



The RIGEL project:

# Simulating dwarf galaxies with feedback from individual stars and radiative transfer at $1 M_{\odot}$ resolution

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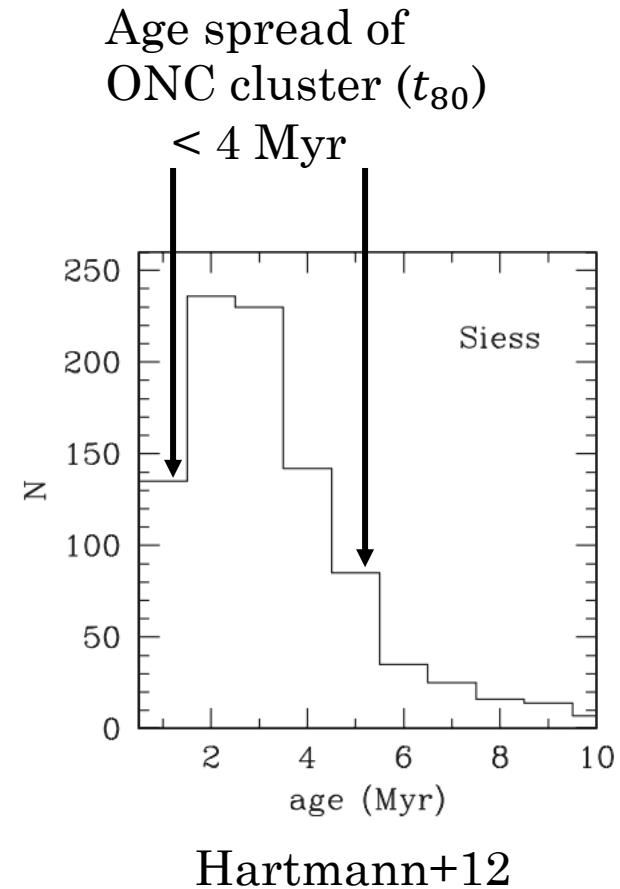
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# Radiative feedback disperse molecular clouds on a short time scale of $\sim 1.5$ Myr prior to the SN explosion

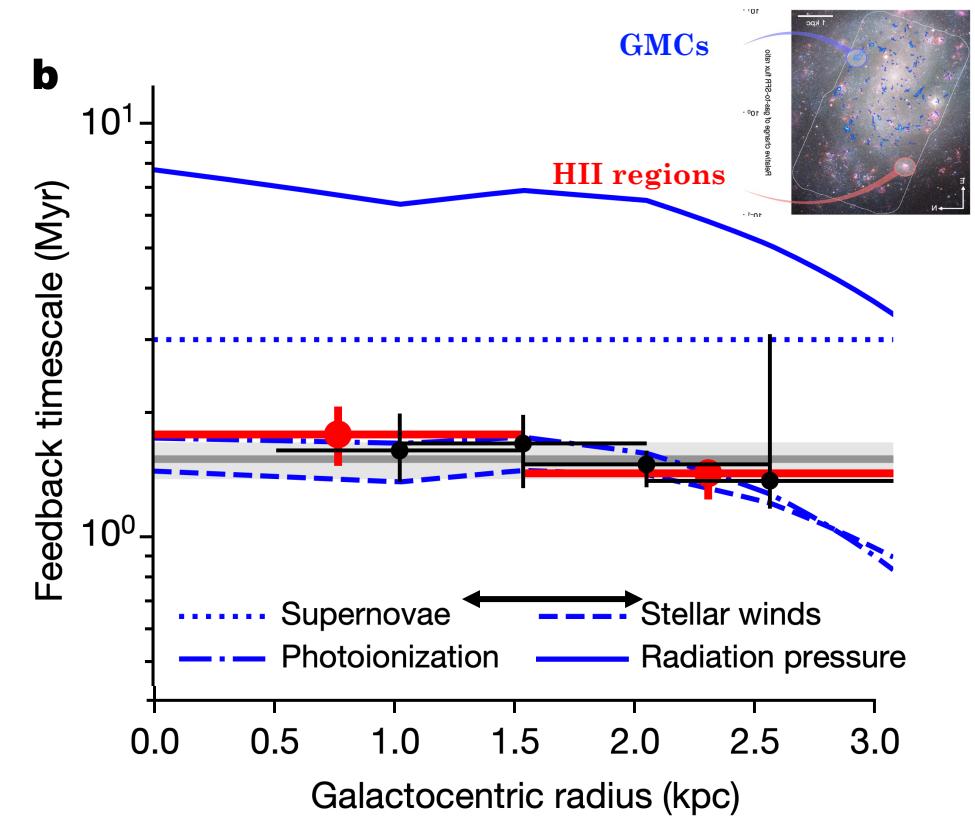
Observed star cluster formation / molecular cloud disruption time scale is very short



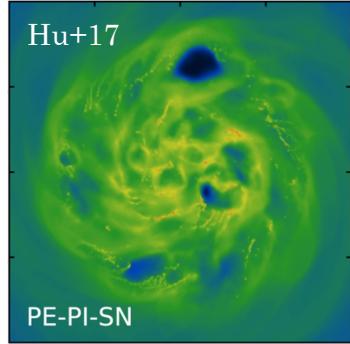
NGC 602 < 5 Myr young cluster in SMC, probably no SN yet (HST/ACS)



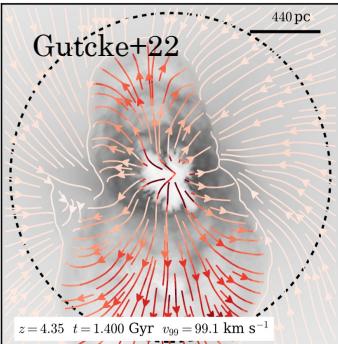
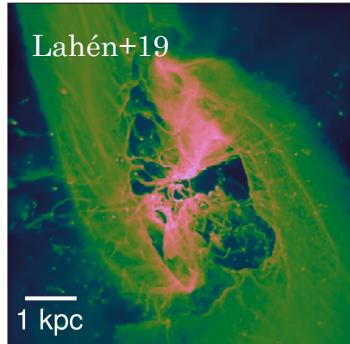
Feedback timescale in spiral galaxies is 1.5 Myr (Kruijssen+19)



However, simulating radiation feedback with resolved star-forming regions is still very challenging



**Radiative transfer is usually not solved explicitly in most simulations**



Strömgren Mass

$$M_S \approx 3.25 Q_{48} n_3^{-1} \alpha_0^{-1} M_\odot .$$

Timescale

$$t_{\text{rec}} = \frac{1}{\alpha_B n_H} \approx 122.3 n_3^{-1} \alpha_0^{-1} \text{ yr} .$$

$$Q_{48} \text{ ionizing photon rate / } 10^{48}/\text{s}$$

Maximum density to resolve the Strömgren sphere

$$n_H \lesssim 32 \text{ cm}^{-3} \left( \frac{\mathcal{R}_i}{10} \right)^{-1} \left( \frac{M_{\text{cell}}}{10 M_\odot} \right)^{-1} Q_{48} .$$

Resolution  
 $\mathcal{R}_i = \frac{M_S}{M_{\text{cell}}}$

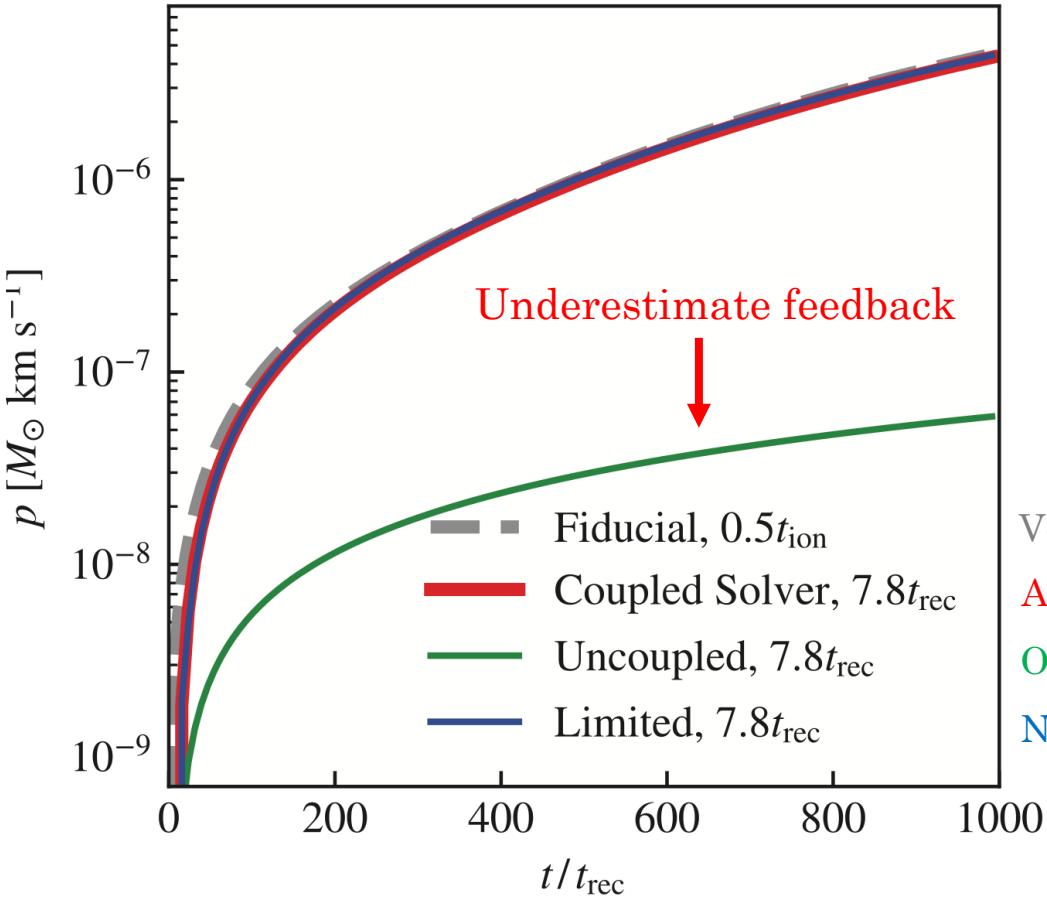
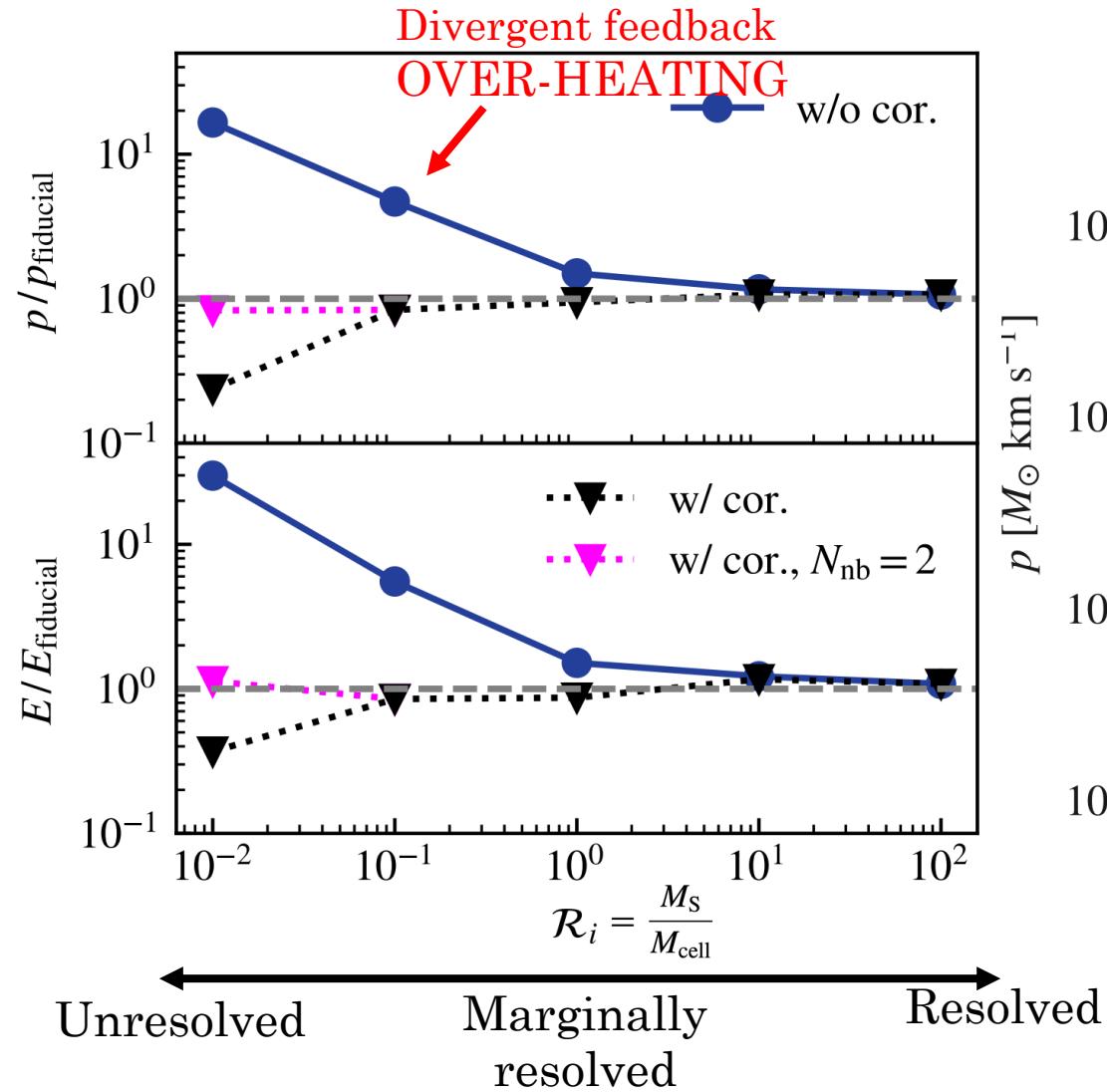
Deng et al. 2024, MNRAS

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Reasons and solutions  
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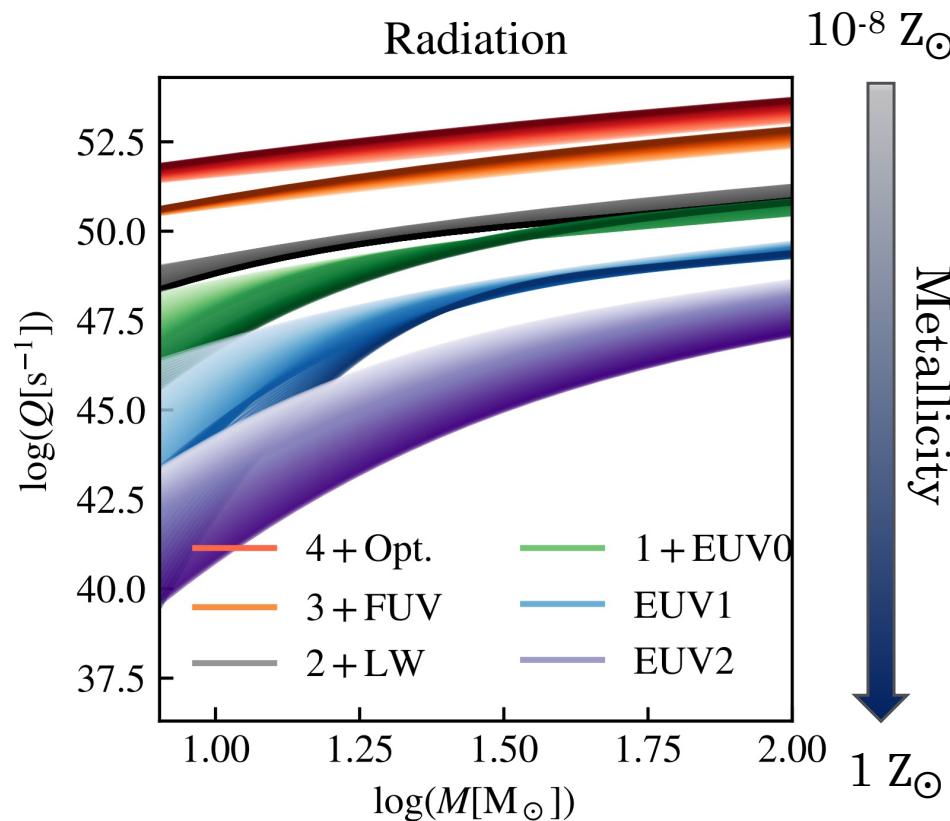


Convergence across large spatial (and temporal) resolution range (Deng et al. 2024, MNRAS)



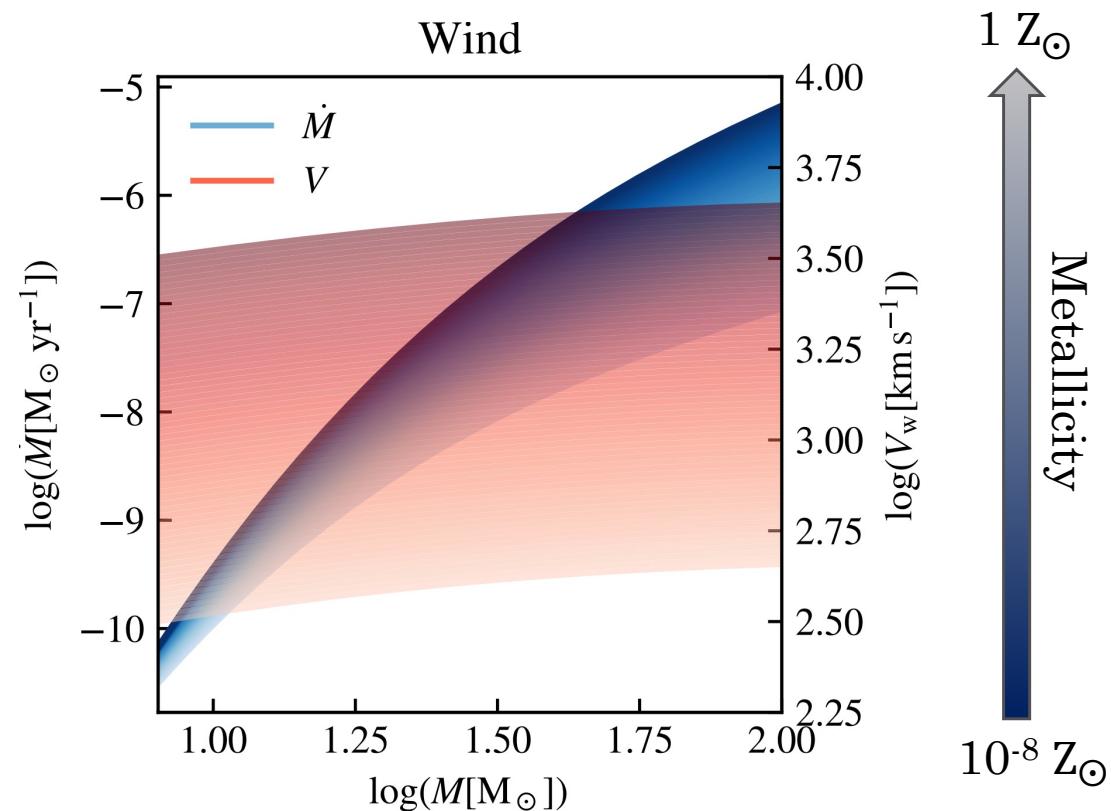
Very small step  
Accurate solver  
Old solver  
New solver

# Metallicity dependency of stellar feedback budget



IR: 0.1-1 eV  
 Opt.: 1-5.8 eV  
 FUV: 5.8-11.2 eV  
 LW: 11.2-13.6 eV  
 EUV0: 13.6-24.6 eV  
 EUV1: 24.6-54.4 eV  
 EUV2: >54.4 eV

Reference:  
 Lanz & Hubeny 03,  
 Schaerer 02,  
 Tanikawa+20 (black-body),  
 Gessey-Jone+22;

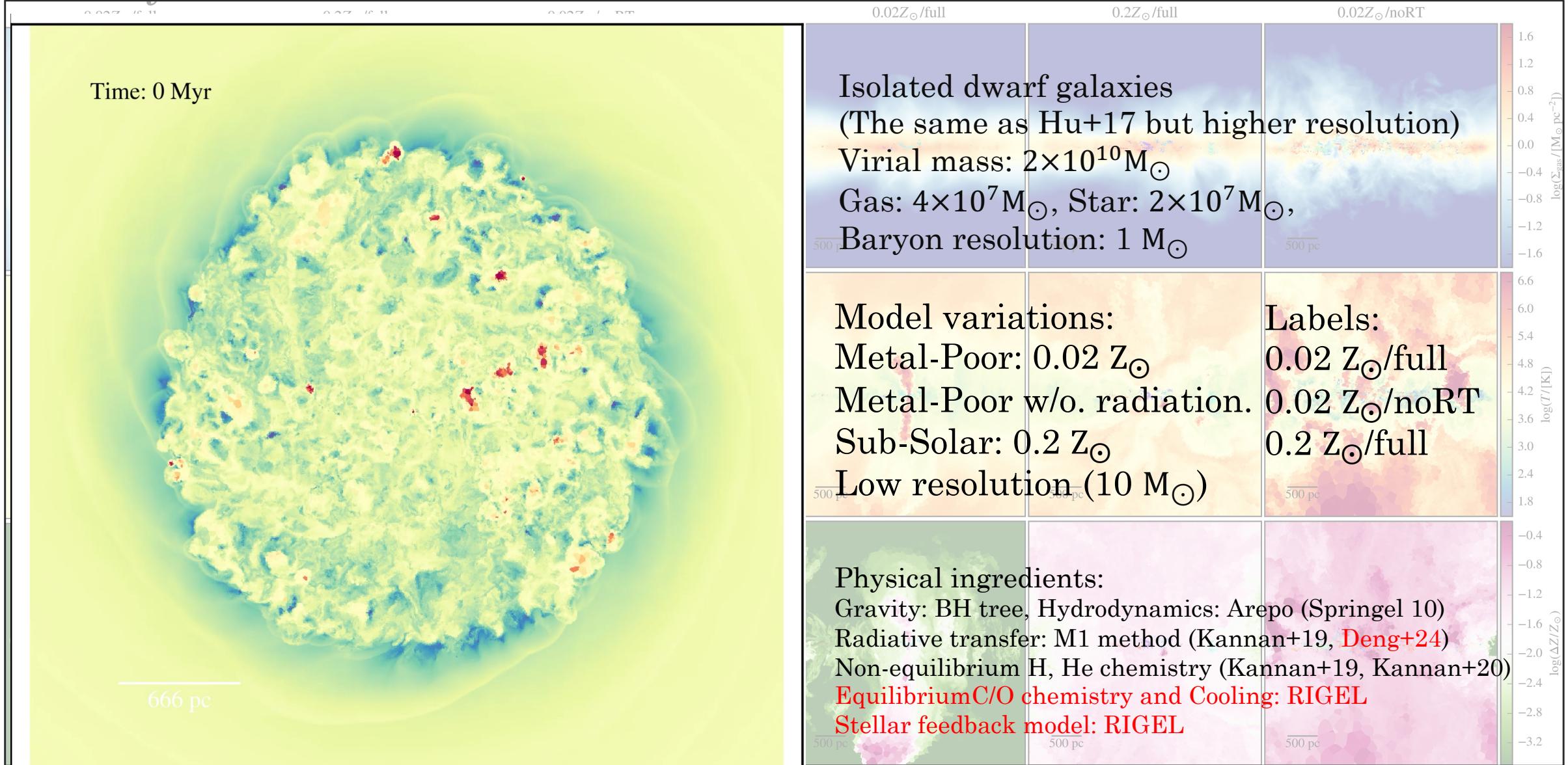


Reference:  
 Vink & Sander 21, Vink+01

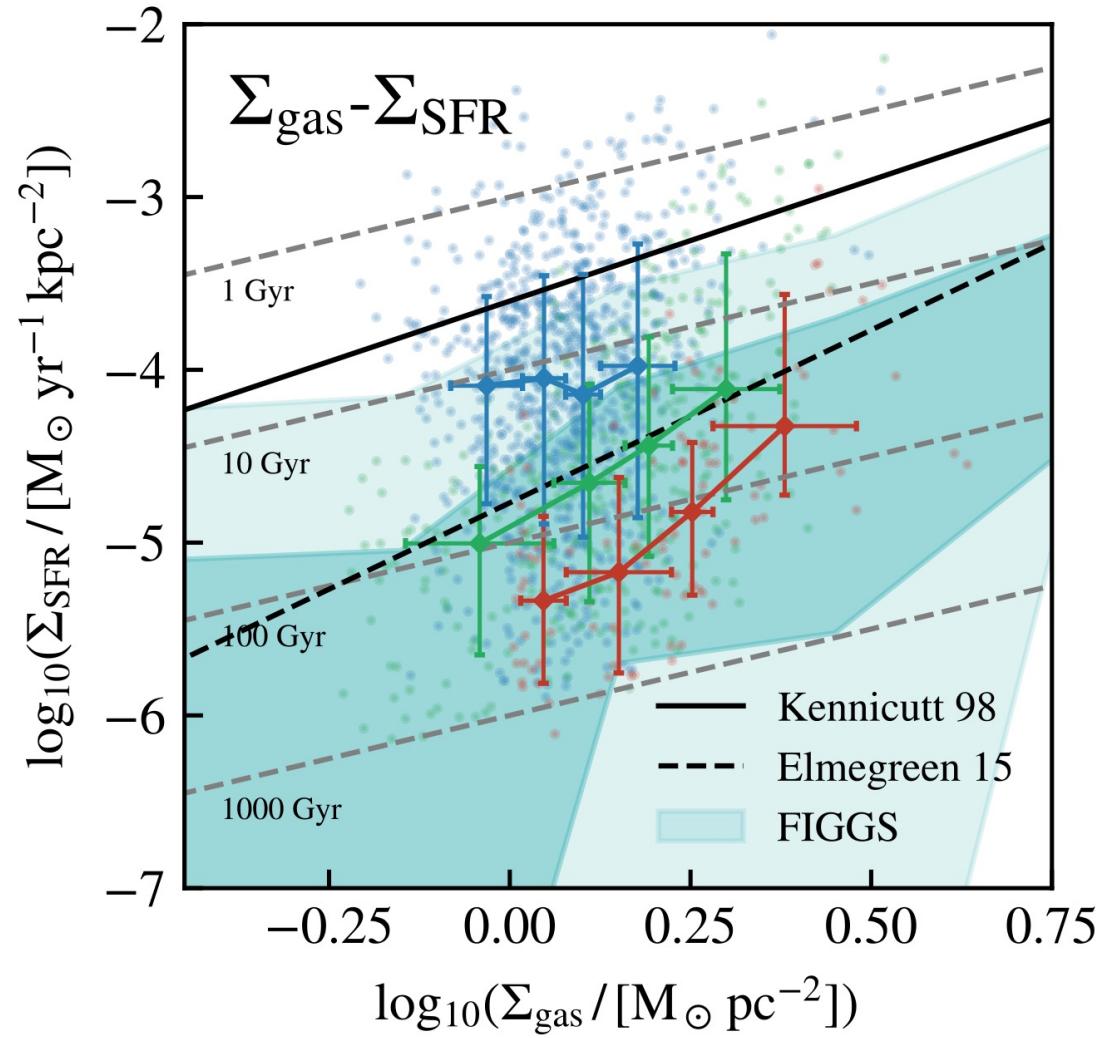
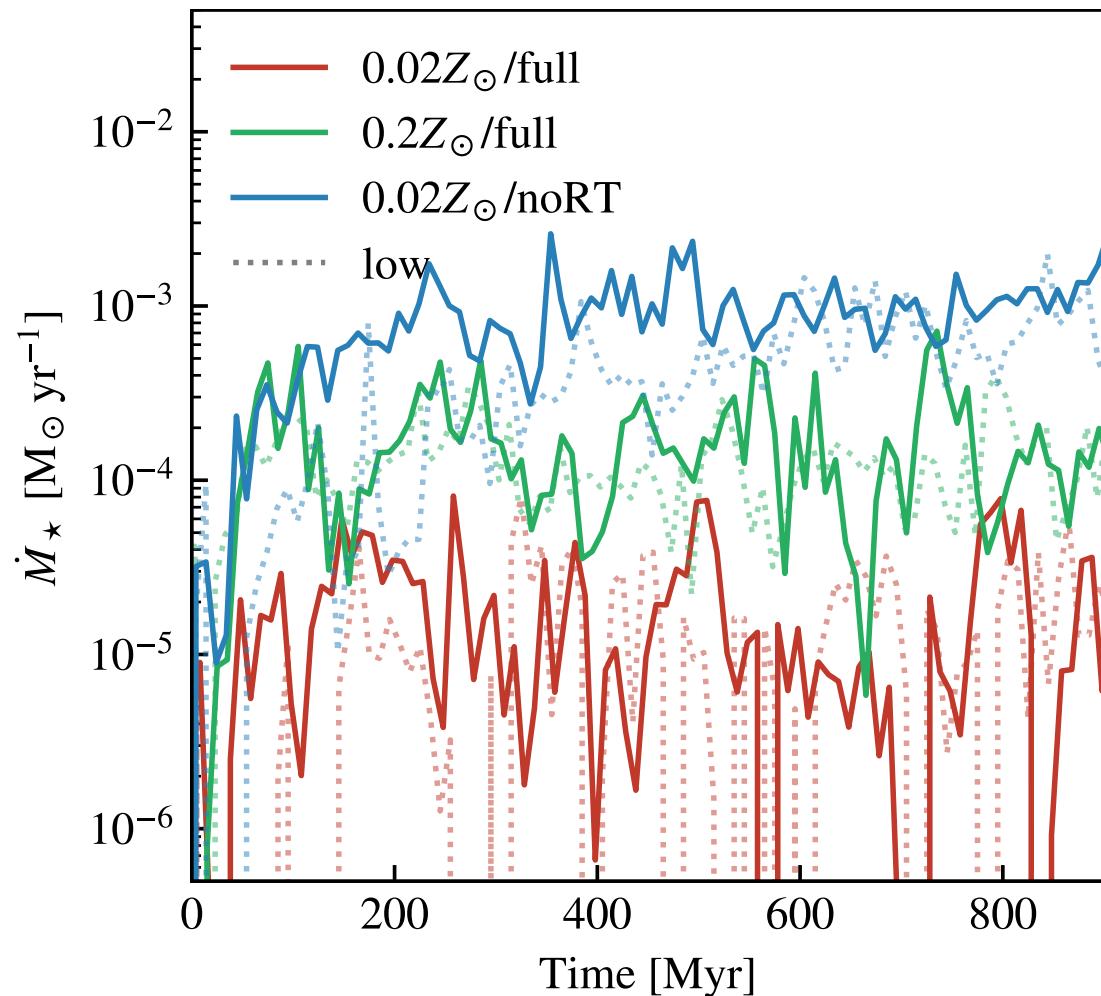
Order of magnitude differences, important for cosmological simulations evolving from primordial to present-day

# RIGEL: Realistic Ism modeling in Galaxy Evolution and Lifecycles

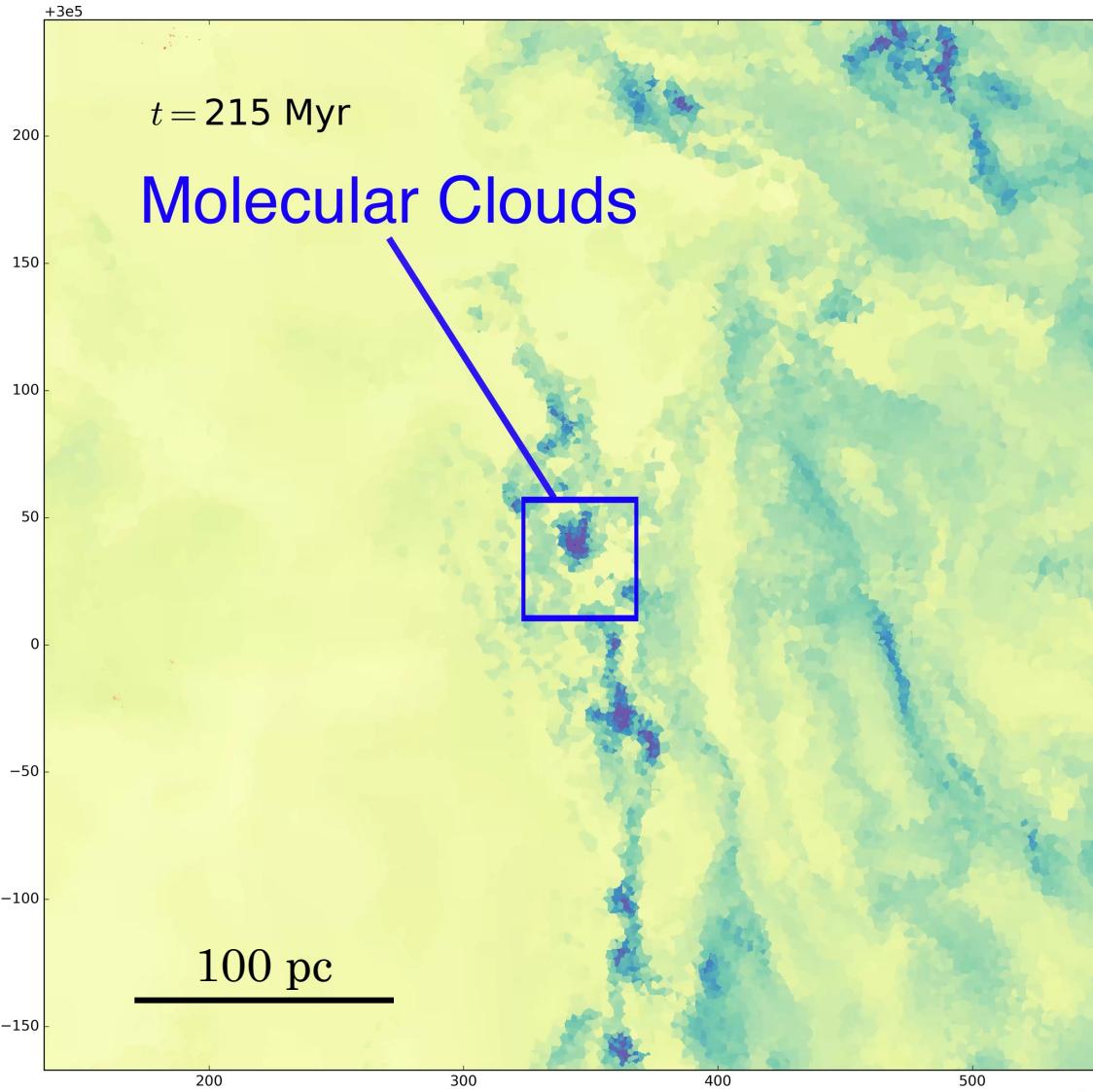
Deng et al. in prep.



# Star formation and Kennicutt-Schmidt relation

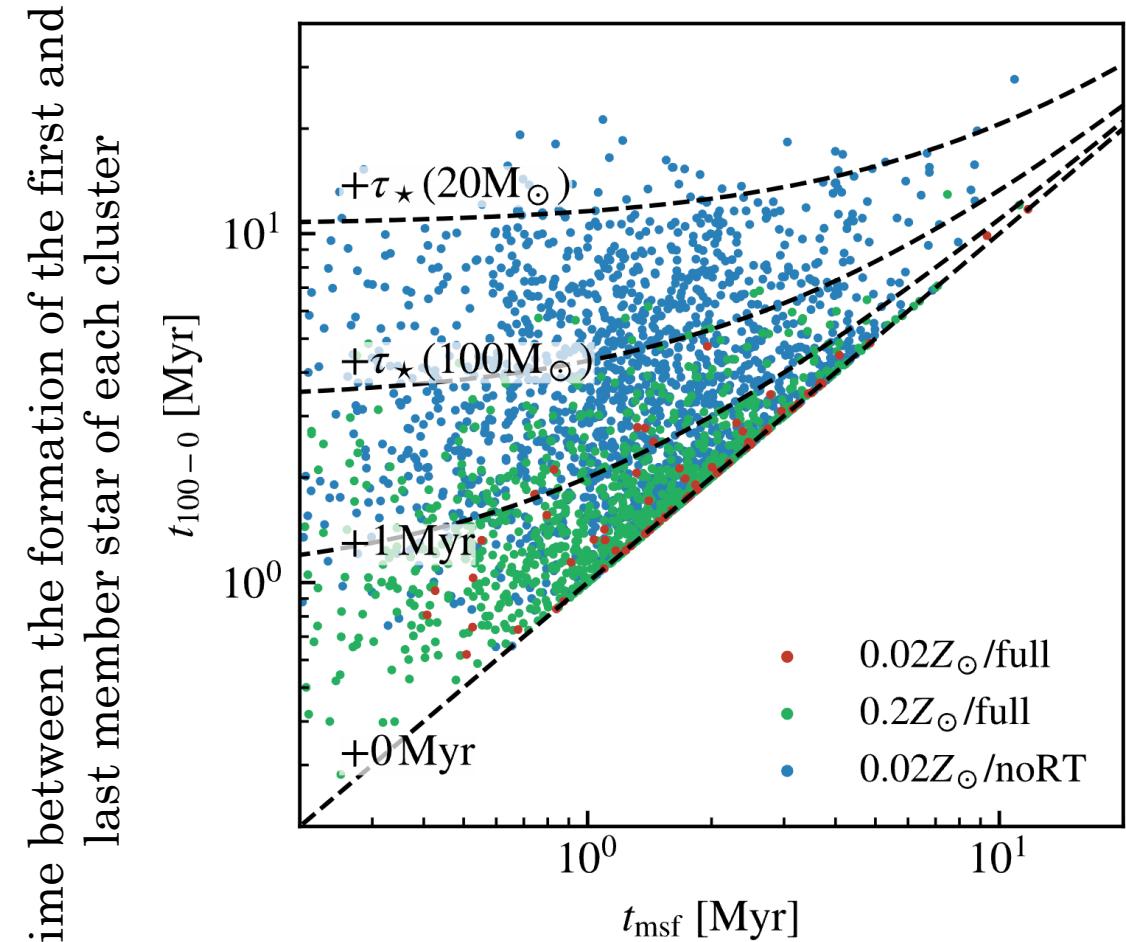


# Isolate dwarf galaxy: How does radiative feedback play its role



Temperature slice from the  $0.02 Z_{\odot}/\text{full}$  galaxy

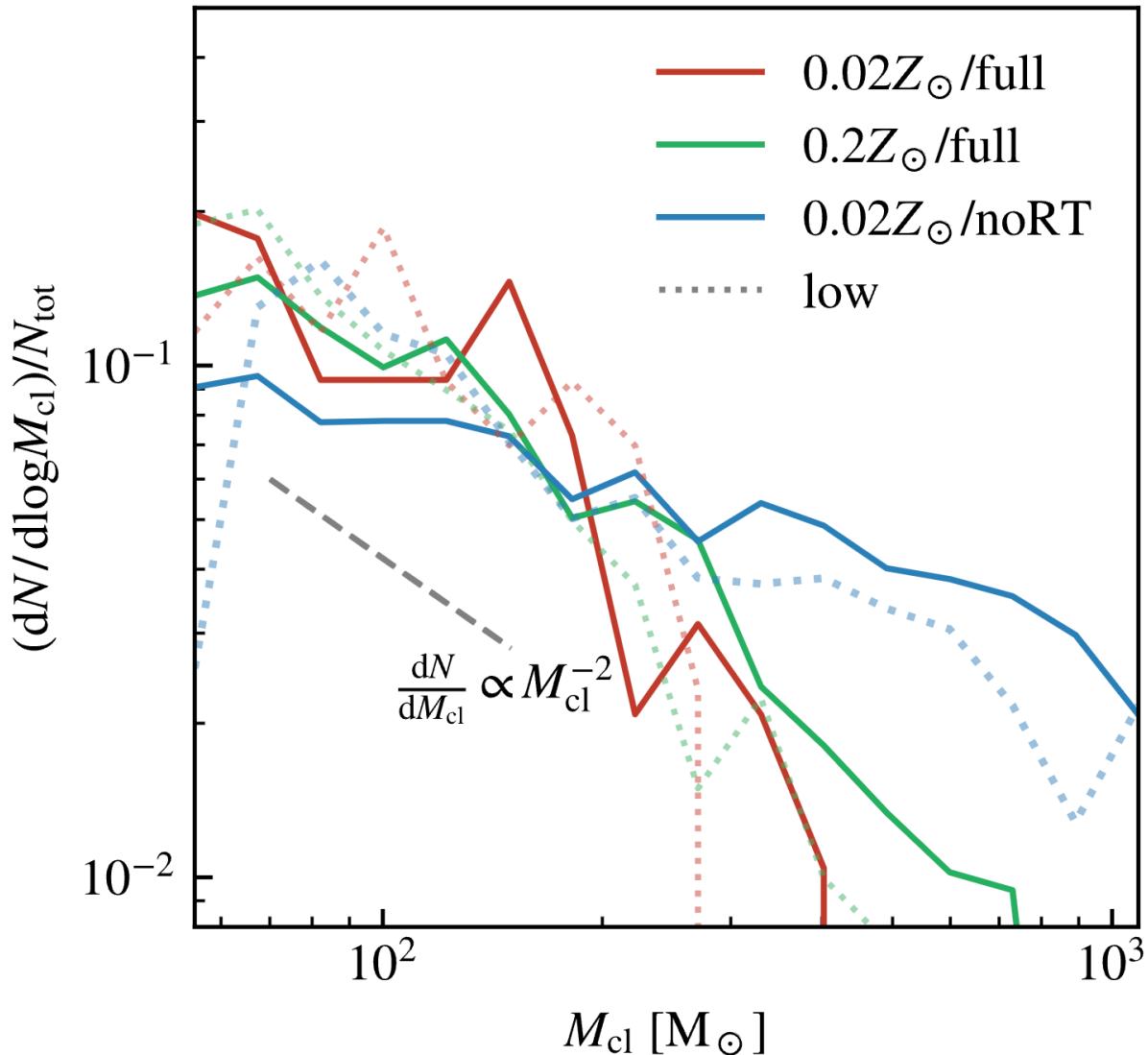
Low-mass star clusters stop increasing mass far before the first SN explosion



Formation time of the first massive star in each cluster

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## Cluster Initial Mass Function



Power-law fitting (bootstrap)

Model	slope	std
0.02 $Z_{\odot}/\text{full}$	2.40	0.13
0.2 $Z_{\odot}/\text{full}$	2.07	0.02
0.02 $Z_{\odot}/\text{noRT}$	1.63	0.03

**Prohibit the formation of massive star clusters**

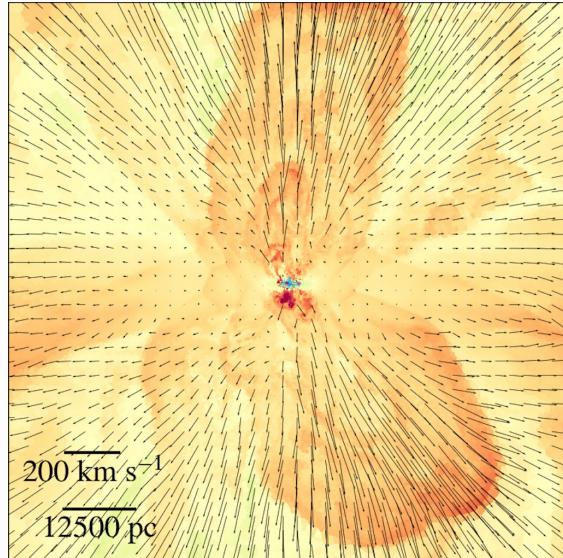
# Summary and Ongoing projects with RIGEL

Time: 0 Myr    **RIGEL**  
Realistic ISM modeling in Galaxy Evolution and Lifecycles

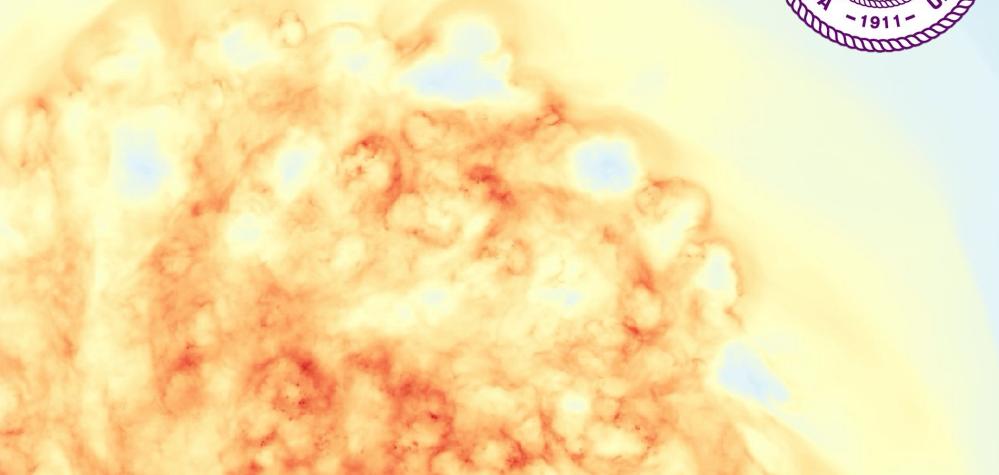
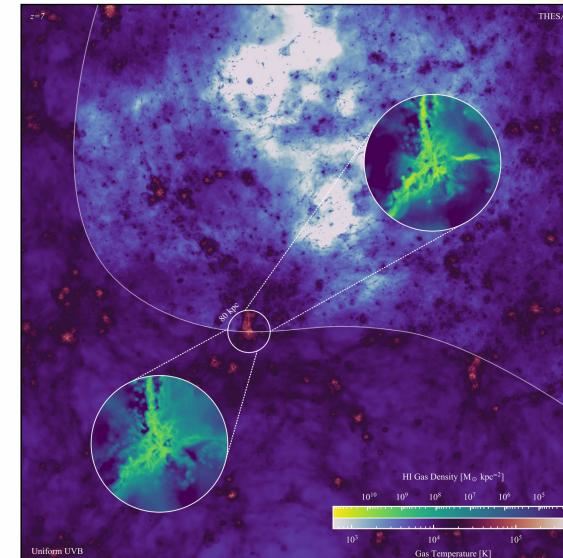


1. The RIGEL model: a self-consistently model of the interstellar medium (ISM) in dwarf galaxies with on-the-fly RT, individual massive stars, and Z-dependent feedback
2. Tested this model with an isolate dwarf galaxy and found that radiative feedback is important to prohibit the formation of massive star cluster and shaping the mass function steep at the high mass end.

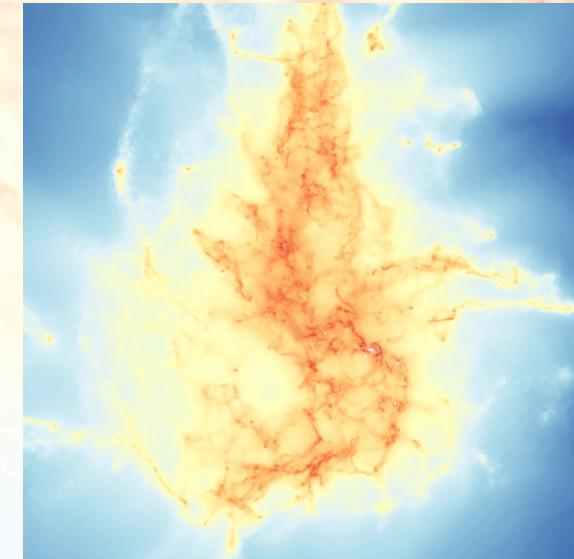
Outflow and SN clustering  
in  
Isolated Dwarf galaxies



Zoom-in Simulations of Dwarf galaxies in THESAN



GMC-scale cluster formation with yields of binaries



Central Molecular Zone of our Milky Way

