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**Galaxy formation
in Λ CDM**

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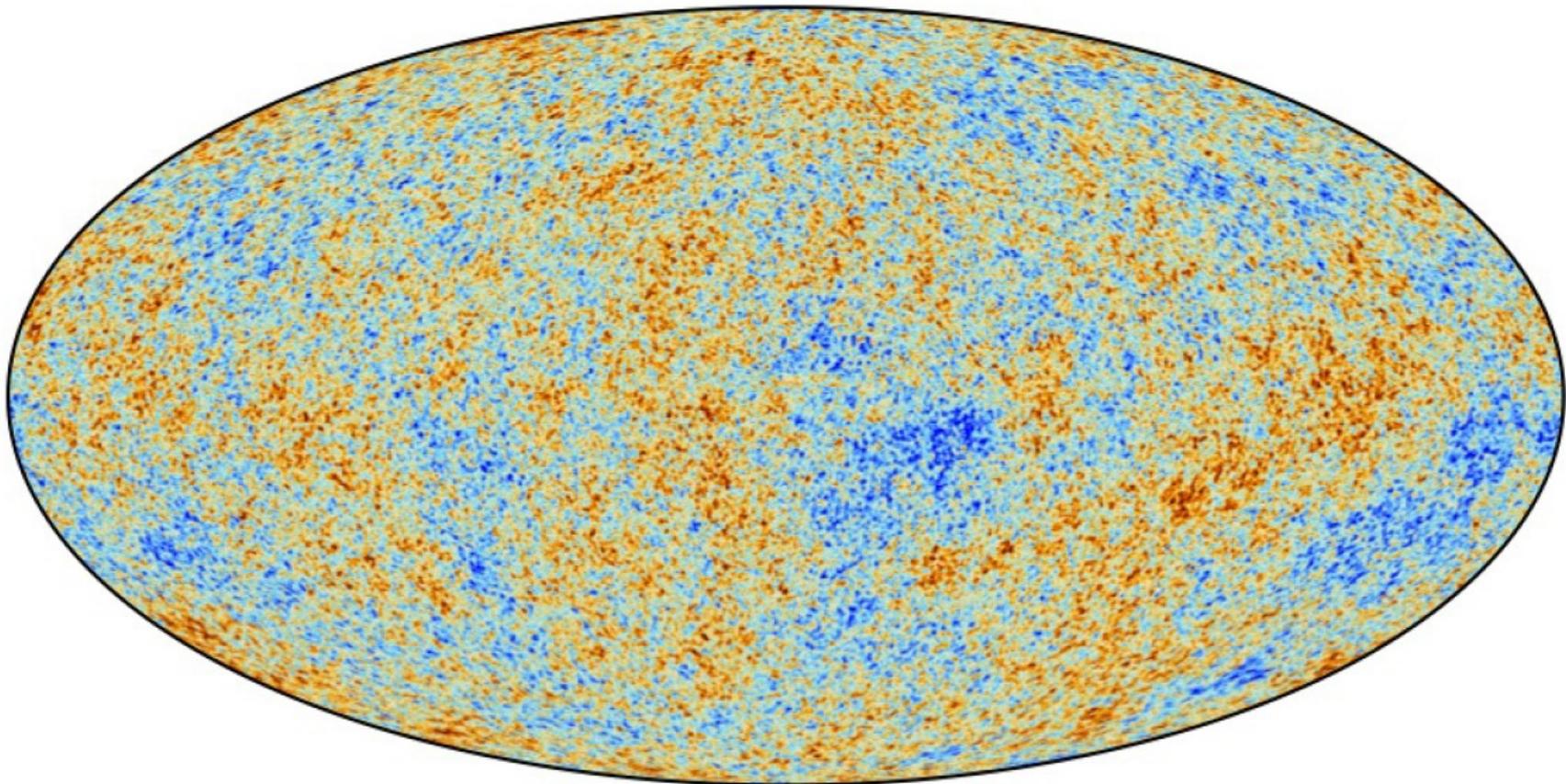
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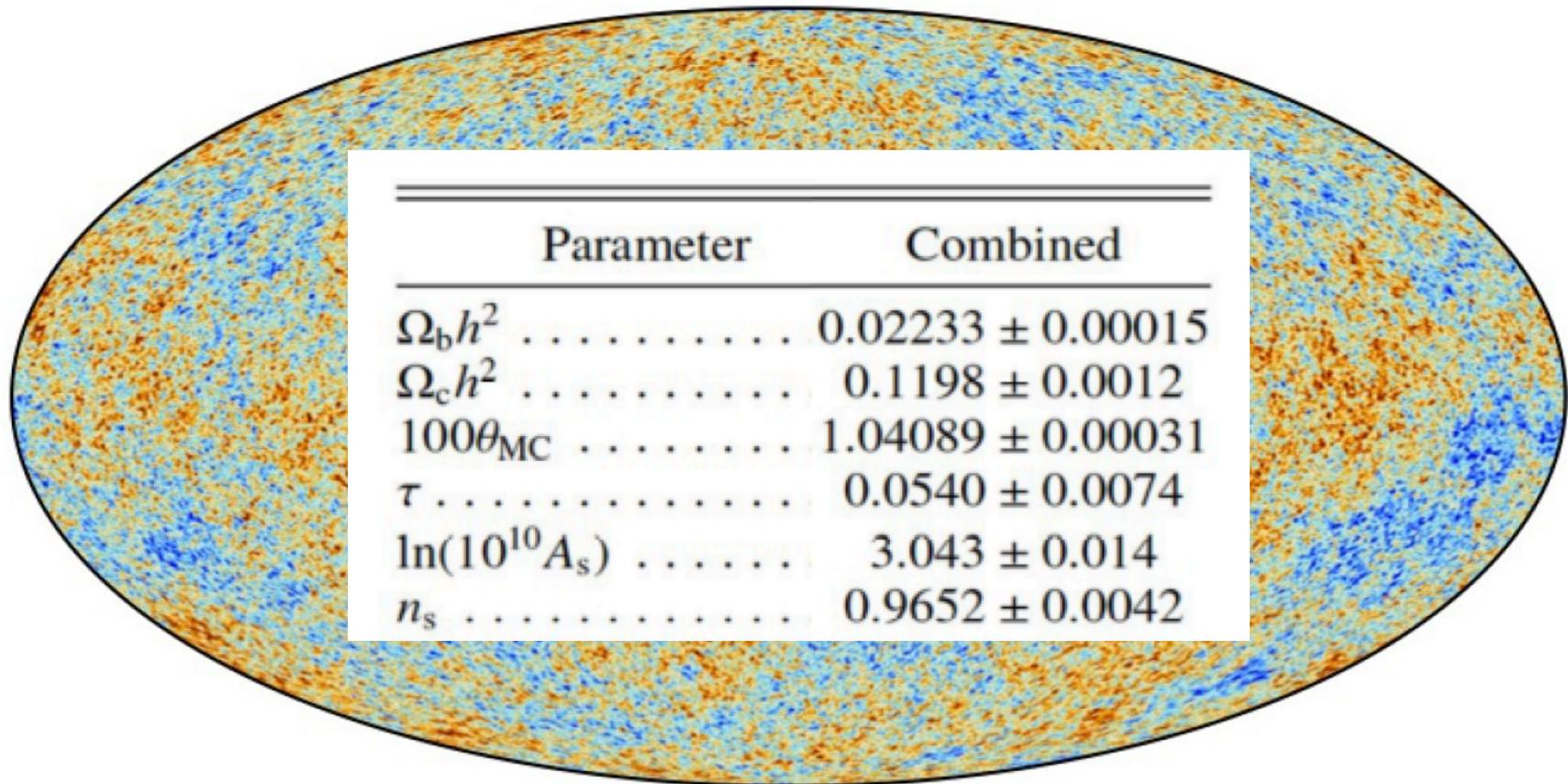
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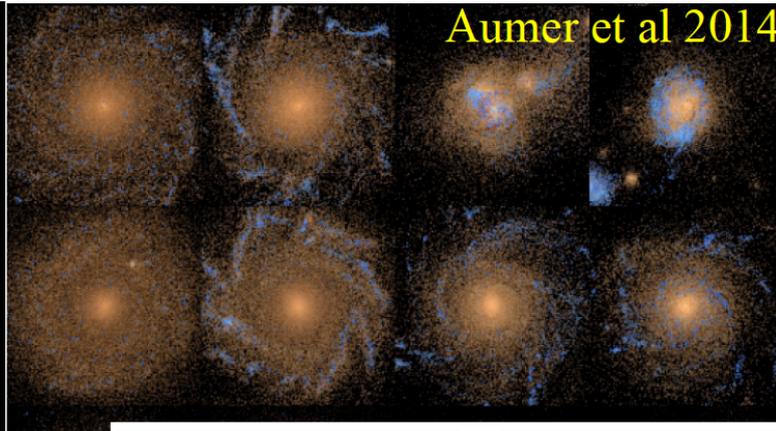


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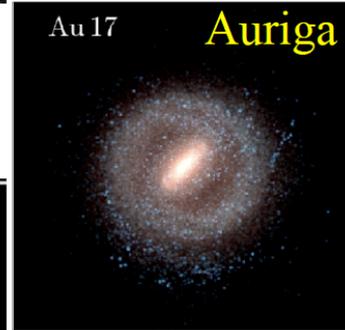


Aumer et al 2014

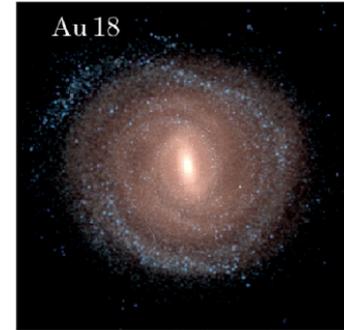


Simulating the structure of galaxies

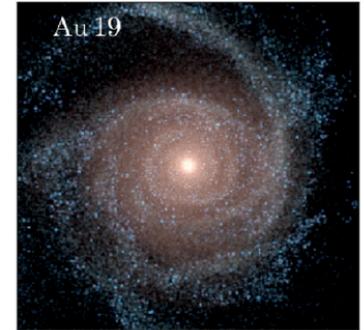
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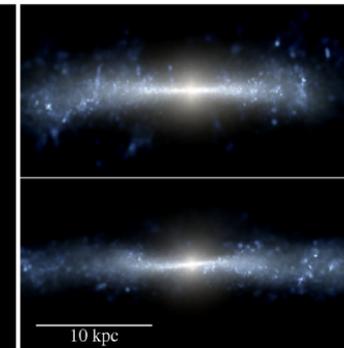
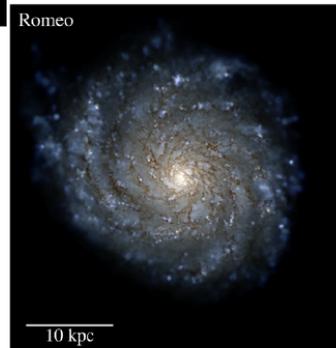
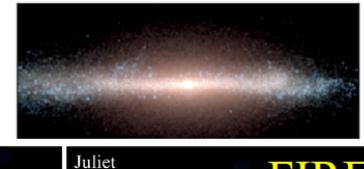
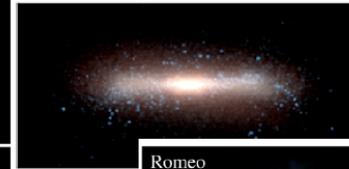
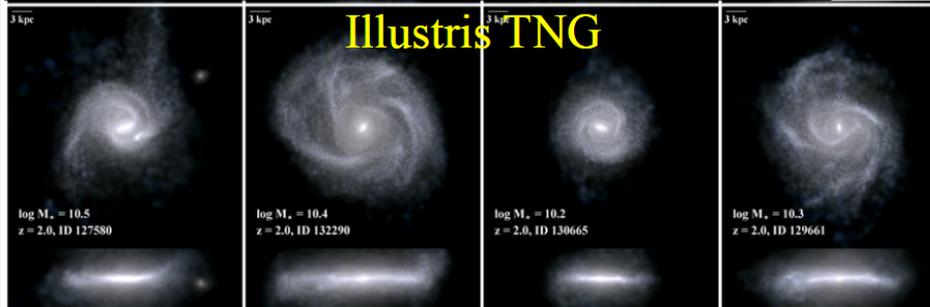
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Recent cosmological (magneto)hydrodynamical simulations reproduce many aspects of the observed internal structure of galaxies....

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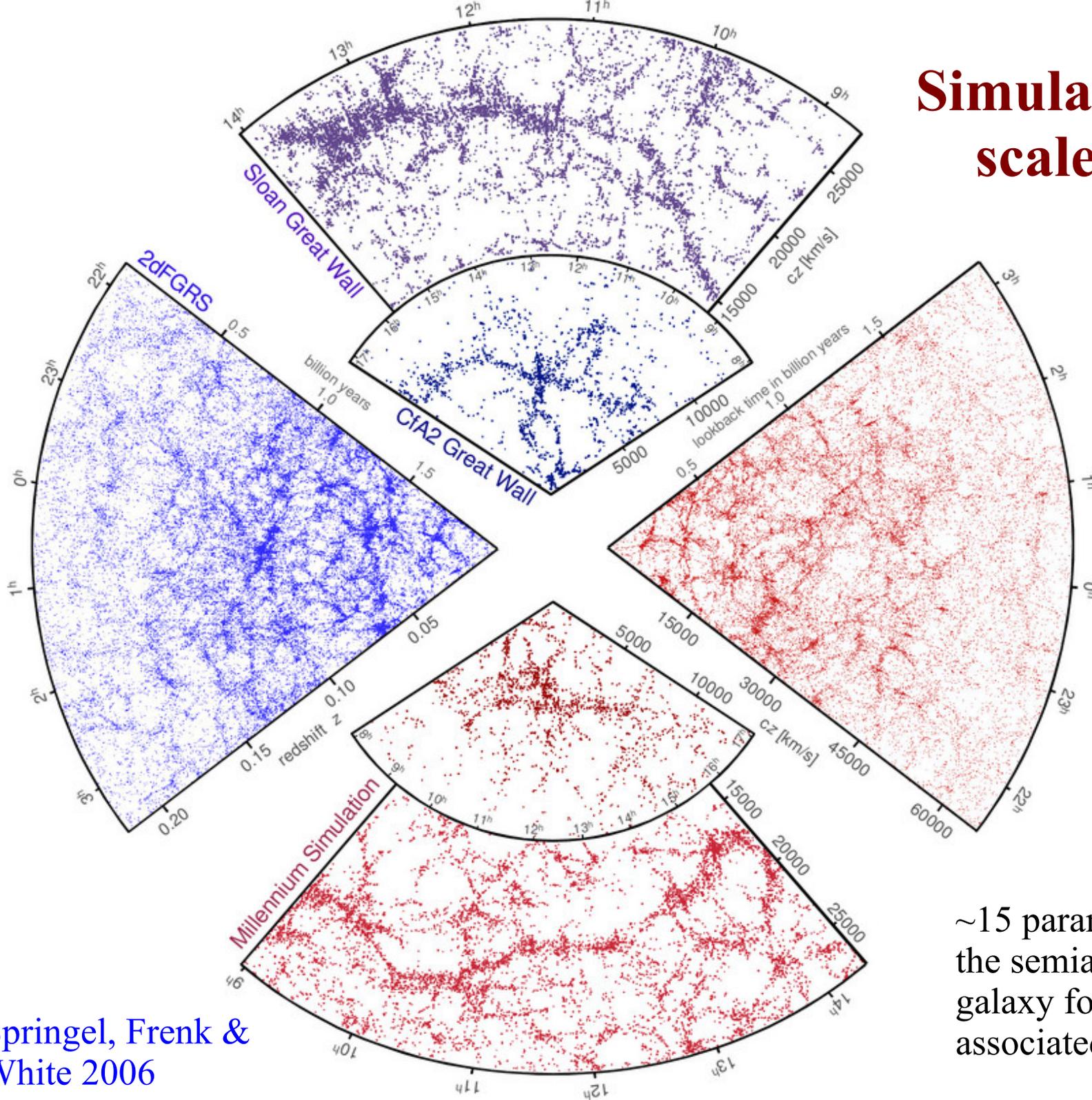
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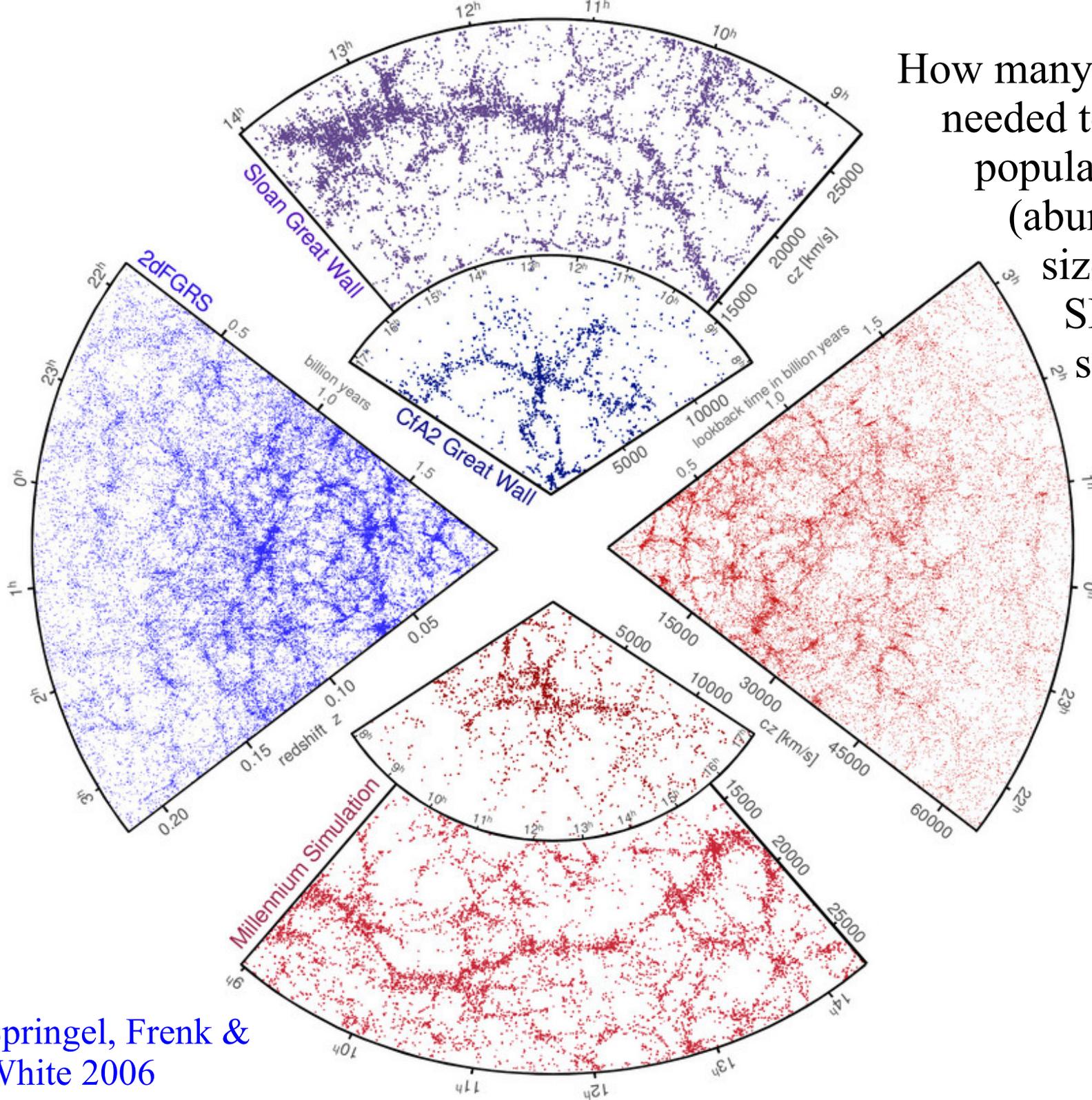
Galactic archaeologists focus on the detailed assembly history of nearby galaxies, particularly our own Milky Way.

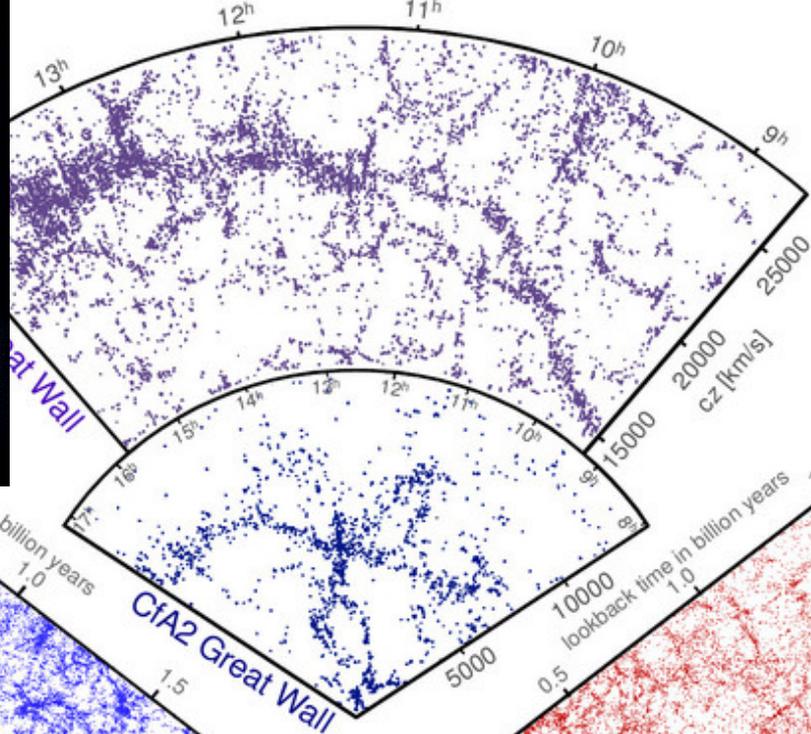
Simulating large-scale structure



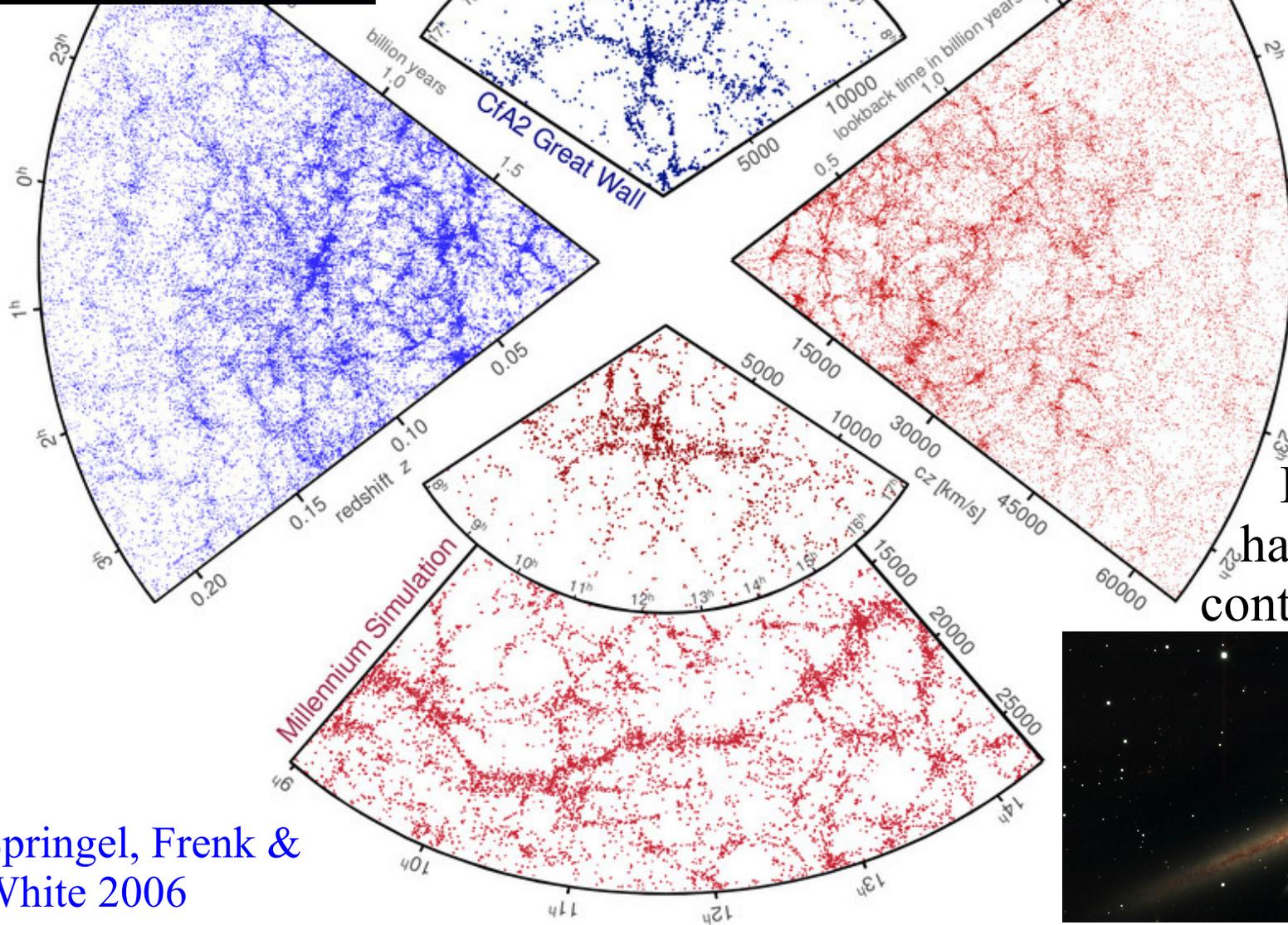
~15 parameters “tuned” in the semianalytic model for galaxy formation. None associated with clustering.

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(abundance by mass, size, gas content, SFR, B/T, AGN; scaling relations; clustering; evolution...)

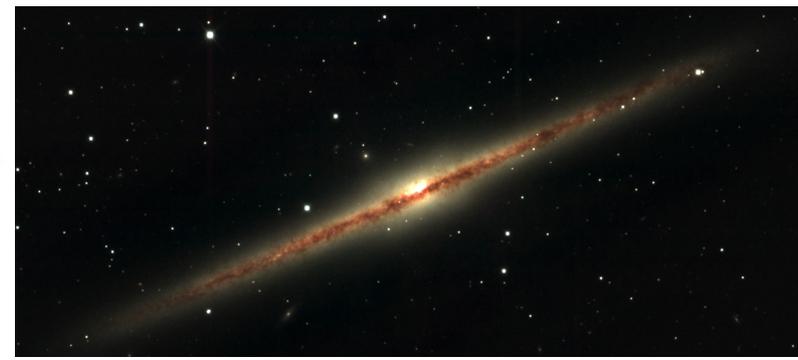




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Do the parameters have useful *physical* content?

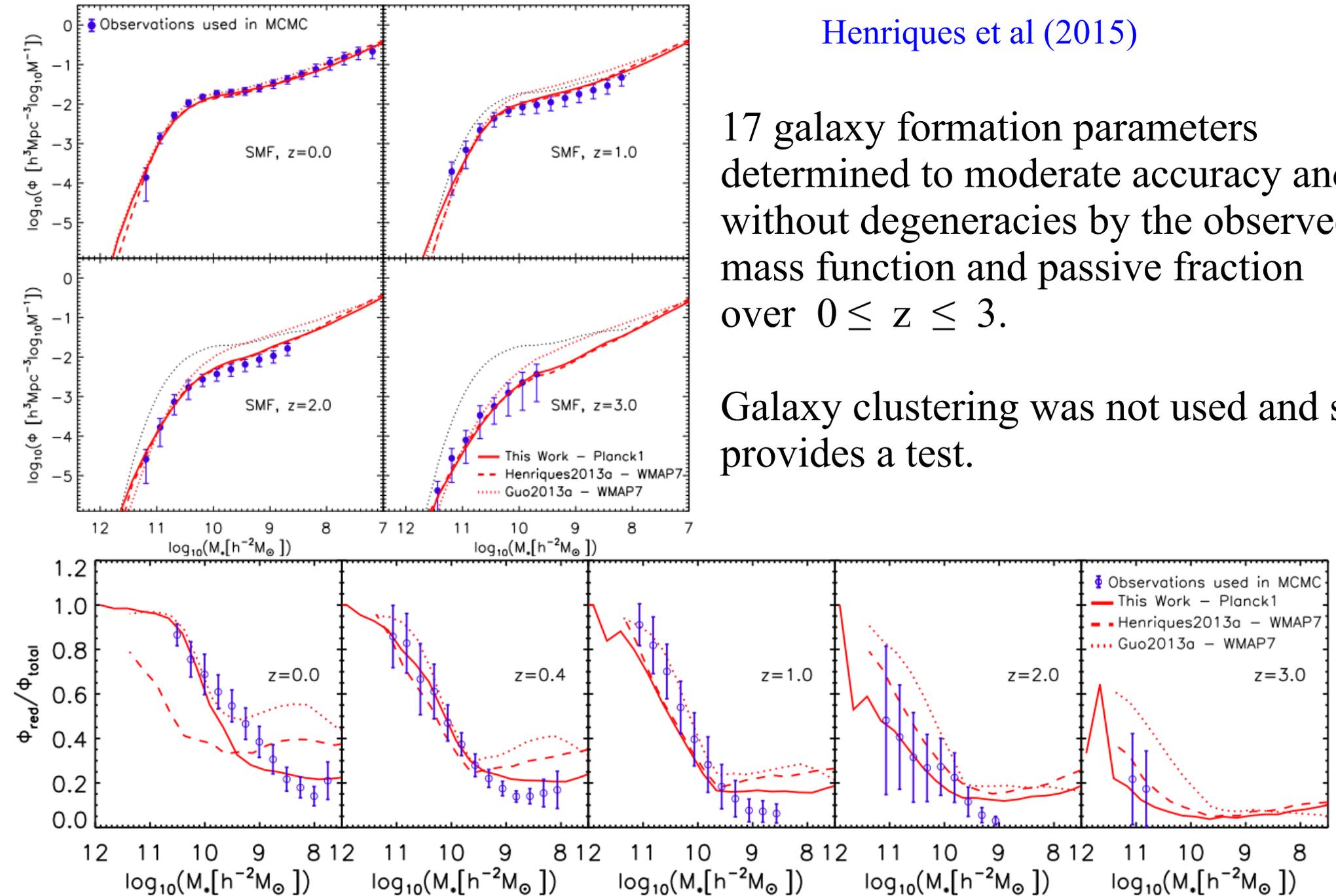


Calibrating galaxy formation models

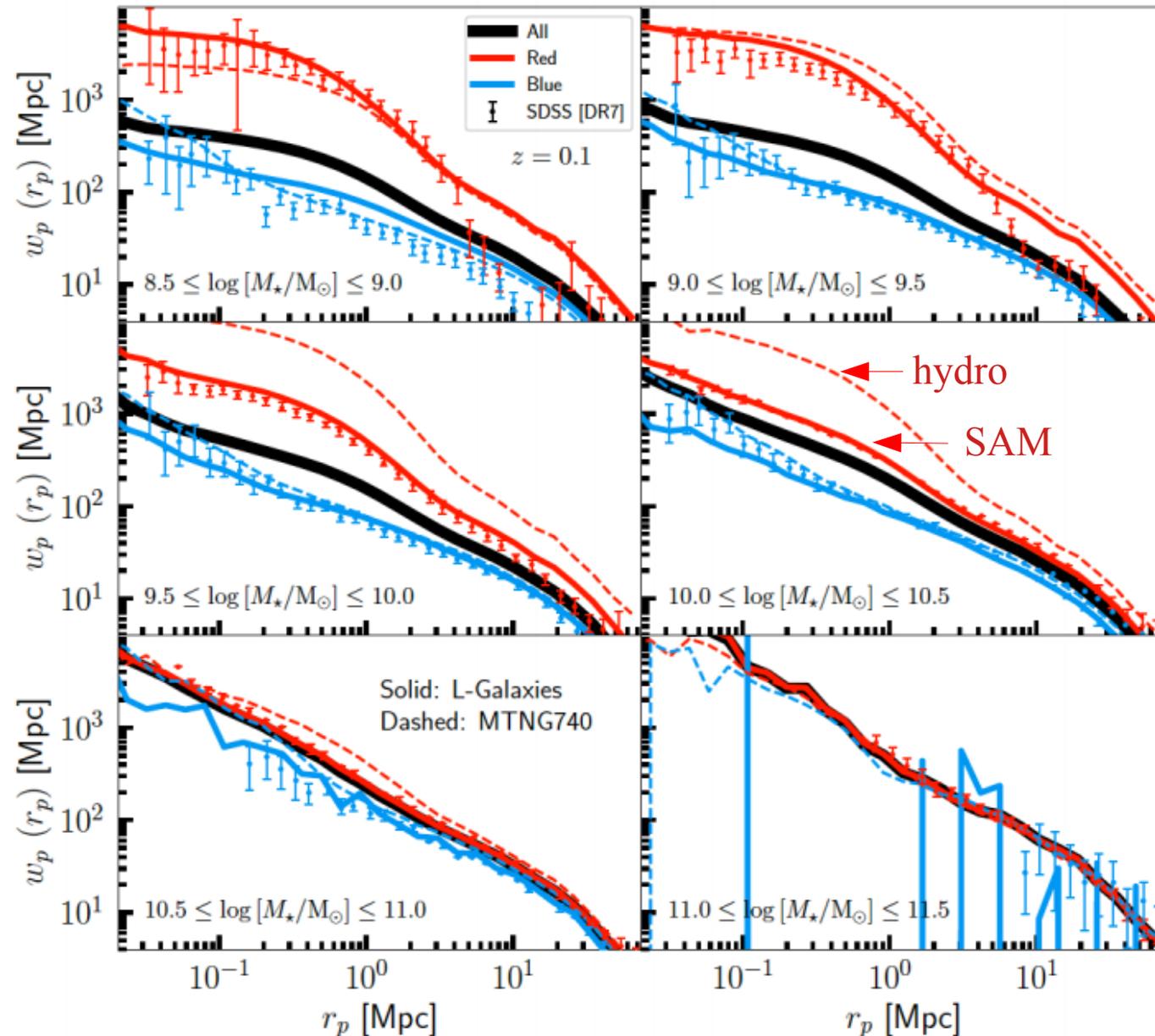
Henriques et al (2015)

17 galaxy formation parameters determined to moderate accuracy and without degeneracies by the observed mass function and passive fraction over $0 \leq z \leq 3$.

Galaxy clustering was not used and so provides a test.



Clustering and galaxy formation



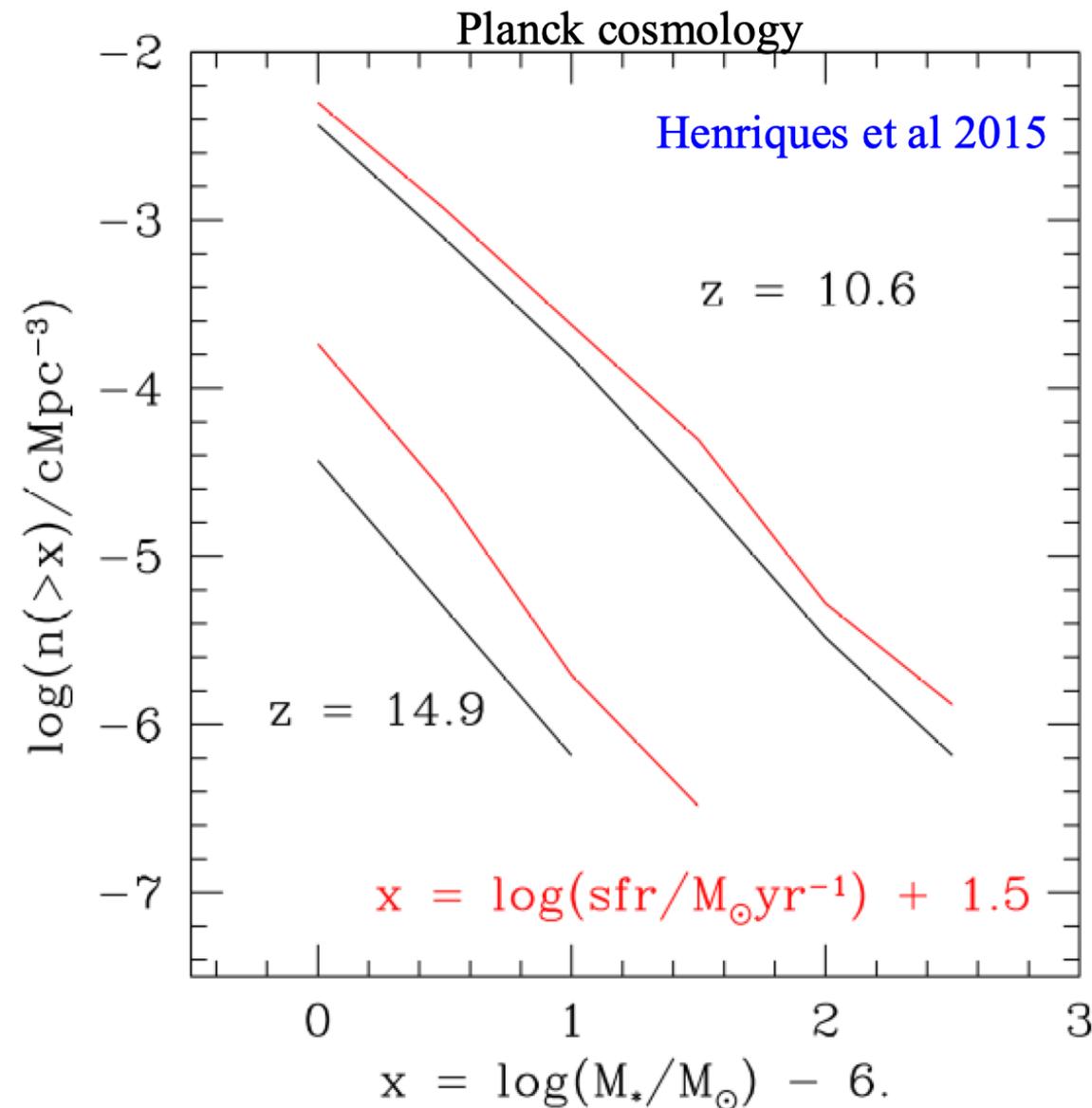
Clustering of red and blue galaxies as a function of stellar mass in modern large-scale simulations compared to SDSS

Both semianalytic and hydro simulations fit data without colour split

The SAM fits observation also when split by colour, but the hydro model fails at intermediate mass.

This reflects details of quenching by feedback in this particular hydro model

High-z galaxy formation in 2015 simulations



At $z = 10.6, 14.9, 24.6$

M^{*} ranges up to $10^{8.5}, 10^{7.0}, 10^{5.3} M_{\odot}$.

\dot{M}^{*} ranges up to 10, 1.0, 0.02 M_{\odot}/yr .

$M^{*}/(t \cdot \dot{M}^{*}) \sim 0.05, 0.05, 0.05$

$M^{*}/M_{\text{ISM}} \sim 0.15, 0.10, 0.05$

$R^{*} \sim 0.3, 0.1, 0.05$ kpc

$Z_{\text{ISM}} \sim 0.1\text{y}, 0.08\text{y}, 0.05\text{y}$

$V_{\text{max}} \sim 130, 100, 40$ km/s

$M_{\text{halo}} \sim 10^{10.3}, 10^{9.7}, 10^{8.5} M_{\odot}$

JWST spectroscopy and photometry of a young galaxy

Jones et al 2023

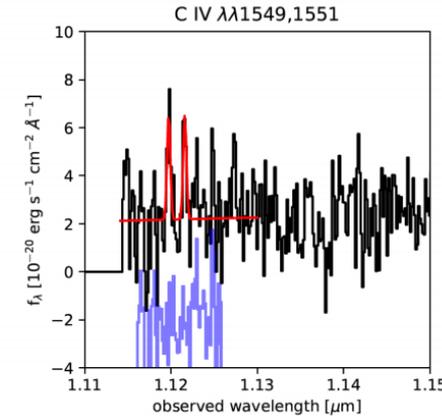
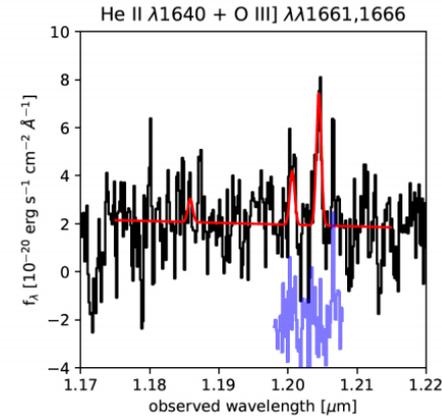
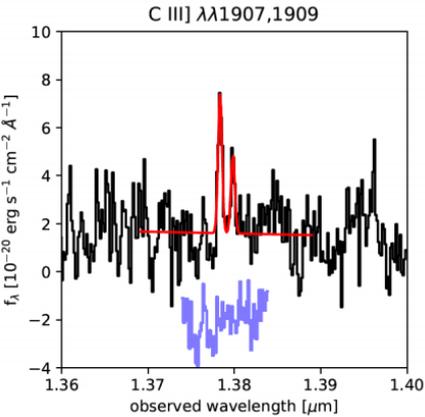
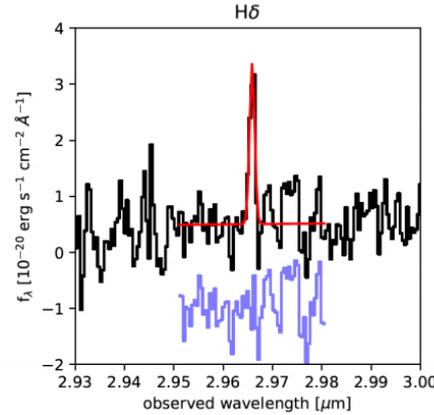
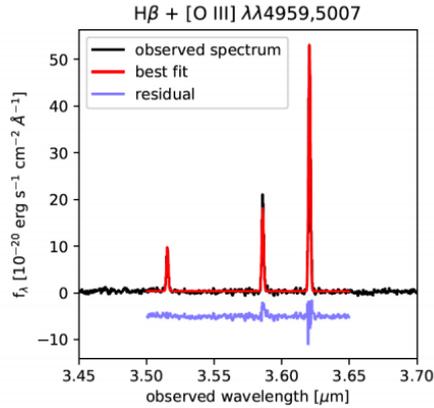
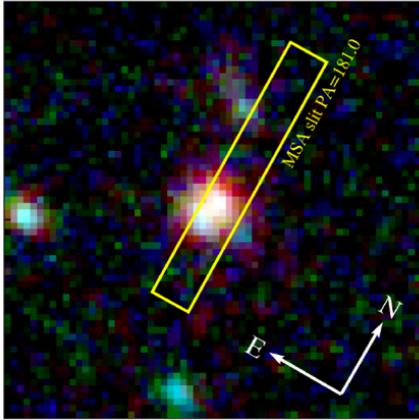
$z = 6.23$

$M^* \sim 2.5 \times 10^8 M_\odot$

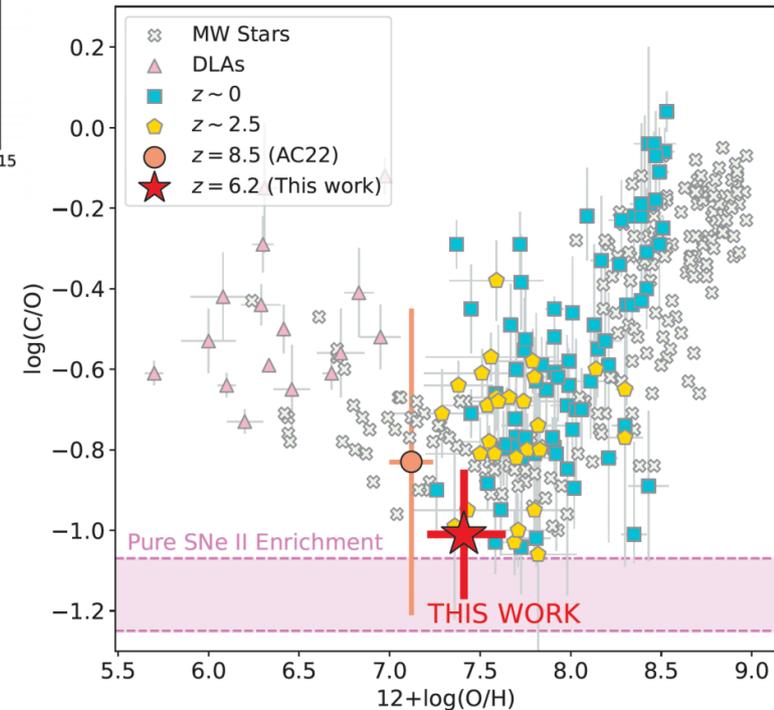
$\dot{M}^* \sim 7 M_\odot / \text{yr}$

$M^* / \dot{M}^* t \sim 0.04$

Pure SNII C/O abundance

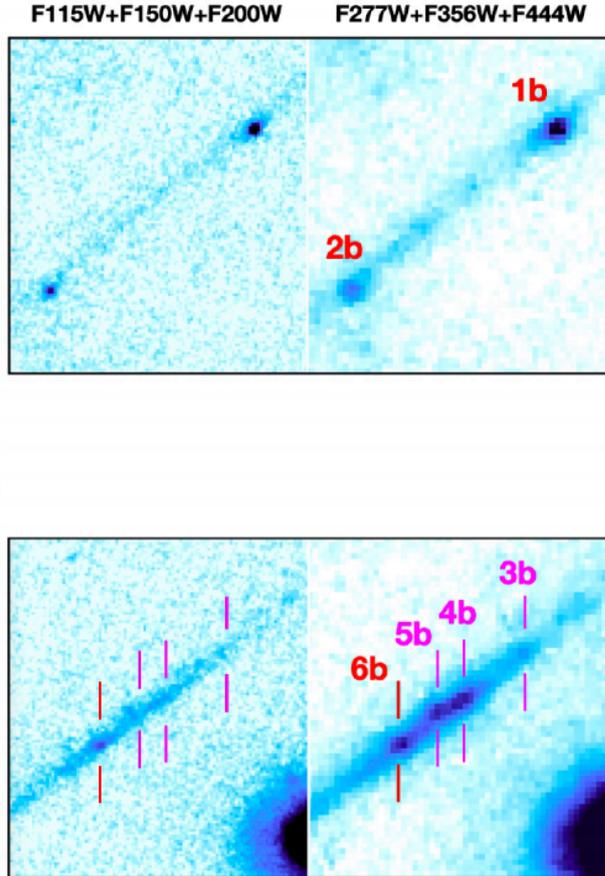
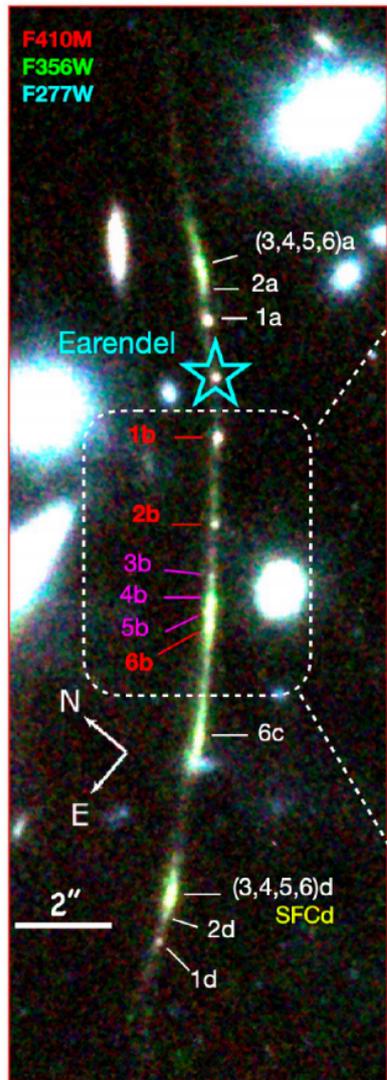


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z	6.22895 ± 0.00007
μ	$2.59^{+0.04}_{-0.03}$
$\log M_*$ (M_\odot) ^a	$8.41^{+0.35}_{-0.19}$
SFR_{SED} ($M_\odot \text{ yr}^{-1}$) ^a	$5.3^{+6.2}_{-1.1}$
$\text{SFR}_{\text{H}\beta}$ ($M_\odot \text{ yr}^{-1}$)	10^{+14}_{-5}
Age_{par} (Myr) ^a	126^{+375}_{-70}
$\text{Age}_{\text{non-par}}$ (Myr) ^b	99^{+132}_{-63}



Globular cluster formation in a z=6 galaxy

Vanzella et al 2022



Six young clusters marginally resolved

Masses and radii of massive GC's

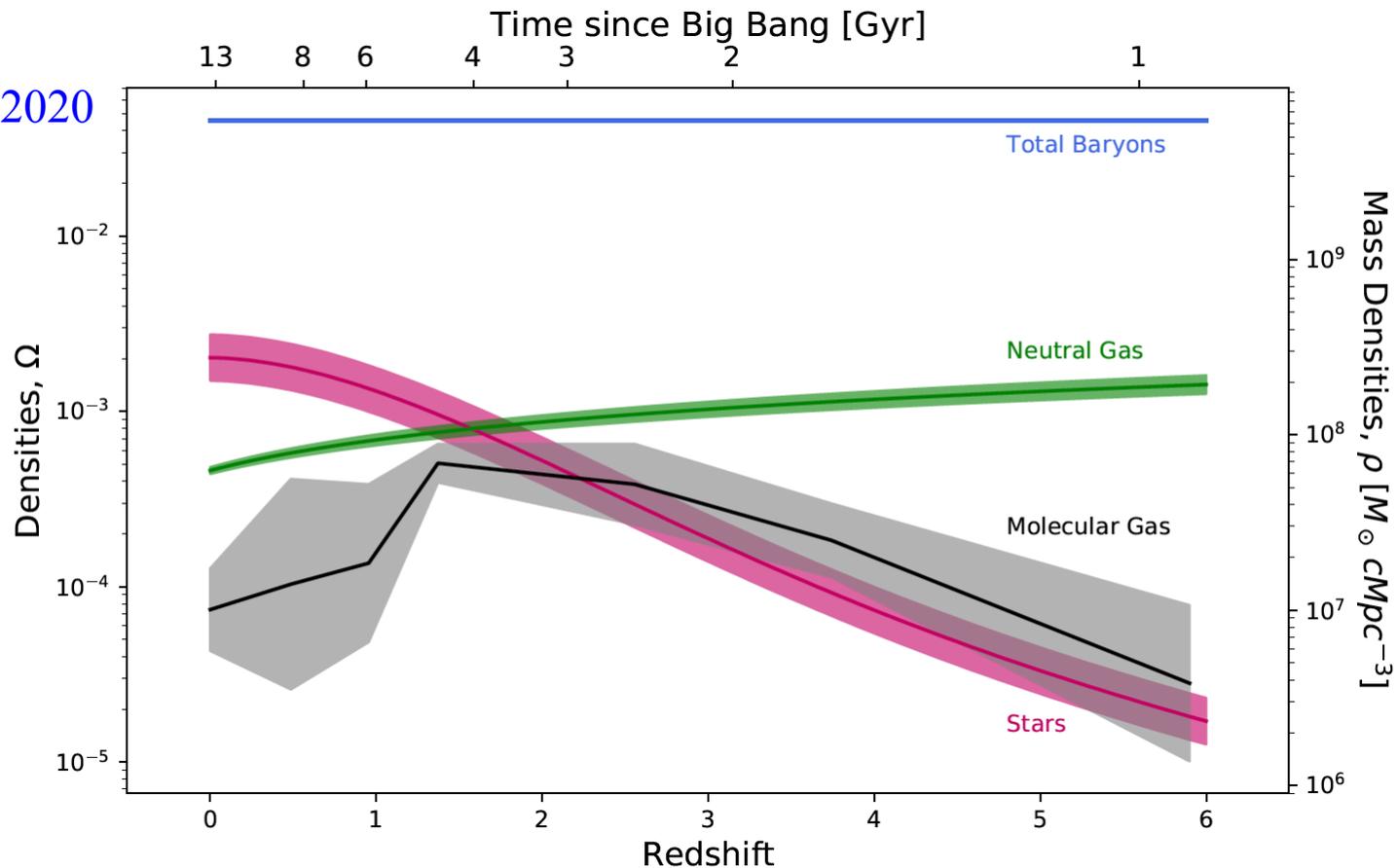
Ages of a few million years

Dynamical ages greater than unity

ID	Stellar Mass [$10^6 M_{\odot}$]	Age [Myr]	E(B-V)	R_{eff} [pc] [mas]	Π	Σ_{Mass} [$10^3 M_{\odot} \text{ pc}^{-2}$]	μ_{tot}
(1)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)
1b	$7.1^{+1.6}_{-4.6}$	30^{+0}_{-22}	$0.00^{+0.10}_{-0.00}$	$1.4^{+0.3}_{-0.7}$ [15]	$314.1^{+297.6}_{-155.8}$	$311.3^{+445.5}_{-158.1}$	$\gtrsim 66$
2b	$3.9^{+0.2}_{-1.3}$	10^{+0}_{-1}	$0.10^{+0.00}_{-0.05}$	$6.3^{+1.1}_{-1.3}$ [30]	$8.3^{+3.1}_{-1.9}$	$8.7^{+4.8}_{-2.7}$	$\gtrsim 30$
3b*	$1.1^{+8.7}_{-0.5}$	4^{+36}_{-3}	$0.25^{+0.20}_{-0.20}$	$6.1^{+12.5}_{-3.6}$ [29]	$1.9^{+15.7}_{-0.9}$	$2.7^{+16.3}_{-2.3}$	$\gtrsim 30$
4b*	$10.1^{+11.0}_{-0.2}$	1^{+3}_{-0}	$0.15^{+0.15}_{-0.05}$	$24.8^{+62.6}_{-12.3}$ [117]	$0.2^{+0.4}_{-0.1}$	$1.5^{+2.1}_{-0.8}$	$\gtrsim 30$
5b*	$3.1^{+10.2}_{-2.0}$	6^{+74}_{-5}	$0.40^{+0.25}_{-0.30}$	$4.9^{+10.6}_{-1.7}$ [23]	$6.6^{+62.6}_{-3.3}$	$11.8^{+41.6}_{-9.1}$	$\gtrsim 30$
6b	$3.3^{+3.2}_{-0.8}$	4^{+2}_{-3}	$0.15^{+0.05}_{-0.10}$	$8.5^{+2.1}_{-3.0}$ [40]	$2.0^{+2.2}_{-1.1}$	$4.1^{+5.6}_{-2.4}$	$\gtrsim 30$

Baryon fraction in galaxies since $z = 6$

Péroux & Howk 2020



- Fraction of baryons in galaxies has grown from $\sim 2\%$ ($z = 6$) to $\sim 5\%$ ($z = 0$)
- Galaxies are mostly cold gas at $z > 1$; $M^*/M_{\text{ISM}} \sim 1\%$ at $z = 6$
- Cold ISM gas is mostly HI, strongly so at $z < 1$ and $z > 3$.
- Molecular gas tracks stars at $z > 3$

Conclusions?

- Galaxy formation is understood in considerable detail in the Λ CDM paradigm, and has been for some time.
- Nevertheless, the process is sufficiently complex that many quantitative aspects of interest cannot be reliably computed *a priori*.
- As a result, suggested “tensions” between observation and the standard paradigm are generally not robust to uncertainties in astrophysics.
- The great majority of the mass in galaxies at high z is in the cold ISM and is in the form of HI. Currently, it is not observed directly.
 - ▶ cross-correlate HI line-intensity maps at high z with other surveys?
- JWST is now able to see directly the formation of globular clusters and to measure Z for the star-forming gas in galaxies at $z > 6$.