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**New Insights on Galaxy
Formation by Comparing
Simulations & Observations**

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Hydrodynamic galaxy formation simulations: evolution of galaxies, formation of galactic spheroids, mock galaxy images and spectra including stellar evolution and dust effects

Matter and Energy Content of the Universe



All Other Atoms 0.01%
H and He 0.5%

Visible Matter 0.5%

Invisible Atoms 4%

Cold Dark Matter 25%

Dark Energy 70%

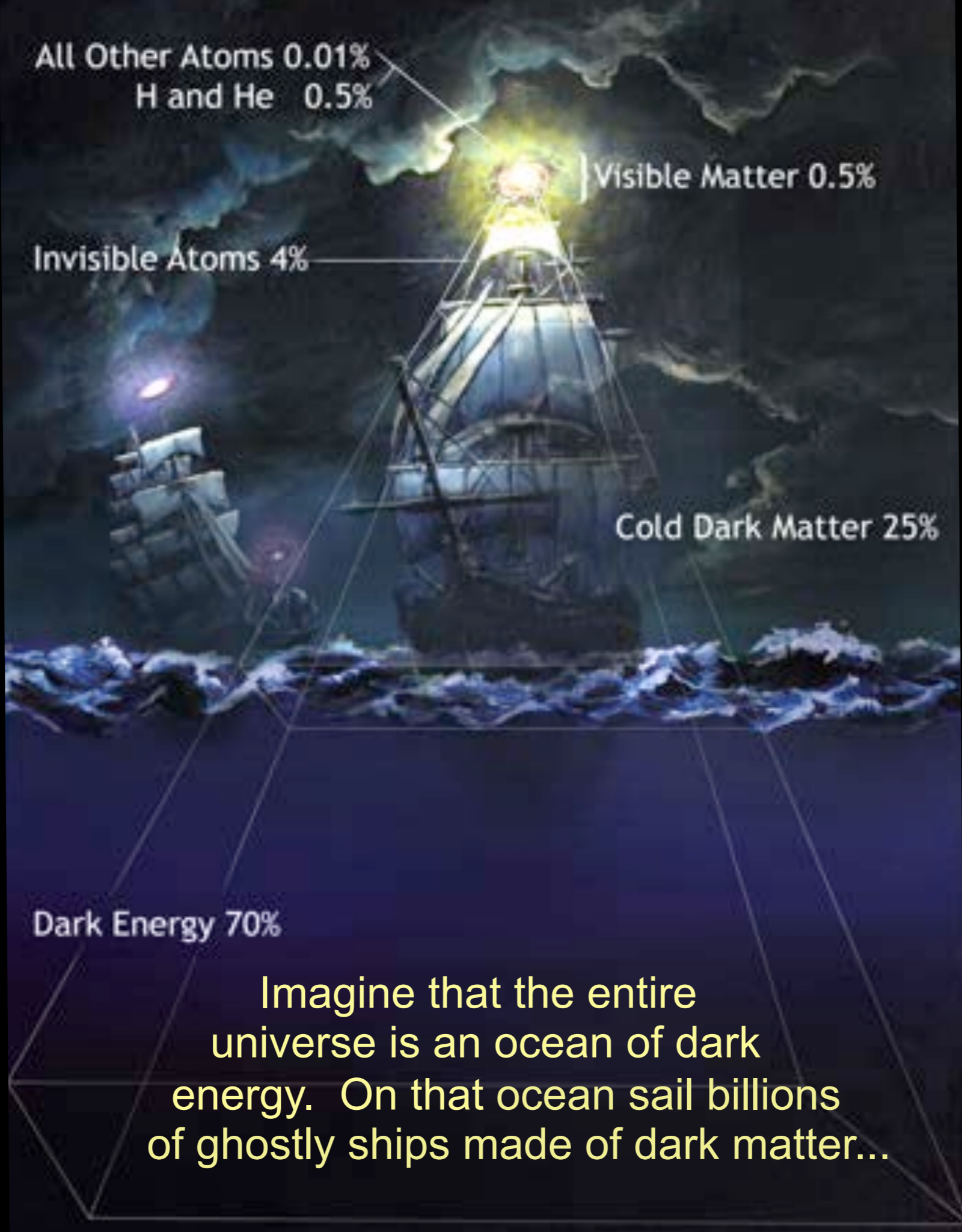
Imagine that the entire universe is an ocean of dark energy. On that ocean sail billions of ghostly ships made of dark matter...

Matter and Energy Content of the Universe

Λ CDM

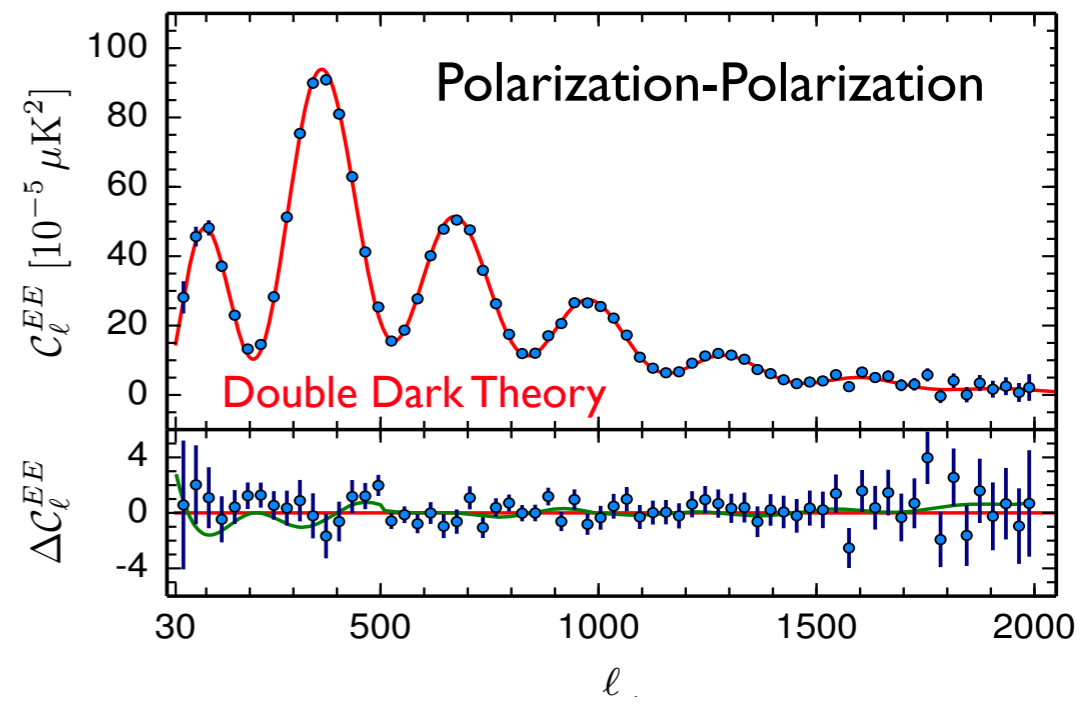
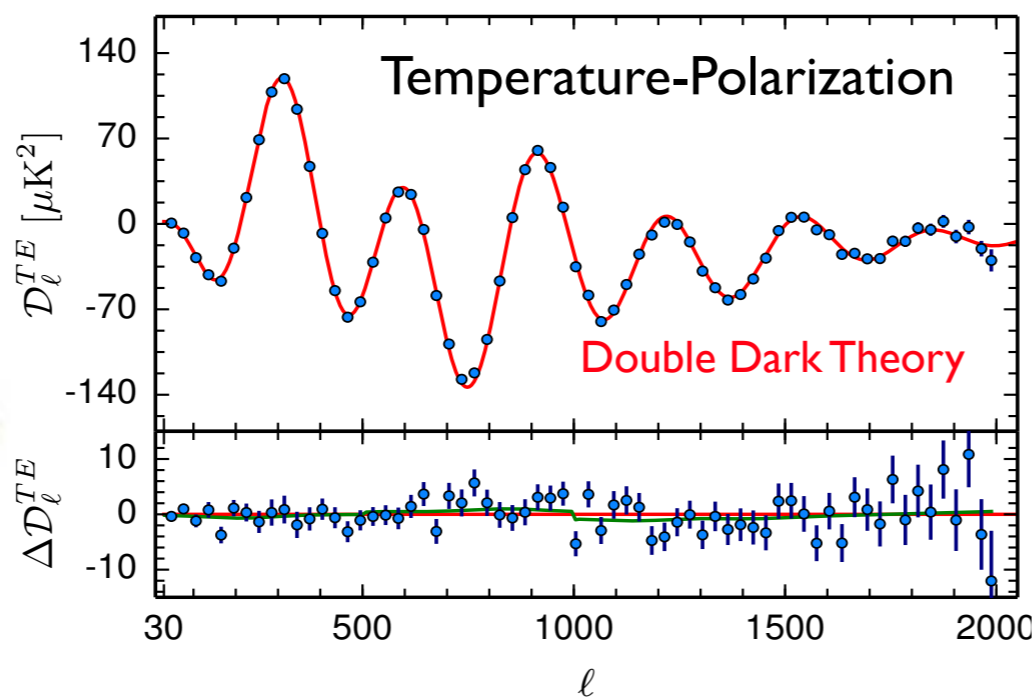
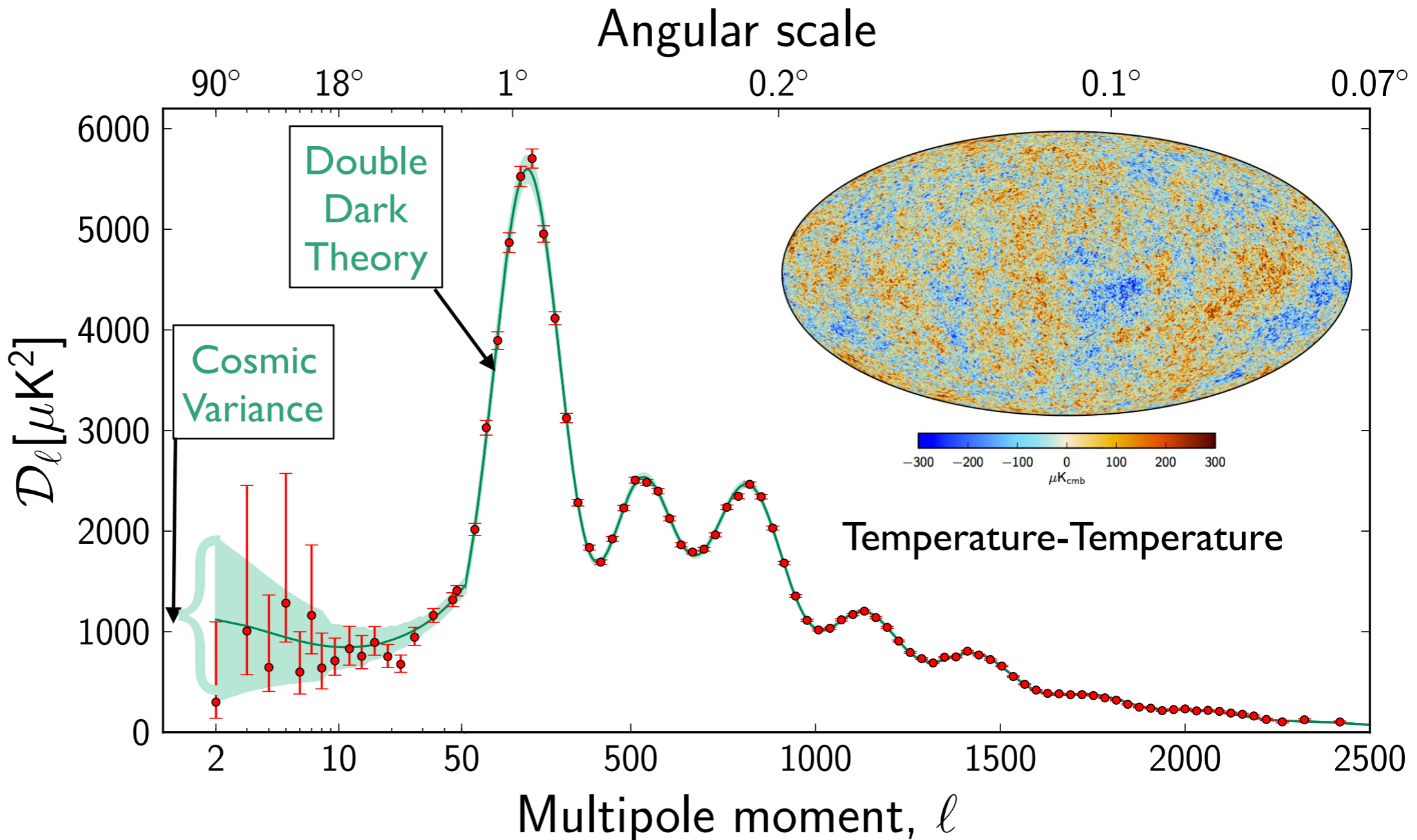
Double Dark Theory

Dark Matter Ships
on a
Dark Energy Ocean



European Space Agency PLANCK Satellite Data

Released
February 9,
2015



Aquarius Simulation

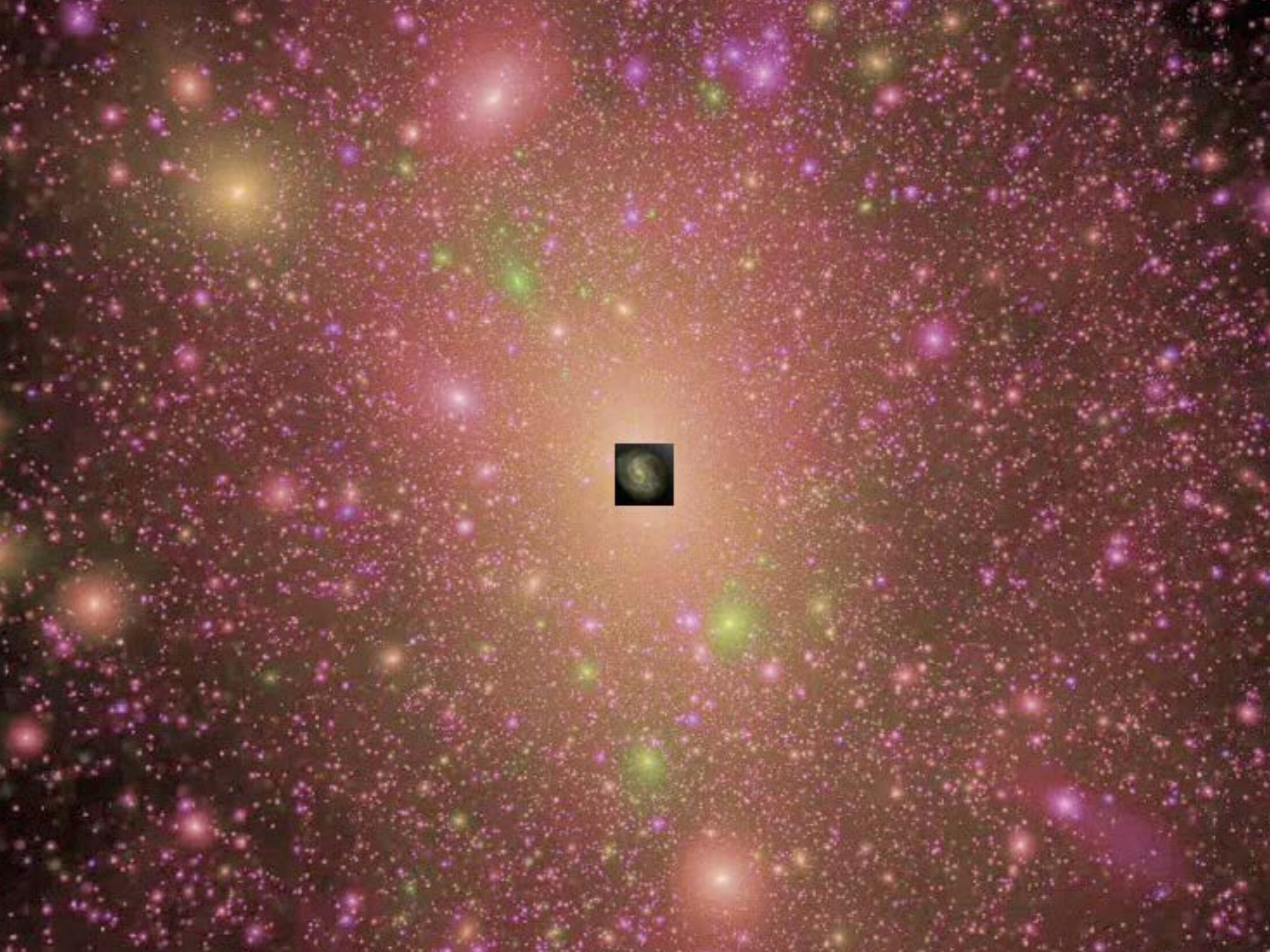
Volker Springel

Milky Way
100,000 light years



Milky Way Dark Matter Halo
1.5 million light years



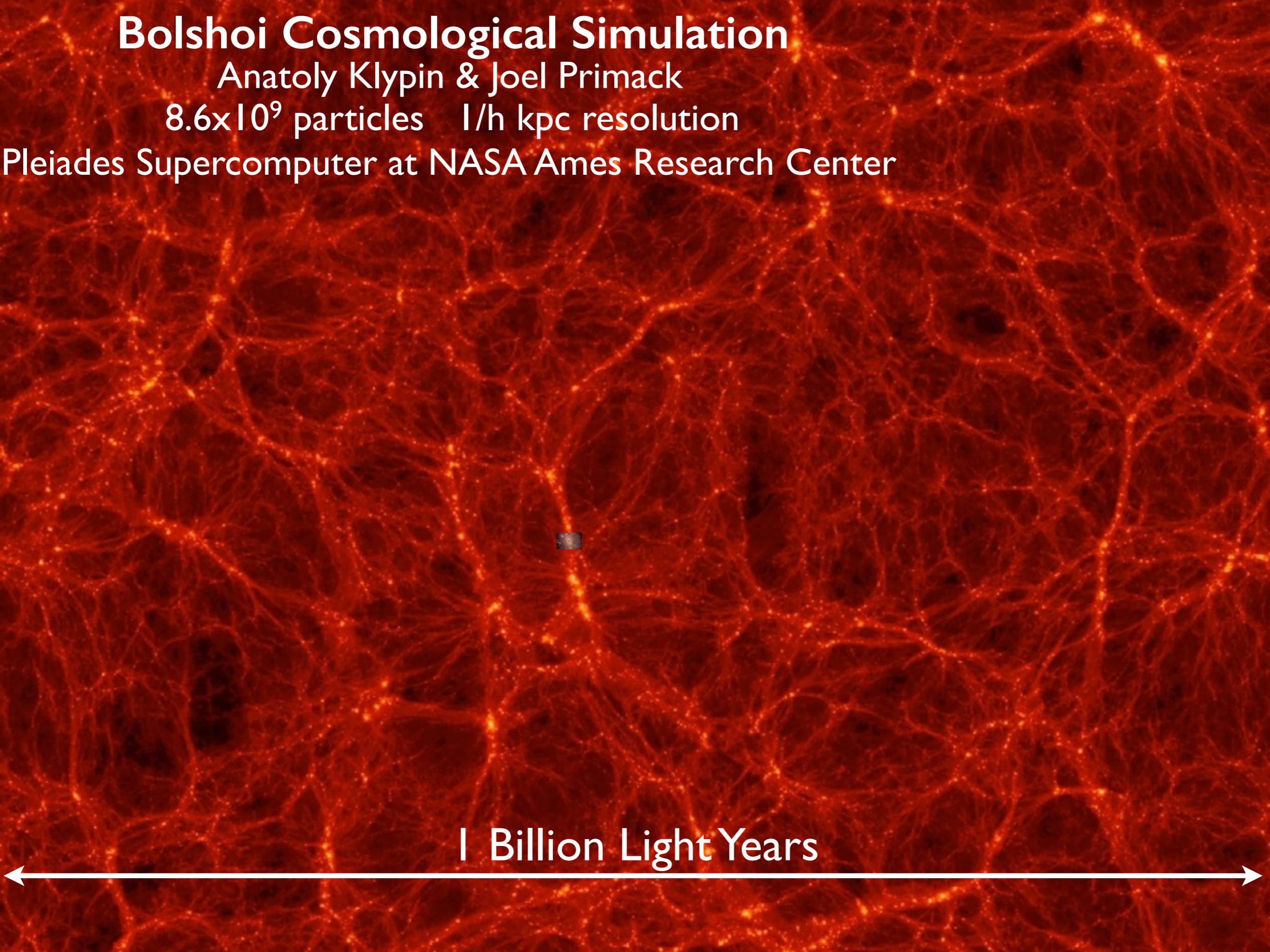


Bolshoi Cosmological Simulation

Anatoly Klypin & Joel Primack

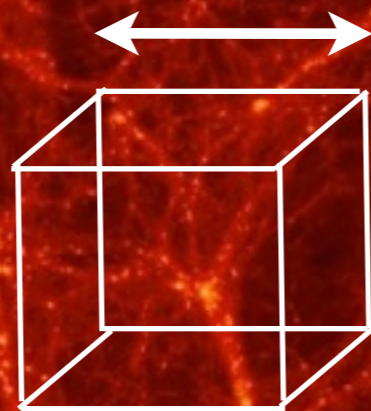
8.6×10^9 particles 1/h kpc resolution

Pleiades Supercomputer at NASA Ames Research Center



1 Billion Light Years

100 Million Light Years



1 Billion Light Years



How the Halo of the Big Cluster Formed



100 Million Light Years



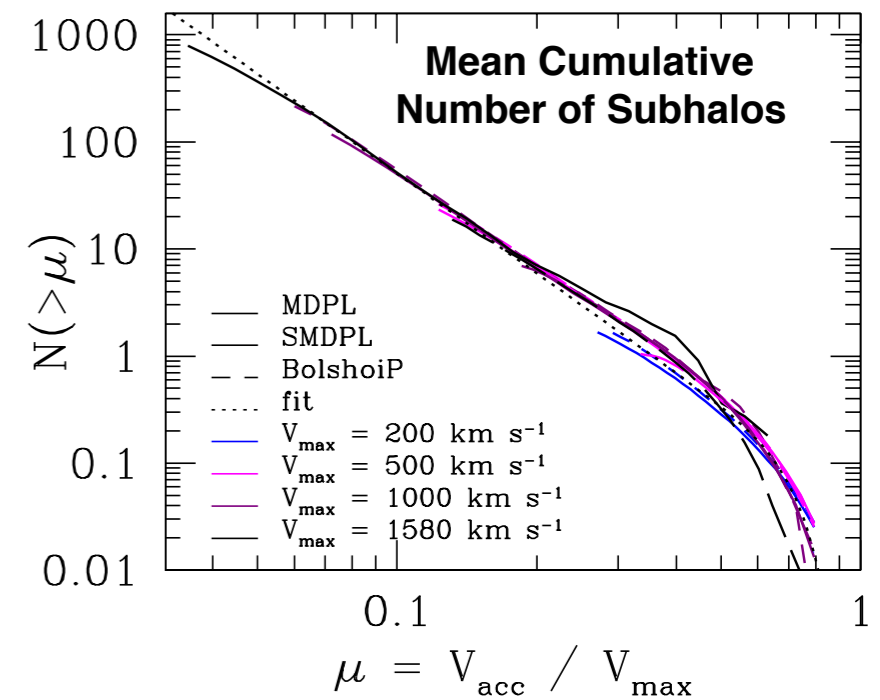
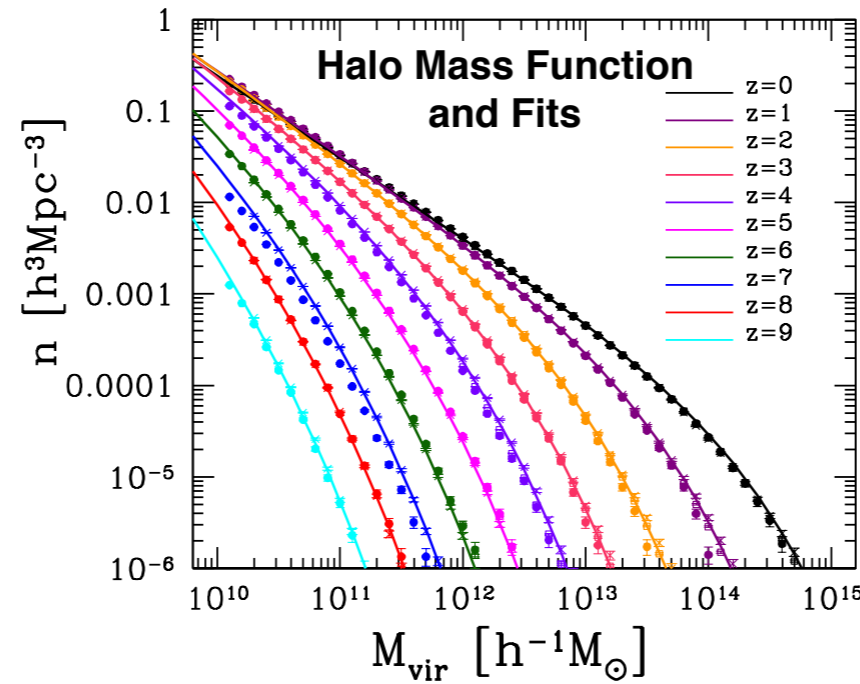
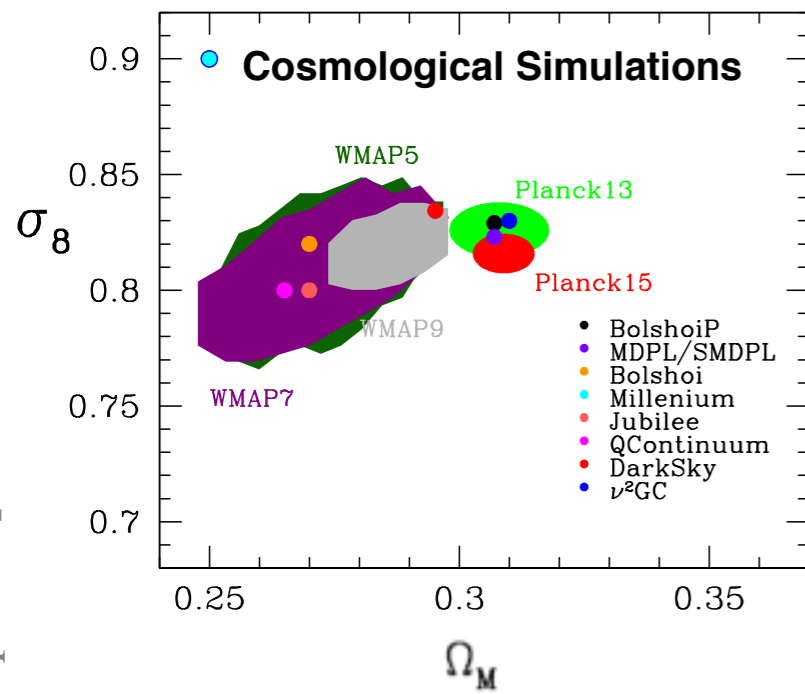
Bolshoi-Planck

Cosmological Simulation

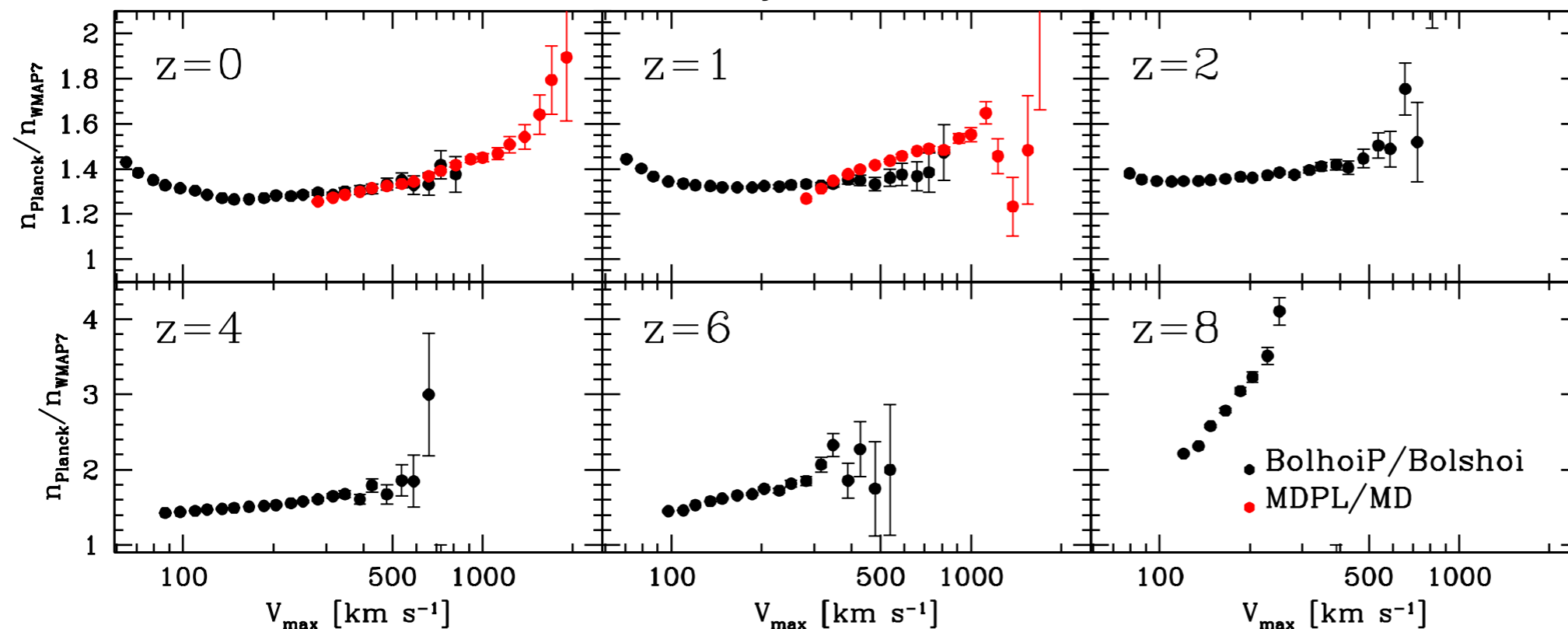
Merger Tree of a Large Halo

Halo and Subhalo Demographics with Planck Cosmological Parameters: Bolshoi-Planck and MultiDark-Planck Simulations

Aldo Rodríguez-Puebla, Peter Behroozi, Joel Primack, Anatoly Klypin, Christoph Lee, Doug Hellinger



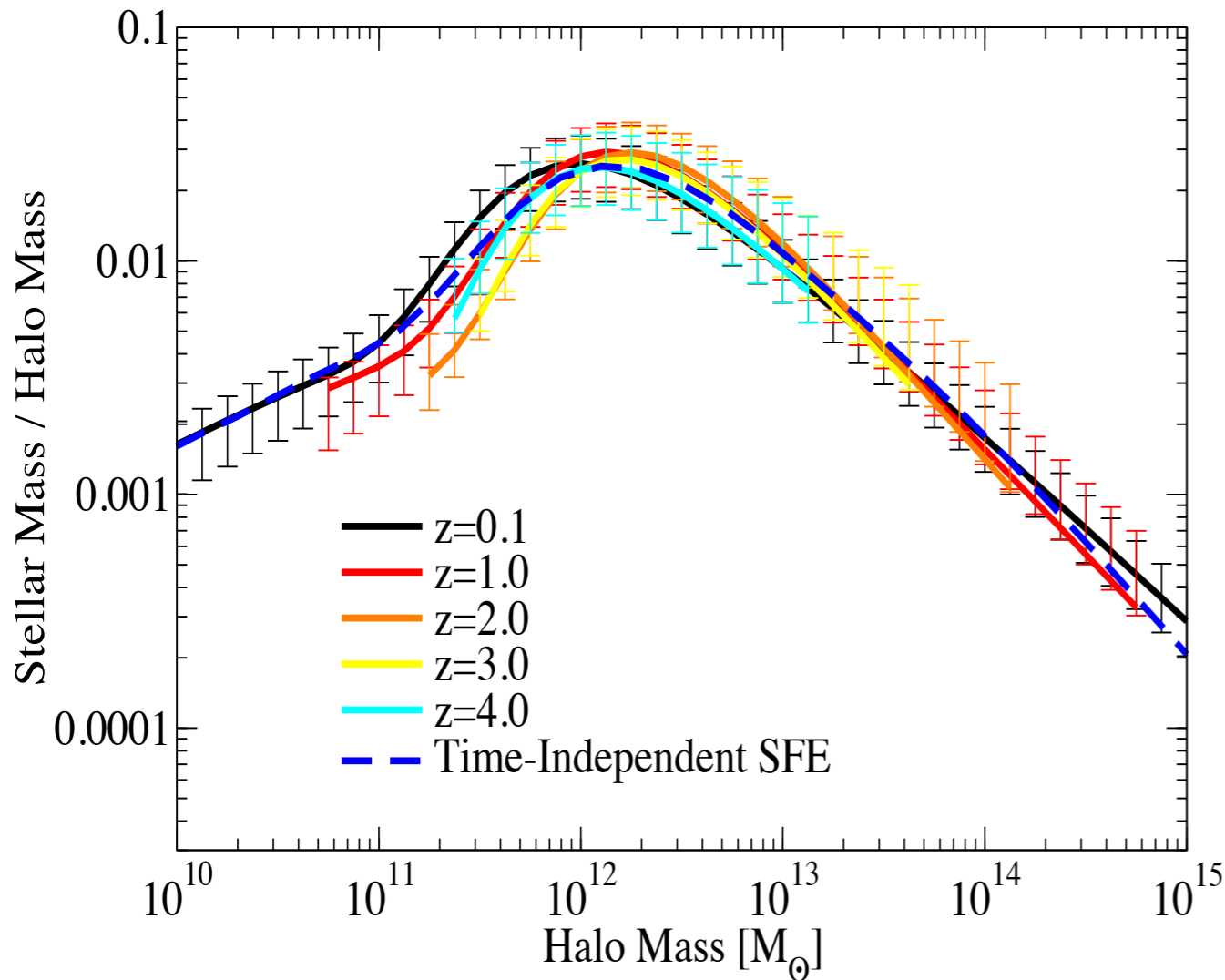
Number Density of Halos: Planck / WMAP7



There are many more halos with the Planck cosmology, especially at high masses and redshifts.

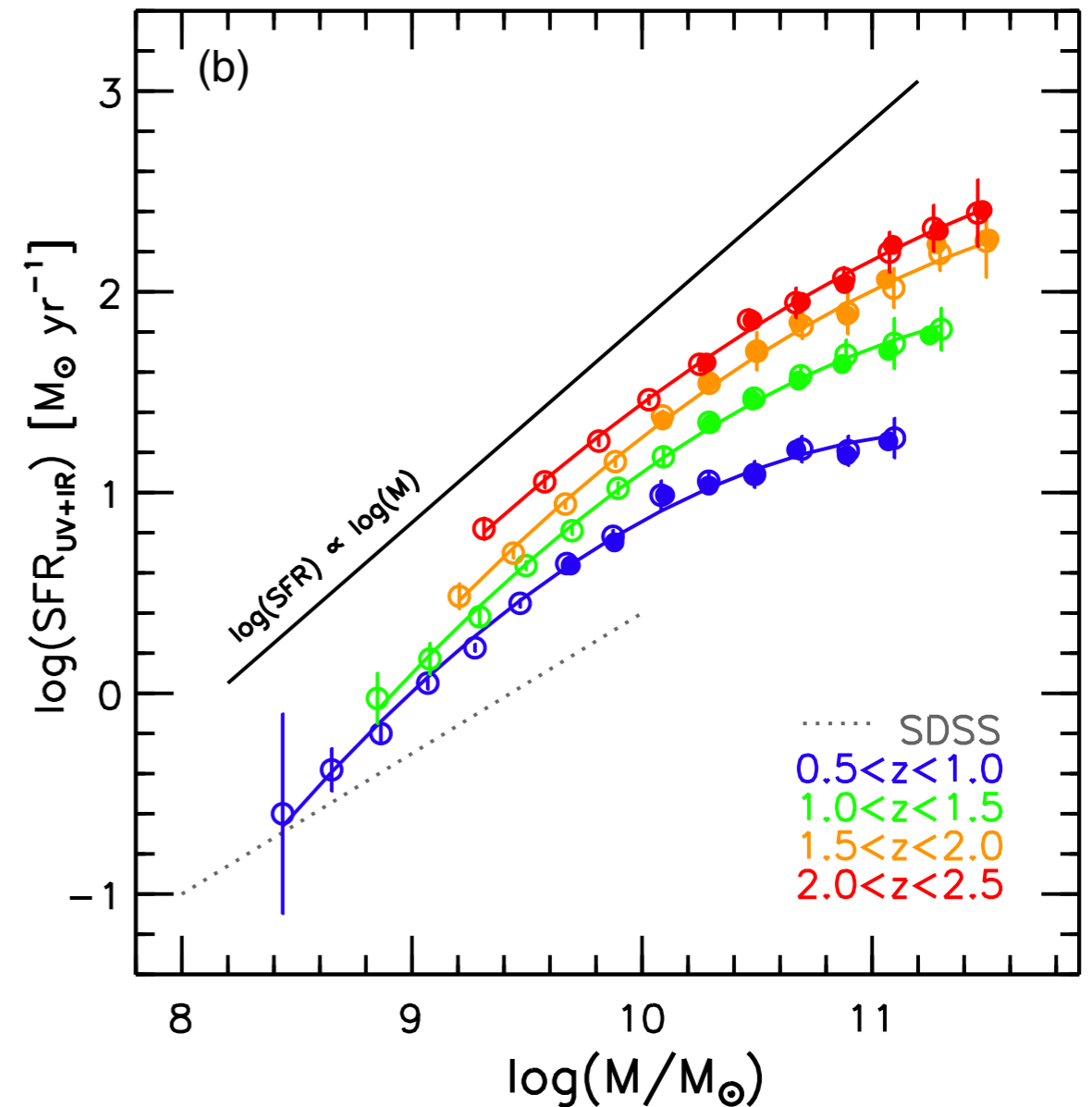
We have now released the halo catalogs and merger trees from all our new cosmological simulations. The paper includes Appendices with instructions for reading these files.

Relationship Between Galaxy Stellar Mass and Halo Mass



The stellar mass to halo mass ratio at multiple redshifts as derived from observations compared to the Bolshoi cosmological simulation. Error bars show 1σ uncertainties. A time-independent Star Formation Efficiency predicts a roughly **time-independent stellar mass to halo mass relationship**. (Behroozi, Wechsler, Conroy, ApJL 2013)

Star-forming Galaxies Lie on a “Main Sequence”

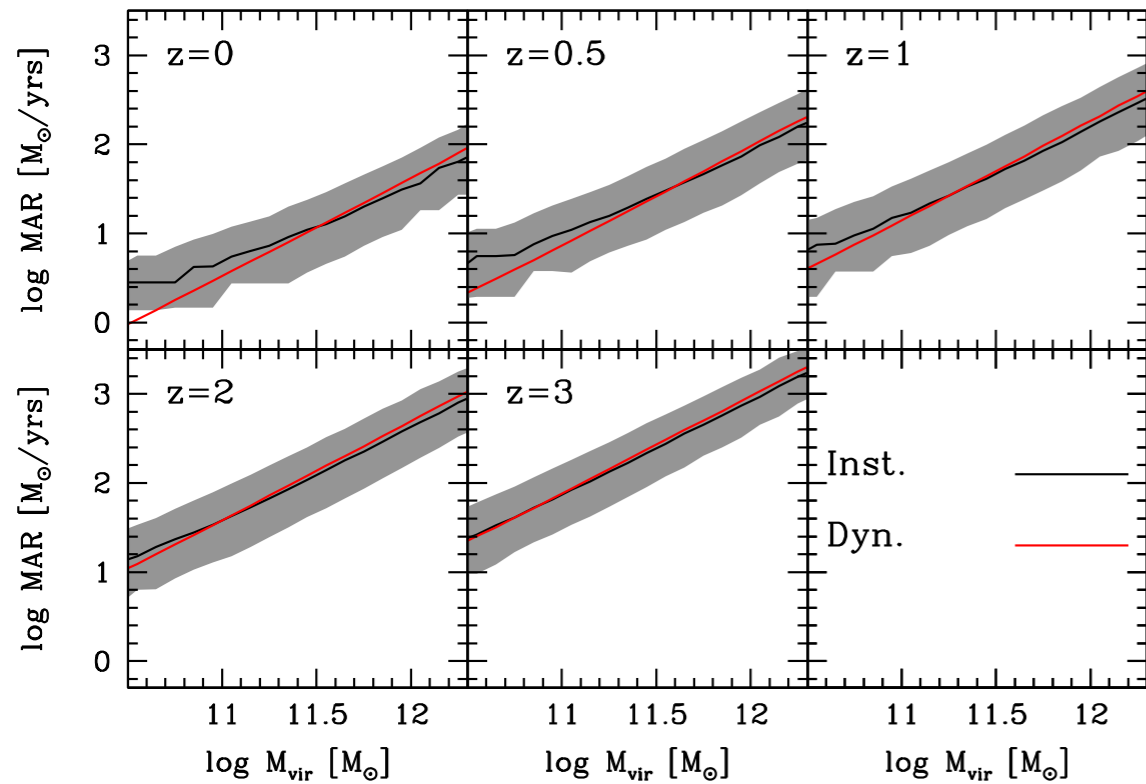


Just as the properties of hydrogen-burning stars are controlled by their mass, **the galaxy star formation rate (SFR) is approximately proportional to the stellar mass**, with the proportionality constant increasing with redshift up to about $z = 2.5$. (Whitaker et al. ApJ 2014)

Is Main Sequence SFR Controlled by Halo Mass Accretion?

by Aldo Rodríguez-Puebla, Joel Primack, Peter Behroozi, Sandra Faber MNRAS 2016

Halo mass accretion rates z=0 to 3



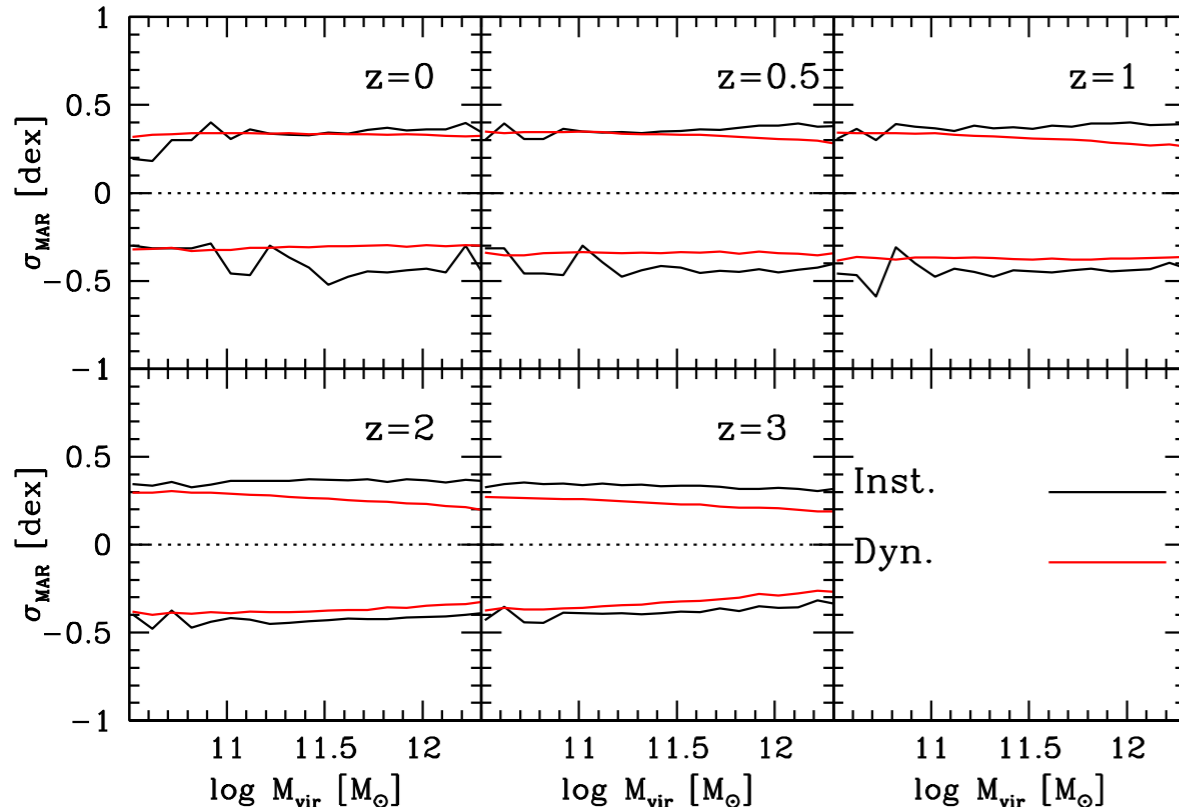
$$\frac{dM_*}{dt} = \frac{\partial M_*(M_{\text{vir}}(t), z)}{\partial M_{\text{vir}}} \frac{dM_{\text{vir}}}{dt} + \frac{\partial M_*(M_{\text{vir}}(t), z)}{\partial z} \frac{dz}{dt}$$

but if the M_*-M_{vir} relation is **independent of redshift** then the stellar mass of a central galaxy formed in a halo of mass $M_{\text{vir}}(t)$ is $M_* = M_*(M_{\text{vir}}(t))$. From this relation star formation rates are given simply by

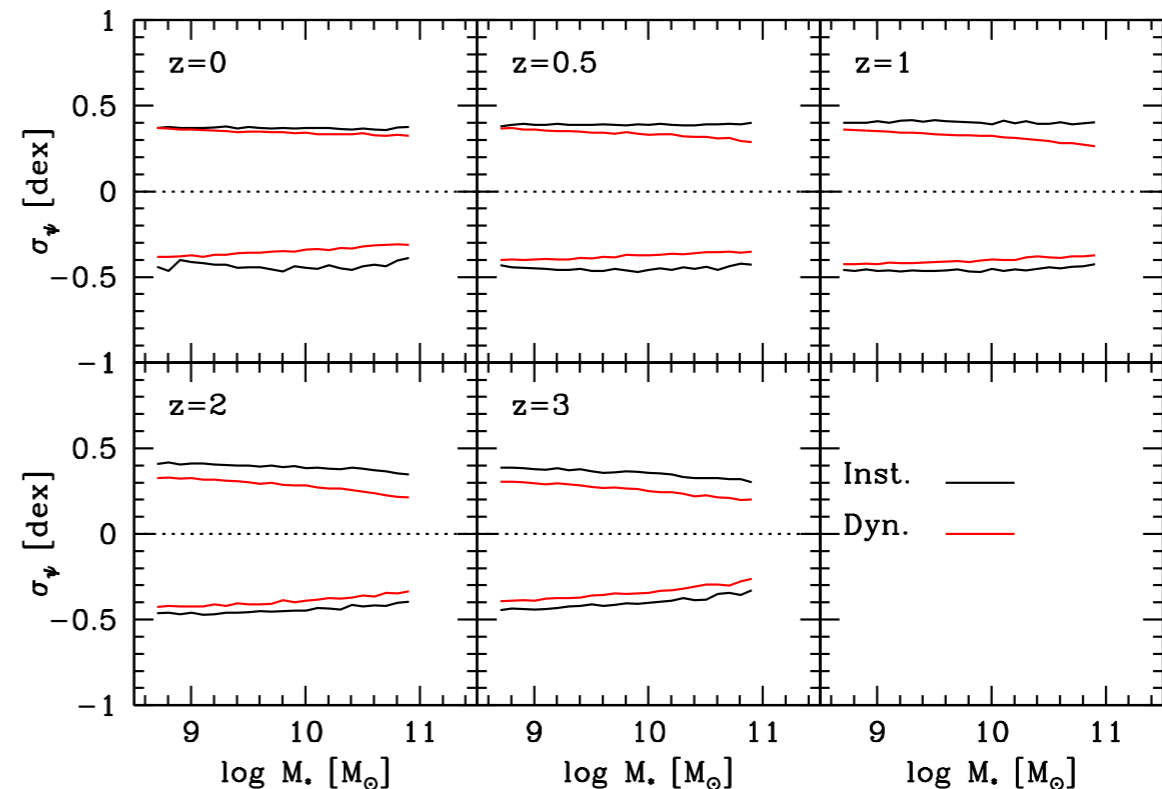
$$\frac{dM_*}{dt} = f_* \frac{d \log M_*}{d \log M_{\text{vir}}} \frac{dM_{\text{vir}}}{dt},$$

where $f_* = M_*/M_{\text{vir}}$. We call this **Stellar-Halo Accretion Rate Coevolution (SHARC)** if true halo-by-halo.

Scatter of halo mass accretion rates



Implied scatter of star formation rates

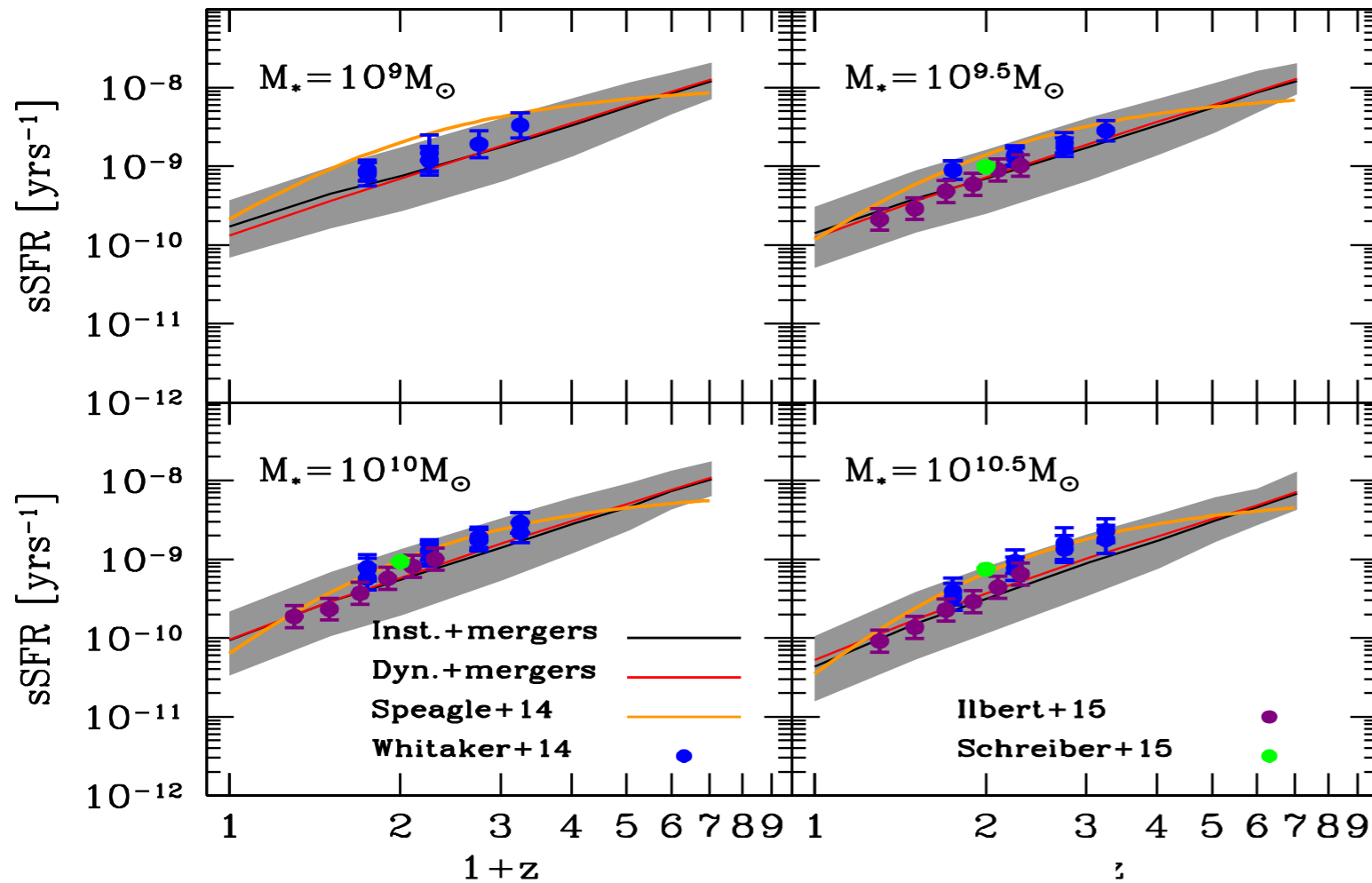


Consistent with observations!

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SHARC correctly predicts star formation rates to $z \sim 4$



SHARC predicts “Age Matching” (blue galaxies in accreting halos) and “Galaxy Conformity” at low z ✓

Open Questions:

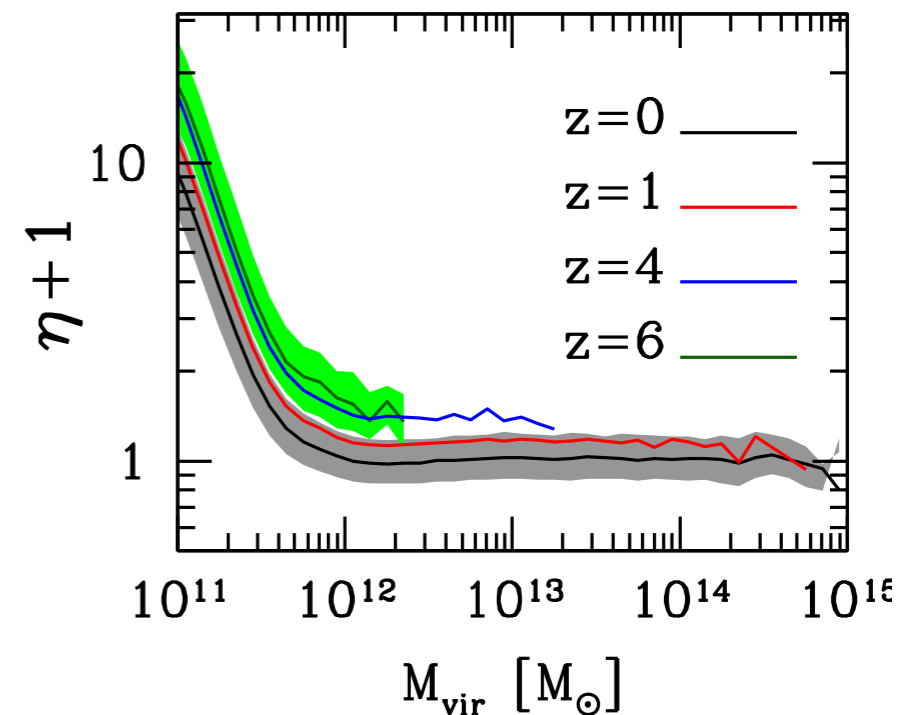
Extend SHARC to higher-mass galaxies

Check predicted correlations vs. observations at higher z

Can SHARC be used to measure growth rate of halos from the observed star formation rate, as a dark energy vs. gravity test?



We put SHARC in “bathtub” equilibrium models of galaxy formation & predicted mass loading and metallicity evolution

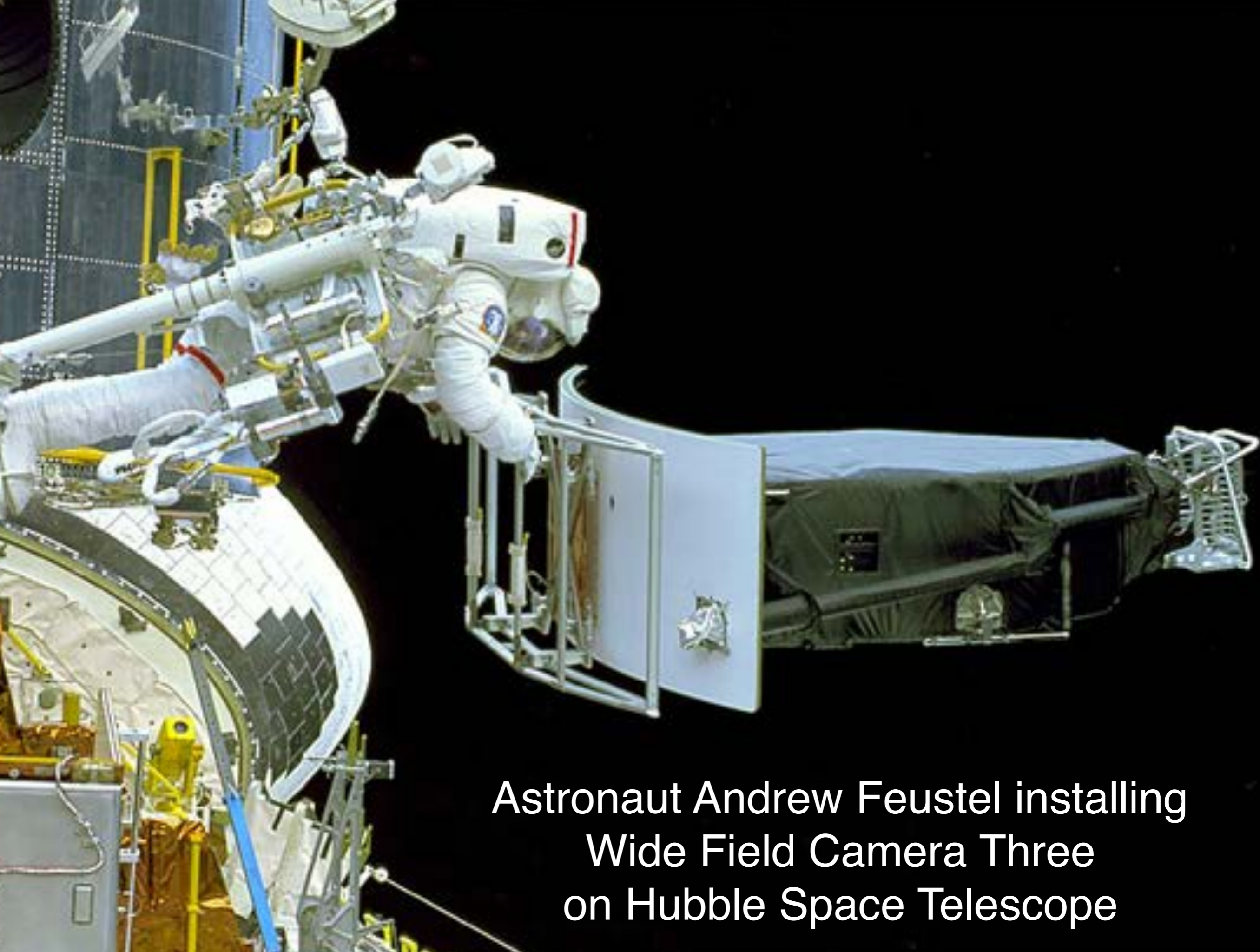


Net mass loading factor η from an equilibrium bathtub model (E+SHARC)

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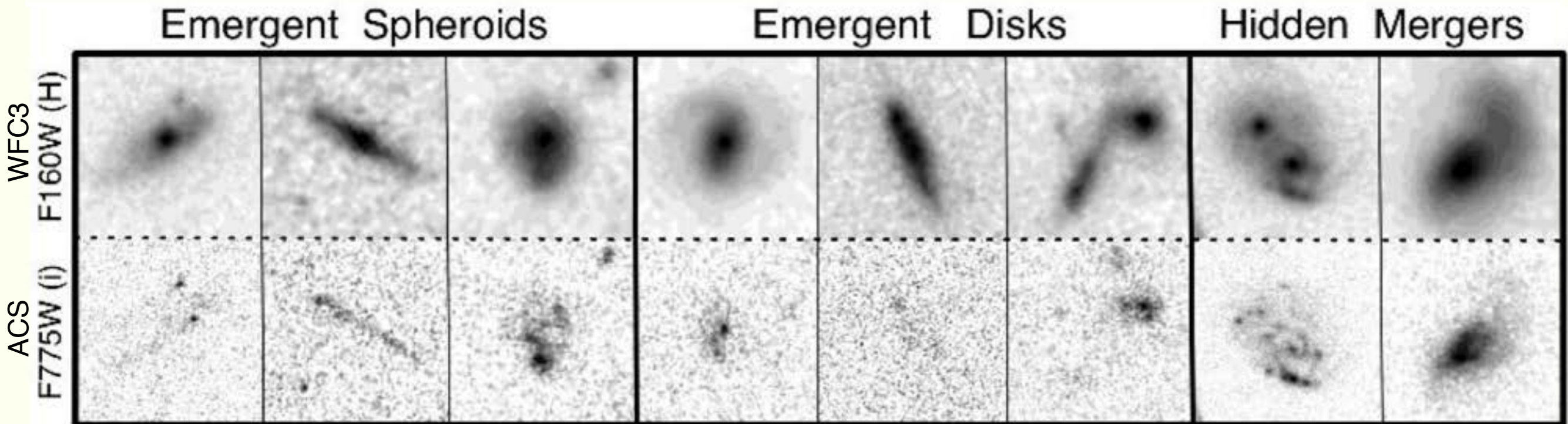




Astronaut Andrew Feustel installing
Wide Field Camera Three
on Hubble Space Telescope

The CANDELS Survey

candels.ucolick.org



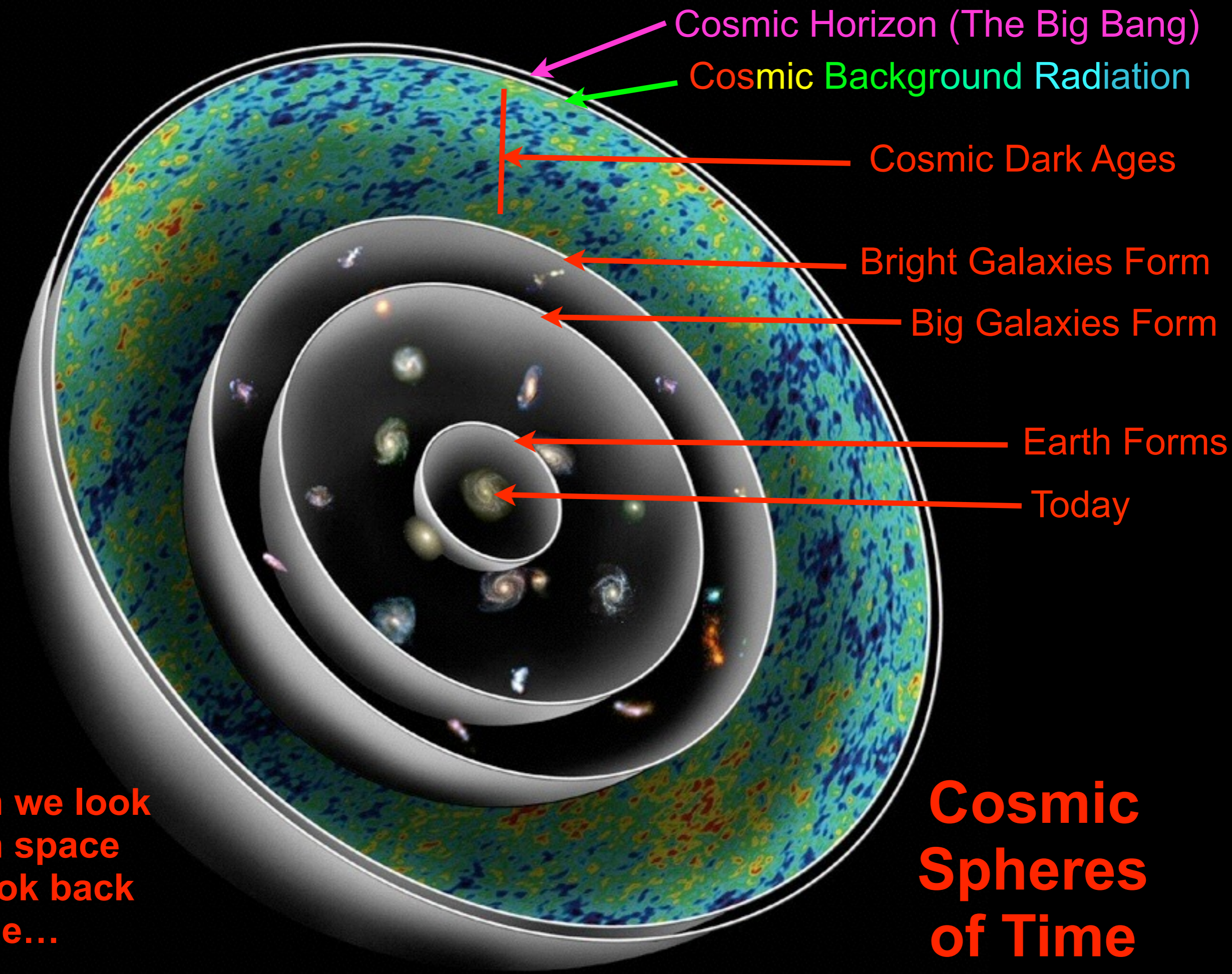
CANDELS: A Cosmic Odyssey

(blue $0.4 \mu\text{m}$)($1+z$) = $1.6 \mu\text{m}$ @ $z = 3$

(red $0.7 \mu\text{m}$)($1+z$) = $1.6 \mu\text{m}$ @ $z = 2.3$

CANDELS is a powerful imaging survey of the distant Universe being carried out with two cameras on board the Hubble Space Telescope.

- **CANDELS is the largest project in the history of Hubble**, with 902 assigned orbits of observing time. This is the equivalent of four months of Hubble time if executed consecutively, but in practice CANDELS will take three years to complete (2010-2013).
- **The core of CANDELS is the revolutionary near-infrared WFC3 camera**, installed on Hubble in May 2009. WFC3 is sensitive to longer, redder wavelengths, which permits it to follow the stretching of lightwaves caused by the expanding Universe. This enables CANDELS to detect and measure objects much farther out in space and nearer to the Big Bang than before. CANDELS also uses the visible-light ACS camera, and together the two cameras give unprecedented panchromatic coverage of galaxies from optical wavelengths to the near-IR.
- **CANDELS will exploit this new lookback power to construct a "cosmic movie" of galaxy evolution** that follows the life histories of galaxies from infancy to the present time. This work will cap Hubble's revolutionary series of discoveries on cosmic evolution and bequeath a legacy of precious data to future generations of astronomers.



Cosmic Horizon (The Big Bang)

Cosmic Background Radiation

Cosmic Dark Ages

Bright Galaxies Form

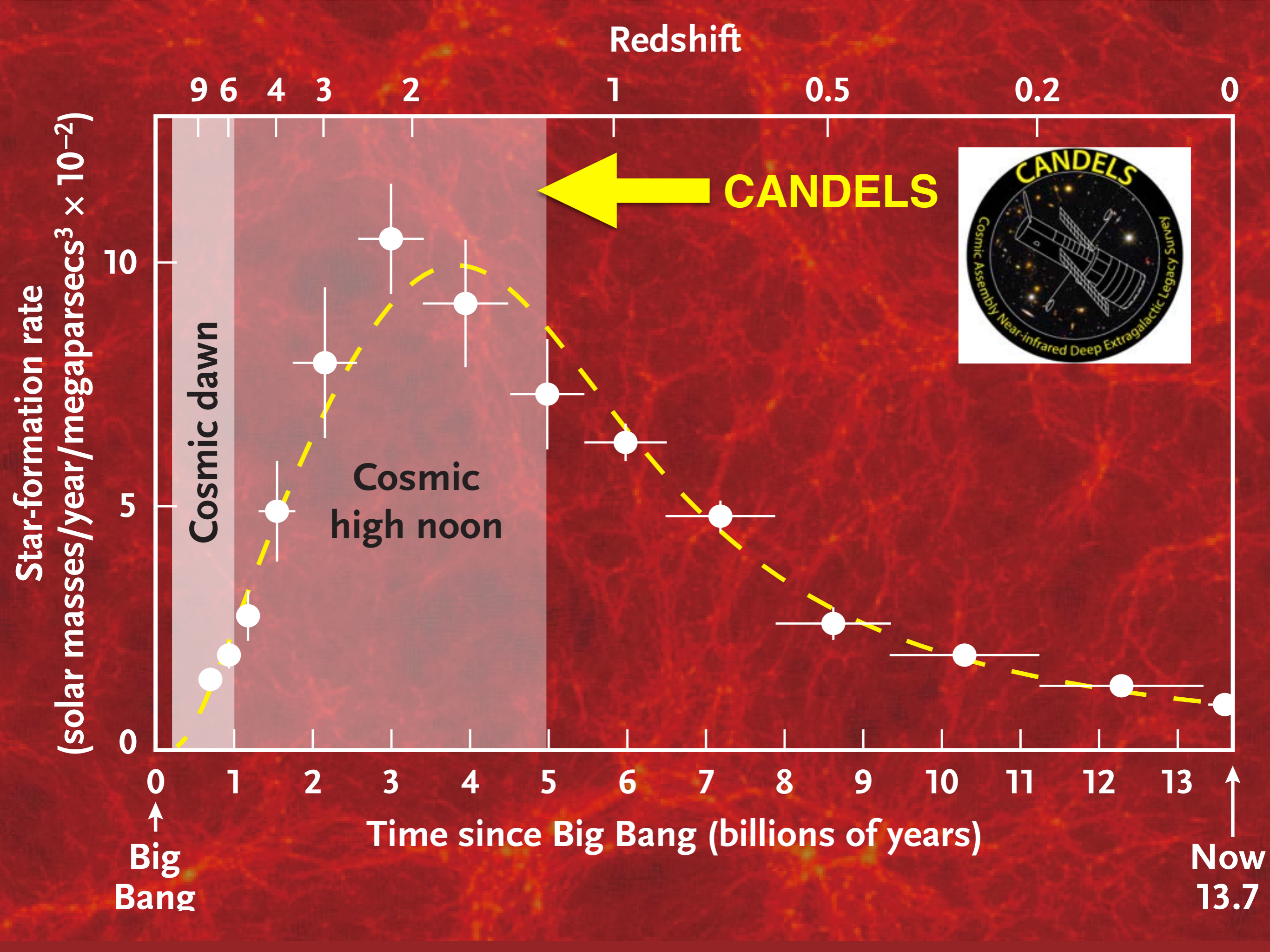
Big Galaxies Form

Earth Forms

Today

When we look out in space we look back in time...

Cosmic Spheres of Time



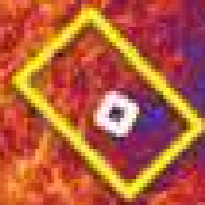
$z = 2$

NOAO Deep Wide Field Survey

1 degree = 90 Mpc



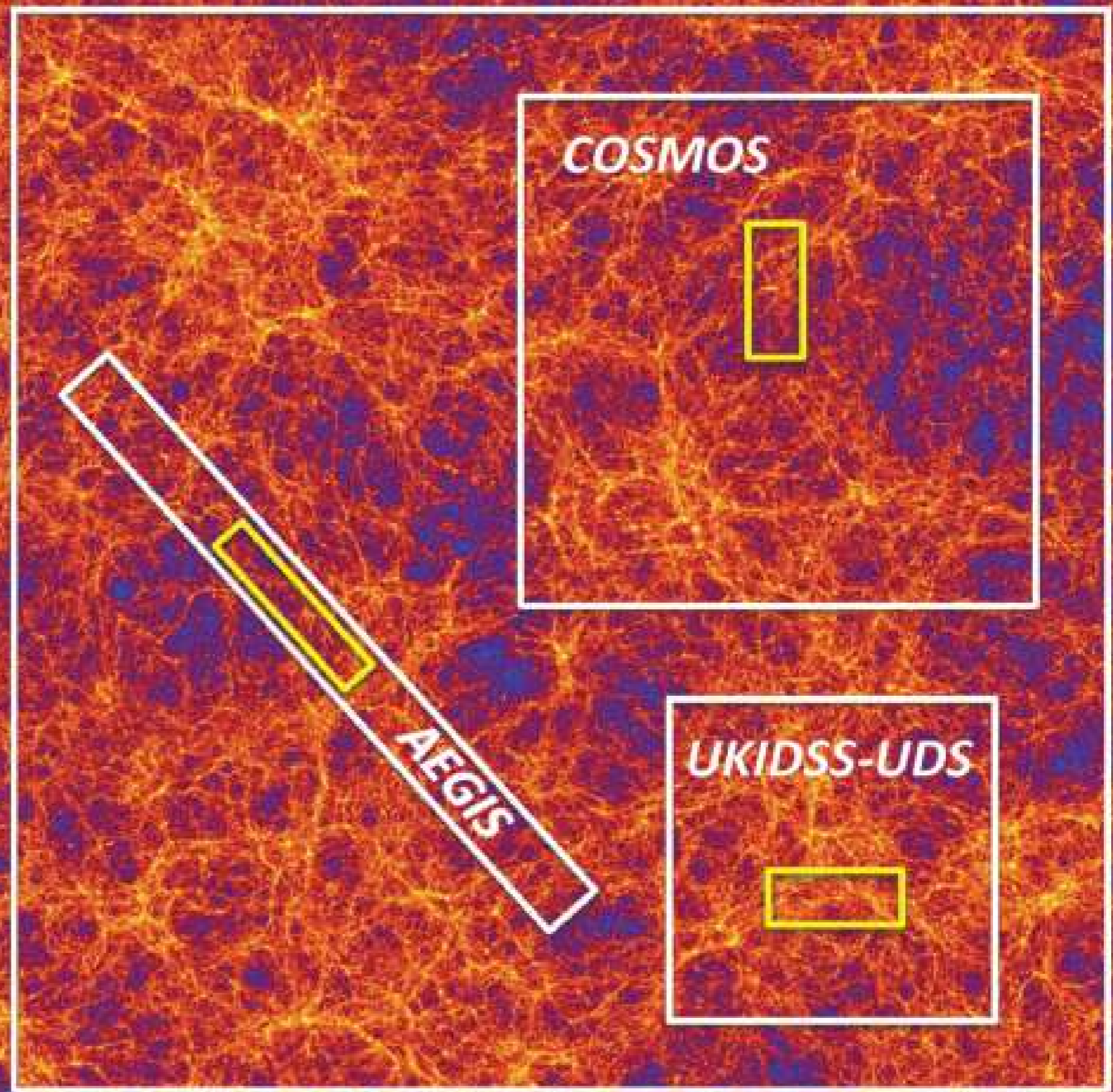
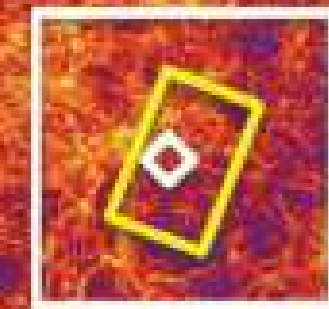
GOODS-N
HDF-N



SDF



ECDFS
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HUDF



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Galaxy Hydro Simulations: 2 Approaches

1. Low resolution (\sim kpc)

Advantages: it's possible to simulate many galaxies and study galaxy populations and their interactions with CGM & IGM.

Disadvantages: since feedback & winds are “tuned,” we learn little about how galaxies themselves evolve, and cannot compare in detail with high-z galaxy images and spectra.

Examples: Overwhelmingly Large Simulations (OWLS, EAGLE), AREPO simulations in 100 Mpc box (Illustris)

2. High resolution (\sim 10s of pc) **THIS TALK**

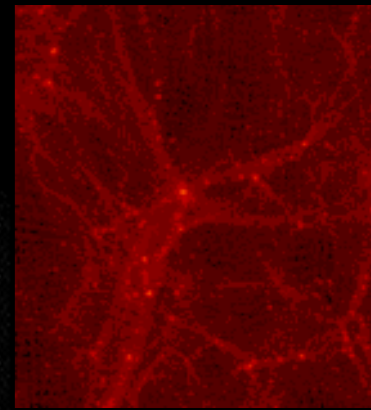
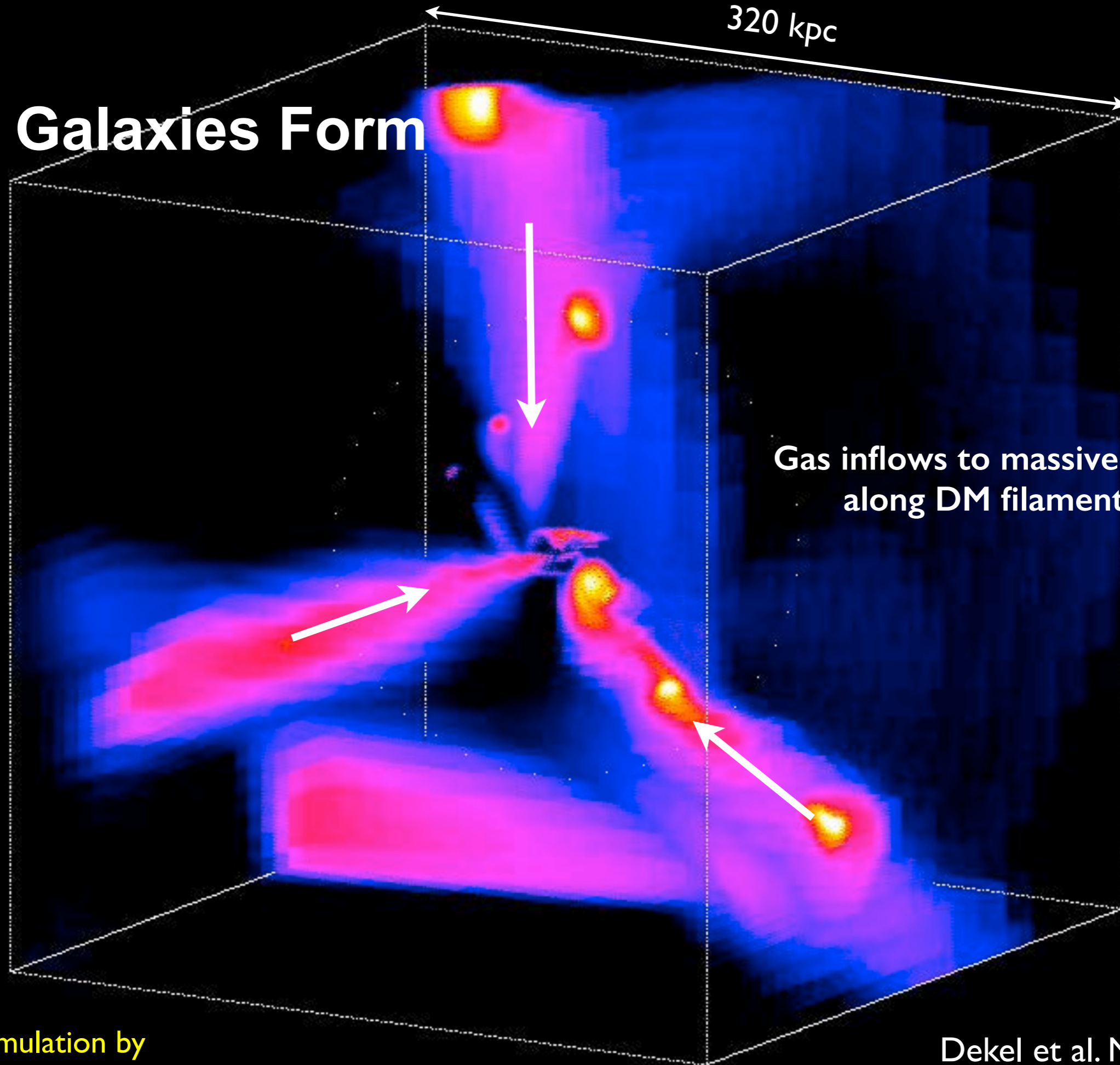
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Radiative/pressure/AGN feedbacks essential?

Disadvantages: we can't run statistical galaxy samples, so we model galaxy population evolution using simulation insights in semi-analytic models (SAMs).

Examples: ART and FIRE simulation suites, AGORA simulation comparison project.

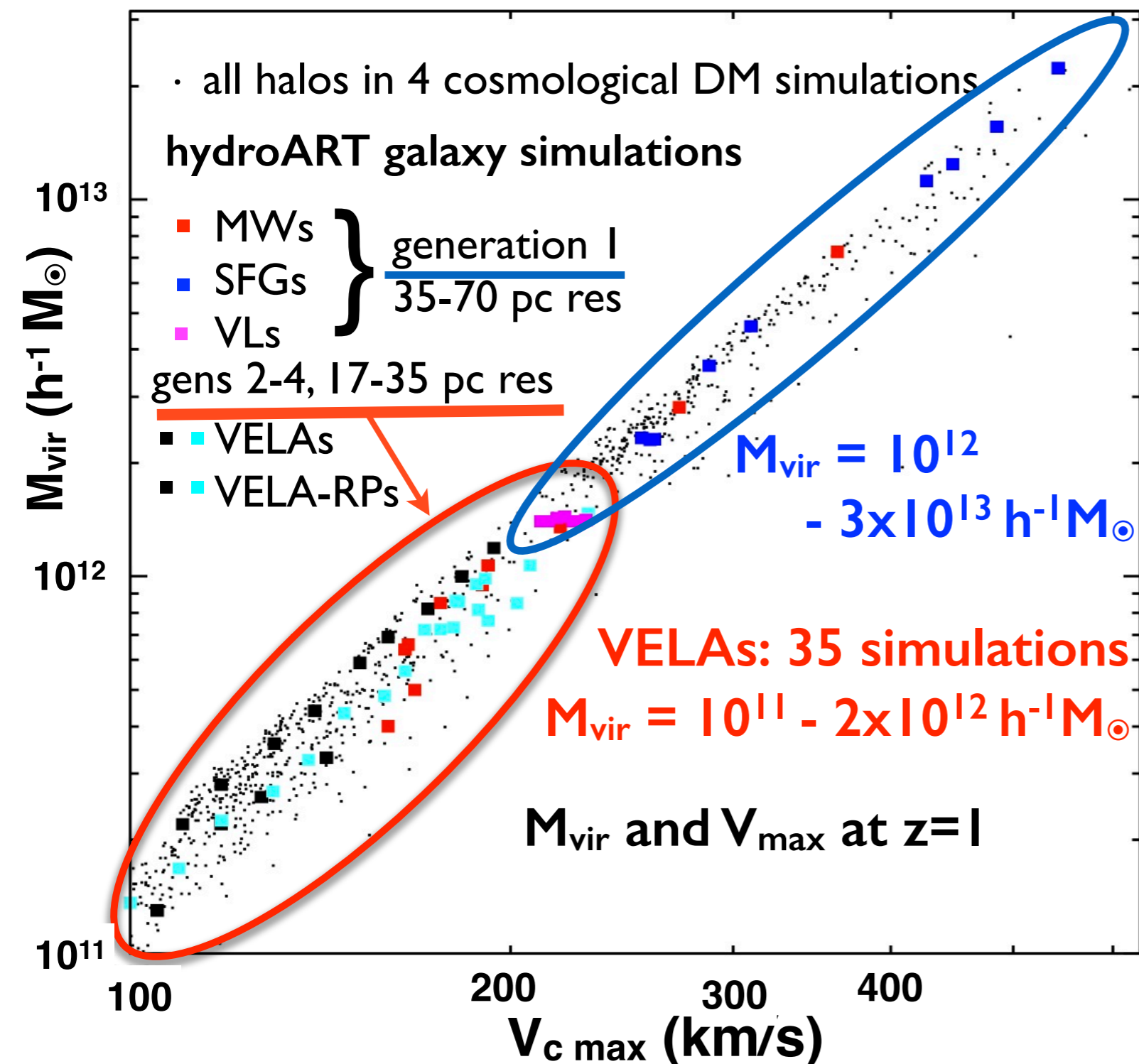
How Galaxies Form



4 Generations of hydroART simulations

ART code: Andrey Kravtsov, Anatoly Klypin, Daniel Ceverino

Simulations: Ceverino; Analysis: Ceverino, Hebrew U & UCSC



Gen 1: higher masses

Generations 2,3,4: VELA

same 35 initial conditions

17-35 pc best resolution

$M_{\text{DM}} = 8 \times 10^4 M_{\odot}$

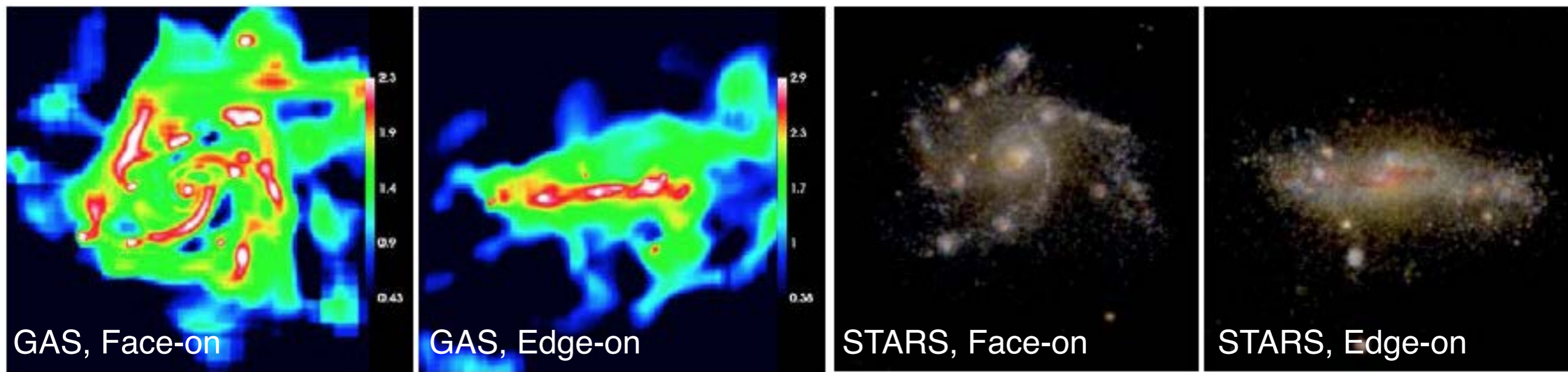
$M_{\text{star}} = 10^3 M_{\odot}$

Gen 2: SN Feedback

Gen 3: SN+UV Rad Pressure

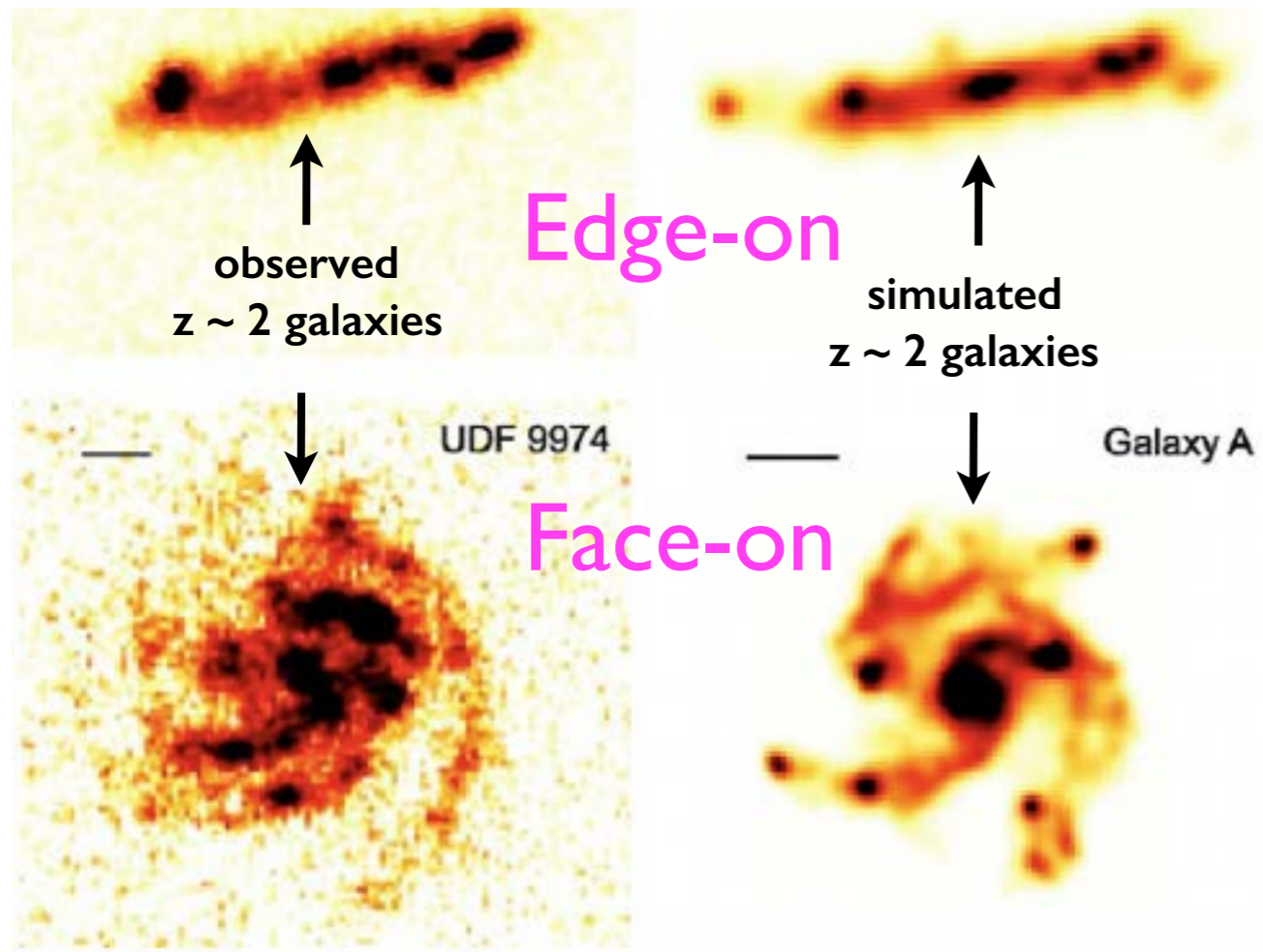
Gen 4: SN+UV/IR Rad Pressure

These were stopped at $z \sim 1$
to save cpu time.

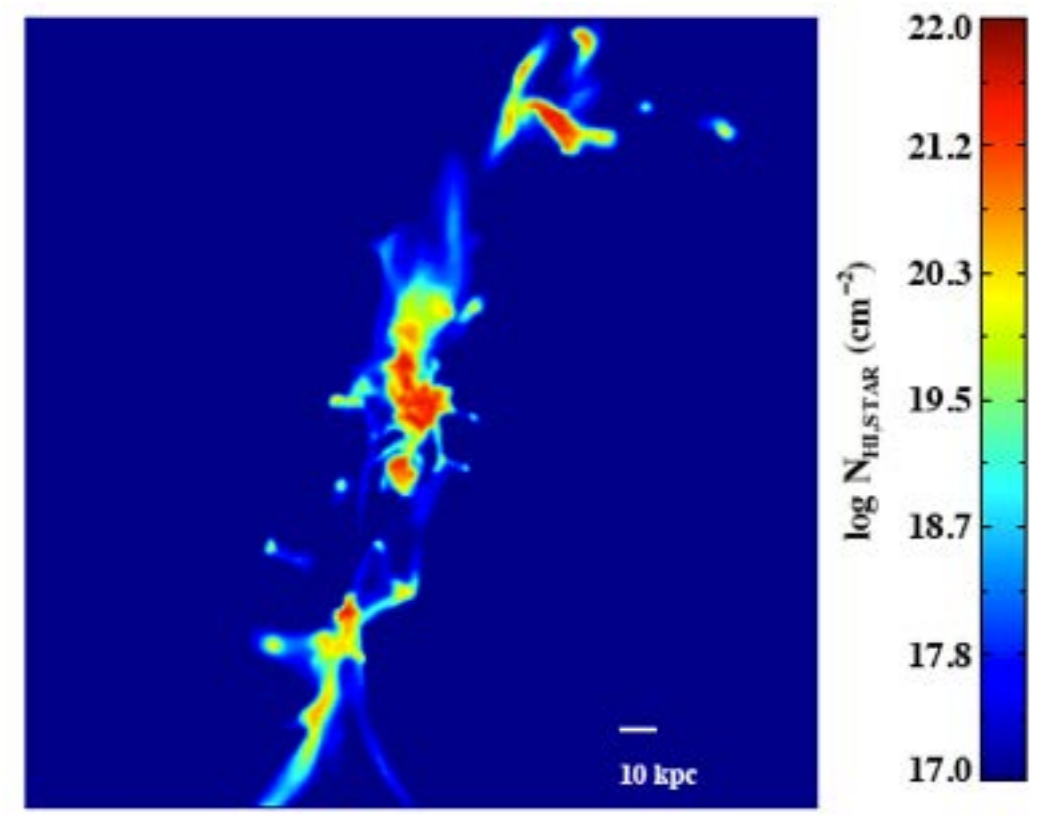


Clumpy Galaxies in hydroART Generation 1 Simulations

Figure 1: Violently unstable disks in $\sim 10^{11}M_{\odot}$ halos with $\sim 10^9M_{\odot}$ clumps at $z = 2.3$: (a) face-on, (b) edge-on (Ceverino et al. 2009, resolution 70 pc, images 10 kpc across). RGB color images of the same simulated galaxy through dust using *Sunrise*: (c) face-on, (d) edge-on, illustrating how the clumps can be reddened and obscured when viewed edge-on.



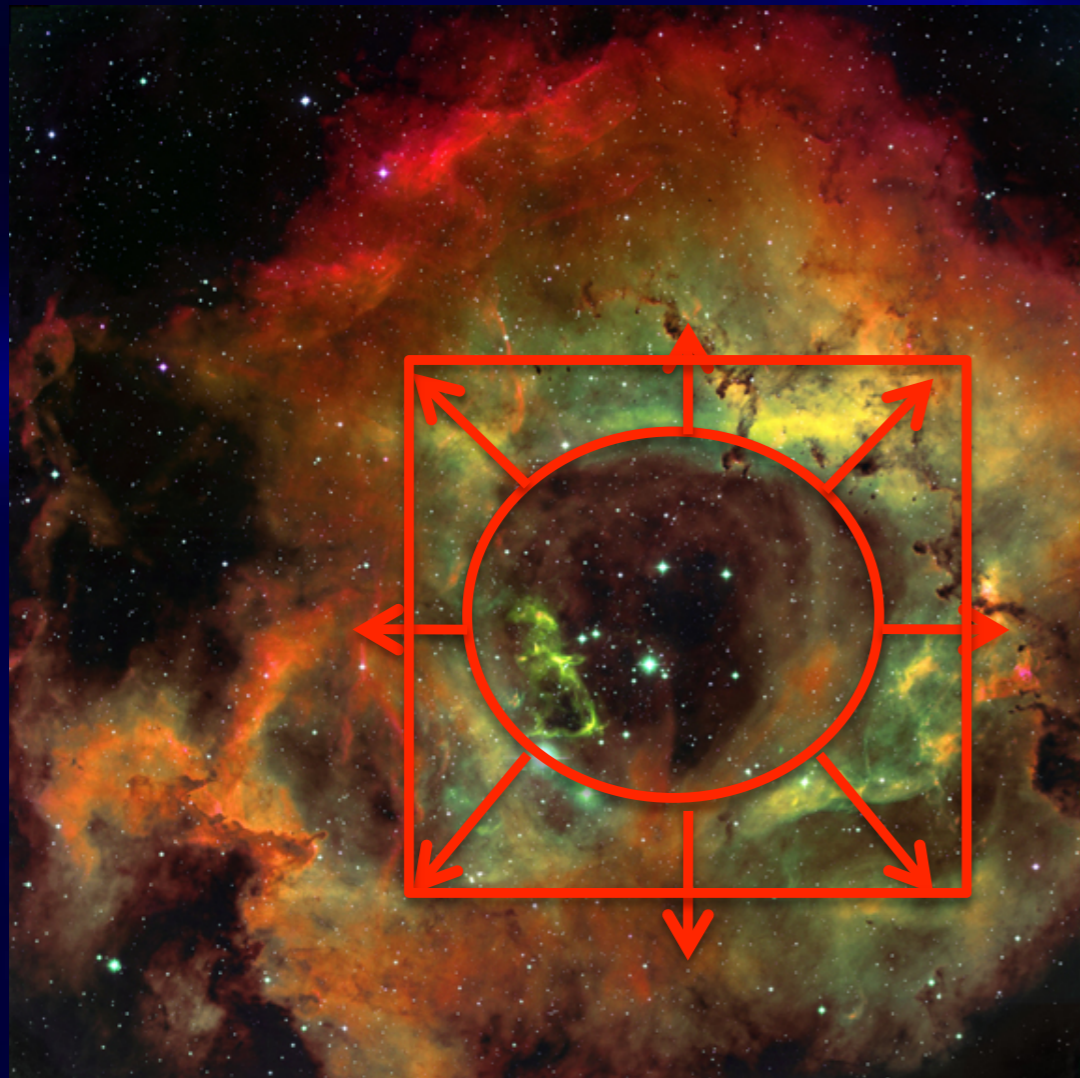
Ly alpha blobs from same simulation



Radiative feedback

Rosette Nebula

40 pc



No Supernova explosion yet
Stellar winds
Thermal pressure
Radiation pressure
from ionizing photons

Typical resolution of our zoom-in,
cosmological simulation: ~ 20 pc

**Simulated
Galaxy
10 billion
years ago**

**as it would
appear
nearby to
our eyes**

CANDELized

**as it
would
appear to
Hubble's
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visual
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**as it
would
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Hubble's
WFC3
infrared
camera**



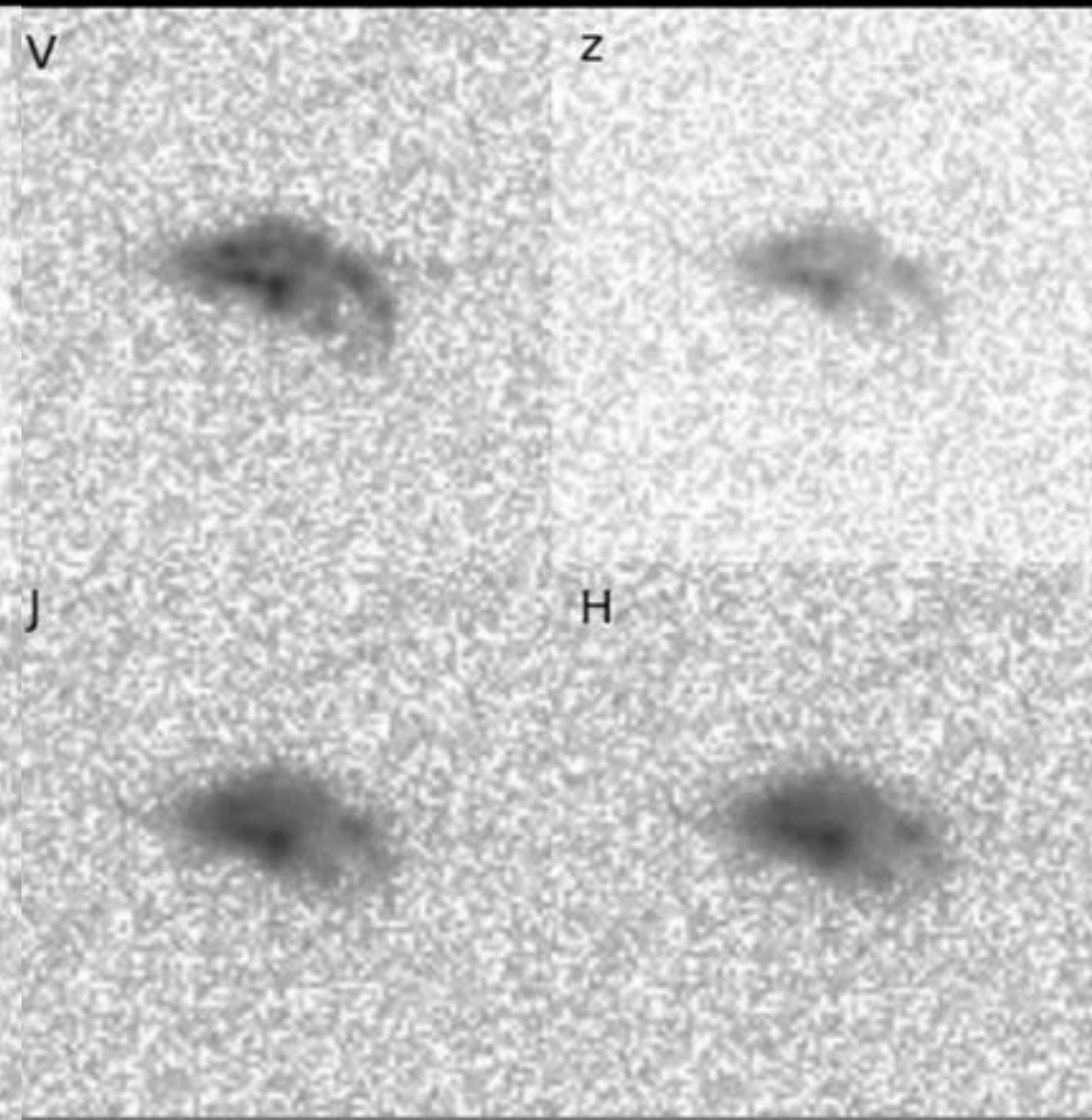
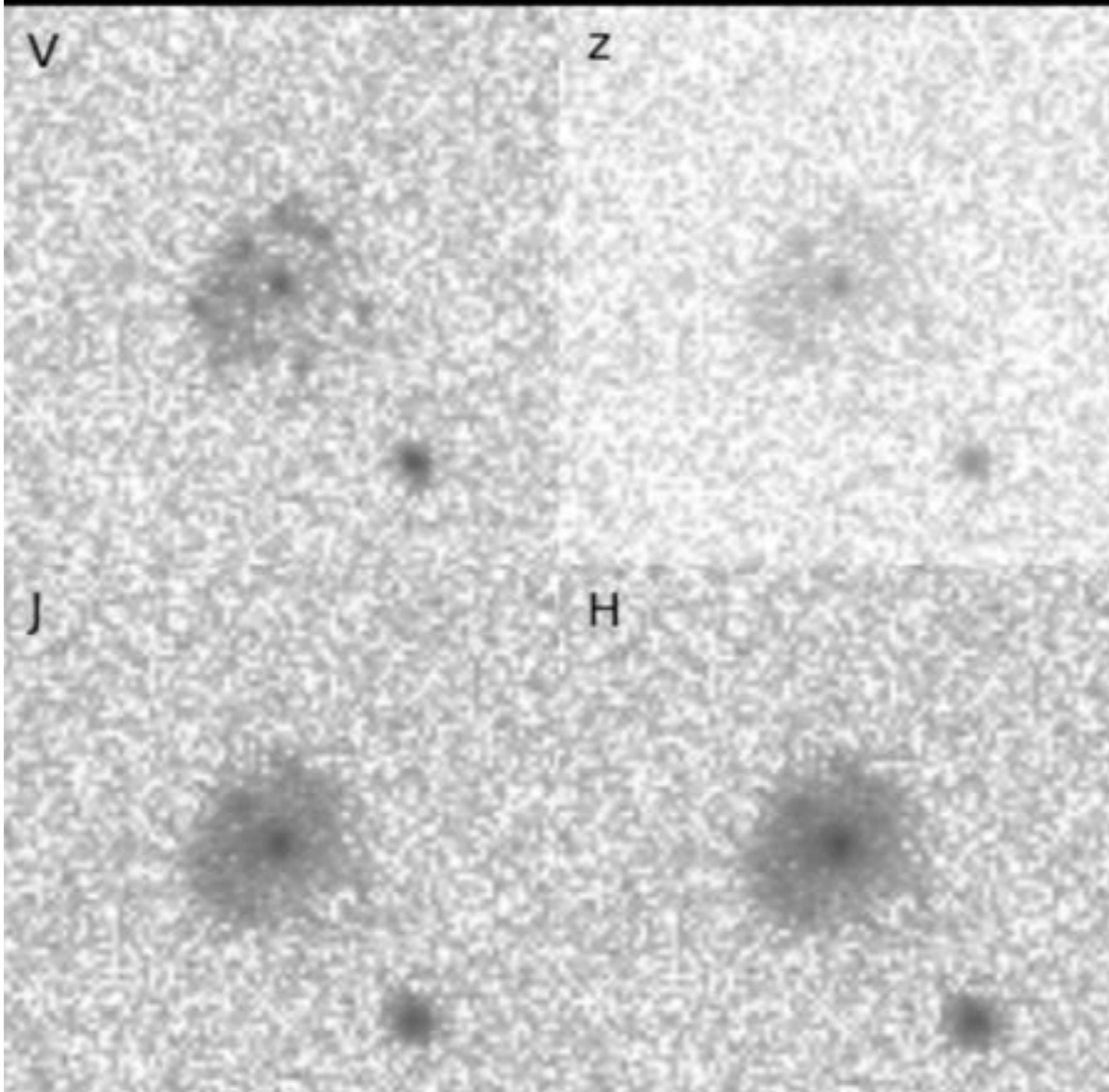
**VELA27
z = 2.1
face-on**

Radiative Feedback: Fewer Stars



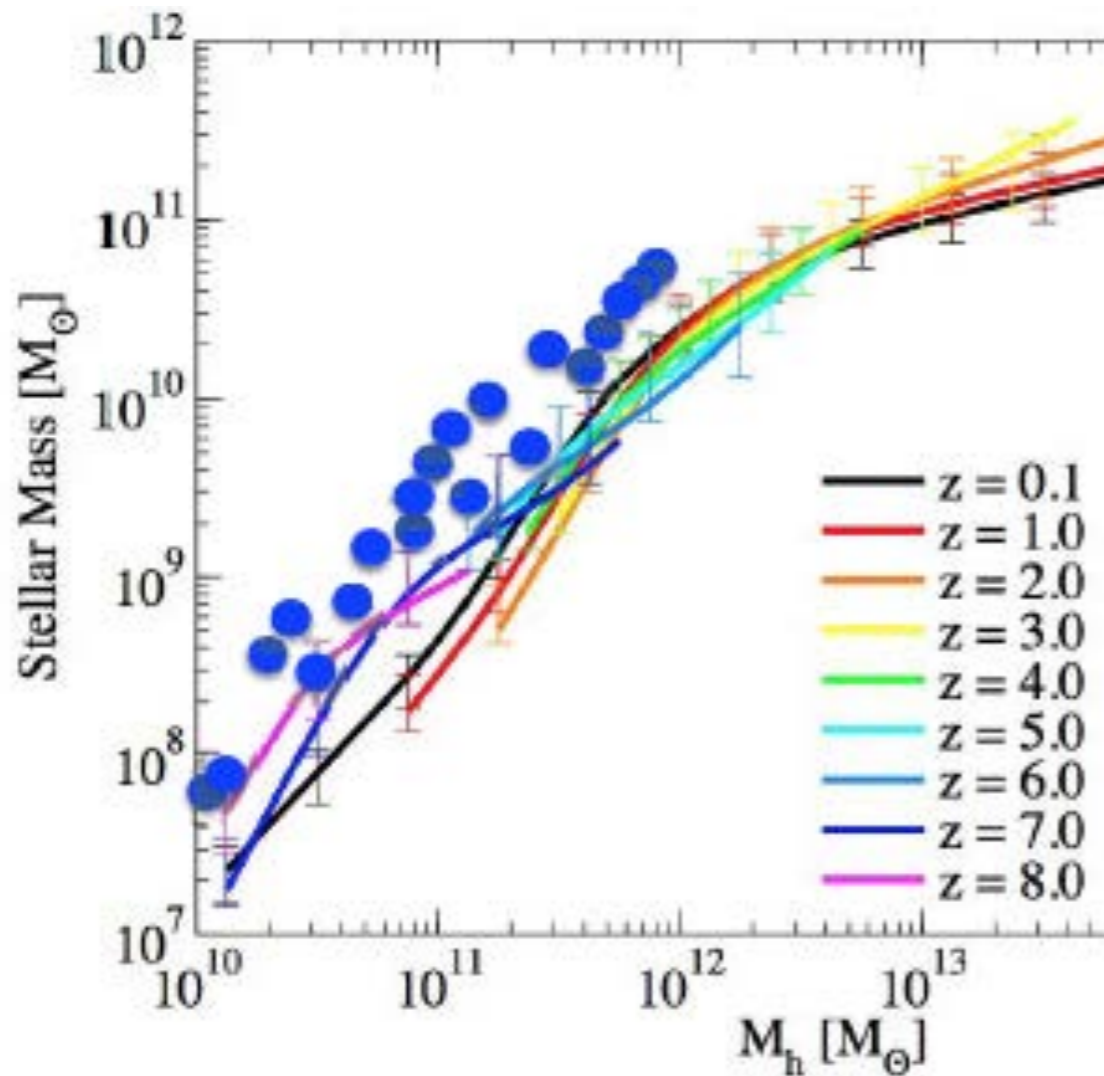
More Elongated

**VELA27-RP
z = 2.1
face-on**

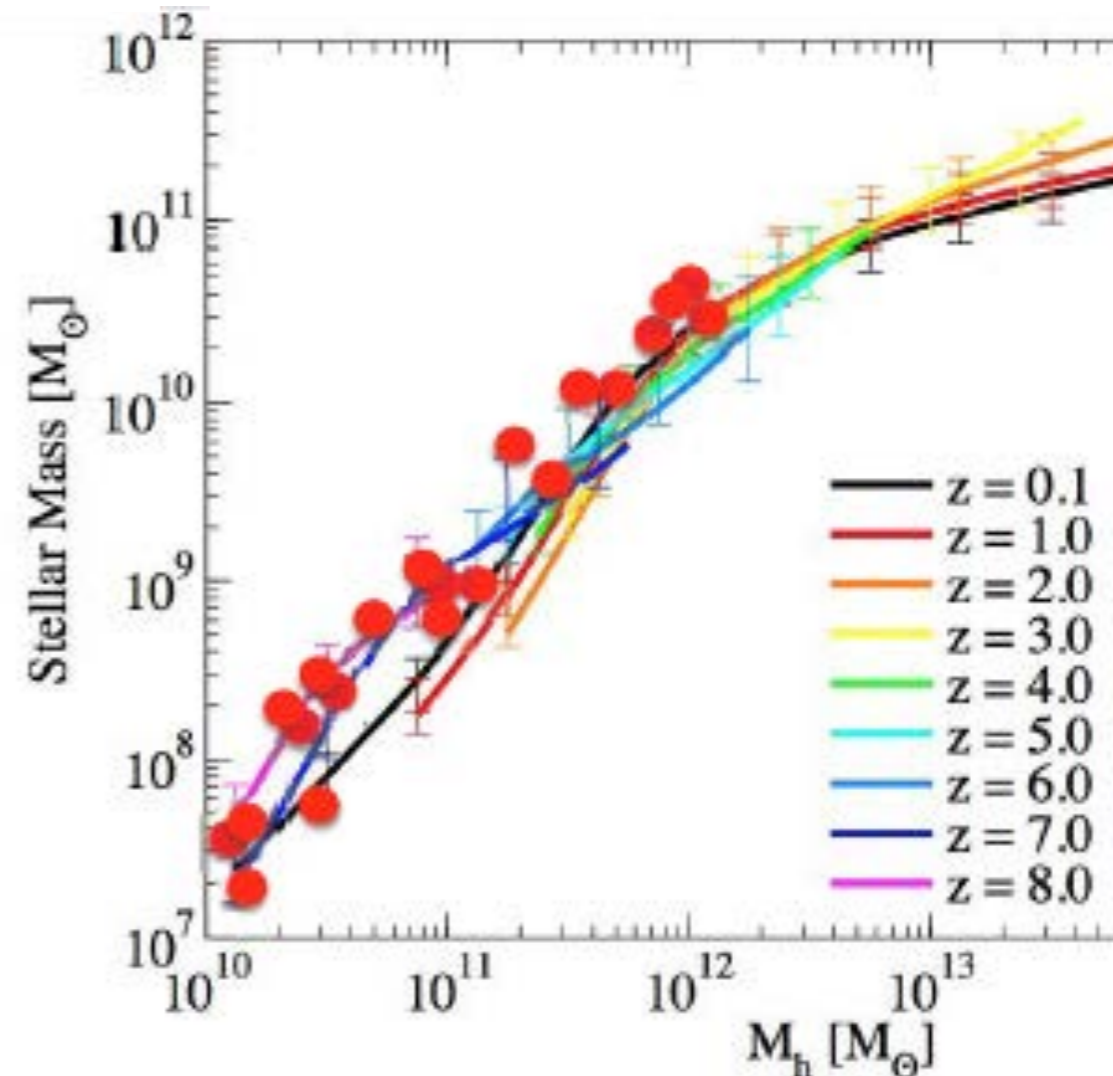


Radiative Feedback Decreases Star Formation, Improving Agreement with Observations

SNe Feedback (Gen 2)



SNe & Radiative Feedback (Gen 3)

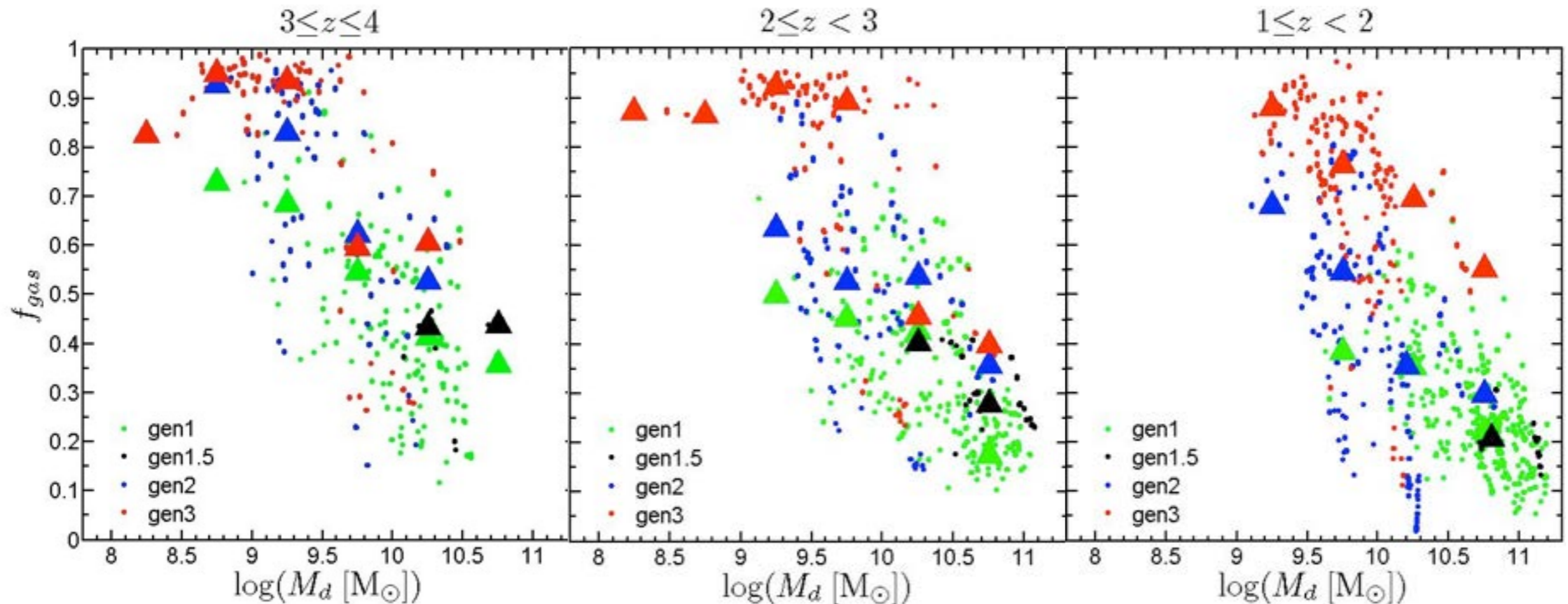


Stellar Mass - Halo Mass Relation from Abundance Matching - Behroozi, Wechsler, Conroy ApJ 2013

Daniel Ceverino

Stellar Mass is still a bit too high in UV RP simulations.

DISK COLD GAS FRACTIONS in 3 generations of hydroART simulations



large triangles are medians

- ▲ gen1 - 35-70 pc resolution, $M_{halo} = 10^{12} - 10^{13} M_{sun} @z=1$
- ▲ gen1.5 (same, lower SFR)
- ▲ gen2 - 15-30 pc resolution, $M_{halo} = 10^{11} - 2 \times 10^{12} M_{sun} @z=1$
- ▲ gen3 - same as gen2, with Radiative Pressure Feedback

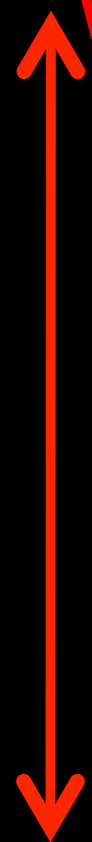
much higher f_{gas} at $z \lesssim 3$

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Hebrew University

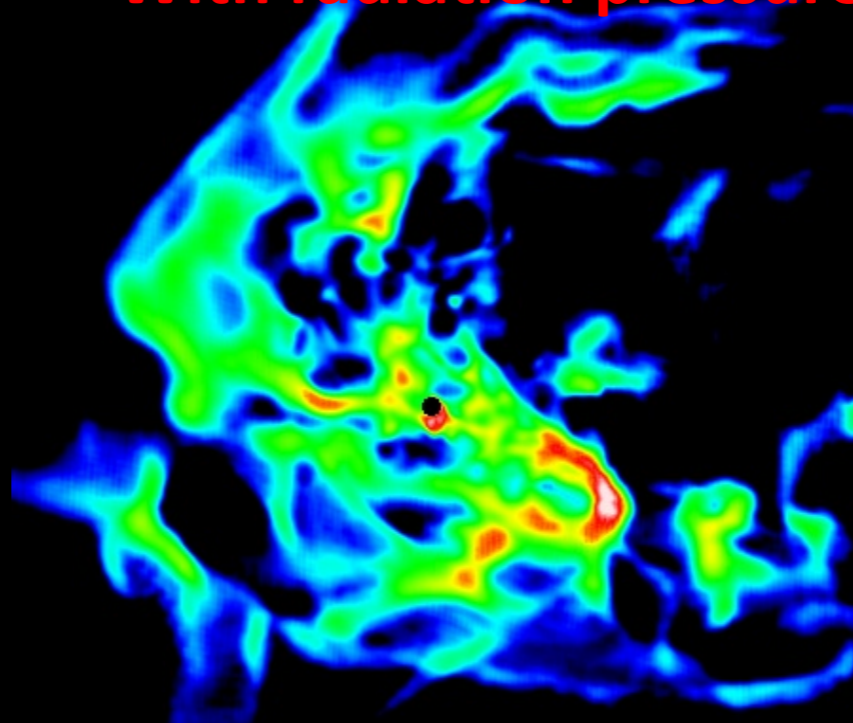
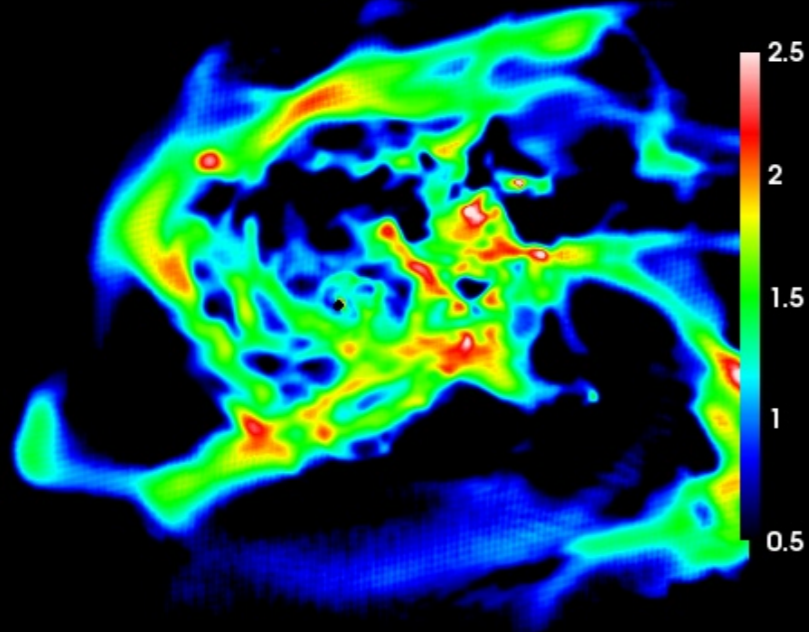
Gas distributions

Without radiation pressure

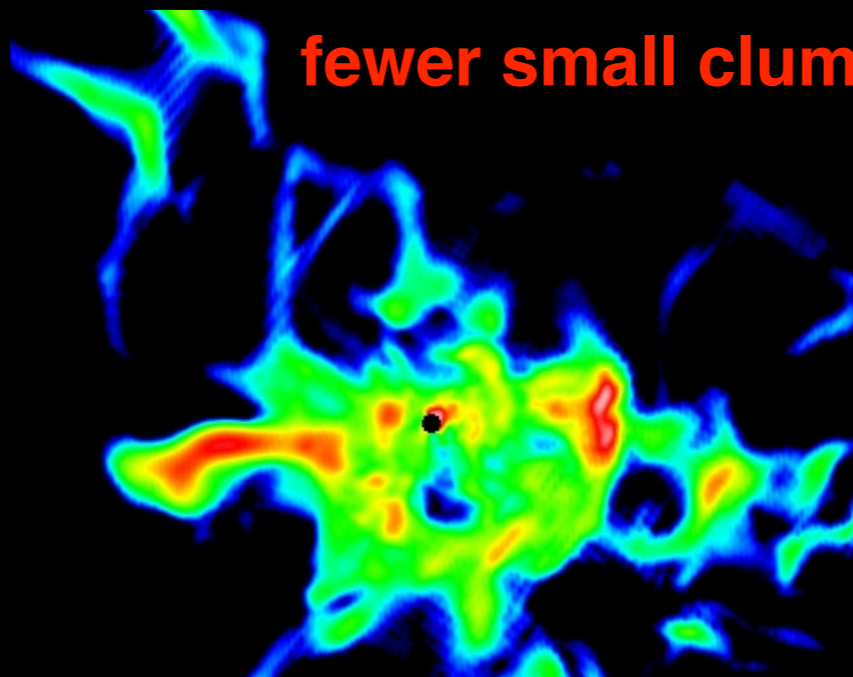
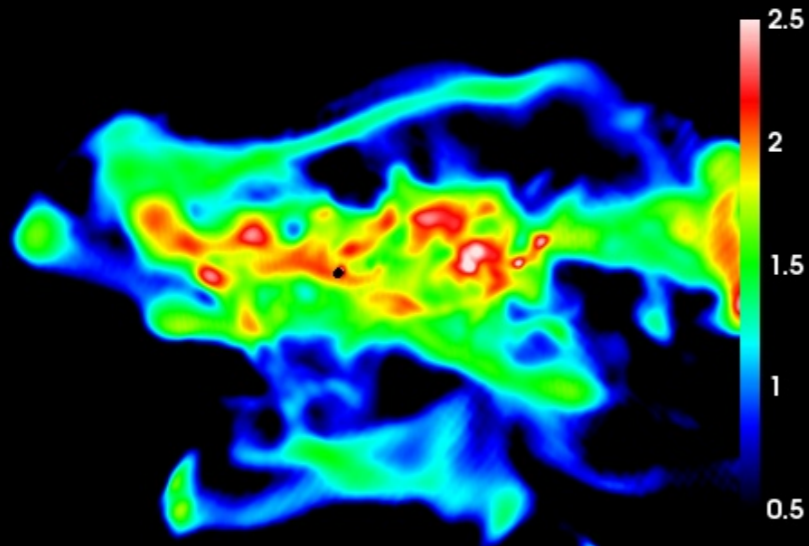
With radiation pressure



20 kpc



Gas face-on



fewer small clumps

Gas edge-on

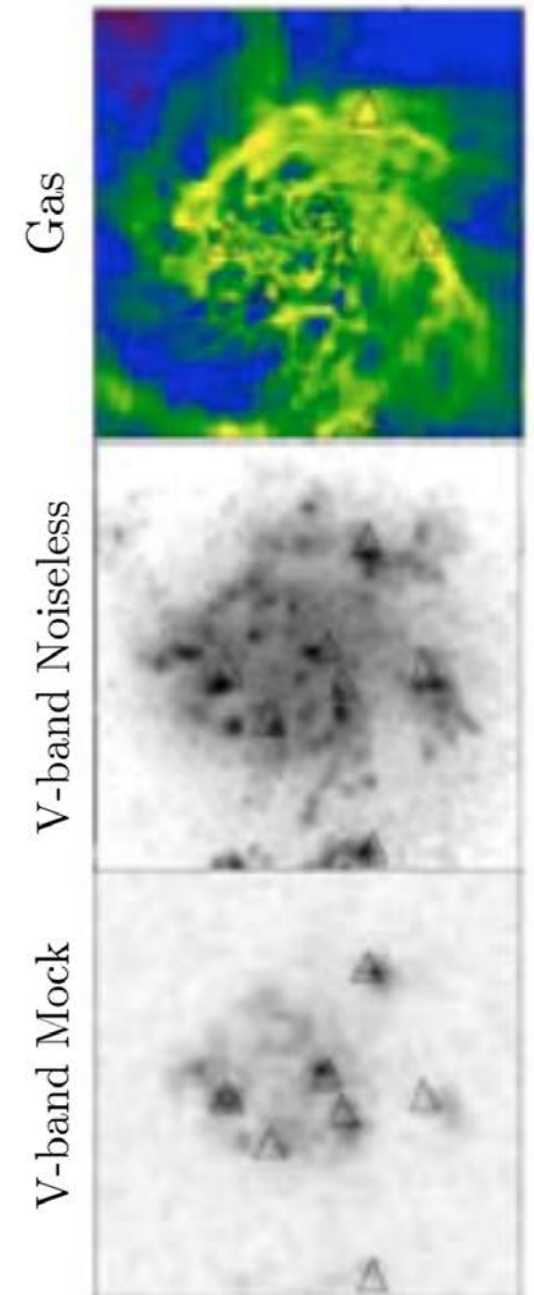
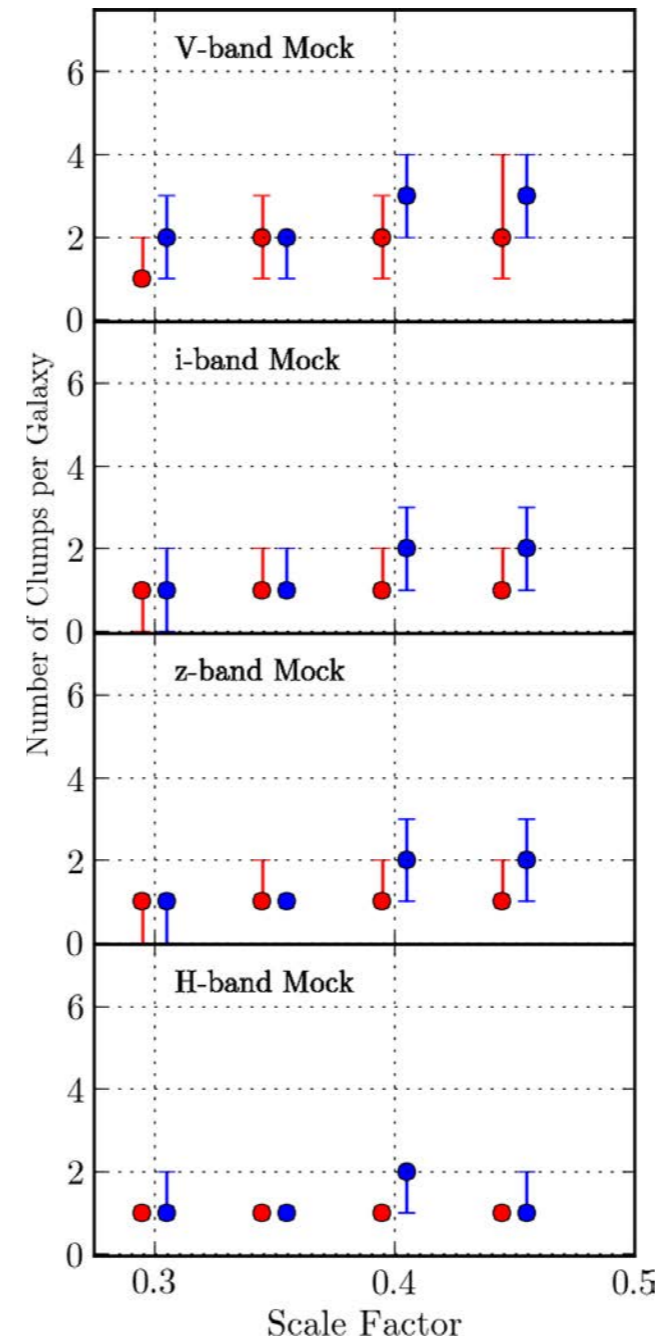
Star formation and clumps in cosmological galaxy simulations with radiation pressure feedback

Christopher E. Moody, Yicheng Guo, Nir Mandelker, Daniel Ceverino, Mark Mozena, David C. Koo, Avishai Dekel and Joel Primack

In simulations with RP the average number of low-mass clumps falls dramatically. Only clumps with stellar masses $M_{\text{clump}}/M_{\text{disc}} \leq 5$ per cent are impacted by the inclusion of RP, and RP and no-RP clump counts above this range are comparable. By creating mock *Hubble Space Telescope* observations we find that the number of clumps is slightly reduced in simulations with RP.

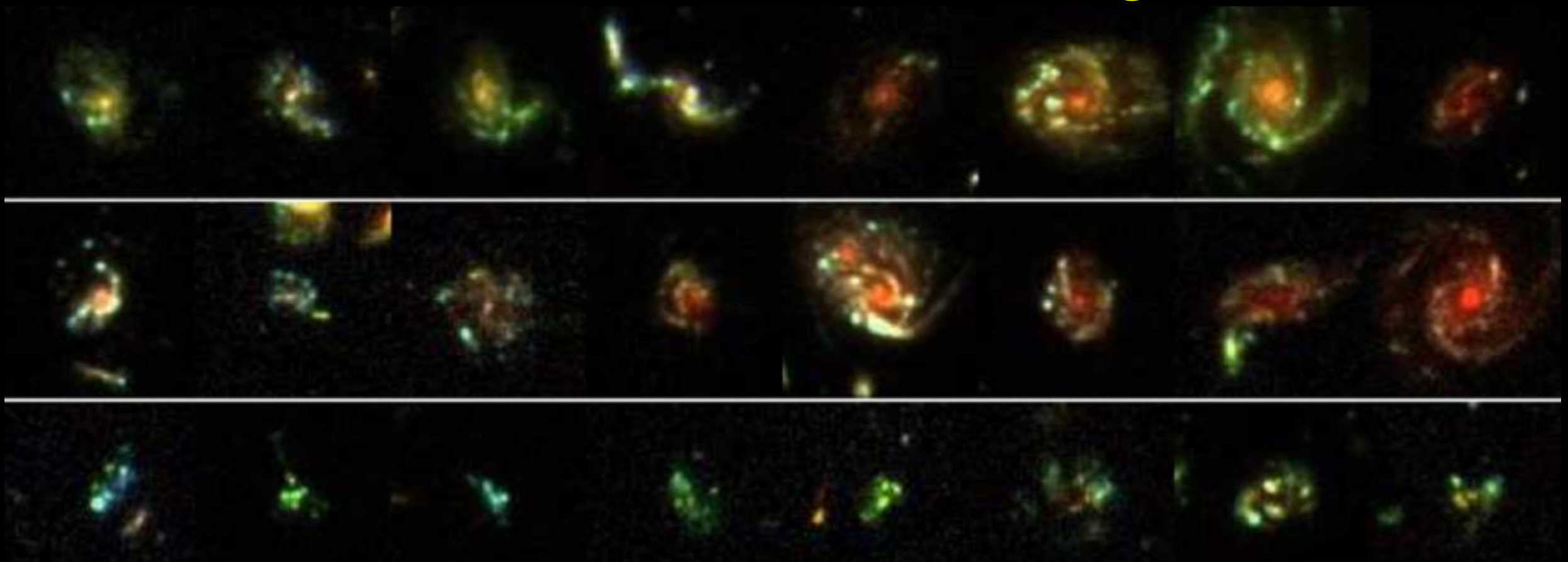
However, since massive clumps survive the inclusion of RP and are found in our mock observations, we do not find a disagreement between simulations of our clumpy galaxies and observations of clumpy galaxies. We demonstrate that clumps found in any single gas, stellar, or mock observation image are not necessarily clumps found in another map, and that there are few clumps common to multiple maps.

		f_{clumpy} $z = 3.0-2.3$	f_{clumpy} $z = 2.3-1.9$	f_{clumpy} $z = 1.9-1.5$
No-RP	●	0.32	0.53	0.64
RP	●	0.24	0.48	0.54



CLUMPS in CANDELS - Yicheng Guo

z=1
z=2
z=3

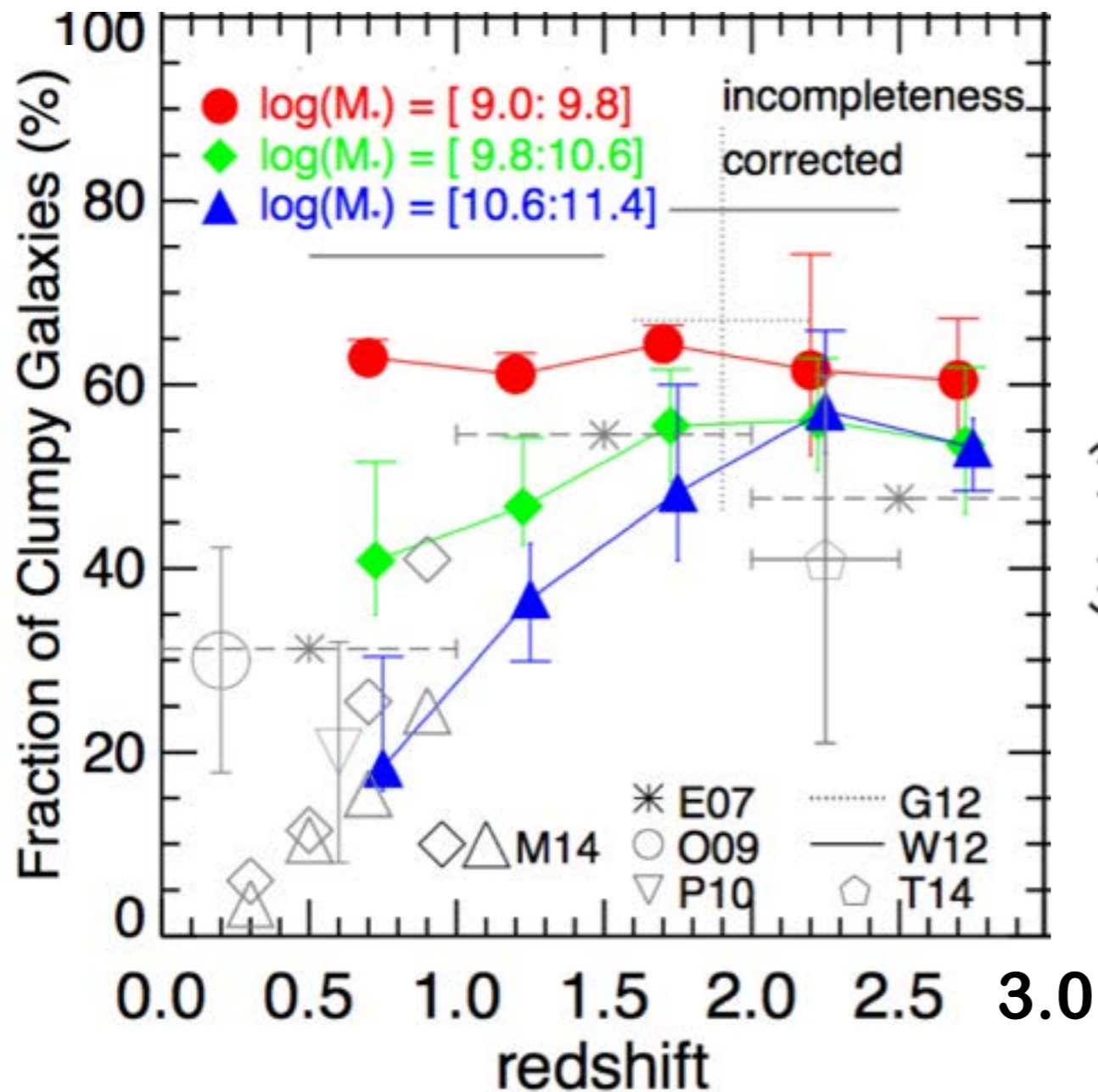


Clumps: Important Feature of High-redshift Star-forming Galaxies

- ◆ Seen in deep **rest-frame UV** (e.g., Elmegree+07, 09, Guo+12), **rest-frame optical images** (e.g., Forster Schreiber+11, Guo+12), and **emission line maps** (e.g., Genzel+08, 11)
- ◆ Span a wide redshift range: $0.5 < z < 5$
- ◆ Typical stellar mass: $10^7 \sim 10^9 M_{\text{sun}}$, typical size: ~ 1 kpc
- ◆ Regions with blue UV—optical color and enhanced specific SFR (e.g., Guo+12, Wuyts+12)
- ◆ Many are in underlying disks, based on either **morphological** (e.g., Elmegreen+07, 09) and **kinematic** (e.g., Genzel+11) analyses

About 60% of star-forming galaxies are clumpy at $z \sim 2.5$.

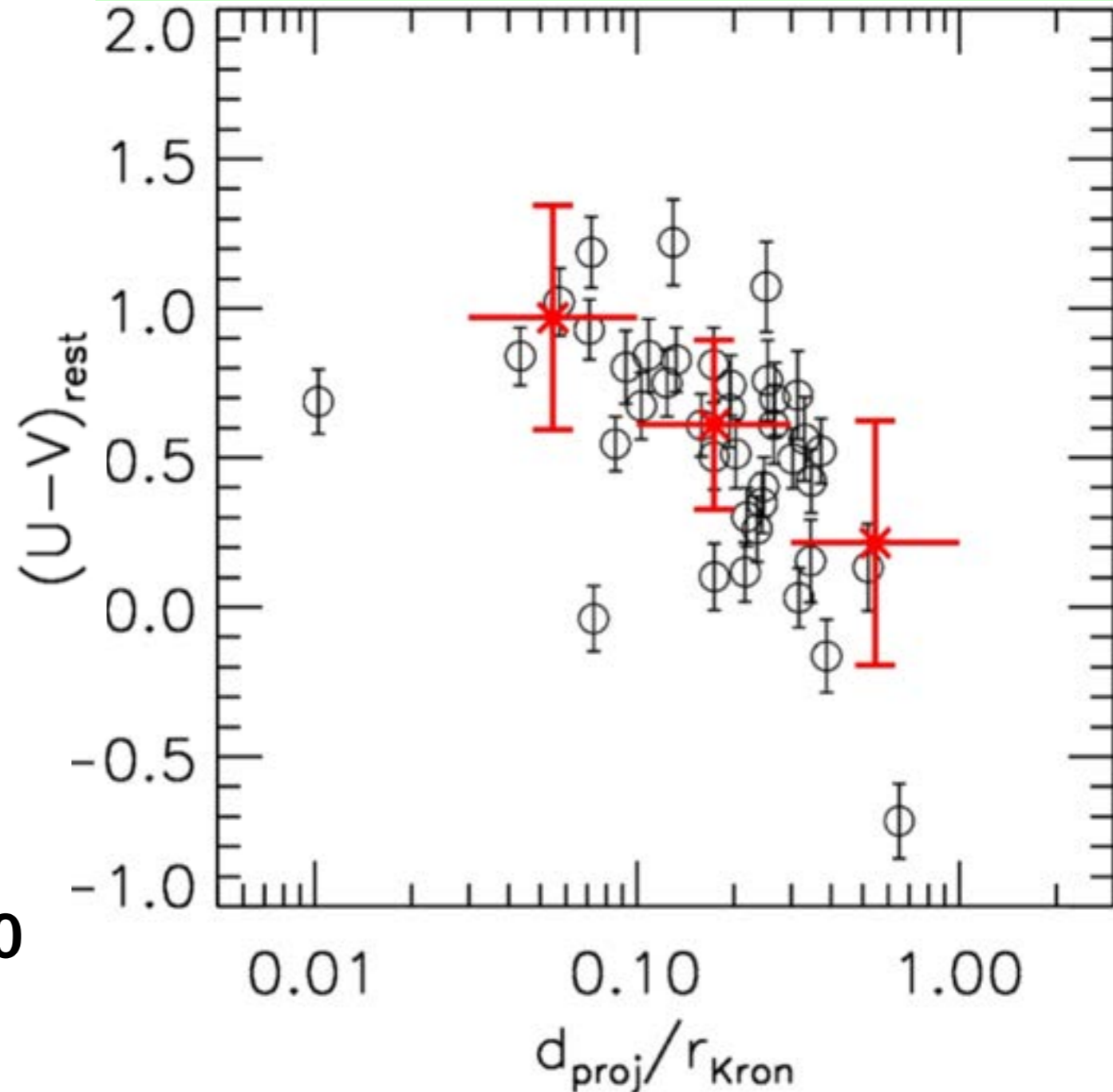
The evolution of the clump fraction is mass-dependent.



Yicheng Guo+2015

Clumps have radial variation of their UV-optical colors:

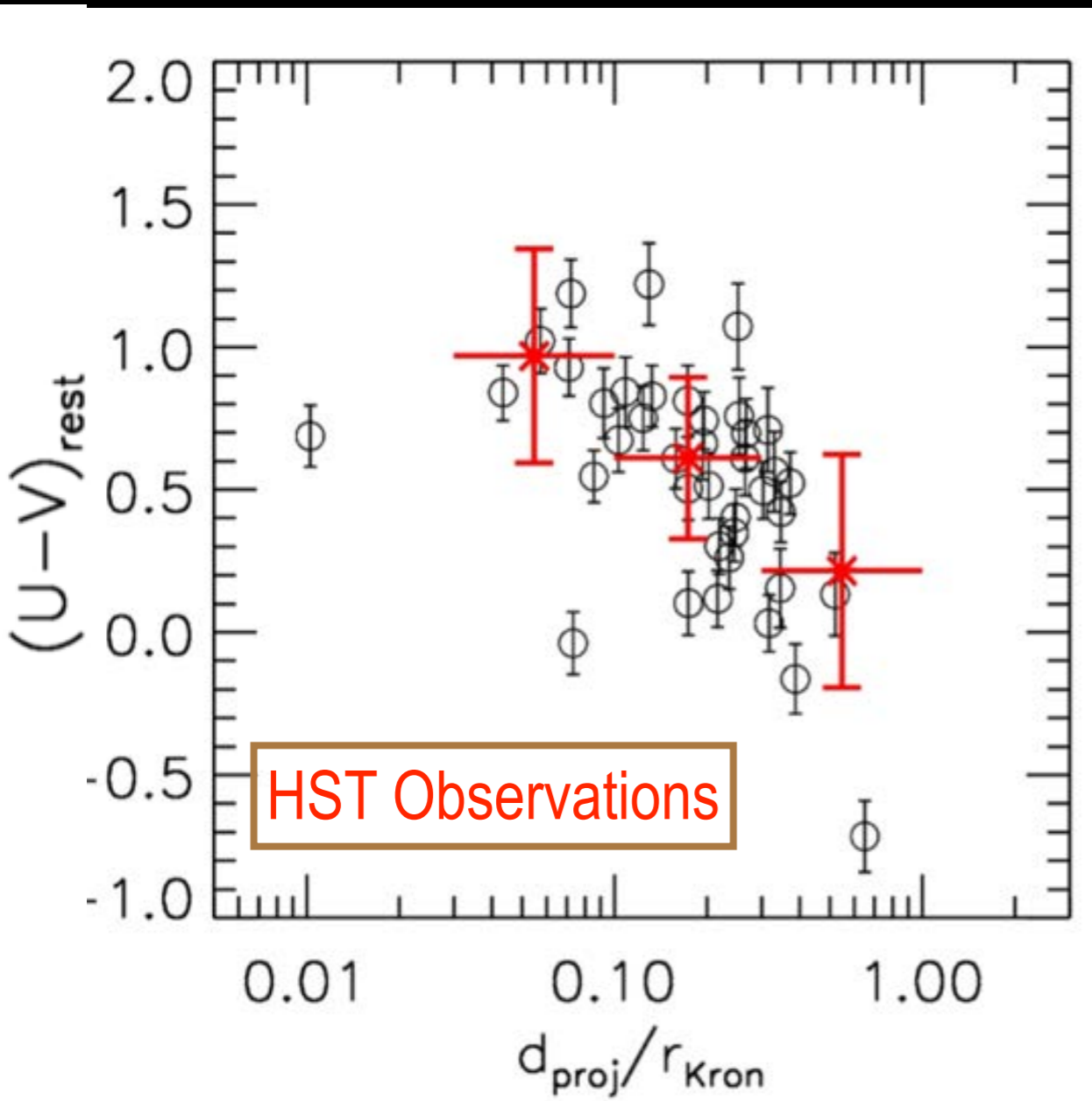
- outer clumps are bluer &
- central clumps are redder, as clump radial migration predicts.



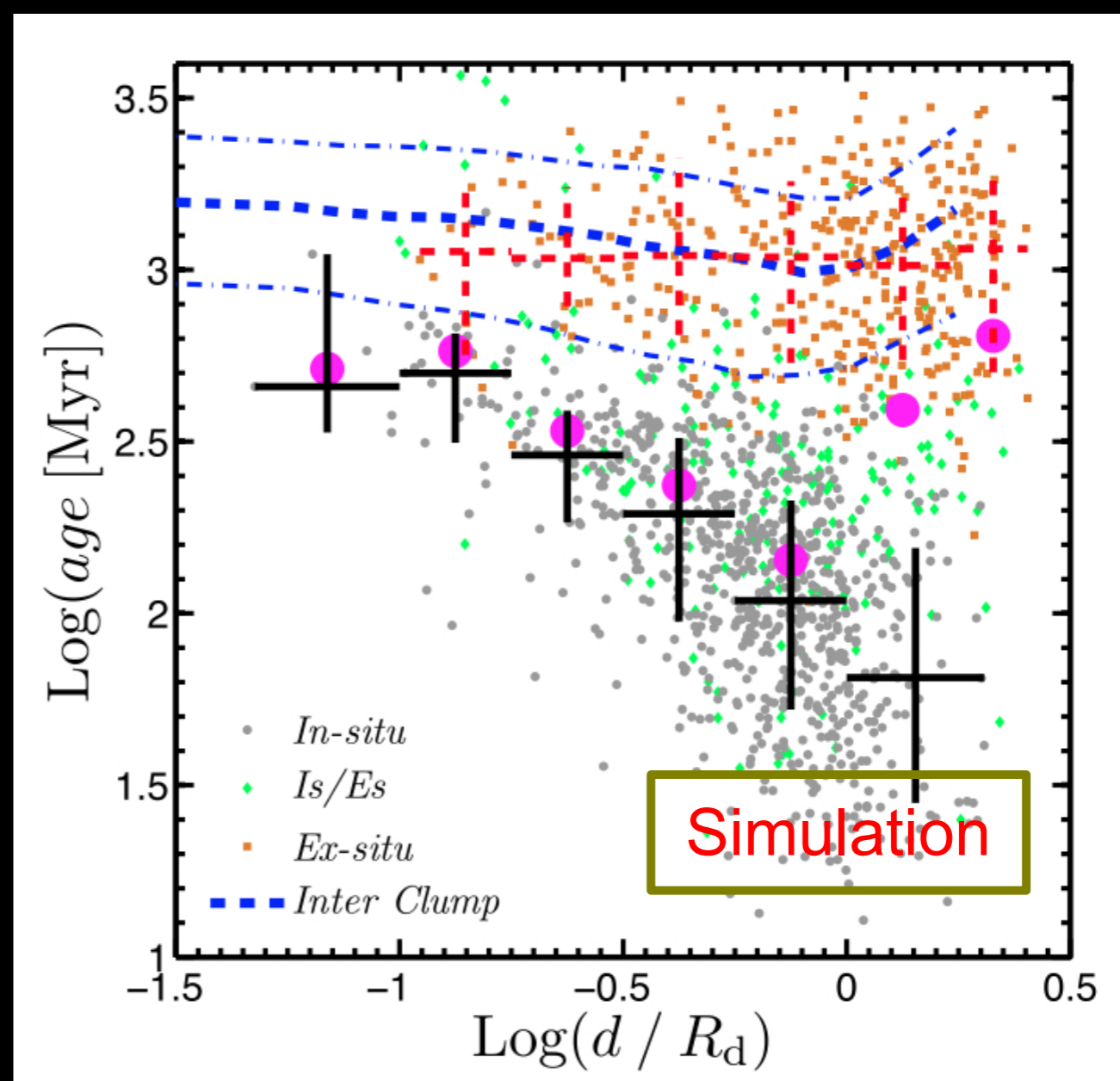
Yicheng Guo+2012

Radial Variations Consistent with the In-ward Migration Scenario: Clumps \rightarrow Bulges

- Central clumps: less star formation, older, more dust, denser
- Outskirt clumps: more star formation, younger, less dust, less dense
- Similar trends seen in numerical simulations (Mandelker+14)



Guo+12



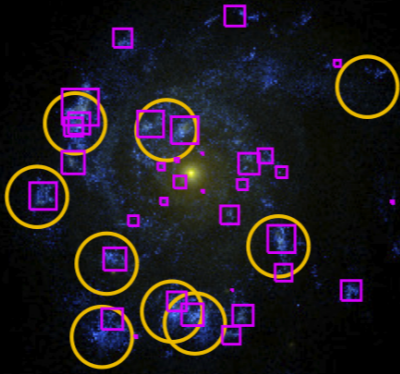
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Comparing clumps in simulation

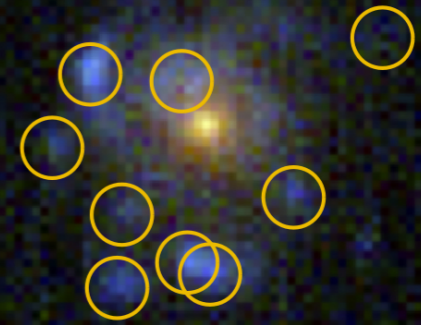
with clump finder on Candelized V & H bands

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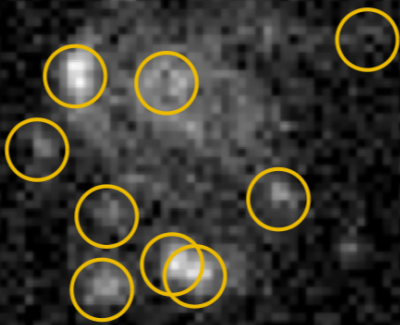
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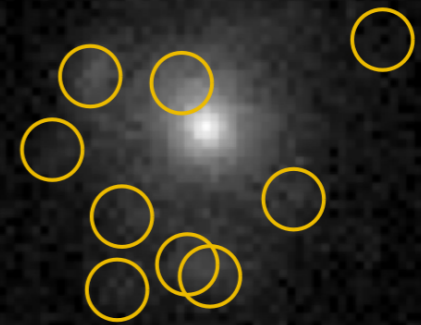
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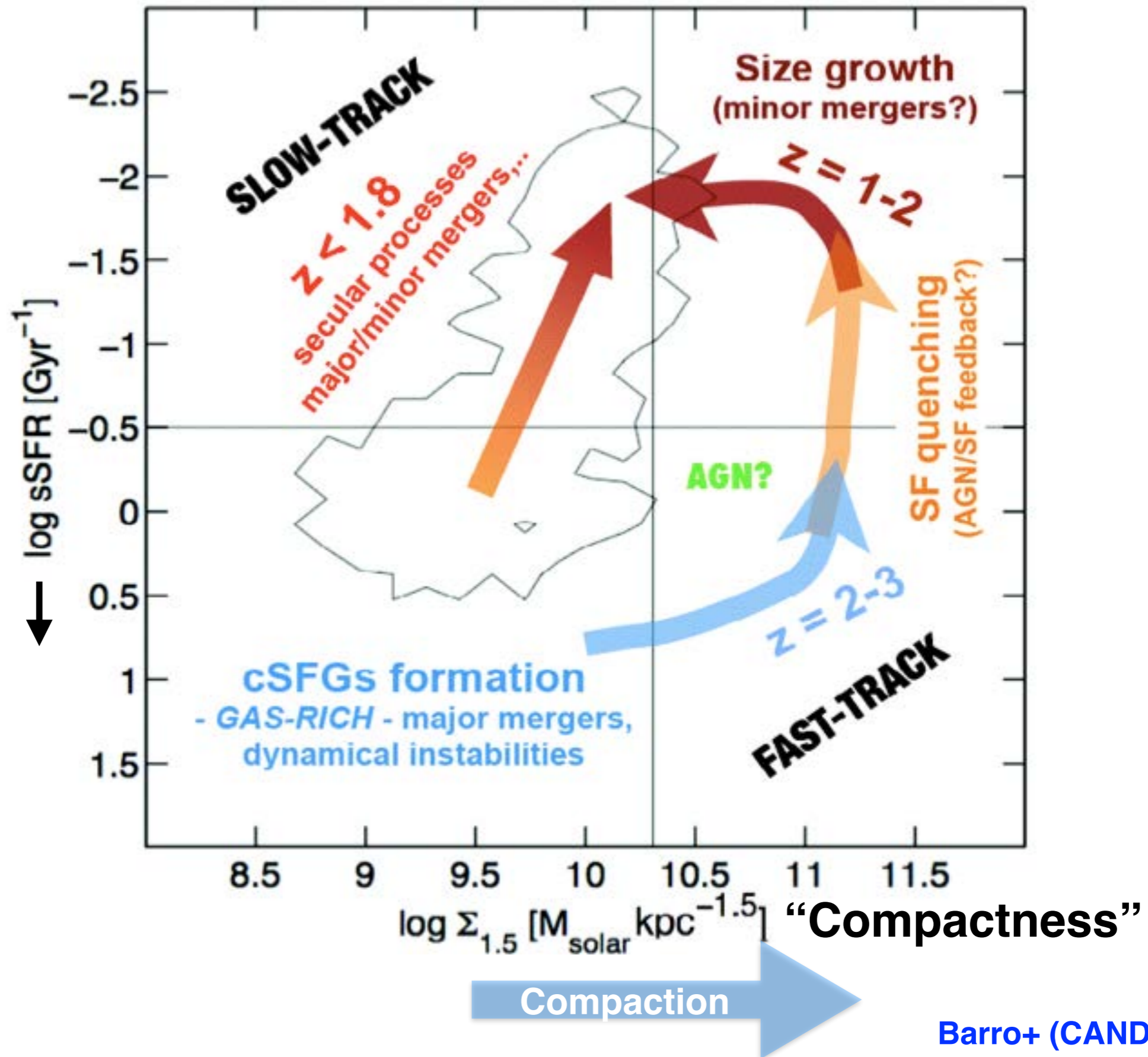
Clumps in Simulations - Yicheng Guo

CLUMPS in CANDELS - Yicheng Guo

Summary: tracing clumpy galaxies from $z=3$ to $z=0.5$

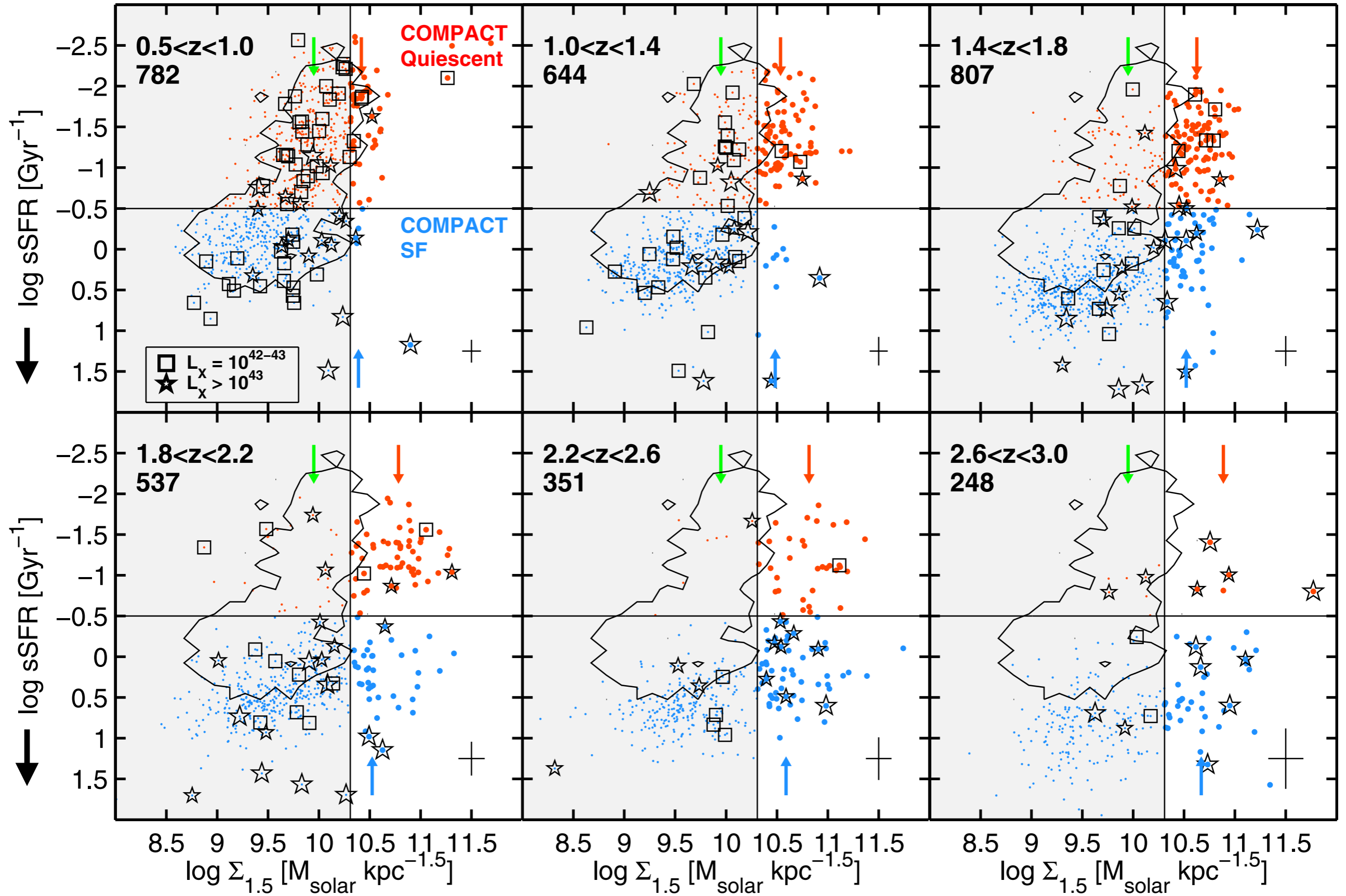
- ◆ Sub-structures (giant clumps) of galaxies are crucial to galaxy formation and evolution
- ◆ Clumpy fraction of star-forming galaxies from $z=3$ to $z=0.5$
 - (1) About 60% of star-forming galaxies at $z\sim 3$ are clumpy
 - (2) The evolution of the clumpy fraction depends on the mass of the galaxies
 - (3) Clump formation: VDI for massive galaxies, minor merger for intermediate-mass galaxies
- ◆ Physical properties of clumps and their variations at $z\sim 2$
 - (1) Clumps are blue regions with enhanced sSFR
 - (2) Central clumps are redder, and outskirts clumps are bluer
 - (3) Clump's radial variation is consistent with the in-ward migration scenario
- ◆ Using CANDELized simulations to study the nature of clumps
 - (1) understand the completeness of clump detection
 - (2) understand the observational effects and blending of clump detection
 - (3) understand clump formation mechanisms

COMPACTION in CANDELS - Guillermo Barro



CANDELS: THE PROGENITORS OF COMPACT QUIESCENT GALAXIES AT $z \sim 2$

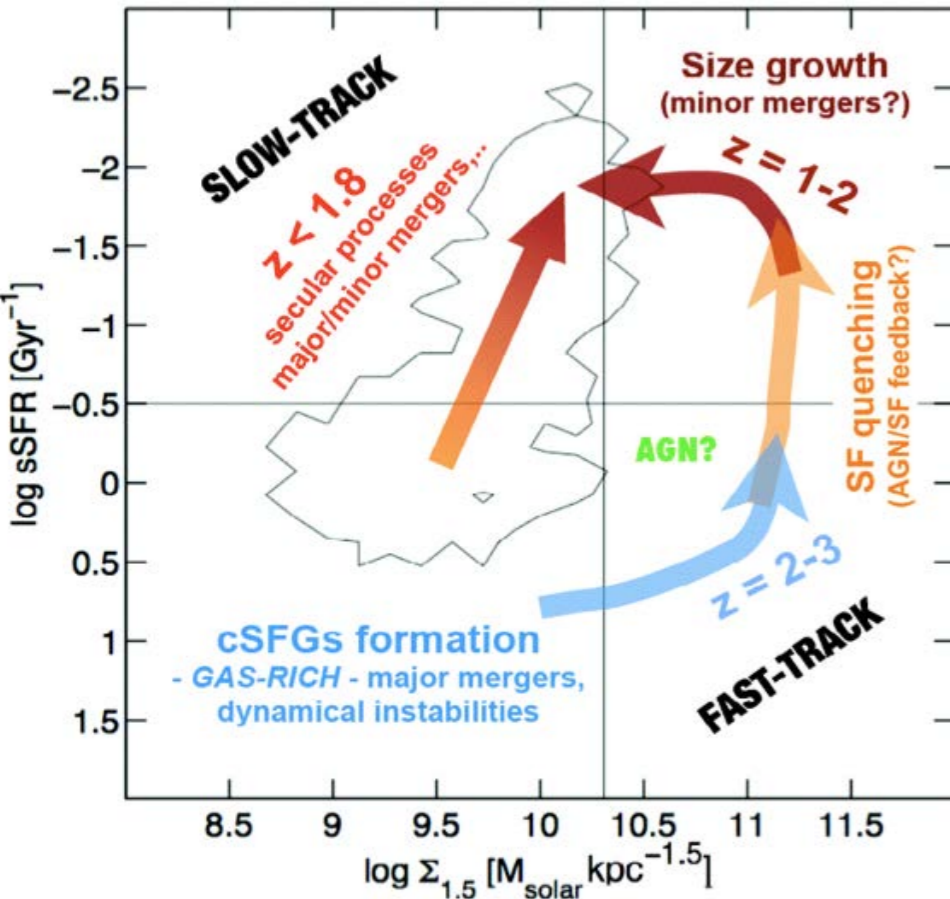
Guillermo Barro, S. M. Faber, Pablo G. Perez-Gonzalez, David C. Koo, et al. ApJ 2013



Evolution of sSFR vs. compactness ($\Sigma/r^{1.5}$) at $0.5 < z < 3$ in roughly equal comoving volumes.

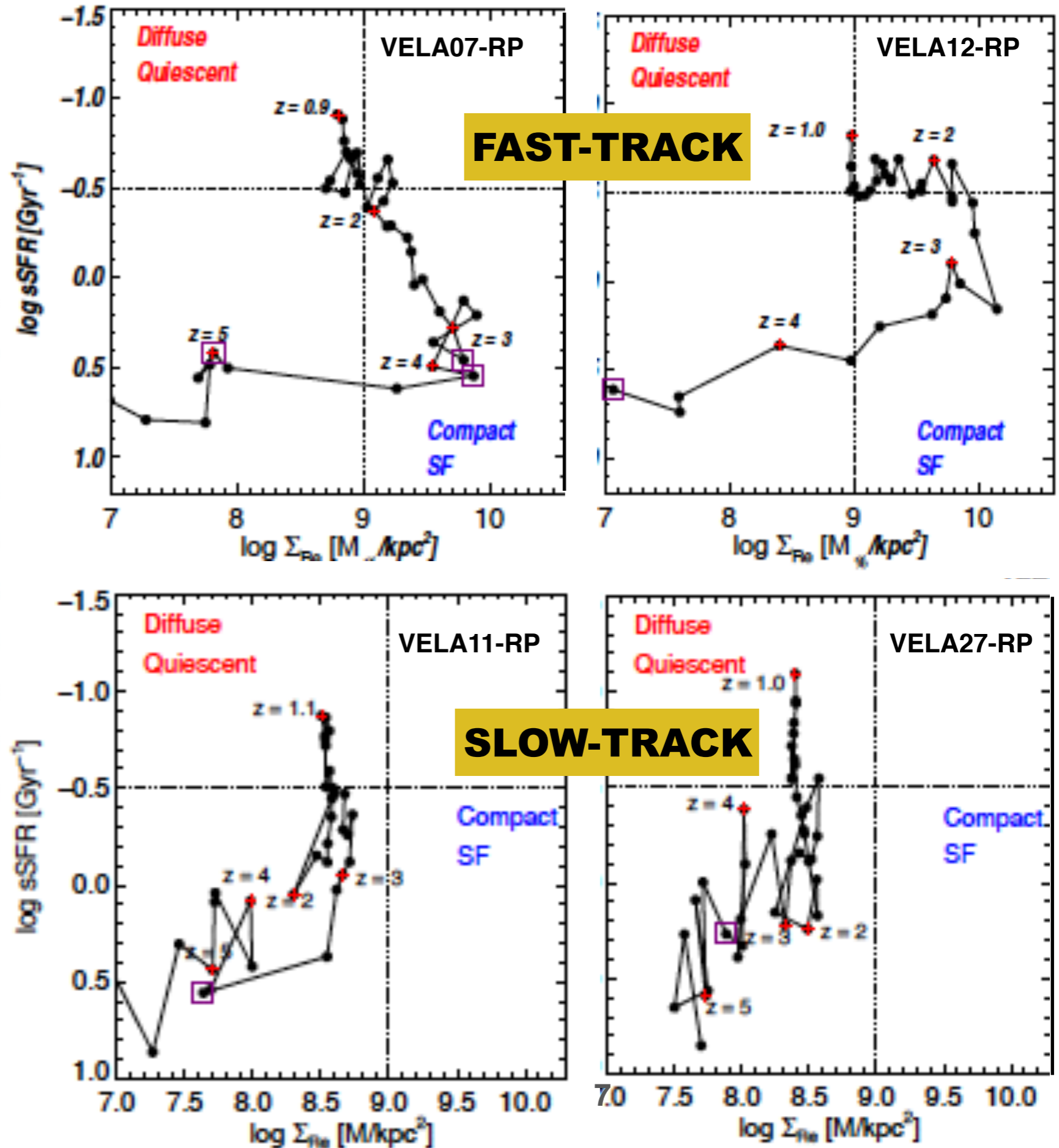
**Ceverino+ RP simulations
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Barro+ (CANDELS) 2013

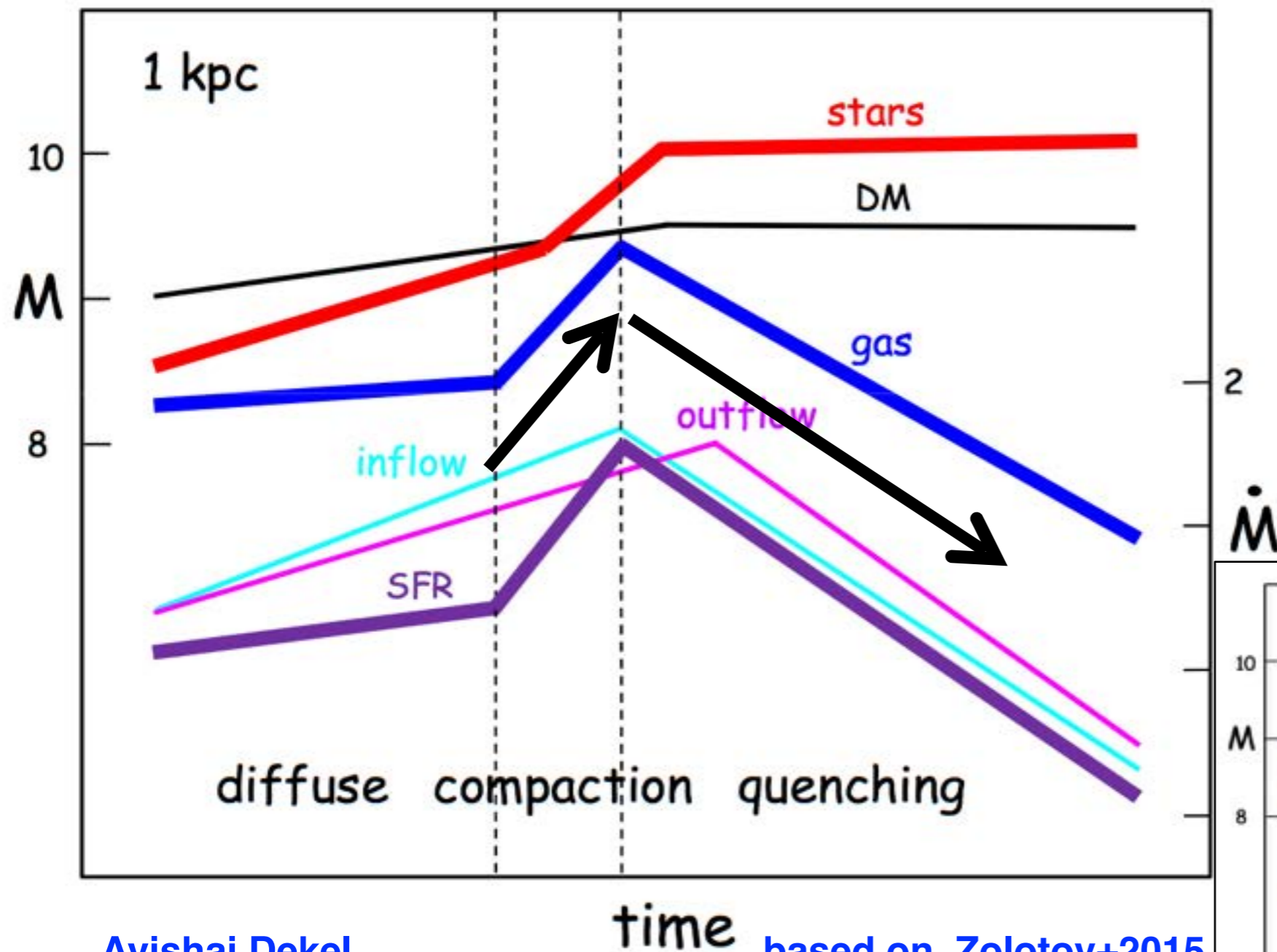


COMPACTION →

- minor merger
- major merger



Compaction and Quenching in the Inner 1 kpc

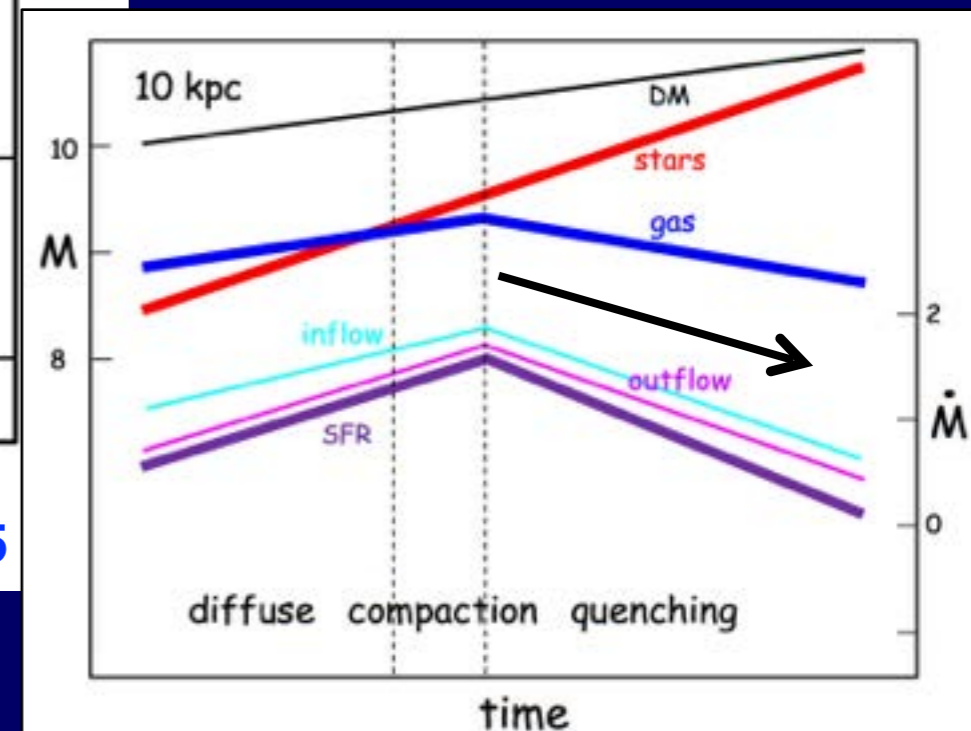


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based on Zolotov+2015

inner 1 kpc

Inner 10 kpc

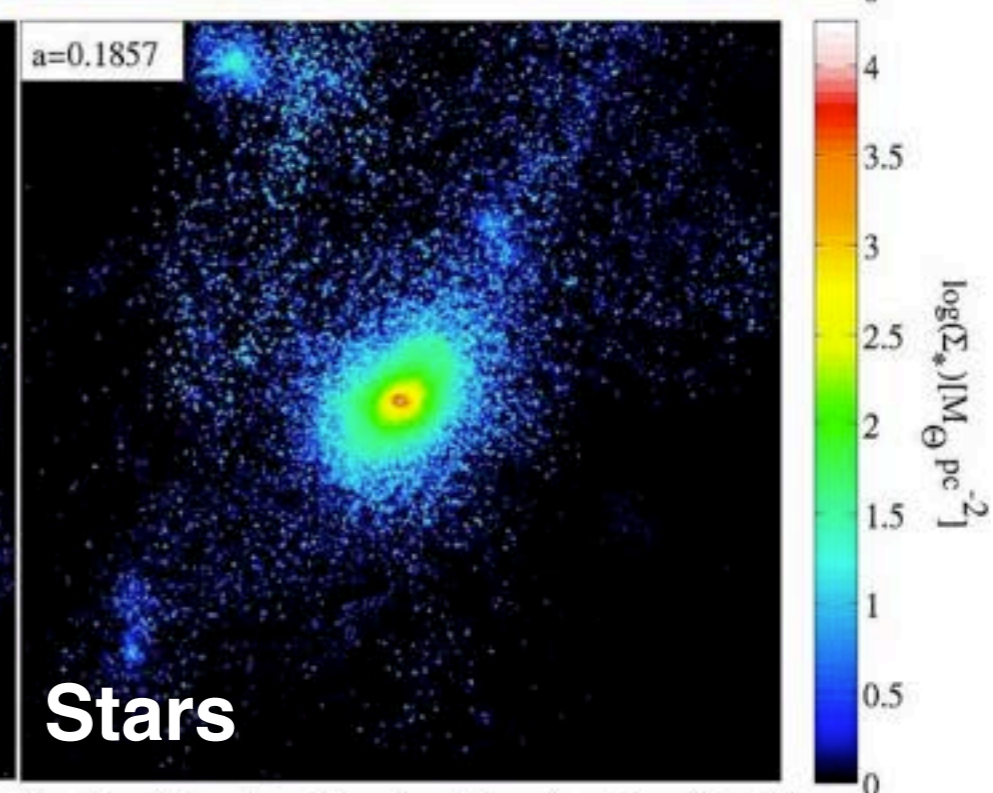
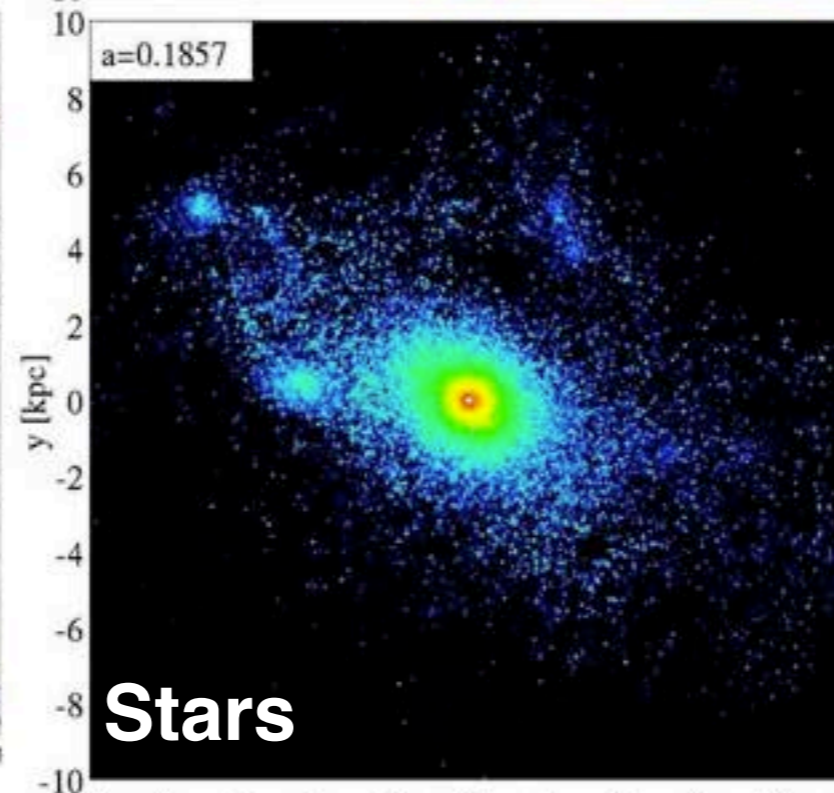
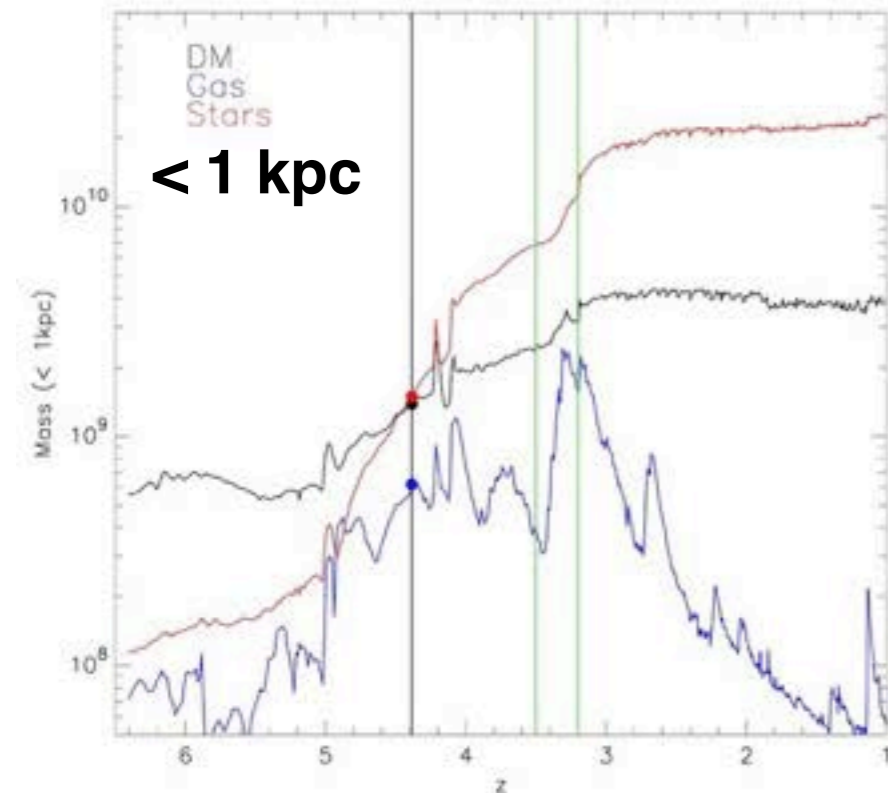
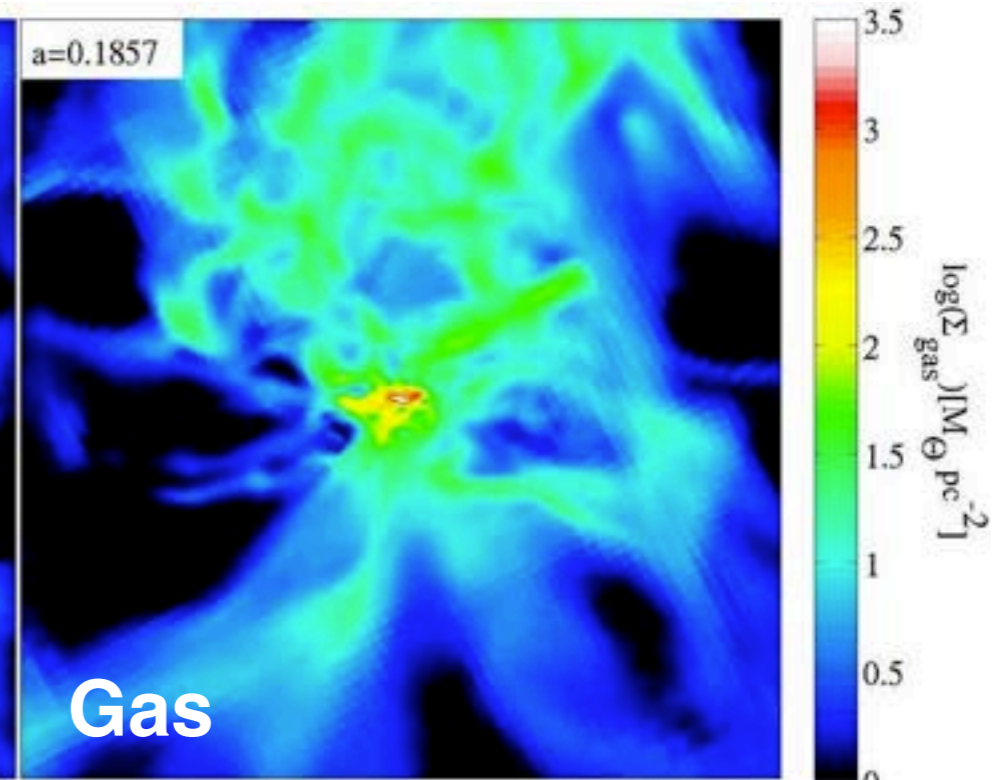
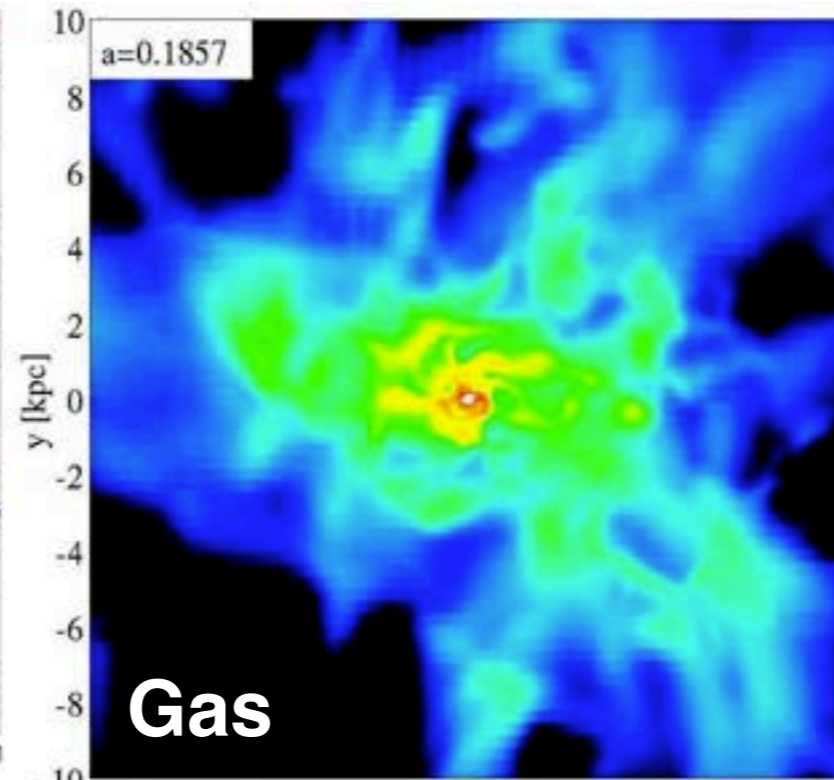
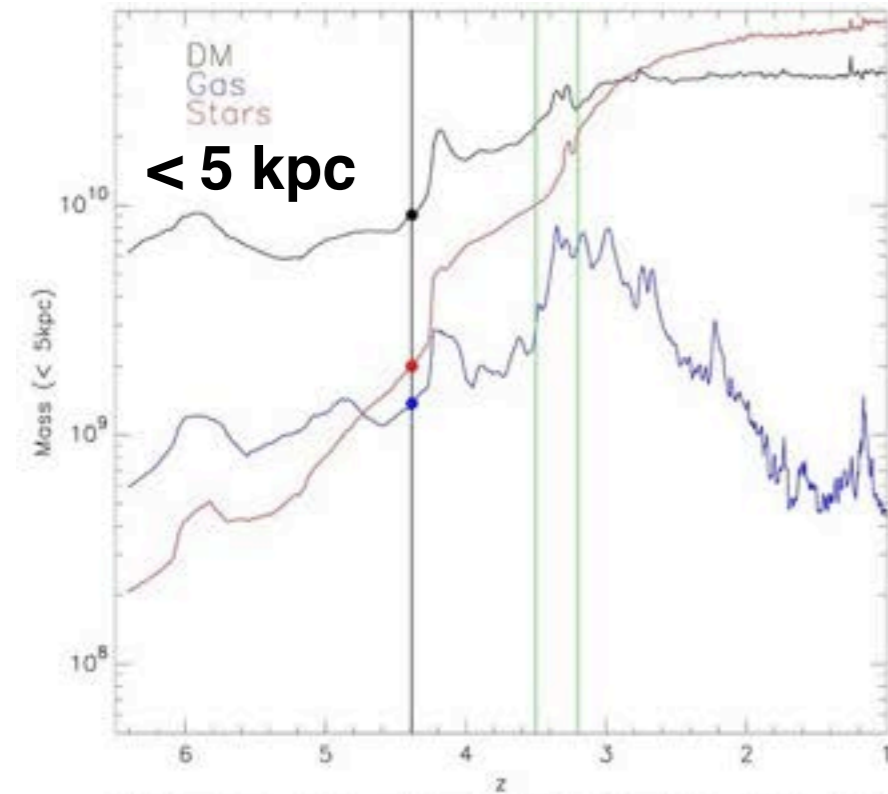


VELA07-RP Animations $z = 4.4$ to 2.3

DM
Gas
Stars
Compaction

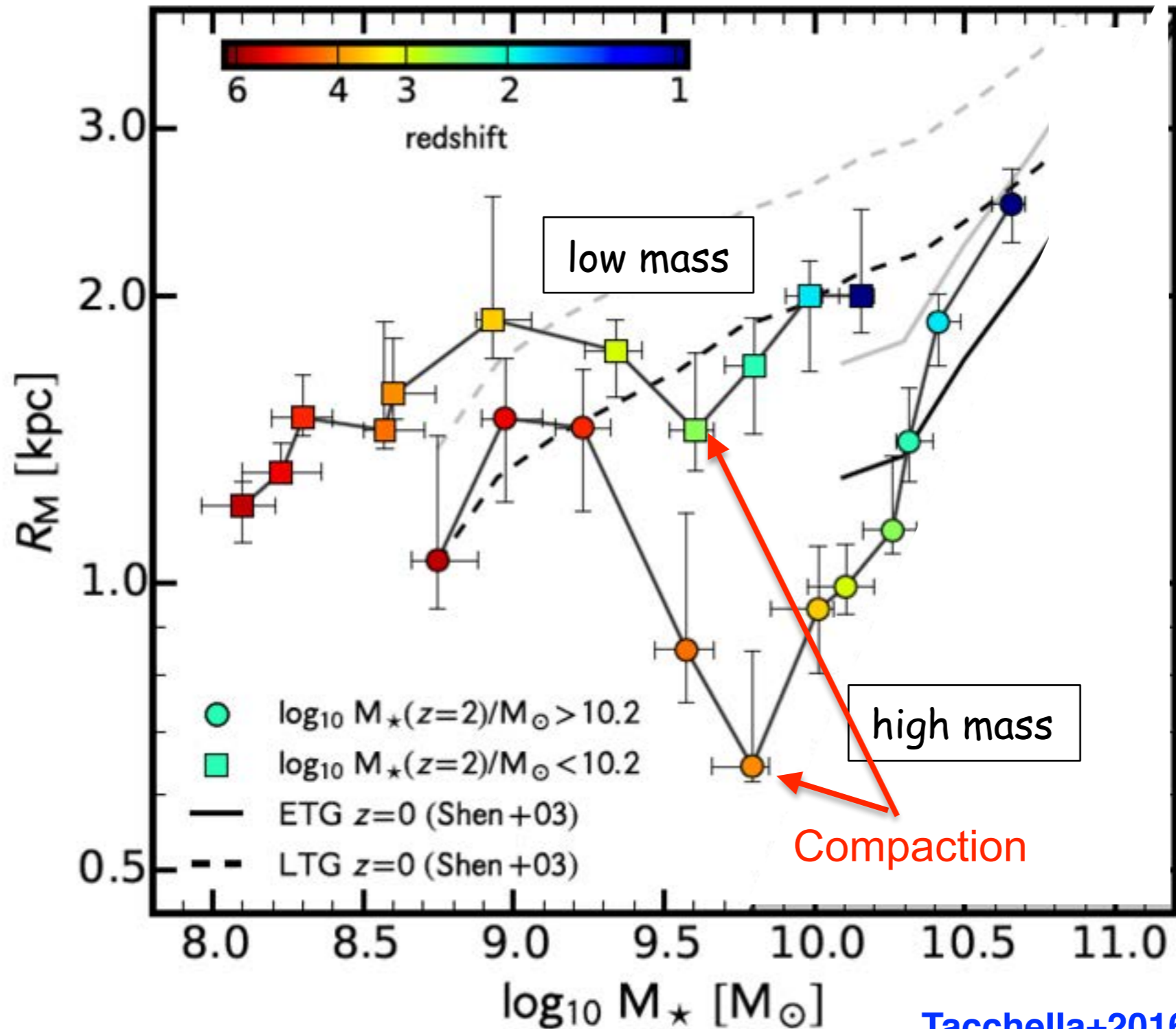
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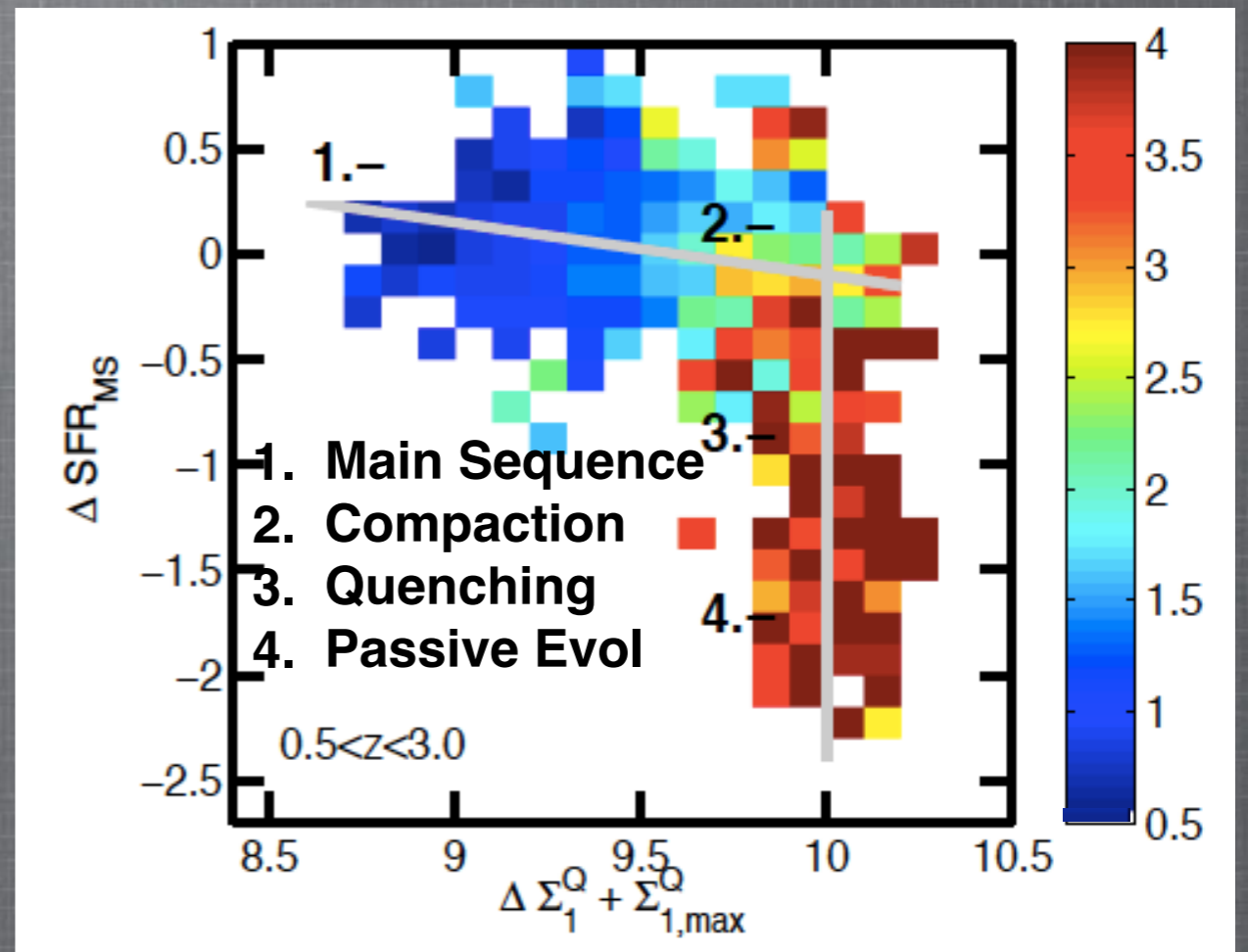
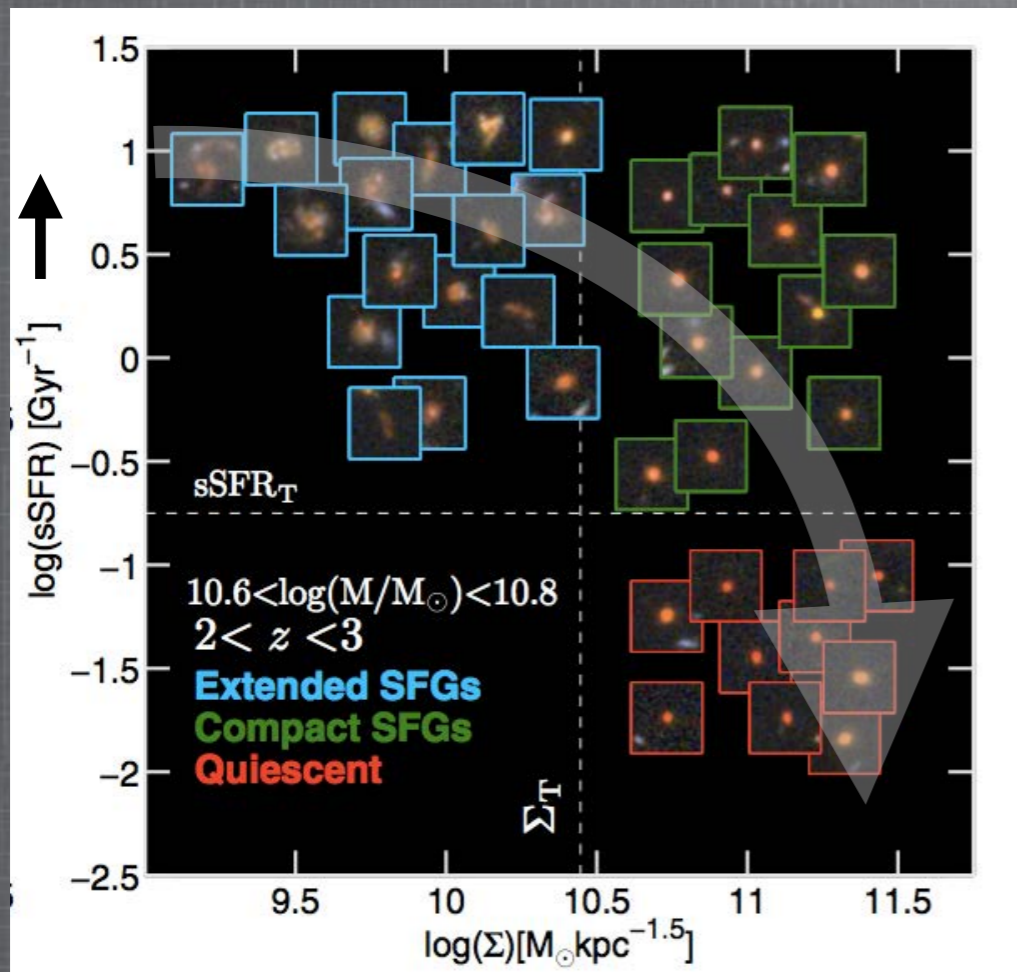


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Evolution in $R_{\text{eff}}-M_*$



COMPACTION in CANDELS



Structural transformation
(compaction) precedes
quenching of star-
formation

- ❖ “Normal” SFGs follow a SFR and structural Main-sequence
- ❖ Compaction triggered dissipational processes: strong core growth
- ❖ Relative distance from the SFR and MS universal relation to select progenitors of quiescent galaxies

Most $M_* < 10^{9.5} M_\odot$ Star Forming Galaxies at $z > 1$ Are Elongated

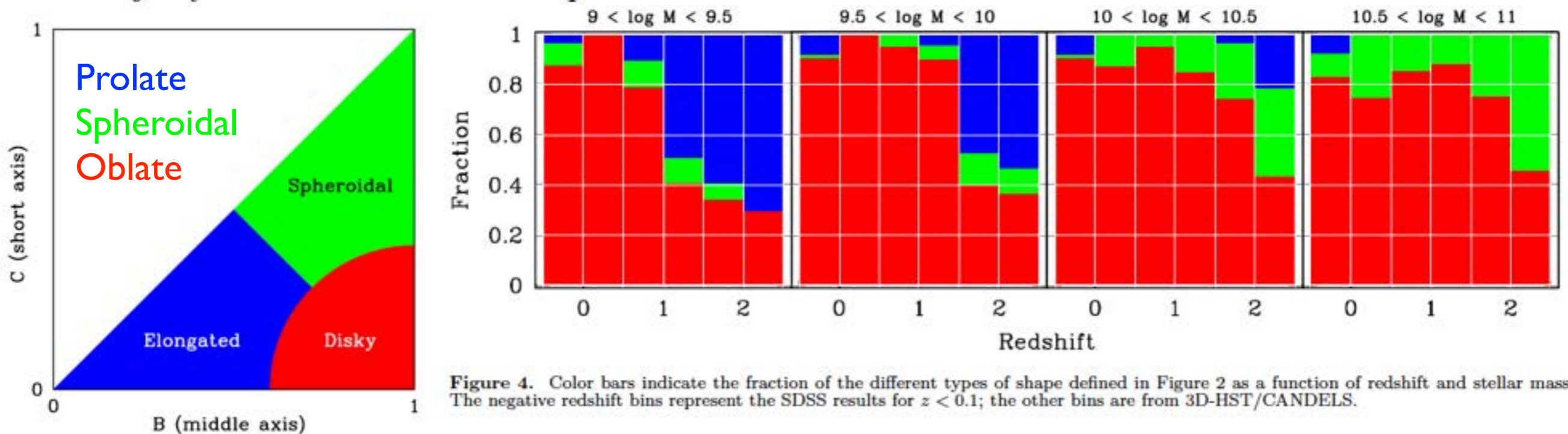
GEOMETRY OF STAR-FORMING GALAXIES FROM SDSS, 3D-HST AND CANDELS

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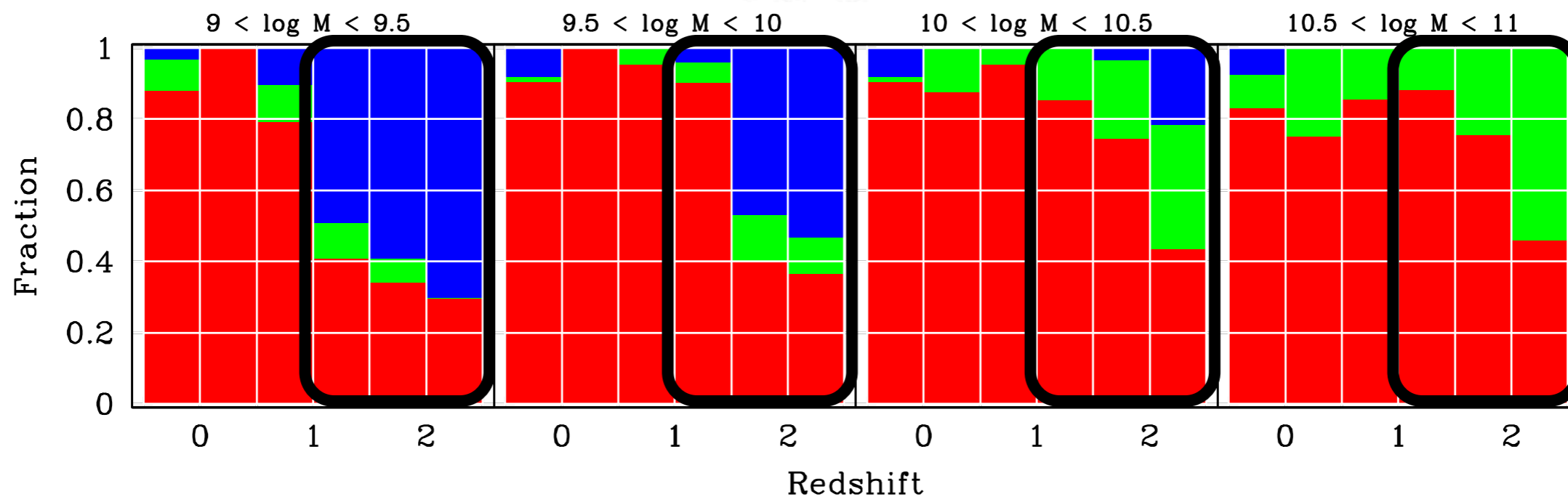
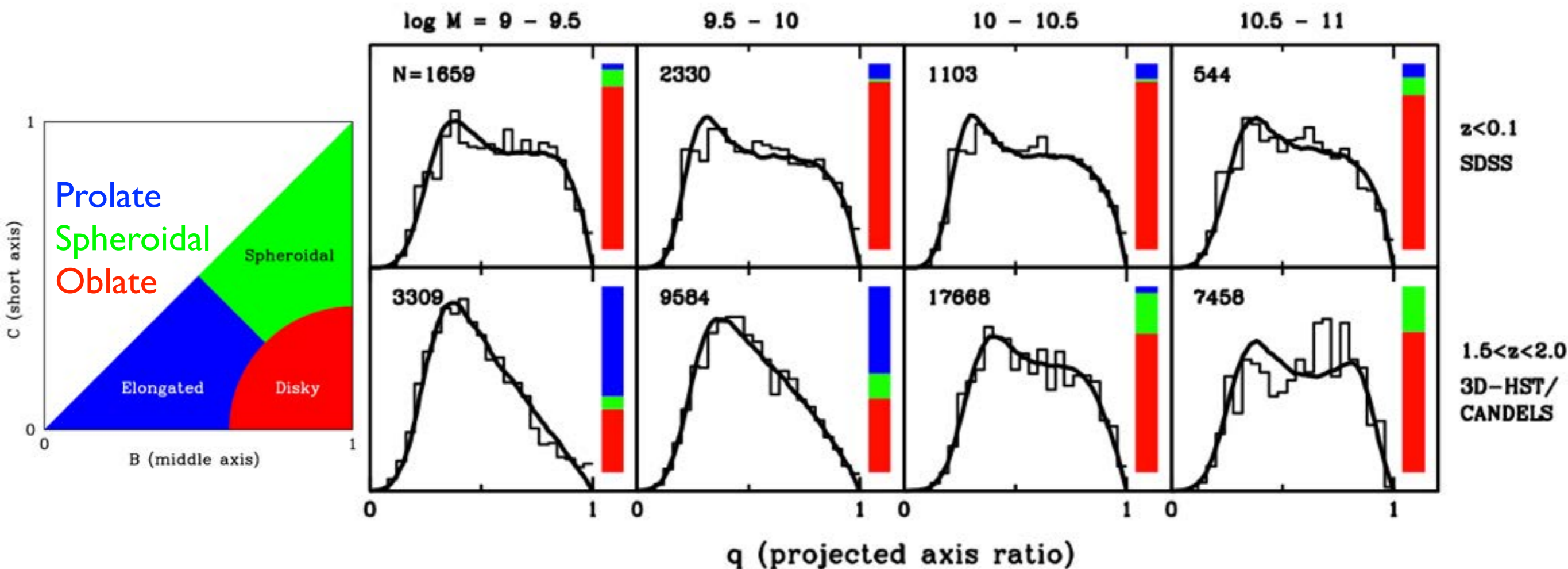
ABSTRACT

We determine the intrinsic, 3-dimensional shape distribution of star-forming galaxies at $0 < z < 2.5$, as inferred from their observed projected axis ratios. In the present-day universe star-forming galaxies of all masses $10^9 - 10^{11} M_\odot$ are predominantly thin, nearly oblate disks, in line with previous studies. We now extend this to higher redshifts, and find that among massive galaxies ($M_* > 10^{10} M_\odot$) disks are the most common geometric shape at all $z \lesssim 2$. Lower-mass galaxies at $z > 1$ possess a broad range of geometric shapes: the fraction of elongated (prolate) galaxies increases toward higher redshifts and lower masses. Galaxies with stellar mass $10^9 M_\odot$ ($10^{10} M_\odot$) are a mix of roughly equal numbers of elongated and disk galaxies at $z \sim 1$ ($z \sim 2$). This suggests that galaxies in this mass range do not yet have disks that are sustained over many orbital periods, implying that galaxies with present-day stellar mass comparable to that of the Milky Way typically first formed such sustained stellar disks at redshift $z \sim 1.5 - 2$. Combined with constraints on the evolution of the star formation rate density and the distribution of star formation over galaxies with different masses, our findings imply that the majority of all stars across cosmic epochs formed in disks.



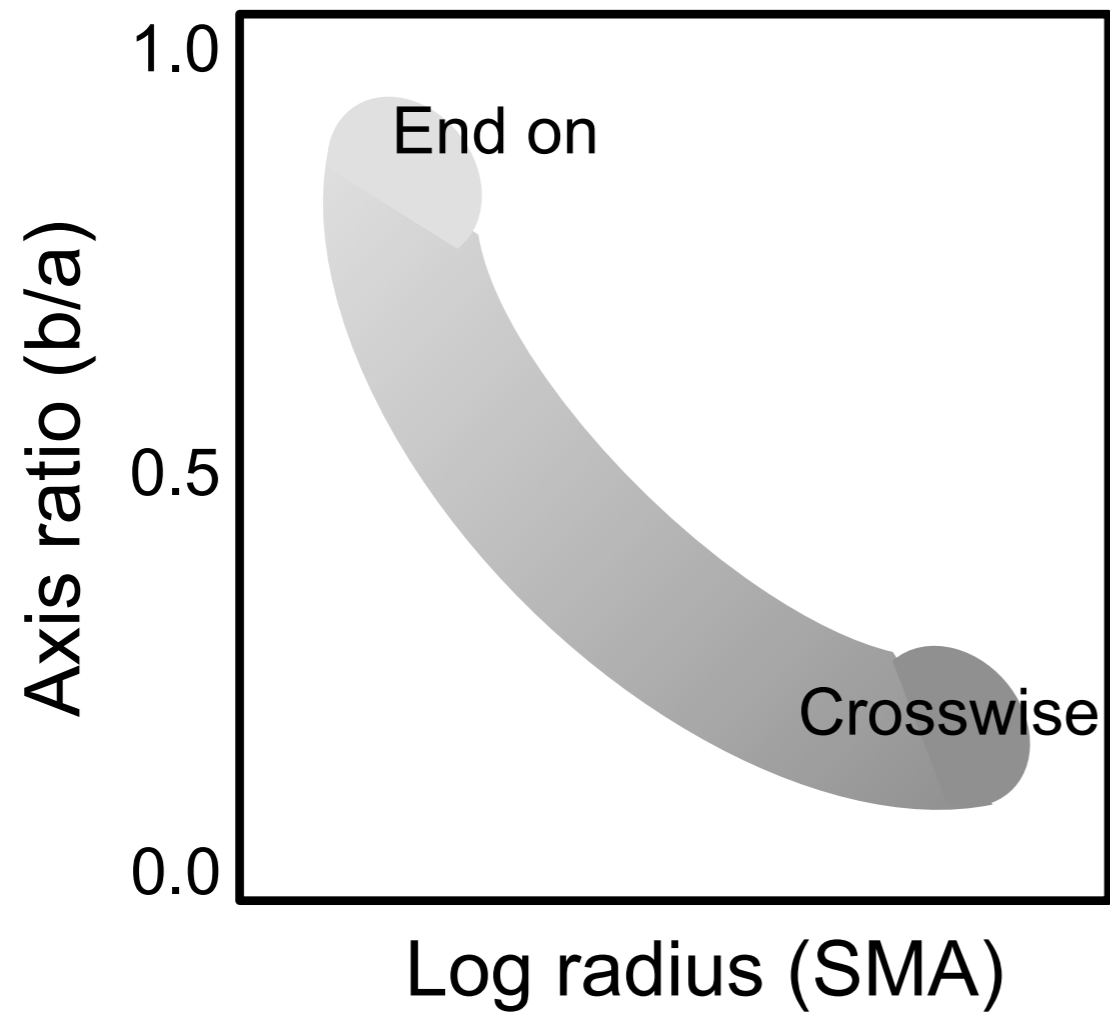
See also WHEN DID ROUND DISK GALAXIES FORM? T. M. Takeuchi et. al ApJ 2015

Prolate objects dominate at high redshift/low masses

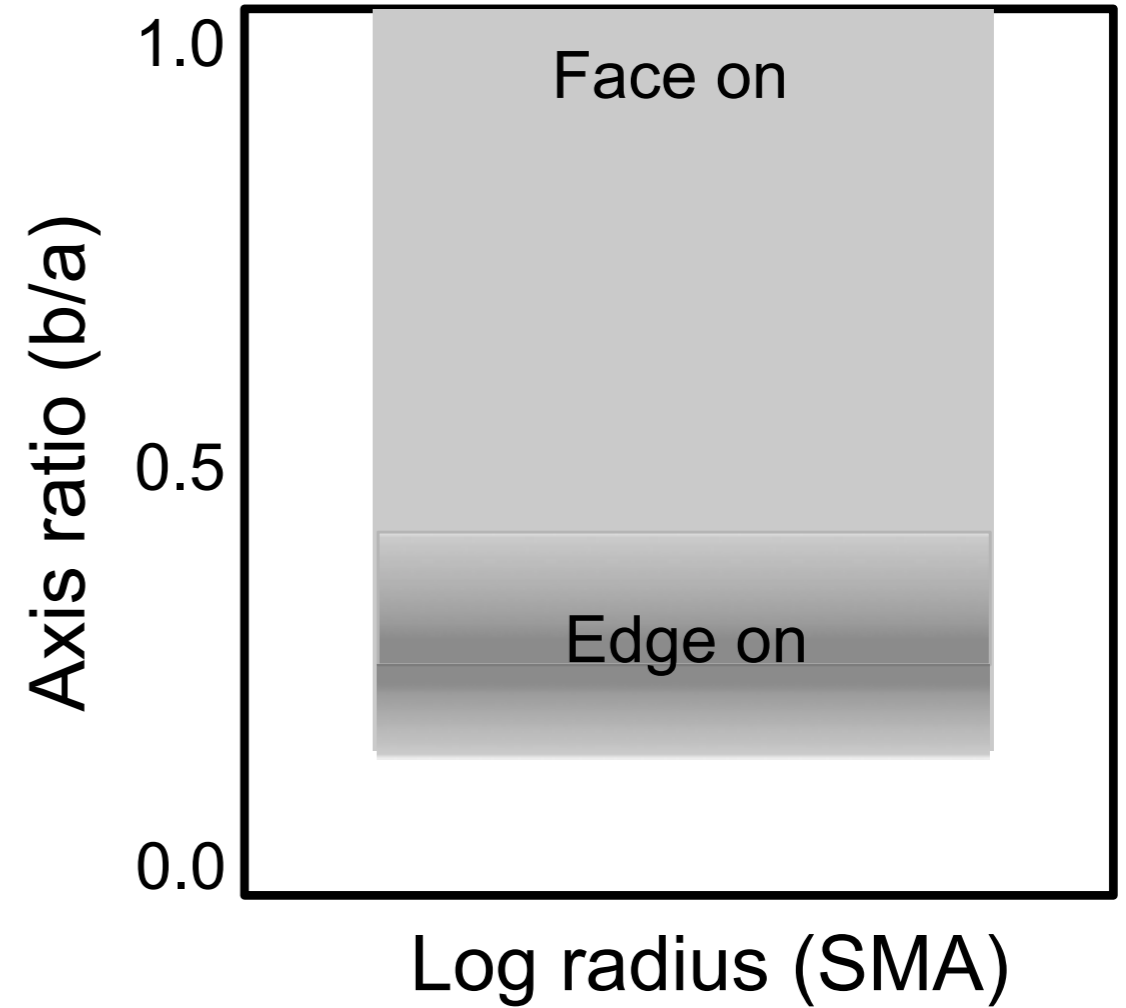


Axis ratio vs. size for prolate galaxies vs. disk galaxies

Prolate spheroids with $c/a \sim 0.25$

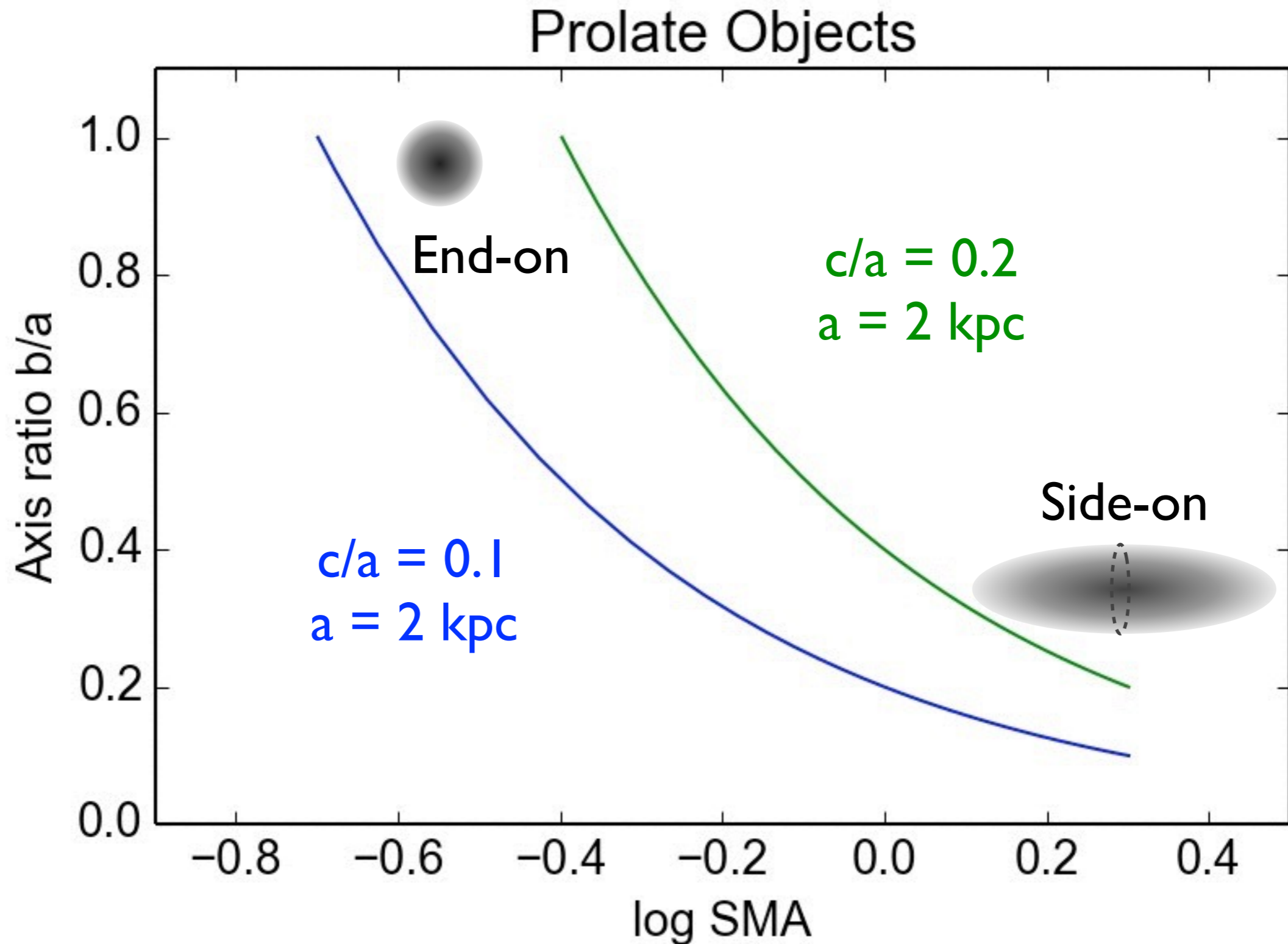


Real disks with axis ratio ~ 0.25

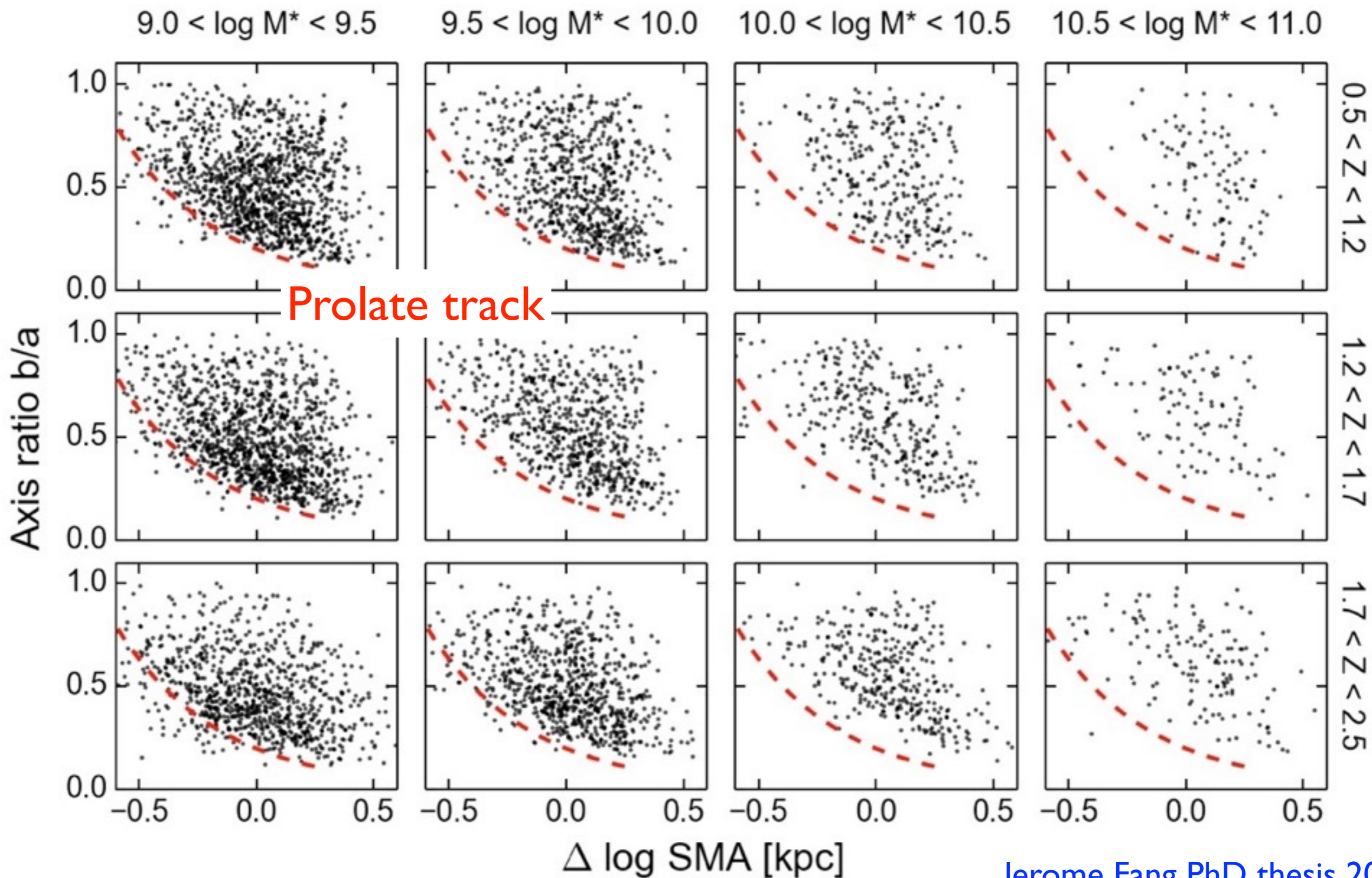


Further confirmation: axis ratio b/a vs. semi-major axis a

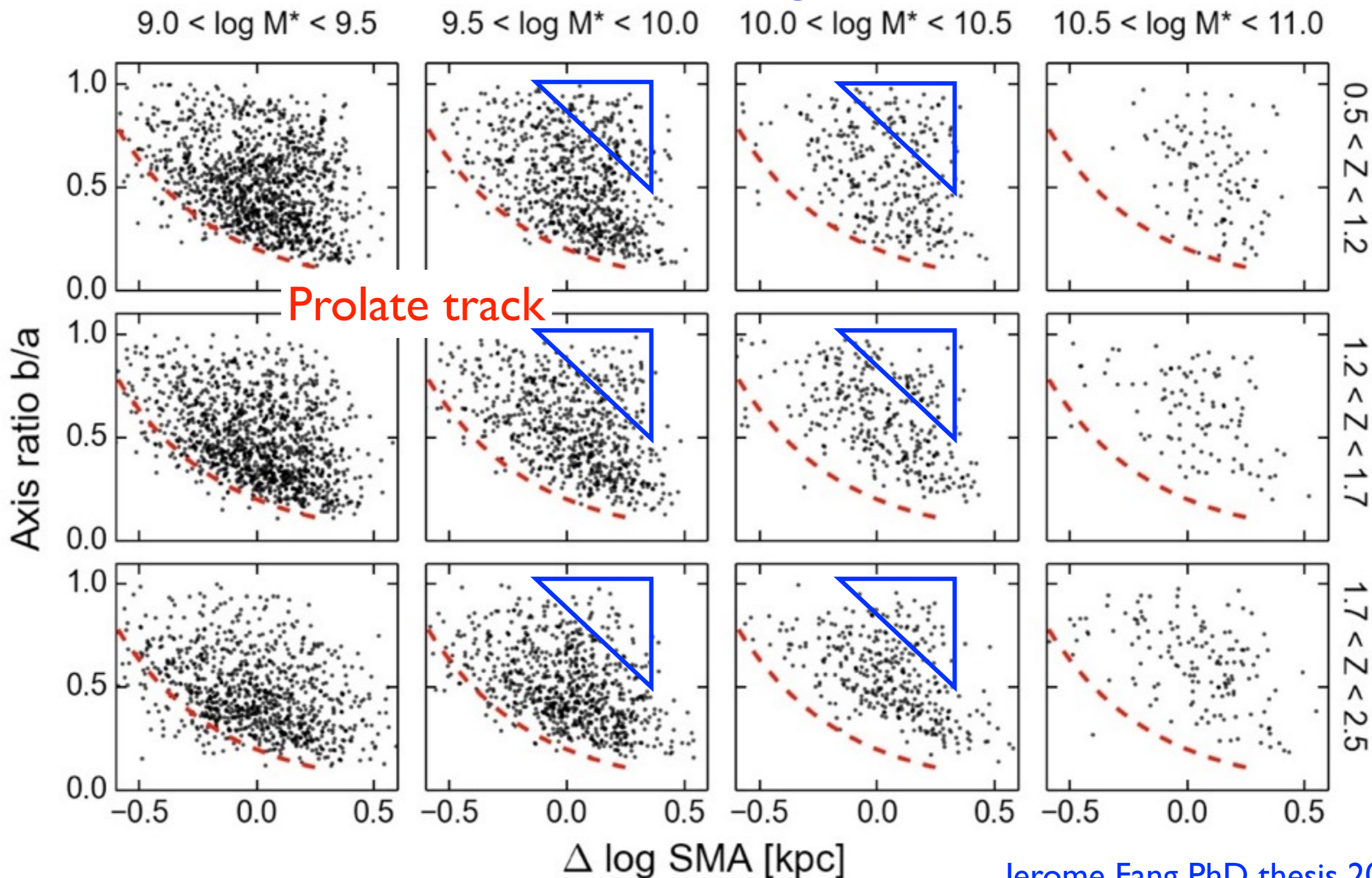
Prolate objects trace out curved tracks.



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Disks are seen to emerge after $z \sim 1.5$.



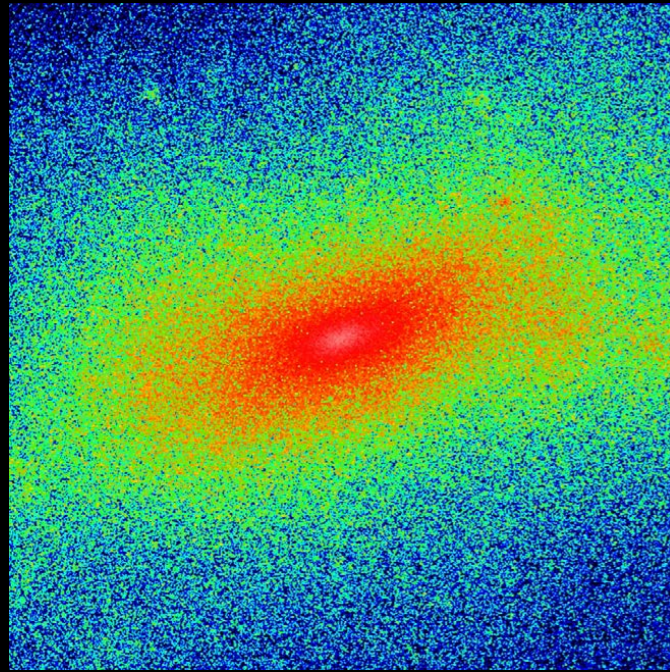
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Prolate DM halo → elongated galaxy

DM

VELA28

stars



$z \approx 2$
 $R_{\text{vir}} = 70 \text{ kpc}$
 $M_{\text{vir}} = 2 \cdot 10^{11} M_{\odot}$
 $M_{\text{star}} \approx 10^9 M_{\odot}$

Dark matter halos are elongated, especially near their centers. Initially stars follow the gravitationally dominant dark matter, as shown. But later as the ordinary matter central density grows and it becomes gravitationally dominant, the star and dark matter distributions both become disk-like — as observed by Hubble Space Telescope (van der Wel+ ApJL Sept 2014).

30 kpc

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Formation of elongated galaxies with low masses at high redshift

Daniel Ceverino, Joel Primack and Avishai Dekel

ABSTRACT

We report the identification of elongated (triaxial or prolate) galaxies in cosmological simulations at $z \sim 2$. These are preferentially low-mass galaxies ($M_* \leq 10^{9.5} M_{\odot}$), residing in dark matter (DM) haloes with strongly elongated inner parts, a common feature of high-redshift DM haloes in the cold dark matter cosmology. A large population of elongated galaxies produces a very asymmetric distribution of projected axis ratios, as observed in high- z galaxy surveys. This indicates that the majority of the galaxies at high redshifts are not discs or spheroids but rather galaxies with elongated morphologies

Nearby large galaxies are mostly disks and spheroids — but they start out looking more like zucchinis.

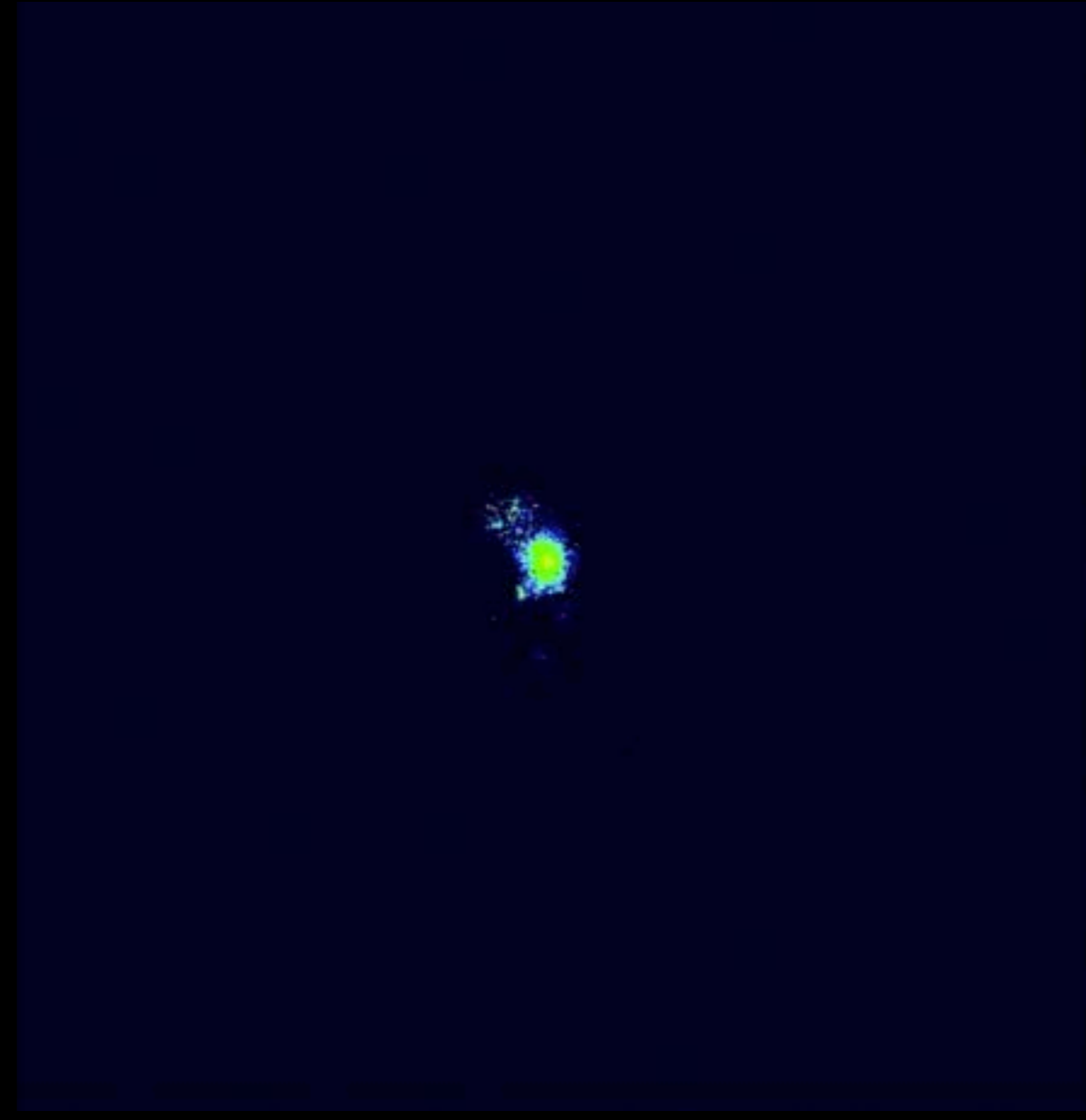
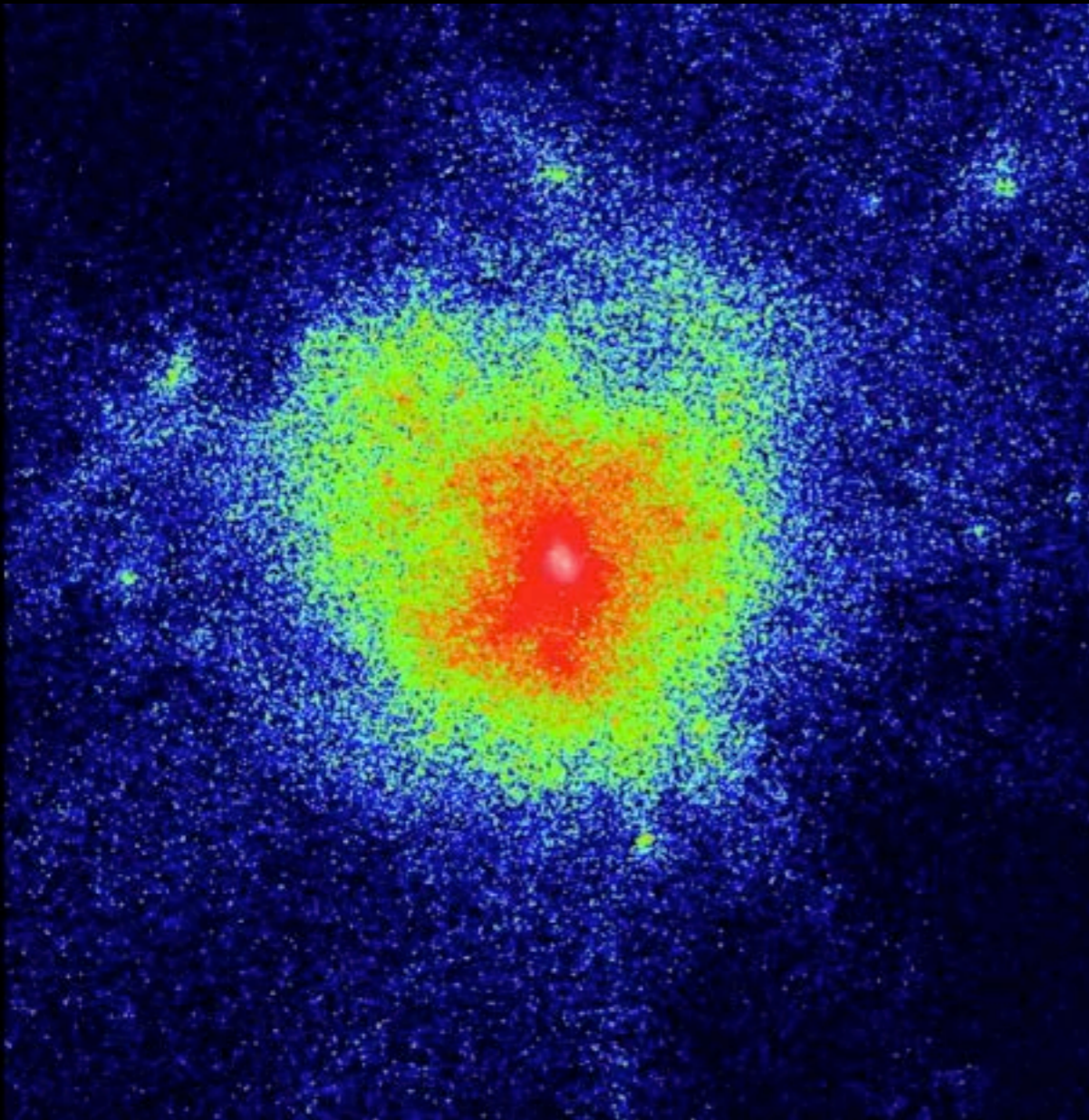


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DM

VELA28RP

stars

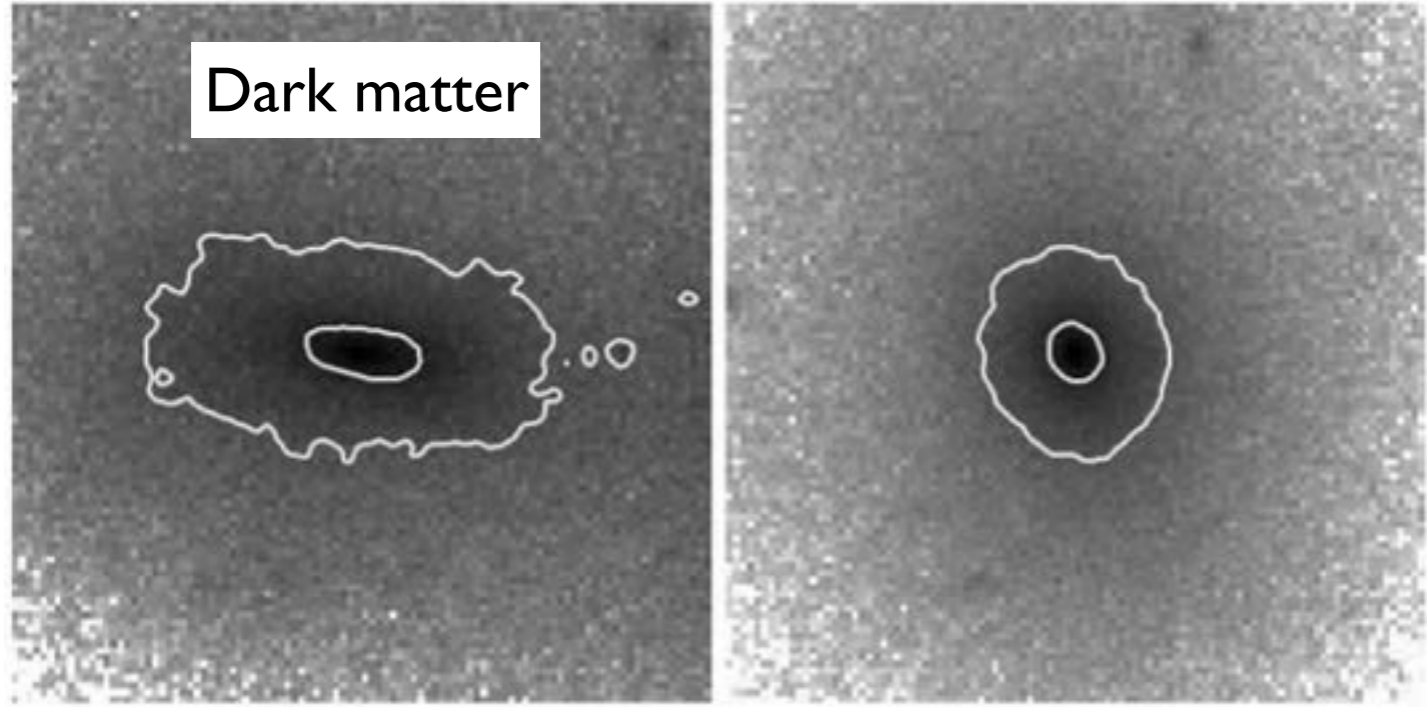
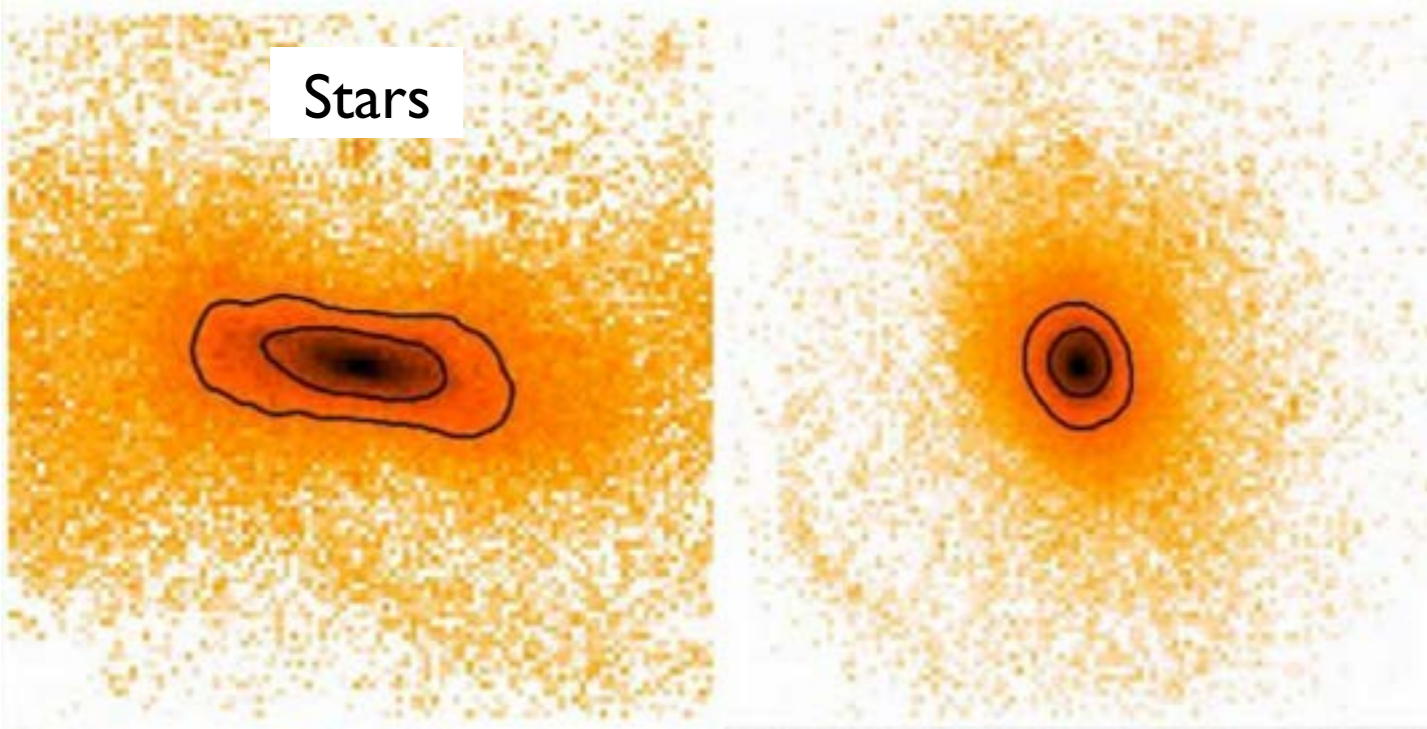


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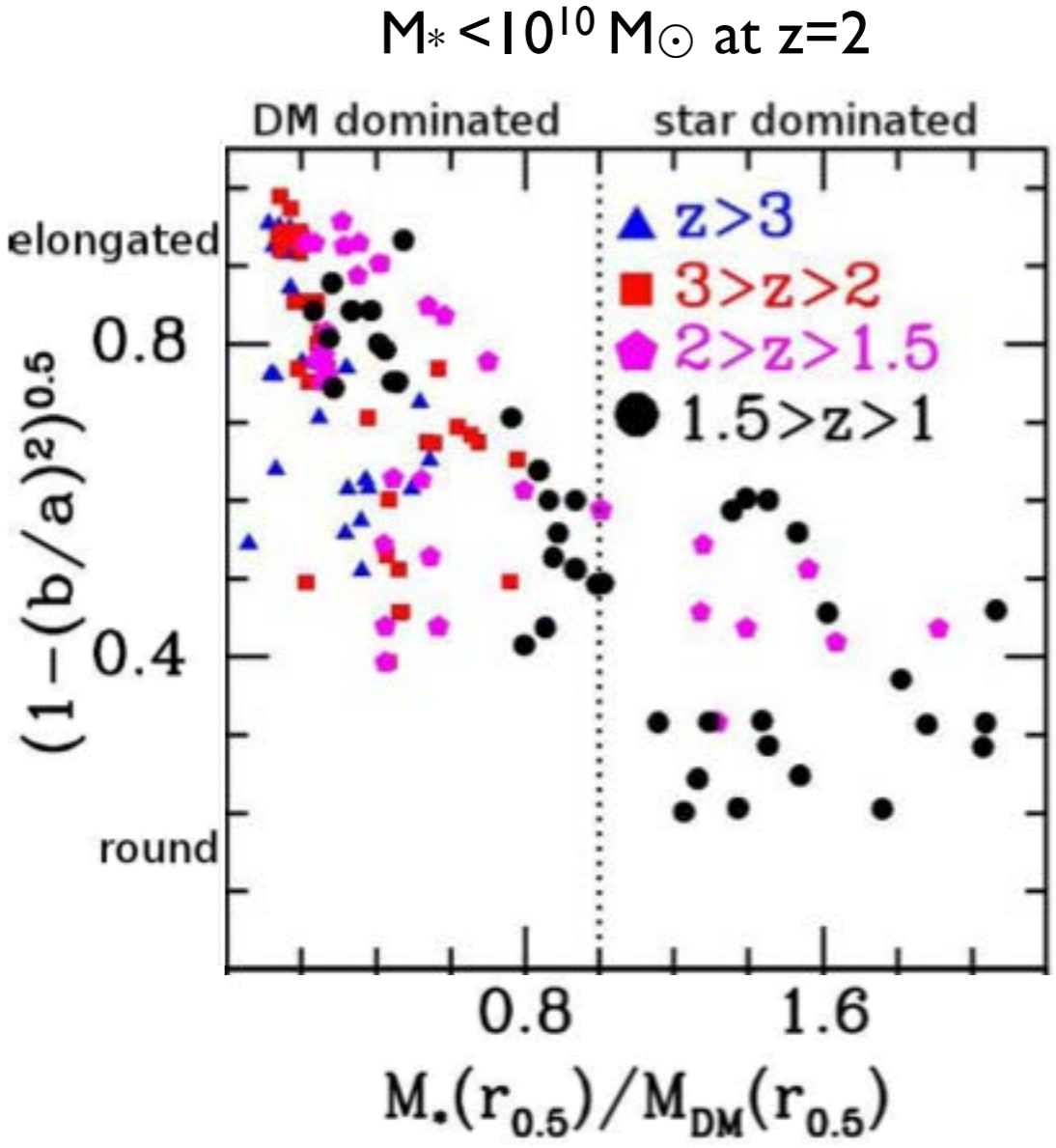
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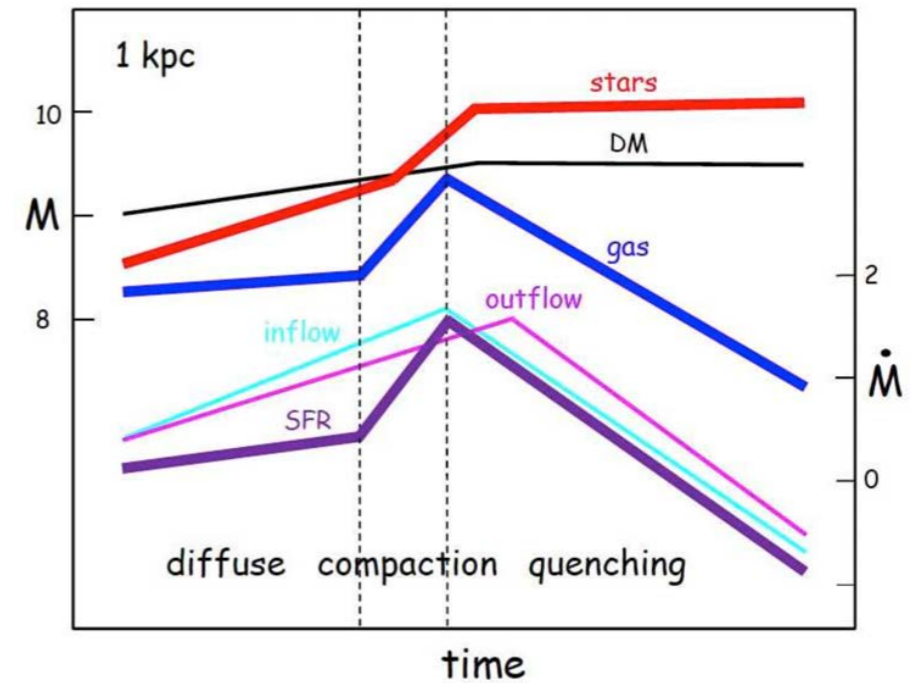
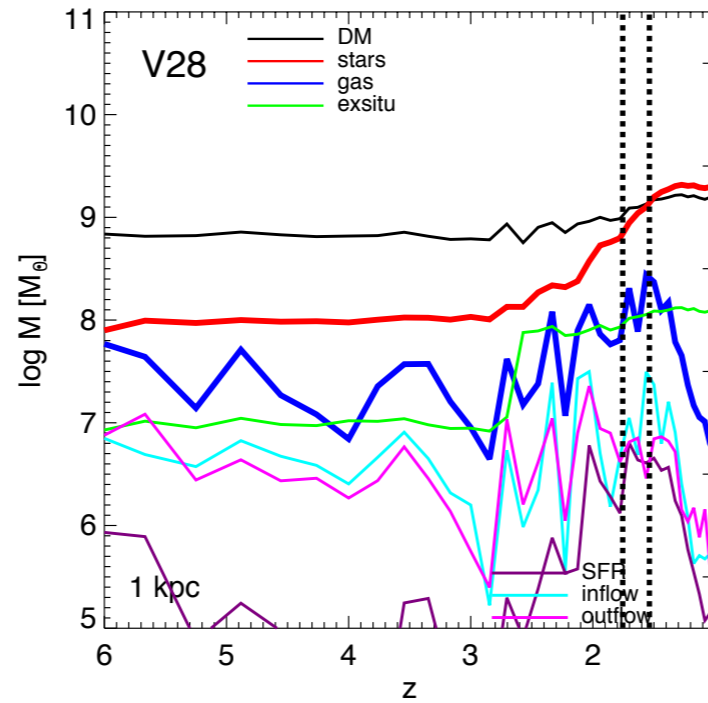
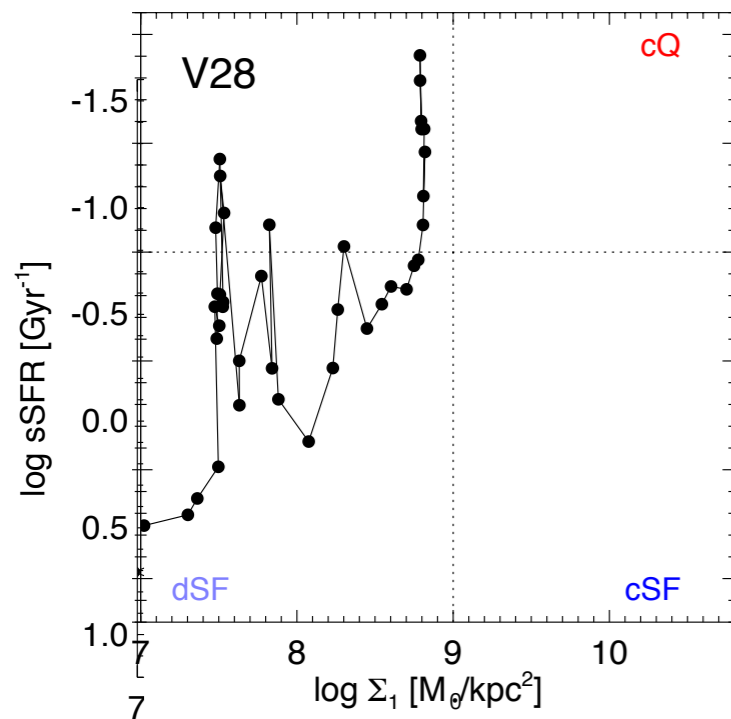
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← 20 kpc →





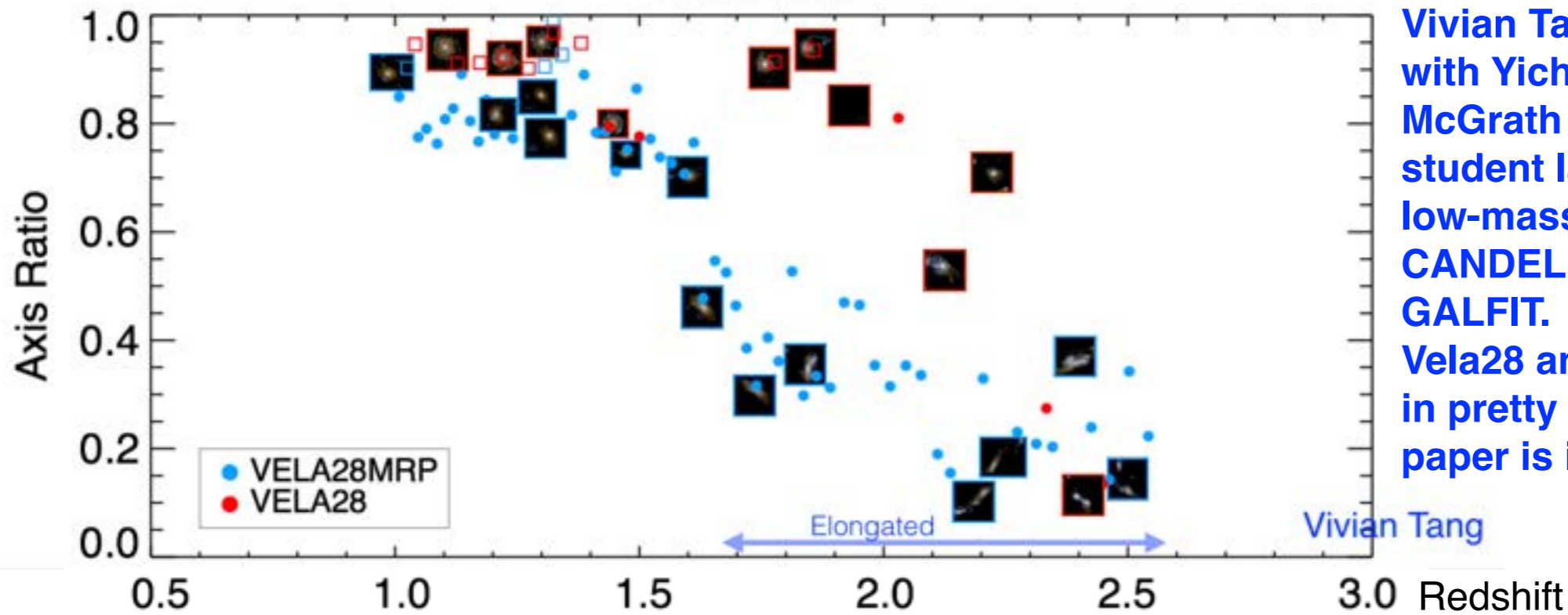
High-z / DM-dominated regime

- Stars and DM systems are **prolate** and **mutually aligned**
- The elongation is supported by an **anisotropic velocity dispersion** that results from the assembly of the galaxy via mergers and cold streams along a **dominant filament** of the cosmic web
- Torques exerted by the DM halo are capable of inducing the elongation of the stellar system and its alignment with the halo.

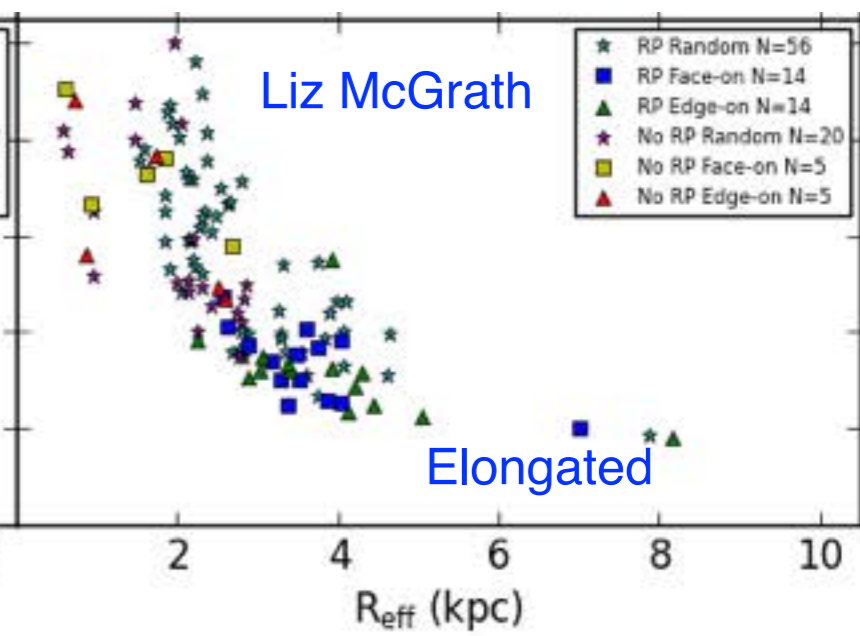
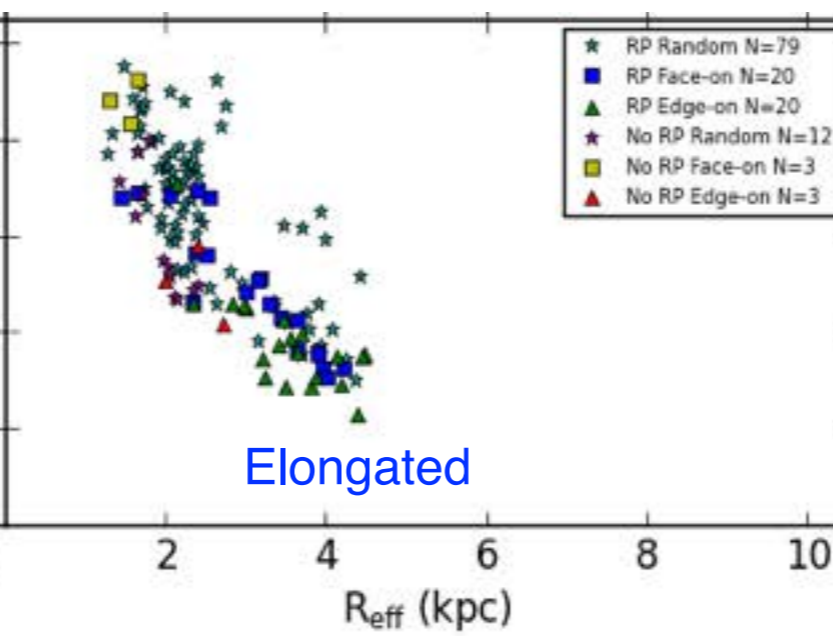
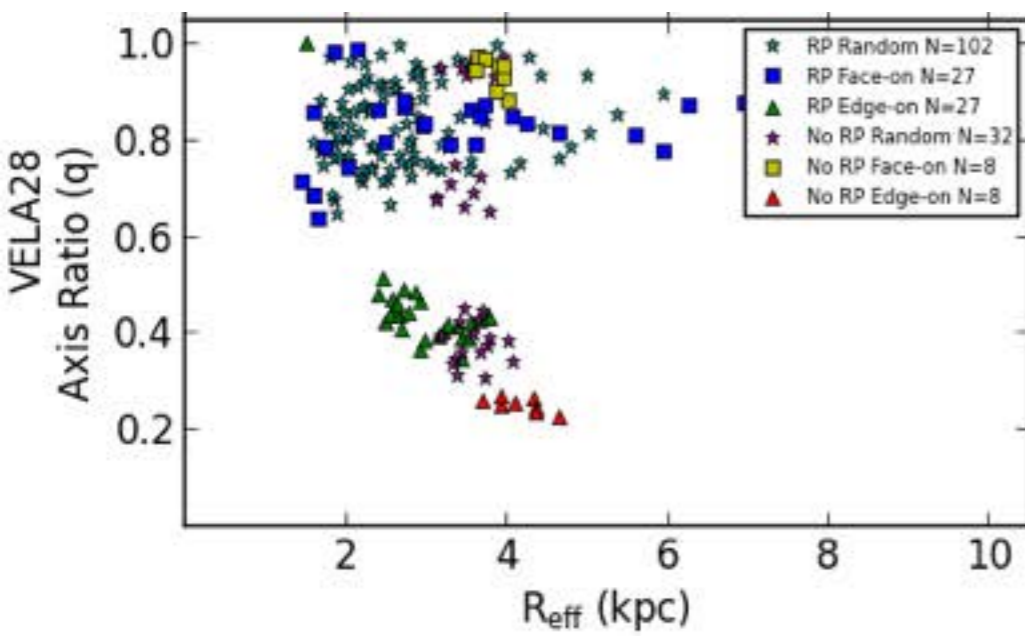
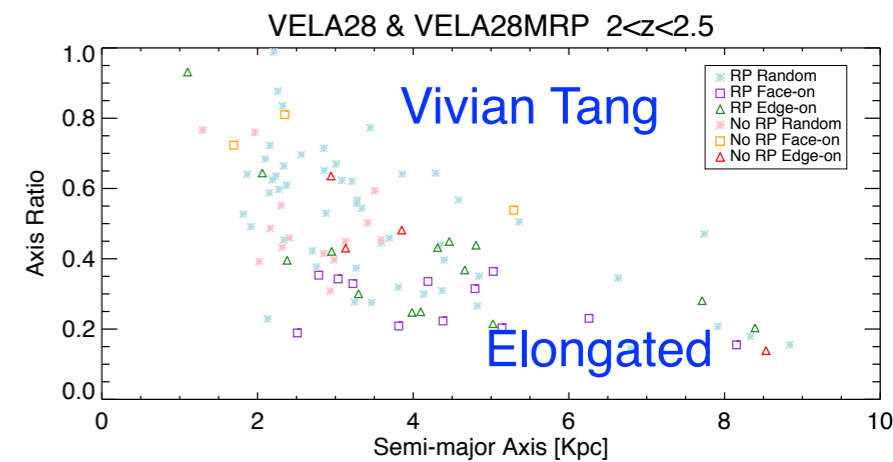
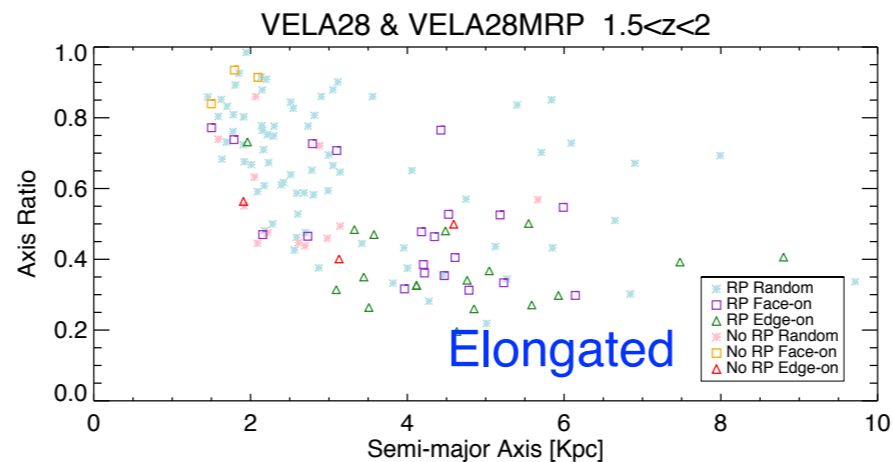
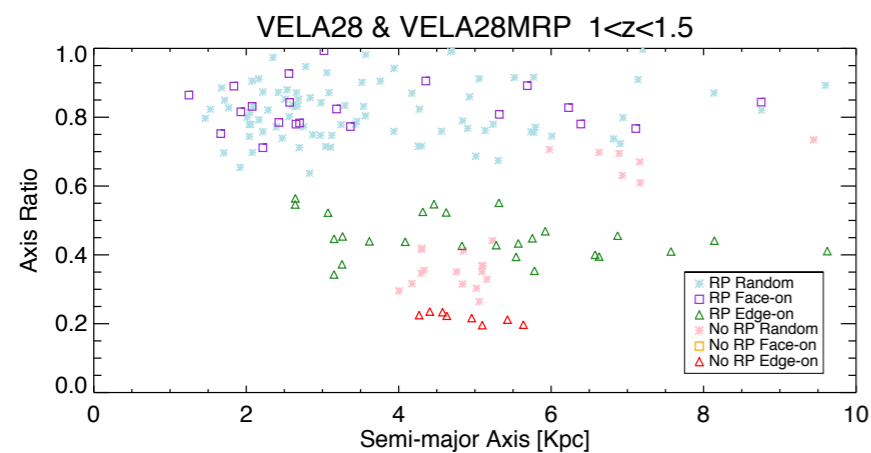
Low-z / Baryon-dominated regime

- Stars and DM systems evolve into a more **spherical / oblate** configuration and they're aligned with the gas disc
- The early elongated phase itself may be responsible for the compaction event by generating angular-momentum loss, and that the transition to the oblate phase may be instrumental in suppressing inflows in the galaxy and thus help driving the subsequent quenching in the core.

Face-on



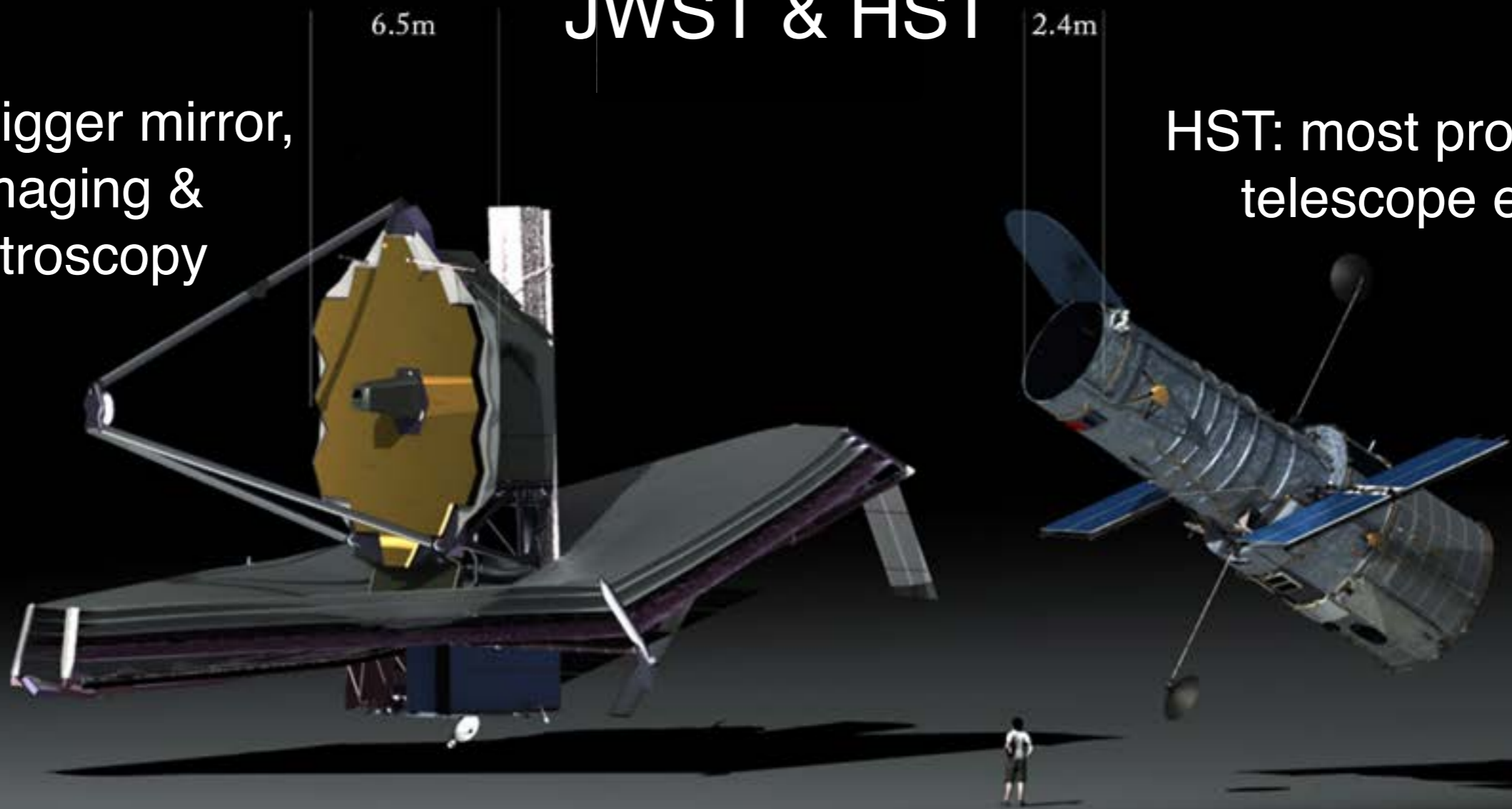
Vivian Tang's UCSC senior thesis with Yiching Guo and me, and Liz McGrath and her Colby College student Ian Tibbetts analyzed all the low-mass Vela and Vela-RP mock CANDELized images run through GALFIT. Below are comparisons for Vela28 and 28RP. All results are in pretty good agreement, and a paper is in preparation.



JWST & HST

JWST: bigger mirror,
IR imaging &
spectroscopy

HST: most productive
telescope ever!



Note: Images are not to scale.



JWST launch: late 2018

MIRI: Mid Infrared Instrument, $5-28 \mu\text{m}$

NIRCam: Near Infrared Camera, $0.6 - 5 \mu\text{m}$

NIRISS: Near-InfraRed Imager/SSpectrograph

NIRSpec: Near Infrared Spectrograph, $0.6-5 \mu\text{m}$

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- Are the simulations reliable? Resolution? Feedback?
- Do other simulations produce these phenomena?
- What are the astrophysical explanations?
 - Clumps apparently *don't* arise from Toomre $Q < 1$
 - What causes Compaction? Observational tests?
 - Elongation appears to reflect cosmic filaments

- **AGORA Galaxy Simulation Comparison Project**

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**~100 astrophysicists have joined AGORA
from ~50 institutions in 8 countries using 10 simulation codes**

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AGORA High-Resolution Simulation Comparison

Initial Conditions for Simulations

MUSIC galaxy masses at $z \sim 0$: $\sim 10^{10}, 10^{11}, 10^{12}, 10^{13} M_{\odot}$

with both quiet and busy merging trees

isolation criteria agreed for Lagrangian regions

Isolated Spiral Galaxy at $z \sim 1$: $\sim 10^{12} M_{\odot}$

Astrophysics that all groups will include

UV background (Haardt-Madau 2012); Grackle cooling function (based on ENZO and Eris cooling)

Tools to compare simulations based on *yt*, for all codes

used in AGORA, with instantaneous visualization

Images and SEDs for all timesteps from *yt*  *Sunrise*

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ABSTRACT

We introduce the Assembling Galaxies Of Resolved Anatomy (AGORA) project, a comprehensive numerical study of well-resolved galaxies within the Λ CDM cosmology. Cosmological hydrodynamic simulations with force resolutions of ~ 100 proper pc or better will be run with a variety of code platforms to follow the hierarchical growth, star formation history, morphological transformation, and the cycle of baryons in and out of eight galaxies with halo masses $M_{\text{vir}} \simeq 10^{10}$, 10^{11} , 10^{12} , and $10^{13} M_{\odot}$ at $z = 0$ and two different (“violent” and “quiescent”) assembly histories. The numerical techniques and implementations used in this project include the smoothed particle hydrodynamics codes GADGET and GASOLINE, and the adaptive mesh refinement codes ART, ENZO, and RAMSES. The codes share common initial conditions and common astrophysics packages including UV background, metal-dependent radiative cooling, metal and energy yields of supernovae, and stellar initial mass function. These are described in detail in the present paper. Subgrid star formation and feedback prescriptions will be tuned to provide a realistic interstellar and circumgalactic medium using a non-cosmological disk galaxy simulation. Cosmological runs will be systematically compared with each other using a common analysis toolkit and validated against observations to verify that the solutions are robust—i.e., that the astrophysical assumptions are responsible for any success, rather than artifacts of particular implementations. The goals of the AGORA project are, broadly speaking, to raise the realism and predictive power of galaxy simulations and the understanding of the feedback processes that regulate galaxy “metabolism.” The initial conditions for the AGORA galaxies as well as simulation outputs at various epochs will be made publicly available to the community. The proof-of-concept dark-matter-only test of the formation of a galactic halo with a $z = 0$ mass of $M_{\text{vir}} \simeq 1.7 \times 10^{11} M_{\odot}$ by nine different versions of the participating codes is also presented to validate the infrastructure of the project.

AGORA Task-Oriented Working Groups

	Working Group	Objectives and Tasks
T1	Common Astrophysics	UV background, metal-dependent cooling, IMF, metal yields
T2	ICs: Isolated	common initial conditions for isolated low- z disk galaxies
T3	ICs: Cosmological	common initial conditions for cosmological zoom-in simulations
T4	Common Analysis	support yt and other analysis tools, define quantitative and physically meaningful comparisons across simulations

AGORA Science Working Groups

	Working Group	Science Questions (includes, but not limited to)
S1	Isolated Galaxies and Subgrid Physics	tune the subgrid physics across platforms to produce similar results for similar astrophysical assumptions
S2	Dwarf Galaxies	simulate $\sim 10^{10} M_{\odot}$ halos, compare results across all platforms
S3	Dark Matter	radial profile, shape, substructure, core-cusp problem
S4	Satellite Galaxies	effects of environment, UV background, tidal disruption
S5	Galactic Characteristics	surface brightness, stellar properties, metallicity, images, SEDs
S6	Outflows	outflows, circumgalactic medium, metal absorption systems
S7	High-redshift Galaxies	cold flows, clumpiness, kinematics, Lyman-limit systems
S8	Interstellar Medium	galactic interstellar medium, thermodynamics
S9	Massive Black Holes	black hole growth and feedback in galactic context

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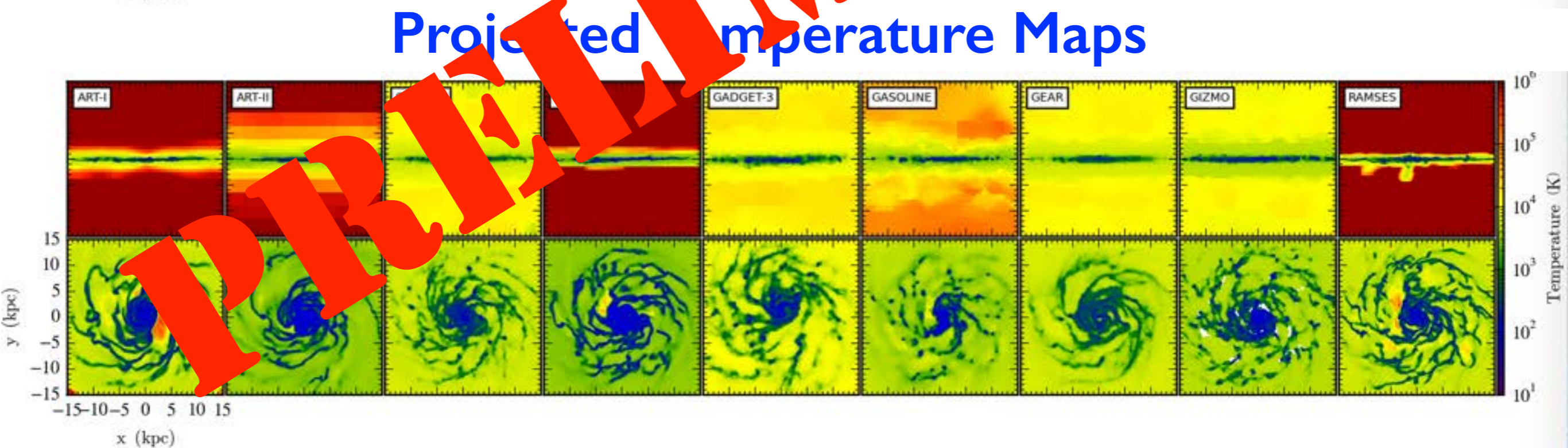
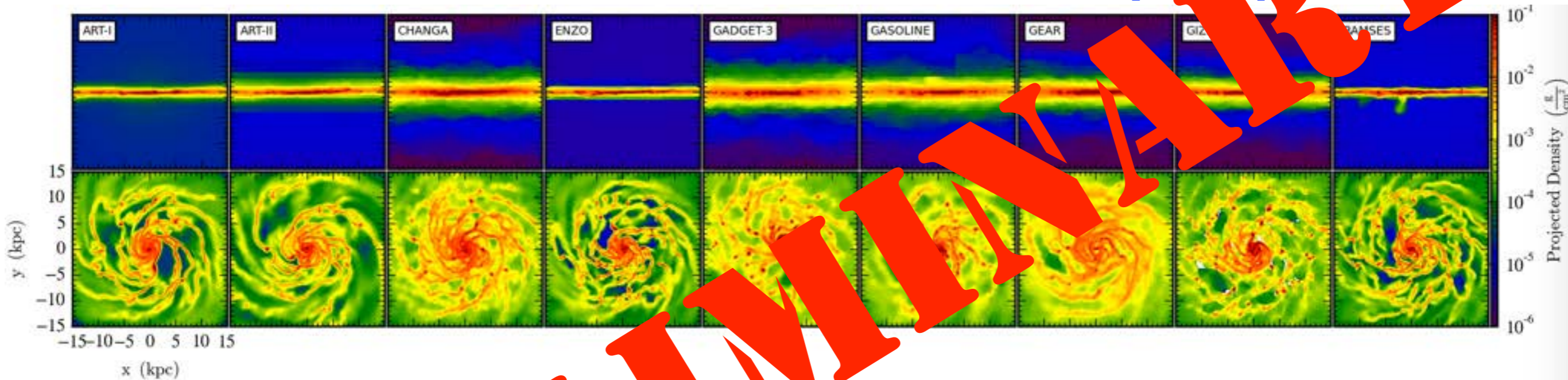
	Working Group	Objectives and Tasks
T1	Common Astrophysics	UV background, metal-dependent cooling, IMF, metal yields
T2	ICs: Isolated	common initial conditions for isolated low- z disk galaxies
T3	ICs: Cosmological	common initial conditions for cosmological zoom-in simulations
T4	Common Analysis	support yt and other analysis tools, define quantitative and physically meaningful comparisons across simulations

AGORA Science Working Groups

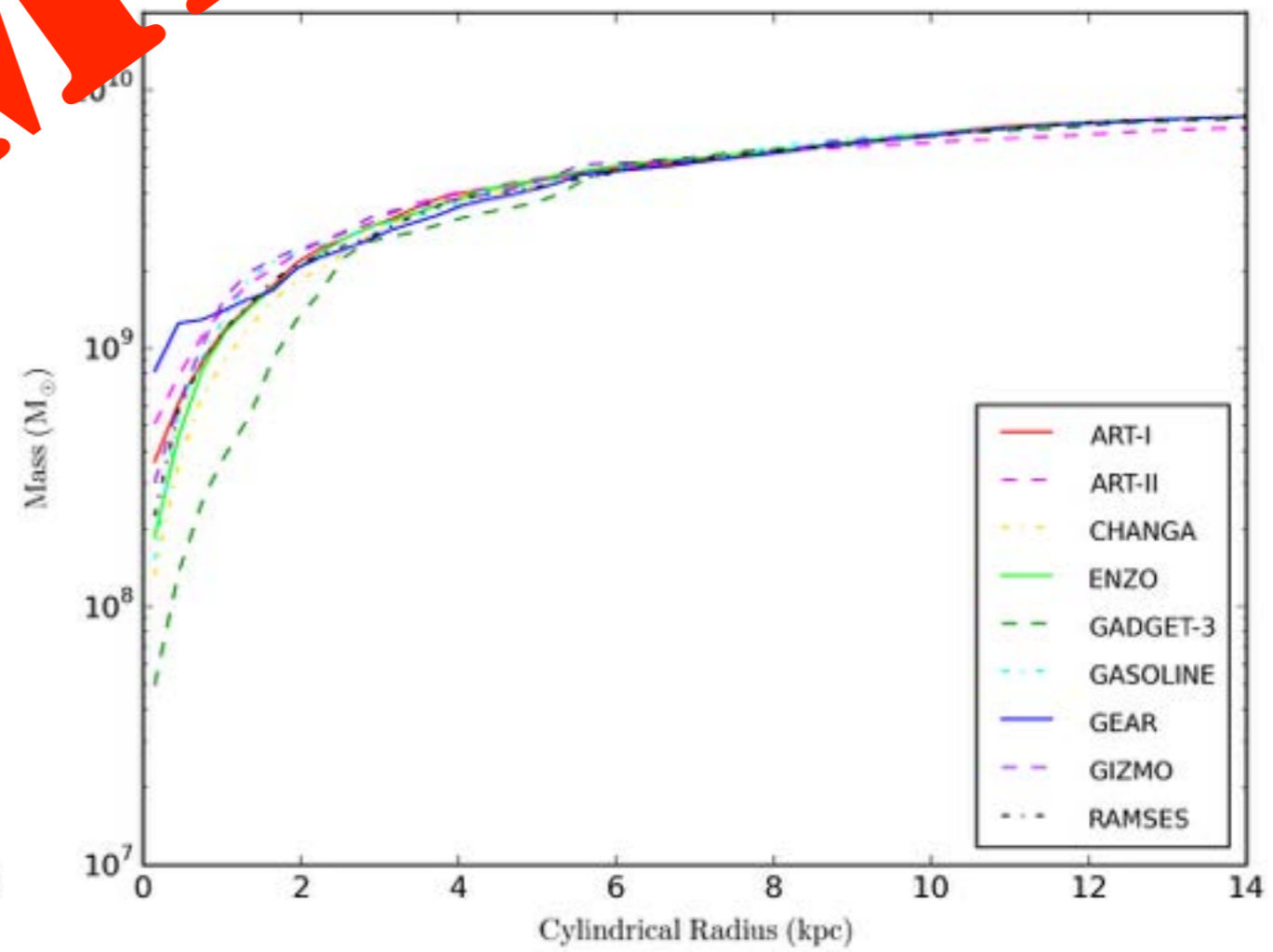
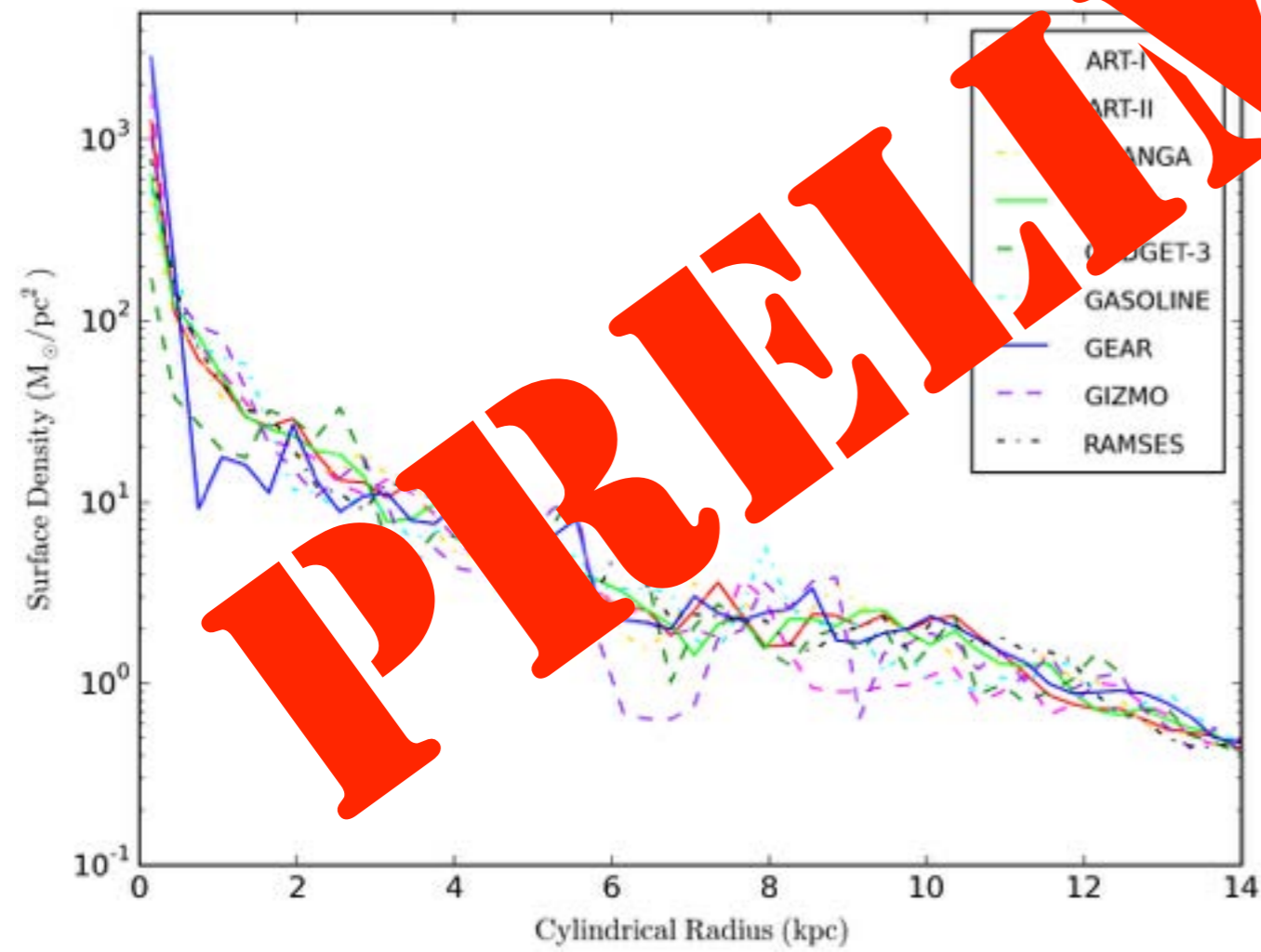
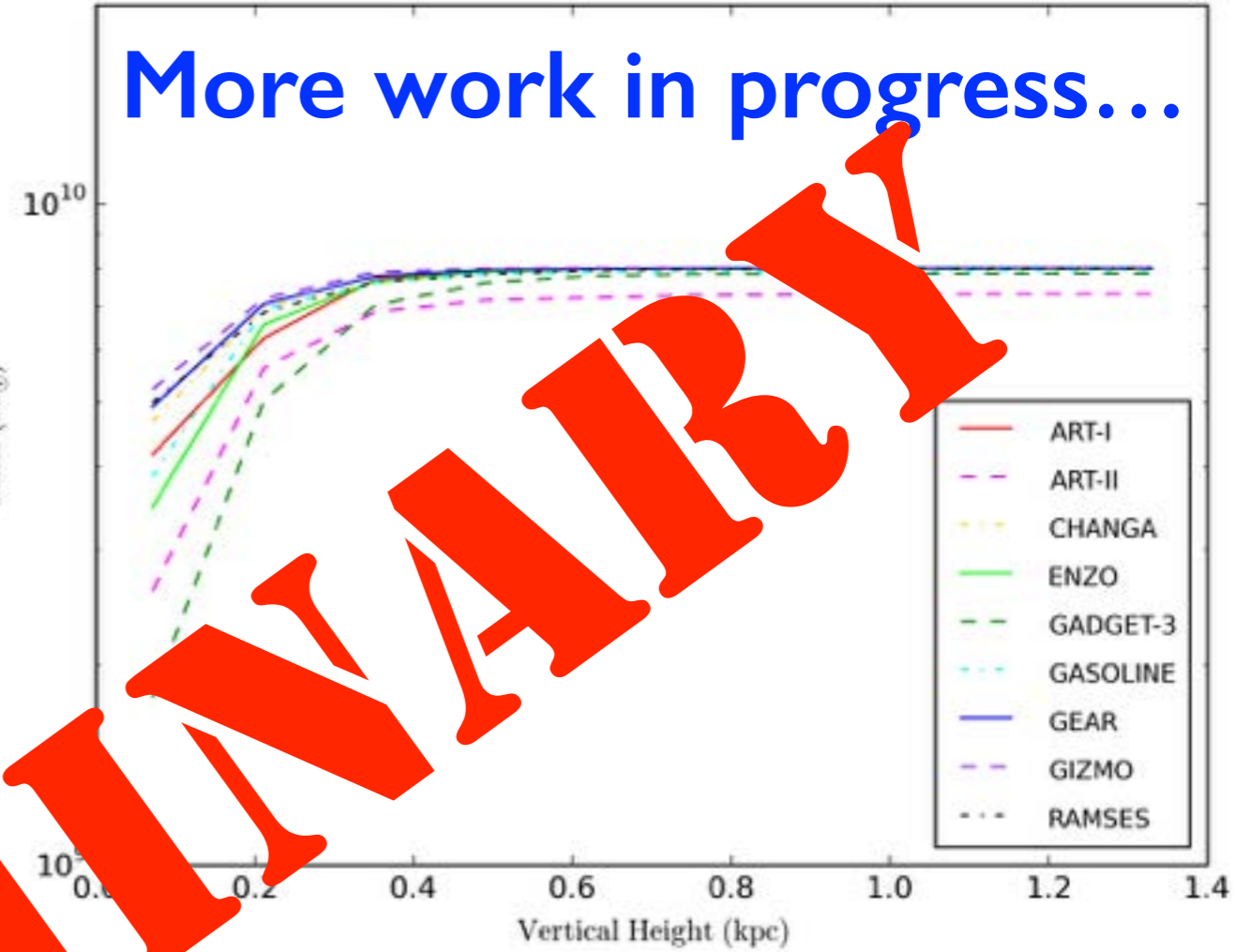
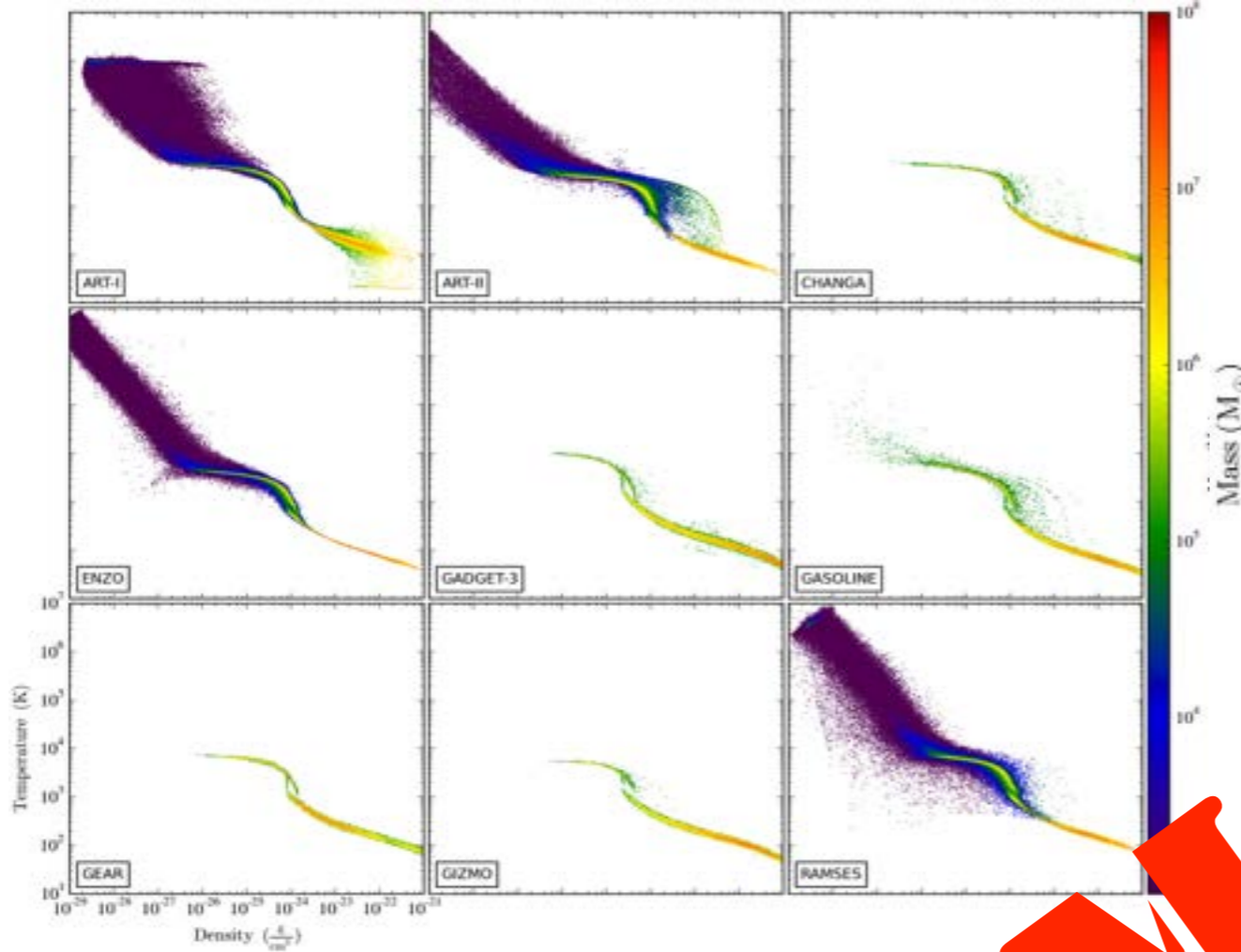
	Working Group	Science Questions (includes, but not limited to)
S1	Isolated Galaxies and Subgrid Physics	tune the subgrid physics across platforms to produce similar results for similar astrophysical assumptions
S2	Dwarf Galaxies	simulate $\sim 10^{10} M_{\odot}$ halos, compare results across all platforms
S3	Dark Matter	radial profile, shape, substructure, core-cusp problem
S4	Satellite Galaxies	effects of environment, UV background, tidal disruption
S5	Galactic Characteristics	surface brightness, stellar properties, metallicity, images, SEDs
S6	Outflows	outflows, circumgalactic medium, metal absorption systems
S7	High-redshift Galaxies	cold flows, clumpiness, kinematics, Lyman-limit systems
S8	Interstellar Medium	galactic interstellar medium, thermodynamics
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AGORA High-Resolution Simulation Comparison: Isolated Disk Simulations by Nine Code Groups

Work in progress... Gas Surface Density Maps



More work in progress...



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Summary

- Introduction - Large-Scale Simulations and Galaxies
 - Planck Cosmology Simulations **more halos at high M , z**
 - Stellar Halo Accretion Rate Coevolution (**SHARC**)
- 3 Aspects of Star-Forming Galaxies Seen in CANDELS
 - Giant Clumps
 - Compaction
 - Elongation

All of these are seen in our simulations!
- AGORA Galaxy Simulation Comparison Project
 - Understand different results from different codes, and raise the realism of all simulation codes



Thanks!