

Modelling GHz in cosmological galaxy evolution simulations

Rob Yates

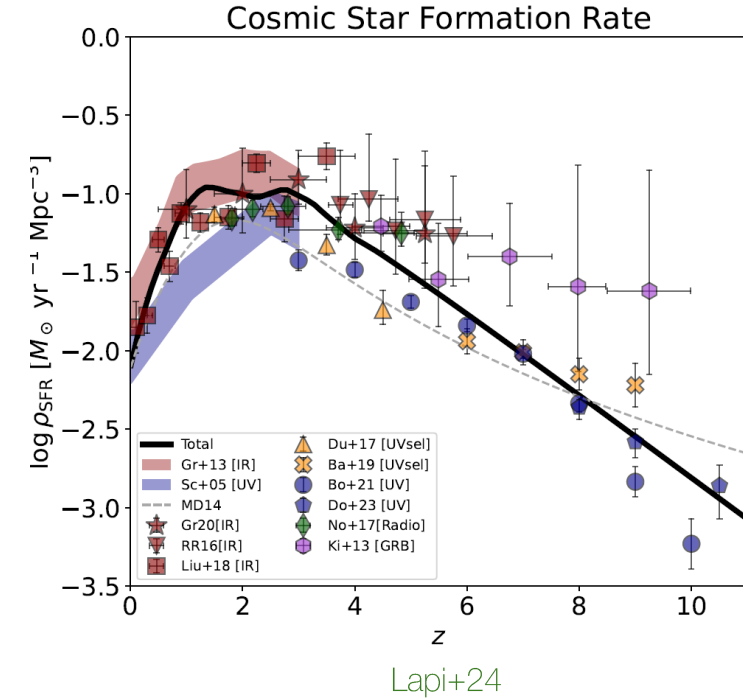
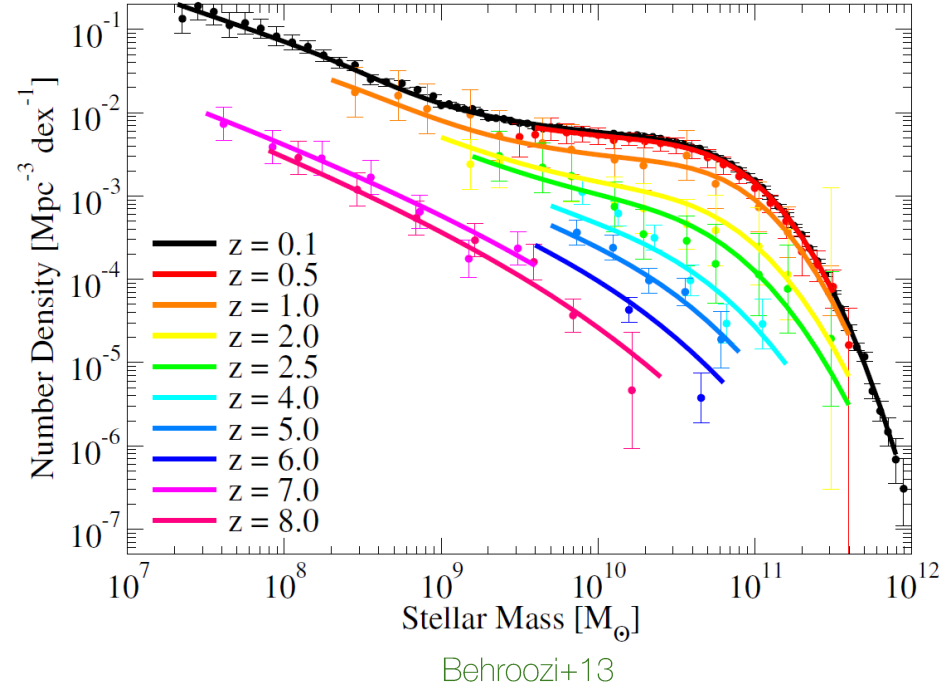
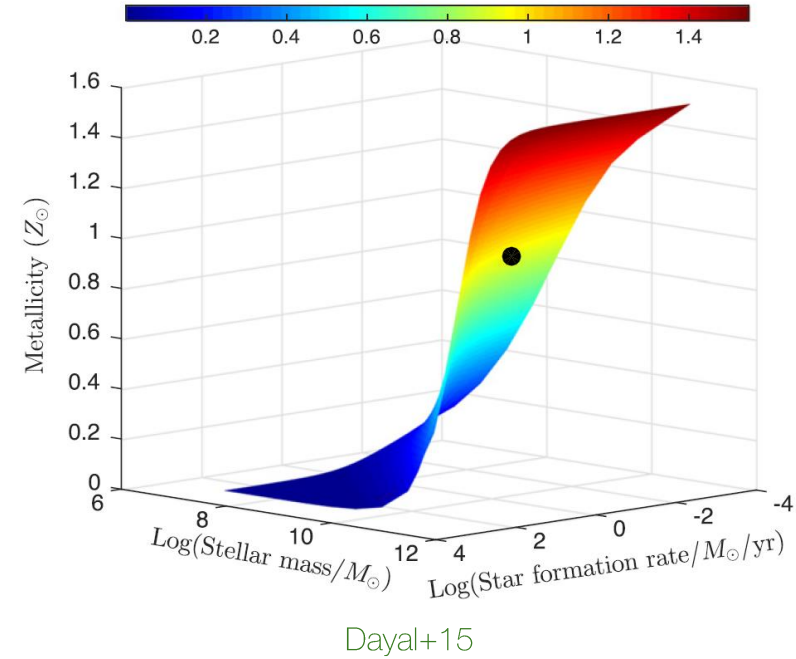
University of Hertfordshire

Molecules & Planets workshop:

Session 5: GCE: link with the GHz

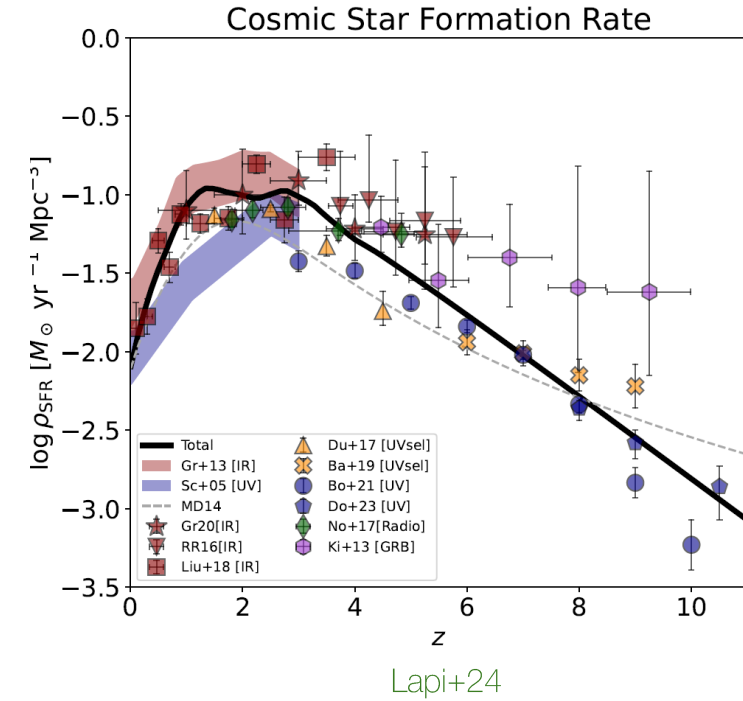
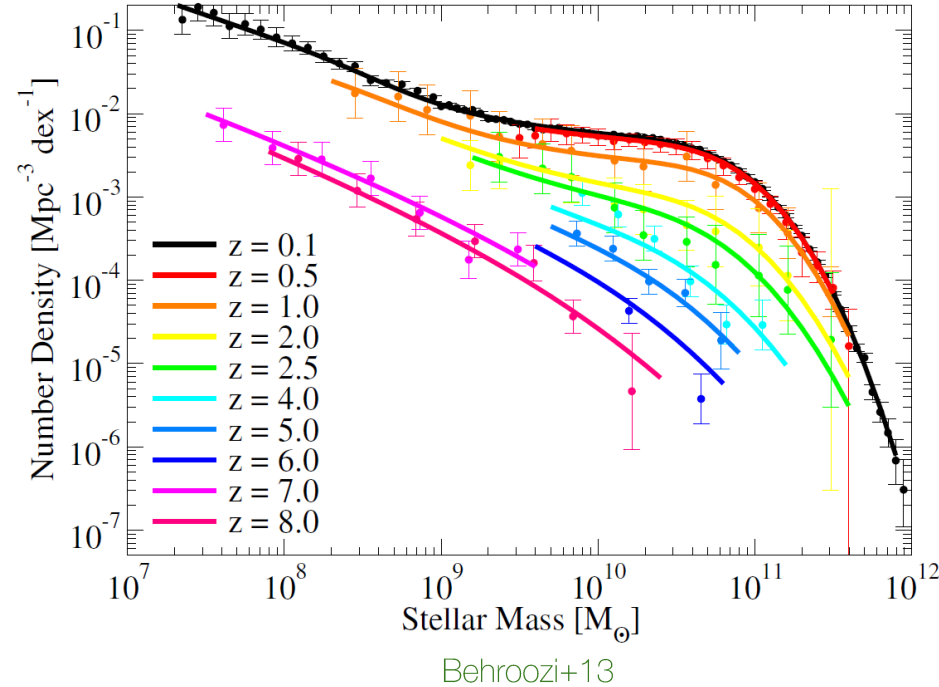
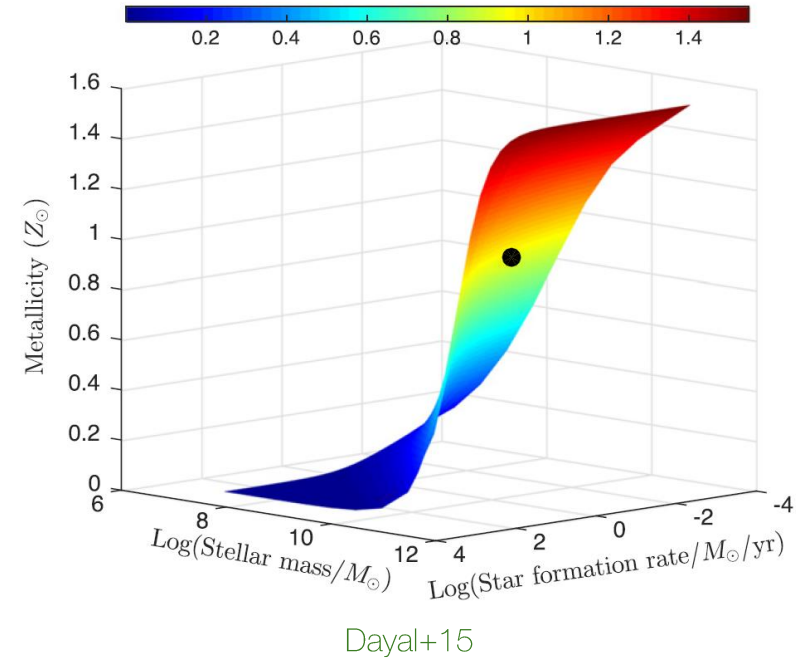
Cosmological simulation types

1) Empirical models



Use **empirical scaling relations** to infer galaxy evolution.
Varied star-formation histories (SFHs) **not considered**.

1) Empirical models



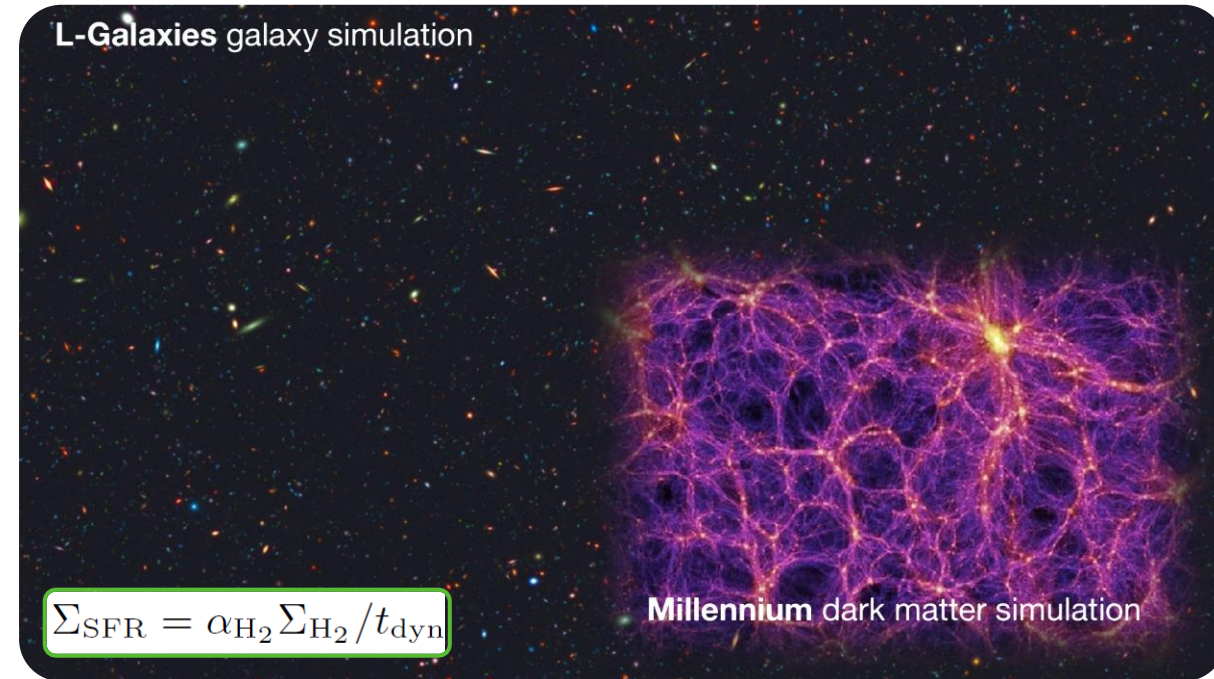
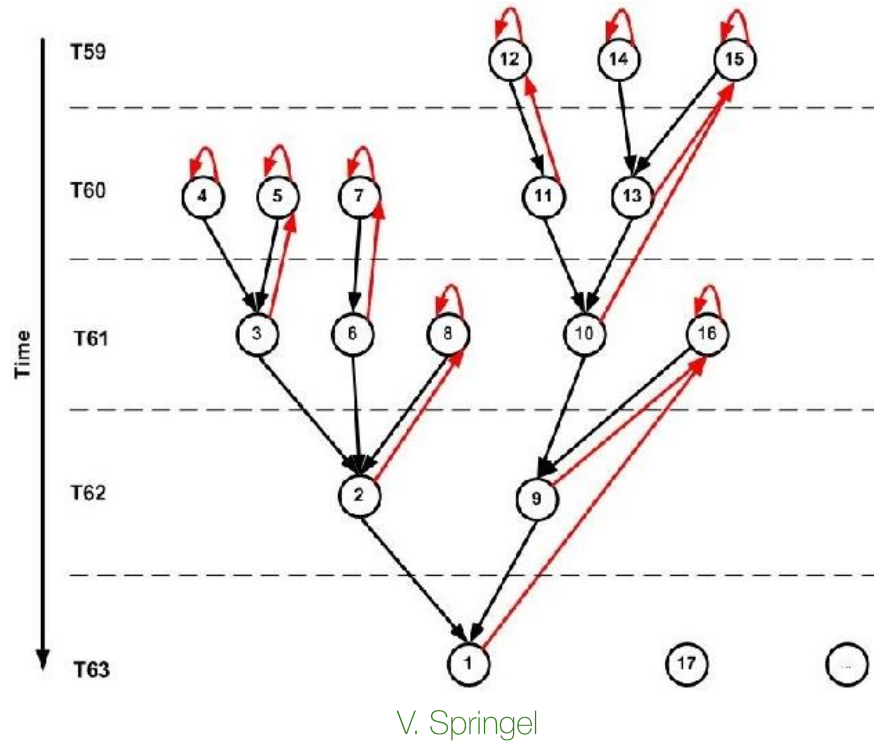
Use **empirical scaling relations** to infer galaxy evolution.
Varied star-formation histories (SFHs) **not considered**.

Highly efficient

Average, galaxy-scale predictions

(GHZ studies: e.g. Dayal+15,16; Li & Zhang 15; Behroozi & Peeples 15; Gobat & Hong 16; Lapi+24)

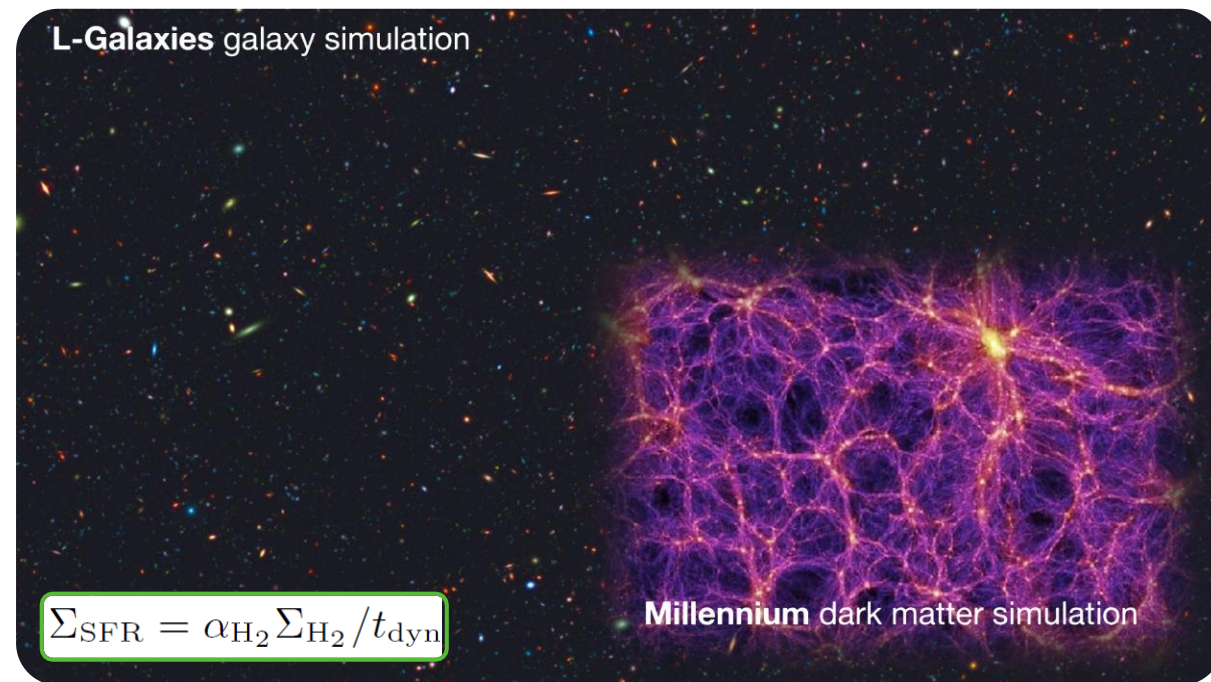
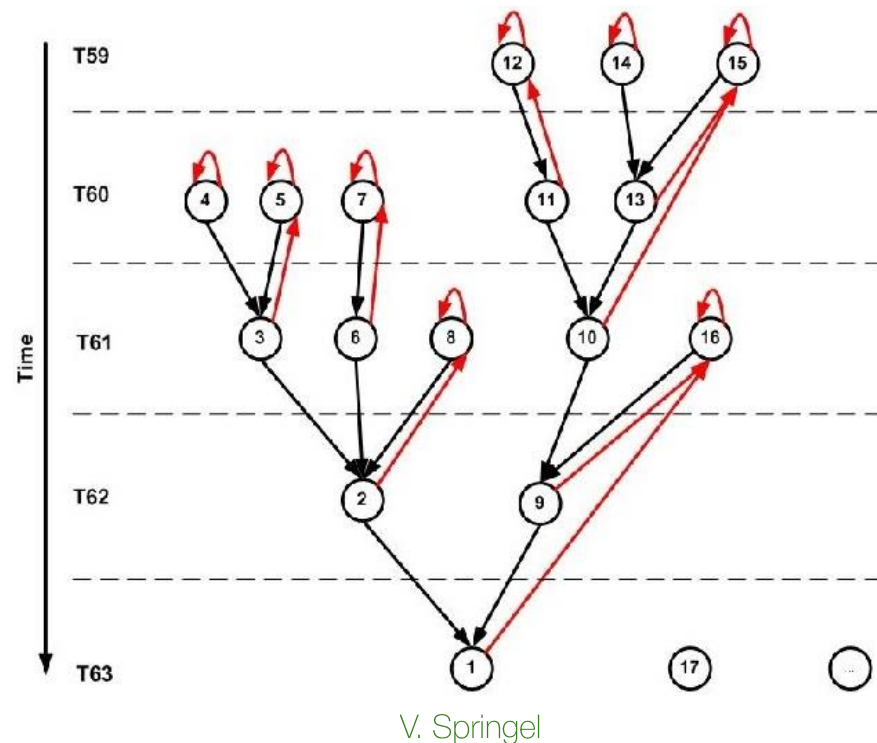
2) Semi-analytic simulations



R. Yates

Consider diverse **cosmological context** via the underlying DM halo merger history.
Use analytic formulae to describe baryonic processes on **galaxy scales**.

2) Semi-analytic simulations



Consider diverse **cosmological context** via the underlying DM halo merger history.
Use analytic formulae to describe baryonic processes on **galaxy scales**.

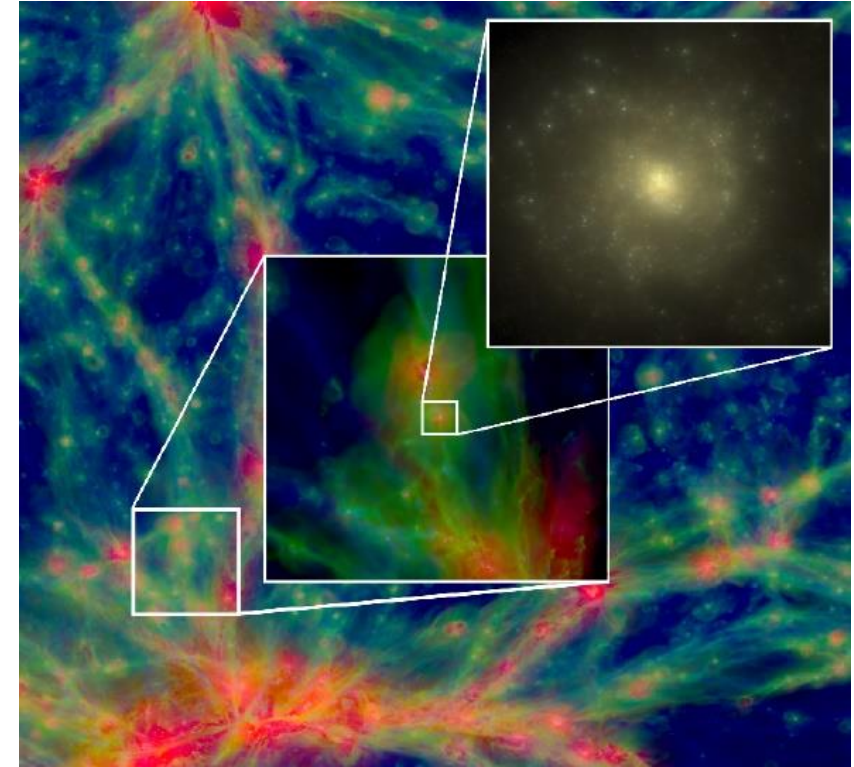
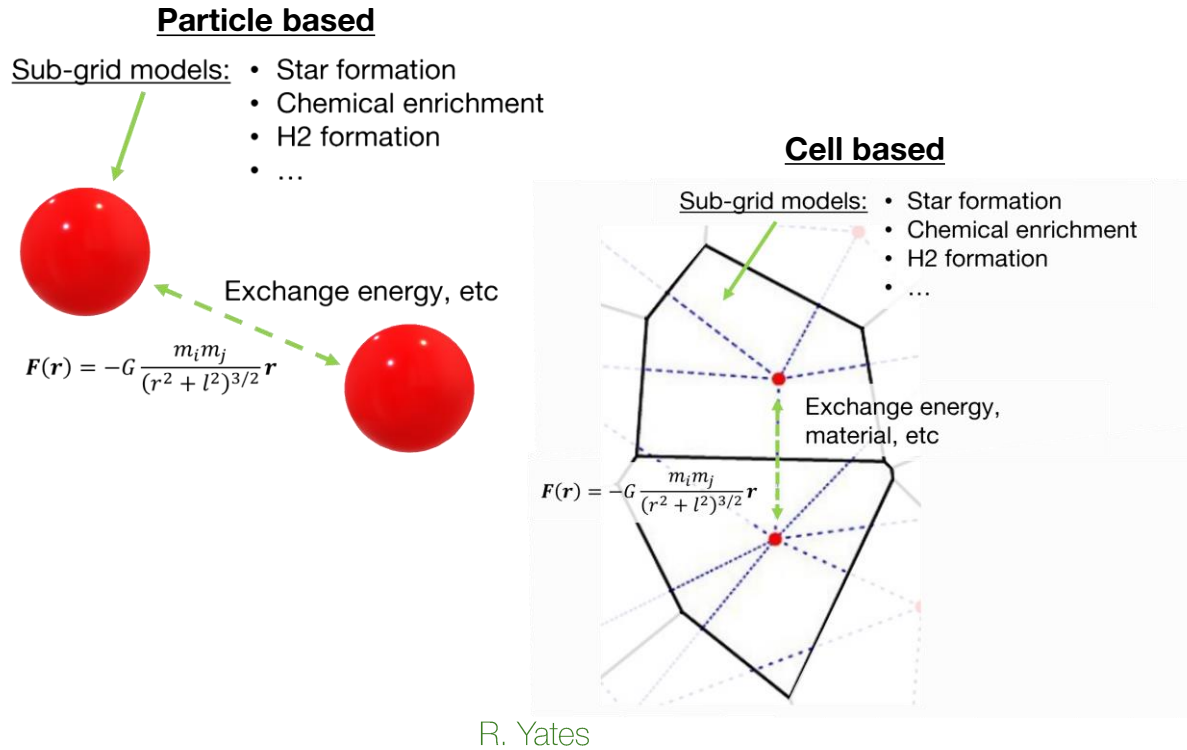
Efficient

100s of CPU hrs per run

Individual, galaxy-scale predictions

(GHZ studies: e.g. Zackrisson+16; Stanway+18)

3) Hydrodynamical simulations



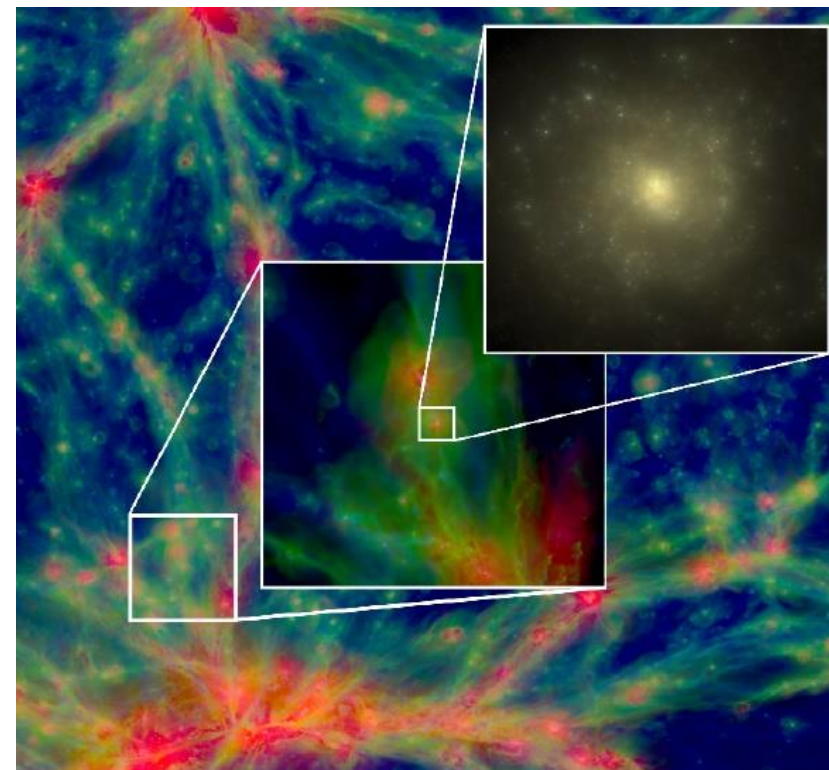
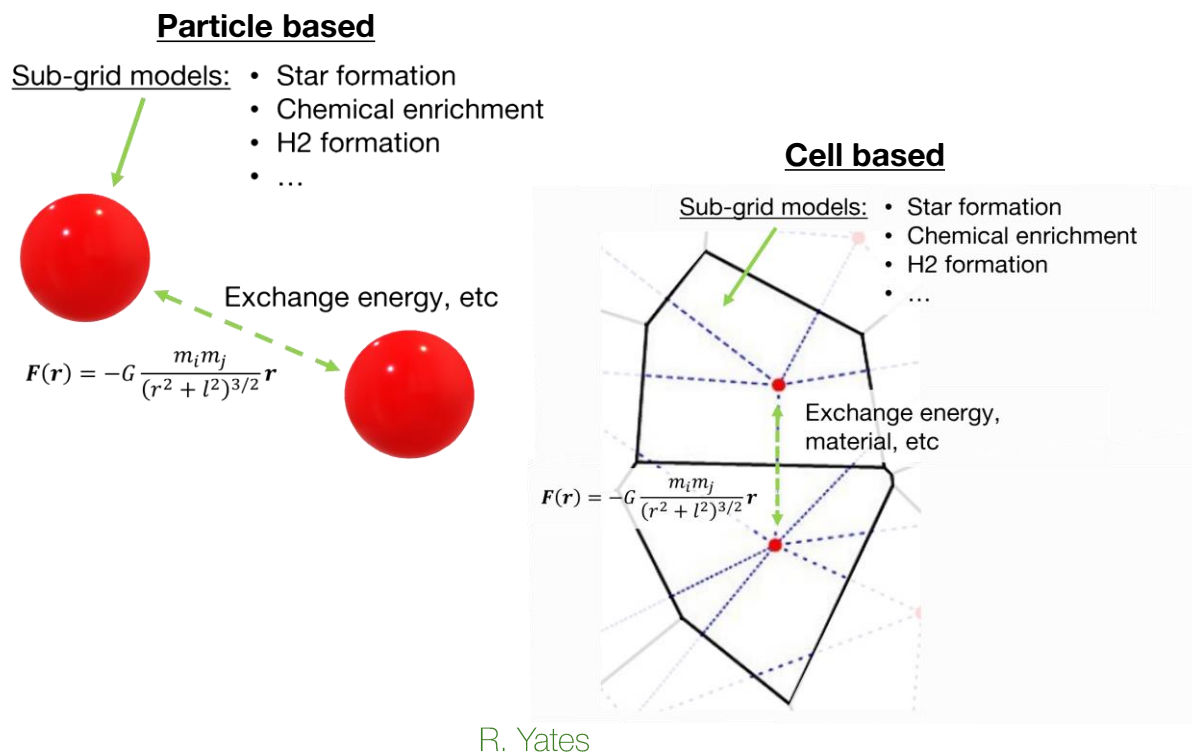
Schaye+15

Consider diverse **cosmological context** and model **small-scale** baryonic processes*.
Directly calculate the **morphological & hydrodynamical** evolution of galaxies.

(GHZ studies: e.g. Forgan+17b; Boettner+24)

* Note: baryonic particles / softening lengths are $\mathcal{O}(10^4) M_{\text{sun}}$ / $\mathcal{O}(10^2)$ pc for relevant zoom-in simulations

3) Hydrodynamical simulations



Schaye+15

Consider diverse **cosmological context** and model **small-scale** baryonic processes*.
Directly calculate the **morphological & hydrodynamical** evolution of galaxies.

Inefficient

10s of millions of CPU hrs per run

Individual, sub-kpc-scale predictions

(GHZ studies: e.g. Forgan+17b; Boettner+24)

* Note: baryonic particles / softening lengths are $\mathcal{O}(10^4) M_{\text{sun}}$ / $\mathcal{O}(10^2)$ pc for relevant zoom-in simulations

Previous habitability studies

Assumptions about planet formation

1) Empirical approach:

number of habitable planets (HPs)

Dayal+15: $N_{\text{HP}} \propto \frac{M_*^2 Z_g^\alpha}{\psi}$

galaxy stellar mass

galaxy gas-phase metallicity

galaxy SFR (proxy for SN rate)

number density of HPs

Dayal+16: $n_{\text{HP}} \propto \frac{\rho_* Z_*^\alpha}{\rho_s}$

cosmic stellar mass density

galaxy stellar metallicity

cosmic sterilising radiation density

rate of terrestrial planet (TP) formation

Behroozi & Peeples 16: $R_{\text{TP}} = \frac{\bar{n} \psi}{\bar{m}_*} Z_g^\alpha$

mean N_{TP} per star

mean star mass

TP = Terrestrial planet
 $\approx T_{\text{earth}}, R_{\text{earth}}, P_{\text{earth}}, \text{etc}$

HP = Habitable planet
= TP that hasn't been sterilised or destroyed

Assumptions about planet formation

1) Empirical approach:

number of habitable planets (HPs)

Dayal+15: $N_{\text{HP}} \propto \frac{M_*^2 Z_g^\alpha}{\psi}$

galaxy stellar mass

galaxy gas-phase metallicity

galaxy SFR (proxy for SN rate)

number density of HPs

Dayal+16: $n_{\text{HP}} \propto \frac{\rho_* Z_*^\alpha}{\rho_s}$

cosmic stellar mass density

galaxy stellar metallicity

cosmic sterilising radiation density

rate of terrestrial planet (TP) formation

Behroozi & Peeples 16: $R_{\text{TP}} = \frac{\bar{n} \psi}{\bar{m}_*} Z_g^\alpha$

mean N_{TP} per star

mean star mass

TP = Terrestrial planet

$\approx T_{\text{earth}}, R_{\text{earth}}, P_{\text{earth}}, \text{etc}$

HP = Habitable planet

= TP that hasn't been sterilised or destroyed

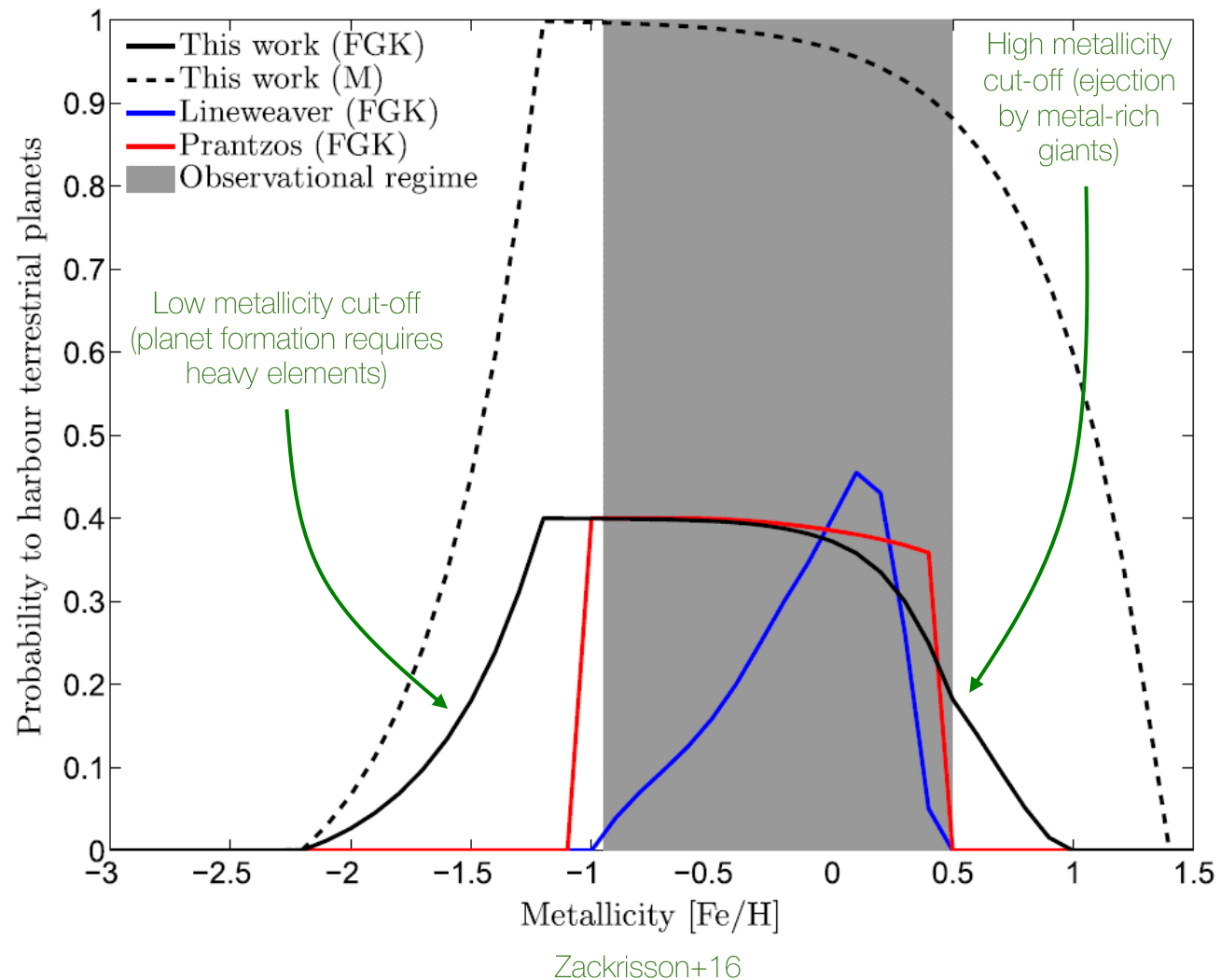
Metallicity dependence:

$$\alpha \sim 0 - 0.7$$

(see e.g. Prantzos 08; Buchhave+12; Wang & Fischer 15; Adams & Kane 16; Hobson+17)

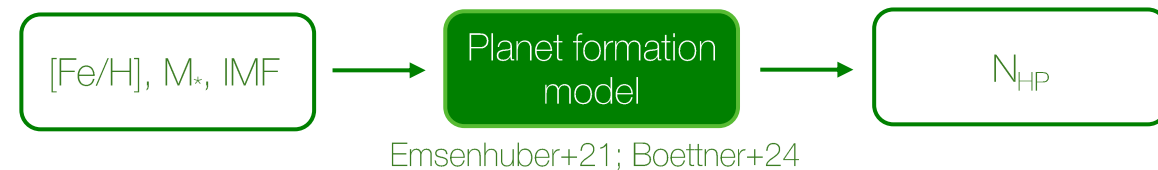
Assumptions about planet formation

2) Semi-analytic & hydrodynamical approach:



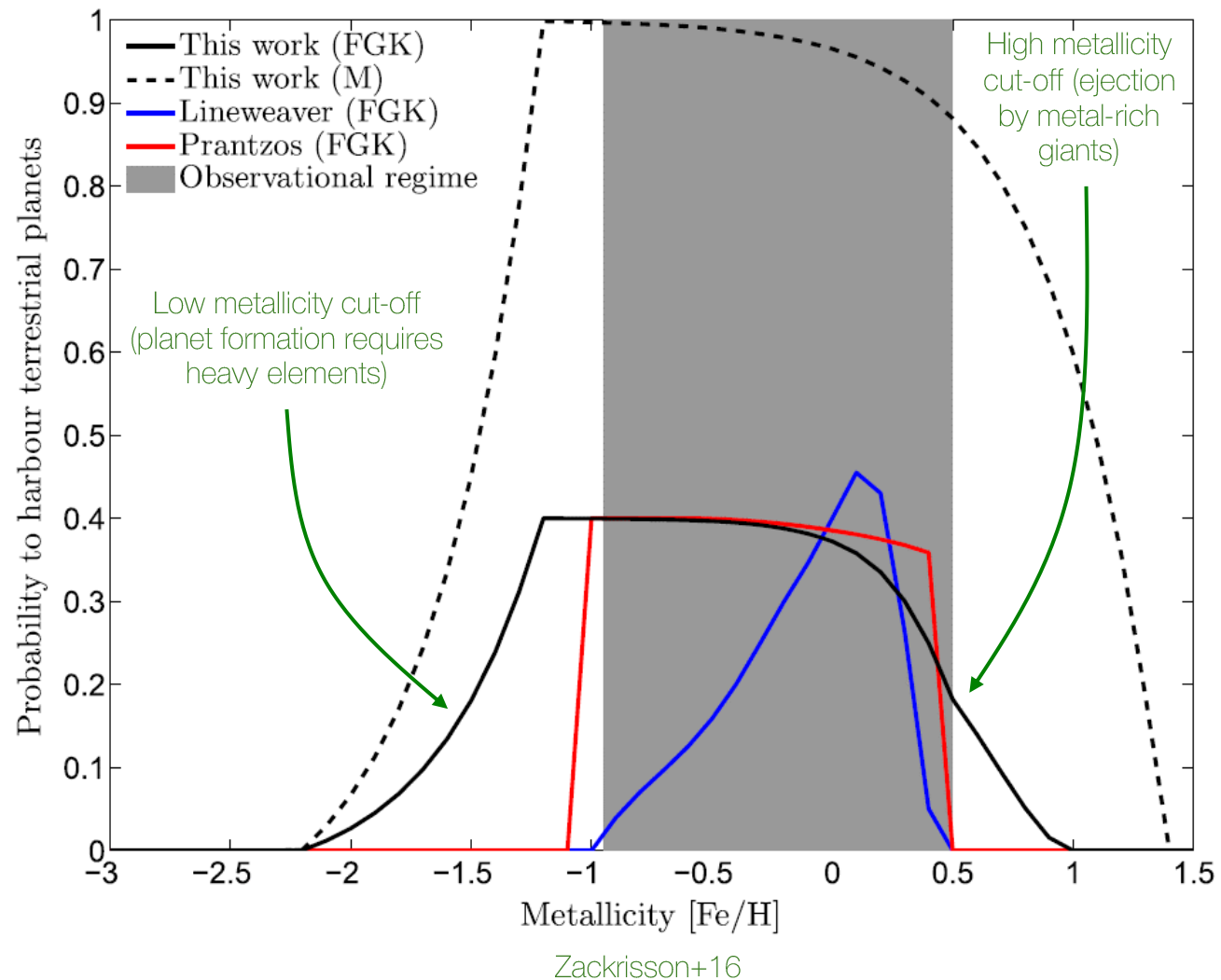
$$N_{\text{HP}} = N_* P_{\text{TP}} (1 - P_{\text{HJ}}) (1 - P_{\text{S}})$$

↑ Number of habitable planets ↑ Number of stars ↑ Probability of TP formation ↑ Probability of destruction by hot Jupiters ↑ Probability of sterilisation



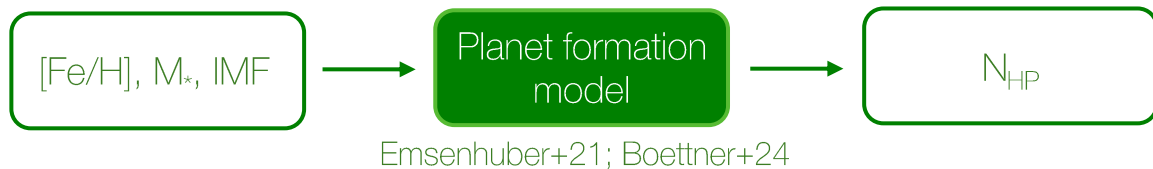
Assumptions about planet formation

2) Semi-analytic & hydrodynamical approach:



$$N_{\text{HP}} = N_* P_{\text{TP}} (1 - P_{\text{HJ}}) (1 - P_{\text{S}})$$

↑ Number of habitable planets ↑ Number of stars ↑ Probability of TP formation ↑ Probability of destruction by hot Jupiters ↑ Probability of sterilisation



Q: Are these metallicity weightings missing TP formation at high redshift or large R_{GC} ?

Results from previous studies

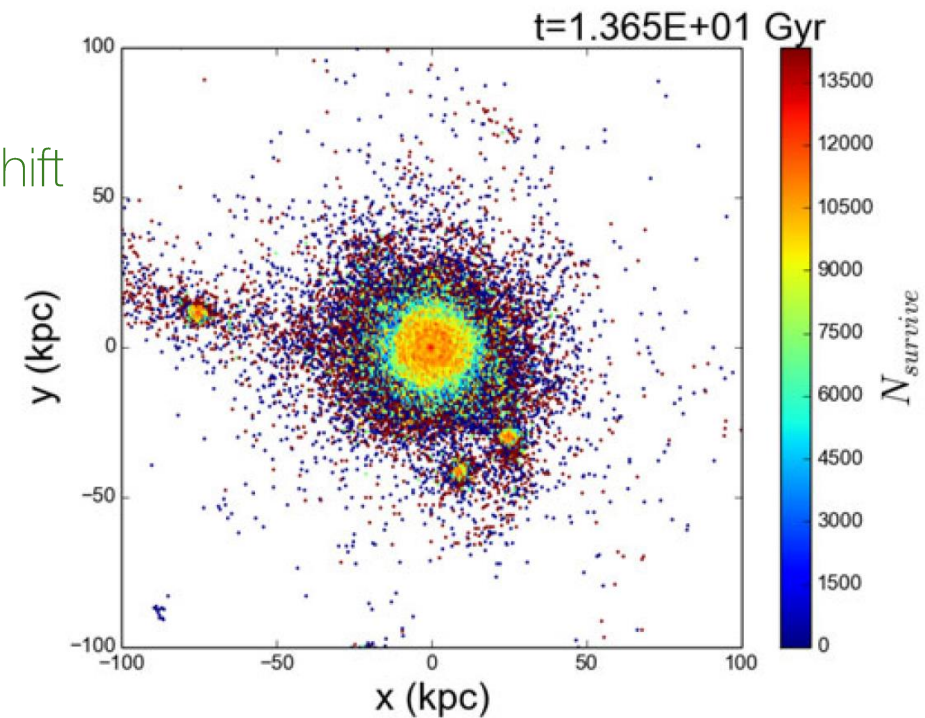
1a) HPs are mostly likely found in **massive elliptical galaxies** at low redshift
(e.g. Dayal+15,16; Gobat & Hong 16; Zackrisson+16)

Results from previous studies

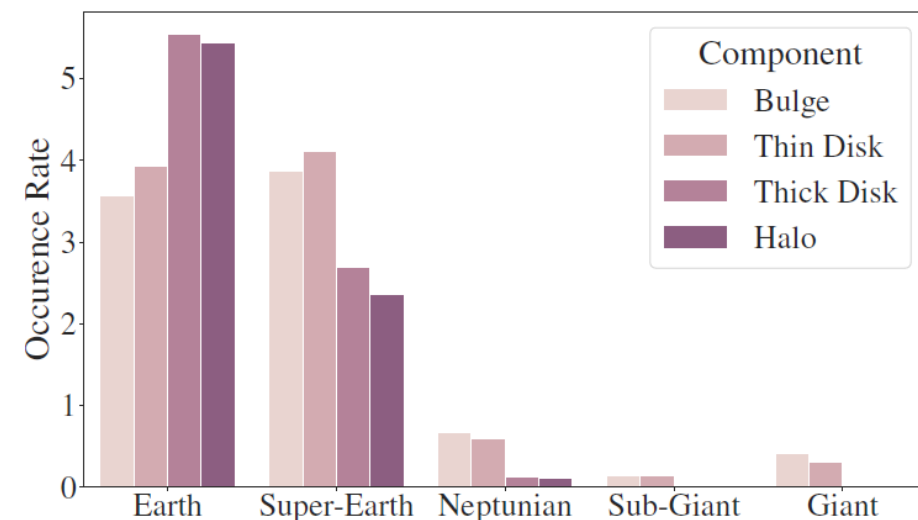
1a) HPs are mostly likely found in **massive elliptical galaxies** at low redshift (e.g. Dayal+15,16; Gobat & Hong 16; Zackrisson+16)

But...

1b) **Dwarf galaxies, thick disc and halo** could also be cradles of life (e.g. Forgan+17b; Boettner+24)



Forgan+17b



Boettner+24

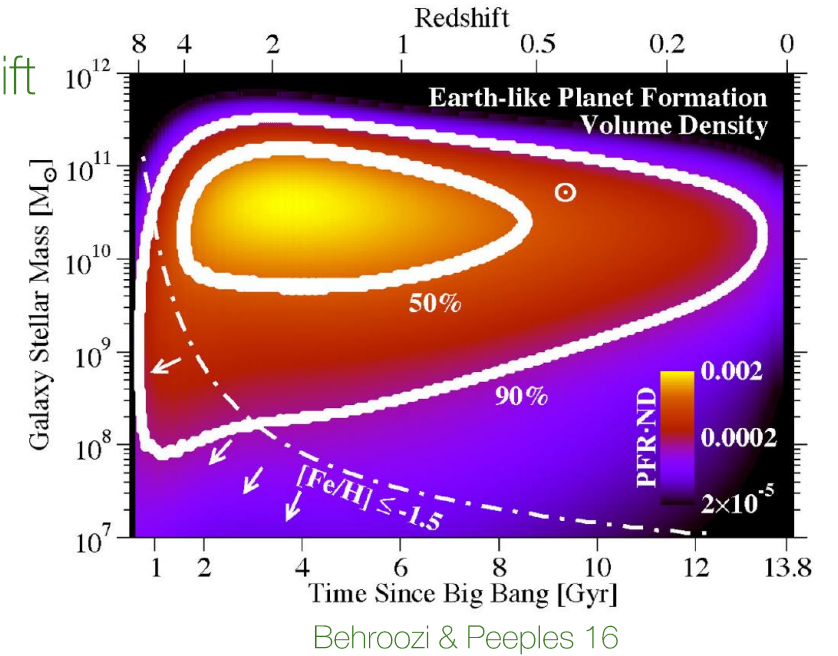
Results from previous studies

1a) HPs are mostly likely found in **massive elliptical galaxies** at low redshift
(e.g. Dayal+15,16; Gobat & Hong 16; Zackrisson+16)

But...

1b) **Dwarf galaxies, thick disc and halo** could also be cradles of life
(e.g. Forgan+17b; Boettner+24)

2a) P_{HP} is **not** significantly affected by the **chosen metallicity thresholds**
(e.g. Behroozi & Peeples; Stanway+18)



Results from previous studies

1a) HPs are mostly likely found in **massive elliptical galaxies** at low redshift
(e.g. Dayal+15,16; Gobat & Hong 16; Zackrisson+16)

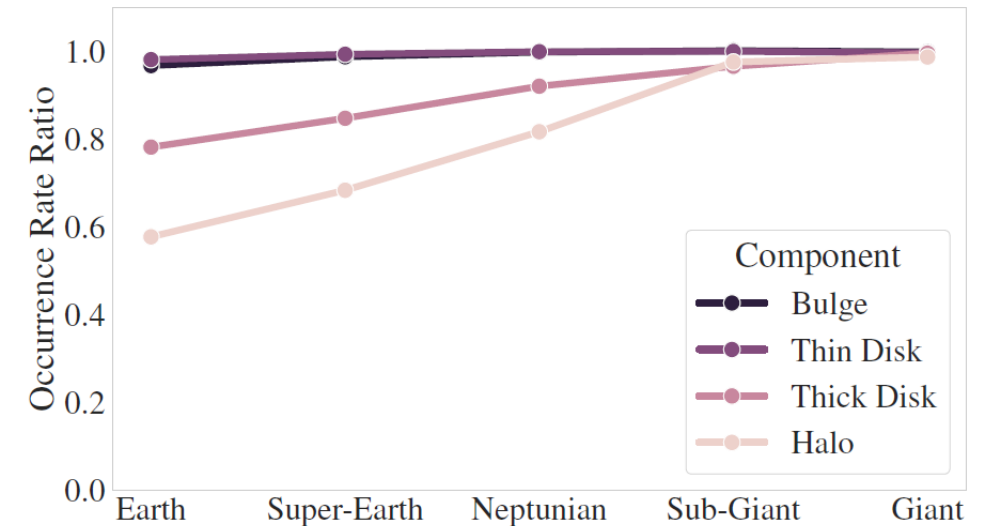
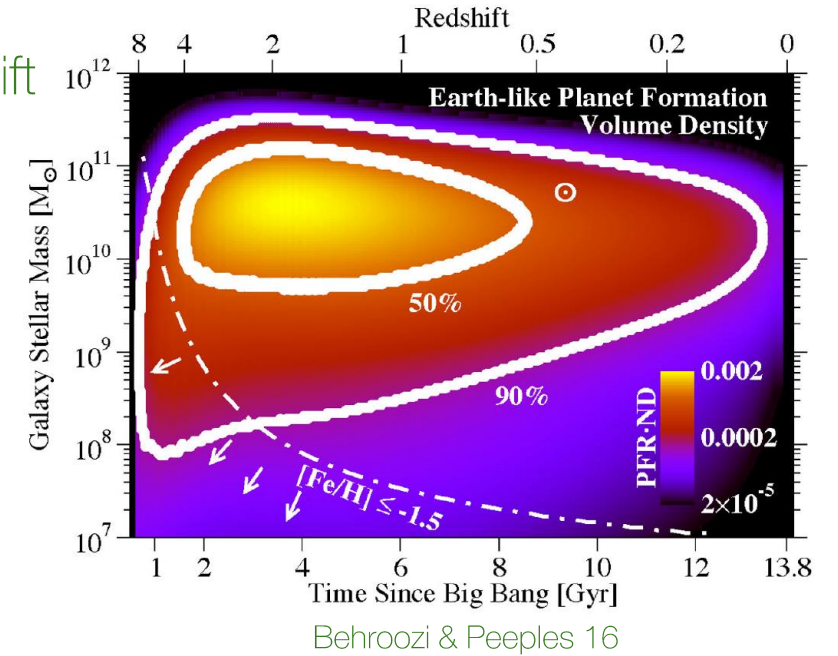
But...

1b) **Dwarf galaxies, thick disc and halo** could also be cradles of life
(e.g. Forgan+17b; Boettner+24)

2a) P_{HP} is **not** significantly affected by the **chosen metallicity thresholds**
(e.g. Behroozi & Peeples; Stanway+18)

But...

2b) This neglects **planet formation at high redshift and large R_{GC}**
(e.g. Zackrisson+16; Boettner+24)



Boettner+24

Results from previous studies

1a) HPs are mostly likely found in **massive elliptical galaxies** at low redshift
(e.g. Dayal+15,16; Gobat & Hong 16; Zackrisson+16)

But...

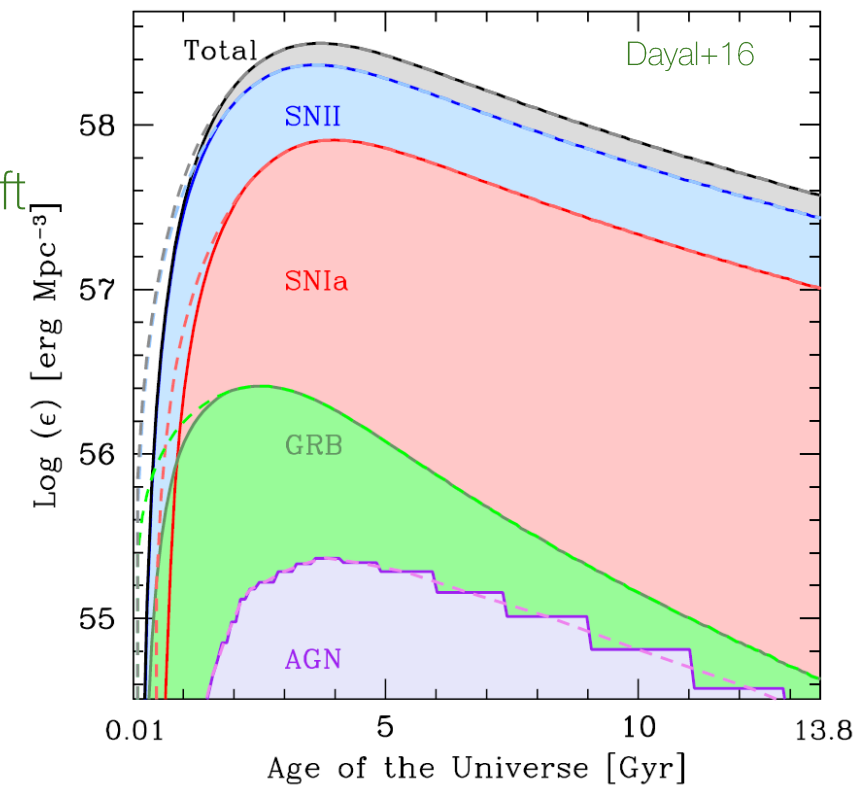
1b) **Dwarf galaxies, thick disc and halo** could also be cradles of life
(e.g. Forgan+17b; Boettner+24)

2a) P_{HP} is **not** significantly affected by the **chosen metallicity thresholds**
(e.g. Behroozi & Peeples; Stanway+18)

But...

2b) This neglects **planet formation at high redshift and large R_{GC}**
(e.g. Zackrisson+16; Boettner+24)

3a) **SNe-II** dominate planet sterilisation
(e.g. Dayal+16)



Results from previous studies

1a) HPs are mostly likely found in **massive elliptical galaxies** at low redshift (e.g. Dayal+15,16; Gobat & Hong 16; Zackrisson+16)

But...

1b) **Dwarf galaxies, thick disc and halo** could also be cradles of life (e.g. Forgan+17b; Boettner+24)

2a) P_{HP} is **not** significantly affected by the **chosen metallicity thresholds** (e.g. Behroozi & Peeples; Stanway+18)

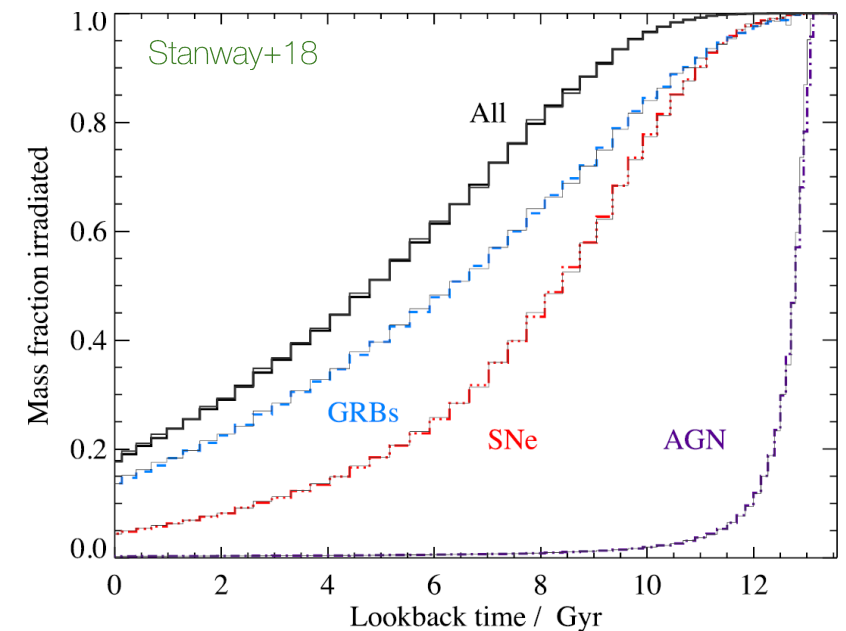
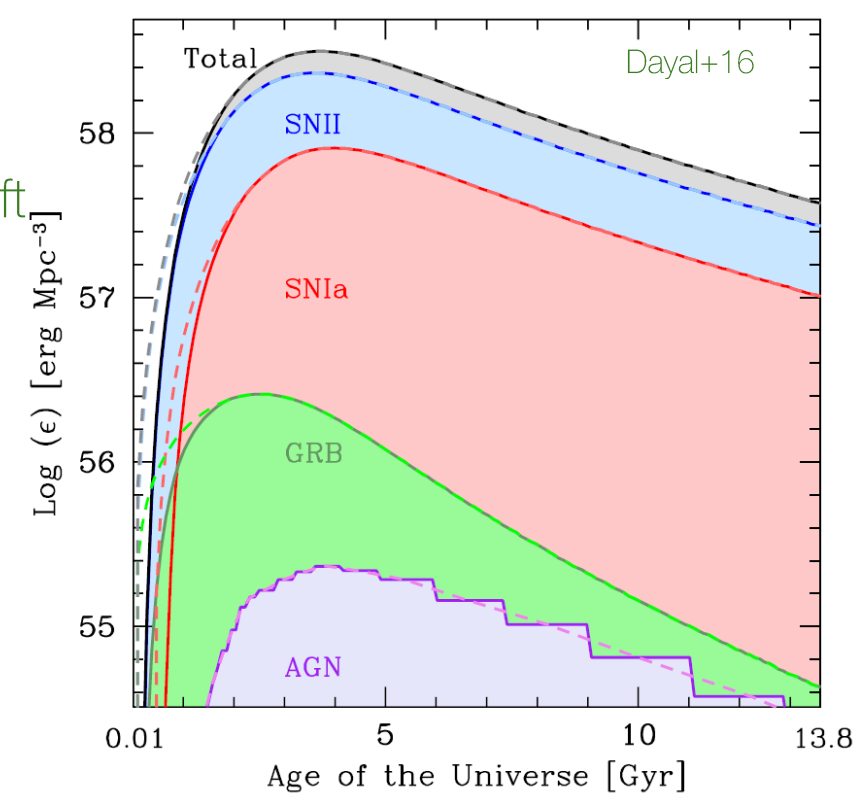
But...

2b) This neglects **planet formation at high redshift and large R_{GC}** (e.g. Zackrisson+16; Boettner+24)

3a) **SNe-II** dominate planet sterilisation (e.g. Dayal+16)

But...

3b) **GRBs can dominate**, if they also occur in metal-rich environments (e.g. Stanway+18)



Key limitations of previous studies

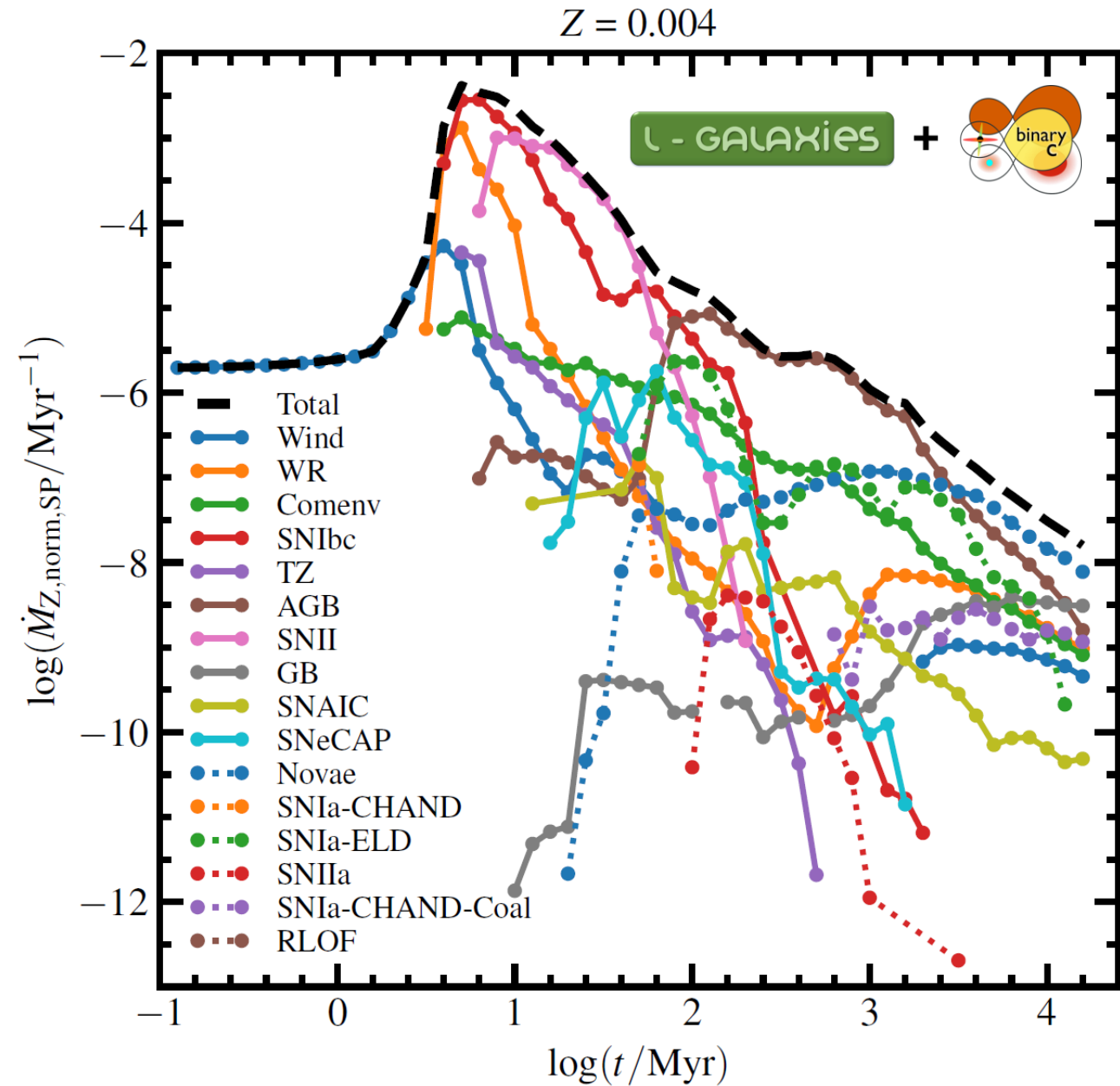
- **Only consider total metallicity:**
This ignores the potential importance of individual chemical elements, dust-to-gas (DTG) ratio, and molecule formation
- **Instantaneous Recycling Approximation (IRA):**
This under-estimates the delay time between star formation and enrichment of certain elements, especially iron
- **Scale vs. efficiency:**
Empirical and semi-analytic simulations give galaxy-scale properties, whereas hydro sims are inefficient. This prohibits the study of resolved GHZs for large galaxy samples

The **L - GALAXIES** simulation

L-Galaxies

A cosmological-scale semi-analytic simulation

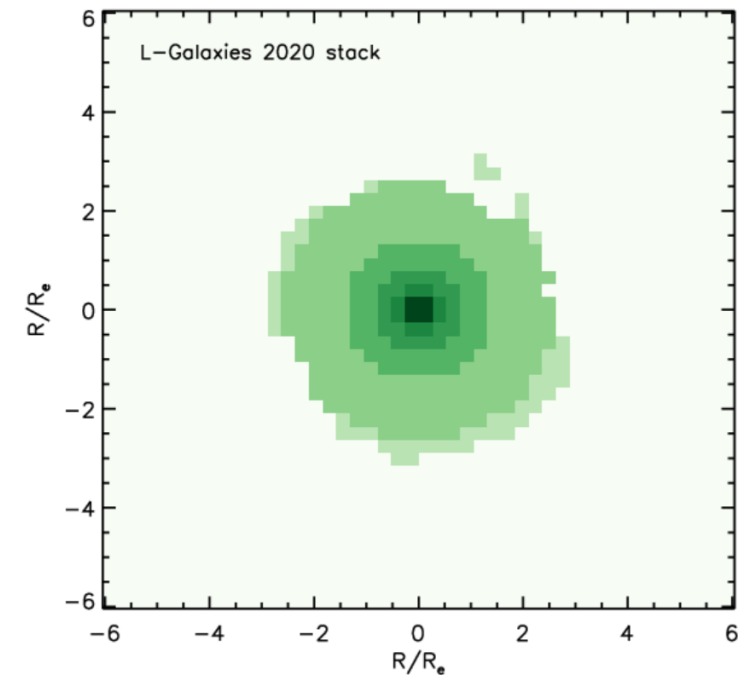
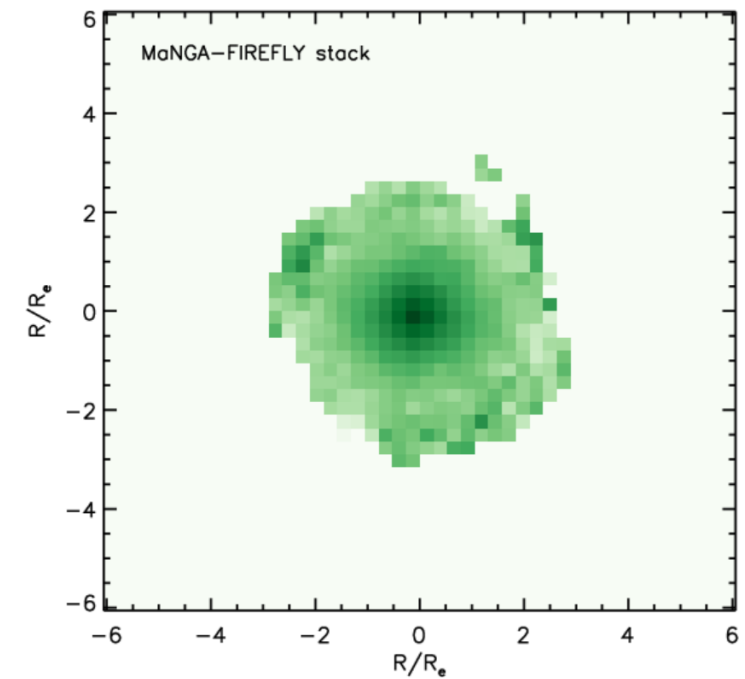
- Galaxy Chemical Evolution (GCE) model which includes **delayed enrichment of 118 elements (487 isotopes)** from **various sources**, including binary stellar evolution



L-Galaxies

A cosmological-scale semi-analytic simulation

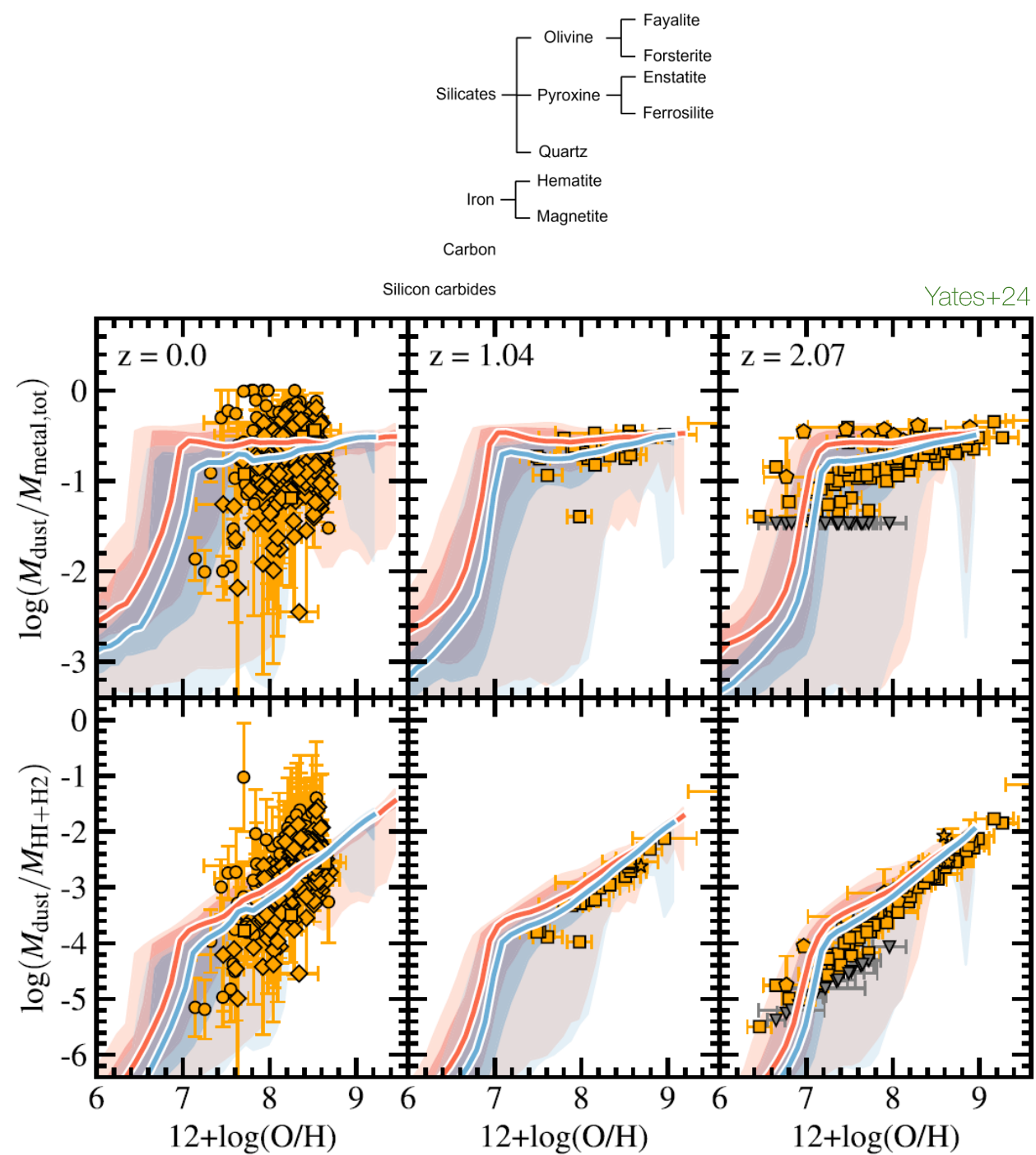
- Galaxy Chemical Evolution (GCE) model which includes **delayed enrichment of 118 elements (487 isotopes)** from **various sources**, including binary stellar evolution
- **Radially resolved galaxy discs** (average of ~ 175 pc resolution within the inner ~ 1 kpc)



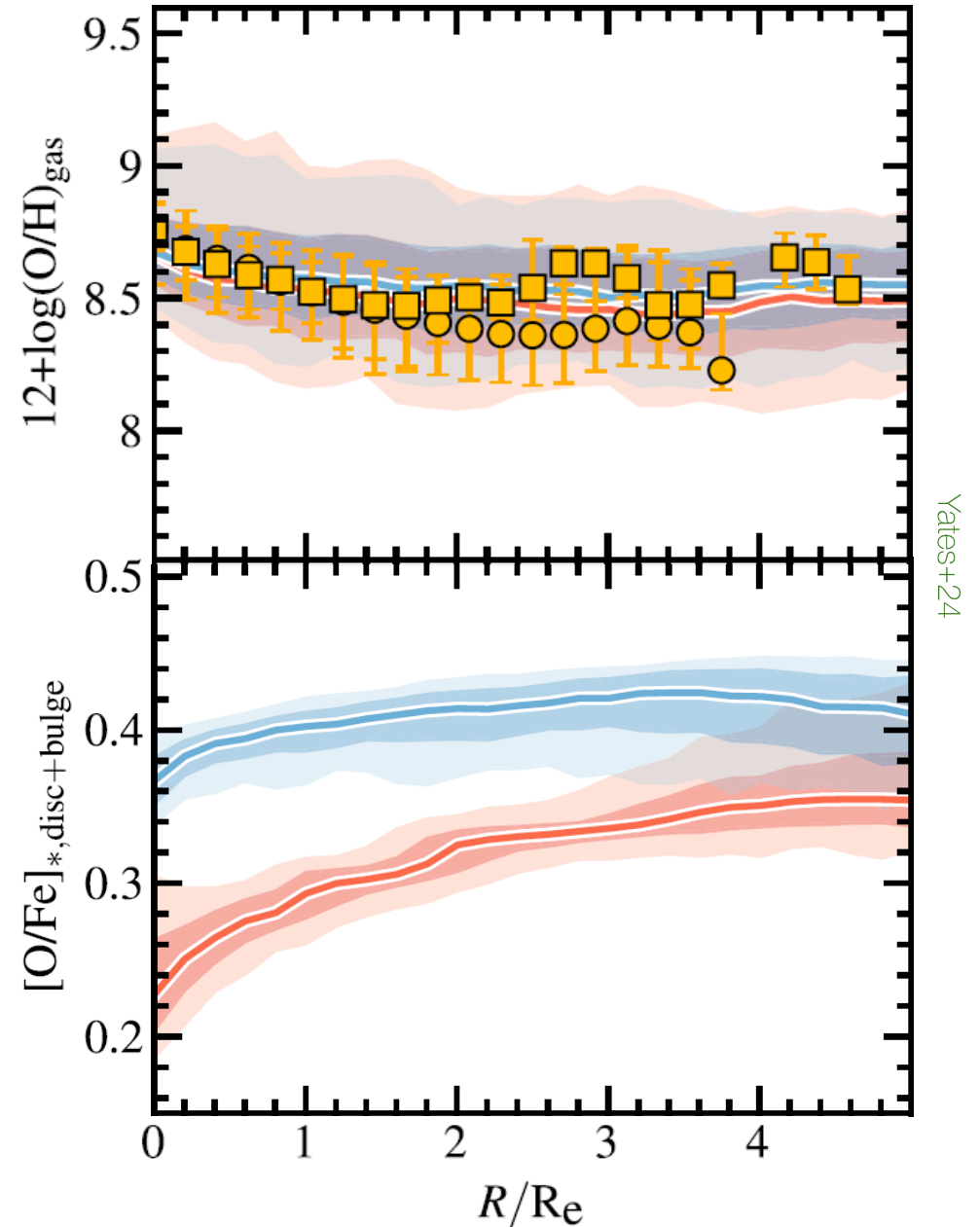
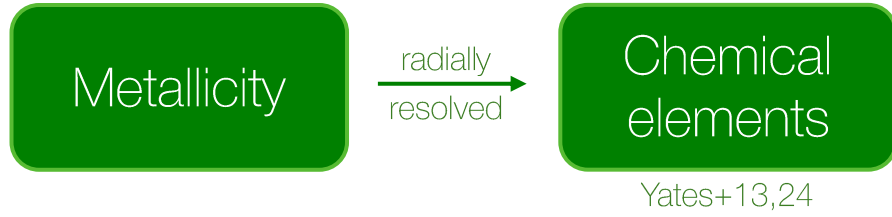
L-Galaxies

A cosmological-scale semi-analytic simulation

- Galaxy Chemical Evolution (GCE) model which includes **delayed enrichment of 118 elements (487 isotopes)** from **various sources**, including binary stellar evolution
- Radially resolved galaxy discs** (average of ~ 175 pc resolution within the inner ~ 1 kpc)
- Dust production and destruction** is also modelled self-consistently, allowing for **variable DTG & DTM** ratios



L-Galaxies: next gen GCE modelling



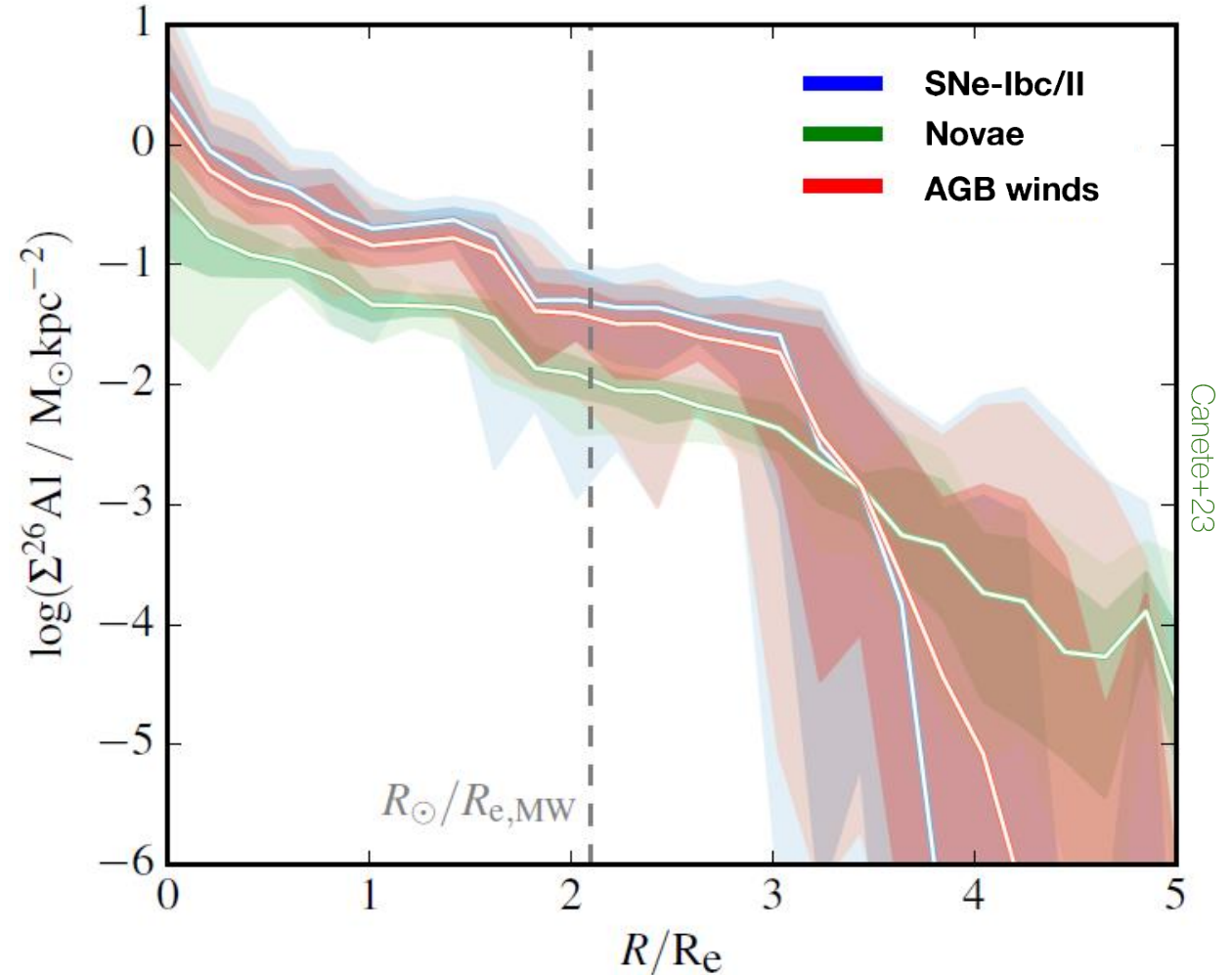
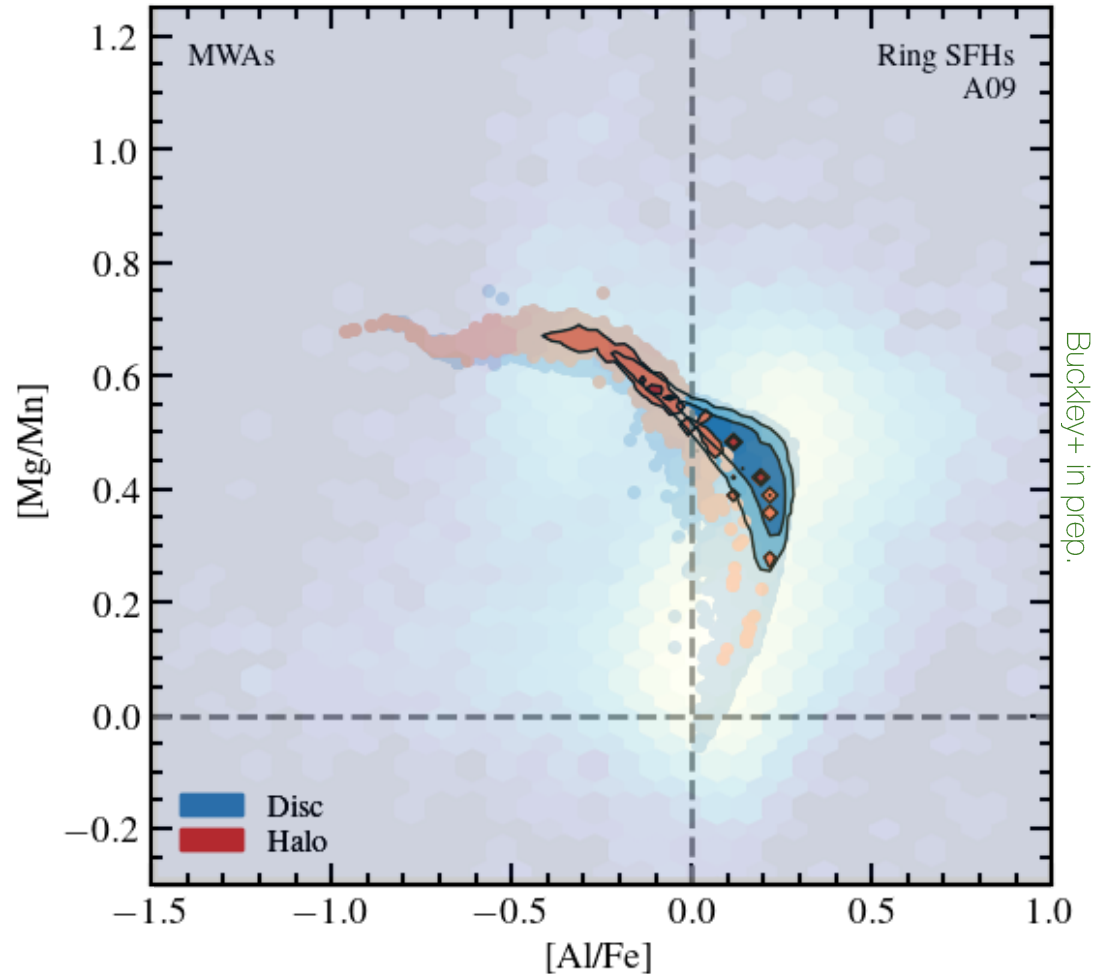
L-Galaxies: next gen GCE modelling

Metallicity

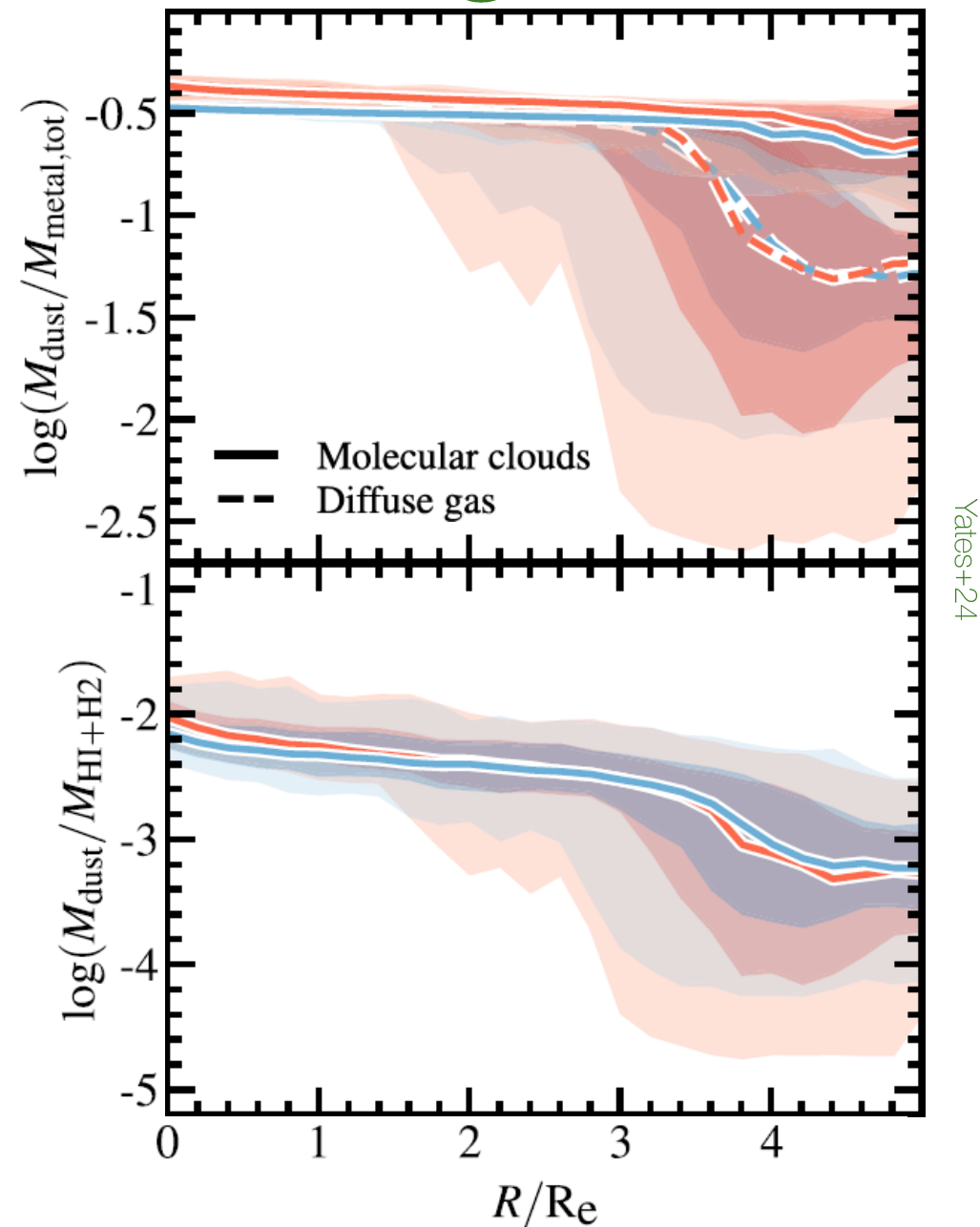
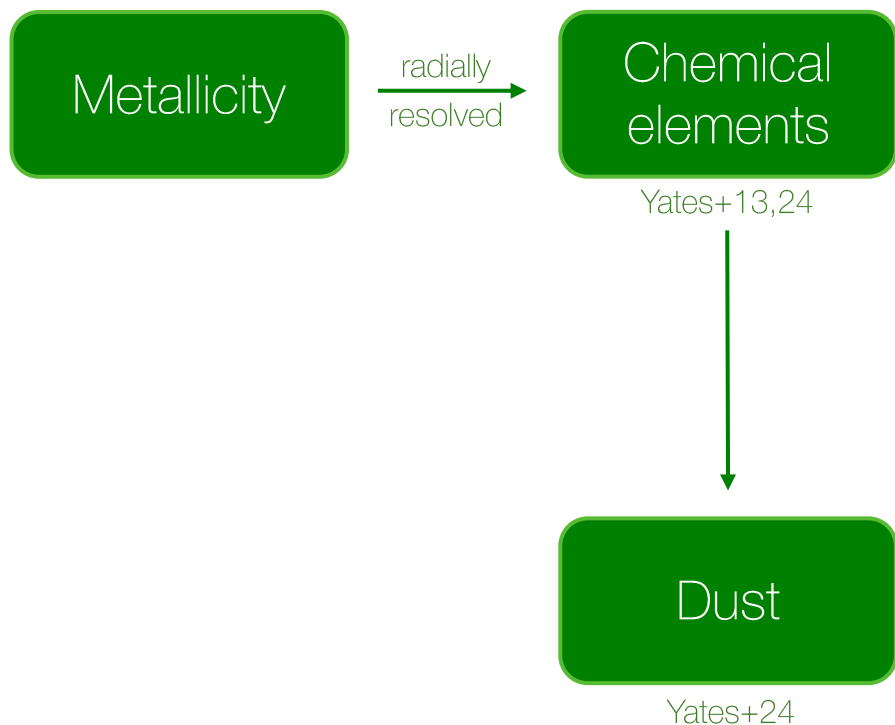
radially
resolved

Chemical
elements

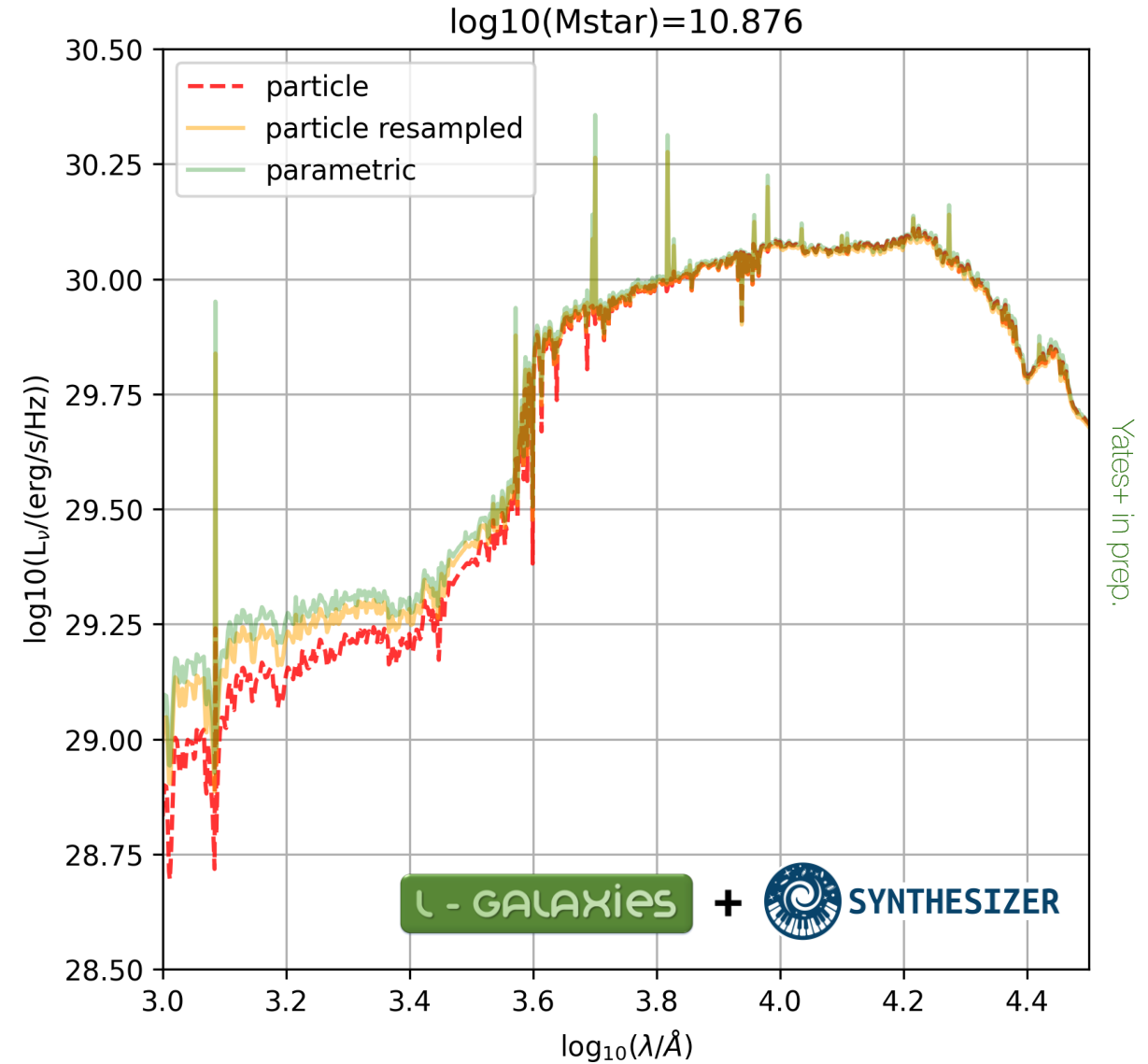
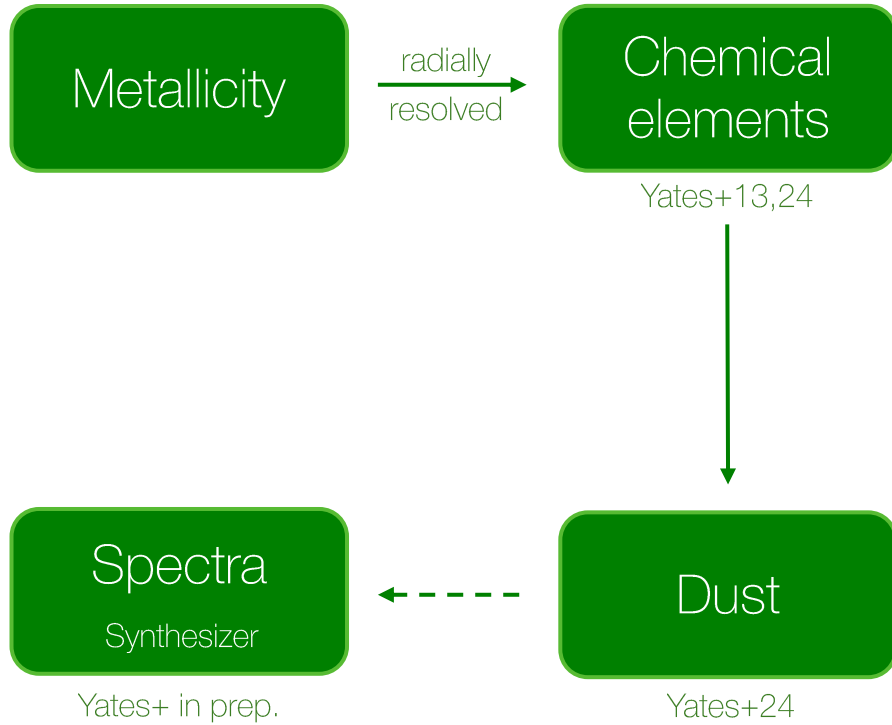
Yates+13,24



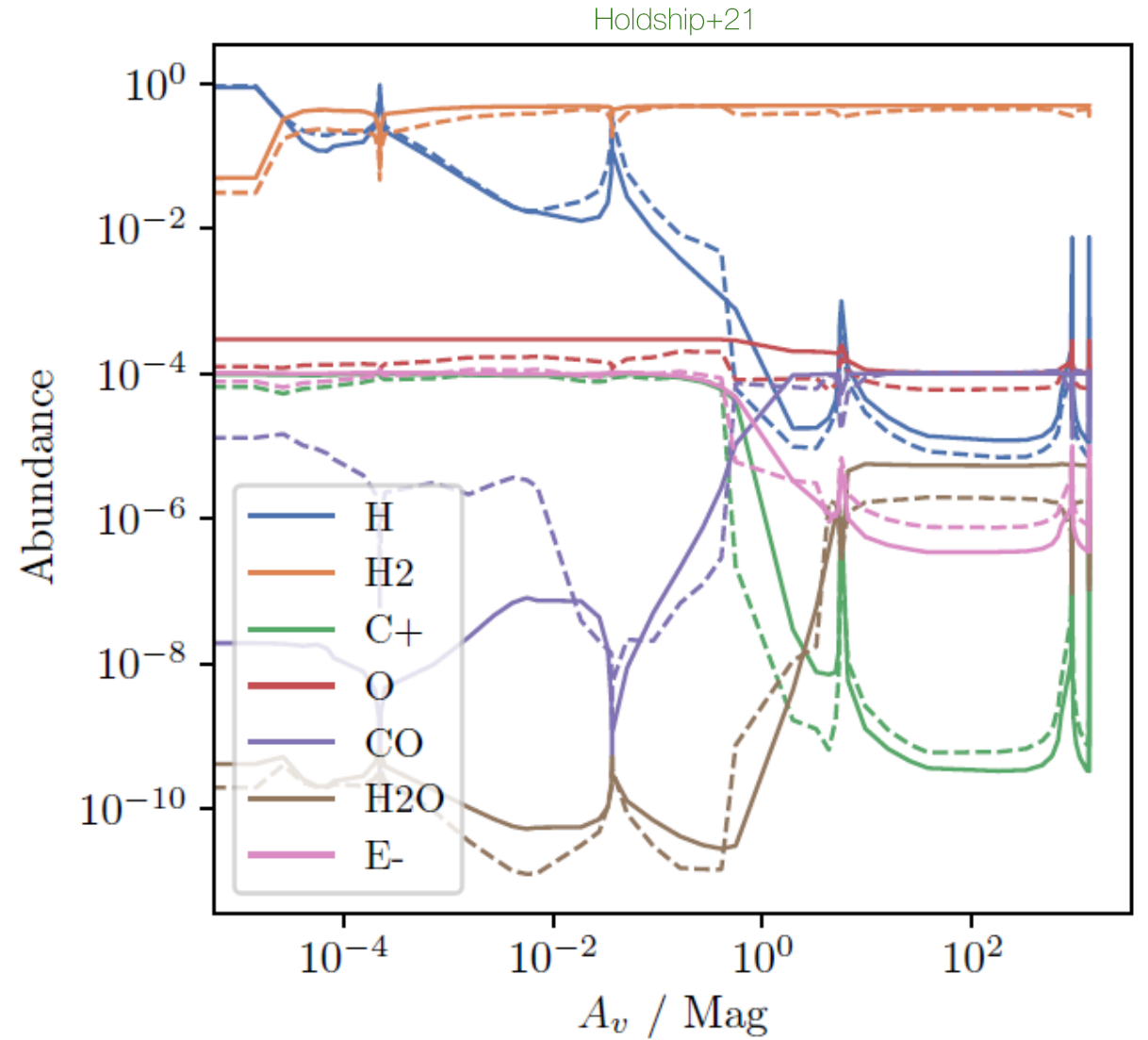
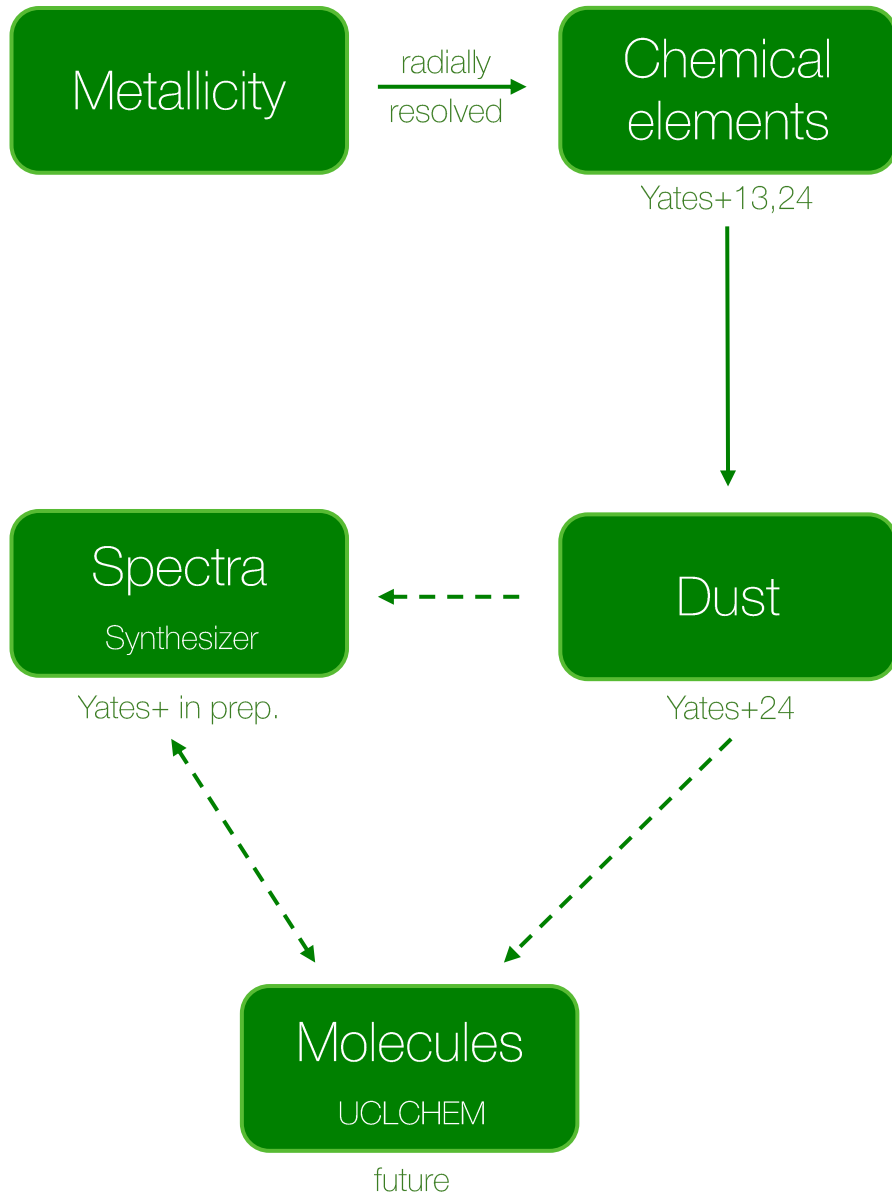
L-Galaxies: next gen GCE modelling



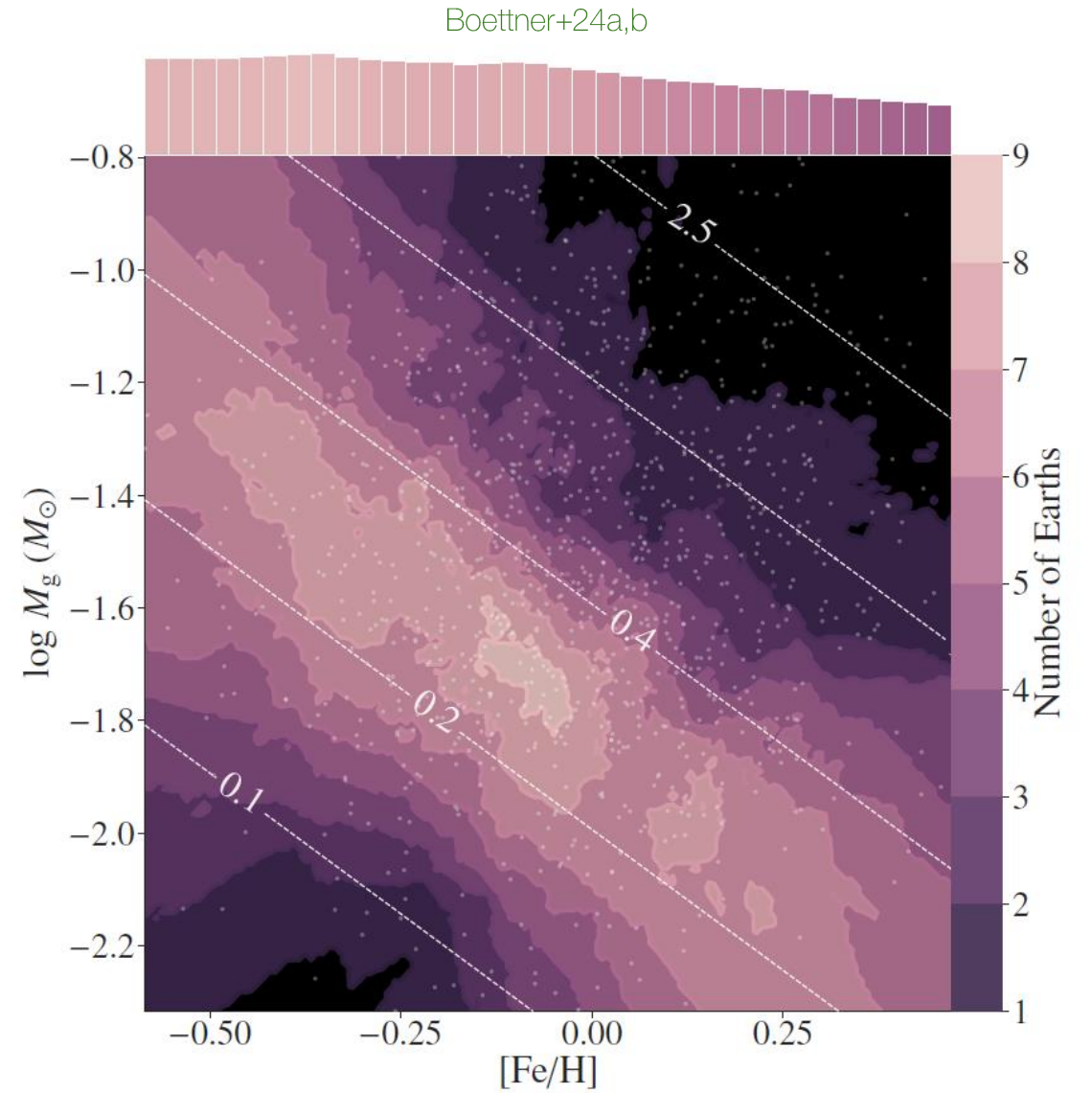
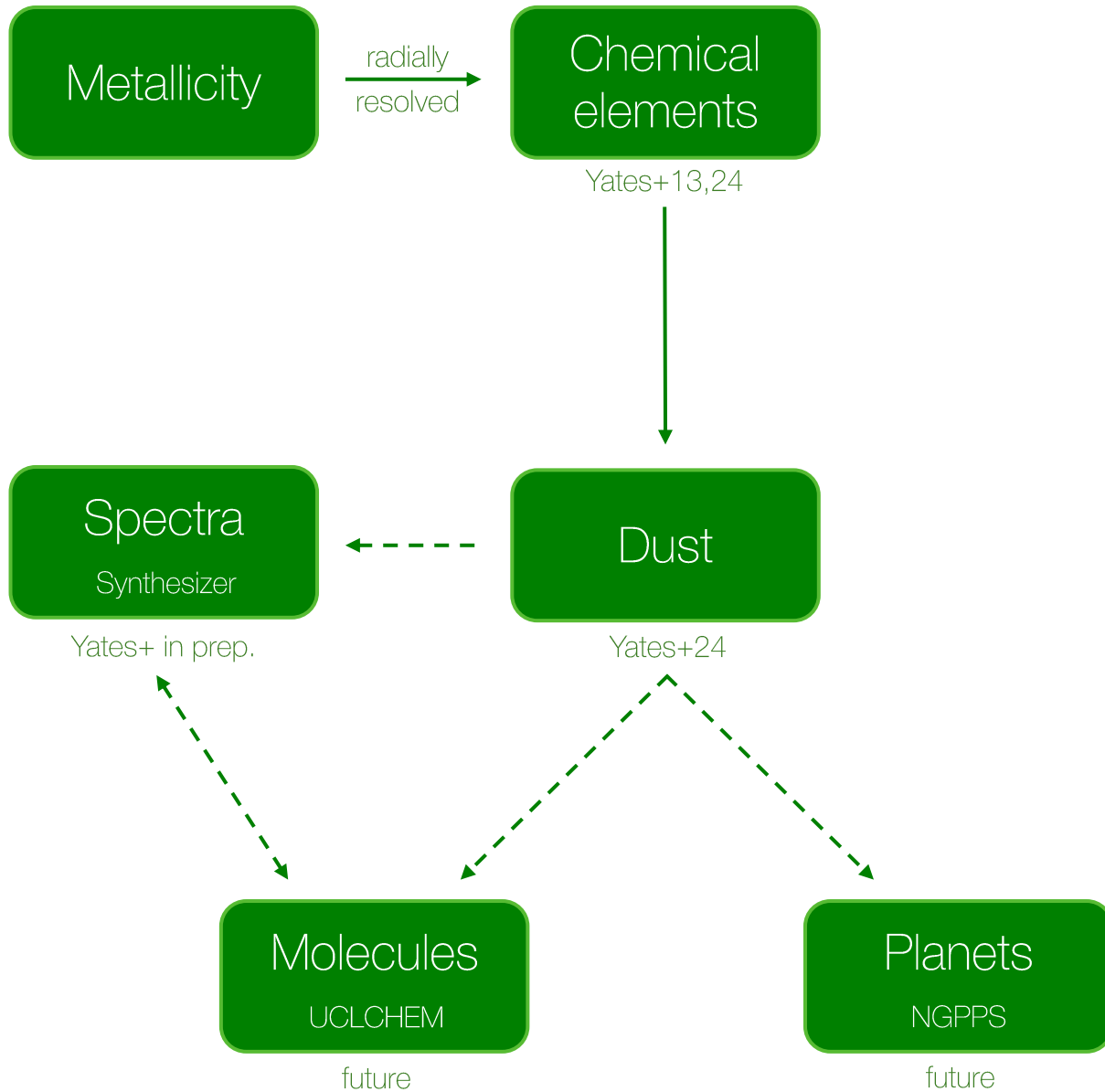
L-Galaxies: next gen GCE modelling



L-Galaxies: next gen GCE modelling



L-Galaxies: next gen GCE modelling



Summary

- Previous **empirical, semi-analytic, and hydrodynamical simulations** have revealed the **thick disc, stellar halo, and dwarf galaxies** as potential low-metallicity cradles of life, with further low-metallicity planet formation perhaps under-estimated
- However, these previous works assumed only (a) **total metallicities**, (b) **instantaneous enrichment**, and (c) **either low resolution or small sample sizes**
- **L - GALAXIES** is an efficient semi-analytic simulation which includes (a) **delayed enrichment** from **individual elements (and isotopes)**, (b) **radially resolved ISM**, and (c) **dust production & destruction**
- Next, we will add **synthetic spectra** and **molecule & planet formation emulators**, allowing us to predict GHZs within a wide range of galaxies (i.e. varied SFHs and metallicities) across all time and space