

Tumlinson, Peebles & Werk (2017)

# COLD GAS IN HOT HALOS

# CHARGE FROM THE ORGANIZER



“a short stimulating or **controversial** (10min) talk to set the stage”

“**challenge their main-stream thoughts**”

“**food for thought** to move towards a more physically oriented galaxy formation approach”

“a pedagogical introduction or **pose a controversial statement**”

“cover ...the “fundamental scale of cold gas” etc”

# CONCLUSION

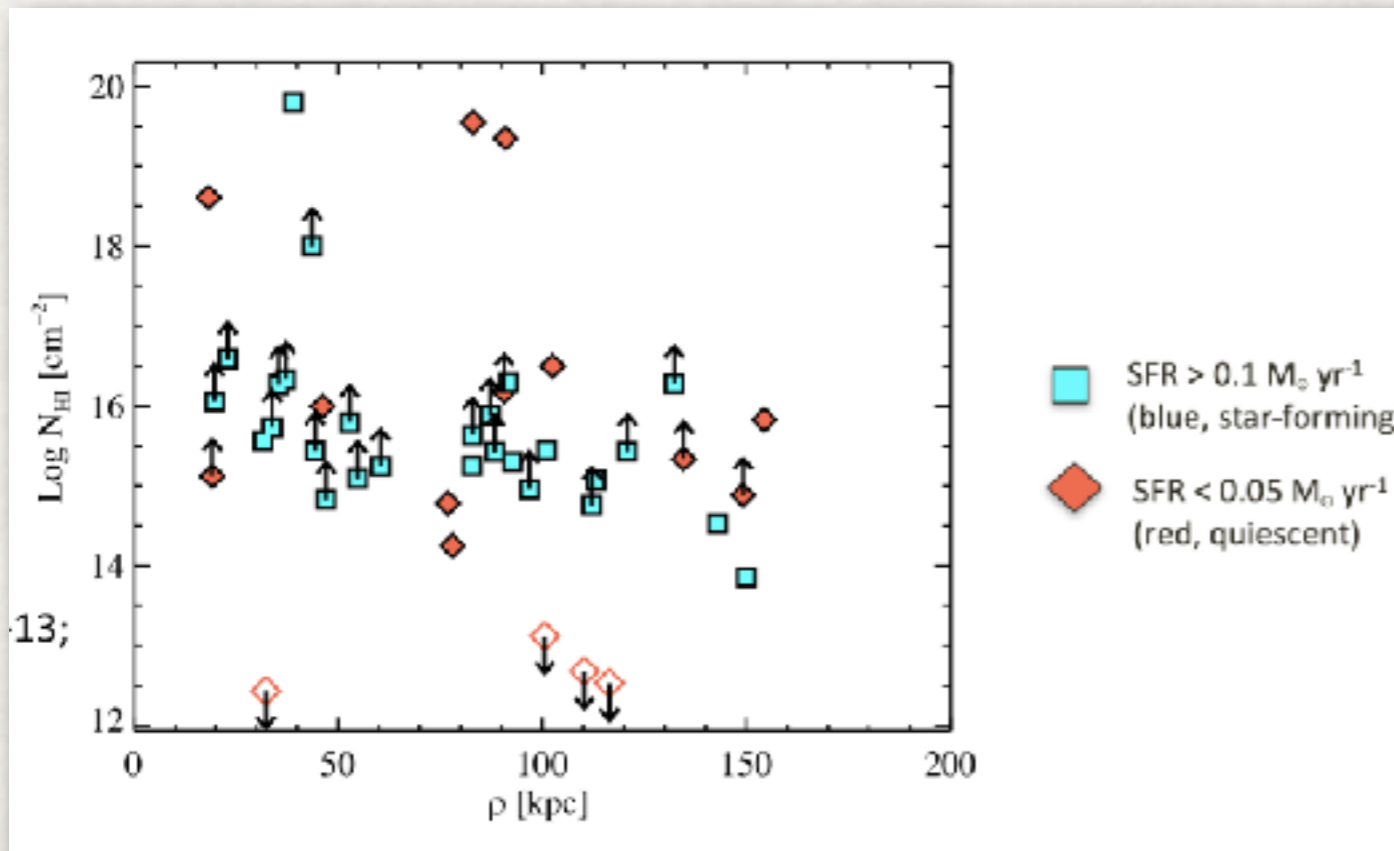
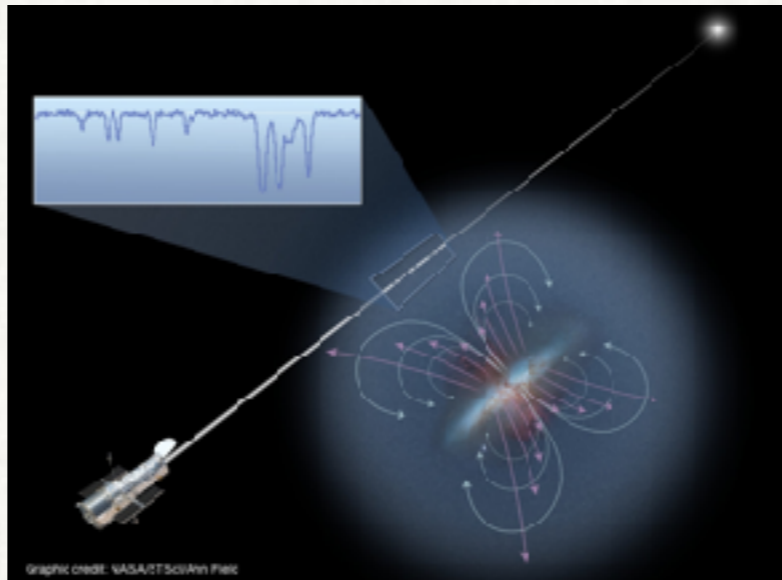
CHRISTOPH THINKS IT WOULD BE AMUSING  
IF I GOT LYNCHED



# LET'S TALK ABOUT THE COLD GAS IN THE CGM

WHY?

It's what we can see



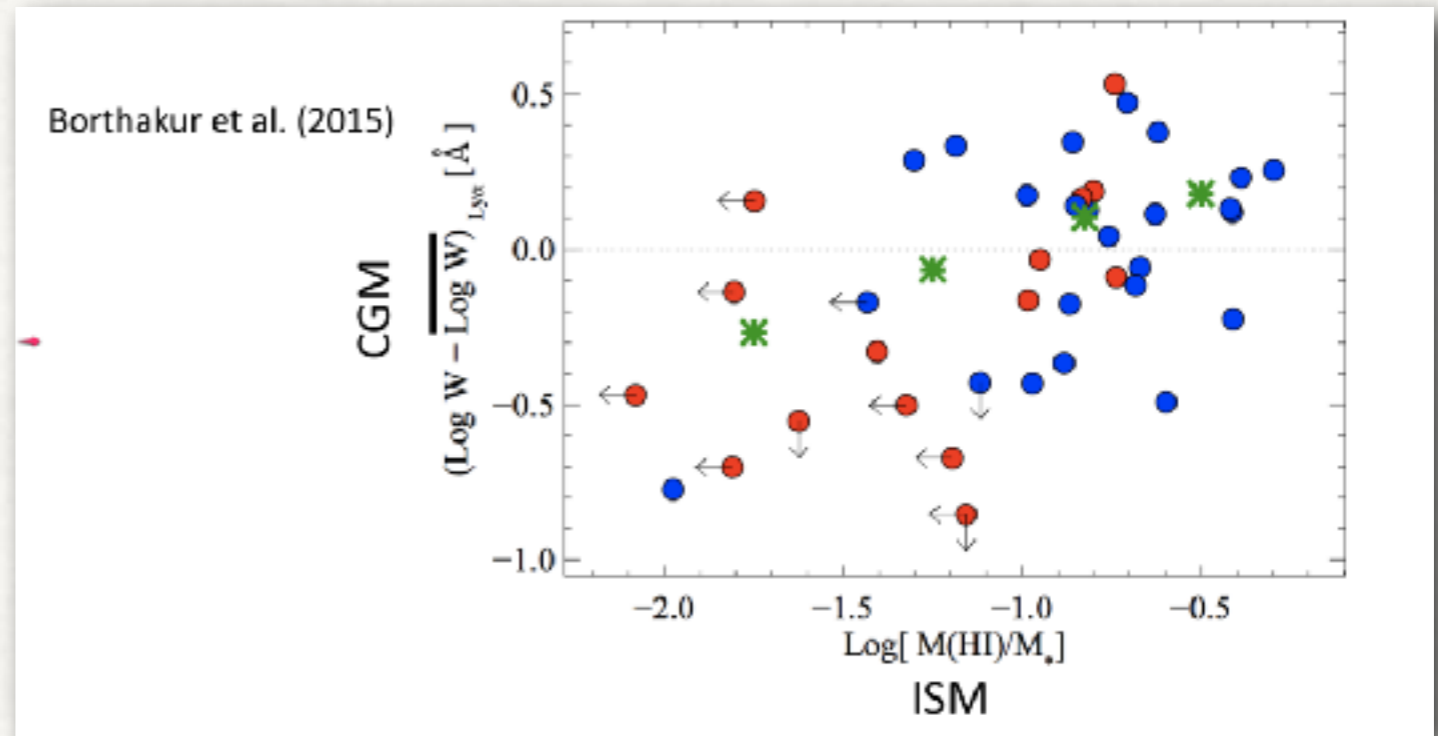
It's everywhere  
(even in passive galaxies)

WHY?

Werk (2018), adapted from Prochaska et al (2017)

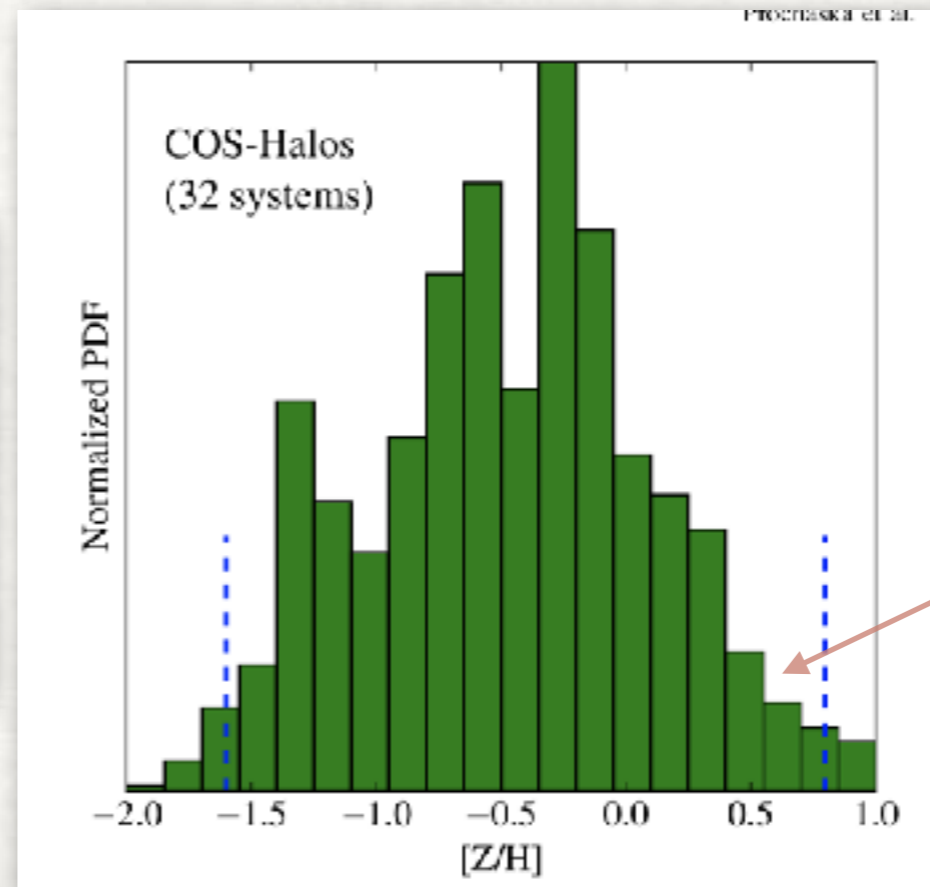


## Fuel for star formation



(Correlation between CGM cold gas and ISM cold gas)

## Signpost of feedback

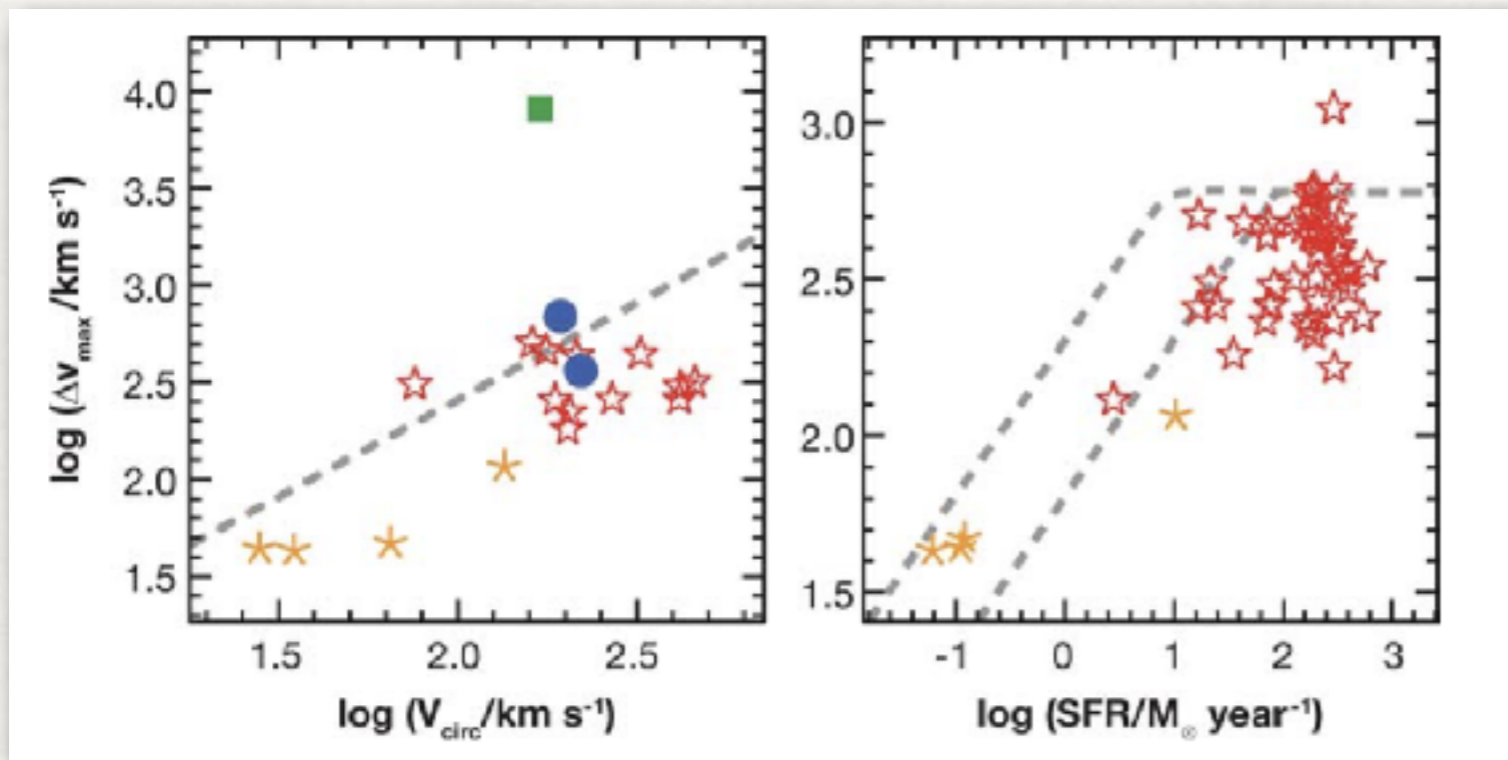


i) Metallicity

check out this  
 supersolar gas!

Prochaska et al  
 (2017)

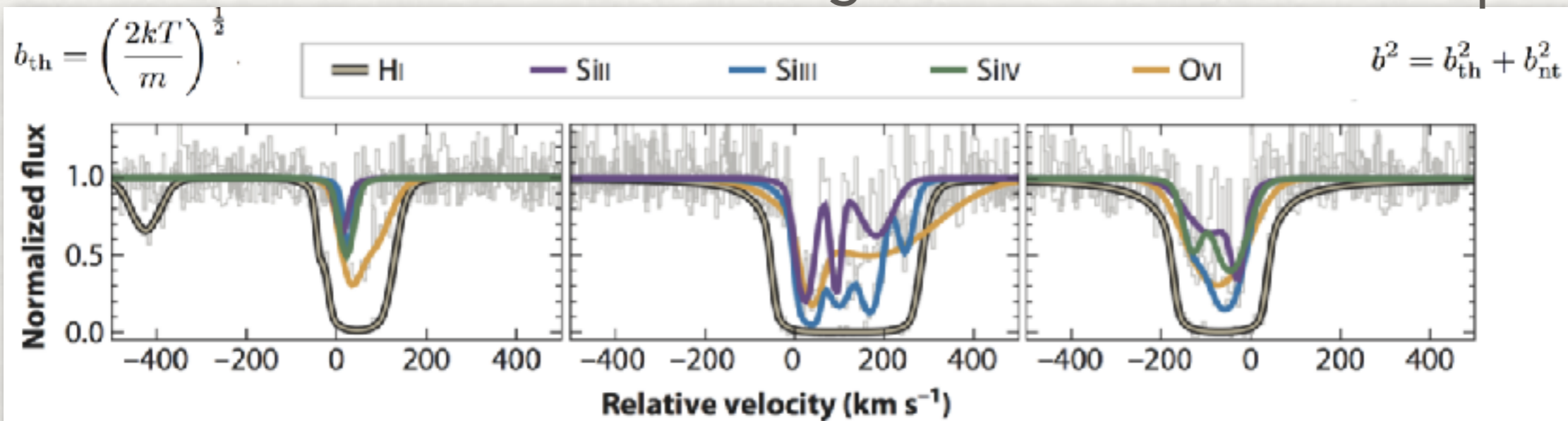
## ii) Kinematics



Outflows

Veilleux et al 2005

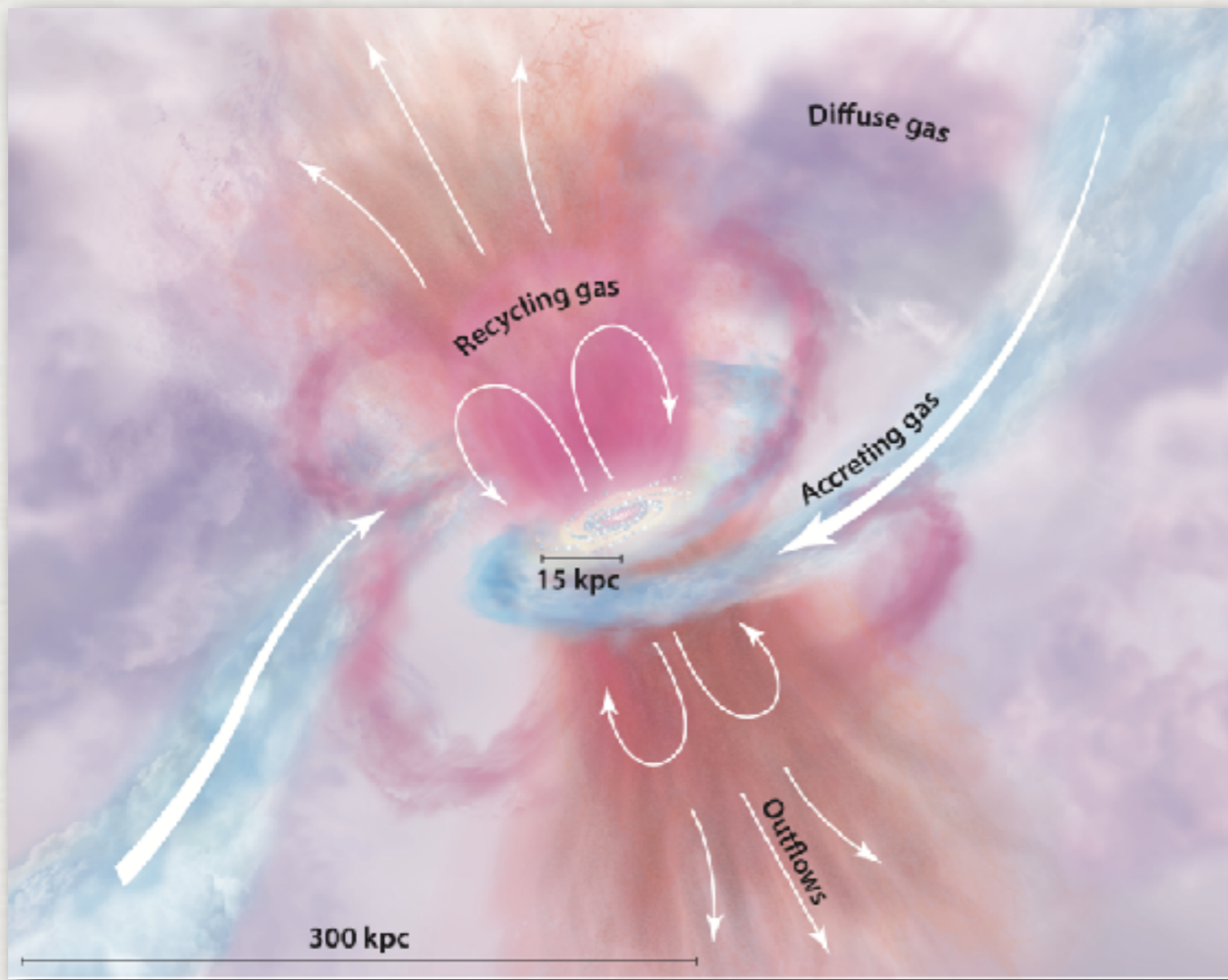
## Enigmatic Kinematic Correspondences



McQuinn & Werk (2018); Werk et al. (2016), Tripp et al. (2008),  
Muzahid et al. (2012), Savage et al. (2014), and more

Werk (2018)

Tumlinson, Peebles & Werk (2017)



"The CGM is a galactic ..



Fuel tank



Waste Dump



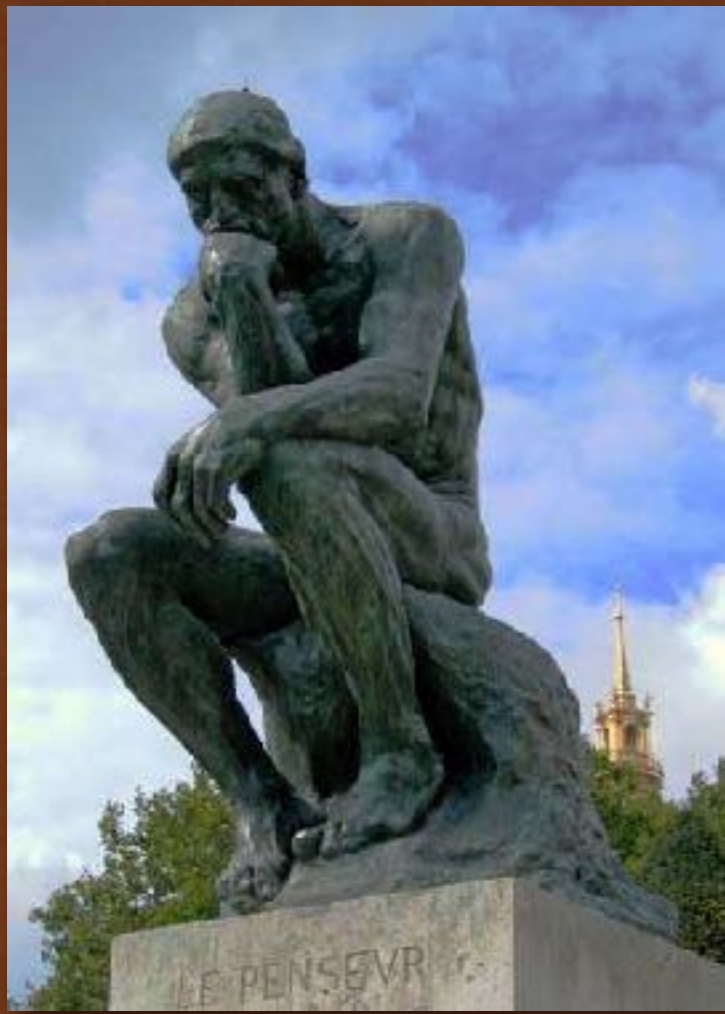
Recycling Center"

YOUR MISSION, SHOULD YOU CHOOSE TO ACCEPT IT...



Understand  
physics of cold gas  
so we can interpret  
what we are seeing

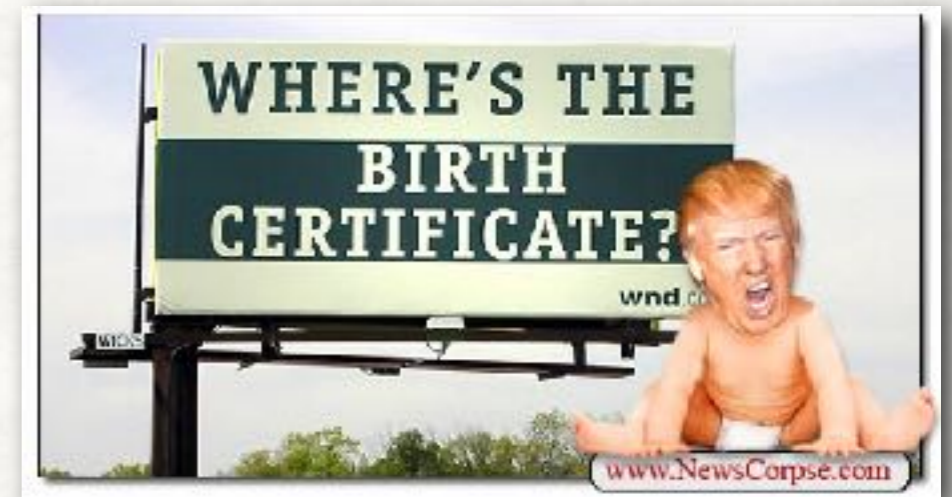




# OPEN QUESTIONS

# WHERE DOES IT COME FROM?

Cosmological  
Accretion?



But cold flows have small covering factor in sims  
Also wrong velocity sign



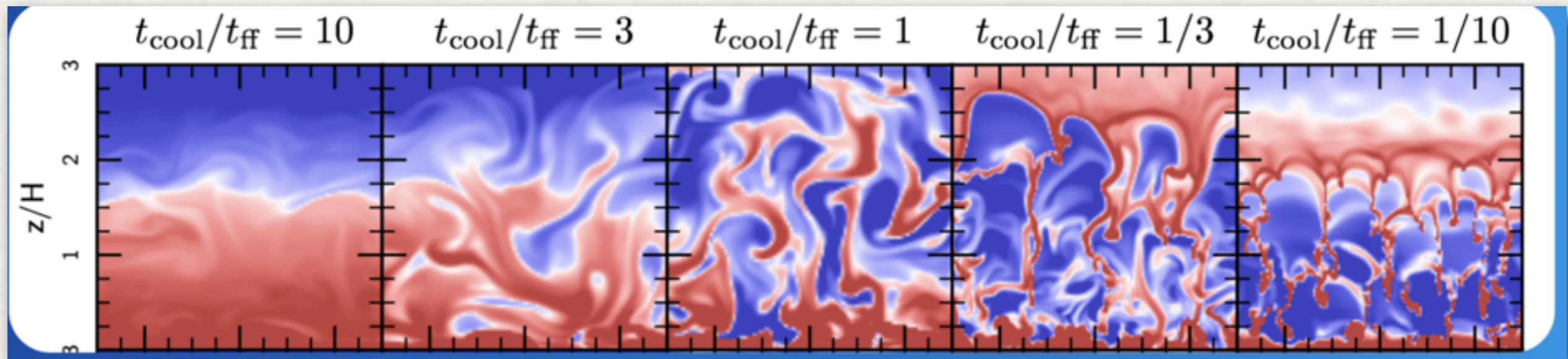
**Ejected in outflows**

Agrees with fact that we see dust

But entraining dense cold gas is hard!  
(more later)

# Made in situ by thermal instability ('rain'; 'precipitation')

McCourt+12



Arise as a result of competition between driving (by cooling) and damping from motions driven by buoyancy forces

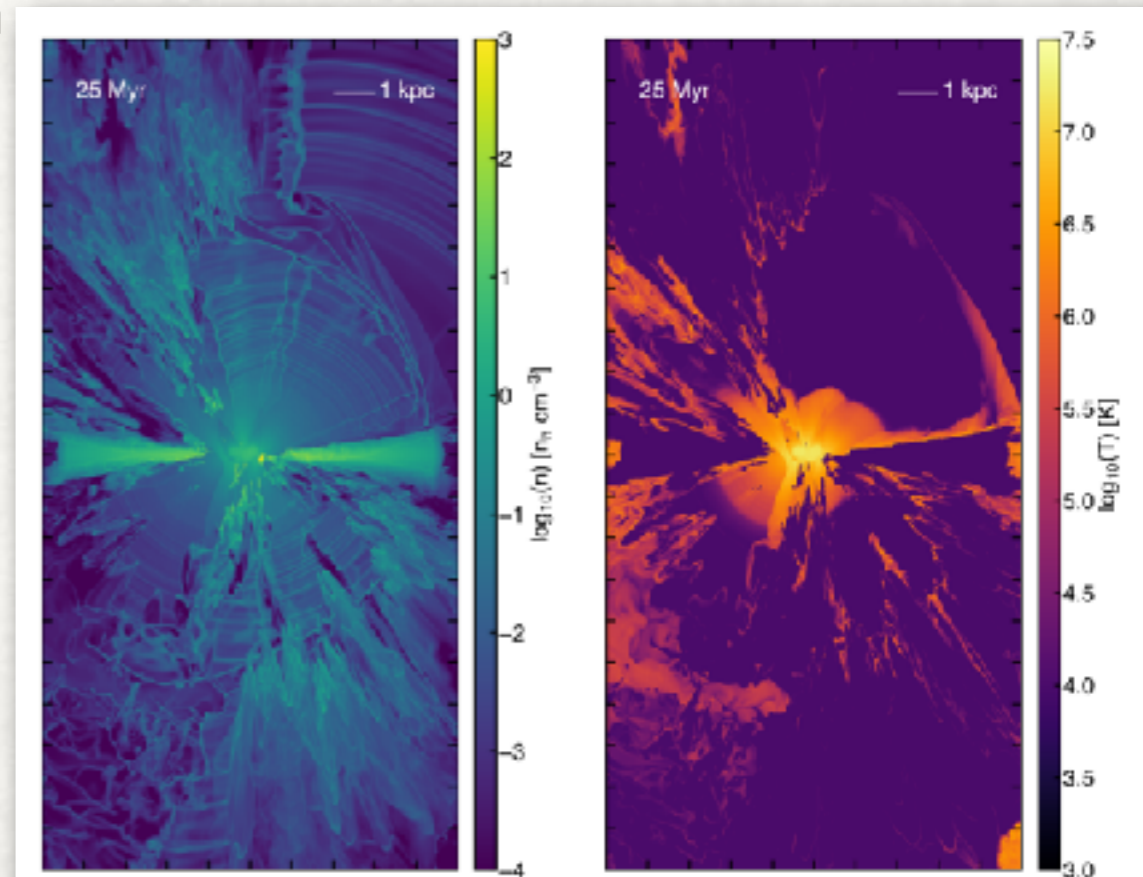
Schneider+18

Are these models relevant? — galaxy CGM not in hydrostatic/thermal equilibrium  
Buoyancy forces less relevant — reduced by B-fields, flat entropy profiles

## Made by cooling of galactic wind

Adiabatic, then radiative cooling (Thompson+16)  
Automatically solves entrainment problem

All of the above??



# HOW DOES IT ENTRAIN AND SURVIVE?

Basic reason

Acceleration time:

$$t_{\text{acc}} \sim \left( \frac{\rho_c}{\rho_h} \right) \frac{R}{v_h}$$

is longer than  
destruction time

$$t_{\text{cc}} \sim \left( \frac{\rho_c}{\rho_h} \right)^{1/2} \frac{R}{v_h}$$

$$\frac{t_{\text{acc}}}{t_{\text{cc}}} \sim \left( \frac{\rho_h}{\rho_c} \right)^{1/2}$$

## THE 'FAST AND FURIOUS' LIFE OF COLD GAS...

Entrainment is hard!

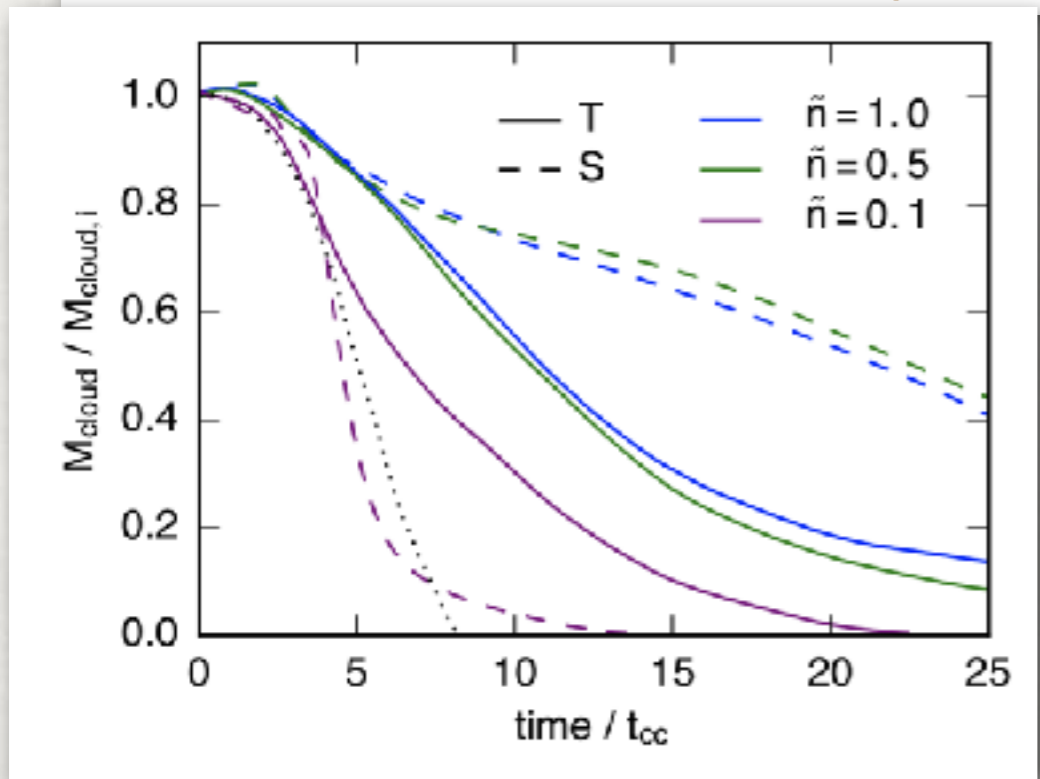
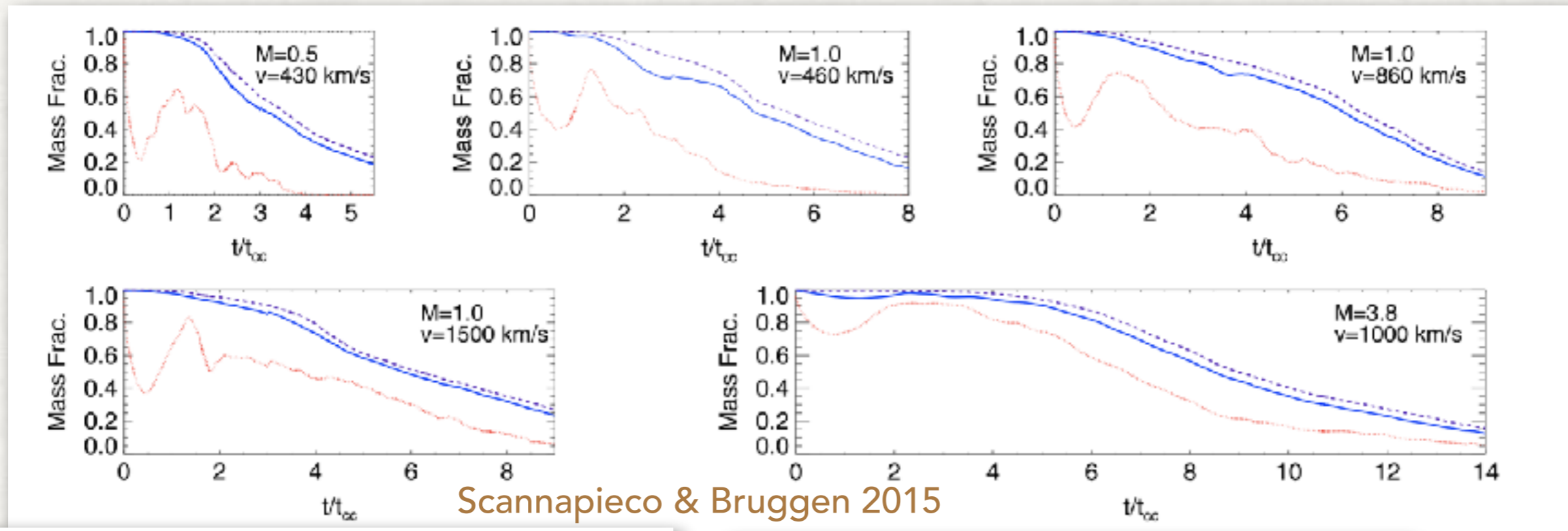
**Entrainment in trouble: cool cloud acceleration and destruction in hot supernova-driven galactic winds**

Dong Zhang,<sup>1,2,3★</sup> Todd A. Thompson,<sup>2,3</sup> Eliot Quataert<sup>4</sup> and Norman Murray<sup>5†</sup>

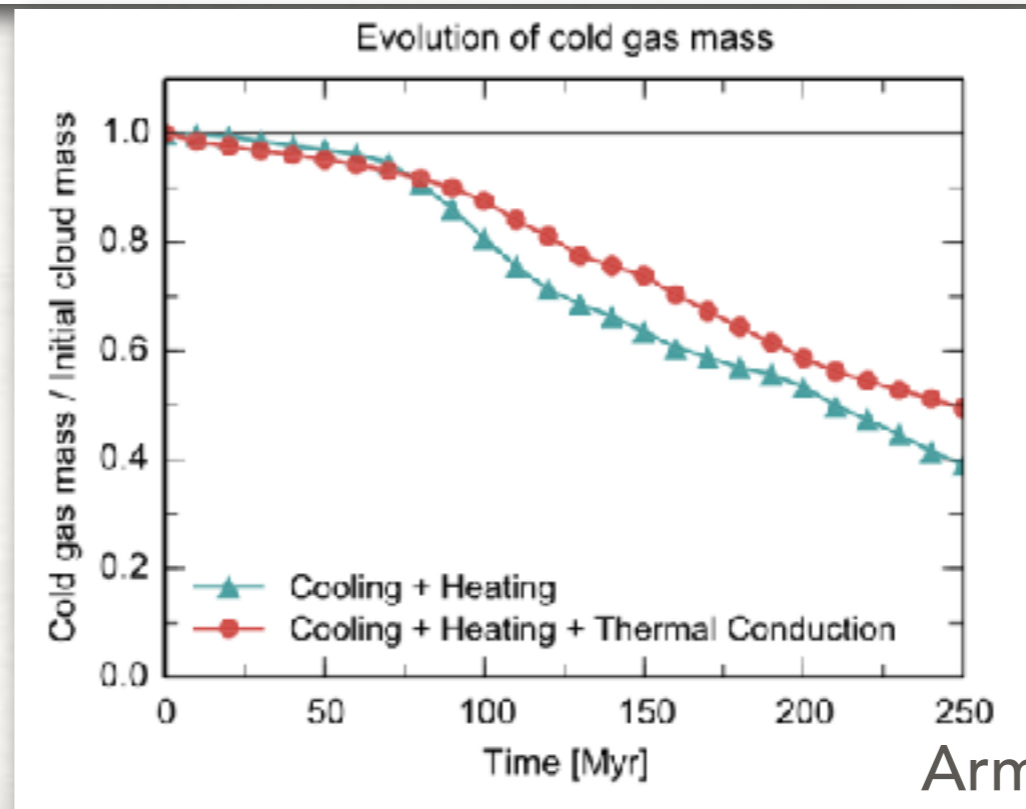


# CLOUDS ERODE IN WIND TUNNEL SIMULATIONS

## EVEN WHEN HAVE RADIATIVE COOLING...



Schneider & Robertson 2017



Armillotta et al 2017

# THE PROBLEM



Schneider et al 2017

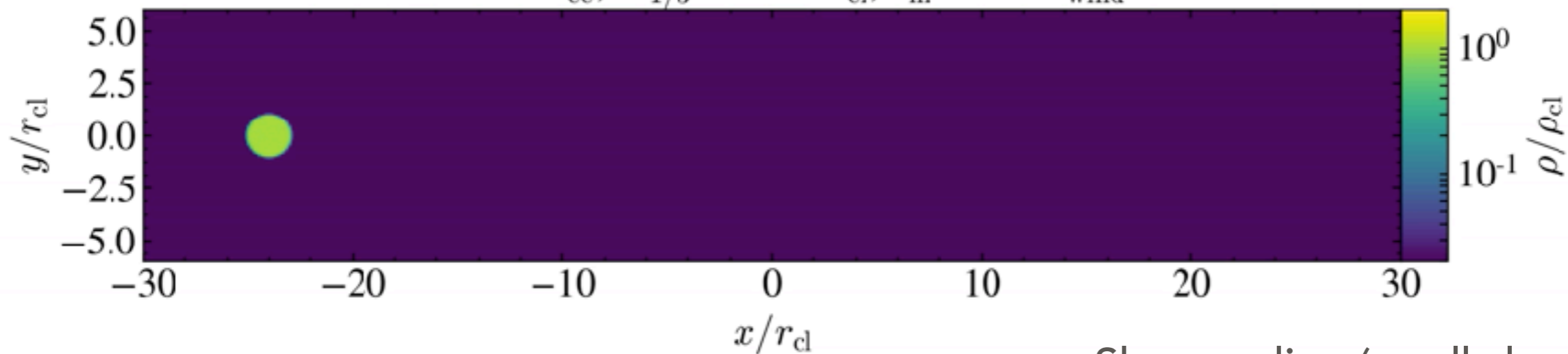
> billion grid cell sim!

Break up and KH away...

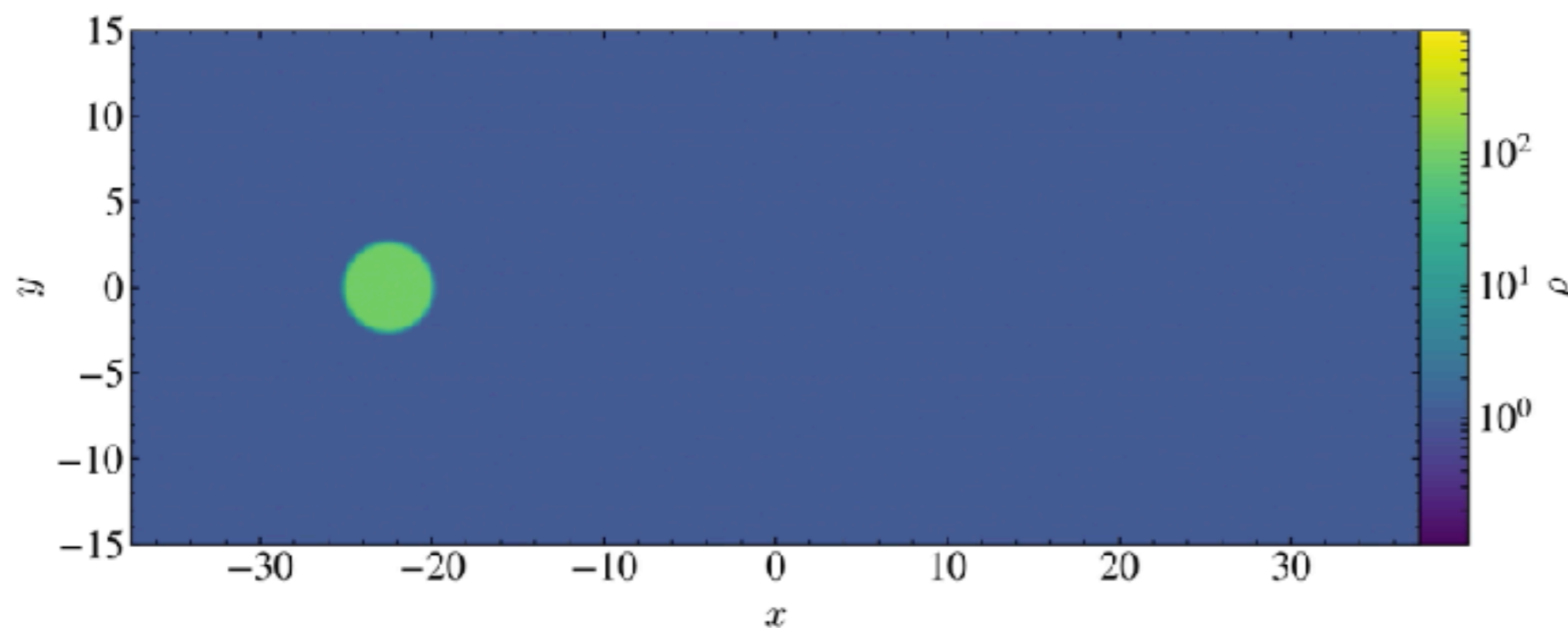
- Possible solutions:
- 1) Make cold gas out of wind (but what about dust?)
  - 2) B-fields (stabilizes interface, increases drag force...but doesn't work in detail)
  - 3) Non-hydro forces (radiation pressure, cosmic rays...)

# MY TWO CENTS: MIXED GAS CAN COOL

$t = 0.00 t_{\text{cc}}, m_{1/3} = 0.99 m_{\text{cl}}, v_{\text{in}} = 1.00 v_{\text{wind}}$



Slow cooling (small cloud)

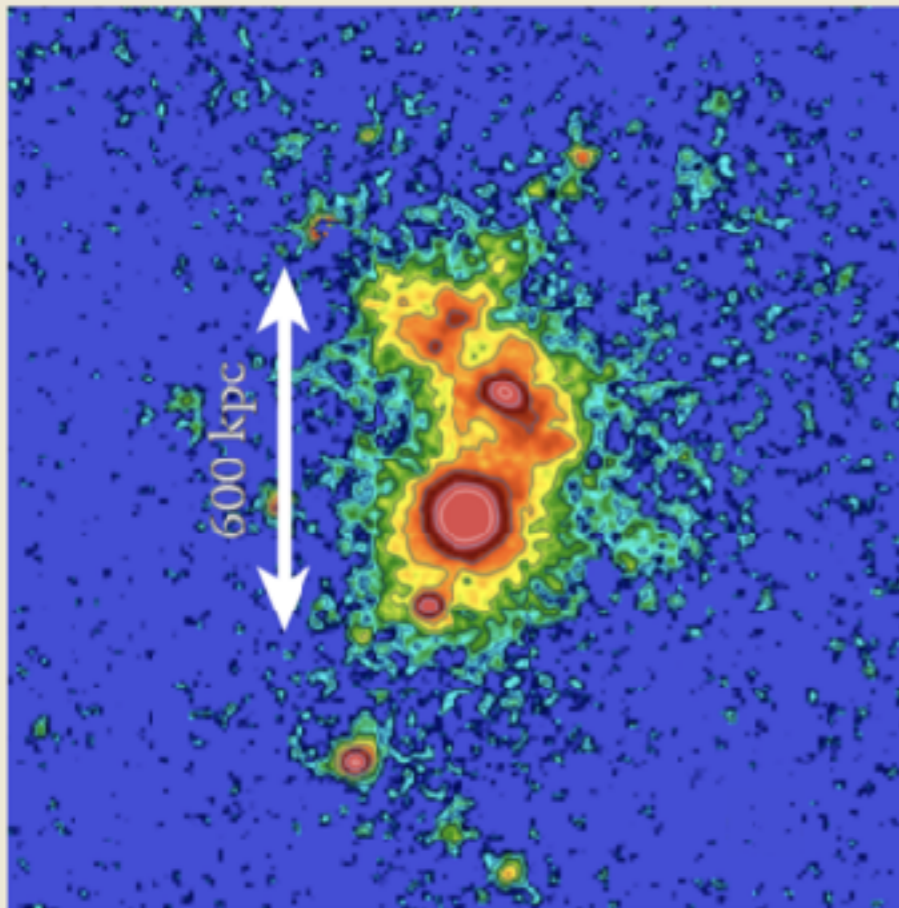


Fast cooling  
(large cloud)

Cold gas grows in mass (from hot gas cooling out)  
and becomes comoving (since hot gas has high momentum)

# WHAT IS THE MORPHOLOGY OF THE COLD GAS?

And how dense gas with a very small volume filling factor blanket the entire halo?



Hennawi et al. 2015

“Joe’s Cluster:”

$$z \sim 2$$

$$M \sim 3 \times 10^{14} M_{\odot}$$

$\text{Ly}\alpha$  in absorption *and* emission

Problems

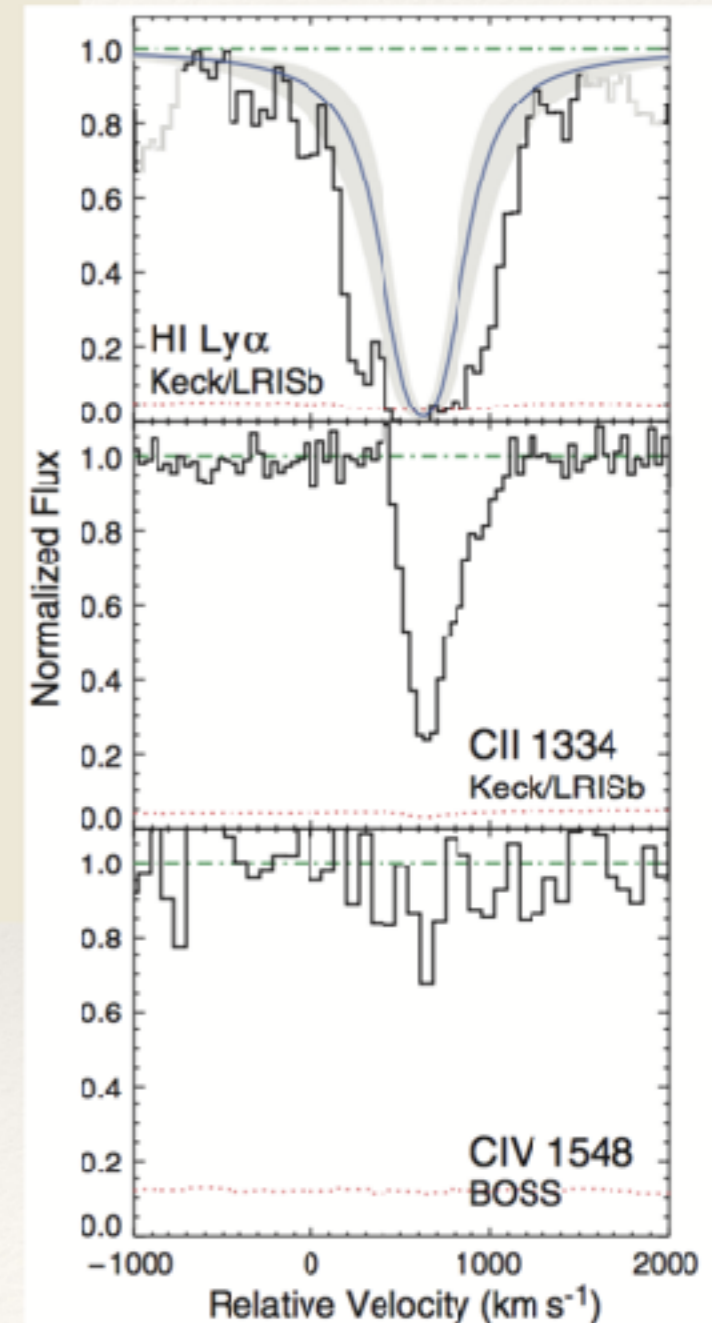
$$M_{\text{cold}} \sim 10^{11} M_{\odot}$$

$$n_{\text{cold}} \sim 1 \text{ cm}^{-3}$$

$$l_{\text{cold}} \equiv N/n \sim 40 \text{ pc}$$

Warm gas should fall in ballistically and get shredded!  
Small volume fraction ( $f_v \sim 10^{-4}$ ). Why area covering?

High turbulent velocities?!





# MY TWO CENTS

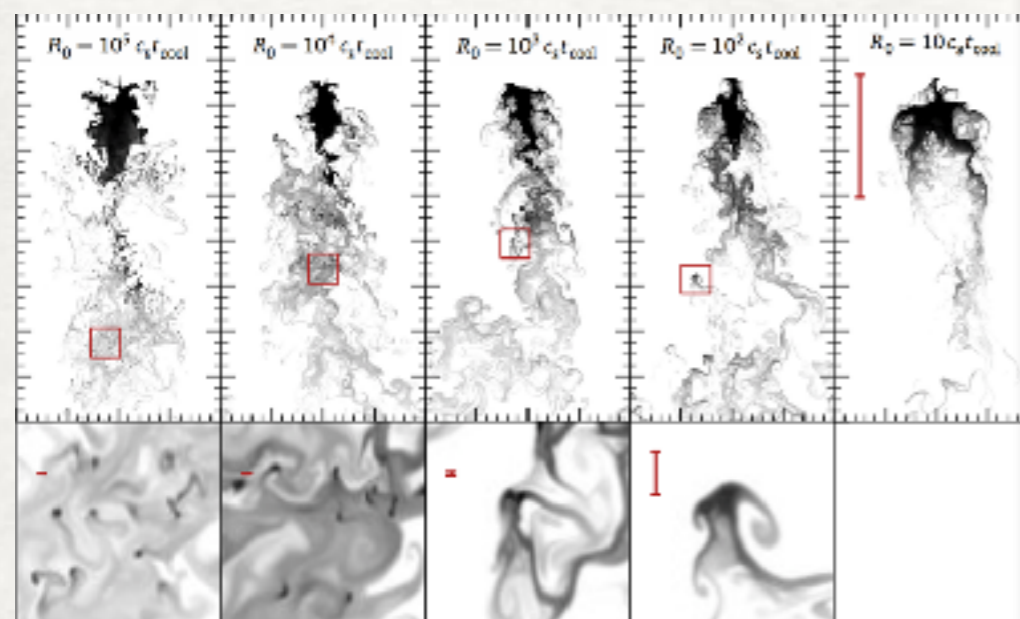
## COLD GAS HAS SMALL SCALE STRUCTURE

Rapid cooling does **not** mean isobaric  $\rightarrow$  isochoric cooling

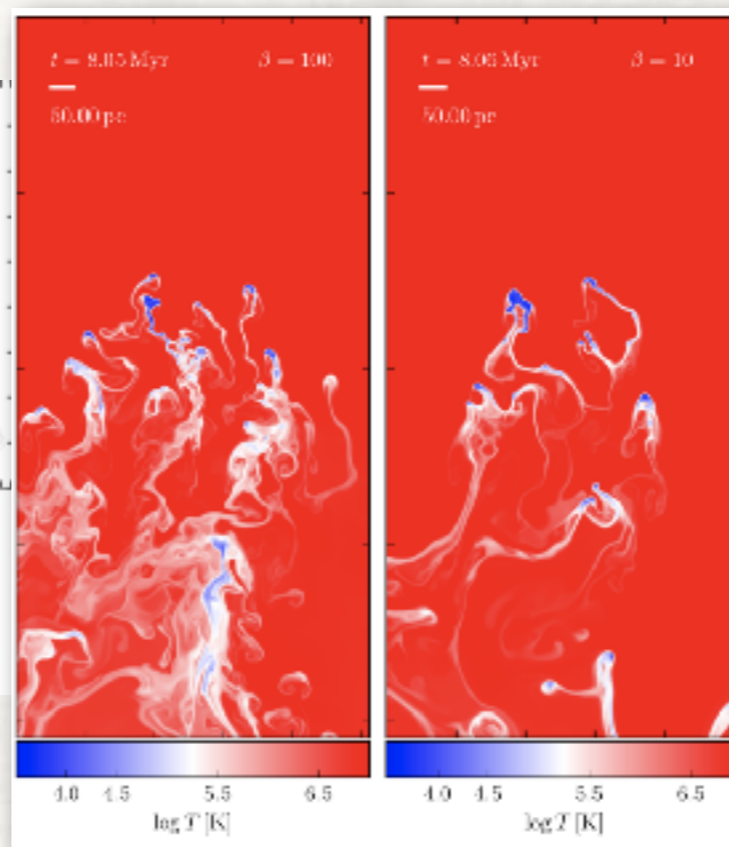
Instead, there is a 'shattering' instability, breakup into fragments

$$\lambda \sim c_s t_{\text{cool}} \sim 0.1 n^{-1} \text{ pc}$$

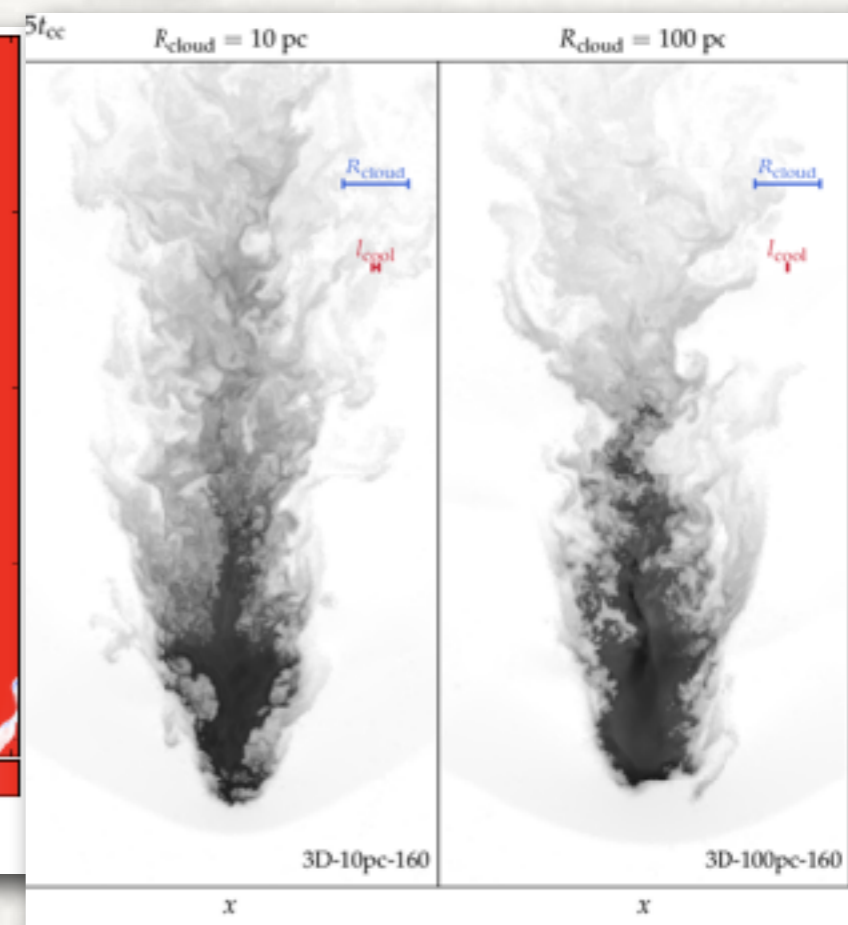
$$N_{\text{H}} \sim 10^{17} \text{ cm}^{-2}$$



2D hydro (McCourt+18)



2D MHD (Liang & Remming 18)



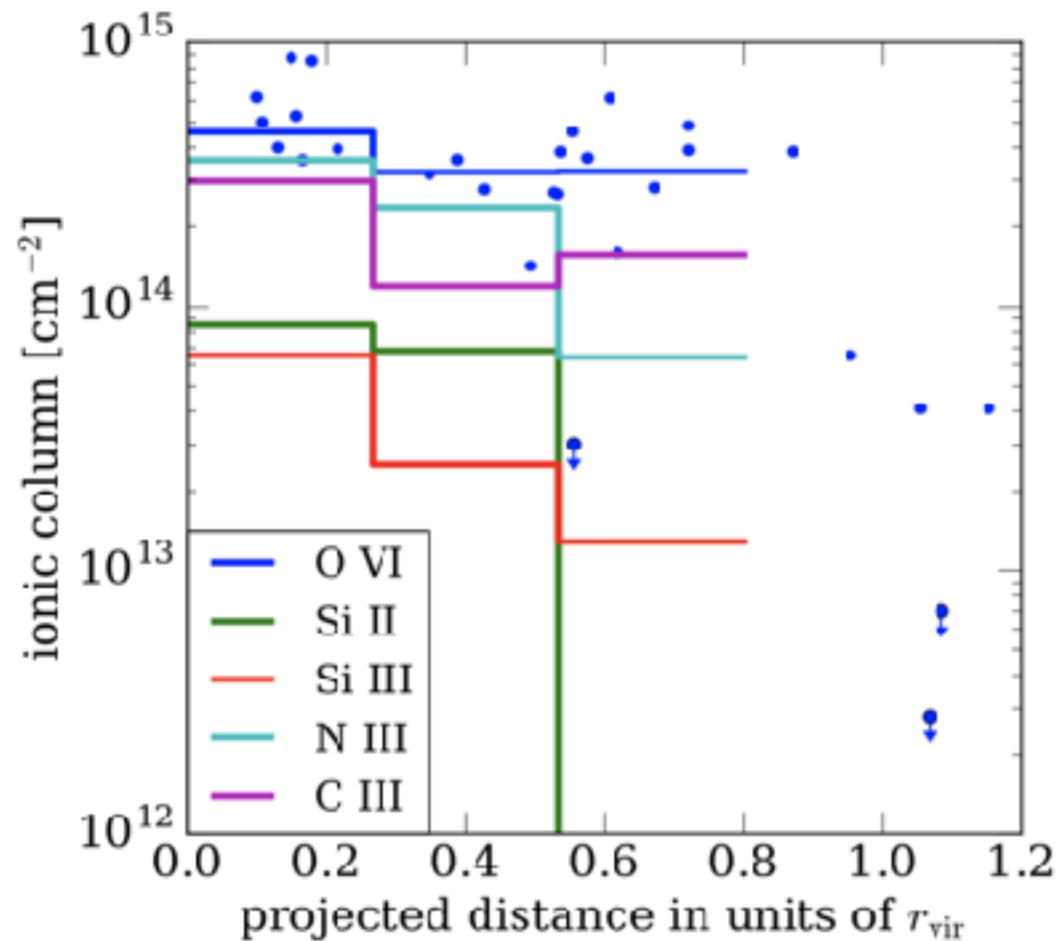
3D hydro (Sparre+18)

# Deus Ex Machina?

- Fog!
- Heavy water droplets can float
- Small amount of water blankets everything ( $f_A \sim f_v (L/r)$ )
- Large area: mixes and entrains quickly
- LOTS of observational evidence for small scale structure

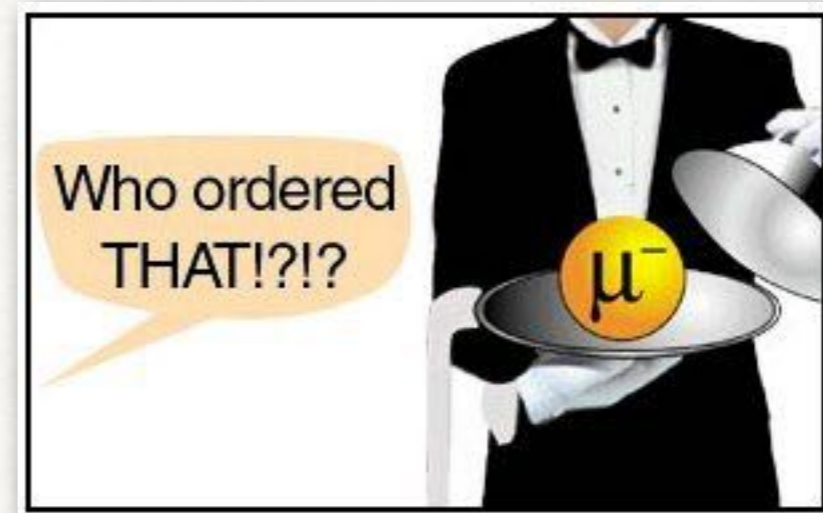
# SOME OTHER PUZZLES

Why is there all this OVI?



McQuinn & Werk (2018)

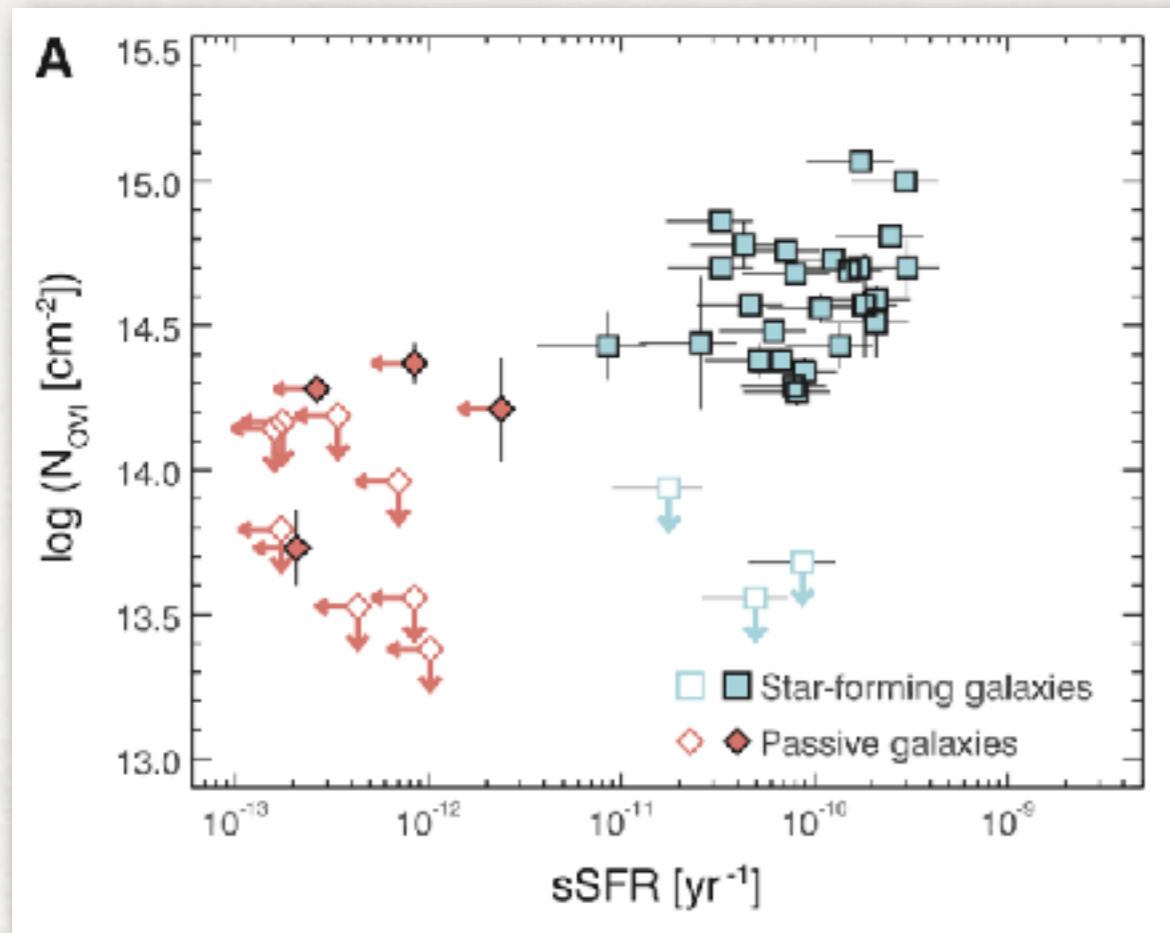
If collisionally ionized, need gas to sit at unstable part of cooling curve.  
 If photoionized, need low-pressure shell (Stern+18)



I.I Rabi's reaction to discovery of mu meson

Implies a mass in warm gas of:

$$M = 8 \times 10^9 M_{\odot} \left( \frac{0.1}{f_{\text{OVI}} Z} \right) \left( \frac{N_{\text{OVI}}}{10^{14.5} \text{cm}^{-2}} \right) \left( \frac{R}{200 \text{kpc}} \right)^2, \quad (1)$$



Tumlinson et al 2011

Why is  $T \sim 10^4$  K gas so low density?

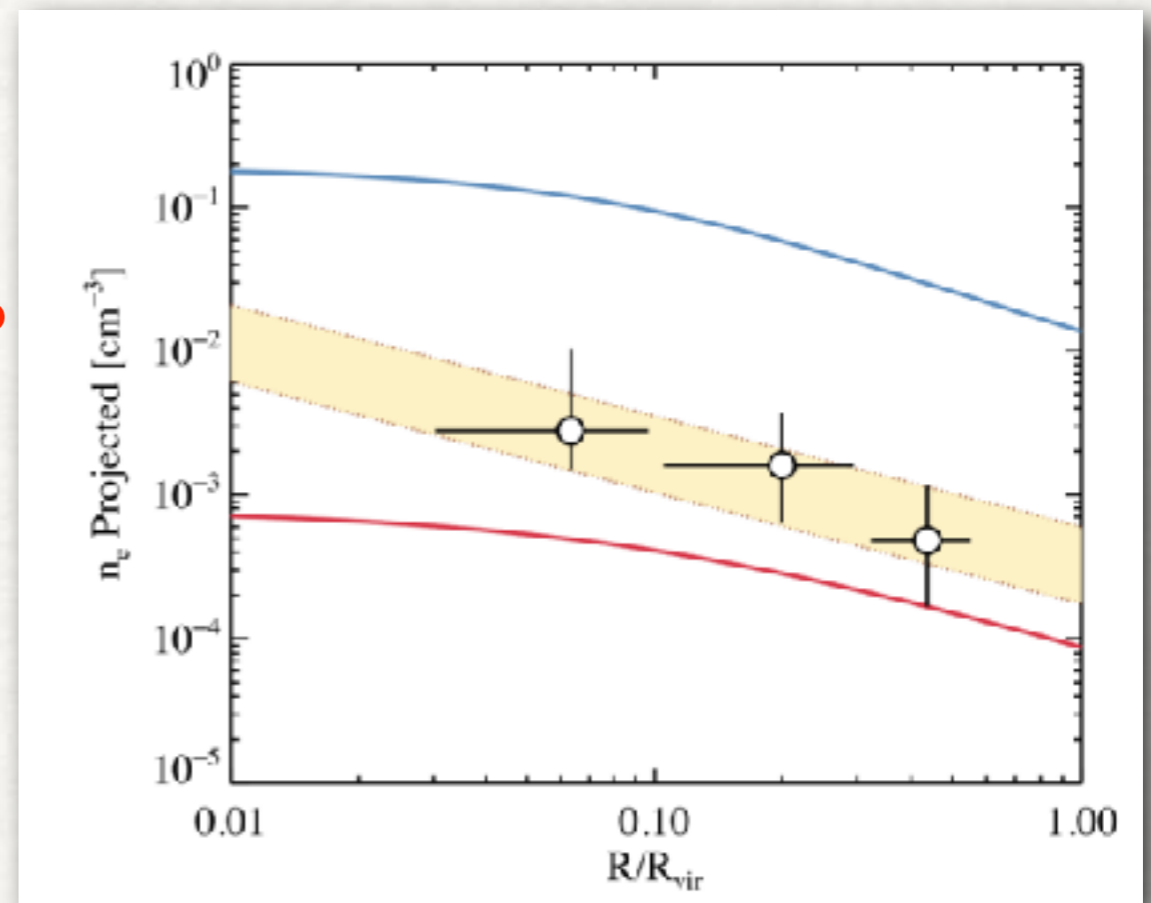
At least an order of magnitude less dense than expected.

Non-thermal pressure support?

Don't see this problem at high  $z$

Interesting clue: OVI is only seen in star-forming galaxies

Due to correlation of SFR with halo mass?  
Or do winds produce OVI?



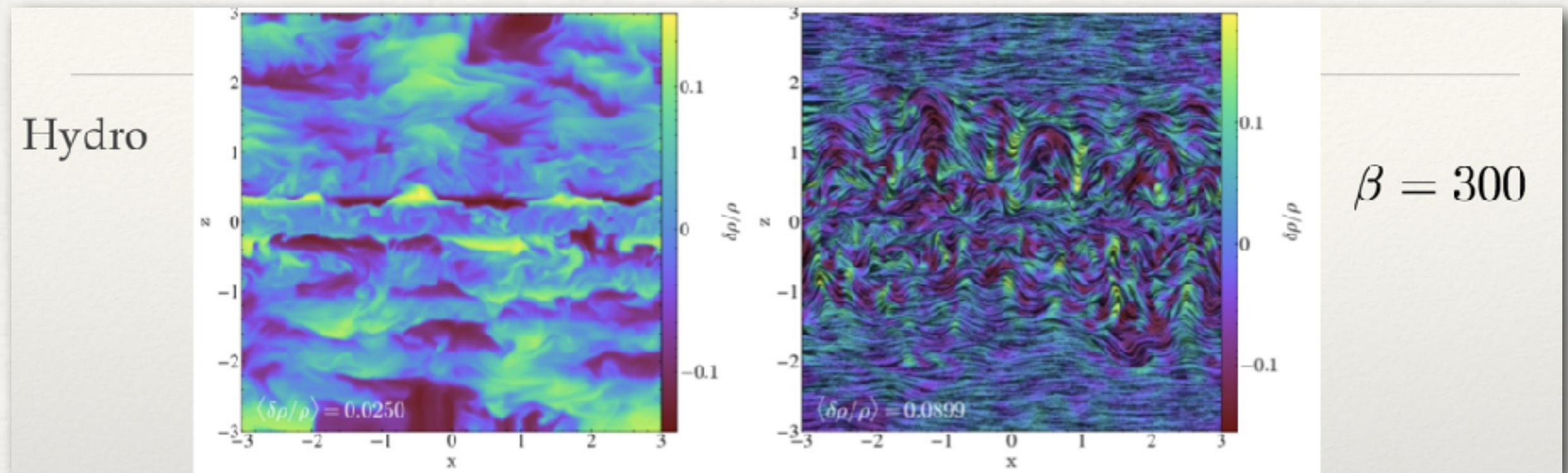
Werk+14 (corrected HM01)



# SOME CHALLENGES

# GOING BEYOND HYDRO

Gentle reminder: MHD forces make a difference



This is (relatively) easy, just have to do it

Thermal instability, Ji+18

Radiation: Numerically challenging

Cosmic Rays: Numerically challenging, physics uncertain

(Ellen's discussion)

# HOW MUCH NUMERICAL RESOLUTION DO WE NEED?

**Cosmological simulations of the circumgalactic medium with 1 kpc resolution: enhanced H I column densities**

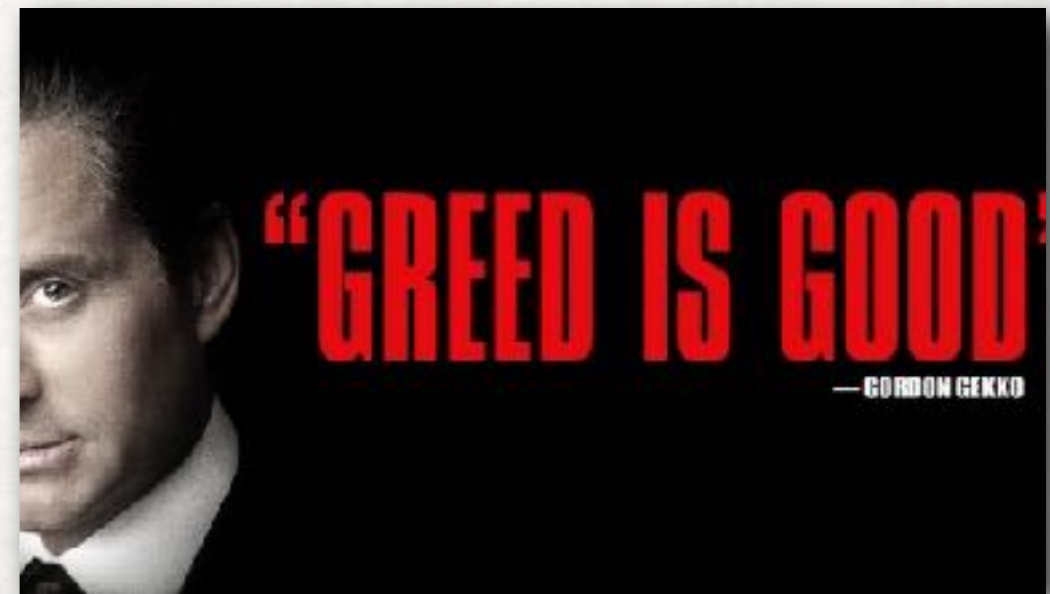
Freeke van de Voort,<sup>1,2\*</sup> Volker Springel,<sup>3,1</sup> Nir Mandelker,<sup>2,1</sup>  
Frank C. van den Bosch<sup>2</sup> and Rüdiger Pakmor<sup>3,1</sup>

The CGM is still not yet numerically converged.

Do we have to go to sub-pc resolution?

Should we treat cold gas in a subgrid manner?

(treat as separate fluid w/ coupling terms just like CRs)



# WHAT PHYSICS ARE WE MISSING?

*There are known knowns; there are things we know that we know.*

*There are known unknowns; that is to say, there are things that we now know we don't know.*

*But there are also unknown unknowns – there are things we do not know we don't know.*

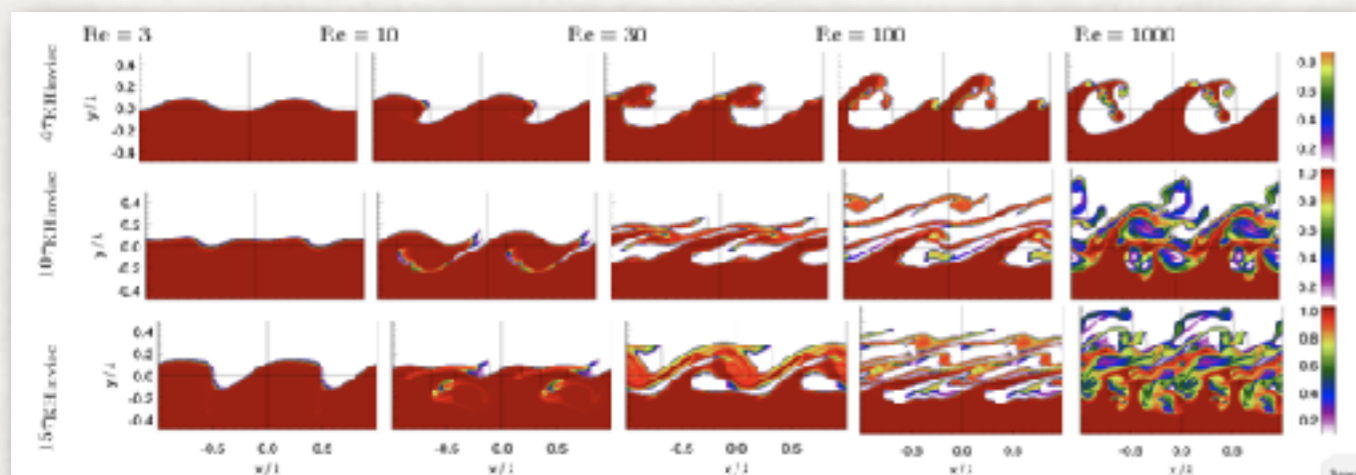
Donald Rumsfeld



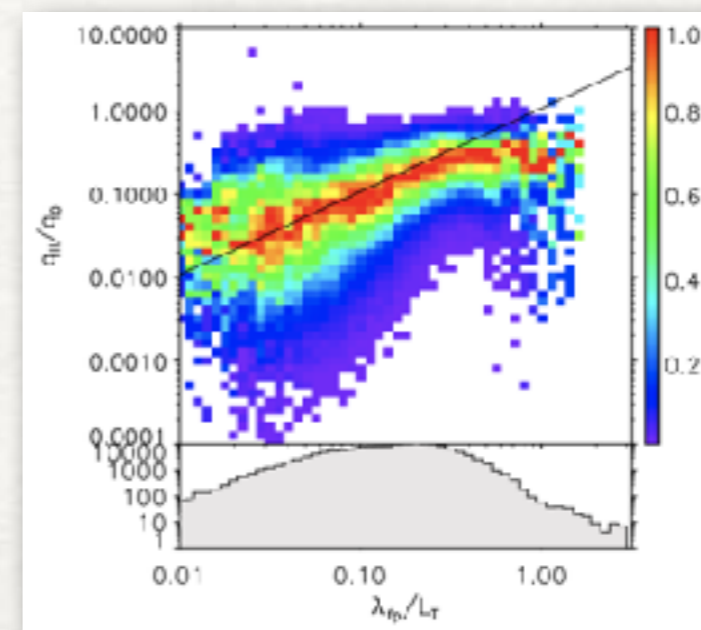
What are the diffuse transport coefficients for energy, momentum?

Conduction, viscosity will significantly change boundary layers, hydro instabilities

They could be anything from zero to Spitzer-Braginskii



Roediger+13



Bale+13

Spitzer-like conduction **only** seen in solar wind

Reynolds number matters!



## On what scales does hydrodynamics break down?

$$\sigma \equiv \frac{\lambda_{\text{mfp}}^{(\text{hot})}}{\ell_{\text{cloudlet}}} \sim 300 \times \left( \frac{T}{10^6 \text{ K}} \right)^2,$$

Coulomb mean free path of ions in hot gas  
much larger than 0.1 pc scales

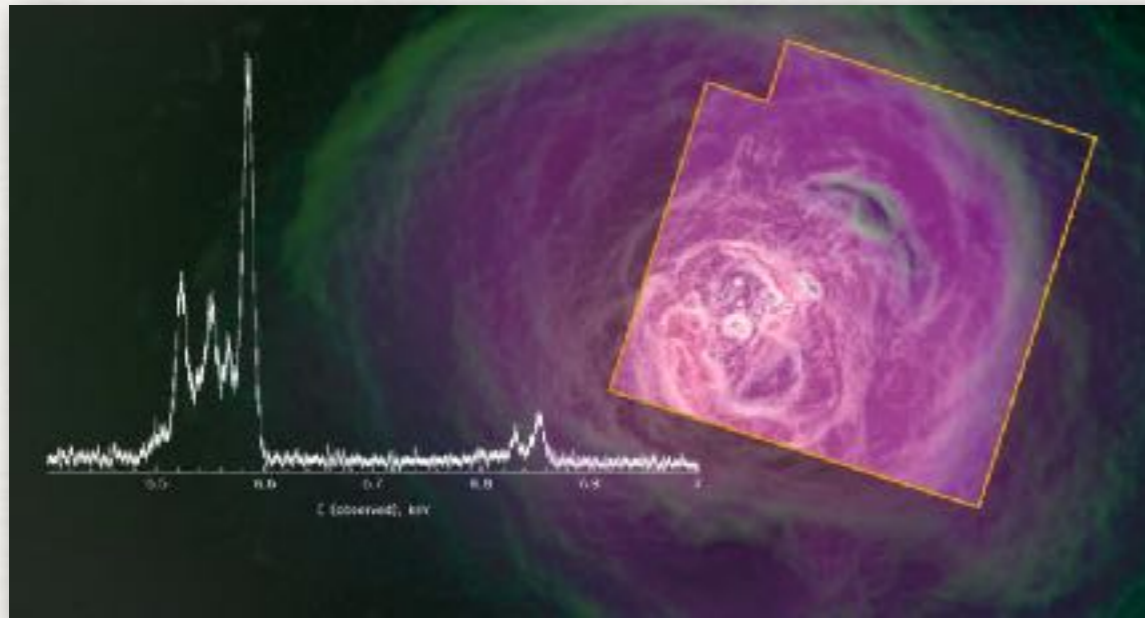
Same problem in galaxy clusters — MHD is poor approx on small scales (mfp  $\sim$  20 kpc)

Does observational evidence for small scale structure suggest other scattering processes? (plasma instabilities)

When do we need to start doing kinetic theory?

# OBSERVATIONAL COMPARISONS

WHAT'S GOING TO DISTINGUISH BETWEEN DIFFERENT  
FEEDBACK MODELS?



A party pooper:

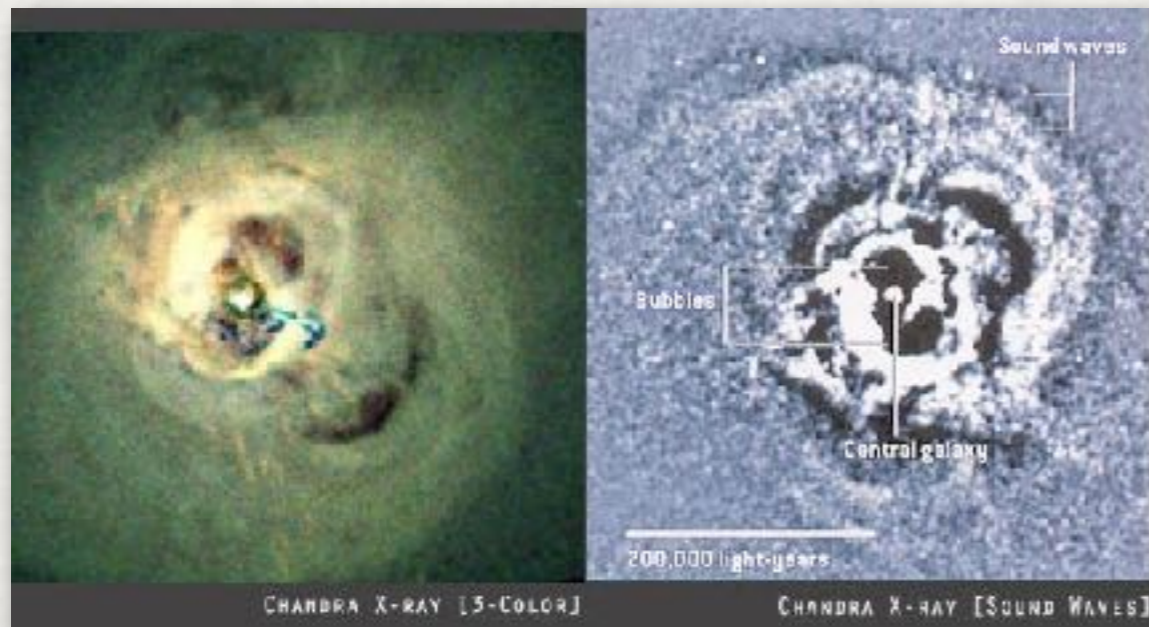
the ICM, the CGM's big brother

We **see** the hot gas, in X-ray and SZ  
No need to guess from cold gas properties!

We **see** the energy source:  
bubbles from radio mode feedback

But **still** no consensus solution:  
thermal conduction, cosmic rays,  
turbulent dissipation & diffusion,  
weak shocks, sound waves, etc etc

...



How to avoid this fate??