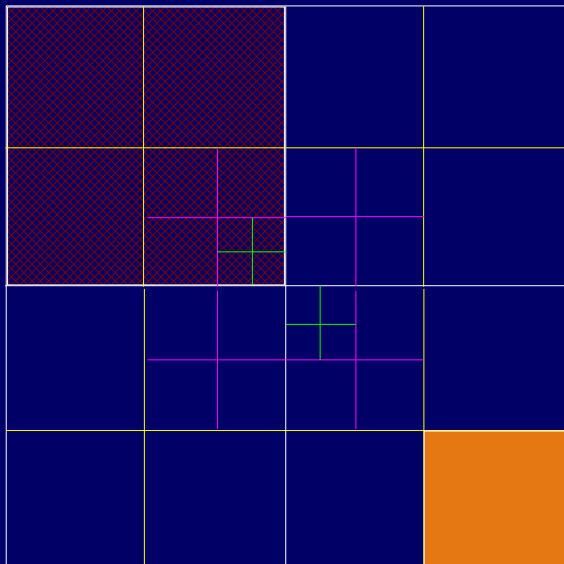


# Modeling Dark Matter

- Physics is simple: Newton's Laws
- Computation is challenging: Naively order  $N^2$
- Large spacial dynamic range:  $> 100$  Mpc to  $< 1$  kpc
  - Hierarchical, adaptive gravity solver is needed
- Large temporal dynamic range: 10 Gyr to  $< 1$  Myr
  - Multiple timestep algorithm is needed
- Gravity is a long range force
  - Hierarchical information needs to go across processor domains

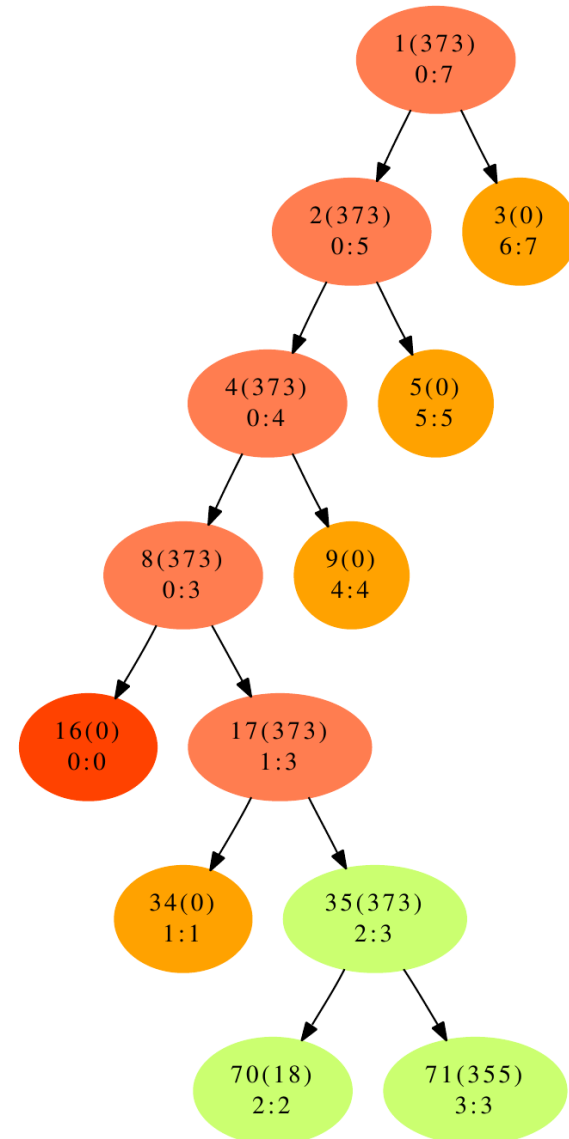
# Basic Gravity algorithm ...

- Newtonian gravity interaction
  - Each particle is influenced by all others:  $O(n^2)$  algorithm
- Barnes-Hut approximation:  $O(n \log n)$ 
  - Influence from distant particles combined into center of mass

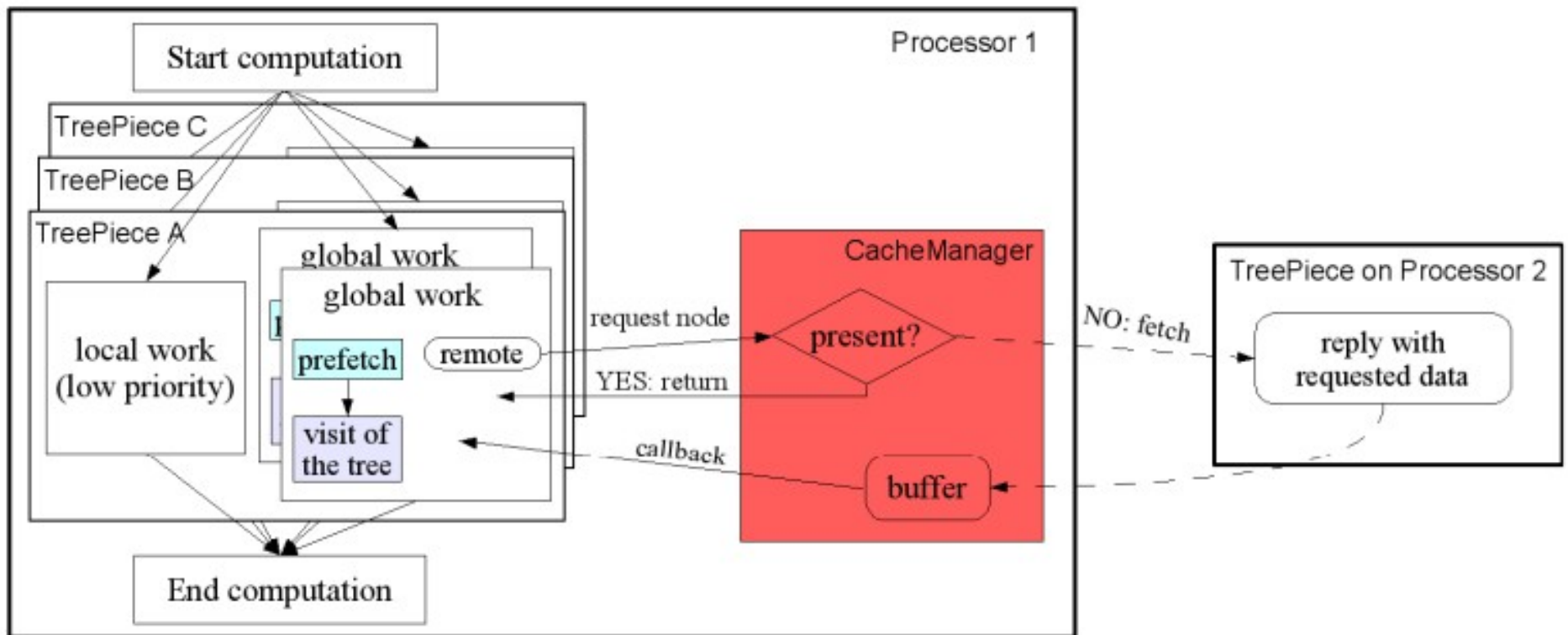


# TreePiece: basic data structure

- A “vertical slice” of the tree, all the way to the root.
- Nodes are either:
  - Internal
  - External
  - Boundary (shared)

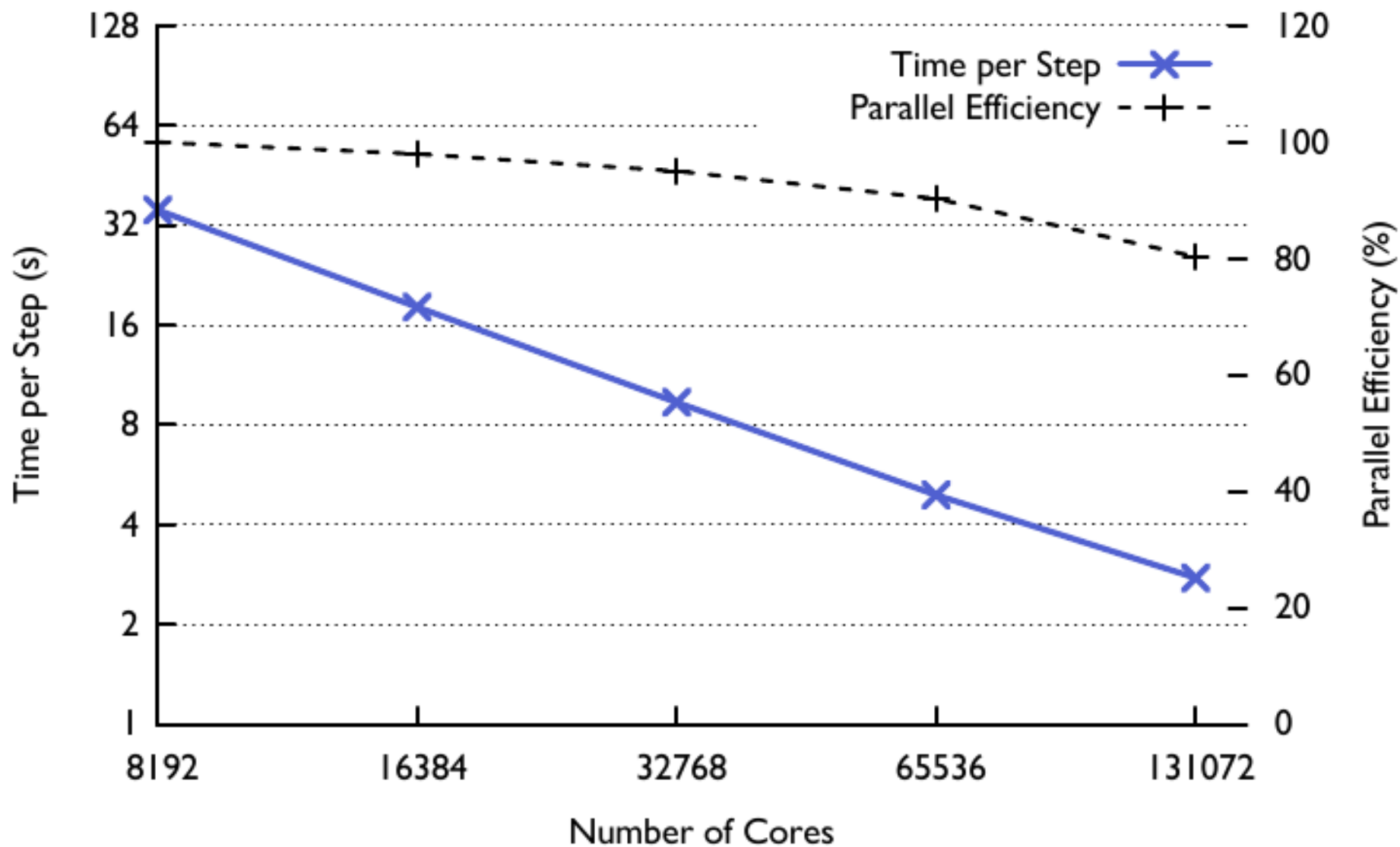


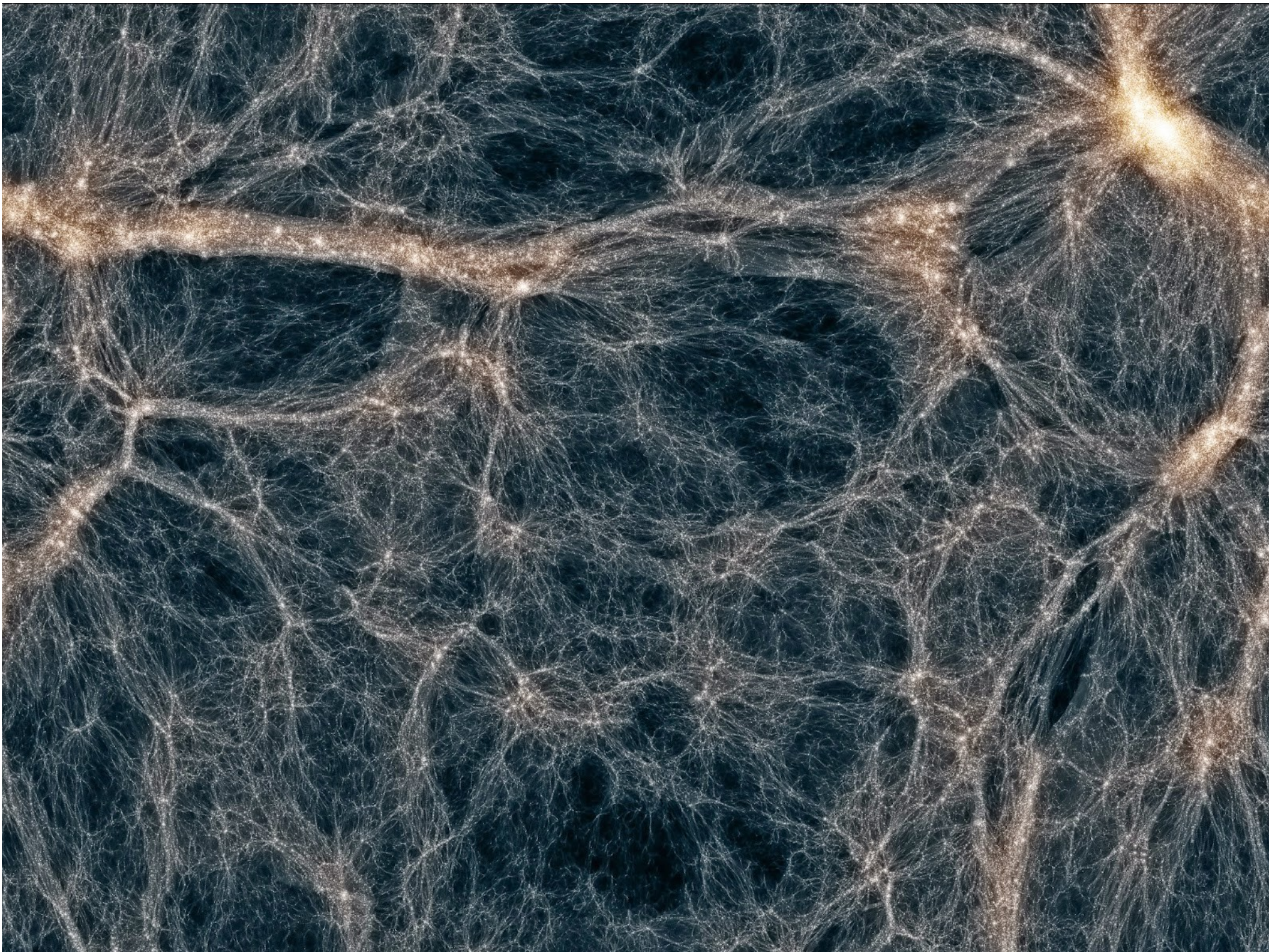
# Overall treewalk structure



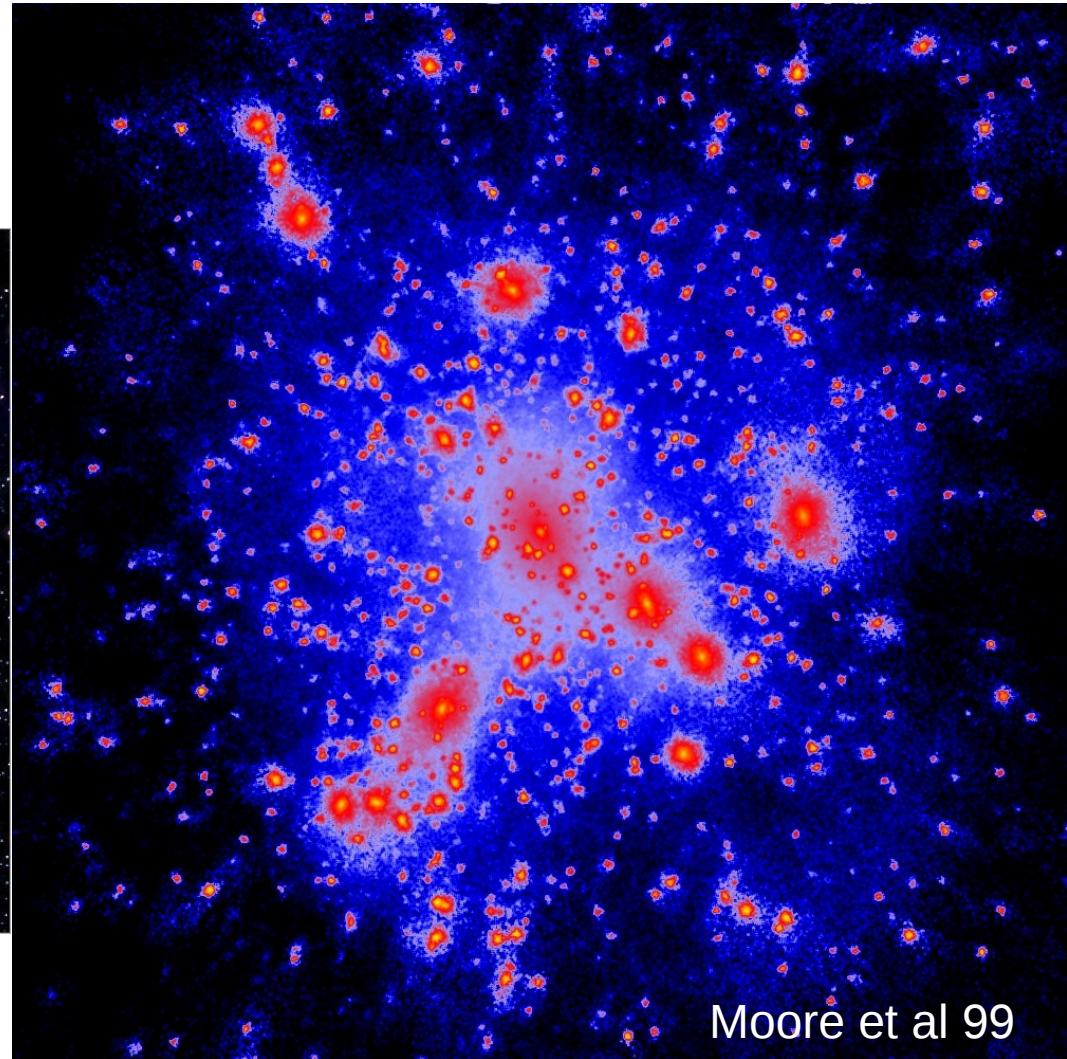
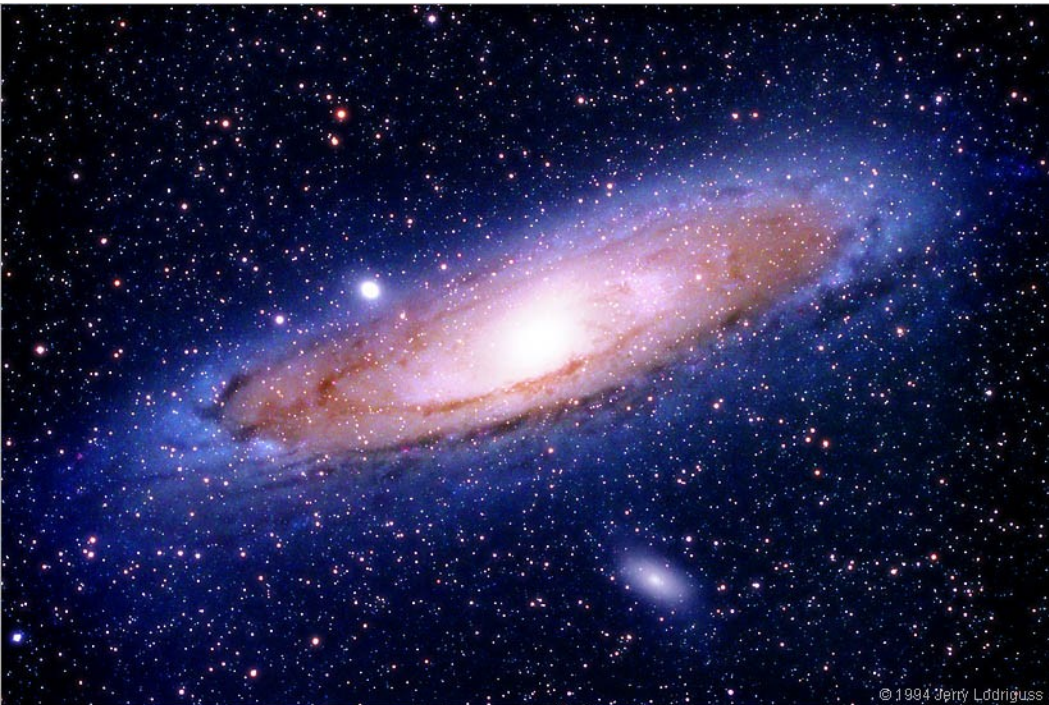


# Speedups for 2 billion clustered particles





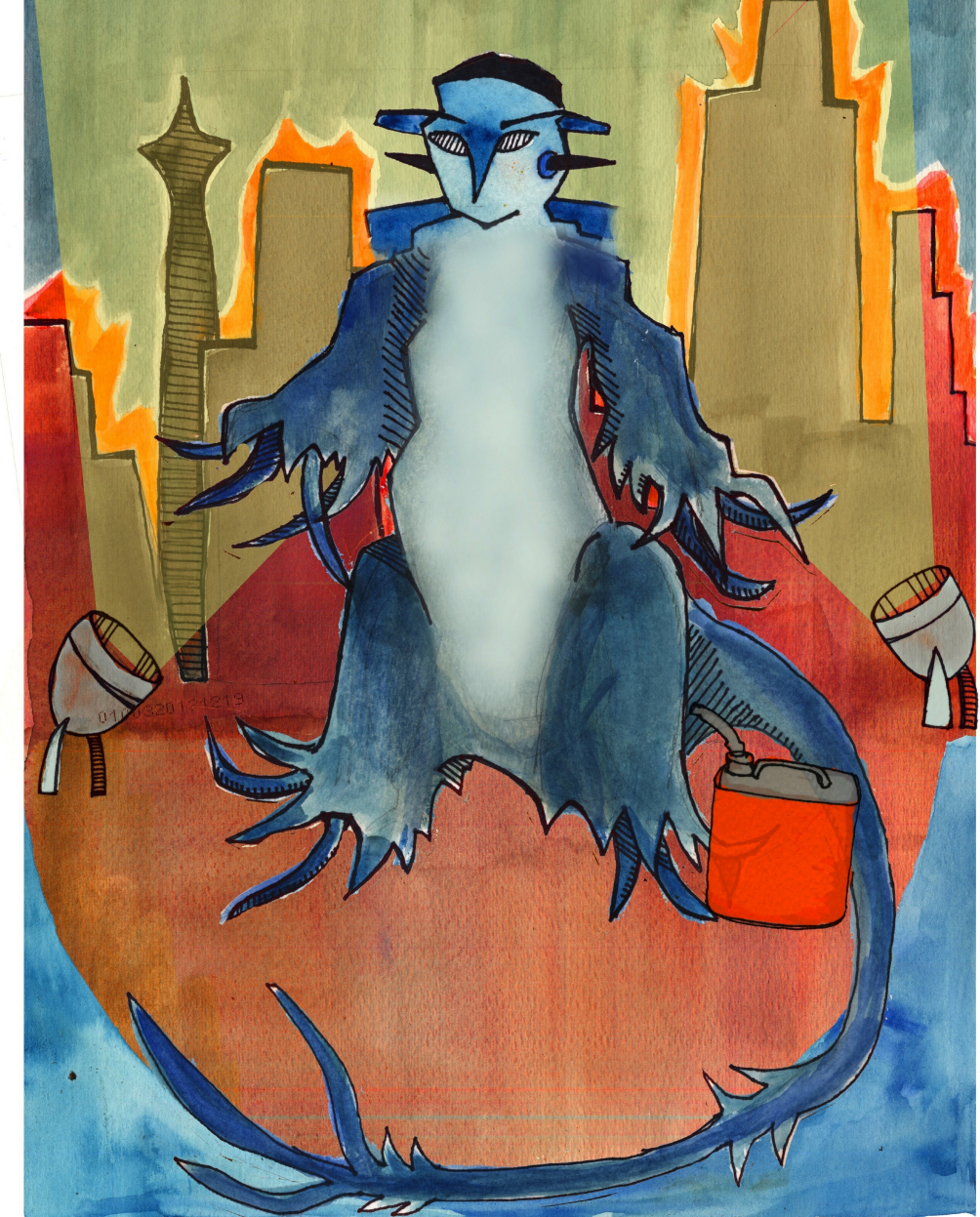
# Light vs. Matter



# Smooth Particle Hydrodynamics

- Making testable predictions needs  
Gastrophysics
  - High Mach number
  - Large density contrasts
- Gridless, Lagrangian method
- Galilean invariant
- Monte-Carlo Method for solving Navier-Stokes equation.
- Natural extension of particle method for gravity.

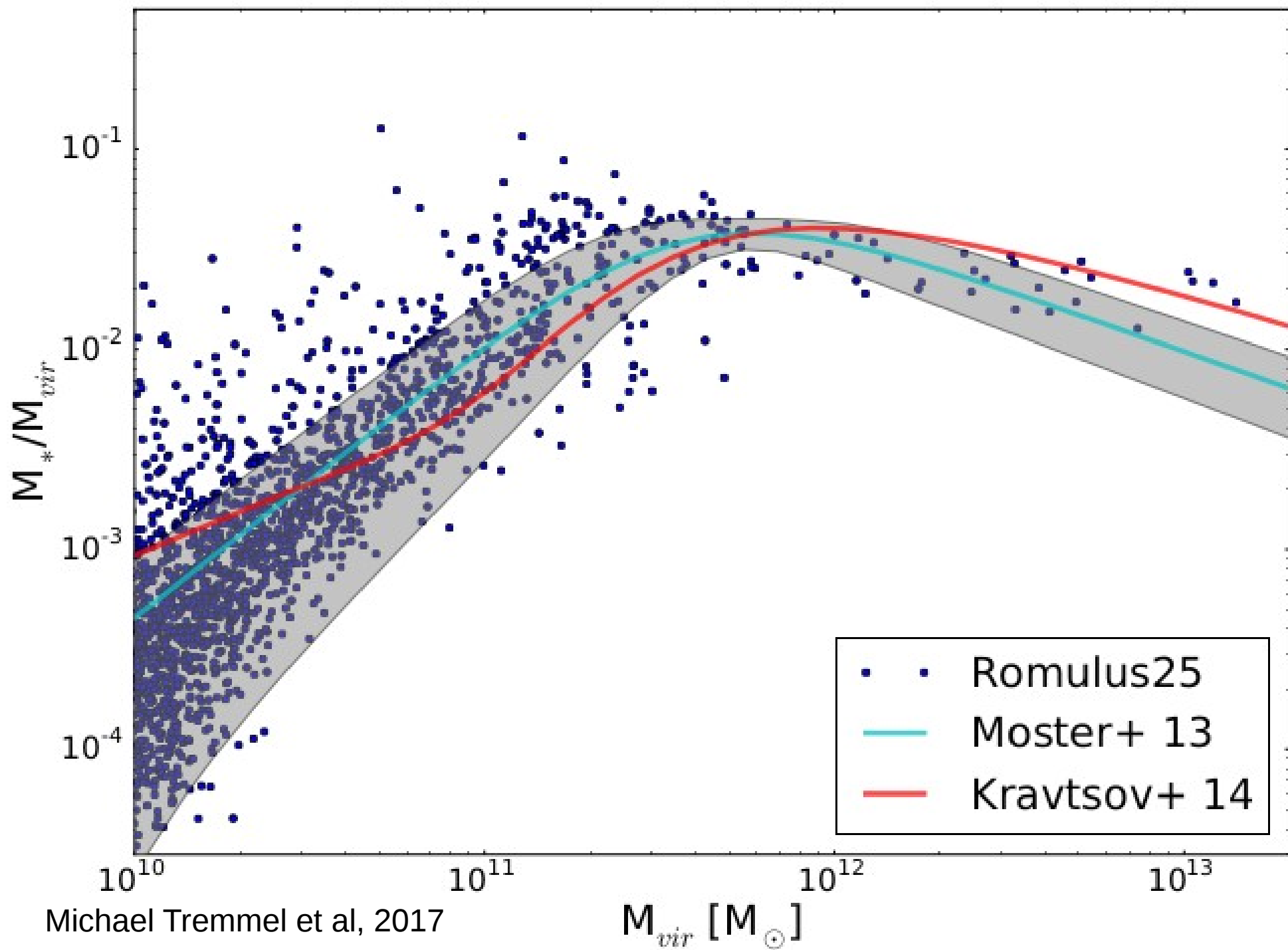
# CHANGA



# UNLEASHED

## Charm Nbody GrAavity solver

- Massively parallel SPH
- SNe feedback creating realistic outflows
- SF linked to shielded gas
- SMBHs
- Optimized SF parameters
- AGORA participant



# Fundamental Origins Questions:

How did the Universe begin?

How did stars form?

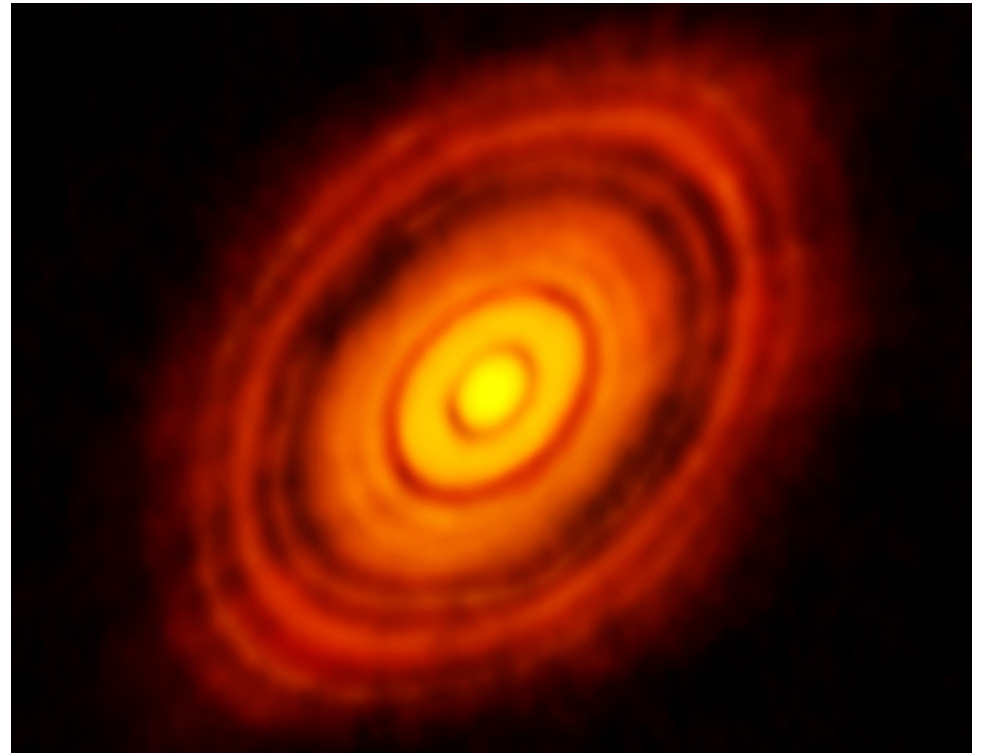
**How did planets form?**

How did life begin?

How did intelligent life develop?

# Protoplanetary Disks

- Likely result of cloud collapse with conserved angular momentum
- Disks can be gravitationally unstable
- Fragmentation depends on details of gas dynamics





# Planet Formation Resolution

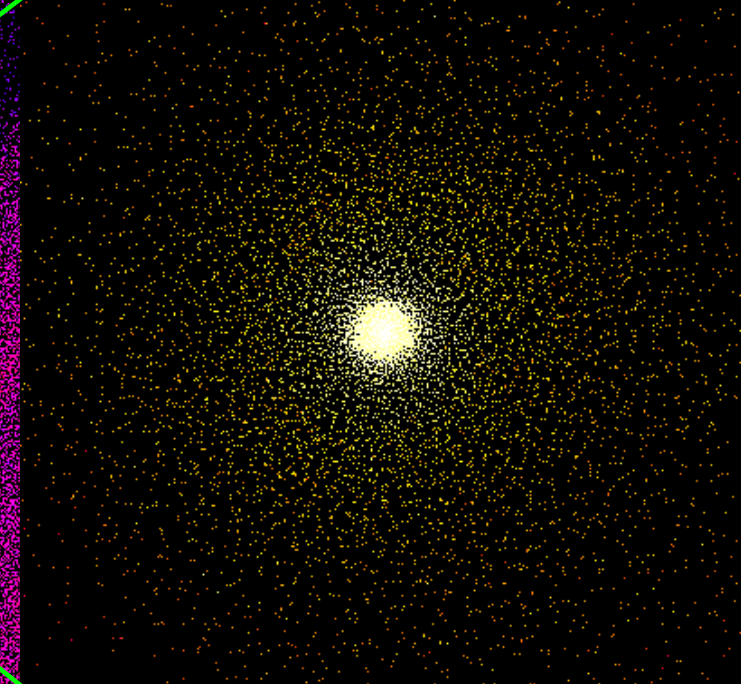
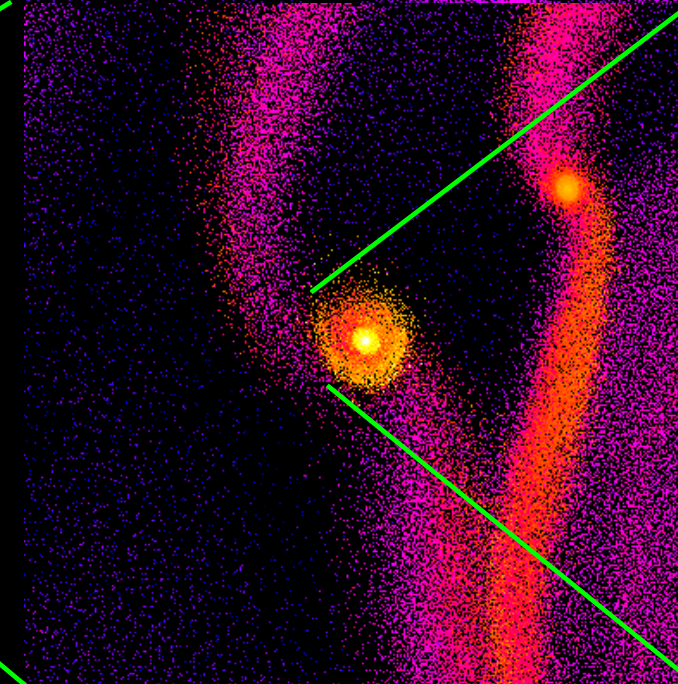
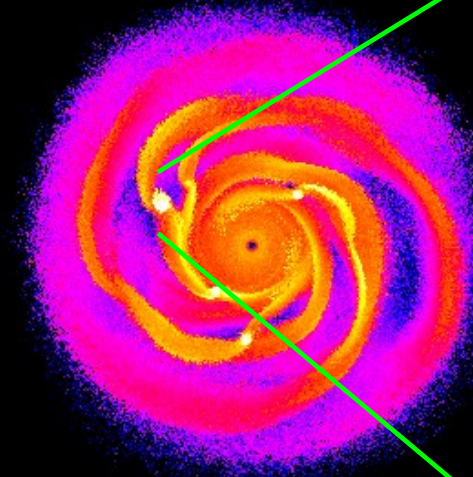
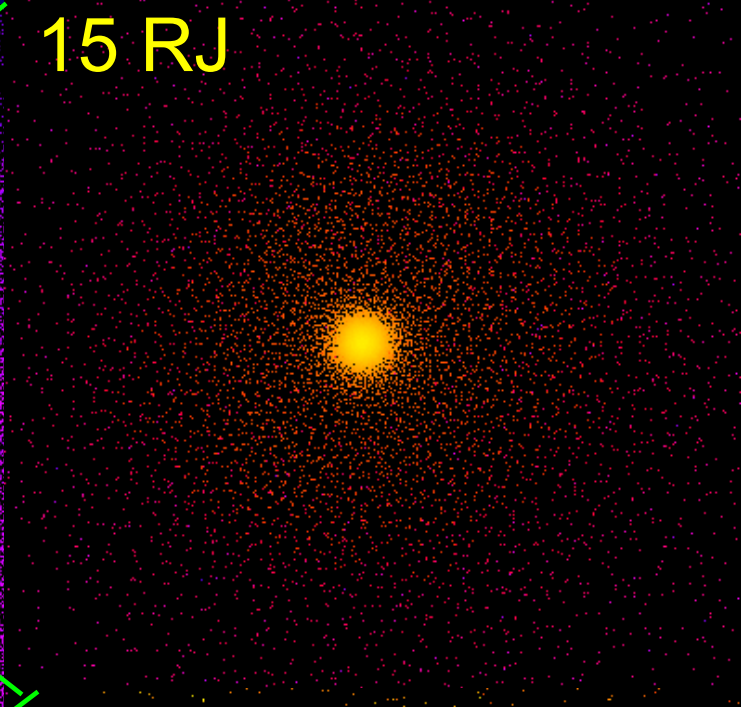
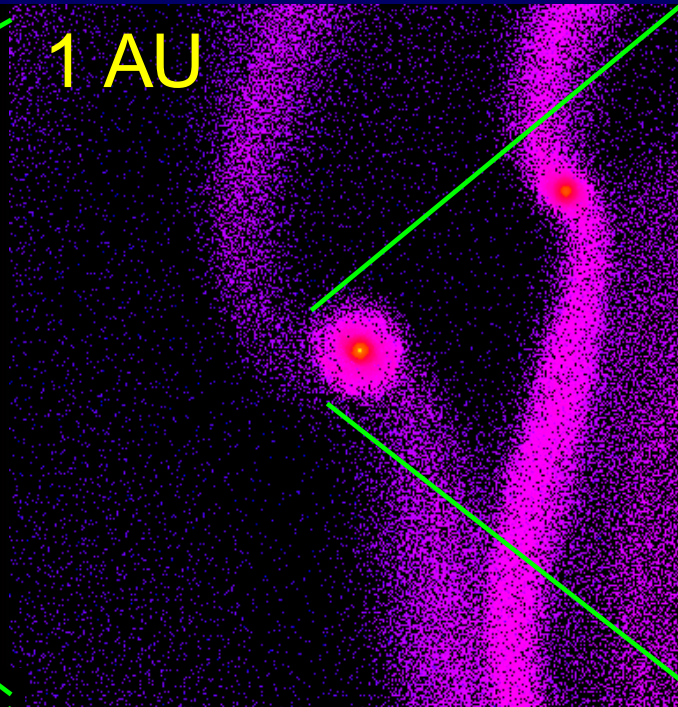
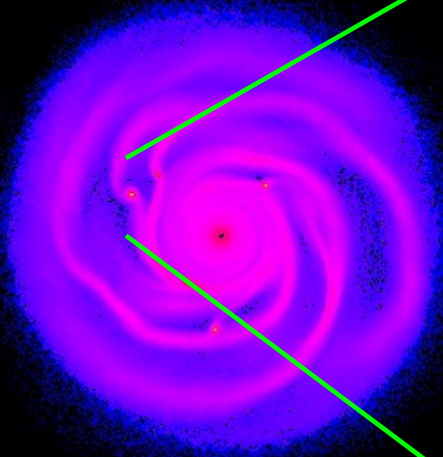
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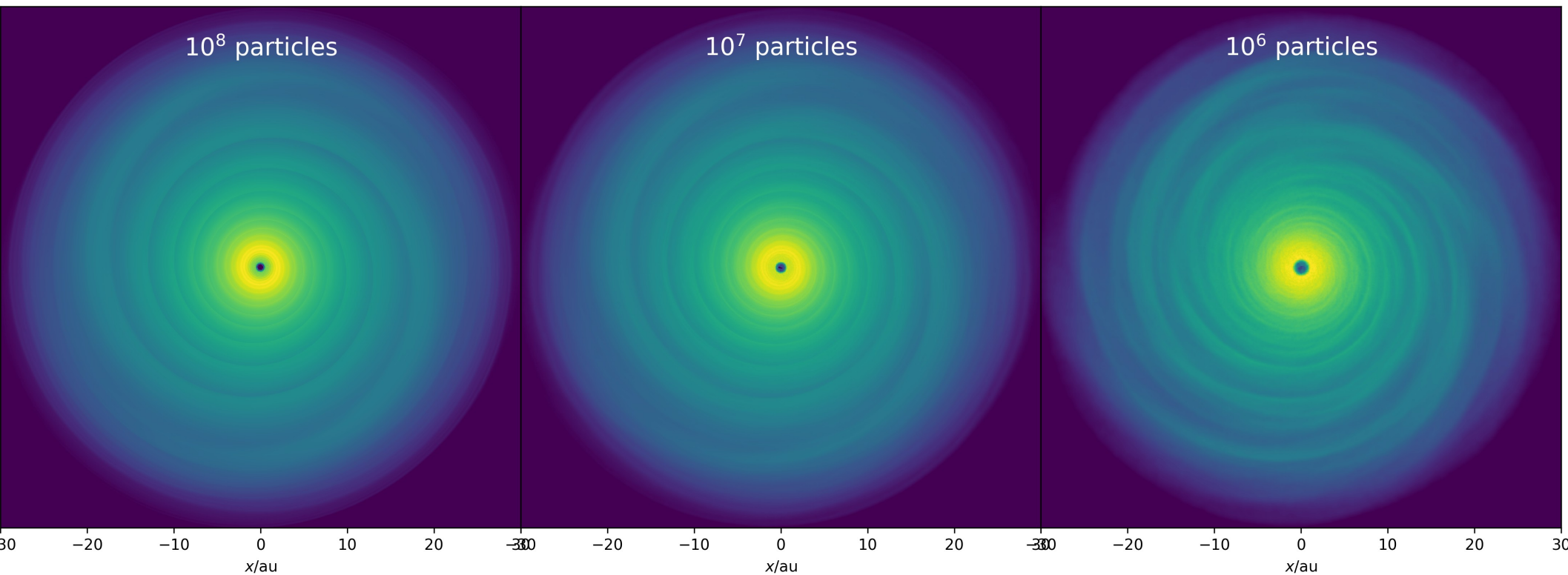
Density

Temperature



# ChaNGa: unprecedented resolution

Resolution comparison: density  
after 1.89 ORPs



Isaac Backus, Ph. D. Thesis

# Terrestrial Planet Formation

- Terrestrial planets are enhanced in refractory elements
- Elements initially condense into grains out of the protoplanetary nebula
- Grains grow (quickly) to ~kilometer size bodies (planetesimals)
- Planetesimals collide to build larger bodies (protoplanets)
- Left over planetesimals remain as small bodies (asteroids, comets, and minor moons)

# The simulation model

Planetesimals represented by spherical particles.

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*Heuristic collision model:* particles stick or bounce when they collide.

Particles acquire spin through collisions.

Need a fast collision finder: ChaNGa

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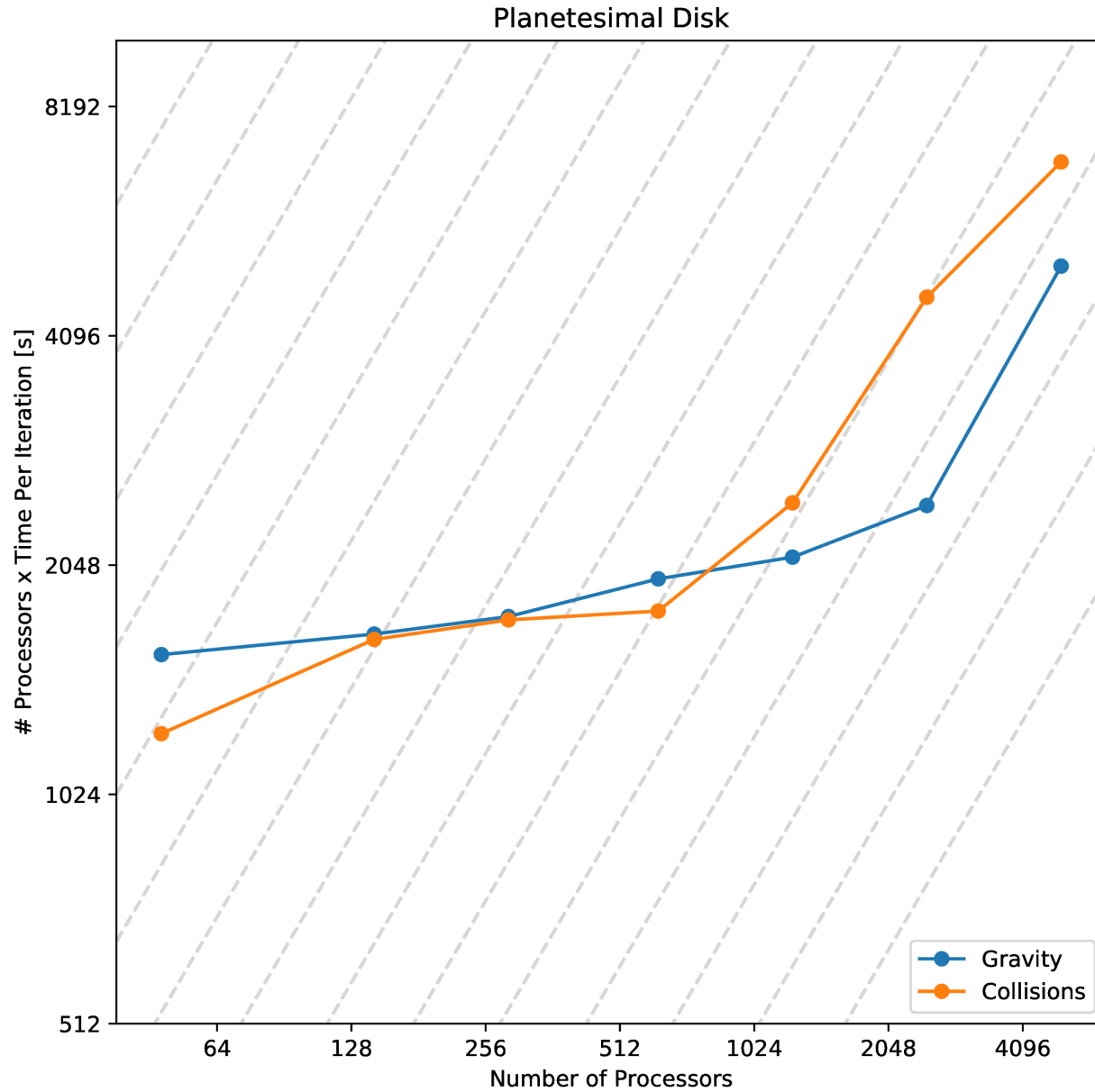
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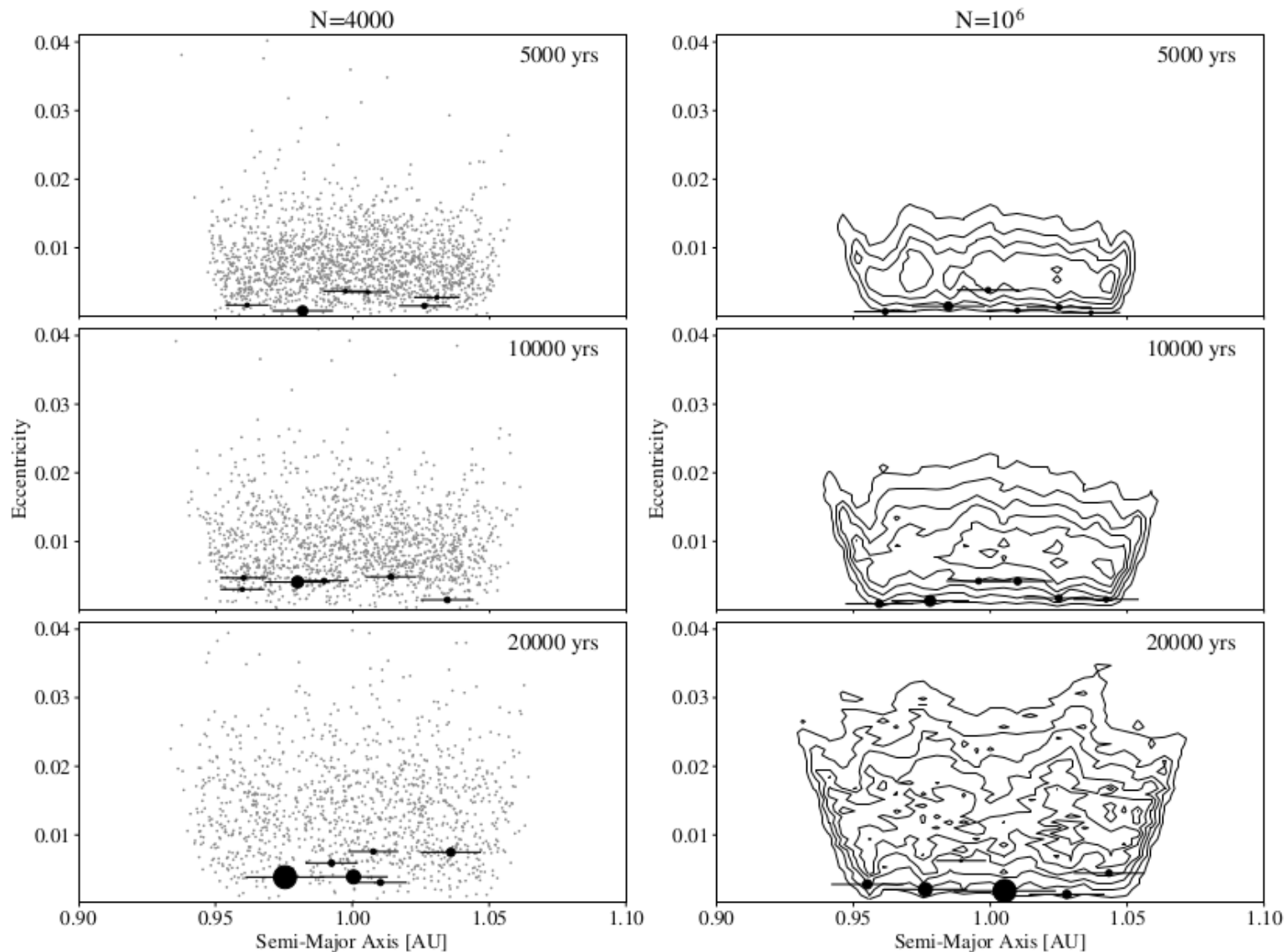
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# Collision scaling: 50M particles



# Orders of magnitude better resolution

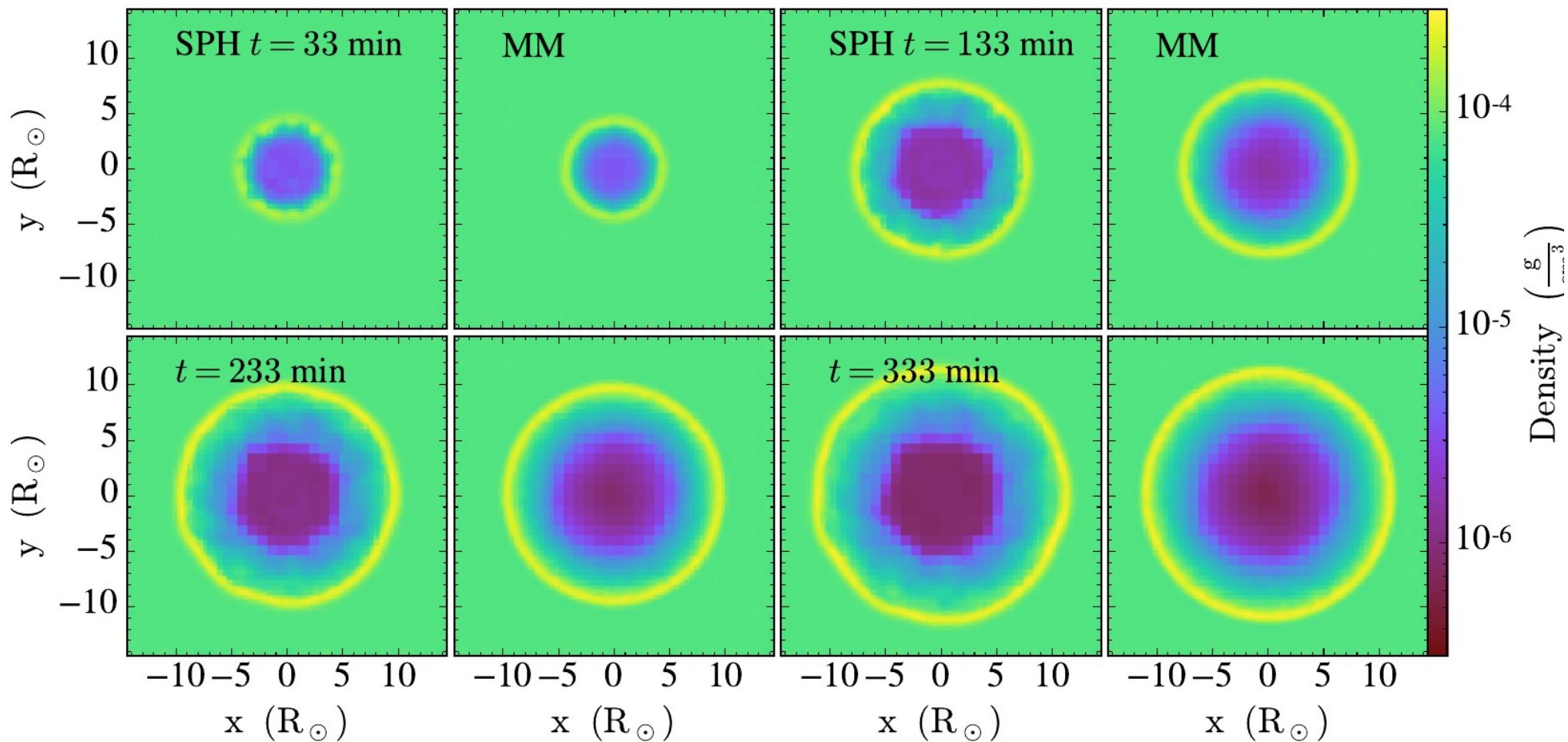


# Moving Mesh Hydrodynamics

- More accurate hydrodynamics requires Riemann solvers
- Galilean invariance: mesh needs to follow the fluid flow
- Mesh needs to have arbitrary geometry
- Need a fast Voronoi mesh generator: ChaNGa (MANGA)

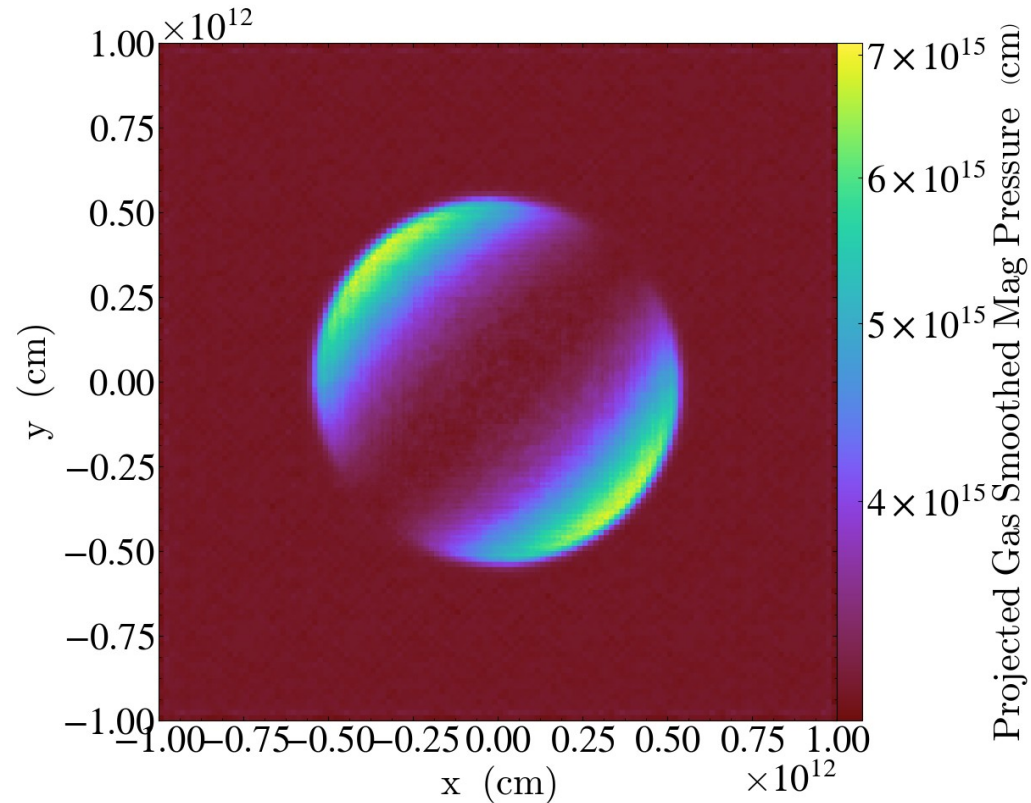


# Sedov Test



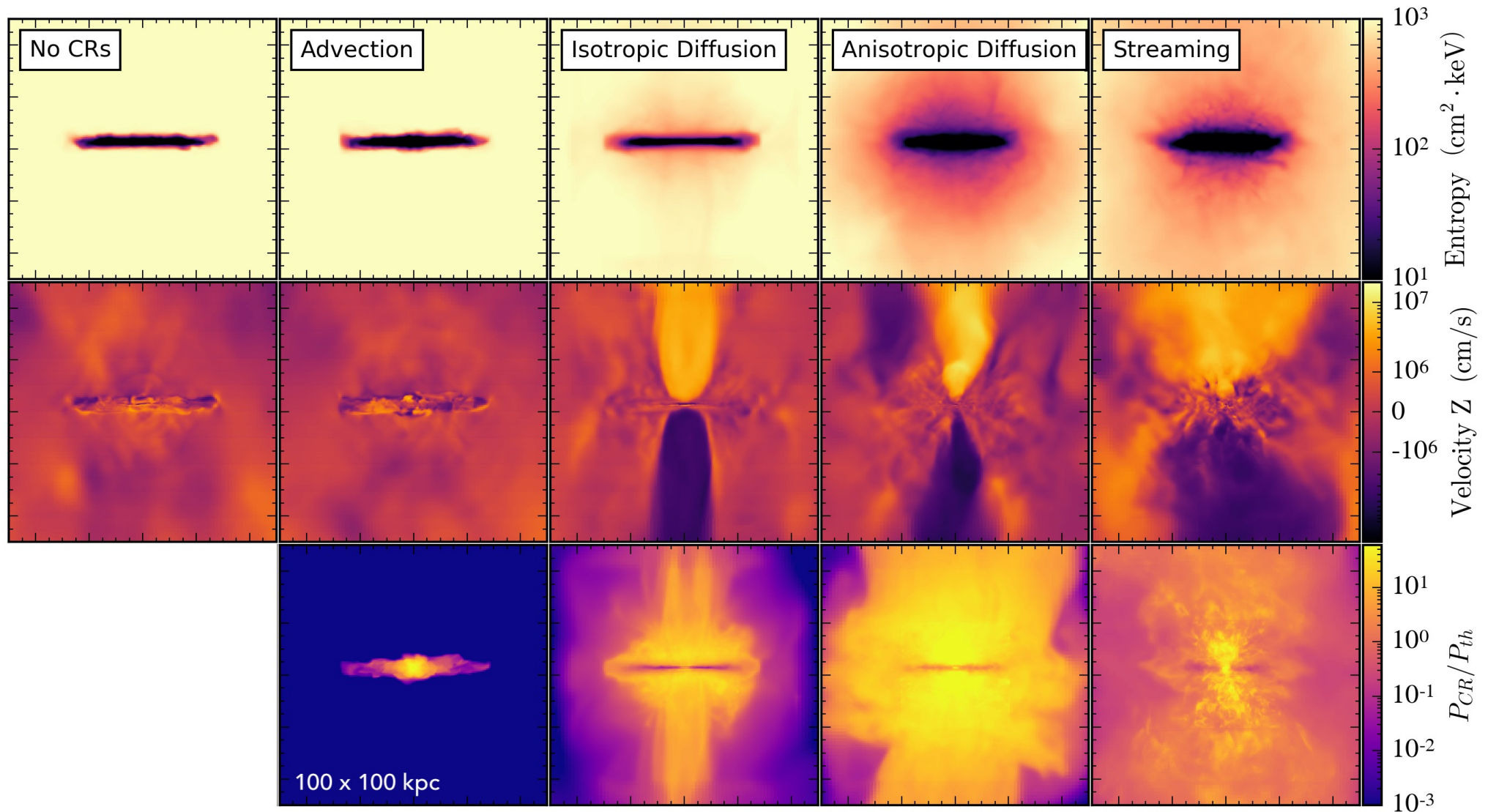
# More Physics

- Magnetic fields (with constrained transport)
- Radiative Transfer (Flux limited diffusion and ray tracing)

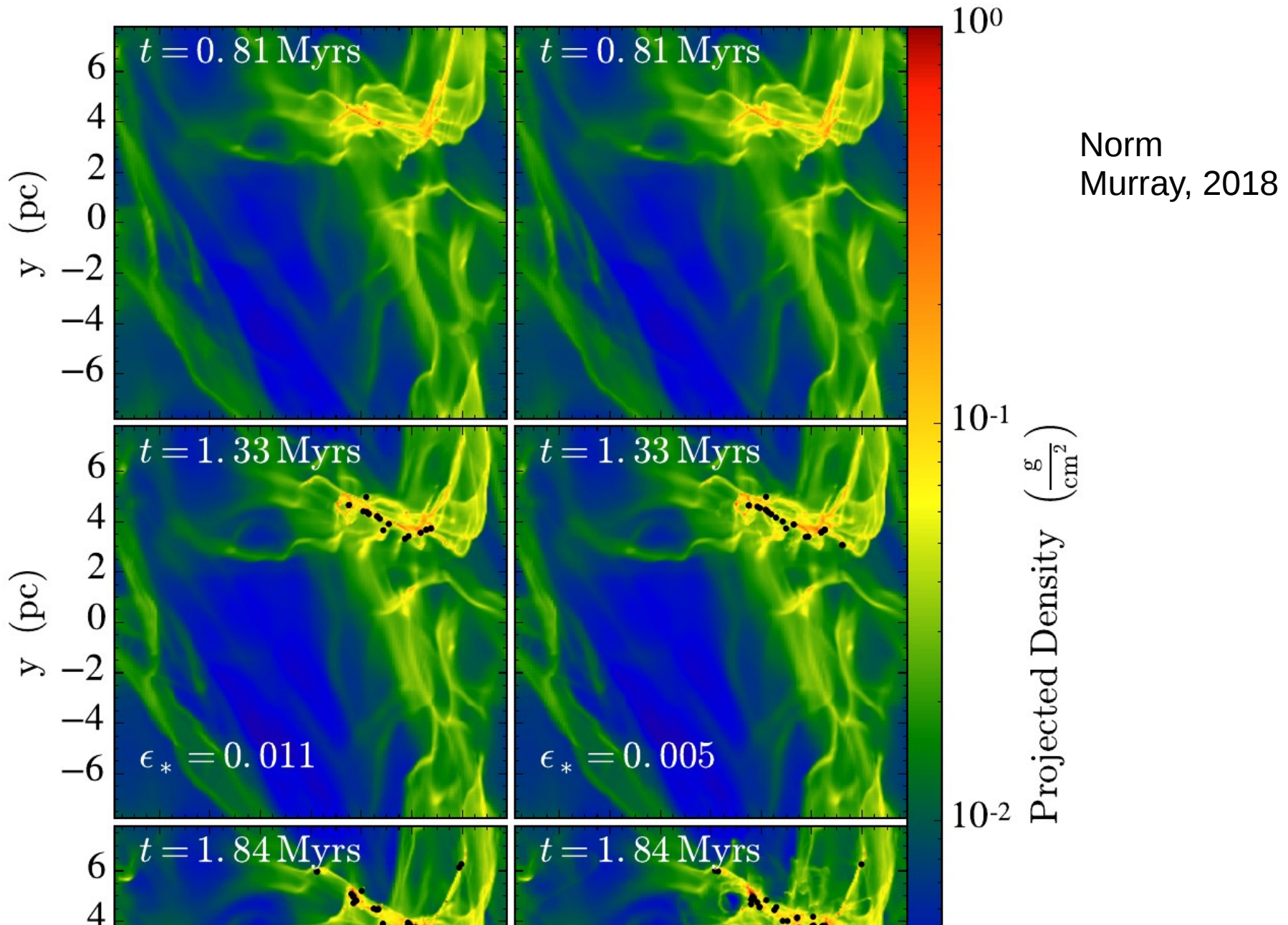


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# Magnetic fields and outflows



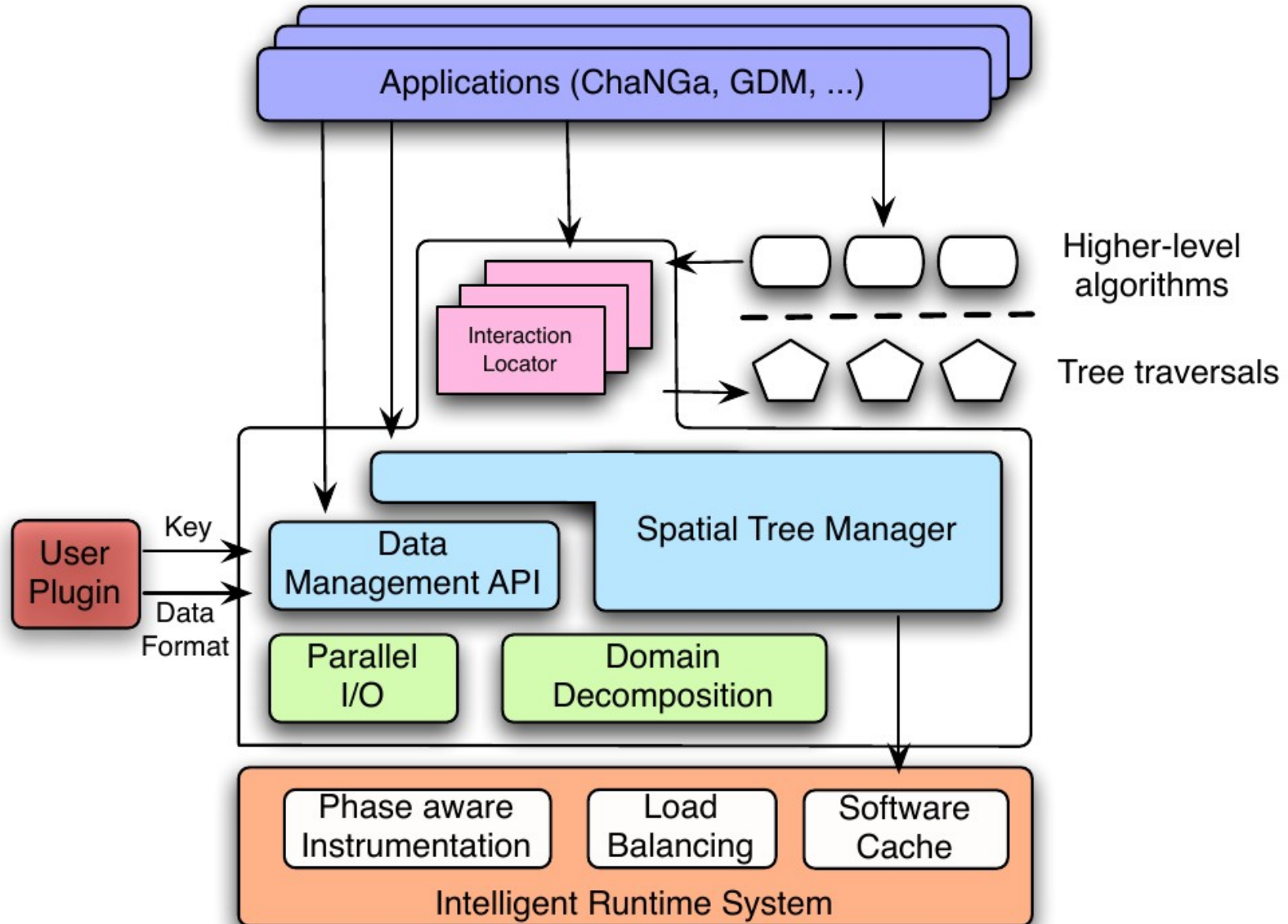
# Simulations of Star Formation



# Other Applications

- N-point correlation functions
- Gravitational Lensing maps
- Granular Dynamics
- Cluster finding
- High dimensional classification
- Identification of cytoskeletal structures
- Ray tracing
- Surface reconstruction

# Paratreet: parallel framework for tree algorithms



# Availability

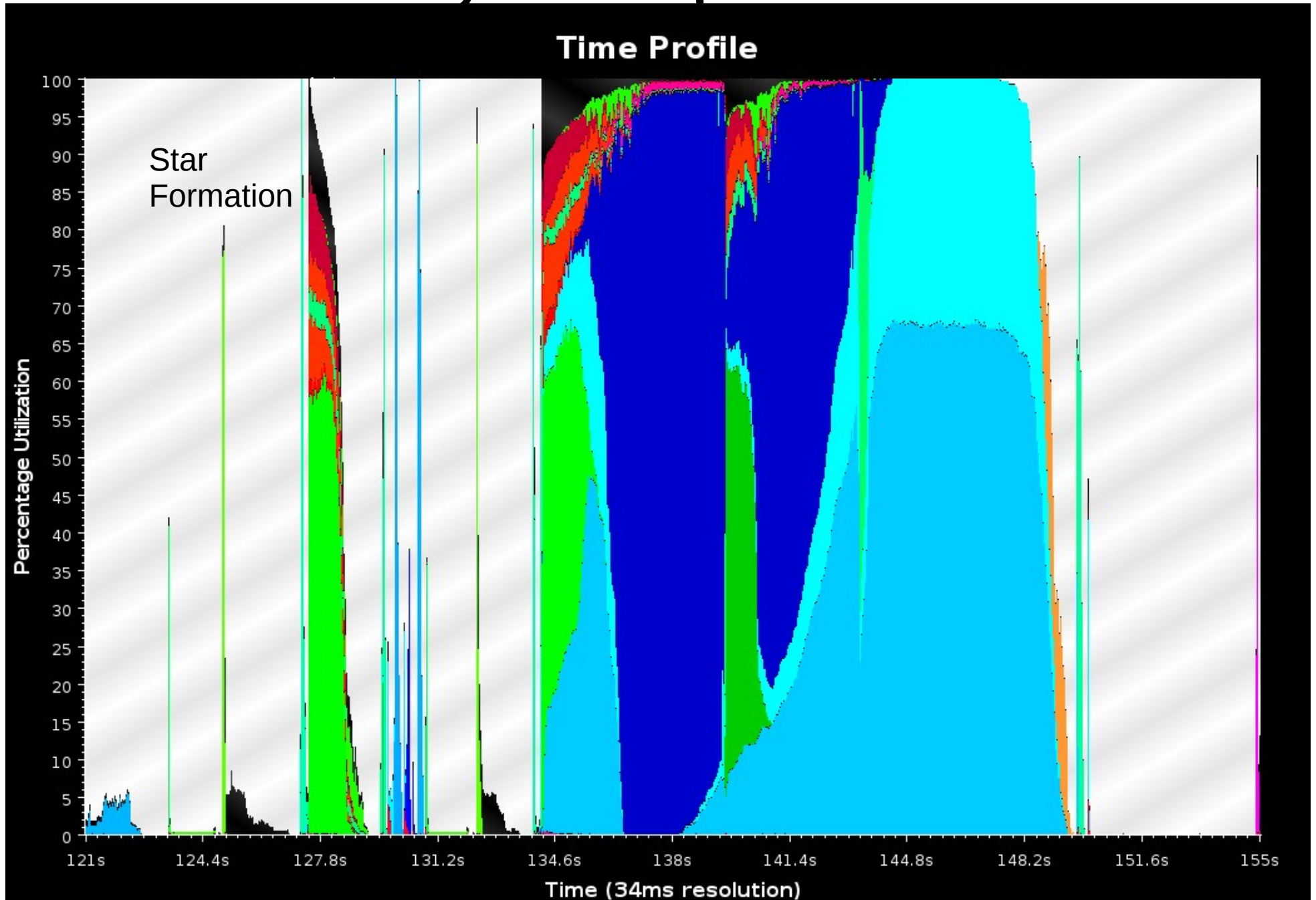
- ChaNGa:  
<http://github.com/N-bodyShop/changa>
  - See the Wiki for a developer's guide
- Paratreet: <http://github.com/paratreet>
  - Some design discussion and sample code

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# LB by Compute time



15.8 seconds

# CPU Scaling Summary

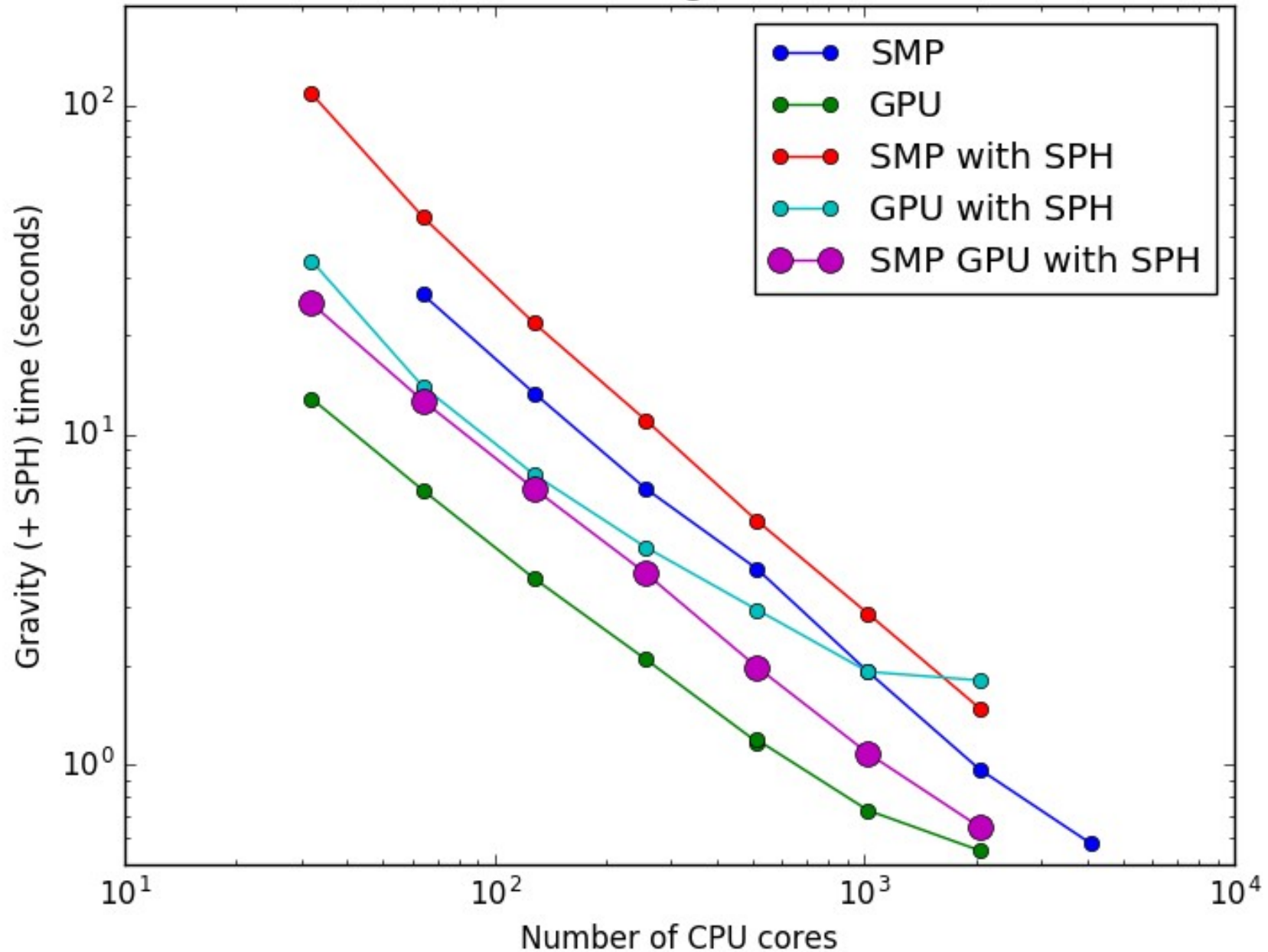
- Load balancing the big steps is (mostly) solved
- Load balancing/optimizing the small steps is what is needed:
  - Small steps dominate the total time
  - Small steps increase throughput even when not optimal
  - Plenty of opportunity for improvement

# GPU Implementation: Gravity Only

- Load (SMP node) local tree/particle data onto the GPU
- Load prefetched remote tree onto the GPU
- CPUs walk tree and pass interaction lists
  - Lists are batched to minimize number of data transfers
- “Missed” treenodes: walk is resumed when data arrives: interaction list plus new tree data sent to the GPU.

# Grav/SPH scaling with GPUs

Piz Daint timing for 40M disk



# Tree walking on the GPU

GPU Kernel Performance Comparison

