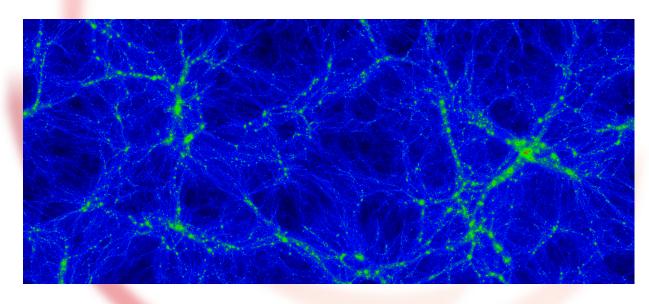


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Modeling Dark Matter & Galaxy Formation



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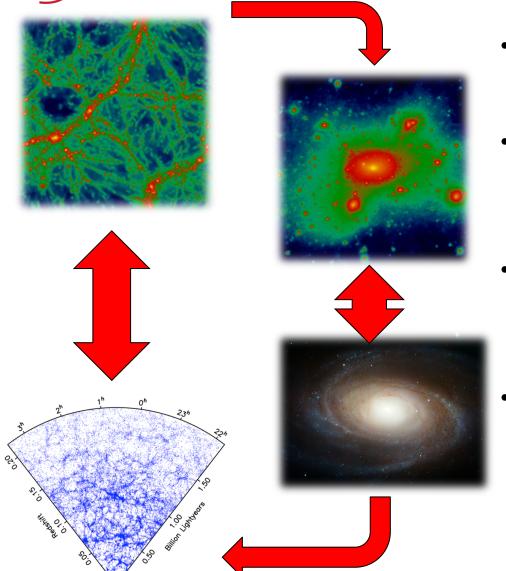








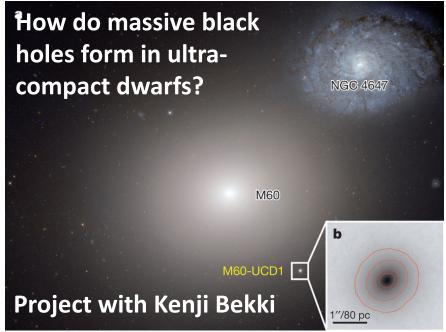
What do we do?



- Explore theories of cosmology, dark matter, and galaxy formation...
- ... using state-of-the-art
 supercomputer simulations and
 sophisticated theoretical models.
- Create mock observables to test model predictions and support galaxy survey science
- Develop **novel algorithms** and **statistical tools** to analyse and interpret data

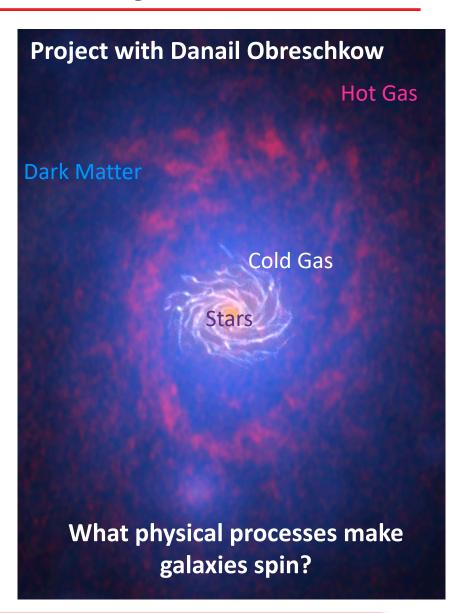


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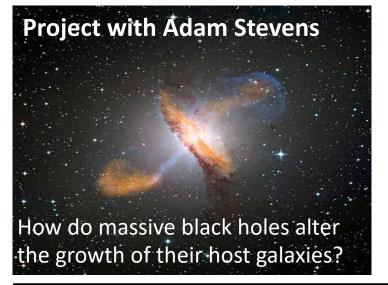
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Is **galaxy morphology** a product of nature or nurture?



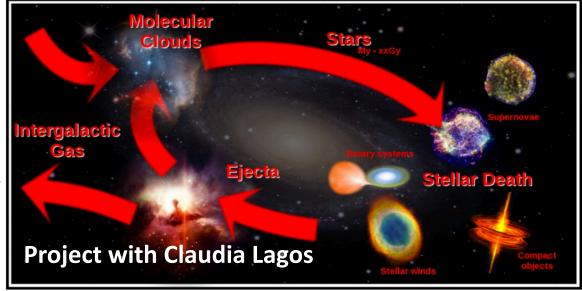


Problems in Galaxy Evolution



How much of a **transformational** influence can **super-massive black holes** be on their host galaxies?

How do the **chemical elements**, yielded by the stars that forge them in their interiors, **enrich their host galaxies**?







Problems in Dark Matter

How does dark matter influence the observable properties of galaxies?

Can we use the stars around galaxies to **test our theories of dark matter**?





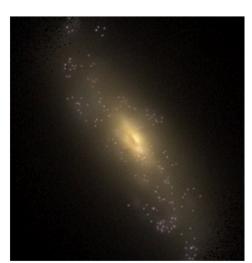


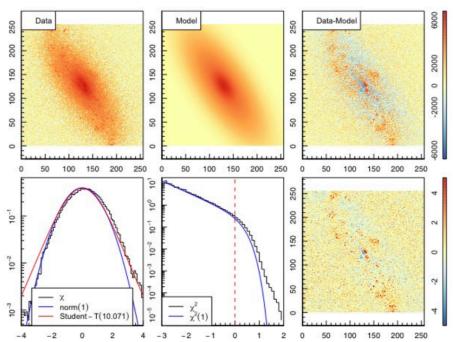
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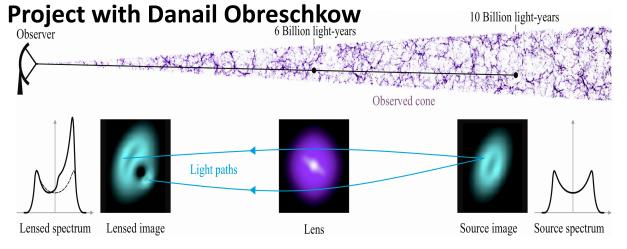
Project with Claudia Lagos, Kate Harborne,

& Aaron Robotham

What can galaxy structure tell us about the physics of galaxy formation?







How can we explore dark matter and distant galaxies through gravitationally lensed radio signals?