•The properties of galaxies in the LCDM cosmogony: are they controlled by feedback?

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(a) OVERSIZED STELLAR BULGES (= excesse of low angular momentum material)

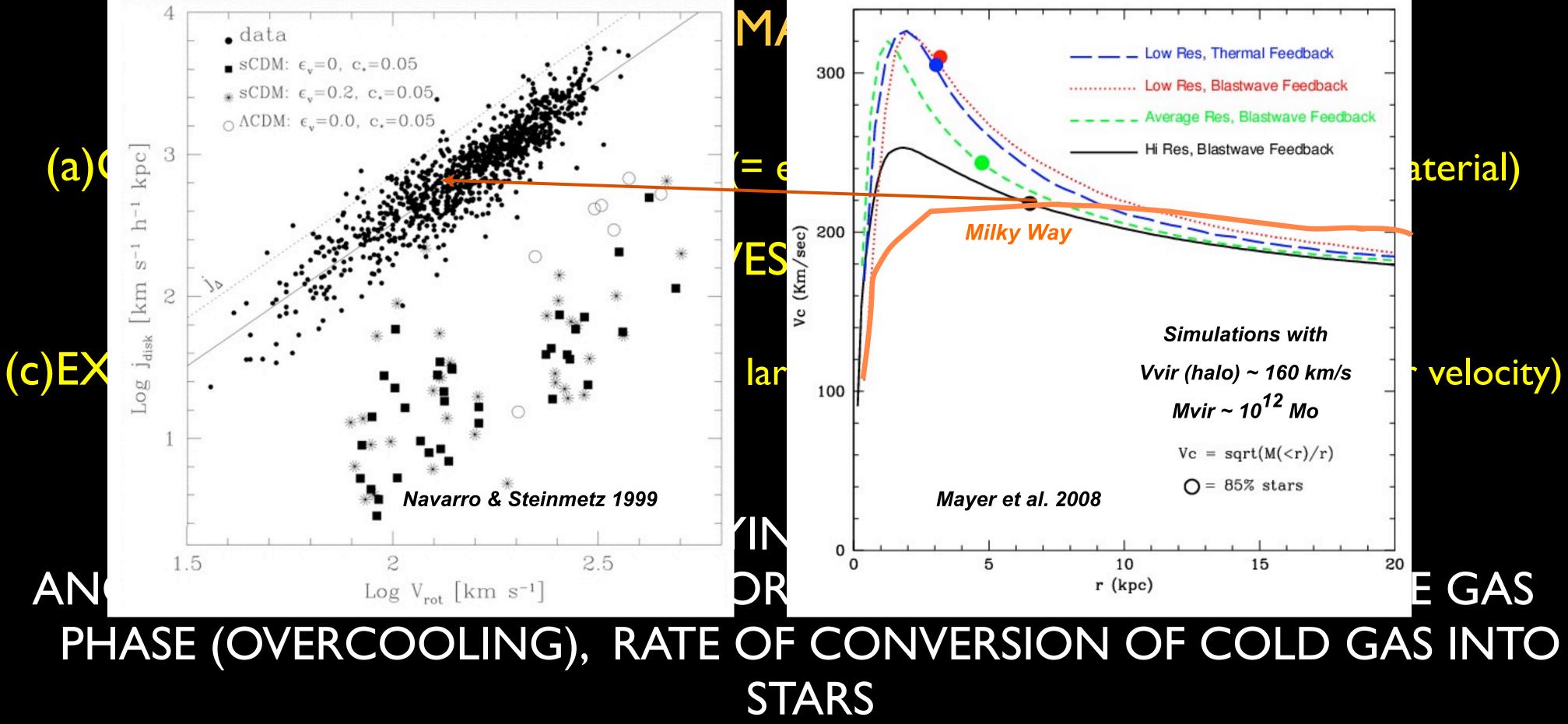
(b) STEEP ROTATION CURVES (Vpeak ~ 300 km/s for MW-sized galaxies)

(c)EXCESSE STELLAR MASS (2-5 times larger than observed at given halo circular velocity)

UNDERLYING PHYSICS: ANGULAR MOMENTUM TRANSPORT, THERMODYNAMICS OF THE GAS PHASE (OVERCOOLING), RATE OF CONVERSION OF COLD GAS INTO **STARS**

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SUB-GRID "Blastwave" Supernovae Feedback

Cooling shut-off in local volume heated by supernovae type II blastwave for t_s ~ 10 million years (Stinson et al. 2006 - see also J.Rosdahl's and A.Brooks' talks) Based on time of maximum expansion of supernova type II blast wave (Sedov-Taylor phase + snowplow phase). Radius of blastwave calculated based on McKee & Ostriker (1977) Note: resulting cooling shut-off timescale similar order of decay time for ISM turbulence Blastwave generated by simultaneous sub-grid explosion of many supernovae type II (recall time resolution as well mass resolution limited – single star particle ~ 10^3 - 10^4 Mo represents star cluster in which more than one type II supernovae can explode)

Dwarf galaxy (M ~ 10¹⁰ Mo)



Supernovae heating efficiency, i.e. what fraction of the energy of supernovae is converted into thermal energy of the gas, is free parameter ---> eSN=0.4-0.8 (x 10⁵¹ erg per supernovae explosion) after calibration with isolated galaxy models to reproduce a range of properties in present-day galaxies across wide mass range (cold/hot gas volume ratio, gas turbulent velocities, disk thickness, star formation rates - see Stinson et al. 2006)

Thermal energy input also by type Ia supernovae but no delayed cooling

Milky Way-sized galaxy (M ~ 10^{12} Mo)

THE STAR FORMATION DENSITY THRESHOLD

STARS FORM IN MOLECULAR CLOUDS, i.e. in gas at densities in range 10-100 cm⁻² (depends on metallicity, ambient UV flux)

TILL 2010 IN COSMOLOGICAL SIMULATIONS OF GALAXY FORMATION STARS FORMED BASED ON A SCHMIDT LAW, dρ_{star}/dt ~ ερ_{gas}^{1.5} (ε=0.05-0.1) AT GAS DENSITIES > 0.1 cm⁻³ (typical density of Warm Neutral Medium in Milky Way!) (eg Abadi et al. 2003; Governato, Mayer+, 2004; Governato et al. 2007, Mayer+ 2008; Piontek & Steinmetz 2010; Scannapieco et al. 2010; Agertz et al. 2011; Naab et al. 2007)

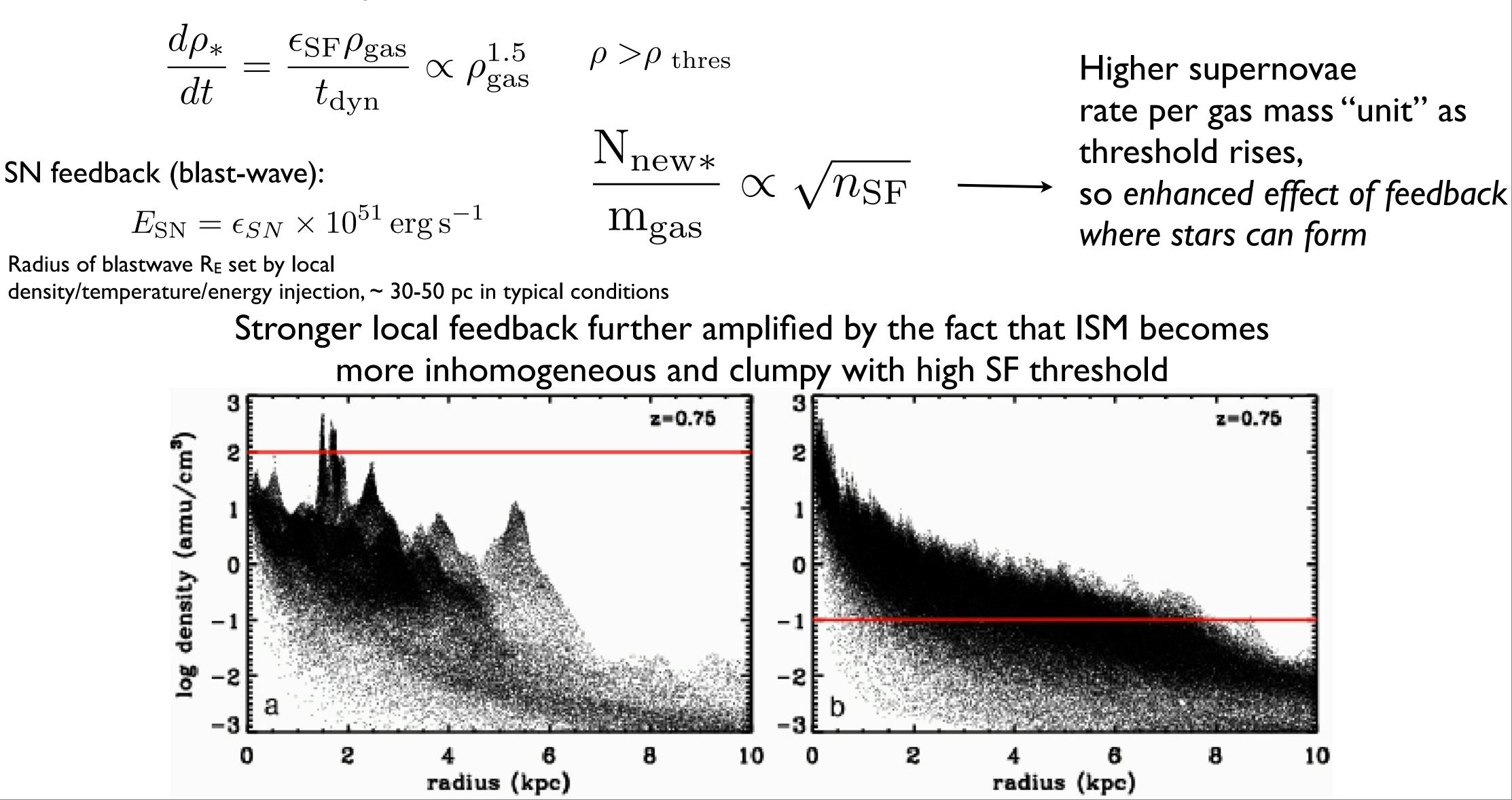
> TO CAPTURE COLD DENSE MOLECULAR PHASE: FIRST STEP IS TO RESOLVE REGIONS OF CORRESPONDING DENSITY IN SPH >~ 2 SPH kernels per Jeans mass ~ 10⁶ Mo, eg Bate & Burkert 1997 required mass resolution 10⁴ Mo ---> hi-res zoom-in cosmo sim

CASE STUDY 1: FORMATION OF GAS-RICH DWARFS (10⁸-10¹¹ Mo) (Governato, Brook, Mayer et al., Nature, 2010, Governato et al. 2012; Shen et al. 2013) CASE STUDY 2: FORMATION OF LATE-TYPE SPIRAL GALAXIES (~ 10¹² Mo) (Guedes, Callegari, Madau & Mayer 2011, Mayer 2012; Guedes, Mayer et al. 2013) CASE STUDY 3: FORMATION OF MASSIVE EARLY-TYPES (Feldmann & Mayer 2014) (~ 10¹³ Mo)

with SPH code GASOLINE (Wadsley et al. 2004)

"Clustered" Star Formation powers-up feedback

The K-S relation of each particle:



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(see Oh et al. 2011 for comparison with dwarf galaxies in THINGS survey and other datasets)
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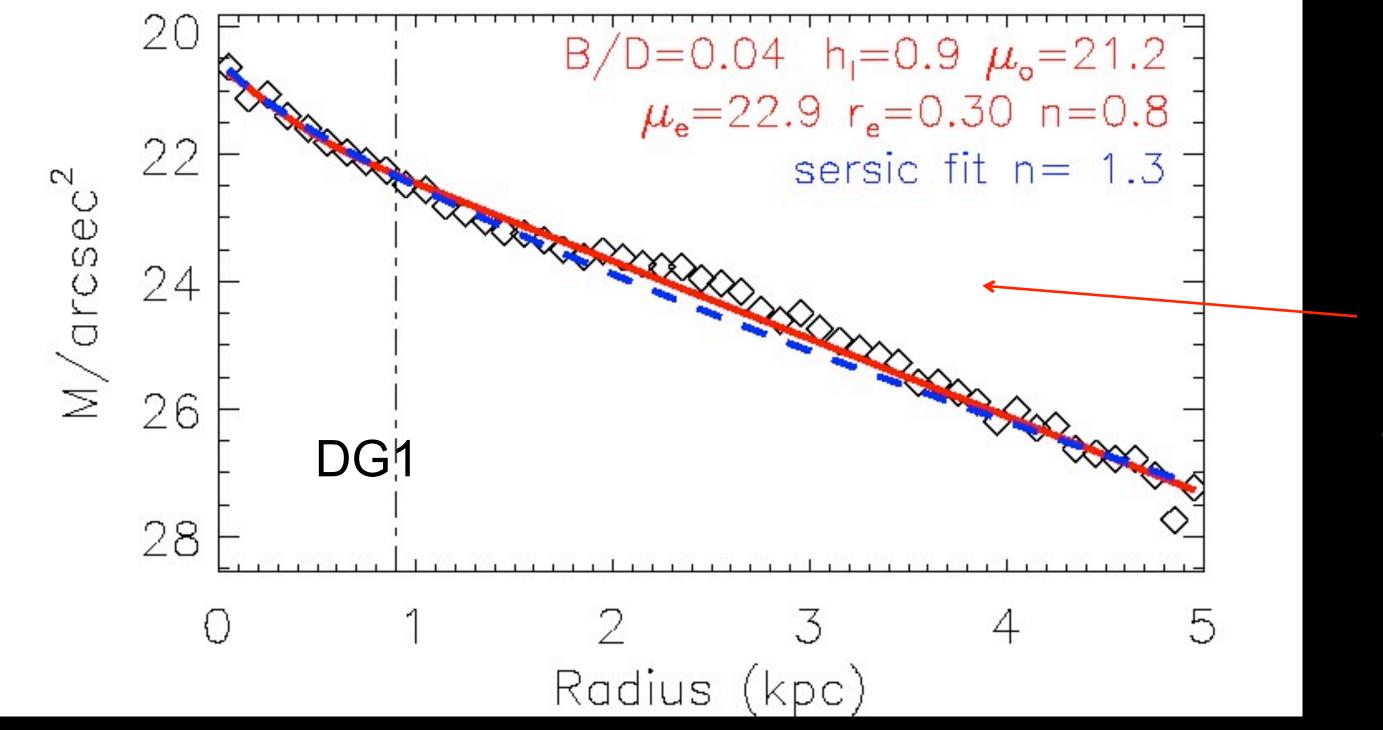
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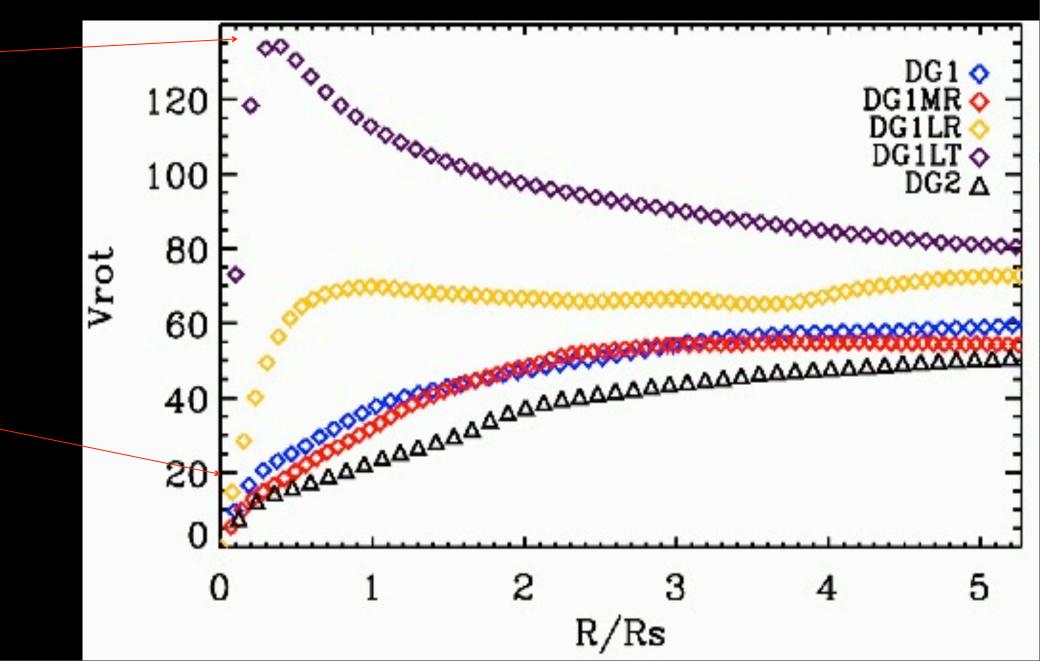
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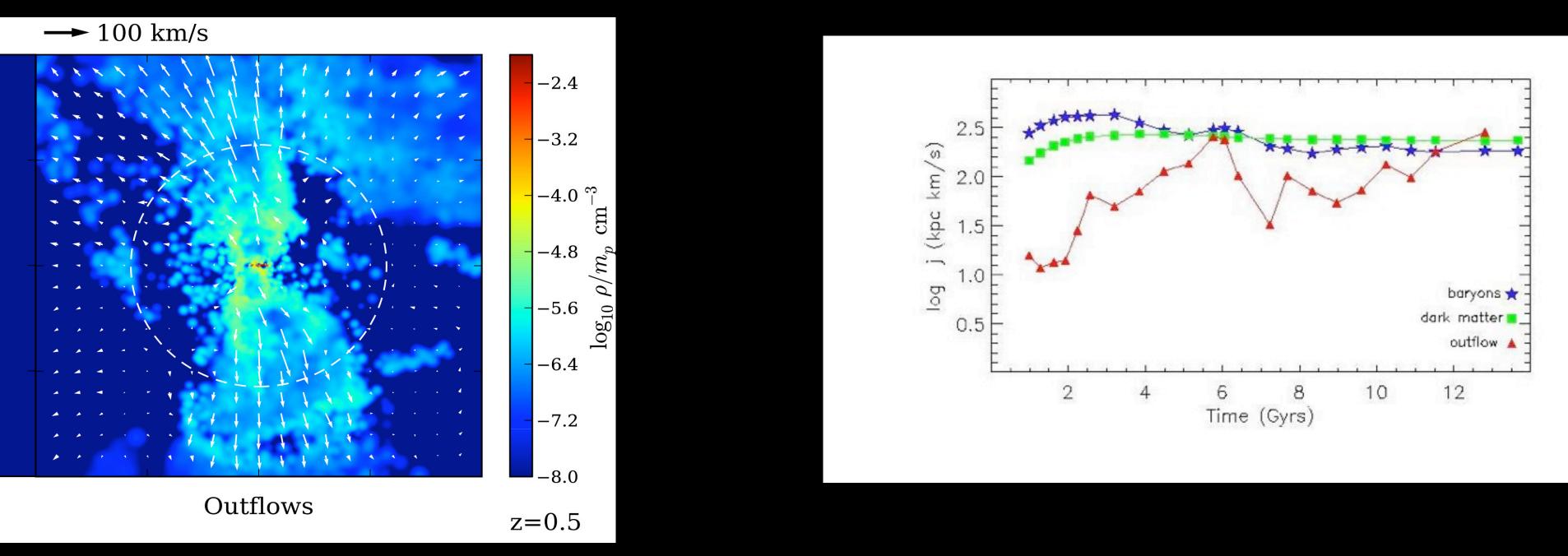


From unrealistic steep rotation curves at low SF threshold to realistic slowly rising rotation curves at high SF threshold

Inner dark matter profile flattened to ~r ^{-0.5} by expansion following impulsive supernovae outflows producing potential fluctuations – see Pontzen+Governato 2011 (also Navarro, Frenk & Eke 1996; Read & Gilmore 2005; Maschenko et al. 2008) Bulgeless exponential disk (instead B/D ~ 0.3 in run with conventional low SF threshold)



Strong supernovae winds with high SF density threshold



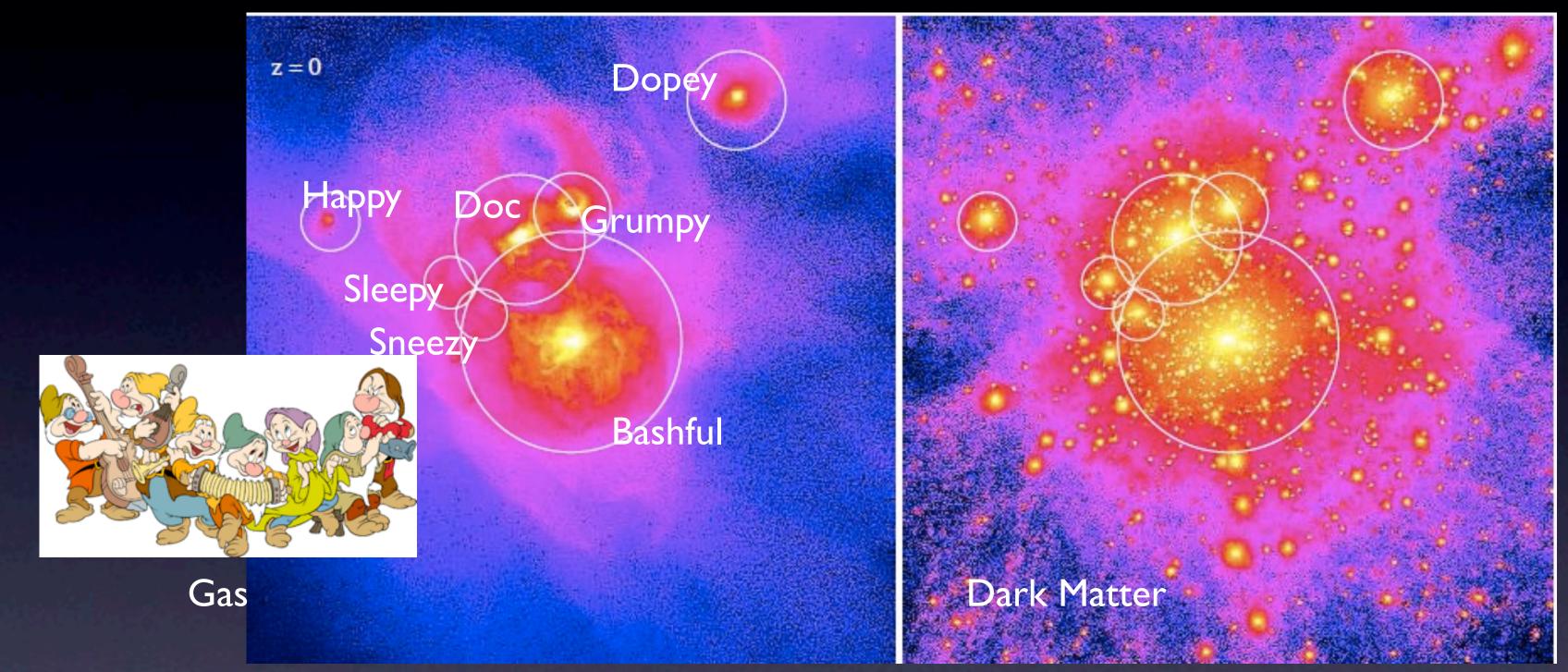
star formation CLUSTERED rather than DISTRIBUTED, mainly in high density peaks with scales ~ GMCs ---> stronger heating produces stronger gas outflows compared to runs with "standard" low SF threshold (more gas heated at T > Tvir at $z \sim I-3$, outflows at ~ 100km/s --> final baryonic fraction ~ 1/3 of cosmic)

•Outflows correlated with peaks in SFR, in turn correlated with mergers (hence occur preferentially at z > 1) – see Brook et al. (2010) for details

Outflows mostly in the center of galaxy where star forming density peaks higher ---> selective removal of lowest angular momentum material (eg Binney et al. 2001) ---> suppress bulge formation and produce exponential profile

Formation of gas-rich field dwarfs in cosmological hydro simulations across a spectrum of mass scales





•Resolution: DM I.6 x 10^4 M_{sun}; Gas 3300 M_{sun}; Star 1000 M_{sun}; force resolution 86 pc •"Field" dwarfs: nearest massive halo > 3 Mpc away

• Include metallicity-dependent cooling using CLOUDY, ionization equilibrium (but for H and He rates for nonequilibrium ionization), high SF density threshold of 100 cm⁻³, blastwave feedback (Stinson et al. 2006), new UV background from stars and QSOs (Haardt & Madau 2013)

• 4 Luminous galaxies with stellar mass ranges from 10^5 to 10^8 M_{sun}, and halo mass ranges from 1.8×10^9 to $3.6 \times 10^{10} M_{sun}$

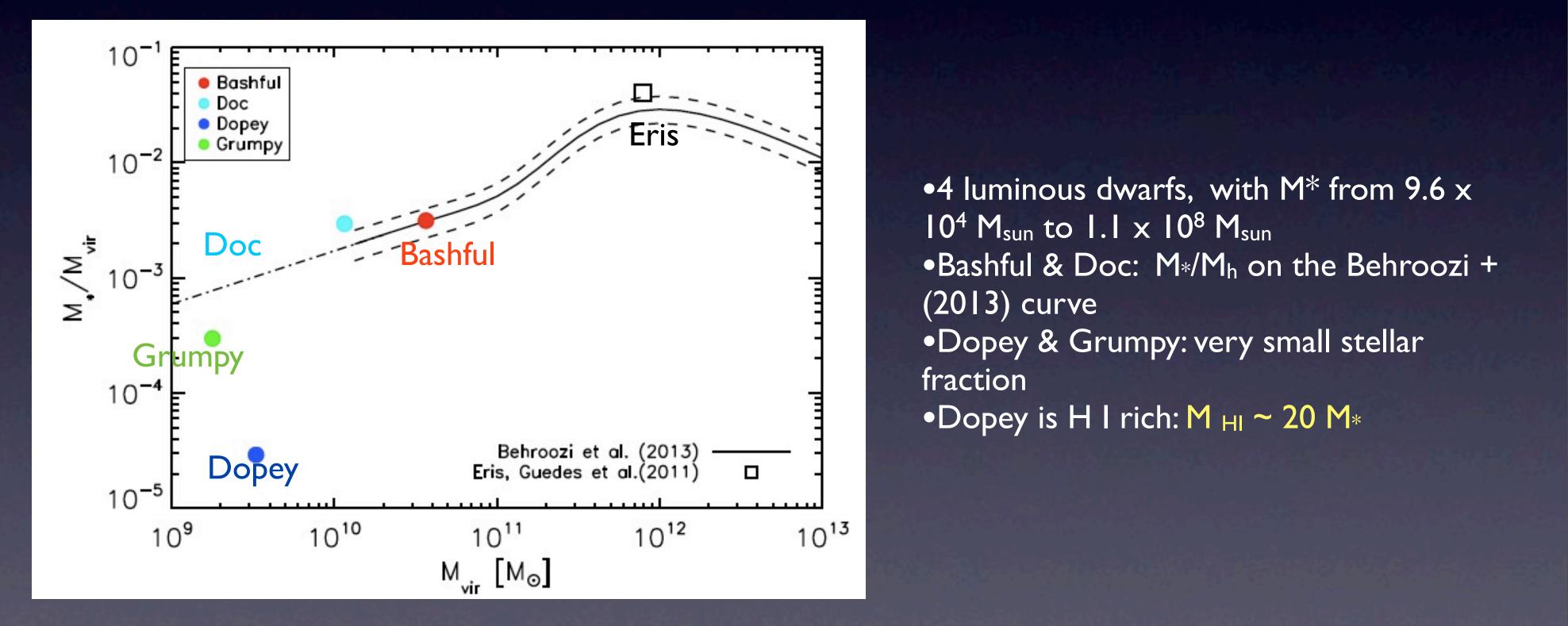
•3 DARK DWARFS where gas accretion and SF are suppressed by the UVB (see also Kuhlen+13)

Shen et al. 2013

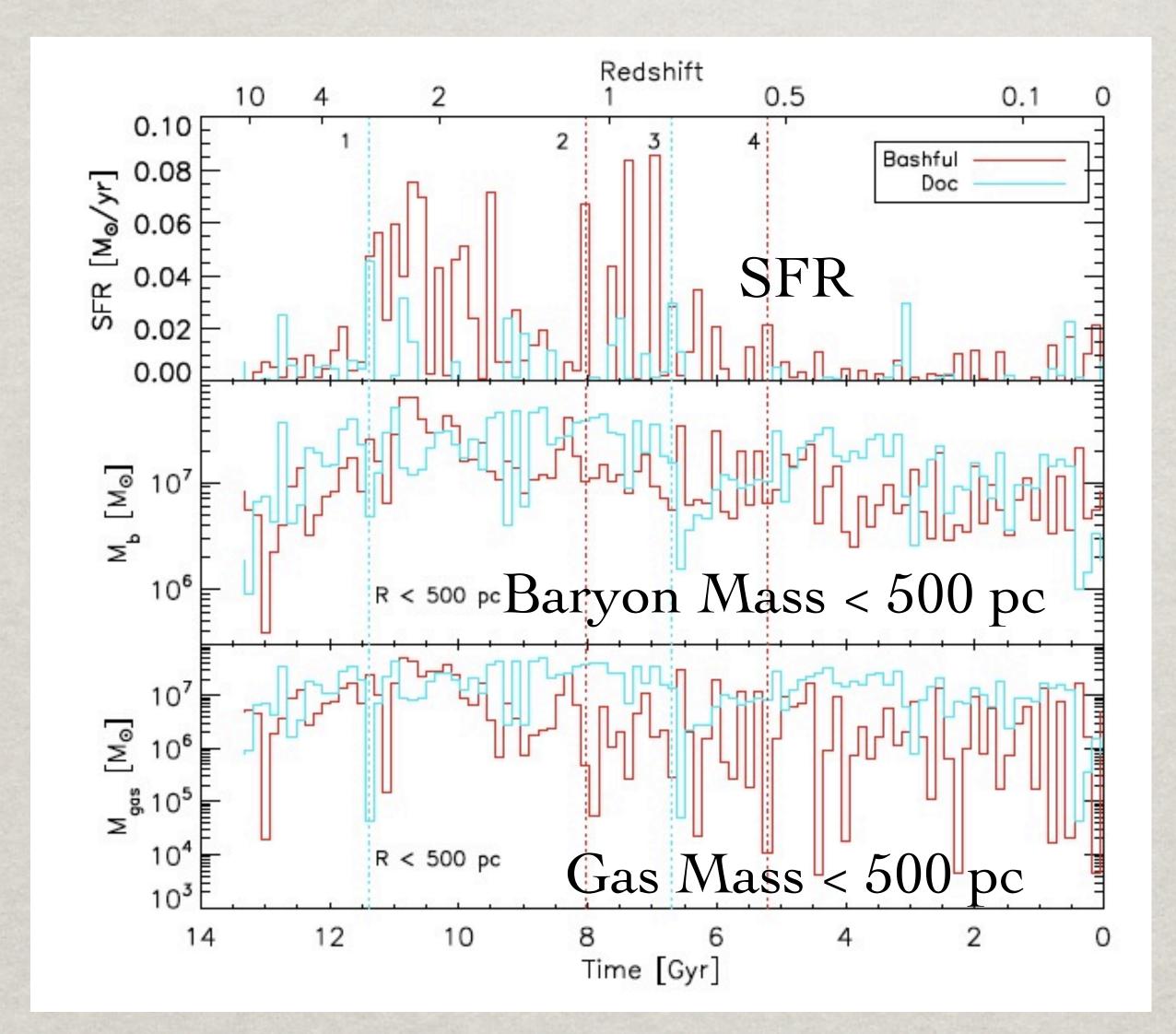
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Stellar Mass of the Group of Seven (Shen et al. 2013)

Name	$M_{\rm vir}$ [M_{\odot}]	R _{vir} [kpc]	$V_{\rm max}$ [km s ⁻¹]	$V_{1/2}$ [km s ⁻¹]	M_* [M_{\odot}]	$M_{ m gas}$ [M_{\odot}]	$M_{\rm HI}$ [M_{\odot}]	f _b	$\langle [Fe/H] \rangle$	M_V	B-V
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Bashful	3.59×10^{10}	85.23	50.7	18.3	1.15×10^8	8.14×10^{8}	2.34×10^7	0.026	-0.96 ± 0.51	-15.5	0.3
Doc	1.16×10^{10}	50.52	38.2	21.6	3.40×10^{7}	1.74×10^{8}	1.98×10^{7}	0.018	-1.14 ± 0.44	-14.0	0.4
Dopey	3.30×10^{9}	38.45	22.9	4.44	9.60×10^{4}	4.47×10^7	1.96×10^{6}	0.014	-1.97 ± 0.44	-8.61	0.2
Grumpy	1.78×10^{9}	29.36	22.2	3.76	5.30×10^{5}	3.00×10^{7}	5.40×10^{5}	0.017	-1.52 ± 0.54	-11.0	0.0
Happy	6.60×10^{8}	22.49	15.6	- 1		$2.54 imes 10^6$		0.004	_	_	_
Sleepy	4.45×10^8	19.71	14.8	_	_			_		_	
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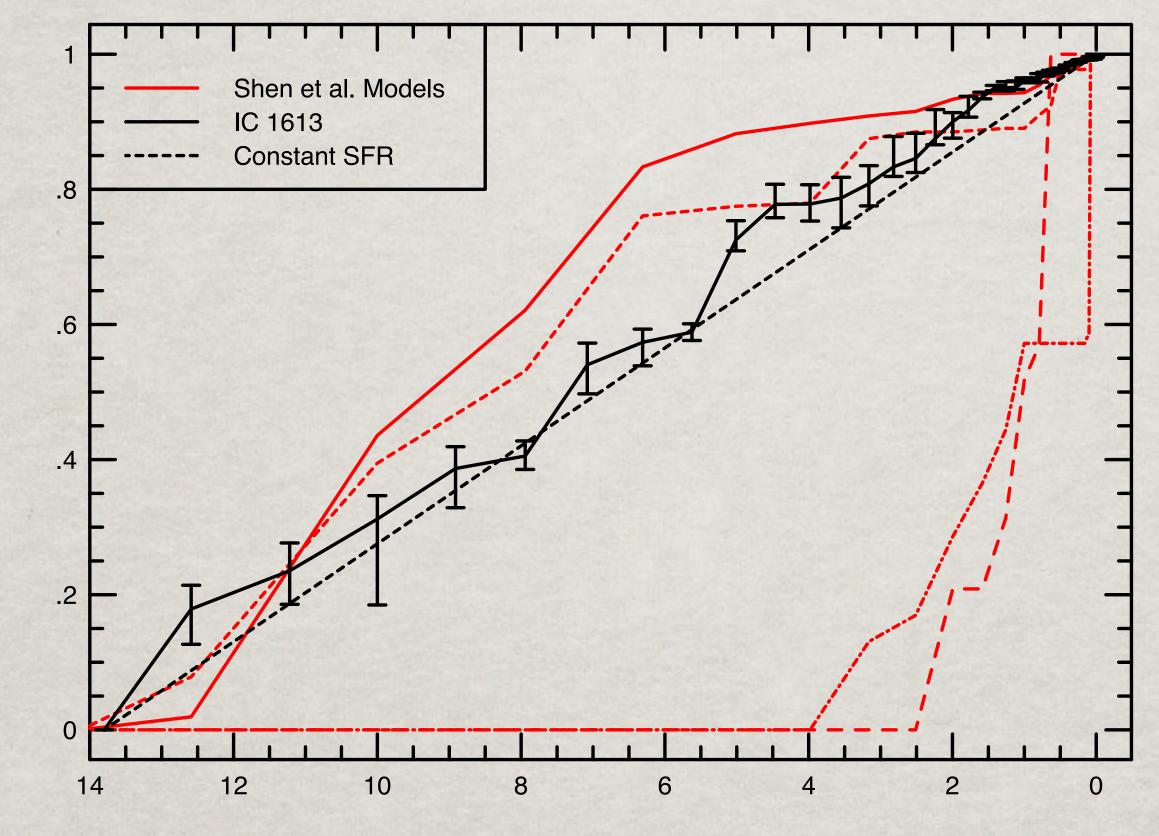
BURSTY STAR FORMATION + LATE STELLAR MASS ASSEMBLY



SF burst followed by decrease in M_b and M_{gas}

Rapid change of central potential, transfer energy into DM and generate cores (Pontzen & Governato 12, Teyssier+ 13)

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Lookback Time (Gyr)

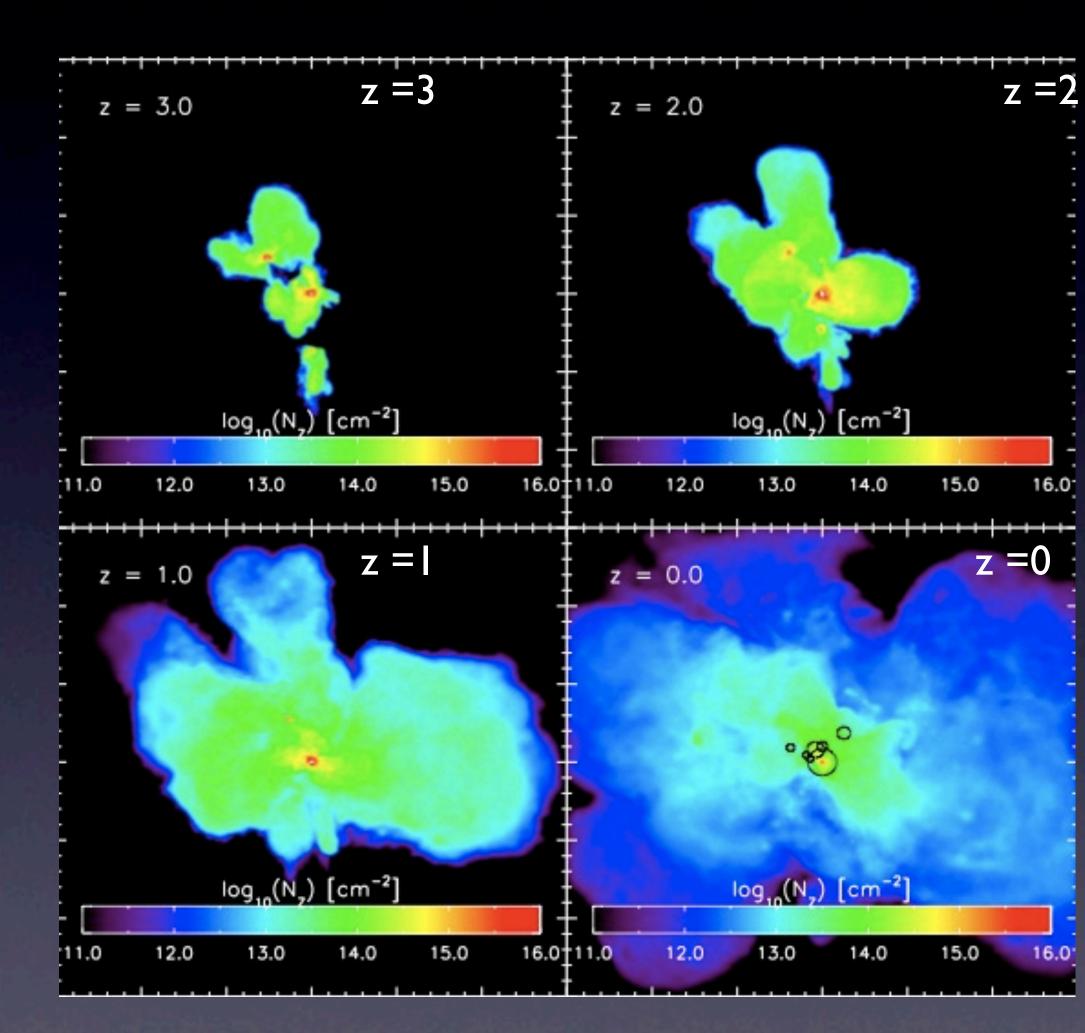
Skillman et al. 2013 (LCID collaboration - unique LG field dwarf observational program with HST)

Cumulative Stellar Mass Fraction

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Evolution of the CGM around Dwarf Galaxies

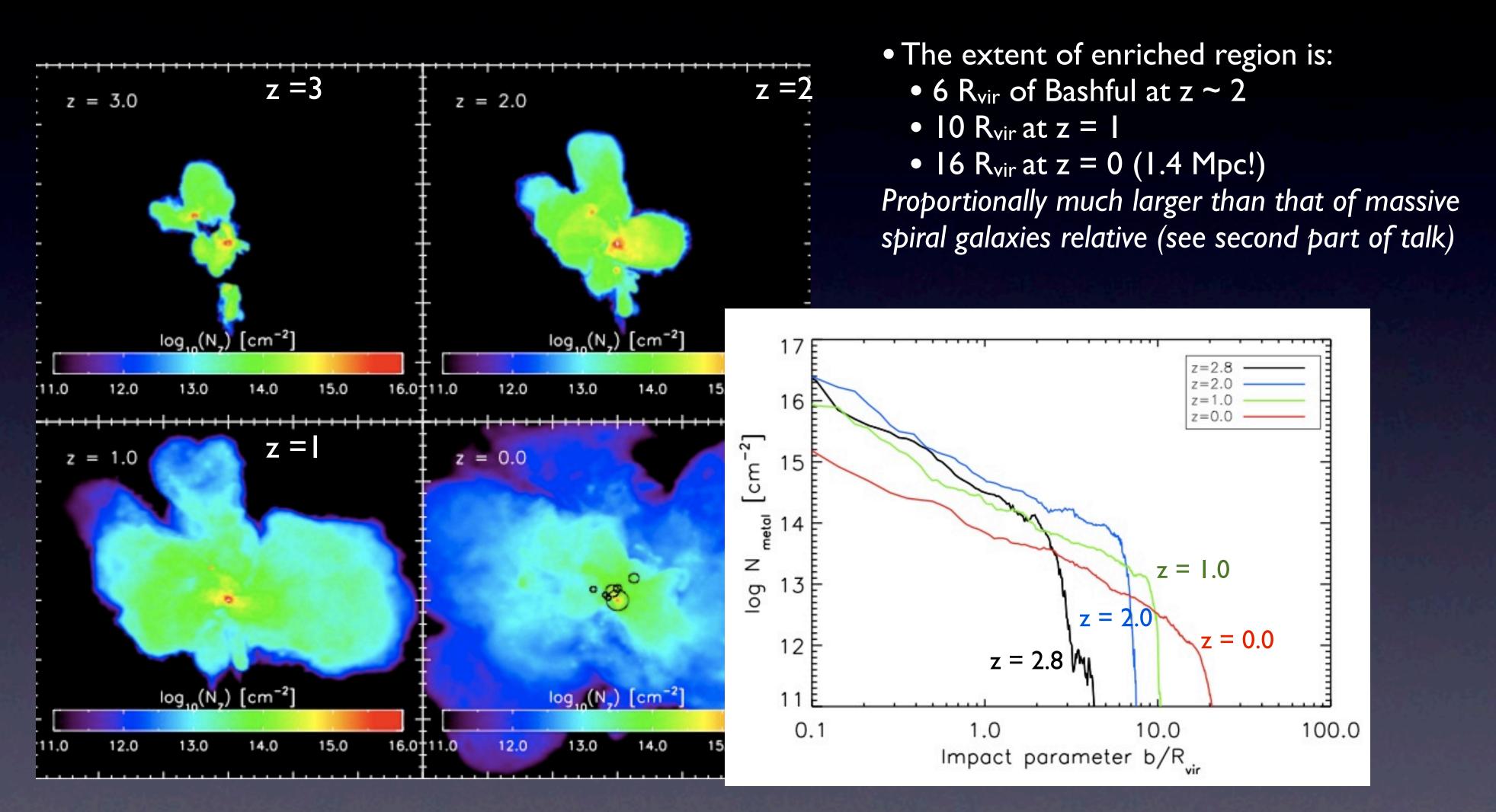


Box size: 3 comoving Mpc on a side Centered at the most massive dwarf • The extent of enriched region is:

- 6 R_{vir} of Bashful at $z \sim 2$
- $10 R_{vir} at z = 1$
- 16 R_{vir} at z = 0 (1.4 Mpc!)

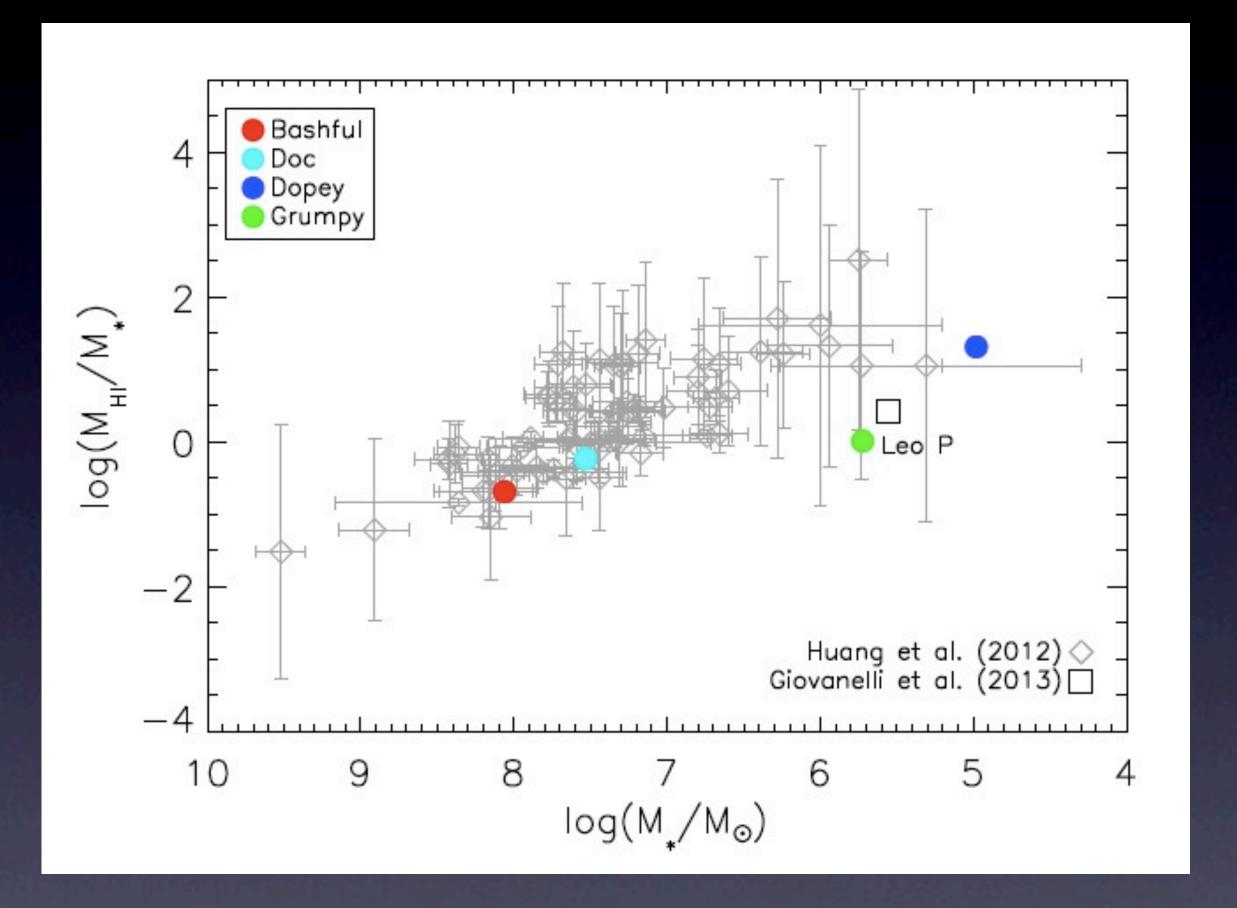
Proportionally much larger than that of massive spiral galaxies relative (see second part of talk)

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Cold Gas Fractions

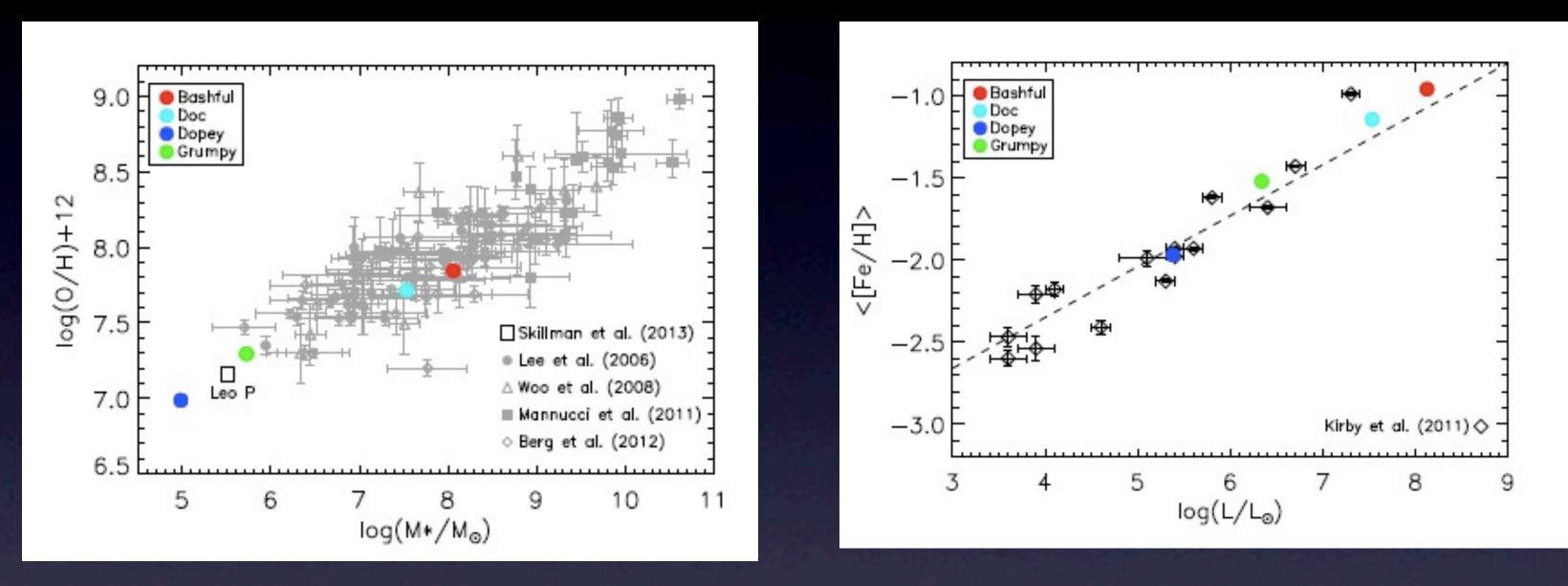


 Low stellar mass dwarfs in the ALFALFA sample are on average more HI gas rich (however here some gas is stripped due to dwarfdwarf interactions)

Low star formation efficiencies are not necessarily result of blowing out all gas (Bashful and Doc retain significant fraction of baryons)

Mass(Luminosity)-Metallicity Relationship: an important constraint on the feedback model

Gas



Oxygen abundances in the ISM for the 4 dwarfs lie on the mass metallicity relationship and in good agreements with observations of local group dwarfs, nearby dwarf irregulars, low luminosity galaxies in the local volume (Lee+2006,Woo+2008, Mannucci+2011, Berg+2012)
Dopey and Grumpy are extremely metal poor galaxies, but still on the MZR. Similar to a very recently discovered H I-rich dwarf, Leo P (Giovanelli+2013)
Stellar metallicity - V band luminosity relation consistent with Milky Way's dSphs from Kirby+(2011)

Stars

ERIS: The Basics

Follows the formation of a light Milky Way galaxy of mass
 Mvir = 8x10¹¹ Msun

* Selected to have a quiet merger history. No mergers larger than 1:10 after z=3.

*High mass and spatial resolution: 18.6 million particles within the virial radius. $\varepsilon_G = 120 \text{ pc}$

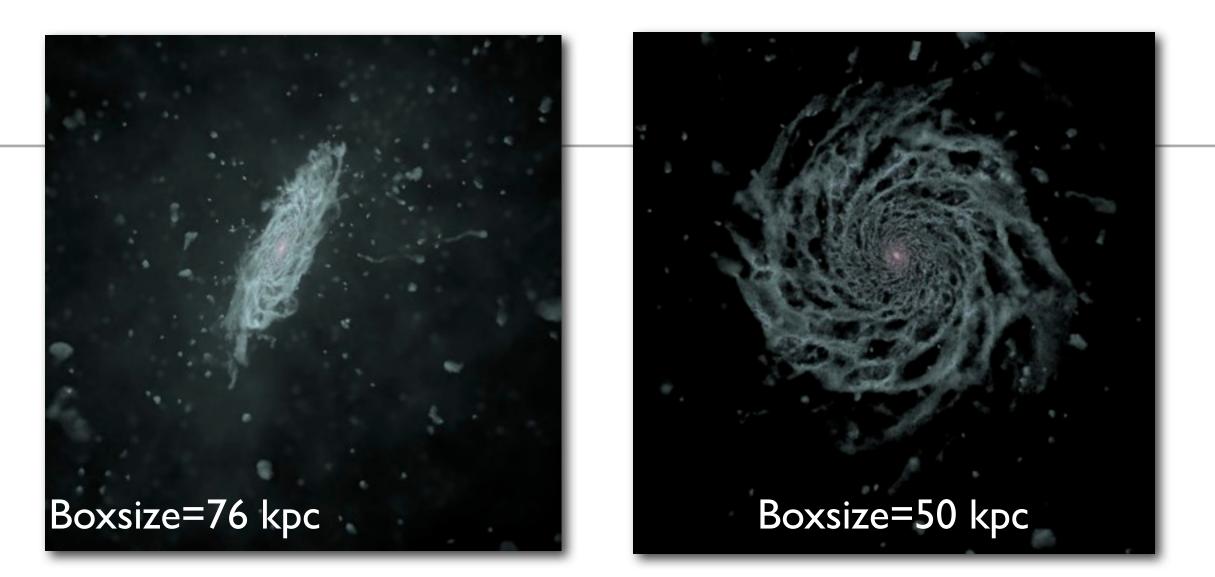
* Physics: metal dependent gas cooling (only for T <~ 10^{4} K,) UVB heating, SN Type Ia and Type II (blastwave) thermal feedback.

* High SF gas density threshold:

nSF=5 atoms cm^{-3,} + control run ErisLT with low SF threshold (nSF = 0.1 atoms cm⁻³) and other runs with lower resolution or lower SF efficiency # Expensive: 9 months per single run at NASA Pleiades and "Rosa" Cray at Swiss National Supercomputing Center using up to 1024 cores.

<u>What is missing</u>: High Temperature metal cooling, H₂ cooling, metal and thermal diffusion diffusion, radiative feedback from stars, AGN feedback.....(see Eris2 runs later)

Eris: Basic Features at z=0



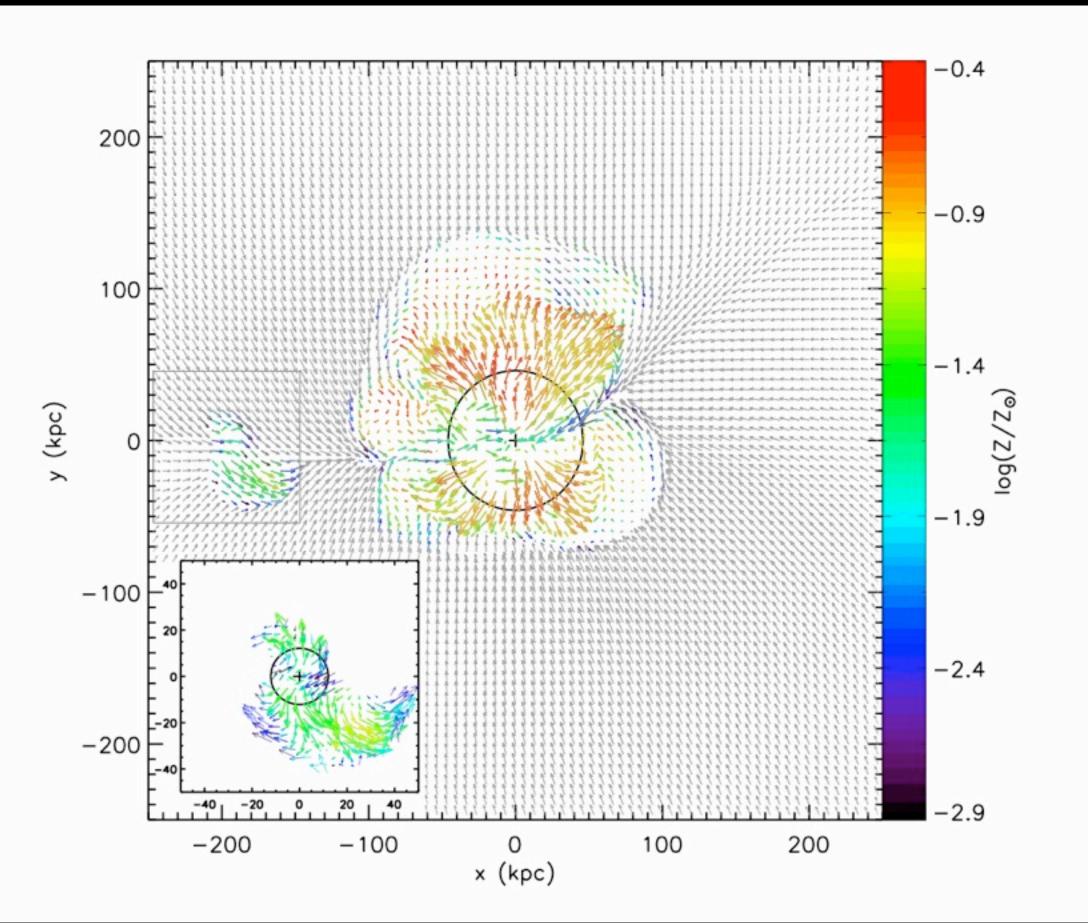
	M _{vir} [10 ¹² M _{sun}]	V _{sun} [km/s]	M* [10 ¹⁰ M _{sun}]	f _b	B/D	R _d [kpc]	Mi	SFR [M _{sun} yr ⁻¹]
Eris	0.79	206	3.9	0.12	0.35	2.5	-21.7	1.1
MW	I±0.2	221±18	4.9-5.5	?	0.33	2.3±0.6	?	0.68-1.45

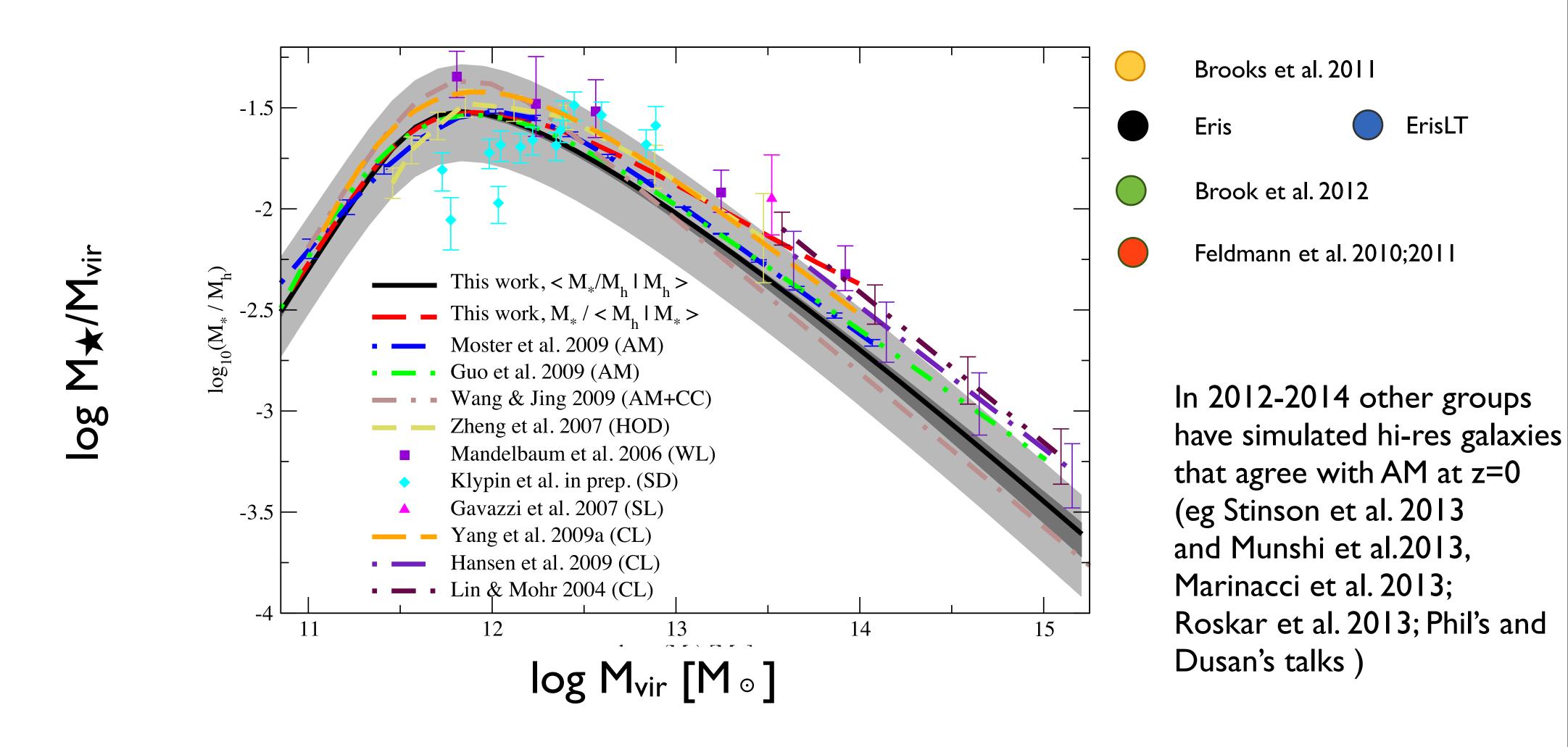
	N	ε [kpc]	m _{dark} [10 ⁴ M _{sun}]	m _{gas} [10 ⁴ M _{sun}]	n _{SF} [cm ⁻³]
Eris (Guedes et al. 2011; Mayer 2012)	18.6 M 3M+7M+8.6M _(gas+dark+star)	0.12	9.8	2	5
Marinacci et al. 2013 (w/AREPO)	8.5 M	0.34	22	5	0.1
Scannapieco et al. 2009, 2010 (GADGET3)	IM	0.7-1.4	26	56	0.05

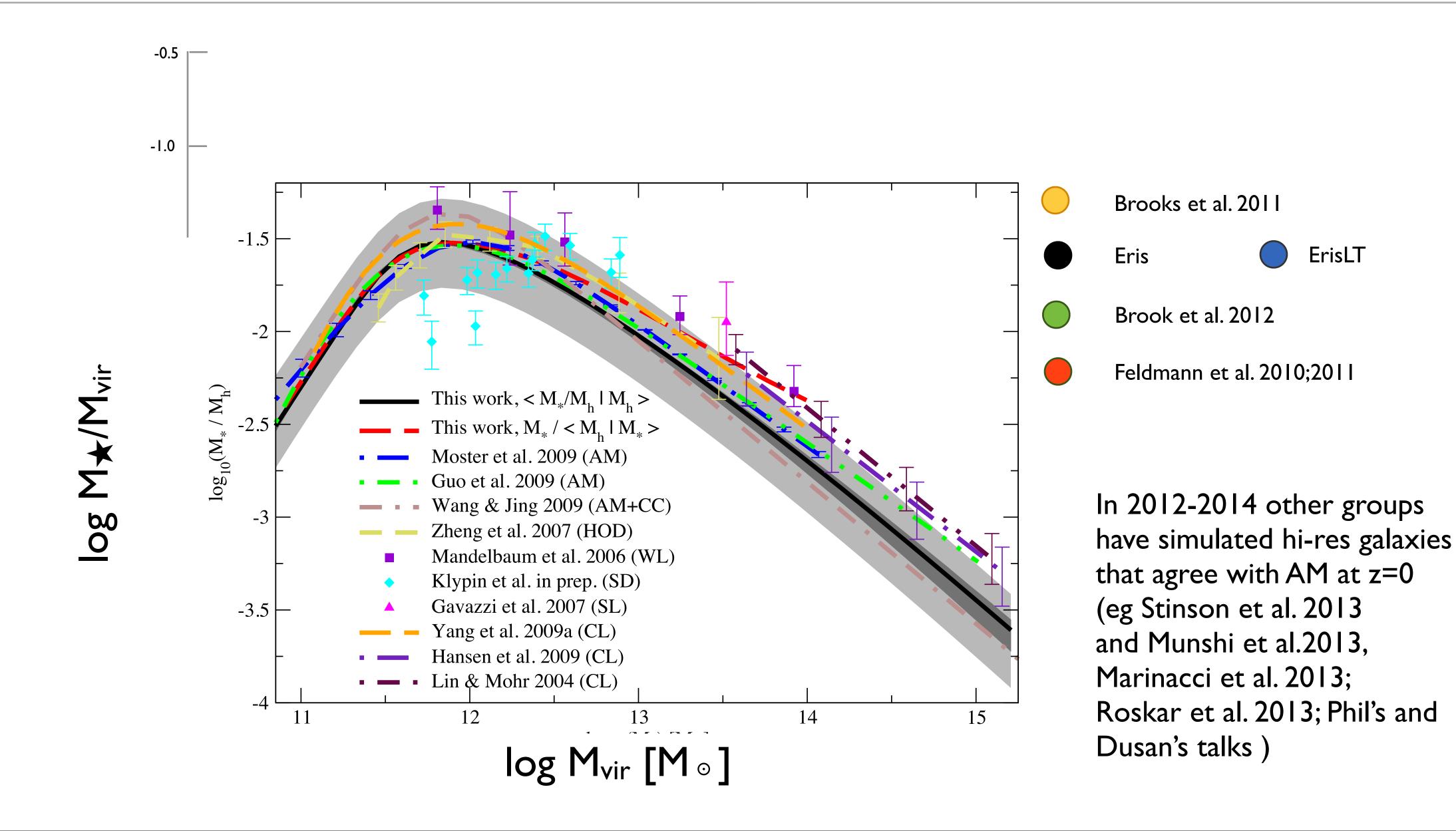
AS IN DWARF GALAXY SIMULATIONS OUTFLOWS ARE PRODUCED BY **BLASTWAVE (THERMAL) FEEDBACK** WITH CLUSTERED SF IN INHOMOGENEOUS ISM ---> FINAL BARYON FRACTION within R_{vir} ~ 0.12 (~30% lower cosmic)

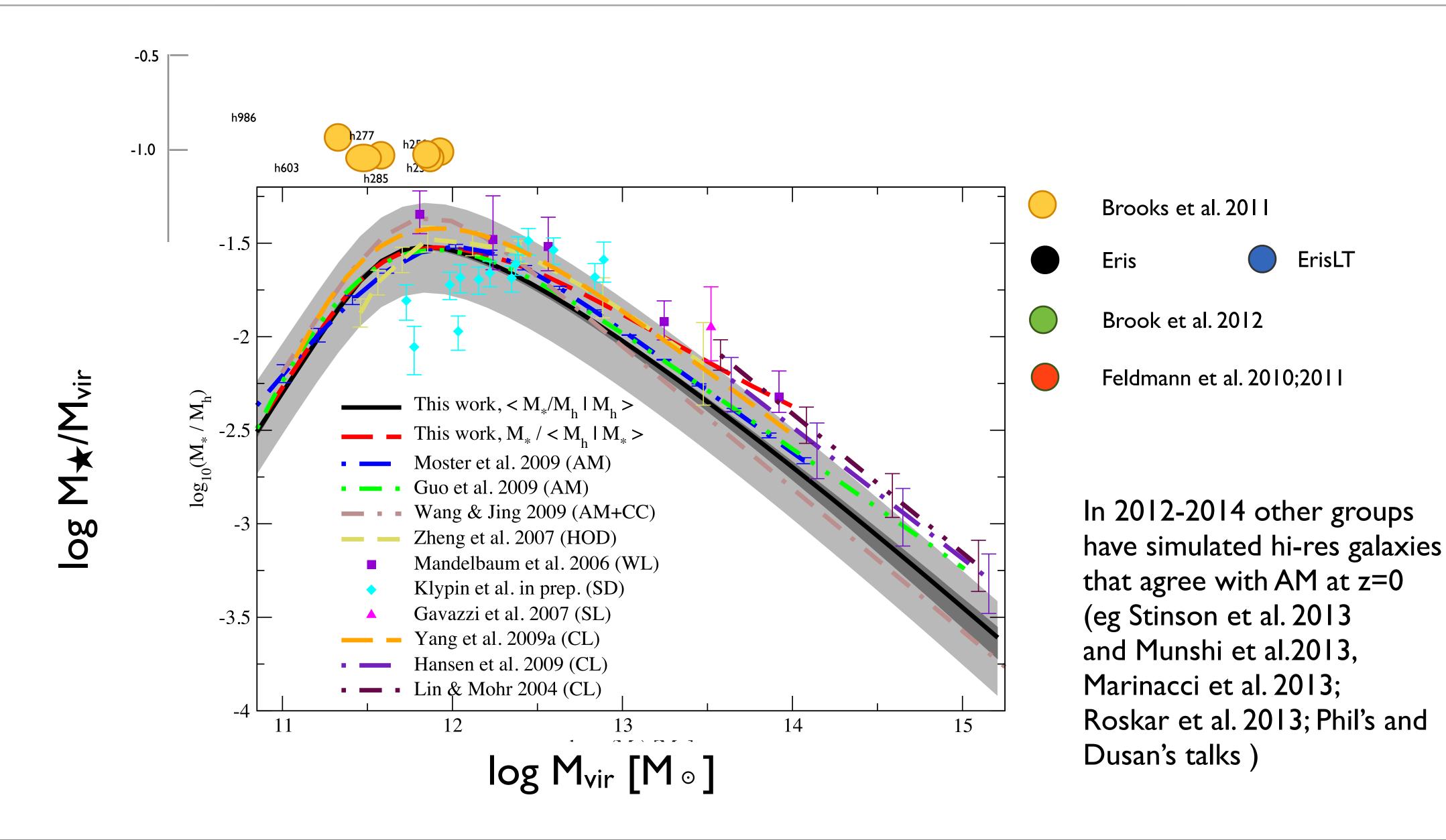
OUTFLOWS WELL TRACED BY METALS: IN FIGURE BELOW METALLICITY BUBBLES SHOWN FOR MAIN GALAXY AND A SATELLITE AT z=3 (Shen et al 2013, circle marks virial radius) OUTFLOWS CONFINED to ~ 2 Rvir though (10 Rvir for dwarfs)

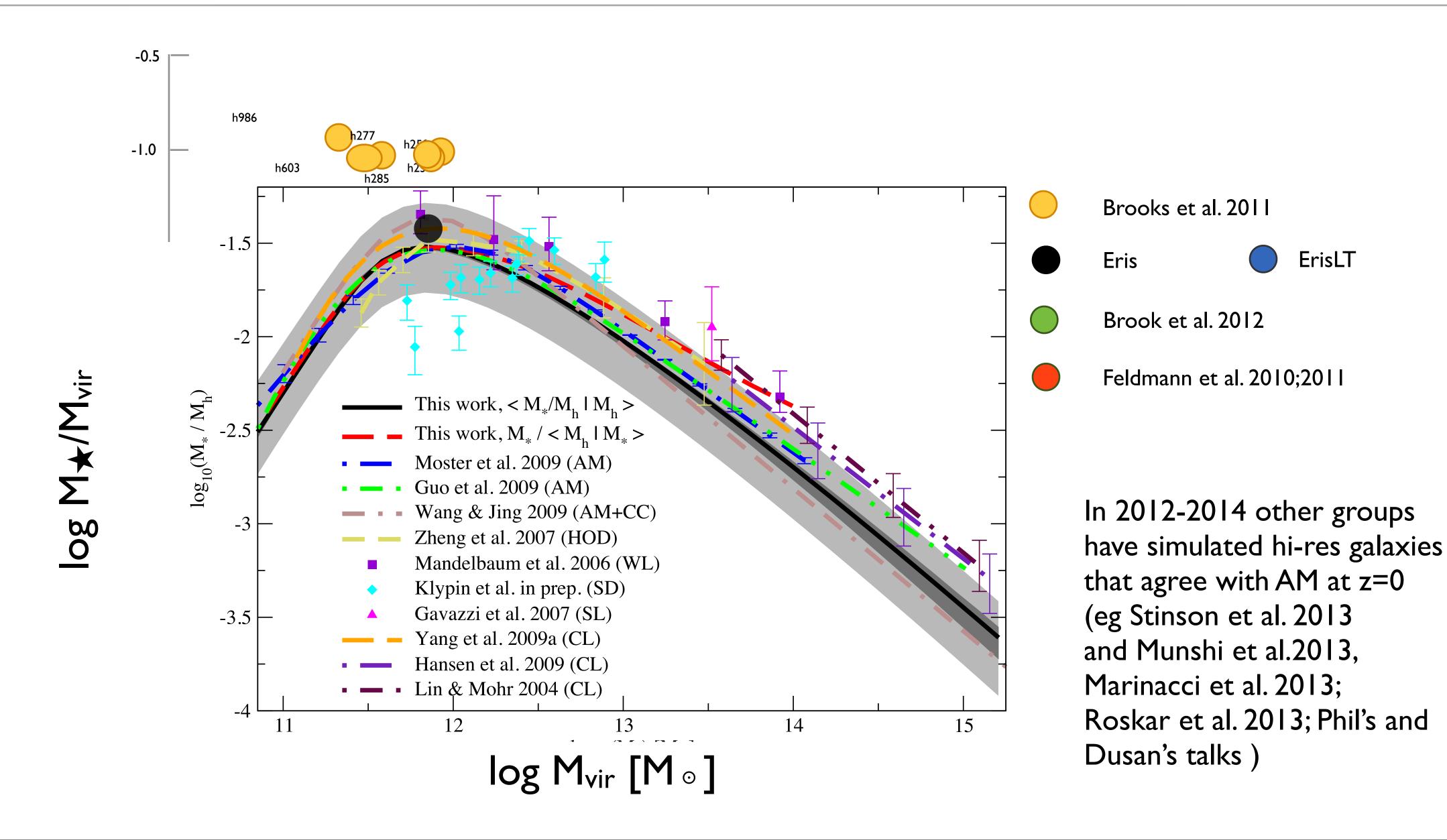
Maximum length of velocity vectors ~ 260 km/s

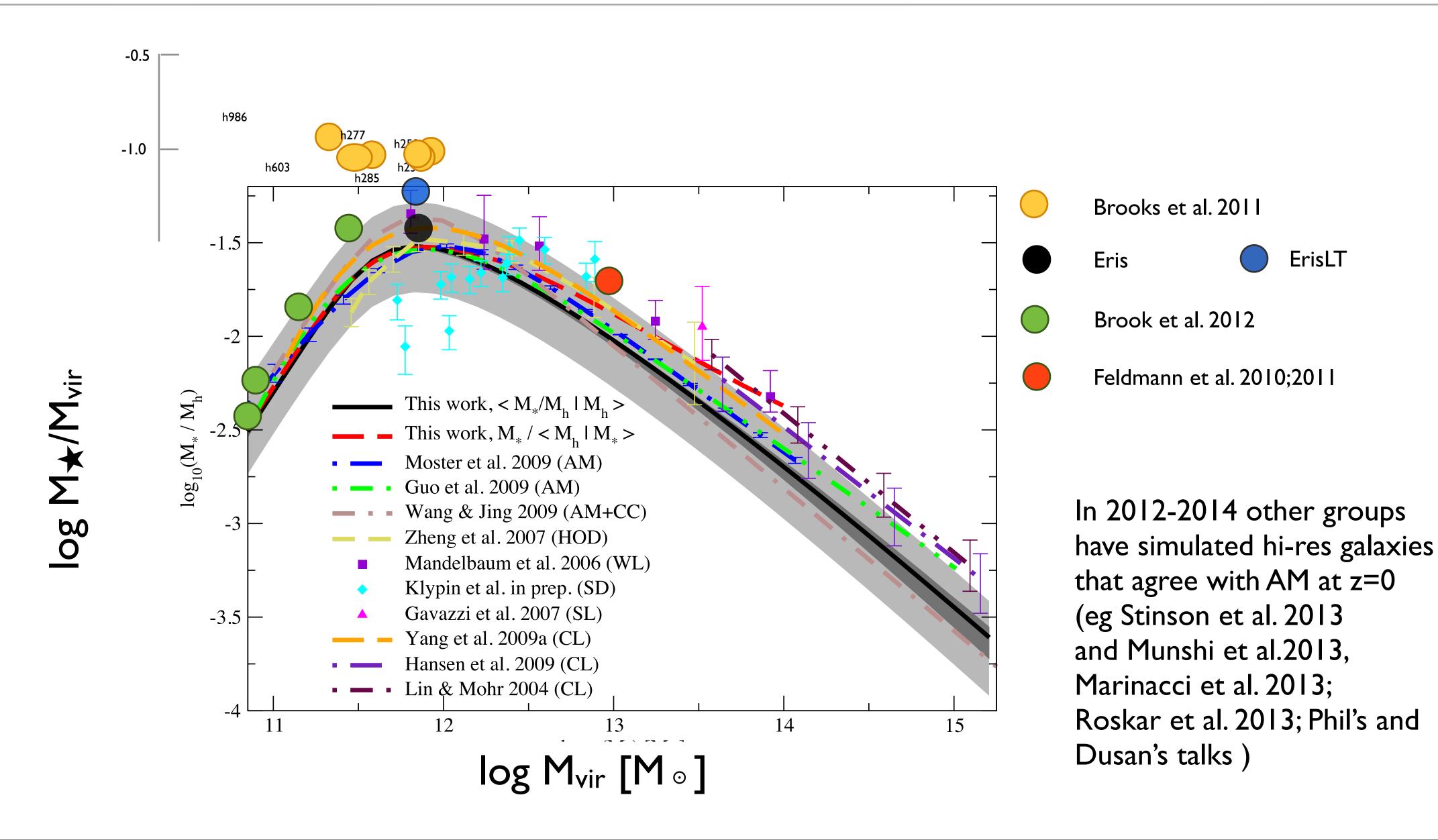






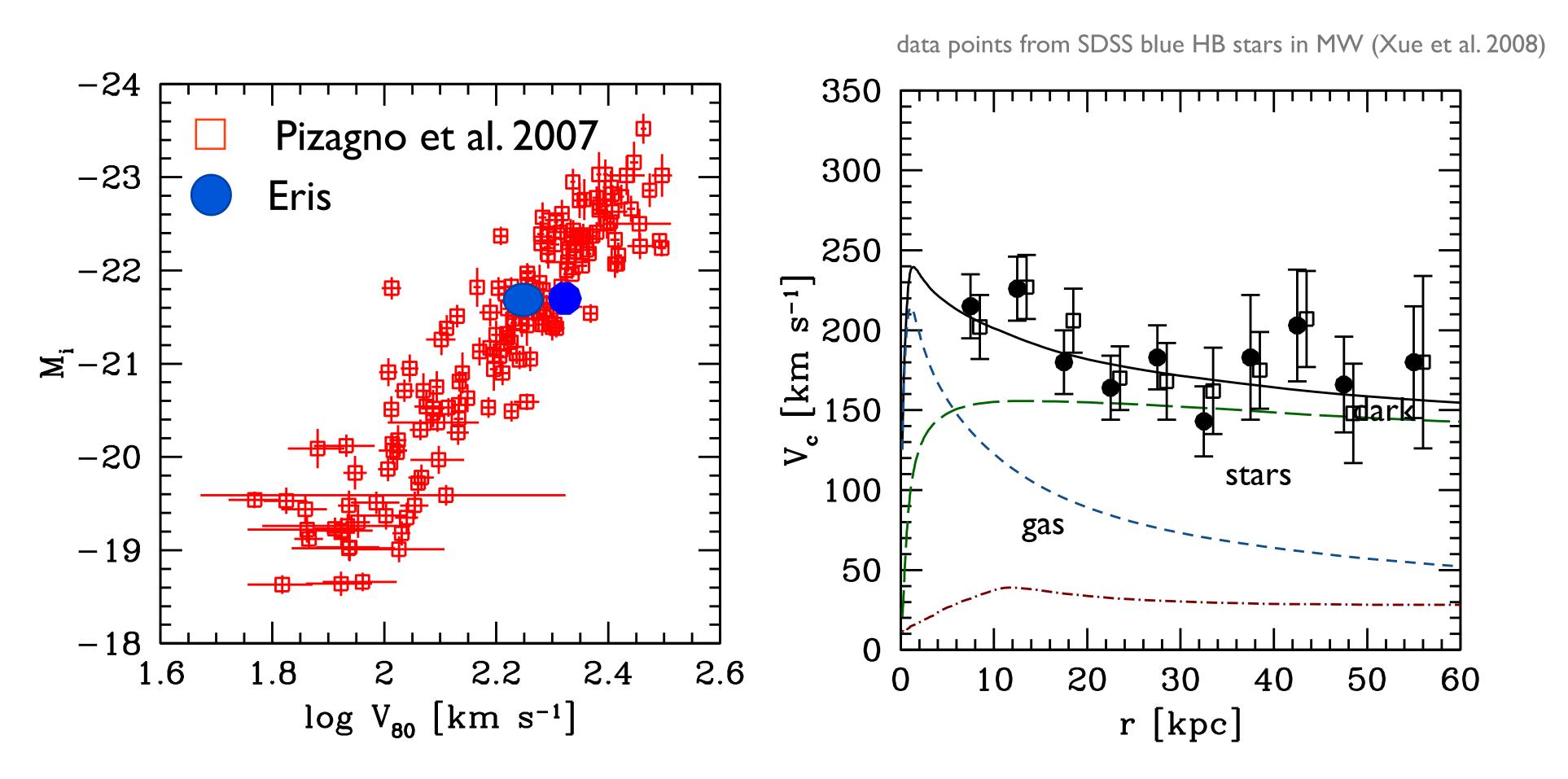






Mass and Light Distribution

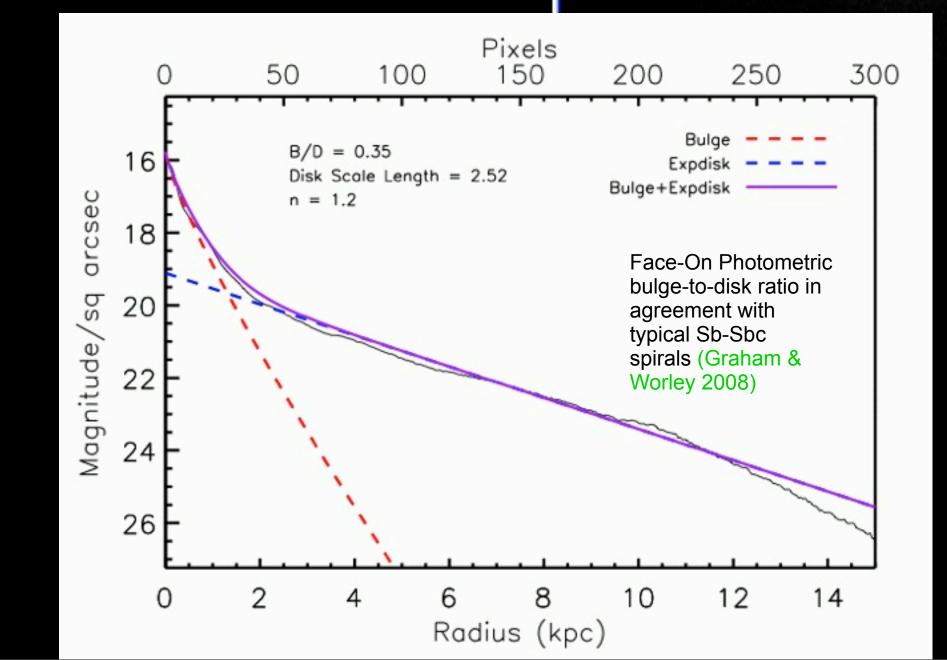
Tully-Fisher Relation and rotation curve: the distribution of the stellar mass in the galaxy is in agreement with observed nearby spirals.



ERIS: I-Band mock imaging+photometry z=0 (w/SUNRISE - P. Jonsson 2010)

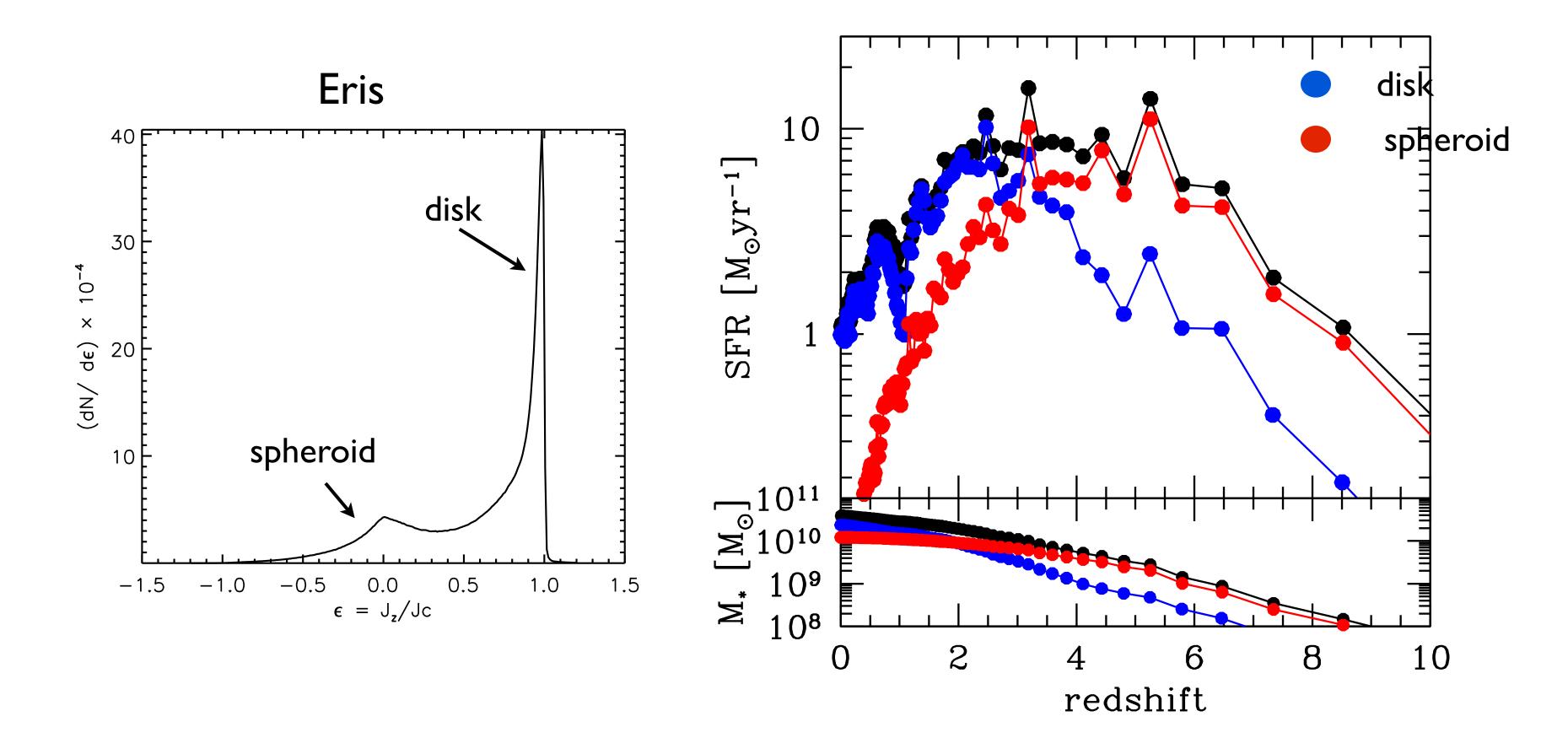
Edge-on

Boxes 40 kpc on a side



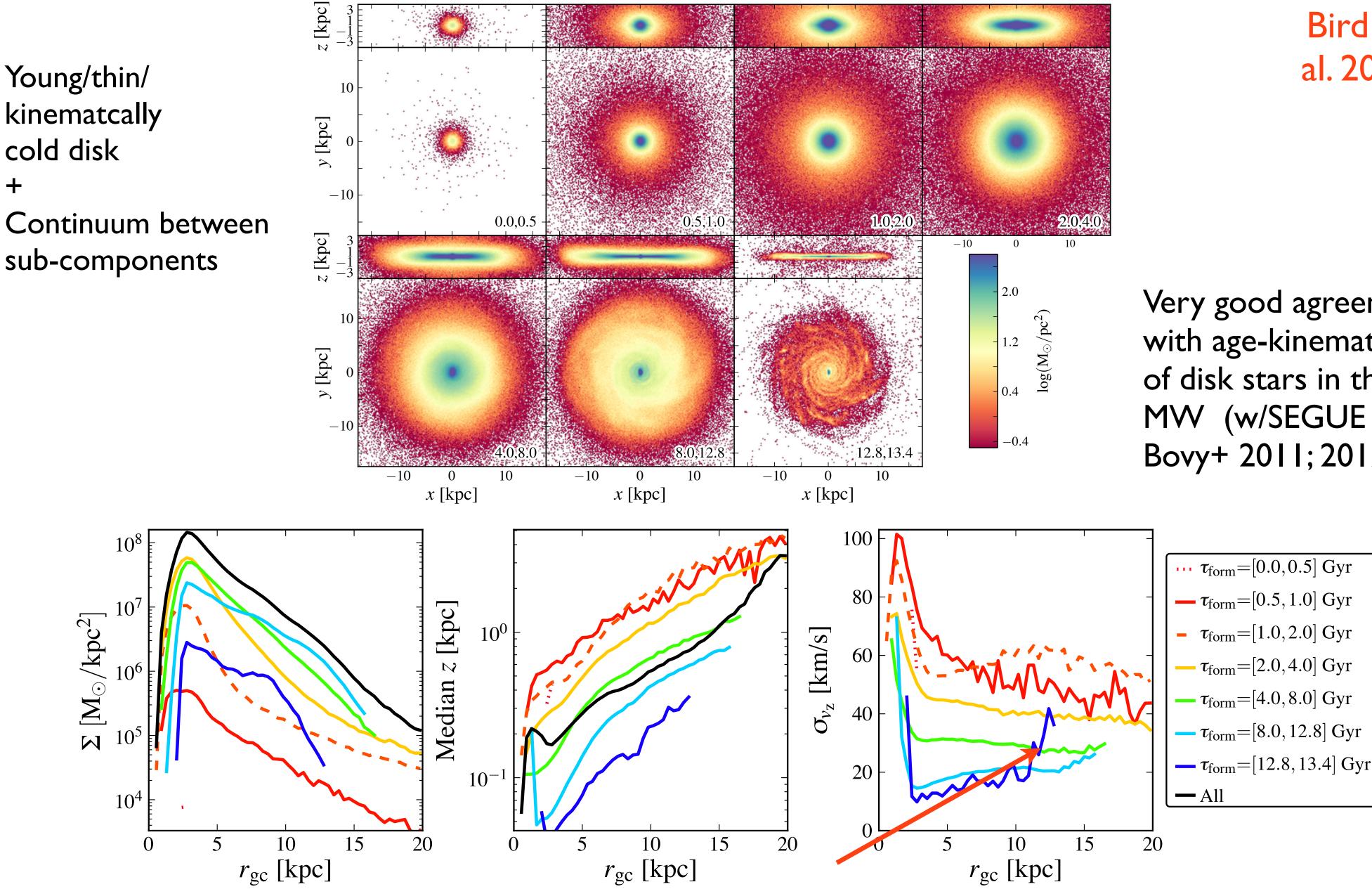
Face-on

Structural Properties: Kinematic Decomposition



* The spheroid forms early and is quenched late. *The formation of the disk begins later, but it is sustained down to z=0 at a rate of 1.1 M_{sun} yr⁻¹

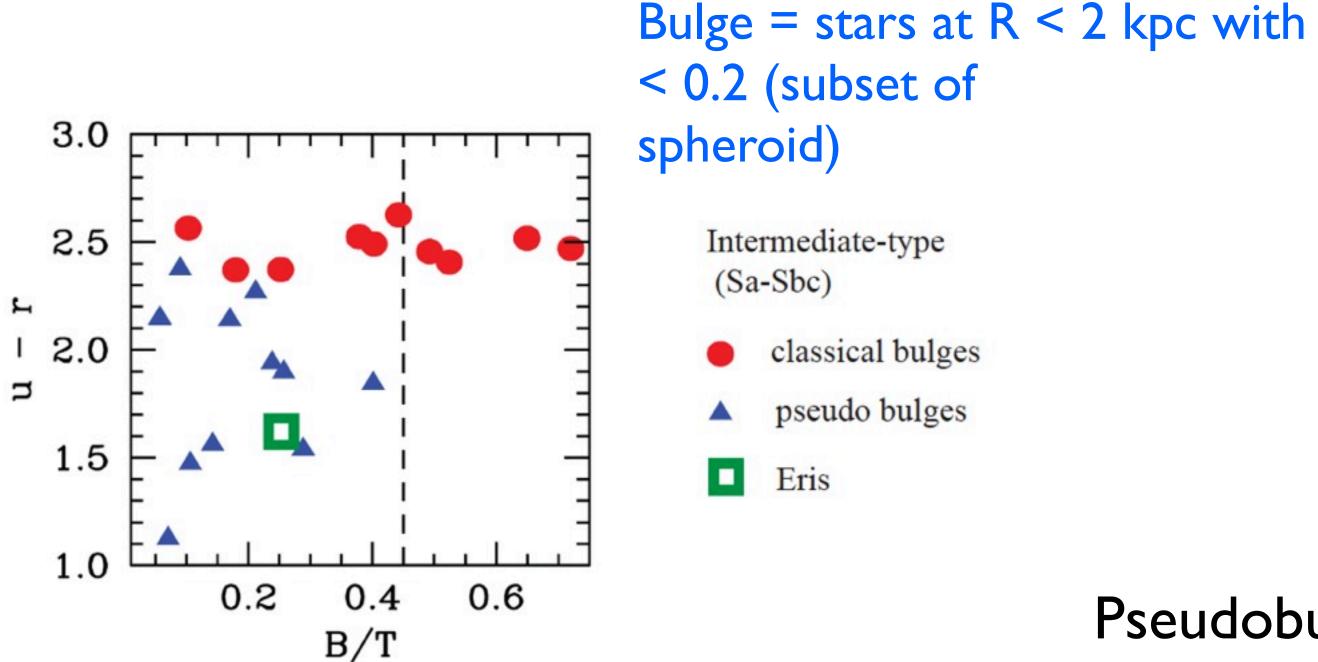
Important figure of merit: Age-Kinematics relation

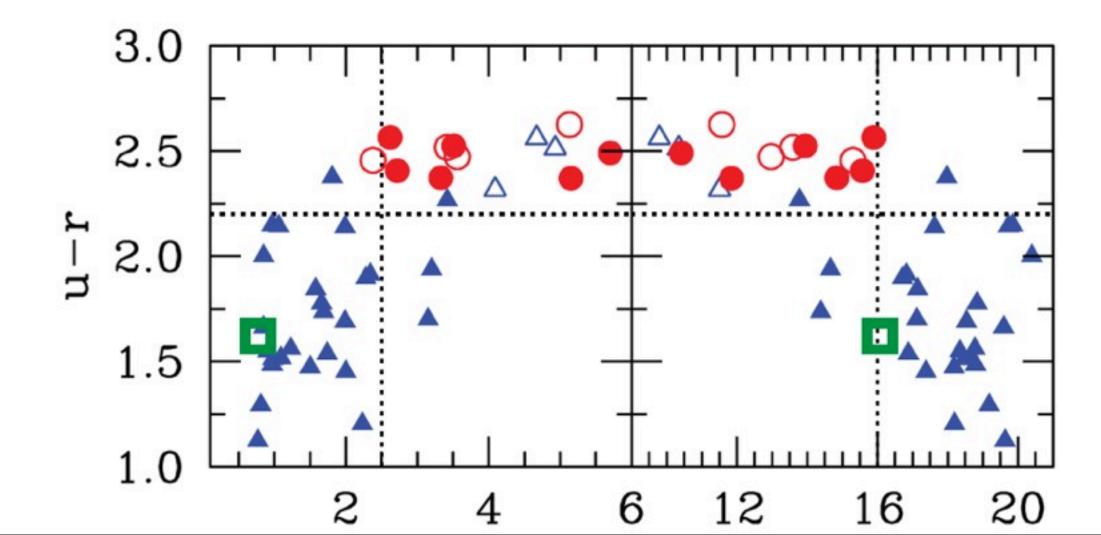


Bird et al. 2013

Very good agreement with age-kinematics of disk stars in the MW (w/SEGUE -Bovy+ 2011; 2012)

Eris has a pseudo-bulge triggered by bar formation at $z \ge 4$ (Guedes, Mayer et al. 2013)







Pseudobulges have low Sersic index (n <~ 2) and:

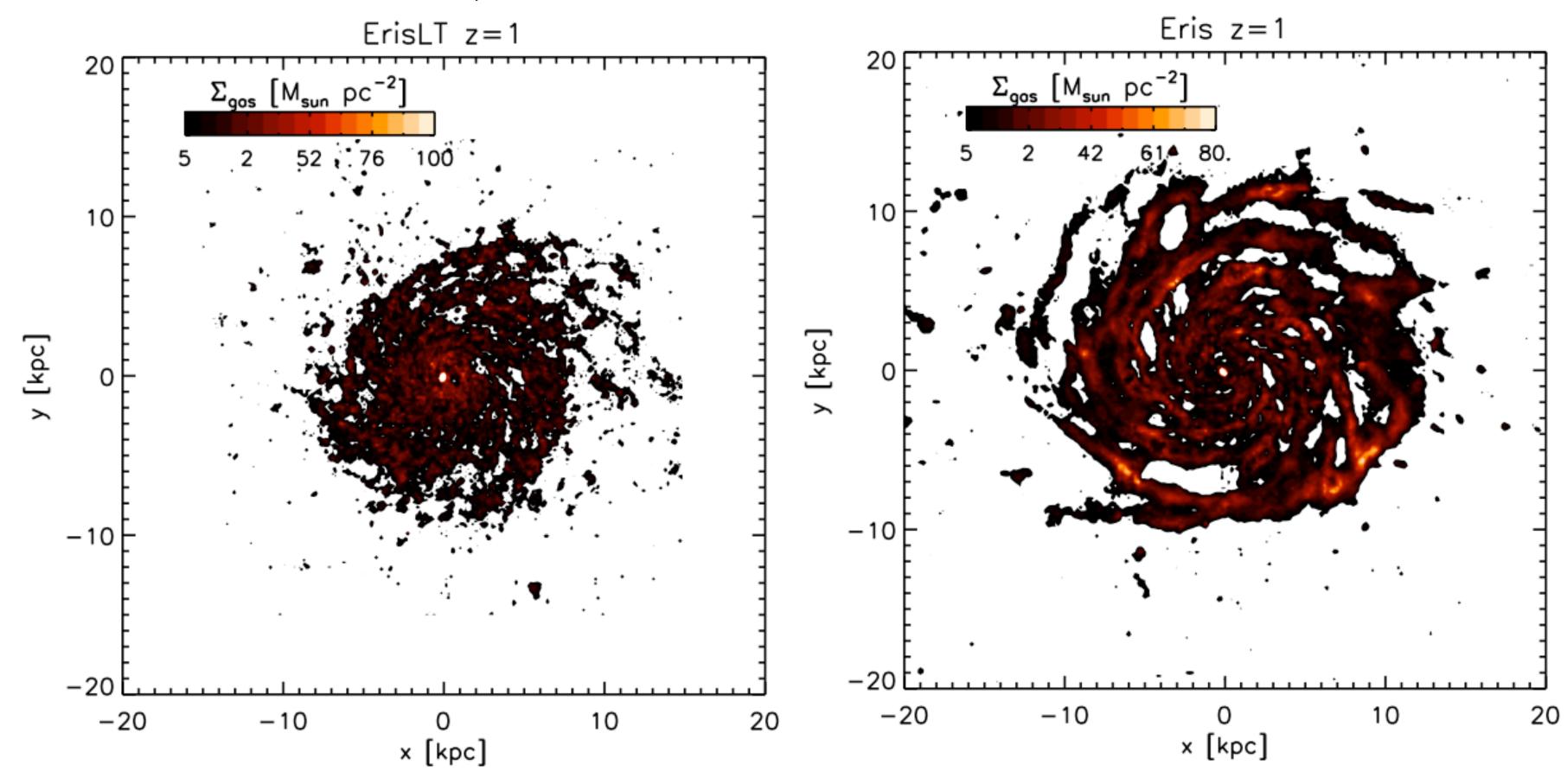
- exhibit rotation
- can have blue colors
- are often associated with bars and are typical of late-type spirals

data from Drory & Fisher 2007

Low vs. high star formation threshold: effect on disk size/angular momentum

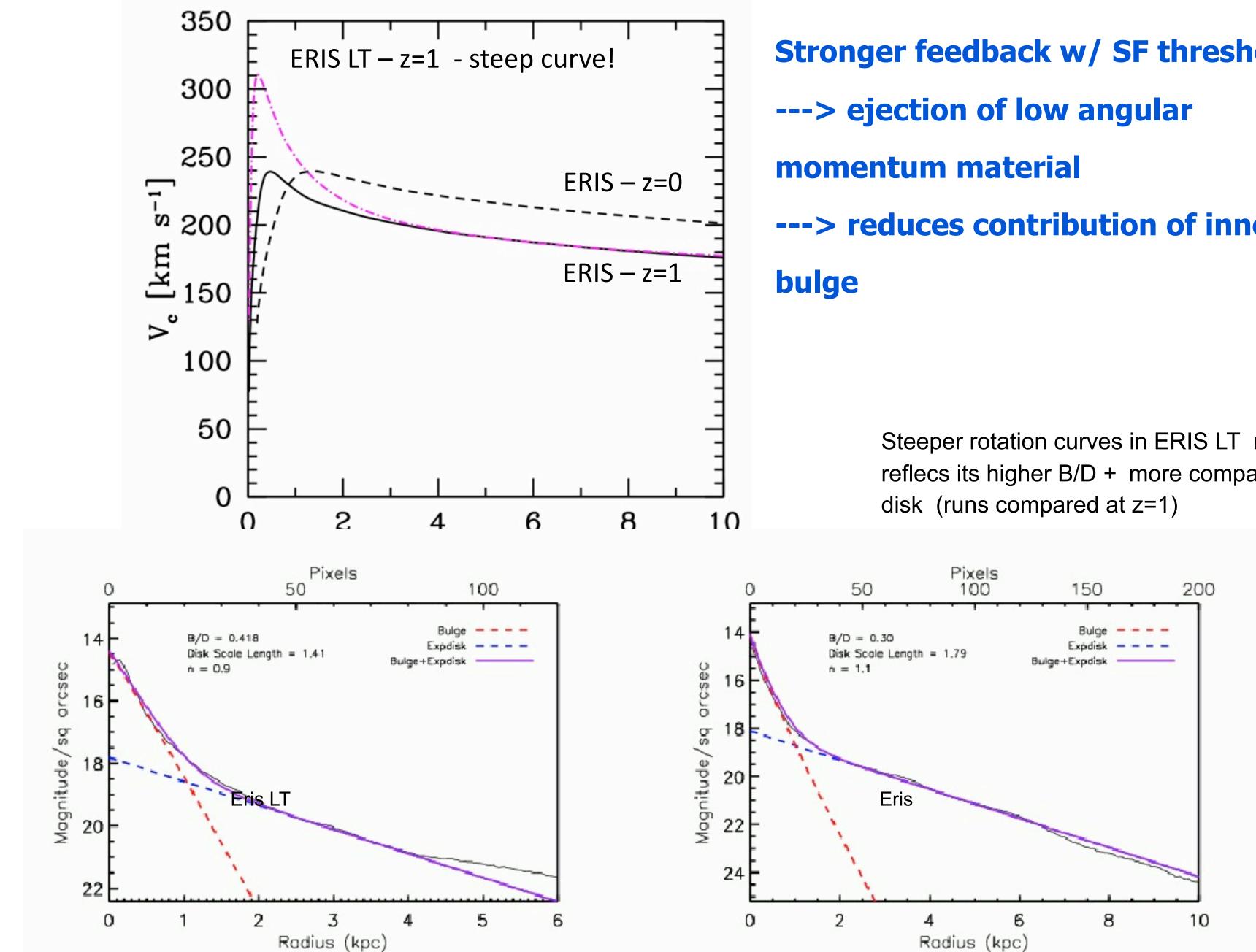
With higher threshold, Eris' disk at z=2 compared to ErisLT is:

Difference is result of stronger effect of feedback in Eris vs. ErisLT (baryon fraction in Eris ~ 0.12 in Eris, 0.16 in ErisLT)



50% larger
30% less massive
30% higher gas fraction
5x lower density at r < 1 kpc

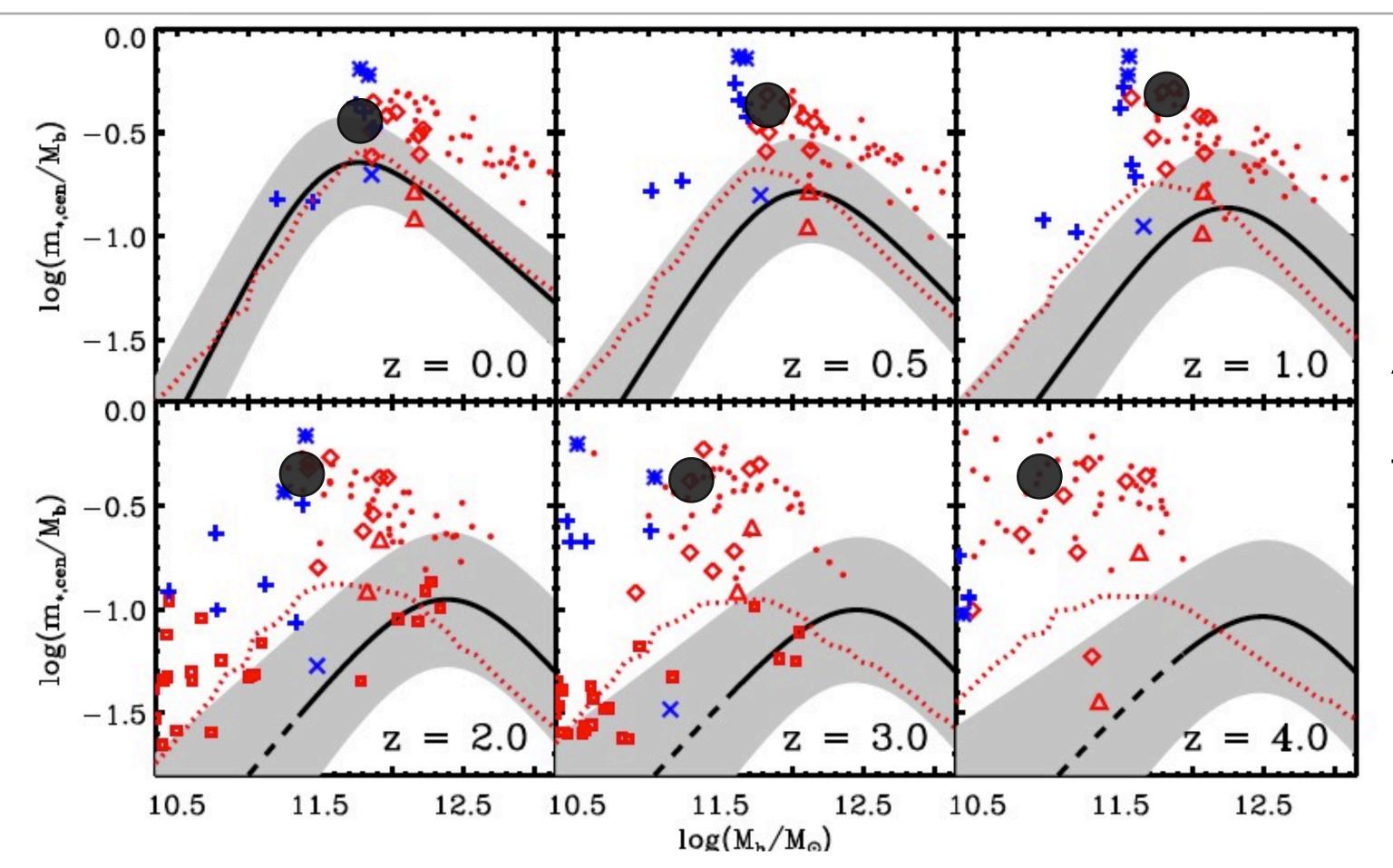
Circular velocity and stellar density profiles: Eris vs. ErisLT



Stronger feedback w/ SF threshold ---> reduces contribution of inner

> Steeper rotation curves in ERIS LT run reflecs its higher B/D + more compact

The forming-too-many-stars-at-high-z catastrophe?



corresponds to the indicated redshift. The solid black lines give the average conversion efficiencies needed to fit the observed SMFs and the shaded areas indicate the 1σ confidence levels. The symbols show the results of hydrodynamical zoom-in simulations run with the GASOLINE code (blue asterisks: Brooks et al. 2011, pluses: Governato et al. 2012, crosses: Stinson et al. in prep.) and the GADGET code (red dots: Oser et al. 2010, diamonds: Scannapieco et al. 2011, squares: Genel et al. 2012, triangles: Okamoto 2012). The colored lines show the conversion efficiencies predicted by the semi-analytic model by Guo et al. (2011, red dotted line). While many simulations agree well with the predicted conversion efficiency at z = 0, most have too high values at earlier epochs, indicating that they form their stars too early.

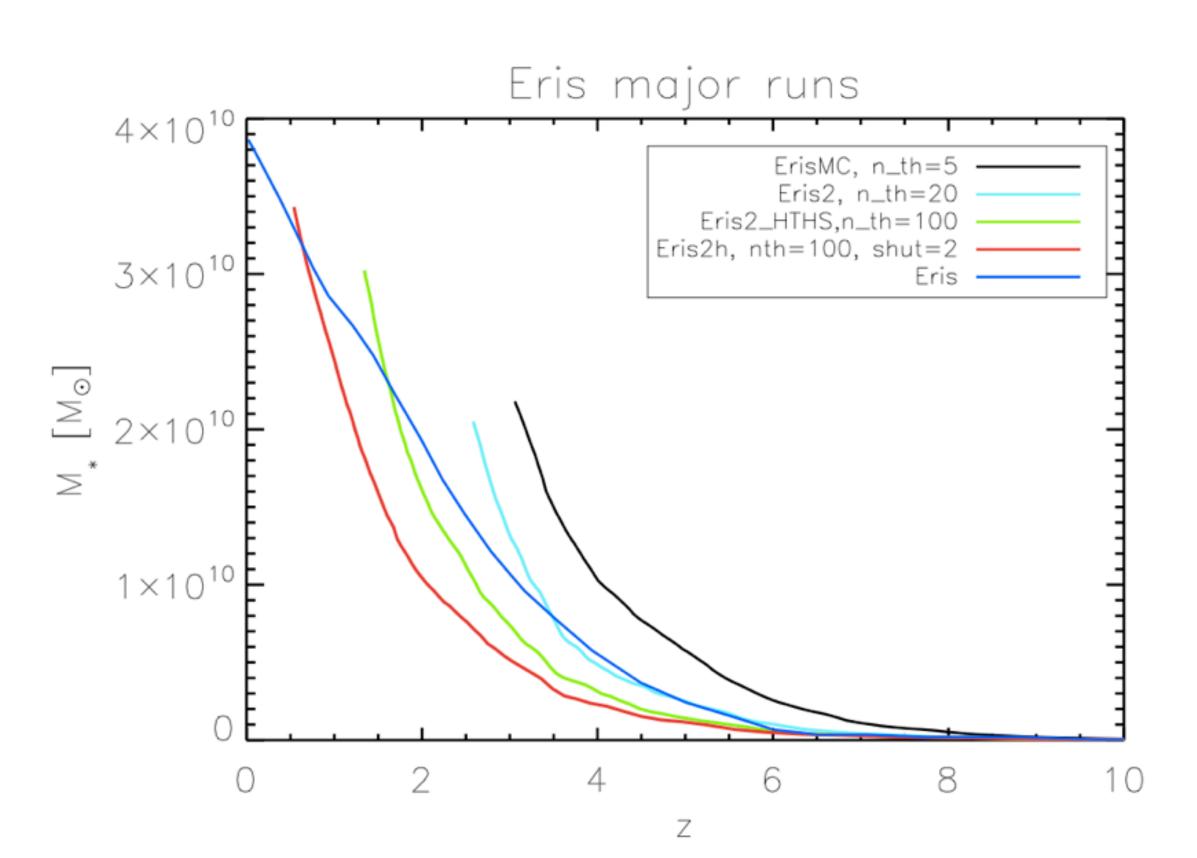
Abundance matching curves from Moster et al. 2012

Figure 12. Comparison between central galaxy formation efficiencies found in numerical simulations at different redshifts. Each panel

- Important caveat: the Eris runs did not take into account metal line cooling for gas at $T > 10^4 \text{ K}$
- Galaxies with virial masses below 10¹² Mo assemble primarily via cold mode accretion (Tgas <~ 10⁴ K) (Keres et al. 2003; Dekel & Birnboim 2003; Brooks et al. 2008)
 - However supernovae ejecta are more metal rich than bulk of ISM and have $T > ~ 10^5$ K...

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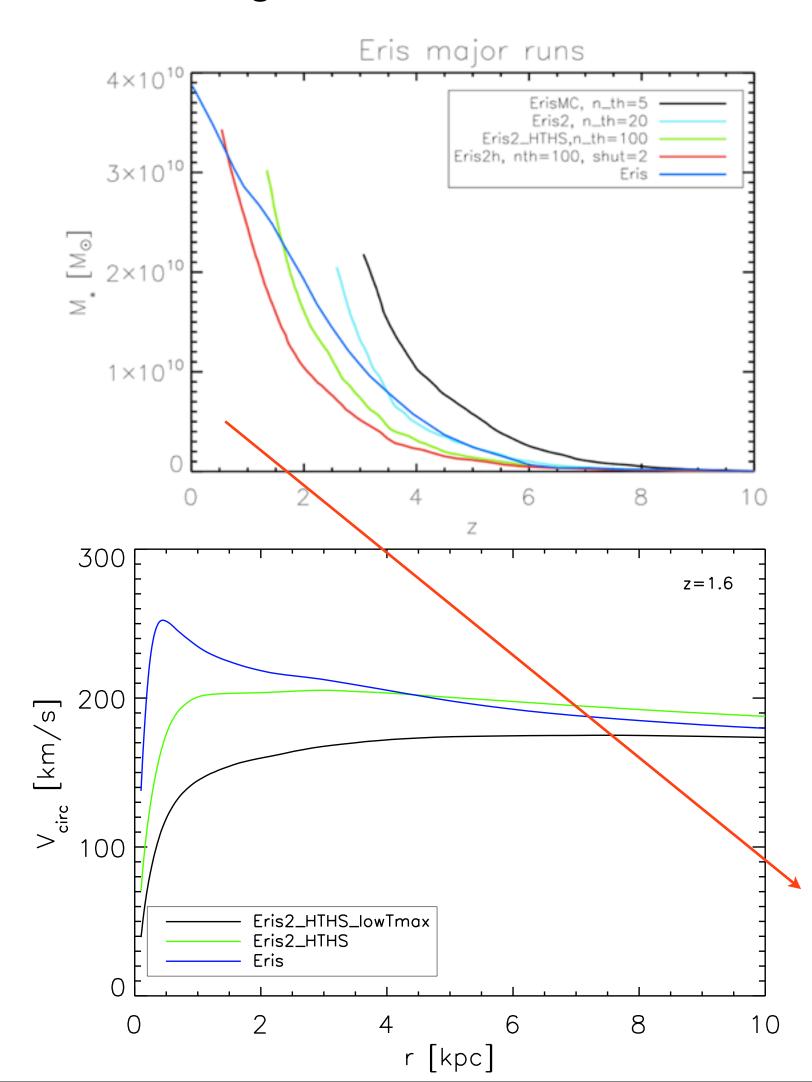
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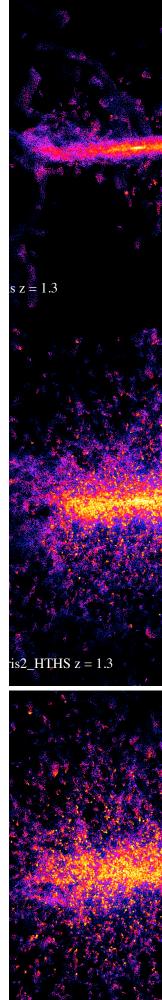


via cold mode2003;Brooks et

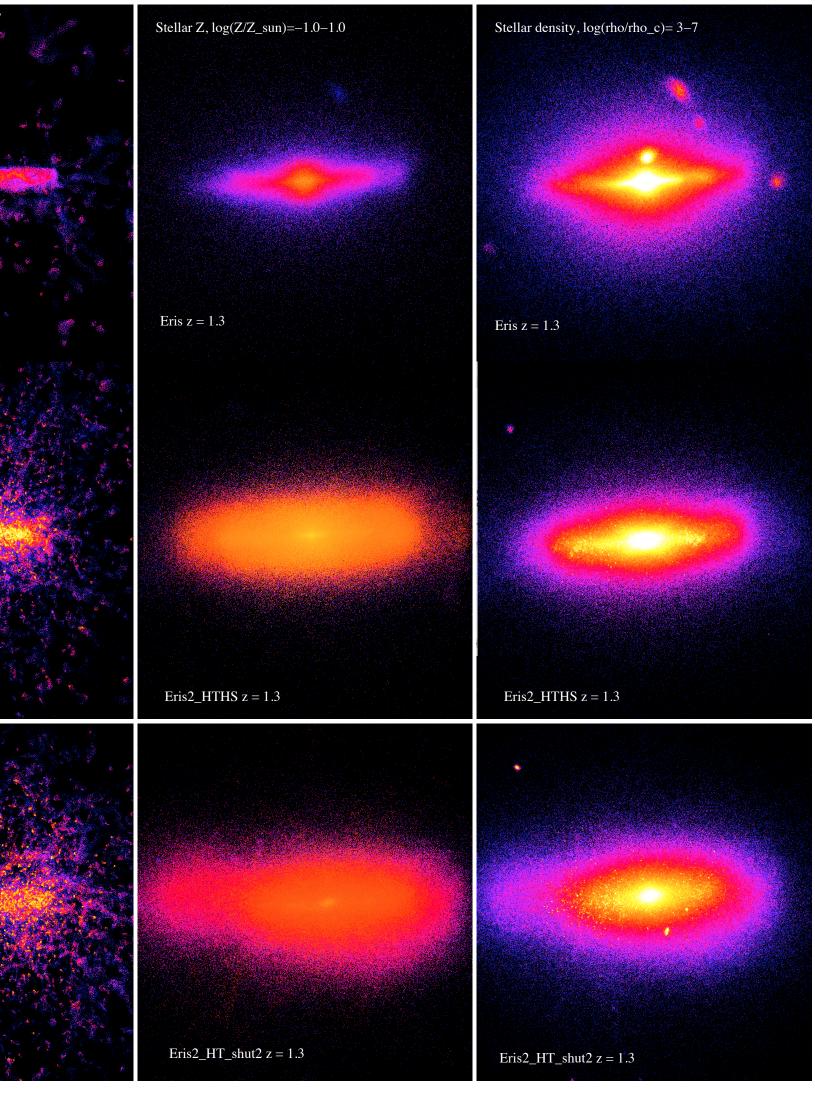
The new Eris2 simulations (Shen et al. in prep)

Exploration of sub-grid models: SF density threshold (20-100 atoms/cc) + high T metal line cooling, new Haardt & Madau (2013) cosmic ionizing background, Chabrier IMF, varying feedback efficiency, modified SPH with thermal energy and metal diffusion term, (Shen et al. 2010), non-thermal pressure to mimic sub-grid turbulence





 $HT_shut2 = 1.3$



Lesson from Eris2 runs

Stronger feedback(s) allows to match M^{*}-M_{halo} at but precludes formation of realistic kinematically cold, thin disk component. Same conclusion also reached by Roskar, Teyssier et al. (2013) with AMR simulations using the RAMSES code.

Hence current biggest challenge in disk galaxy formation:

Reproduce stellar masses AND SIMULTANEOUSLY thin kinematically cold stellar/gaseous disk

Should be achieved by maintaining a larger fraction of the disk gas in a warm, non-star forming phase BUT without stirring/pressurizing the whole ISM!

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•3 different resolutions;

- HR: $\Delta x \sim 100$ pc, m_{SPH} ~ 10^4 M_{\odot}; MR, LR with 8, 16 times less resolution
- •efficient SN feedback, **no AGN** feedback (heretic approach?)



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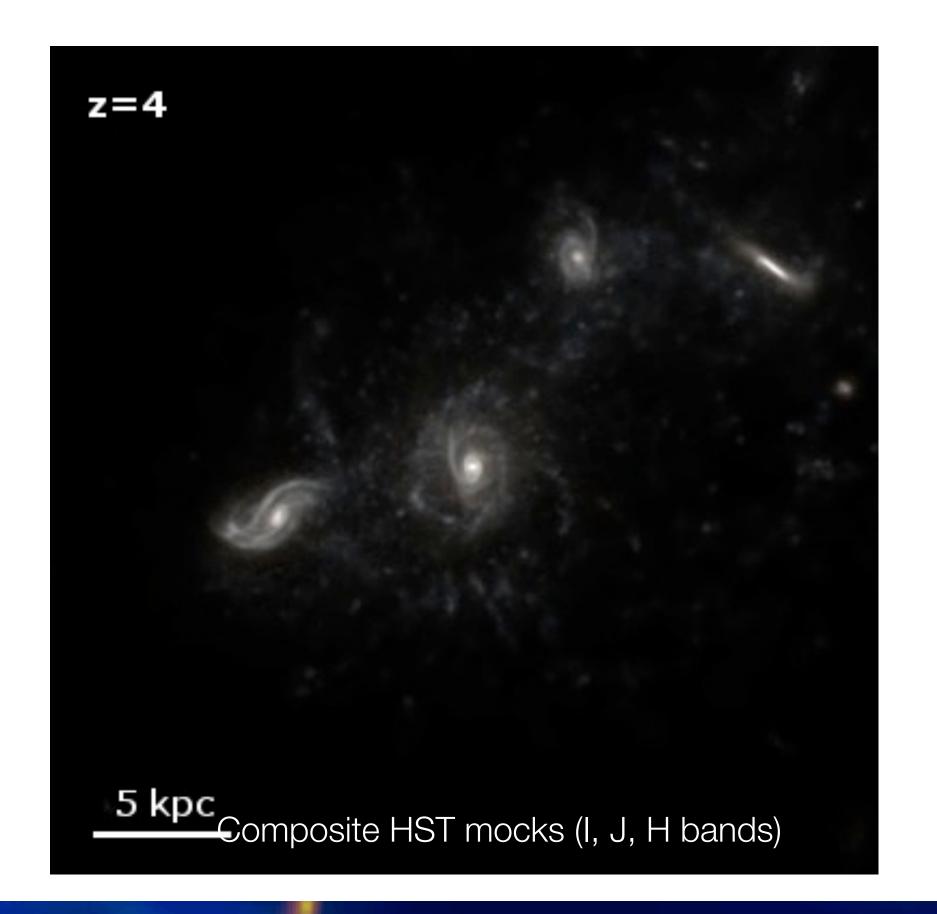
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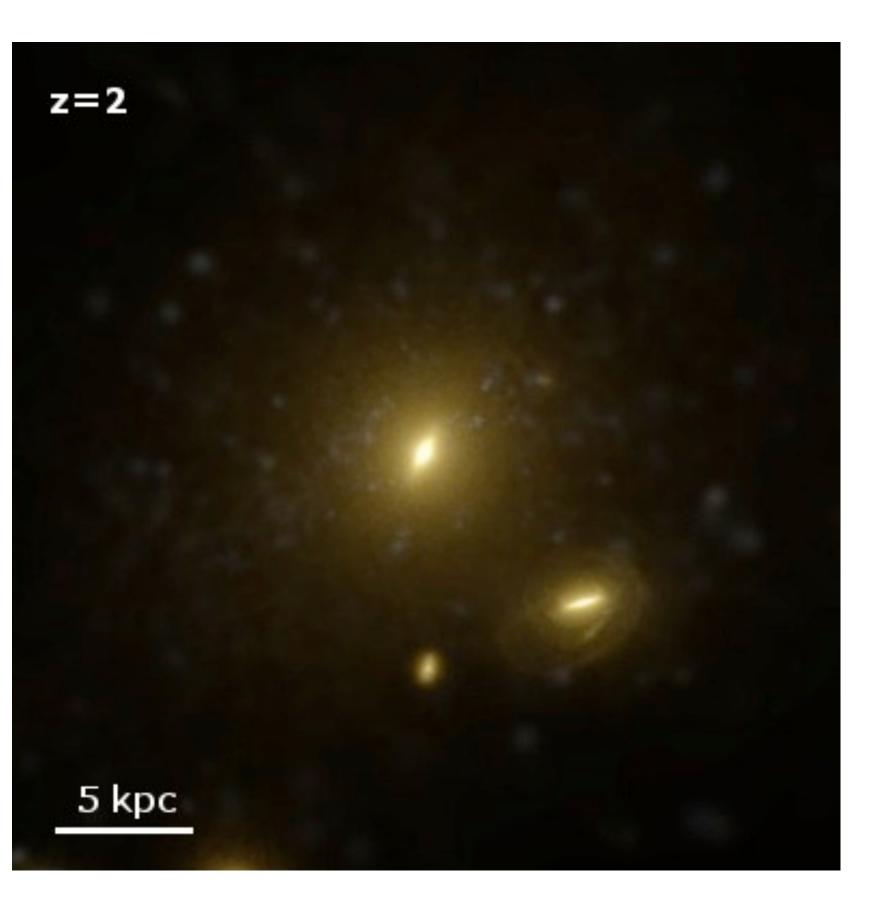
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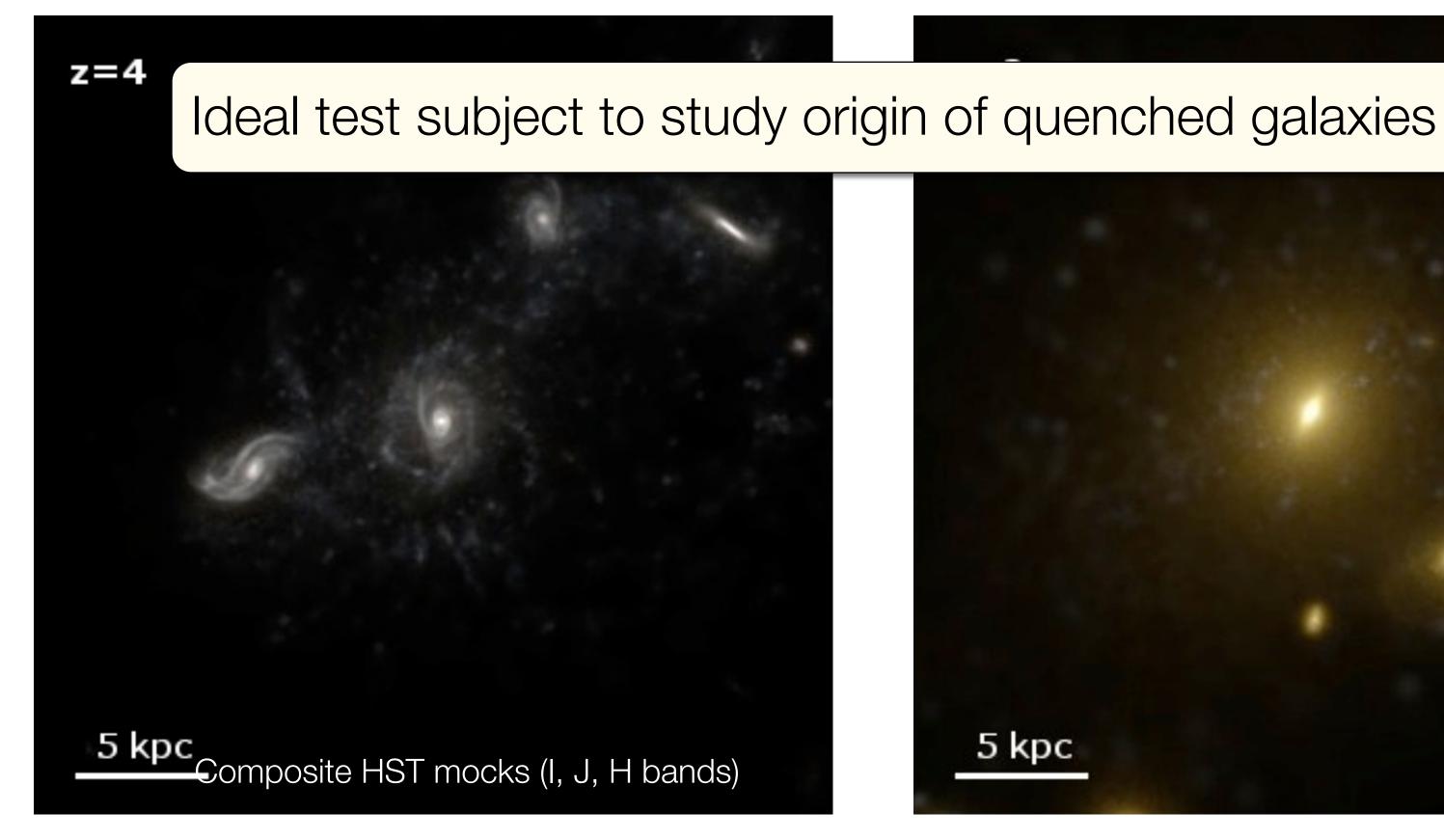


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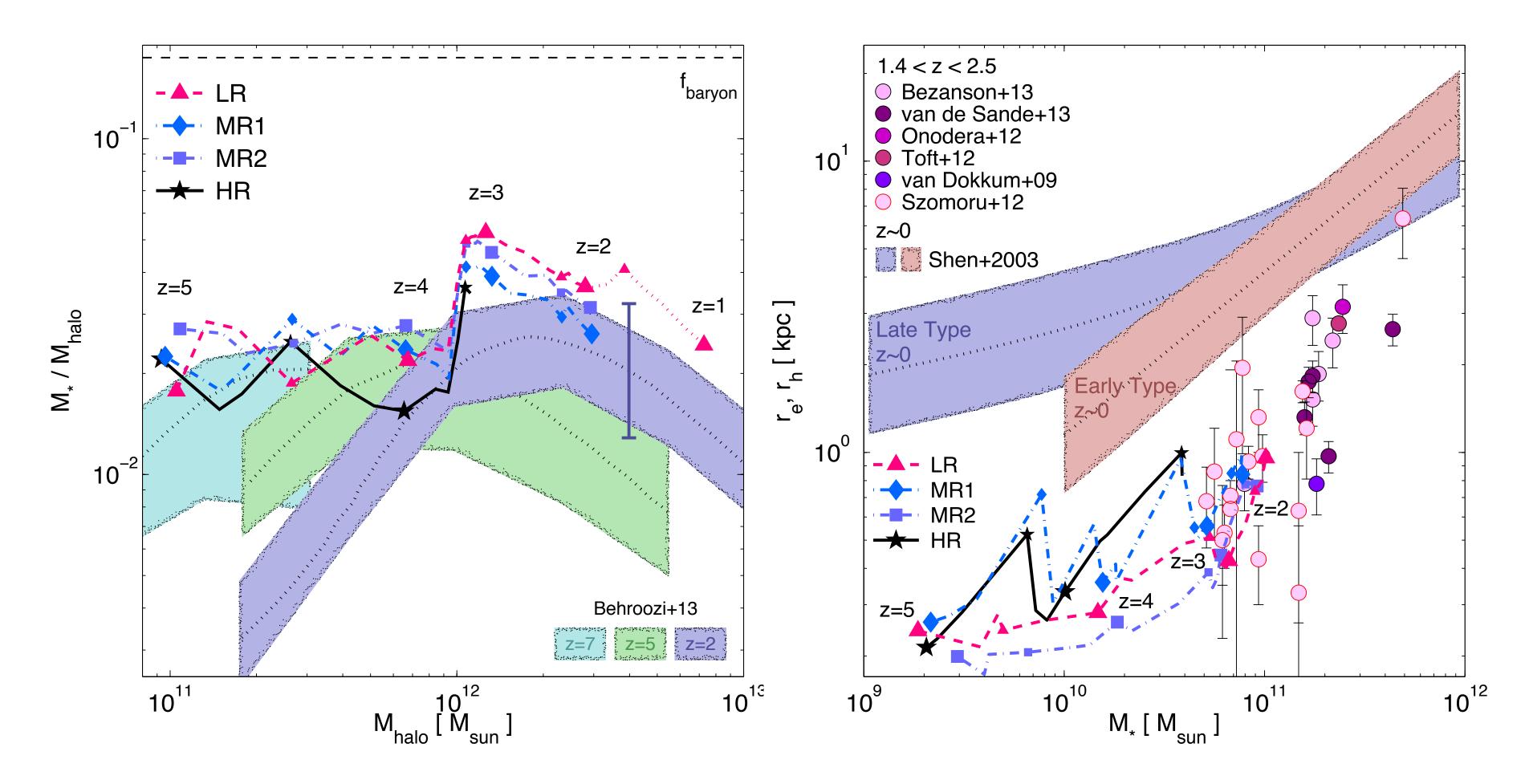


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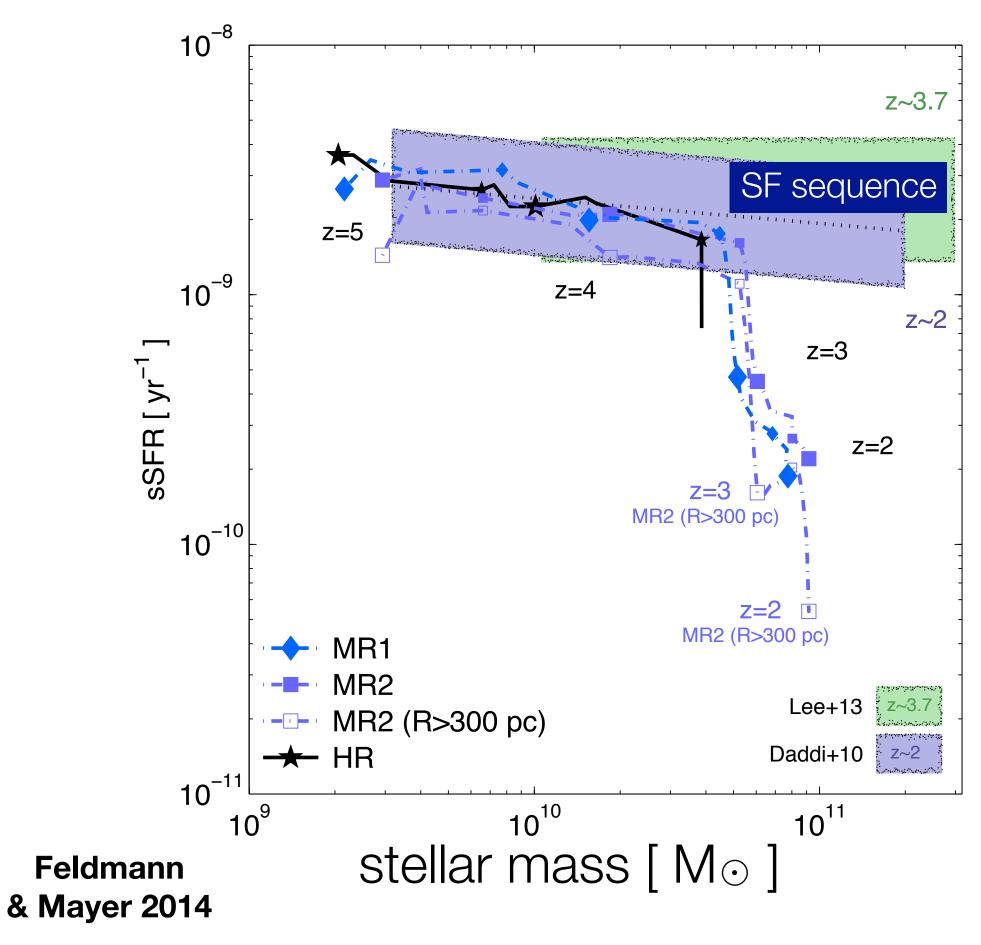
Global galaxy properties agree with observations



•stellar mass to virial mass ratio in agreement with abundance matching at $z \le 4$

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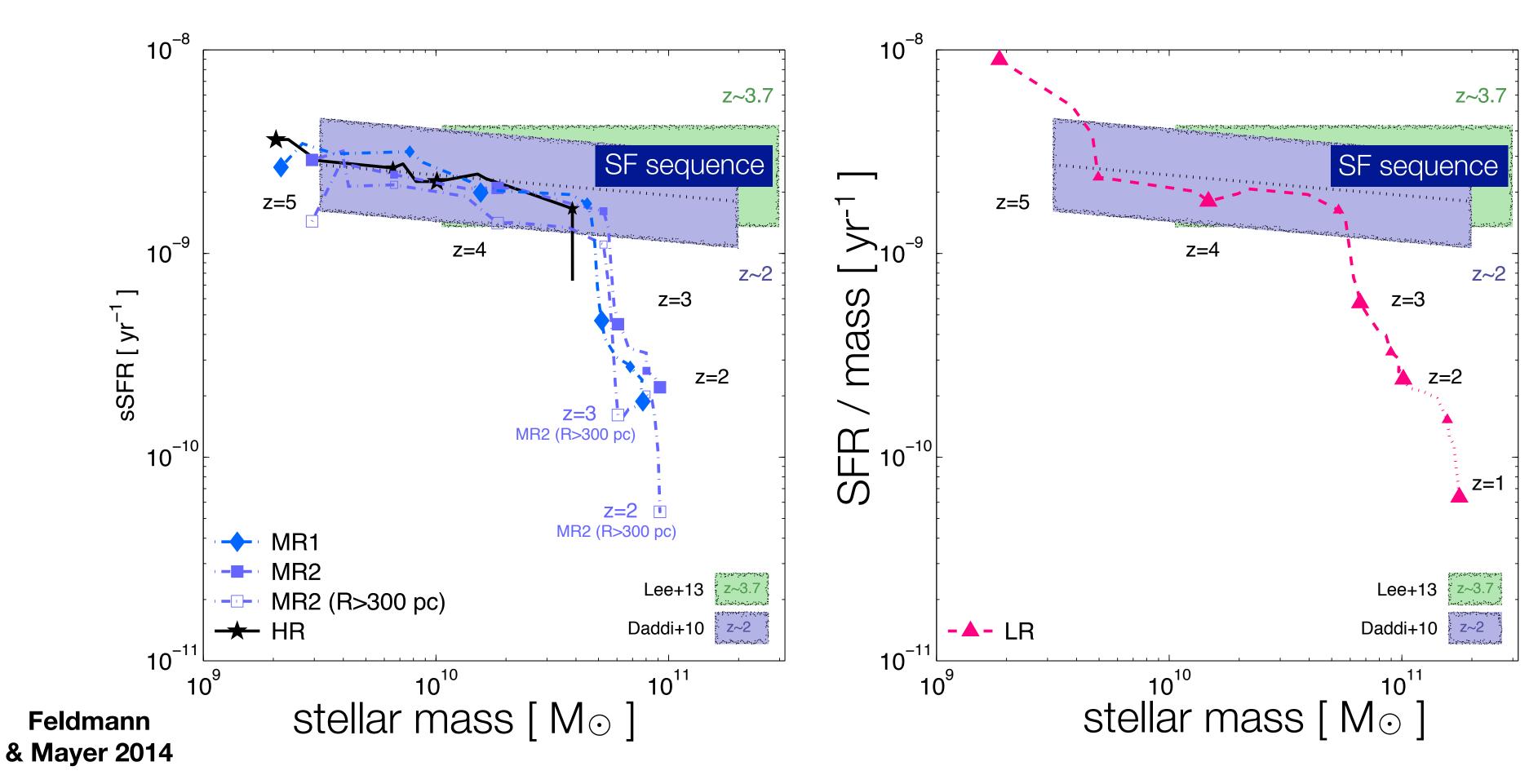
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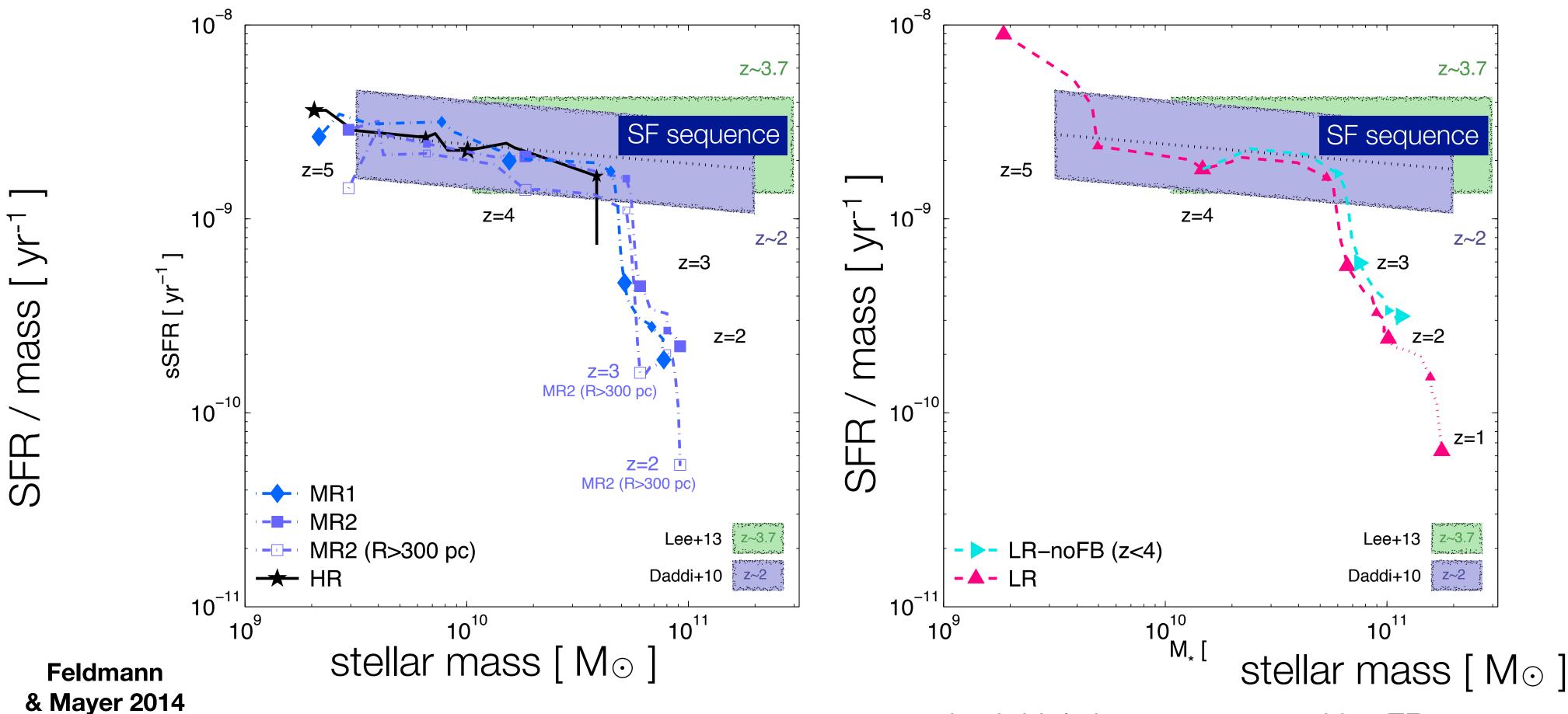
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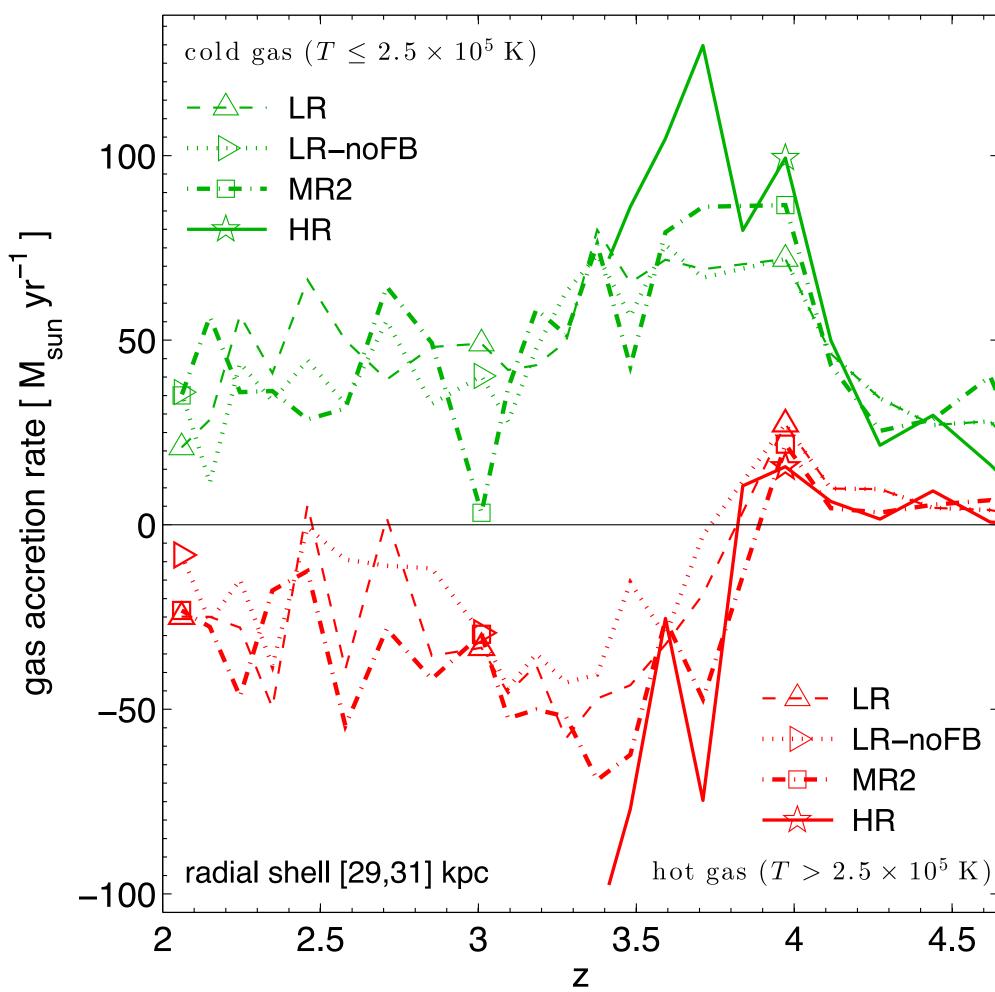
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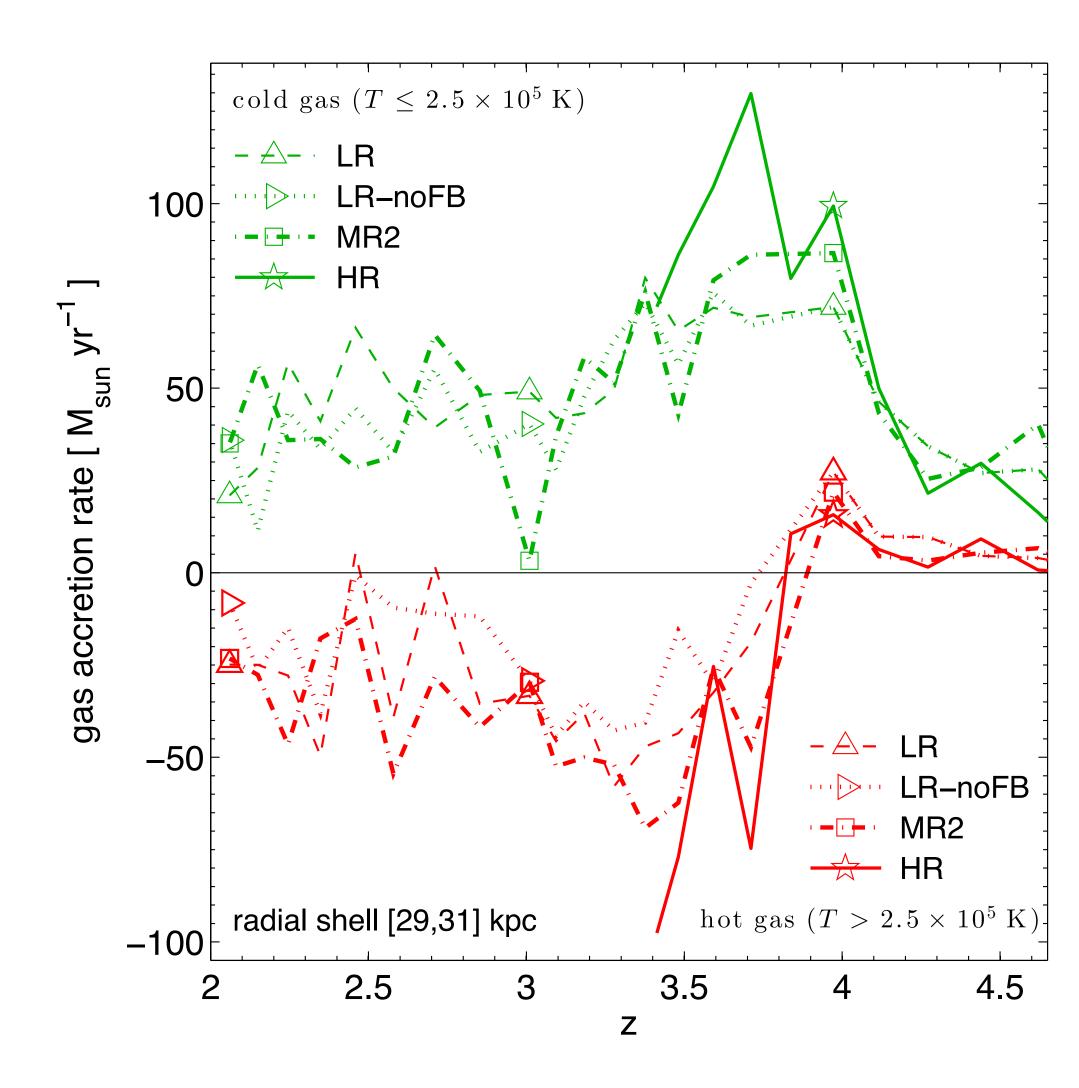
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 - suppress SF in central few 100 pc

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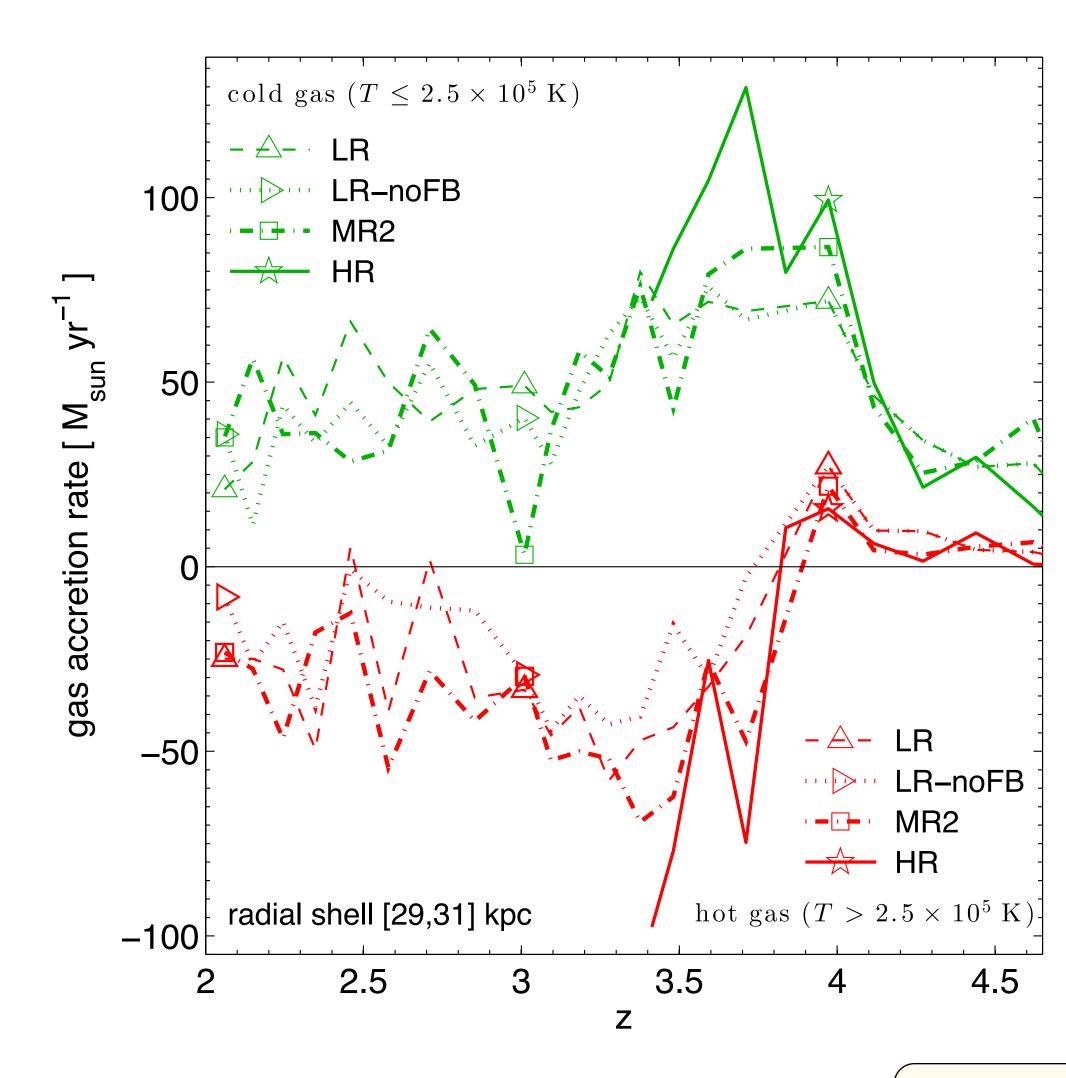
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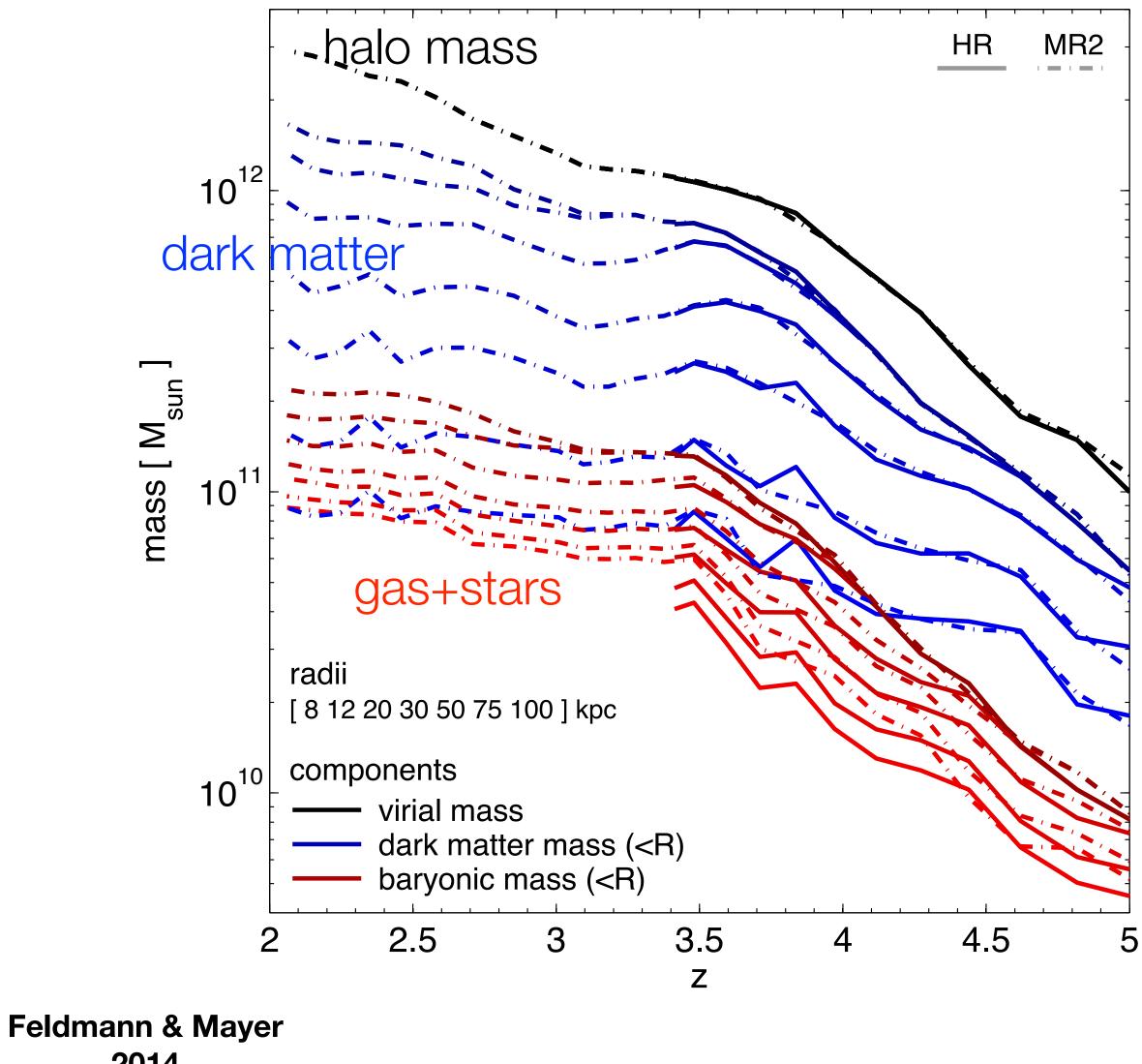
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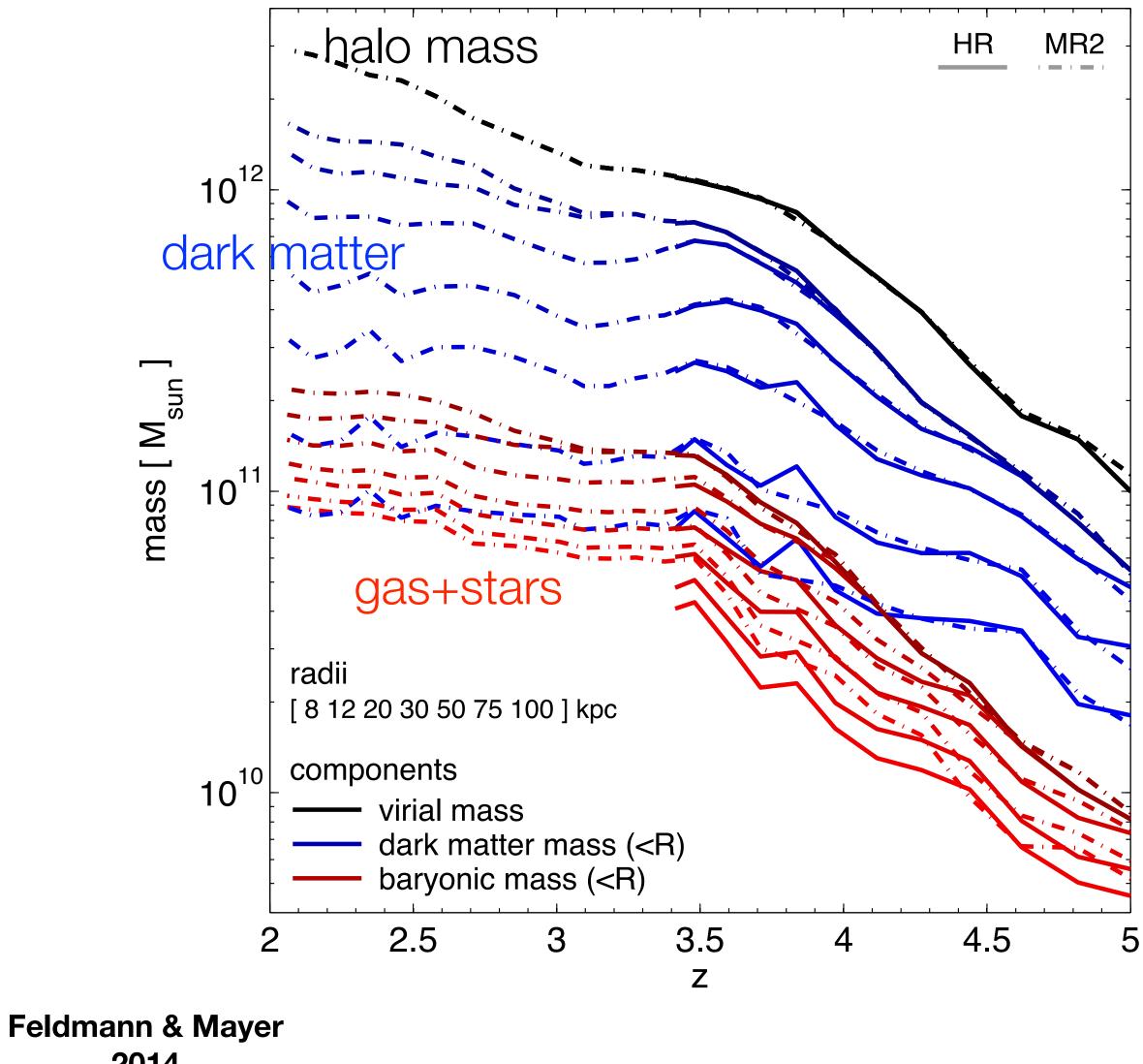
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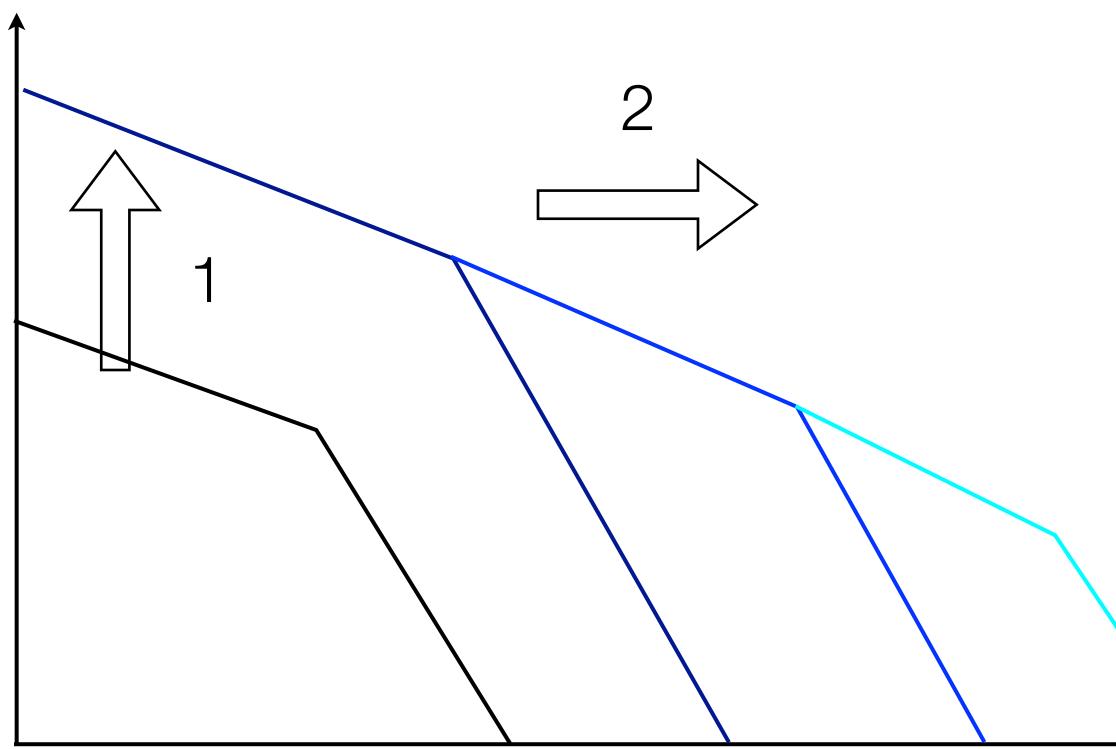
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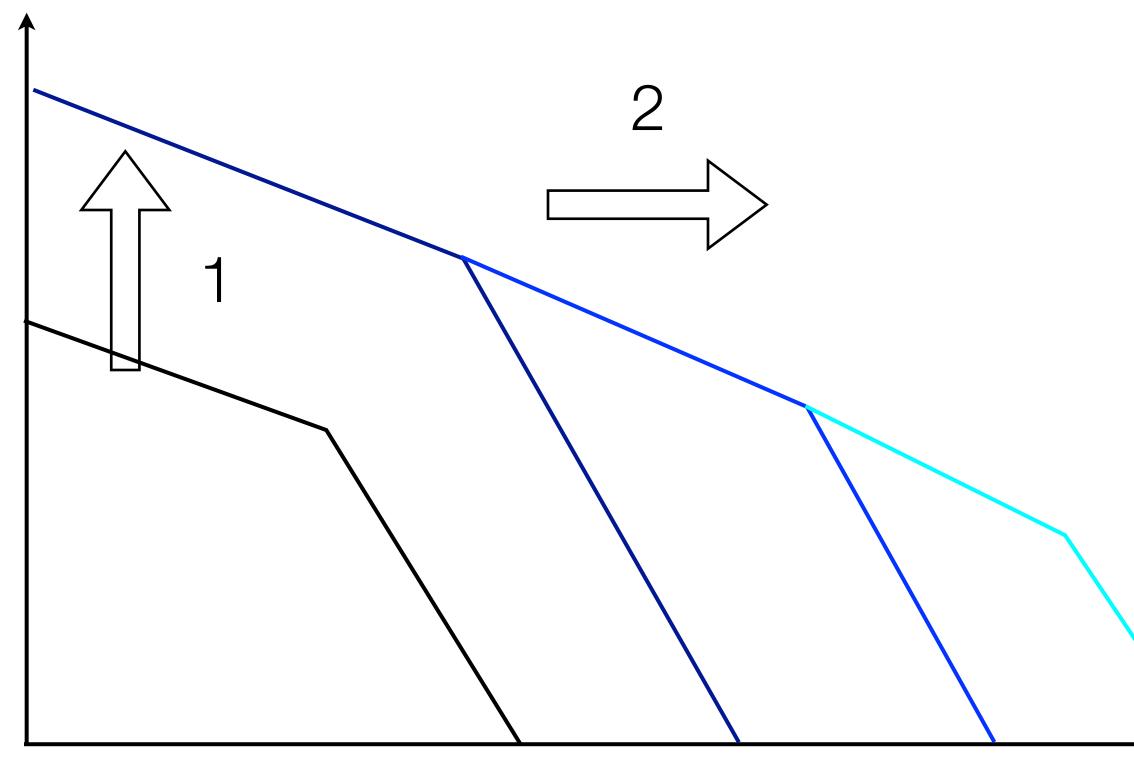
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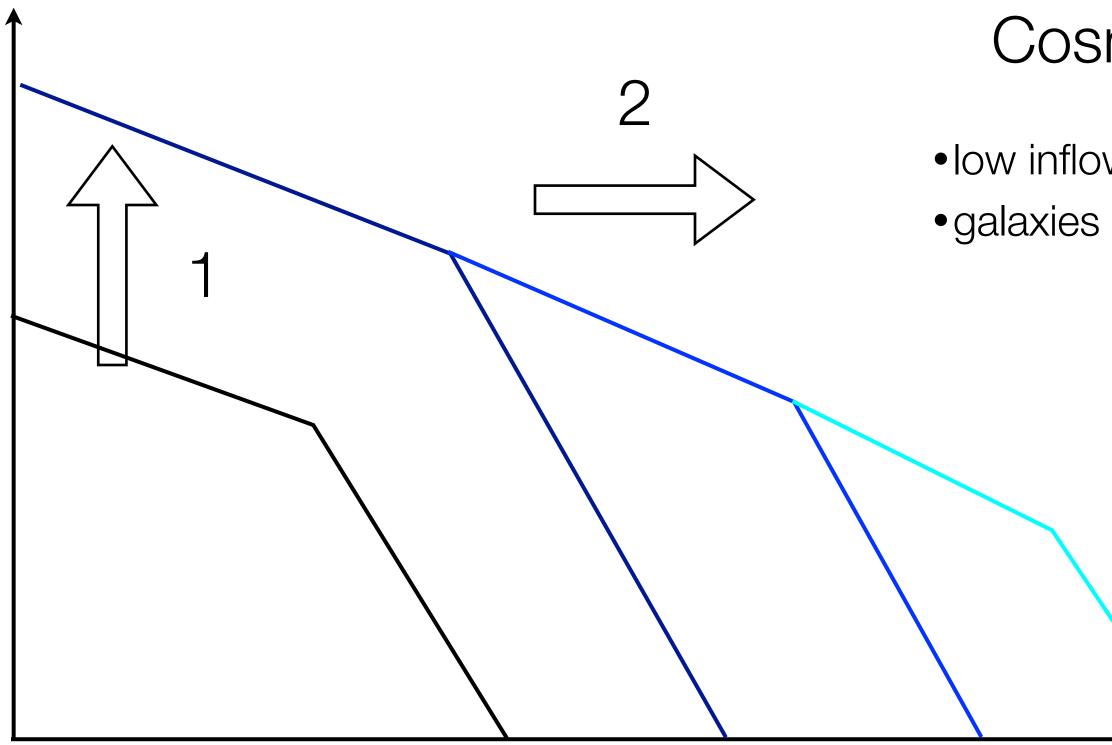
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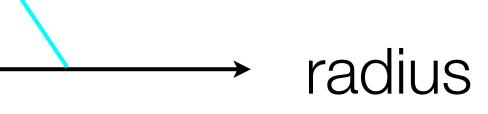


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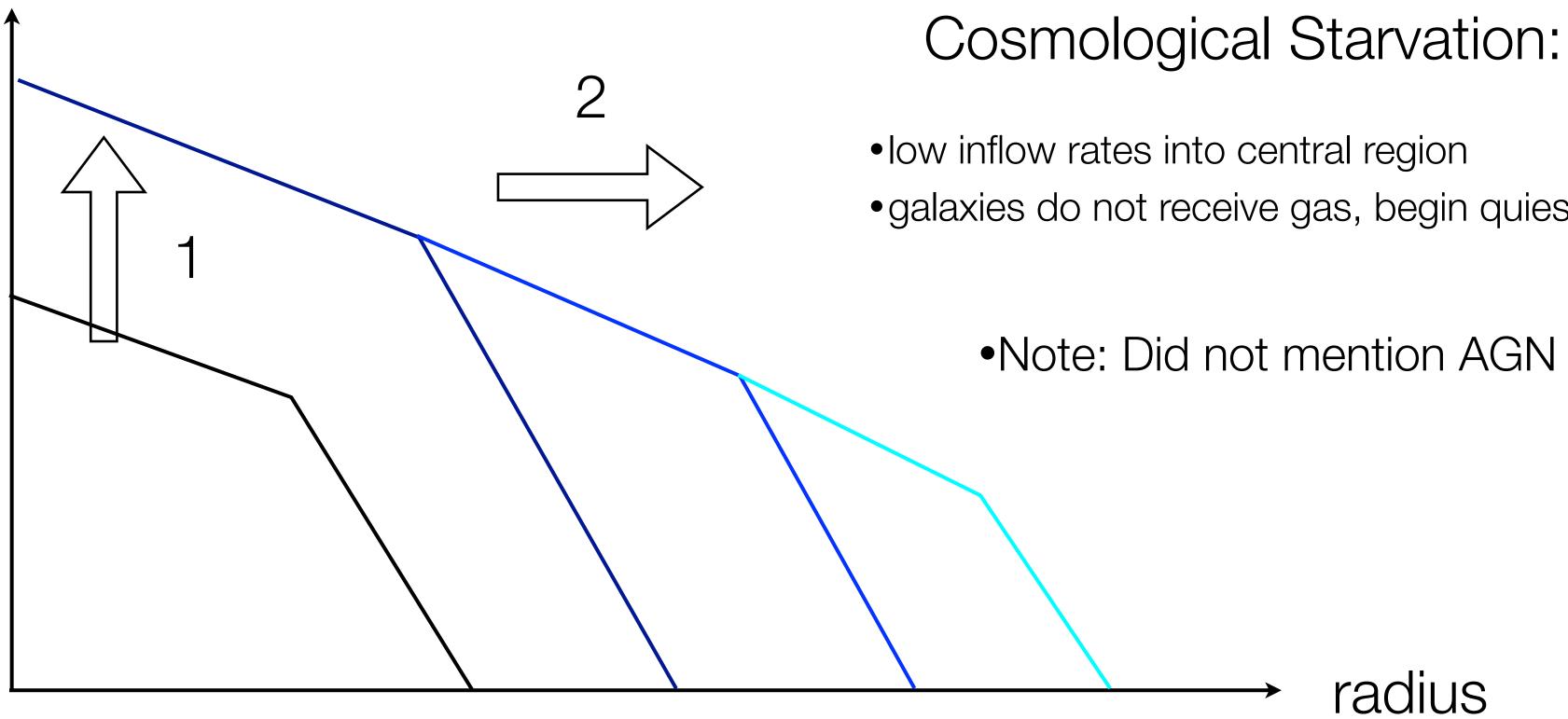
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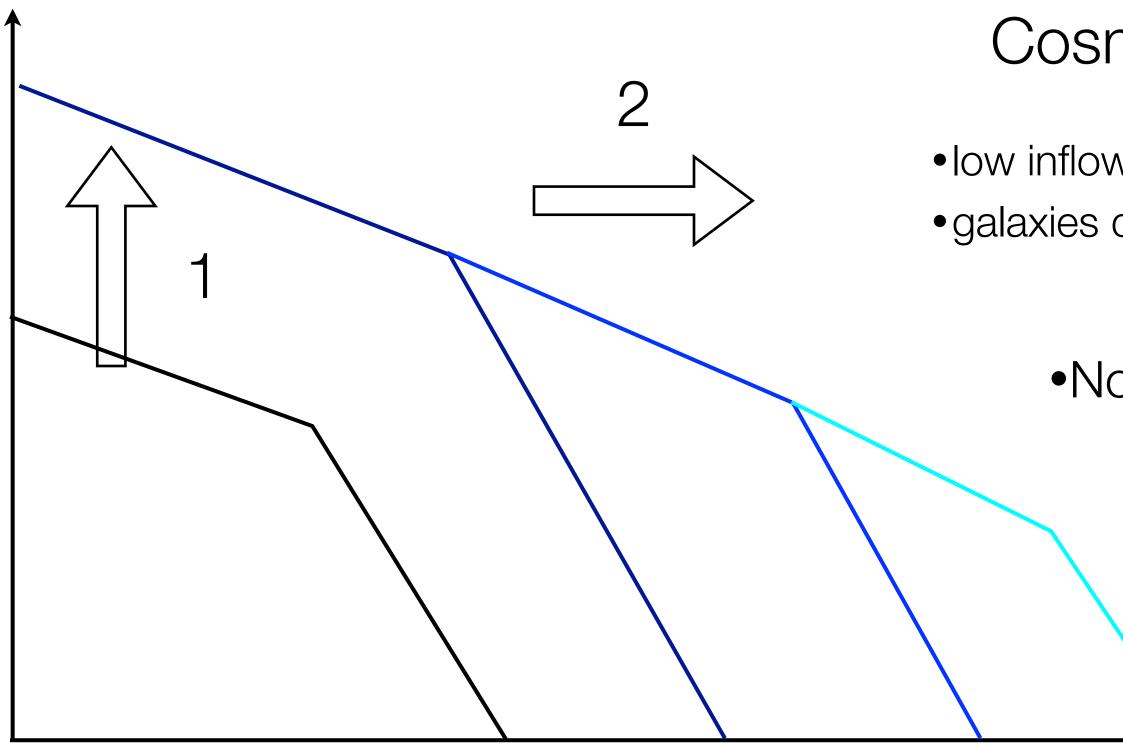
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Summary

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* The major improvement in Eris was its high resolution which allowed us to use a high density threshold for star formation. The high SF threshold coupled with blastwave thermal feedback allows to drive outflows and regulate both baryonic mass accretion and star formation to the required level

* Eris has a pseudobulge as typical for late-type spirals: it forms in situ, at high redshift, as a result of repeated bar-instabilities that are dynamical rather than secular in nature.

The trends in scale length, scale height, age and kinematics of disk stellar populations agree very well with the results for the MW and show there is a continuum between thin and thick disk -- this has to be connected with star formation history and gas thermodynamics, hence with feedback model

* A big challenge (for all simulations); the M*-Mhalo relation as a function of redshift. SFR too high at high z unless much stronger feedback is employed at the expense of creating unrealistic thick, turbulent disks (eg Eris2 runs). This likely reflects limitation of the SF+feedback recipes.

* Massive galaxies ($M^* > 10^{11}$ Mo, Mvir $\sim 10^{13}$ Mo) appear to (begin) quench due to cosmological starvation quite irrespective of feedback (especially without requiring AGN feedback). Need to assess how general this quenching mode is. A long lasting transition to "red and dead" may still require a maintenance feedback mode such as the radio mode AGN feedback.

