

The MESSIER orbiter

A space mission to unveil galaxy formation



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Background and timeline

- 2009 Proposal submitted to CNES
- 2013 Ranked as priority by CNES
- 2014 Budget limitations prevent phase 0 study
- 2014 Submitted to joint ESA-China S-class mission
- 2014 Selected in first (Chengdu) and second round (Copenhagen)

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Core science team

OBSPM IAP Saclay Strasbourg Marseille
Heidelberg Munich Stockholm Geneva ETHZ
Cambridge Durham UCL Cardiff Barcelona
Caltech Arizona JHU Columbia (TBC)
IHEP NAOC SITP KIAA/PKU Jiaotong SHAO
PMO Tsinghua (TBC)

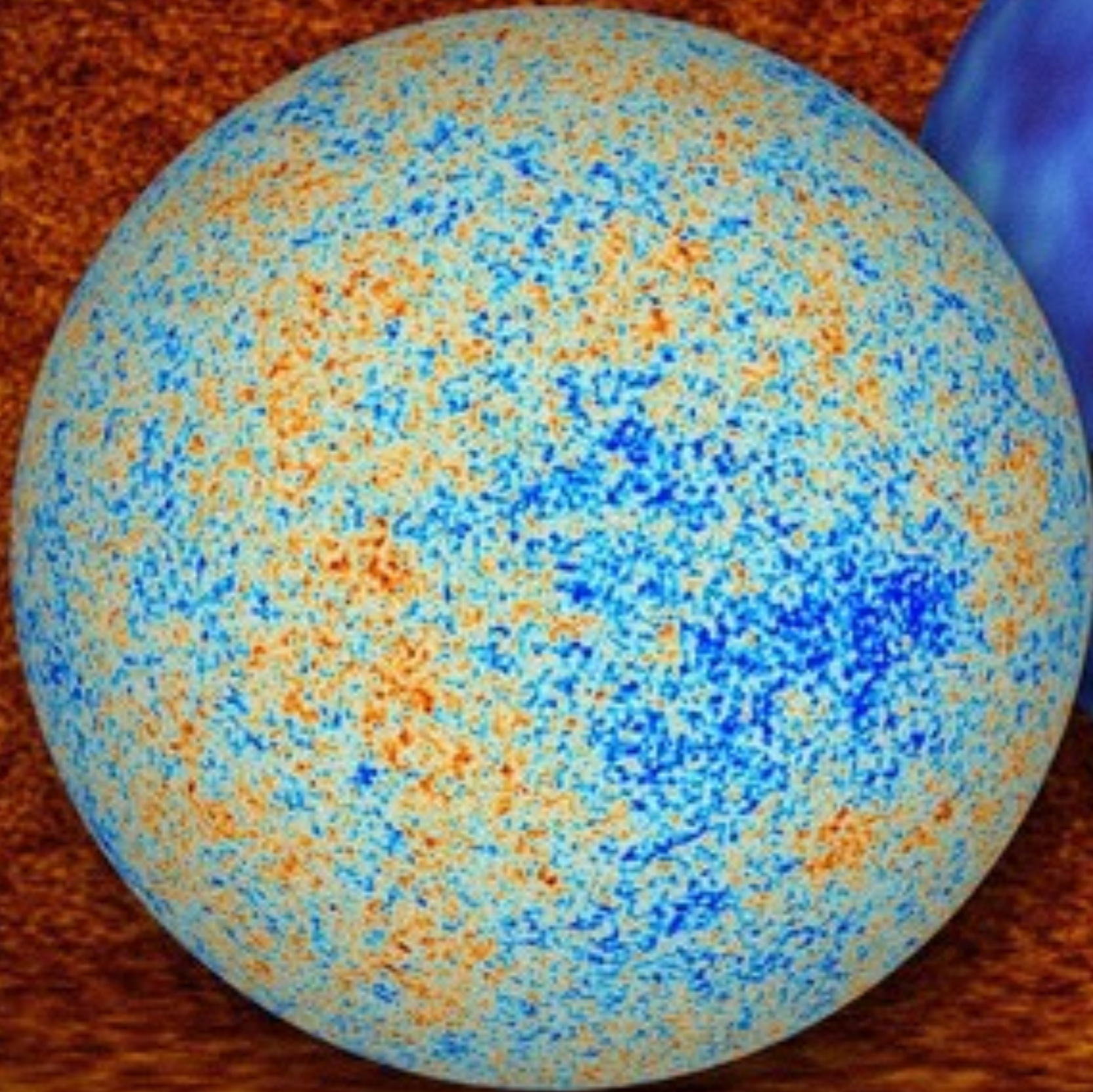
Core instrumentation team

Paris Marseille NAOC SITP

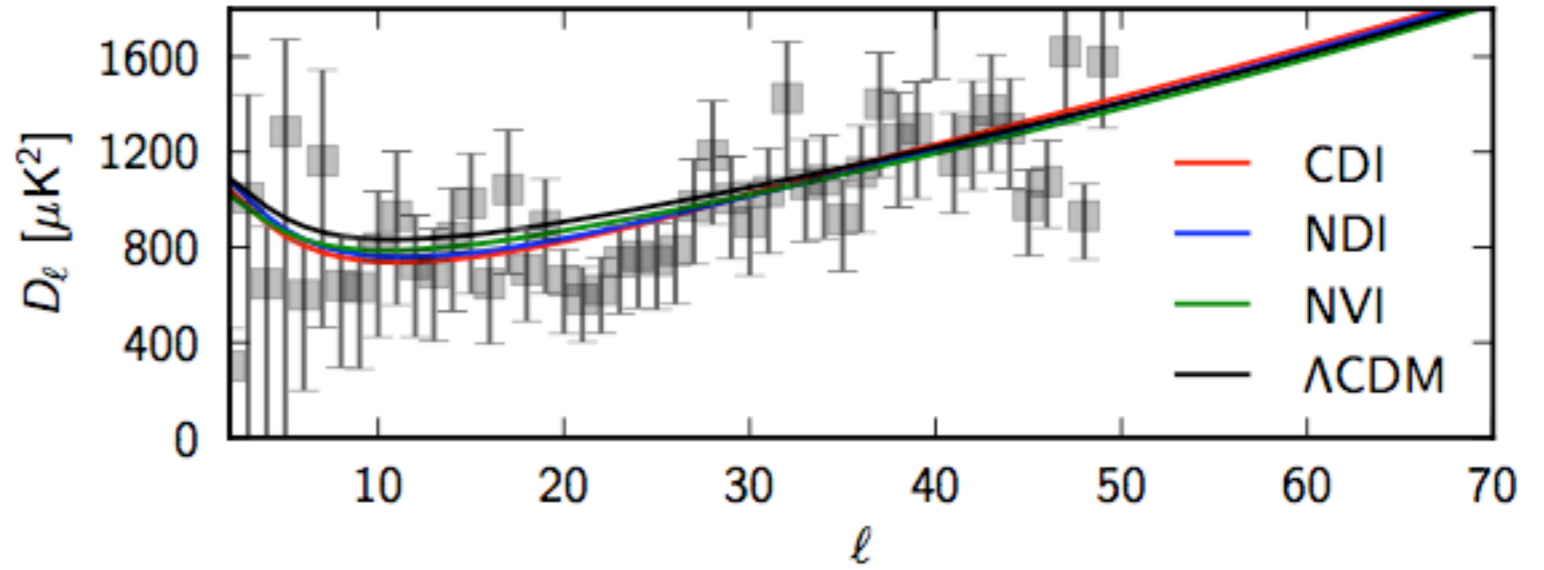
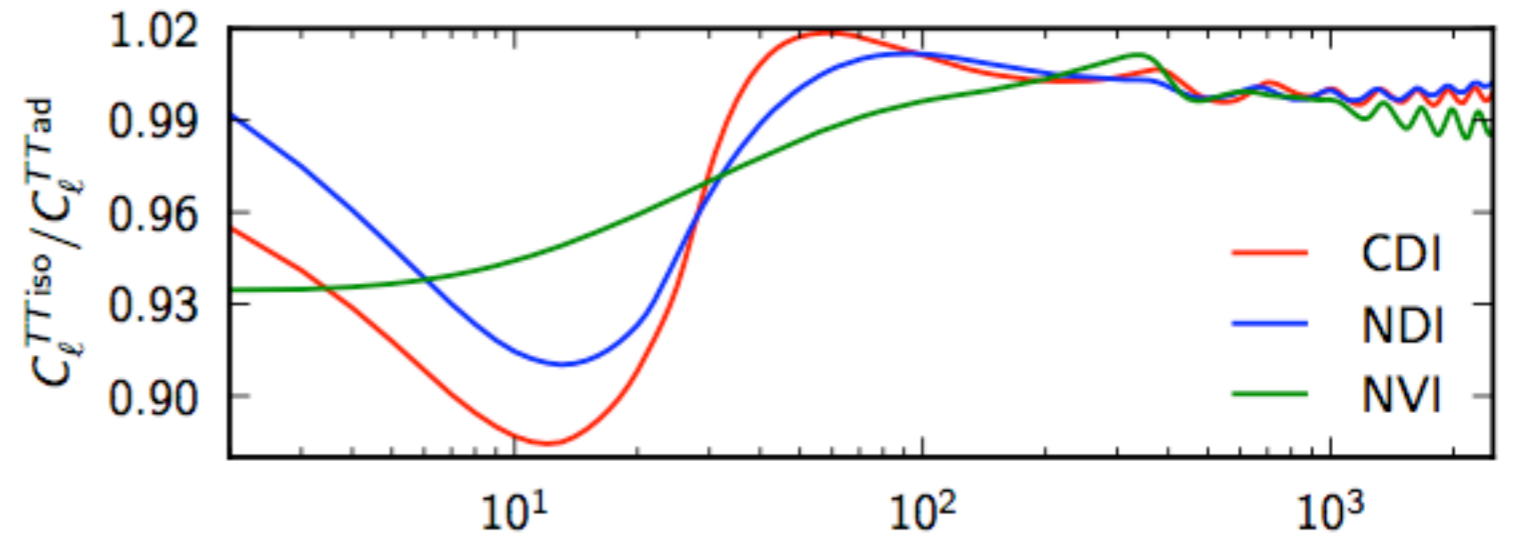
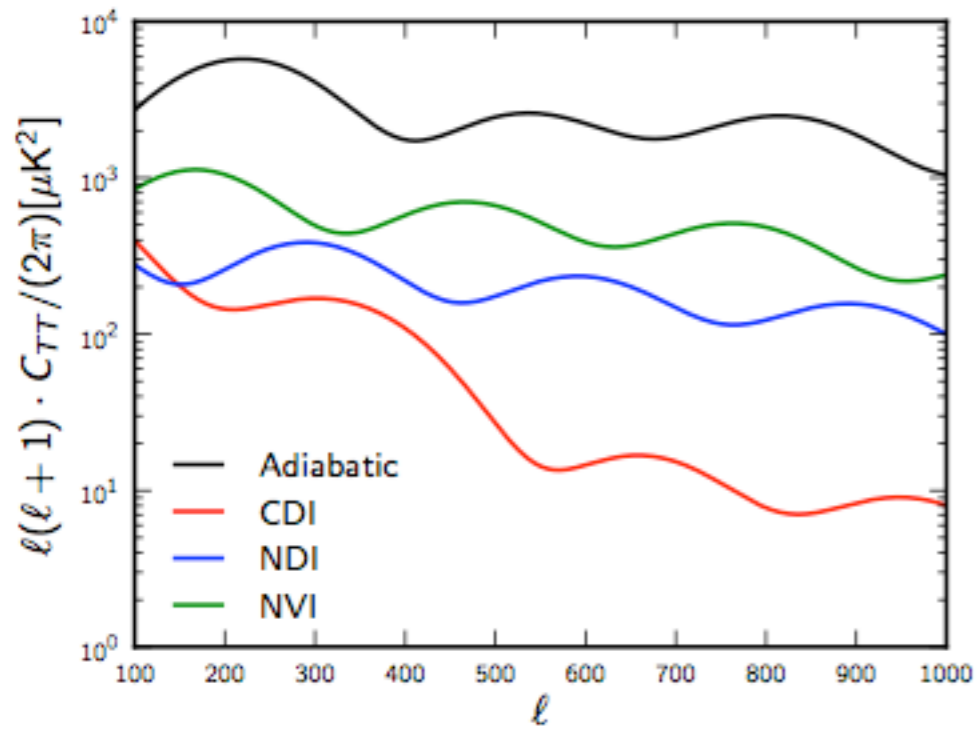
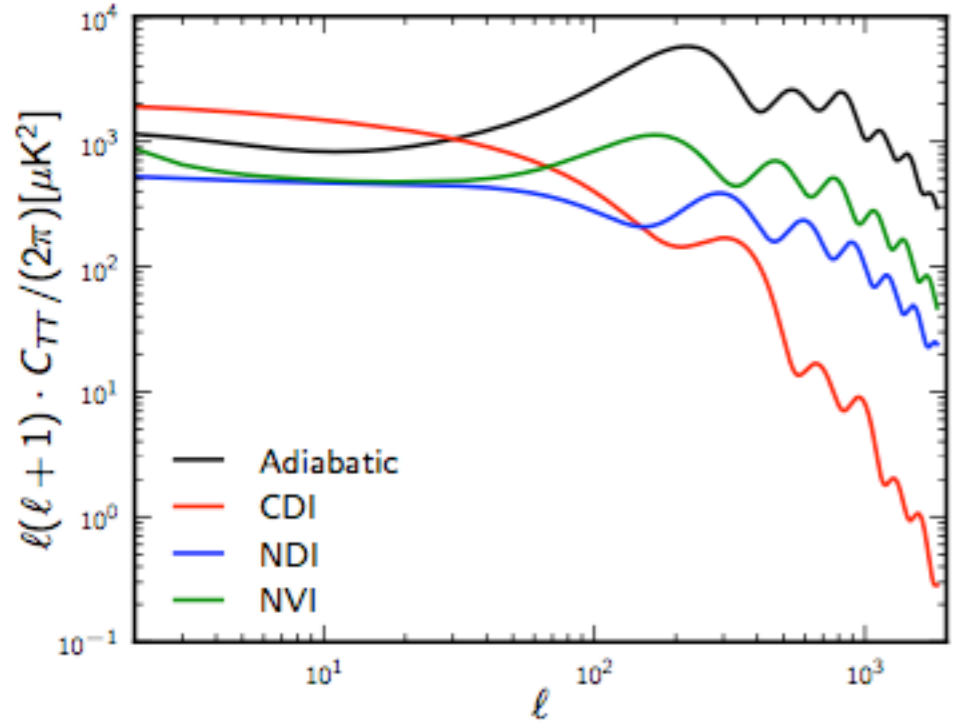
Interested parties: > 190 researchers over 30 institutes

Standard cosmological model Λ CDM

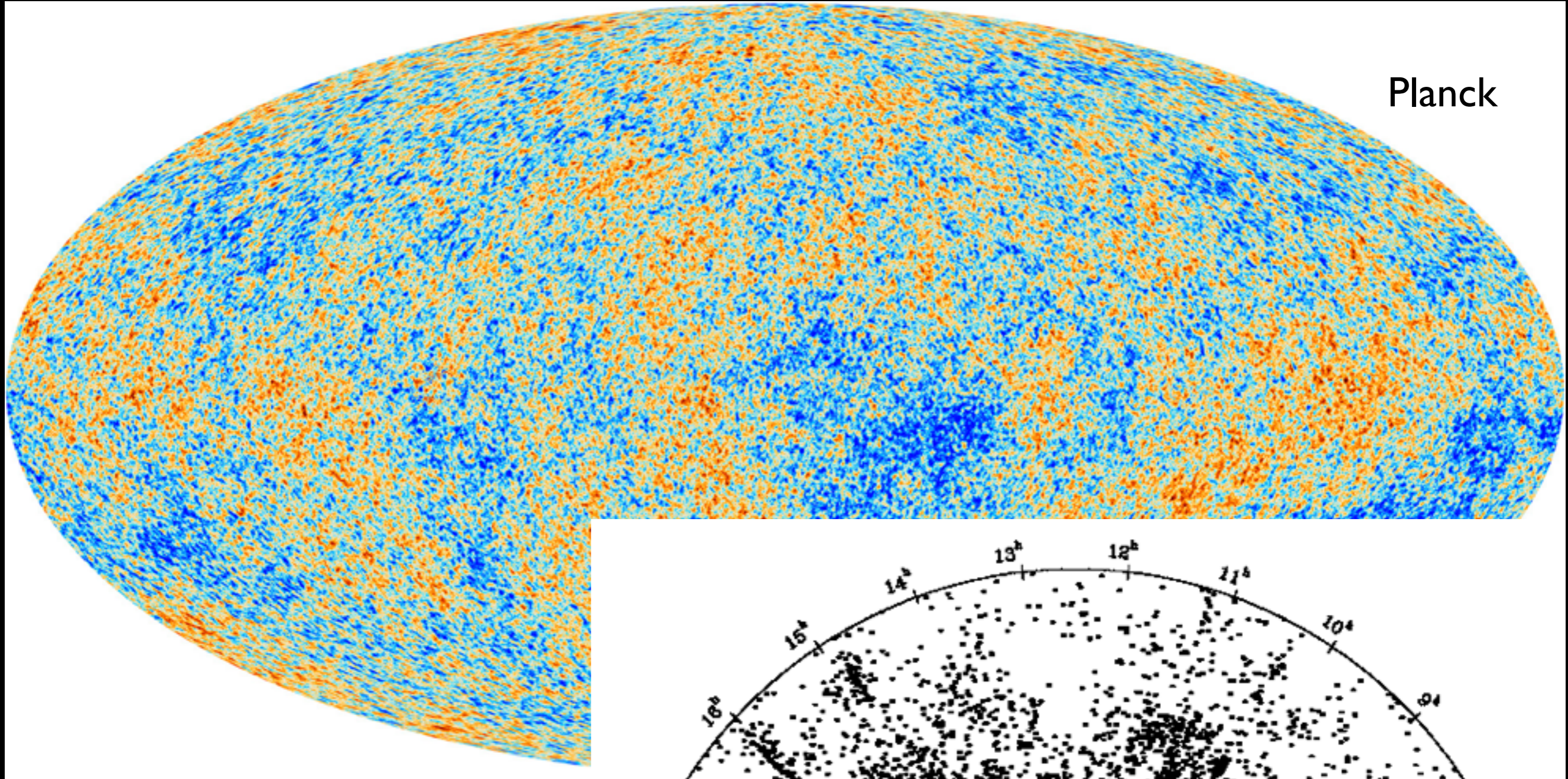
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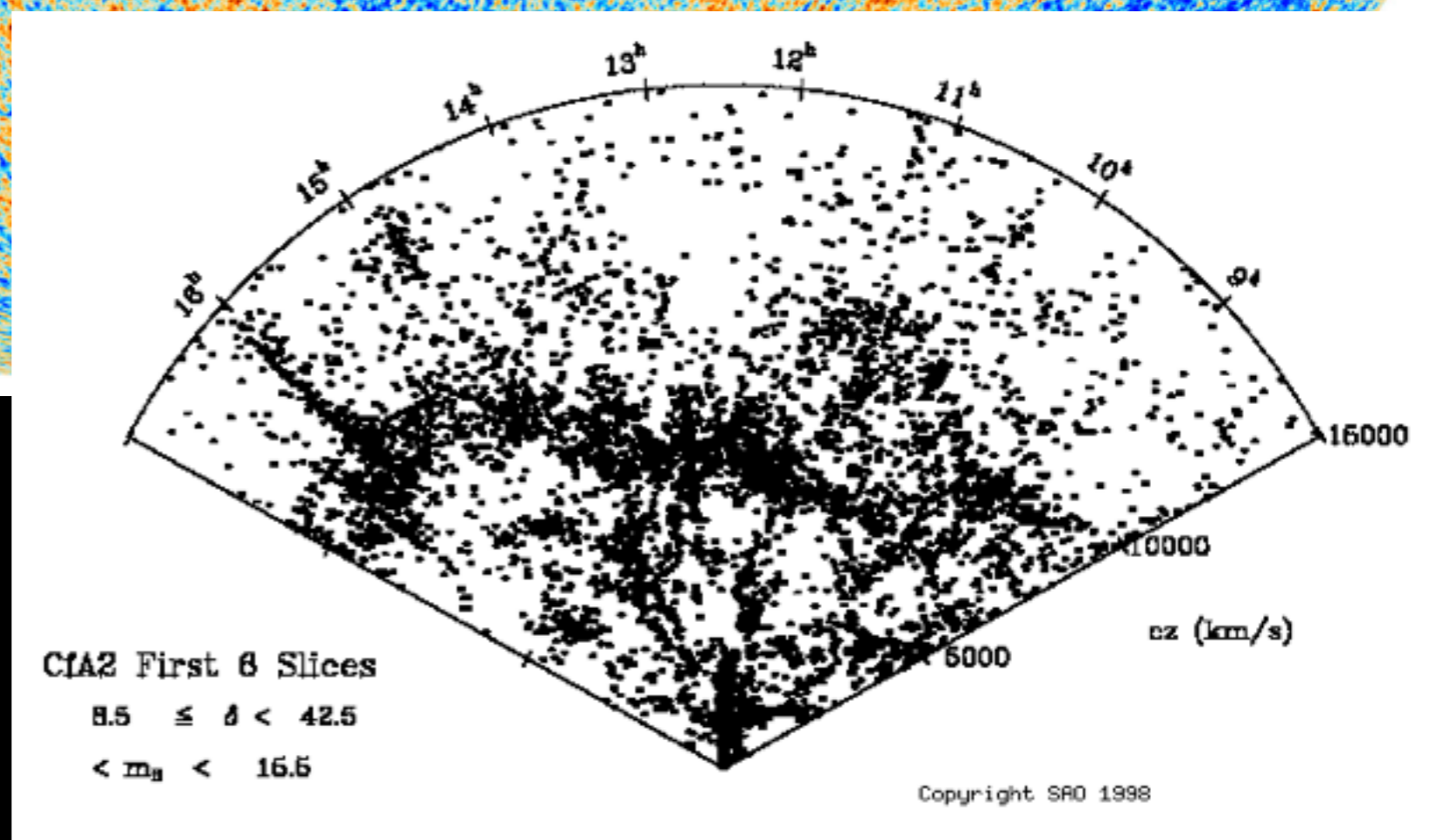
No evidence for strong isocurvature modes
⇒ fluctuations are adiabatic at 95% CL



Standard cosmological model Λ CDM ... from adiabatic initial conditions



... to non-linear structures:
filaments, clusters, galaxies

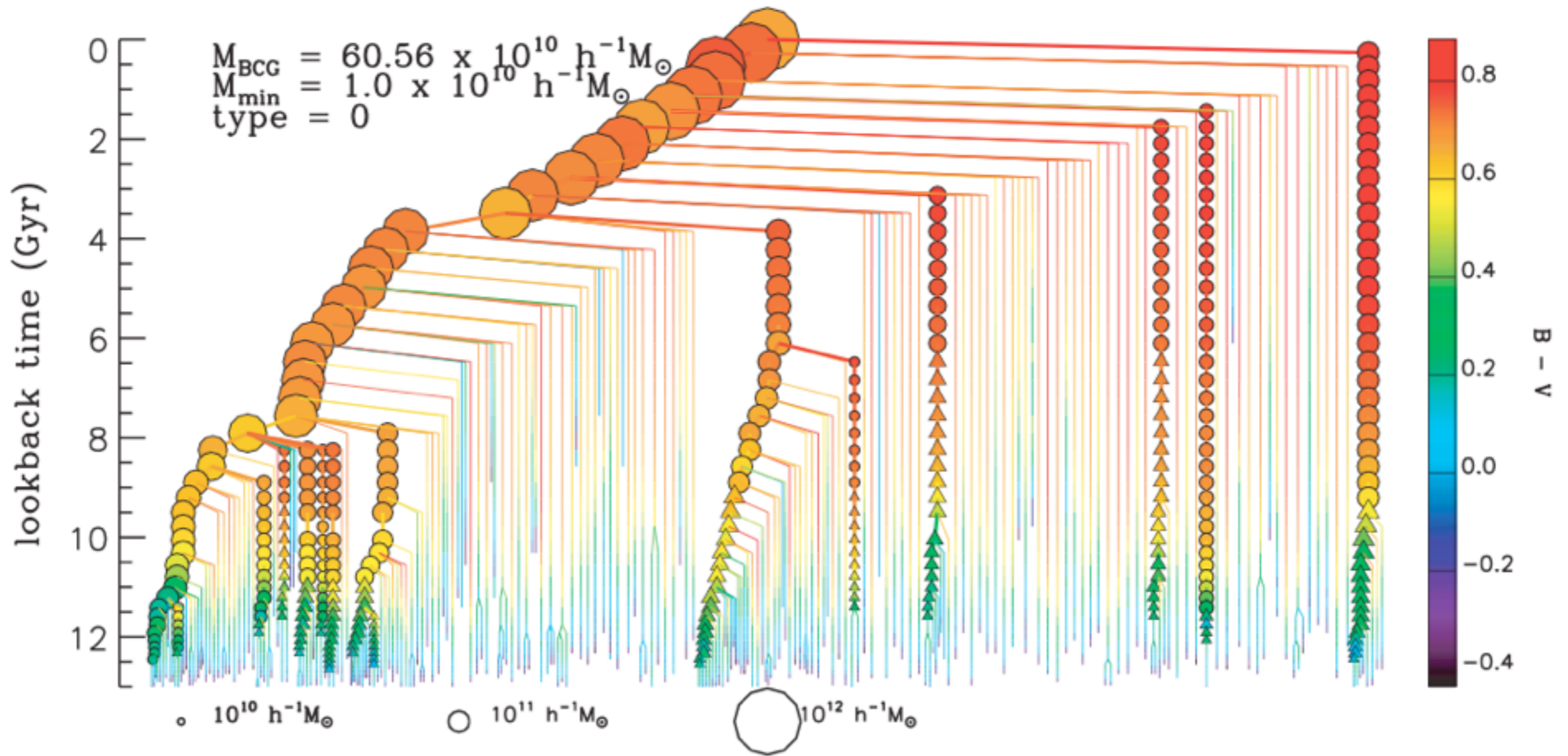


$t = 18.815$ Myr, $z = 93.125$

1 Mpc

ELVIS

Hierarchical bottom-up process of accretion/merging of cold dark matter (sub)haloes



MRObs
Viz

HUDF
Viz

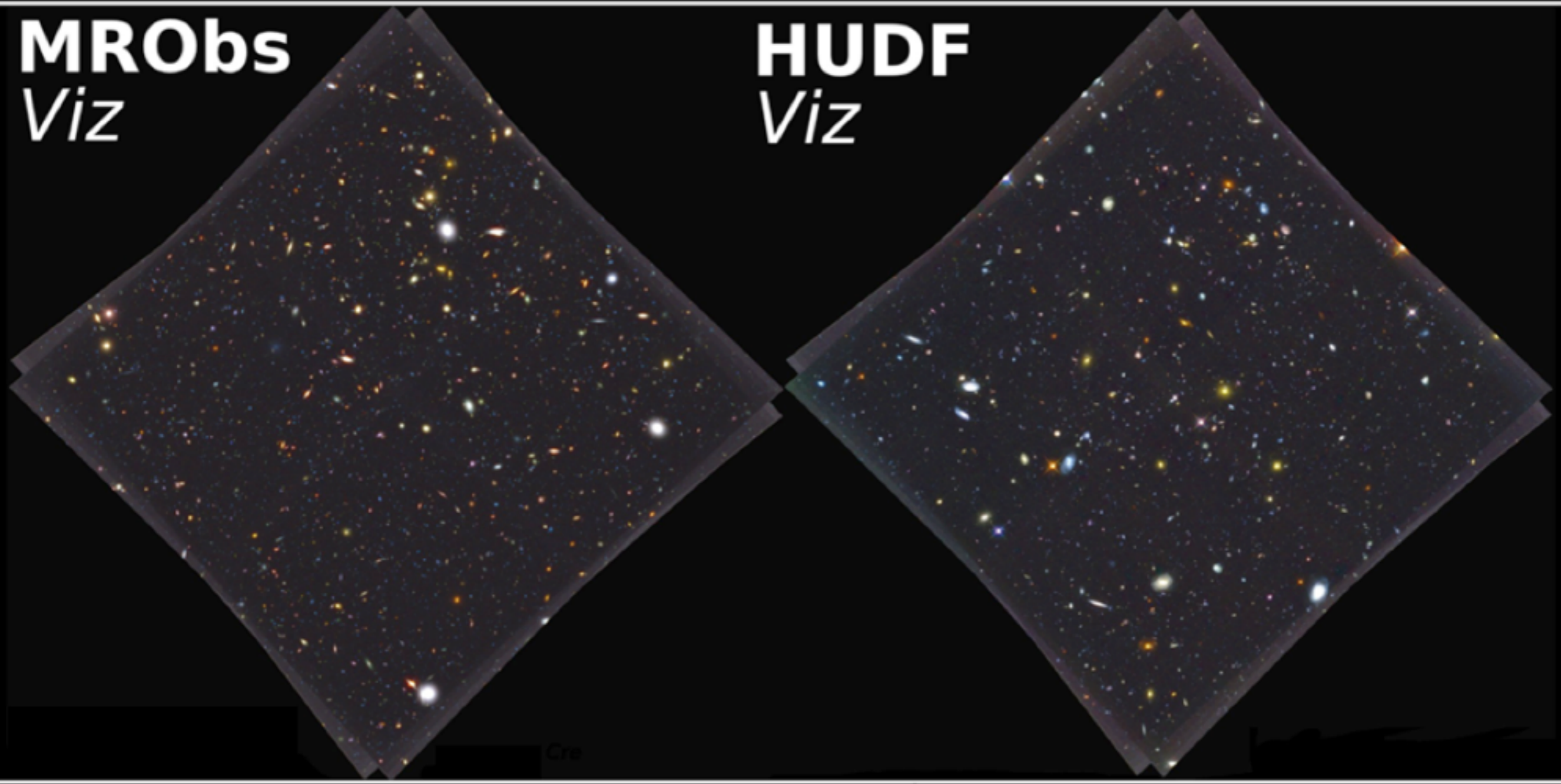
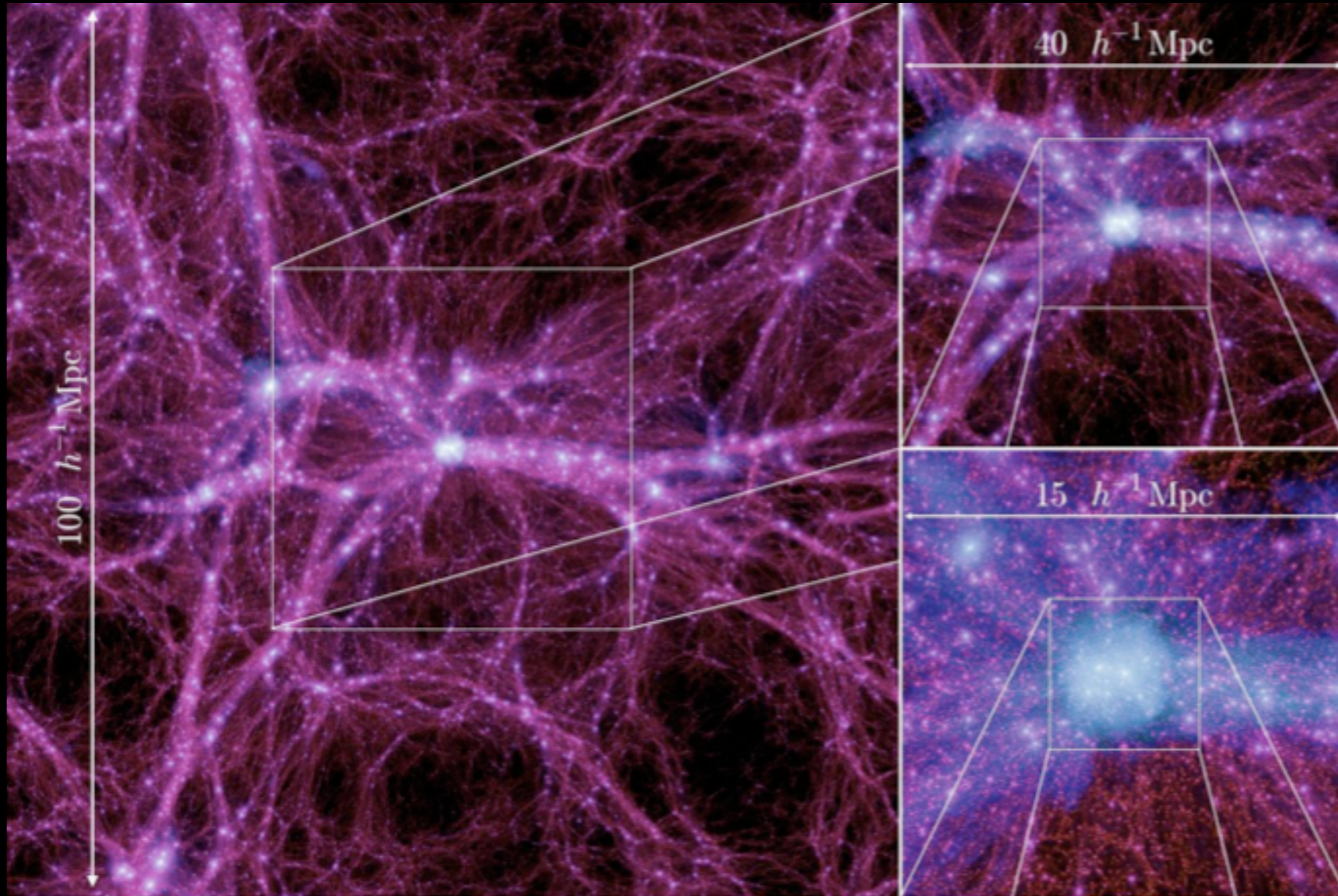


Image credit: The Millennium Run Observatory (R.Overzier, G.Lemson, et al. 2012)

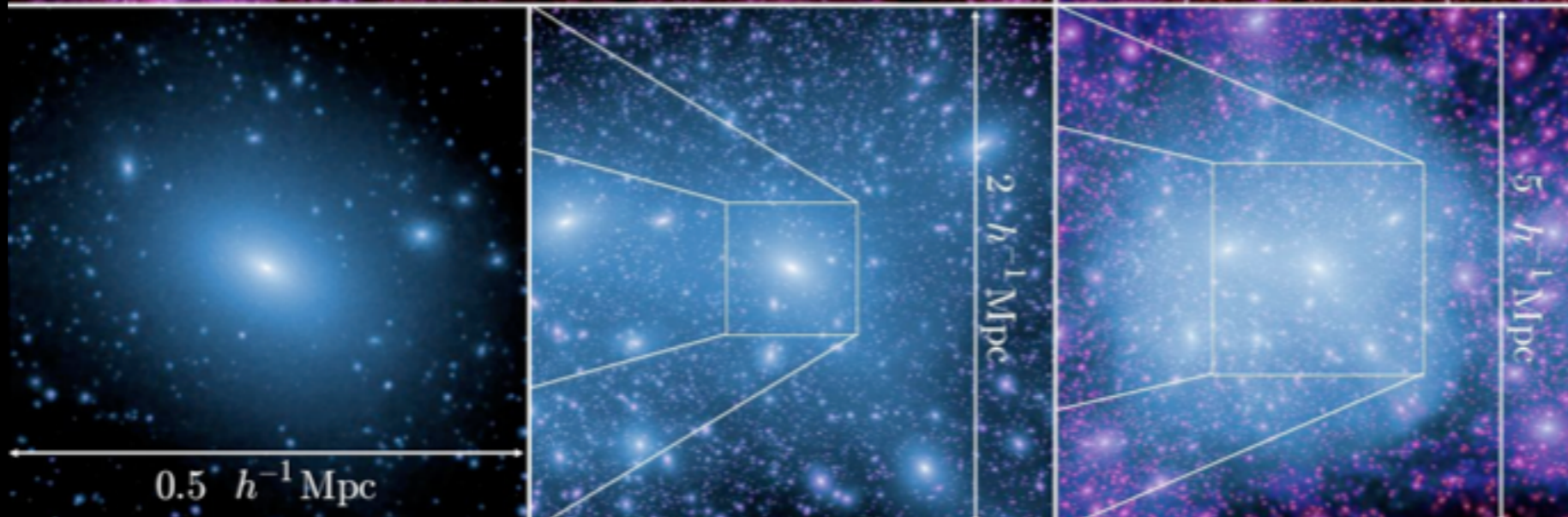


linear

mildly nonlinear



highly nonlinear



MESSIER's two driving science cases

To critically test the Λ CDM paradigm on *mildy-* and *non-linear* scales

- **How do galaxies form by accretion?**

Anisotropic accretion from filaments? Mergers?

Discs of satellites? Missing satellites ? Halo profiles?

- **What are the properties of the cosmic web ?**

Does it exist at all? Do baryons follow dark matter?

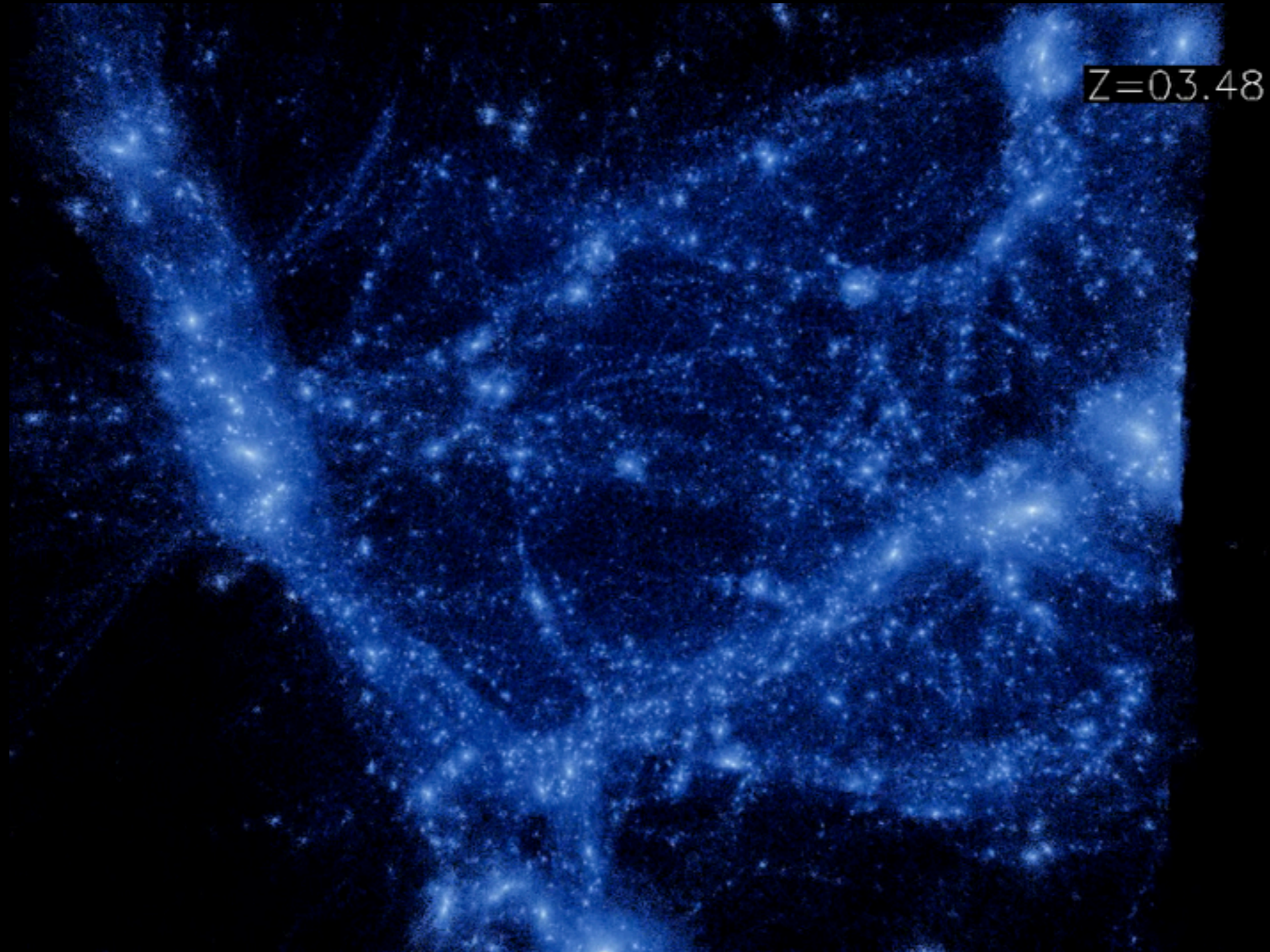
Reservoir of missing baryons? Shock heated? Ionisation?

ESA *Cosmic Vision*: 4.2 The universe taking shape

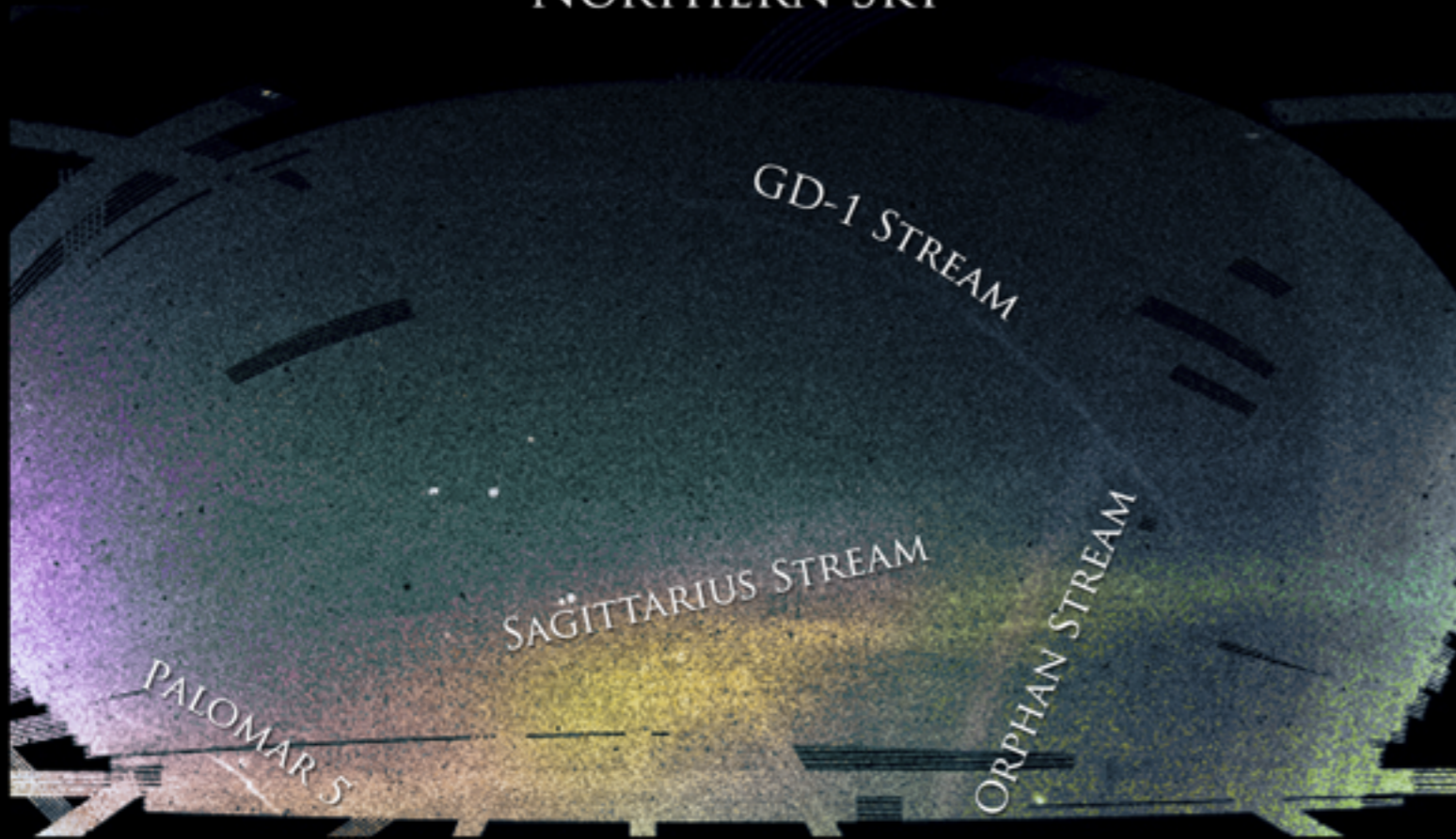
NSF *Decadal Survey*: How do cosmic structures form and evolve ?

Europe ASTRONET: 3.2 Cosmic web 3.4 How were galaxies assembled?

Hierarchical formation process
through accretion and merging of dark matter haloes

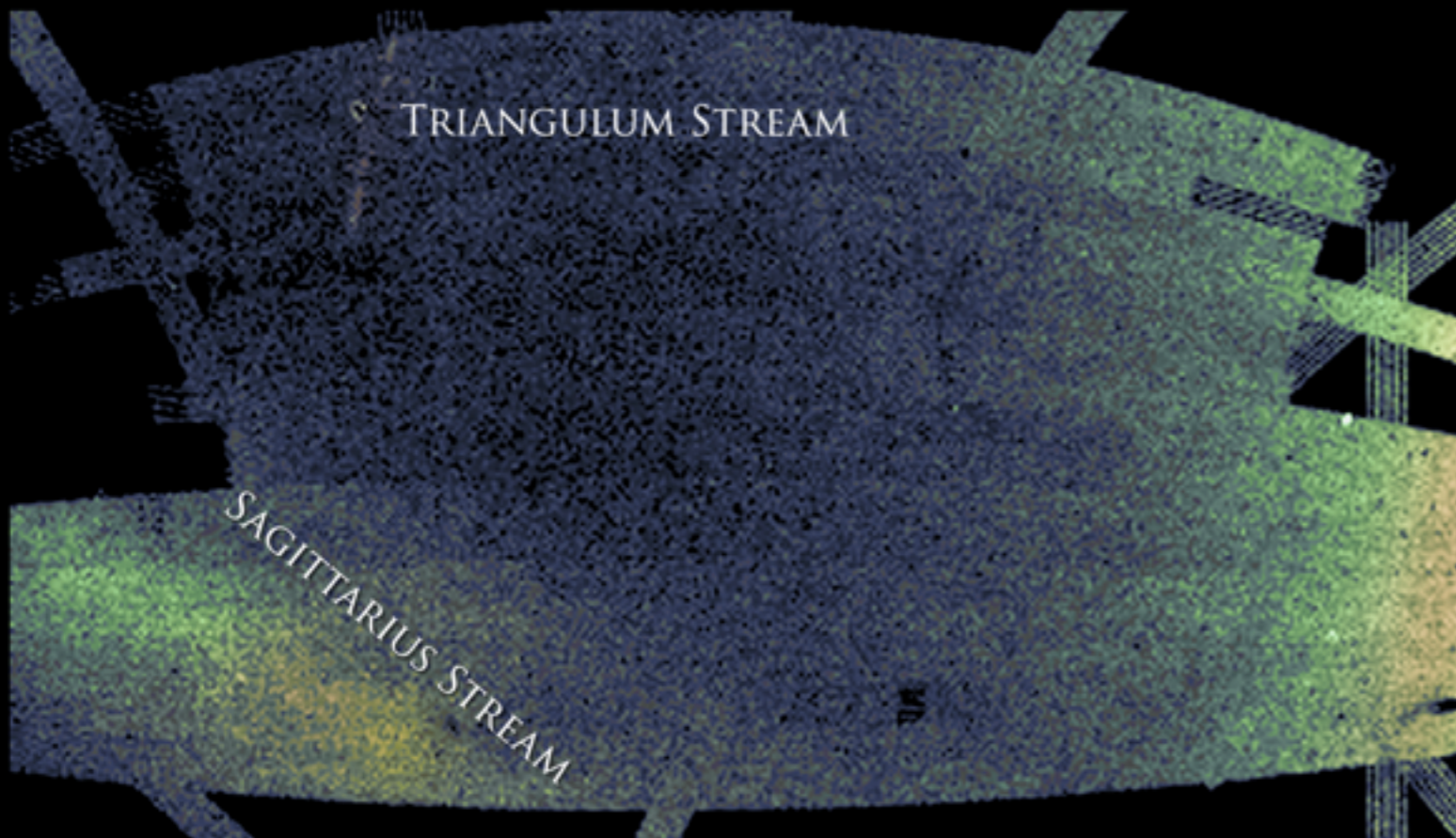


NORTHERN SKY



Tidal streams
in the Galactic halo

SOUTHERN SKY

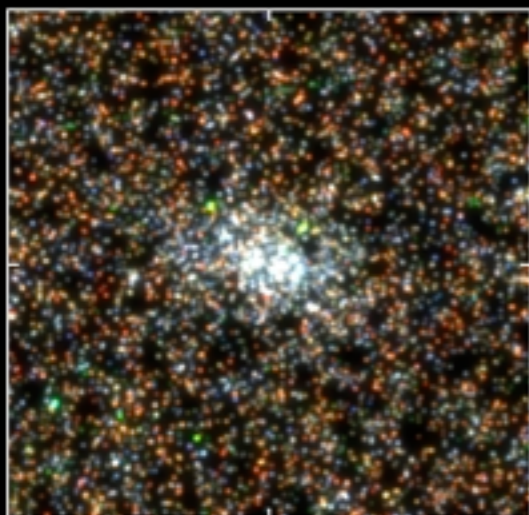


Can we detect
the fossil record
of past accretion
events beyond
our Galaxy ?

Driving science case #1

Key prediction of the Λ CDM paradigm
the (over?) abundance of dwarf satellites

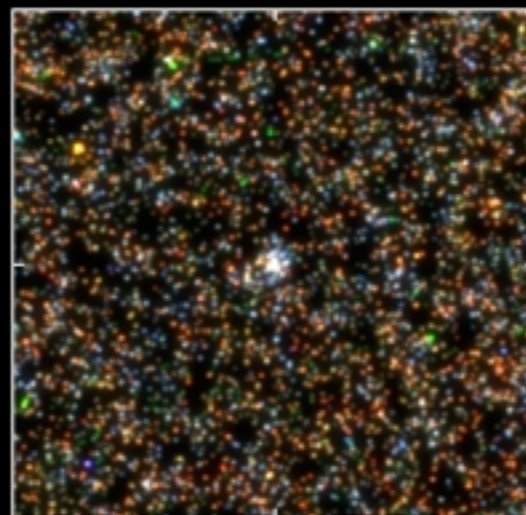
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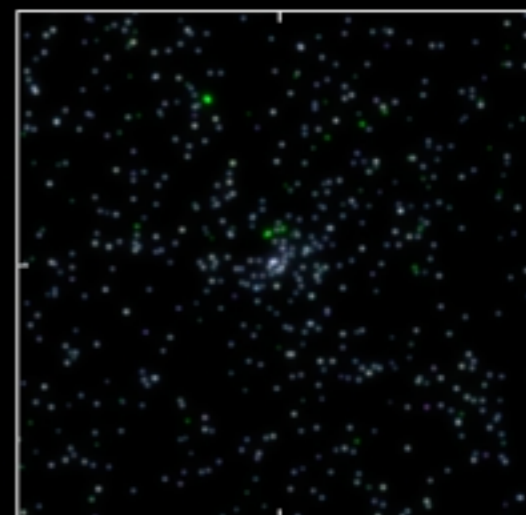
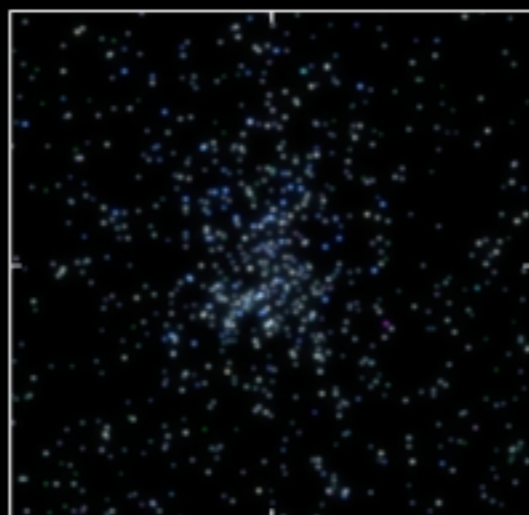
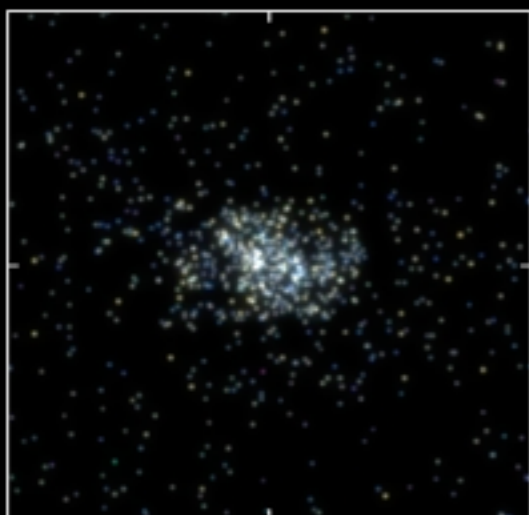
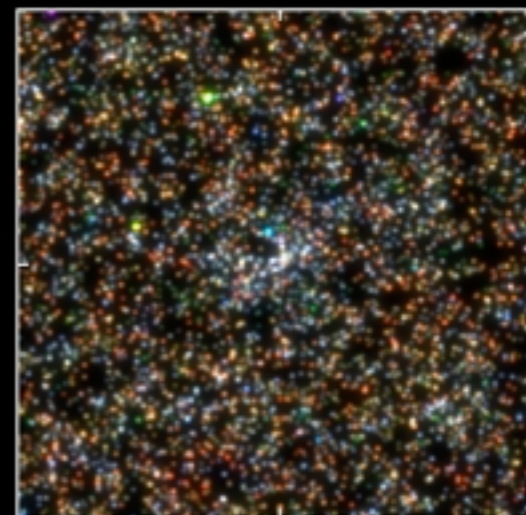
Bootes



Canes Venatici II



Coma Berenices



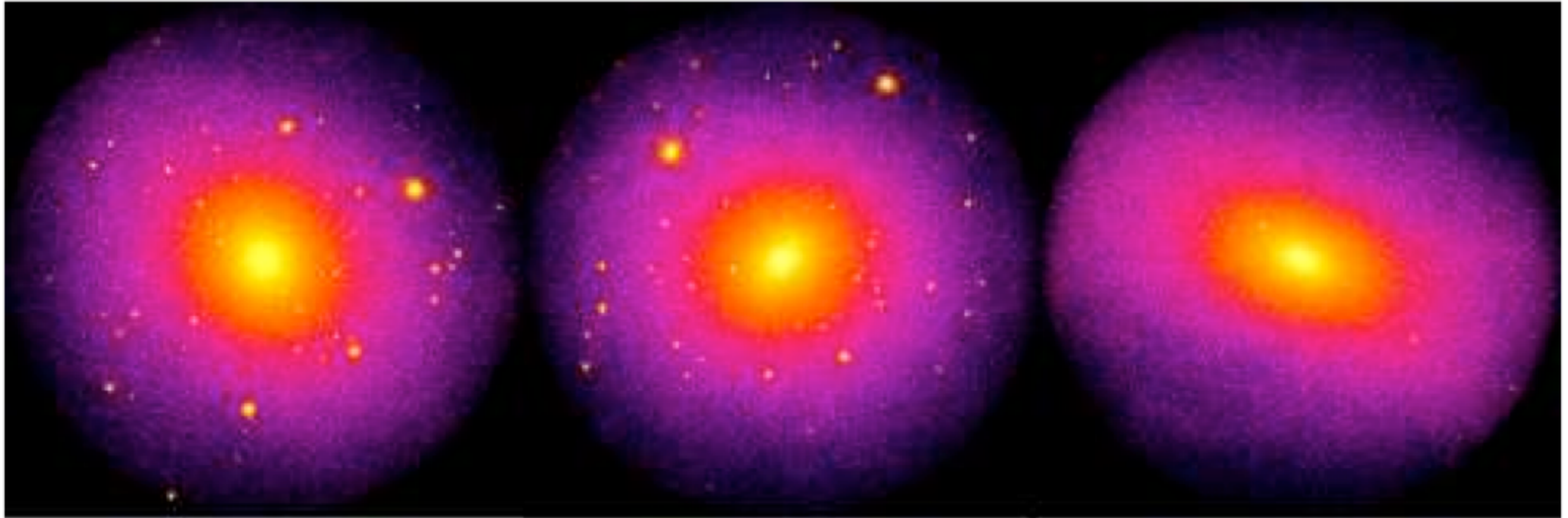
$D = 220$ kpc
 $r_h = 550$ pc
 $M_V = -7.9$ mag

$D = 60$ kpc
 $r_h = 220$ pc
 $M_V = -5.8$ mag

$D = 150$ kpc
 $r_h = 140$ pc
 $M_V = -4.8$ mag

$D = 44$ kpc
 $r_h = 70$ pc
 $M_V = -3.7$ mag

Tension in the CDM paradigm ?



Brooks *et al.* (2014)

Self-Interacting

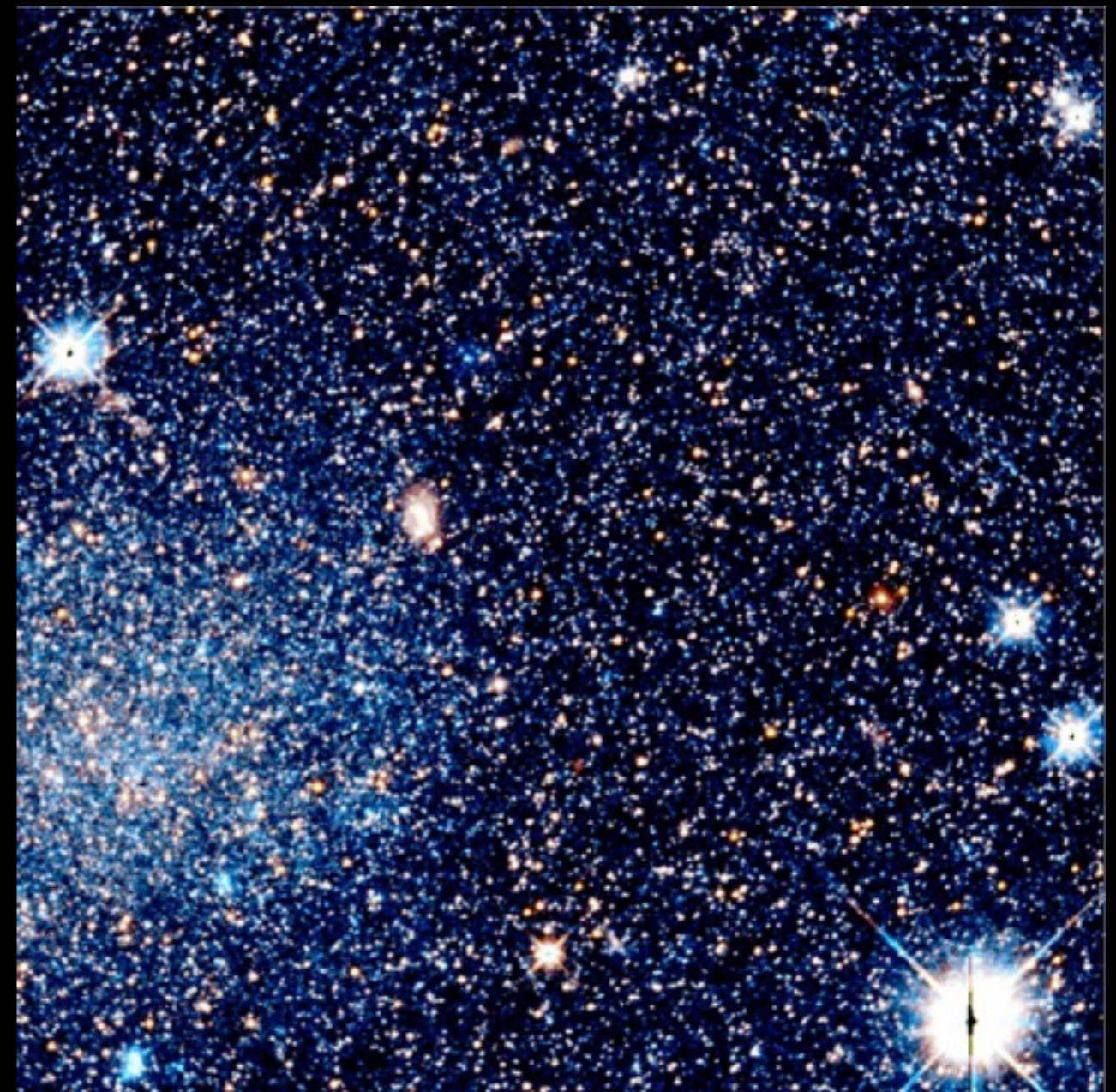
Cold

Warm

All newly-discovered satellites of the Galaxy and Andromeda are at the limit of surface brightness reachable by counting (resolved) stars

Leo T

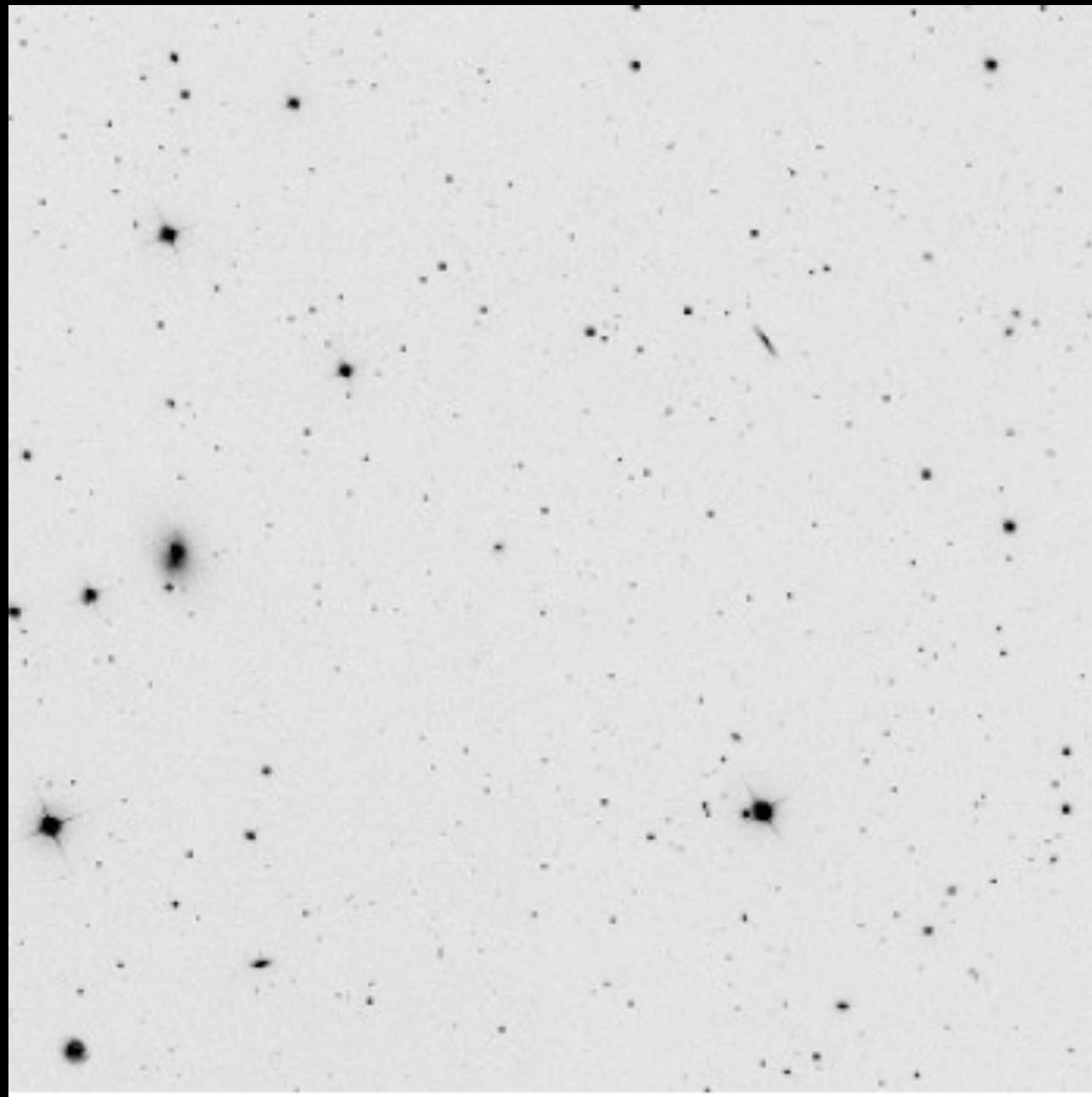
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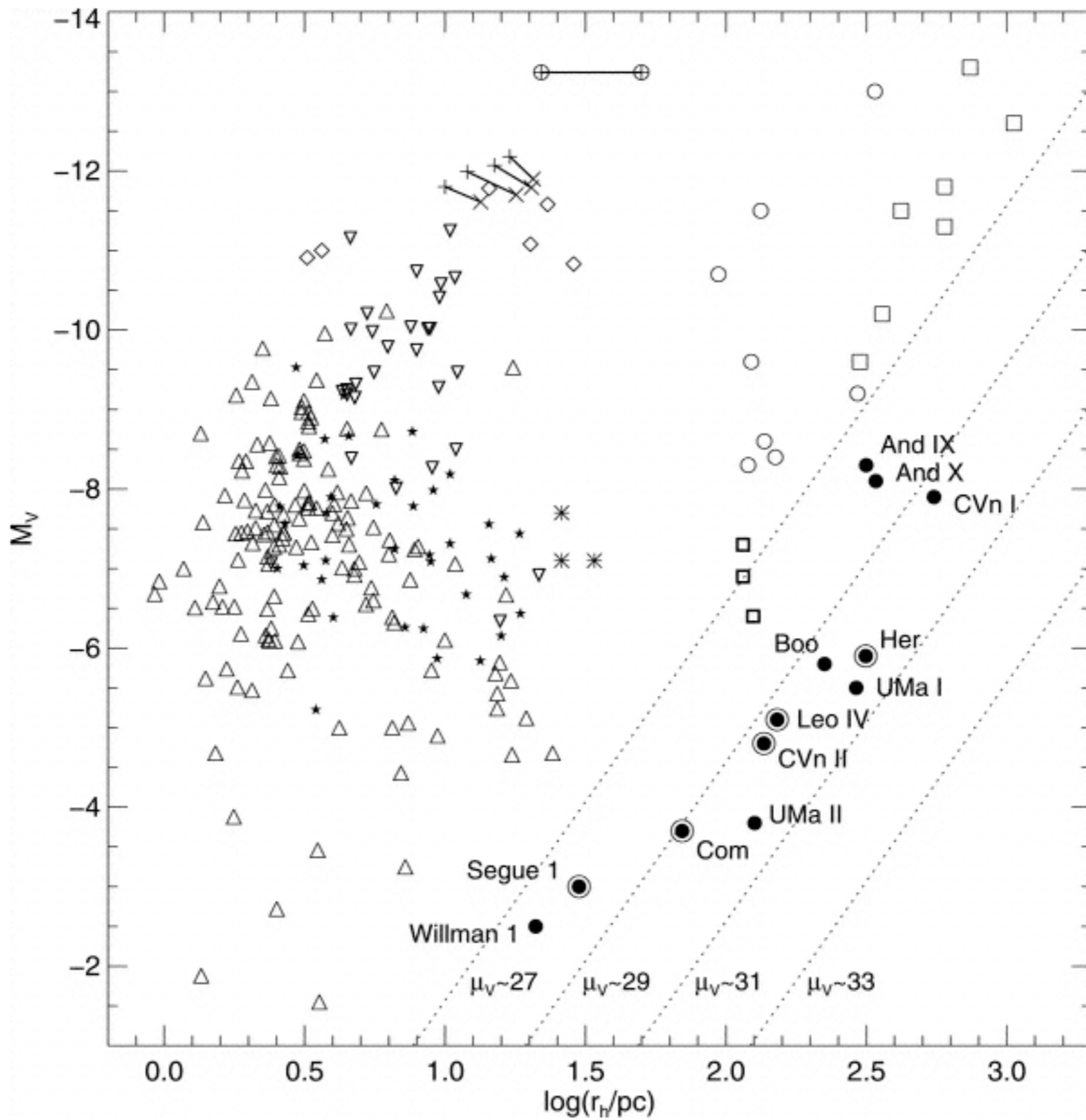
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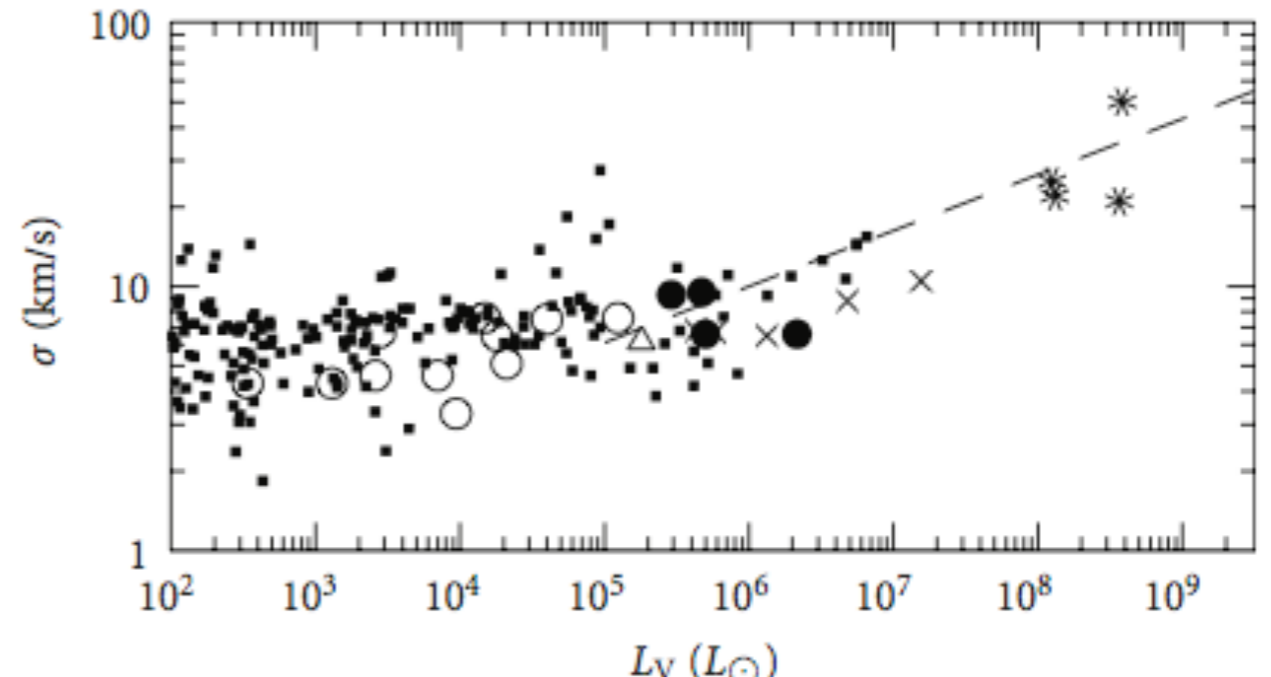
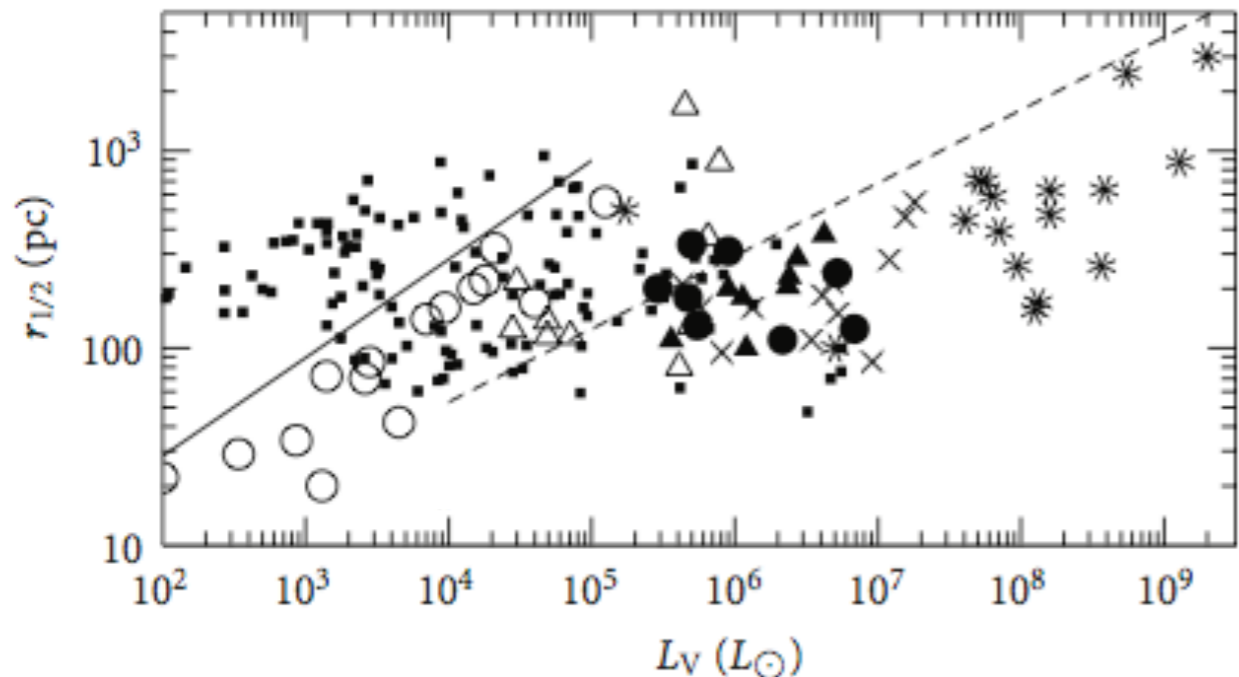
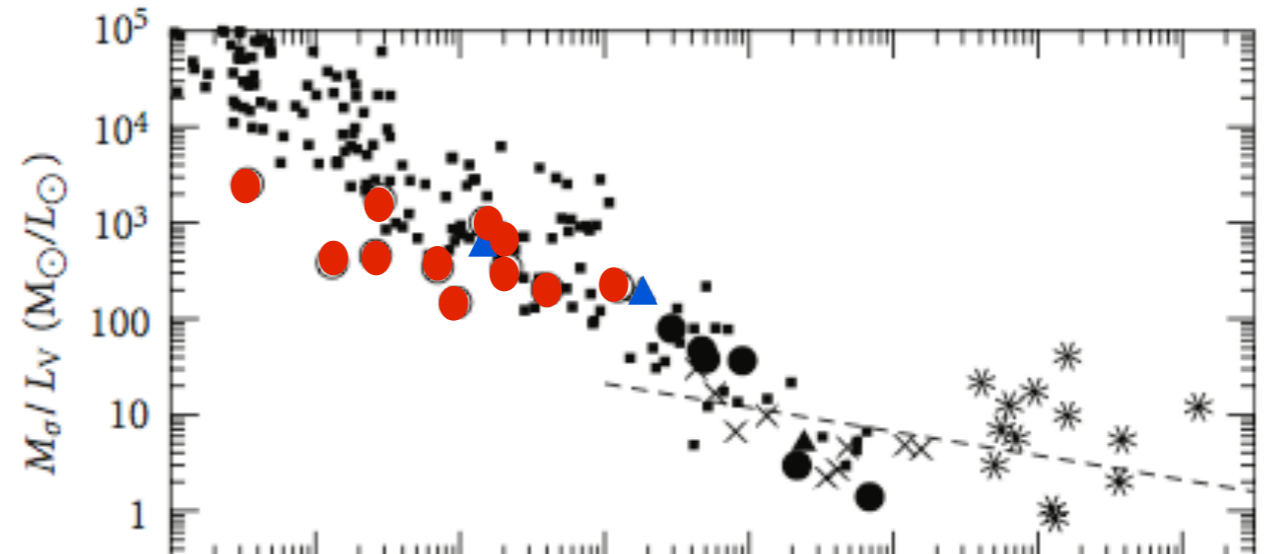
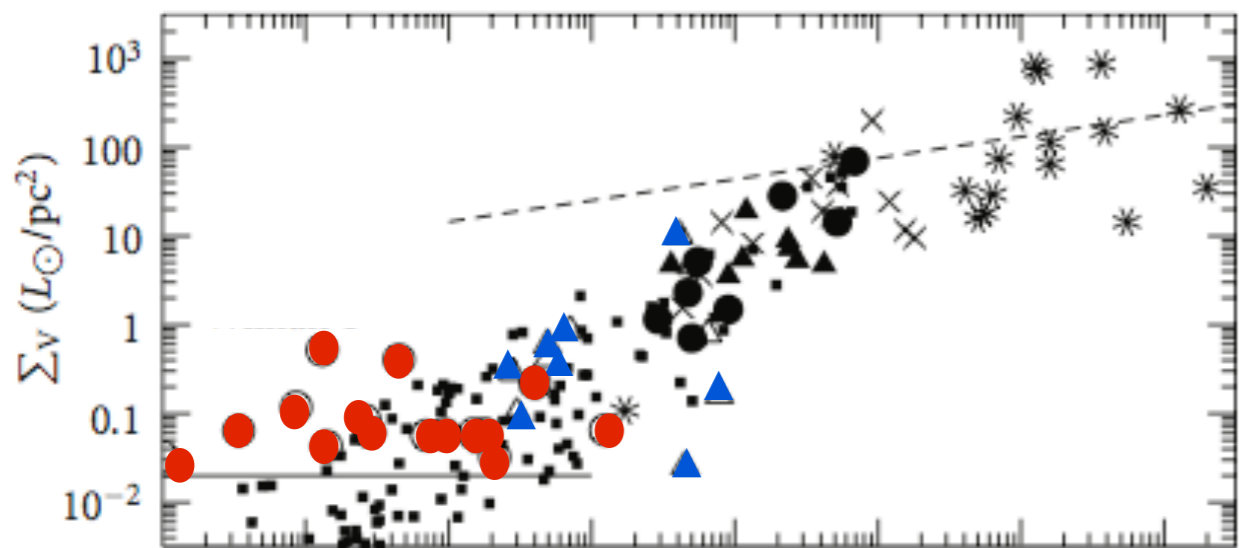
HST

The case of Segue I

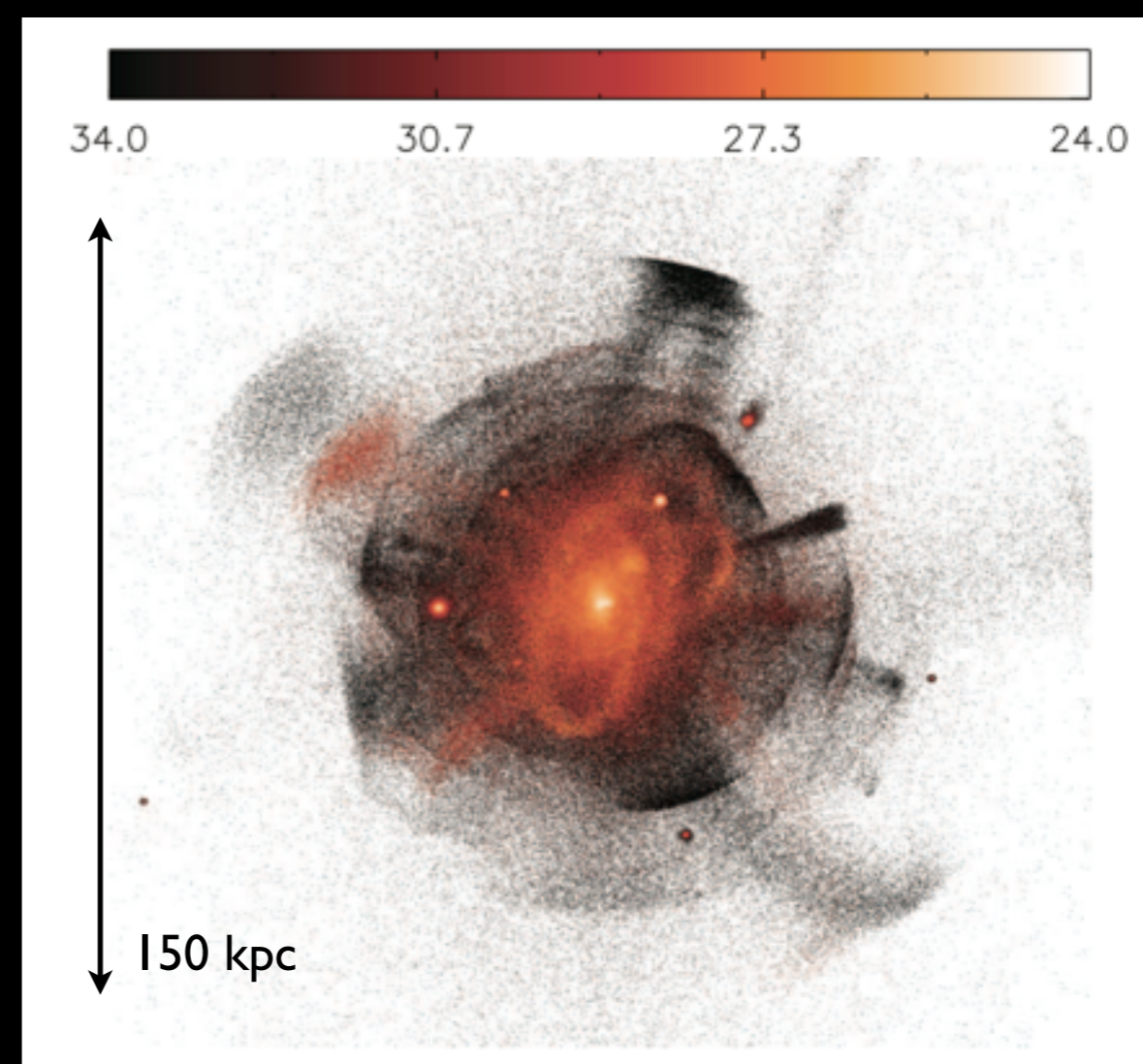
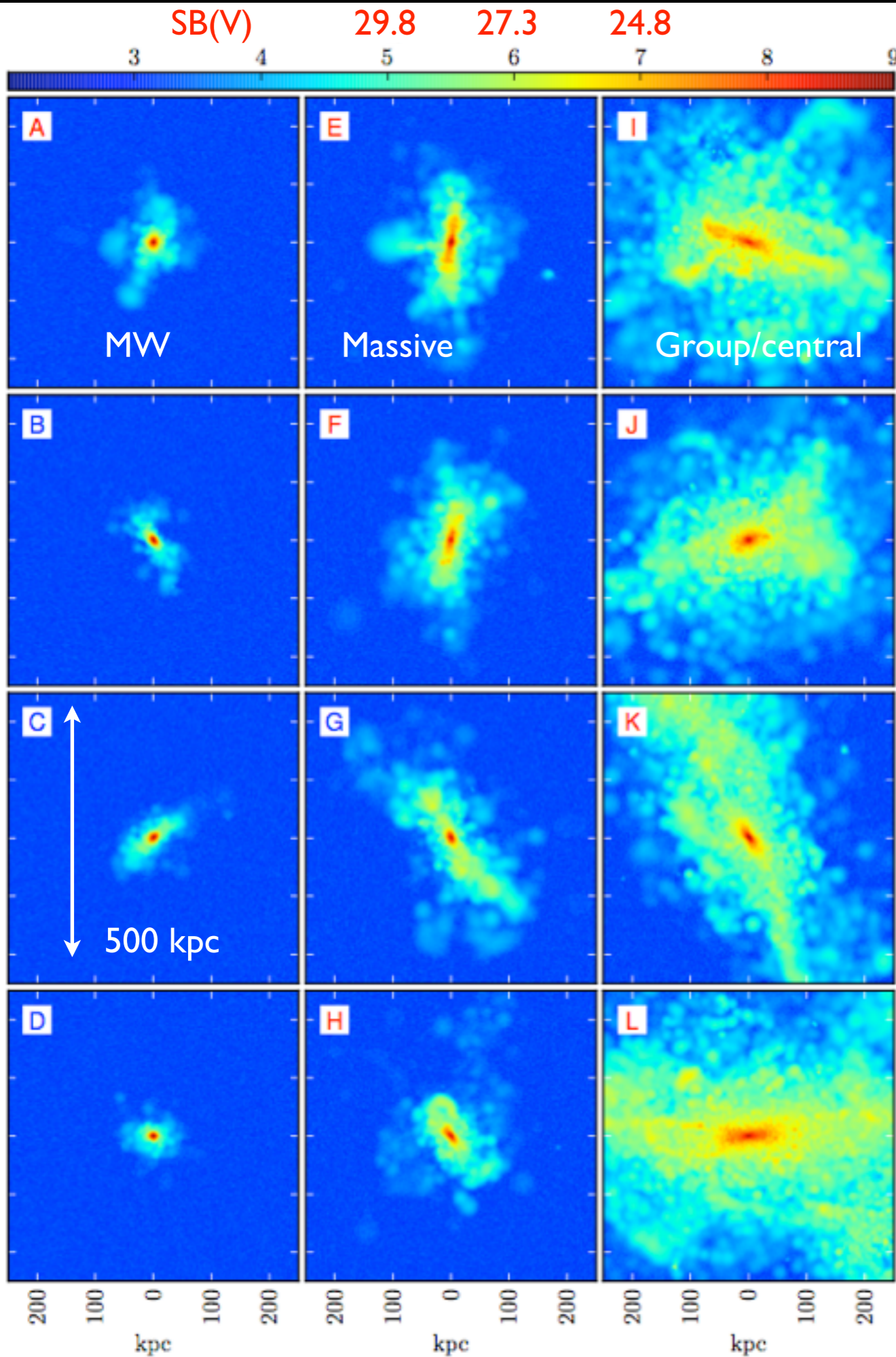


Belokurov *et al.* (2007)





- × dE
- * dIrr
- ▲ Old M31 dSph
- ▲ New M31 dSph
- Old Milky Way dSph
- New Milky Way dSph
- RG05 prediction



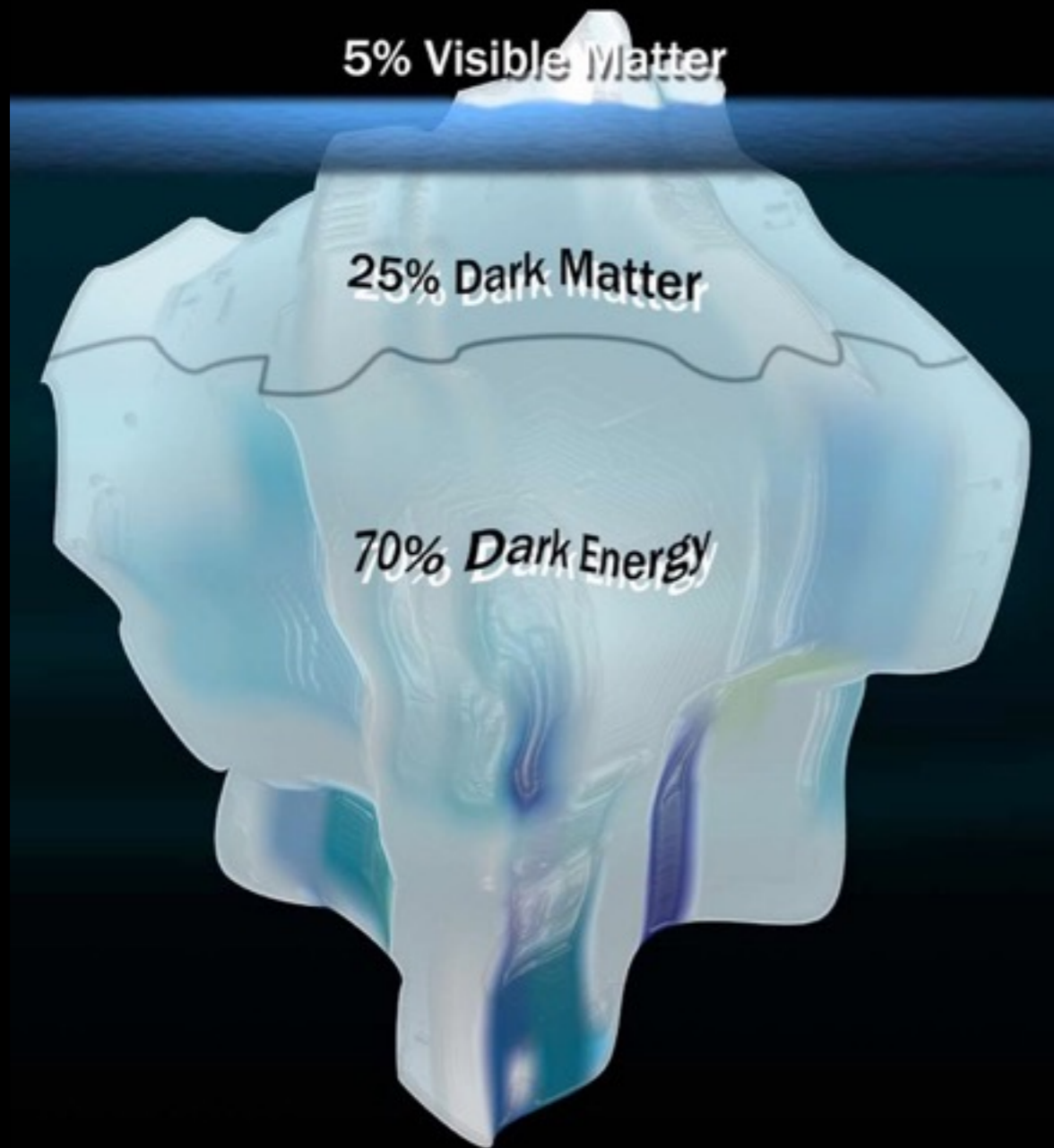
Font et al. (2008)

Most predicted key structures
lie at surface brightness levels
below $30 \text{ mag arcsec}^{-2}$

Unreachable from the ground

Cooper et al. (2013)

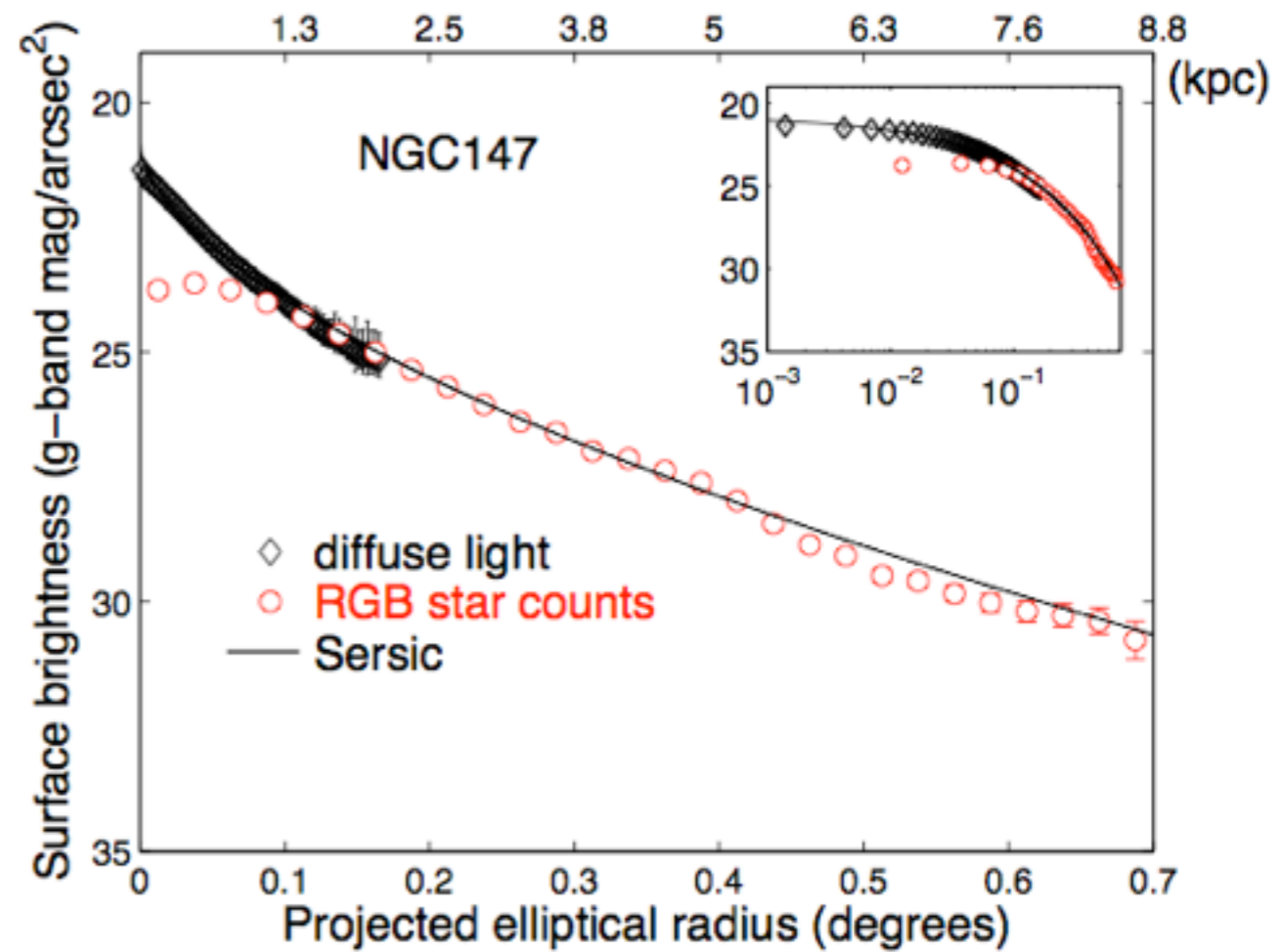
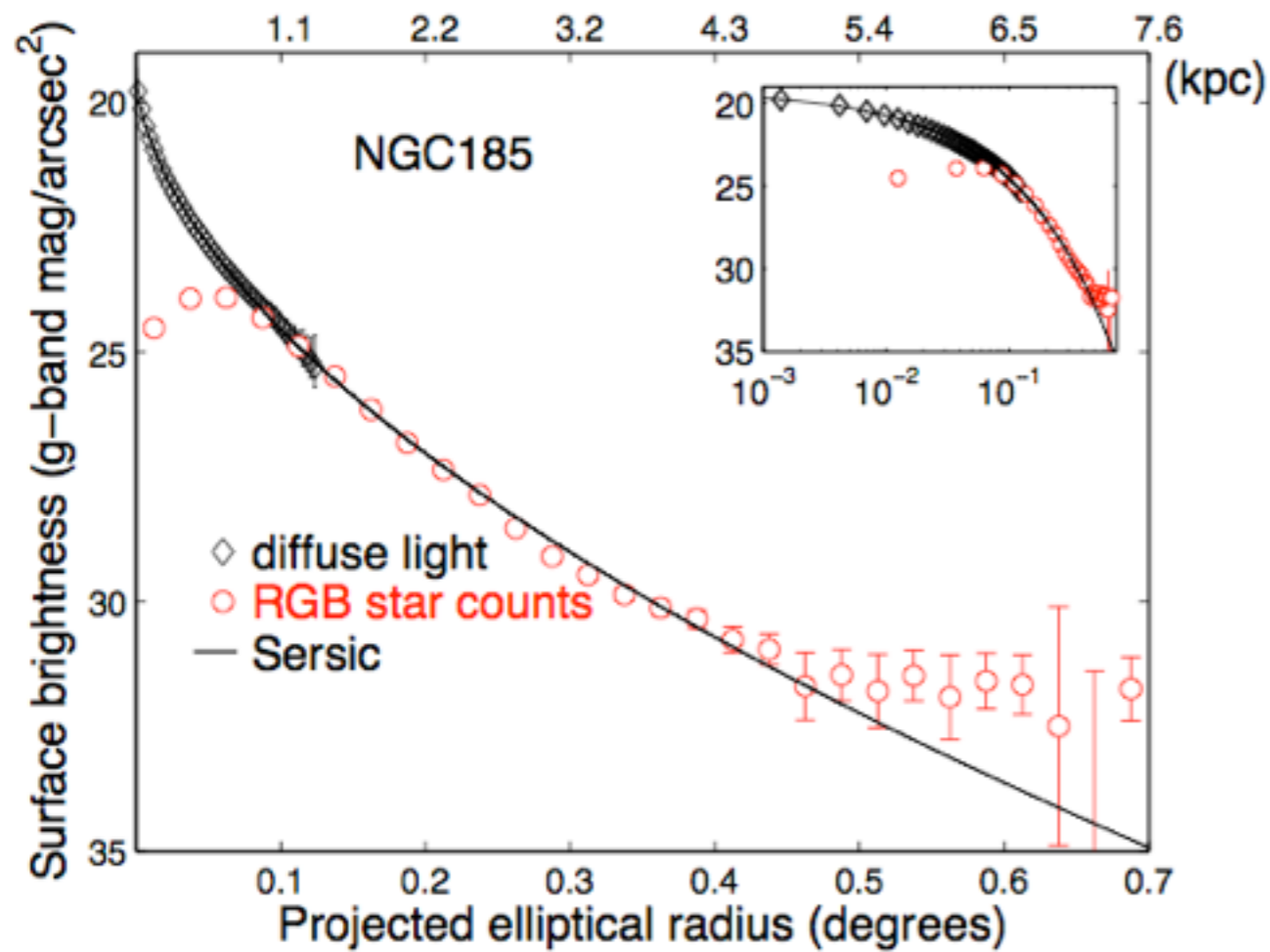




[...] galaxies are like icebergs and what is seen above the sky background may be no reliable measure of what lies underneath.

Michael Disney (1976)

Resolved star counts vs diffuse light



The unprobed realm of the low surface brightness universe

$\mu(V) < 21.5$



Mihos *et al.* (2005)

Limited by systematics

- sky variability
- straylight
- flat field accuracy
- extended PSF wings

NGC 4013 $d=18$ Mpc

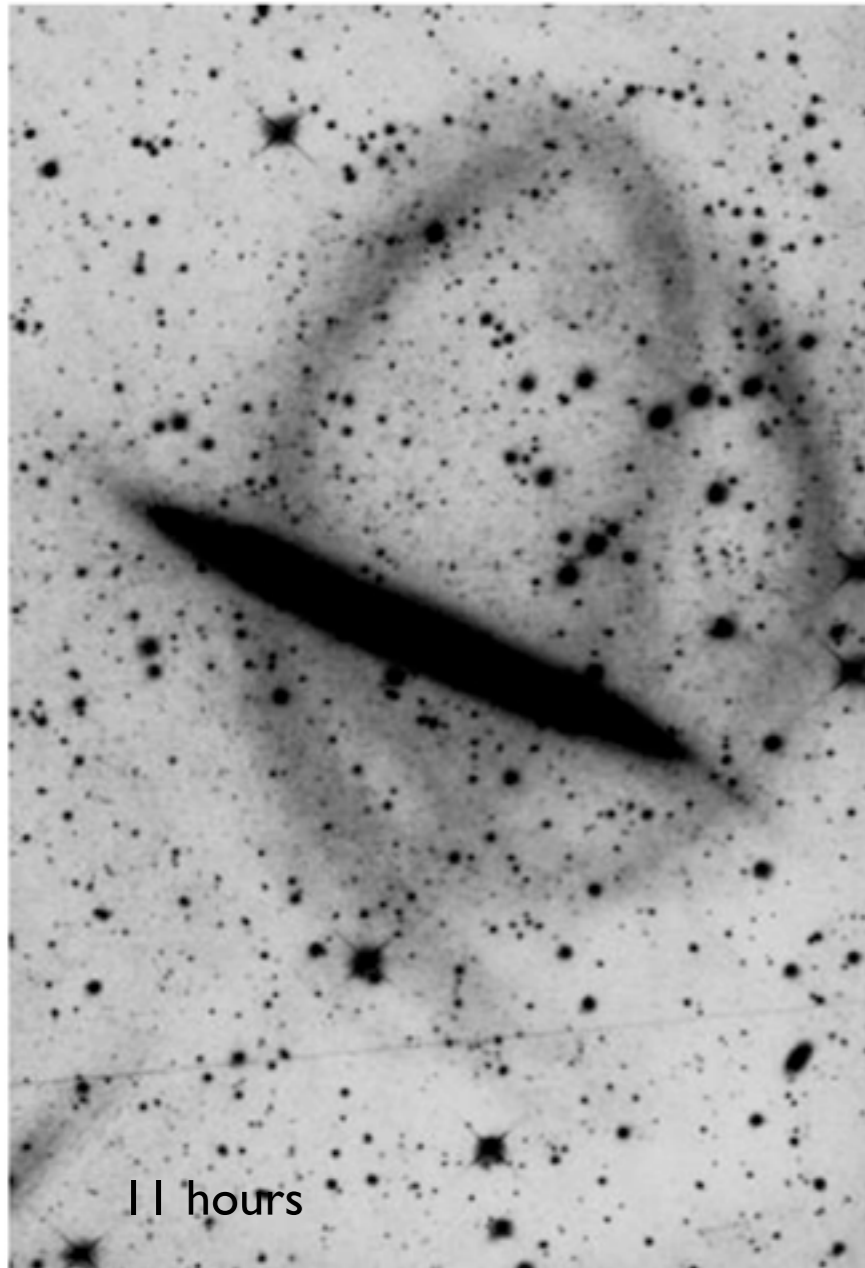
NGC 5907 $d=14$ Mpc



51 cm Ritchey-Chrétien
CCD SBIG 27' 0.45"/pixel
Exposure time: 11 hours
SB ≈ 29 mag / arcsec²
Amateurs with scopes $f/D=8-10$

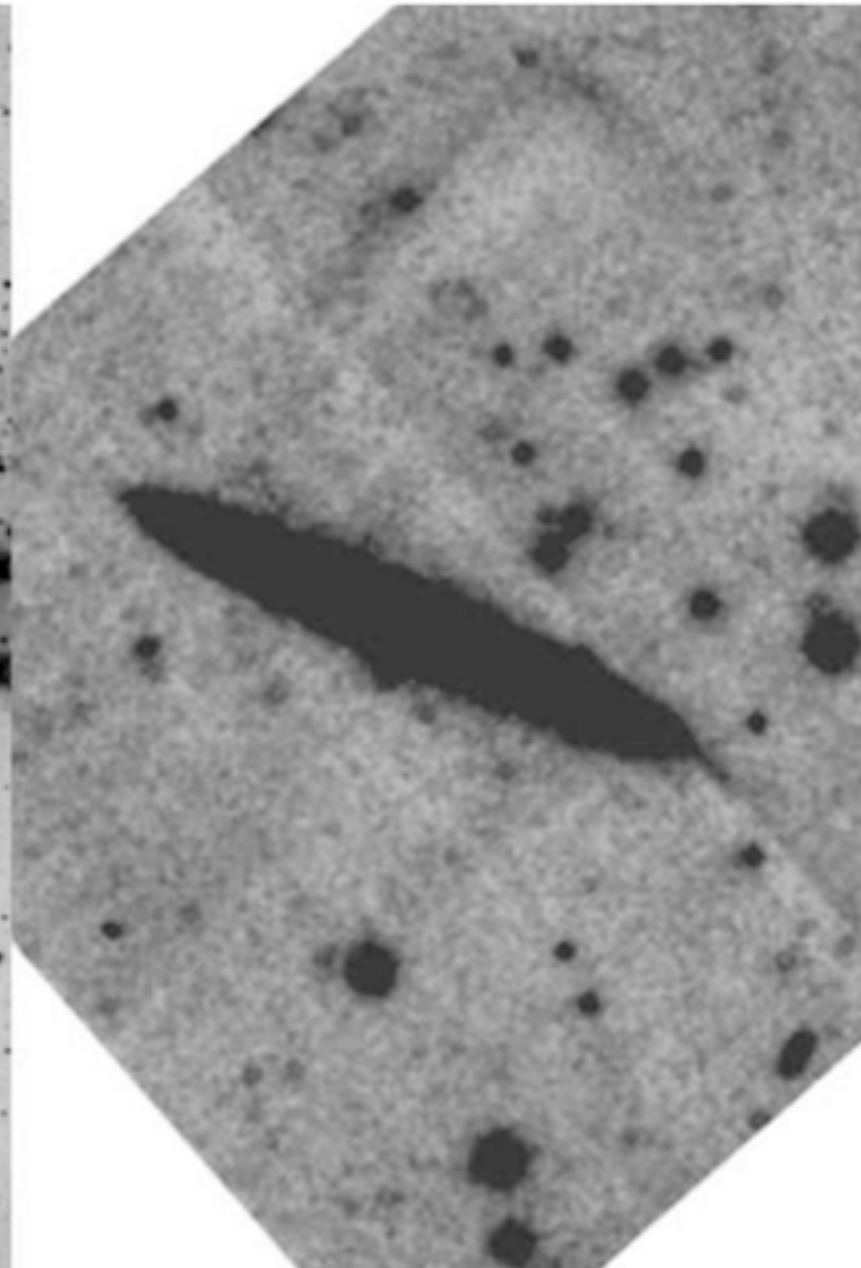
Martinez Delgado *et al.* (2008-2010)

The paradigmatic case of NGC 5907



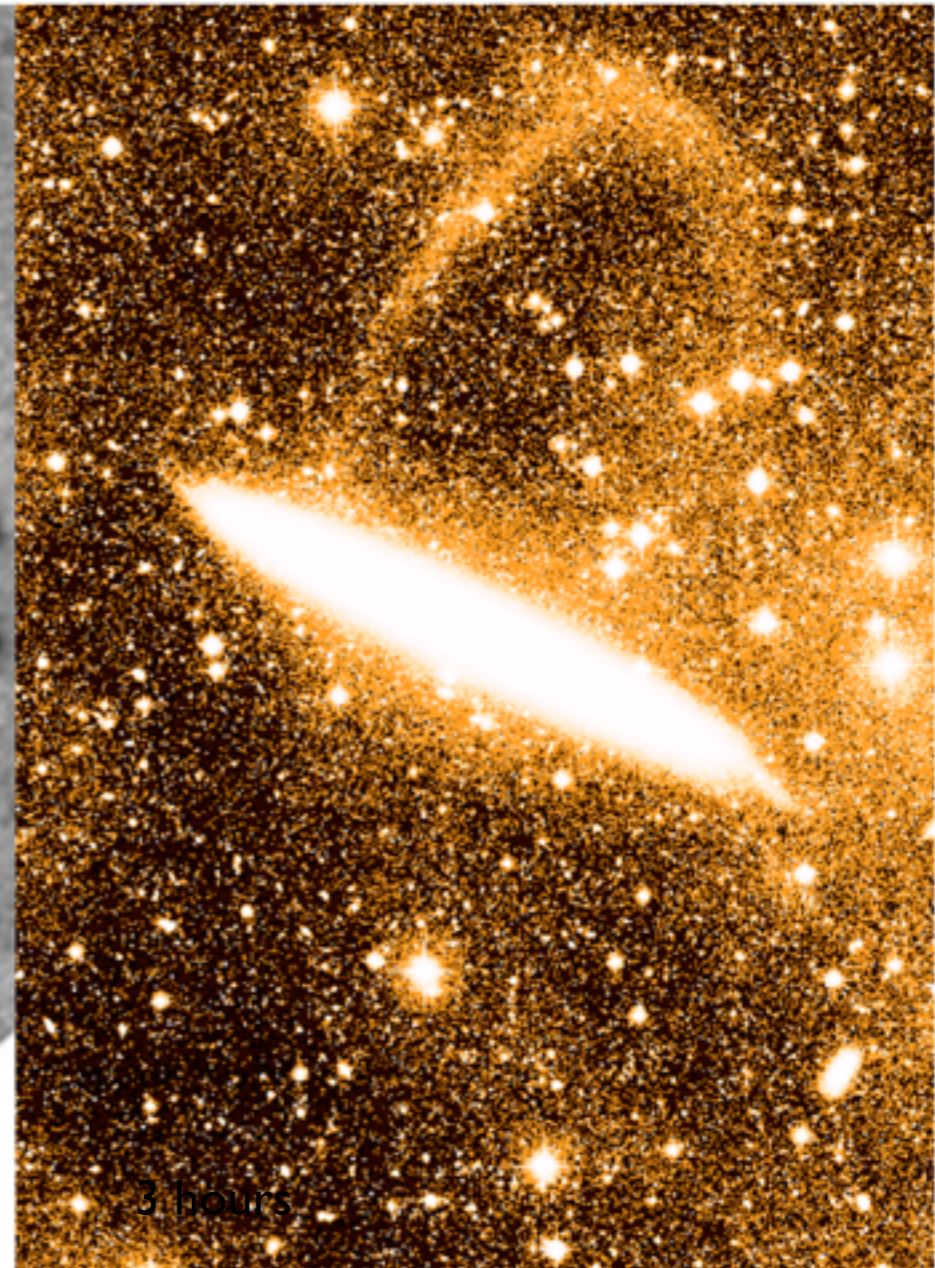
0.5m f/8.1

Martinez Delgado et al. 2008



SDSS

Miskolczi et al. 2011



CFHT

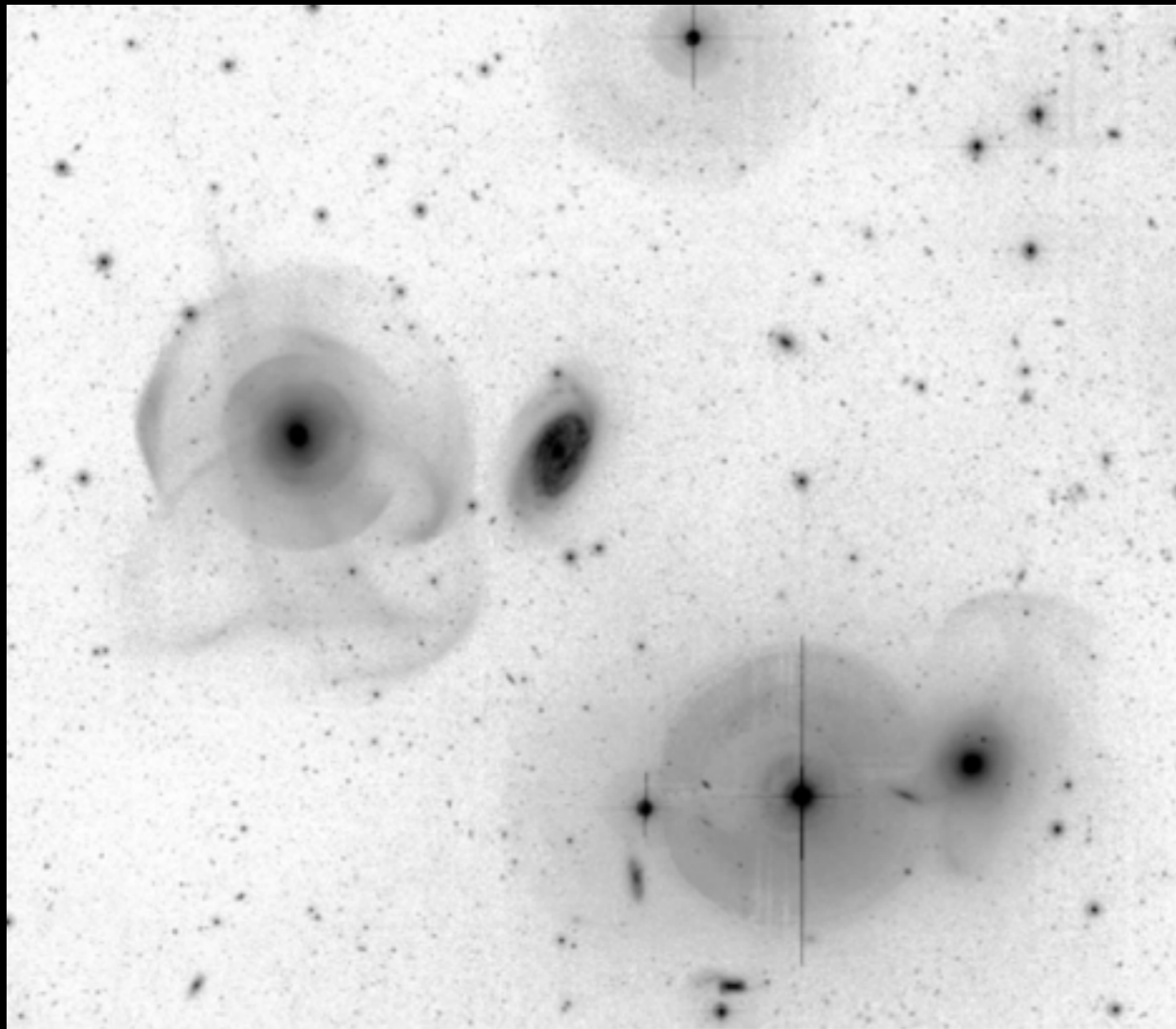
Ibata et al. 2011

Key points: $SB \propto D^2 / F^2 \propto (D/F)^2$

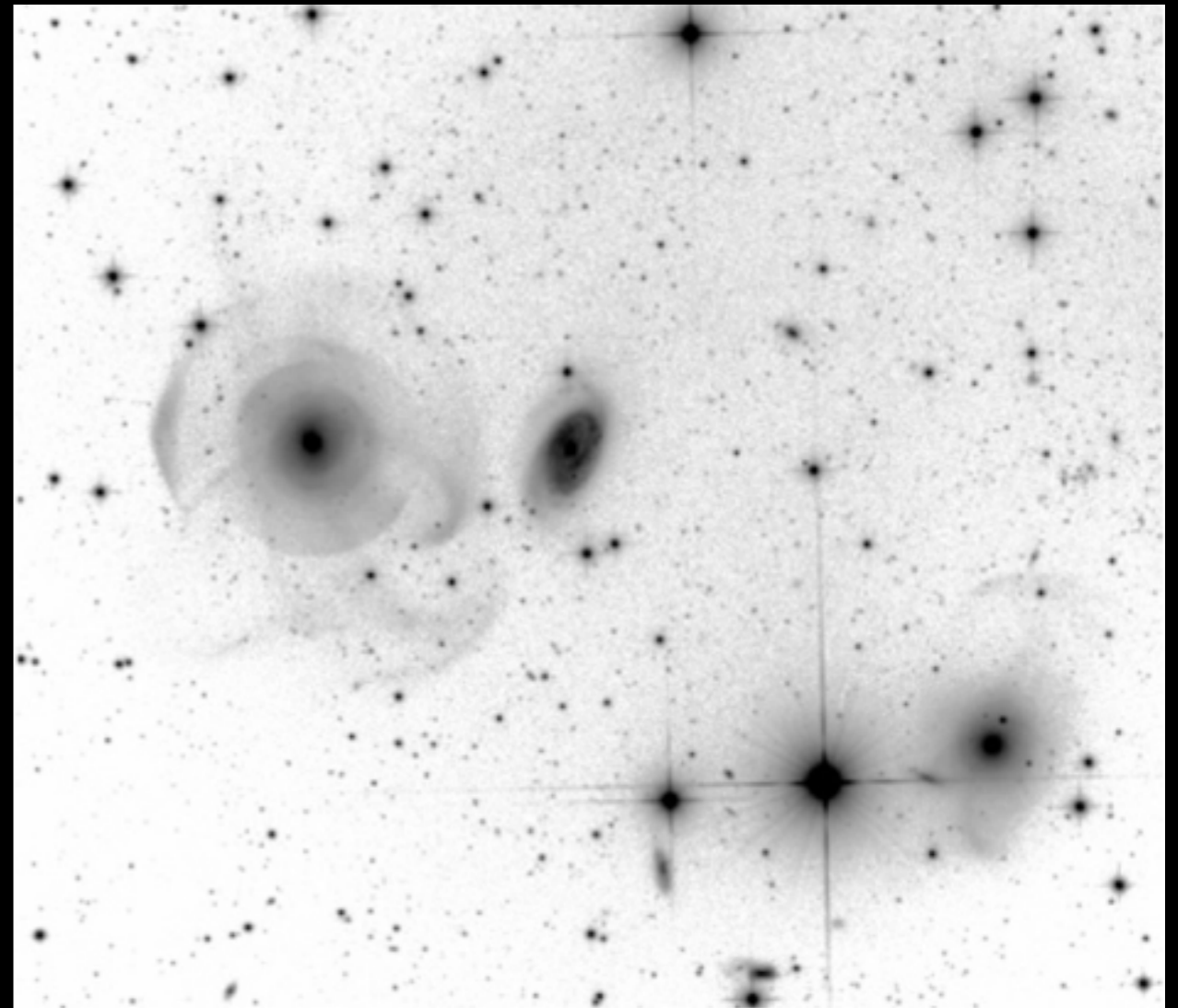
PSF wings

f/2 is 100x faster than f/20

NGC 474 and NGC 467



CFHT g-band 0.7 h



Bulgarian amateur L 21.5 hours

Current instrumentation is *not* adequate

Signal received by an *unresolved* source:

$$F_{\text{point}} \propto A \epsilon t_{\text{exp}} 10^{-0.4 m_{\text{tot}}}$$

→ drives telescopes with large diameters and large focal lengths

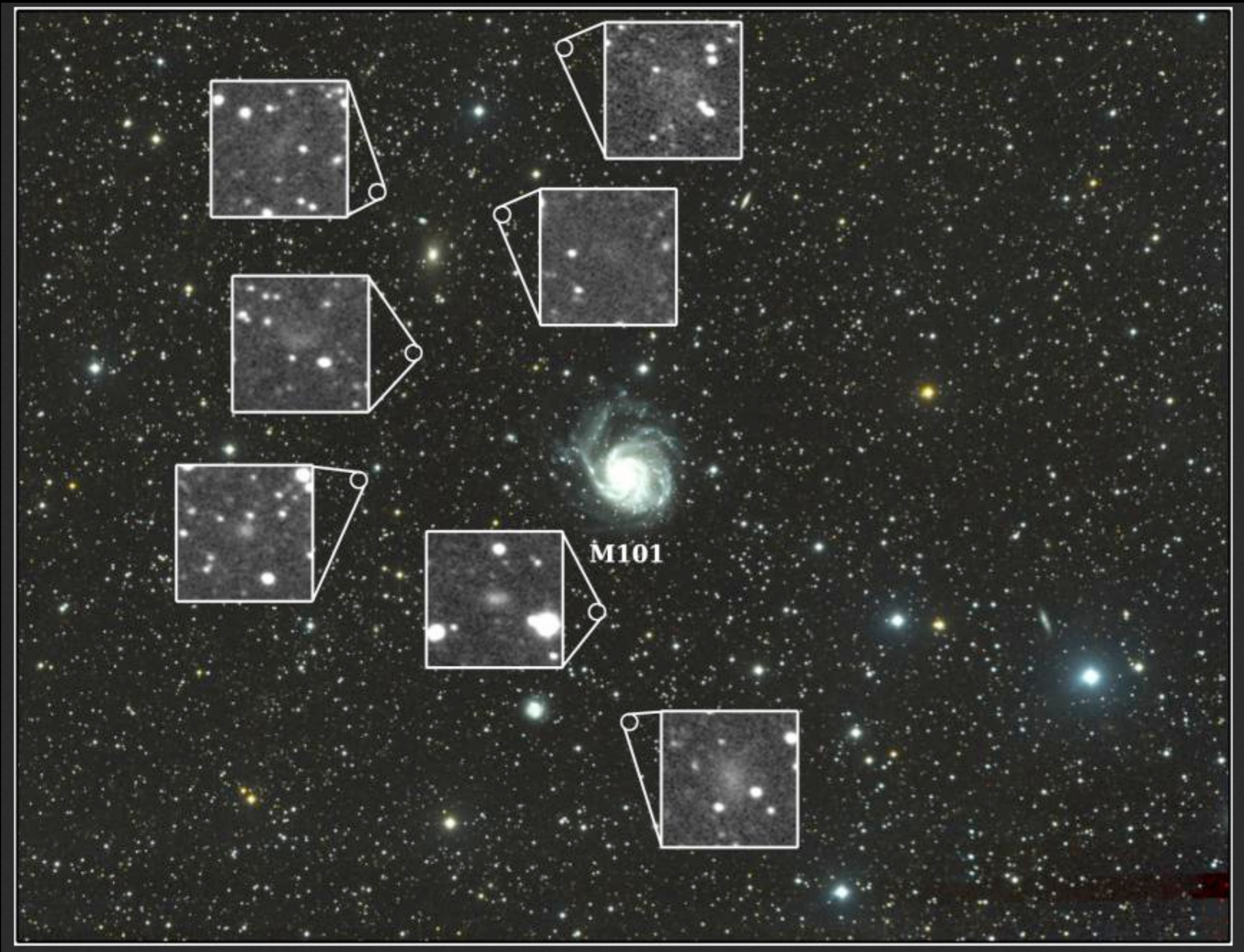
Surface brightness received by a *extended* source:

$$SB_{\text{extended}} \propto \left(\frac{D}{f}\right)^2 \epsilon t_{\text{exp}} s_{\text{pix}}^2 N_{\text{pix}} 10^{-0.4 \mu}$$

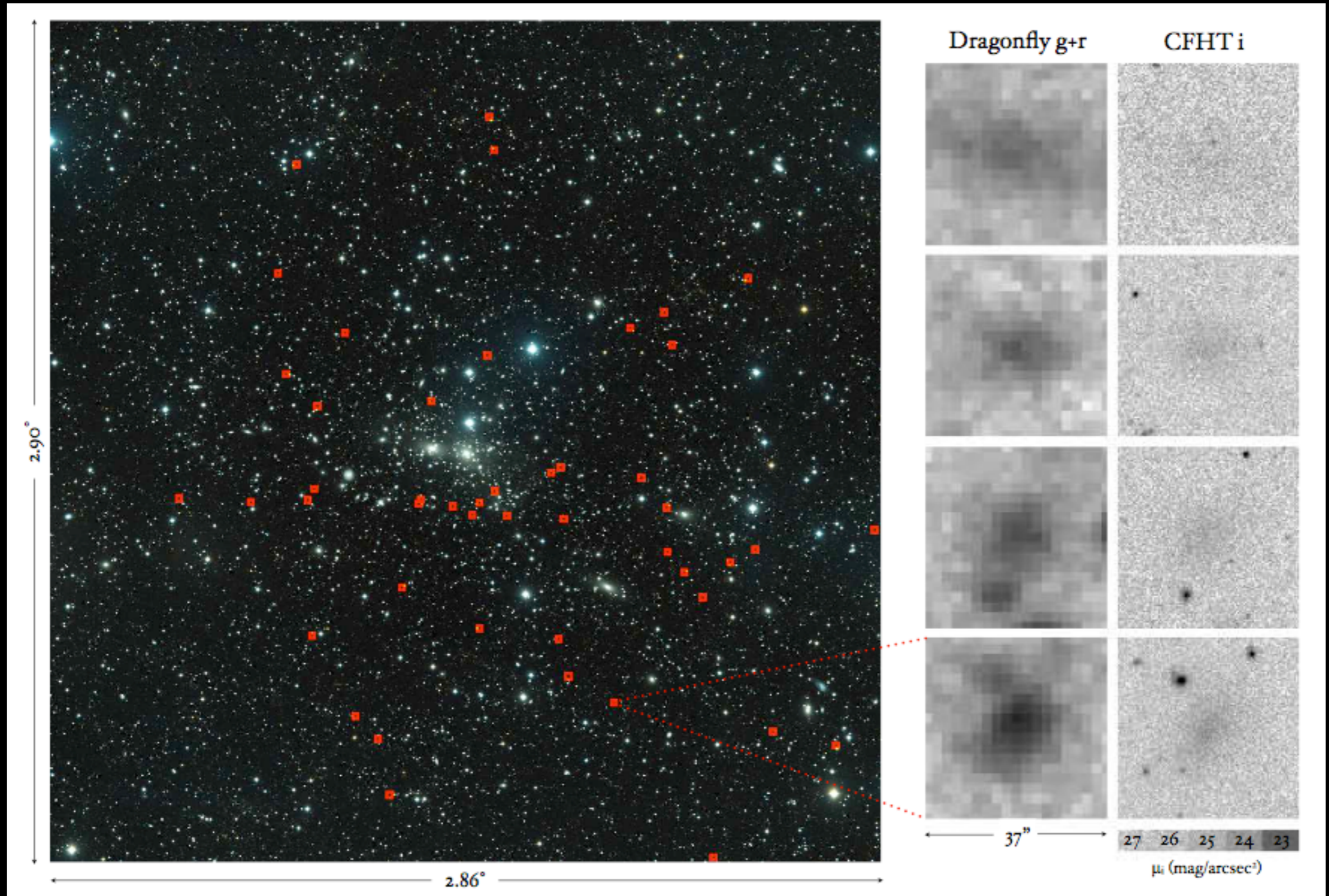
→ requires fast optics with *minimal* (f/D) ratio

→ drives *small* D telescopes

The Dragonfly camera

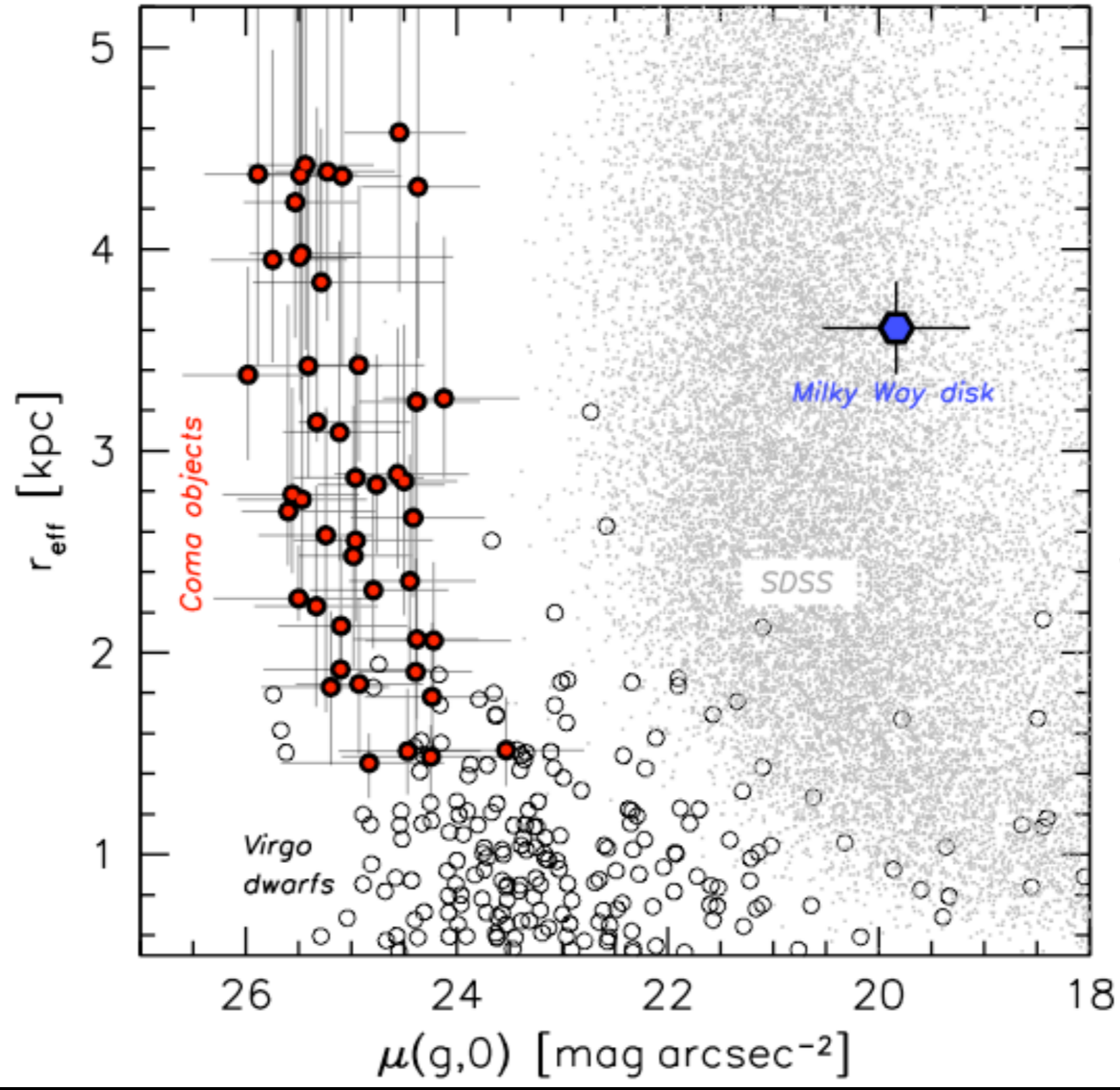


47 new Milky Way-sized galaxies in the Coma cluster



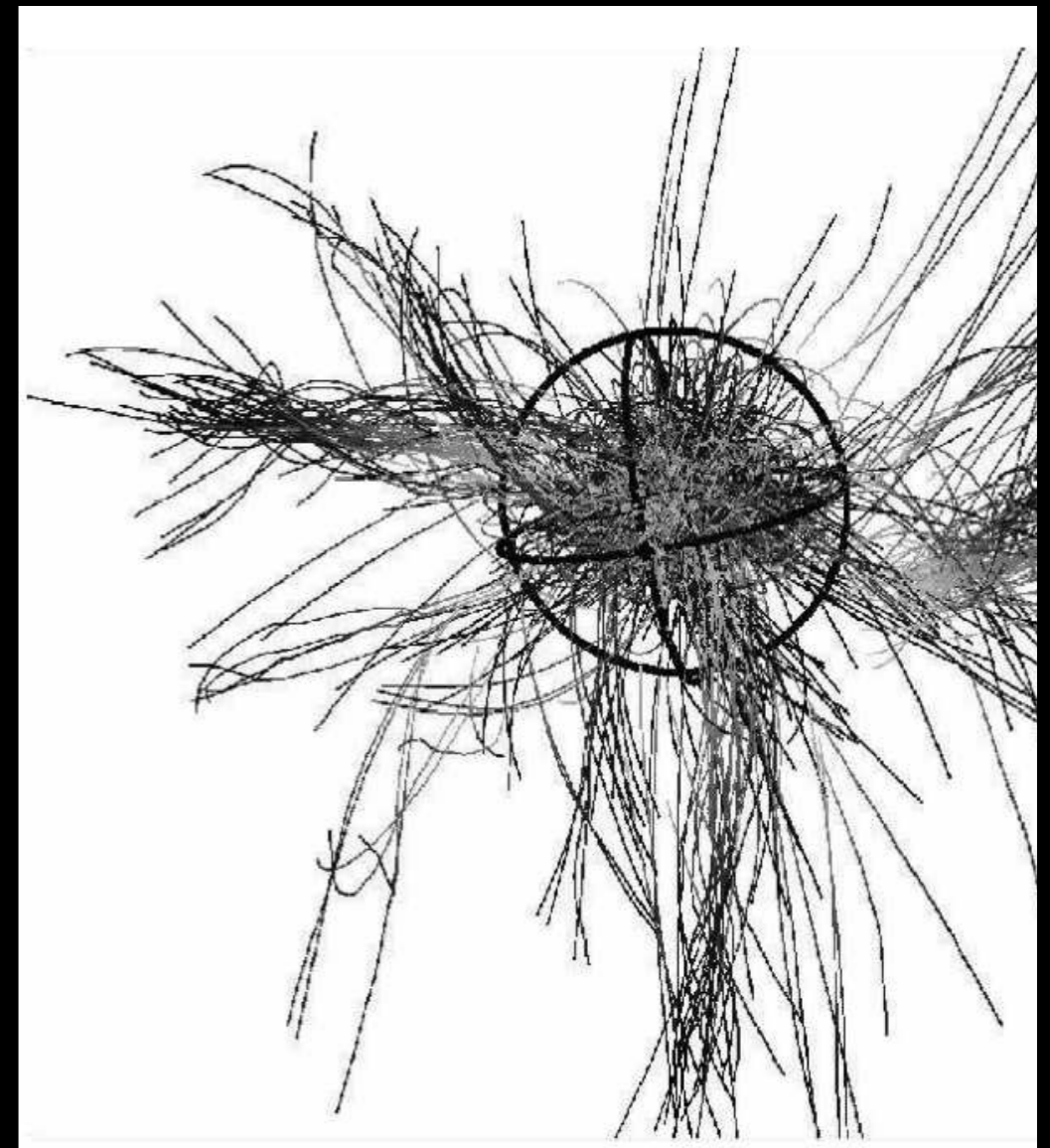
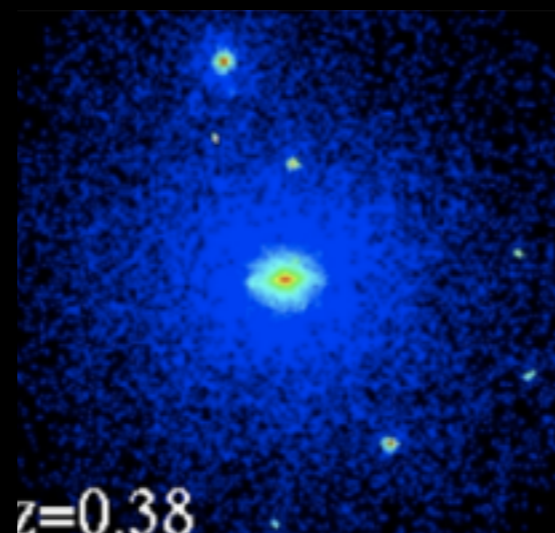
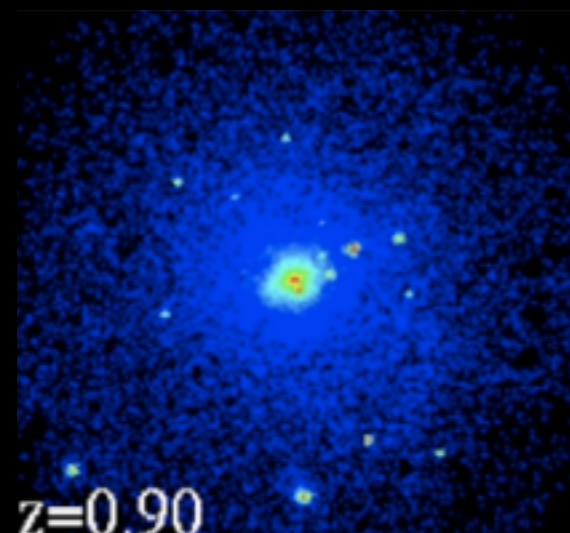
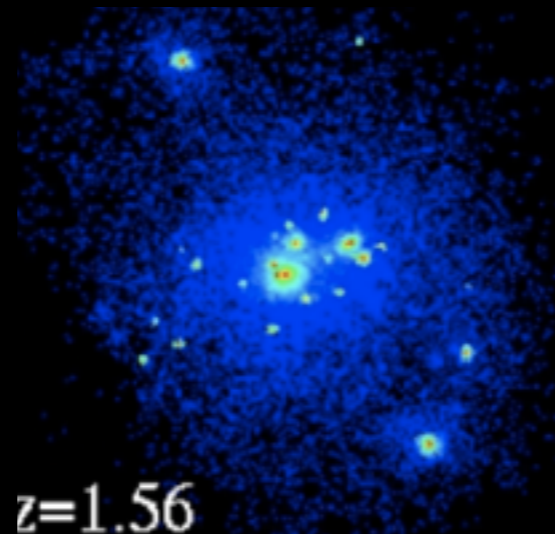
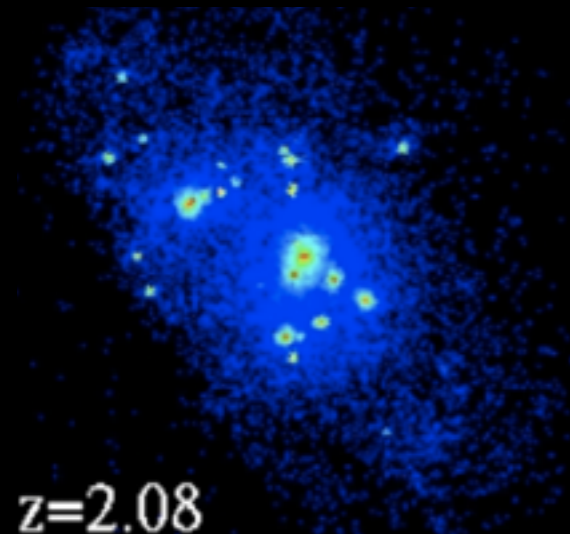
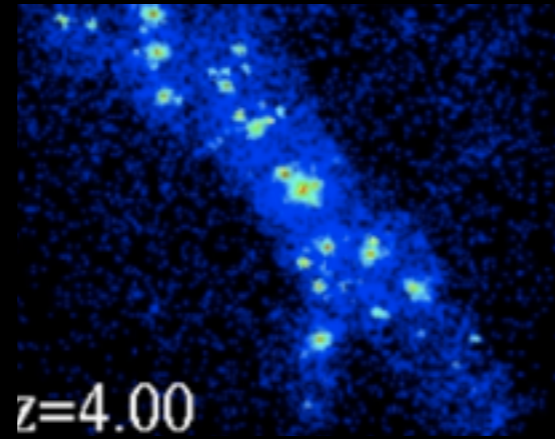
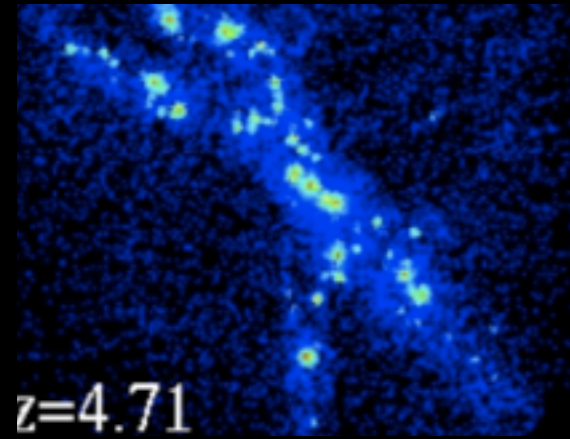
26 hours 6" FWHM

Van Dokkum *et al.* (2014) *arXiv:1410.8141*



Formation histories of galactic haloes

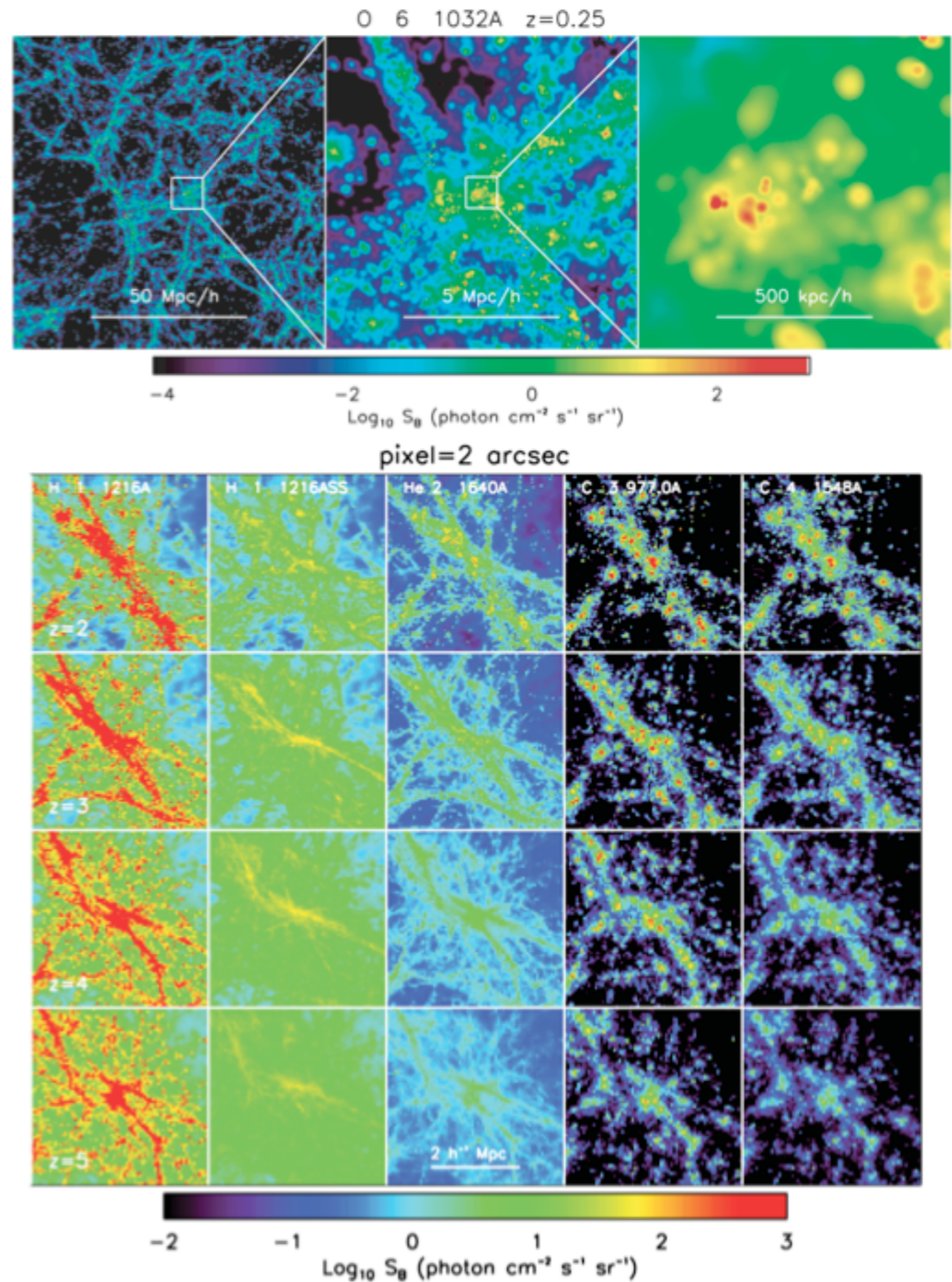
anisotropic accretion
from filaments



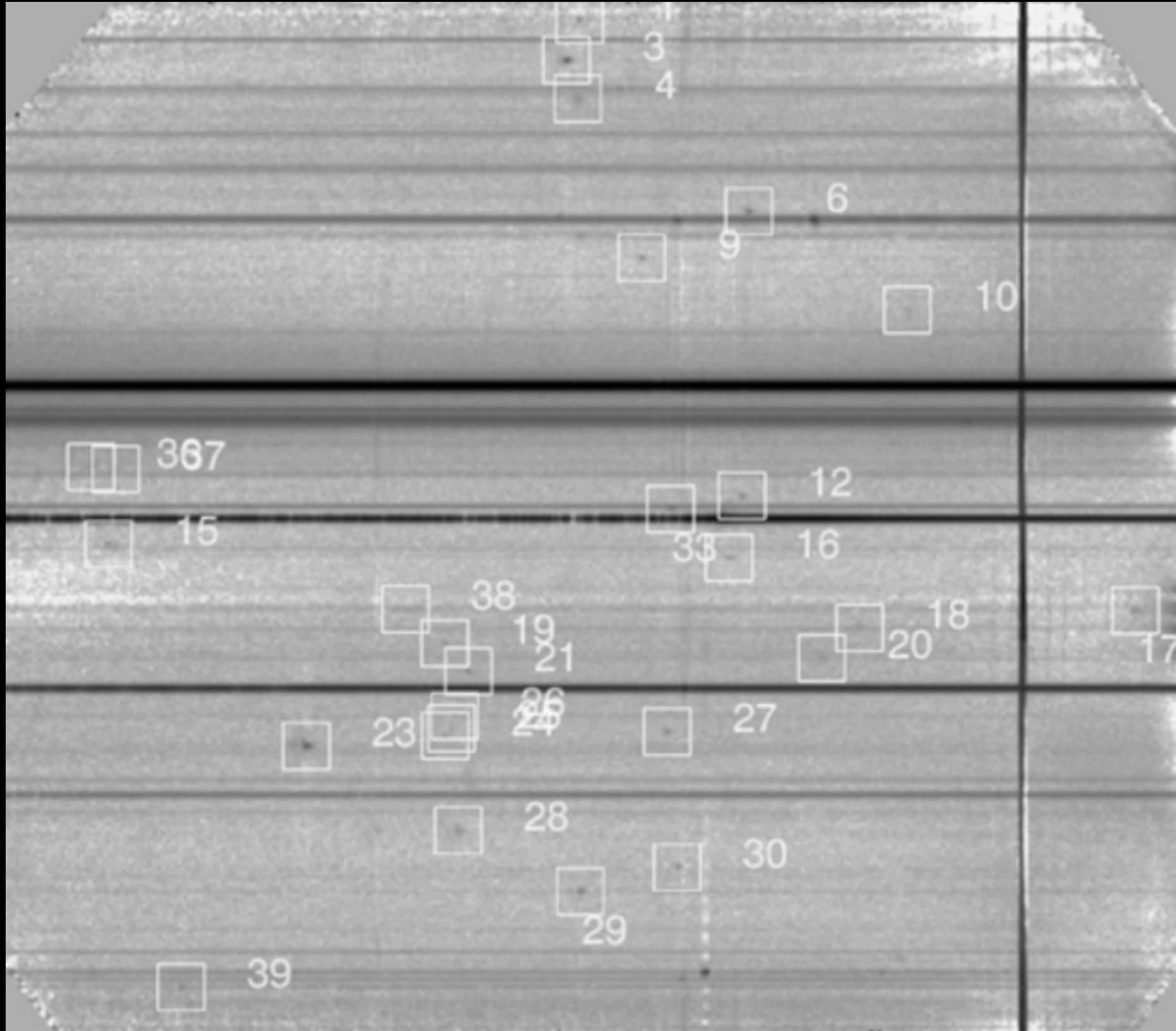
Driving science case #2

The Cosmic Web

Strongest in Lyman α
by $\sim 1000 \times$



Low surface brightness Lyman- α emitters

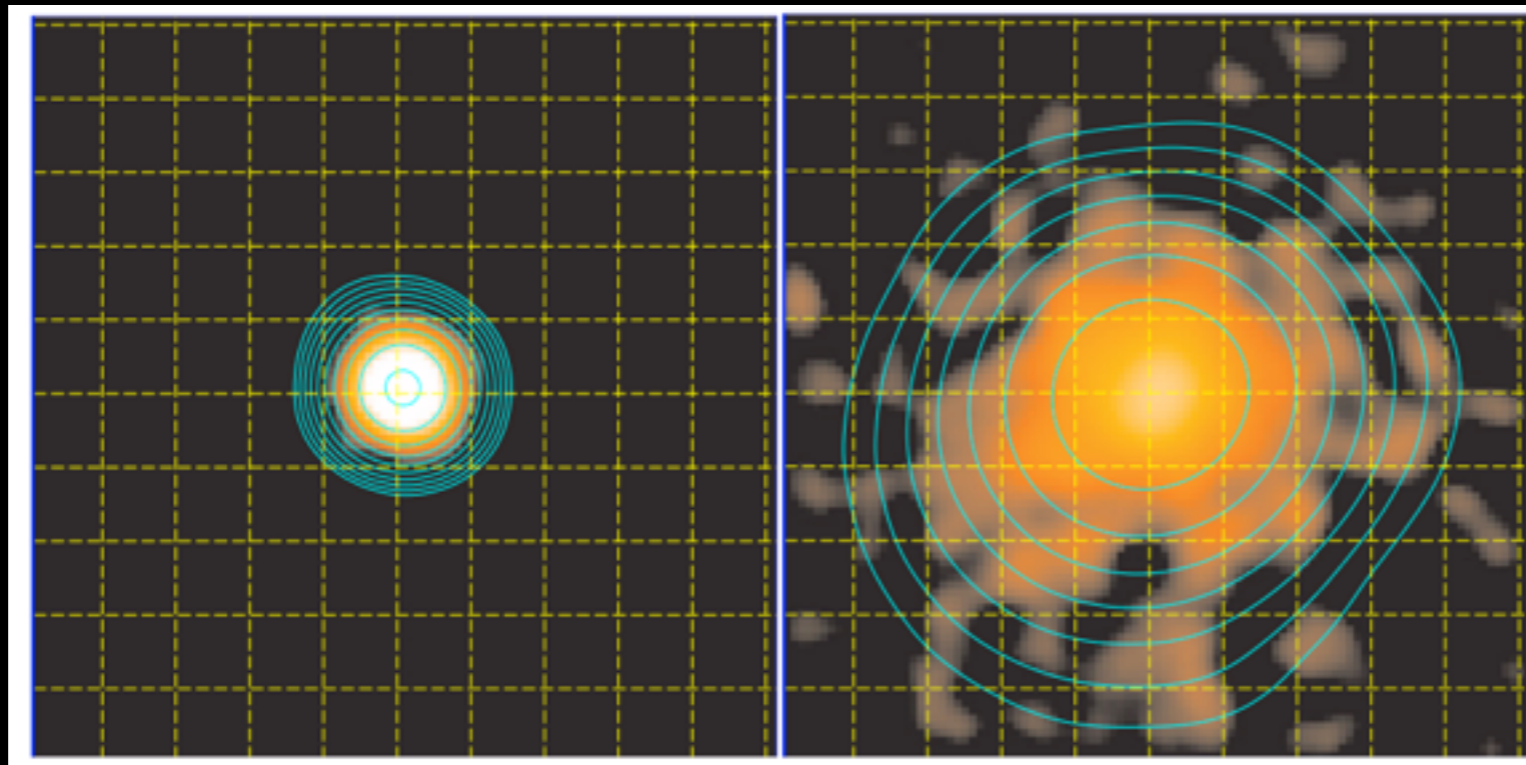


VLT
92 hours exposure

Rauch et al. (2010)

Extended Lyman- α emission from $z = 2.65$ star-forming galaxies

UV continuum



Lyman- α

92 UV-selected galaxies with $\langle z \rangle = 2.65$

Extended haloes to ~ 80 kpc (when stacked)

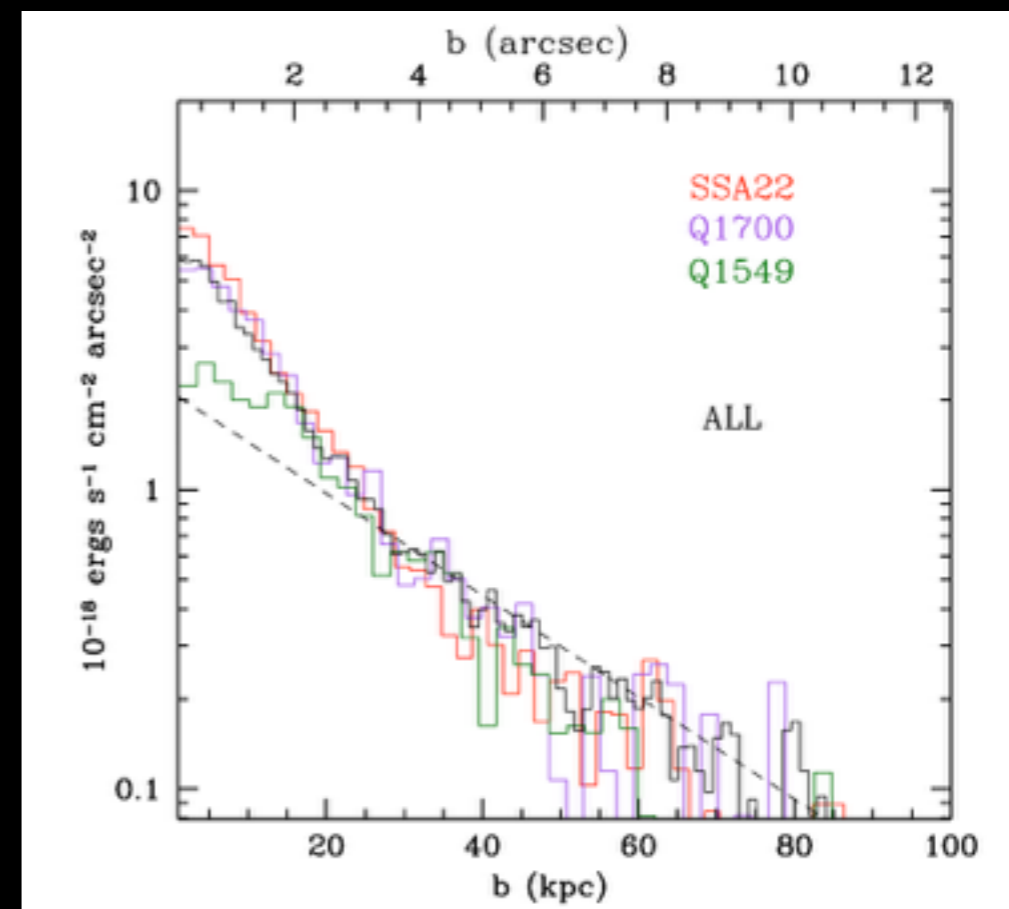
SB $\sim 10^{-19}$ erg s $^{-1}$ cm $^{-2}$ arcsec $^{-2}$

900 hours integration at 8-10m class telescopes

Lyman- α cooling?

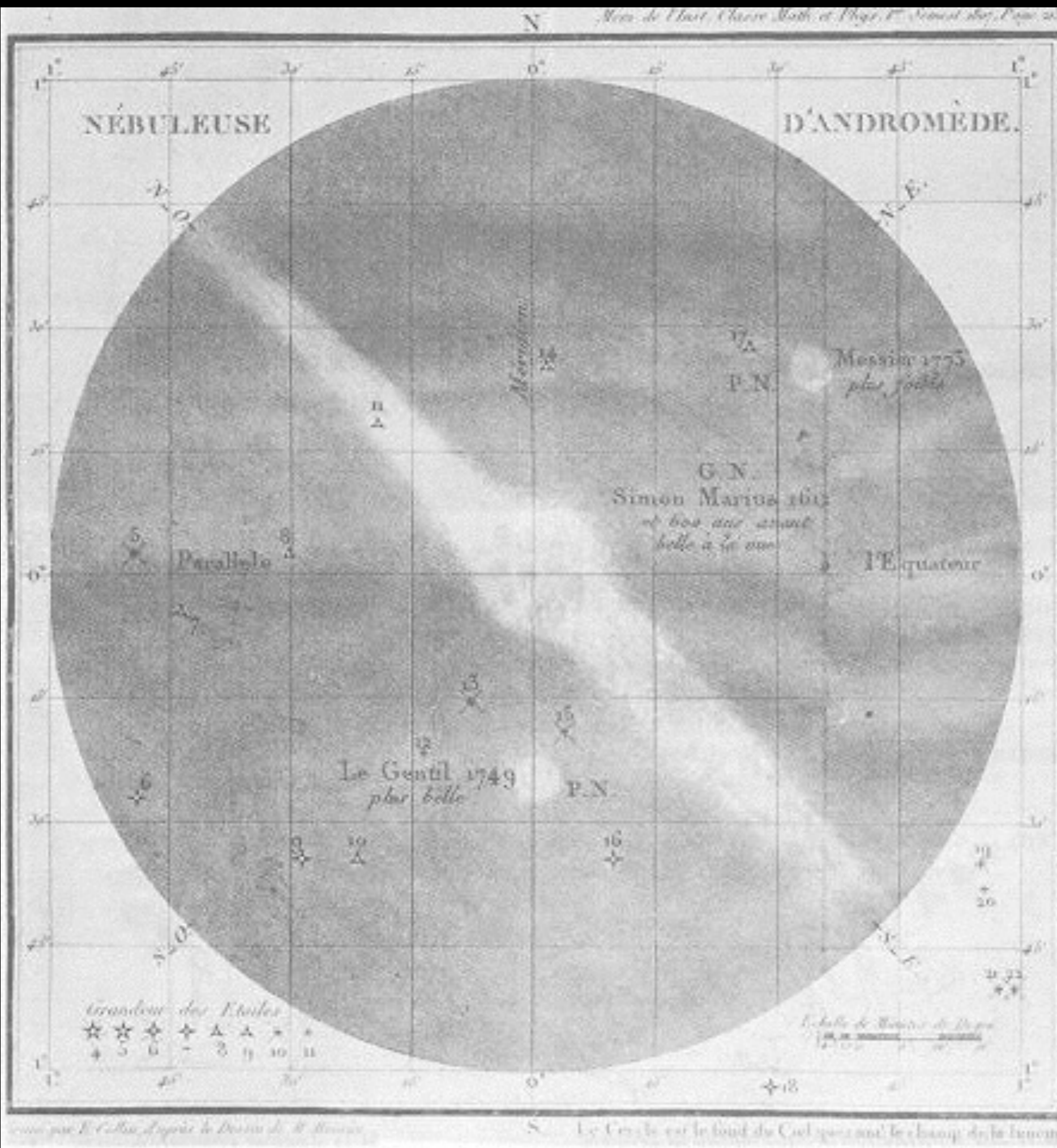
Fluorescence by ionising radiation?

Scattering from circumgalactic gas?



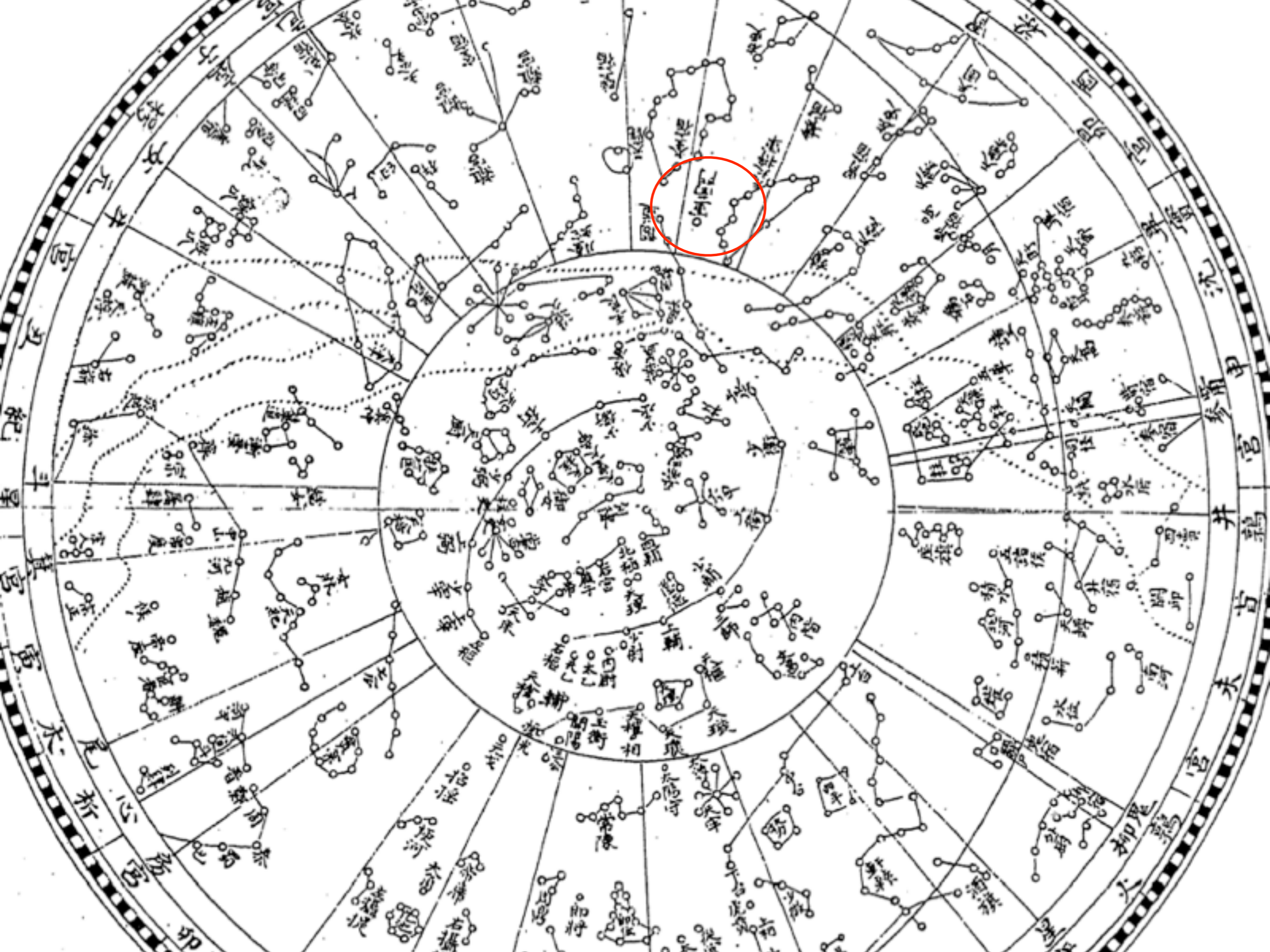
The MESSIER satellite

Scientific and technical challenges



First catalogue
of
diffuse objects

Messier (1771)
Mem. Acad. Sci. Paris



The Yixiangkaocheng catalogue

Ignaz Kögler, SJ

1756 (publ. 1774)

3083 objects

2848 stars

13 nebulosities

少丞北增一	鳥喙五	閣道南增一	火鳥七	奎宿北增二十一	閣道西增二	奎宿北增二十二
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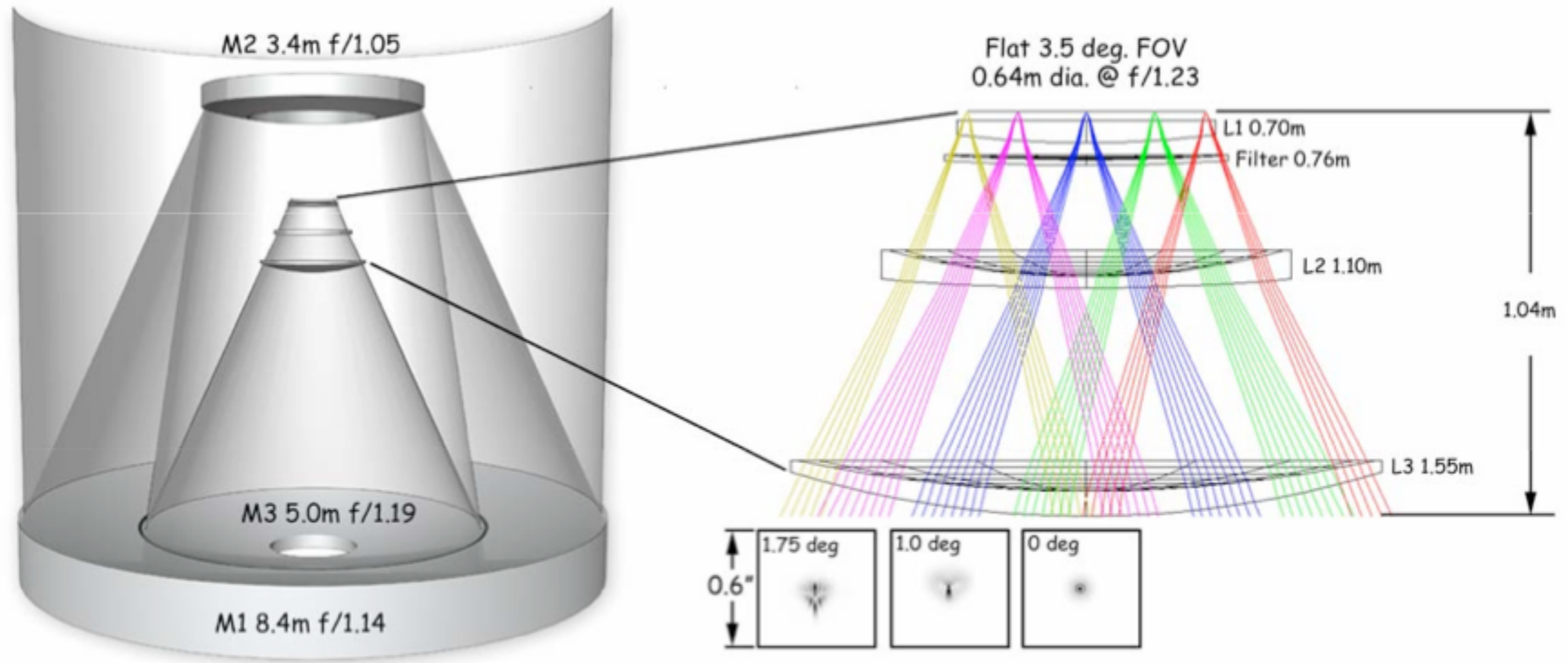
Top-level design requirements

- FOV $2^\circ \times 4^\circ$ (*lifetime of satellite*)
- Focal ratio $f/2$ (*200x better than HST*)
- Central obscuration none (*minimal PSF wings*)
- Spatial resolution $1''$ per pixel (*matches ground*)
- Roughness < 0.5 nm (*UV to optical*)
- Flat field rms $< 0.0025\%$ (*TDI / drift scan*)
- Distortion $< 0.5\%$ (*in one direction*)
- Diameter 50 cm (*set by platform*)
- Survey all sky (*unique*)

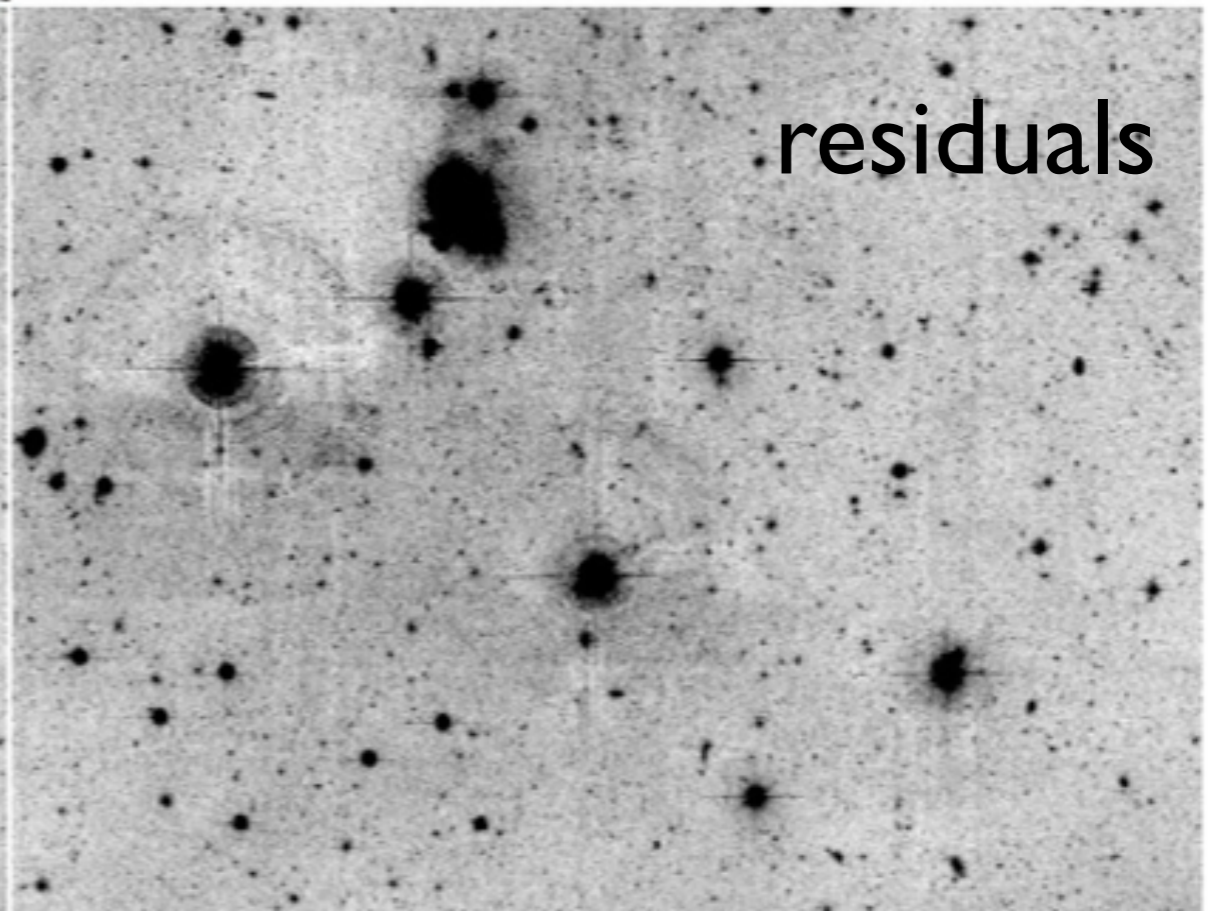
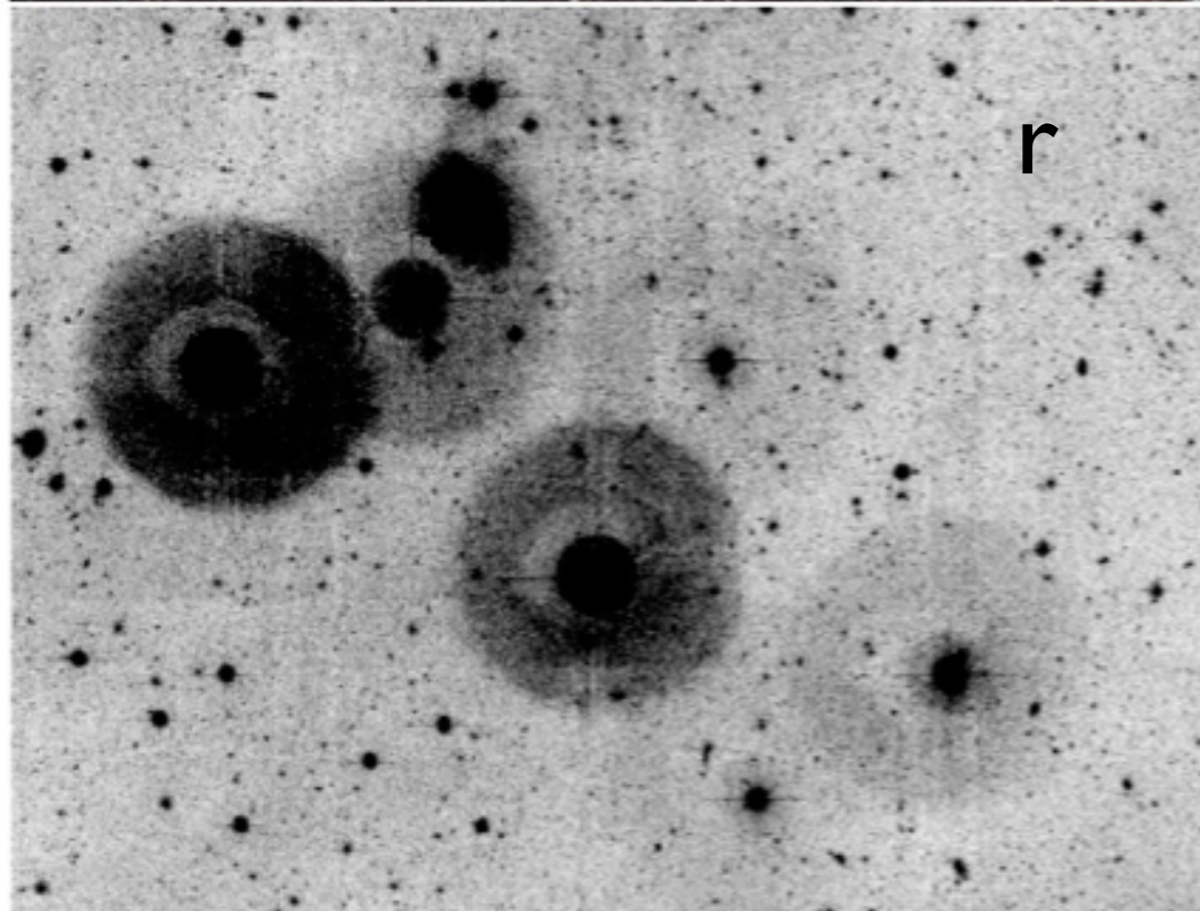
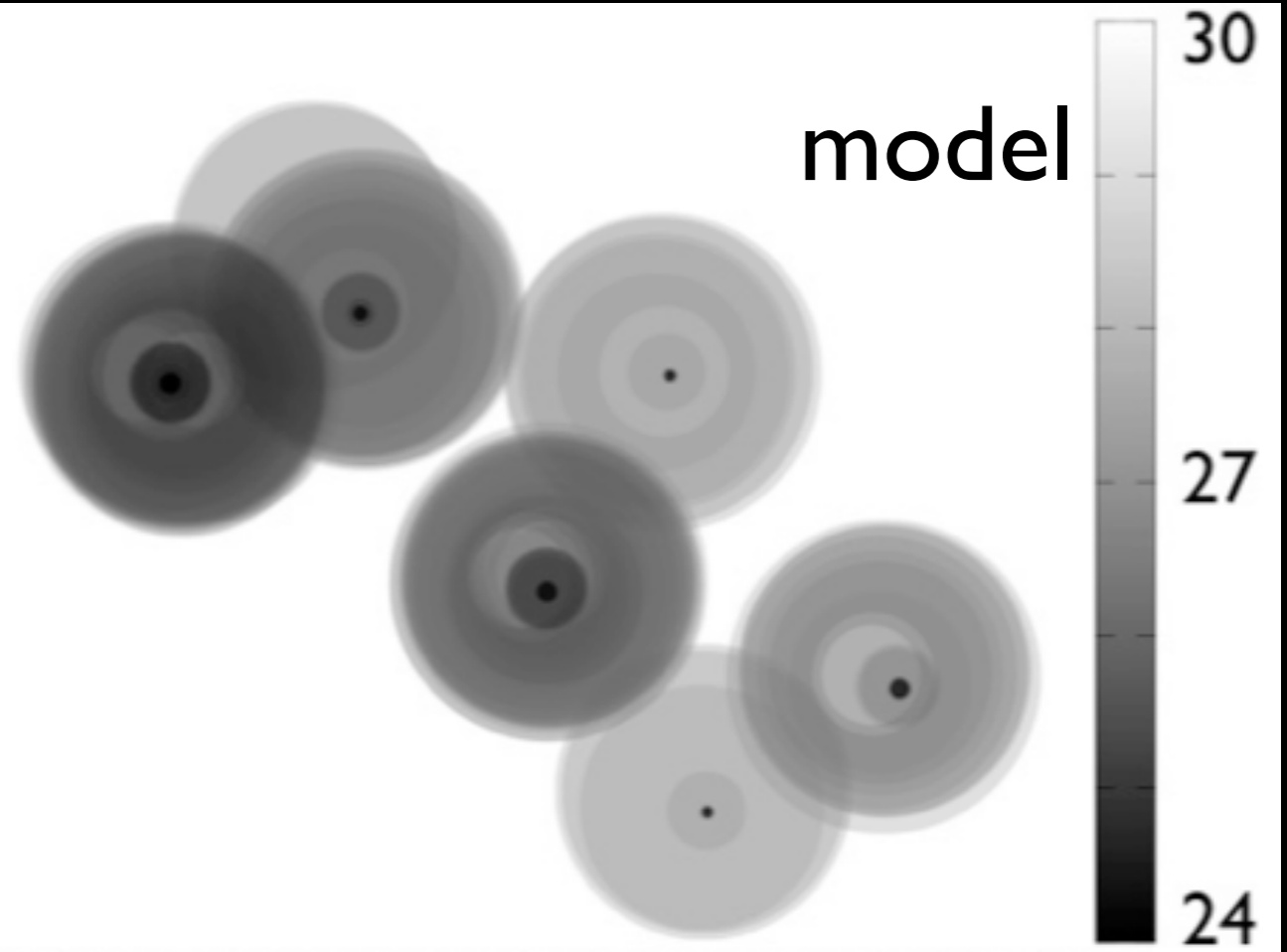
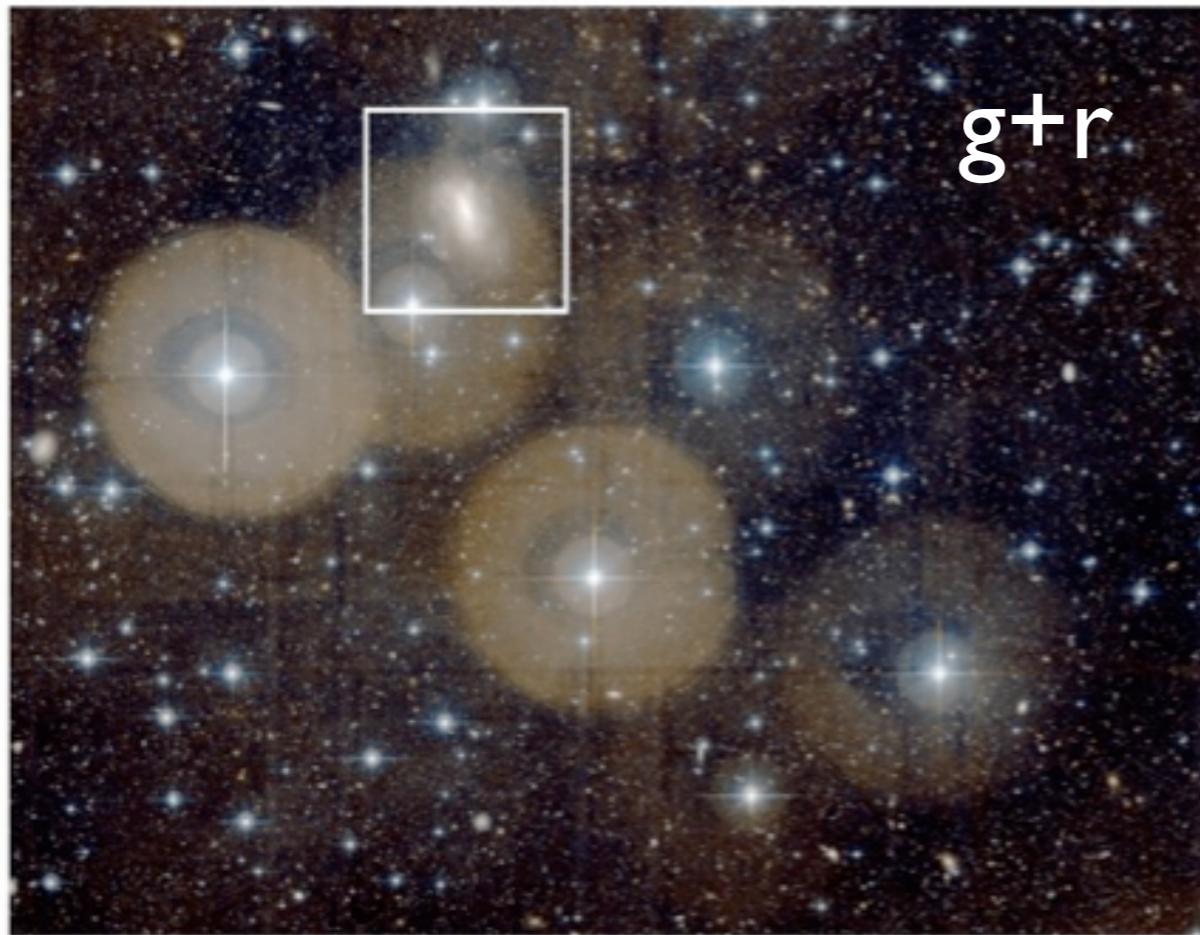
Comparison of current very wide field telescopes

	Design	N_{opt}	D	f ratio	FOV
SDSS	RC + doublet corrector	6	2.4	f/5	2.0x1.5
VST	RC + doublet corrector	6	2.6	f/5	1.0x1.0
CFHT	Paraboloid + triplet corrector	7	3.6	f/4	1.0x1.0
MMT	RC + corrector	6	6.5	f/5	0.5x0.5
LSST	Mersenne + triplet	9	8.4	f/1.2	3.0x3.0
MiniTrust	Rumsey	2	0.45	f/5	1.5x1.5

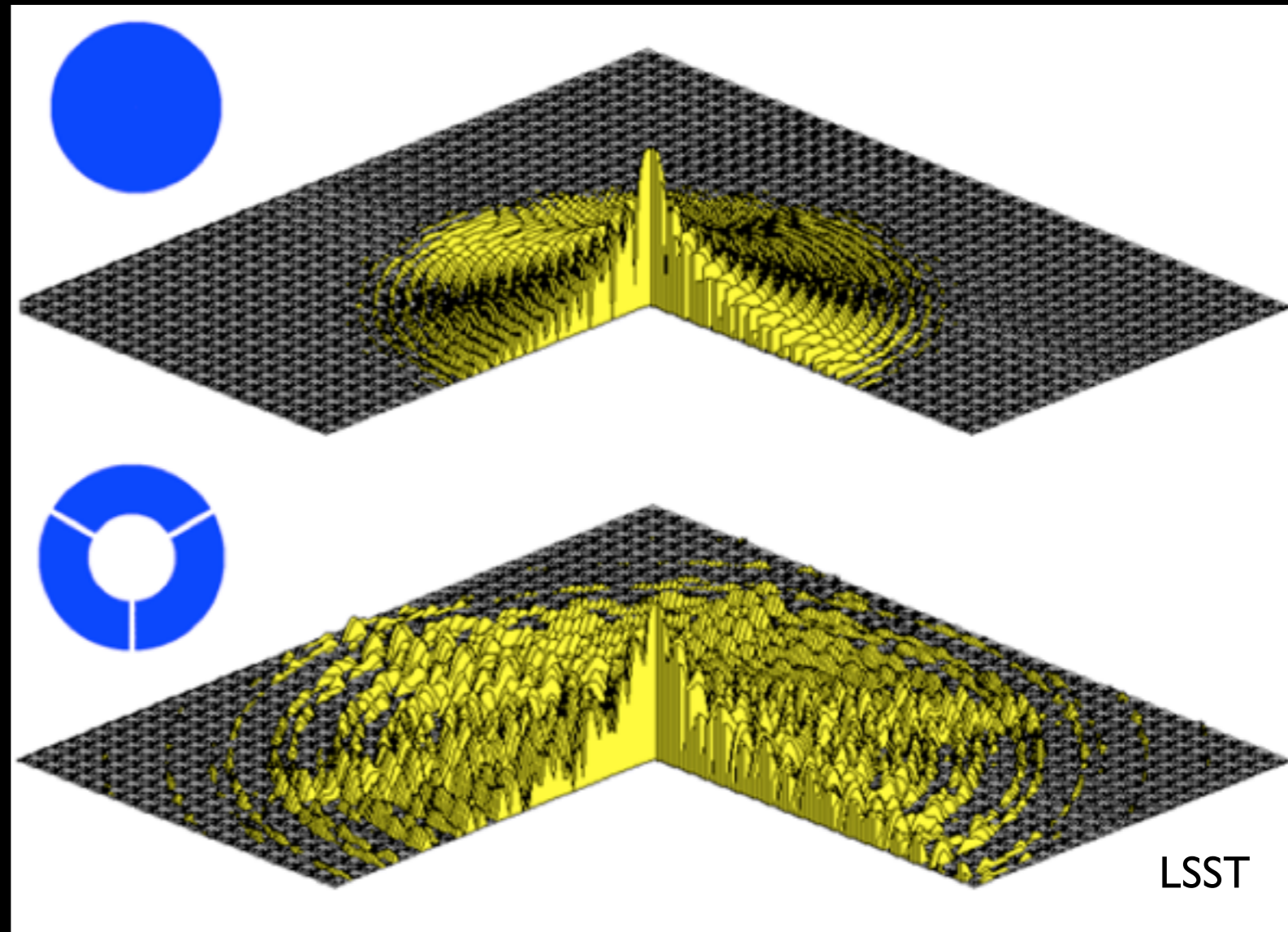
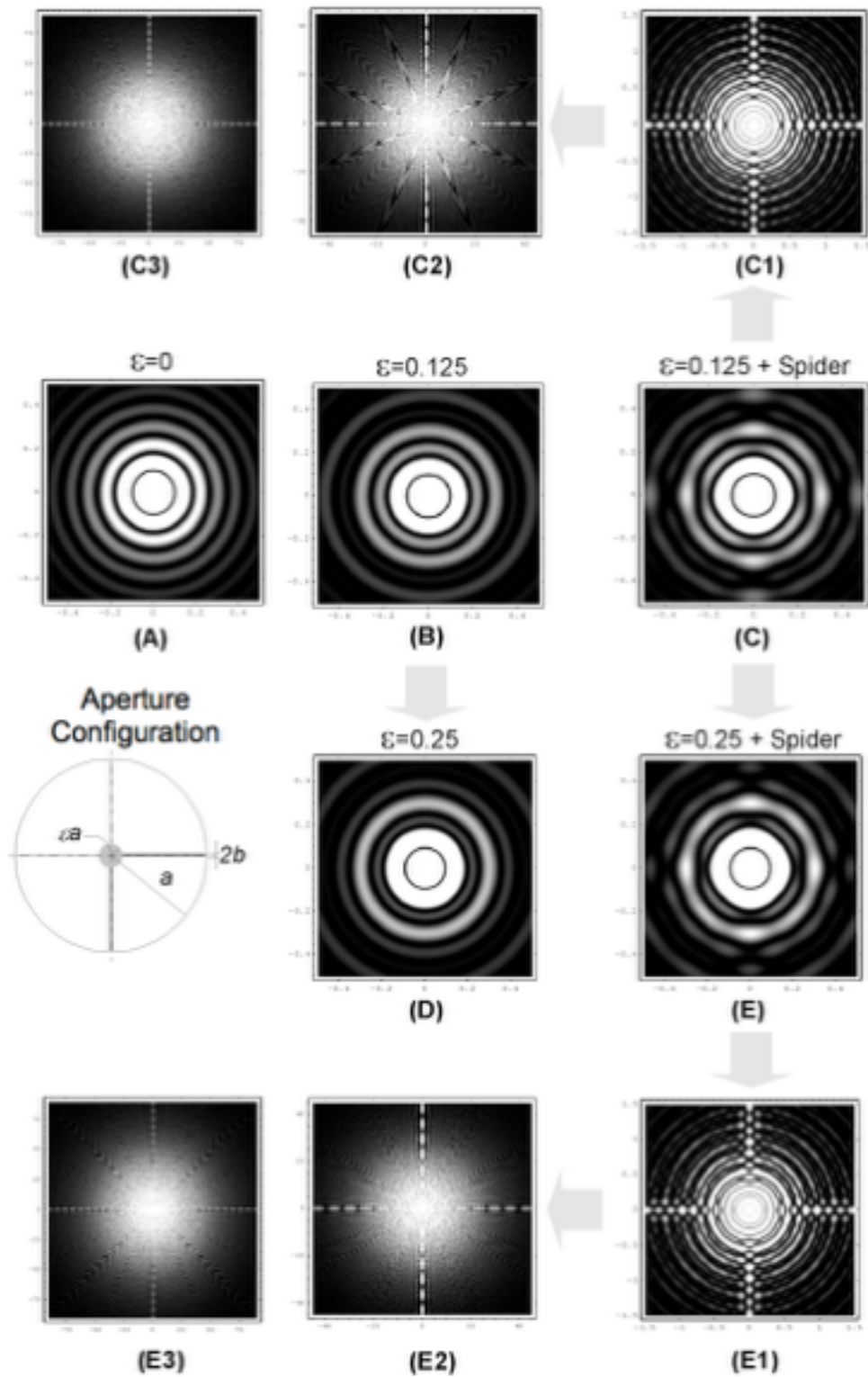
LSST optical design







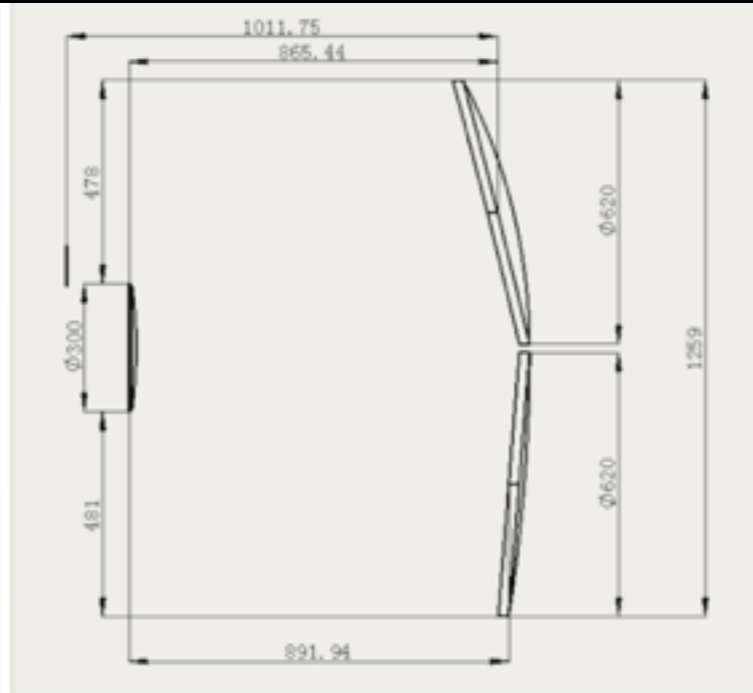
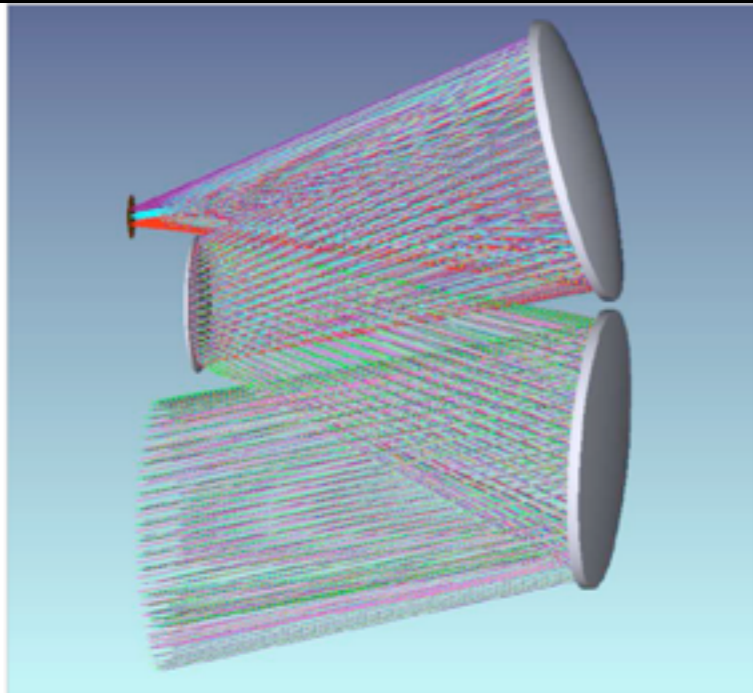
Obstruction by secondary mirrors yields very extended and anisotropic PSFs



\Rightarrow zero obstruction is required for ultimate LSB photometry

Key additional requirements for MESSIER :

- flat focal plane (but curved Gaia-like FPA TBD)
- no lenses (to avoid Čerenkov radiation)



Current solution

TMA

free-form mirrors
unobscured, off-axis

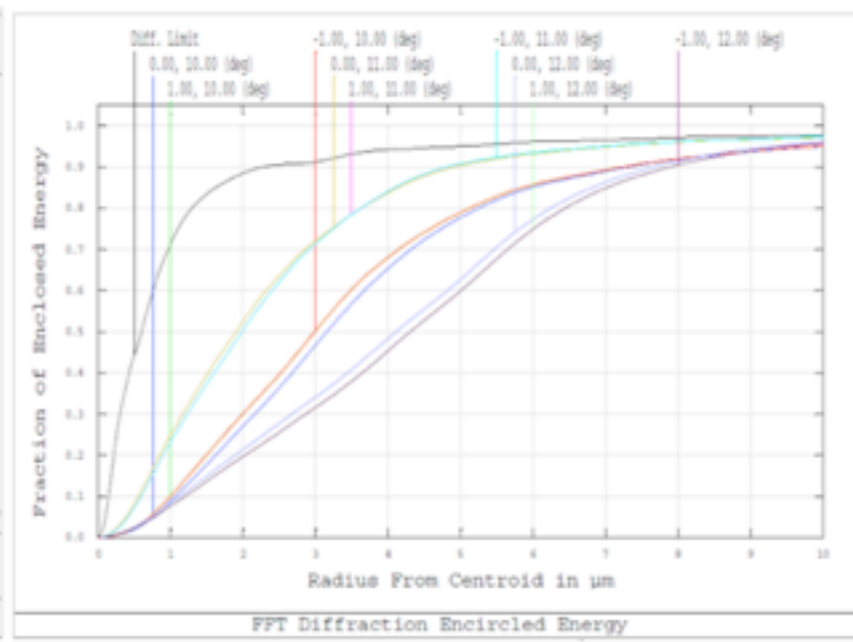
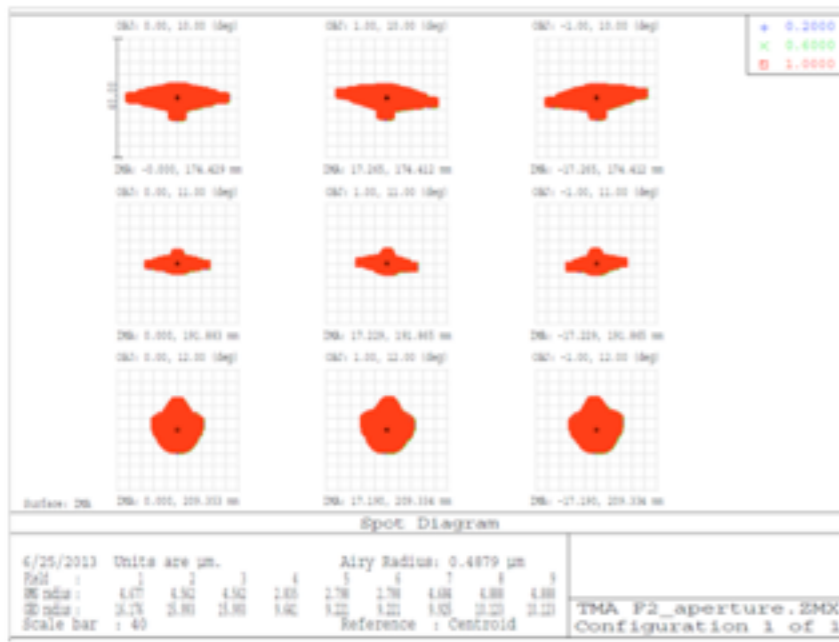
easy baffling
flat focal plane

f/2

4° x 2°

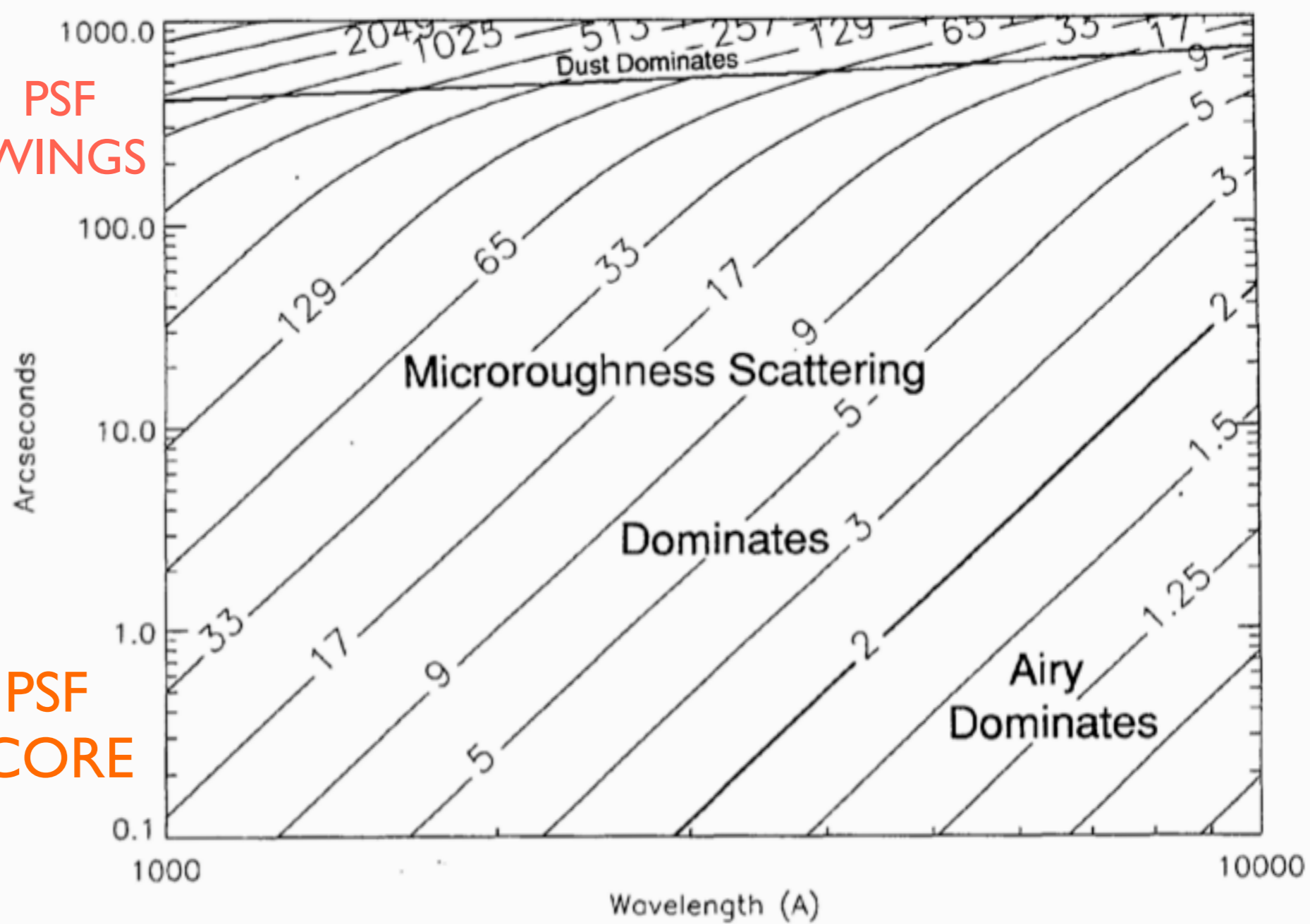
TRL 9 (optics/FP)

alignment issues TBD

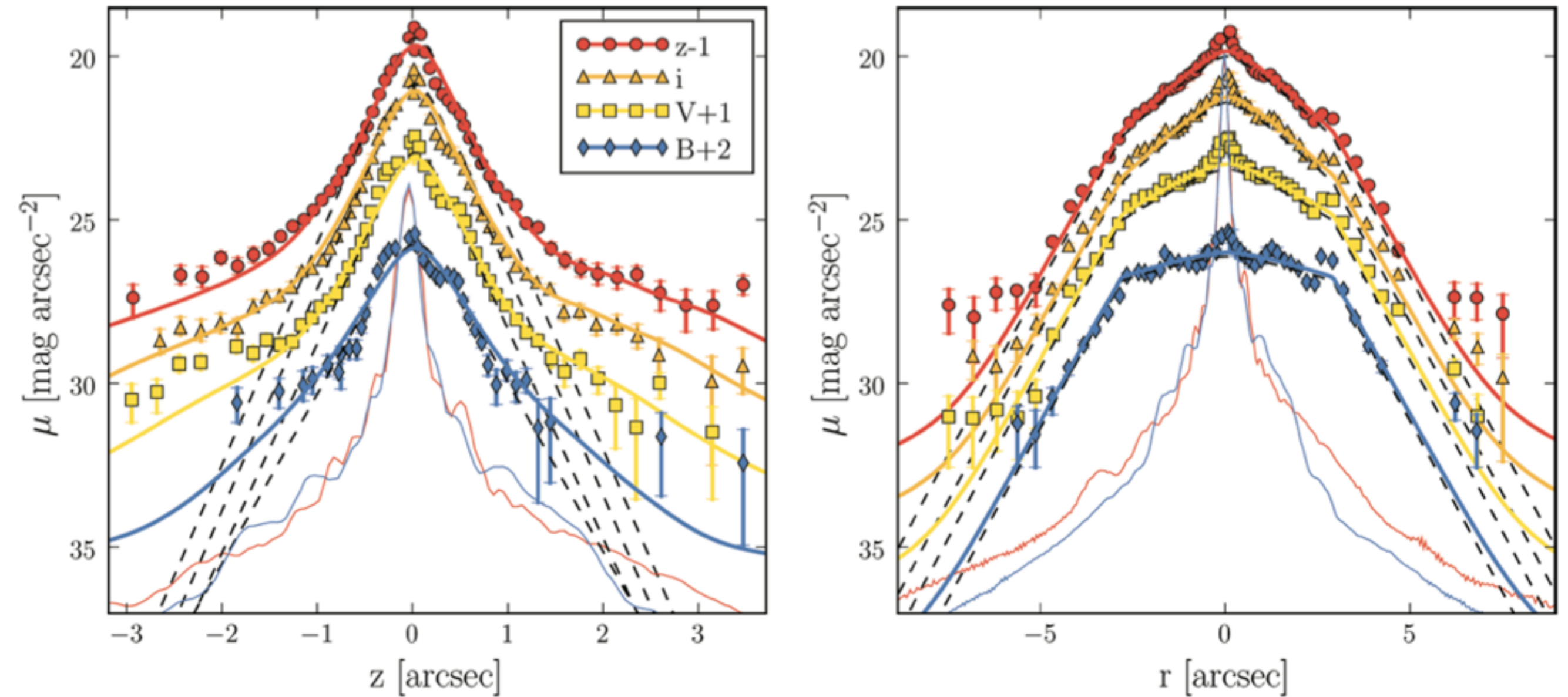


PSF
WINGS

PSF
CORE

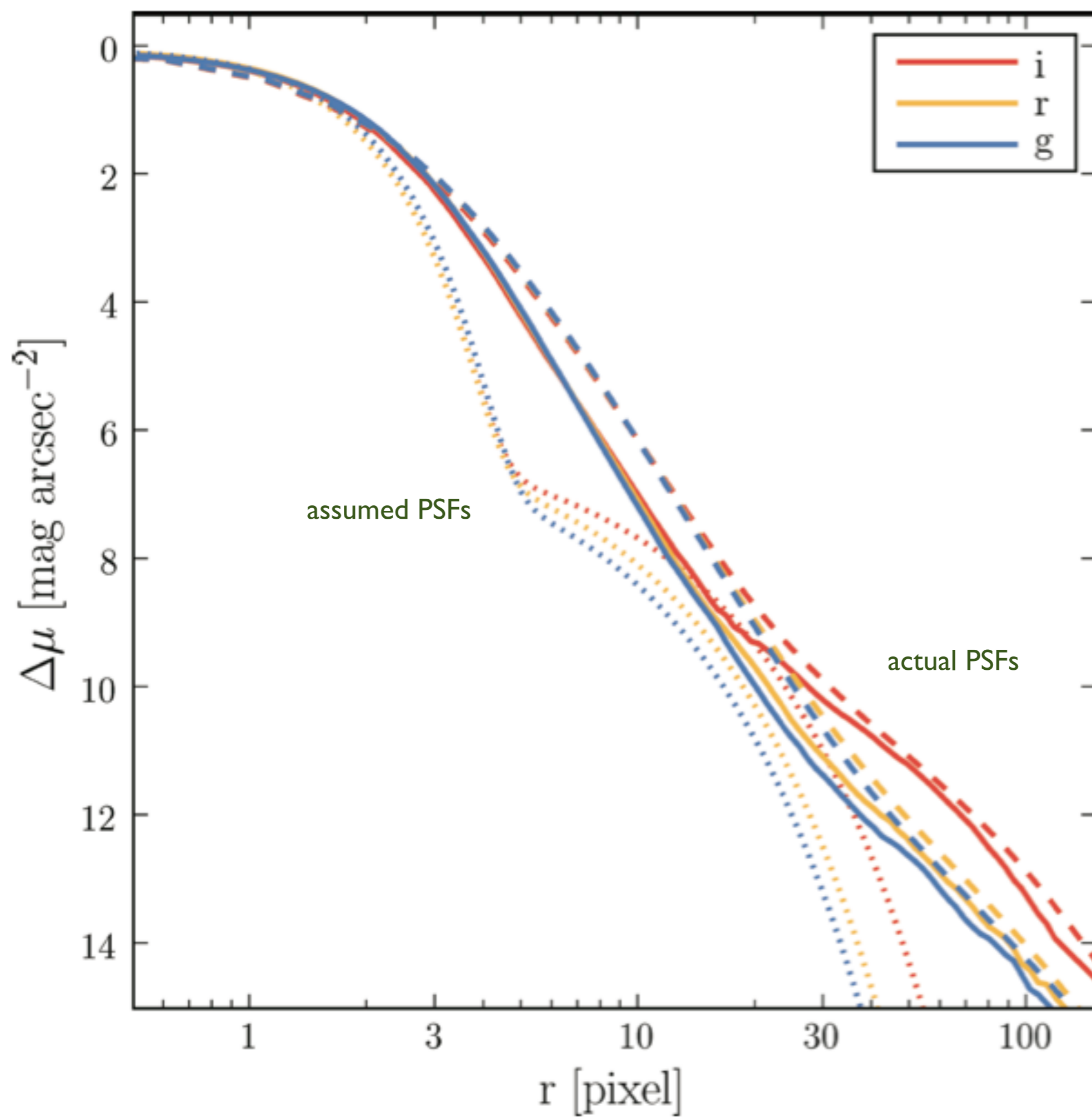


Importance of the stability and of the wings of the PSF

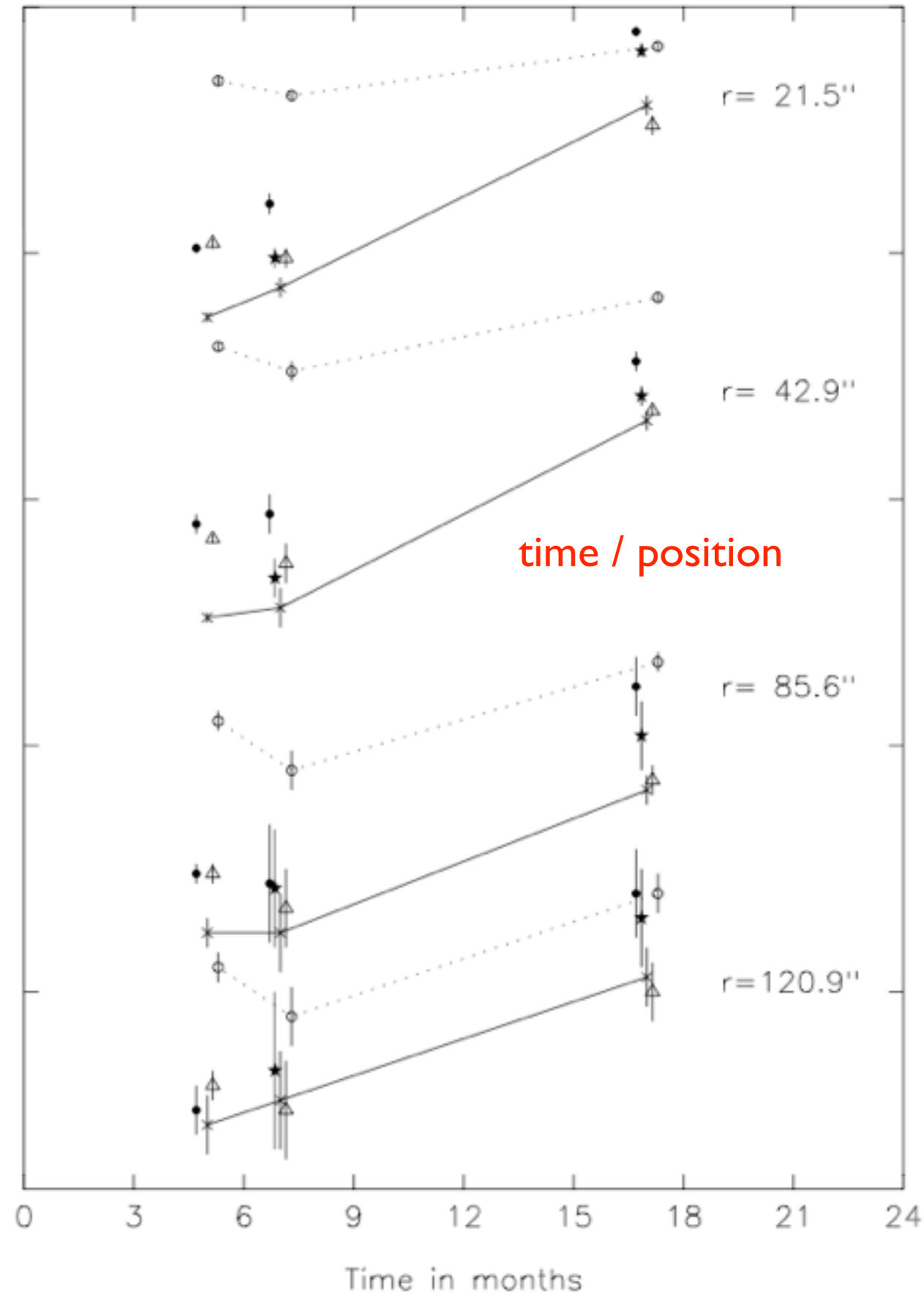
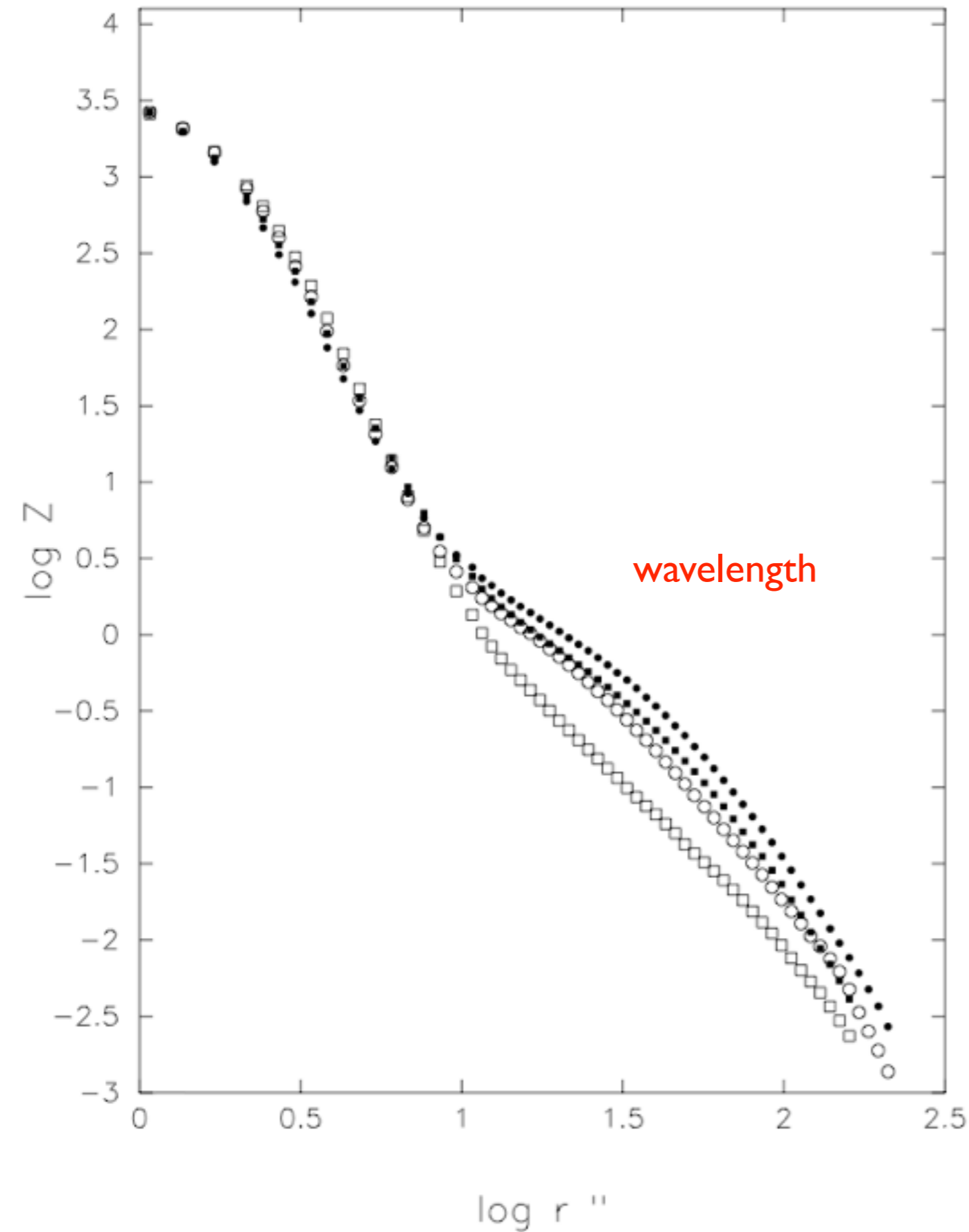


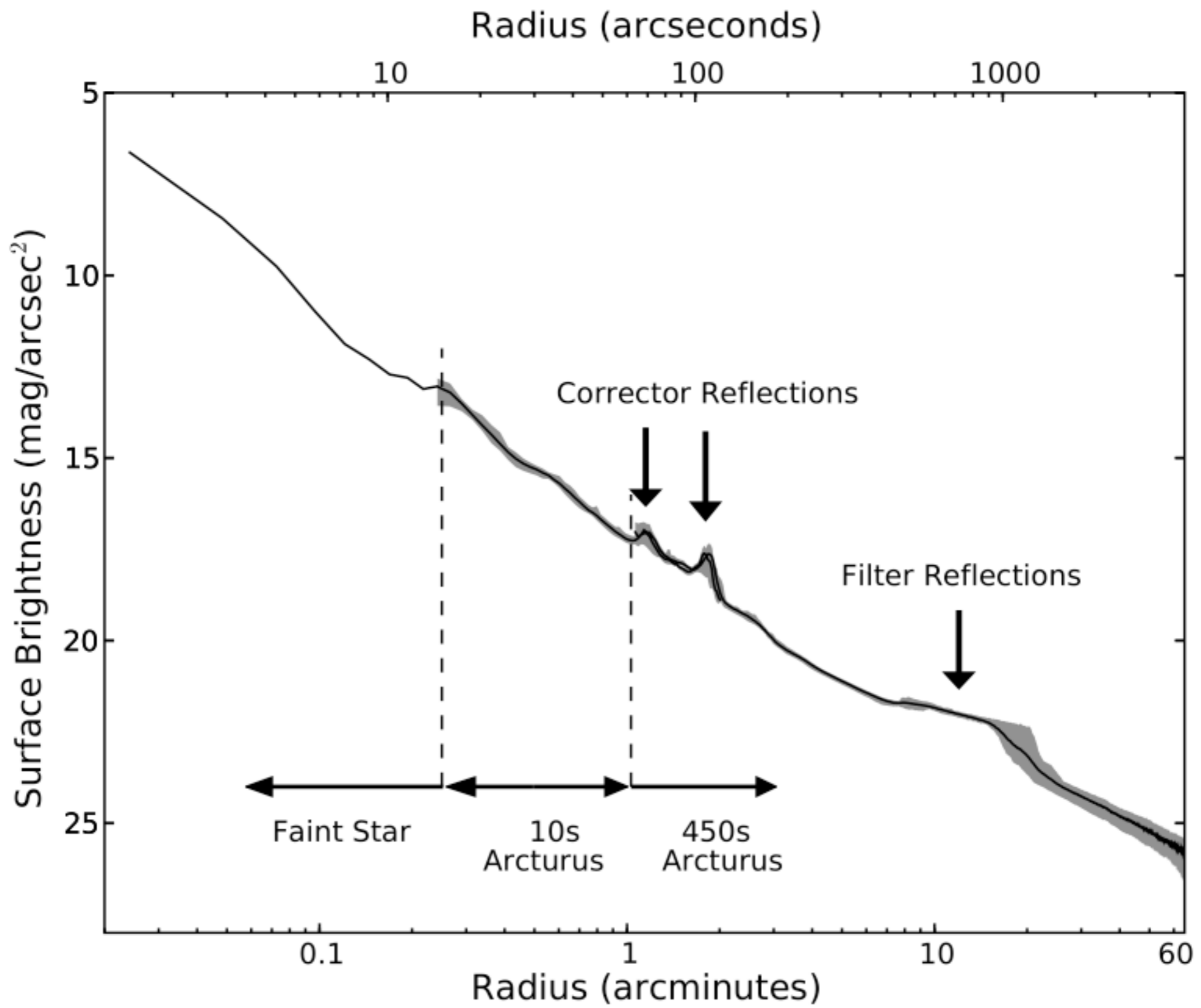
Extended galactic **ultra red** haloes ??

Zibetti, White & Brinkmann (2004)

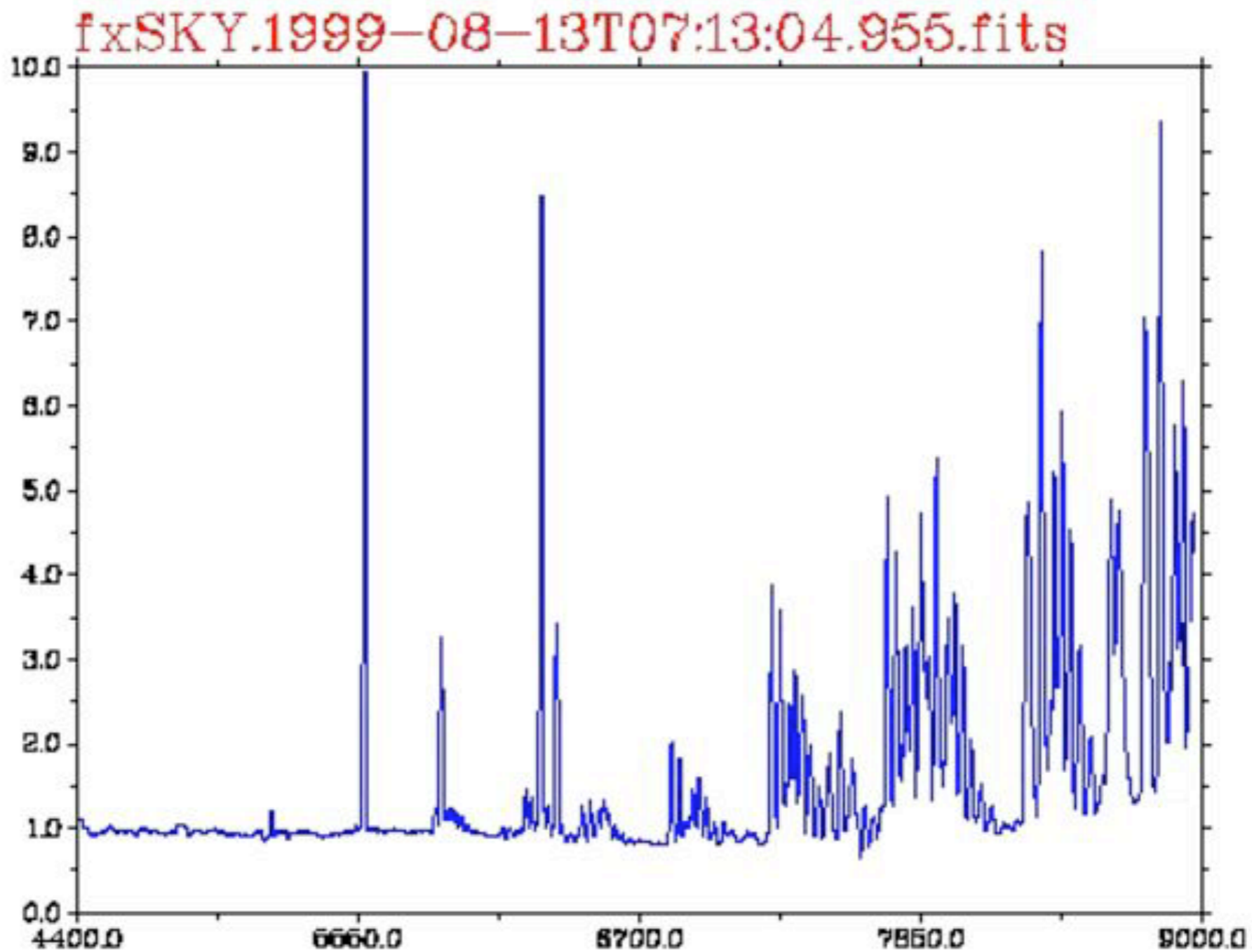


Variations in the PSF (Michard 2002)

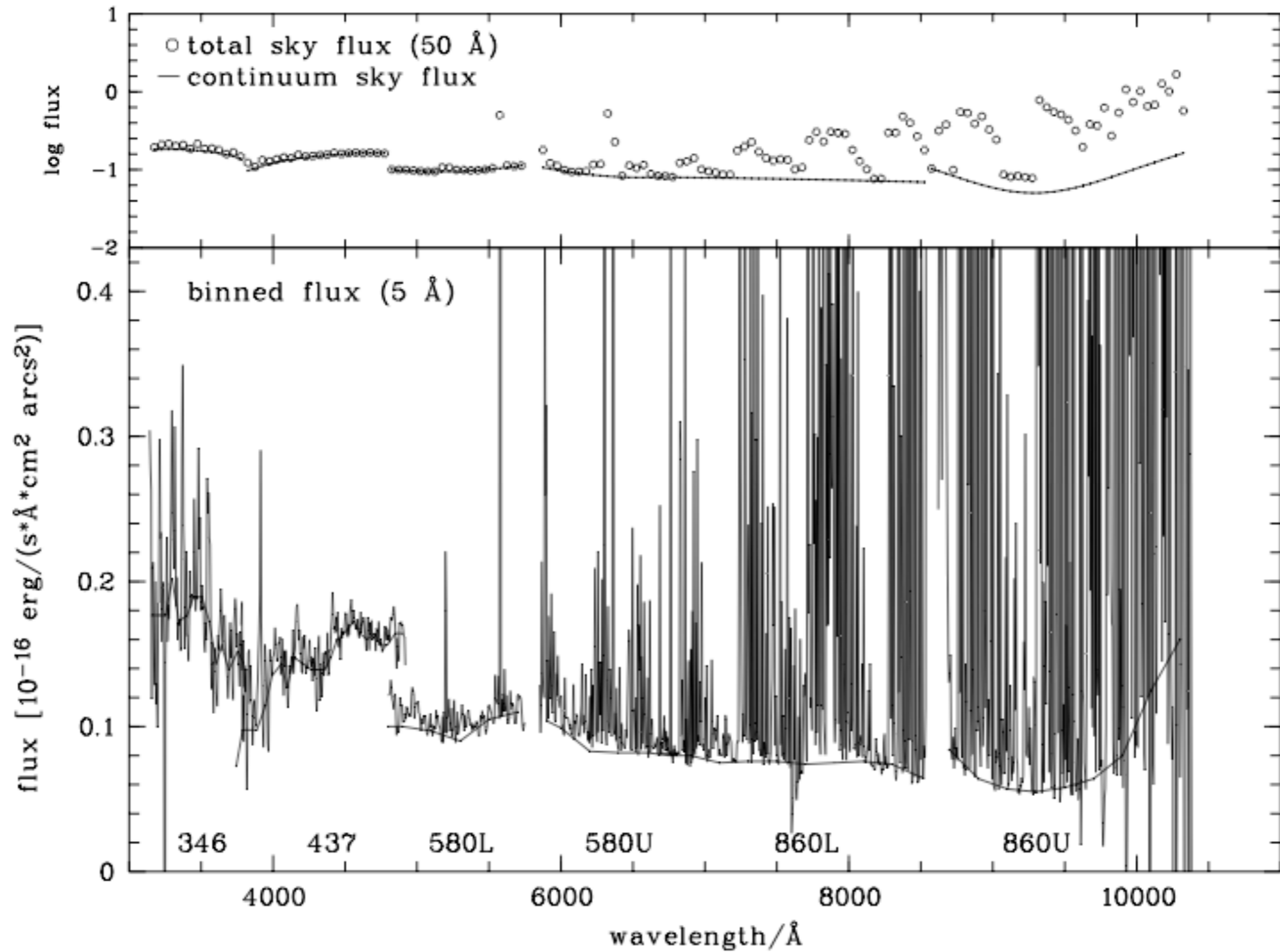


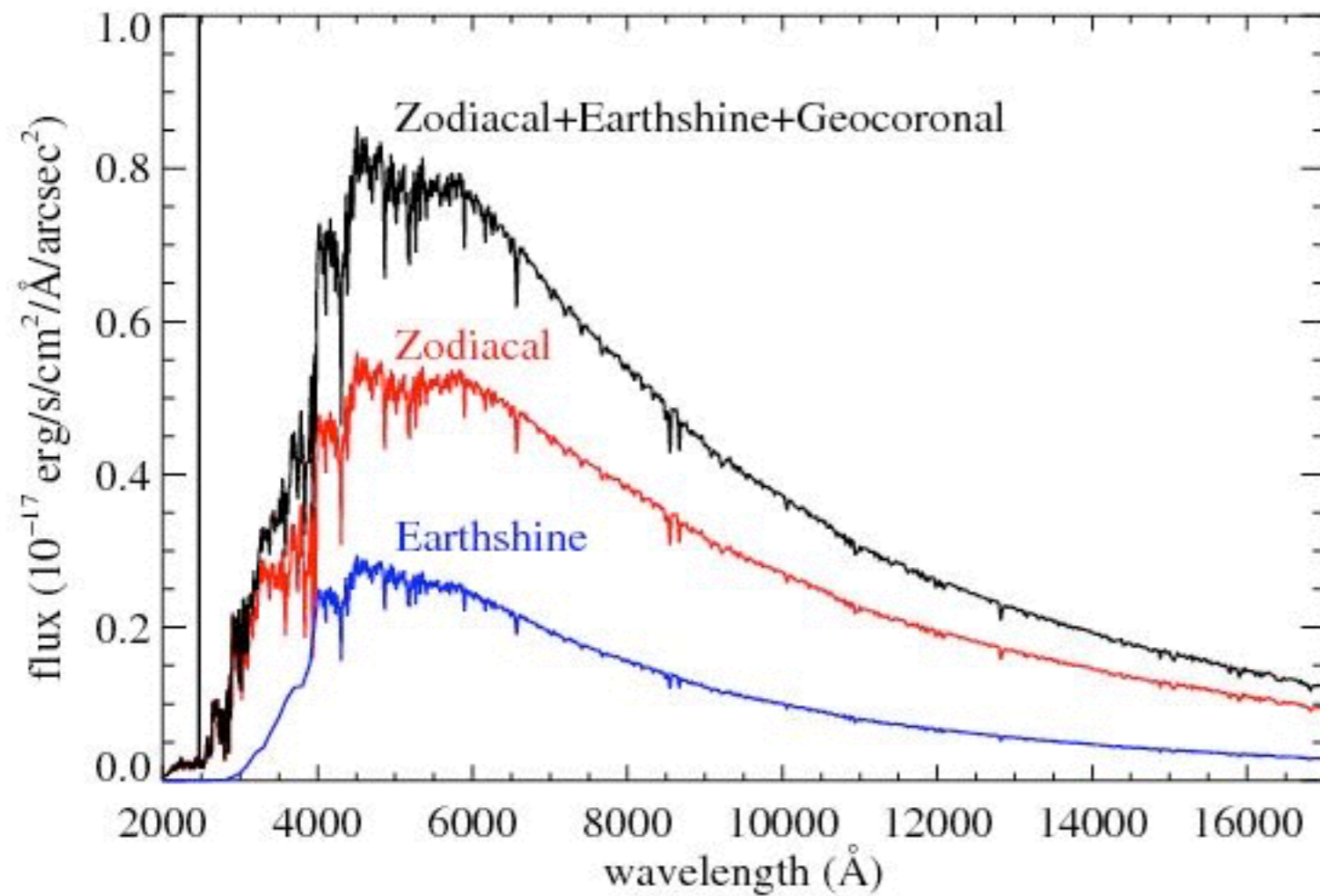


Fighting against the variable sky background



Going into space: issues and challenges



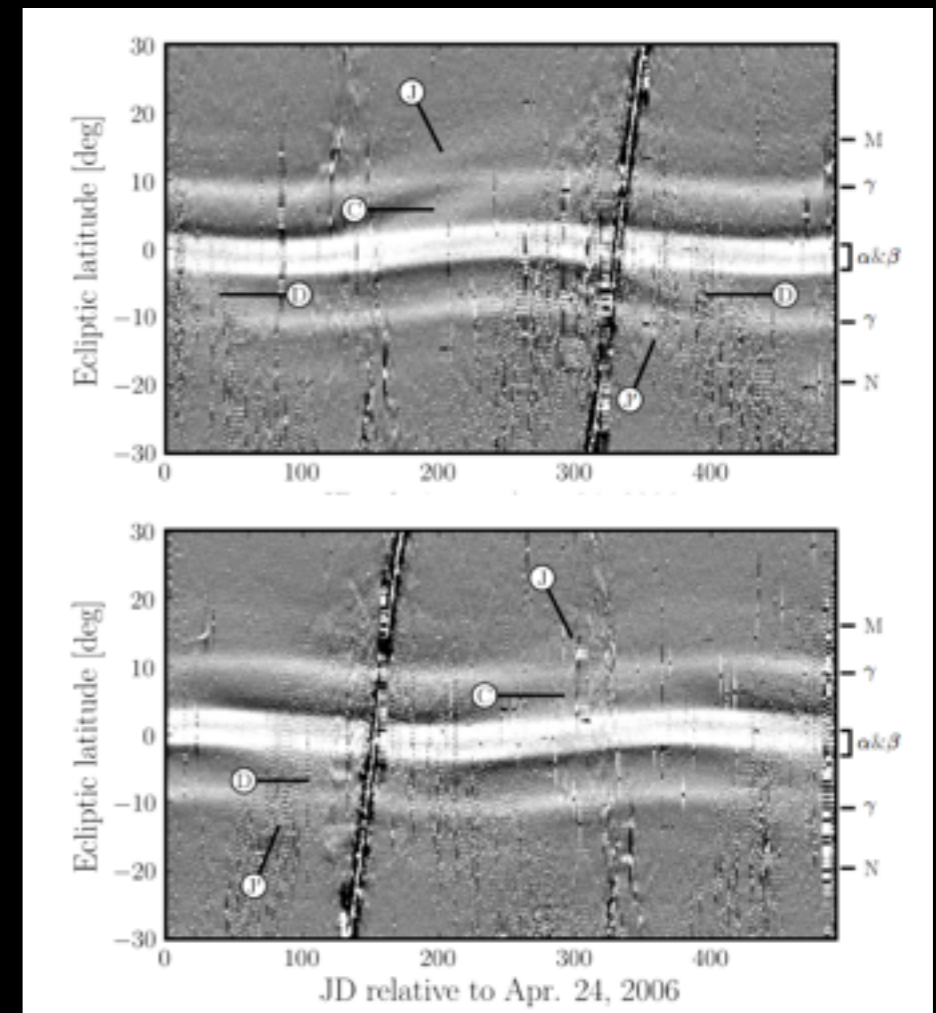


No sky variability but three foregrounds:

- zodiacal light (variable)
- geocoronal/airglow emission
- optical/UV emission from Galactic dust (cirrus)

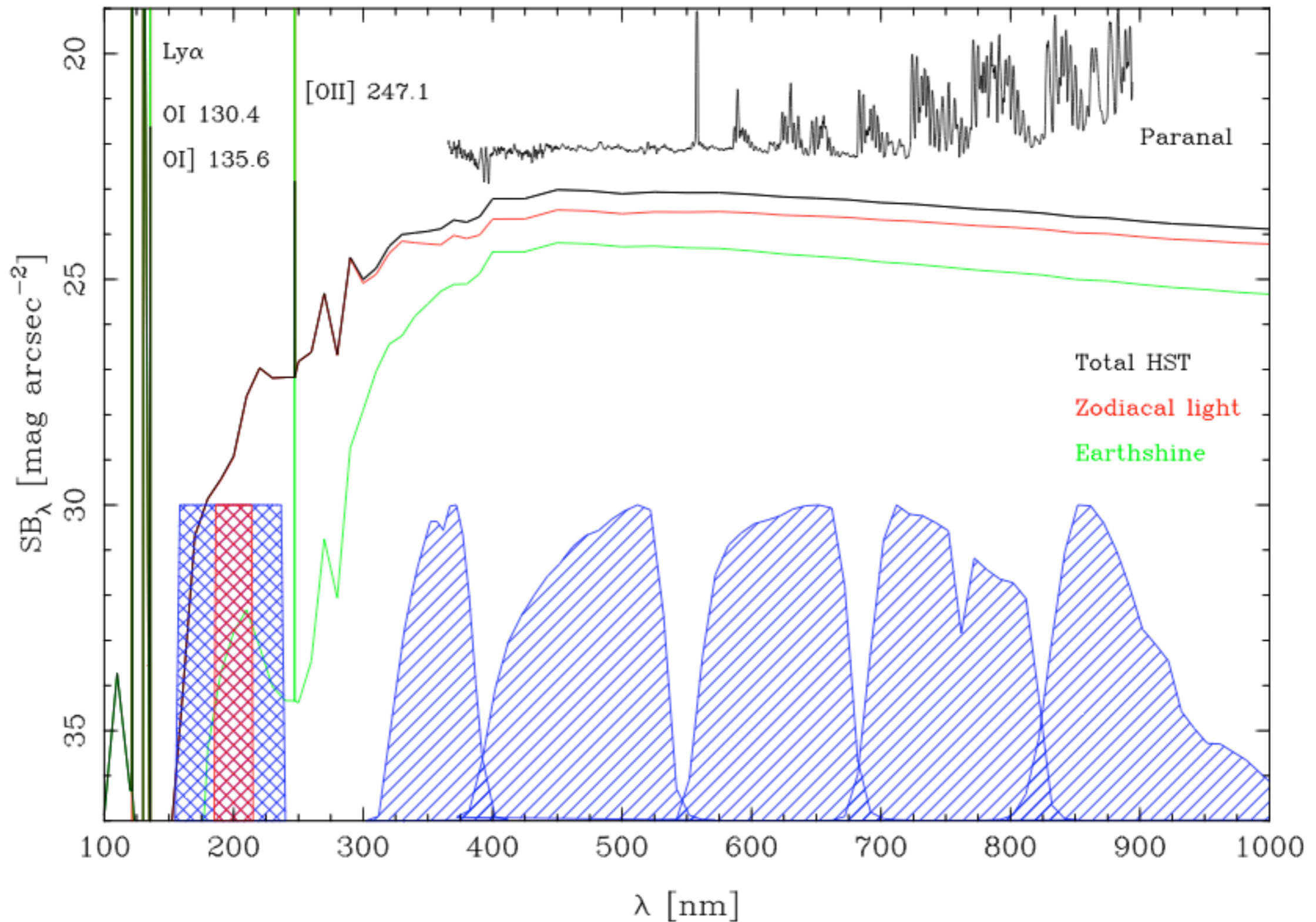
→ Minimise zodiacal contamination
orbit to oversample ecliptic poles

→ Minimise airglow/geocorona
orbit \gg 300 km (HST)

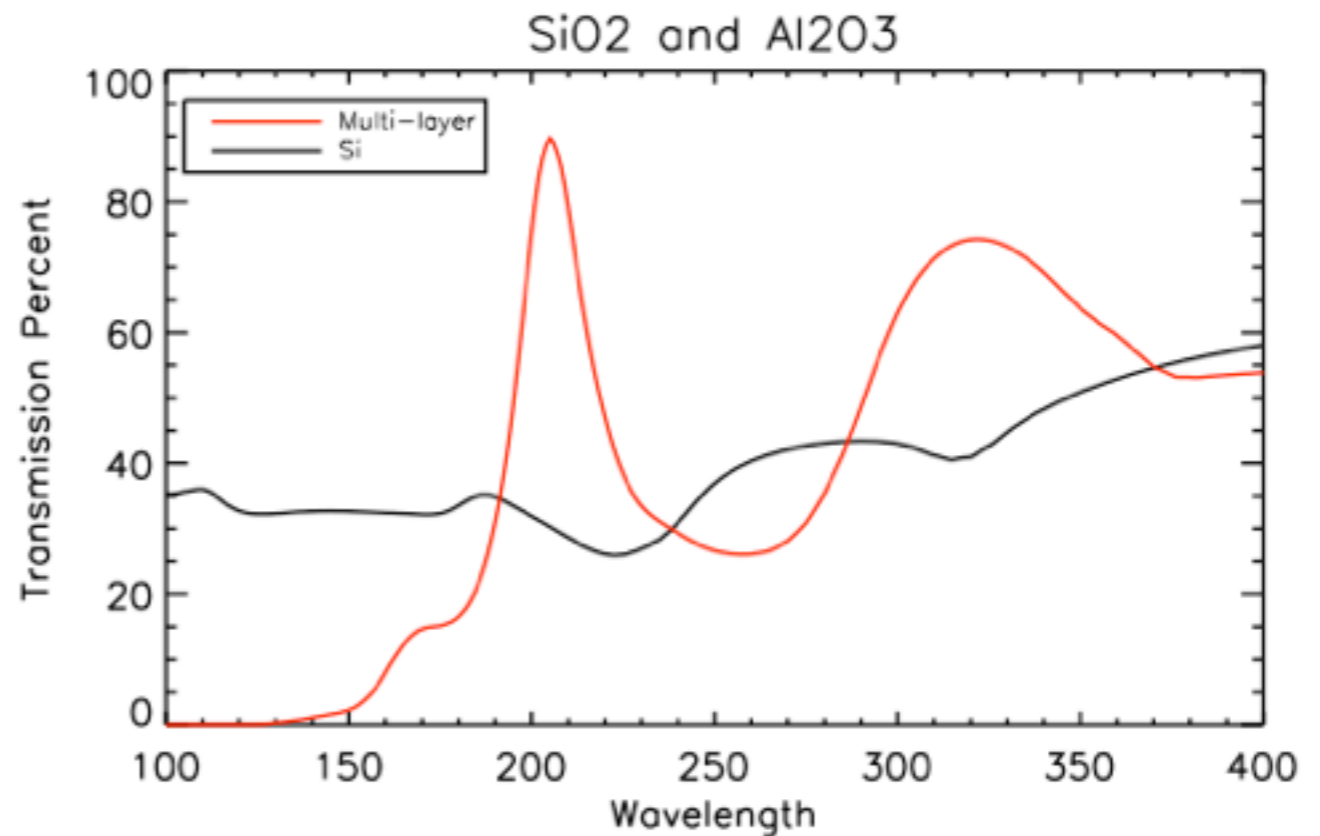
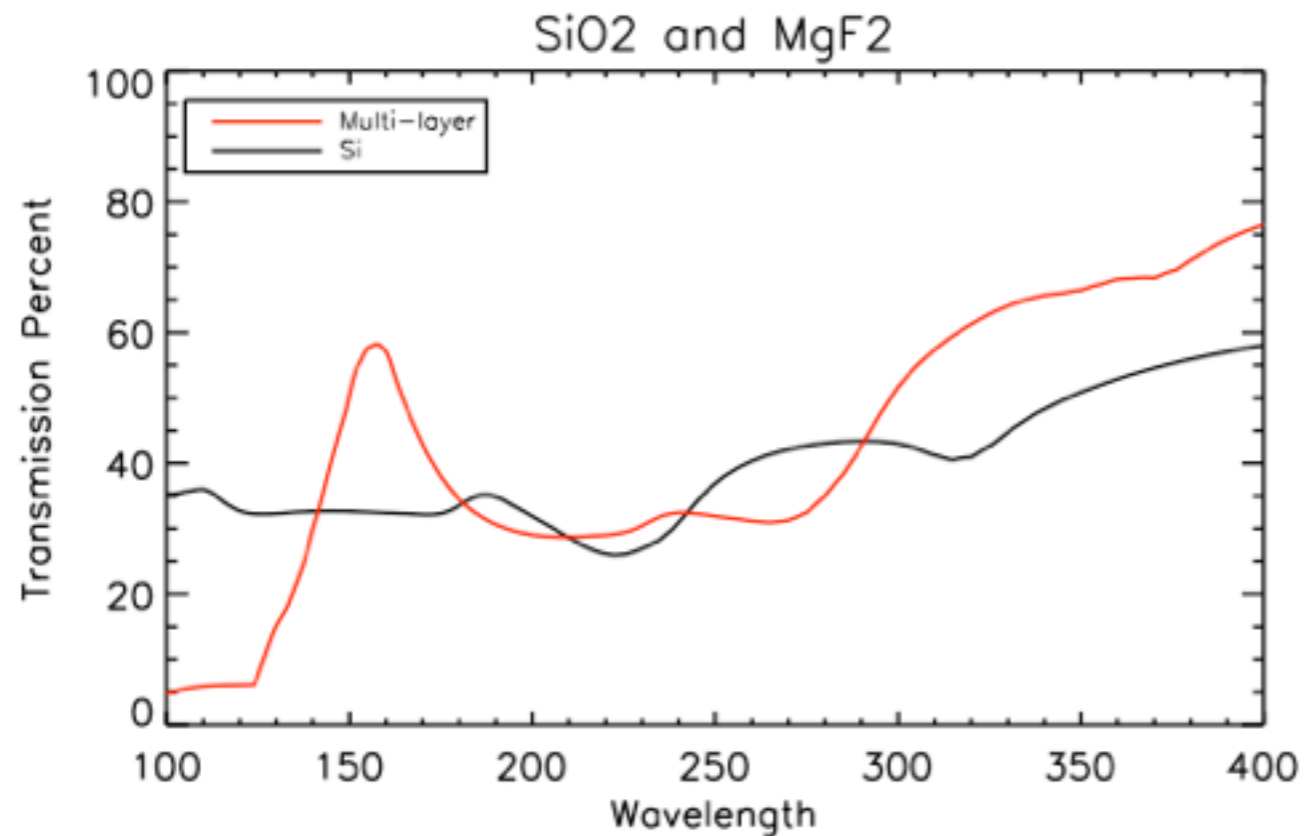


Zodiacal light variability as observed by AKARI

Requirement for filters



New generation of UV detectors



JPL/Columbia_{xt}

Delta doping Atomic Layer Deposition (multi-layer)
+ AR coatings are reaching a quantum efficiency of 80-90%

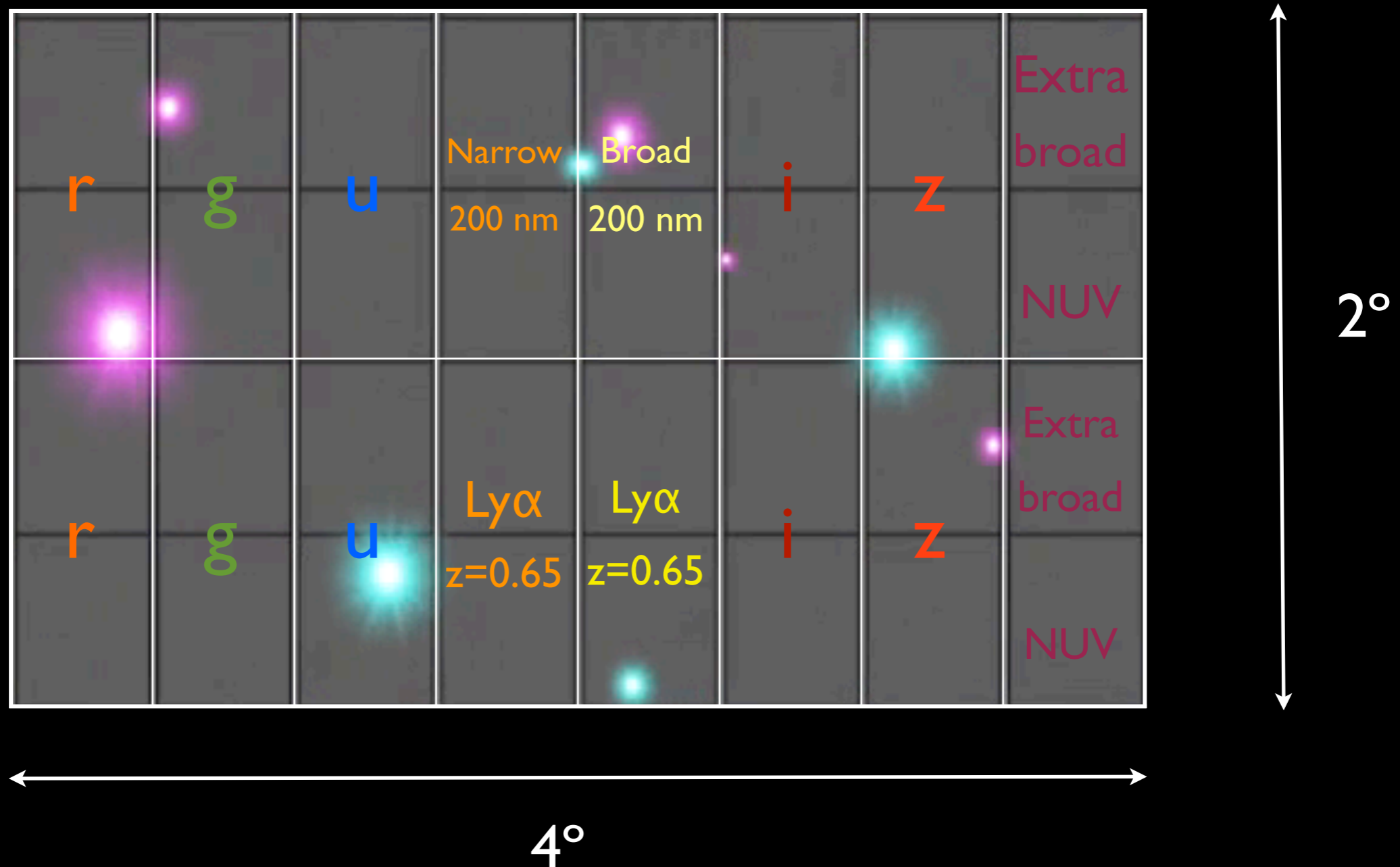
ITAR free (in principle, TBC)

Focal plane configuration

8 x 2 independent controllers in drift-scan mode

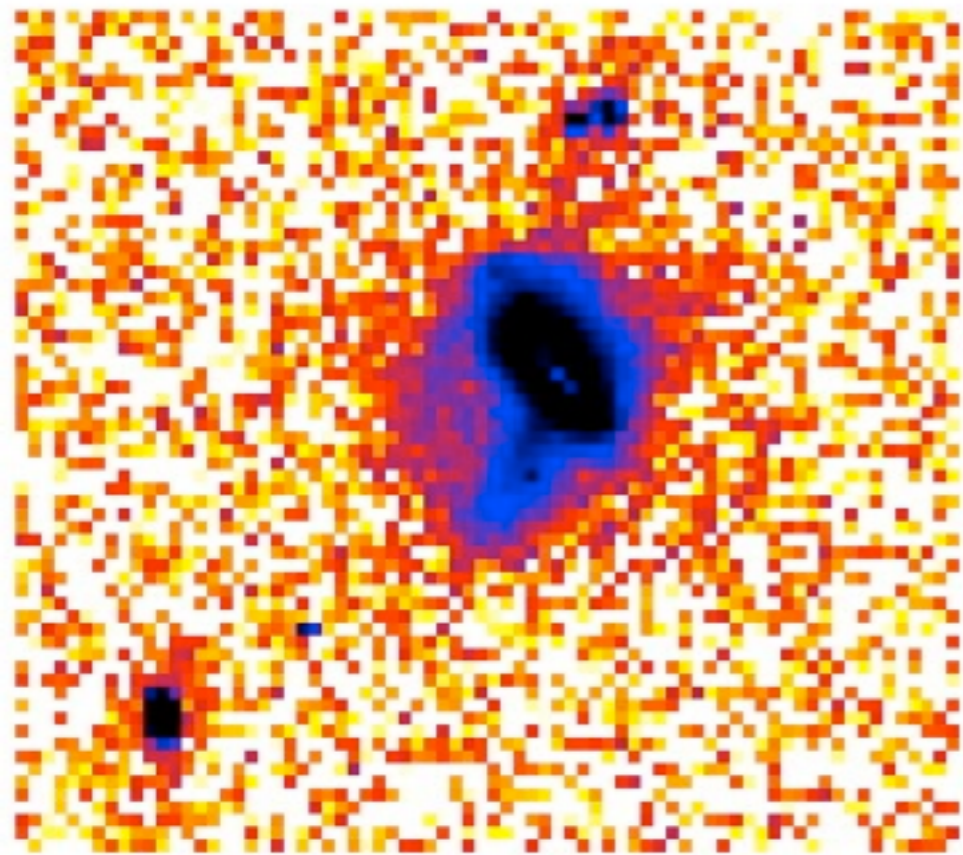
QE of each EMCCD optimised for each filter (>85%)

Highly efficient: no moving parts, passive cooling



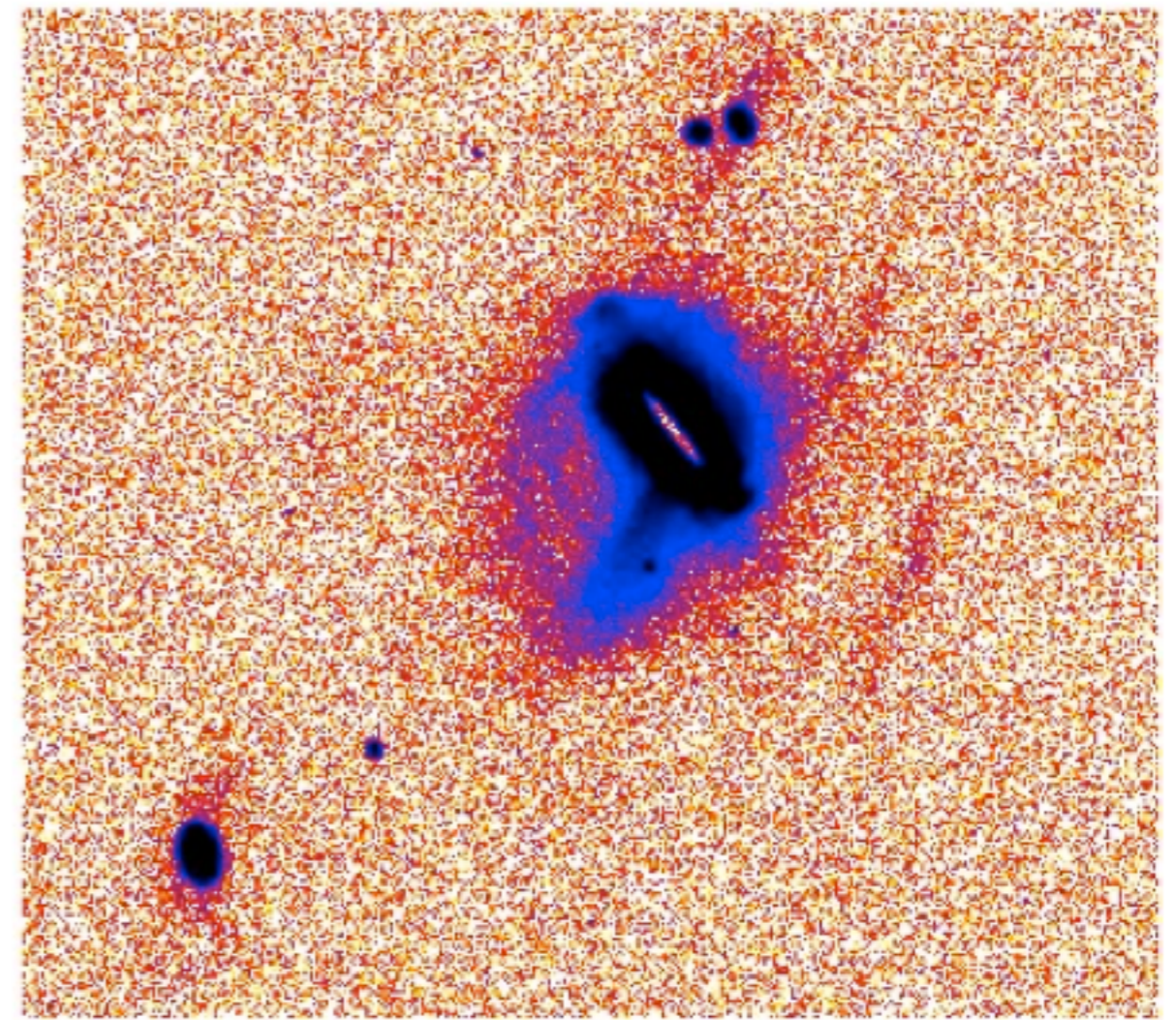
Expected performances - I Optical bands

Simulated MESSIER images of a galaxy (M31) at 15 Mpc



28.8 29.6 30.4 31.2 32 32.8 33.6 34.4 35.2

10 ksec
5 kpc × 5 kpc

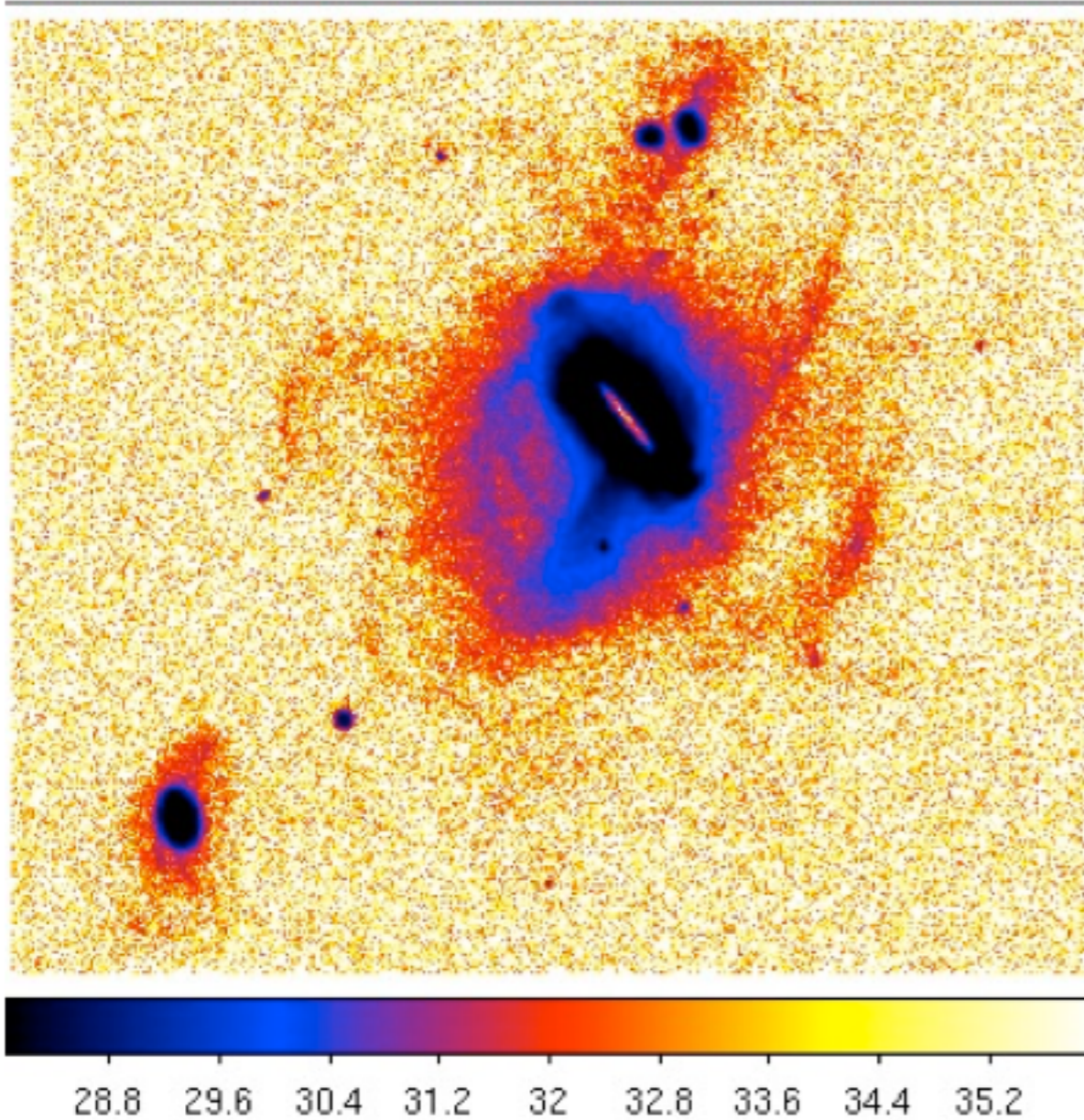


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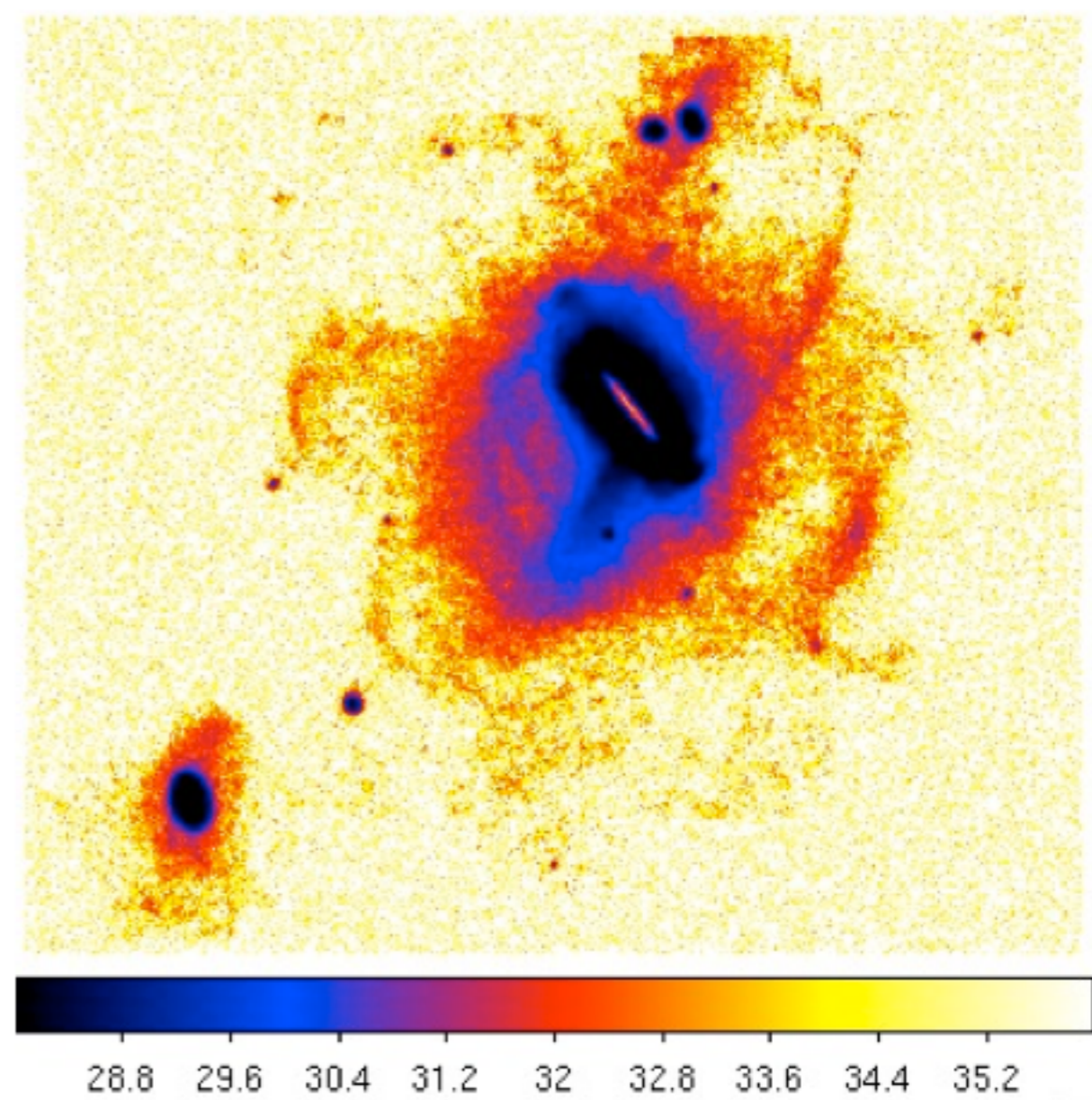
100 ksec
1 kpc × 1 kpc (14'' × 14'')

Expected performances - I Optical bands

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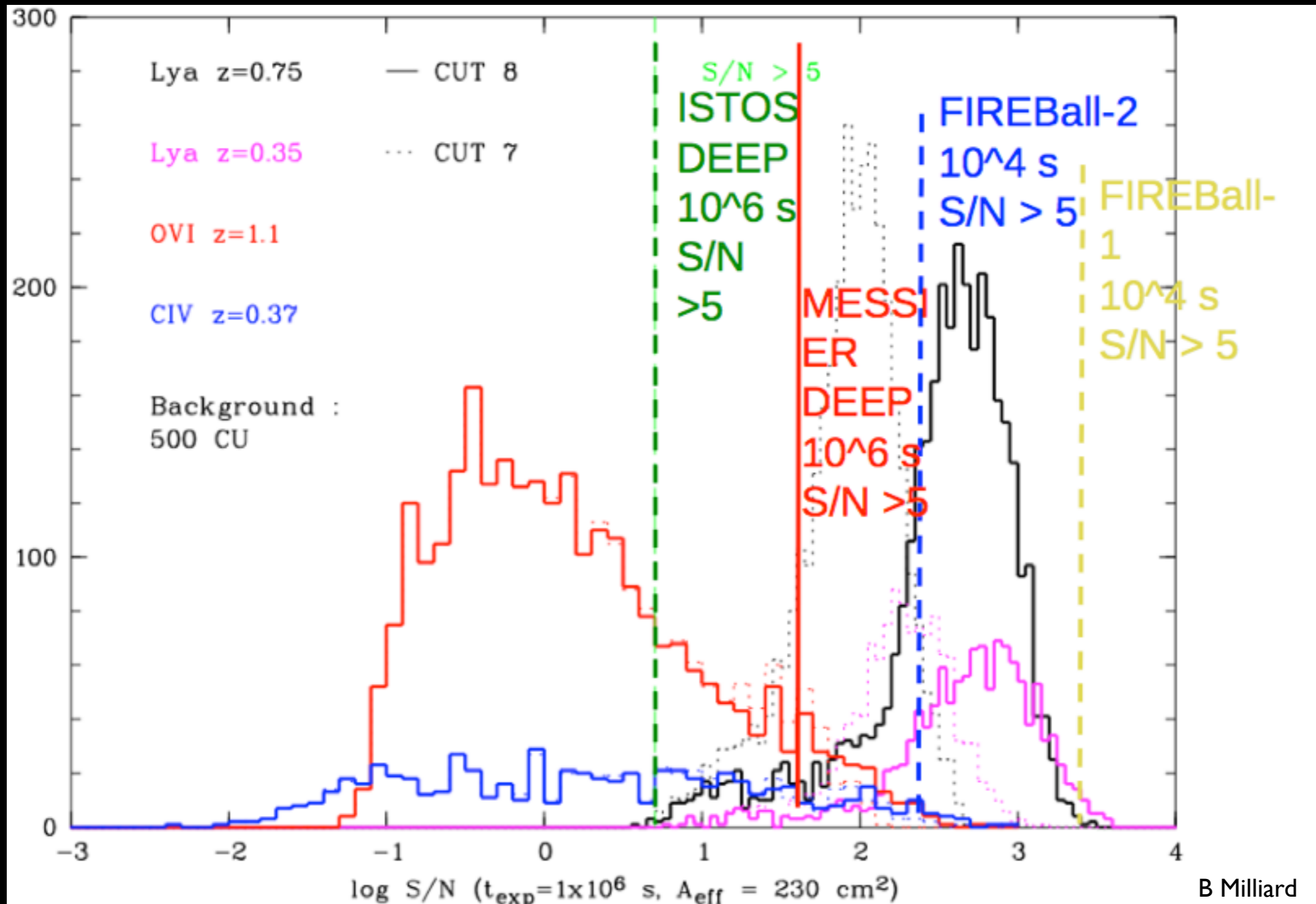
1 Msec
1 kpc × 1 kpc



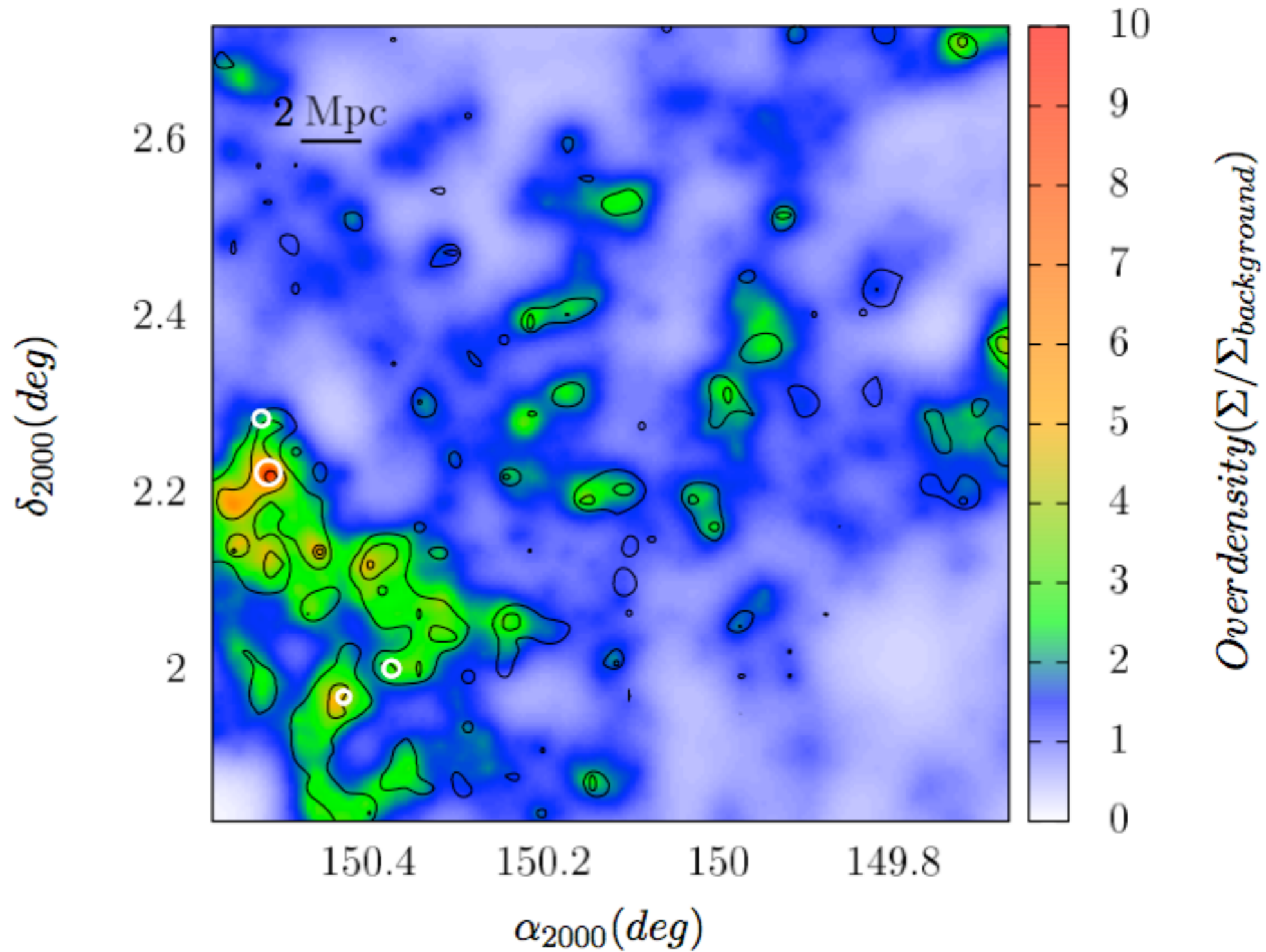
10 Msec
1 kpc × 1 kpc

Expected performances - II UV bands

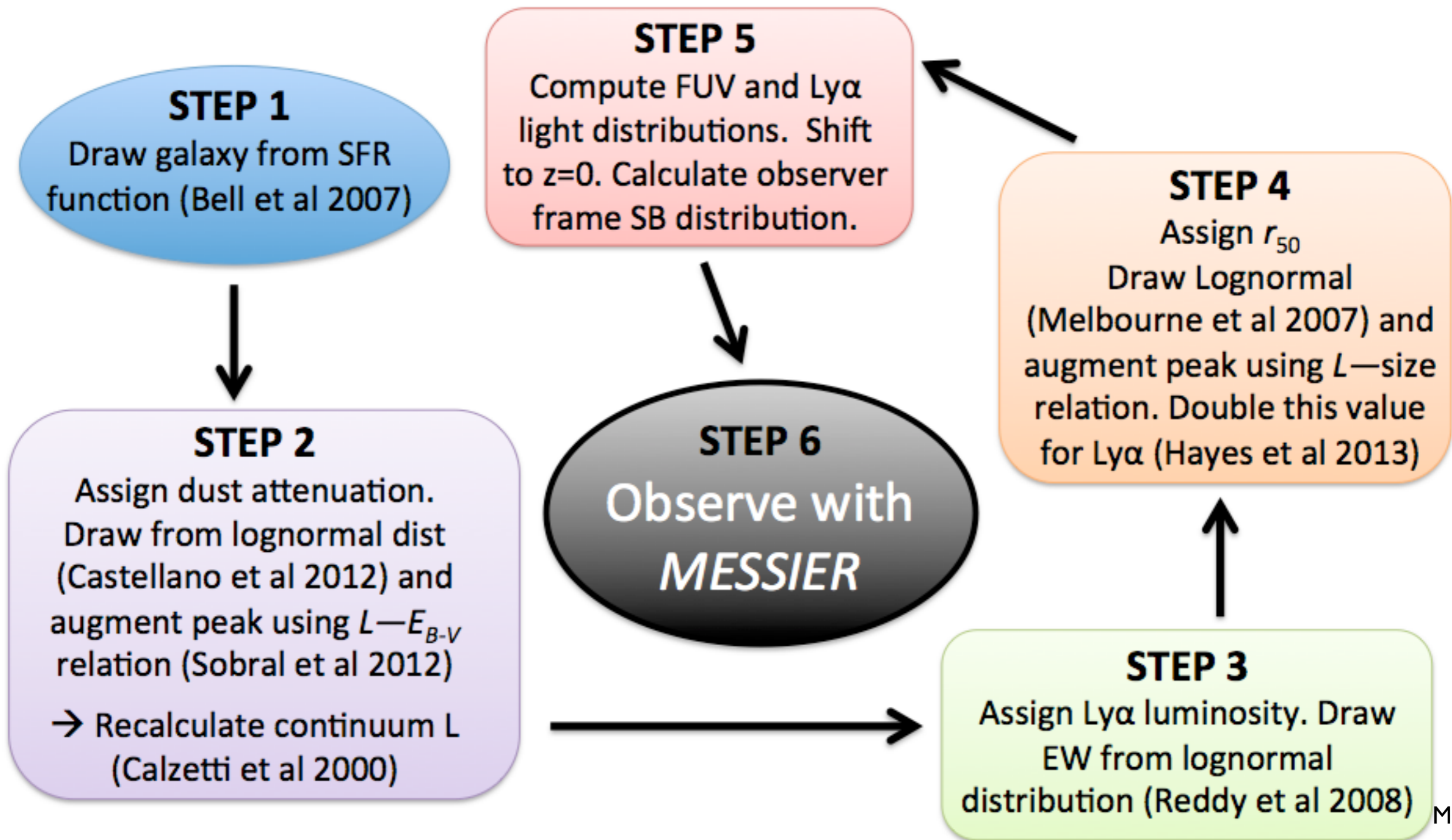
Signal / Noise for simulated MESSIER images of the cosmic web

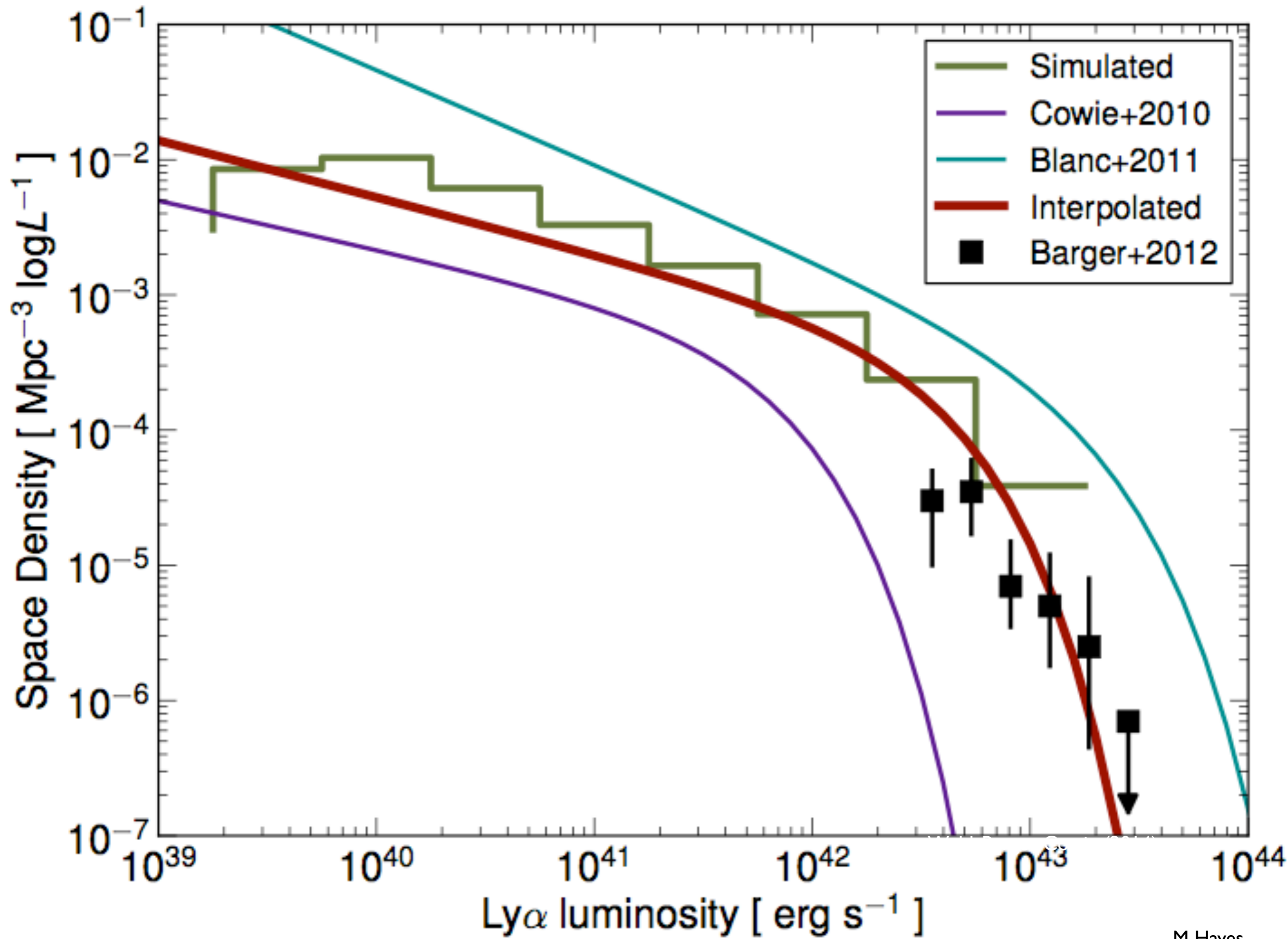


K_s -selected filaments at $0.83 < z < 0.86$ (HiZELS area within COSMOS)

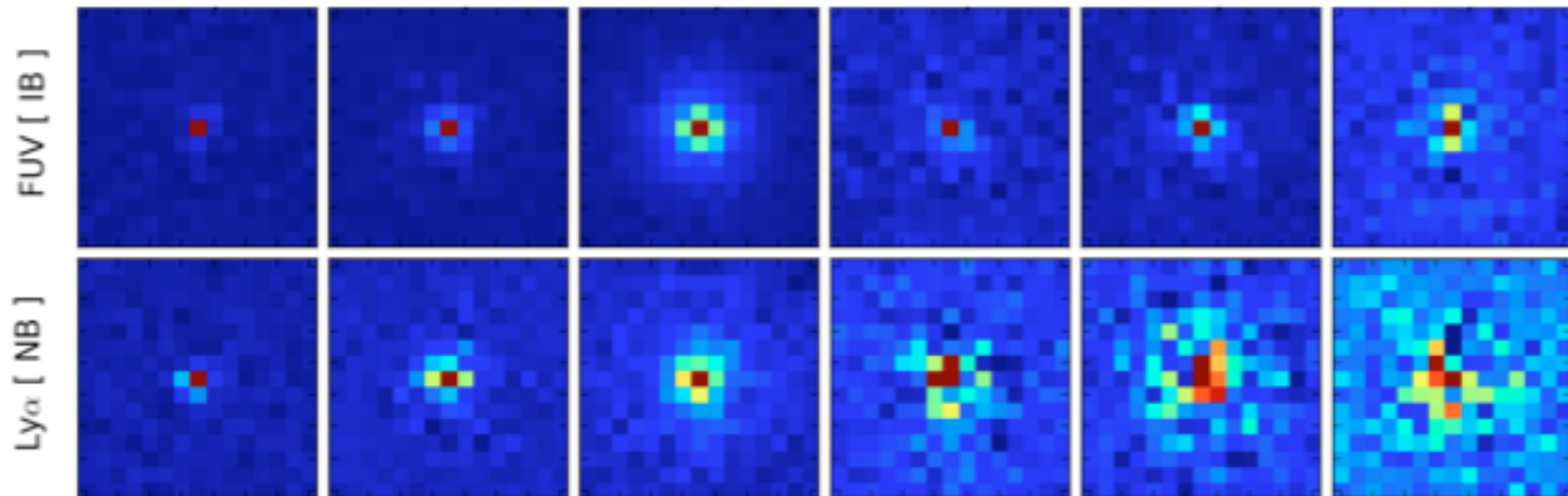
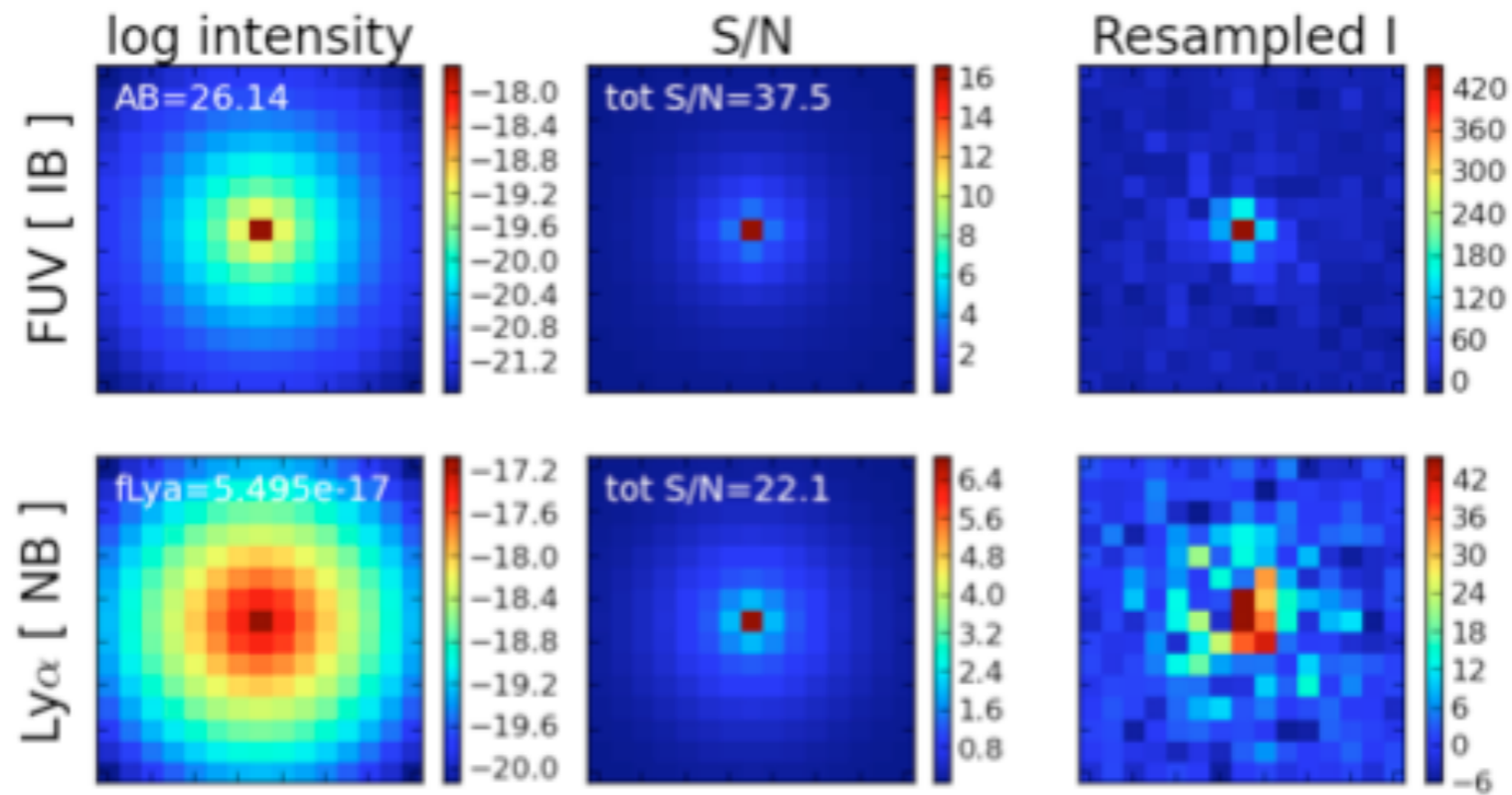


Expected performances - II UV bands





Expected performances - II UV bands



Over 3×10^6 galaxies at $z=0.65$ detected in Ly α with $S/N > 30$

What is the nature of Ly α blobs ?

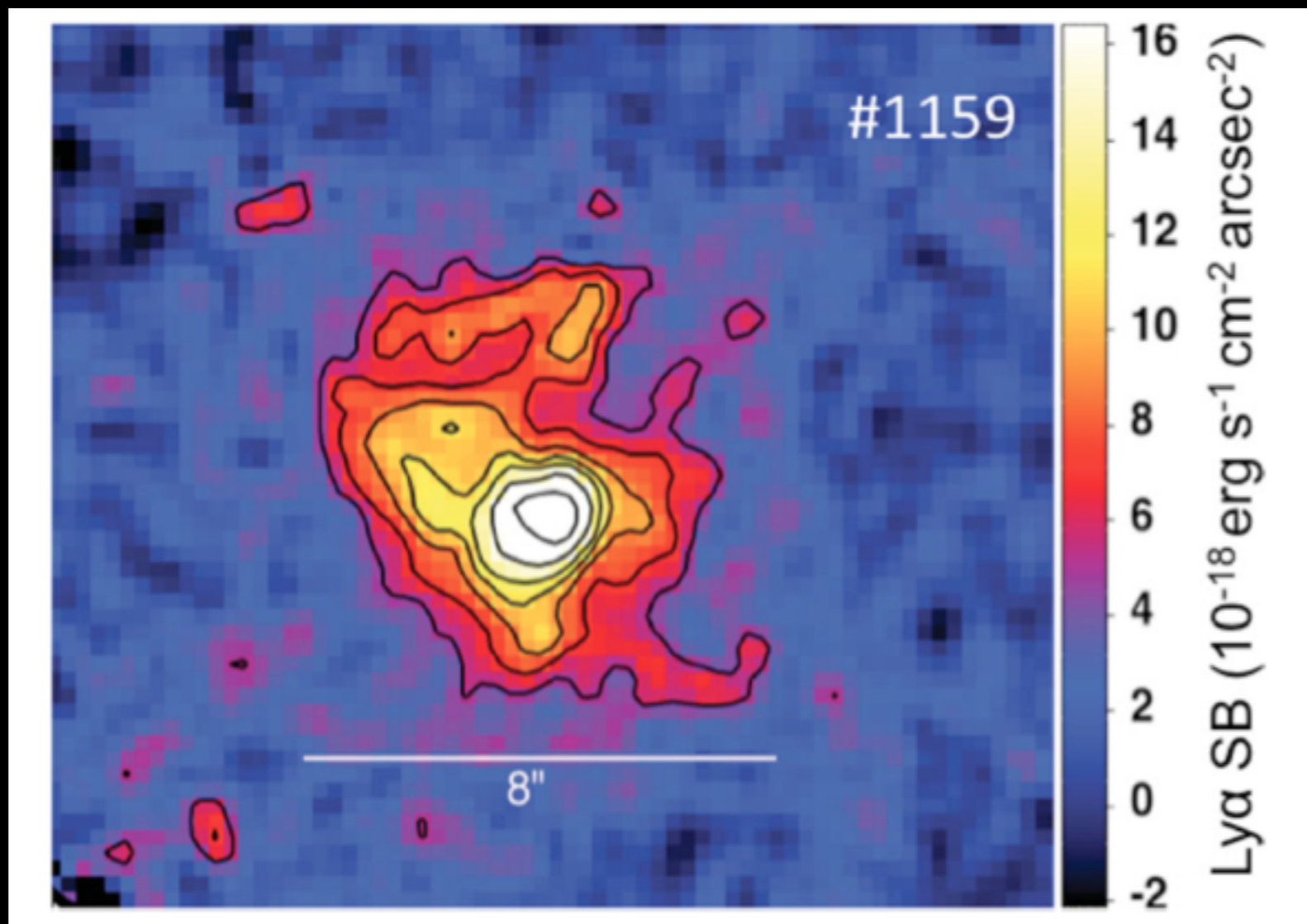
Photoionisation by a central AGN

Cooling radiation

Shocks by galactic outflows

Resonant scattering from sources

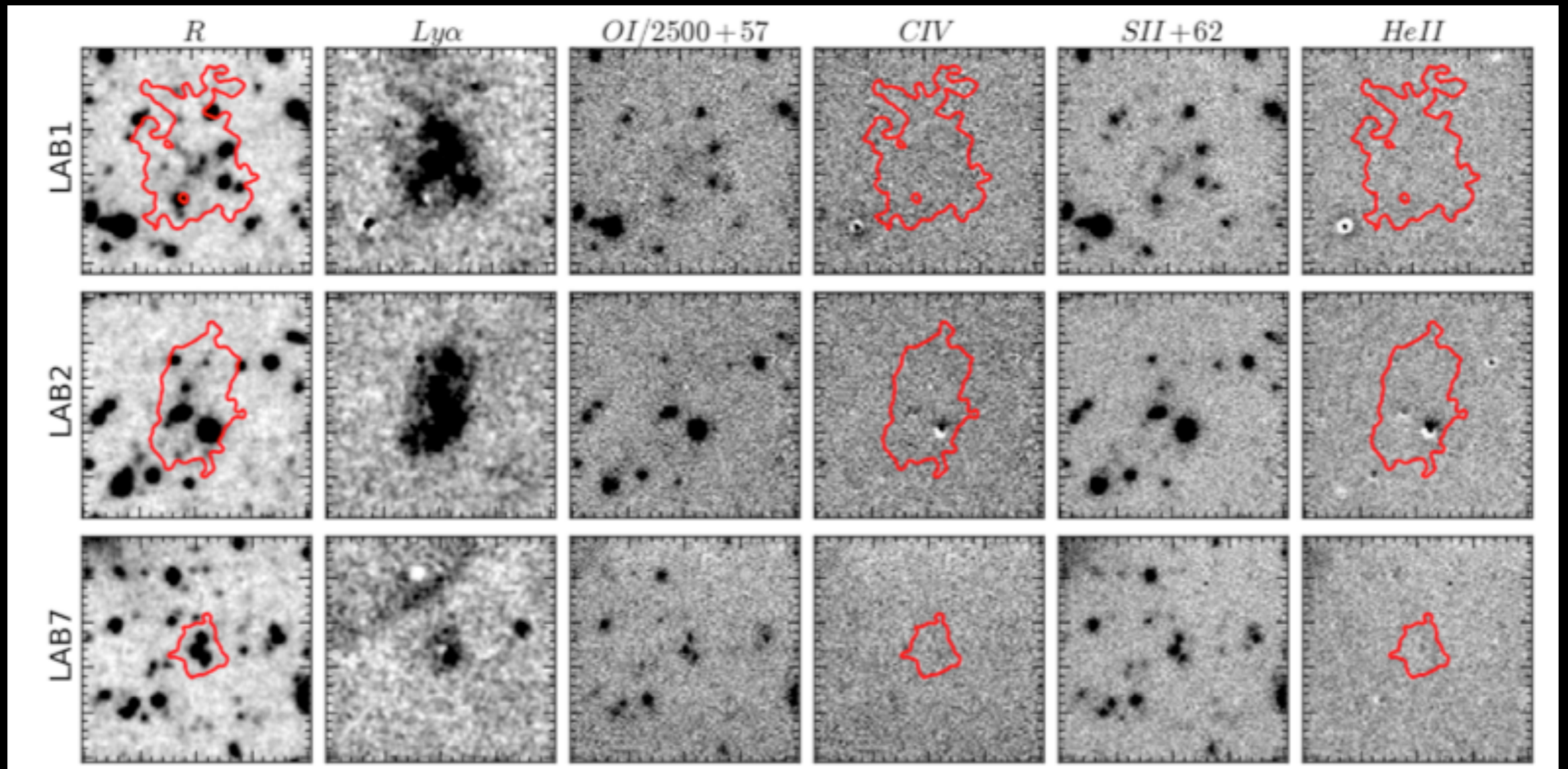
27 hours
at VLT



Cantalupo, Lilly & Haehnelt (2012)

Fluorescent Ly α emission of the circum-galactic medium around a QSO at $z=2.4$

Searching for possible He II and C IV emission lines at $z=3.1$



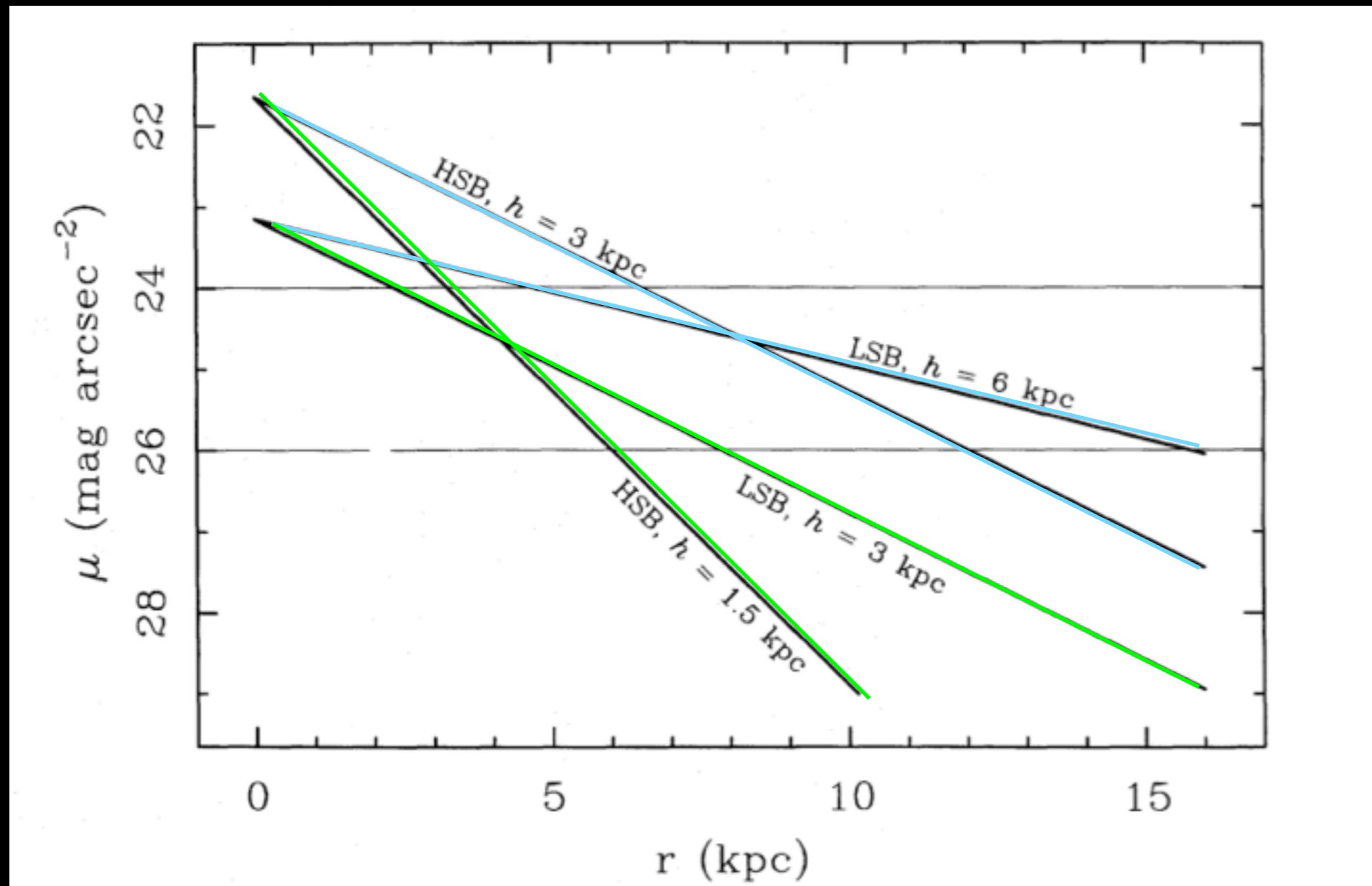
Exposure time: 45 hours at VLT+Subaru

Arrigoni Battaia *et al.* (2014)

Key science issues (free by-products)

- What is the luminosity function of galaxies ?
- What is the optical / UV cosmological background radiation ?
- What is the molecular content of galaxies in the low-z universe ?
- What is the role of intracluster light and the accretion history in clusters ?
- What is the extent of mass loss in giant stars ?
- Calibration of the cosmological distance ladder with SB fluctuations
- Time domain astronomy: multi-wavelength stellar/AGN variability
- Zodiacal dust, comet tails, properties of dust grains ...
- Synergies with LAMOST+MSE, Gaia and EUCLID

SCI What is the luminosity function of galaxies ?

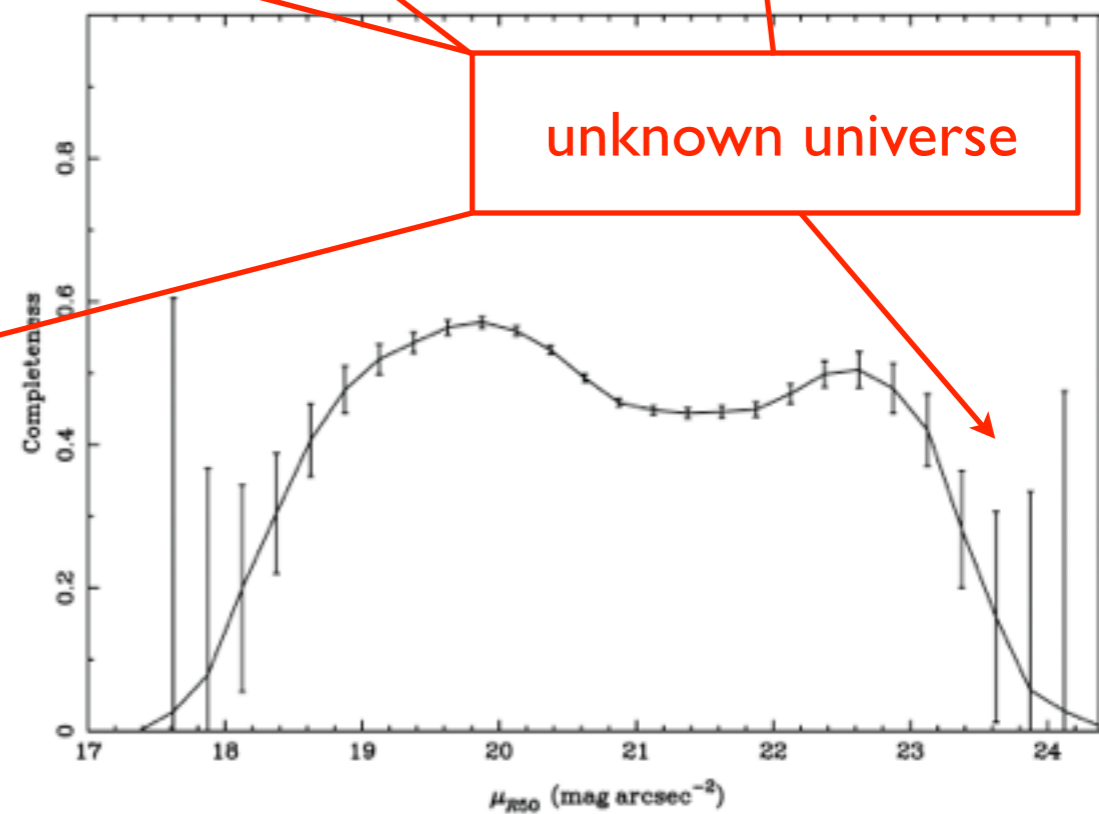
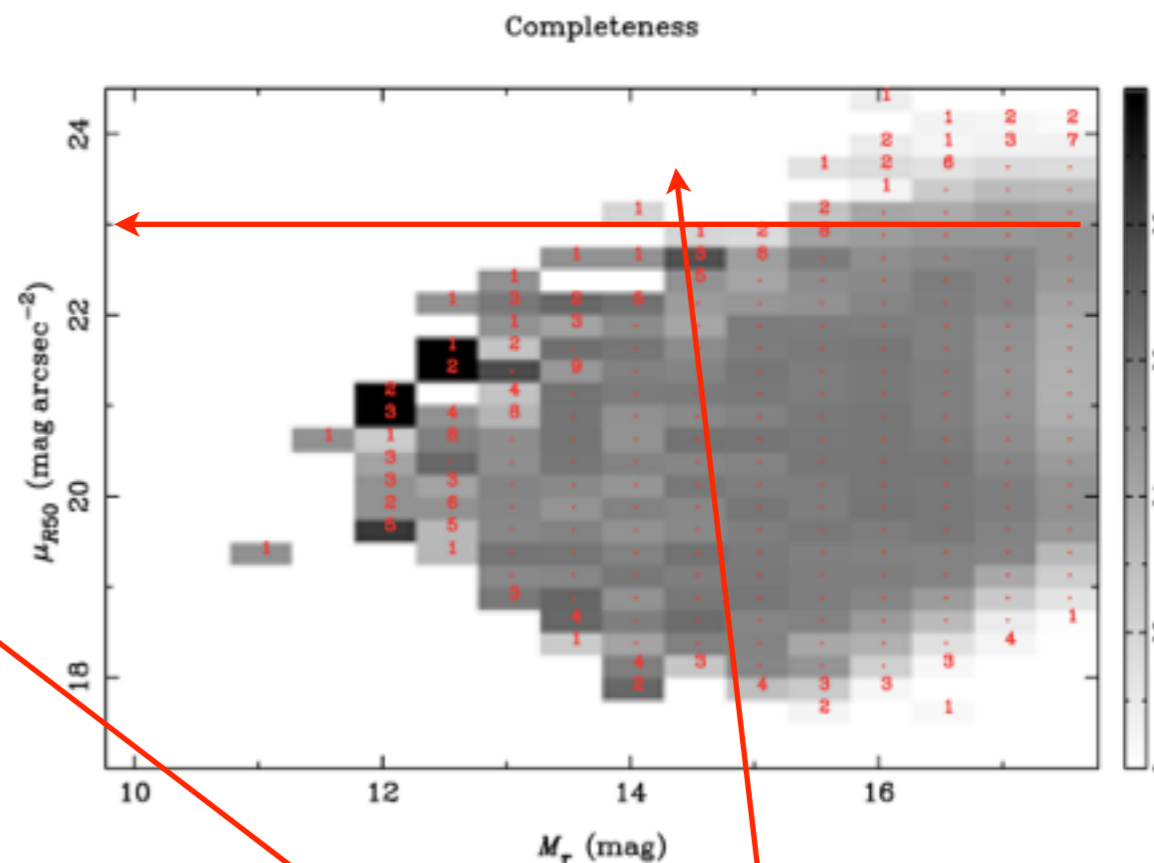
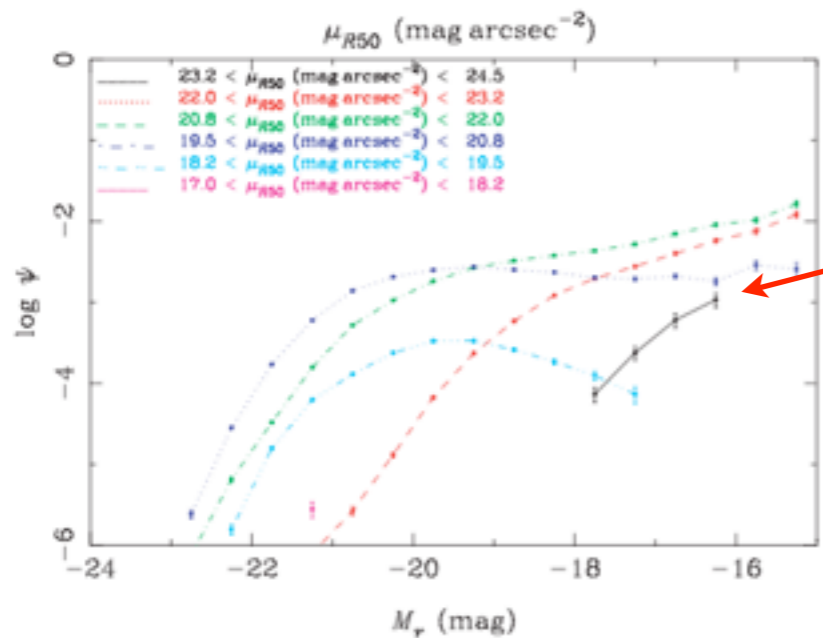
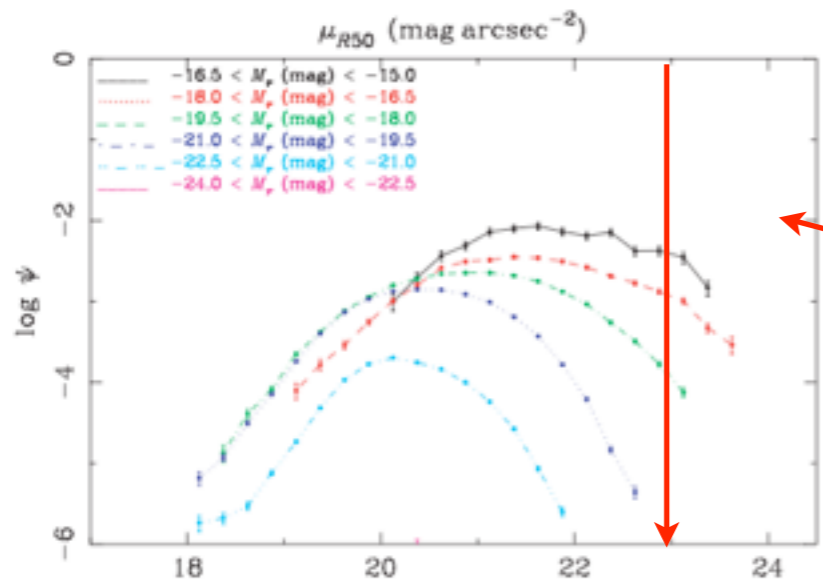
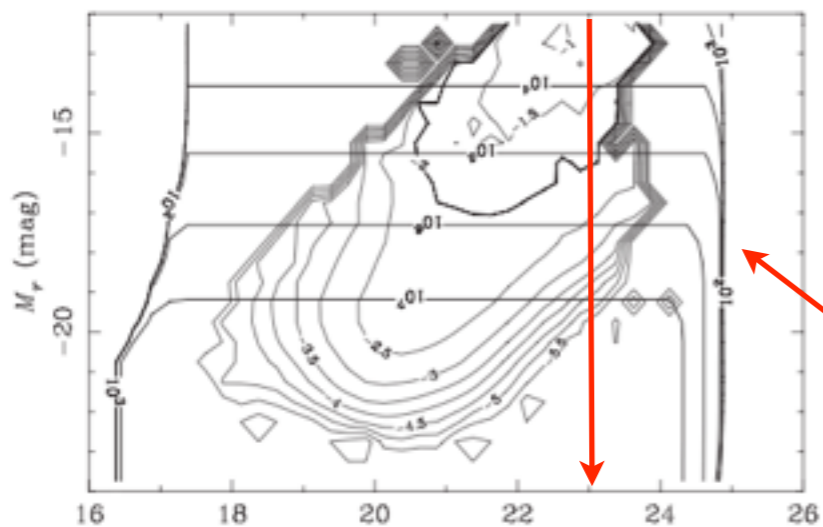


McGaugh (1996)

LSB galaxies appear fainter than HSB of the same luminosity

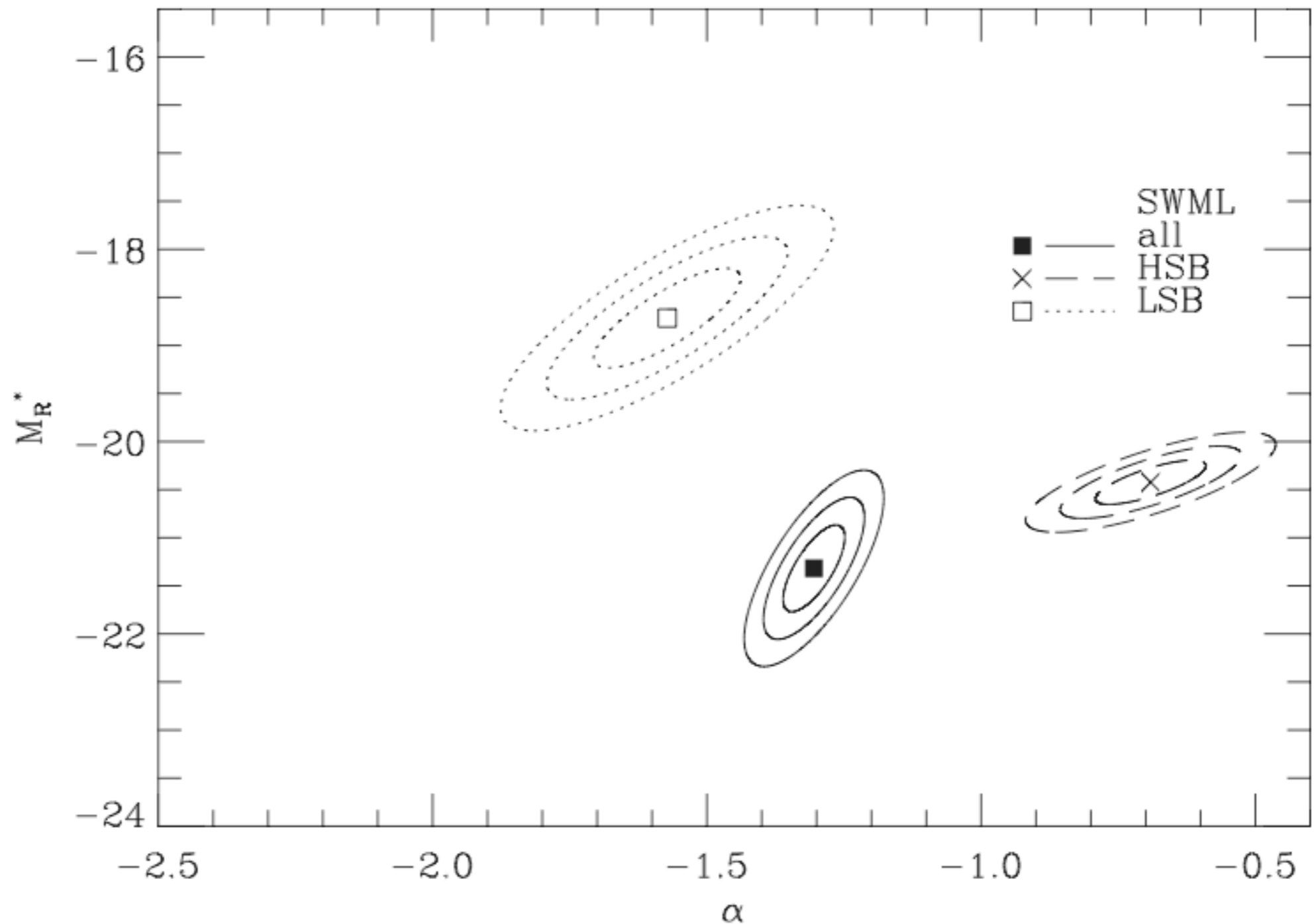
LSB galaxies appear smaller than HSB of the same size

Surface brightness completeness issues: the SDSS case



unknown universe

4 deg²
R<20.6
553 galaxies
0.02<z<0.1
SB_{50R}< 22.5

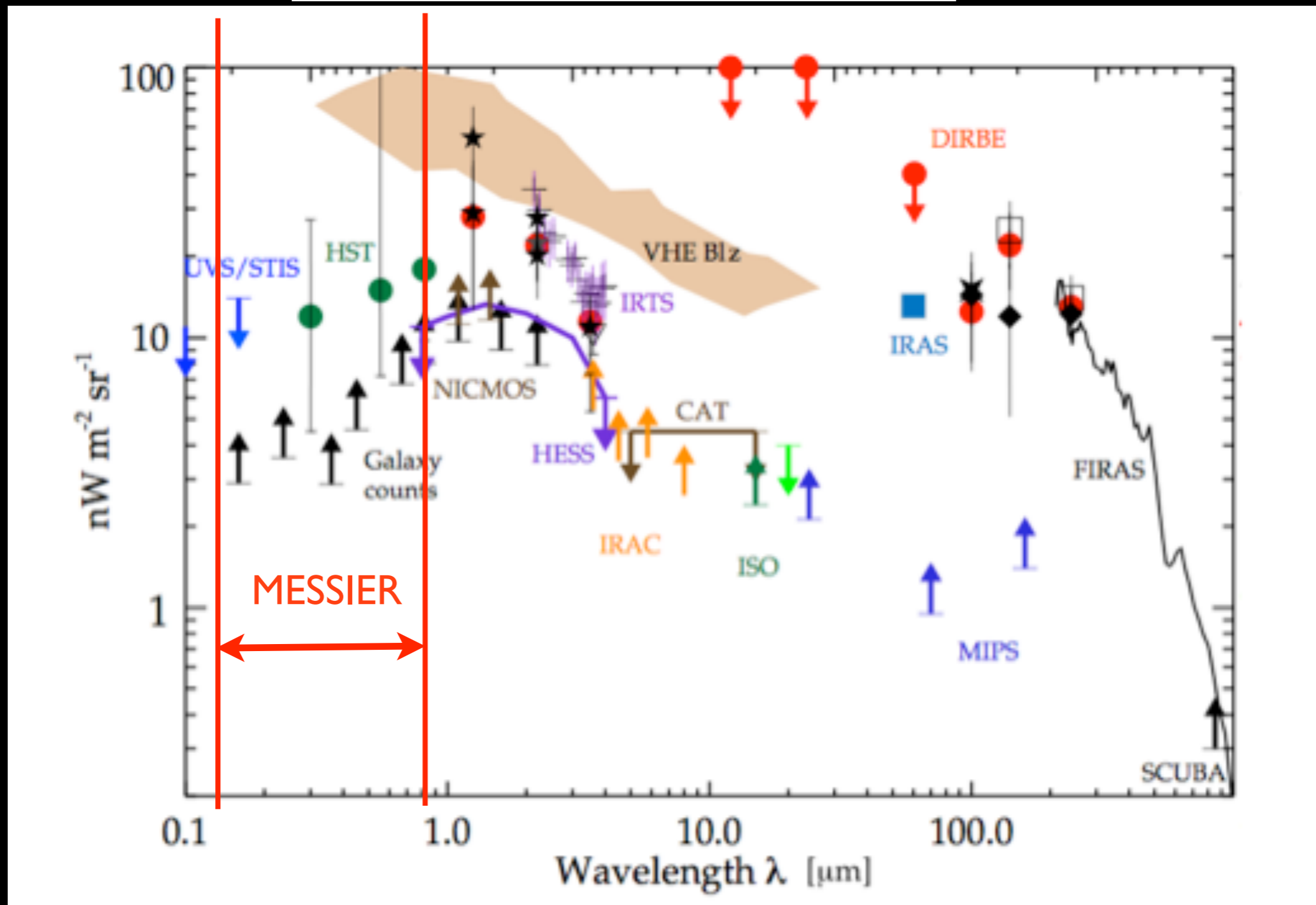


Measuring the slope of the faint end of the galaxy luminosity function, α , remains an unresolved observational challenge.

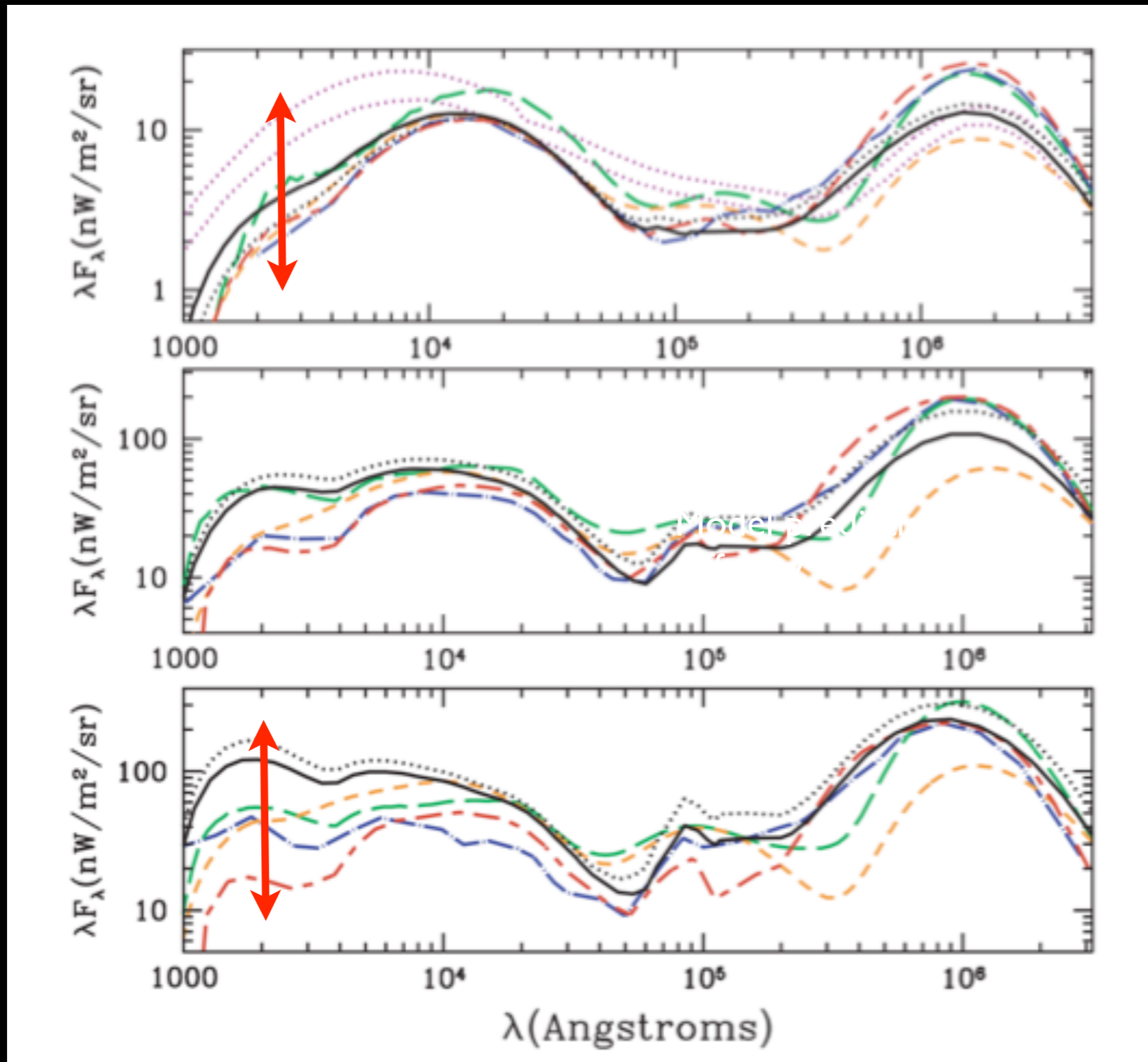
[...] incompleteness at the faint end is a frustrating and serious issue.

SC2 The optical / UV cosmological background radiation

$$I_\nu(\lambda_0, z_0) = \frac{1}{4\pi} \int_{z_0}^{\infty} \mathcal{L}_\nu(\lambda, z) \left| \frac{c dt}{dz} \right| dz$$



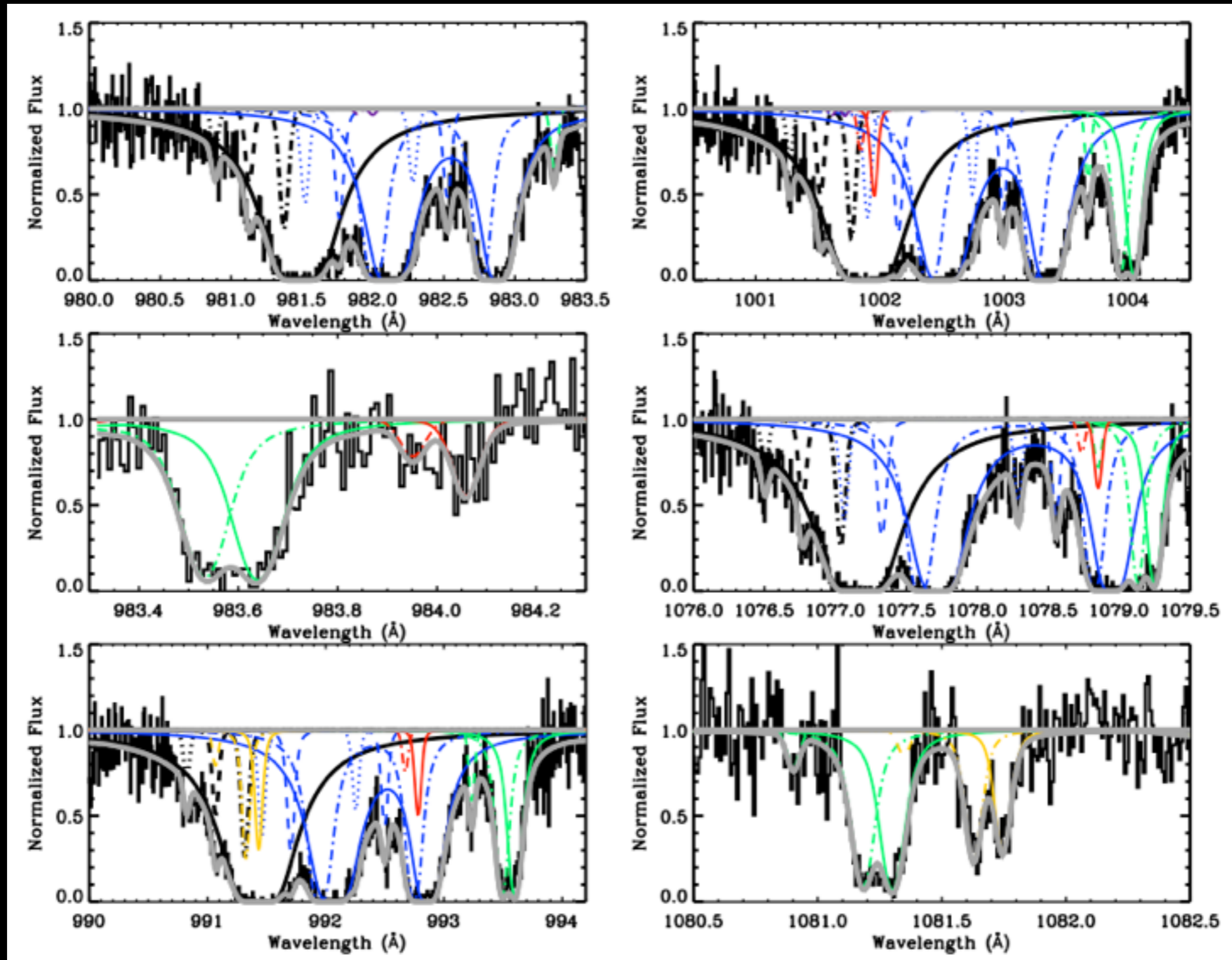
Models of the optical / UV cosmological background radiation



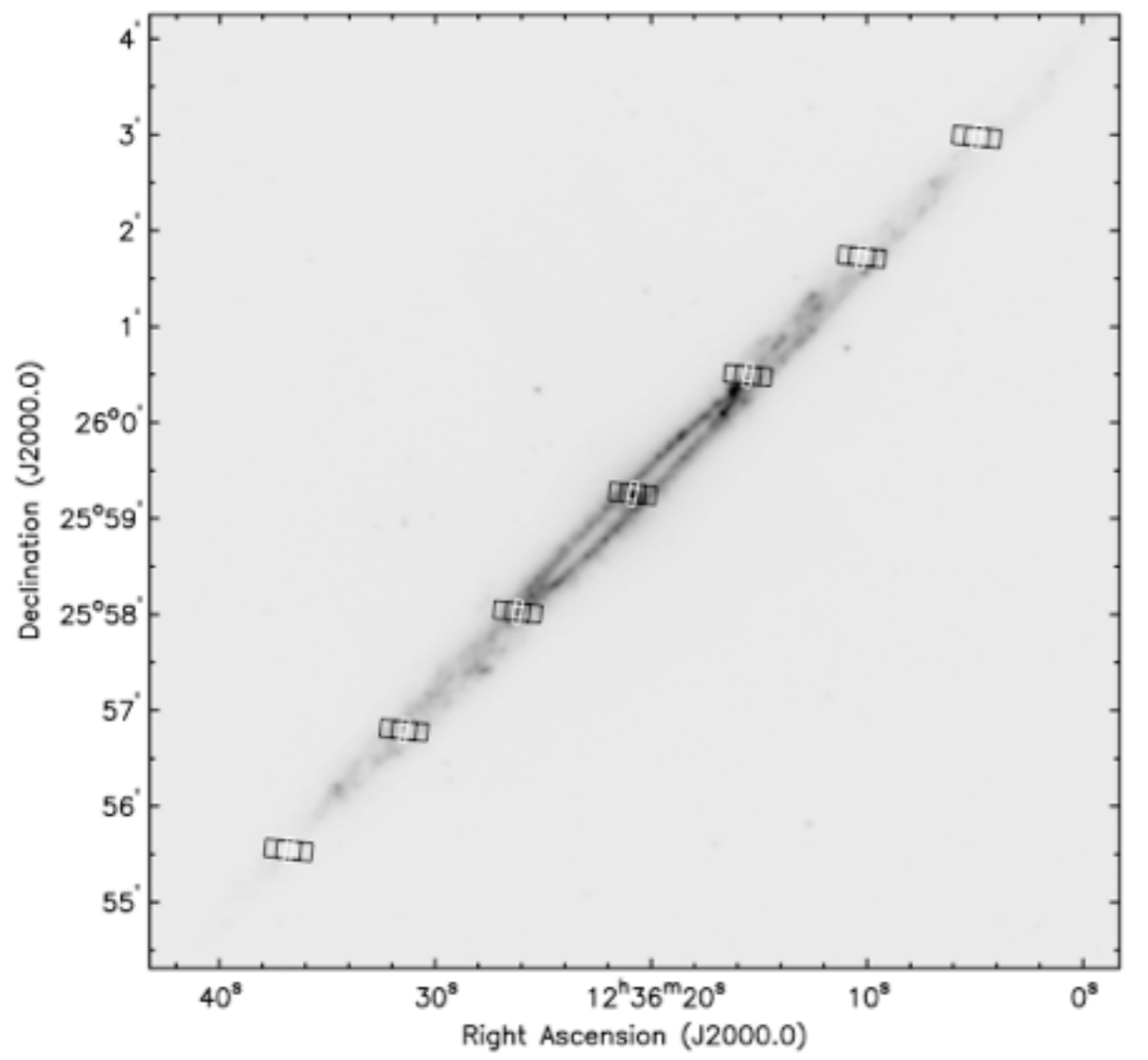
Model predictions differ by over one order of magnitude

SC3 What is the molecular content of galaxies ?

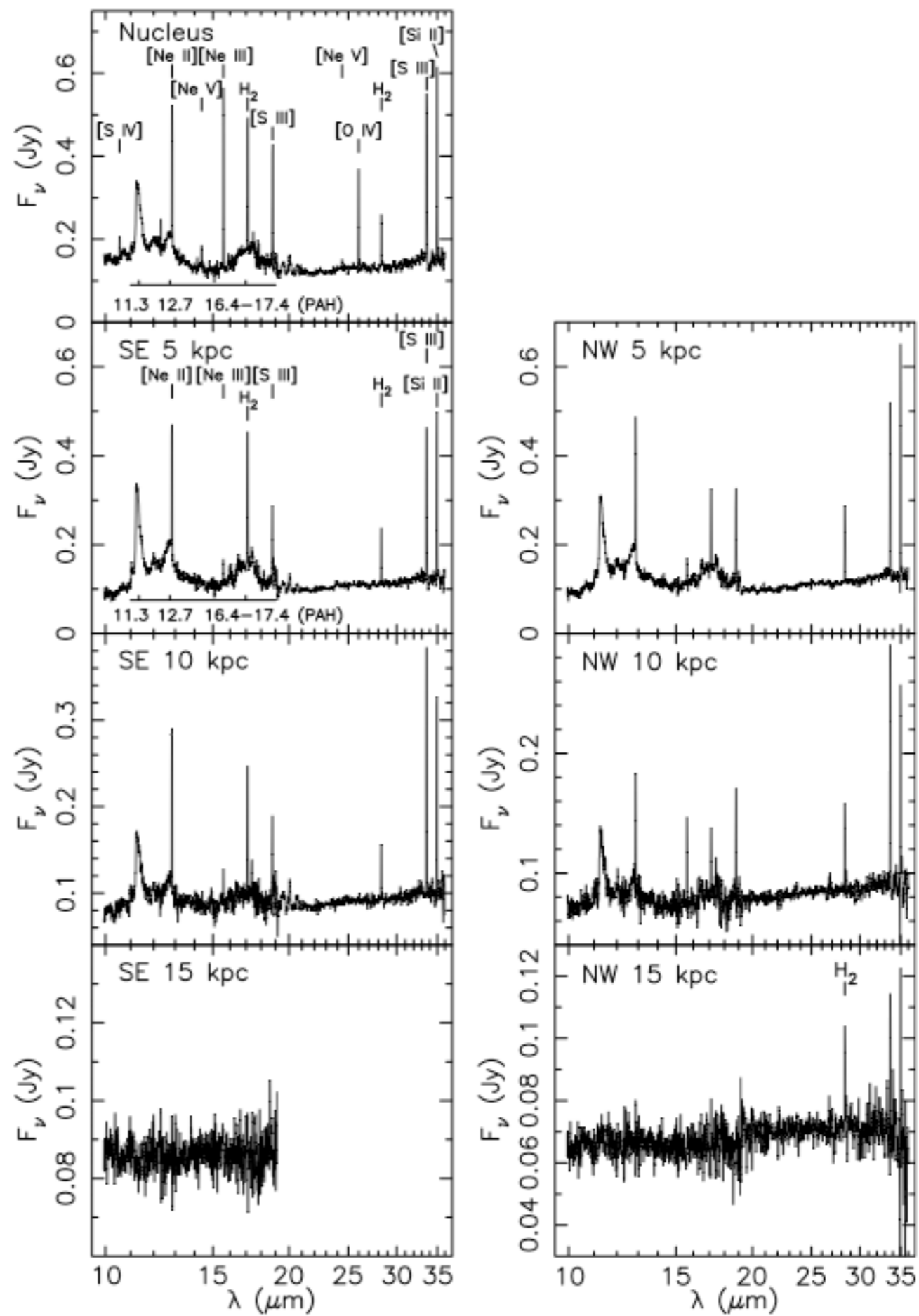
The prevalence of warm molecular H₂

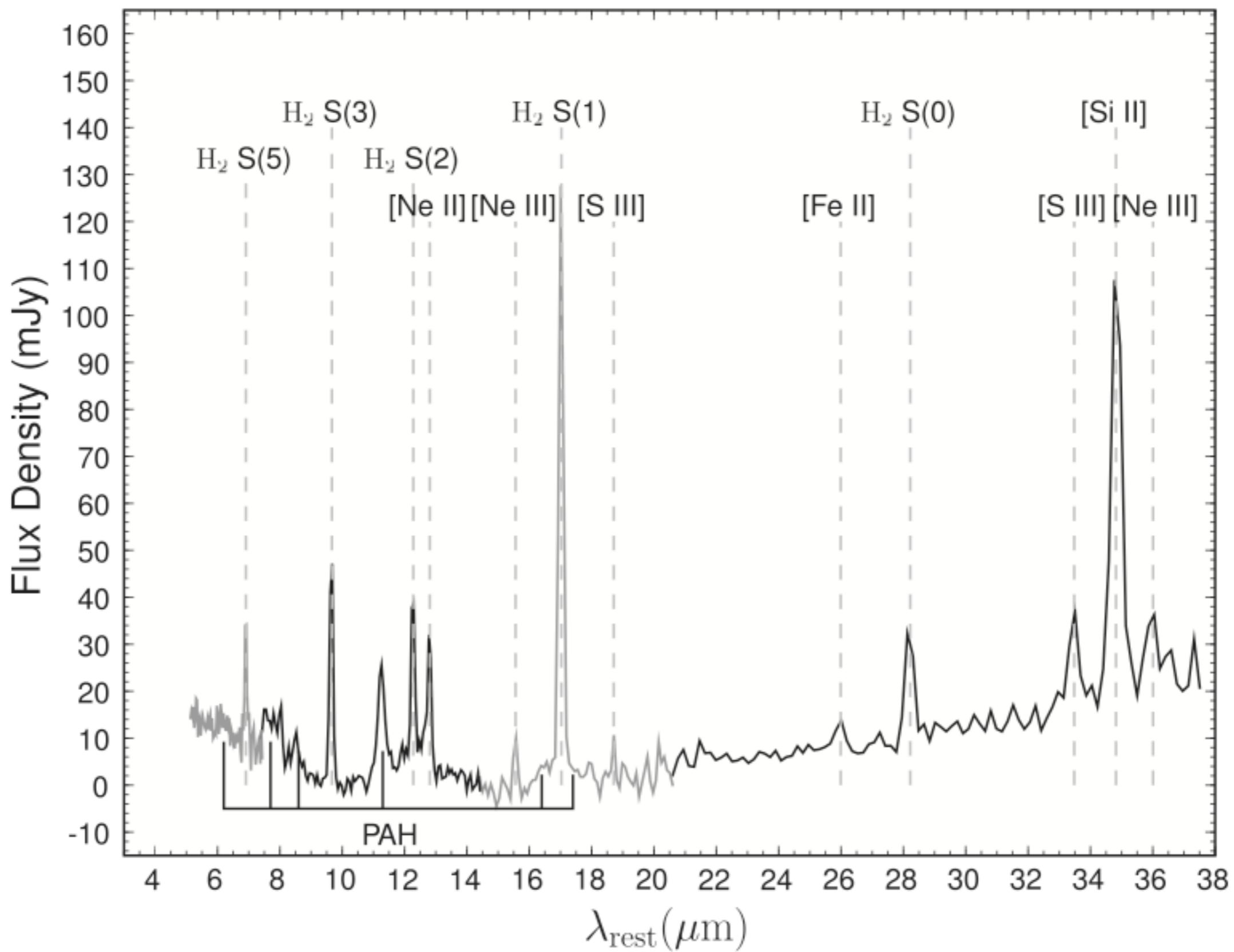


DLA
 $z = 0.185$



Laine *et al* (2012)



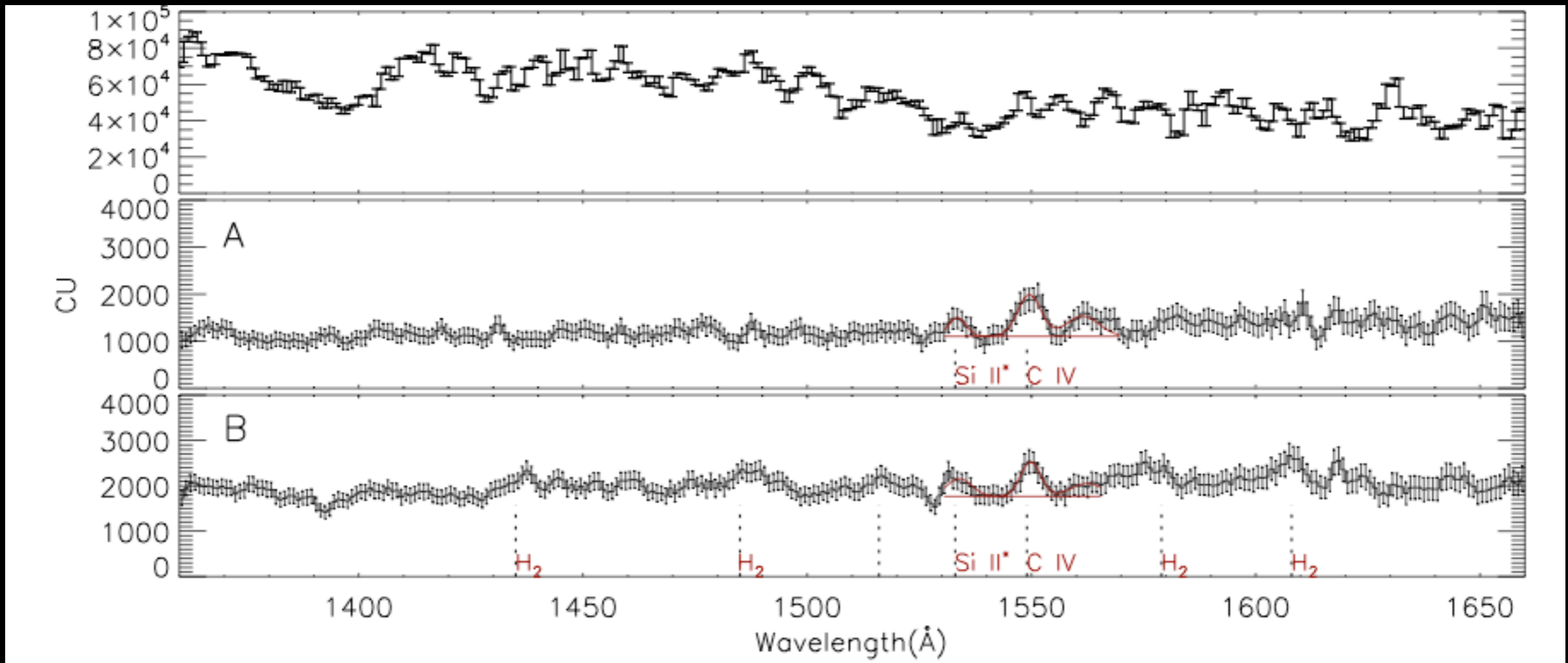


70''

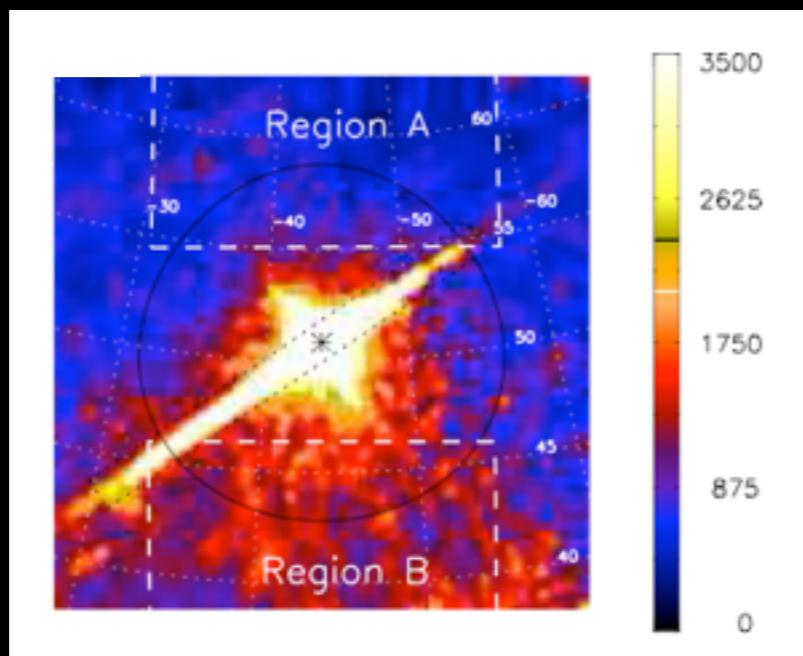
Galaxy

Cluver et al. (2012)

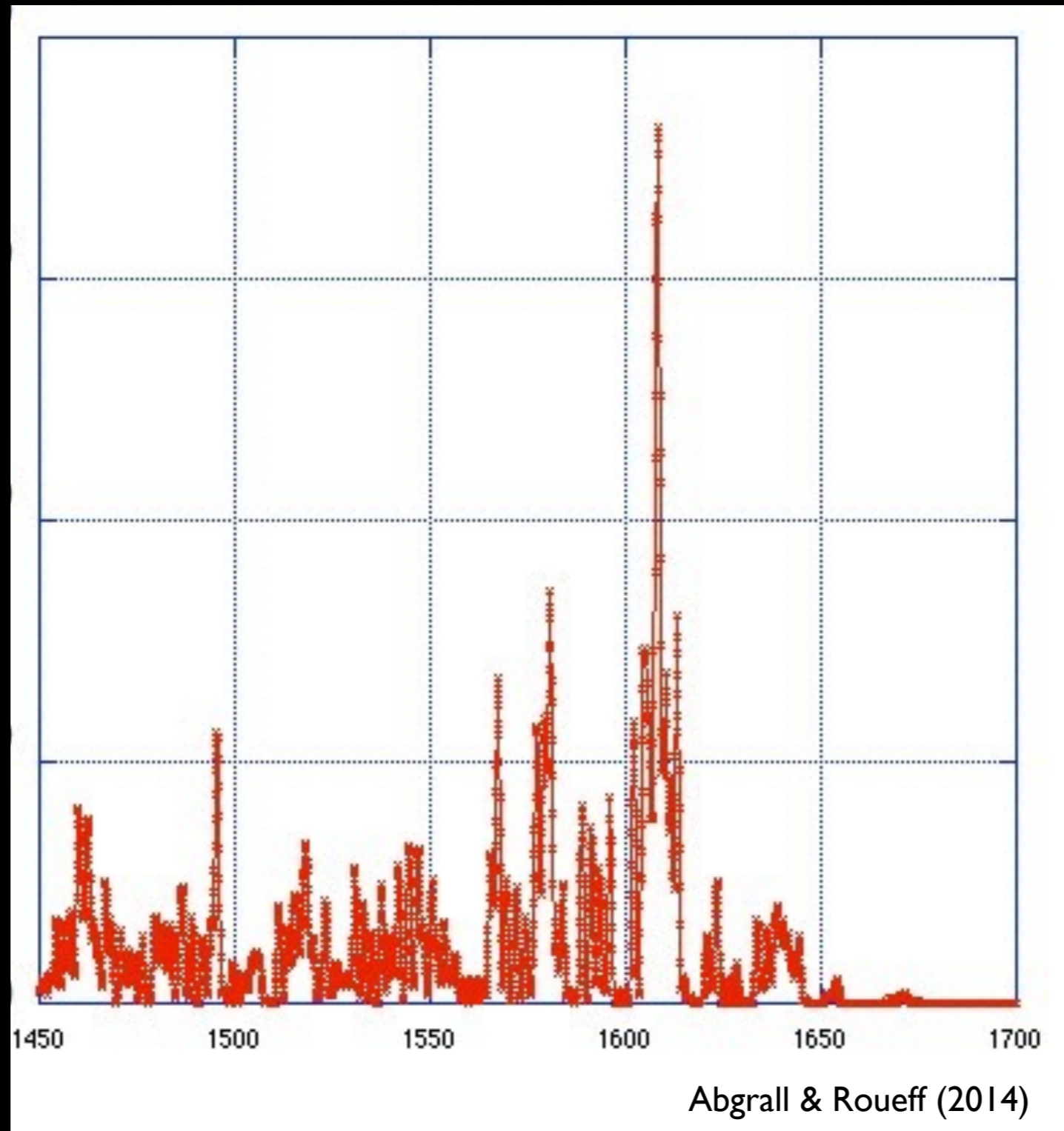
Detection of H₂ in the Lyman-Werner bands



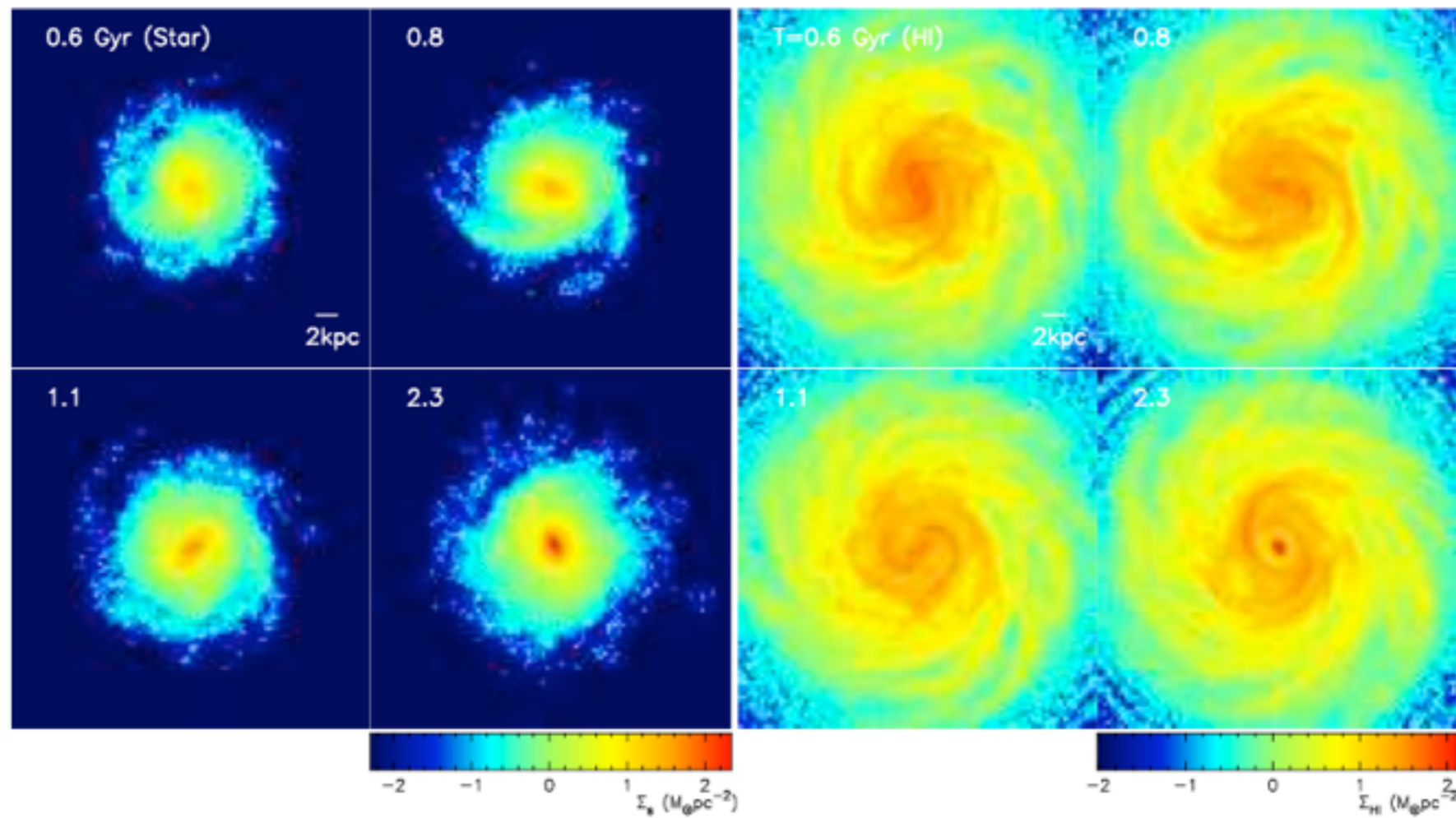
Choi *et al.* (2013)



Predicted H₂ spectrum for Stephan's quintet in the Lyman-Werner bands

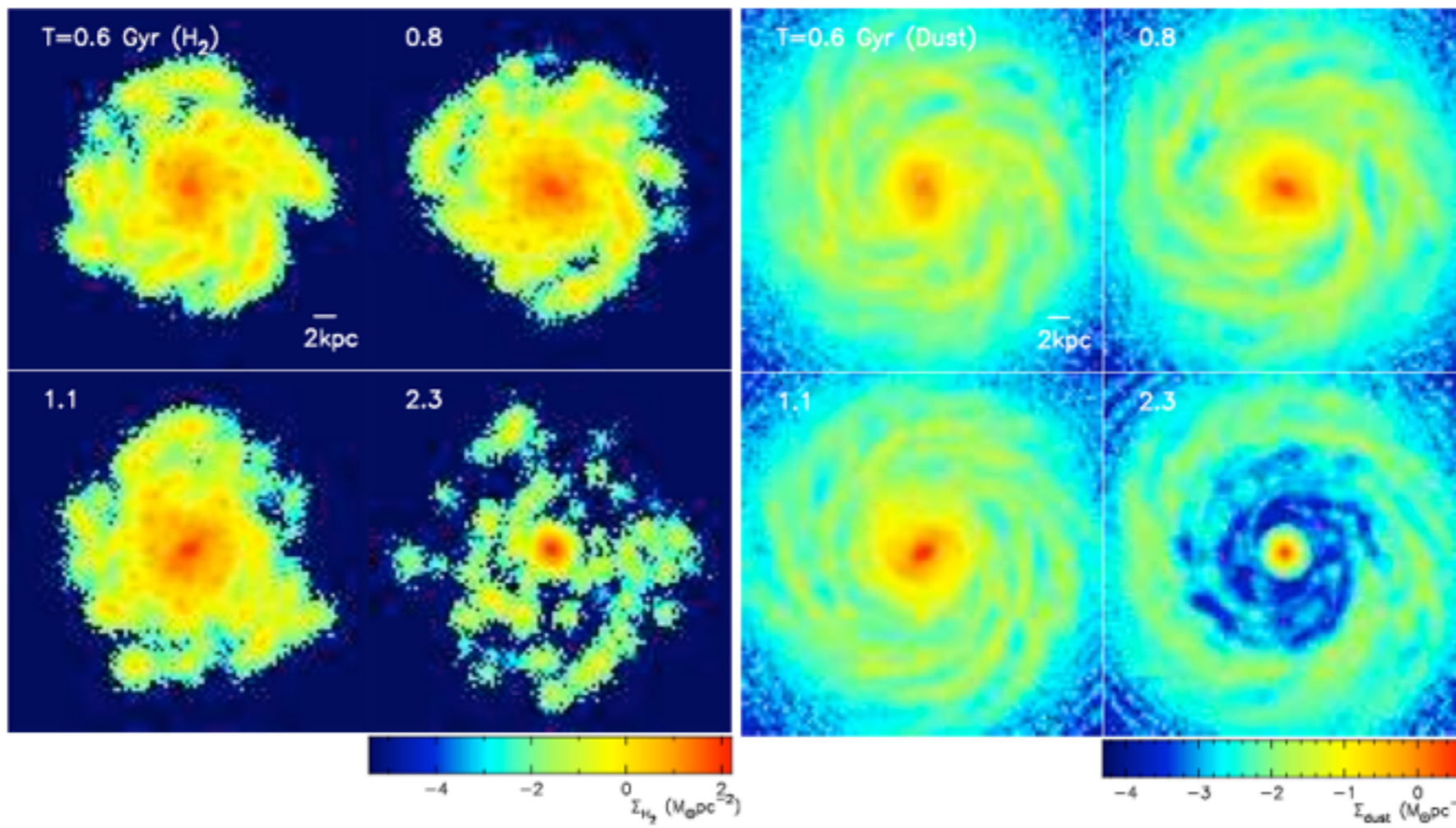


stars



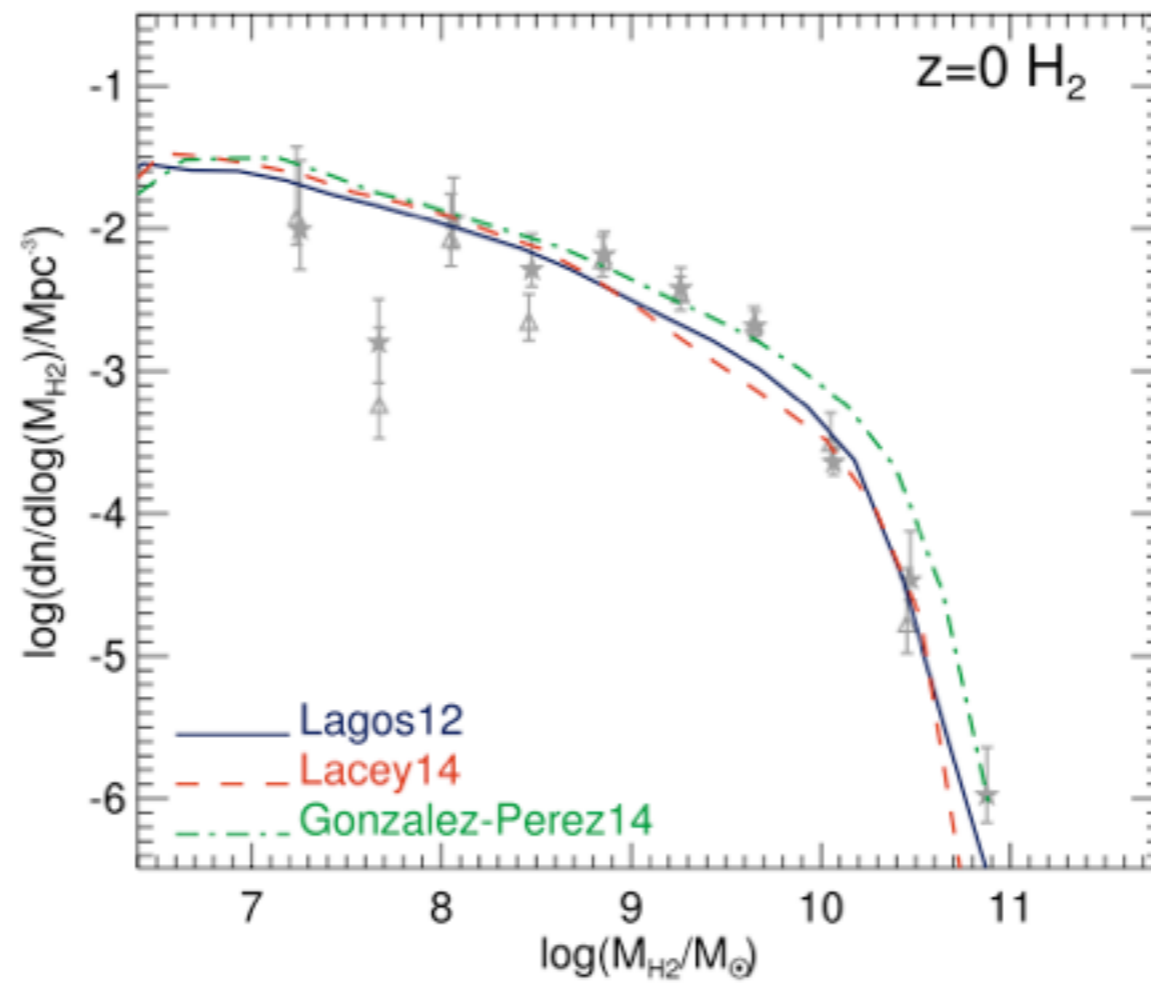
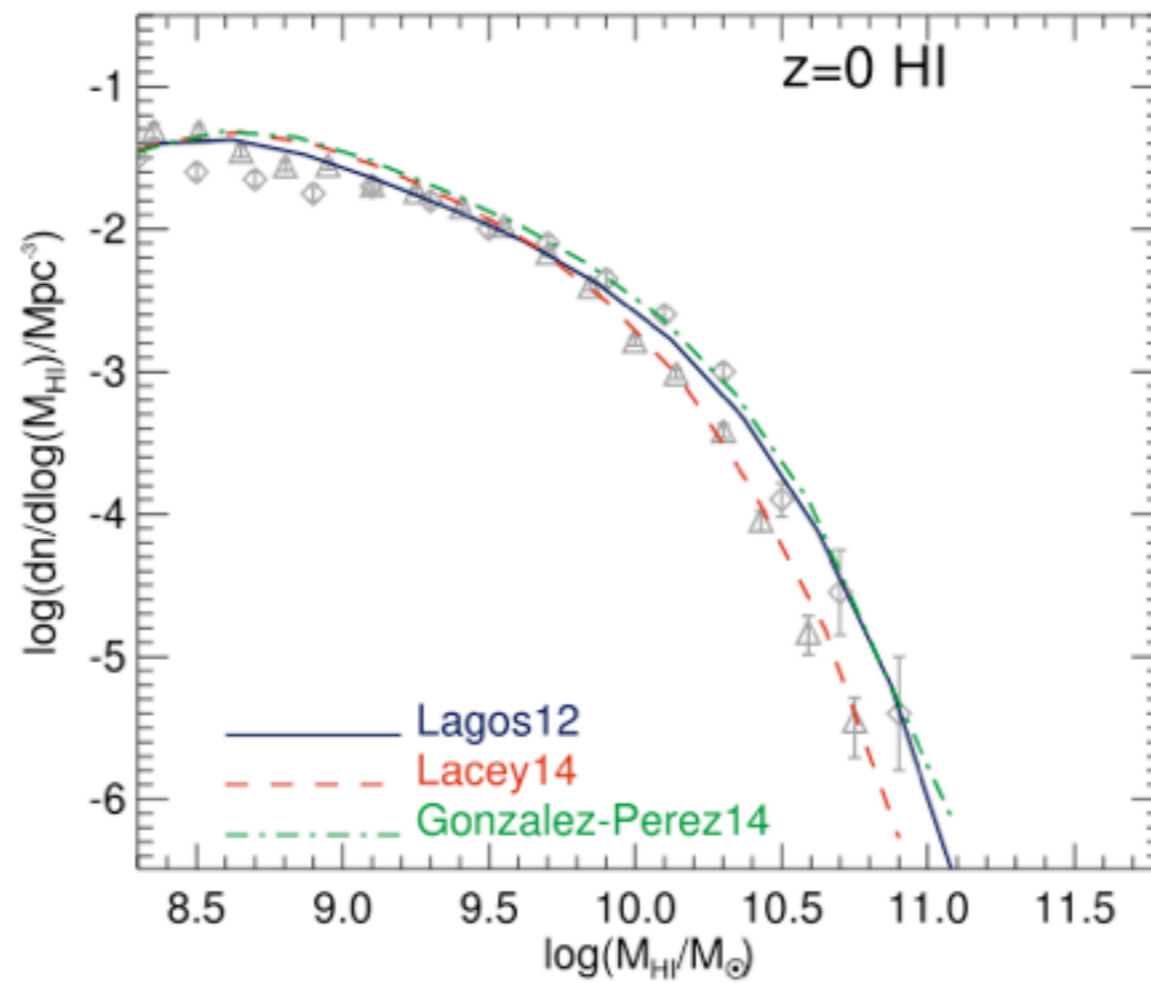
HI

H₂



dust

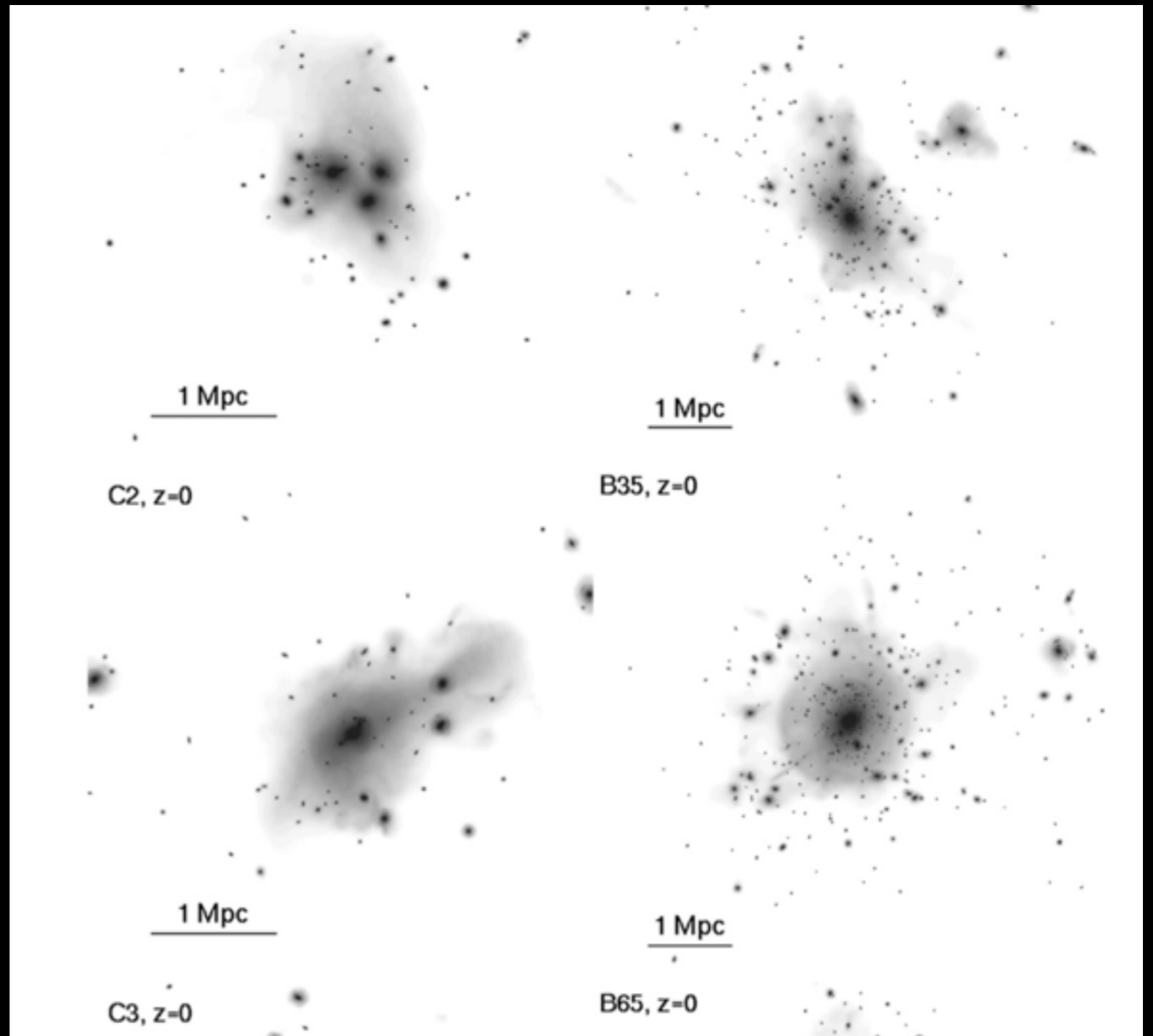
Bekki (2014)



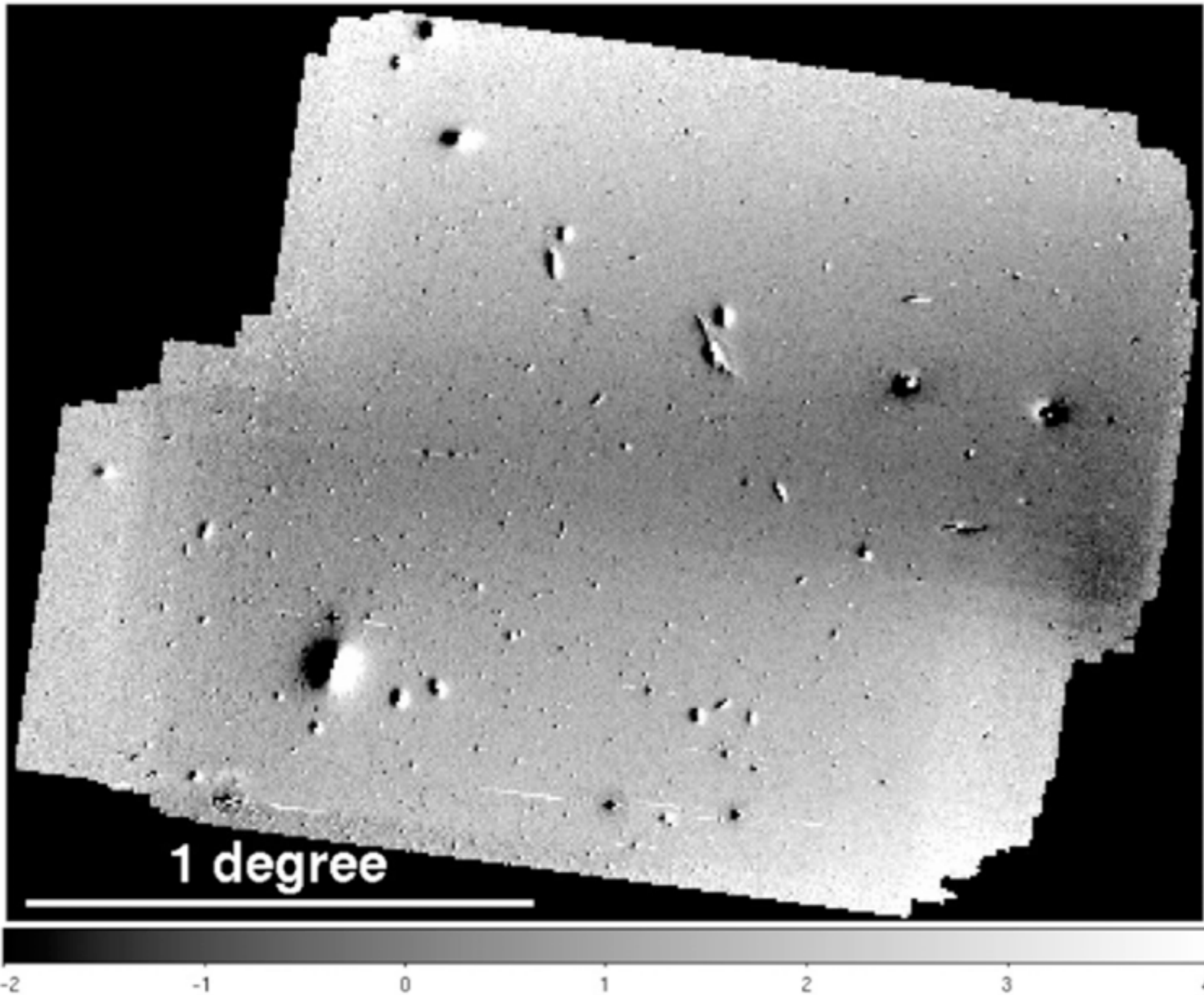
SC4 What is the role of intracluster light in the evolution of galaxies and clusters?

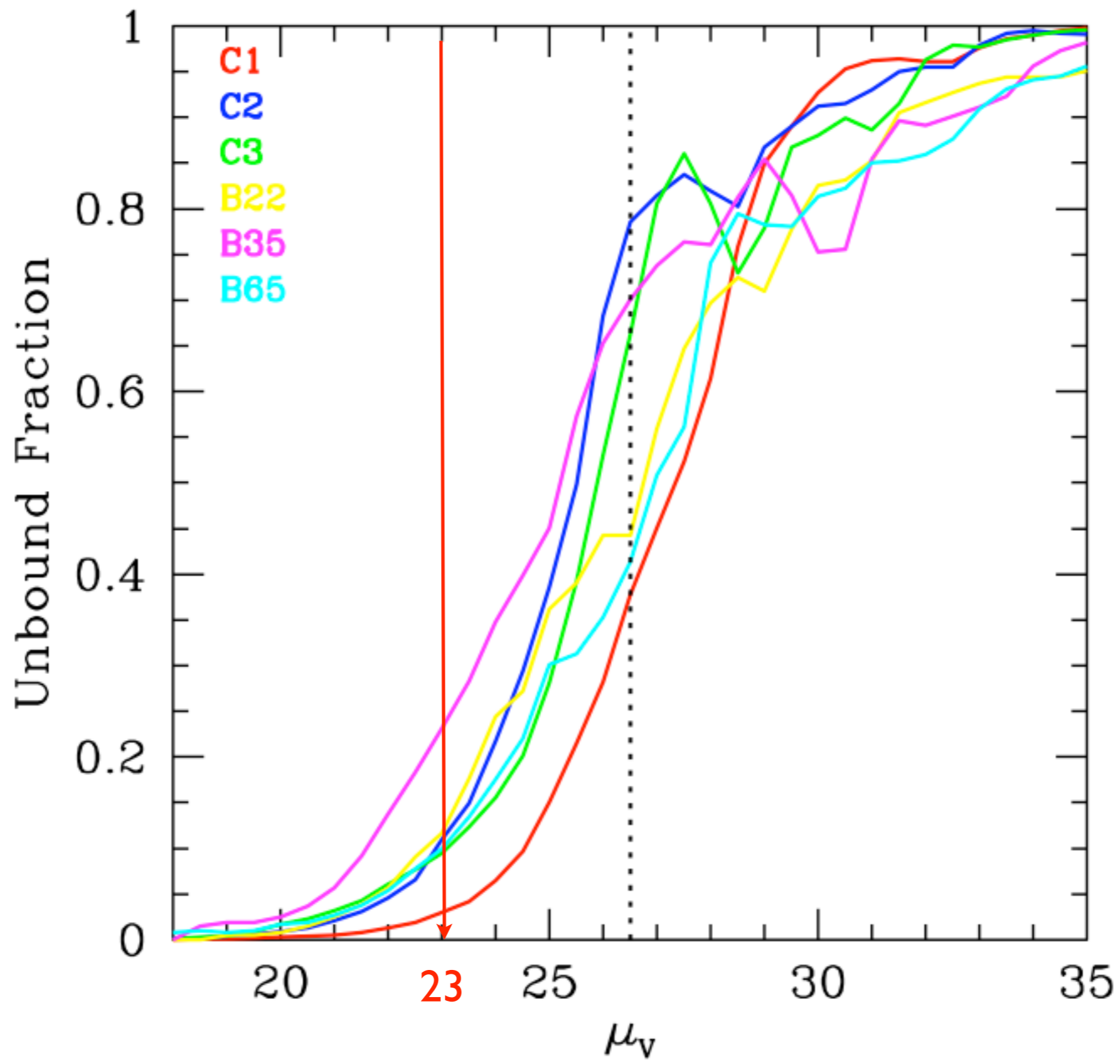
Predicted diffuse light
in galaxy clusters

gas + star stripping in
N-body simulations

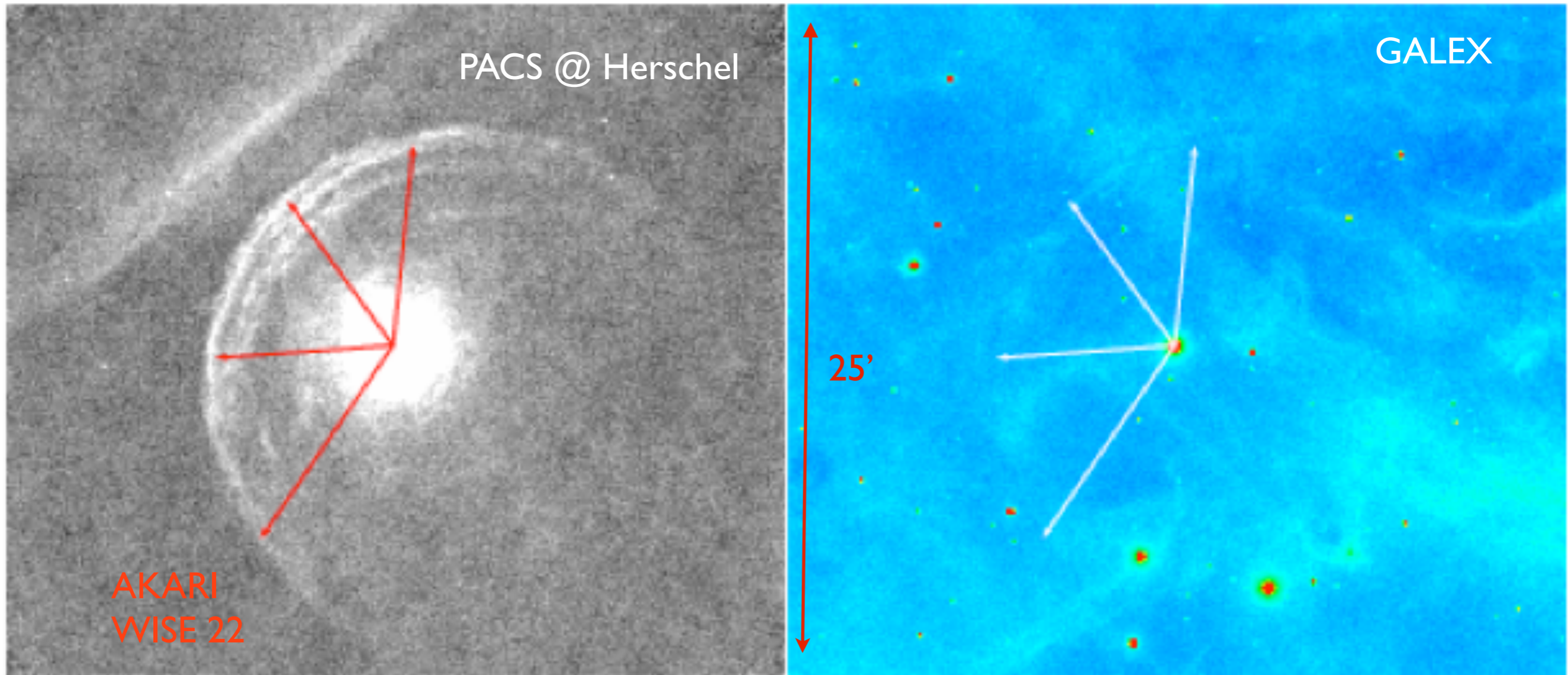


Artifacts produced by low-level flat field residuals ?





SC5 Mass loss from stars and the chemical evolution of galaxies

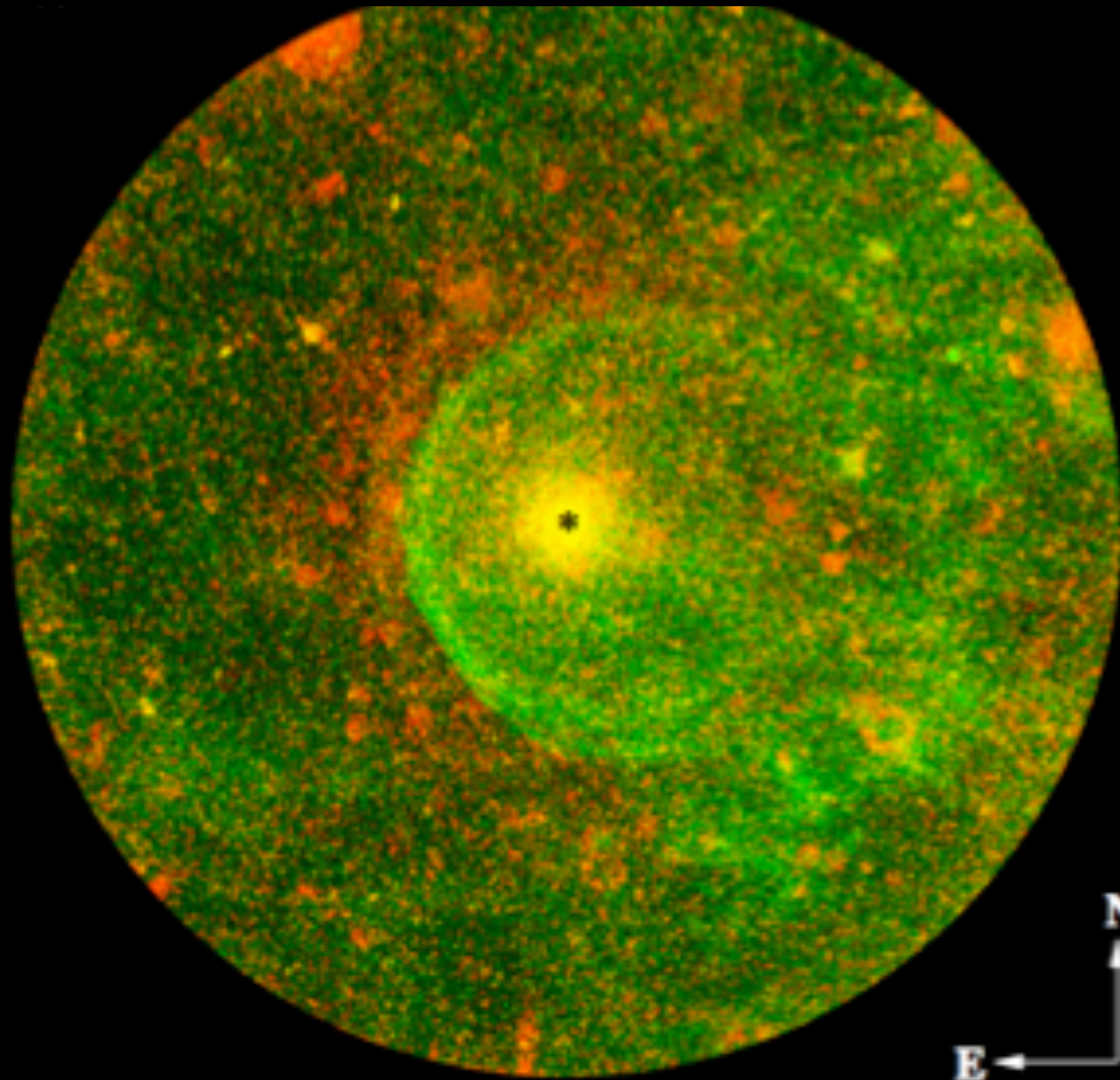


Betelgeuse

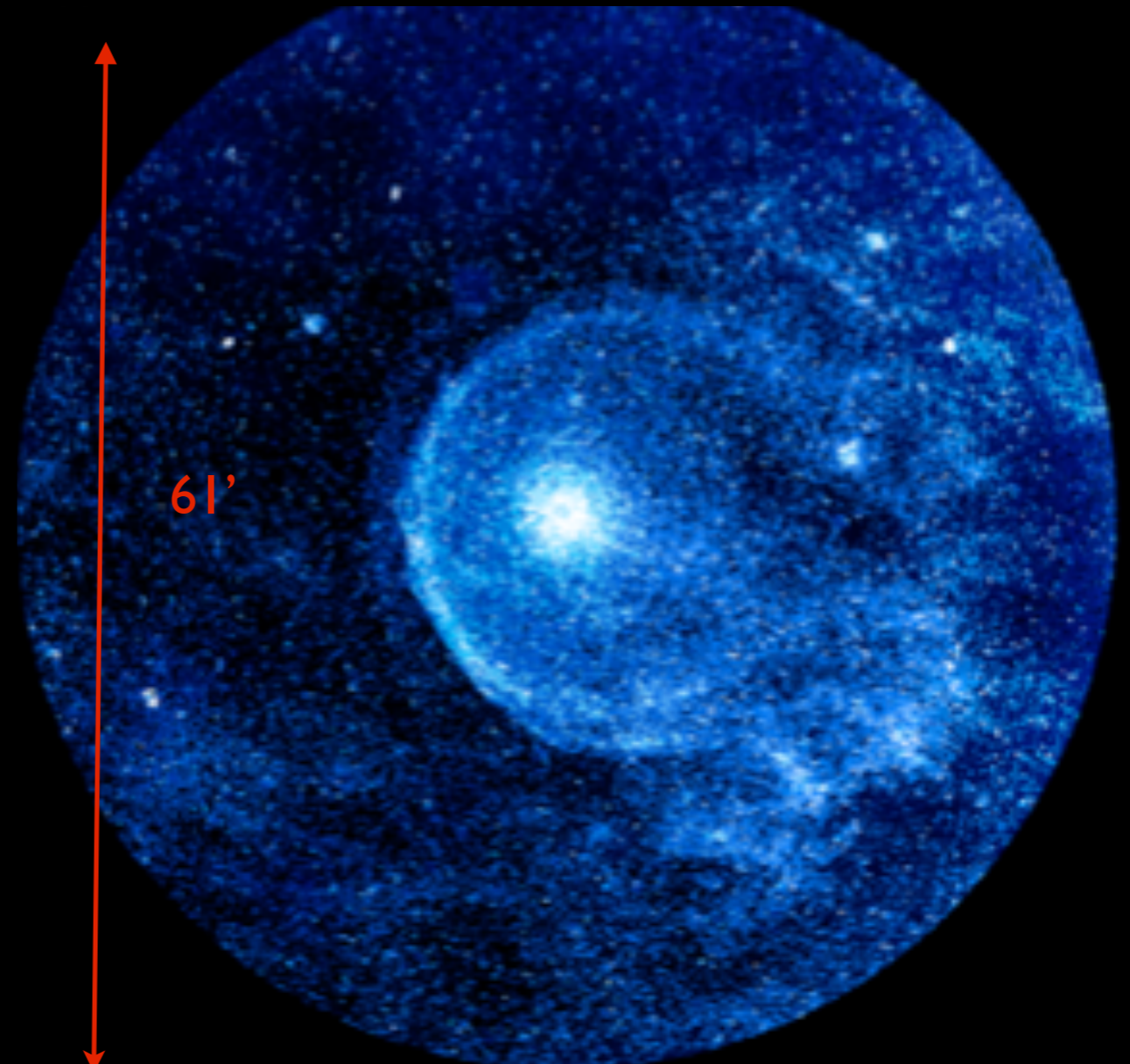
Decin *et al.* (2012)

AGB IRC+10216

FUV+NUV @ GALEX



FUV @ GALEX



Sahai & Chronopoulos (2010)

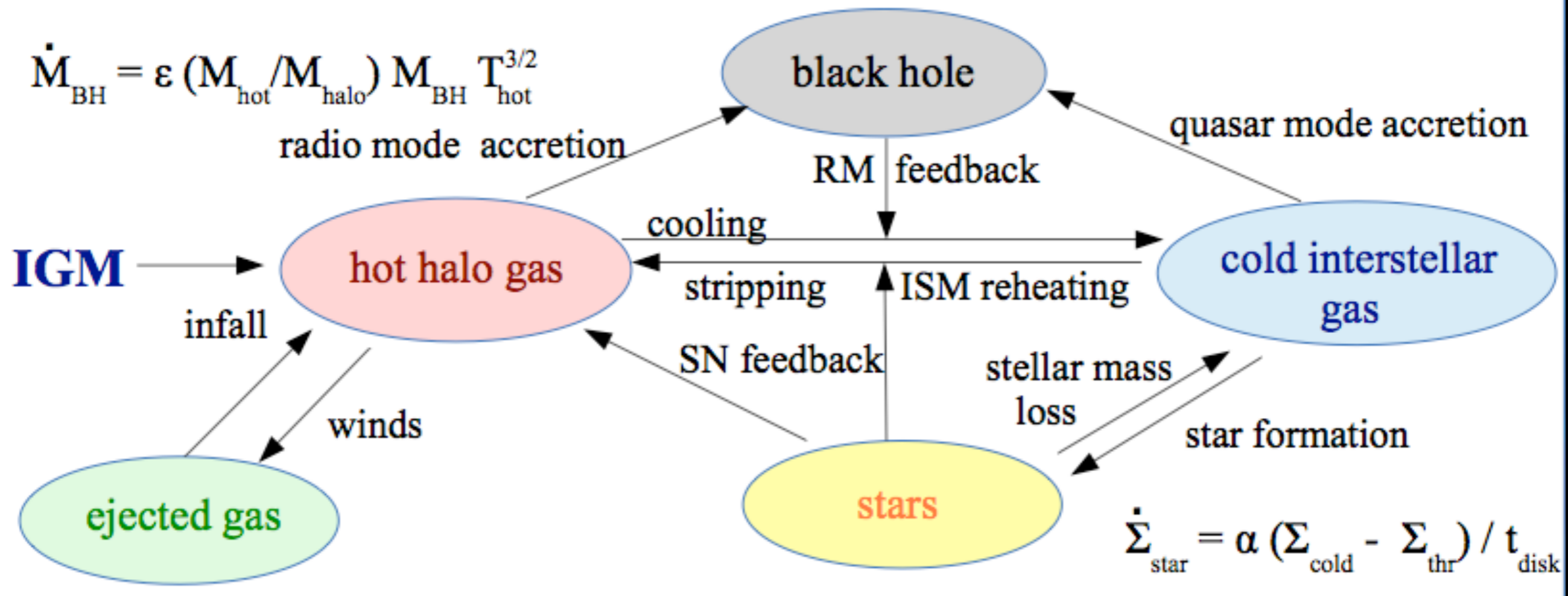


SC 8 What is the actual extent and profile of galaxies ?

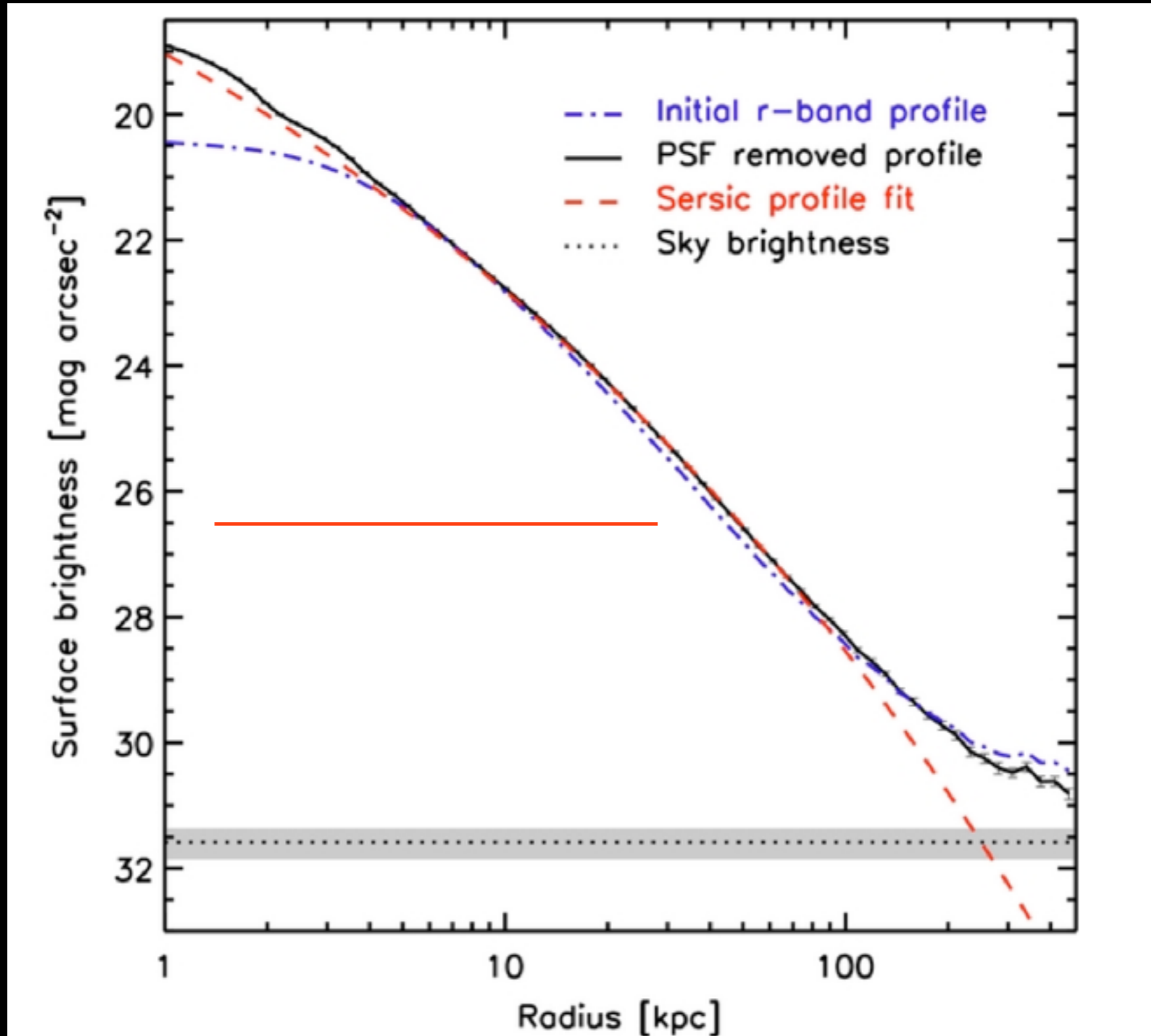
Baryonic + radiative processes within dark matter haloes

$$(\Omega_b / \Omega_m) M_{\text{halo}} = M_{\text{hot}} + M_{\text{cold}} + M_{\text{ejecta}} + M_{\text{star}} + M_{\text{BH}}$$

$$\dot{M}_{\text{BH}} = \epsilon (M_{\text{hot}} / M_{\text{halo}}) M_{\text{BH}} T_{\text{hot}}^{3/2}$$

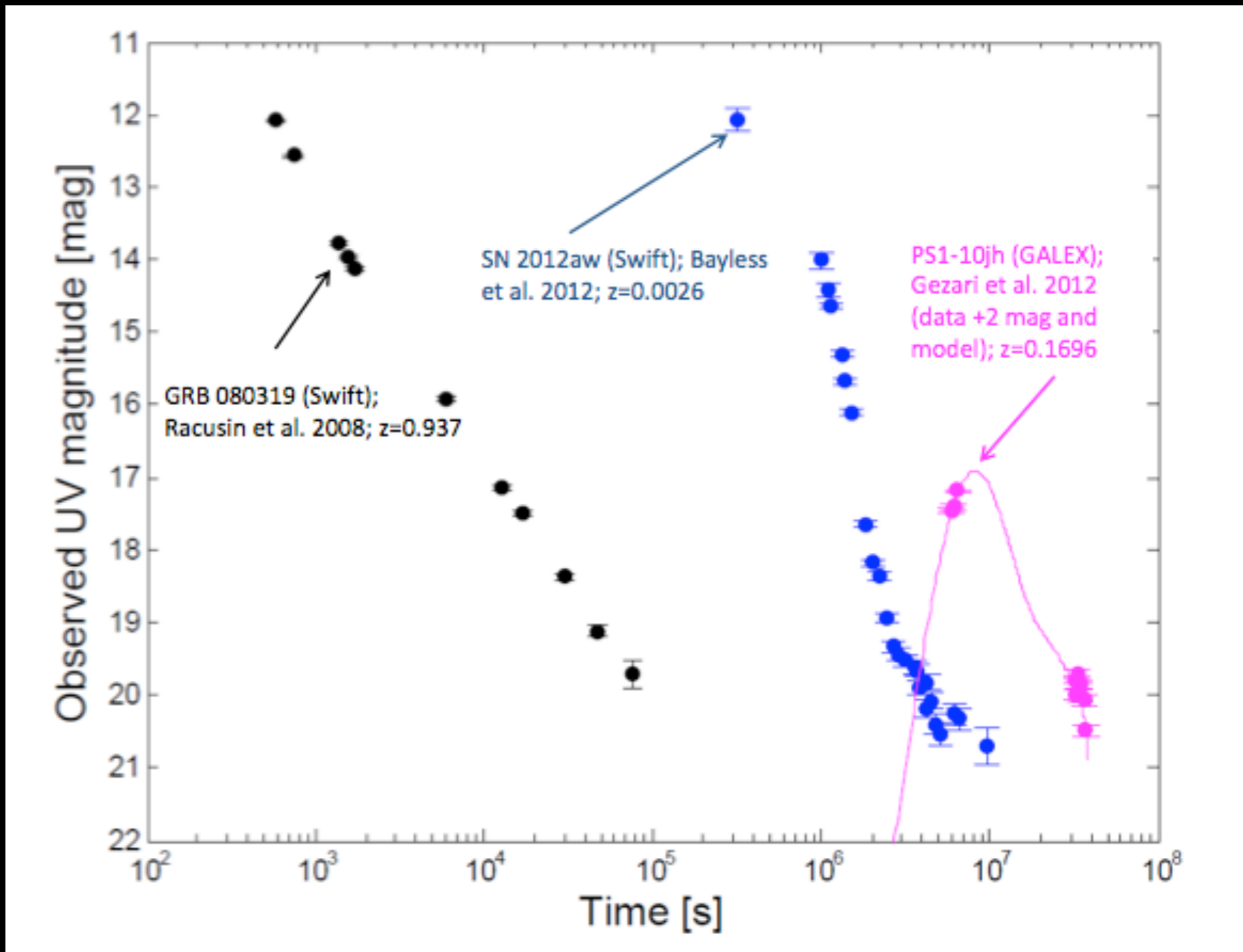


Stacking of 42,000 SDSS Luminous Red Galaxies



SC 9 Time-domain astronomy

Variability and transients from the UV to the optical

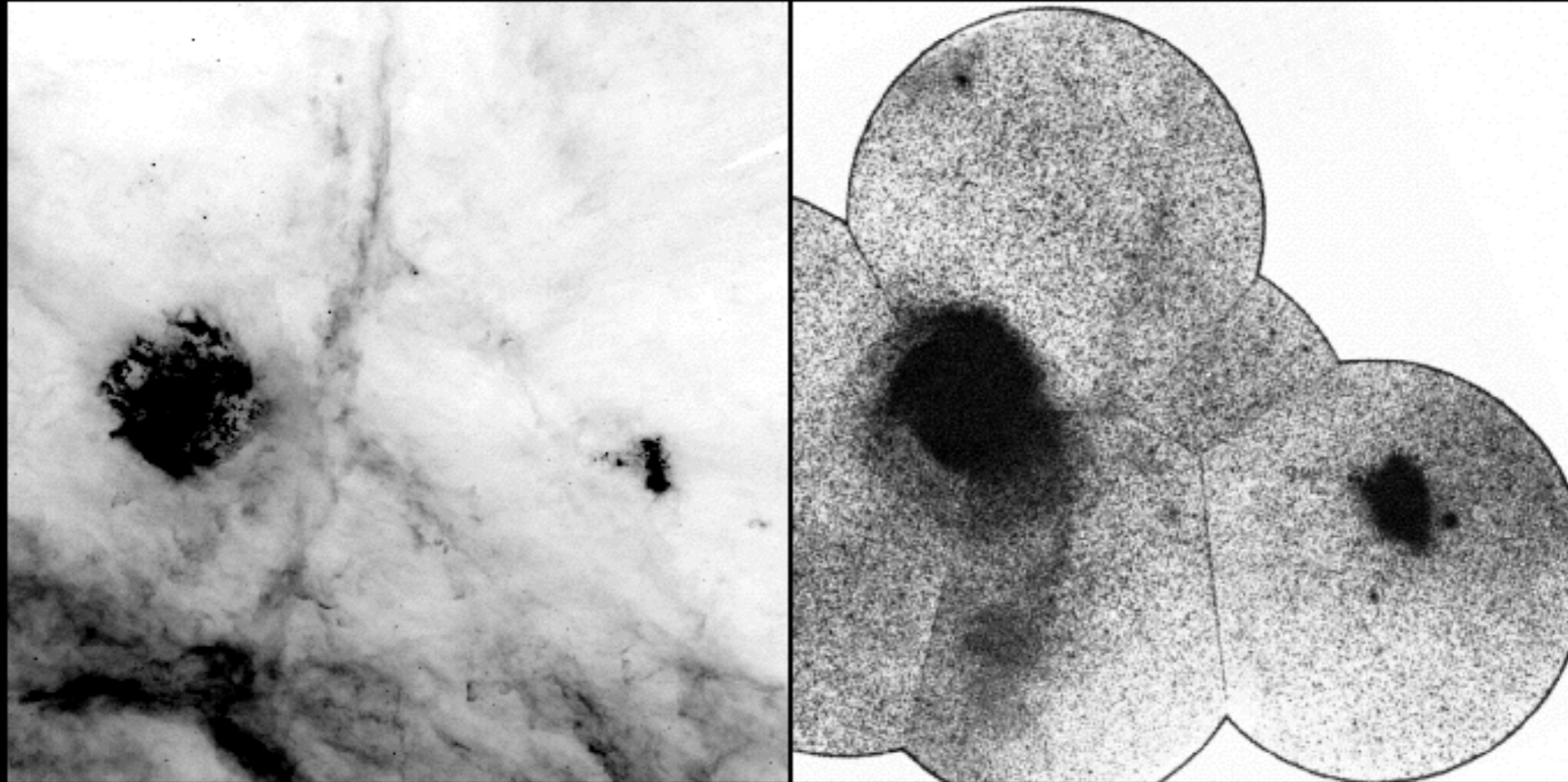


The main challenge for MESSIER

The foreground contamination at ultra-low SB levels

100 μ m (IRAS)

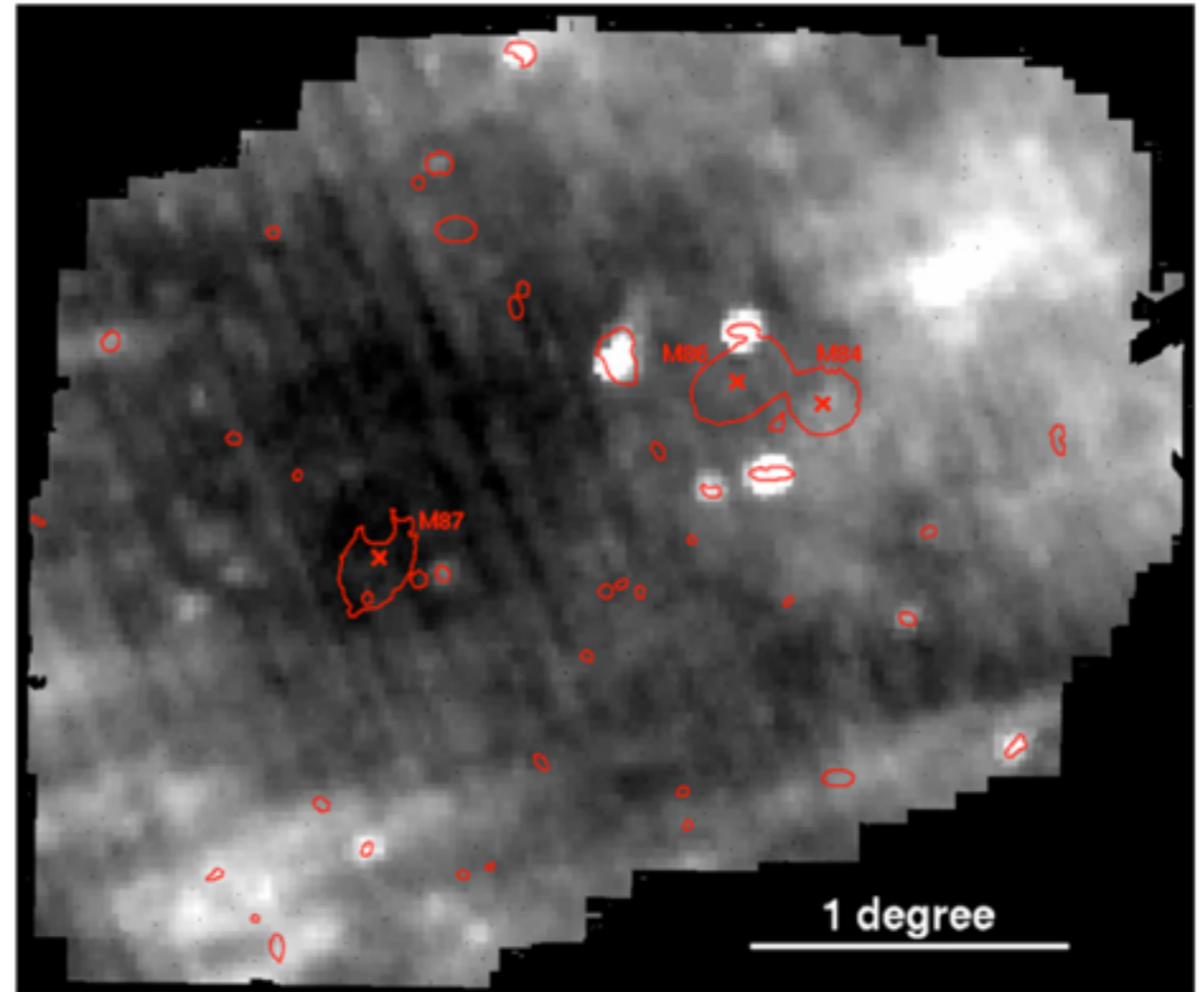
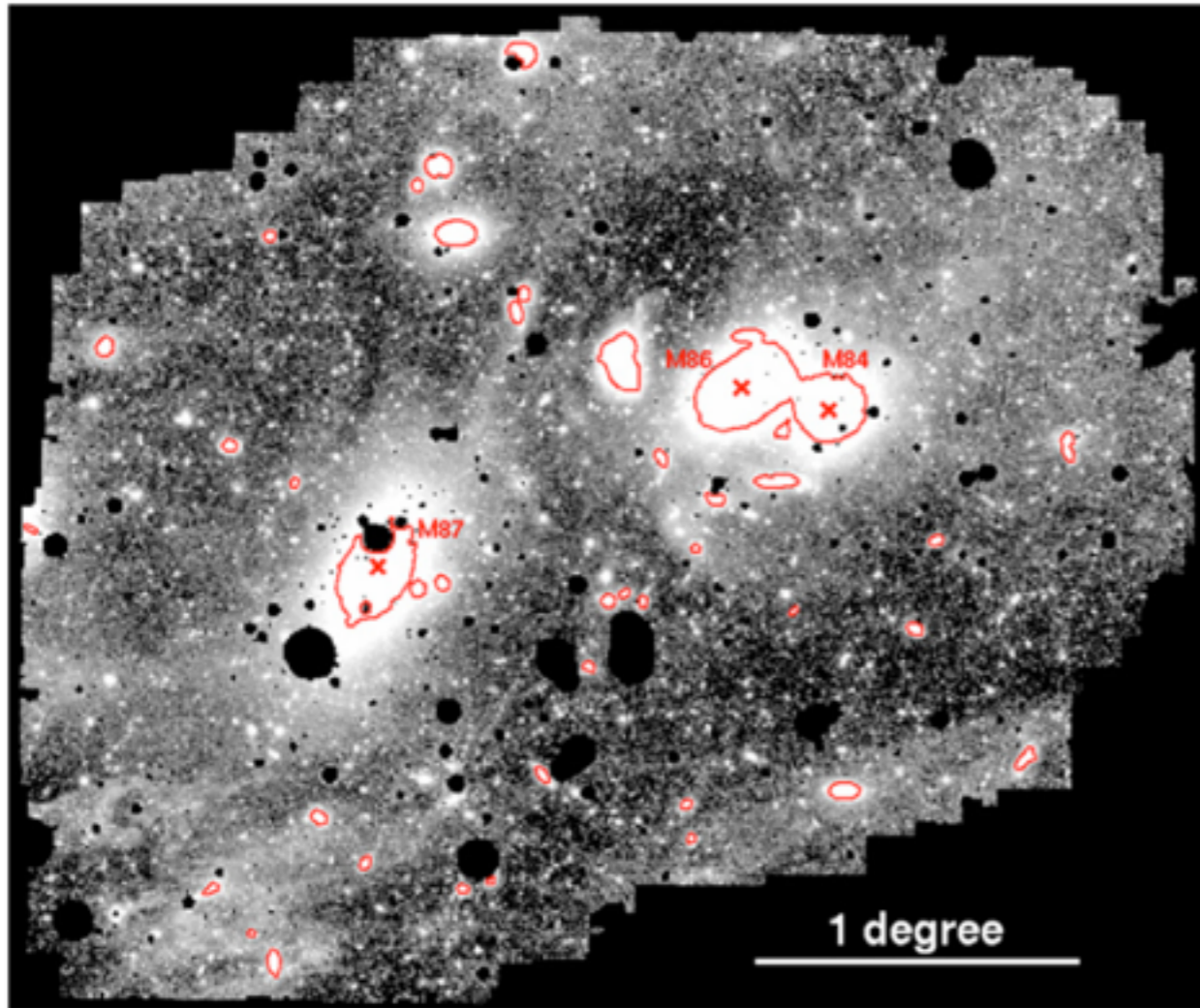
Optical (de Vaucouleurs 1955)



Magellanic Clouds

Optical emission

IRAS 100 μm

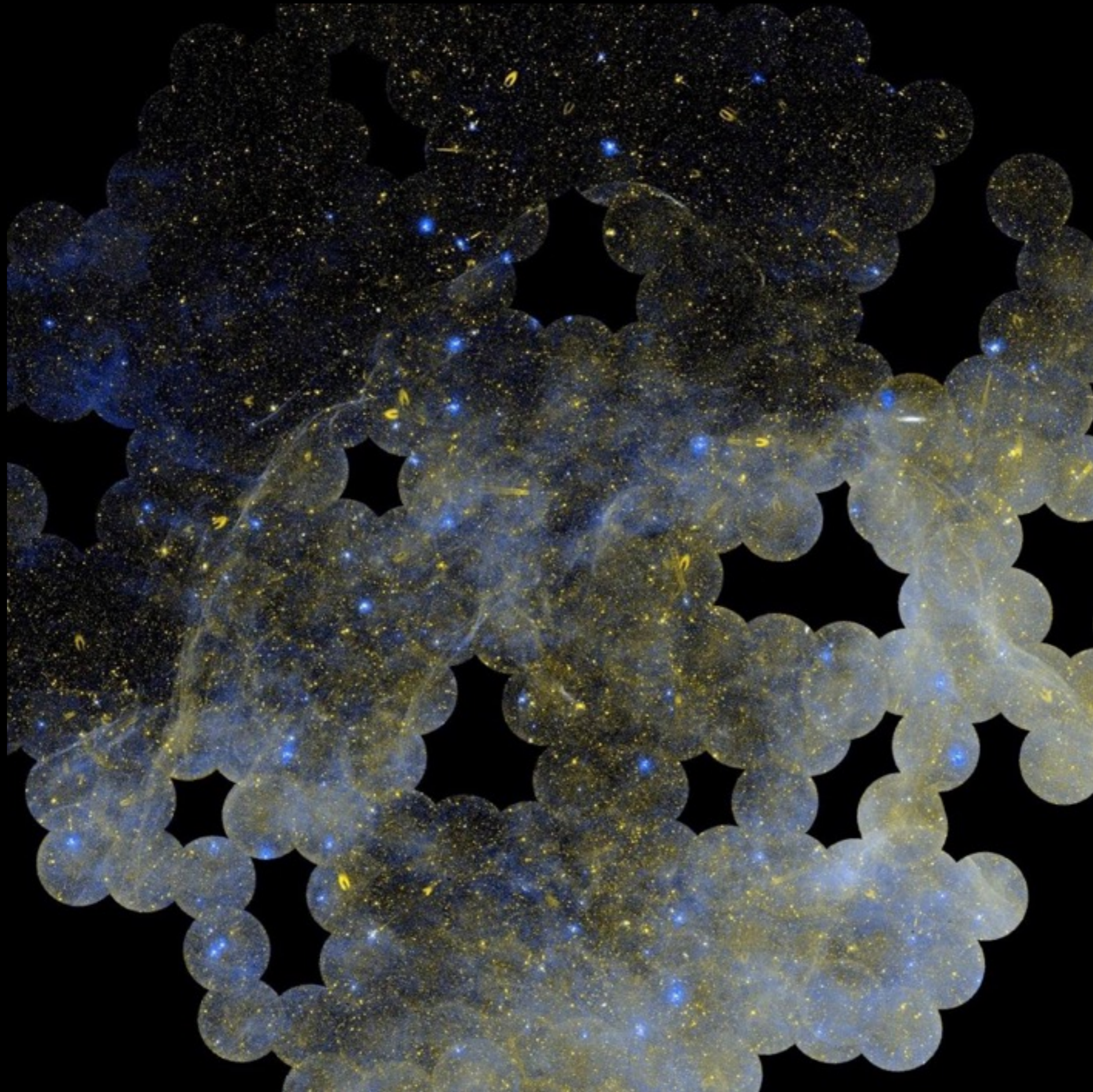


Mihos *et al.* (2009)

Virgo cluster field

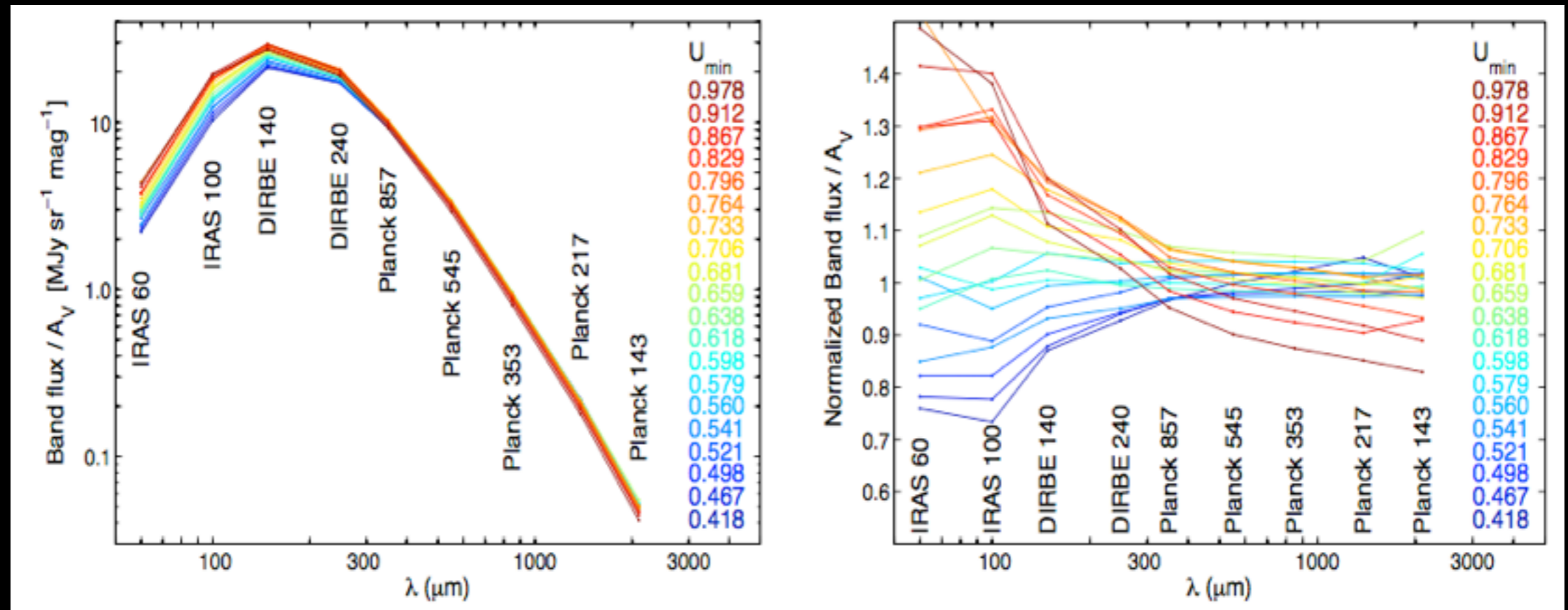






GALEX

MESSIER foreground removal Independent Component Analysis à la EoR-LOFAR @21cm

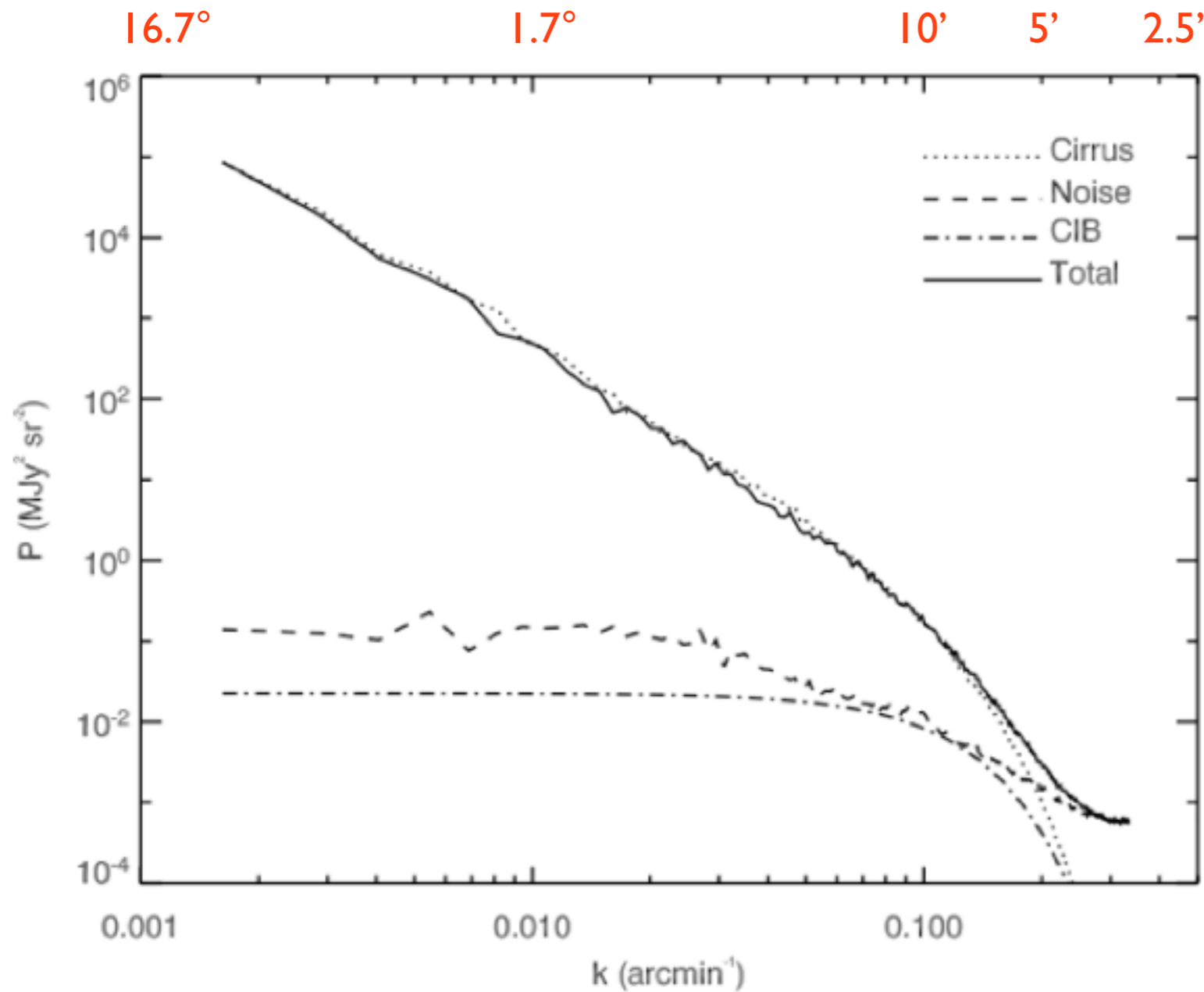


Planck XXIX
arXiv:1409.2495

- No prior knowledge of the background signal (unlike CMB)
- Assumes SEDs are constrained (from 200 nm to 350 μm)
- Non-parametric solutions
- Assumes that components are statistically independent
- Remains to be tested within the MESSIER context*

Angular power spectrum of IR cirri

angular distribution



the smaller
the scale,
the smaller
the fluctuations

IRAS 100 μm
Miville-Deschênes et al., 2007

PLANCK 857 GHz
Dole et al., 2013

Synergies

- GAIA

 - MESSIER provides extension of star counts to fainter levels than $G=20$

 - Use GAIA astrometry as prior for MESSIER detections

 - Problem: pixel size to separate dwarf galaxies from stars down to $g \sim 25$

 - Solution: use EUCLID astrometry as prior

- EUCLID

 - Requires multi-band follow-up for photometric redshifts

 - Use EUCLID astrometry as prior for MESSIER detections

- Massive multiplex spectroscopy

 - MESSIER will provide unique targets for kinematics/dynamics

- Time-domain astronomy

 - Transients, transits, QSO/AGN variability

 - Complements UV-based projects (Ultrabat) on longer timescales

- Unique legacy value

 - The reference catalogue of multi-band space-based photometry

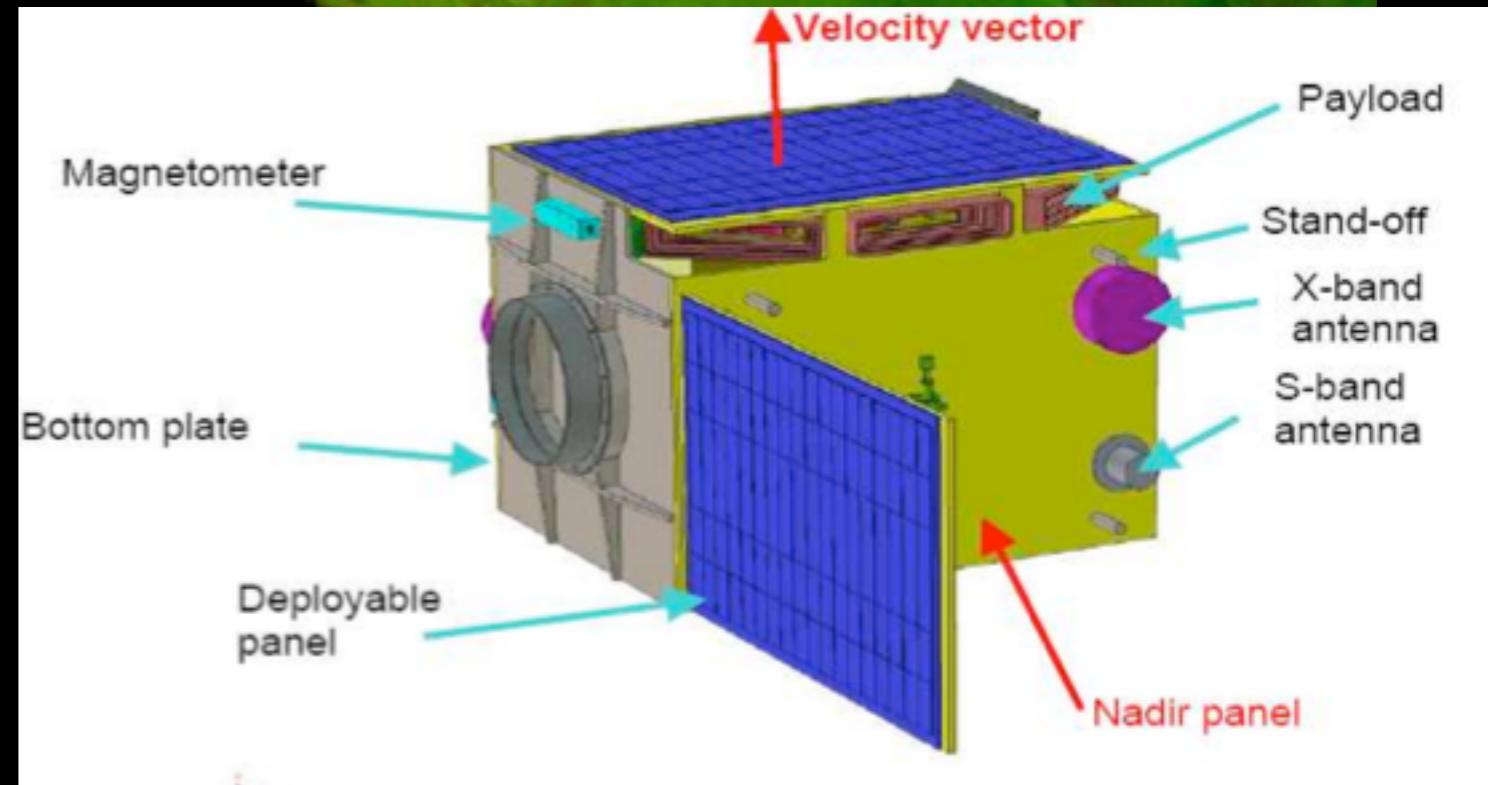
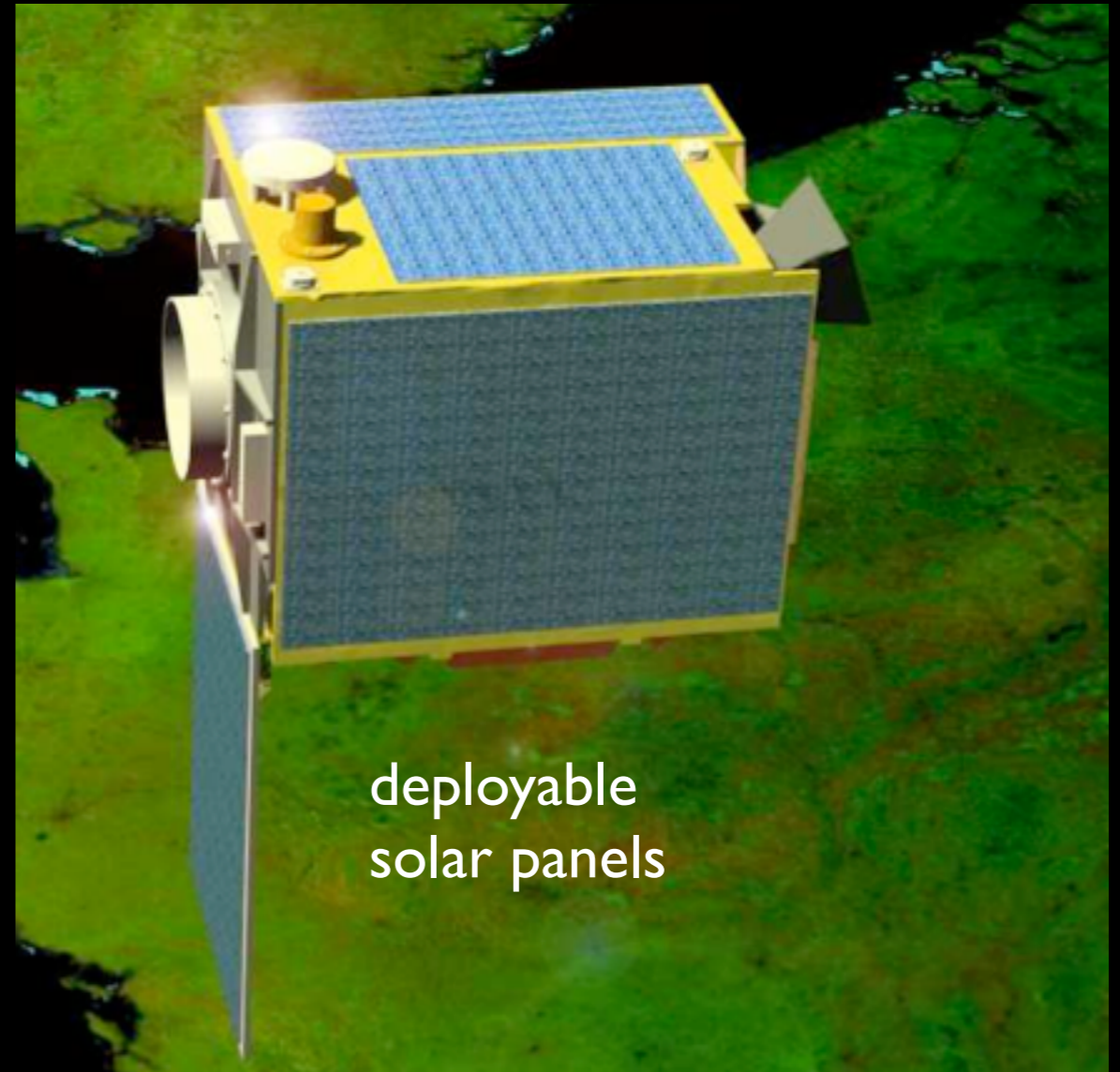
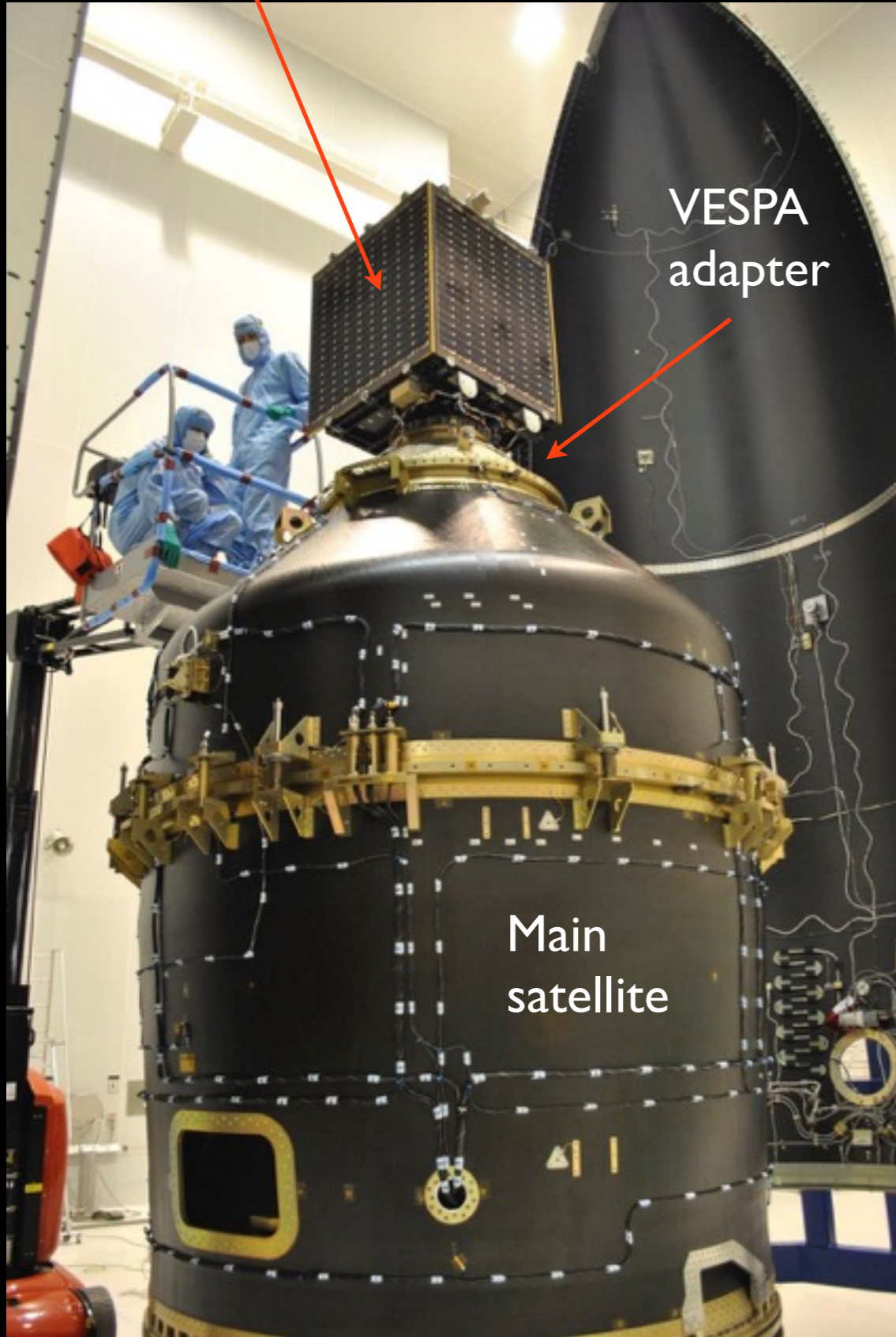
Mission concept / Feasibility study

- Platform

ESA's PROBA-V (160 kg, 120 W peak)
with VESPA dual-payload adapter @ Vega rocket

Subsystem	Equipment	Heritage
Avionics	ADPMS, memory	Proba2+ProbaV
Electric power	GaAs cells	Herschel
Bus structure	Al	Proba V
AOCS	Magnetotorquer	Proba2
Onboard SW	RealTimeExecPr	Proba2
Thermal	Passive	ProbaV
RF	S and X bands	Proba V
Design life	3-5 years	Proba2+ProbaV

PROBA - V





Orbit

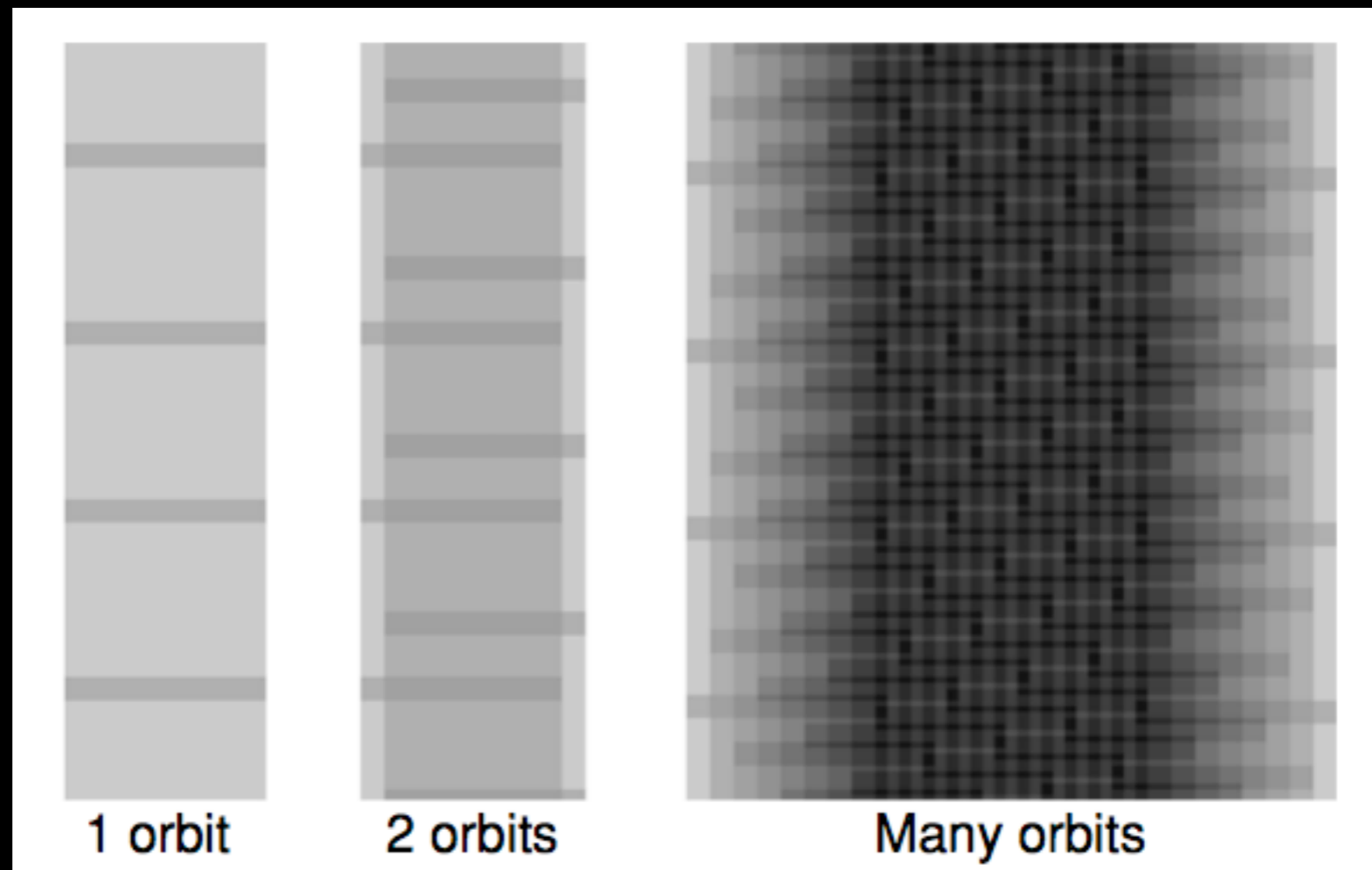
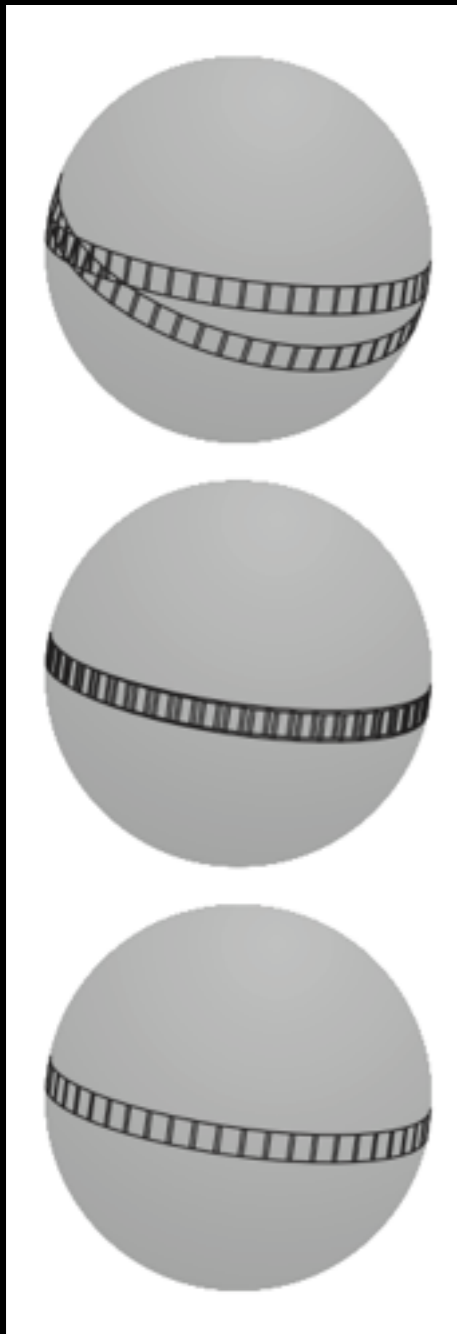
Sun-Synchronous Orbit

900 km, 98° inclination, LTAN 6h, full-sky survey

precession $360^\circ/\text{year}$

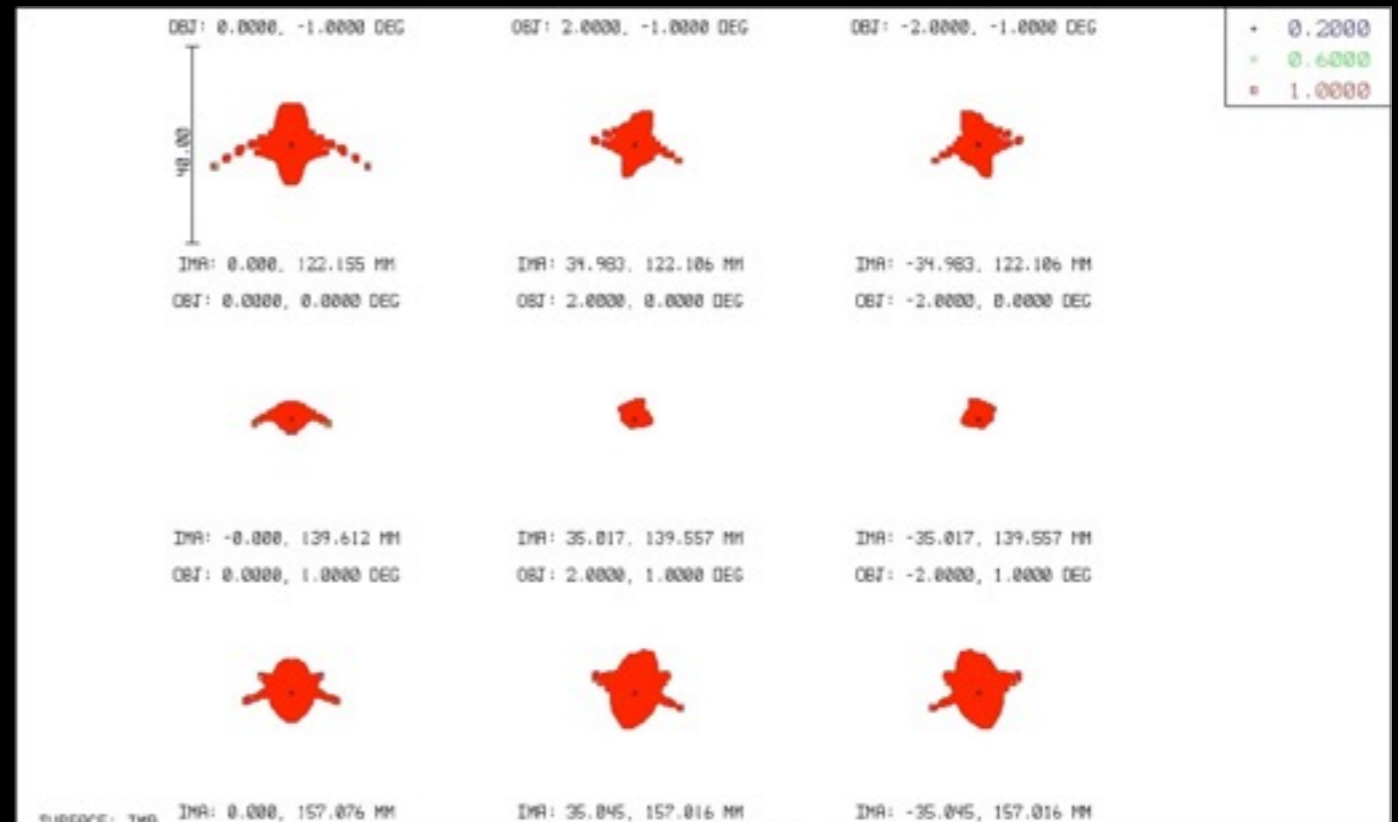
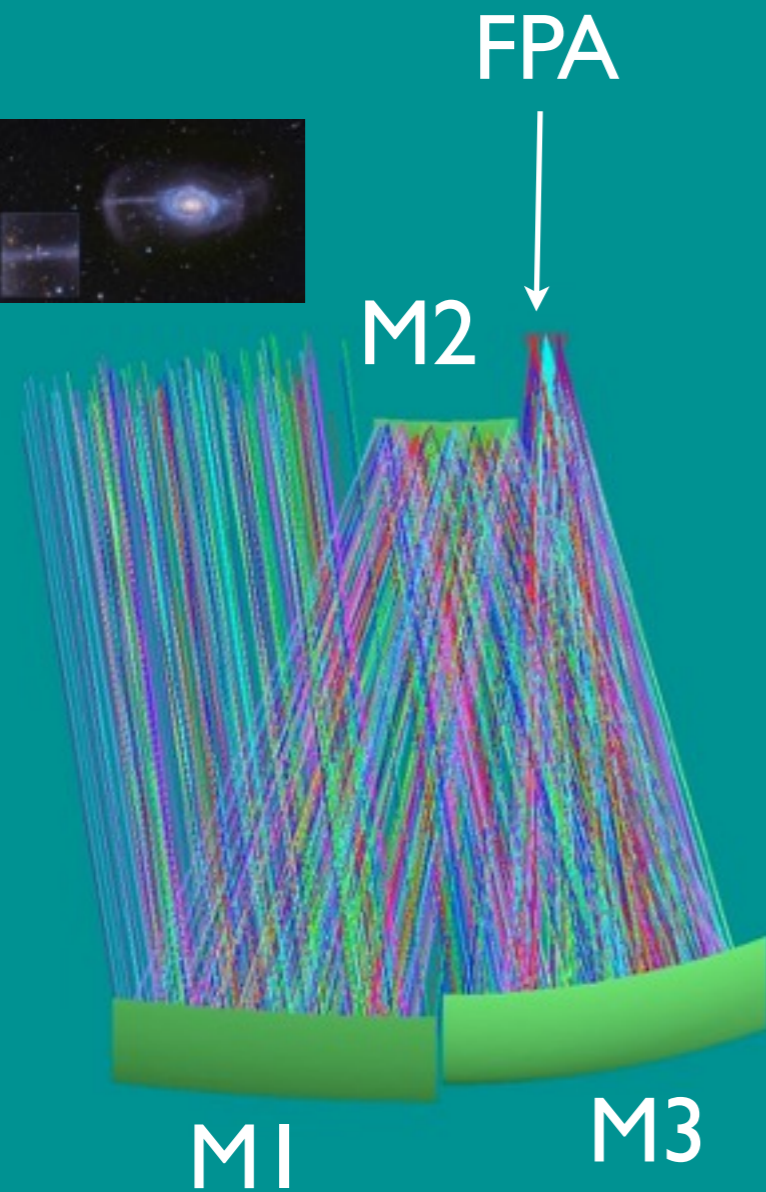
pointing \perp Sun-Earth direction avoiding Earthshine

inertial great circle drift scan with centre at the Sun
(similar to COBE, WISE, PROBA-V)

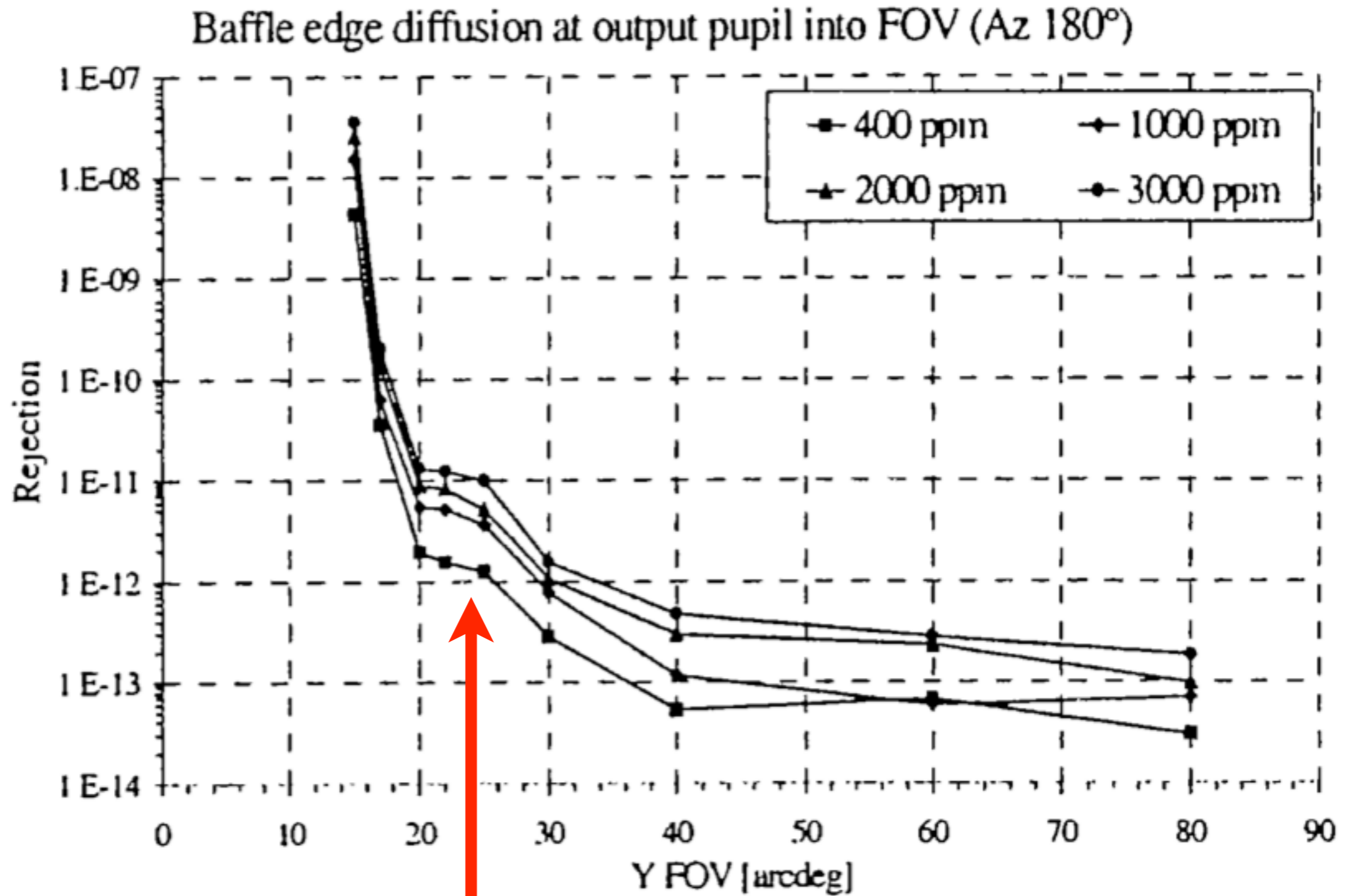


Payload: optical design

Off-axis TMA f/2 telescope
free-form rectangular mirrors
340 mm × 210 mm pupil
flat focal plane
FOV : 4° × 2°
ultra-stable PSF with ultra-low wings
no lenses (to avoid Čerenkov radiation)

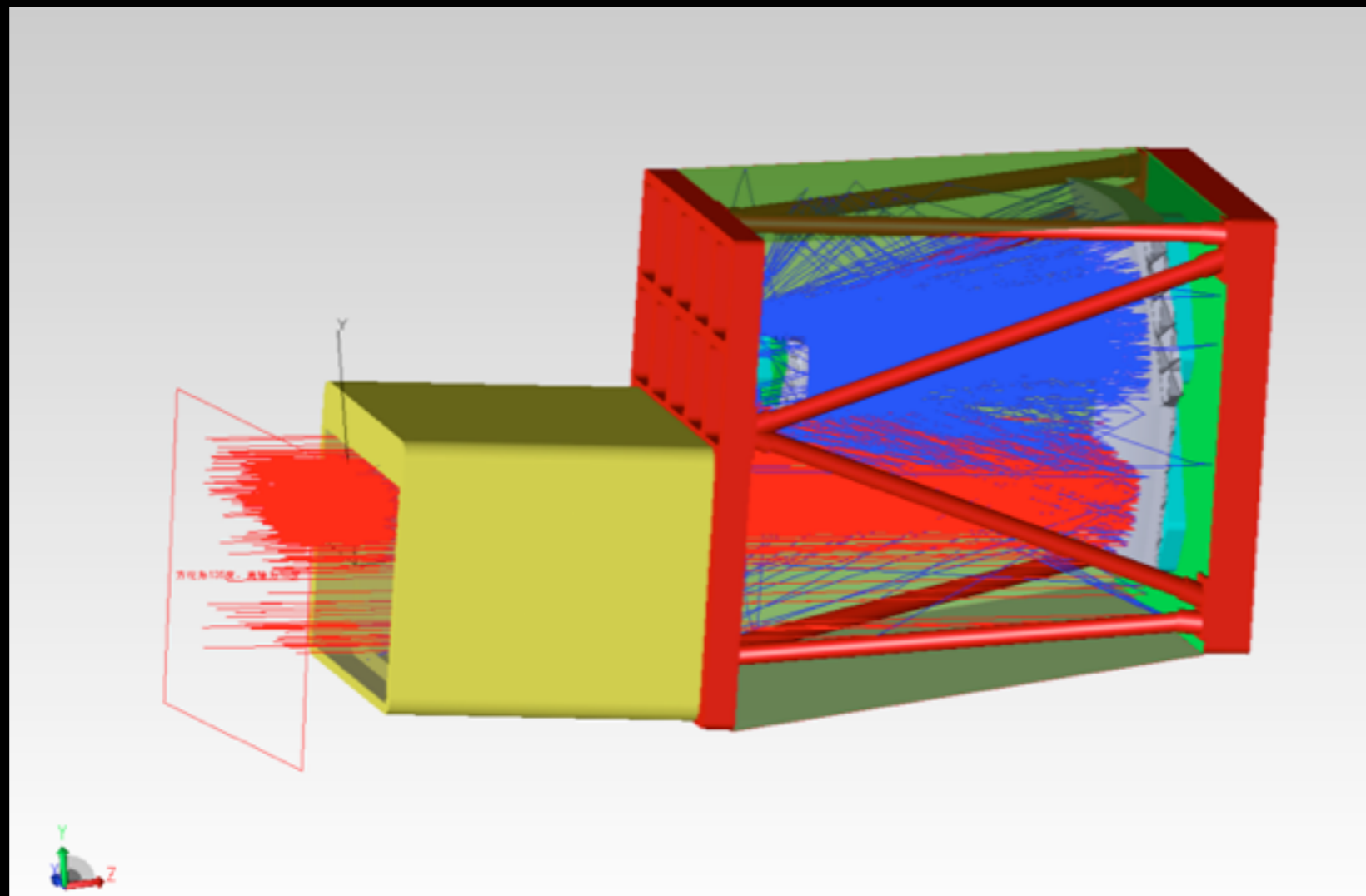


Stray light contamination: the CoRoT case



Straylight analysis

Items	Absorption	Mirror reflection	Mirror refraction	Scatter
mechanical arm	0.095	0.01	0	0.04
Optical mirror face	0.05	0.9487	0	0.0013
The edge of reflector and back face	0.1	0.05	0	0.85



Sky



baffle

-Z installation plate

CCD cold box

Second mirror

Carbon pole

Third mirror

Main mirror

+Z installation plate

Earth

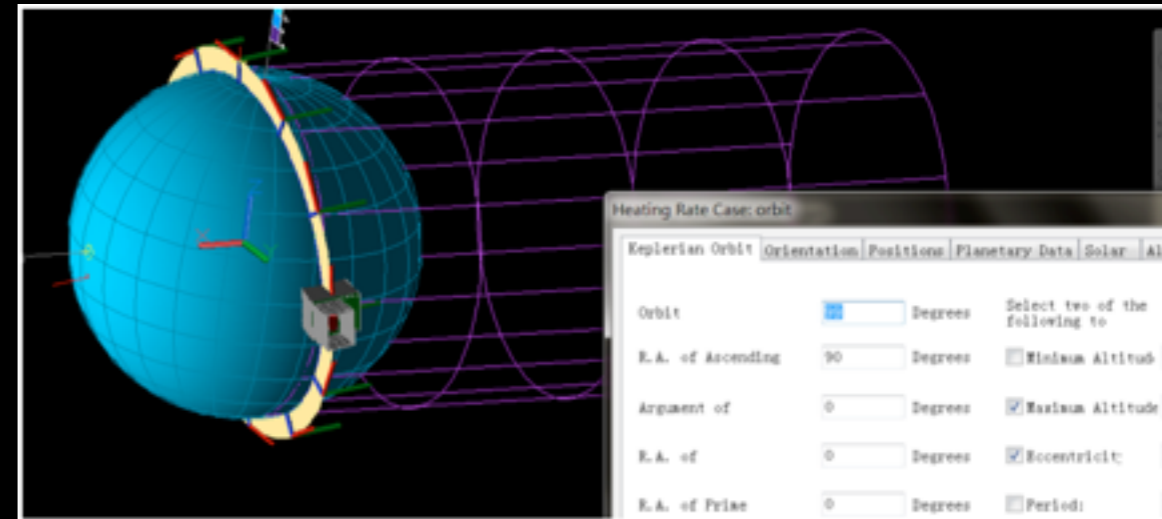


-Y shin

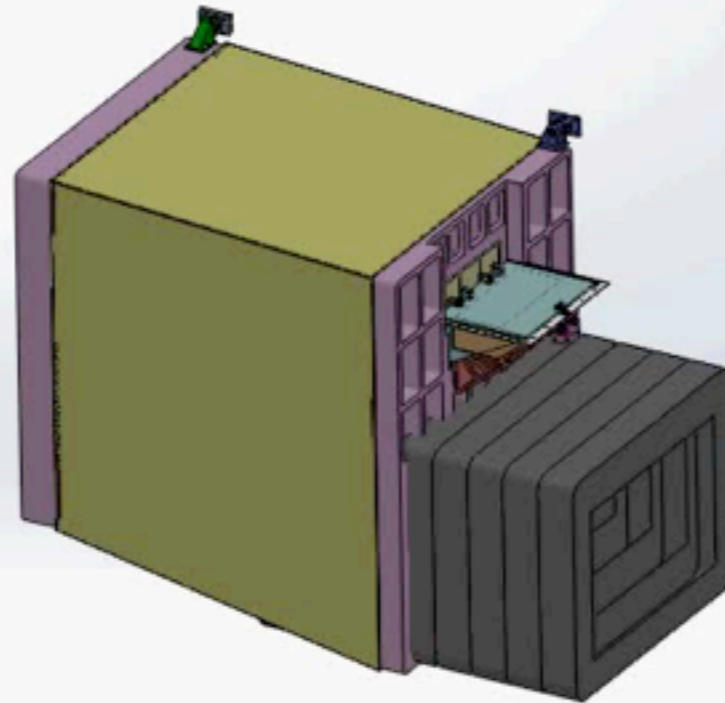
Sun



Thermal analysis



Current design of MESSIER within the PROBA-V platform



Mass budget : 60 kg
Power budget : 65 W

within ESA-CAS
boundary conditions

R&D: deployable external baffle

MESSIER

a piggyback trip to the
ultra-low surface brightness universe

Fruitful European-Chinese collaboration
built upon strong joint heritage
(LUT, Gaia, PROBA)

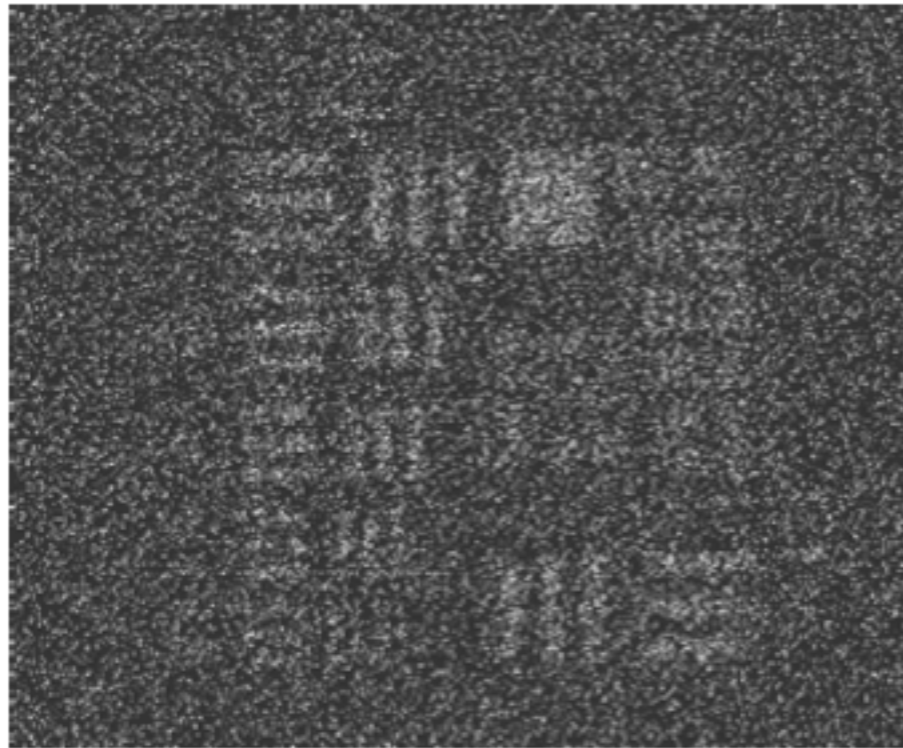
The last unexplored niche
remaining in observational parameter space

Unique scientific returns in
cosmology, galaxy evolution, stellar physics

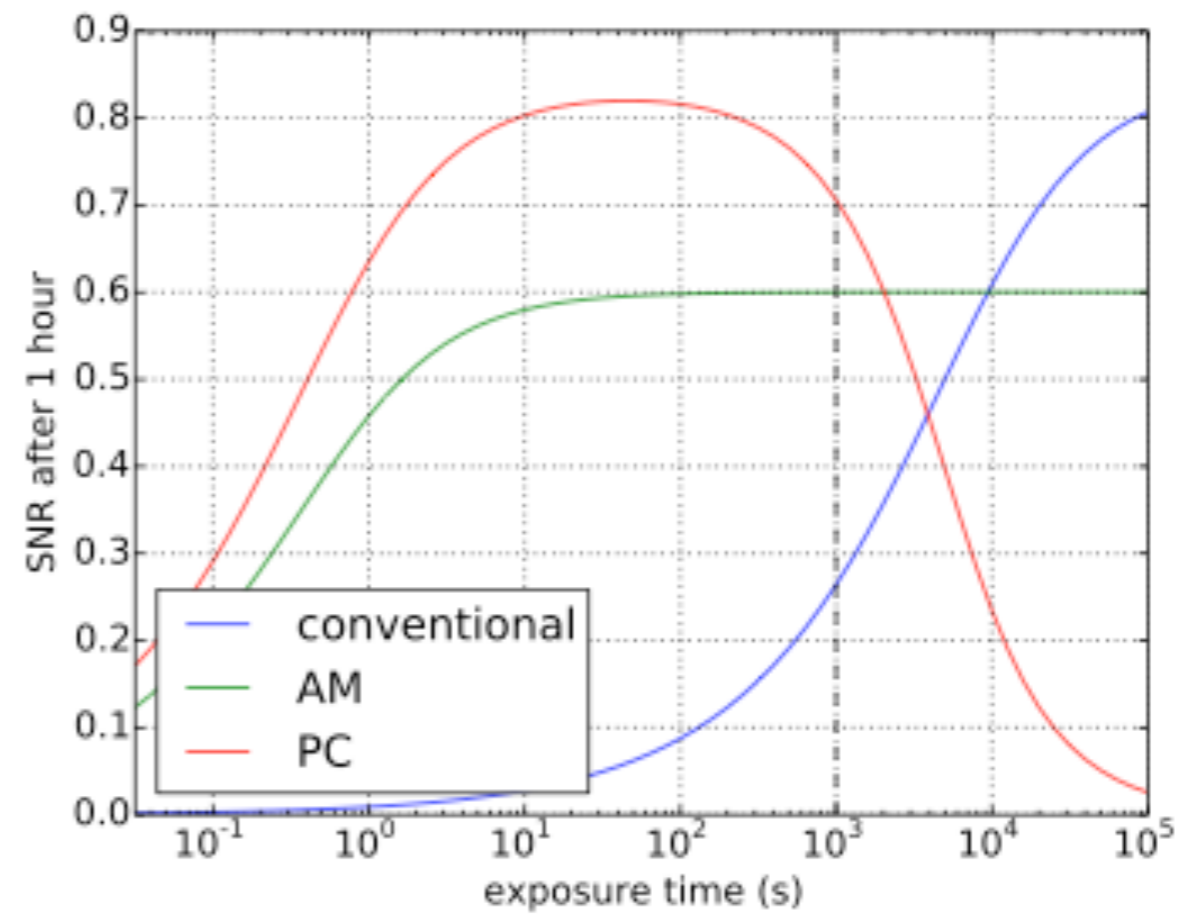
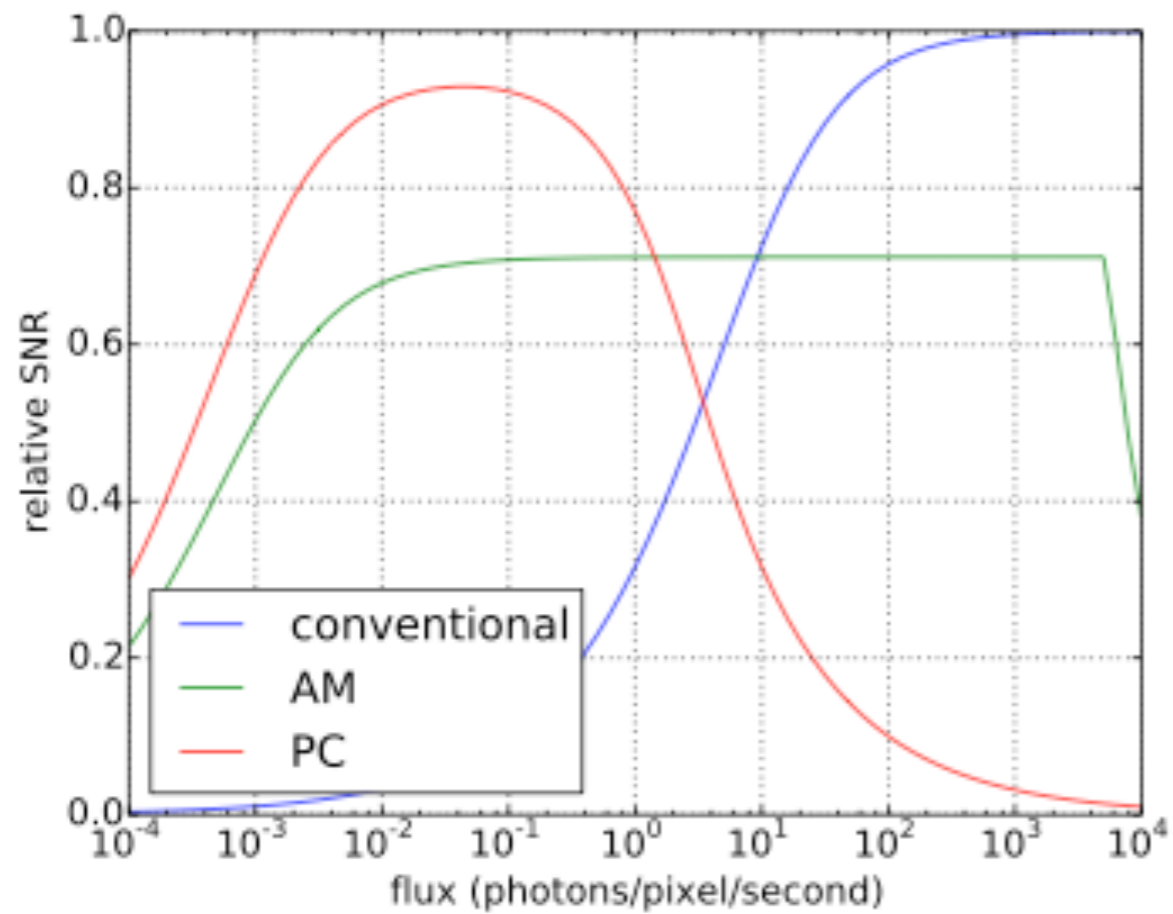
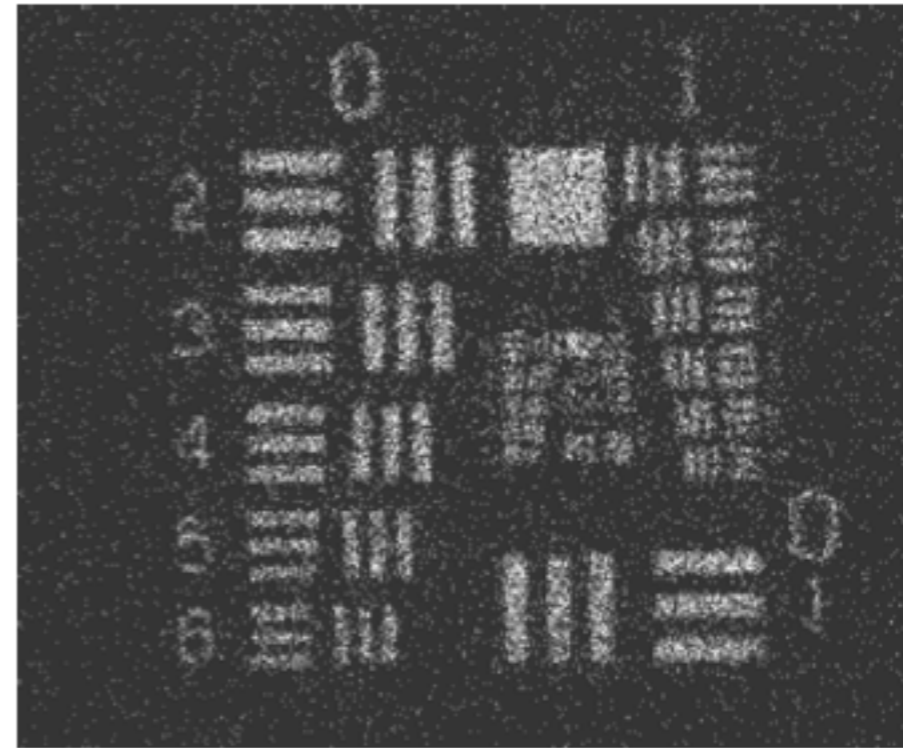
Legacy value: reference catalogue
for multi-band optical/UV photometry

Further partners most welcome !

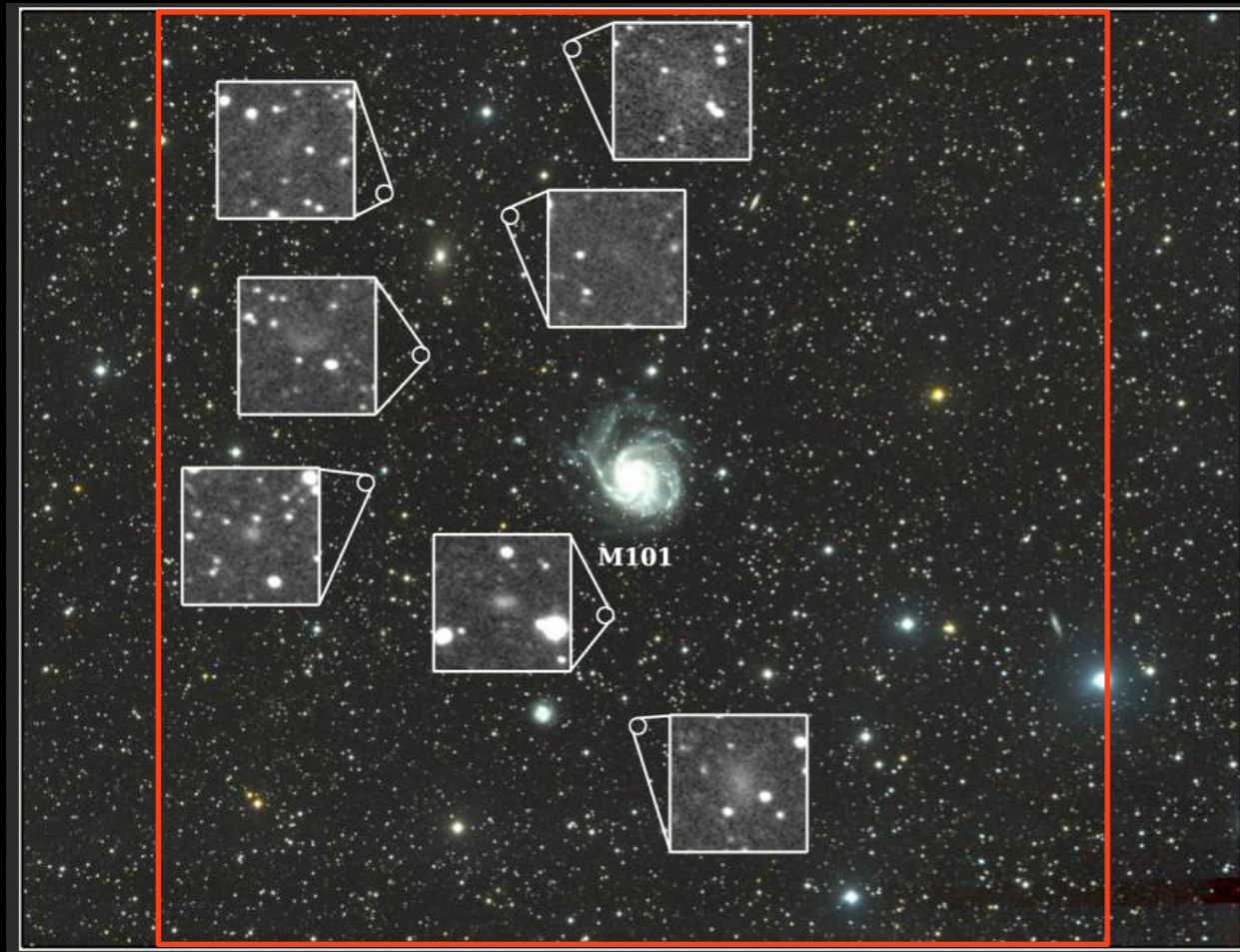
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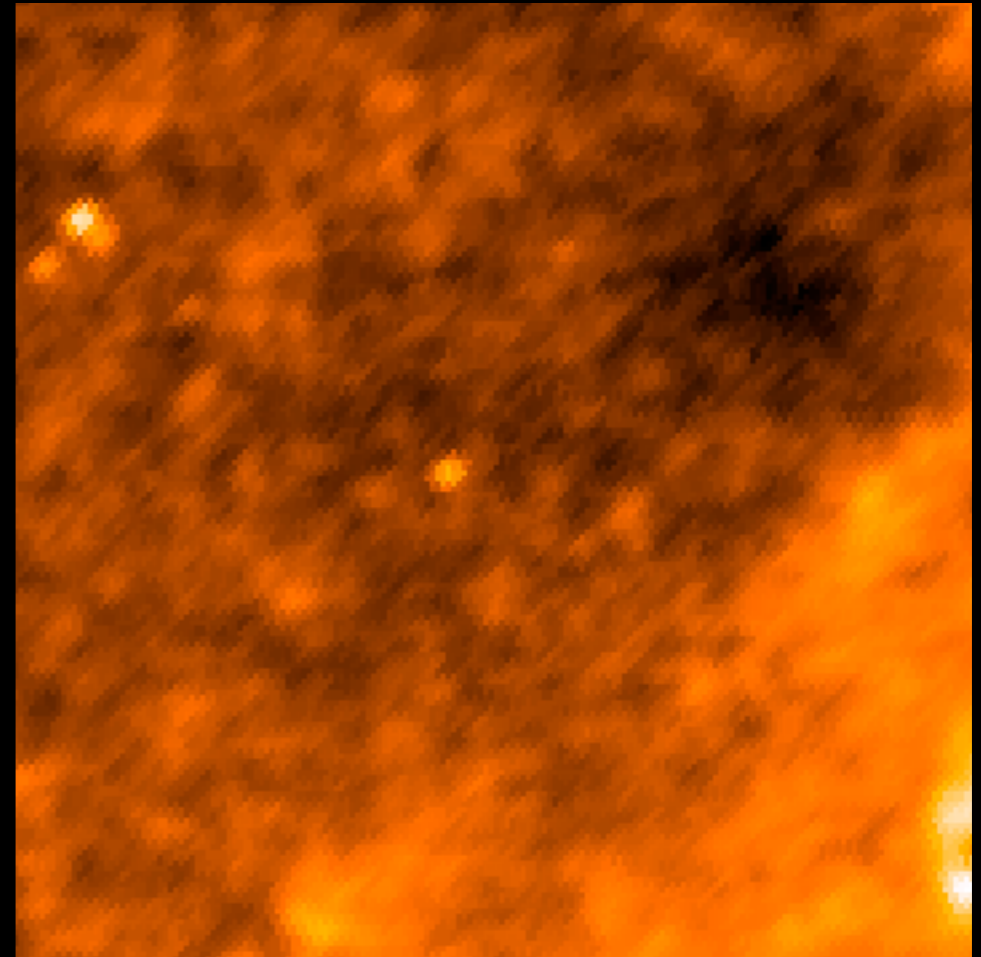
EMCCD



Non detection of optical emission from IR cirri in M101 ?

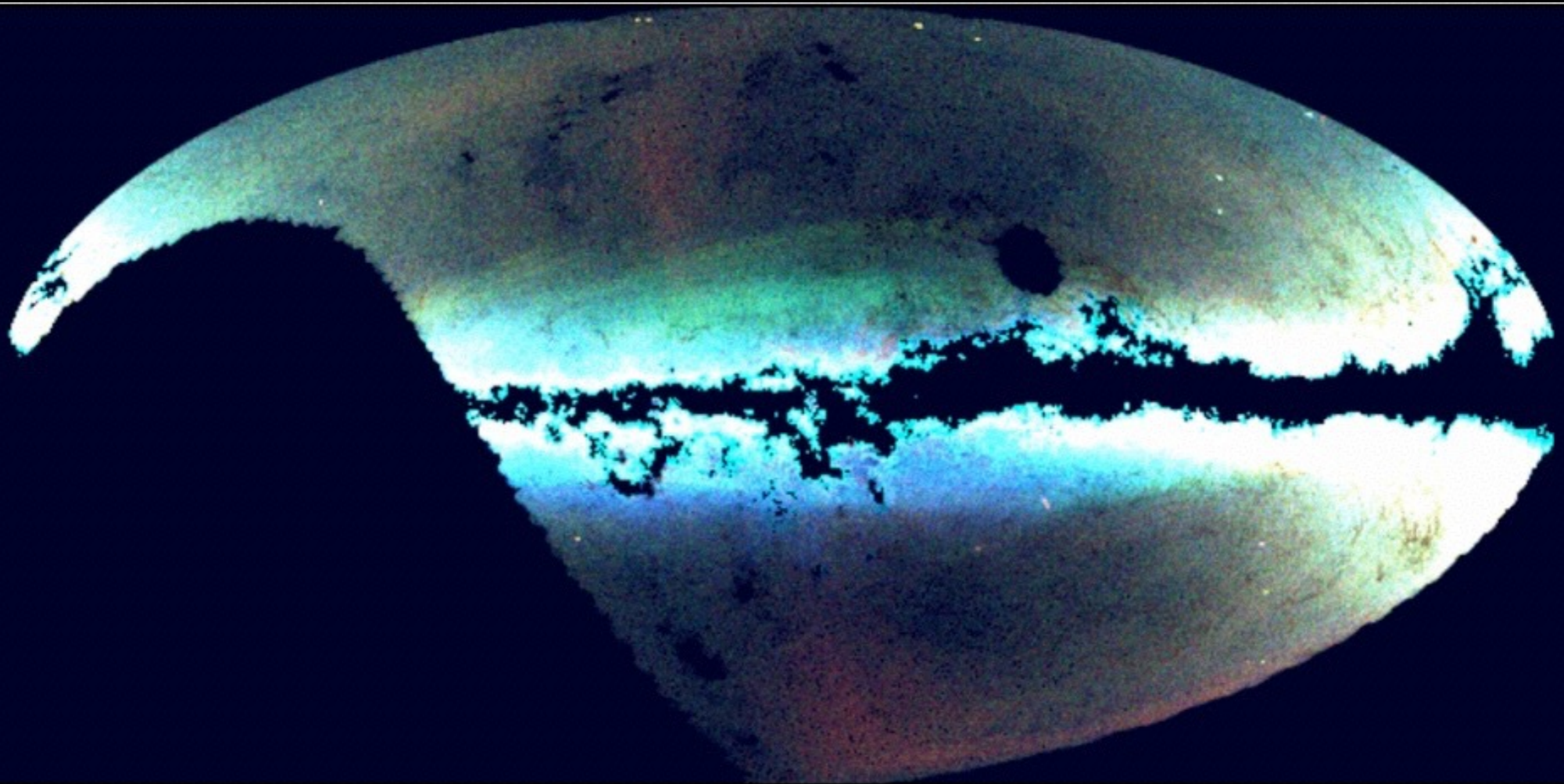


Dragonfly (37 hours)



Planck 857 GHz

The Galactic anti-centre as seen by PanSTARRS1



7.6 Background

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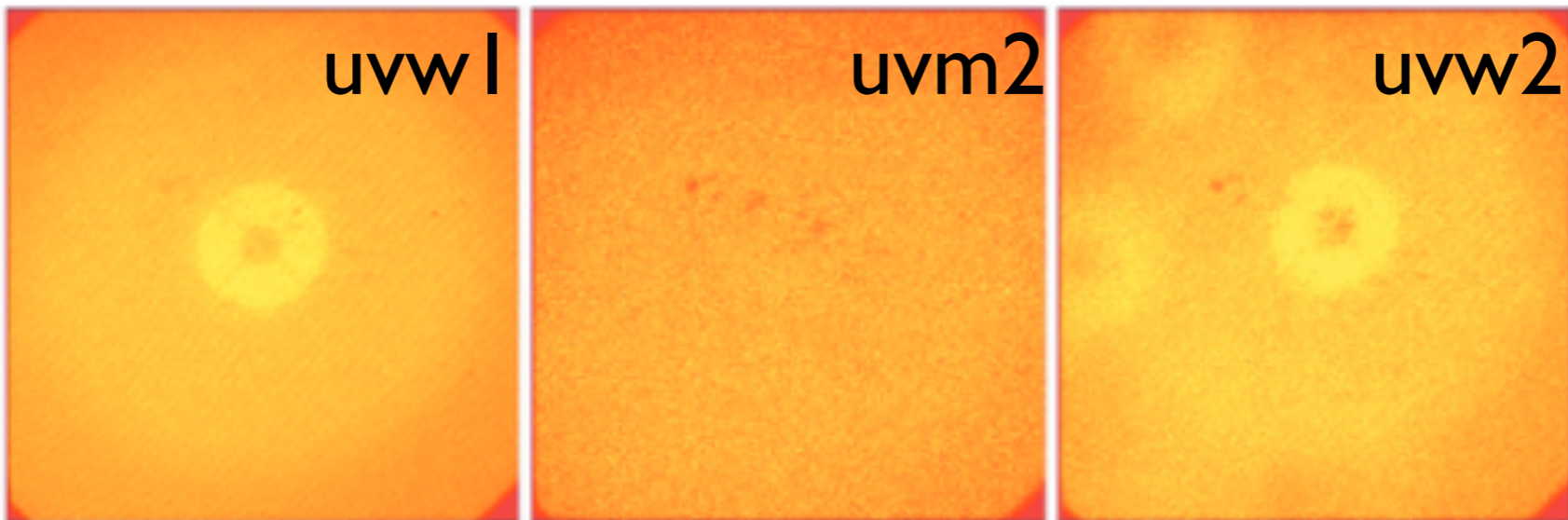
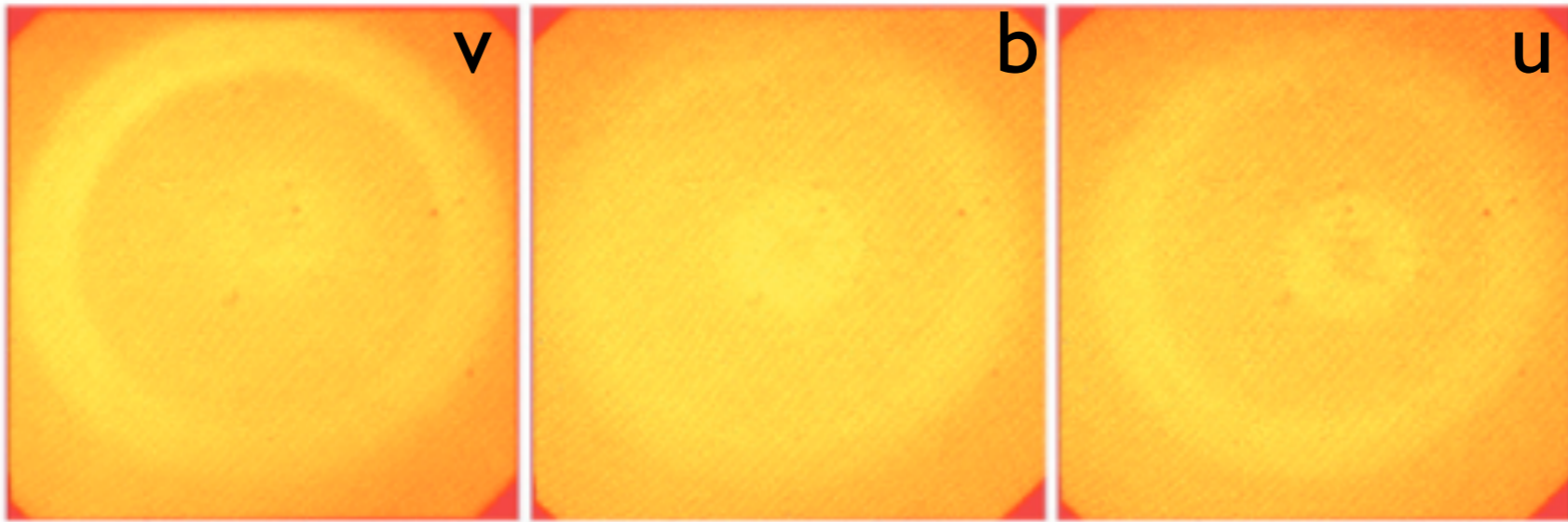
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The FOC suffers from various types of background, the most important of which are thermal electrons, Cerenkov radiation from high energy particles, geocoronal emission lines, zodiacal light, and light scattered within HST from the bright Earth or Moon. Because the particle-induced background levels are essentially unpredictable, the FOC pipeline does not attempt to remove the background from a geometrically corrected and flatfielded image. In practice, most astronomical data analysis procedures derive the background locally as needed, so pipeline background removal is unnecessary.

The levels, spatial distribution, and time variation of the principal sources of background are discussed below to help you decide whether the background on your images might be astronomically interesting or is merely an instrumental effect. For a more thorough discussion, see the *FOC Instrument Handbook*.

7.6.1 Detector Background

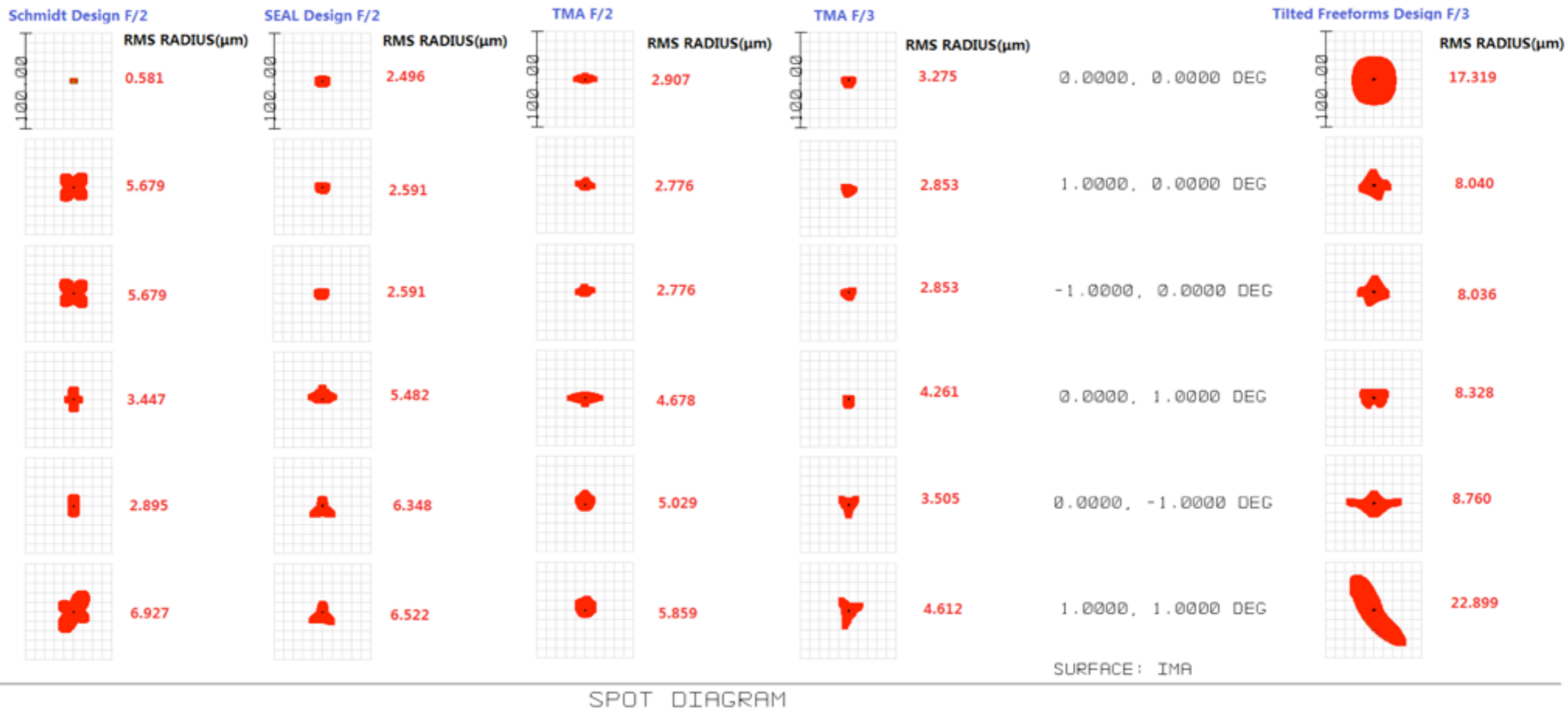
The detector background arises primarily from thermal electrons at the first photocathode and high energy particles. The dark current due to thermal electrons is rather lower than the particle-induced background, at approximately 2×10^{-4} counts/sec/pixel. This background source is likely uniform over the field and temporally stable and does not show the Reseau marks as dark holes. The particle-induced background is caused by high-energy electrons and protons which generate intense flashes of Cerenkov radiation as they pass through the photocathode window. The FOC's video processing unit (VPU) cannot distinguish the photons from these flashes from celestial photons, and so they appear as a background. The flux of these particles rises strongly over the South Atlantic Anomaly (SAA), but even well away from the SAA, they are the principal contributor to the background of most FOC images. For most of the useful orbit of HST, the particle-induced background is of the order of 7×10^{-4} counts sec⁻¹ pixel⁻¹ on the *f*/96 side, and $1-3 \times 10^{-3}$ on the *f*/48 channel. Upward fluctuations of these values are sometimes recorded. Because the particle-induced background generates photons, its spatial distribution looks like a flatfield, except the shadows at the edges of the field caused by obstructions in the FOC beam between the aperture plate and the photocathode are not present. The Reseau marks are between the photocathode faceplate where the Cerenkov radiation originates and the photocathode, so they will show up in exposures dominated by such backgrounds.

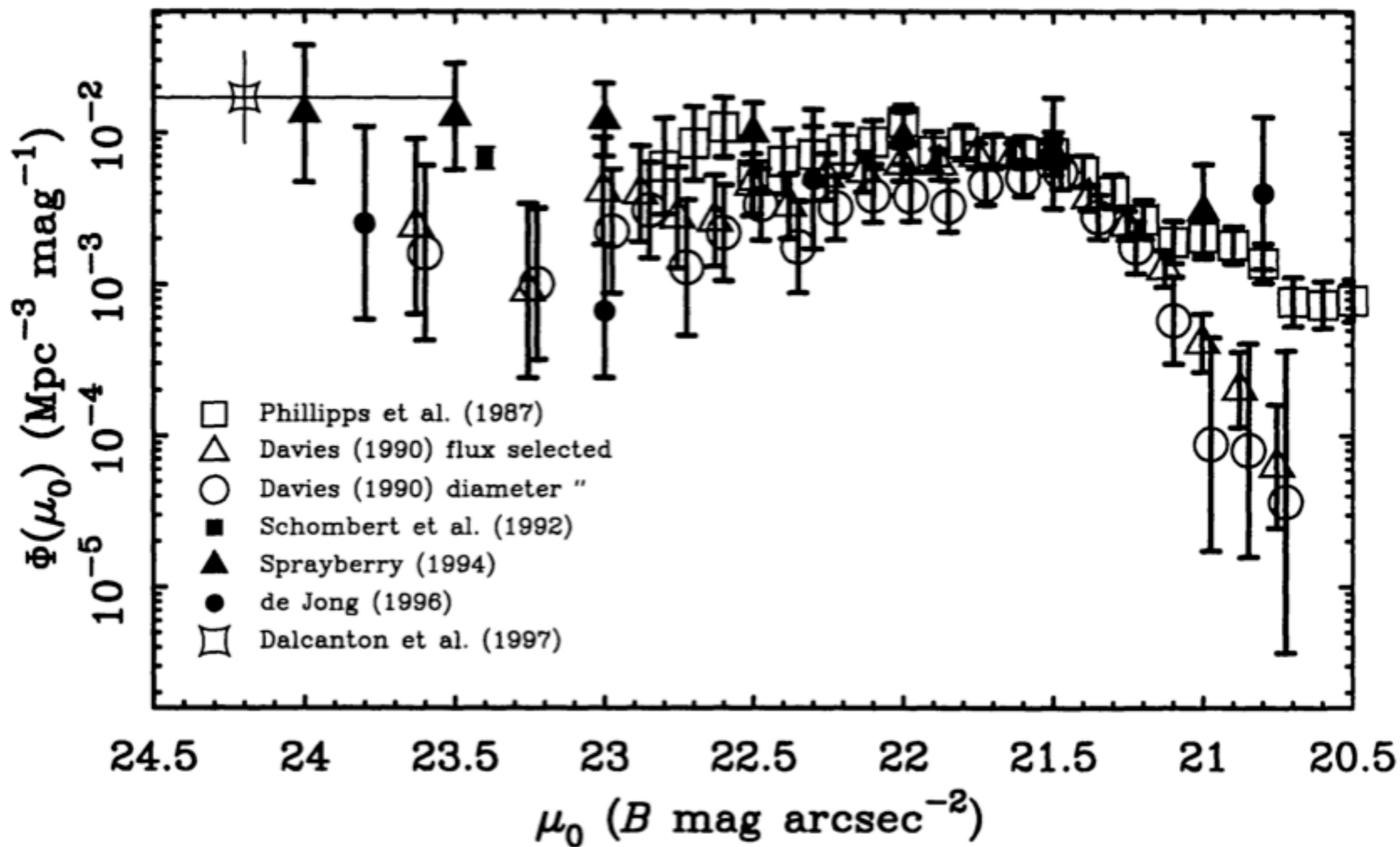


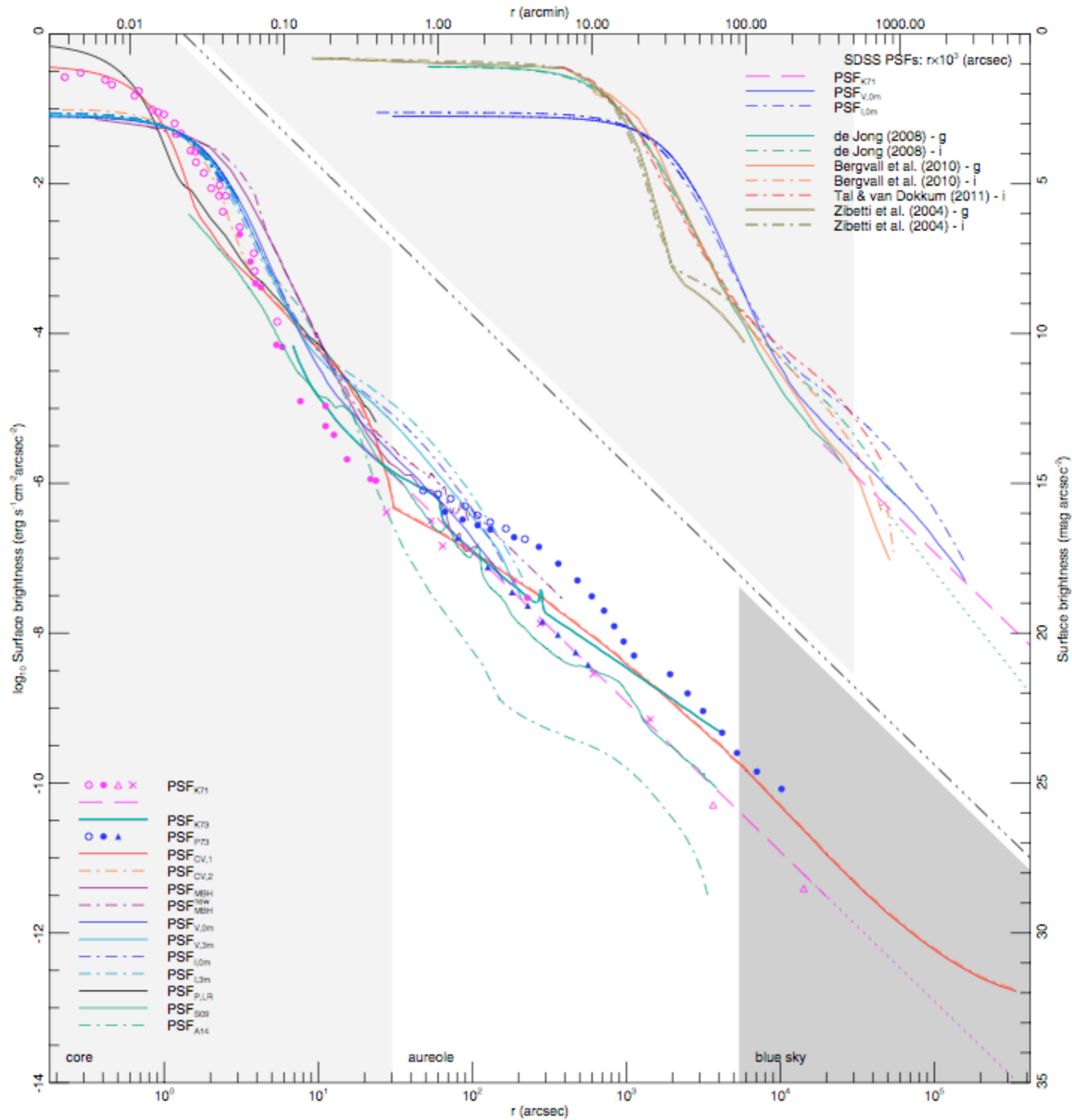
UVOT
scattered light

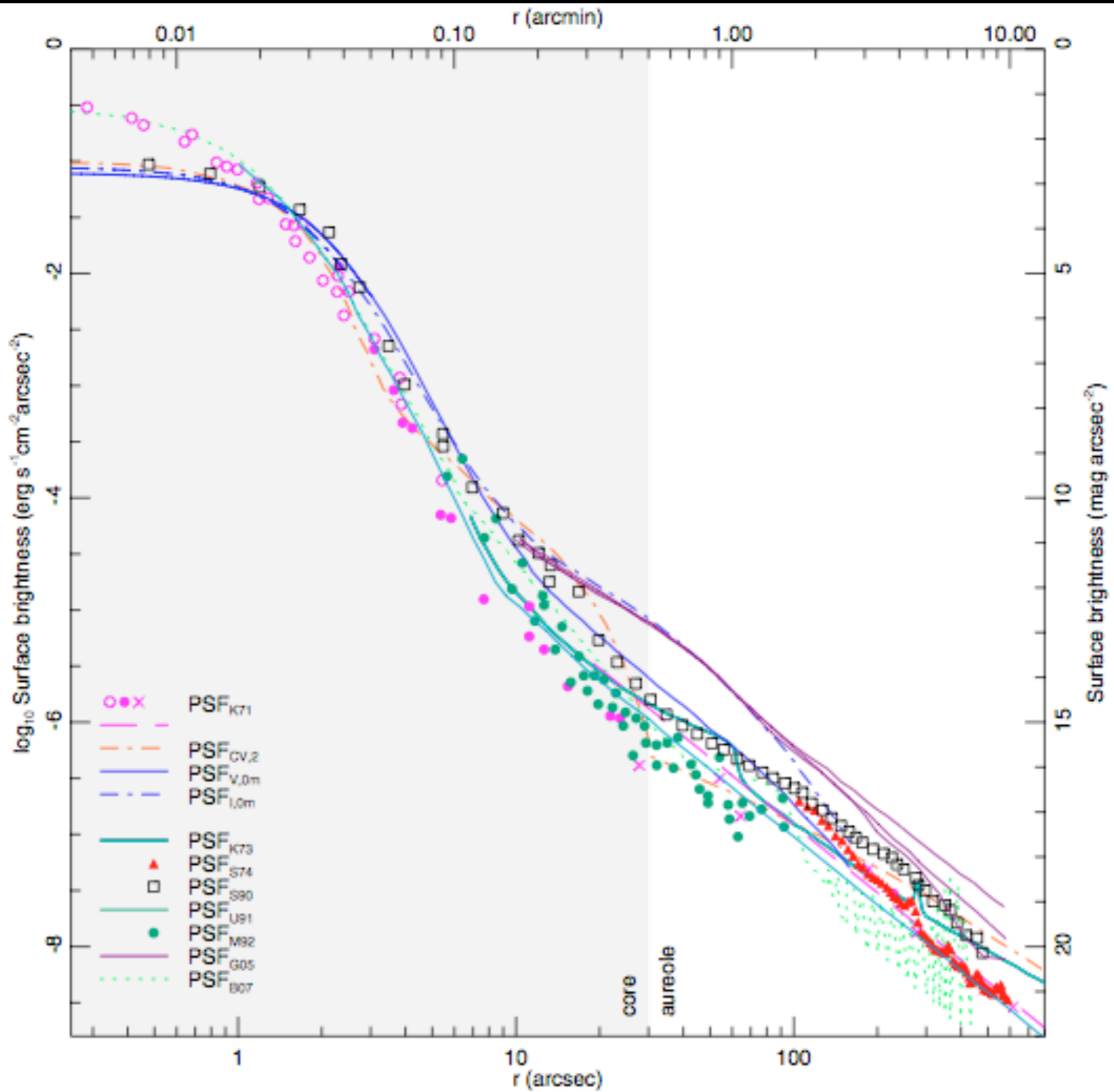


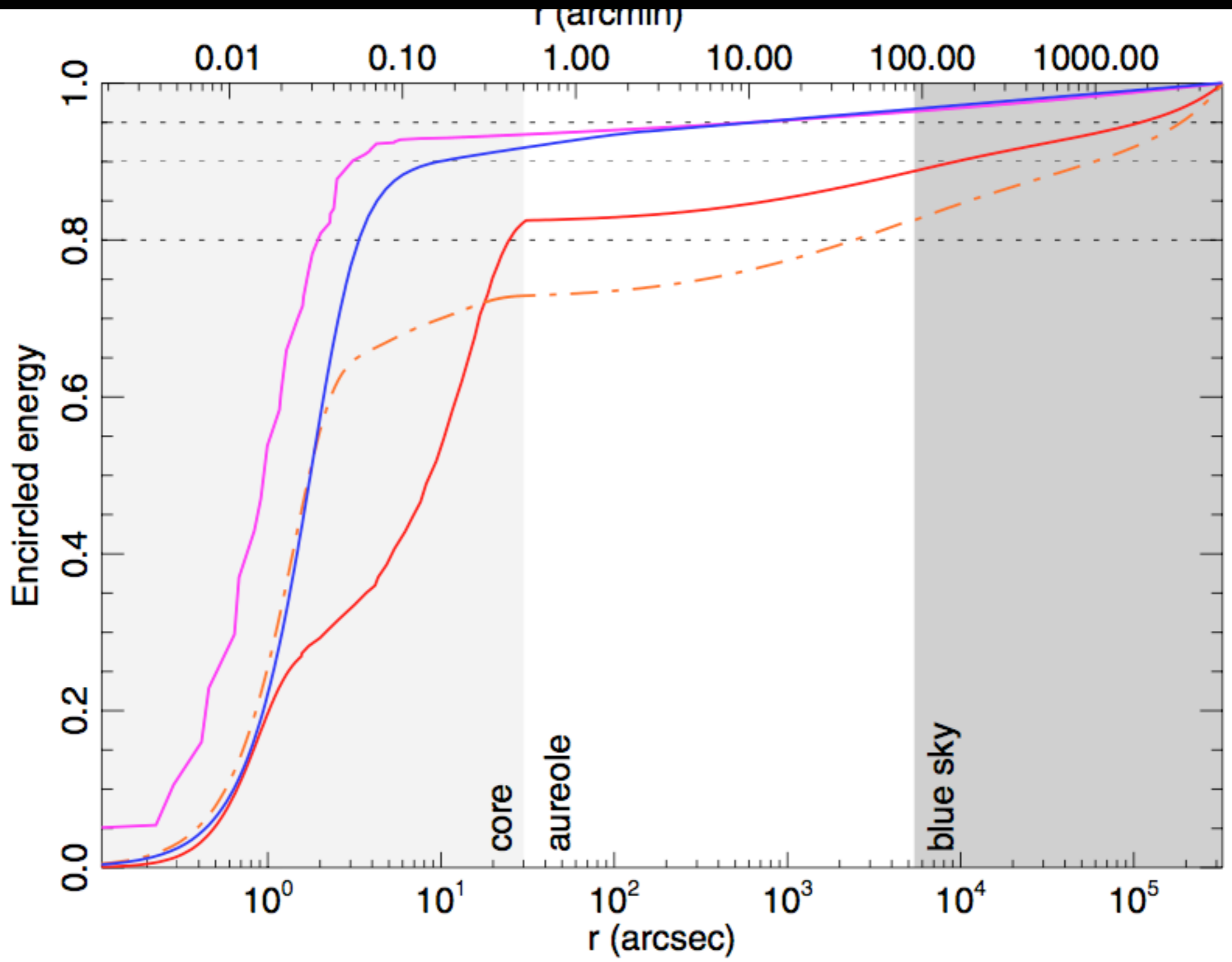
Comparison of optical designs











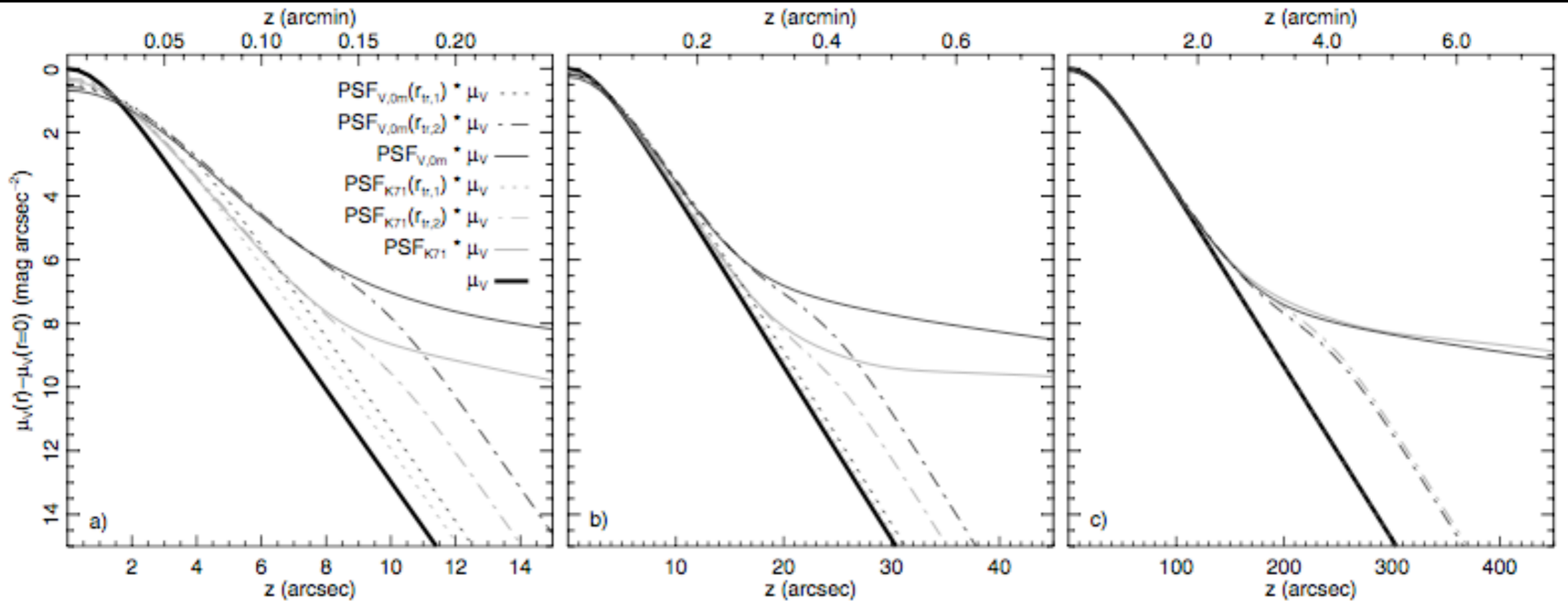


Fig. 5. Vertical-axis surface-brightness profiles that illustrate effects of radial truncation of PSF_{K71} and $\text{PSF}_{\text{V,0m}}$ in example models. The three panels show: **a)** a small edge-on galaxy, **b)** an edge-on galaxy of intermediate size, and **c)** a large edge-on galaxy. In each panel, the disc-galaxy model profile is drawn with a thick solid black line, and model profiles that were convolved with $\text{PSF}_{\text{V,0m}}$ (PSF_{K71}) are drawn with thin black (grey) lines. The profile of the model that is convolved with the complete PSF is drawn with a thin solid line. Profiles are also shown where each PSF was truncated at $r_{\text{tr},1}$ ($r_{\text{tr},2}$) with a dotted line (dash-dotted line) in each panel; **a)** $r_{\text{tr},1} = 4''$ and $r_{\text{tr},2} = 10''$; **b)** $r_{\text{tr},1} = 10''$ and $r_{\text{tr},2} = 25''$; **c)** $r_{\text{tr},1} = 10''$ (lines fall on top of the model line and are not visible) and $r_{\text{tr},2} = 250''$ (Table 3).

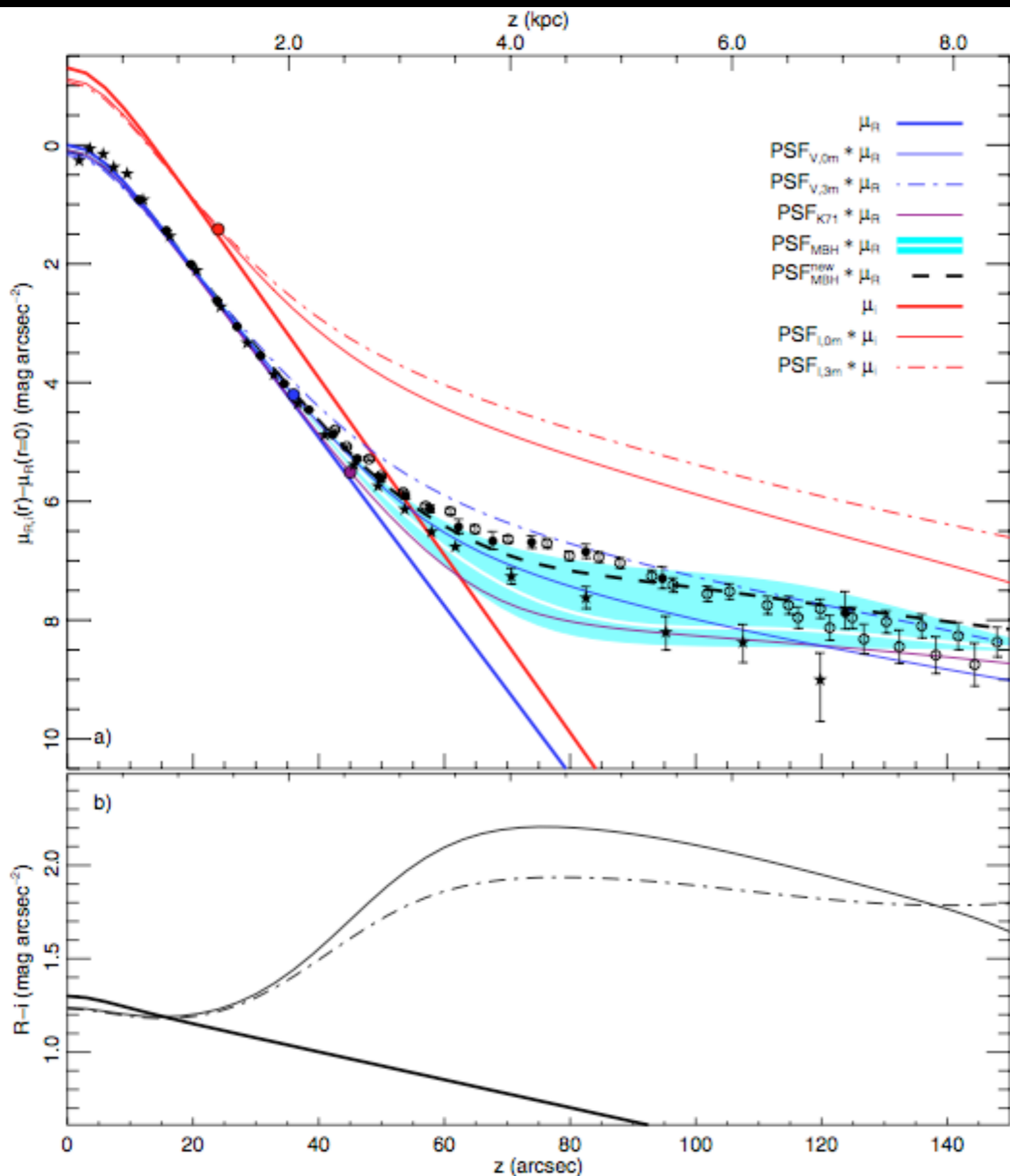
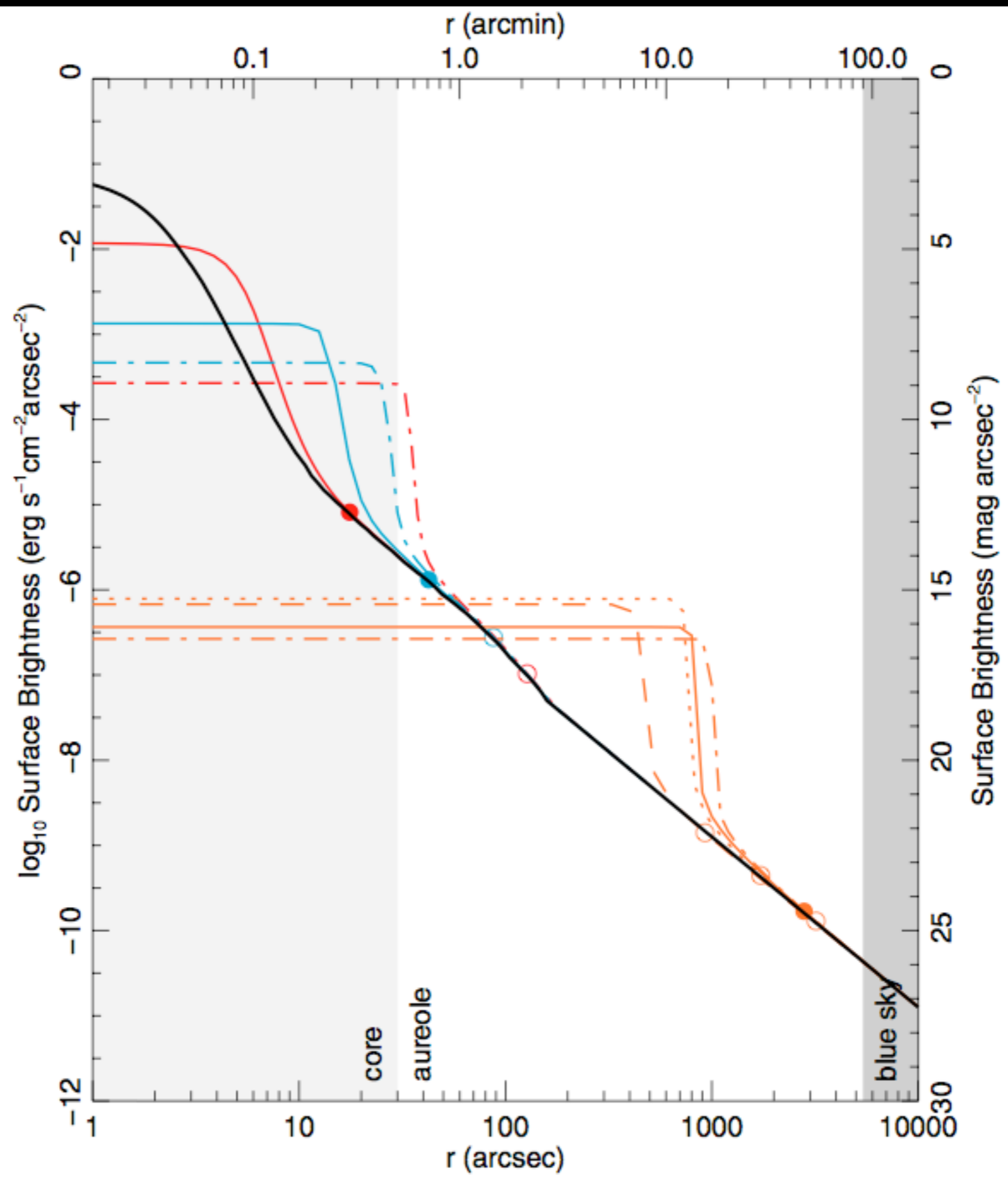
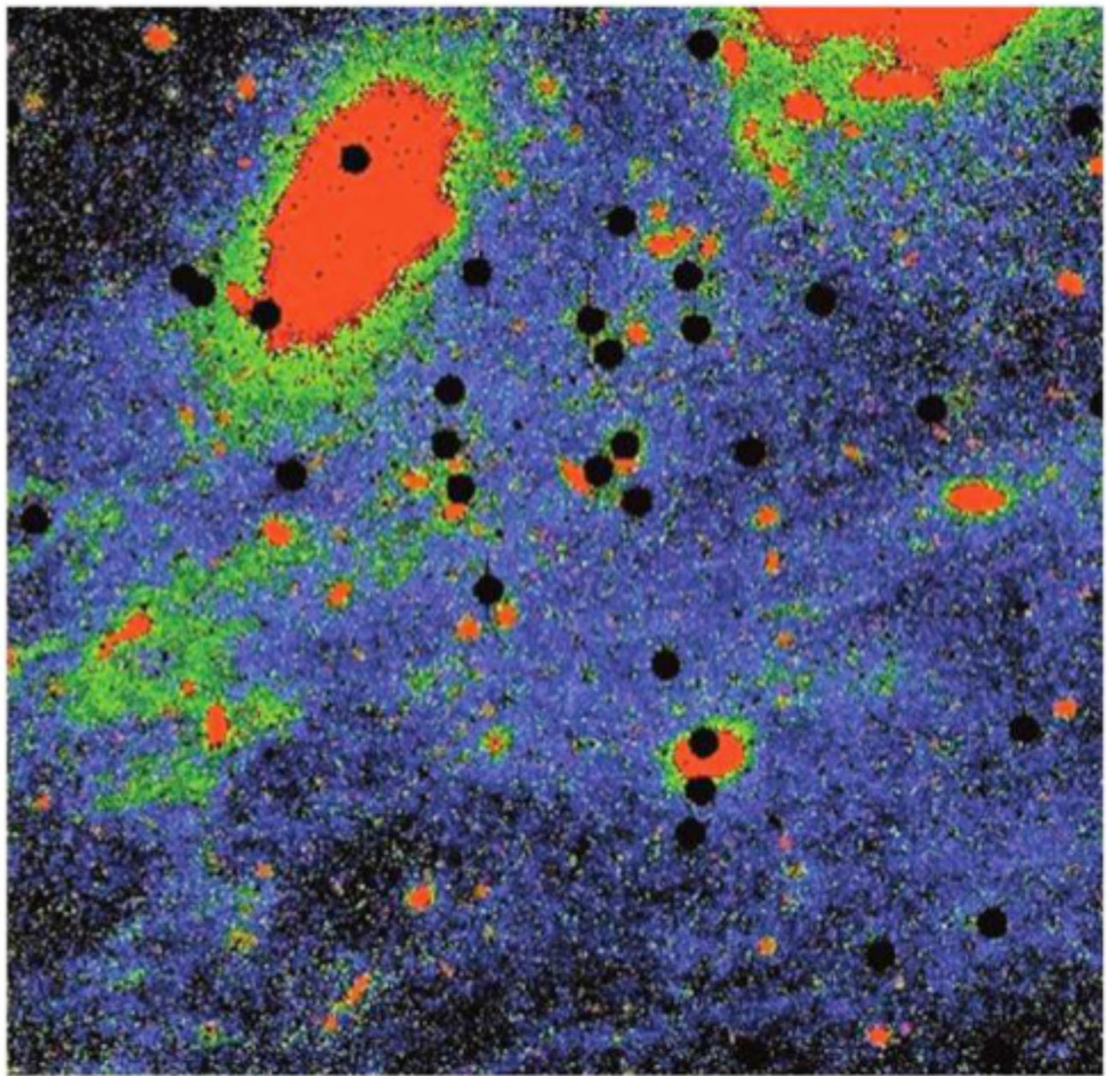
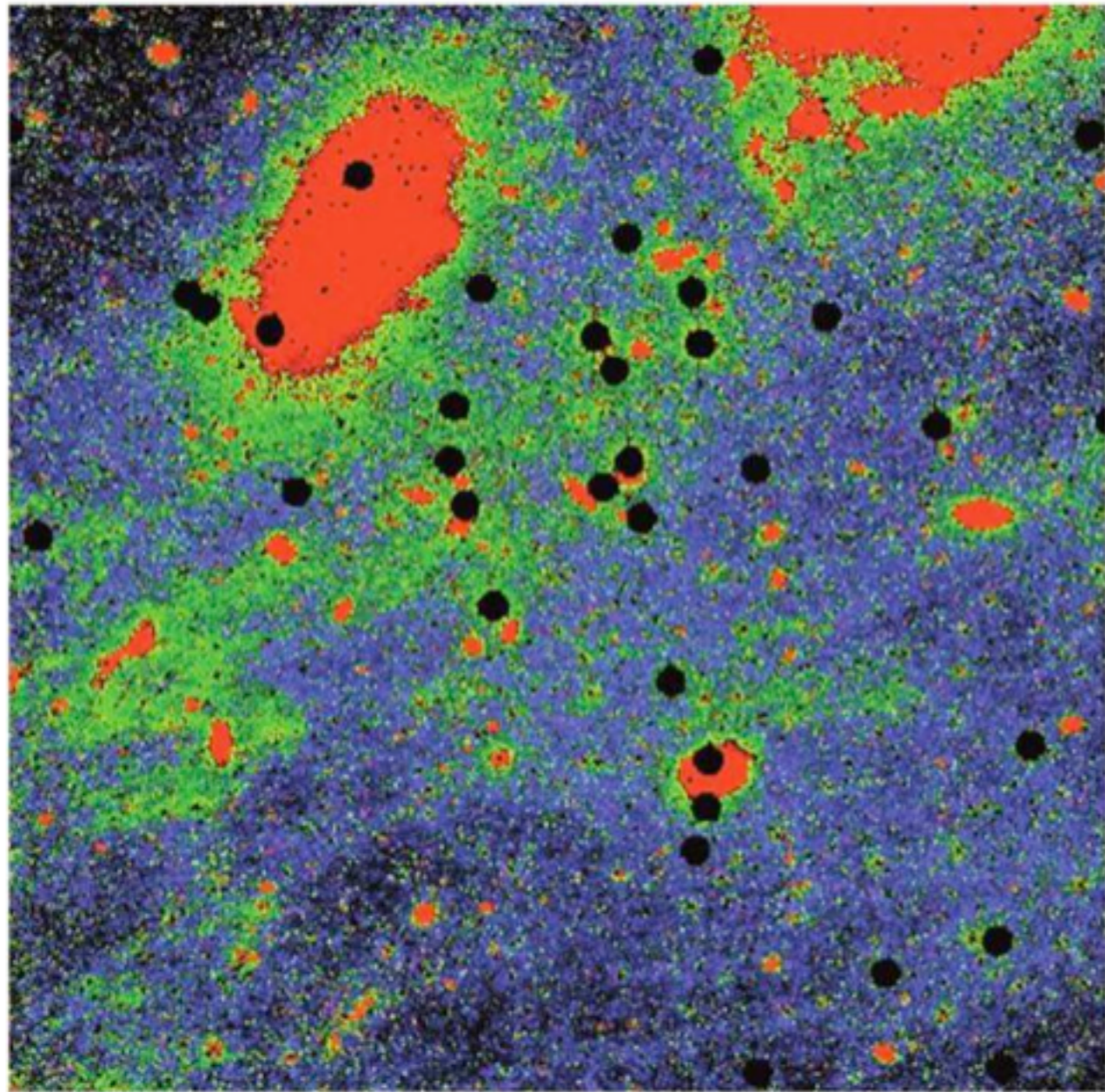
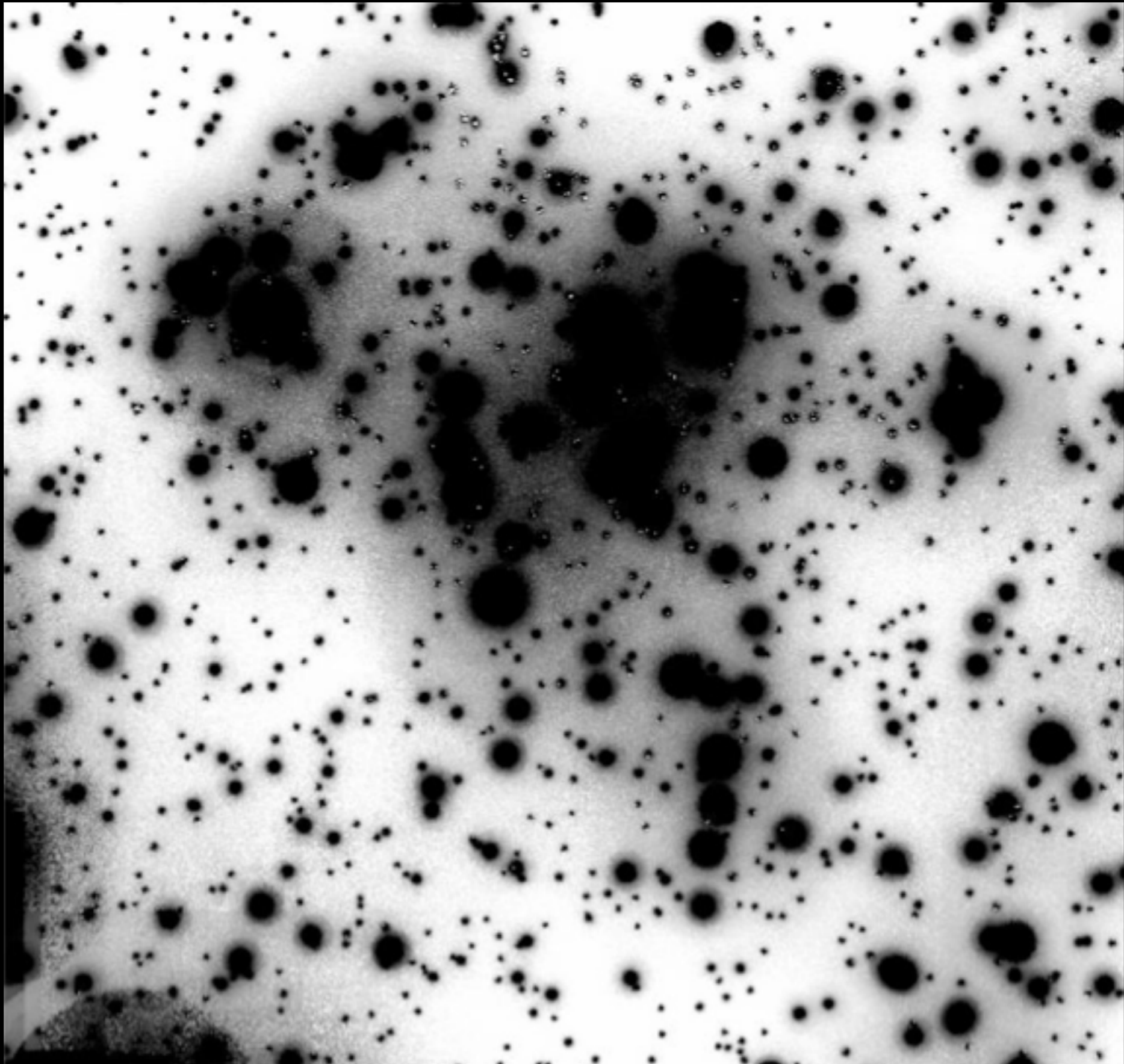


Fig. 6. Vertical-axis R -band and i -band surface-brightness profiles versus the vertical distance z of models and measurements of the edge-on galaxy NGC 5907. **a)** Blue and purple lines show R -band profiles, and red lines i -band profiles. Model profiles are drawn with thick solid lines. Solid (dash-dotted) lines are profiles of convolved models using PSF $_{V,0m}$ and PSF $_{i,0m}$ (PSF $_{V,3m}$ and PSF $_{i,3m}$), the purple line used PSF $_{K71}$. Three different symbols and error bars show measured values: \bullet R band (Sackett et al. 1994; MBH94), \star V band (LFD96), and from profiles on both sides of the disc \circ 6660 Å band (ZSS99). The R -band model was convolved with the measured PSF $_{MBH}$ (including lower and upper errors) to produce the white line (cyan-coloured region). The lower limiting radius r_{110} – where the convolved models using PSF $_{V,0m}$, PSF $_{i,0m}$, and PSF $_{K71}$ lie ≥ 10 per cent above the input model – is marked with a coloured bullet with a black border. **b)** Three colour profiles $R - i$ are shown for: the model (thick solid line), the convolved model using PSF $_{V,0m}$ and PSF $_{i,0m}$ (solid line), and the convolved model using PSF $_{V,3m}$ and PSF $_{i,3m}$ (dash-dotted line).

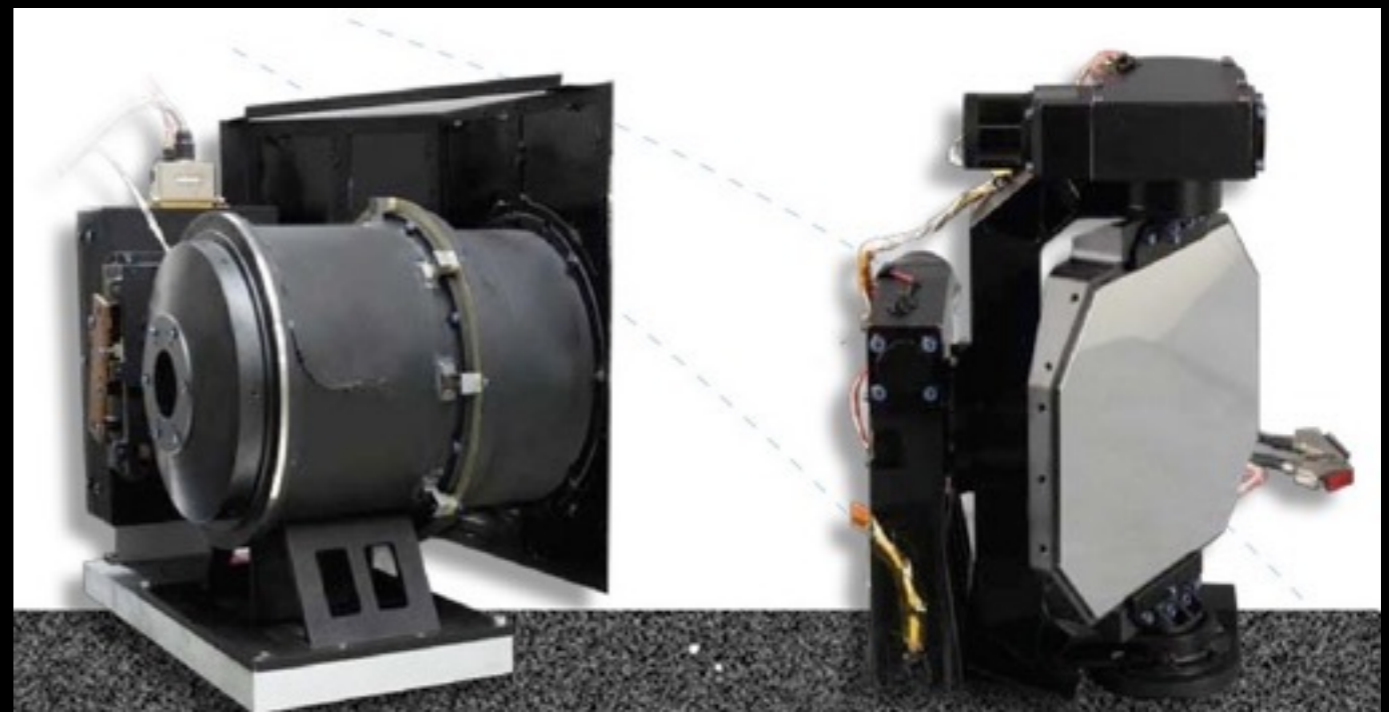
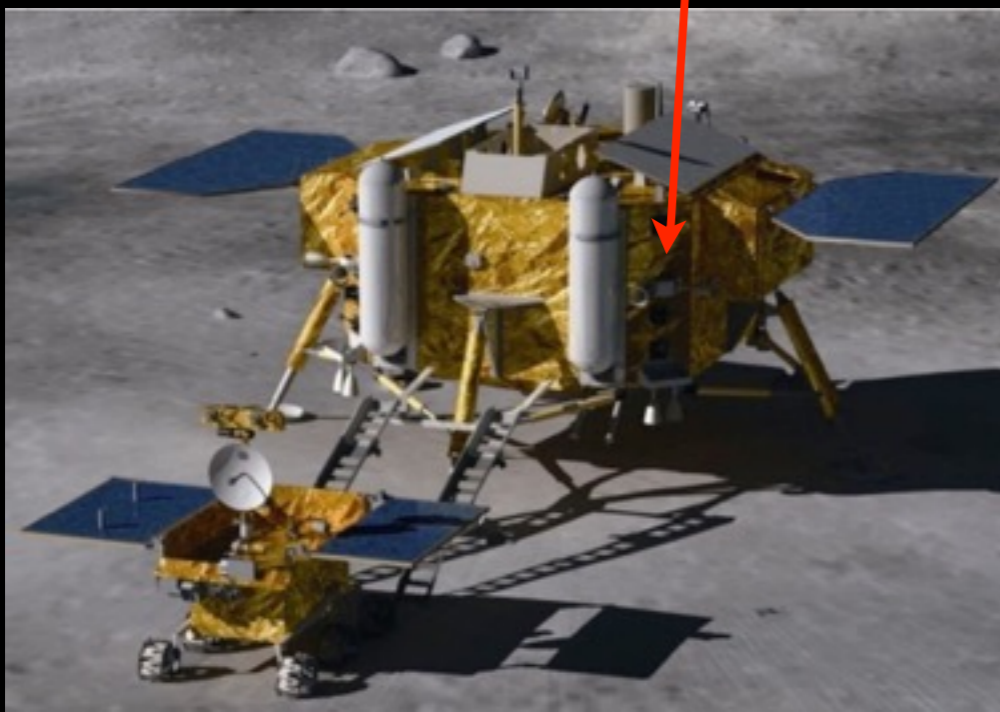




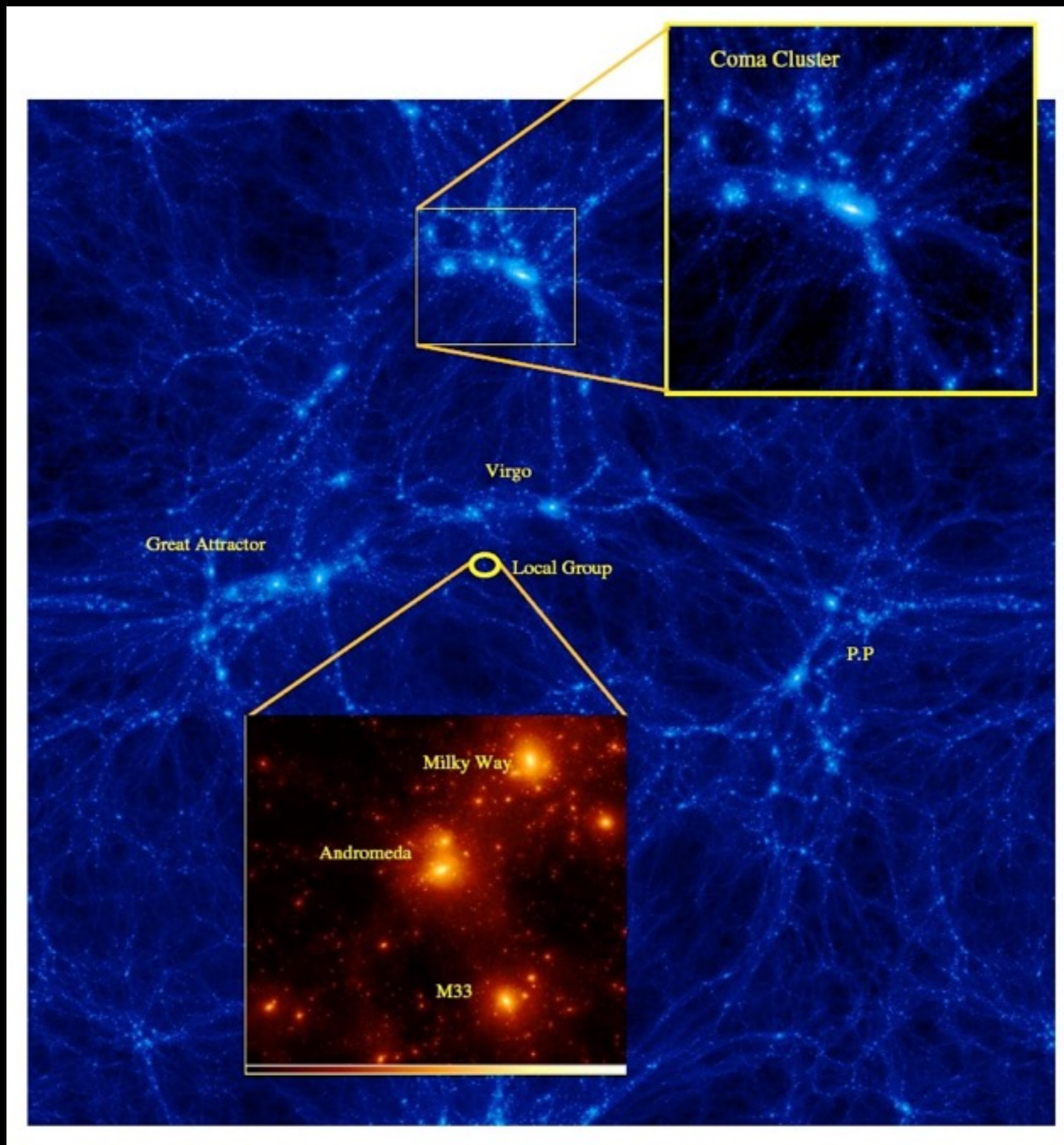


Contributions by China to MESSIER

- ✓ Innovative optical design of the off-axis $f/2$ TMA telescope
Marseille + Shanghai SITP
- ✓ Large community working in cosmology / galaxy evolution
ample scope for science and technology collaborations
- ✓ Expertise in UV instrumentation: Lunar-based UV Telescope
NAOC: LUT @ Chang'e 3 150mm RC 245-340 nm

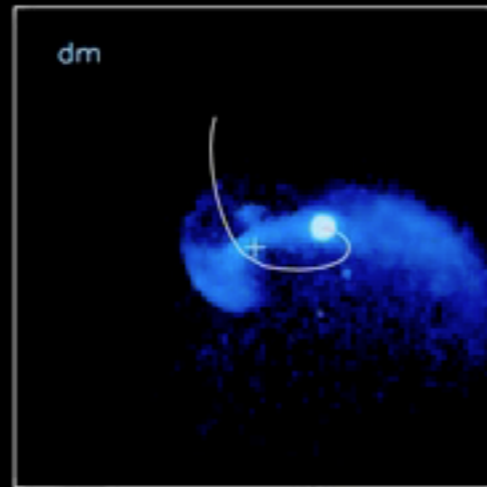


Cosmological simulations: extraction of Local Group candidates

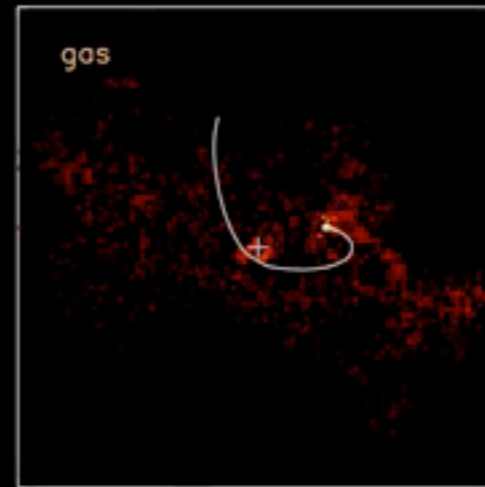


Hierarchical formation through accretion of dark matter haloes

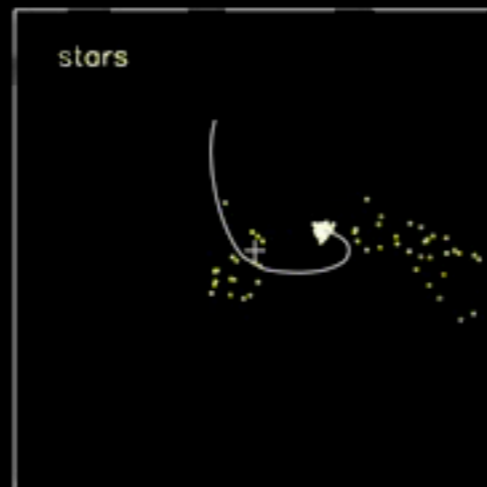
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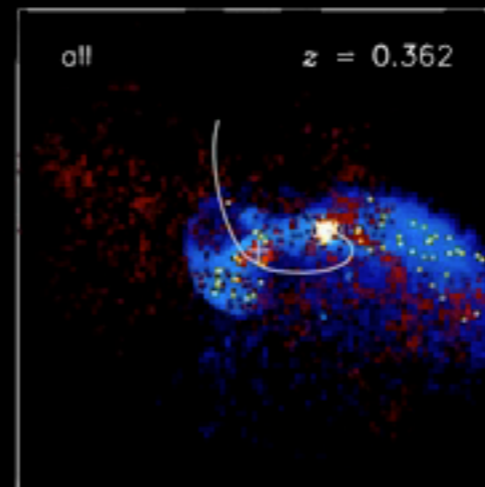
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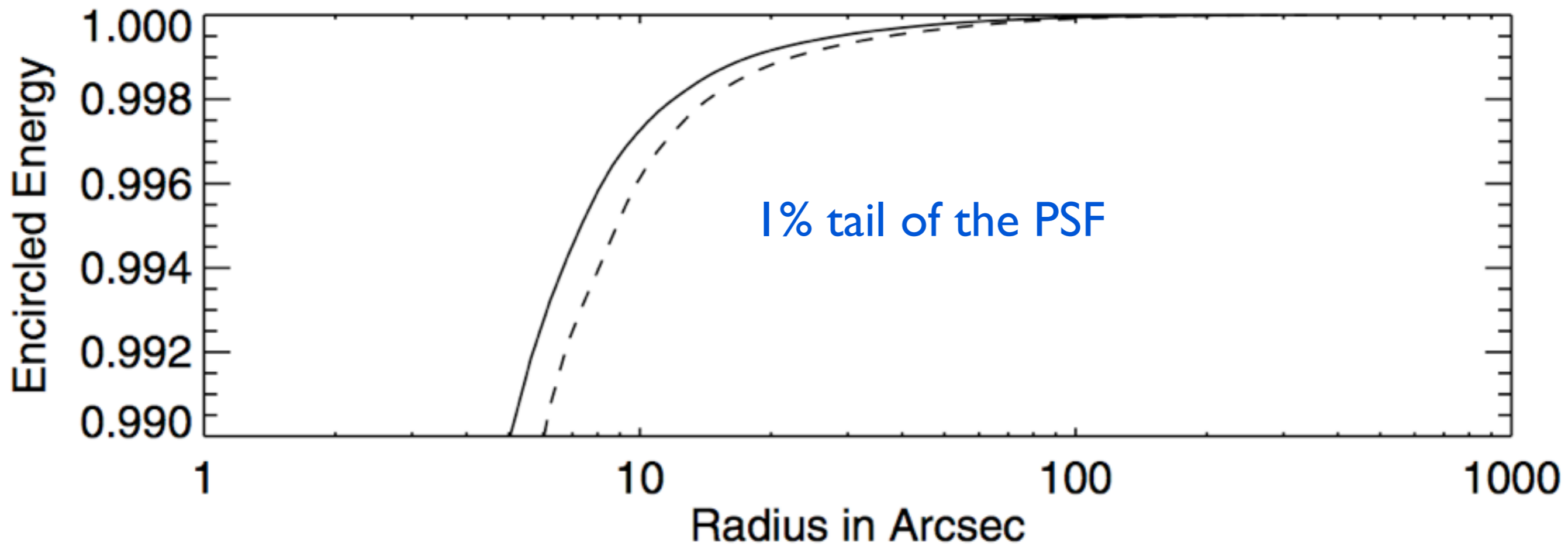
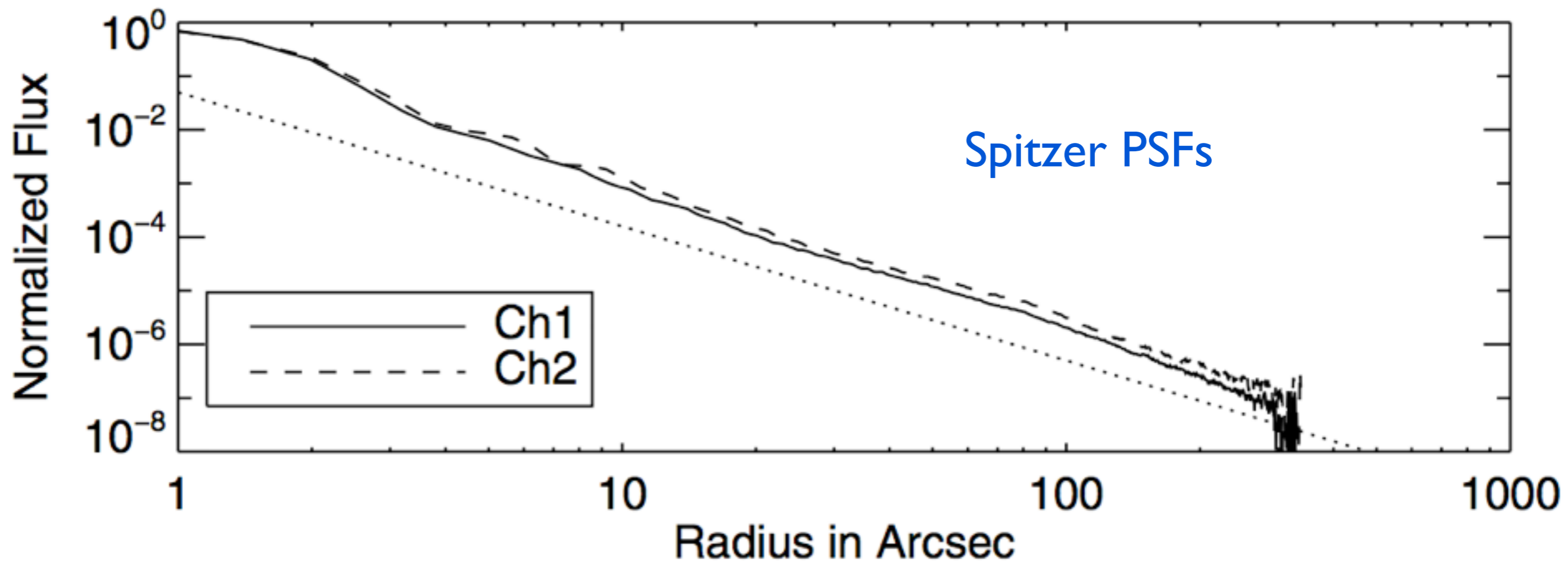
Stars



CDM+gas+stars



Zoom on M33 in a Local Group constrained simulation 4096^3 WMAP3 CLUES



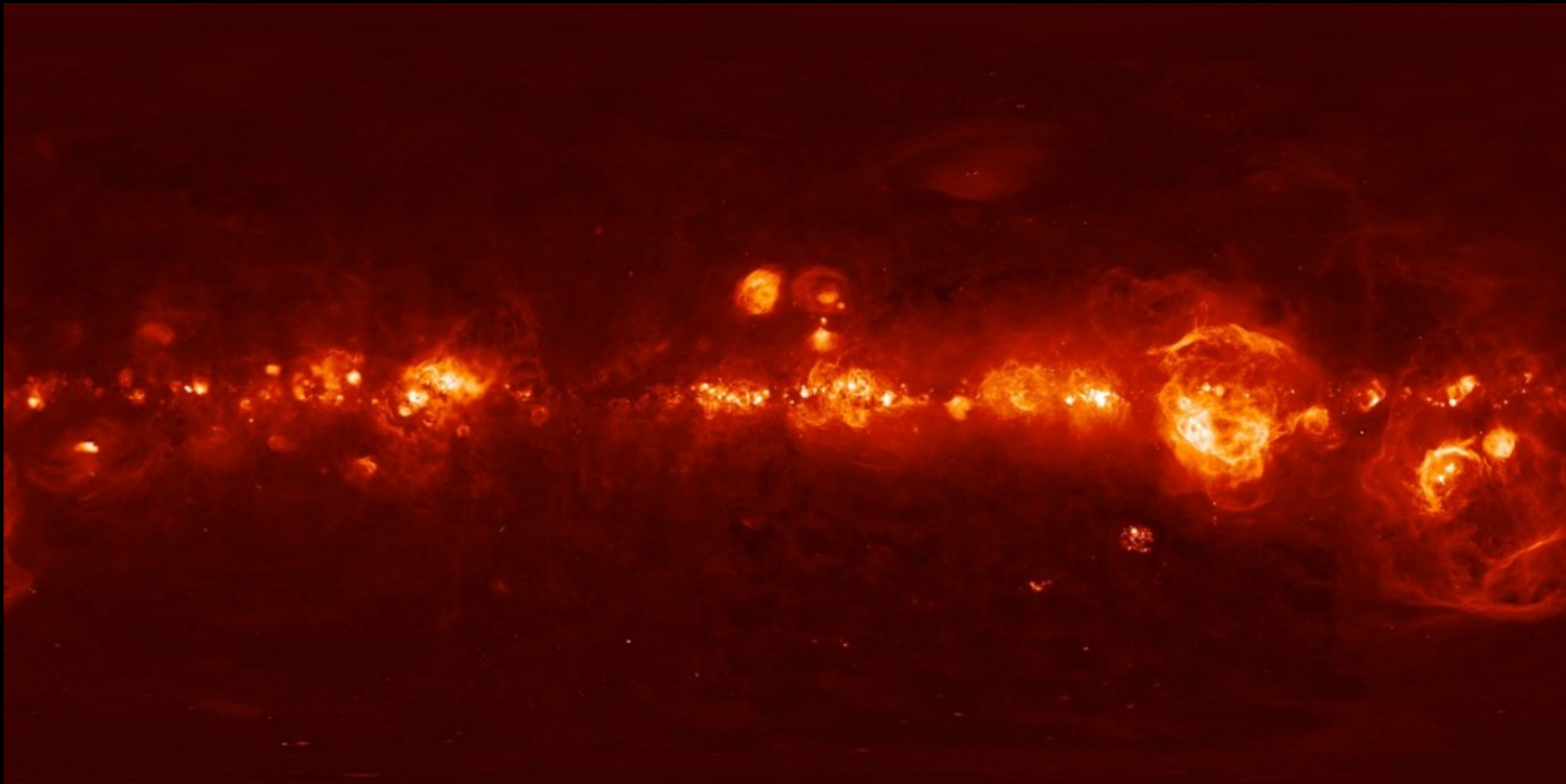
Absolute limits to the surface brightness of galaxies

Scattering of stellar light by dust grains associated with HI

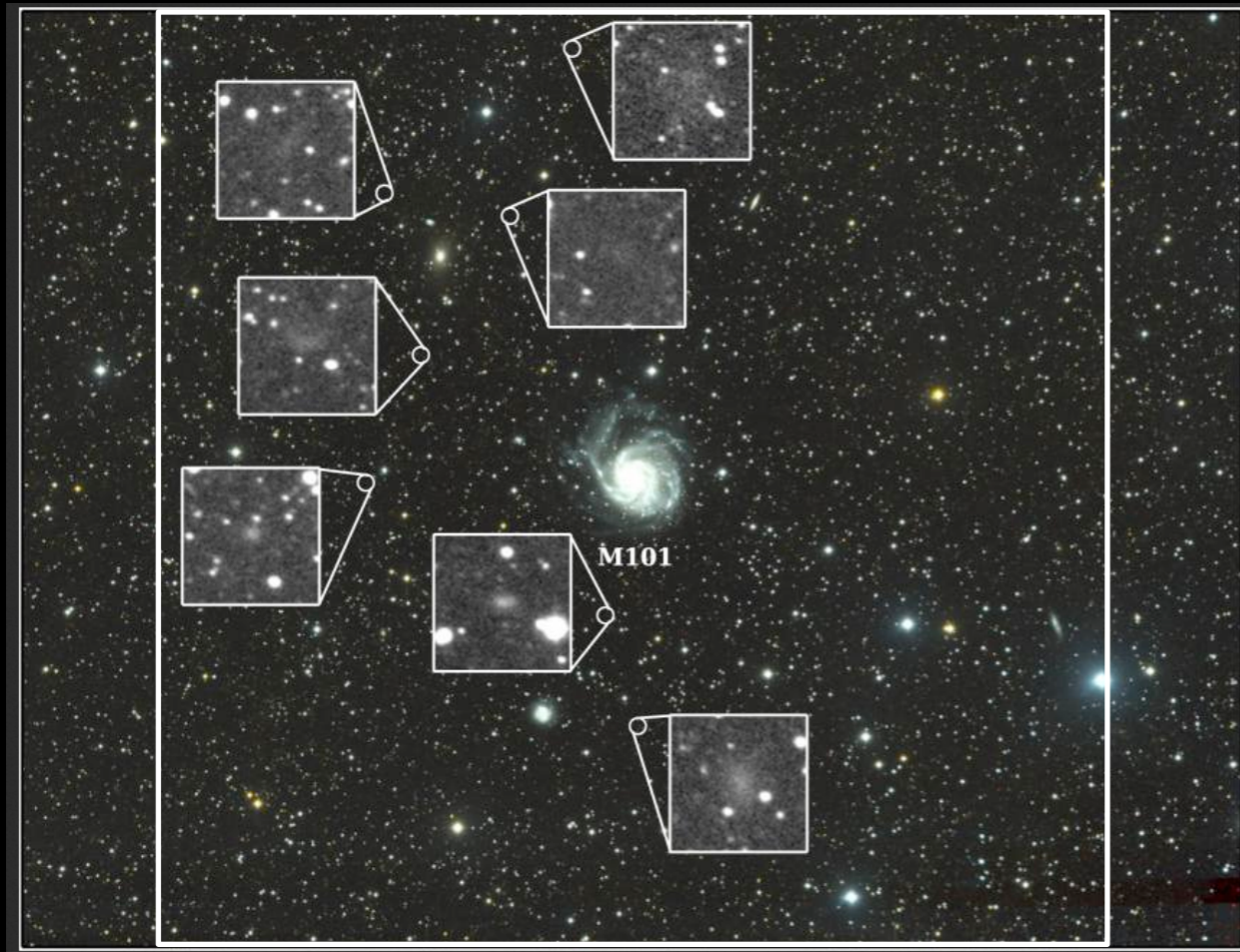
$$I_\nu = \frac{L_\nu}{4\pi r^2} \frac{N_{\text{HI}}}{\cos i} \sum_j \frac{n_j}{n_{\text{H}}} \left(\frac{d\sigma_\lambda}{d\Omega} \right)_j$$

$$\frac{I_\nu}{29 \text{ mag arcsec}^{-2}} = \frac{1}{\cos i} \left(\frac{r/D}{\text{arcsec}} \right)^{-2} \left(\frac{N_{\text{HI}}}{10^{18} \text{ cm}^{-2}} \right) \left(\frac{F_X(\lambda, \theta_s)}{10^{-24} \text{ cm}^2 \text{ sr}^{-1}} \right) 10^{0.4(14 - m_{\text{gal}})}$$

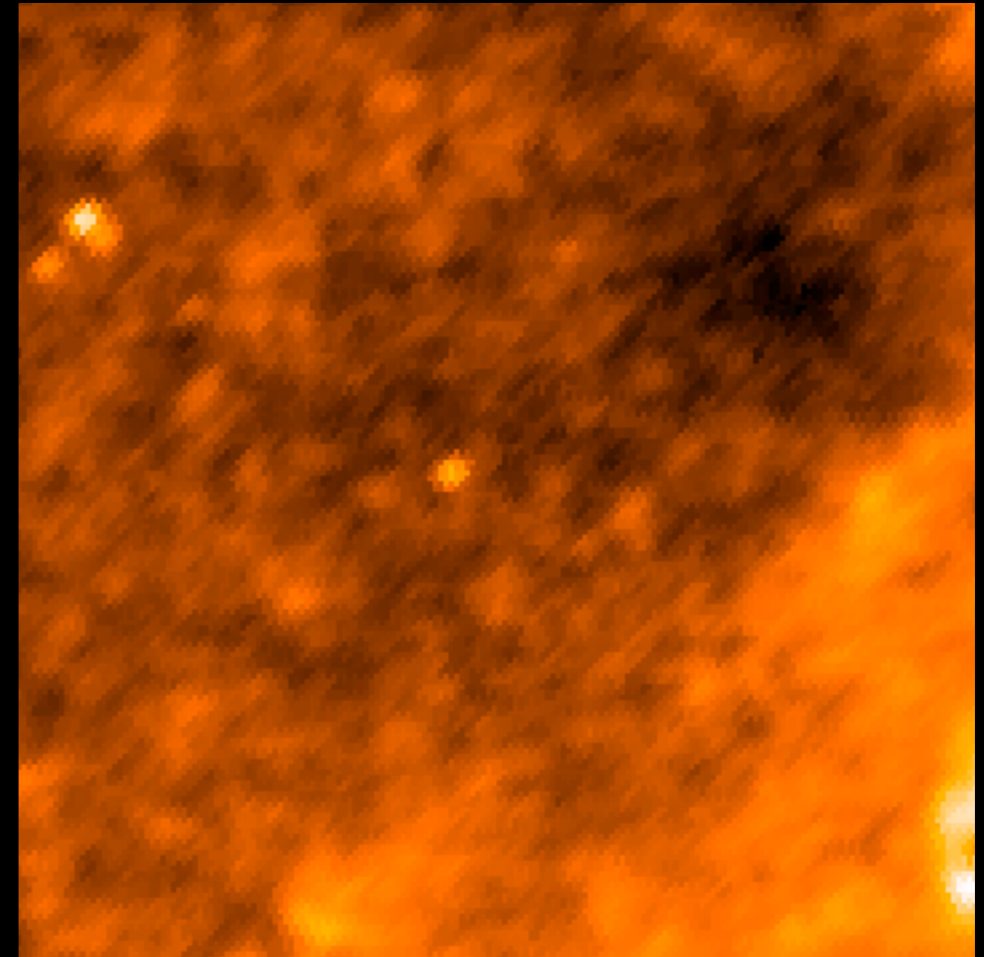
All-sky [local $v < 100$ km/s] H α map (for free-free templates)



Non detection of optical emission from IR cirri in M101 ?

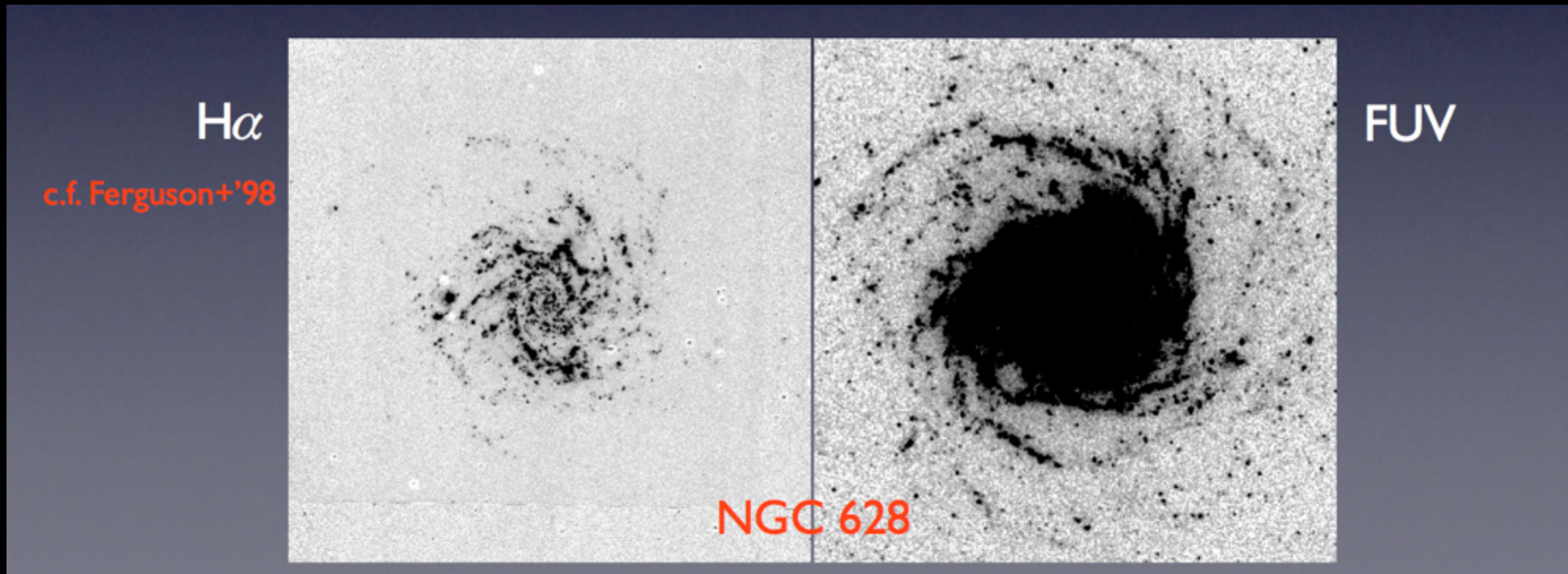


Dragonfly 35 hours



Planck 857 GHz

The importance of UV channels for galaxy evolution

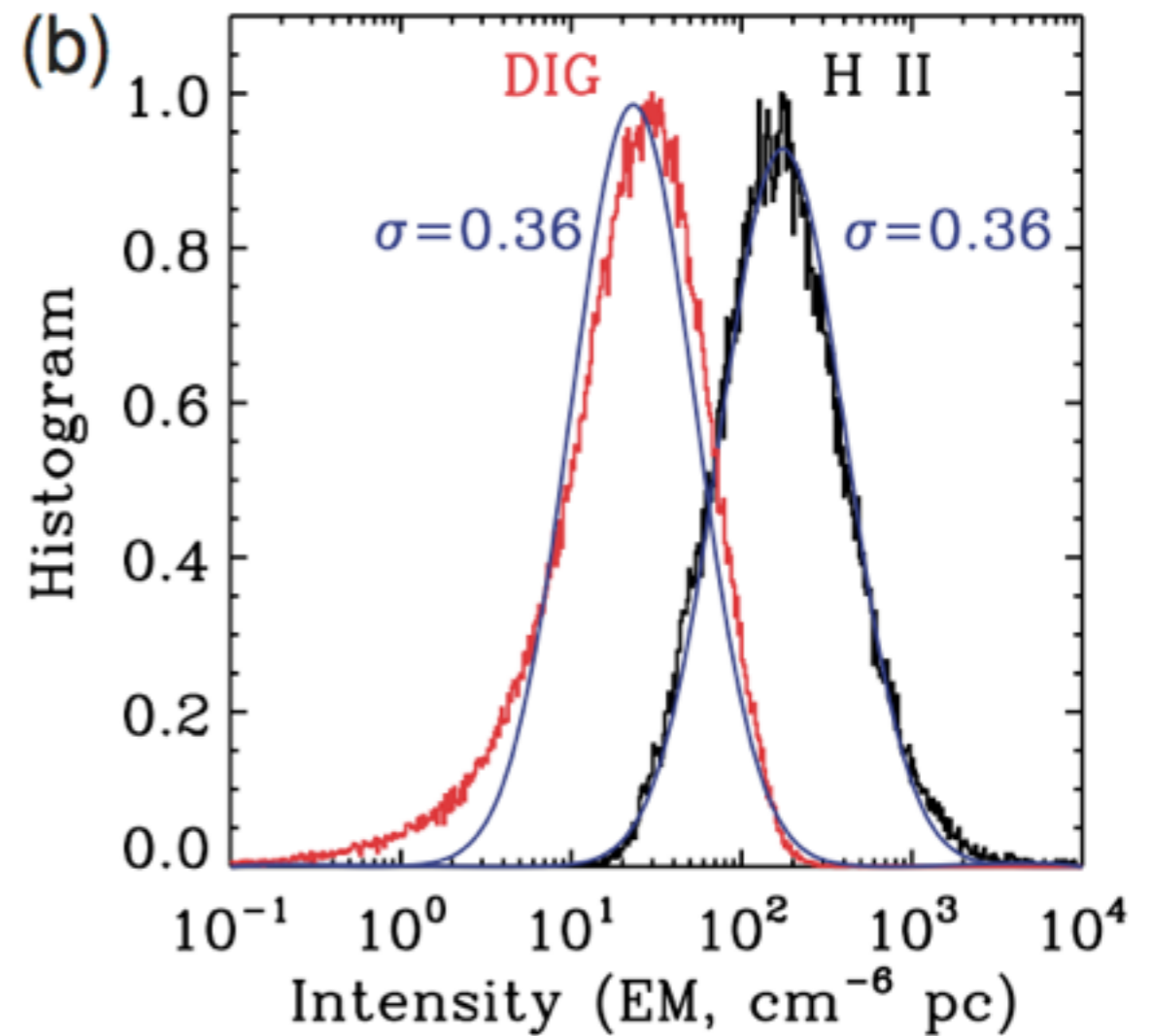
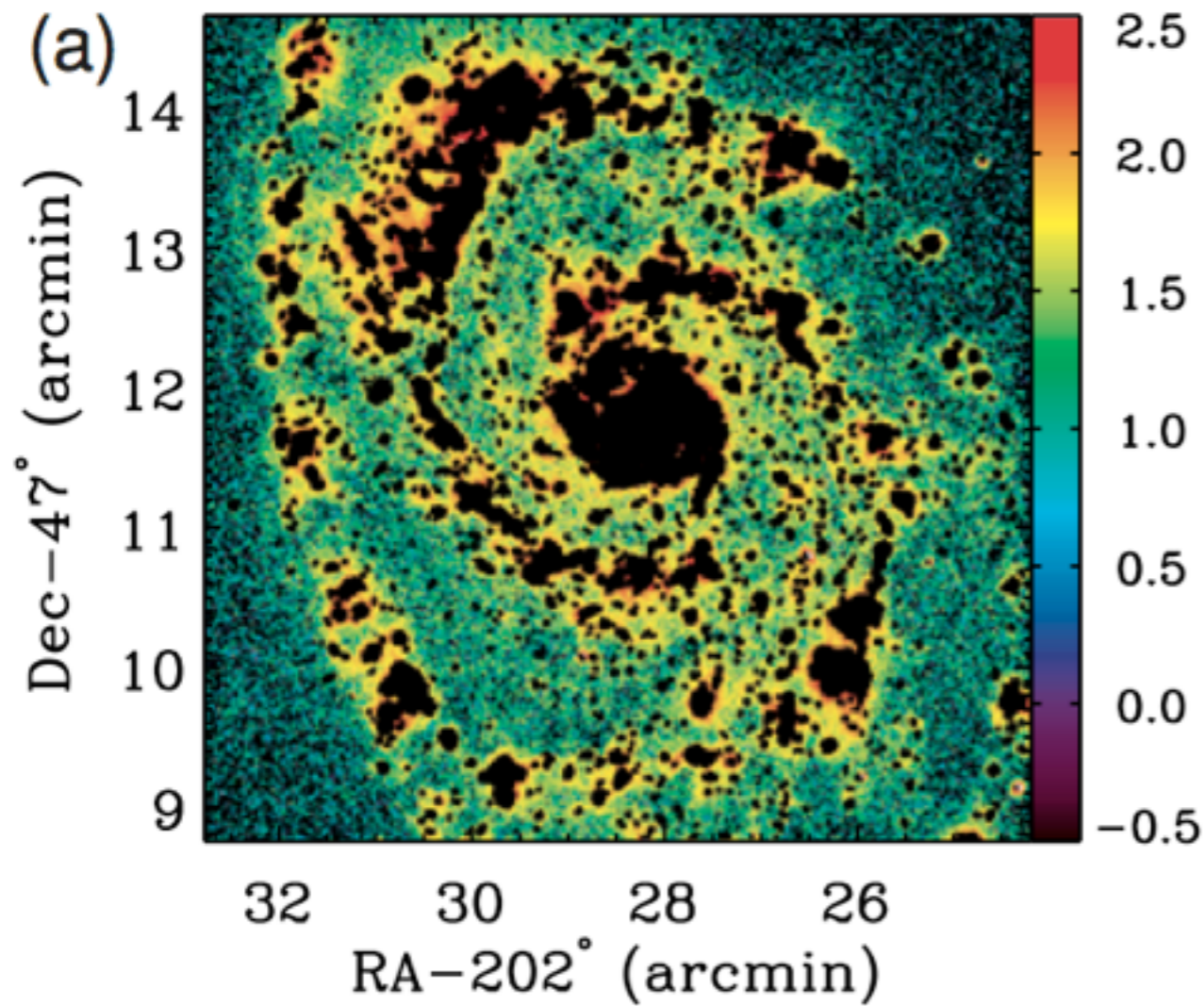


Outer, low-density star formation activity

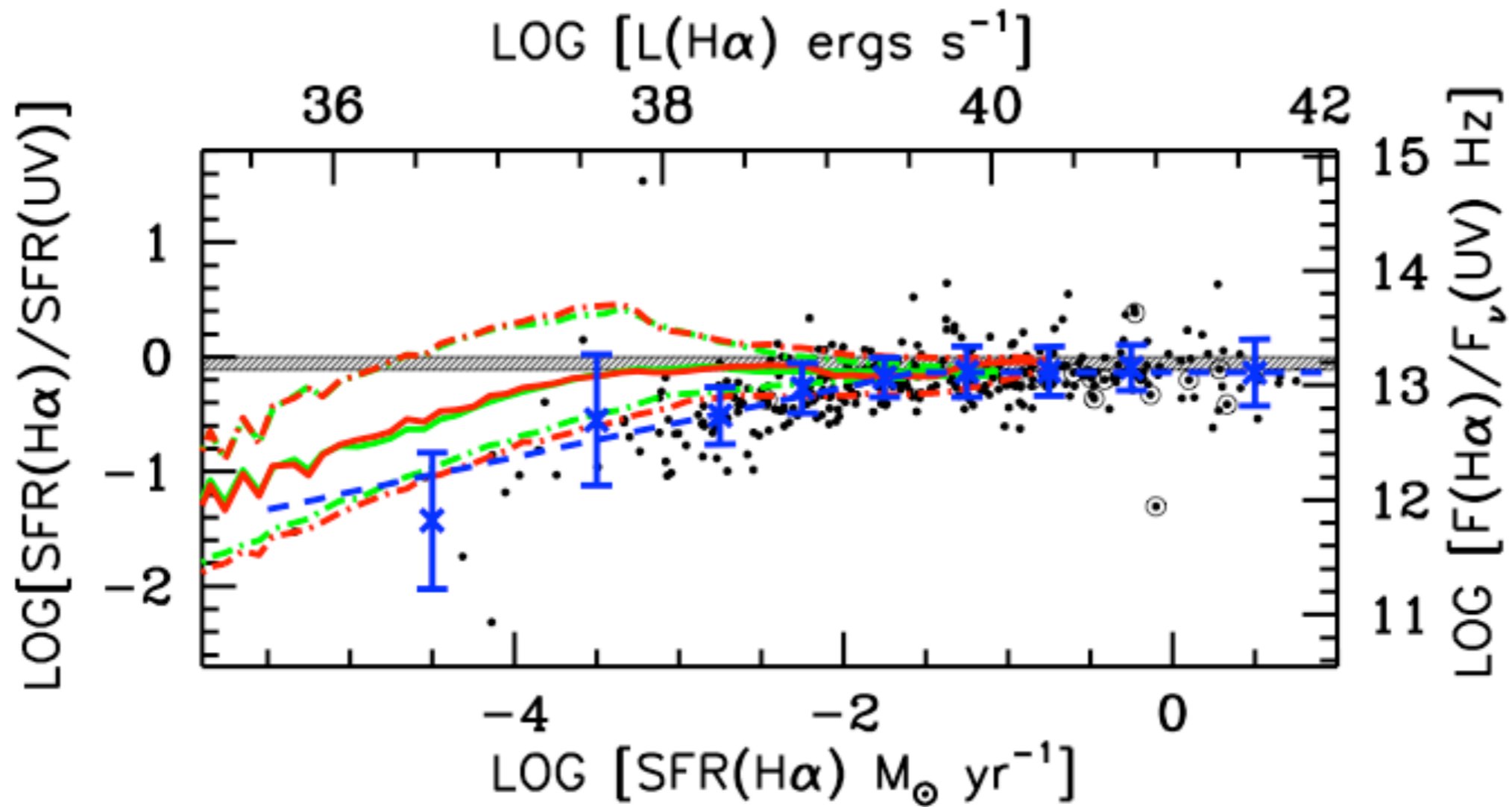
UV is a better tracer of low-level SF

XUV discs: are galaxies still growing today ?

The diffuse interstellar medium of Messier 51



Linking (massive) star formation tracers UV vs H α



A freeform-based, fast, wide-field and distortion-free camera for ultra low surface brightness surveys

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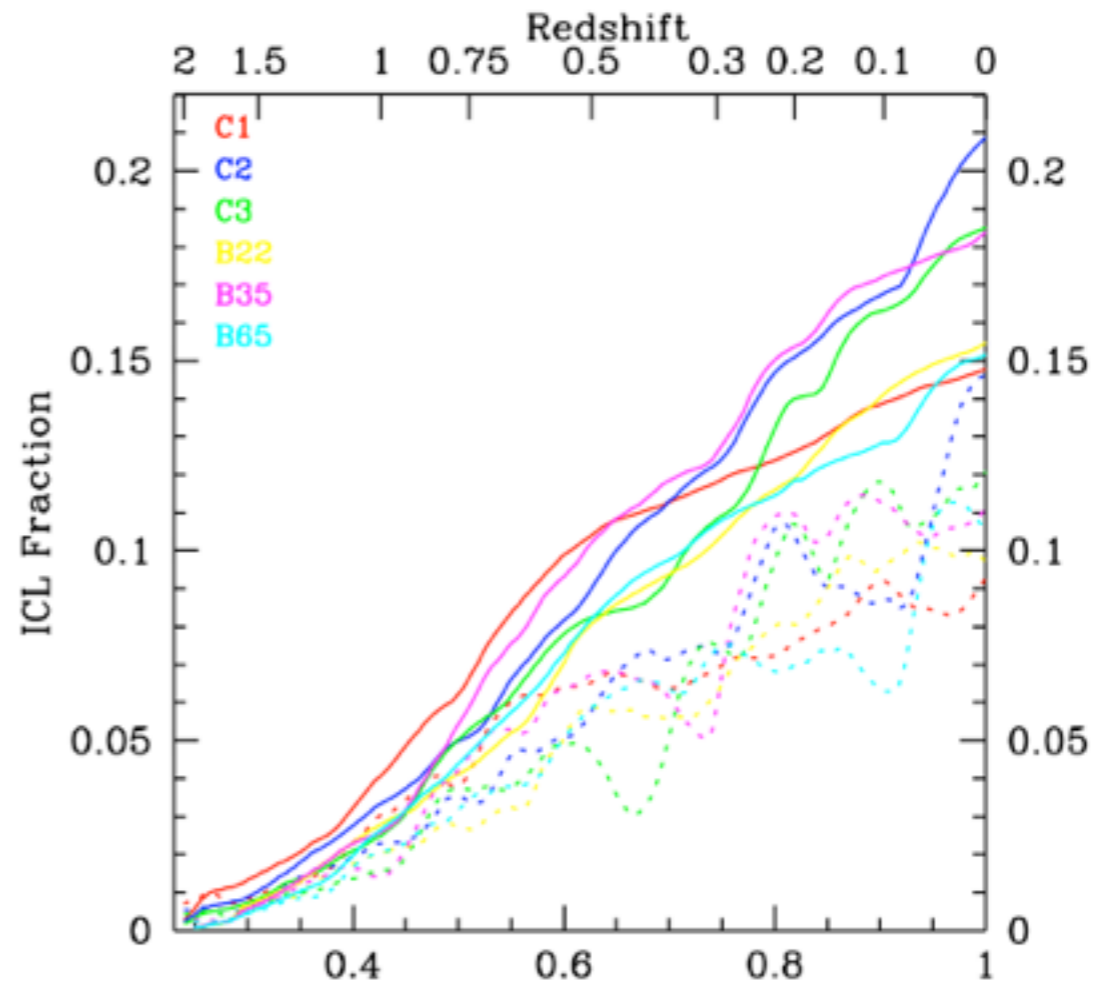
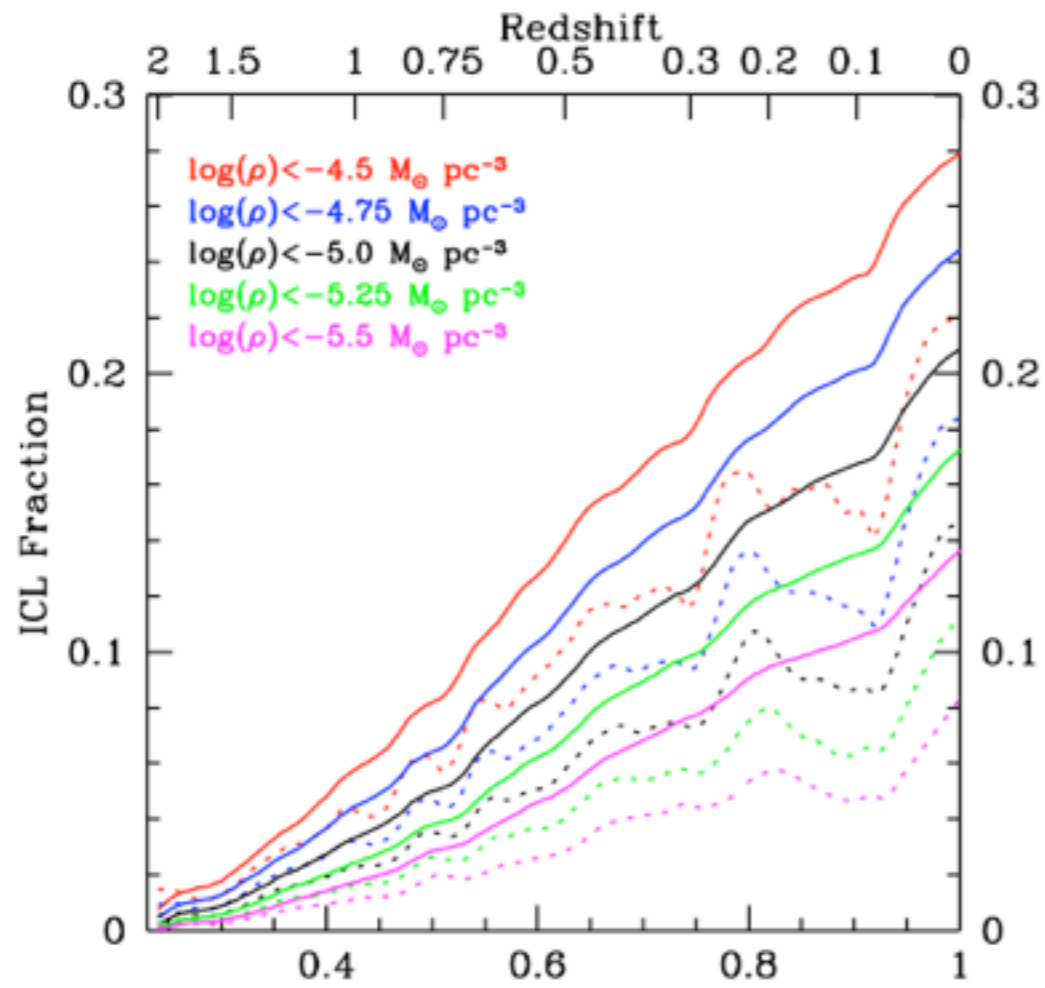
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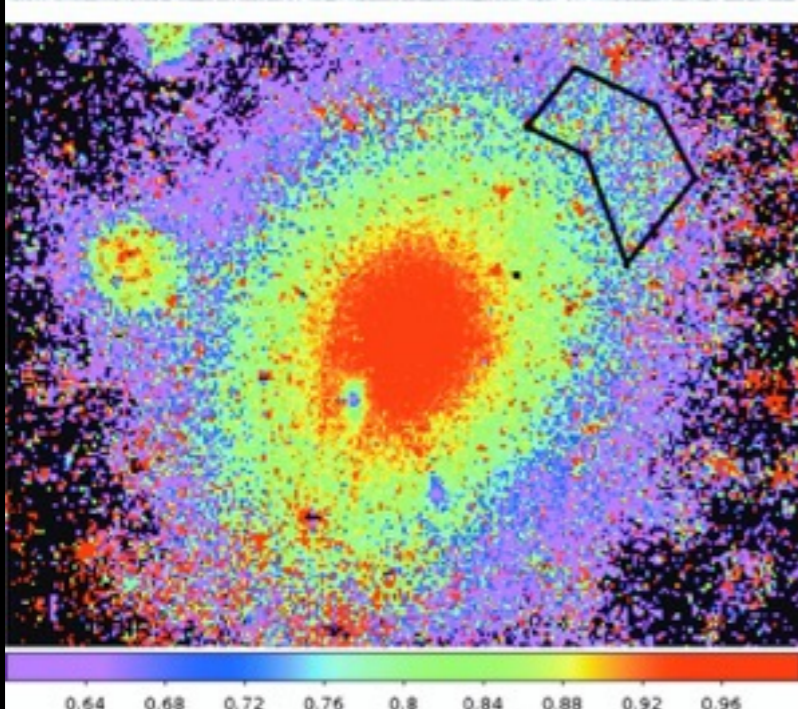
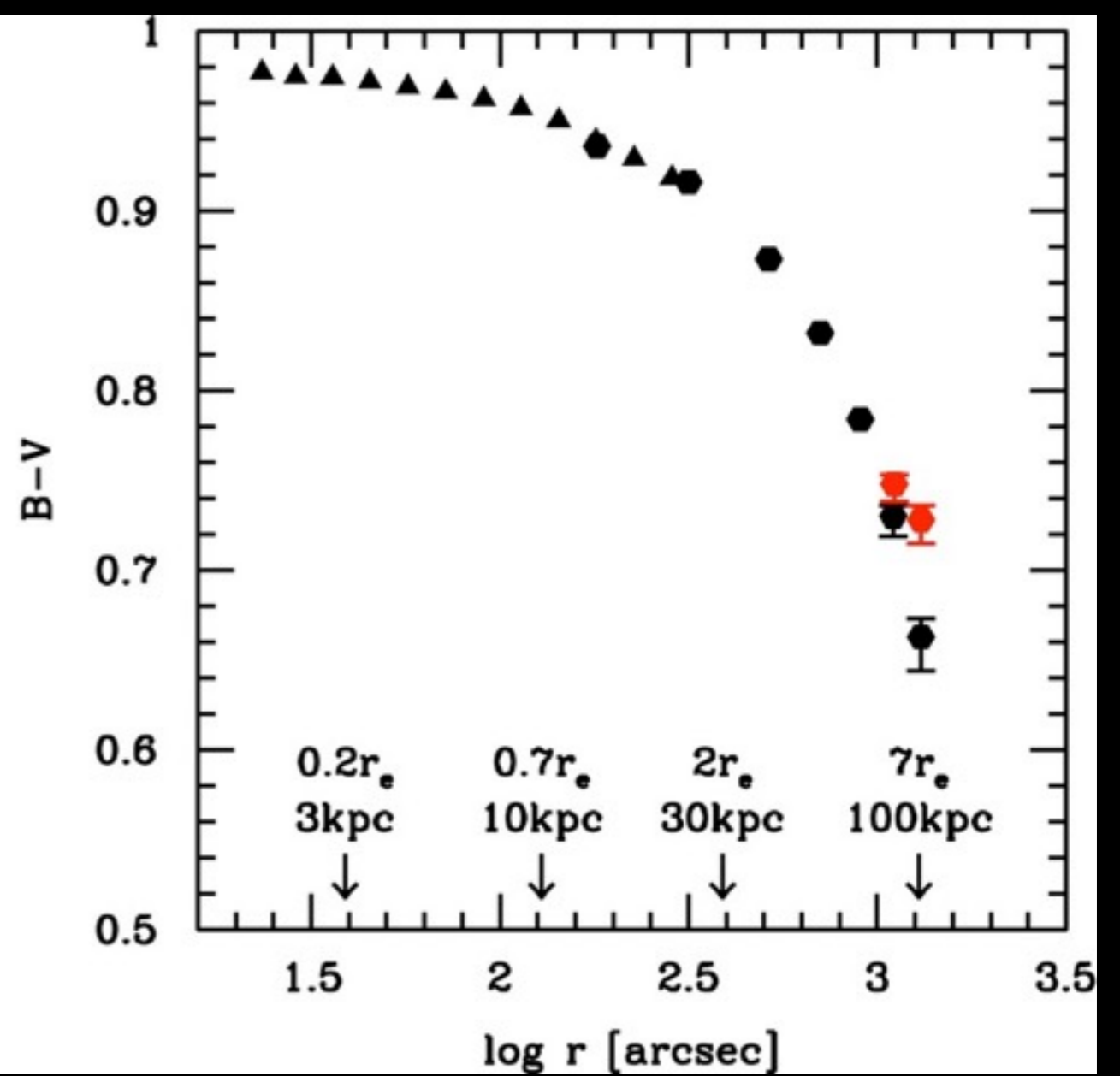
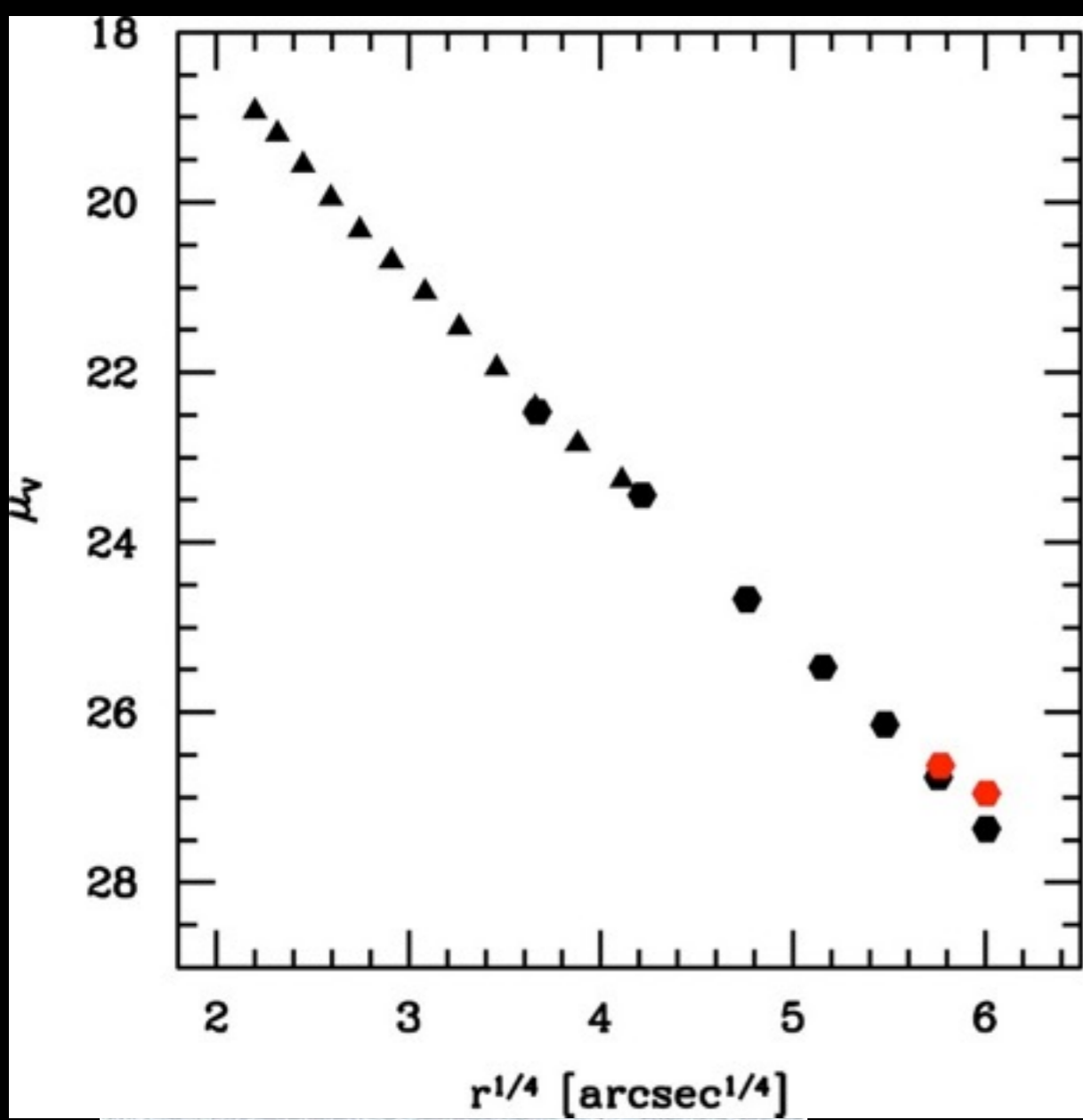
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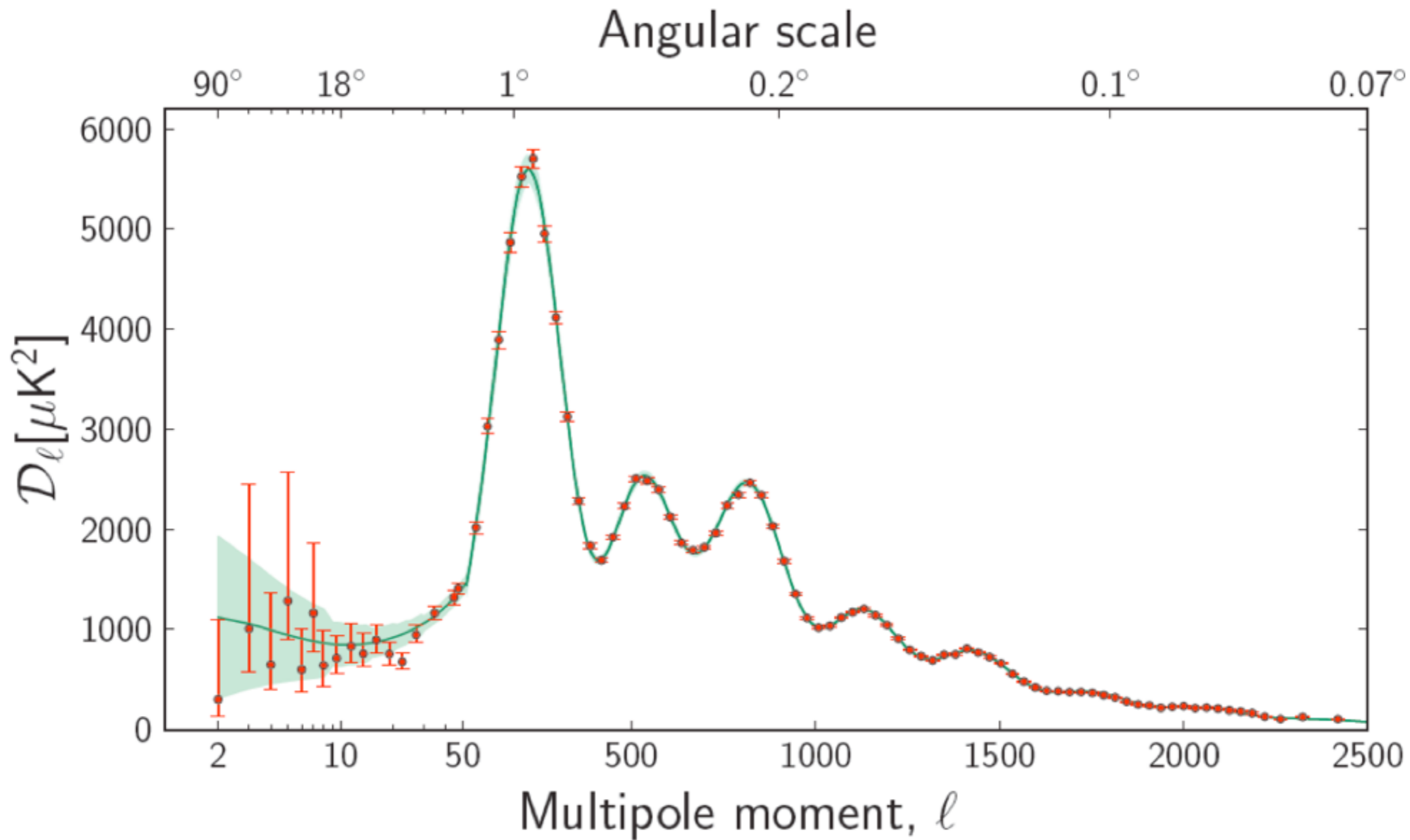




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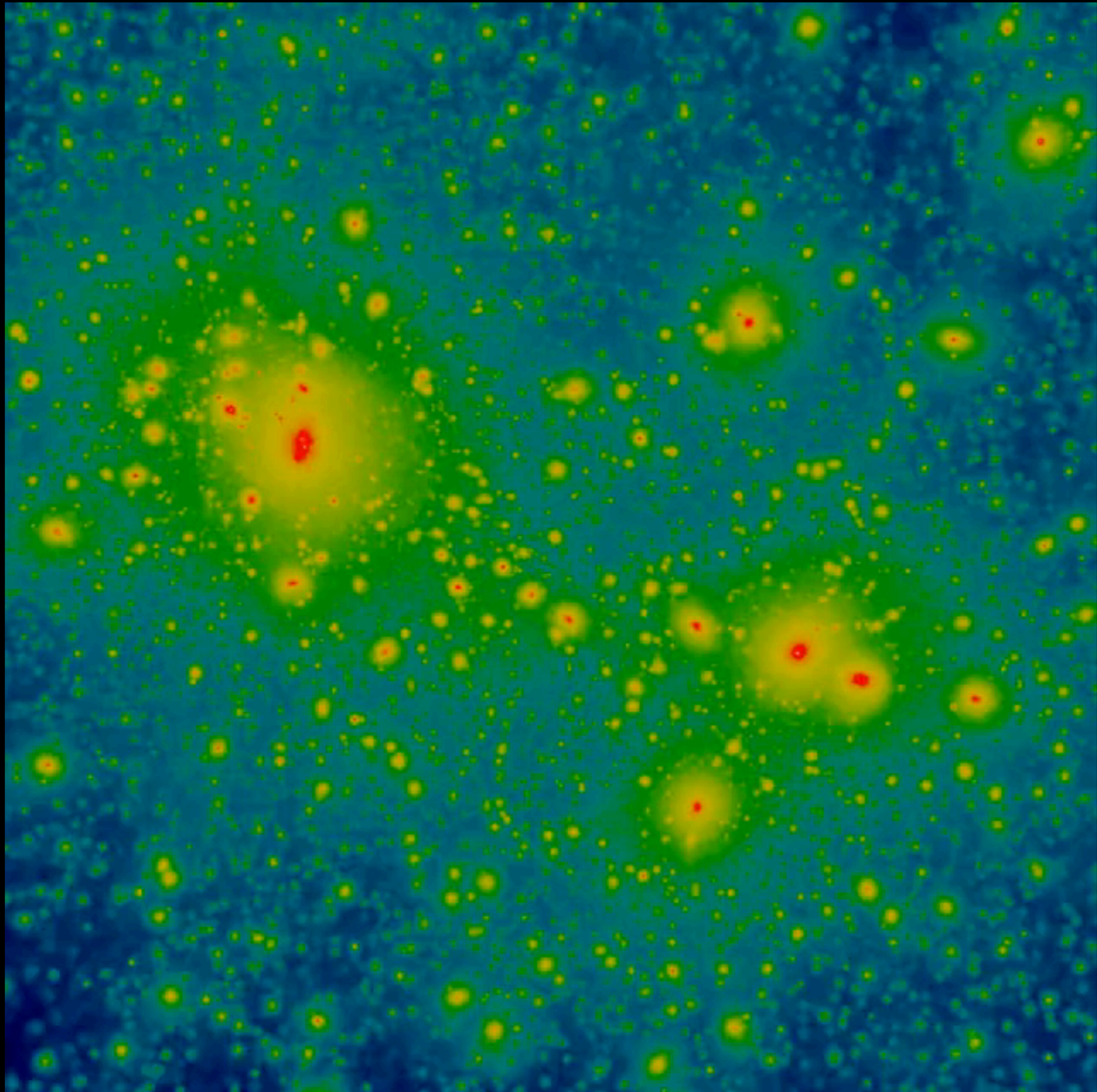
M49 massive elliptical in Virgo

Blue outskirts → blue filters
 (old) stellar streams → red filters

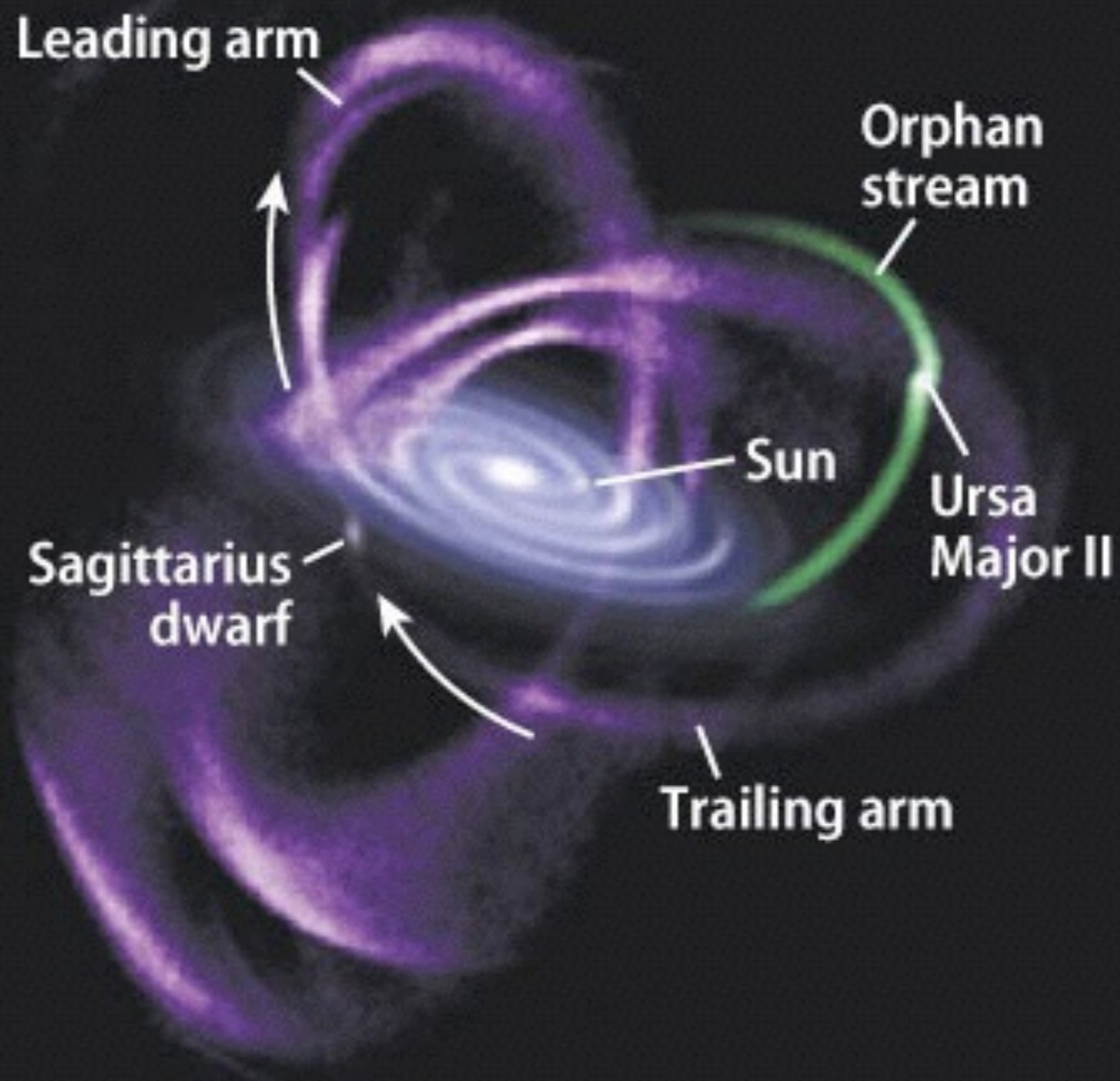


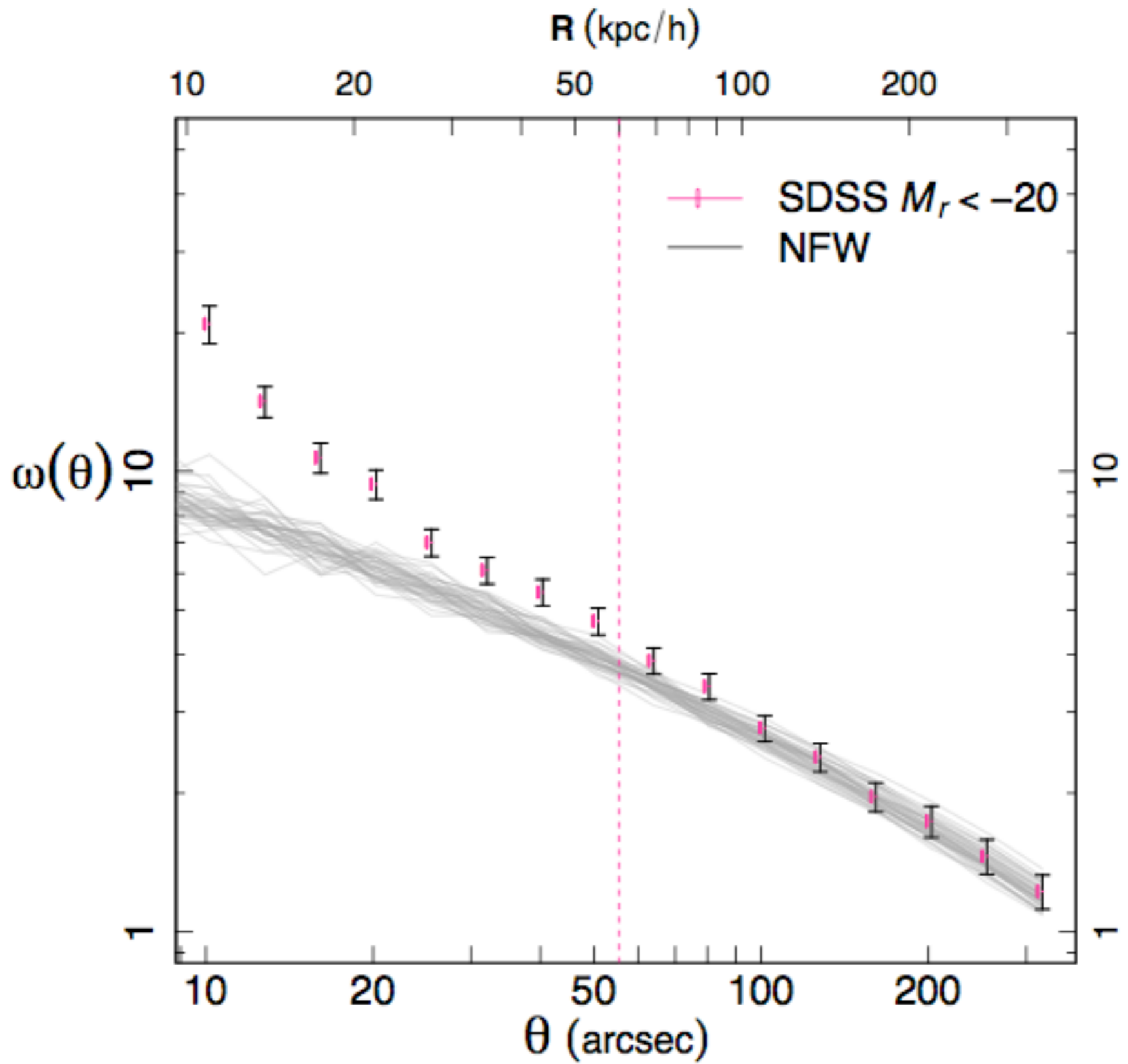
Minimal 6 parameter fit

Parameter	<i>Planck+WP</i>	
	Best fit	68% limits
$\Omega_b h^2$	0.022032	0.02205 ± 0.00028
$\Omega_c h^2$	0.12038	0.1199 ± 0.0027
$100\theta_{MC}$	1.04119	1.04131 ± 0.00063
τ	0.0925	$0.089^{+0.012}_{-0.014}$
n_s	0.9619	0.9603 ± 0.0073
$\ln(10^{10} A_s)$	3.0980	$3.089^{+0.024}_{-0.027}$



ELVIS



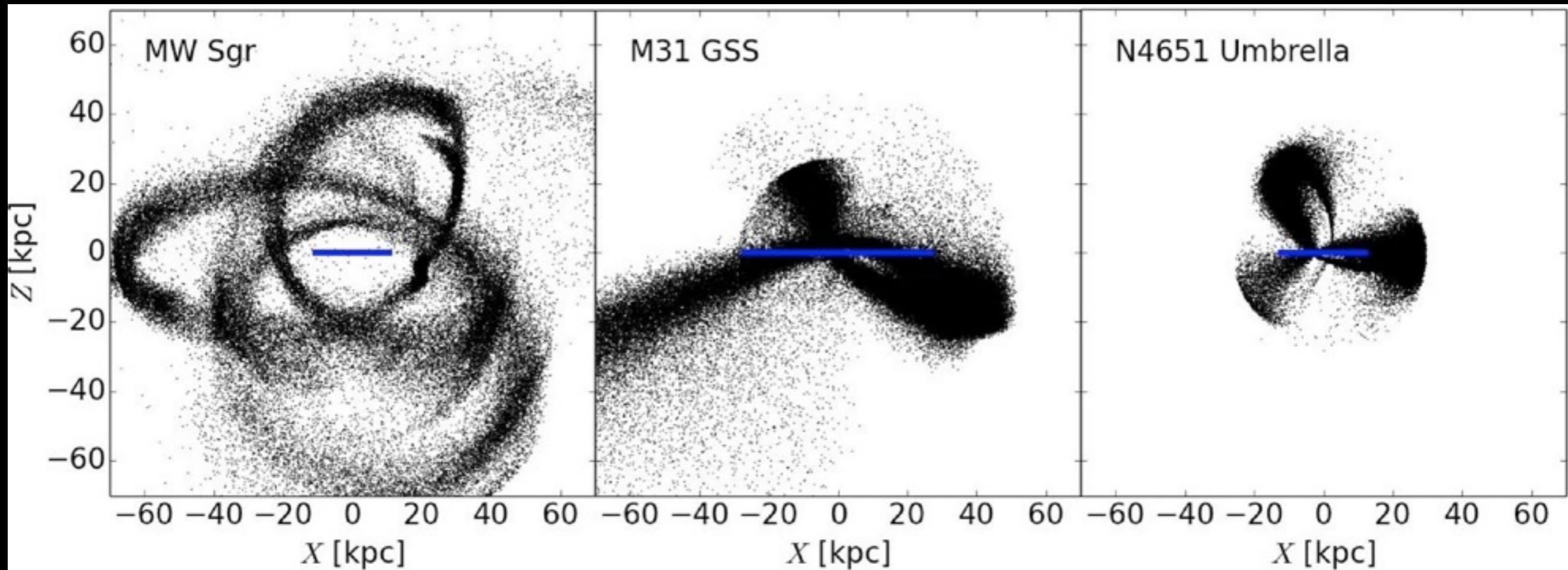




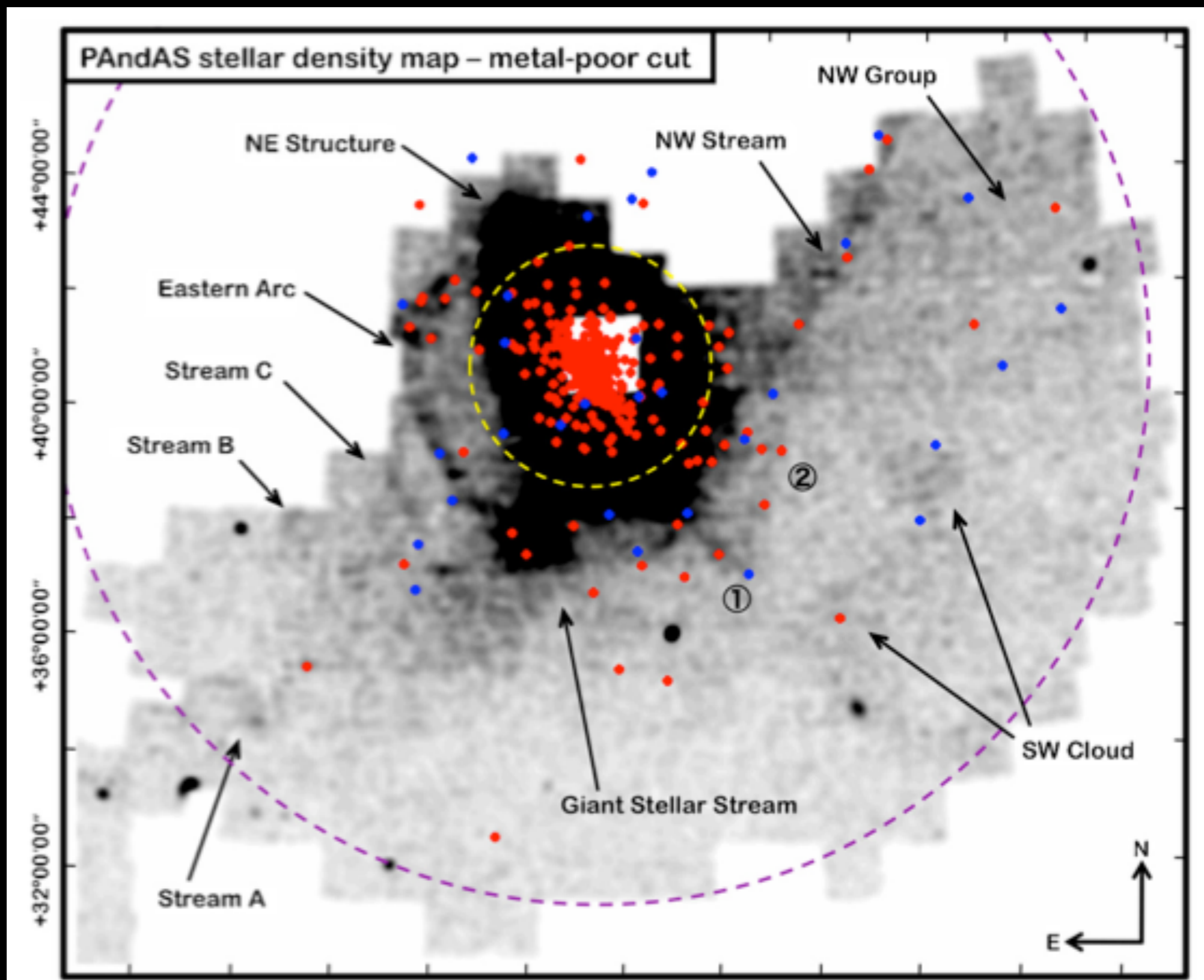


NGC 5907 D=60cm F=494cm f/8 6.5 hours
sec mirror

Observed stream configurations

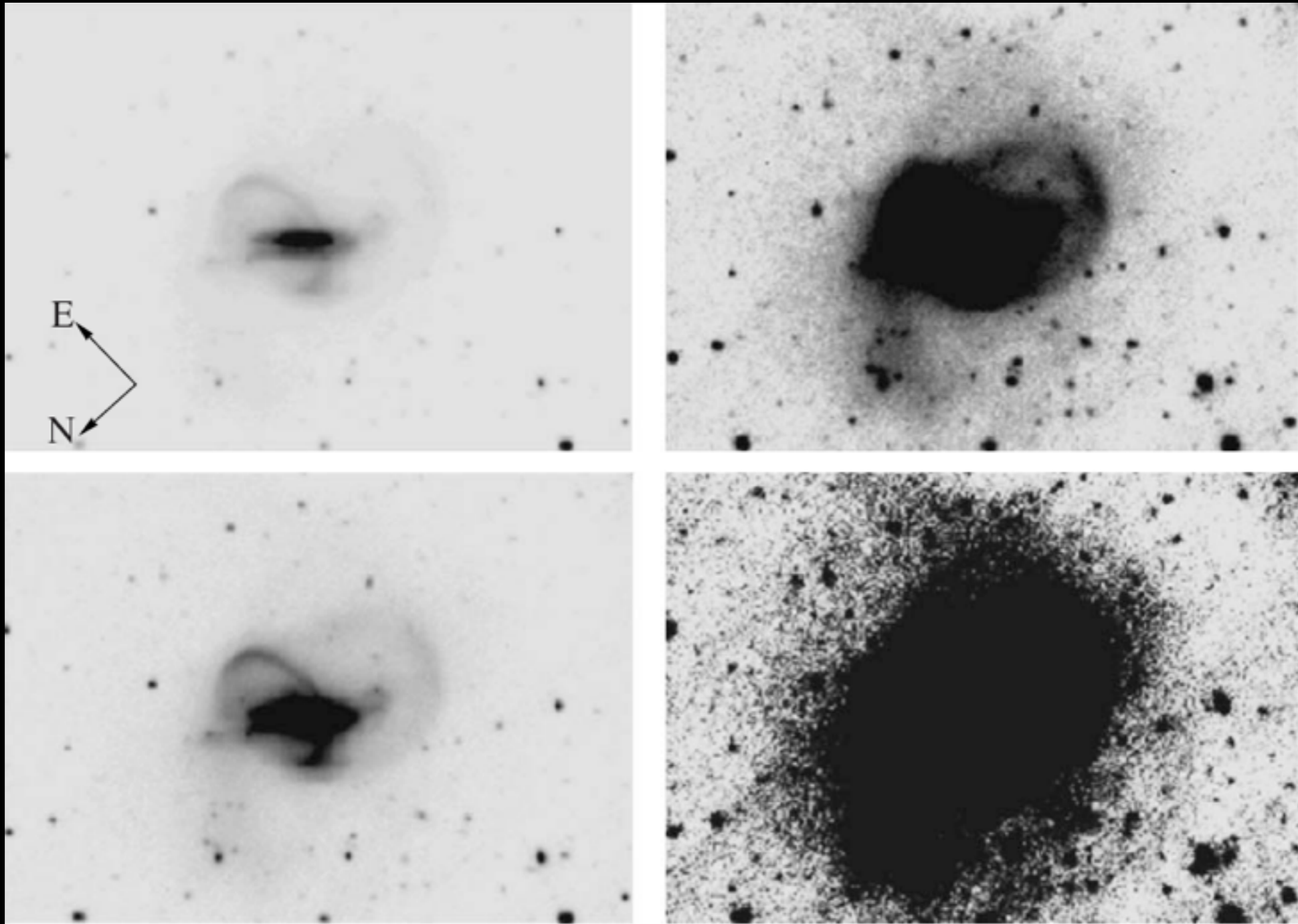


Globular clusters further away than 30 kpc are associated with tidal streams



Beyond the Local Group

2.4'
62 kpc



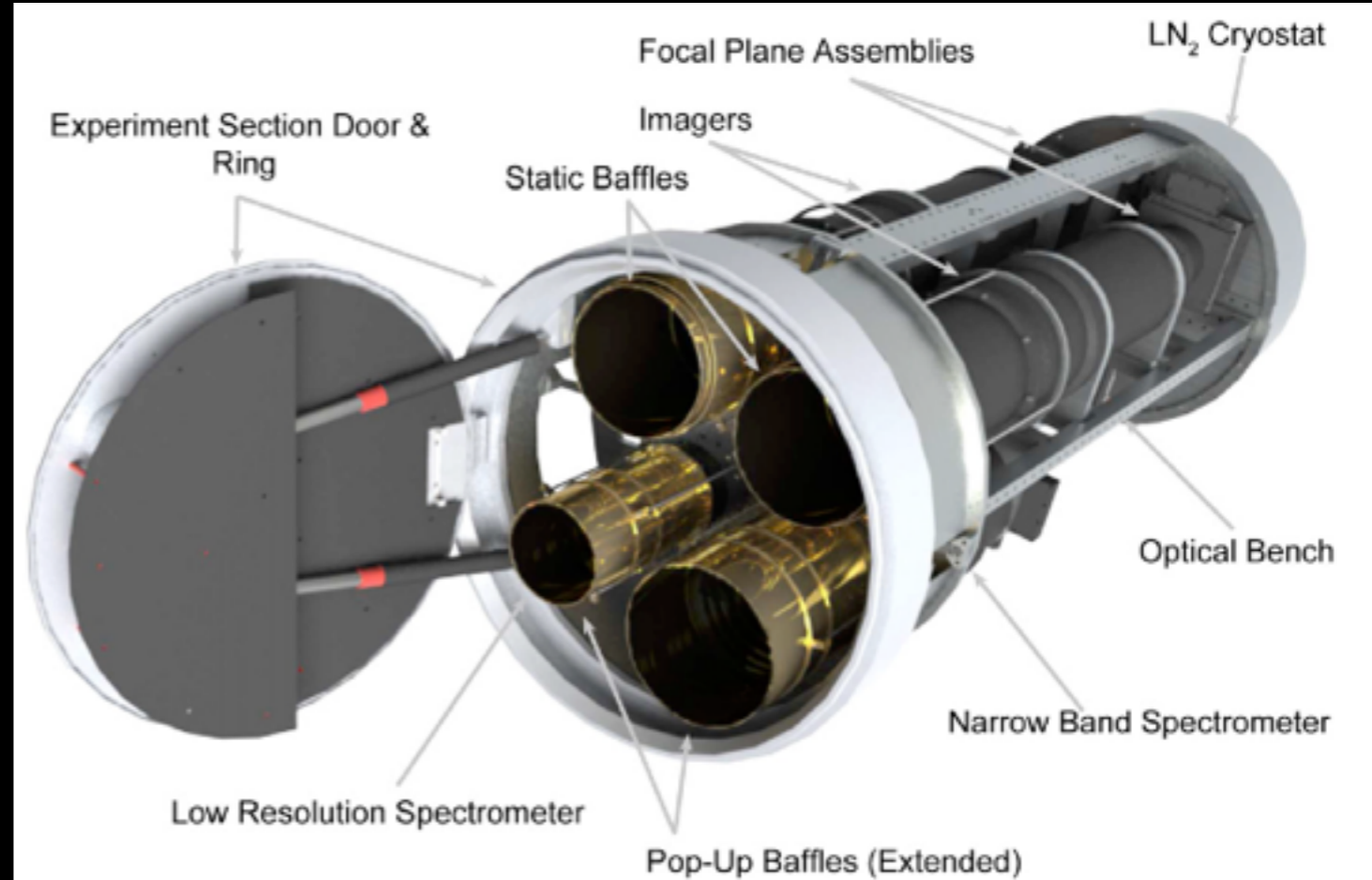
UGC 7388 94 Mpc

Gemini

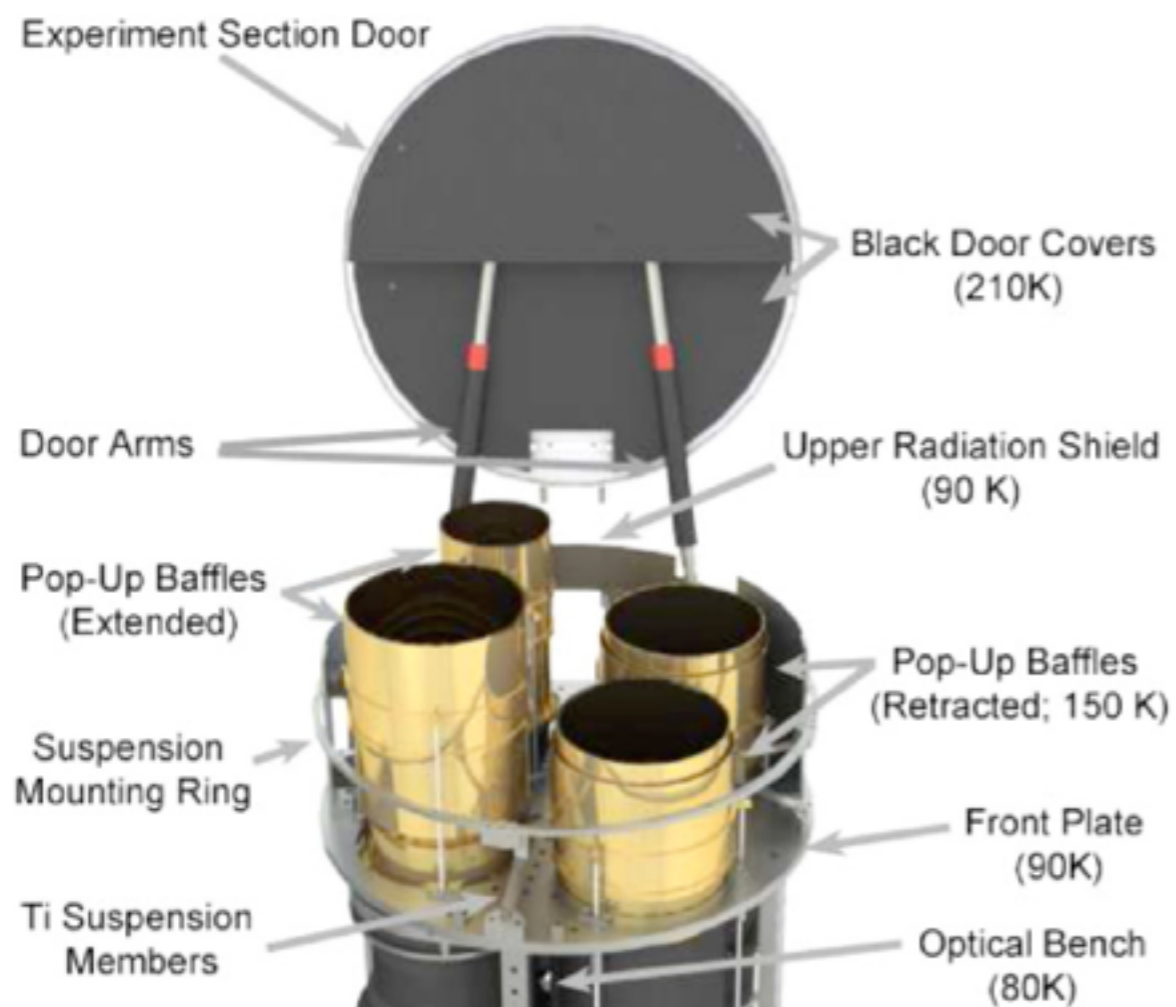


Pop-up baffles

Heritage from *CIBER*
Cosmic IR Background
Experiment
sounding rocket



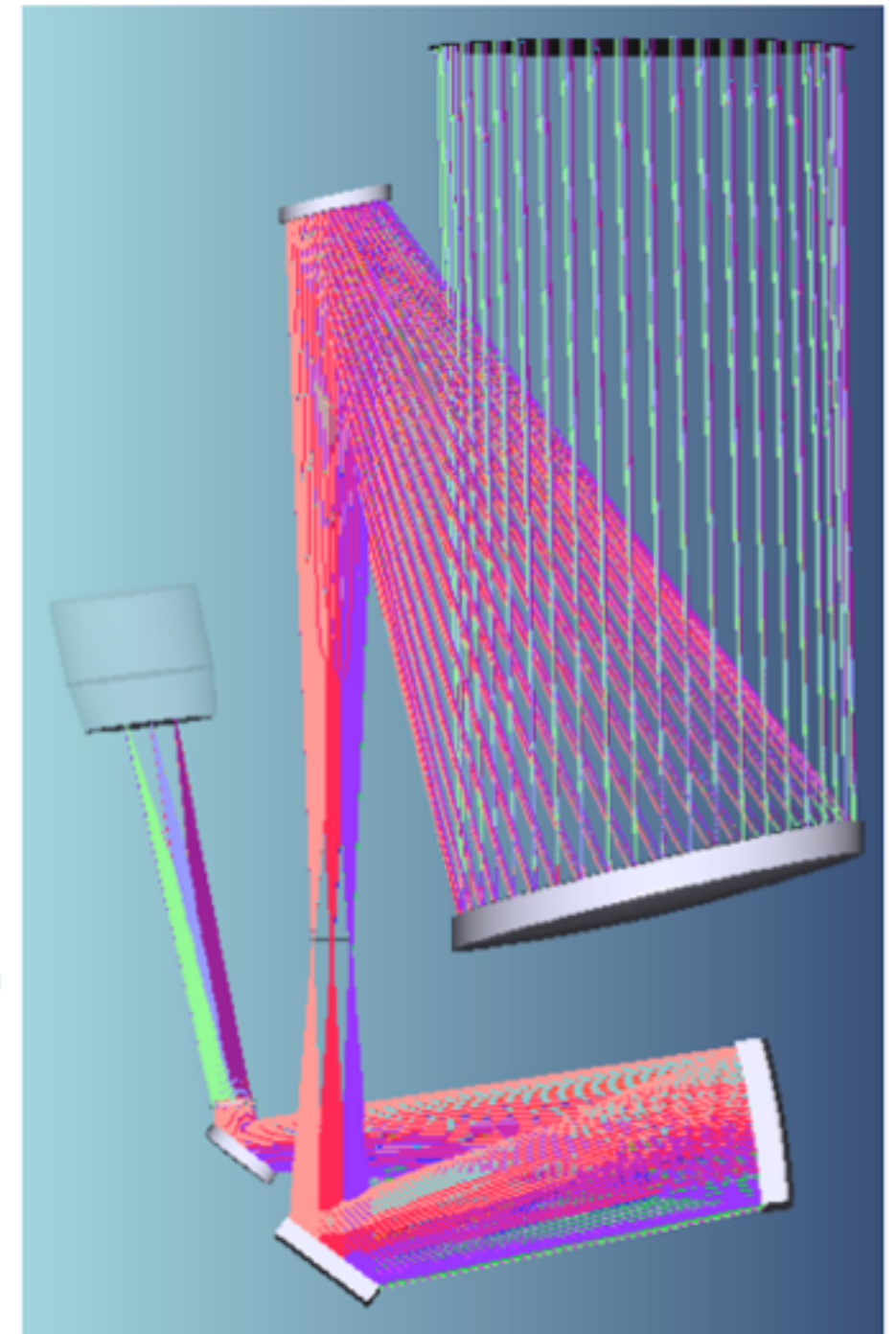
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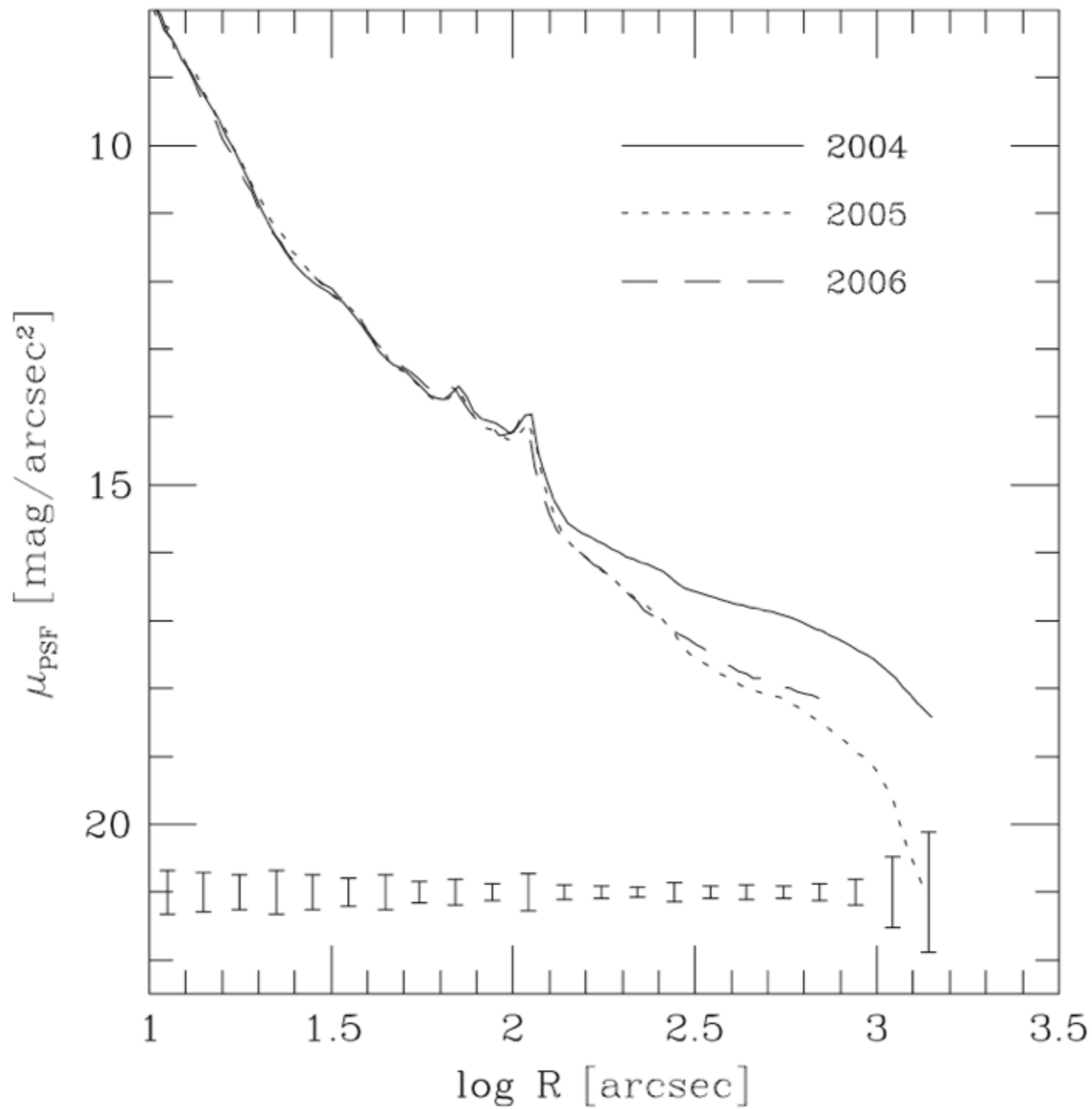


Baffles made with Al6061
Coated with Epner Laser Black
multilayer metallic oxide
with microdendrites
($<1\%$ reflective)
Spring loaded / tied to door

TMA Telescope

- Three Mirror Anastigmatic
- Unobscured (unocculted) design
- Three powered (curved) mirrors
- 9 degrees of freedom from mirrors
(curvature, conic constant, position for each)
- Allows control of 9 parameters
(focal length, magnification of each mirror, astigmatism, coma, spherical aberration, field curvature)
- Wider field than Ritchey-Chrétien
- Better image quality than Schmidt





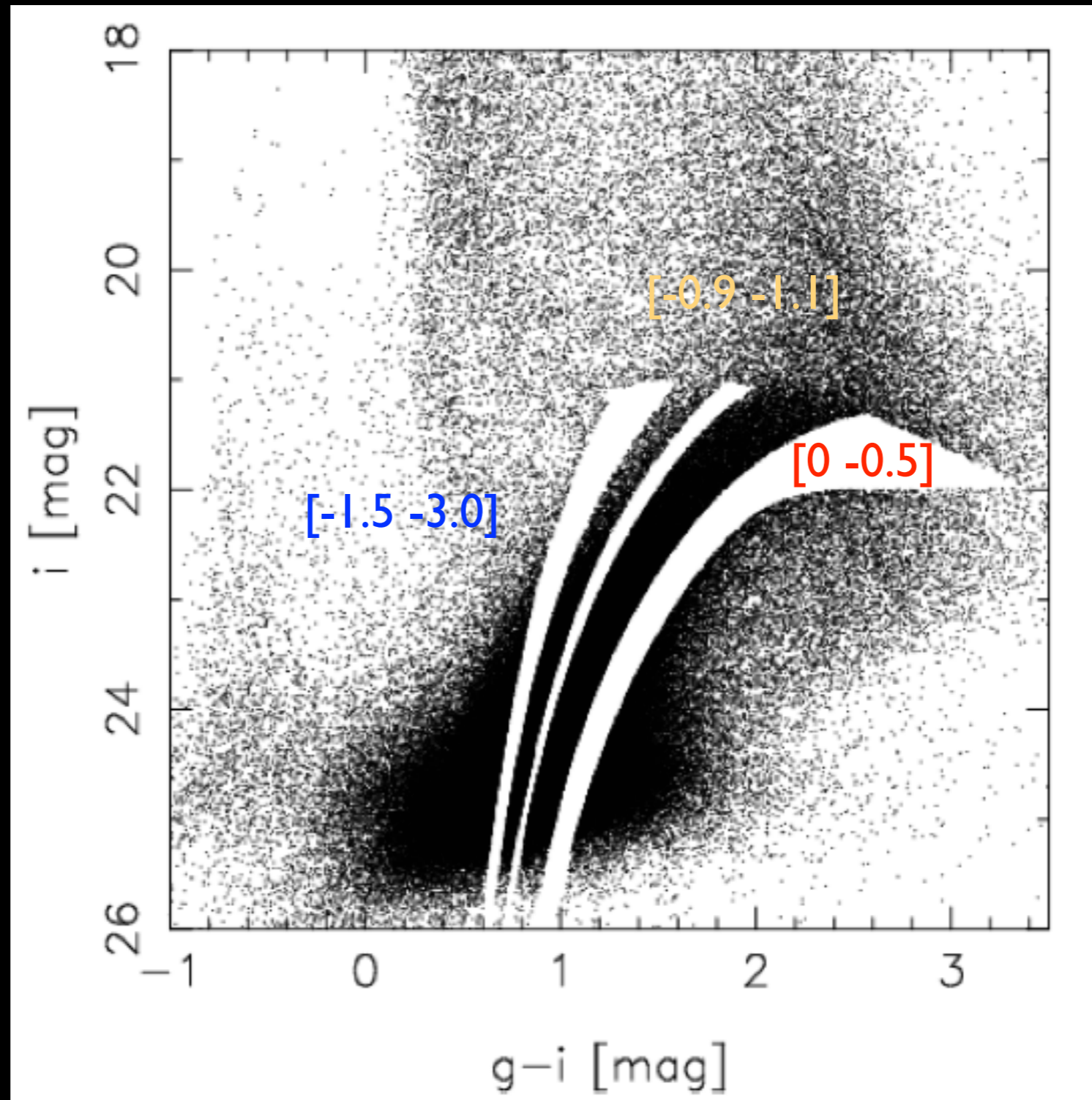
Filters for characterising the underlying stellar populations

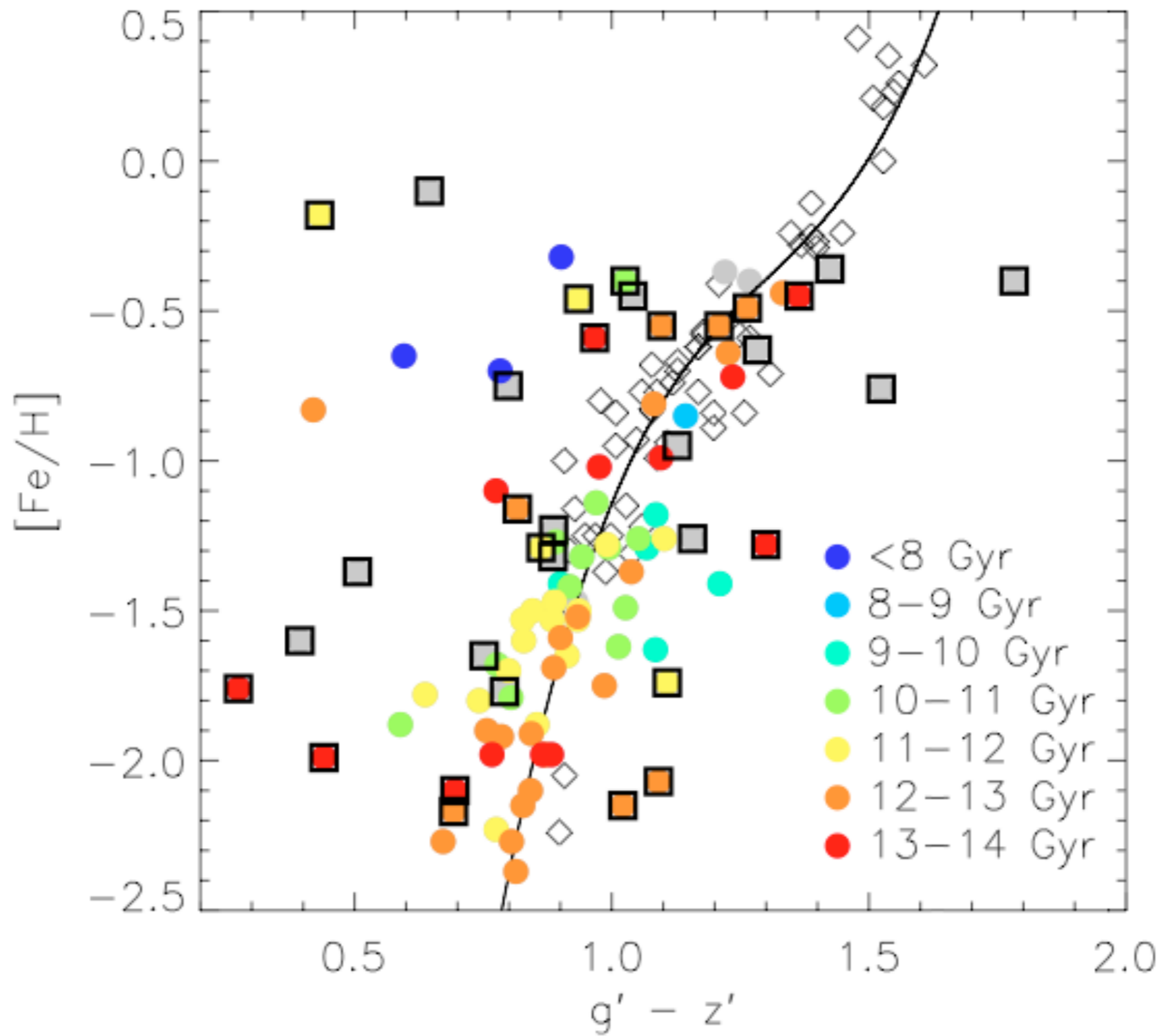
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Strömgren

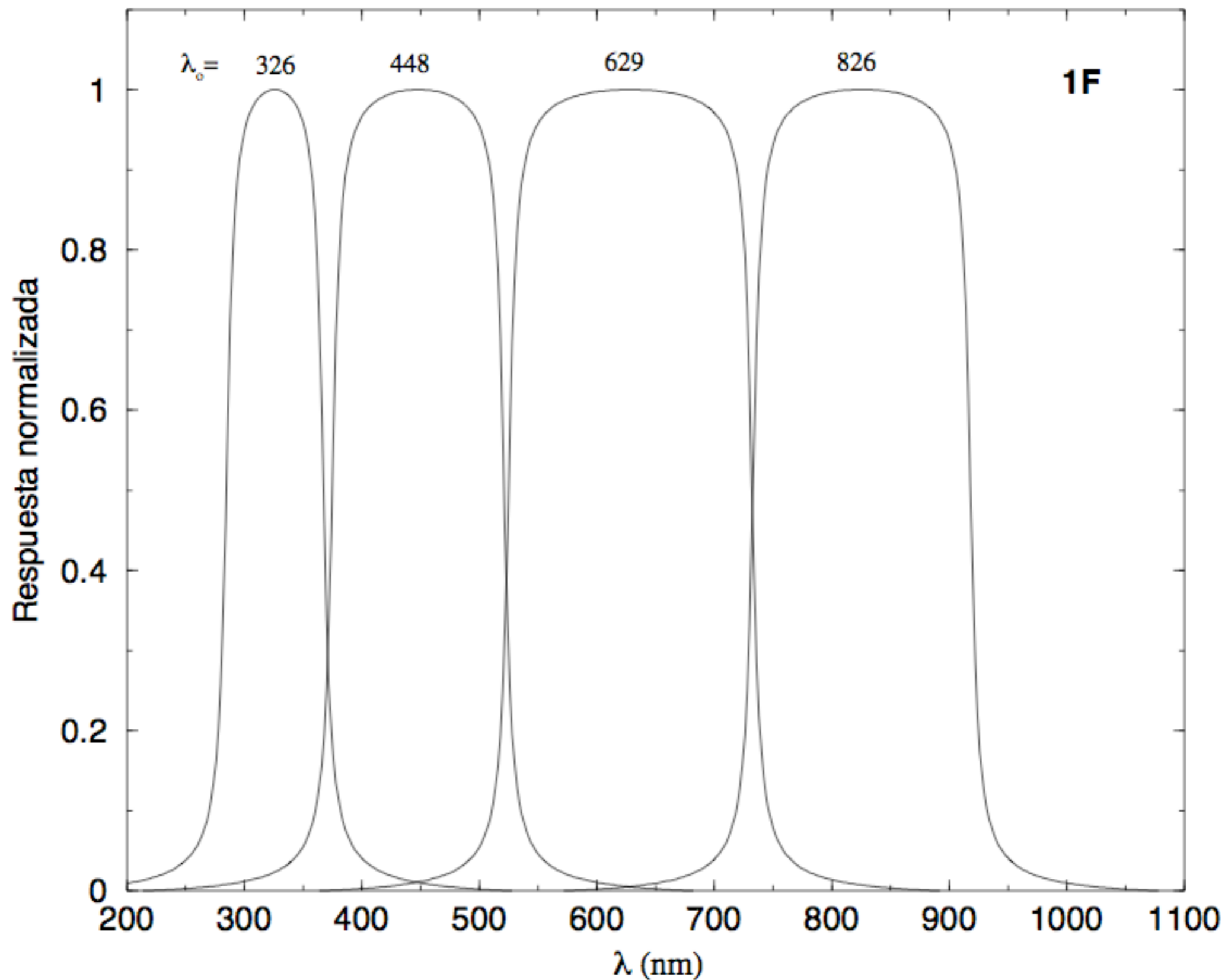
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Custom ?



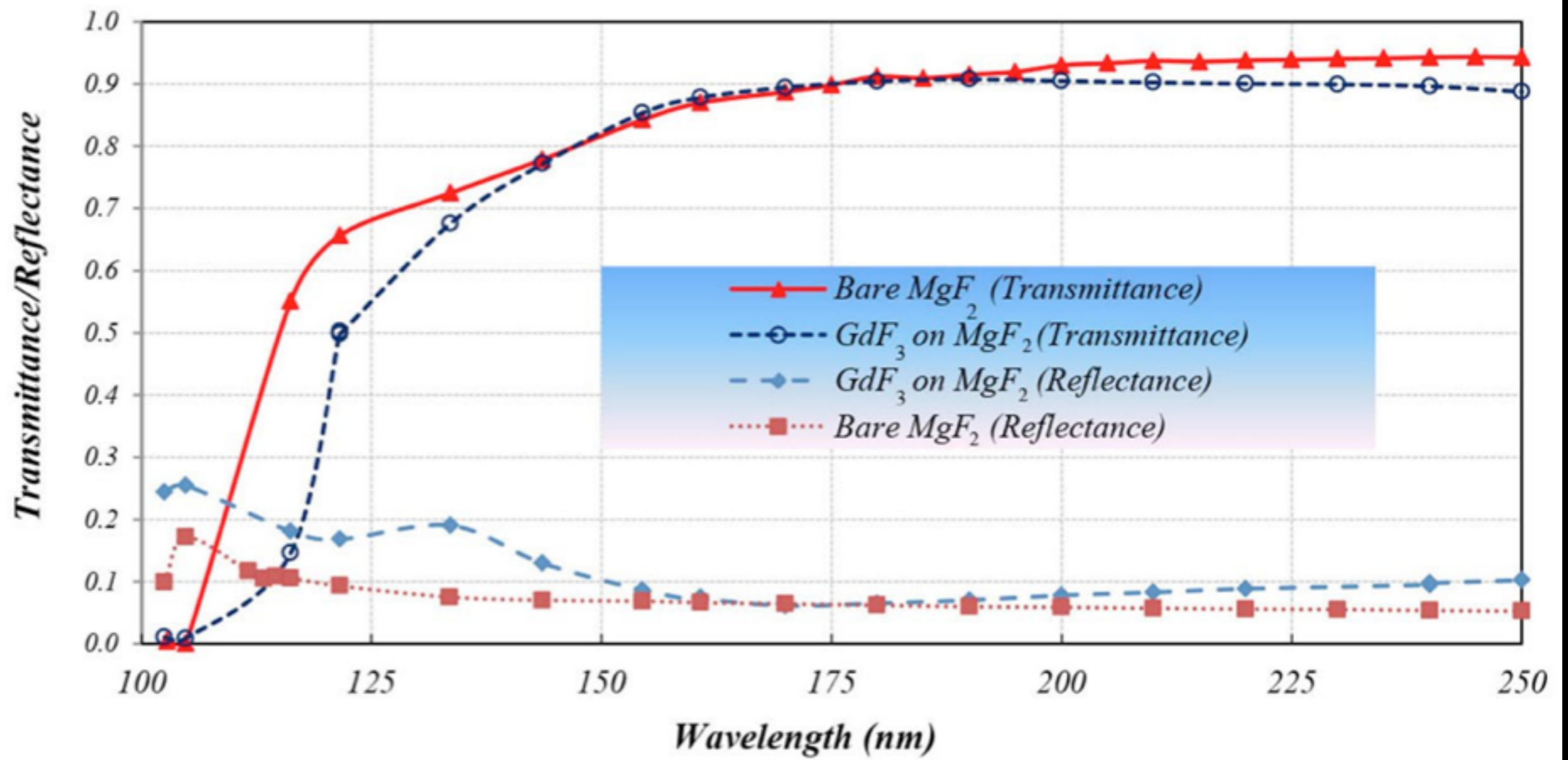


GAIA broad-band system



Technology Development Title	PI	Institution	Start Year & Duration	Current TRL	Quad Chart & PI Report Locations
Kinetic Inductance Detector Arrays for Far-IR Astrophysics	J. Zmuidzinas	Caltech	FY13; 3 yrs	3, 6	p. 43, p. 52
Cross-Strip Micro-Channel Plate Detector Systems for Spaceflight	J. Vallergera	UC Berkeley	FY12; 3 yrs	4 ^s	p. 44, p. 59
High-Efficiency Detectors in Photon-Counting and Large Focal Plane Arrays (FPAs)	S. Nikzad	JPL	FY13; 3 yrs	4	p. 45, p. 70
A Far-Infrared Heterodyne Array Receiver for CII and OI Mapping	I. Mehdi	JPL	FY14; 3 yrs	4	p. 46, p. 77
Advanced UVOIR Mirror Technology Development for Very Large Space Telescopes	P. Stahl	MSFC	FY14; 3 yrs	3 – 5	p. 47, p. 85
Ultraviolet Coatings, Materials, and Processes for Advanced Telescope Optics	K. Balasubramanian	GSFC	FY13; 3 yrs	3	p. 48, p. 92
Enhanced MgF ₂ and LiF Over-Coated Al Mirrors for FUV Space Astronomy	M. Quijada	SAO	FY12; 3 yrs	4	p. 49, p. 103
Development of Digital Micro-Mirror Device Arrays for Use in Future Space Missions	Z. Ninkov	RIT	FY14; 2 yrs	3	p. 50, p. 114

Table 2-1. COR Strategic Technology Development Portfolio as of FY 2014.



Focal plane configuration

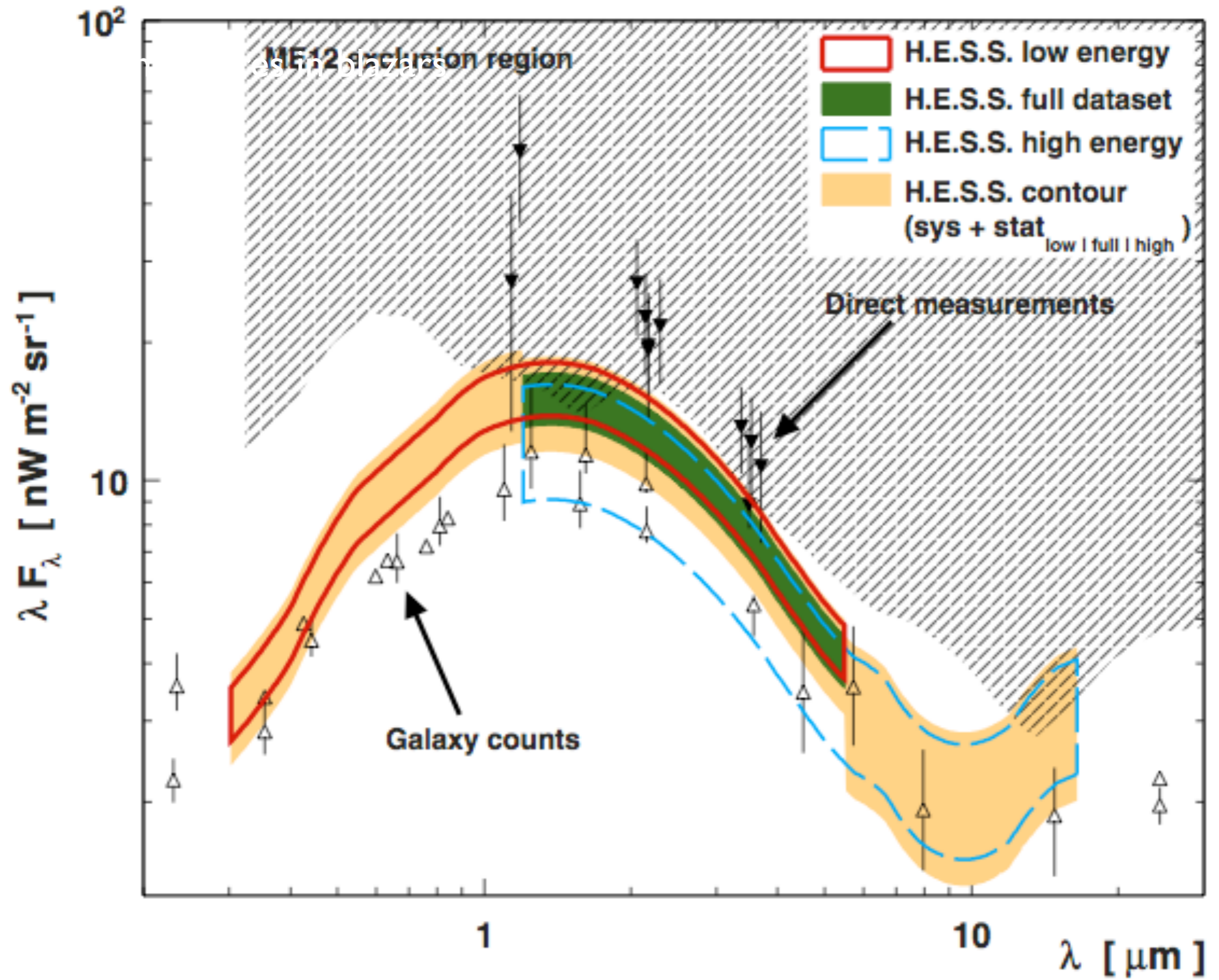
8 x 2 independent CCD controllers in drift-scan mode

QE of each detector optimised for each filter (>85%)

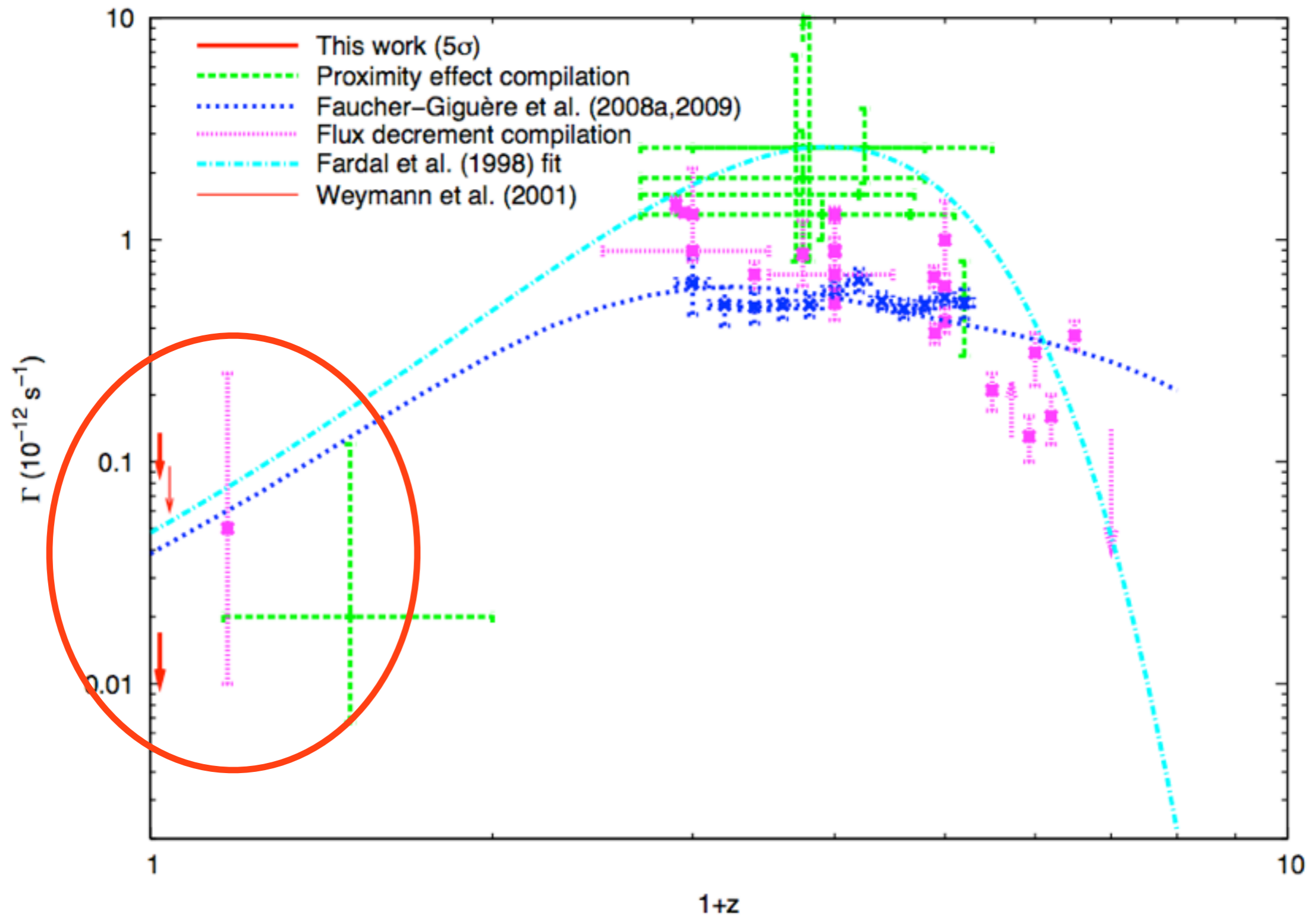
Highly efficient: no moving parts, passive cooling

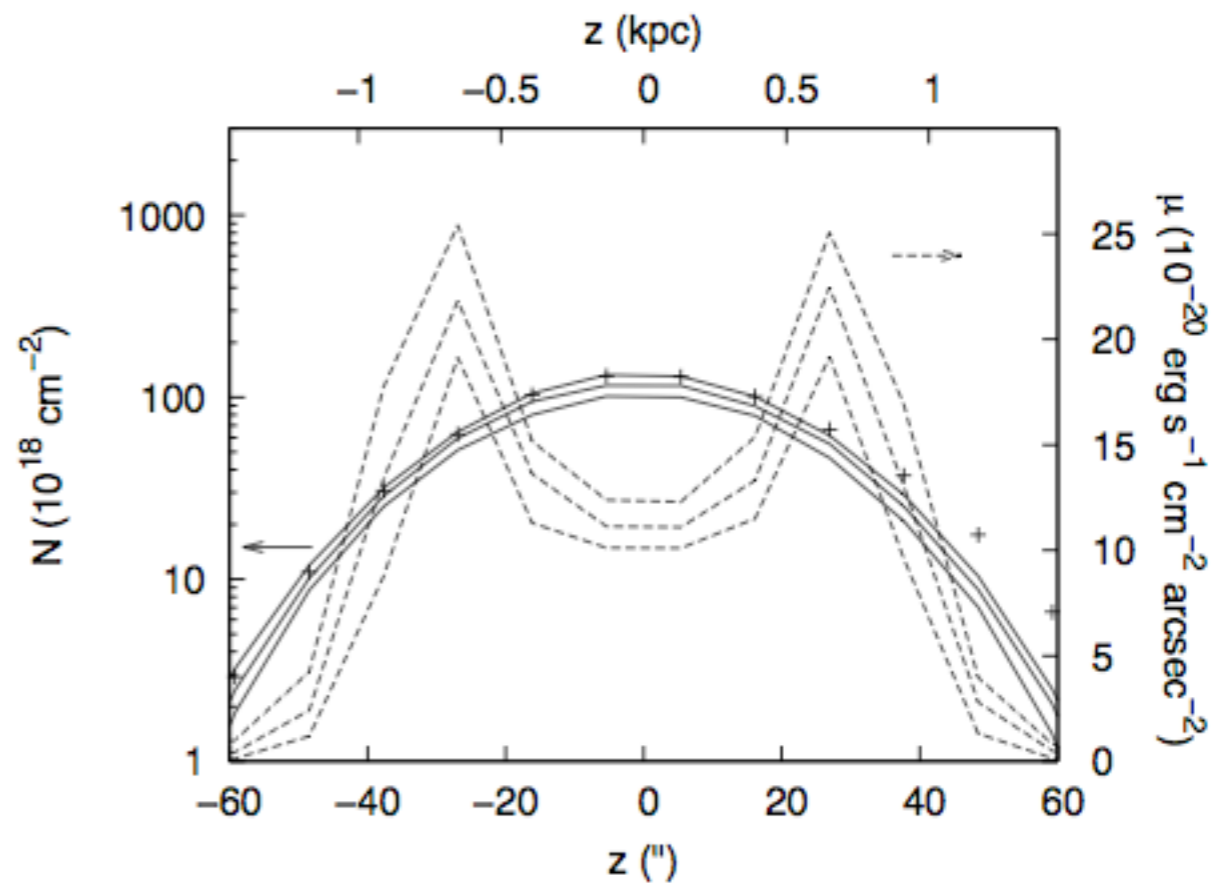
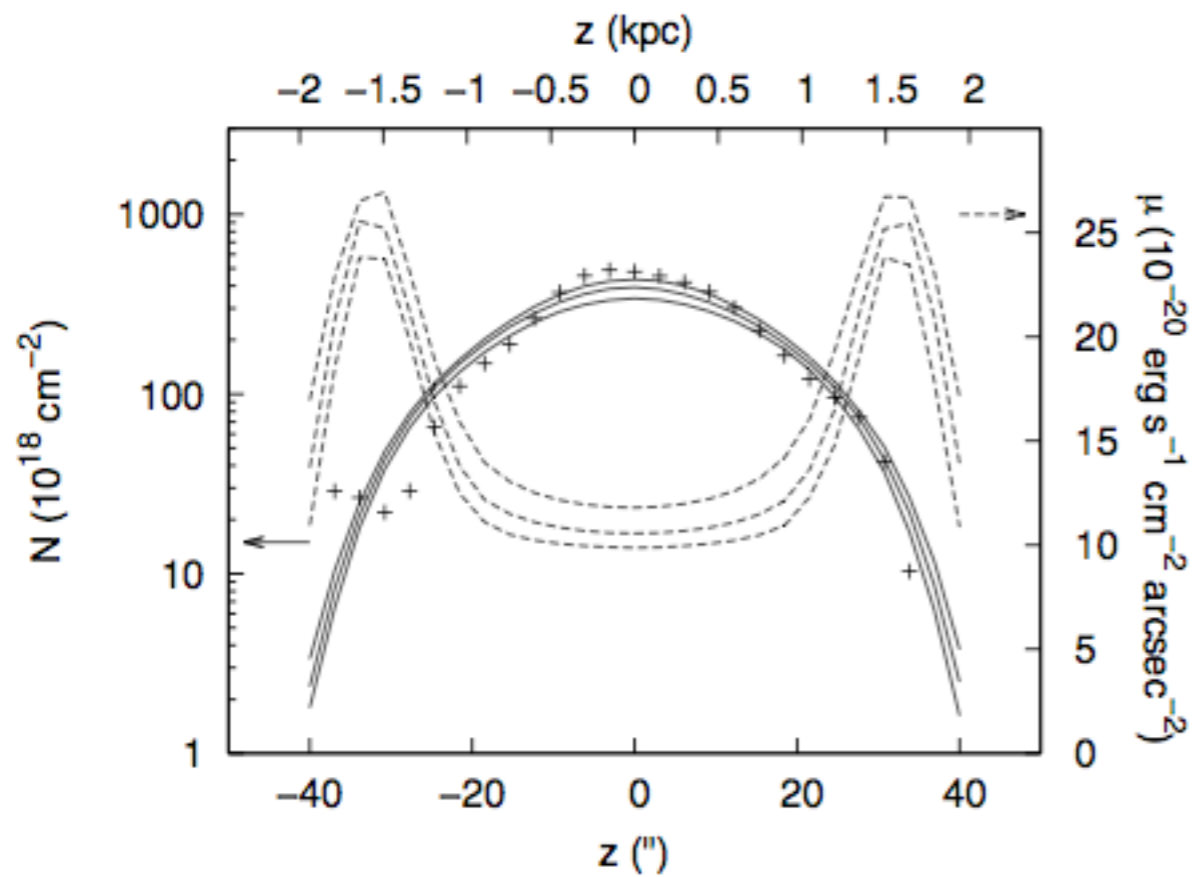
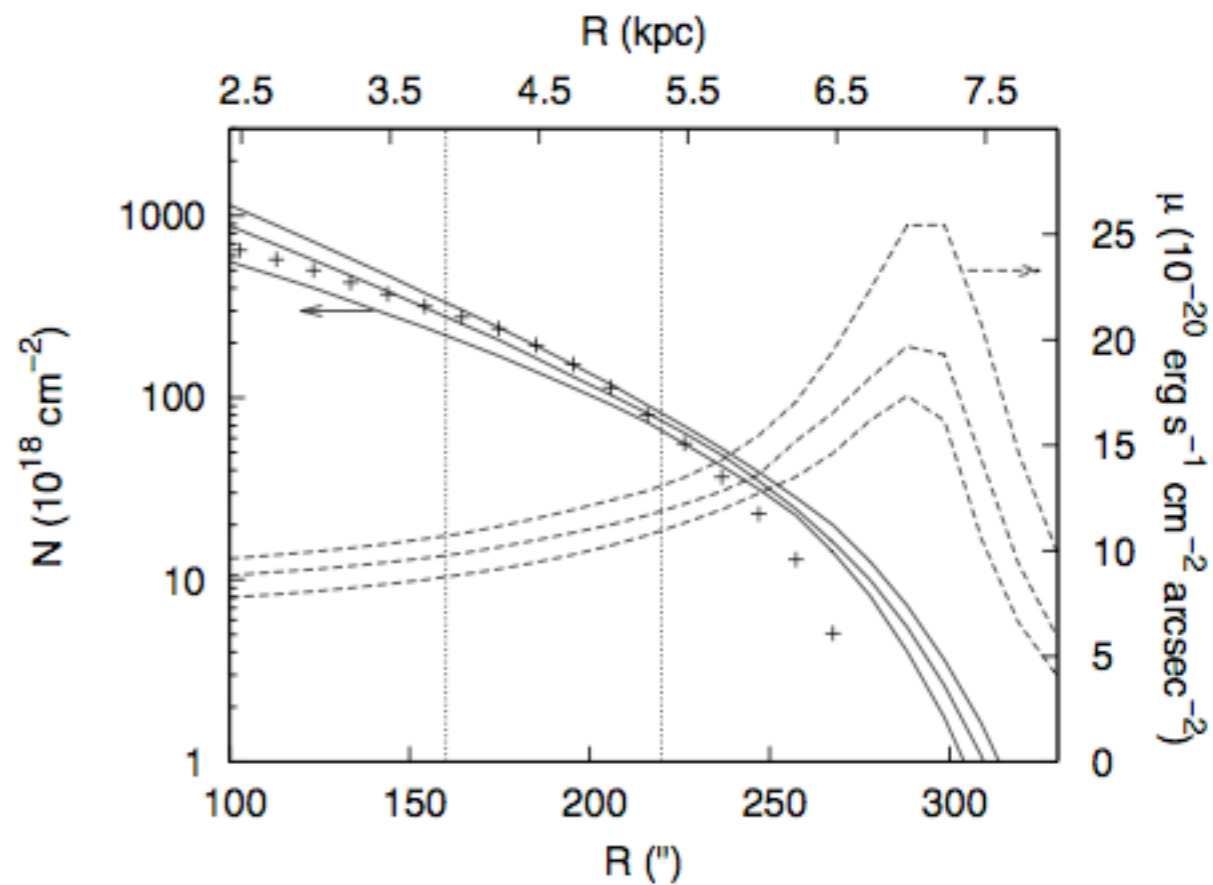
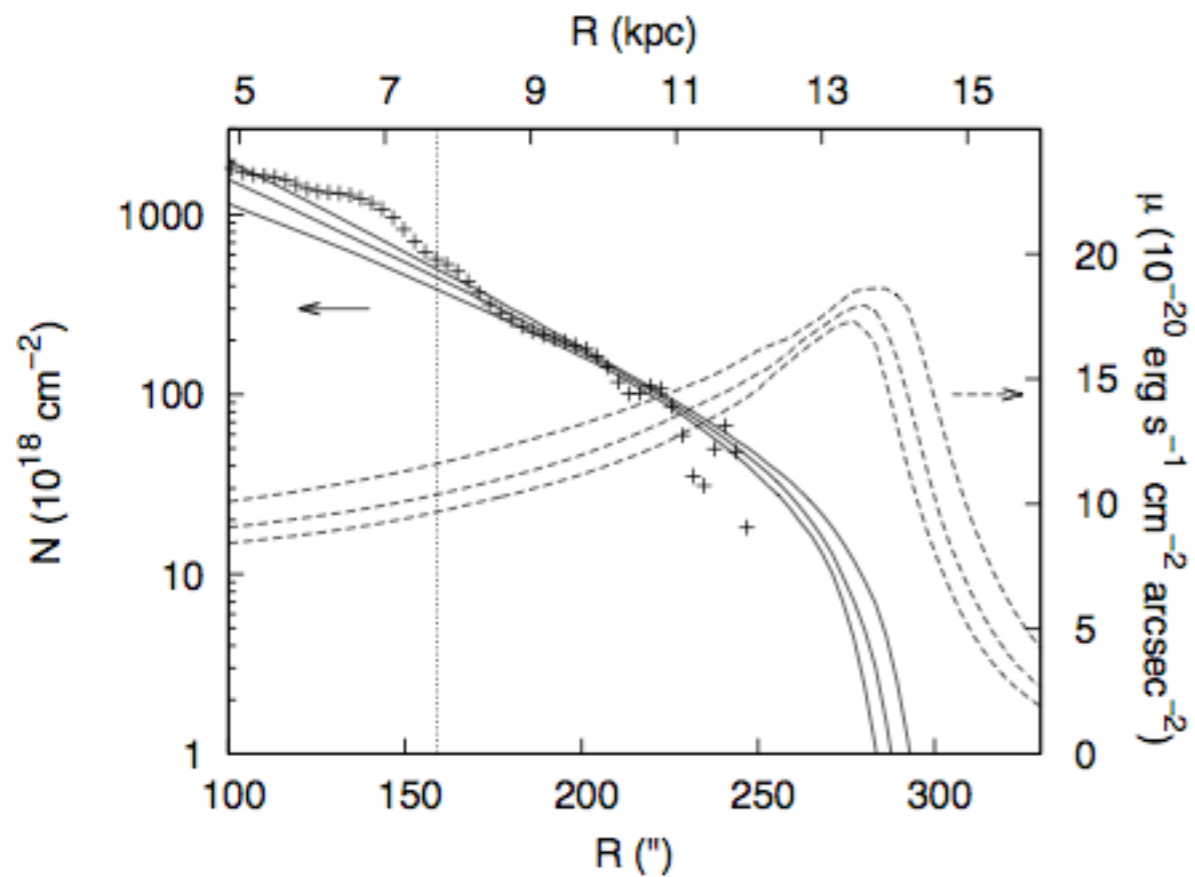


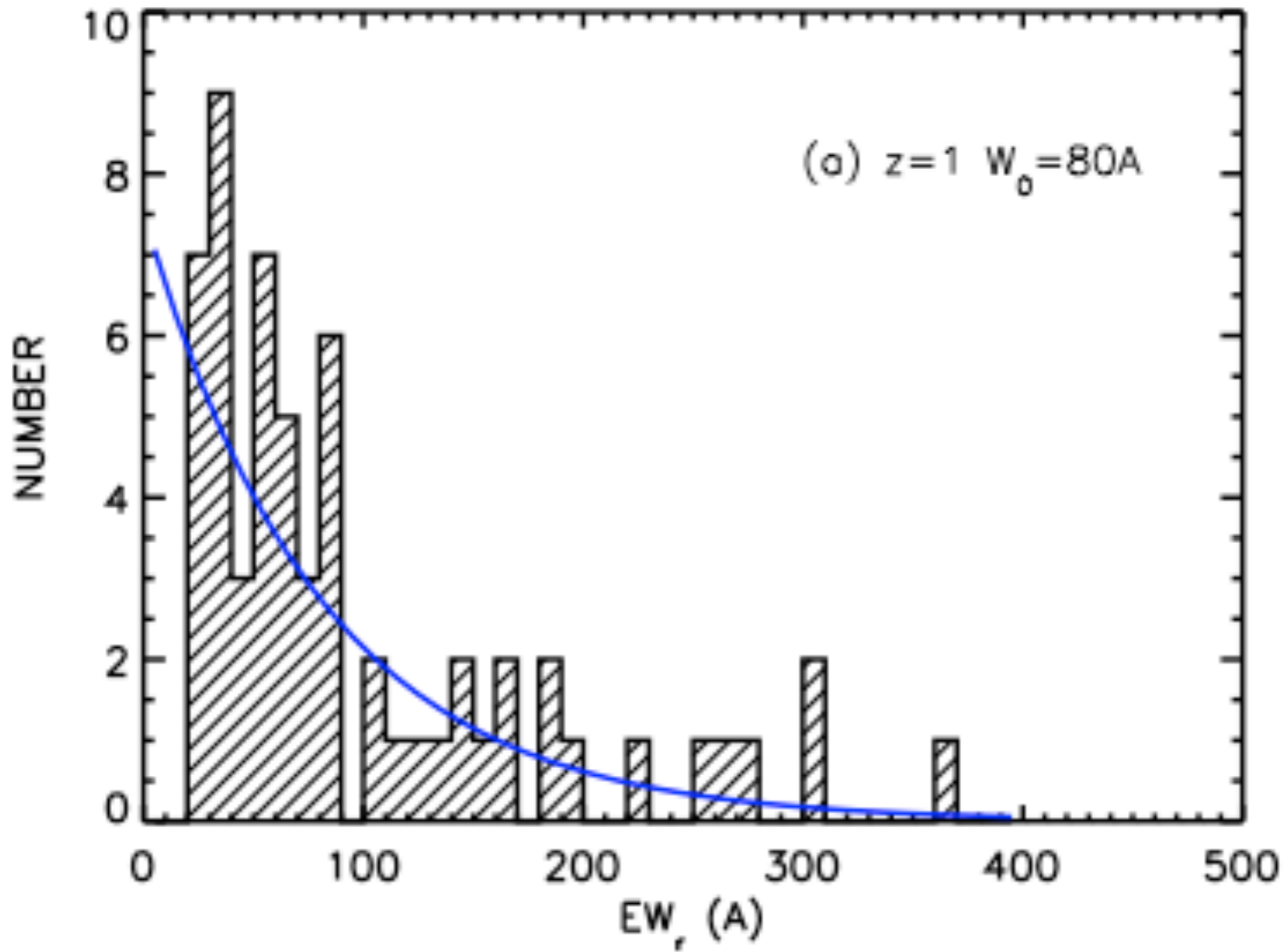
r	g	u	Narrow band 200 nm	Broad-band 200 nm	i	z	Extra broad
r	g	u	Ly α z=0.65	Ly α z=0.65	i	z	Extra broad



The ionising background radiation







ESA PLATFORM

PROBA - V : PRojet for On-Board Autonomy - Vegetation

- Mass: 160 kg
- Dimensions: 765 x 730 x 840 mm
- Three axis-stabilised RPE < 1.5"
- Body mounted Solar Array
- Payload downlink
3 X-band transmitters



Mission concept II

- **Spacecraft**

similar to ESA's Proba-V (instrument: 40 kg, 43 W)

platform: 40×60×80 cm; 95 kg

comp. MIBEX WISE (40 cm telescope, 200×285×173cm, 660 kg, 300 W, 540 km)

VESTA dual-payload adapter @ Vega rocket

- **Orbit**

SSO 700-900 km, precession 360°/year

pointing \perp Sun-Earth direction avoiding Earthshine

great circle drift scan with centre at the Sun

- **Mission lifetime**

3 to 5 years

full sky coverage to SB > 32 (optical) - 37 (UV) mag arcsec⁻²

Mission concept I

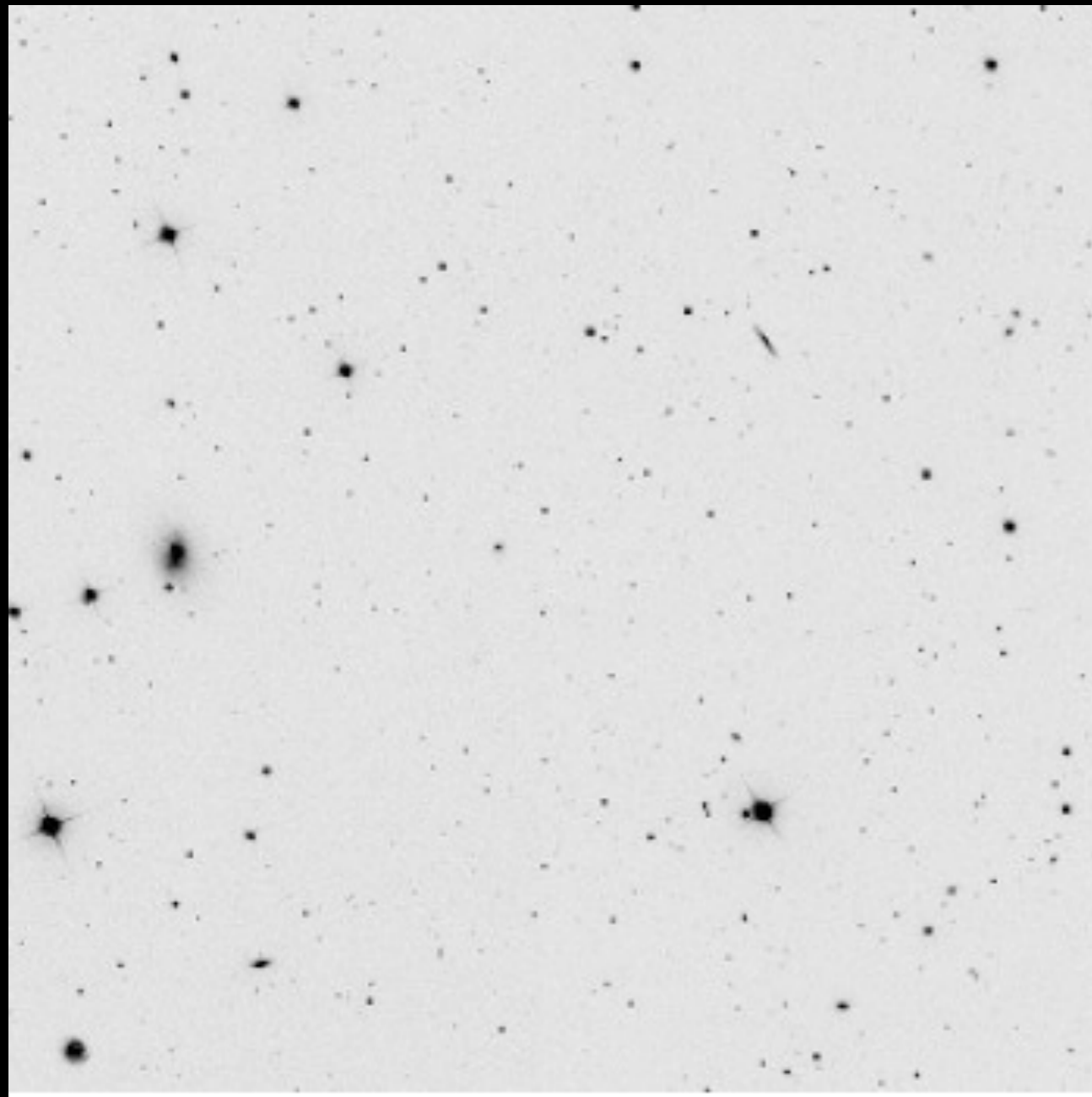
- **Payload**

- Off-axis TMA f/2 telescope, 40 cm diameter
flat focal plane, FOV : 8 square degrees
ultra-stable PSF with ultra-low wings
no lenses (to avoid Čerenkov radiation)
extreme baffling to limit straylight contaminations
8 UV / optical filters
no moving parts, passive cooling, low power
TRL 9 (but stability of FP TBD)

- **Detectors**

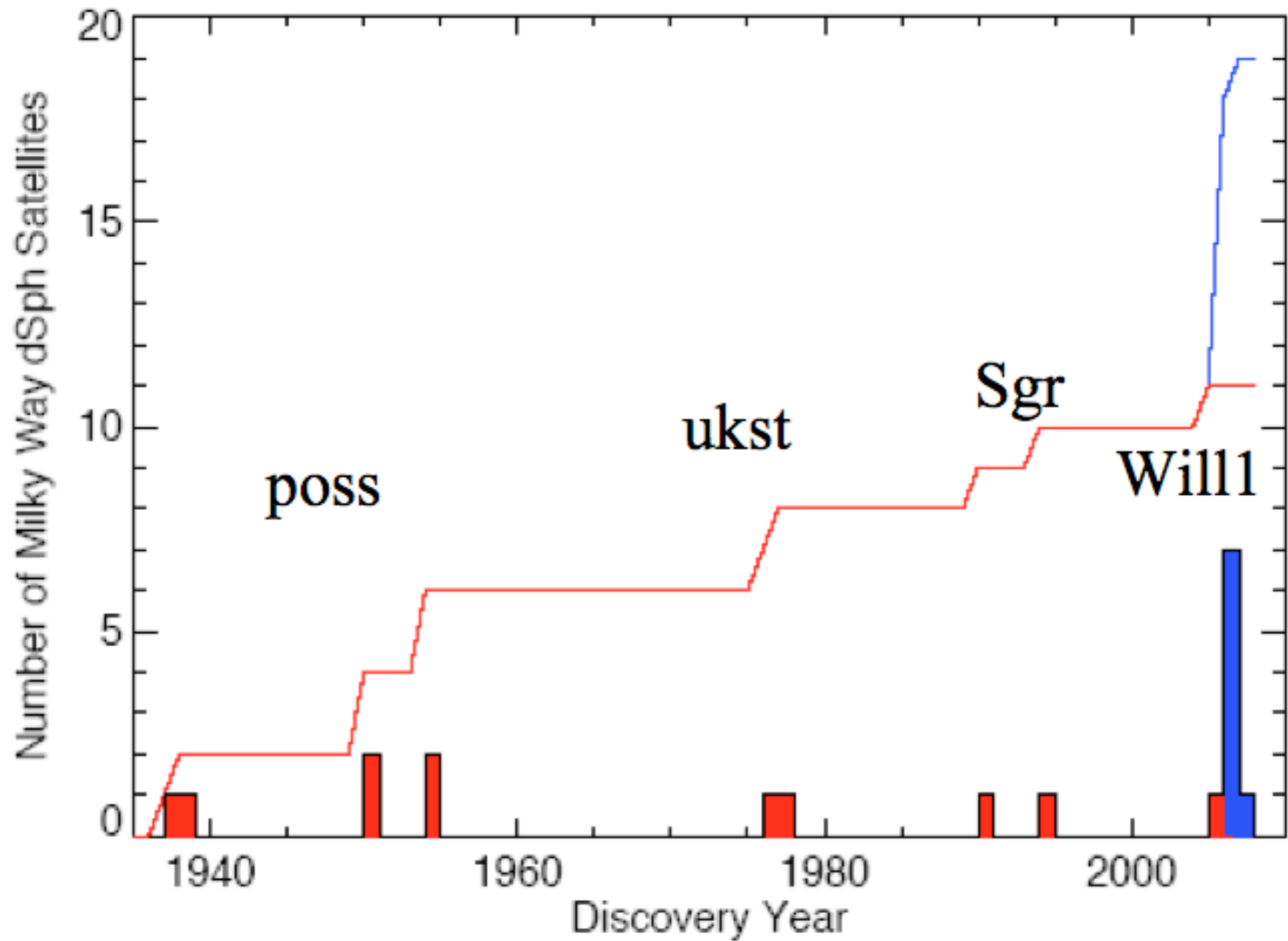
- optimised QE > 80% for each UV/optical band
ITAR free (TBC)
time delay integration controllers + data flow to ground

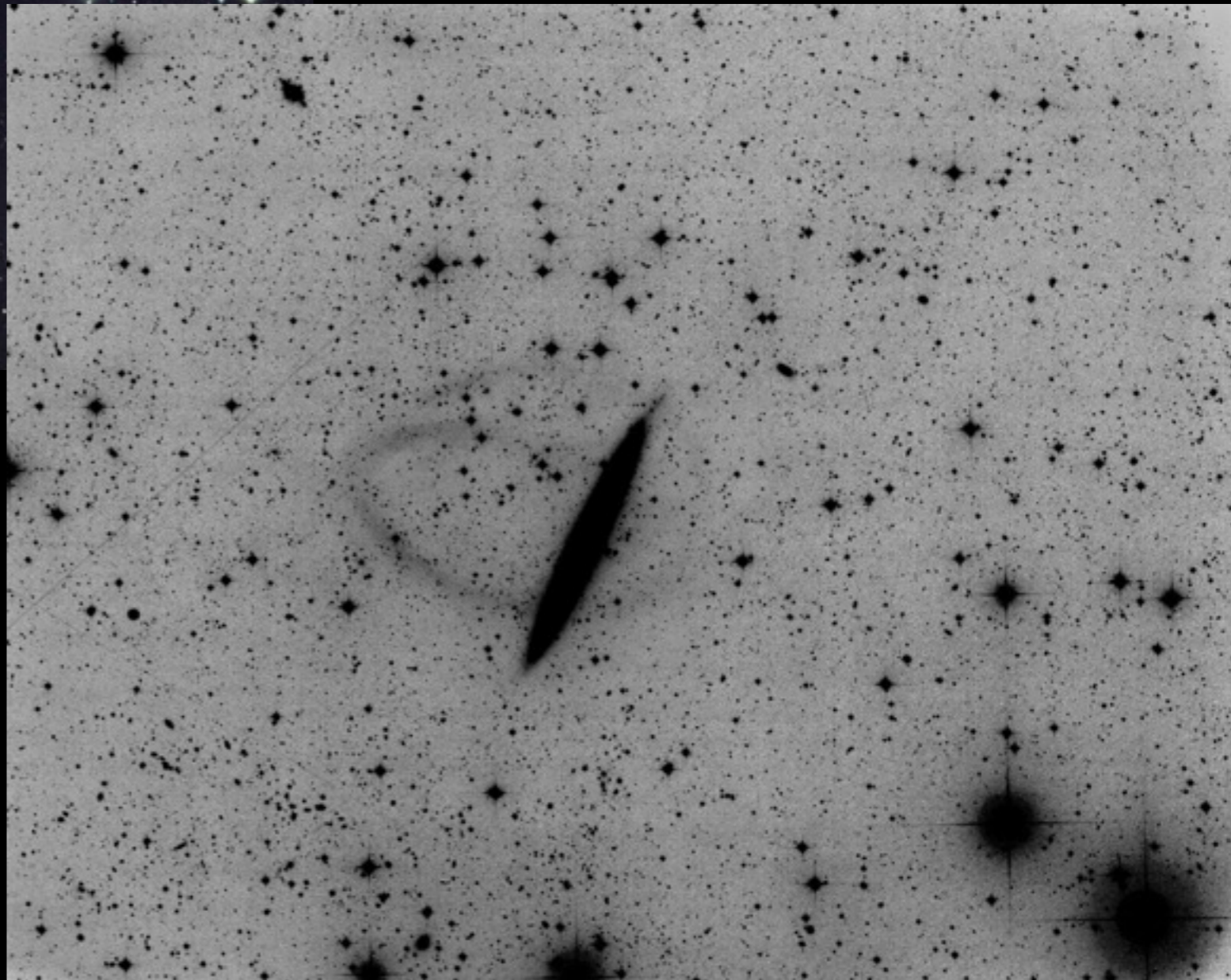
The case of Segue I



Belokurov *et al.* (2007)

Discovery rate of Milky Way satellites





NGC 5907 D=60cm F=180cm **f/3**
prime focus

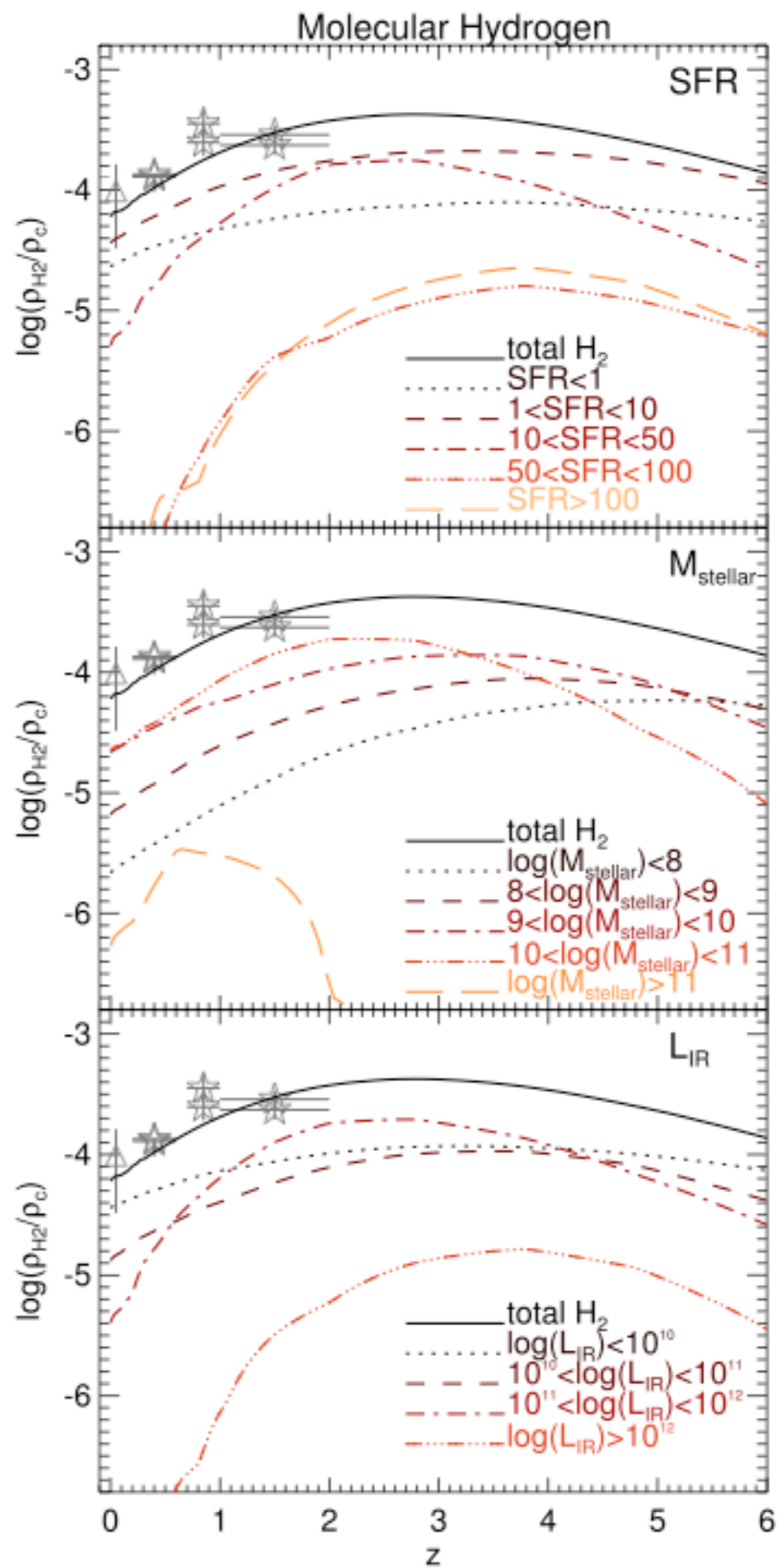
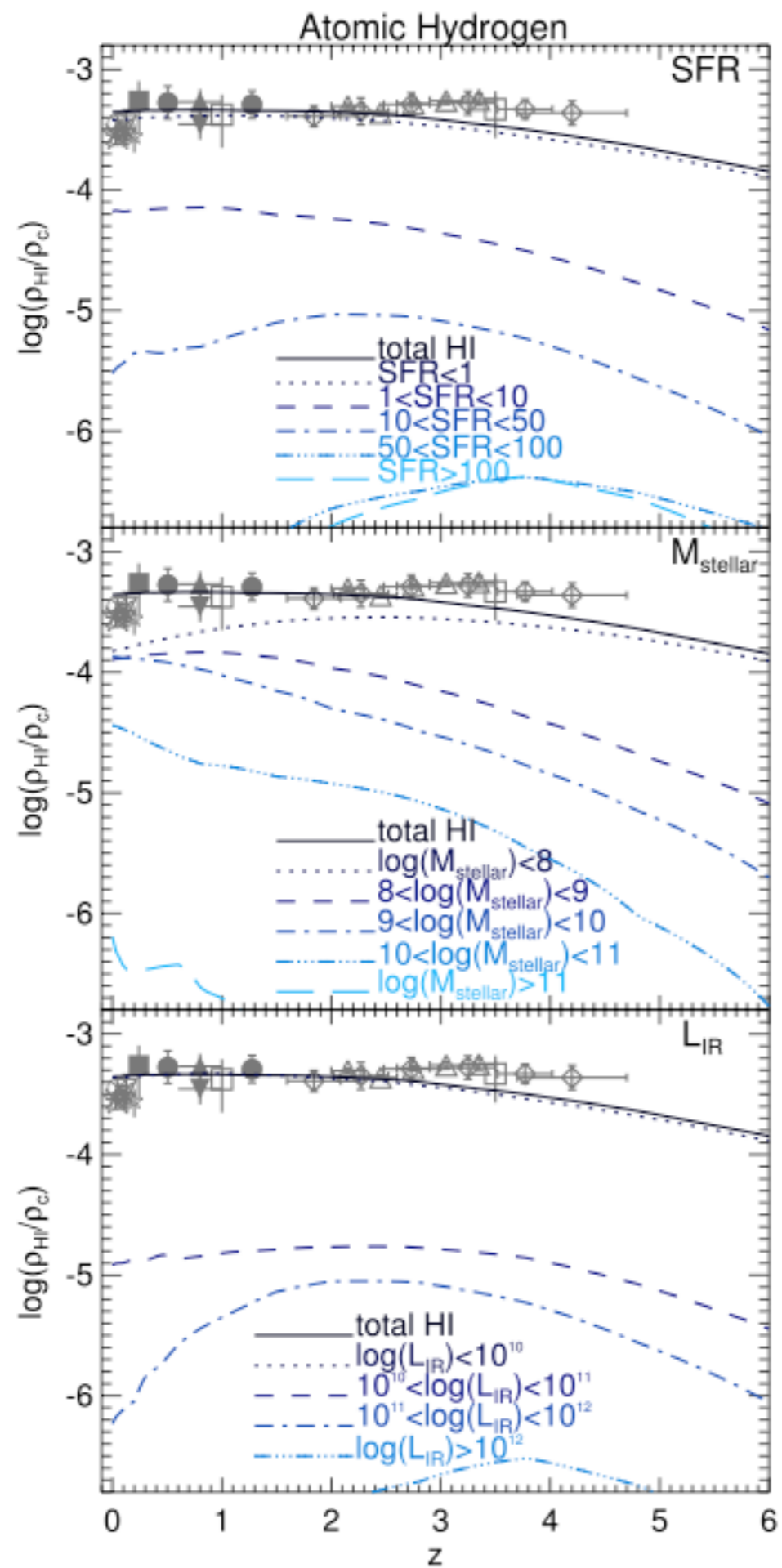
4.0 hours integration

ATLAS-3D

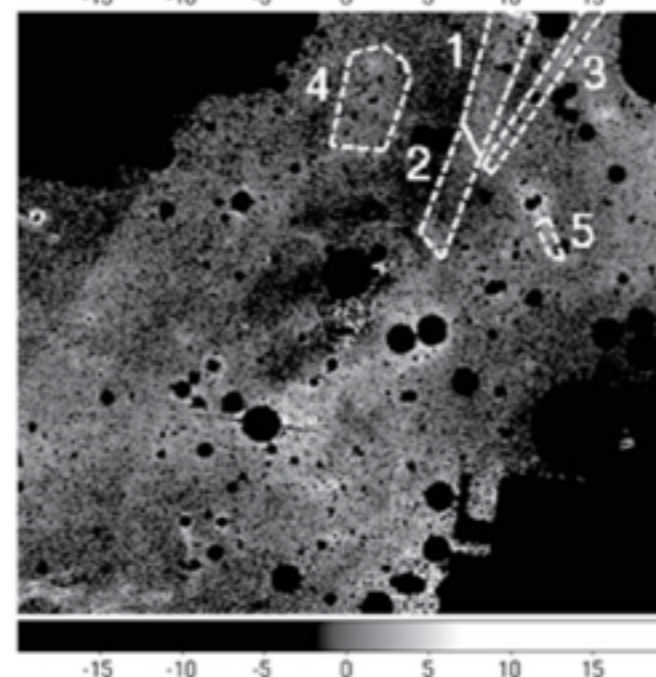
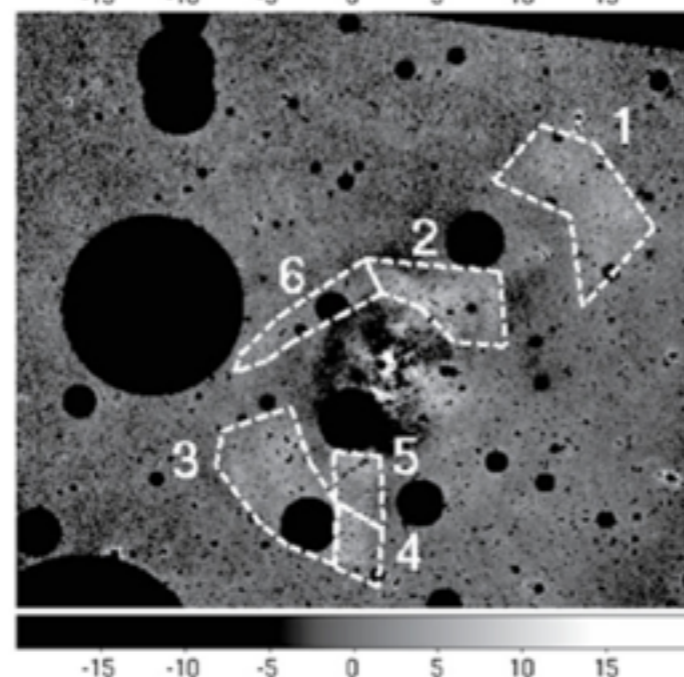
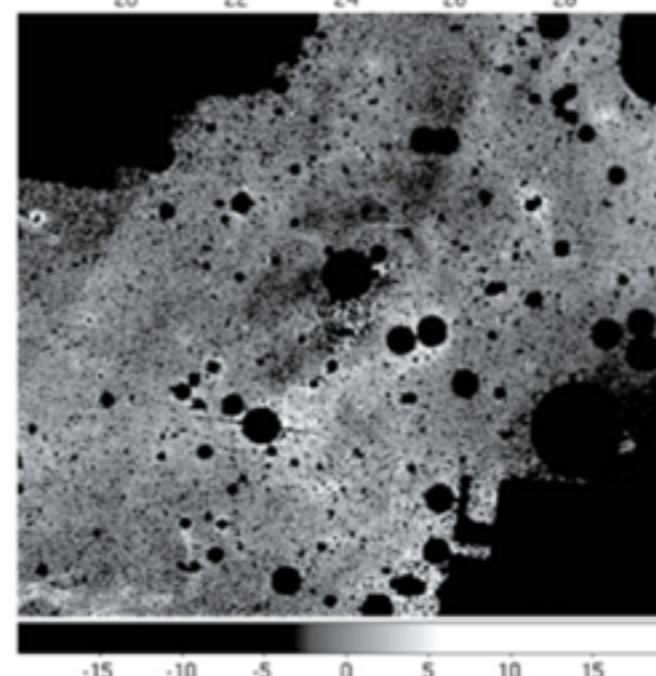
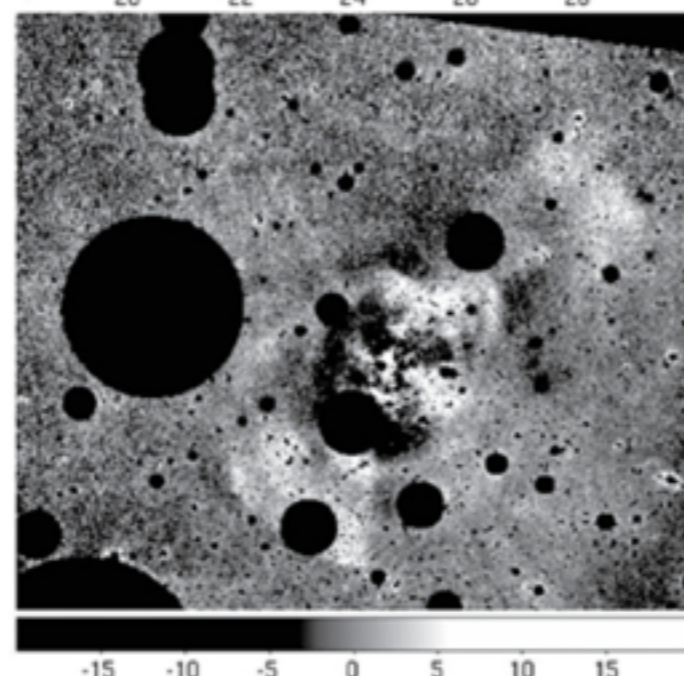
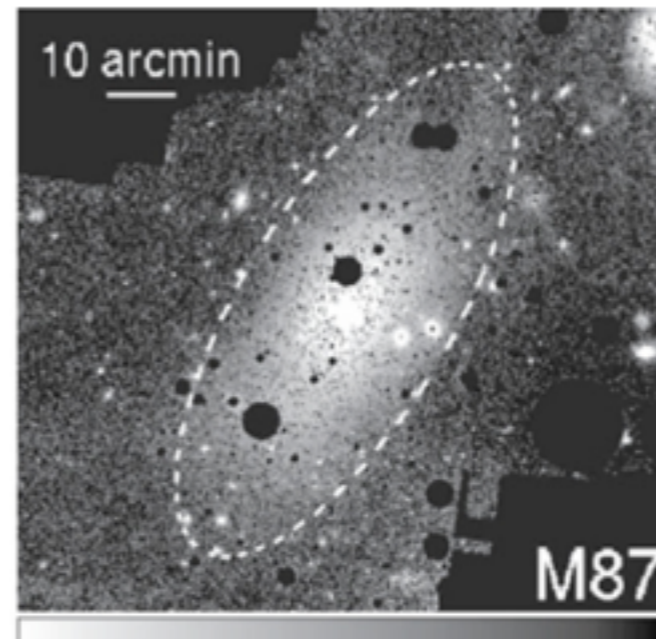
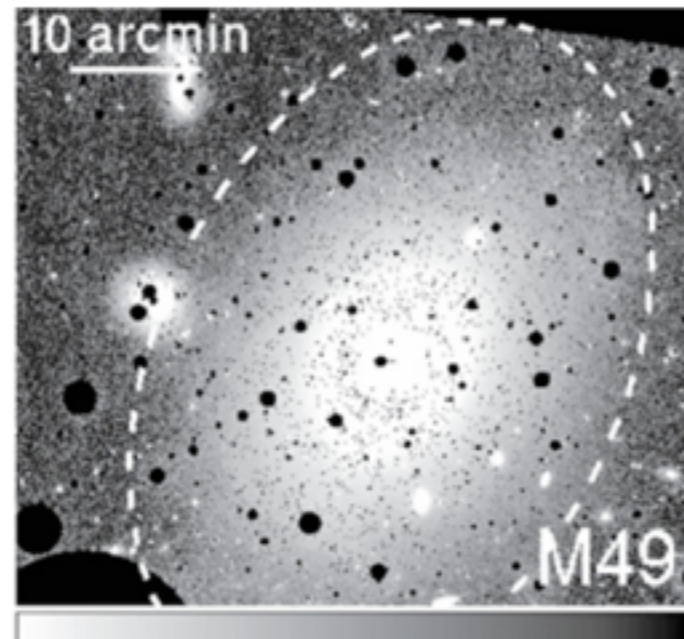
Elliptical galaxies

CFHT LSB-Elixir

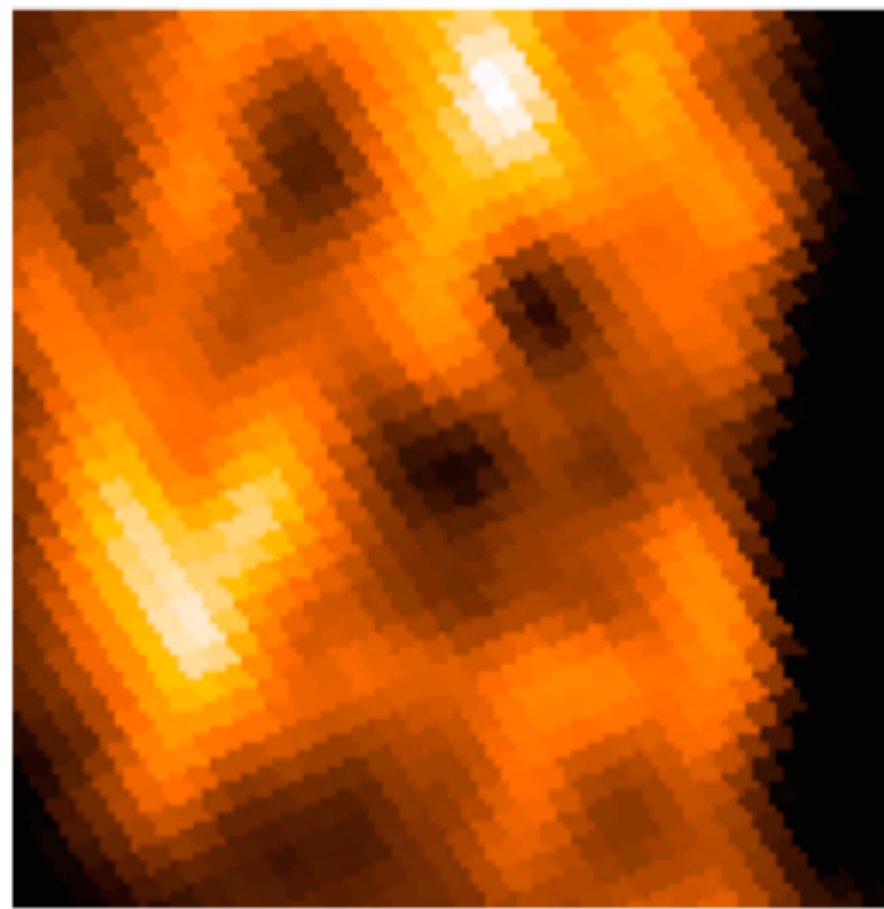




Virgo cluster observations



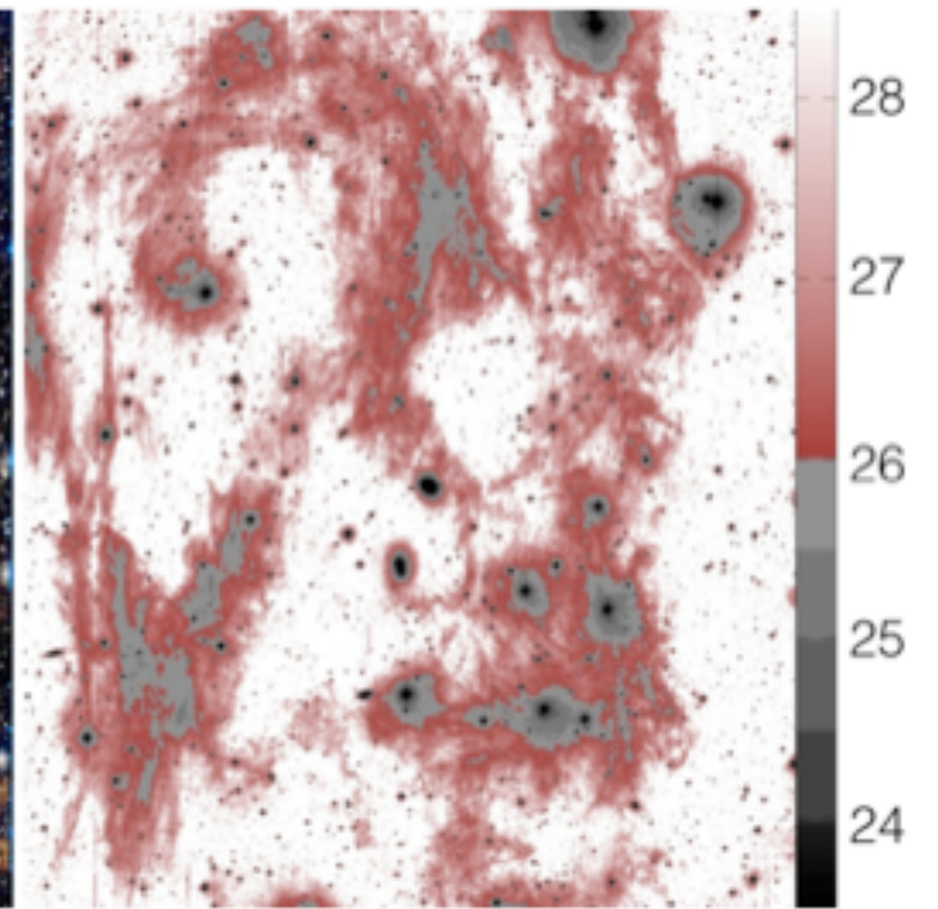




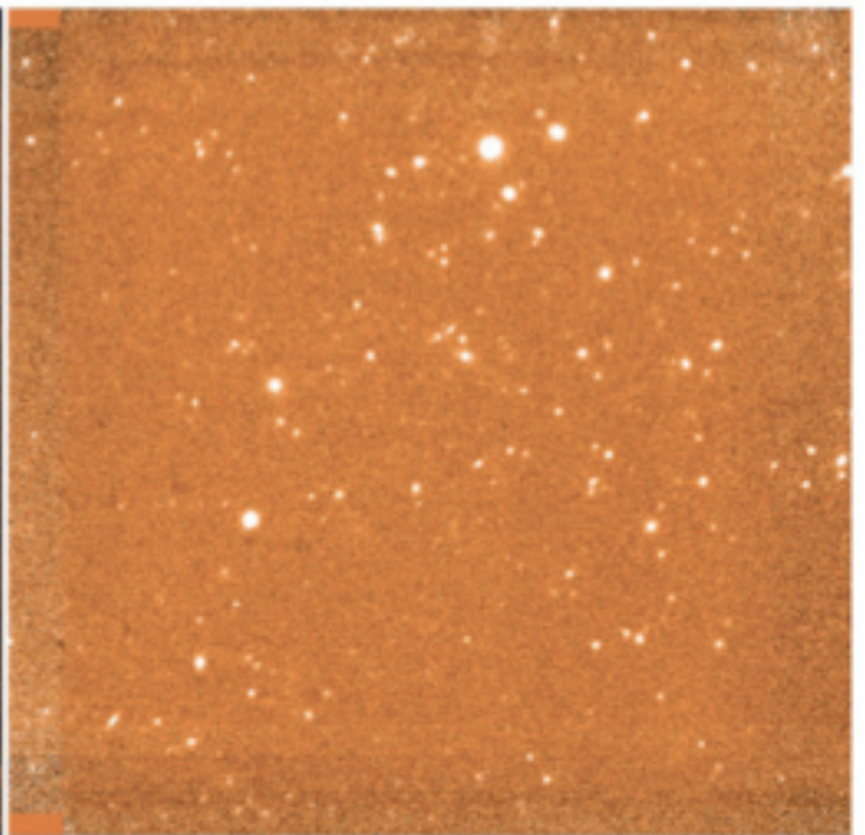
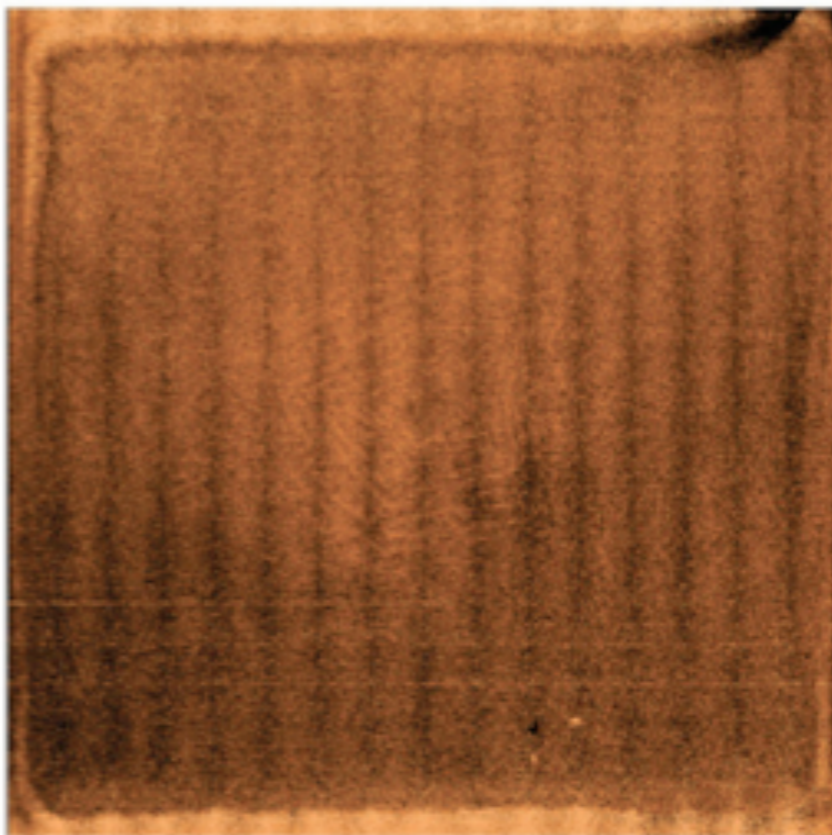
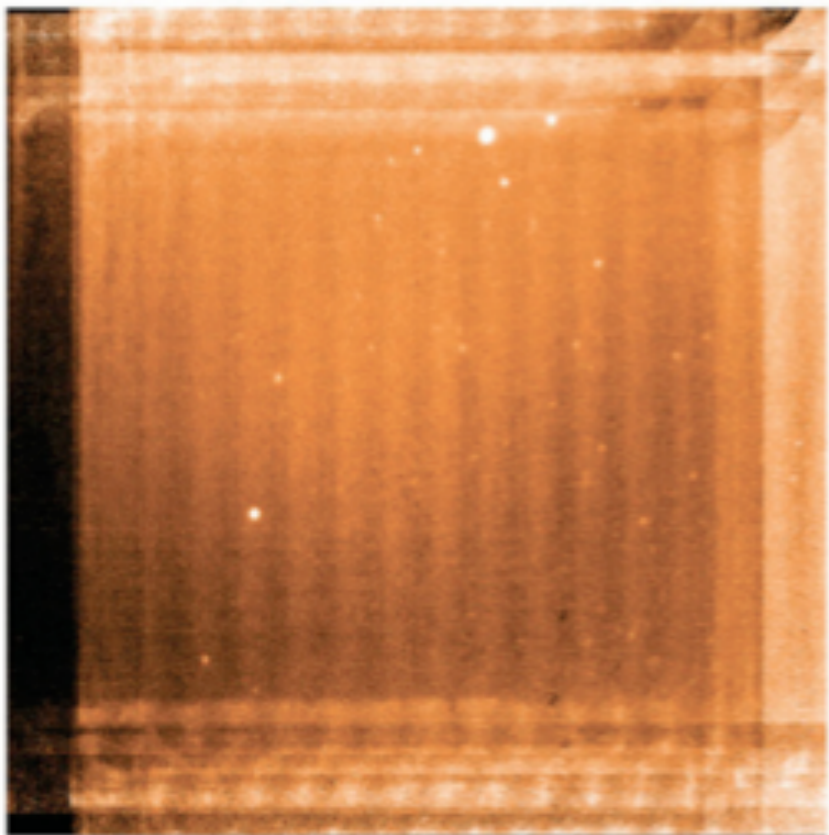
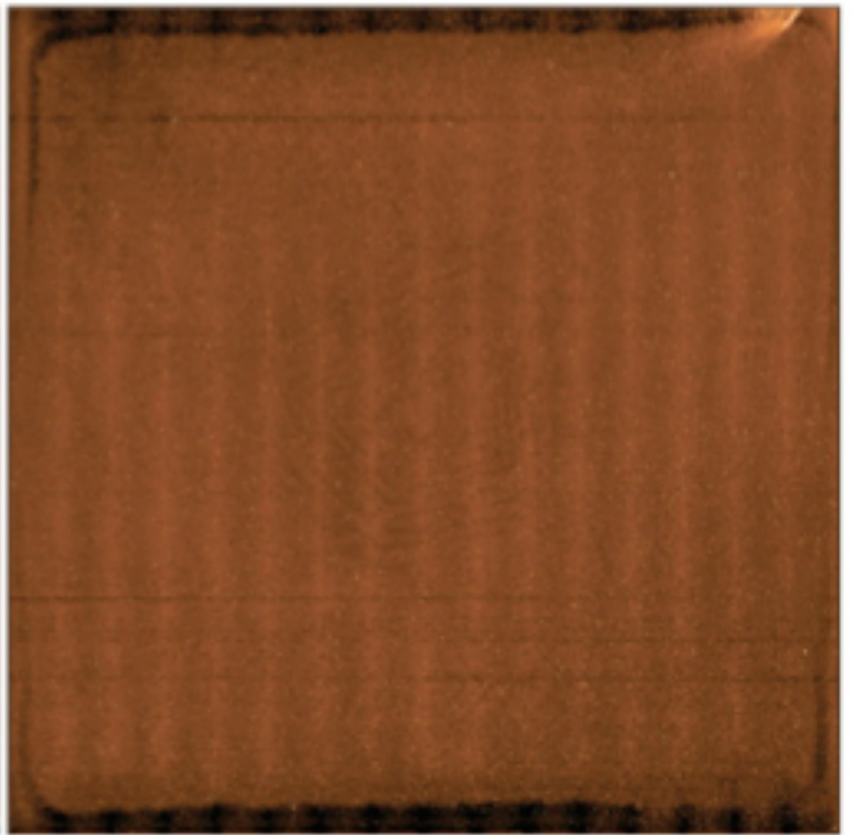
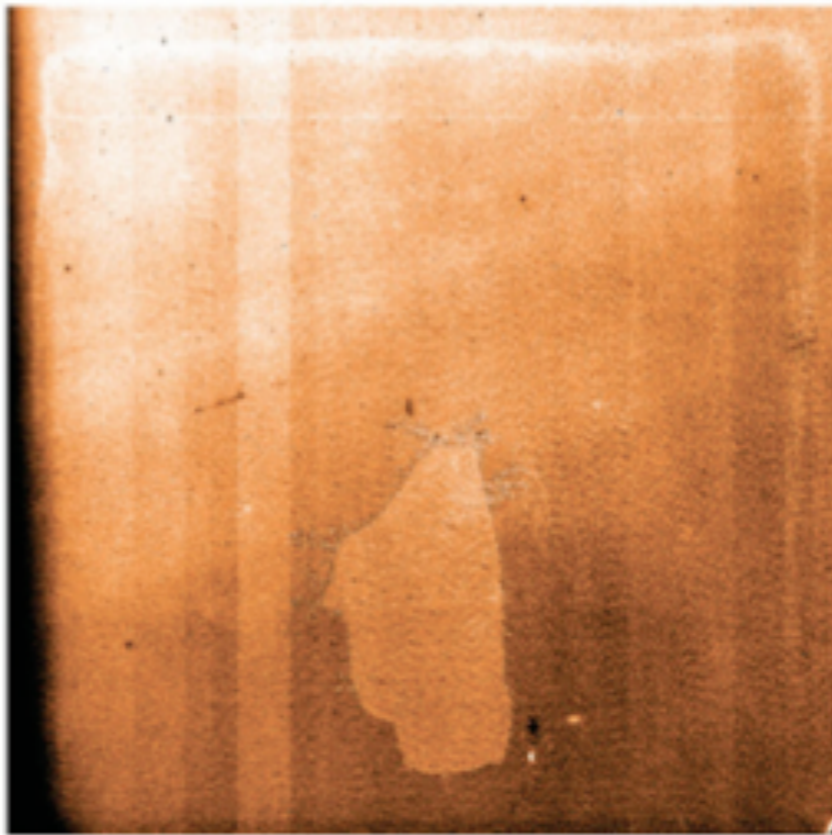
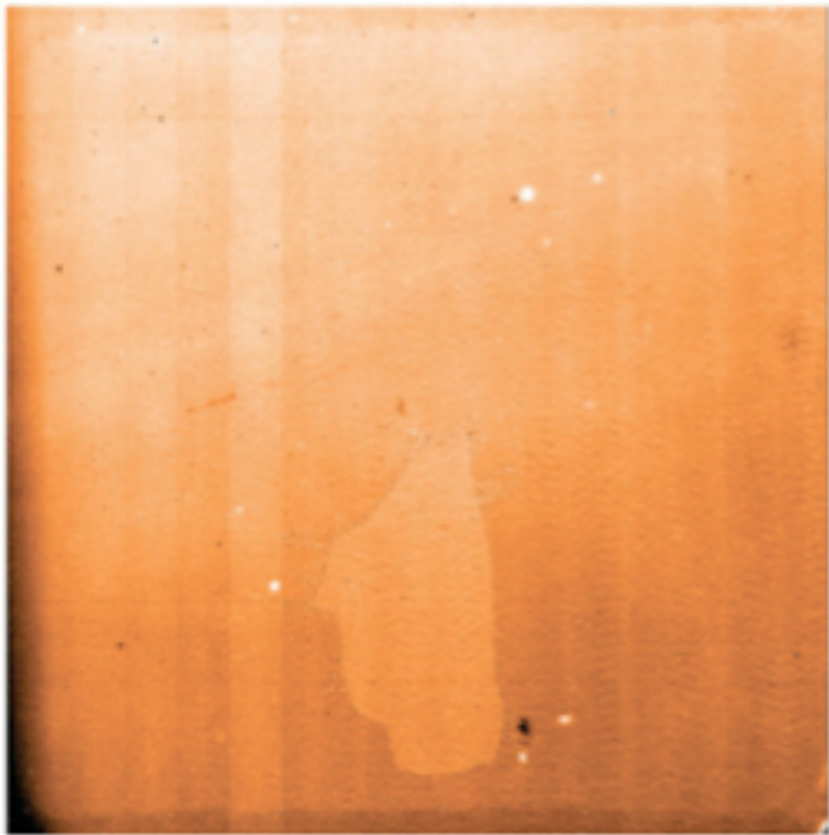
Planck 857 GHz 350 μm



$r + g$



SB levels





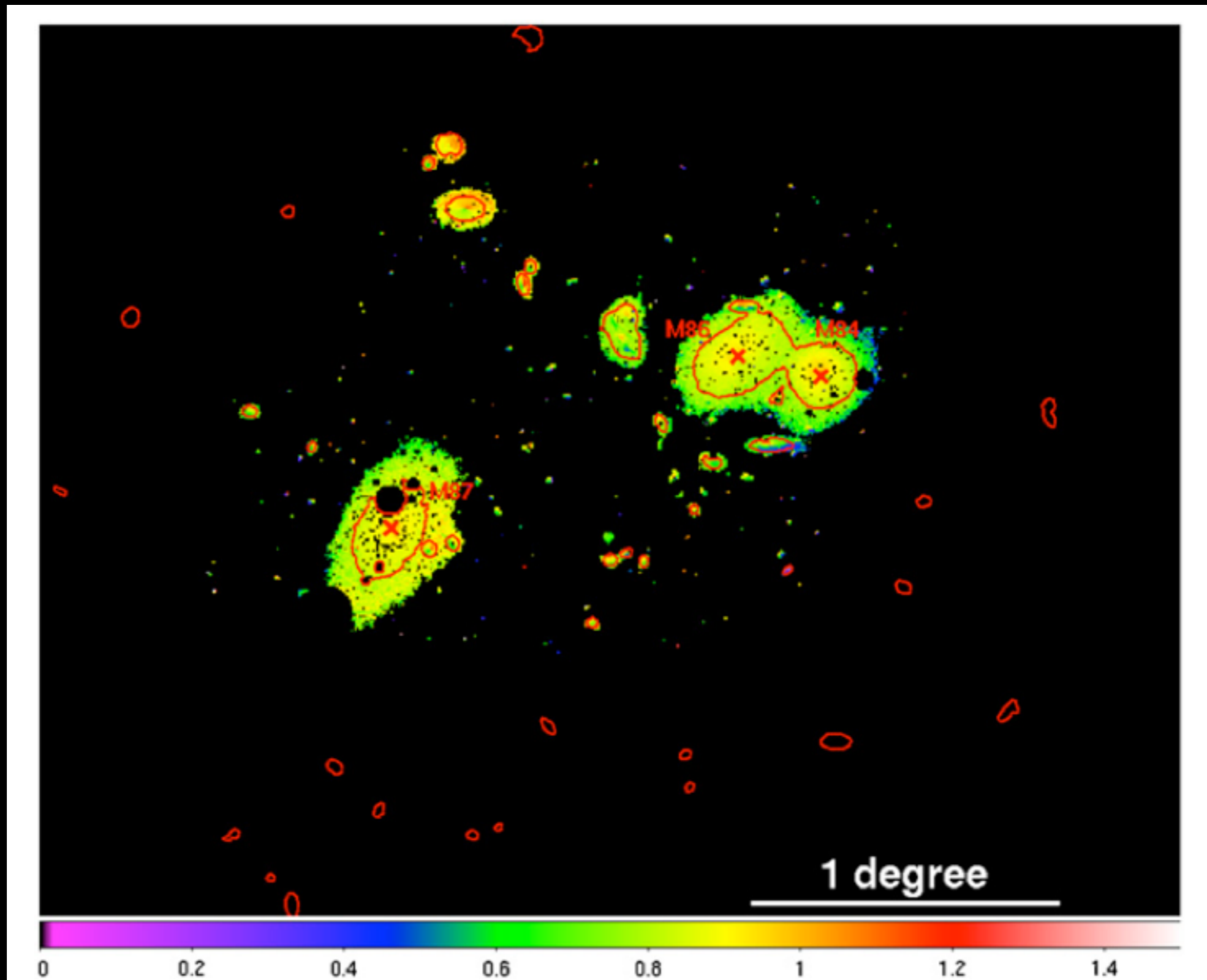
Umbrella galaxy - Subaru



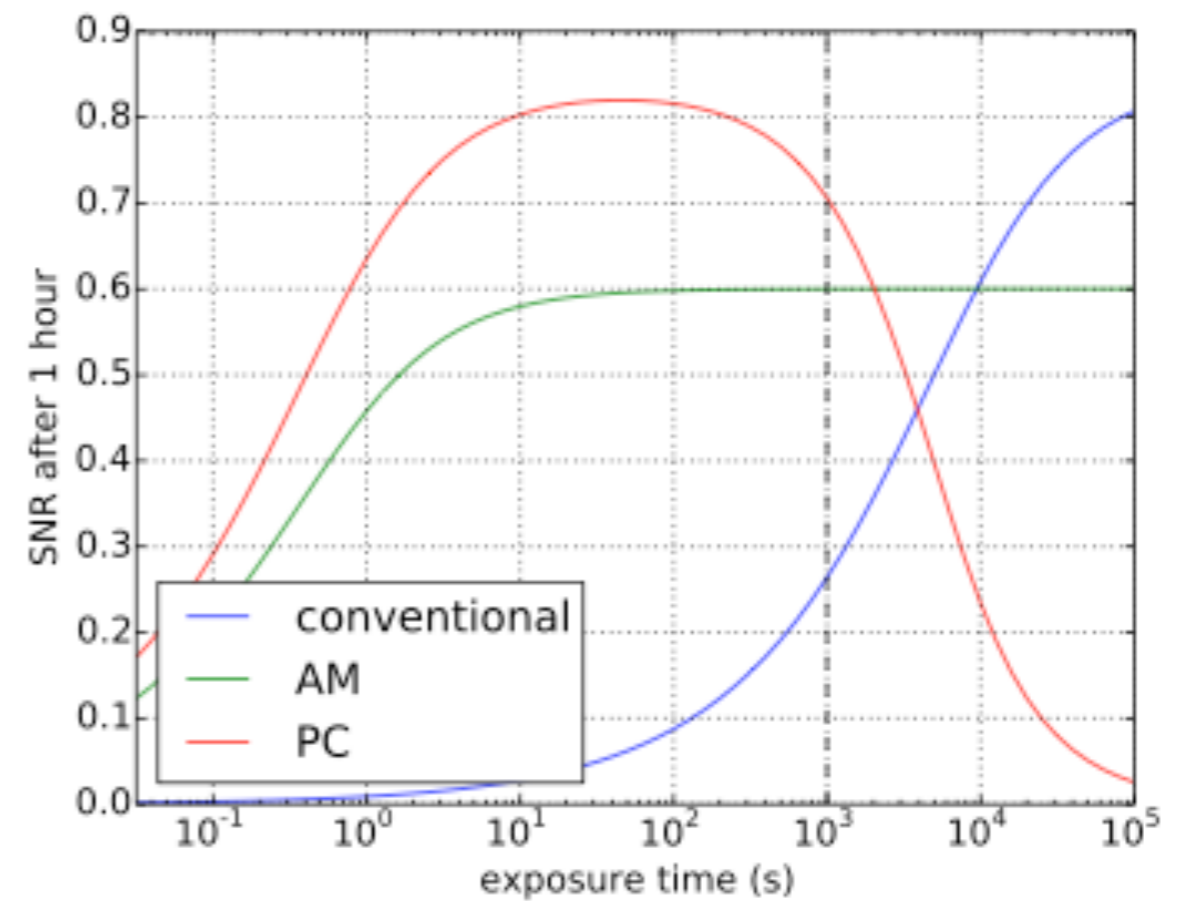
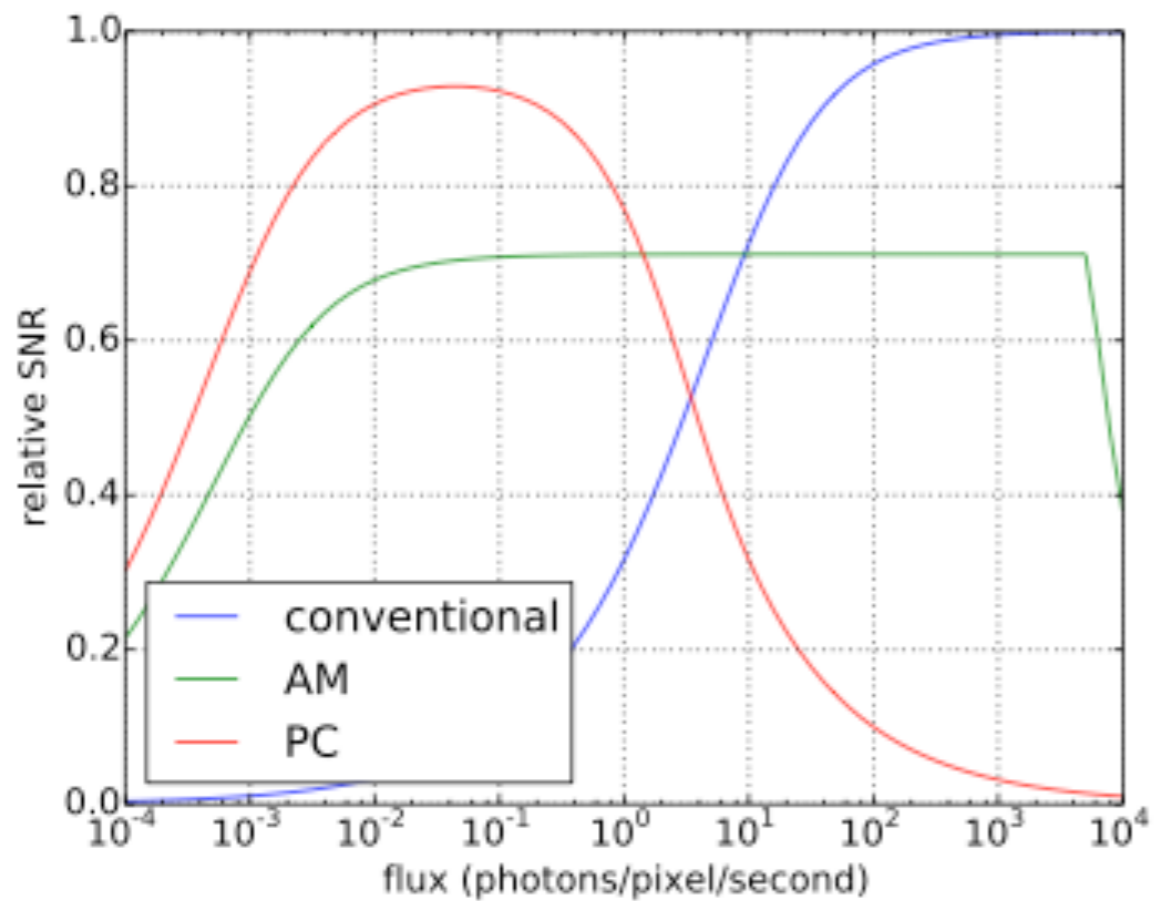
SC4 What is the role of intracluster light in the evolution of galaxies and clusters?

B-V map

Virgo cluster



Photon counting EMCCDs vs conventional CCDs



Wilkins et al. (2014)

536 EM stage e2v 512×512 pixels Nüvü controller

800,000 e

3 e

0.0001 e/pixel/s

0.0007 events/pixel/s

1 frame/s

1000

full well

read noise

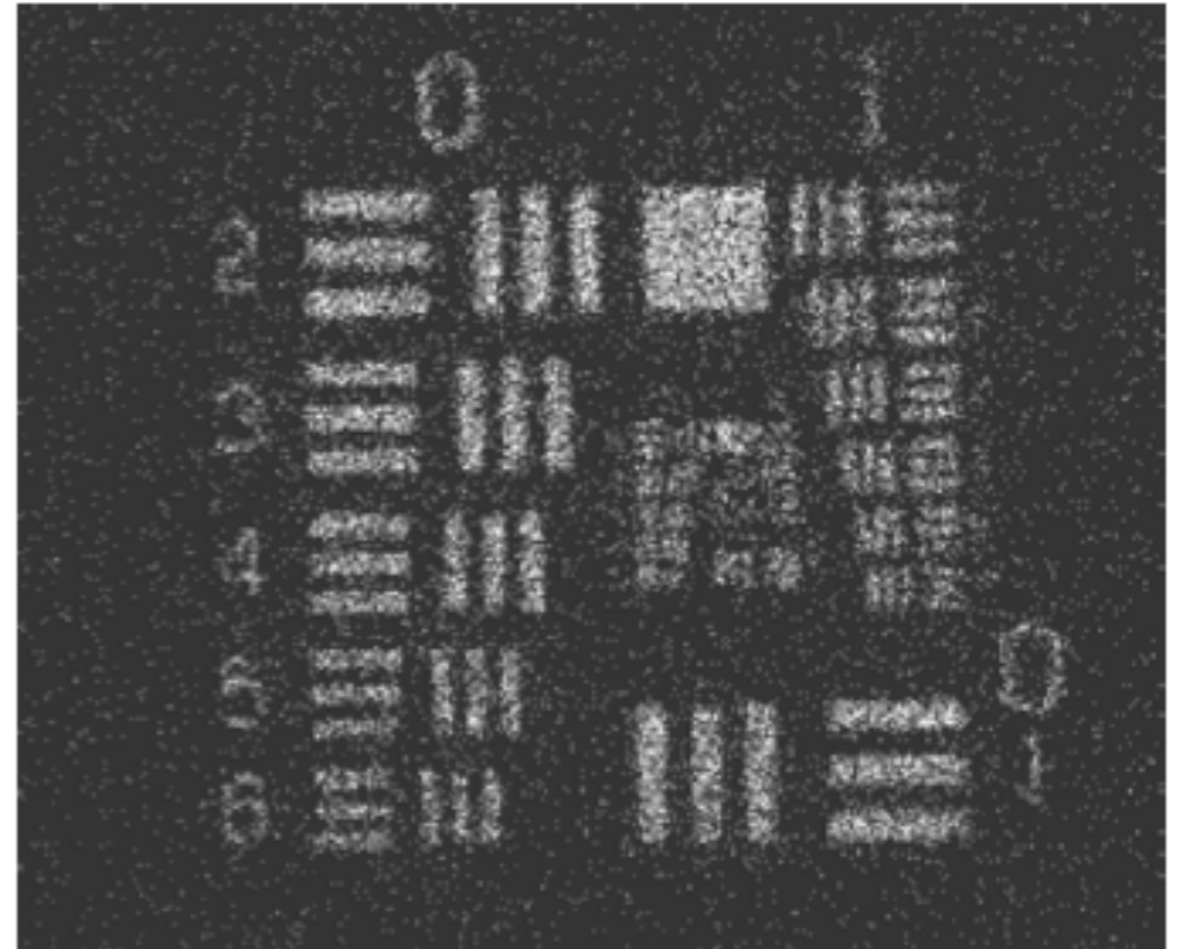
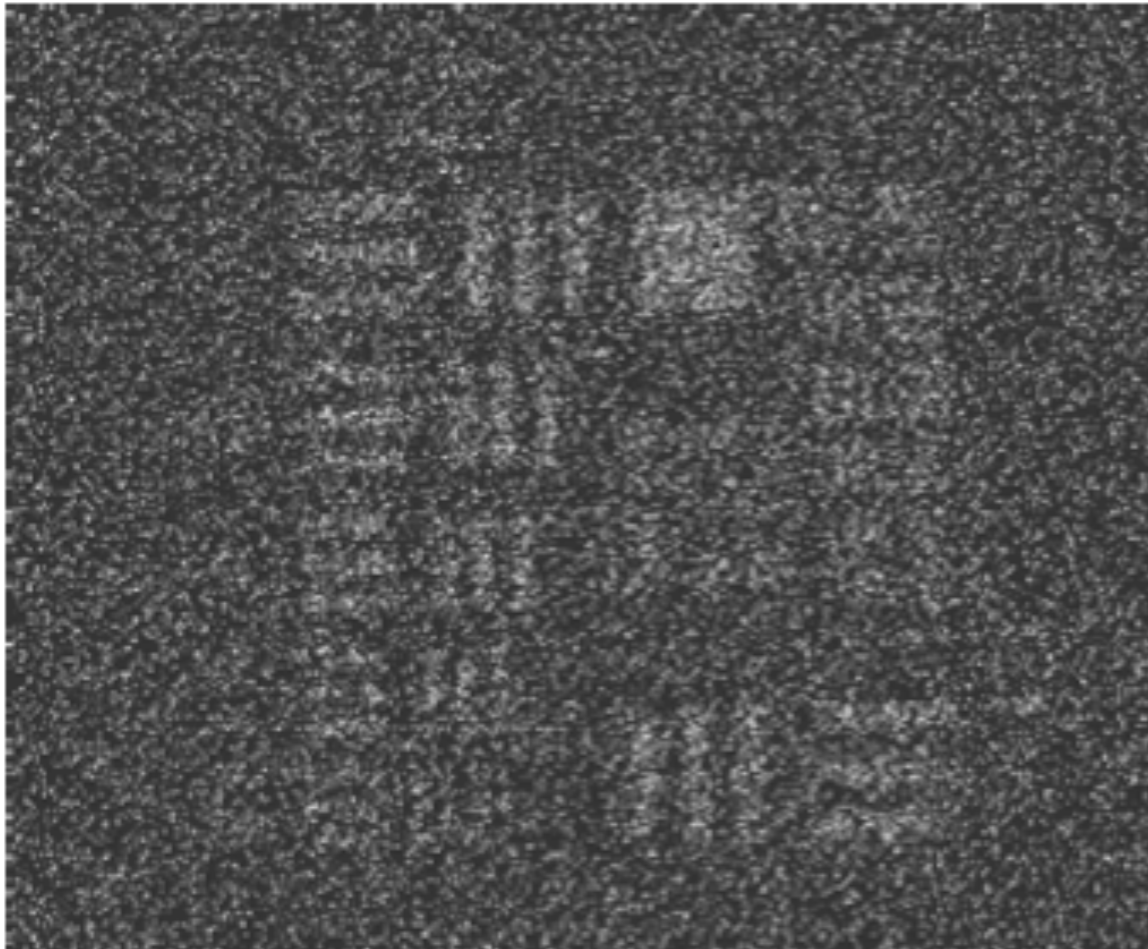
dark current

CIC

operation

gain

Gain in SNR for the same exposure time



337 nm and 777 nm MMIA cameras for ASIM onboard ISS TRL 9

