

# Astronomy 537



Lecture 12: Ellipticals

# Journal Class

- **Observational Evidence of AGN Feedback**
- Fabian 2012

Discussion leader: **Sarah Stamer**

Note: To encourage discussion everybody must pose at least one question during the group discussion

## **Key concepts:**

Elliptical galaxies: structure

Fundamental plane

Faber-Jackson relation

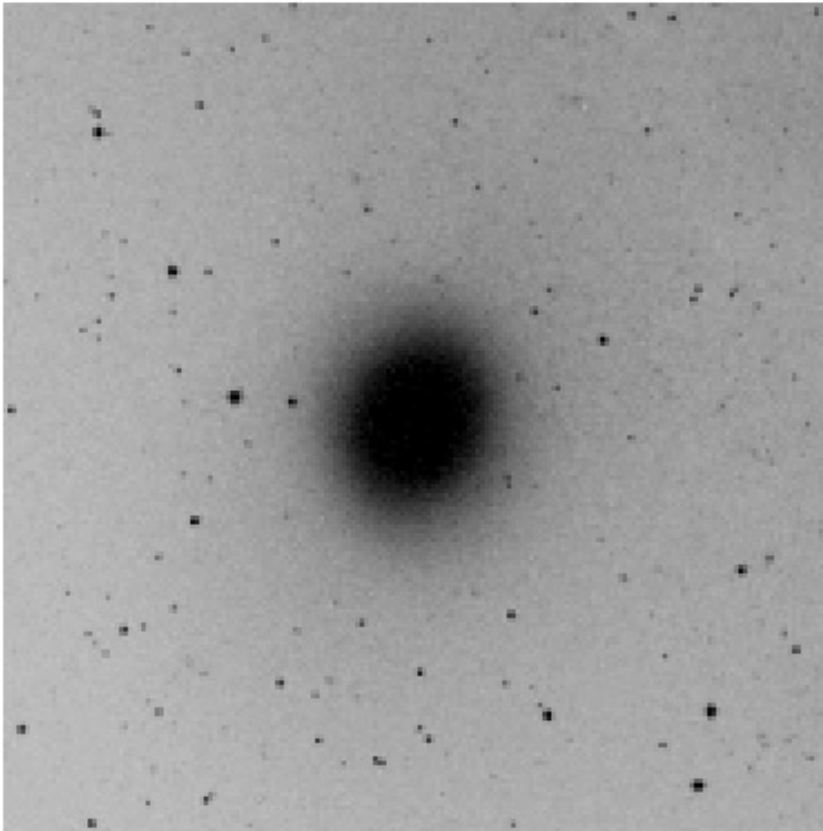
Luminosity Functions of Galaxies



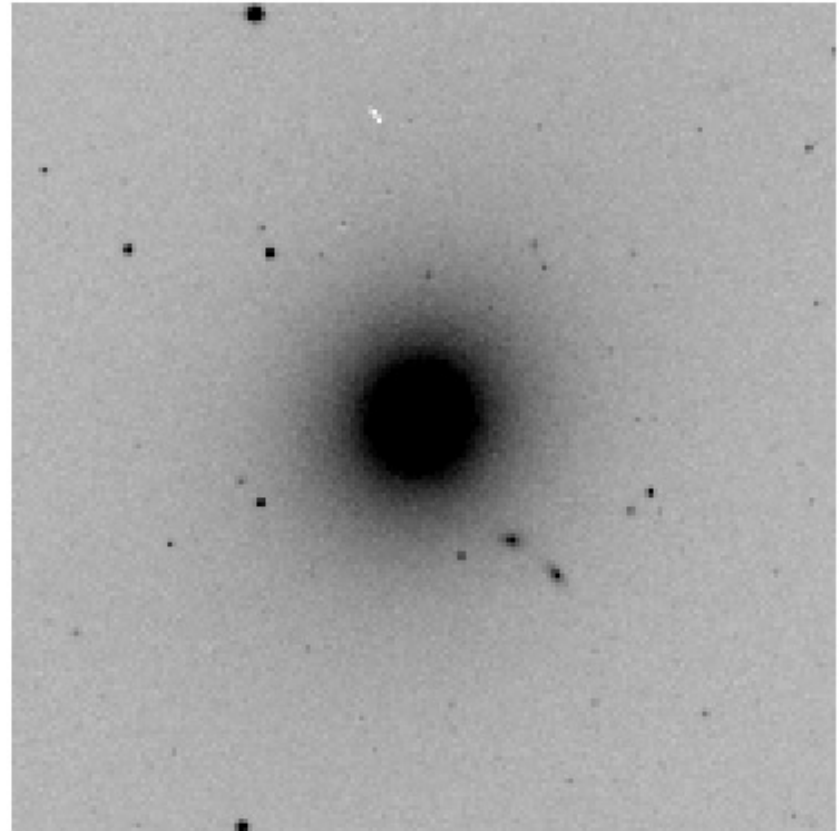
- Generally no star formation
- Little dust
- Regular morphologies
- Supermassive black holes at their nuclei
- Large range in properties:
  - luminosity
  - surface brightness profile
  - rotation rate

## Huge Range in Elliptical galaxy luminosity

**M32**

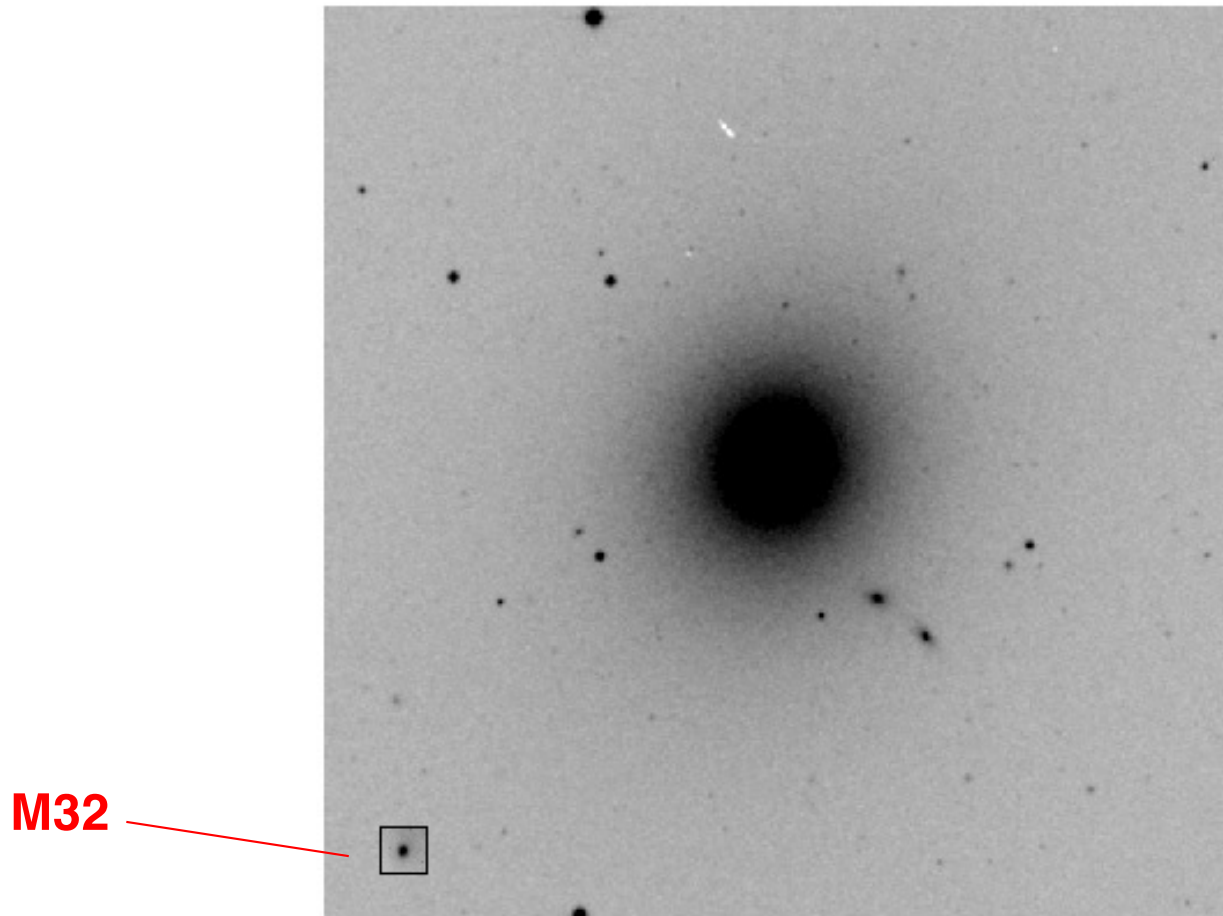


**M87**



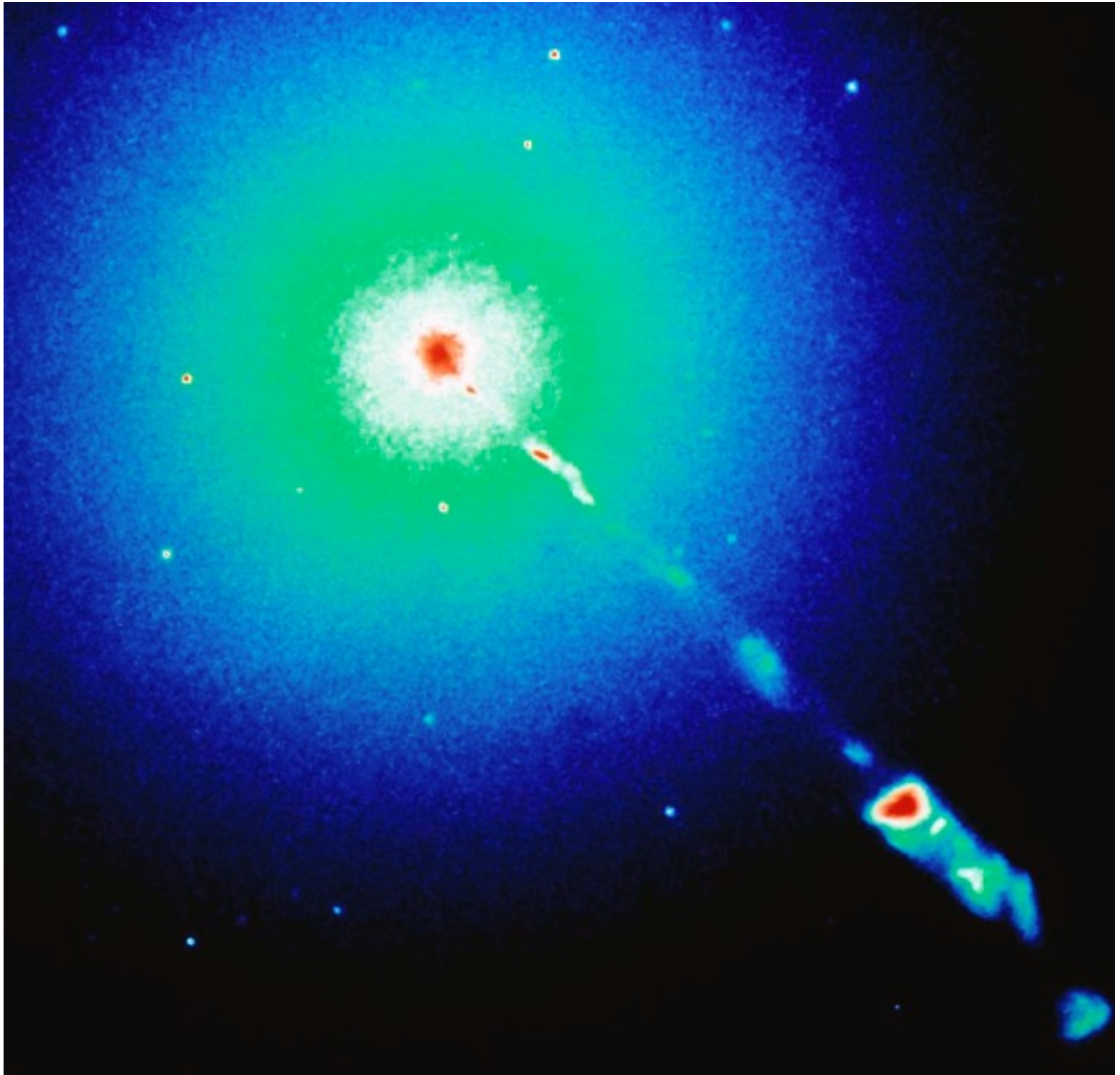
**M32 and M87 side by side as they appear in the sky. Both images are 10' x 10'**

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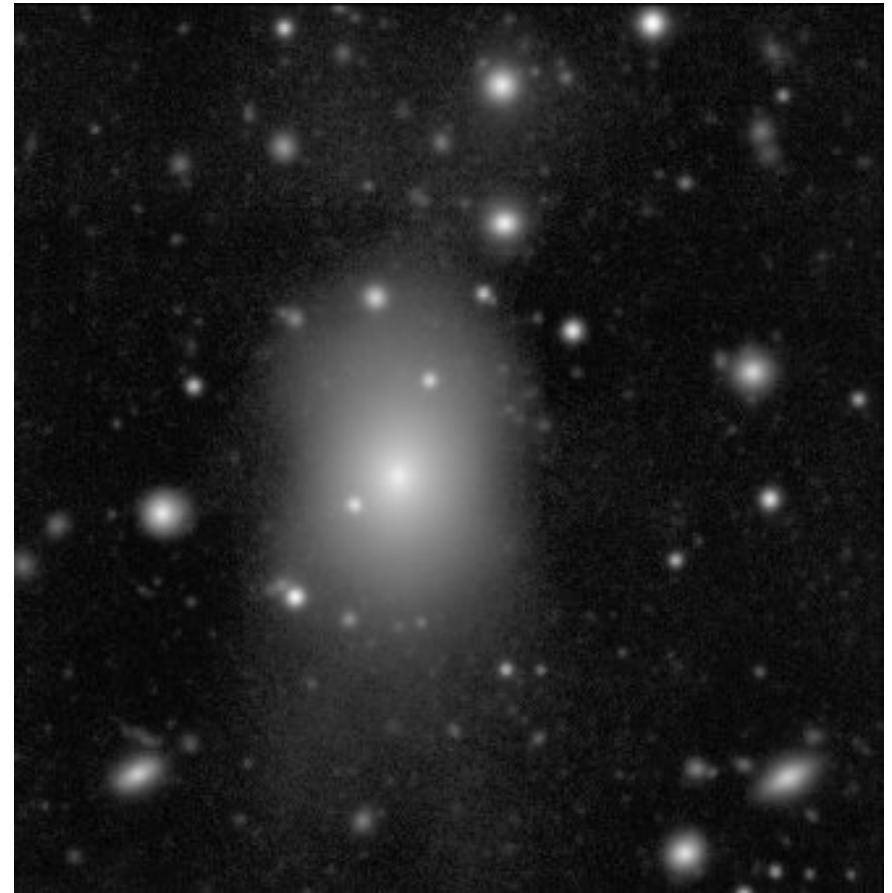
**M32 and M87 with M32 scaled to appear as it would at the distance of M87.**

**The radio jet  
in M87**



## cD galaxies

- largest and brightest
  - up to 1 Mpc across
  - $10^{13}$ - $10^{14} M_{\odot}$
- High surface brightness core
- Extended, diffuse envelopes (including X-ray halo)
- Large amounts of globular clusters
- High mass-to-light ratio
- Located at cores of galaxy clusters



## Normal elliptical galaxies

- gE - giant ellipticals
- E - intermediate luminosity
- cE - compact ellipticals
- SO and SBO galaxies are often grouped with ellipticals.

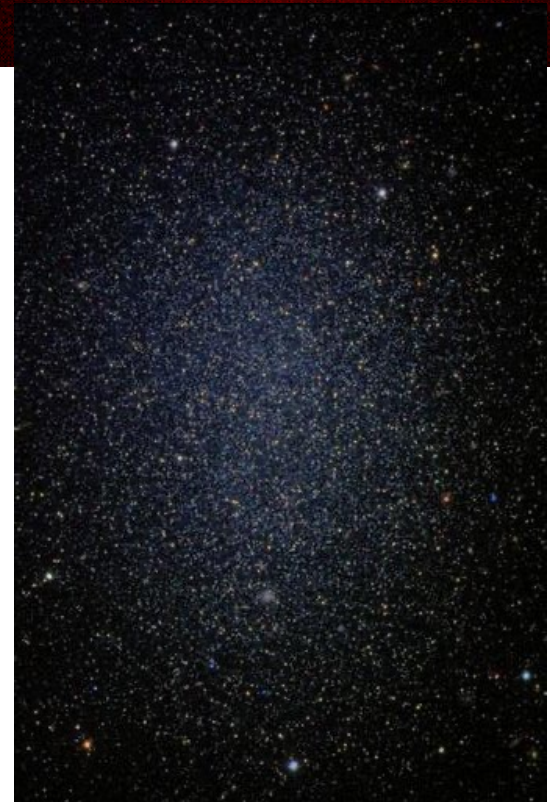
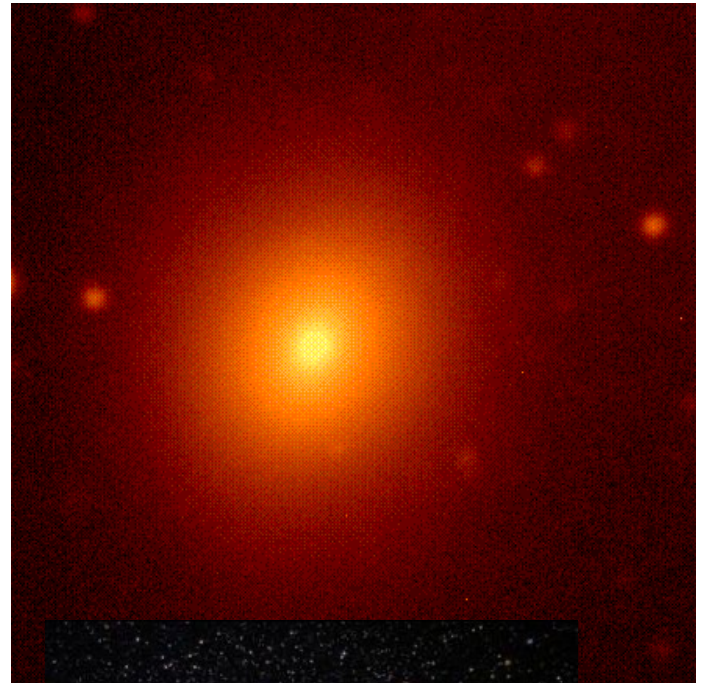


## Dwarf ellipticals (dEs)

- lower surface brightness than cEs
- $10^7$ - $10^9$   $M_{\odot}$
- 1-10 kpc diameters

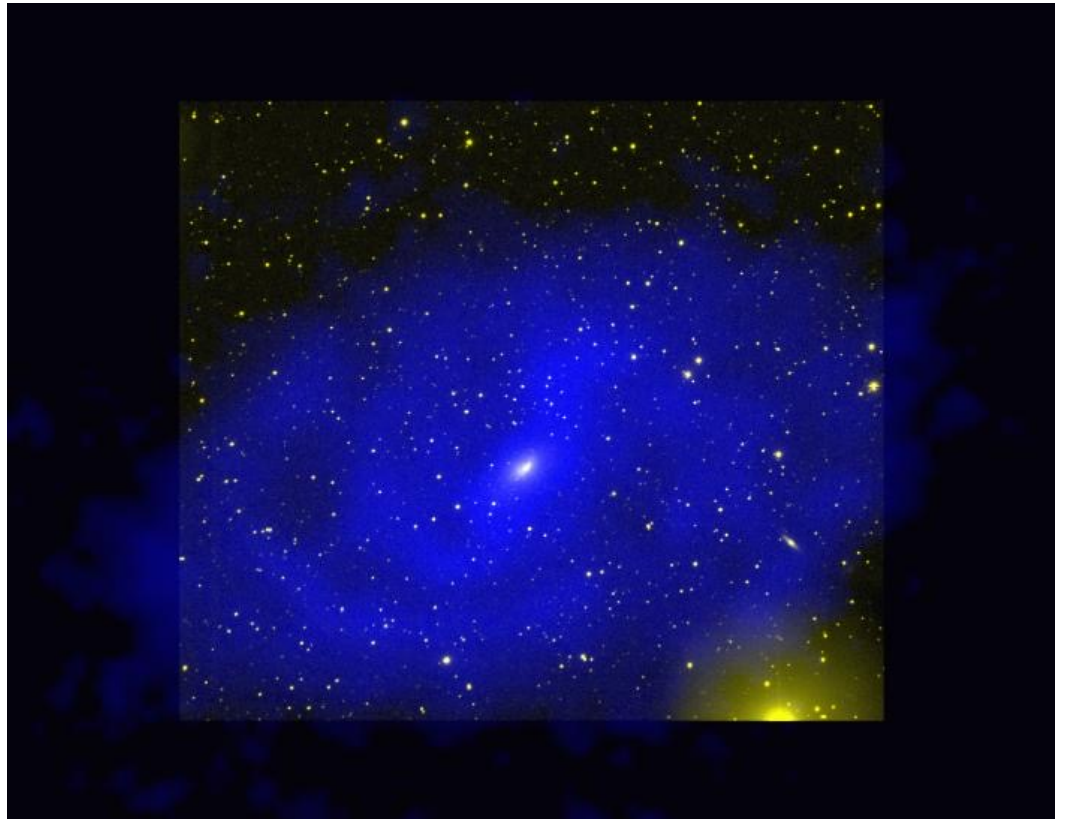
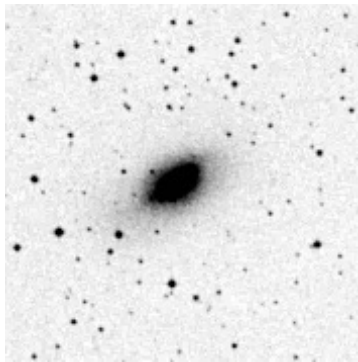
## Dwarf spheroidals (dSphs)

- extreme dEs
- only visible in the Local Group
- $10^7$ - $10^8$   $M_{\odot}$
- 0.1-0.5 kpc diameters



## Blue Compact Dwarf galaxies (BCDs)

- Small galaxies which are unusually blue
- Vigorous starformation, plenty of gas
- Low mass-to-light ratios
- $\sim 10^9 M_{\odot}$
- $< 3$  kpc diameters



## A few properties

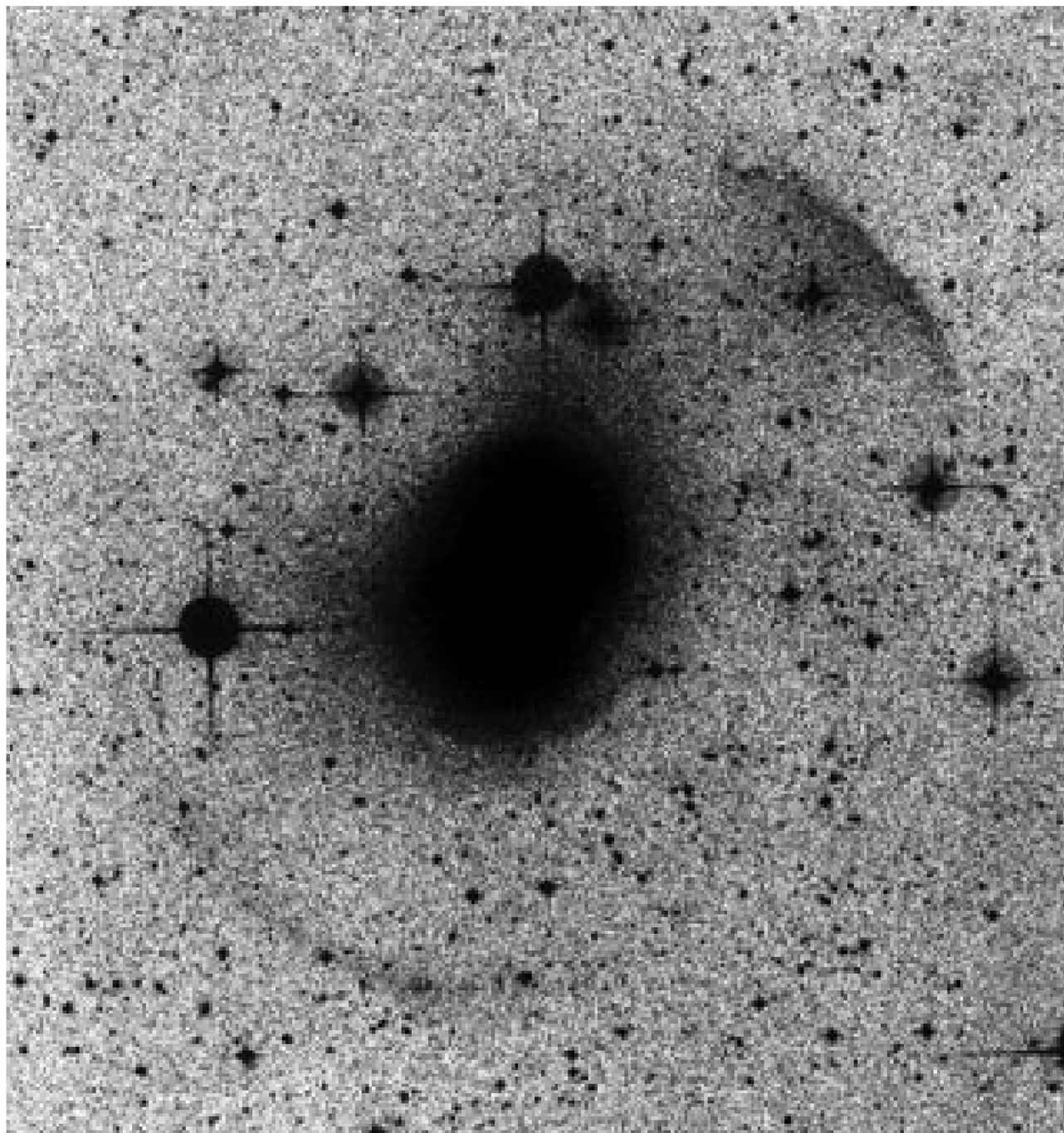
|                      | cD       | E/S0   | dE        | dSph    | BCD      |
|----------------------|----------|--------|-----------|---------|----------|
| $\log (M/M_{\odot})$ | 13-14    | 8-13   | 7-9       | 7-8     | $\sim 9$ |
| Diameter<br>(kpc)    | 300-1000 | 1-200  | 1-10      | 0.1-0.5 | $< 3$    |
| $M/L_B$              | $> 100$  | 10-100 | $\sim 10$ | 5-100   | 0.1-10   |

Profile:

$r^{1/4}$  law      x                  x

exponential                                  x                  x

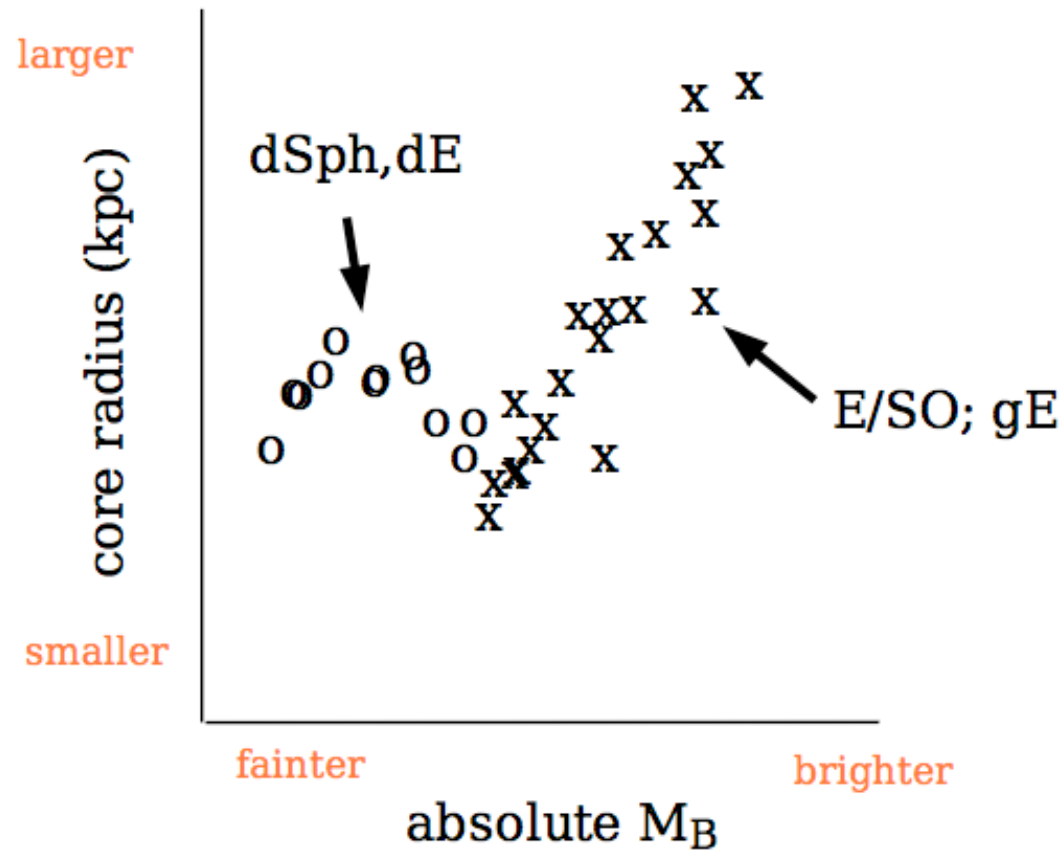
Basically a sequence in *size*. Much different from the spiral sequence.



NGC 1344

## Observed correlations

Not fully understood, compares to the HR diagram.



## Photometry of ellipticals

With HST we can study the nuclei of elliptical galaxies:

- Luminous ellipticals show central cores
- Mid-sized ellipticals show central cusps

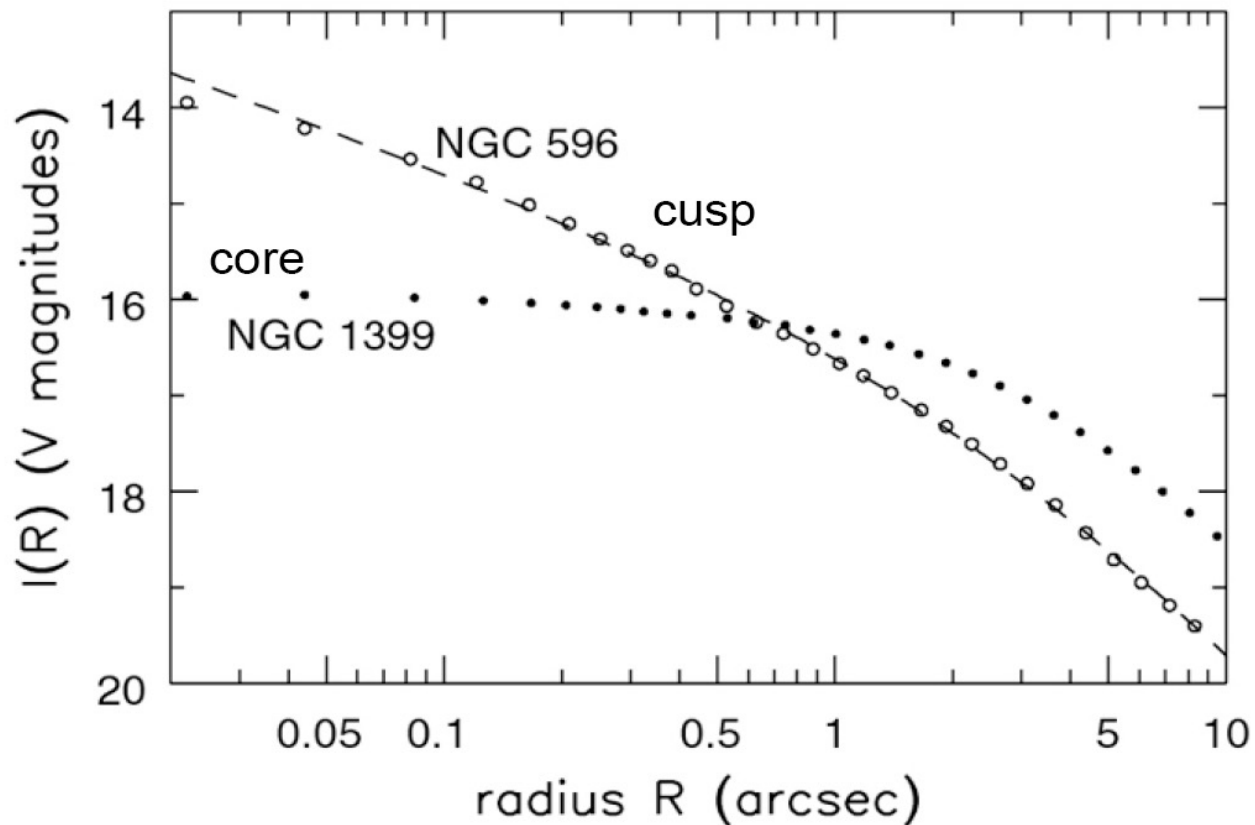
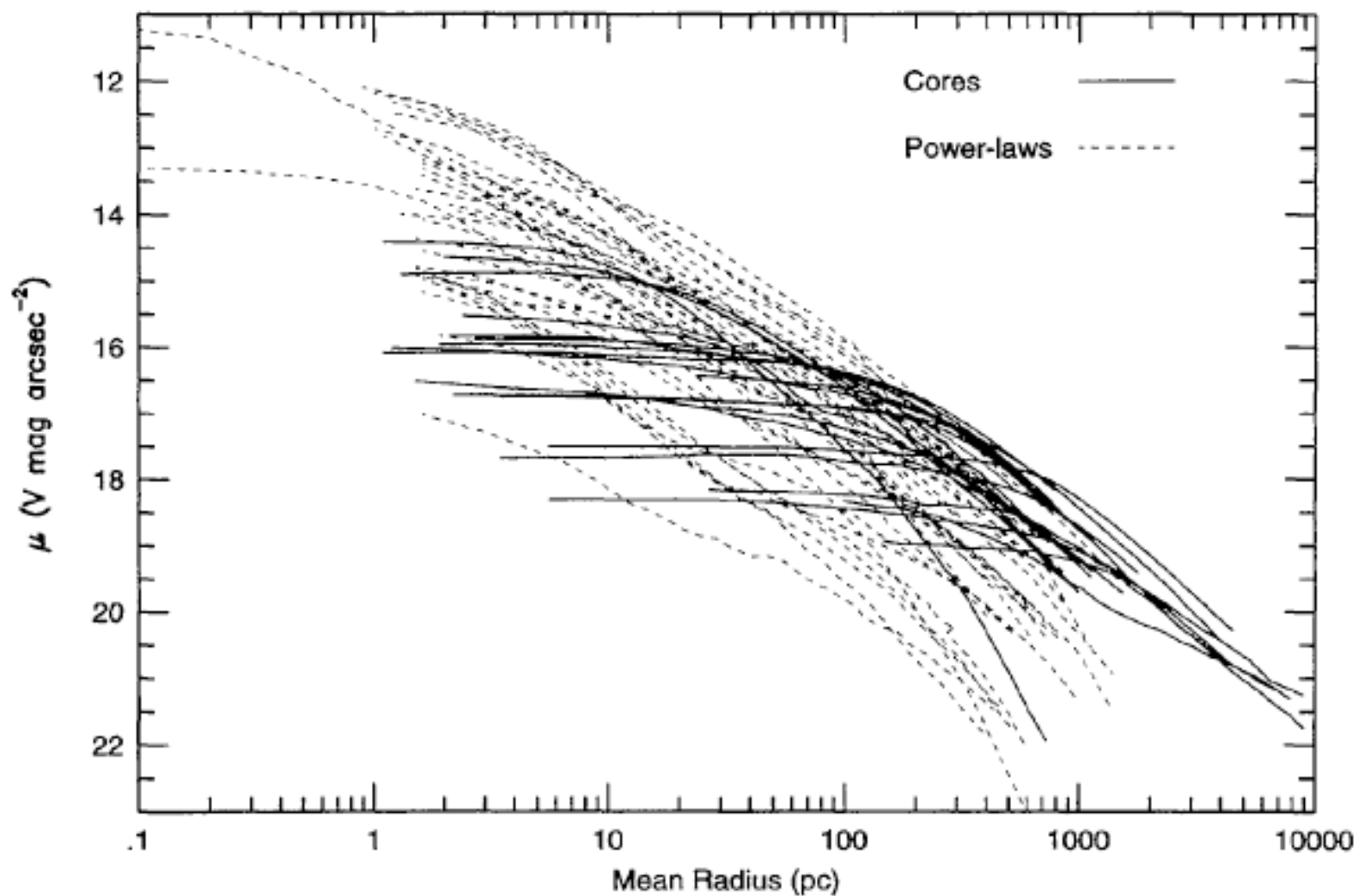


Fig 6.7 (T. Lauer) 'Galaxies in the Universe' Sparke/Gallagher CUP 2007

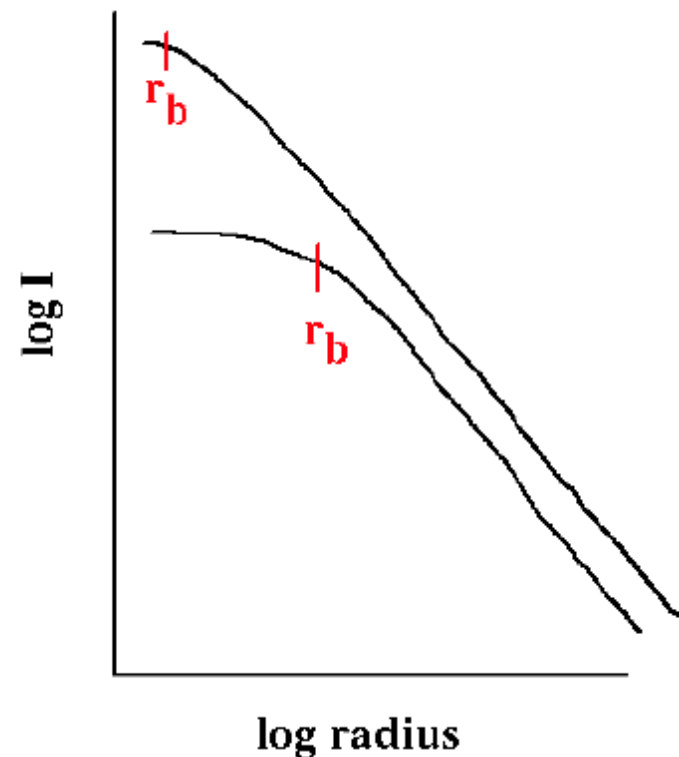
V-band surface brightness profiles of 55 ellipticals,  
Faber et al 1997. Observed with WFPC1.



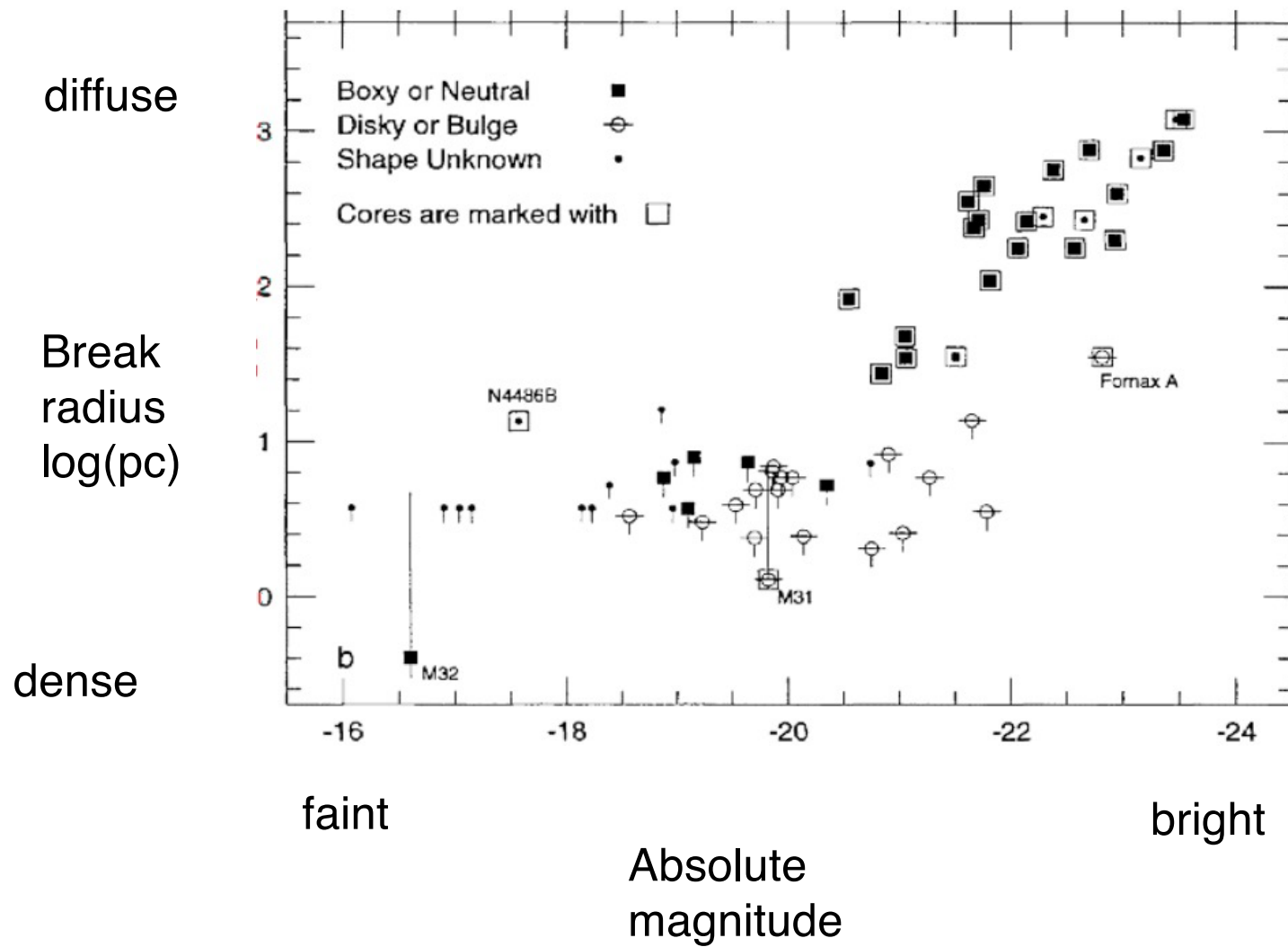
## Break radius

$$I(r) = I_b 2^{(\beta-\gamma)/\alpha} \left( \frac{r_b}{r} \right)^\gamma \left[ 1 + \left( \frac{r}{r_b} \right)^\alpha \right]^{(\alpha-\beta)/\gamma}$$

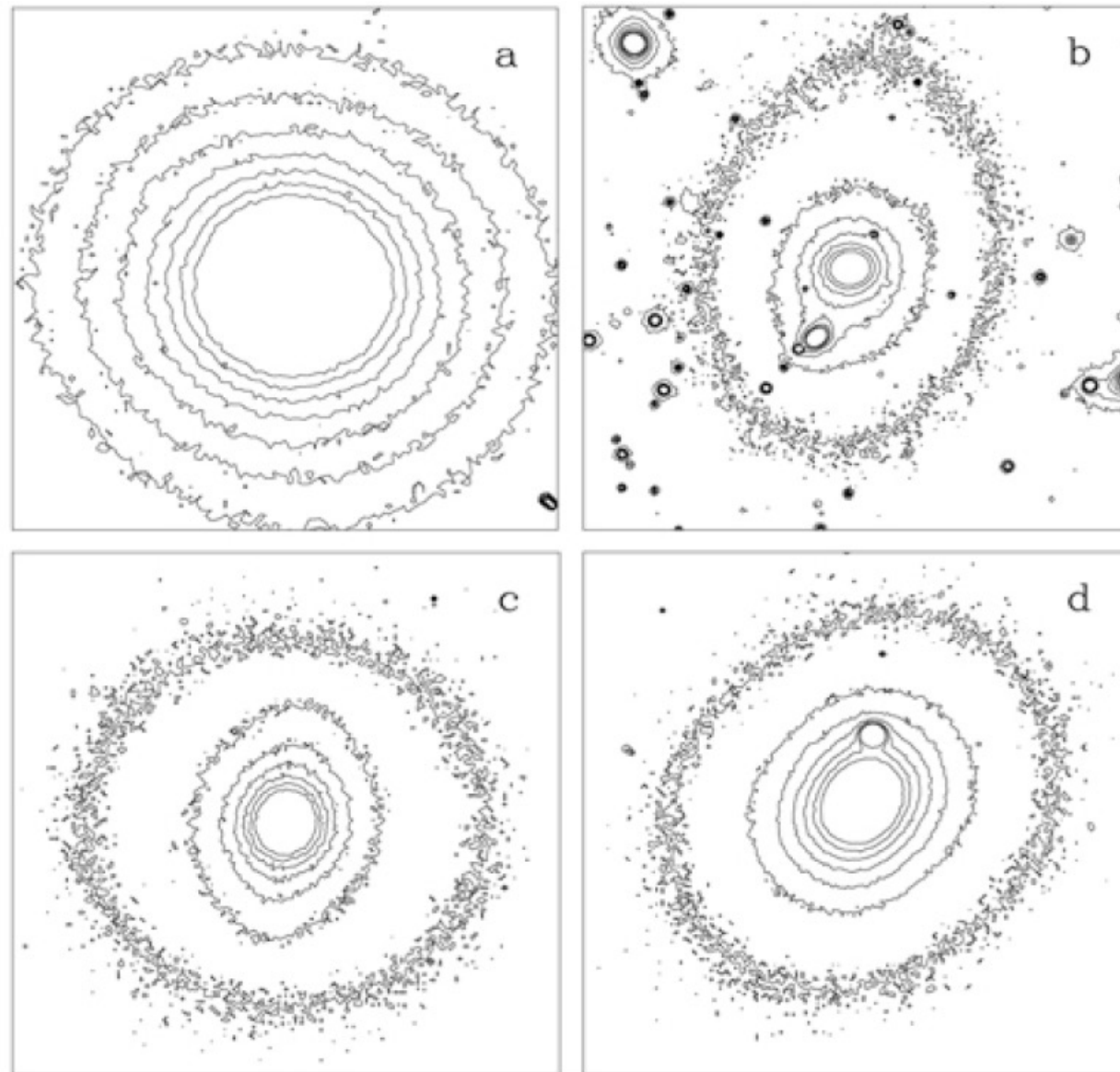
- $r_b$  is the break radius (change of slope in power law)
- $I_b$  is the surface brightness at the break radius.
- $\alpha$  defines sharpness of transition
- $\beta$  defines the outer slope
- $\gamma$  defines the inner slope



## Break radius versus luminosity



## Isophotes



Twisted

Disklike

Boxy

Fig 6.1 (R. de Jong) 'Galaxies in the Universe' Sparke/Gallagher CUP 2007

## Faber-Jackson relation:

In 1976, Faber & Jackson found that

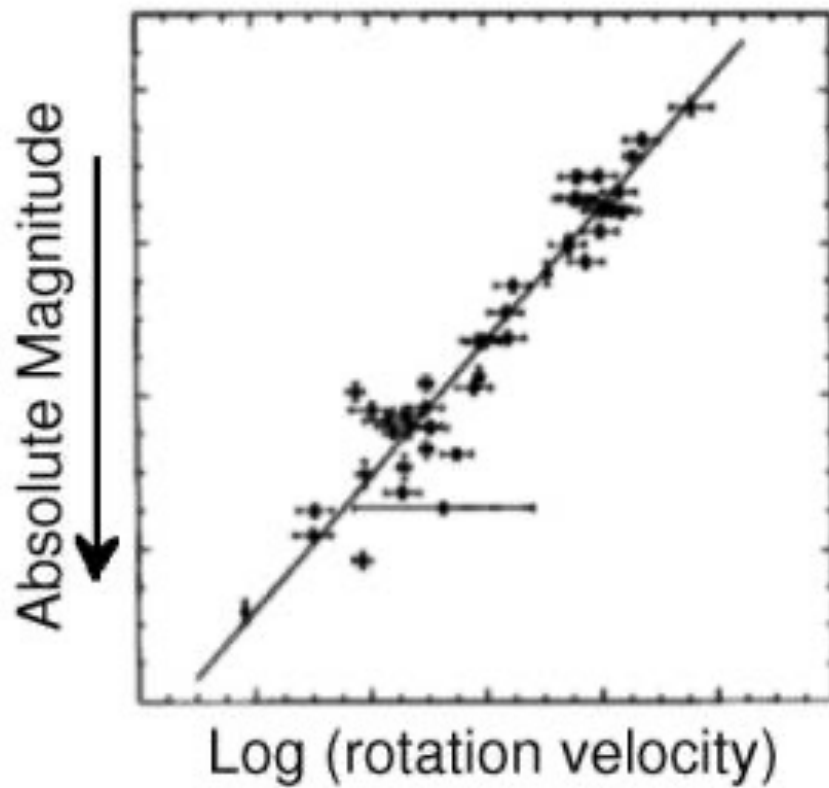
- $L \propto \sigma^4$

- More luminous galaxies have deeper potentials
- Can show that this follows from the Virial Theorem
- Why is this relationship useful?
- There is a large scatter - a second parameter?

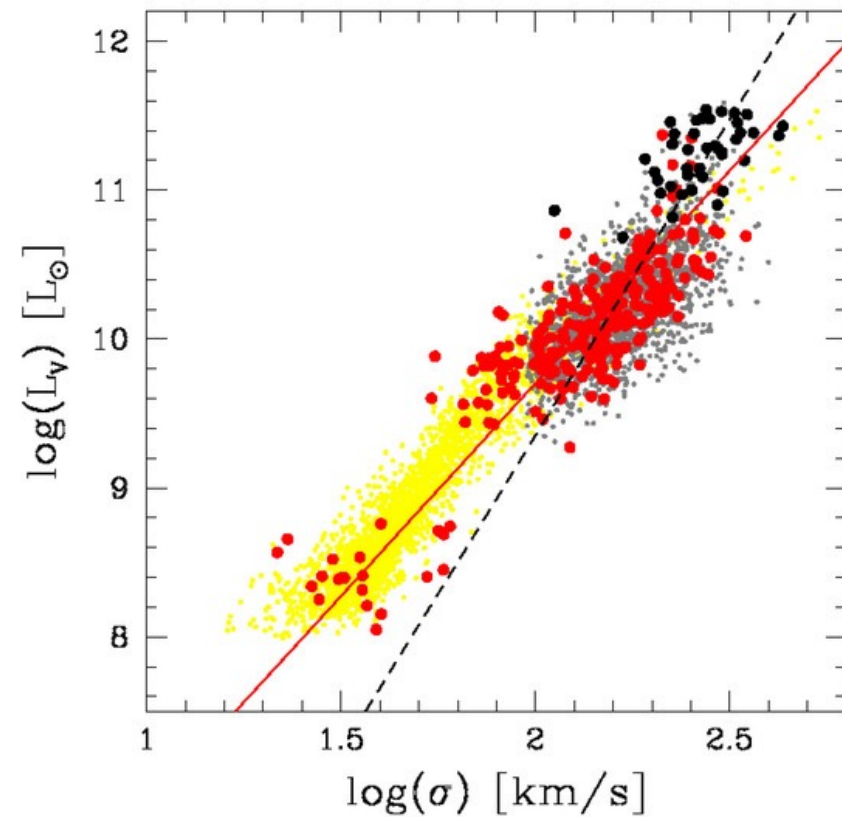
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Tully Fisher (disk galaxies)



Faber Jackson (Es)



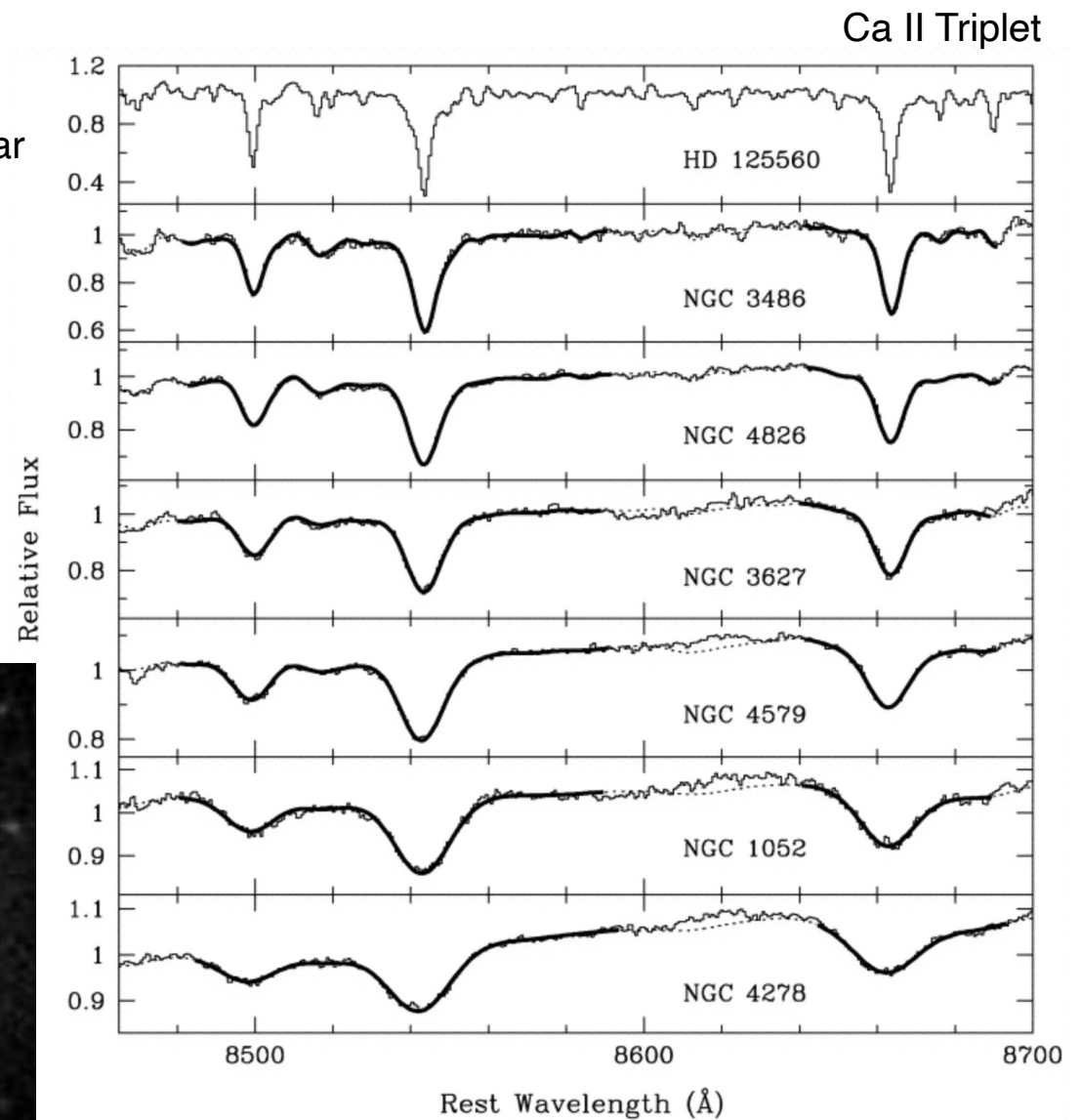
## Measuring E Galaxy Masses

- Gravitational Lensing
- Virial Theorem

$$M = \sigma^2 R / G$$



star

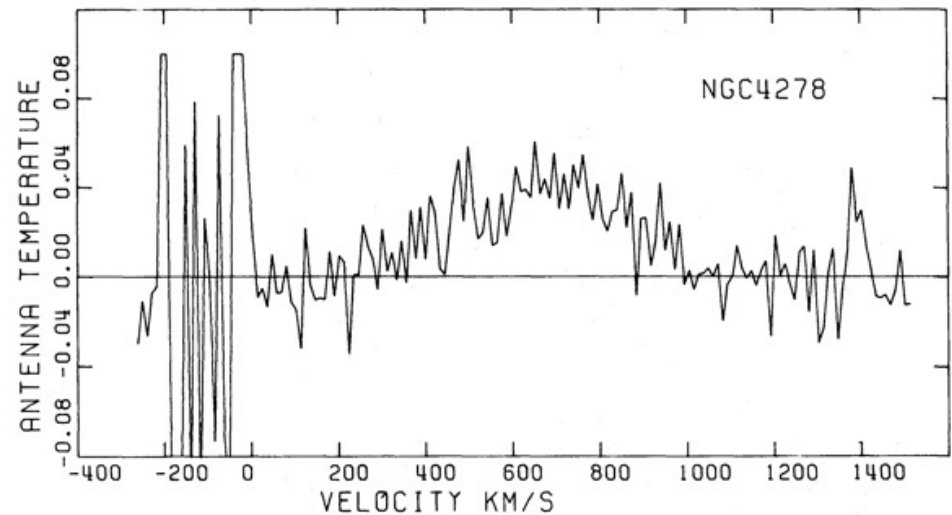


Barth et al. 2002

## Worksheet:

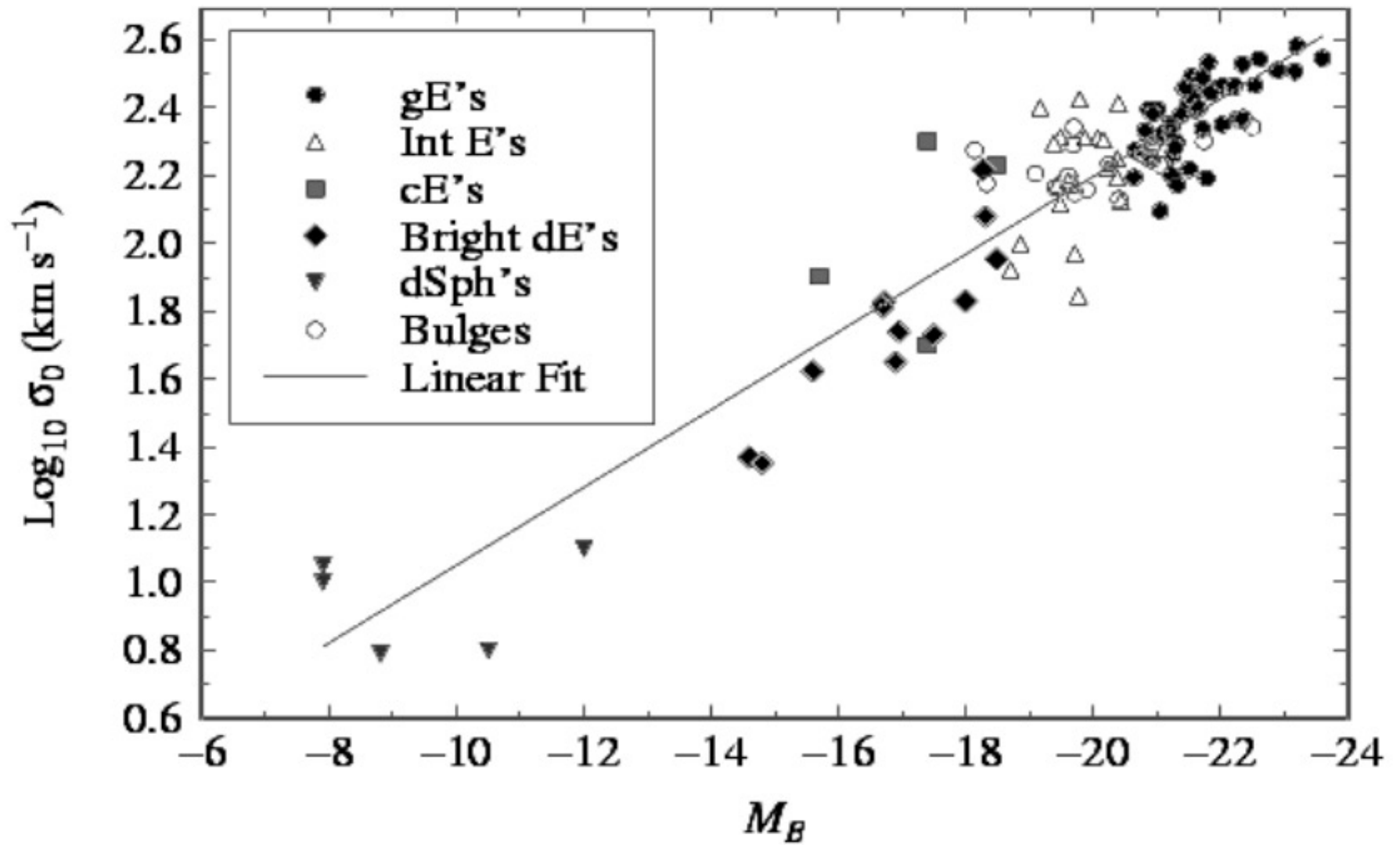
Using the Virial Theorem:  $M \sim R\sigma_r^2$

Estimate the mass of NGC4278 using the HI observations and galactic diameter of 240 arcseconds



Gallagher et al. 1977

## Faber-Jackson relation



## Fundamental plane

- Missing parameter is the effective radius. Four observables:
  - Luminosity
  - Effective radius
  - Mean surface brightness
  - Velocity dispersion

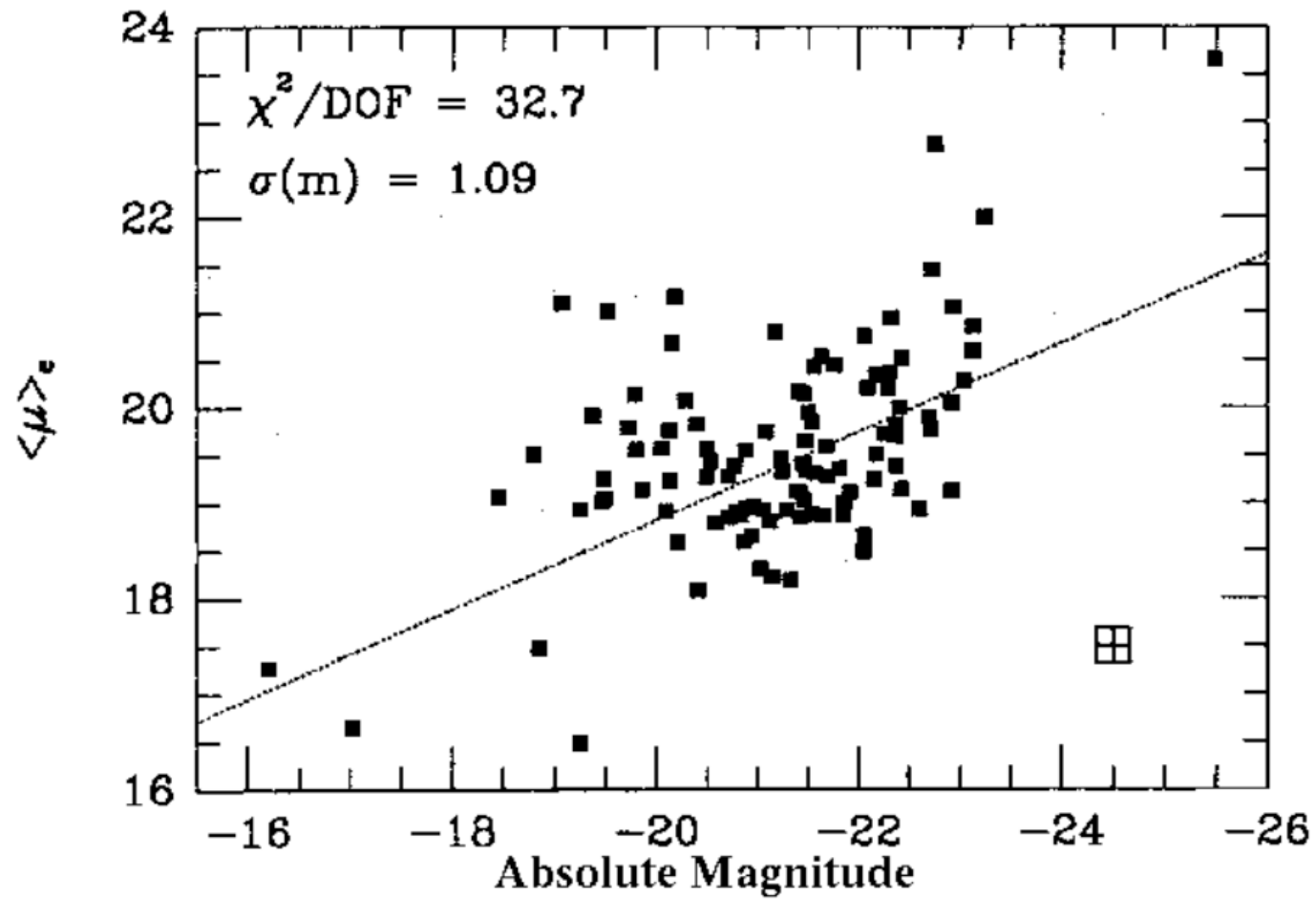
- Fit a *fundamental plane* through the observables

- $r_e \propto \sigma^{1.24} \langle I \rangle^{-0.82}$

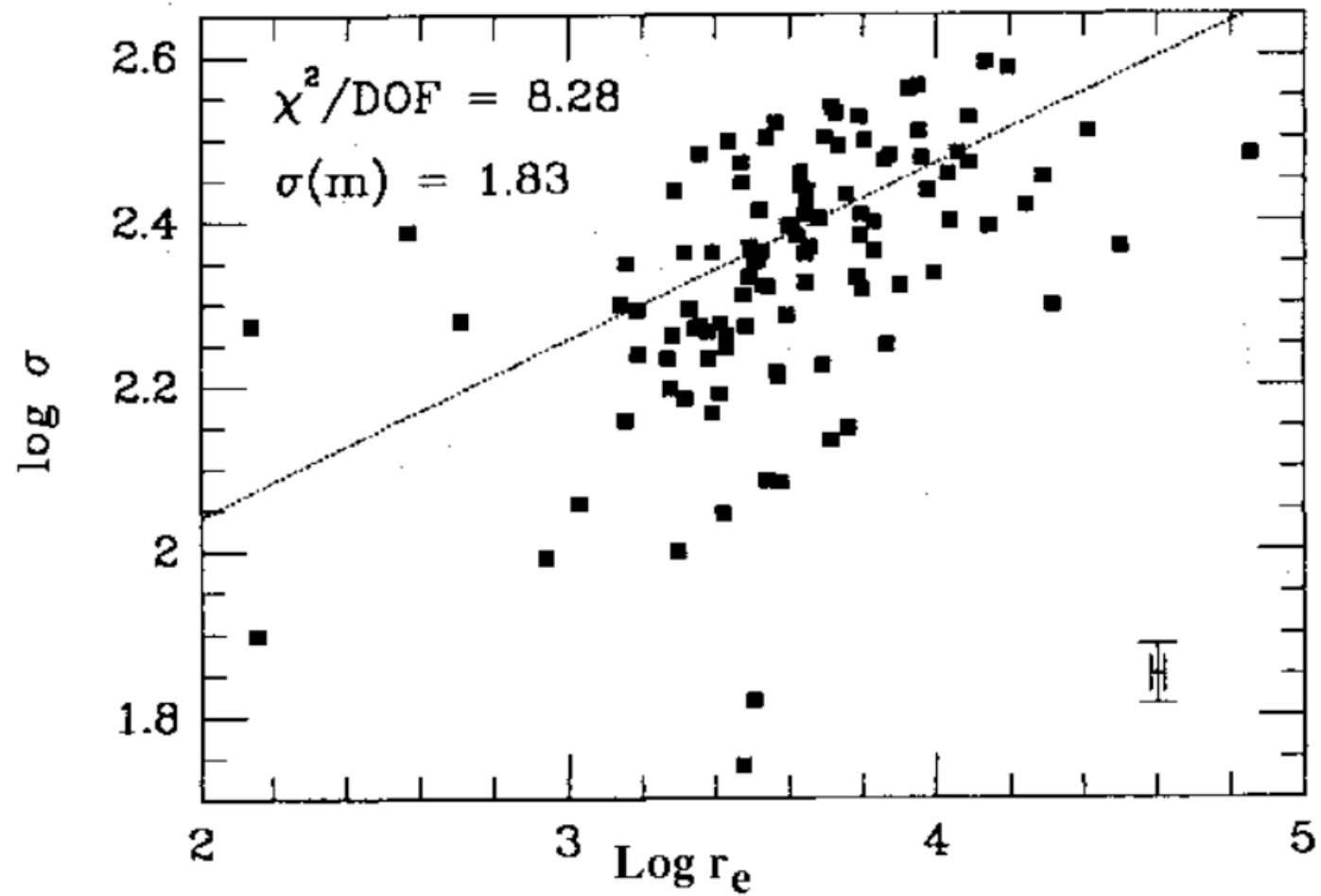
$$L \propto \sigma^{2.65} r_e^{0.65}$$

- Any model of galaxy formation must reproduce this relation

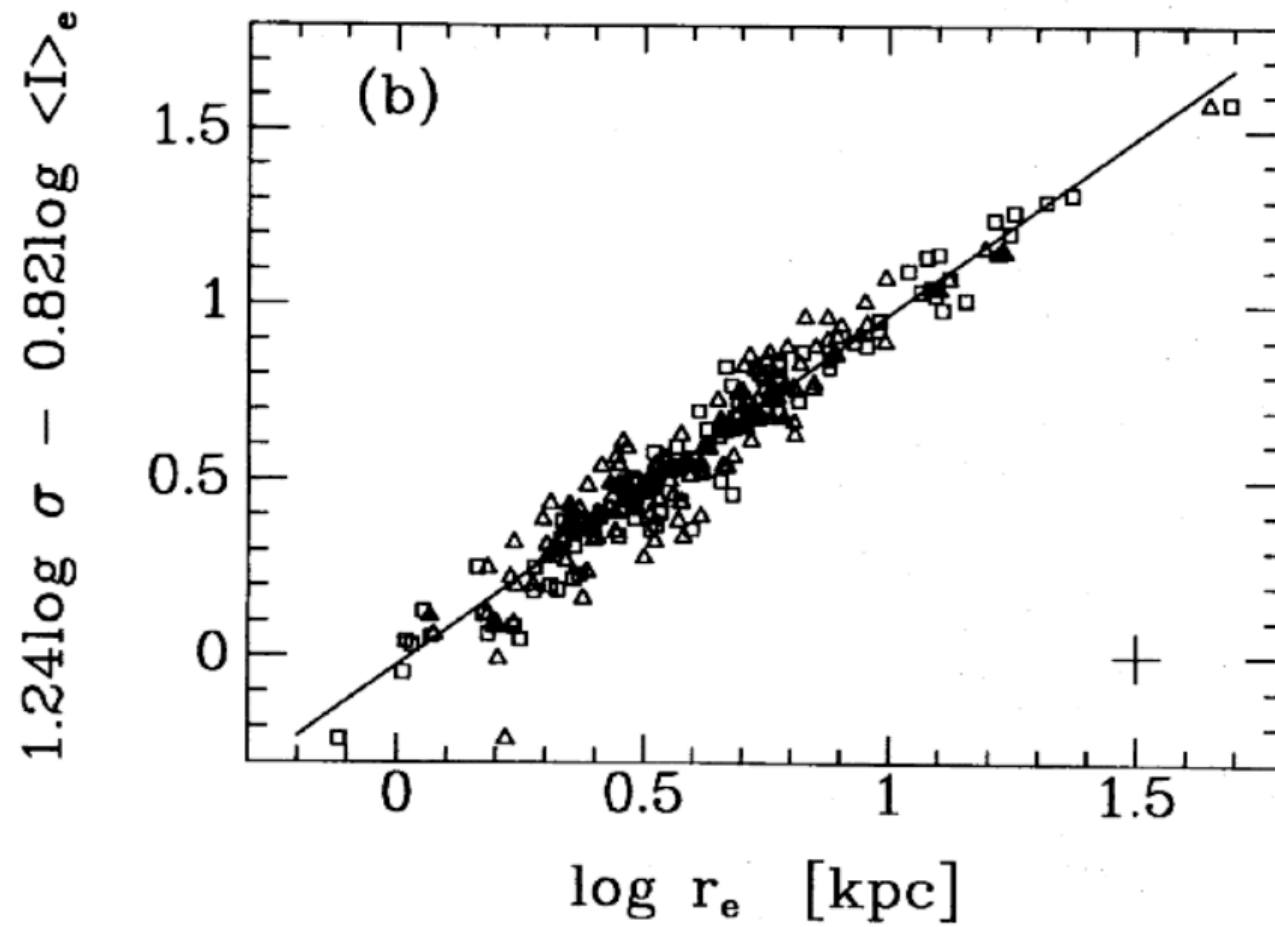
## Surface brightness versus luminosity



## Velocity dispersion versus effective radius



## The fundamental plane



## Luminosity functions of galaxies

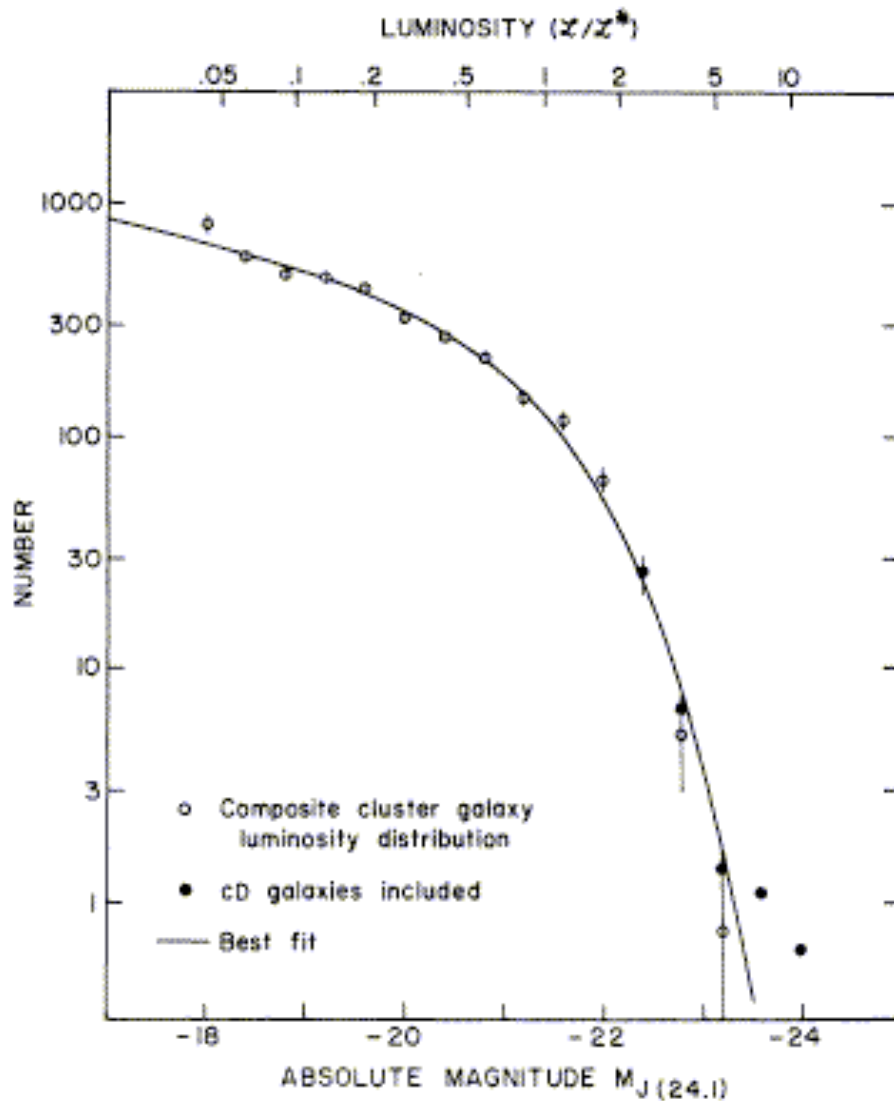


FIG. 2.—Best fit of analytic expression to observed composite cluster galaxy luminosity distribution. Filled circles show the effect of including cD galaxies in composite.

Schechter 1976



Binggeli's (1987) cartoon of Paul Schechter and his function.

## Luminosity functions of galaxies

Log of number of galaxies  
per unit volume between  
M and M+dM

Binggeli et al 1988

## Schechter luminosity function:

$$\phi(L)dL \propto L^\alpha e^{-L/L_*} dL$$

$\alpha, L_*$  vary with galaxy sample

Field  $L^* \sim 10^{10} L_{\text{sun}}$

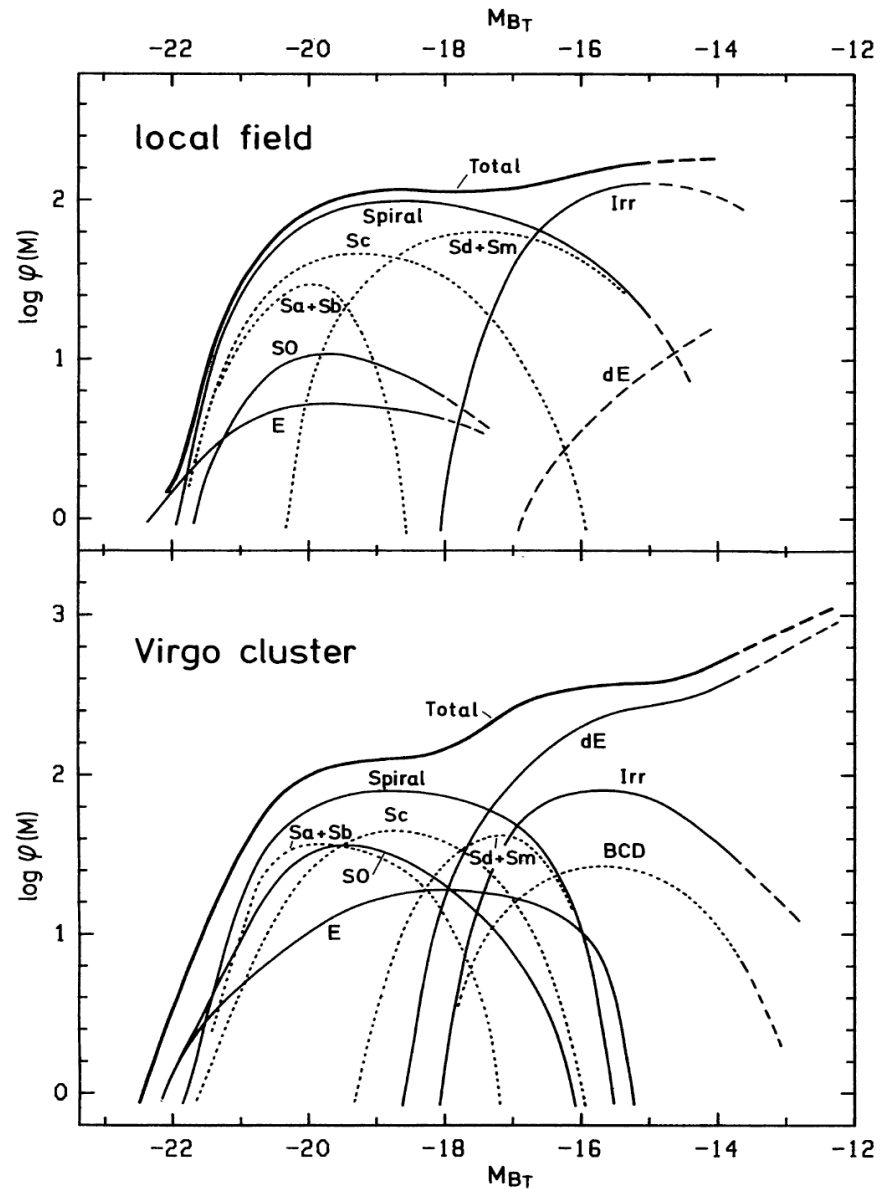
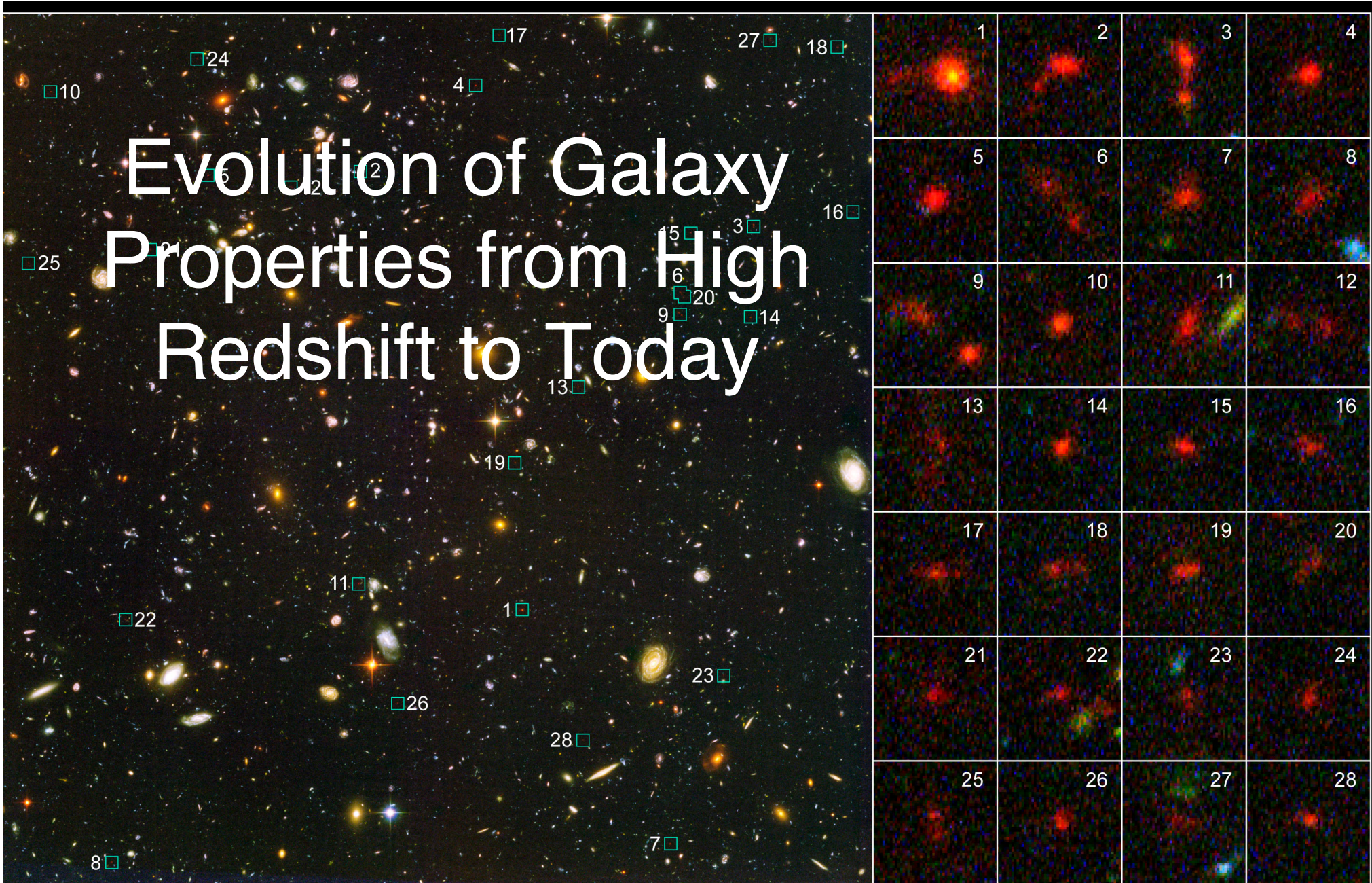


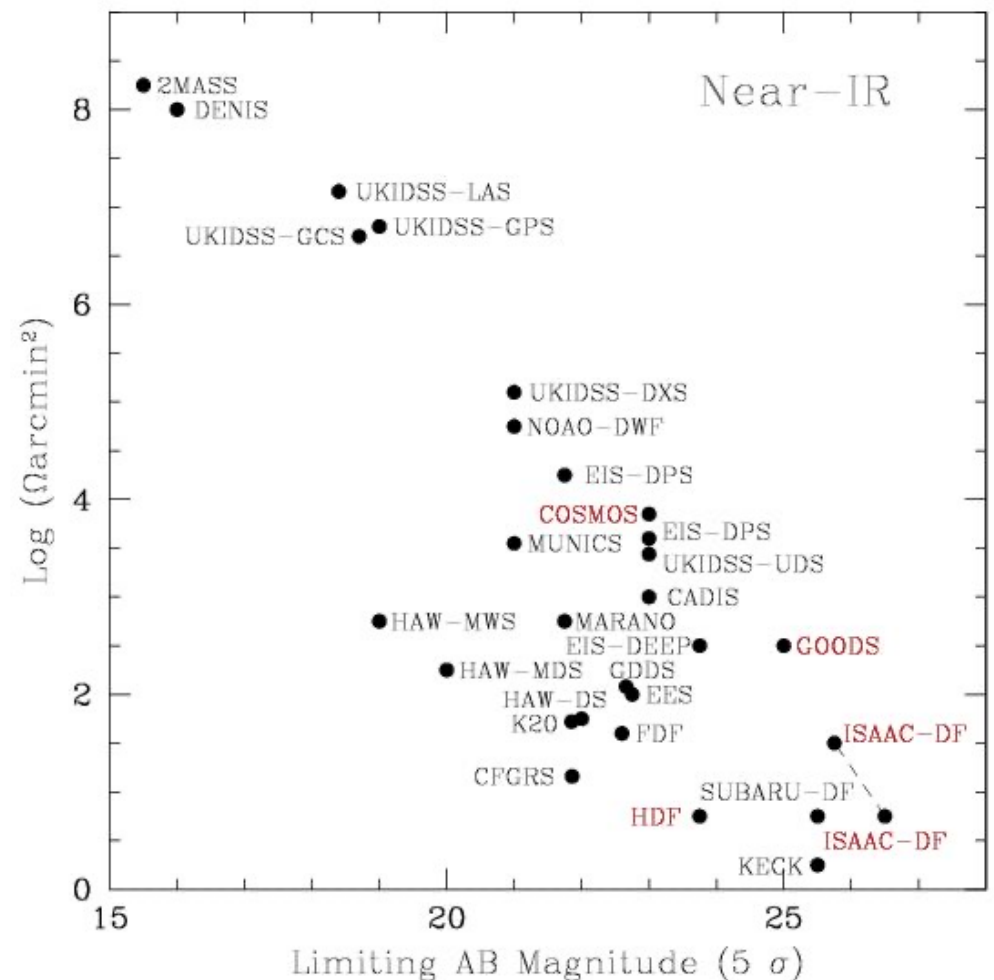
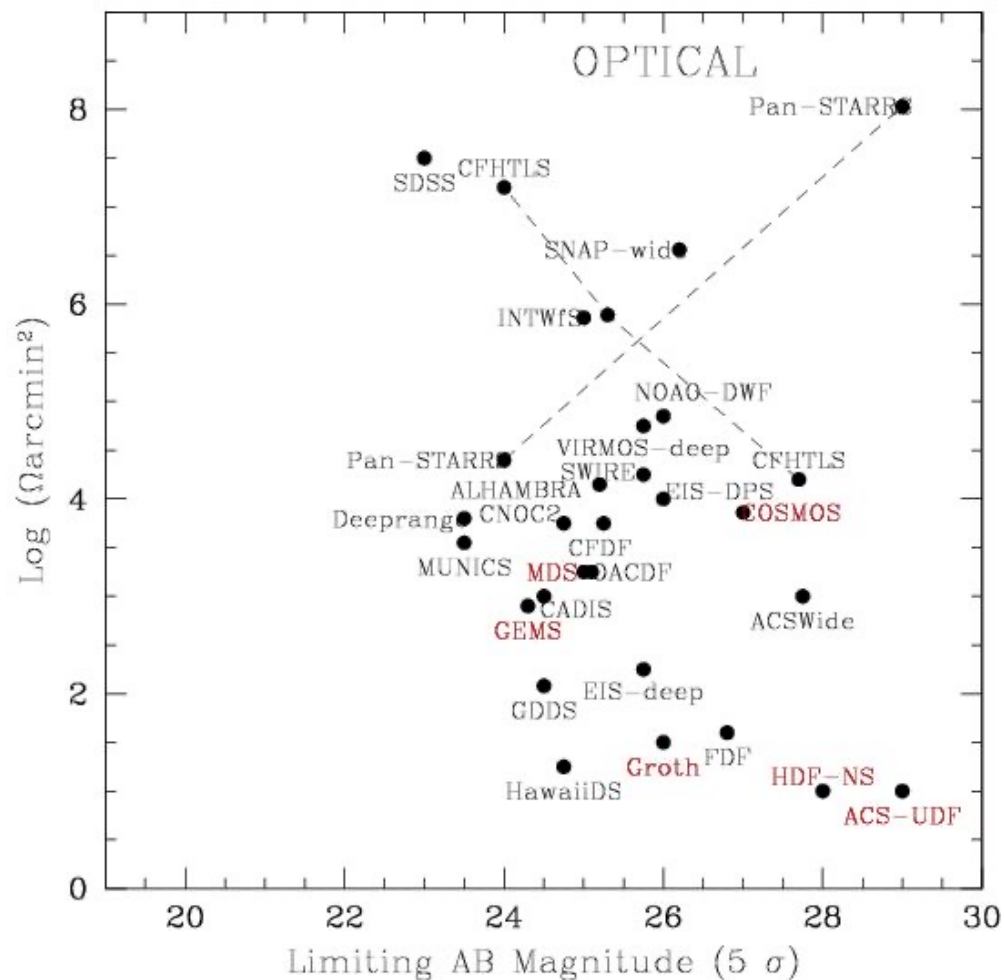
Figure 1 The LF of field galaxies (top) and Virgo cluster members (bottom). The zero point of  $\log \phi(M)$  is arbitrary. The LFs for individual galaxy types are shown. Extrapolations are marked by dashed lines. In addition to the LF of all spirals, the LFs of the subtypes Sa + Sb, Sc, and Sd + Sm are also shown as dotted curves. The LF of Irr galaxies comprises the Im and BCD galaxies; in the case of the Virgo cluster, the BCDs are also shown separately. The classes dS0 and “dE or Im” are not illustrated. They are, however, included in the total LF over all types (heavy line).

# Evolution of Galaxy Properties from High Redshift to Today



**Distant Galaxies in the Hubble Ultra Deep Field**  
Hubble Space Telescope • Advanced Camera for Surveys

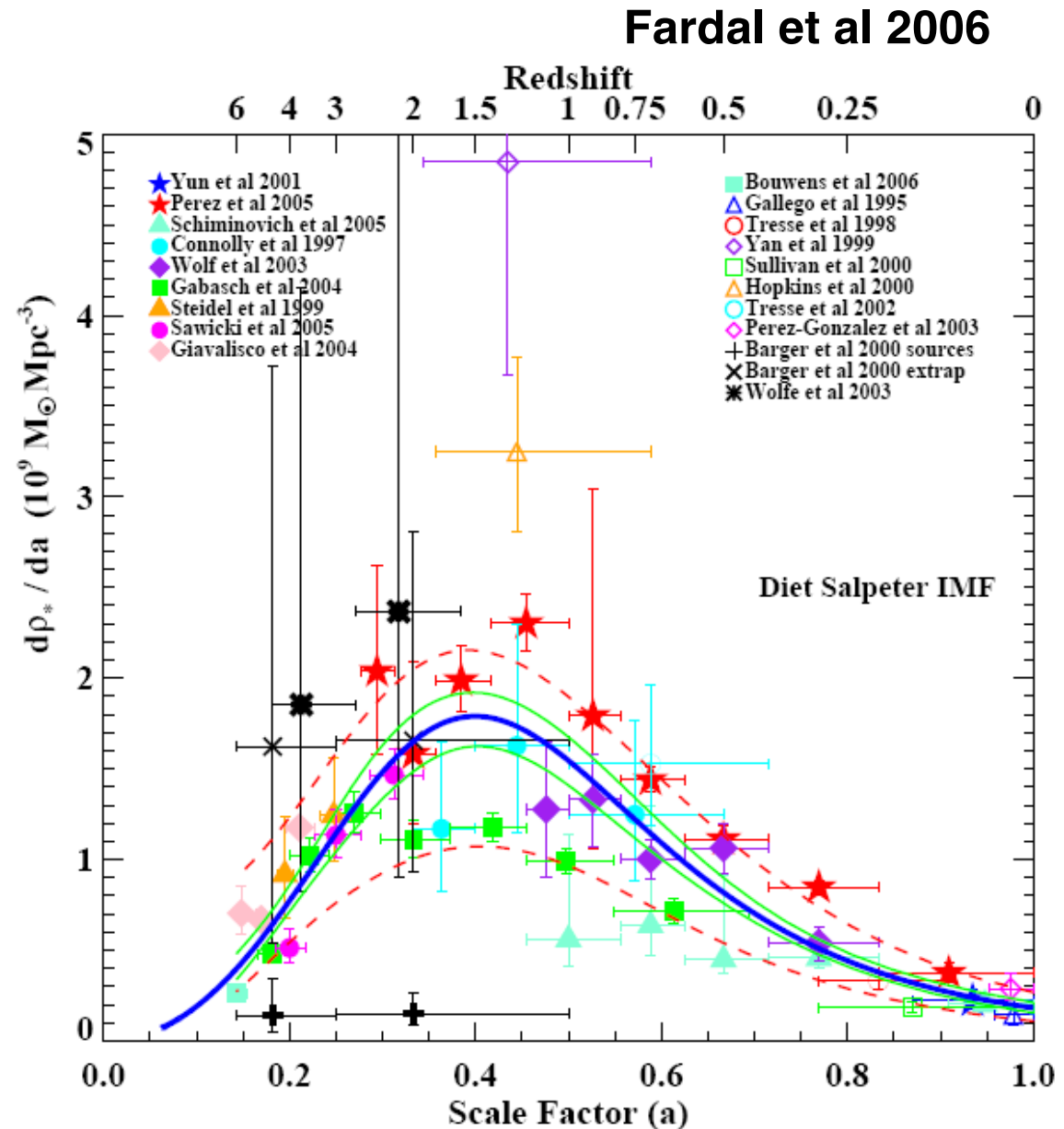
# Galaxy Surveys: Optical & NIR



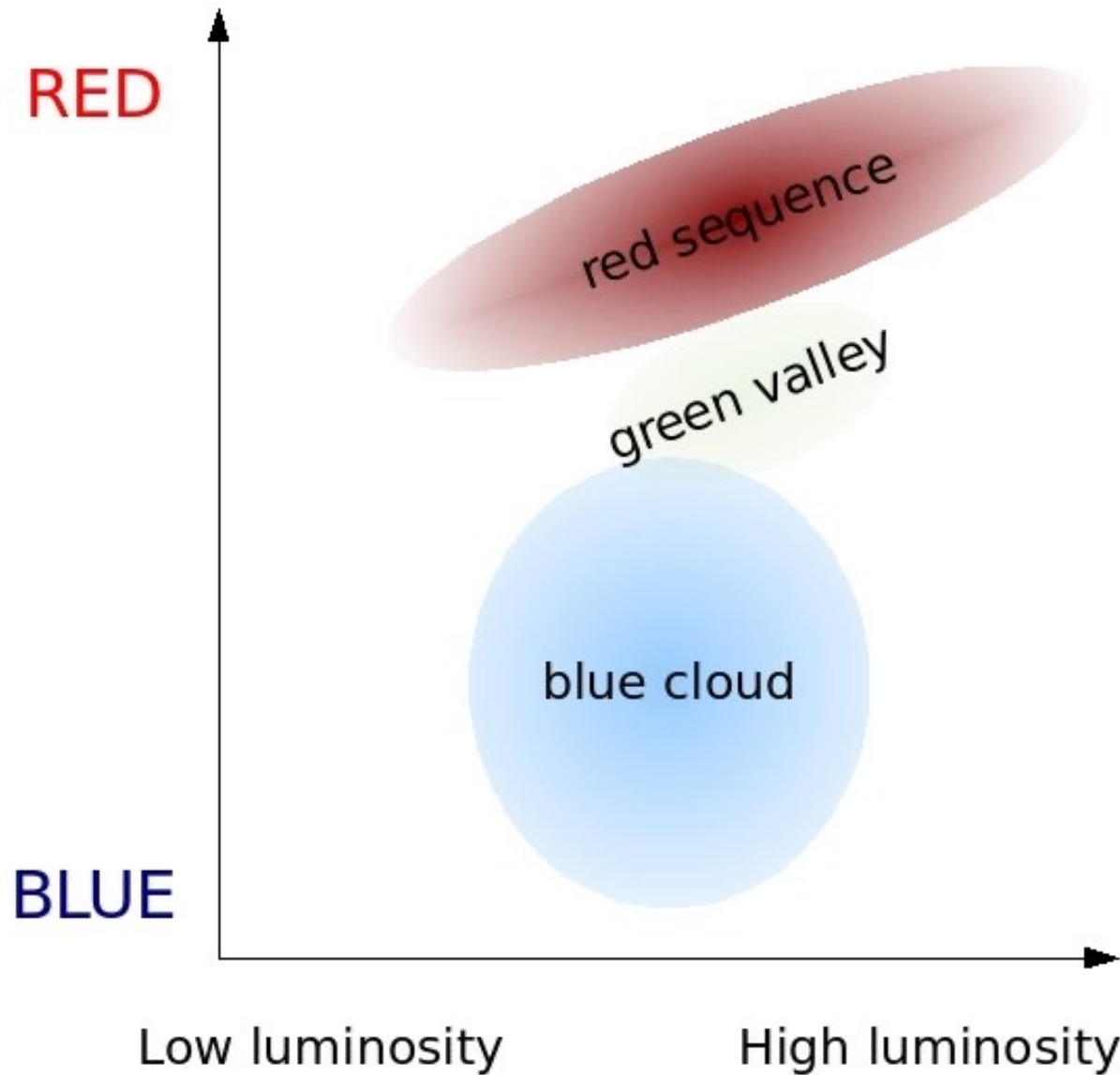
From Mara Salvato's web page

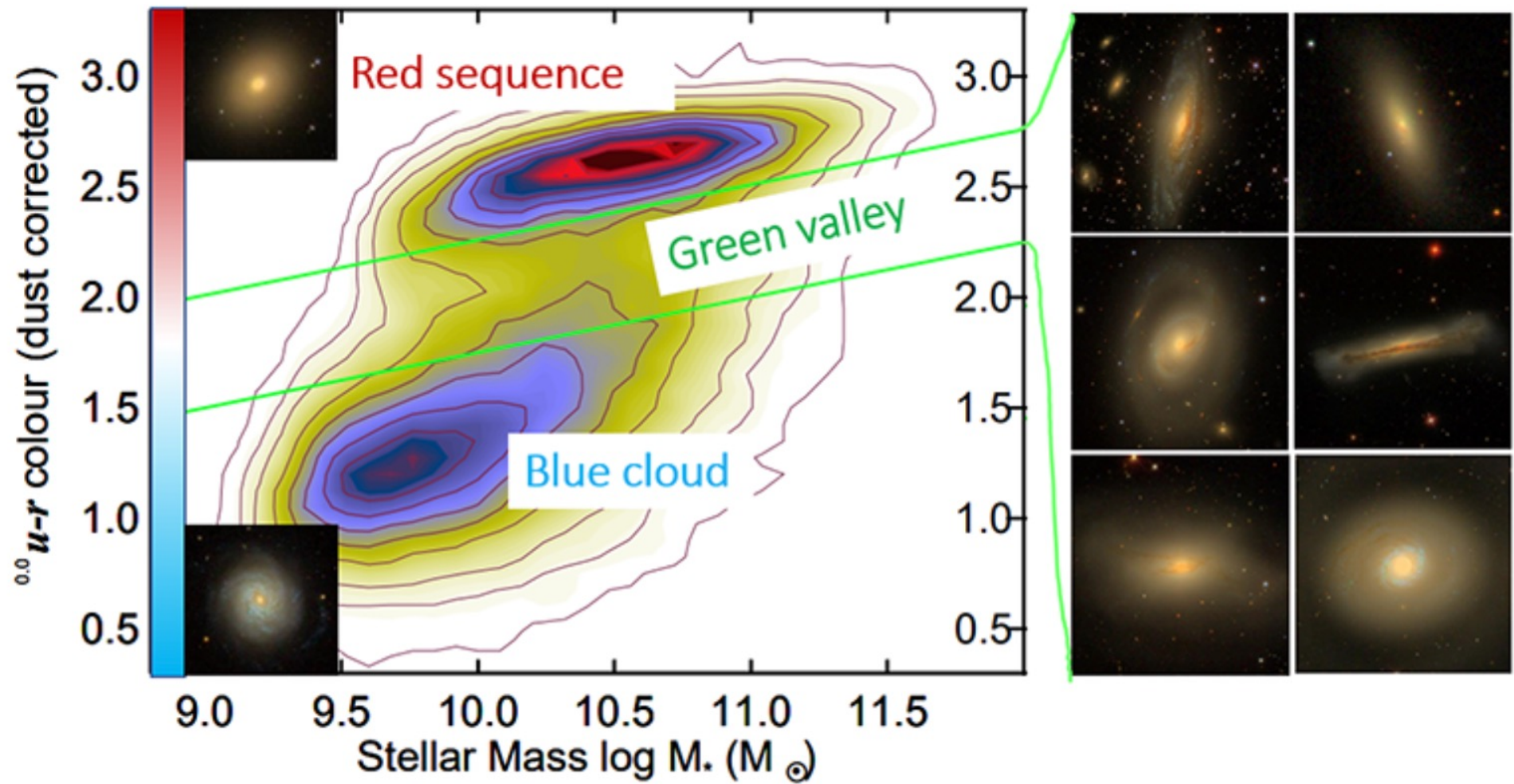
# Lilly-Madau Plot

- Fair amount of scatter, but for  $z > 1$  it is at the  $\sim 50\%$  level now.
- Half the stars formed by  $z \sim 1.7$ .
- Many issues:  
Dust? IMF?  
Sample overlap?



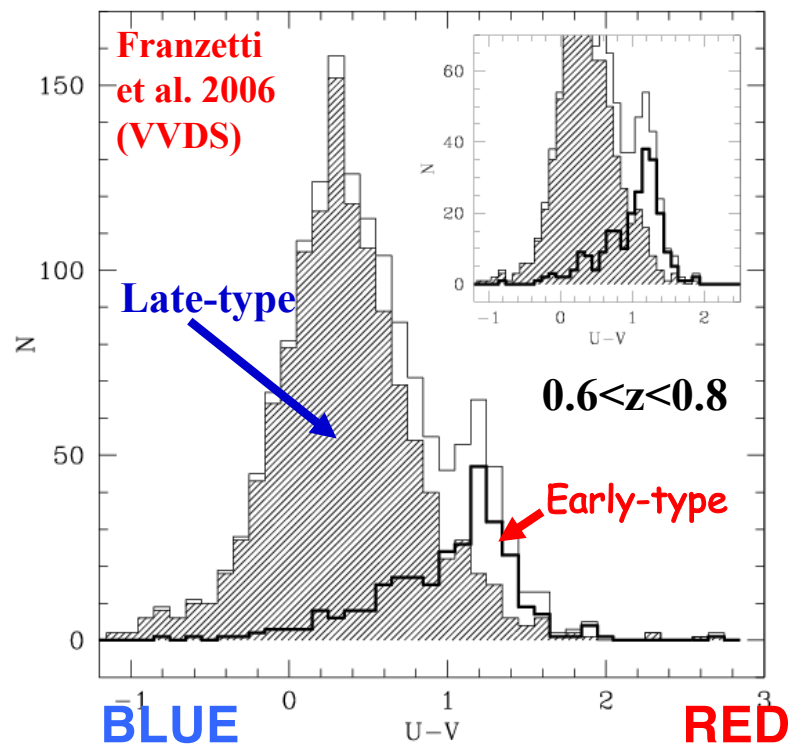
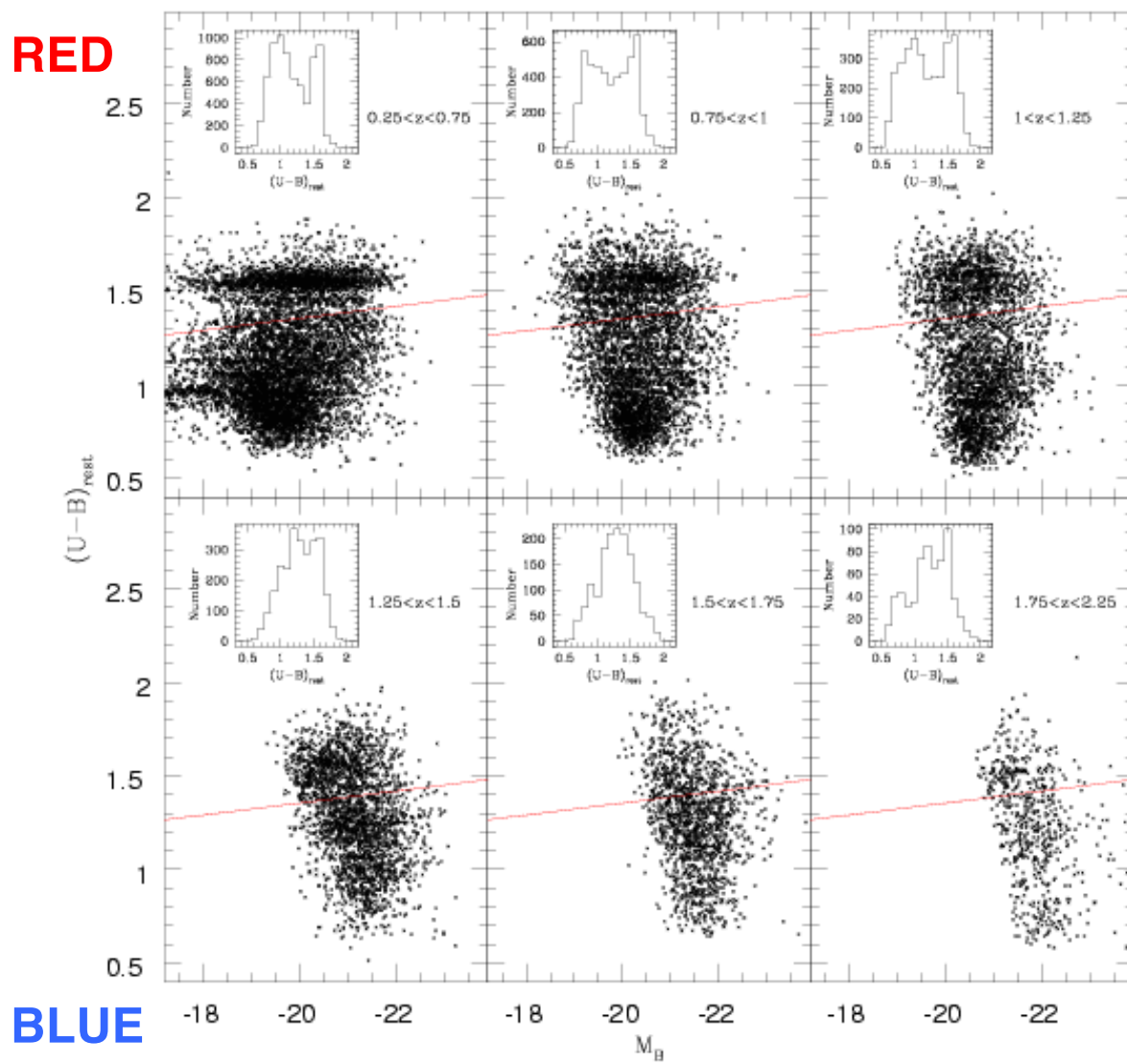
# Galaxy Color-Magnitude Diagram





**Some Green Valley  
Galaxies**  
Salim et al. 2014

# $0 < z < 1$ : Red sequence, blue cloud, green valley ?

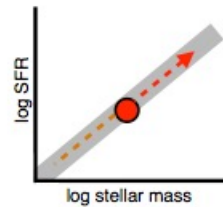
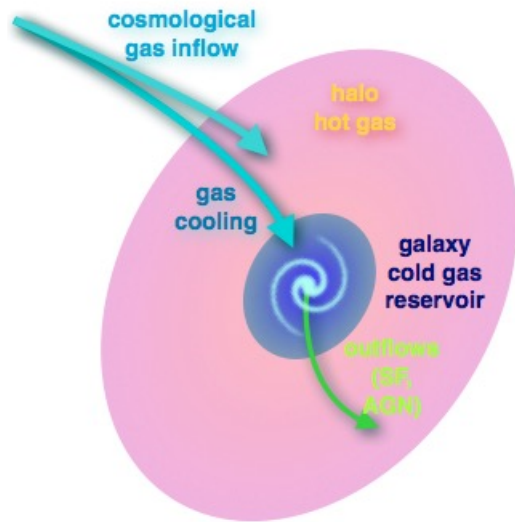


Color bimodality to  $z \sim 1$  (Bell et al. 2004)  
 Disappears beyond  $z \sim 1.5$  ?  
 (Wuyts et al. 2006, Cirasuolo et al. 2006...)  
 Reliability ? Contamination ?  
 See also the degeneracy of ERO colors  
 (e.g. Cimatti et al. 2002, 2003, Moustakas et al.  
 2004, Stern et al. 2006)

Cirasuolo et al. 2006 (UKIDSS)

# Late-type galaxy star formation quenching schematic

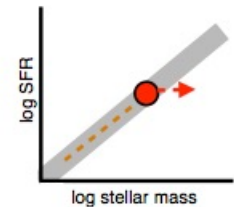
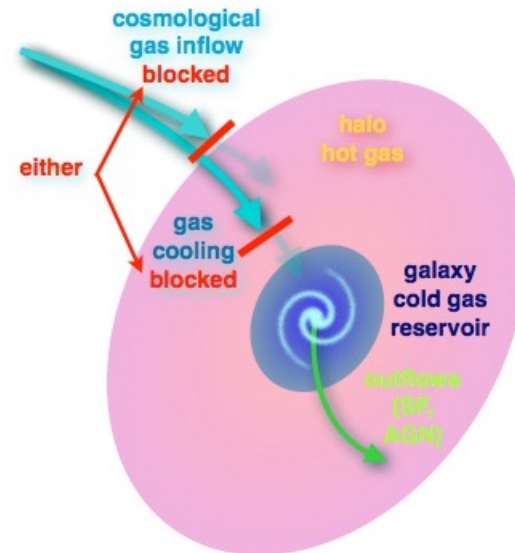
(1) prior to  $t=0$



Galaxy is on main sequence  
 $M_{\text{stellar}} \sim \text{SFR}^B$

Inflows balance outflows:  
 system in quasi-equilibrium  
 (Bouche+10; Lilly+13)

(2)  $t=0$ , quenching event

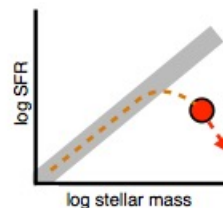
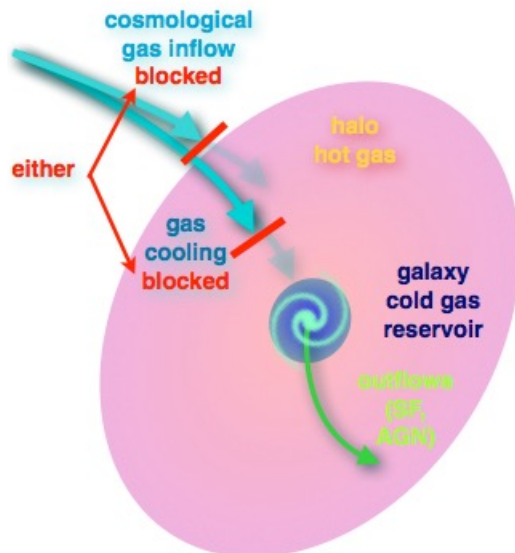


Either cosmological inflows or cooling from halo are stopped, galaxy gas reservoir is now no longer replenished

Galaxy leaves main sequence

$$\text{SFR} = \epsilon M_{\text{gas}} / \tau_{\text{dyn}}$$

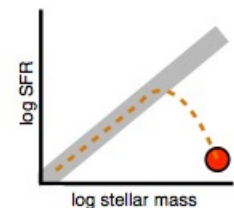
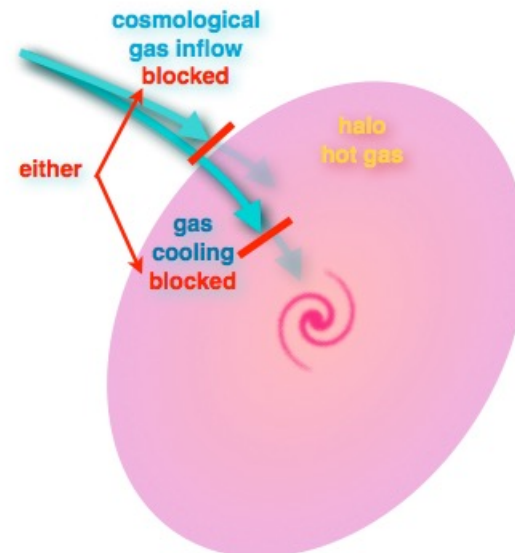
(3)  $t \sim 100\text{-}1000$  Myr past quenching



SFR goes into exponential decline, galaxy enters green valley

Gas reservoir is slowly used up

(4)  $t \sim$  several Gyr past quenching



Several Gyr later...

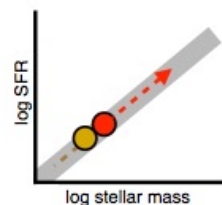
Passive, red spiral galaxy

No morphological transformation > "red spiral"

Very low SSFR

# Early-type galaxy star formation quenching schematic

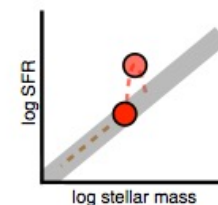
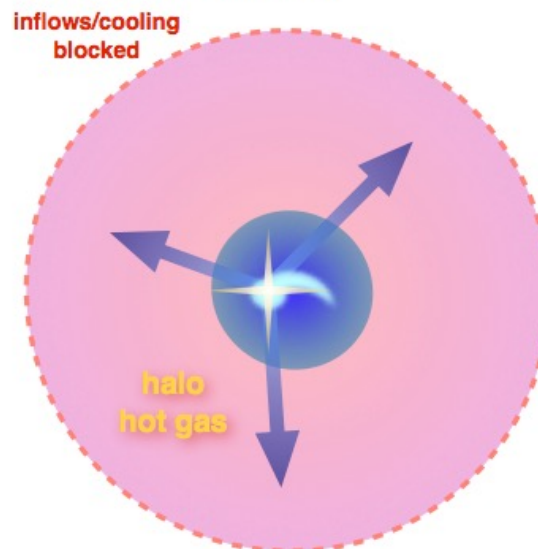
(1) ~100s Myr prior to quenching ( $t=0$ )



Two galaxies on main sequence are about to merge

Both bring in gas reservoir and are connected to cosmic gas inflow

(2) quenching time ( $t=0$ )



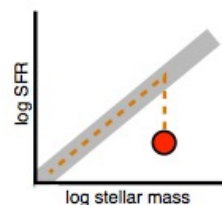
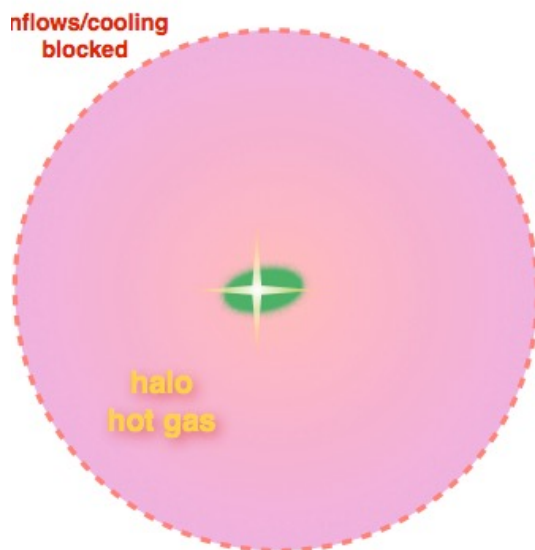
Merger may drive SFR above main sequence, or not.

Morphology is transformed to spheroid

Some process drives outflows of gas to rapidly deplete the cold gas reservoir, perhaps AGN feedback?

Further cosmological inflows and/or cooling stopped?

(3)  $t \sim 100$ s Myr post quenching

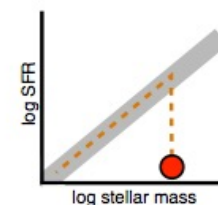
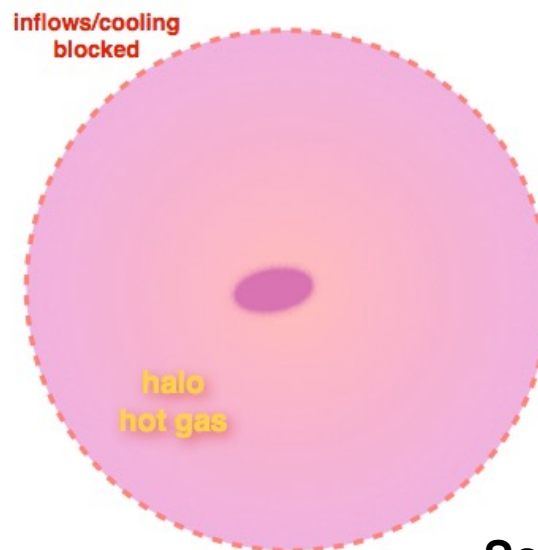


SFR drops rapidly to zero, galaxy moves to green valley

Gas reservoir is destroyed, further inflows not allowed to replenish

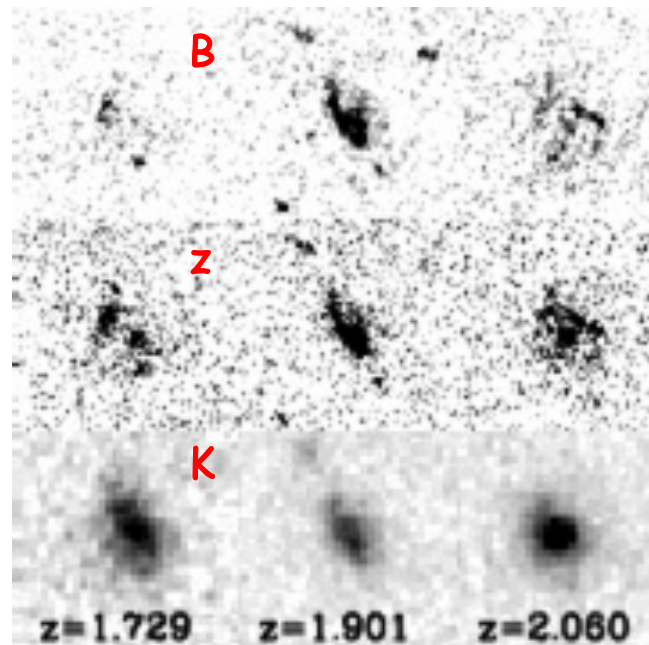
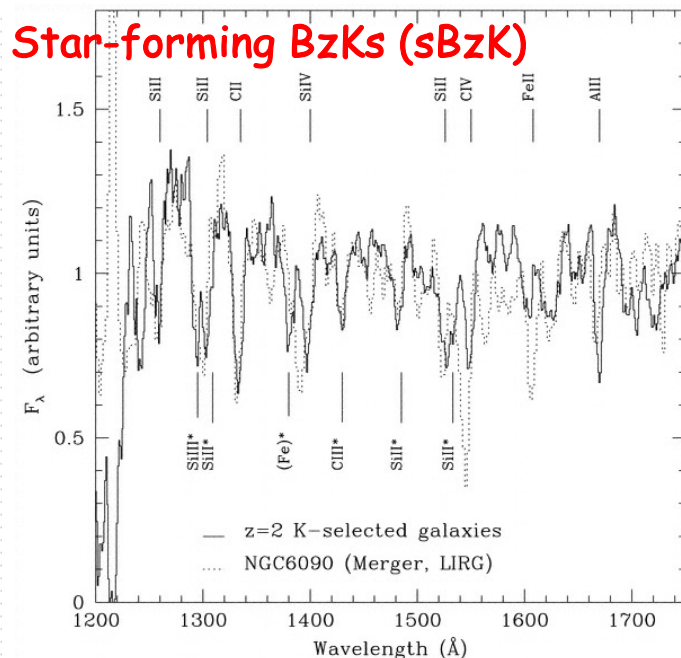
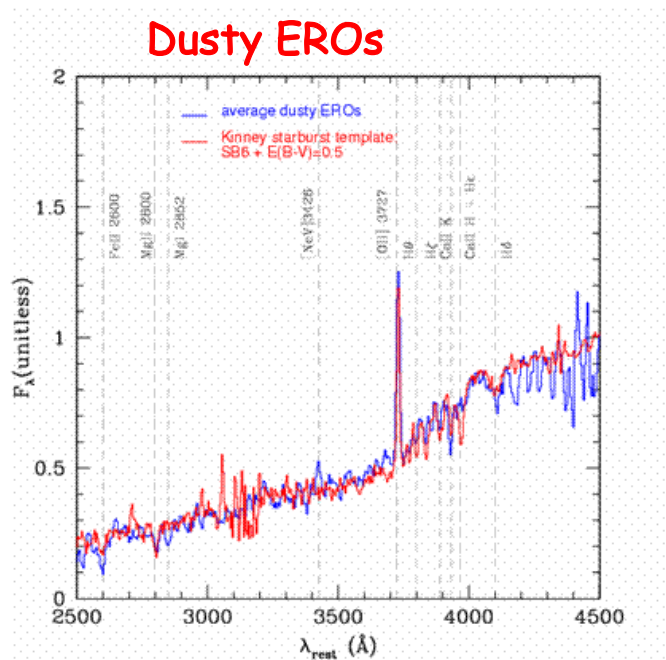
AGN active

(4)  $t \sim 1-2$  Gyr post quenching



With no gas reservoir and no further gas inflows, new early-type becomes passive red sequence galaxy.

## Beyond $z \sim 1$ : NIR-selected star-forming galaxies


$$1 < \mathbf{z} < 3$$

**SFR up to  $\sim 200+$  Msun/yr**

## Most sBzKs and some DRGs are ULIRGs

## Stellar masses up to $\sim 10^{11}$ Msun

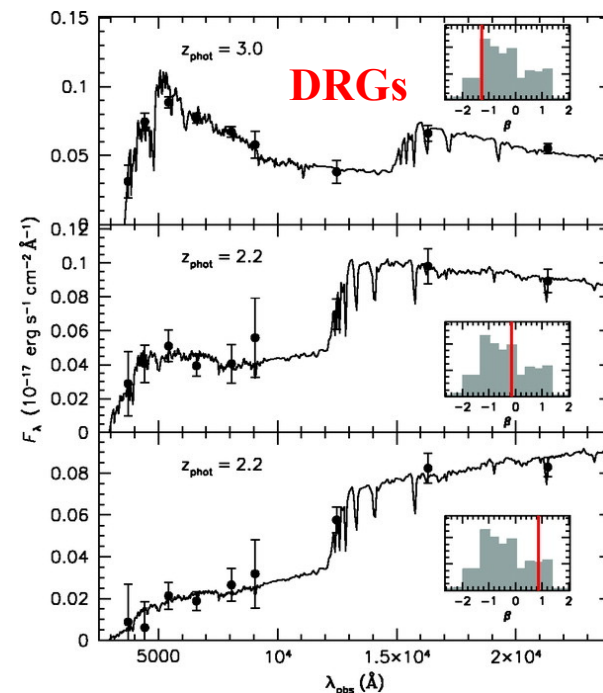
## High specific SFR

## Nearly solar metallicity

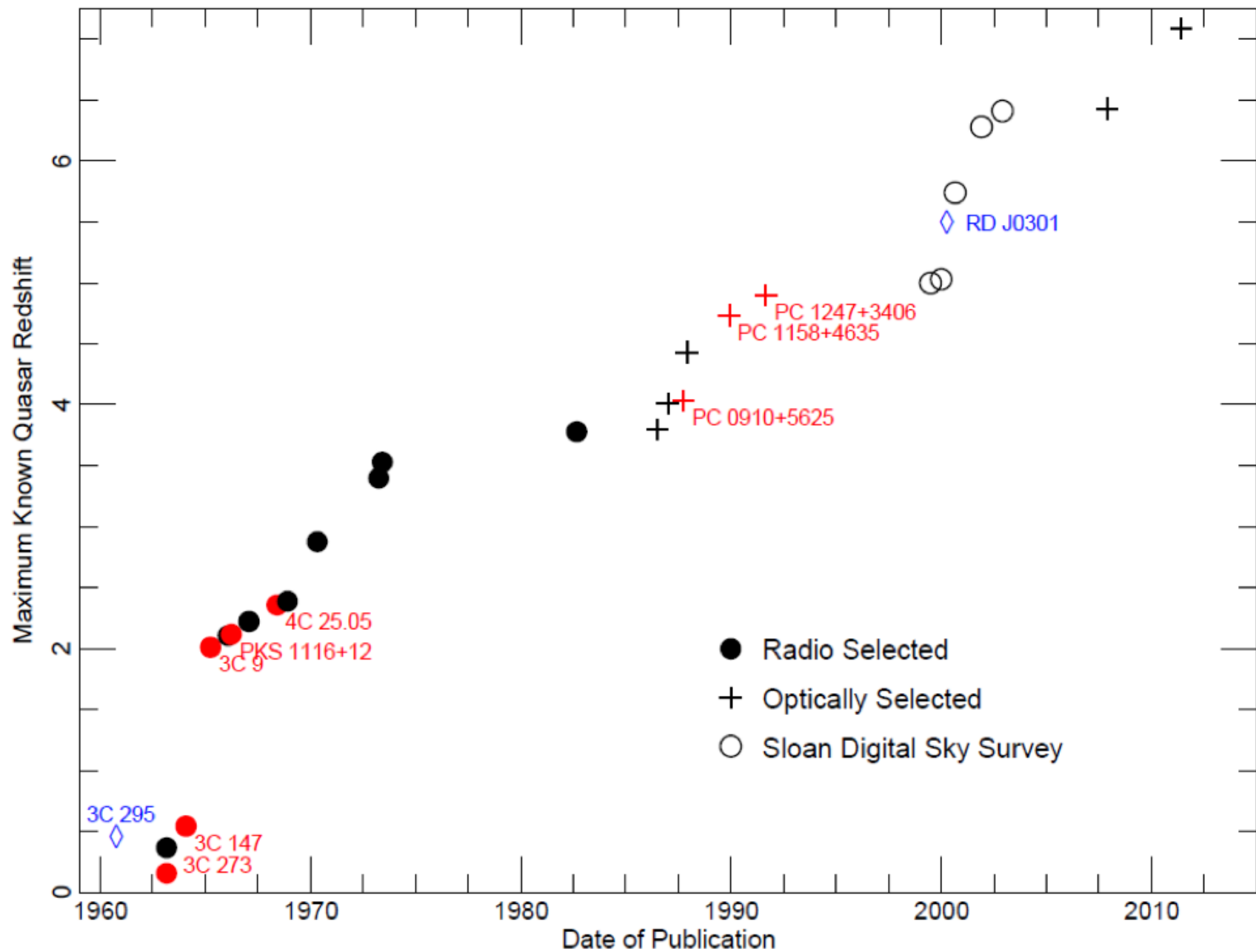
## Merger morphology in rest-frame UV

## sBzK & DRGs strongly clustered ( $r_0 \sim 8\text{--}11\text{ h}^{-1}\text{ Mpc}$ )

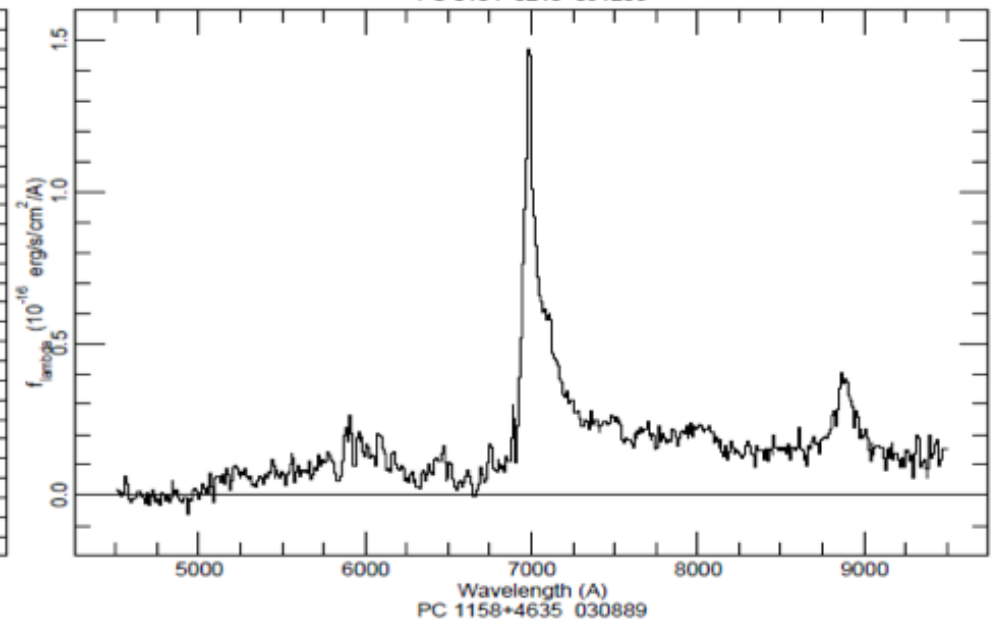
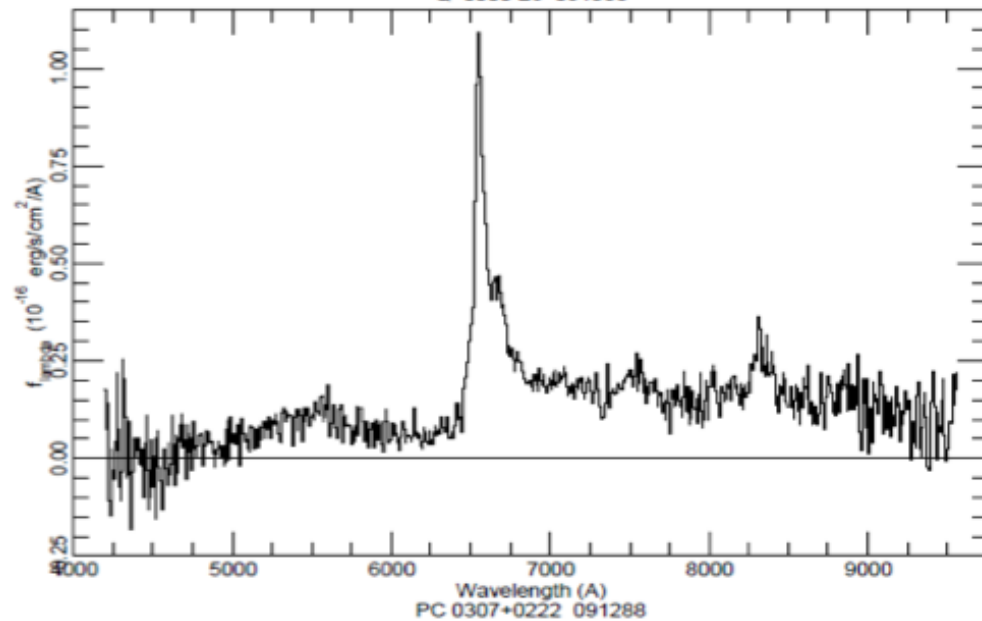
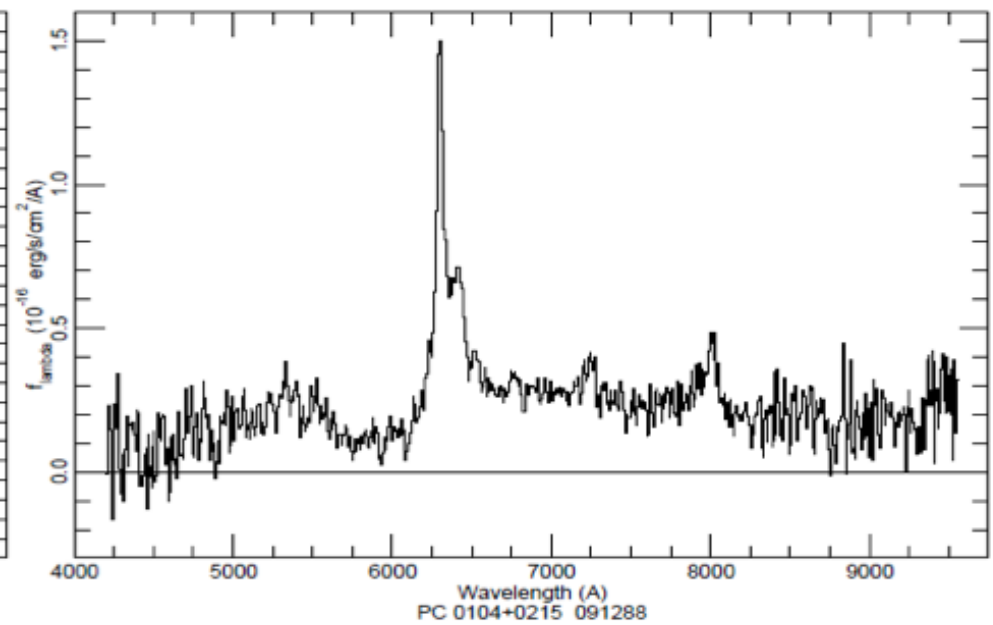
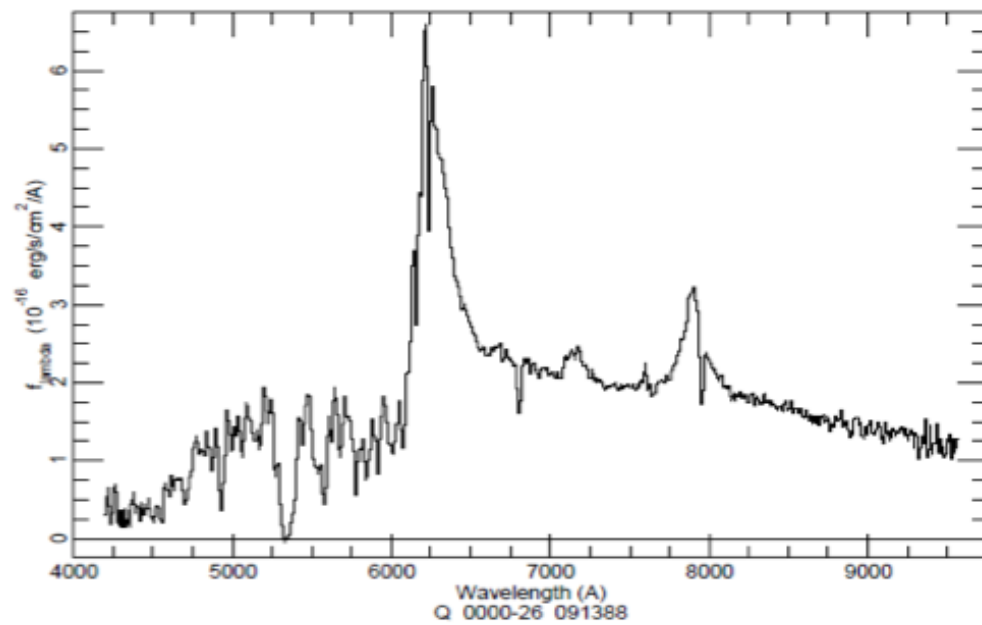
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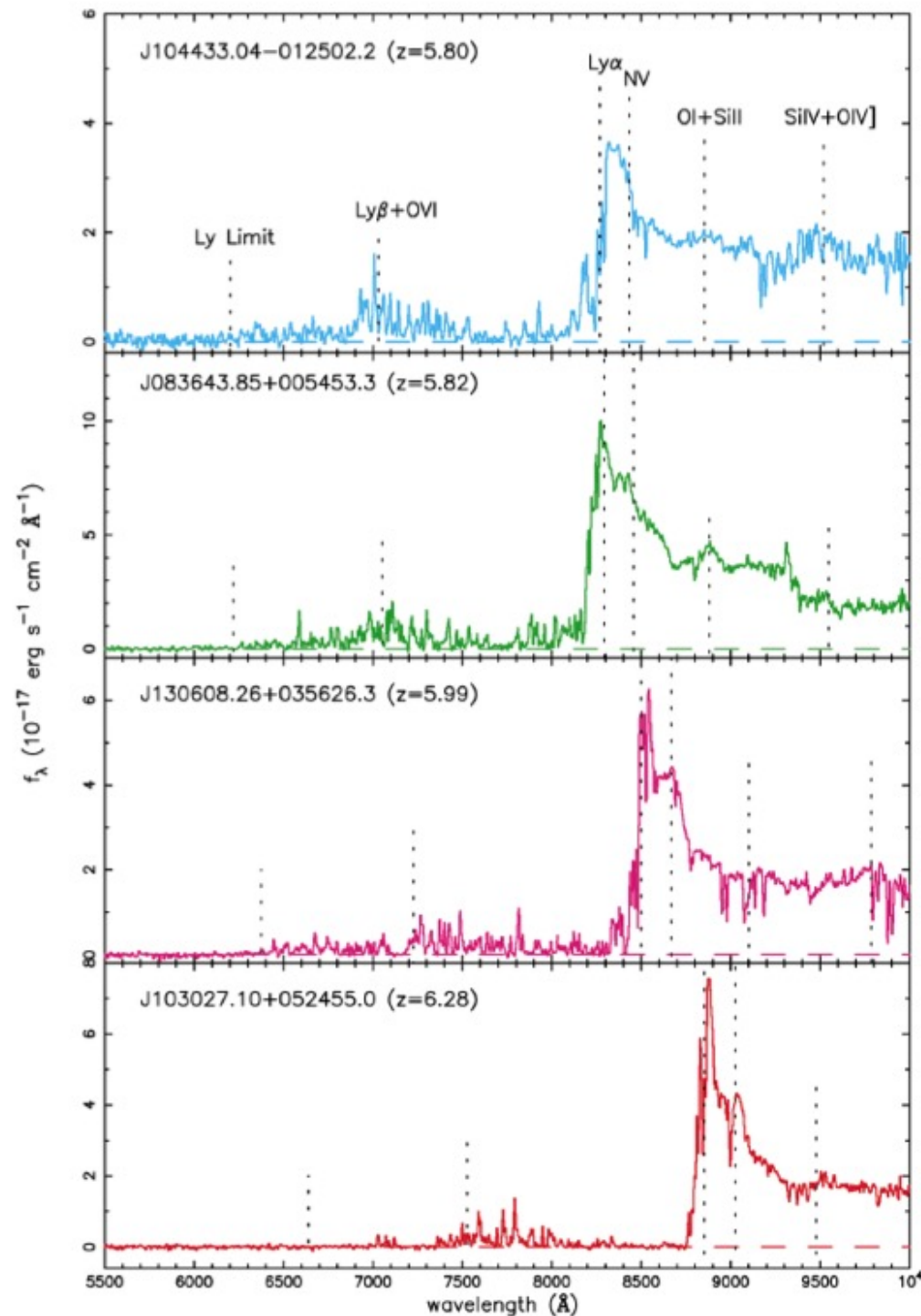


# High Redshift Quasars



# Indications of rapid increase of H I Opacity at $z \sim 4$

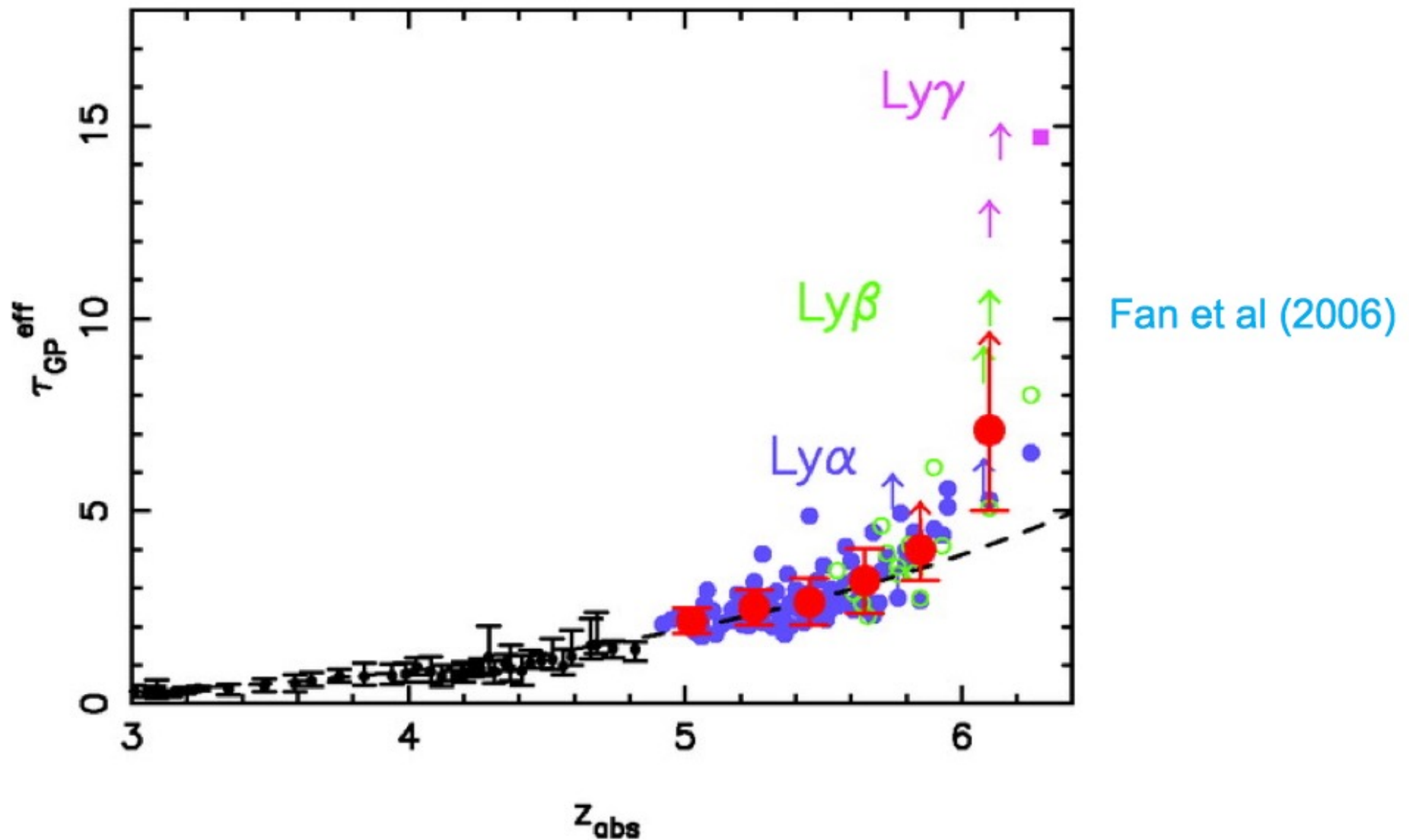




# Detection of Gunn-Peterson Troughs in $z \sim 6$ Quasars in 2001

Becker et al (2001)

# Rapid increase in H I Opacity at $z \sim 6$



# What we have Learned

- The number density of quasars drops dramatically at  $z > 3$
- Billion solar mass black holes can form within a billion years of the big bang
- The Epoch of Reionization (EoR) ends around  $6 < z < 8$  after which the Universe is fully ionized (again)