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**New Stars**



$1/(100 M_{\odot})$

**$N_{SNe}$**

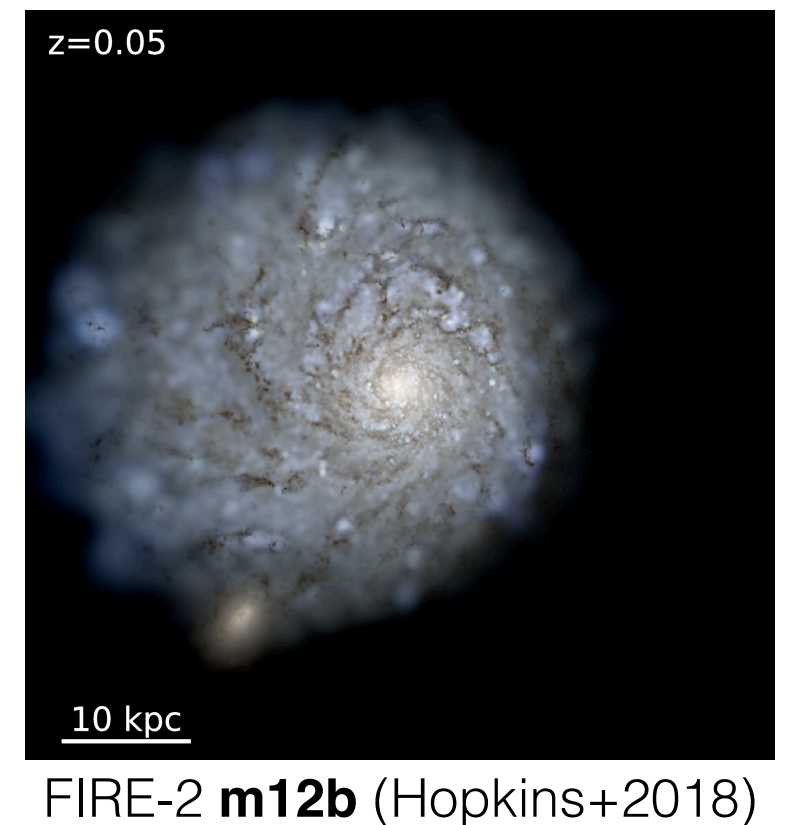
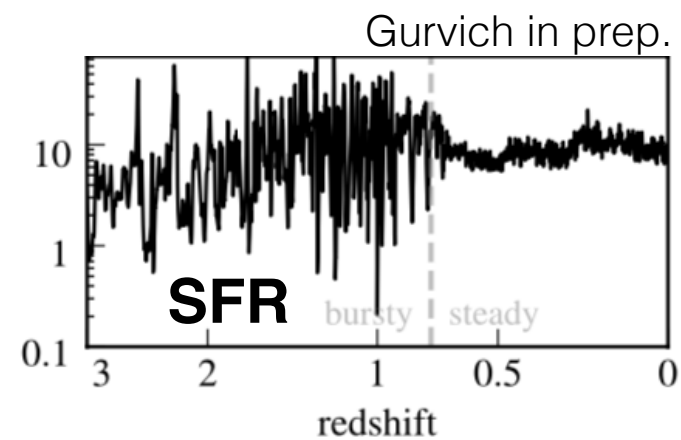
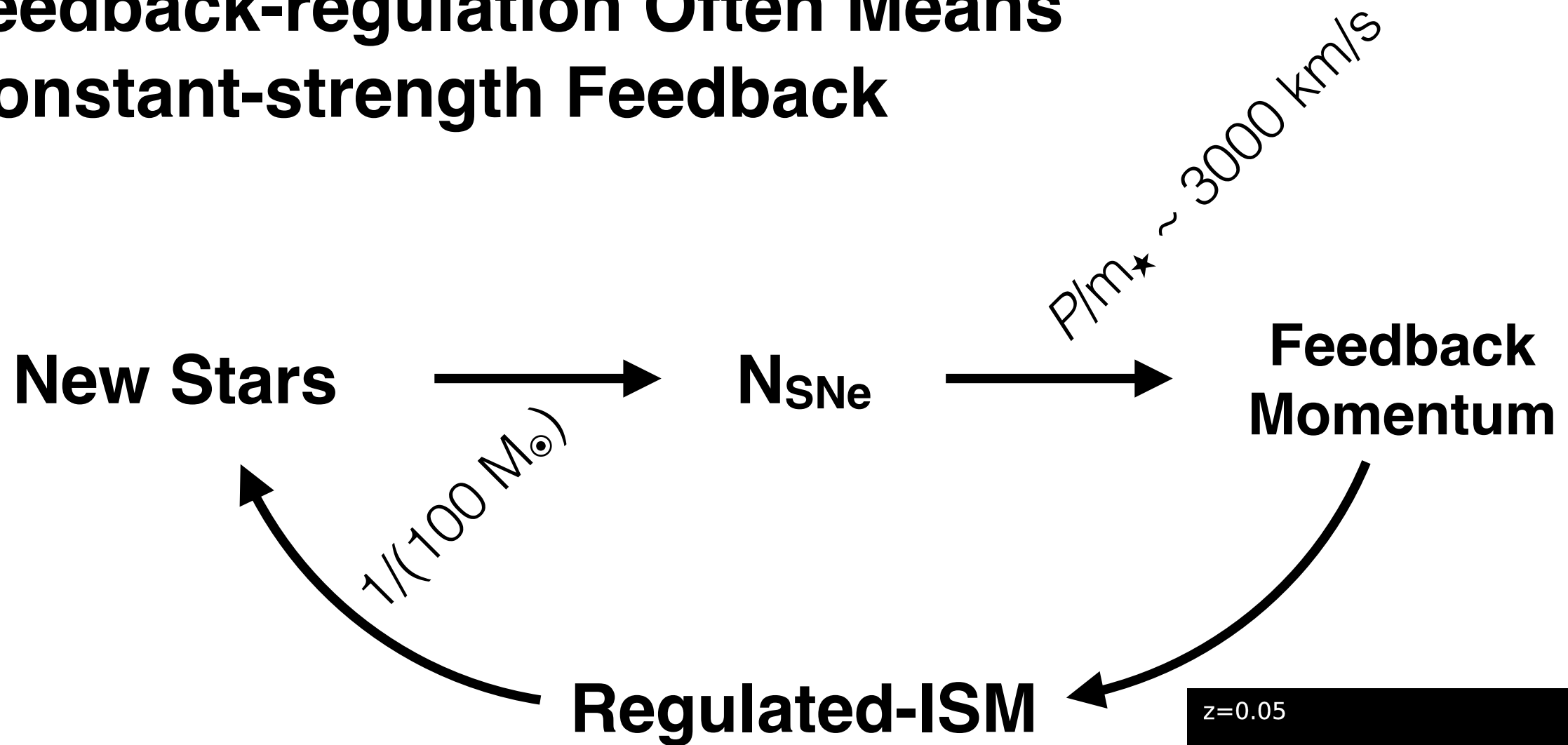


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**Feedback  
Momentum**

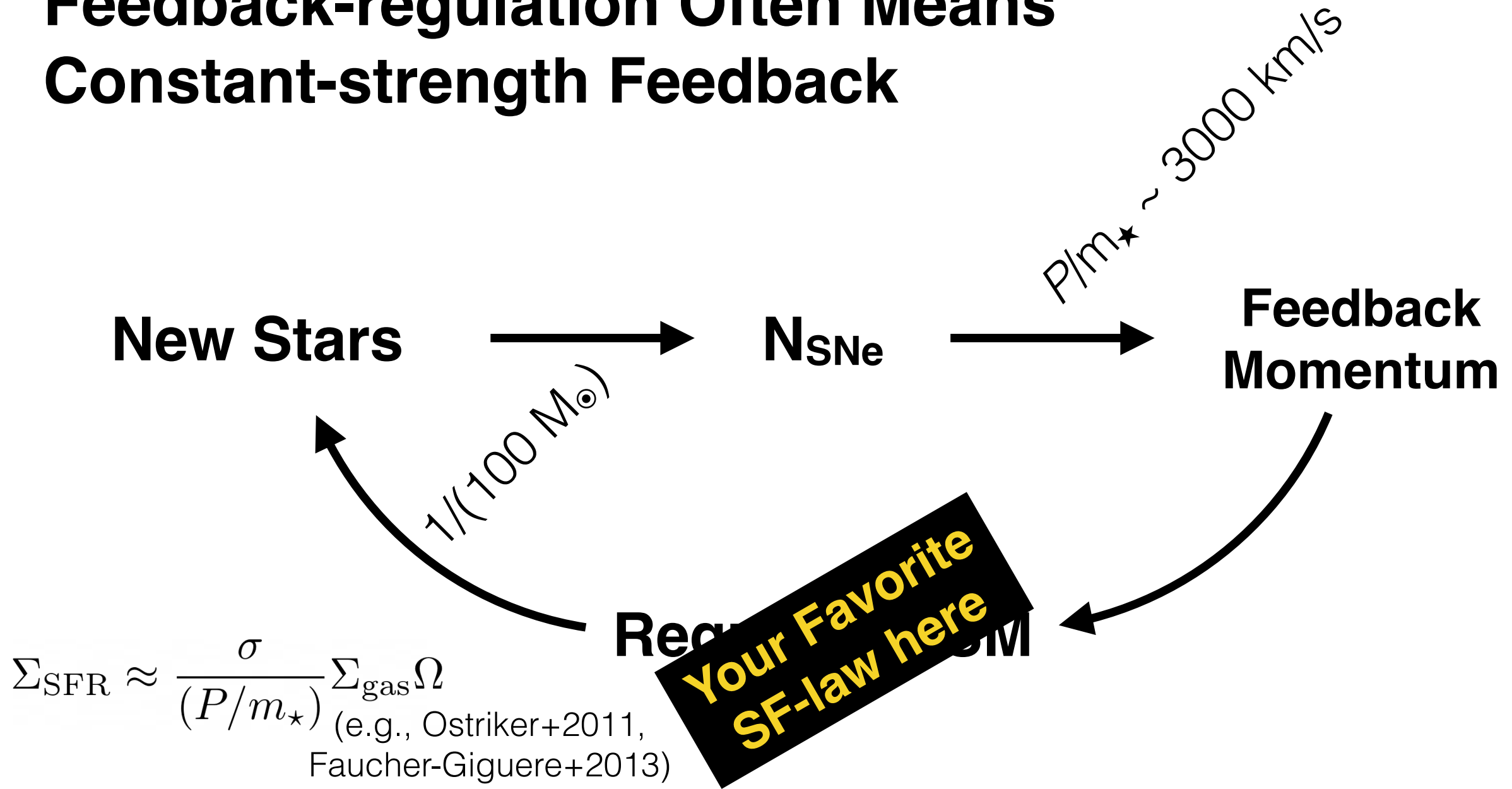


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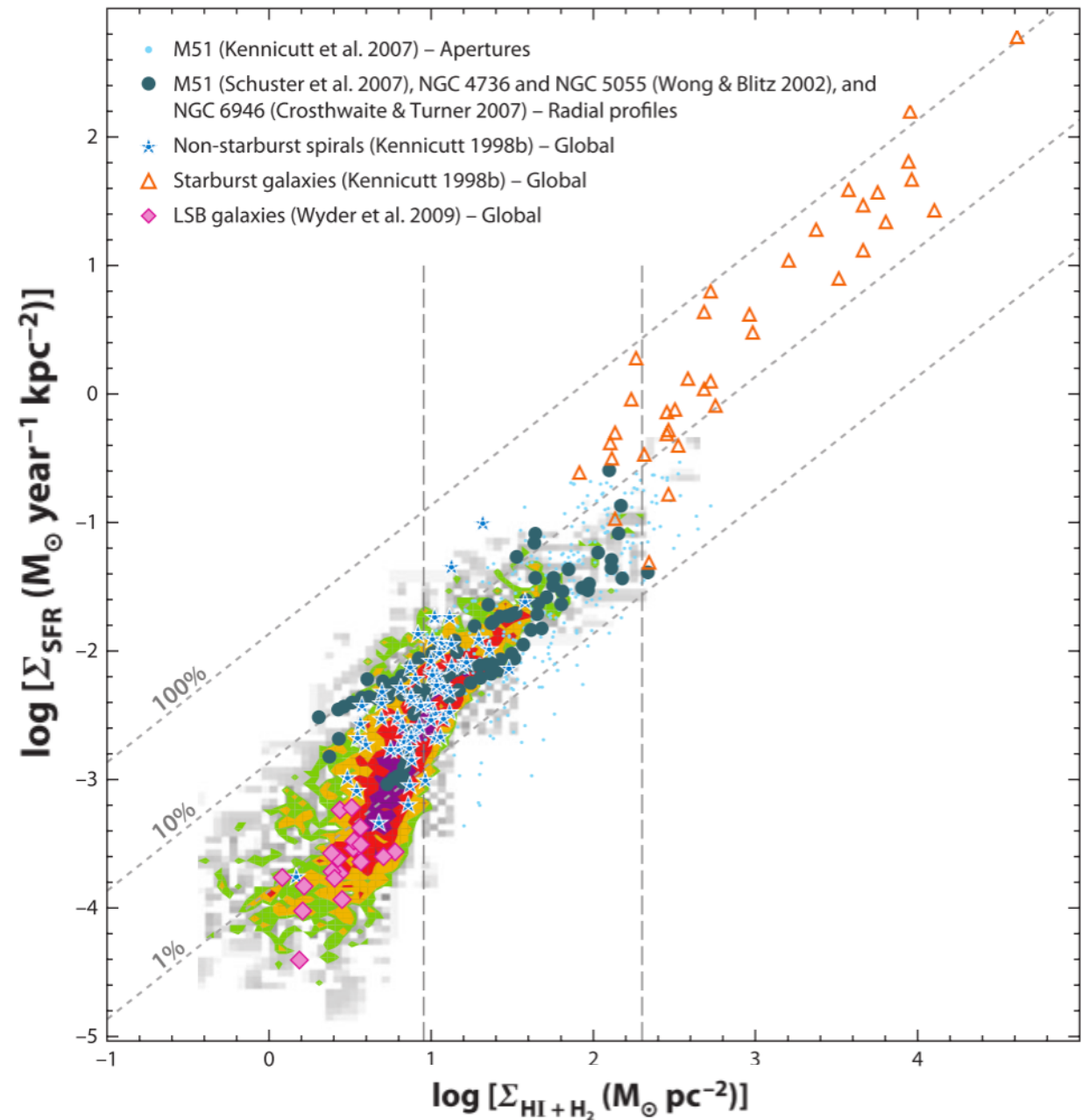
(e.g., Ostriker+2011, Faucher-Giguere+2013)

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**Your Favorite SF-law**

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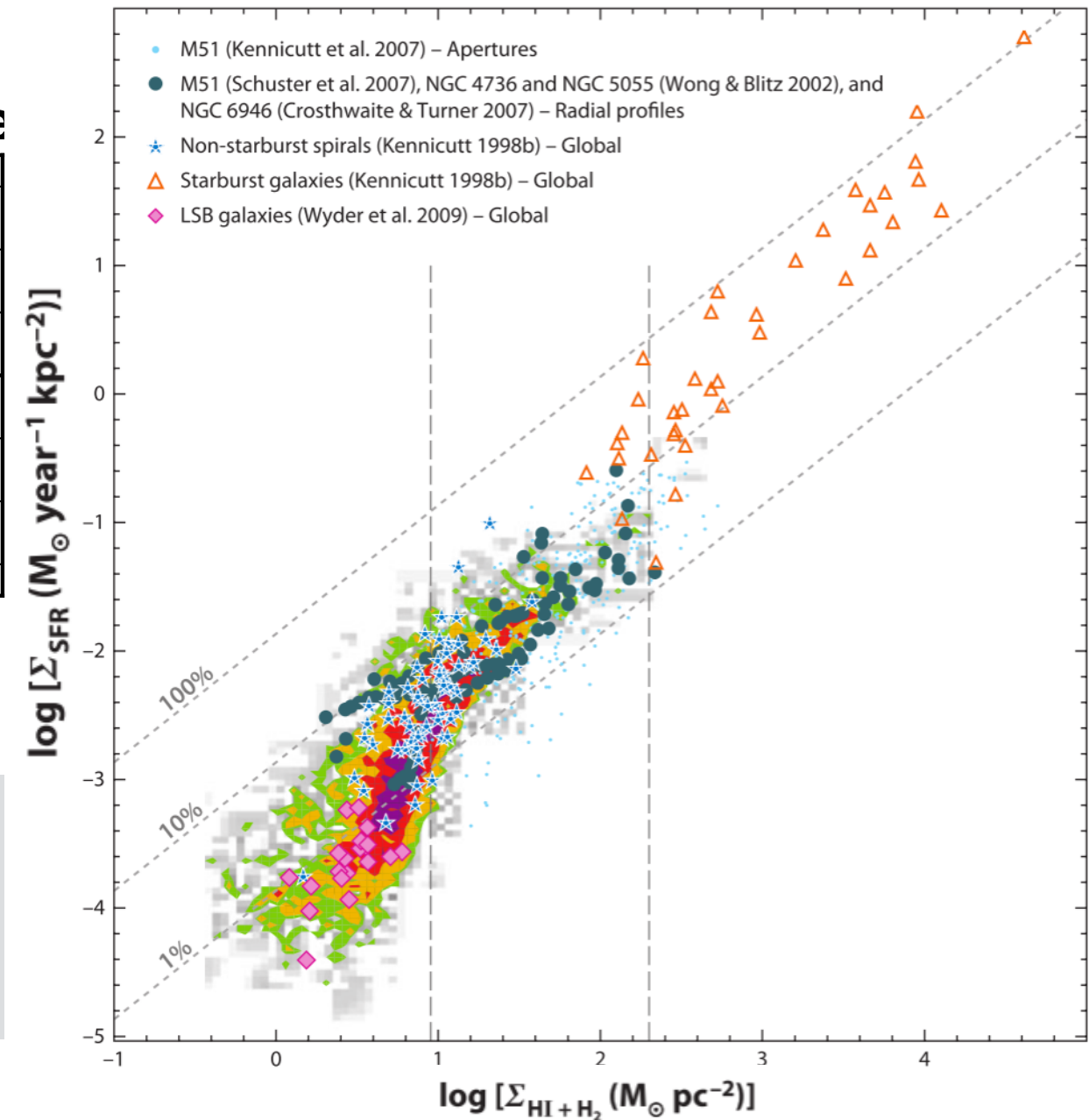
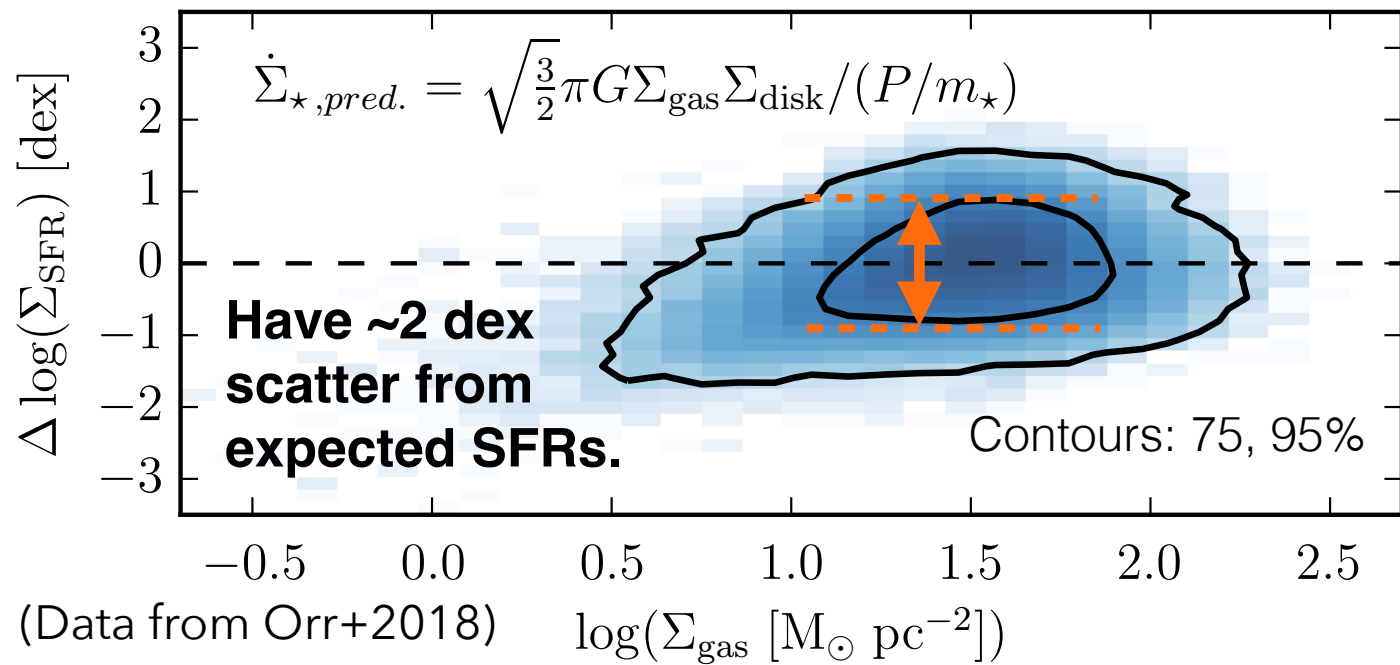


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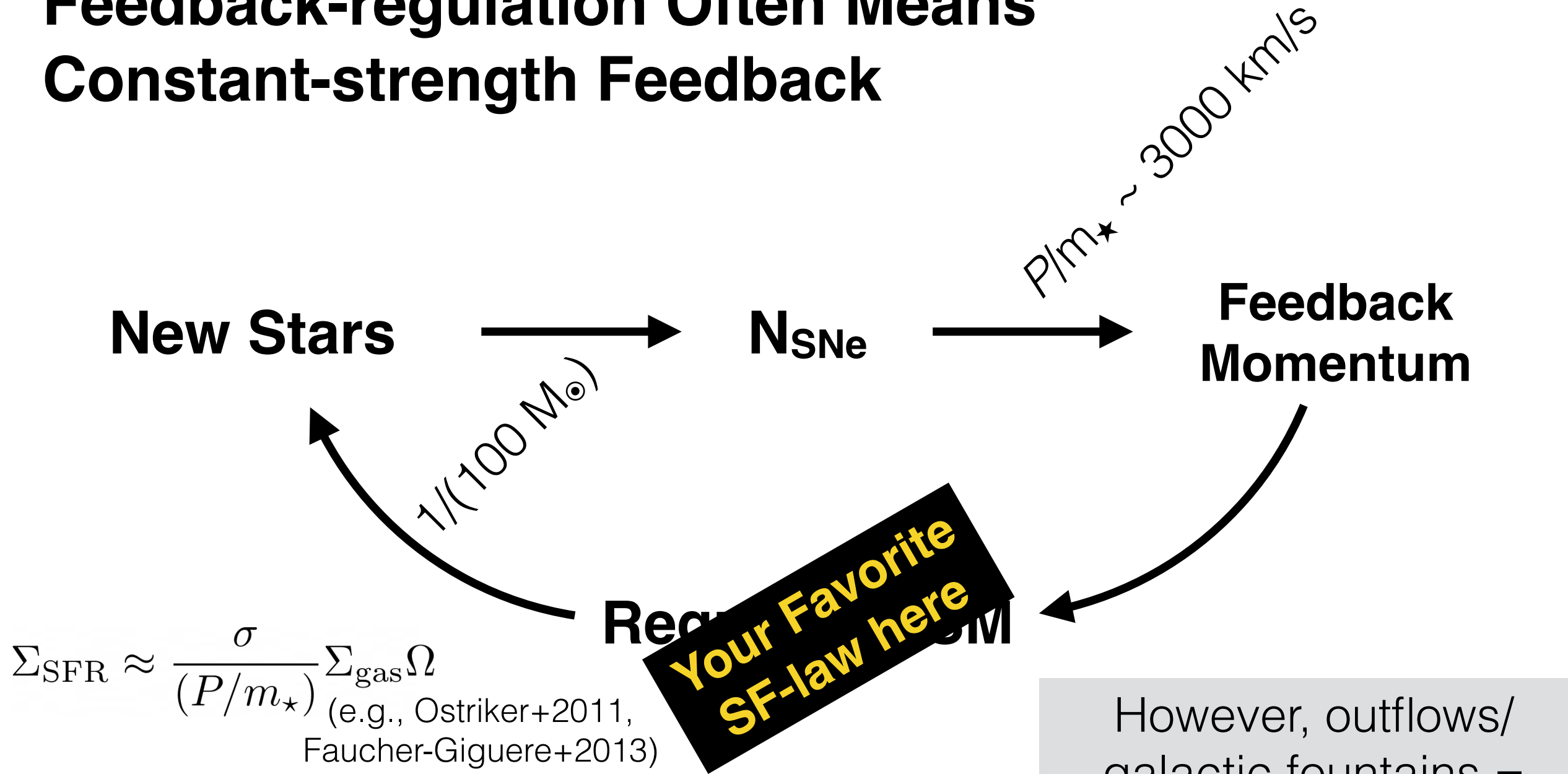


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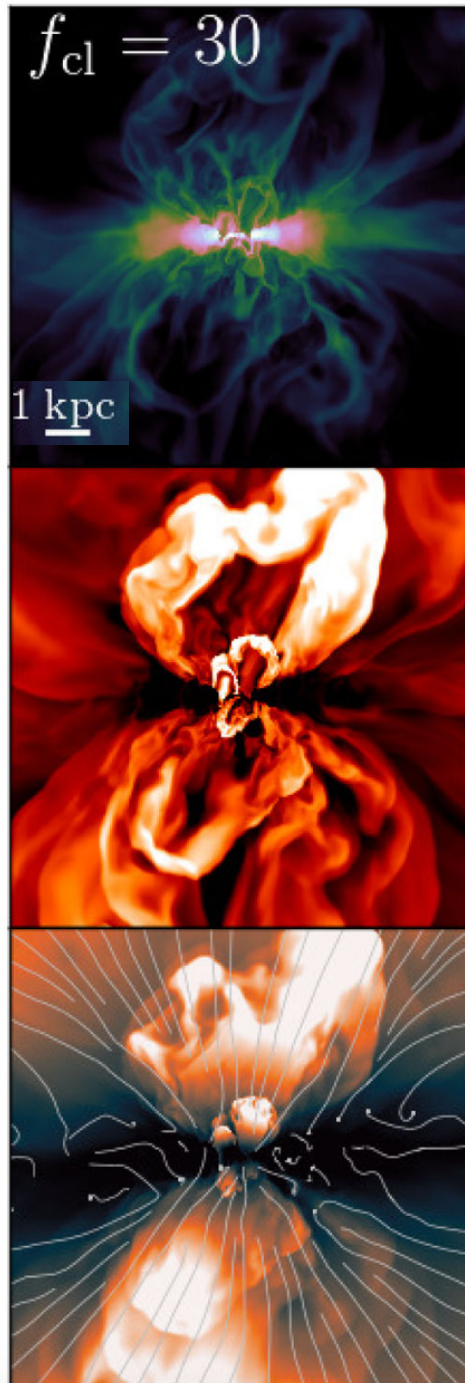
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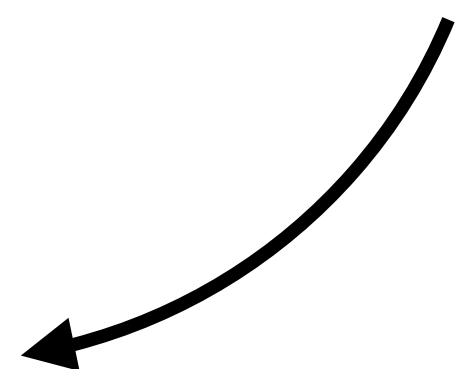
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**Feedback Momentum**

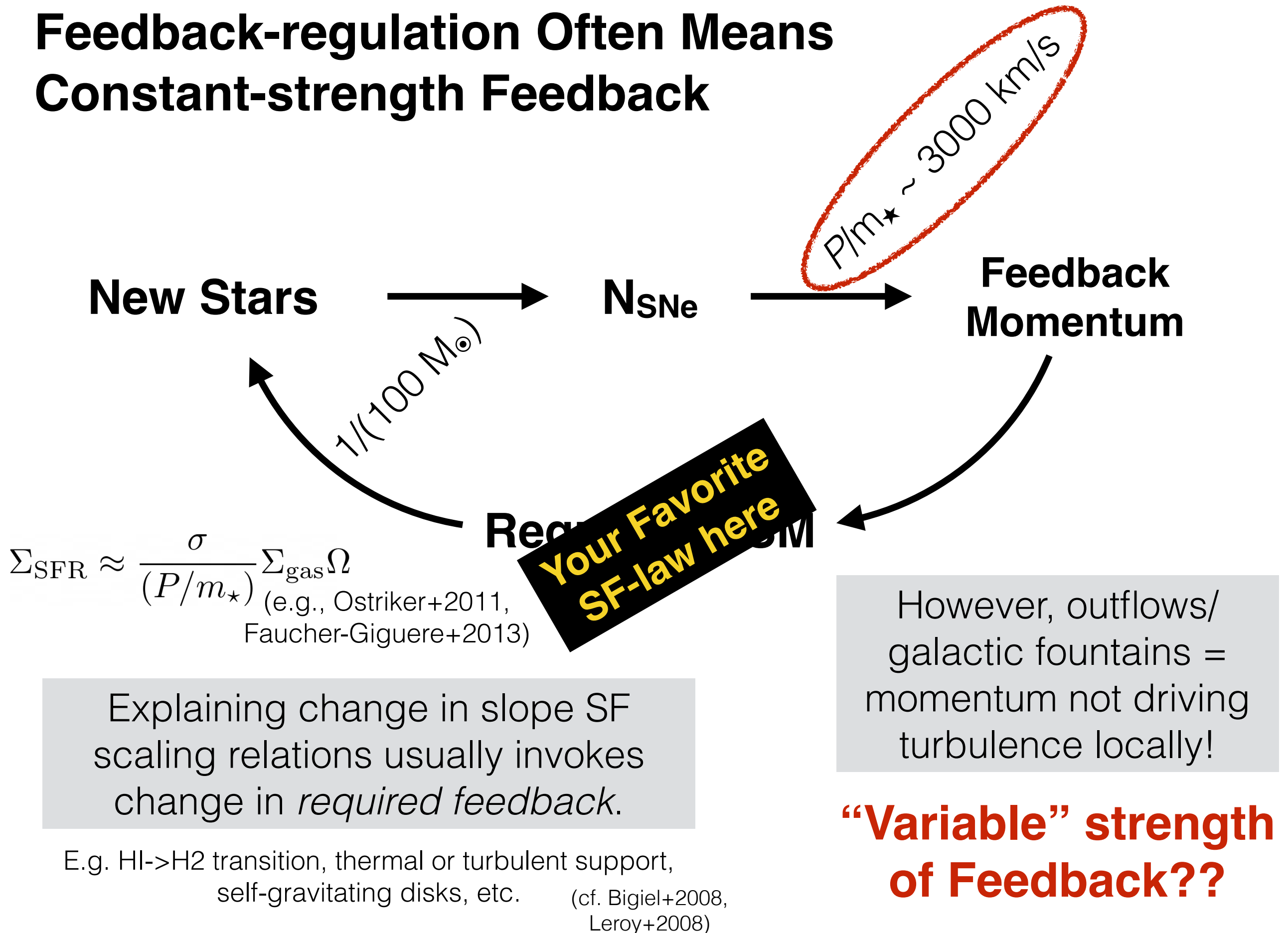


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(also see Hayward & Hopkins 2017)

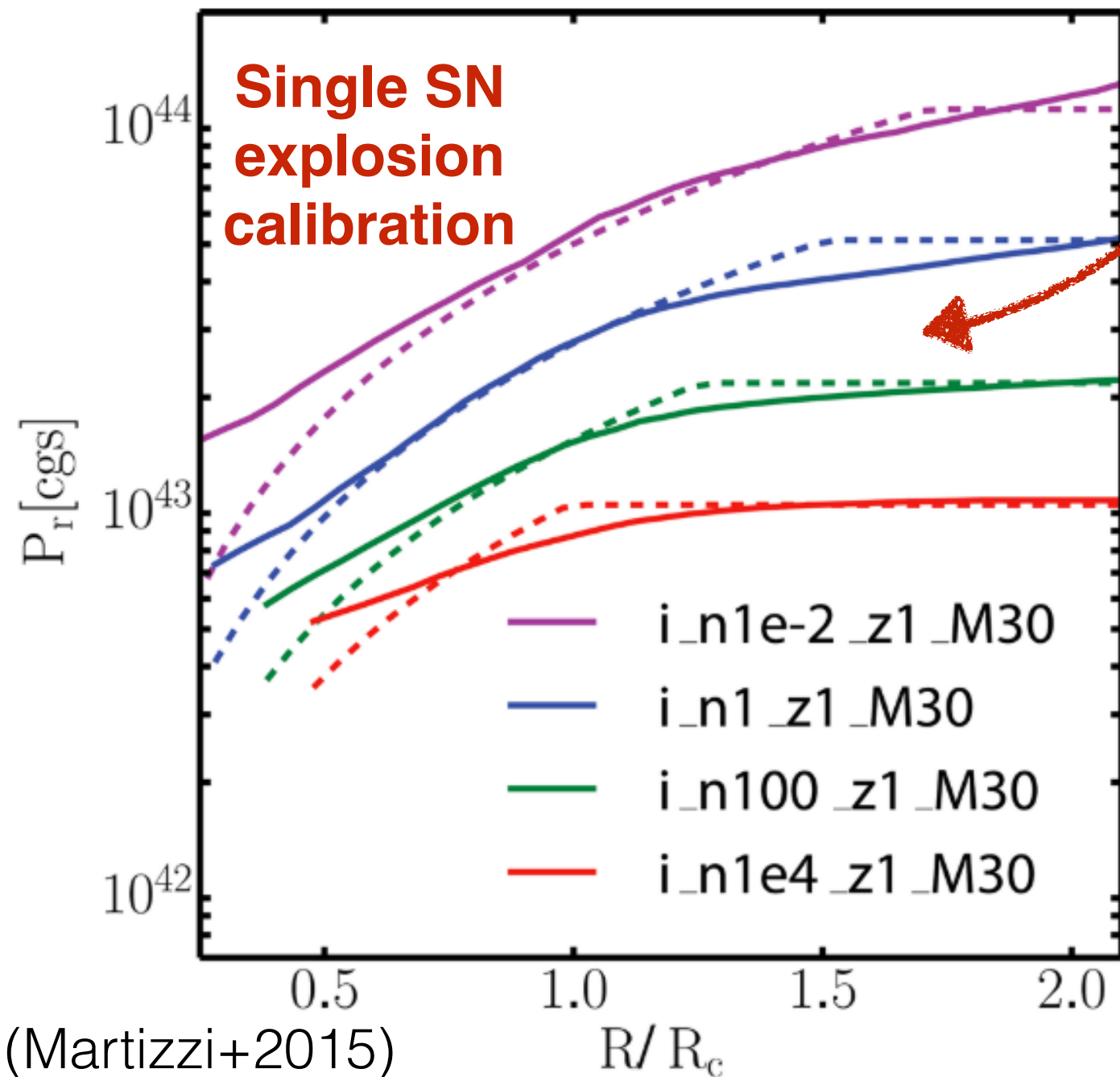
(Fielding+2017)

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**“Variable” strength  
of Feedback??**

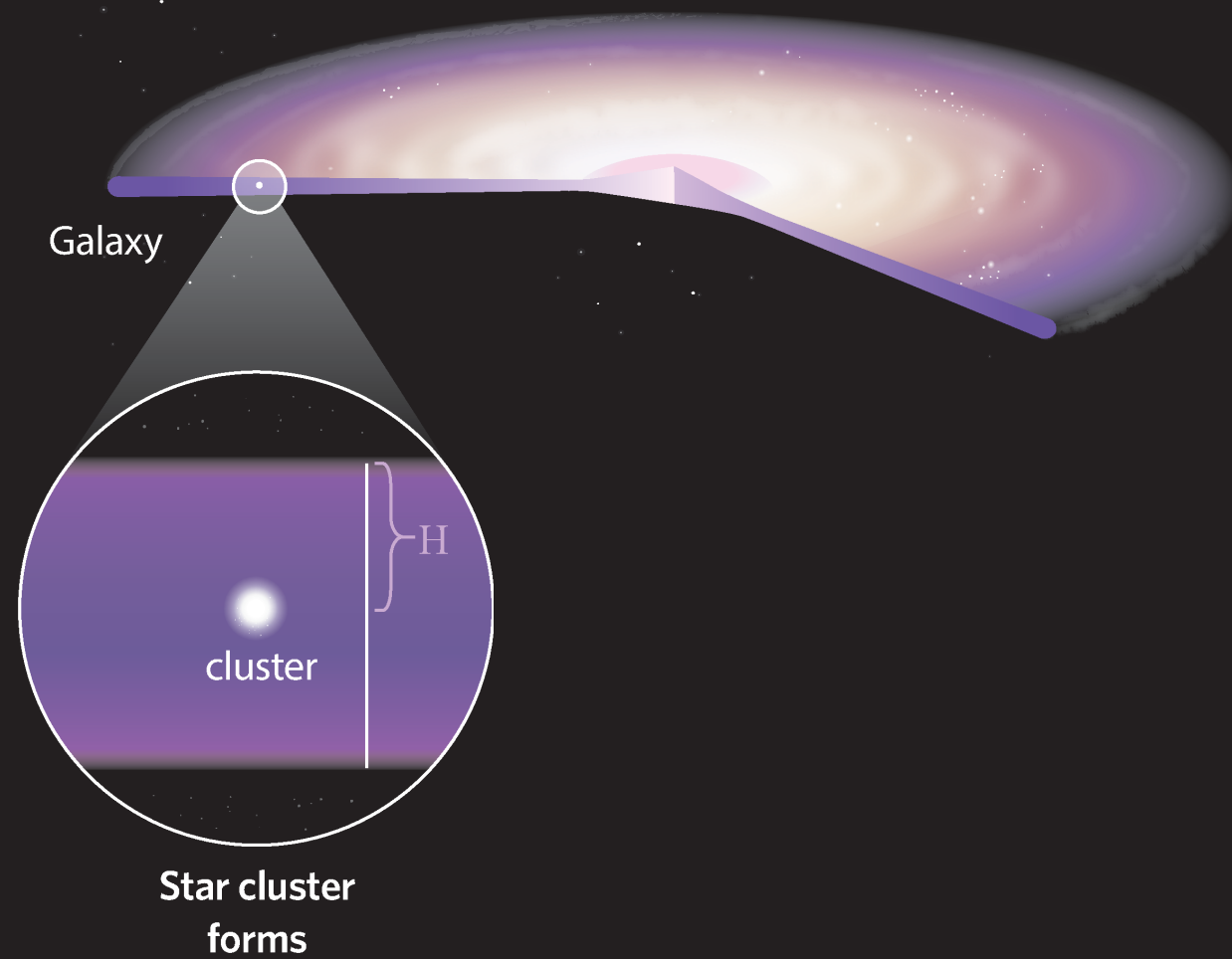


A dense field of stars, likely a star cluster or galaxy core, with a central text box. The stars are of various colors, including white, yellow, orange, red, blue, and purple, and are scattered across the dark background. The text box is a dark gray rectangle with white text.

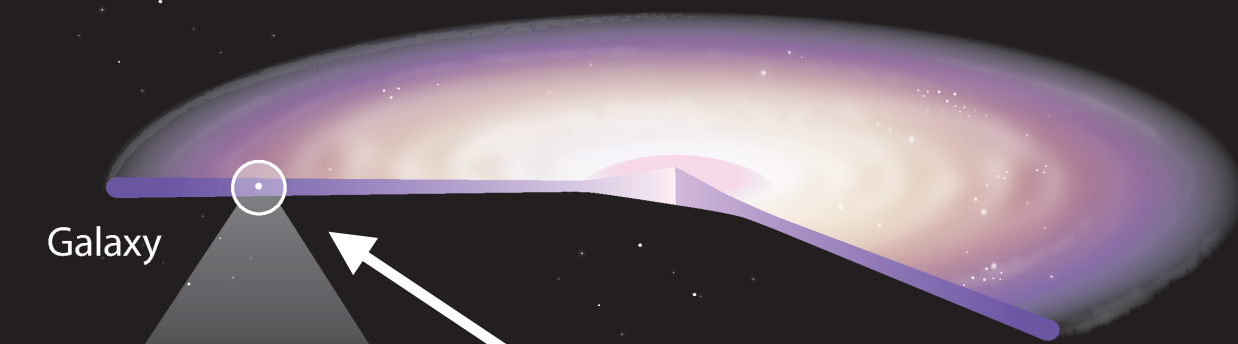
**Stars formation  
is clustered**



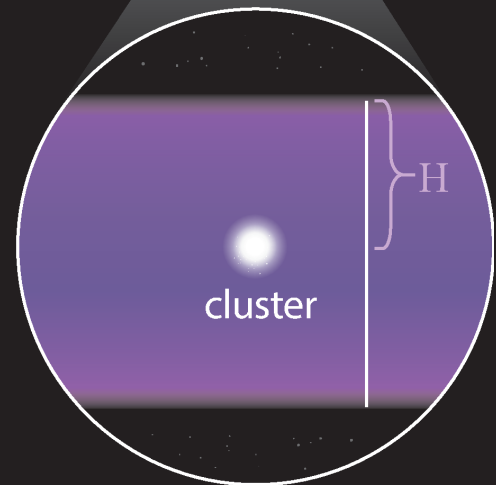
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Galaxy

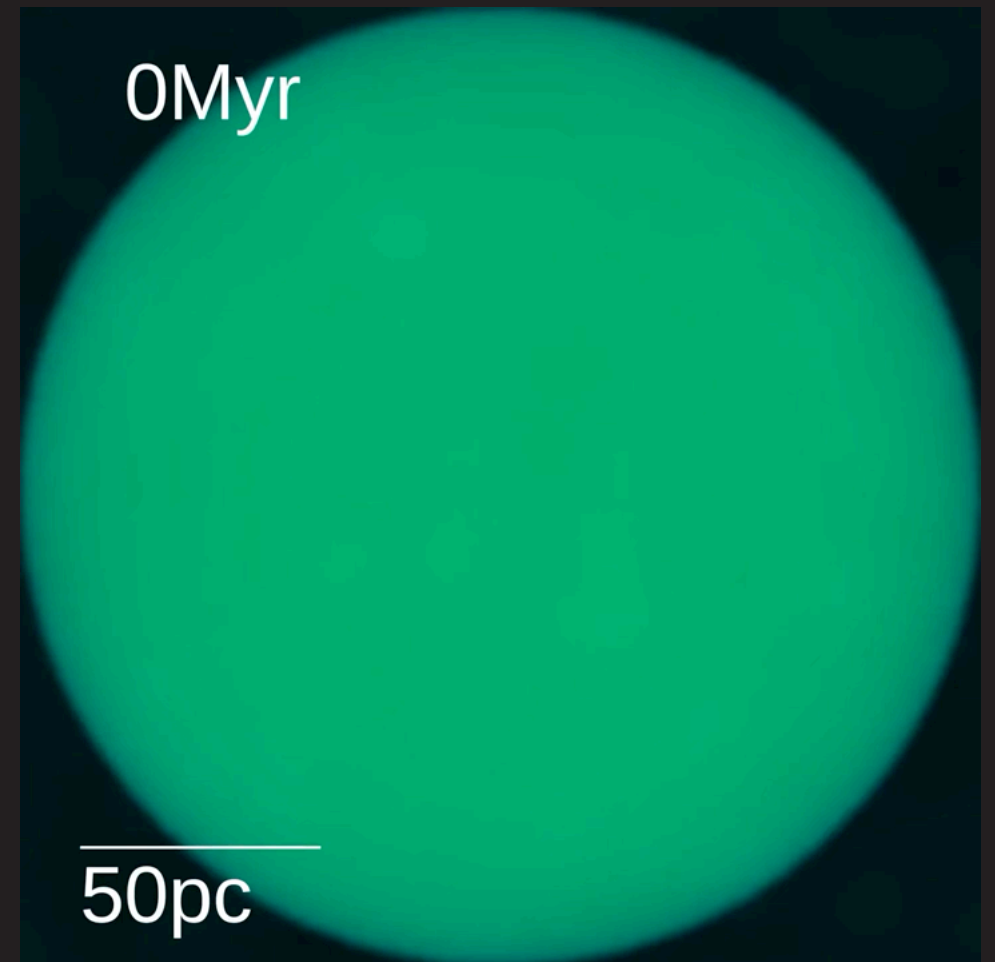


Star cluster  
forms

**Toomre patch**

$$M_{cl} = \pi H^2 \Sigma_g^2 / \Sigma_{crit}$$

**Star cluster mass (and efficiency)  
dependent on local gas surface  
density**



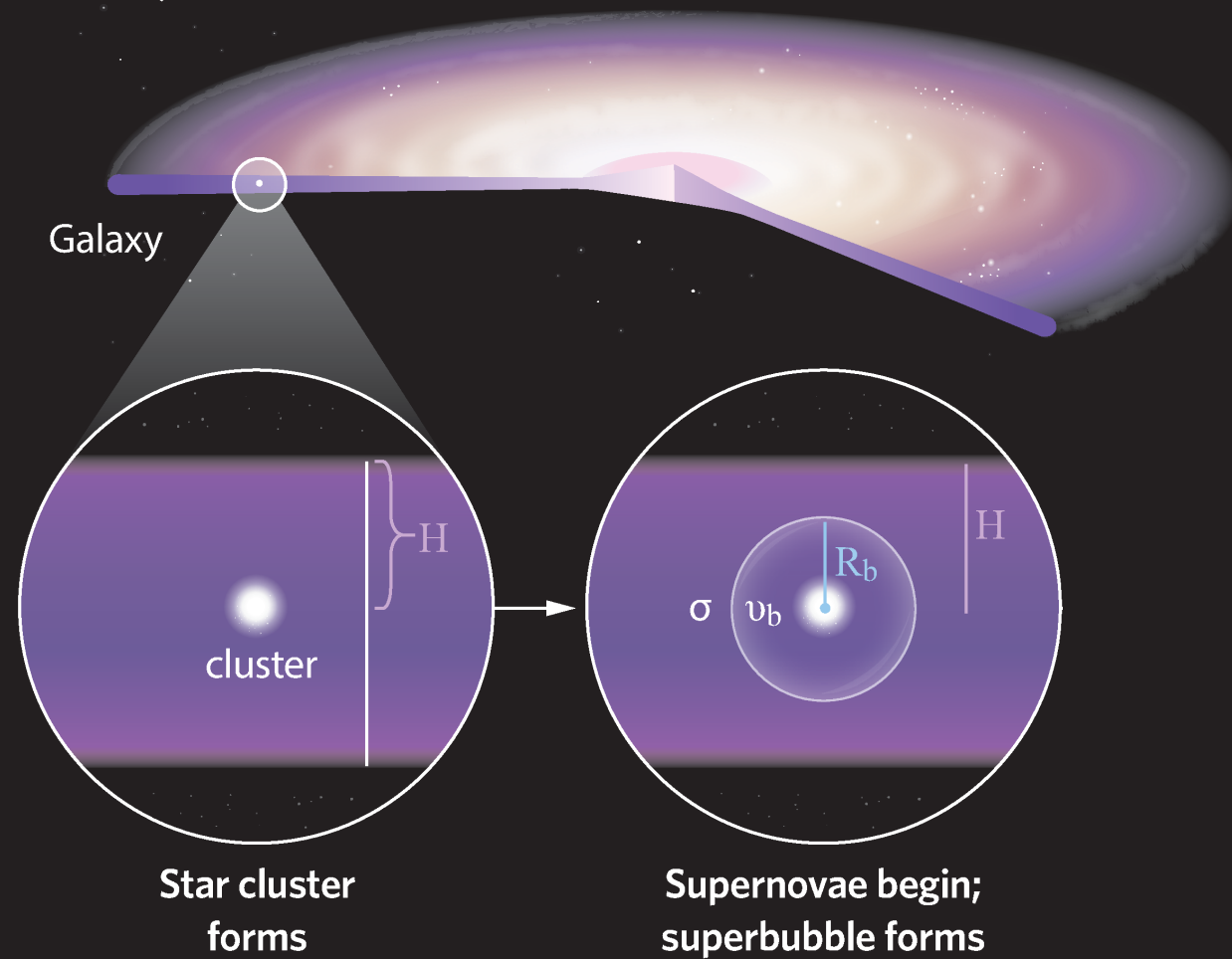
0Myr

50pc

(Grudic+2018)

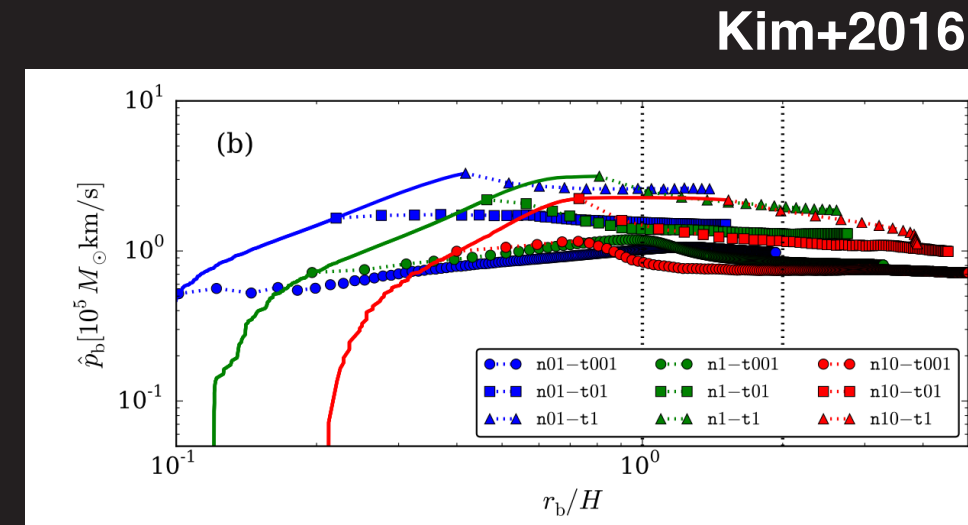
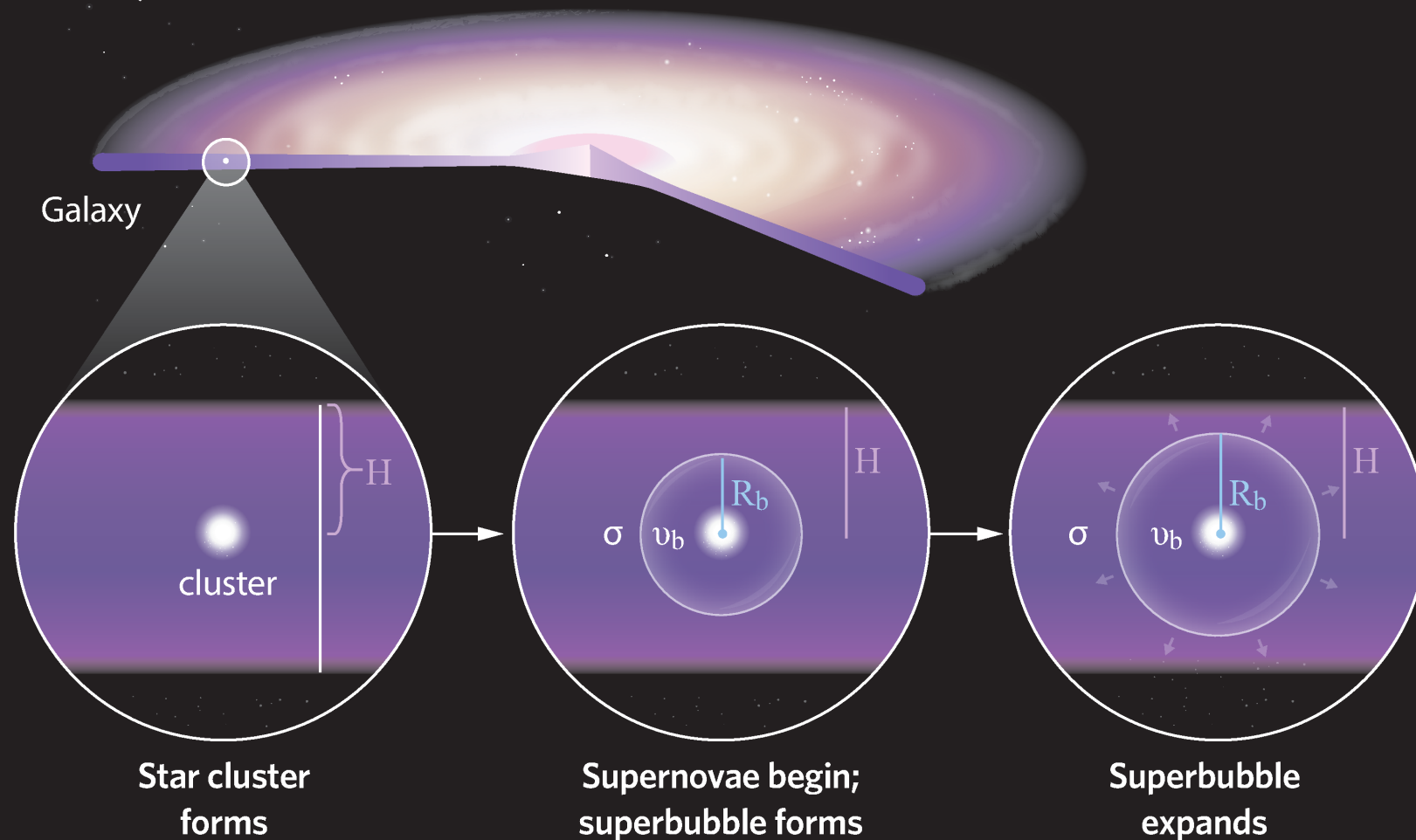
(Cluster formation  
efficiency from Grudic+18)

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In the regime where time between SN is  
 $\ll$  lifetime of individual remnant

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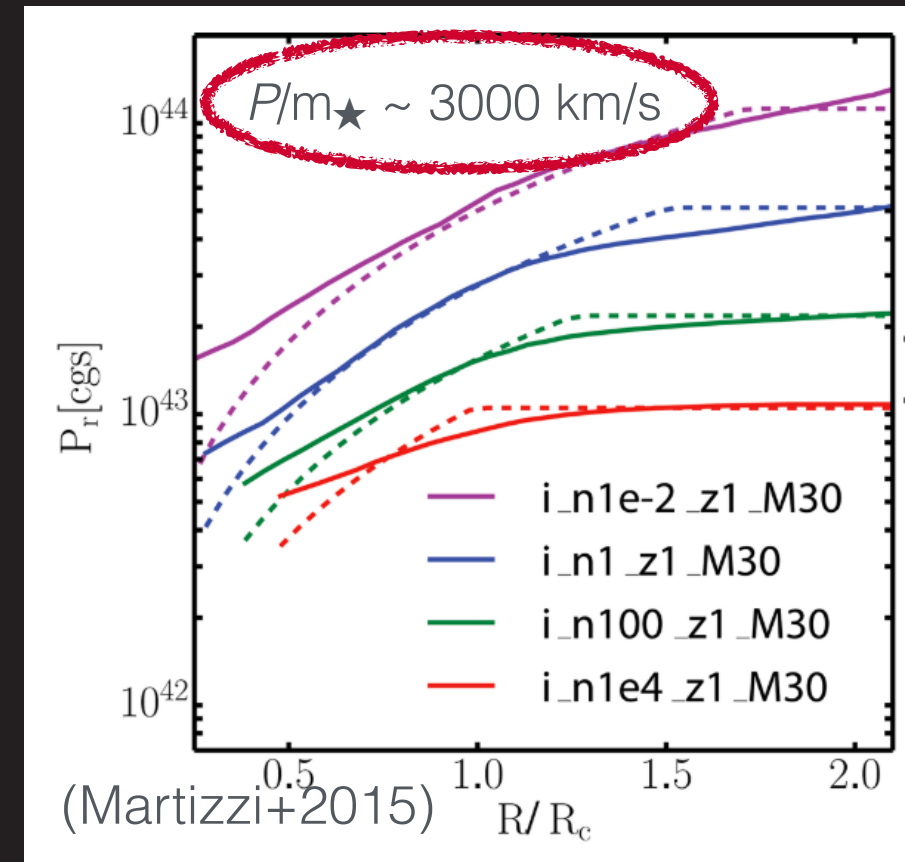
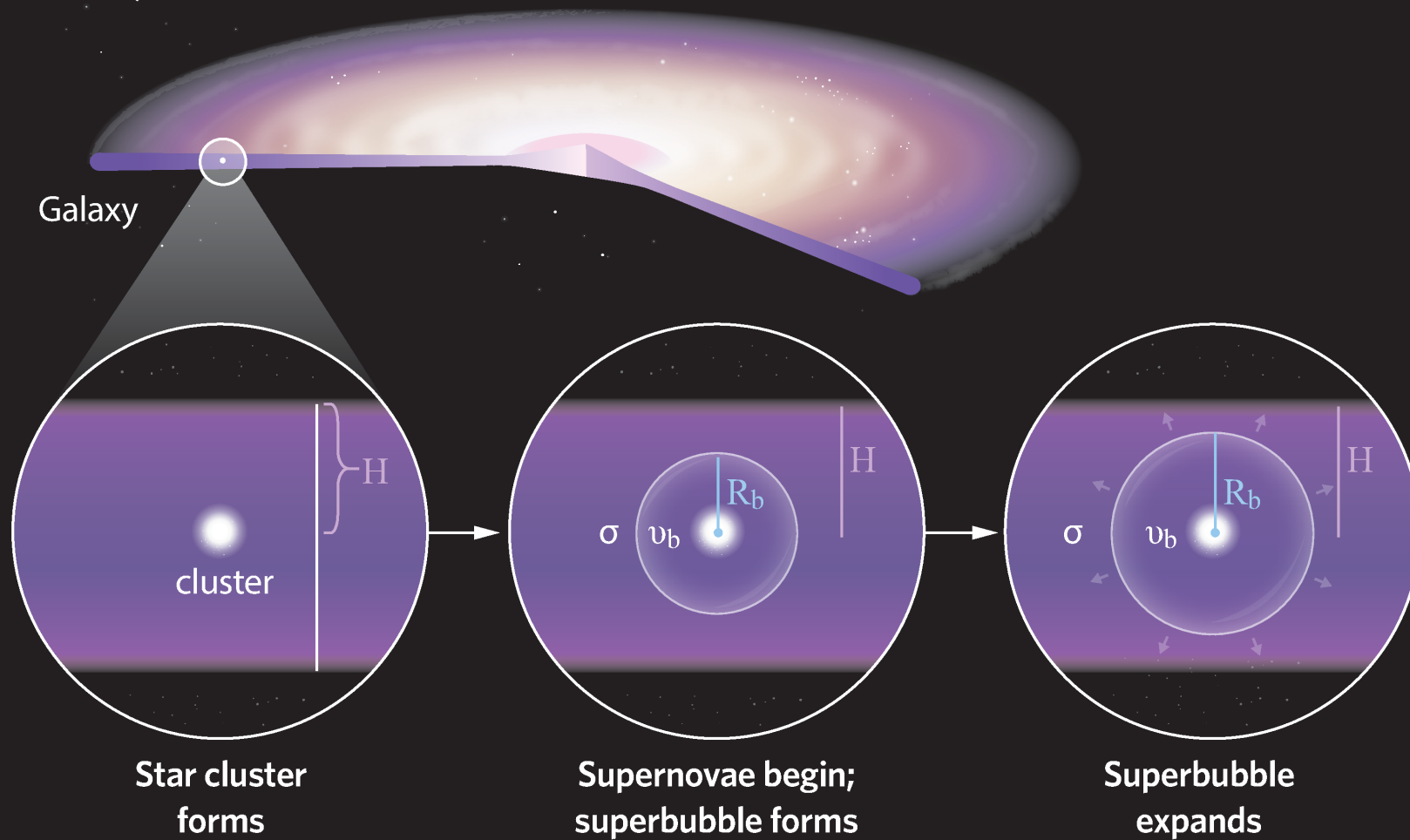
**Simulations show bubble momentum directly proportional to  $N_{\text{SNe}}$**

**Balance momentum of the bubble with the integrated supernova momentum.**

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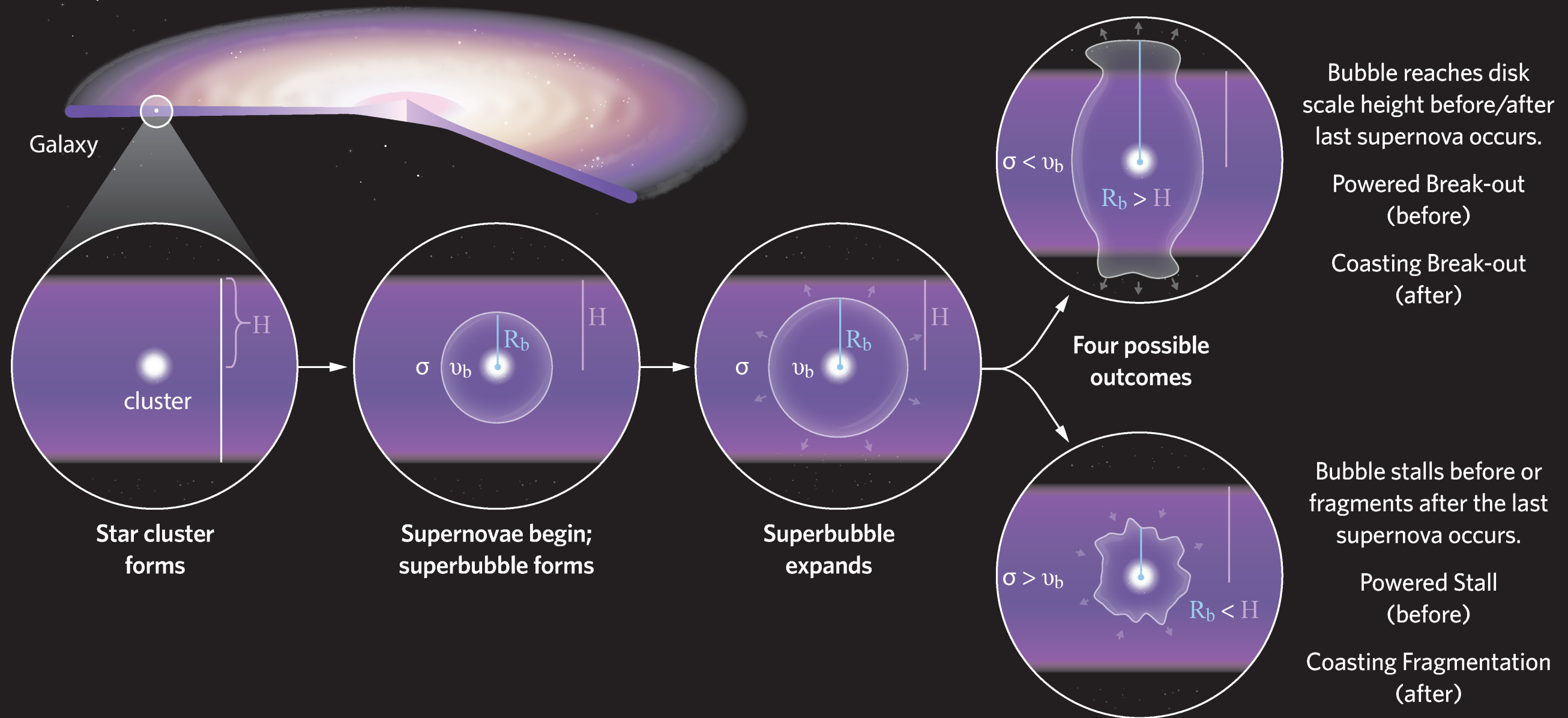
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Depends on IMF, stellar lifetimes  $\alpha \approx 0.46$

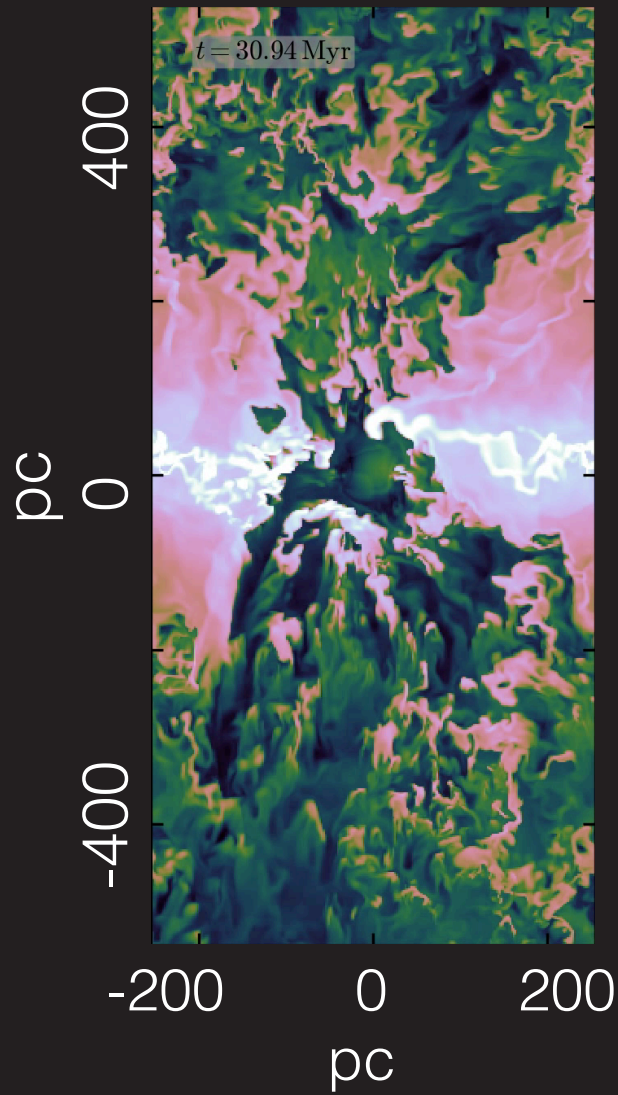
Time of last SN  $\sim 40 \text{ Myr}$

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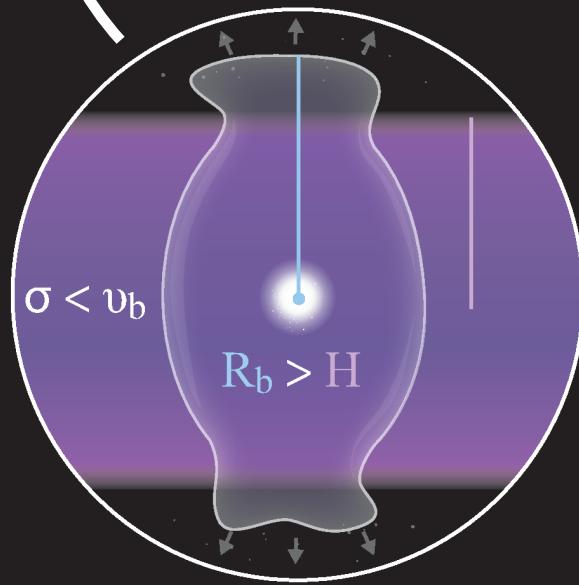




# Bubble Outcomes



Fielding et al. 2017



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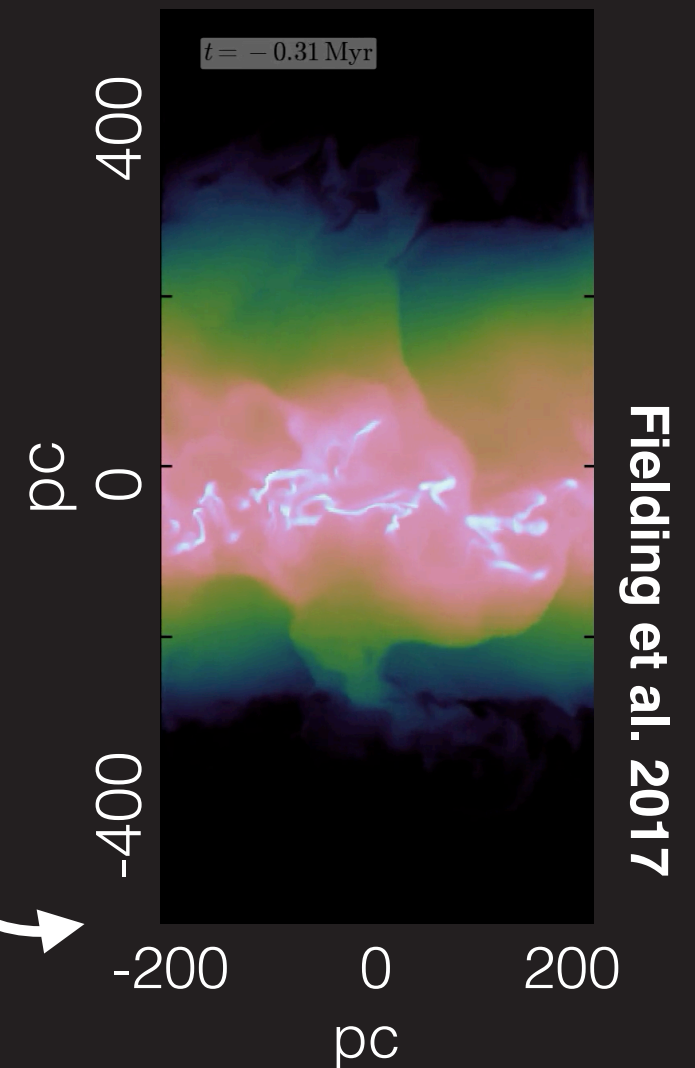
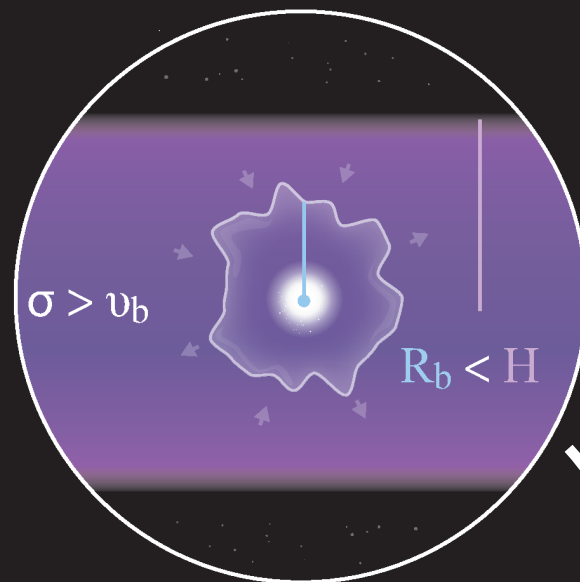
Powered Break-out (before)

Coasting Break-out (after)

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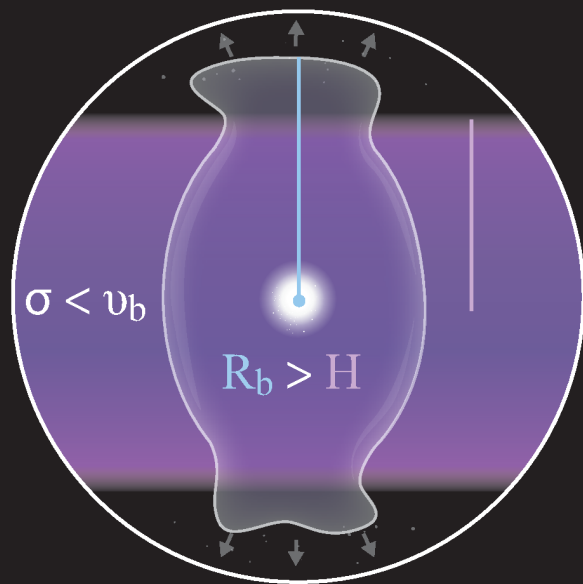
Coasting Fragmentation (after)



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# What determines break-out?

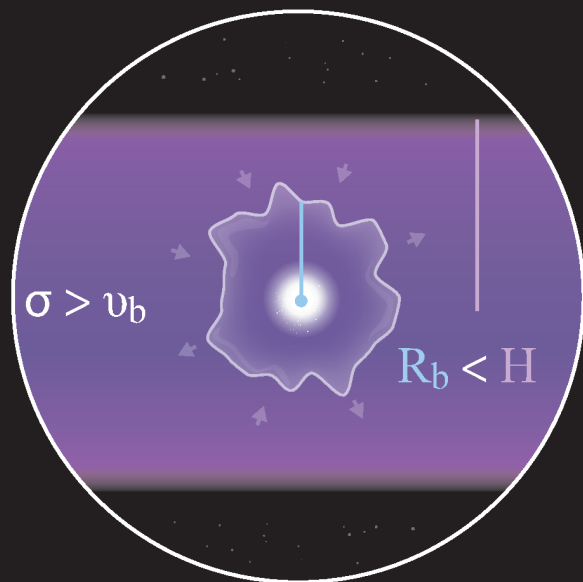
Momentum Balance  
 $P_{\text{SNe}}(t) = P_b(t)$



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Two conditions

$$R_b = H$$

$$v_b > \sigma$$

Also:

$$H = \sigma / \Omega \quad \Omega = v_c / R$$

$$Q \approx 1$$

Can solve for  $R_b$  &  $v_b$

In terms of  $f_g$  &  $\Omega$

+ some model parameters

# When and where bubbles break out

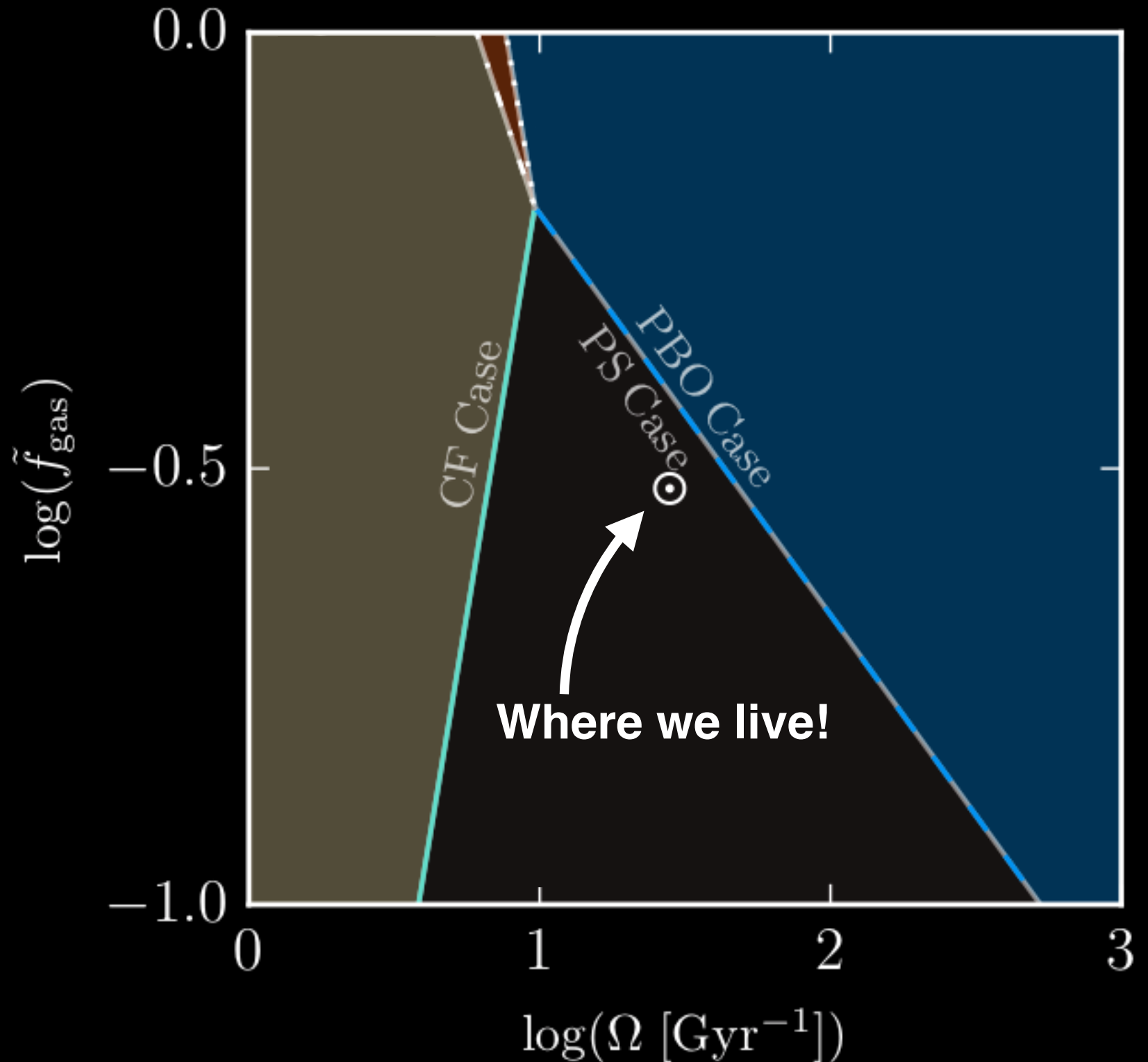
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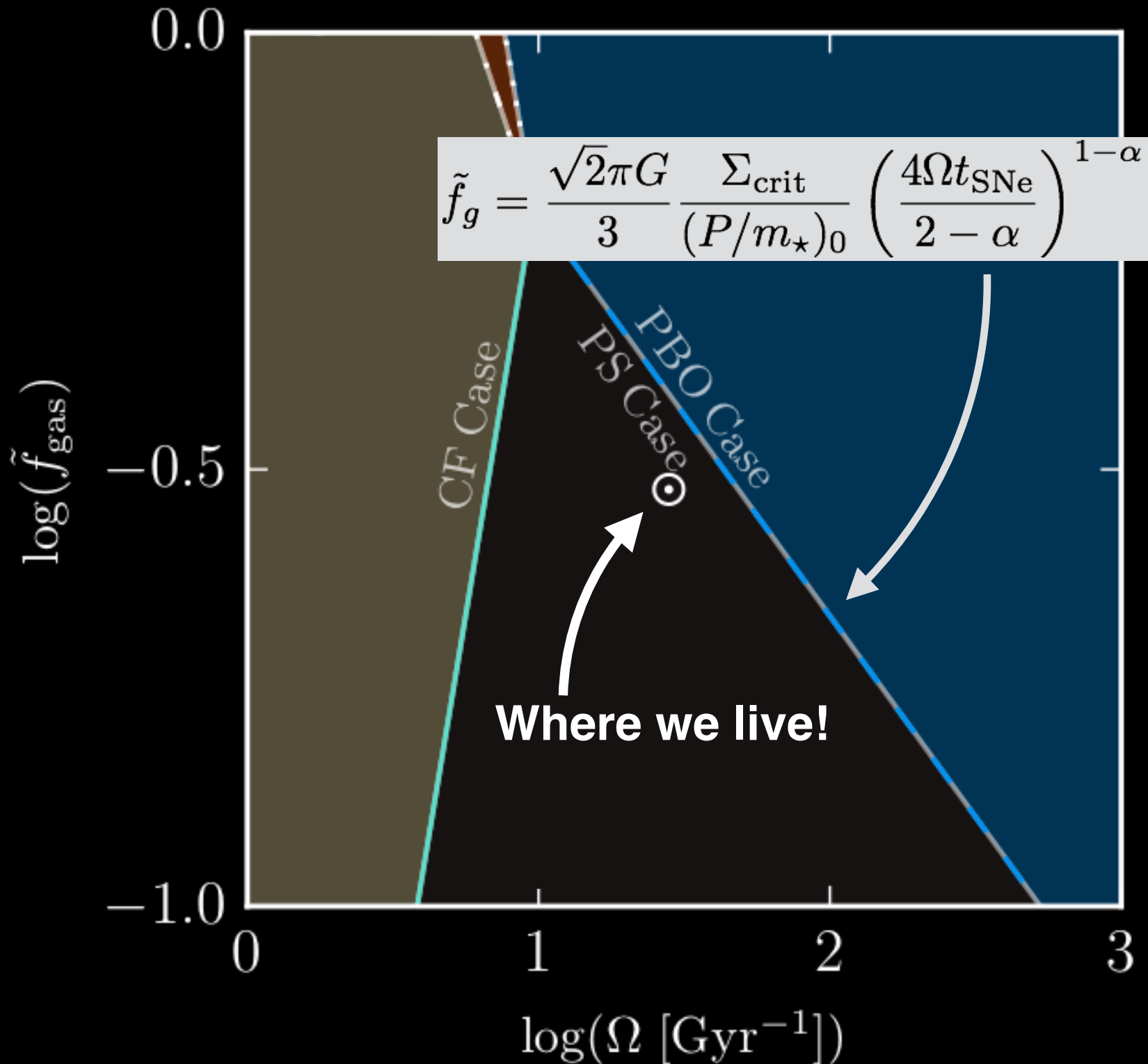
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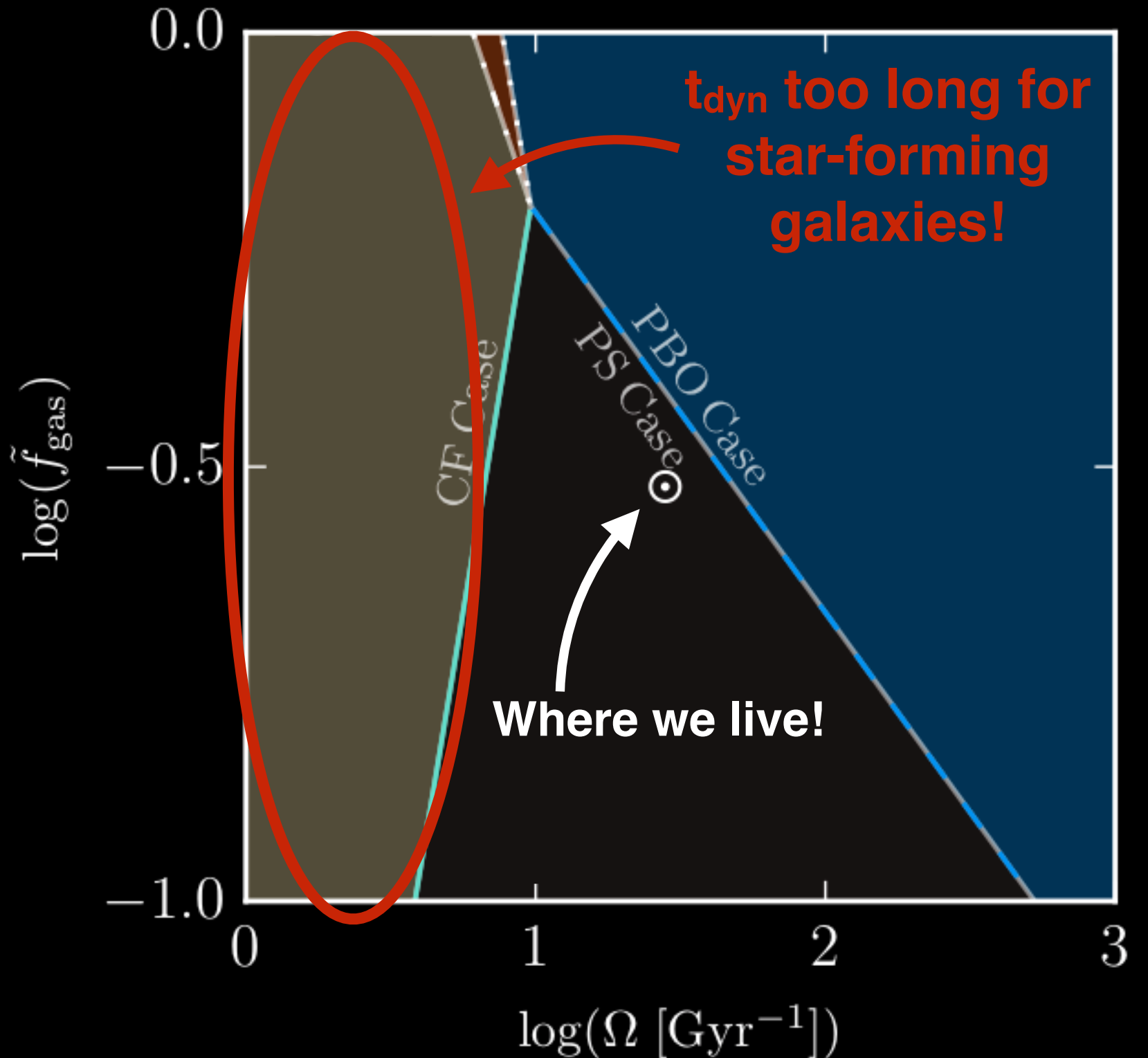
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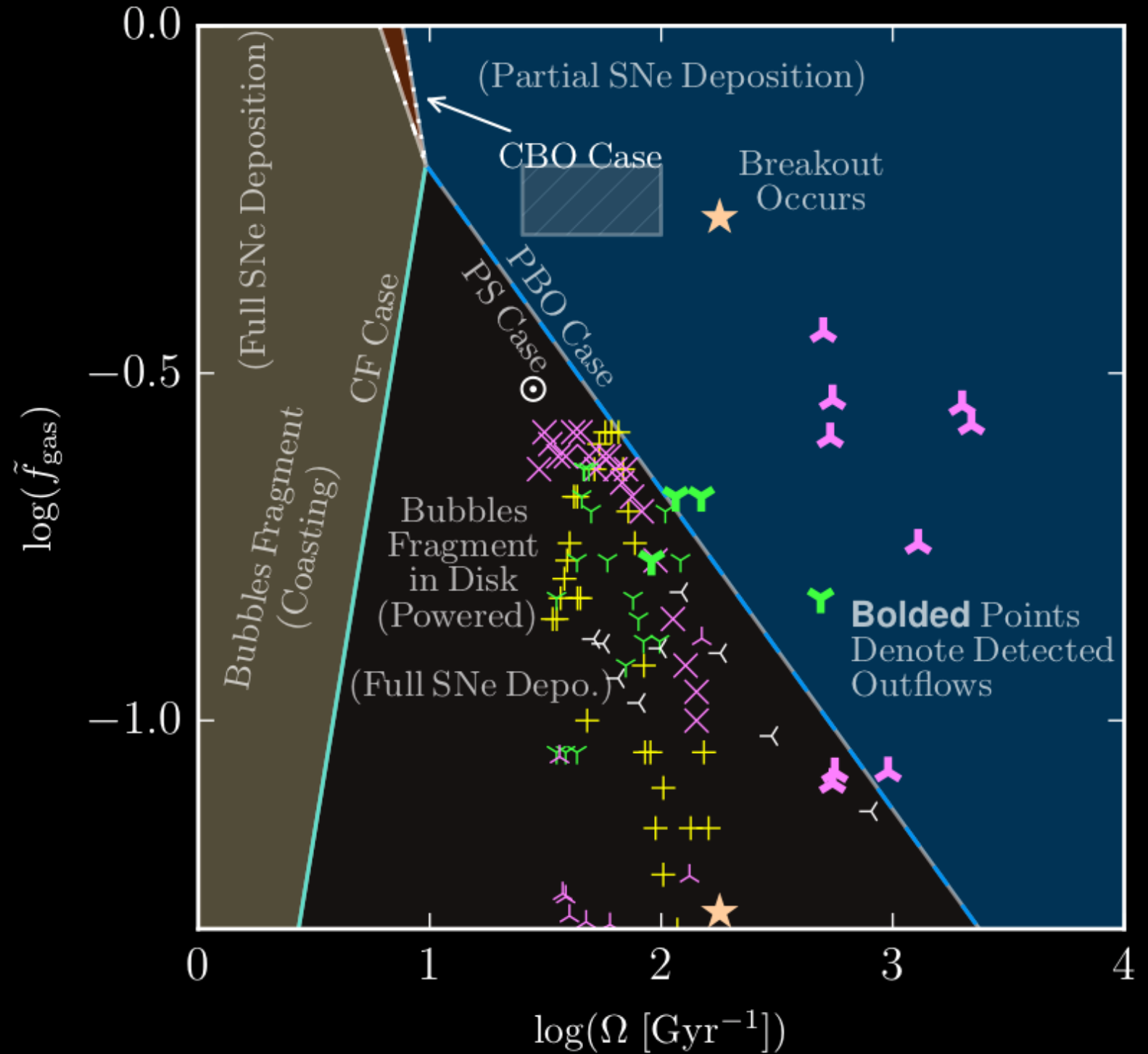
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- ⊙ Solar Circle
- + NGC 3627
- × NGC 4254
- Y NGC 4321
- < NGC 5194
- ^ NGC 253
- ★ Fielding 2018
- z ~ 2 SMGs

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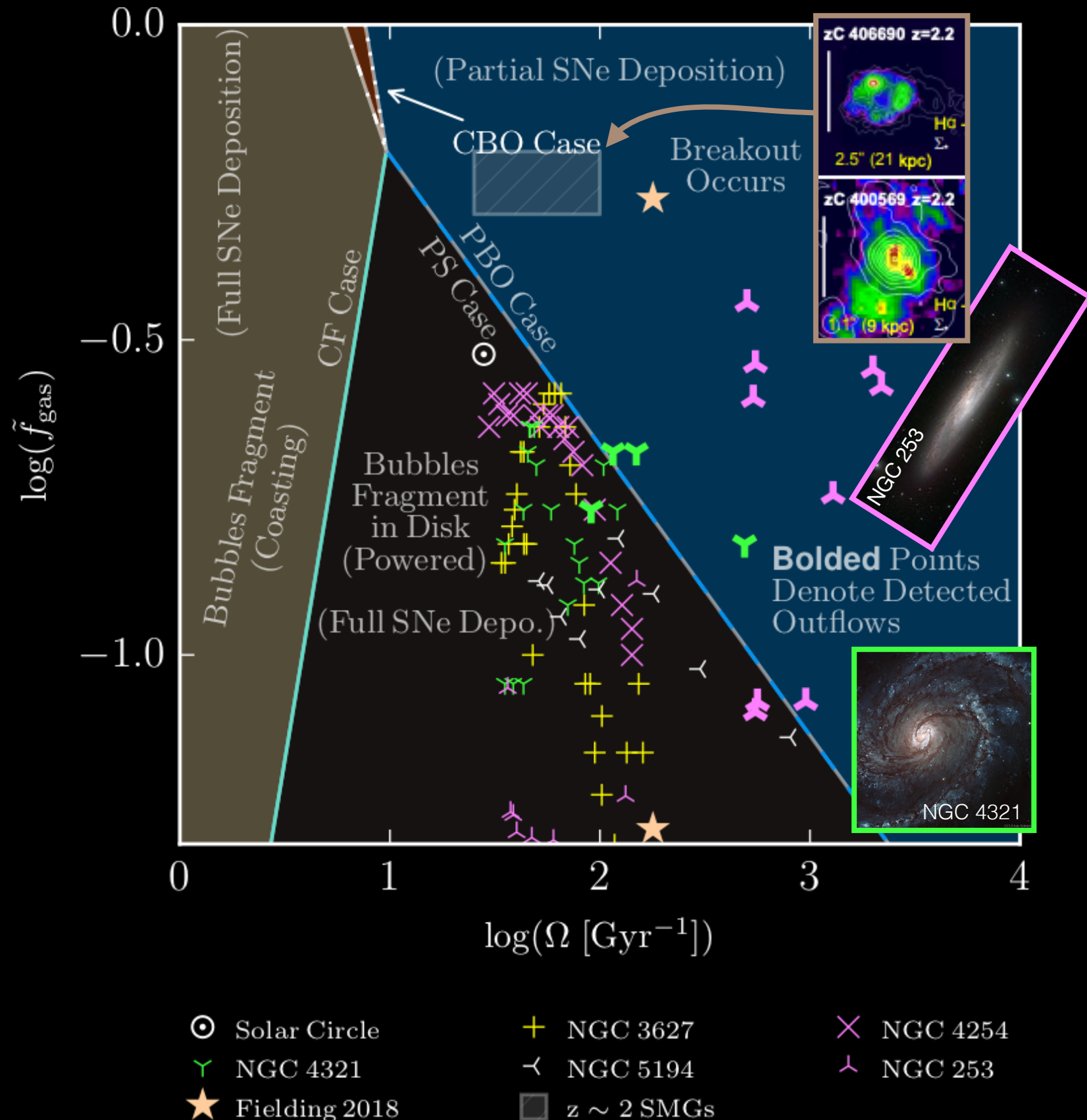
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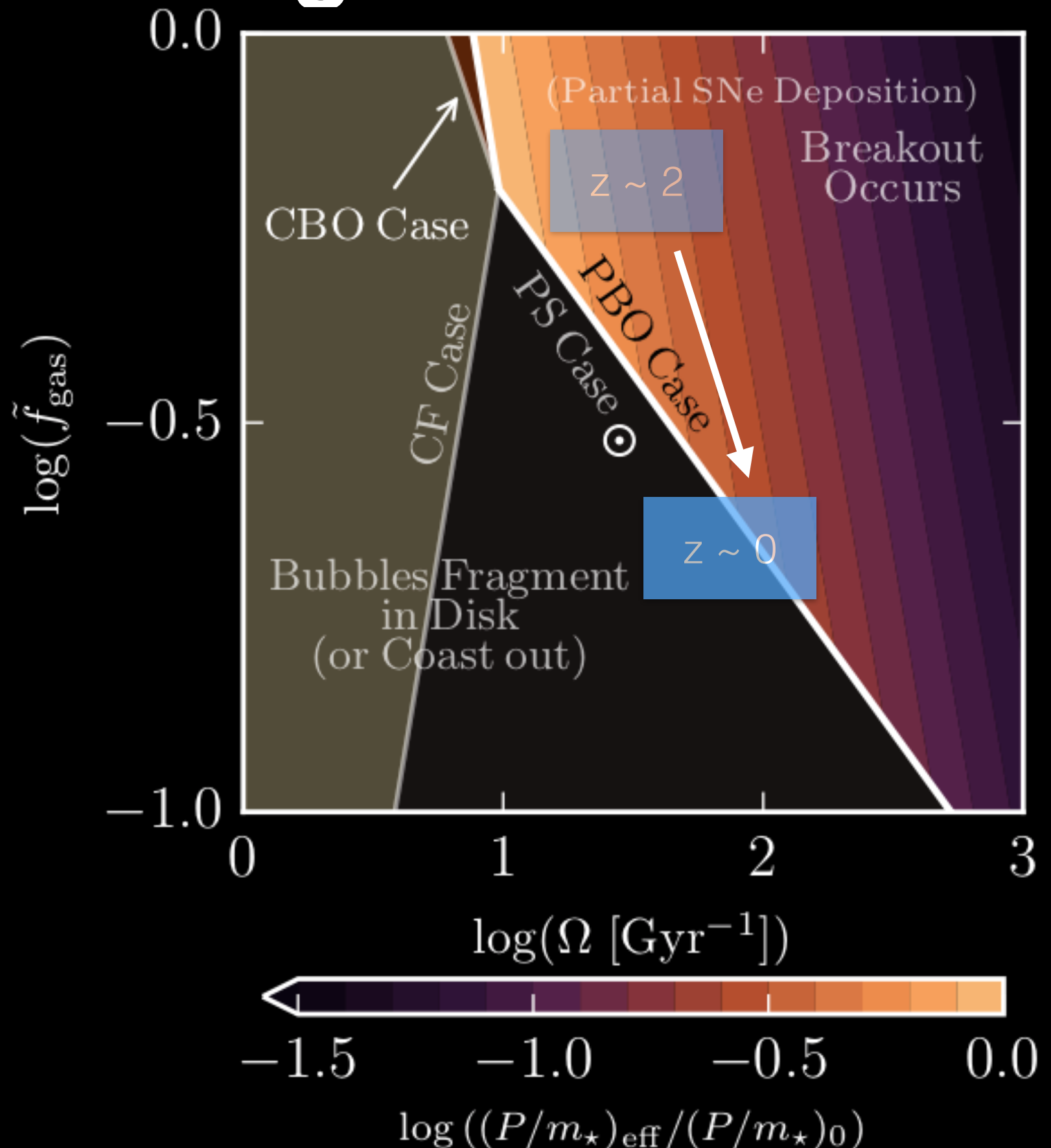
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Less momentum contained at shorter dynamical times

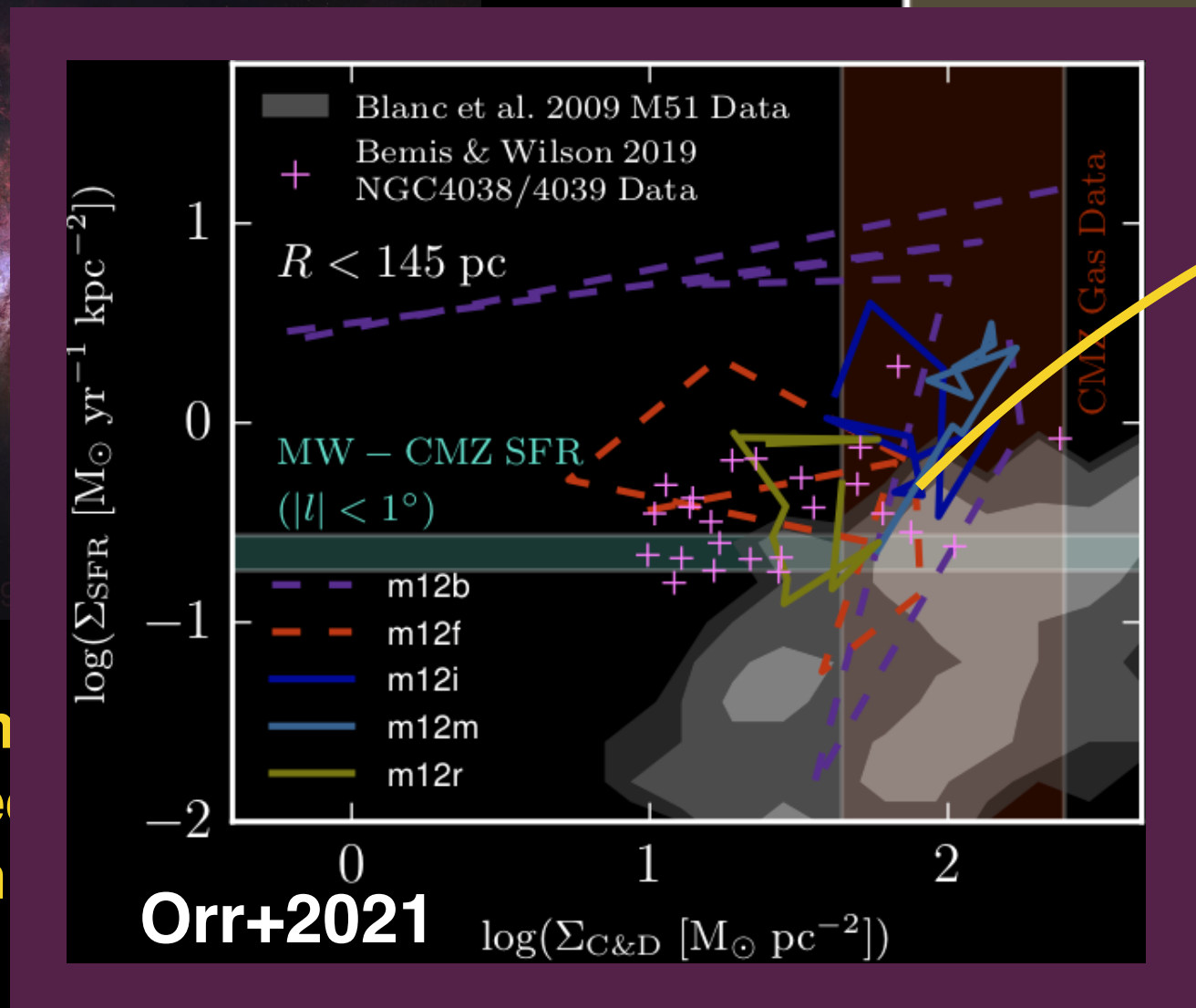
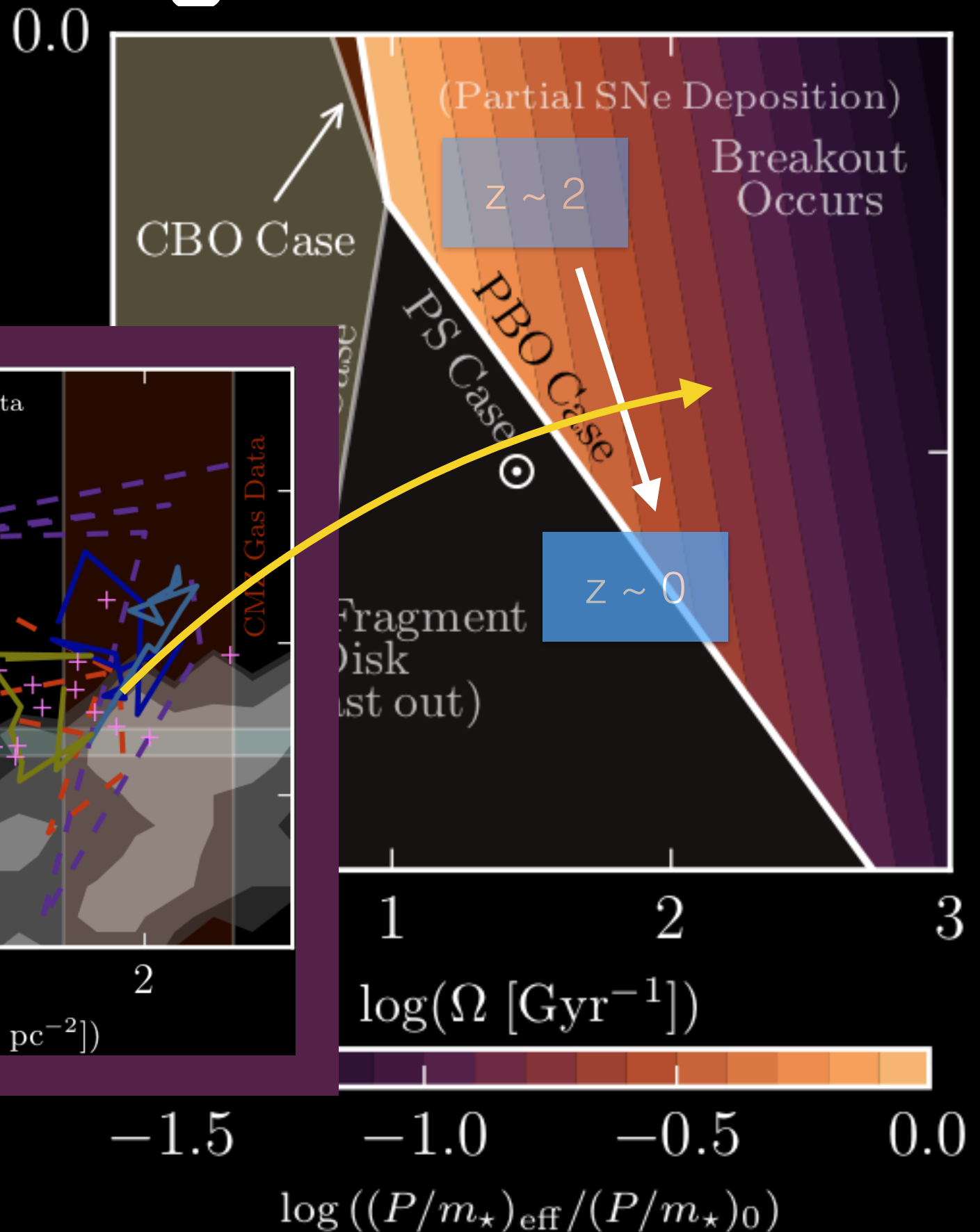
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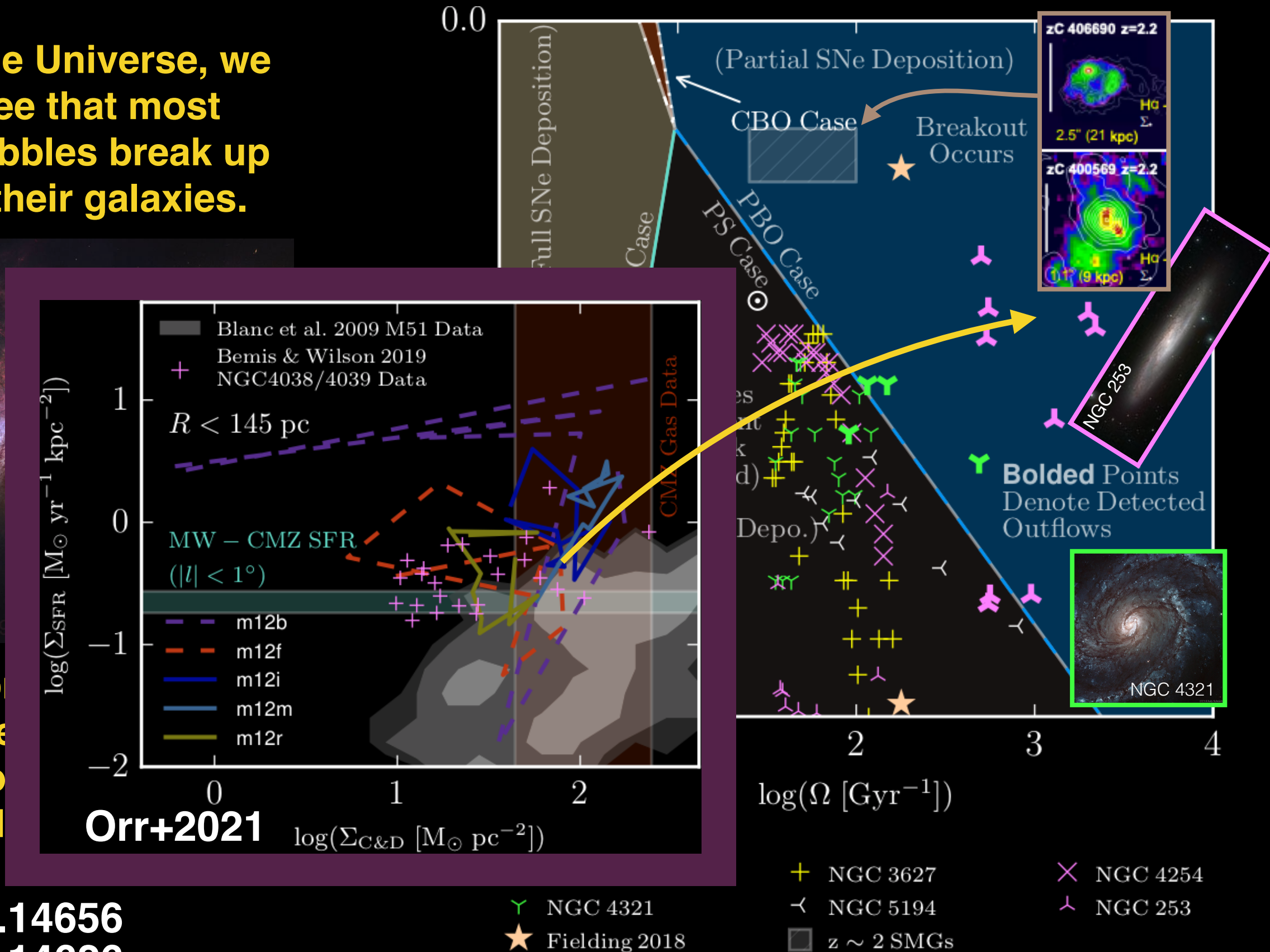
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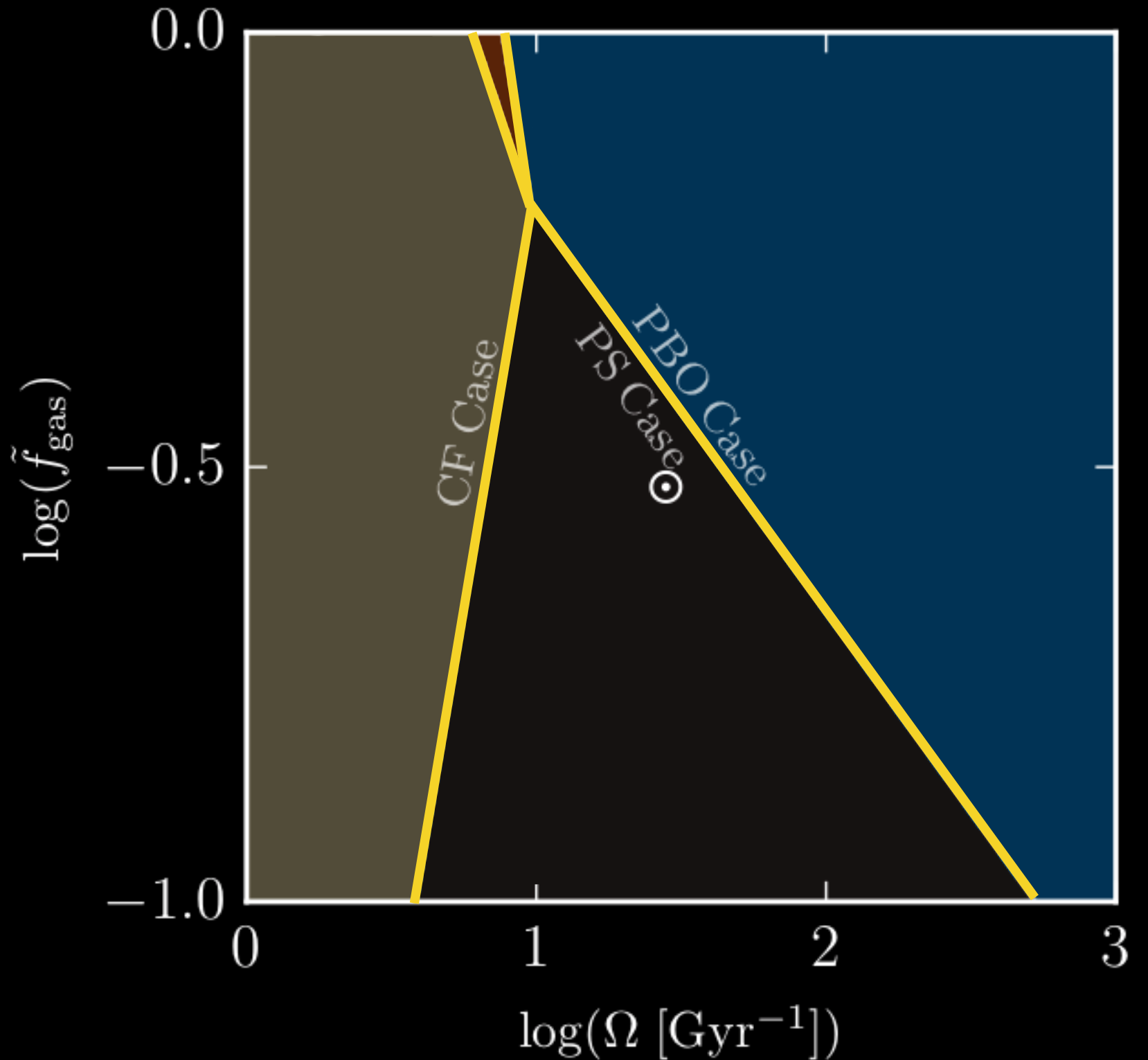
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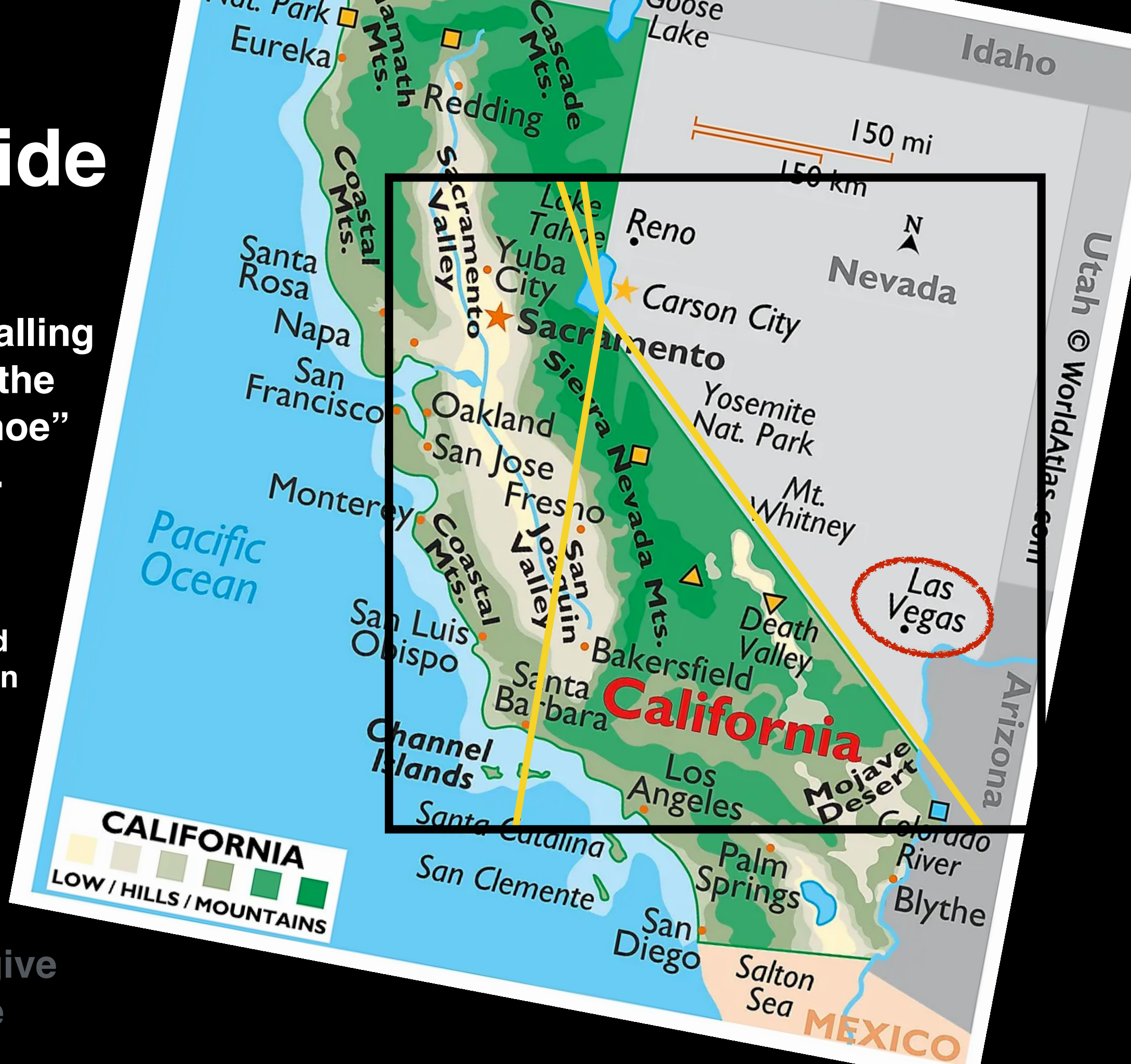


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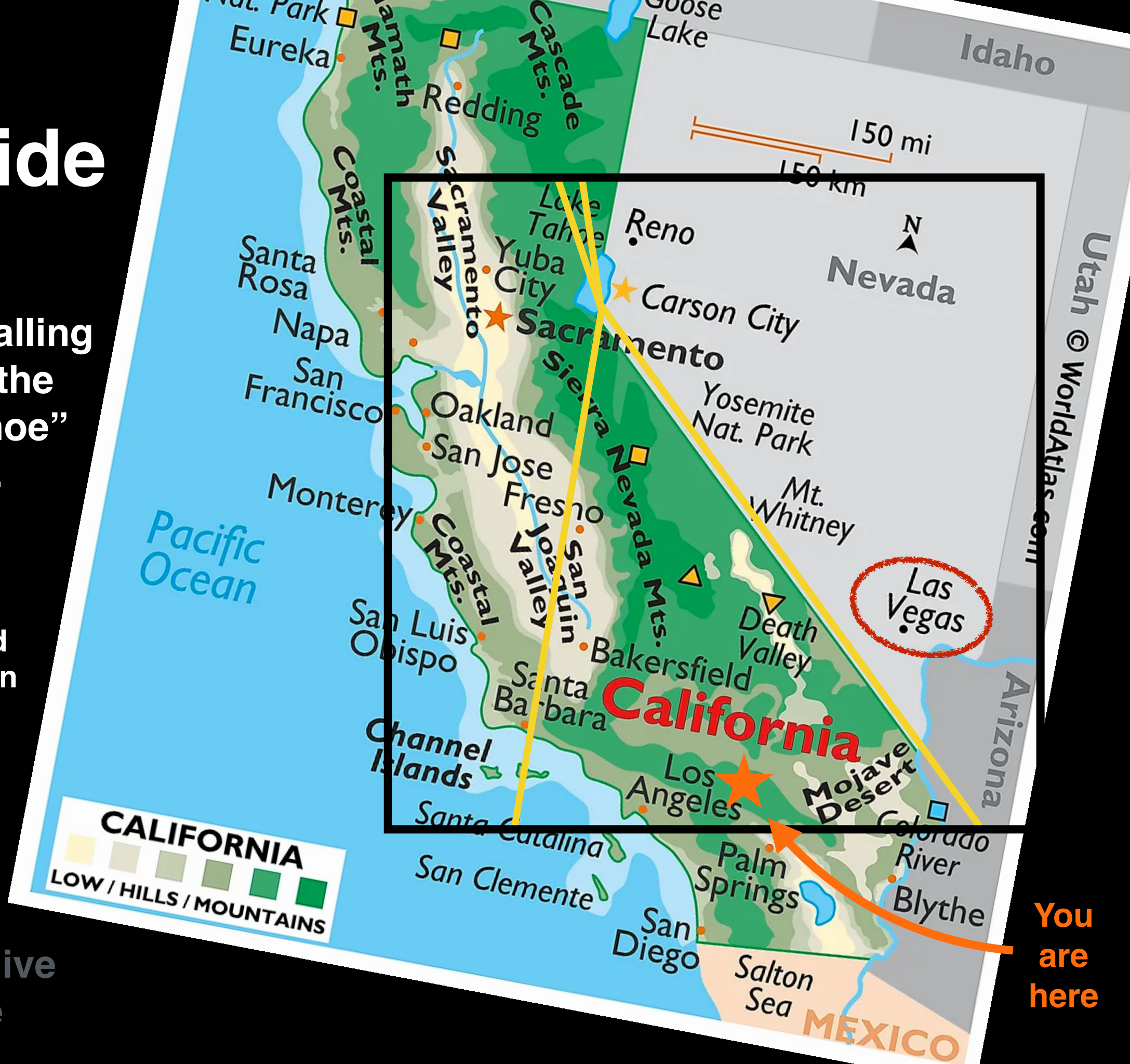


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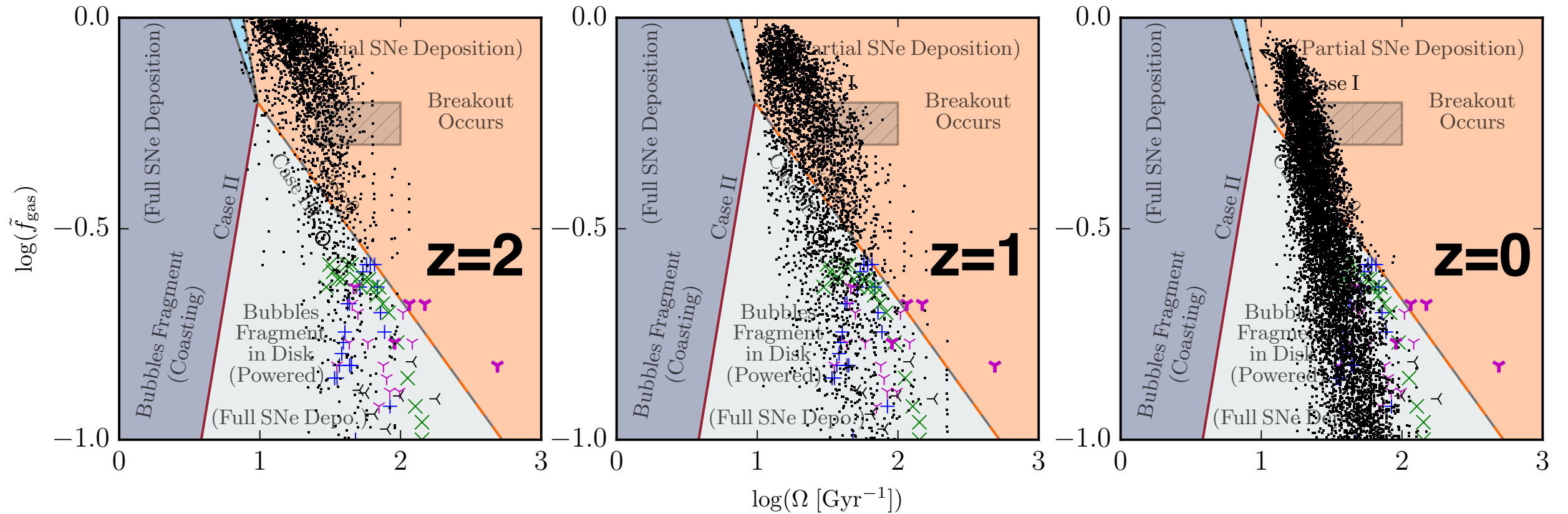


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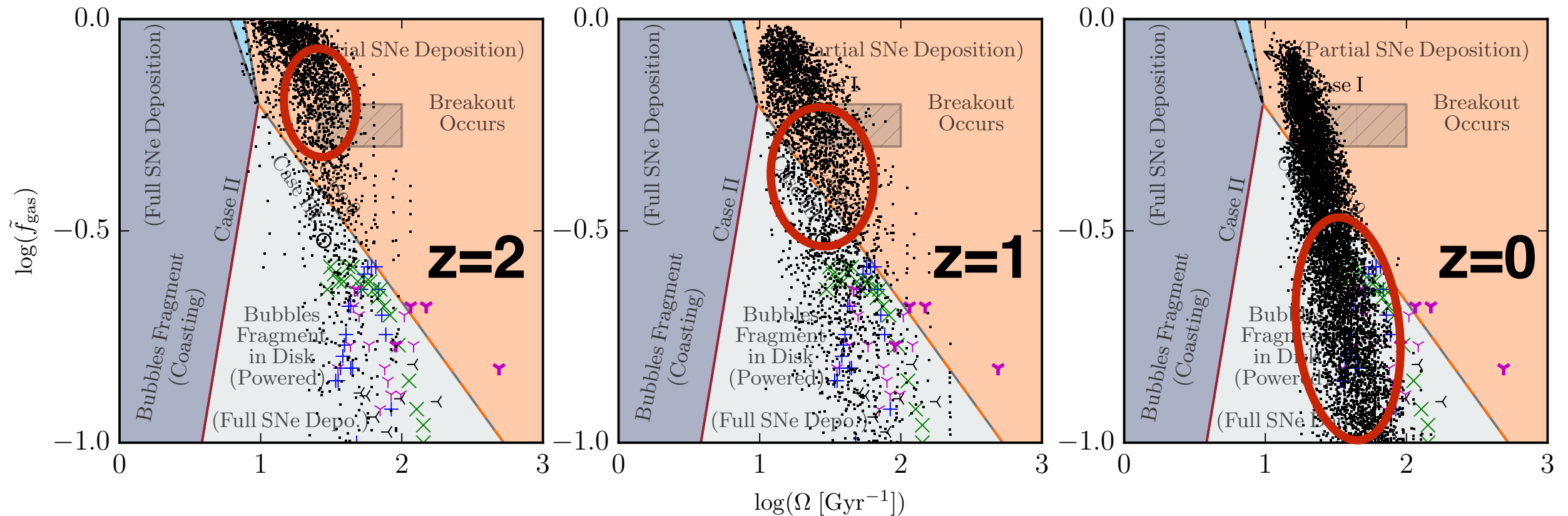


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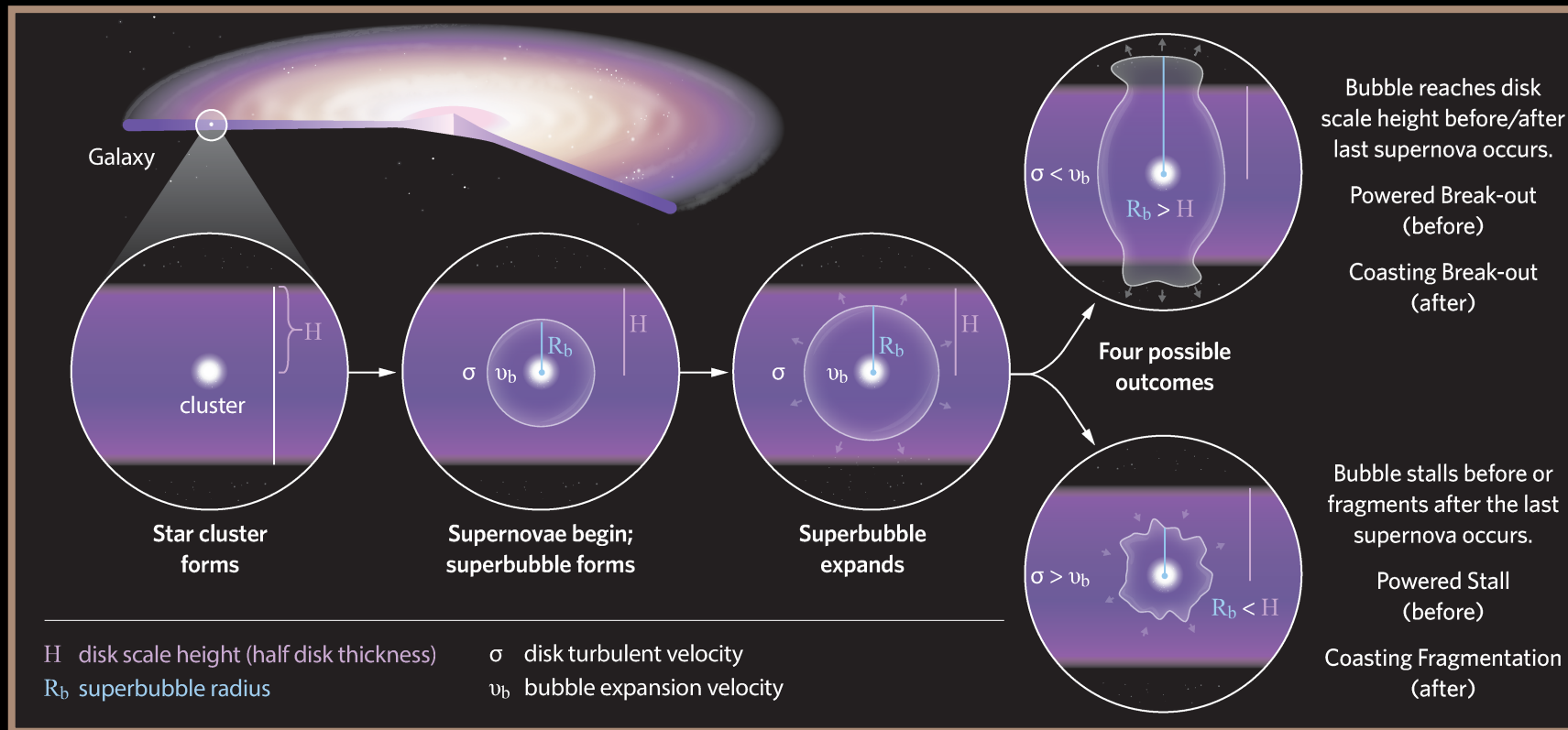


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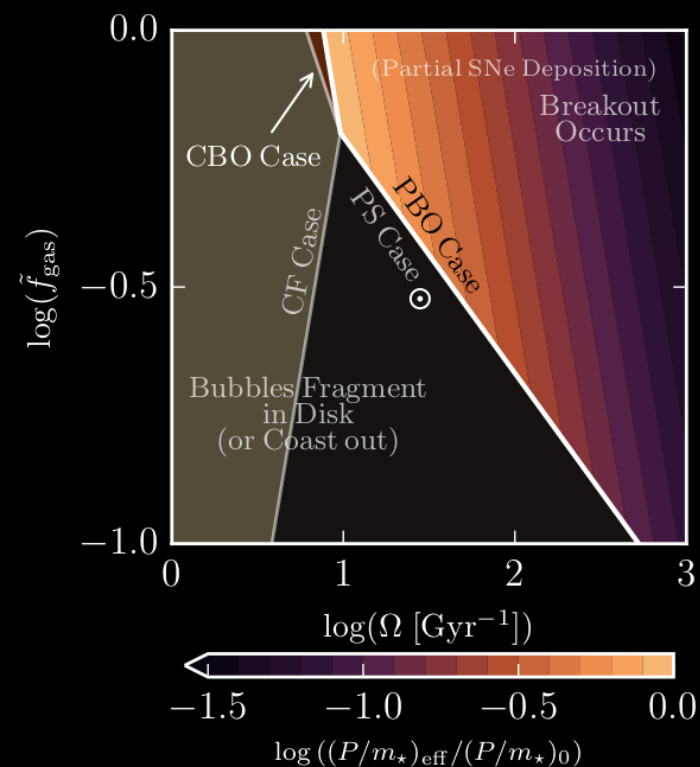
**This evolution could be tied to disk settling: no longer does every star formation event produce a bubble that can break out of the ISM**



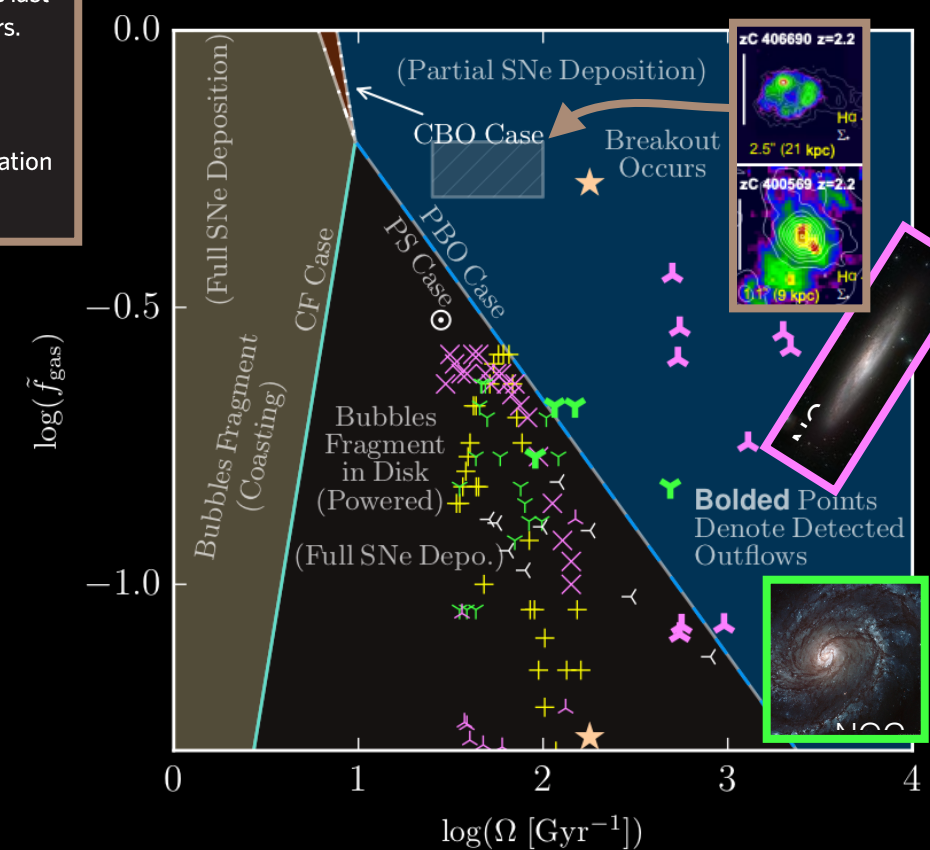
# Summary



**We develop a simple model for superbubbles to understand when and where outflows likely occur, and how clustered SNe affect the effective strength of feedback**



**Parameterized in local gas fraction and dynamical time!**



**On arXiv now!**  
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**Qualitatively agrees with local (spatially resolved) and high redshift observations of outflow hosts**