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Forward-Modeling Cosmological Observables into the Nonlinear Regime

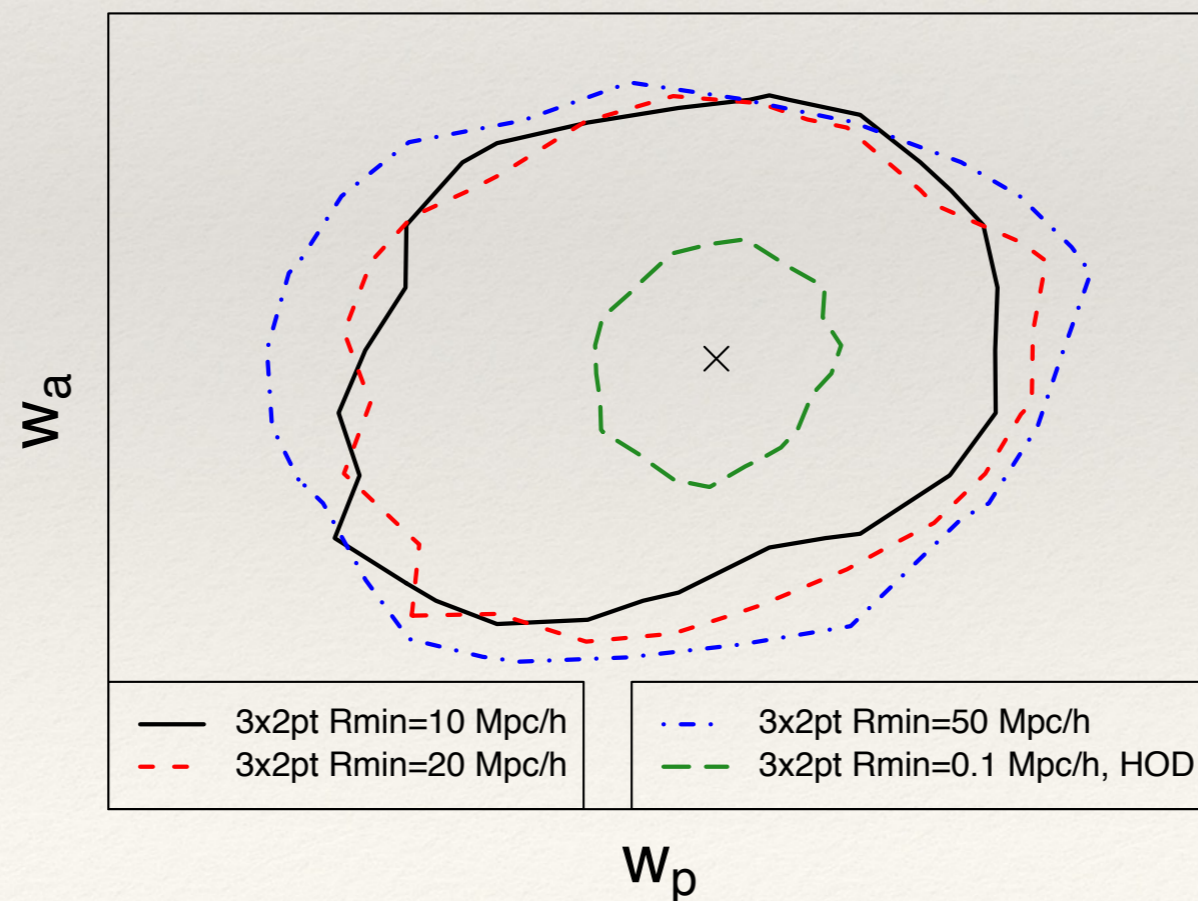
An Ambitious Cosmic Vision
for a Future with High
Discovery Potential

Gains from Small Scales

Proof of principle

2-4x improvement in DE constraints for Stage IV experiments

Improvements due to self-calibrating nuisance parameters
from small-scale clustering and lensing



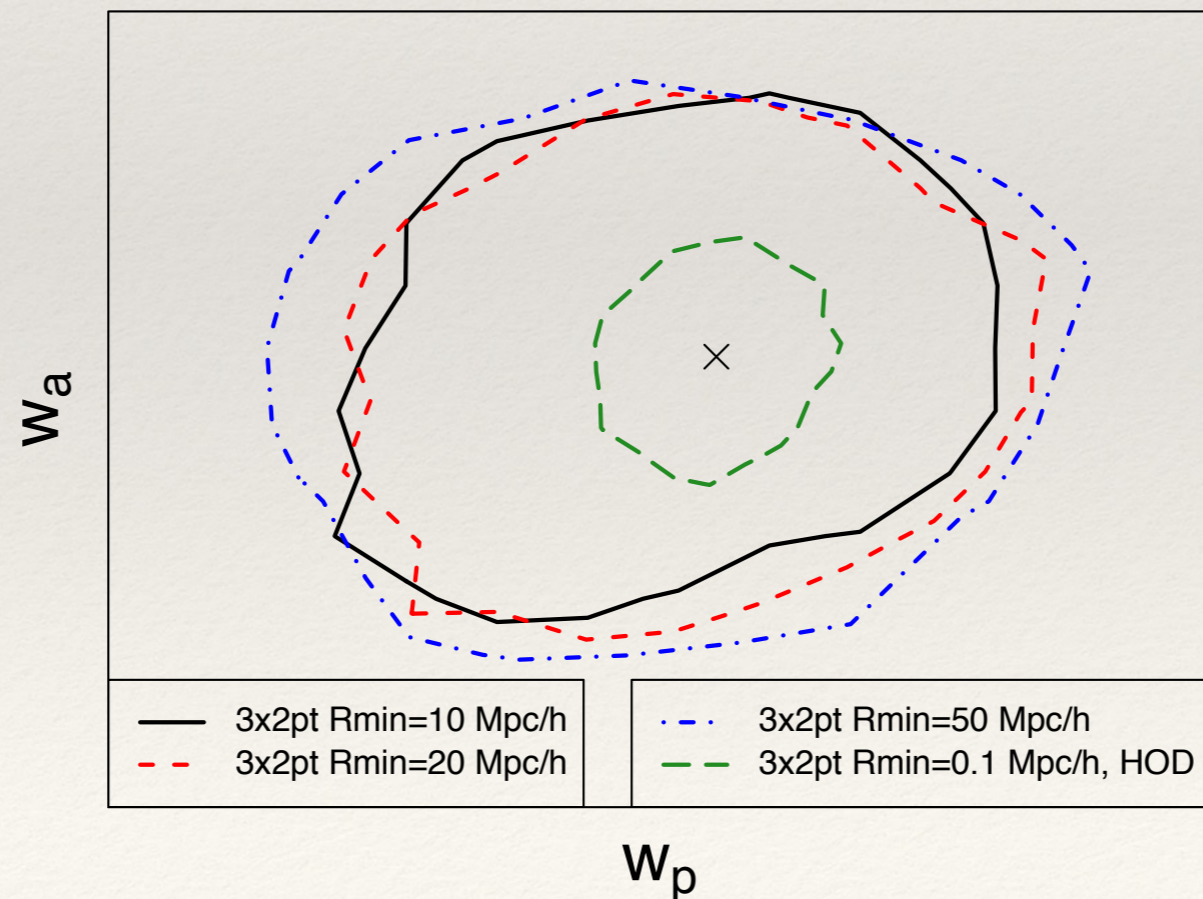
Gains from Small Scales

We can surely do better, probably a lot

This exercise was for single-tracer probes

Far more information from multi-tracer cross-correlations

There is a **VAST** amount of additional constraining power that we are simply throwing away if we only stick with single-tracer, quasi-linear probes



Cosmic Visions Crossroads

Big picture choice for the future
under discussion at this meeting

Quasi-linear “gold sample” cosmology

- Incremental mode-collecting for business-as-usual $1/\sqrt{N}$ gains
- weak potential for genuinely novel discovery
- Safe path to improve existing constraints on existing vanilla models

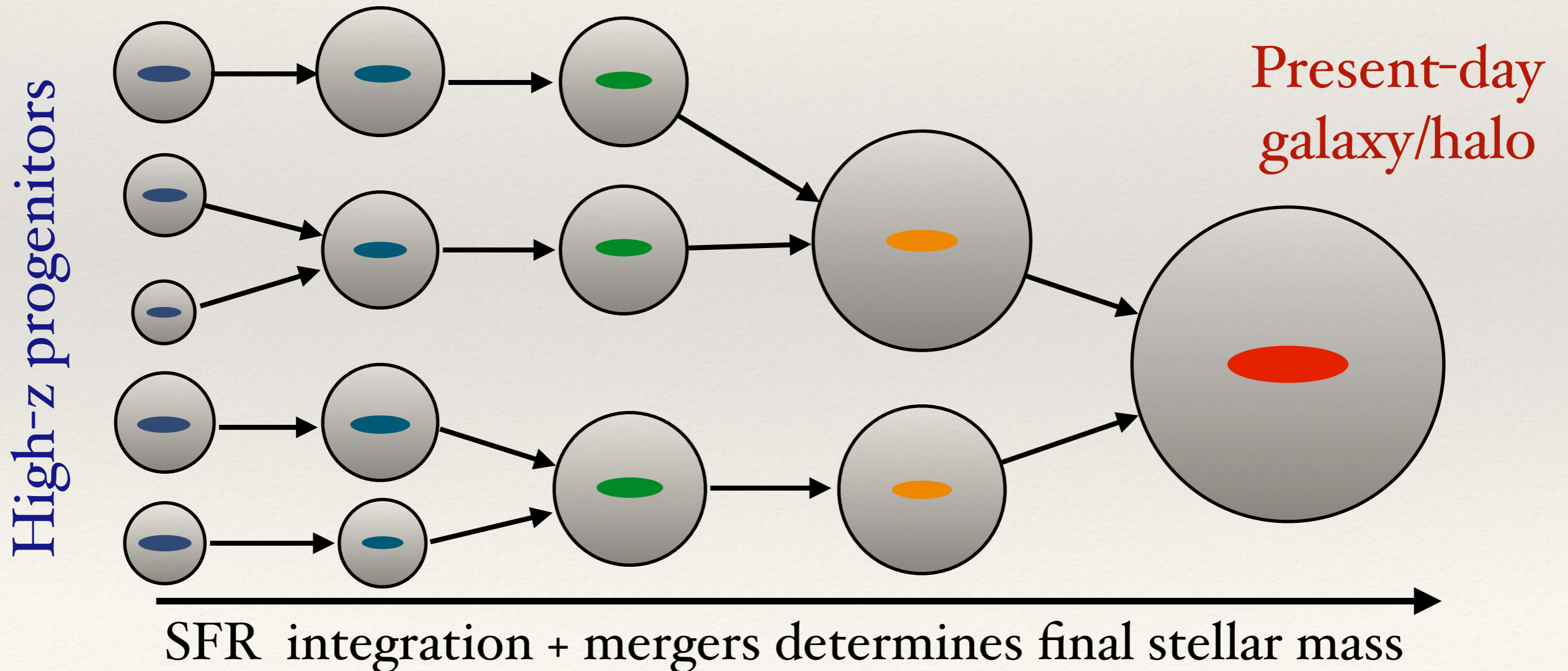
Nonlinear multi-tracer cosmology

- Forward-model nonlinear clustering, gg-lensing, cluster cross-correlations
- Actually use the full predictive power of simulations
- Take seriously the LSST/DESI opportunity to genuinely probe new physics

Forward Modeling Approach

Solution to dimensionality curse

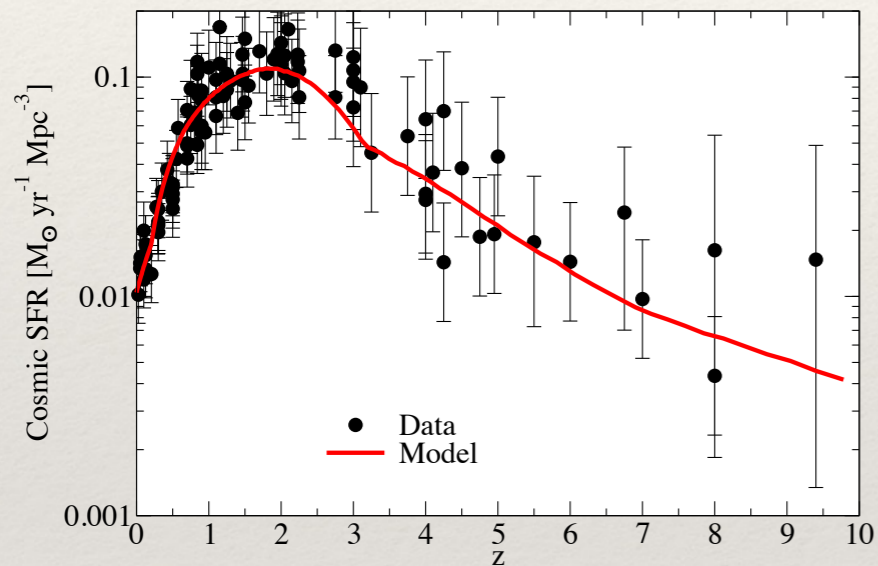
Model the differential quantity and integrate



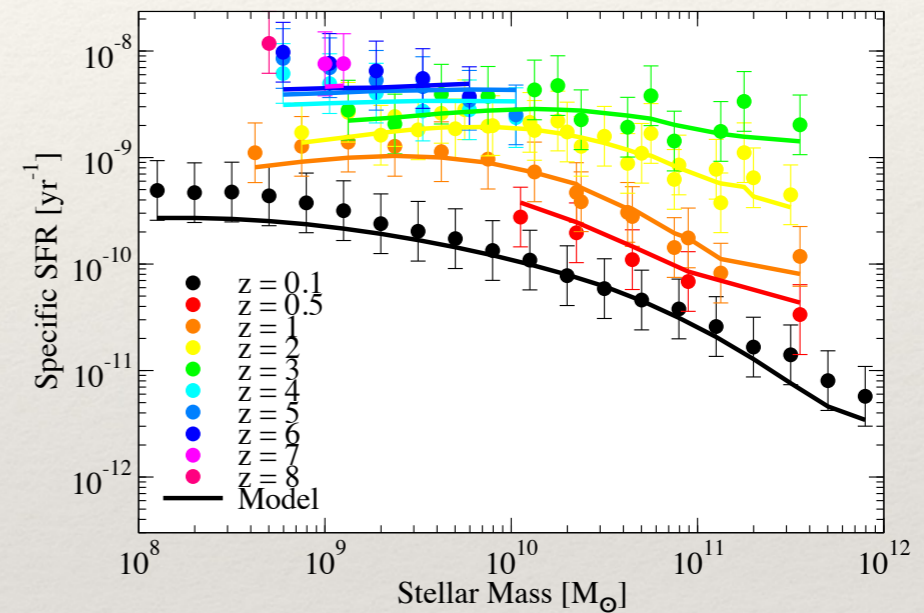
Program is Well Underway

Proof of principle: best-fit UniverseMachine

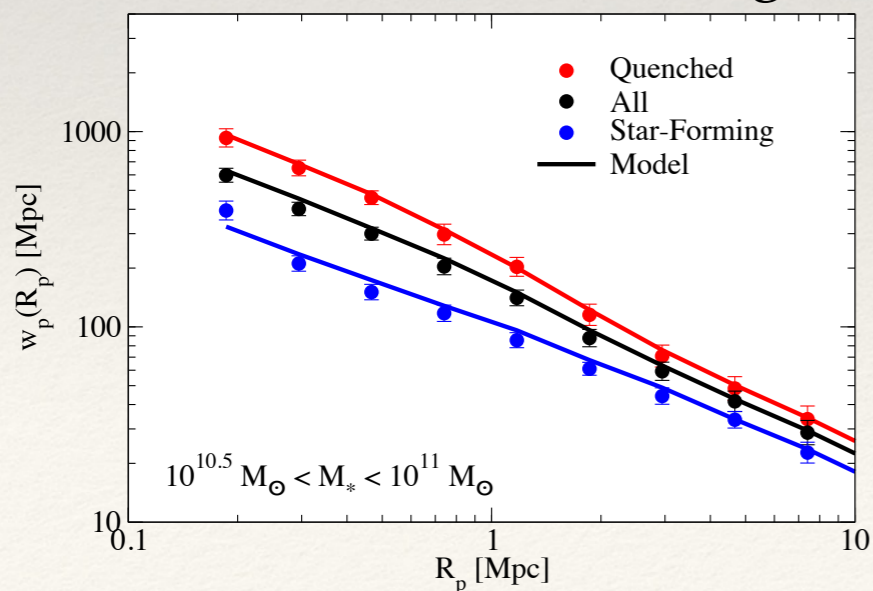
SFR(z)



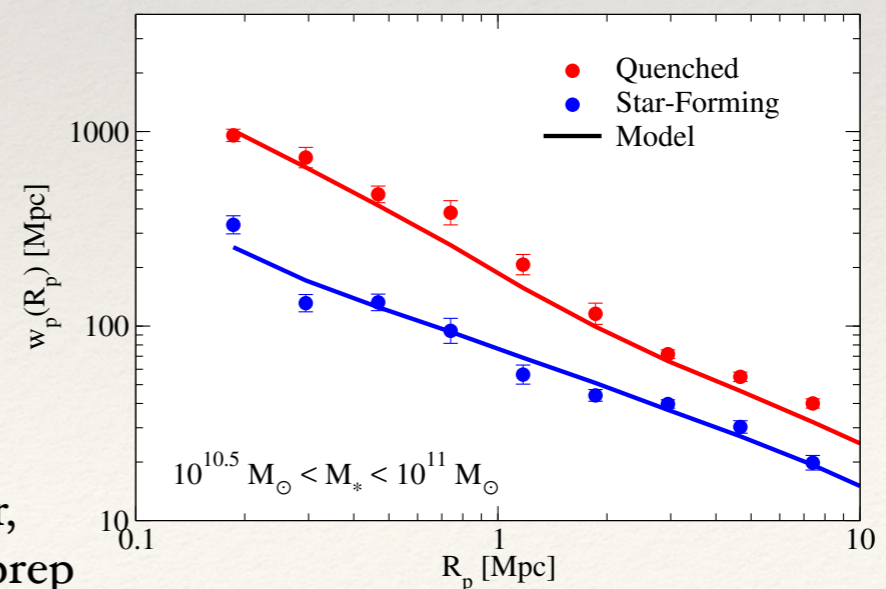
sSFR(M^* , z)



$z=0$ SDSS clustering



$z=0.7$ PRIMUS clustering



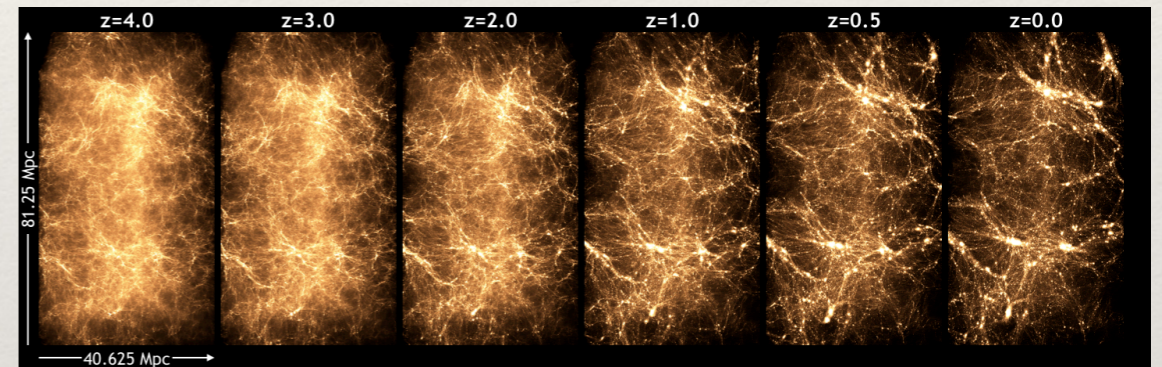
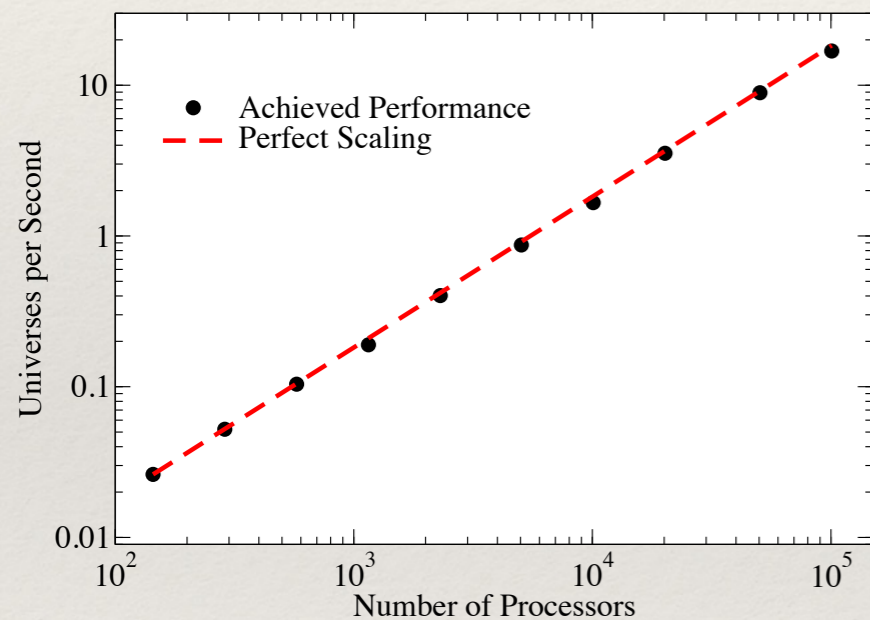
Behroozi, Wechsler,
Hearin & Conroy, in prep

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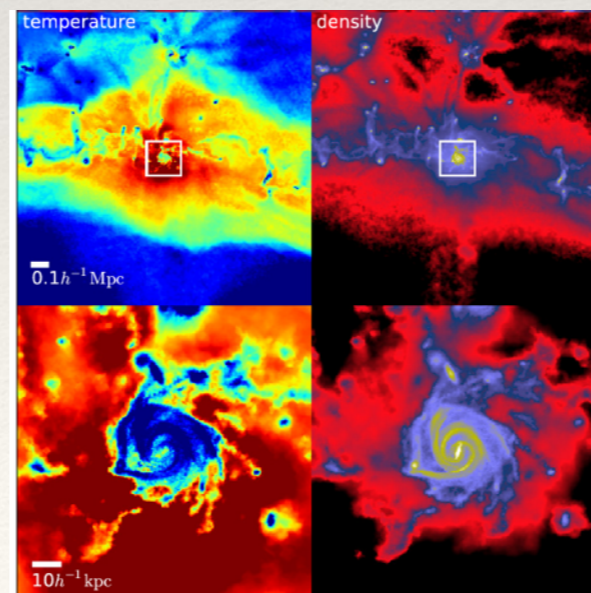
Program is not simulation-limited

Model built for scalability from ground-up

80 / 100 Mira-Titan sims already on disk



$L_{\text{box}} \sim 2 \text{ Gpc}$; $M_{\text{ptcl}} \sim 10^{10}$



800 Mpc adiabatic hydro
currently running at $z < 1$

Program is Well Underway

Program does not require
“solving” galaxy formation

What is needed scientifically?

1. **Modeling:** coarse-grained model that is **flexible, efficient, predictive**
2. **Modeling:** traditional SAMs and hydro sims are critical to science validation
3. **Observations:** ~DESI-volume spec sample that is color-complete (ok if NOT representative!)
4. **Simulations:** ~Gpc adiabatic hydro suite resolving $\sim 10^{**}10\text{Msun}$ halos
5. **Simulations:** ~3 Gpc DM suite resolving $\sim 10^{**}10\text{Msun}$ halos

What resources do we need to accomplish this?

1. **Stable R&D funding:** modeling effort is long-term and cross-cutting
2. **Stable R&D funding:** truly collaborative cross-WG analysis requires serious software engineering
3. **Stable R&D funding:** simulation campaign cannot be piecemeal, requires systematic FTE(s)