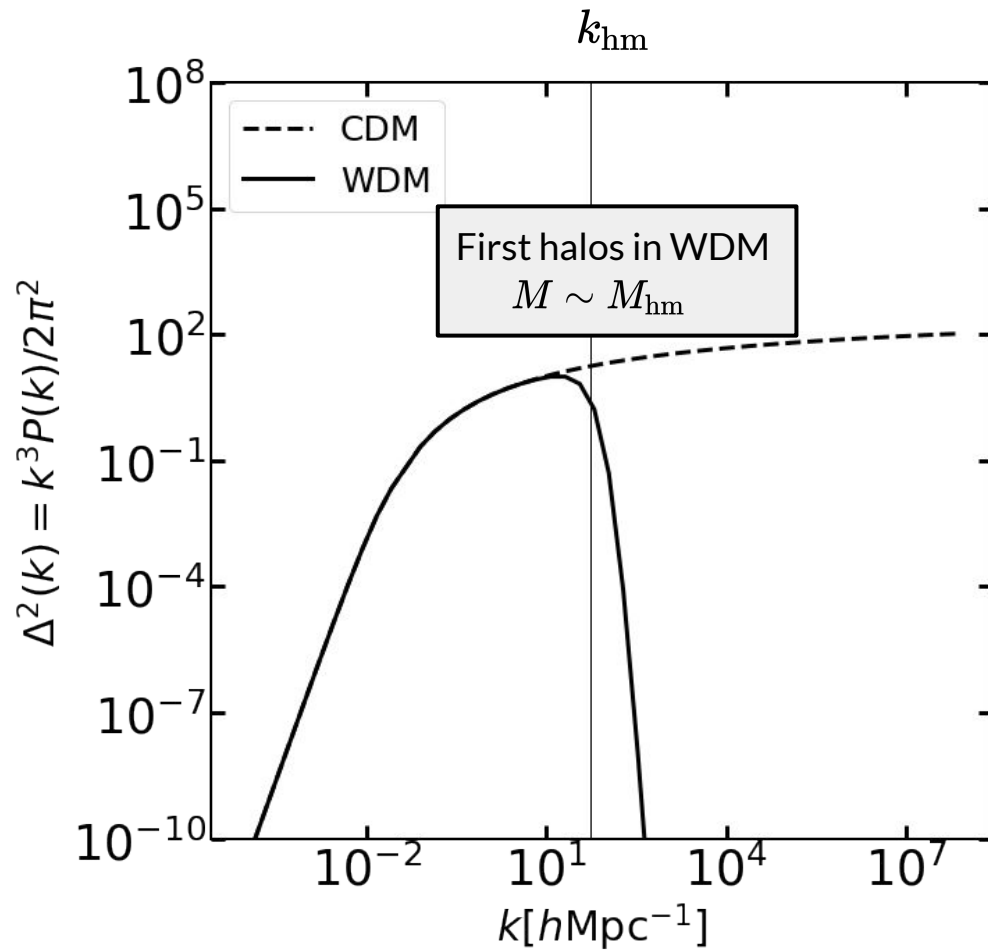


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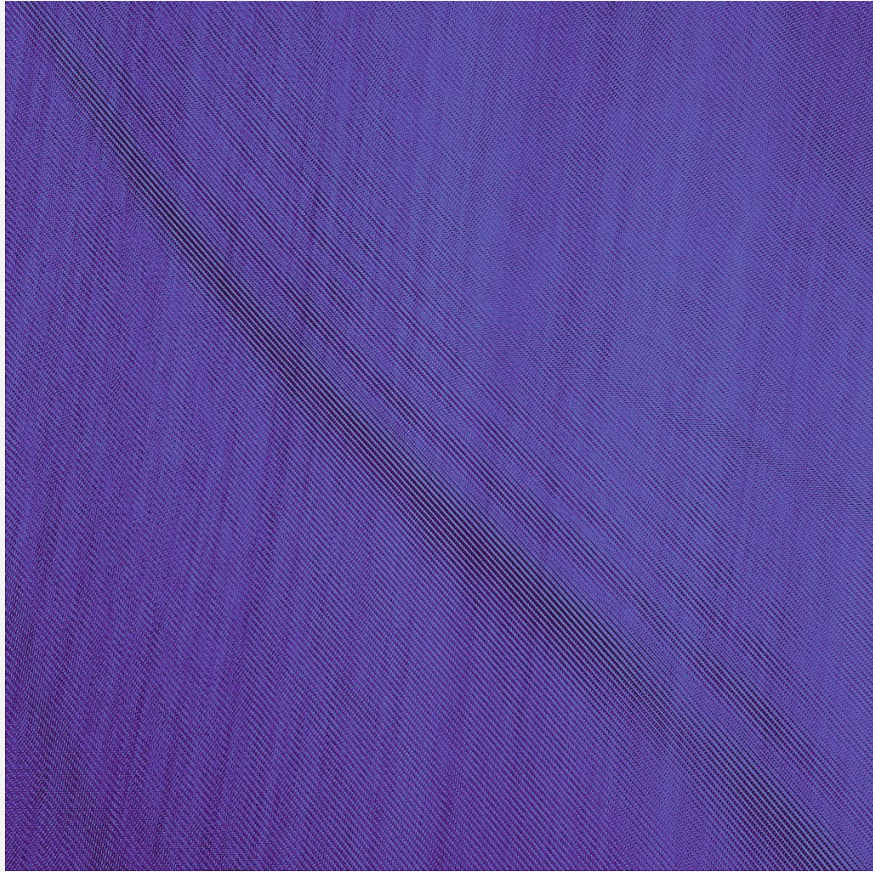
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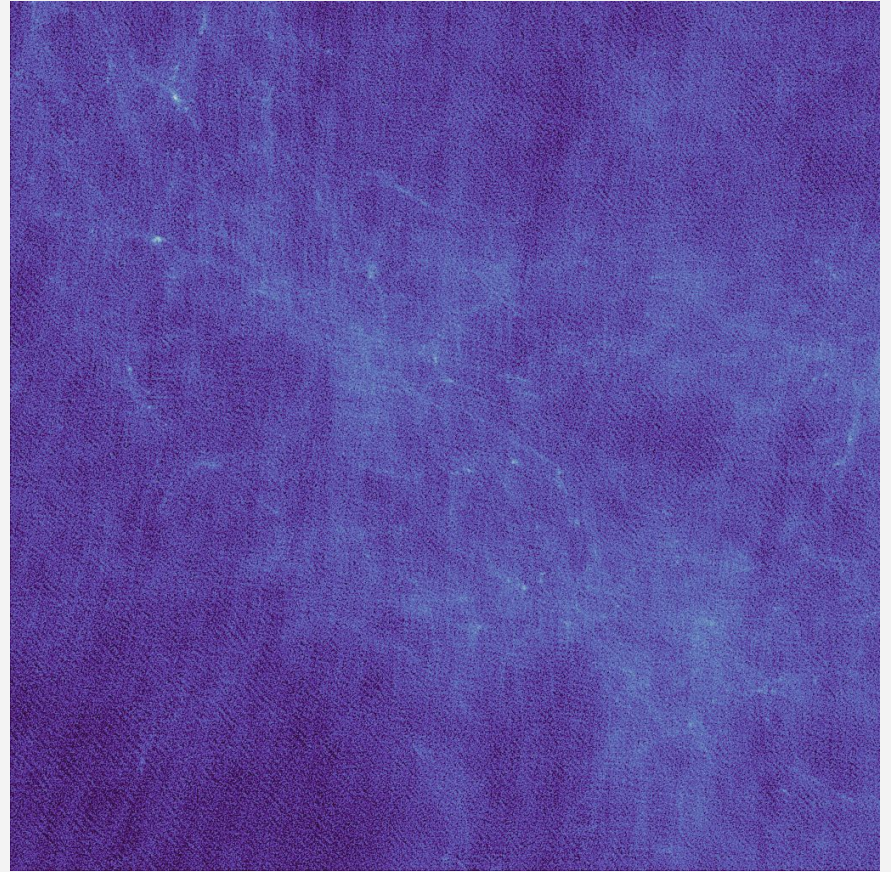
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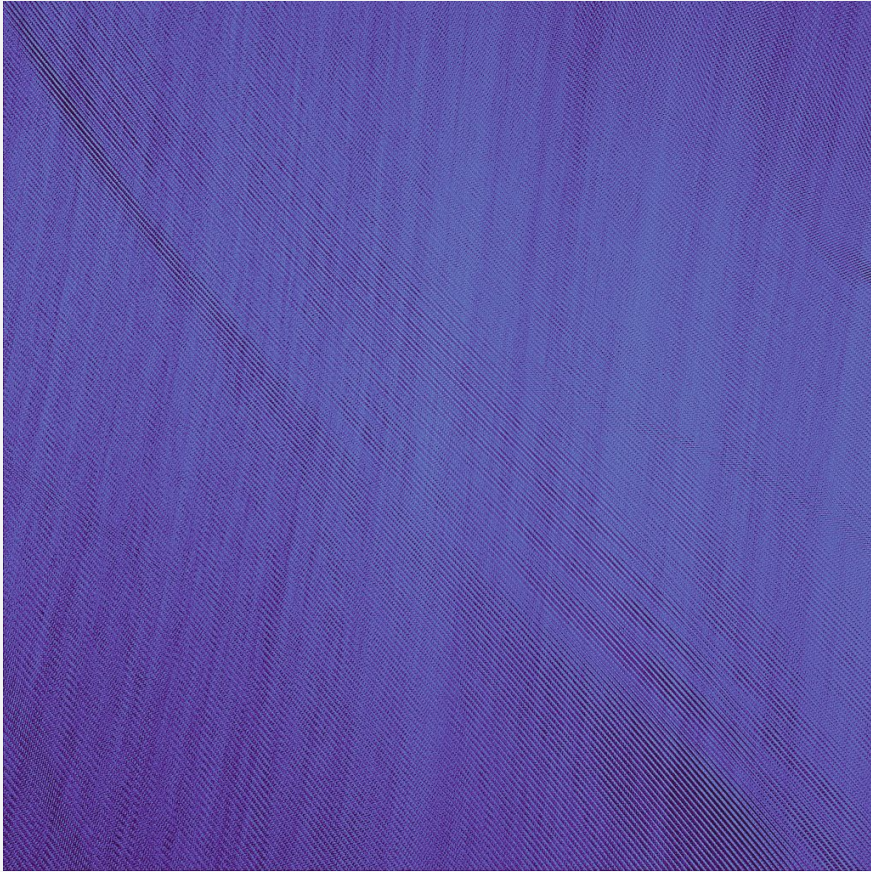
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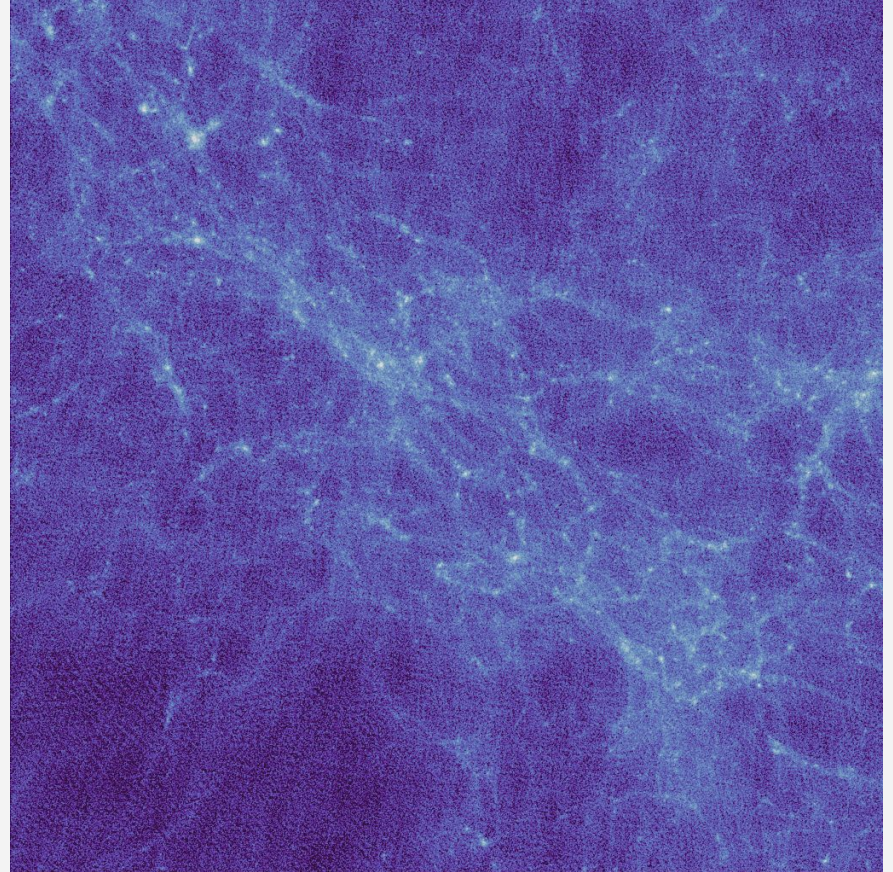
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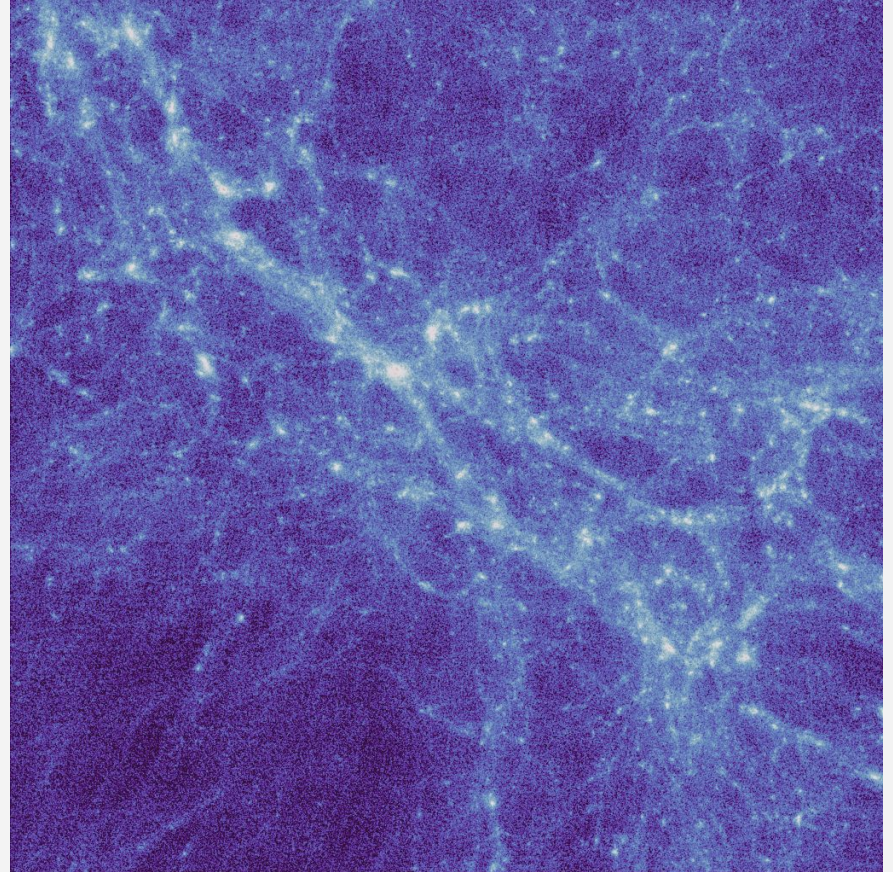
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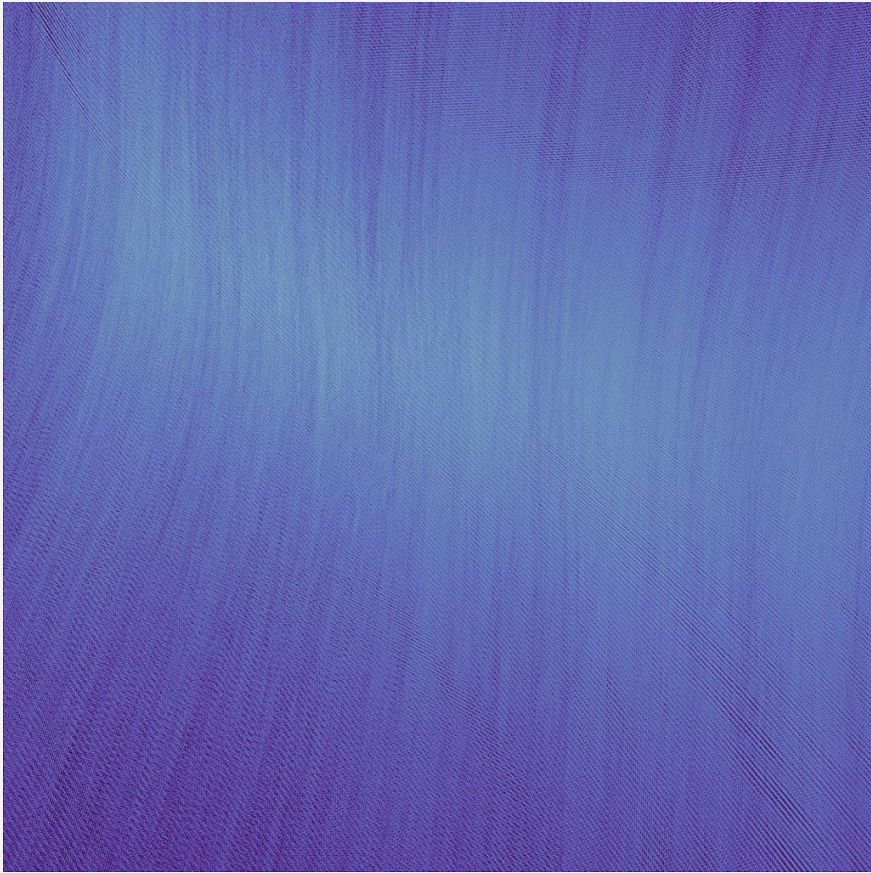
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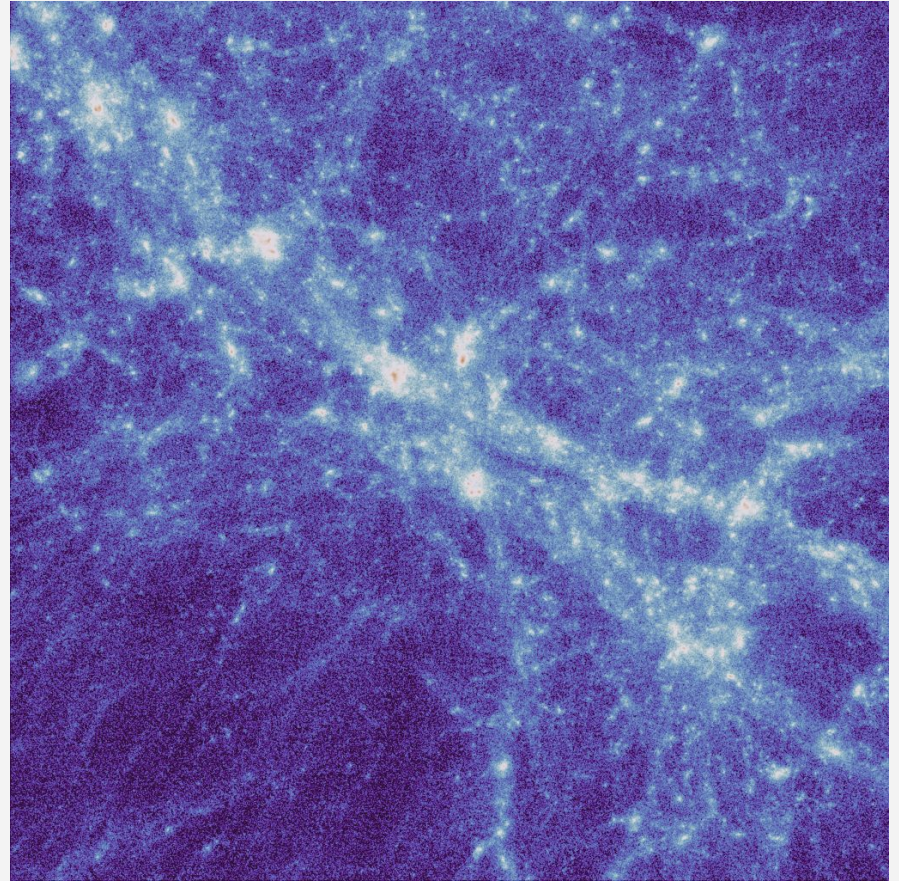
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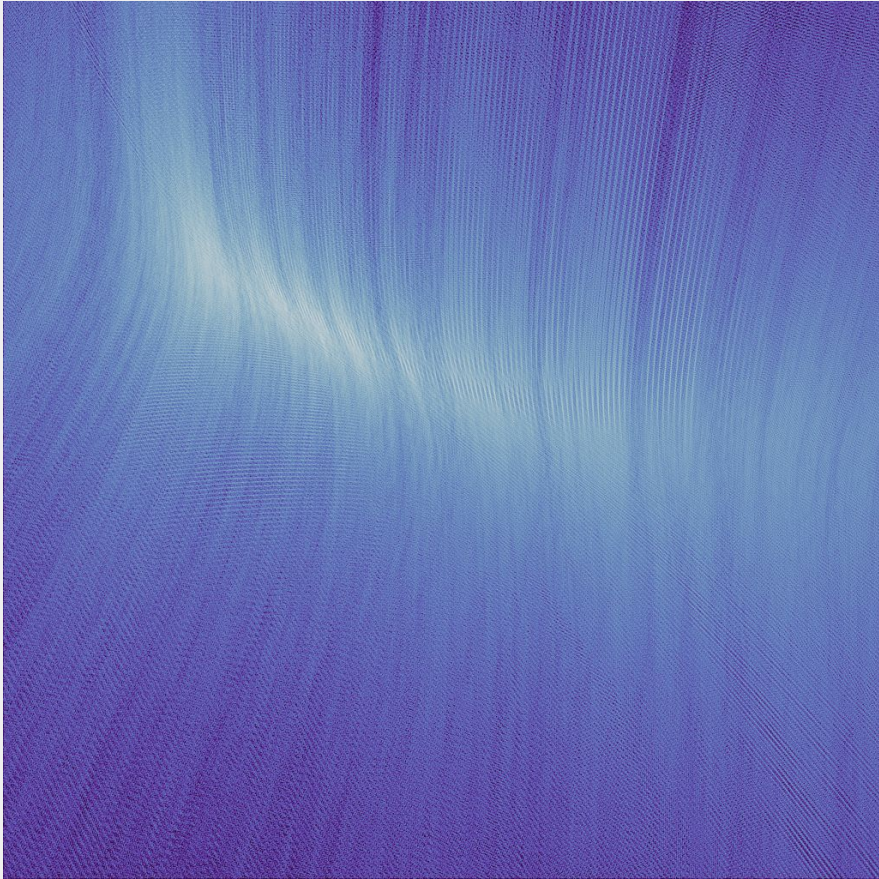
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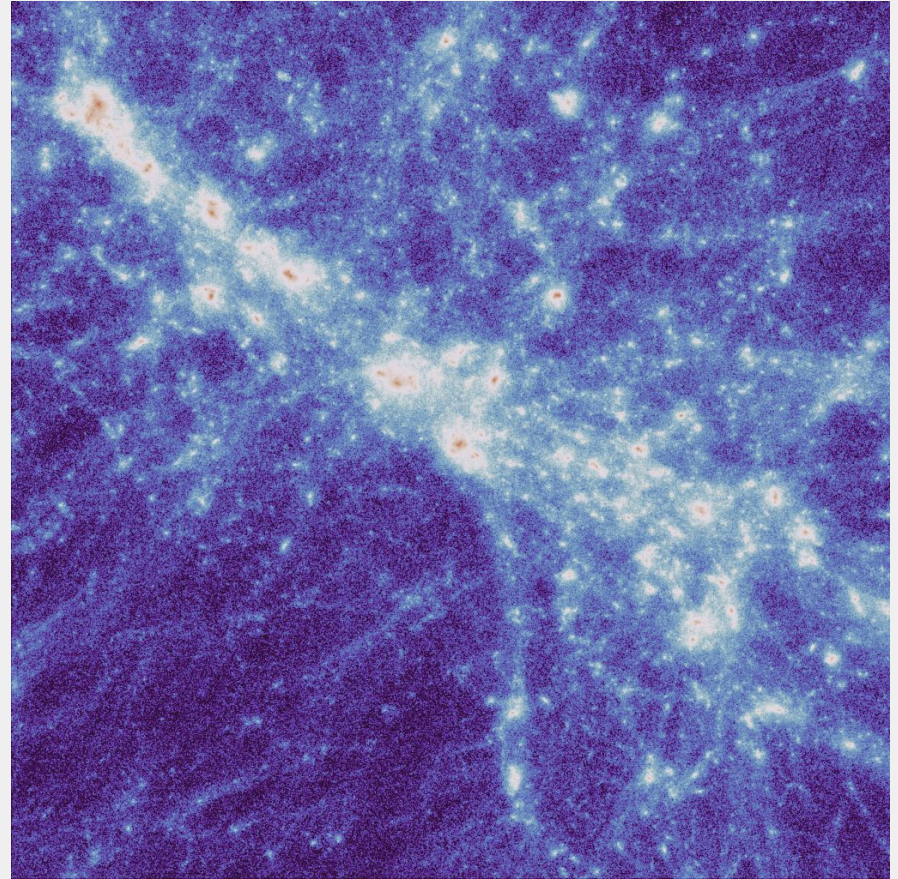
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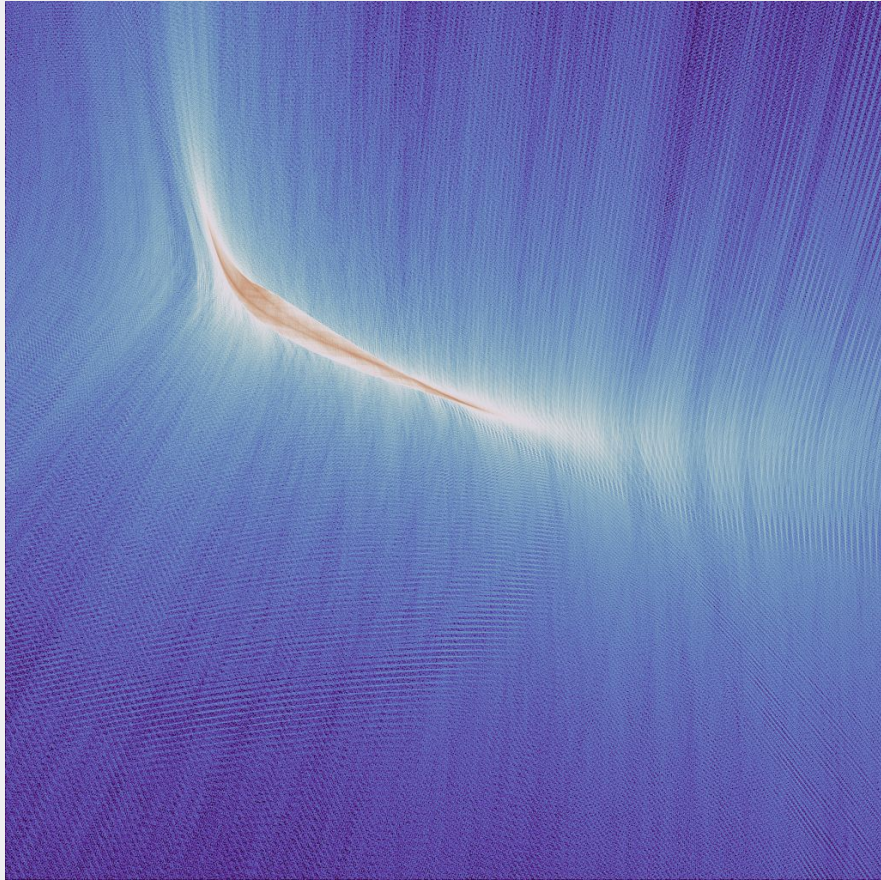
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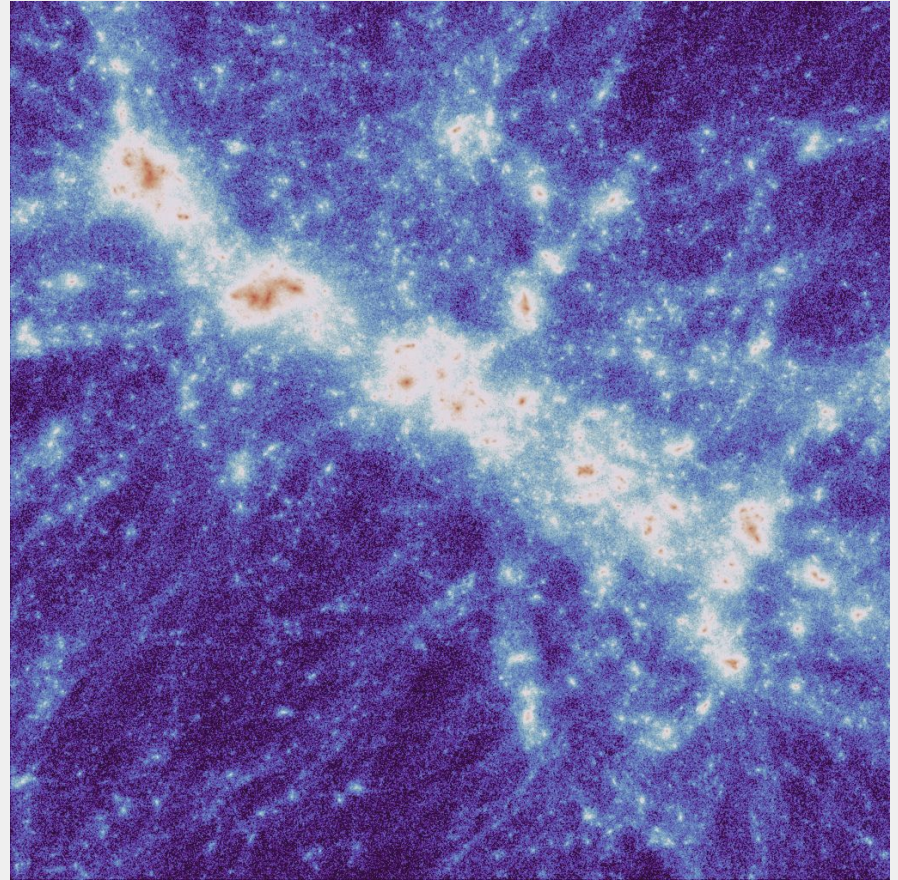
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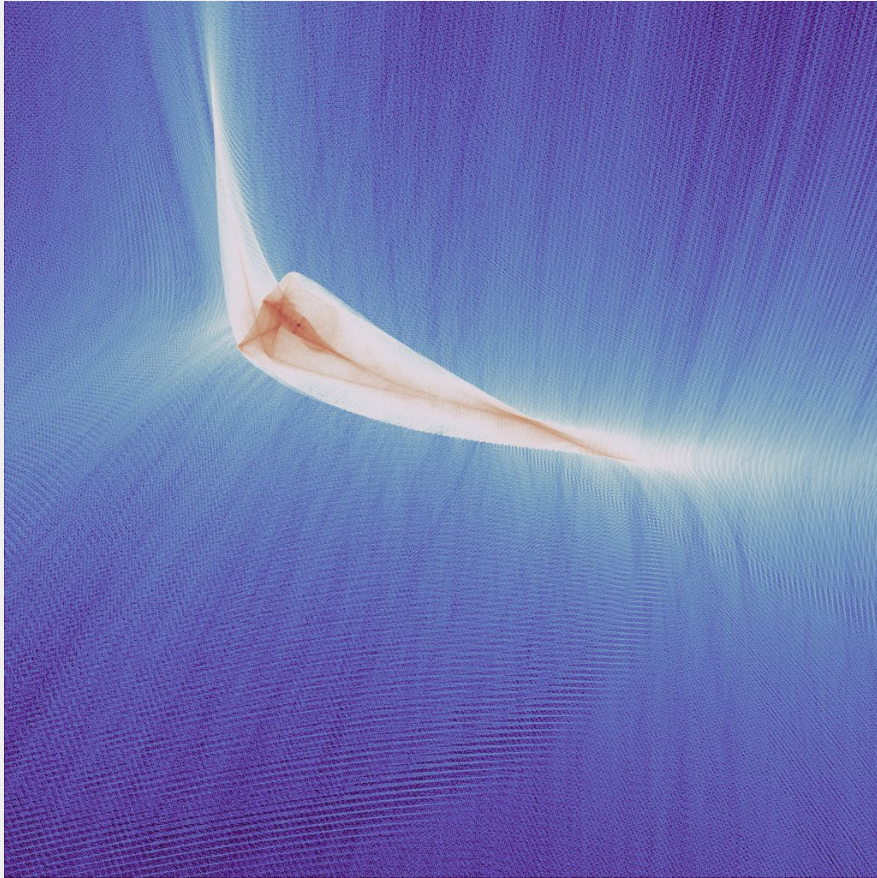
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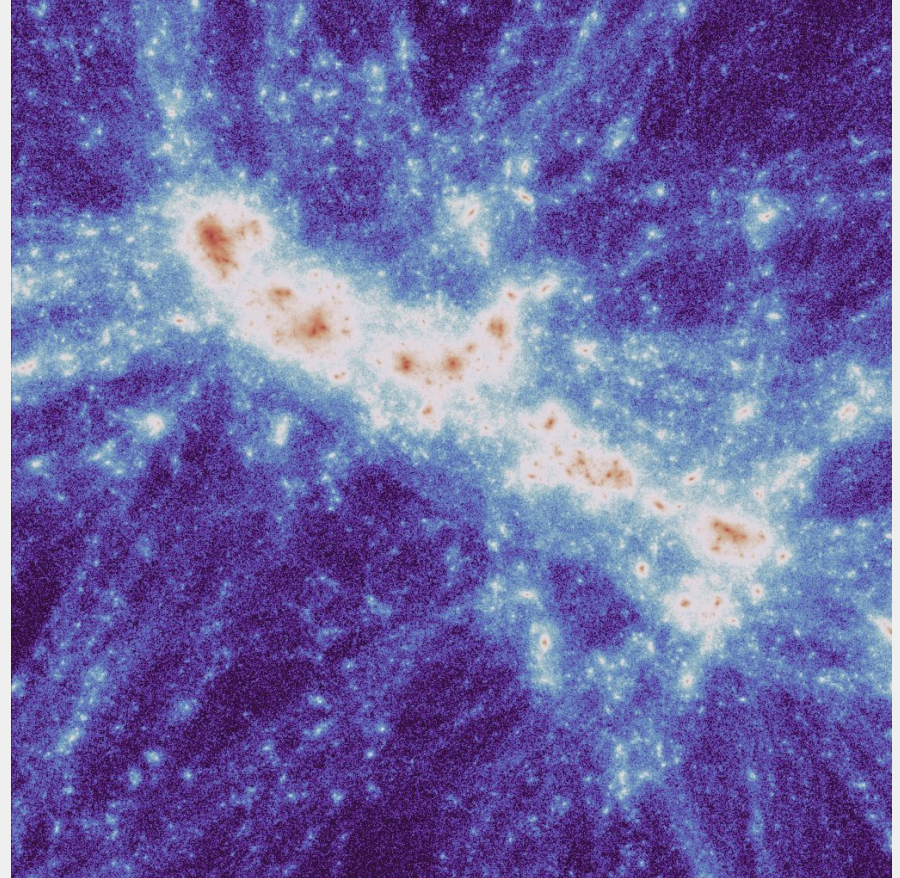
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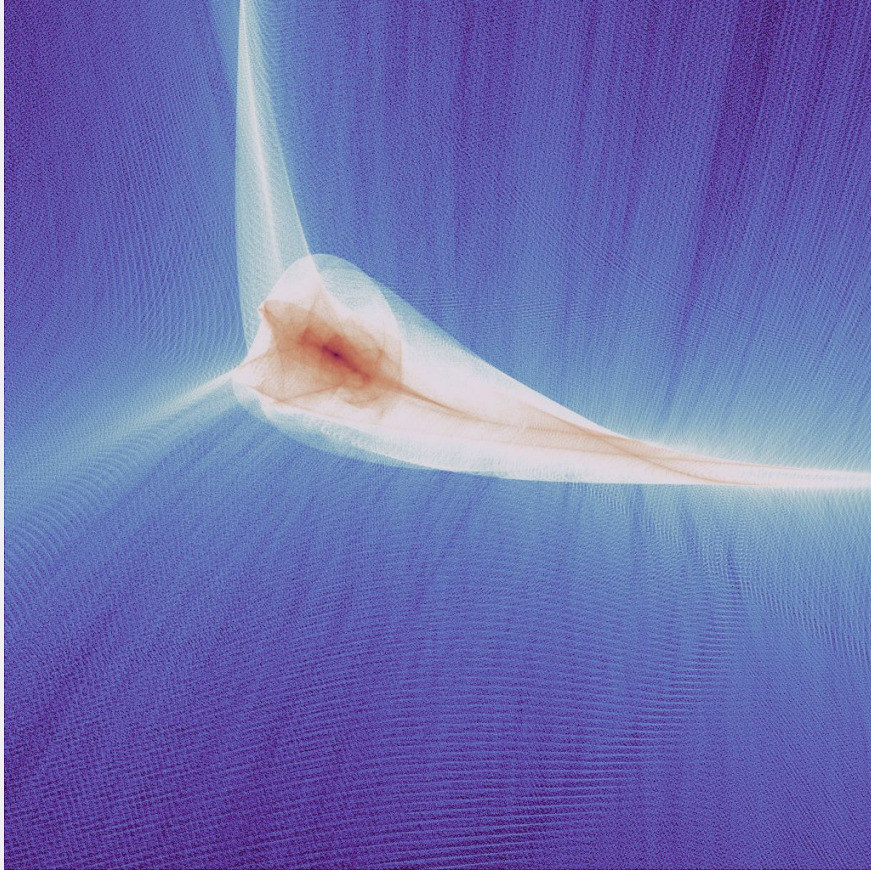
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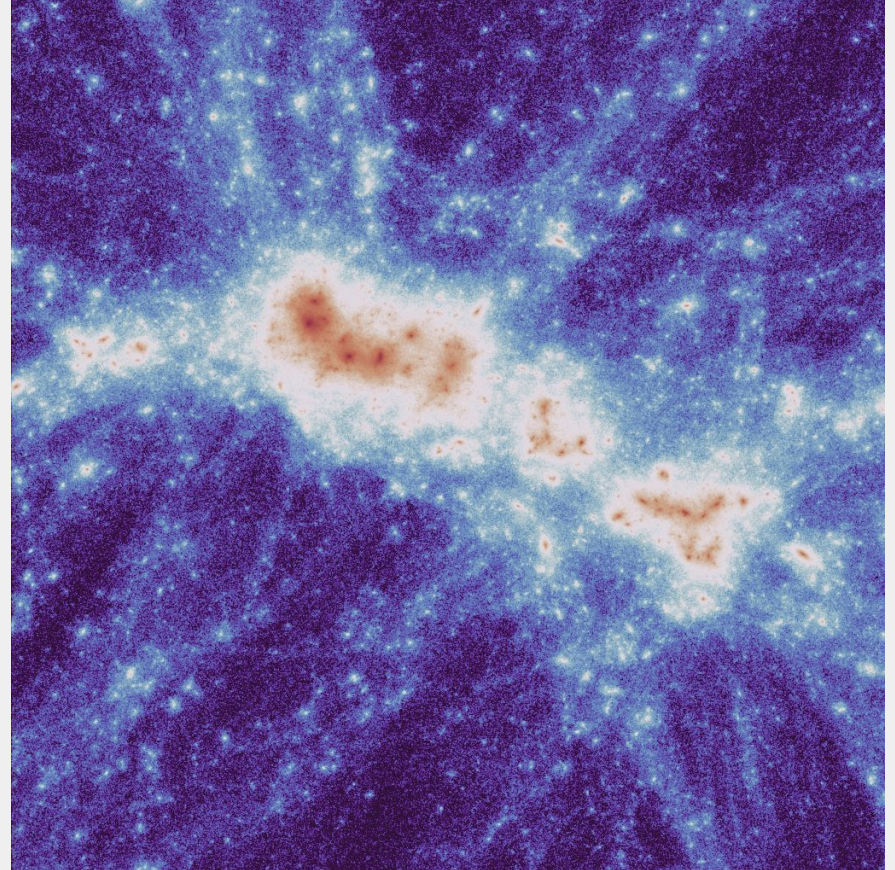
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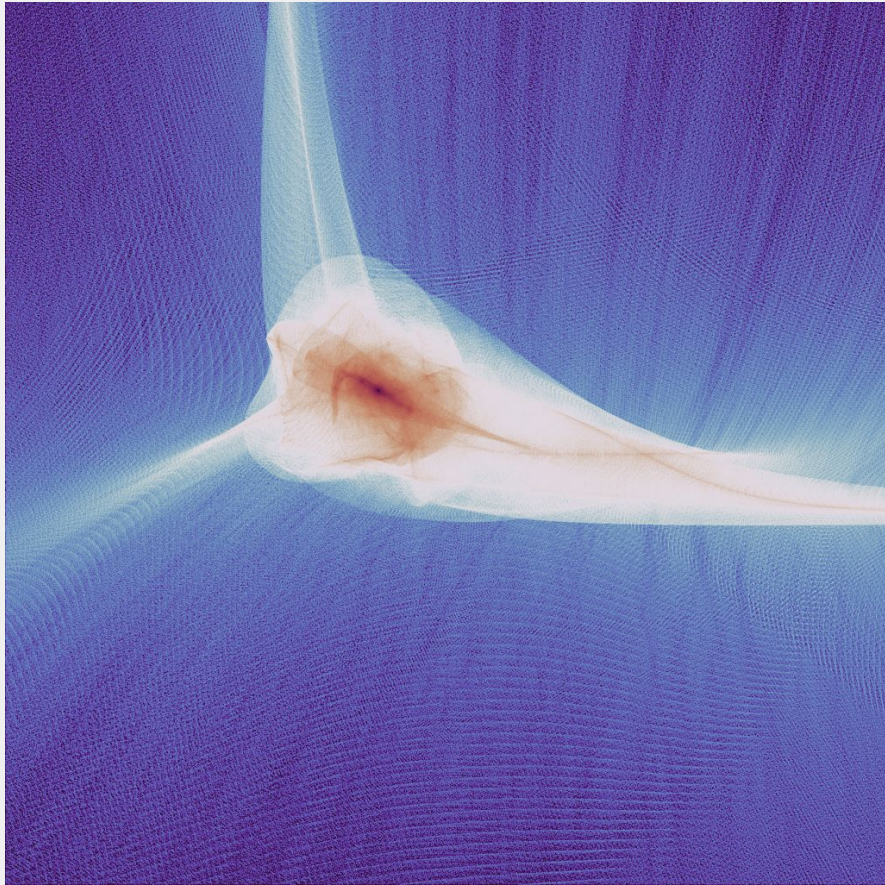
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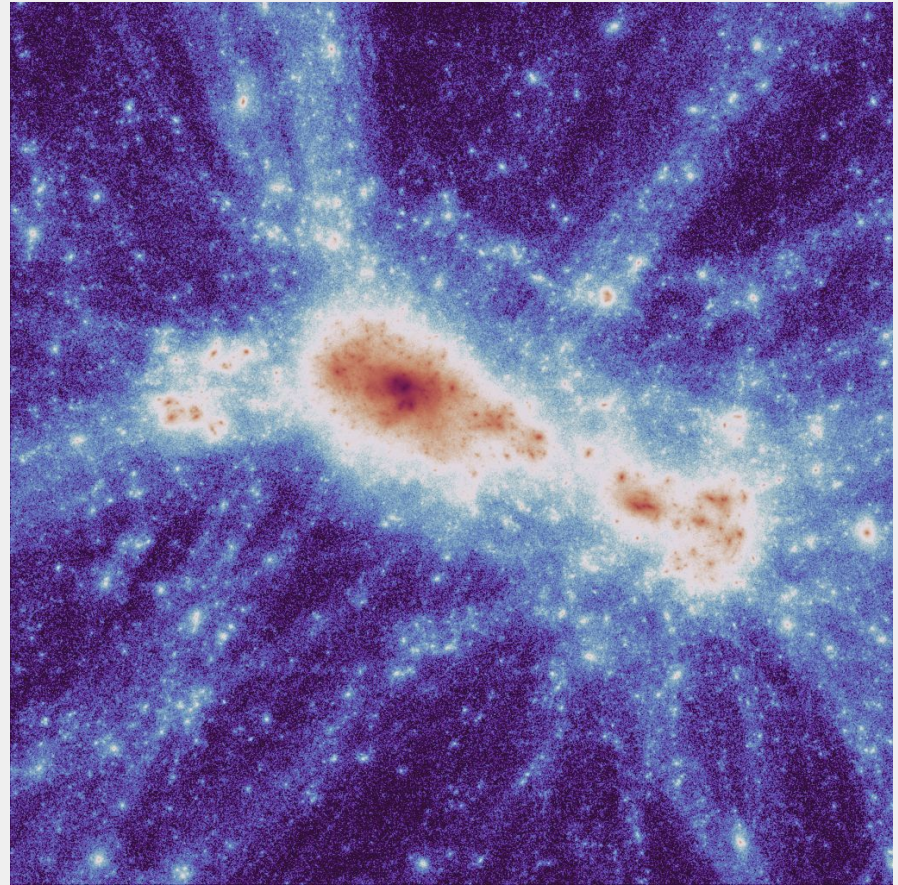
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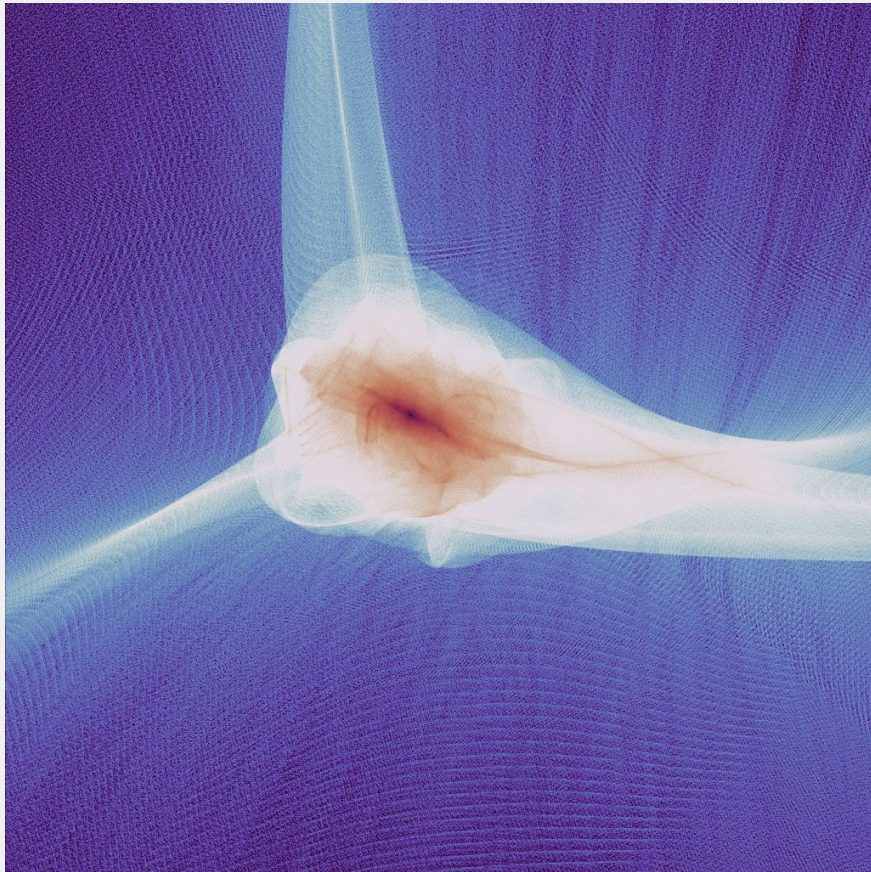
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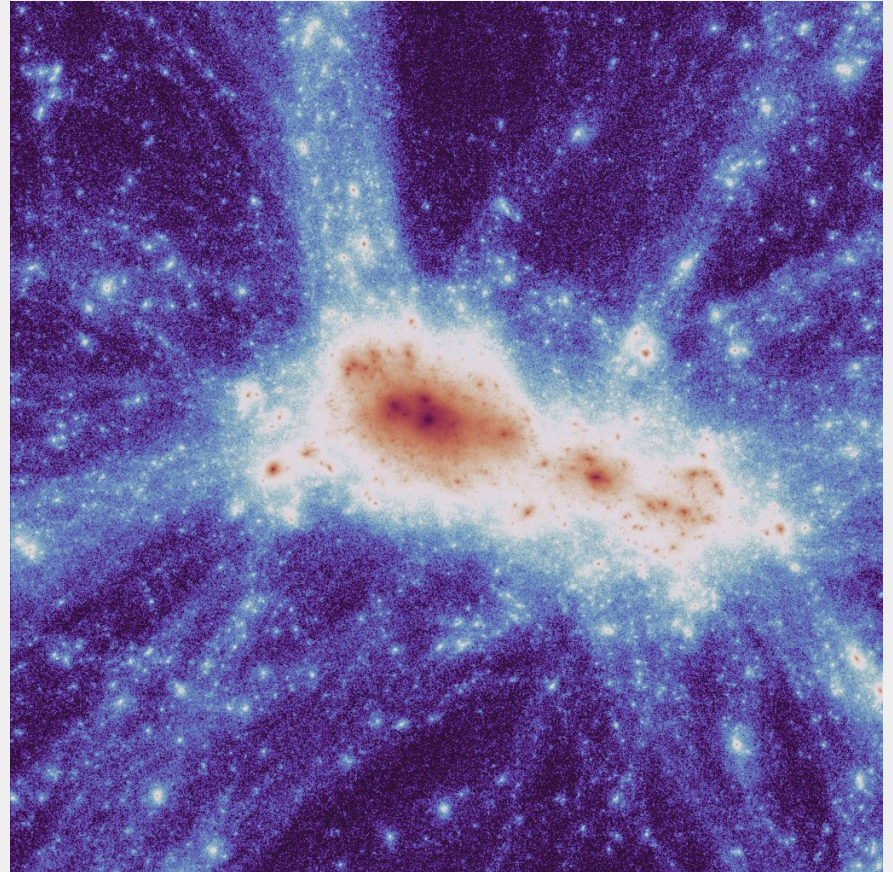
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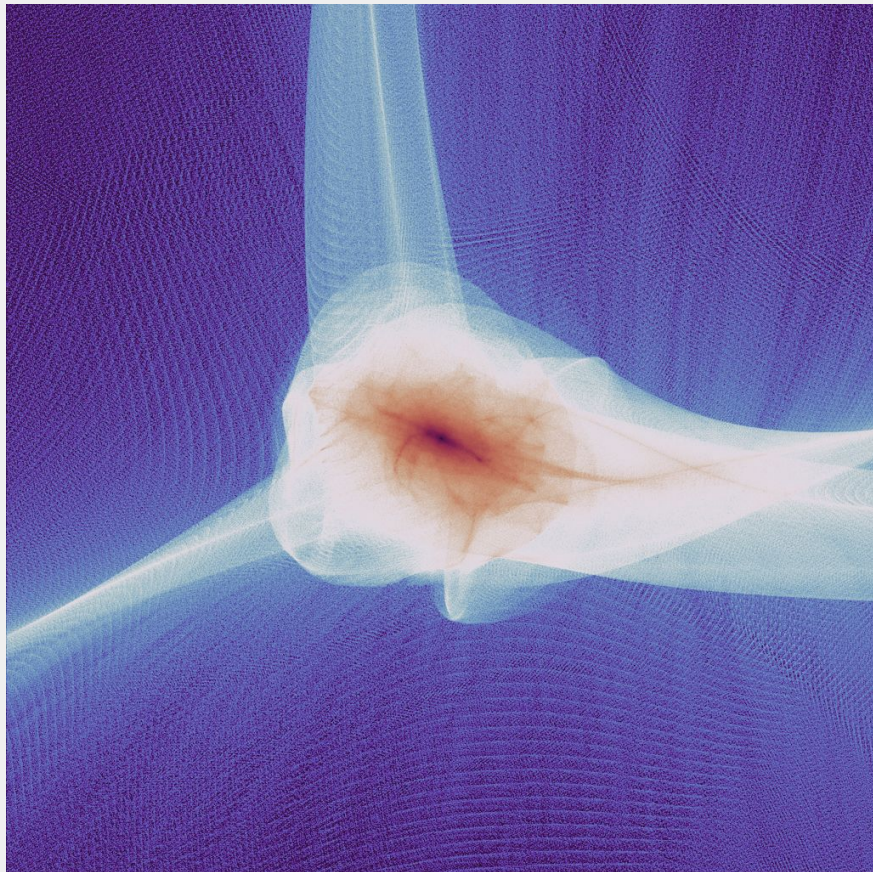
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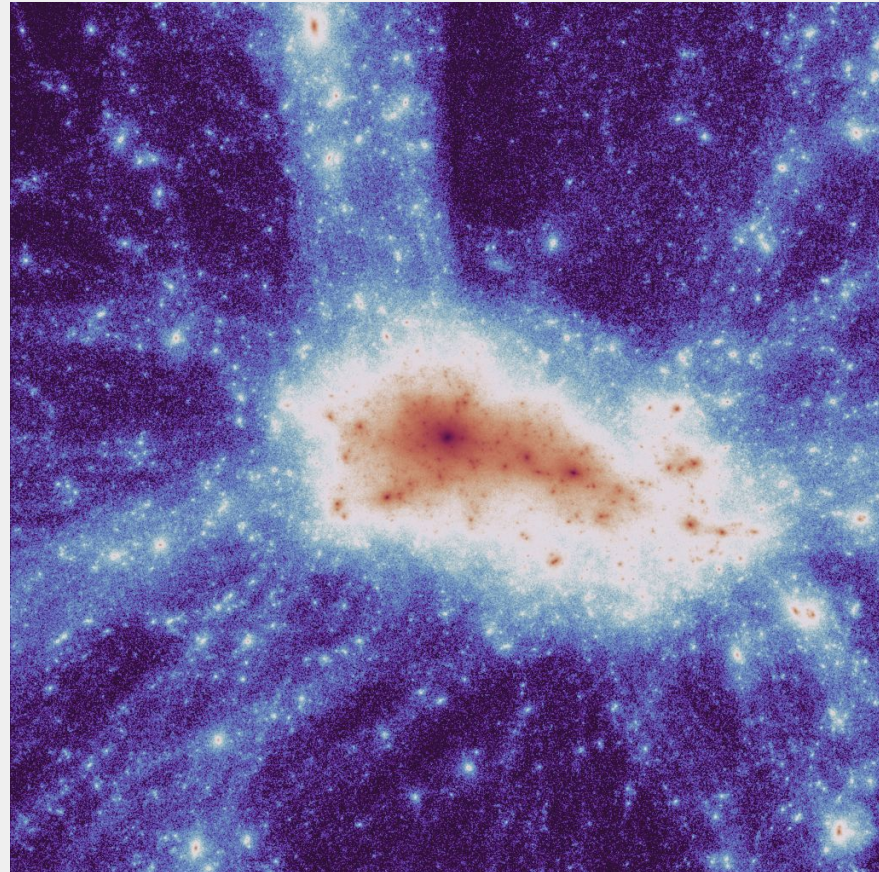
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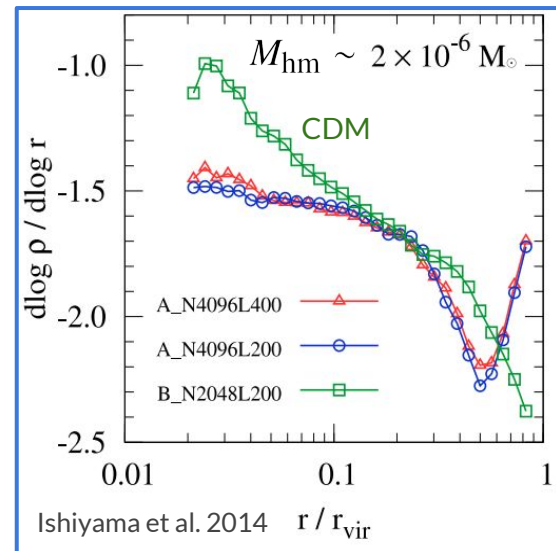
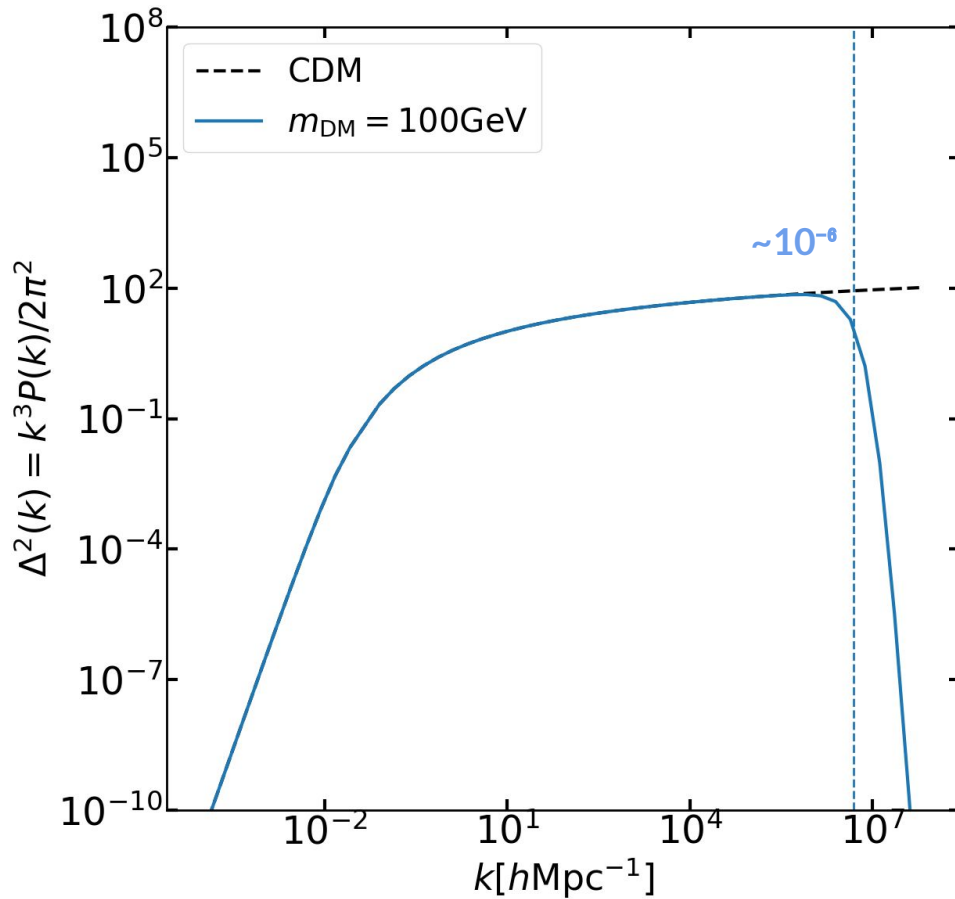


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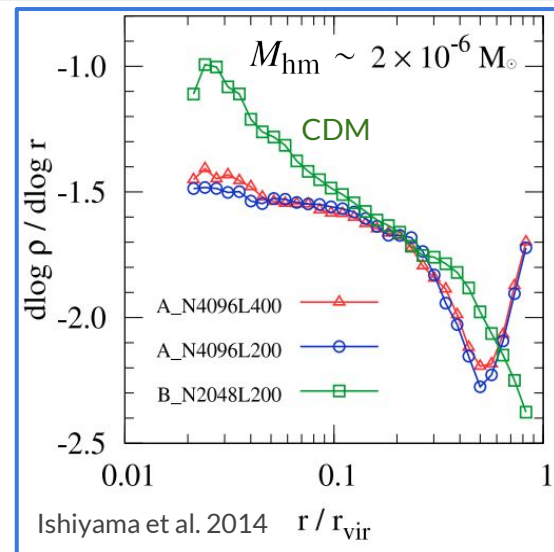
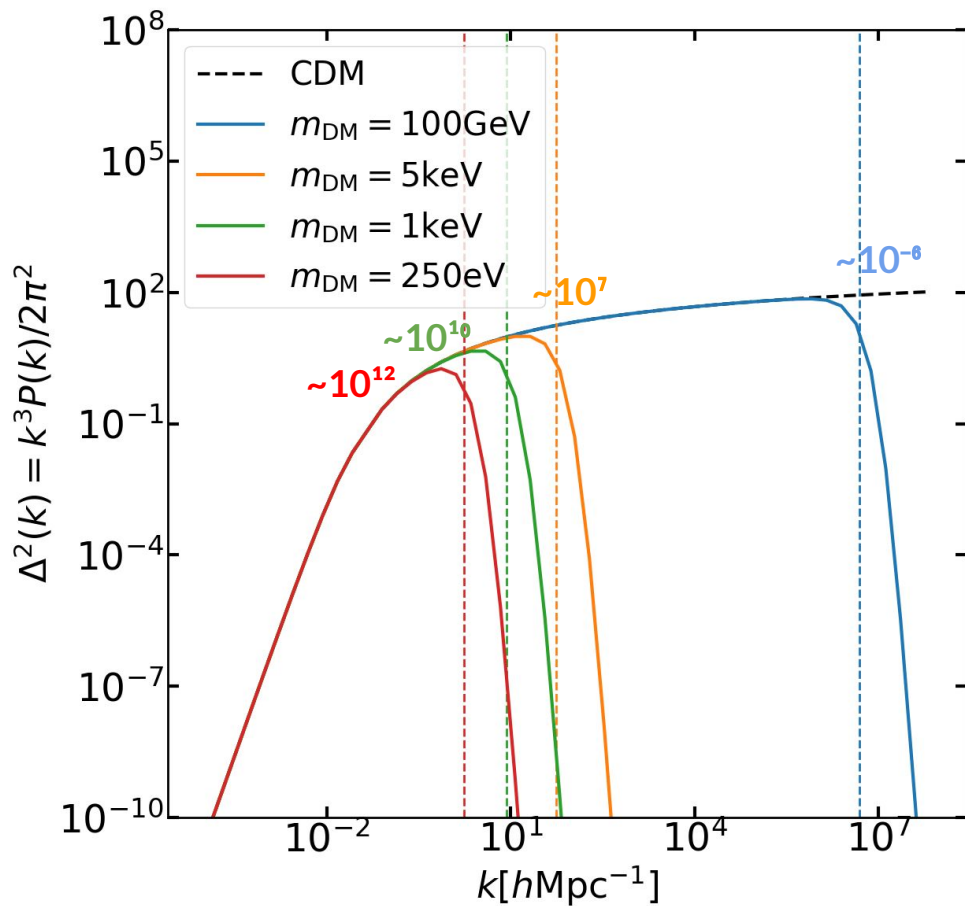


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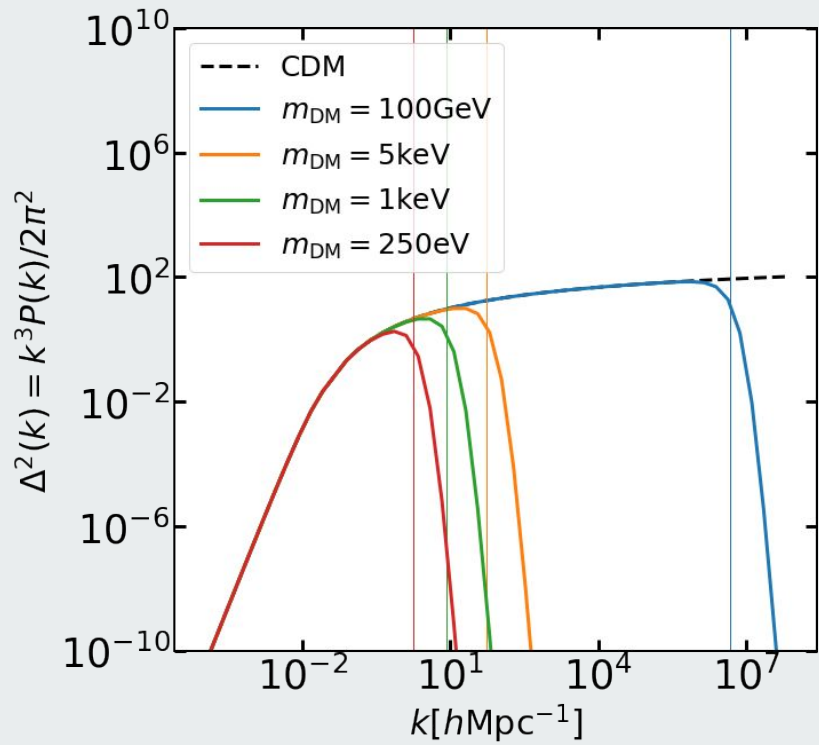




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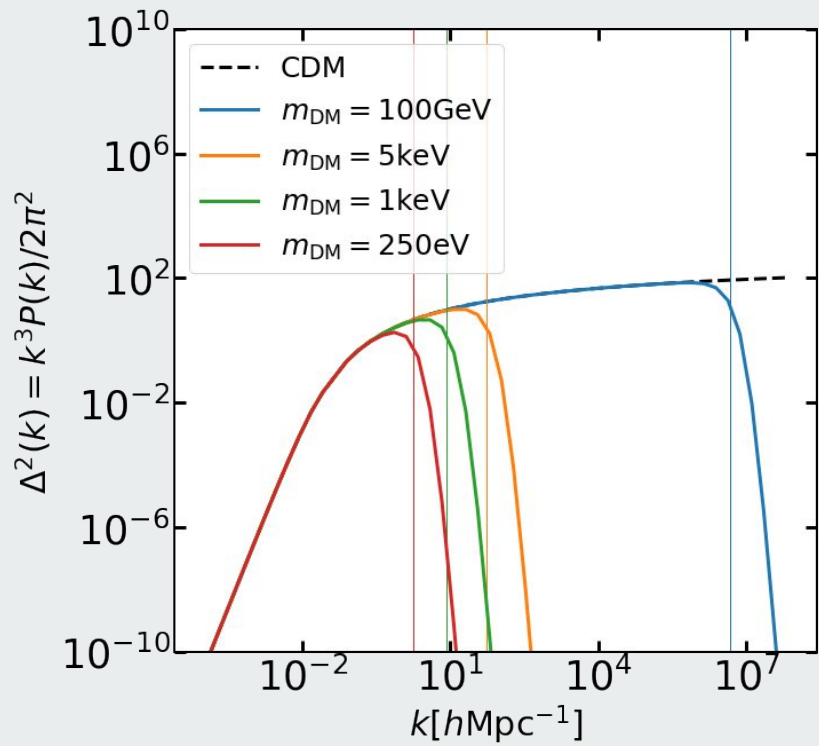


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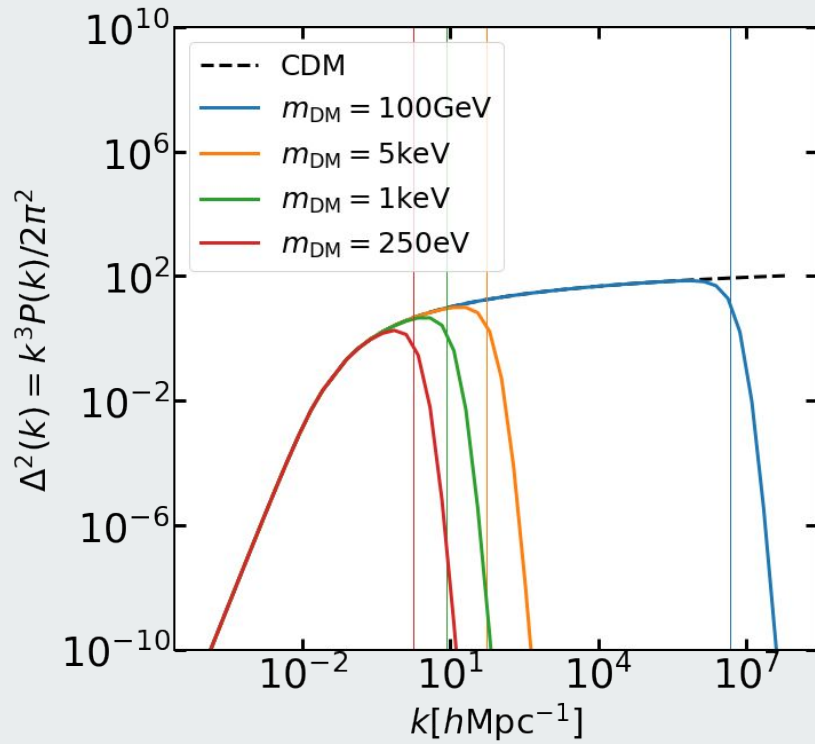
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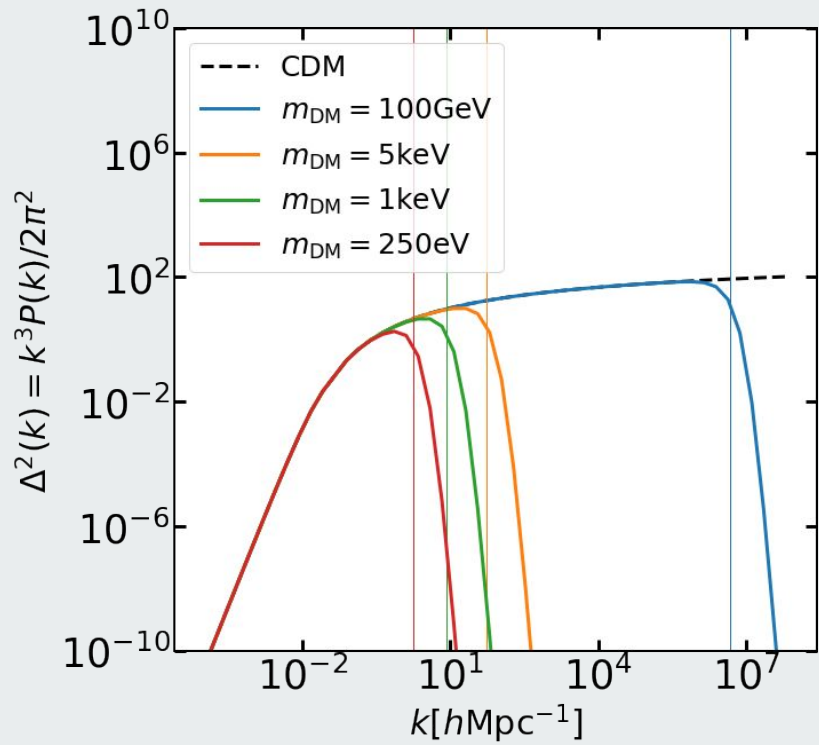
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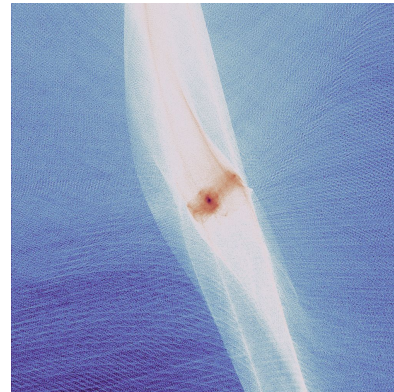
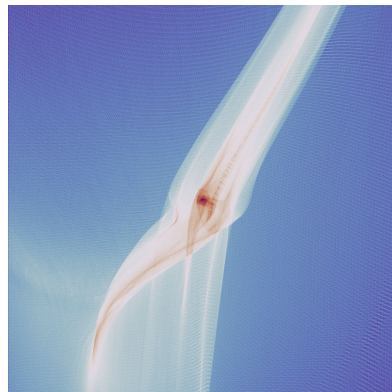
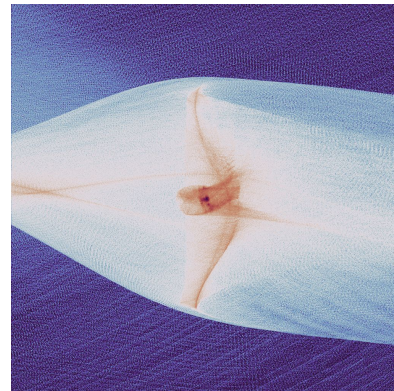
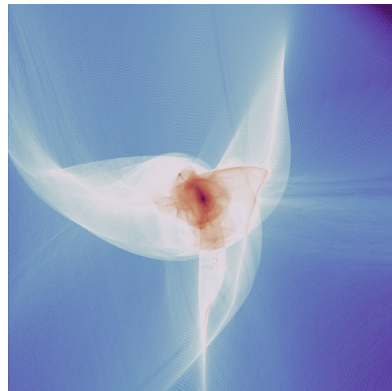
N-body zoom-in simulations

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M_{hm} ~ 10¹² Msun/h

mDM = 1keV
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- Zoom-in setup :
resolve %0.2-0.5 of the
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- 16 halos at the
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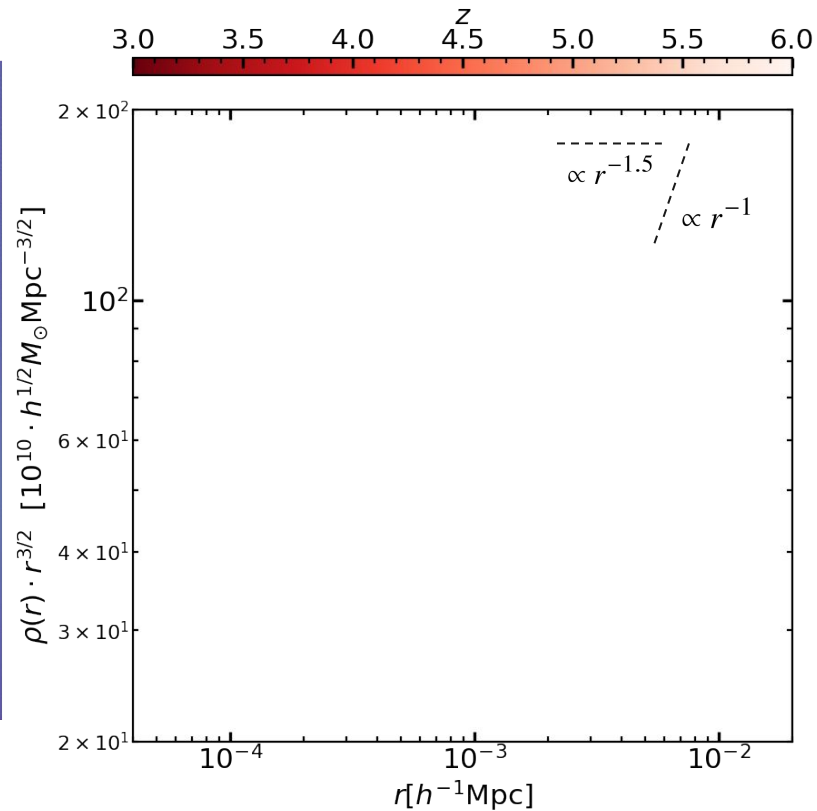
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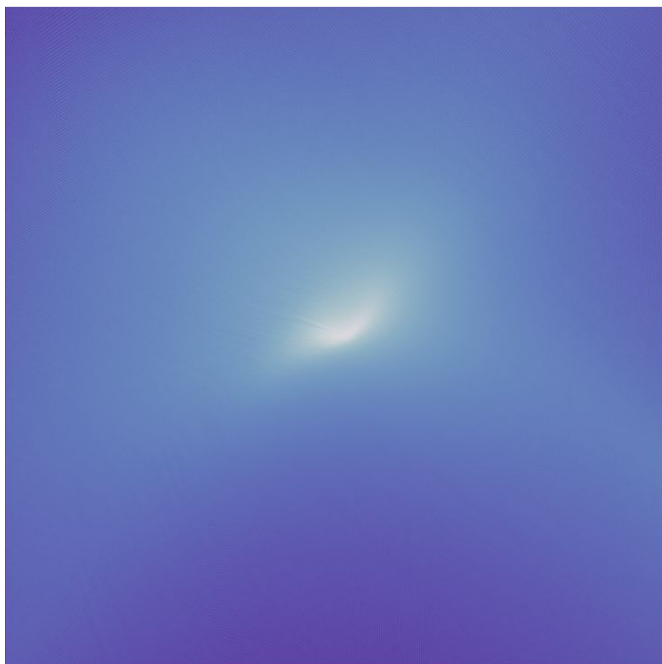
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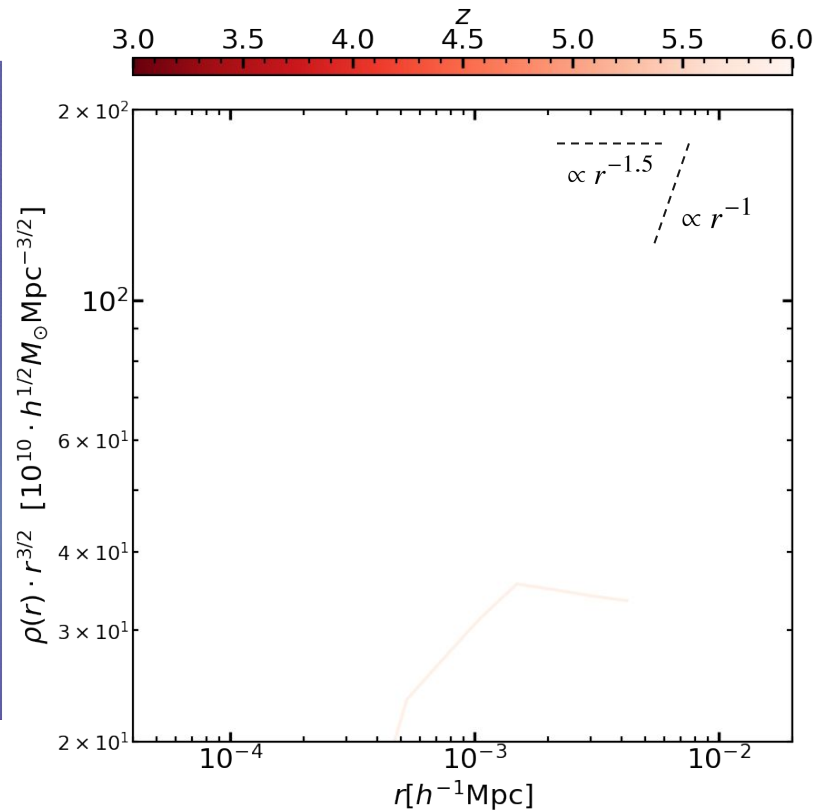
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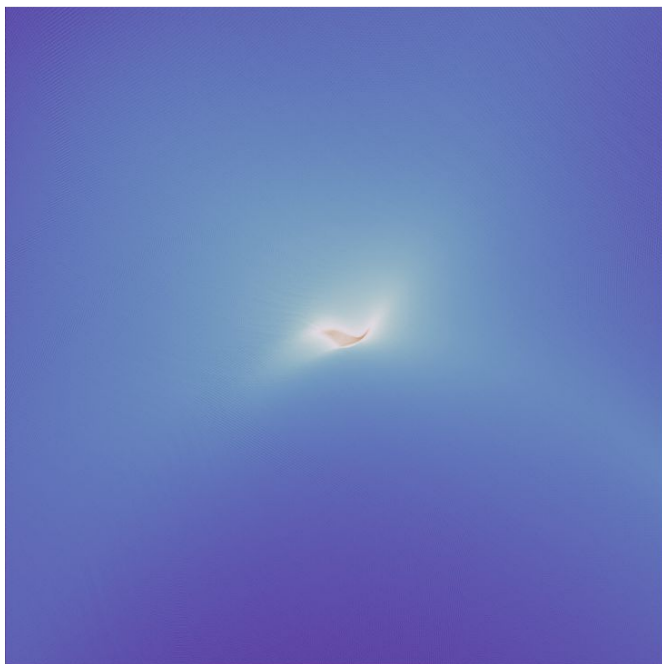
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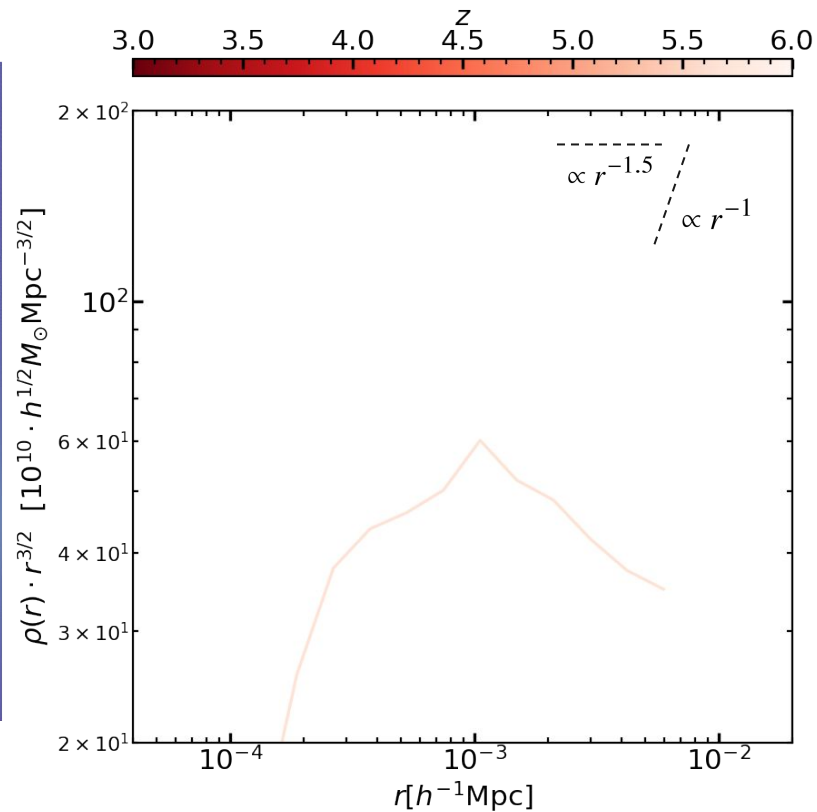
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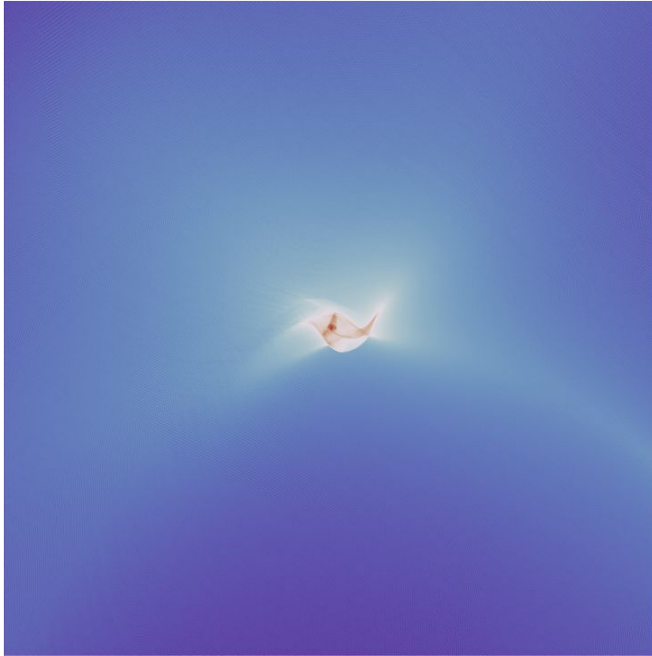
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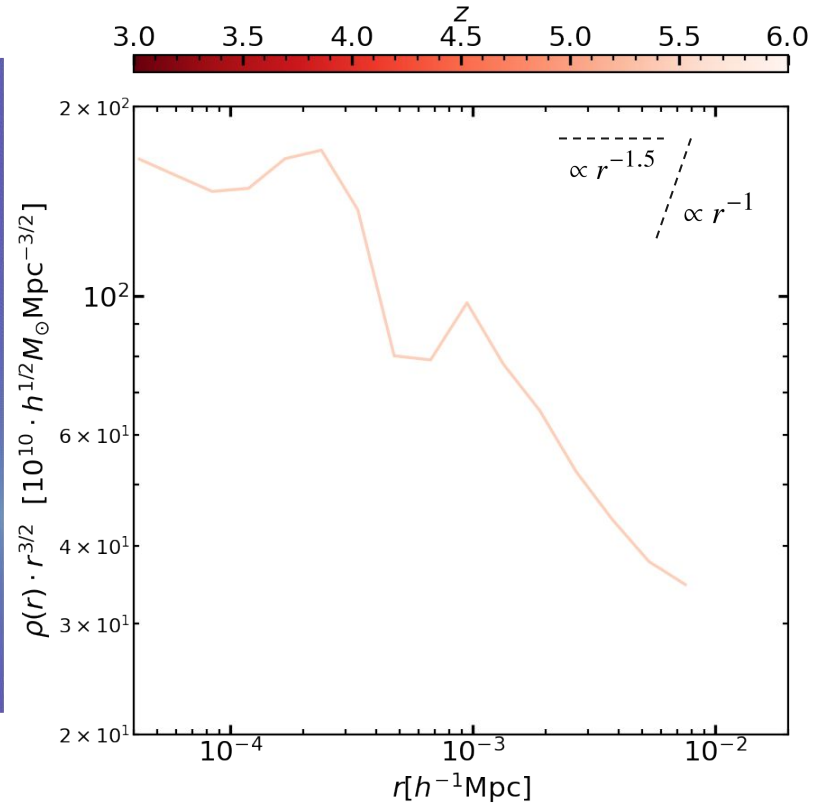
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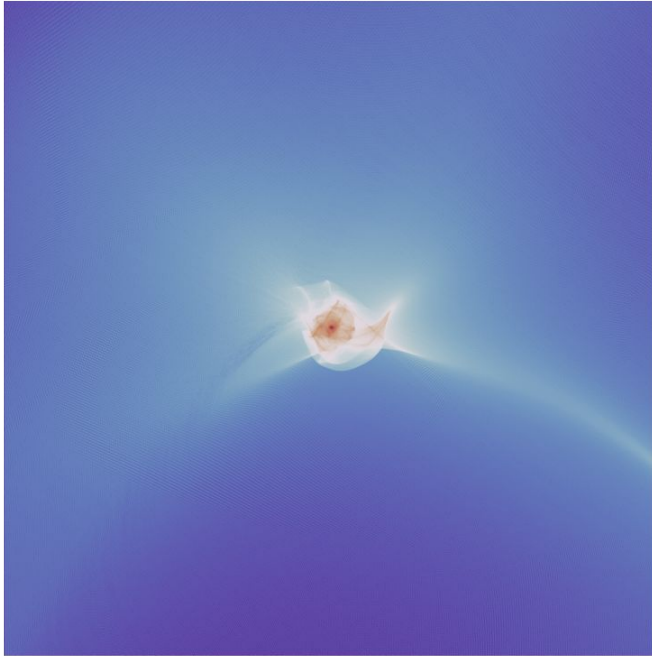
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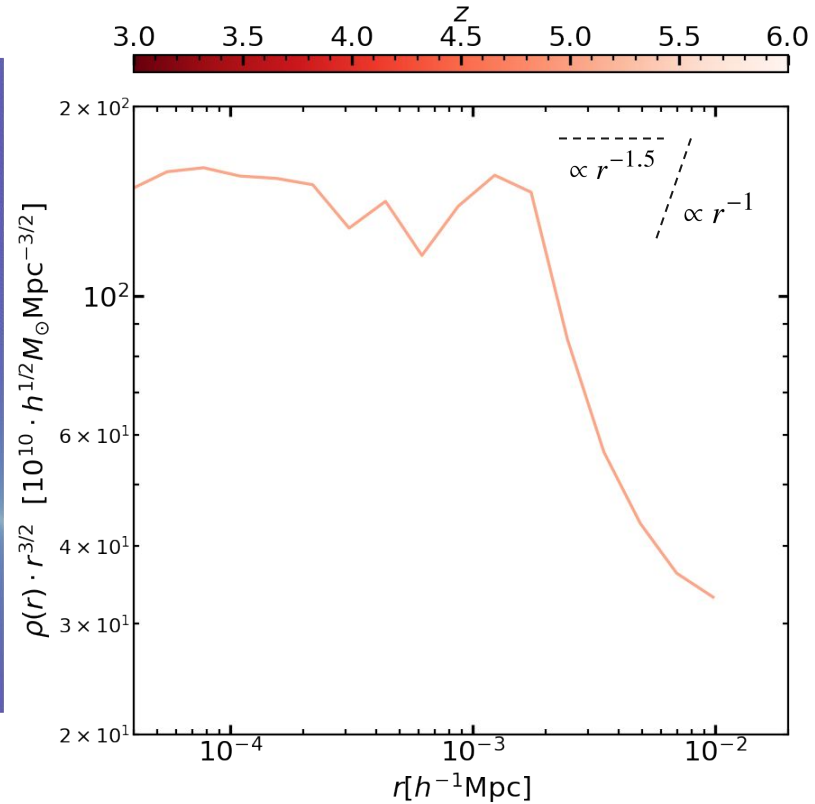
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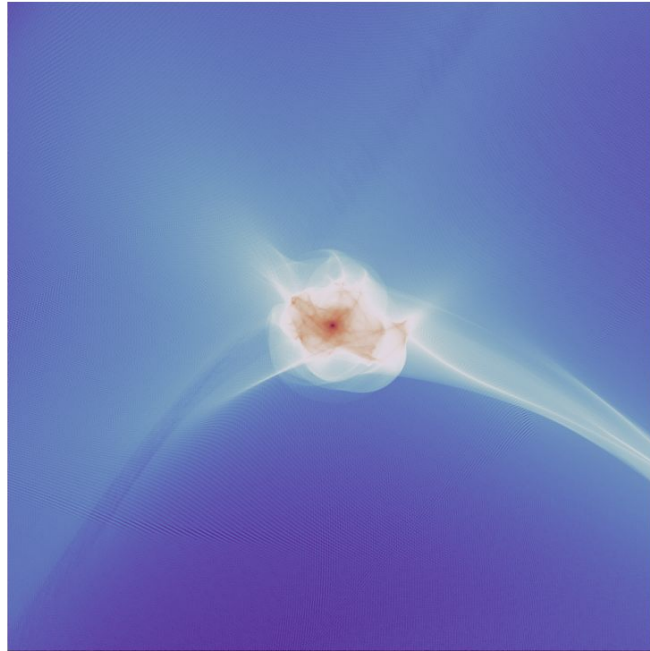
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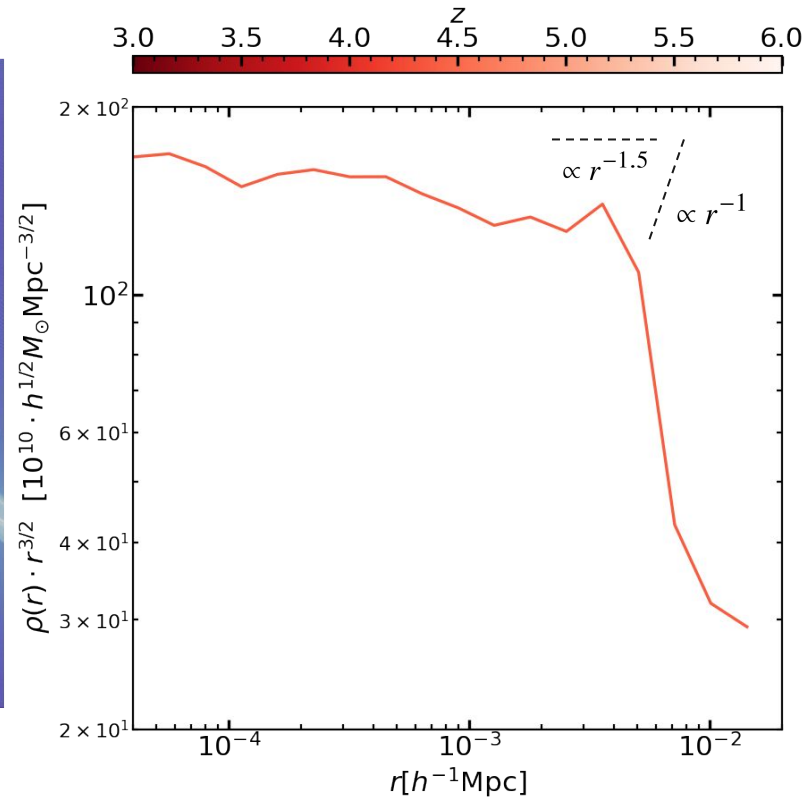
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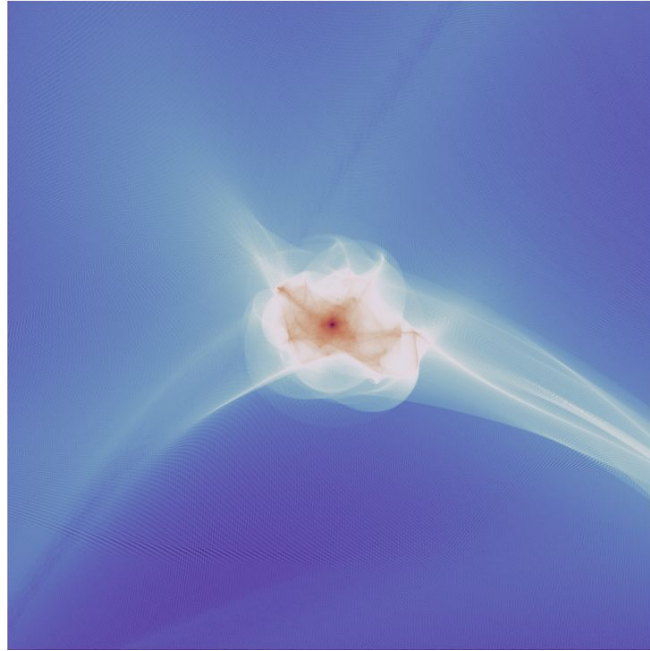
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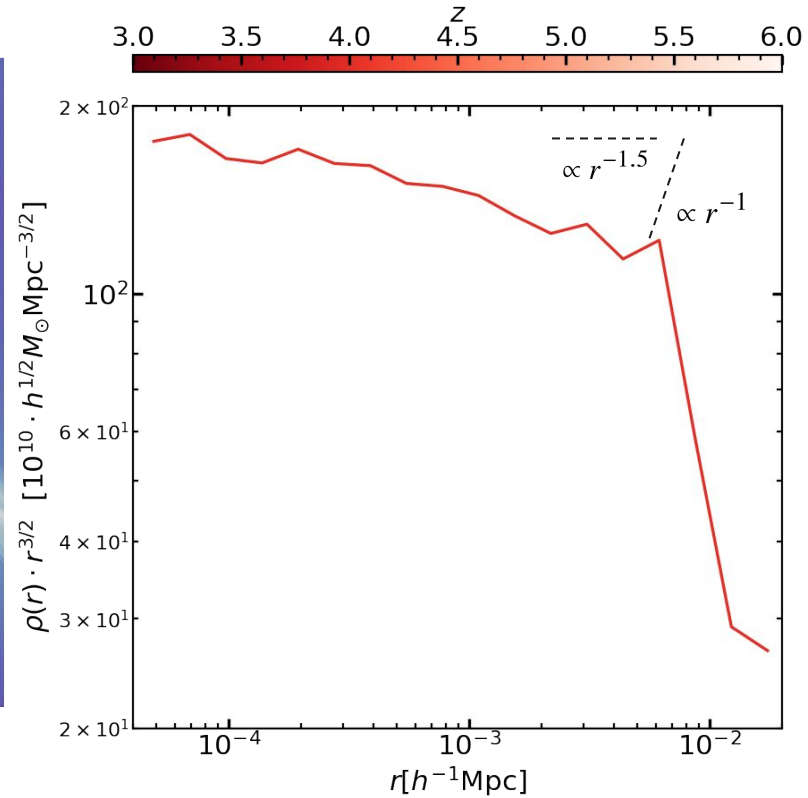
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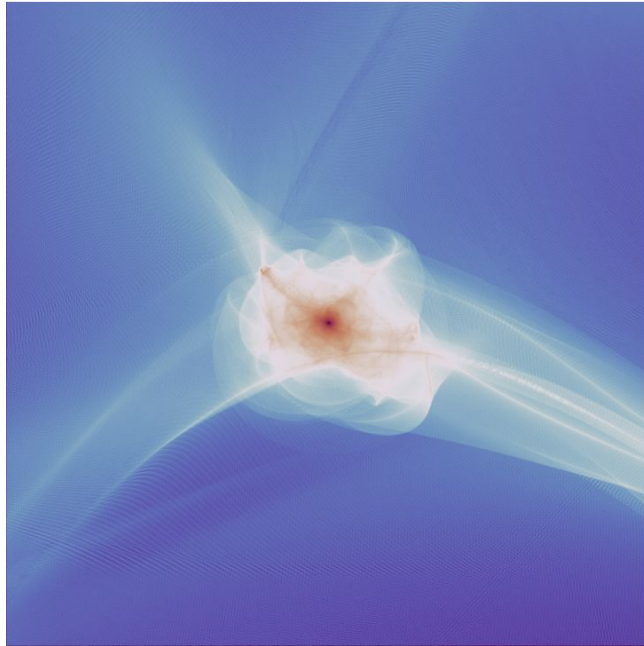
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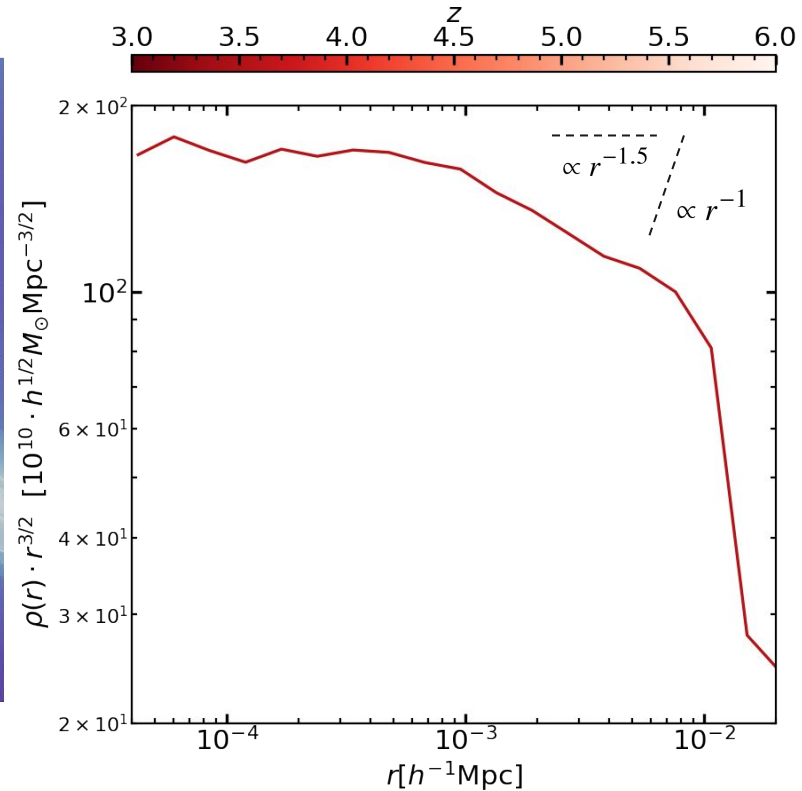
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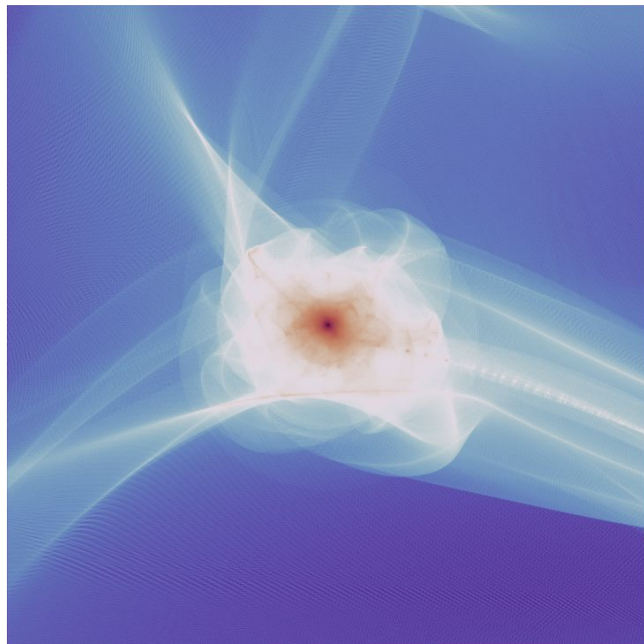
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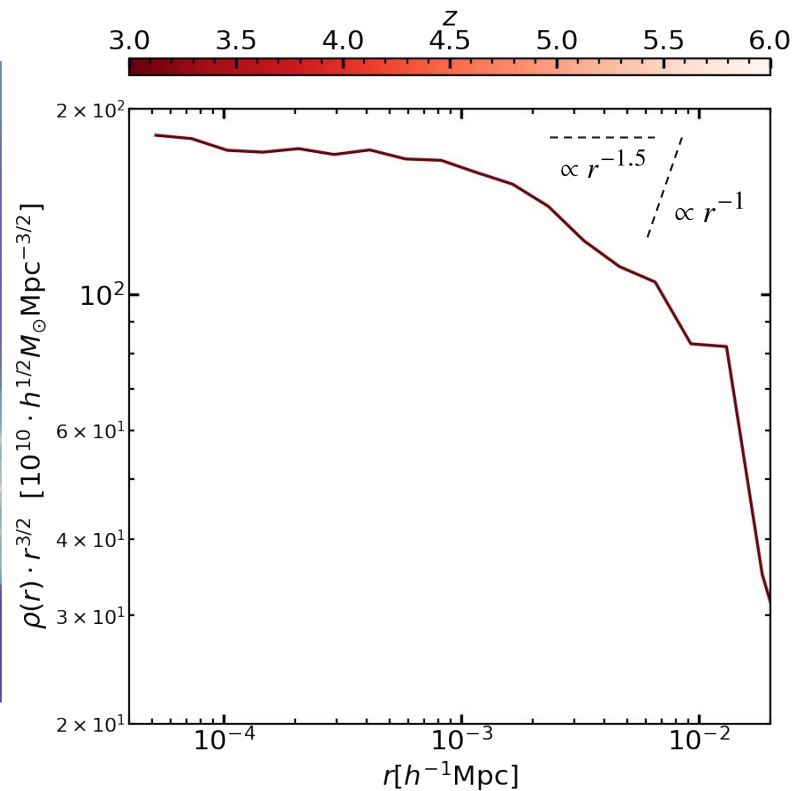
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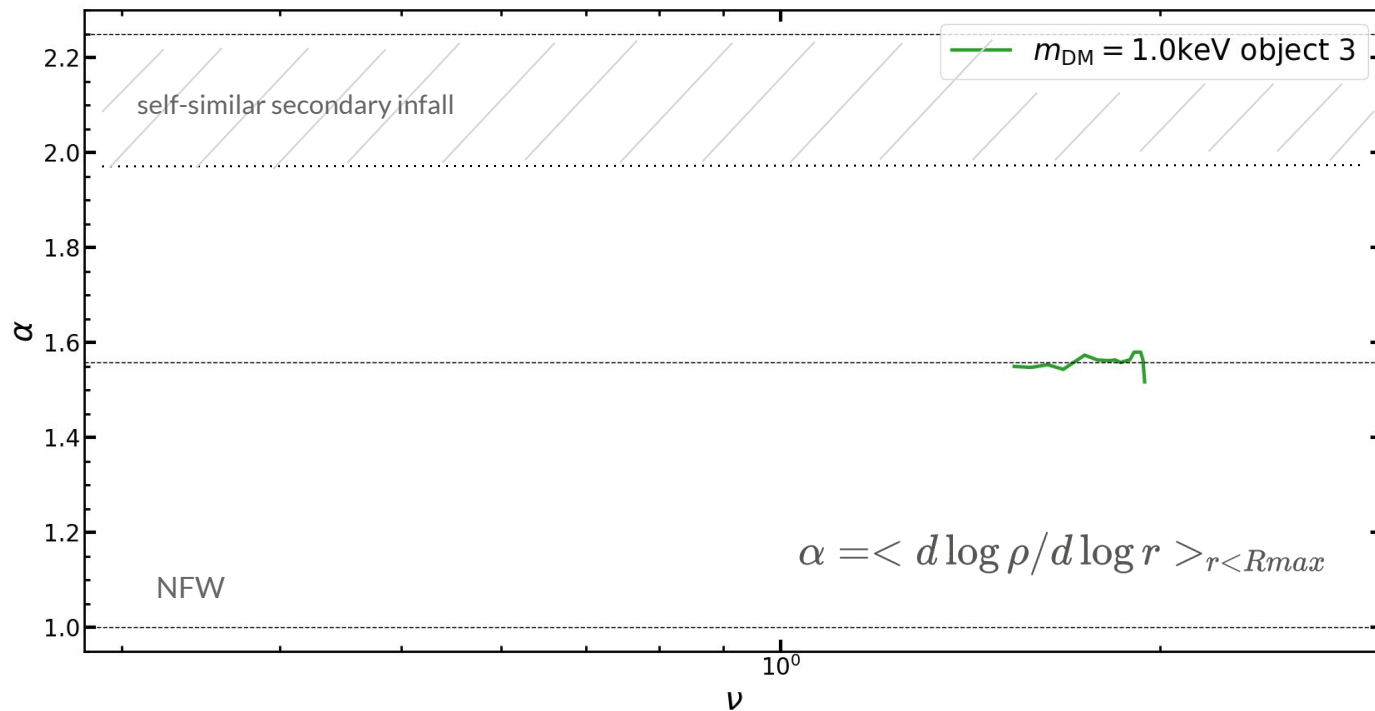
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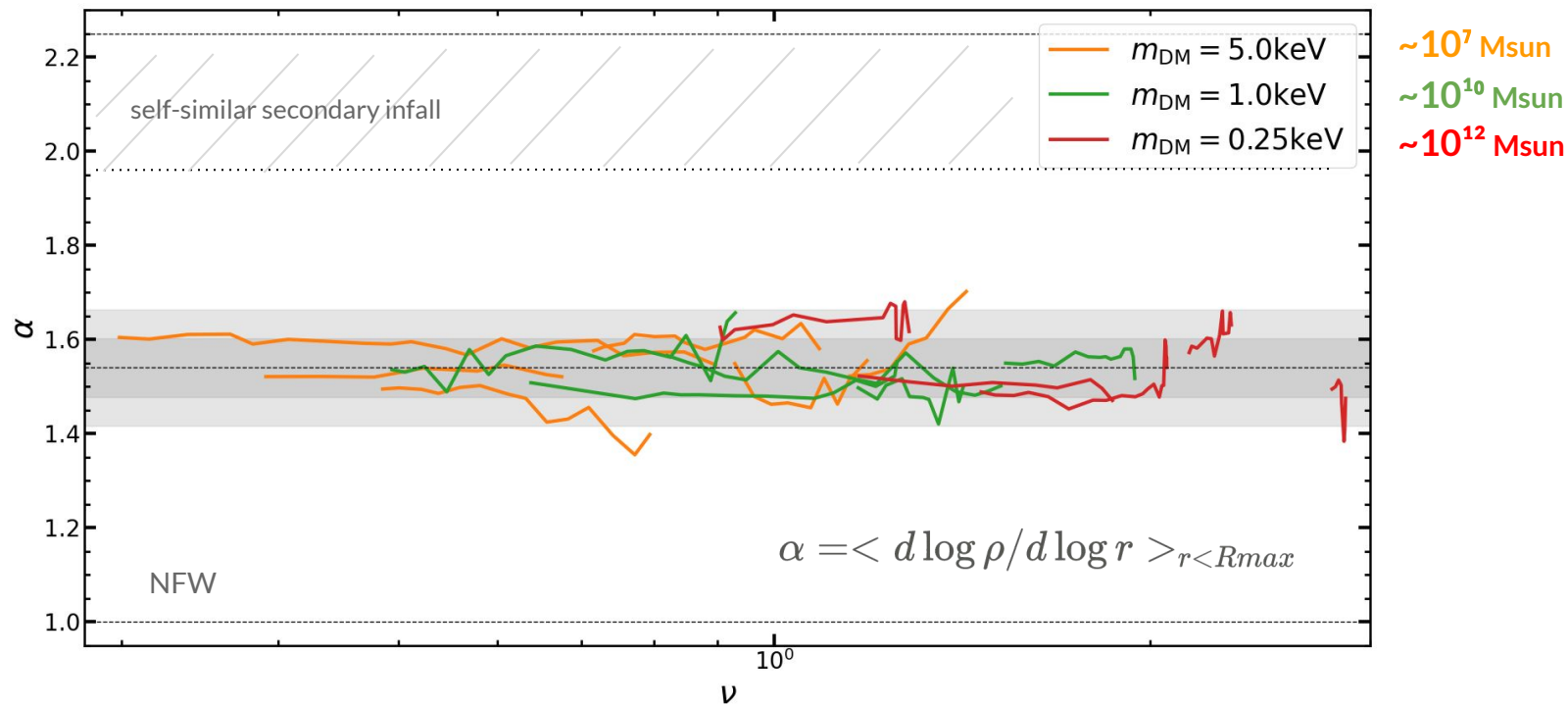
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Summary plot: inner cusp slope

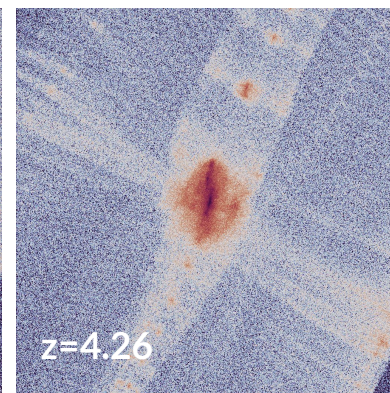
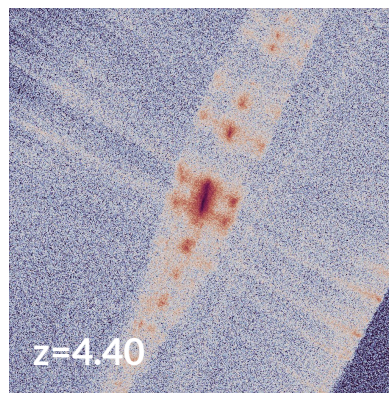
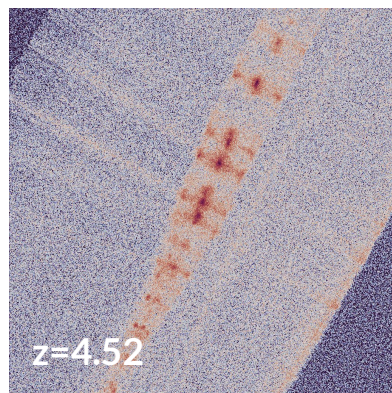
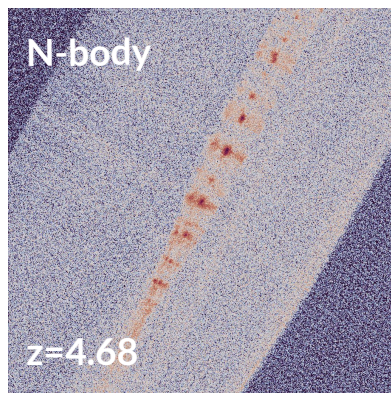


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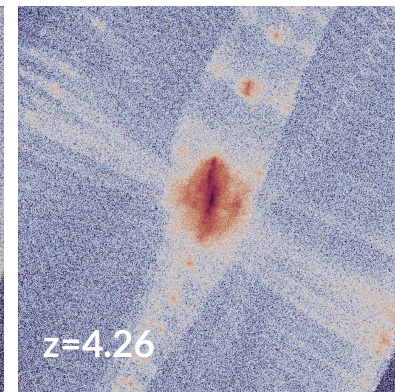
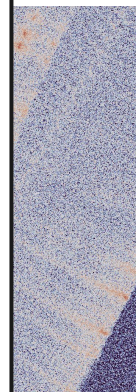
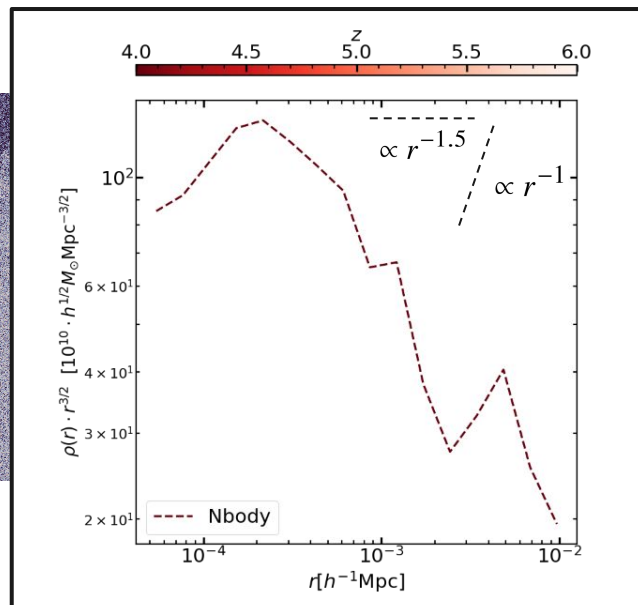
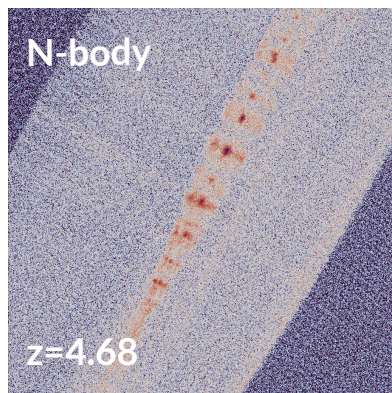
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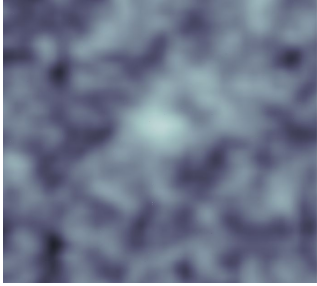
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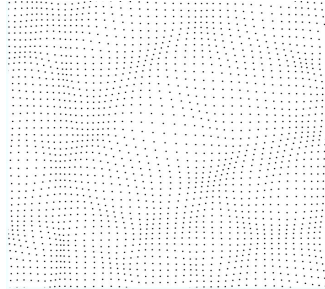


Solving the Vlasov-Poisson equation

N-body



Discretize



Evolve

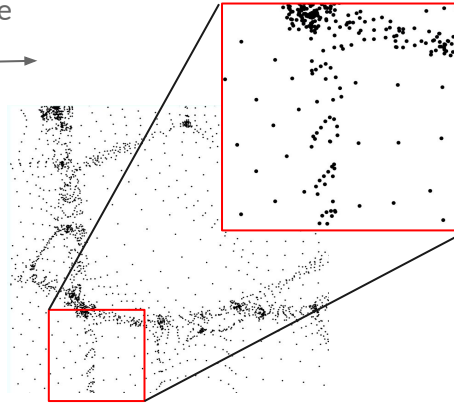
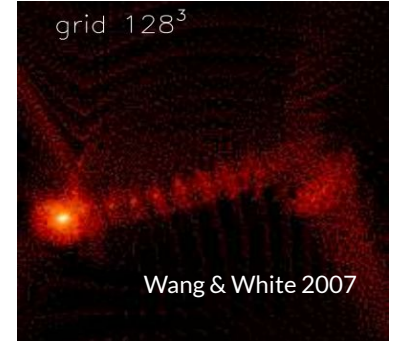
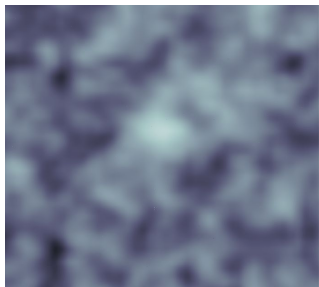


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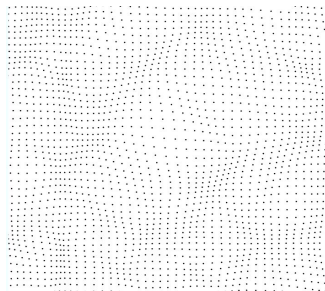


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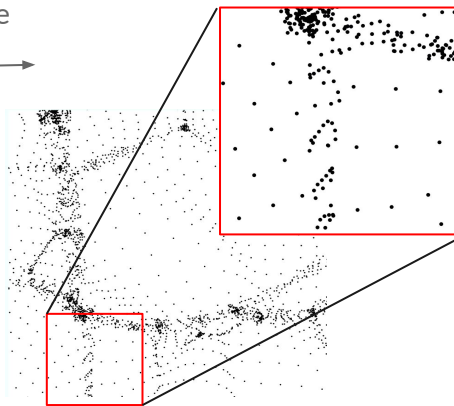
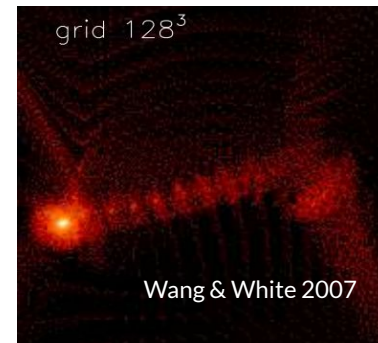


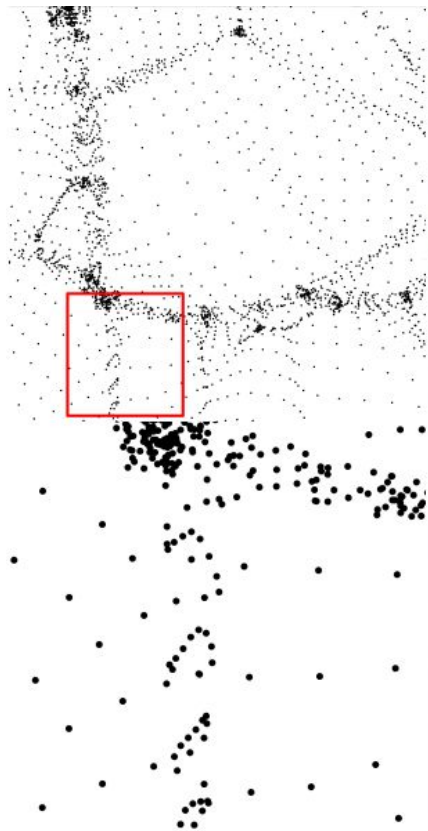
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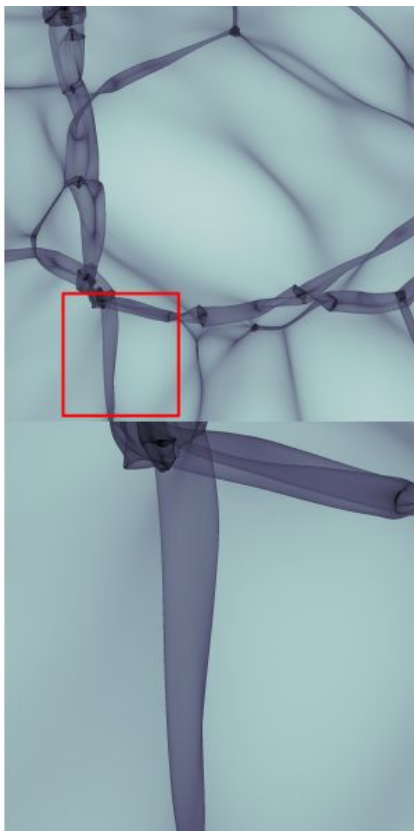
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N-body and Phase-space density estimates

N-body density estimate



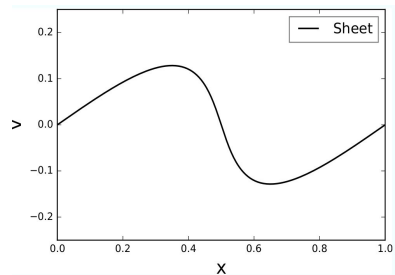
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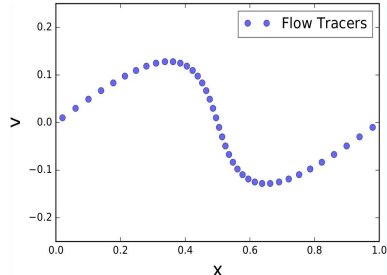
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Sheet



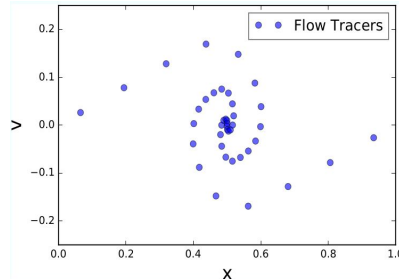
1D dark-matter phase-space sheet

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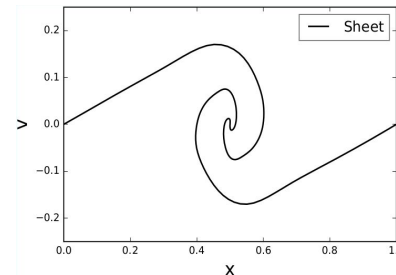


to compute the forces
we have a great density
estimate

Evolve



Interpolate back
and recover the
phase-space dark
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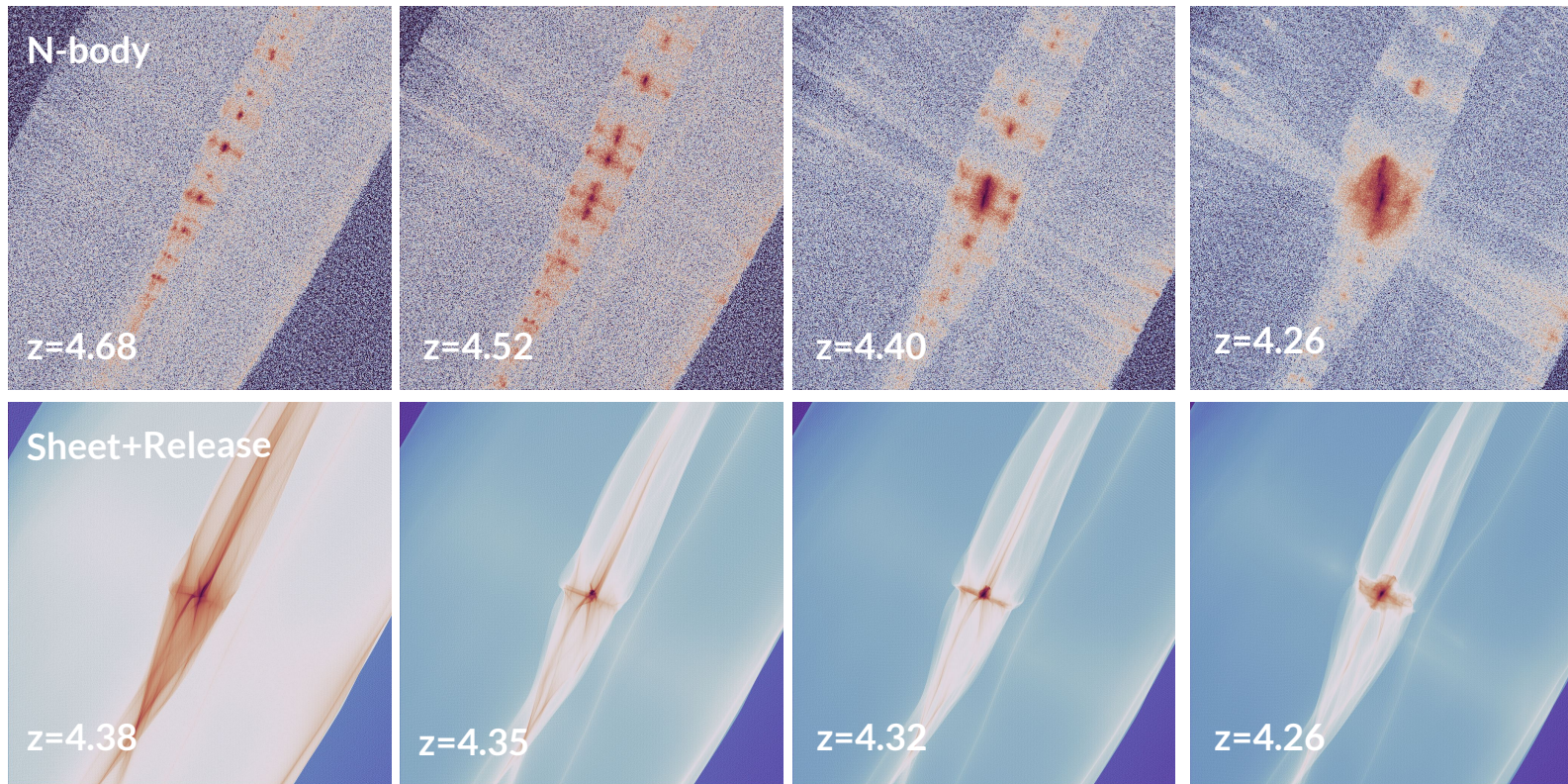
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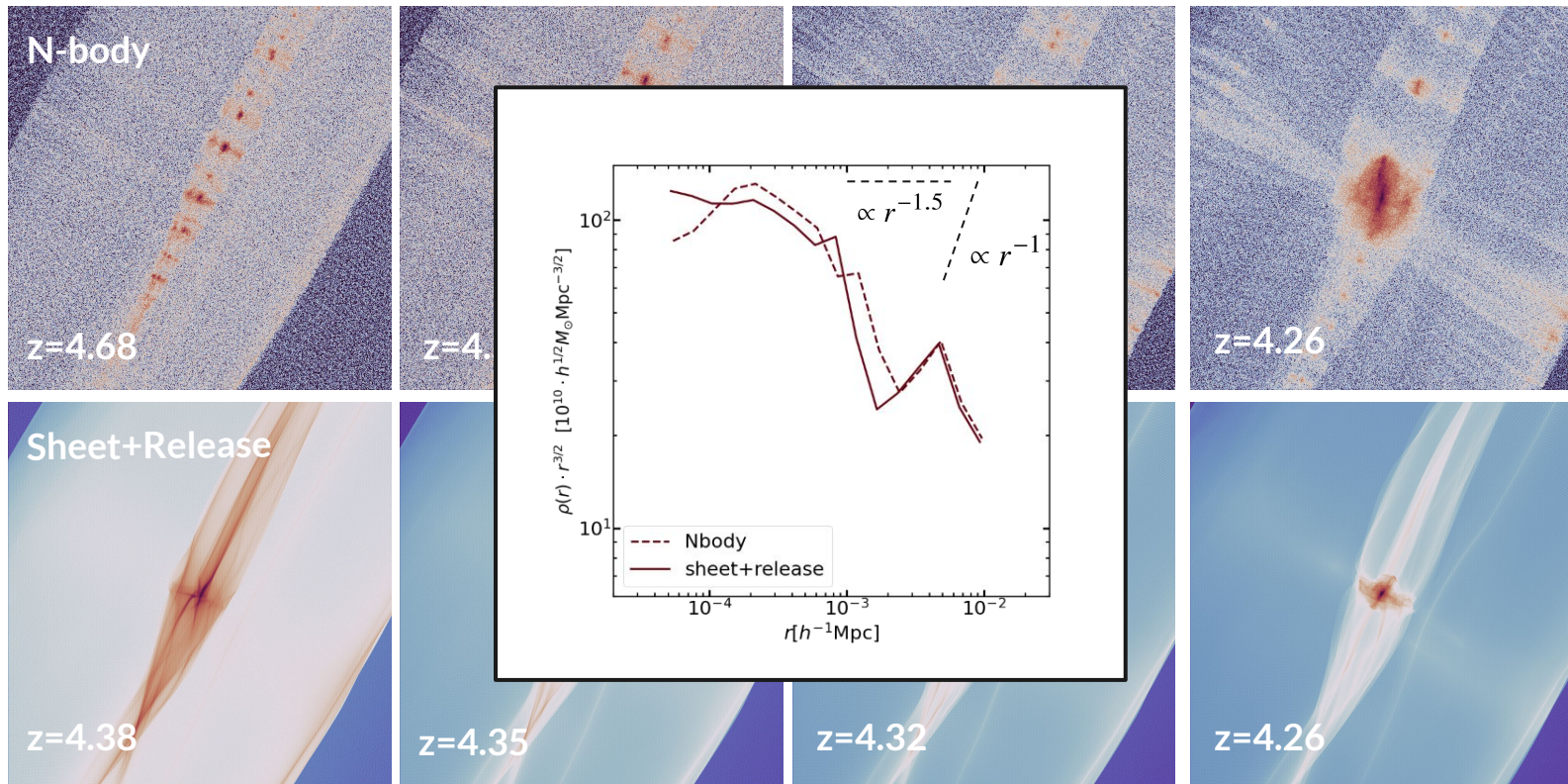
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- no artificial fragmentation
- independent code to N-body

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Removing the pre-collapse fragmentation



Removing the pre-collapse fragmentation



Conclusions



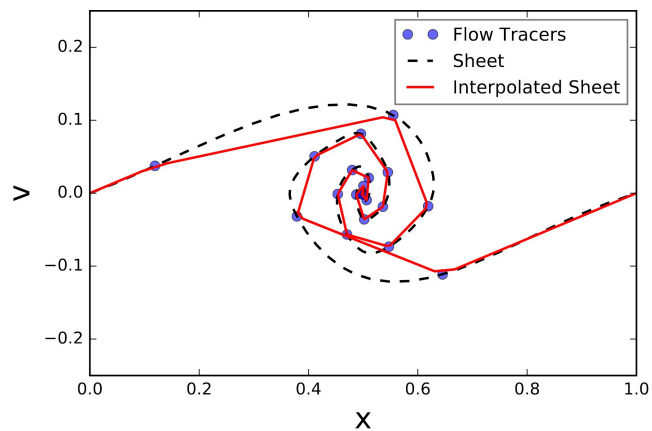
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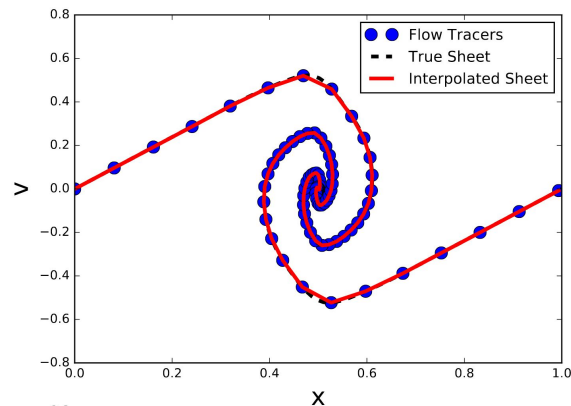


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Back-up slides: Complexity of the sheet



add more flow tracers



$\propto a^{12}$

release

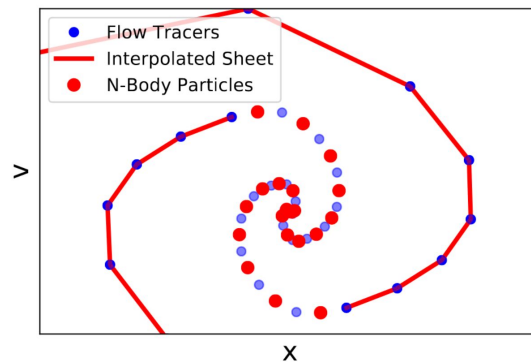
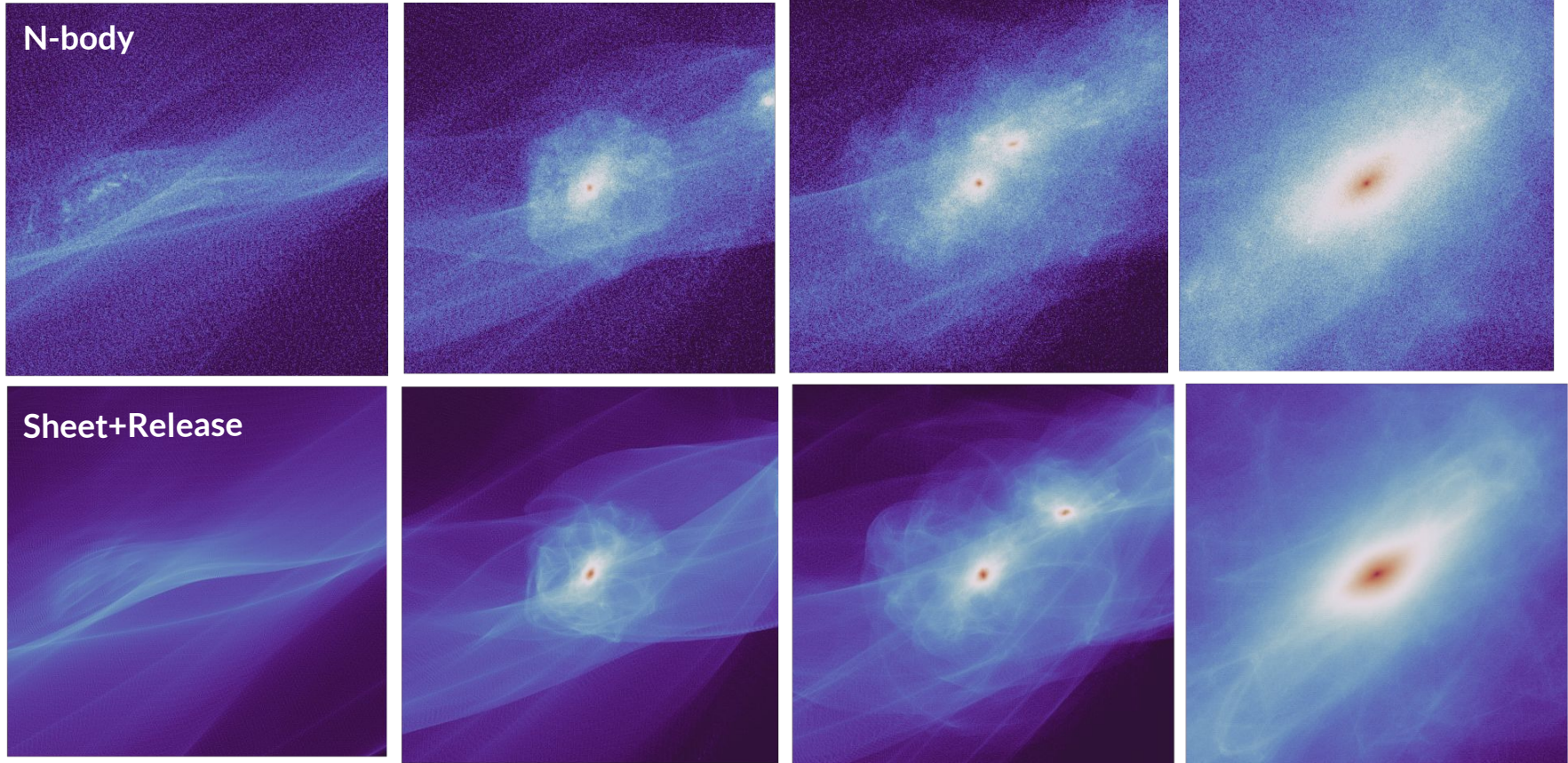


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