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Introduction

1. **“Merger hypothesis”** (Toomre & Toomre 1972)
“Hierarchical structure formation” (White & Rees 1978)

2. Role of merger in galaxy evolution

- a. Mass growth, SF, AGN, ULIRGs, morphology
(e.g. Di Matteo et al. 2005; Cox et al. 2006, 2008)
- b. Observation, numerical simulation
(e.g. Springel et al. 2005, Gabor & Dave 2012)

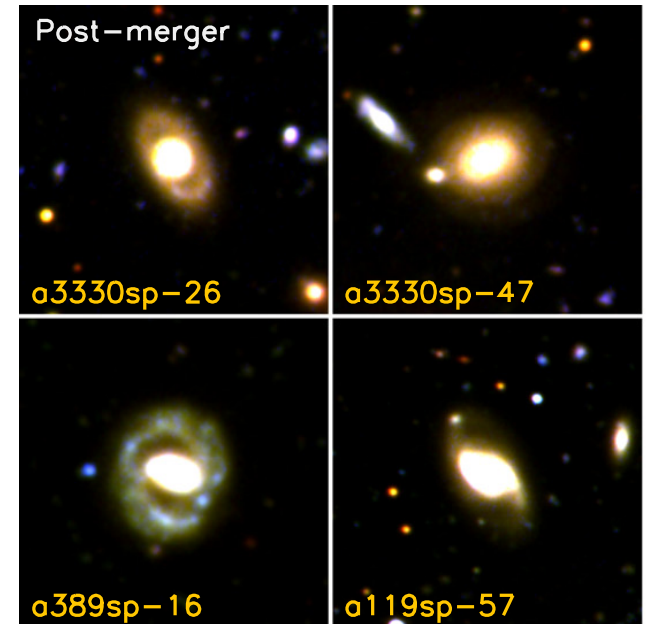
3. Extracting observable properties from simulation

- a. Population synthesis model with hydrodynamic simulations
(e.g. Springel et al. 2005, Kaviraj et al. 2009, etc.)
- b. Dust extinction (e.g. Calzetti et al 2000)

Motivation

1. Most of massive galaxies undergo **another merger within a few Gyr** (Stewart et al. 2008).
2. They should be an **on-going merger or a merger remnants** (Lotz et al 2006).
3. A portion of the **red early-type** galaxies with **disturbed features**: $\geq 40\%$ among the cluster galaxies (Sheen et al. 2012).

Therefore, it is important to examine **time evolution of merger remnants**.



Sheen et al. 2012

Goals of this study

1. **Structure** of merger remnants
2. **Star formation** and **observable properties** (magnitudes, colors) of merger remnants

Methodology

Numerical simulation

1. **GADGET2** N-body/hydrodynamics code (Springel 2005)

2. Baryonic physics

a. **Gas cooling** (Sutherland & Dopita 1993)

b. **Star formation** (Katz et al. 1996)

c. **Supernova feedback** (Peirani et al. 2009)

3. Supported by National Supercomputing Center

Initial condition

1. Model galaxies

; Sa/Sb type

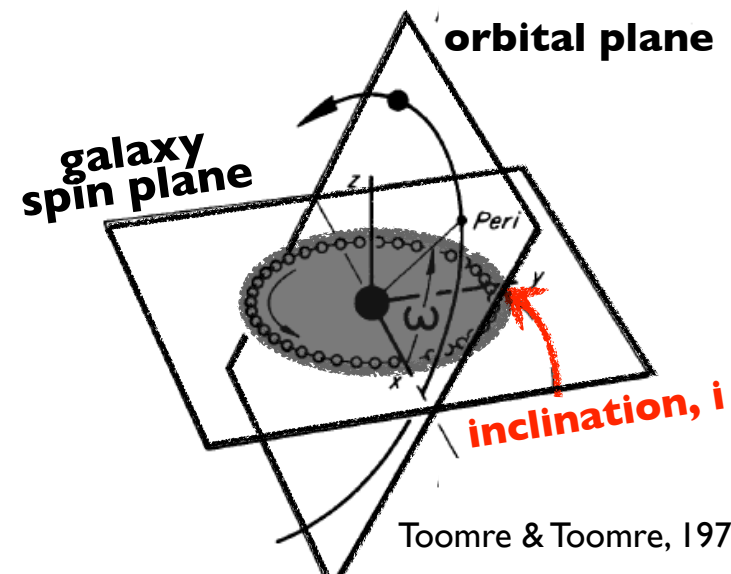
2. Orbits

- Parabolic, elliptical, and hyperbolic
- inclination = 0° - 180°
(30° increment)

3. Variations

- Host galaxy
- Pericentric distance

	Sa	Sb
Total mass	$1.7 \times 10^{11} M_\odot$	$1.7 \times 10^{11} M_\odot$
f_{DM}	84%	84%
f_{stars}	15.2%	12.5%
f_{gas}	0.8%	3.5%
B/T	0.4	0.2
R_d	2.58 kpc	3.29 kpc
N	770,000	860,000



Ray-tracing

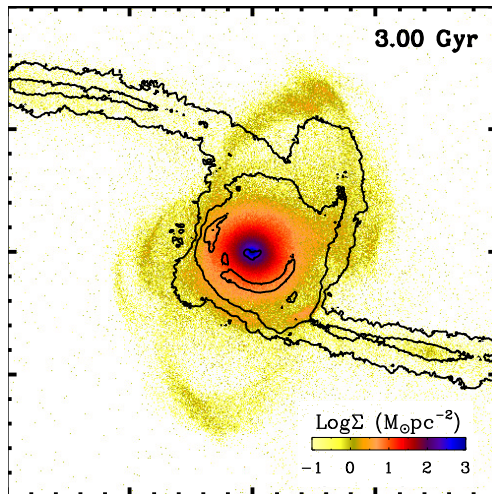
1. Population synthesis model

; Bruzual & Chalot (2003)

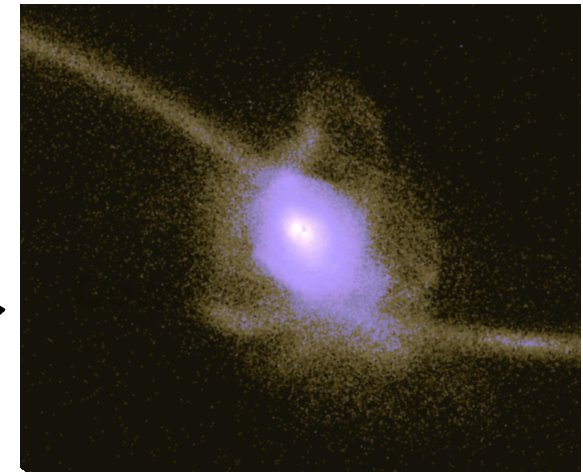
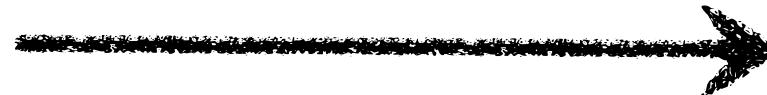
2. Dust attenuation

; Calzetti et al. 2000

3. SDSS ugriz filters



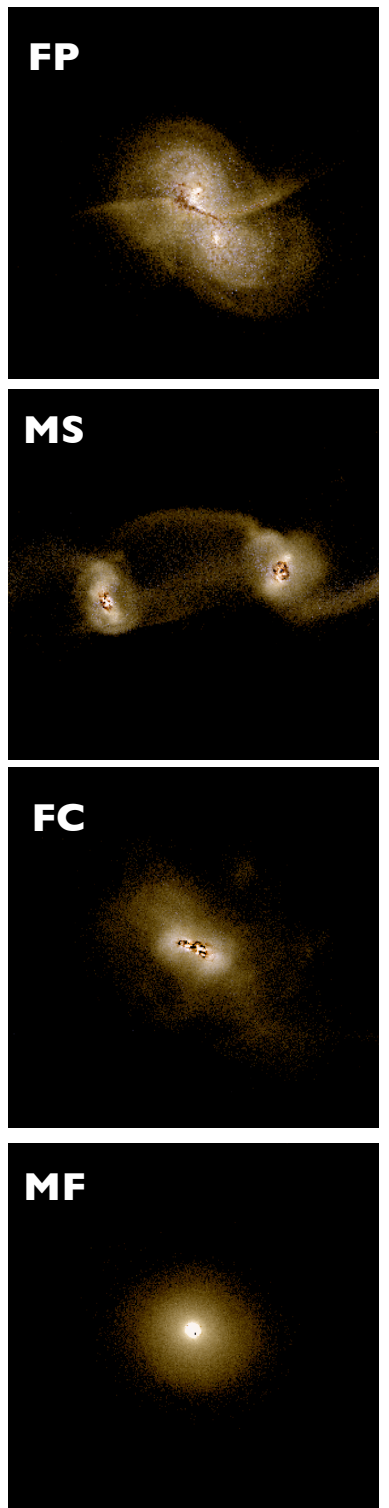
**Stellar + gas
column density**



Observable properties

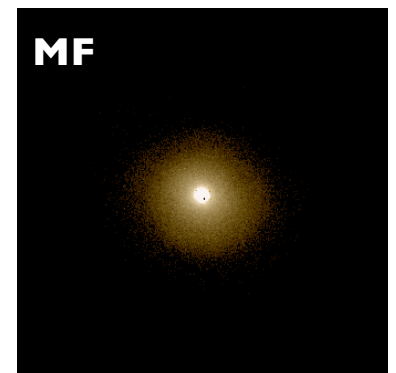
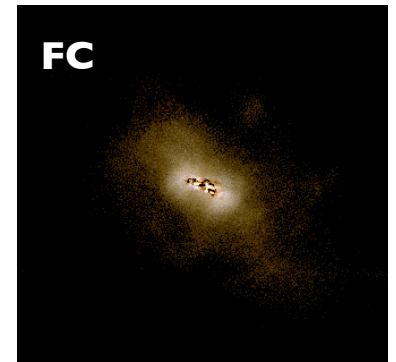
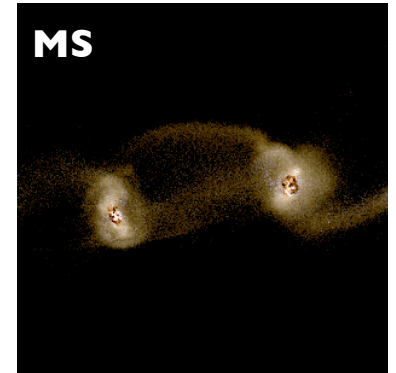
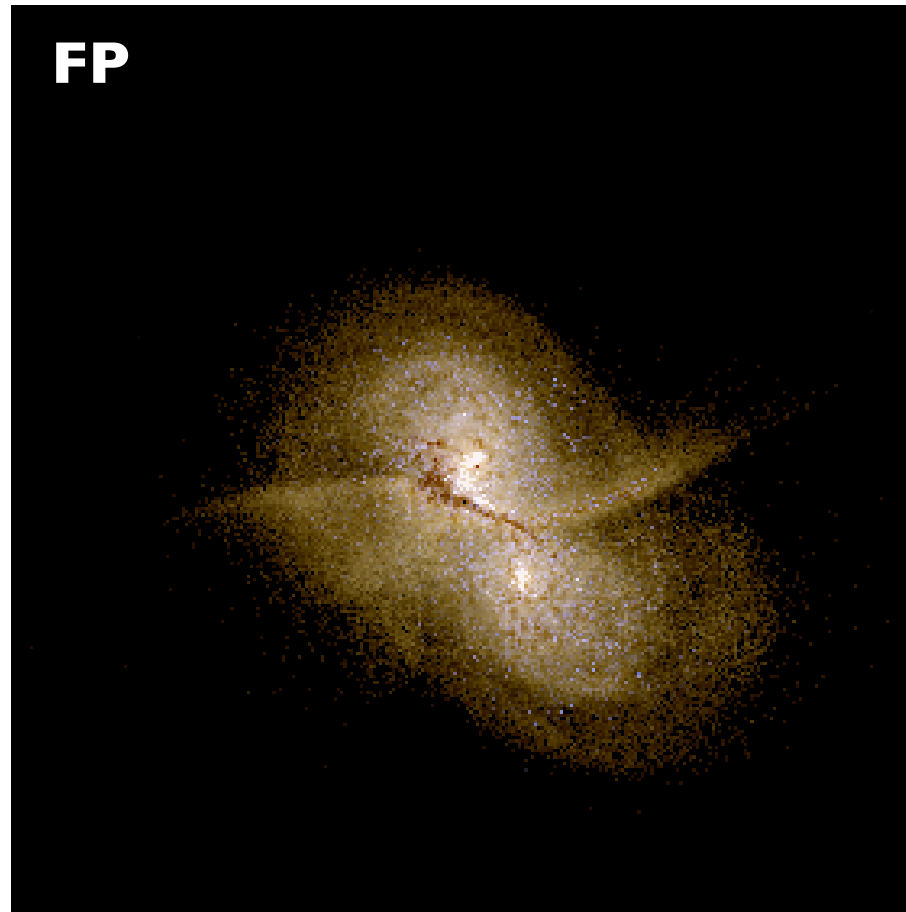
Definition of timescales

1. **FP** - **F**irst (perigee) **P**assage
2. **MS** - **M**aximum **S**eparation
3. **FC** - **F**inal **C**oalescence
4. **TS** - **T**ermination of **S**tarburst
; $\text{SFR}_{\text{Merger}} = \text{SFR}_{\text{Isolation}}$
5. **MF** - **M**erger-**F**eature time
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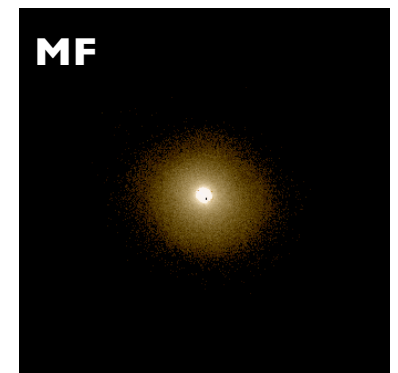
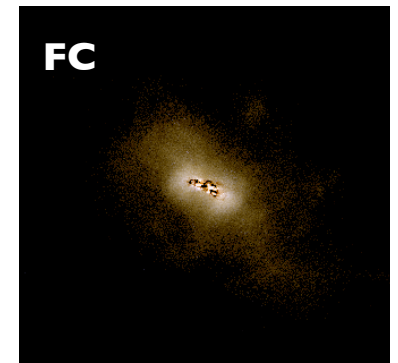
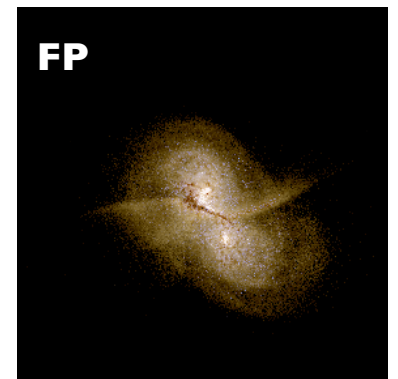
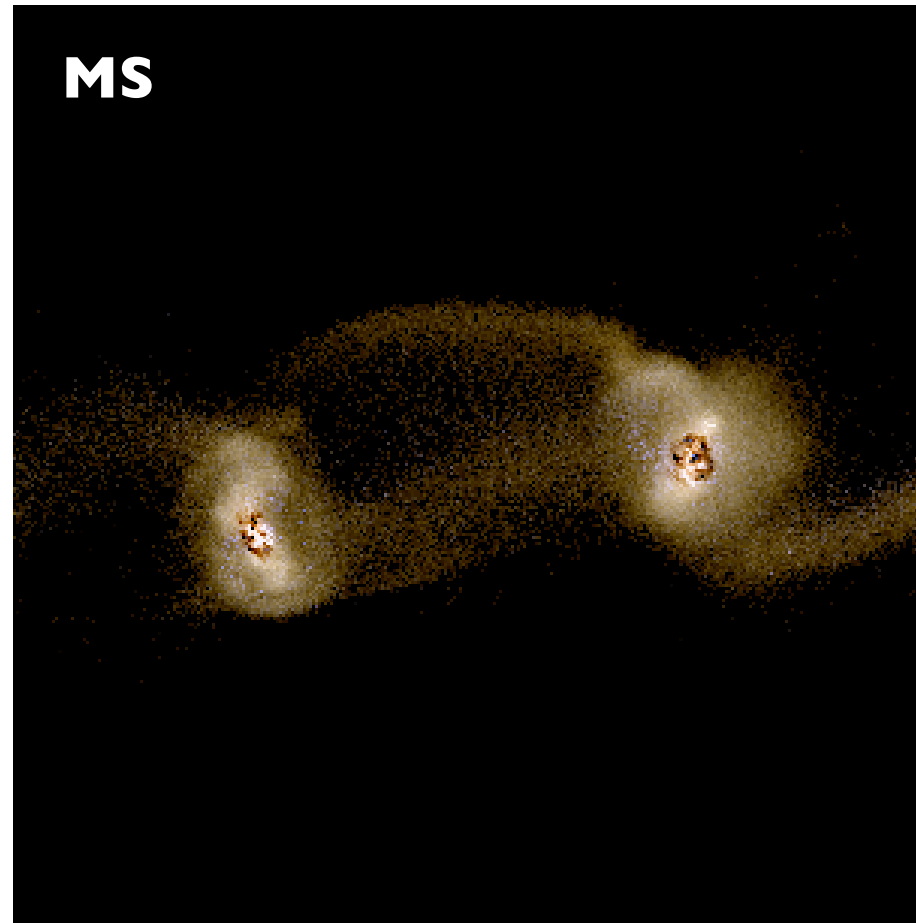
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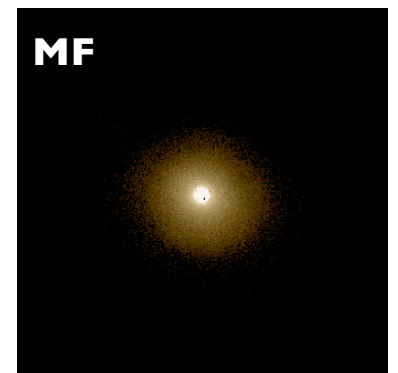
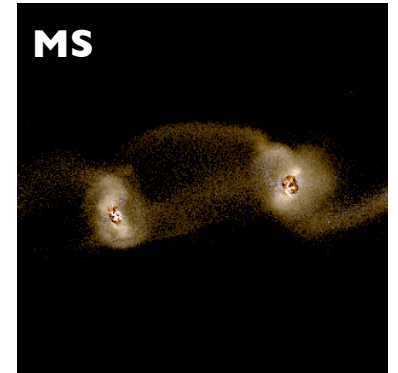
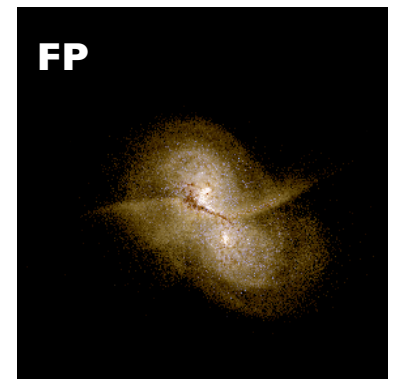
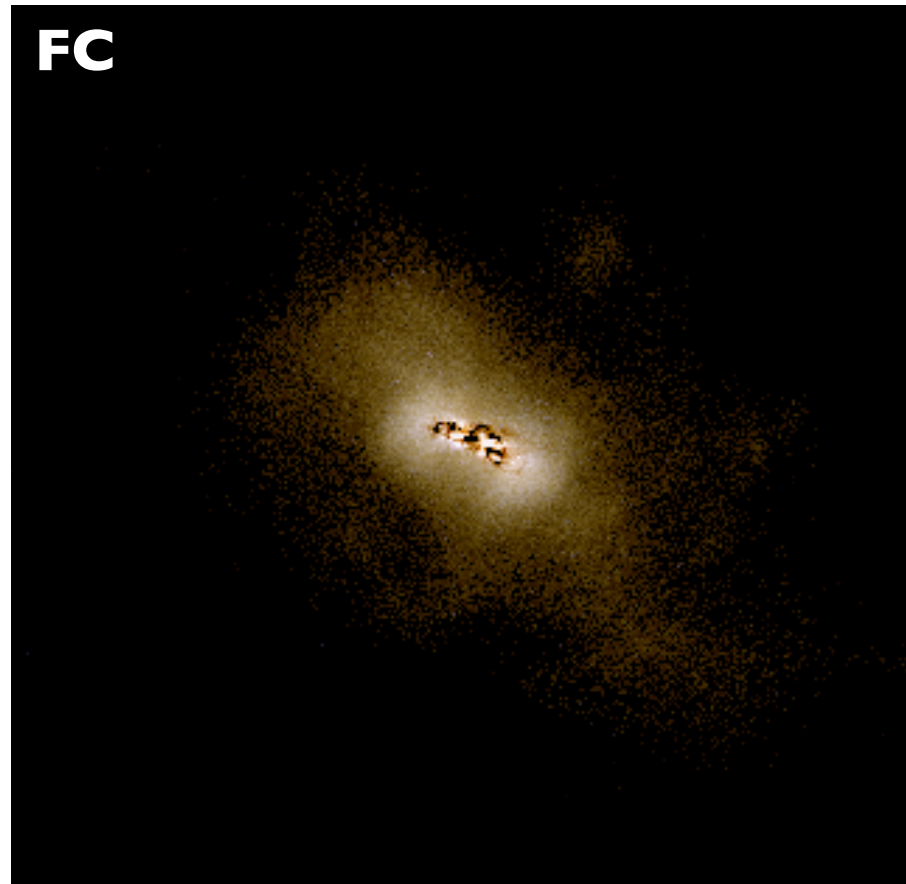
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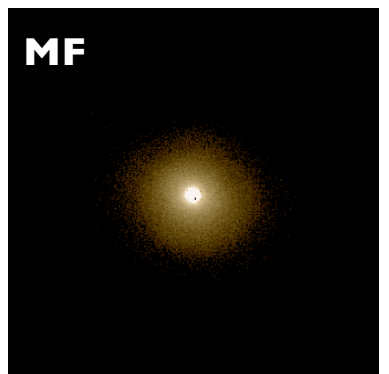
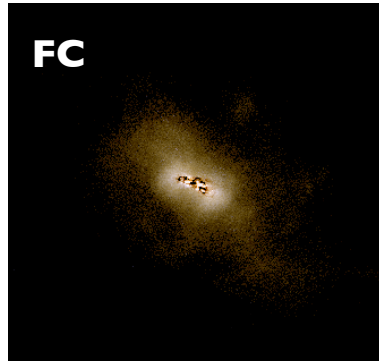
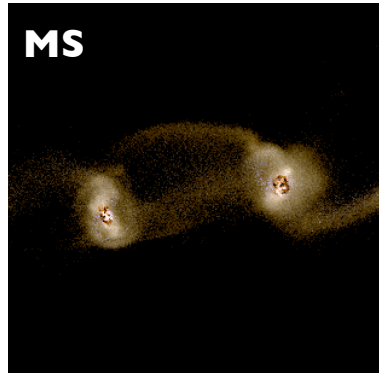
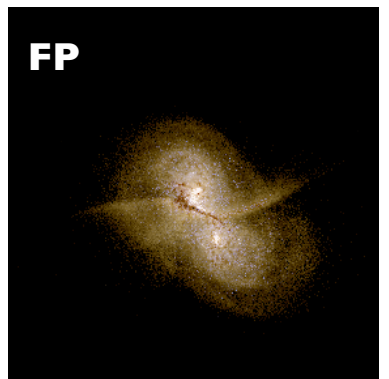
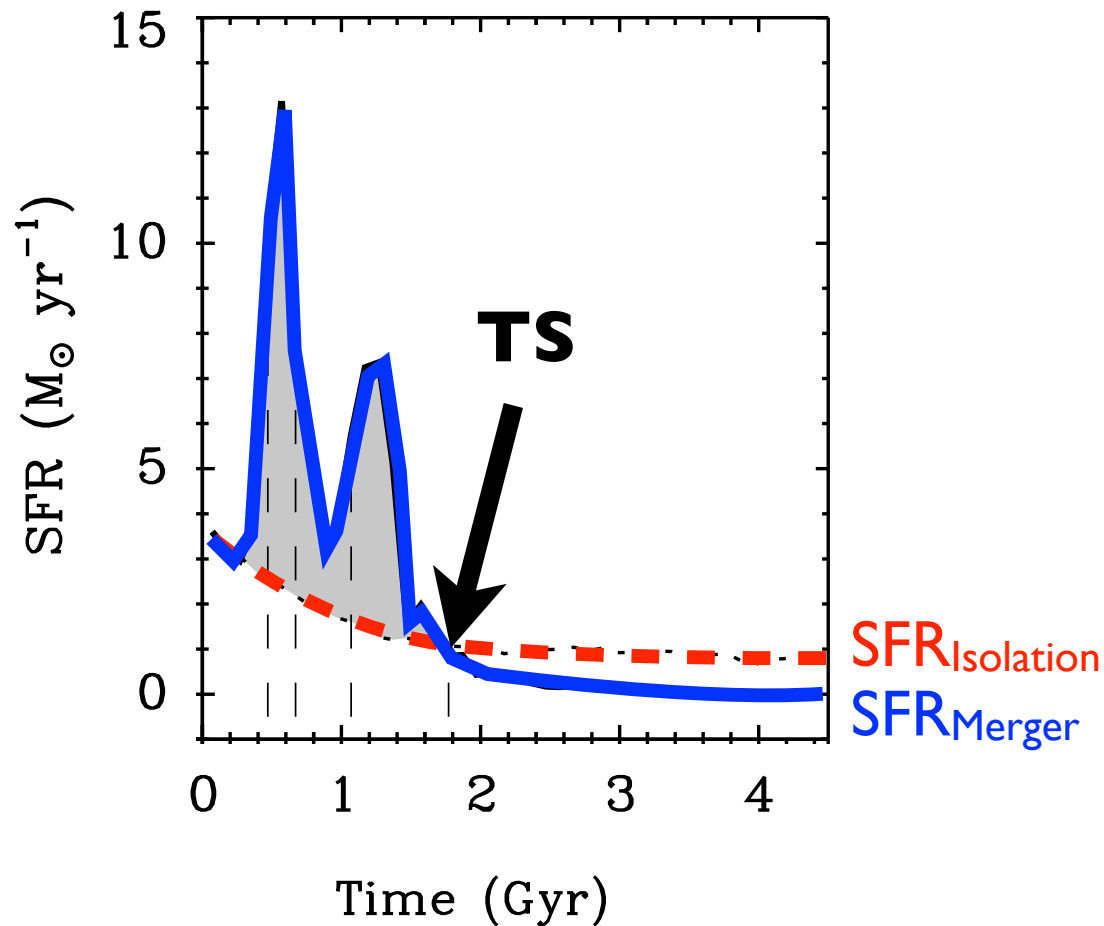
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3. **TS** - Termination of Starburst

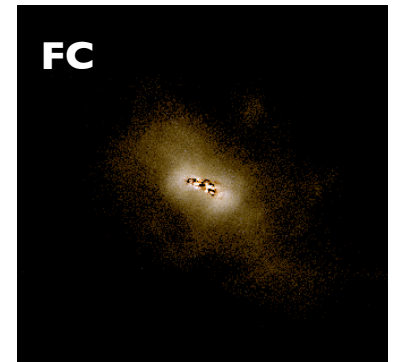
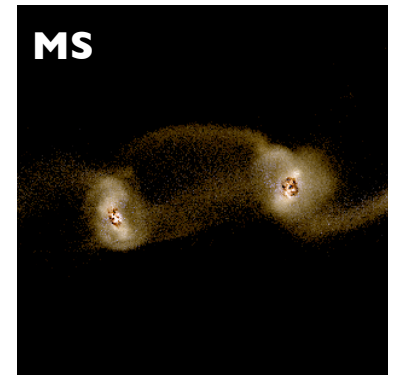
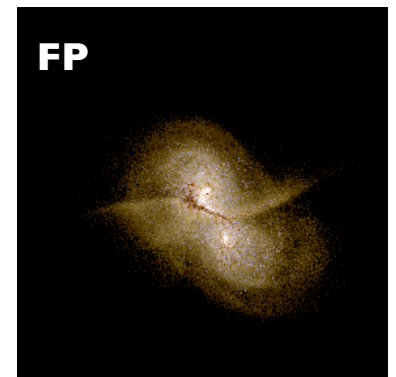
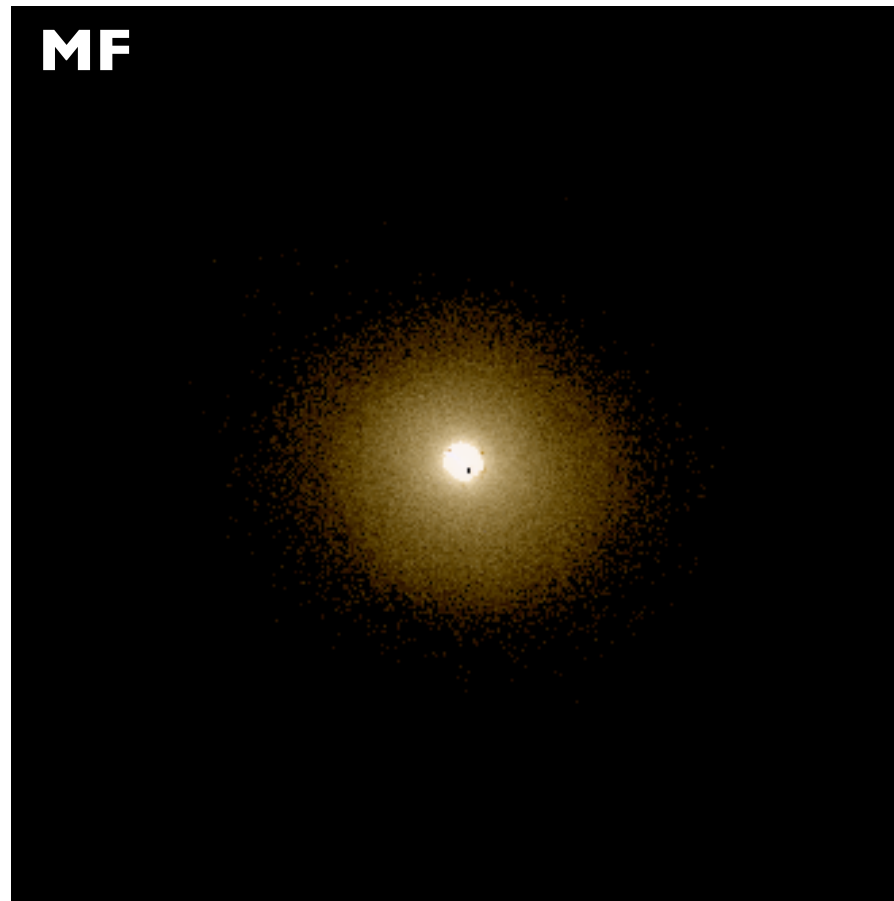
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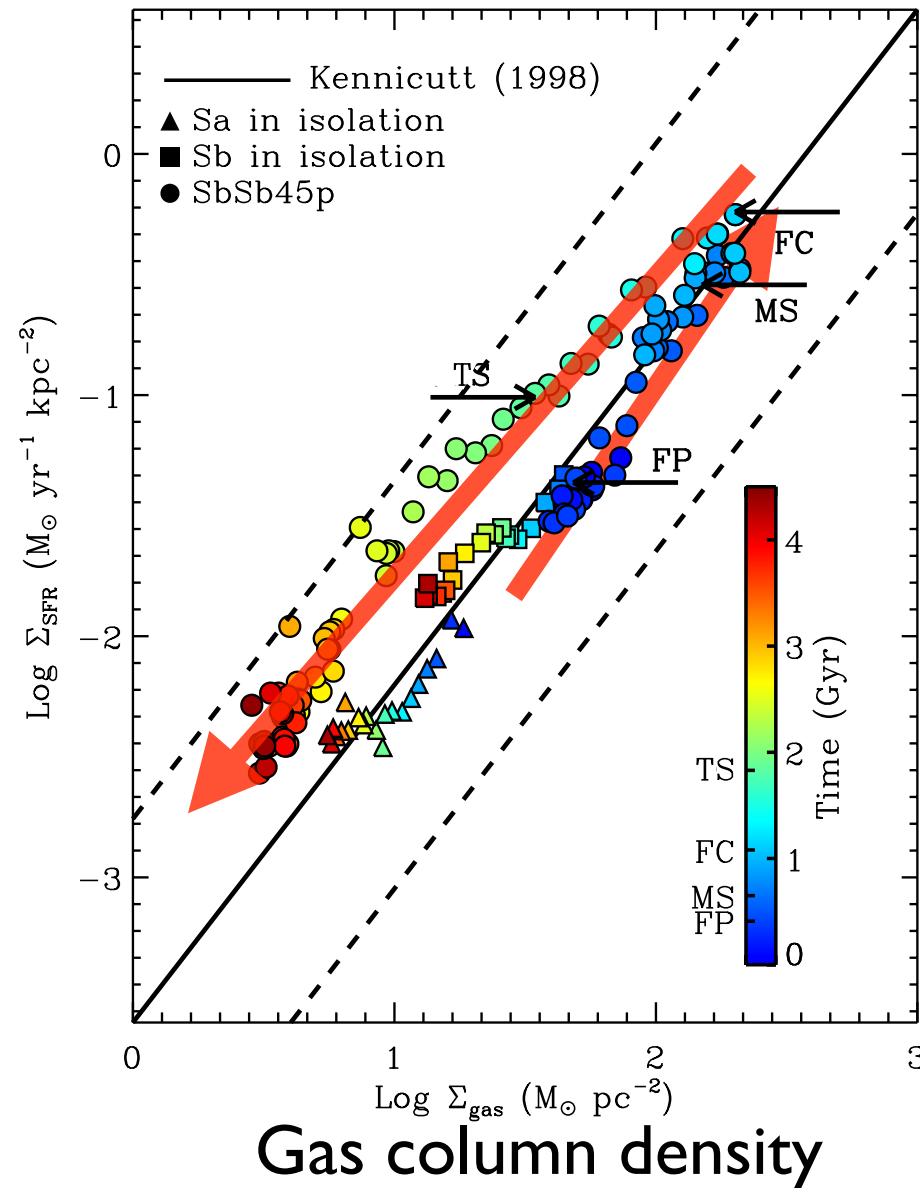
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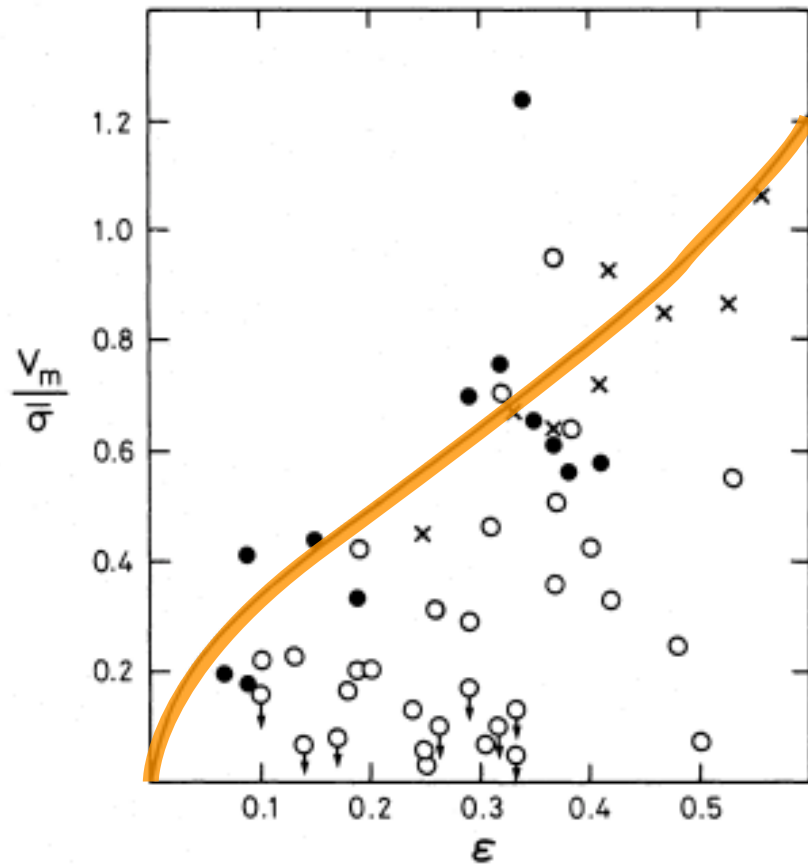
Testing star formation

Star formation surface density

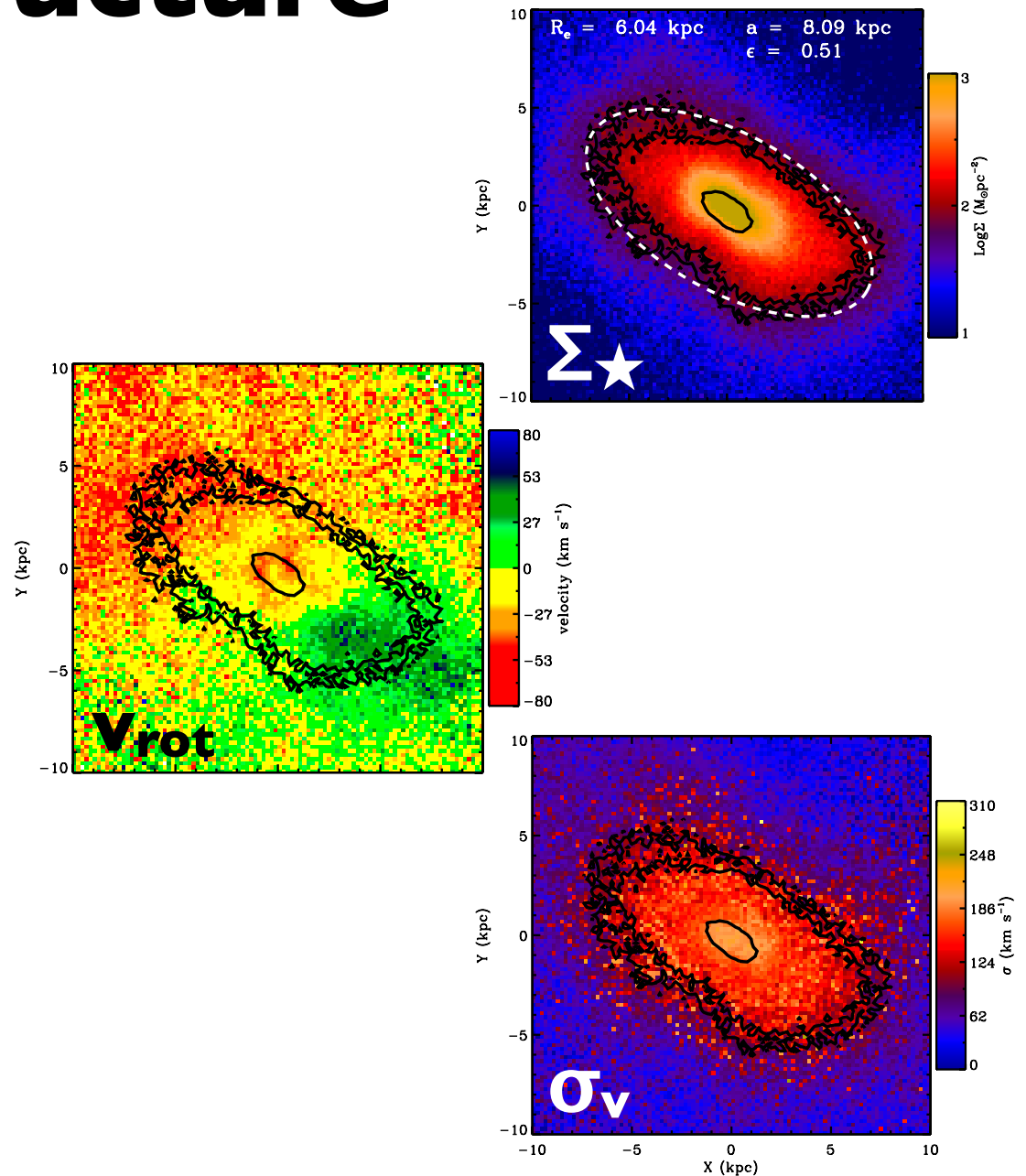


Properties of merger remnants

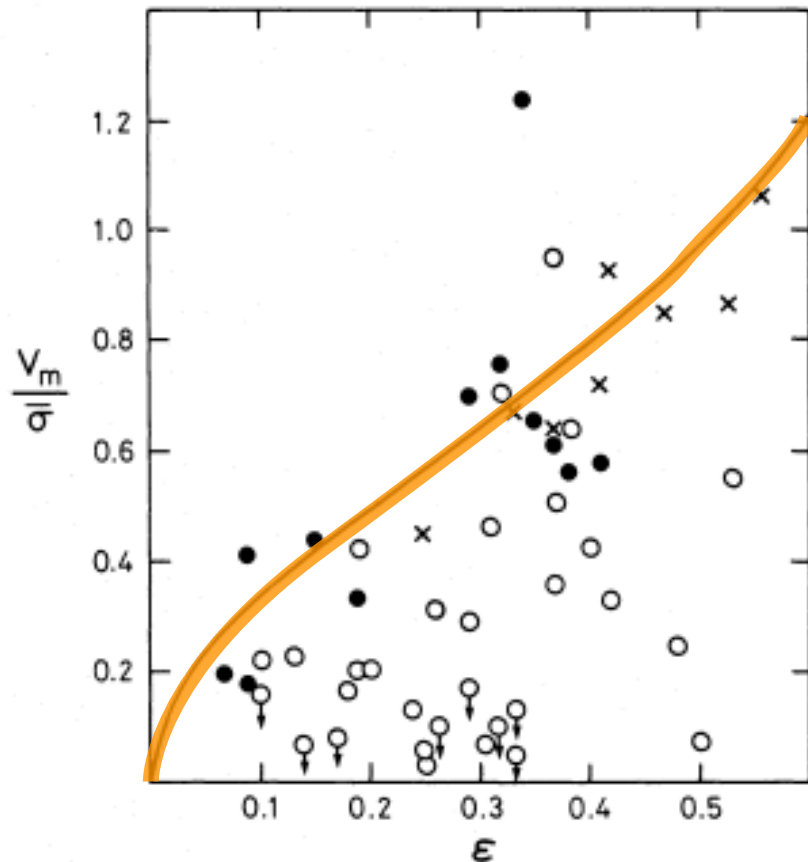
Kinematic structure



Davies et al. 1983

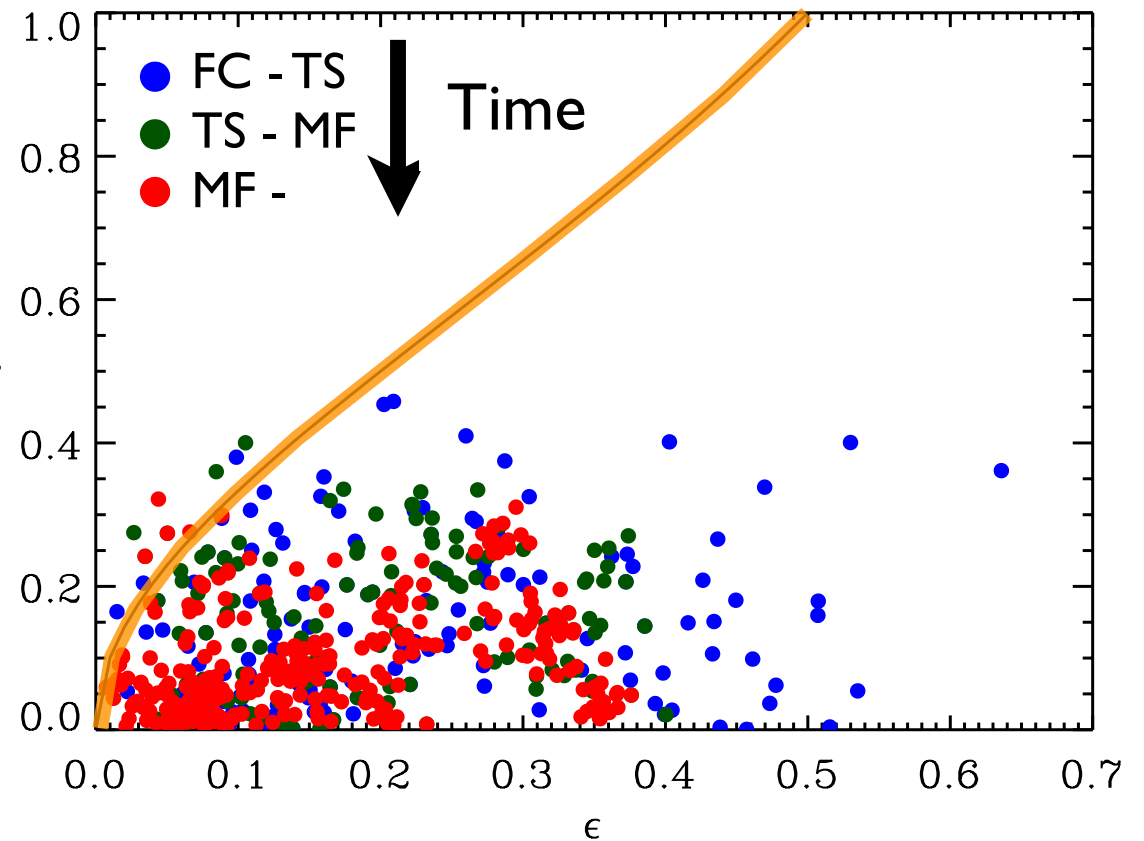


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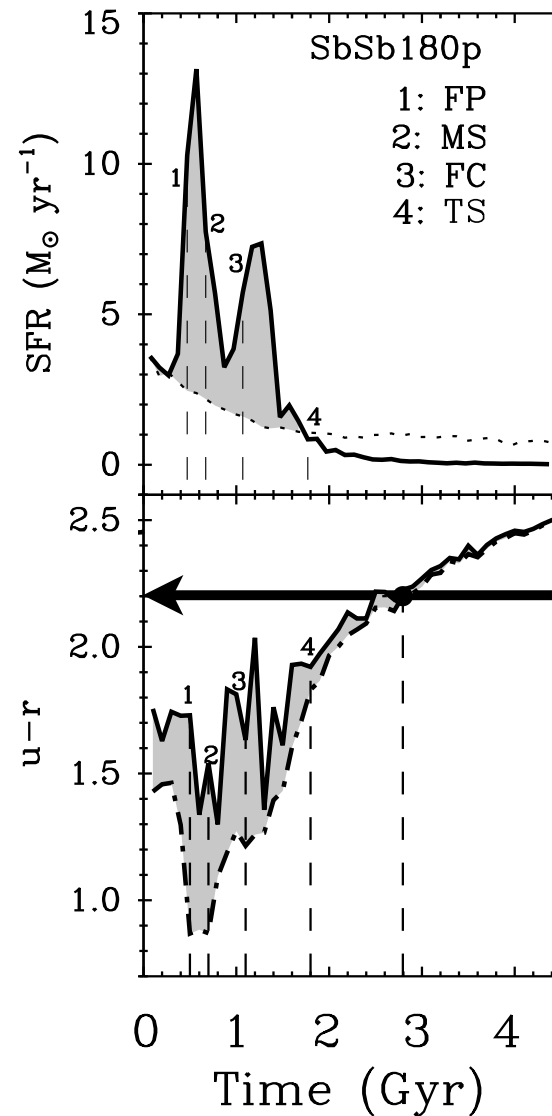


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All simulated merger remnants



Star formation rates & u-r



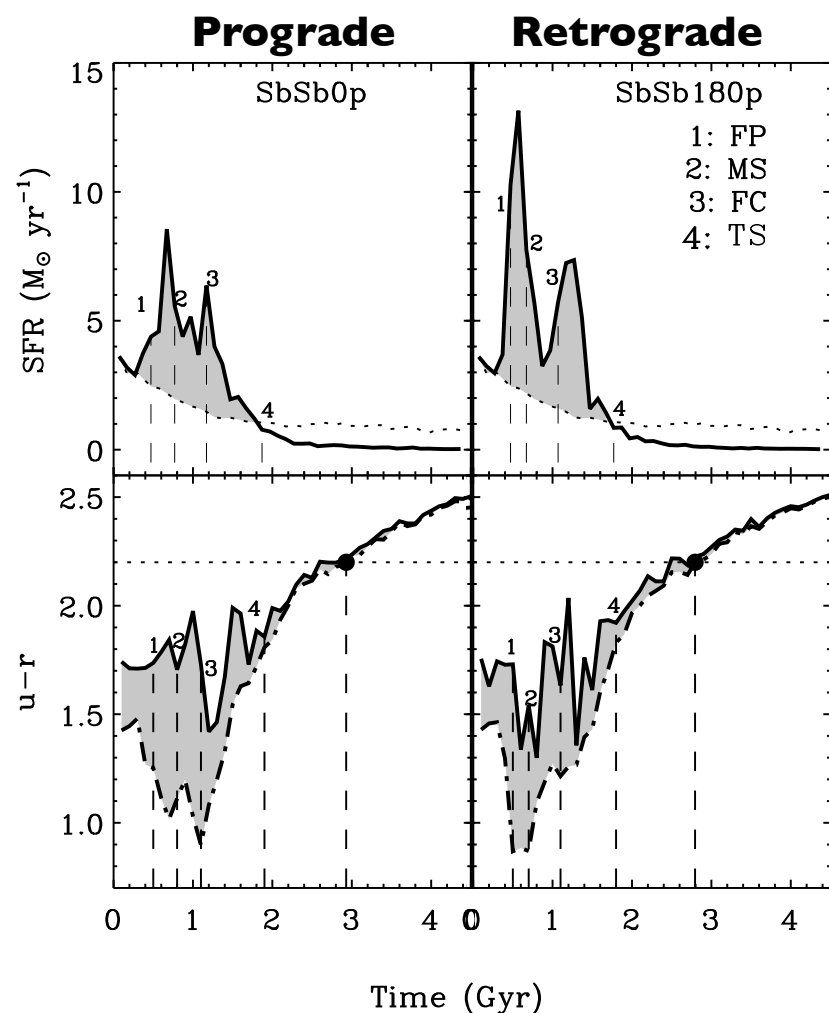
Red

Blue

u-r = 2.2 (Strateva et al. 2001)

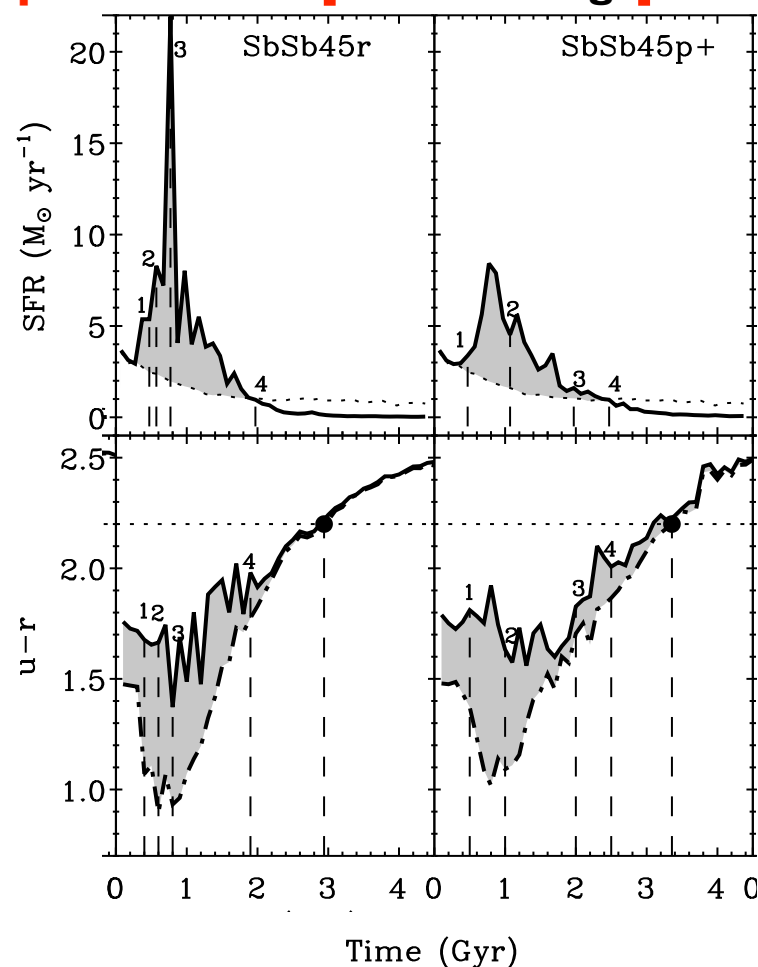
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1. inclination of host galaxy



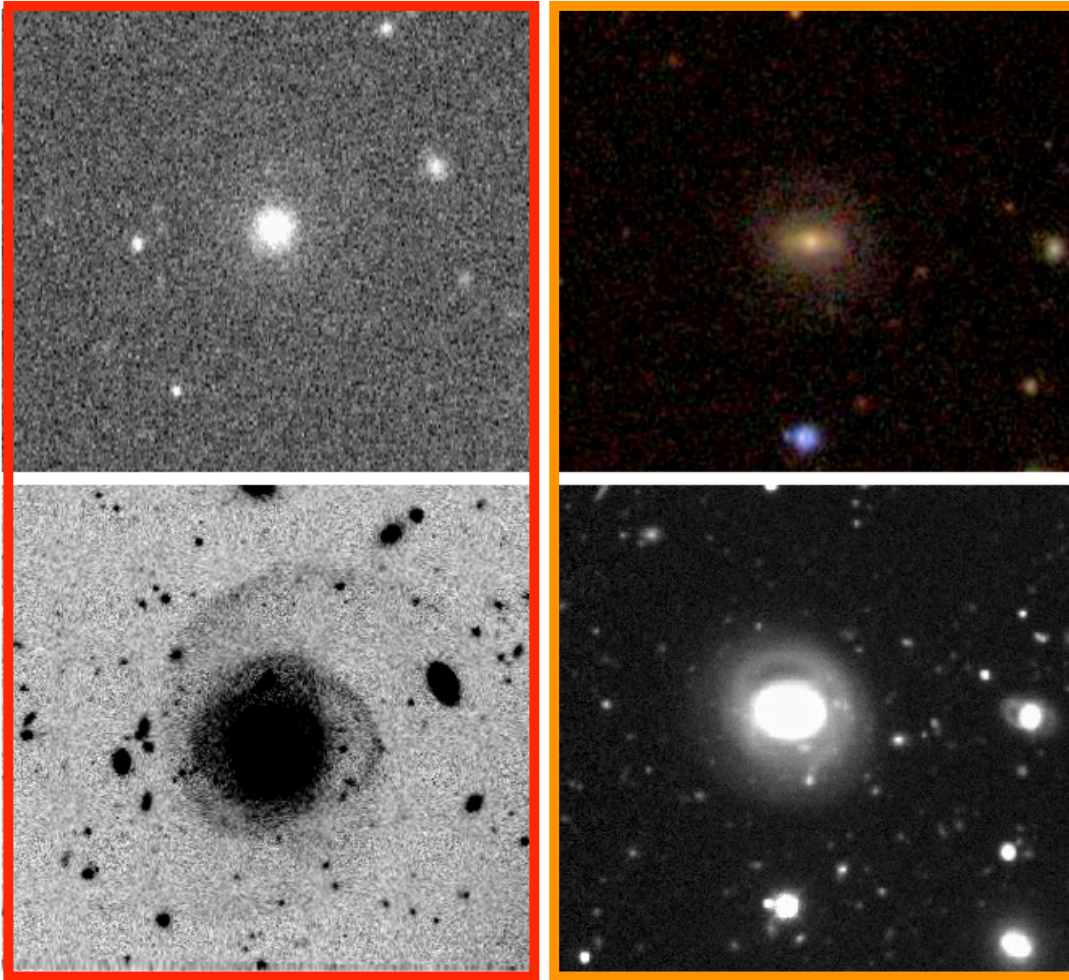
2. orbital angular momentum

$R_{\text{peri}} = 0 \text{ kpc}$ **low** 10 kpc **High**



Merger Feature timescale

Abell 2670 ($z \sim 0.076$)



by SDSS

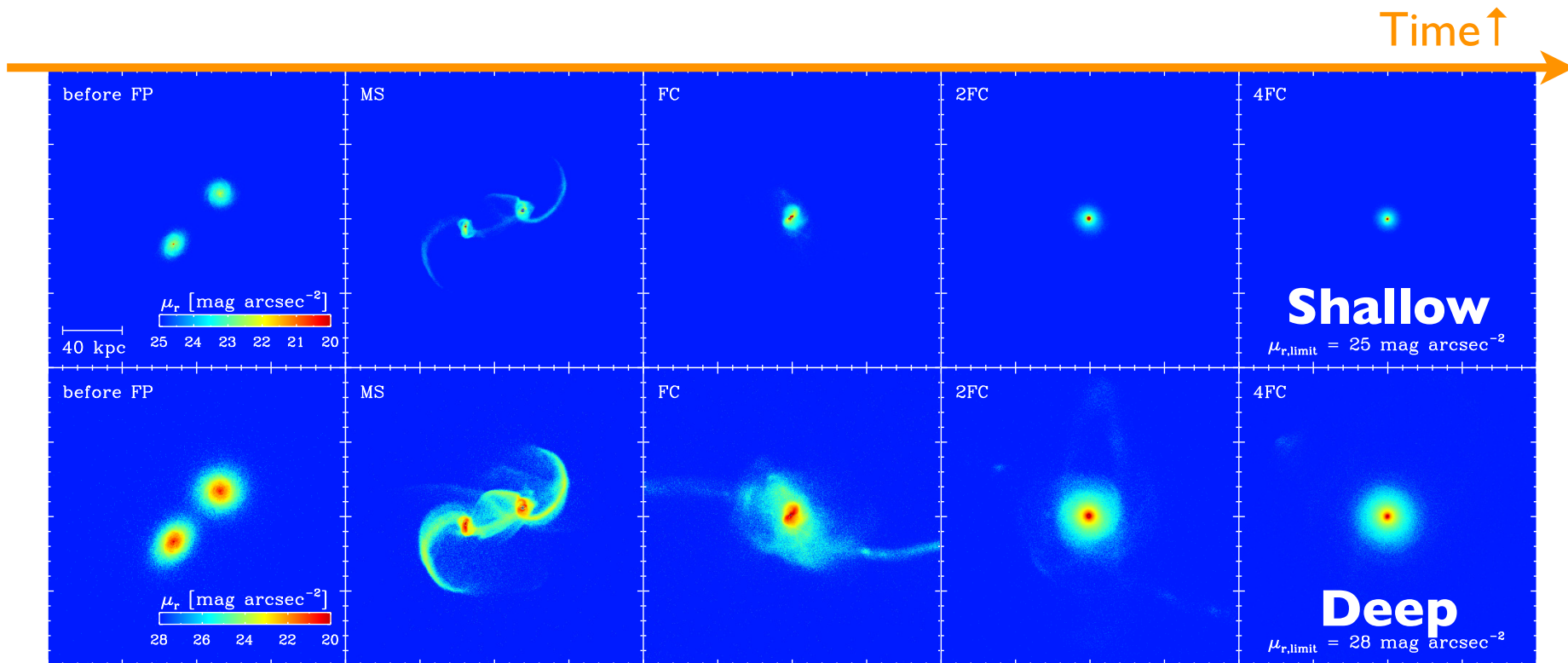
$$\mu = 25 \text{ mag arcsec}^{-2}$$

by CTIO r'

$$\mu = 28 \text{ mag arcsec}^{-2}$$

Courtesy of Y.K. Sheen

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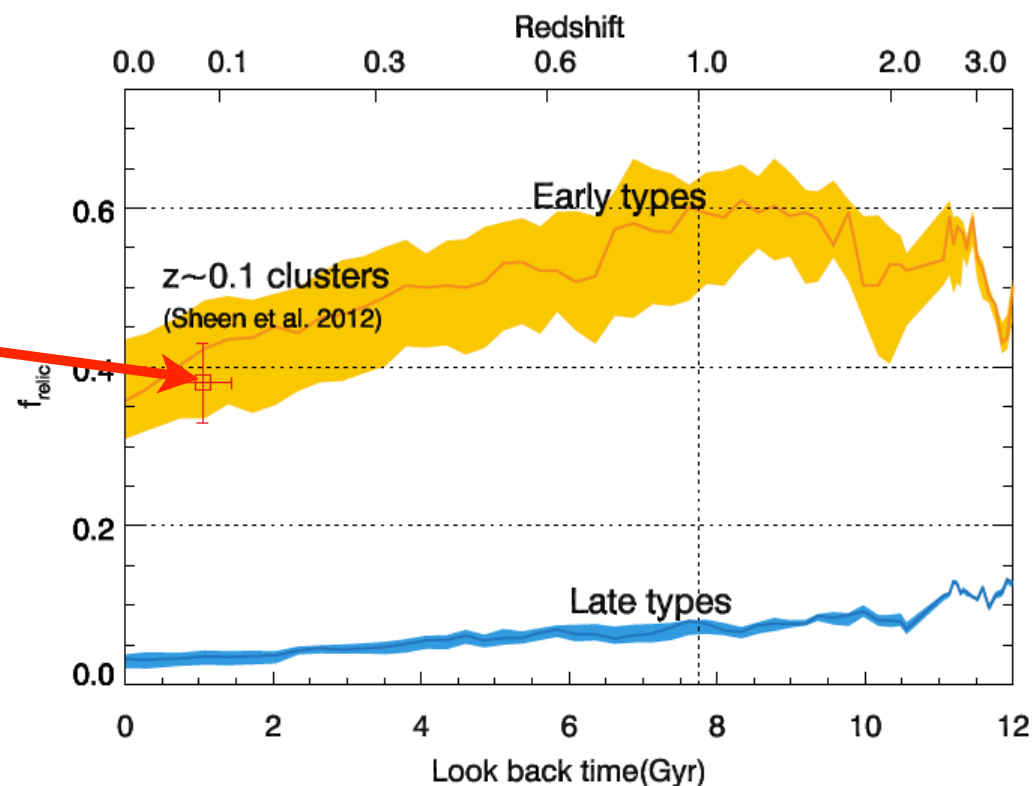

 t_{MF25} / t_{FC}
 $\sim 2 \pm 0.3$
 t_{MF28} / t_{FC}
 $\sim 5 \pm 0.4$

MF₂₈ and merger relics

Table 5.2. Comparisons between cluster and field

	Class	Cluster	Field ^a
	PM	38 ± 5%	49%
Bulge-dominated ^c	I	4 ± 1%	21%
	Total	42 ± 6%	70%

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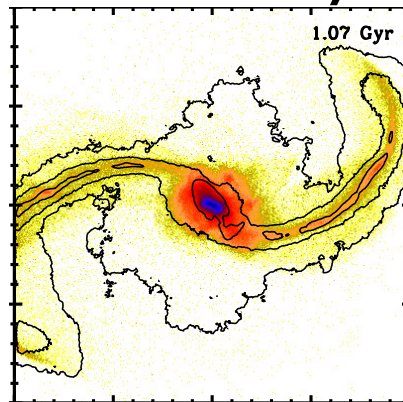


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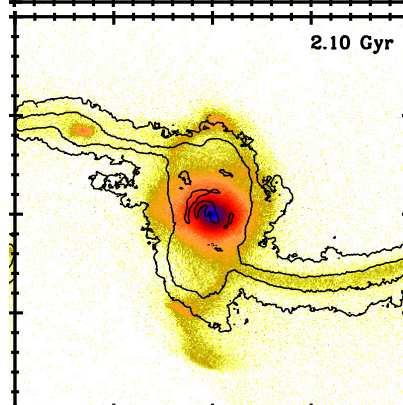
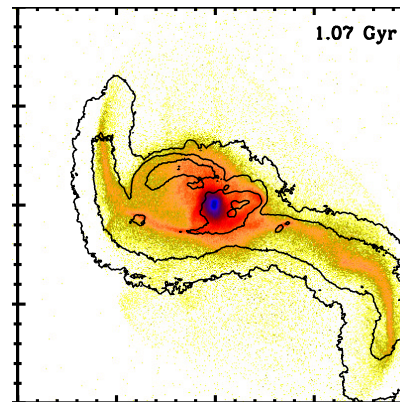
Merger sequence in cluster potential

In isolated system

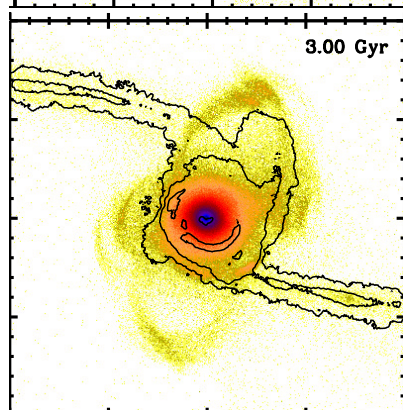
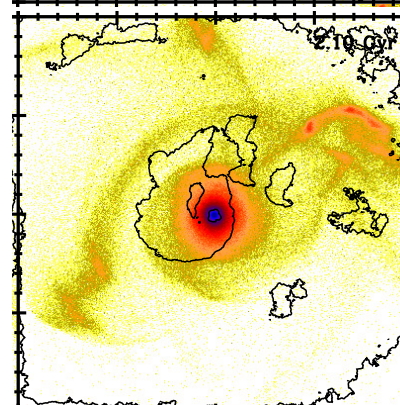
Inside cluster halo (Virgo-like)



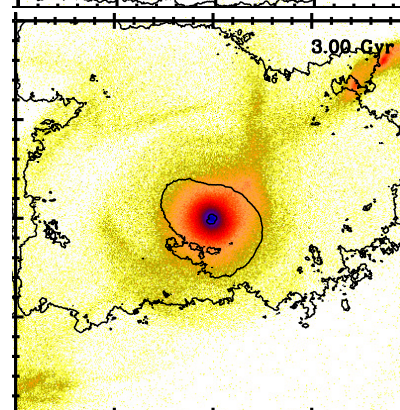
t_{FC}



$2t_{\text{FC}}$



$3t_{\text{FC}}$



Summary and Conclusion

1. SFR and color evolves spontaneously; however, apparent color during starburst does not clearly show the coevolution due to dust attenuation.
2. The merger-feature timescale measured by deeper imaging is longer. With this timescale, it is able to explain demography of early-type in clusters of galaxies.

Future work

1. Expansion of parameter space
2. Submission to ApJ (July, 2013)

Thank you

