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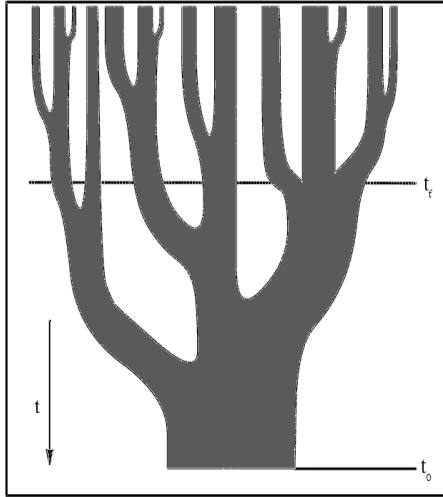


*Linking Observations and Theory  
Across the Scales of Star Formation in Galaxies  
July 12<sup>th</sup> – Sexten*

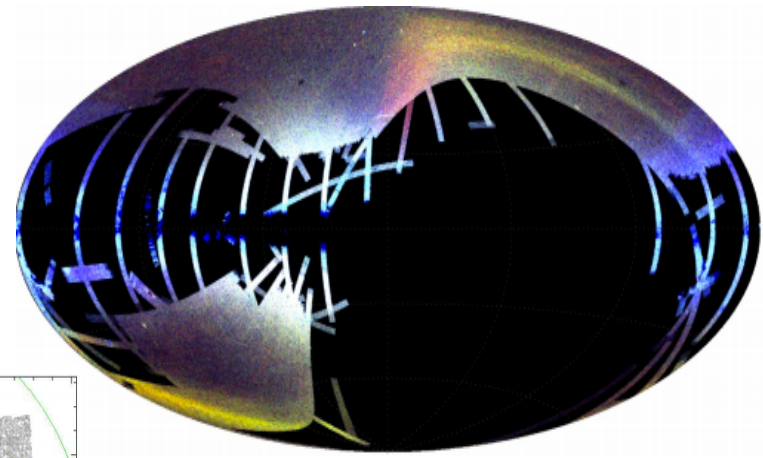
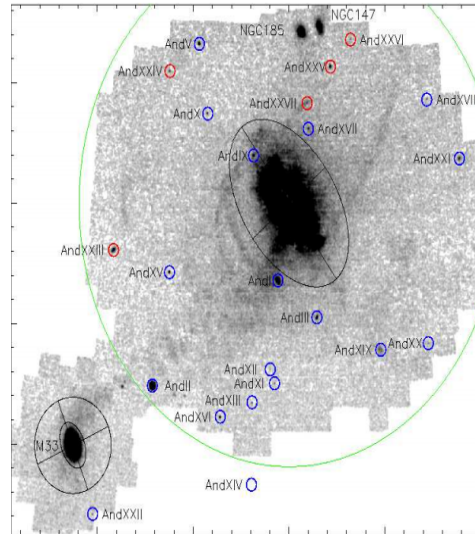


# $\Lambda$ CDM - Hierarchical structure formation

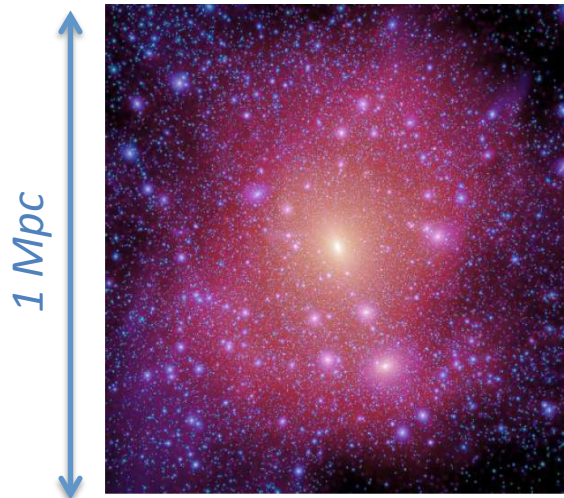
Lacey & Cole (1993)



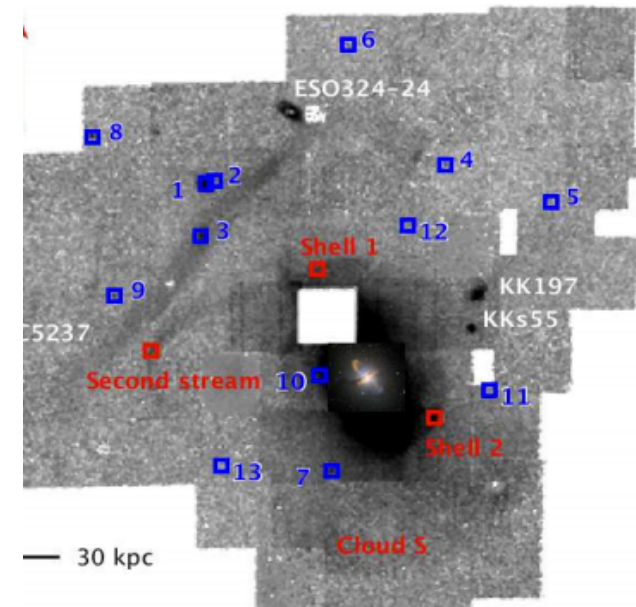
**Milky Way**  
(Belokurov + 06)



*Aquarius simulation*



**M31 spiral**  
(Richardson + 11)

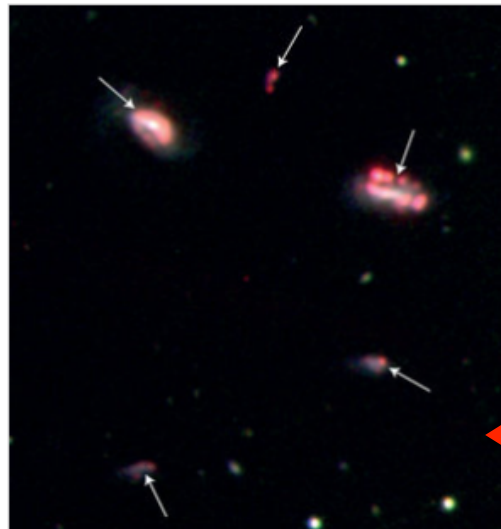
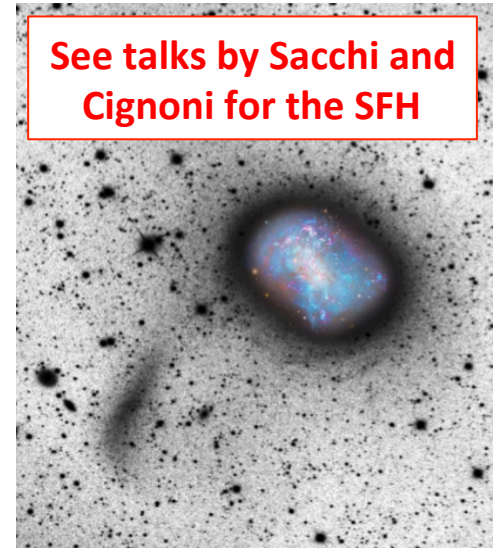
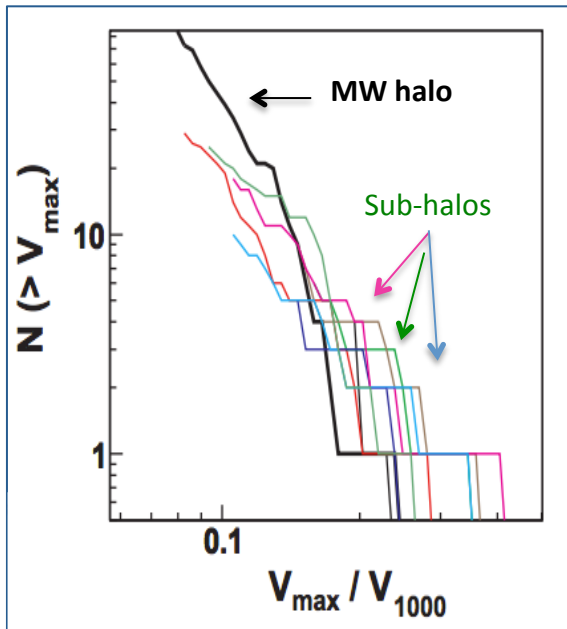


**CenA elliptical**  
(Crnojevic' + 16)

# Hierarchical assembly at small galaxy scales

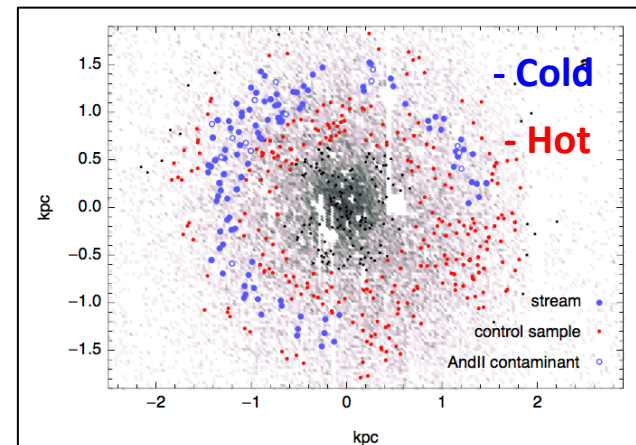
DM halos and sub-halos have the same relative abundance of substructures  
*(Diemand + 08, Nature 454, 735 )*

NGC 4449 *(Martinez-Delgado + 12; Rich + 12 )*

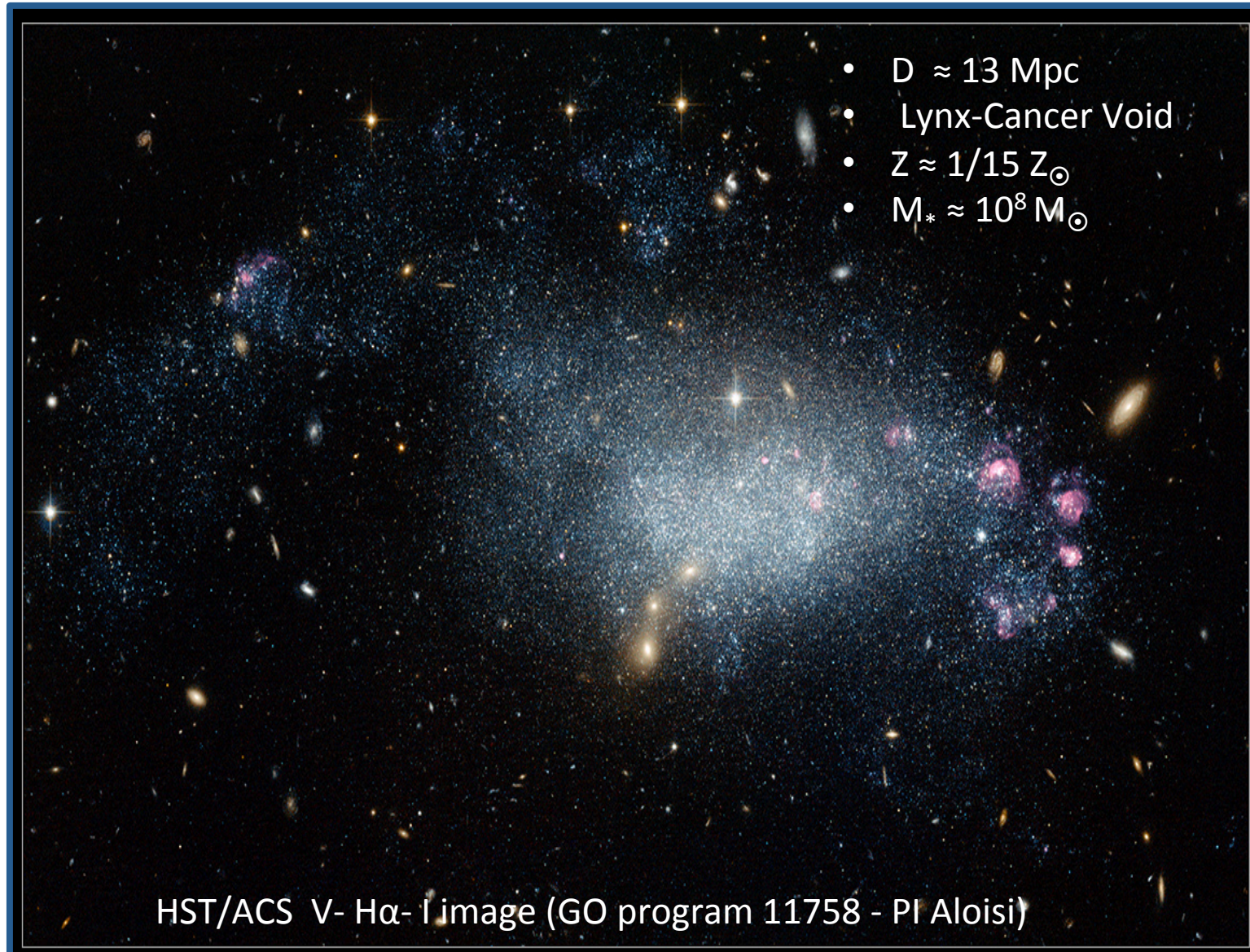


Groups of only dwarfs *(Stierwalt + 17 )*  
 (see also loose associations of LG dwarfs by Tully+ 06)

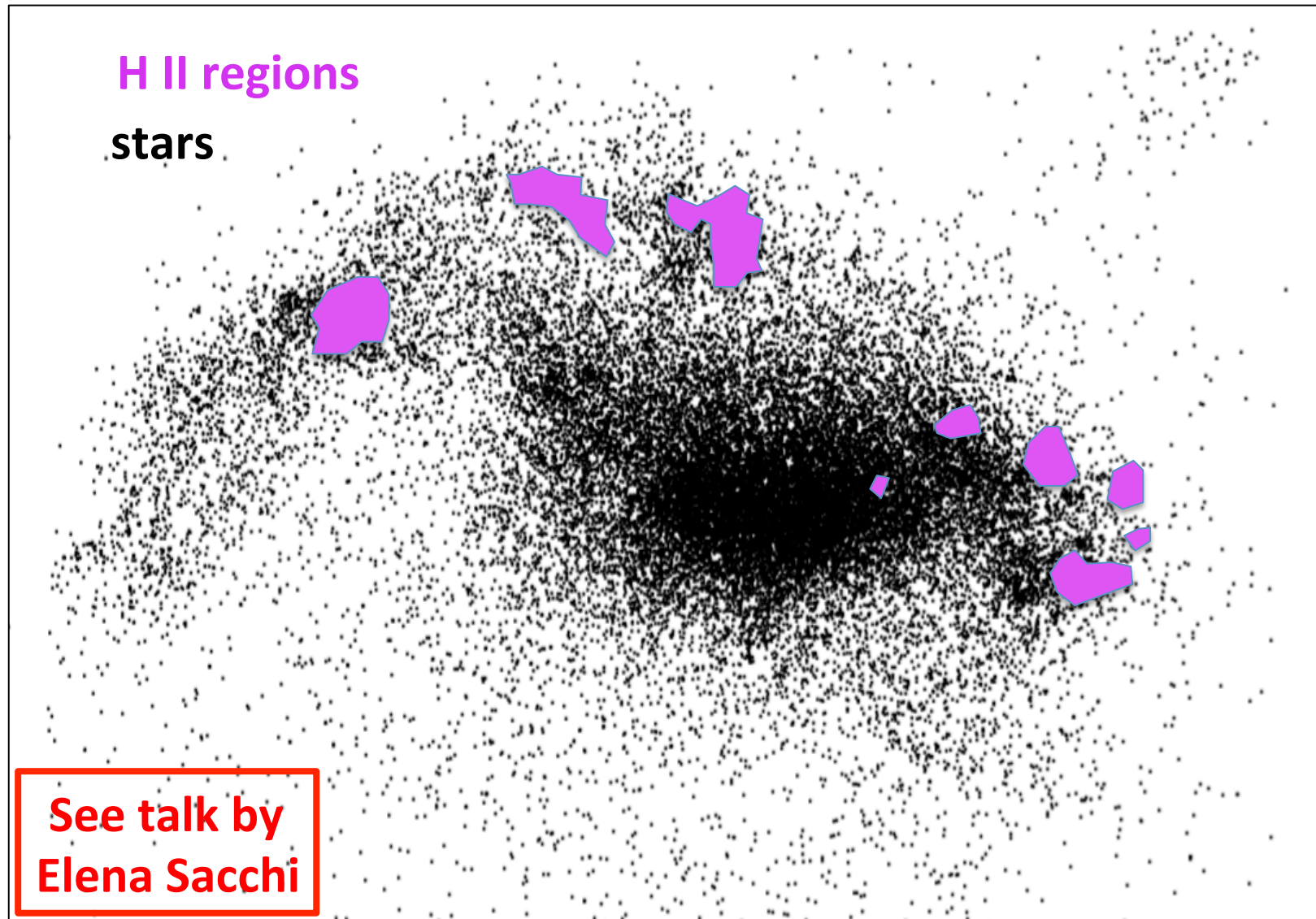
“kinematical stream” in AndII,  
 with  $10^7 M_{\star}$  *(Amorisco +14)*



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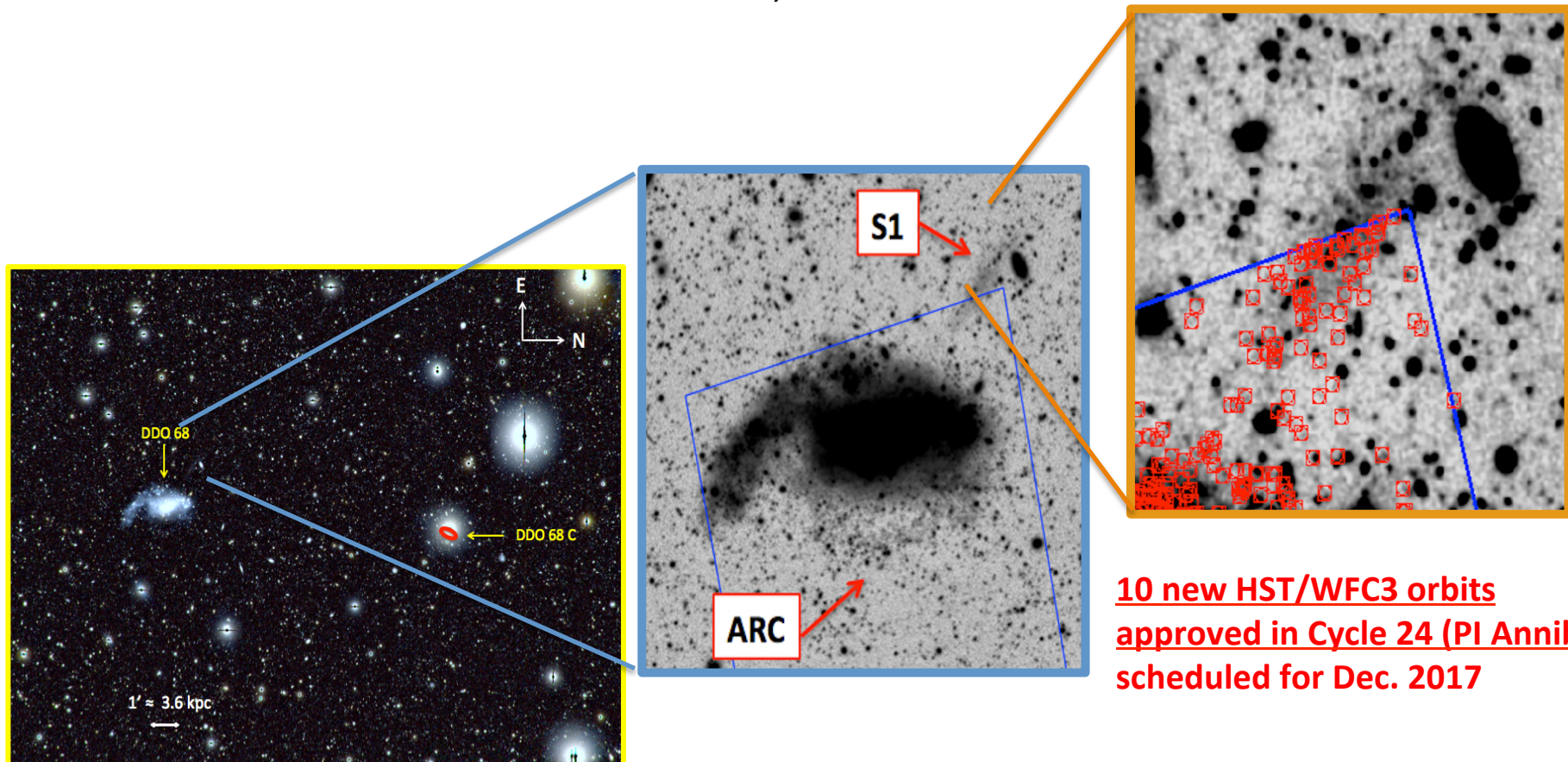




*Large Binocular Telescope @ Mt Graham, Arizona*

## New LBT / LBC imaging of DDO 68 (PI Annibali)

- Annibali *et al.*, ApJ 826, L27, 2016:  
*DDO 68: A Flea with Smaller Fleas that on Him Prey*

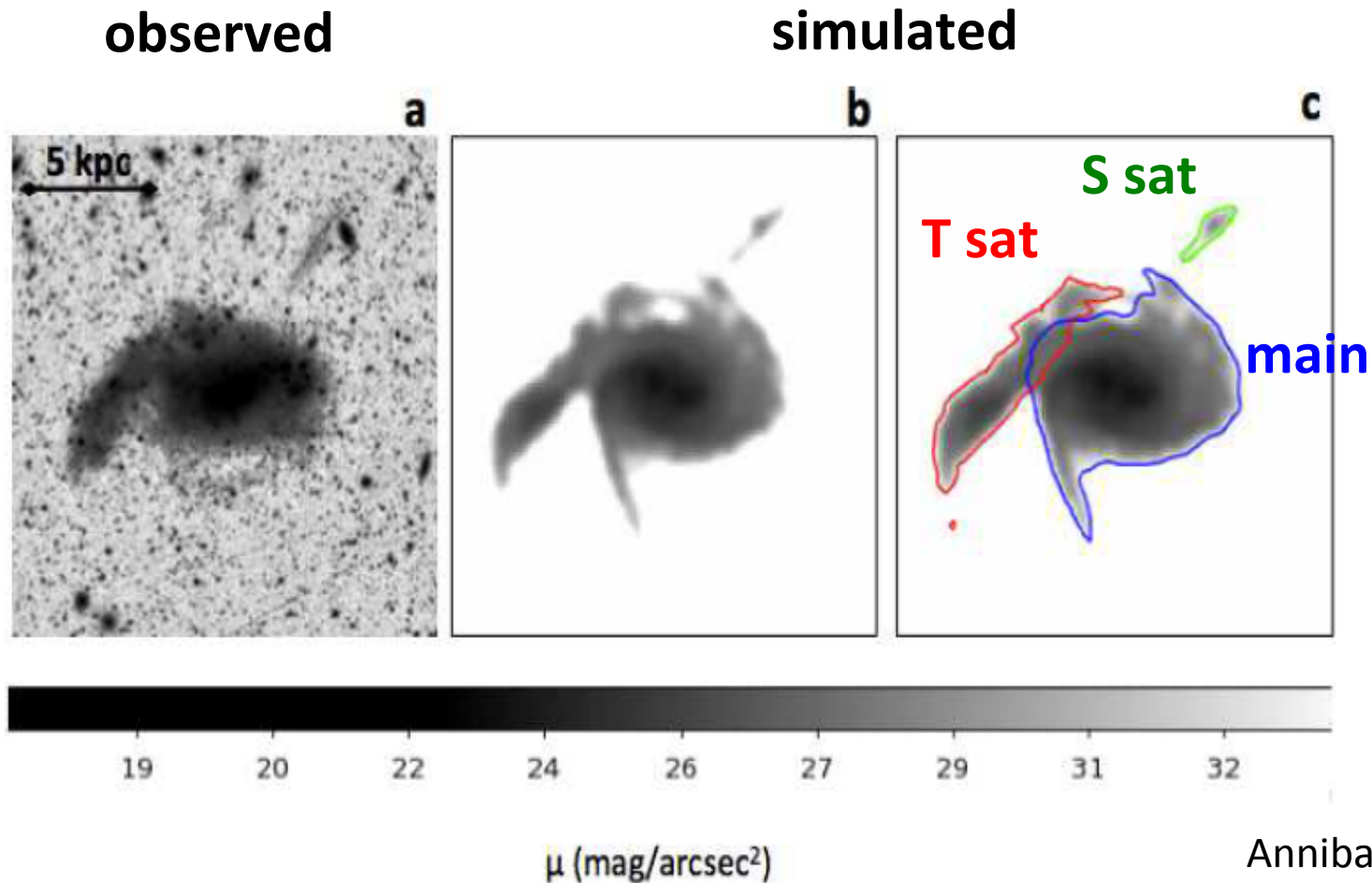


**10 new HST/WFC3 orbits approved in Cycle 24 (PI Annibali)-scheduled for Dec. 2017**

# N-body simulations of DDO 68' s system

- Collisionless N-body code by Nipoti, Londrillo & Ciotti (2003)

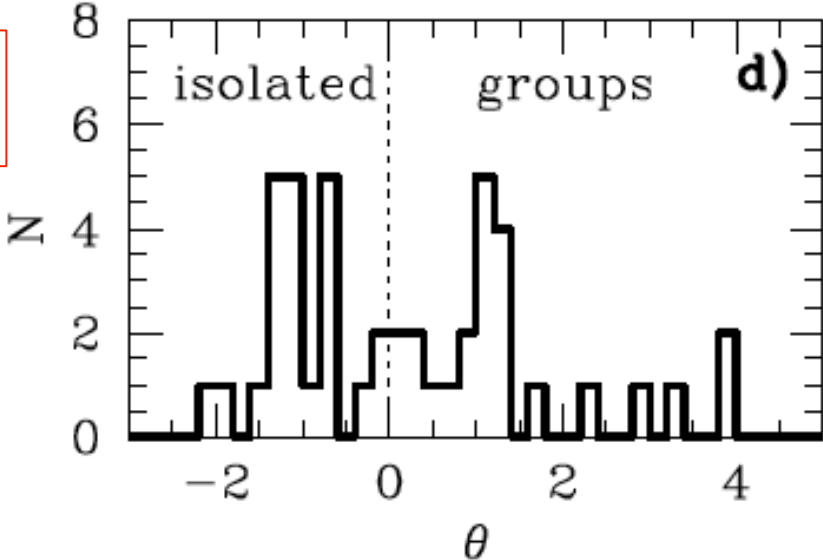
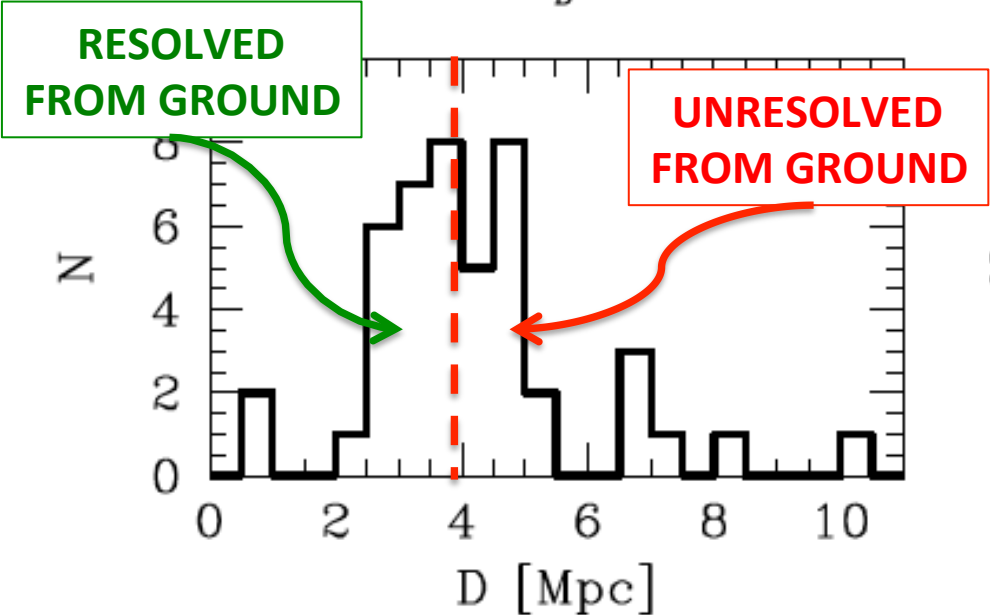
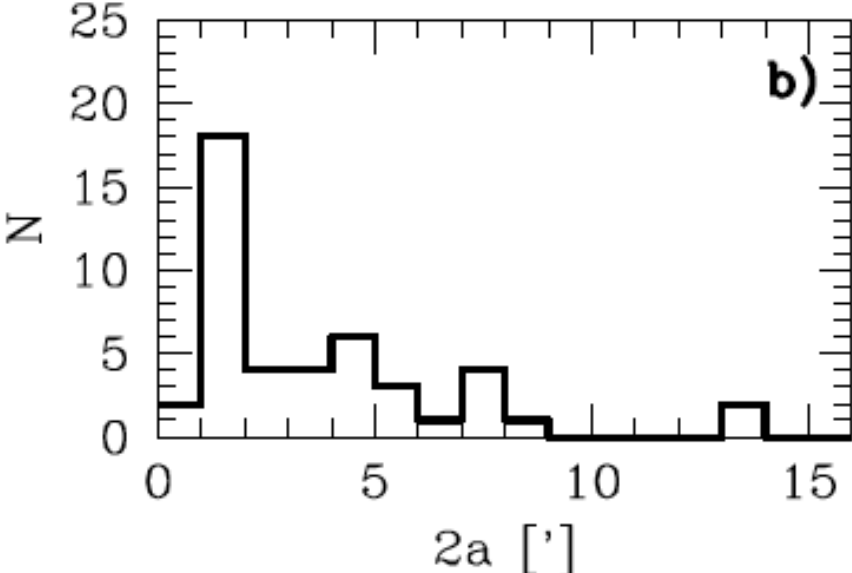
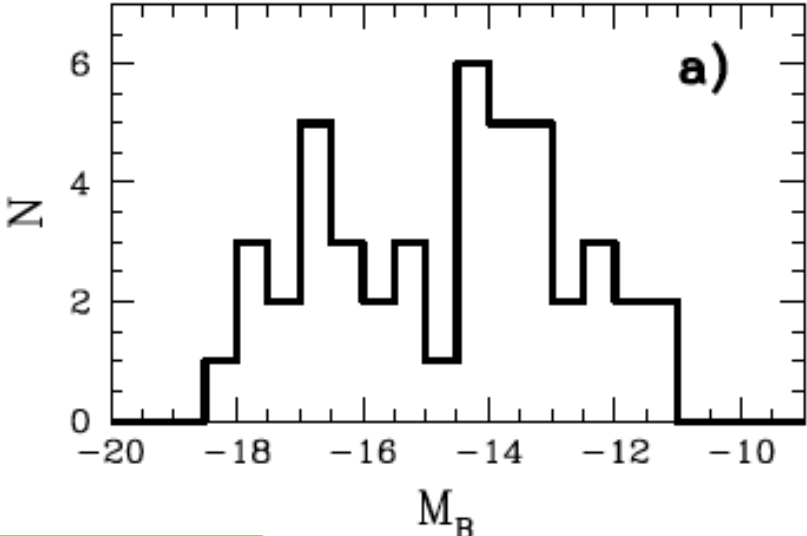
$$M_{\text{tot}} \approx 10^{10} M_{\odot}; \text{ T sat: } M_{\text{tot}}/10; \text{ S sat: } M_{\text{tot}}/150$$



# SSH: The Smallest Scale of Hierarchy Survey

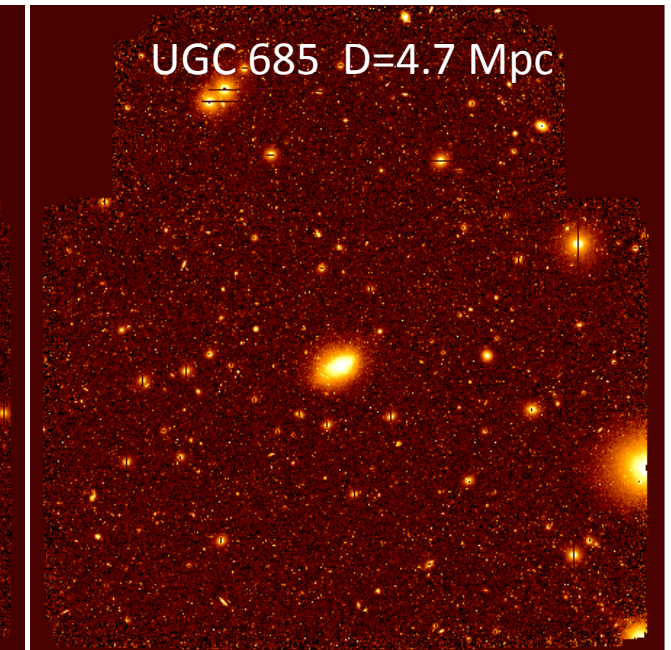
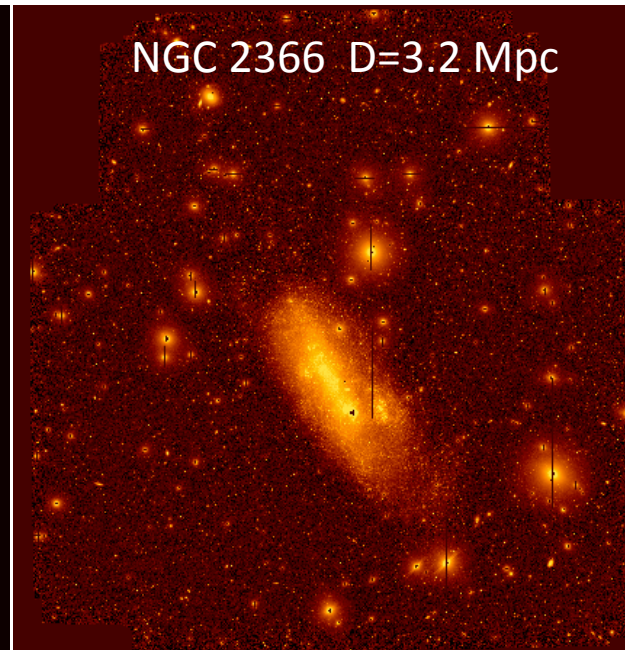
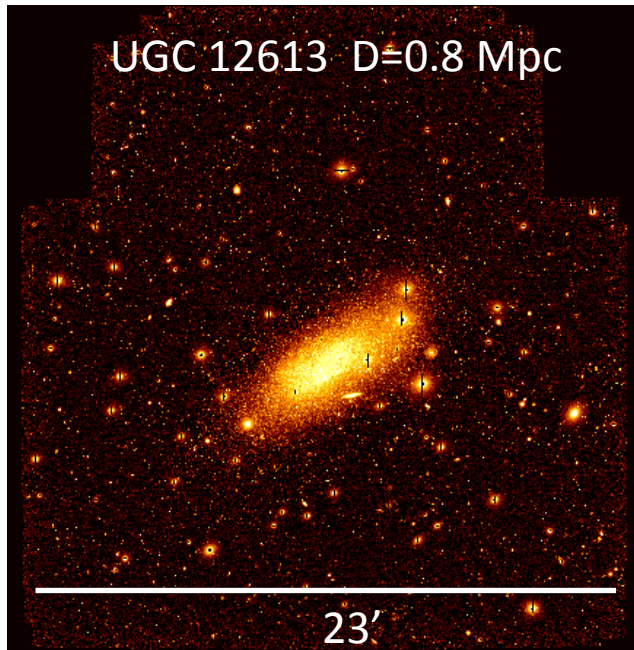
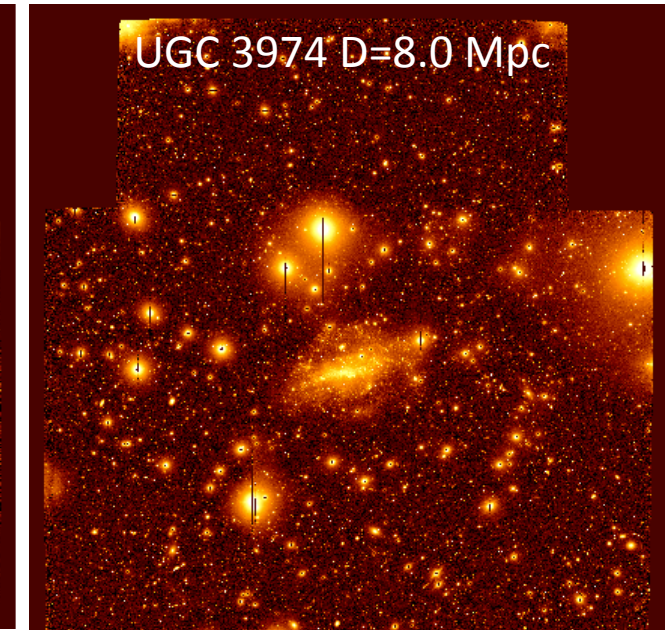
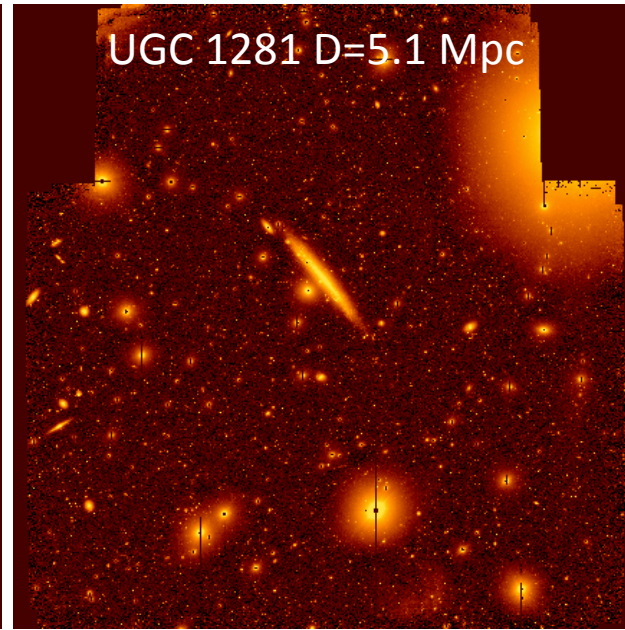
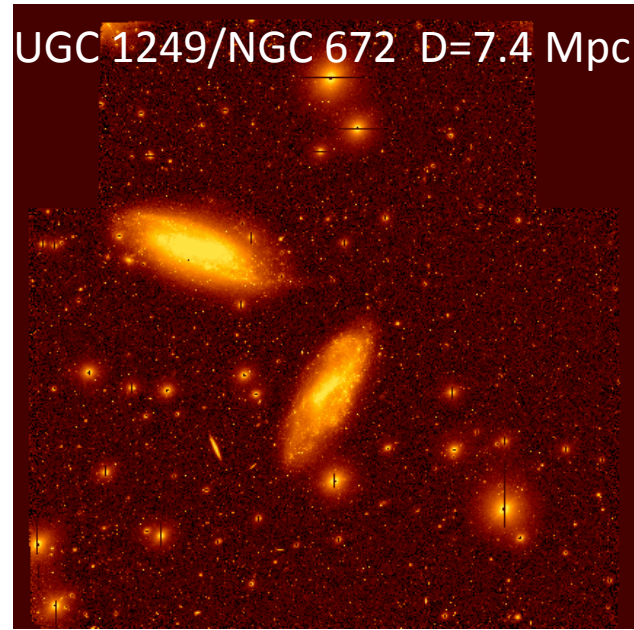
- Two-year **Strategic Program** with LBT/LBC (approved in 2016) to get **deep wide-field** imaging in g and r of  $\approx 50$  local late-type dwarfs to study the **hierarchical formation at small galaxy scales** and the **connection between SF and accretion events** (PI Annibali).
- The **sample** was selected from the Updated Nearby Galaxy Catalog of Karachentsev + 13 ( $D < 11$  Mpc) according to the following criteria:
  - galaxies in the northern hemisphere;
  - with distance from Tip of the RGB;
  - with HST – **WFPC2/ACS/WFC3** data;
  - with low foreground extinction ( $A_V < 0.5$ );
  - with morphological type  $T \geq 6$  (late spirals and irregulars);
  - with magnitudes  $-11 < M_B < -19$
  - with apparent major axis ( $2a$ ) in the range 1-15 arcmin.
- **Surface brightness limit:**
  - Where stars resolved down to  $1 \approx$  mag below TRGB  $\rightarrow \mu_r \approx 32$  mag arcsec<sup>-2</sup>
  - Otherwise  $\rightarrow \mu_r \approx 29$  mag arcsec<sup>-2</sup>

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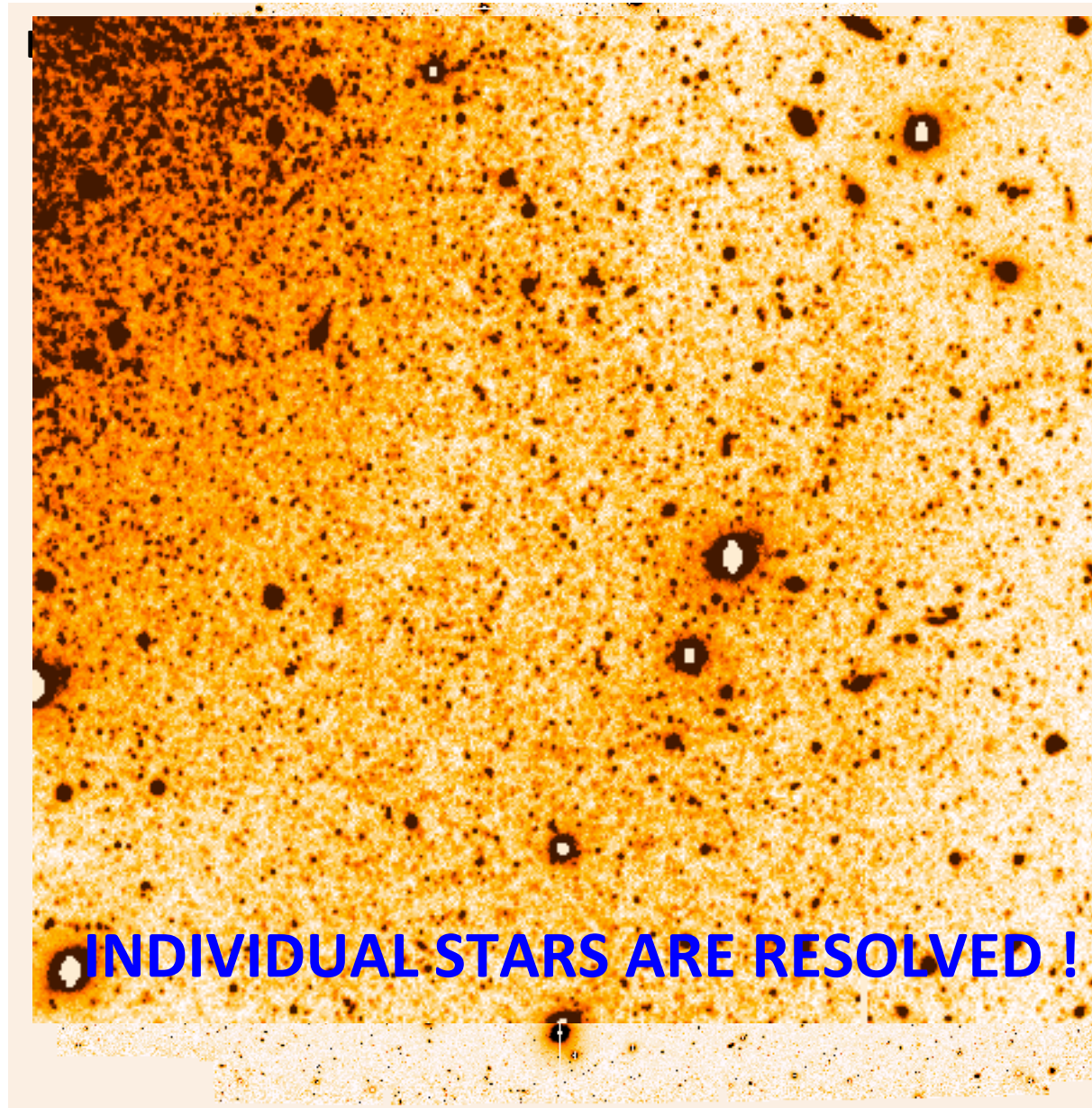




# A gallery of SSH images . . .

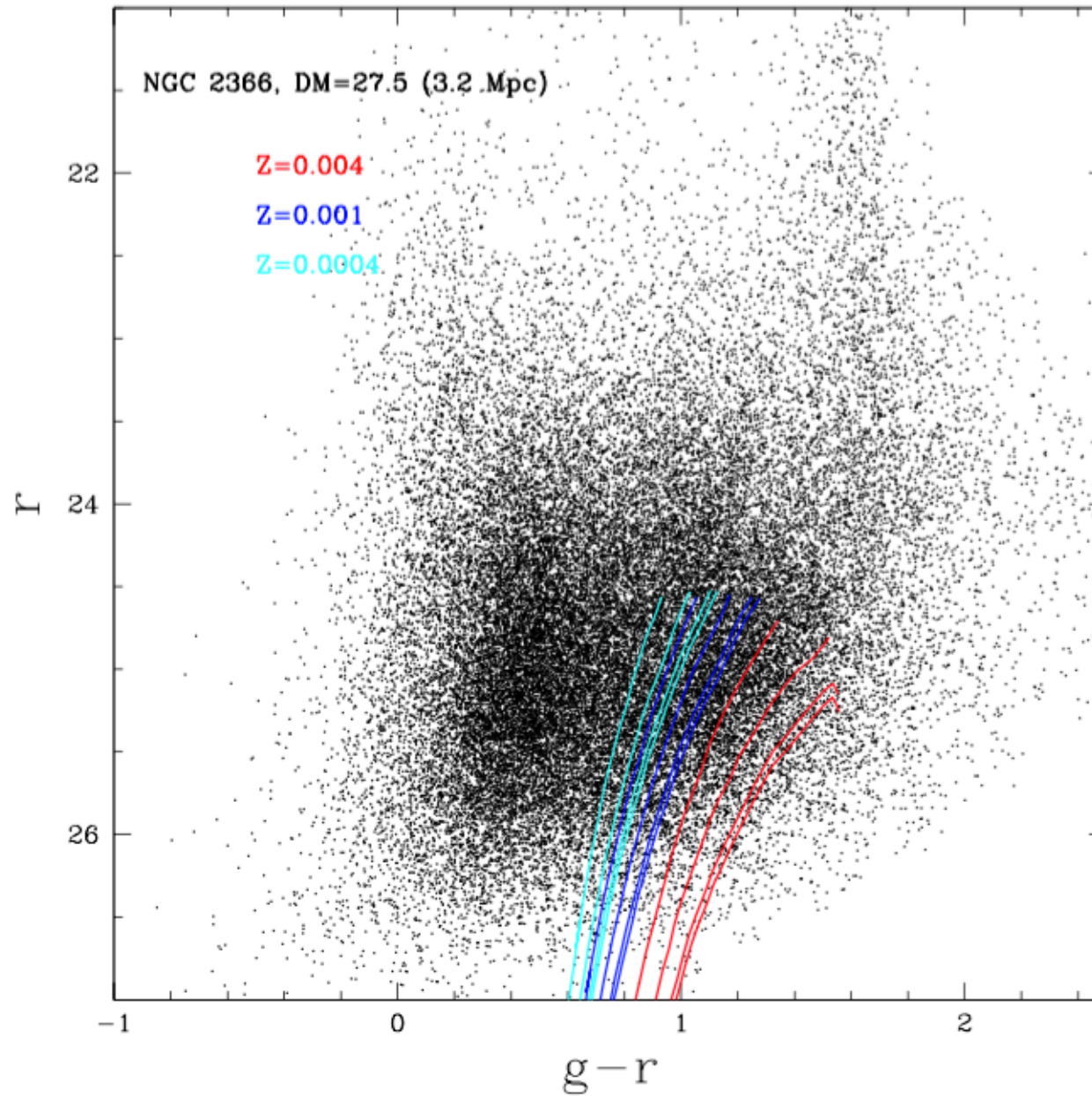


**NGC 2366 – D=3.2 Mpc,  $M_B \approx -16$**

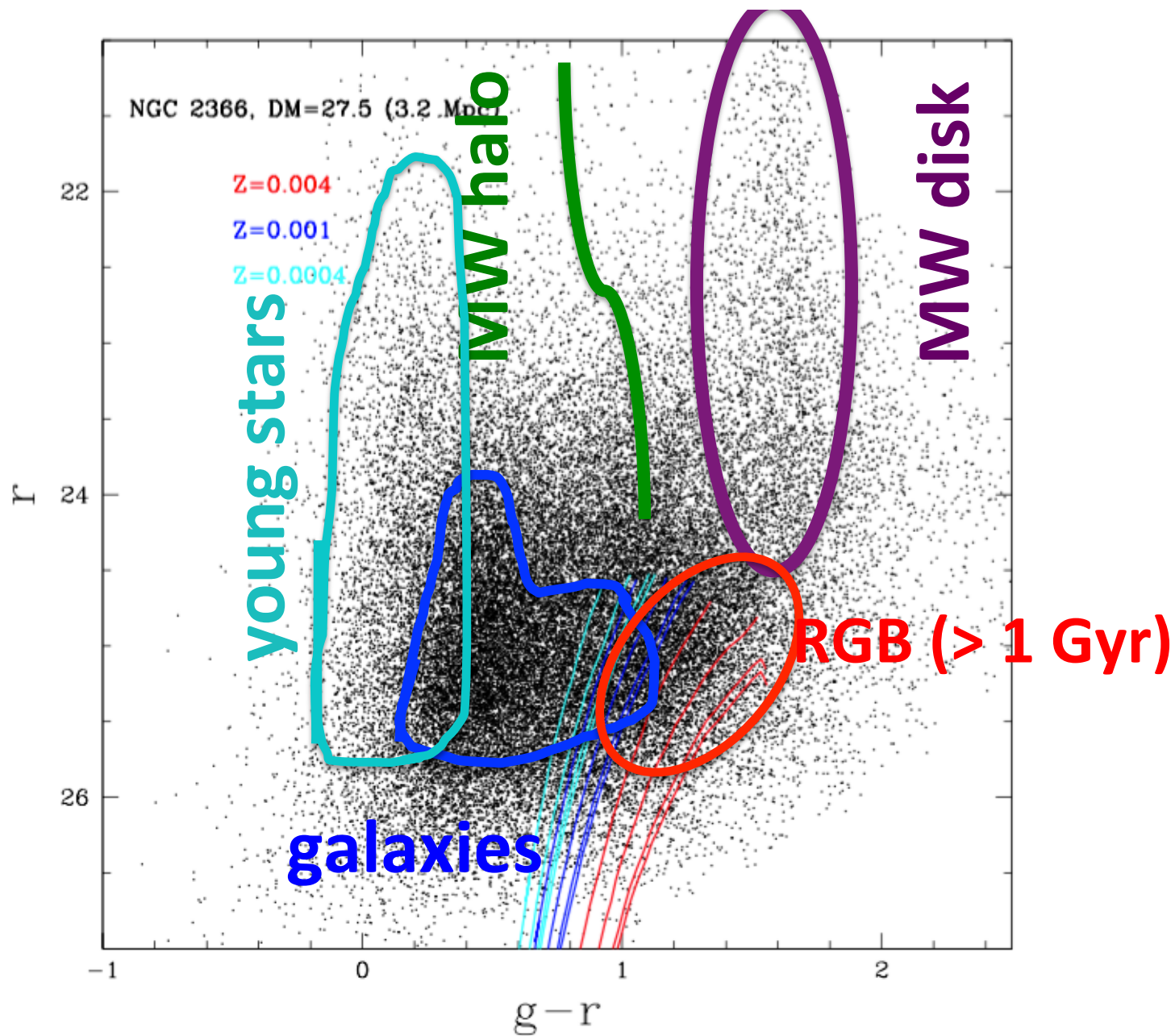


**INDIVIDUAL STARS ARE RESOLVED !**

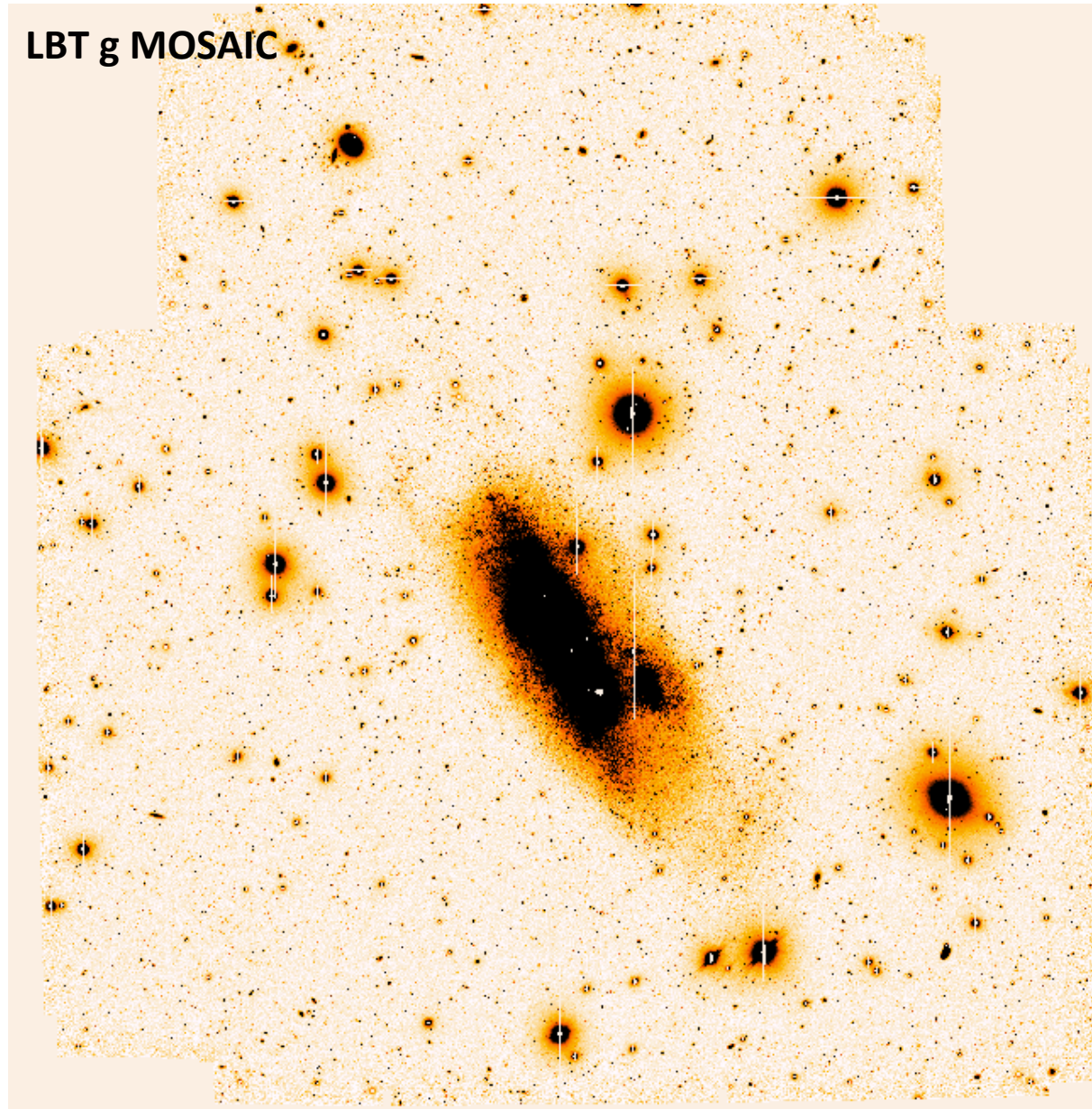
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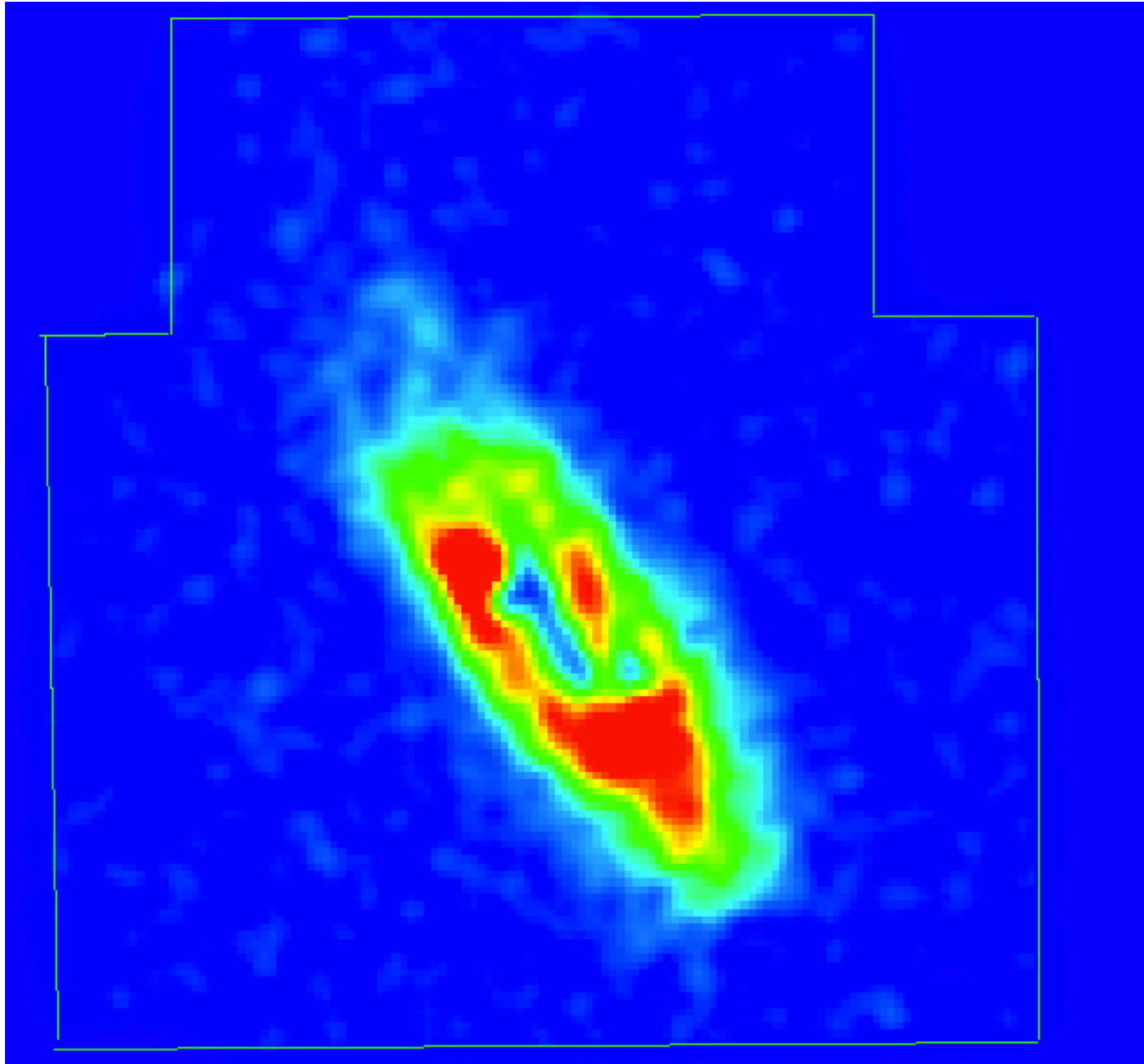
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# NGC 2366 – MAP of the resolved RGB STARS

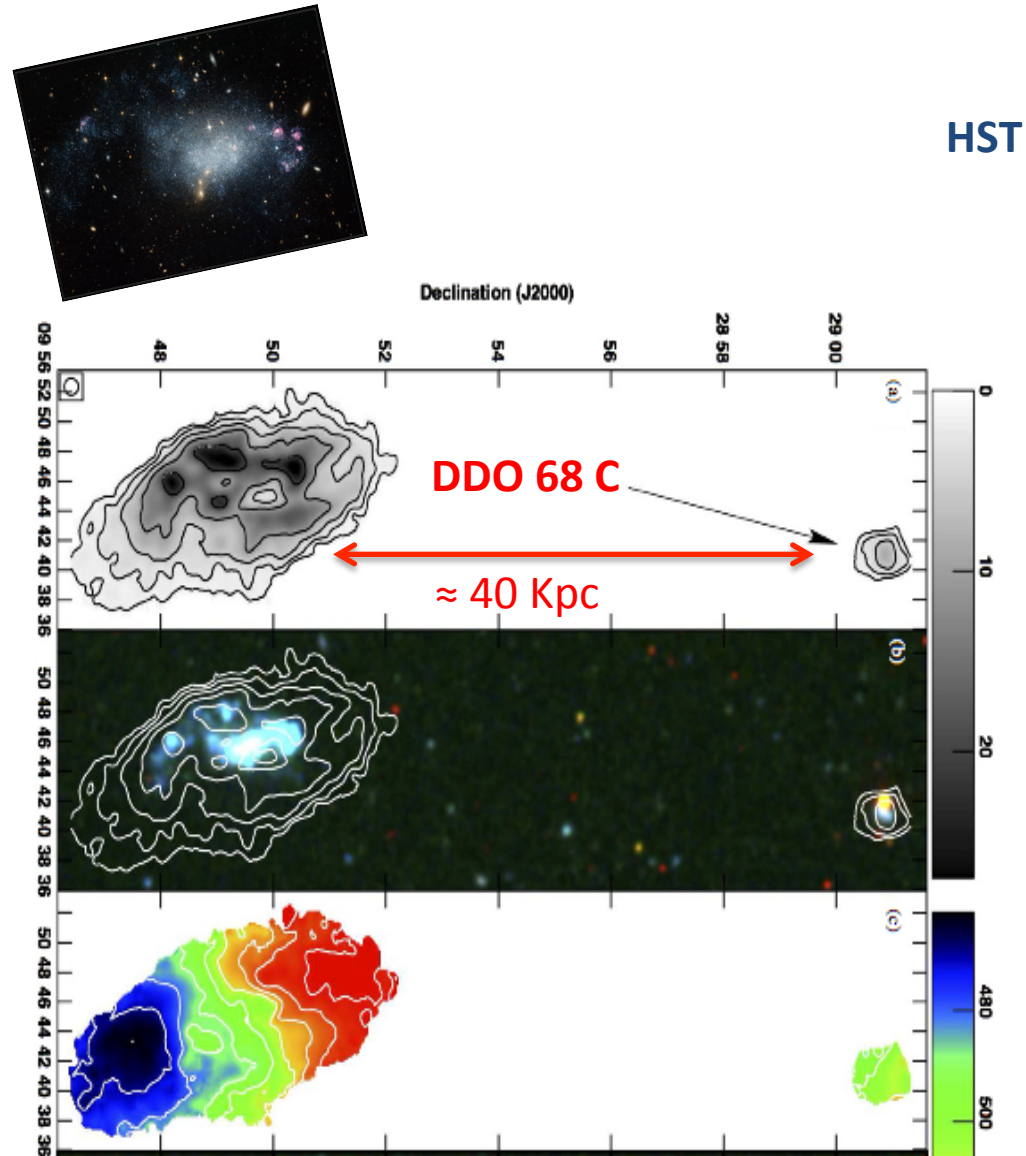


# SSH: Concluding Remarks and Perspectives

- About **10 targets** observed during the first year of the survey. . . **HOPE TO BE MORE LUCKY DURING NEXT YEAR!!!**
- At completion, SSH will provide:
  - statistics on number and mass of satellites/streams around dwarf galaxies
  - dependence with environment
- N-body simulations to infer properties and timescales of the interaction events
- Galaxy Star Formation History from HST/LBT color-magnitude diagram → CONNECTION BETWEEN SF AND INTERACTION

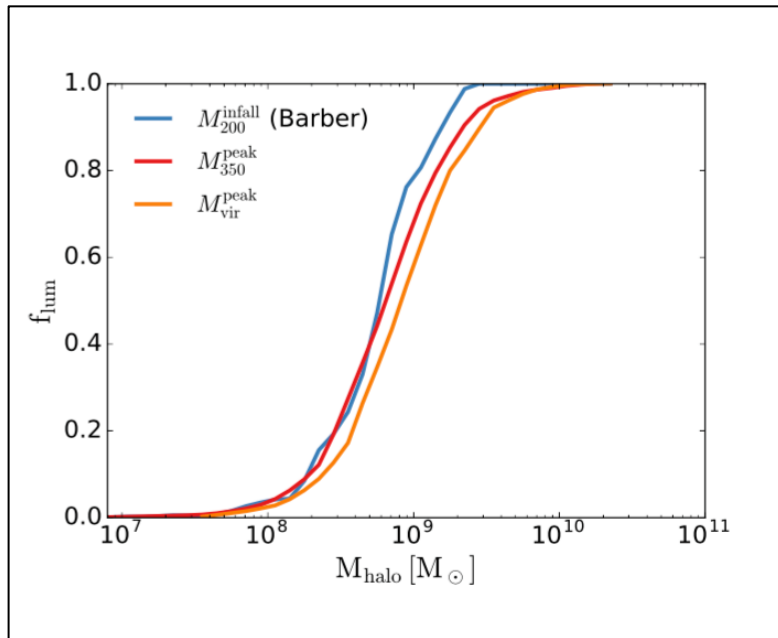


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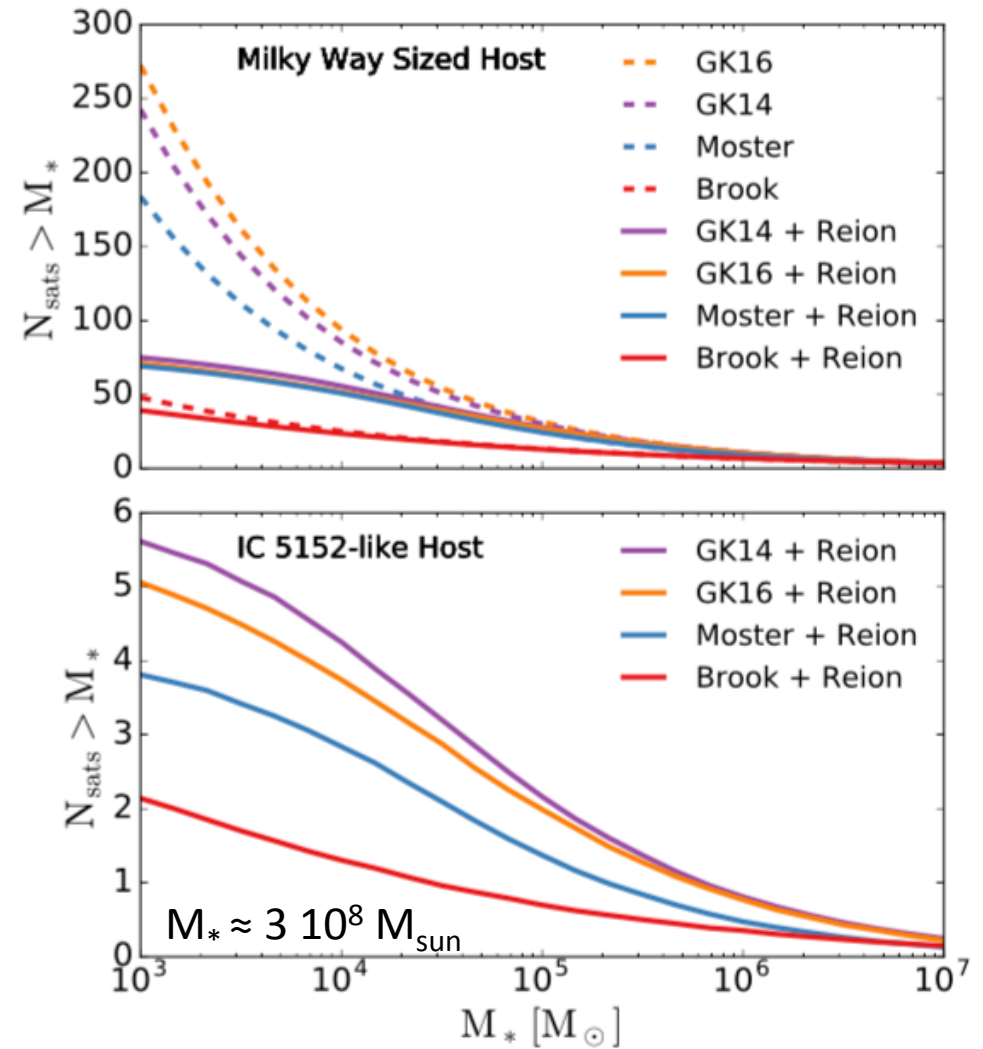


# Predictions for satellite abundance

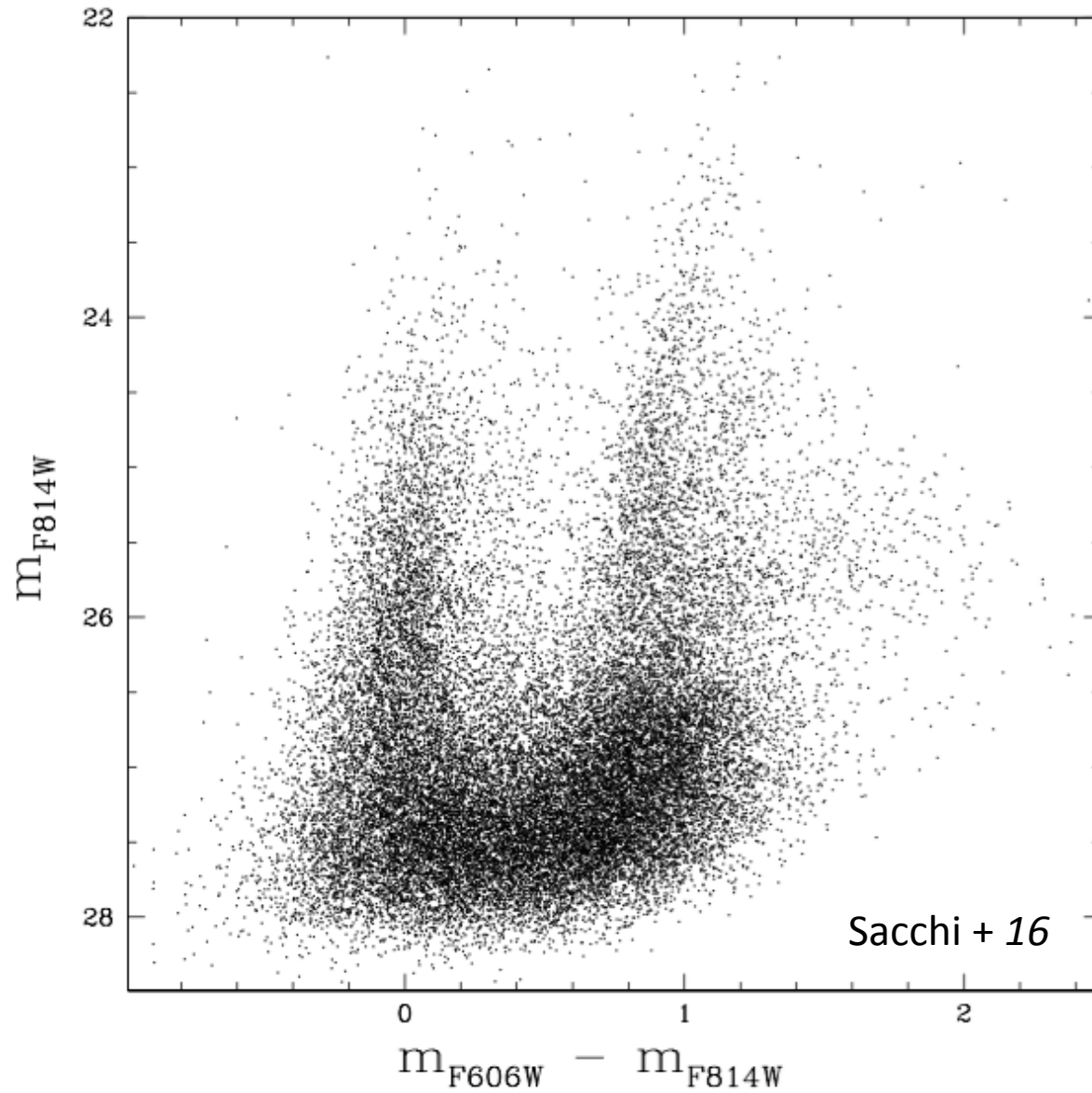
Dooley et al. 2016



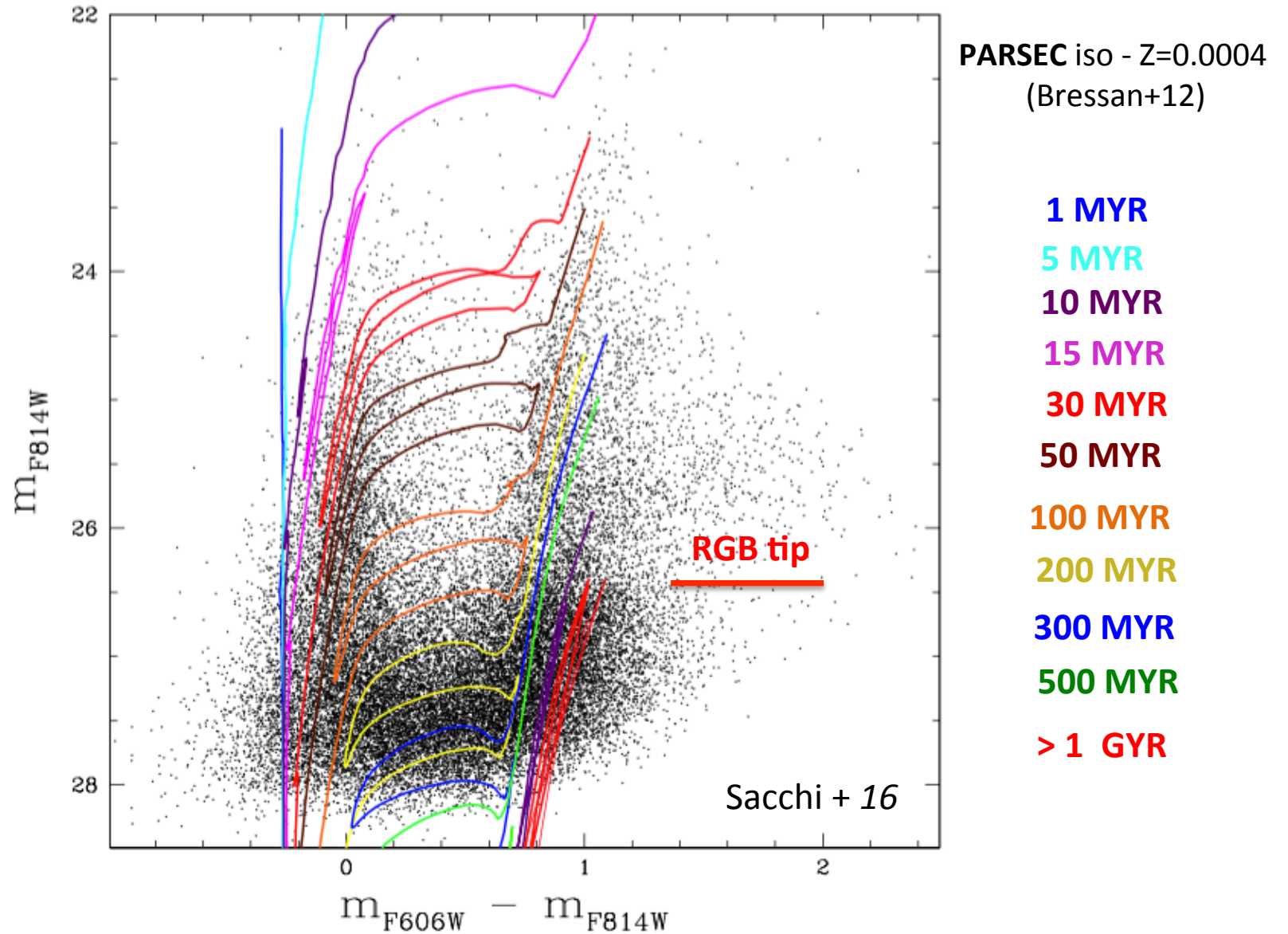
Fraction of dark matter halos that host luminous satellites at  $z=0$



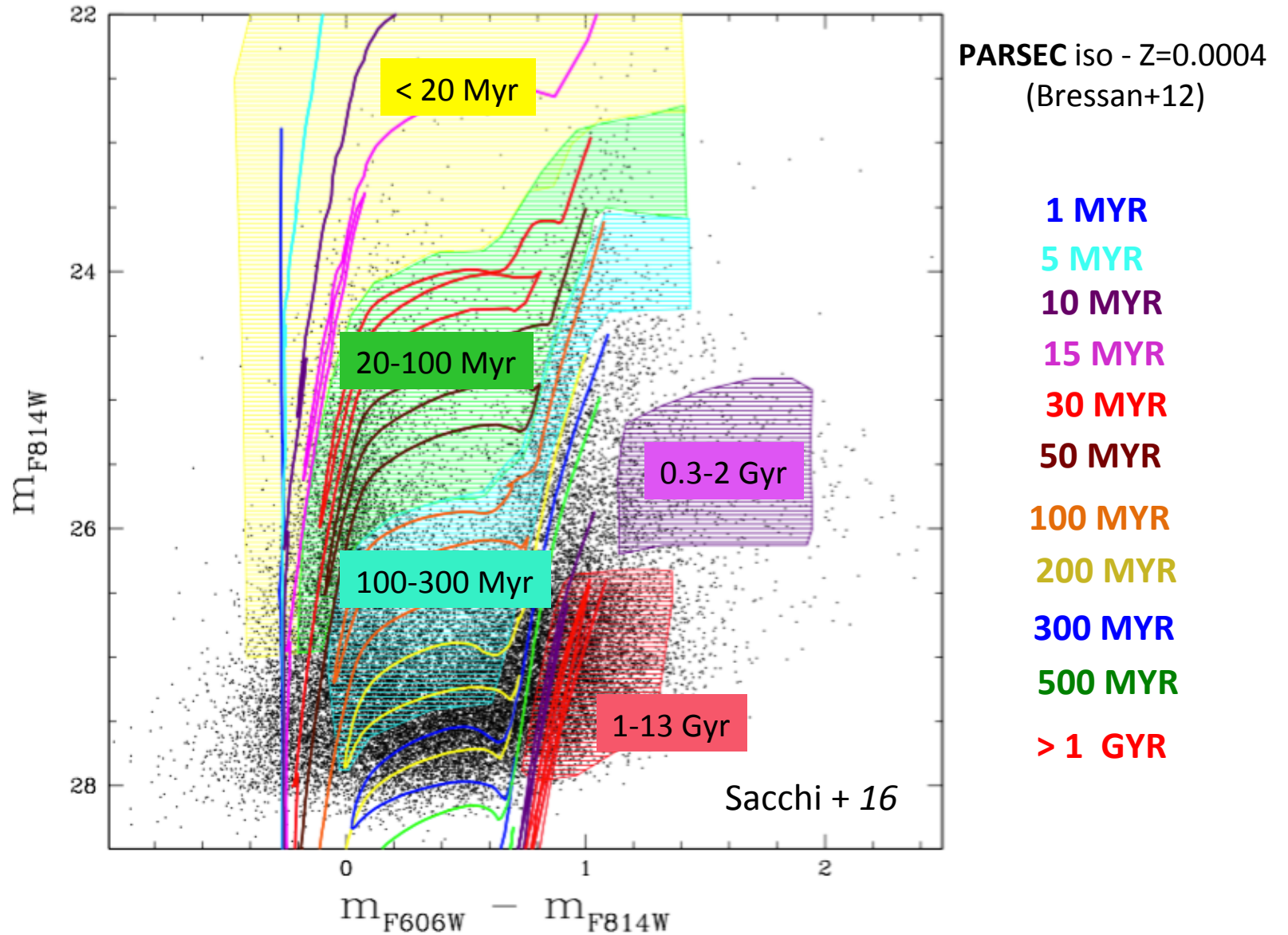
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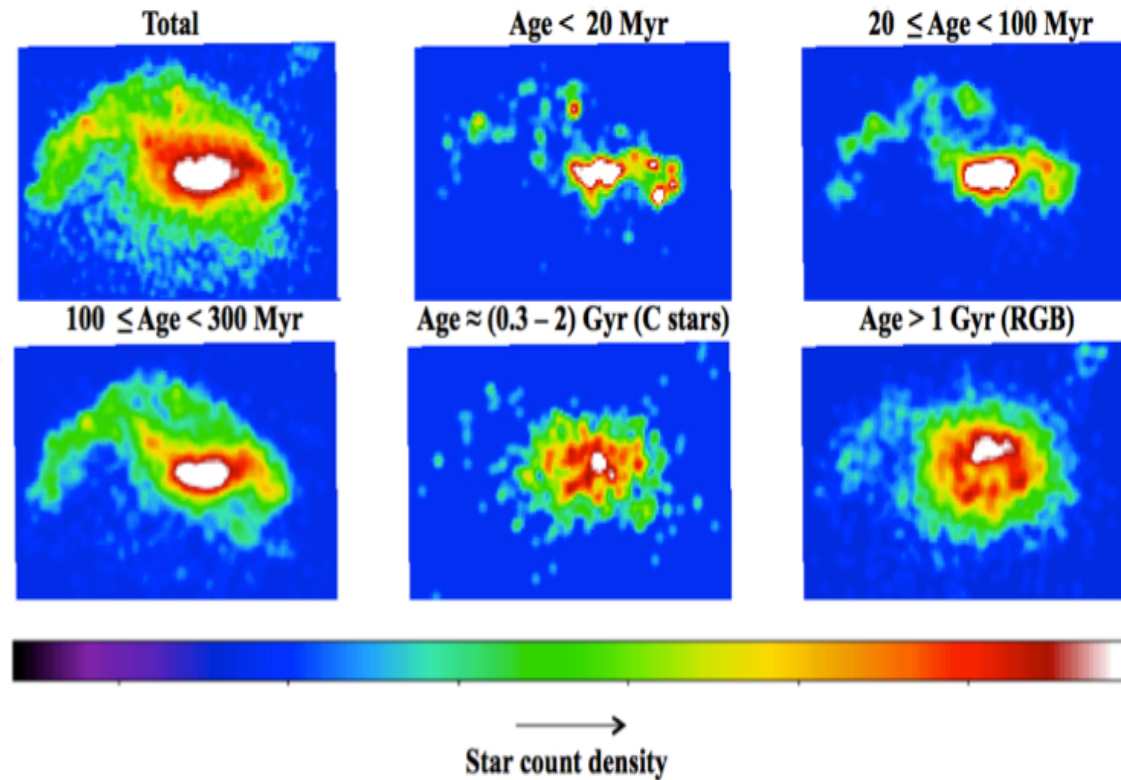
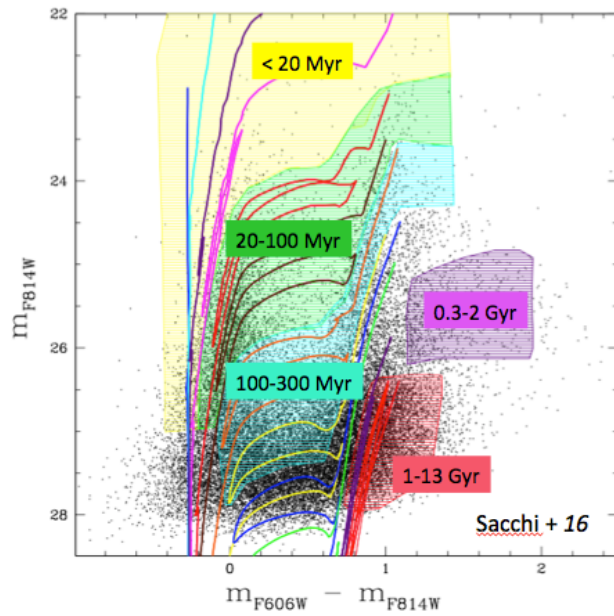
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# DDO 68: Stellar populations from HST/ACS

Density maps for different age bins

CMD of stars resolved with HST



*Sacchi + 16*