

# Galaxy Evolution Probed by Extragalactic HI

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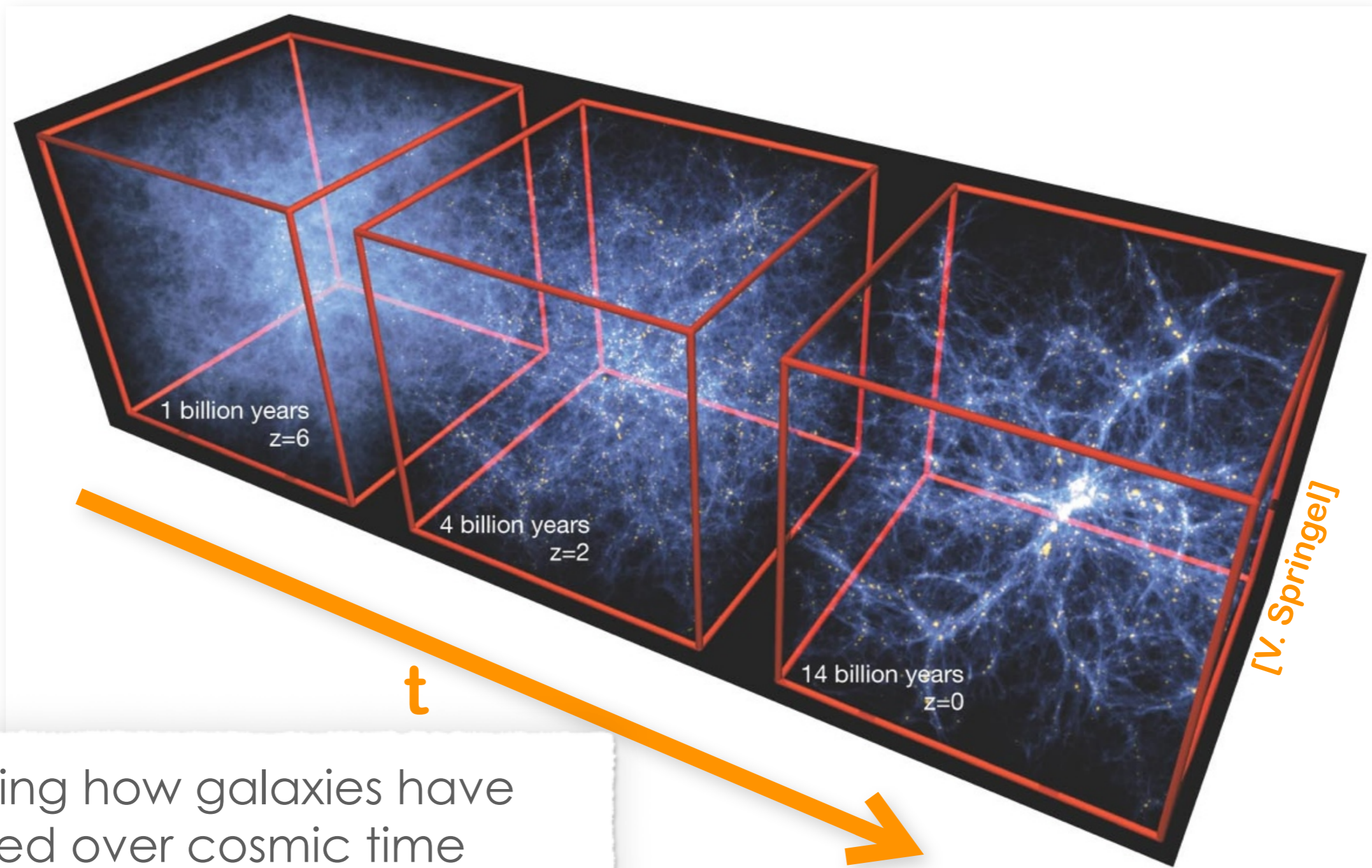
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# Probing structure formation

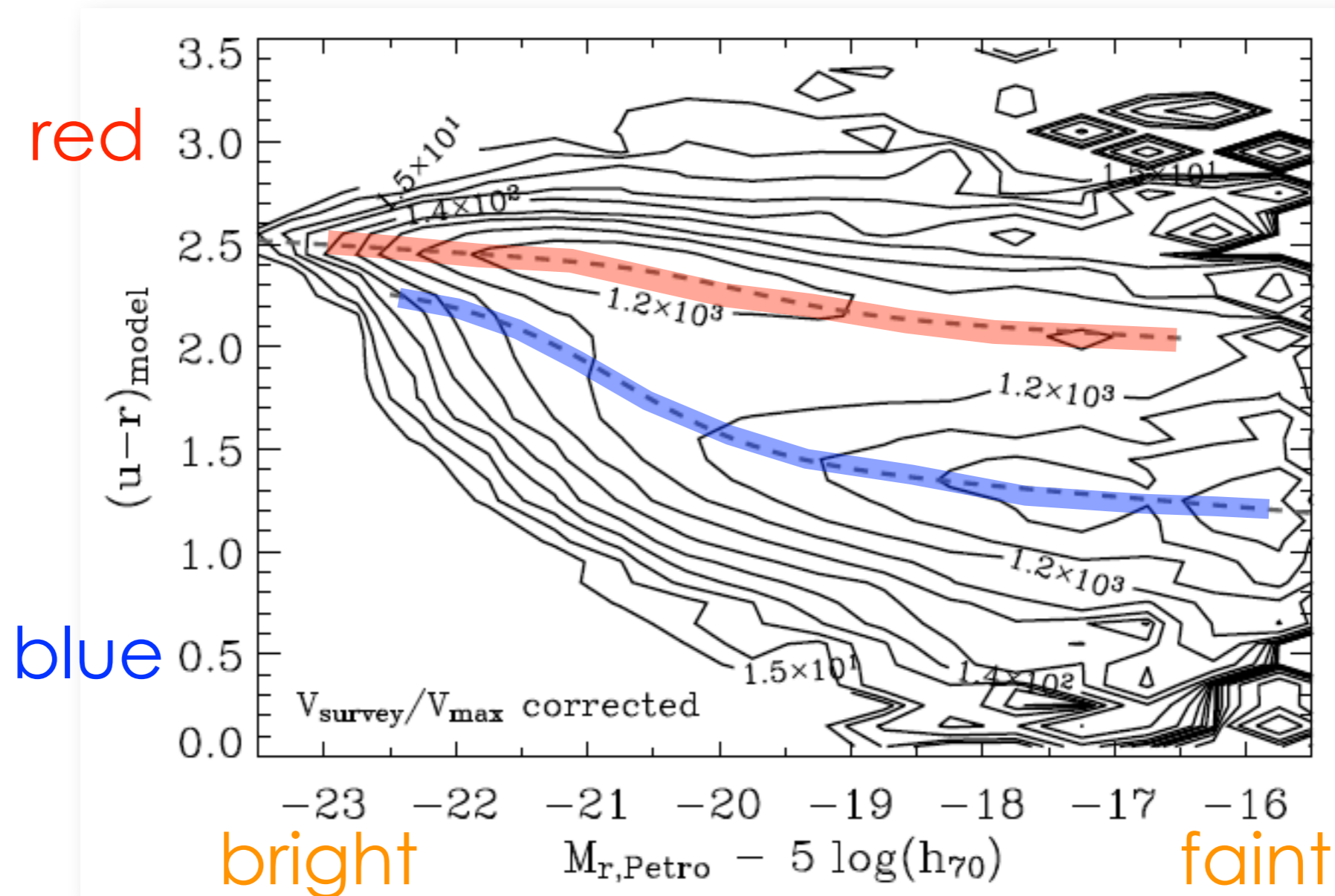
In the  $\Lambda$ CDM framework, galaxies and large scale structure formed hierarchically with the baryonic matter following the DM density distribution...



- Studying how galaxies have evolved over cosmic time enables us to test the models

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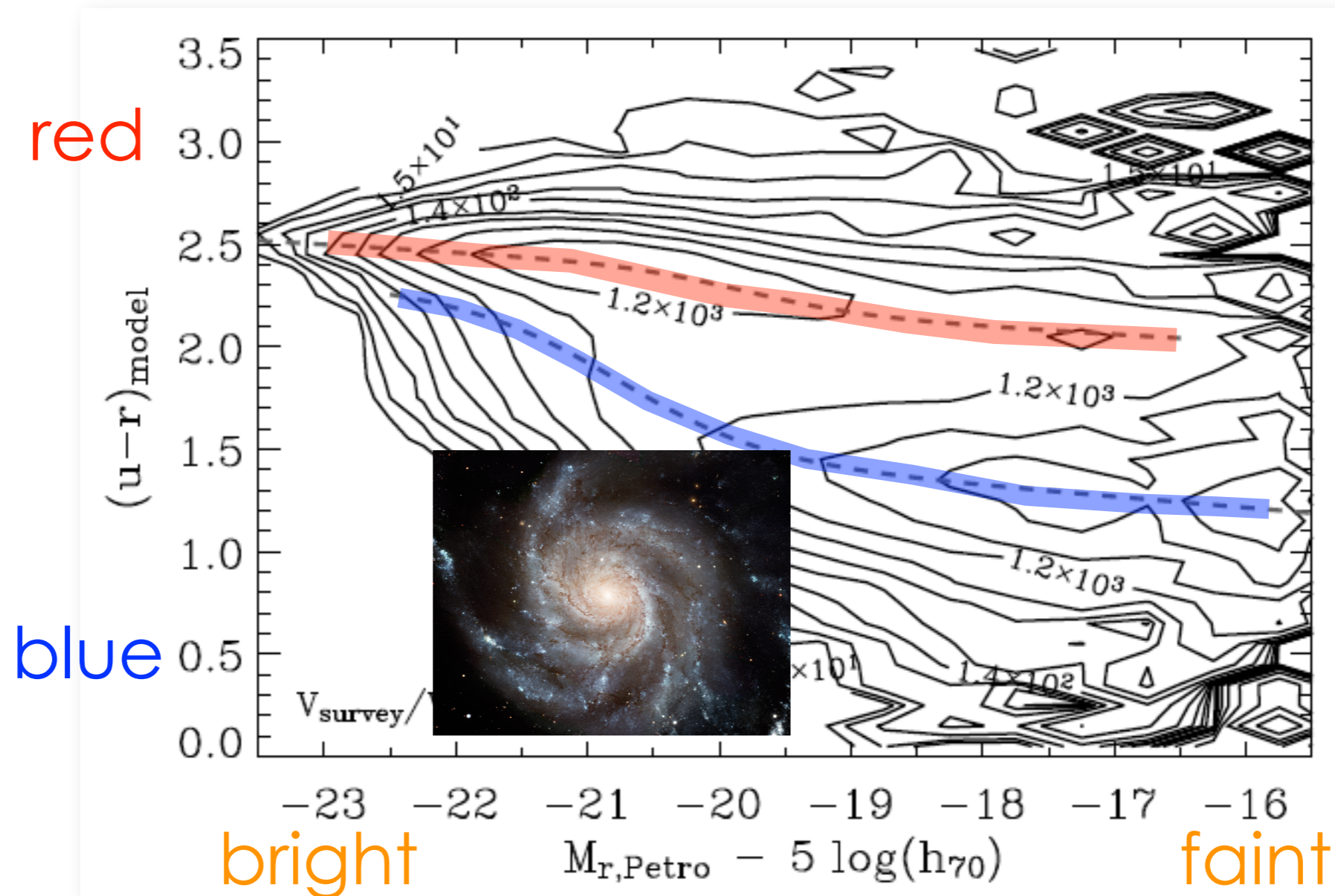


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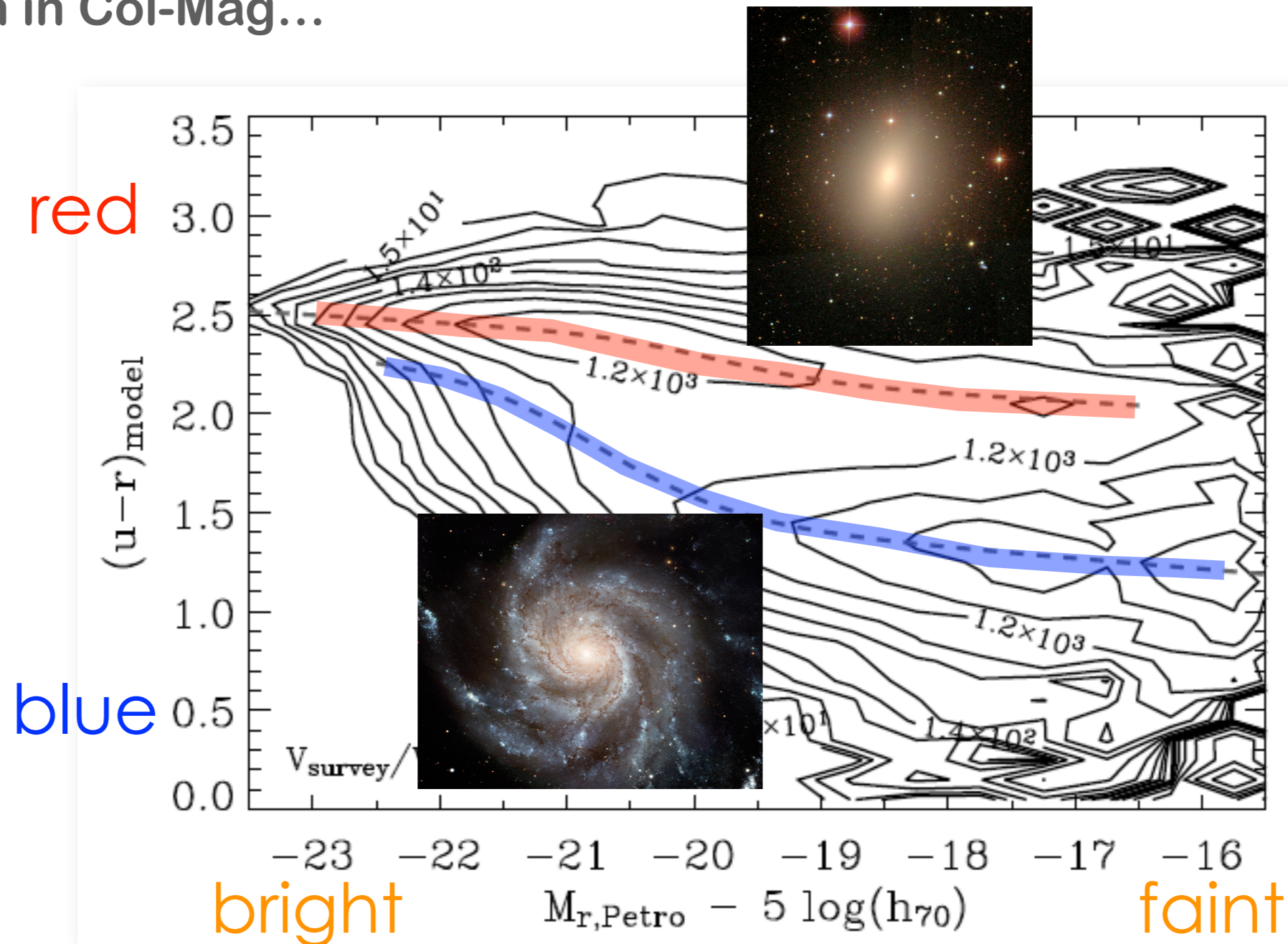


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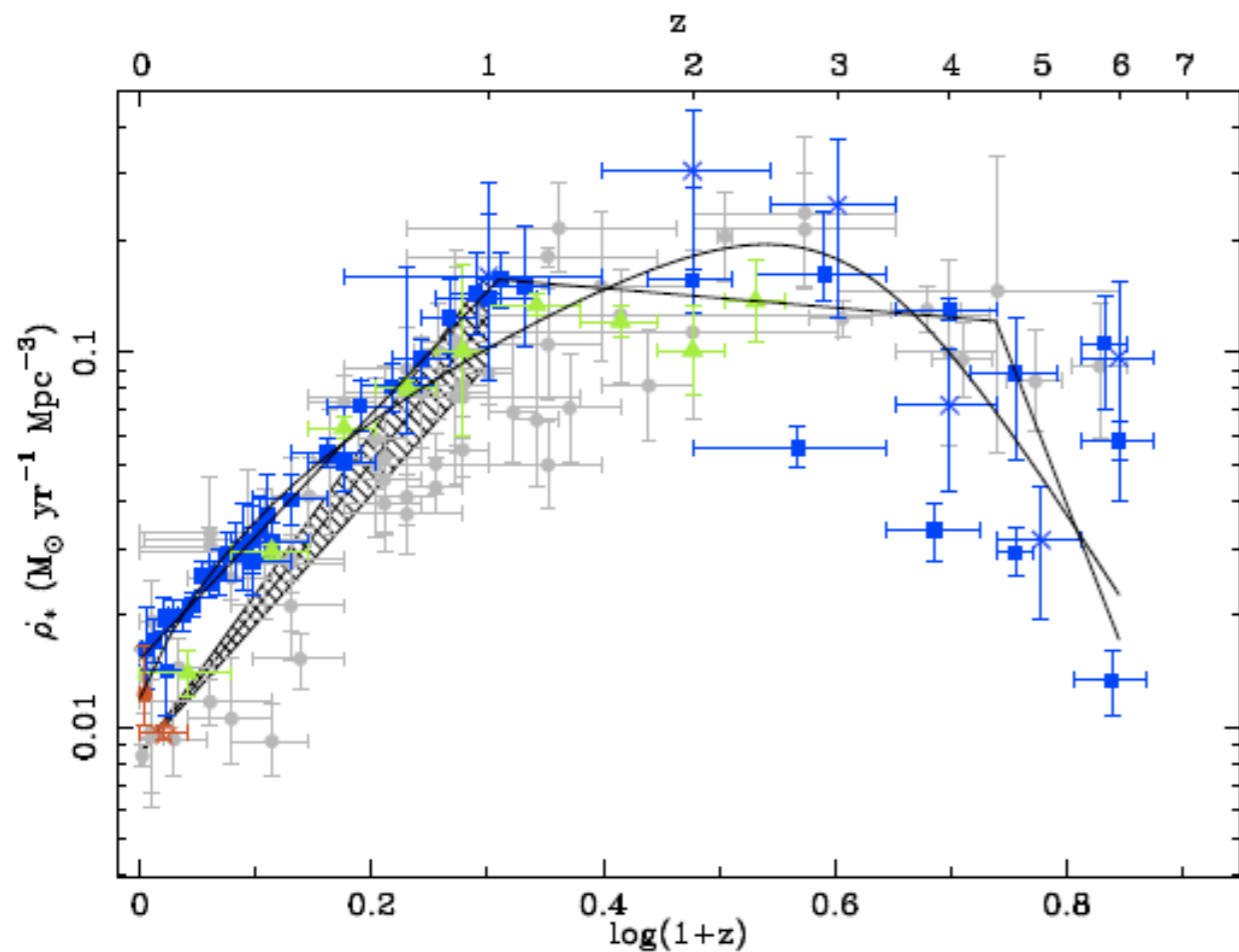
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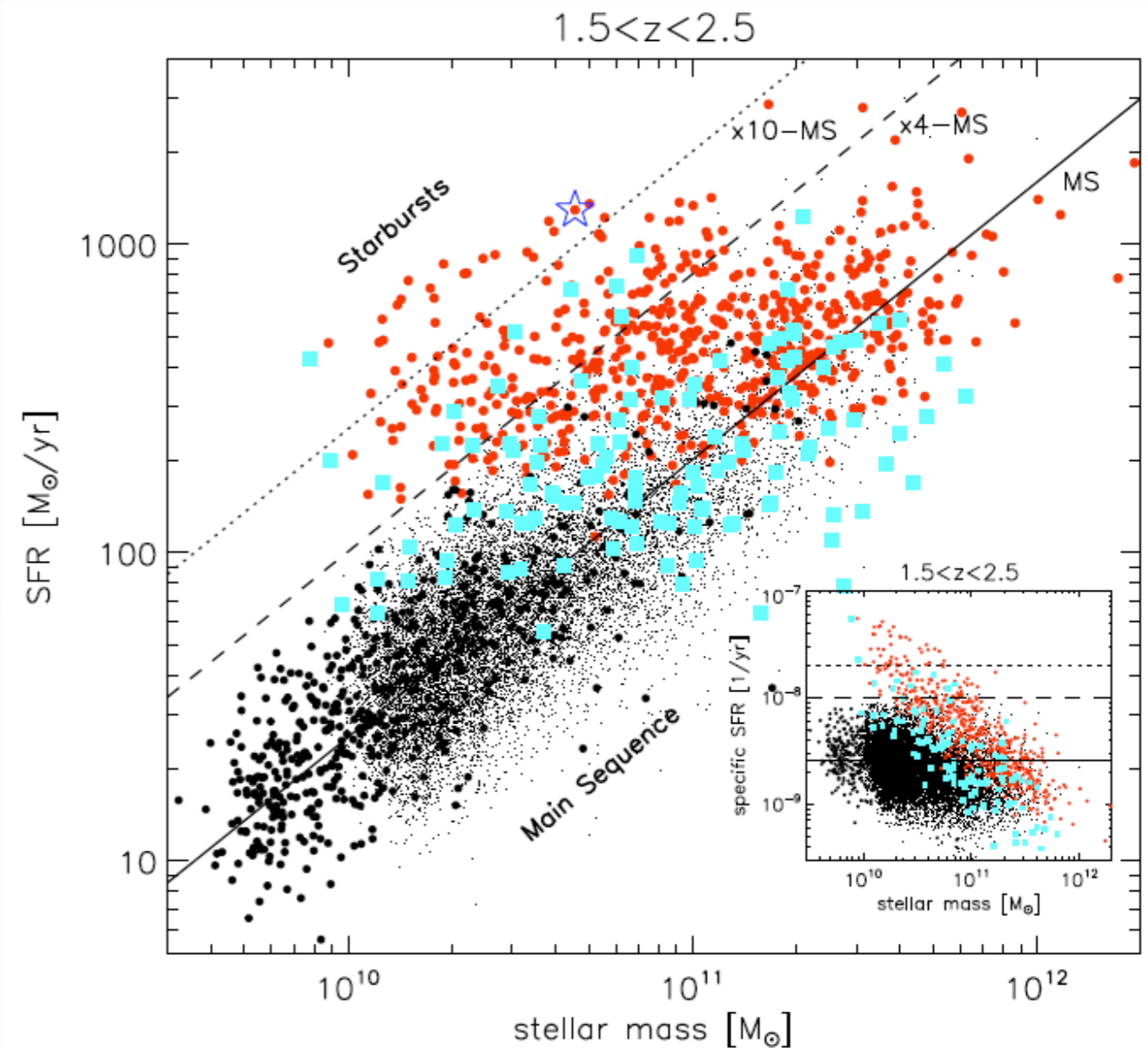
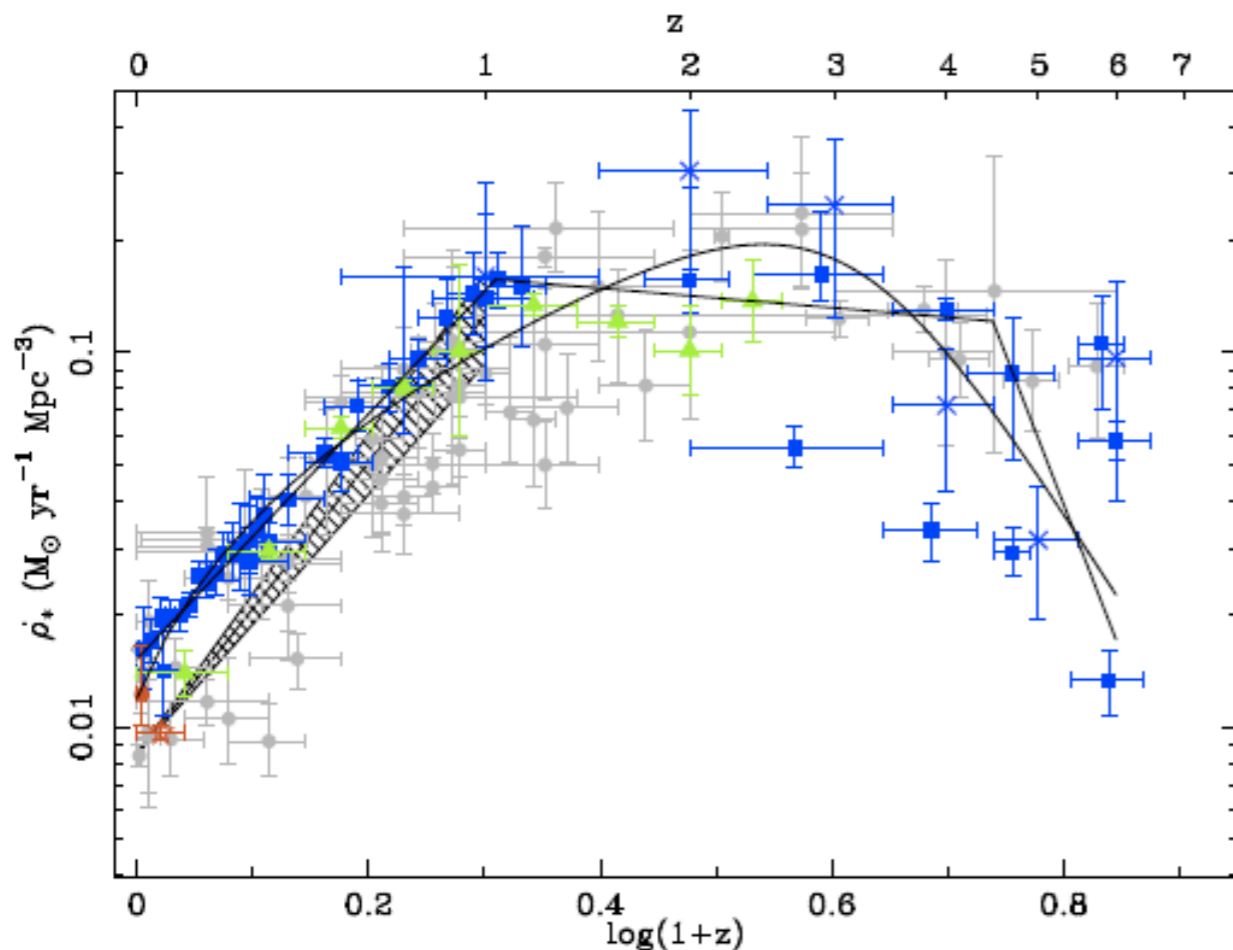


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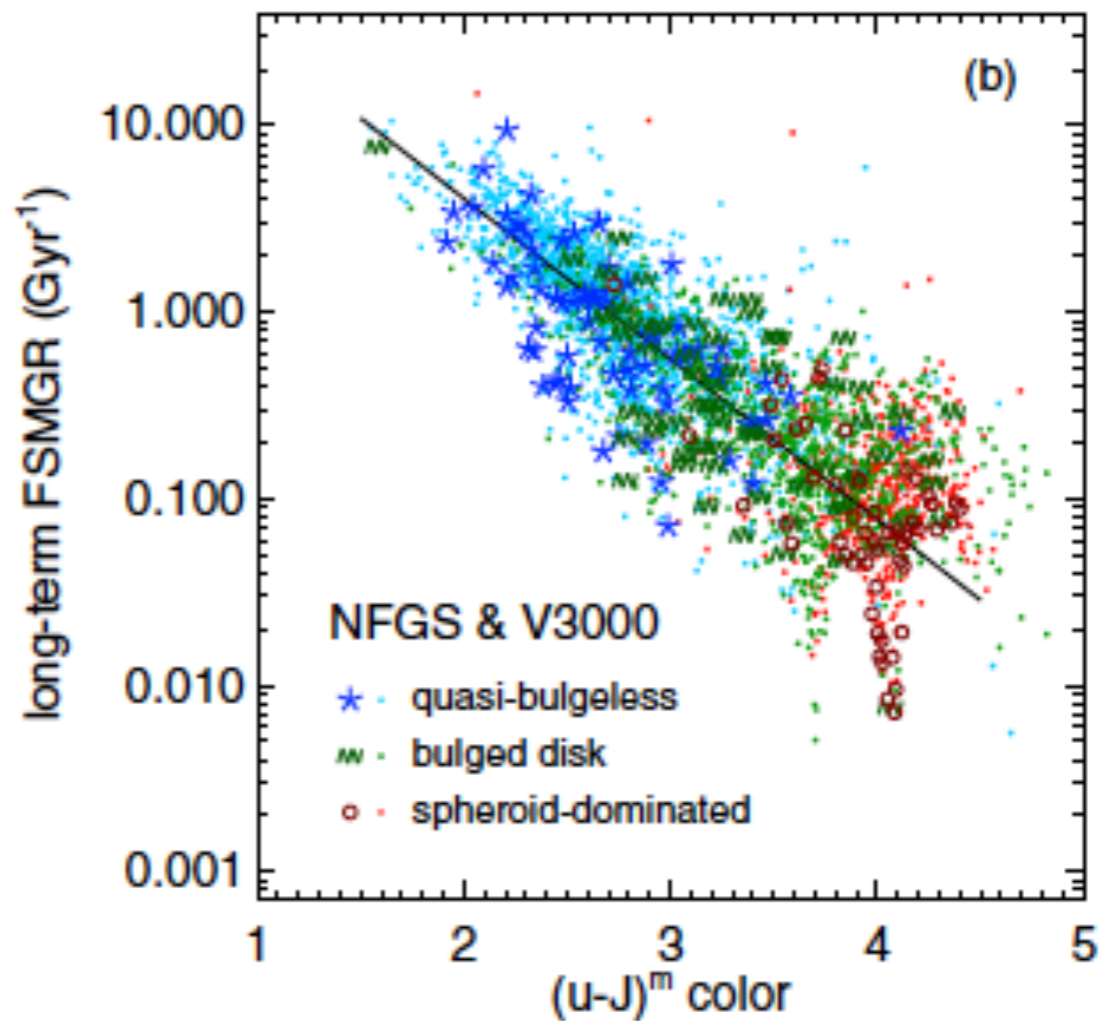
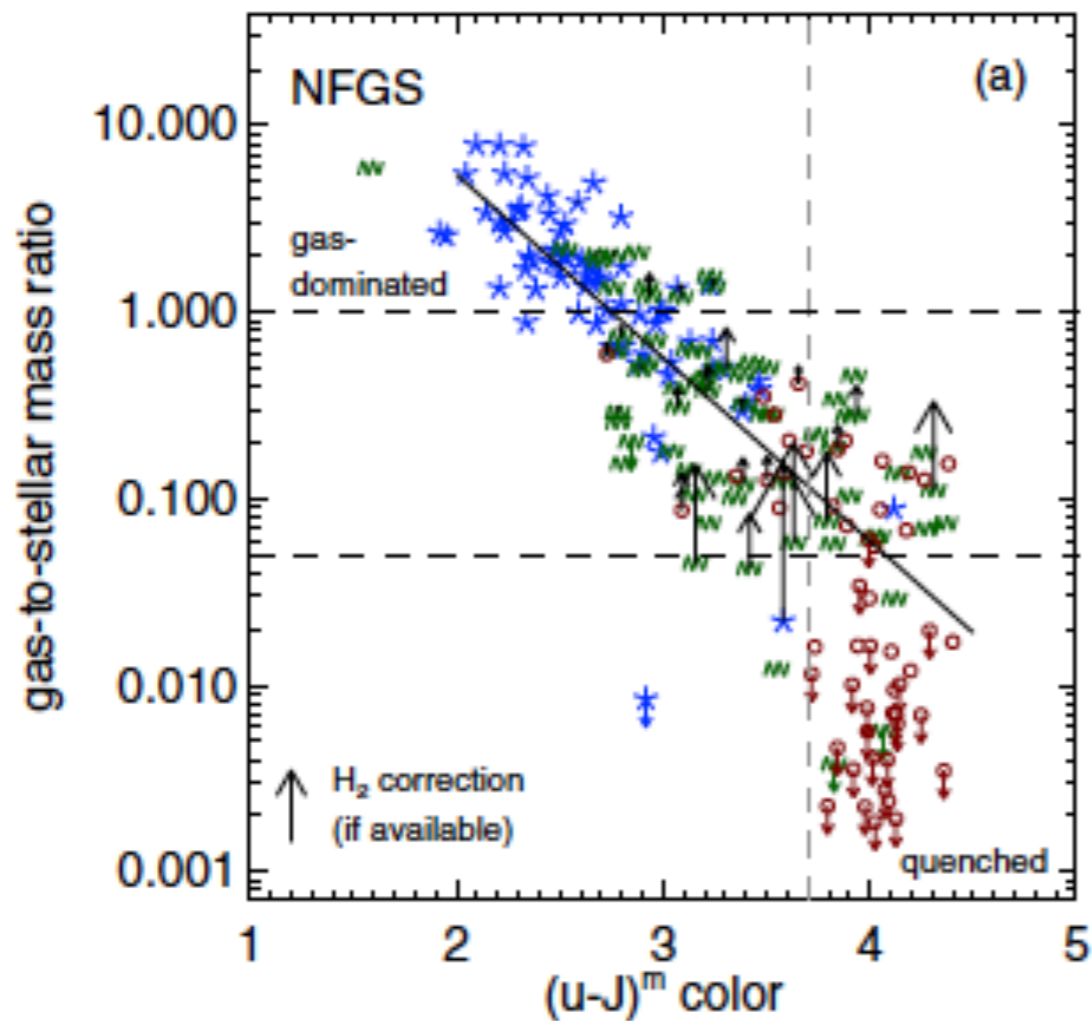
- SFR vs.  $M_*$  very smooth  $\rightarrow$  mergers only  $\sim 10\%$  of SF at  $z \sim 2$
- inflows of gas from IGM to fuel SF

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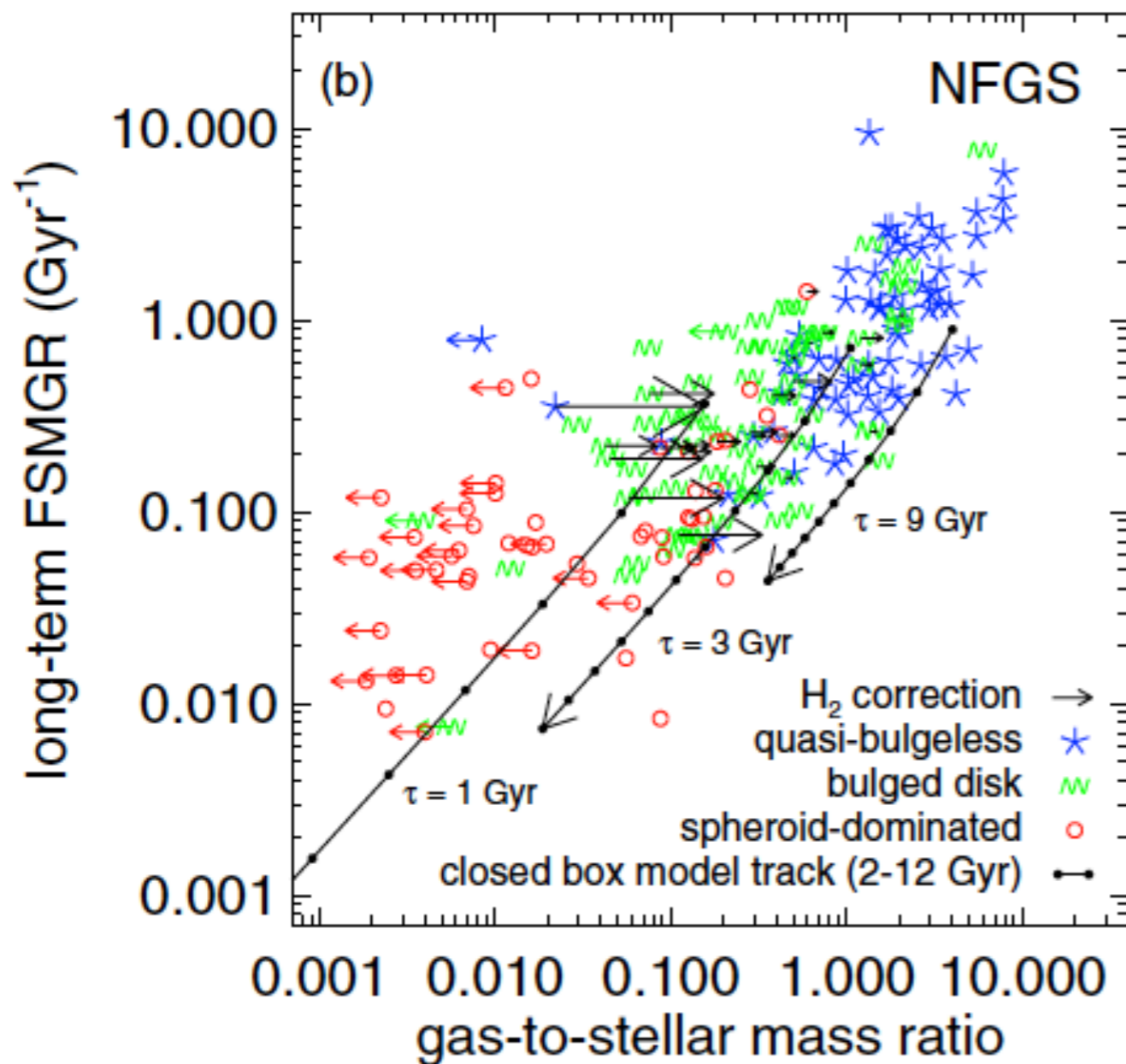


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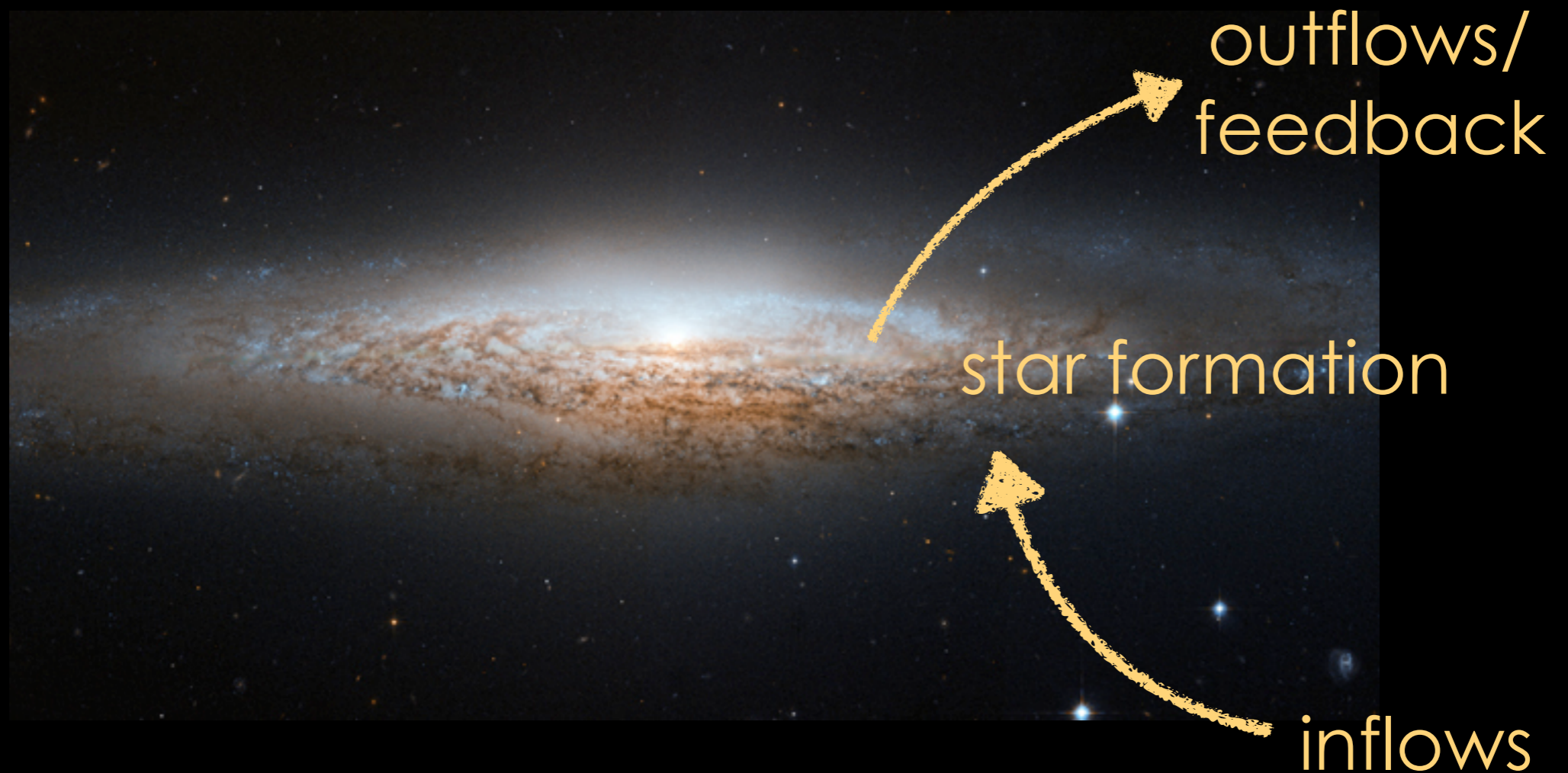


- $M_{\text{HI}}/M_* \sim$  long term FSMGR!
- closed box models do not work!
- Implies gas refuelling on Gyr timescales

# The baryon cycle

- Since H forms the raw fuel for star formation - vital to study role of HI in galaxies

Observations and models point to a cyclical picture for gas in galaxies:



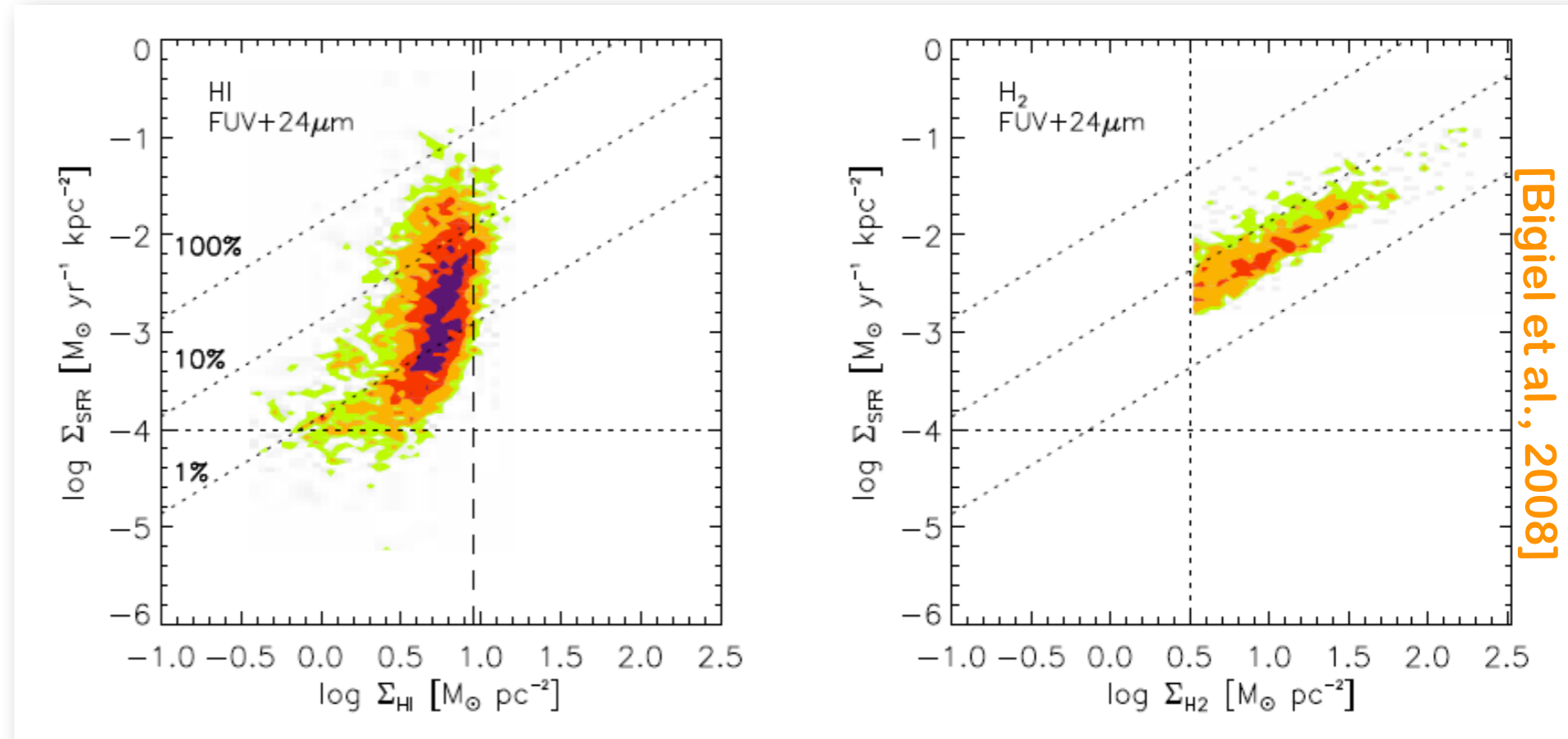
# Key questions:

- What are the necessary conditions and processes that govern star formation in galaxies?
- How do galaxies keep forming stars over the age of the universe?
- How is the HI distributed in and around galaxies in different environments (i.e. field/groups/clusters) and over the history of the universe?
- How do galaxies'  $M_{\text{HI}}$  scale with their stellar/halo masses vs. cosmic time & different environments?
- What is the role of angular momentum in galaxy evolution?
  - *Hope to answer these with SKA, see [Blyth+ 2015, de Blok+ 2015, Popping+ 2015, Staveley-Smith+ 2015, Obreschkow+ 2015,...]*

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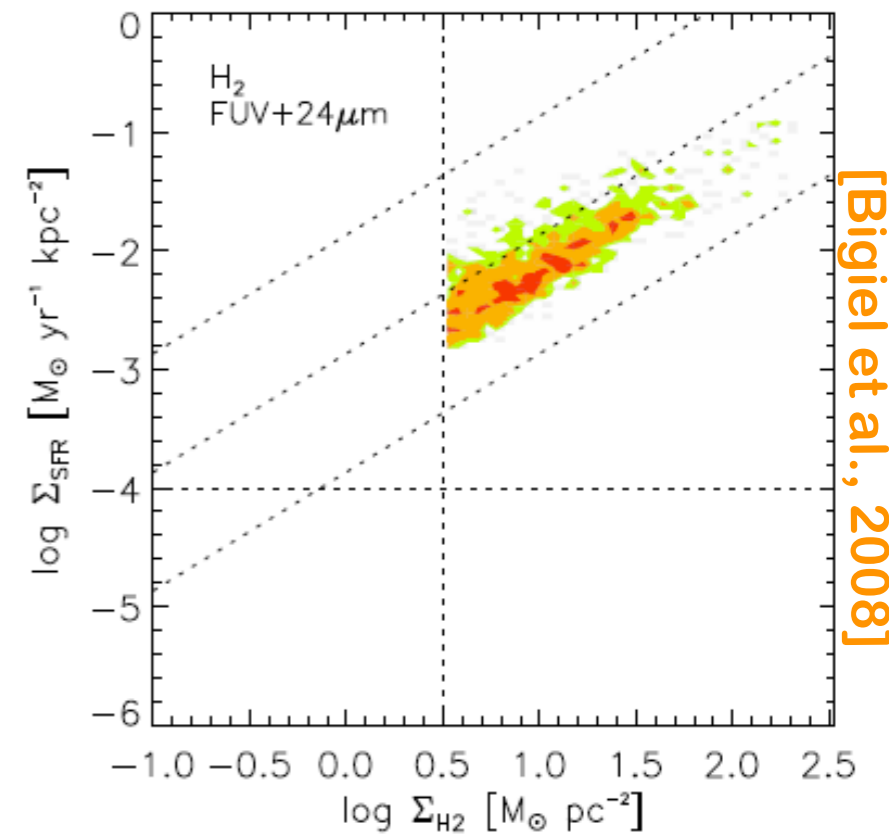
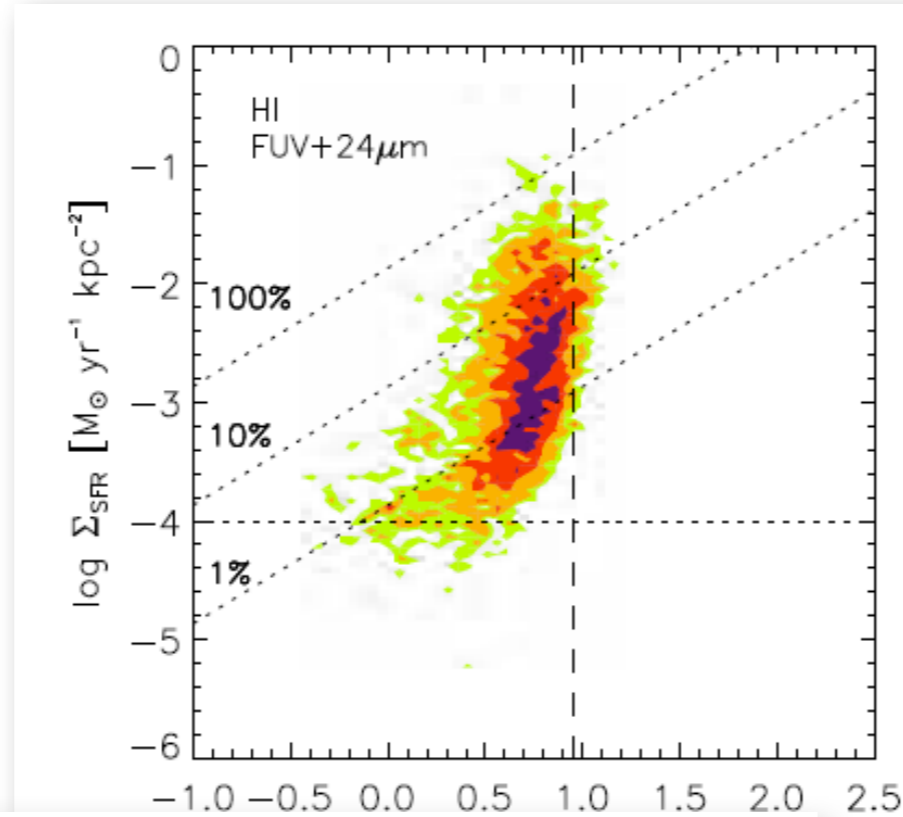
- Kennicutt-Schmidt relation:



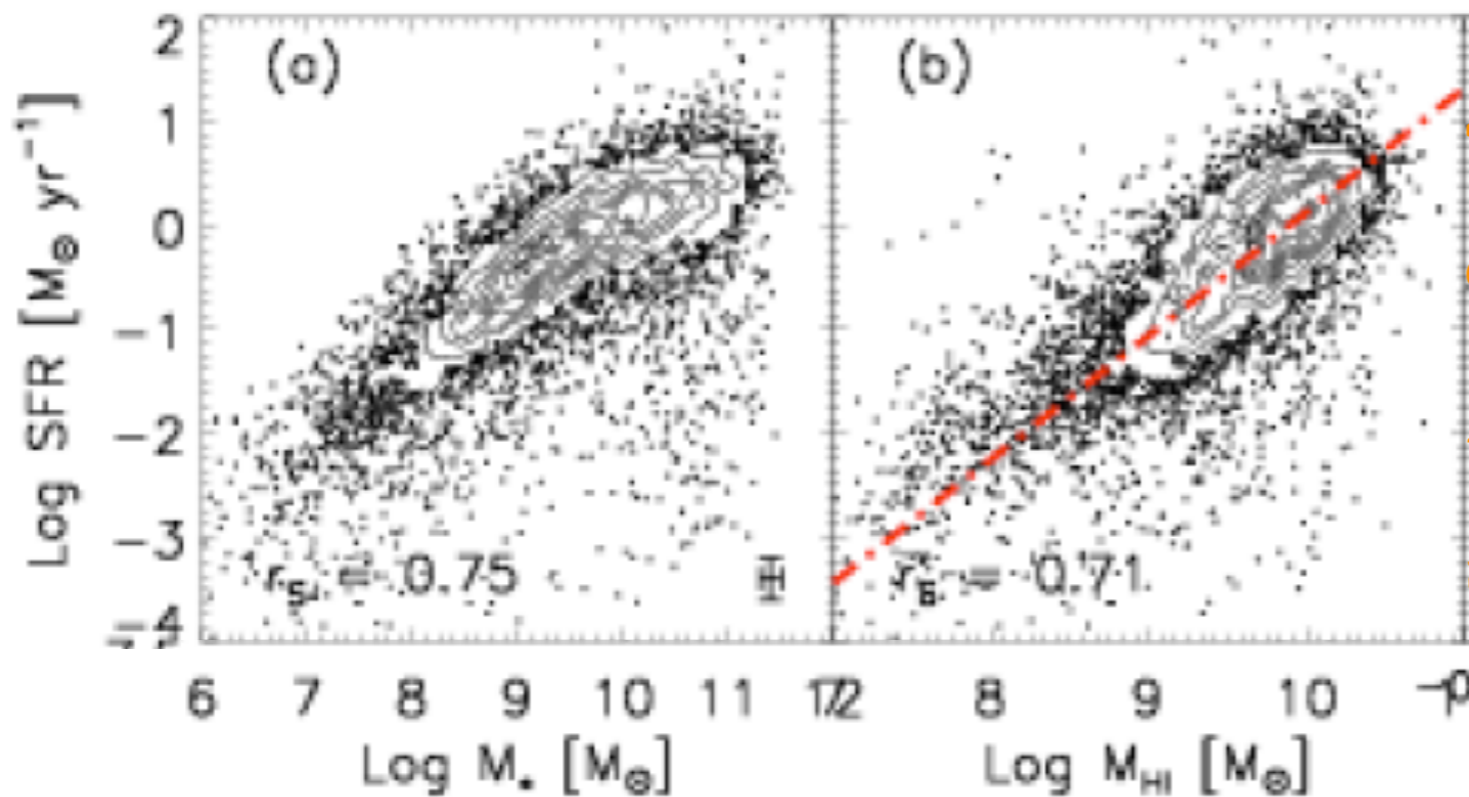
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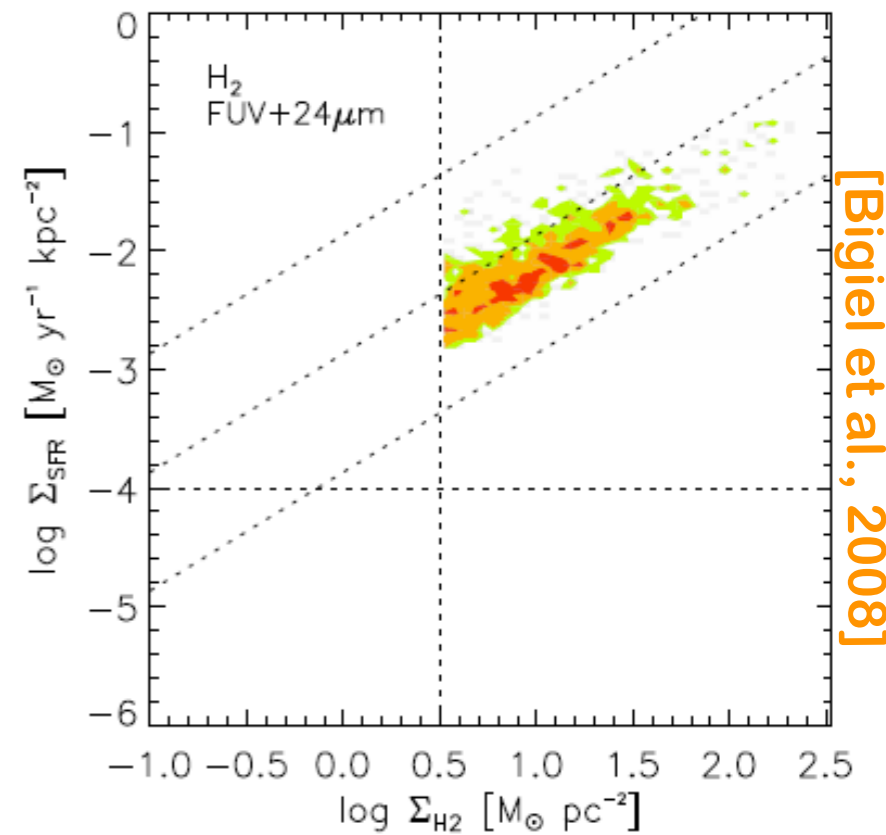
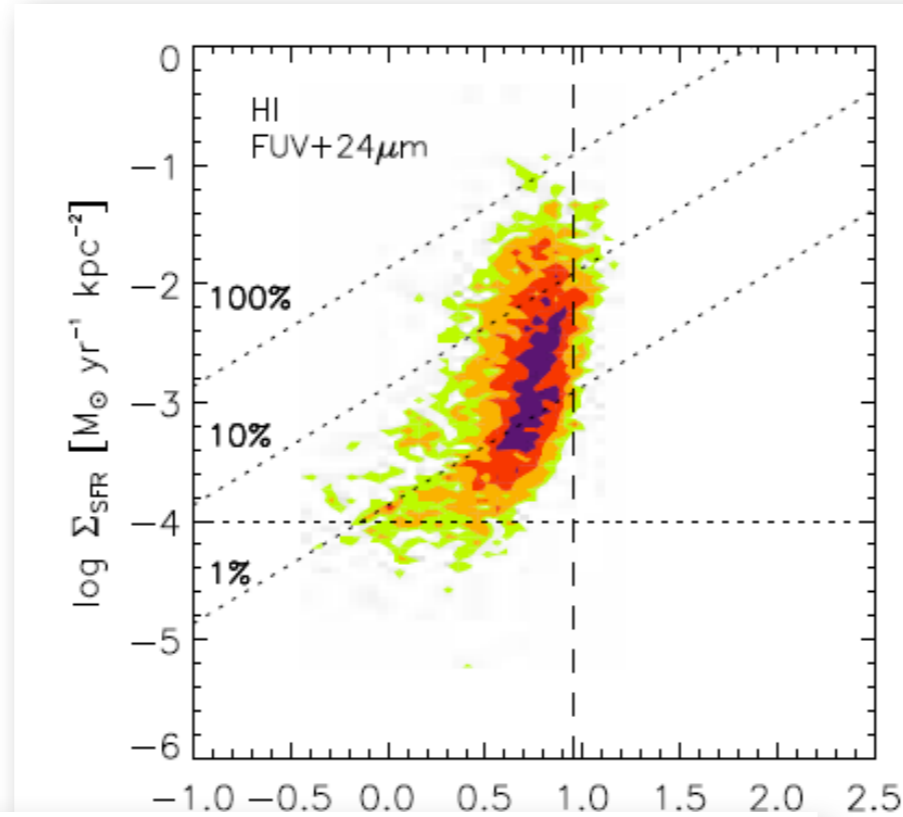


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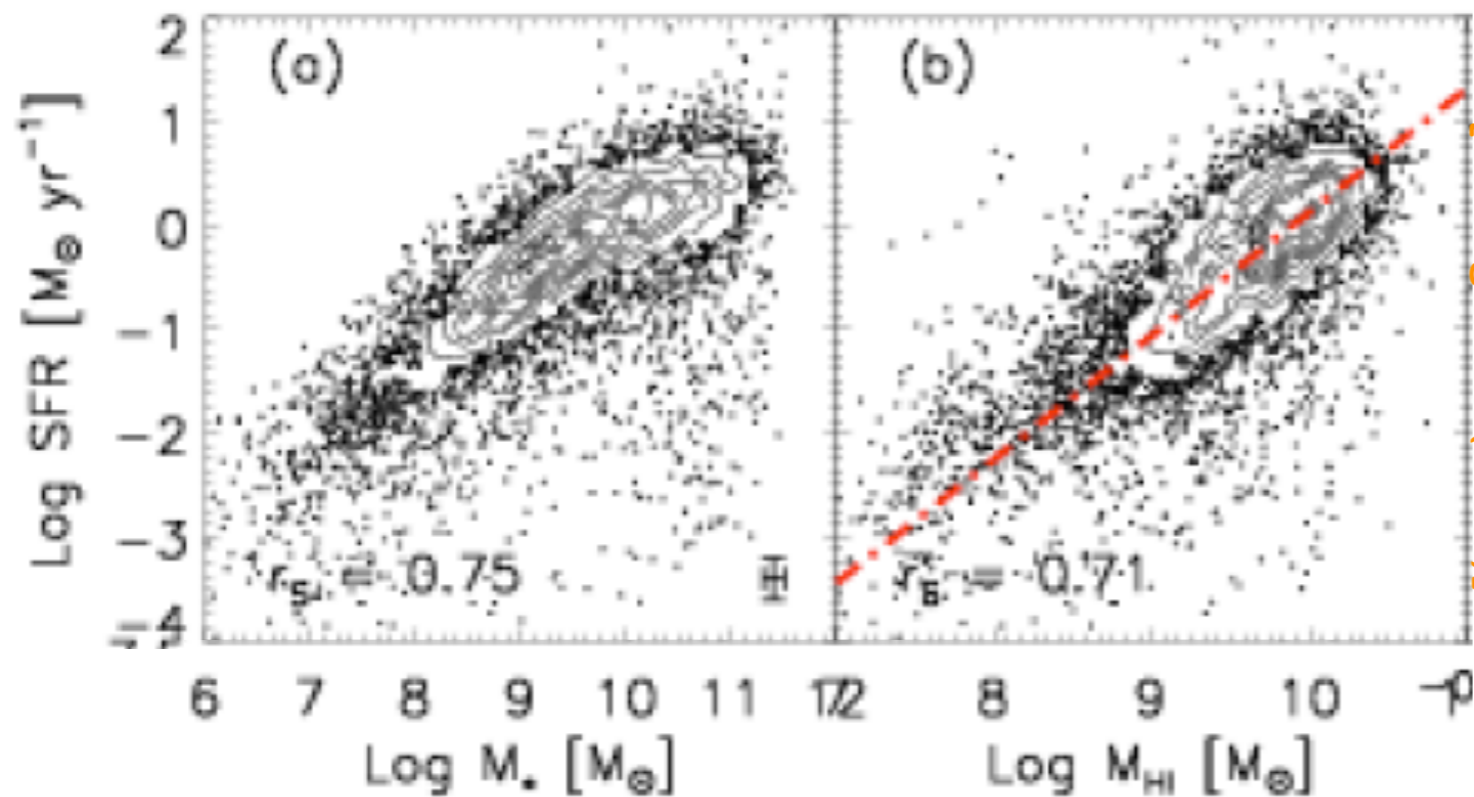
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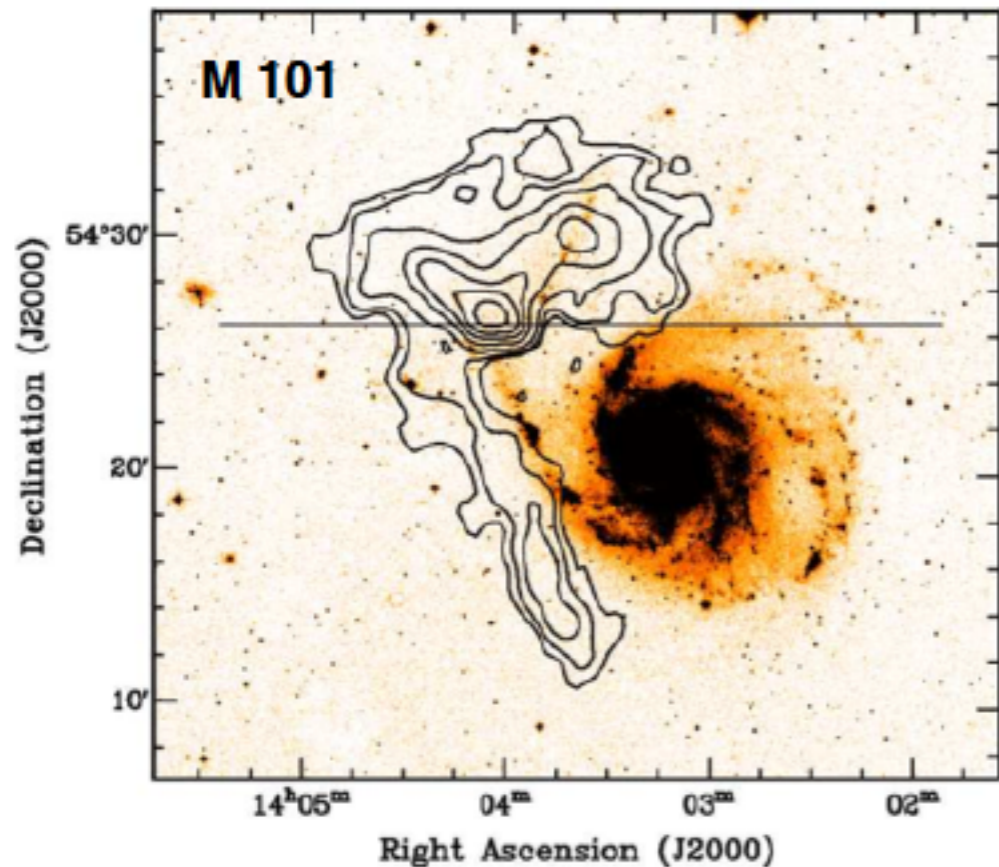
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- What are the processes at the mol. cloud scale level?

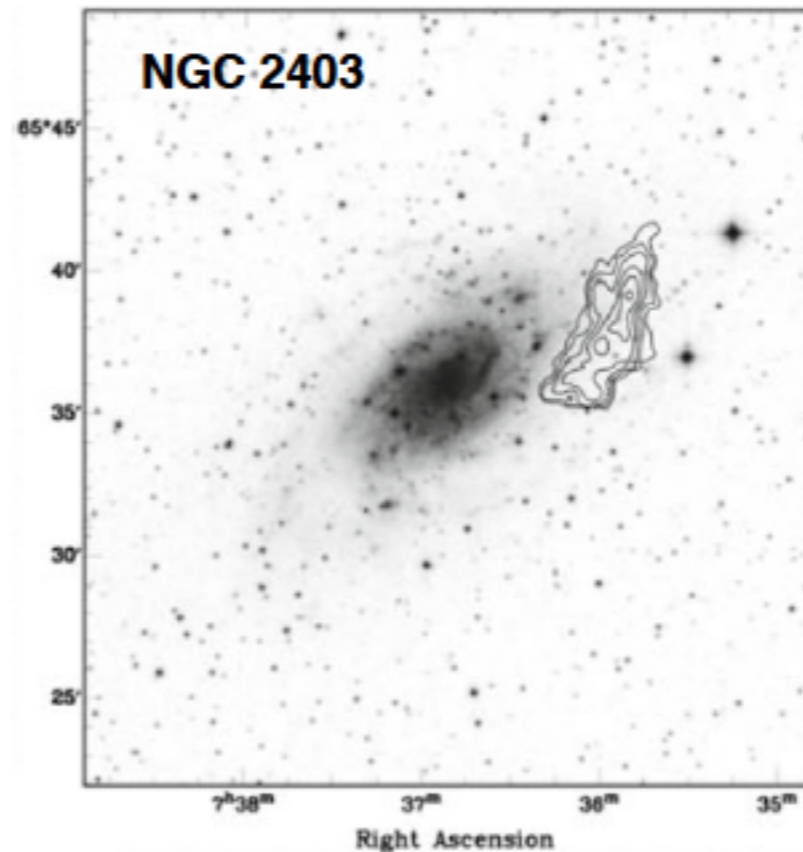
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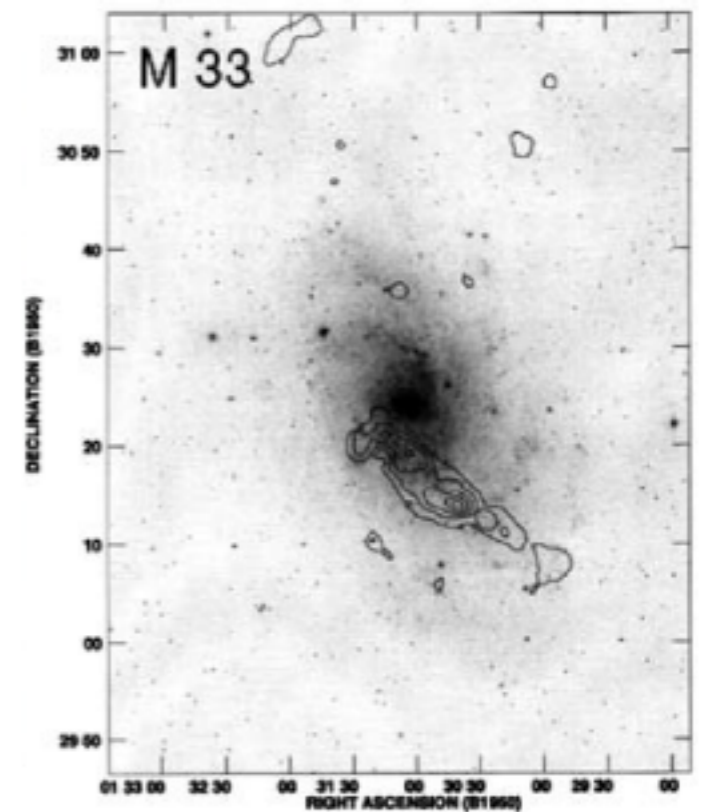
[vd Hulst & Sancisi, 1998]



[Fraternali et al., 2002]



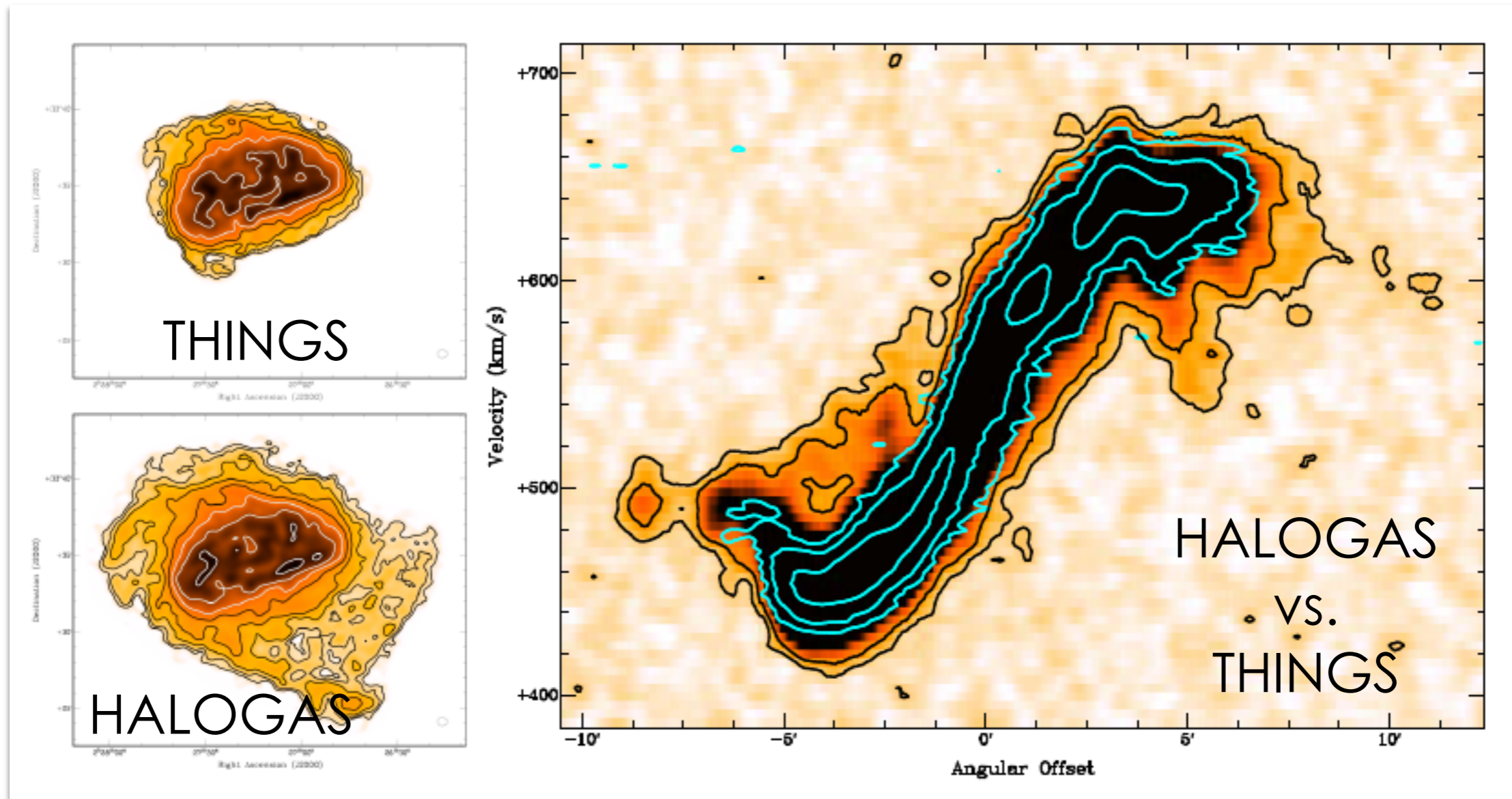
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- Evidence for accretion of HI around local galaxies

# Accretion

To try and find the low column density accreting gas, need to push to lower sensitivities:



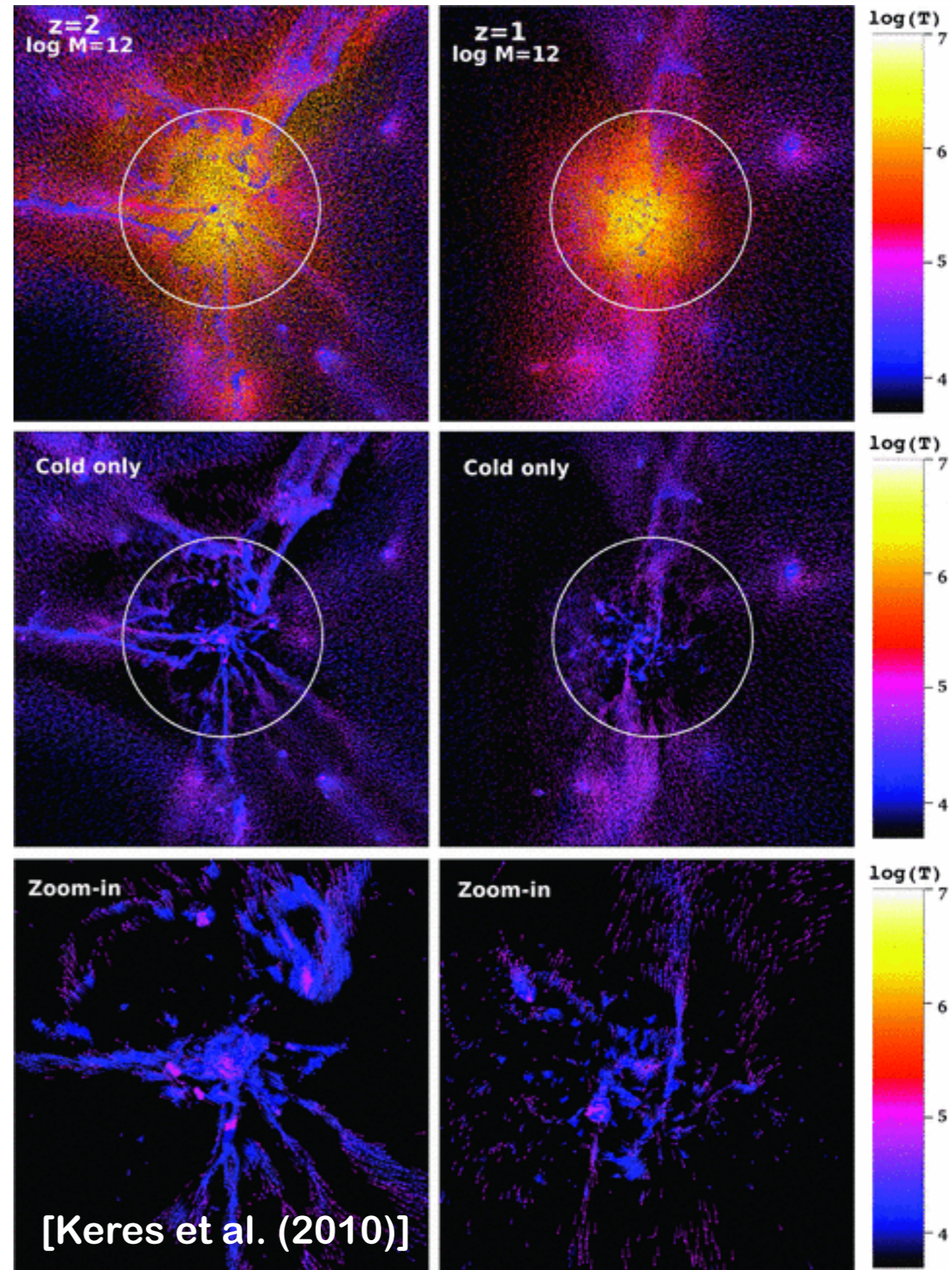
de Blok+ 2015

- But... even down to  $10^{19}$  atoms/cm<sup>2</sup>, not enough visible gas to account for SFRs



# Accretion

- Simulations by Keres et al. (2010) predict differences in hot/cold accretion based on halo mass and  $z$
- Note: **cold** here means  $T < 10^{4.5}$  K
- Look for trends in  $M_{\text{gas}}/M_{\text{halo}}$  ratios



# Outflows

More sensitive observations reveal the low density gas around galaxies:

- Gas in thick disk likely from stellar outflows (galactic fountain likely)

## Neutral gas around galaxies: NGC891

1979: Sancisi & Allen



1997: Swaters et al.



2007: Oosterloo, Fraternali & Sancisi

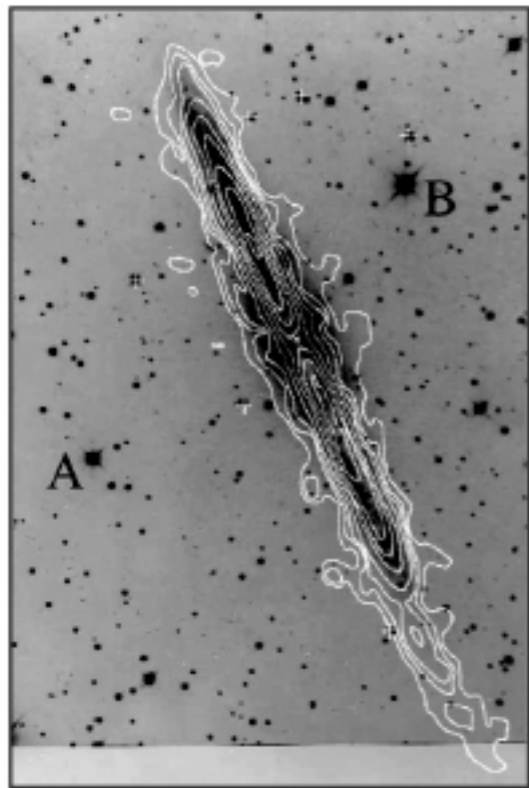
2027: Blah & Blah

Minimum column density  $\sim 1 \times 10^{21} \text{ cm}^{-2}$

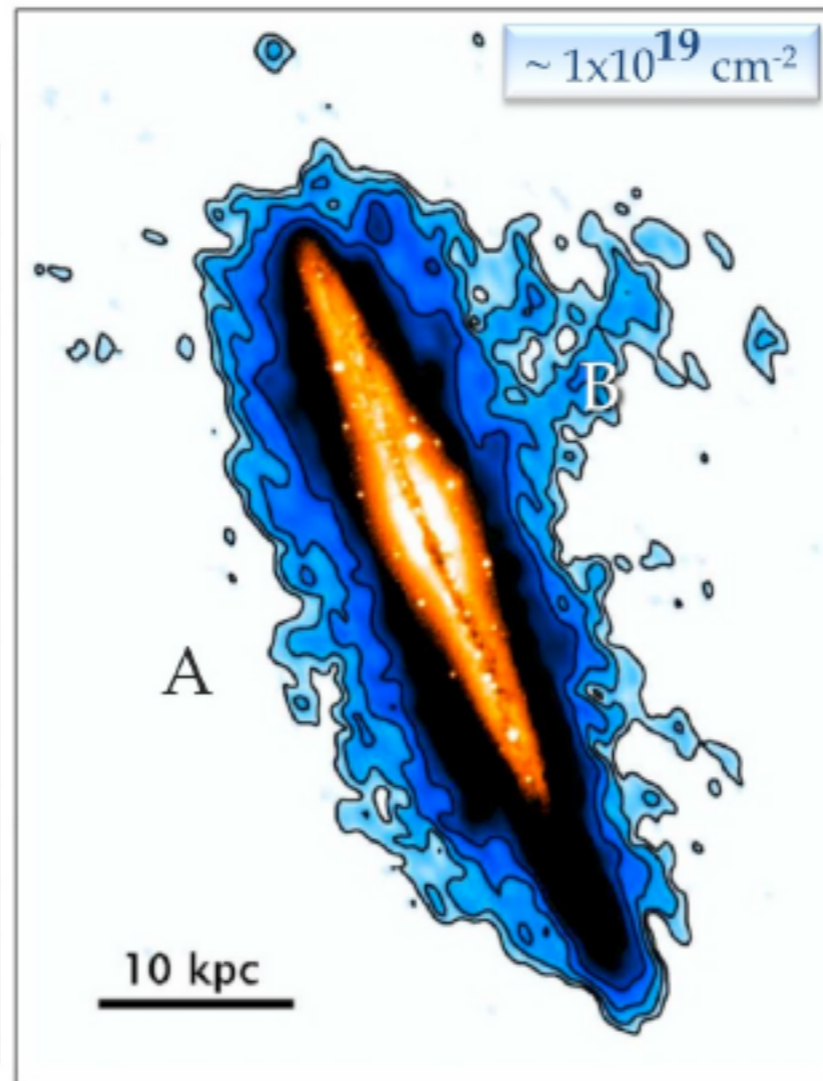
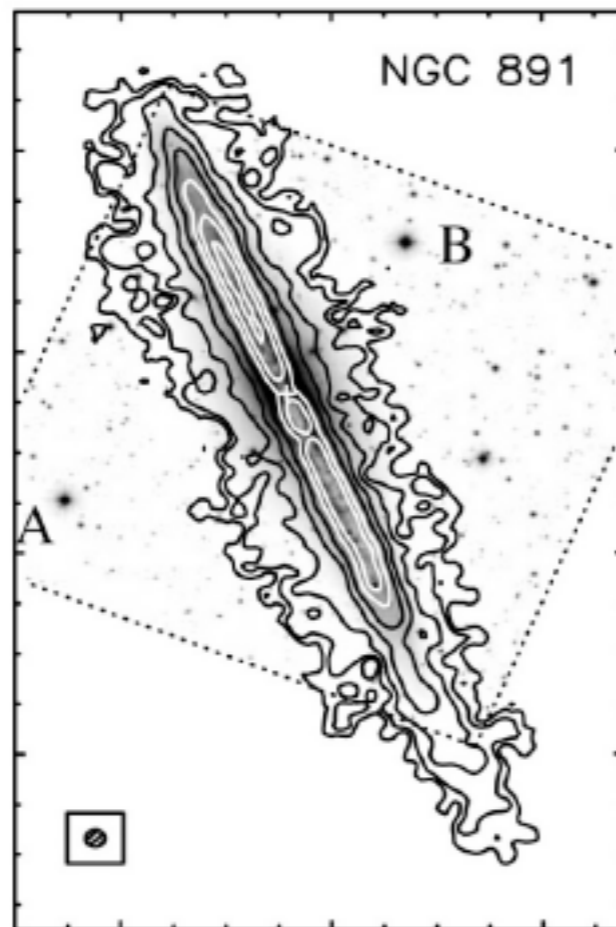
$\sim 1 \times 10^{20} \text{ cm}^{-2}$

$\sim 1 \times 10^{19} \text{ cm}^{-2}$

$\sim 1 \times 10^{17} \text{ cm}^{-2}$



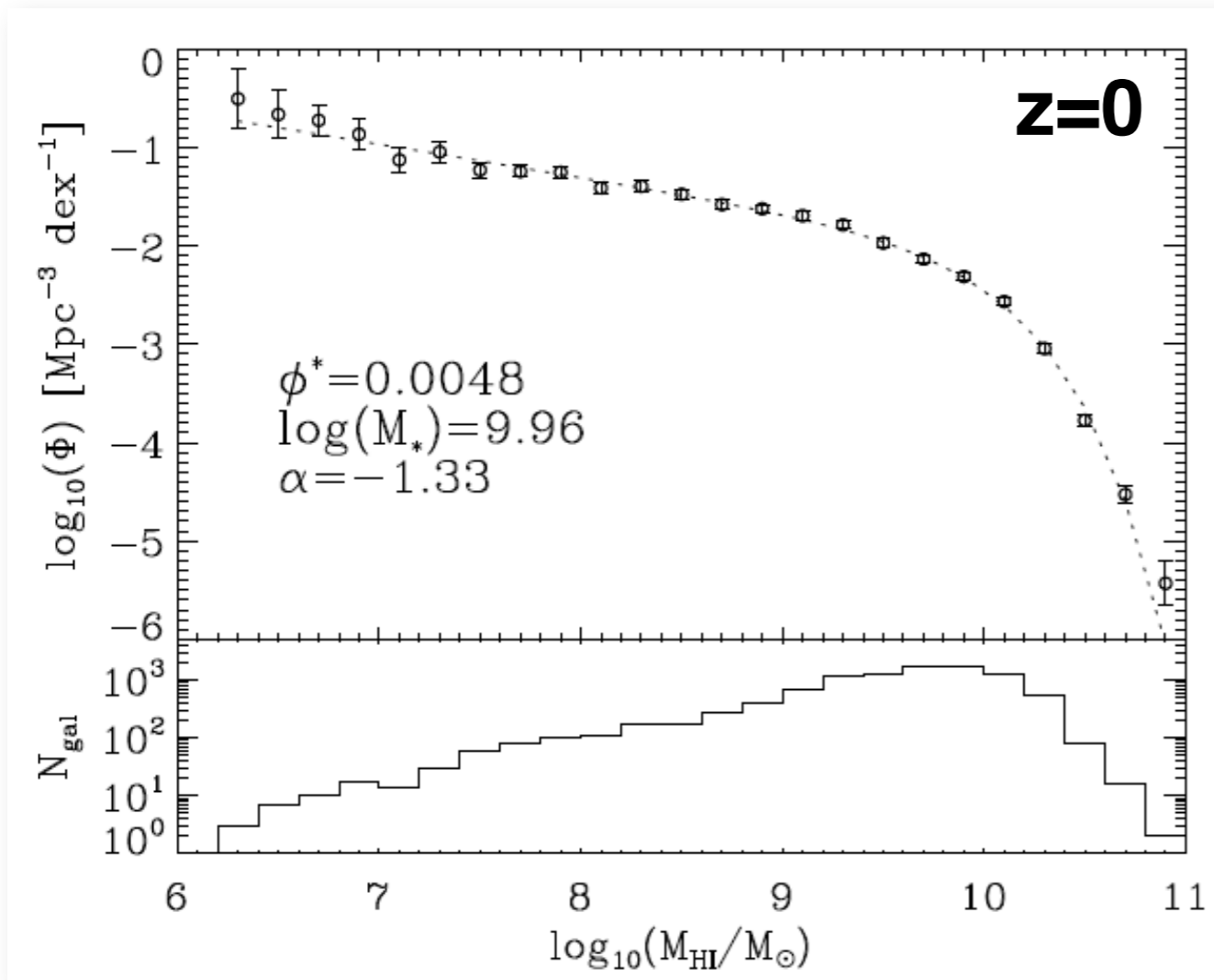
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- How is the HI distributed in and around galaxies in different environments & over the history of the universe?

## HIMF vs. $z$

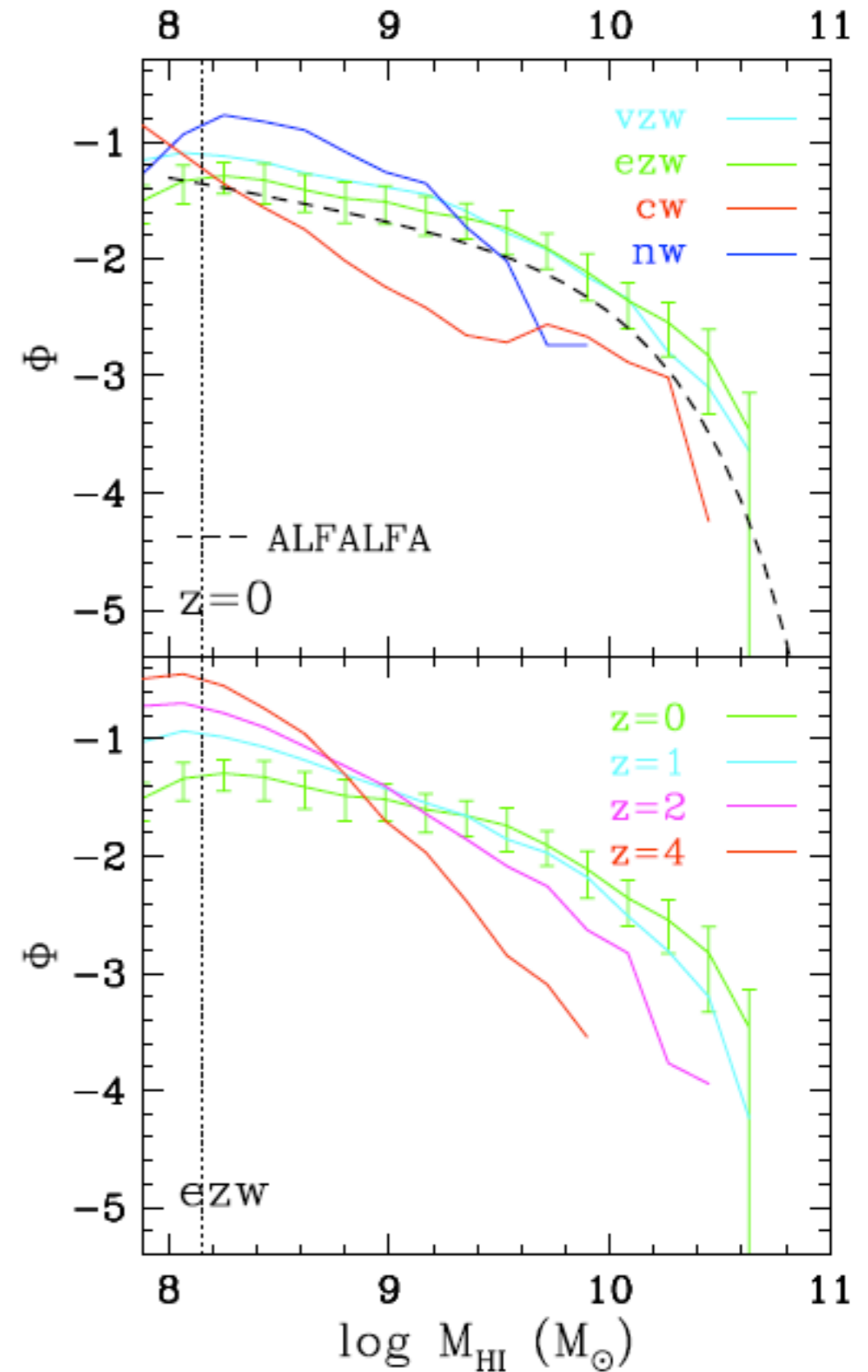


[Martin+ (2010)]

- How do  $M_{\text{HI}}^*$ ,  $\alpha$  & normalisation vary vs.  $z$ ?
- Help to constrain hierarchical galaxy formation models
- Effect of different environments?

# Key questions

- Hydrodynamical models including mass-dependent outflows can predict the local HIMF shape well...
- Also predict evolution with  $z$

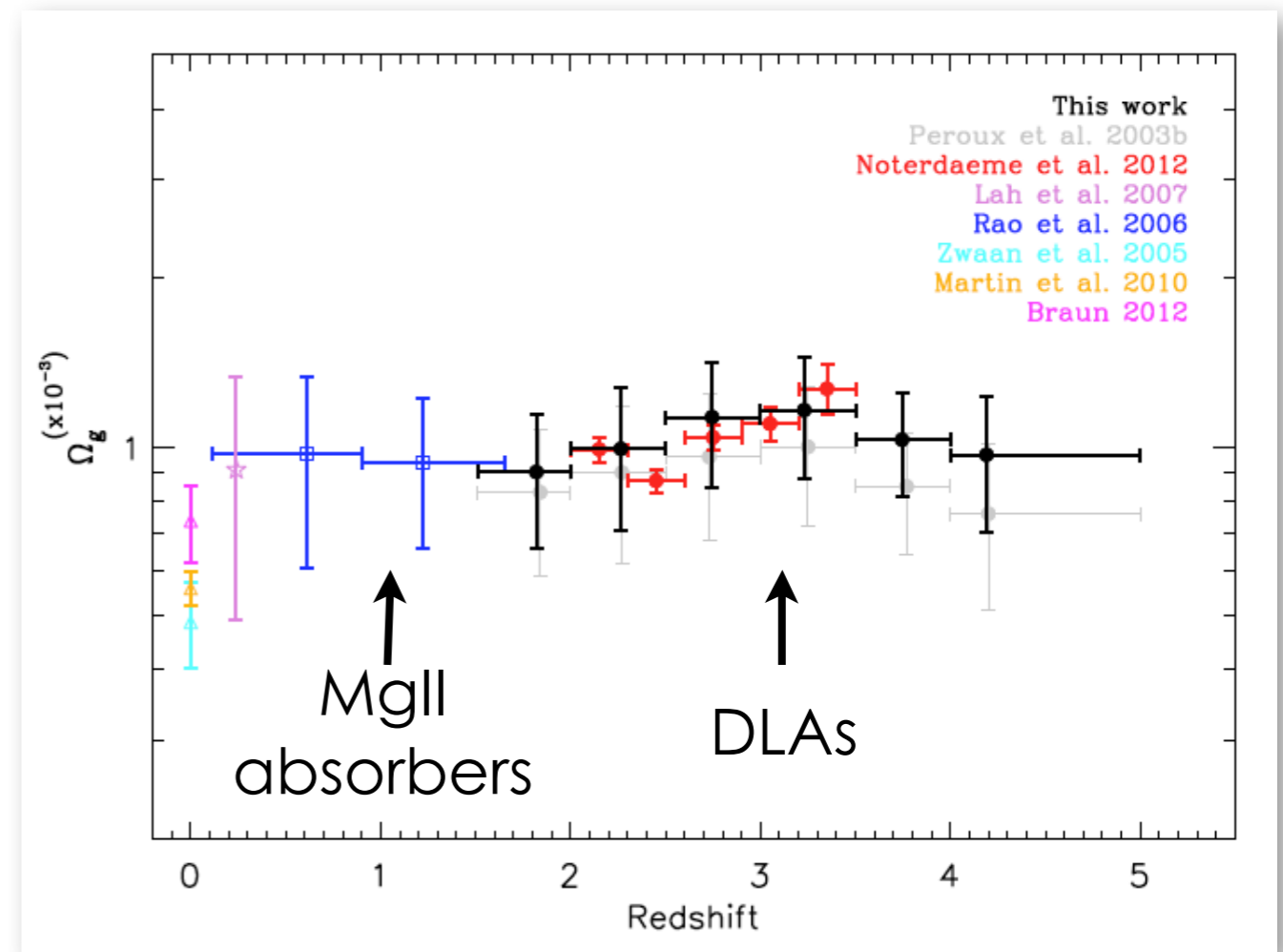


# Cosmic neutral gas density

What is the average amount of HI vs.  $z$ ?

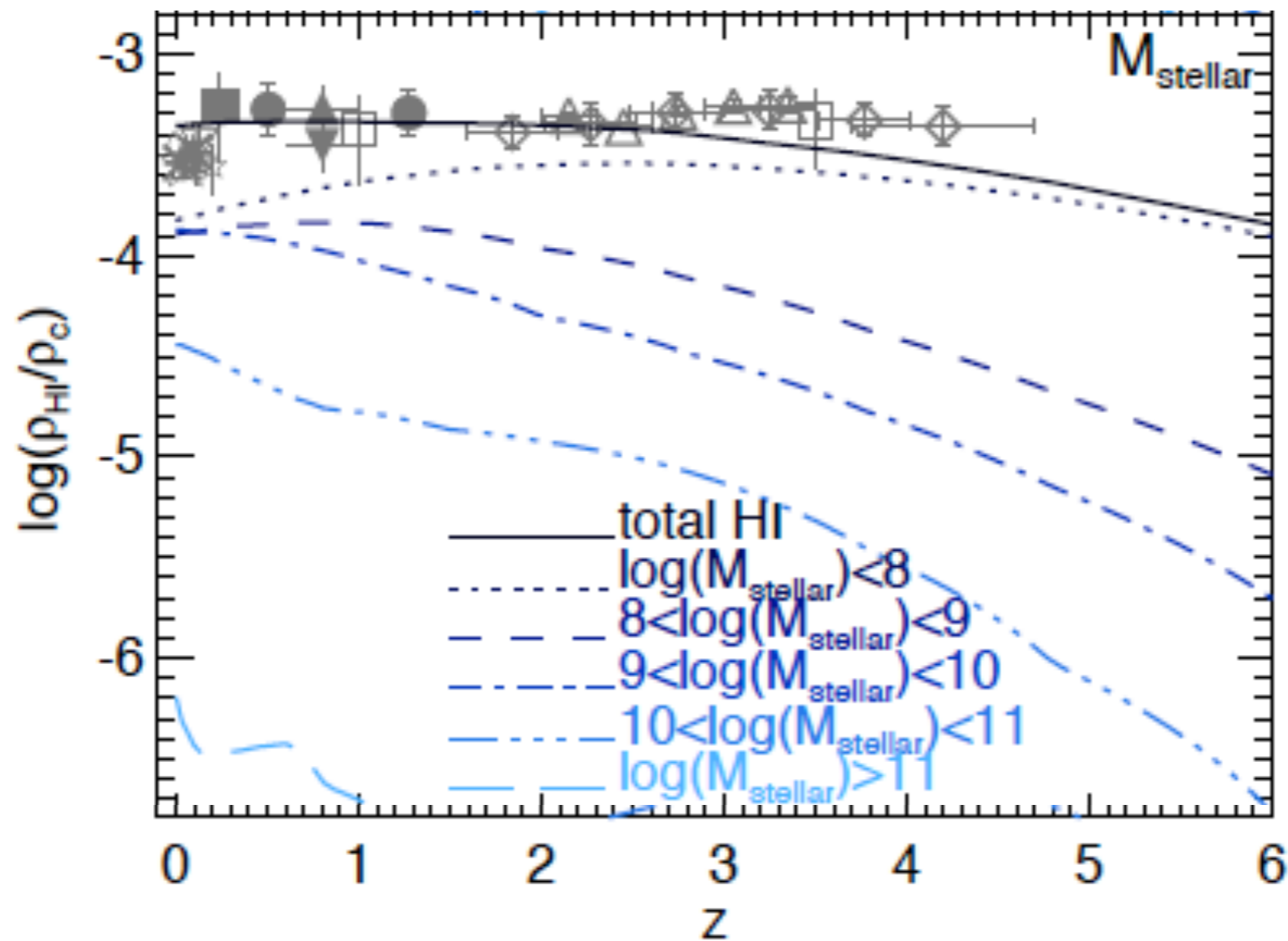
- How will HI emission measurements compare to Ly $\alpha$  and MgII absorber results at higher  $z$ ?

$\Omega_{\text{HI}}$  vs.  $z$



# Cosmic neutral gas density

- Semi-analytic models make predictions about the contribution of different mass galaxies to the overall HI gas density:



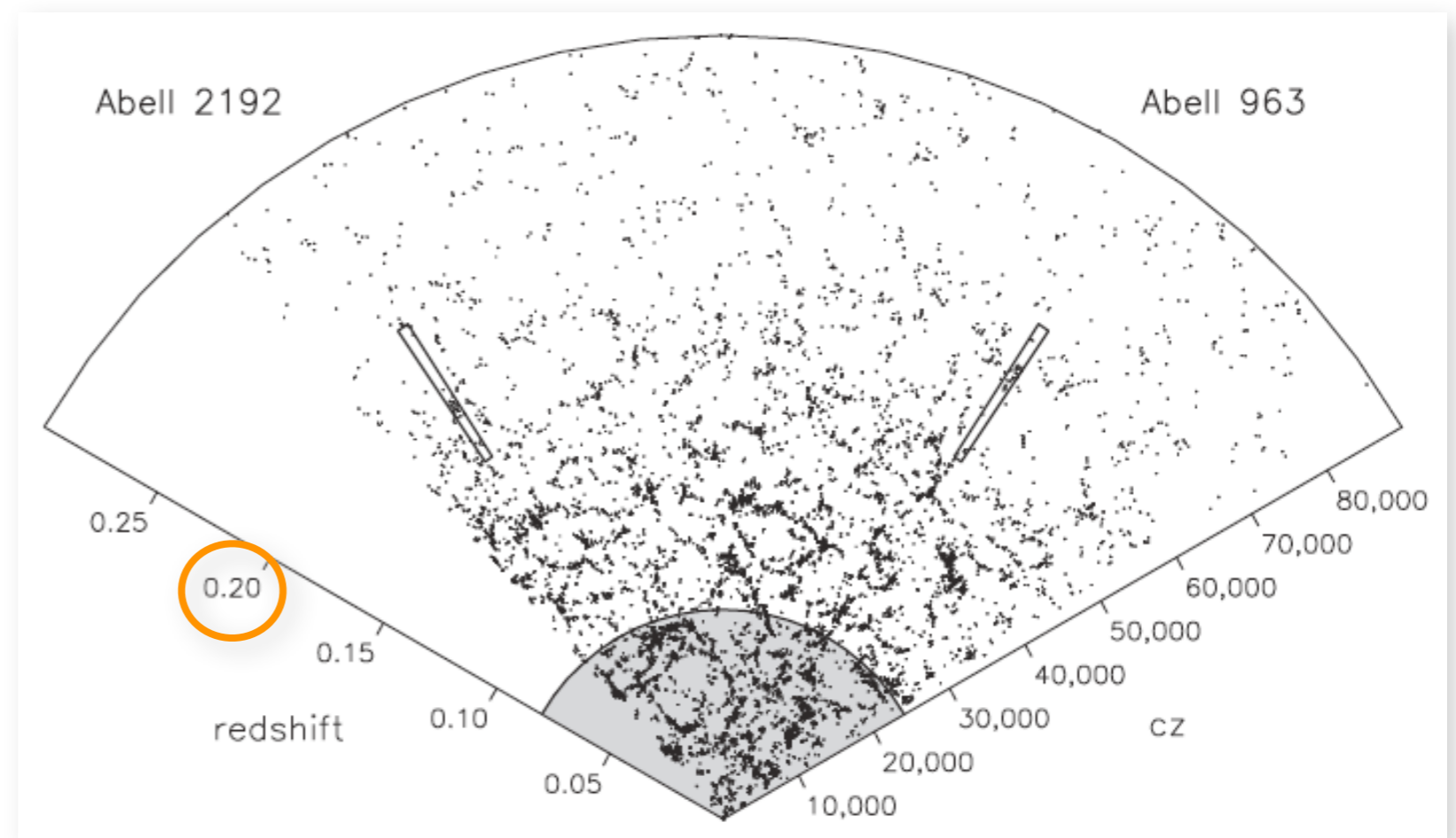
[Lagos et al. (2014)]

# HI at higher z

The BUDHIES (Verheijen et al.) survey on the WSRT has observed 2 clusters at  $z \sim 0.2$  (higher  $z$  + environment)

- Observed 150 galaxies in HI

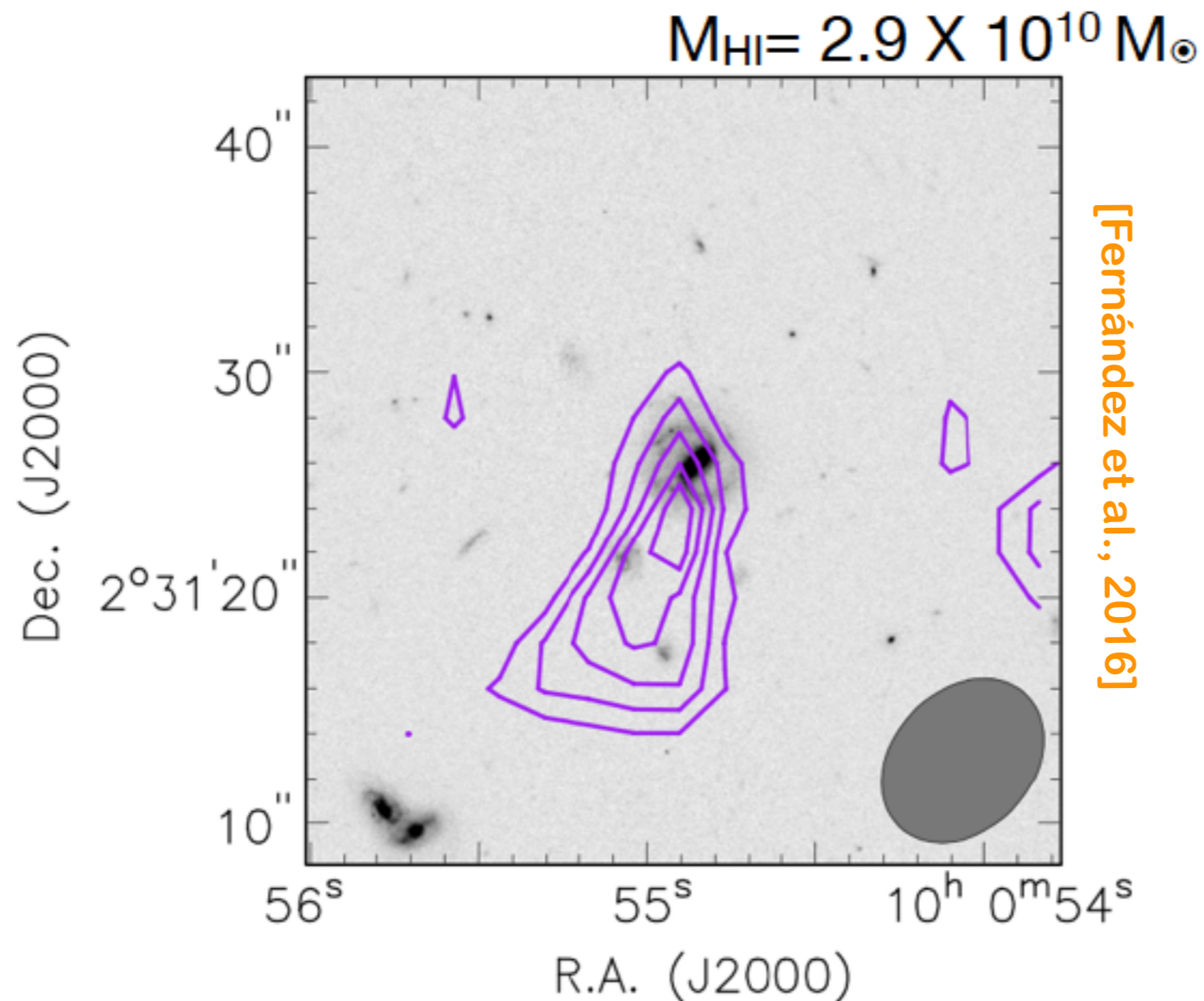
- Find correlations between HI content, and SFR as a function of environment
- Suggests progressive removal of HI as a function of group size



# HI at higher z

The JVLA upgrade has made a deep HI survey (CHILES) possible with instantaneous bandwidth covering  $0 < z < 0.45$ .

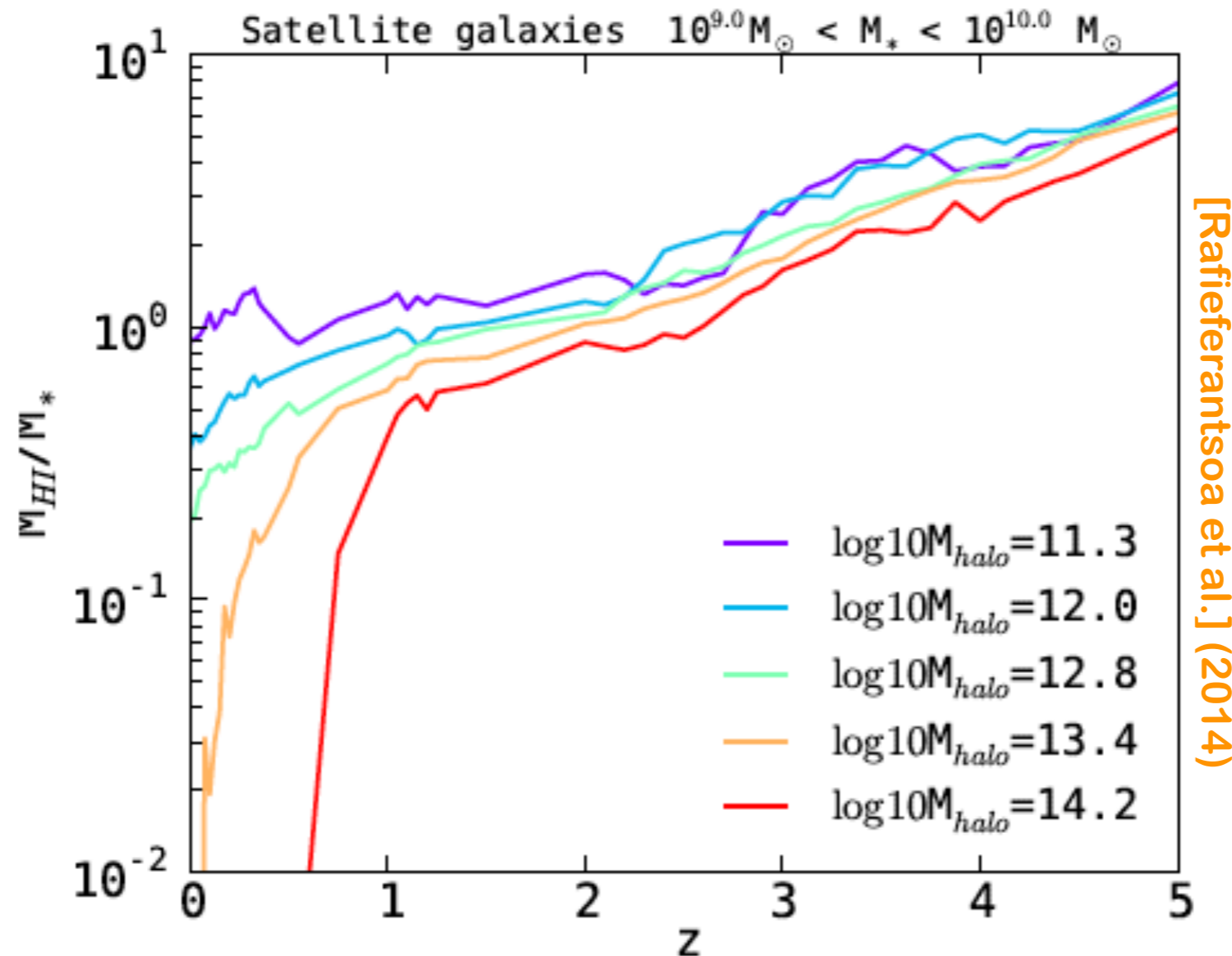
Highest-z HI galaxy image to date:  $z \sim 0.376$





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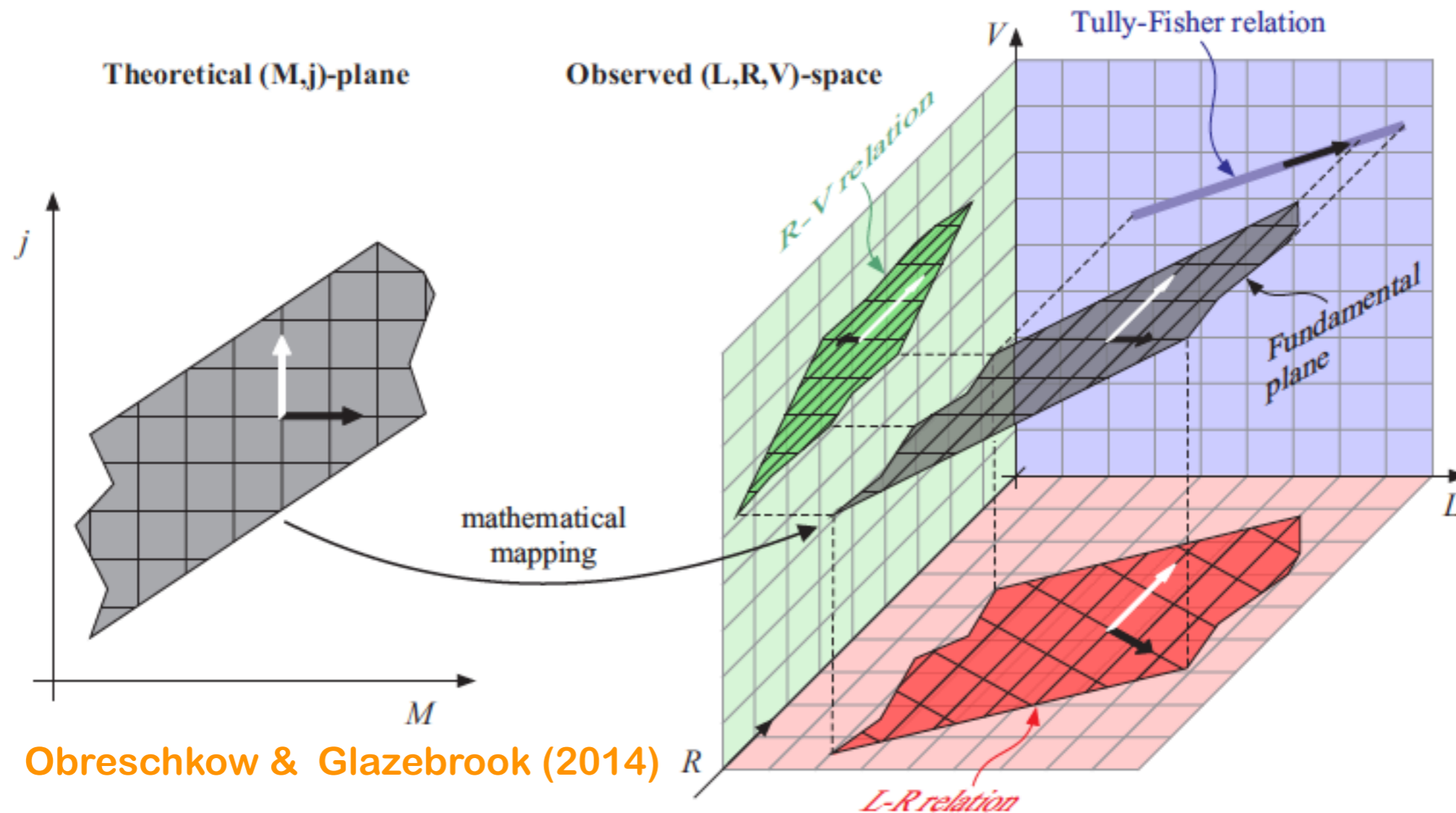
- How does the  $M_{\text{HI}}$  scale with stellar/halo mass?



In hydro. simulations, satellite galaxies follow different  $z$ -behaviour. Possibly stripping begins when the halo crosses a mass threshold...

# Key questions

- What is the role of angular momentum in galaxy evolution?



Modelling a galaxy as an exponential disk inside a spherical halo results in a F.P. in terms of  $R, L, V$

# Angular momentum & HI

- HI is an excellent tracer of  $j$  since most HI found at similar radii as  $j$  (3-4  $R_e$ )
- $j/M$  regulates star formation since it affects the surface density in the disk and  $\rightarrow$  conversion of HI to  $H_2$

global HI profiles /

HI kinematic maps

specific angular momentum:  $j \equiv \frac{J}{M} = \frac{\int_0^\infty dr r^2 \Sigma(r) v(r)}{\int_0^\infty dr r \Sigma(r)}$

Optical images

# Past HI surveys

Many HI surveys (using single dishes and interferometers) have probed the gas content of galaxies in different environments in the local universe ( $z \sim 0$ ):



# SKA-pathfinder surveys

## Blind surveys: Wide vs. Deep

CHILES (JVLA)

Single pointing COSMOS field,  
 $z < 0.45$

APERTIF Medium Deep

$z < 0.25$  over 500 deg<sup>2</sup>

APERTIF N-sky, shallow HI

$z < 0.26$ , DEC  $> +27^\circ$

WALLABY (ASKAP)

$z < 0.26$ ,  $-90^\circ < \text{DEC} < +30^\circ$

DINGO (ASKAP)

$z < 0.26$  over 150 deg<sup>2</sup>  
 $0.1 < z < 0.43$  over 60 deg<sup>2</sup>

LADUMA (MeerKAT)

$z < 1.4$  over  $\sim 4$  deg<sup>2</sup>

## Targeted surveys

MHONGOOSE (MeerKAT)

30 nearby galaxies,  $N \sim 10^{19}$  cm<sup>-2</sup>

FORNAX (MeerKAT)

Fornax cluster 11 deg<sup>2</sup>,  $N \sim 10^{19}$  cm<sup>-2</sup>

# SKA1

## Strawman 1000 h surveys with SKA1:

Survey	$\Omega$ deg <sup>2</sup>	Freq- ency <sup>1</sup> MHz	Resol- ution <sup>2</sup>	$N$	$\langle z \rangle$ ( $z_{lim}$ )	$N_{HI}$ $10^{20}$ cm <sup>-2</sup>
Galaxy/MS	600	1418-1422	10''-1'			2
Medium wide	400	950-1420	10''	34,000	0.1 (0.3)	2
Medium deep	20	950-1420	5''	25,000	0.2 (0.5)	0.6
Deep	1	600-1050	2''	2,600	0.5 (1)	0.4
Targeted	–	1400-1420	3''-1'	50	0.002 (0.01)	0.5

Staveley-Smith & Oosterloo 2015

# Outlook for SKA2

- ~10x sensitivity of SKA1
- 450 - 1420 MHz  $\rightarrow z < 2$
- FoV = 100 deg<sup>2</sup>

Gas accretion and Cosmic Web:

**Targeted survey: Deep, high resolution images of local volume galaxies**

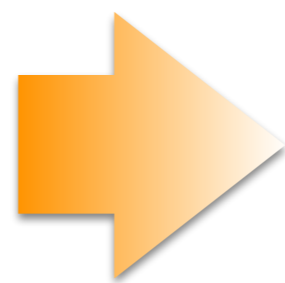
- 10 h,  $N \sim 2.8 \times 10^{17}$  atoms/cm<sup>2</sup> @ 30''
- 100h,  $N \sim 8.9 \times 10^{16}$  atoms/cm<sup>2</sup> @ 30''

# Outlook for SKA2

Revolutionise angular momentum measurements of galaxies:

**SKA1: 2000 h, 3 deg<sup>2</sup>**

Number of line detections, $S_{\text{int}} > 5\sigma$	22,000
Median $z$	0.25
Number of line detections, $s_{\text{peak}} > 5\sigma$	9,300
Median $z$	0.20
... $s_{\text{peak}} > 5\sigma$ and $m_{\text{R}} < 20, R_{\text{e}} > 1''$	2,100
Median $z$	0.19
Number of good kinematic maps	30
Optimal beam FWHM ["]	2.5



**SKA2: 2000 h, 60 deg<sup>2</sup>**

Number of line detections, $S_{\text{int}} > 5\sigma$	2,800,000
Median $z$	0.47
Number of line detections, $s_{\text{peak}} > 5\sigma$	1,500,000
Median $z$	0.41
... $s_{\text{peak}} > 5\sigma$ and $m_{\text{R}} < 20, R_{\text{e}} > 1''$	53,000
Median $z$	0.21
Number of good kinematic maps	5,700
Optimal beam FWHM ["]	1.2

Obreschkow et al., 2015



# Outlook for SKA2

10x more sensitivity + large FoV will drastically increase survey speed and depth possible to do HI surveys (both all-sky and deep):

Compare direct high z detections to stacking results from SKA1

Probe environmental effects much more broadly with large and deep survey

High resolution HI maps at higher z than ever before to study kinematics and star formation processes for ~millions of galaxies...

**SKA1-MID t=10h**

Resolution (")	d (z=0.2) (kpc)	d (z=0.5) (kpc)	rms noise mJy dV=5 km/s	5 sigma N(HI) dV=5 km/s	5 sigma N(HI) dV=25 km/s	5 sigma M(HI) dV=50 km/s z=0.02	5 sigma M(HI) dV=50 km/s z=0.2	5 sigma M(HI) dV=50 km/s z=0.5
1	3.3	6.1	0.141	3.92E+21	1.96E+22	1.20E+07	1.56E+09	1.32E+10
3	9.8	18.4	0.118	3.65E+20	1.83E+21	1.00E+07	1.31E+09	1.10E+10
10	32.8	61.2	0.091	2.53E+19	1.26E+20	7.72E+06	1.01E+09	8.50E+09
30	98.3	183.7	0.095	2.95E+18	1.47E+19	8.11E+06	1.06E+09	8.92E+09

**SKA2 t=10h**

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# Summary

High sensitivity, large FoV will be a game changer for HI studies of galaxies:

- will allow direct detections for populations for which stacking results are currently our 'state of the art'!
- insight into the gas in galaxies in different environments, right back to when star formation in the universe was at its peak