

# Gravitational Wave Astrophysics

## Lecture 3

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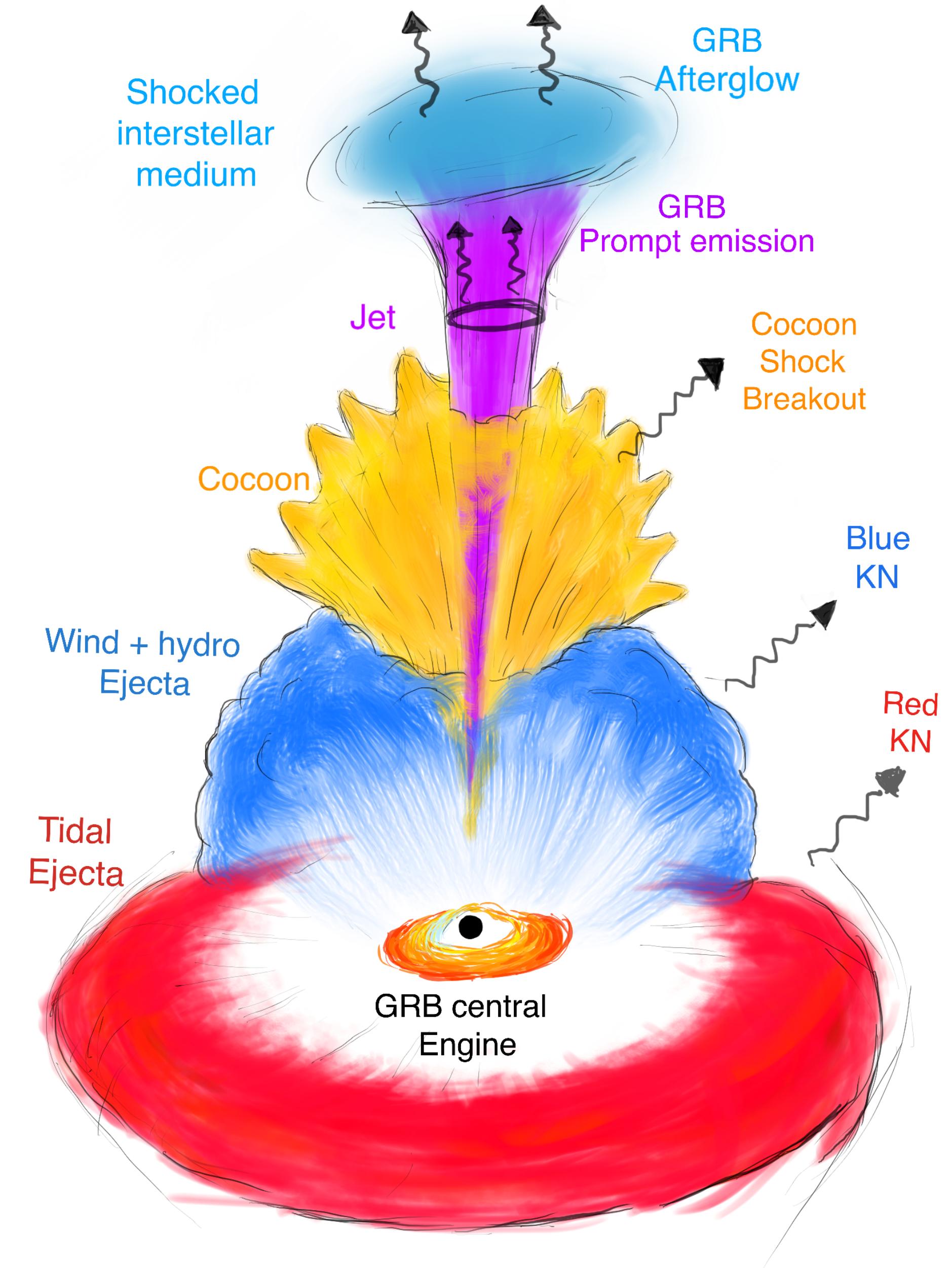


# In this lecture, you will learn

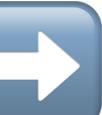
- Multimessenger astrophysics
- Host galaxies and how to model them
- GWs and cosmology

# 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

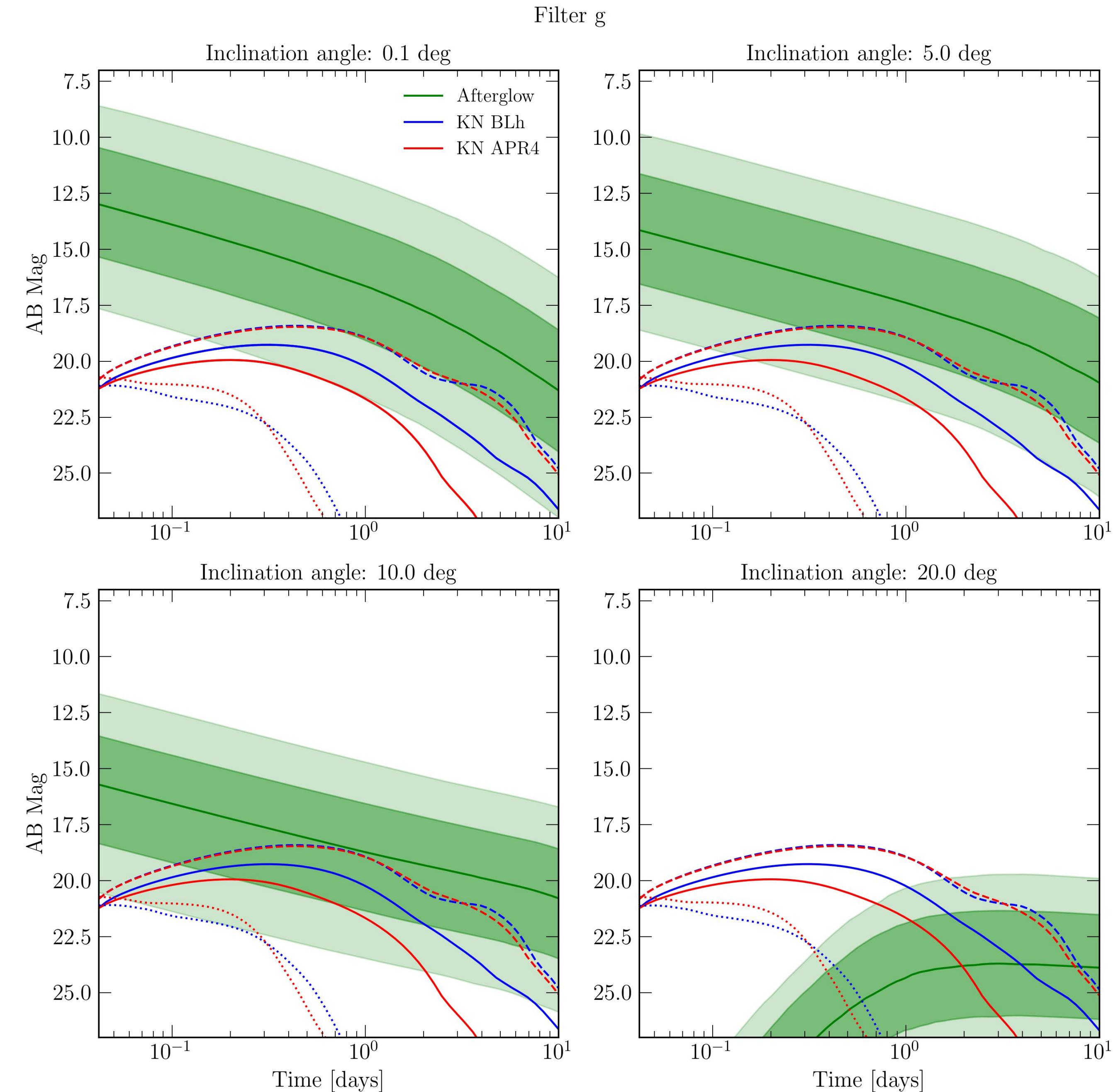


# The Kilonova

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



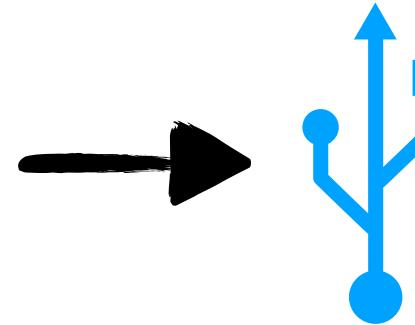
Credits: Loffredo et al. in preparation

# Low latency

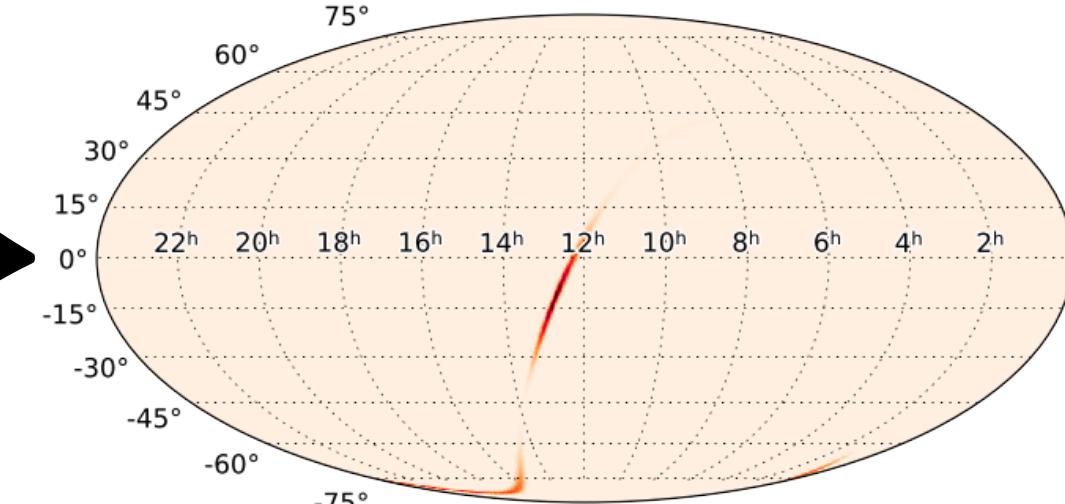
## Detectors



## Automatic searches



## Sky localisation



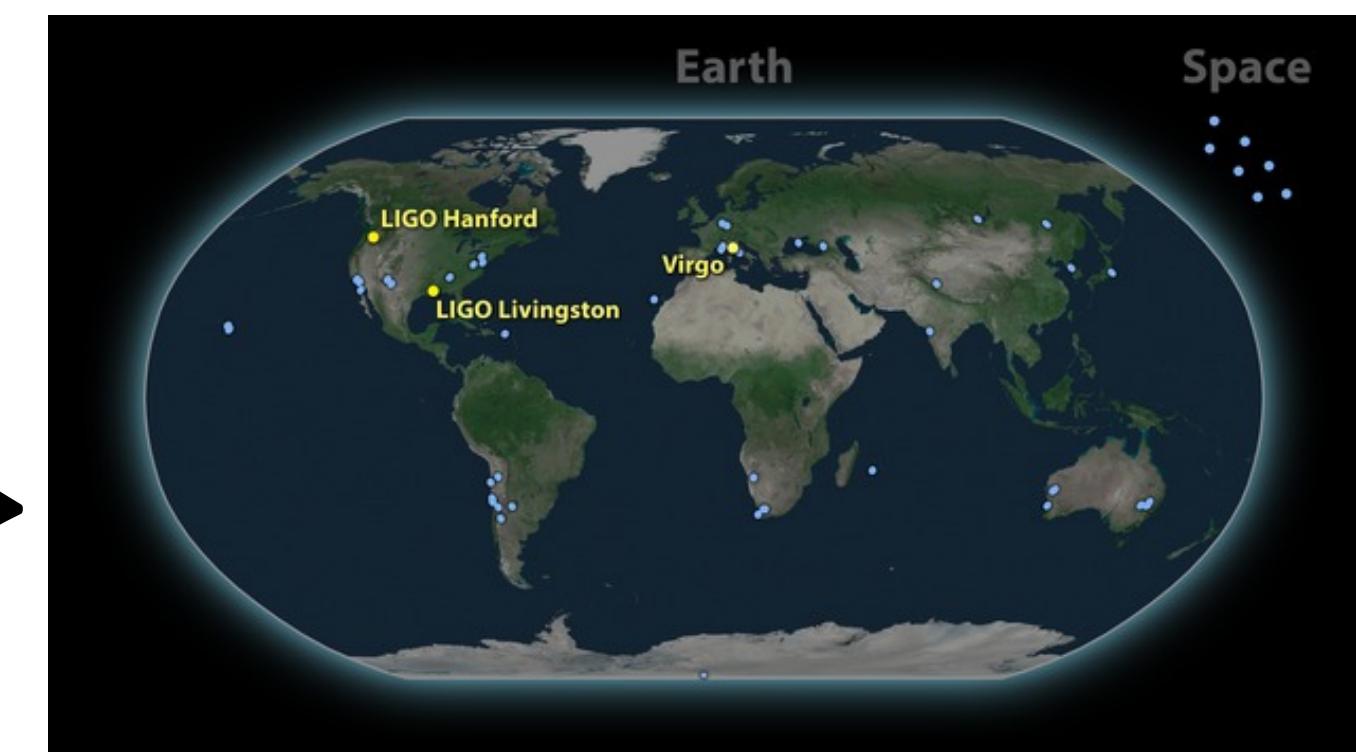
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## Human validation



~ few minutes

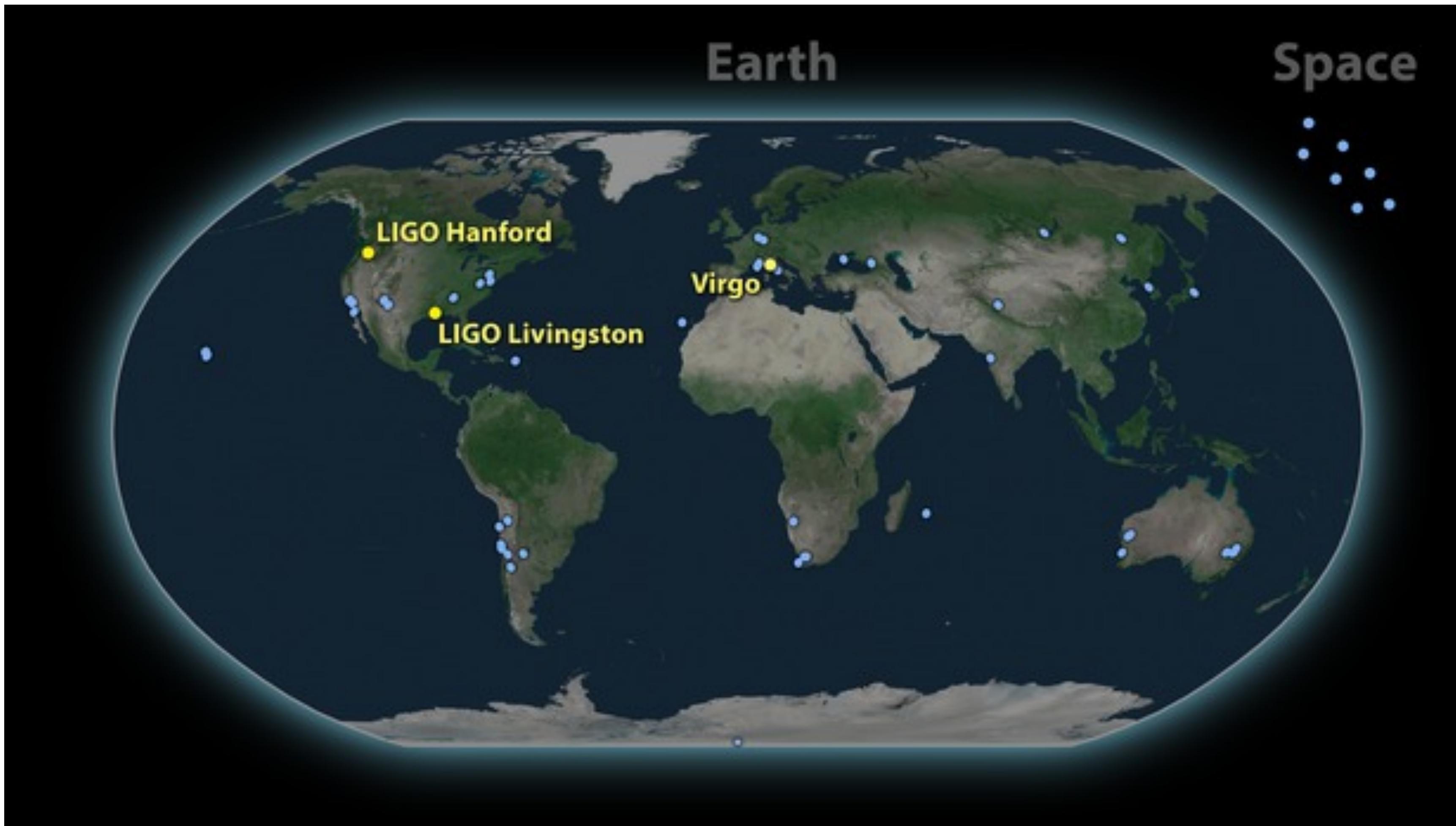
## EM facilities



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~ 30 minutes

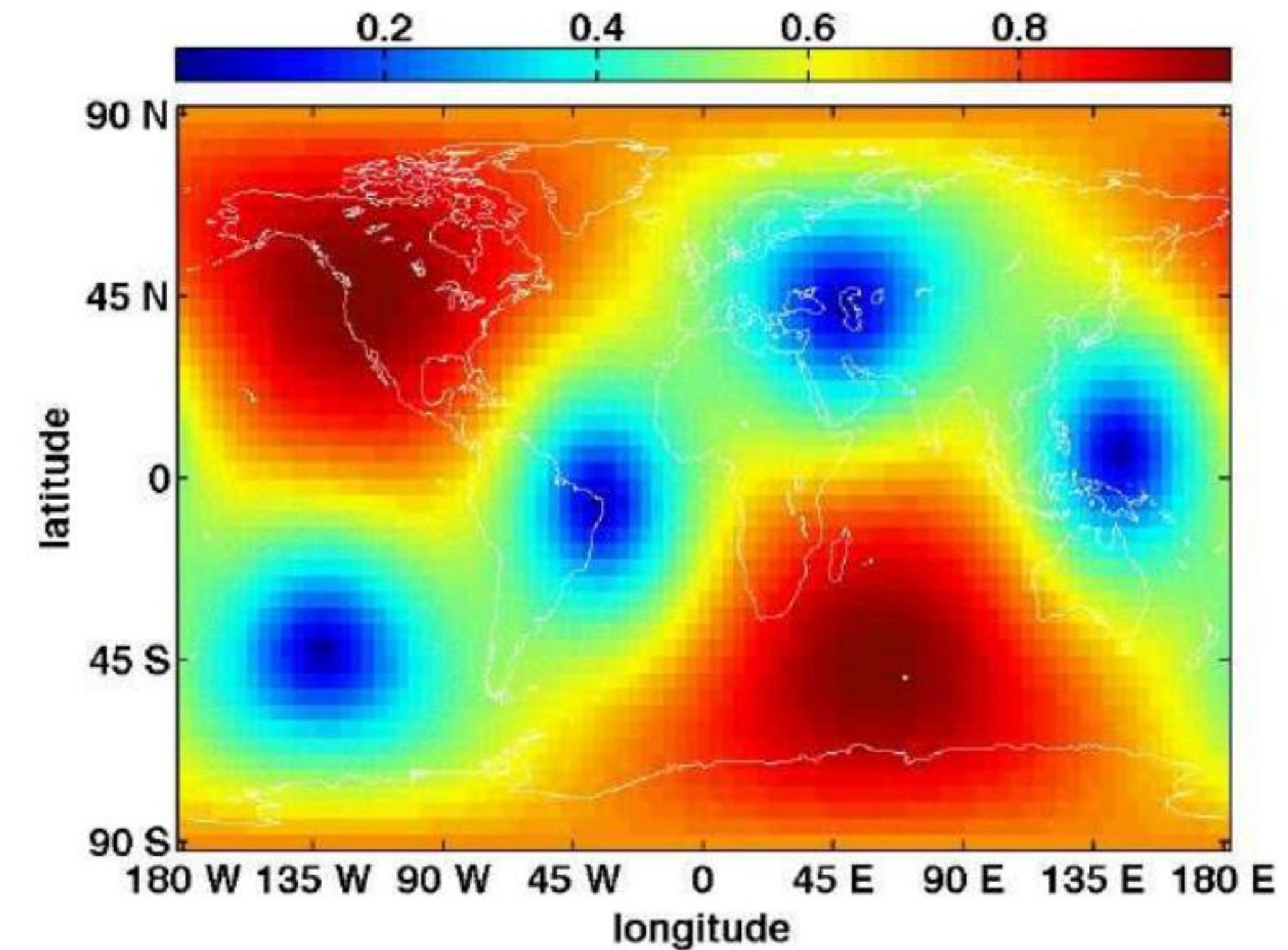
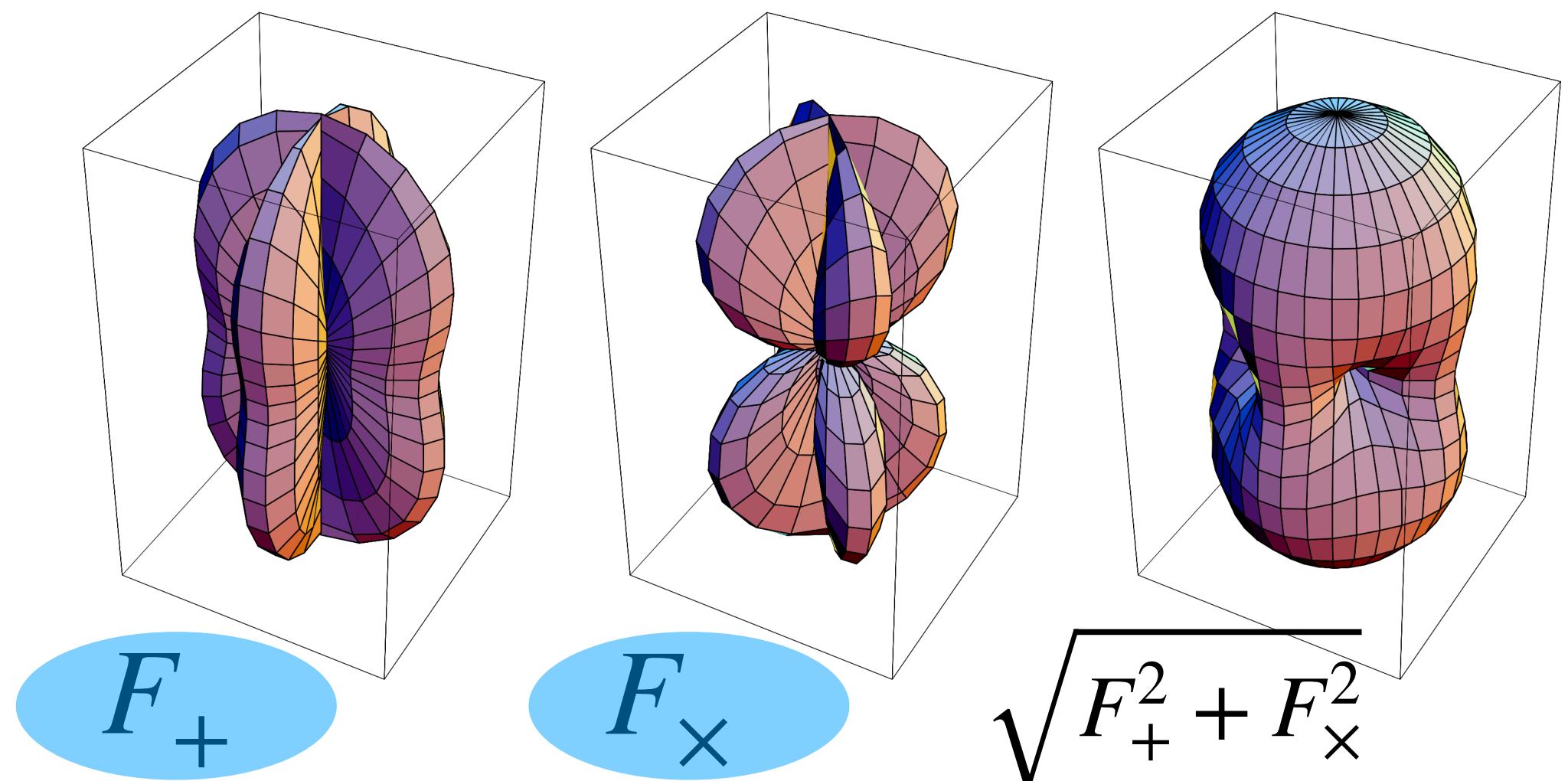
# Low latency: EM facilities



# 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

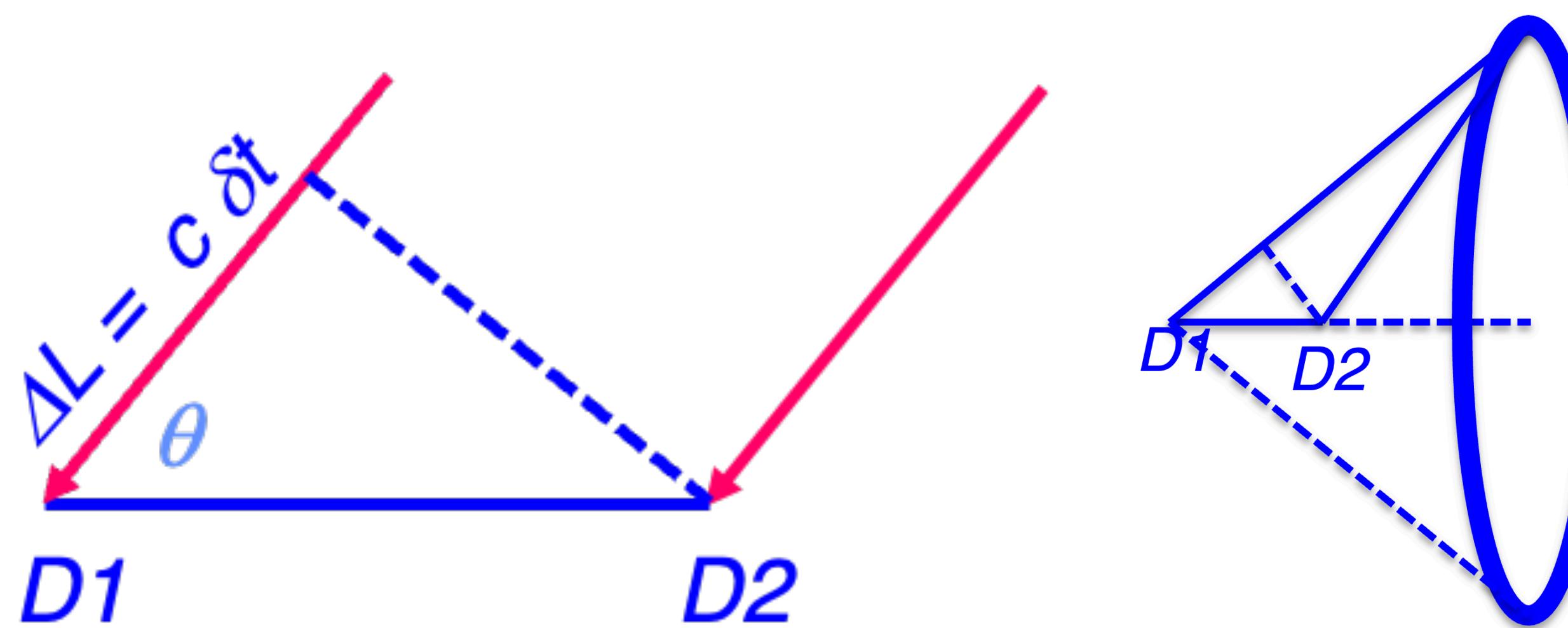
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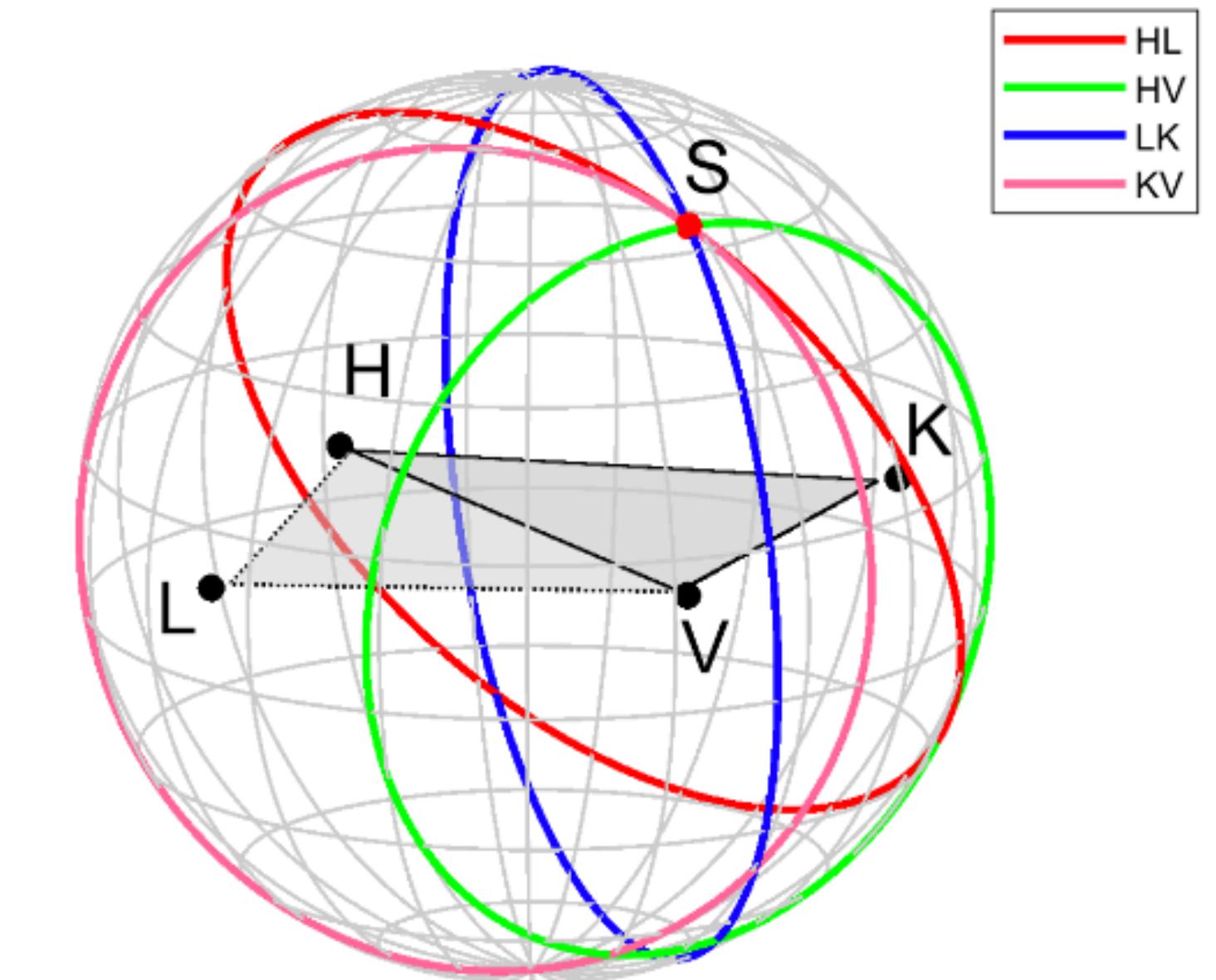
Credits: [Hayama et al. 2012](#)

# Triangulation

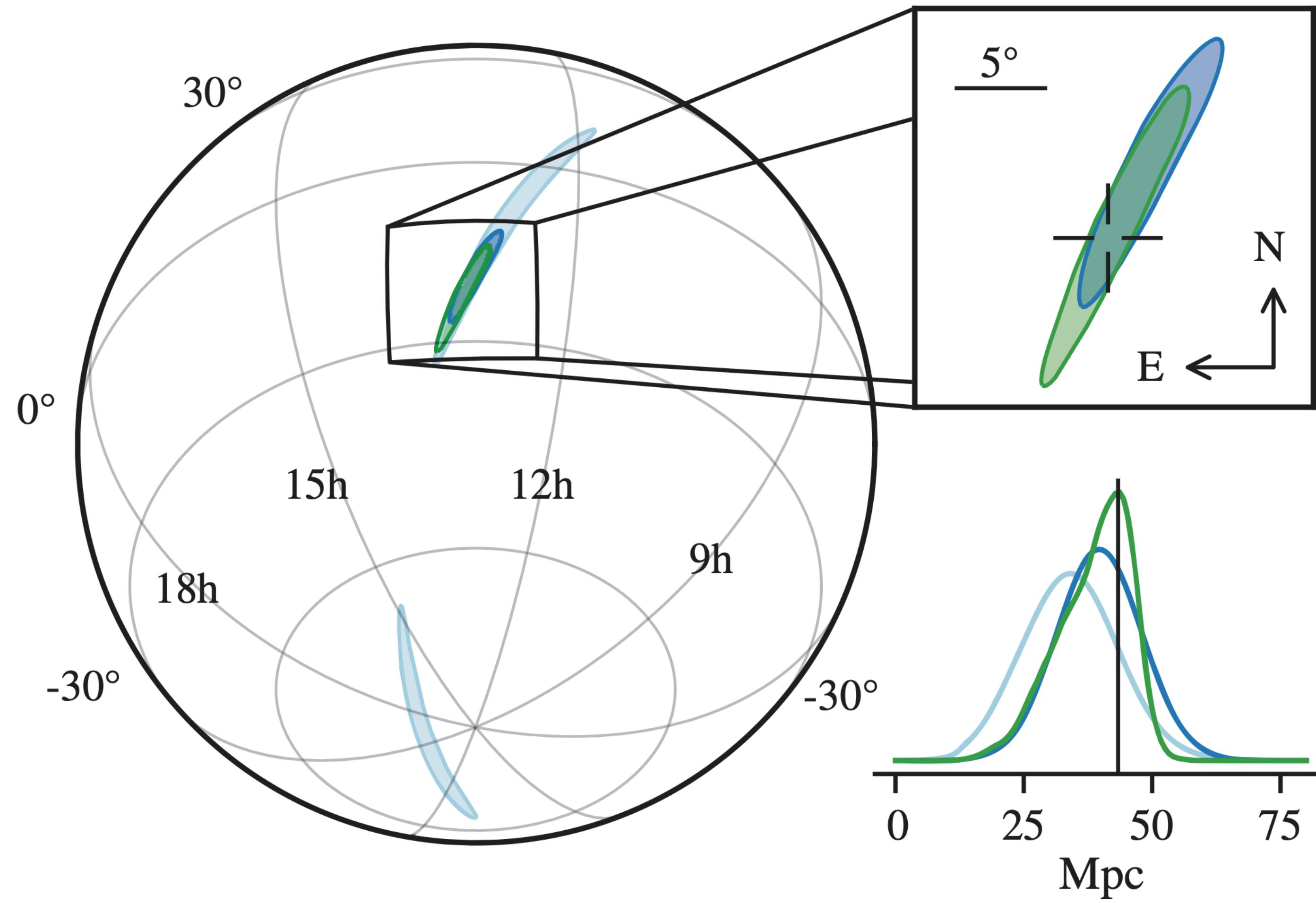
- Sky position of GW sources is evaluated with triangulation
- Difference in the arrival time at the detectors
- $\Delta\Omega \propto SNR^{-2}$



Credits: [The LVK collaboration](#)

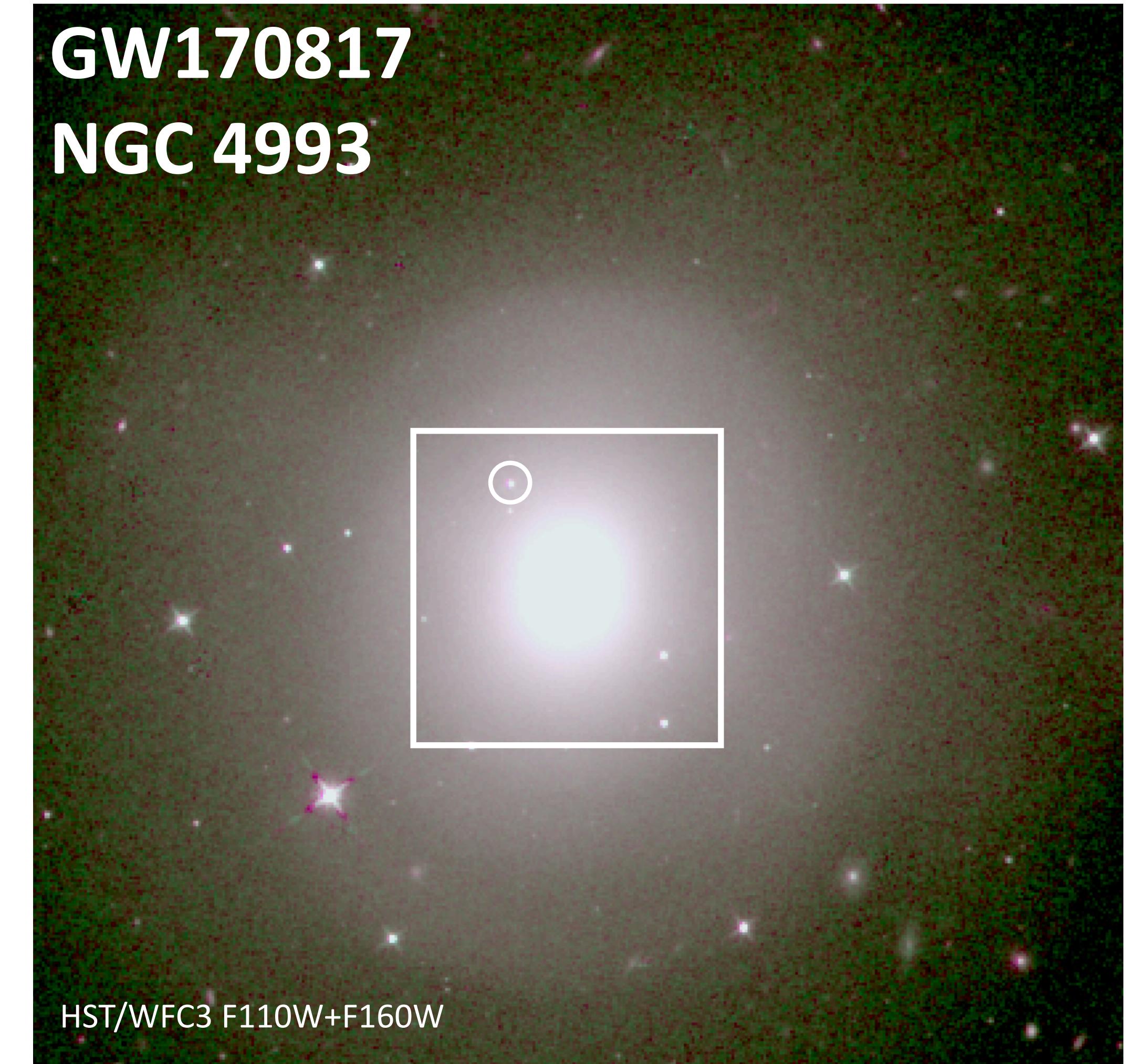


# GW170817



# 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

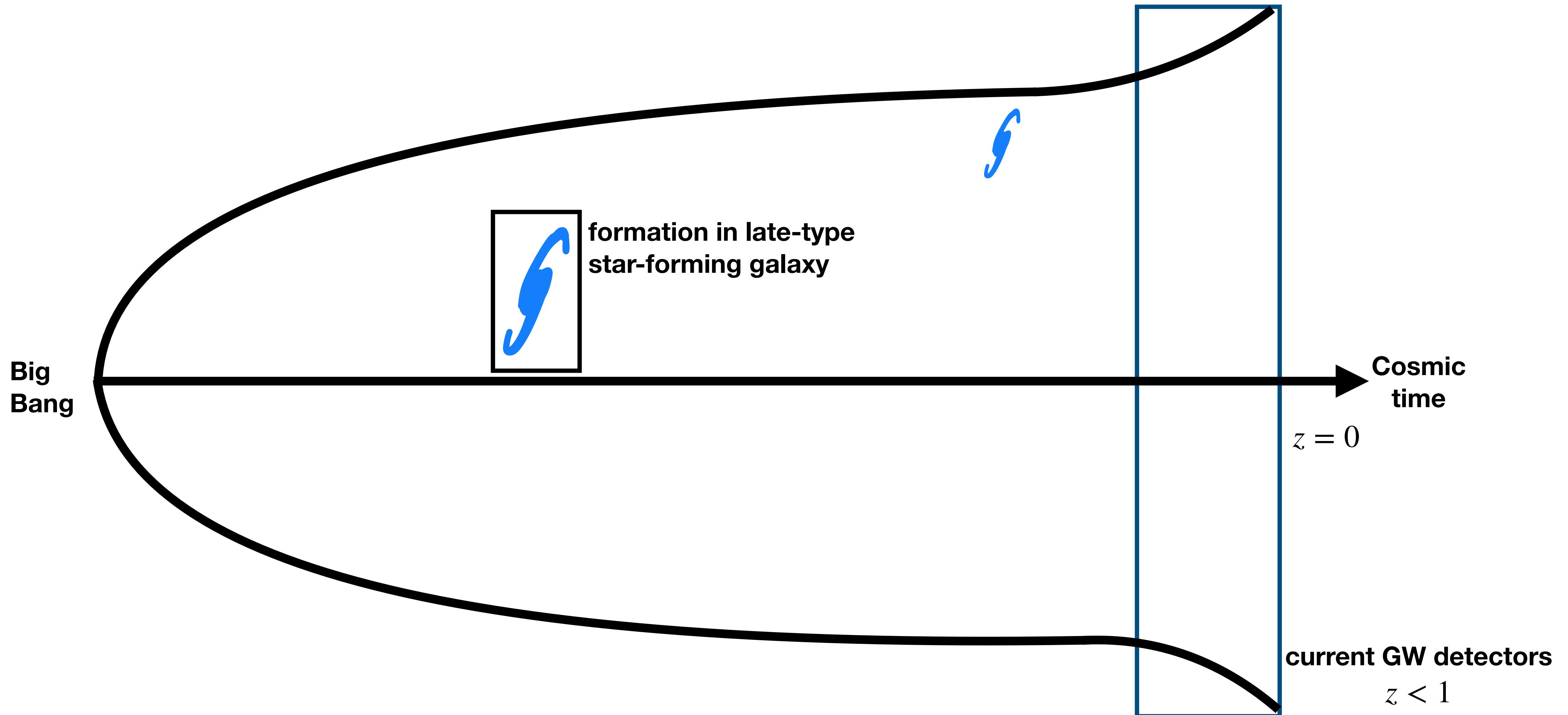


# How to model host galaxies

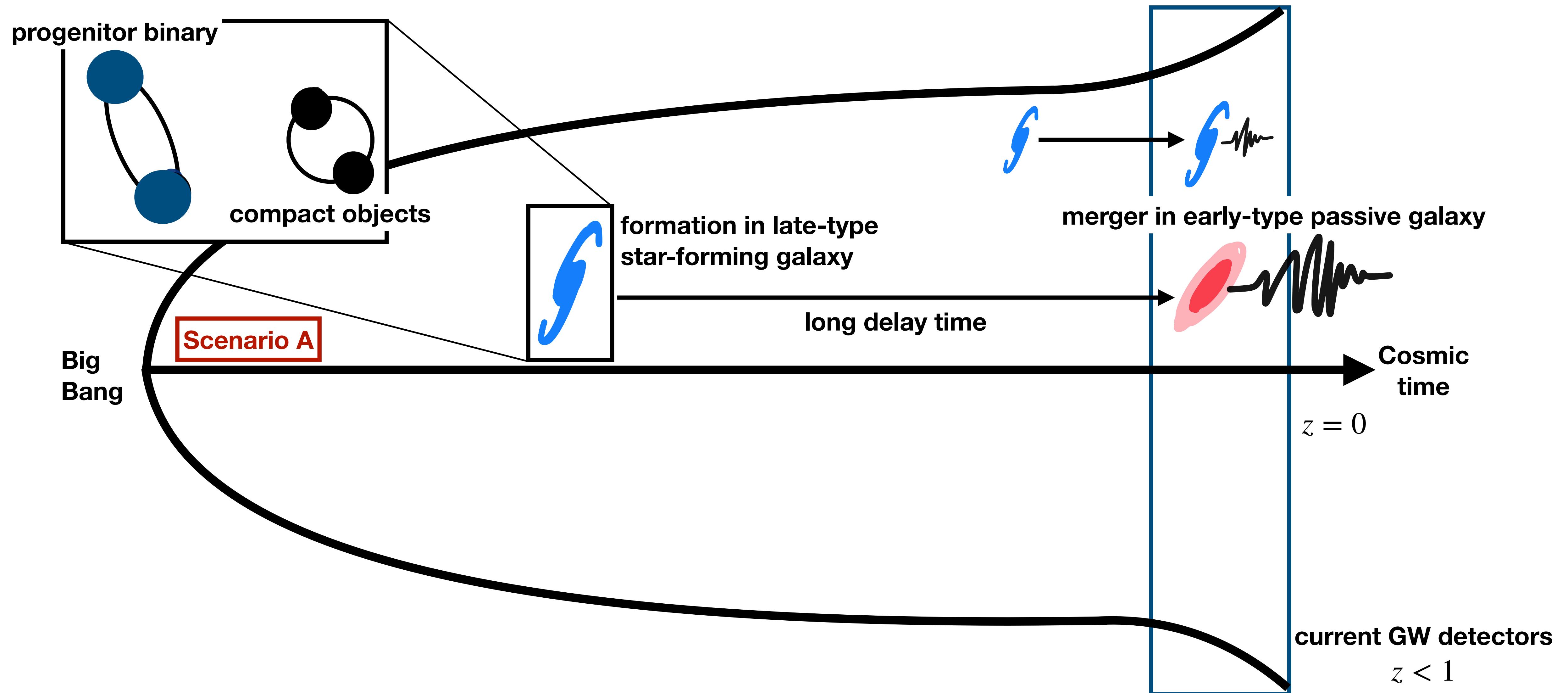
- **Challenge:** interfacing Physics at scales spanning orders of magnitude
  - Evolution of galaxies across history of the Universe and formation of compact object mergers at binary system level
- **Solution:** galaxy catalogs from cosmological simulations

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](#)

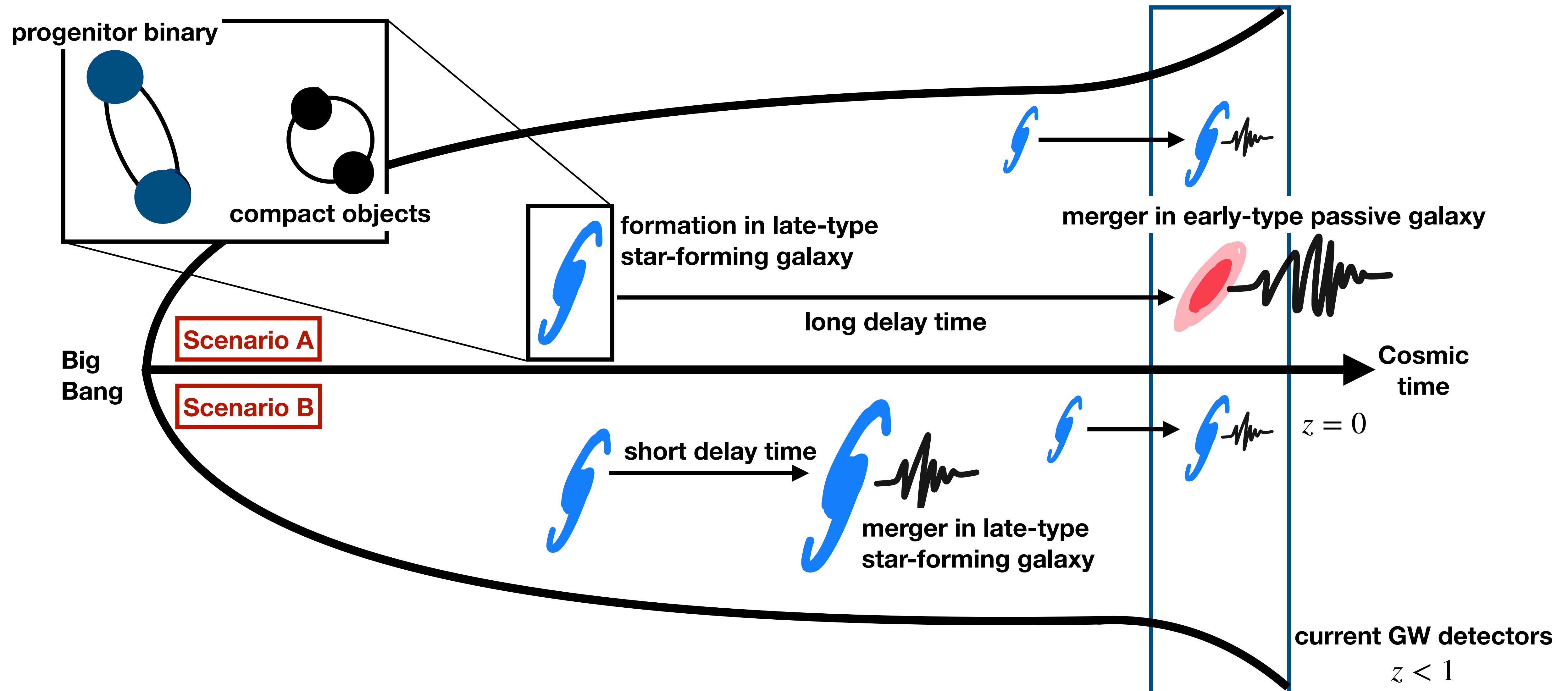
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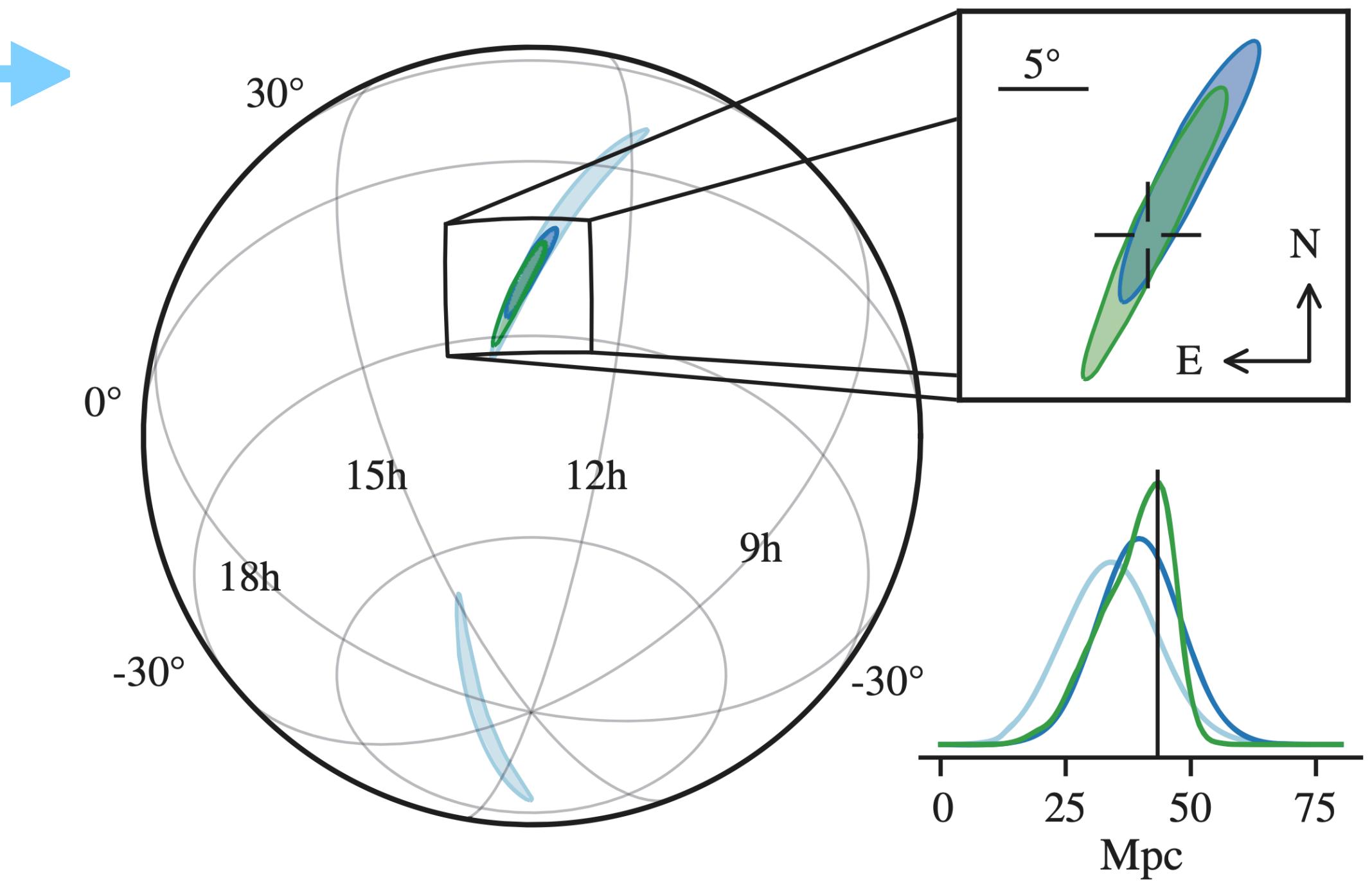


# Model to rank host galaxies

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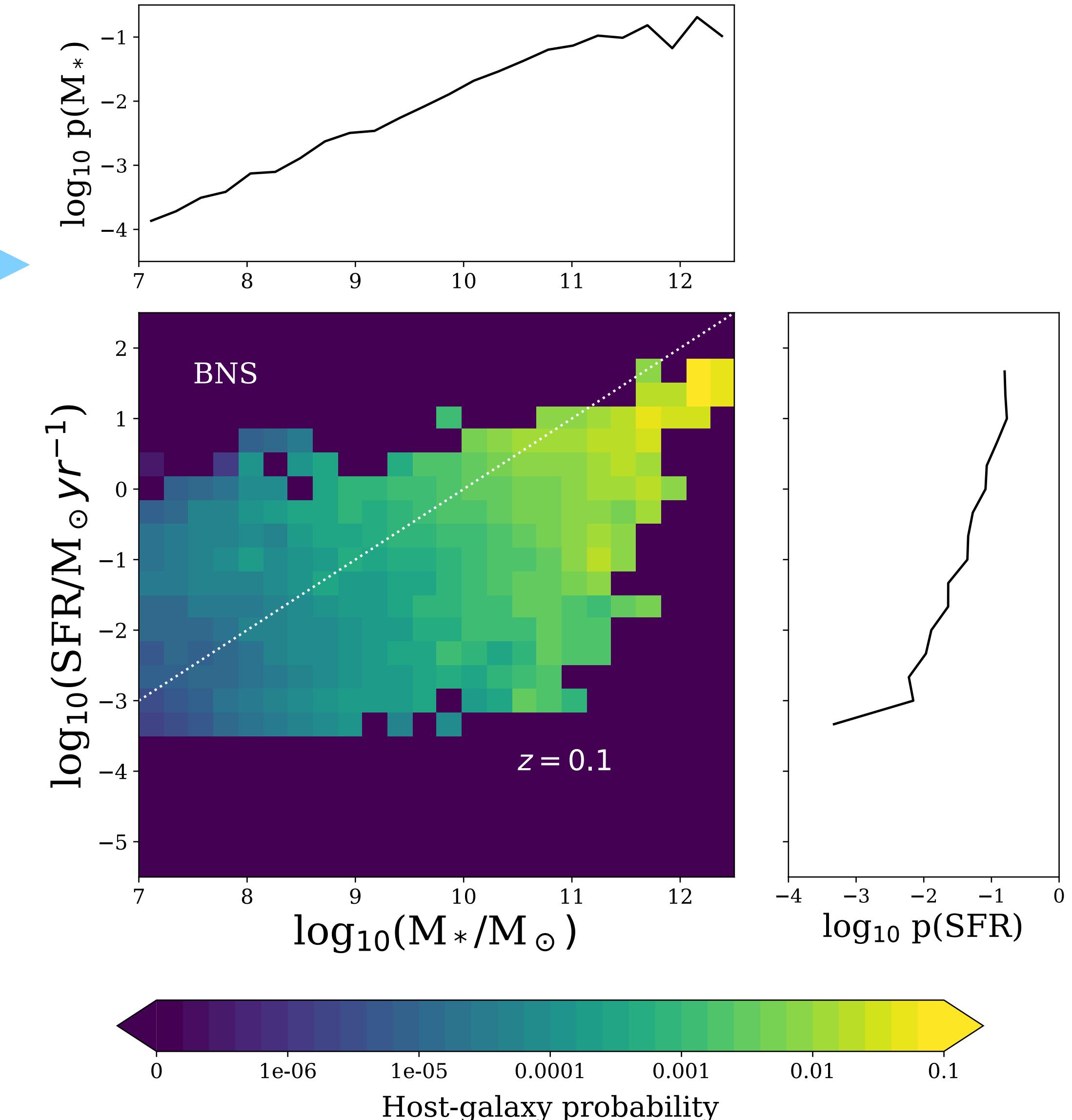
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Do you see a strong correlation in  $p(M, \text{SFR})$ ?

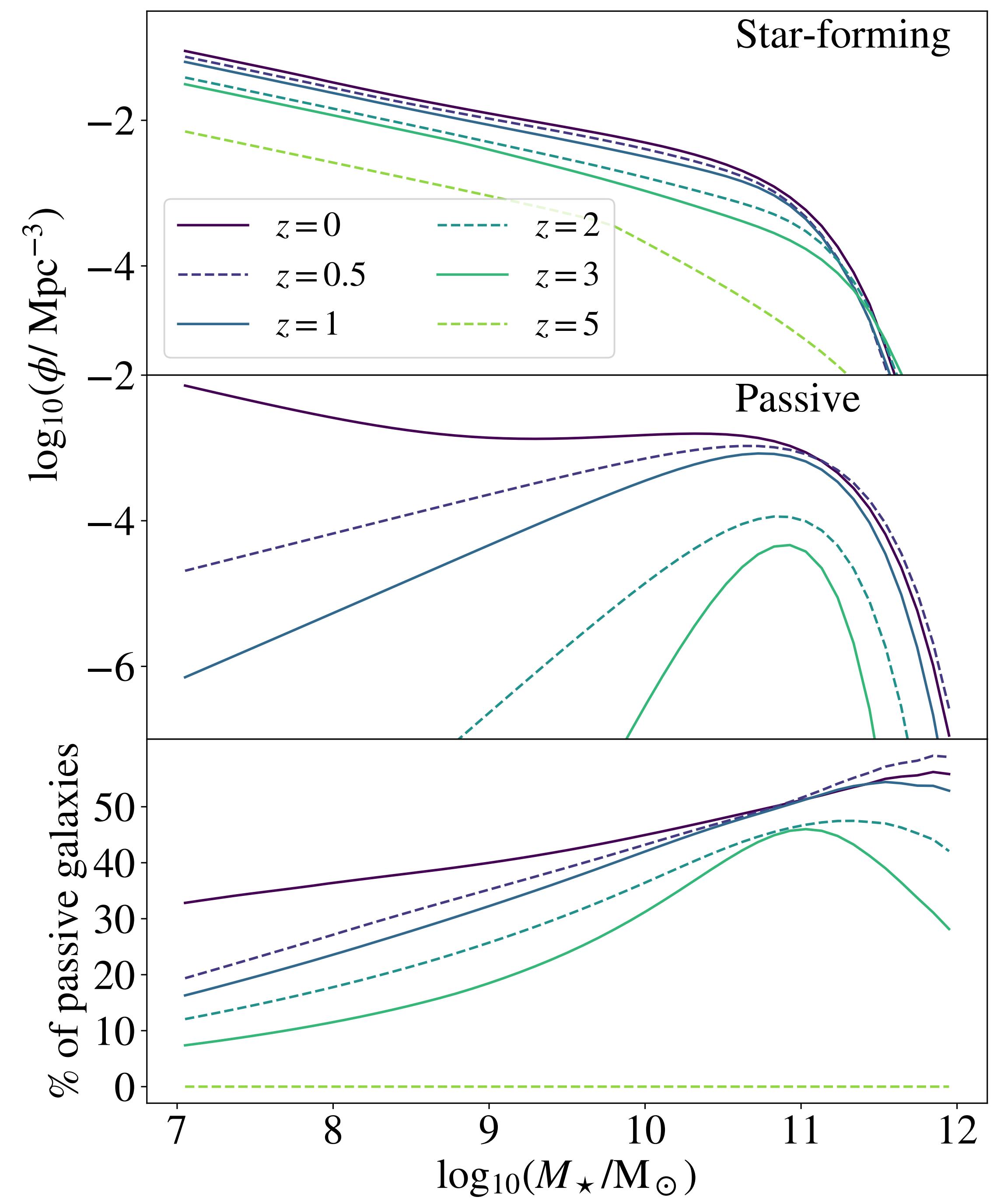


# Uncertainties

- 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

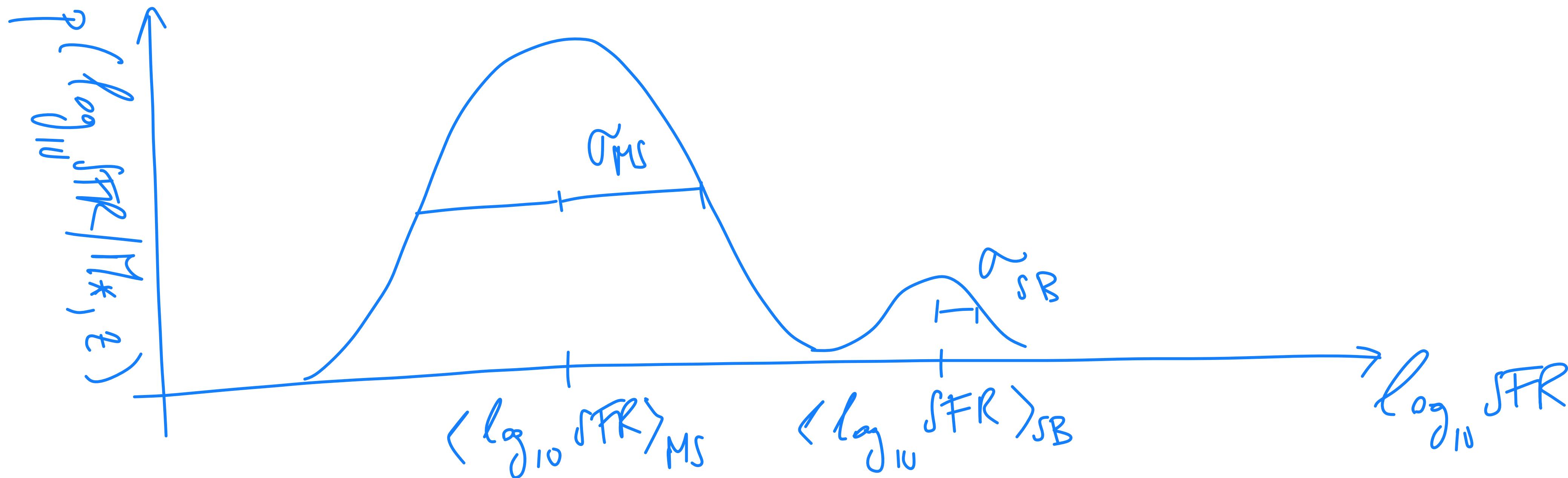
# Galaxy Stellar Mass Function

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

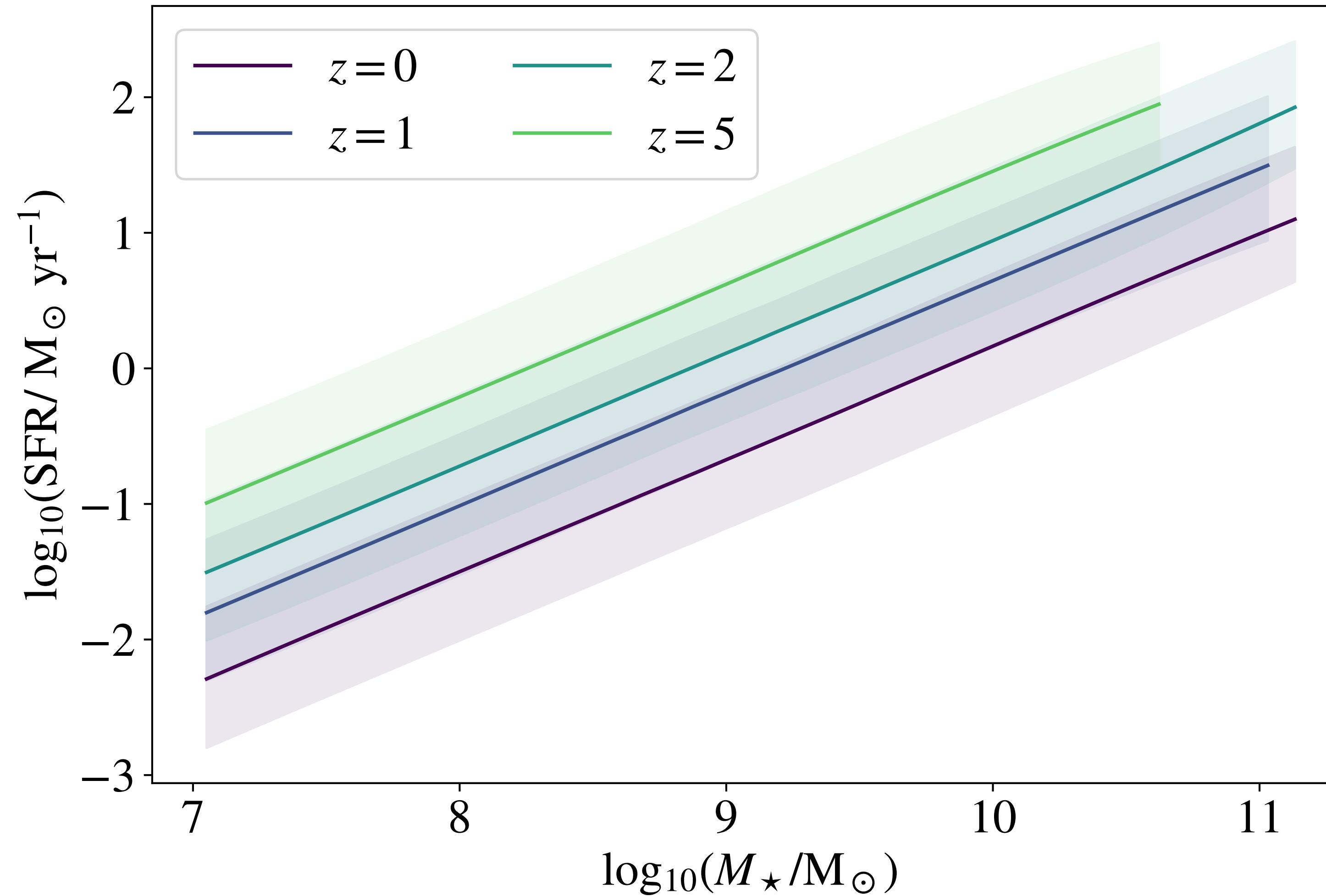


# SFR main sequence

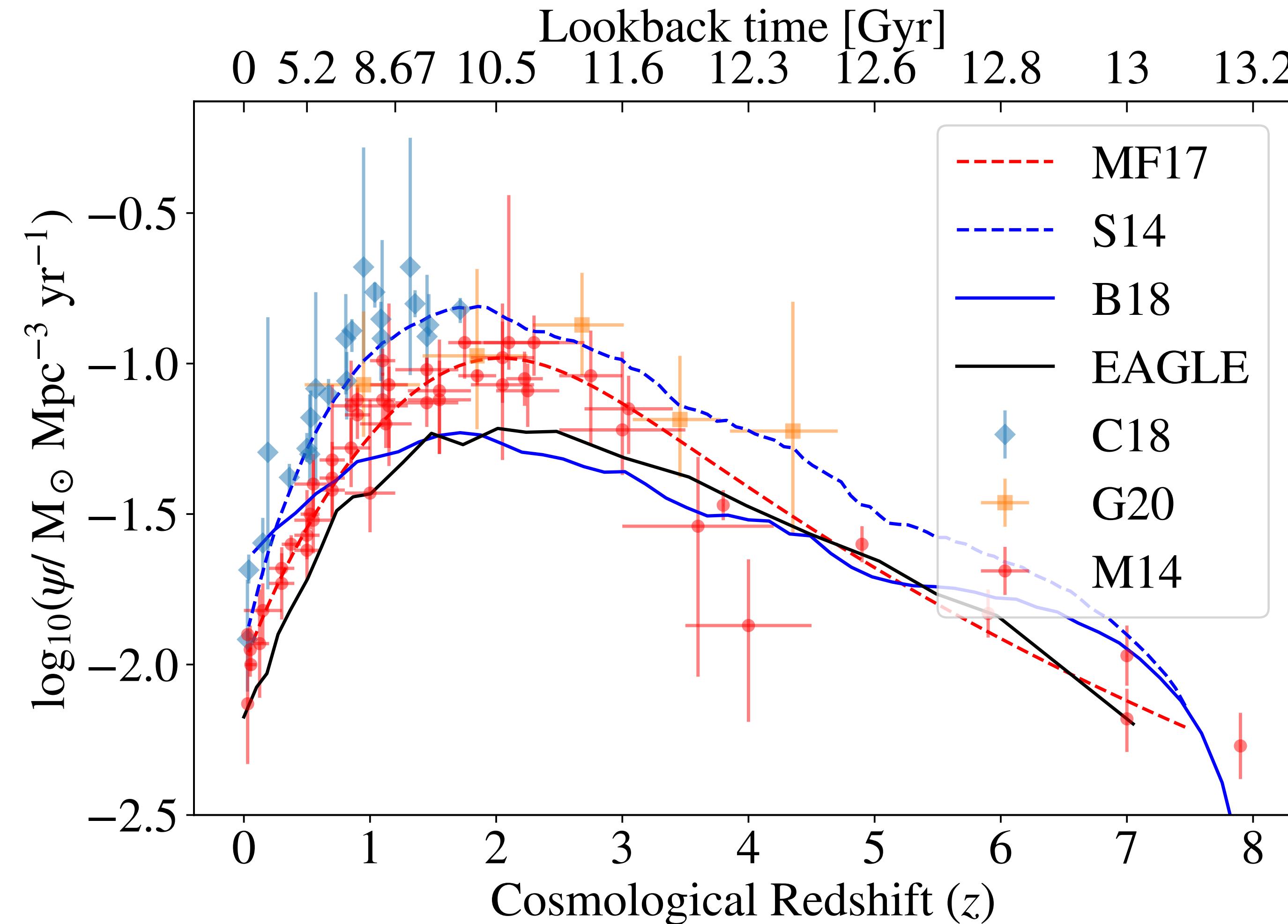
- $p(\log_{10} \text{SFR} | M_*, z) = A_{\text{MS}} \exp - \frac{(\log_{10} \text{SFR} - \langle \log_{10} \text{SFR} \rangle_{\text{MS}})^2}{2\sigma_{\text{MS}}^2} + A_{\text{SB}} \exp - \frac{(\log_{10} \text{SFR} - \langle \log_{10} \text{SFR} \rangle_{\text{SB}})^2}{2\sigma_{\text{SB}}^2}$
- $\langle \log_{10} \text{SFR} \rangle_{\text{MS}} = 0.83 \log_{10} \left( \frac{M_*}{M_0} \right) - 0.83 + 1.74 \left( \frac{1+z}{1+z_0} \right)$



# SFR main sequence



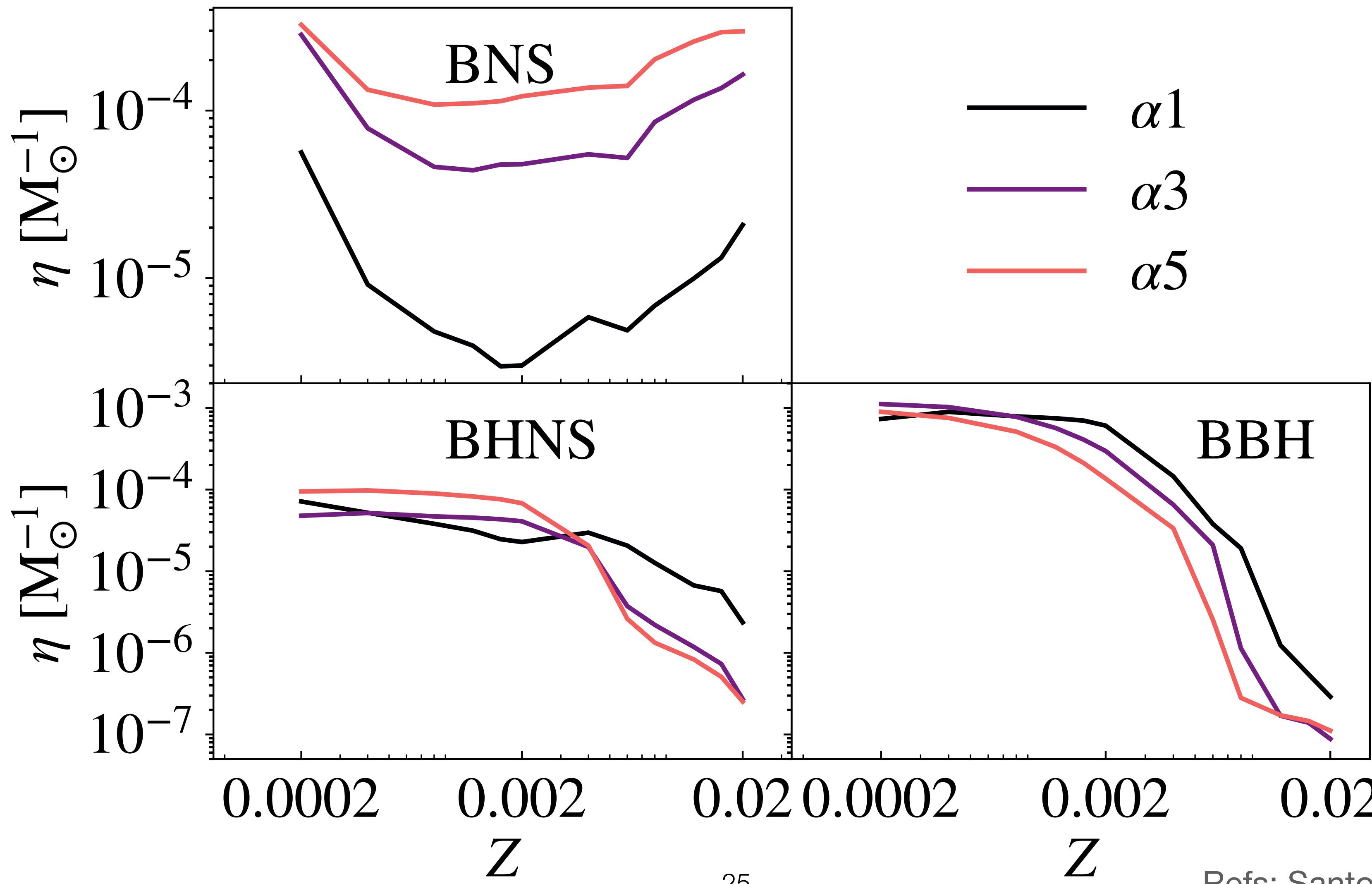
# SFR(z)



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

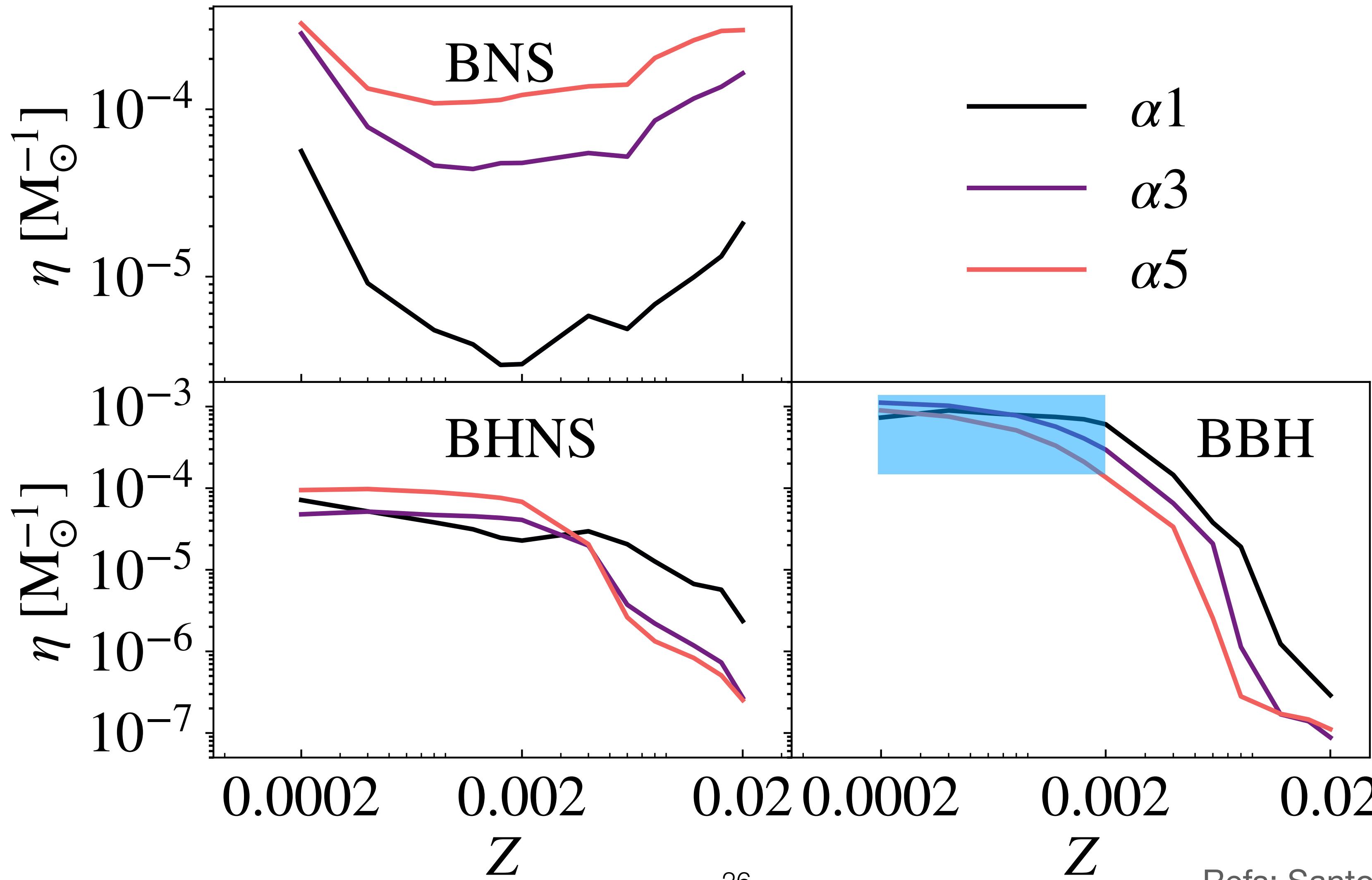
**Do you remember metallicity impact on compact object formation?**

# Merger efficiency

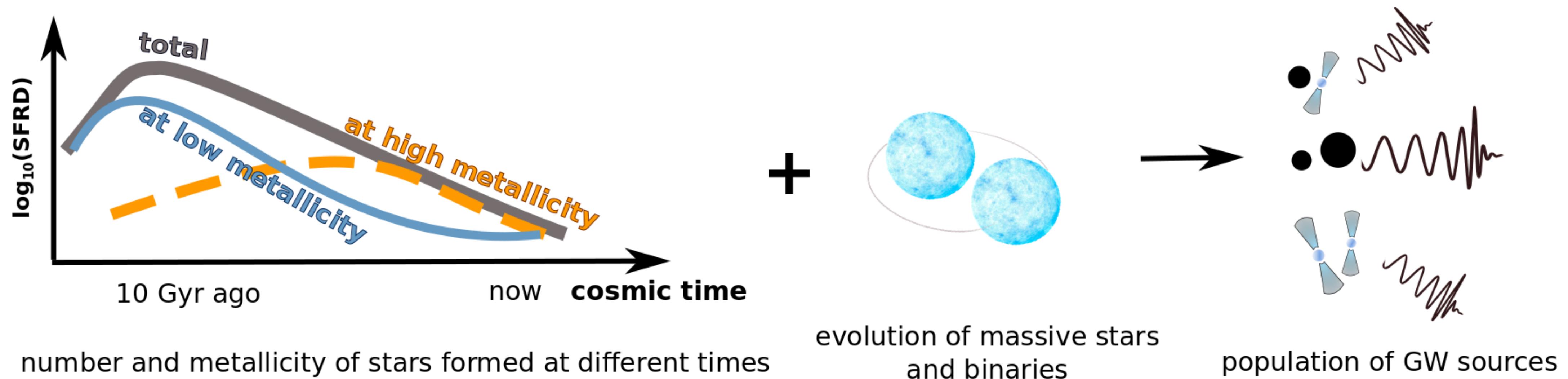


Refs: [Santoliquido et al. 2022](#)

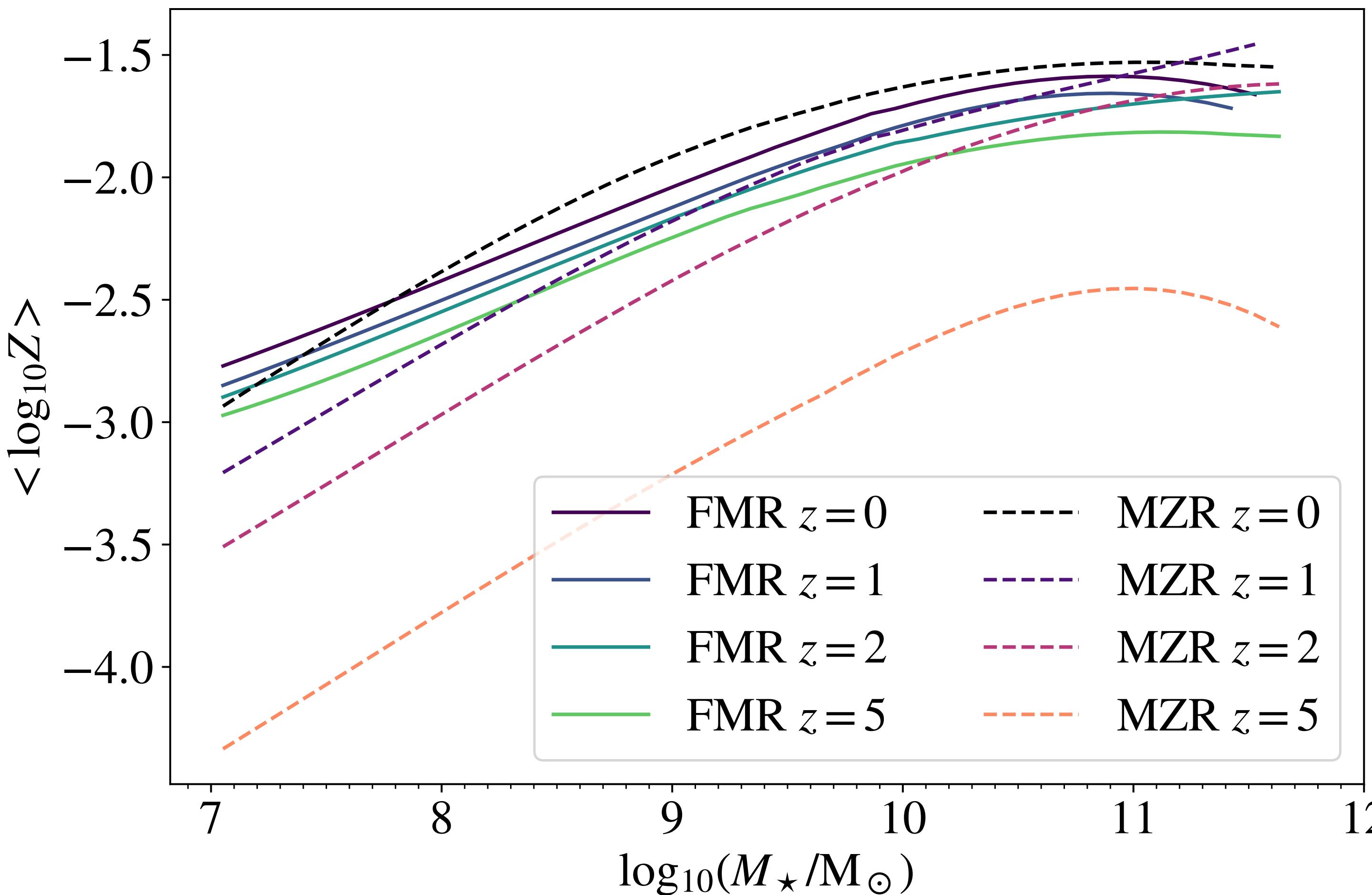
# Merger efficiency



# Impact of metallicity

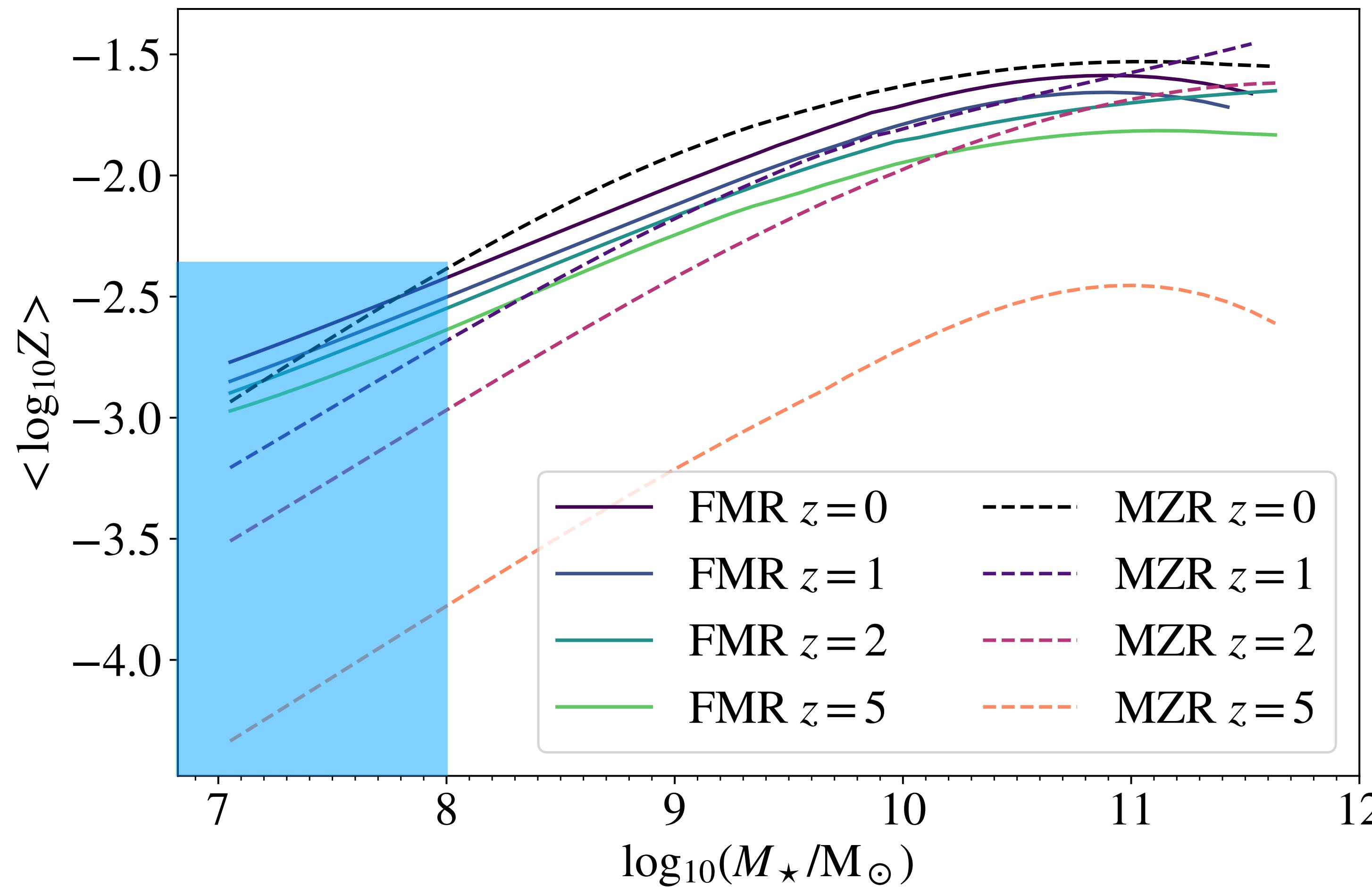


# Metallicity distribution



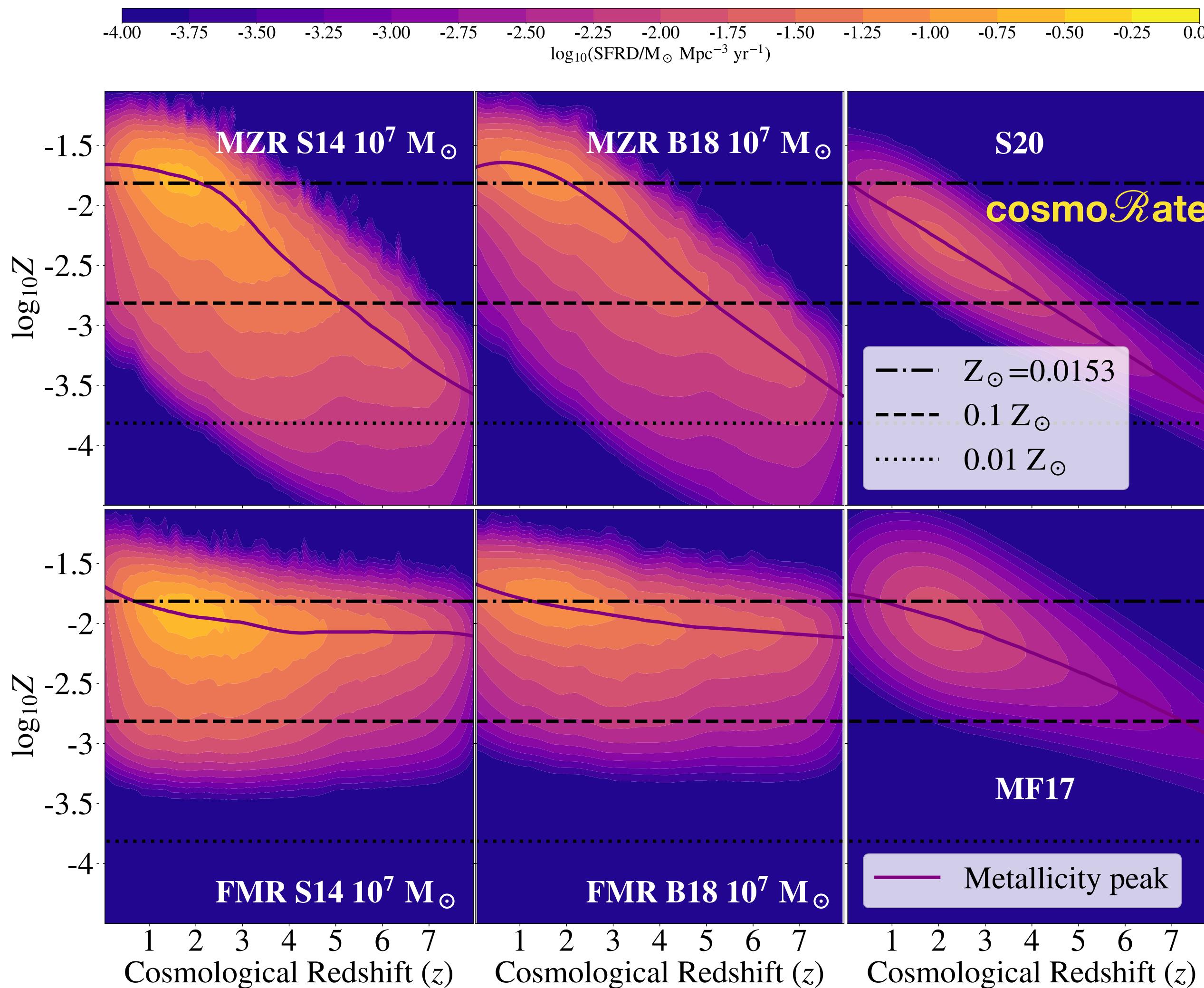
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# SFRD( $z$ , $Z$ )

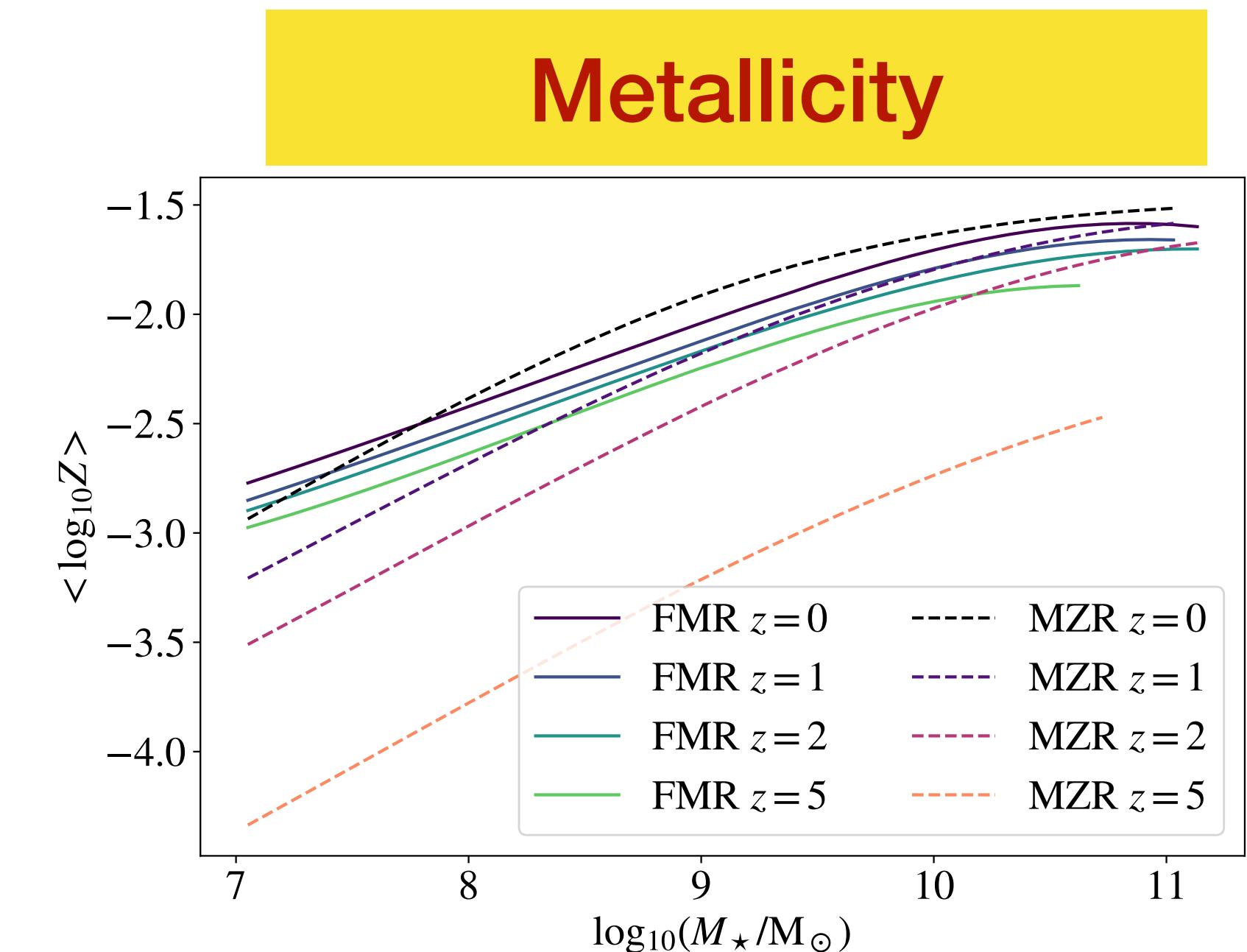
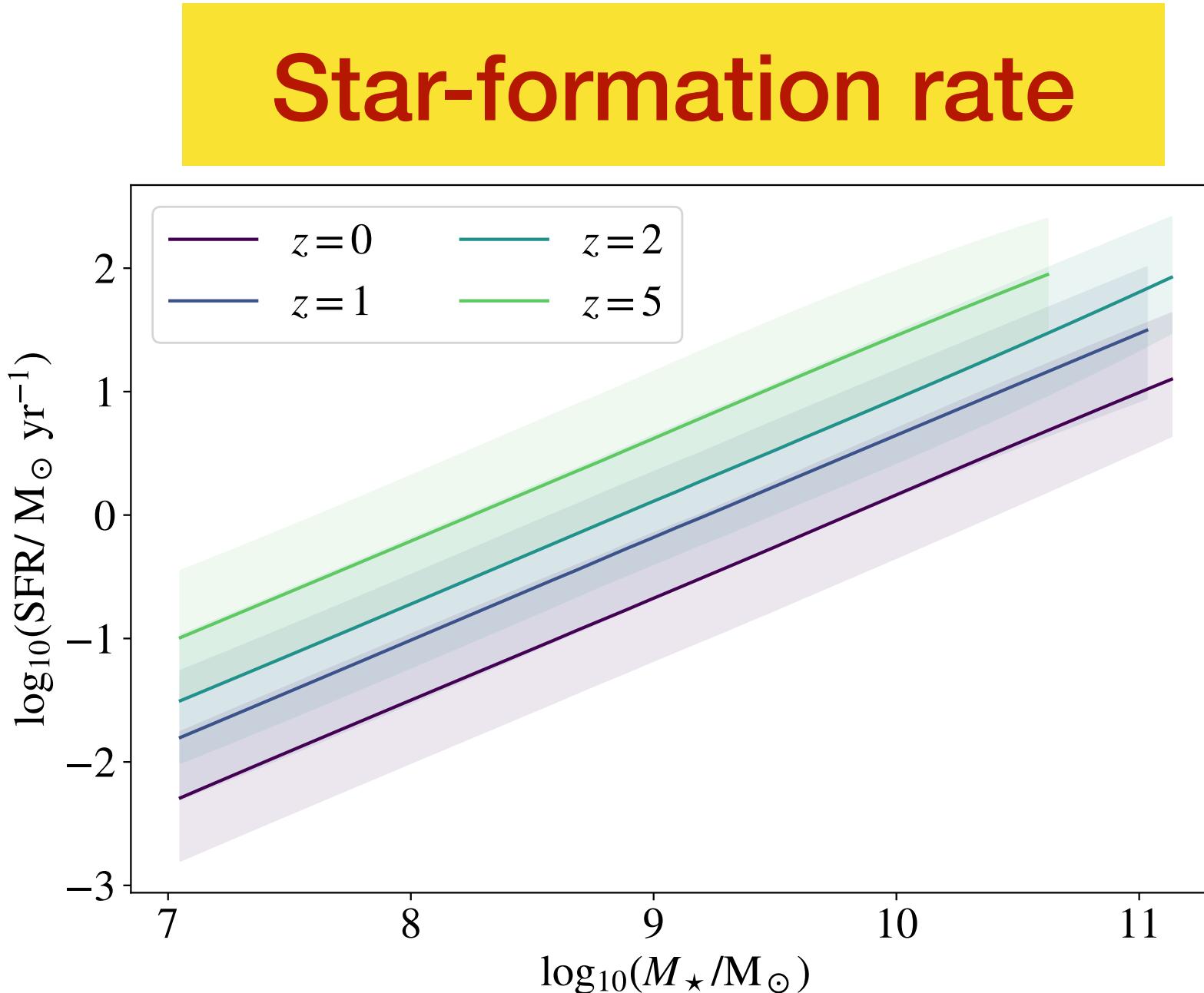
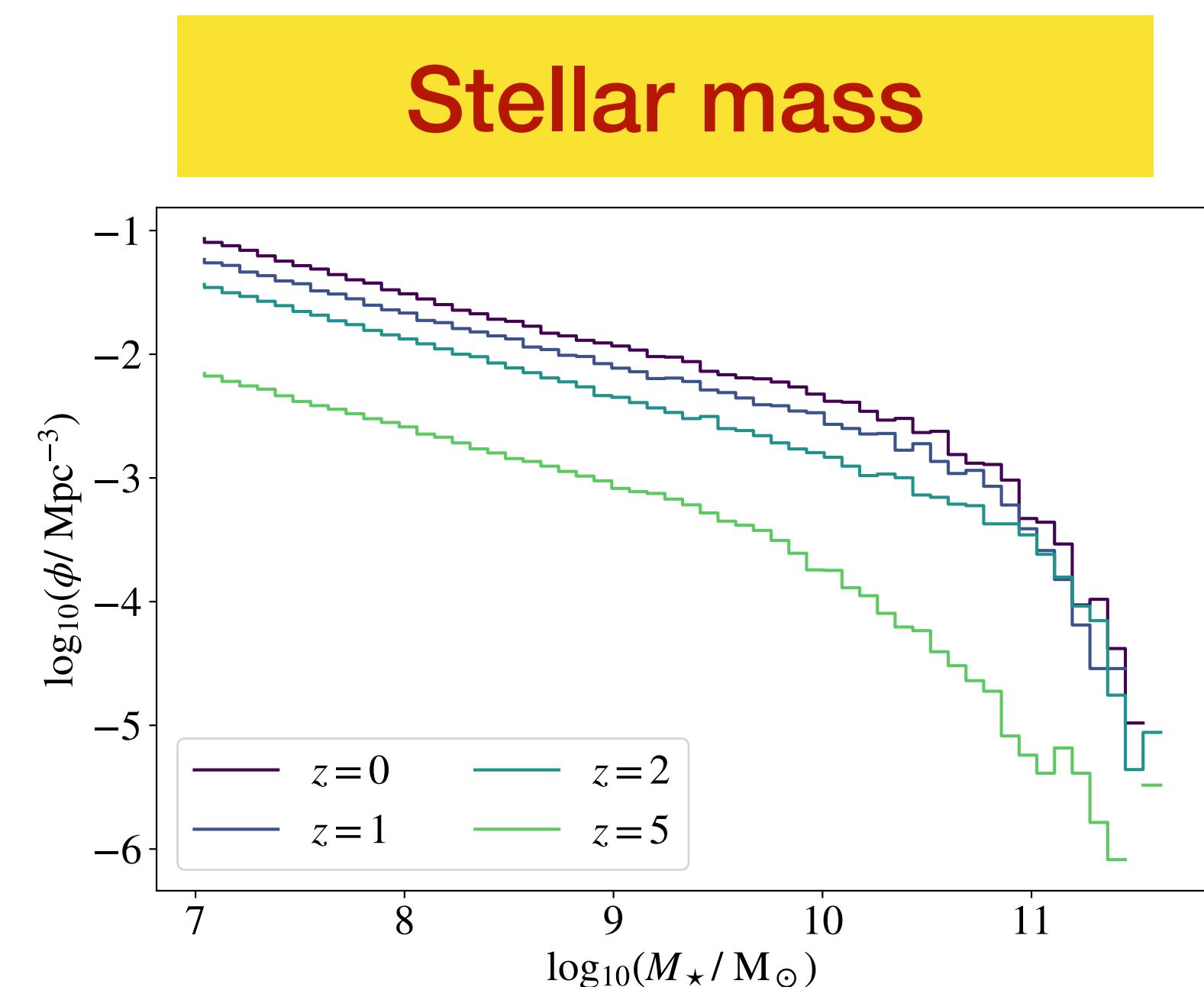


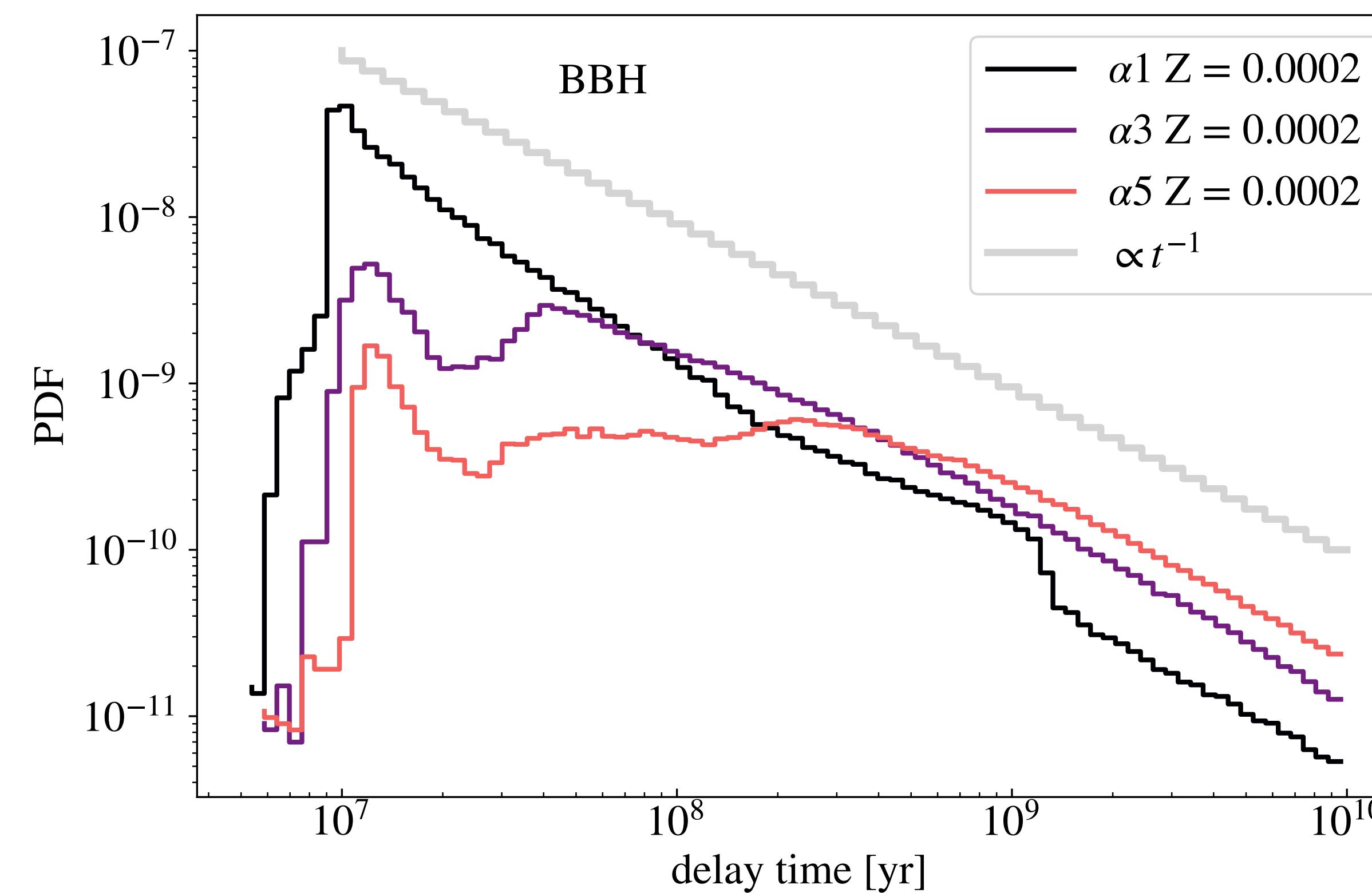
# galaxyRate



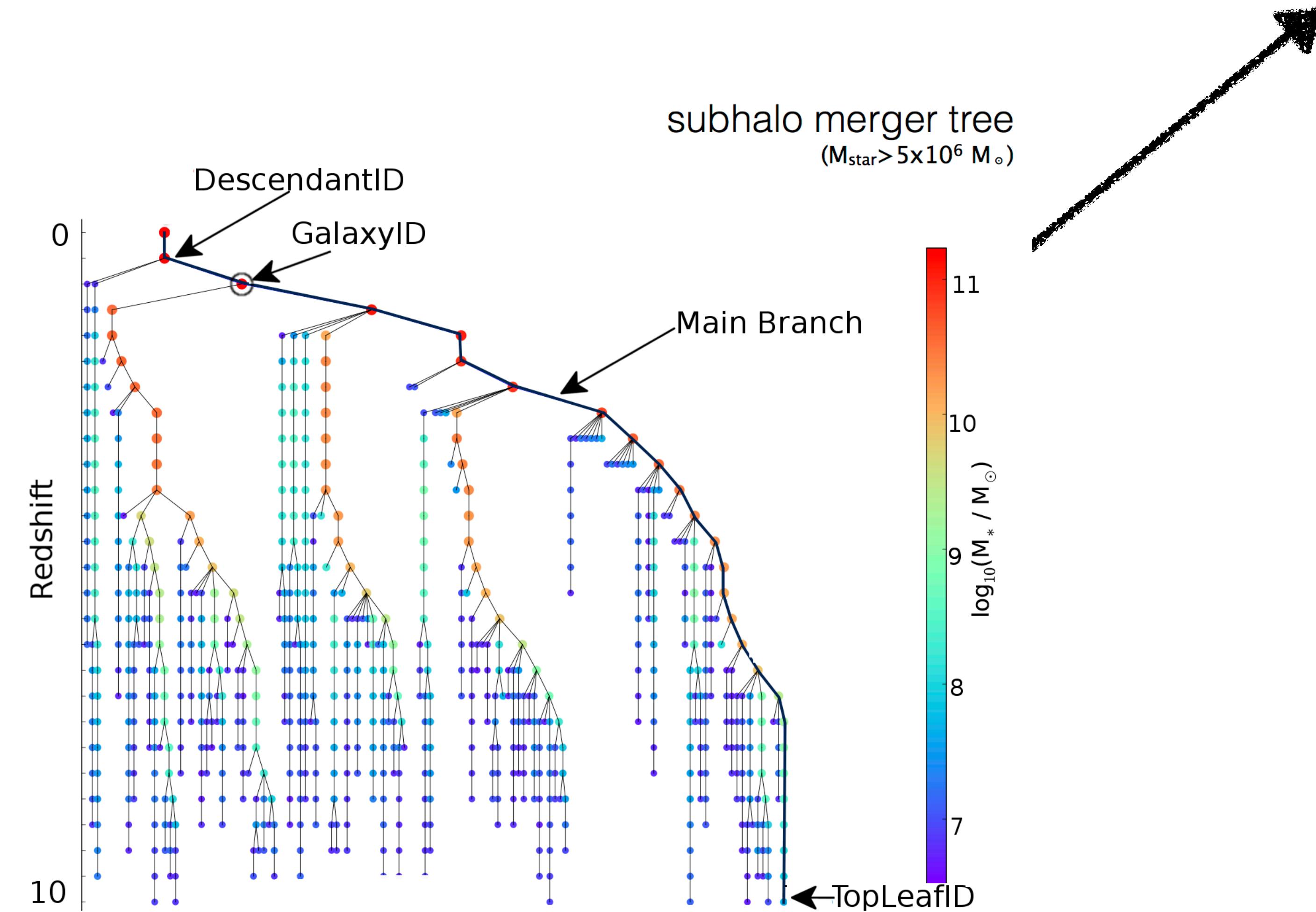


## Population of star-forming galaxies from observational scaling relations





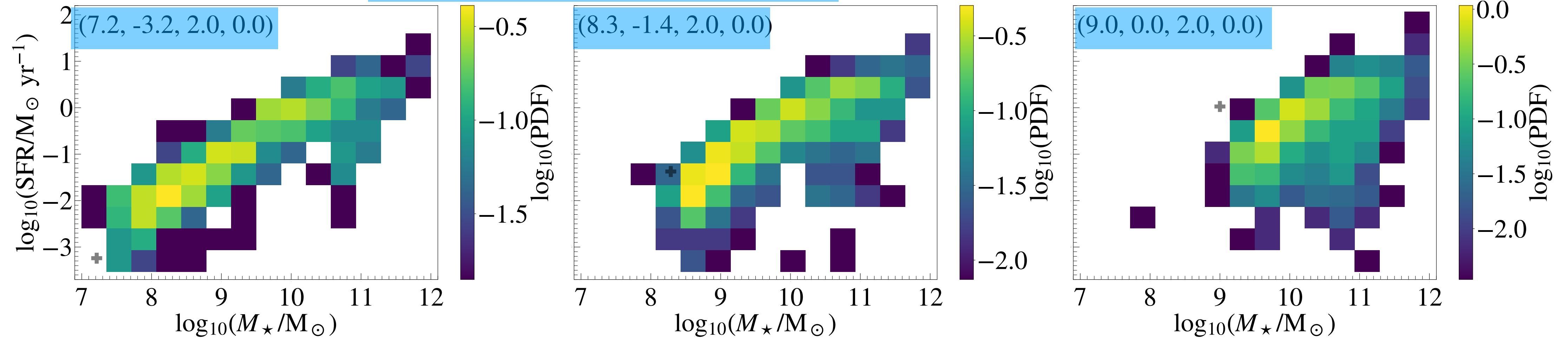
Effect of common envelope on delay time

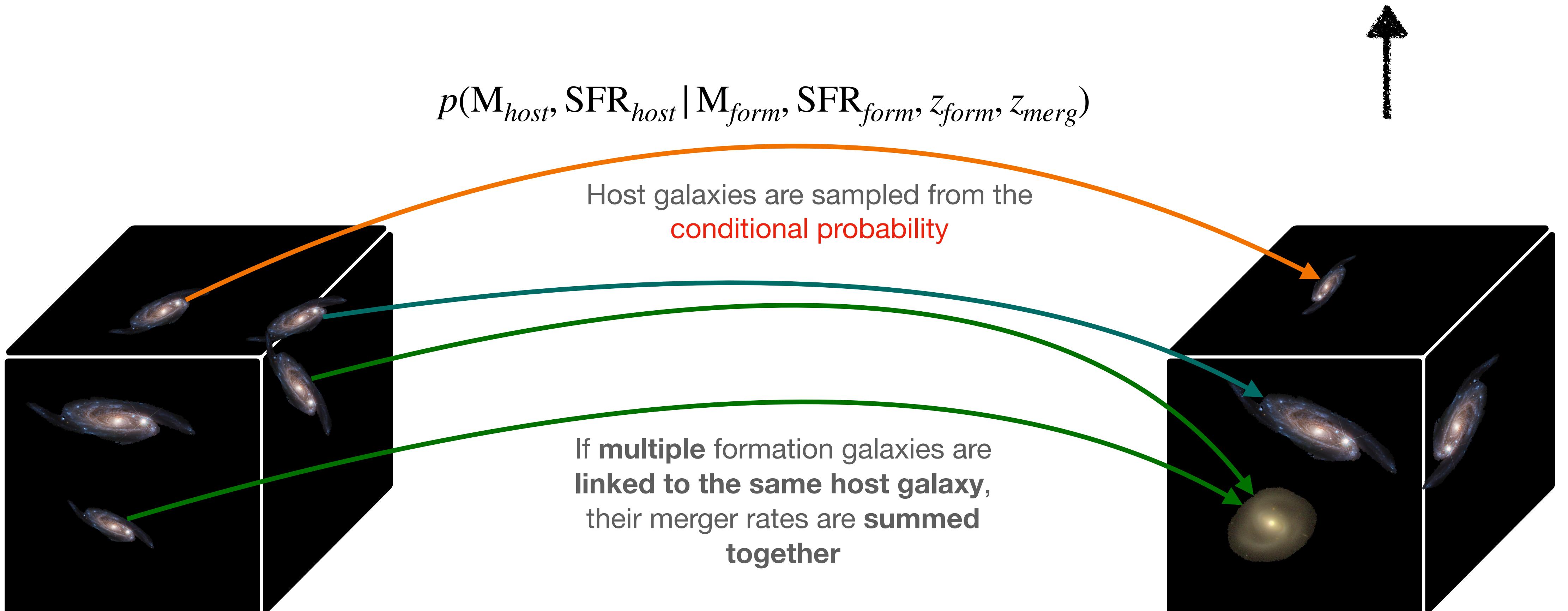




From the **merger trees**, I compute a **conditional probability**:

$$p(M_{host}, \text{SFR}_{host} | M_{form}, \text{SFR}_{form}, z_{form}, z_{merg})$$





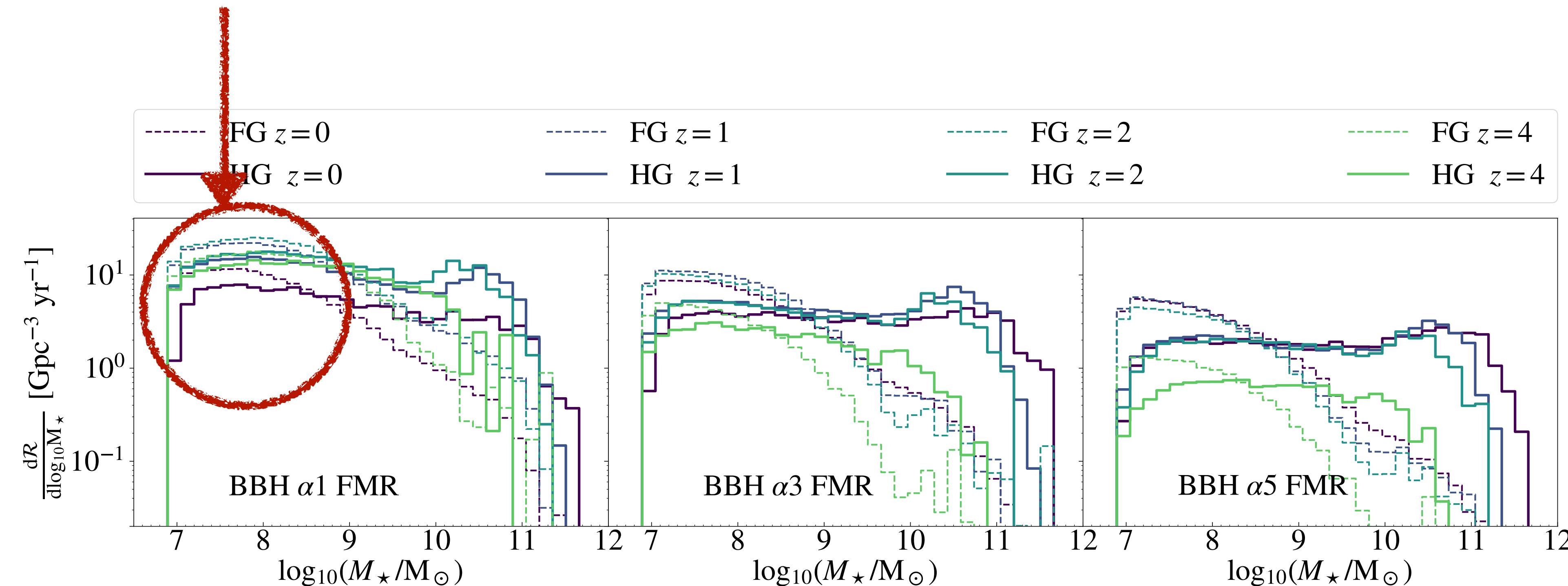
Universe at  $z_{form}$   $\longleftrightarrow$  Universe at  $z_{merg}$

Difference set with the delay time

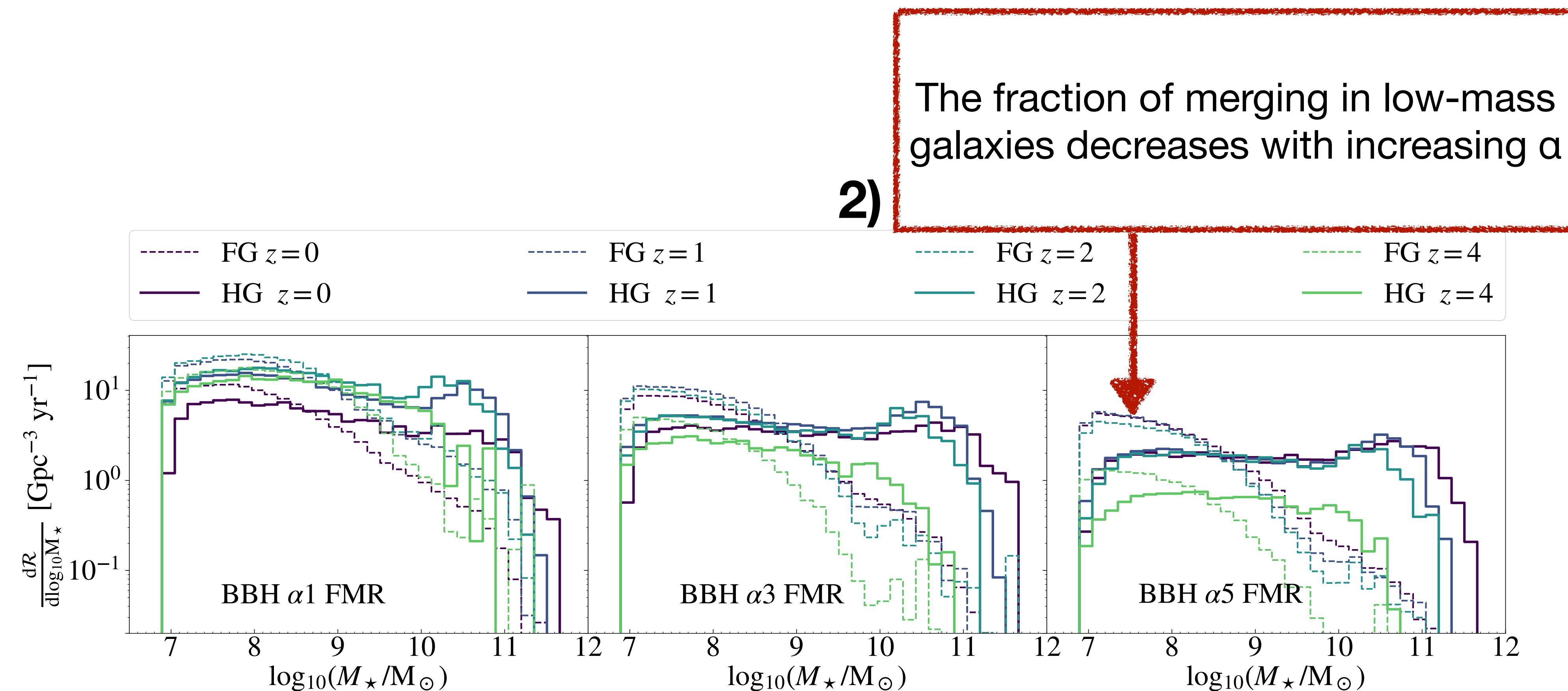
# galaxyRate: host galaxy stellar mass

1)

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



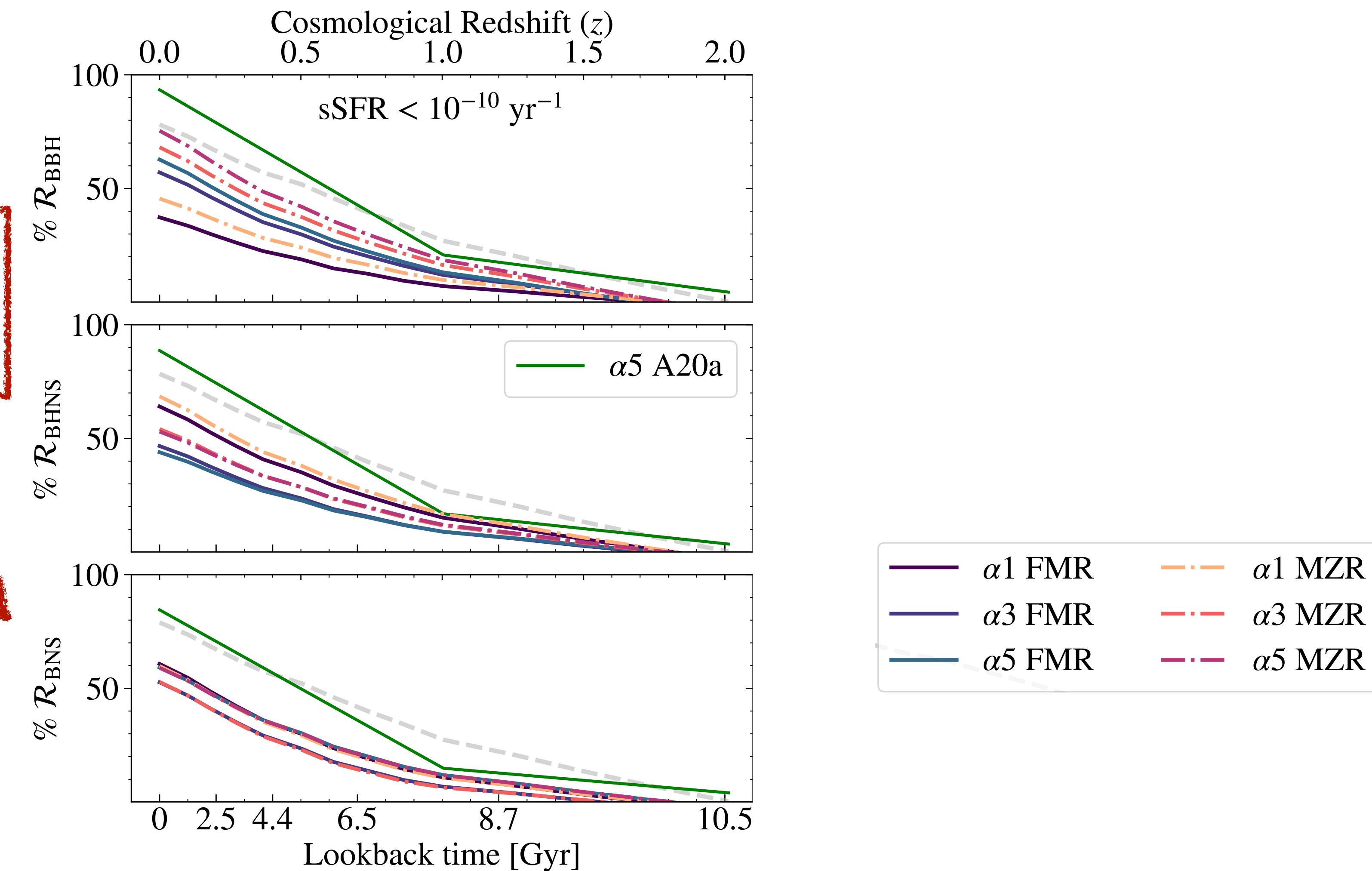
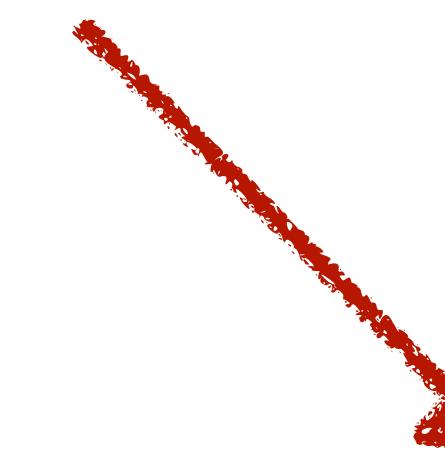
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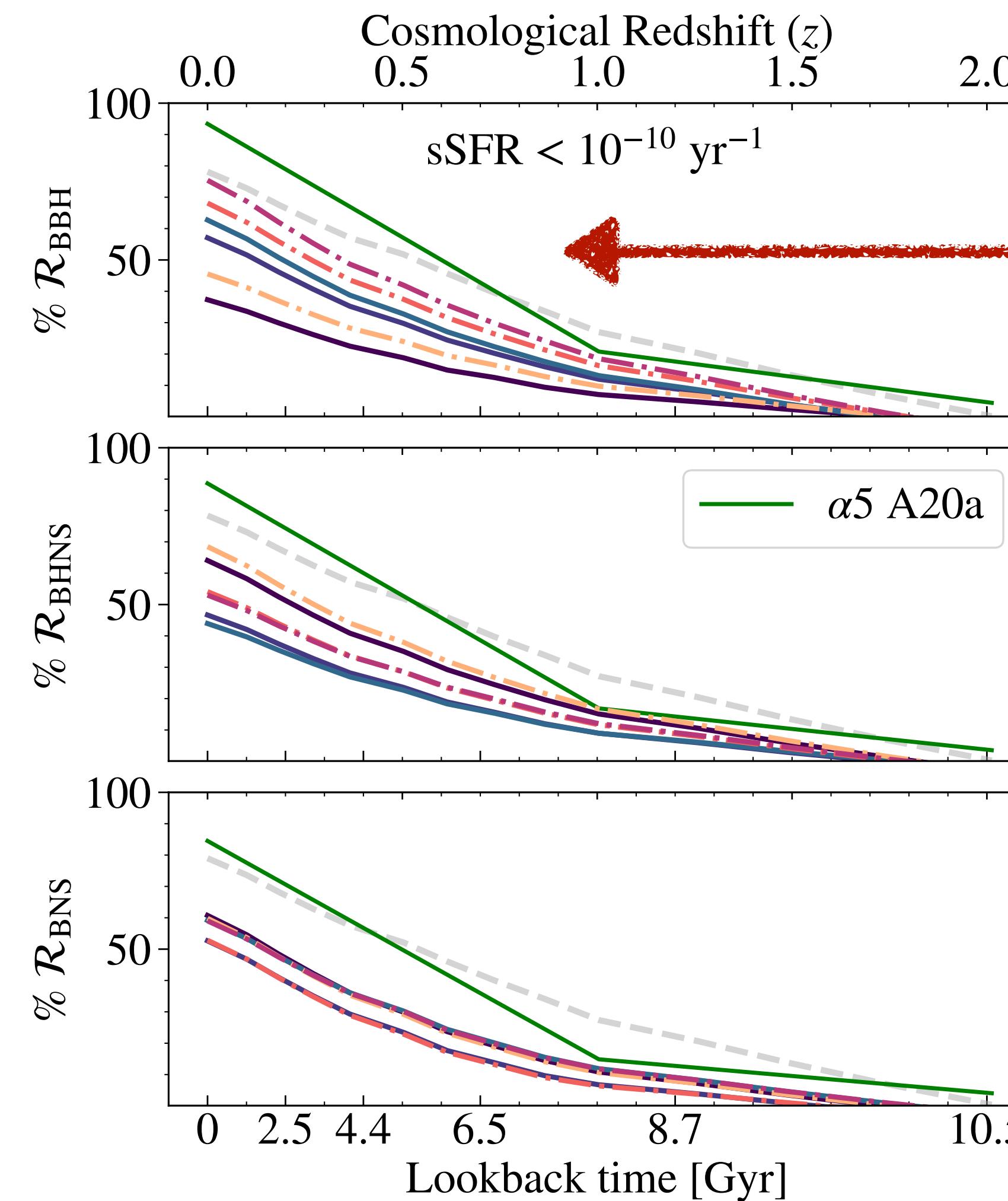
# galaxyRate: passive galaxies

1)

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



# galaxyRate: passive galaxies



2)

the percentage of BBH can  
changed by a **factor of ~2**  
depending on  $\alpha$

$\alpha 1 \text{ FMR}$	$\alpha 1 \text{ MZR}$
$\alpha 3 \text{ FMR}$	$\alpha 3 \text{ MZR}$
$\alpha 5 \text{ FMR}$	$\alpha 5 \text{ MZR}$

**Can host galaxies be useful in other ways?**

# GW and cosmology

- GW are **standard sirens**

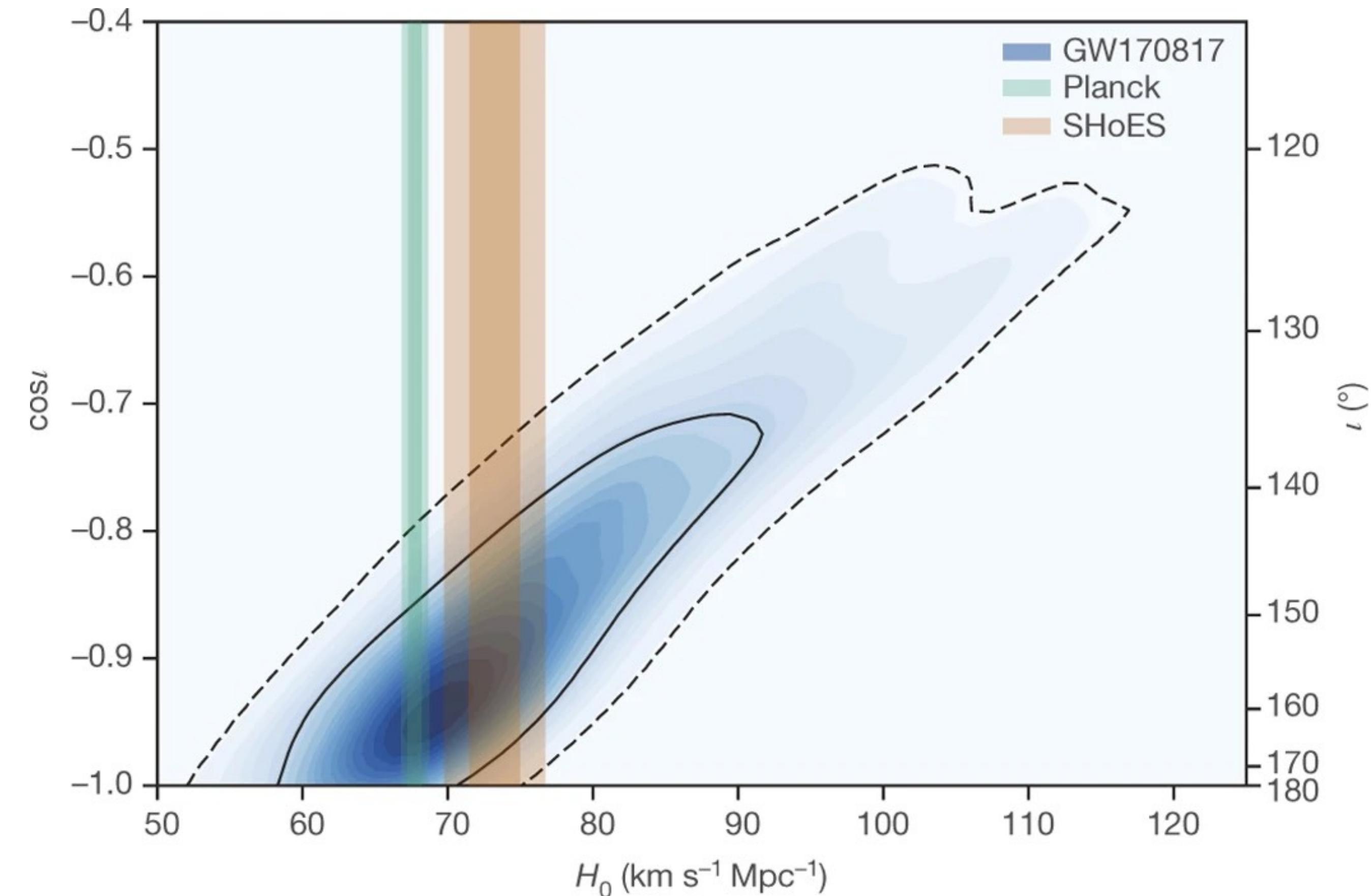
- $$h_+ = \frac{2(1+z)\mathcal{M}}{d_L} (\pi(1+z)\mathcal{M}f)^{2/3} (1 + \cos^2 i) \cos 2\phi_N(t)$$

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

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

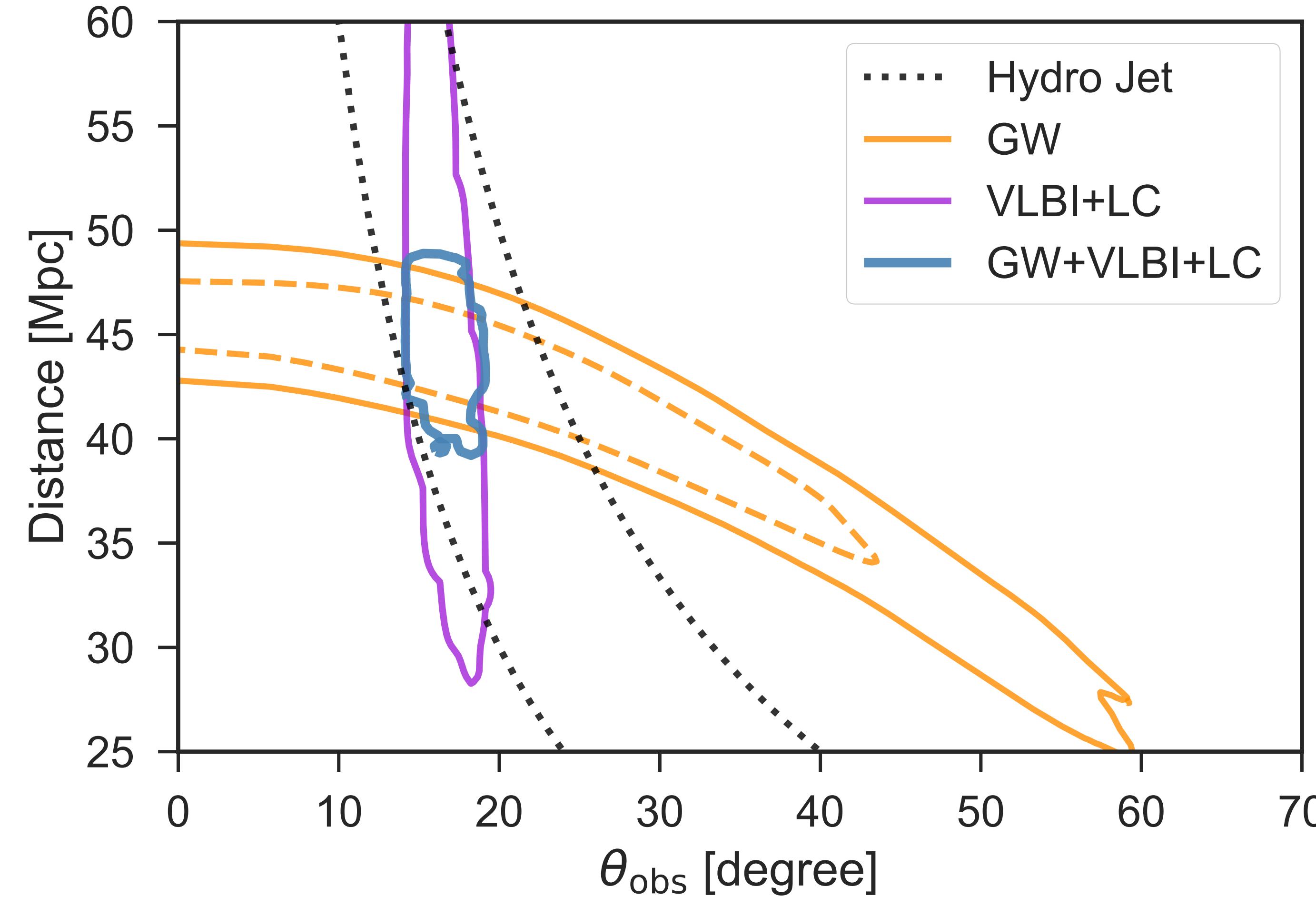
# GW and cosmology

- $v_H = H_0 d_L$
- 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



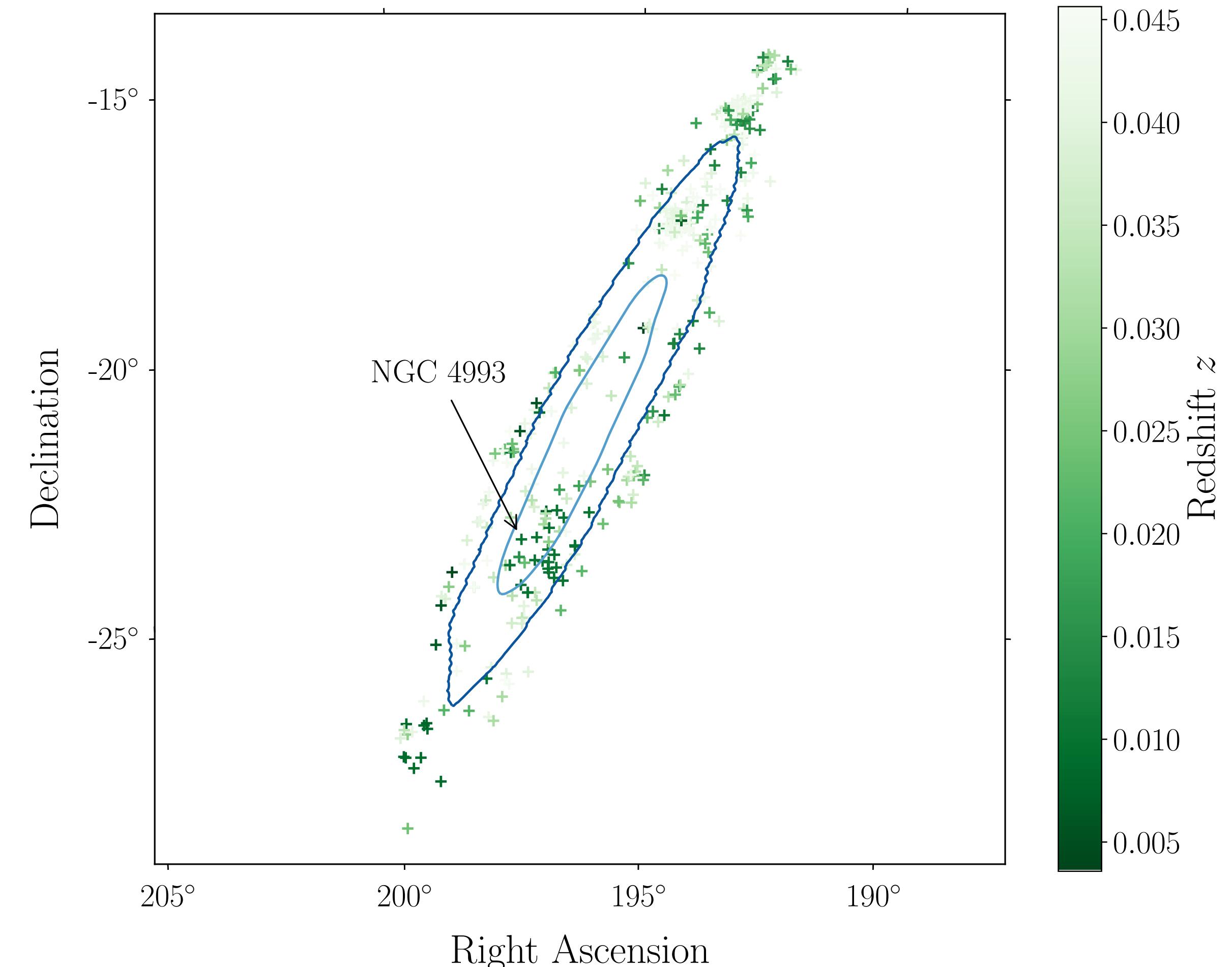
# GW and cosmology

- **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](#),  
[Borghi et al. 2024](#)
  - **See you this afternoon!**