

# **Galaxy Systems in the Optical and Infrared**

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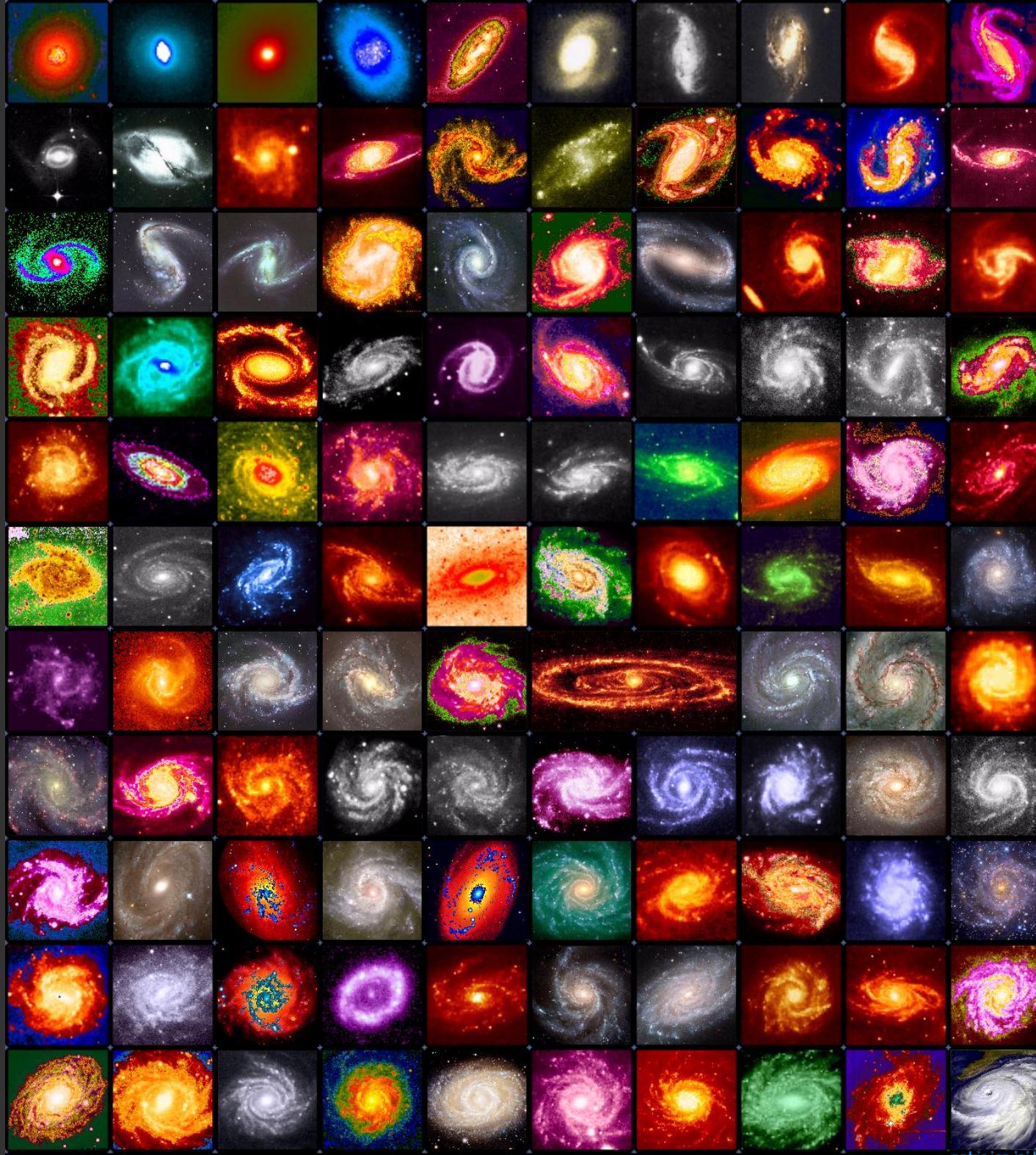
# Plan of the lectures:

- I. Identification, global properties, and scaling relations
- II. Structure and dynamics
- III. Properties of the galaxy populations

# Introduction



The most striking characteristics  
of the cluster galaxy population:  
**its morphology mix**

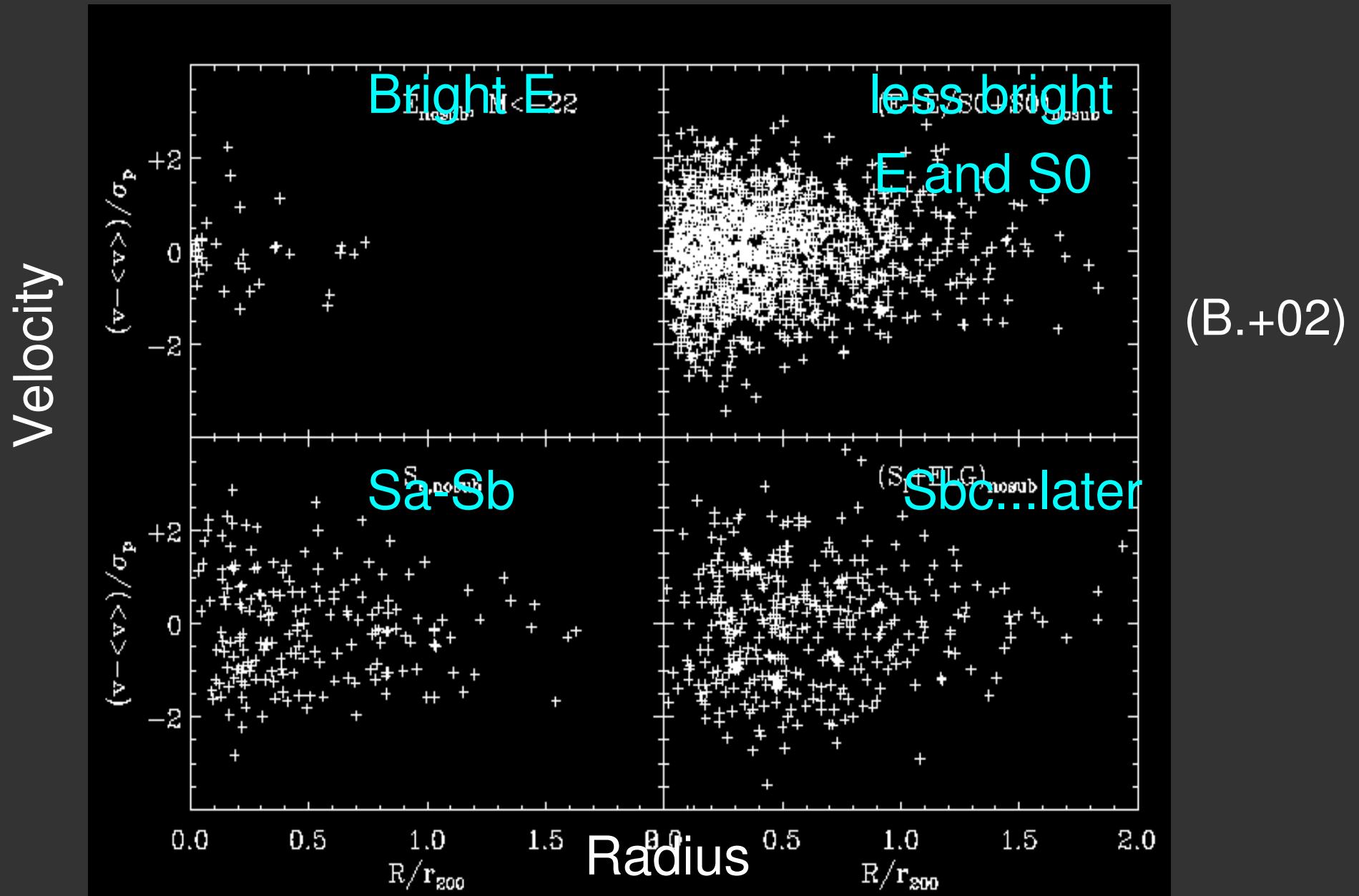


Field



Cluster

# Morphology+Luminosity Segregation $\Rightarrow$ segregation in projected phase-space



# Why do the galaxies care about the density of the environment?

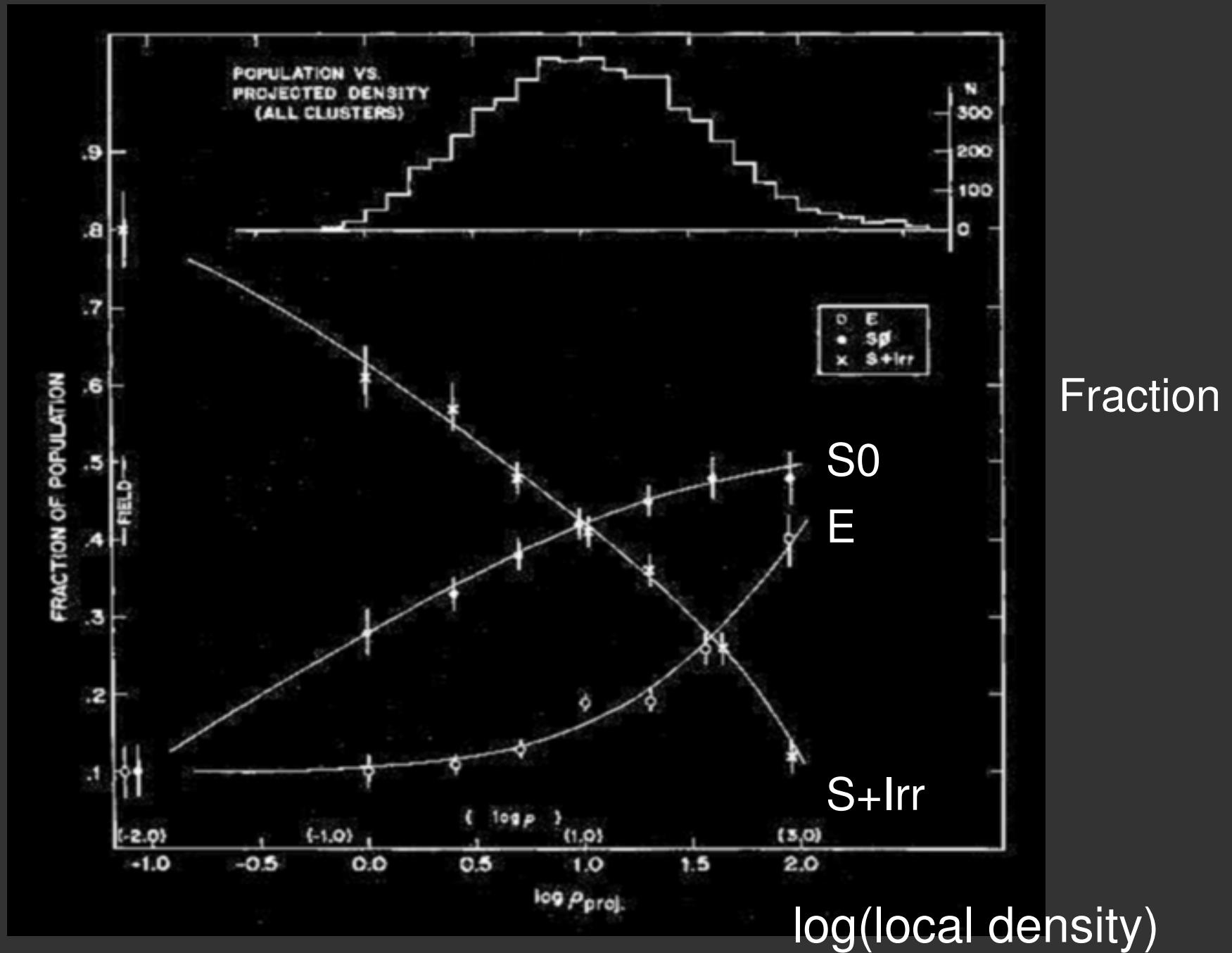
*Analyse the properties of  
cluster galaxy populations  
in relation to their environment  
as a function of redshift*

⇒ mechanisms of galaxy evolution

The properties  
of cluster galaxies:  
**morphologies**

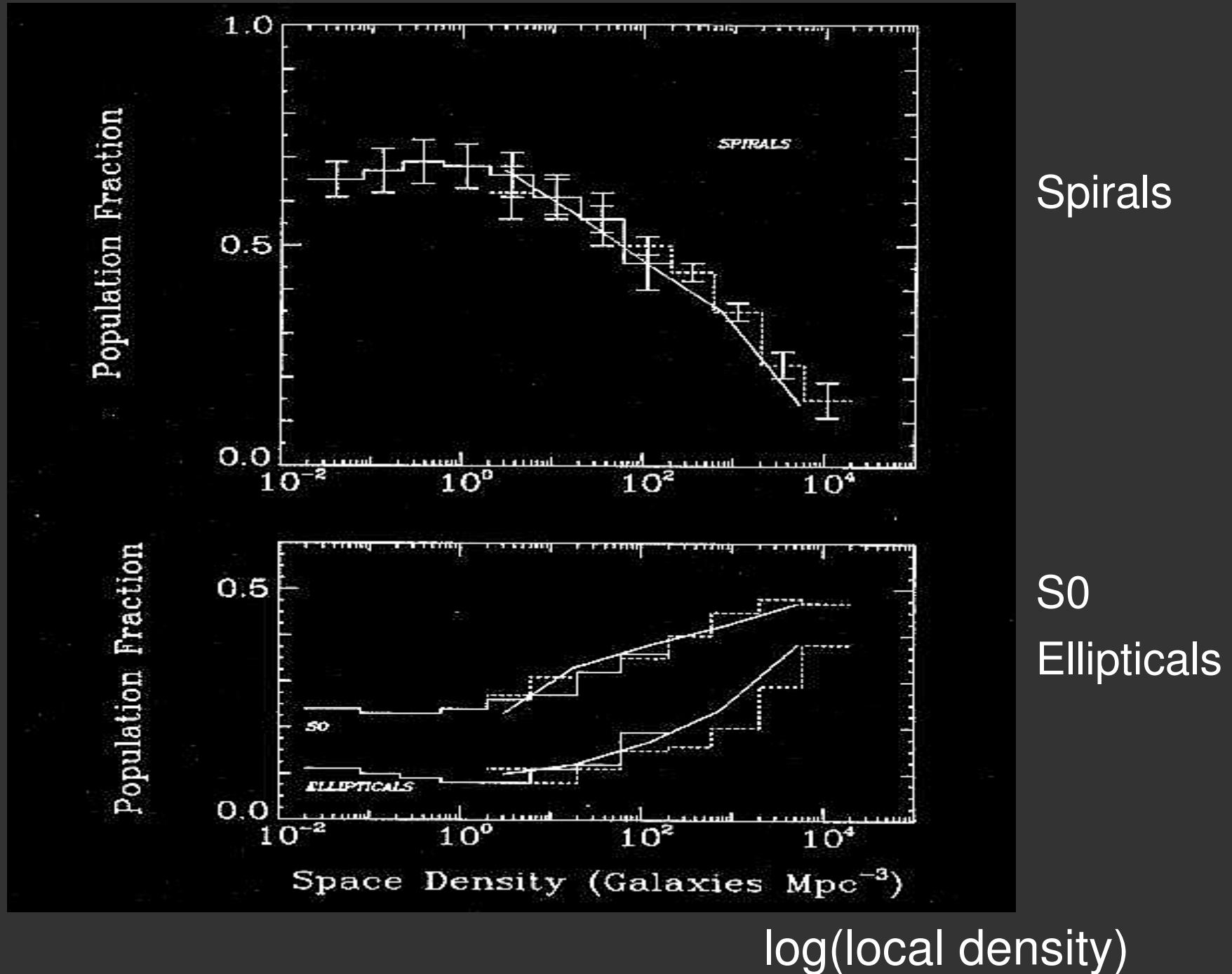
# Regular trend of morphology change with density

(Dressler 80)



(Postman & Geller 84)

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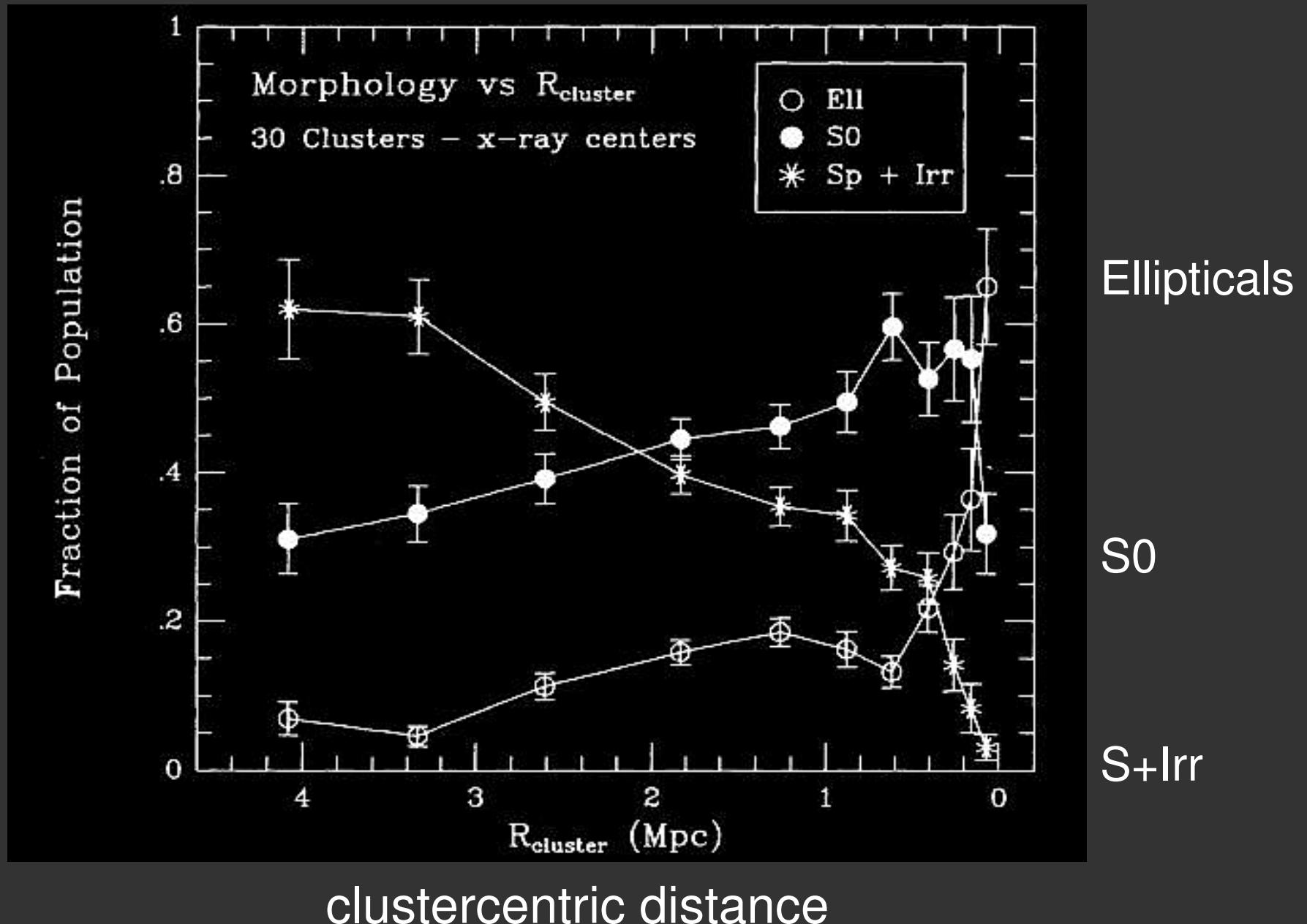


*Another example of  
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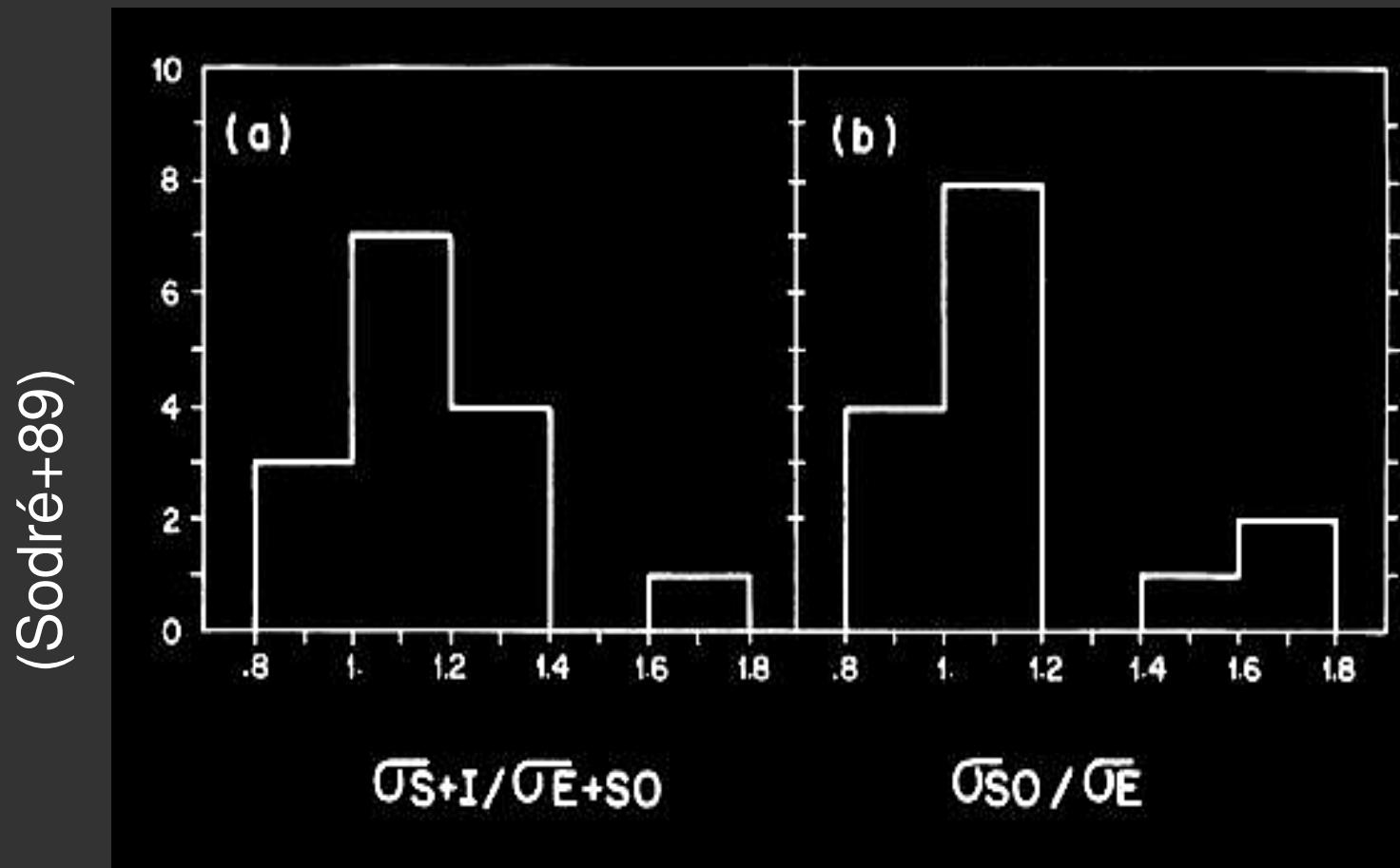


# Regular trend of morphology change with radius

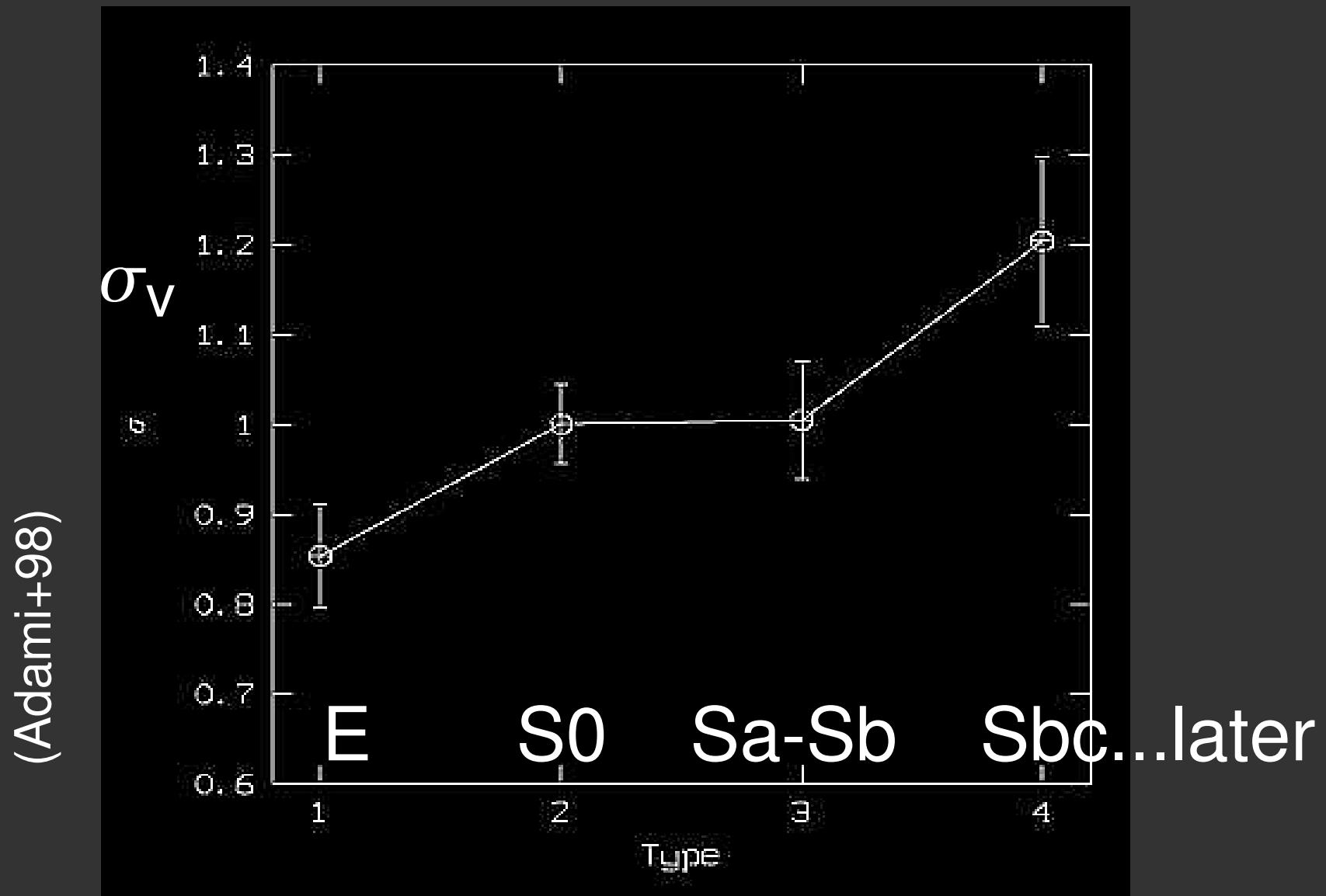
(Whitmore+93)



- Morphology-Density Relation (MDR)
- Morphology-Radius Relation (MRR)  
...but also:
  - Morphology-Velocity Relation (MVR)

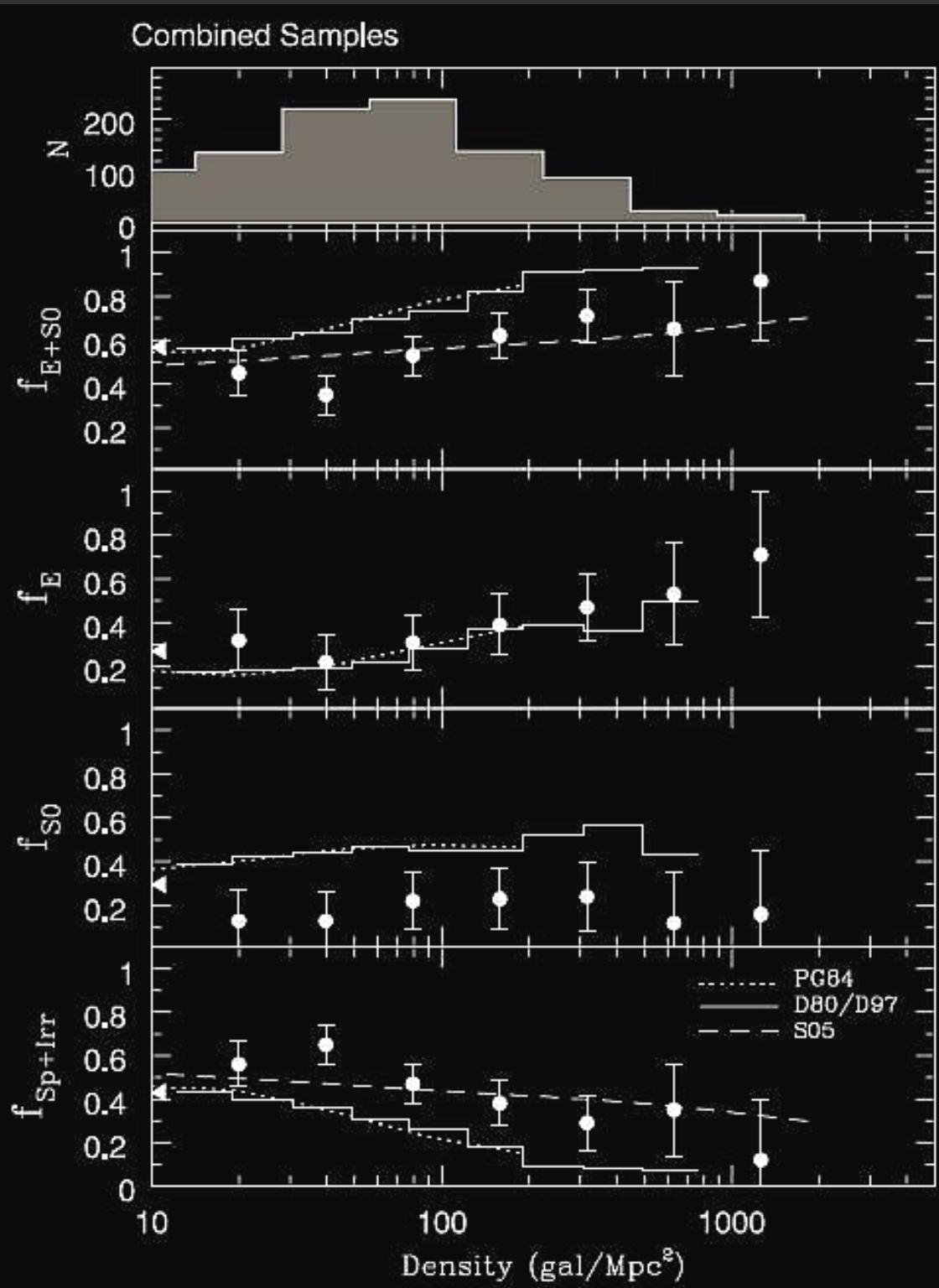


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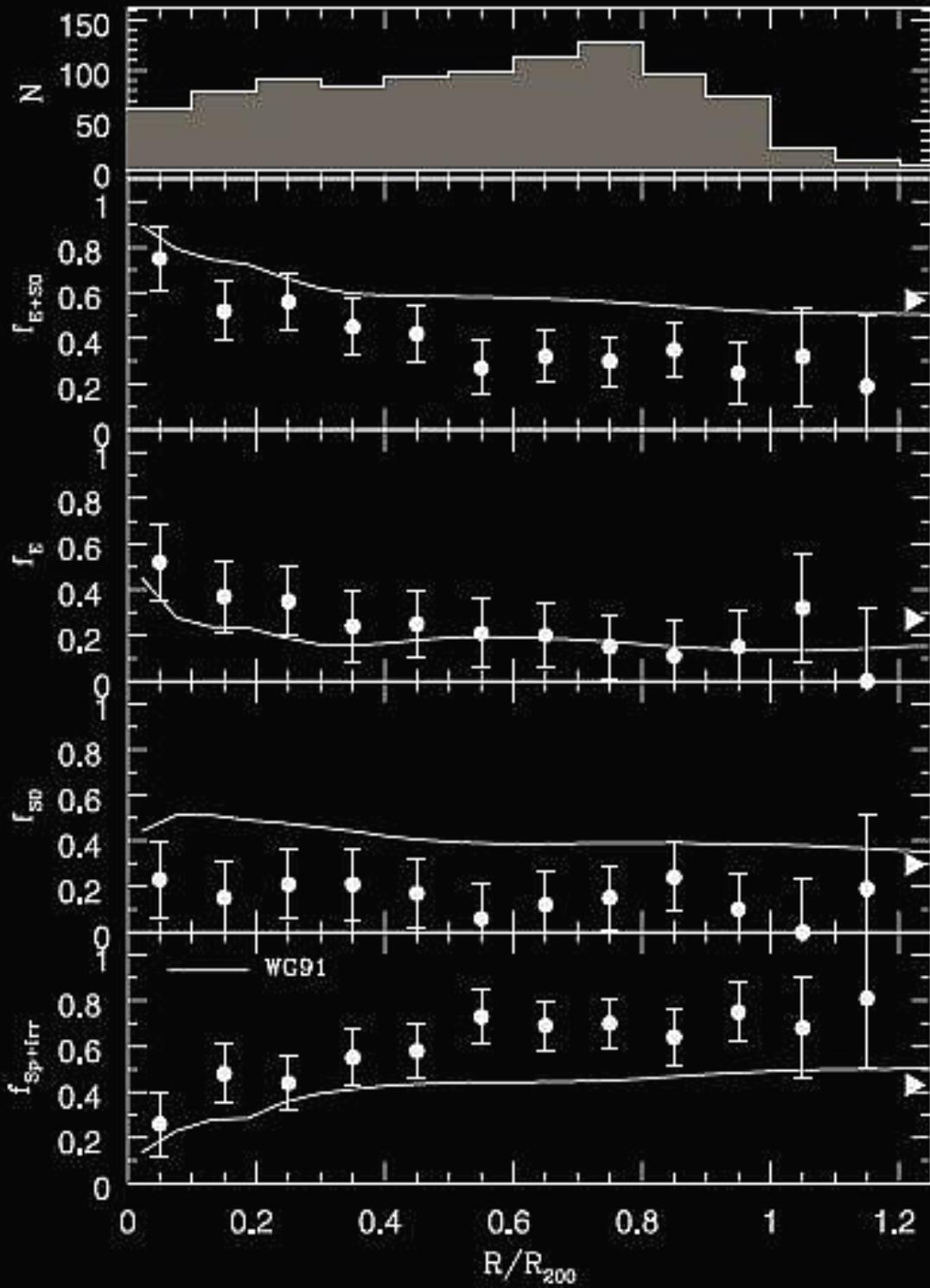


*Another example of  
velocity vs. morphology*



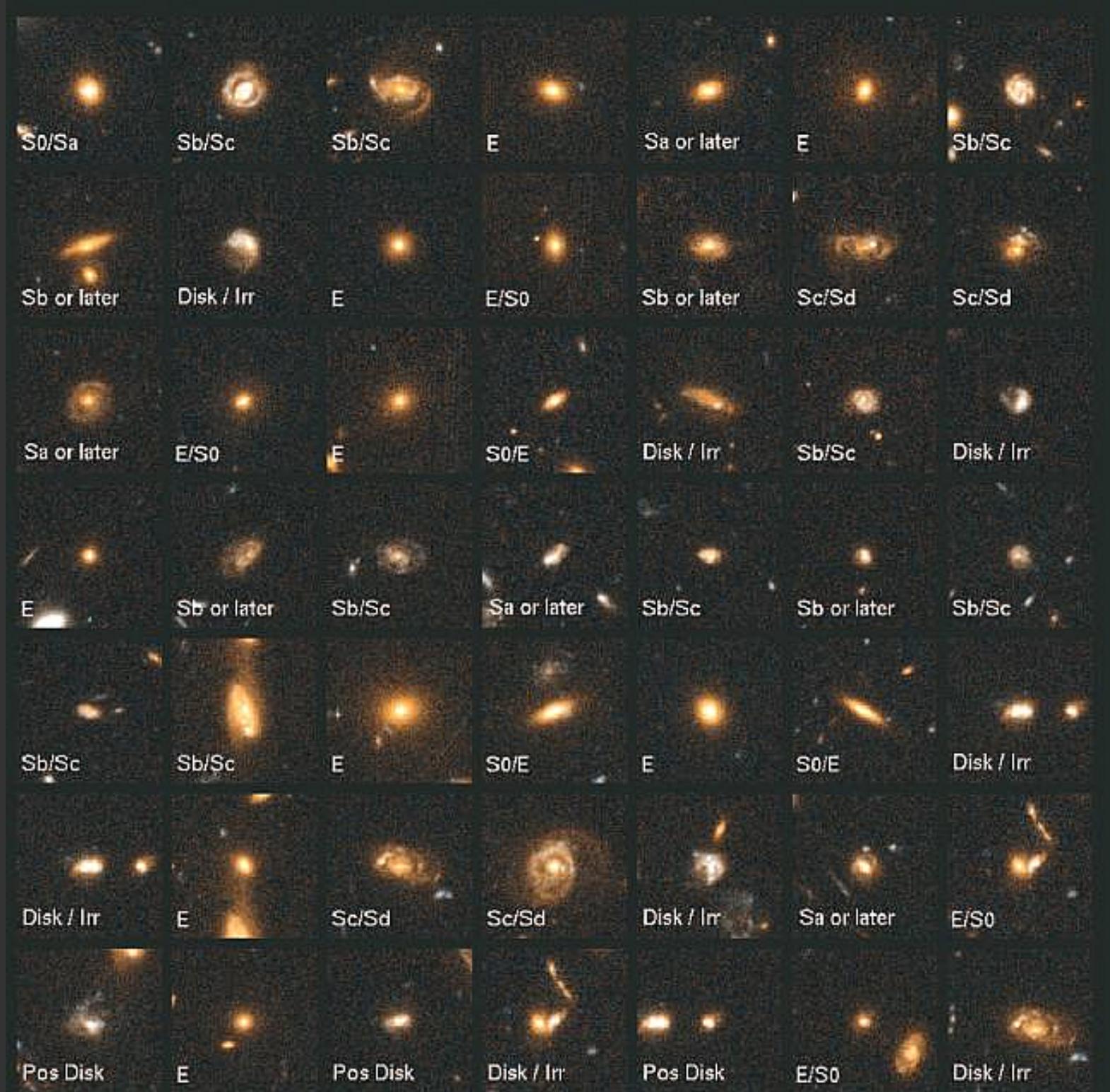


The MDR at  $z \sim 1$ :  
 still there, but  
 less S0, more S  
 (Postman+05)

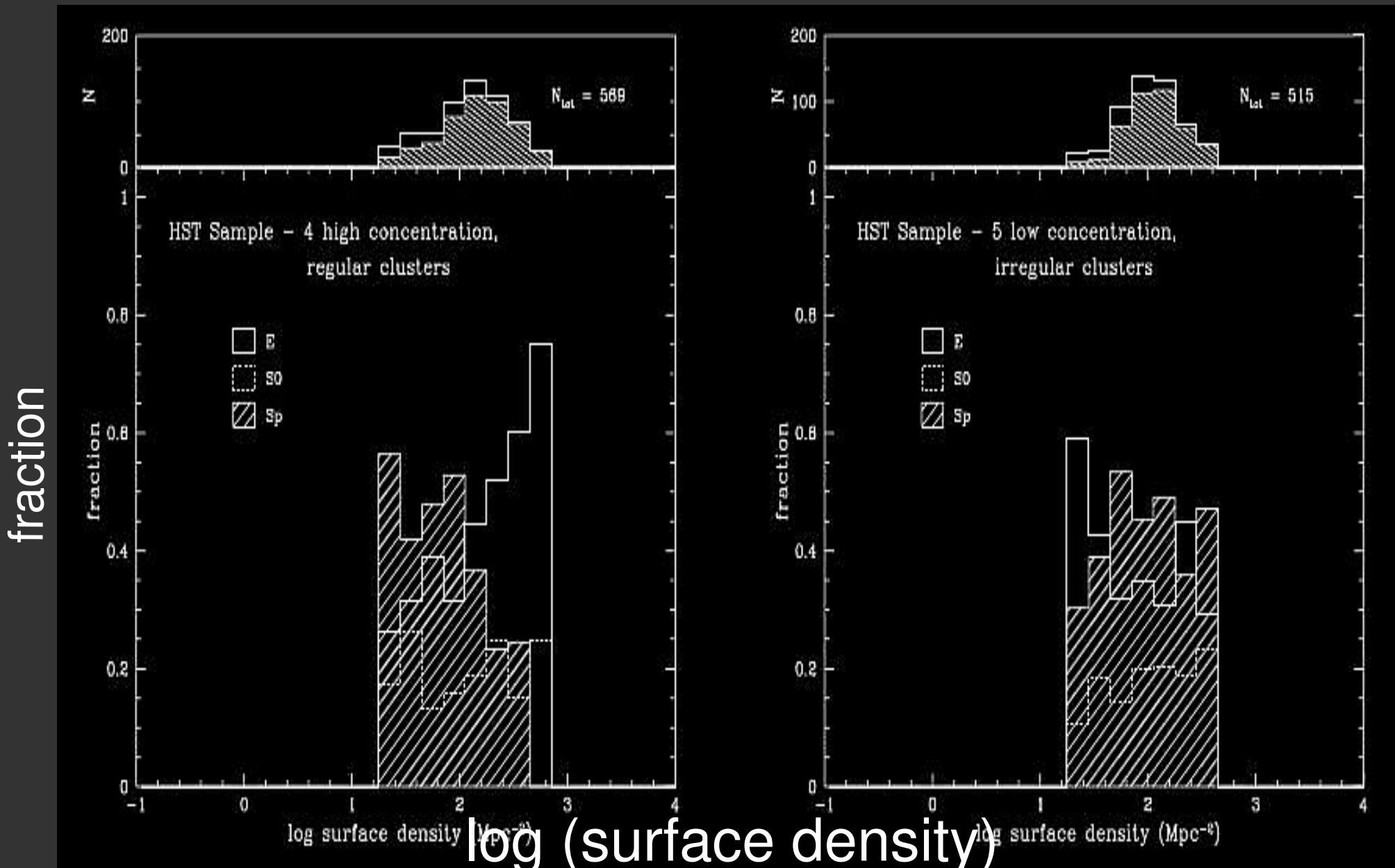


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# Brightest galaxies in two $z \sim 1$ clusters (Postman+05)



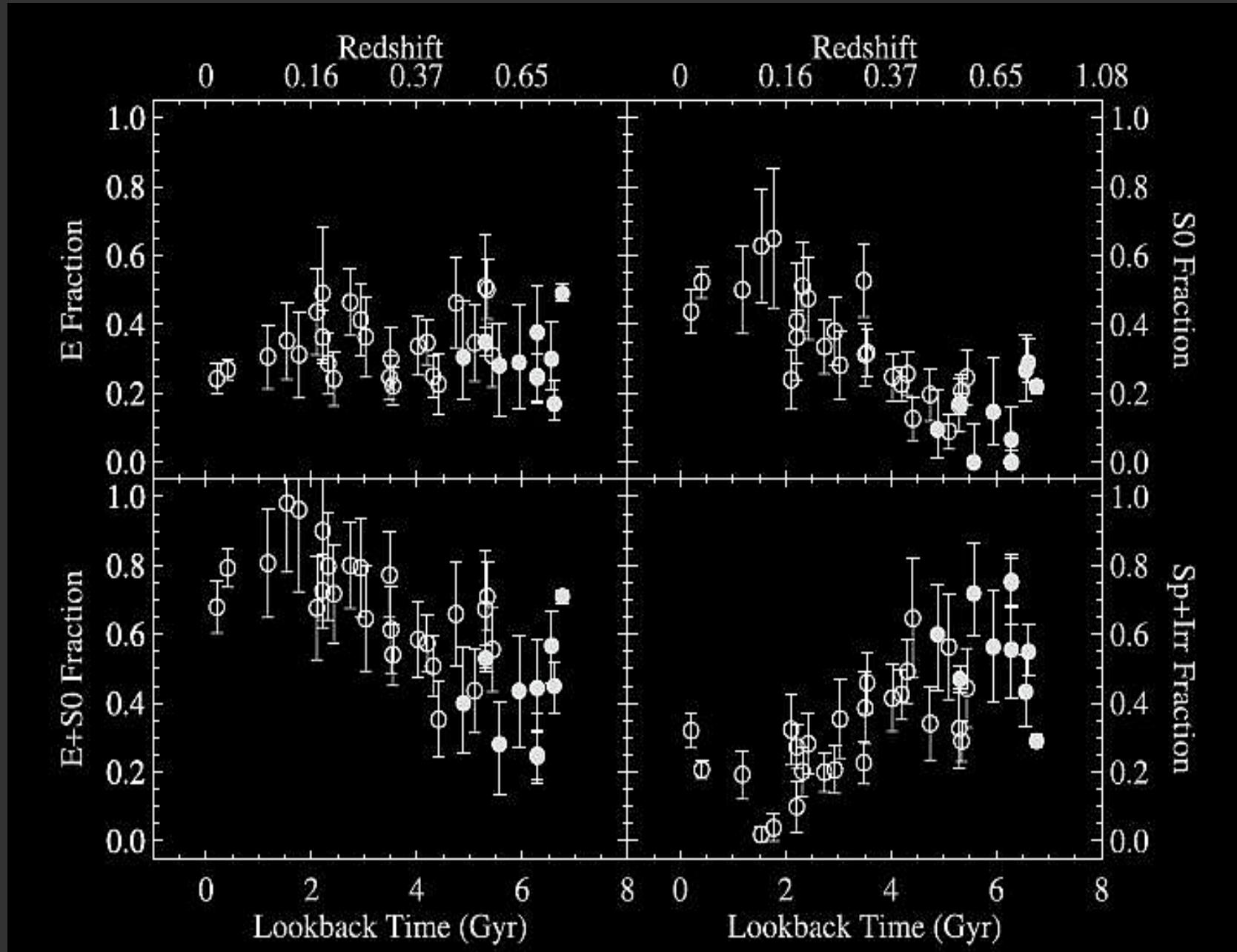
# MDR not present in medium-z irregular clusters



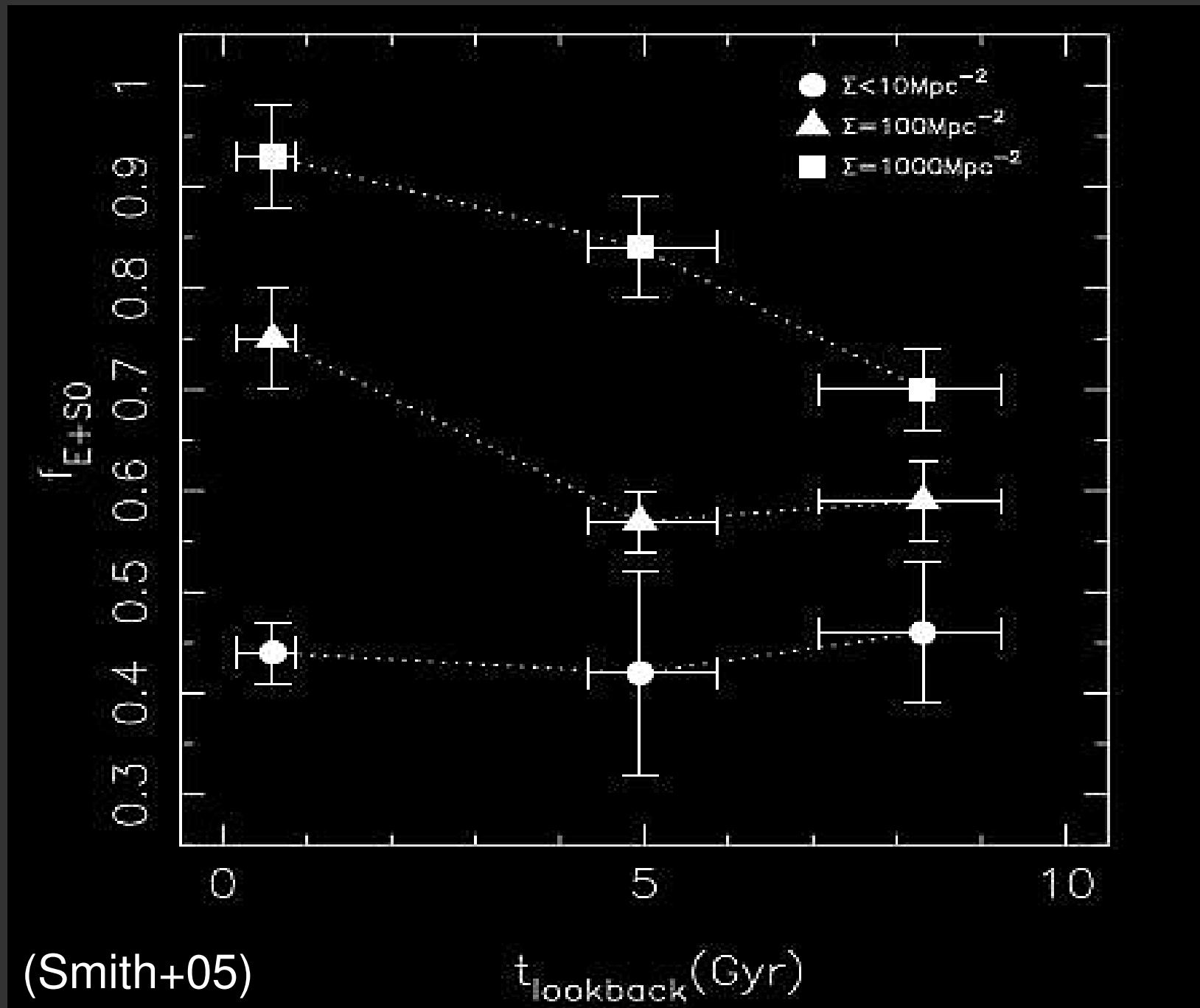
(Dressler+ 97)

(Desai+07)

# Most MDR evolution occurs at $z < 0.5$



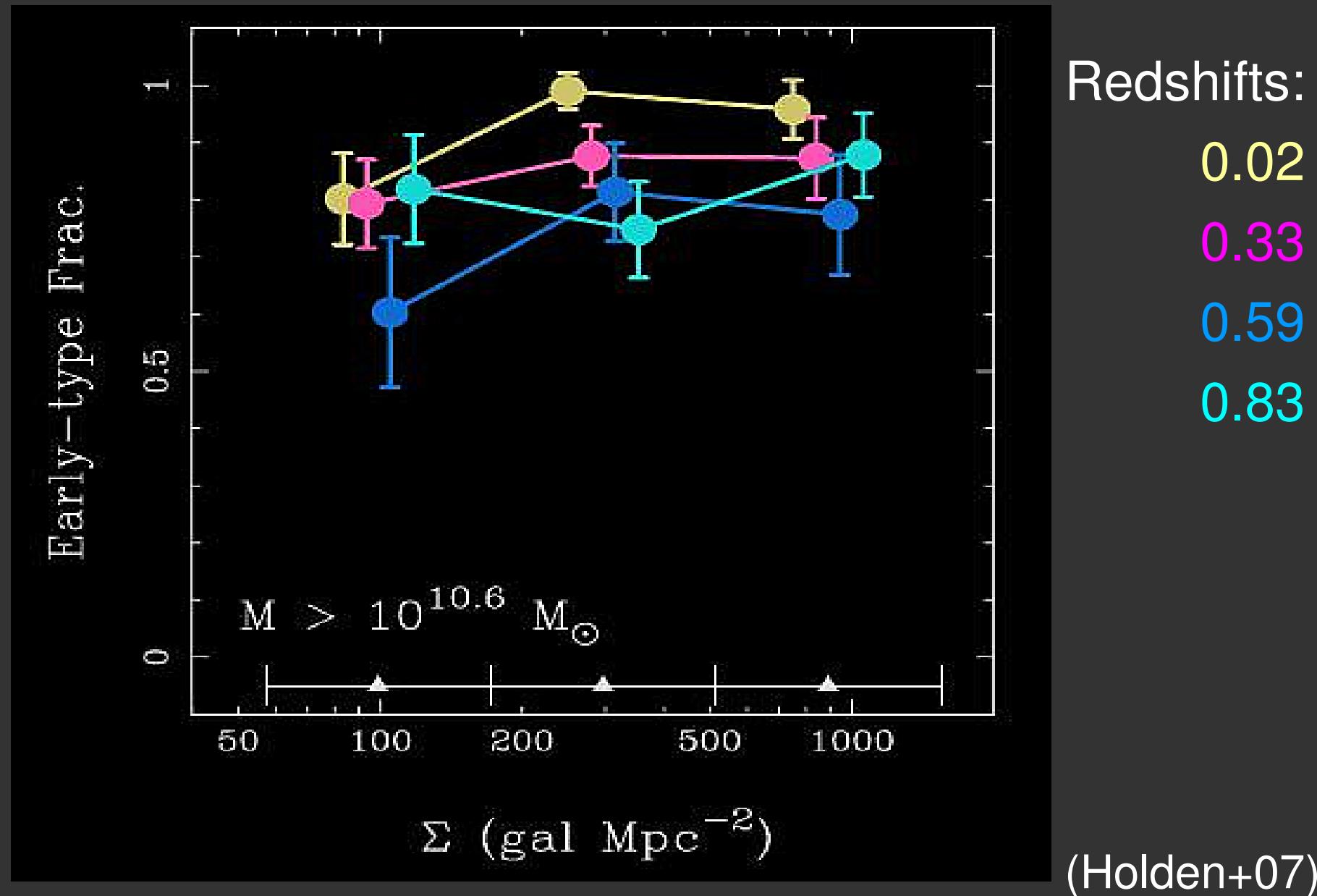
# S0 form earlier in higher density regions



(Smith+05)

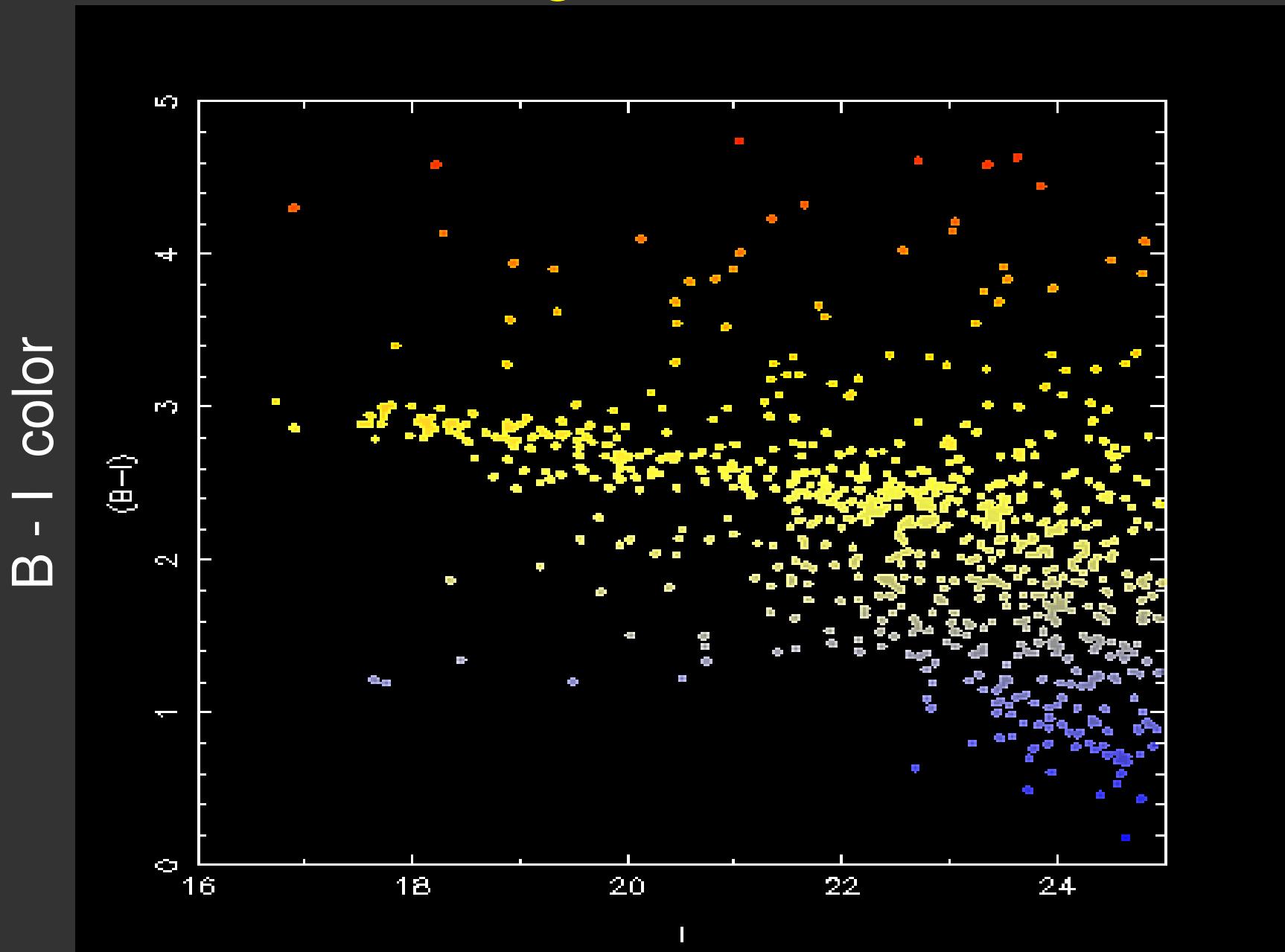
$t_{\text{lookback}}$  (Gyr)

# Less evolution for more massive galaxies



The properties  
of cluster galaxies:  
colors

# The color-magnitude relation, CMR



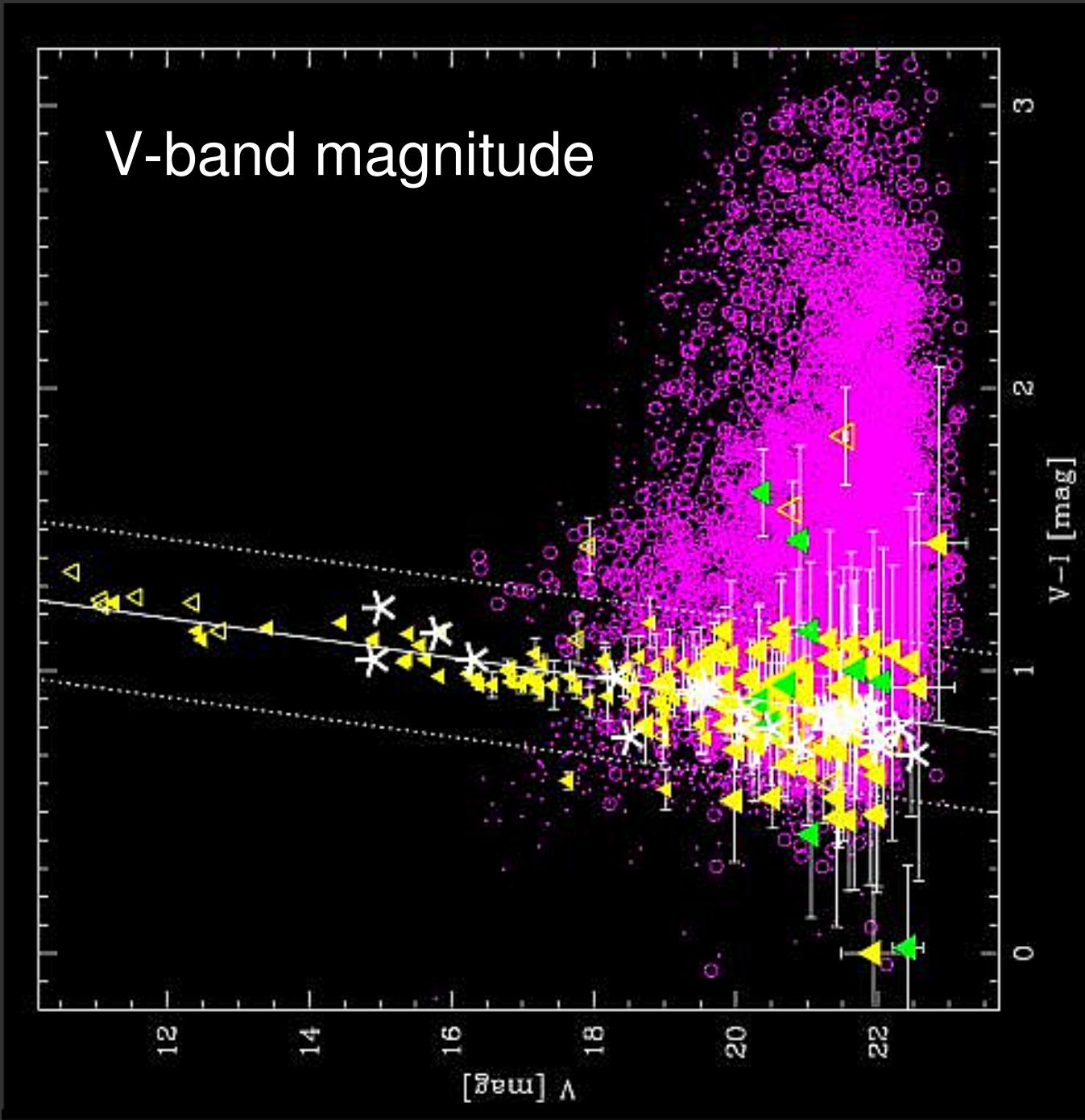
(from Durham Univ. website)

# CMR also for dwarf galaxies

V - I color

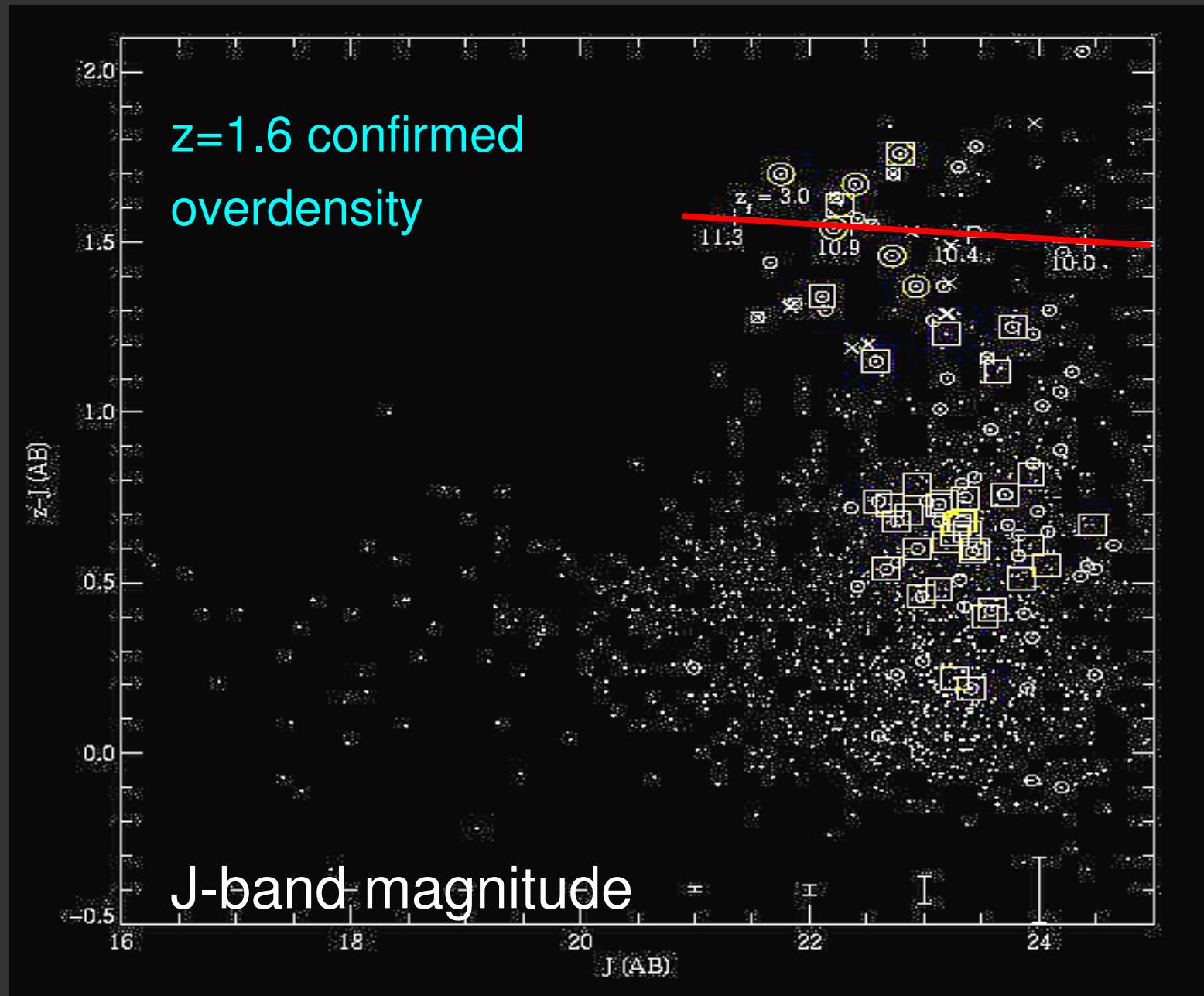
V-band magnitude

(Hilker+03)



# CMR also at high-z

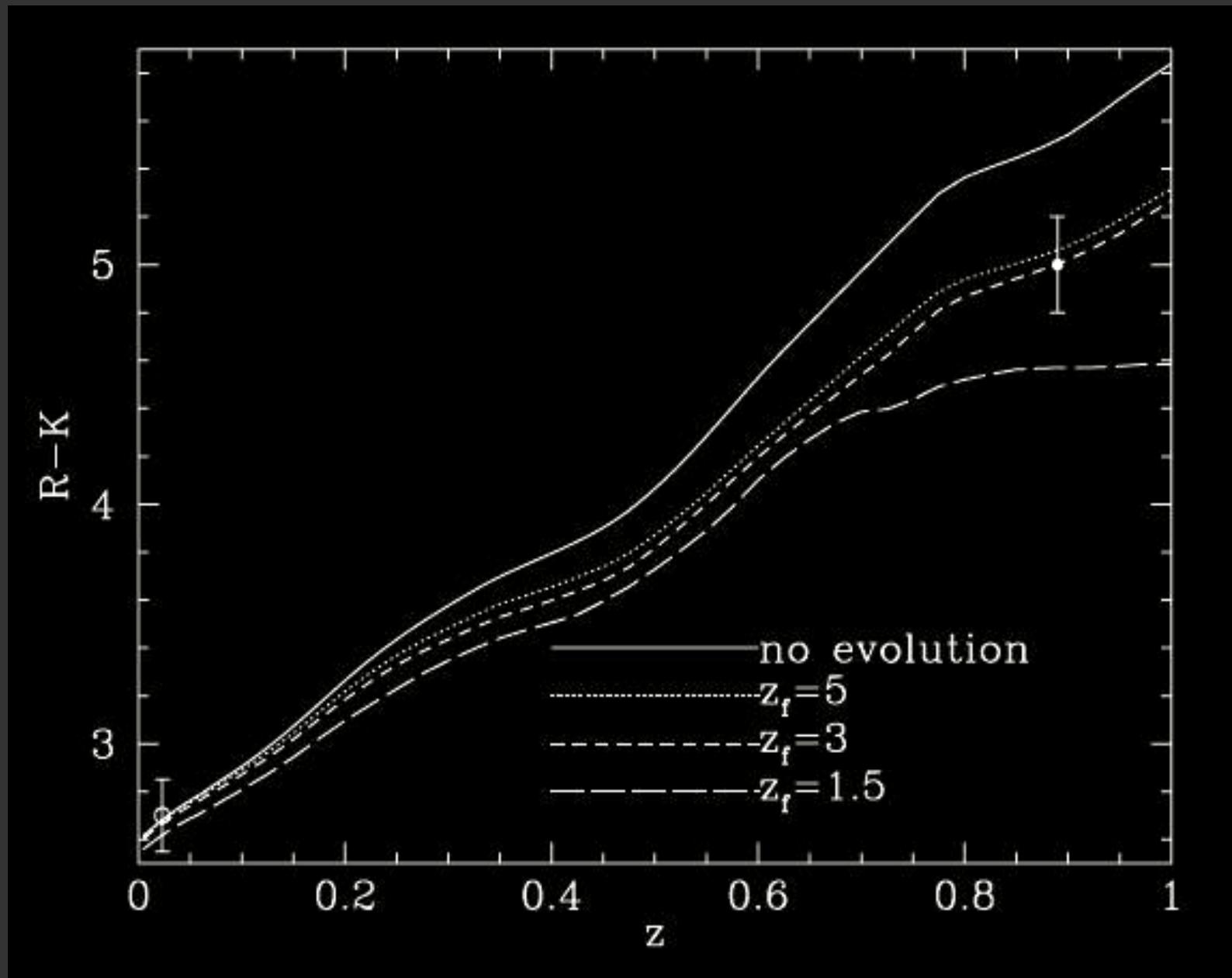
J - J - Z



(Kurk+08)

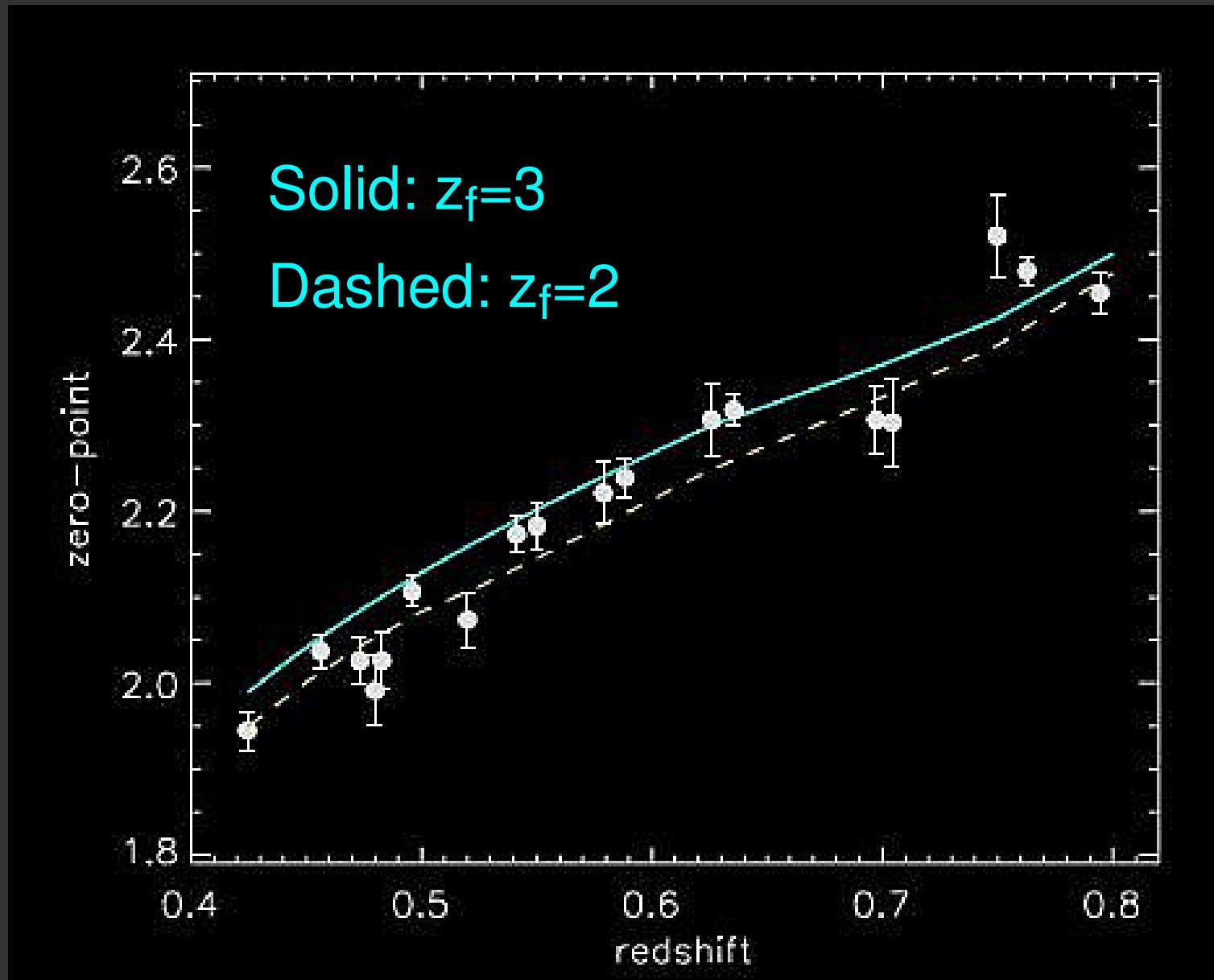
# CMR zero-point vs. $z \Rightarrow z_f \geq 2$

(Ellis+06)



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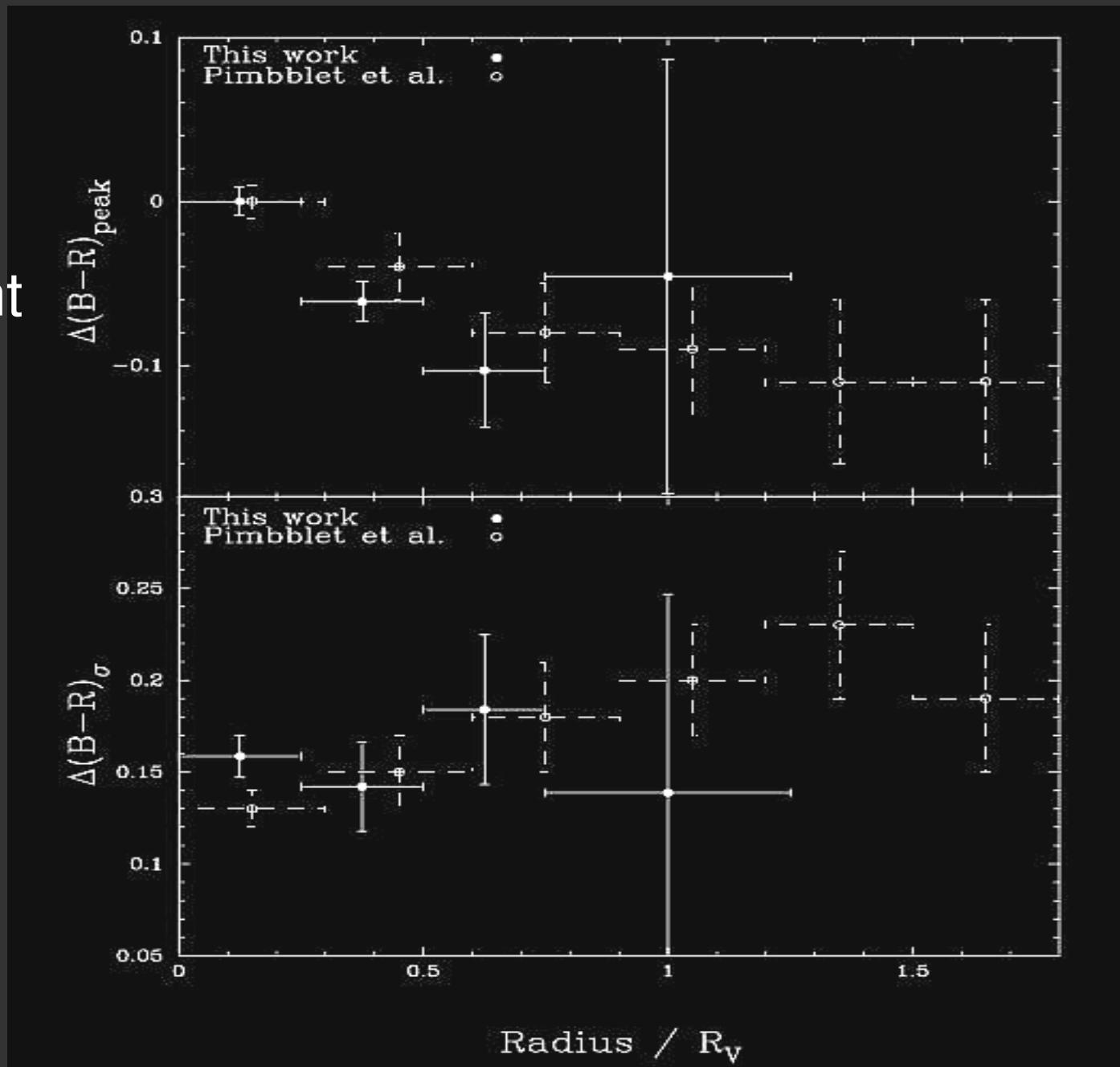


# CMR vs. R $\Rightarrow$ age gradient

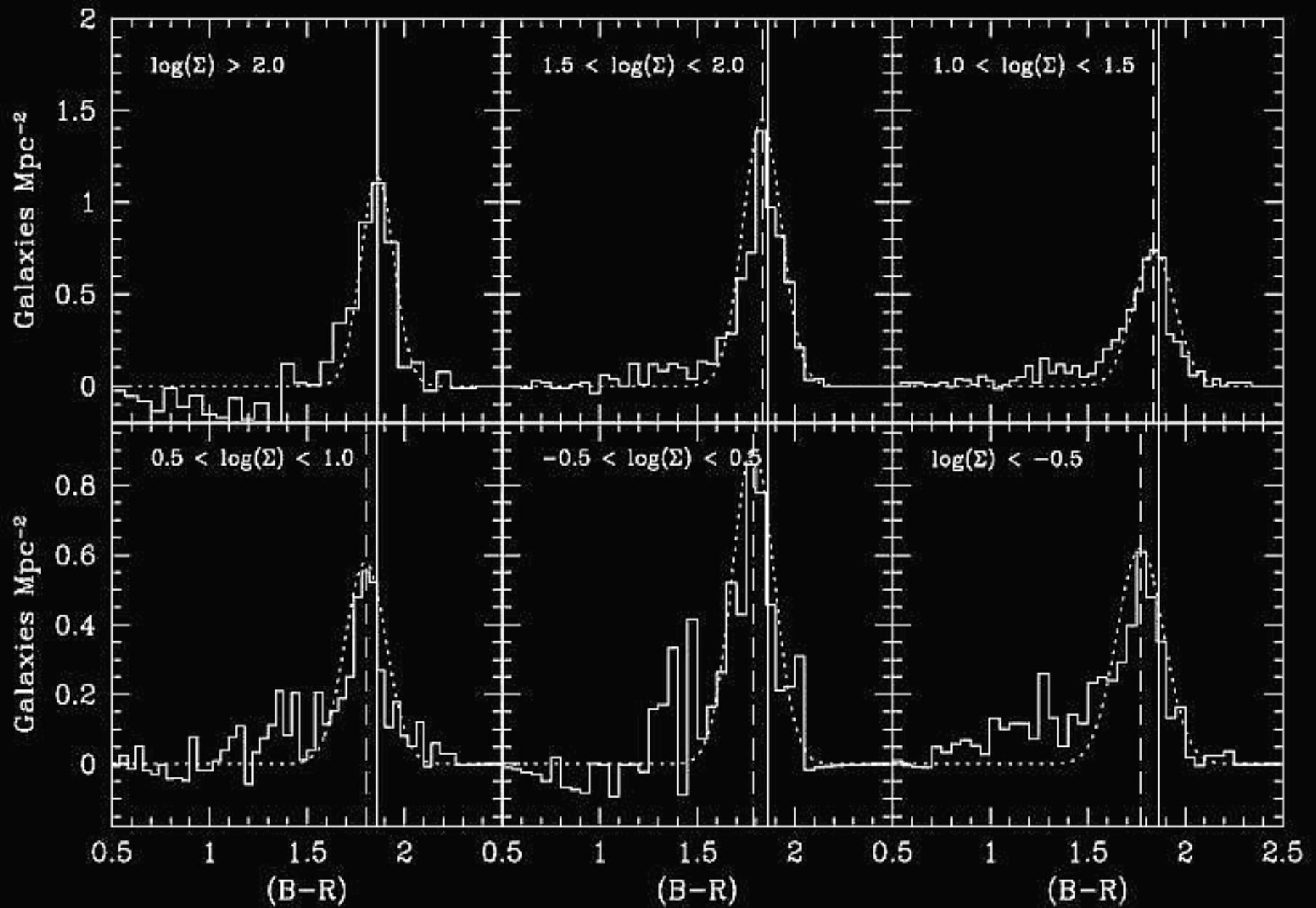
zero-point

scatter

(Wake+05)

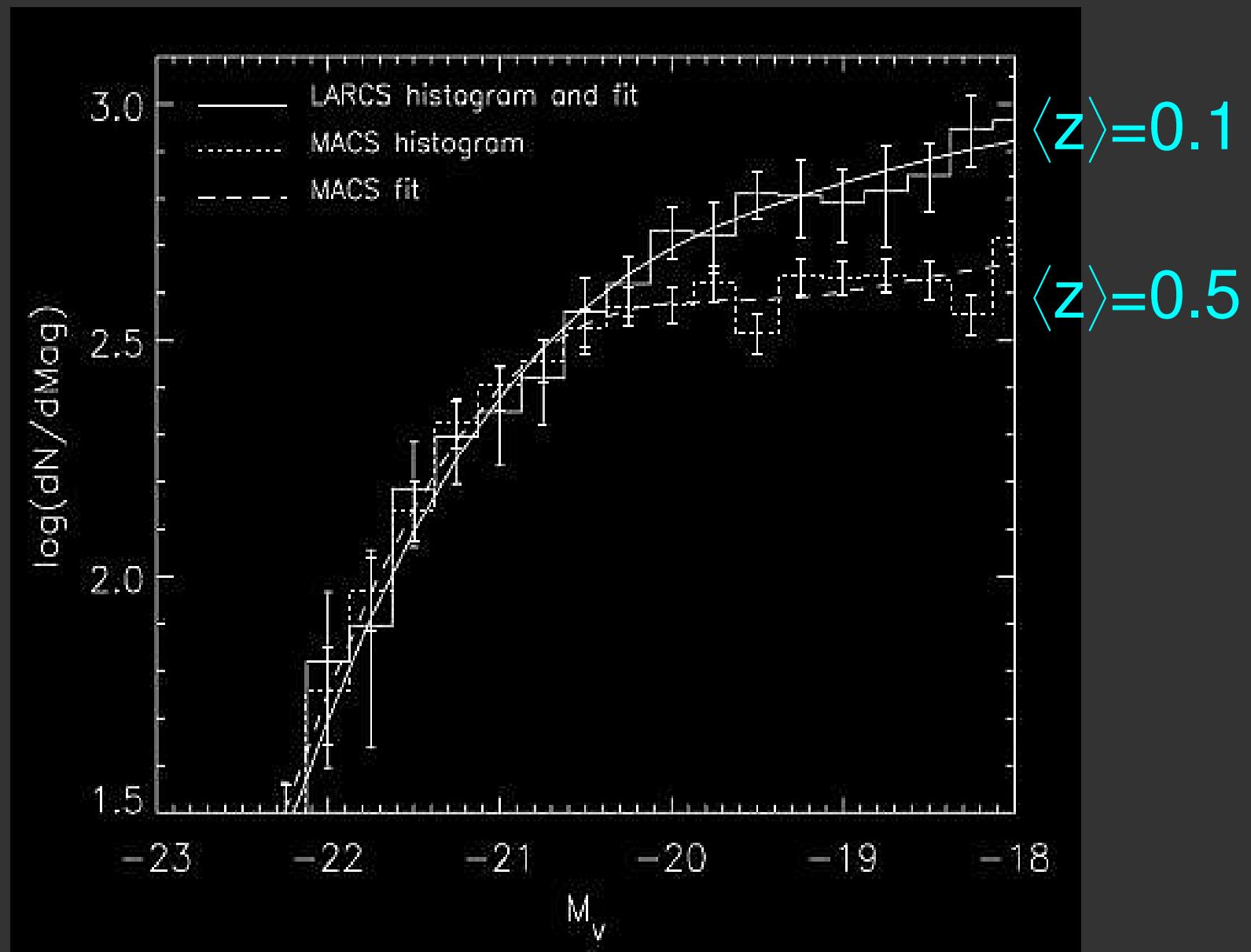


# CMR vs. local density $\Rightarrow$ age gradient



# CMR faint-end forms at low-z

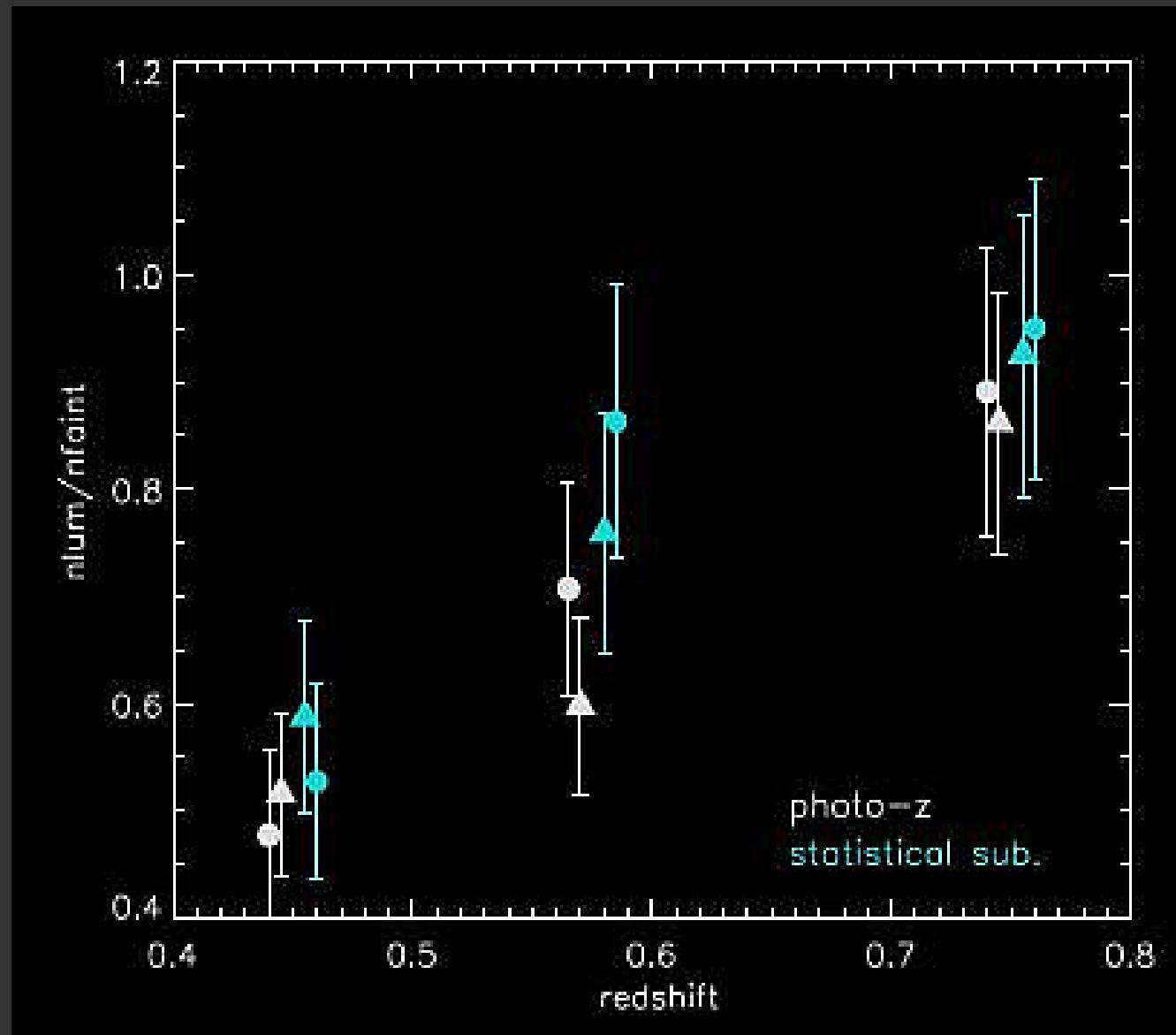
Red-galaxy  
luminosity  
functions  
for two  
cluster  
samples



(Stott+07)

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Bright-to-faint  
red galaxies  
number ratio



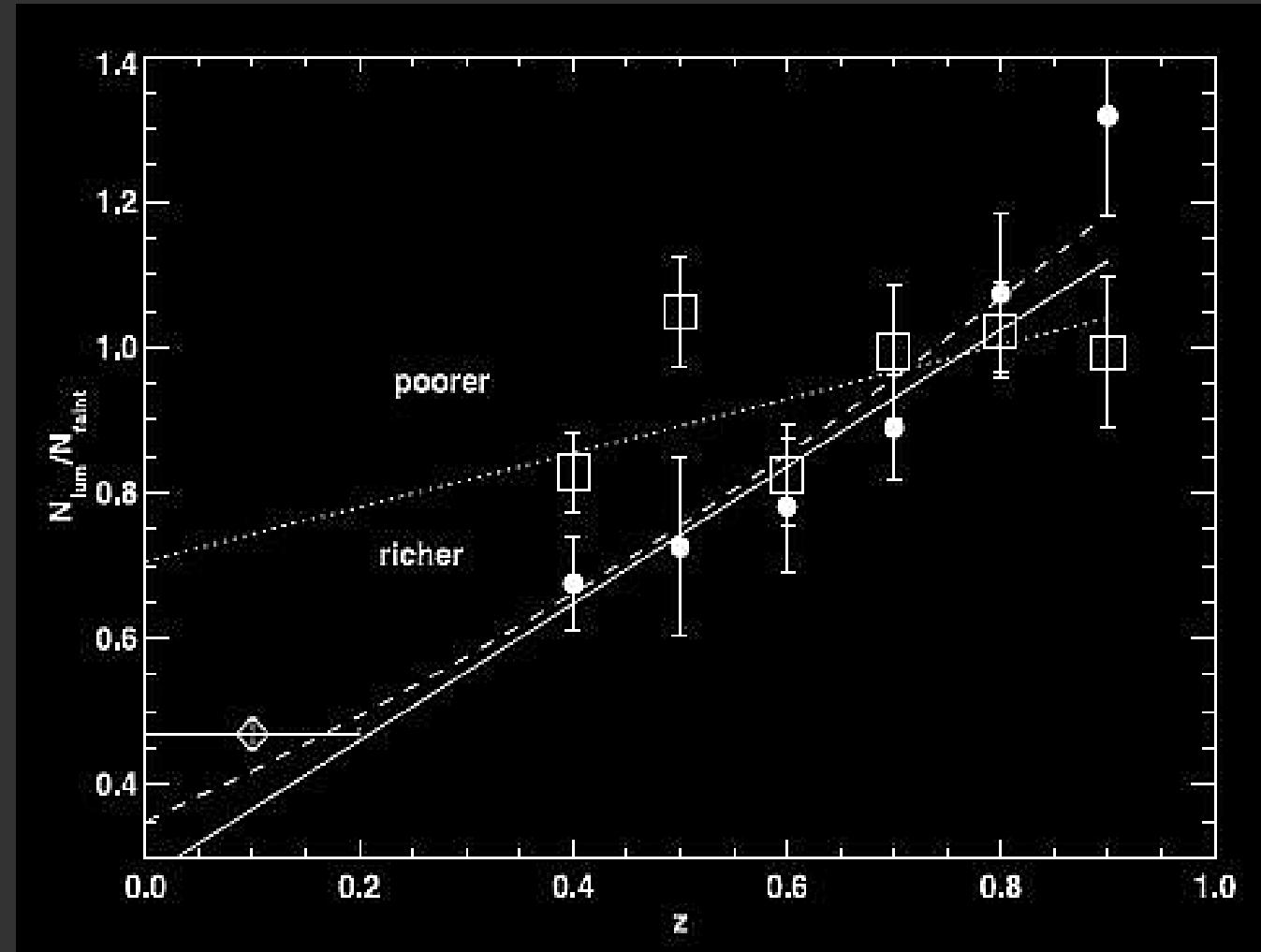
(De Lucia+07)

redshift

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...more rapidly in higher-M clusters

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red galaxies  
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(Gilbank+08)

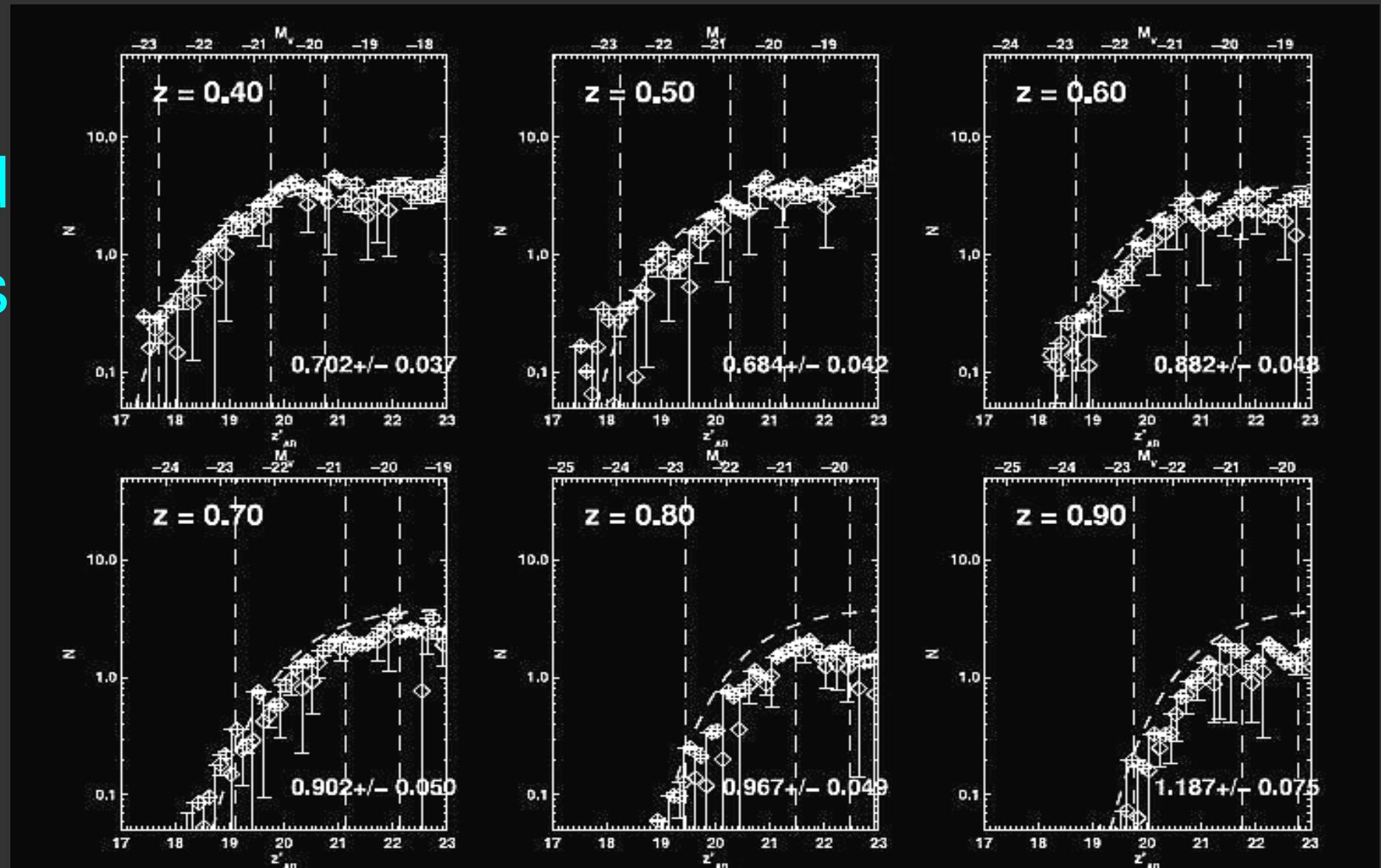
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...at the expense of blue galaxies

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Red  
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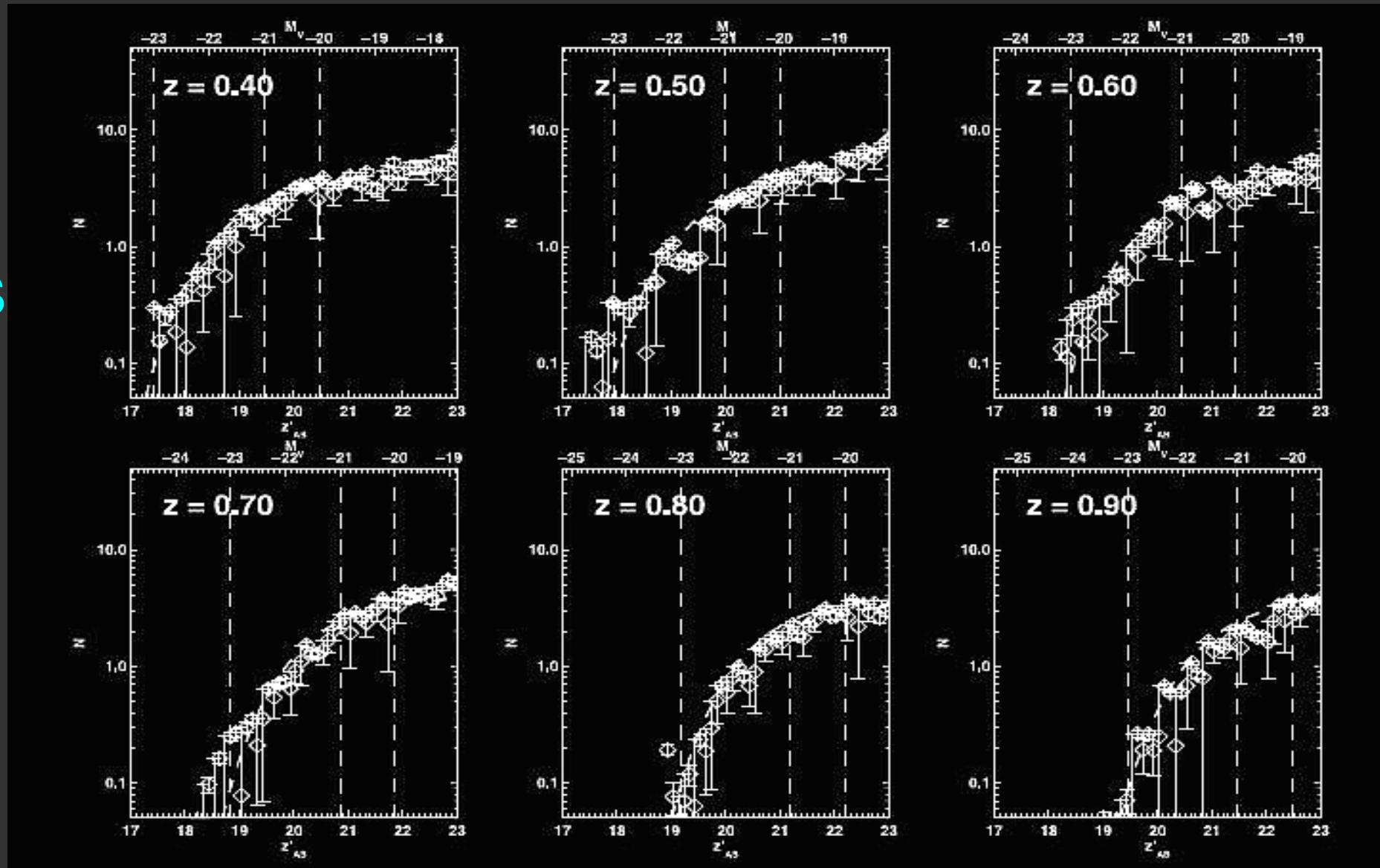


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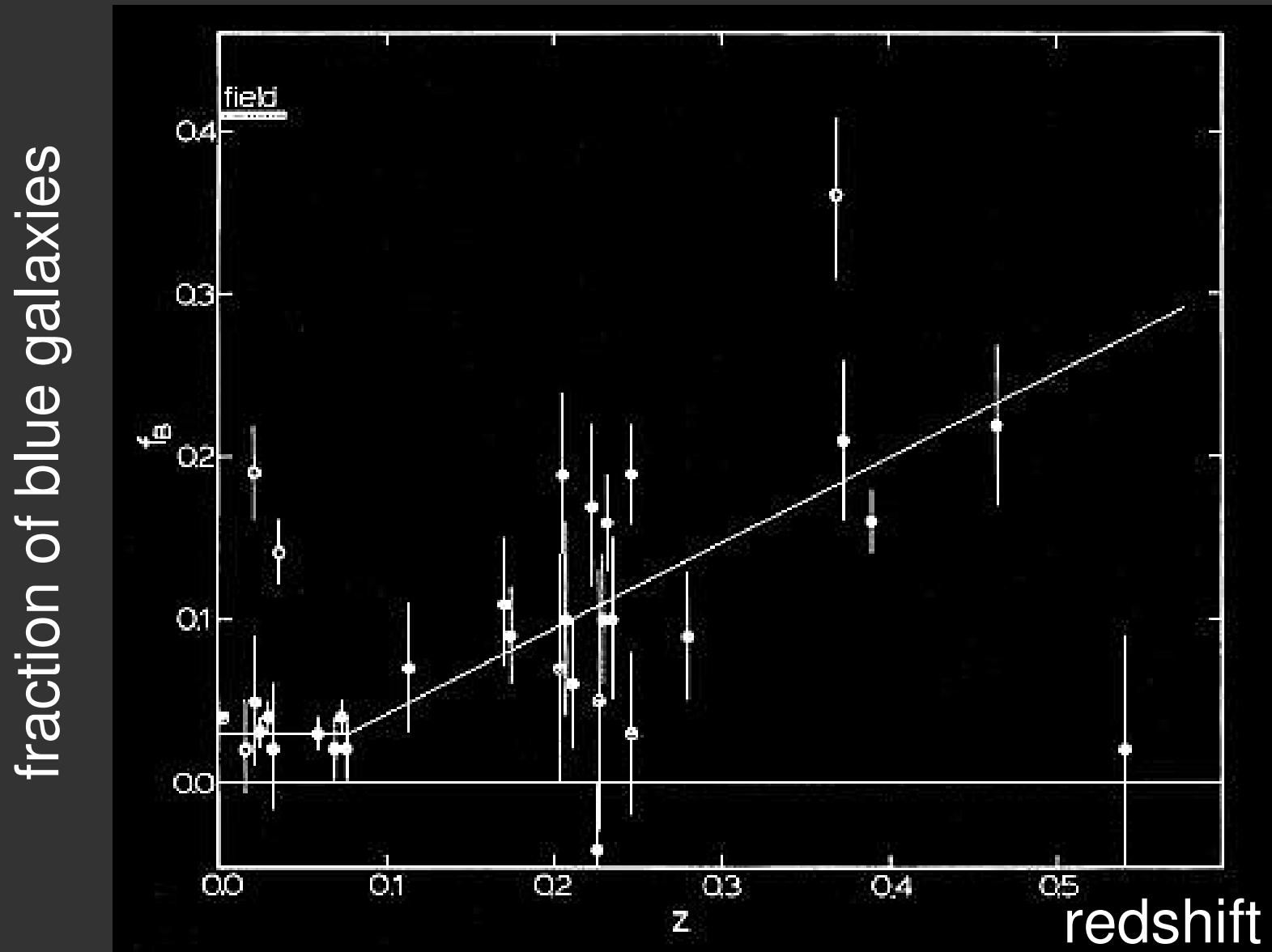
LF  
All  
gals

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Blue galaxies → red galaxies with time

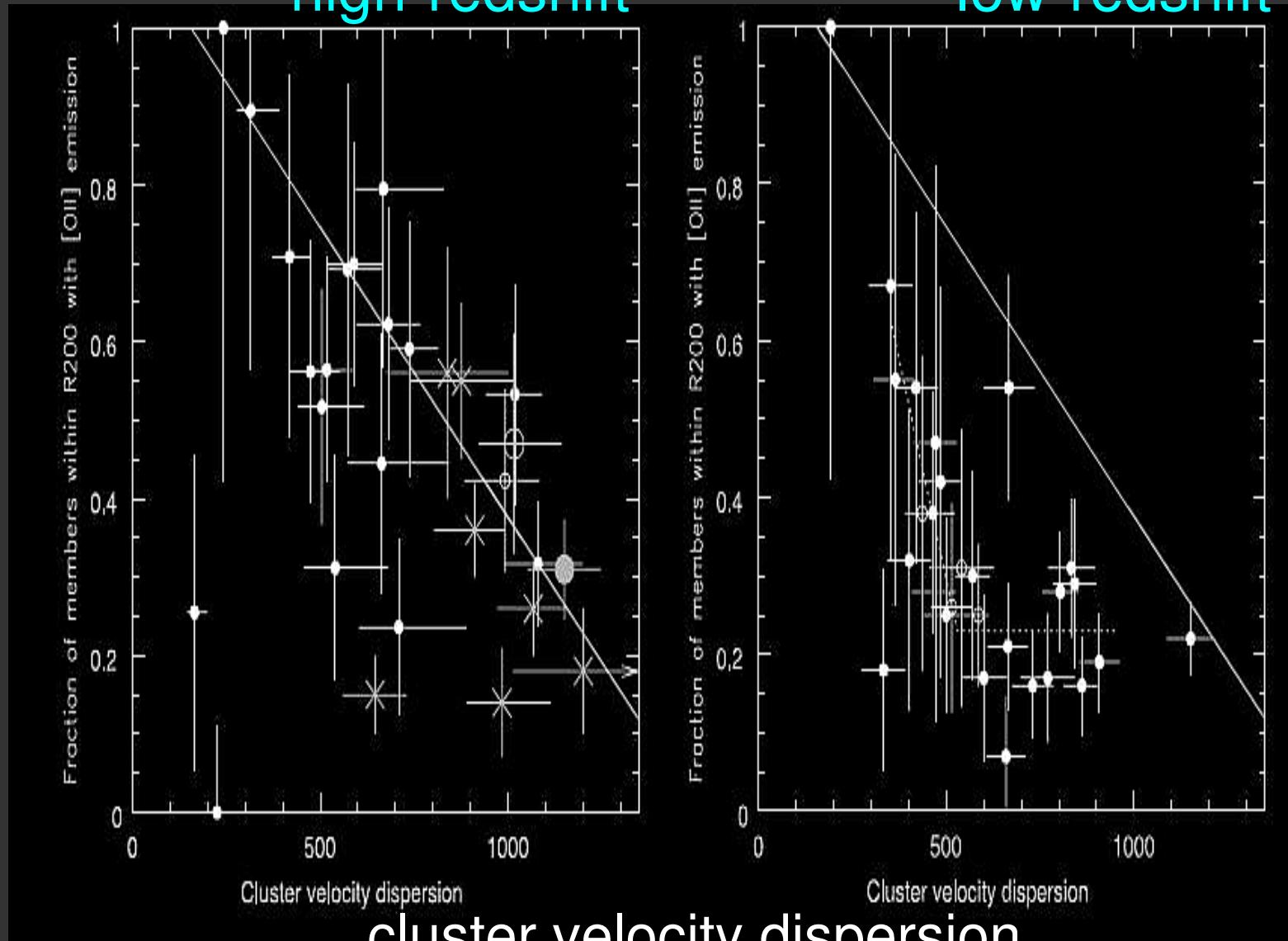
$f_B \uparrow$  with  $z$  ... the Butcher-Oemler effect



(Butcher & Oemler 84)

$f_{\text{ELG}} \uparrow$  with  $z$  ... the spectroscopic B-O effect

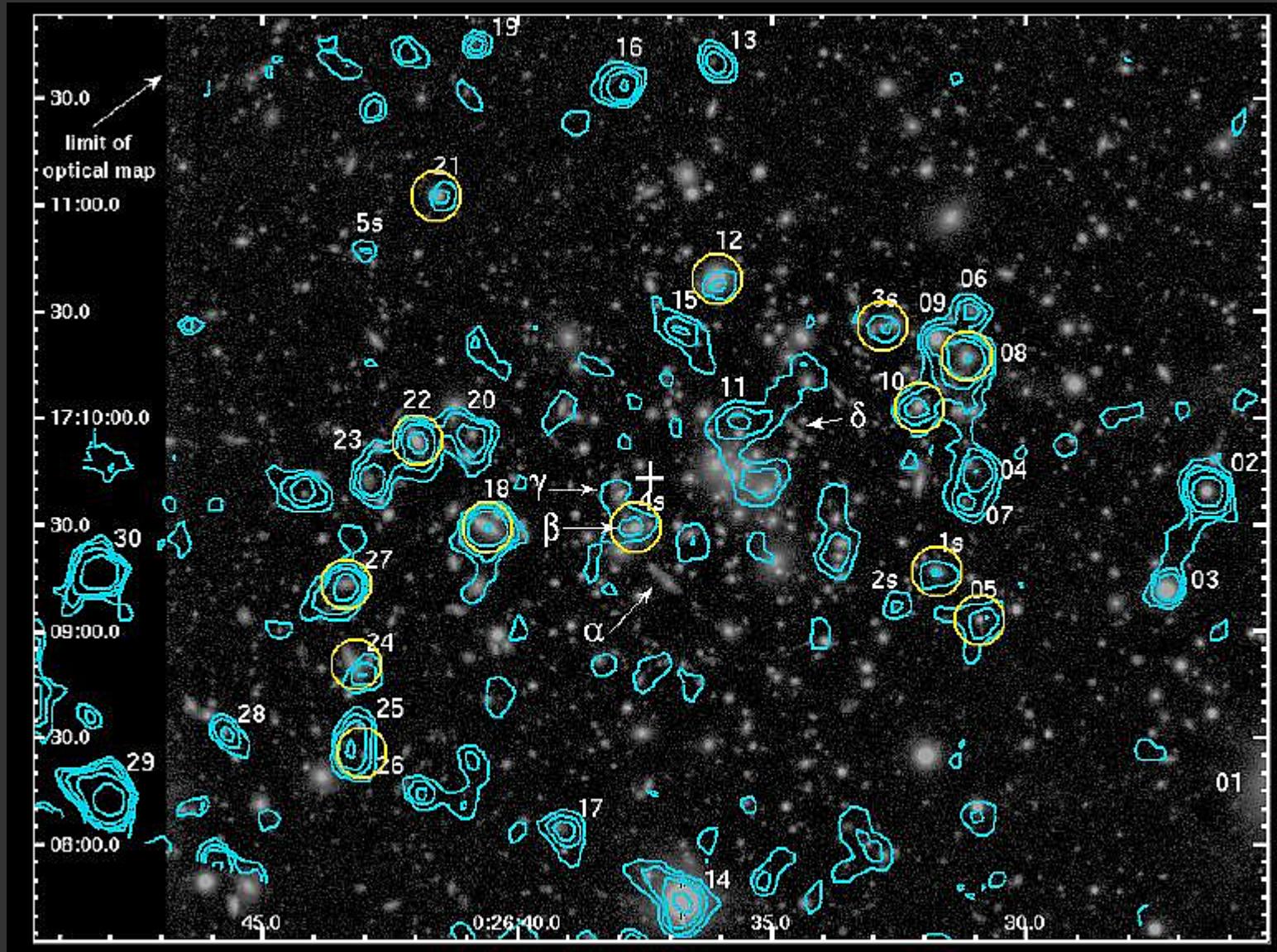
fraction of  
emission-line galaxies



(Poggianti+ 06)

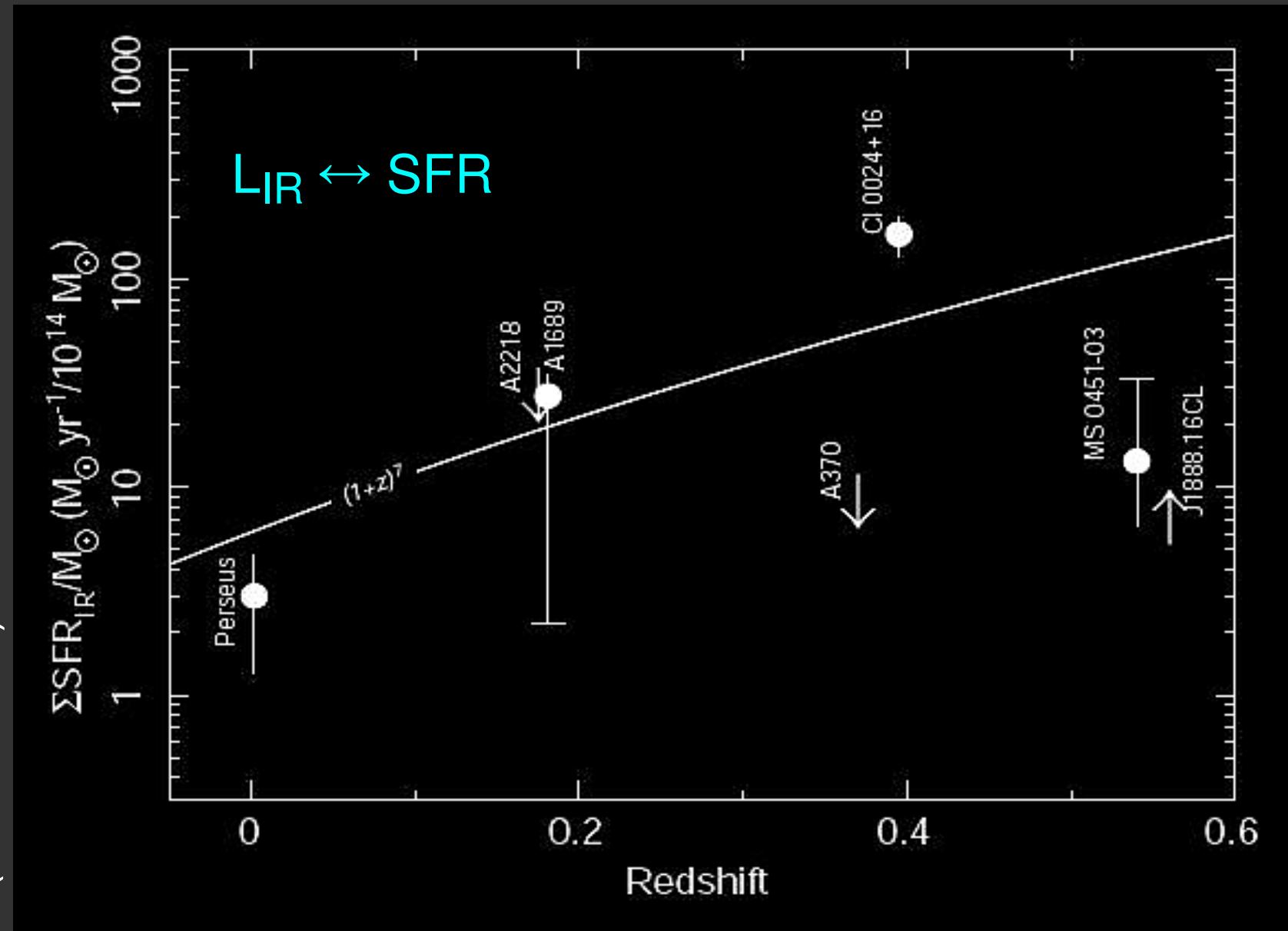
$f_{\text{IR-emitters}}$  ↑ with  $z$  ... the IR B-O effect

(Coia+05)



IR emission contours & optical image

(Geach+ 06)



SFR per unit mass increases with redshift

# Cluster galaxy **color evolution**

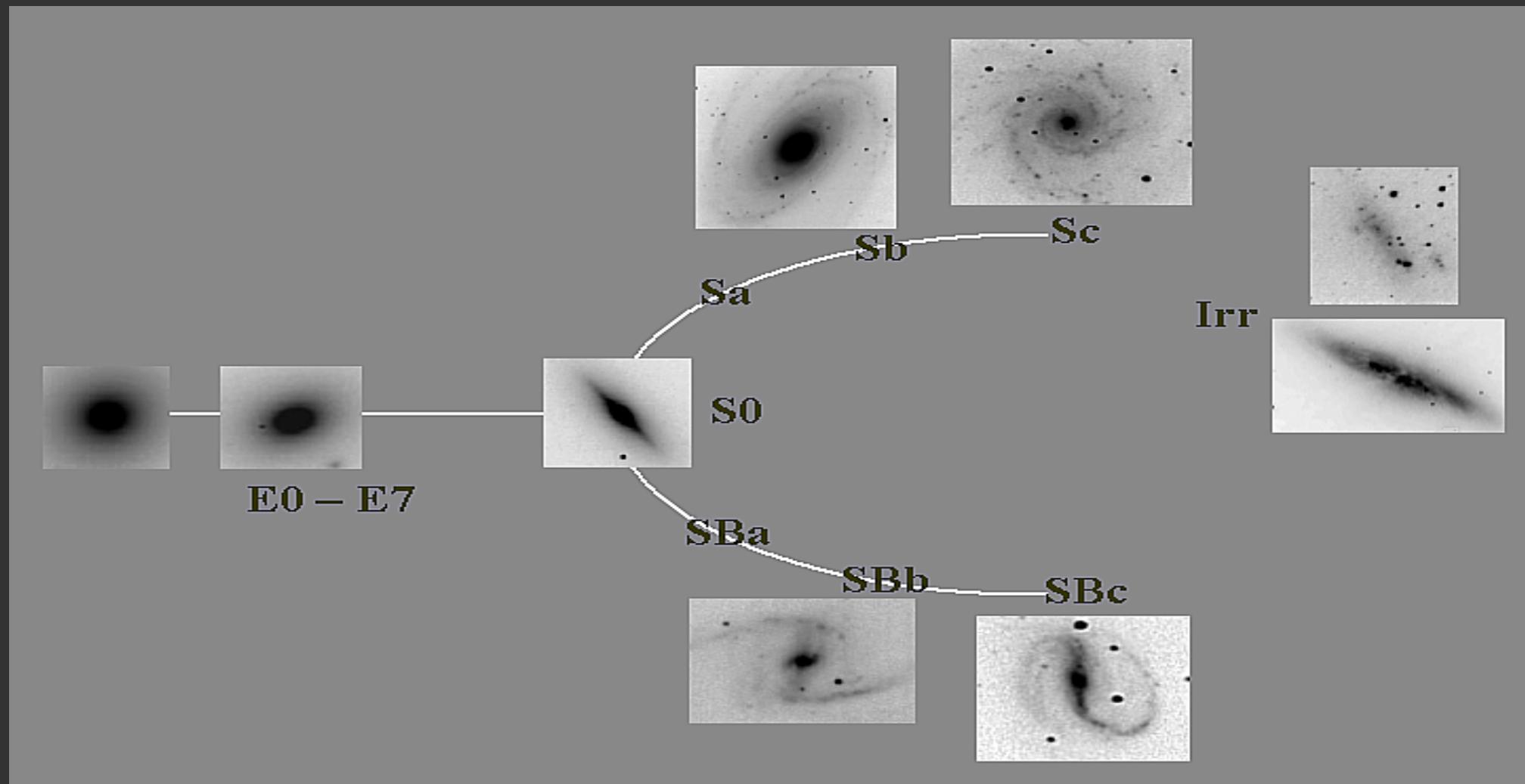
occurs **later**

- for fainter galaxies
- in the *lower density* cluster regions
- for **less massive** clusters

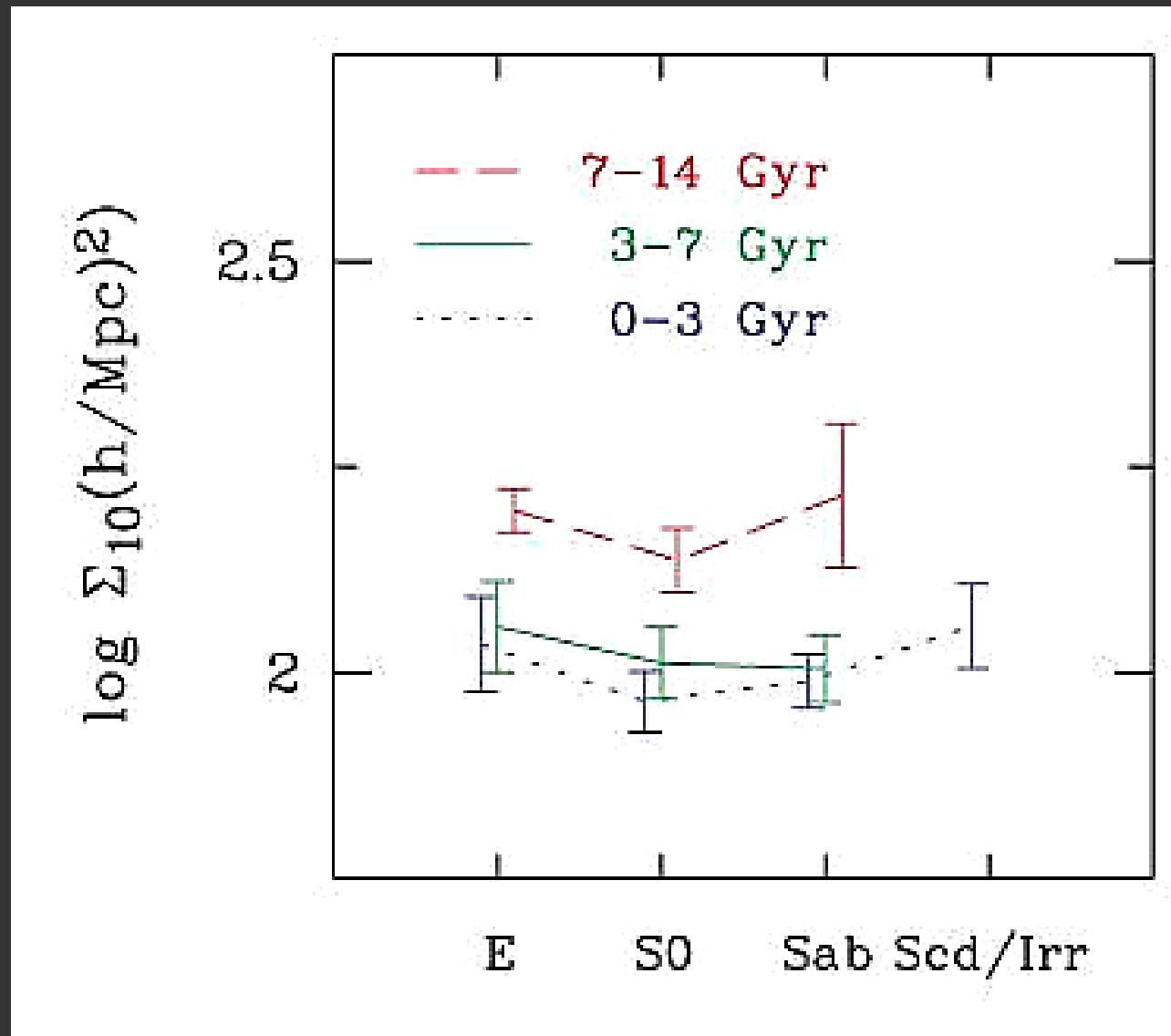
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Color  $\Rightarrow$  age

No MDR at fixed age  $\Rightarrow$  CMR more fundamental

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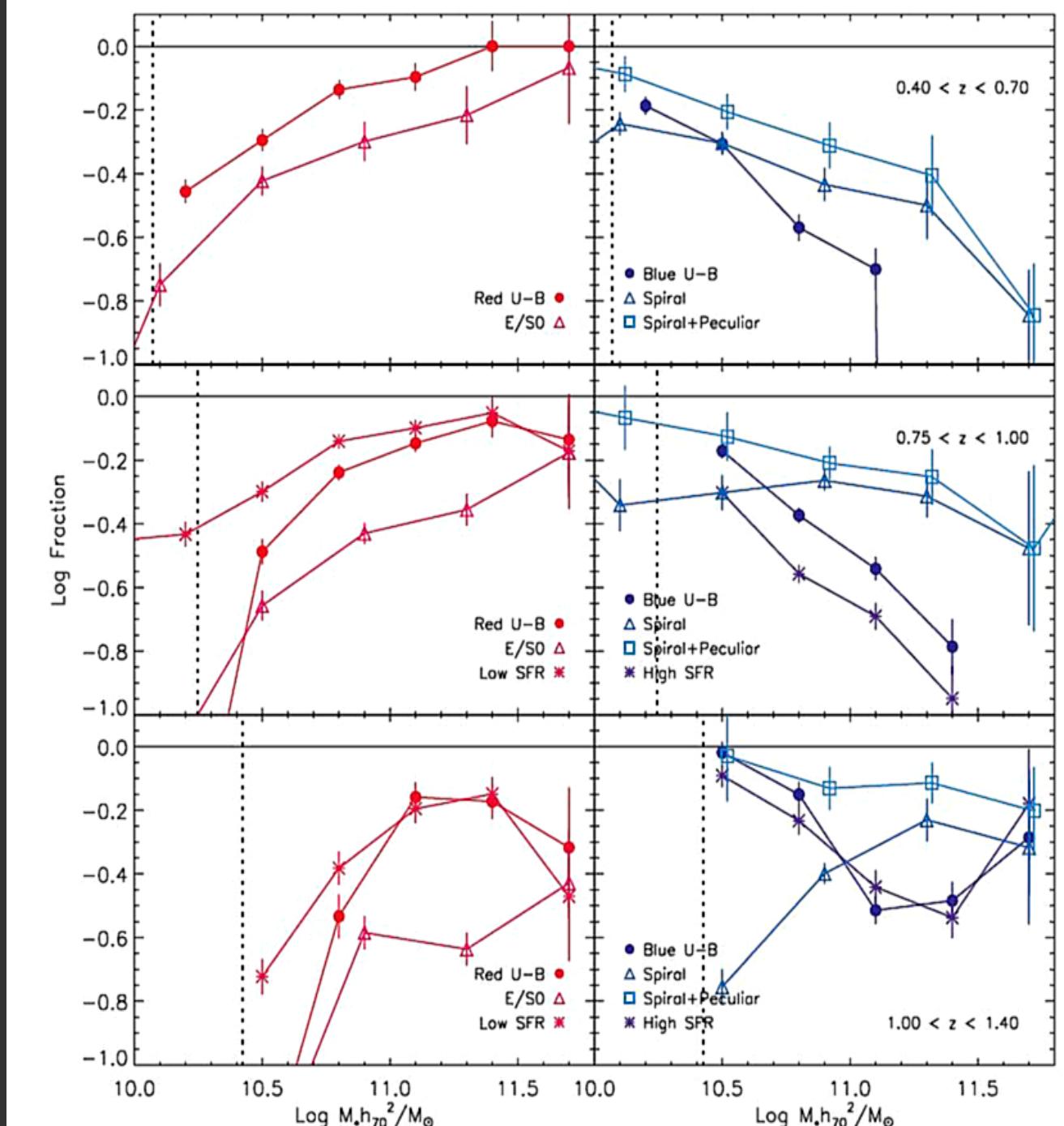
CMR more fundamental

CMR evolution proceeds faster:

- ✓ evolution of galaxy mass function

Galaxy  
Mass Function  
becomes  
dominated  
by RED  
galaxies  
before  
becoming  
dominated  
by EARLY  
type galaxies

log fraction



(Bundy+06)

log (M)

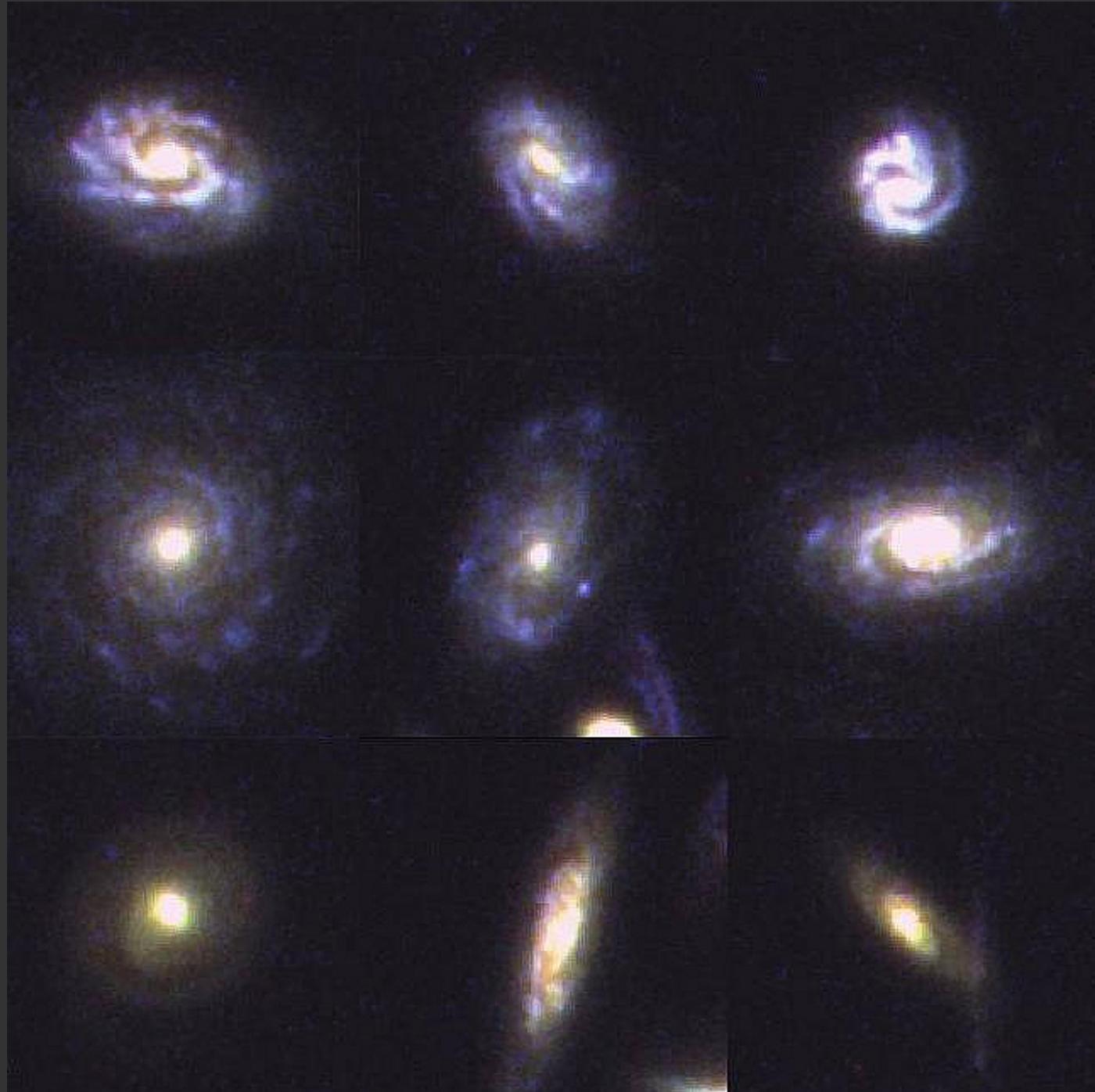
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Normal S



Passive spectrum,  
blue disk

Passive spectrum  
red disk

(Moran+07)

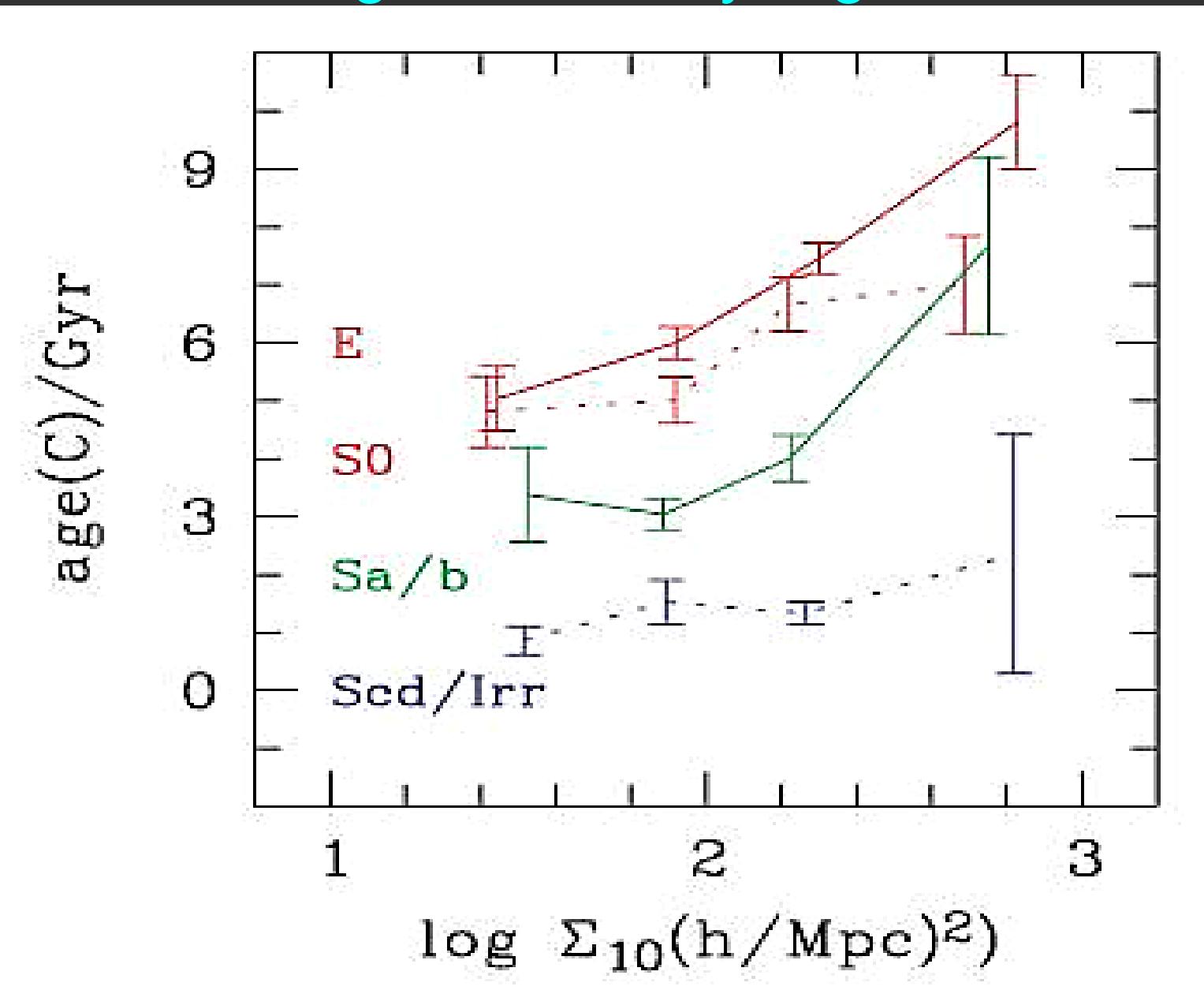
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- ✓ passive, red cluster spirals
- ✓ early-S with = age of S0

Sa/b and S0 have = age  
in highest-density regions



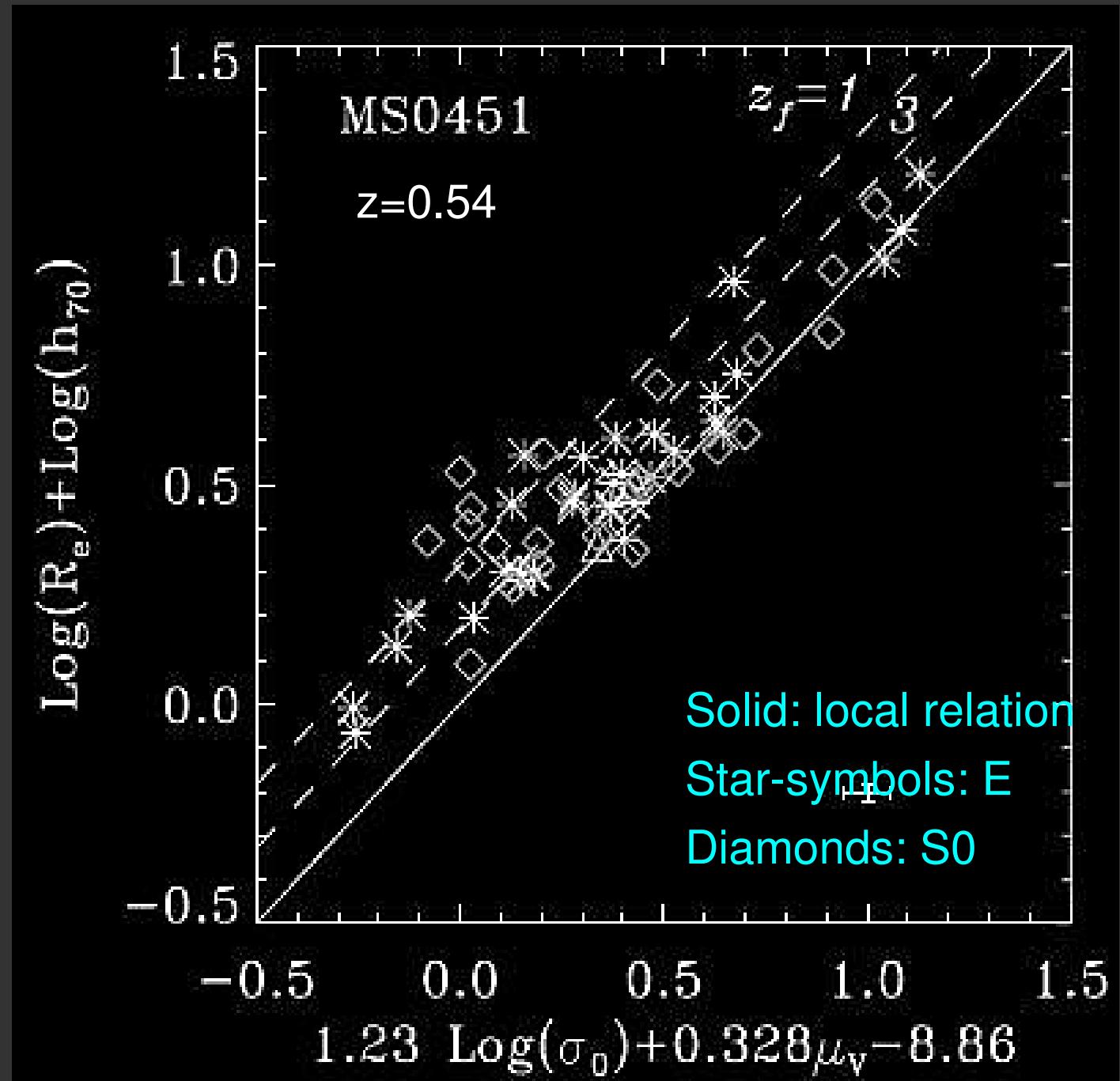
The properties  
of cluster galaxies:  
**masses**

# Early-type galaxies lie on a Fundamental Plane

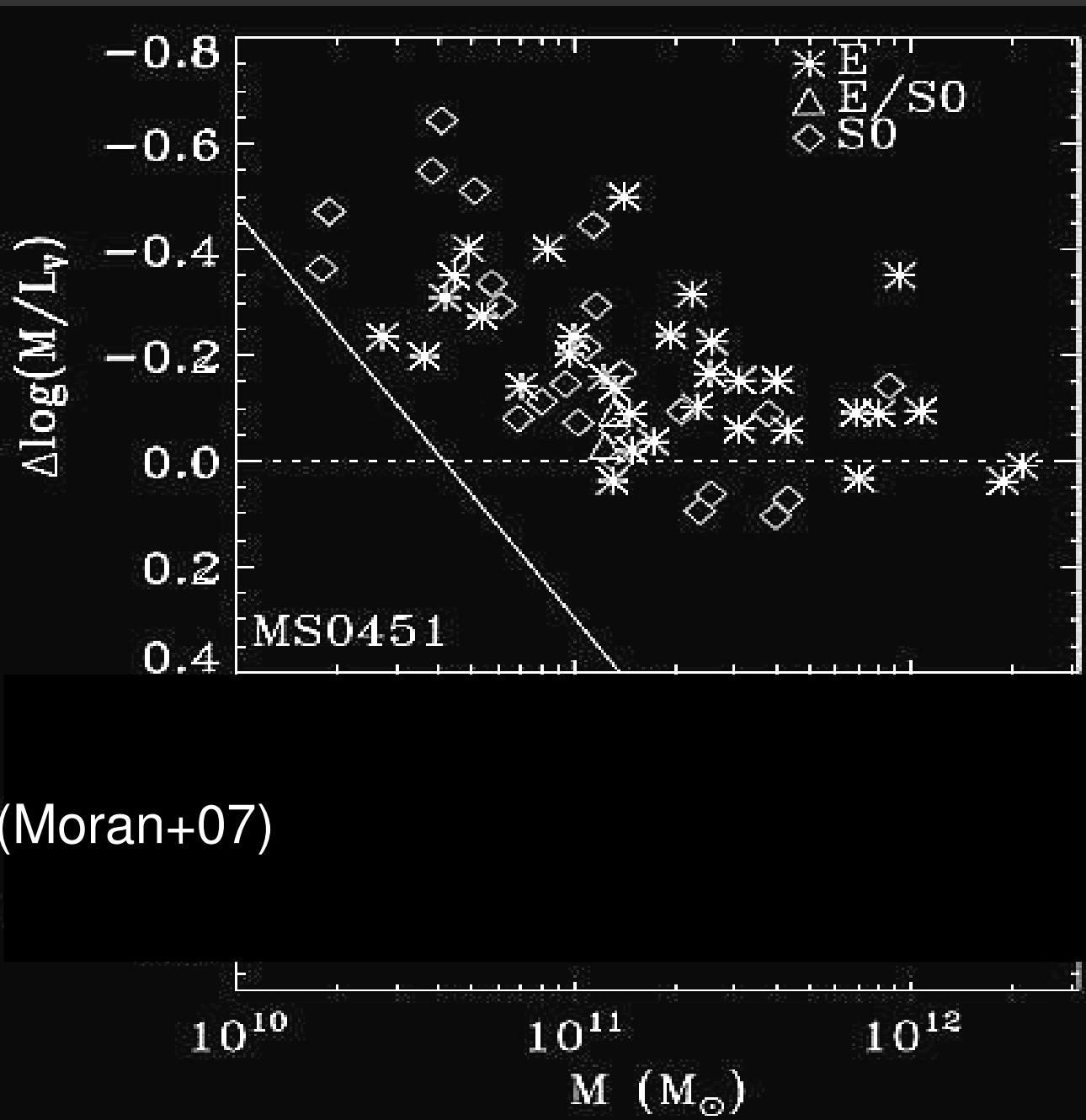
ETG FP  
relates their  
central  $\sigma_v$   
surf. brightness  
effective radius

FP  $\Rightarrow z_f \geq 2$

(Moran+07)



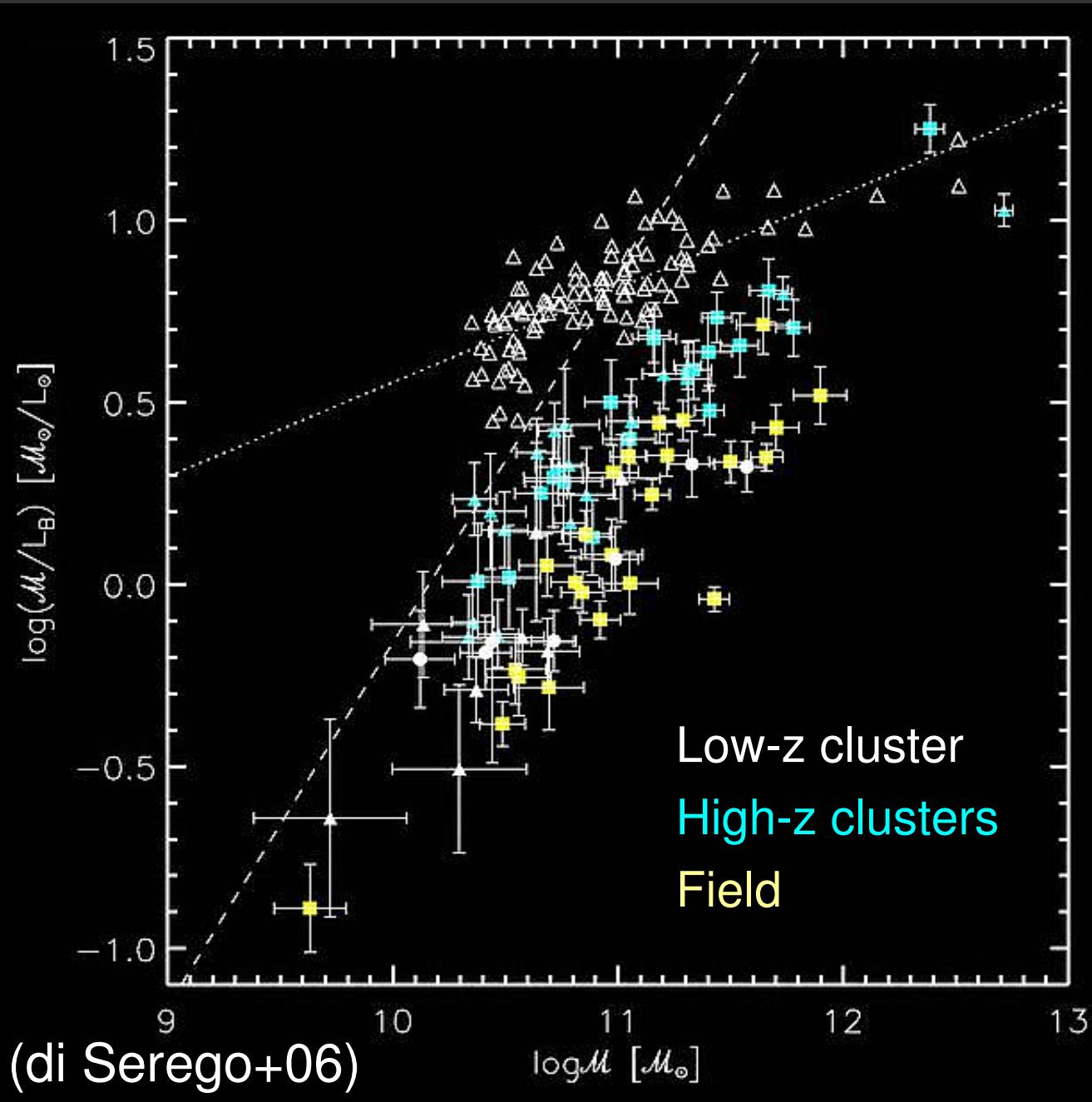
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Lower M/L for  
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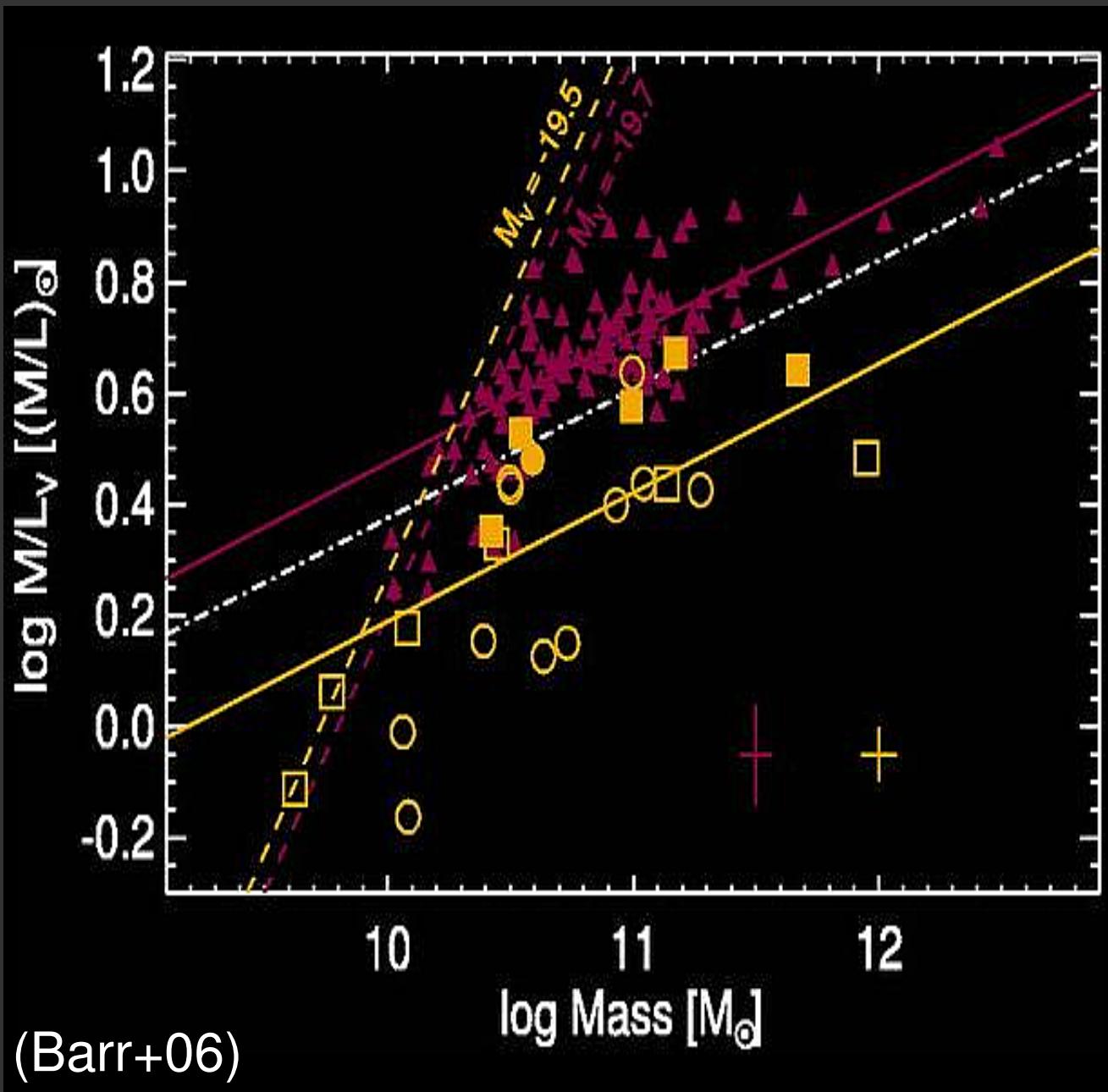


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Also:

field ETG  
younger than  
cluster ETG

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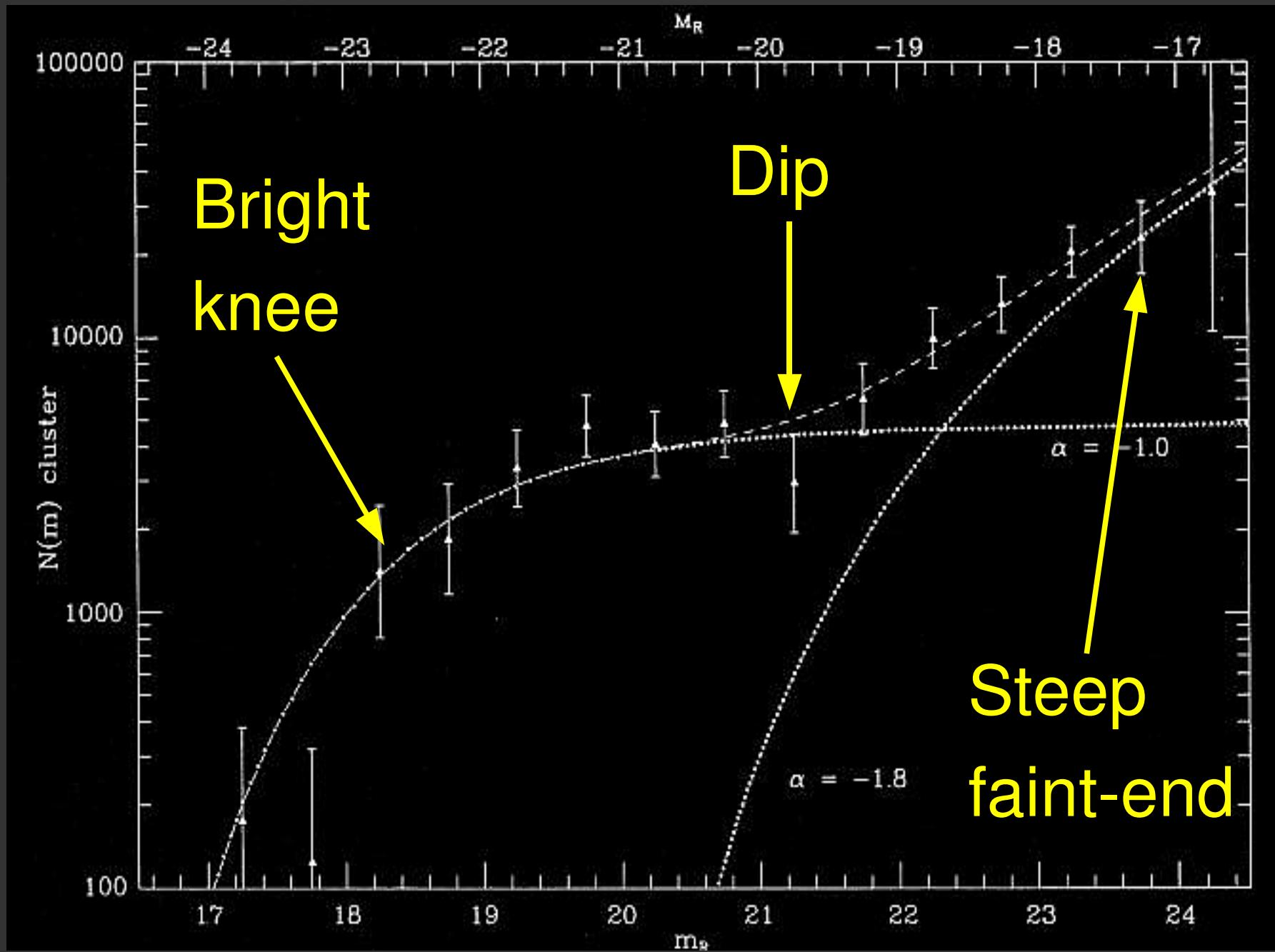
cluster S0  
younger than  
cluster E

FP analysis supports conclusions  
from CMR and MDR analyses

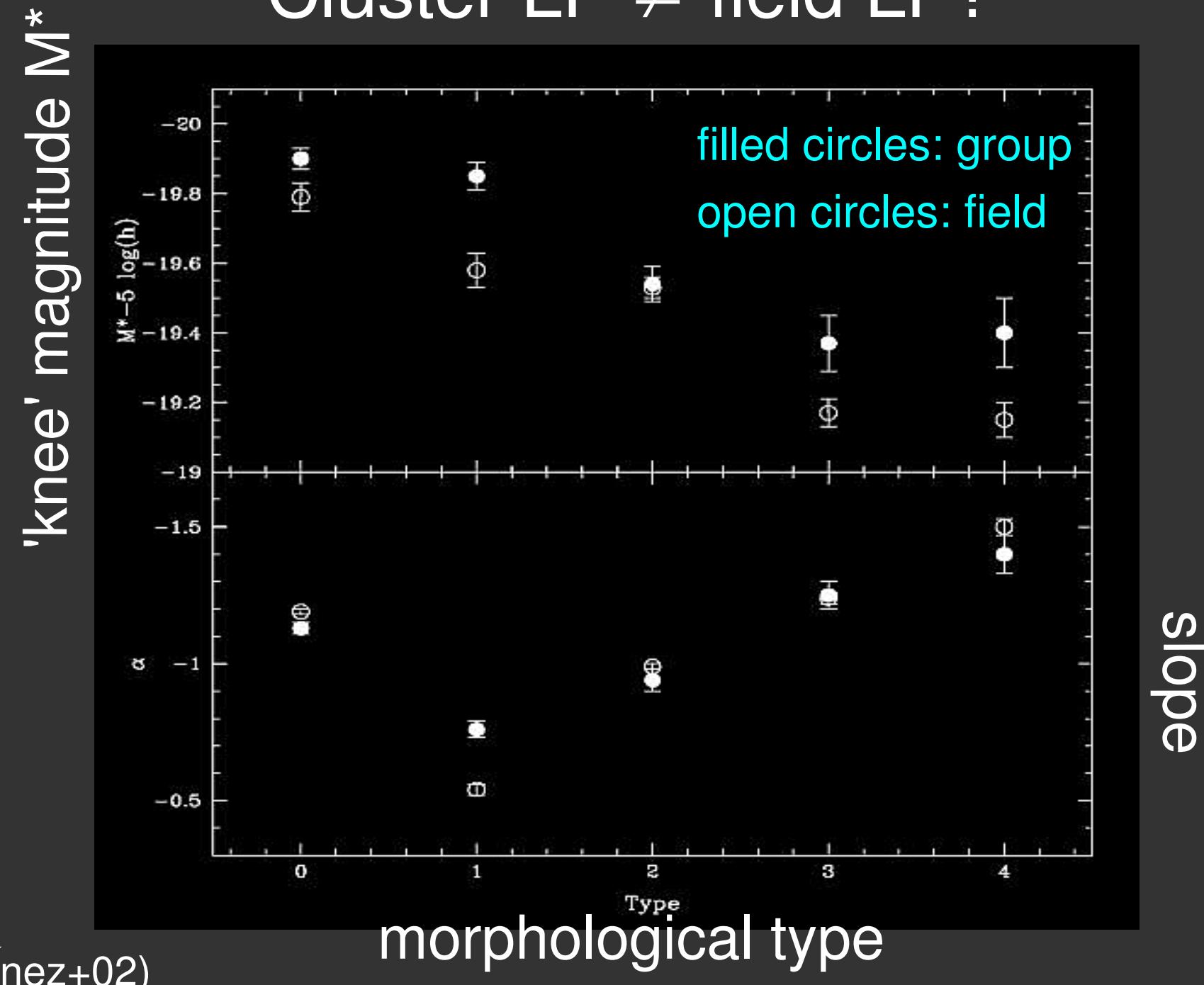
The properties  
of cluster galaxies:  
**luminosities**

# Cluster LF $\neq$ field LF?

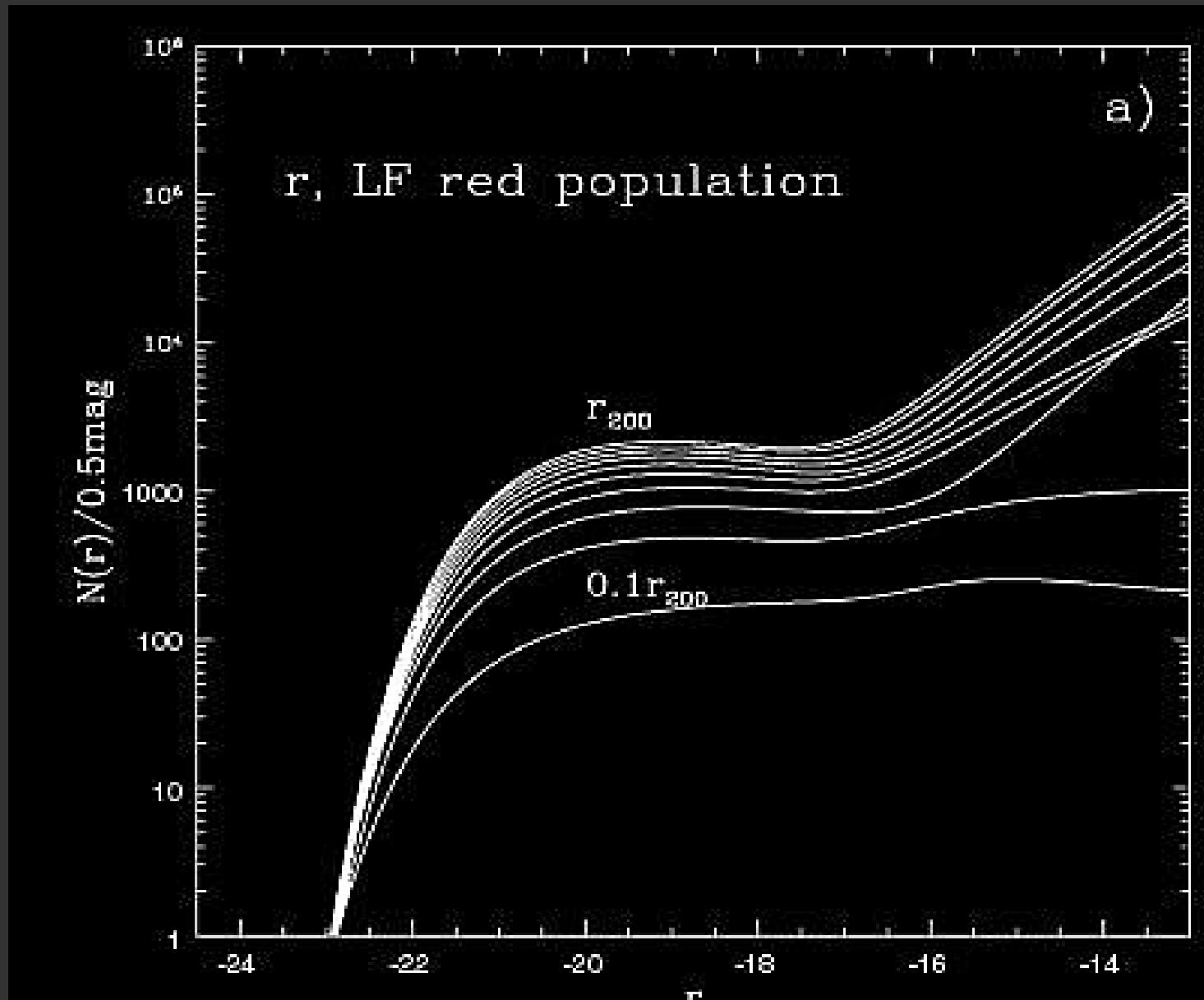
(Driver+04)



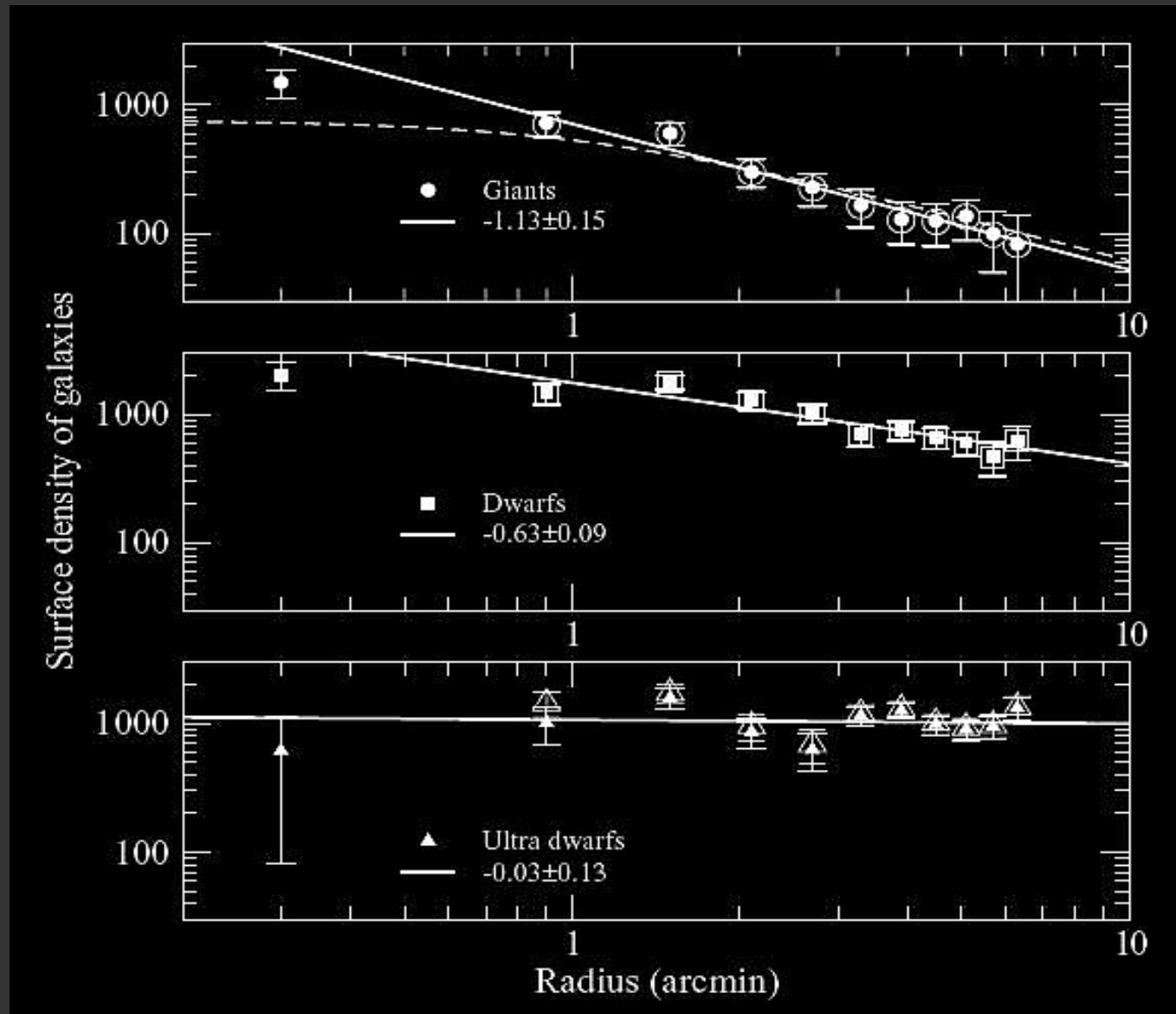
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# Cluster LF: shallower slope at small radii

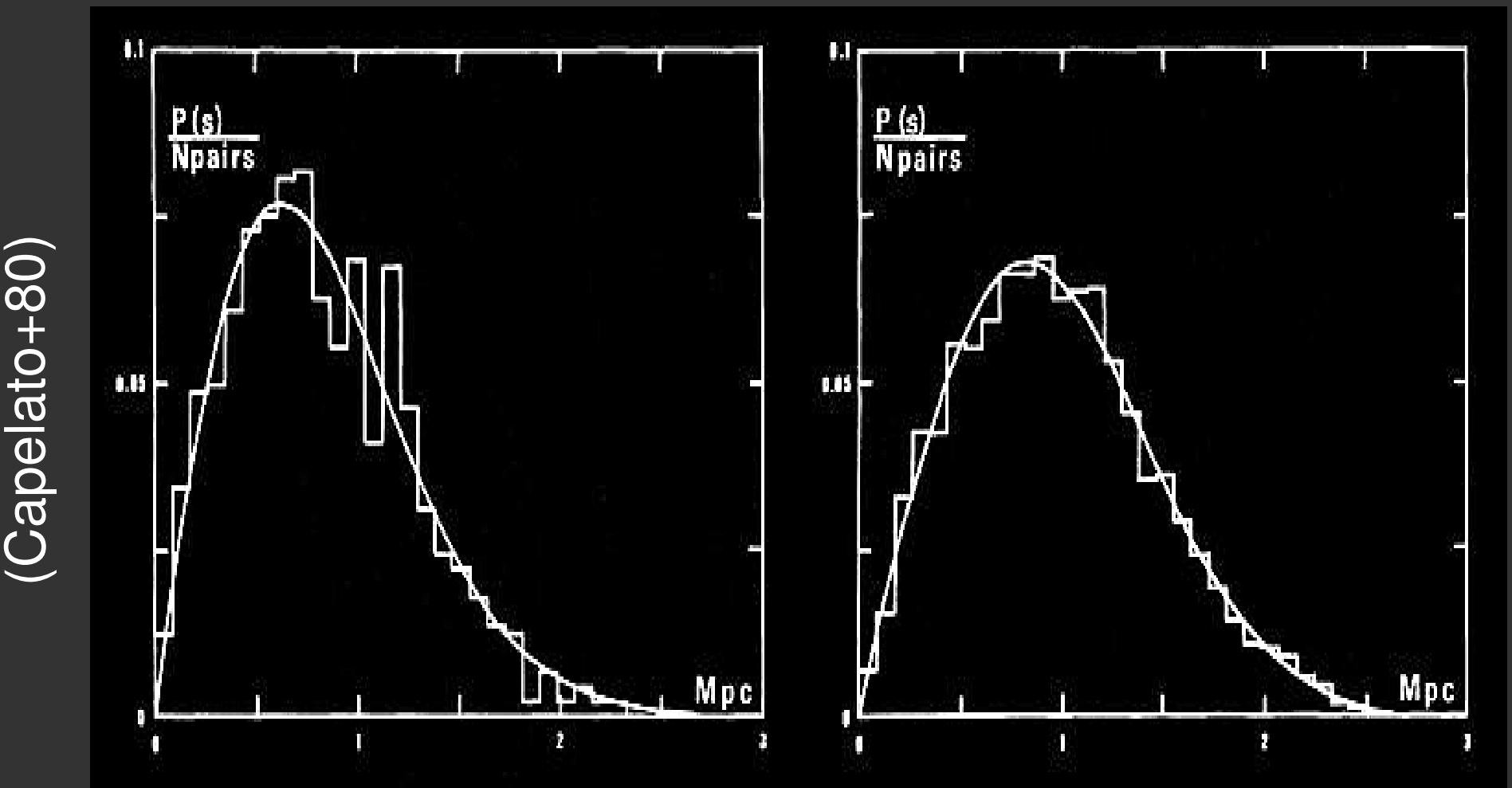


# Cluster LF: shallower slope at small radii ...a.k.a. “luminosity segregation”



(Pracy+04)

# Luminosity segregation: brighter galaxies closer to R=0



Spatial distributions of bright and faint galaxies

*Another example of luminosity vs. density*

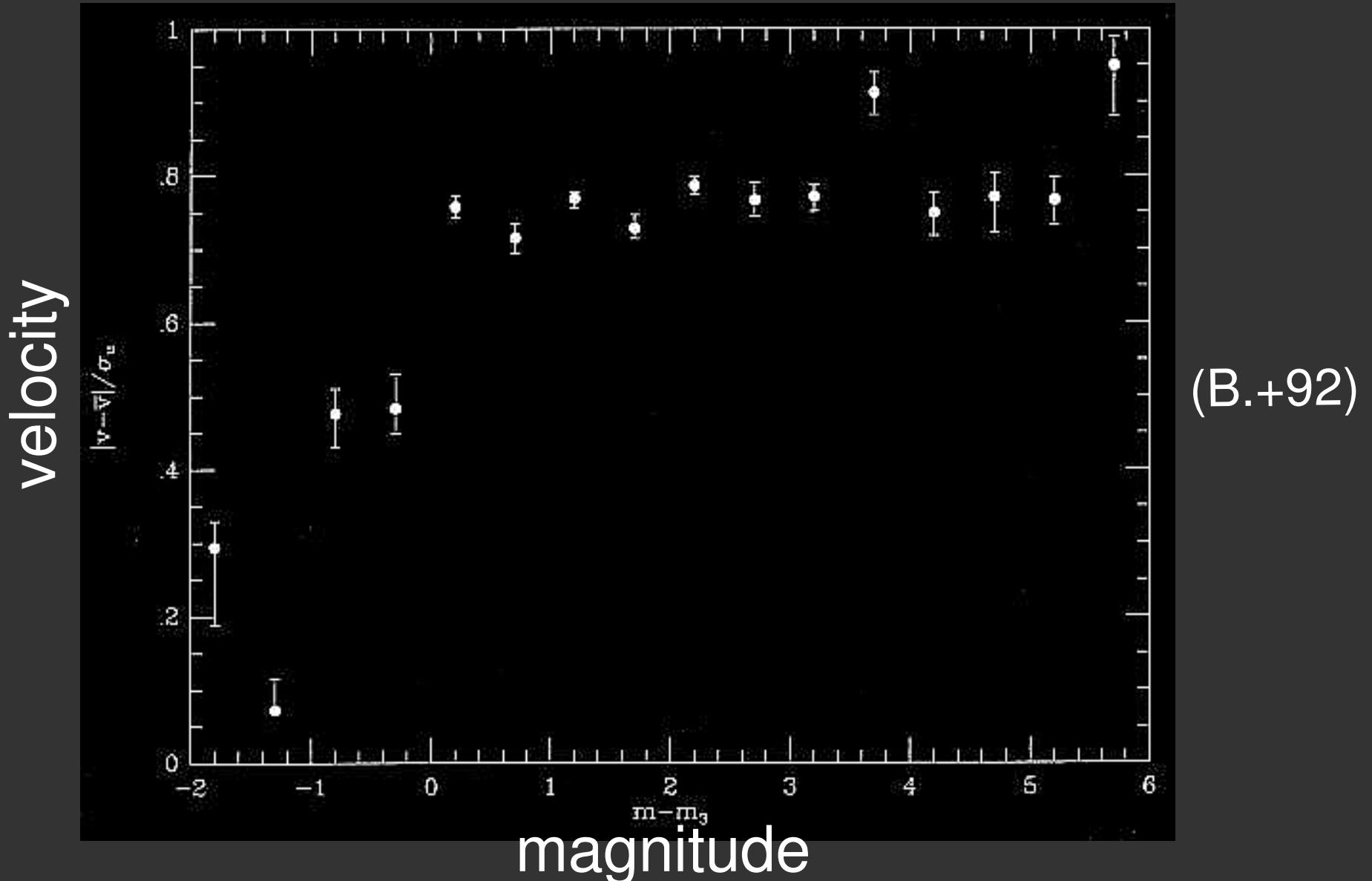


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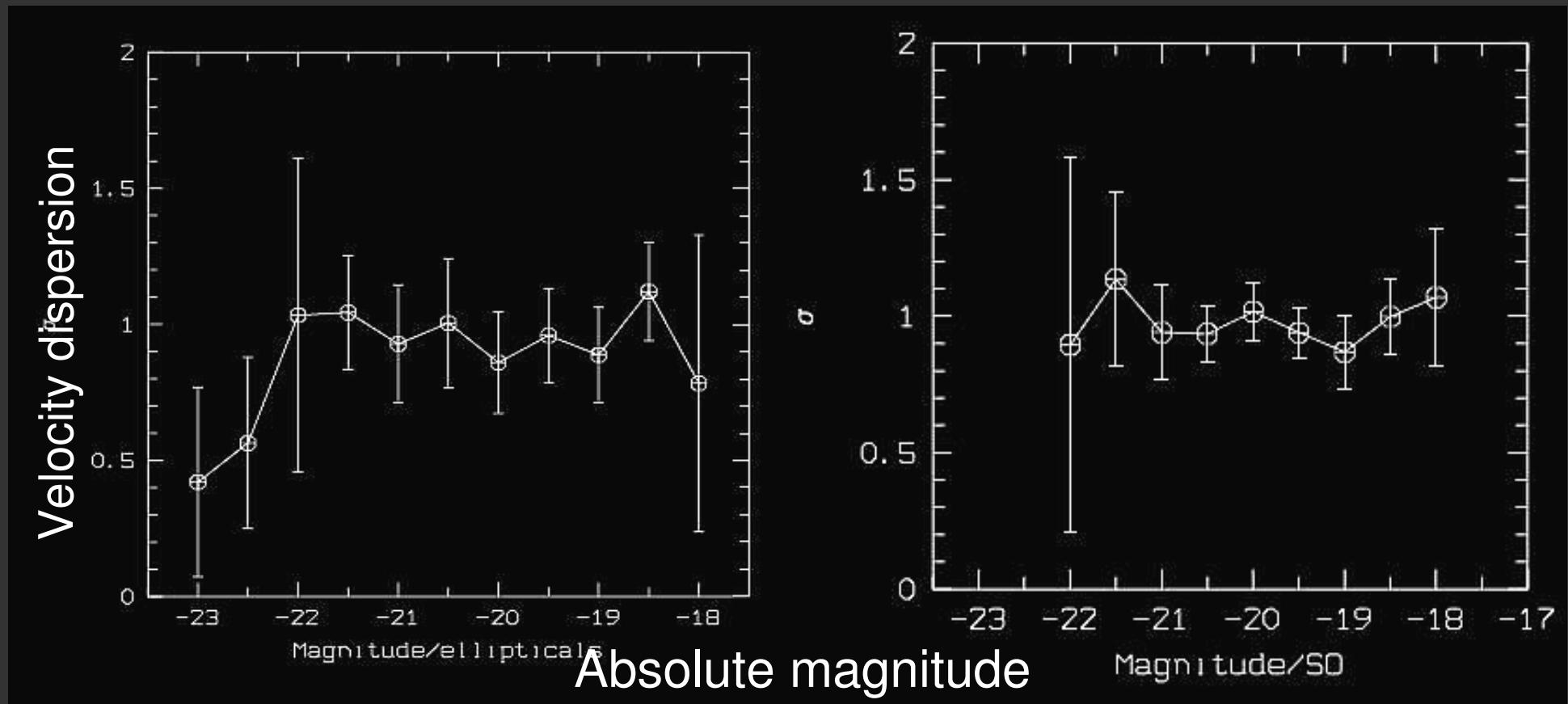
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(Adami+98)

Luminosity segregation: Ellipticals, not S0

# Brightest Cluster Galaxies:

sizes > field galaxies  
with = luminosities

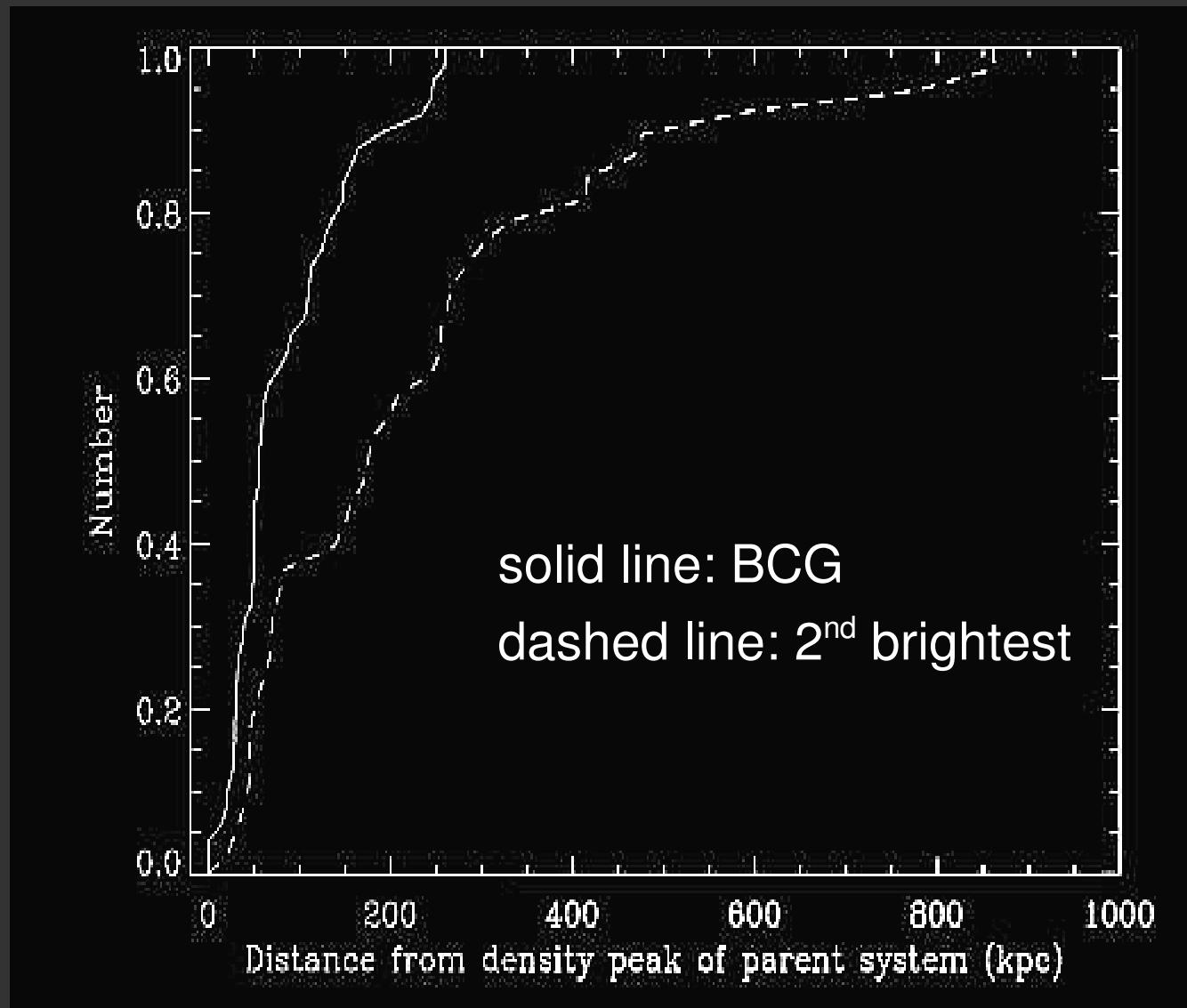


# BCG intimately related to their cluster

Central location

Alignment

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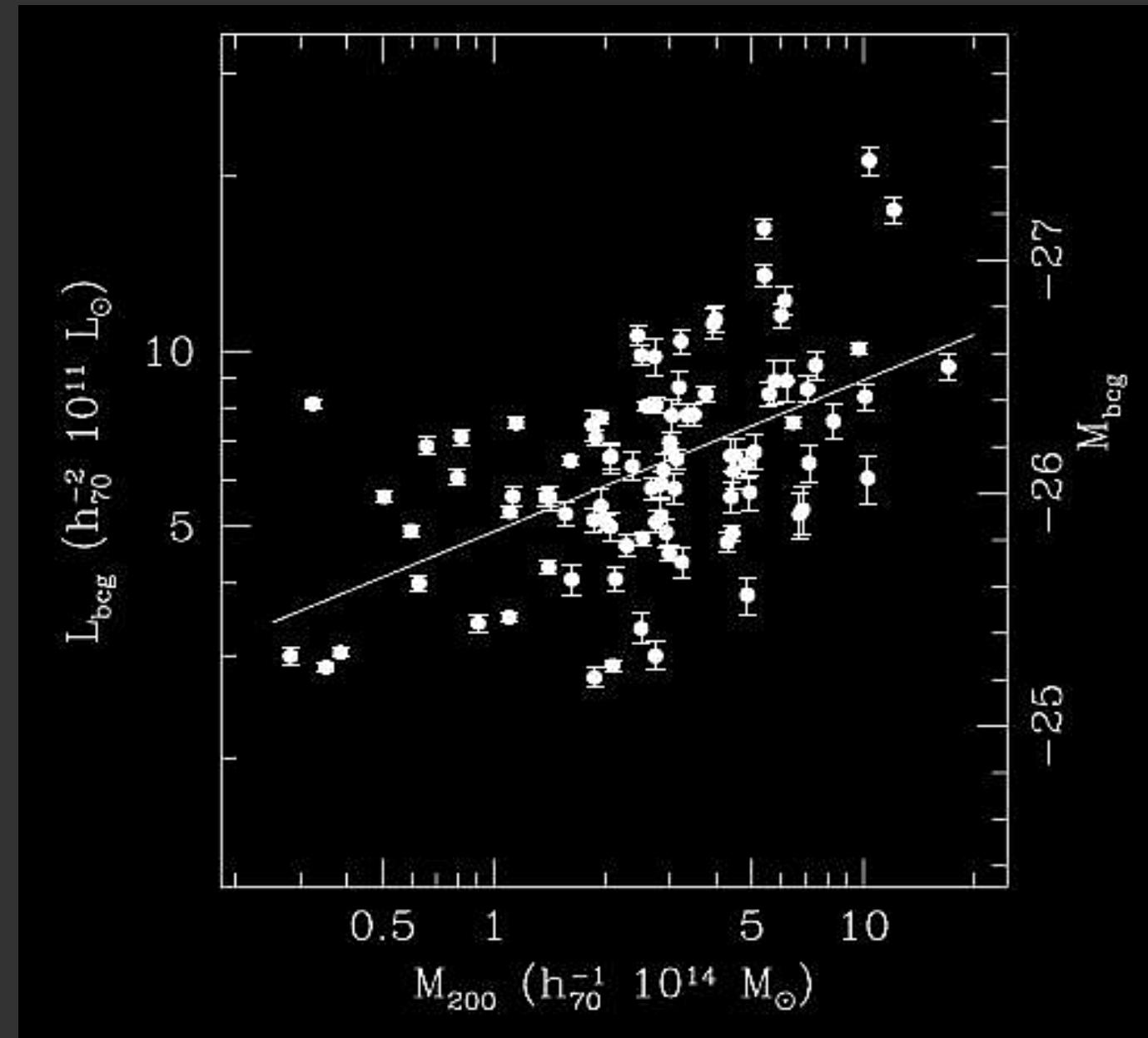


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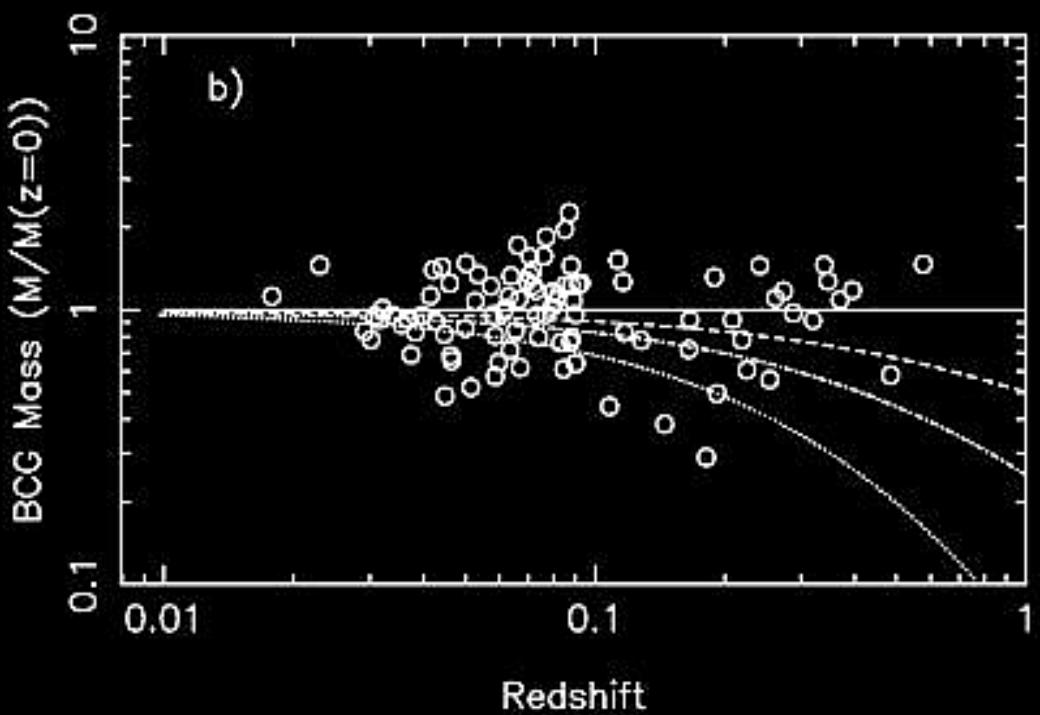
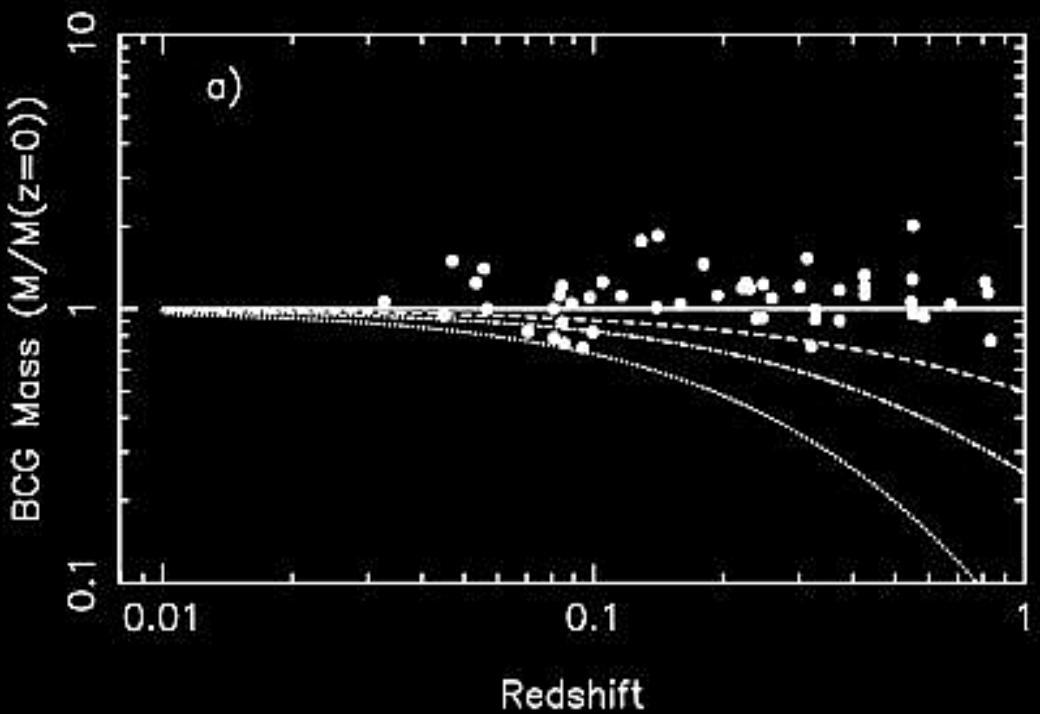
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(Lin & Mohr 04)



BCG color  $\Rightarrow z_f \geq 2$

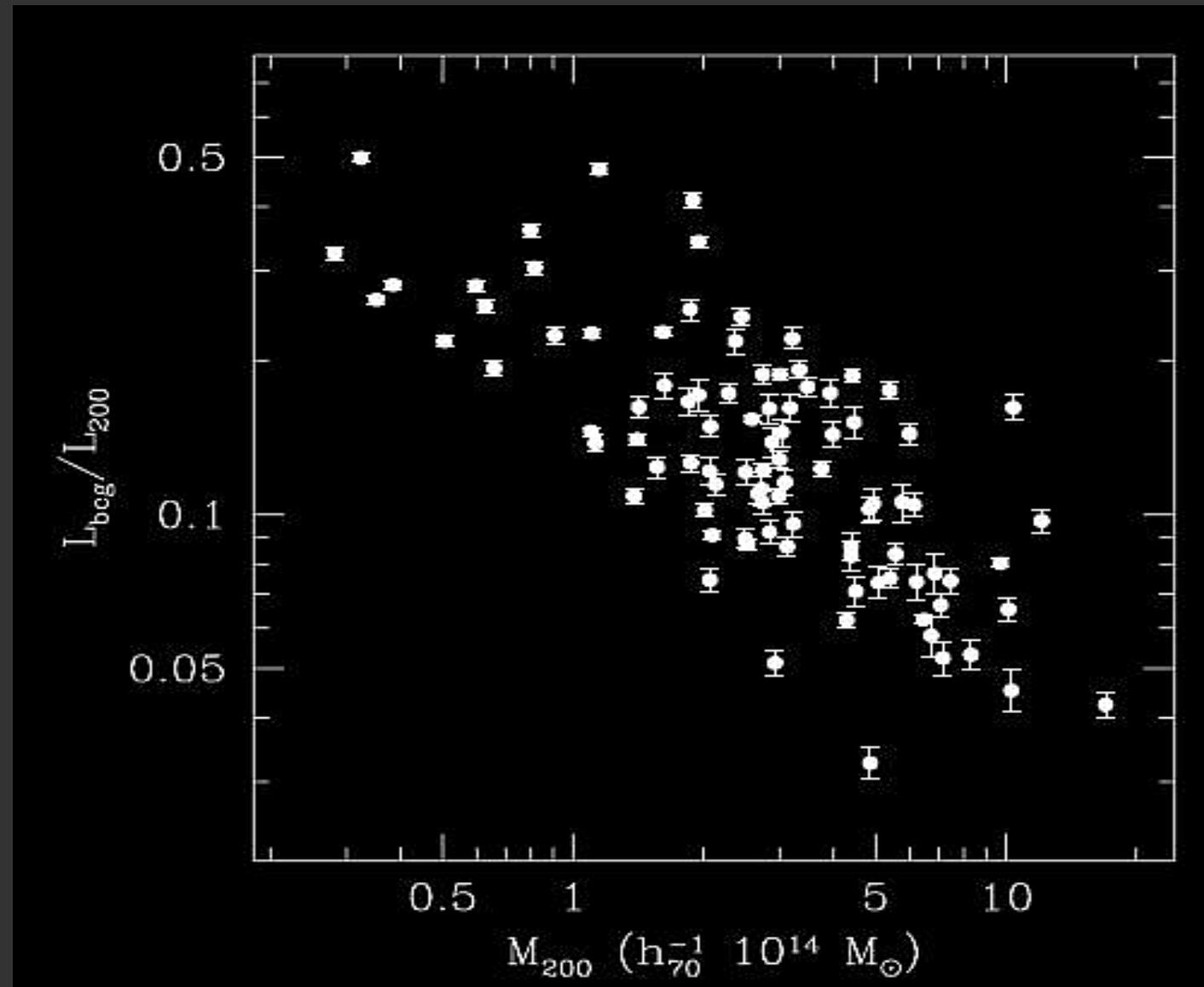
...but BCG  
stellar mass  
increased  
since  $z \sim 1$   
in low- $M$  clusters

(Brough+02)

# BCG in lower-M clusters keep growing as their host clusters grow

Fraction of total  
cluster light in  
the BCG  
anti-correlated  
with cluster mass

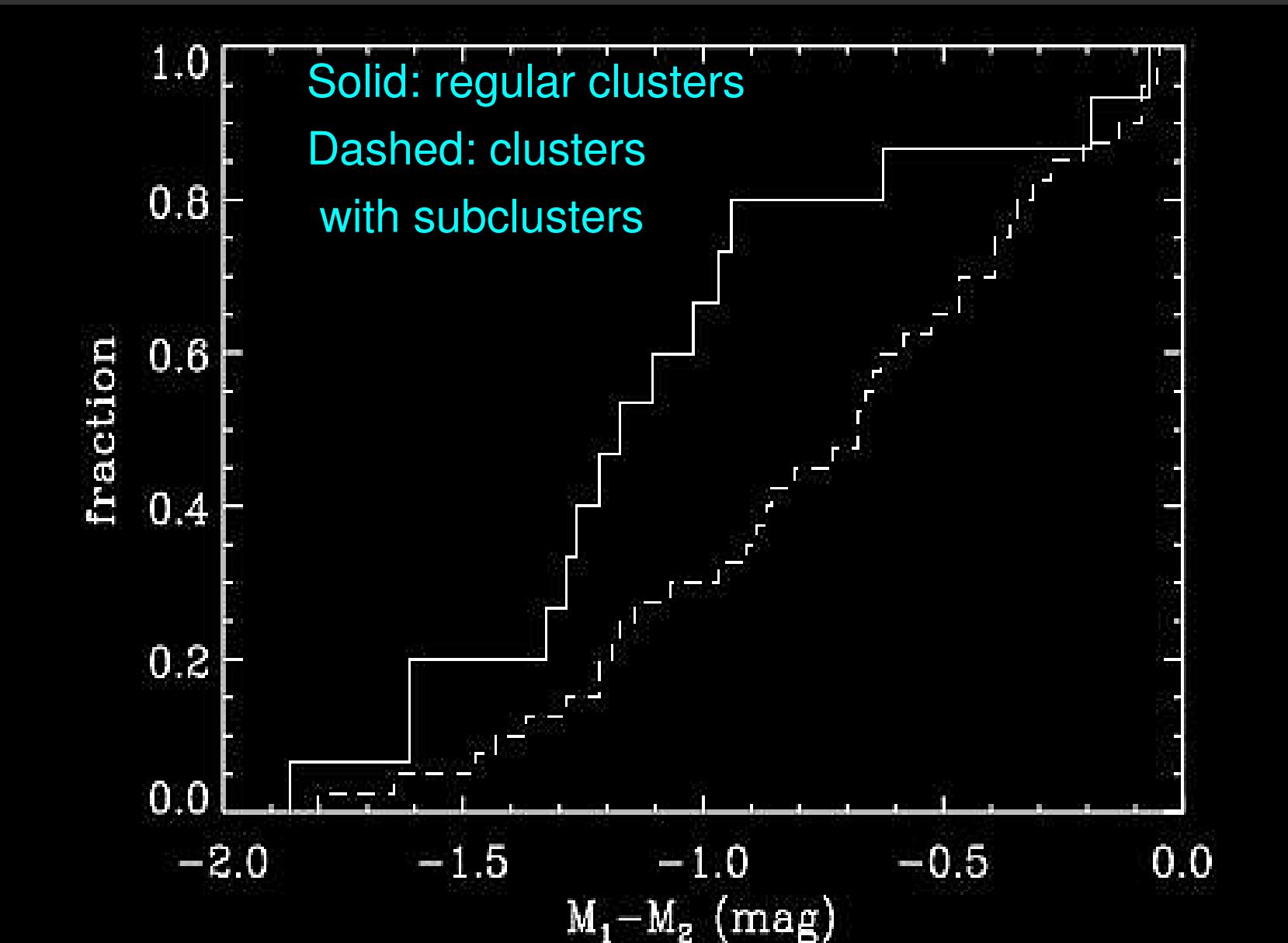
(Lin & Mohr 04)



Lum(BCG)/Lum(2<sup>nd</sup> brightest)  $\uparrow$

in more regular (more evolved?) clusters

(Ramella+07)

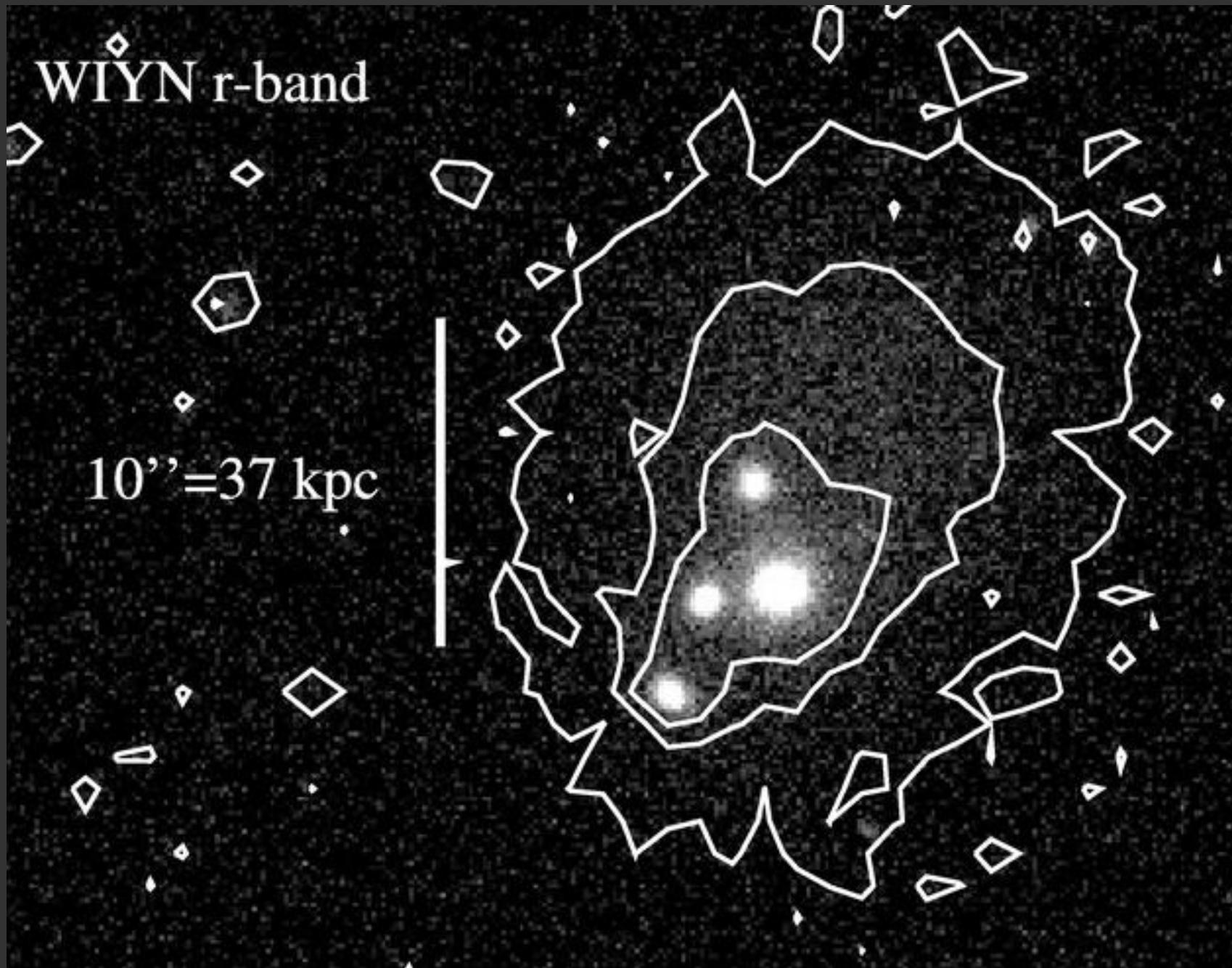


BCG  $\leftrightarrow$  companions merger expected in  $\sim 0.1$  Gyr

$z=0.39$   
cluster

optical  
surface-  
brightness  
contours

(Rines+07)



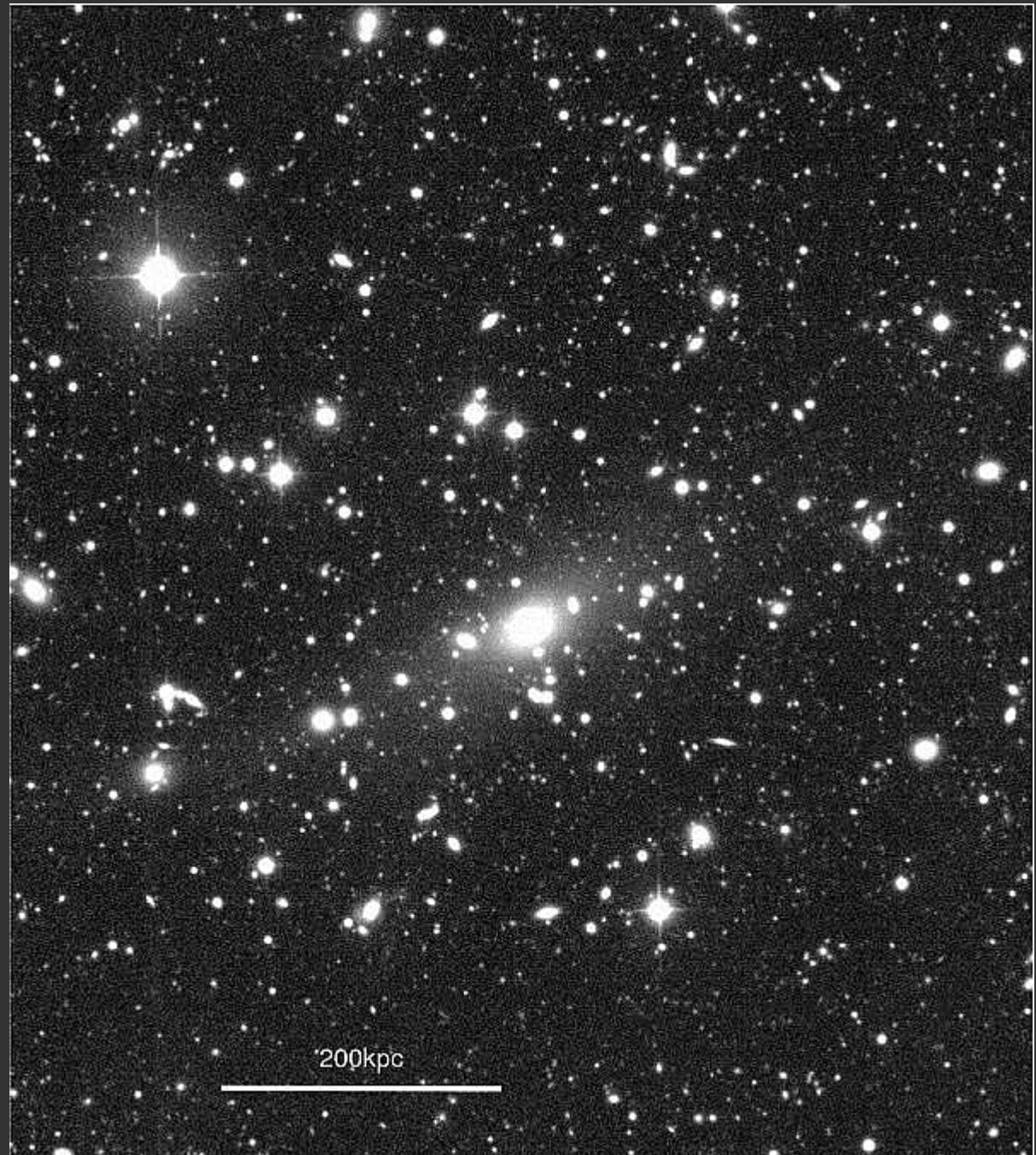
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Similar colors

Aligned

Clusters with  
brighter BCG  
also have  
higher ICL  
surface brightness

ICL light ~  
5-25 % total light



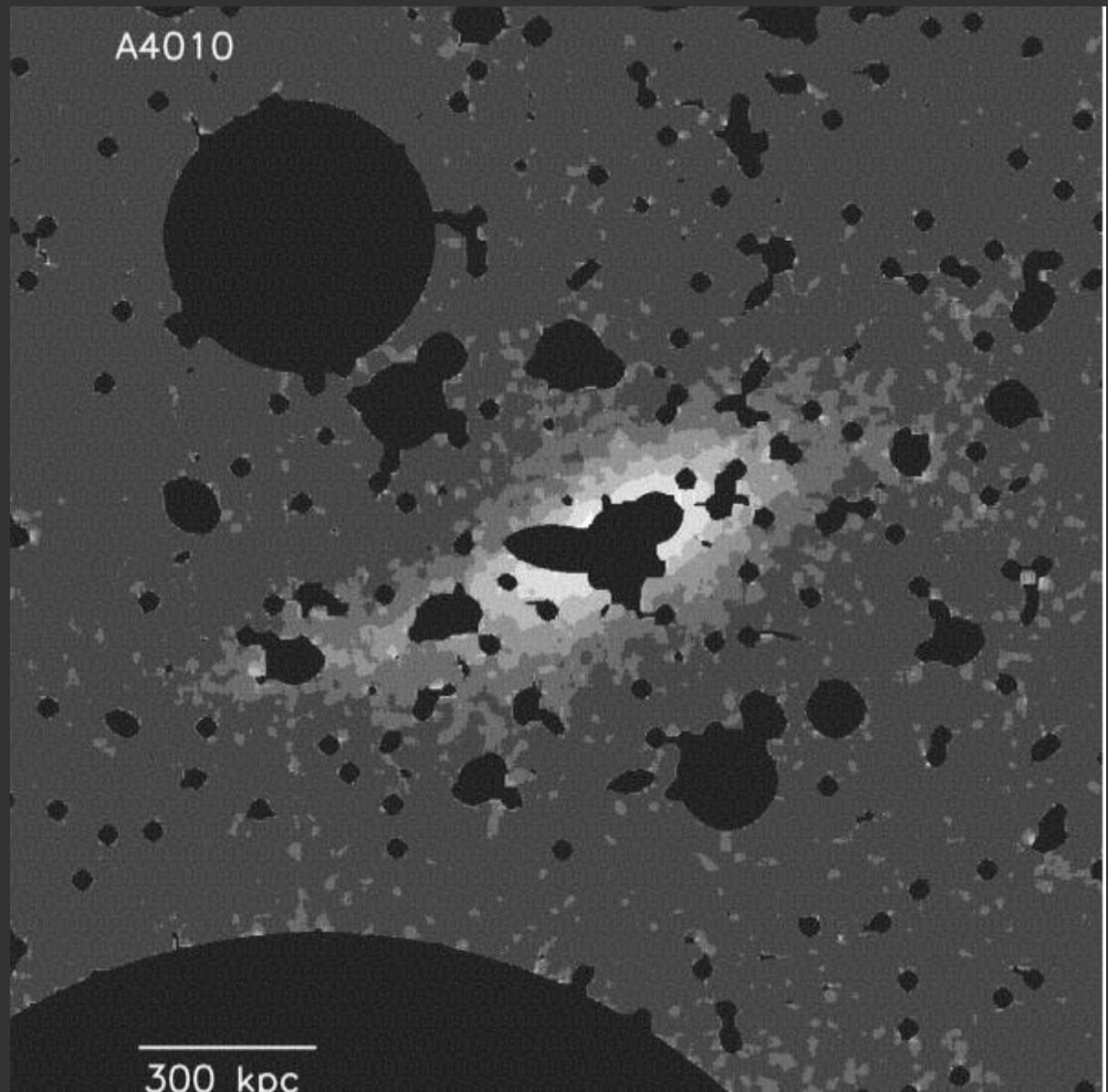
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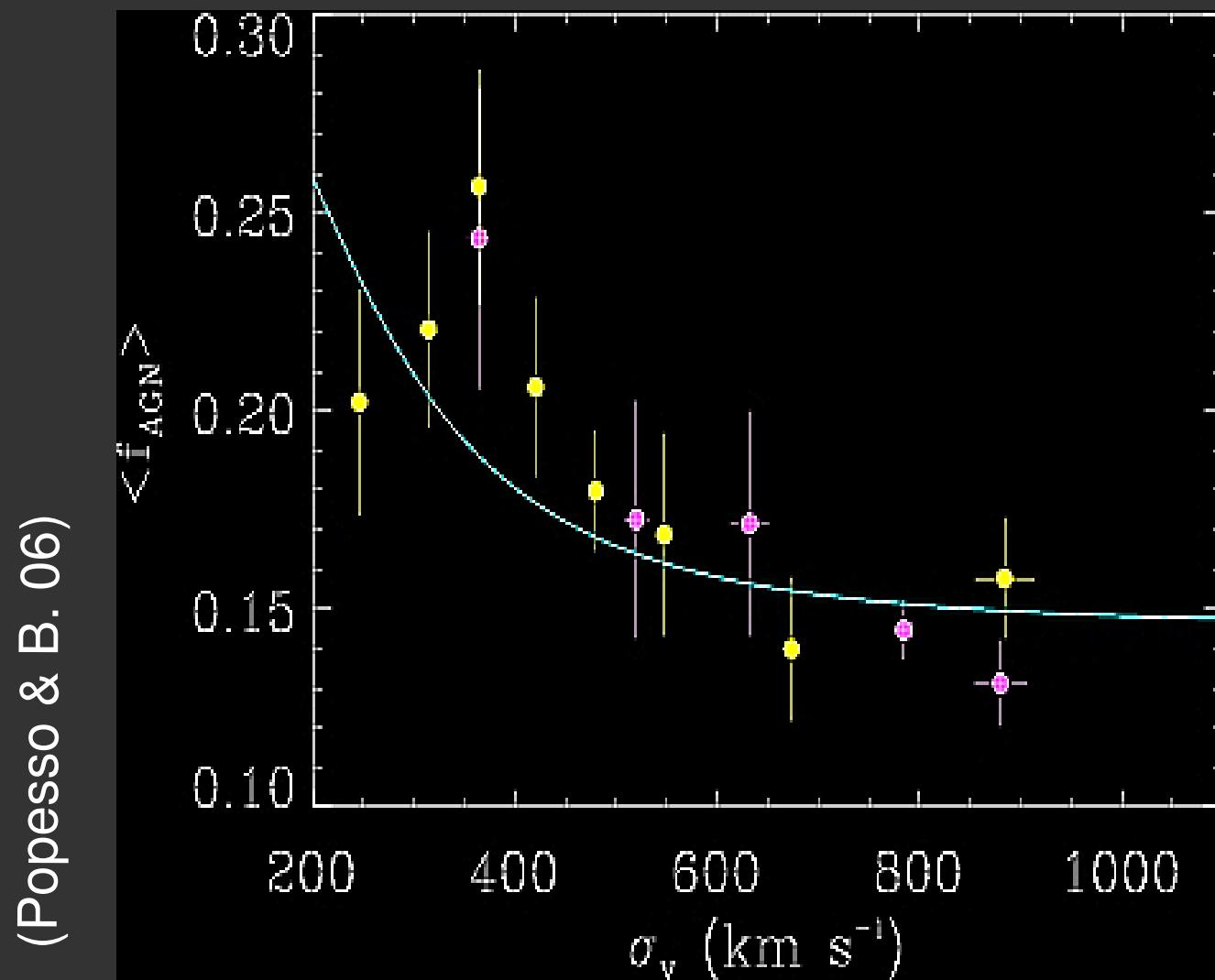
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of cluster galaxies:  
**nuclear activity**

AGN fraction:  
no (?) dependence on local density  
**but strong dependence on  $\sigma_v$**



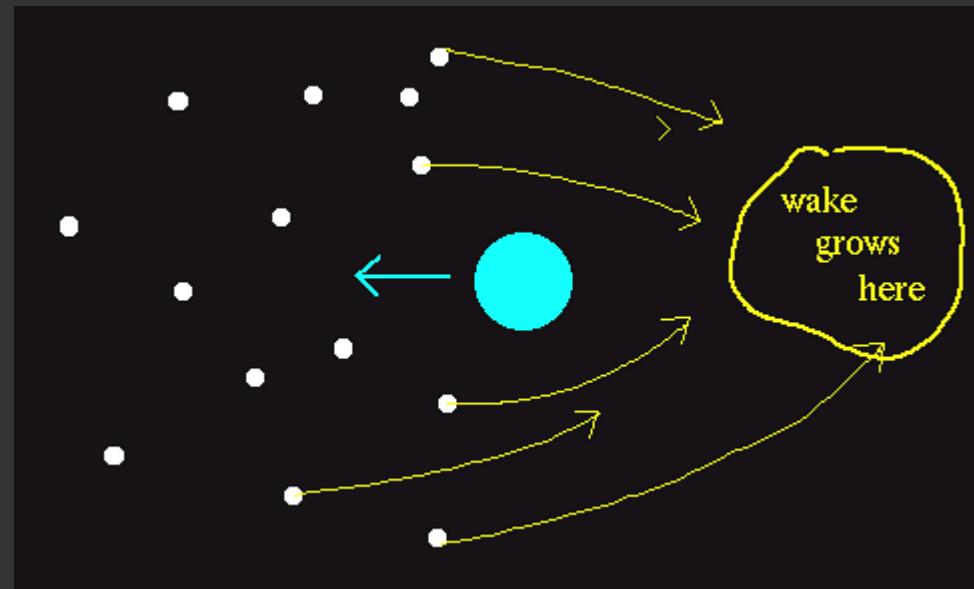
# Physical processes

# Processes capable of affecting cluster (and group) galaxy properties:

- dynamical friction
- ◆ galaxy-galaxy collisions → tidal effects & mergers
- ◆ tidal forces induced by cluster  $d\phi/dr$  → tidal truncation
- ◆ ram-pressure stripping

Starvation can result from any of the ◆ processes as the galaxy gas is expelled or consumed

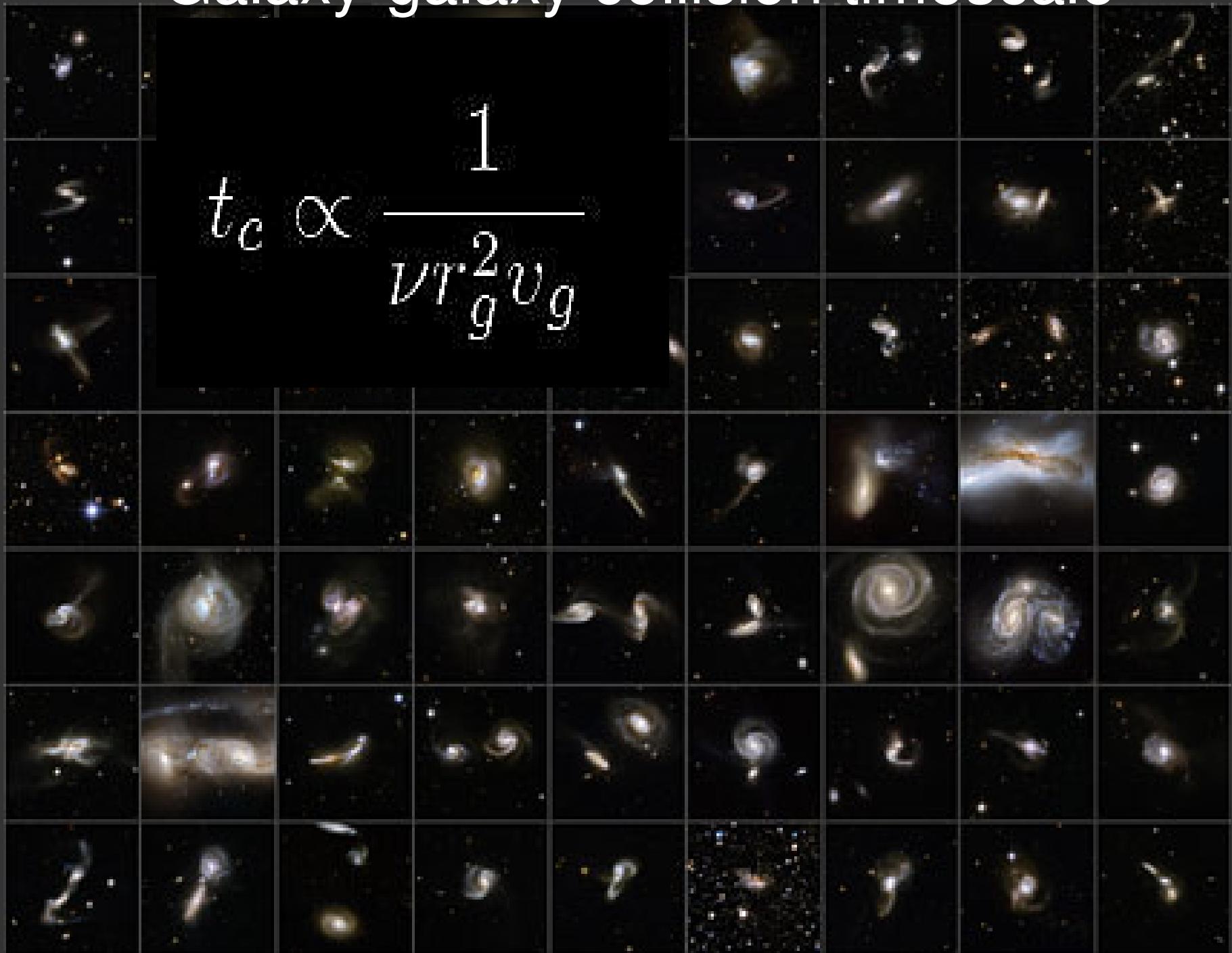
# Dynamical friction timescale



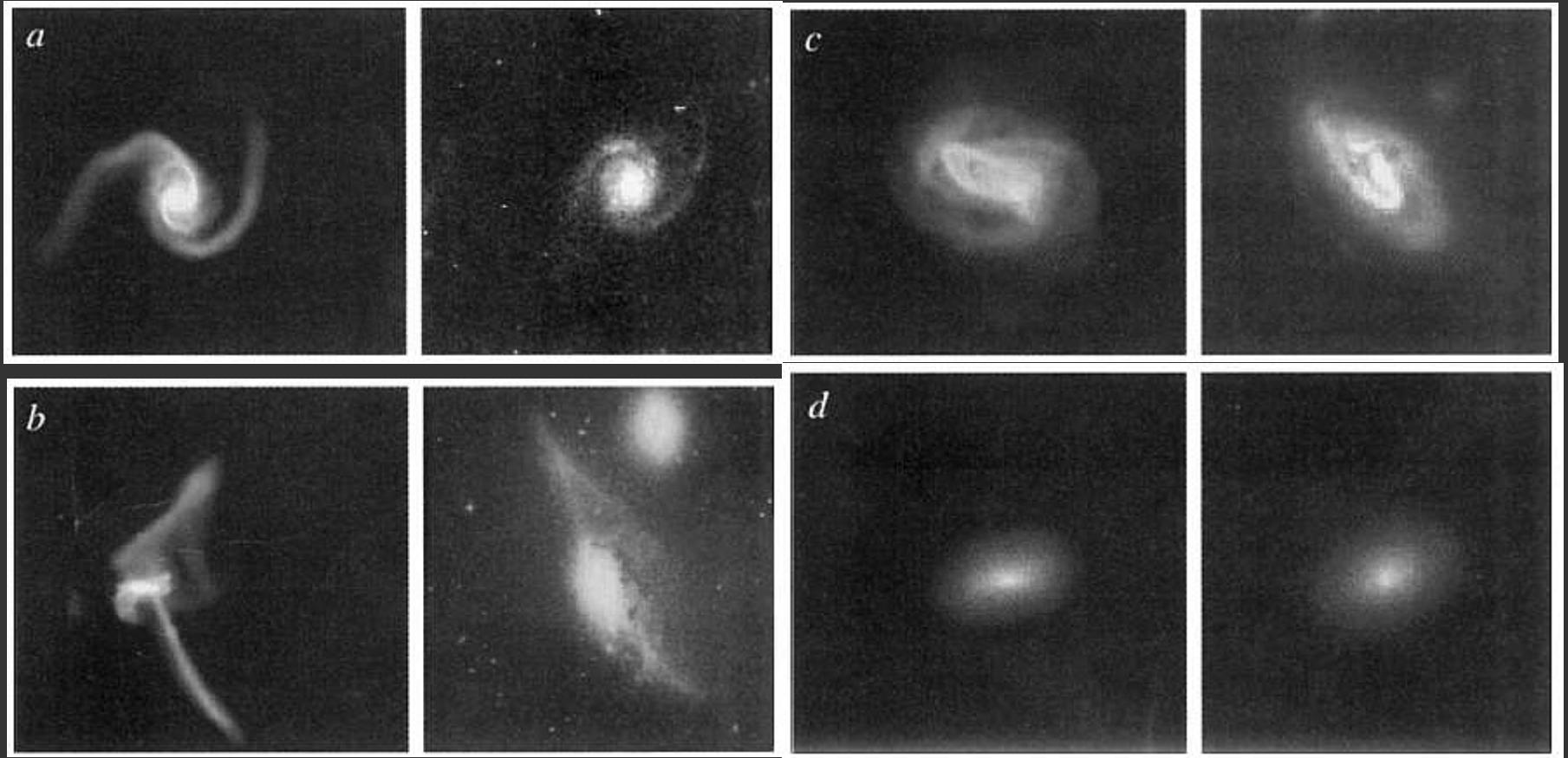
$$t_{df} \propto \frac{v_g^3}{m_g \rho}$$

# Galaxy-galaxy collision timescale

$$t_c \propto \frac{1}{\nu r_g^2 v_g}$$

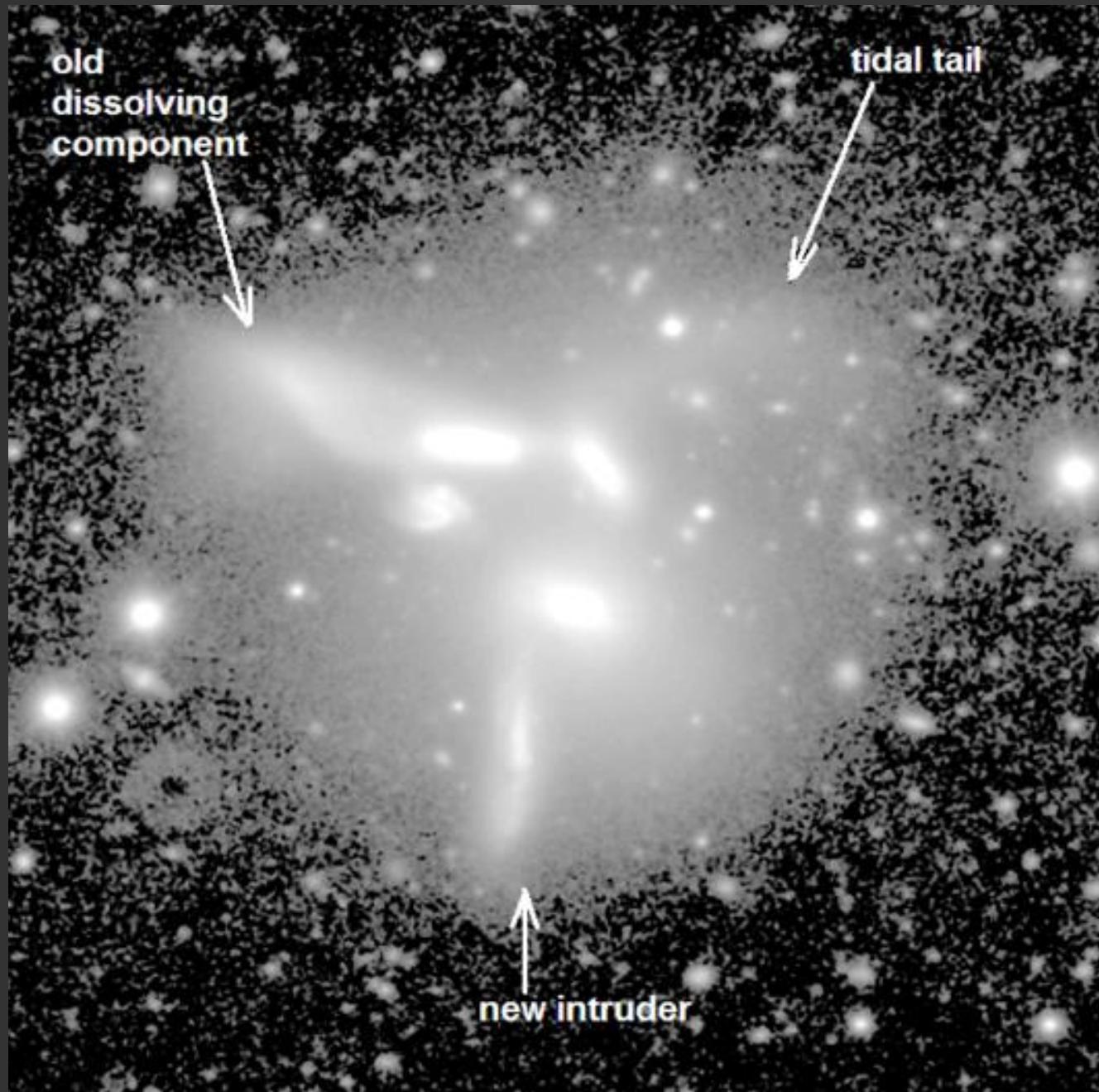


# Rapid collisions → 'harassment'



⇒ Morphological evolution

# Collisions → gas expelled by tidal forces



(Durbala+08)

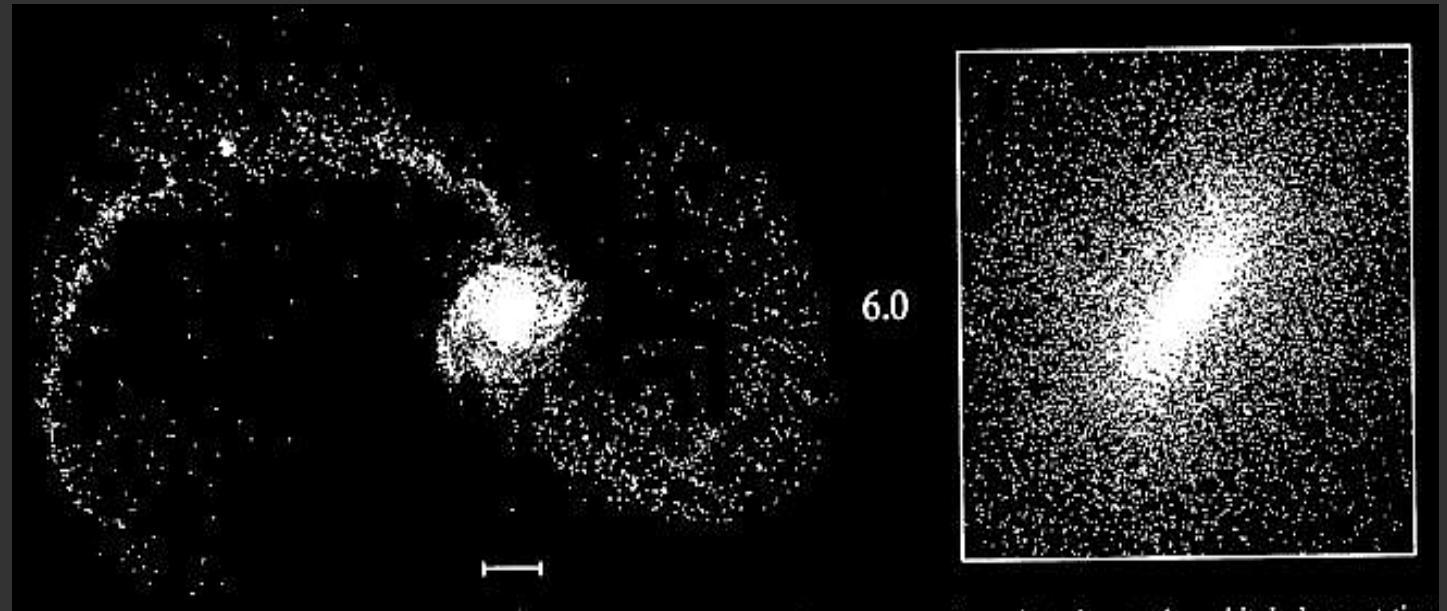
# Slow collisions → mergers

$$t_m \propto \frac{\sigma_v^3}{\sigma_g^4 r_g^2 \nu}$$

Merger timescale

Leading to tidal gas loss  
and morphological evolution

(Barnes 92)



Galaxy orbiting cluster suffers  
tidal truncation outside  $r_t$ :

$$r_t \approx r_c \frac{\sigma_g}{2\sigma_v}$$

$$r_c \approx 2 r_{\text{pericenter}}$$

BCG at  $r=0$  not truncated, symmetric external forces

# Ram-pressure from IC gas

strips the galaxy gas

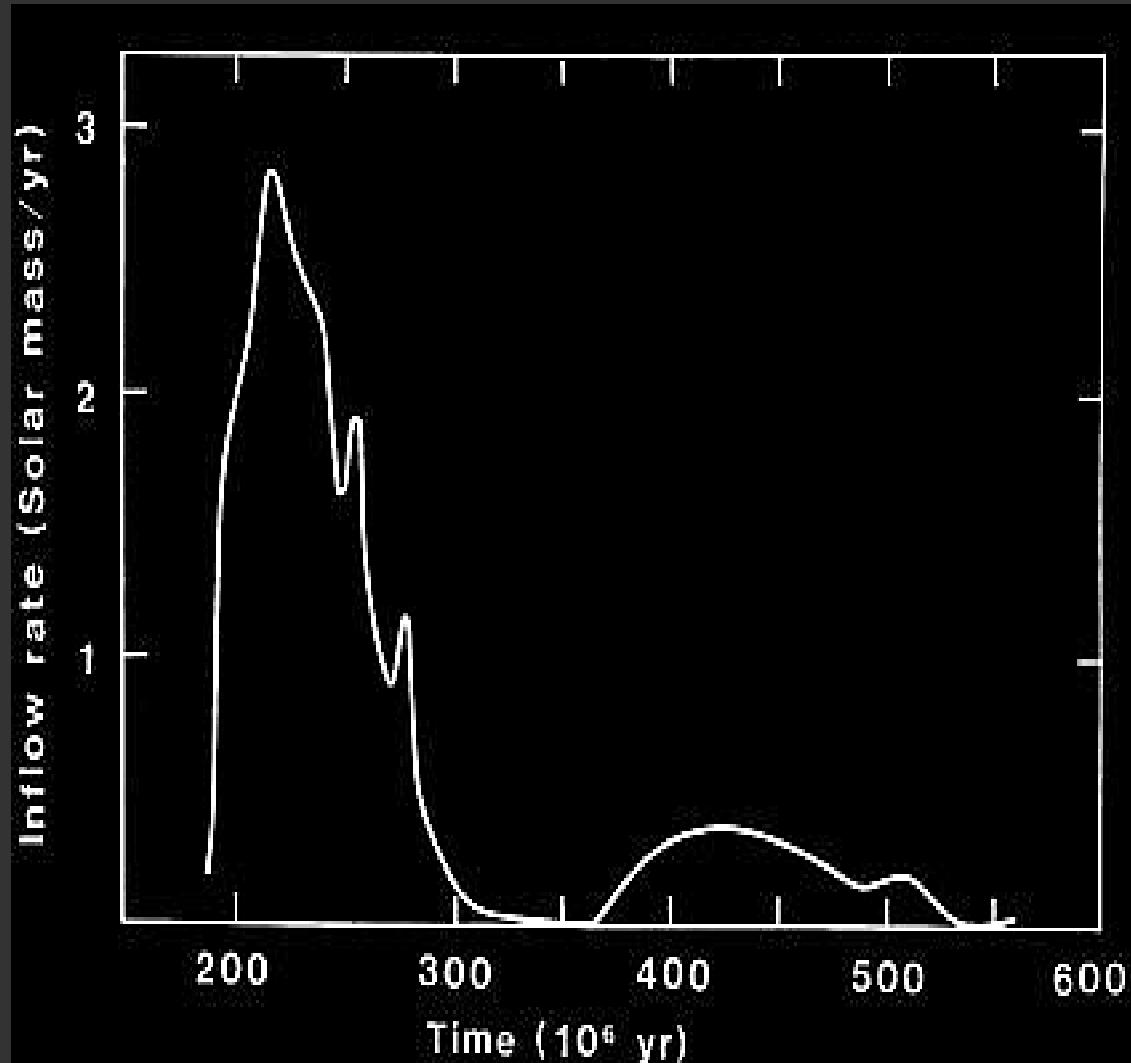
$$\rho_{IC} v_g^2 > \alpha \frac{G m_g(R) \rho_{gas}(R)}{R}$$

from the galaxy halo

$$\rho_{IC} v_g^2 > 2\pi G \Sigma_* \Sigma_{gas}$$

from the galaxy disk

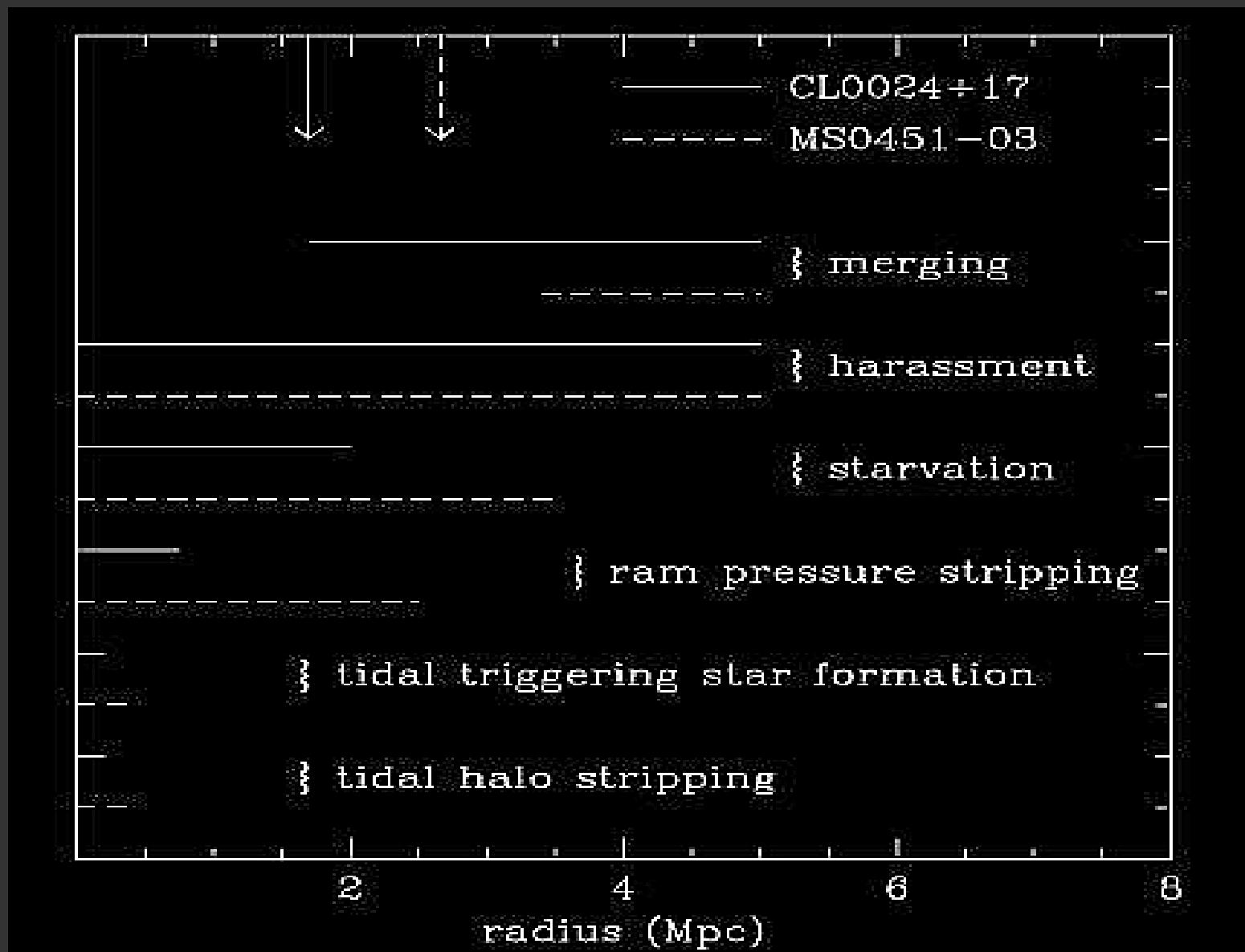
# Tidal or ram compression of galactic gas → central starburst



(Byrd & Valtonen 90)

# Different processes are efficient in different environments

(Moran+07)



# Evolutionary scenarios

# 'Nature' vs. 'nurture'?

Nature:

CMR and MDR in place at high-z

Bright ETG undergo only passive evolution

Nurture (?):

S0, fainter ETG, ETG in lower-density regions are younger, especially in low-M irregular clusters

Cluster LF  $\neq$  field LF (BCG, ICL)

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Hierarchical cosmological models  
**naturally** predict biased galaxy formation:

more **massive** galaxies form *earlier* in **denser**  
environment (*earlier* collapse of density fluctuations)  
hence they form their stars, run out of fuel,  
and stop forming stars *earlier*

# “Downsizing”

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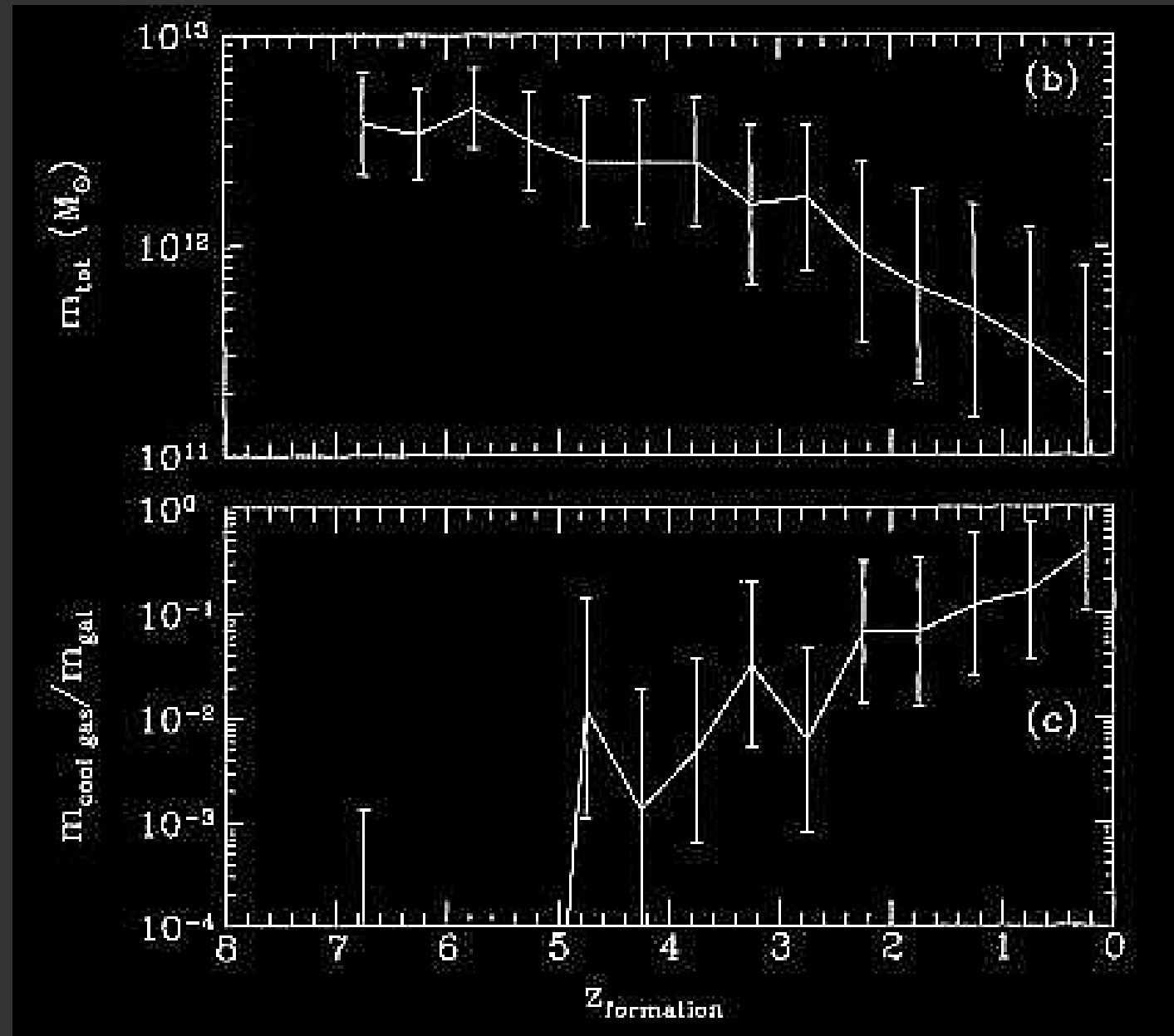
### ABSTRACT

$z=0.8$  and  $z=1.6$ , and also that galaxy formation took place in “downsizing,” with more massive galaxies forming at higher redshift. The late galaxy formation accounts for the

# Numerical simulations:

Galaxy  
mass

(Gas mass)  
/(total mass)



(Cen & Ostriker 93)

formation redshift

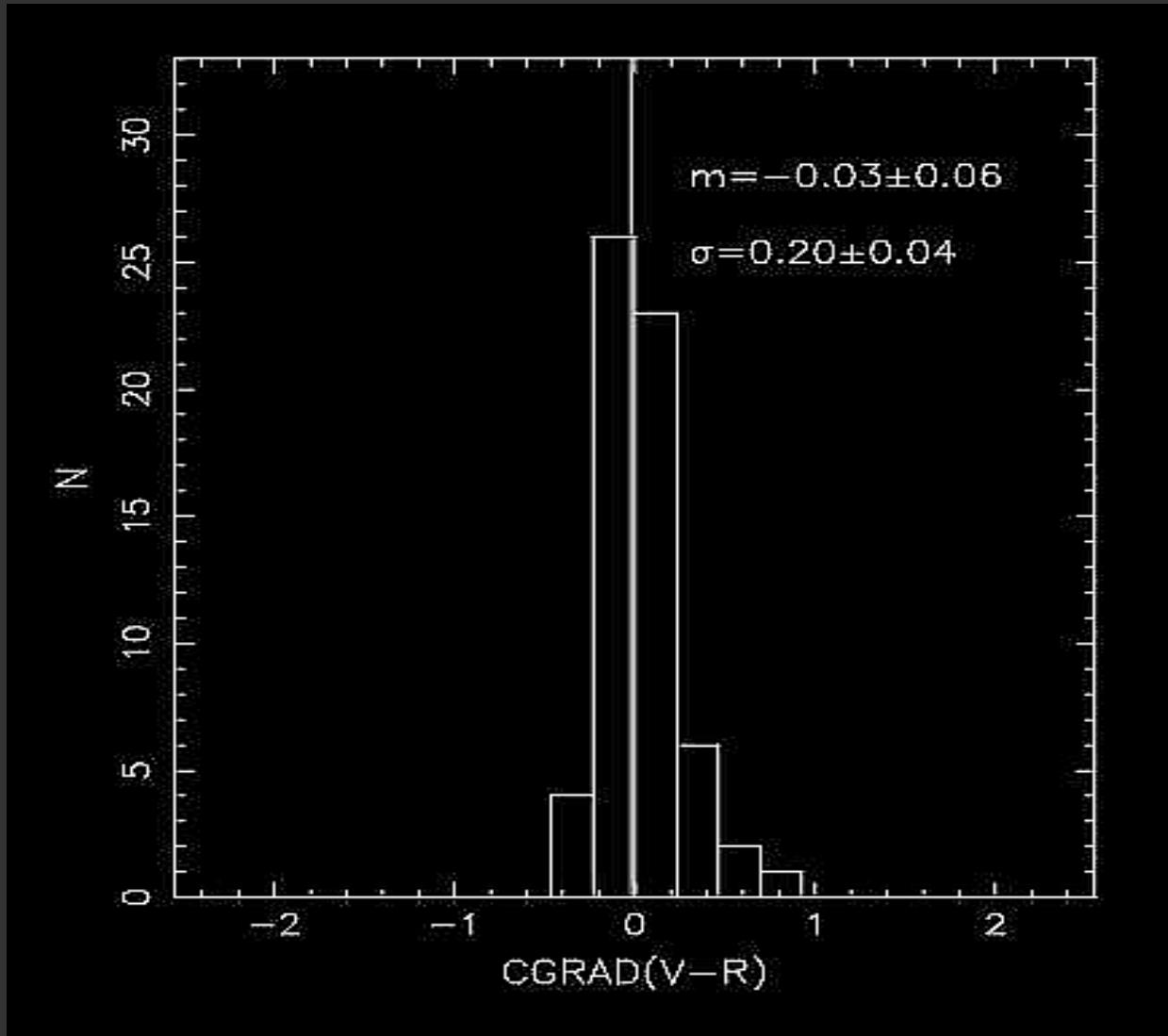
But *nurture* does play a role in hierarchical models:  
galaxies grow via **mergers**

**Mergers** → increase galaxy masses  
destroy disks and spiral arms  
reduce angular momentum  
trigger starbursts (reduce gas content)  
form central Black Holes and **AGNs**  
(**AGN** feedback quench SF)

**Mergers** effective in high-density regions with  
low- $\sigma_v$  (at early-times or via **dynamical friction**)

# Merger origin of ellipticals: flat metallicity and color gradients

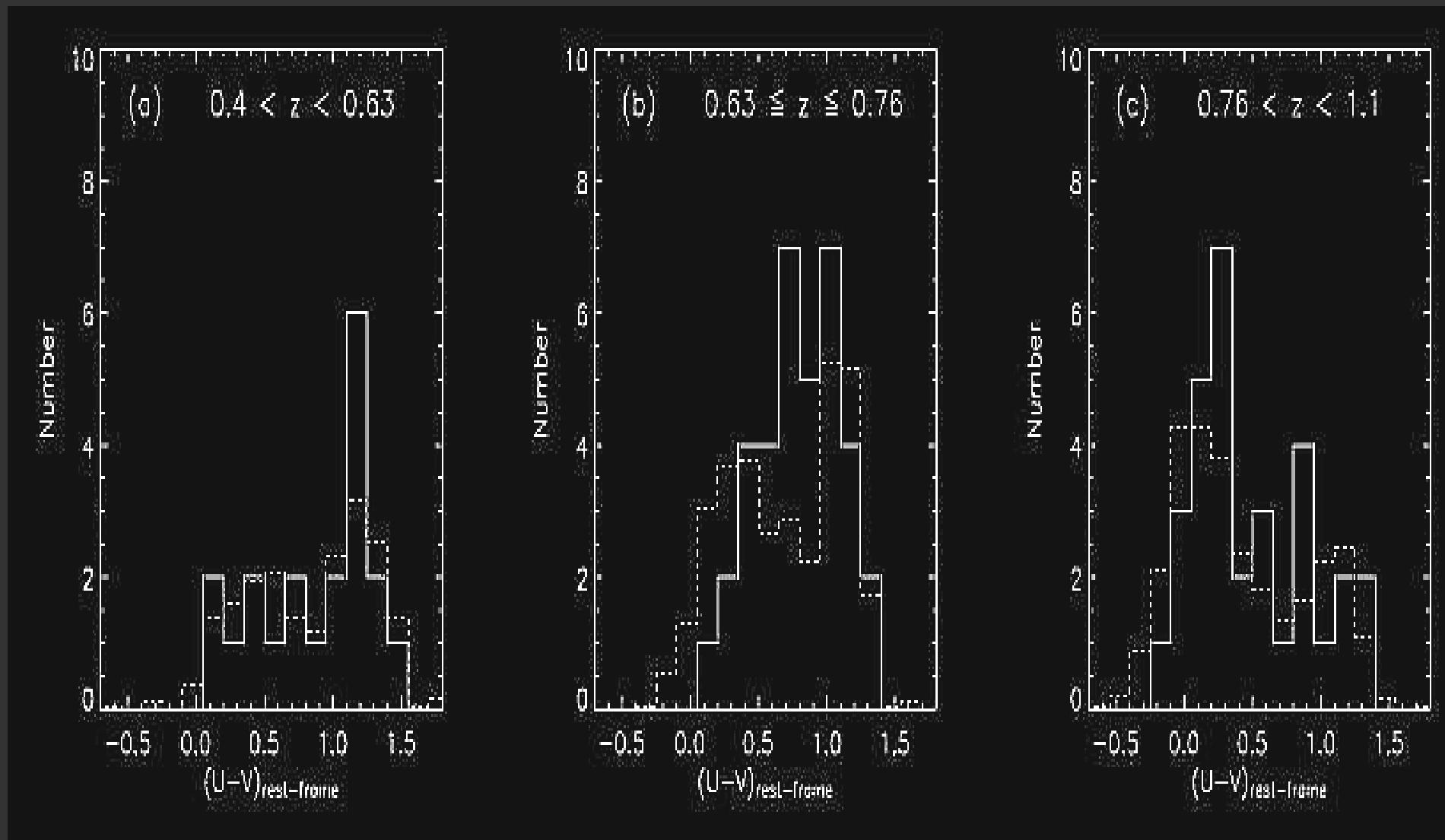
(La Barbera+04)



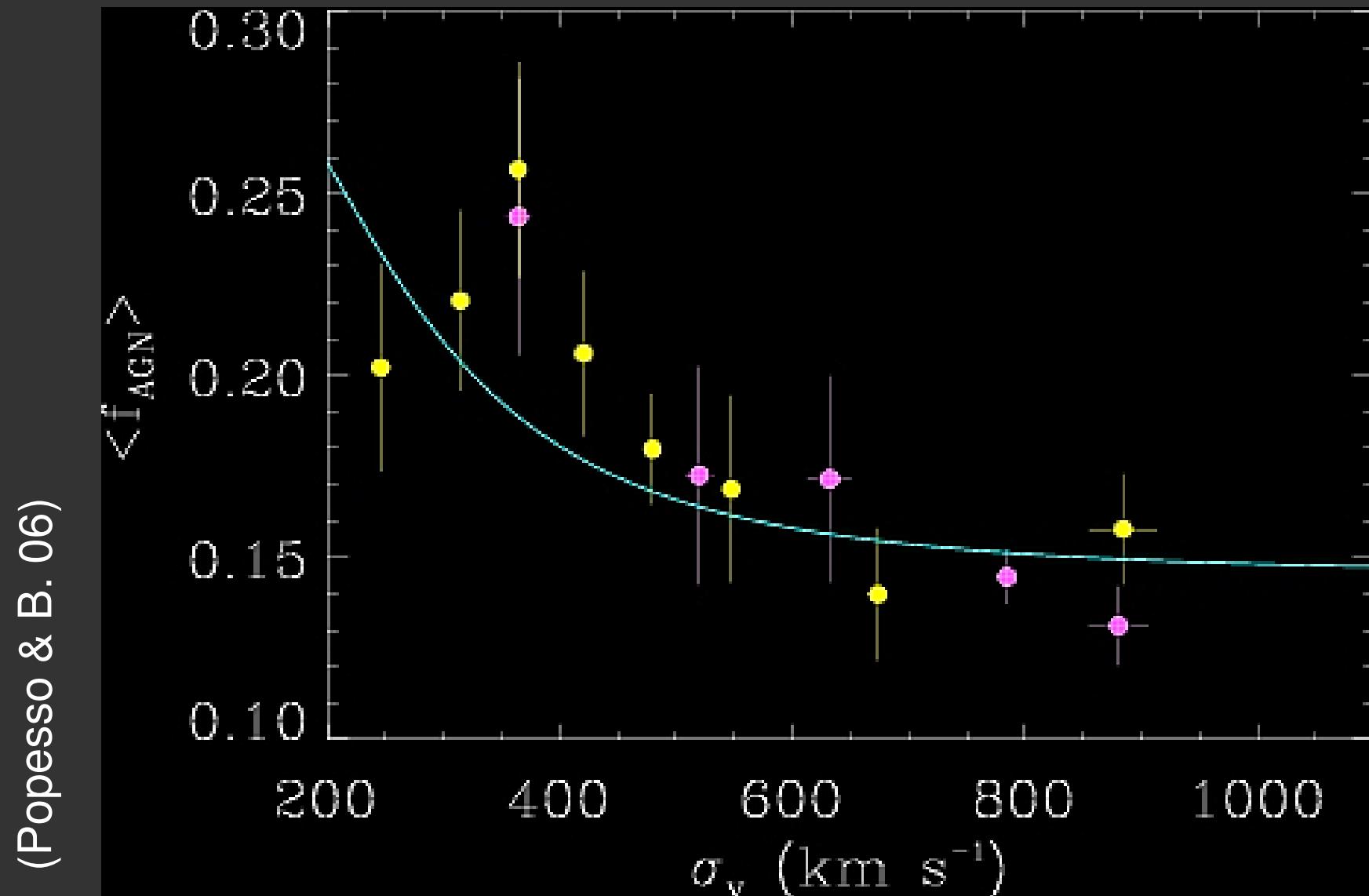
# Merger origin of AGN: host galaxy colors and morphologies

👉 1-4 Gyr old starburst

(Silverman+08)



# Merger origin of AGN: fraction vs. $\sigma_v$ fitted by merger model



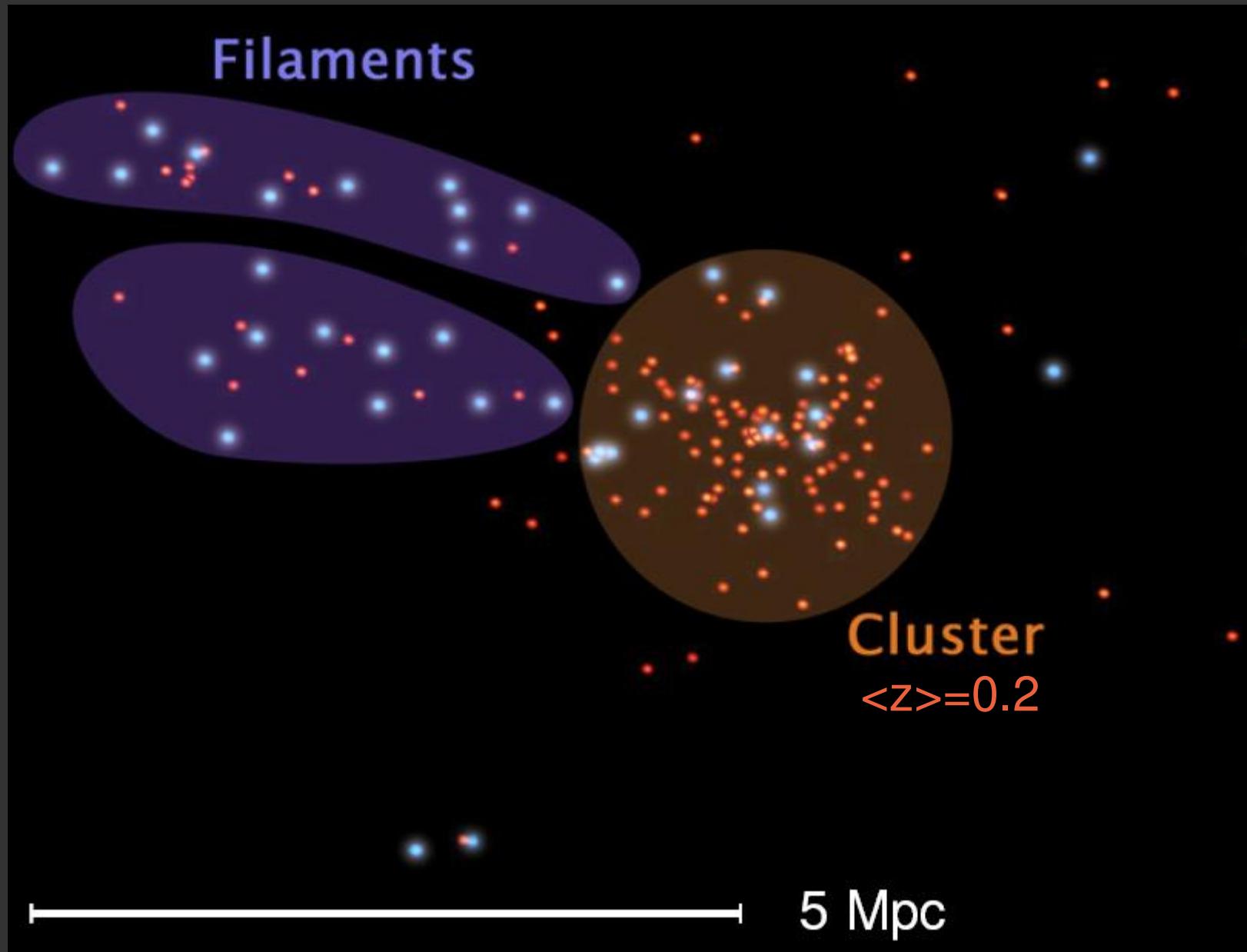
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but relatively high-density regions,  
i.e. groups (subclusters) and filaments

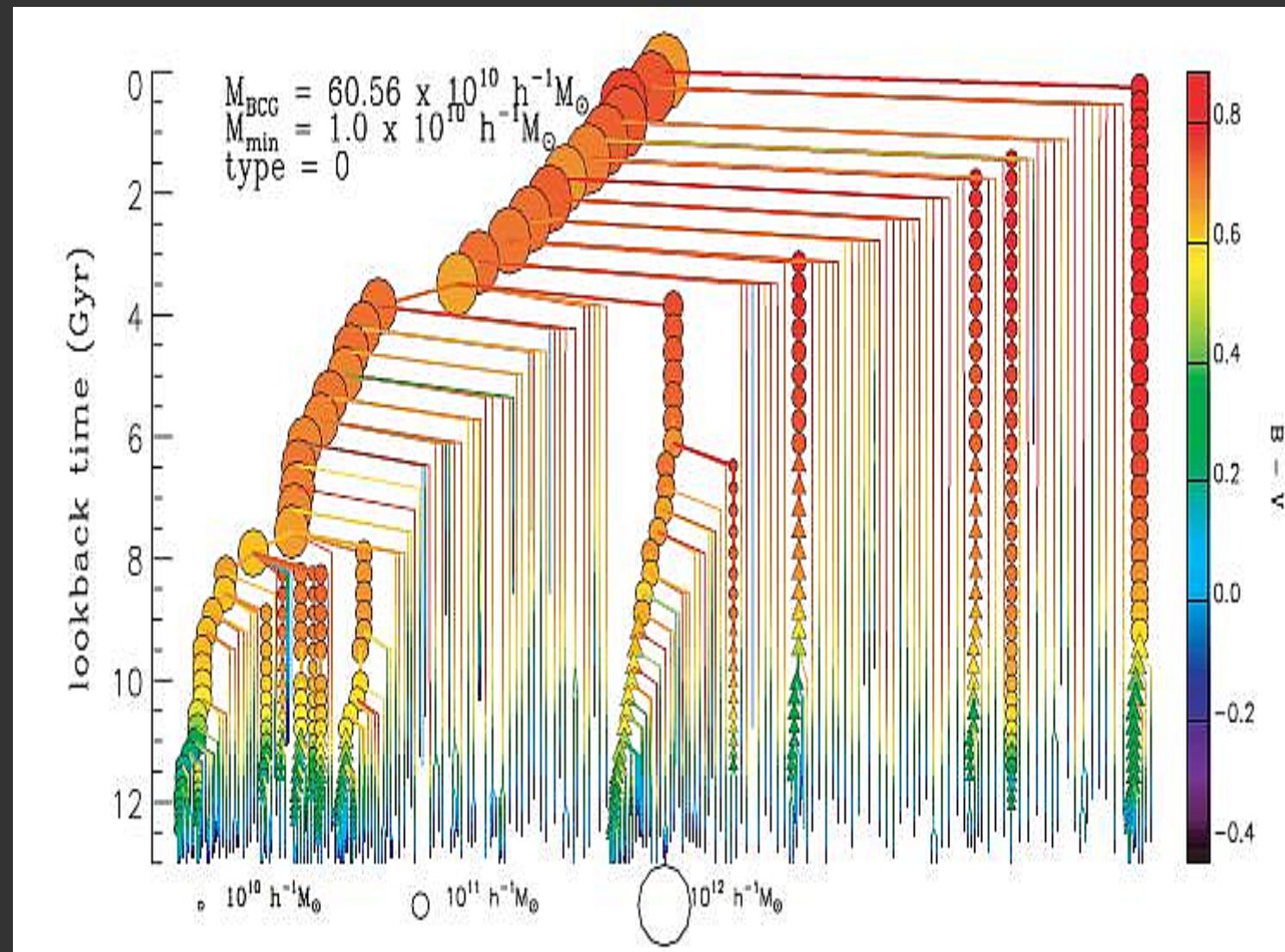
# Mergers suggested by starburst activity in galaxies of cluster-feeding filaments

(Fadda+08)



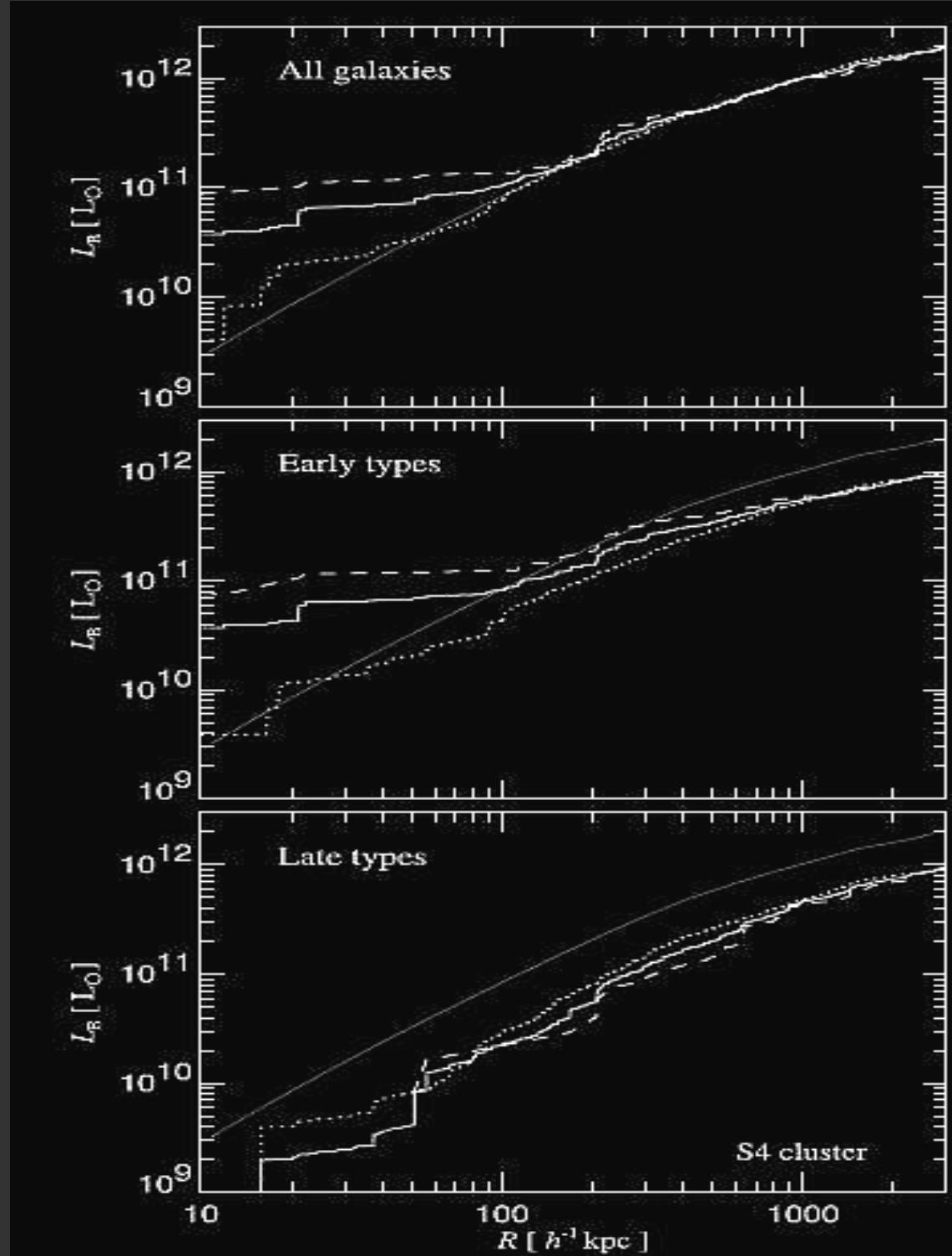
Dynamical friction  $\Rightarrow$   
merger continues until late in central cluster region  
BCG continues to grow up

(De Lucia & Blaizot 07)



Dynamical friction  
and mergers  
can explain  
luminosity  
segregation

(Springel+01)



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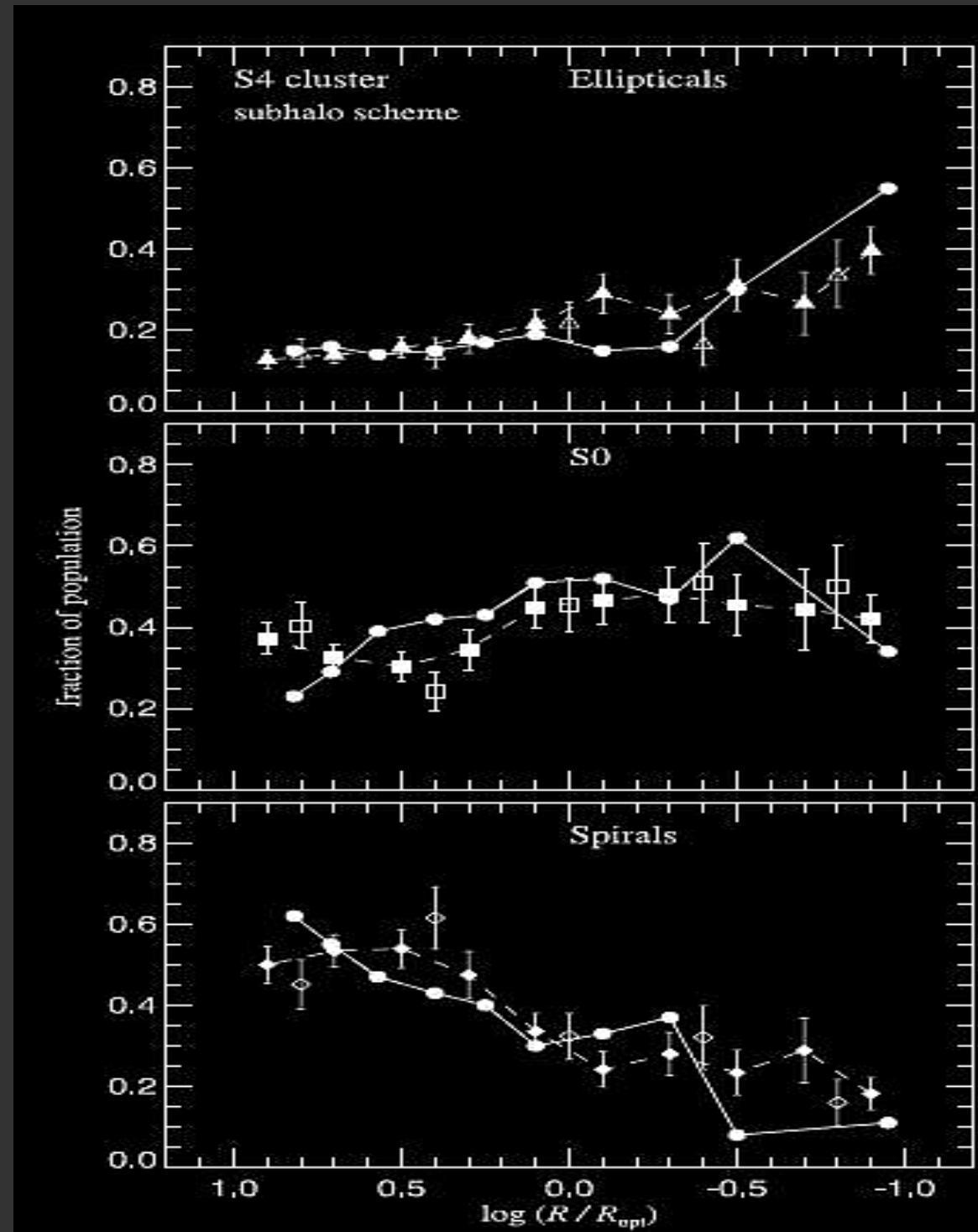
Faint-end LF maybe created from tidal dwarfs  
(they cannot survive in the central cluster regions)

Hierarchical  
clustering CDM  
numerical simulation  
with:  
cooling, star formation,  
SN feedback,  
dynamical friction,  
mergers

⇒ MRR ~ OK

*S0? not really*

(Springel+01)



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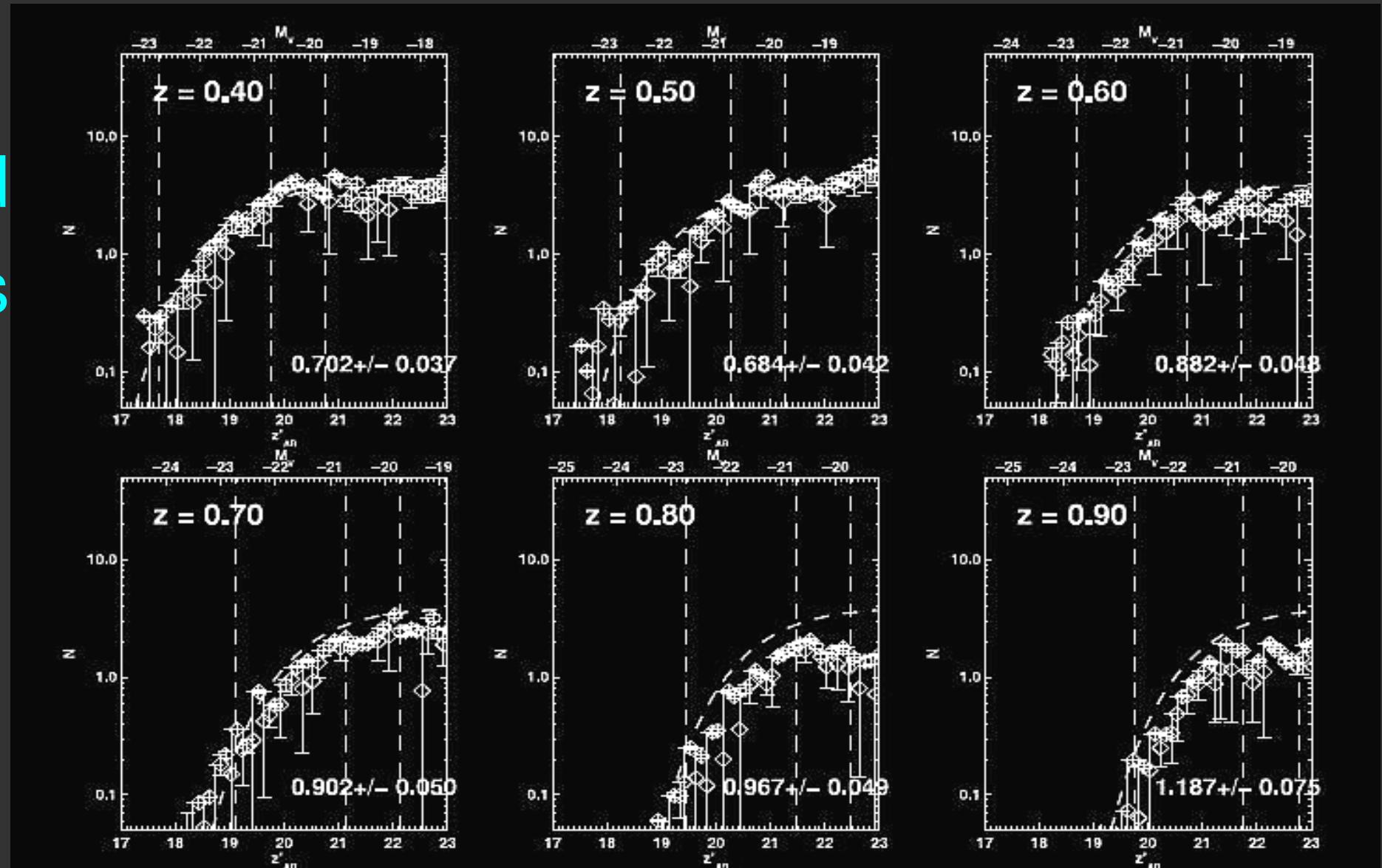
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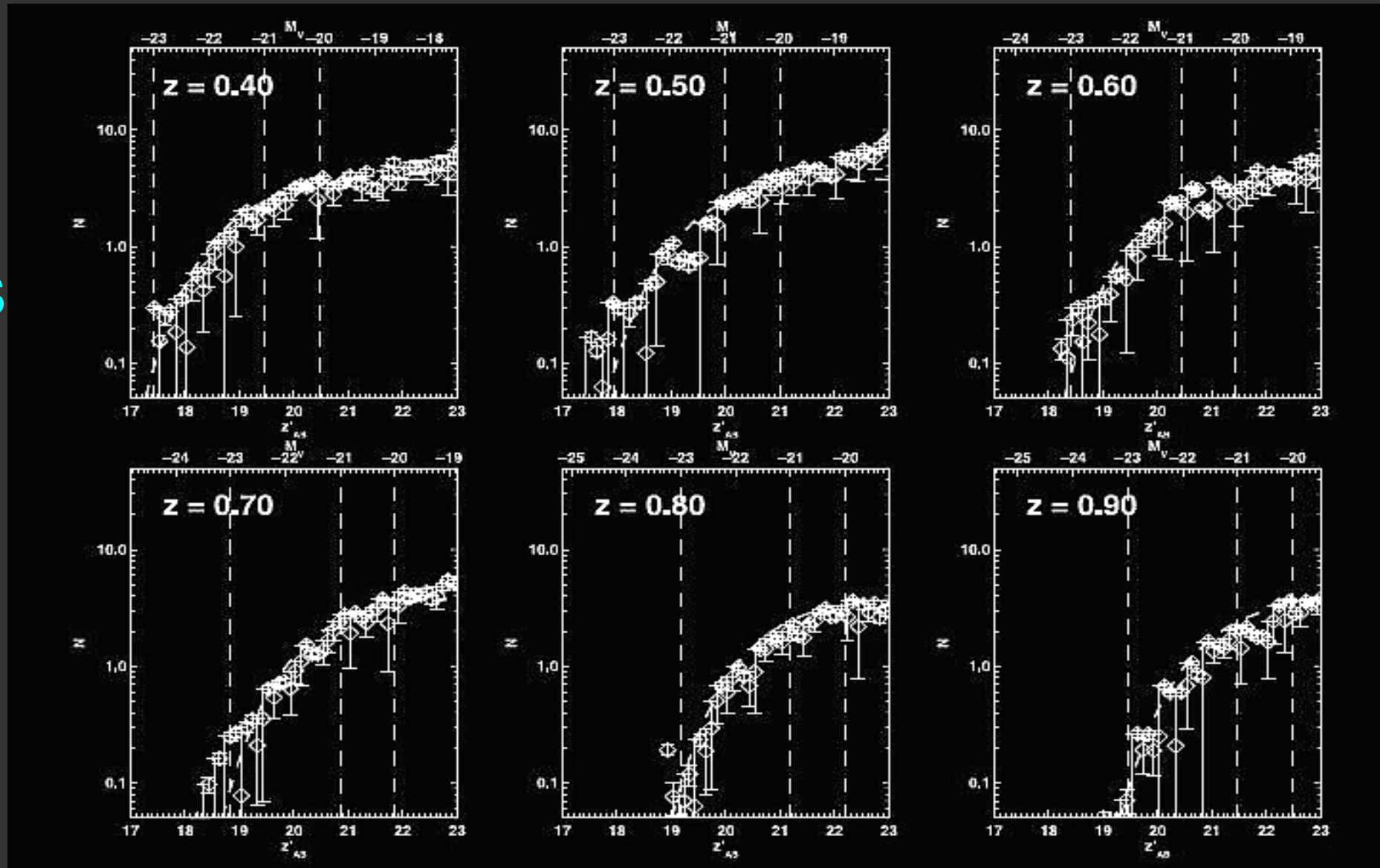


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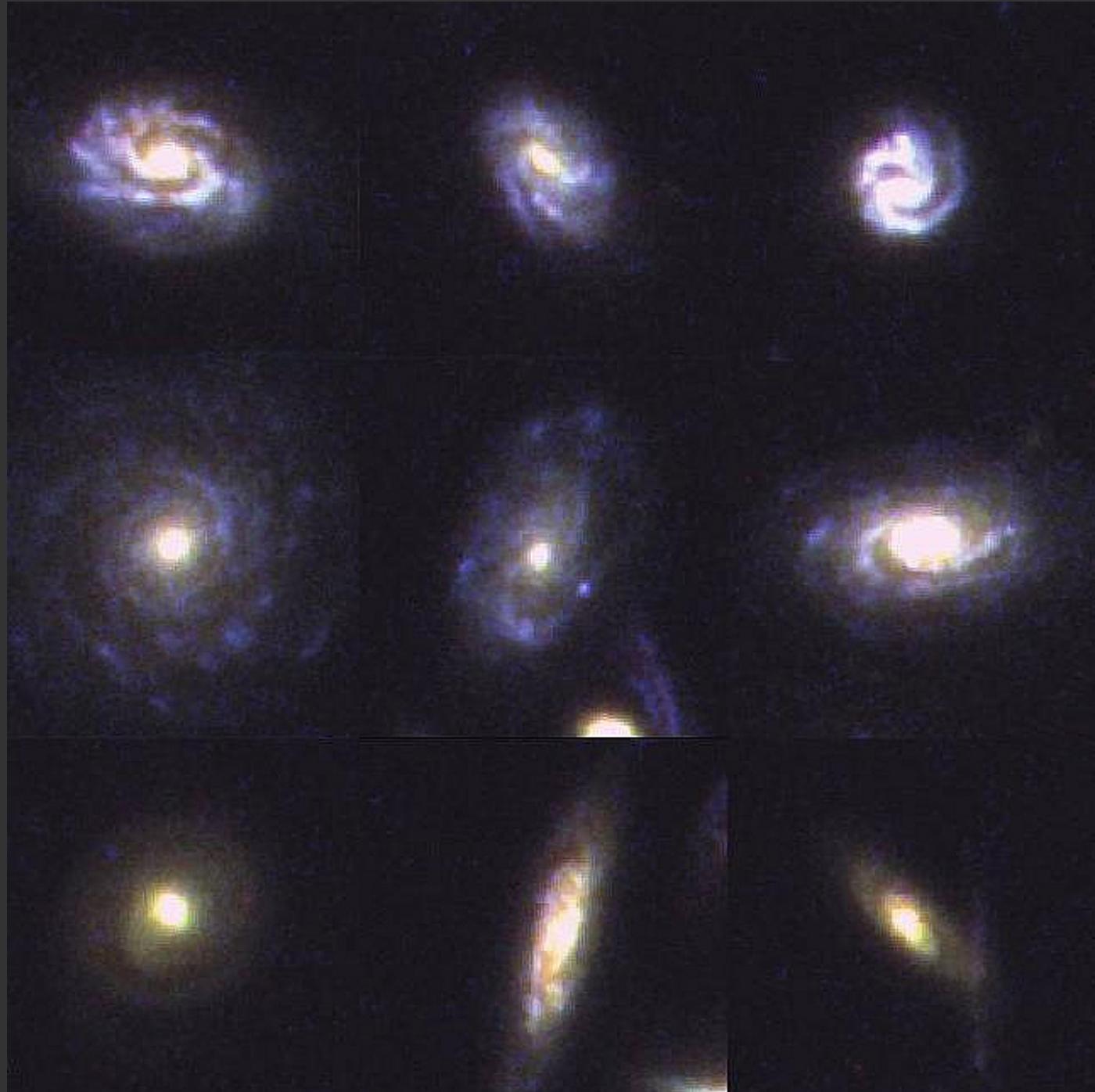
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passive S, HI-deficient S

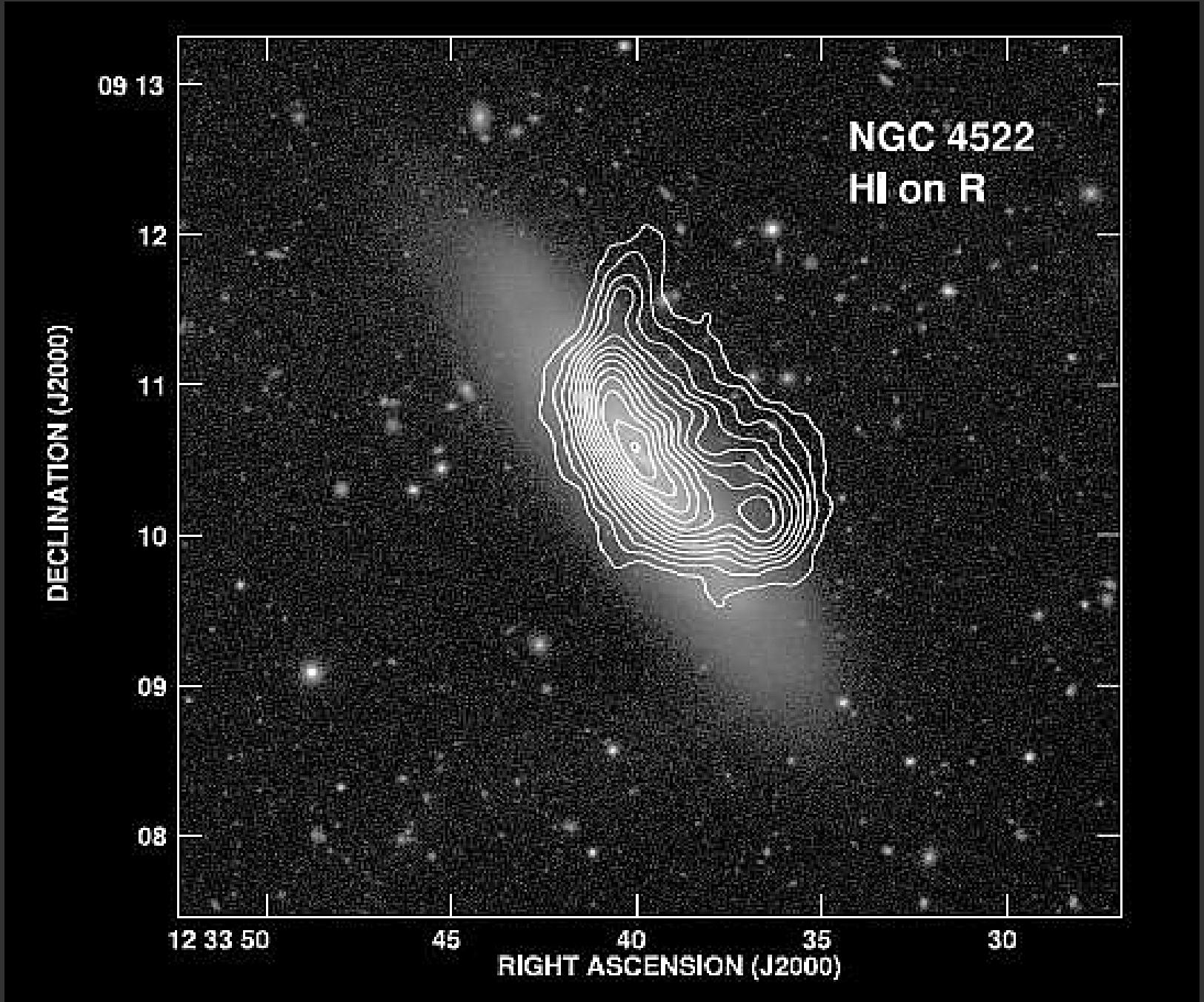
Normal S



Passive spectrum,  
blue disk

Passive spectrum  
red disk

(Moran+07)



(Kenney+04)

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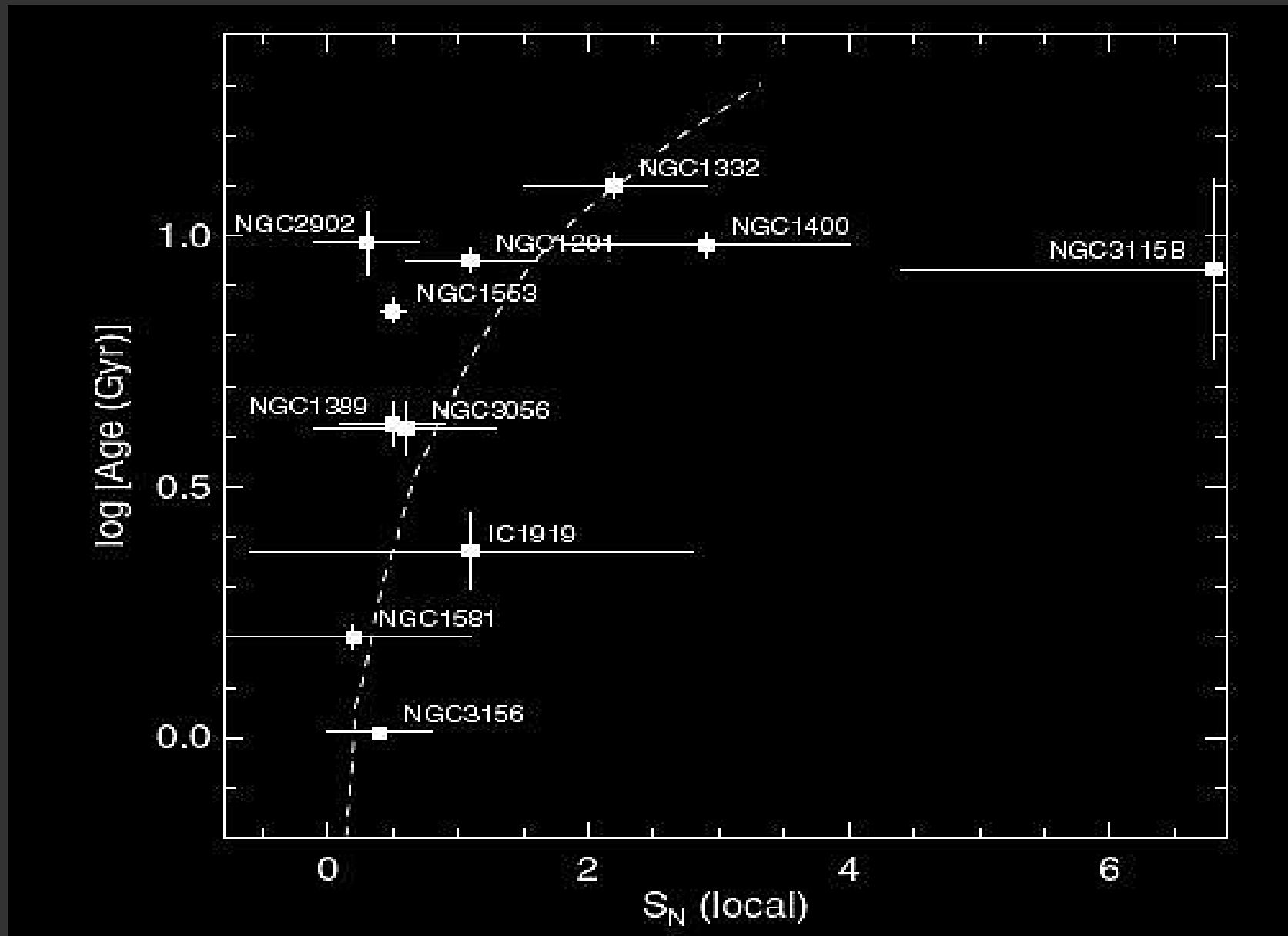
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- ✓ Existence of an intermediate galaxy class
- ✓ Specific number of globular clusters

(Barr+07)

When age  $\uparrow$   $S_N \equiv N_{GC} / \text{Lum} \uparrow$



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Via minor mergers  
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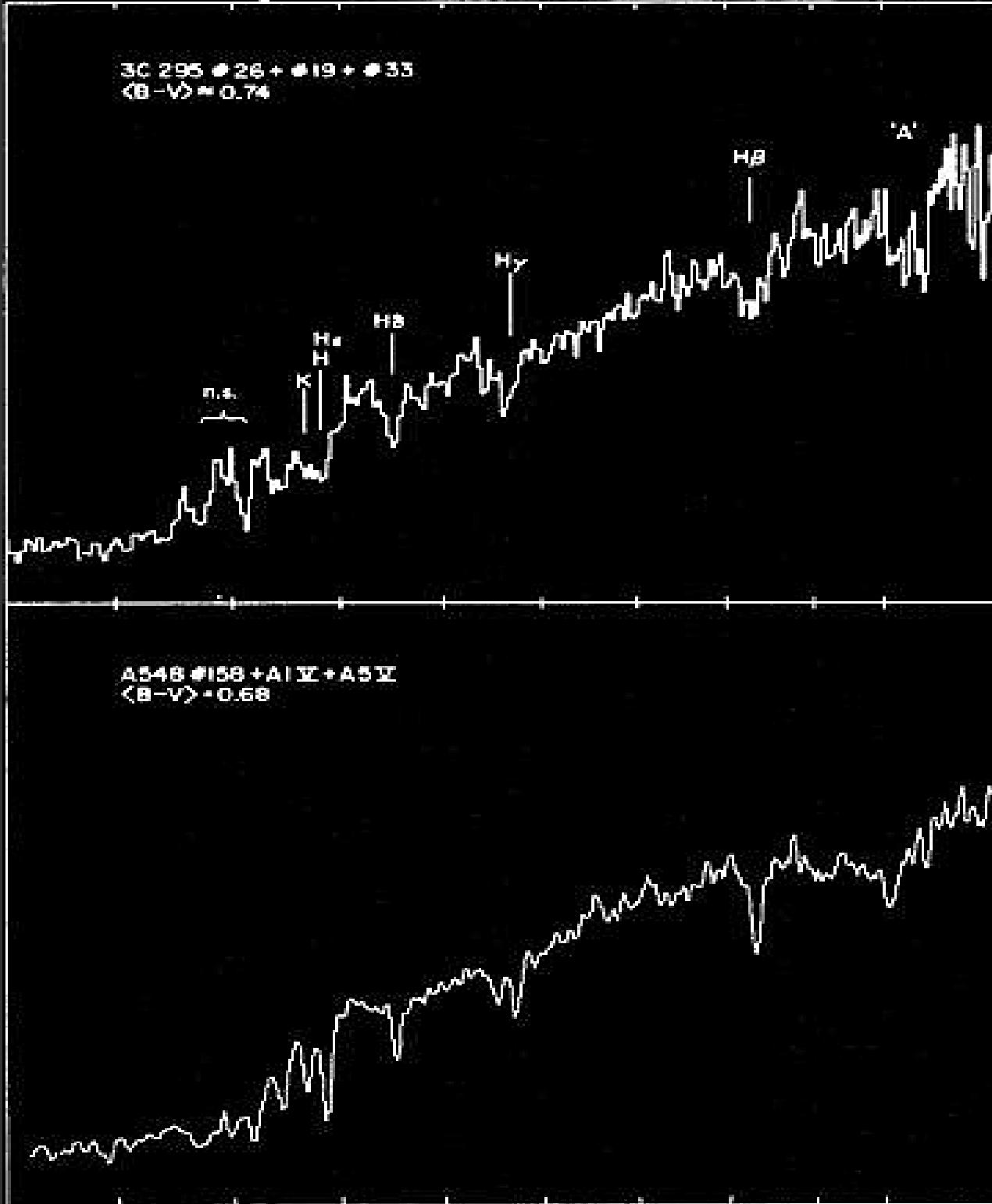
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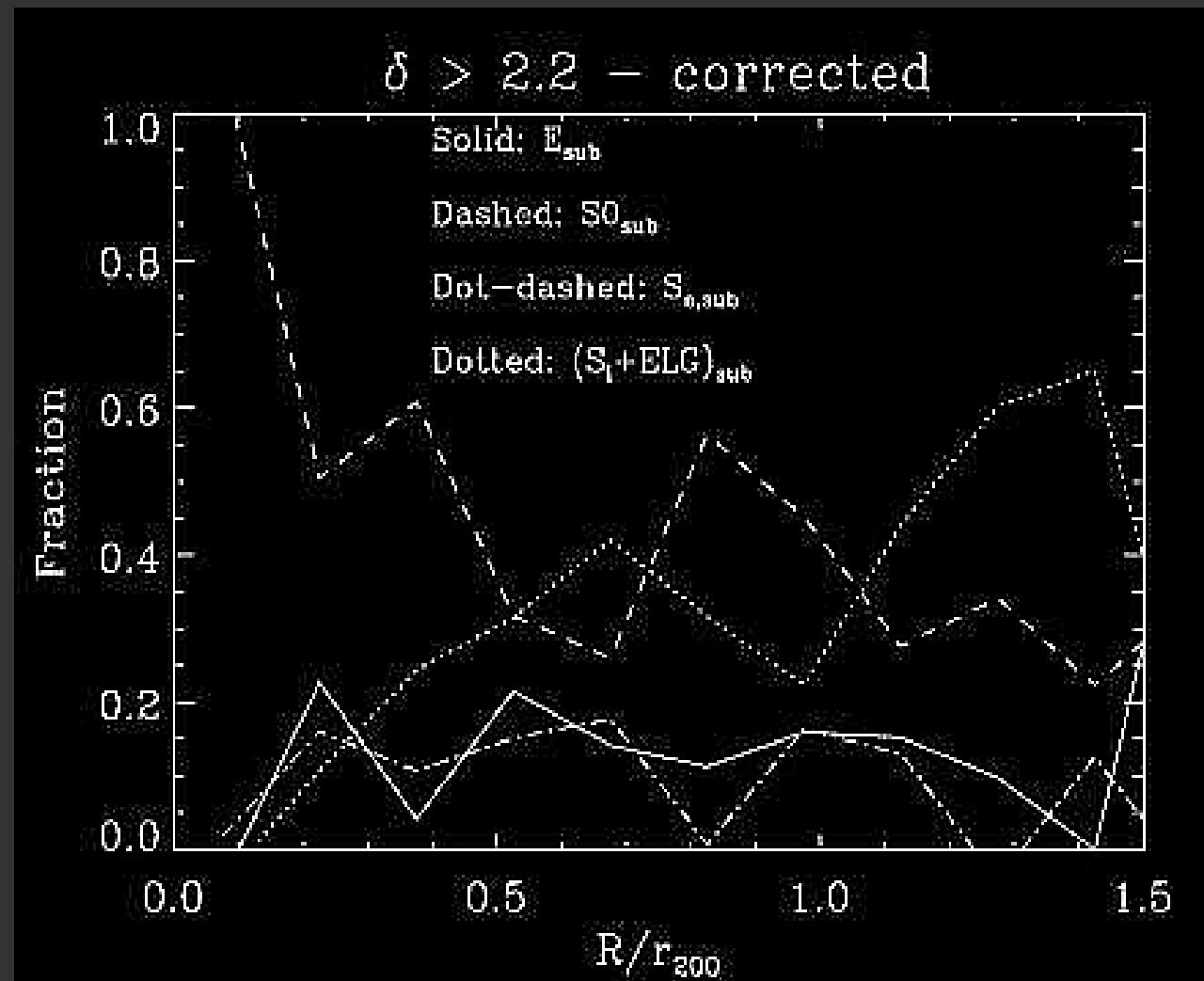
*Possible progenitors: E+A galaxies*



Spectrum  
with  
strong  
Balmer lines  
fit by  
Elliptical-like  
+ A stars  
(post-  
starburst)

(Dressler+Gunn 83)

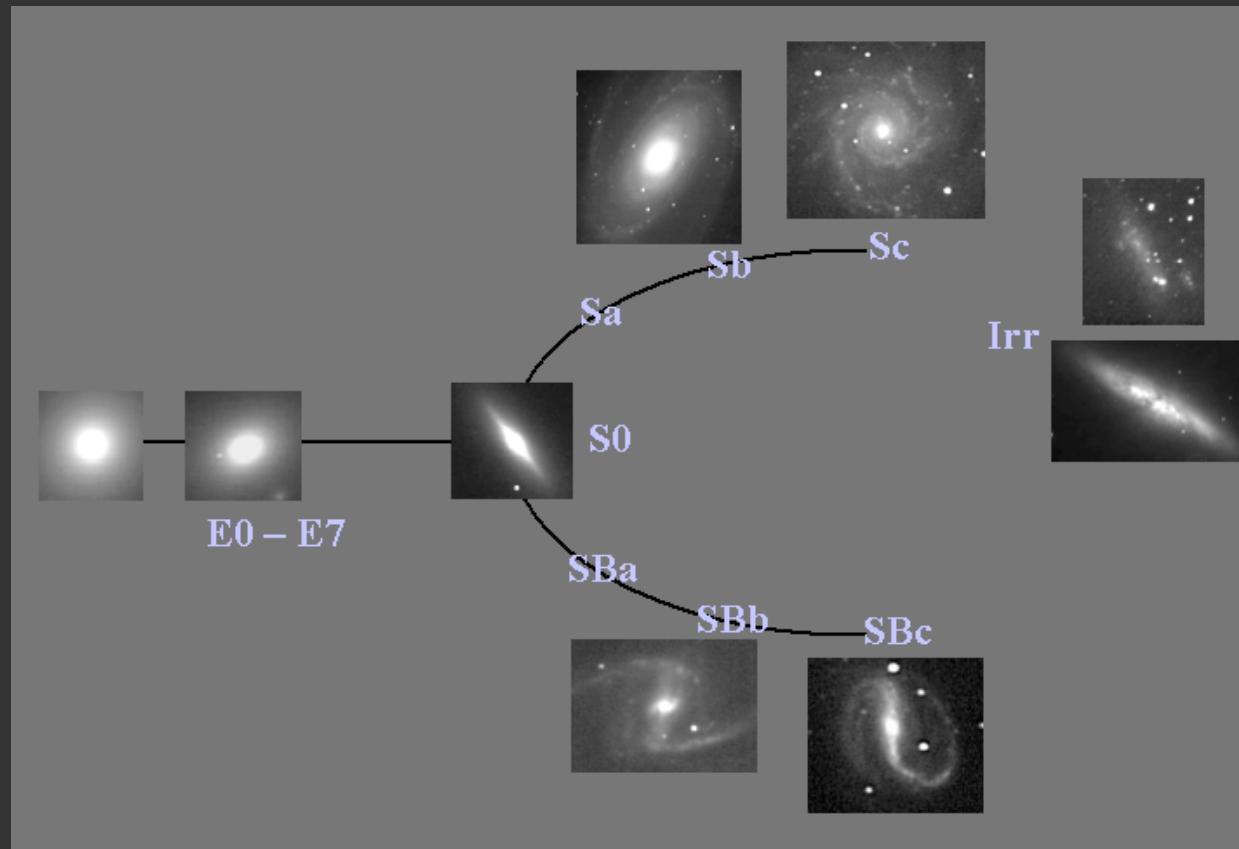
# Recent creation of bright S0 can occur in low- $\sigma_v$ subclusters

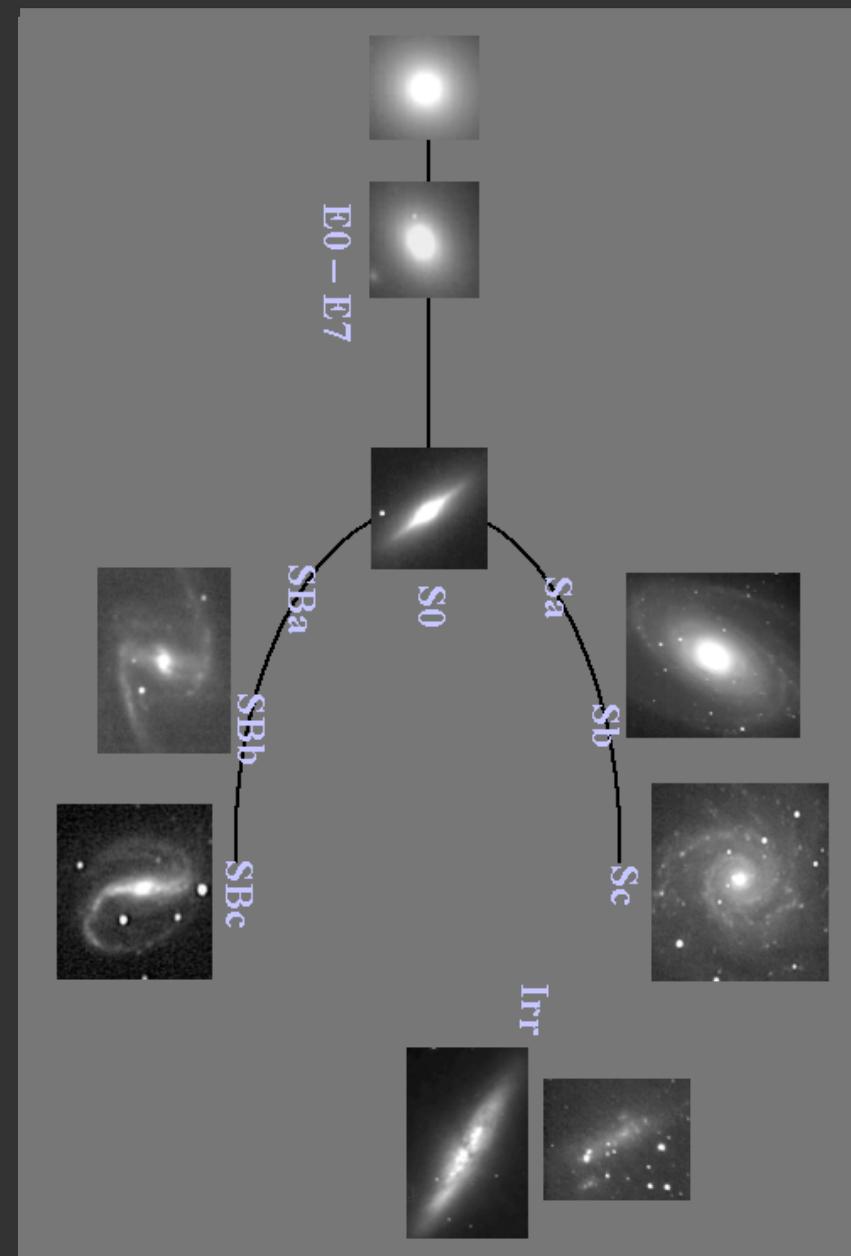


Observational  
evidence for  
a high fraction  
of S0 in  
subclusters

# Conclusions:

We are close to understand  
the physical meaning of  
the Hubble tuning fork!







*Thank you for  
the attention!*

