

Gravitational Wave Astrophysics

Lecture 3

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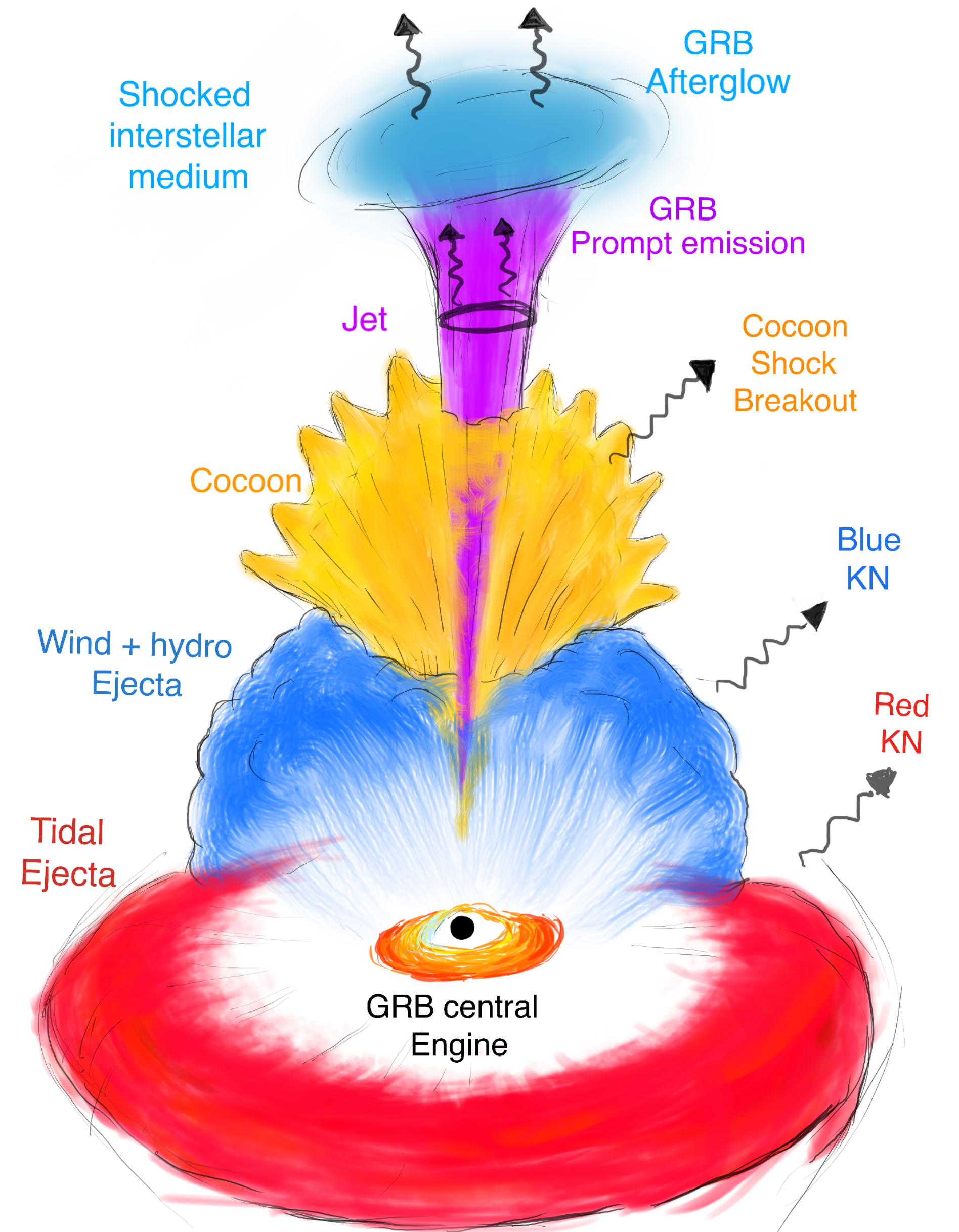


In this lecture, you will learn

- Multimessenger astrophysics
- Host galaxies and how to model them
- GWs and cosmology

The Kilonova

- A Kilonova (KN) is an emission of electromagnetic radiation due to the radioactive decay of heavy elements that are ejected fairly isotropically during the merger.
- Profound impact on many research areas



The Kilonova

- $L_{\text{peak}} = 2.5 \times 10^{40} \frac{\text{erg}}{\text{s}} \left(\frac{v_{\text{ej}}}{0.1 c} \frac{10 \text{ cm}^2/\text{g}}{k} \right)^{0.65} \left(\frac{m_{\text{ej}}}{0.01 M_{\odot}} \right)^{0.35} \left(\frac{\dot{e}_0}{5 \times 10^{16} \text{ erg s}^{-1} \text{ g}^{-1}} \right)$

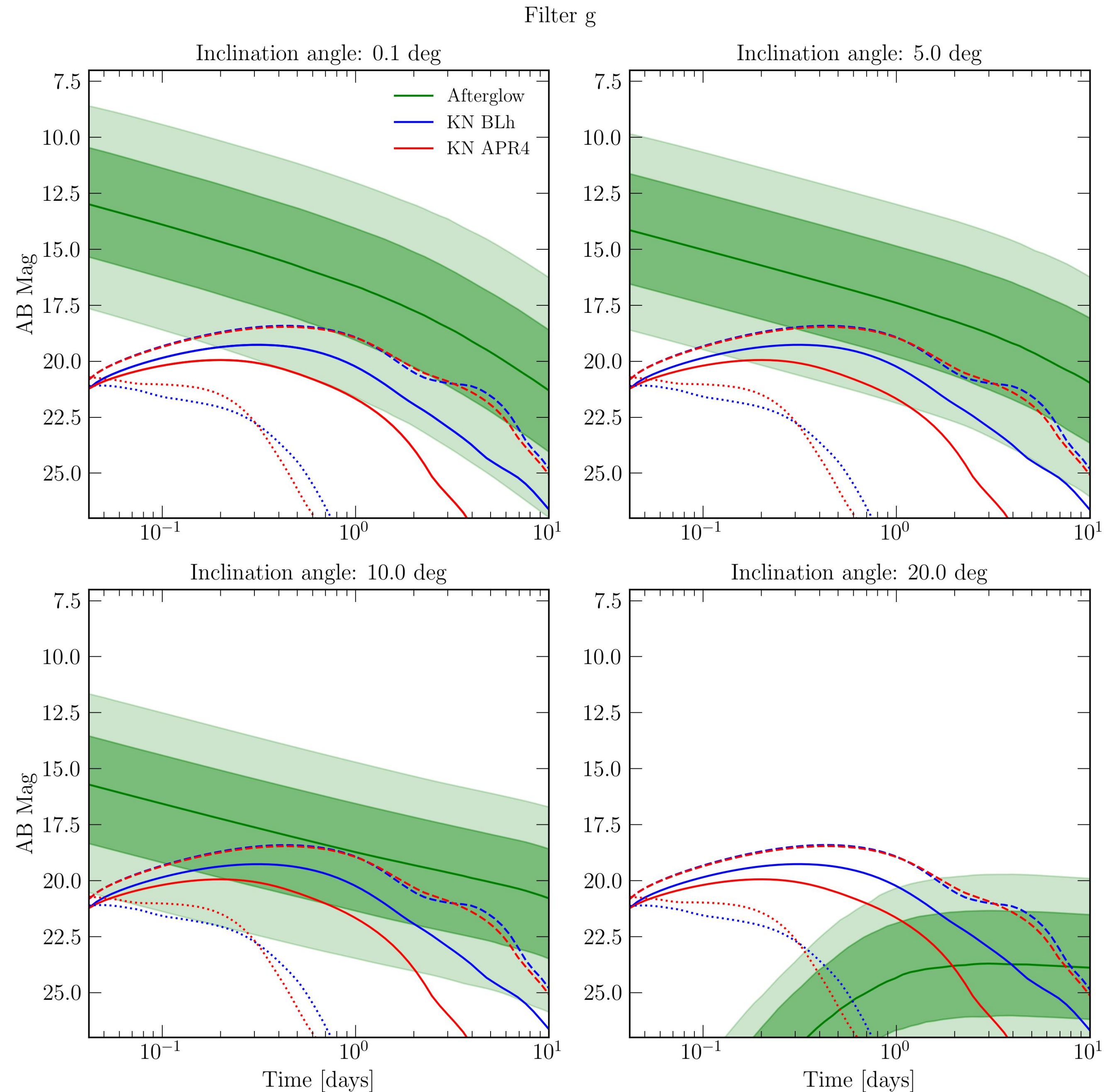
- m_{ej} and v_{ej} → **Astrophysics**

- k (opacity) → **Atomic Physics**

- \dot{e}_0 (radioactive heating rate) → **Nuclear Physics**

Kilonova VS GRB

- Light curves at varying inclination angles
- KN mostly outshined by Afterglow
- Line styles correspond to different NS masses
- **Take-home message:** boost observations of KNs with GWs

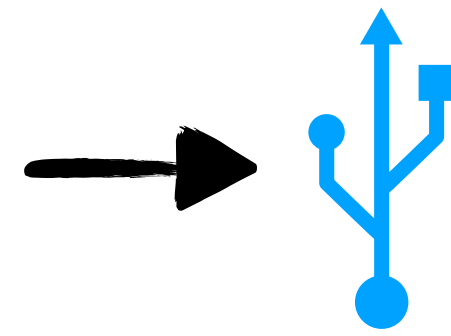


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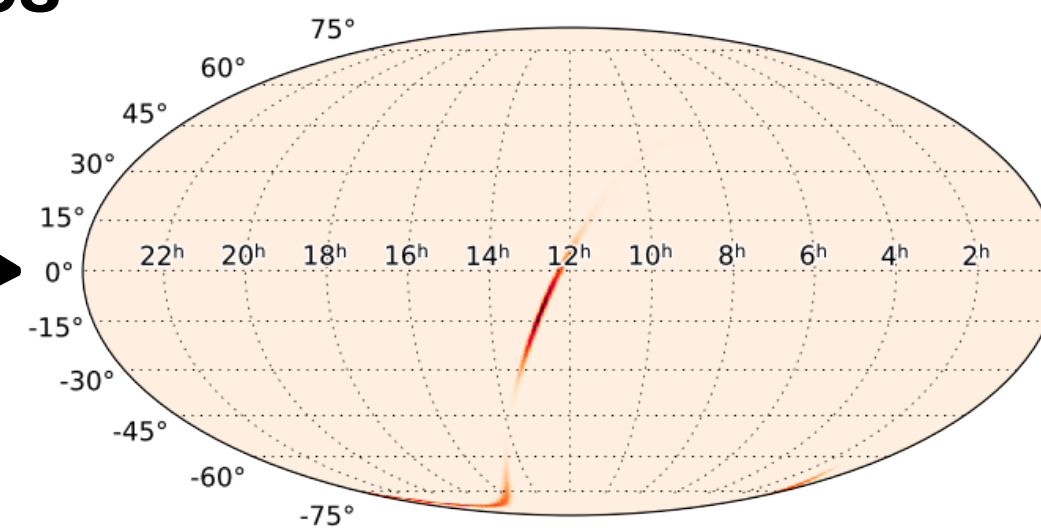
Detectors



Automatic searches

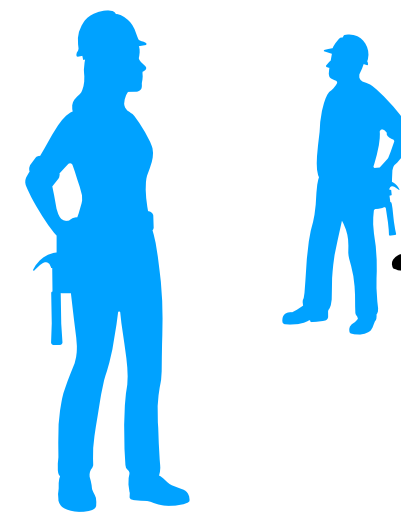


Sky localisation



Credits: [The LIGO-Virgo-KAGRA collaboration](#)

Human validation



EM facilities

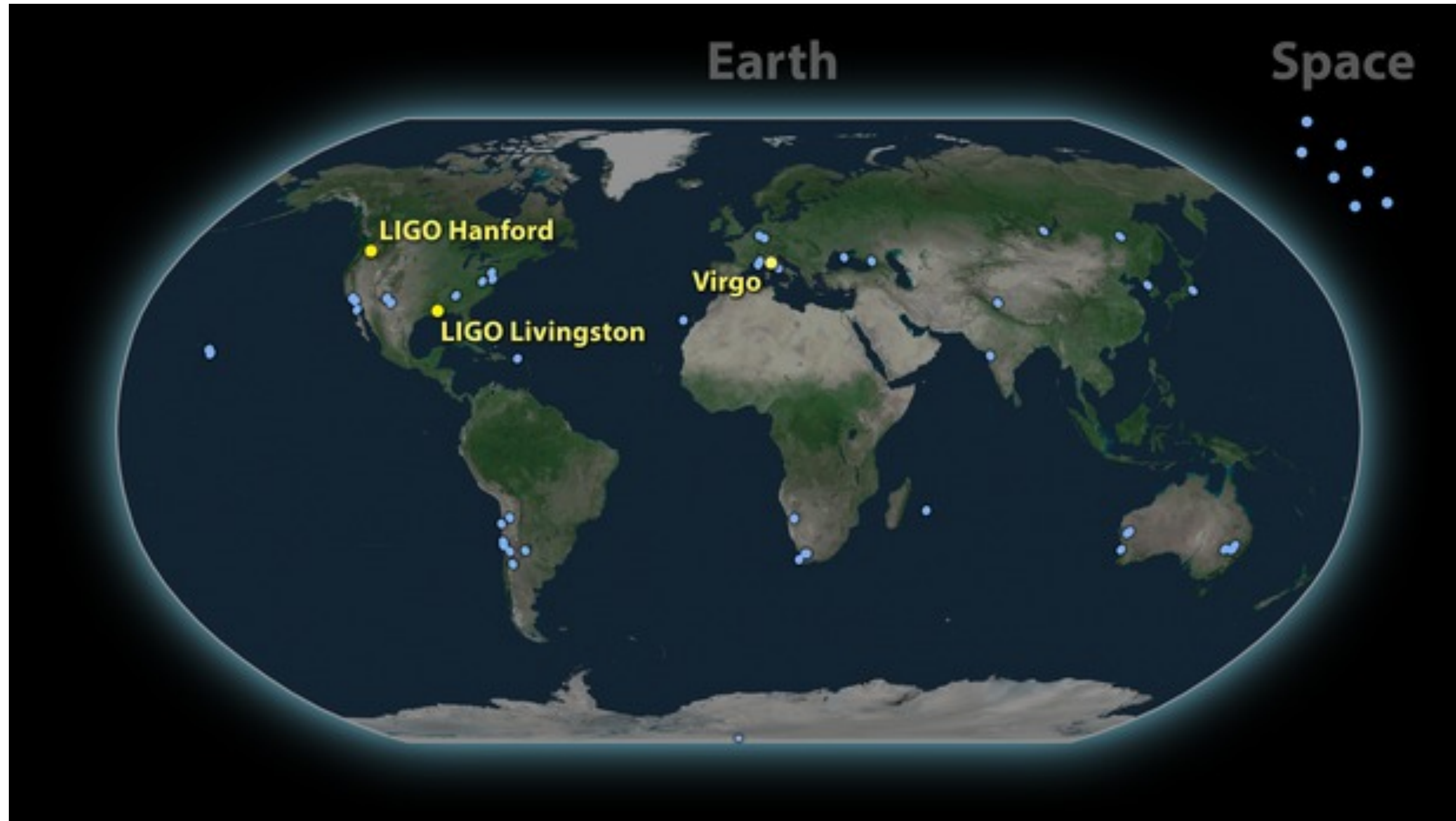


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~ few minutes

~ 30 minutes

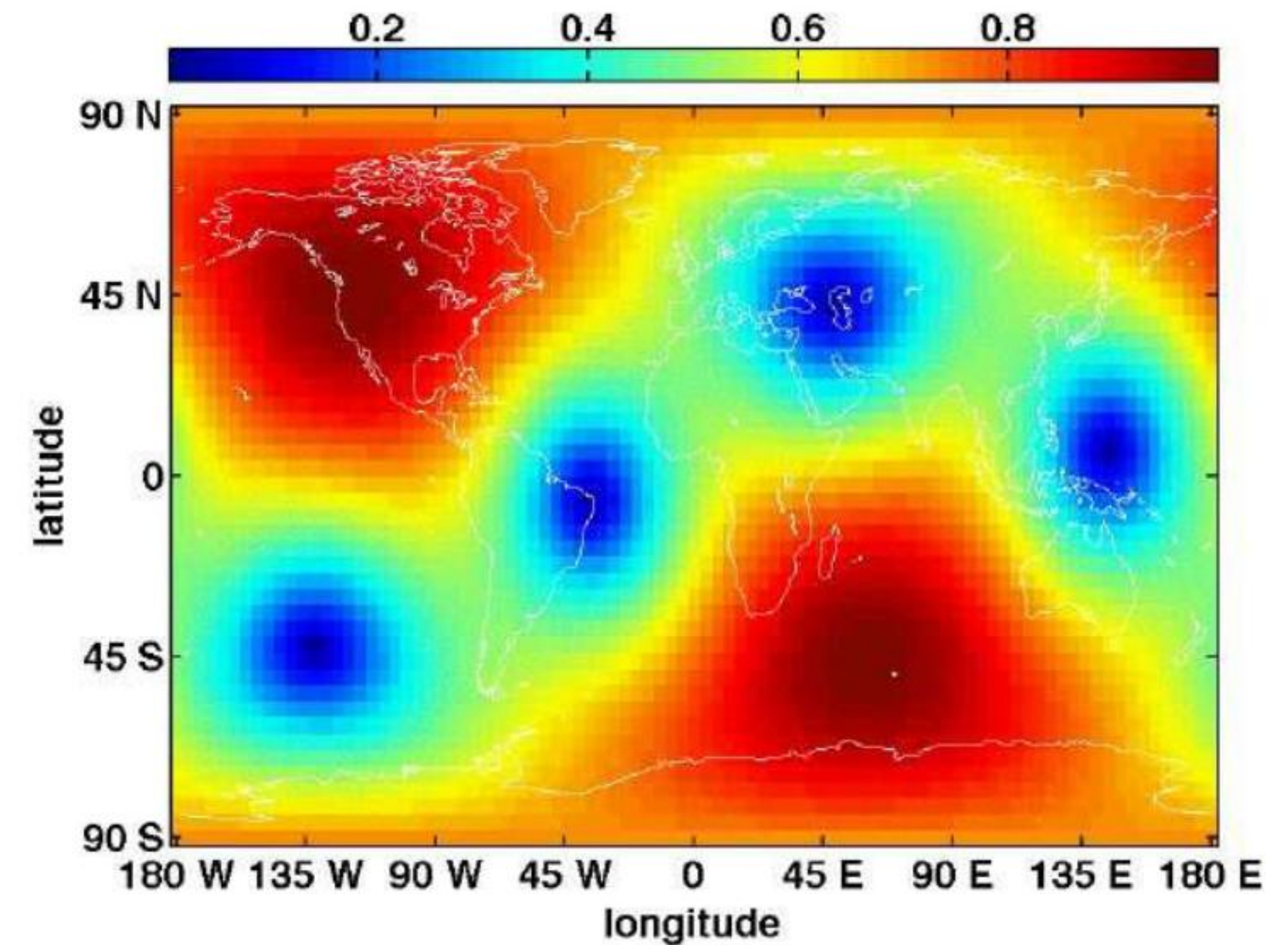
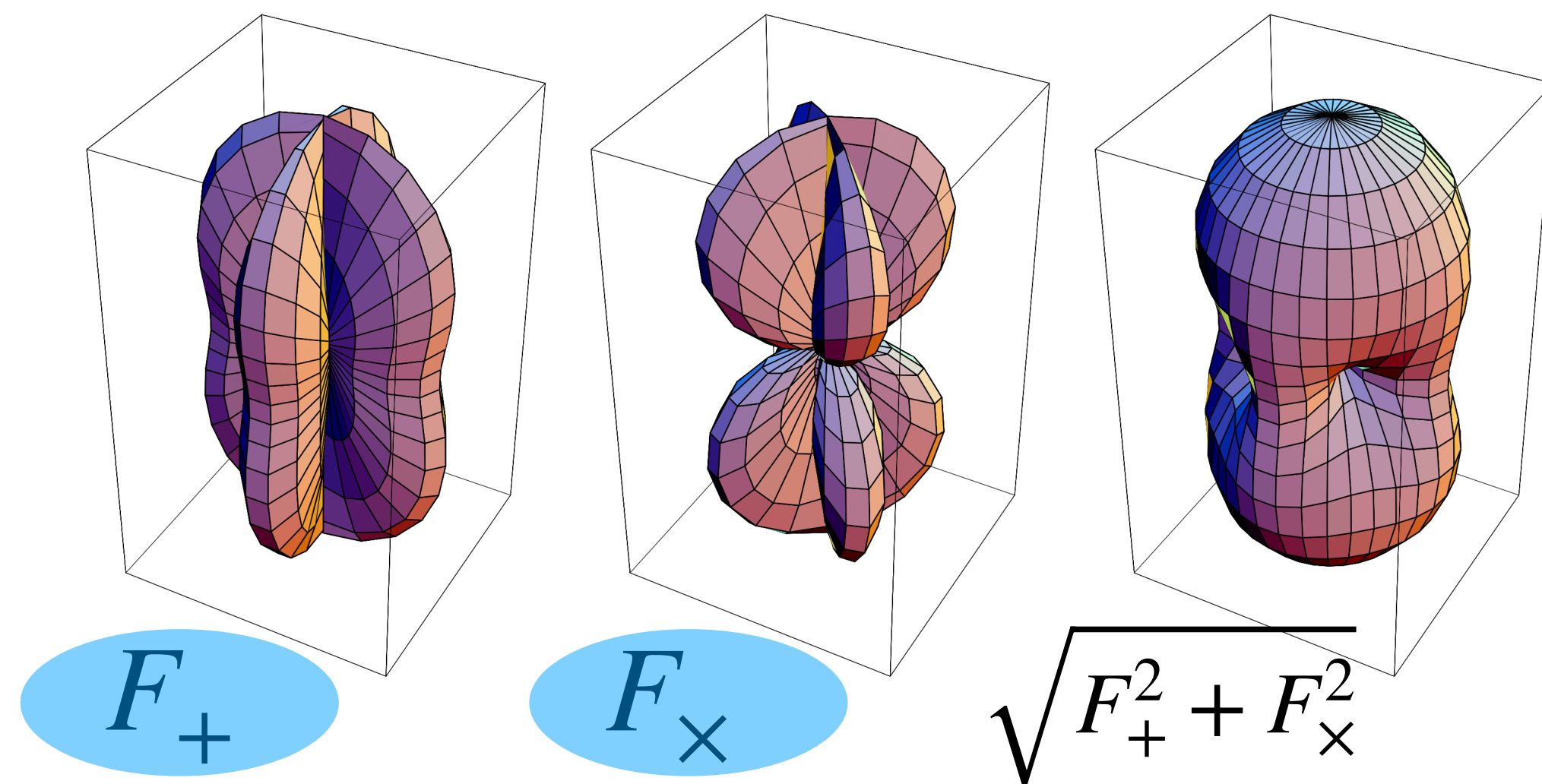
Low latency: EM facilities



Sky localisation

- $\frac{\Delta L}{L} \propto h_{\text{measured}}(t) = F_+(\theta, \phi)h_+(t) + F_\times(\theta, \phi)h_\times(t)$
- GW detector is an **all-sky monitor** with varying sensitivity
- No directional sensitivity

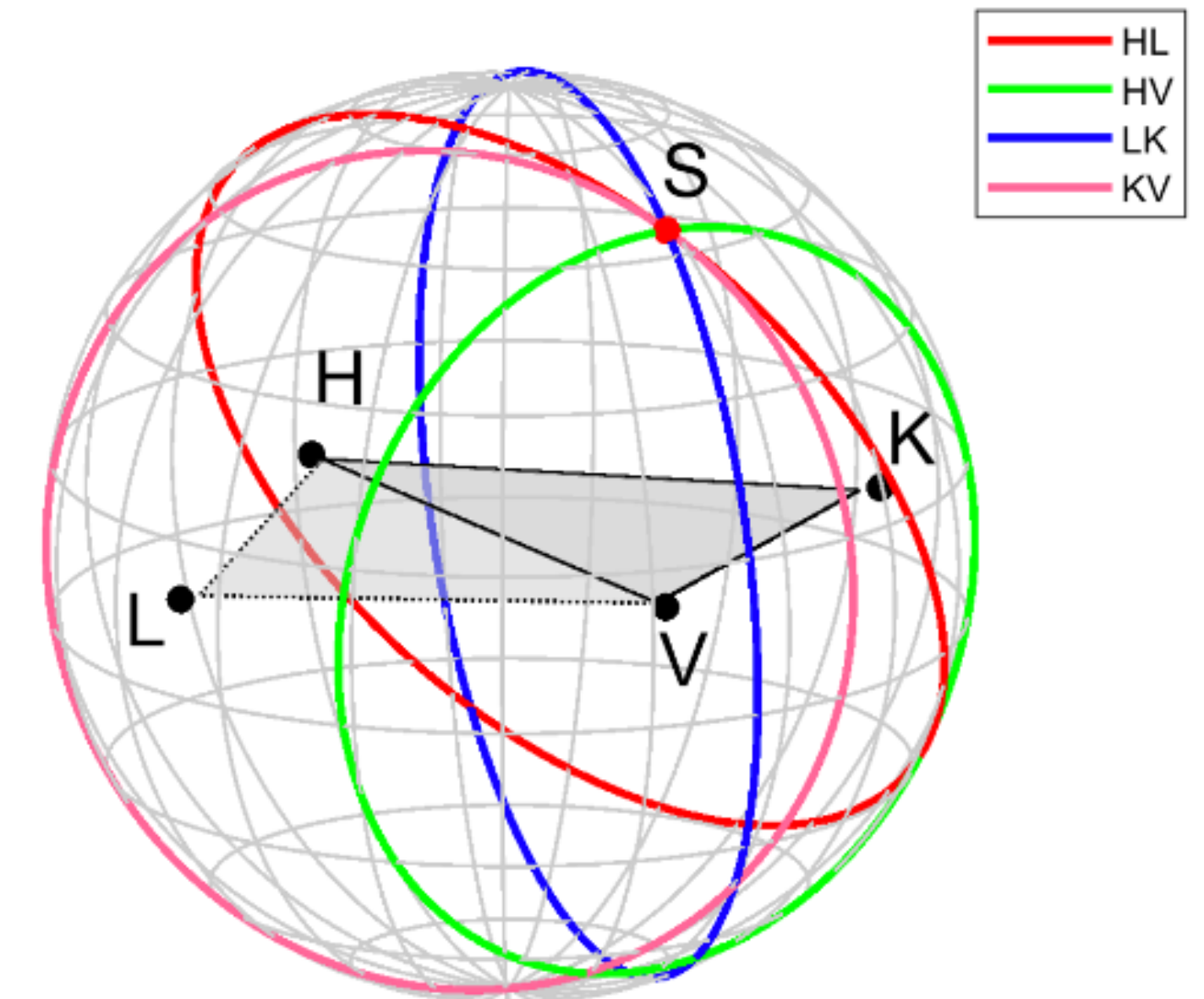
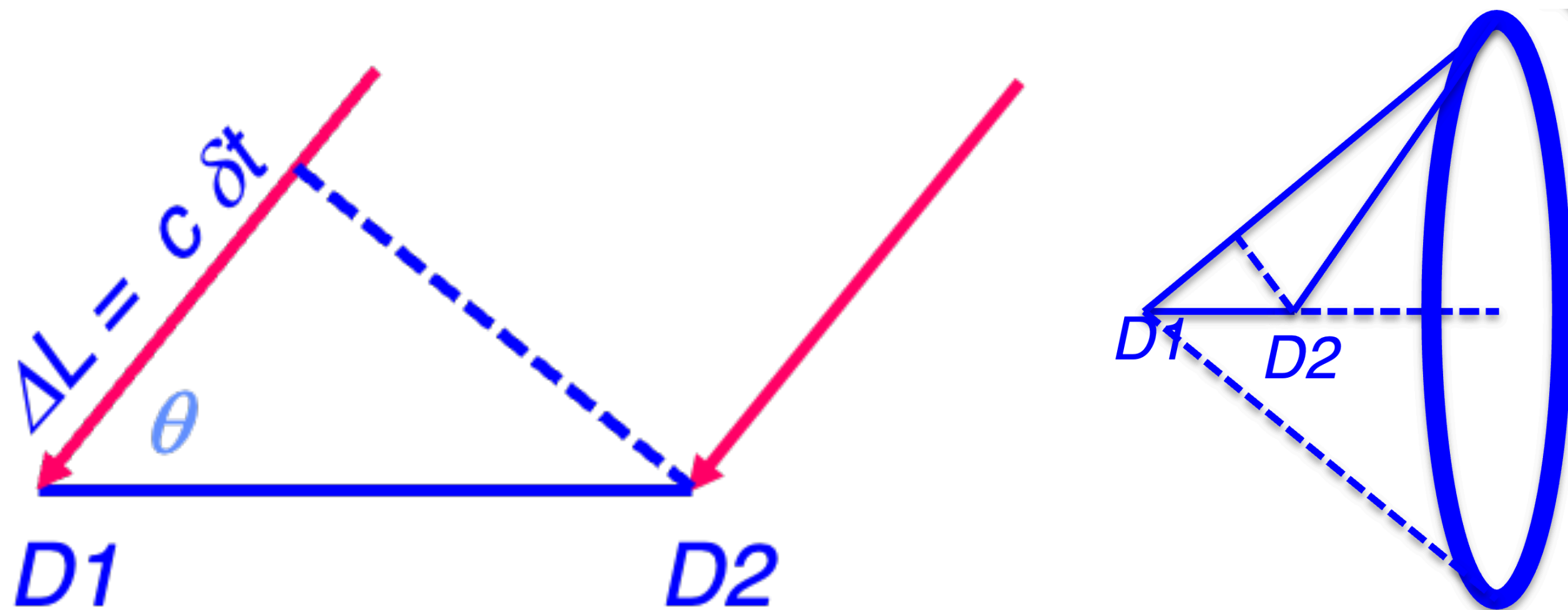
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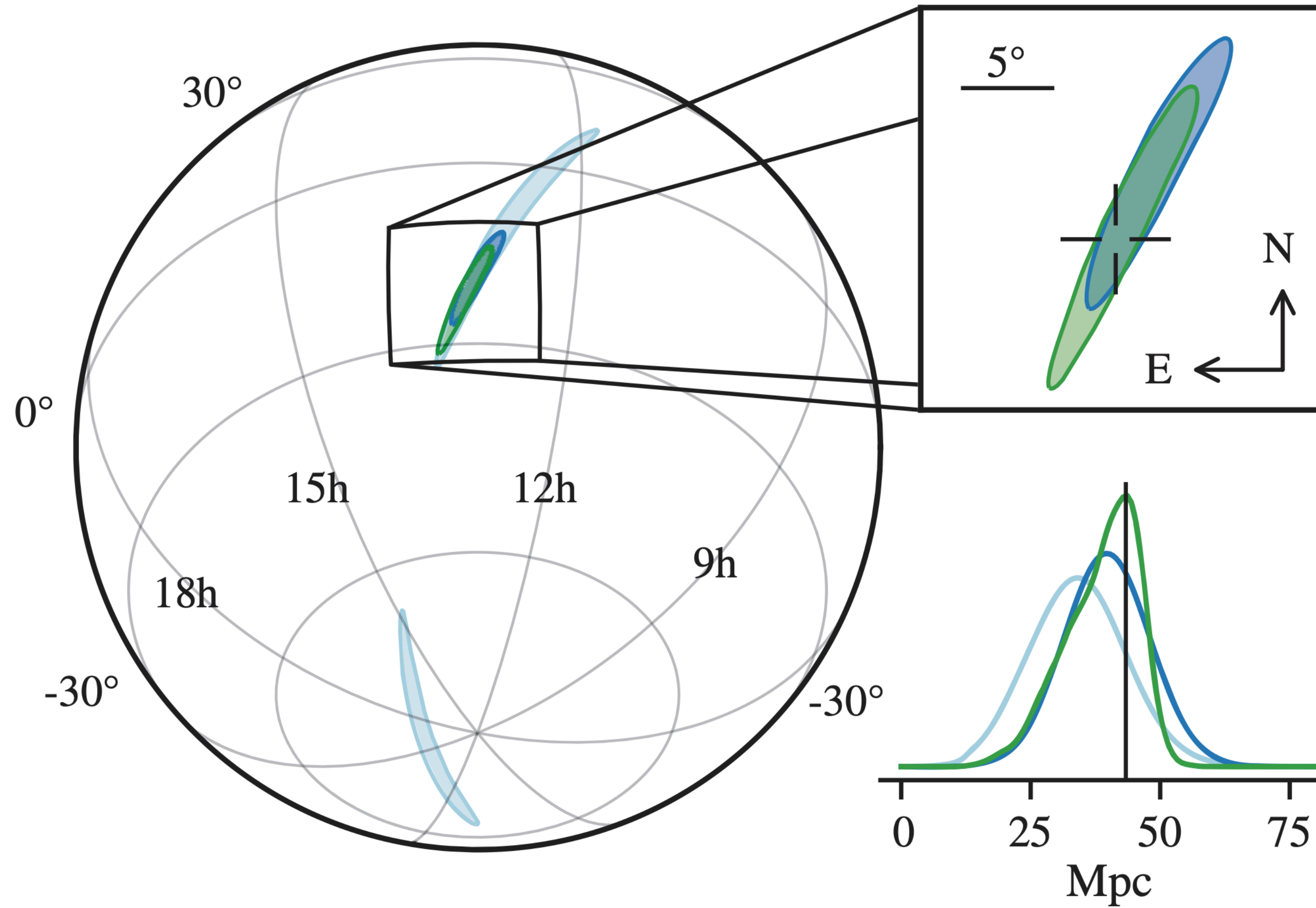
Triangulation

- Sky position of GW sources is evaluated with triangulation
- Difference in the arrival time at the detectors
- $\Delta\Omega \propto SNR^{-2}$

Credits: [The LVK collaboration](#)

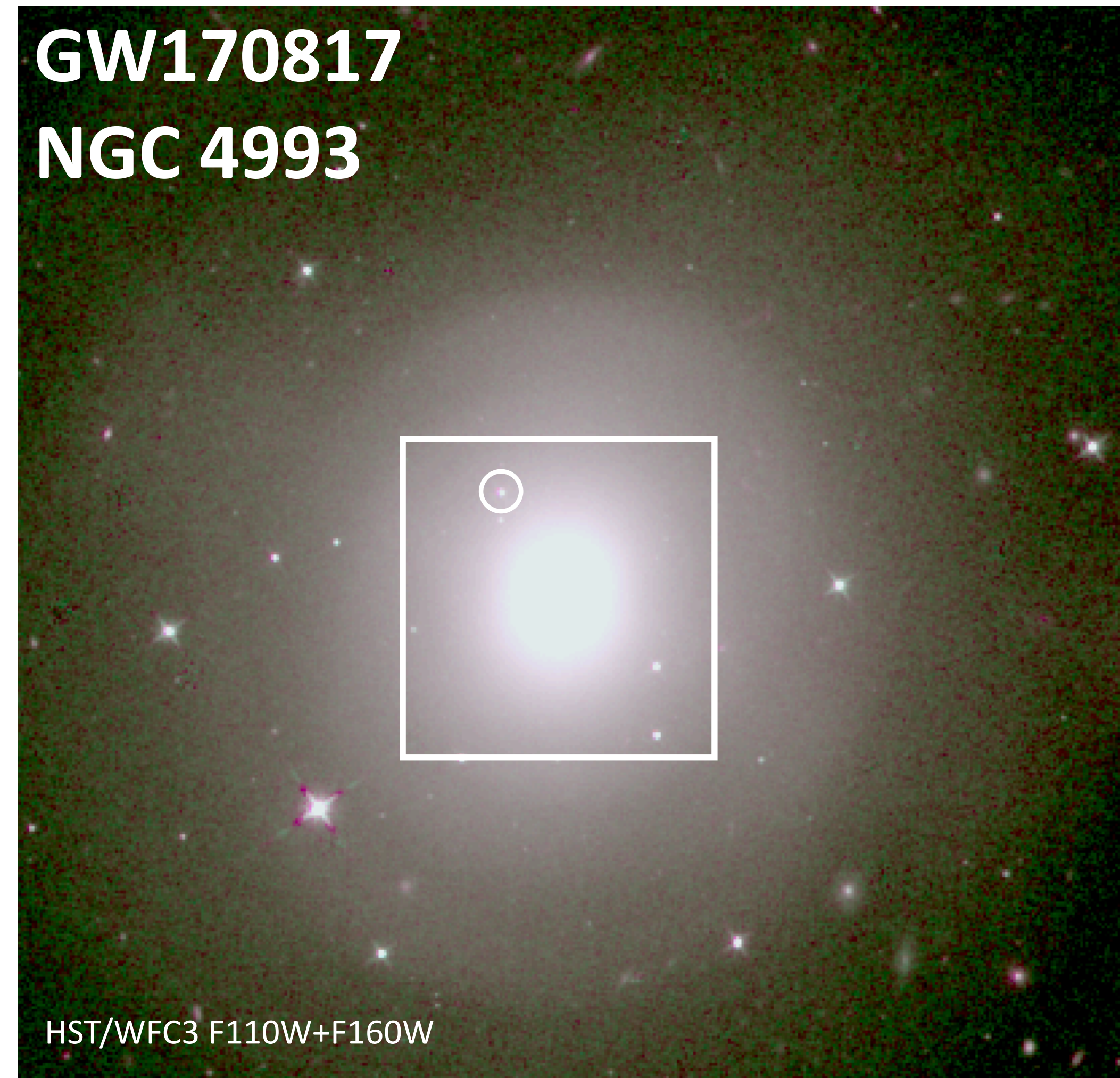


GW170817



GW170817 host galaxy

- NGC4993, S0 galaxy
- $M_* \sim 10^{10.65} M_\odot$
- $\text{SFR} \sim 0.01 M_\odot \text{ yr}^{-1}$
- $z = 0.009783$
- Small natal kick velocity, no GC or YSC

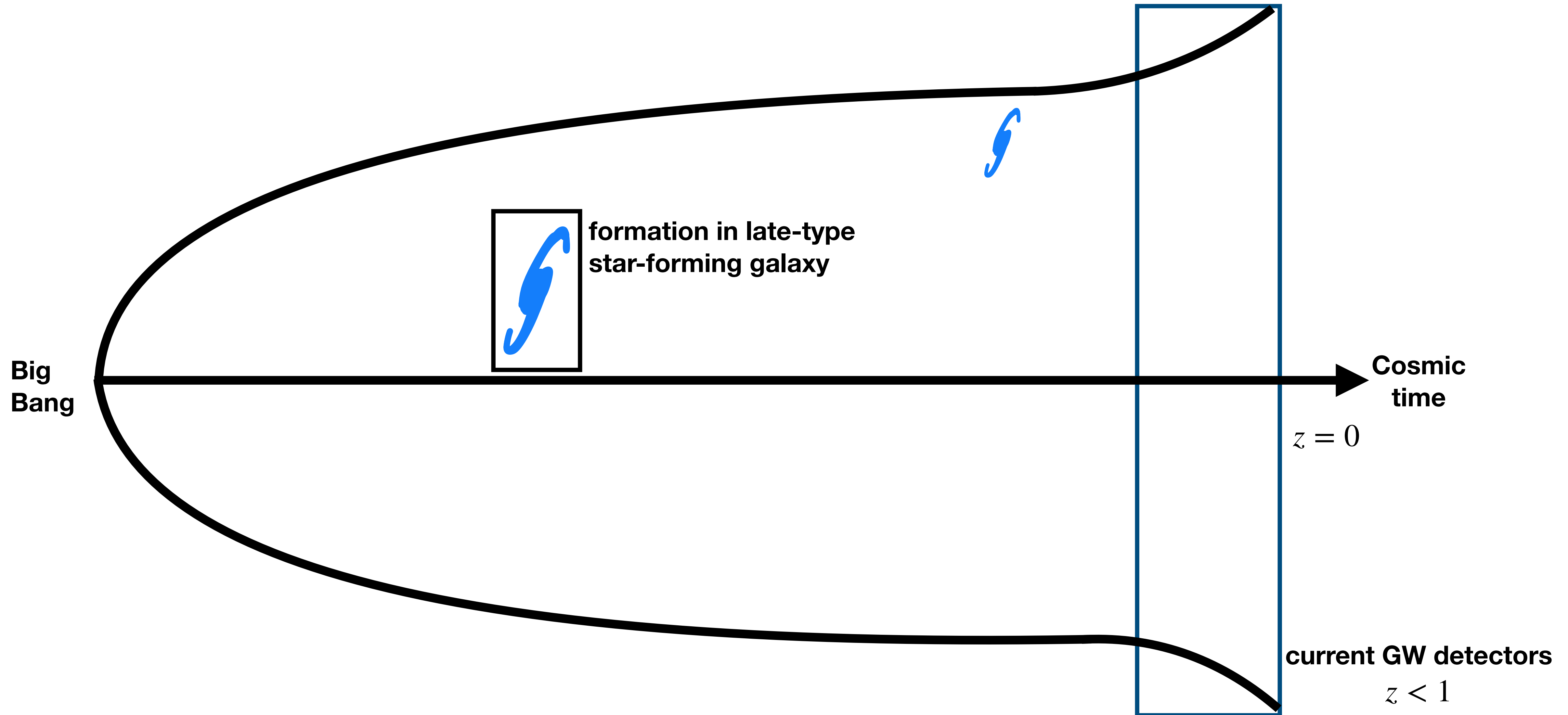


How to model host galaxies

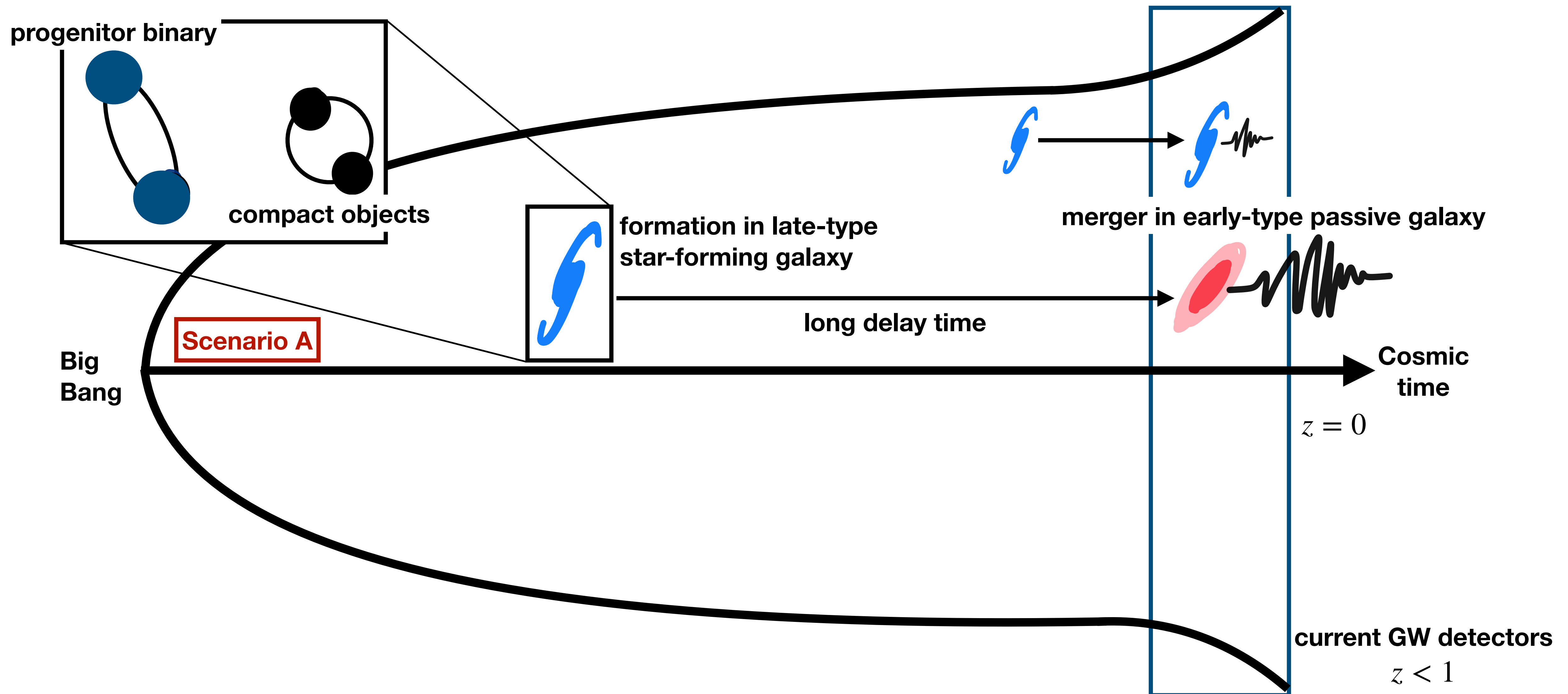
- **Challenge:** interfacing Physics at scales spanning orders of magnitude
 - Evolution of galaxies across history of the Universe and formation of compact object mergers at binary system level
- **Solution:** galaxy catalogs from cosmological simulations

Refs: [Mapelli et al. 2017](#), [Artale et al. 2019](#), [Toffano et al. 2019](#), [Artale et al. 2020](#), [Chu et al. 2022](#), [Perna et al. 2022](#)

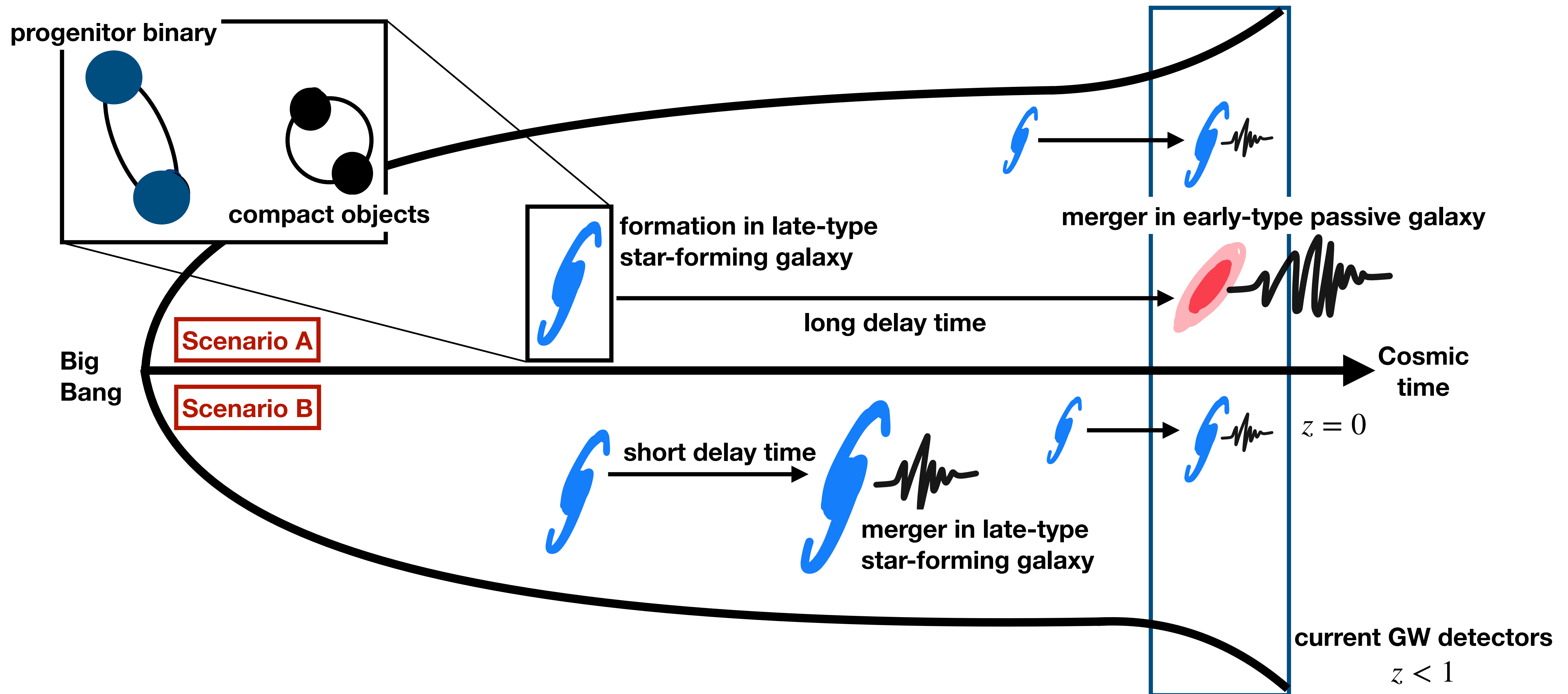
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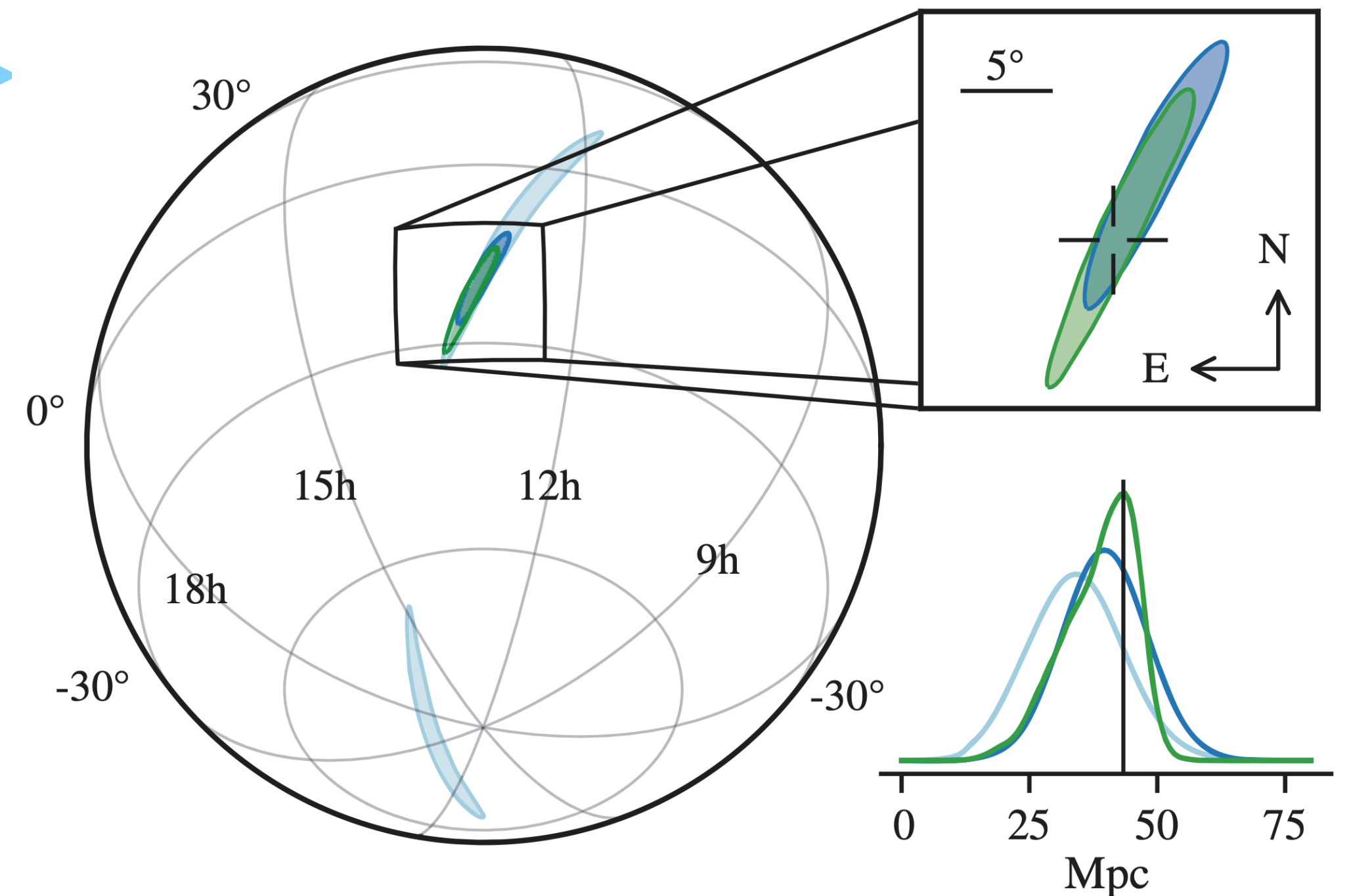


Model to rank host galaxies

- $p(\text{galaxy}) \propto p(M, \text{SFR}) p_{\text{loc}}(\text{galaxy})$
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and N_{galaxies} total number of
galaxies at (M, SFR)

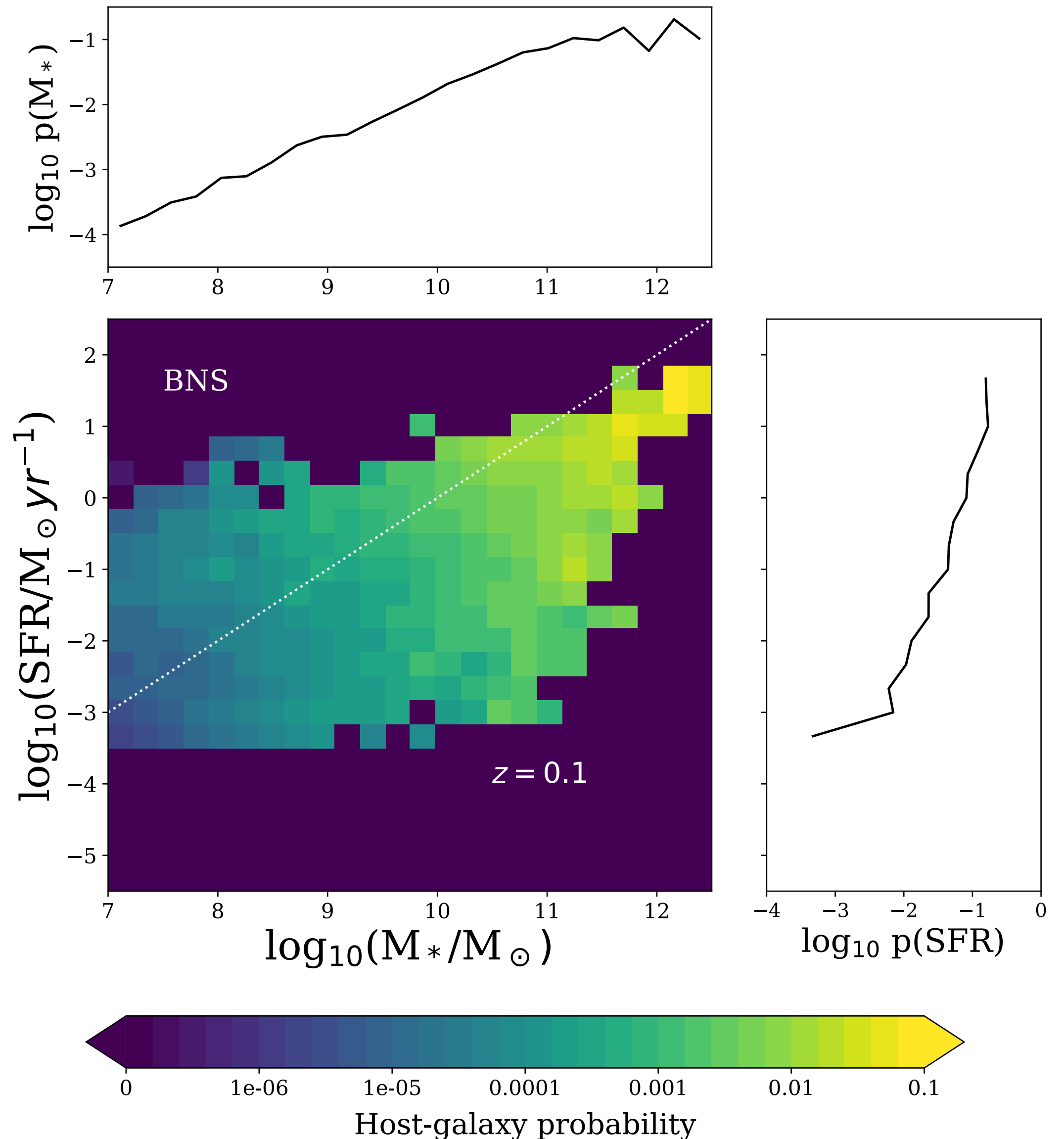
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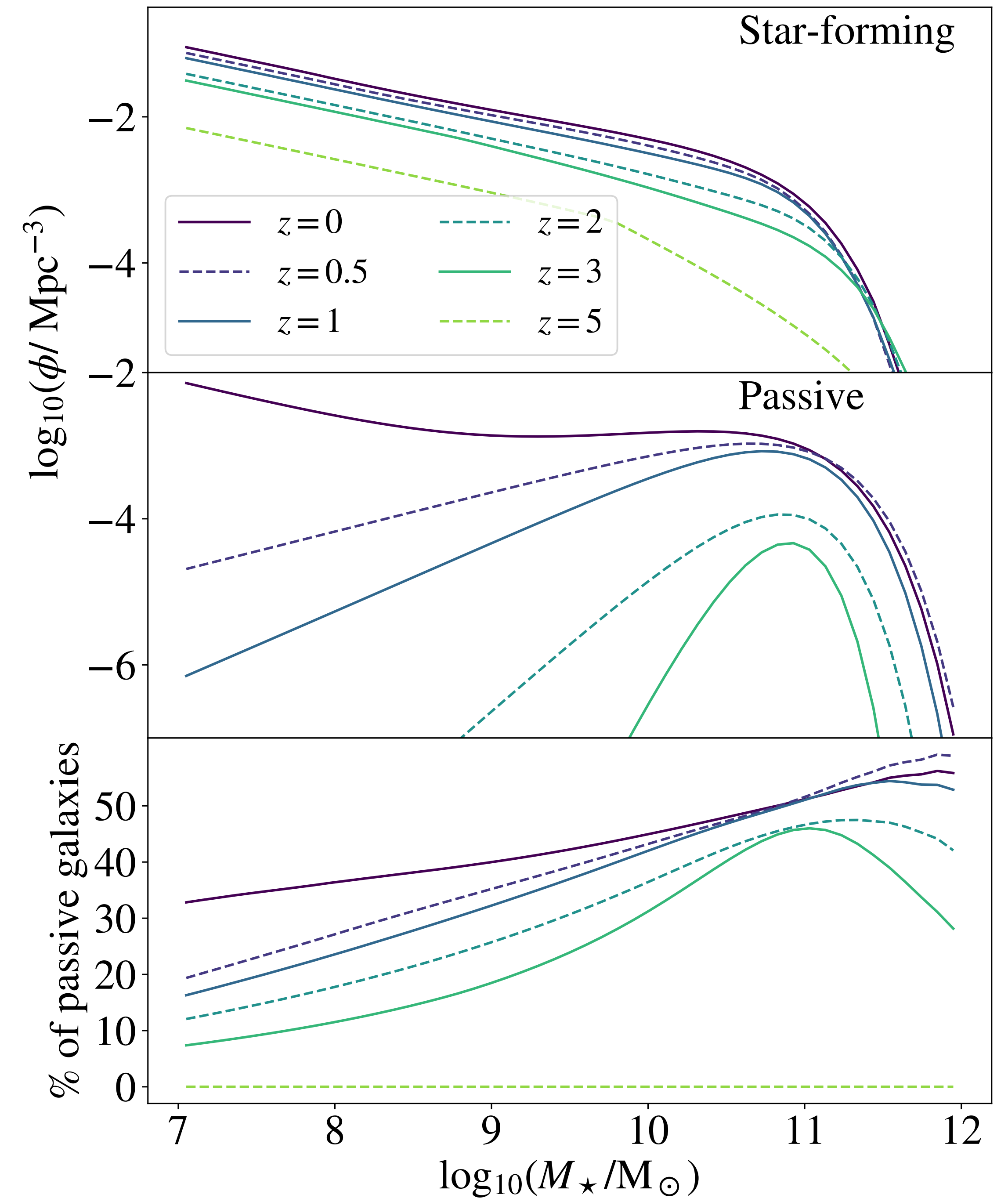


Do you see a strong correlation in $p(M, \text{SFR})$?

Uncertainties

- alternative approach: **galaxyRate**
- We explore the **parameter space** to look for the **key physical processes** shaping host galaxy properties:
 - Stellar mass
 - Star formation rate
 - Metallicity

Galaxy Stellar Mass Function

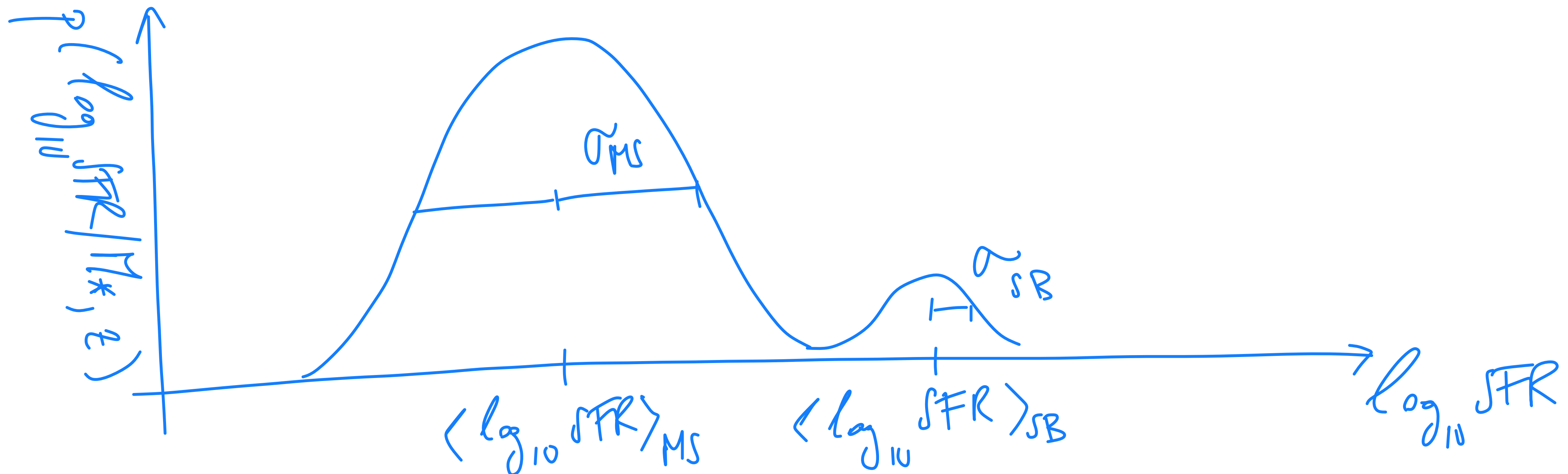


Refs: [Chruslinska & Nelemans 2019](#), [Ilbert et al. 2013](#),
[Santoliquido et al. 2022](#)

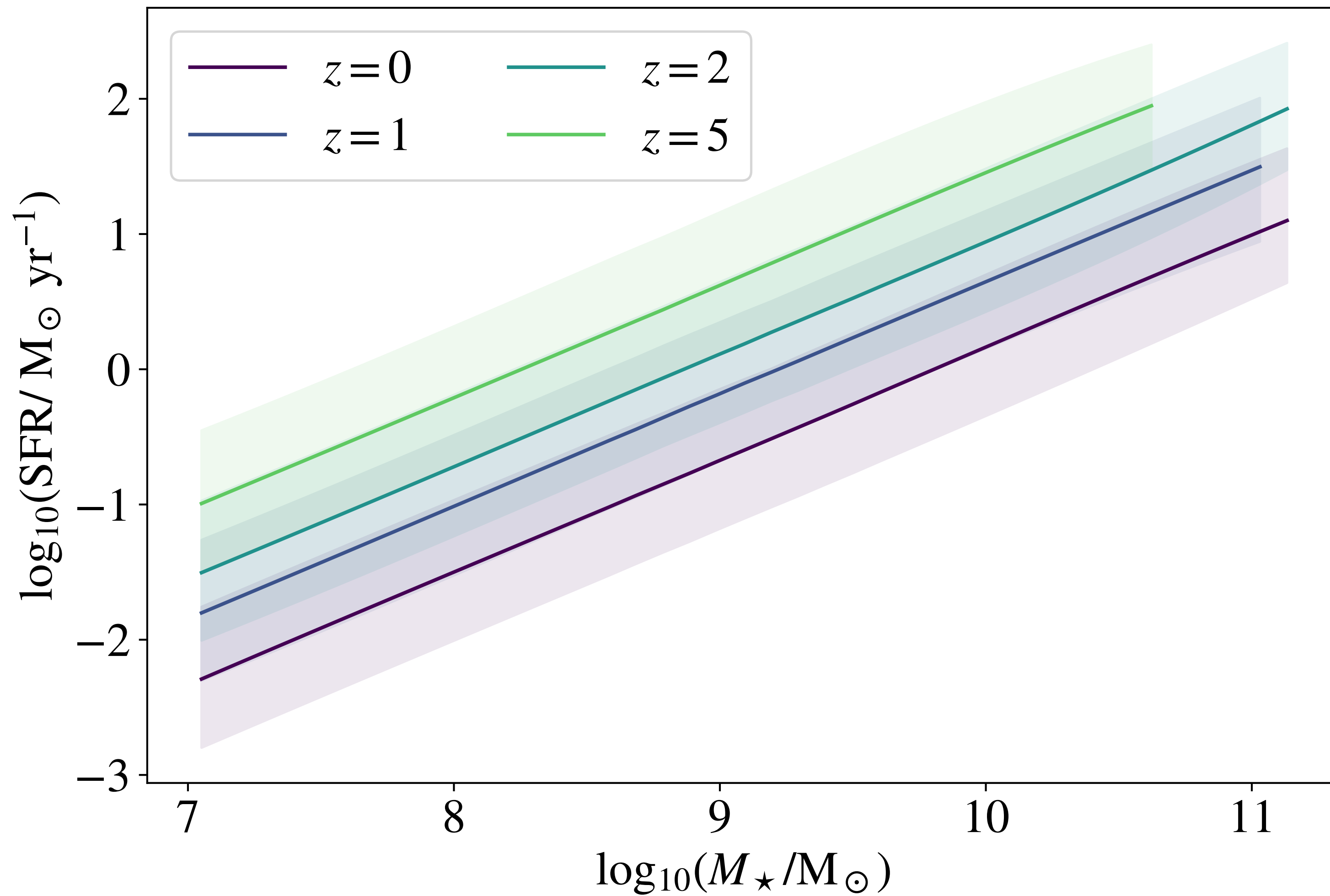
SFR main sequence

$$\bullet p(\log_{10} \text{SFR} | M_*, z) = A_{\text{MS}} \exp - \frac{(\log_{10} \text{SFR} - \langle \log_{10} \text{SFR} \rangle_{\text{MS}})^2}{2\sigma_{\text{MS}}^2} + A_{\text{SB}} \exp - \frac{(\log_{10} \text{SFR} - \langle \log_{10} \text{SFR} \rangle_{\text{SB}})^2}{2\sigma_{\text{SB}}^2}$$

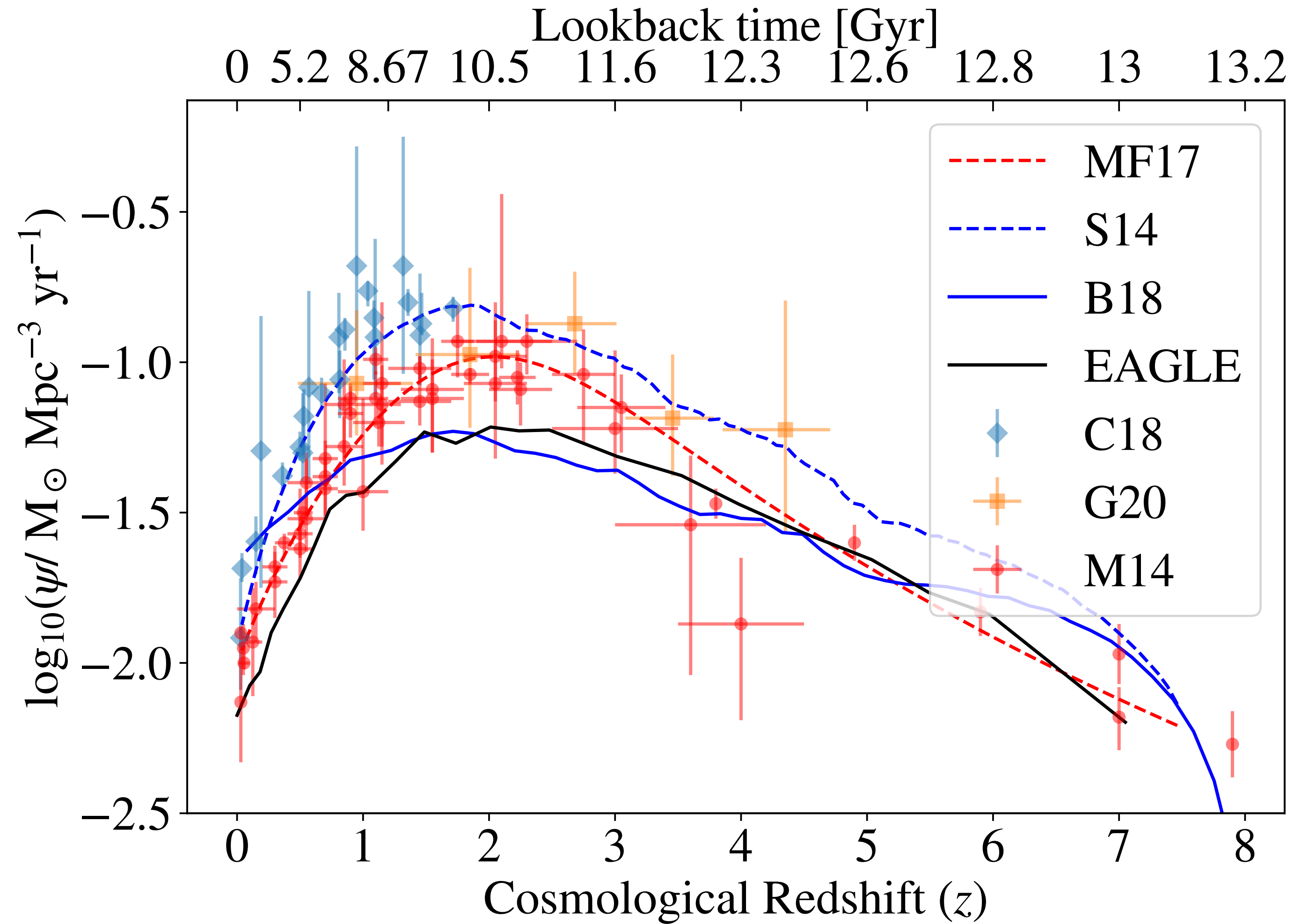
$$\bullet \langle \log_{10} \text{SFR} \rangle_{\text{MS}} = 0.83 \log_{10} \left(\frac{M_*}{M_0} \right) - 0.83 + 1.74 \left(\frac{1+z}{1+z_0} \right)$$



SFR main sequence



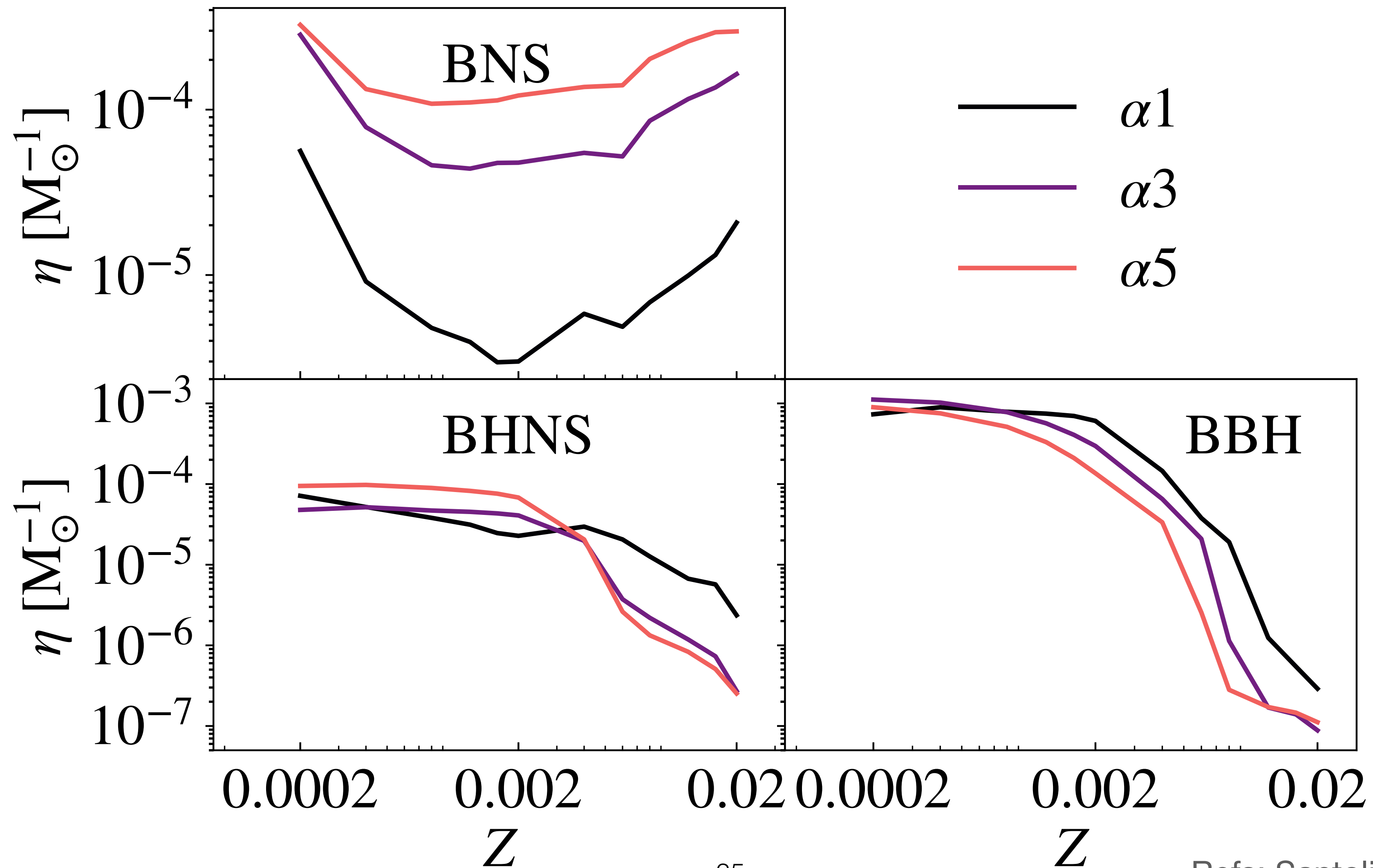
SFR(z)



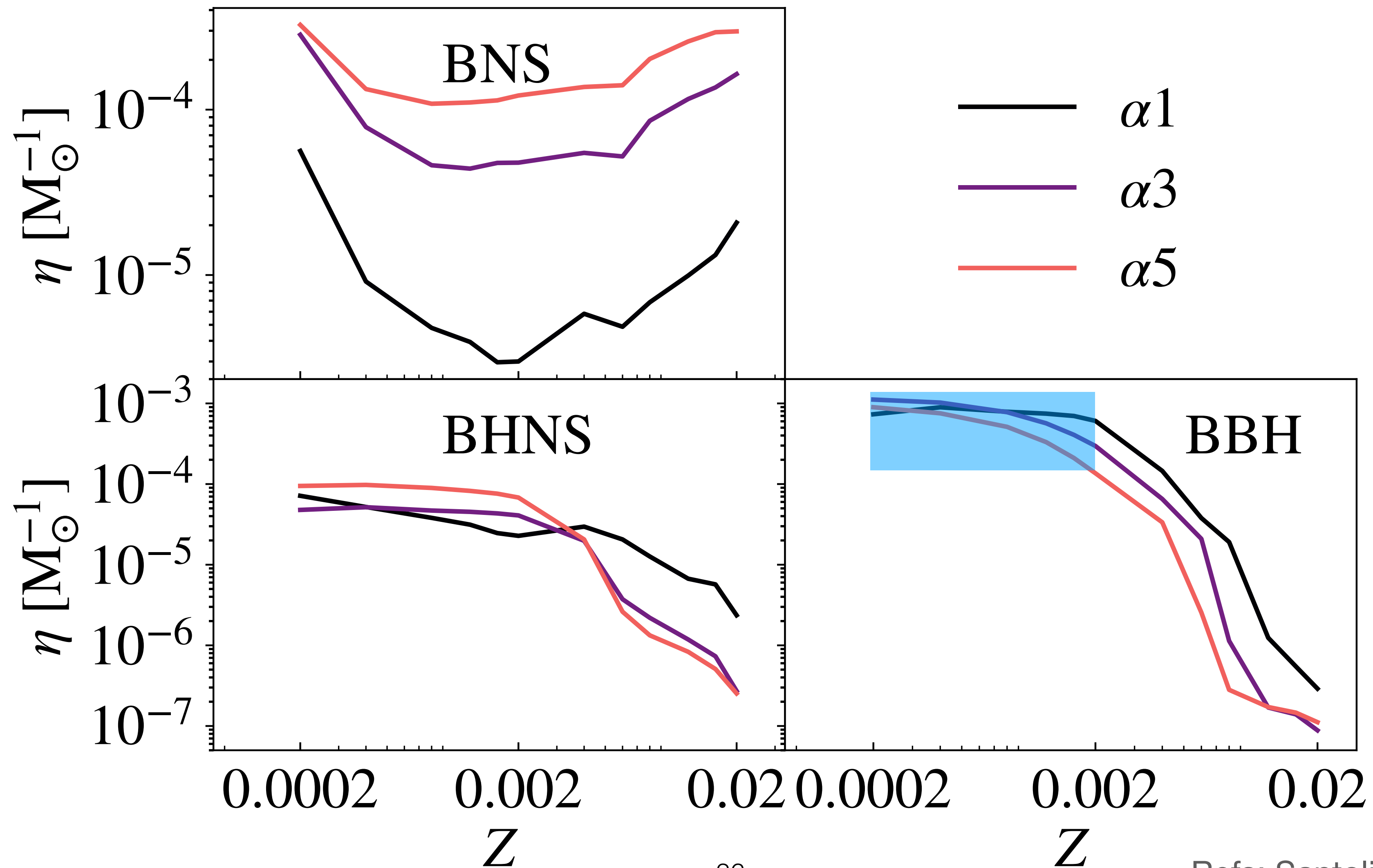
Refs: [Speagle et al. 2014](#), [Boogaard et al. 2018](#), [Madau and Fragos 2017](#), [Schaye et al 2015](#)

Do you remember metallicity impact on compact object formation?

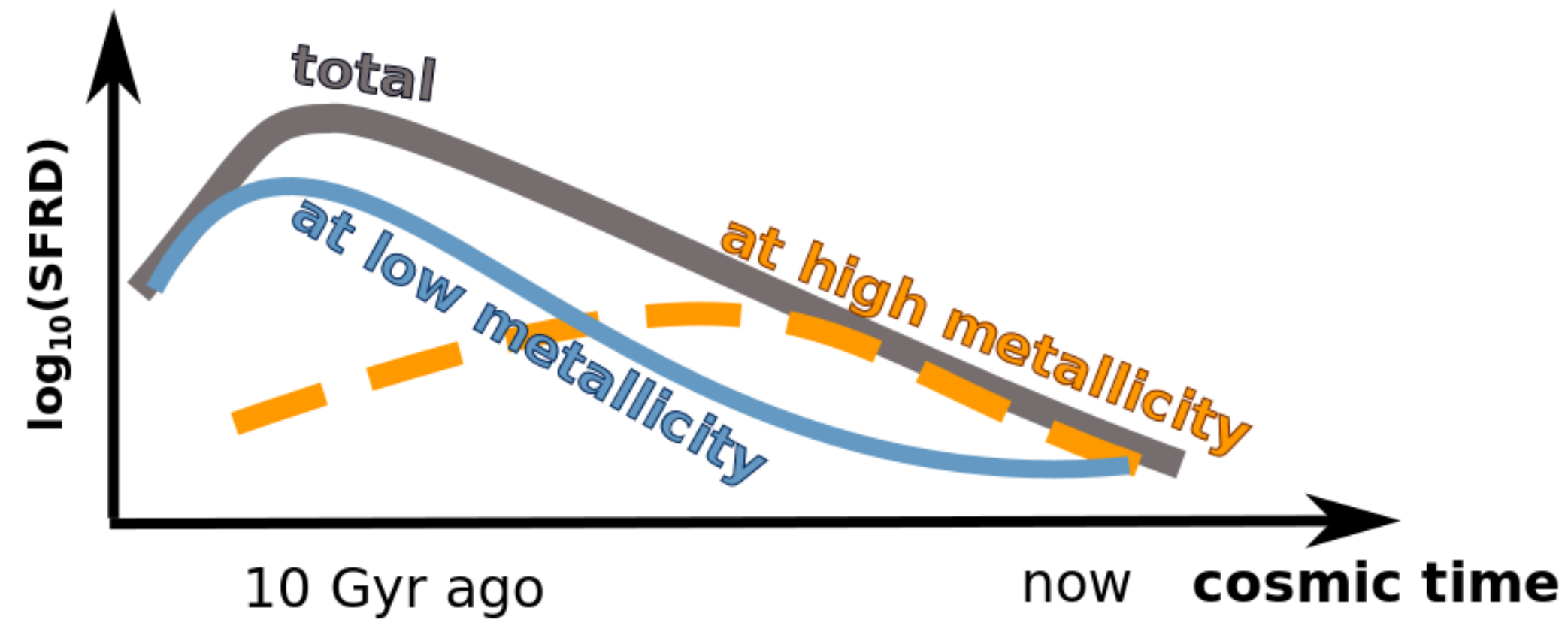
Merger efficiency



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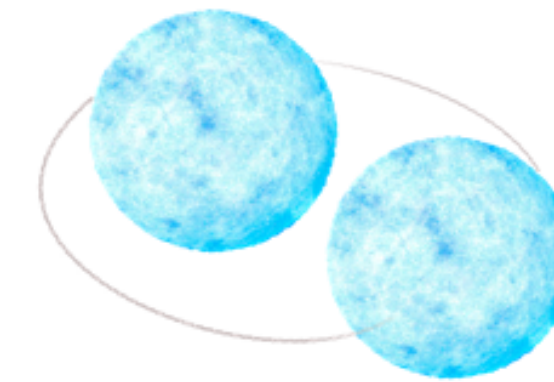


Impact of metallicity

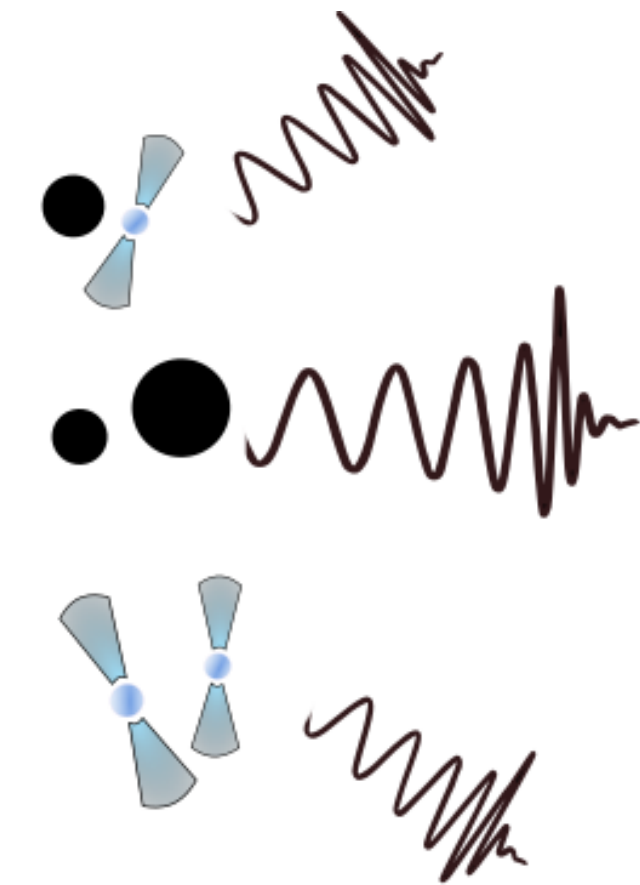


number and metallicity of stars formed at different times

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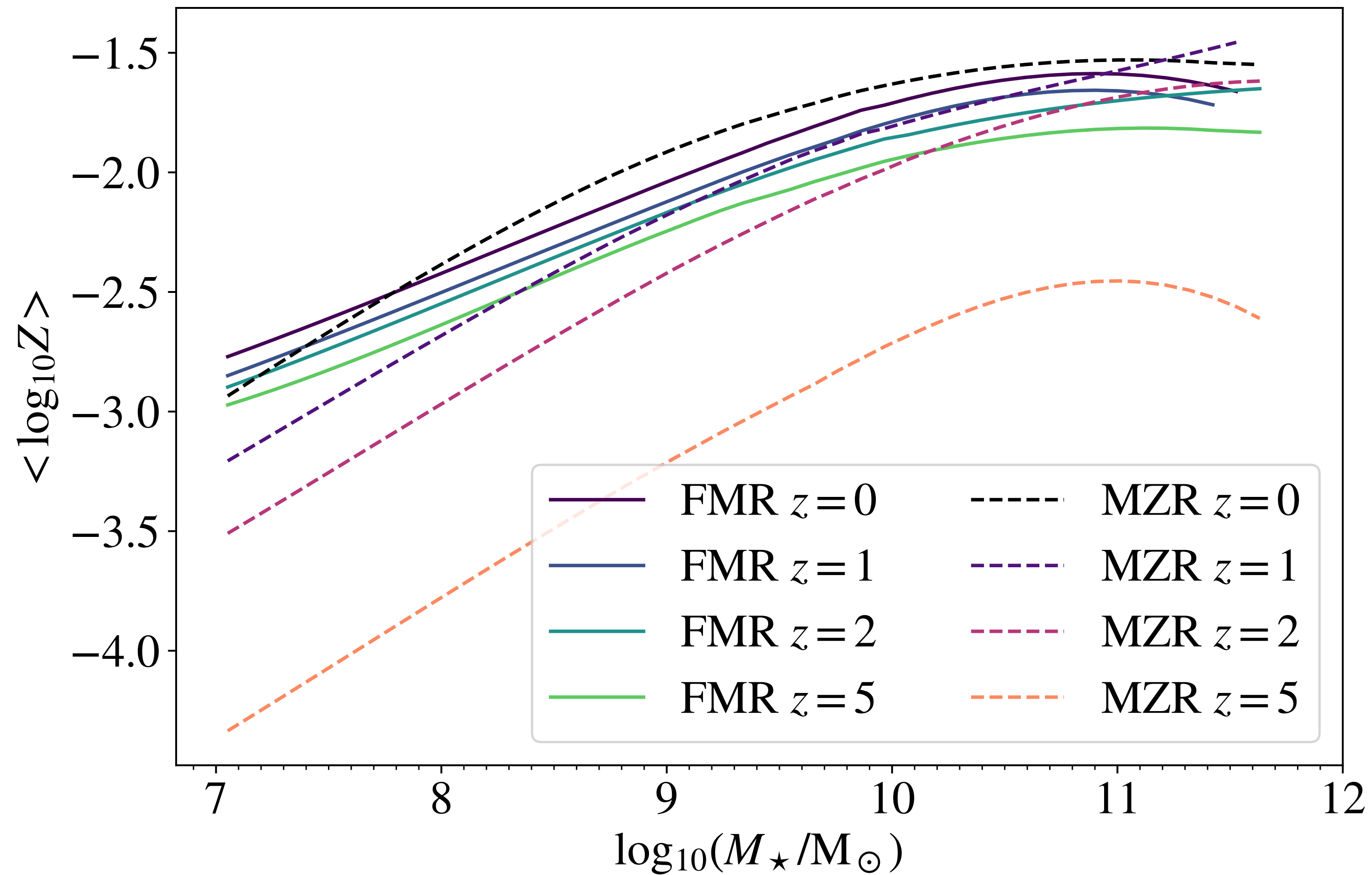


evolution of massive stars and binaries



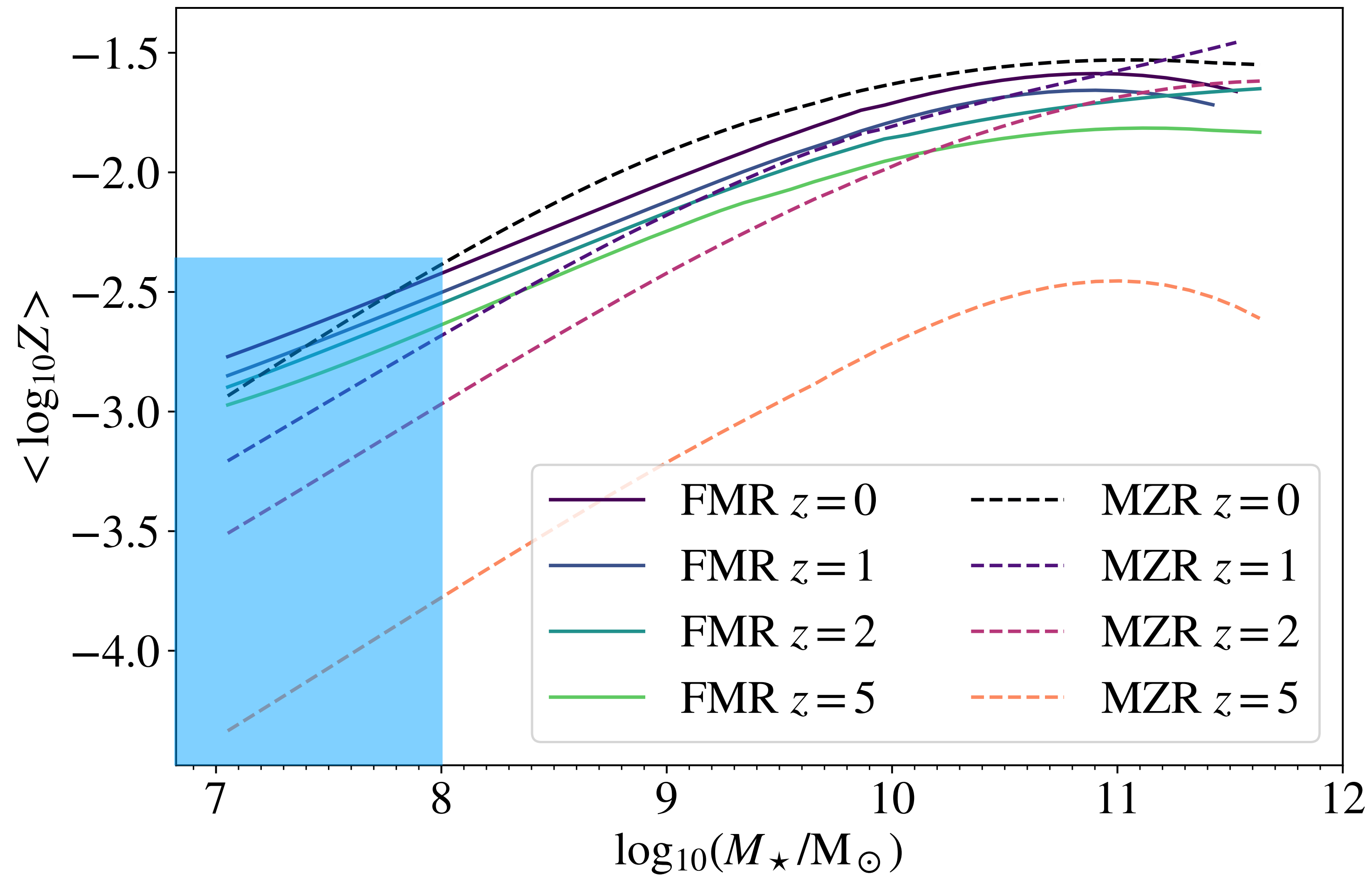
population of GW sources

Metallicity distribution



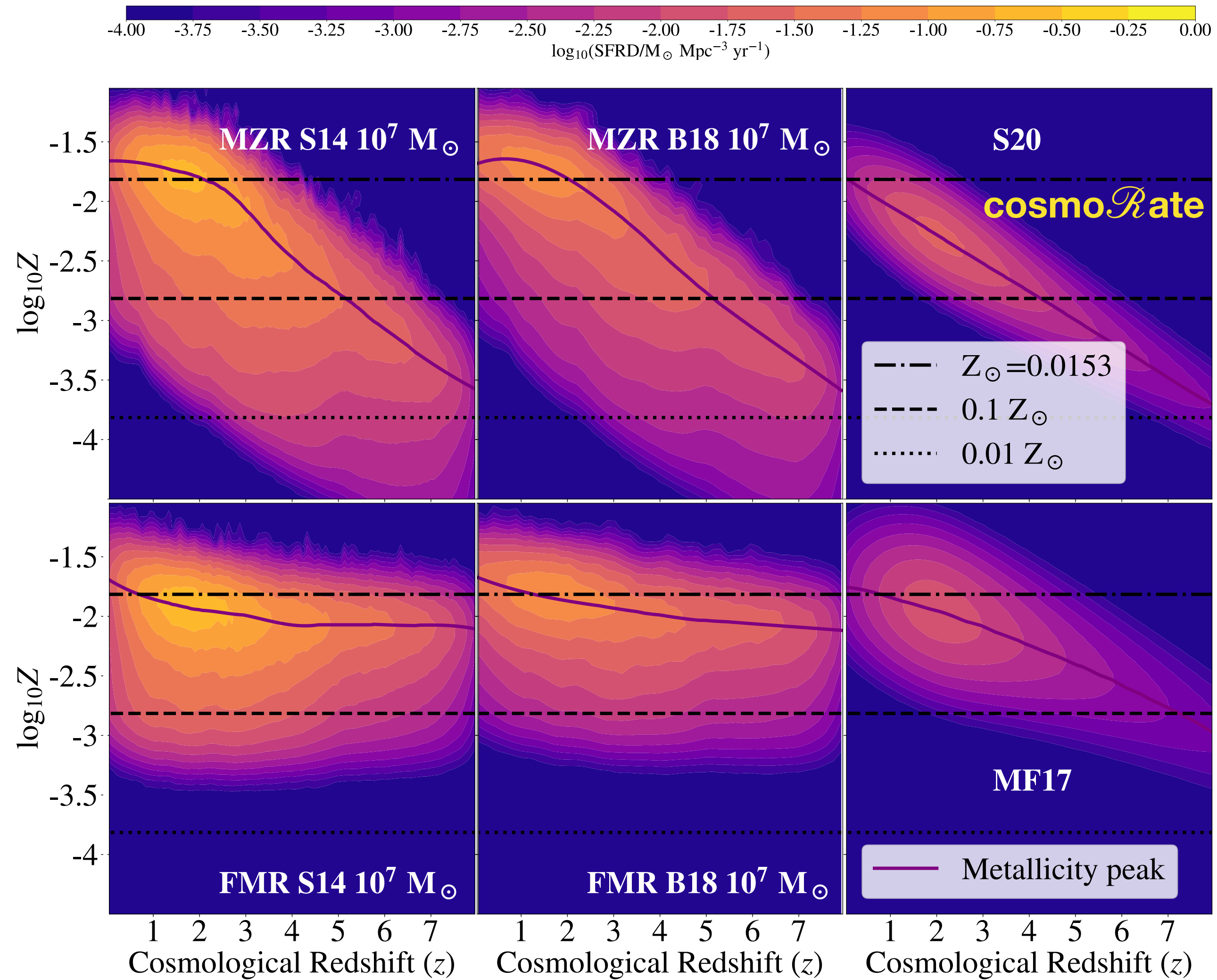
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SFRD(z, Z)



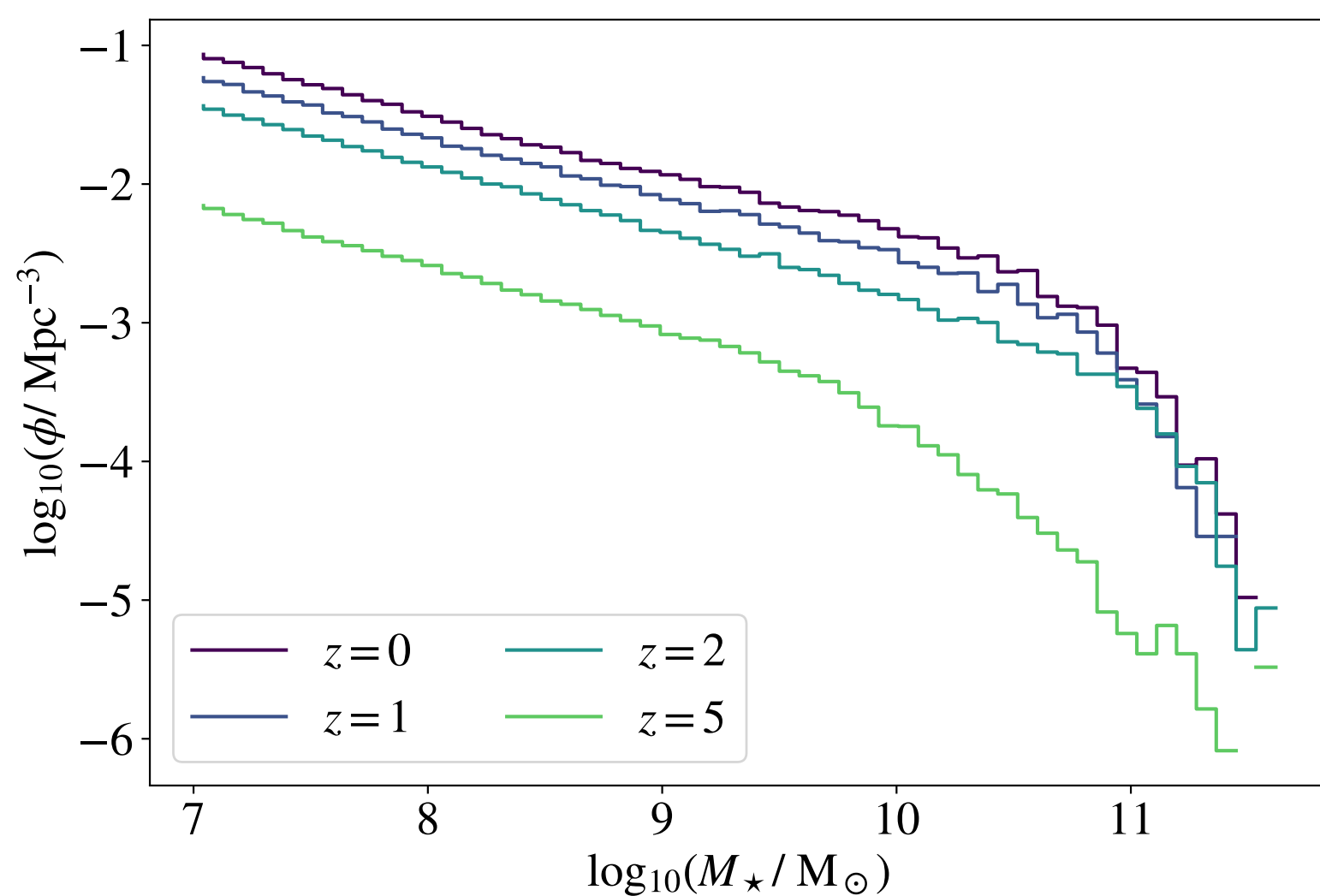
galaxyRate



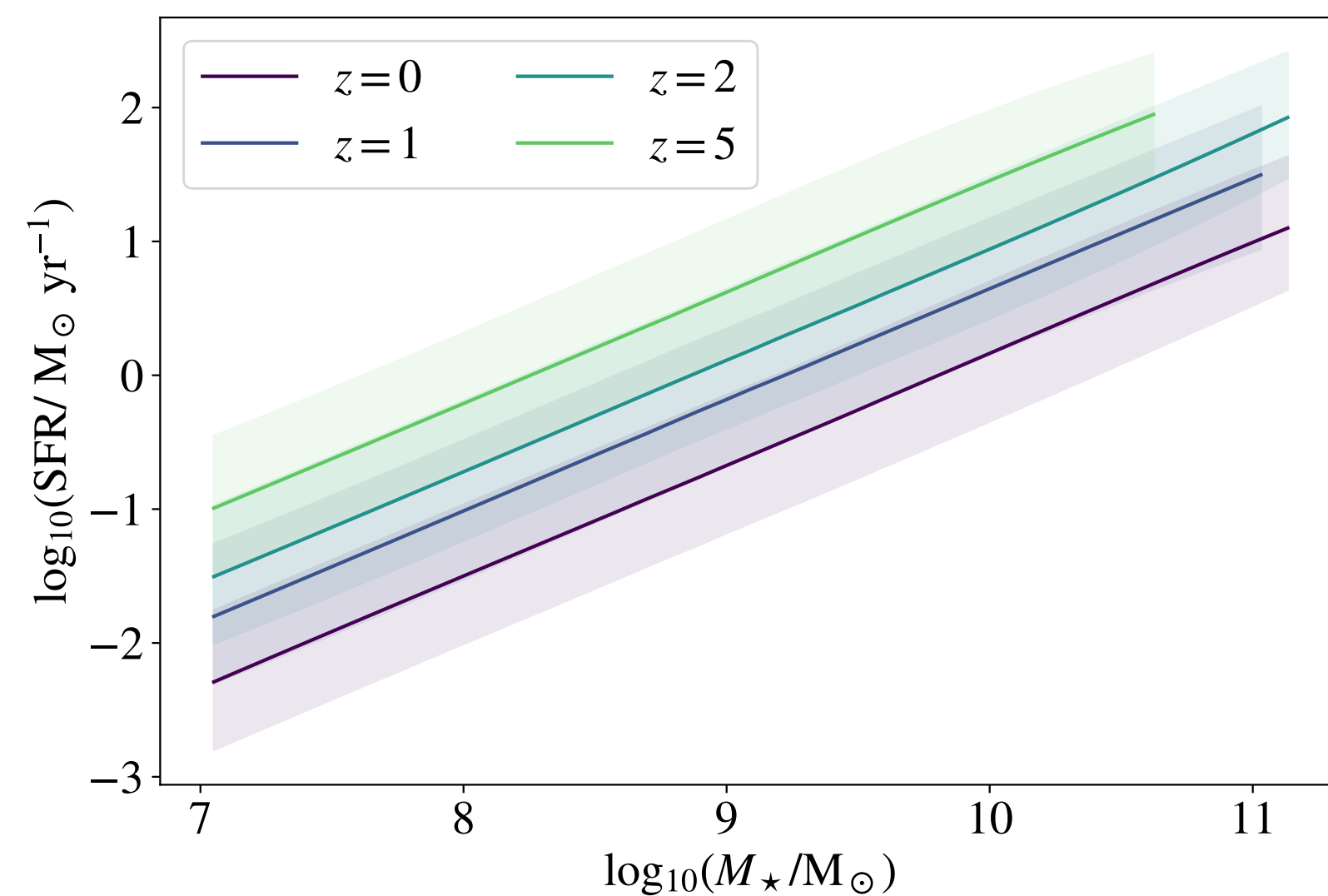


Population of star-forming galaxies from **observational scaling relations**

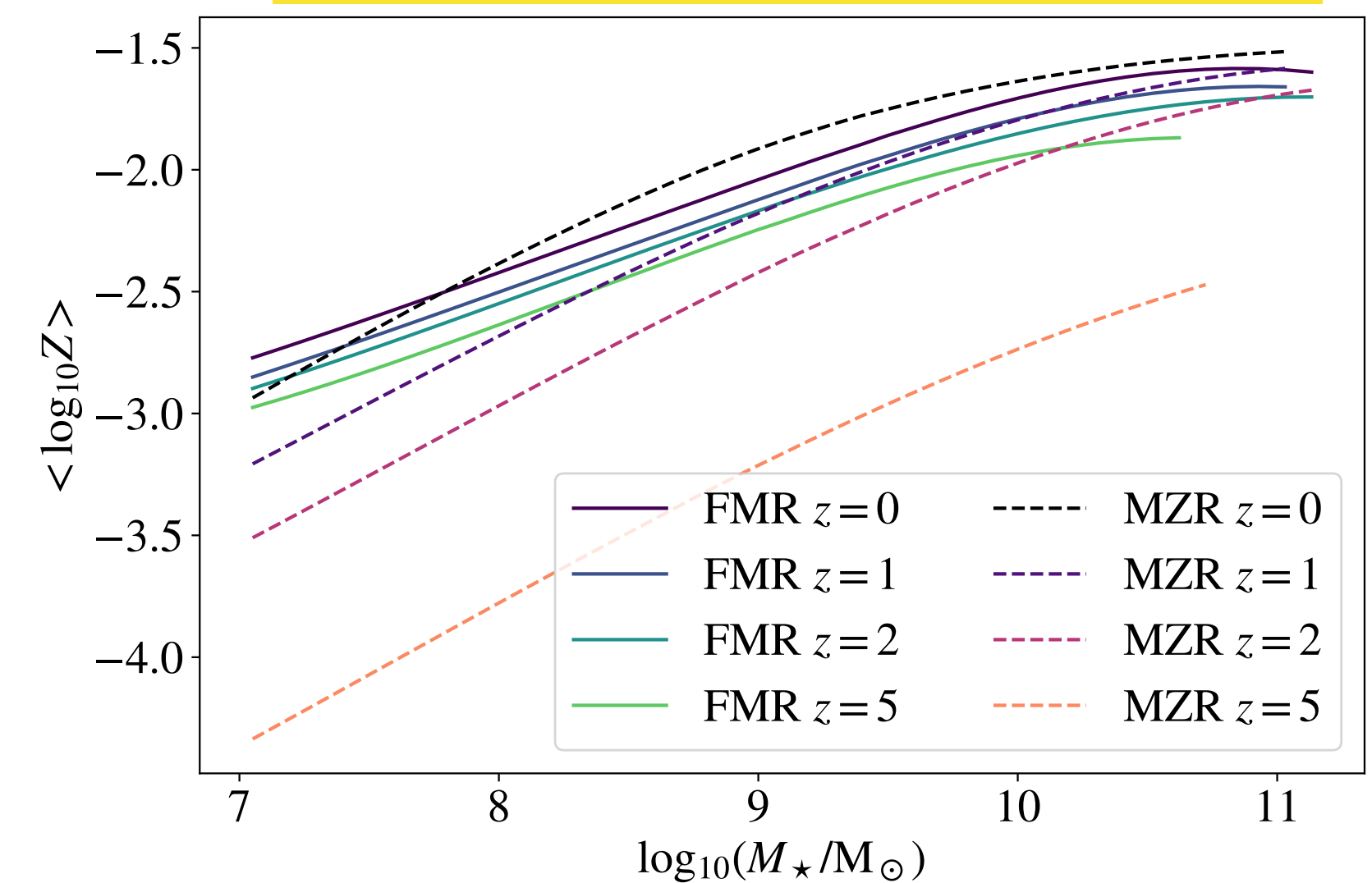
Stellar mass



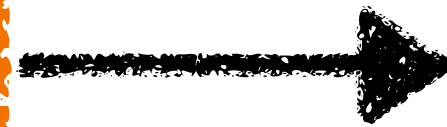
Star-formation rate



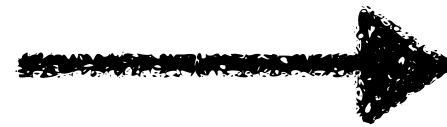
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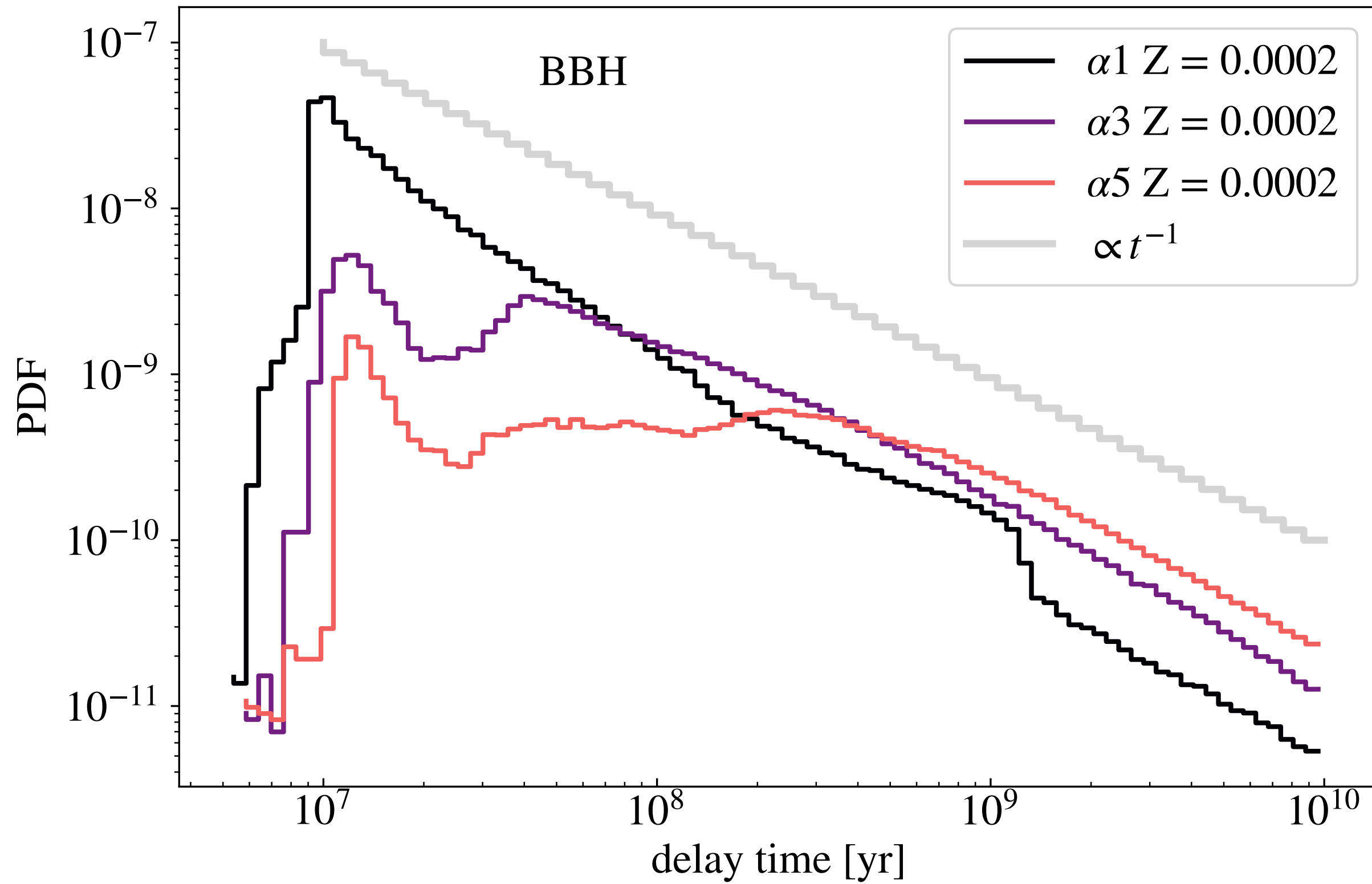
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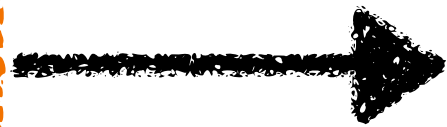
Host galaxies



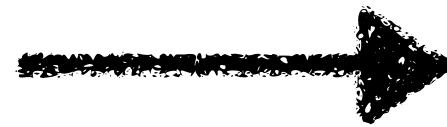
Effect of common envelope on delay time



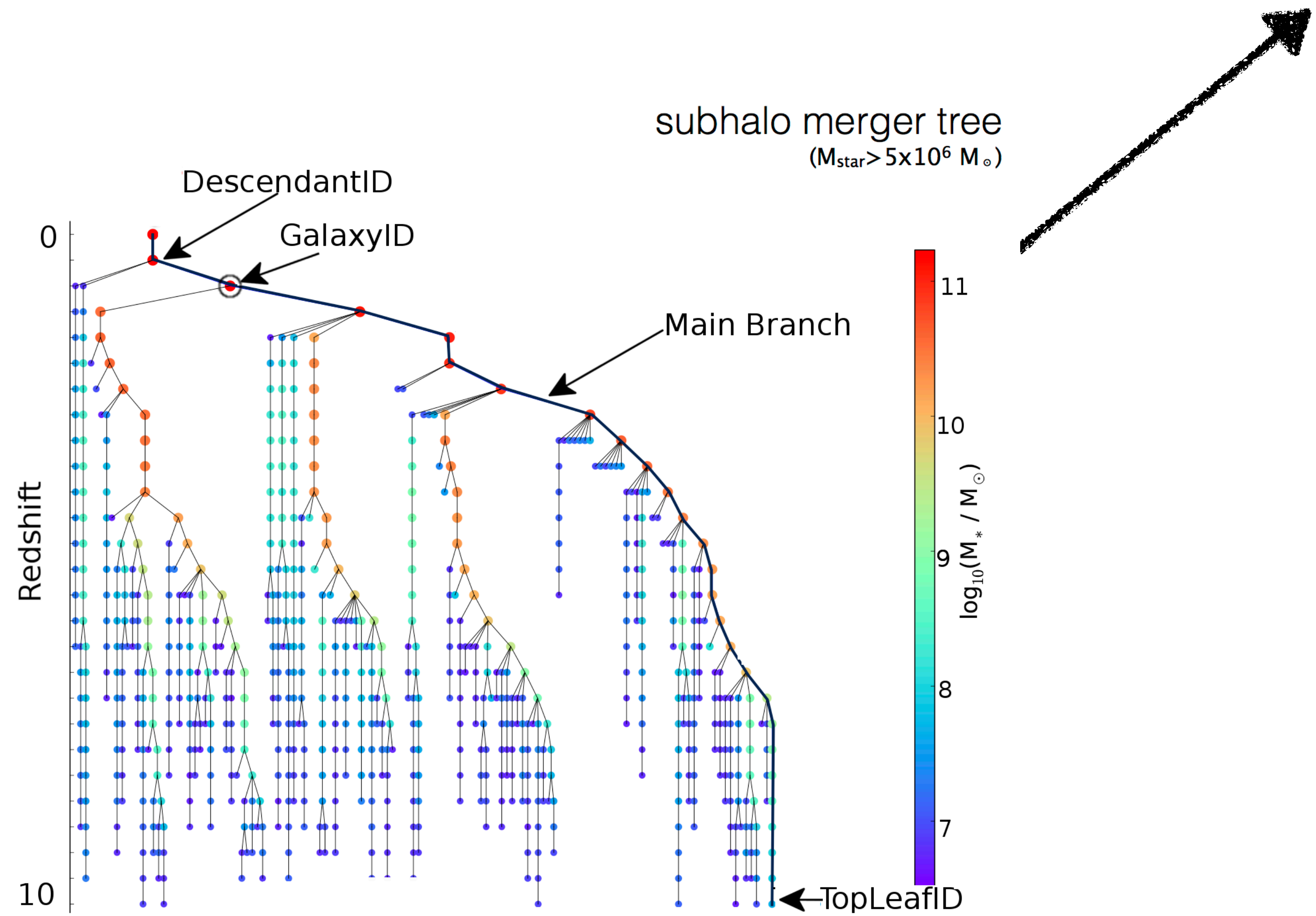
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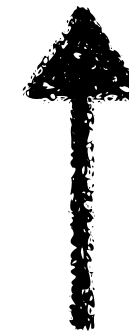


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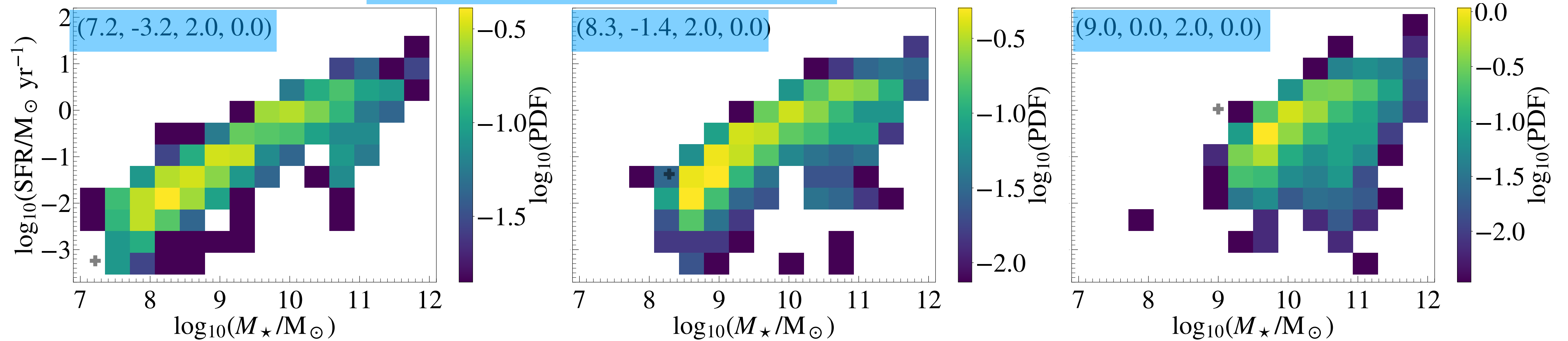
Host galaxies





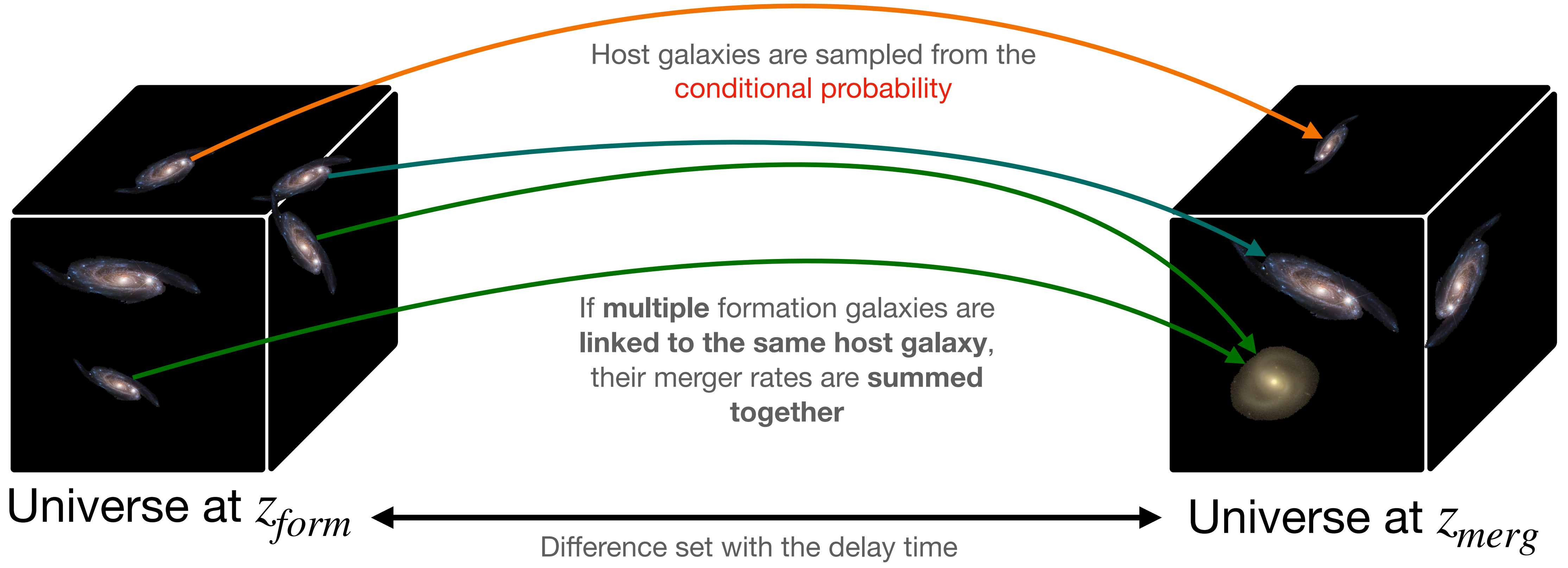
From the merger trees, I compute a **conditional probability**:

$$p(M_{host}, SFR_{host} | M_{form}, SFR_{form}, z_{form}, z_{merg})$$





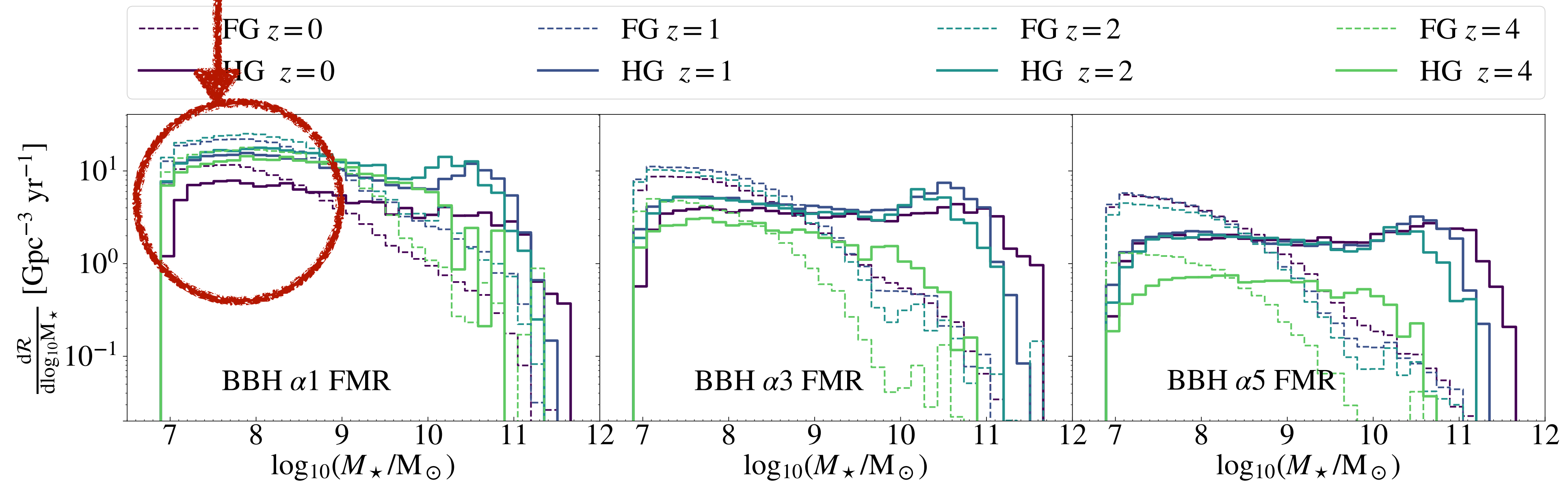
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galaxyRate: host galaxy stellar mass

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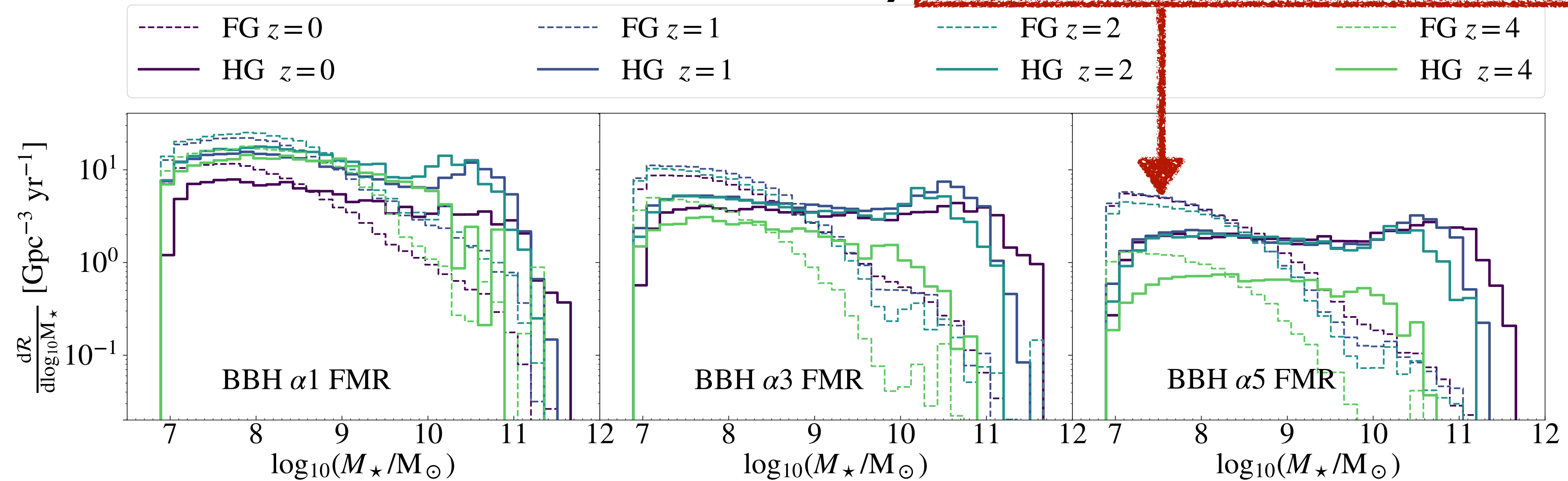
BBHs **form** in low-mass galaxies
and **merge** in low-mass galaxies



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2)

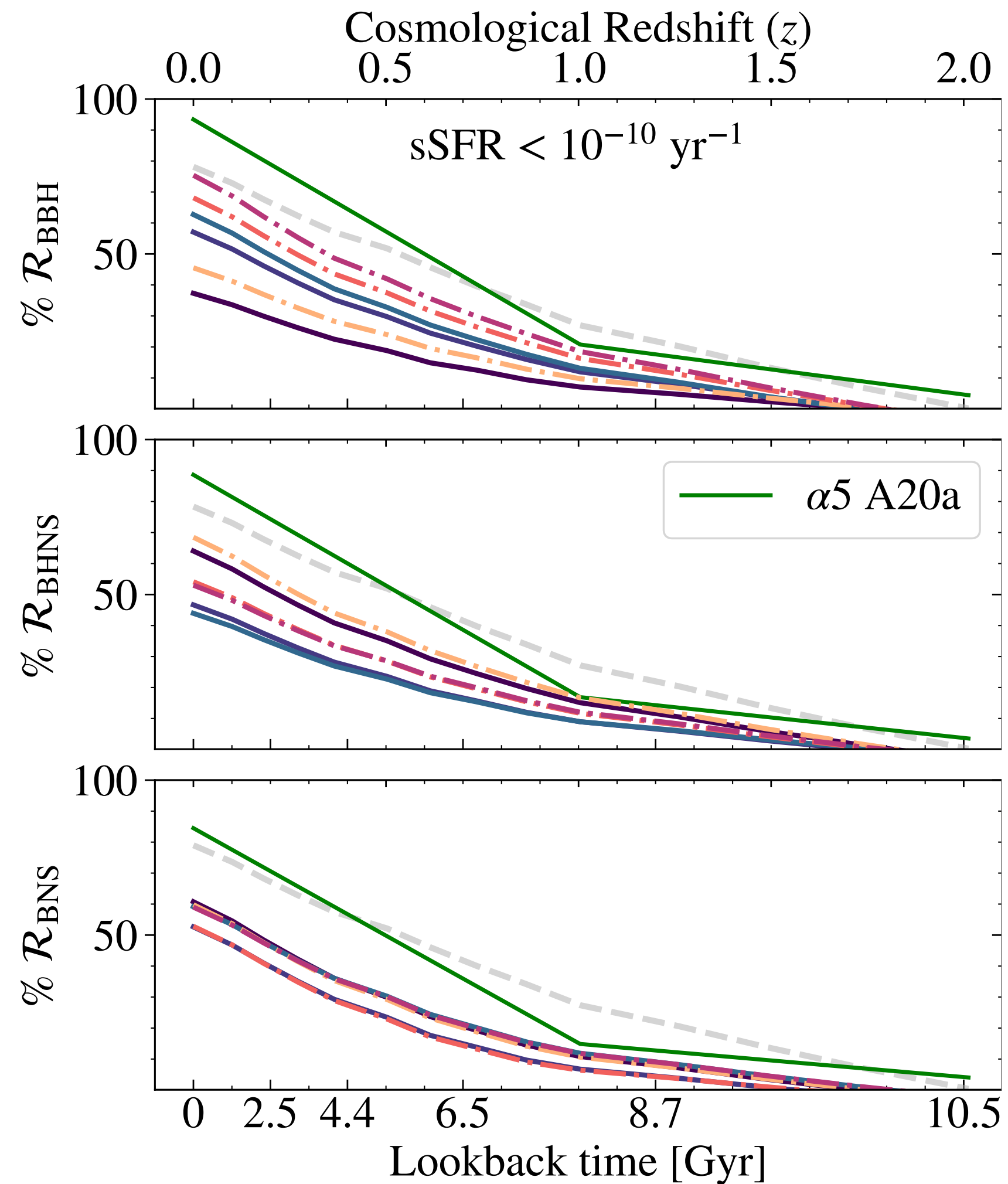
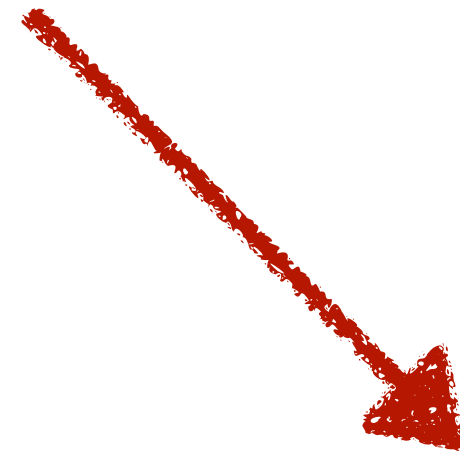
The fraction of merging in low-mass galaxies decreases with increasing α



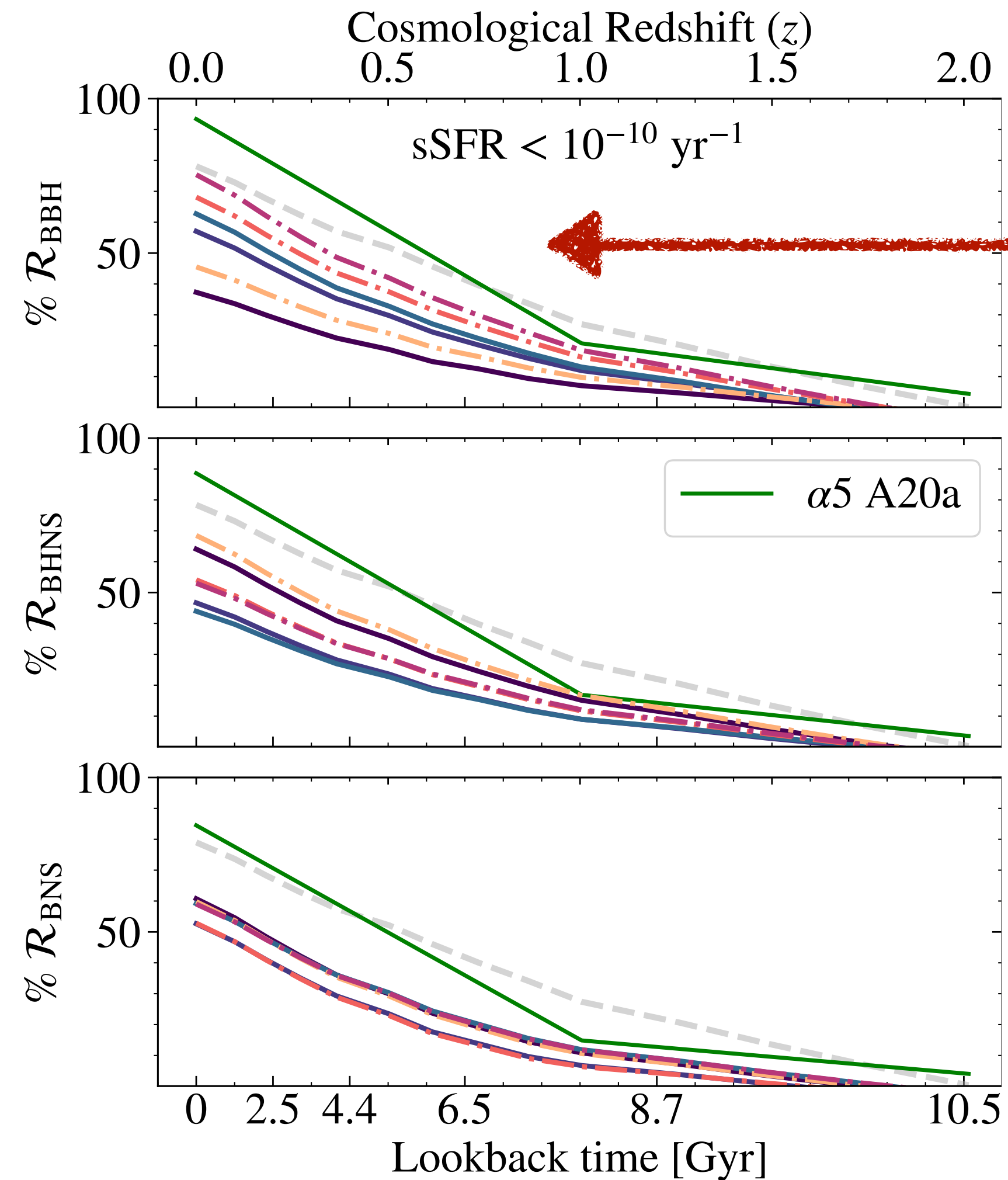
galaxyRate: passive galaxies

1)

Percentage of mergers hosted in passive galaxies **increases** at decreasing redshift



galaxyRate: passive galaxies



2)

the percentage of BBH can be changed by a **factor of ~2** depending on α



Can host galaxies be useful in other ways?

GW and cosmology

- GW are **standard sirens**

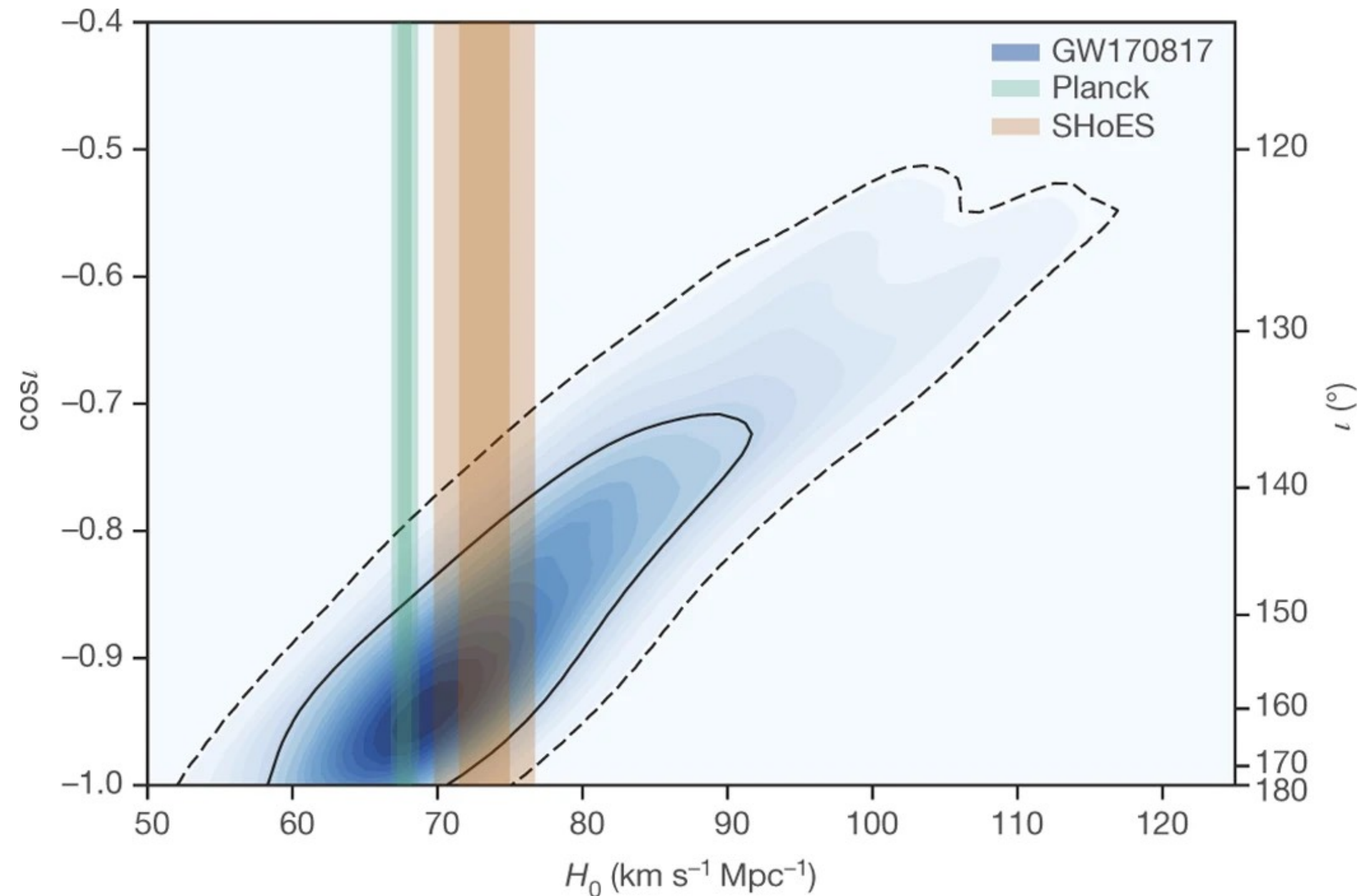
- $$h_+ = \frac{2(1+z)\mathcal{M}}{d_L} (\pi(1+z)\mathcal{M}f)^{2/3} (1 + \cos^2 \iota) \cos 2\phi_N(t)$$

- $$h_\times = -\frac{4(1+z)\mathcal{M}}{d_L} (\pi(1+z)\mathcal{M}f)^{2/3} \cos \iota \sin 2\phi_N(t)$$

- Chirp mass $\mathcal{M} = \frac{(m_1 m_2)^{3/5}}{(m_1 + m_2)^{1/5}}$

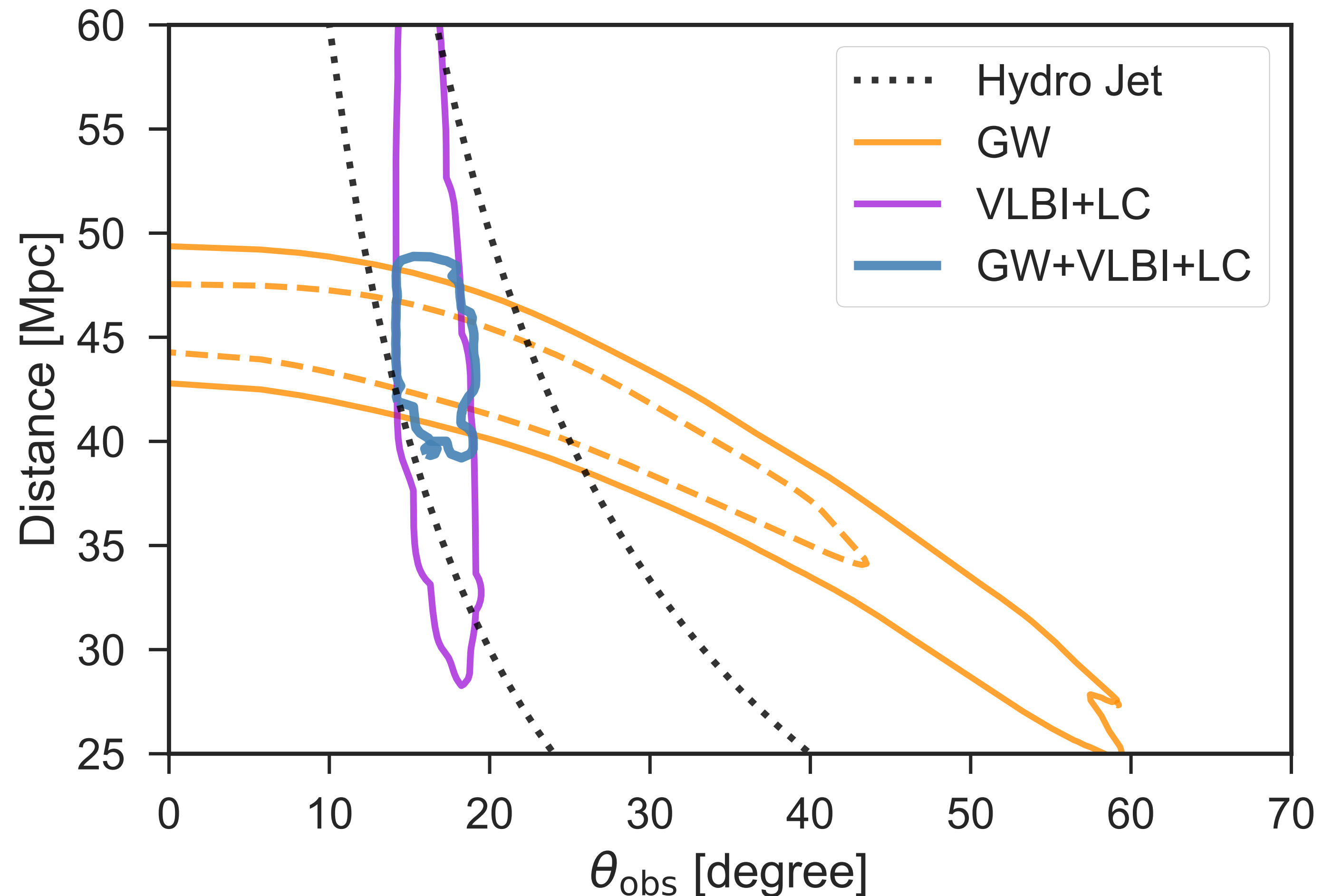
GW and cosmology

- $v_H = H_0 d_L$
- Recession velocity from NGC 4993: $v_H = 3017 \pm 166 \text{ km s}^{-1}$
- $d_L = 43.8^{+2.9}_{-6.9} \text{ Mpc}$
- $H_0 = 70.0^{+12.0}_{-8.0} \text{ km s}^{-1} \text{ Mpc}^{-1}$
68% C.I.
- SHoES: Cepheids and type Ia SN



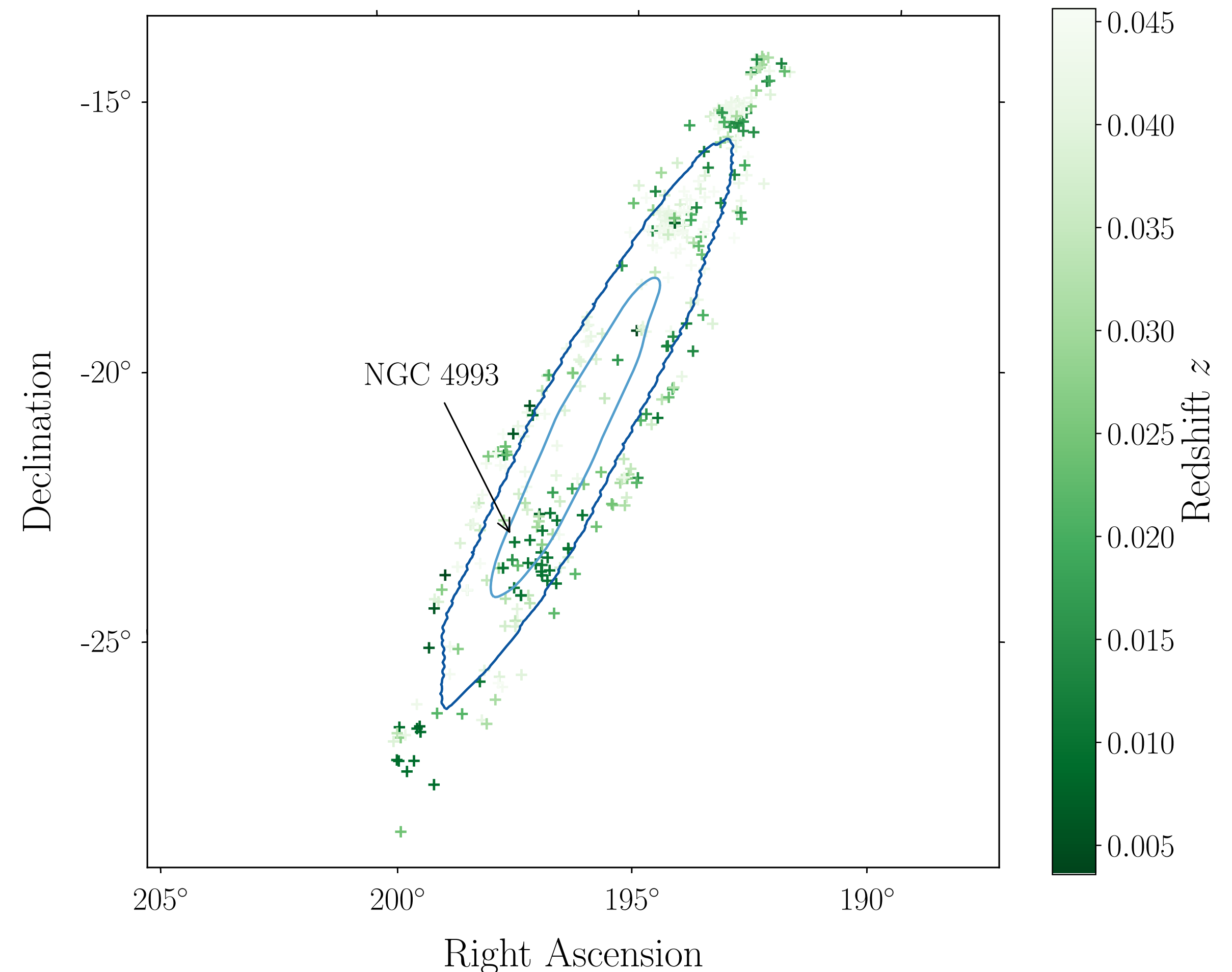
GW and cosmology

- **Bright sirens:** EM counterpart breaks the inclination angle/ luminosity distance degeneracy
➡ inclination angle from KN and afterglow models



GW and cosmology

- **Dark sirens:** cross-correlation with potential host galaxies within localisation volumes
- GW event well localised (*only one host galaxy*), the statistical method (dark sirens) reduces to the counterpart method (bright sirens)



What you did (not) learn today

Tomorrow

- Multimessenger astrophysics and host galaxies
- Modelling the host galaxies and cosmology
- Population-synthesis simulation
- Population III stars and black holes
- Einstein Telescope and the future of GW astrophysics

Further reading:

- This is based on lecture materials of Marica Branchesi, Jan Harms, Tito Dal Canton, Michela Mapelli, Eleonora Loffredo, Giuliano Iorio and Gaston Escobar
- References:
 - **Chemical evolution of the Universe:** [Chruślinska 2022](#)
 - **Dark sirens:** [Dal Pozzo 2012](#), [Chen and Holz 2016](#), [Chen et al. 2018](#), [Borghetti et al. 2024](#)
- **See you this afternoon!**