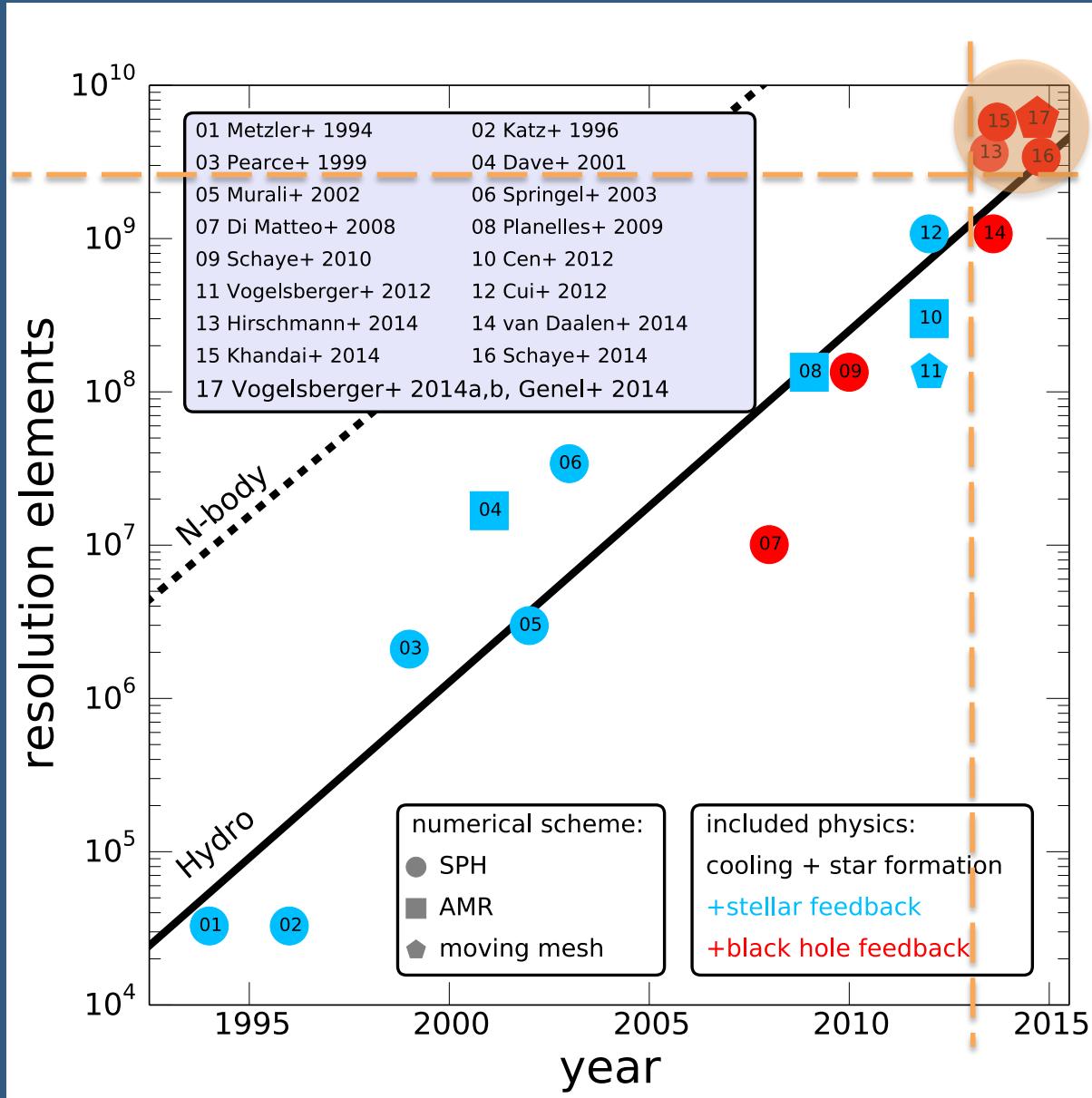


# High-redshift galaxies in the Illustris simulation

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# 'Uniform-box' cosmological simulations



Horizon-AGN,  
Eagle,  
Magneticum Pathfinder,  
MassiveBlack-II,  
& Illustris:

A new era of  
hydrodynamical  
cosmological  
simulations:

Thousands of resolved  
massive galaxies

# The Illustris Simulation

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Vogelsberger, SG, et al. 2014  
Genel et al. 2014  
Sijacki et al. 2015

- A  $[106.5 \text{ Mpc}]^3$  box run to  $z=0$ 
  - $10 M > 10^{14} M_{\text{sun}}$  halos @  $z=0$
  - $> 10^3 M \approx 10^{12} M_{\text{sun}}$  halos @  $z=0$
- Baryonic resolution:  $1.3 \times 10^6 M_{\text{sun}}$
- Resolution elements:  $2 \times 1820^3$
- Gravitational spatial resolution: 0.7-1.4 ckpc
- N-body+hydro on an unstructured moving mesh with with Arepo
- Galaxy formation physics (SF, winds, AGN...)

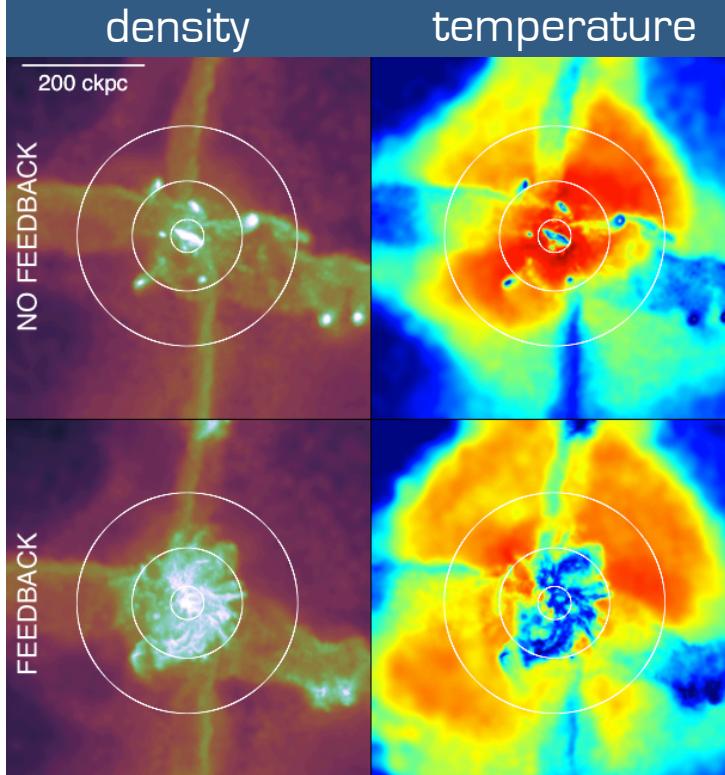
Public data release: April 1  
<http://www.illustris-project.org>

# Galaxy formation physics

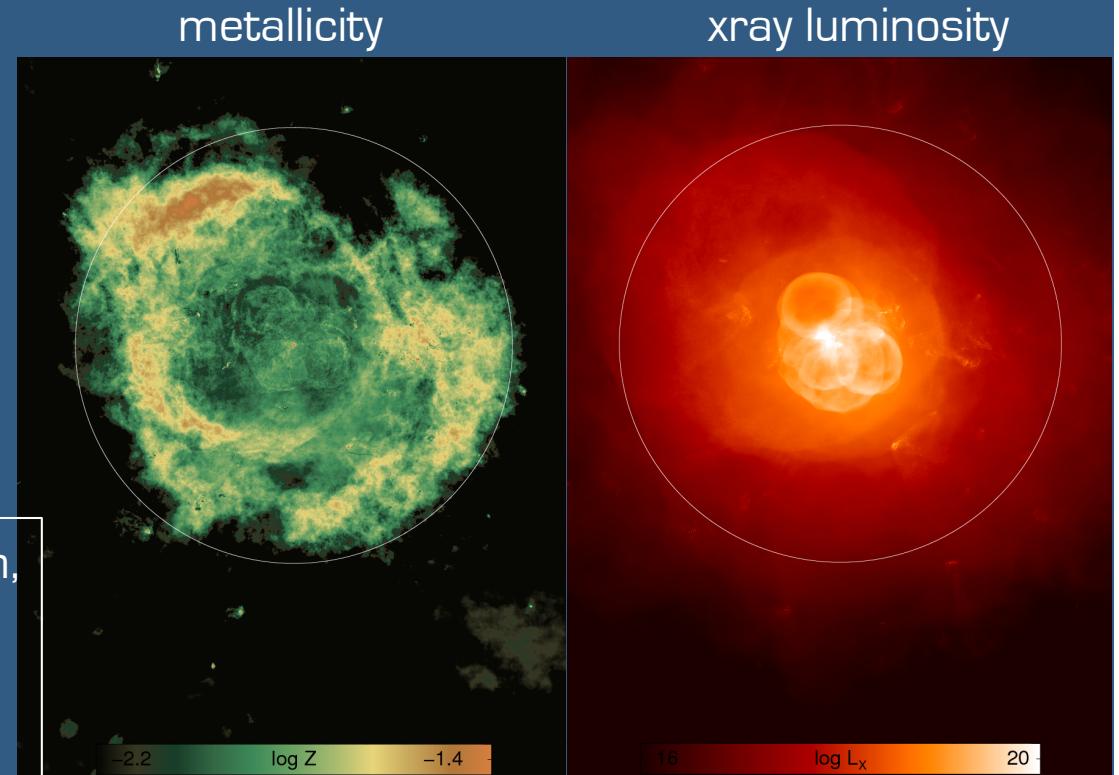
Tuned to address the overcooling problem:

cosmic SFRD &  $z=0 M_{\star} \text{-} M_h$

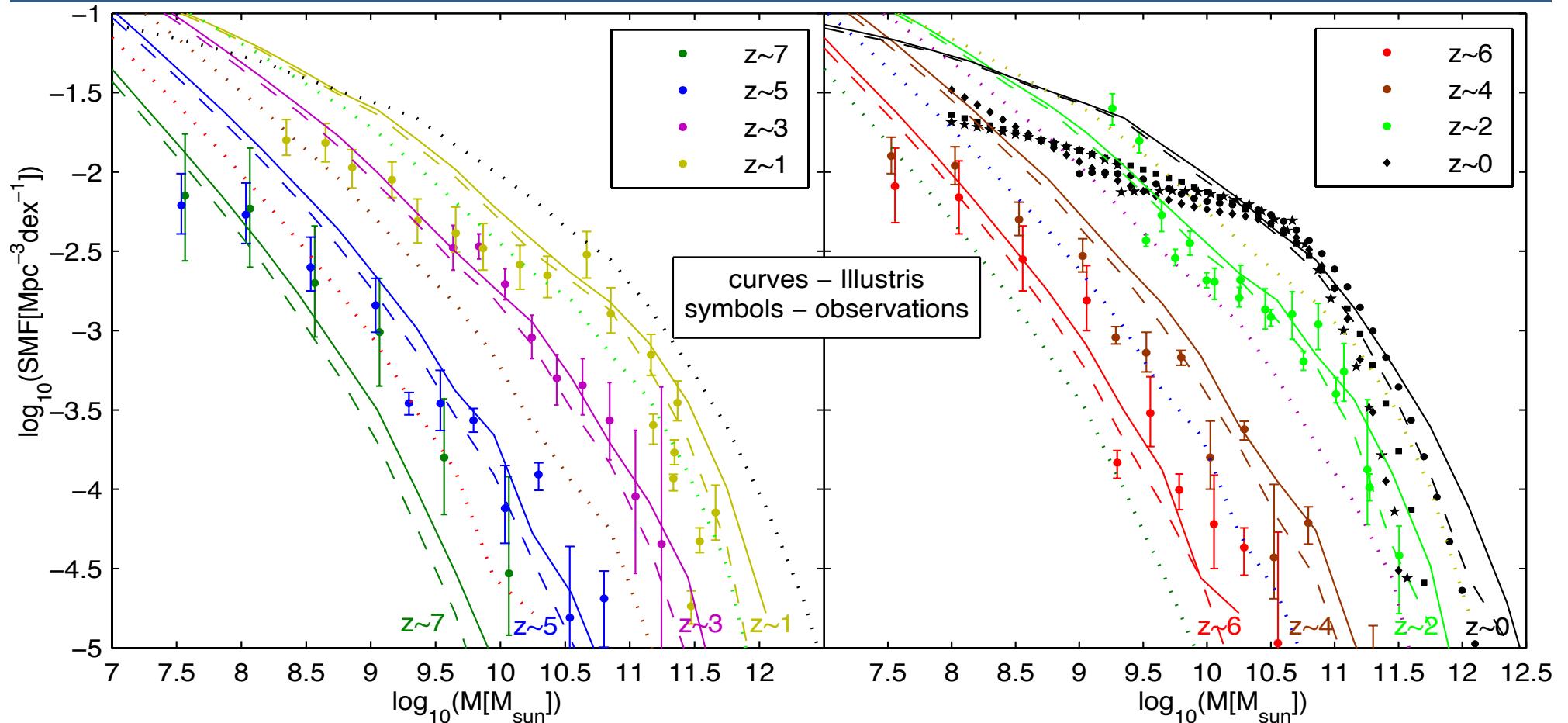
- Galactic winds



- Black Holes

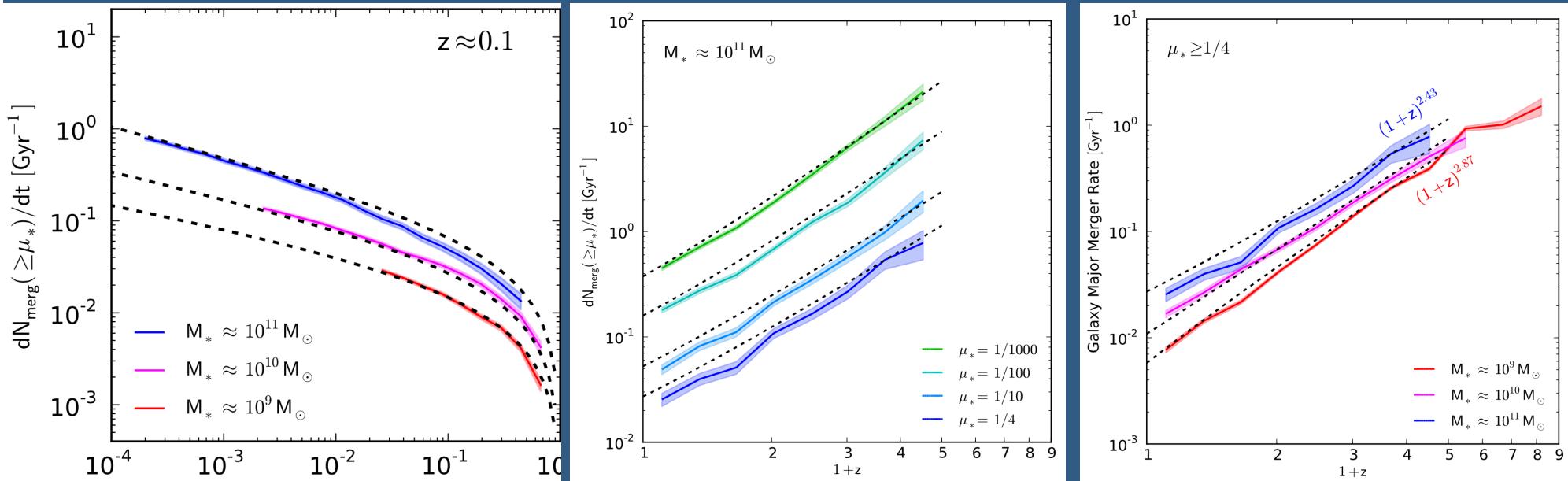


# Stellar mass functions @ $0 \leq z \leq 7$



# The galaxy merger rate

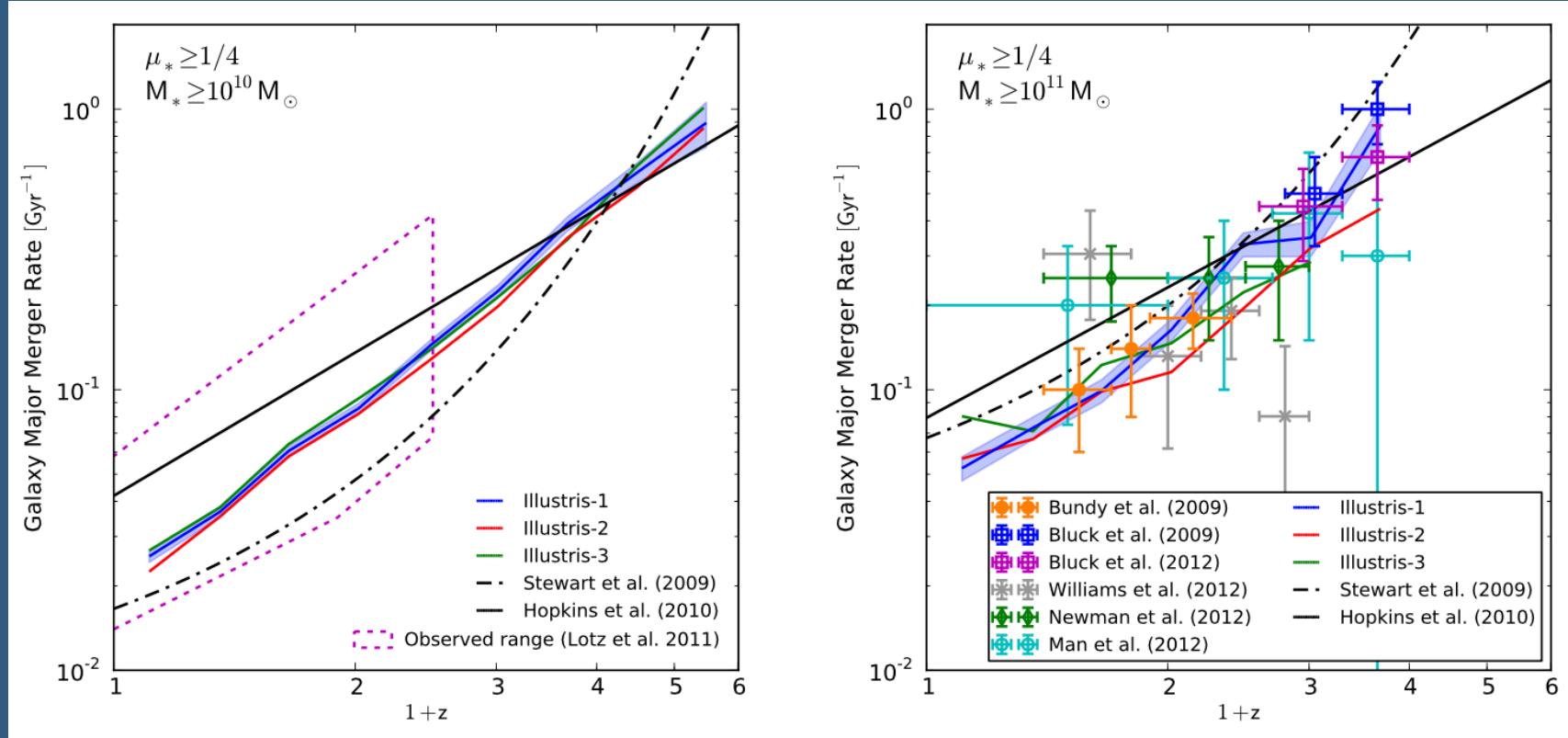
Rodriguez-Gomez,  
SG, et al. 2015



$$A(z) \left( \frac{M}{10^{10} M_\odot} \right)^{\alpha(z)} \left[ 1 + \left( \frac{M}{M_0} \right)^{\delta(z)} \right] \mu^{\beta(z) + \gamma \log_{10} \left( \frac{M}{10^{10} M_\odot} \right)}$$

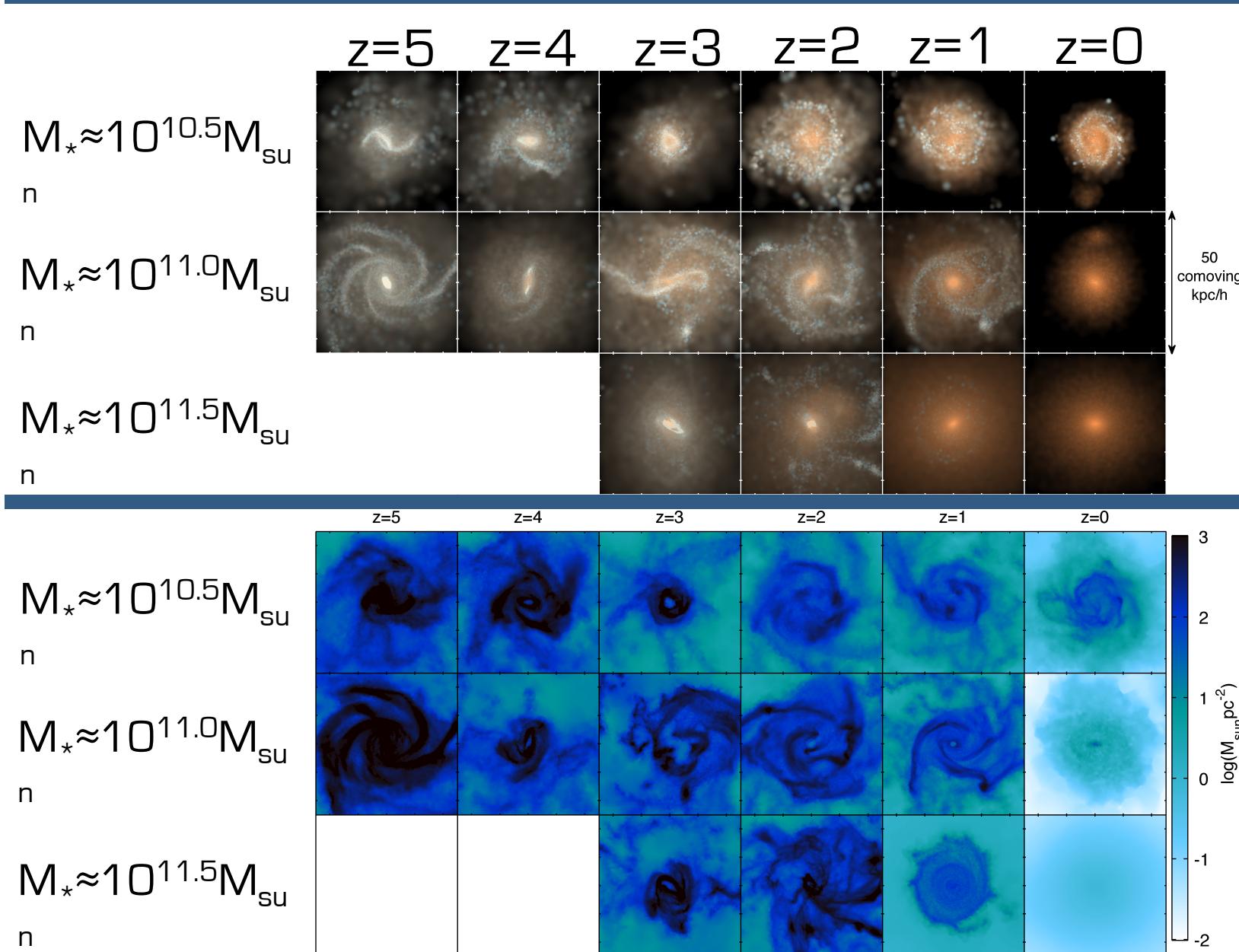
[The DM halo merger rate:  $A \left( \frac{M_0}{\tilde{M}} \right)^\alpha \xi^\beta \exp \left[ \left( \frac{\xi}{\xi_{\text{nl}}} \right)^\gamma \right] \left( \frac{d\delta_c}{dz} \right)^\eta ]$

# The galaxy merger rate



- Illustris matches typical observed merger rates, however,
- Some observational work find qualitatively opposite trends

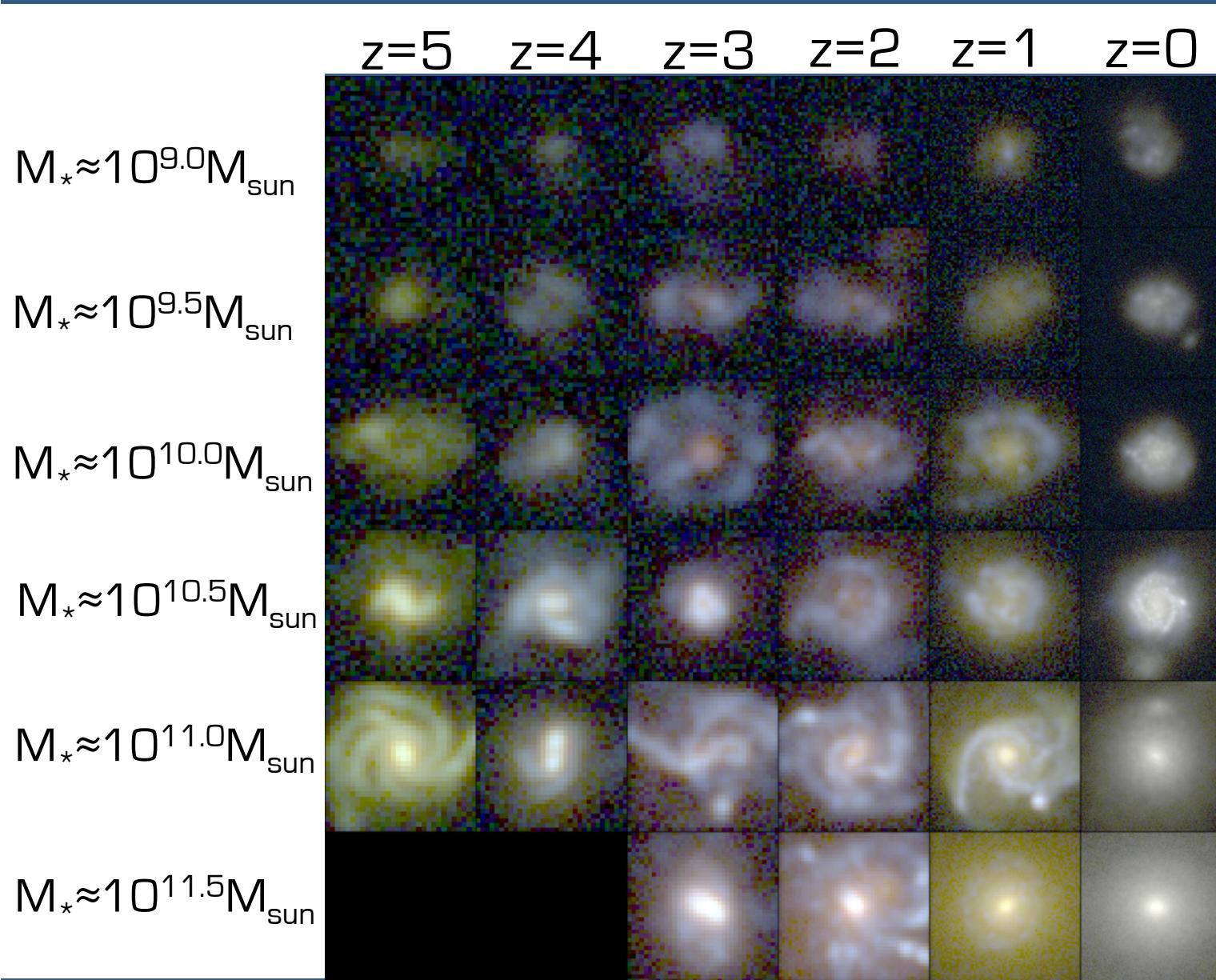
# Massive galaxies @ $0 \leq z \leq 5$



Stars

Gas

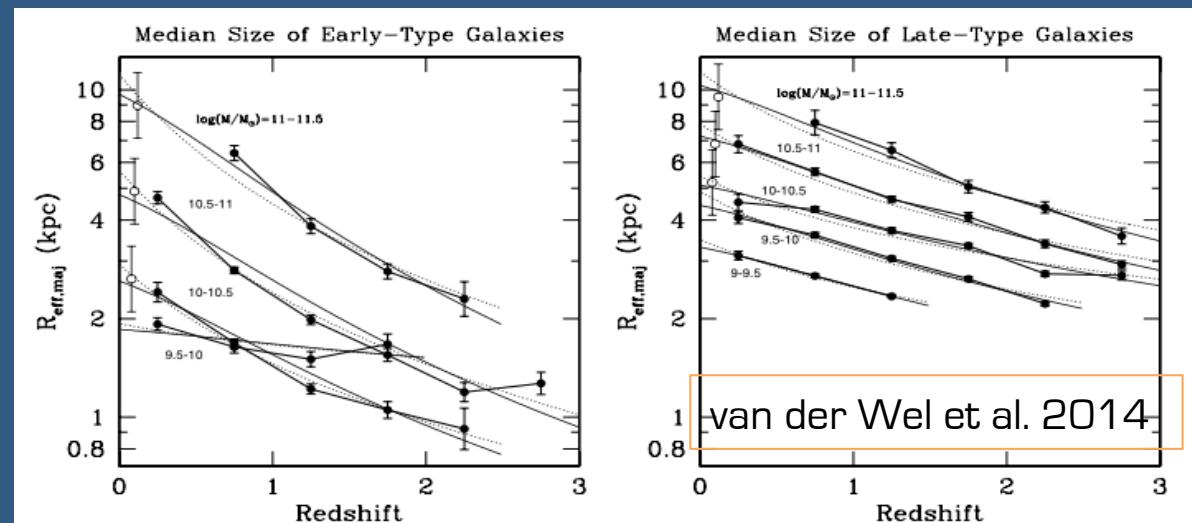
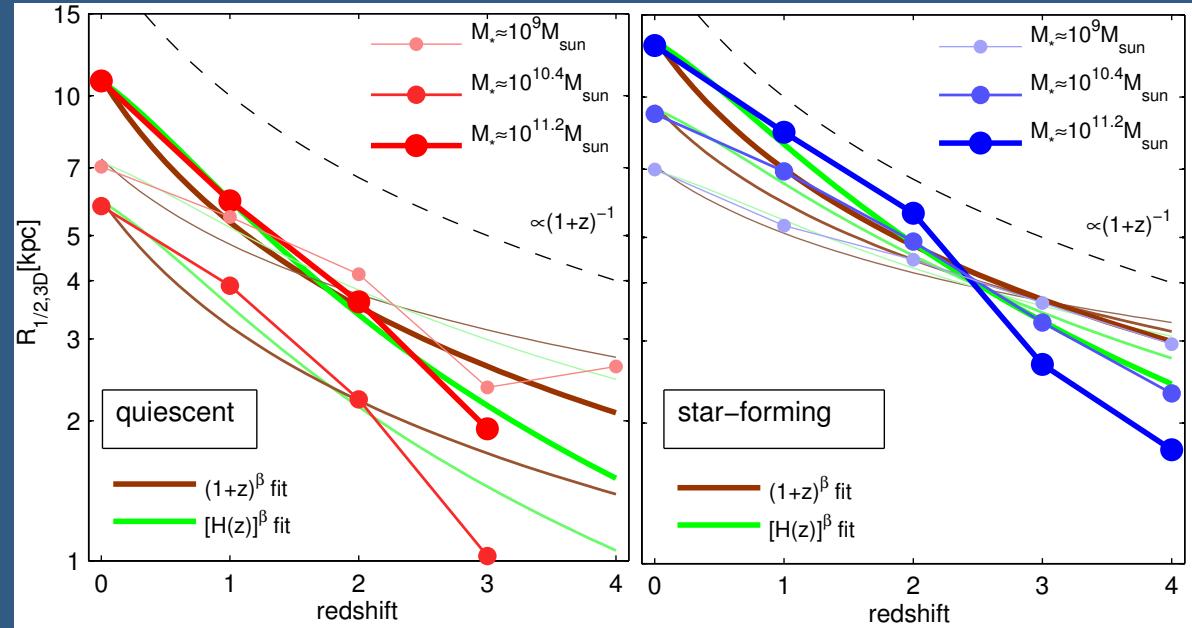
# HUDF mock observations



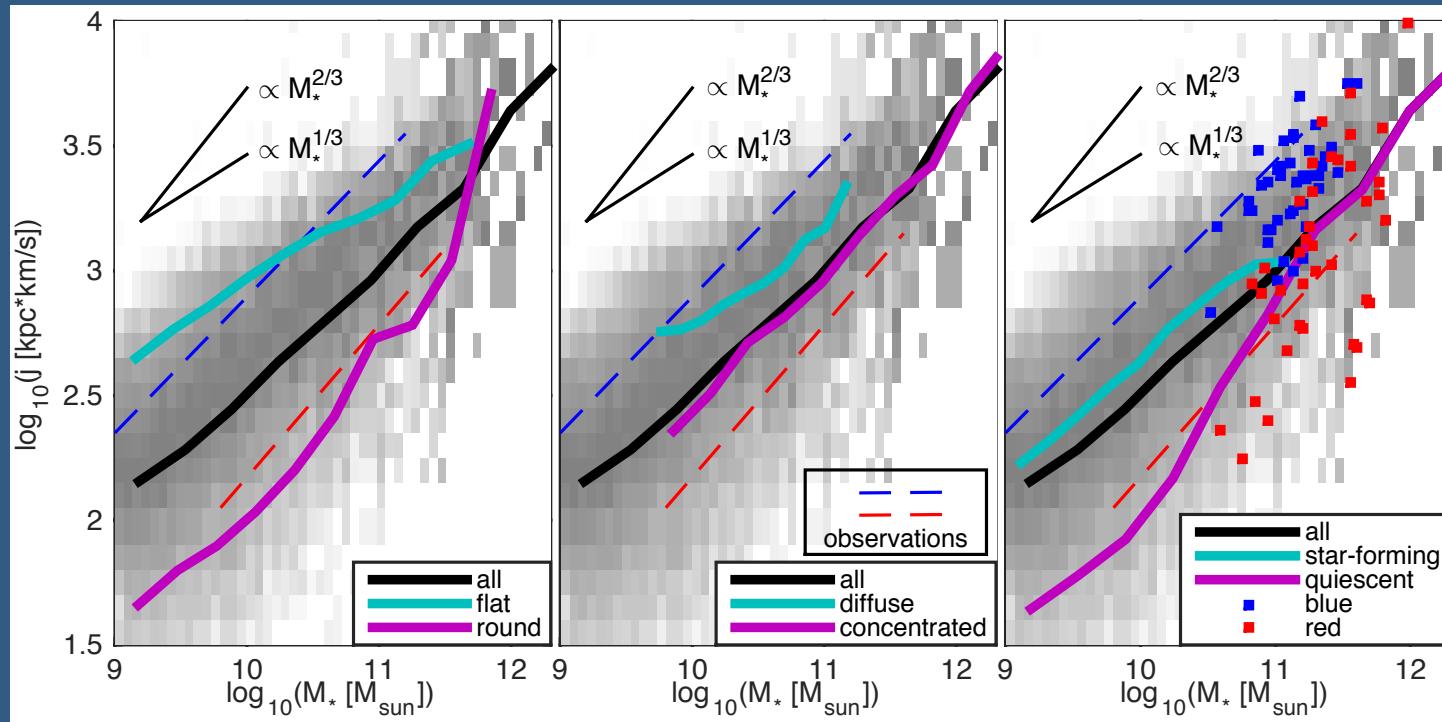
- Clumpy galaxies
- Redder centers
- Disks & spheroids

# Size-mass-SFR-redshift

- Observed trends qualitatively reproduced:
  - Quiescent galaxies are smaller
  - Sizes of quiescent galaxies evolve faster
  - Sizes of more massive galaxies evolve faster
  - Evolution is better described by  $H(z)^\beta$  than  $(1+z)^\beta$ , like for DM halos



# Galaxy angular momentum



- Specific angular momentum of the stars correlates with galaxy mass
- Separate relations for late-types and early-types, each with a slope close to  $(2/3)$
- Overall relation is shallower, (at least in part) due to changing mix between late- and early-types with mass

# Galaxy angular momentum

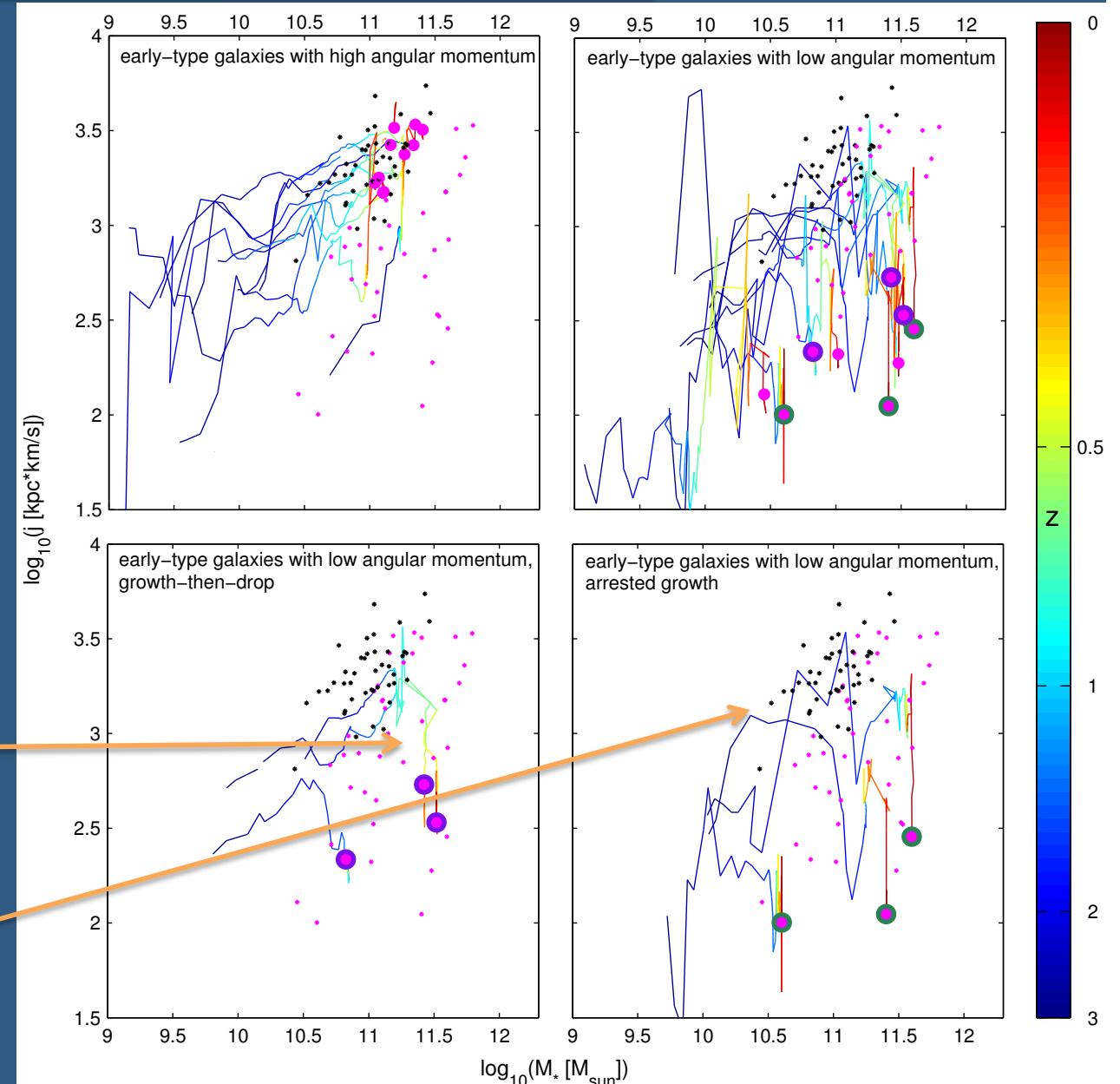
- Almost all galaxies have high specific angular momentum ( $j$ ) at high redshift

- Early-type galaxies at  $z=0$  with low angular momentum may:

- rapidly lose their  $j$

or

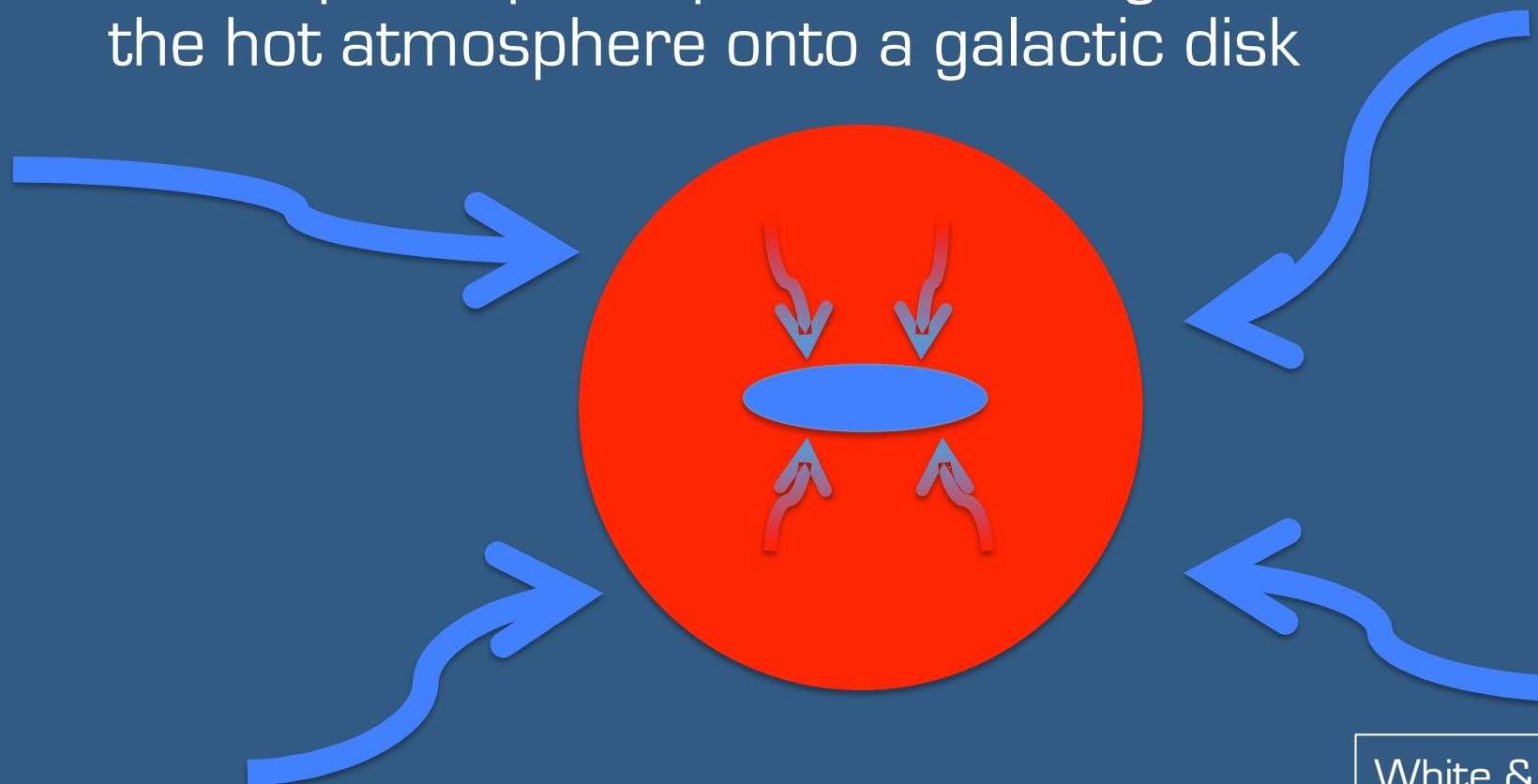
- stop gaining  $j$



# How do galaxies get their baryons?

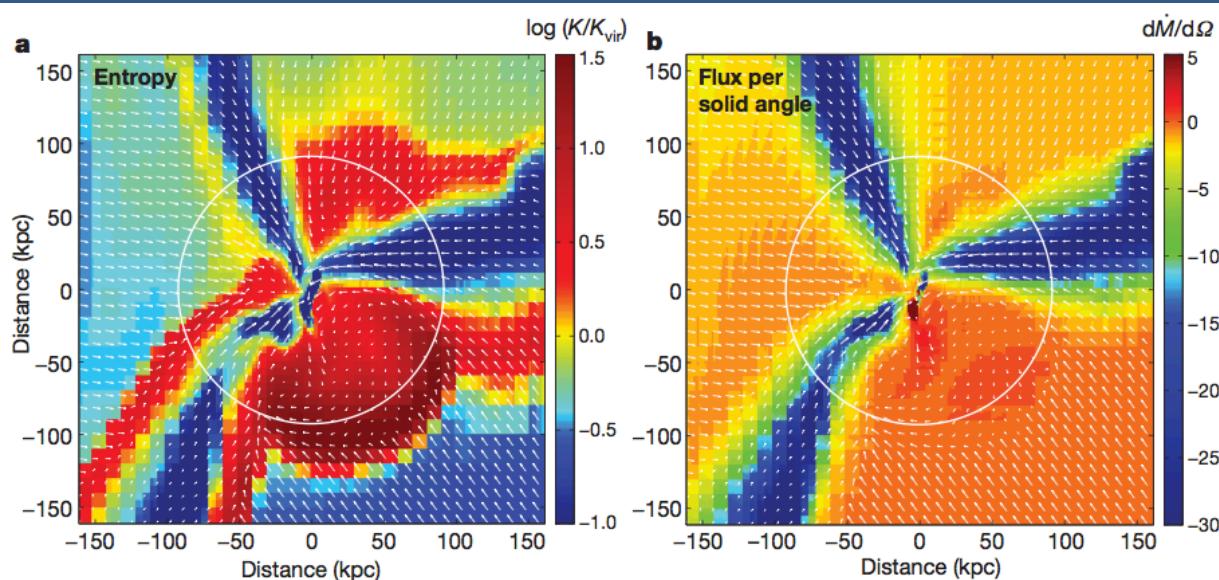
The classical picture:

- Shock-heating at the virial radius
- Subsequent quasi-spherical cooling from the hot atmosphere onto a galactic disk



# How do galaxies get their baryons?

A decade-old paradigm shift(?): ‘cold accretion’



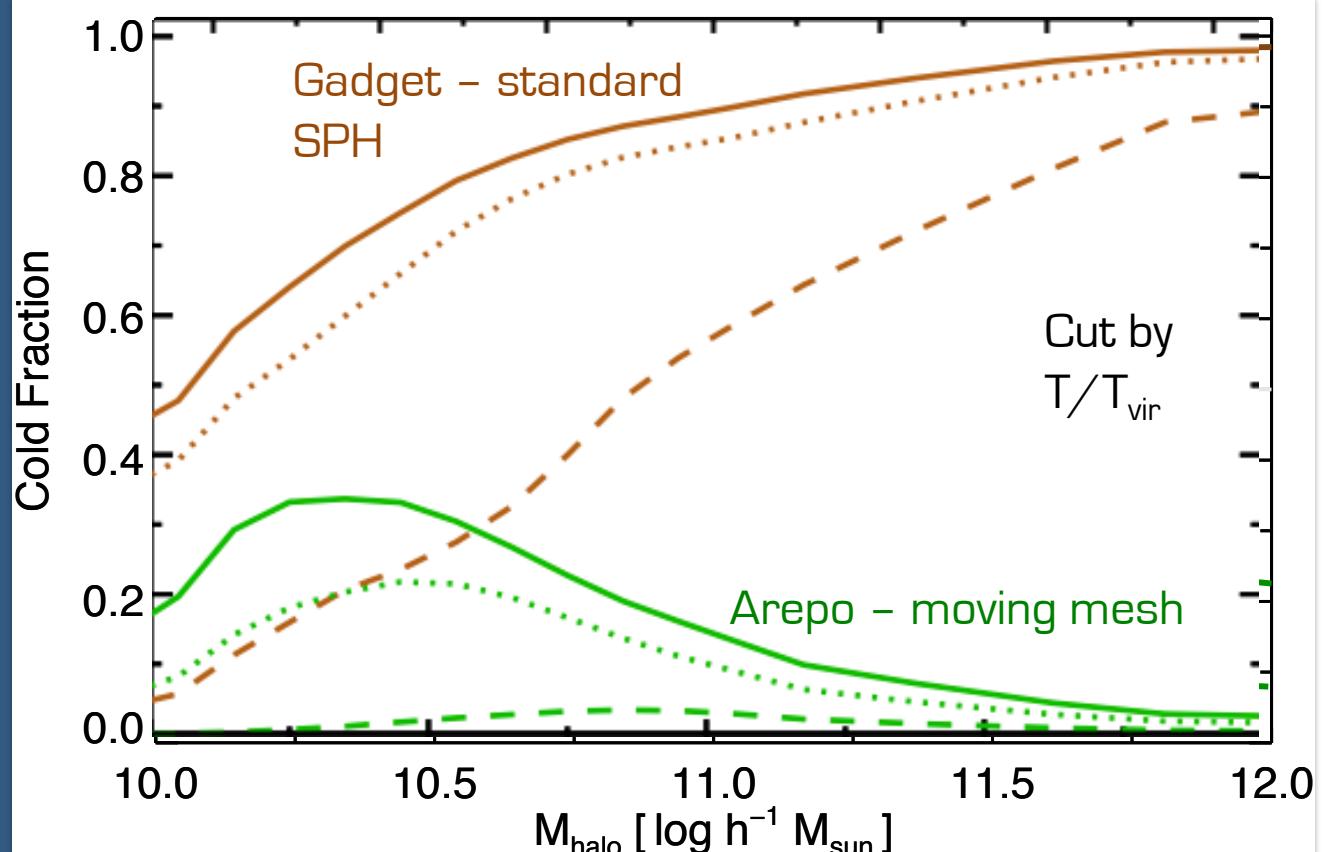
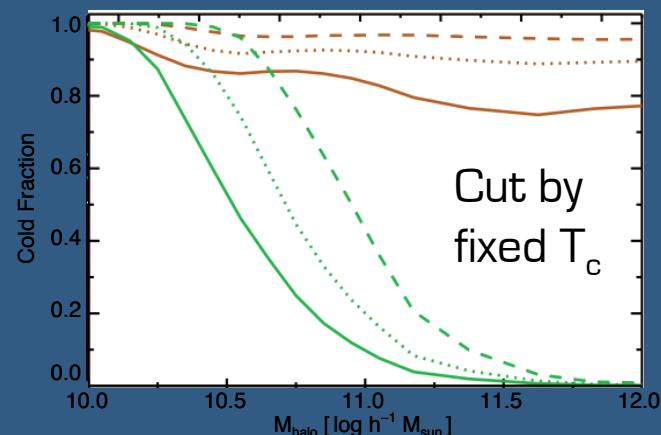
Agertz et al. 2009

Dekel et al. 2009



# Cold mode fraction of galaxy gas

- For ‘smooth’ gas only: hot-dominated everywhere at  $10^{10} < M[M_{\text{sun}}] < 10^{12}$
- Cold fraction dropping to  $\sim 0$  at  $M \approx 10^{12} M_{\text{sun}}$



# Halo gas structure @ z=2

- 10 zoom-in simulations of  $10^{12} M_{\text{sun}}$  halos @ z=2, without feedback!
- Higher resolution reveals increasingly complex structures

