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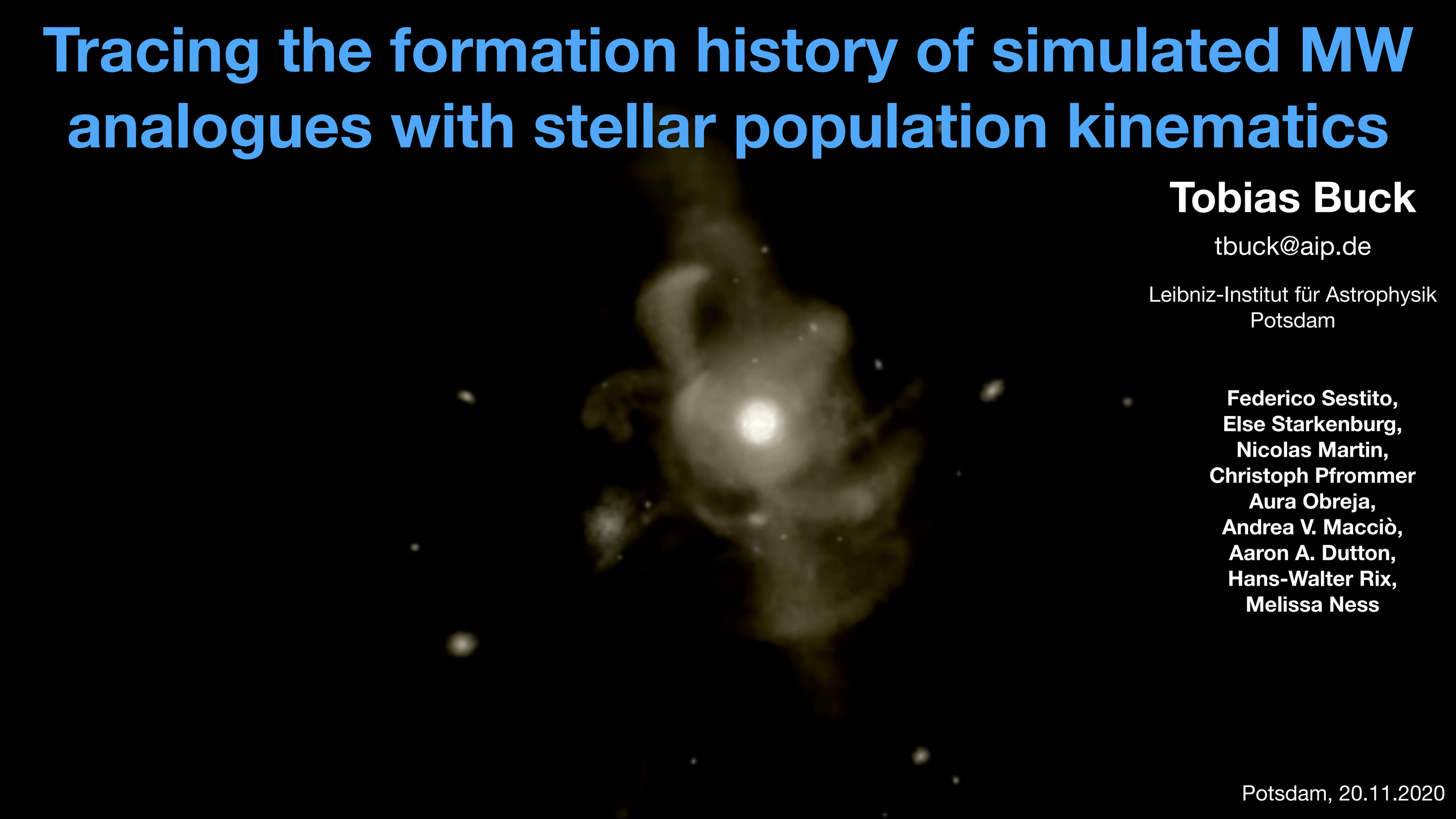

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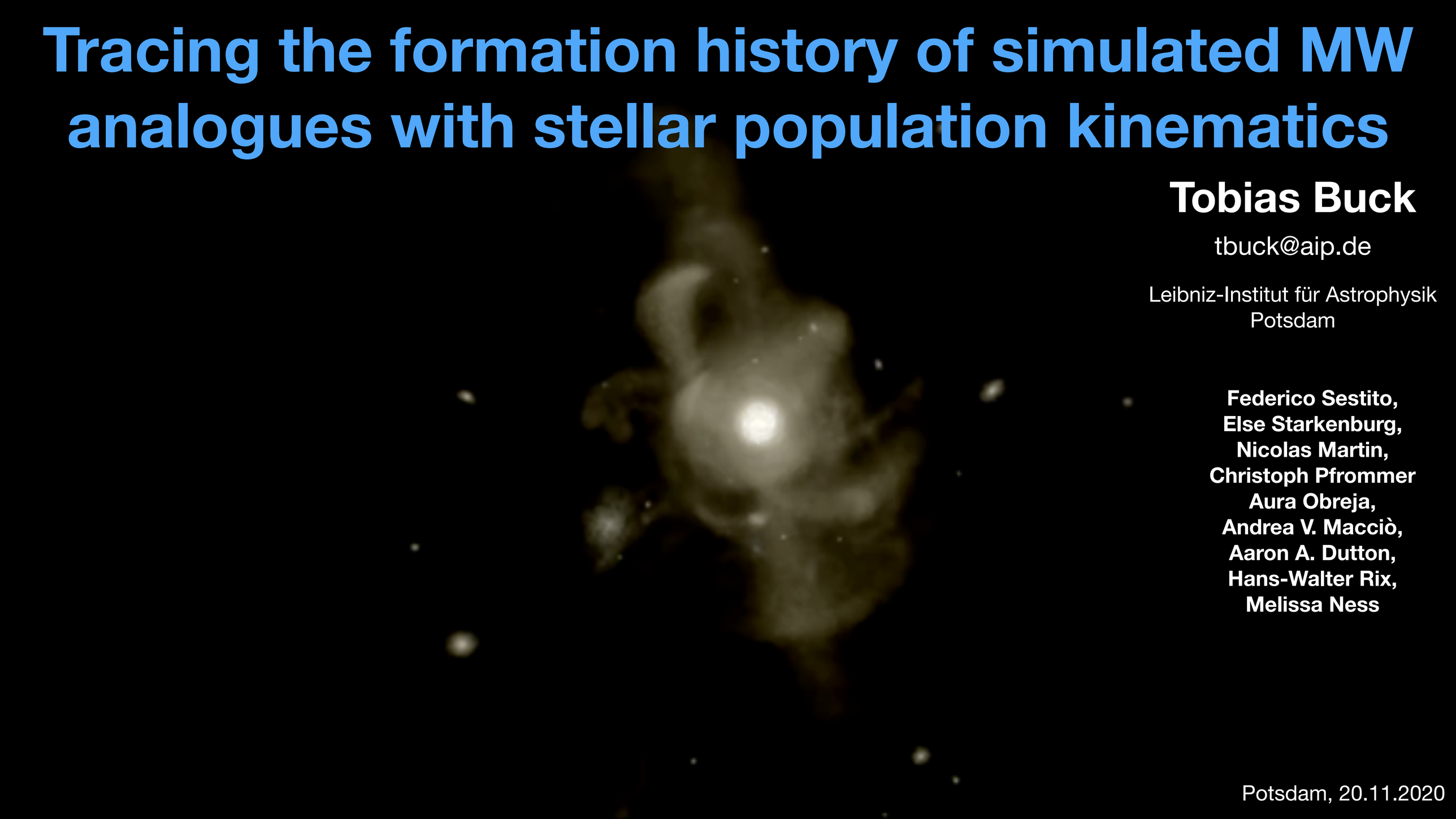

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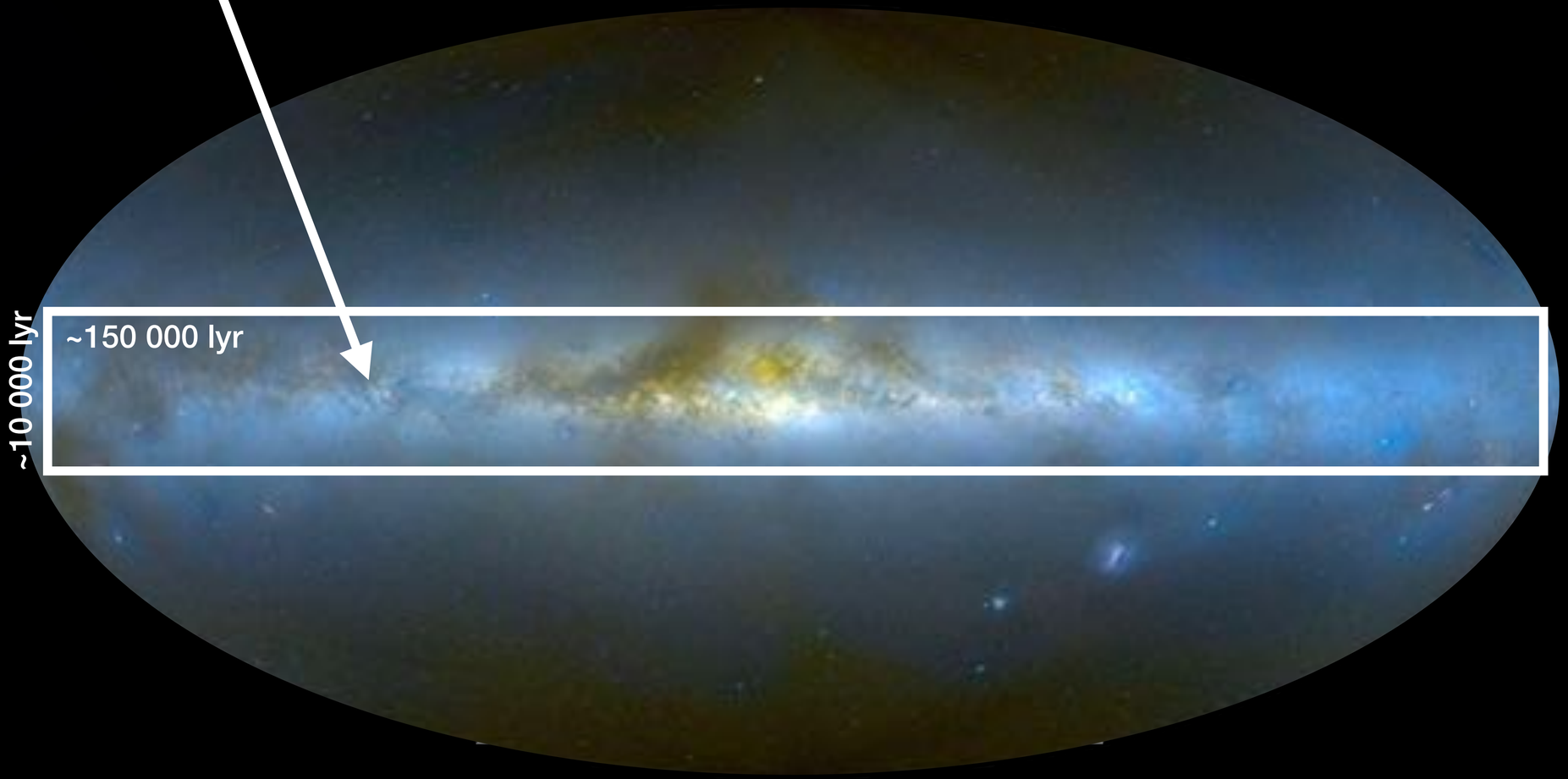

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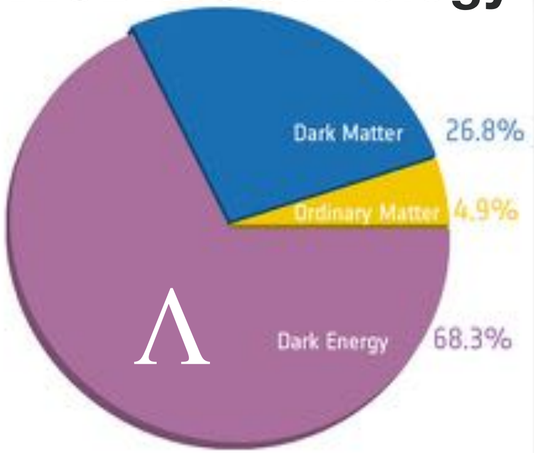

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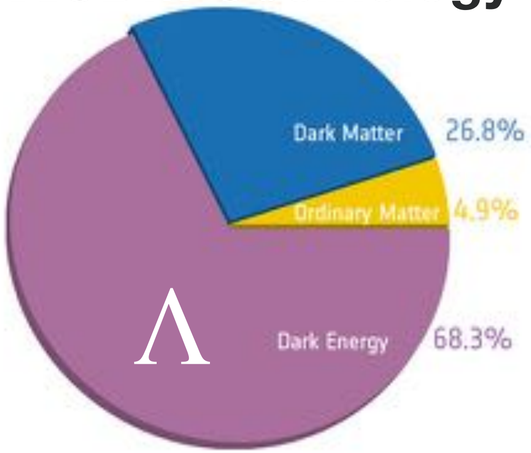

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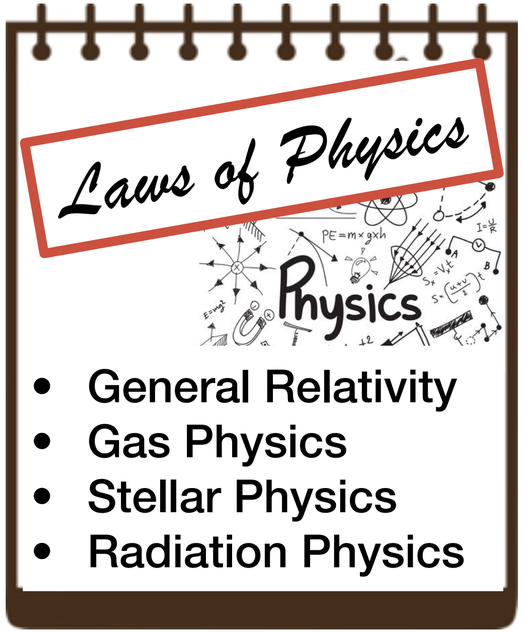

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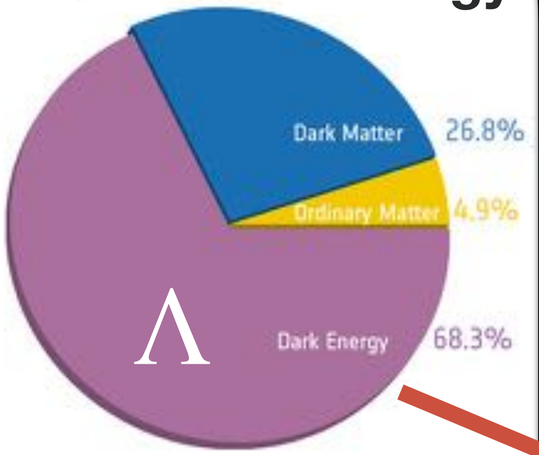

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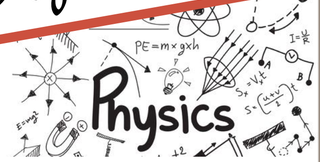

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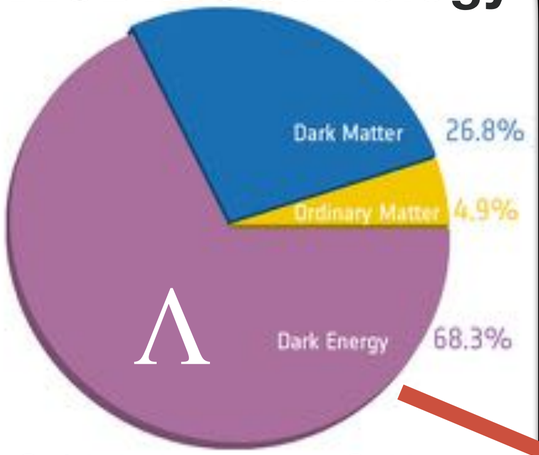

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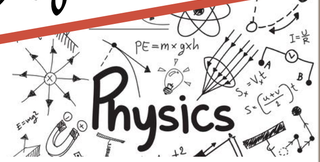

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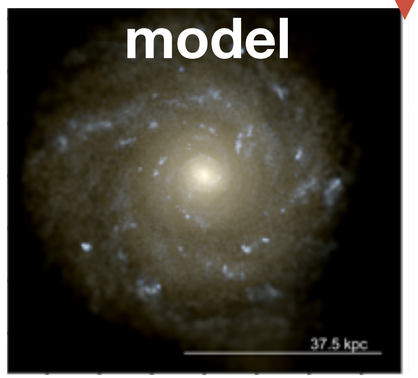

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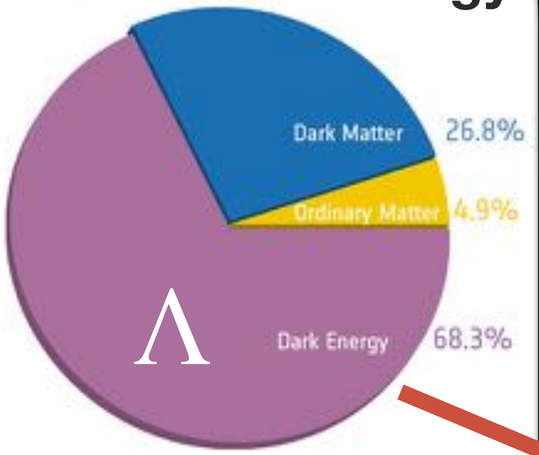

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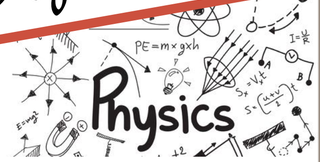

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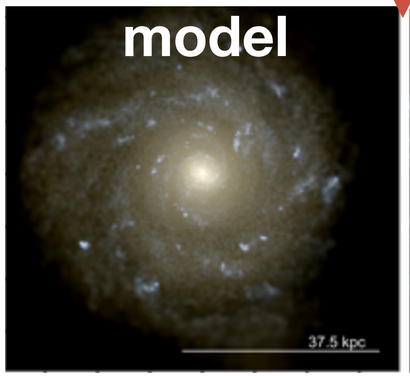

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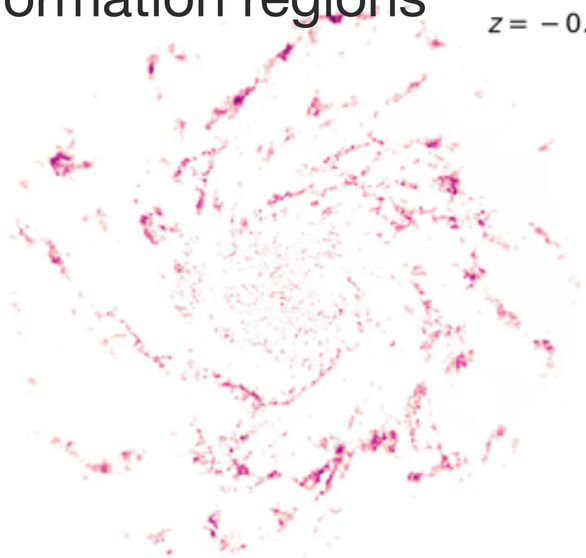

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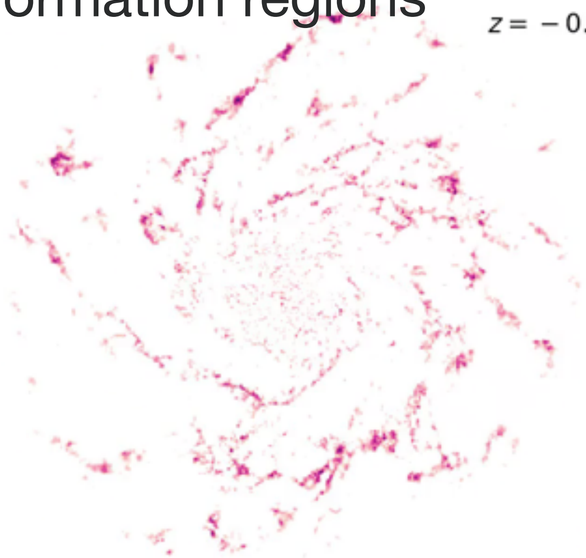

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~ 3x10^7 resolution elements
~ 10^7 star
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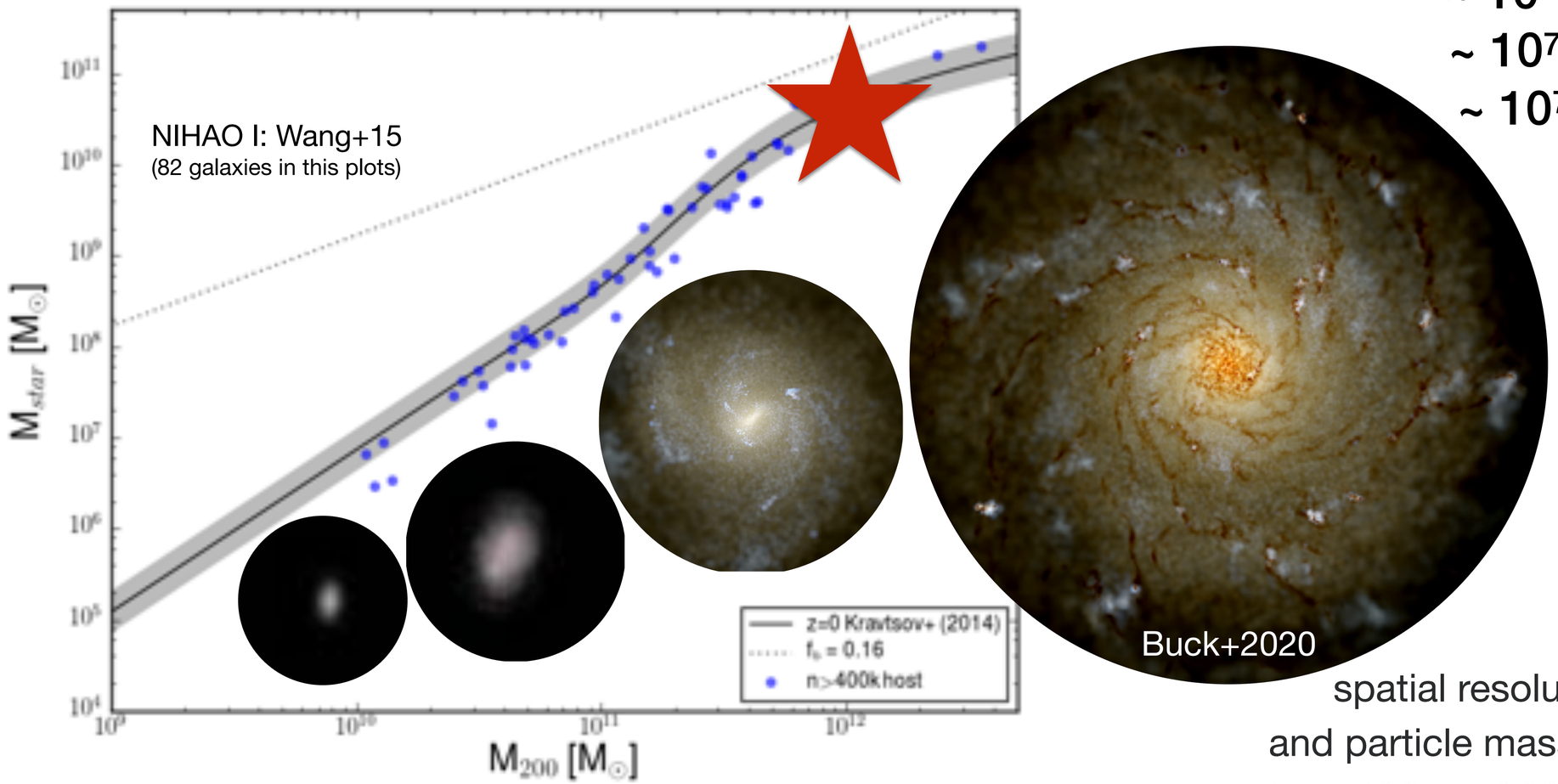
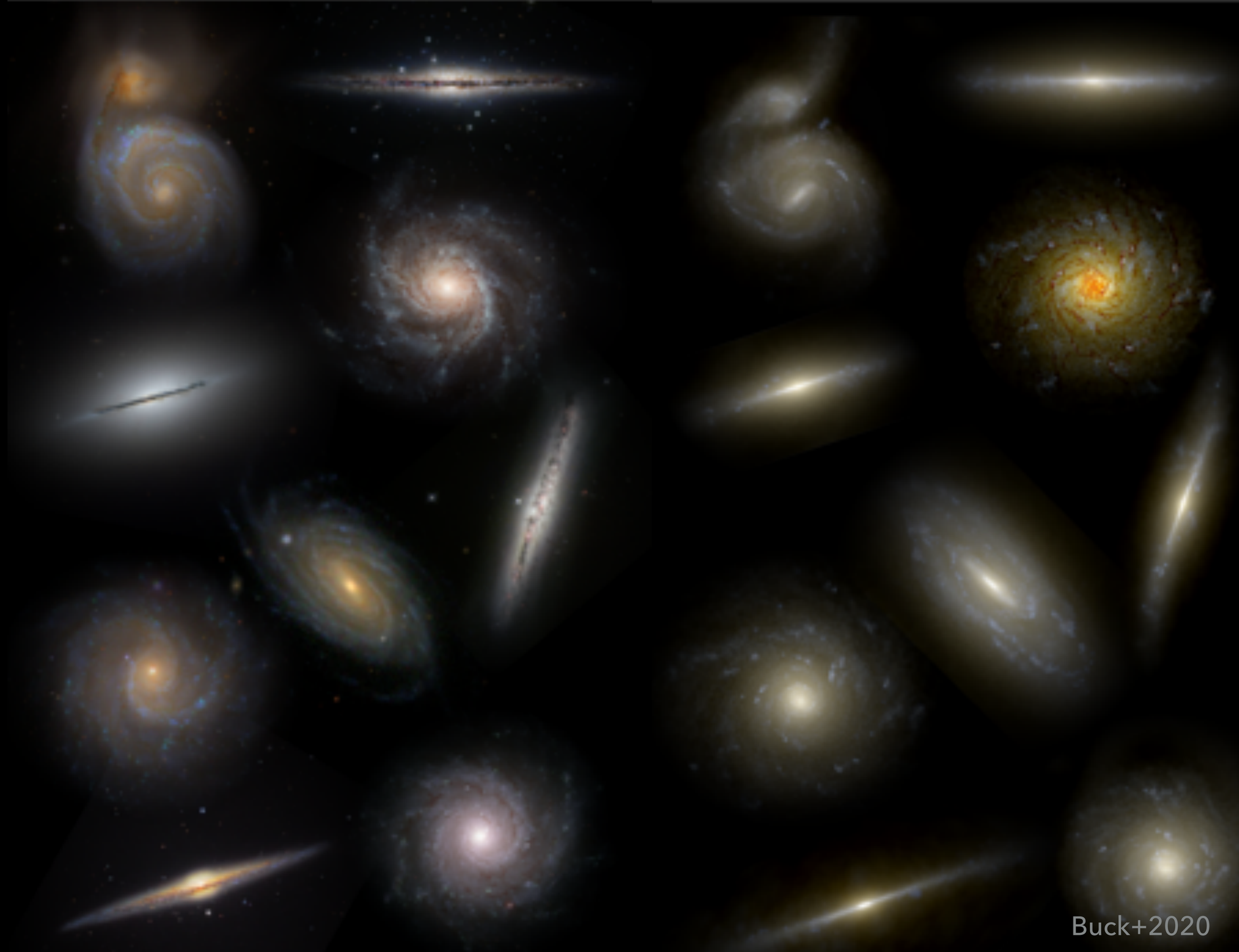


spatial resolution
and particle masses:
stars: 180 pc, 9300 $M_\odot$
gas: 180 pc, 2.8 x 10^4 $M_\odot$
dark matter: 400 pc, 1.5 x 10^5 $M_\odot$

similar projects: Wetzel+2016, Sawala+2016, Grand+2017

Results look pretty realistic!



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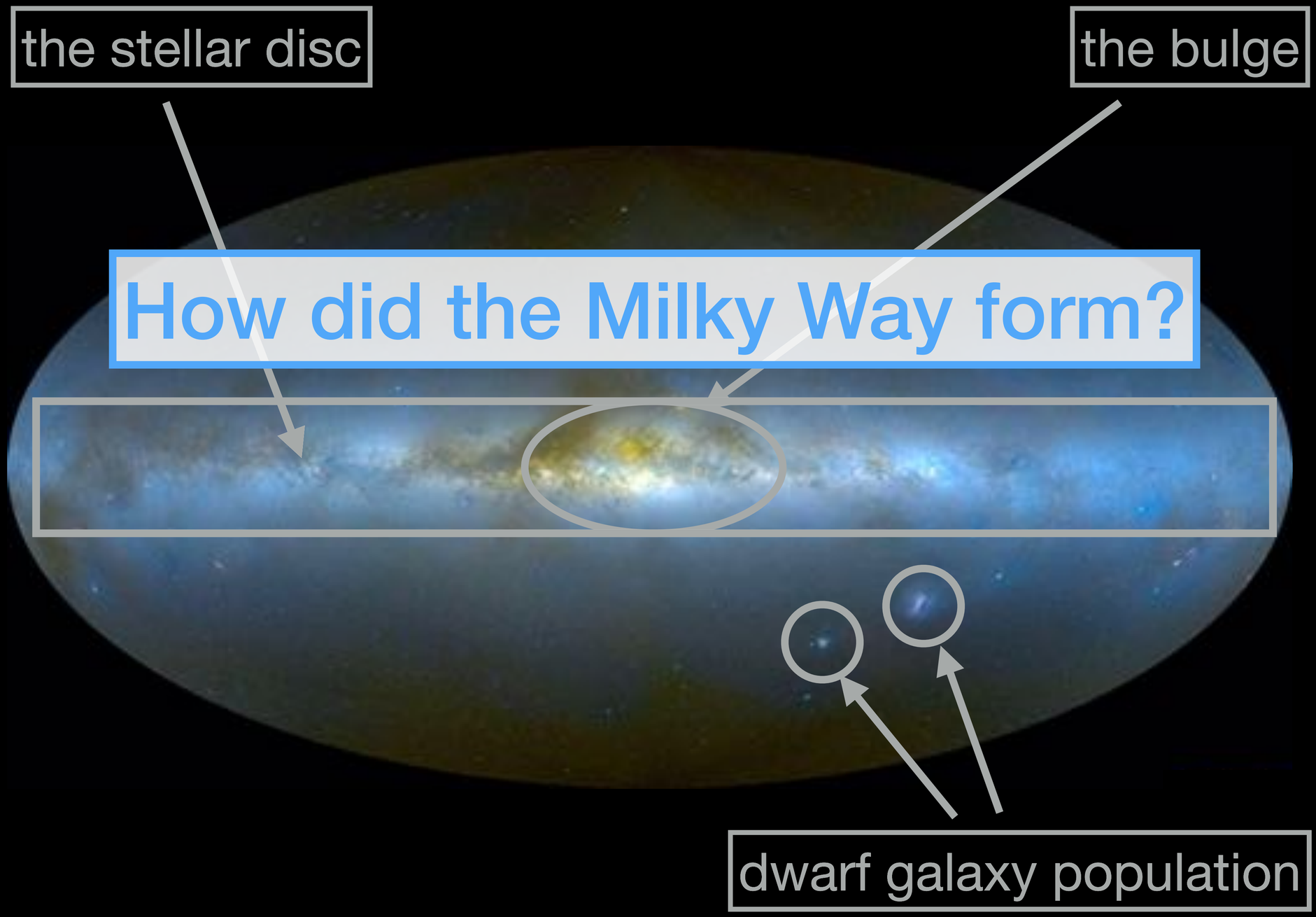
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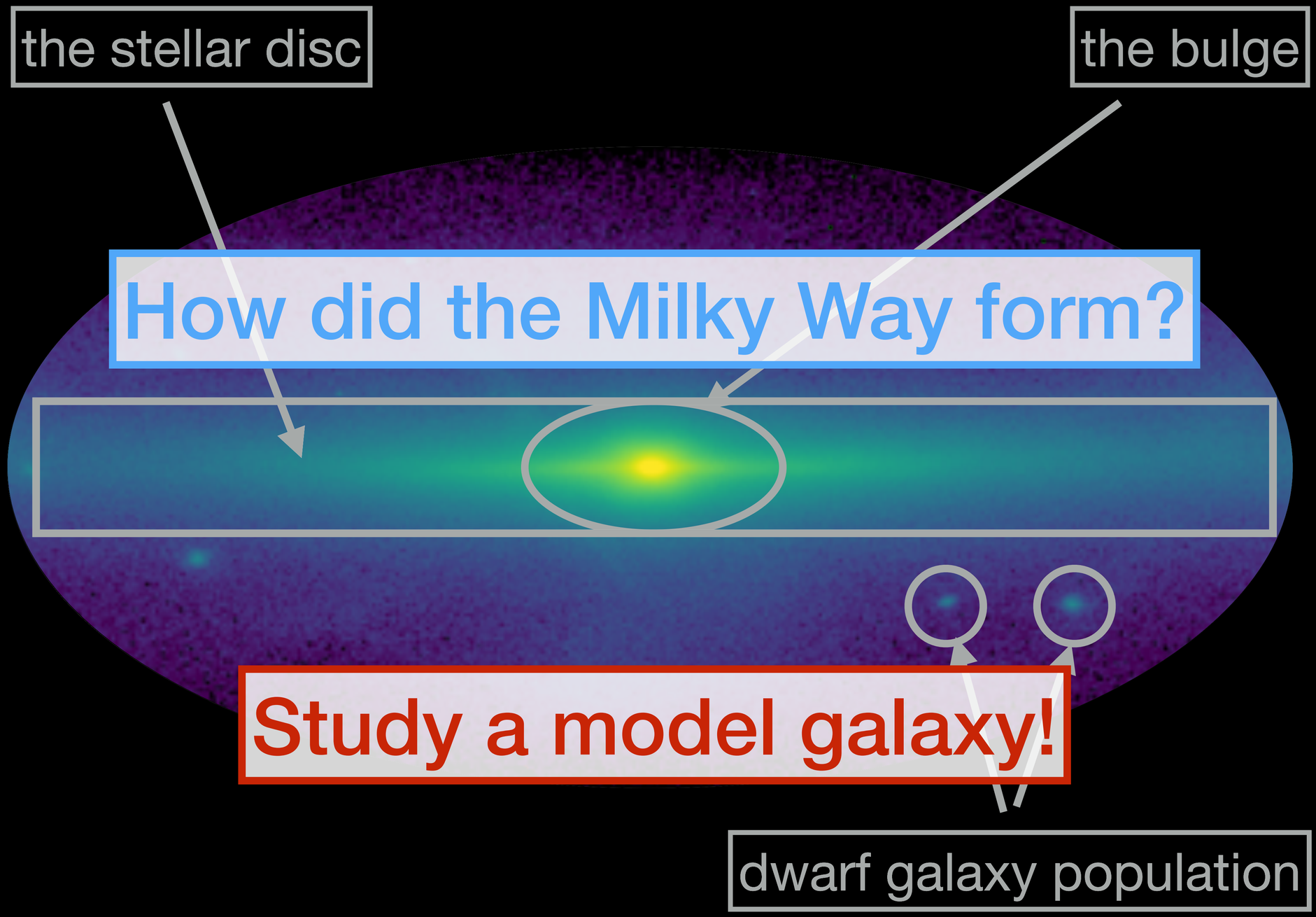
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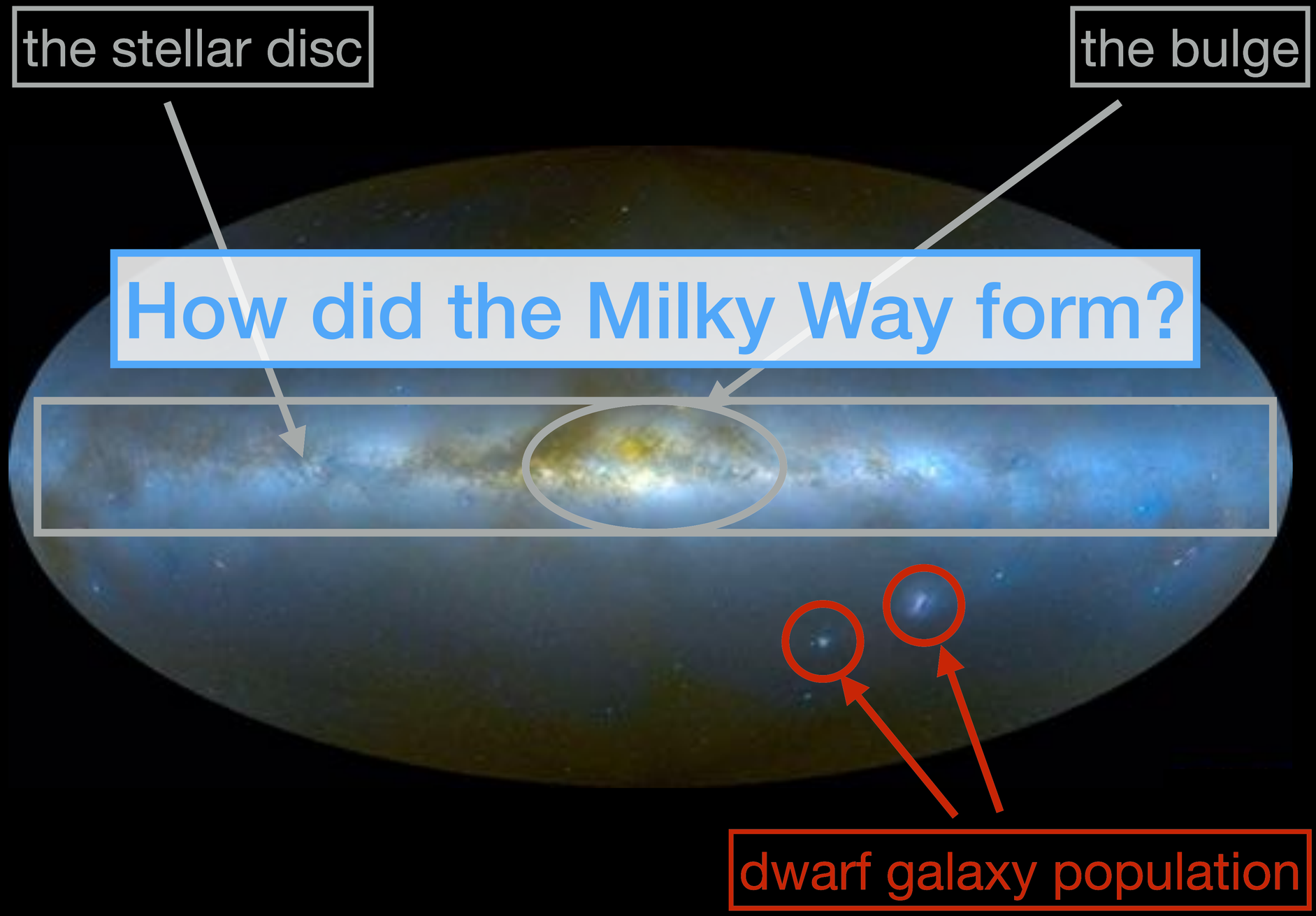
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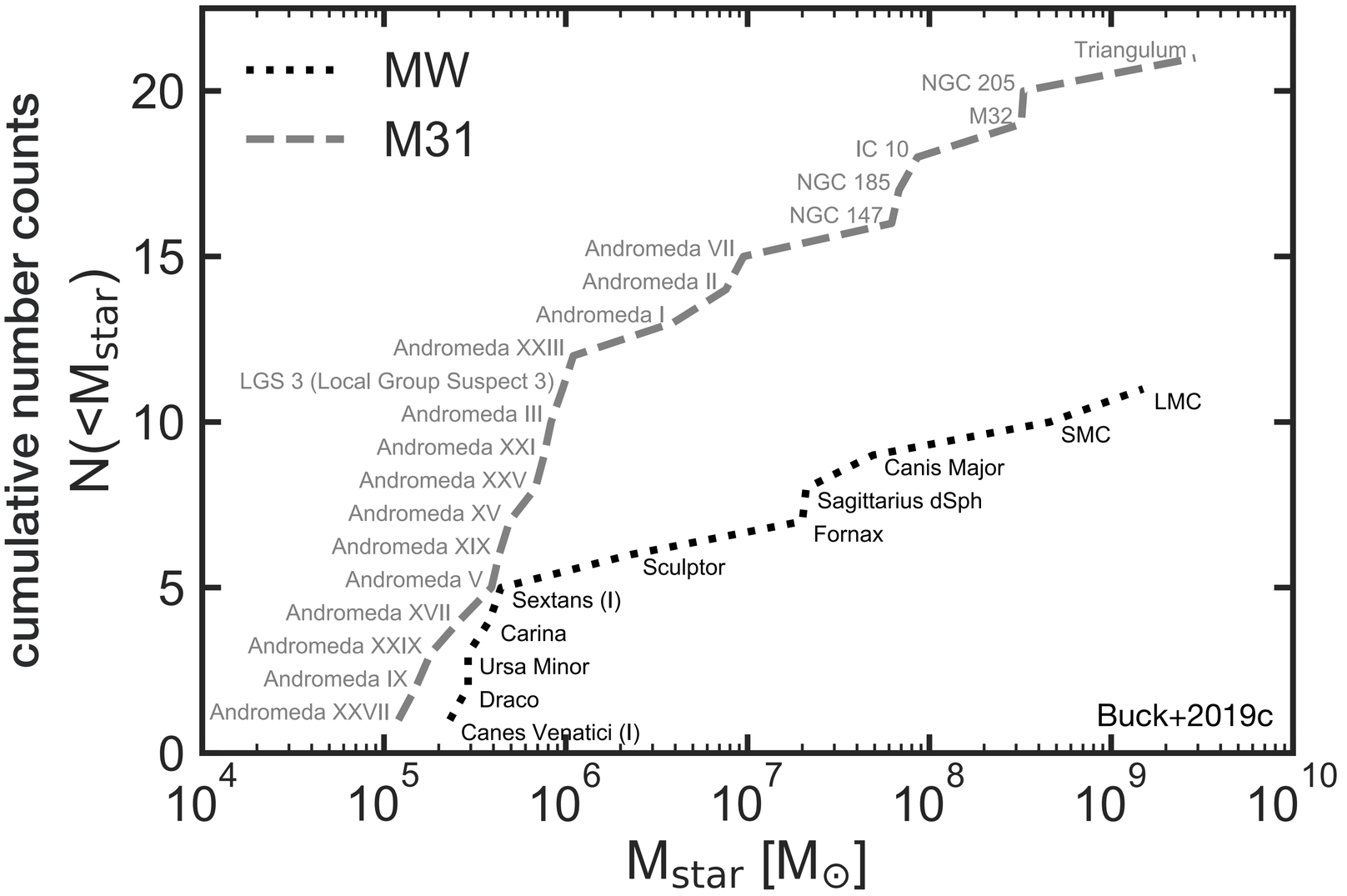

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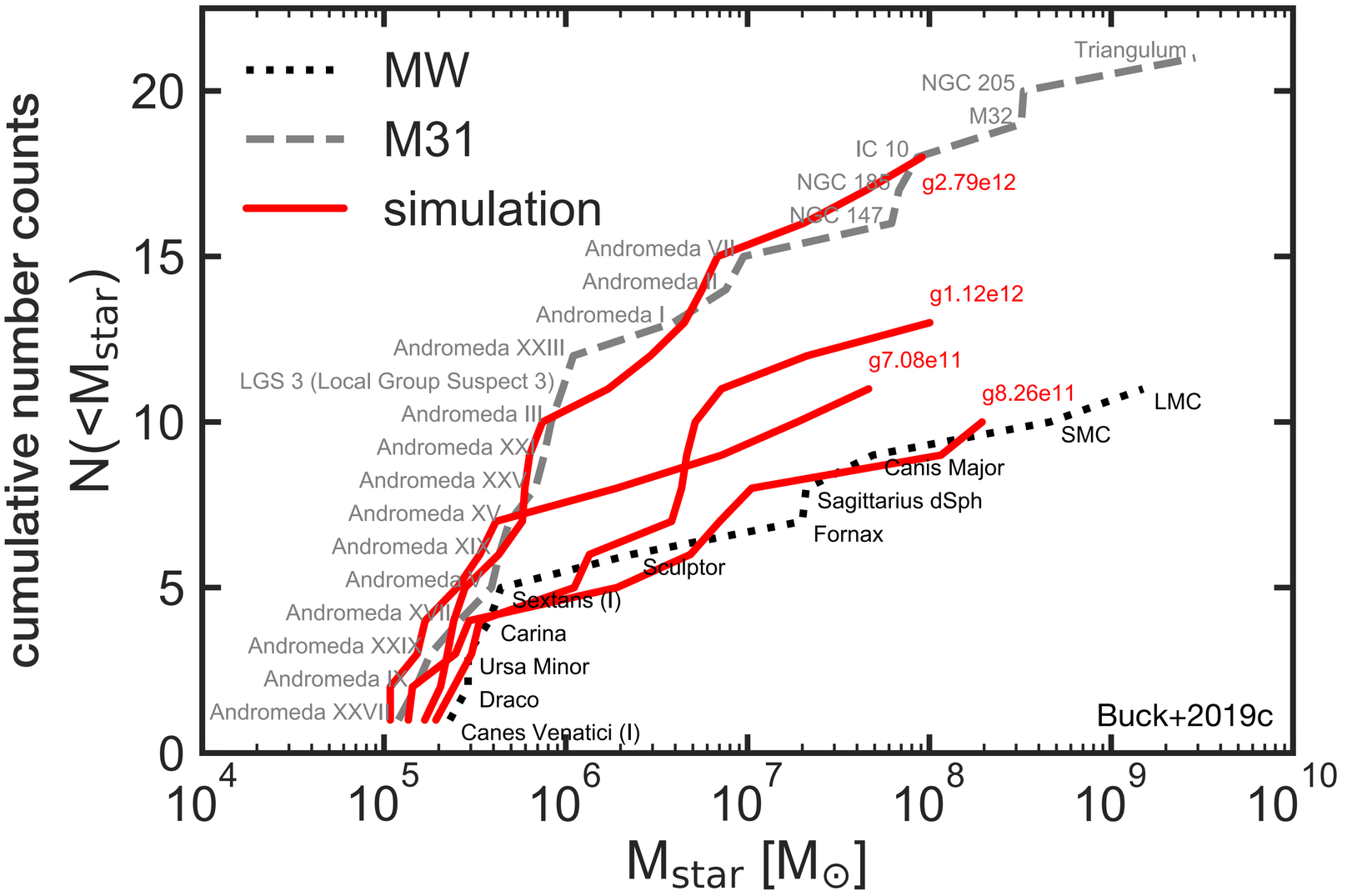

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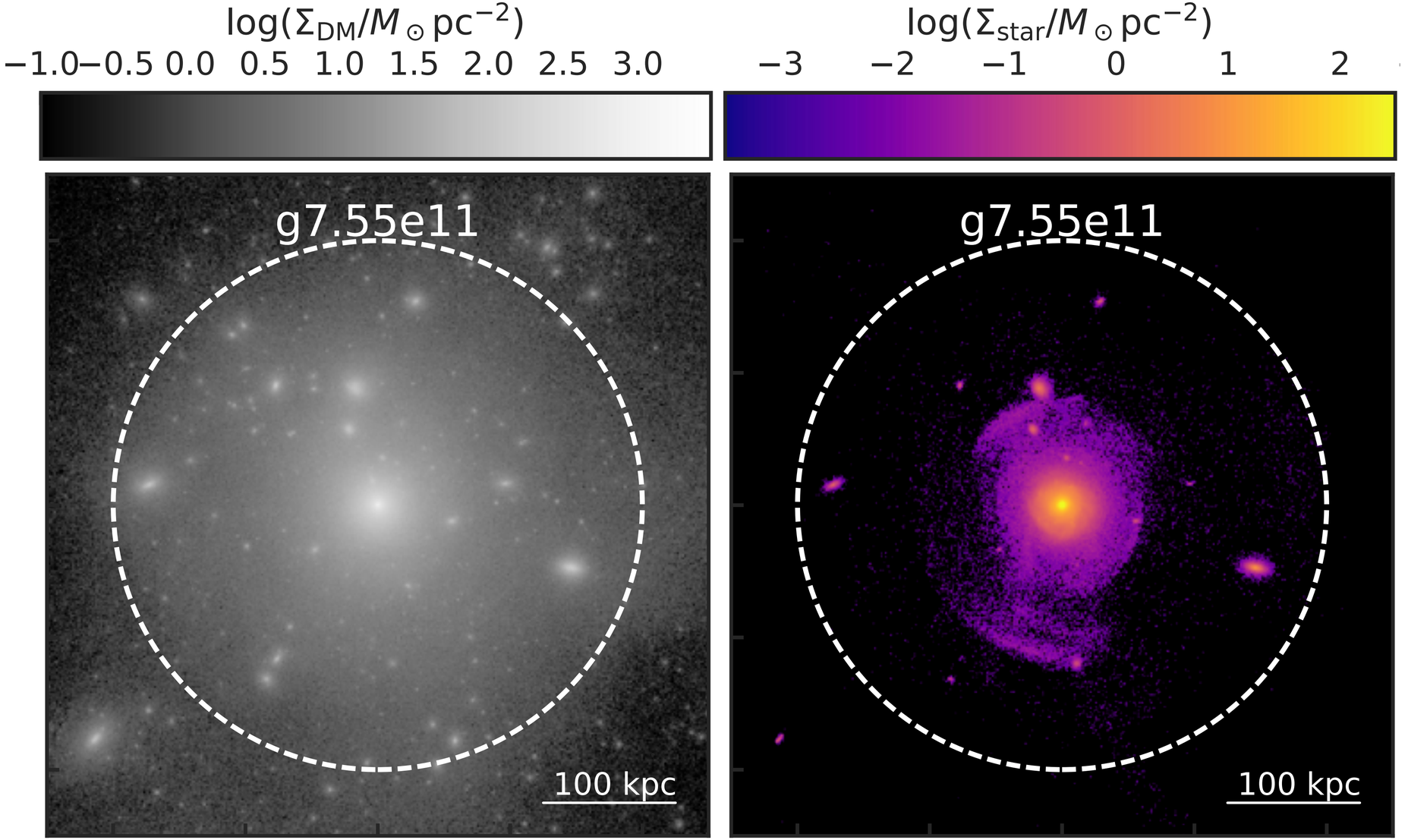

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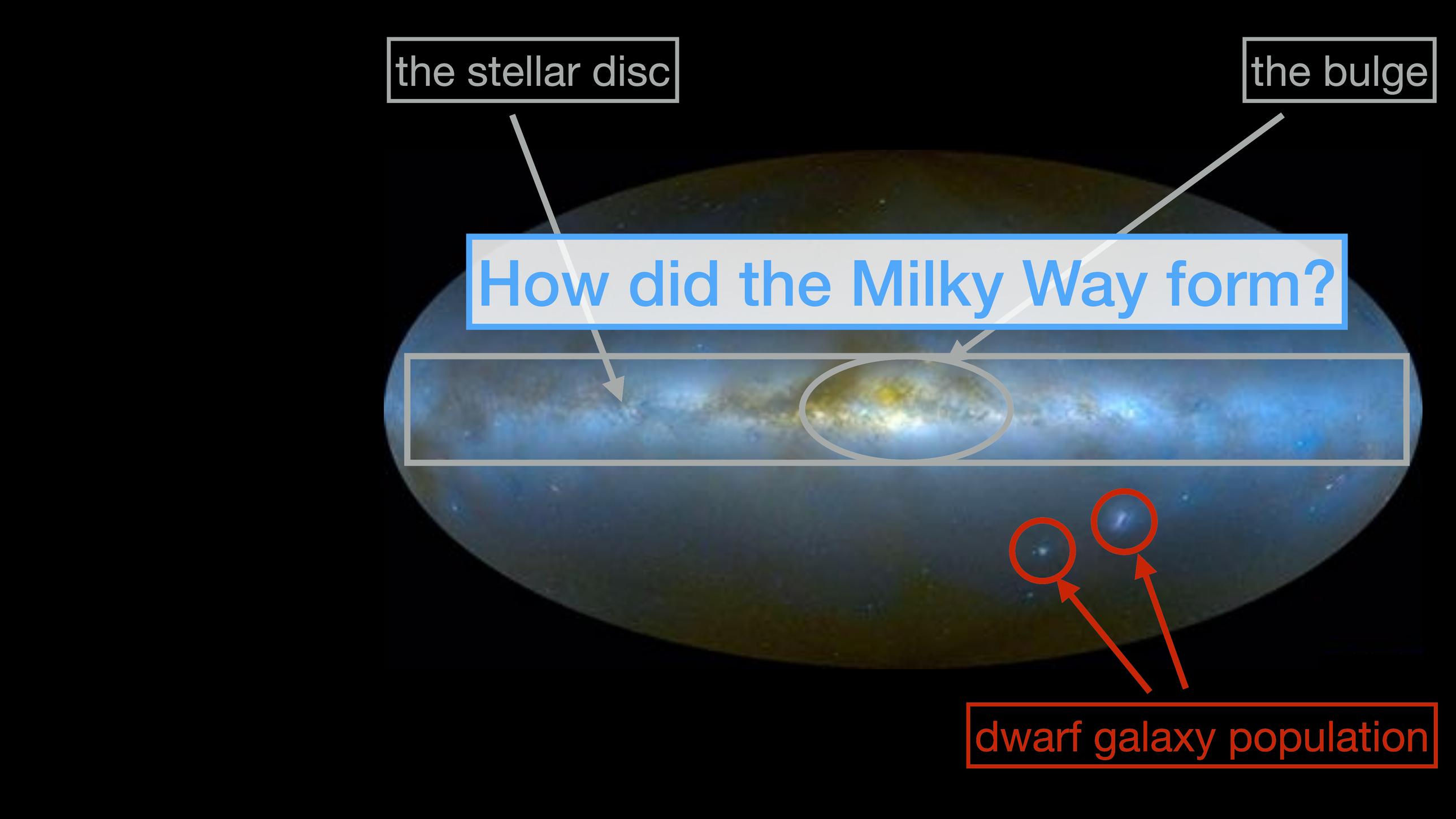
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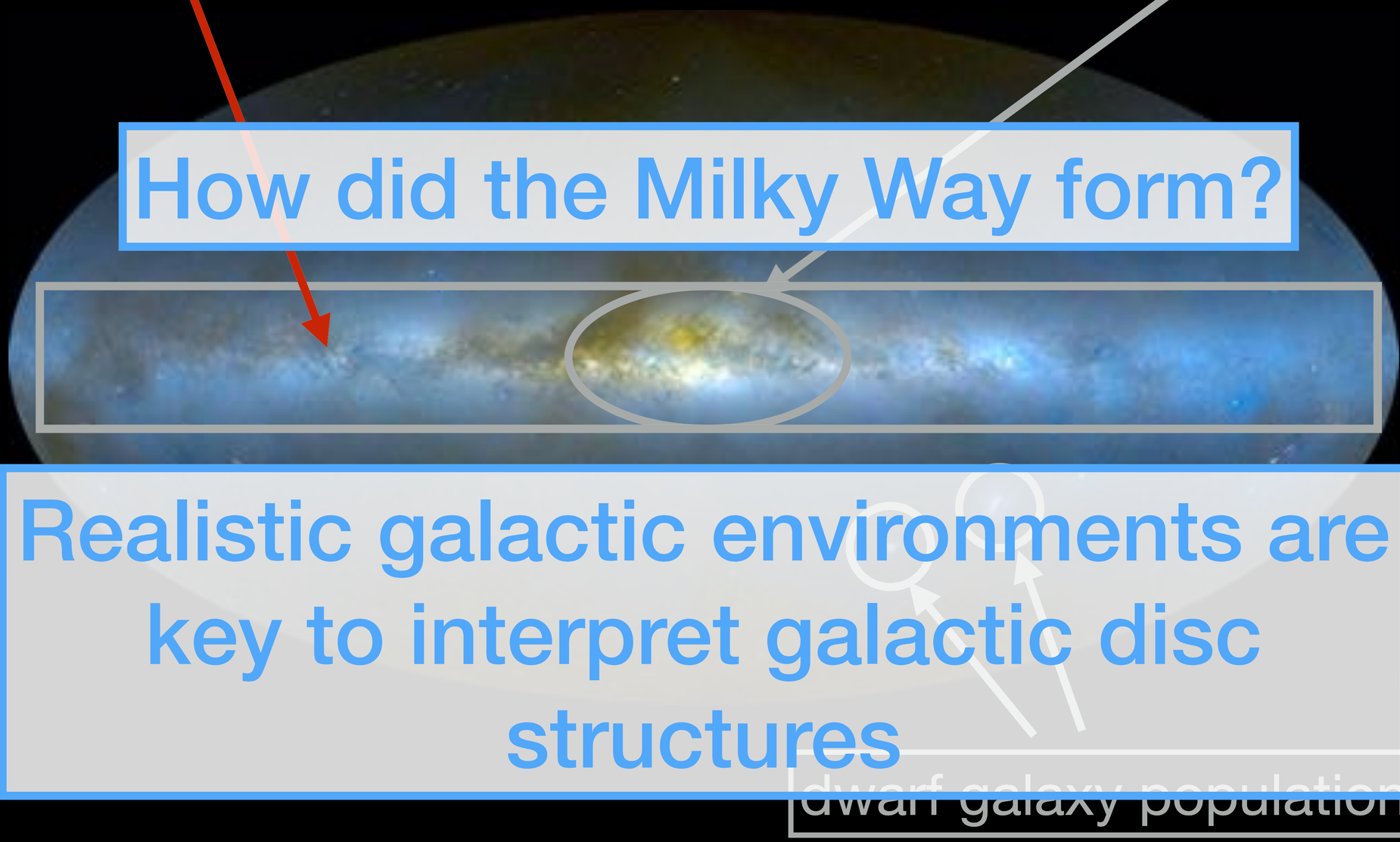
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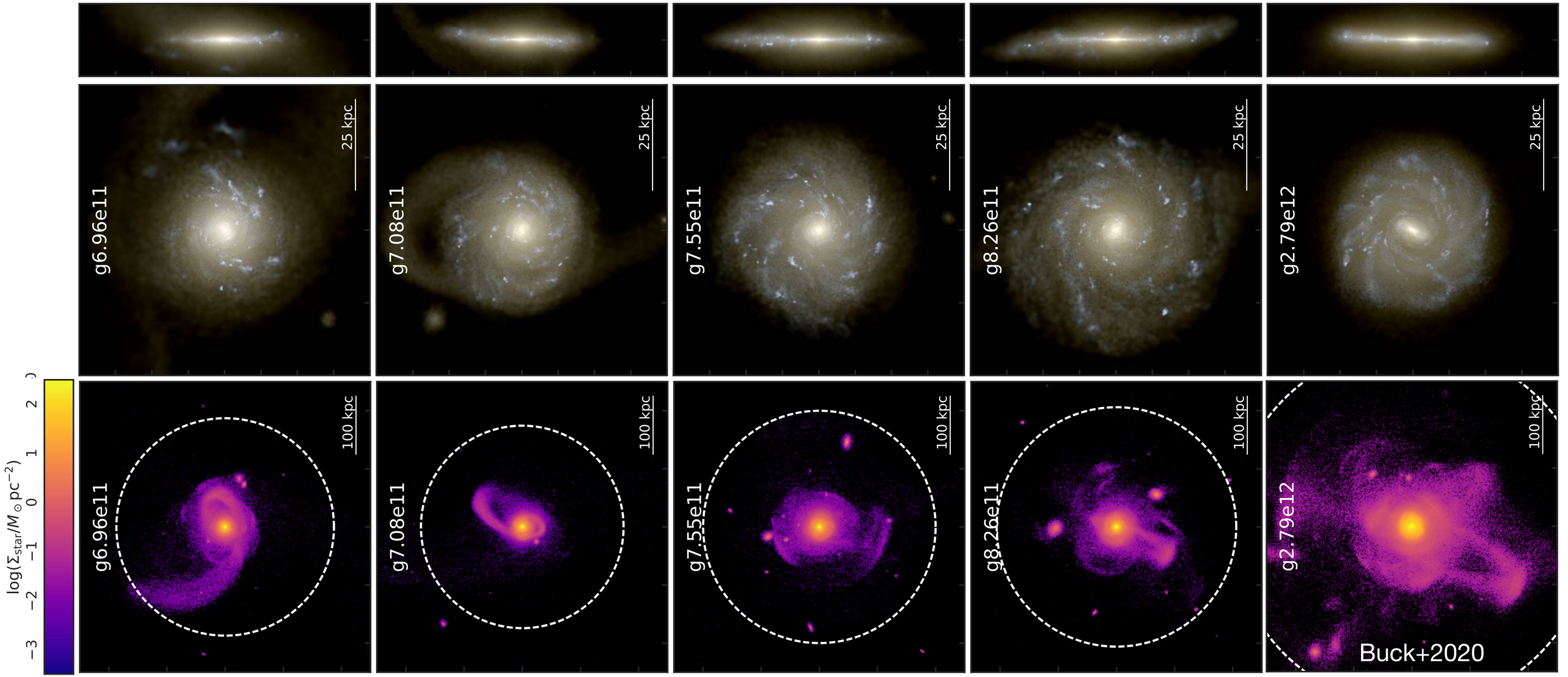

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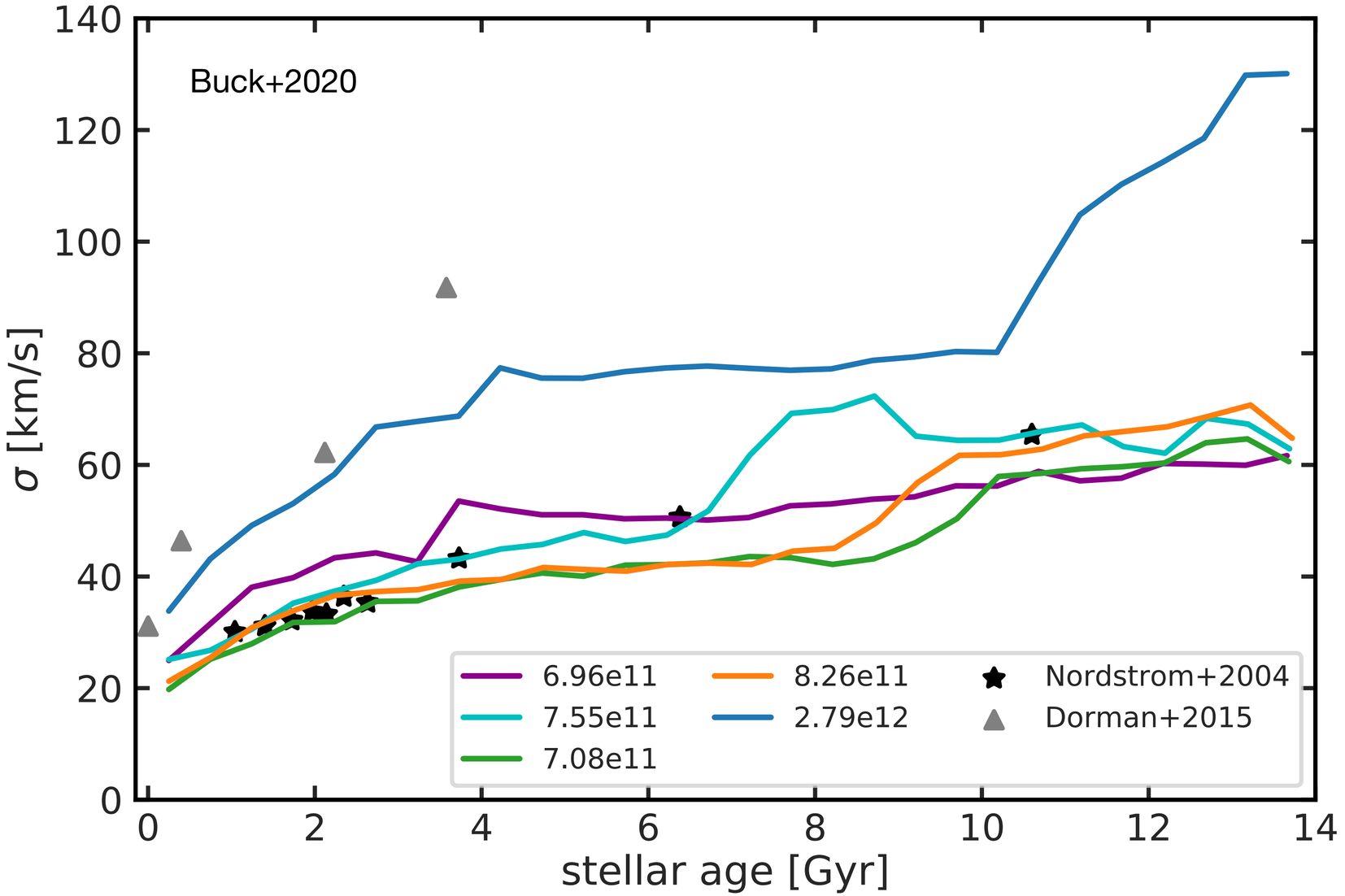

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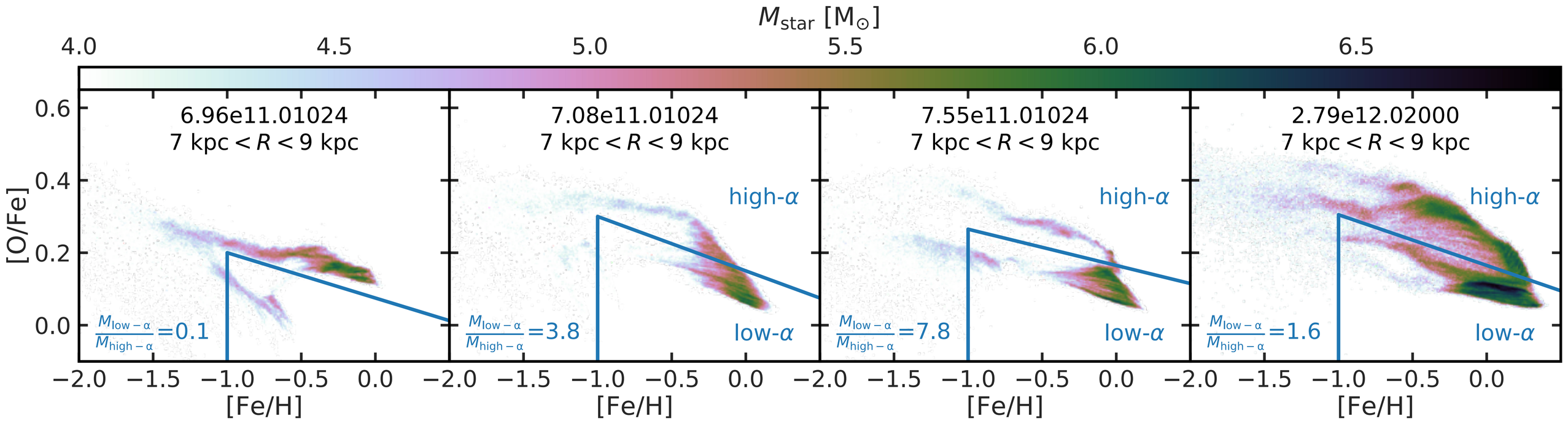

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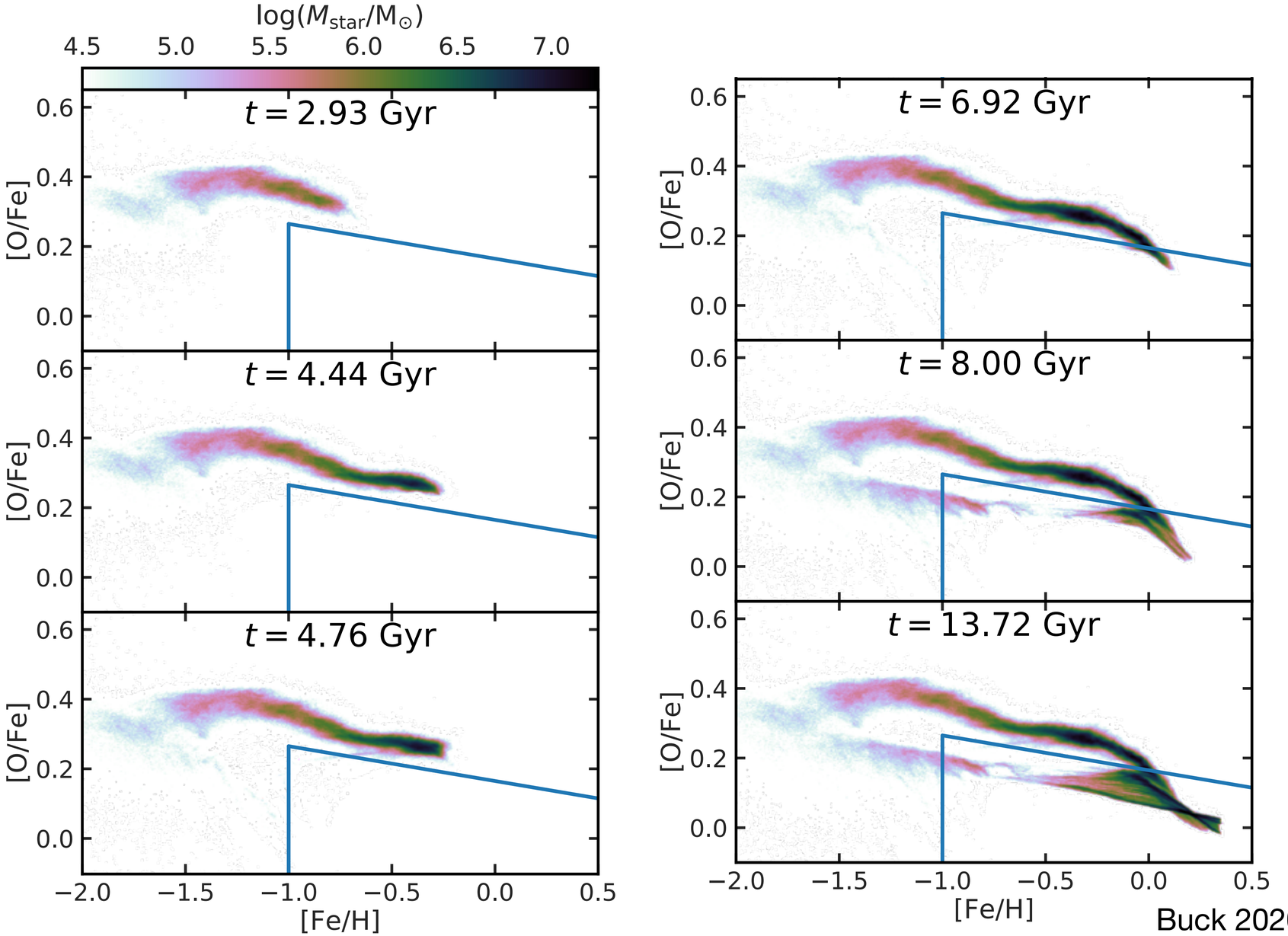

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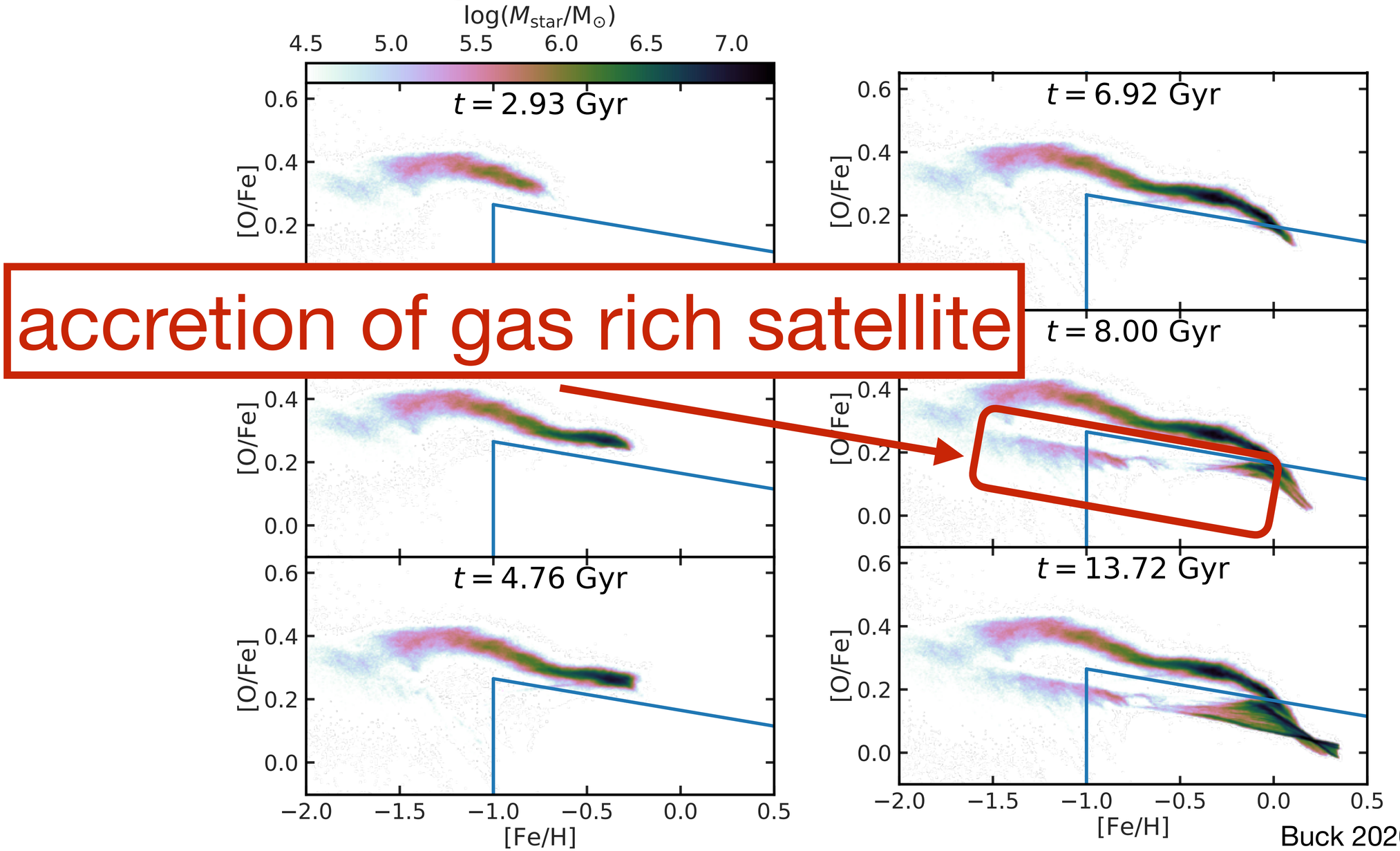

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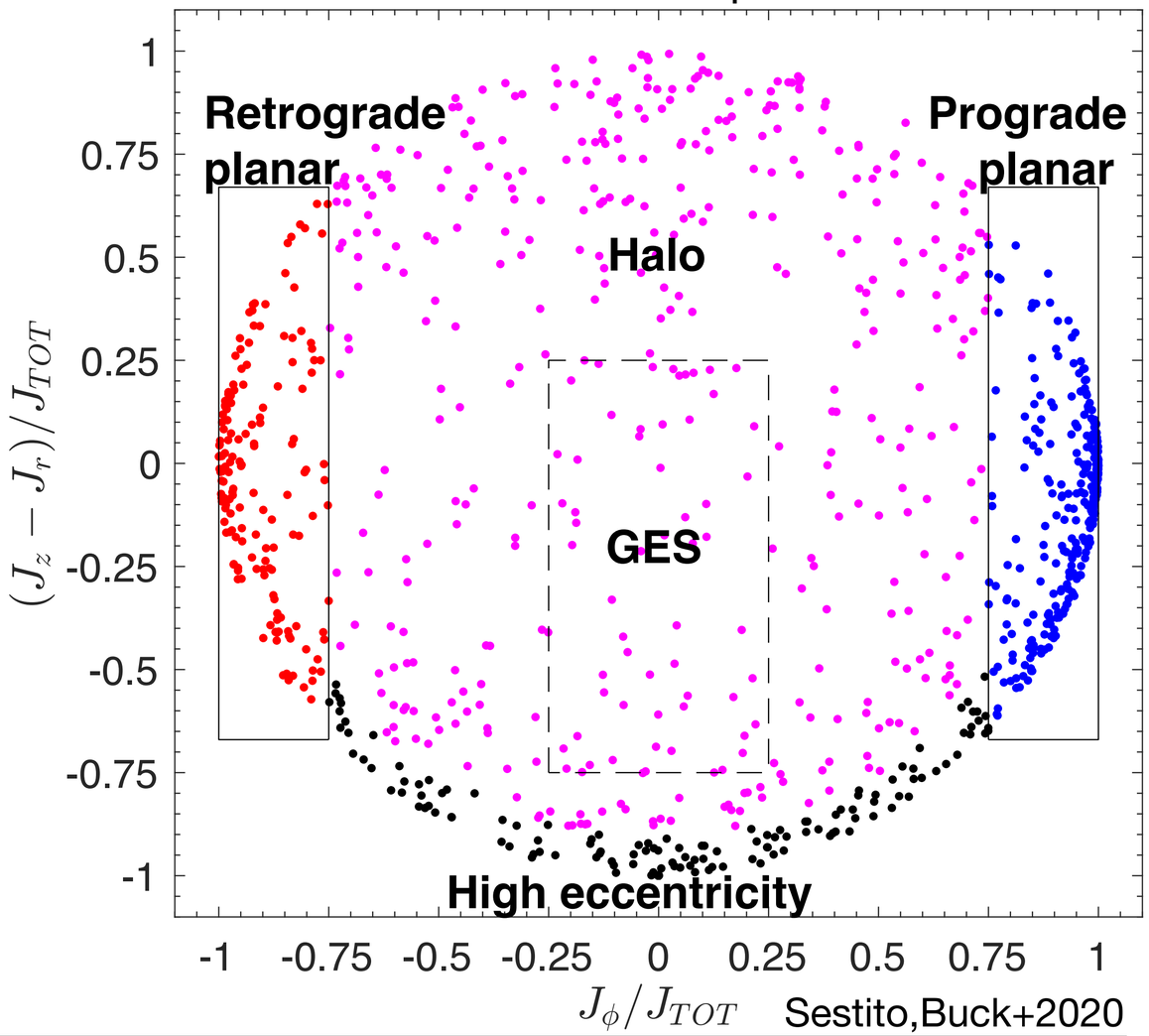

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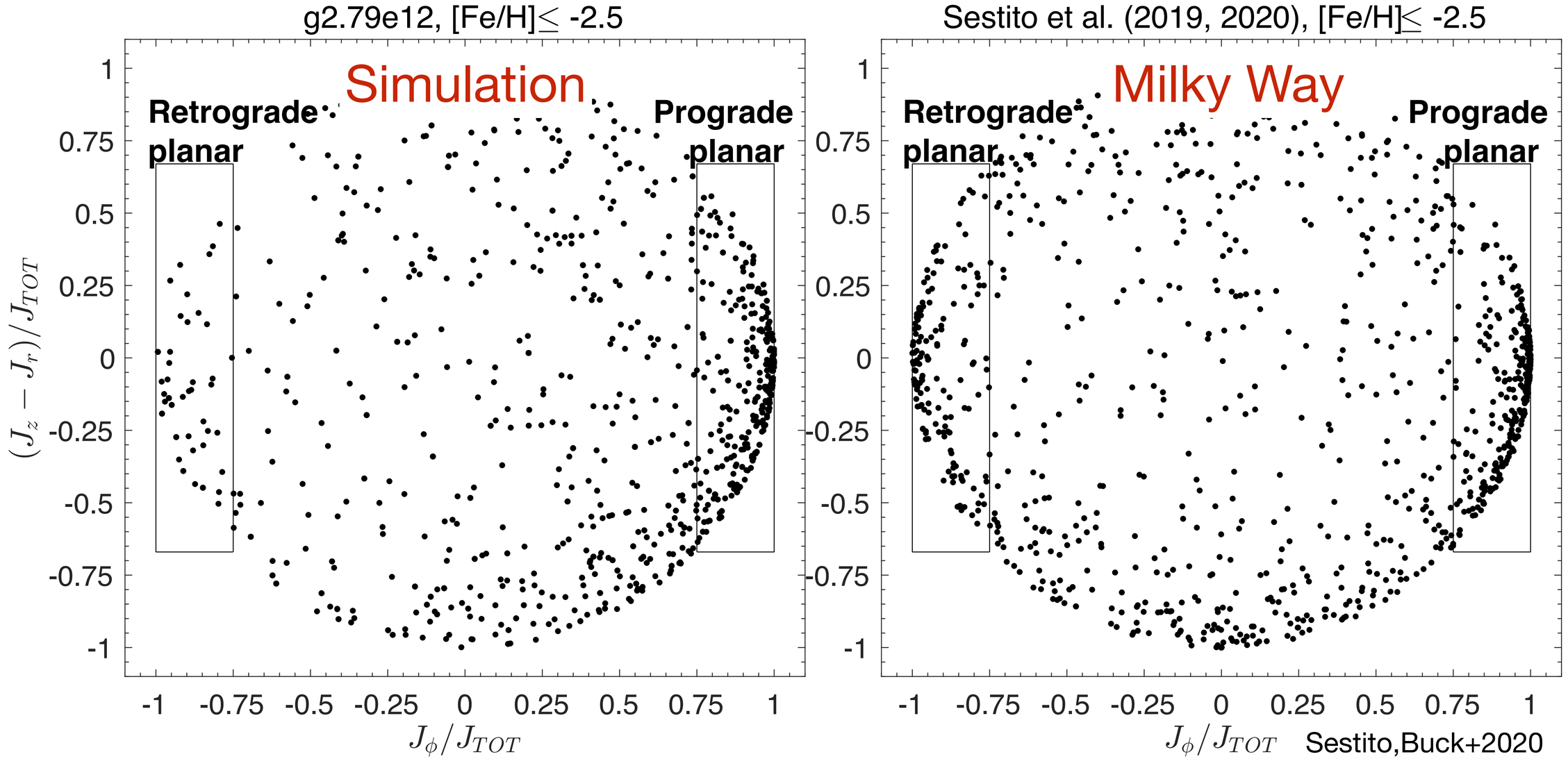

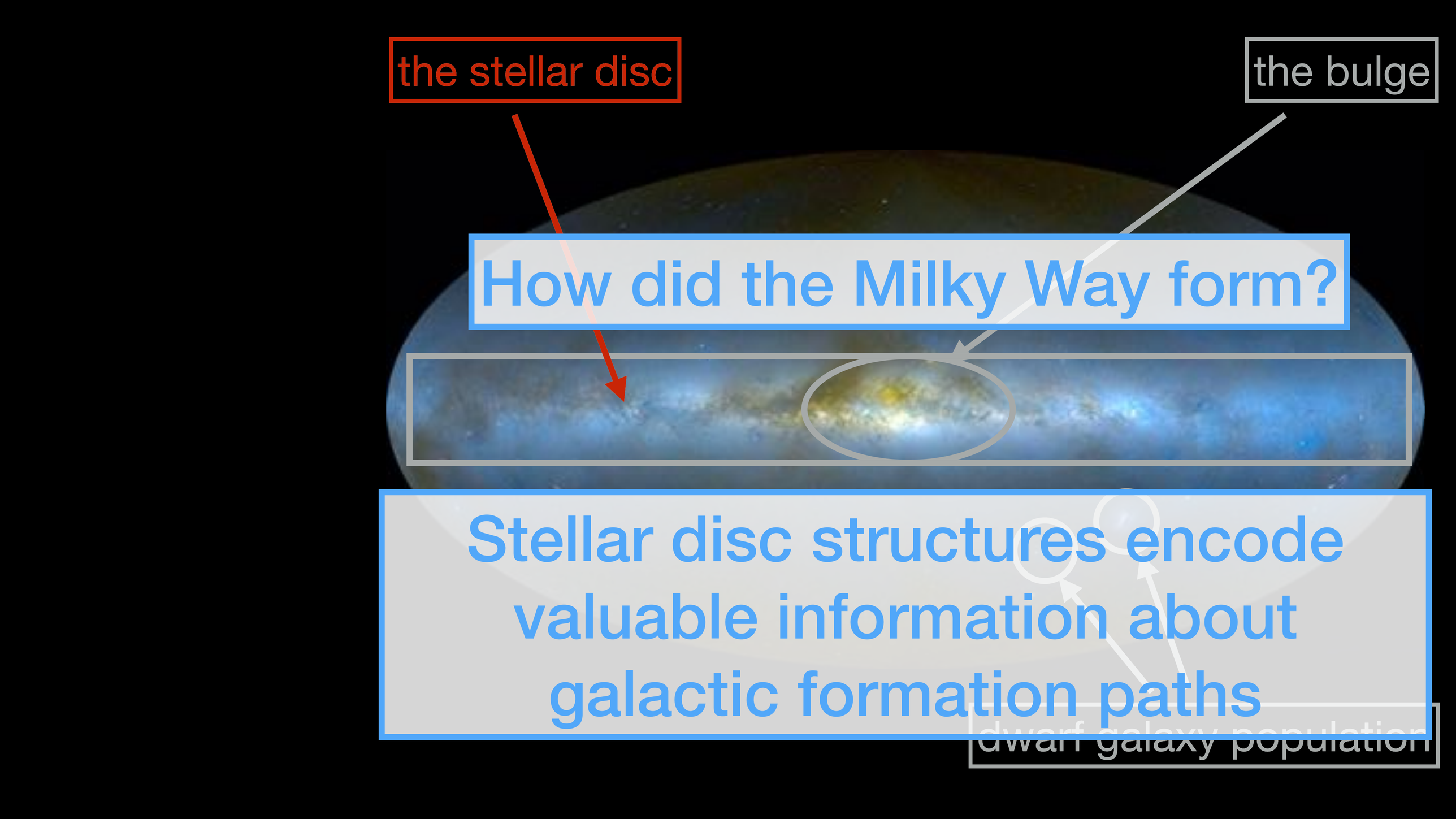
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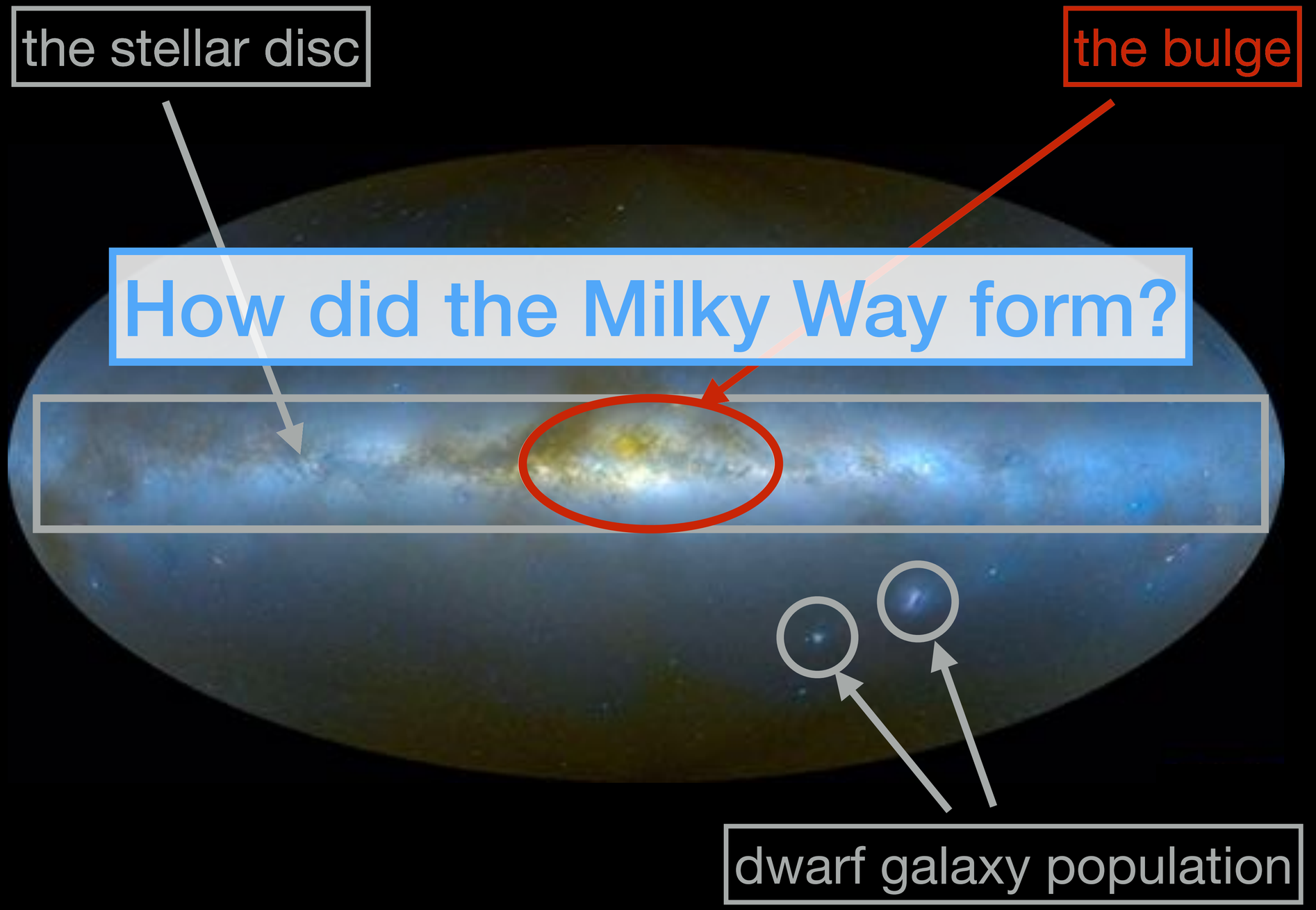
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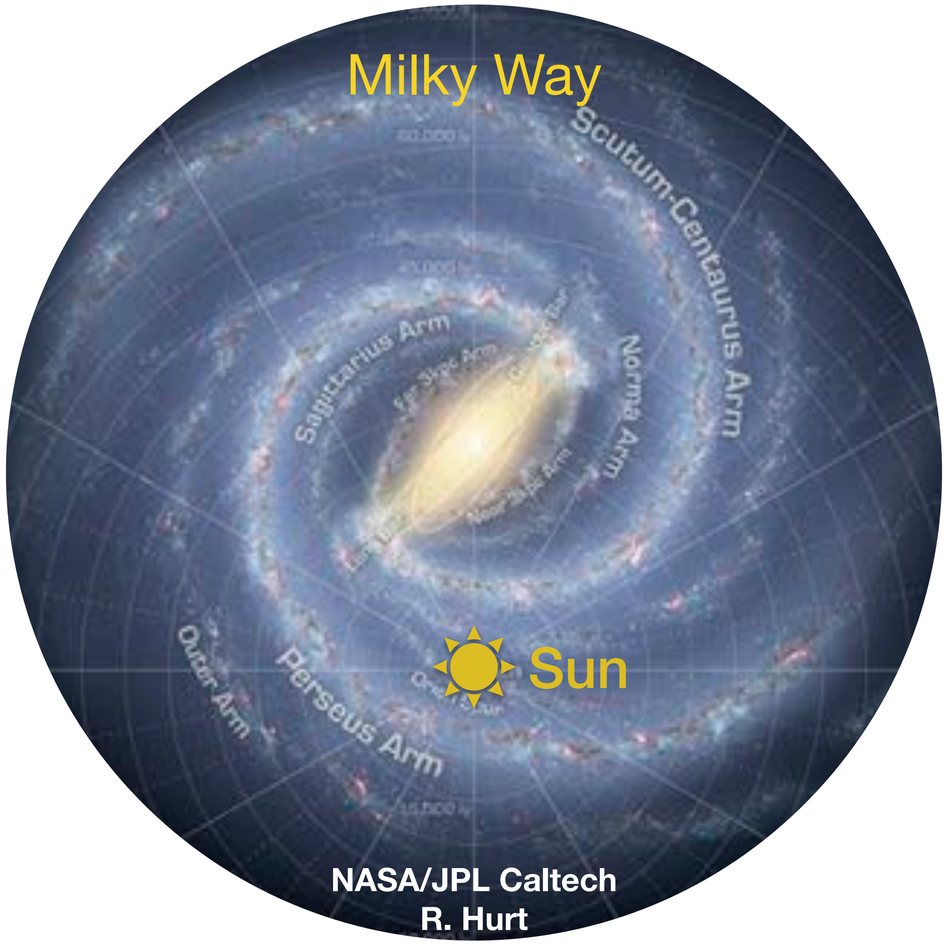

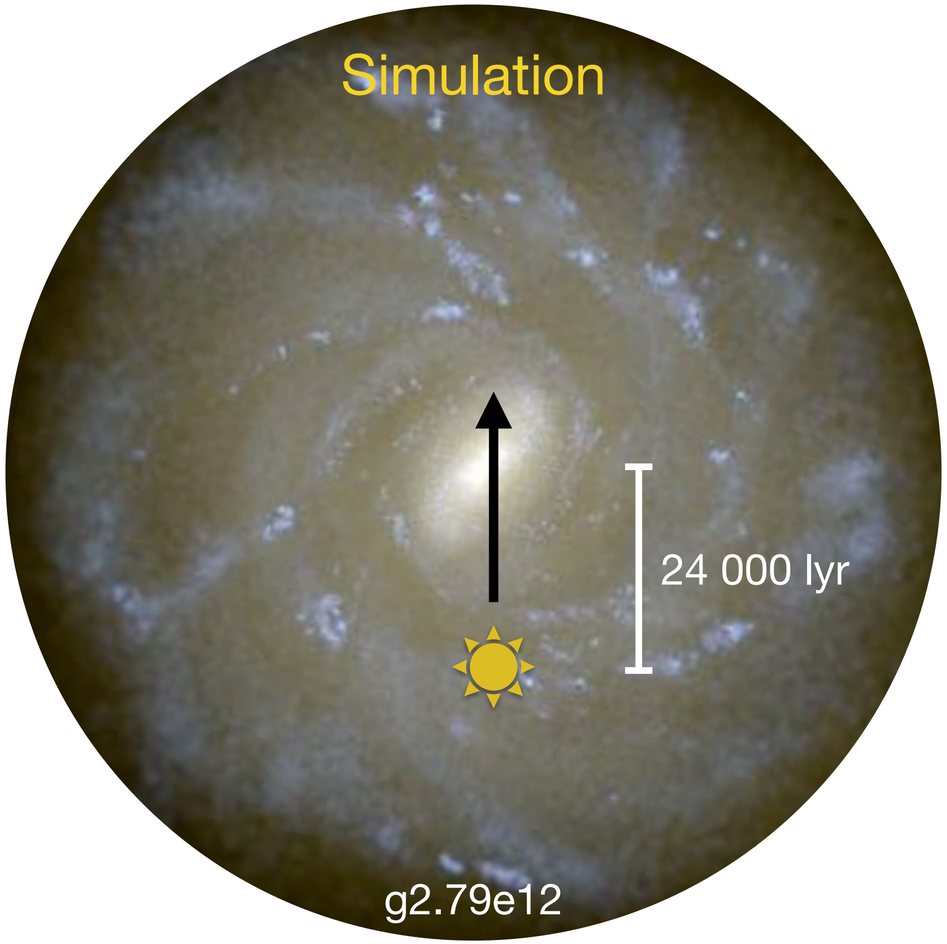

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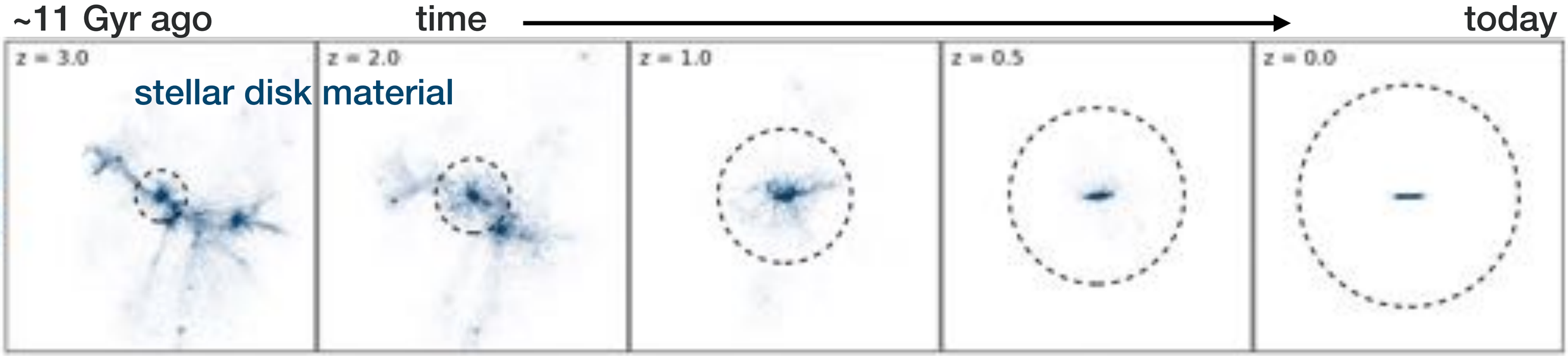

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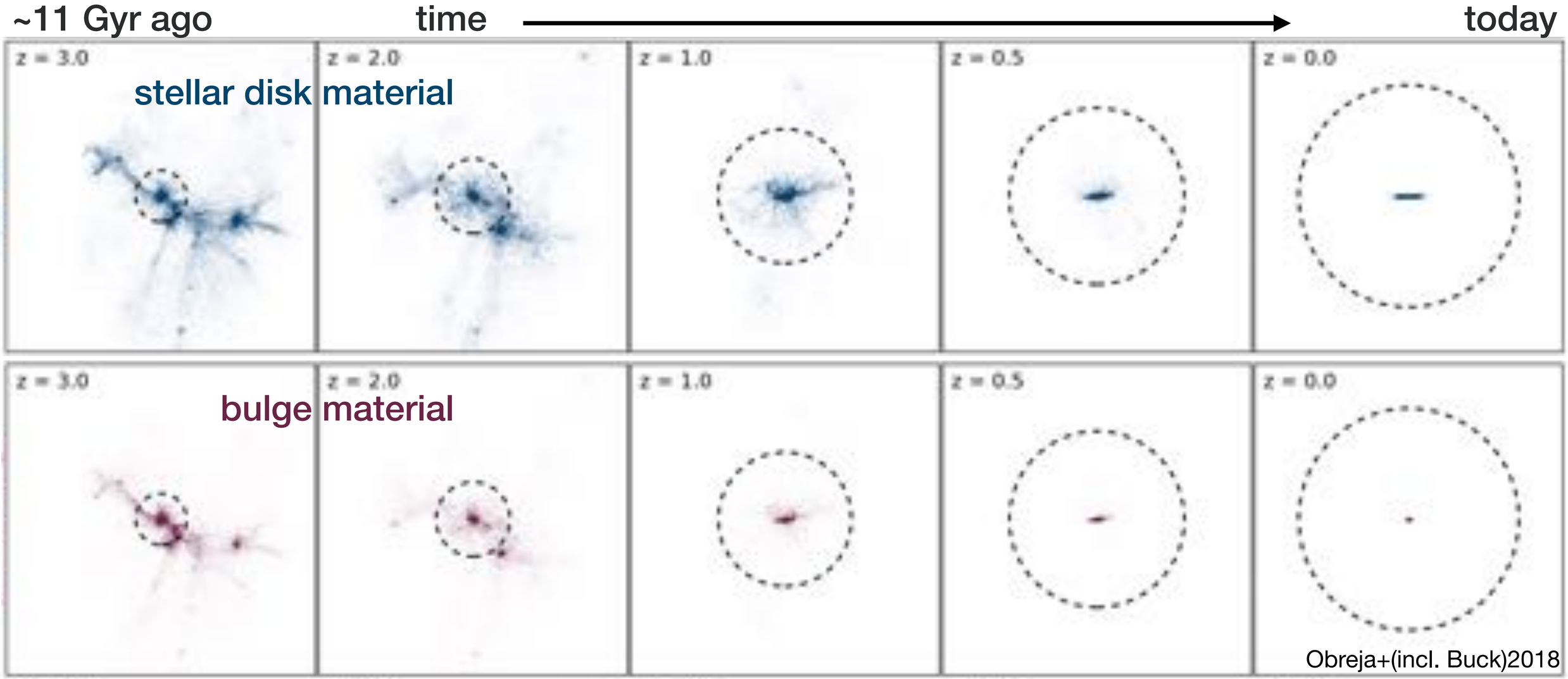

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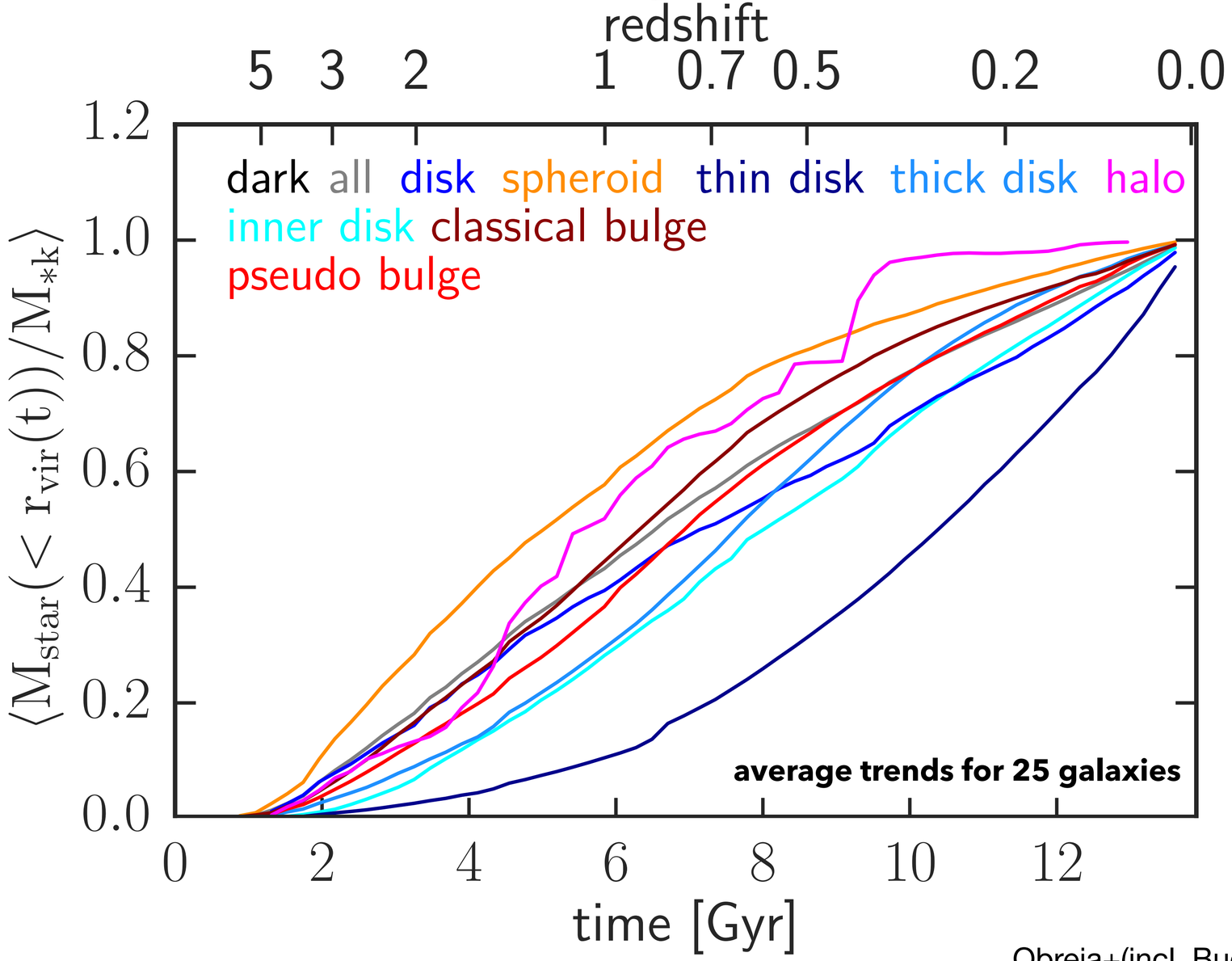

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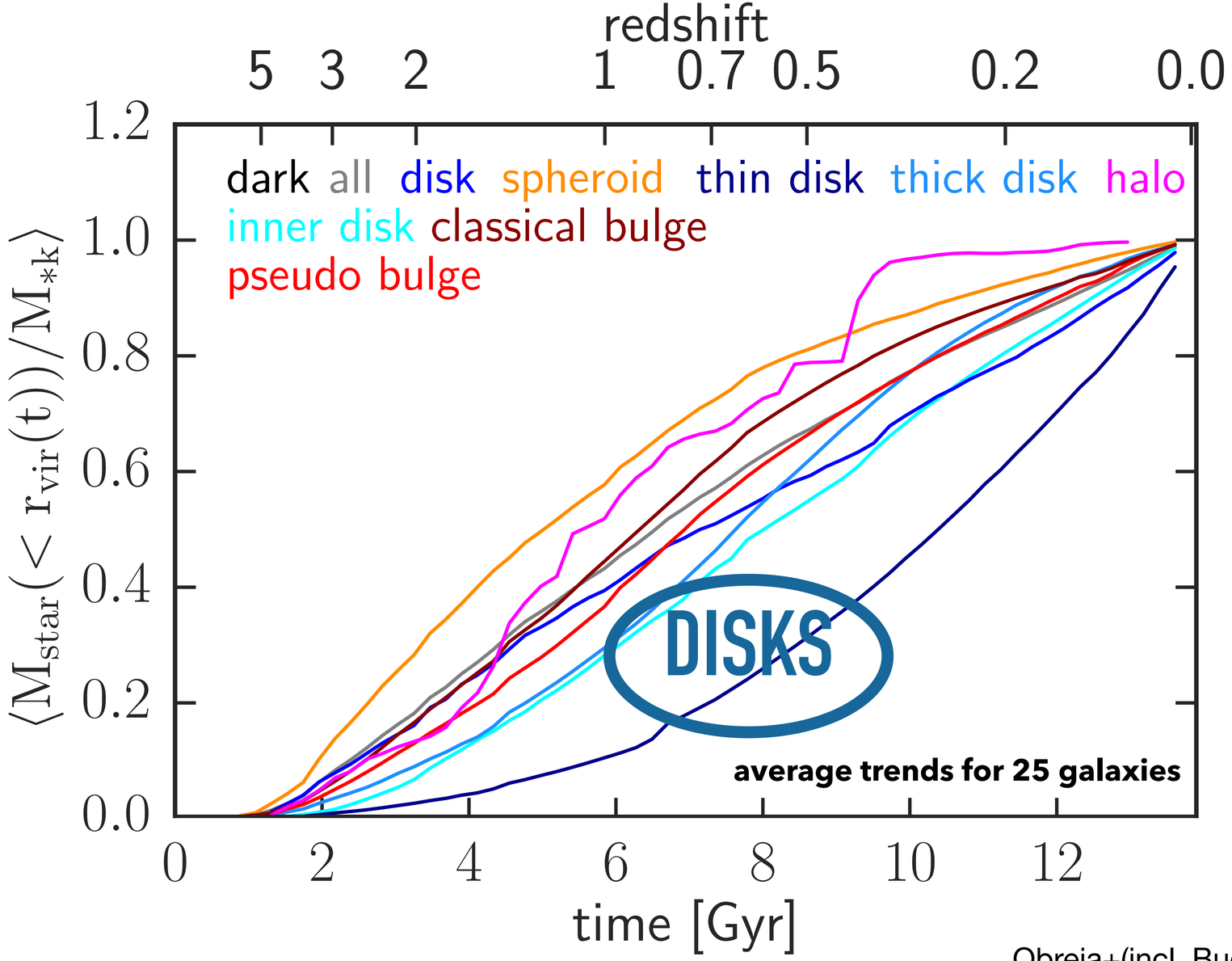

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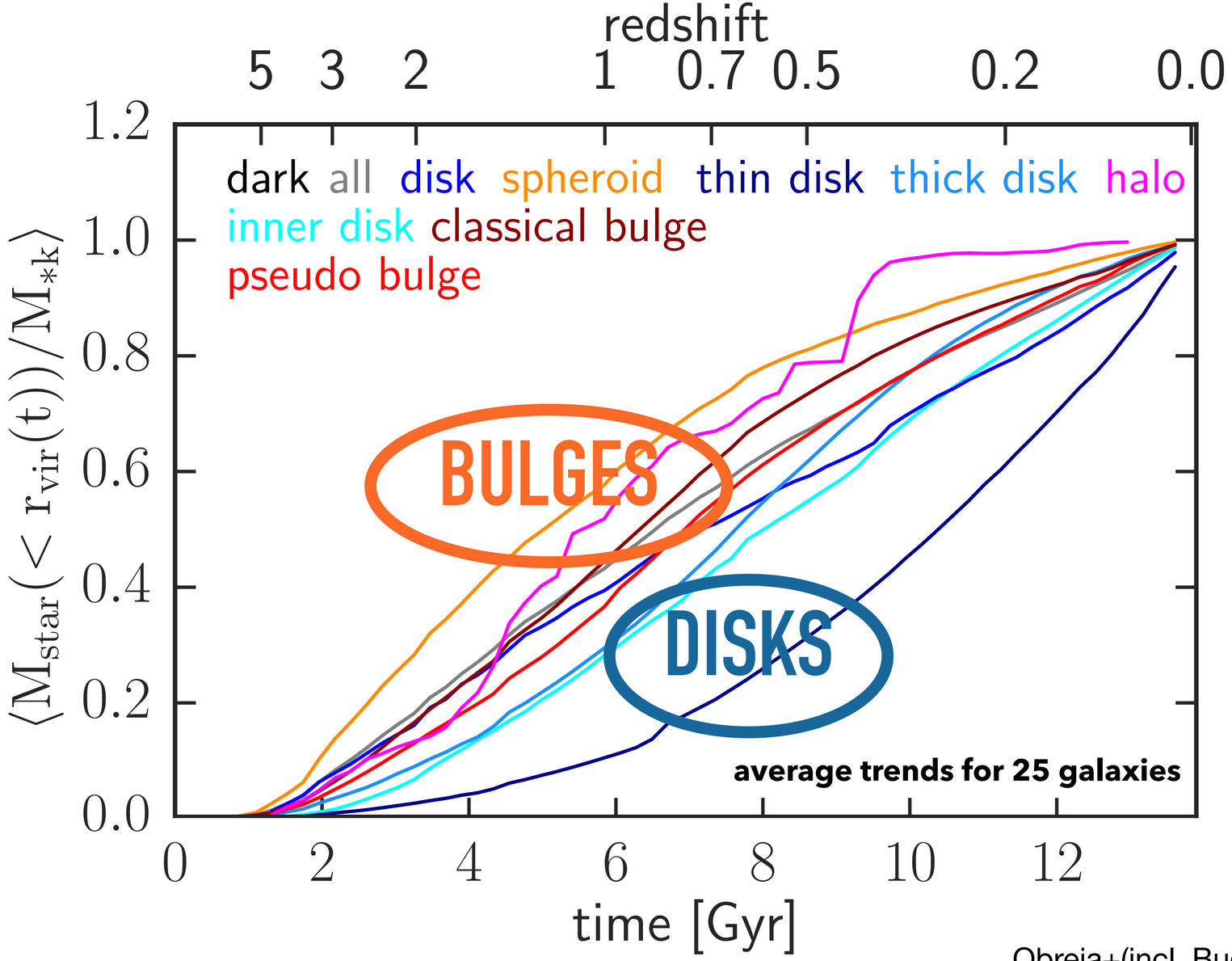

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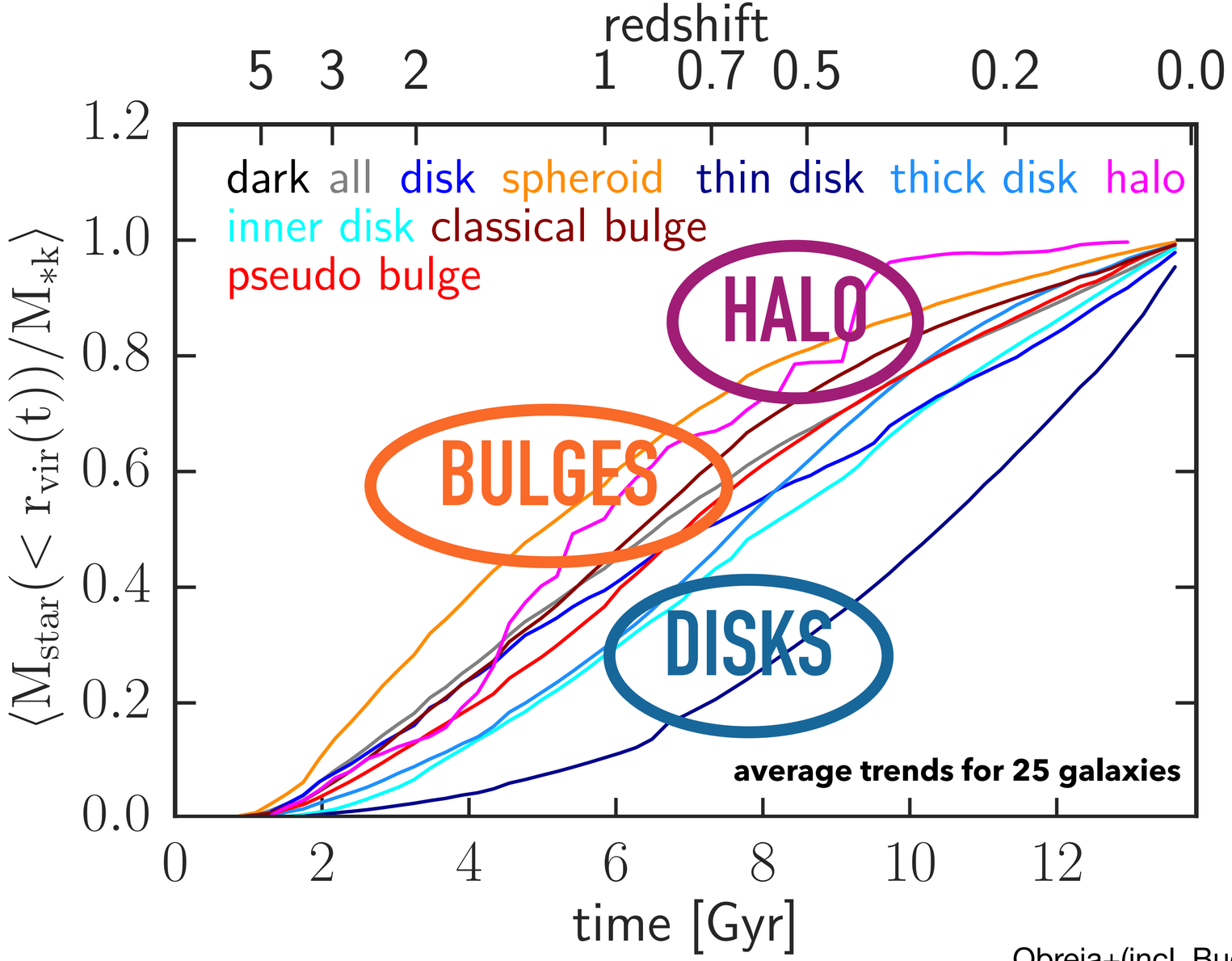

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