

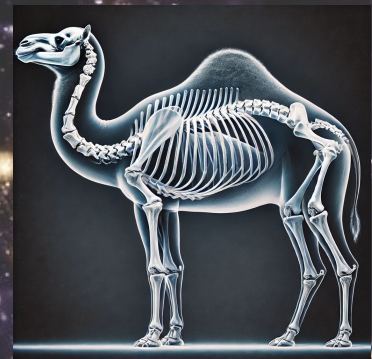
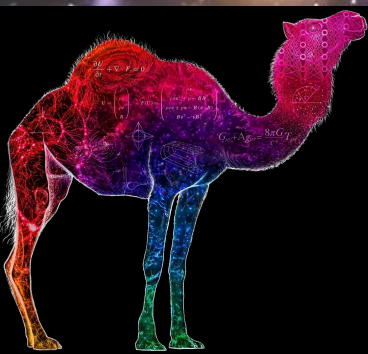
Constraining CGM Physics with using CAMELS

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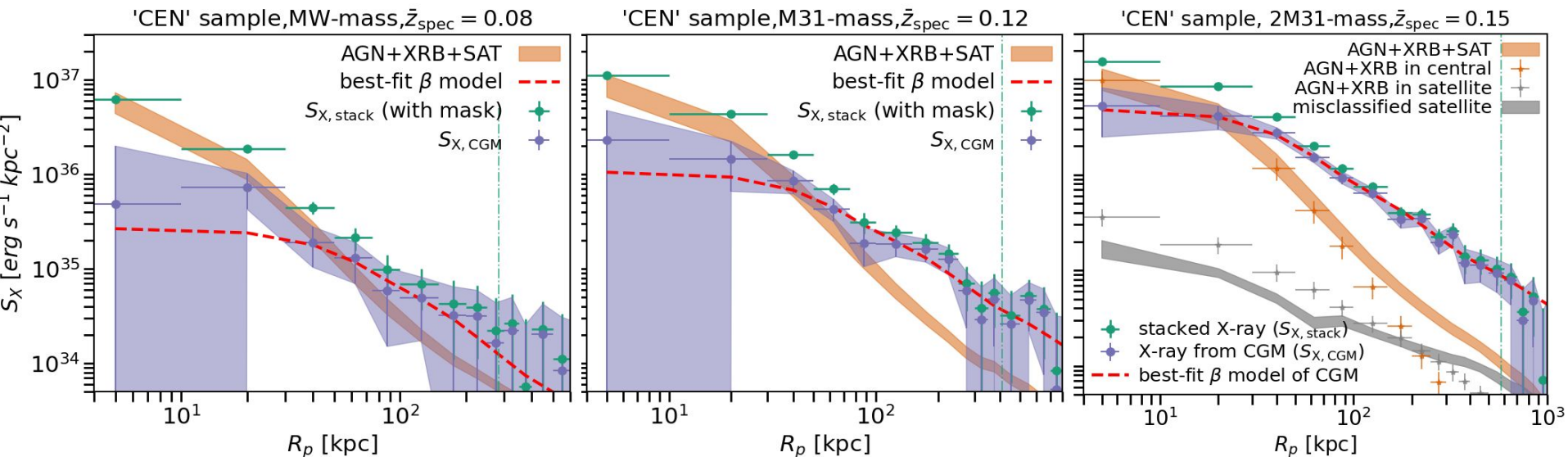
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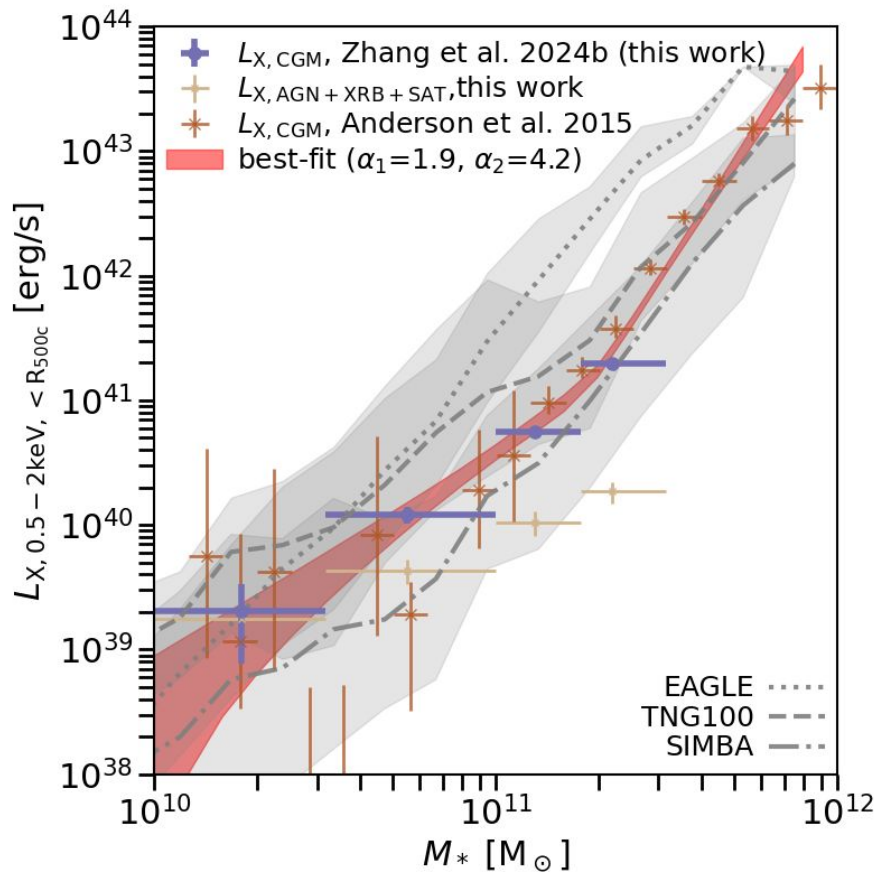
eROSITA All Sky Survey (eRASS) 4: Stacked XSB profiles from Central Galaxies from SDSS Main Galaxy Sample (Zhang+24)



- Stacked CGM measurements with eRASS4 (4 half-sky scans) on spectroscopic SDSS MGS galaxies (Zhang+24a).
- 3 stellar mass bins: 'MW', 'M31', '2M31'.
- Point sources and satellite galaxies are modeled.

$\log_{10}(M_*/M_\odot)$		$M_{*,\text{med}}/M_\odot$	redshift			FULL _{spec} N_g	CEN N_g	SAT N_g
min	max		min	max	med			
10.0	10.5	1.8×10^{10}	0.01	0.06	0.05	11922	7956	3966
10.5	11.0	5.5×10^{10}	0.02	0.10	0.08	45248	30825	14423
11.0	11.25	1.3×10^{11}	0.02	0.15	0.12	34046	26099	7947
11.25	11.5	2.2×10^{11}	0.03	0.19	0.15	24098	20342	3756

“Tensions” between eRASS and Simulations

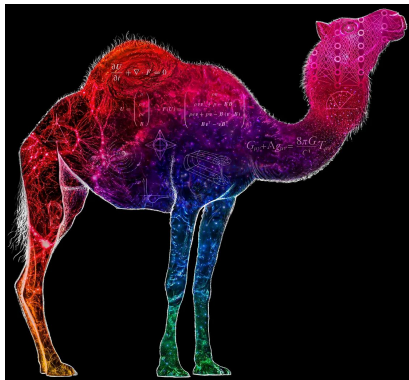


eRASS4 provides the stacked X-ray data on CGM (Zhang+24a,b) on SDSS spectroscopic galaxies.

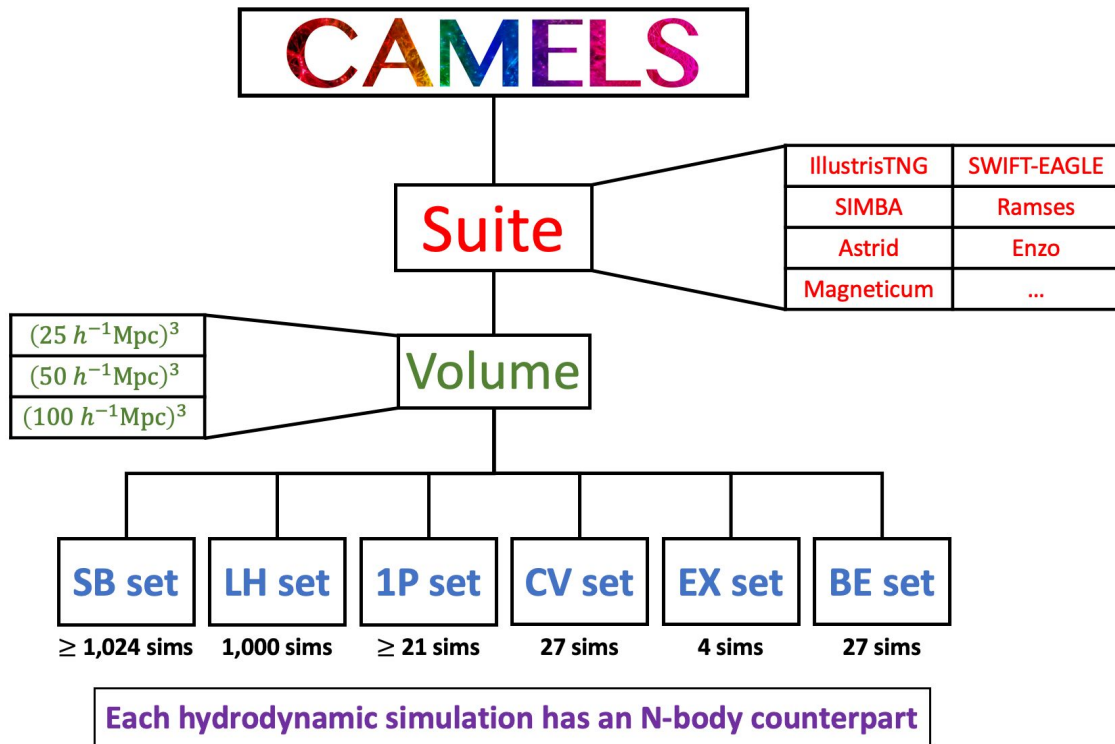
Challenge: Differences between modern cosmological simulations (EAGLE, TNG100, SIMBA) with eRASS observations.

Question: How can we reconcile simulations with observations?

Cosmology and *A*strophysics with *M*achin*E* Learning *S*imulations

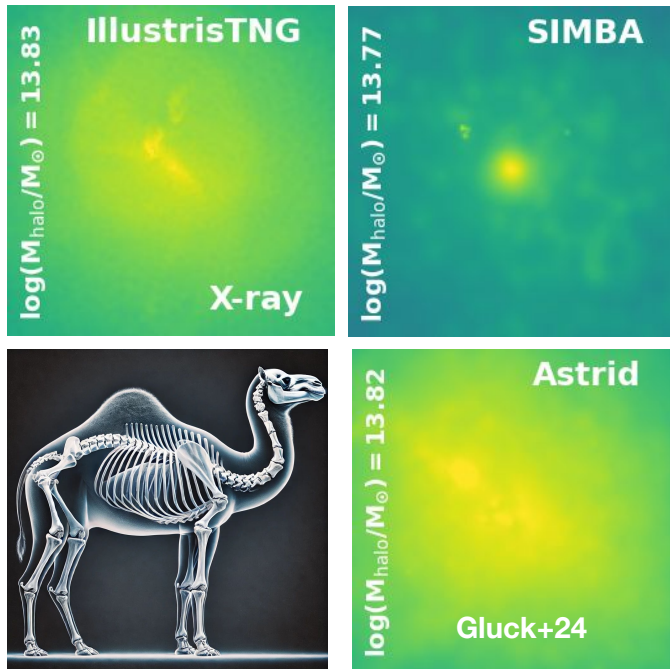


Villaescusa-Navarro et al.
(2021, 2022),
Ni et al (2023)



Cosmology and Astrophysics with *Machine Learning Simulations*

Mock X-ray images of CAMELS Halos (Gluck+23)

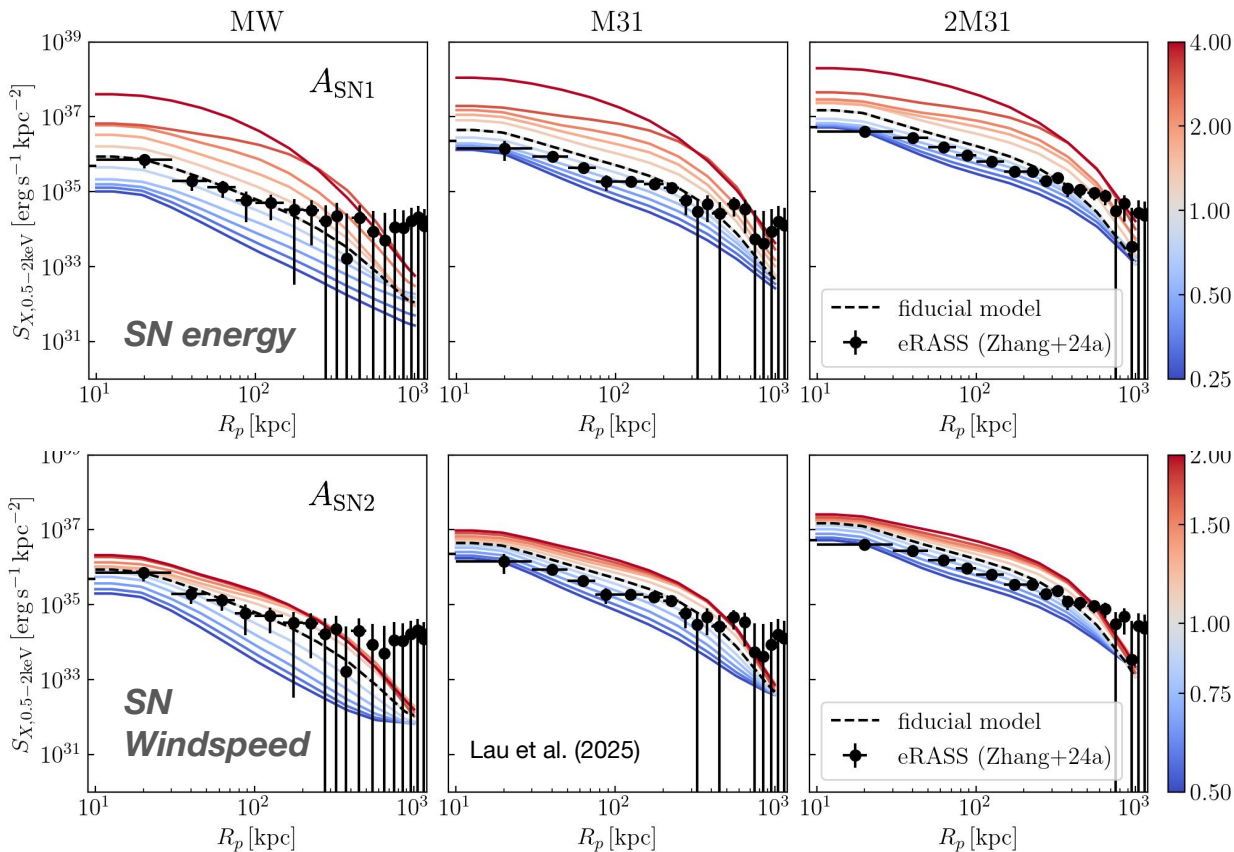


We create emulators for XSB profile and Lx-Mstar relation from the simulations.

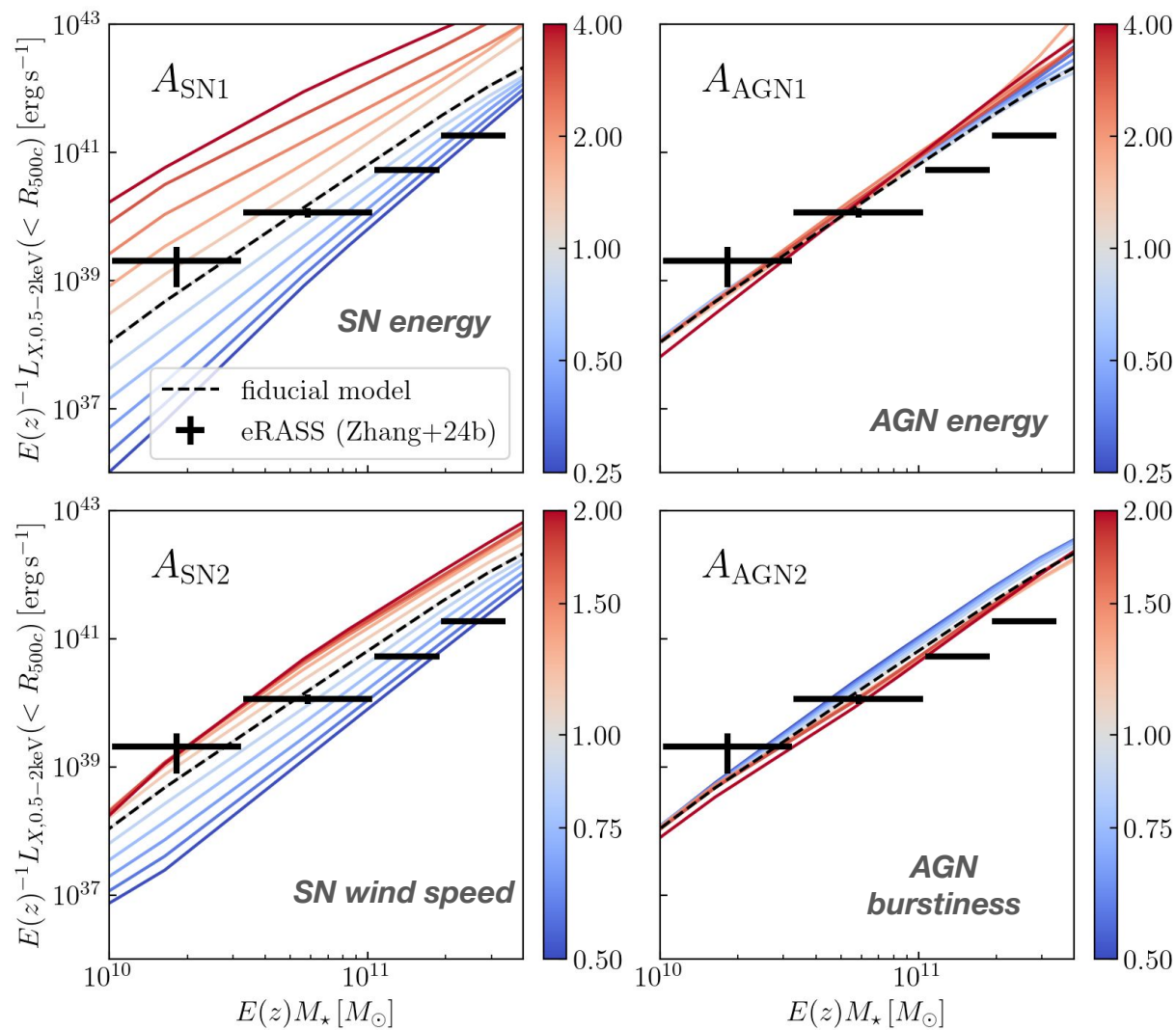
1000 runs with parameters sampled with Latin Hypercube
 Box size = 25 Mpc/h; Resolution: 10^7 Msun; 2 kpc

Feedback	Value Range	Physical interpretation
SN1	[0.25, 4.0]	SN energy output per SFR (IllustrisTNG, Astrid)
		Mass loading factor (SIMBA)
SN2	[0.5, 2.0]	SN wind speed
AGN1	[0.25, 4.0]	kinetic AGN feedback energy (IllustrisTNG, Astrid)
		AGN jet momentum flux (SIMBA)
AGN2	[0.5, 2.0]	AGN 'Burstiness' (IllustrisTNG)
	[0.25, 4.0] (Astrid)	Jet speed (SIMBA)
		thermal AGN feedback energy (Astrid)

X-ray Surface Brightness Profiles: IllustrisTNG vs eRASS

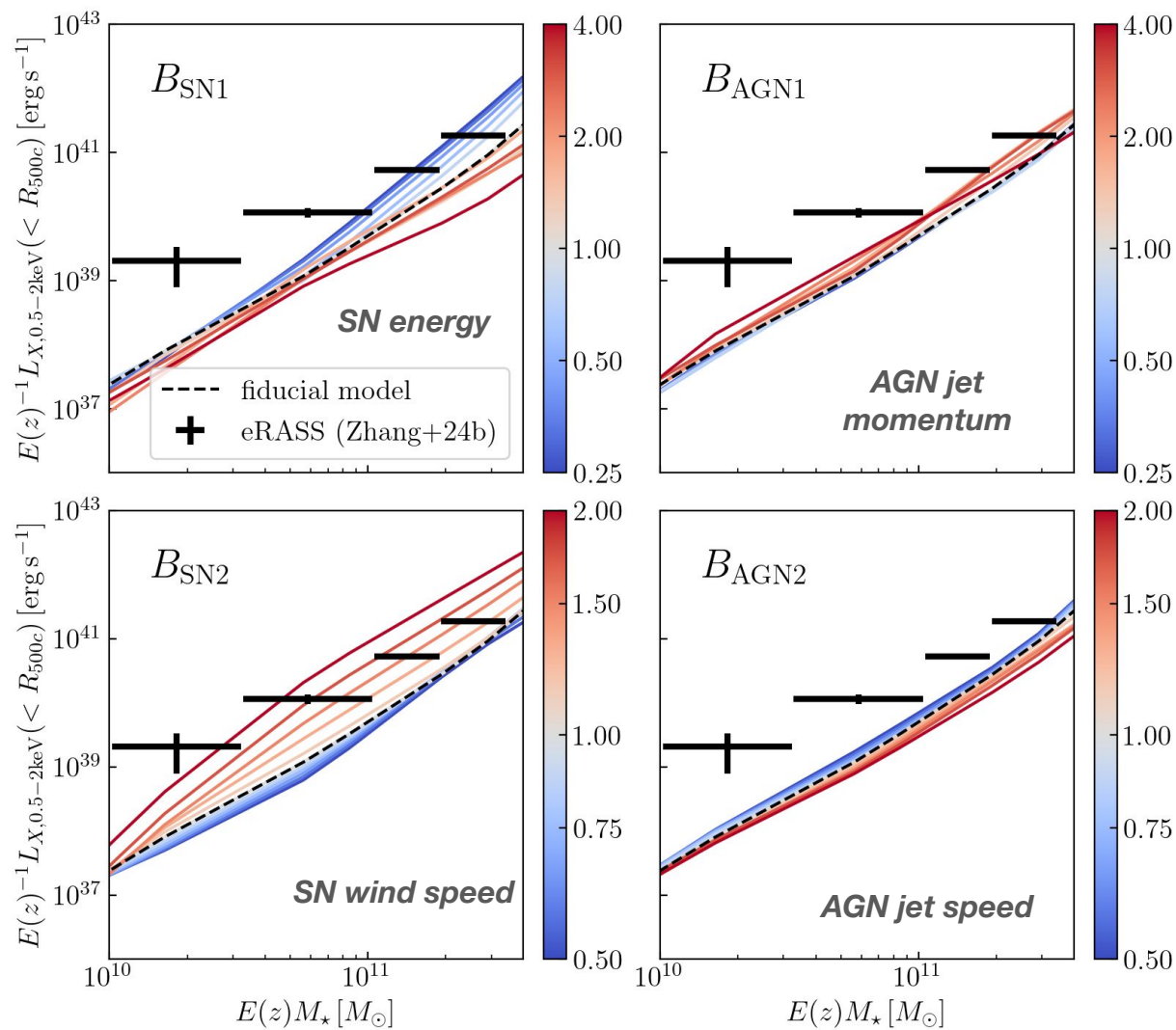


Increasing SN feedback increases gas density due to limiting accretion onto BH leading to higher X-ray surface brightness profiles.



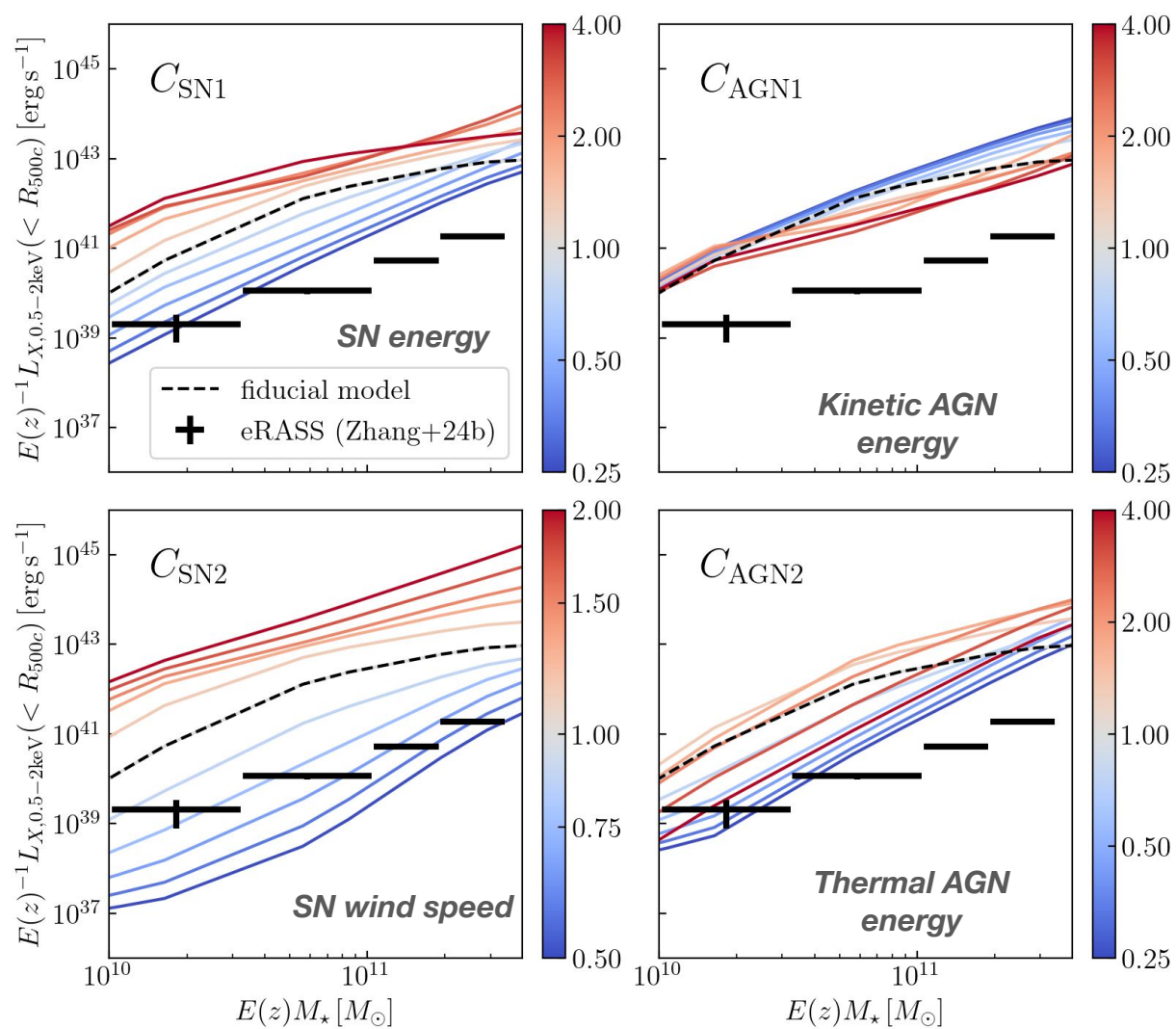
Lx-Mstar: IllustrisTNG

- Fiducial model overpredicts Lx at high stellar mass.
- More sensitive to SN feedback parameters than AGN feedback parameters.
- Relatively small number of massive halos due to small box size.



Lx-Mstar: SIMBA

- SIMBA generally underpredicts eRASS Lx-Mstar relation.
- More sensitive to SN wind speed, than SN mass loading.
- Weak dependence on AGN jet feedback.

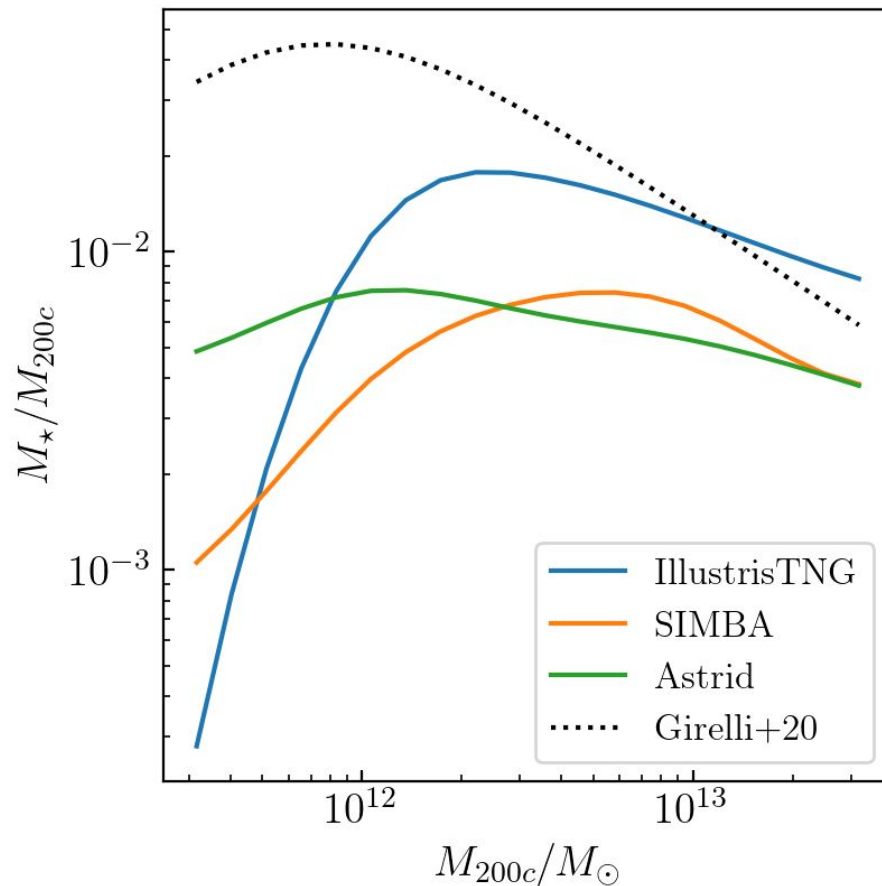


Lx-Mstar: Astrid

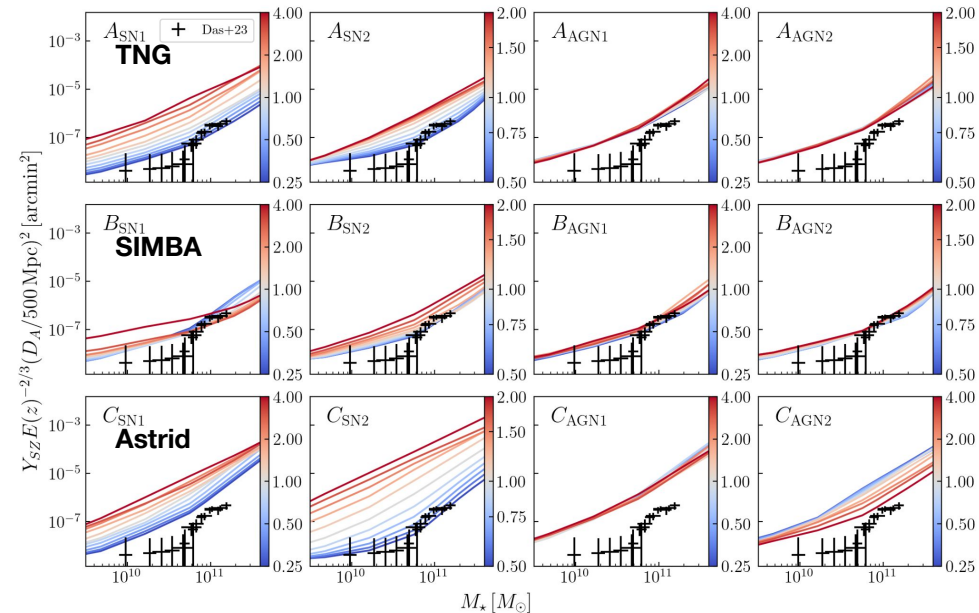
- Fiducial model overpredicts Lx by ~ 100 .
- Very sensitive to SN and thermal AGN feedback.
- Non-monotonic behaviour with thermal AGN feedback.
- Strong thermal AGN feedback pushes out hot gas.

Tension: Stellar Mass-Halo Mass Relation

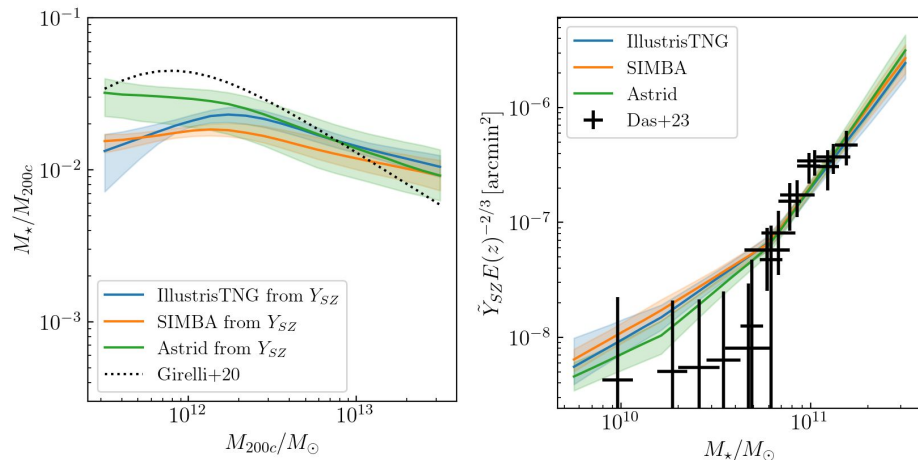
- Best-fit feedback parameters lead to $M_{\text{star}}-M$ relation that is different from observations.
- Stronger feedback leads to suppression of stellar mass at low halo masses, inconsistent with observations.
- Caveat: reducing potential contamination from X-ray binaries and background can alleviate the tension.



Preliminary: Constraining Feedback with thermal SZ

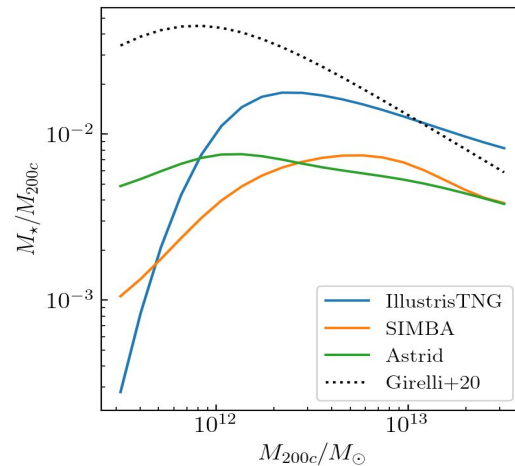
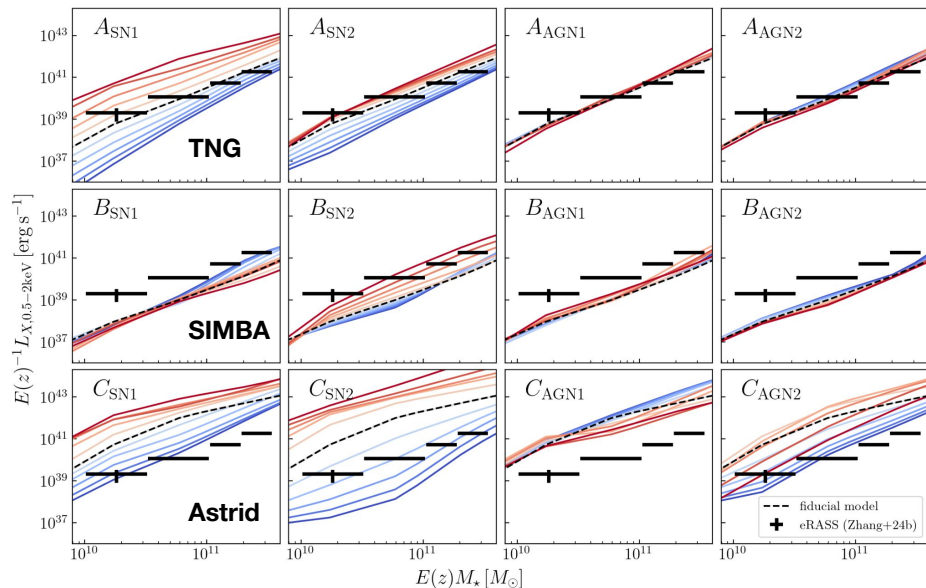


- **Comparison with CAMELS simulations:** Lower stellar feedback matches observations for all models (TNG, SIMBA, Astrid).



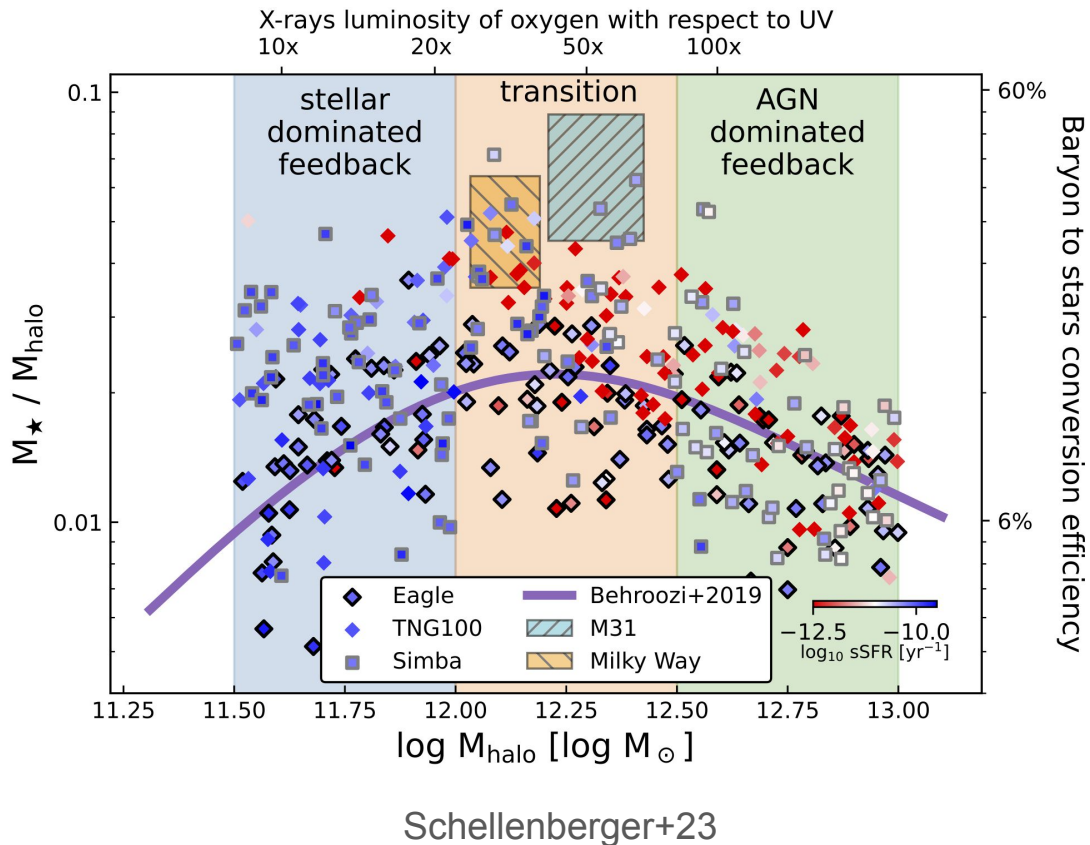
- **Little Tension:** Mstar-Mhalo relation with best-fit feedback with Ysz-Mstar is consistent with observations at higher stellar masses $M_{\text{star}} > 1e11 M_{\text{sun}}$
- **Uncertain:** Systematics due to stacking
- **Wishlist:**
 - Cross X-ray/SZ for the same sample
 - Lower mass scale measurements

Takehome messages



- **eRASS stacked CGM observation prefers stronger SN and AGN feedback energies** in modern cosmological simulations.
- **Tension:** the resulting stellar mass relation from eRASS doesn't match with observations.
- **Contaminations** (X-ray binaries, background emissions due to groups) may overestimate X-ray CGM. Accounting for them will alleviate the tension.
- **Future Work:** SZ and high-resolution X-ray Chandra/XMM observations will help with the tension.
- **Bottom line:** Multiwavelength (X-ray+SZ+stars) observations required for understanding feedback and CGM properties.

Circumgalactic Medium: Key Probe of Baryon Cycle



The Circumgalactic Medium (CGM): gas surrounding massive galaxies can tell us about

- Gas Inflow and Star Formation
- Feedback and Outflows
- Metal Enrichment and Chemical Evolution

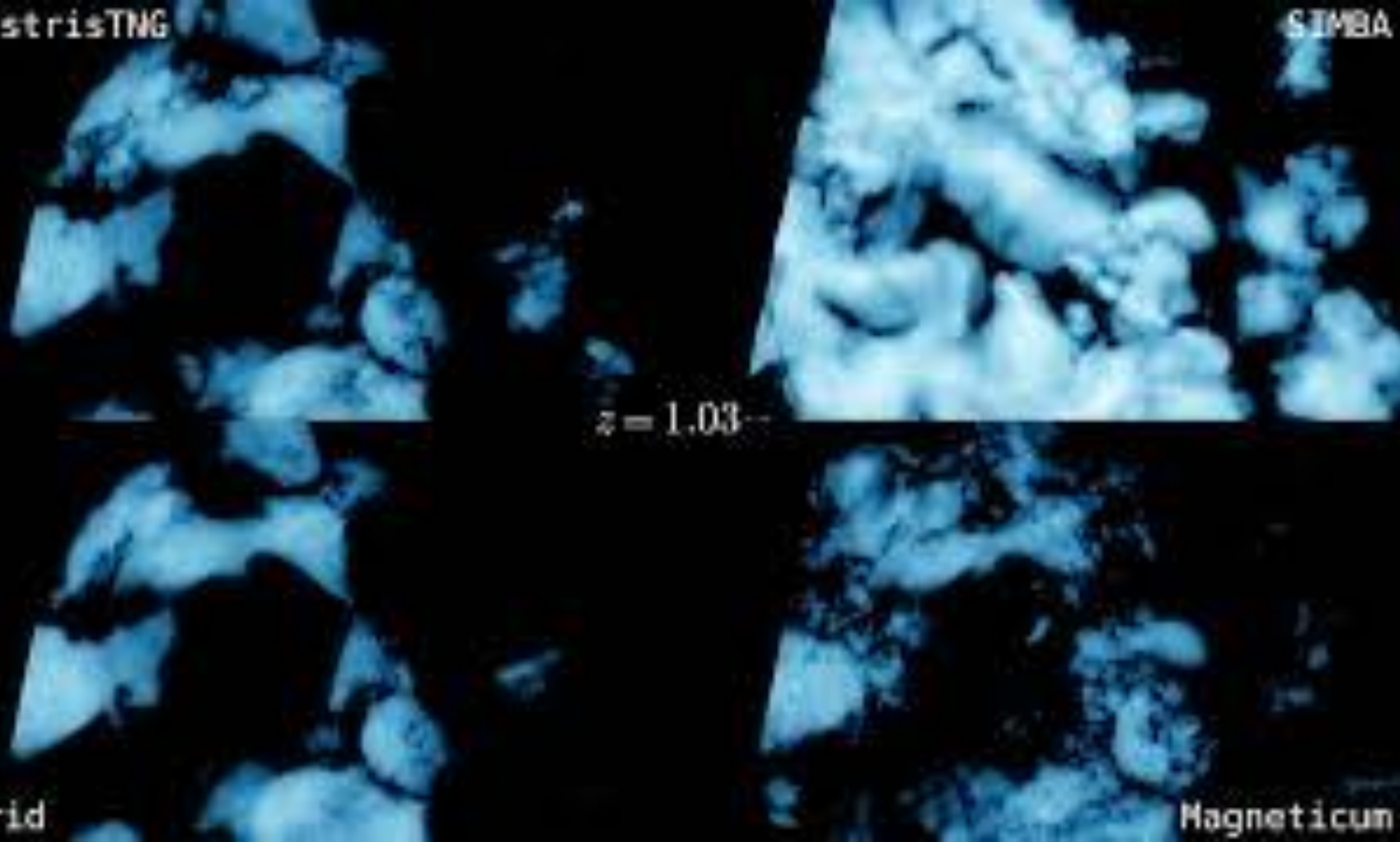
IllustrisTNG

SIMBA

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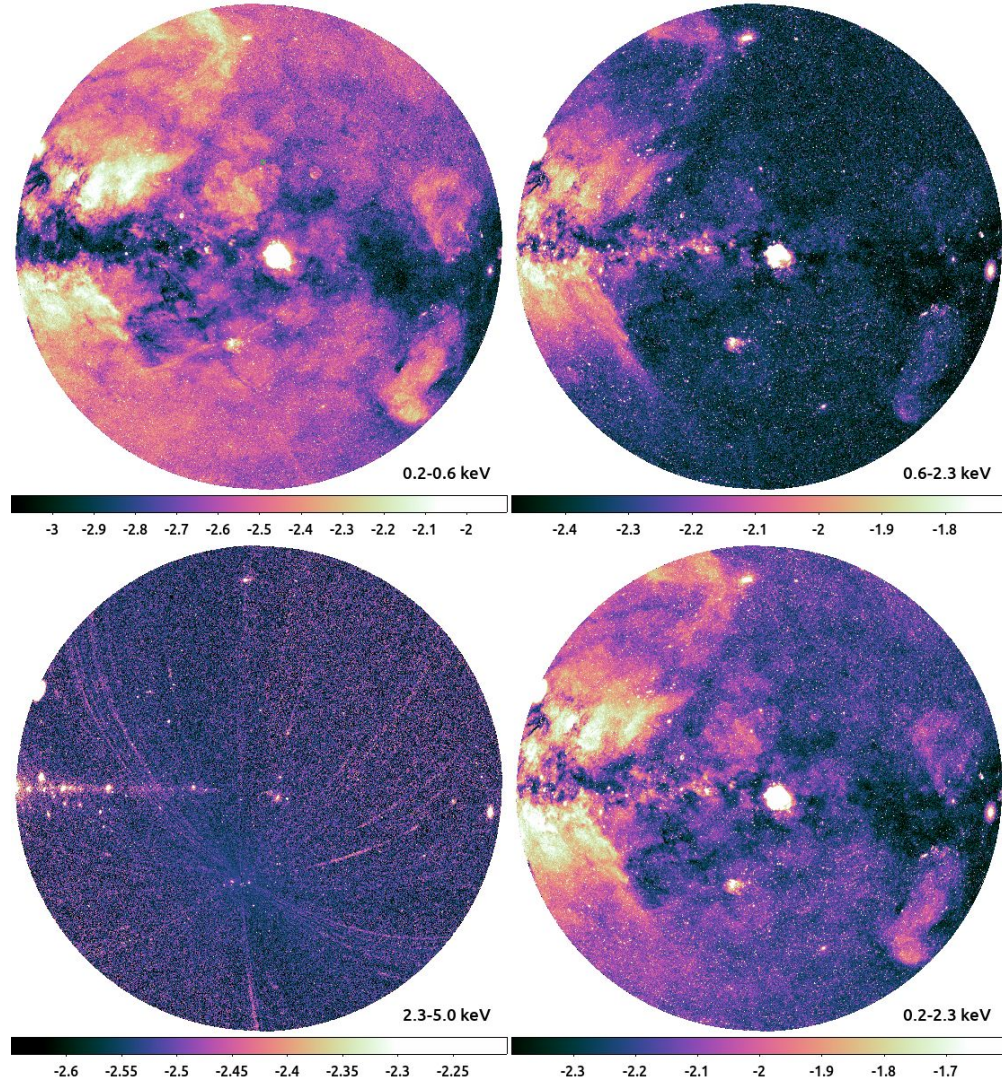
Astrid

Magneticum

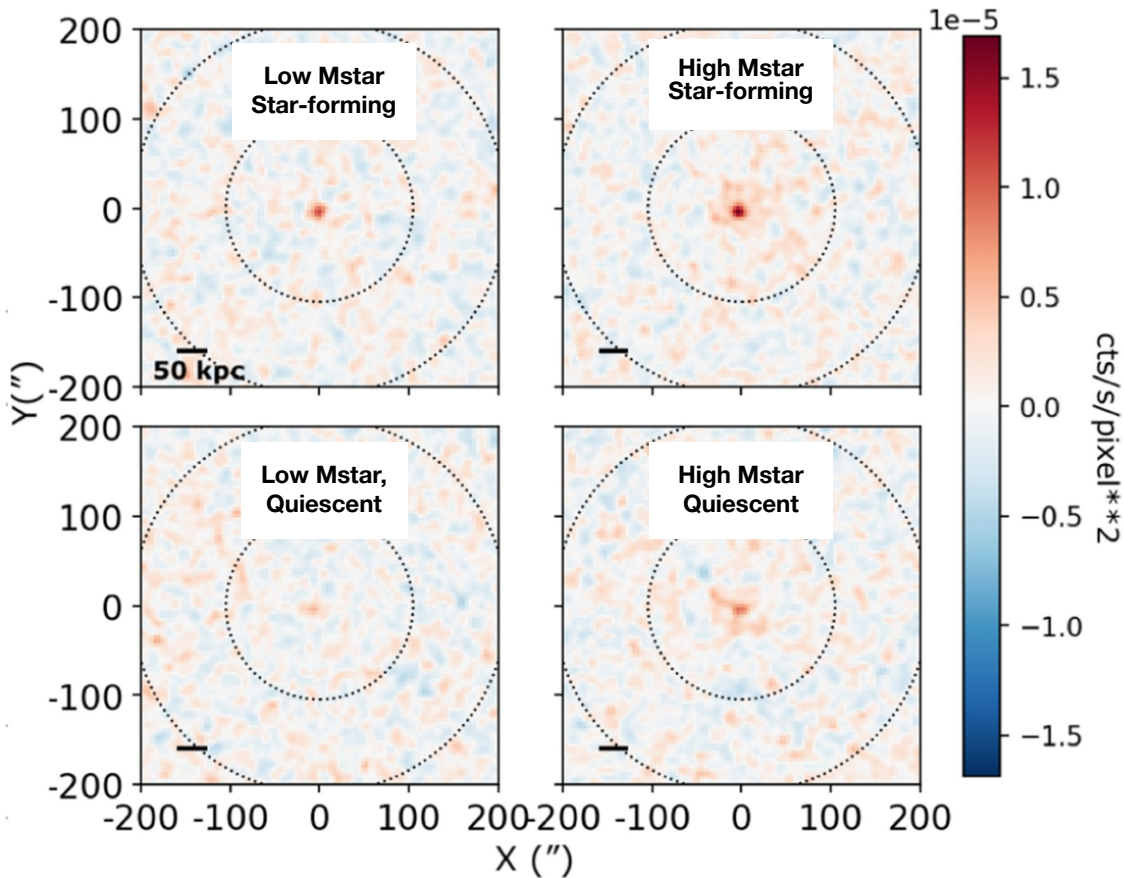


eROSITA All Sky Survey (eRASS)

- German-Russian X-ray mission.
- ~4 full-sky scans.
- Average few 100 seconds exposure.
- First Western Galactic half-sky scan released from the German side.
- Contains the largest number of X-ray sources detected so far.



Measuring the X-ray CGM with Stacking

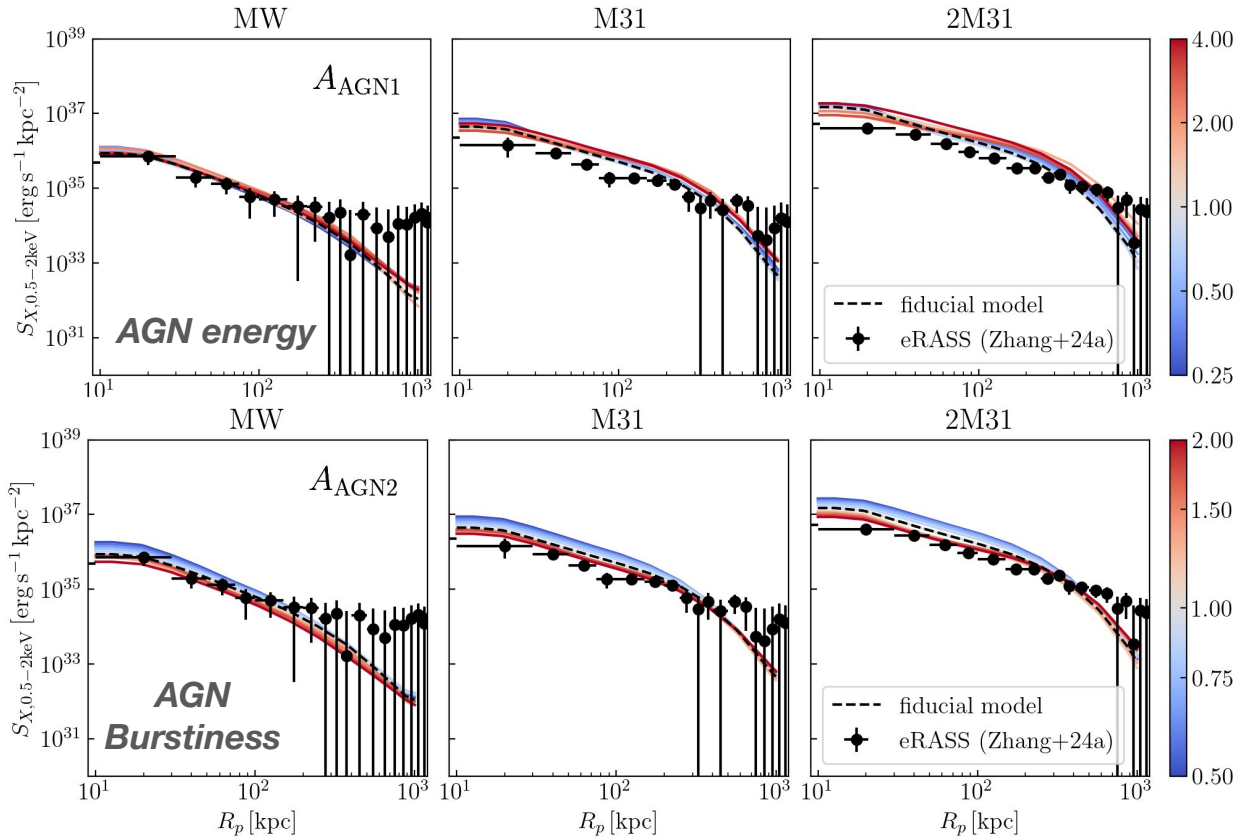


CGM of individual galaxies are dim. Stacking increase S/N.

Systematics:

- Contaminants: X-ray binaries, AGN, emissions from galaxy groups.
- Biased due to few outliers.
- Instruments: eROSITA has large PSF (27")

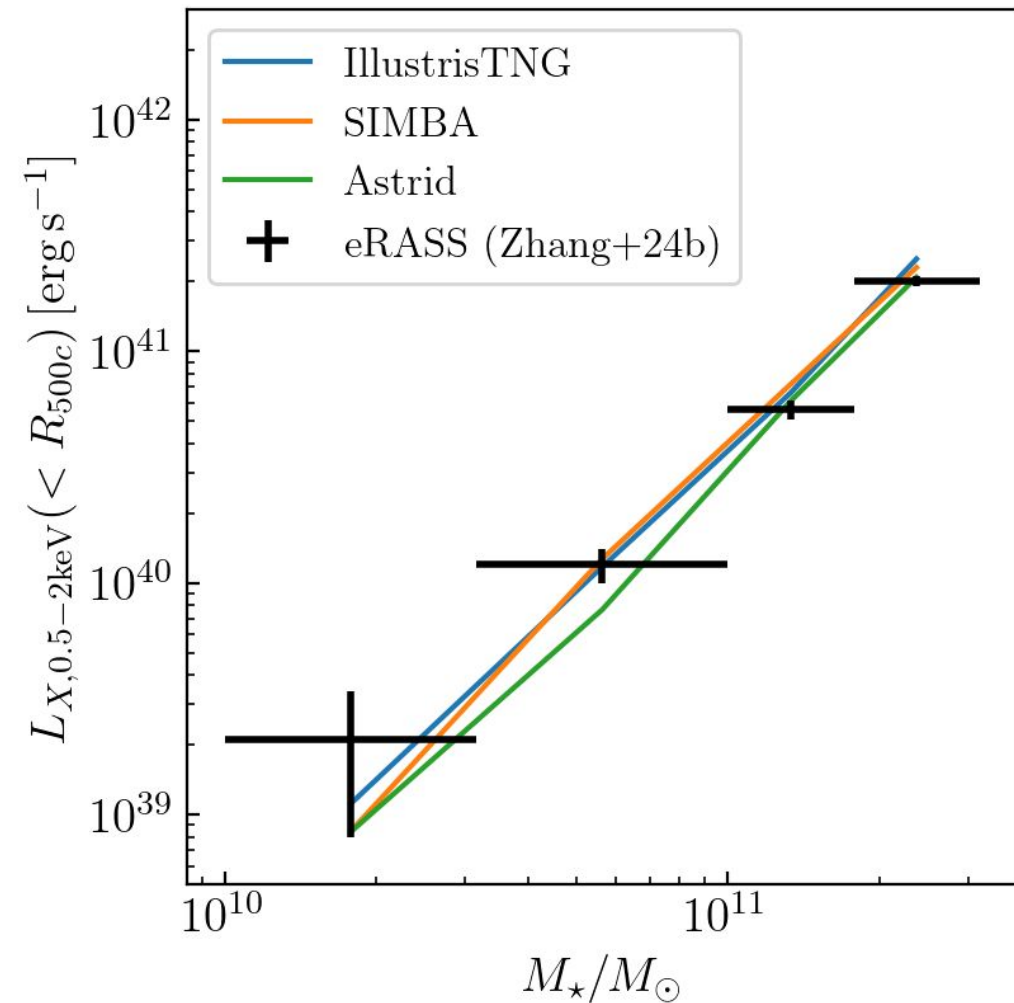
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X-ray emission at CGM scales has weaker dependence on AGN feedback.

Constraints on feedback parameters

Small statistical errors in L_x in eRASS leads to tight constraints on feedback parameters.



Parameter	TNG	SIMBA	Astrid
SN1	$2.07^{+0.35}_{-0.34}$	$3.45^{+0.35}_{-0.38}$	$2.07^{+0.82}_{-1.00}$
SN2	$0.6^{+0.13}_{-0.07}$	$1.63^{+0.20}_{-0.05}$	$0.78^{+0.13}_{-0.13}$
AGN1	$2.18^{+1.56}_{-1.14}$	$1.79^{+0.55}_{-0.80}$	$2.42^{+0.84}_{-1.39}$
AGN2	$1.15^{+0.53}_{-0.54}$	$1.62^{+0.27}_{-0.53}$	$0.67^{0.65}_{-0.30}$