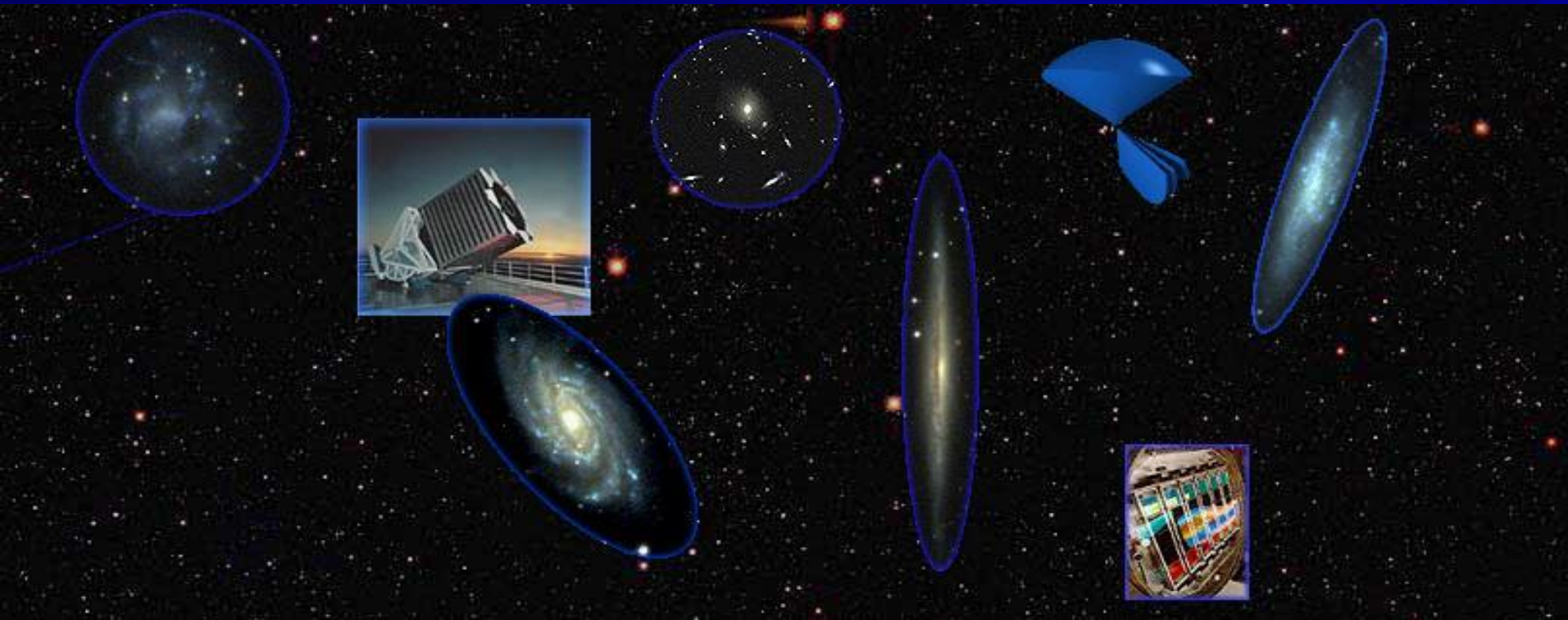




Massive galaxies in massive datasets

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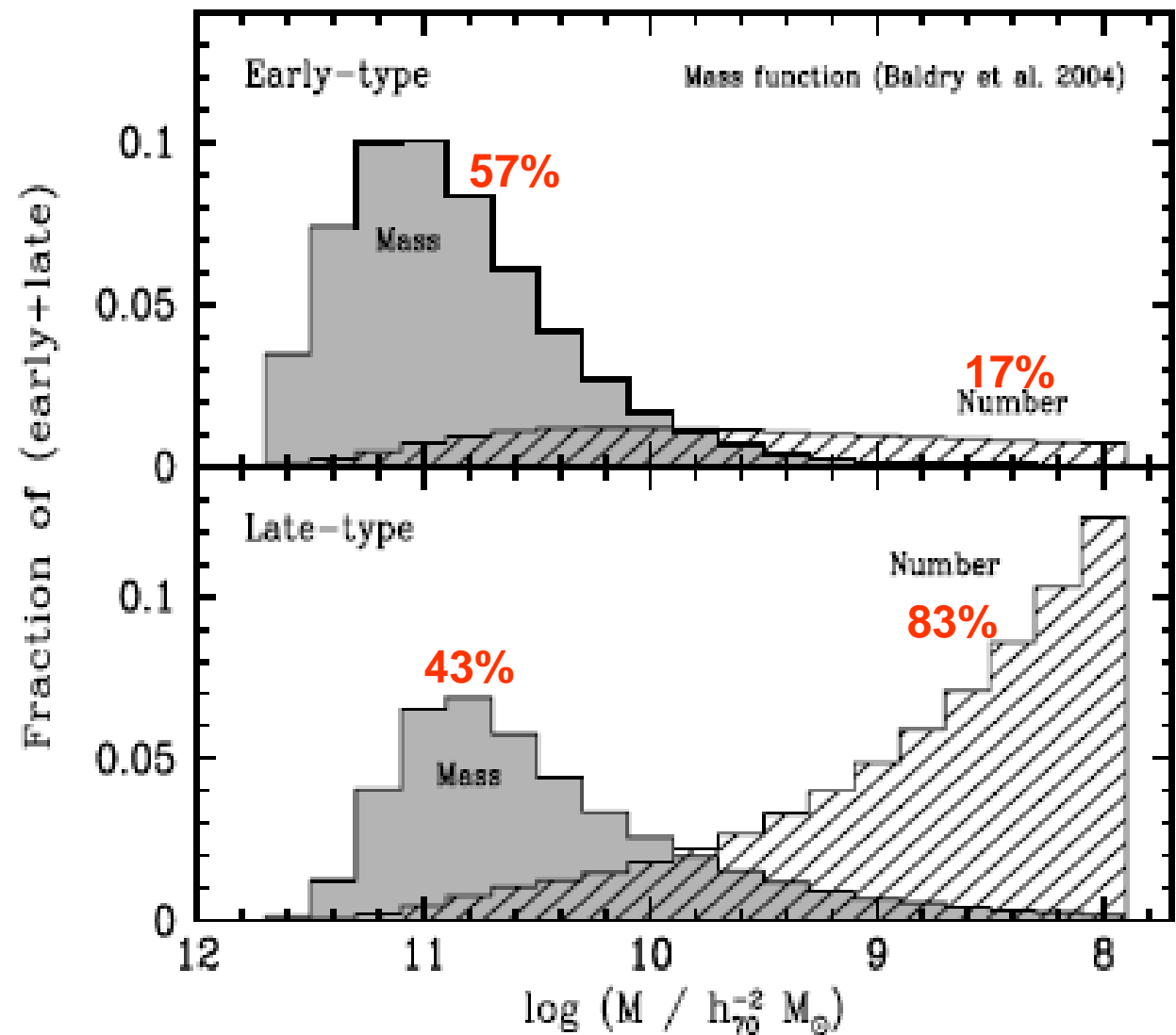
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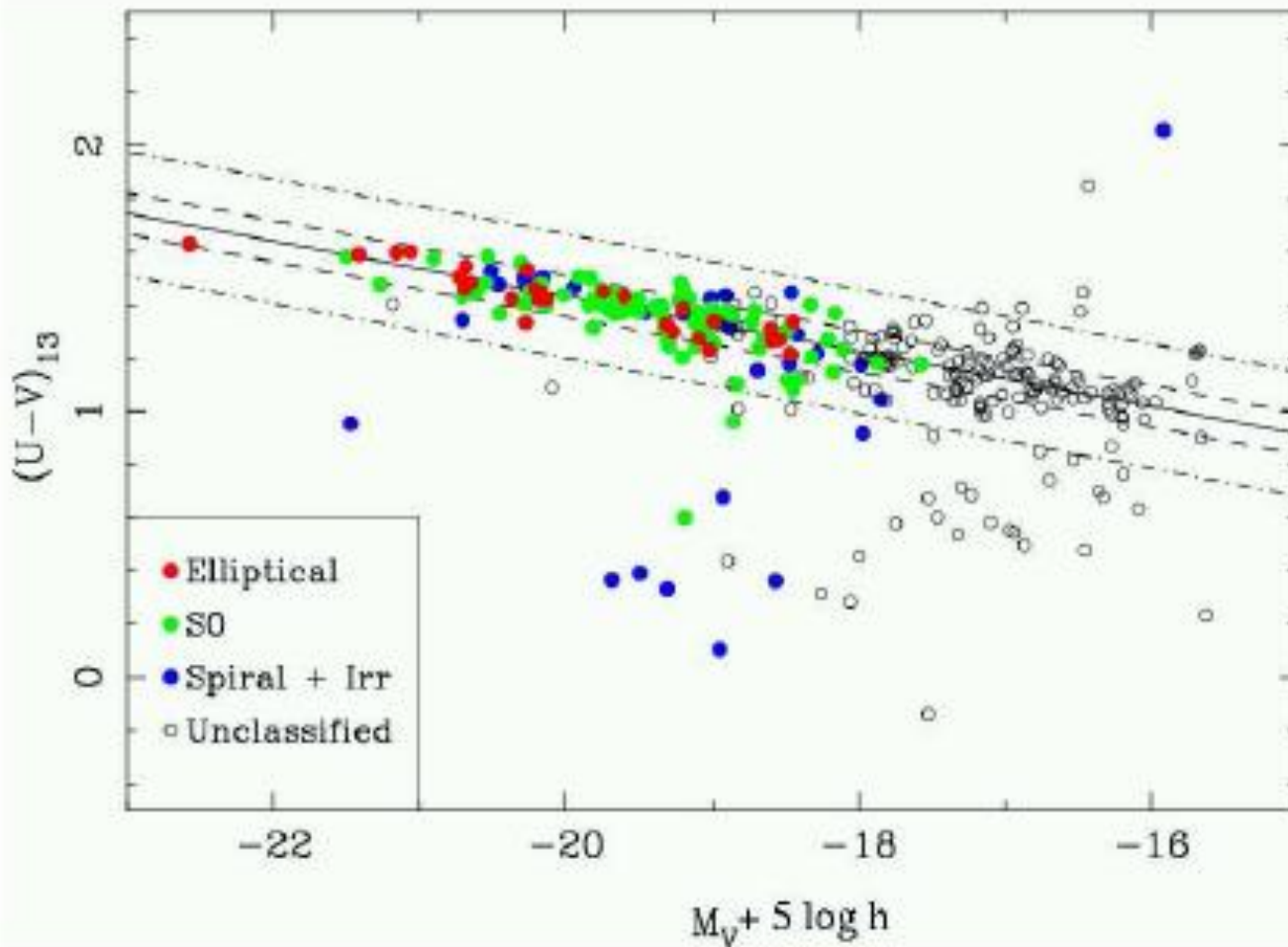
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Early-types
don't
dominate
number,
but they do
dominate
stellar
mass



The most massive galaxies are red and dead

Red Color →



← Luminosity

e.g. Bower et al. 1992
Bernardi et al. 2003; 2005

In the hierarchical picture of galaxy formation

$R = 6.0 \text{ Mpc}$

$z = 10.155$



We need to find out when

- stars were formed
- the galaxy was assembled

■ Old stellar population (OK for everybody!!)

■ ?? When were galaxies assembled ??

- Population of massive red galaxies seen even at $z \gg 0$
(e.g. K20, VVDS, COMBO-17, DEEP, MUSYC, MUNIC, COSMOS, MIPS/Spitzer-24 μ m-undetected)
- Still assembling at low z ?

■ In the hierarchical formation picture

(e.g. de Lucia et al. 2006, Bower et al. 2006, Hopkins et al. 2006, Cattaneo et al. 2010)

- prevent formation of new stars (**Quenching**):
AGN feedback, Shock heating, dynamical friction
- assemble the stellar mass:
Dry merging (most of the stellar mass put in place at $z < 1$
e.g. for $M_* > 10^{11} M_\odot$ 80% of the stellar mass
is only put in place at $z \sim 0.3$)

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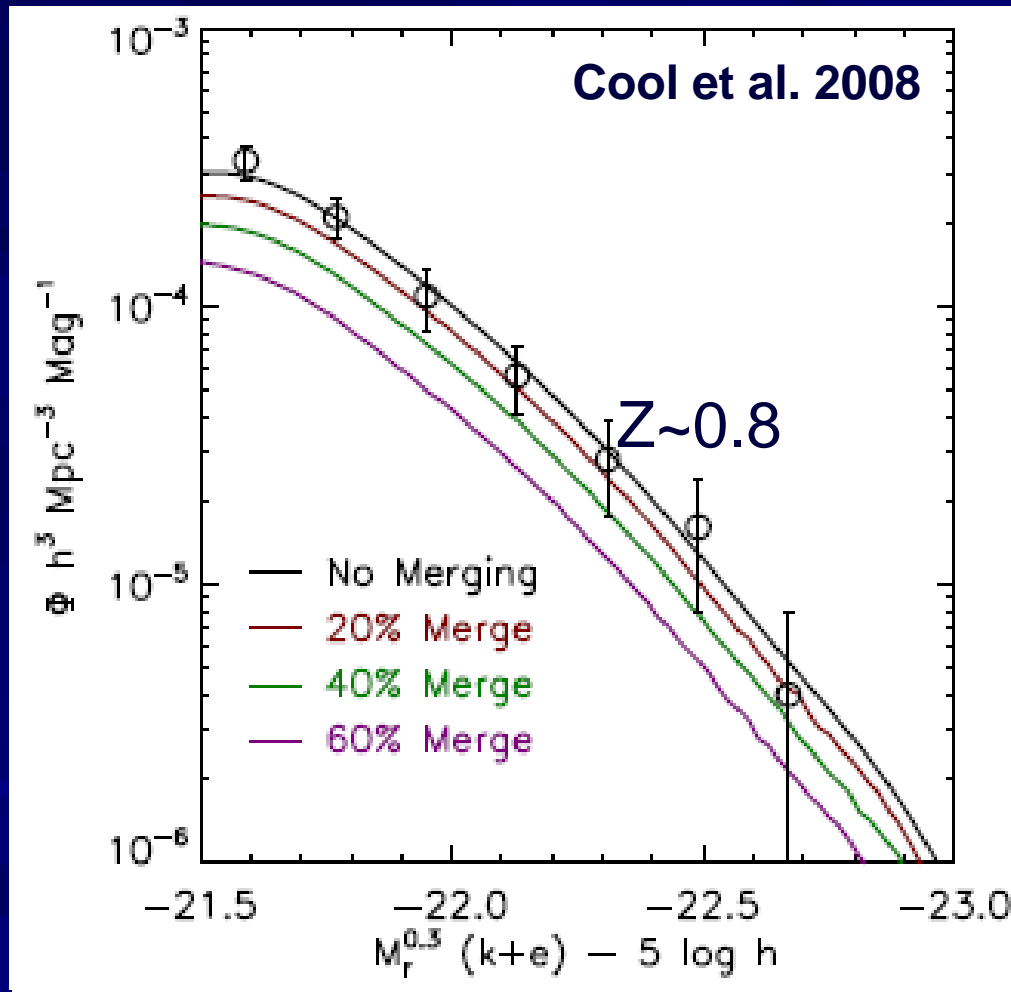
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Little evolution in the Luminosity Function

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Model where a galaxy has doubled its luminosity through 1:1 mergers between $z \sim 0.8$ and $z \sim 0.1$



Using 1:1 mergers
Merger rates $> 25\%$ are ruled out with 50% confidence

Using 1:3 mergers
Merger rates up to 40% are allowed at 50% confidence

The total stellar mass in massive red galaxies from $z \sim 0.9$ must not have grown by more than 50%

(Brown et al. 2007 \rightarrow 80% of M_* in $4L_*$ galaxies was already in place at $z \sim 0.7$)

In contrast L^* galaxies have increased their stellar mass by a factor of ~ 2

Wake et al. 2006 \rightarrow 50% of M_* in LRGs already assembled by $z \sim 0.6$)

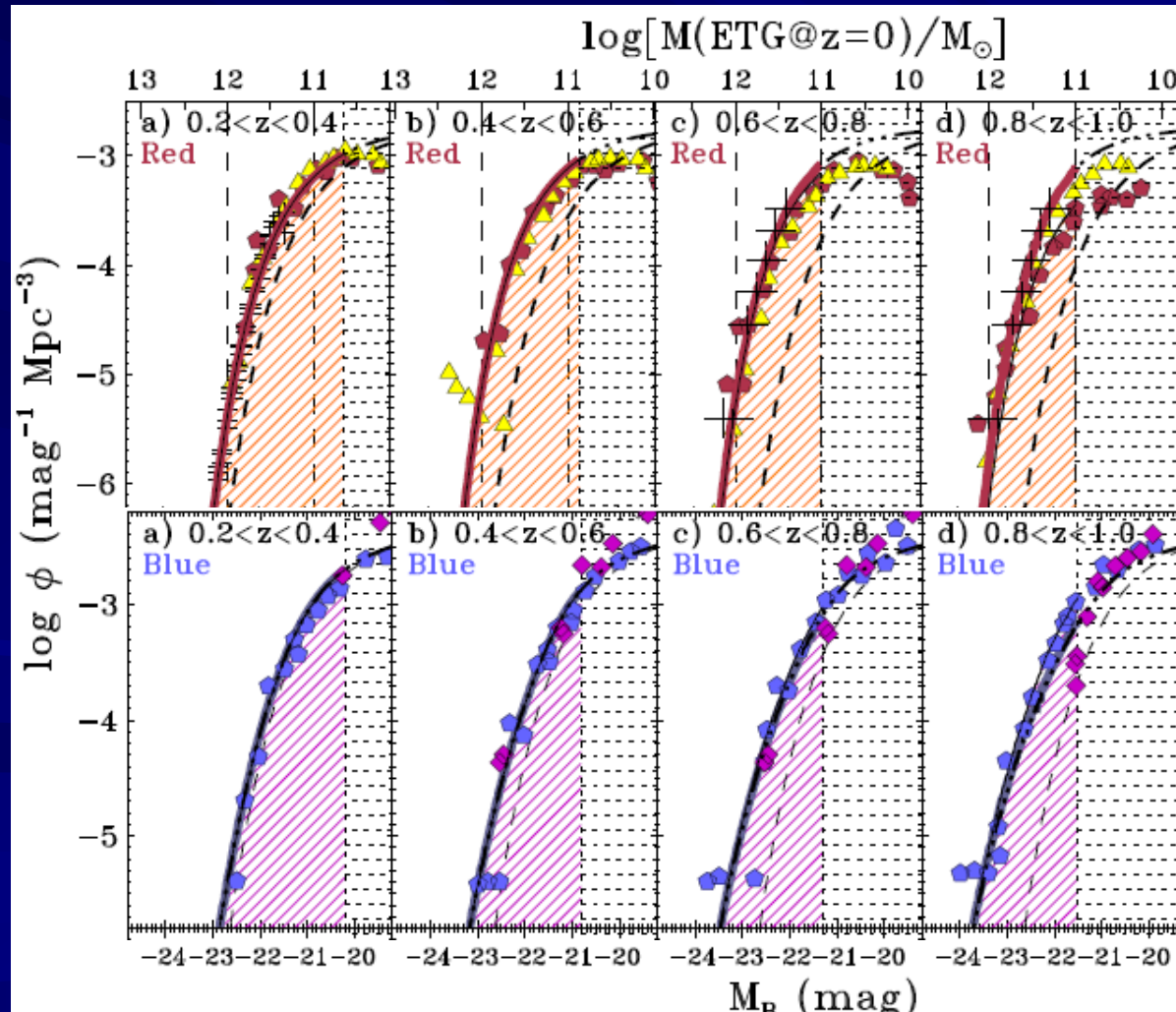
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 - Others see an increase in the # density of very massive galaxies between $z \sim 1$ and $z \sim 0.8$
(accounting for Dust Star Forming galaxies)

The discrepancy in the number evolution reported by different studies for bright, red galaxies up to $z \sim 1$ could be due to the inclusion of a *significant amount of Dusty SFs* into the red galaxy sample

- ▲ Bell et al. 2004
- + Cool et al. 2008
- ◆ Faber et al. 2007

The bulk of the more recent mETG assembly occurs over ~ 1 Gyr around $0.8 < z < 1$

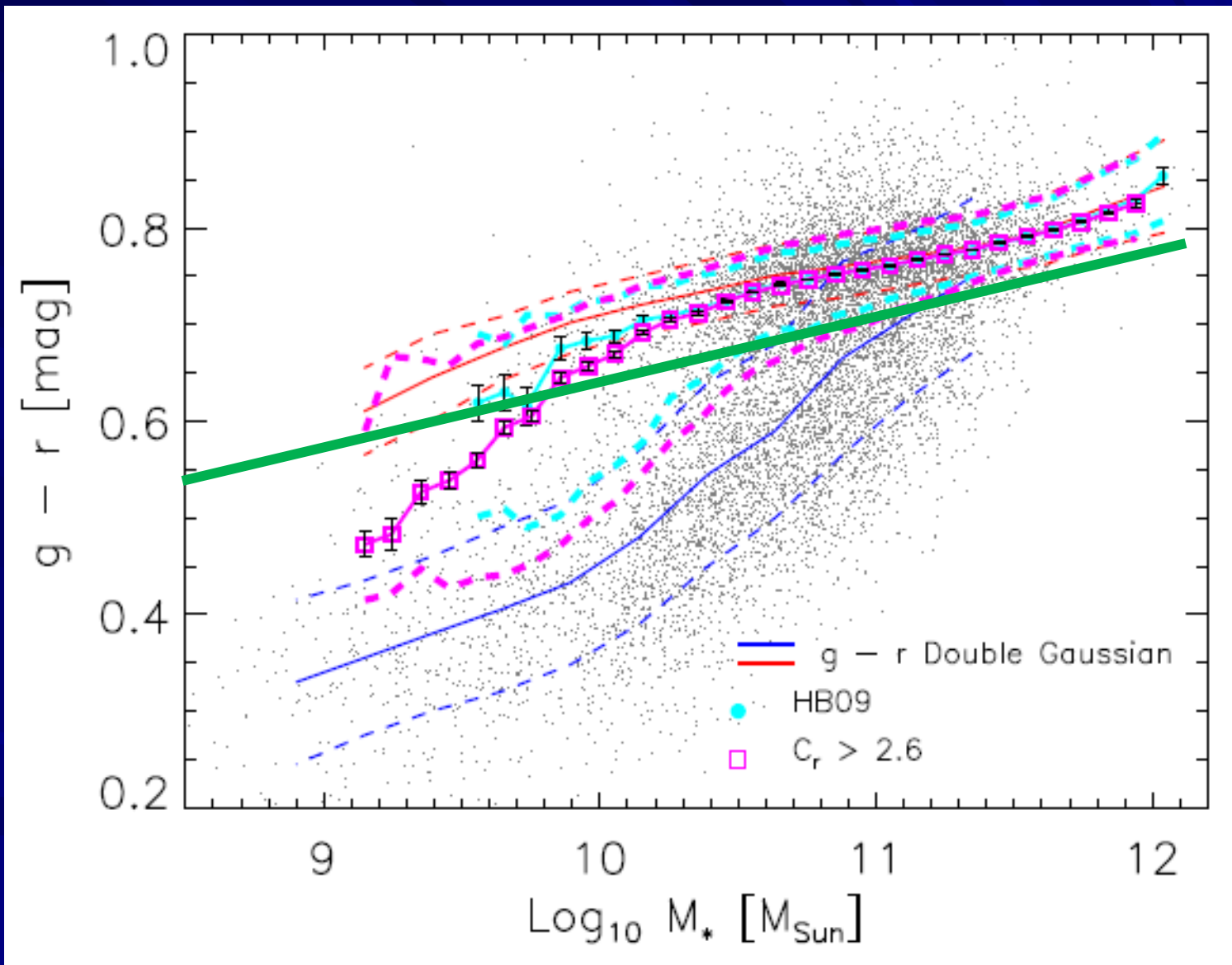


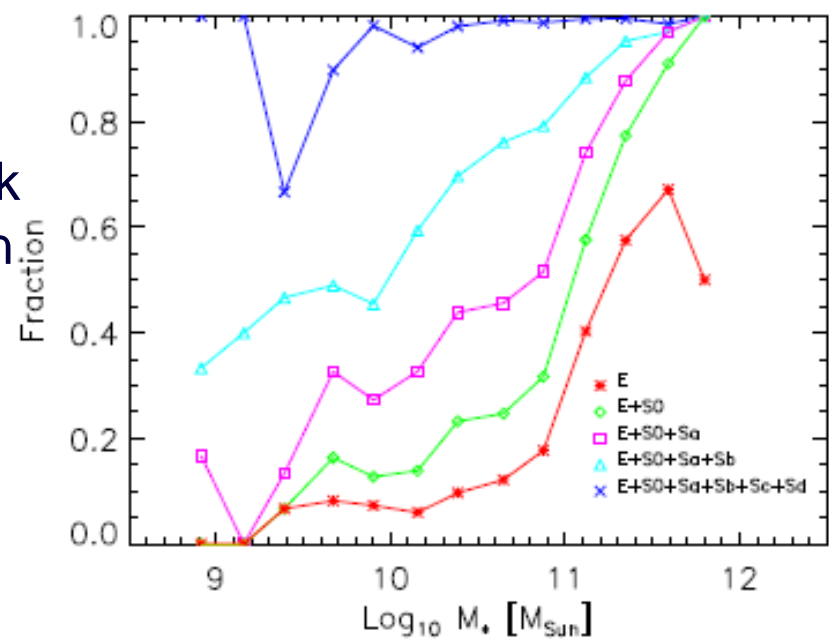
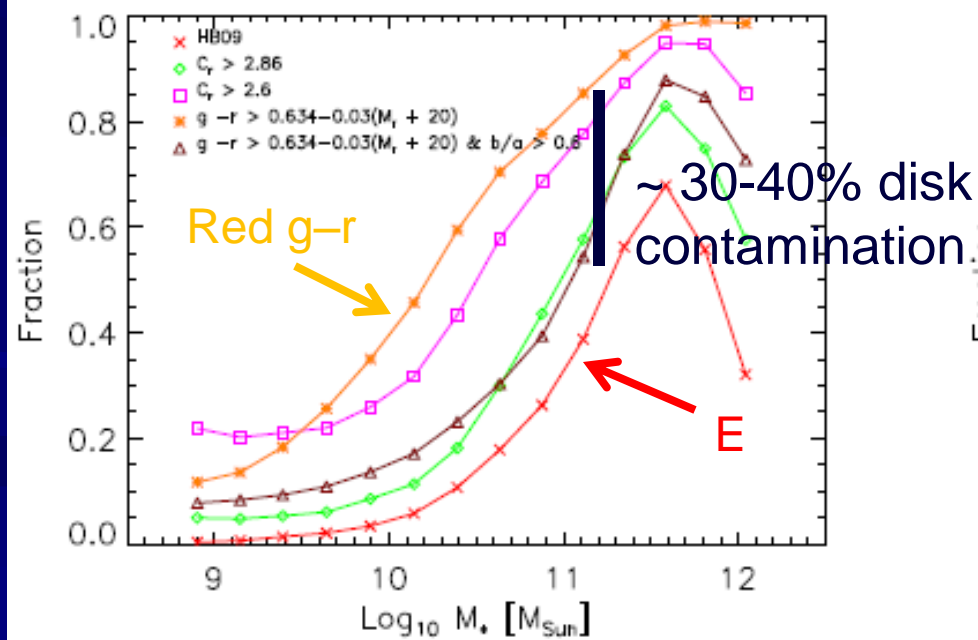
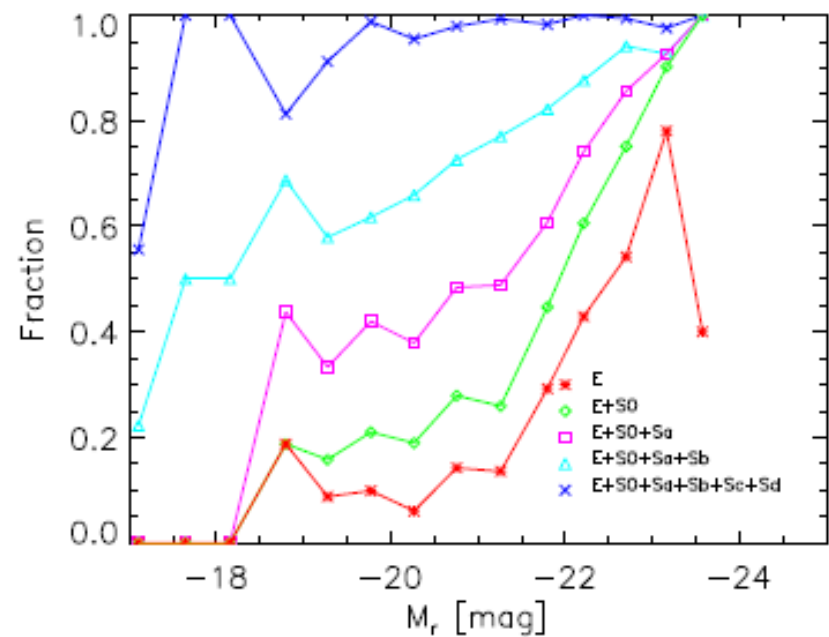
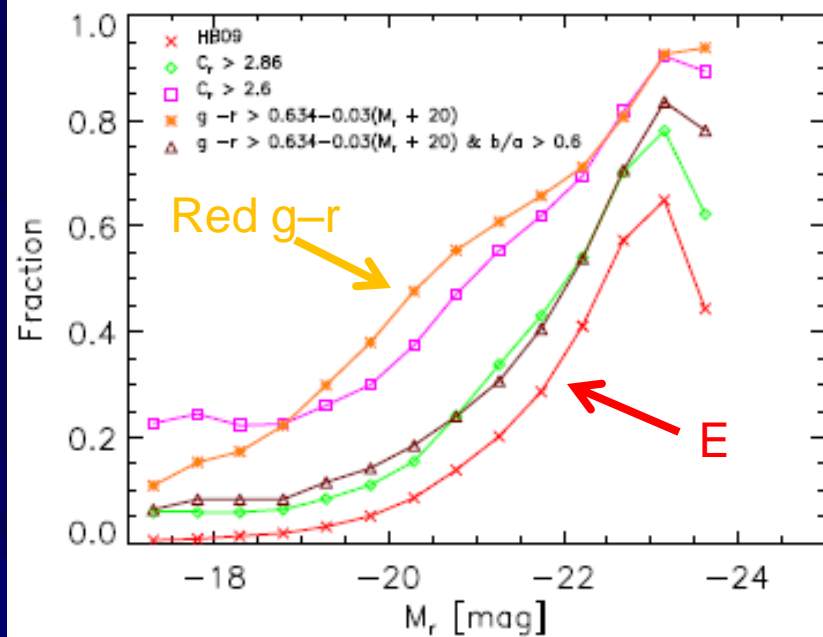
Eliche-Moral et al. 2010a

Decrease ~ 30 - 40% of # density of blue galaxies since $z \sim 1$ to $z \sim 0$, just considering the transformation of disks into ETGs driven by the *major mergers* at $z \sim 1$

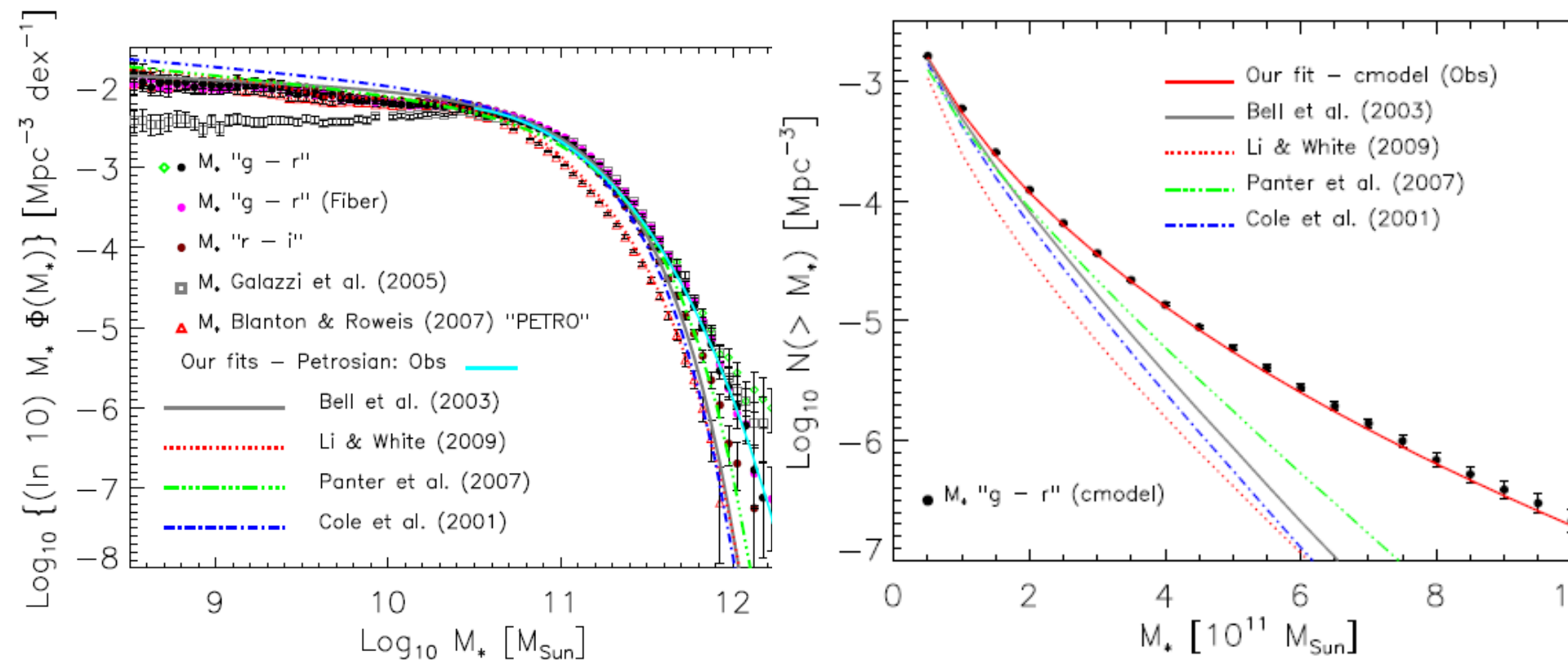
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- ◆ Ilbert et al. 2006

Red Fraction or Early-type Fraction?





Uncertainties in the local M_* F



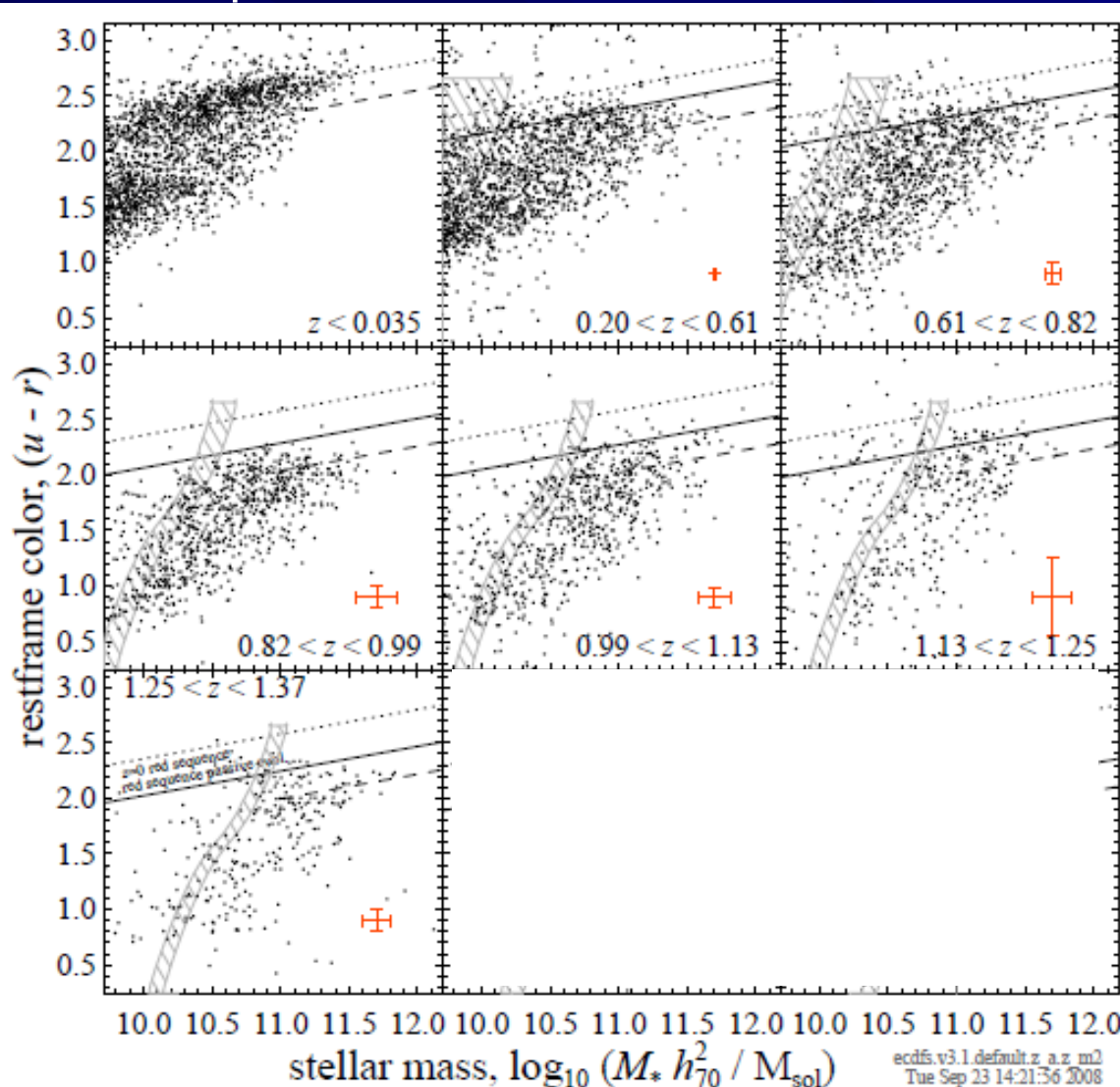
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Quenching of star formation important

The truncation of star formation in blue galaxies and subsequent passive fading of stellar population can explain the growth of L^* galaxies in the red-sequence since $z \sim 1$



The lack of very massive blue galaxies at $z \sim 1$



Most massive galaxies must be fueled by merges of less luminous red-galaxies

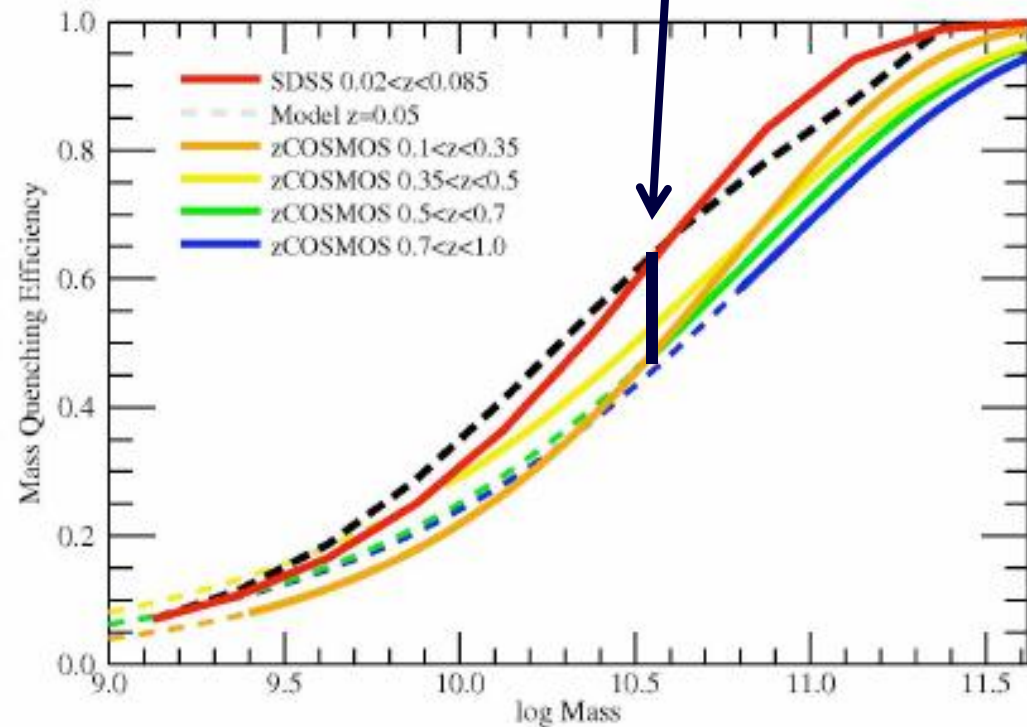
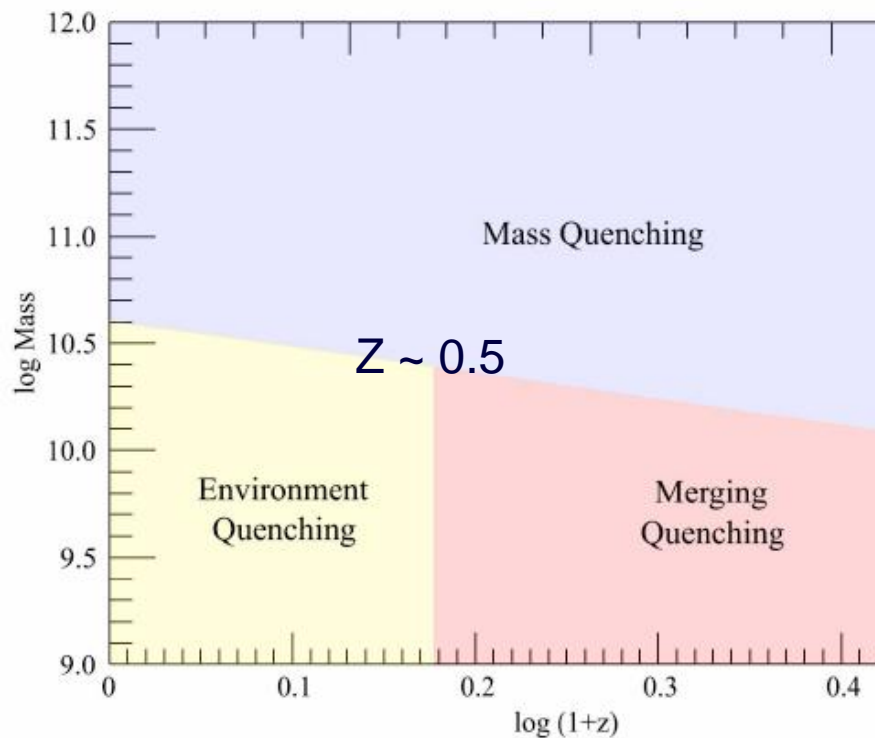
Taylor et al. 2008

Three processes of quenching dominate the evolution of galaxies

“mass-quenching” + “environment-quenching”
+ some additional “merging-quenching”

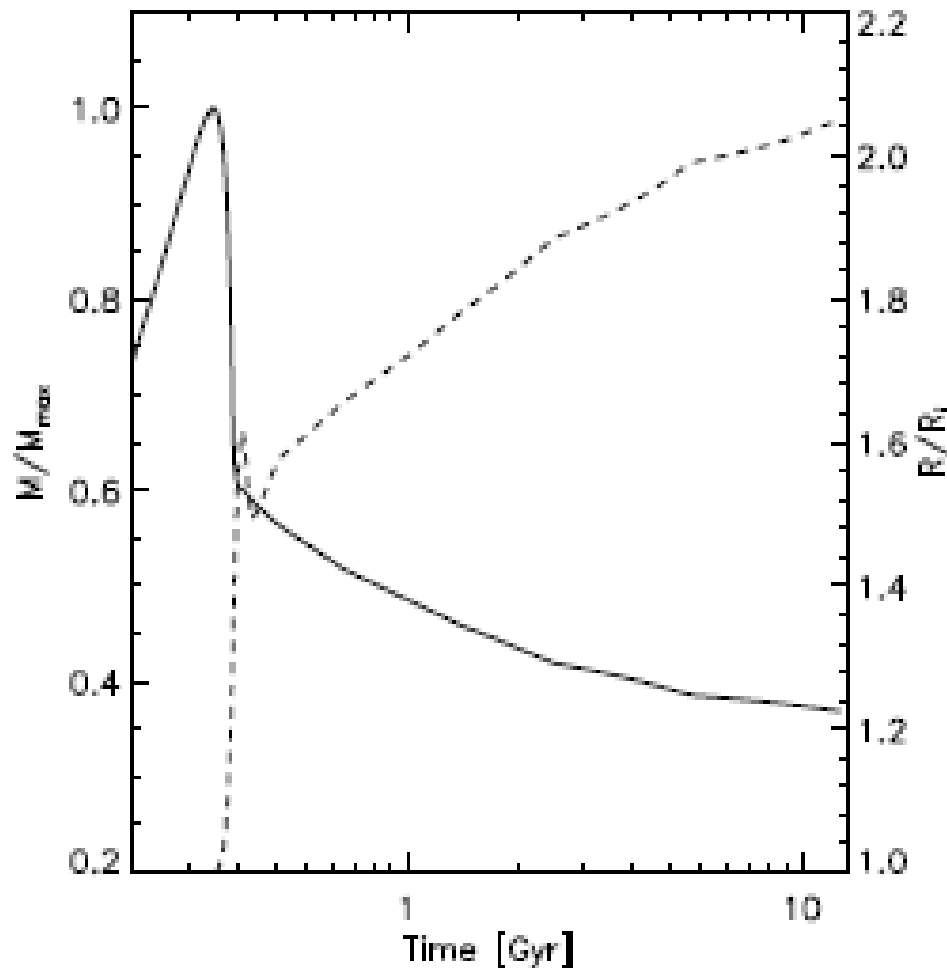
(SDSS + zCOSMOS)

Mass quenching is
more efficient at
low z



Peng et al. 2010

The evolution in Re at fixed mass between $z \sim 1$ and the present is a factor of 1.97 ± 0.15



The size expansion achieved after the epoch in which stellar populations are older than $\sim 0.5 - 1$ Gyr is 25% - 20%

This needs merging
not only quenching
with
“dry” not “wet” merging
Major or Minor?

OR

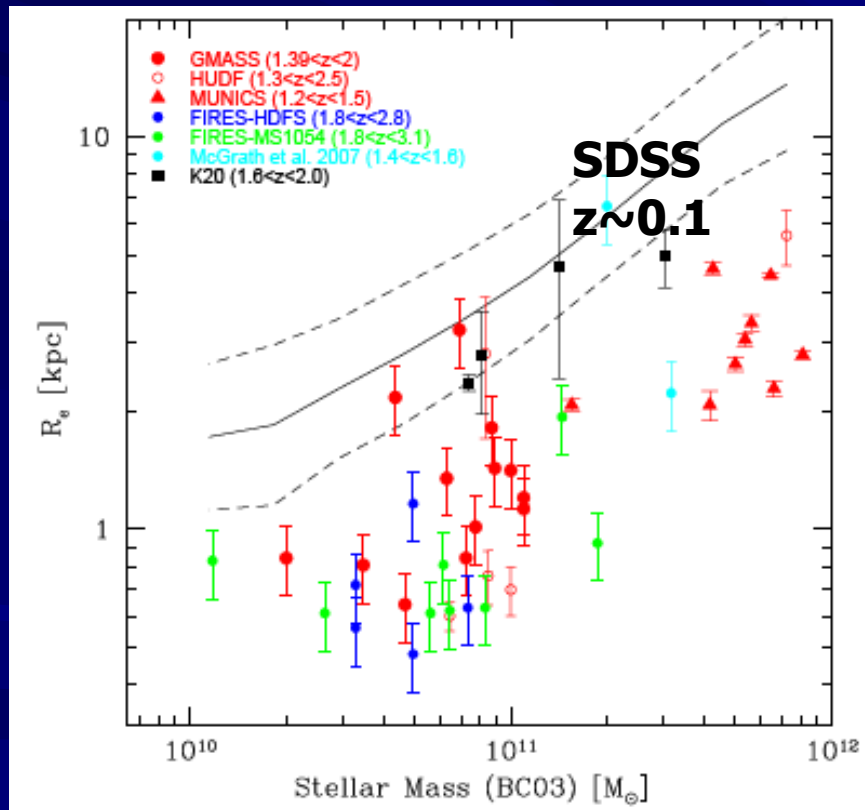
A puffing up related to large
scale galactic winds
(e.g. Fan et al. 2008;
Ragone & Granato 2011)

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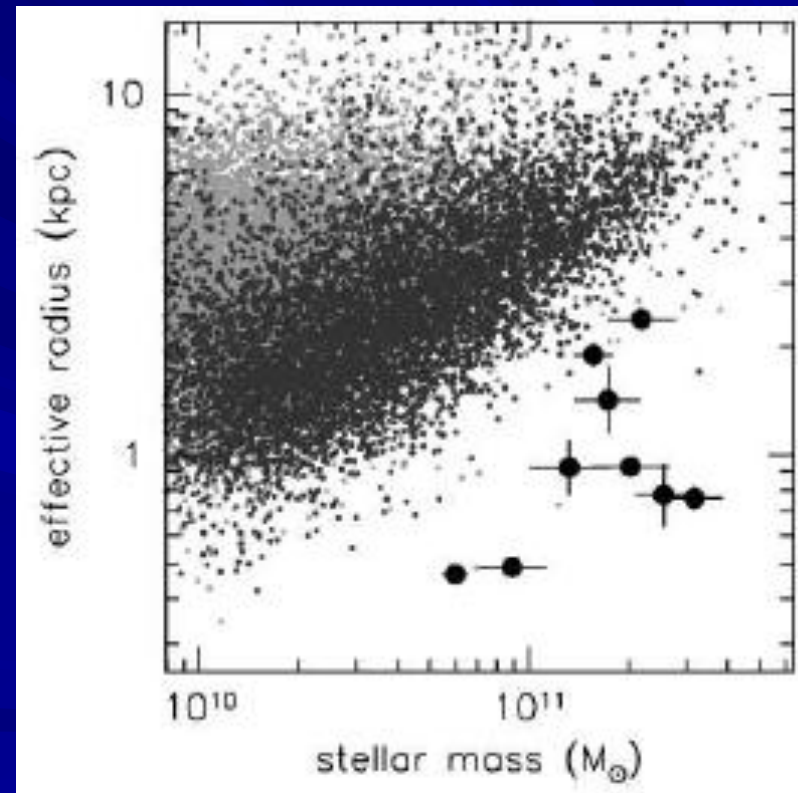
At fixed stellar mass, high- z sizes are smaller by $(1+z)^{-1}$ or more (e.g. Trujillo et al. 2007; Cimatti et al. 2008; van Dokkum et al. 2008; Saglia et al. 2011)

$z \sim 1.8$



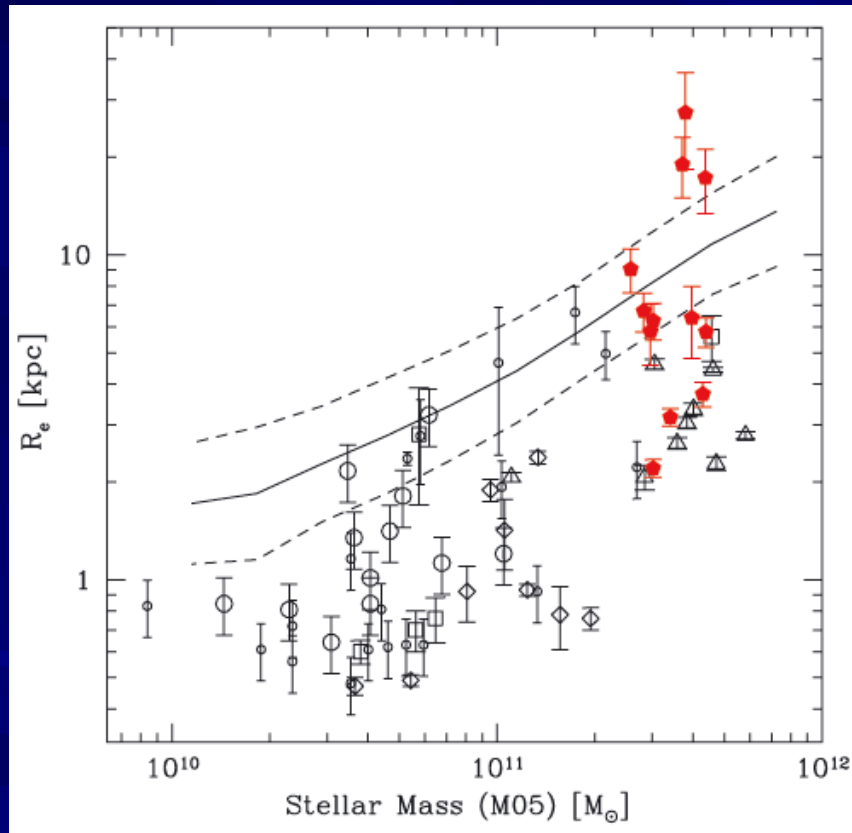
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$z \sim 2.3$



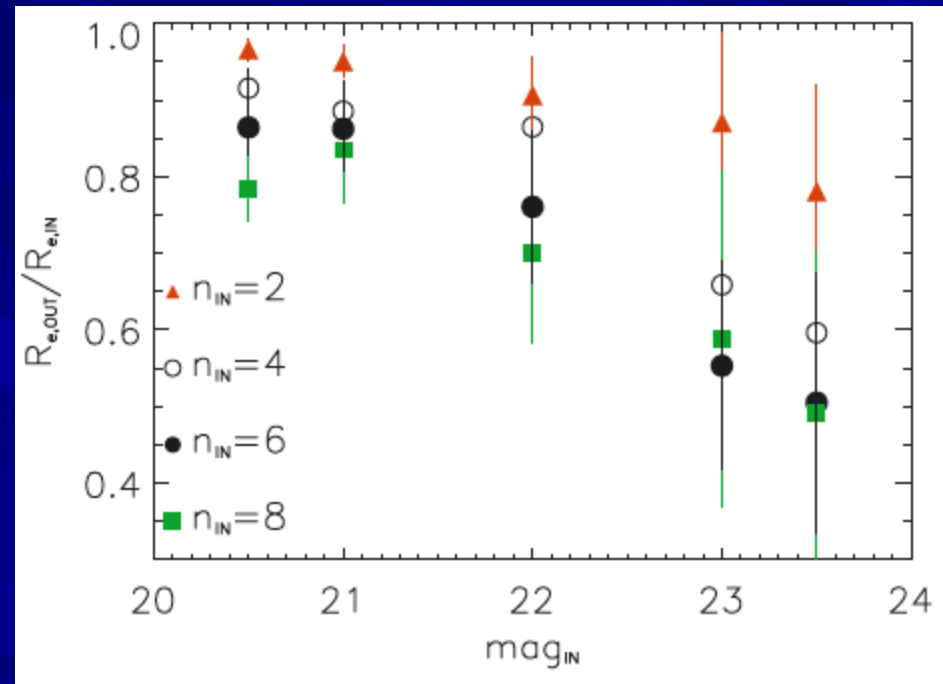
5 kpc @ $z \sim 0$ \rightarrow 0.9 kpc @ $z \sim 2.3$
van Dokkum et al. 2008

However ...



Mancini et al. 2010

Measurements could be biased



Another e.g. [Stott et al. 2011](#)

“The scale sizes of BCGs at $z = 1$ are $\simeq 30\%$ smaller than at $z = 0.25$ ”

$$M \sim R \times \sigma^2$$

Cenarro & Trujillo 2009

At $z \sim 2$:

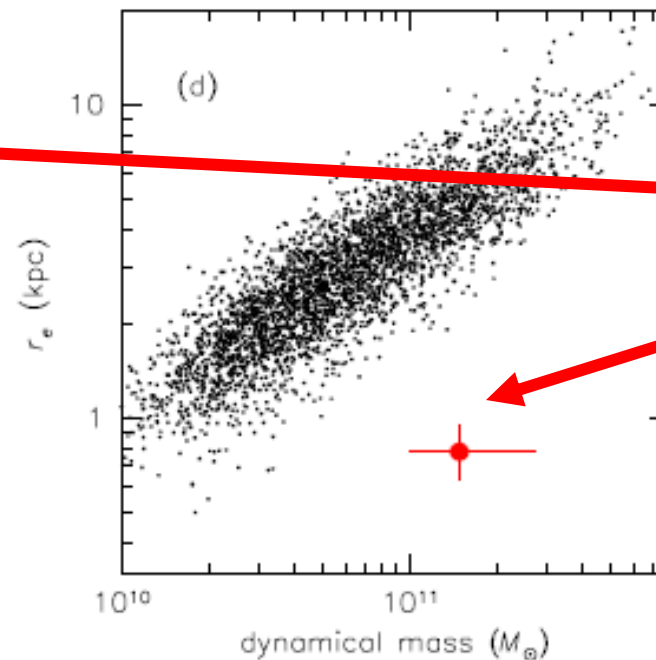
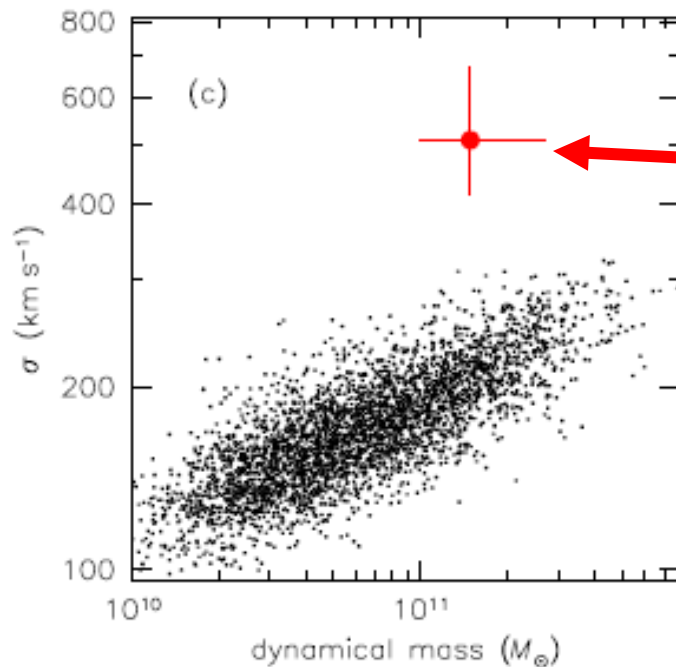
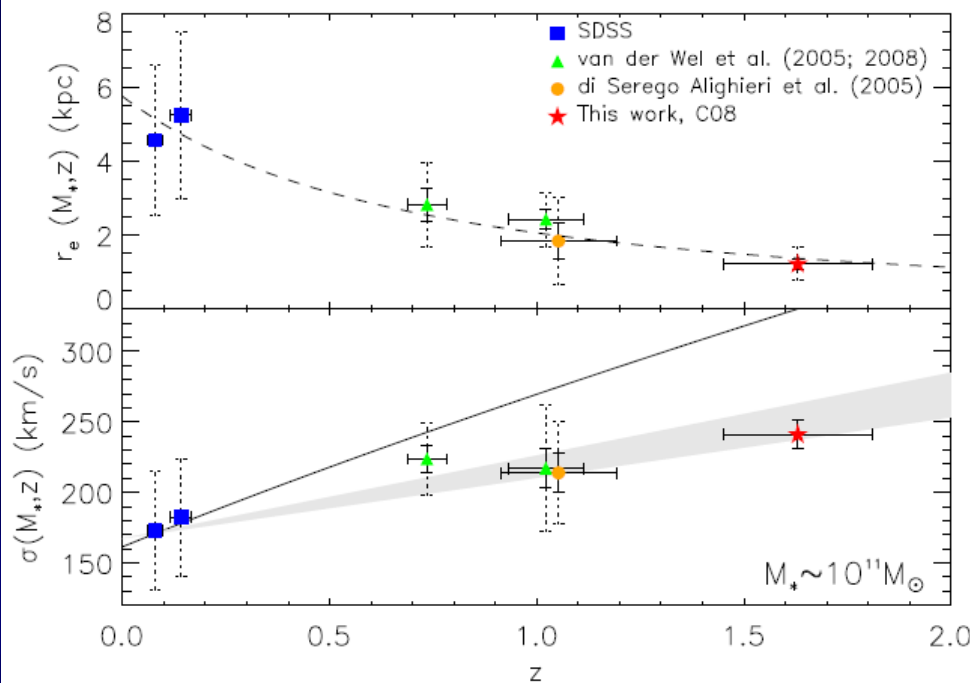
$R_e \sim$ factor 6 smaller

$\sigma \sim$ factor 1.5 larger

$$z = 2.186$$

$$\sigma = 510^{+165}_{-95} \text{ km s}^{-1}$$

Van Dokkum et al. 2009



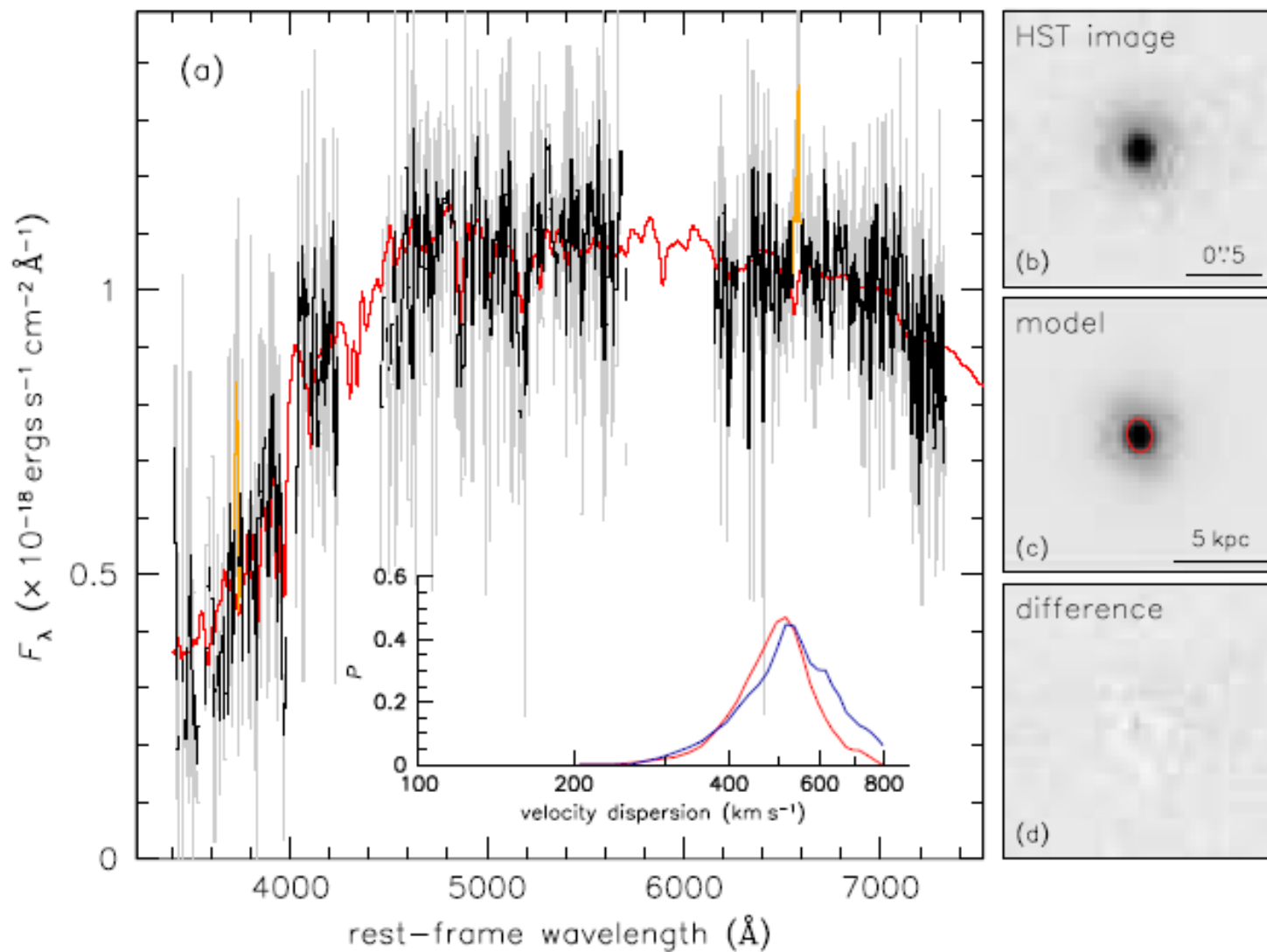
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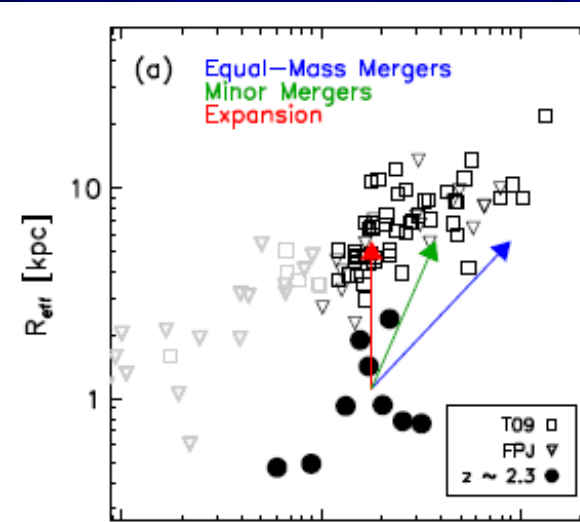
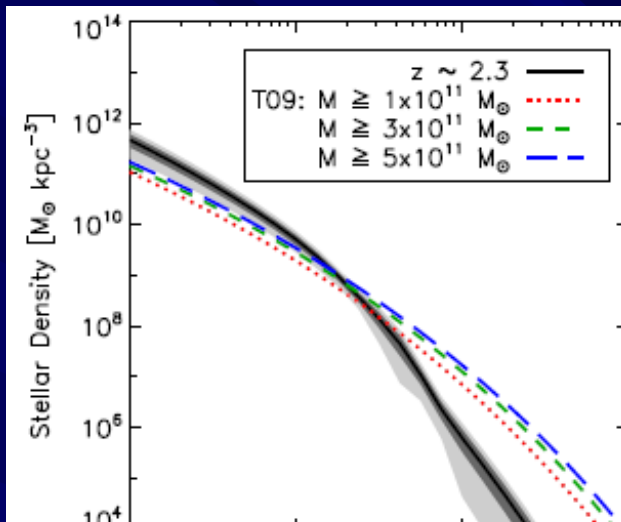
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Gemini spectrum and HST images of 1255-0 at $z = 2.186$

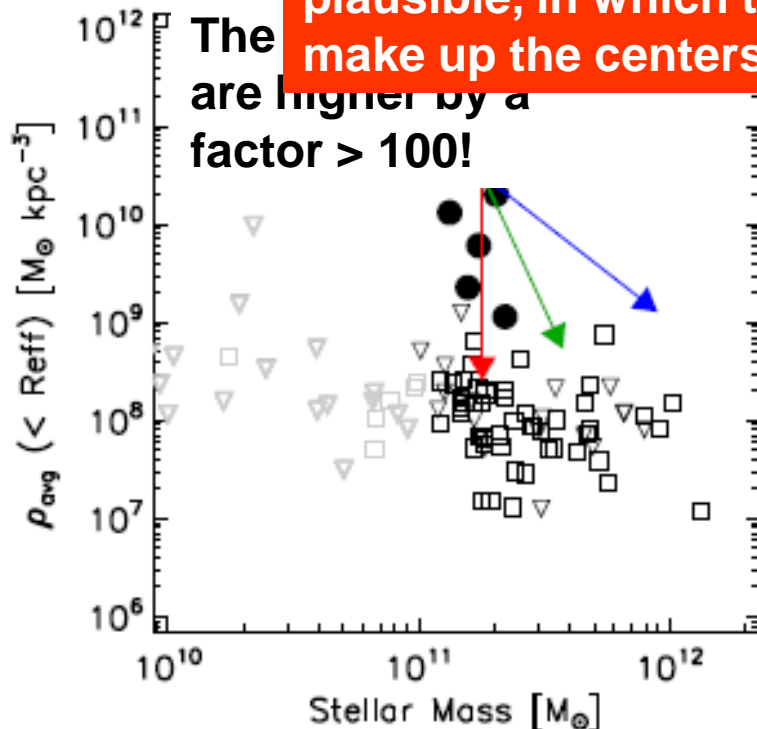
29 hours integration for a S/N ~ 5 -8!

Cost of \$200k!!

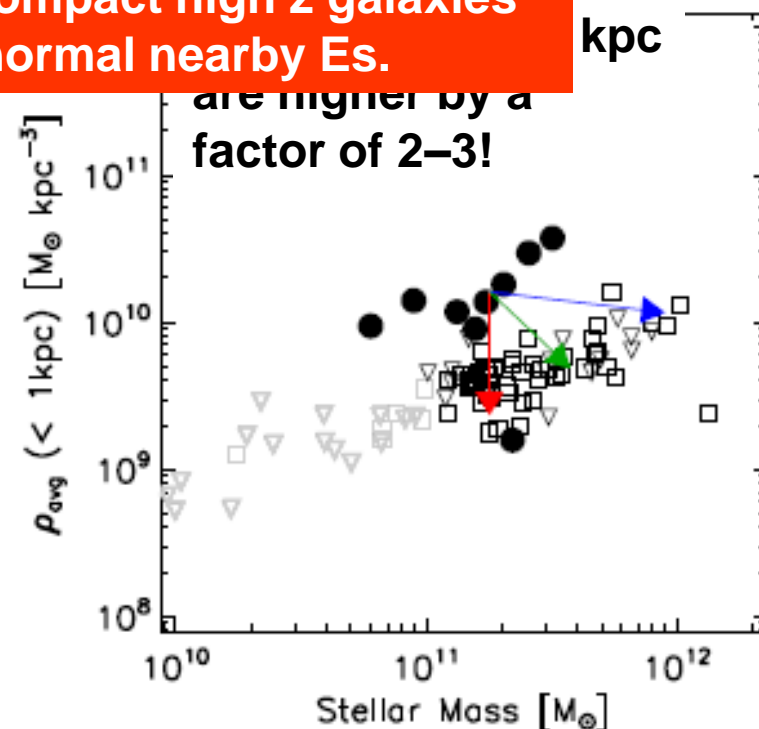




Inside-out growth scenario (*minor mergers*) is plausible, in which the compact high z galaxies make up the centers of normal nearby Es.



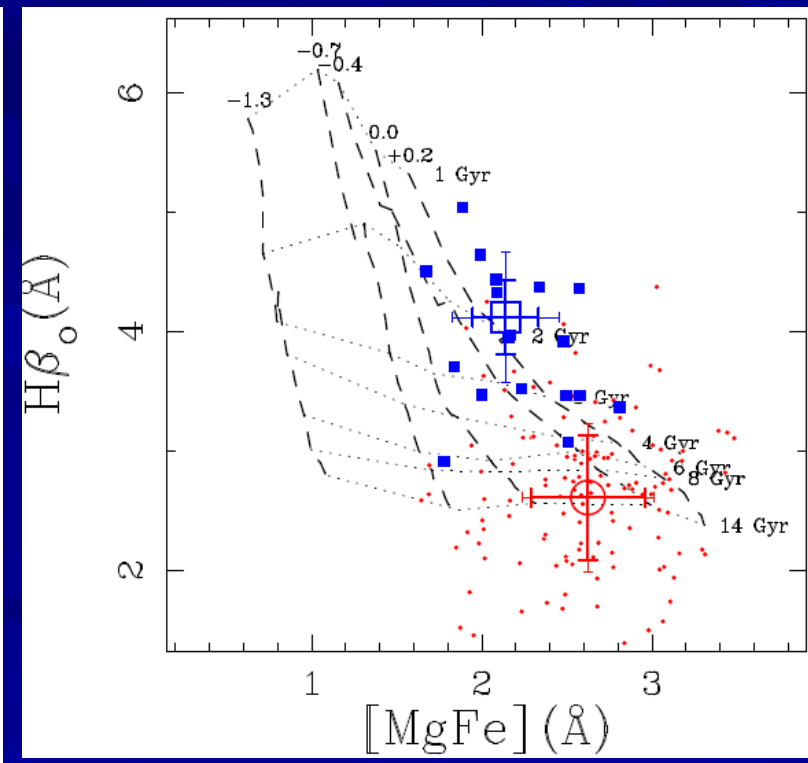
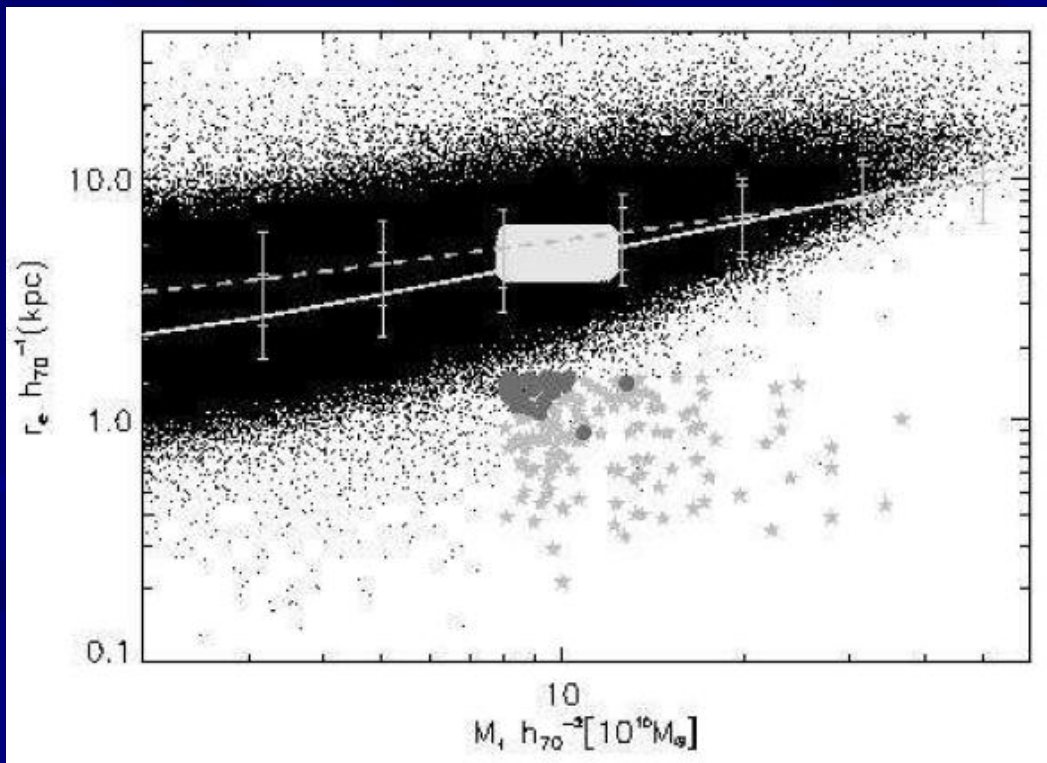
The $z \sim 2.3$ galaxies are higher by a factor > 100 !



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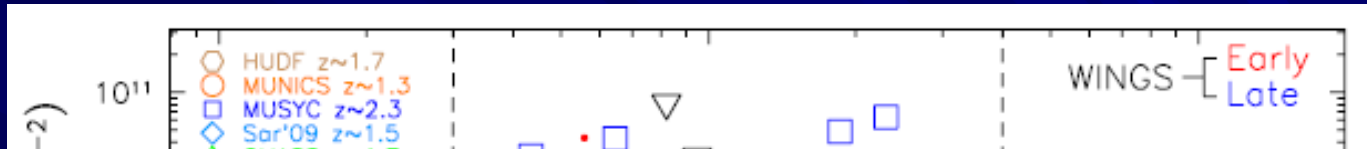
- Models with major mergers predict that the fraction of superdense massive galaxies which survived intact since their formation at $z > 2$ to be 1-10%
- Observations find **no old massive compact galaxies at $z \sim 0$**

Role of minor mergers and small accretion can be very relevant



However

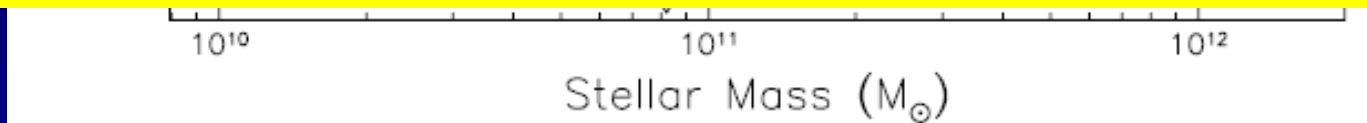
Superdense Galaxies in WINGS



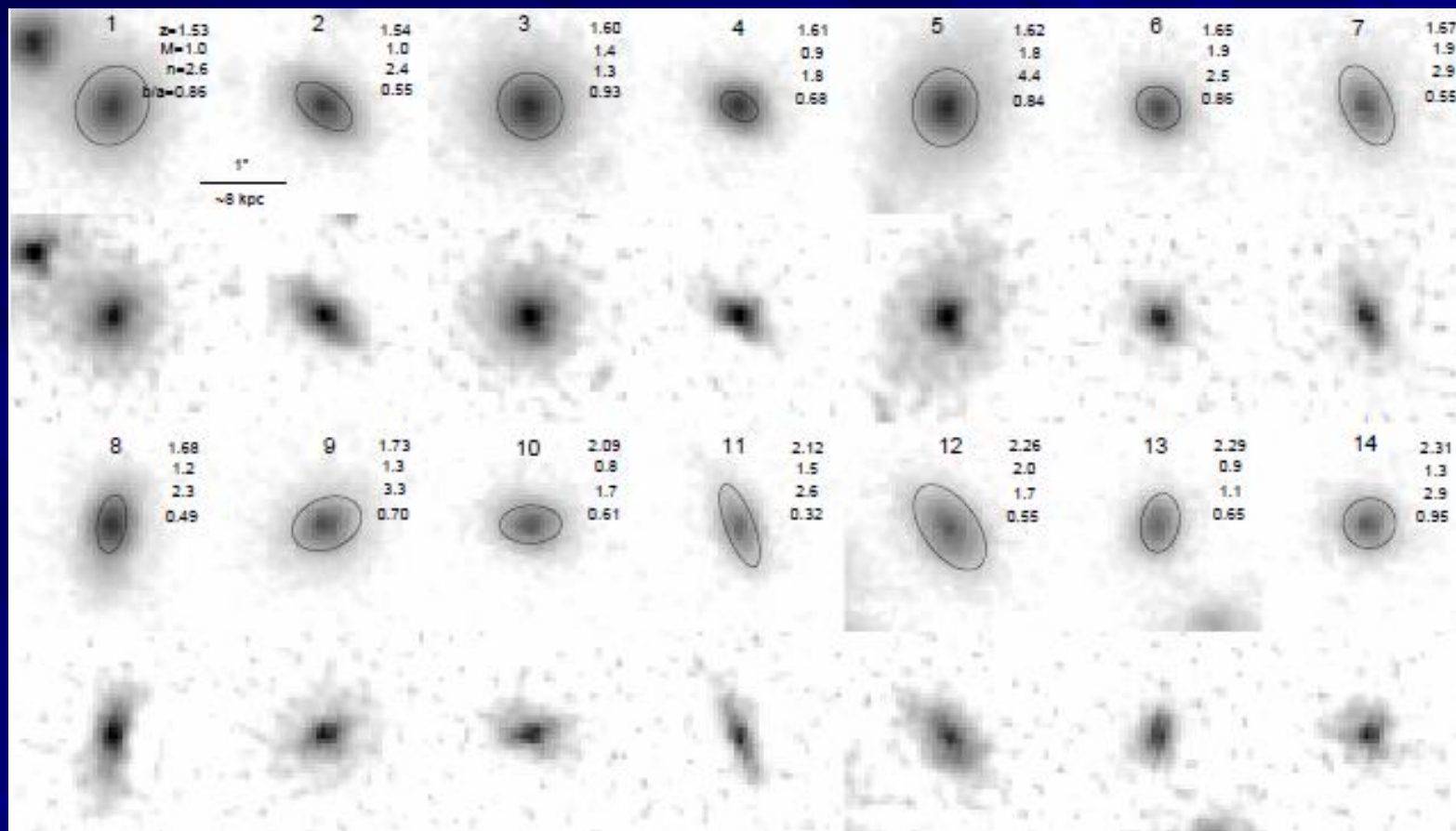
- Consistency with the local WINGS galaxy sizes out to $z \sim 2$

(25% of the objects with $M > 3 \times 10^{10} M_{\odot}$ in local clusters are SDG)

- Evidence for evolution in radius for the most massive galaxies with $M_* > 4 \times 10^{11} M_{\odot}$ compared to similarly massive galaxies in WINGS, i.e., the brightest cluster galaxies



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Dry mergers: Major & Minor

- $E_i = E_f$

- $E_i = E_{\text{virial}} + E_{\text{orbit}} = KE_{\text{virial}} + W_{\text{virial}}$
 $= m_1 \sigma_1^2 / 2 + m_2 \sigma_2^2 / 2 - G m_1^2 / r_1 - G m_2^2 / r_2$

- $E_f = (m_1 + m_2) \sigma_f^2 / 2 - G (m_1 + m_2)^2 / r_f$

- **Major merger:** $m_1 = m_2 = m_i$ and $m_f = 2m_i$

$$\sigma_i^2 - G (2 m_i) / r_i = \sigma_f^2 - G m_f / (r_f / 2)$$

→ double mass, double size, no change in σ

- **Minor merger:** $m_f = (1+f) m_i$

From Virial Theorem ($2KE = -W$) $m \sim r \sigma^2$

$$r_f \sigma_f^2 = (1+f) r_i \sigma_i^2 = (1+f)^2 r_i \sigma_i^2 / (1+f)$$

when $f \ll 1$ $m_f = (1+f) m_i \sim (1+2f) r_i \sigma_i^2 (1-f)$

→ larger change in size than mass and decrease in σ

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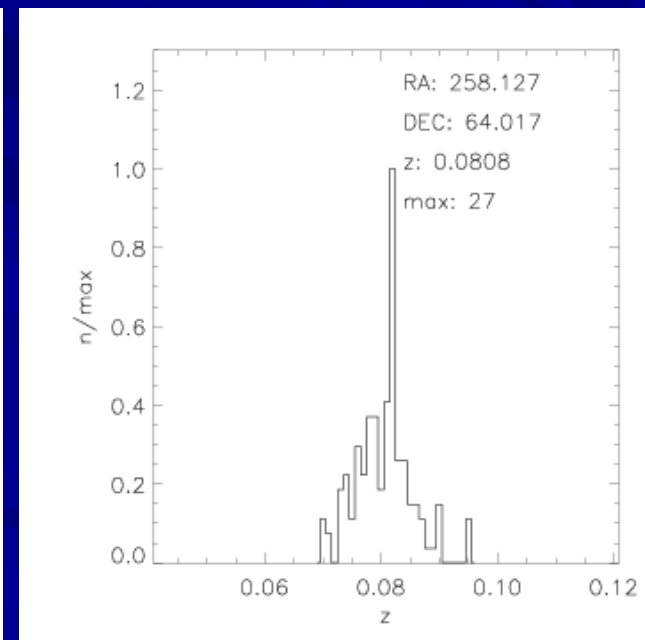
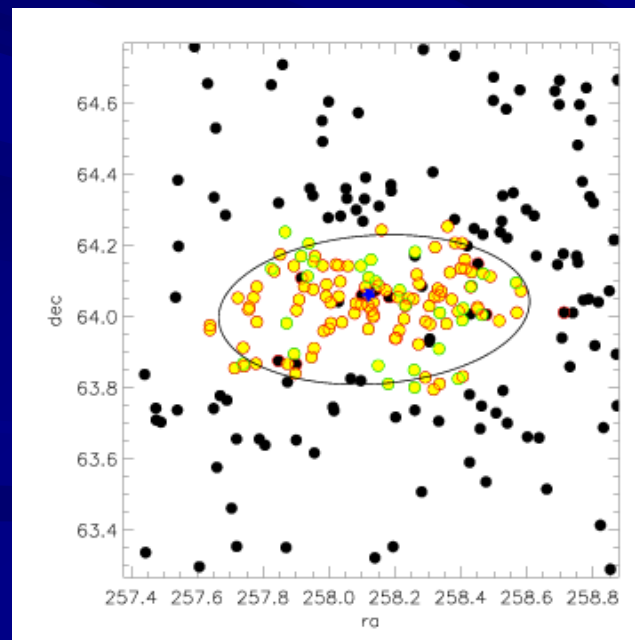
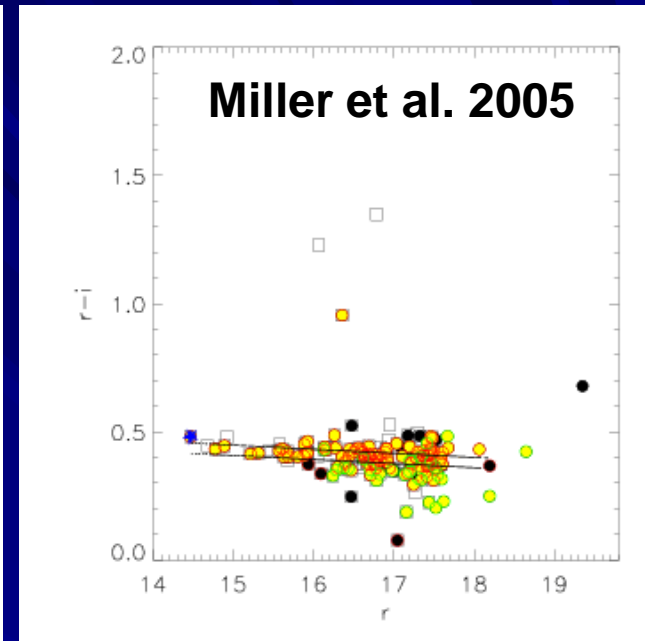
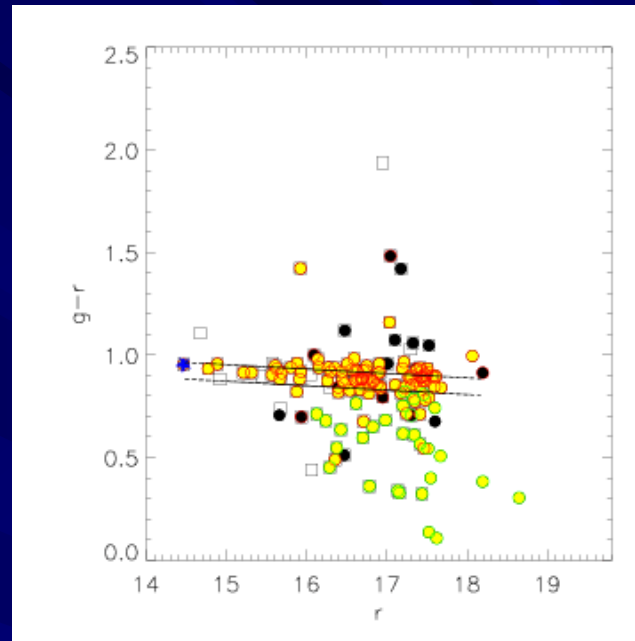
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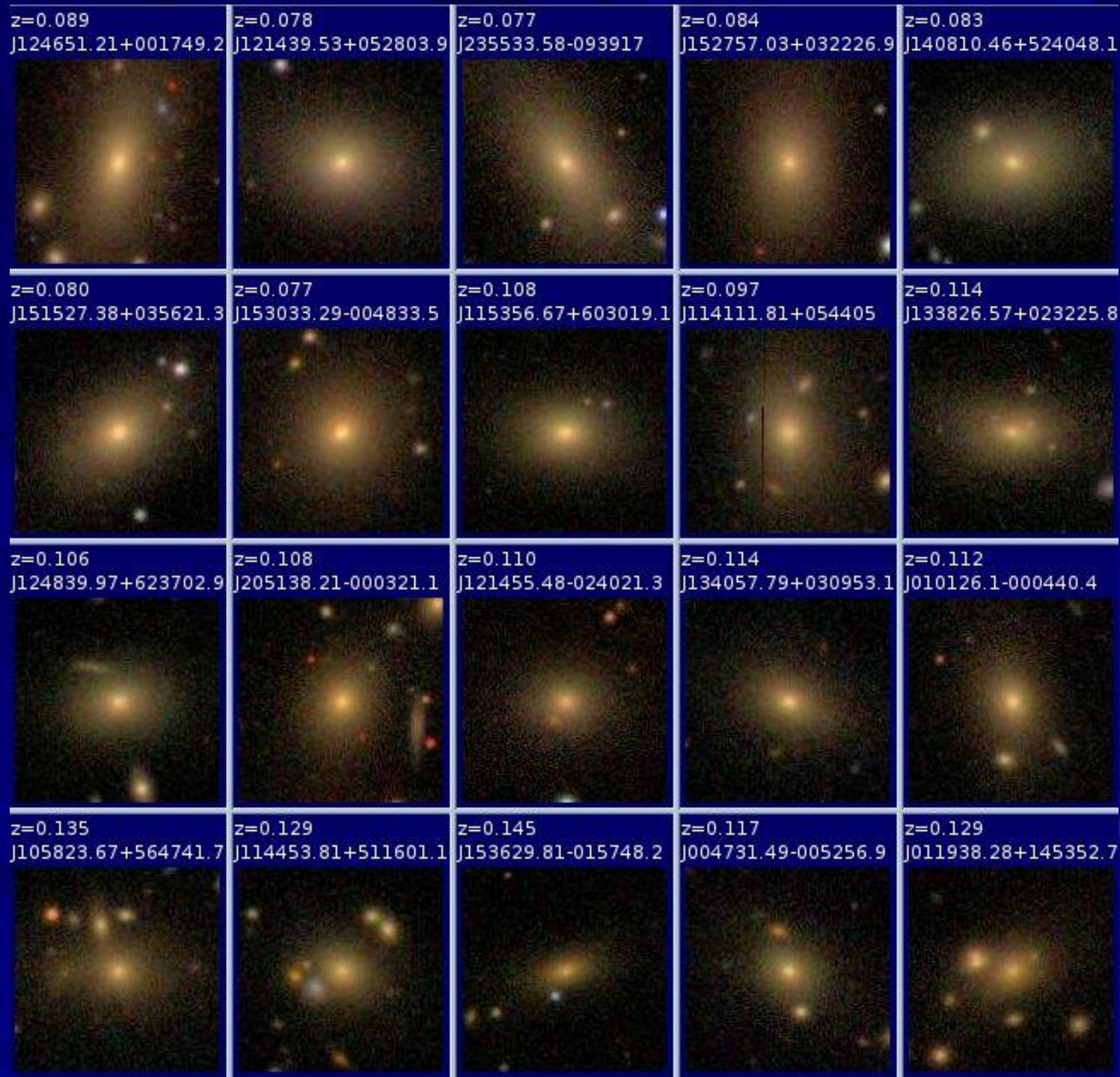
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Brightest Cluster Galaxies

- C4 cluster catalog (Miller et al. 2005)
- MaxBCGs (Koester et al. 2007)





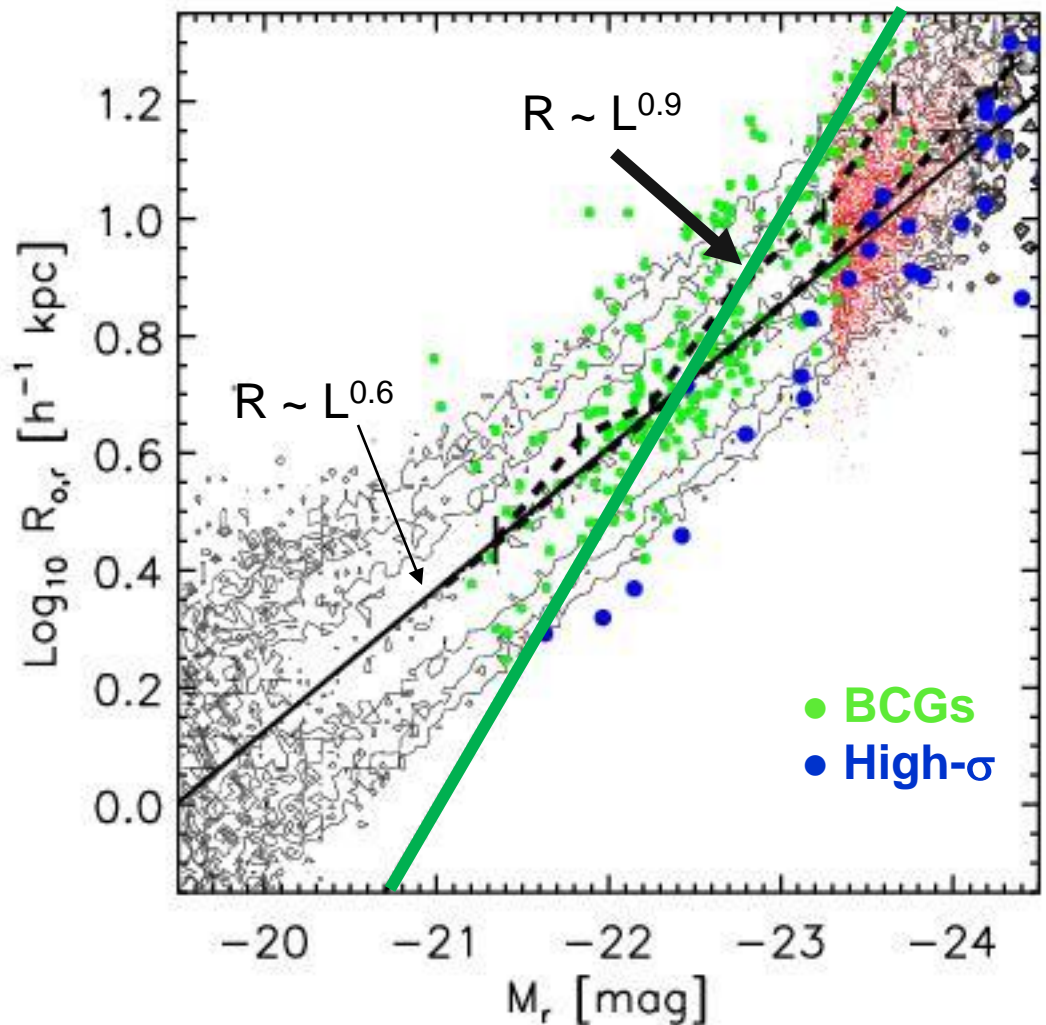
Luminosity-Size relation

■ Upturn to larger sizes at large luminosities

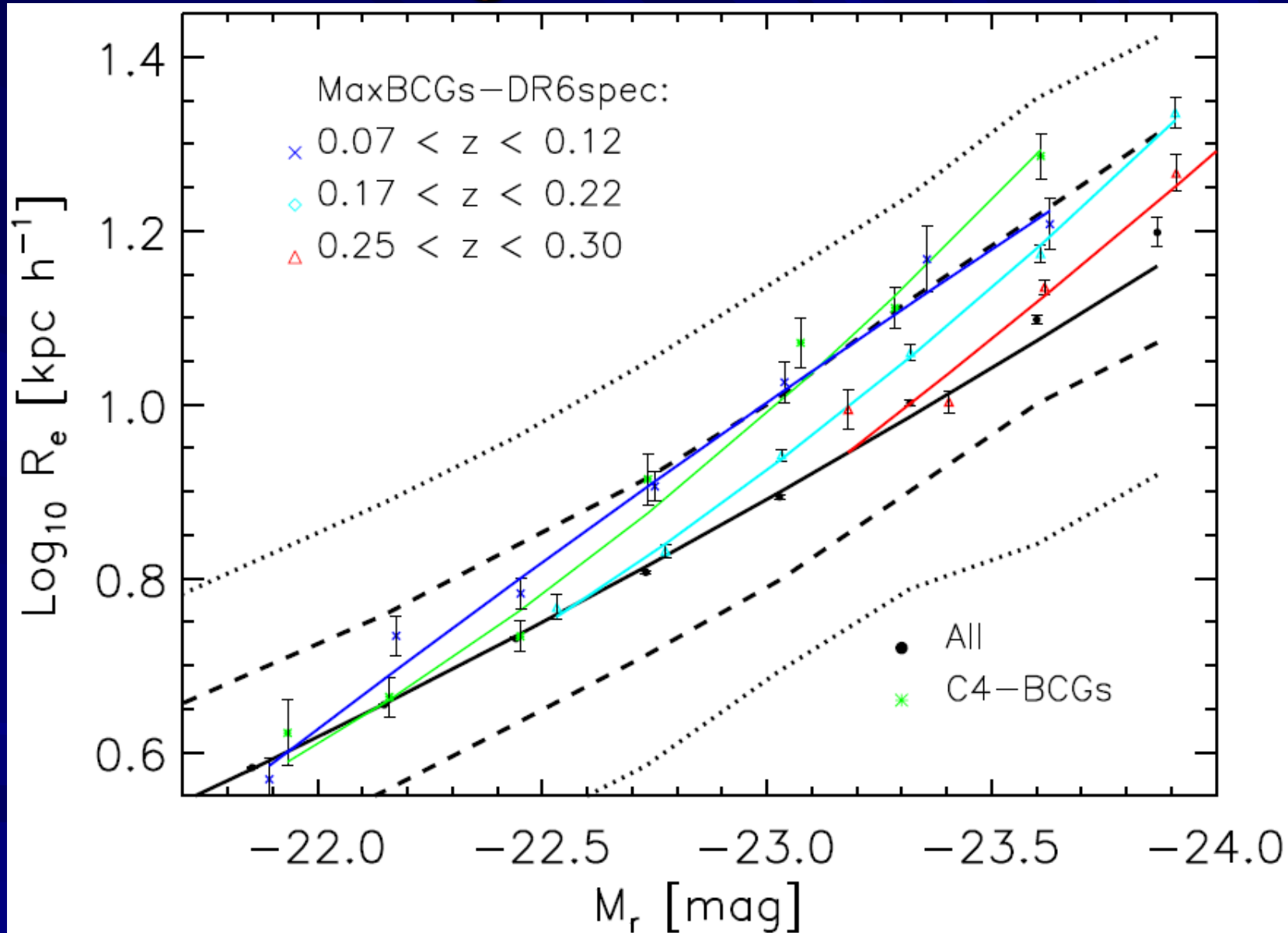
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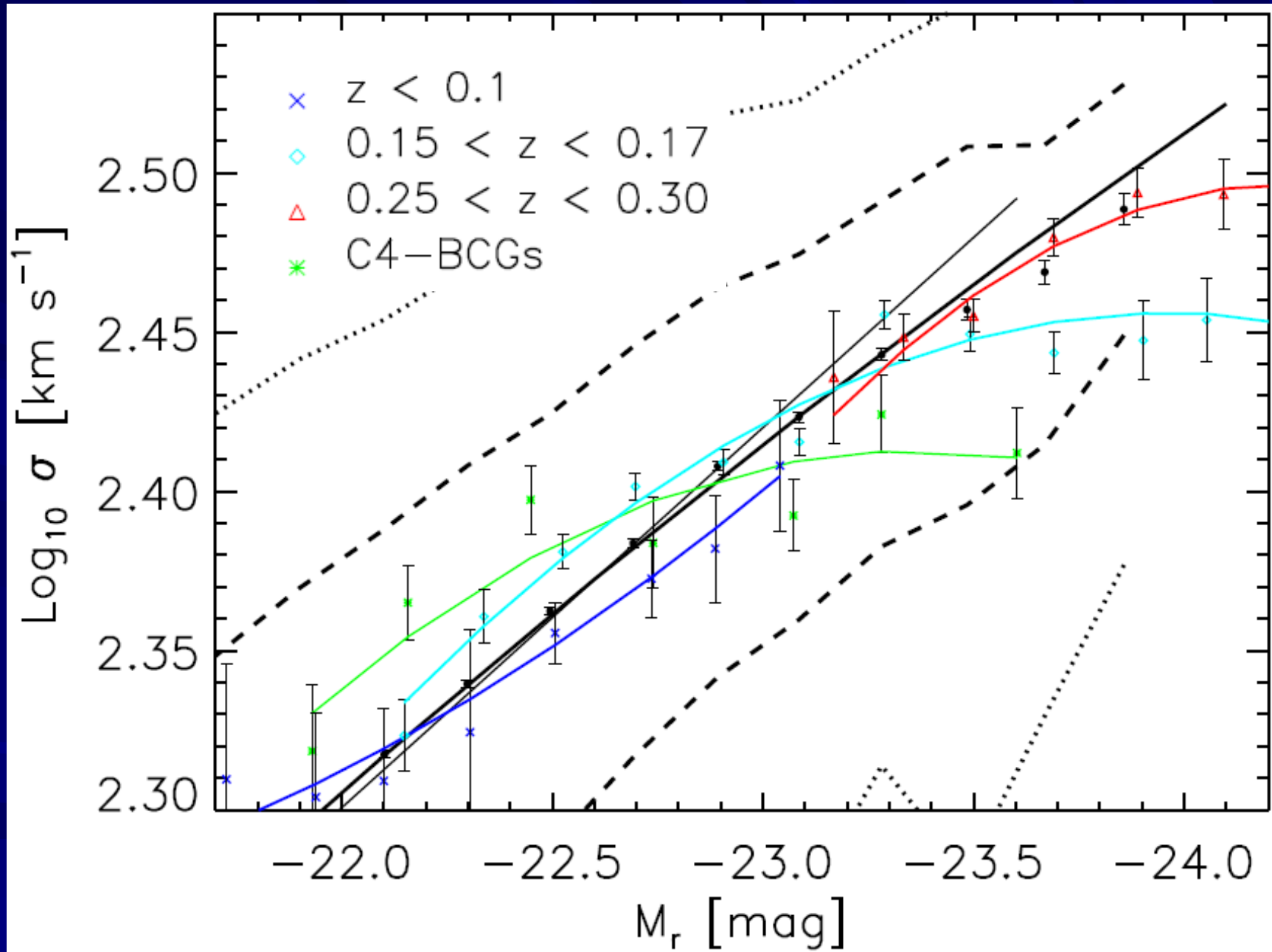
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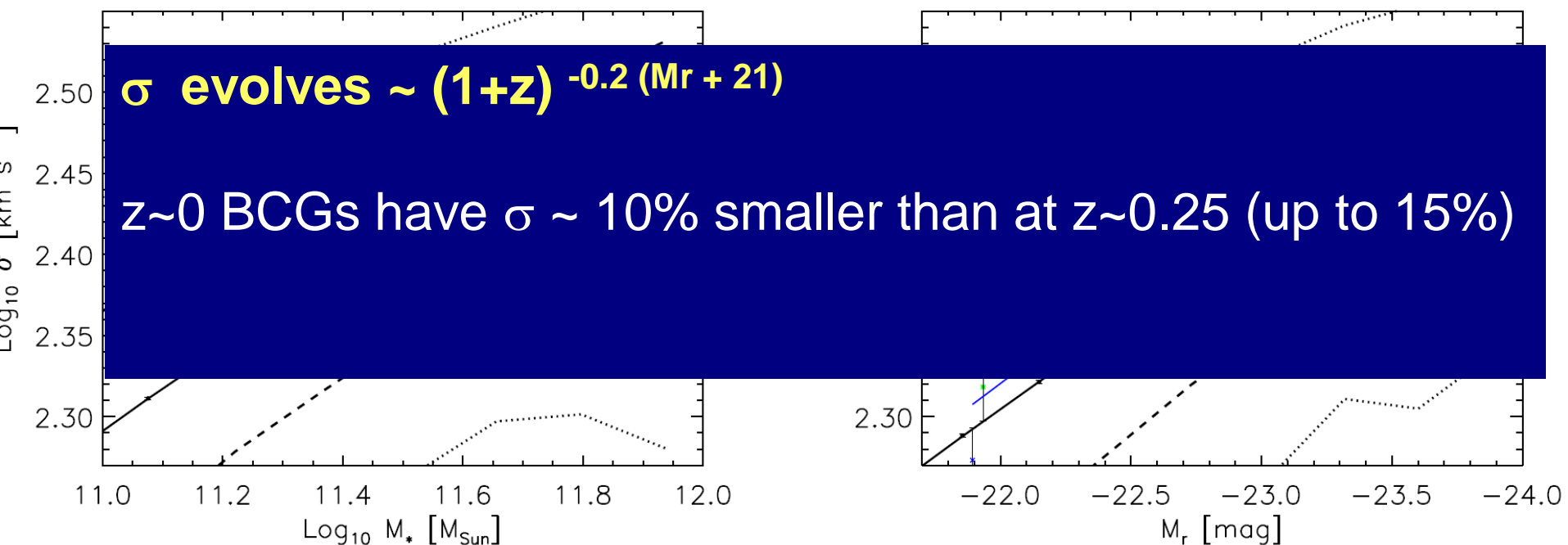
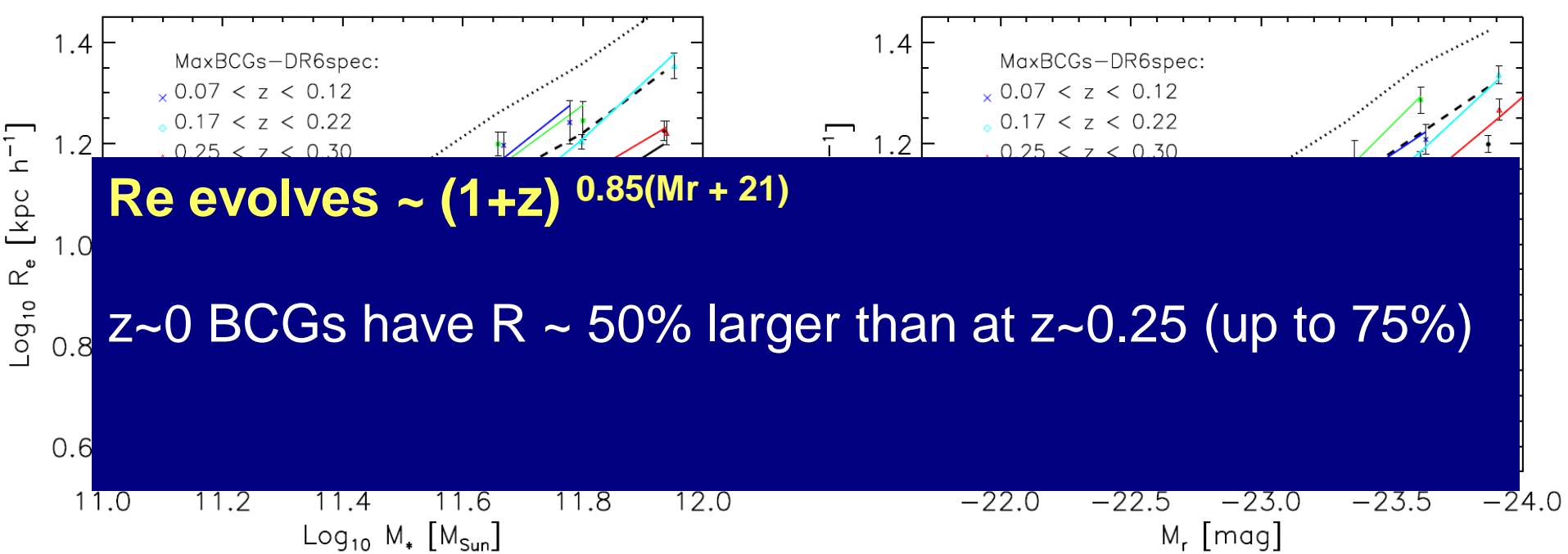
Oegerle & Hoessel 1991
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Testing evolution







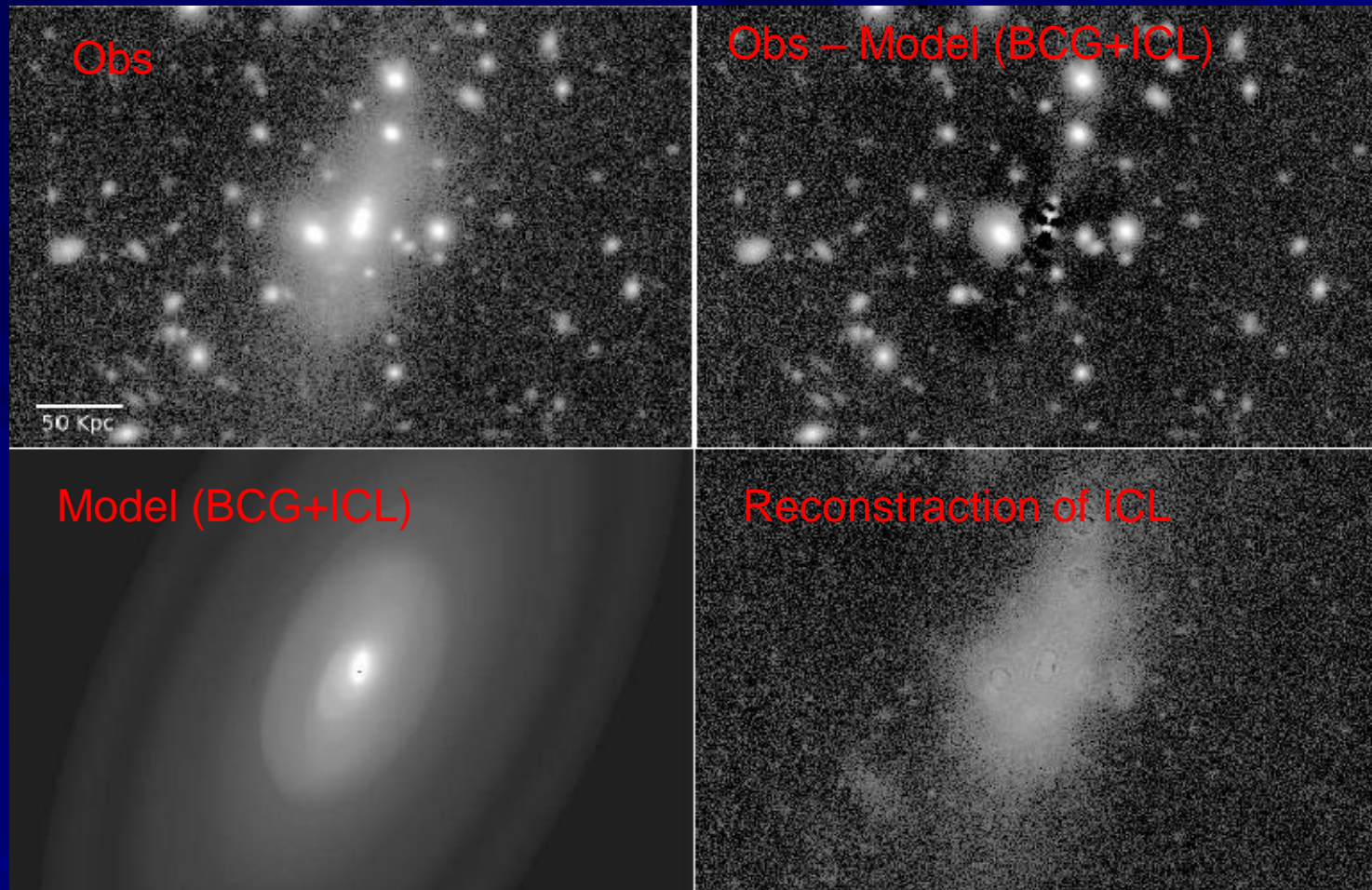
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BCG + ICL



Toledo et al. 2011

“The bluer color and shallower spectral indexes of the ICL, and its chaotic motions are consistent with the idea that the ICL originates from tidally disrupted galaxies”

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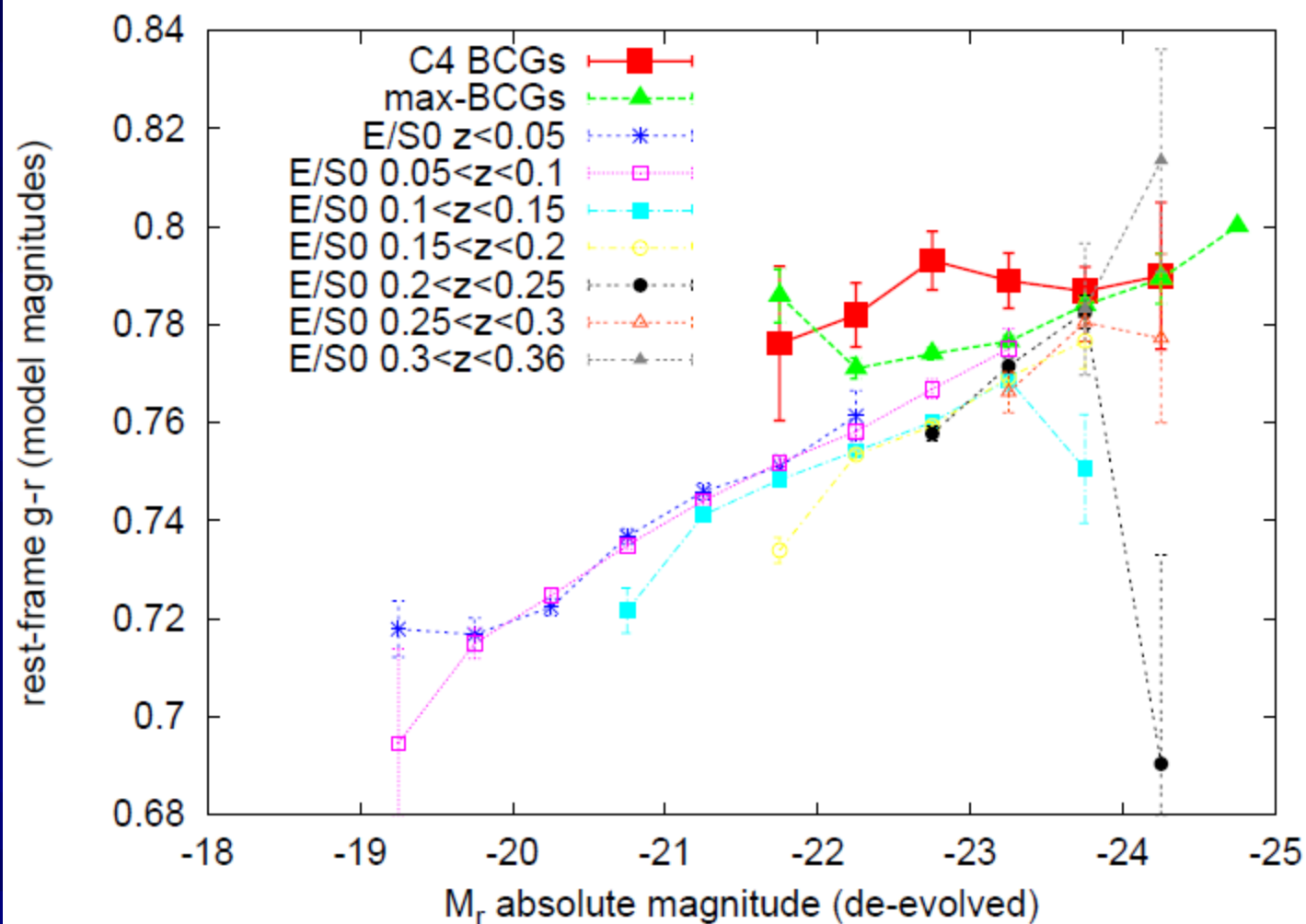
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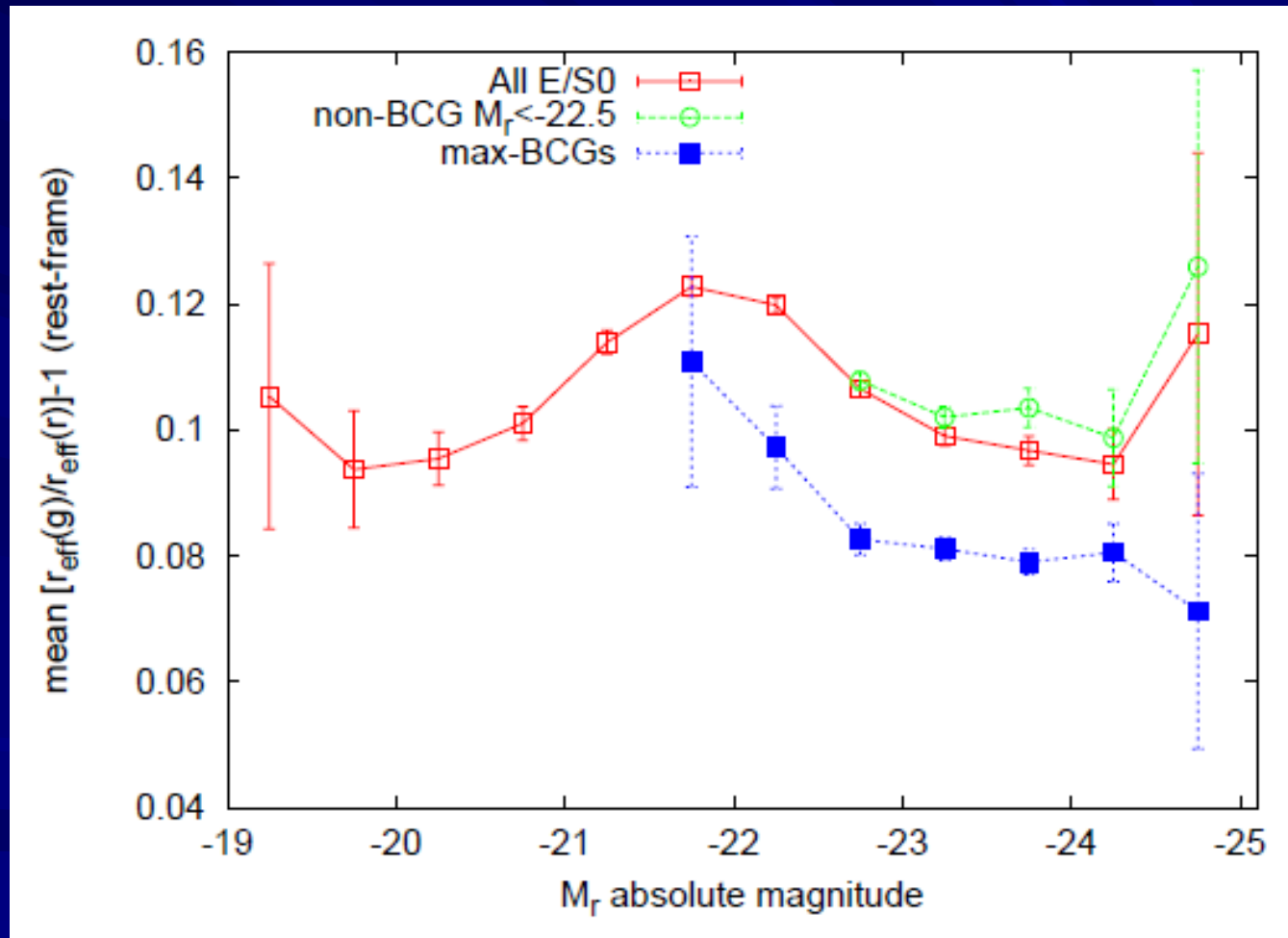
- We need to explain more properties

BGCs are redder



Roche, MB & Hyde 2010

BCGs have lower color gradients



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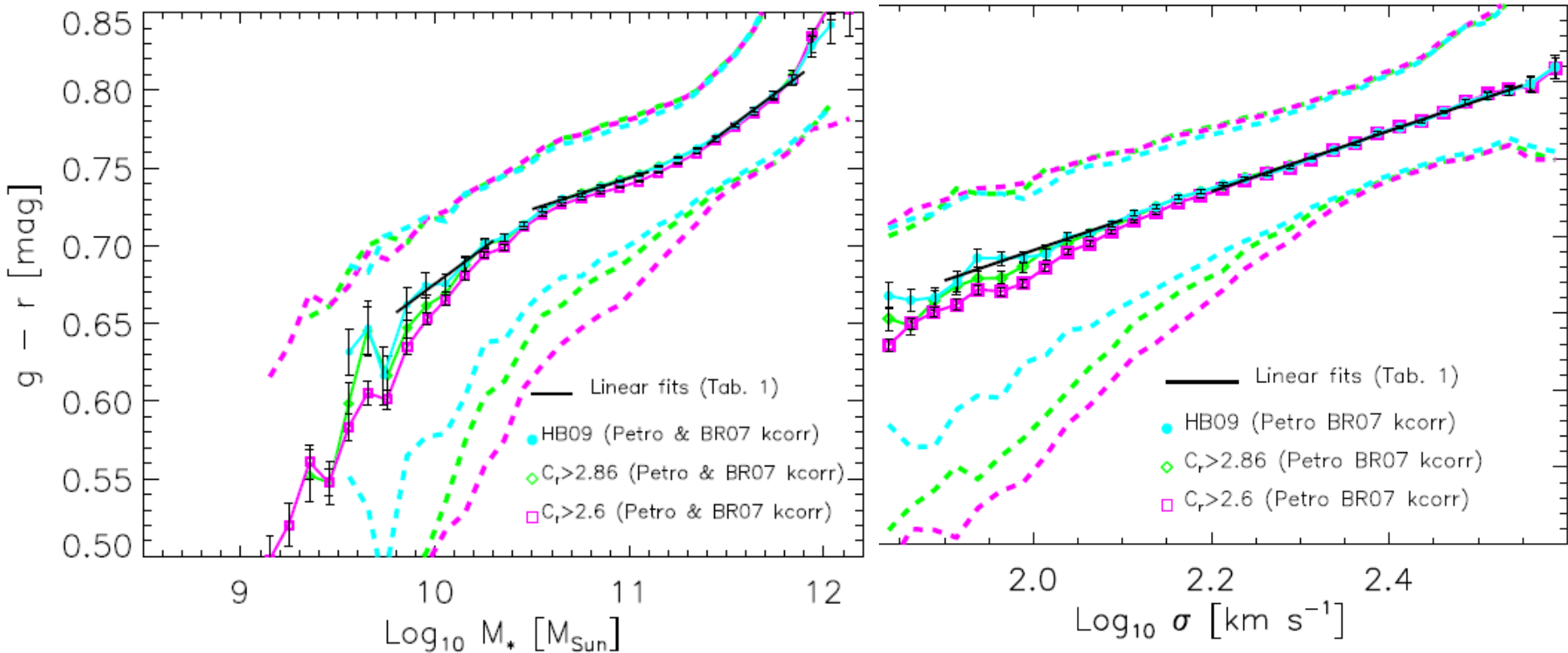
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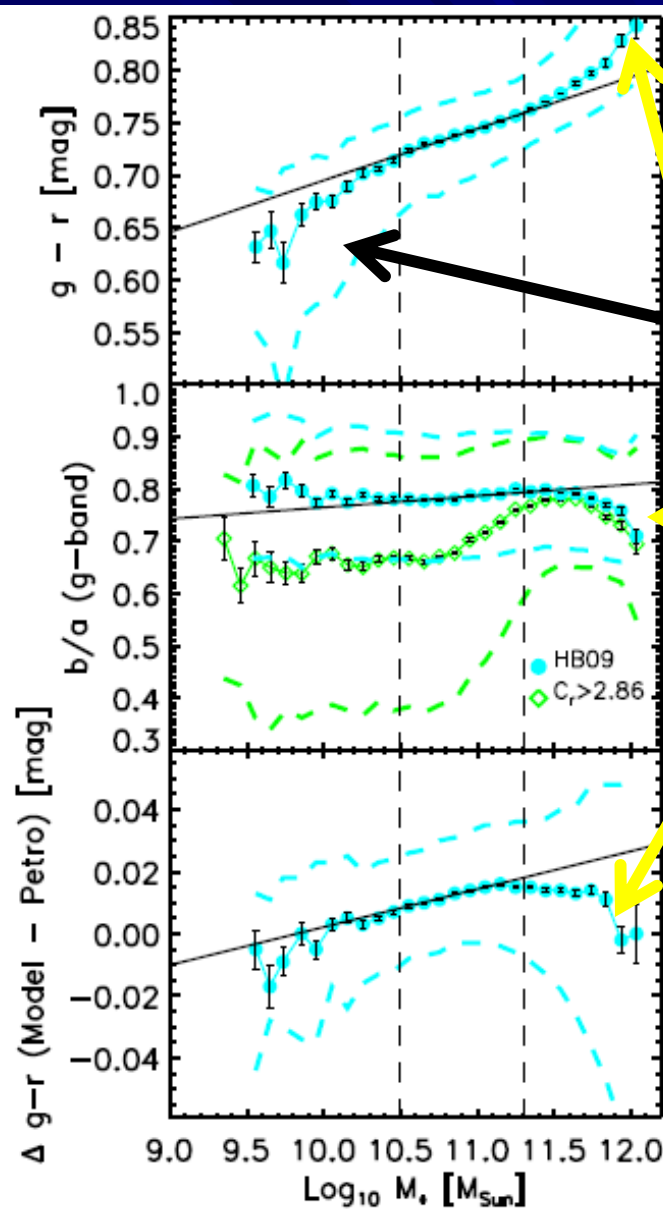
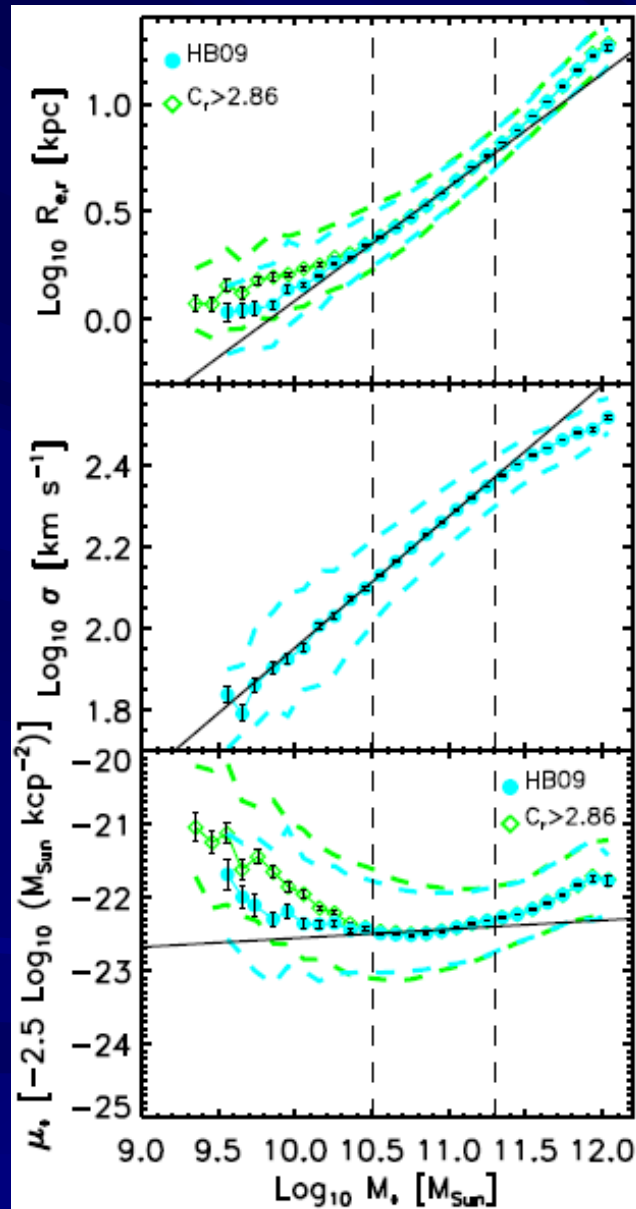
Curvature in the Color- M_* but Power Law for Color- σ



Bernardi et al. 2011a

Major dry mergers change M_* but not σ or color

Impact of Major Dry Mergers at $M_* > 2 \times 10^{11}$

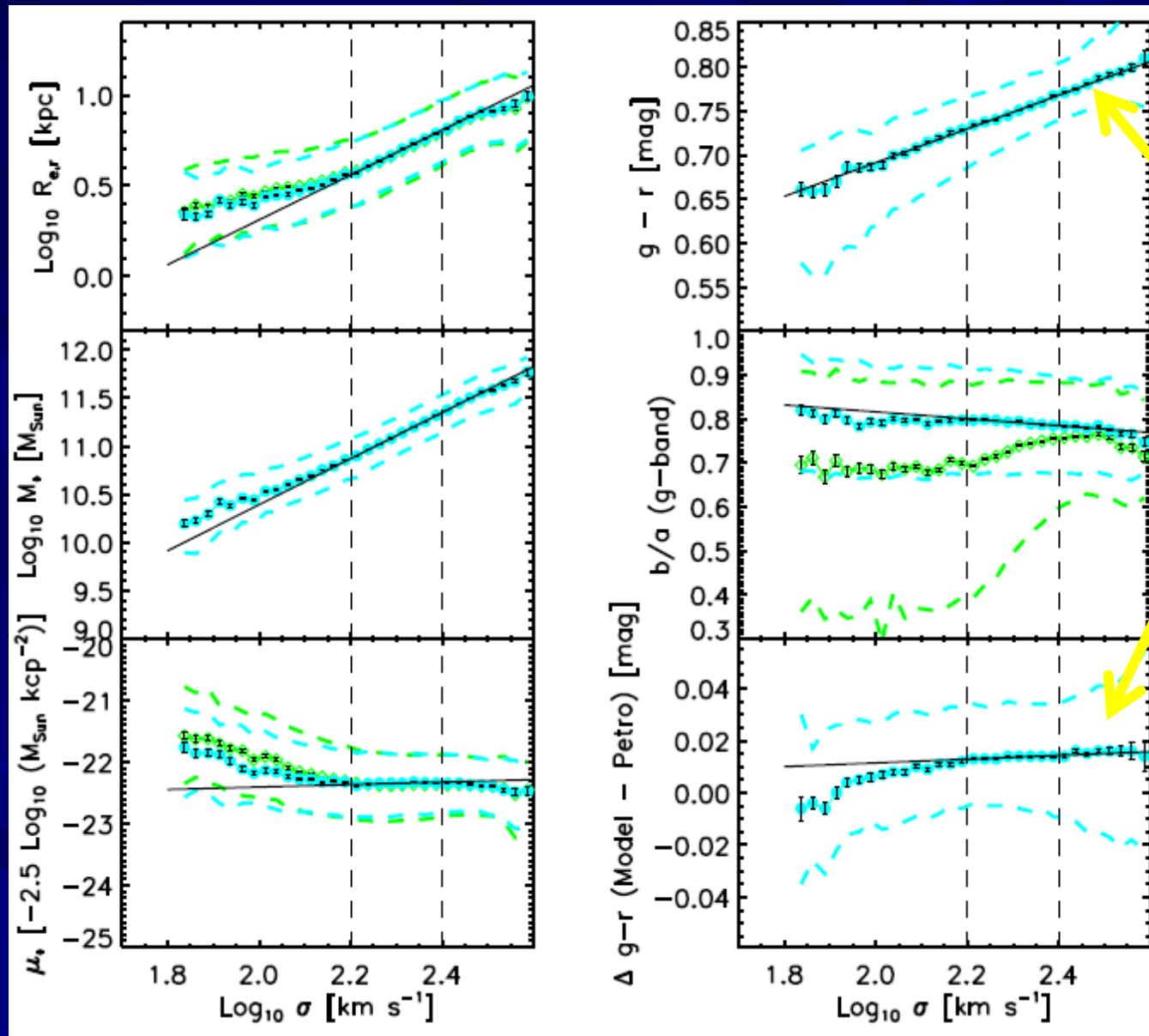


Two scales:
 3×10^{10} and
 $2 \times 10^{11} M_{\text{Sun}}$

Wet mergers

Evidence of
Major dry mergers

Less curvature with σ

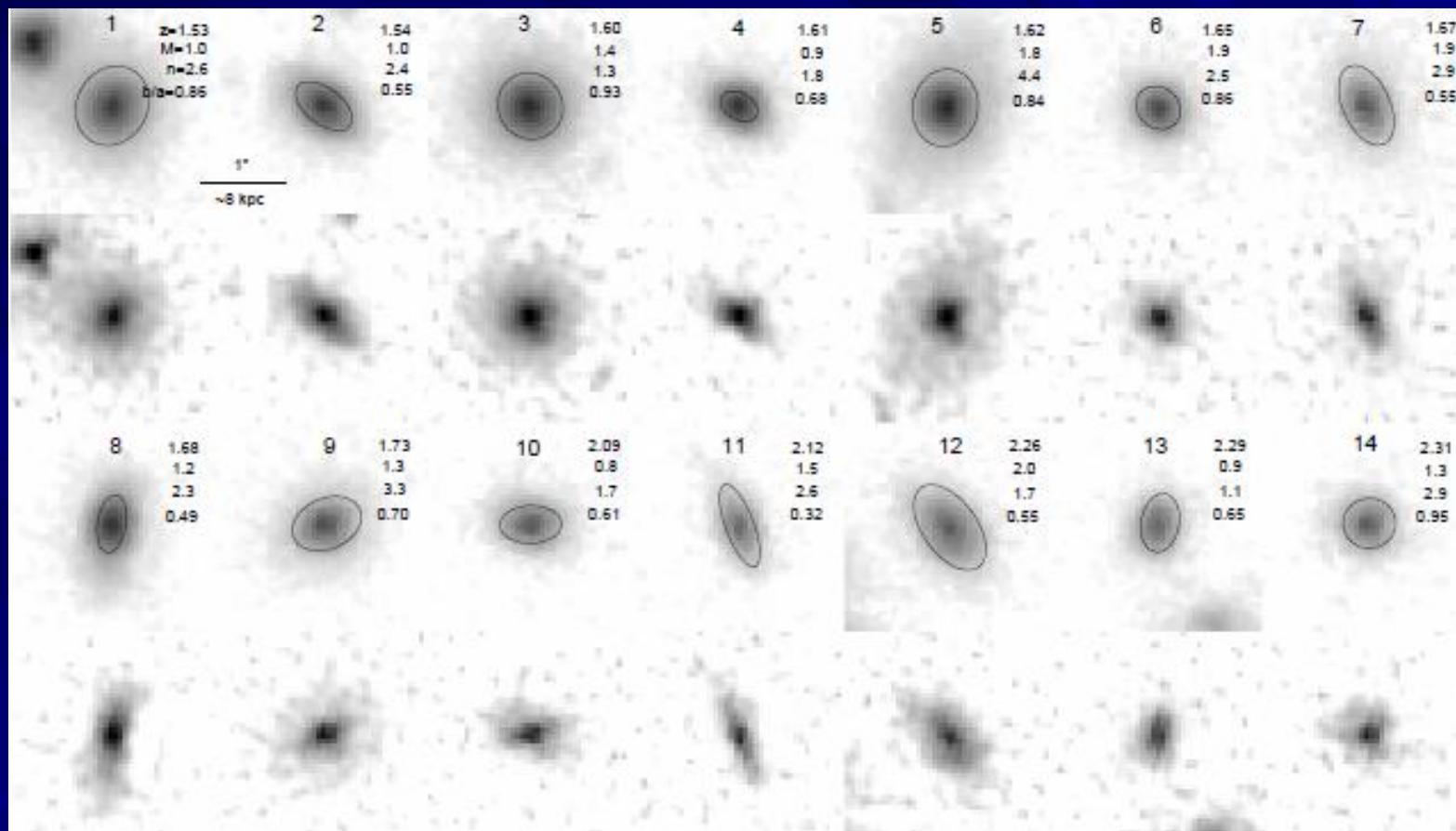


About $M_* > 2 \times 10^{11} M_\odot \dots$

Need some *major* mergers at some high z !

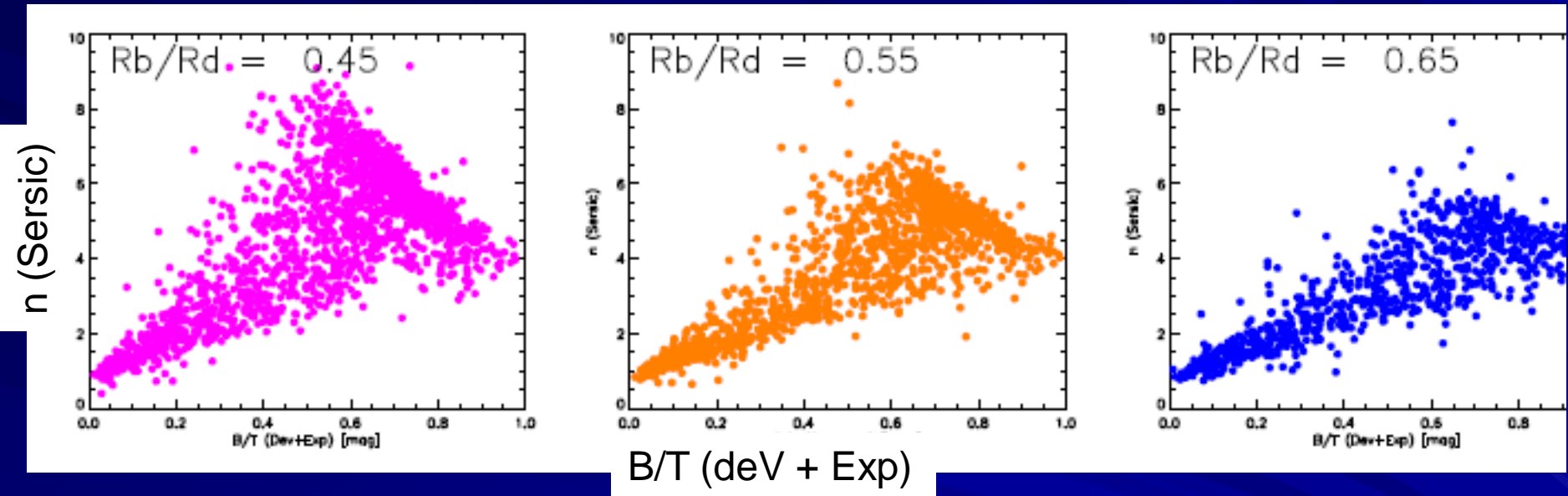
- -- redder Color, lower b/a , lower Col. Gradients (M^*)
- -- power law of Color- σ or Col. Gradients- σ
- +
- -- more room for evolution in the M_* function?

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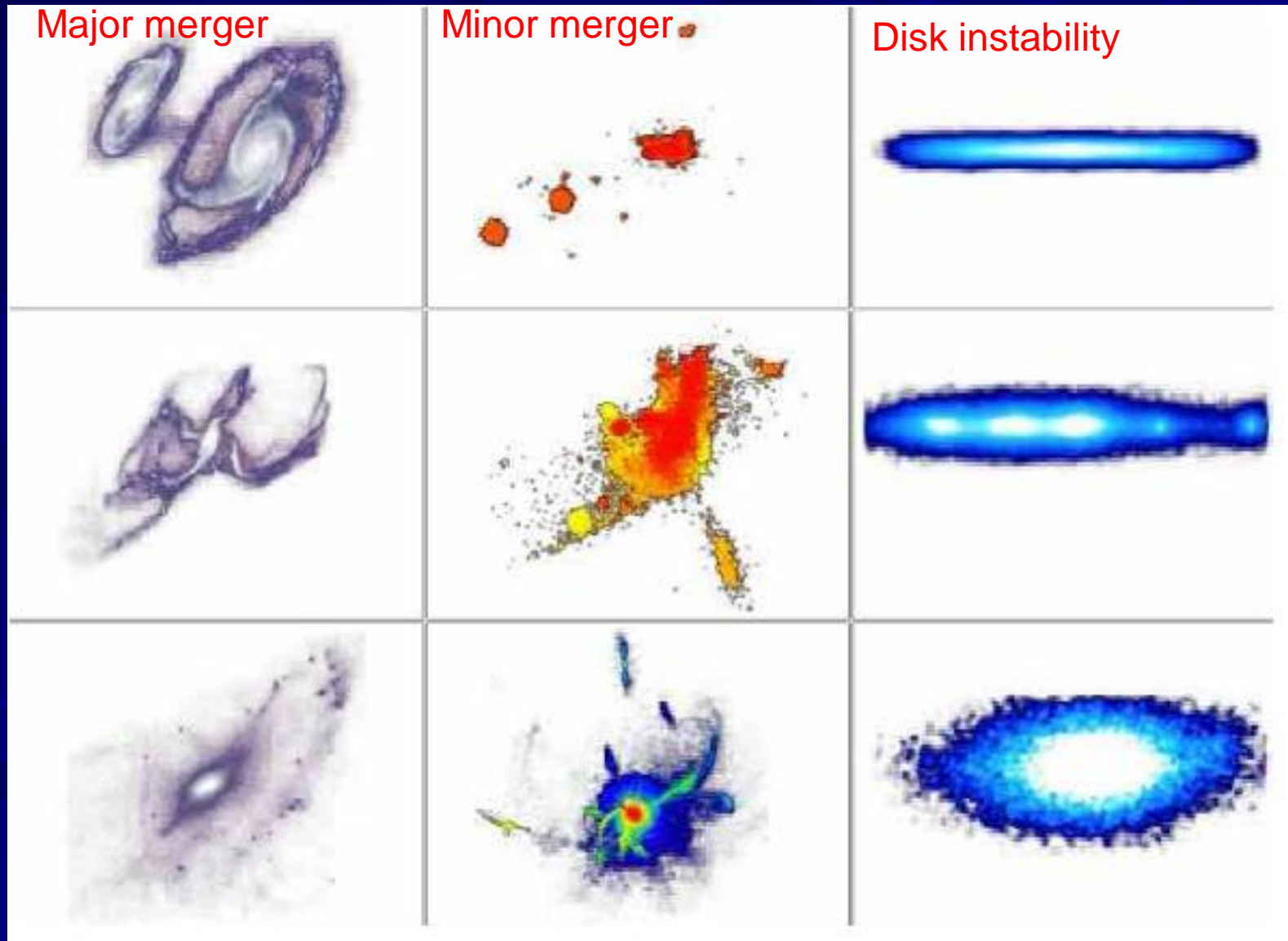


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Systems with a disk component can have very high n !!



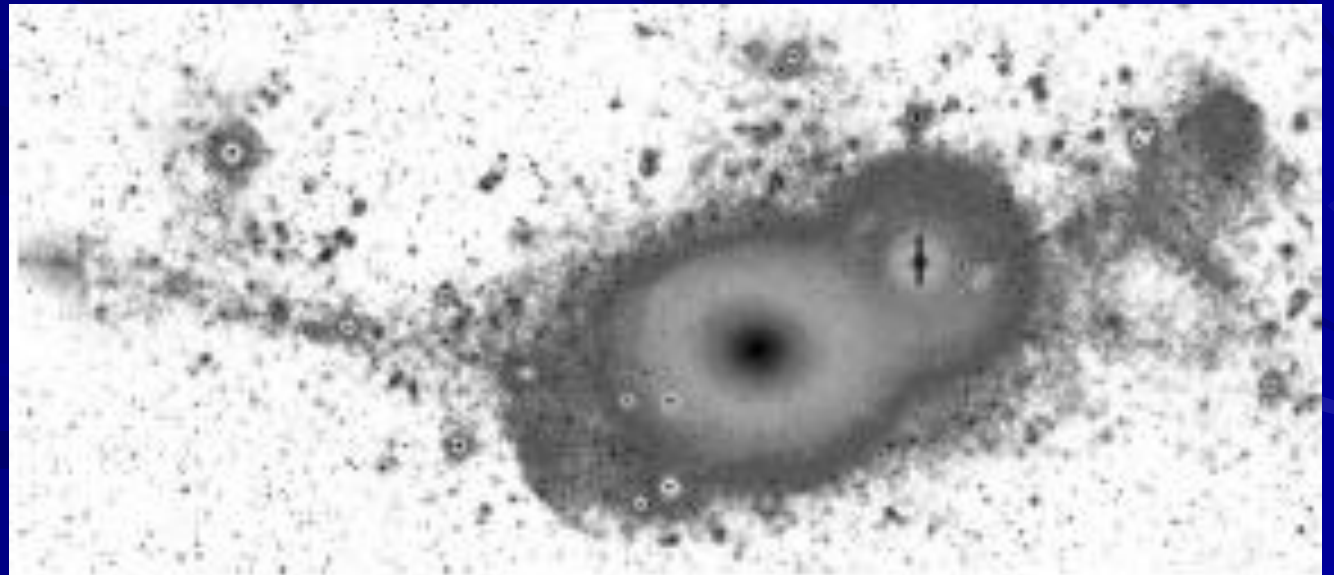
Another way





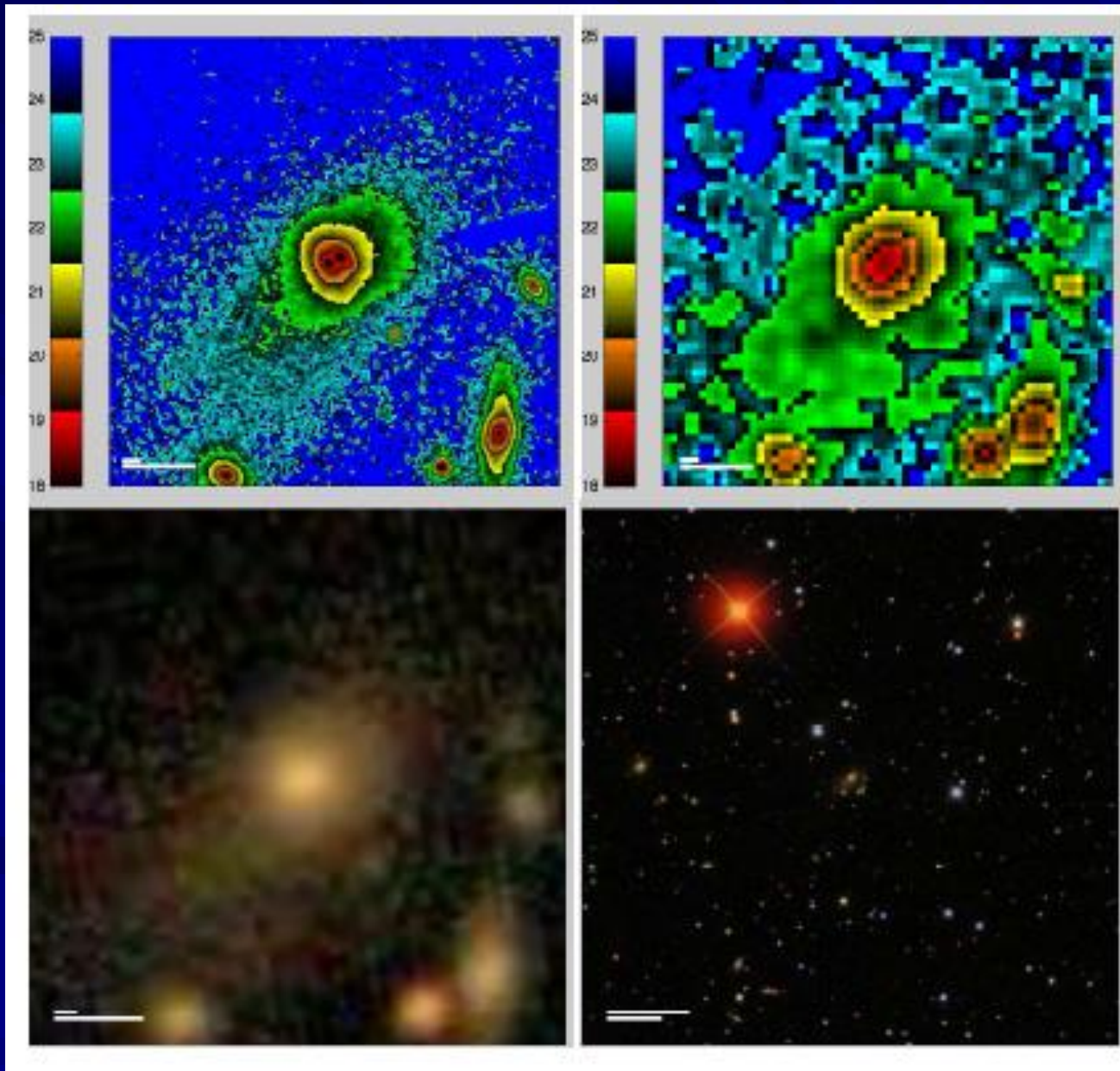
Minor dry merger

Major dry merger (a bit wet?)



Duc et al. 2011

**SDSS galaxies in super-position may be nice sample
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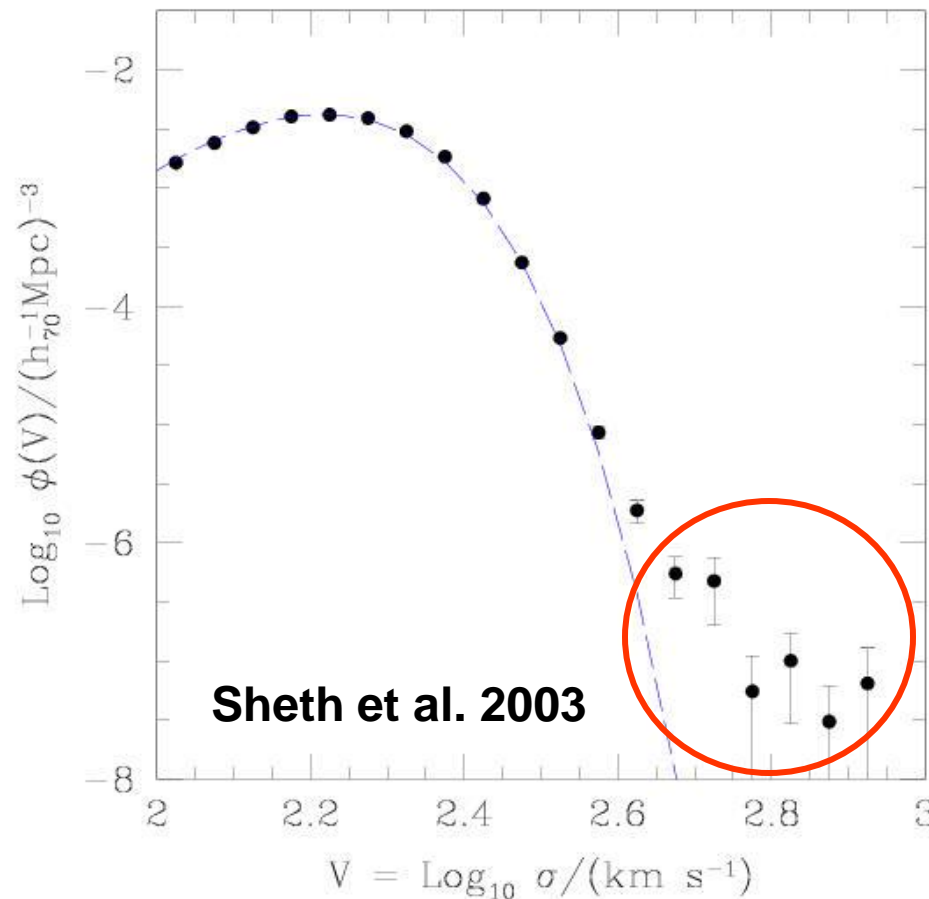
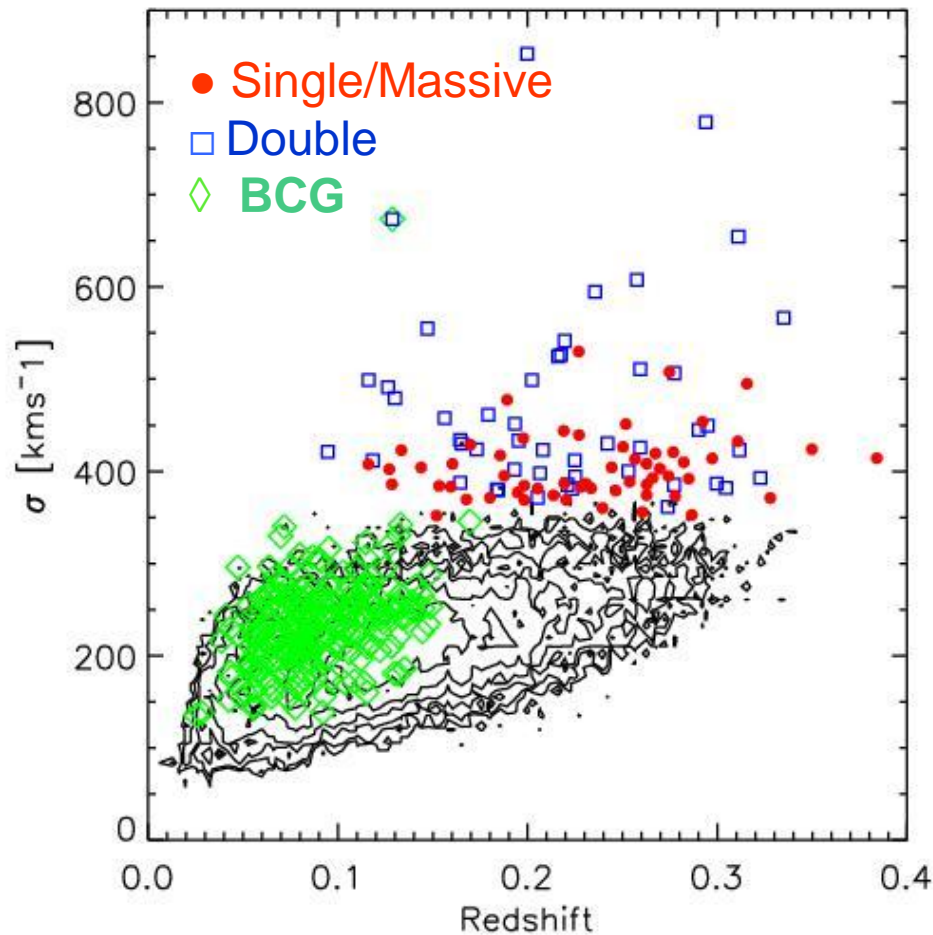
- Brightest Cluster Galaxies
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- High σ Galaxies

BigSigs:

Another class of massive galaxies?

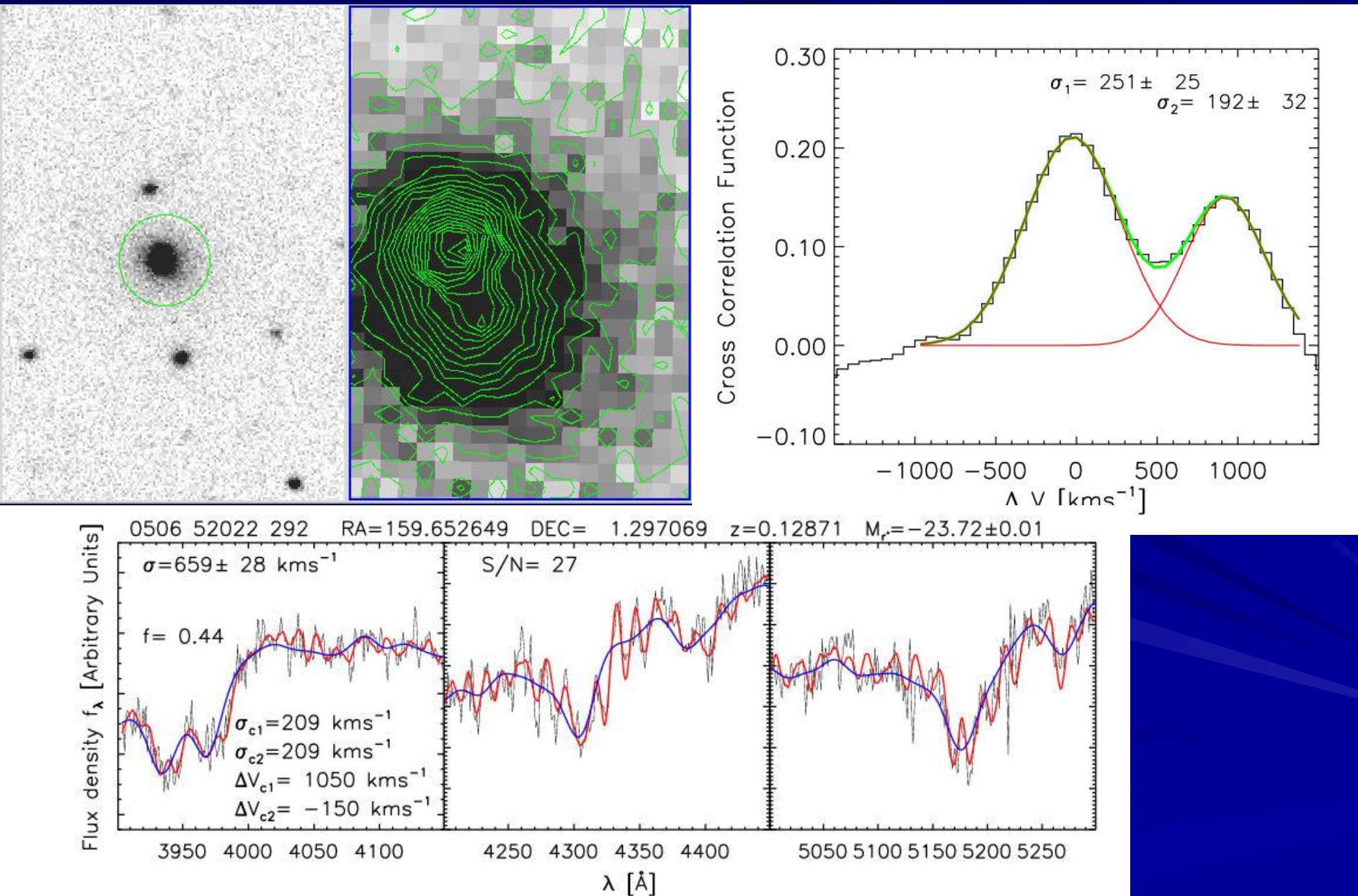
- Search SDSS for $\sigma > 350$ km/s
 - these host the most massive BHs
 - constraints on formation mechanism
(cooling cutoff)
- Eliminate superpositions on basis of images or spectra
 - expect 1/300 is superposition

Galaxies with the largest velocity dispersion

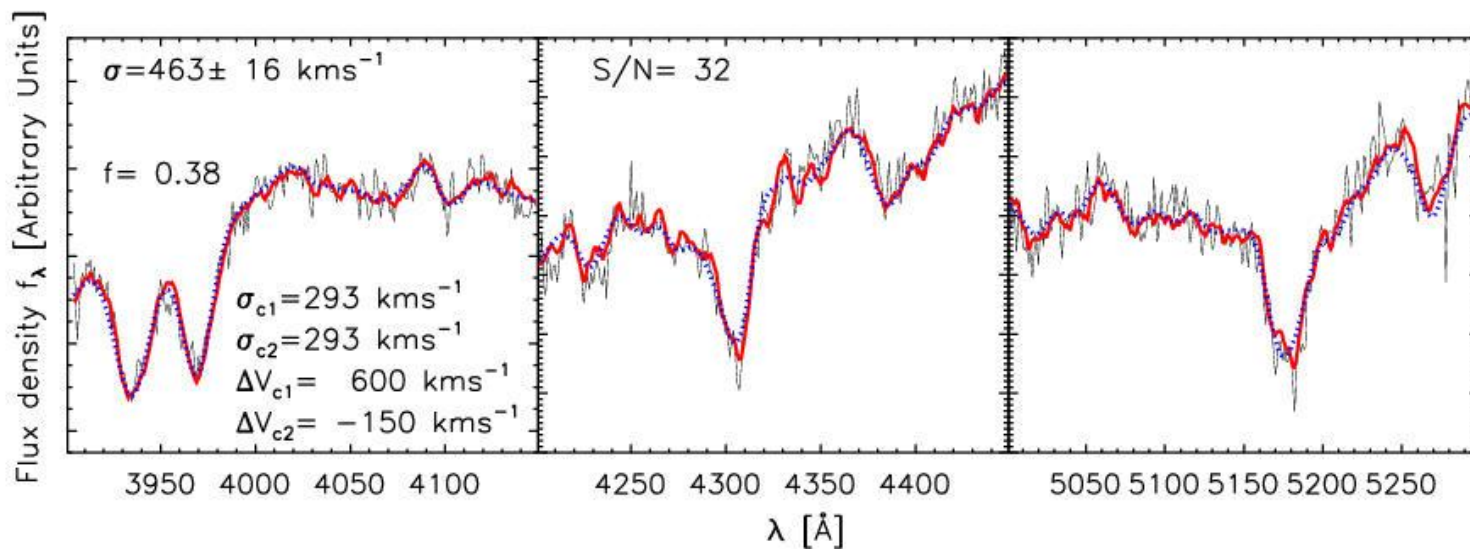
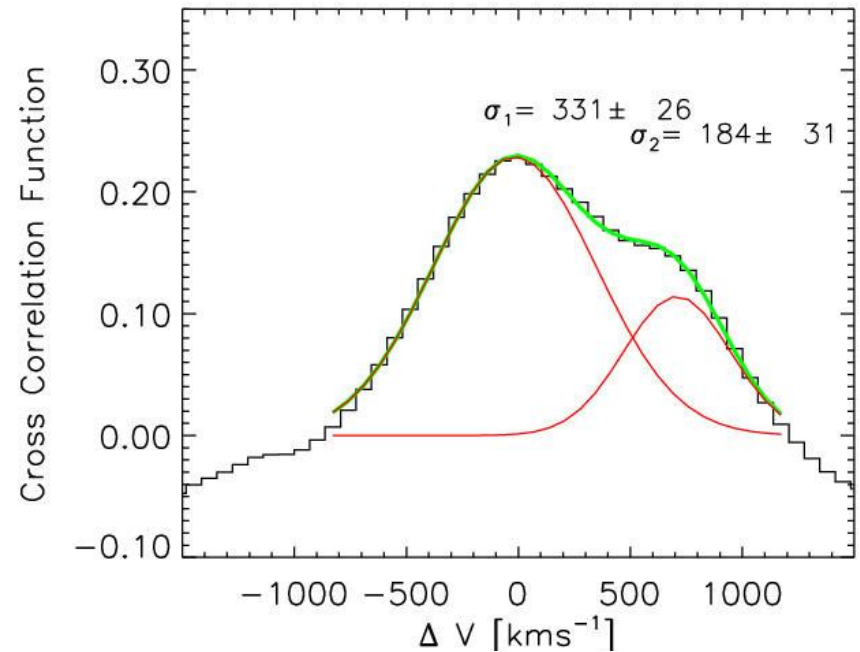
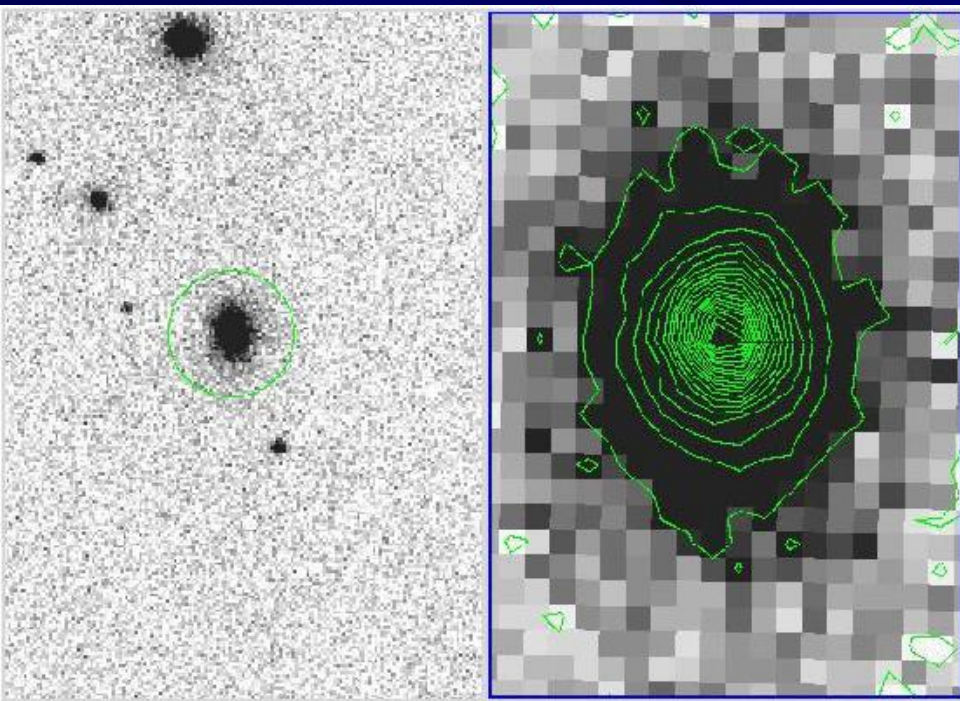


Bernardi et al. 2006

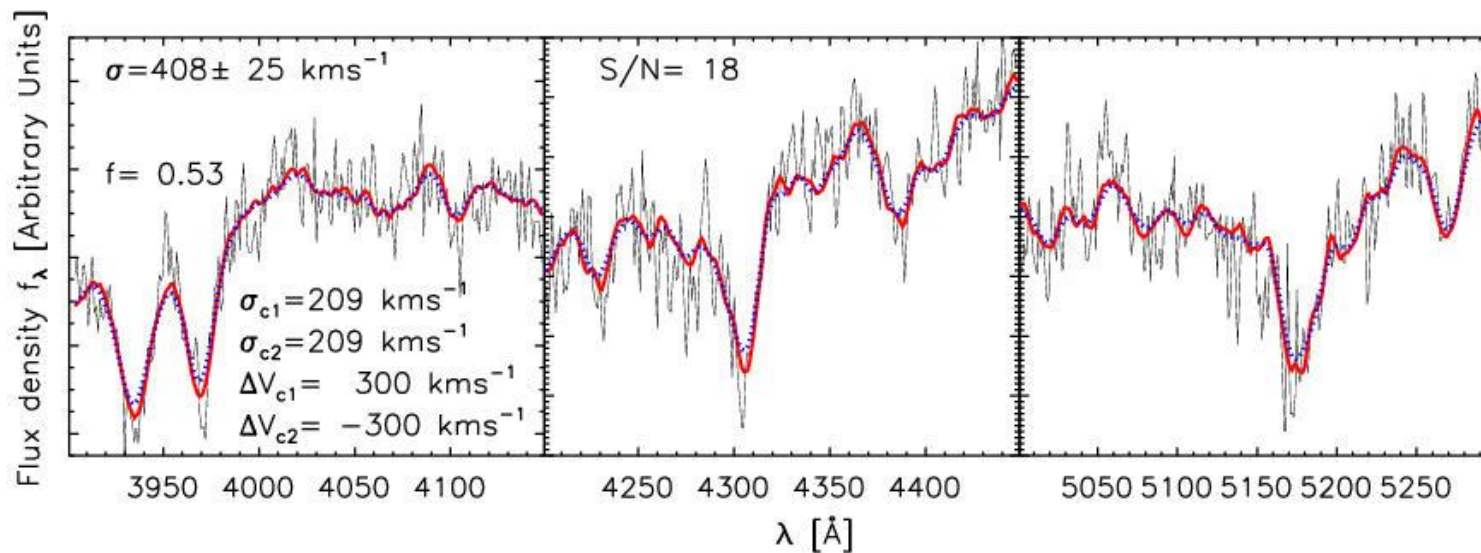
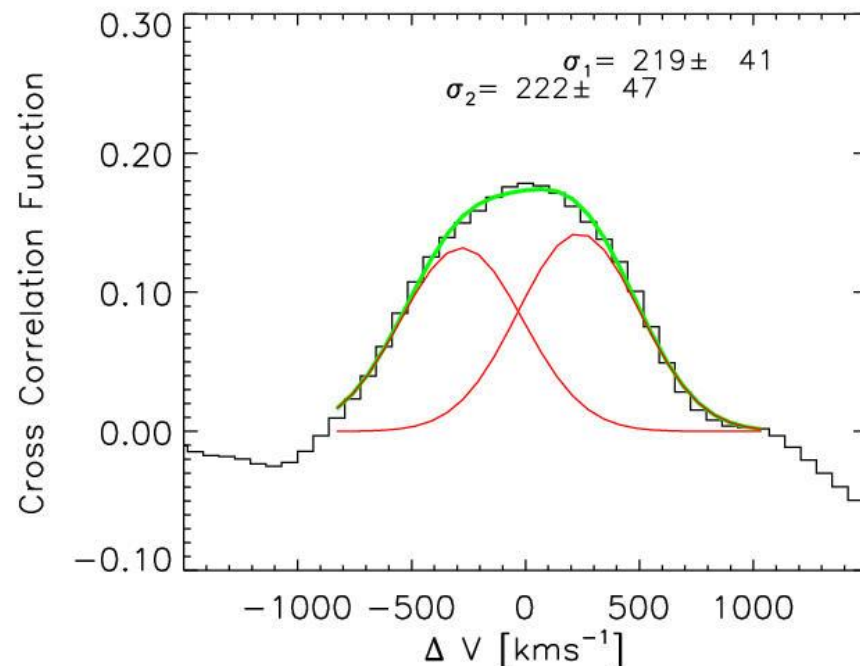
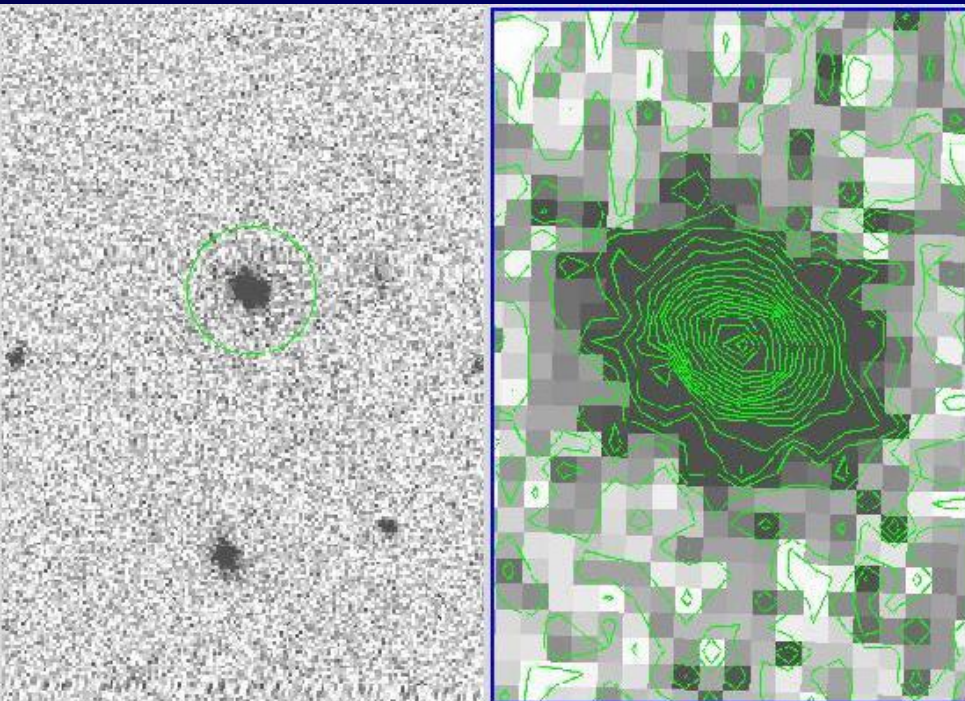
'Double' from spectrum and image



'Double' from spectrum, not image

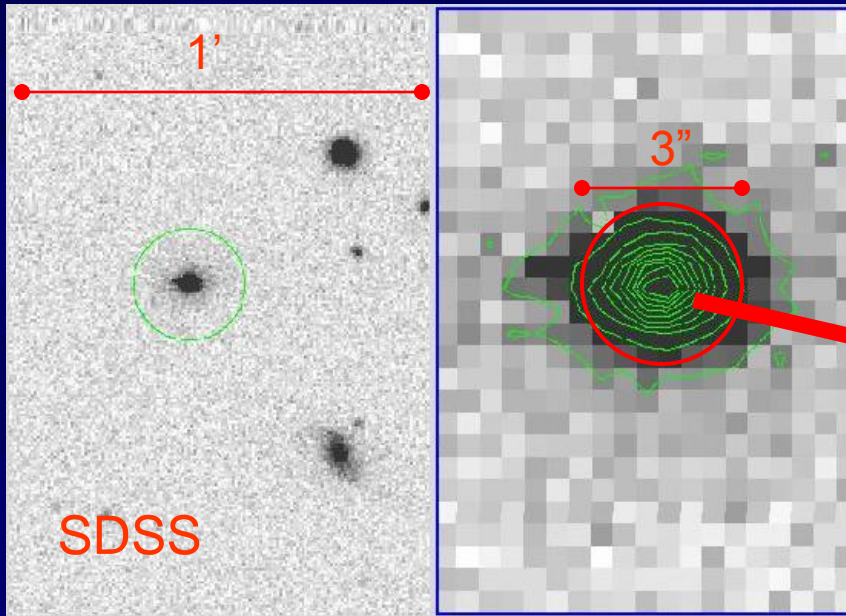


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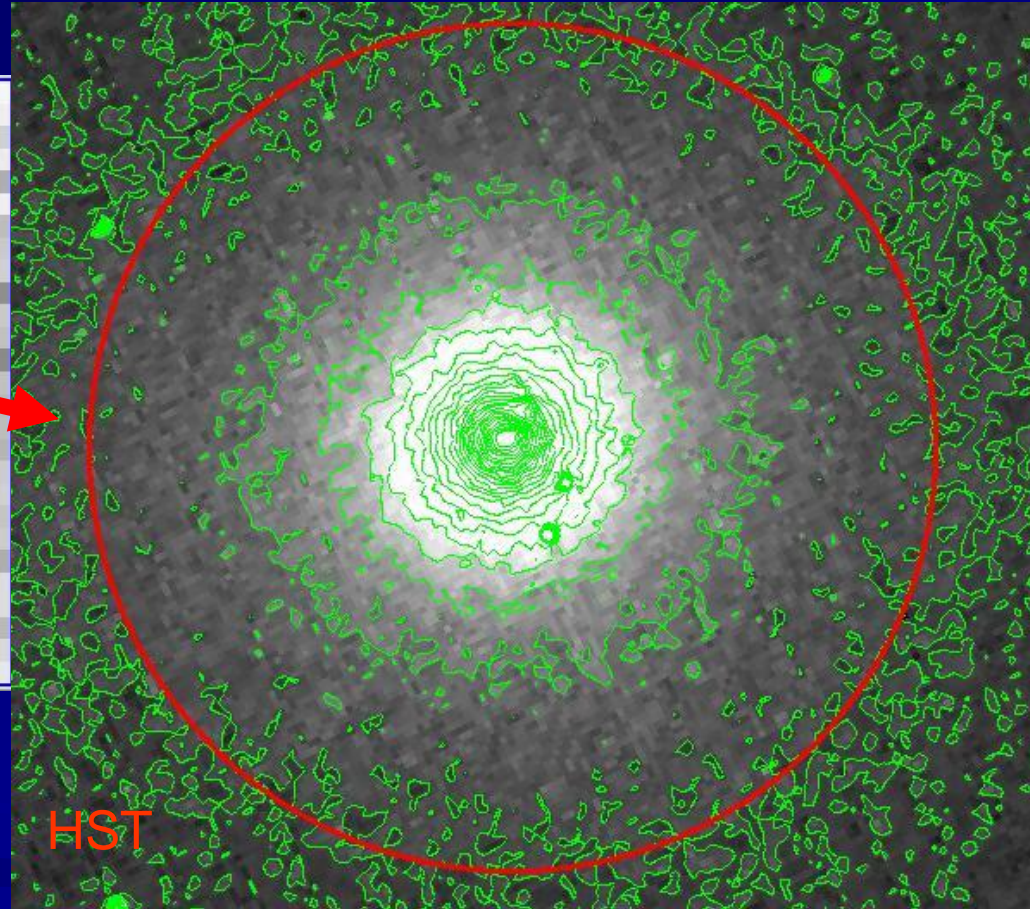


HST images: with ACS-HRC

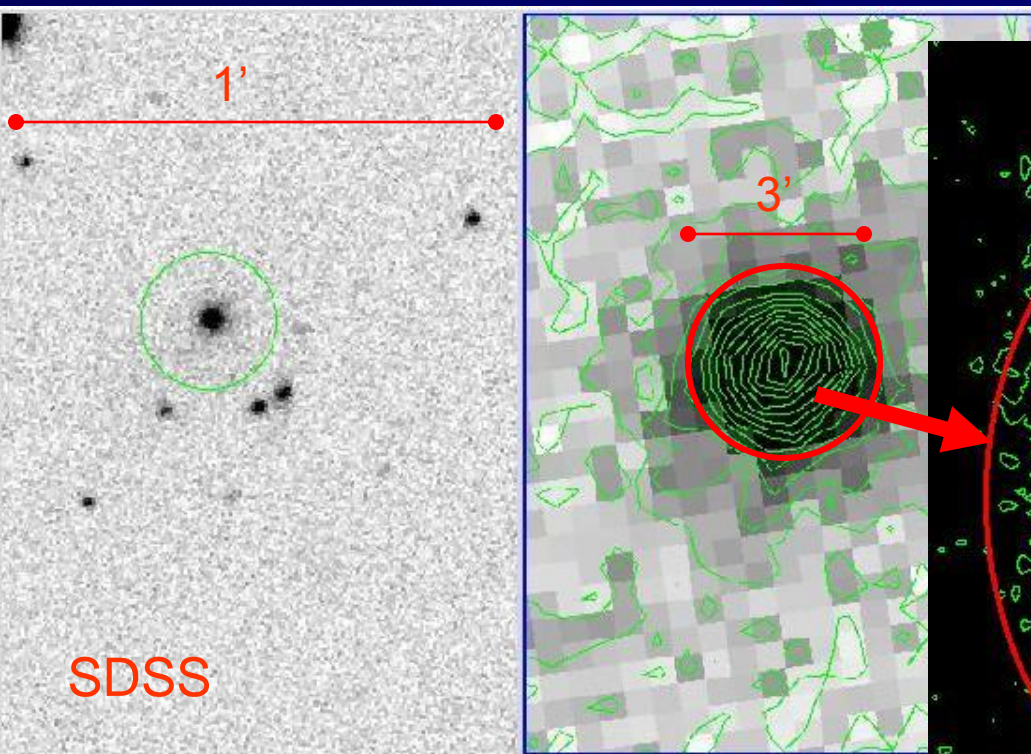
SDSS J151741.7-004217.6



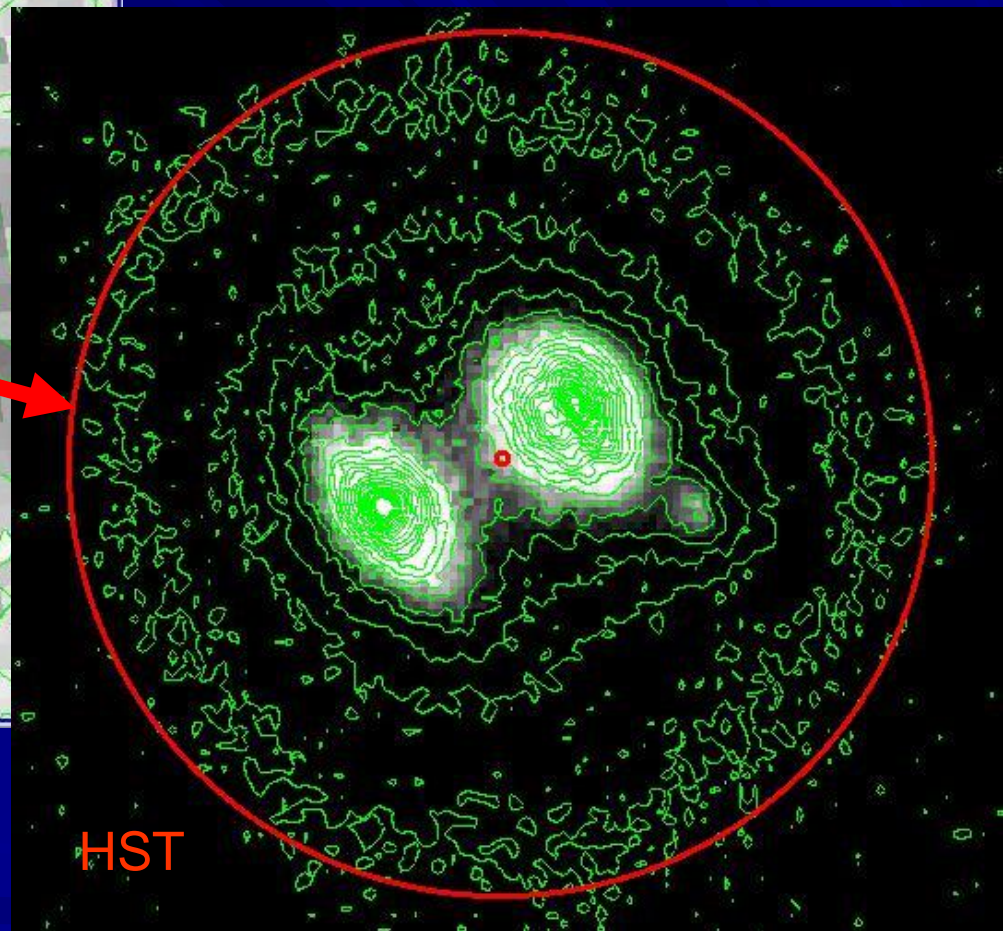
$$\sigma = 412 \pm 27 \text{ km/s}$$

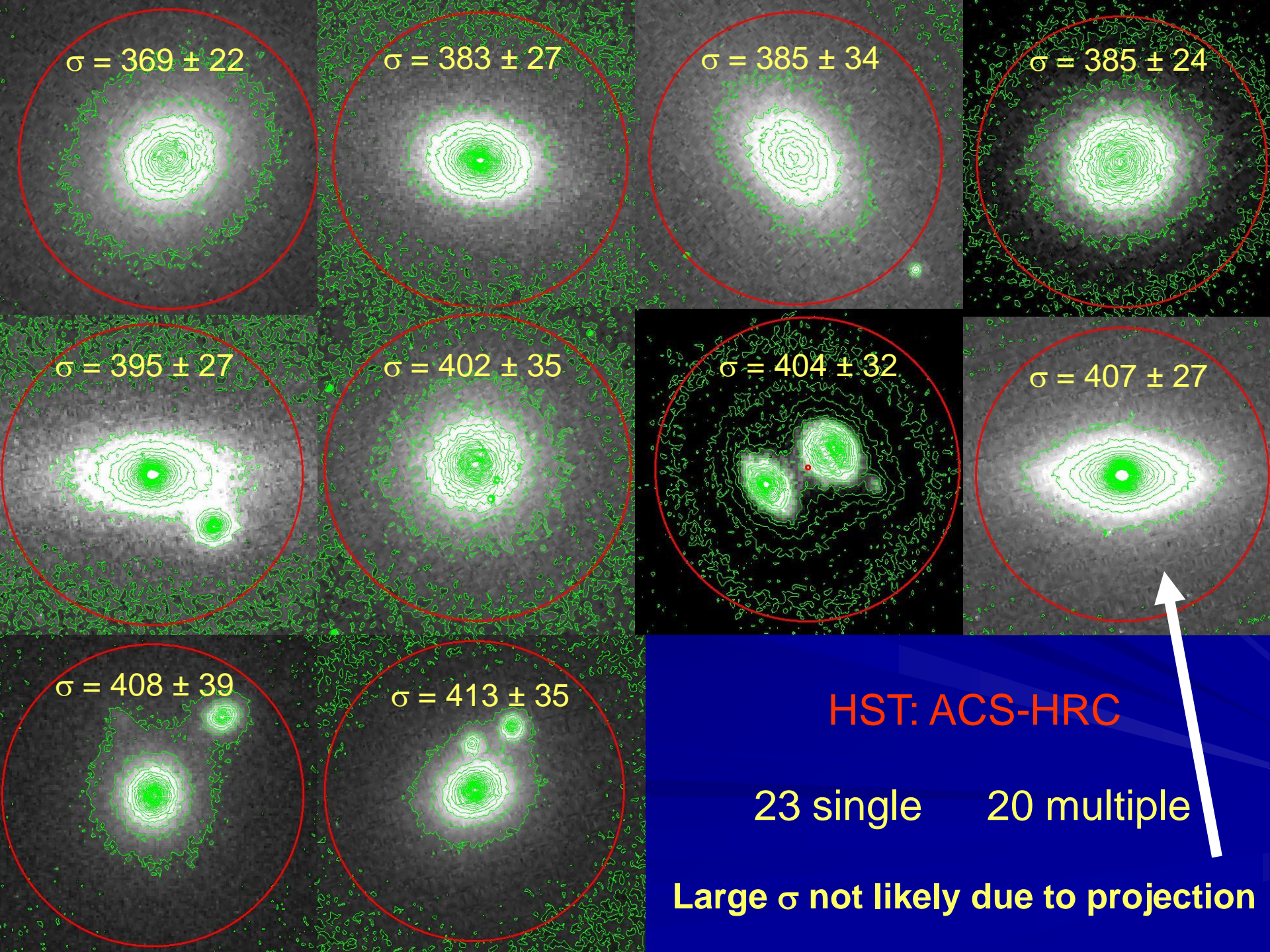


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$$\sigma = 404 \pm 32 \text{ km/s}$$





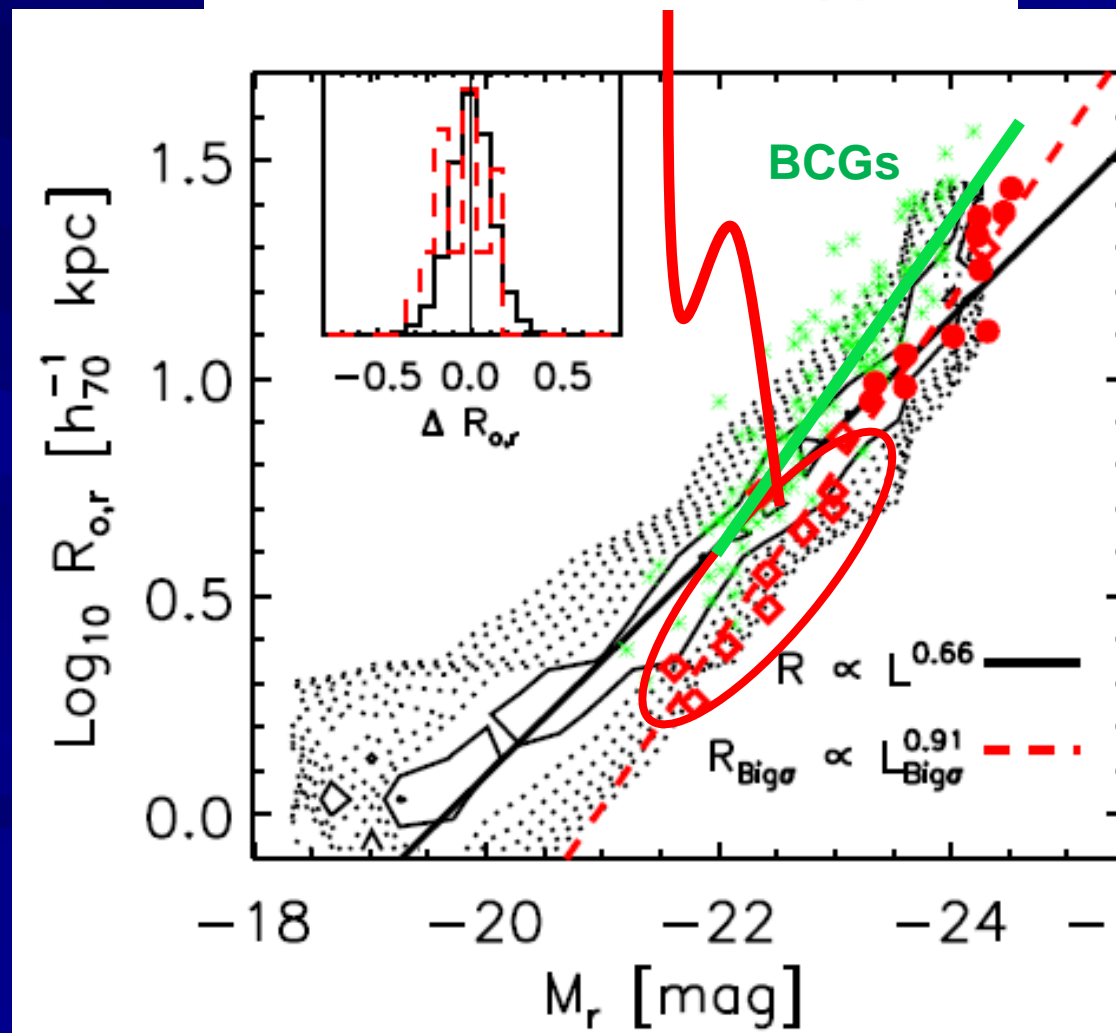
Luminosity-size relation

$b/a < 0.7$: rotation support?

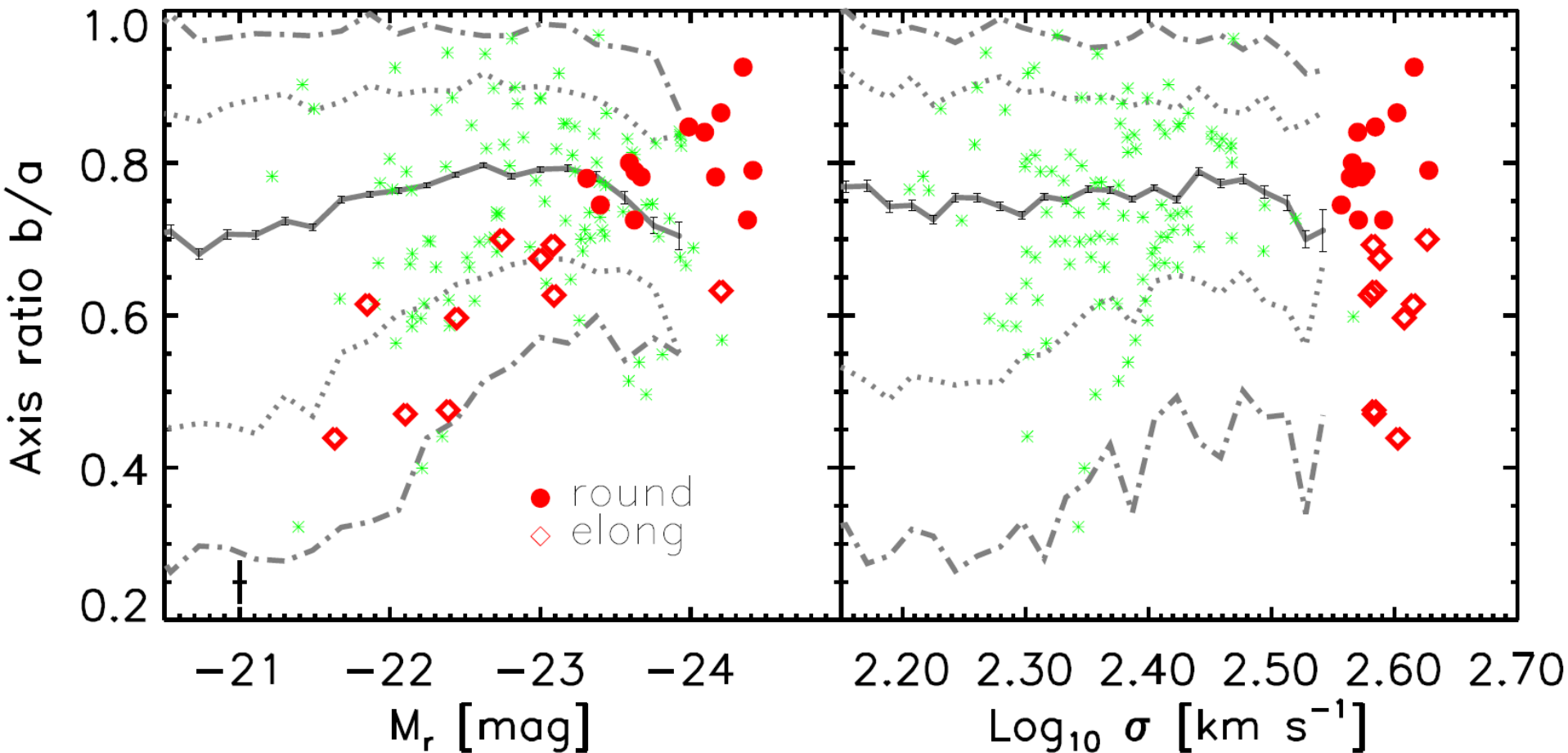
Compared to
BCGs, large σ
sample has
smaller sizes

Large σ from
extreme
dissipation?

Bernardi et al. 2008

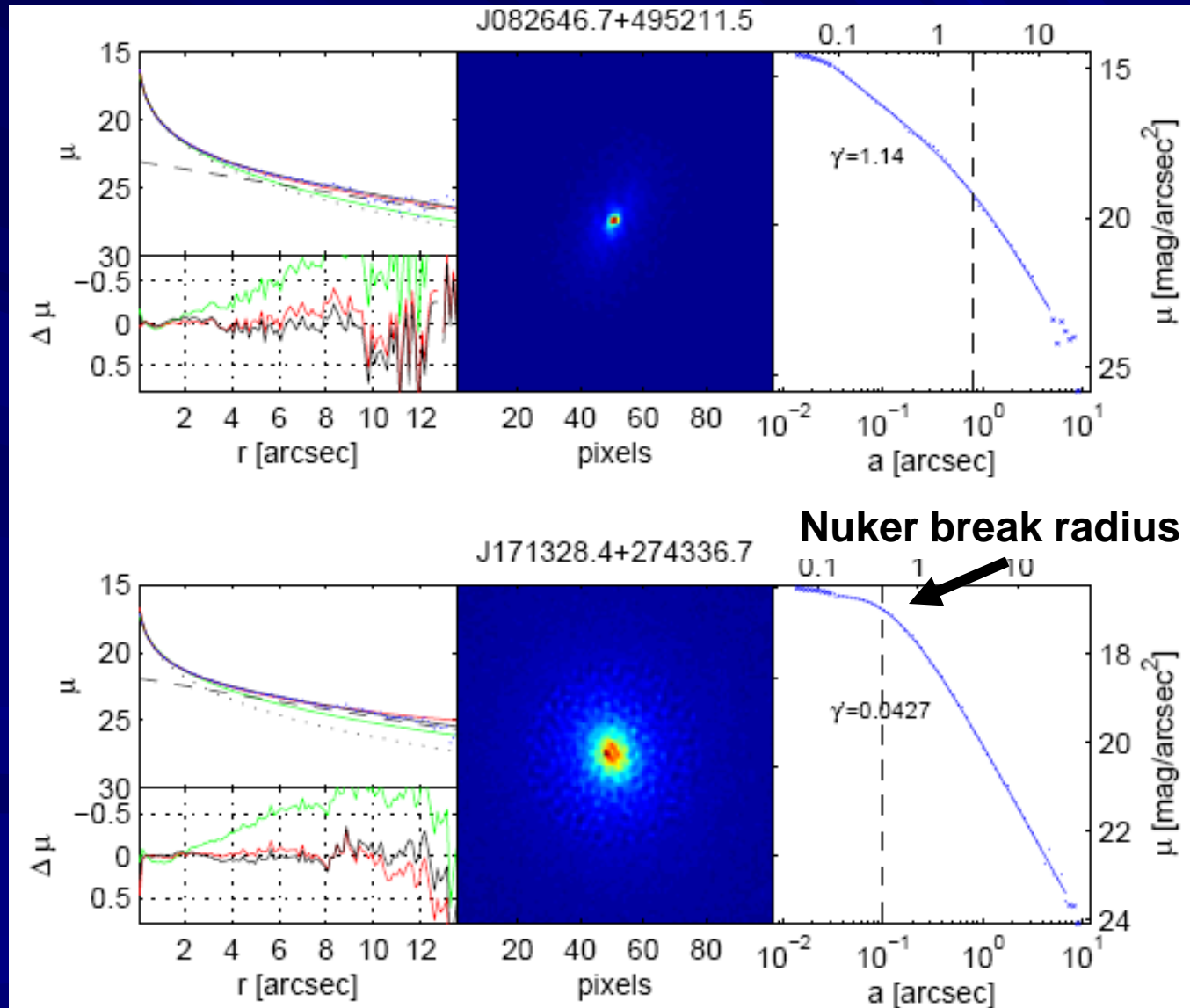


BCGs are less round; BigSigs are rounder!!

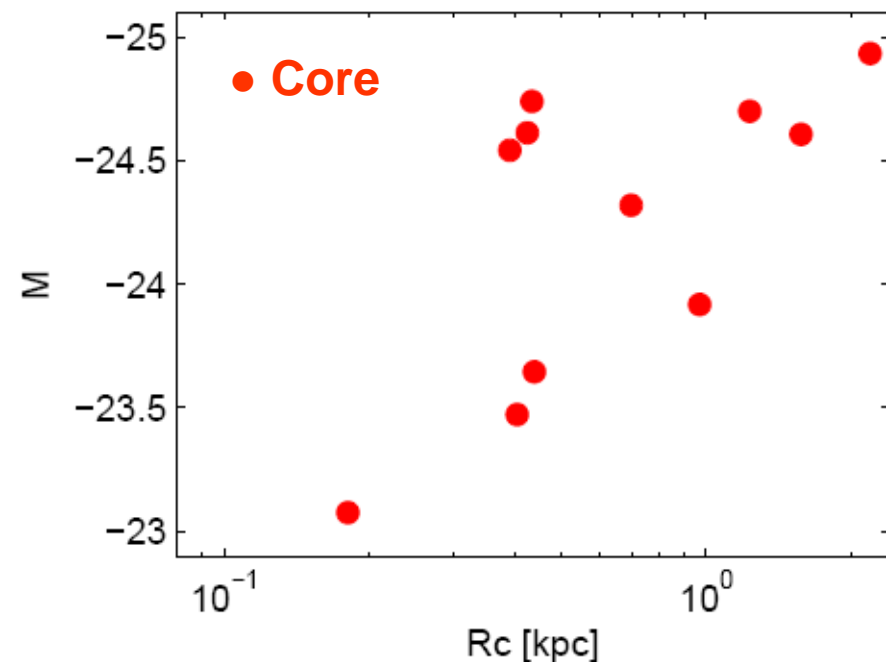
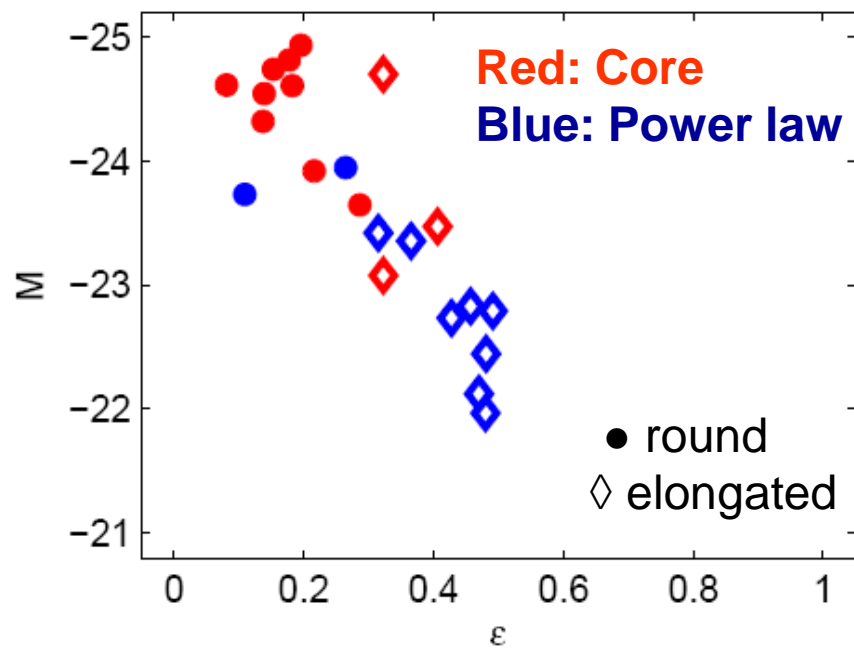
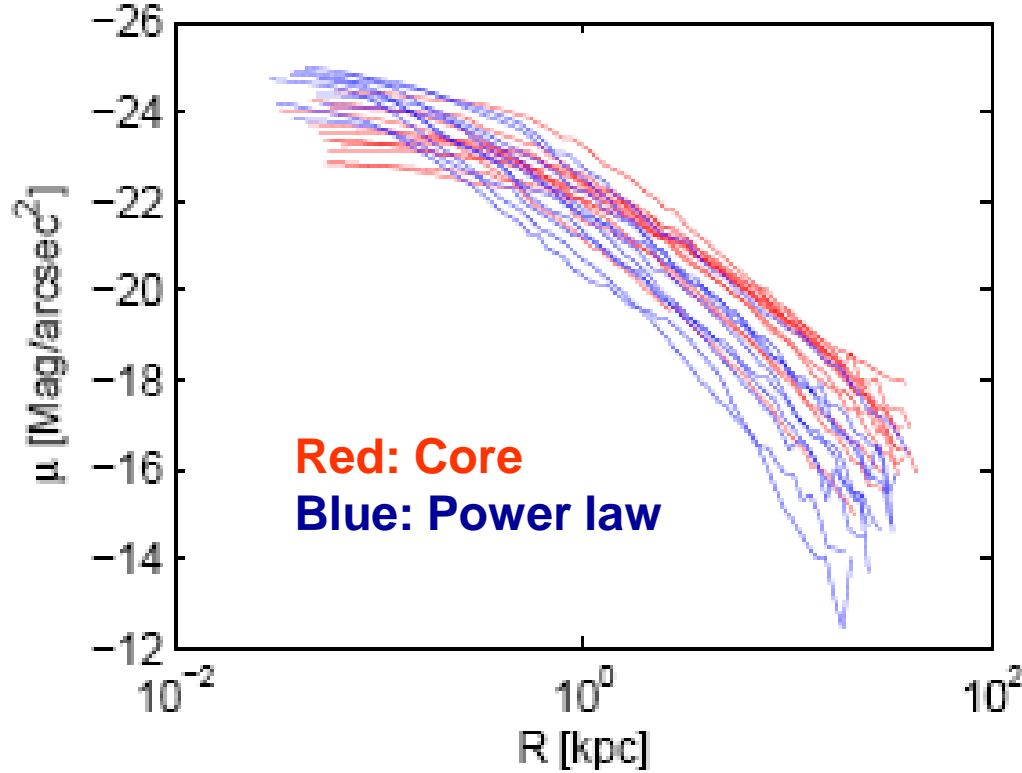


From the HST images we get more info

Hyde et al. 2008



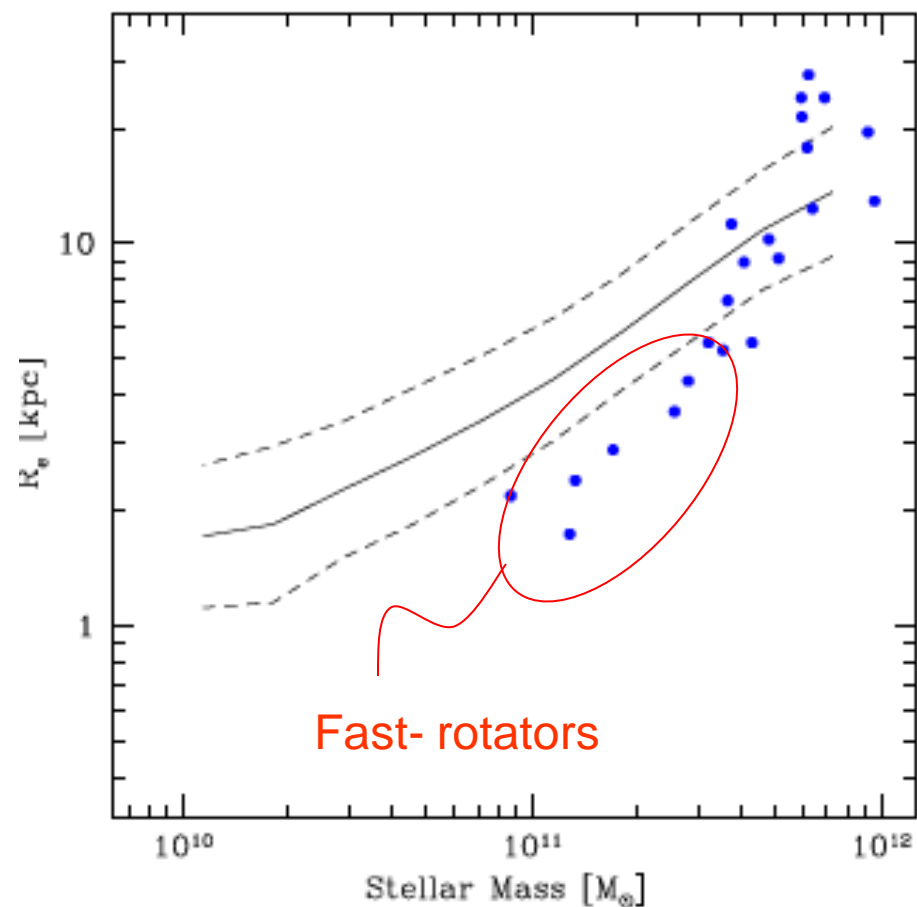
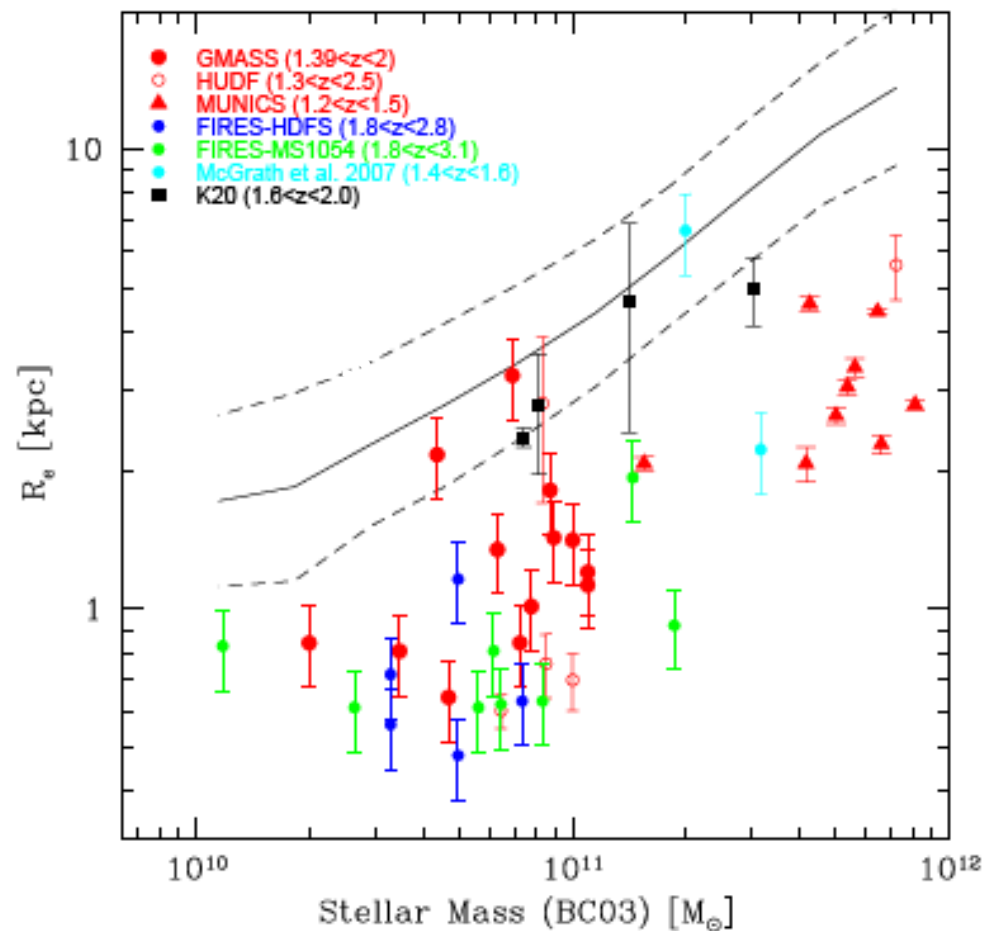
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About the smaller sizes at high- z

$z \sim 1.8$ $z \sim 0.2$

Cimatti et al. 2008



Conclusions

- BCGs have larger than expected sizes, smaller than expected σ , and decreasing b/a with L
- Detected BCGs size evolution at low z -- evolution in σ !
- Curvature in Color, b/a , Col. Grad. vs M_* relation but NOT vs σ at $M_* > 2 \times 10^{11} M_\odot$
 - Consistent with dry merger formation history
 - Most easily understood if massive early-types grew from *major mergers at some earlier time* while BCGs can have had more dry *minor mergers recently*
- BigSigs – two types:
 - $M_r < -23$ Prolate BCGs seen along the longer axis (core central profile)
 - $M_r > -23$ Fast rotators – extremely dense – red color & high Mg2 (power-law central profile)
 - > large amount of dissipation
 - > high metallicity & dust