

Title: Creating Mock Maps for Line Intensity Mapping Experiments

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Abstract:

Line Intensity Mapping (LIM) experiments are innovative techniques for studying structures at high redshift. They allow us to uncover previously inaccessible astrophysical data by making 3D tomographic maps with 2D spatial line intensity fluctuations. As efforts like COMAP progress in detecting carbon monoxide (CO) and other spectral lines, generating precise mock maps becomes crucial for data analysis, prediction of future observations, and development of new statistical methods for LIM analysis. These mock maps are generated by interpolating line luminosities across the specified dark matter halo distribution, using response functions that are defined by the relationship between the line luminosities and both observable and derived properties of simulated galaxies.

In my presentation, I will elucidate the statistical relationship between the calculated line luminosity and inherent/derived observables for simulated FIRE (Feedback In Realistic Environment) galaxies, focusing on CO(1-0) to CO(8-7) lines at four different redshift regimes: $z=0$, 1, 2, and 3. I will examine the correlations between CO emission and galactic properties at different redshifts and explore the potential causal relationships they may suggest as well as how they can define essential response functions for creating mock maps.



Modelling Line Emissions from Simulated FIRE Galaxies to Make Mock Maps for LIM Experiments

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LIM Experiments are powerful experiments to probe the EoR

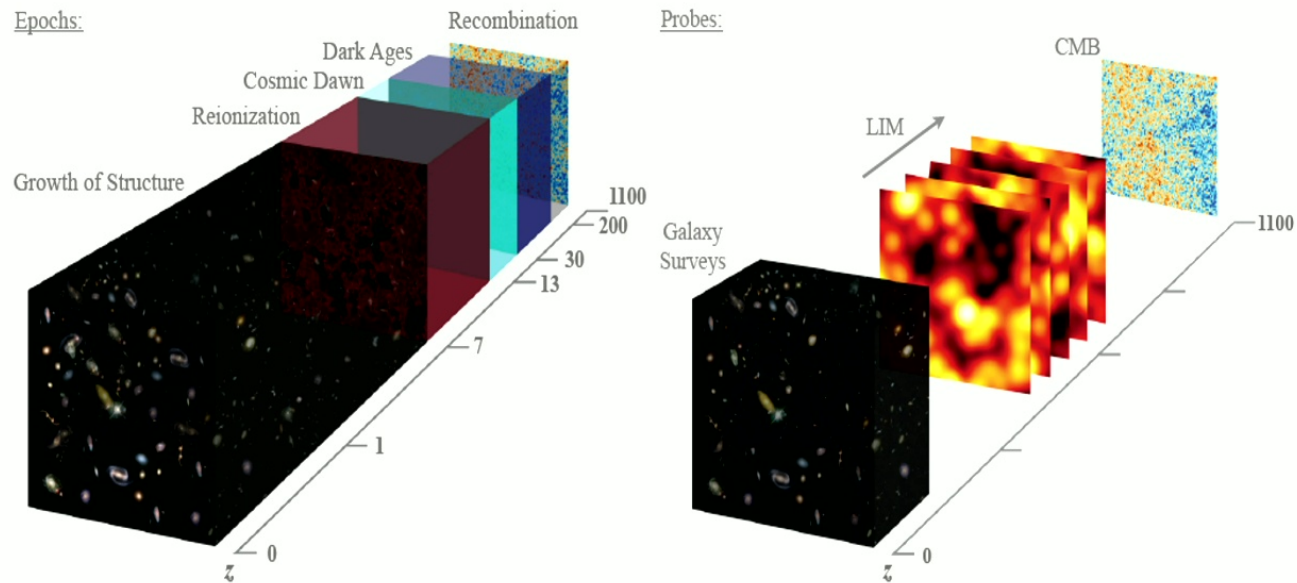
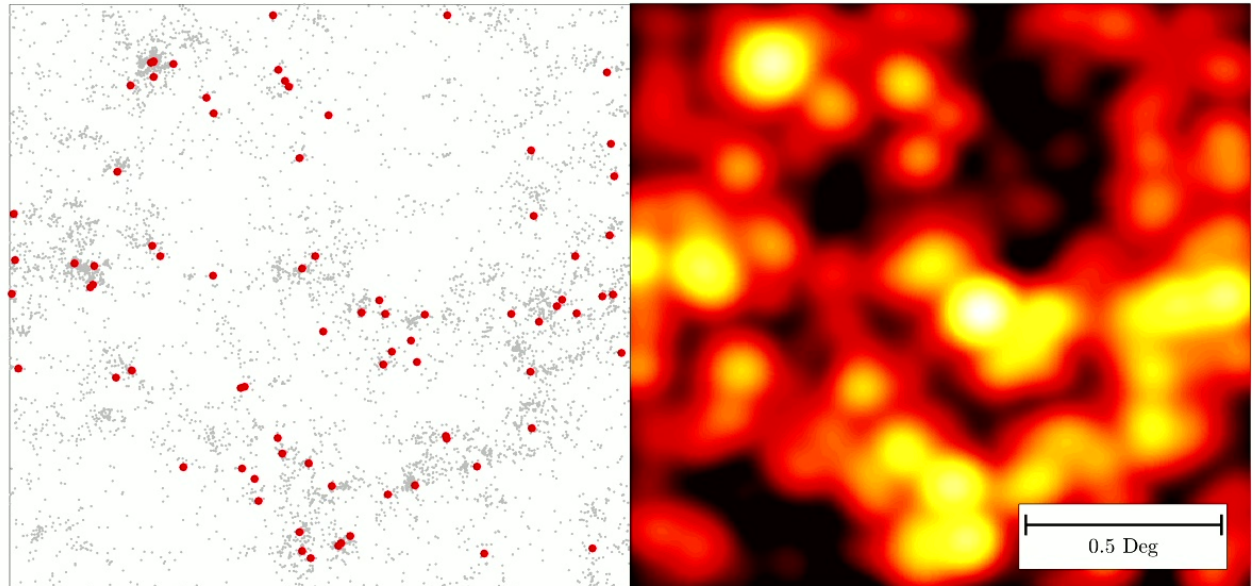


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LIM can attain the information that is previously hidden from the galaxy surveys

With the three times longer observation time VLA could only measure $\sim 1\%$ of CO-emitting galaxies, while COMAP could produce a map of intensity fluctuations.

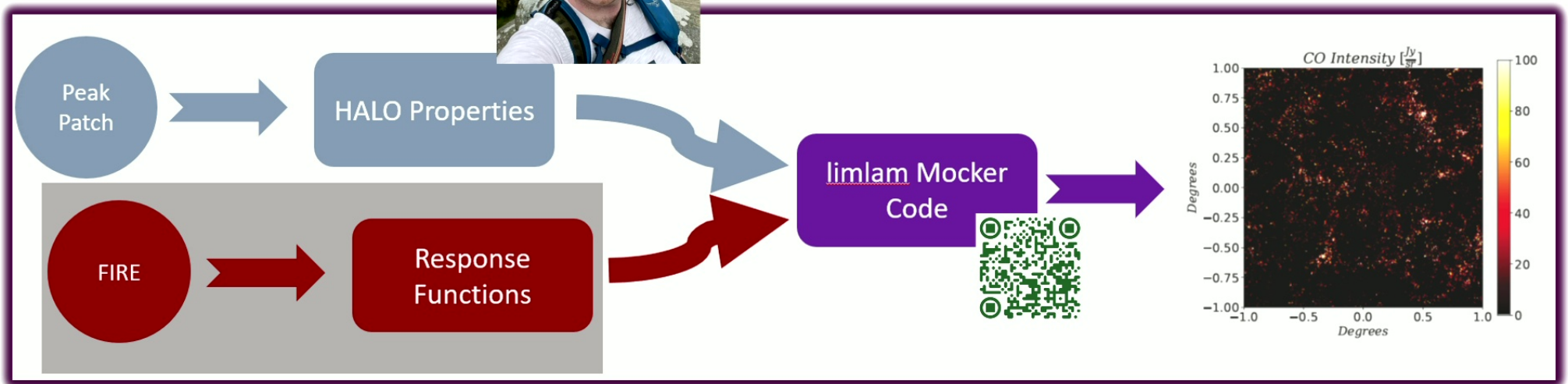


Simulated map of the 2.5 deg^2 field. Sources bright enough to detect after one hour of VLA time is marked with red. Figure taken from Kovetz et al., 2017, and created by Patrick Breysse

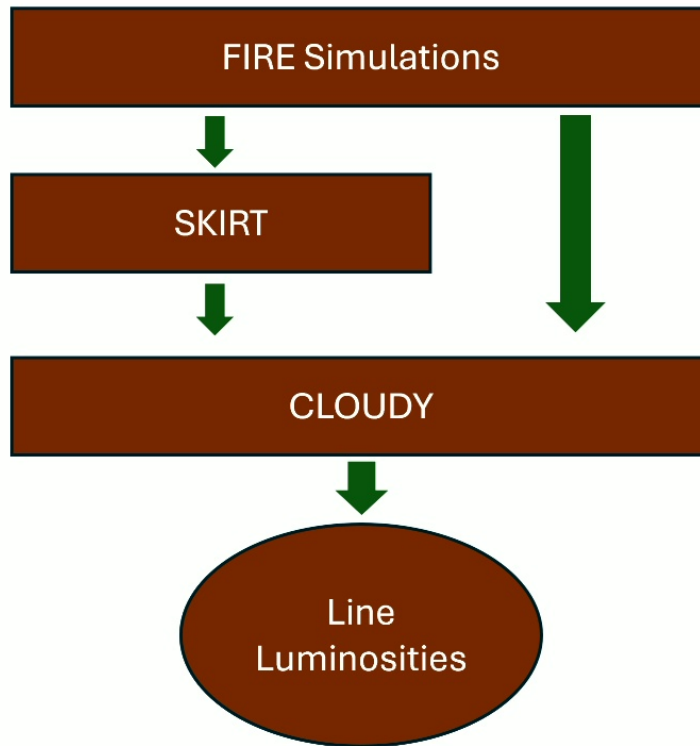
In the **absence of confirmed detections** **mocks** are powerful tools to study universe **statistically**



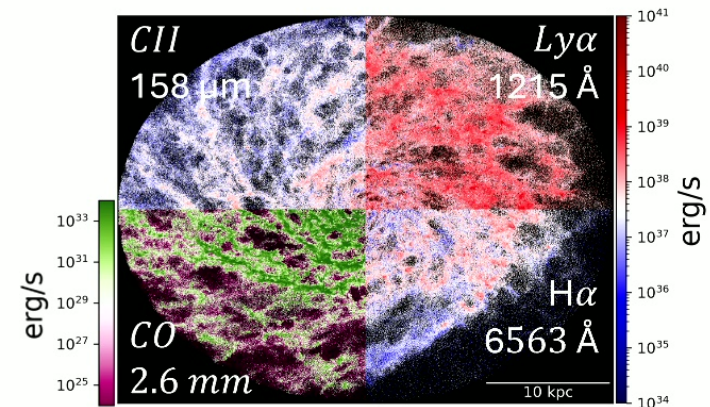
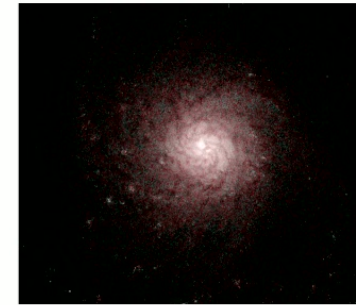
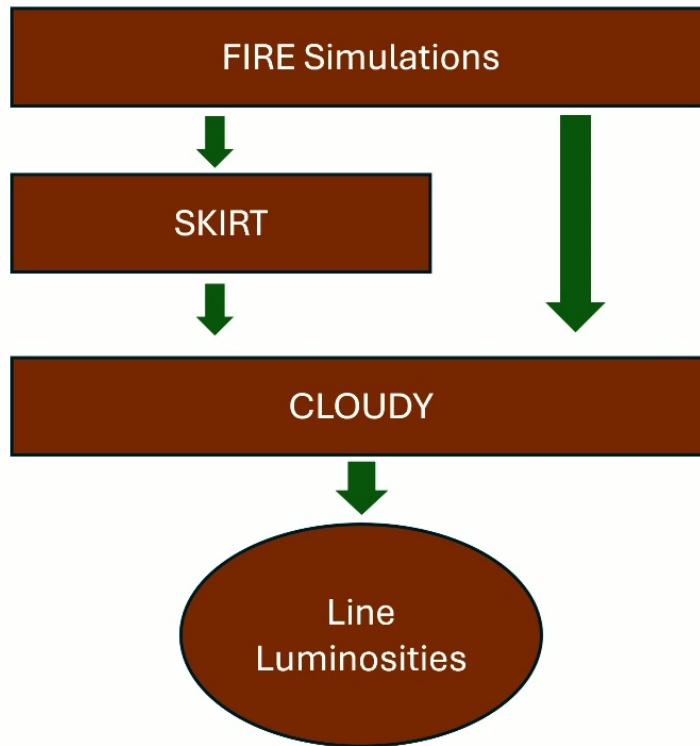
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Both ML and statistical approaches produce similar outcomes



Random Forest Tree with
Feature Importance

Non-linear Correlations
Causations as well as correlations



Symbolic Regression

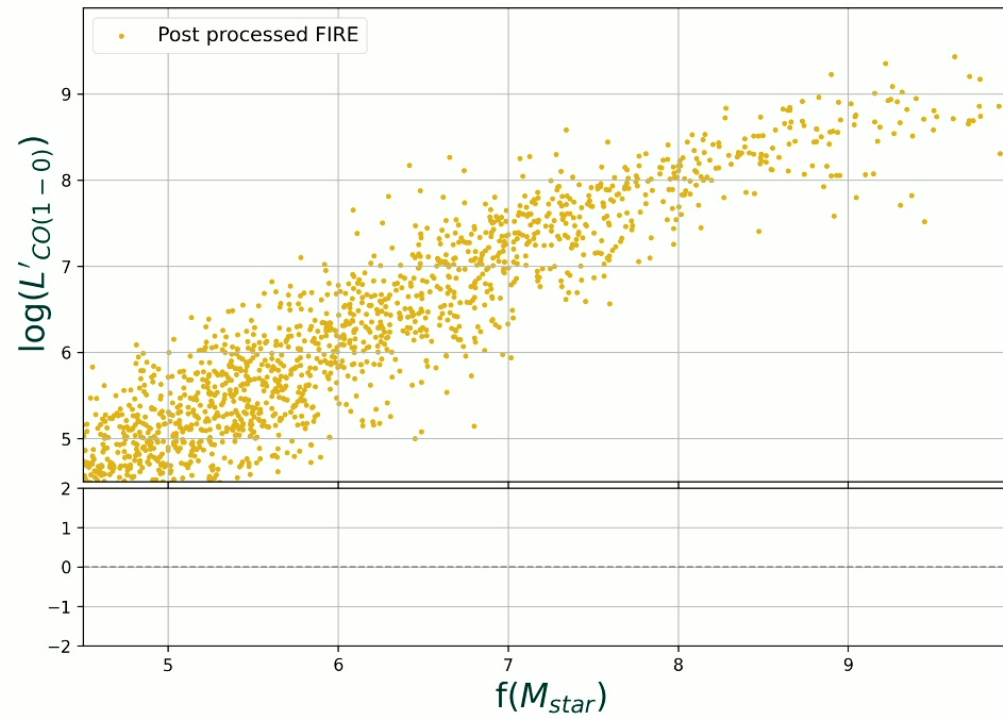
Machine learning technique that aims to
discover mathematical expressions that
best fit a given dataset



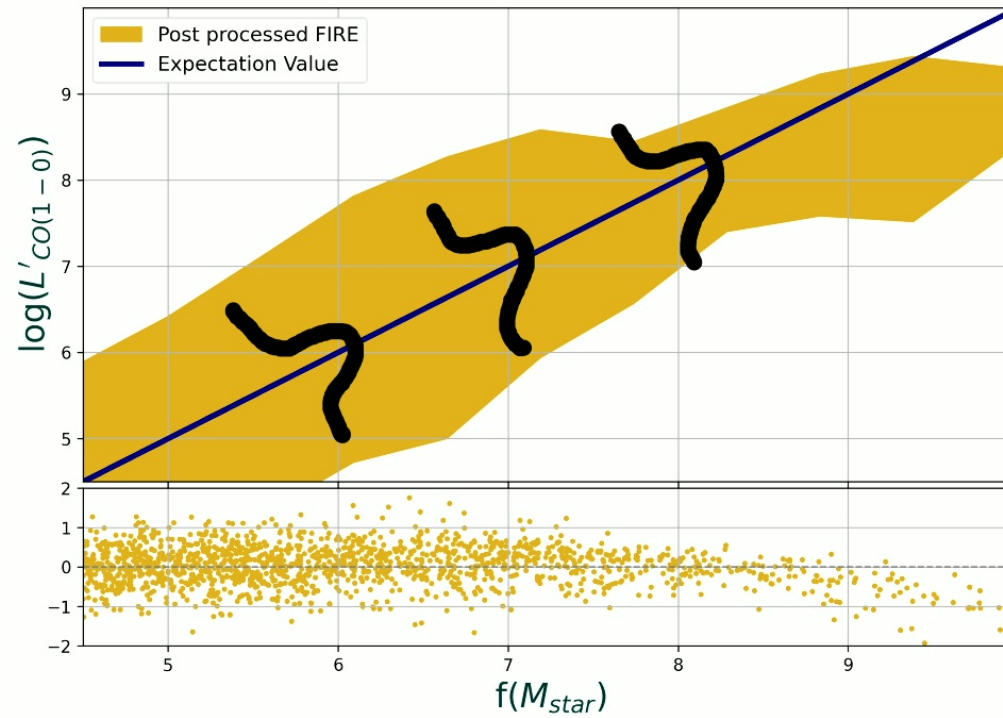
Power Law relation with least
scatter

Basic statistical method
Easy to interpret

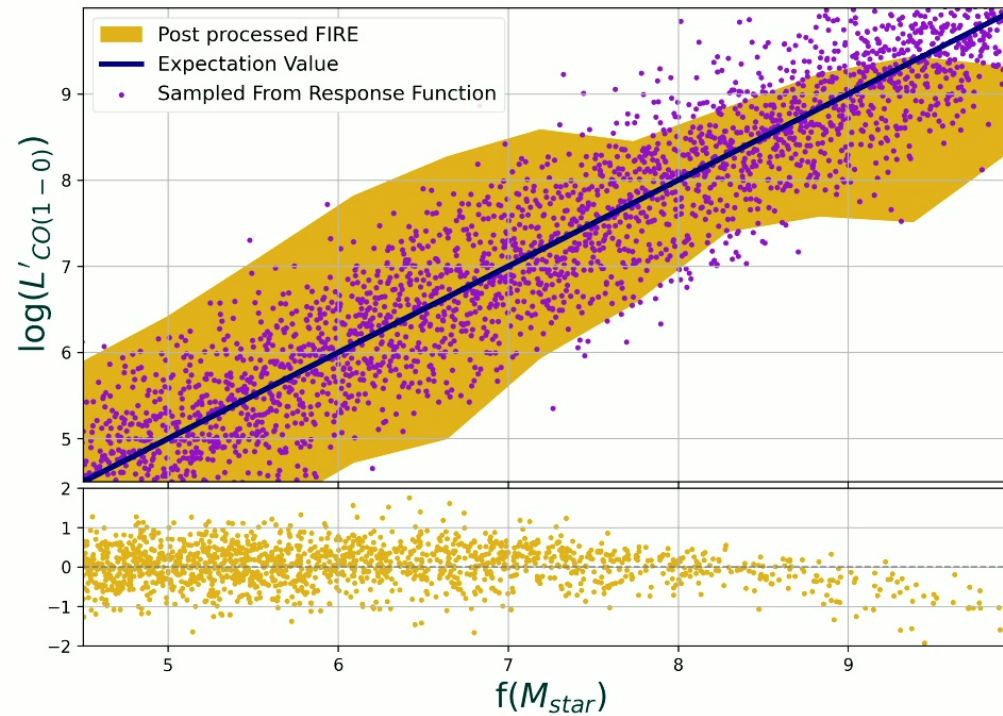
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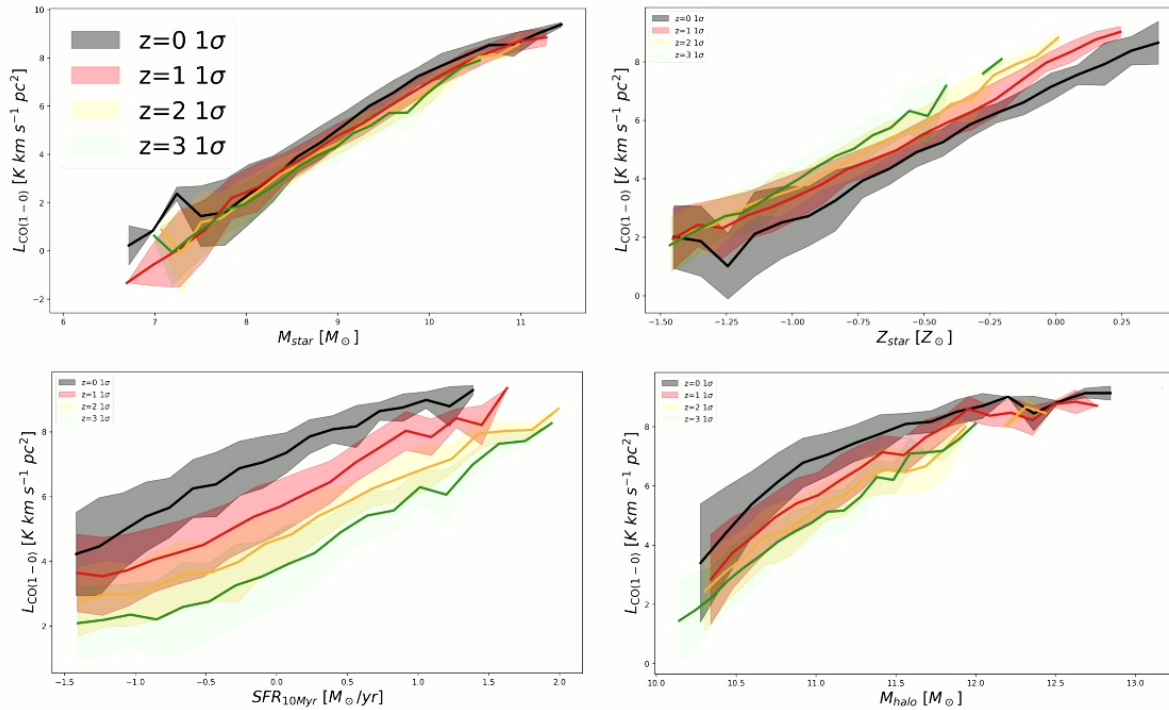
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Identifying the variable that exhibits the least scatter is of critical importance



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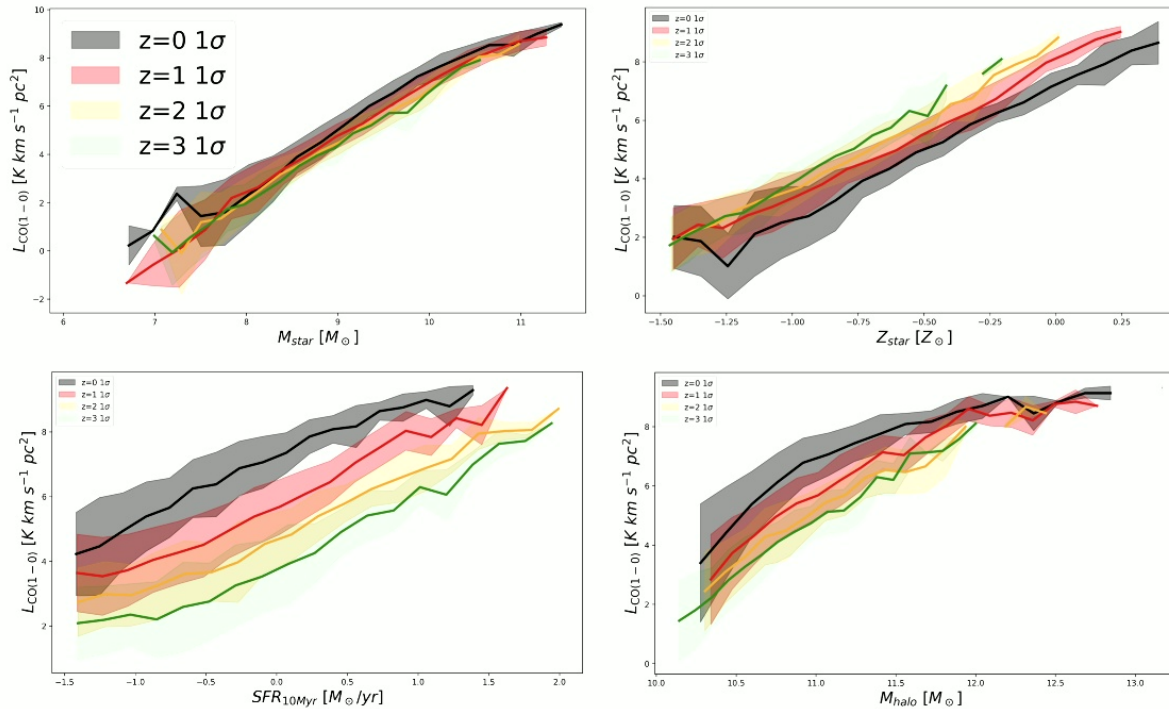


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In the absence of metallicity information different response functions can be used at each redshifts to model the emission

Review

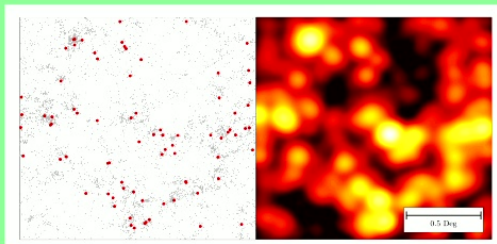
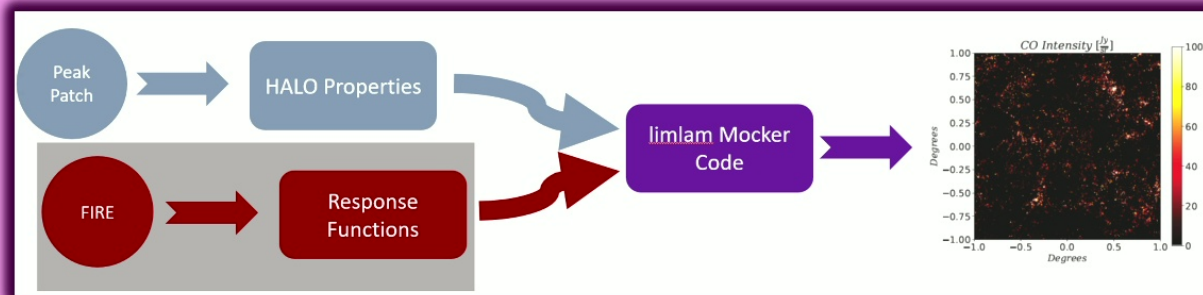
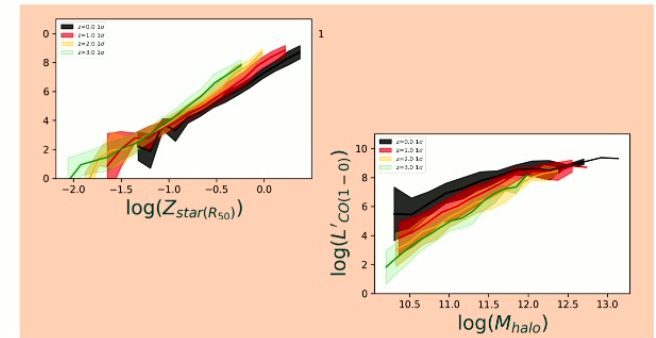


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