

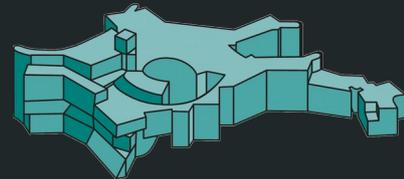
# MAGNETOGENESIS IN THE FIRST GALAXIES

- THE IMPACT OF SEEDING ON GALAXY FORMATION -

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# An initial disclaimer

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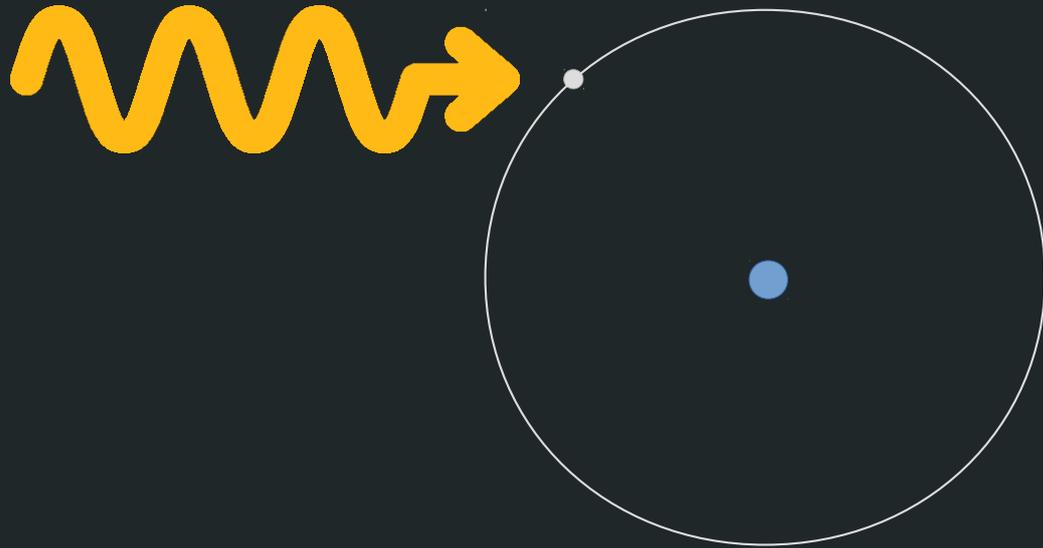
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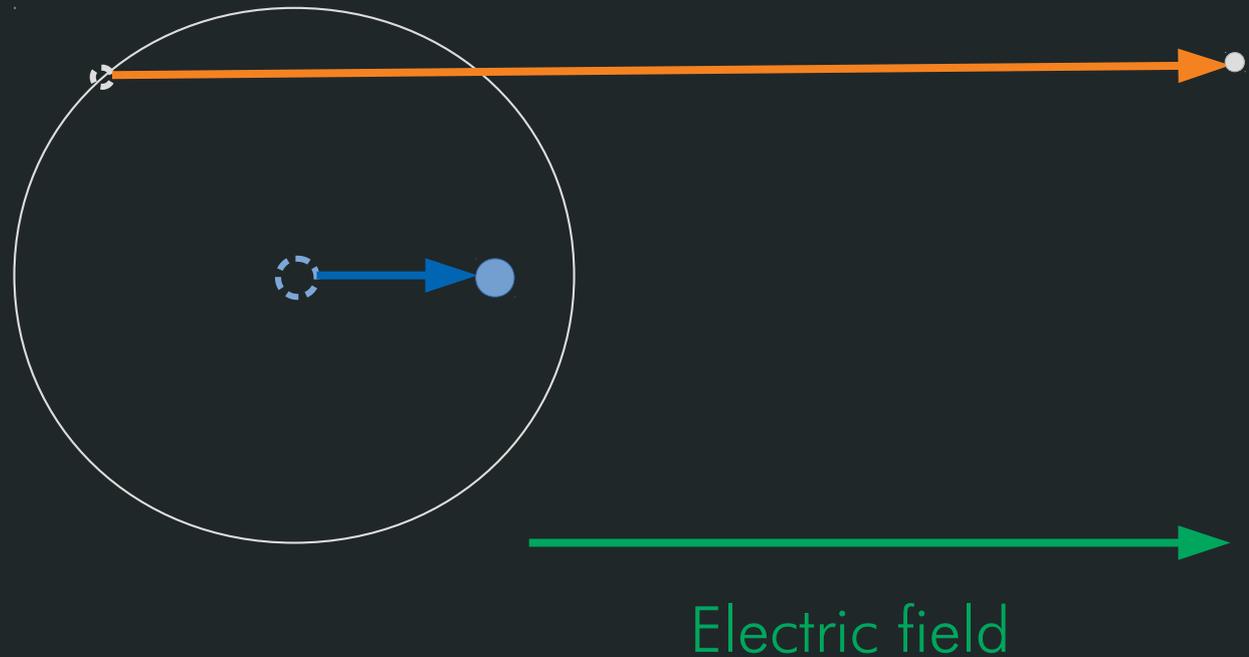
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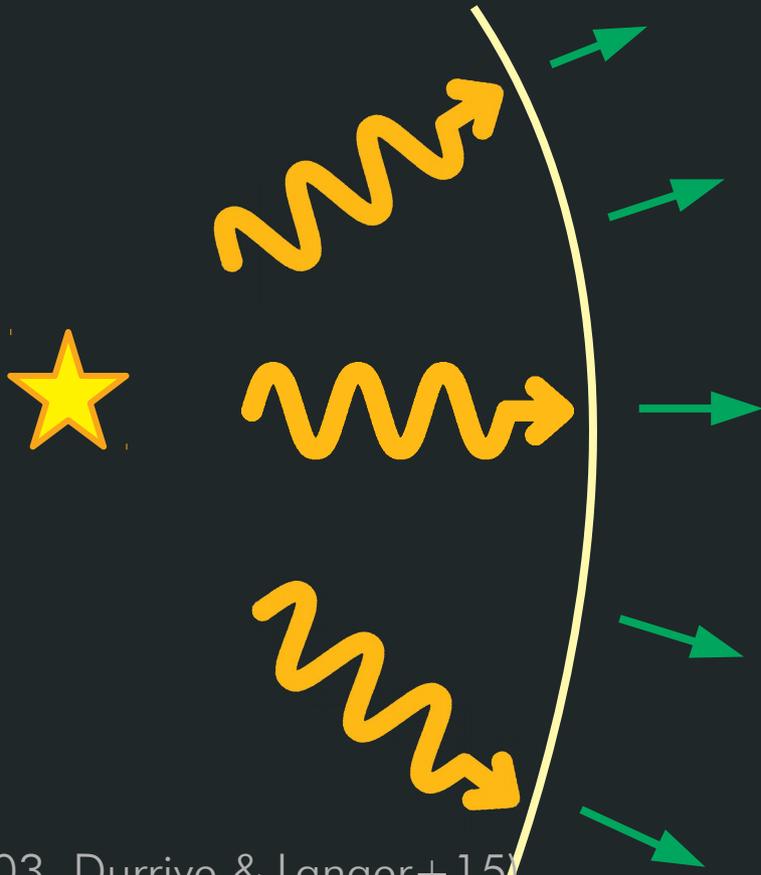
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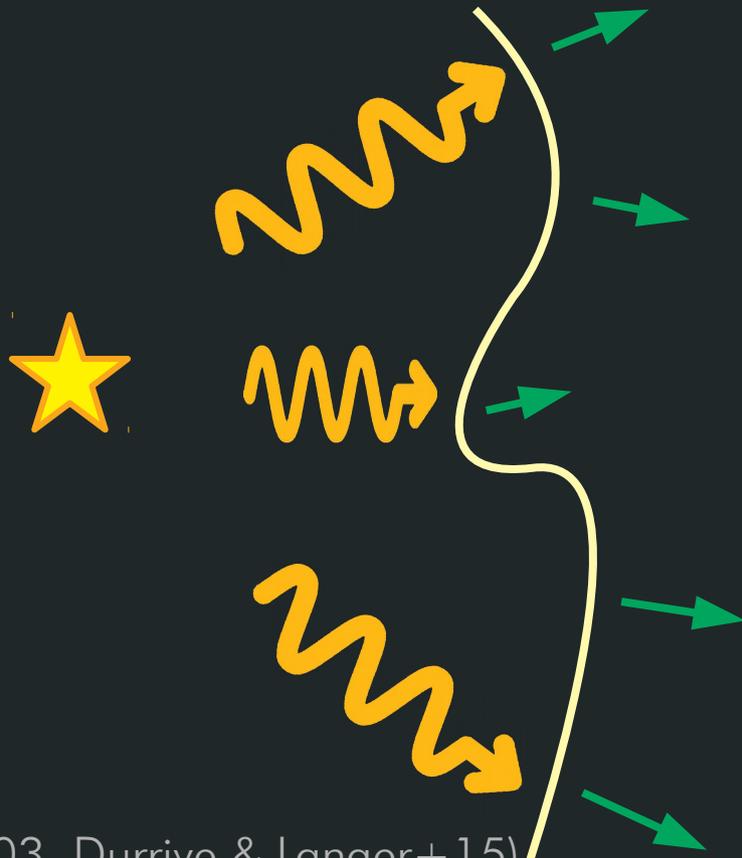


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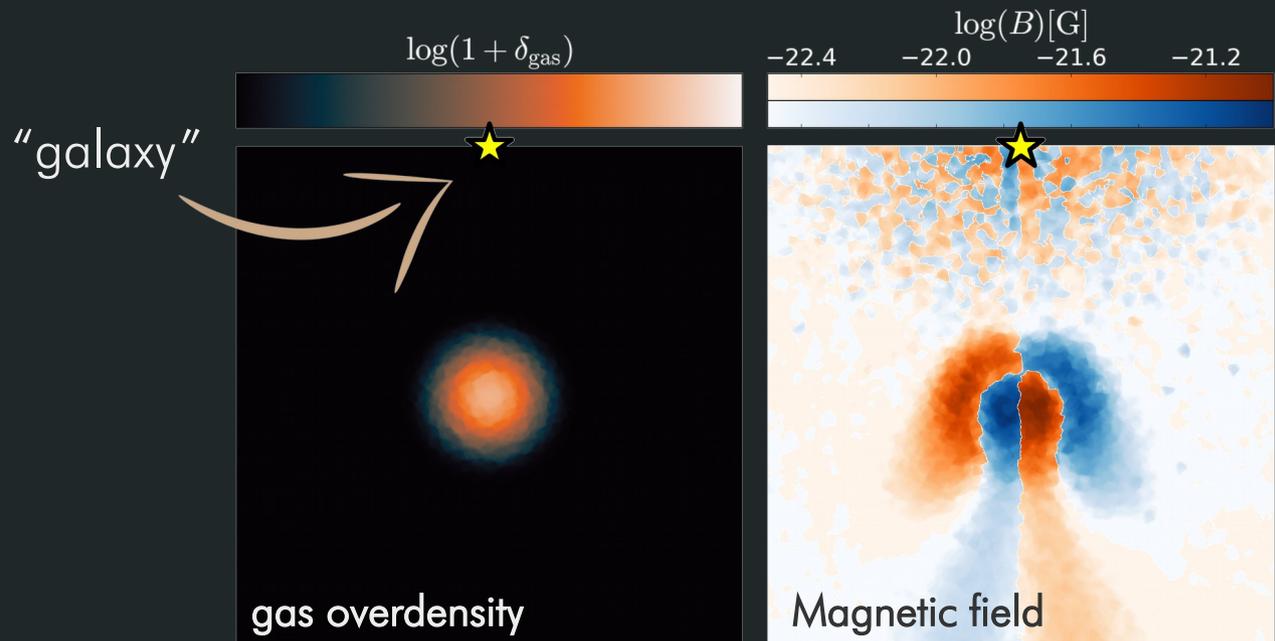
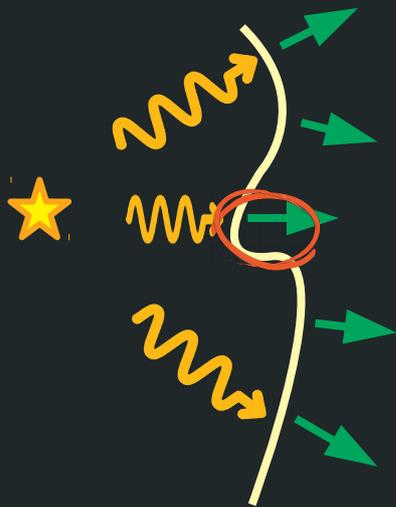
$$\vec{B} \sim \nabla \times \vec{E} \neq 0$$

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When the ionization front is not isotropic, a B field is generated.



# The riddle of cosmic magnetic fields

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- Compact objects (e.g. Supernovae and their remnants)
- Plasma physics (e.g. Biermann battery)
- Ionization fronts during Cosmic Reionization (Durrive battery)

For all seeding mechanisms, **galactic processes** are of key importance for amplification and ejection of magnetic fields.

# Testing seeding with state-of-the-art simulations

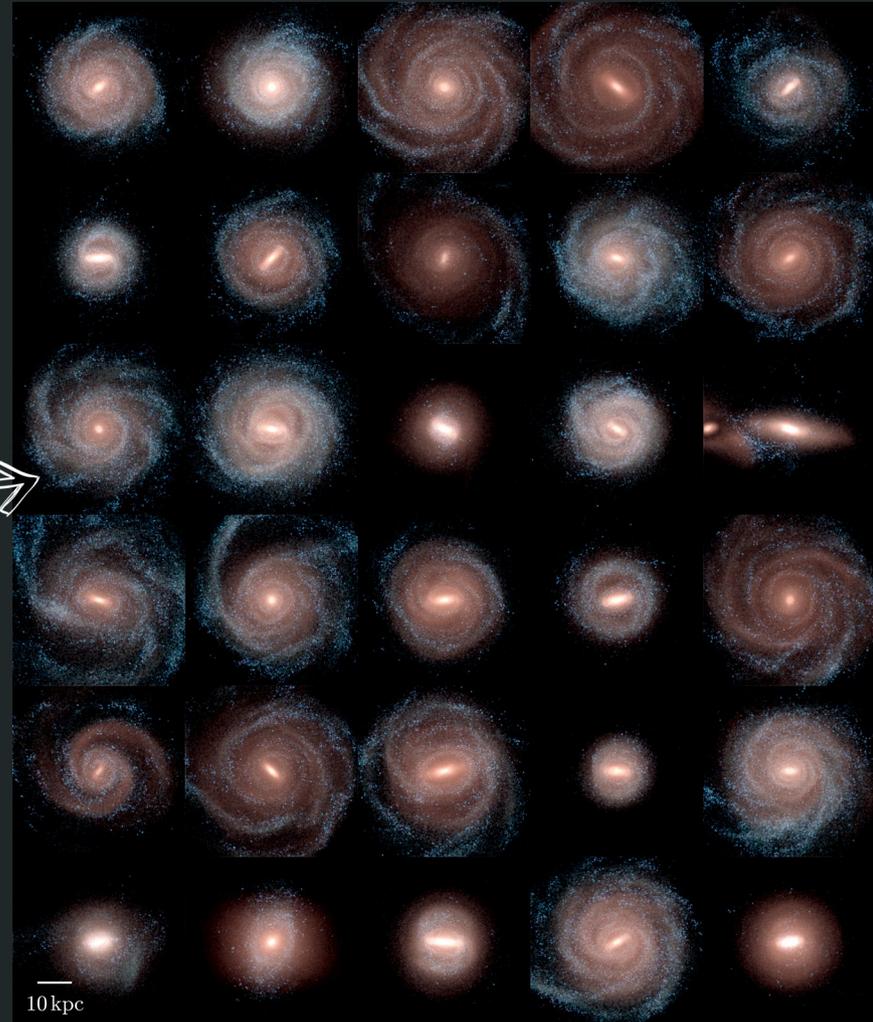
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AREPO moving-mesh code

+ Moment-based RT + ideal MHD (with Powell 8-wave cleaning scheme)

+ the AURIGA galaxy formation model

- Stochastic star formation following KS relation
- Mass, energy, and metal return from SN and AGB stars
- Explicit tracking of 9 metal species (H, He, C, N, O, Ne, Mg, Si, Fe)
- Bimodal BH feedback: kinetic at low accretion rates  
thermal at high accretion rates
- Kinetic+thermal stellar winds



Credits: Auriga project

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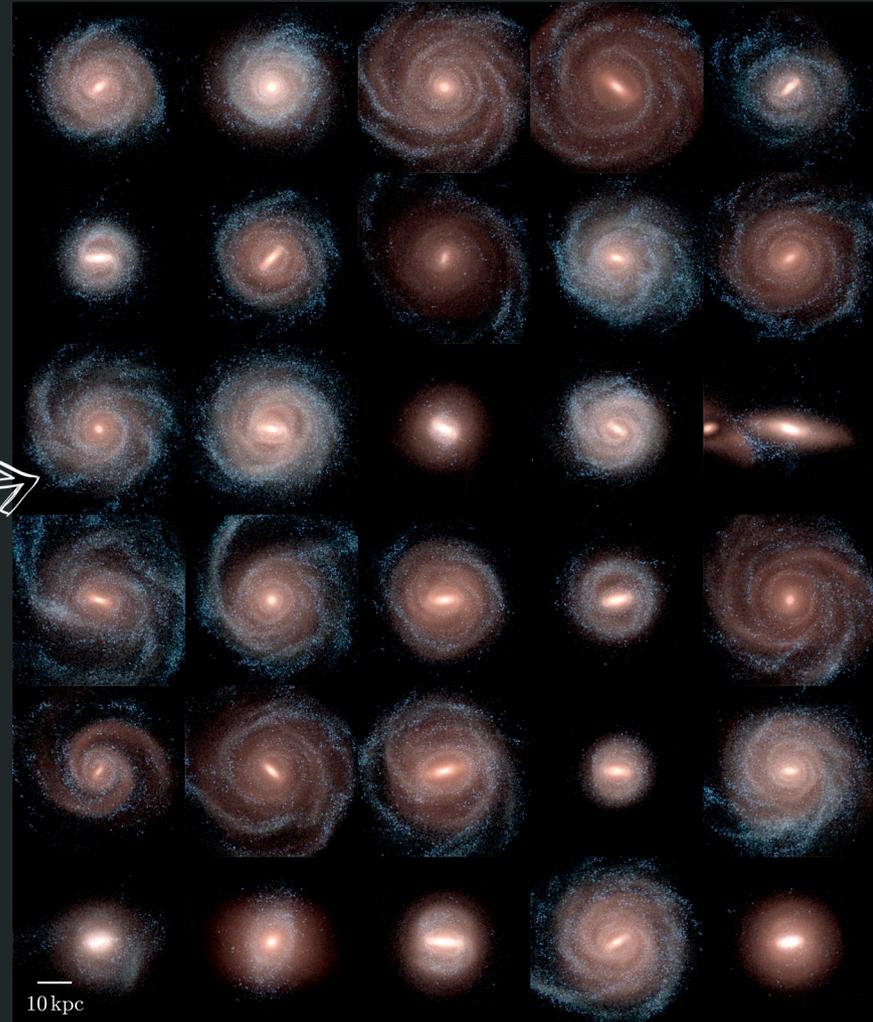
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+ Variable seeding mechanism:

- Cosmological ( $10^{-14}$  G in ICs)
- SN injection ( $E_B = 0.01\% E_{SN}$ )
- Biermann battery
- Durrive battery

zoom-in and cosmological runs



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# B fields on (sub-)galactic scales.

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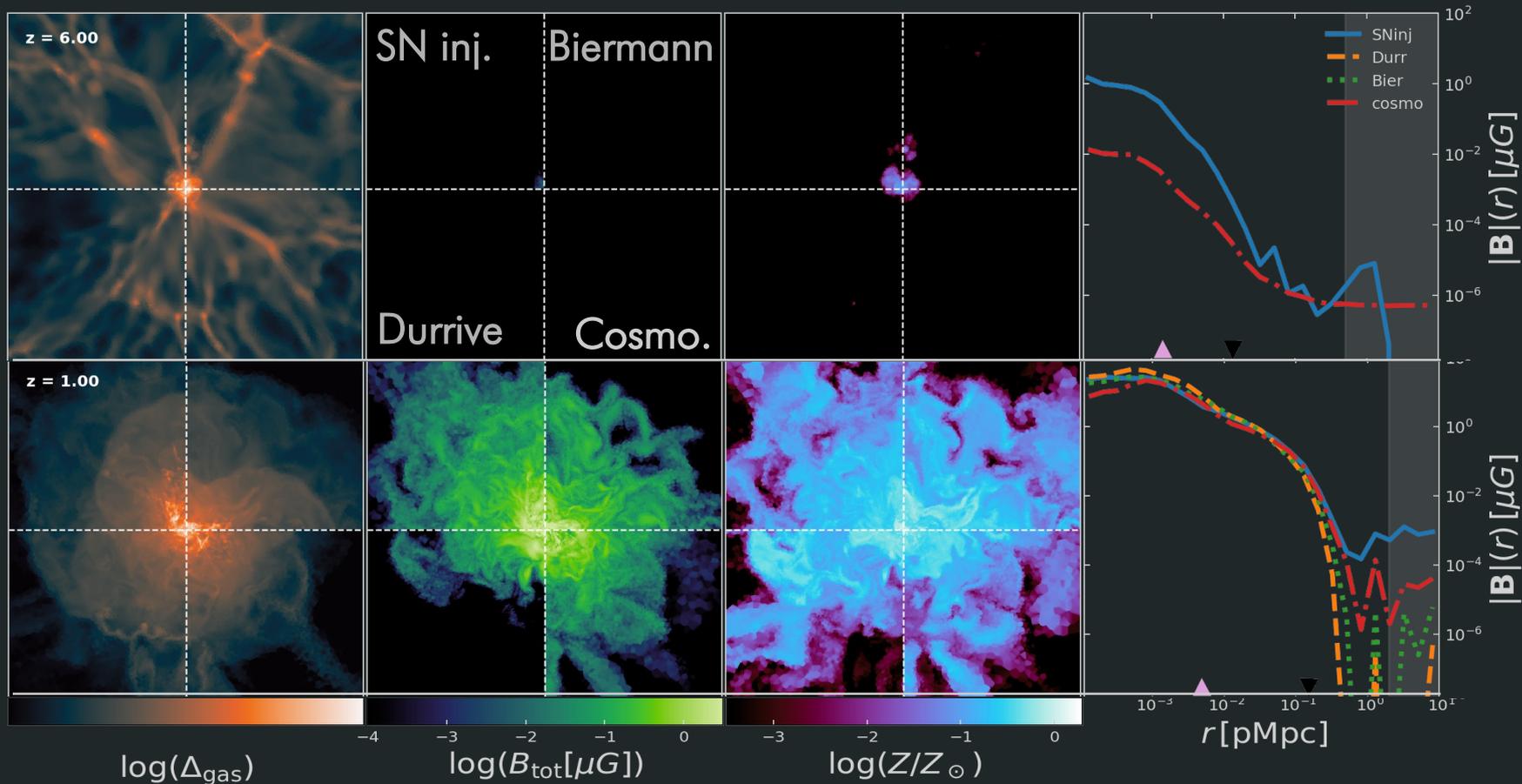
results from zoom-in simulations

# Indistinguishable B fields by $z \sim 1$

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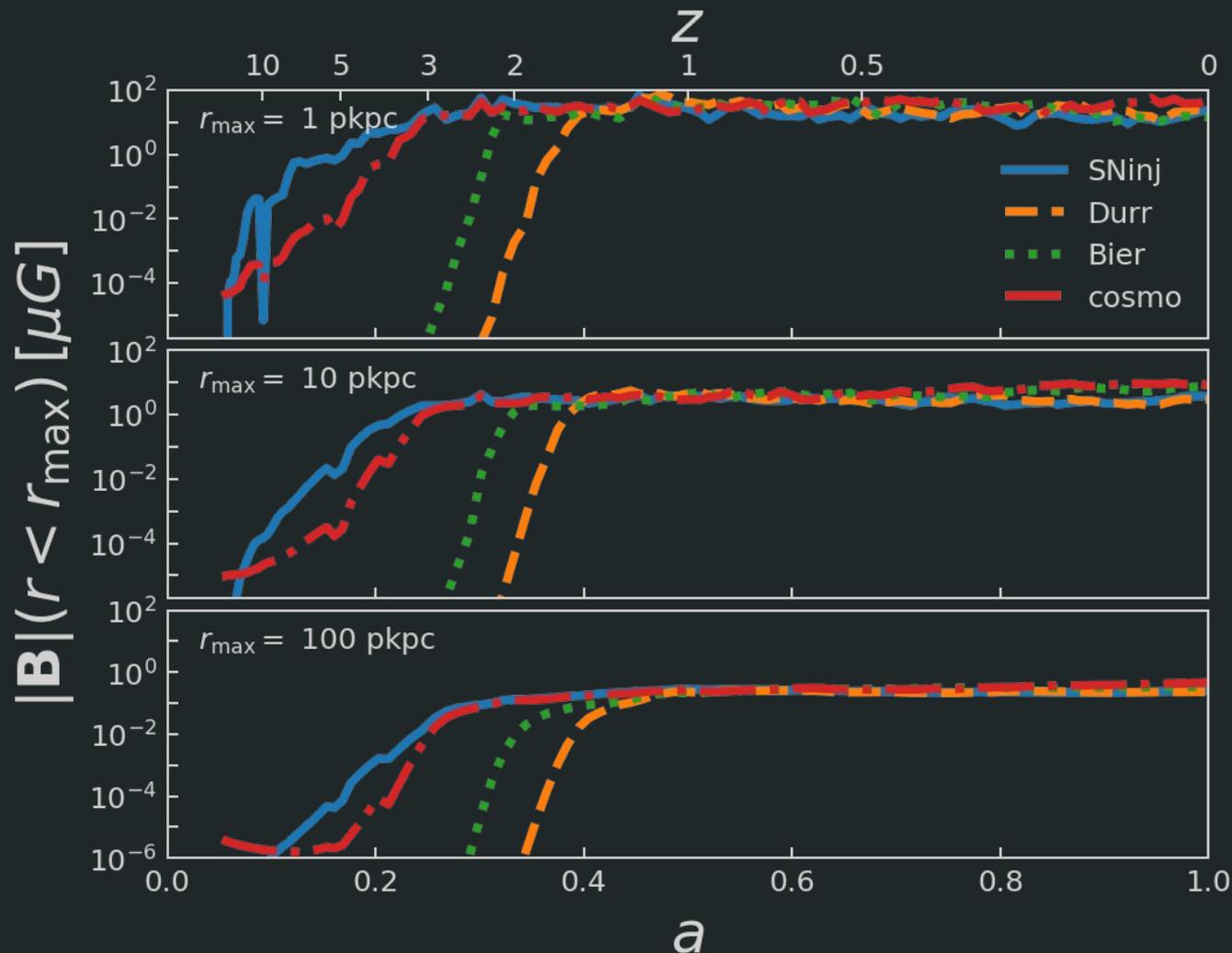
$z=6$

$z=1$



# Seed process sets saturation time, but not strength

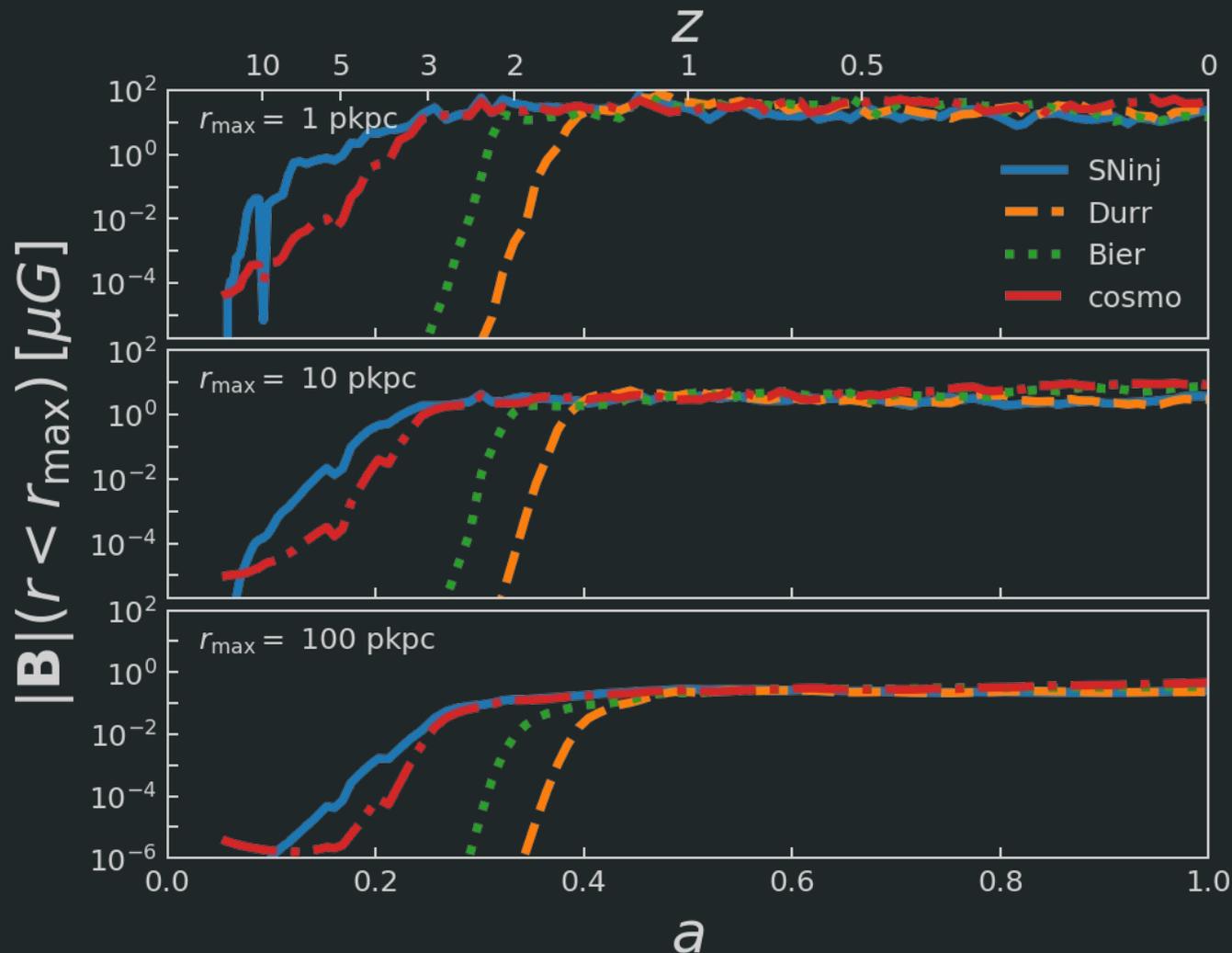
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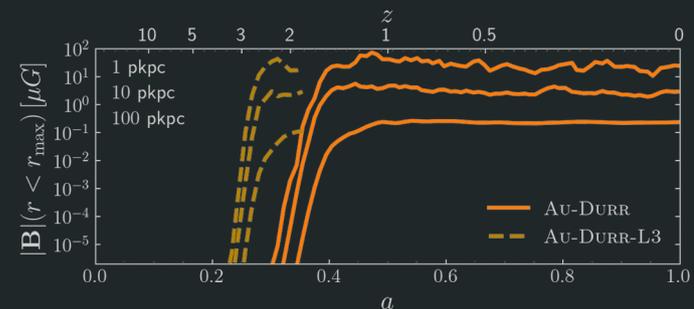
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# Galaxy properties are unaffected by the seeding

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Simulation name	$R_{200m}$ [kpc]	$M_{200m}$ [ $10^{10} M_{\odot}$ ]	$R_{\text{hmr},*}$ [kpc]	$M_{\text{hmr},*}$ [ $10^{10} M_{\odot}$ ]
AU-NONE	332.71	129.60	4.29	1.31
AU-SNE	343.67	133.05	5.21	1.45
AU-SNE-H	343.89	133.29	6.04	1.47
AU-DURR	342.56	131.76	4.79	1.43
AU-BIER	343.82	133.22	4.49	1.63
AU-COSMO	344.41	133.91	3.64	1.65

**Take-away message here:** all magnetic seeds can be amplified in galaxies to observed strength.

# B fields on super-galactic scales.

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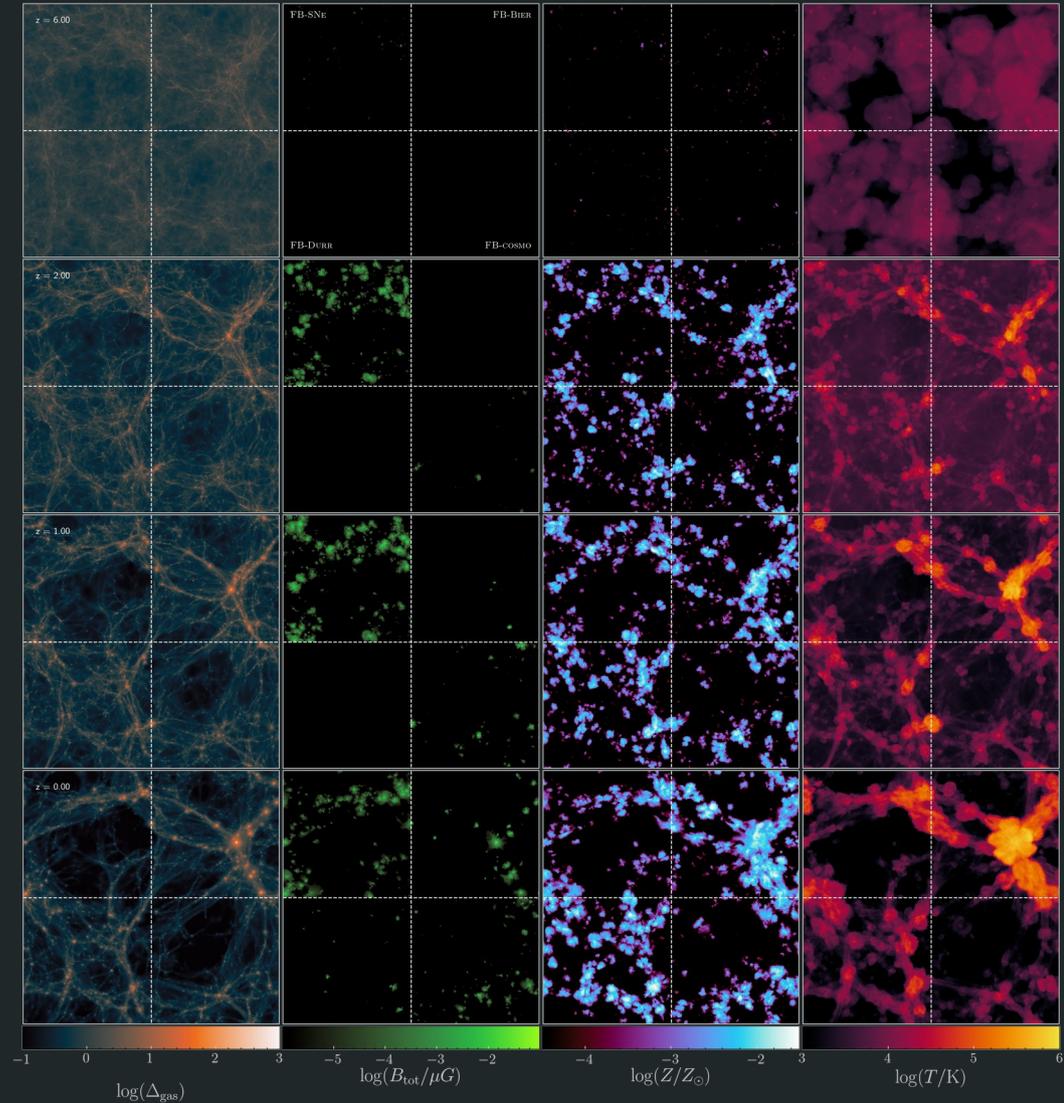
results from cosmological simulations

# Cosmological simulations

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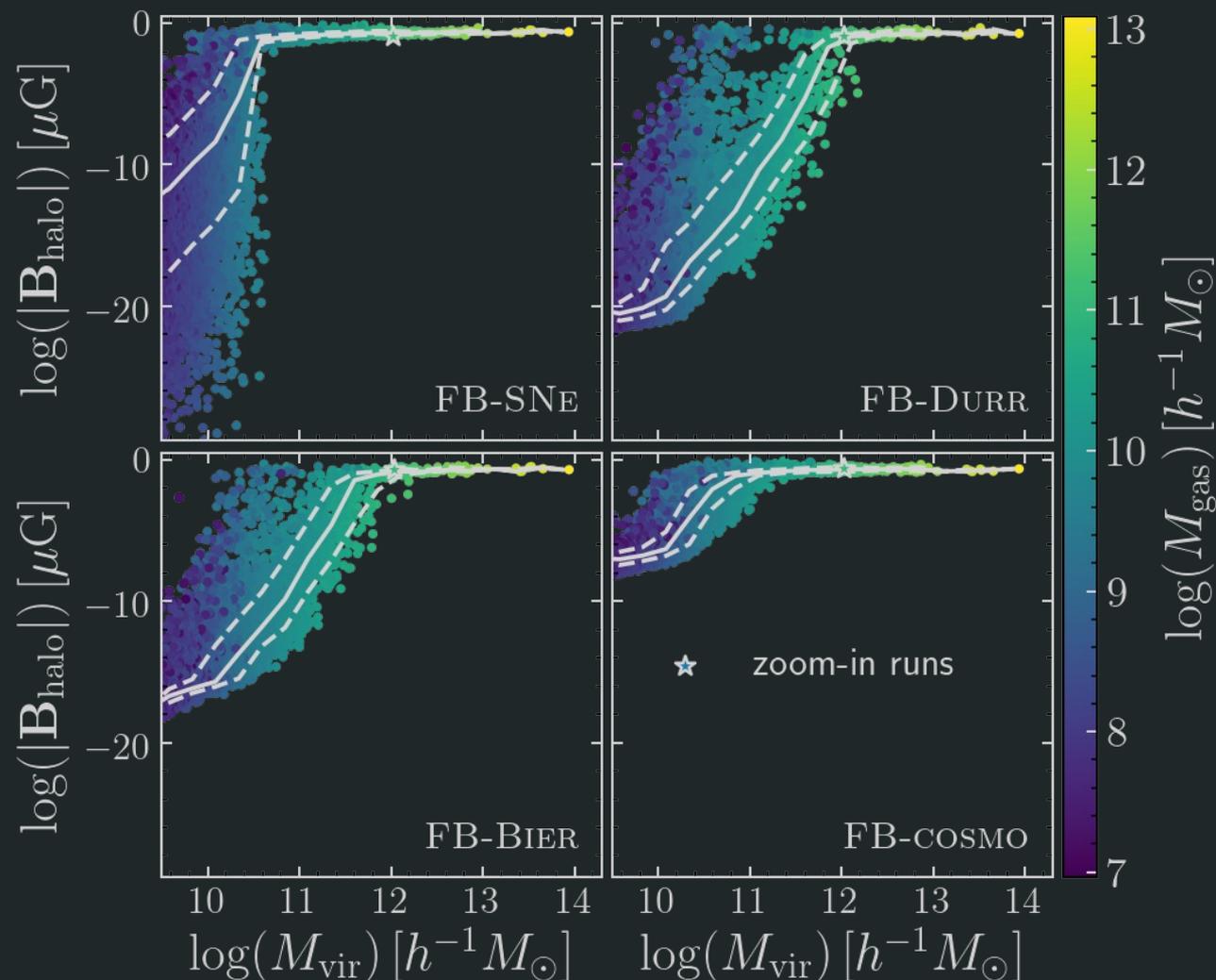
Same setup as the zoom-in for consistency.

Note: the AURIGA model has been built and tested only on MW-like galaxies.



# B fields as a function of halo mass

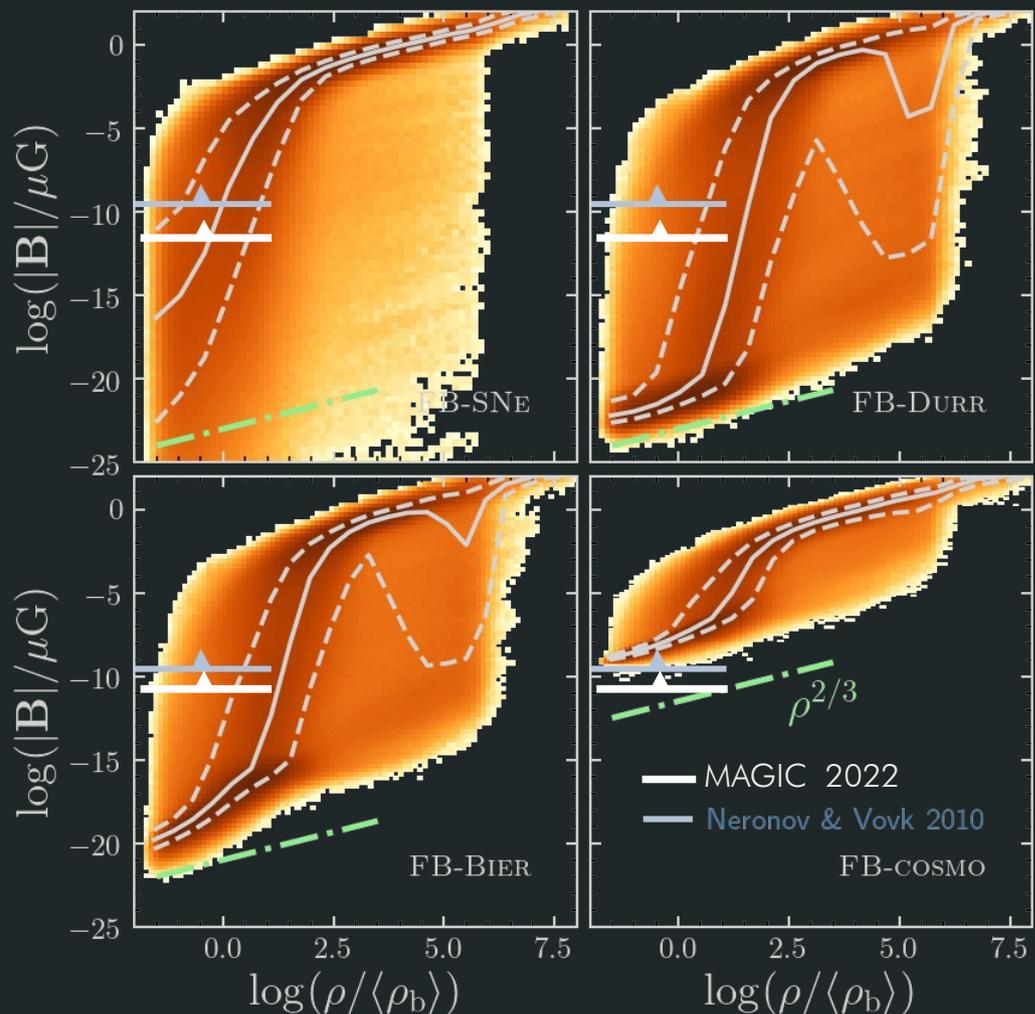
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- Saturation strength does **not** depend on  $M_{\text{halo}}$
- Threshold  $M_{\text{halo}}$  for saturation depends on seed model
- SN inj. has different shape because the B seed is *strong and localised*

# B fields in the IGM

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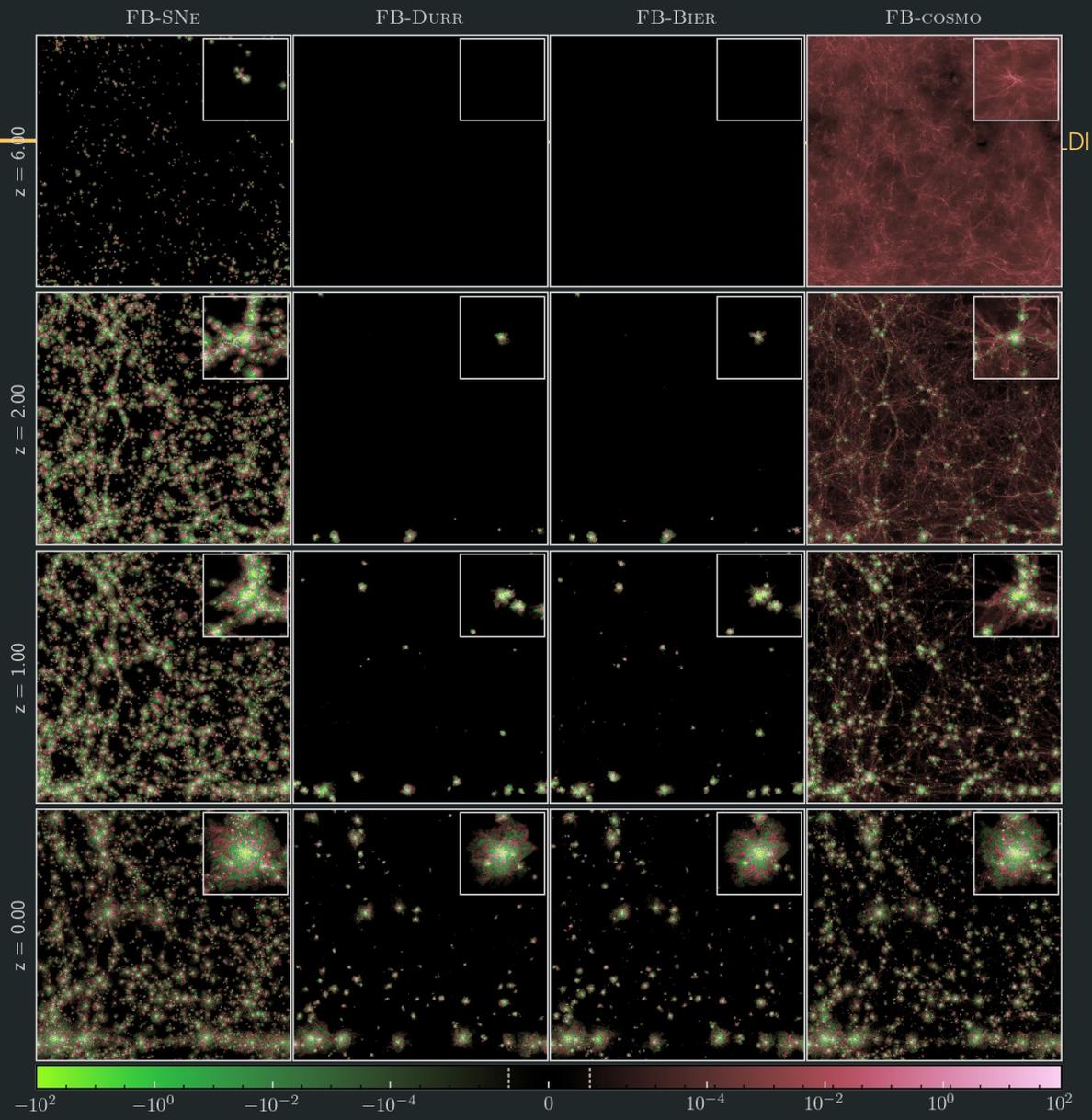
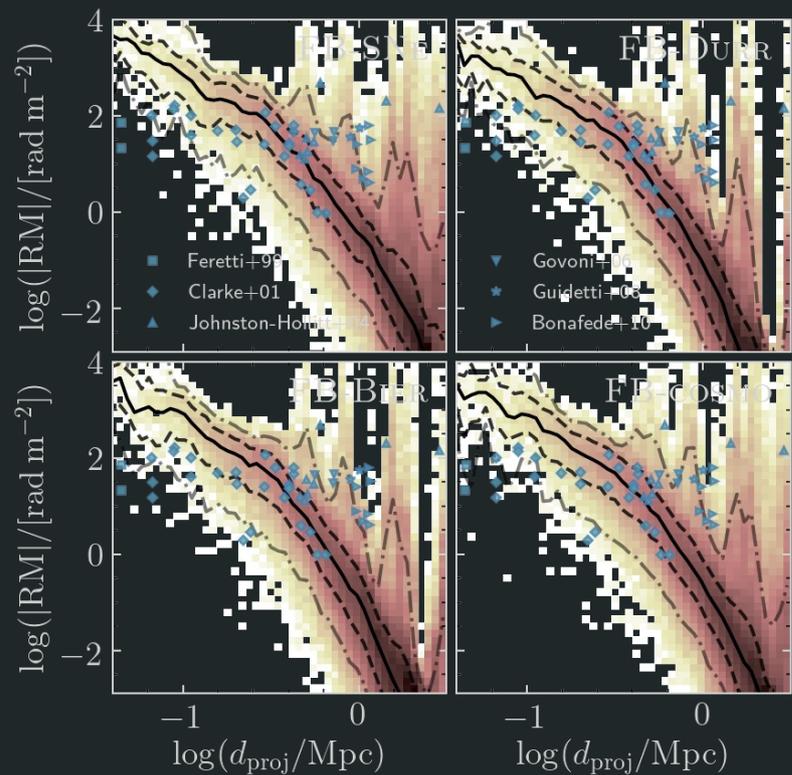
- Low-density gas retain traces of the seed field
- Biermann and Durrive batteries produce IGM fields lower than the (debated) Neronov&Vovk 2010 lower limit

COHERENCE LENGTHS (at  $z=0$ )

$L_C \approx 0.33$  Mpc/h for FB-BIER, FB-DURR, FB-SNE

$L_C \approx 0.49$  Mpc/h for FB-COSMO

# RM prediction



# Summary

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Suite of **self-consistent MHD+RT** simulations, with state-of-the-art galaxy formation models and different magnetic field seeding.

- The Durrive battery is a viable candidate for magnetogenesis
- Observed galactic magnetic fields can be explained **without** a cosmological seeding mechanism
- The Durrive and Biermann battery behave similarly, but the latter is typically stronger
- The Durrive and Biermann battery are in tension with the (debated) Neronov & Vovk 2010 IGM lower limit

# The THESAN simulation: self-consistent RMHD+dust

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THESAN is a simulation suite developed to capture **simultaneously** galaxy formation and reionization.

(Garaldi et al. 2022, Kannan, EG, et al. 2022, Smith, EG, et al. 2022, ...)

**FEATURES:** RMHD simulations (with the AREPO code)

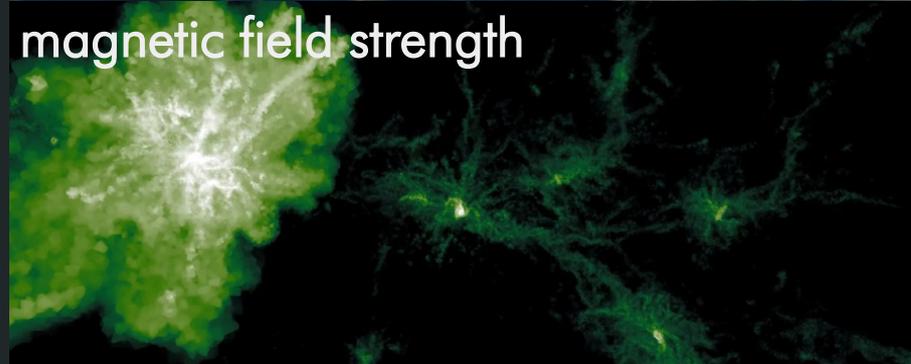
- + **Illustris-TNG** galaxy formation model
- + self-consistent **radiation transport**
- + uniform initial ( $z=50$ ) B field of  $10^{-16}$  G.
- + **dust** creation & destruction
- + variance-suppressed initial conditions
- + cosmological volume  $(100 \text{ Mpc})^3$
- + **physical variations** (photon escape, DM)
- + main box stops at  $z=5.5$ , but some go to  $z=0$

All data and data product will be freely available soon at [www.thesan-project.com](http://www.thesan-project.com)

gas density



magnetic field strength



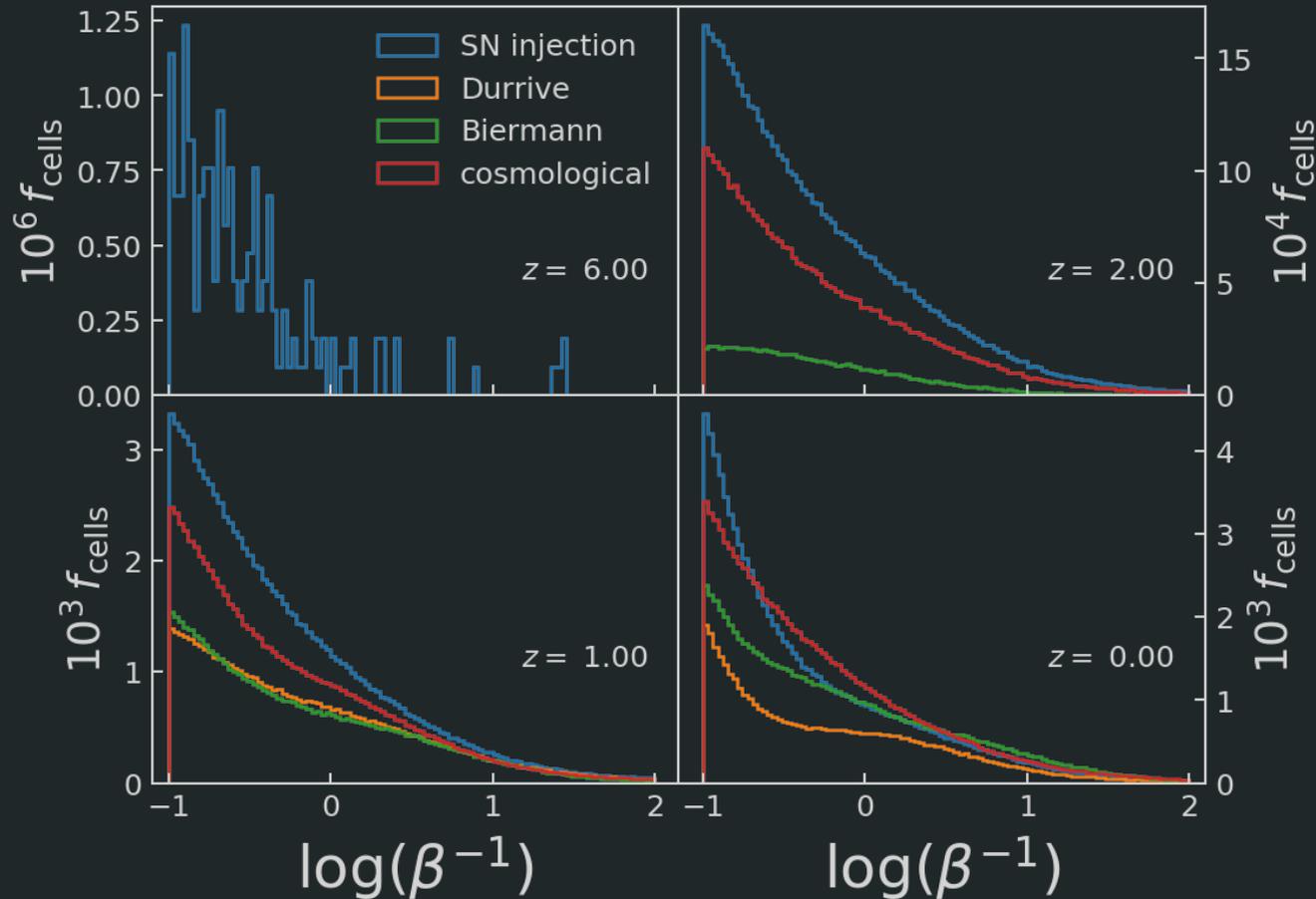
dust density





# The effect on galaxy evolution is mostly negligible

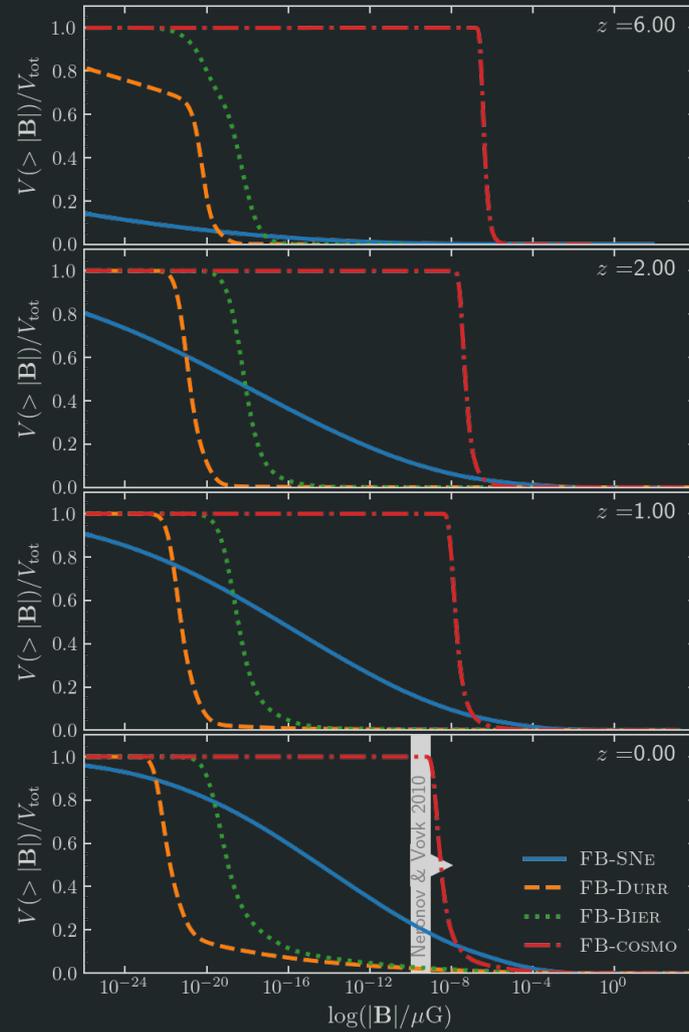
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$$\beta \equiv \frac{P_{\text{thermal}}}{P_{\text{magnetic}}}$$

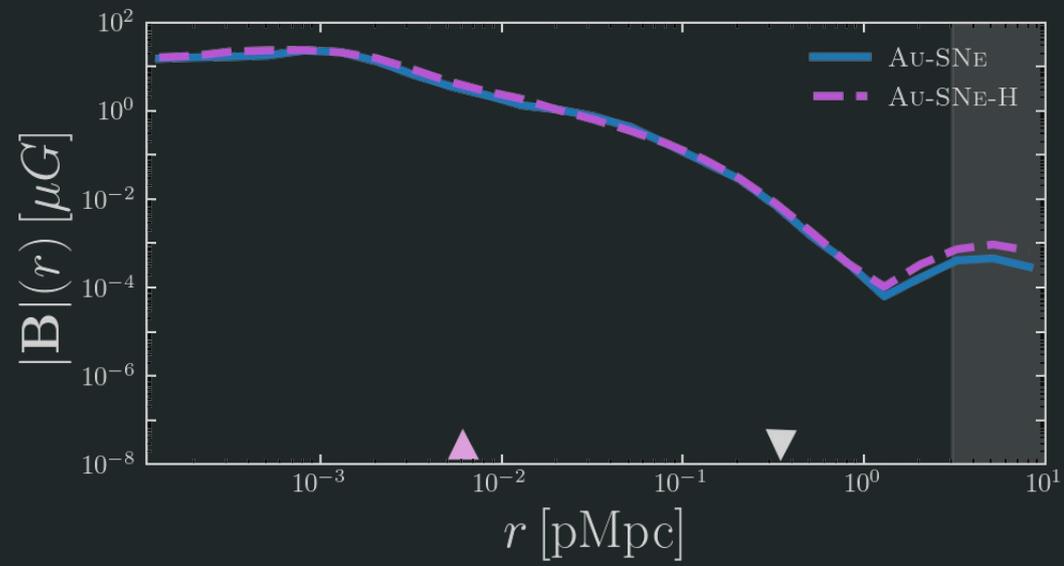
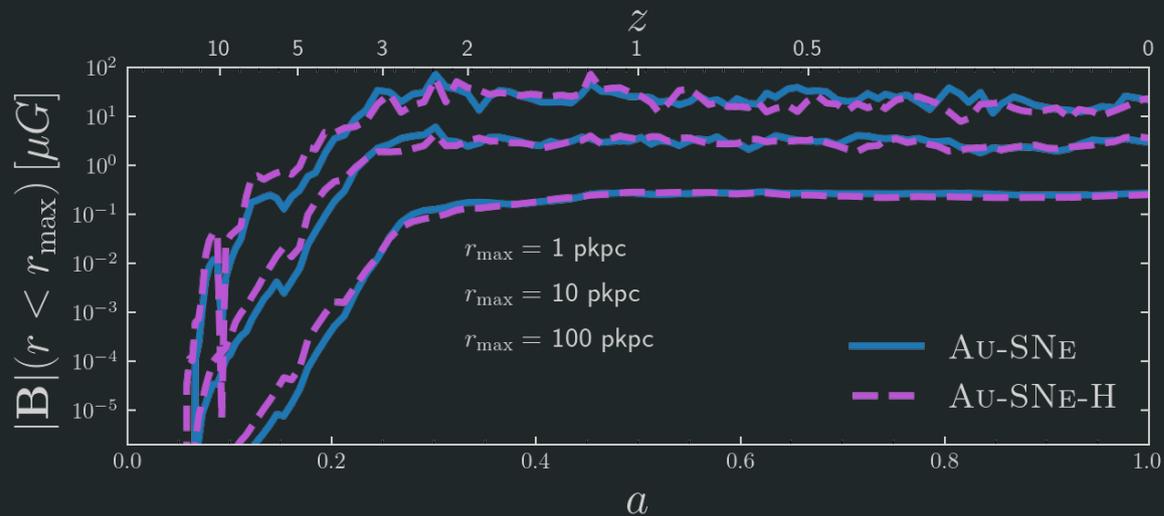
# B fields filling factor

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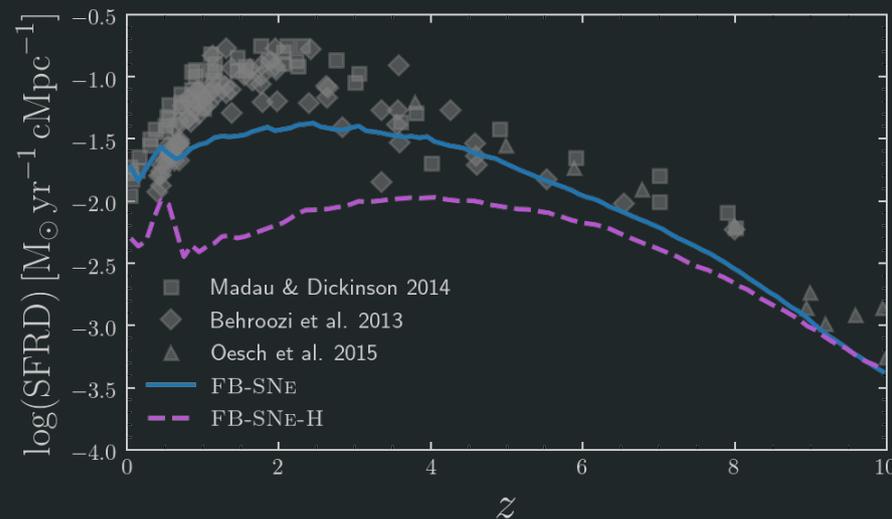
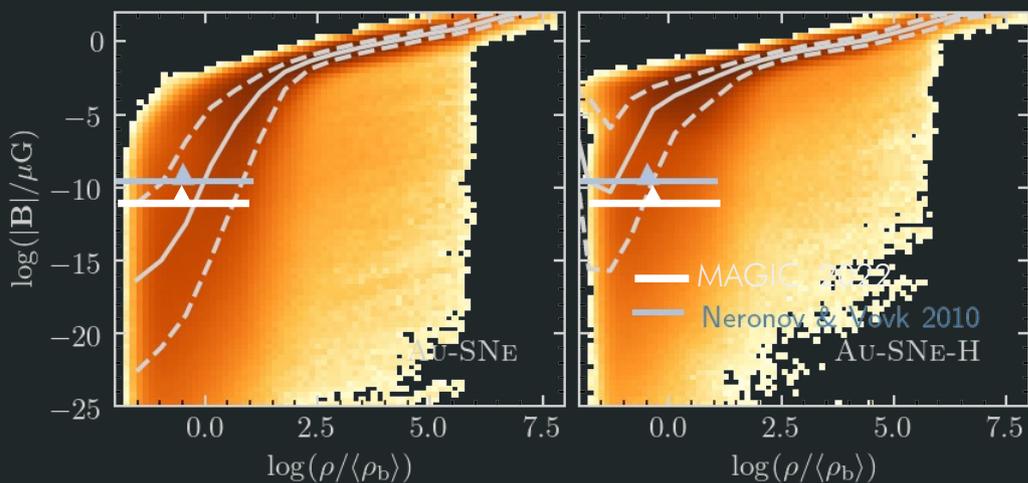
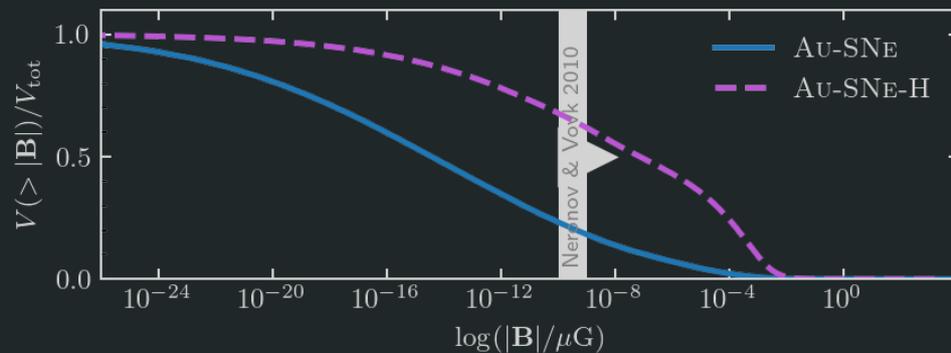
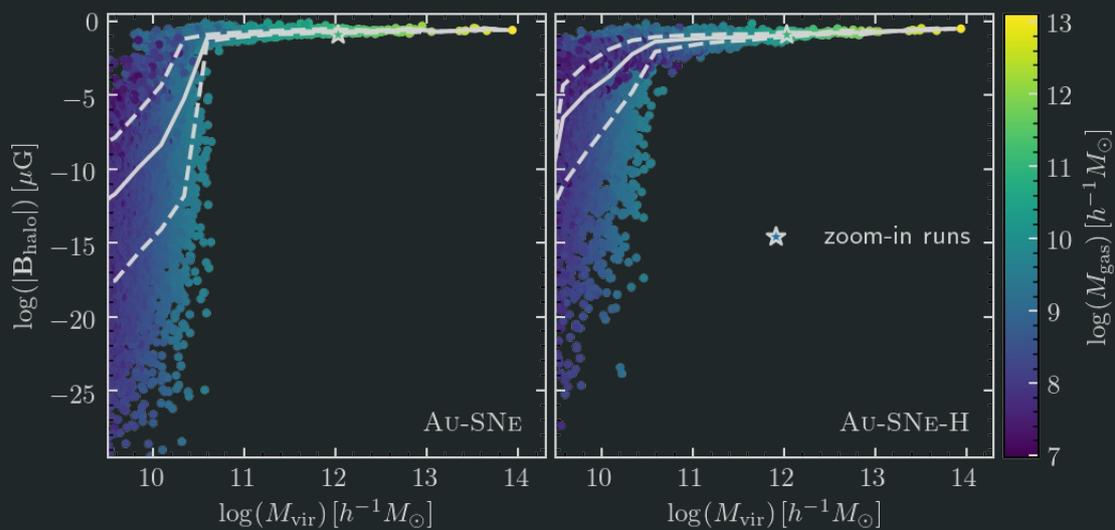
# Effect of SN energy: zoom-in

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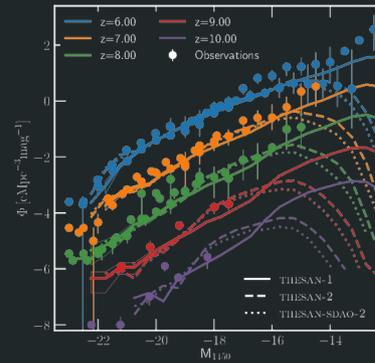
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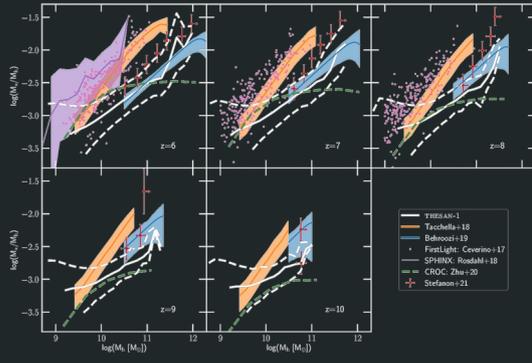
# THESAN agrees with many high-z observables

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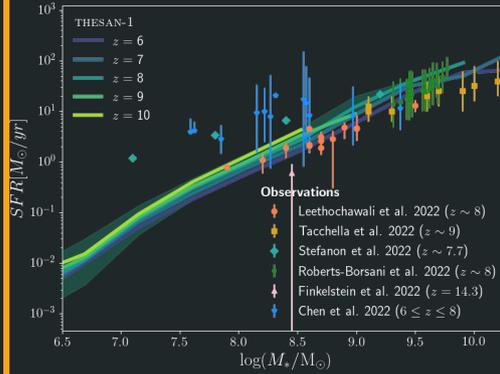
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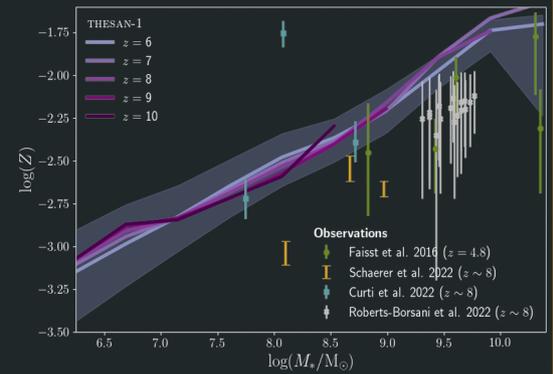
STELLAR-TO-HALO MASS RELATION



GALAXY MAIN SEQUENCE

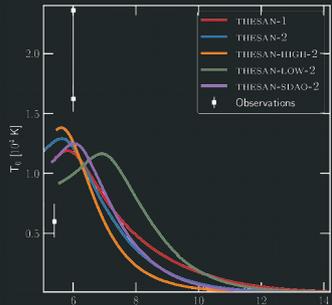
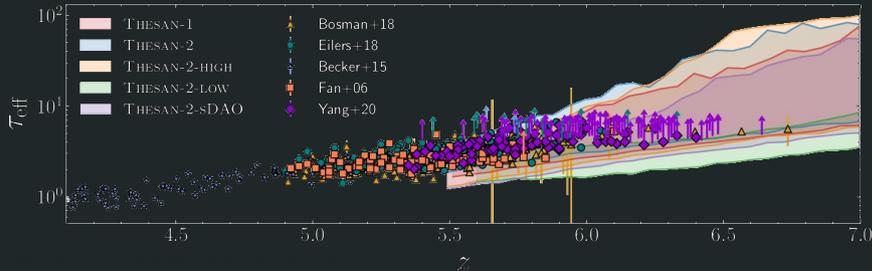


(STELLAR) MASS – (GAS) METALLICITY RELATION



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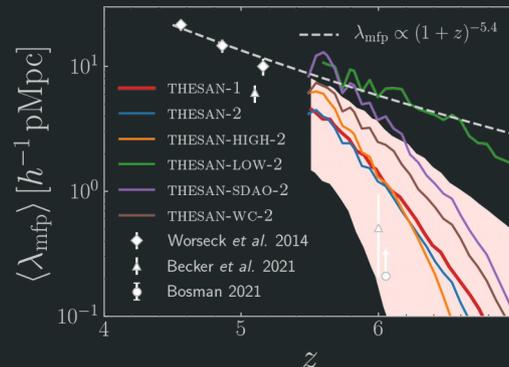
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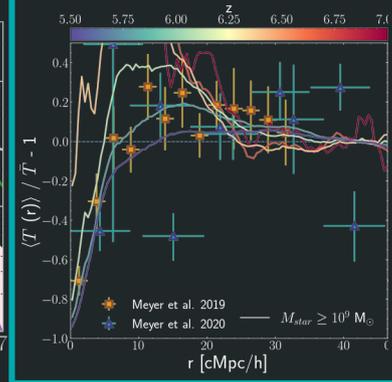
IGM MEAN TEMPERATURE

Garaldi et. al, 2022;  
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Garaldi et. al, in prep.

MEAN FREE PATH OF IONIZING PHOTONS



GALAXY PROXIMITY EFFECT ON LYA FLUX



FIRST TIME IN SIMULATIONS!