

A new unsolved problem: bright galaxies at $z \sim 10$

Feedback-Free Starbursts at Cosmic Dawn

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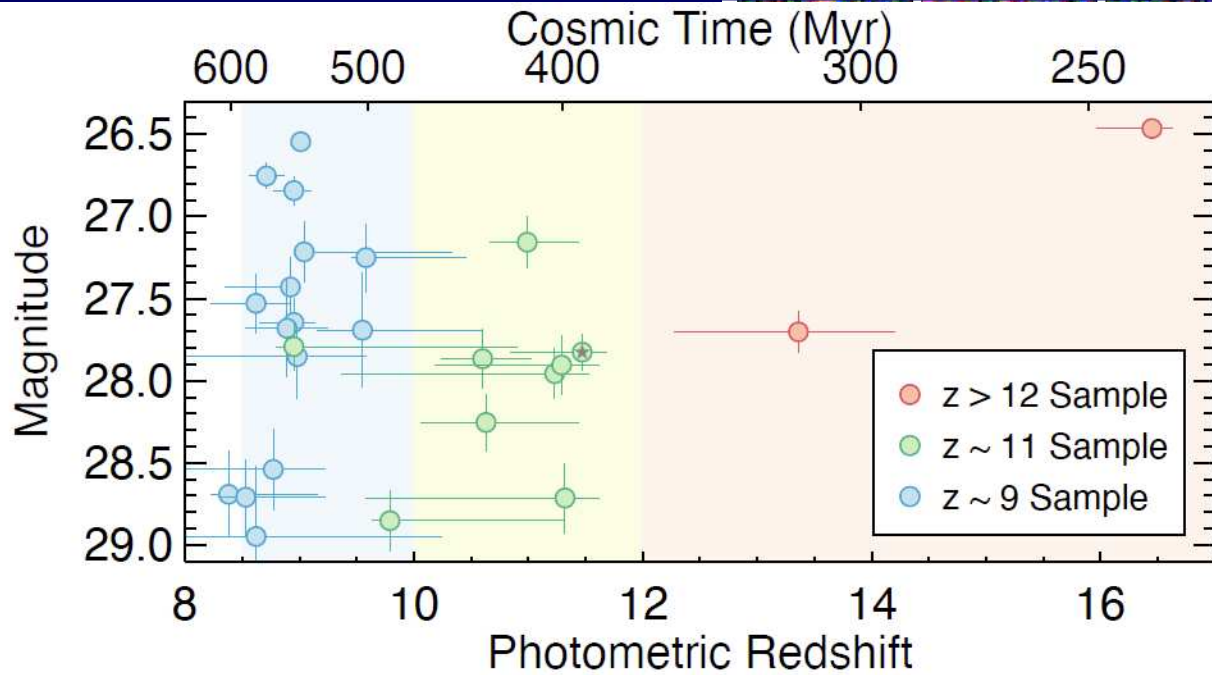
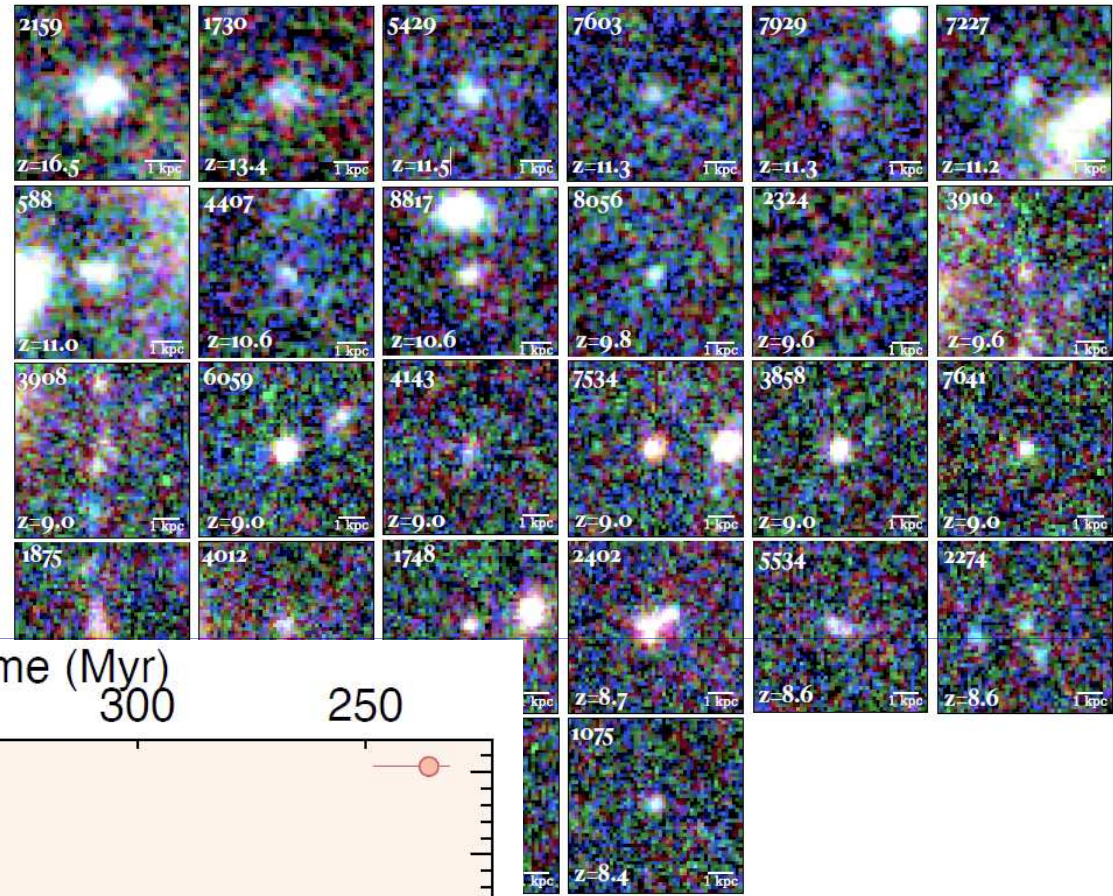
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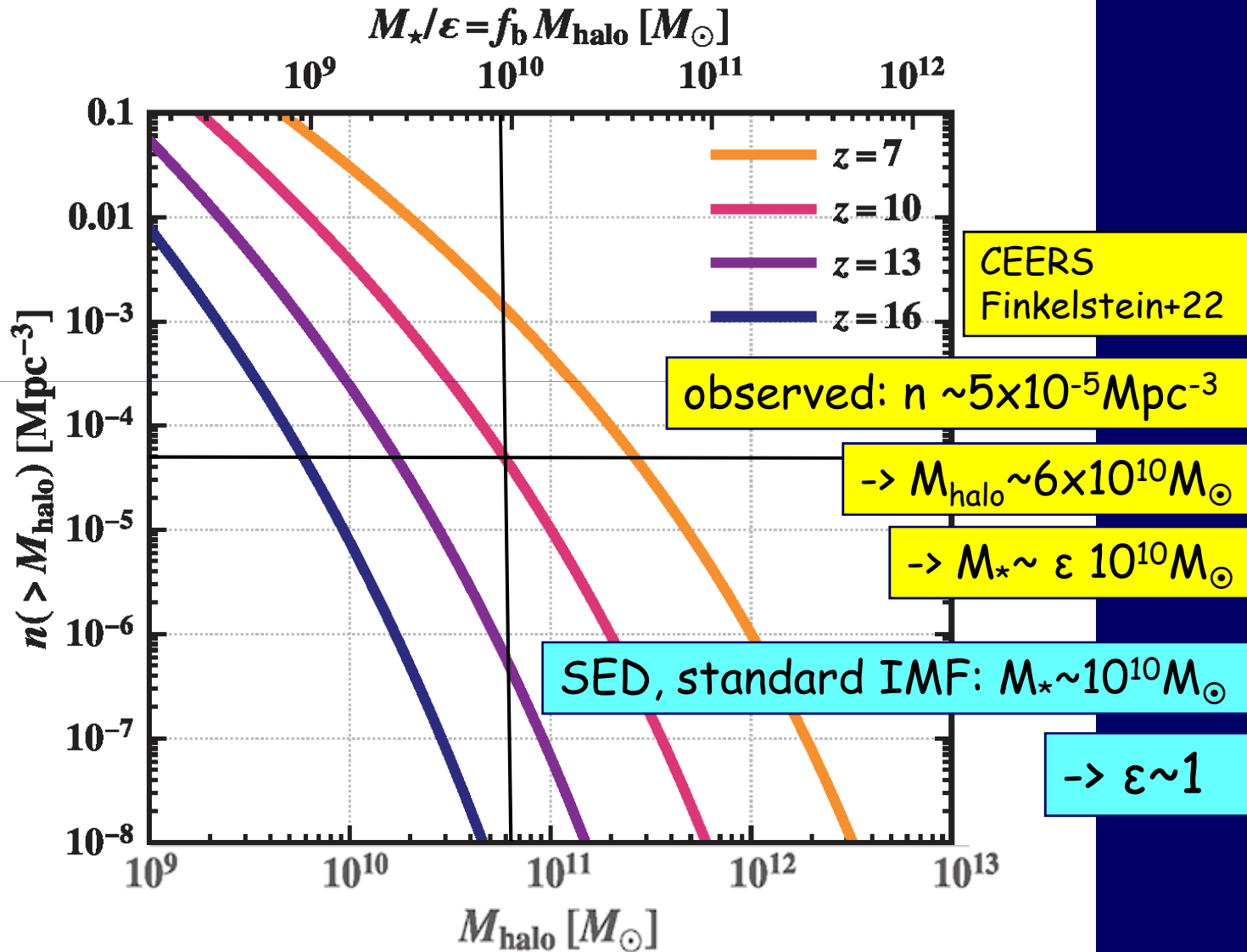


CEERS galaxies at $z \sim 9-12$



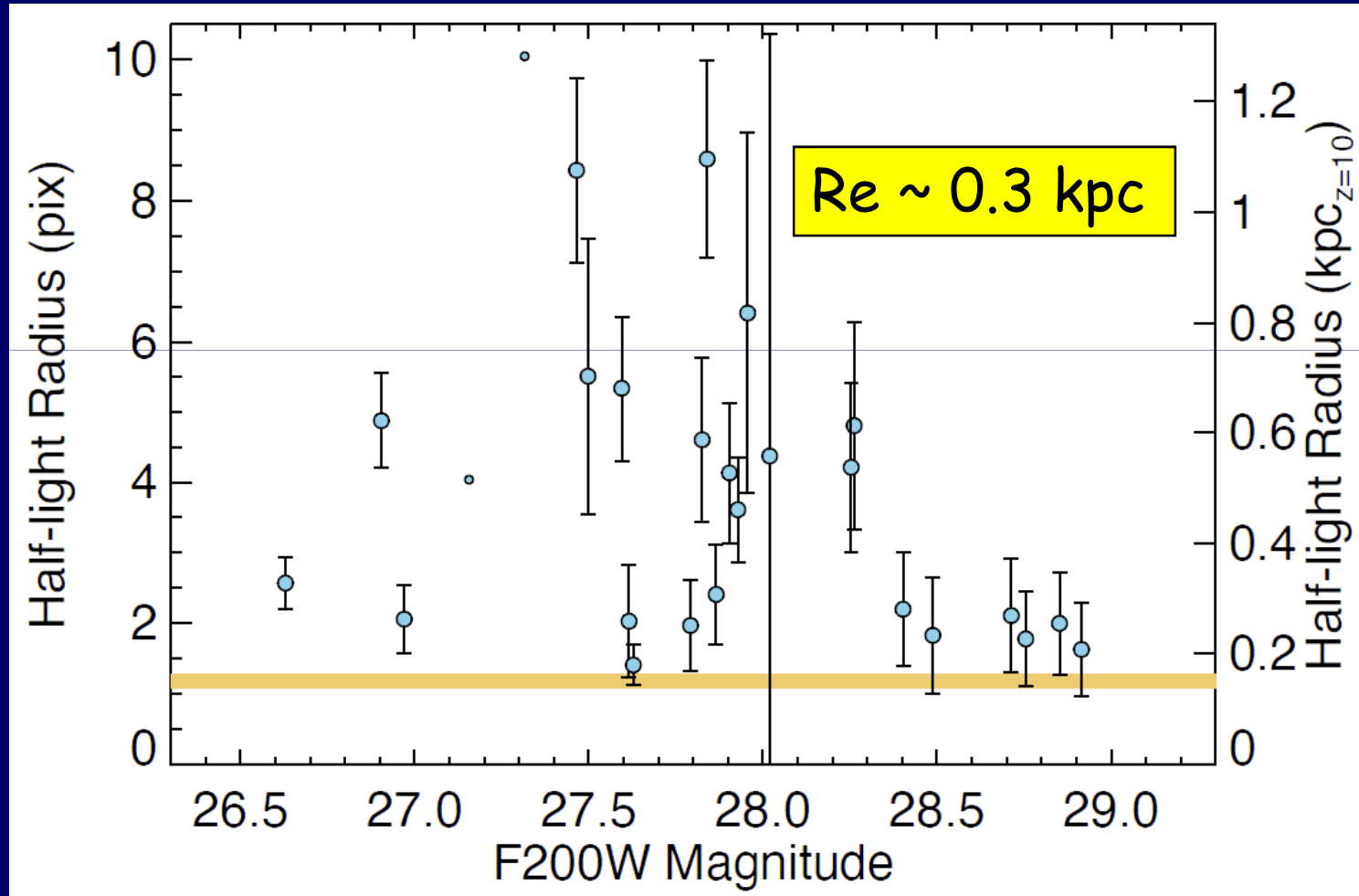
Too Many Too Bright Galaxies at $z \sim 10$

Cumulative Halo Mass Function in Λ CDM



The $z \sim 10$ Galaxies are Compact

CEERS Finkelstein+22



Possible Solutions at $z \sim 10$

1. The observations are totally off

- calibration
- photo-z
- low dust extinction due to ejection (Ferrara+22)

Left with $\times 10$ discrepancy with standard galaxy formation in Λ CDM

2. Number density of halos is higher than in Λ

- Early Dark Energy (explains the Hubble tension, Klypin+21)

But Occam's razor?

3. L_{UV}/M_* is higher than at low z

- UV from accreting black holes (Inayoshi+22)
- Top-heavy IMF (Harikane+22)

Possible. Why no dust?

4. High efficiency $\varepsilon = M_*/f_b M_{\text{halo}} \sim 1$

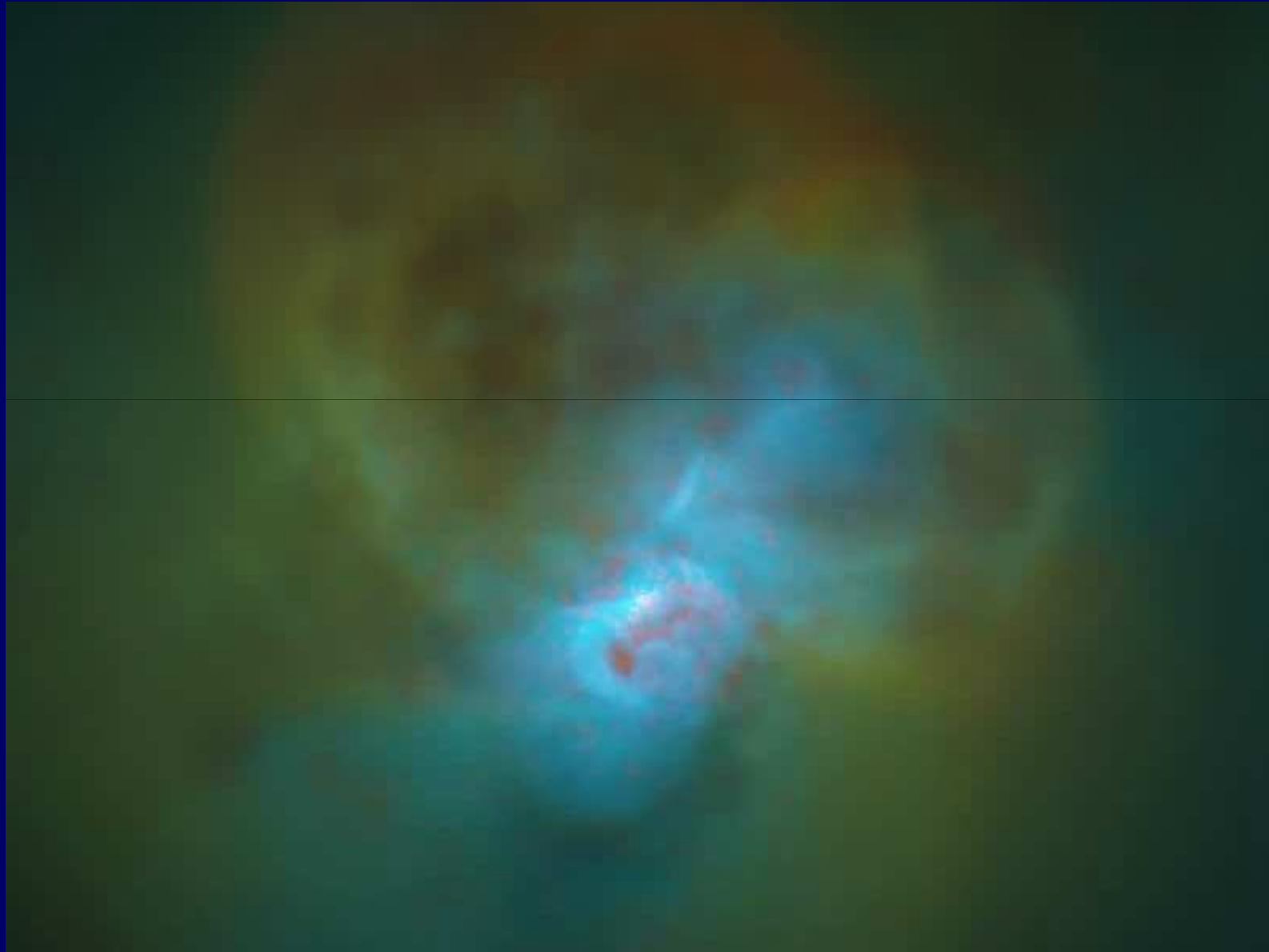
- Feedback-free starbursts

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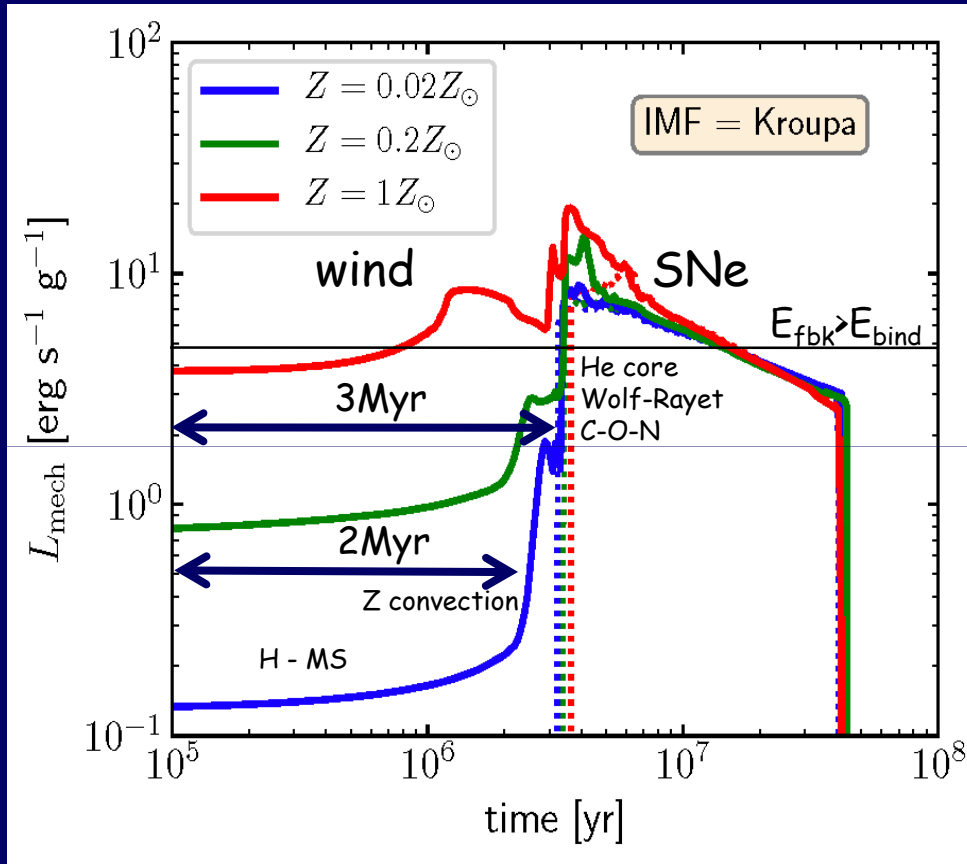
SNe Suppress Star Formation

NIHAO simulations: Maccio, Dutton+



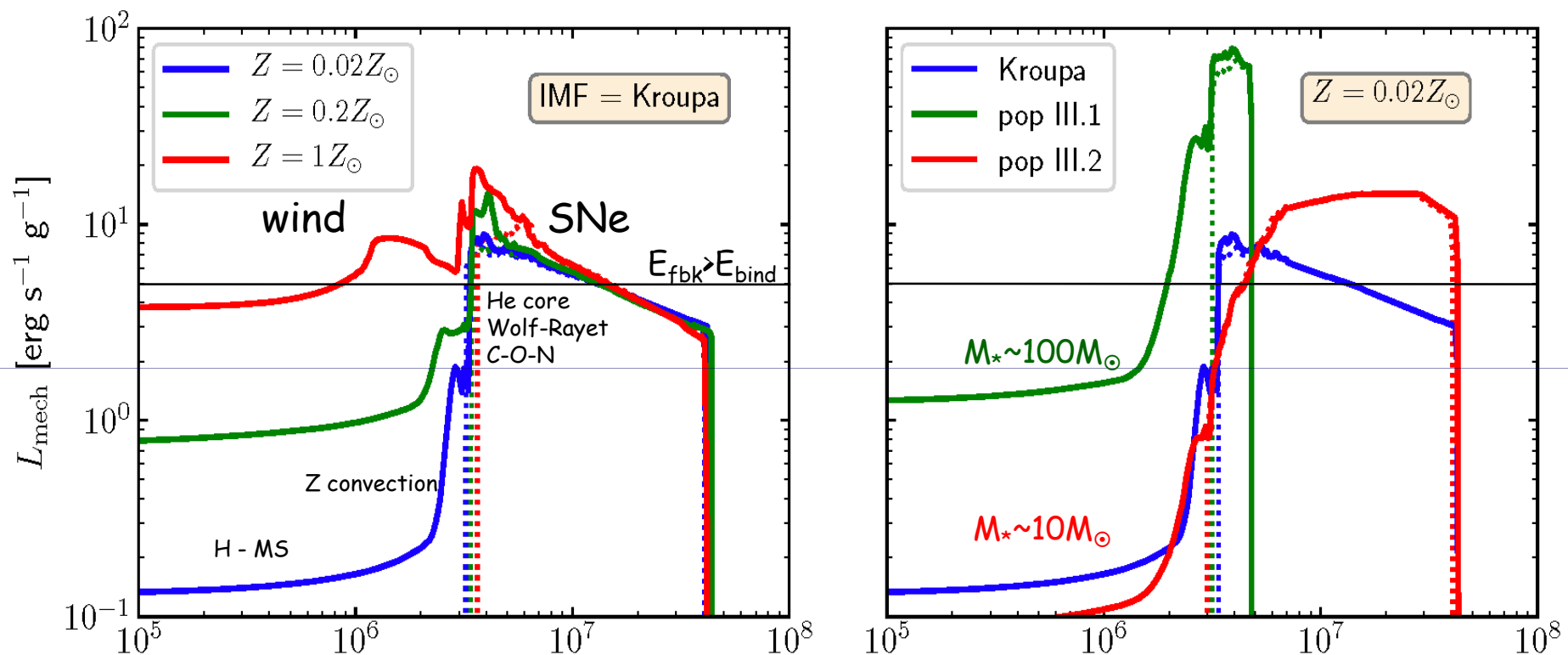
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Robust SN delay $t \sim 3 \text{ Myr}$

Wind delay for low Z $t \sim 2 \text{ Myr}$

At low Z , a feedback delay of $> 1 \text{ Myr}$ after a starburst

--> Feedback-free starburst if $t_{\text{ff}} < 1 \text{ Myr}$

Feedback-Free Starburst at $z \sim 10$

$$t_{\text{ff}} < t_{\text{fbk}} \approx 1 \text{ Myr}$$



$$n > 2.7 \times 10^3 \text{ cm}^{-3} t_{\text{fbk}, 1 \text{ Myr}}^{-2}$$

$$t_{\text{ff}} \approx 52 \text{ Myr } n^{-1/2}$$

Empirically

$$n_* \approx 4 \times 10^3 \text{ cm}^{-3} c M_{*,10} R_{e,0.3 \text{ kpc}}^{-3}$$

$$M_{*,10} \approx \varepsilon M_{v,10.8}$$

High- z
galaxies

$$n_\lambda \approx c \lambda^{-3} \varepsilon \Delta \bar{n}_{b,0} (1+z)^3 \approx 2 \times 10^3 \text{ cm}^{-3} c \Delta_{200} \lambda_{0.03}^{-3} \varepsilon (1+z)_{10}^3$$

$$\lambda = R_e / R_{\text{vir}}$$

$$\varepsilon = M_* / (f_b M_{\text{vir}})$$

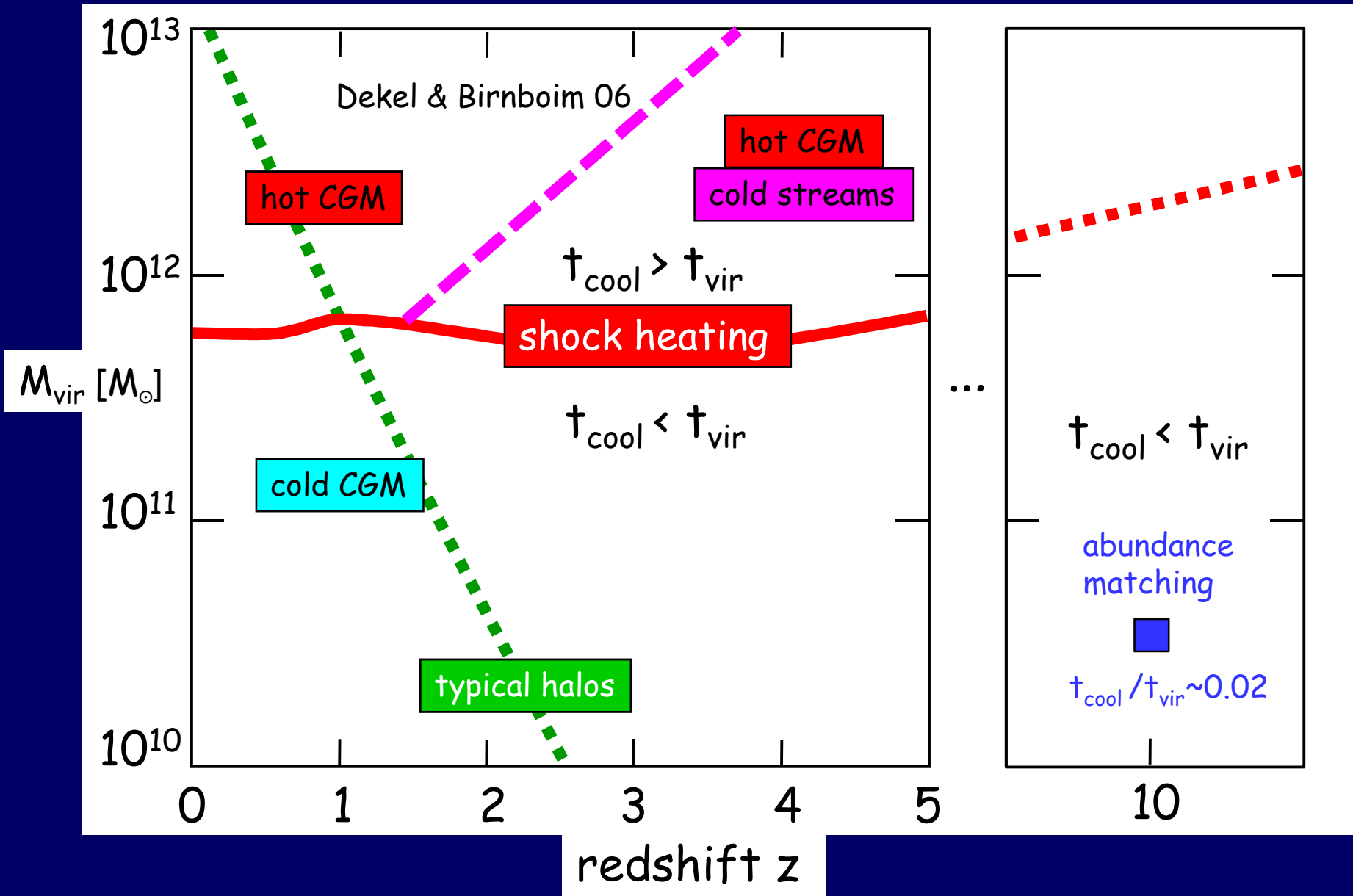
$$c = \rho_{\text{sf}} / \rho_{\text{gal}}$$

The required high density and low metallicity for feedback-free star formation are natural at $z \sim 10$

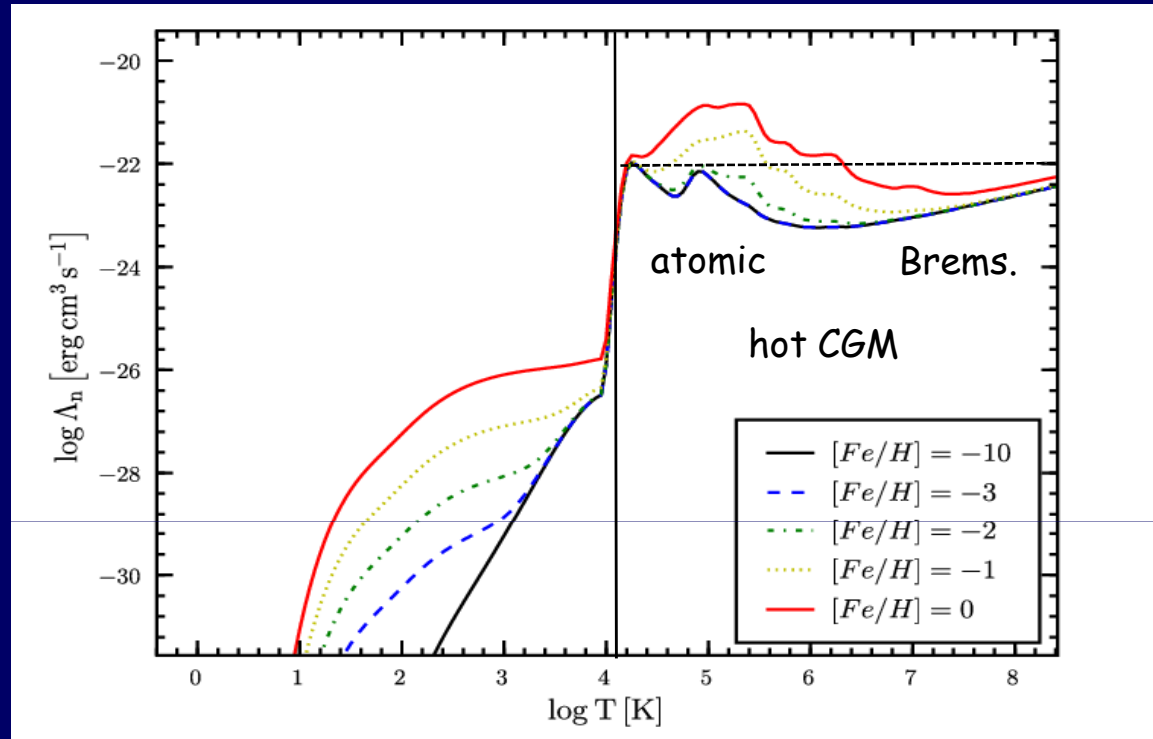
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4. Star formation in **bursts**

Cold Inflow through the DM Halo



Rapid Cooling above $T \sim 10^4 \text{K}$



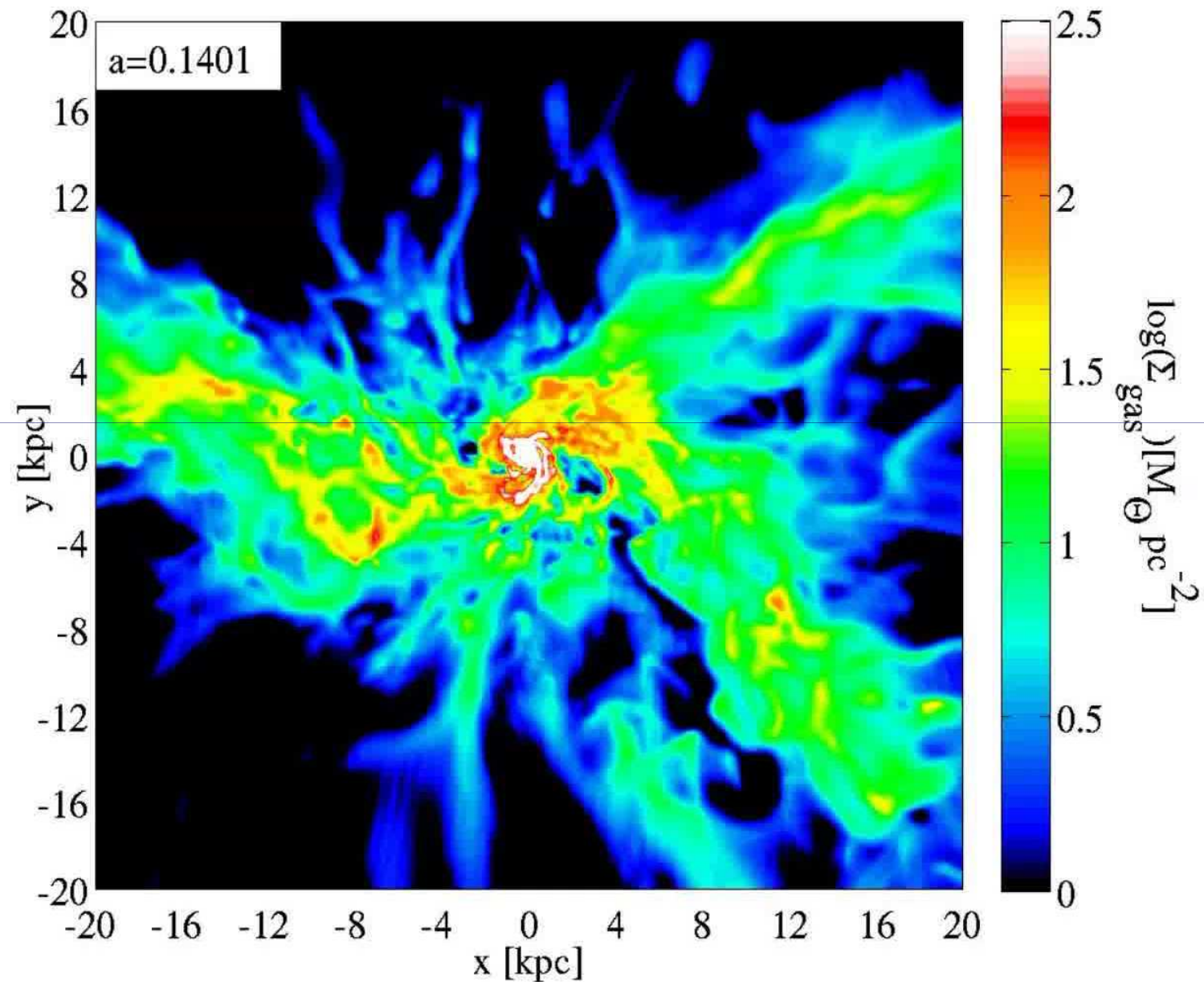
Atomic cooling:

$$t_{\text{cool}} \approx 0.16 \text{ Myr } \Lambda_{-22}^{-1} T_6 n^{-1}$$

$$t_{\text{ff}} \approx 52 \text{ Myr } n^{-1/2}$$

$\rightarrow t_{\text{cool}} \ll t_{\text{ff}}$ during inflow \rightarrow cold streams at $T \sim 10^4 \text{K}$

Cold Streams feed Disks at Very High z



Streams - Galaxy Interface

Long inflow time

$$t_{\text{vir}} \approx 80 \text{ Myr} (1+z)_{10}^{-3/2}$$

$\gg t_{\text{ff}}$ in the galaxy

$$V_{\text{vir}} \approx 170 \text{ km s}^{-1} M_{\text{vir},11}^{1/3} (1+z)_{10}^{1/2}$$

$$T \approx 10^4 \text{ K}$$

\Rightarrow supersonic streams Mach 20

$$R_{\text{vir}} \approx 14 \text{ kpc} M_{\text{vir},11}^{1/3} (1+z)_{10}^{-1}$$

$$\bar{n}_{\text{vir}} \approx 5 \times 10^{-2} \text{ cm}^{-3} \Delta_{200} (1+z)_{10}^3$$

\Rightarrow

$$n_{1\text{kpc}} \approx 10 \text{ cm}^{-3}$$

Streams halt at a **shock** around the galaxy \Rightarrow

$$n_{\text{gal}} \approx n_{1\text{kpc}} M^2 \approx 4 \times 10^3 \text{ cm}^{-3}$$

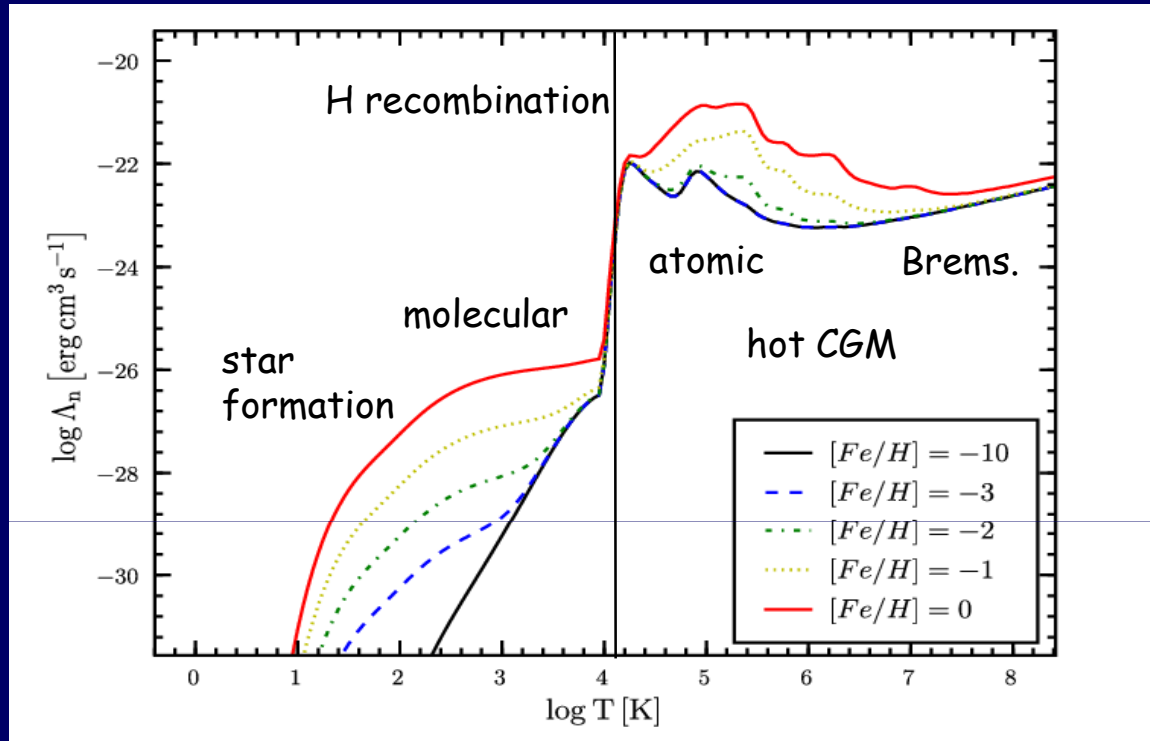
Starbursts

For a feedback-free period need a starburst:
a threshold for star formation ->
gas accumulation followed by a starburst

Necessary conditions for star formation:

- $t_{\text{cool}} < t_{\text{ff}}$ below 10^4K
- $M > M_{\text{Jeans}}$
- shielding against UV
- ...
- Mergers? Compactations?

Cooling below $T \sim 10^4 \text{K}$



At low Z , slow cooling by CII , OI , LyA :

$$t_{\text{cool}} \approx 0.5 \text{ Myr } Z_{-2}^{-1} T_4 C^{-1} n_4^{-1}$$

$$\frac{t_{\text{cool}}}{t_{\text{ff}}} \approx Z_{-2}^{-1} T_4 C^{-1} n_4^{-1/2} \Rightarrow t_{\text{cool}} \sim t_{\text{ff}} \text{ at}$$

$$n_{\text{cool}} \approx 10^4 \text{ cm}^{-3} Z_{-2}^{-2} T_4^2 C^{-2}$$

Jeans mass and Shielding

$$M_{\text{Jeans}} \approx 10^6 M_{\odot} T_4^{3/2} n_4^{-1/2}$$

-> multiple 1Myr bursts in $\sim 10^4$ globular cluster-like clumps

Multiple generations during $t_{\text{vir}} \sim 80$ Myr

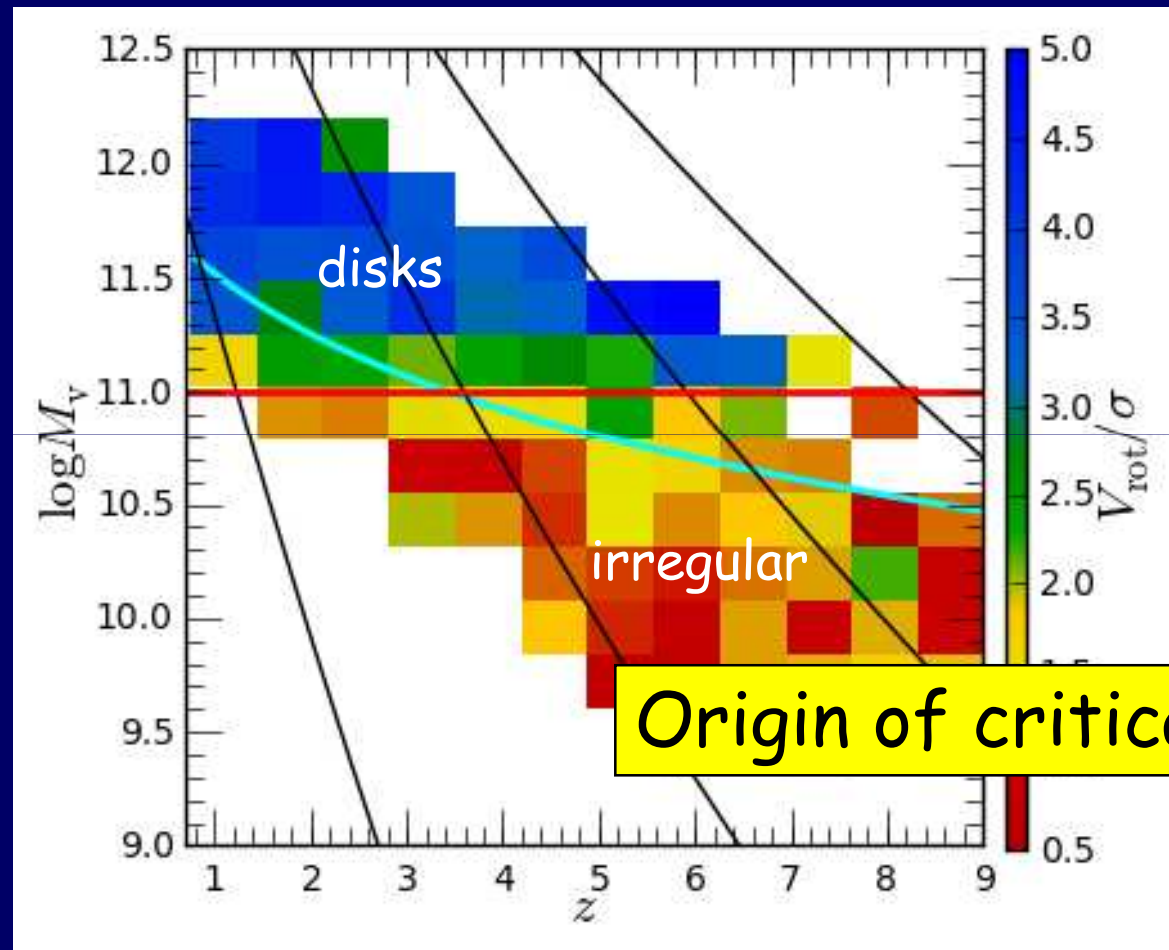
Generation duration \sim a few Myr required to accumulate M_{Jeans} locally

At $n \sim 10^4 \text{ cm}^{-3}$ the clumps are largely shielded against winds and UV from other clumps (& no external UV background)

After each generation, remaining gas is pushed to a bubble where internal pressure balances the supersonic inflow at $r \sim 1$ kpc with $n \sim 10^4 \text{ cm}^{-3}$, ready for new bursts after accumulating M_{Jeans} locally

Morphology: High-z Massive Disks?

Dekel + 2020a VELA simulations and toy model

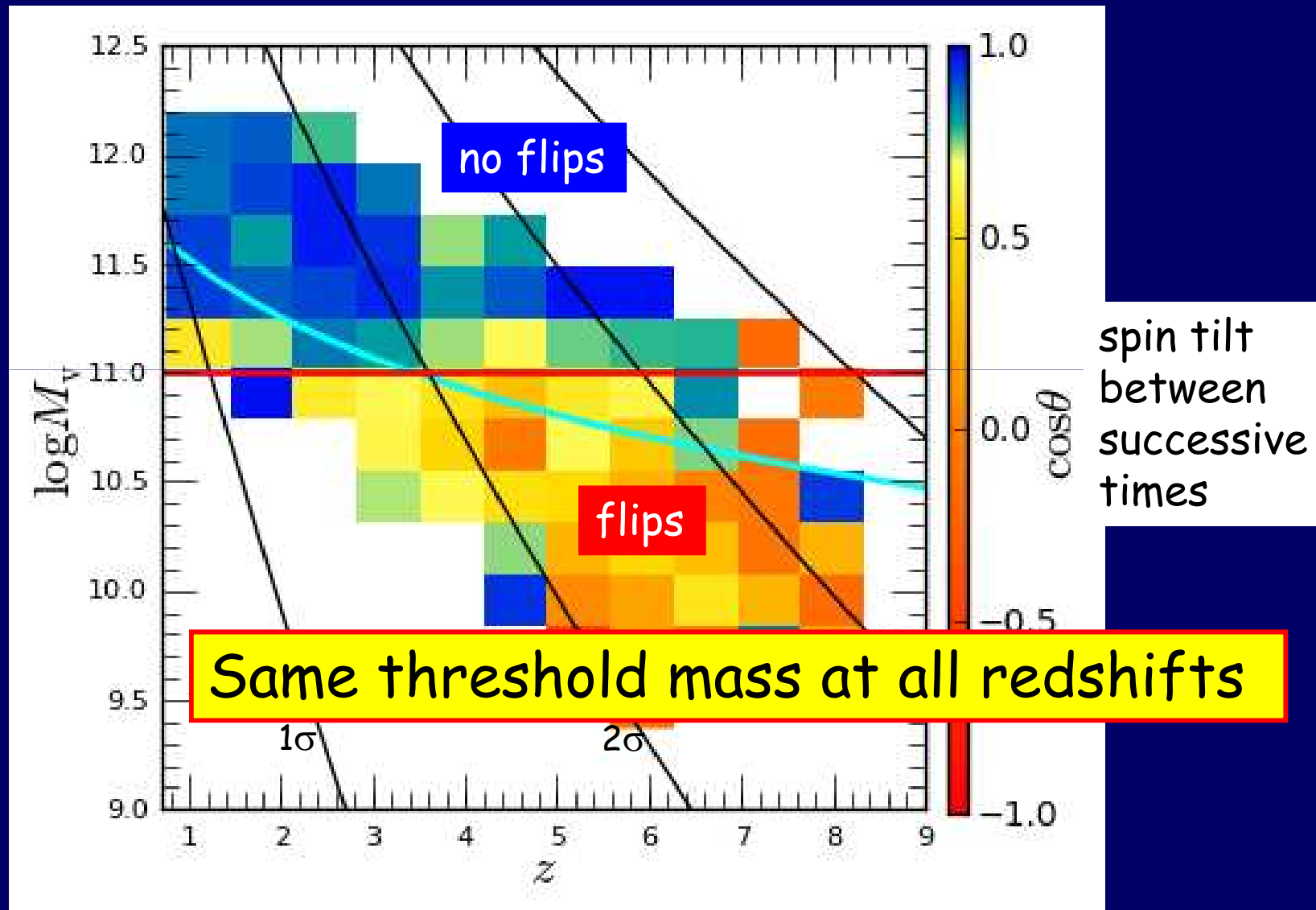


Disks in $M_{\text{vir}} > 2 \times 10^{11} M_{\odot}$

$M_{\text{star}} > 10^9 M_{\odot}$

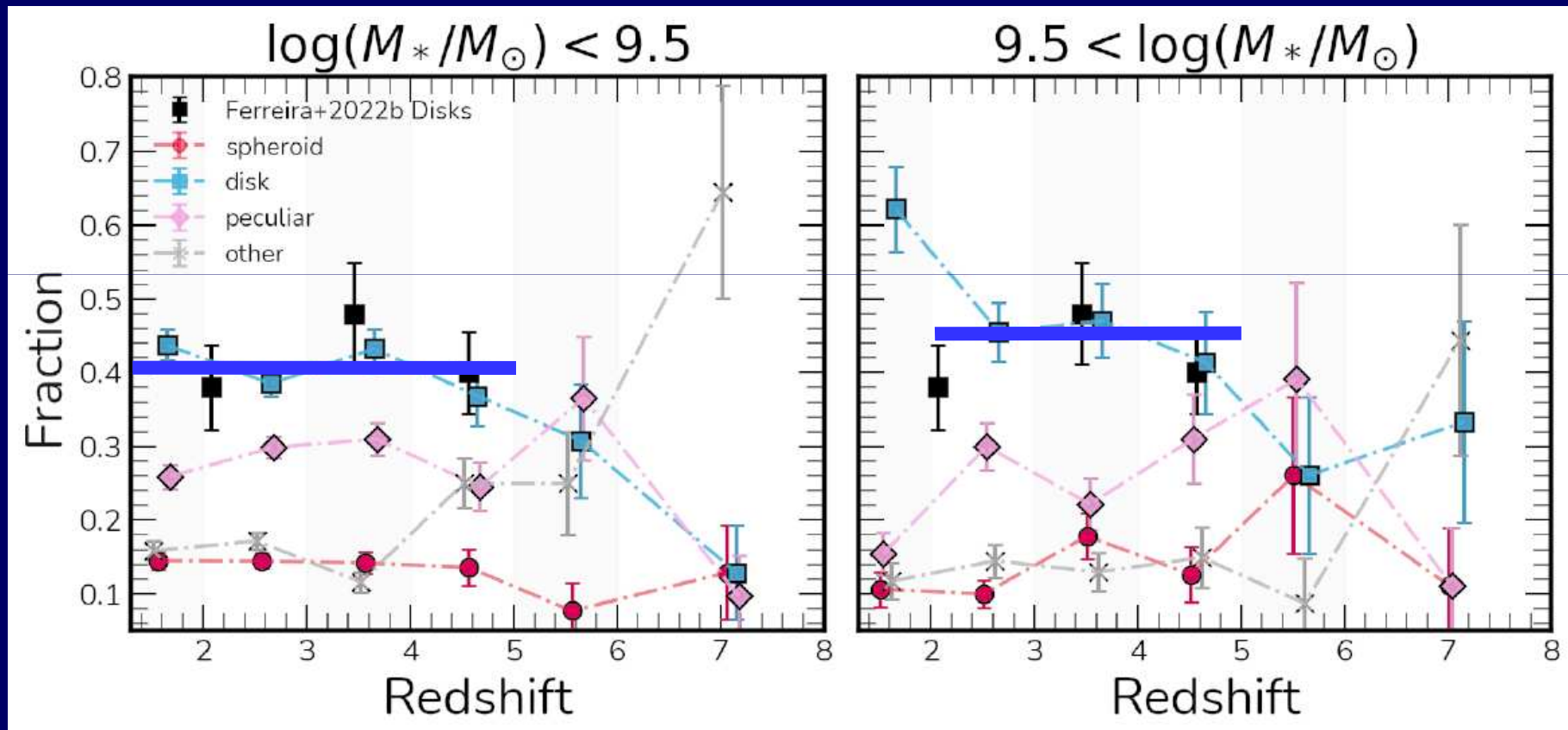
all redshifts!

Disks Disrupt Below a Critical Mass by Merger-Spin-Flips in an Orbital Time



Disk Fraction JWST

Ferreira+ 2022



Observable Predictions

For NIRSPEC and MIRI, beyond images and SEDs from NIRCeam

- High number density and luminosities to be confirmed
- High stellar density $n \sim 10^4 \text{ cm}^{-3}$
- Low metallicity
- Top-heavy IMF? Bursty star-formation history
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- Little gas, little dust attenuation
- No hot CGM, cold streams
- Globular cluster excess
- Disks? Rings? Clumps?

Conclusions

- Unsolved problem: $z \sim 10$ galaxies may show $\times 10$ excess of bright galaxies compared to standard galaxy formation in Λ CDM
- Solutions to consider:
 - deviation from Λ CDM
 - high L/M top-heavy IMF
 - maximum efficiency $\varepsilon = M_*/f_b M_{\text{halo}} \sim 1$
- Efficient supersonic cold inflows through halos with no hot CGM at the indicated halo masses
- $\varepsilon \sim 1$ by feedback-free starbursts of ~ 1 Myr $\rightarrow n \sim 10^4 \text{cm}^{-3}$ and $Z \ll 1$
- Valid naturally in $z \sim 10$ galaxies
- Starbursts after accumulation by a threshold for star formation:
 - $t_{\text{cool}} < t_{\text{ff}} \rightarrow n \sim 10^4 \text{cm}^{-3}$
 - $M > M_{\text{Jeans}} \sim 10^6 M_{\odot}$
 - self-shielding
- Galaxies as assemblies of "globular clusters"