

# The evolution of galaxy habitability

(fun with galaxy evolution models)

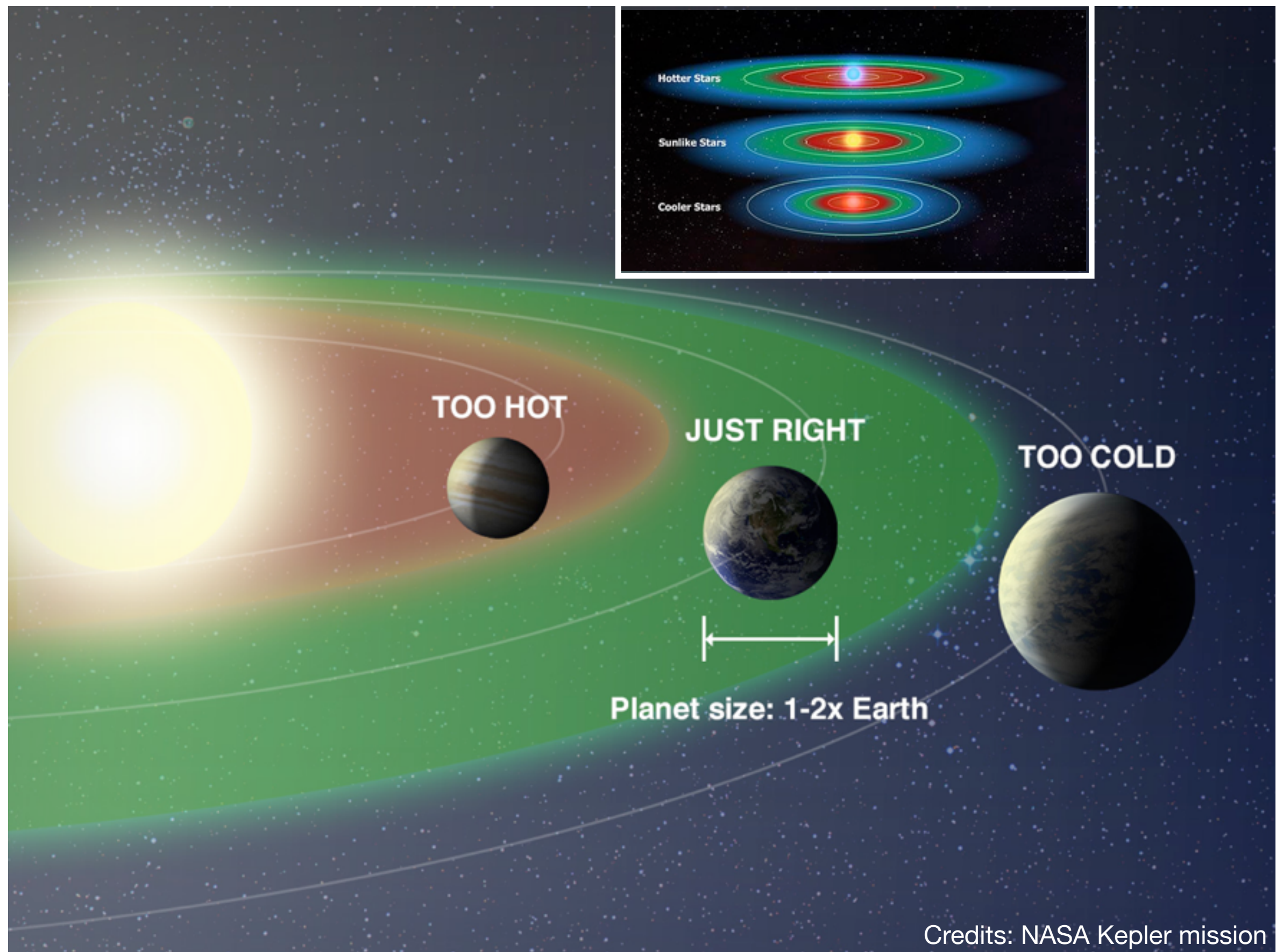
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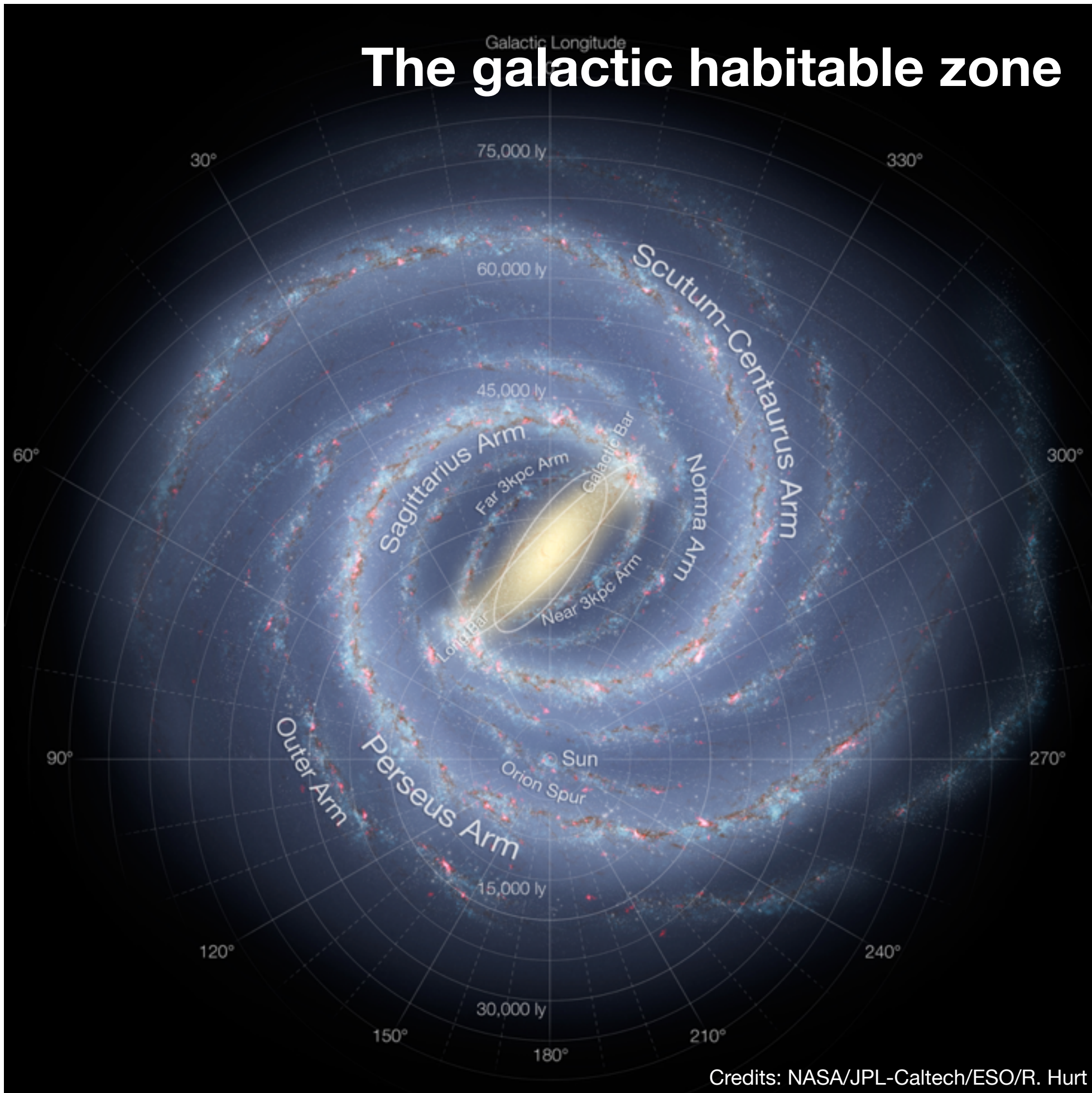


# The circumstellar habitable zone





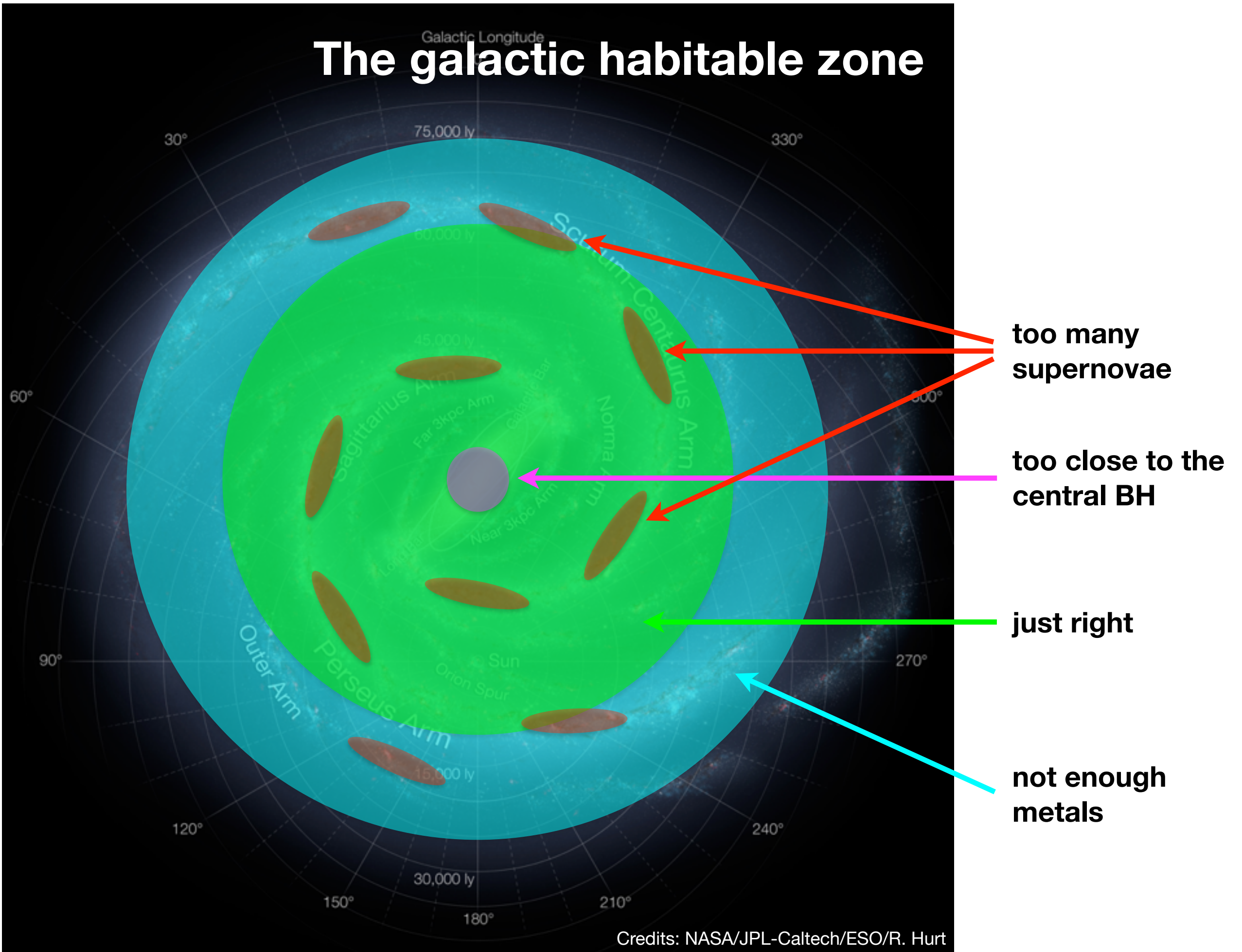
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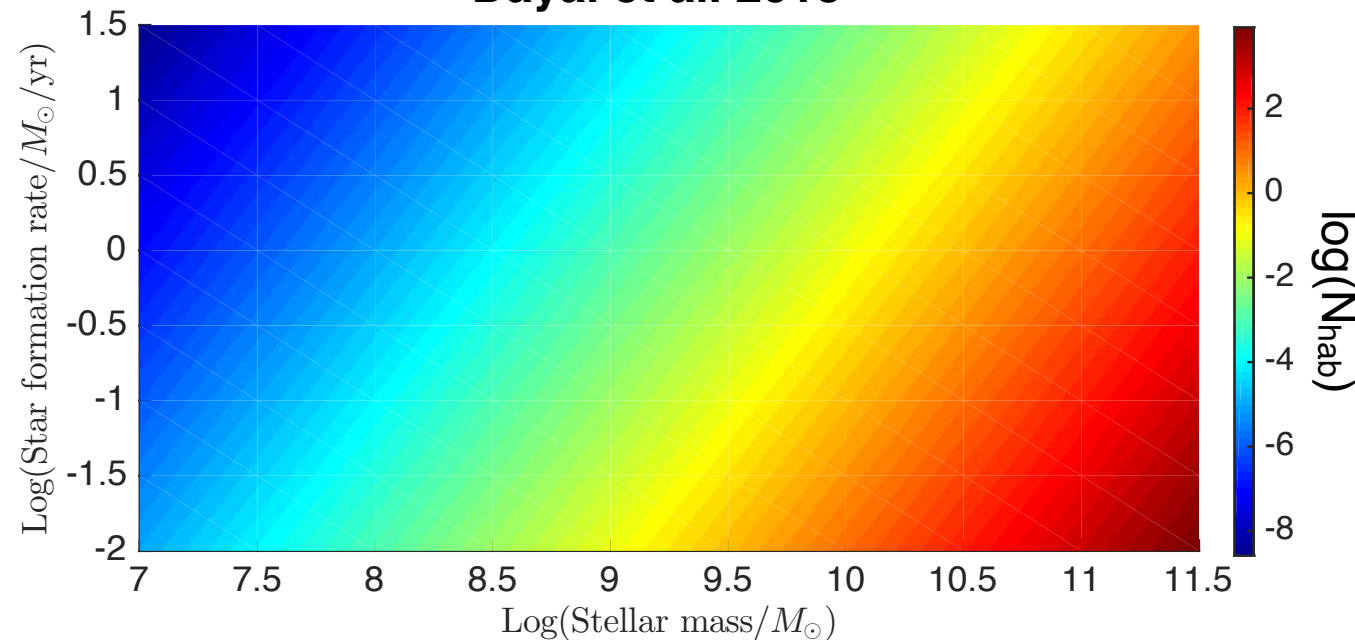
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# Extension to galaxy populations

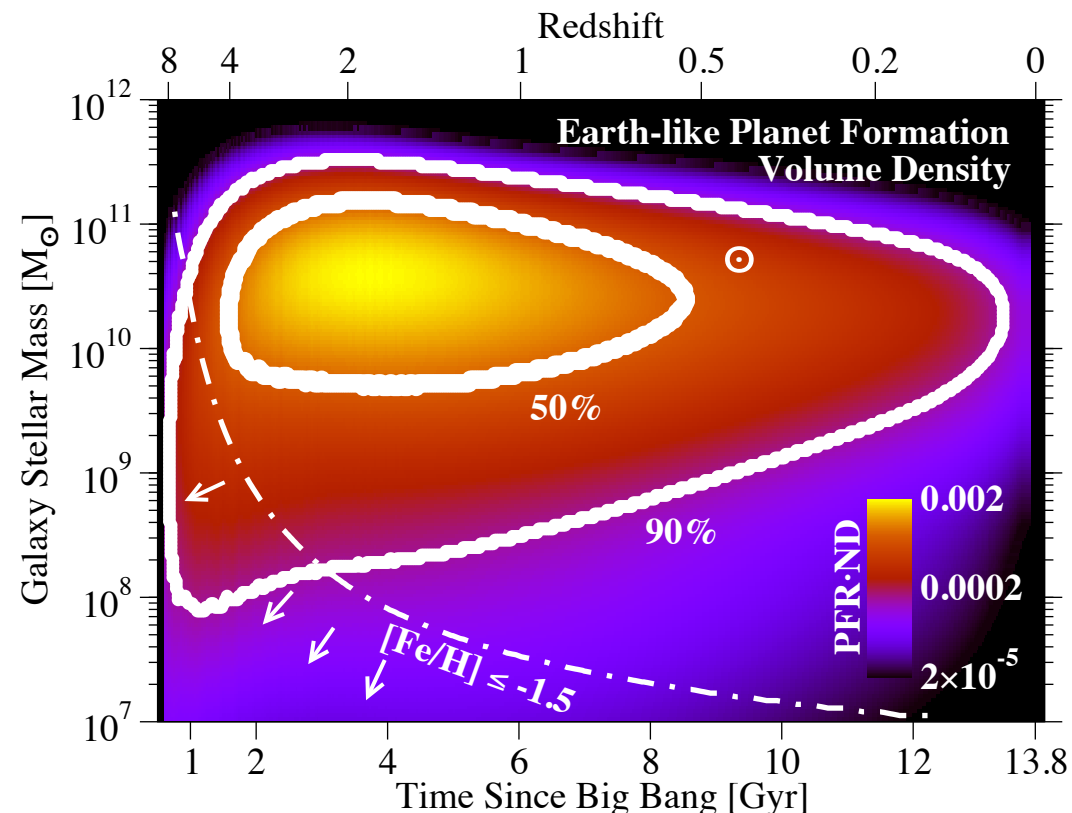
Dayal et al. 2015



$N_{\text{hab}}$  increases with mass and decreases with SFR  
(more stars, higher  $Z/Z_{\odot}$ , less SN)

$$N_t \propto \frac{0.739 M_* Z_g^{\alpha} M_* / \rho}{(\psi/53.17) \times (4/3)\pi(Q \text{ pc})^3 (28.6 \text{ Myrs})}$$

Behroozi & Peeples 2015

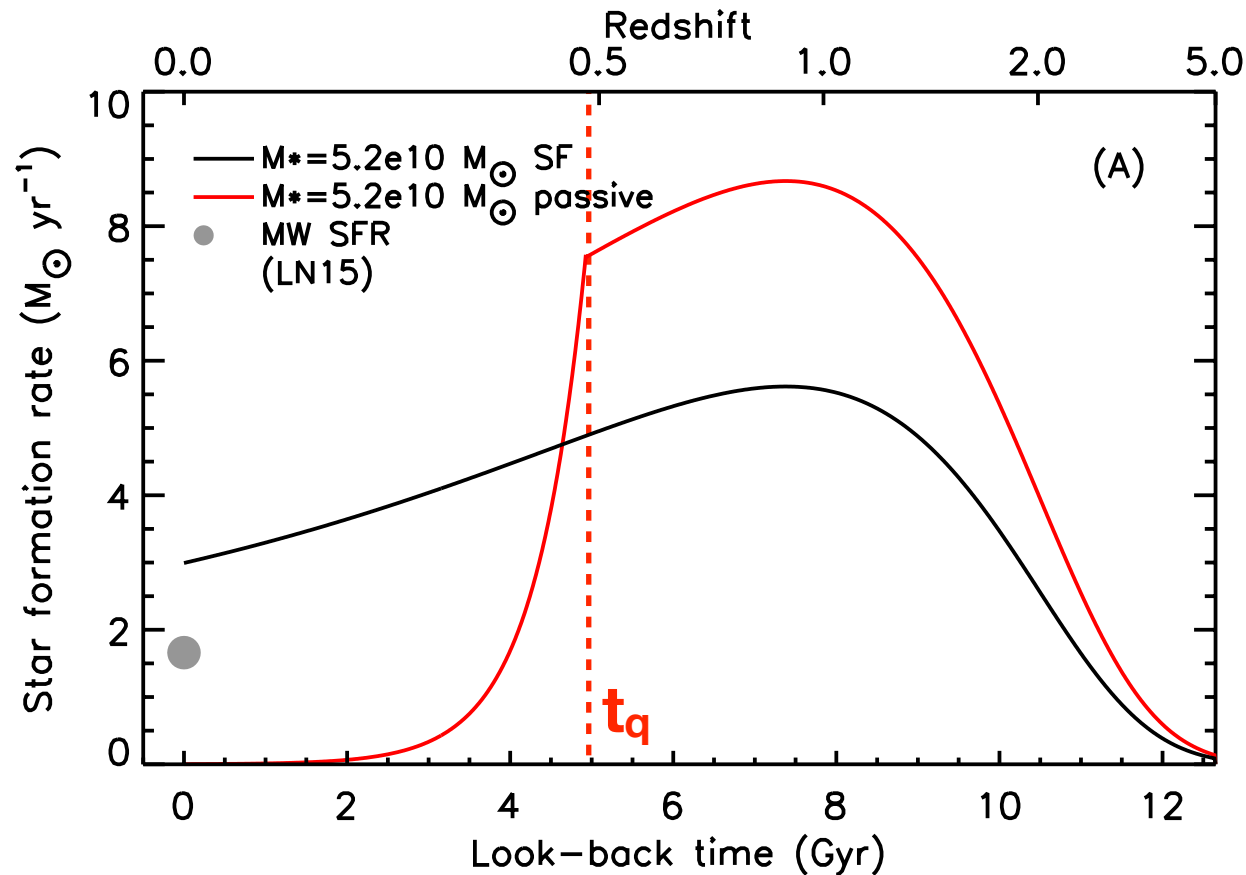


The comoving density of terrestrial planets only goes up with time

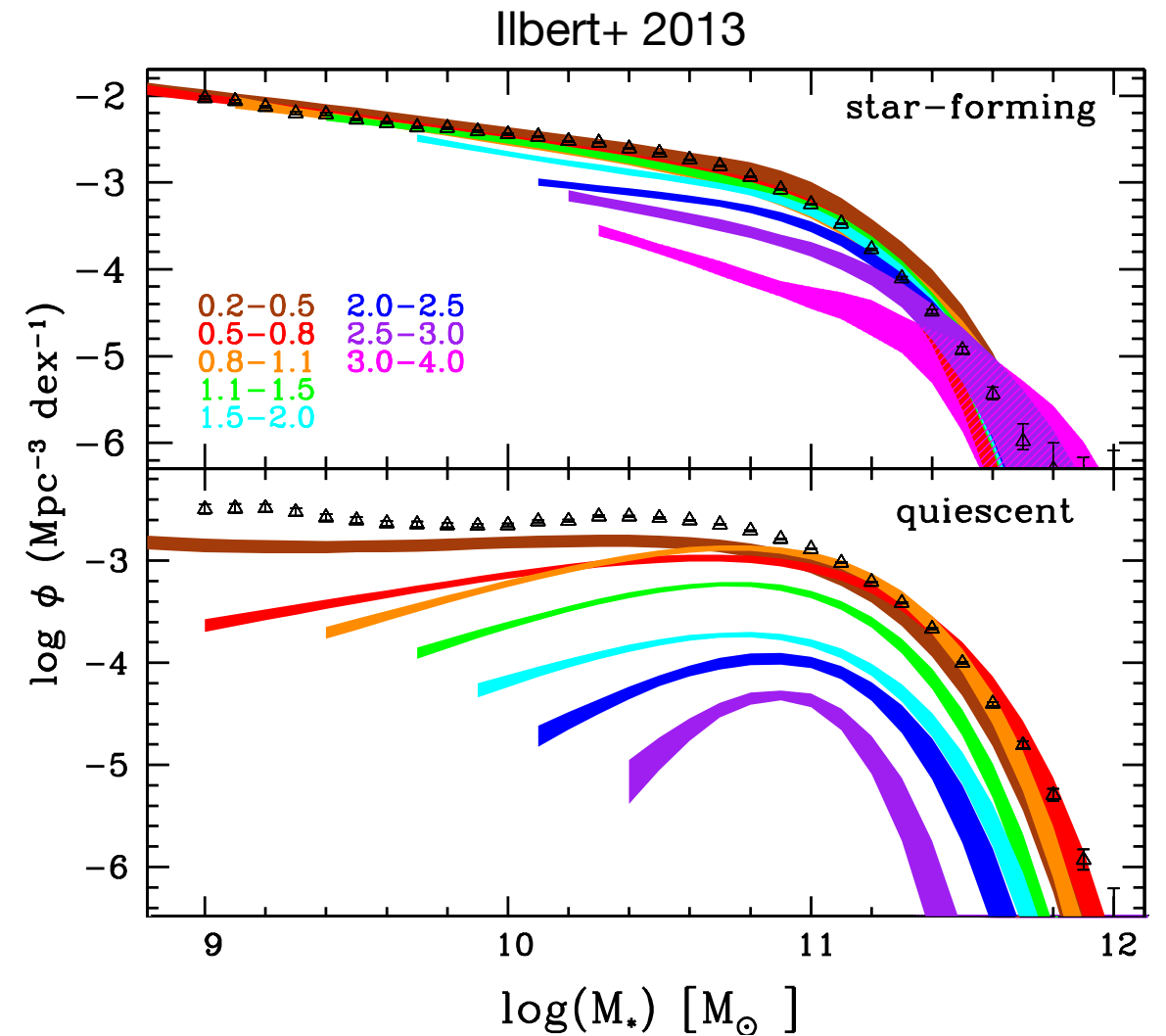
$$\text{PFR}(M_*, t) = n \frac{(Z(M_*, t)/Z_{\odot})^{\alpha}}{\langle m_* \rangle} \text{SFR}(M_*, t)$$

# Ingredients: star formation histories and GMF

Main sequence SFH



Observed galaxy mass functions



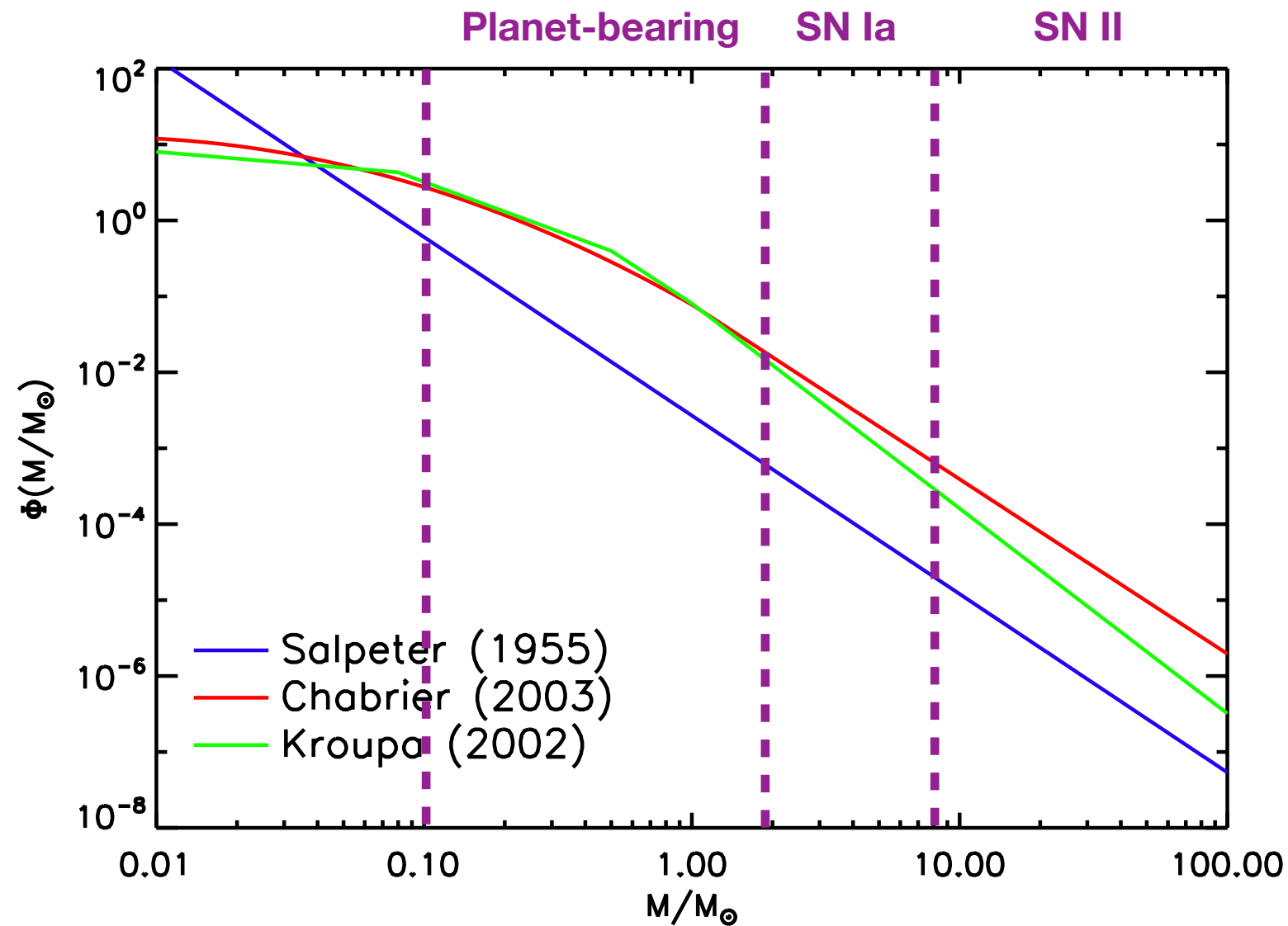
$$\Psi(z) = \text{sSFR}_{\text{MS},0} M_{*}(z) \left( \frac{M_{*}(z)}{10^{11} M_{\odot}} \right)^{\alpha_{\text{MS}}-1} (1 + \min(z, z_{\text{MS}}))^{\gamma_{\text{MS}}}$$

$$x(M_{*}, z_j) = \frac{\sum_{i=j}^{z_i \leq z_{\text{max}}} w_{i,j} x(M_{*}, z_i)}{\sum_i w_{i,j}}$$

$$w_{i,j} = \frac{\Phi(M_{*}, z_i) - \Phi(M_{*}, z_{i-j})}{\Phi(M_{*}, z_j)}$$



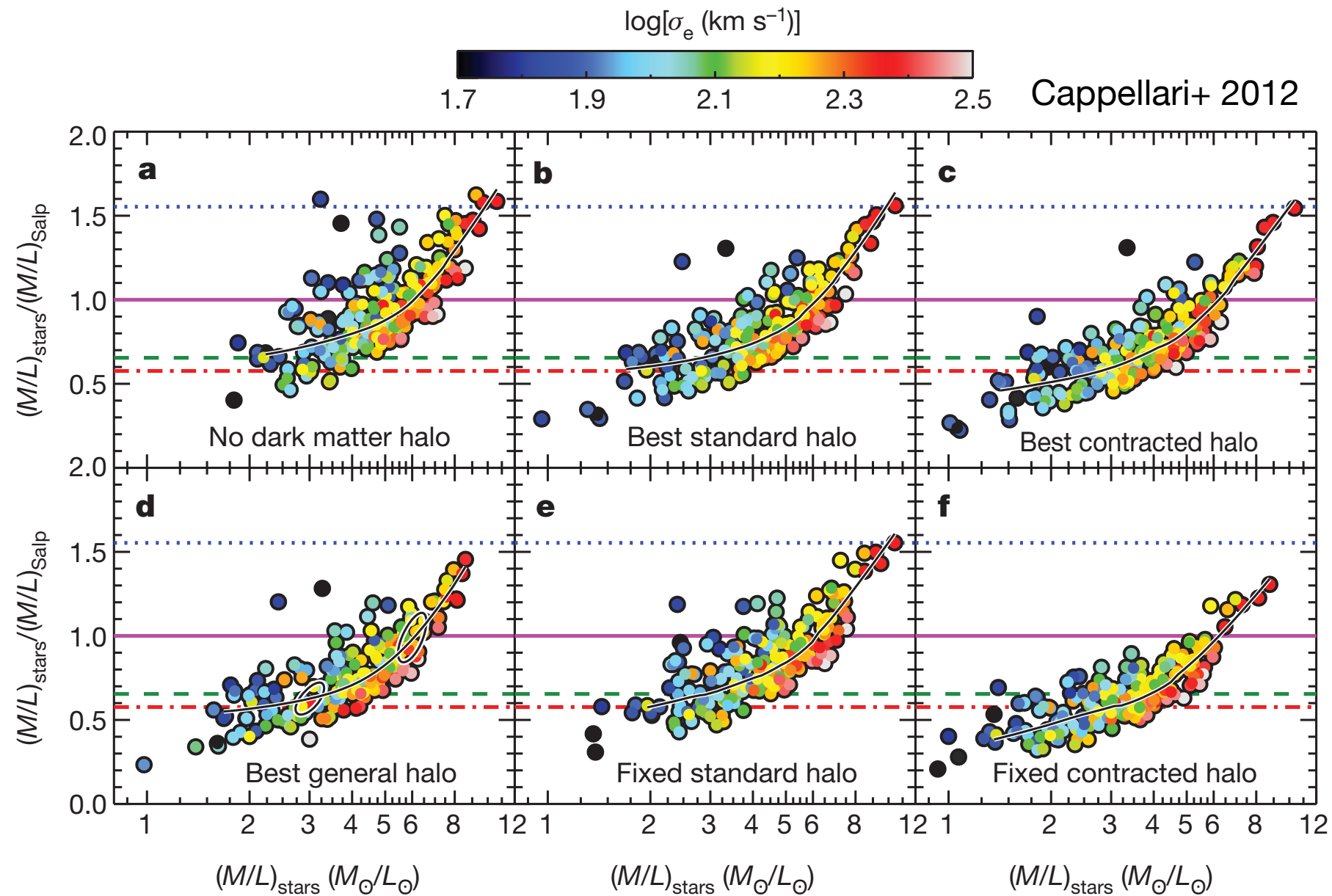
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$\Rightarrow$  M/L, SFR, SN rates, metallicity, etc

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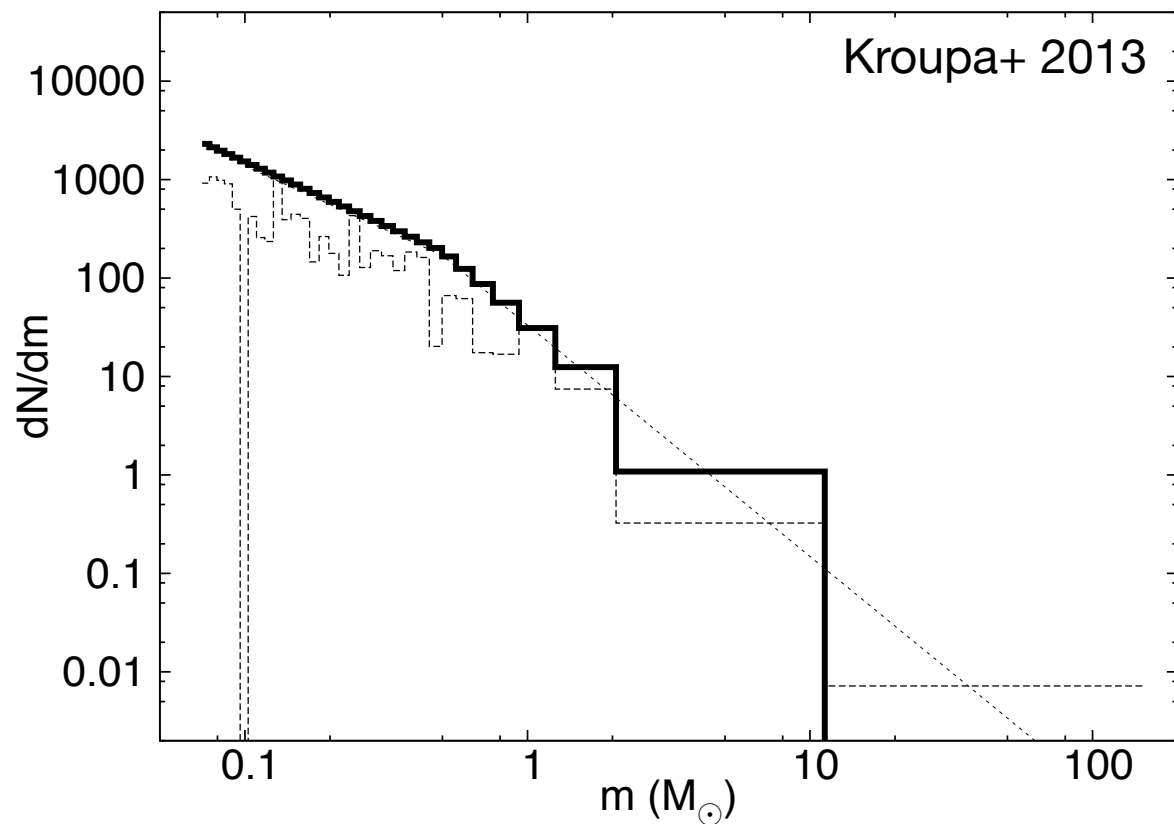
But there is evidence that the IMF varies





# Ingredients: integrated galactic IMF (IGIMF)

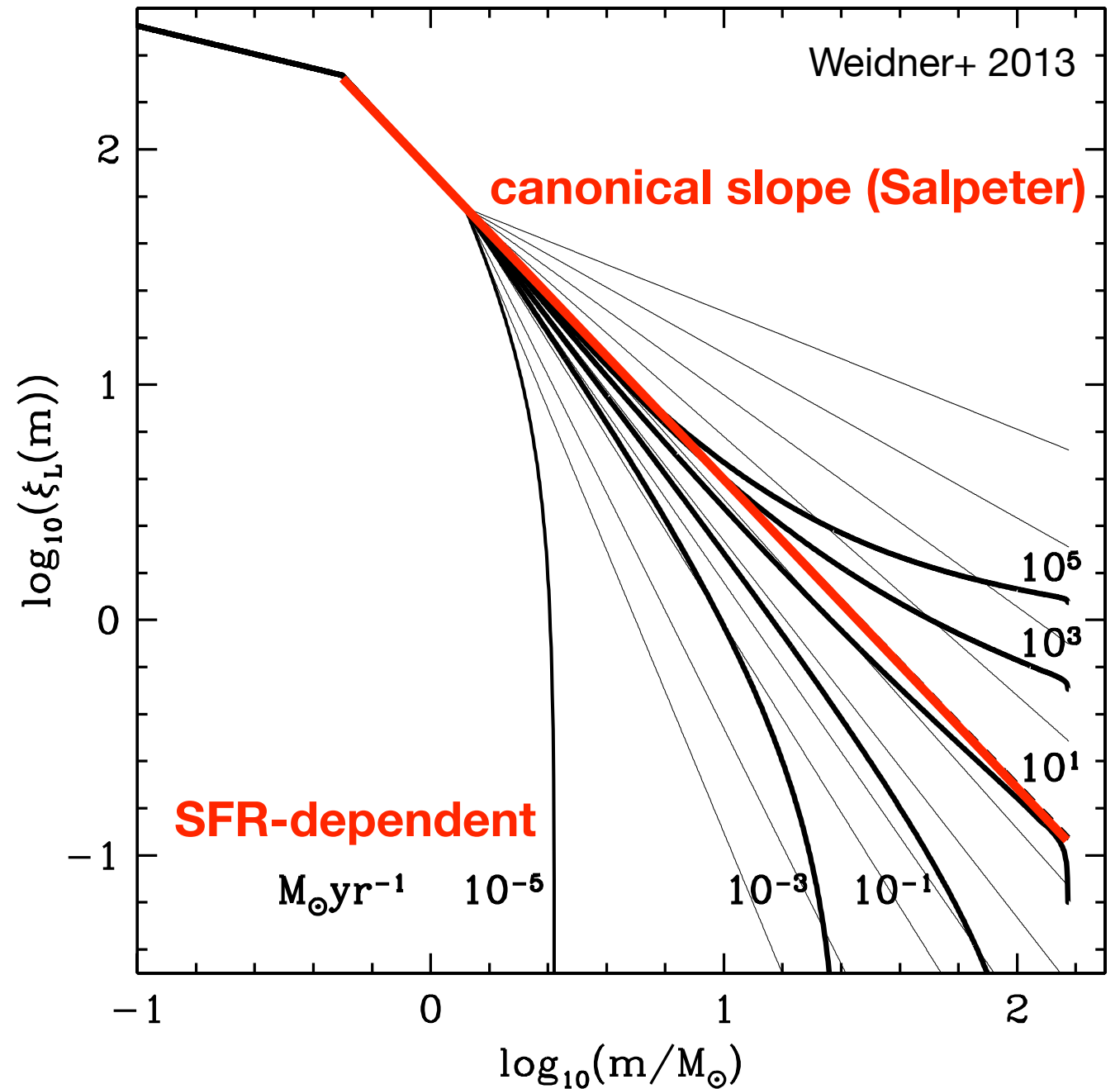
## IMF of a single star cluster



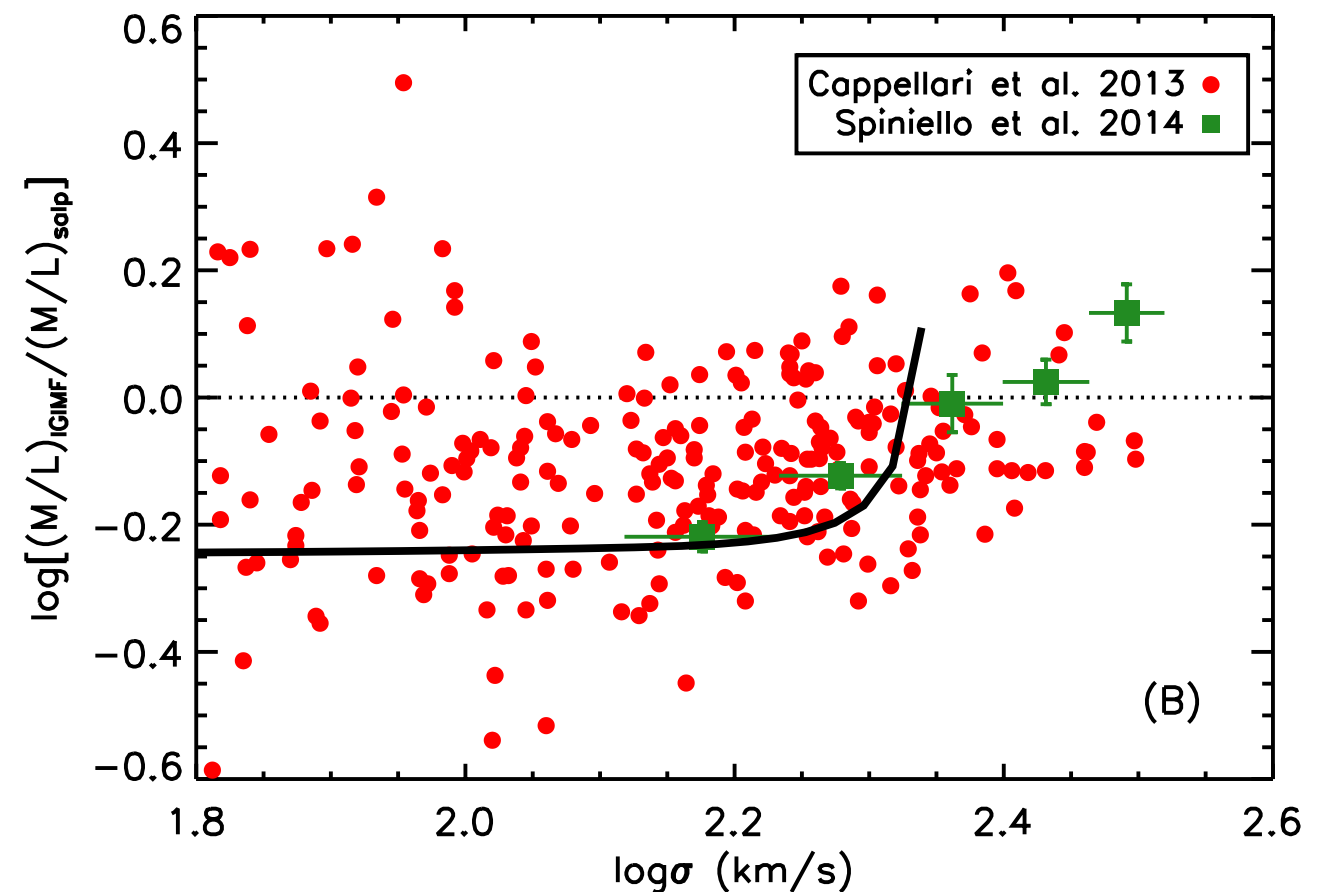
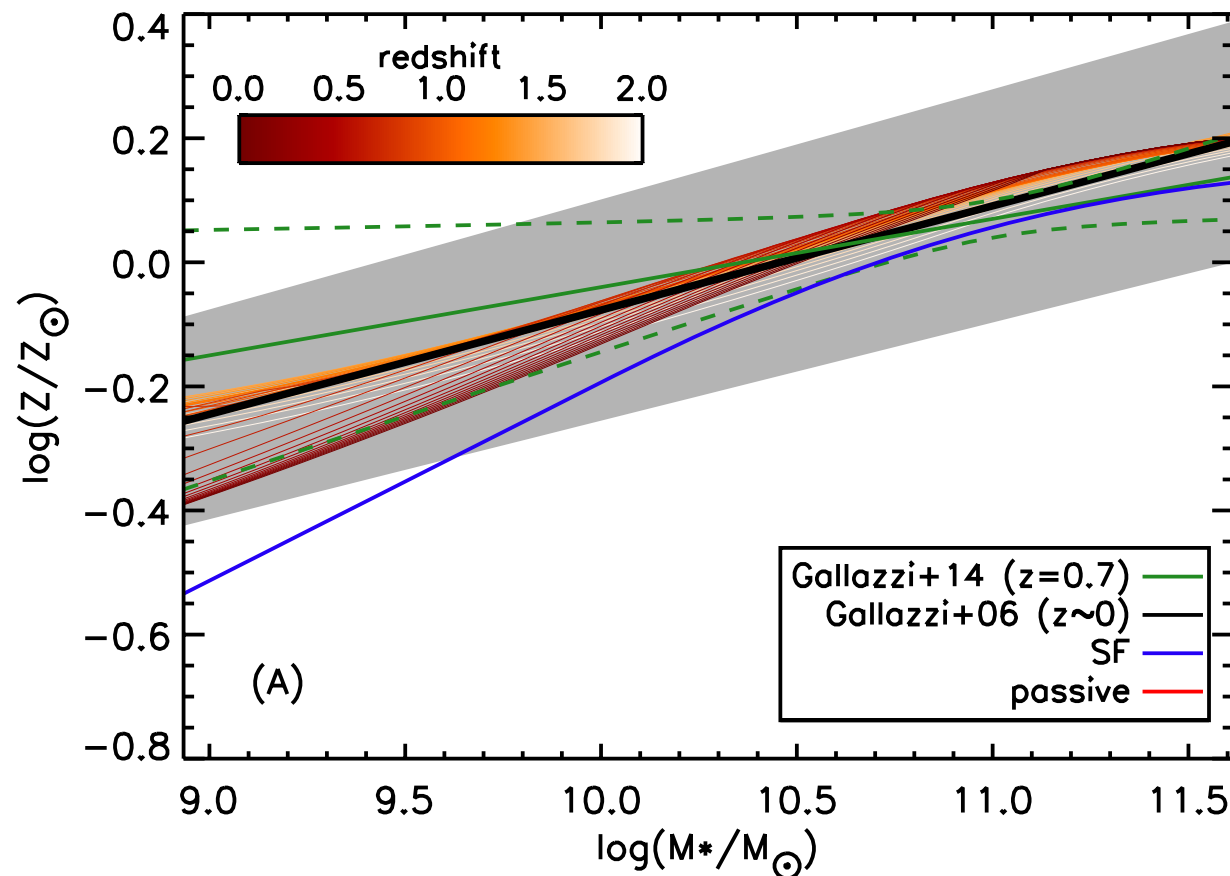
$$\xi_{\text{ecl}}(M_{\text{ecl}}) \propto M_{\text{ecl}}^{-\beta} \quad (\text{star cluster MF})$$

$$\xi_{\text{IGIMF}}(m, t) = \int_{M_{\text{ecl}, \text{min}}}^{M_{\text{ecl}, \text{max}}(\text{SFR}(t))} \xi(m \leq m_{\text{max}}(M_{\text{ecl}})) \xi_{\text{ecl}}(M_{\text{ecl}}) dM_{\text{ecl}}$$

## IMF of a whole galaxy



# Ingredients: quenching and metal enrichment



$$M_g(t > t_g) = M_g(t_q) - \int_{t_q}^t \Psi(t') dt$$

**gas mass**

$$\Psi(t > t_g) = \varepsilon(t - \Delta t) M_g(t - \Delta t)$$

**SFR**

$$Z_g(t > t_g) = Z_g(t_g) - y \ln \left( \frac{M_g(t)}{M_g(t_q)} \right)$$

**gas metallicity**

$$\log \varepsilon(t) = (1 - \beta_2) \log \Psi(t) - \alpha_2$$

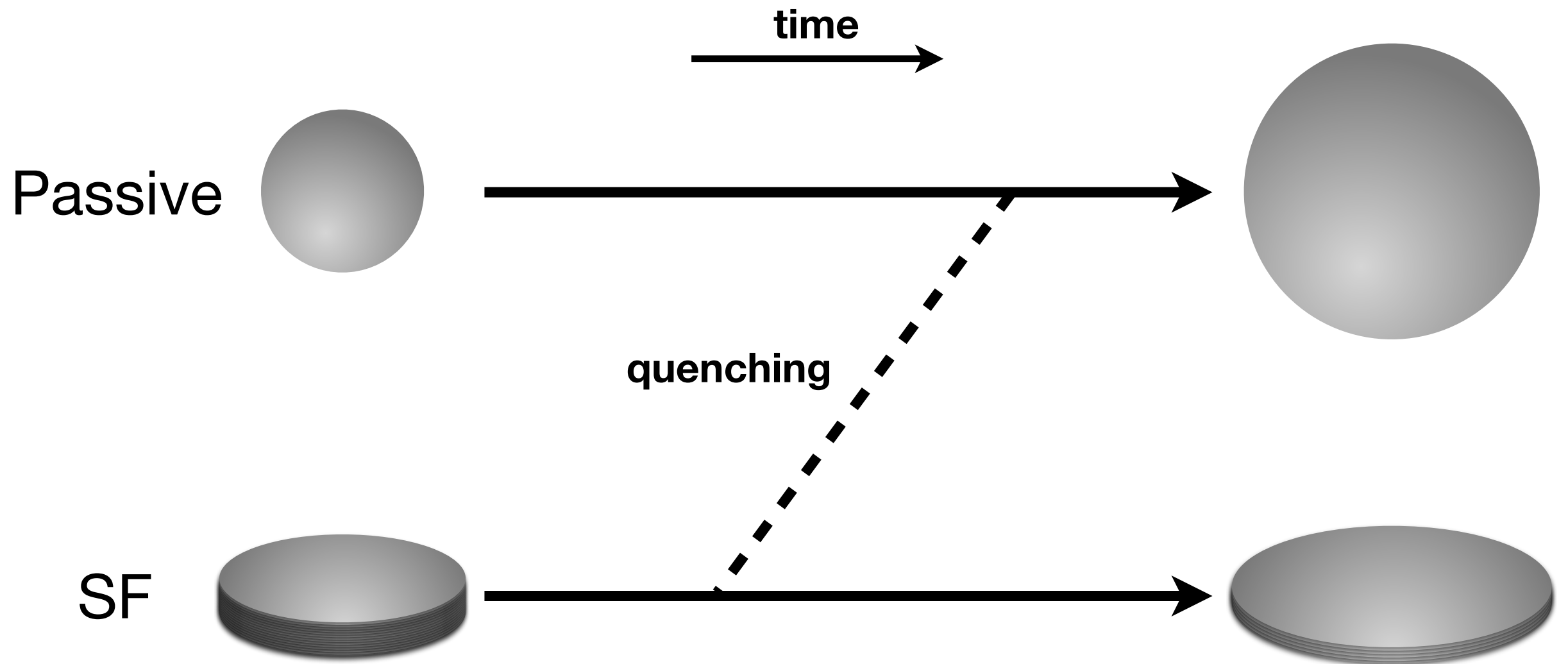
$$\log M_g(t_q) = \alpha_2 + \beta_2 \log \Psi(t_q)$$

**SFE** } **2-SFM framework**

Closed box + IGIMF recovers  
observed mass-to-light ratios

# Ingredients: morphological evolution

(e.g., van der Wel+ 2014)



transition to thin disk after peak SF (Lehnert+ 2014)



# Ingredients: supernovae

$$\text{SNR}_{\text{II}}(t) = \Psi(t) \int_8^{m_{\text{max}}} m \phi(m, t) dm$$

**SNII rate**

$$\text{SNR}_{\text{Ia}}(t) = \eta_{\text{WD}} \int_{m_{\text{min}}}^8 m \int_{\tau_{\text{Ia}} + t_{\text{MS}}(8)}^t \Psi(t') \phi(m, t') dt' dm$$

**SNIa rate**

$$V_{\text{irr}}(t) = H(t_{\text{rec}} - t) \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{SNR}_{\text{Ia}}(t) \frac{r_{\text{Ia}}^3}{r_e^3(t)} \\ \frac{4}{3h_d(t)r_e^3(t)} (\text{SNR}_{\text{II}}(t)r_{\text{II}}^3 + \text{SNR}_{\text{Ia}}(t)r_{\text{Ia}}^3) \end{array} \right.$$

**recovery time** →  $t_{\text{rec}}$

**disk scale height** →  $h_d$

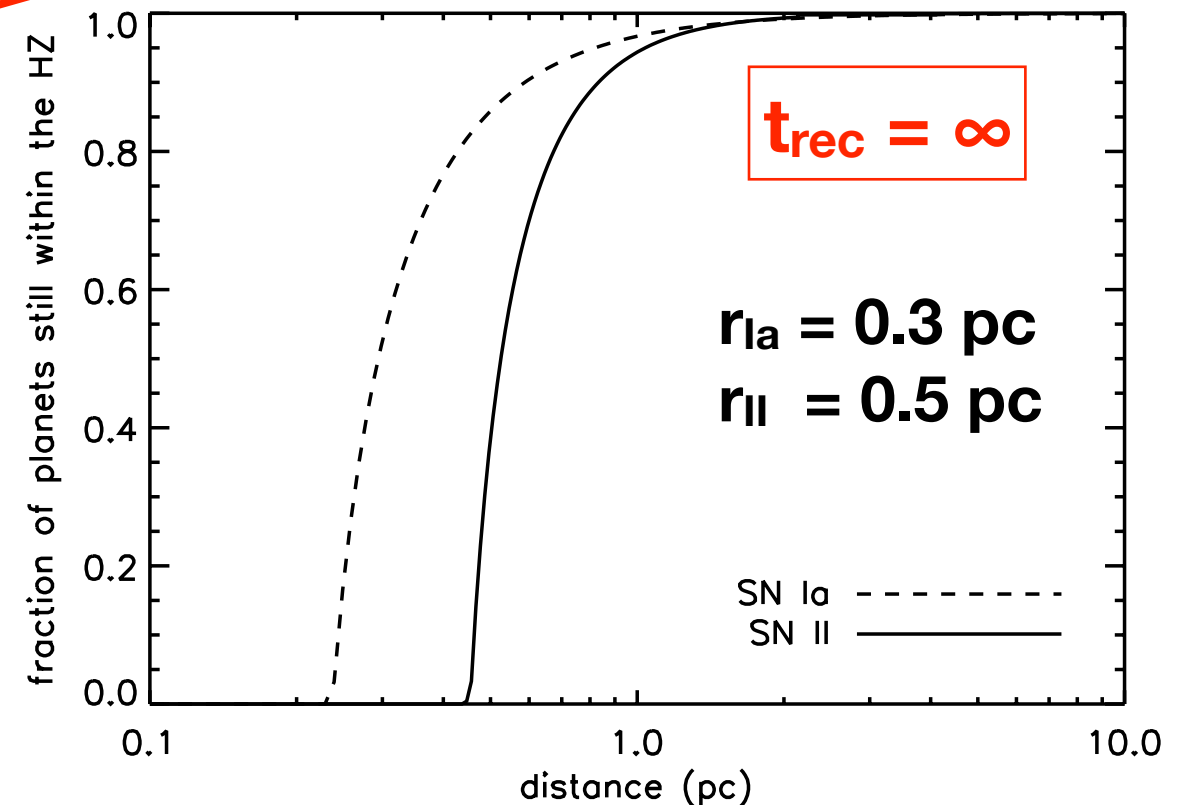
**effective radius** →  $r_e$

**lethal radii** →  $r_{\text{Ia}}, r_{\text{II}}$

**P** →  $\text{SNR}_{\text{Ia}}(t) \frac{r_{\text{Ia}}^3}{r_e^3(t)}$

**SF** →  $\frac{4}{3h_d(t)r_e^3(t)} (\text{SNR}_{\text{II}}(t)r_{\text{II}}^3 + \text{SNR}_{\text{Ia}}(t)r_{\text{Ia}}^3)$

**Irradiated volume**



# Ingredients: planetary distribution function

$$f_{\text{Terrestrial}}(Z) = \begin{cases} 0.4 \times (Z / Z_{\odot})^{\alpha} & \text{case 1} \\ 0.4 - 0.03 \times (Z / Z_{\odot})^{\alpha} & \text{case 2} \end{cases}$$

- + Cutoff at  $0.1 \times Z_{\odot}$  (e.g., Johnson & Li 15)
- + Habitable zone (Kopparapu+13)
- + main sequence stars with  $\geq 1$  Gyr (late heavy bombardment, etc.)
- + Orbital period distribution  $T^{-\beta}$ ,  $\beta = 0.74$  (e.g.; Cumming+08, Bonavita+12)
- + stellar evolution prescription (Hurley, Pols & Tout 2000)

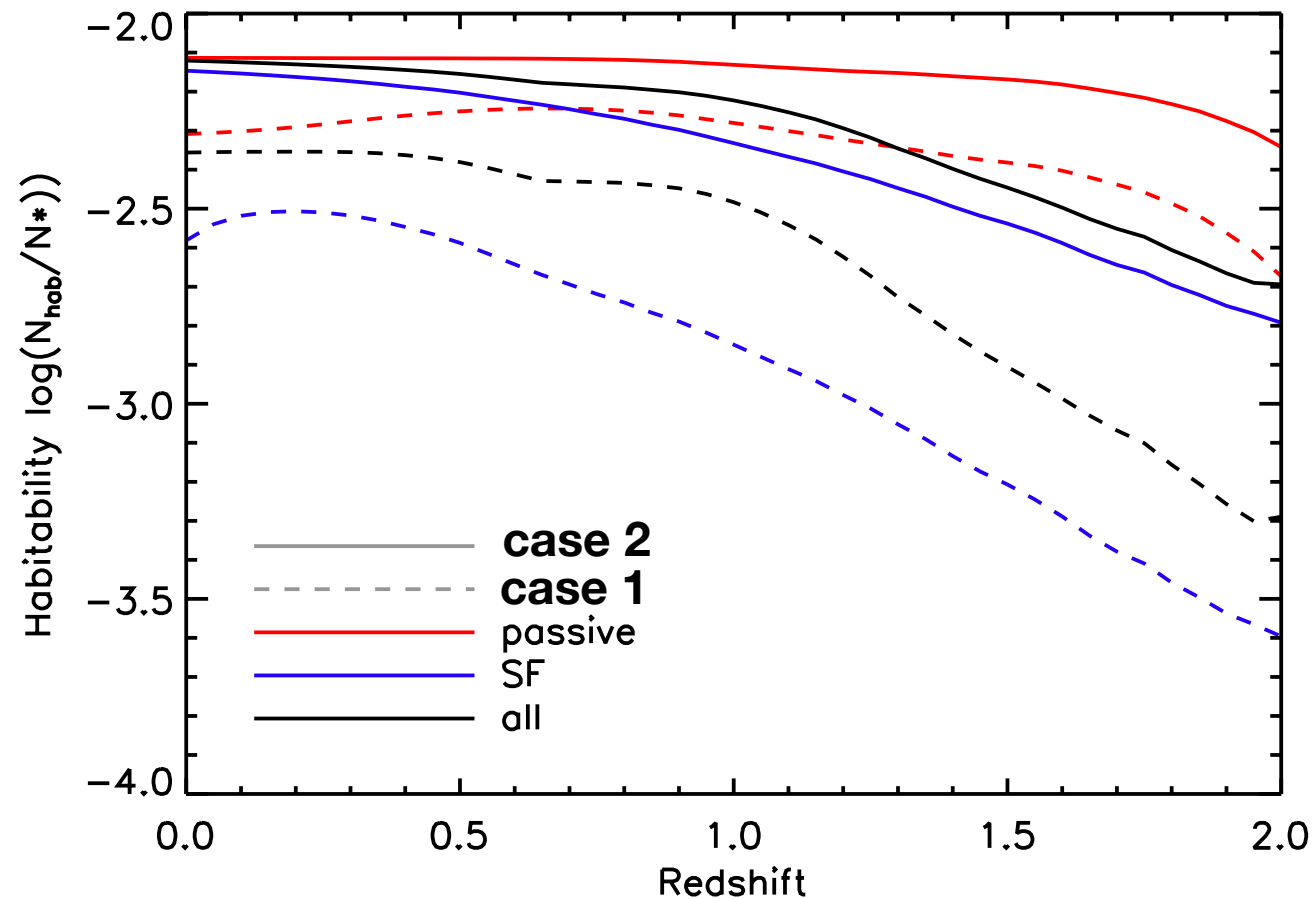
$$w_h(m, Z, t) \propto f_T(Z) H(1.5 - m) \int_{r_{h,i}(m, Z, t)}^{r_{h,o}(m, Z, t)} P(r, m)^{\beta_P} \frac{dP}{dr} dr$$

edges of the HZ

# Galaxy habitability

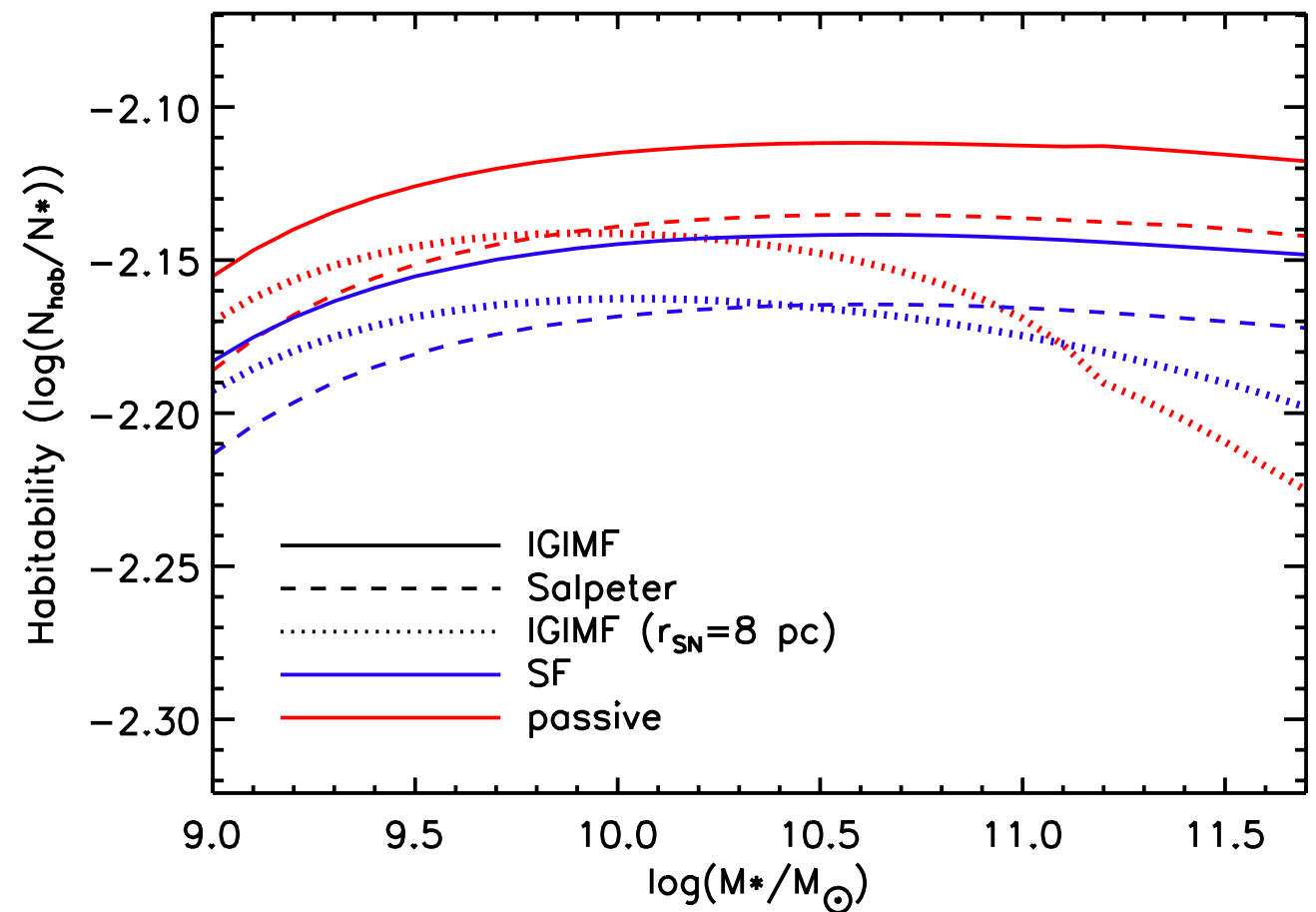
$$h = \frac{\int_0^{t_z - t_{\min}} (1 - V_{\text{irr}}(t)) \Psi(t) \int_{m_{\min}}^{1.5} m \phi(m, t) H(t_{\text{MS}}(m) - t) w_h dm dt}{\int_0^{t_z} \Psi(t) \int_{m_{\min}}^{m_{\max}} m \phi(m, t) H(t_{\text{MS}}(m) - t) dm dt}$$

Evolution with redshift



- total: plateau since  $z \sim 1$
- SF: leveling off at  $z \sim 0.5$

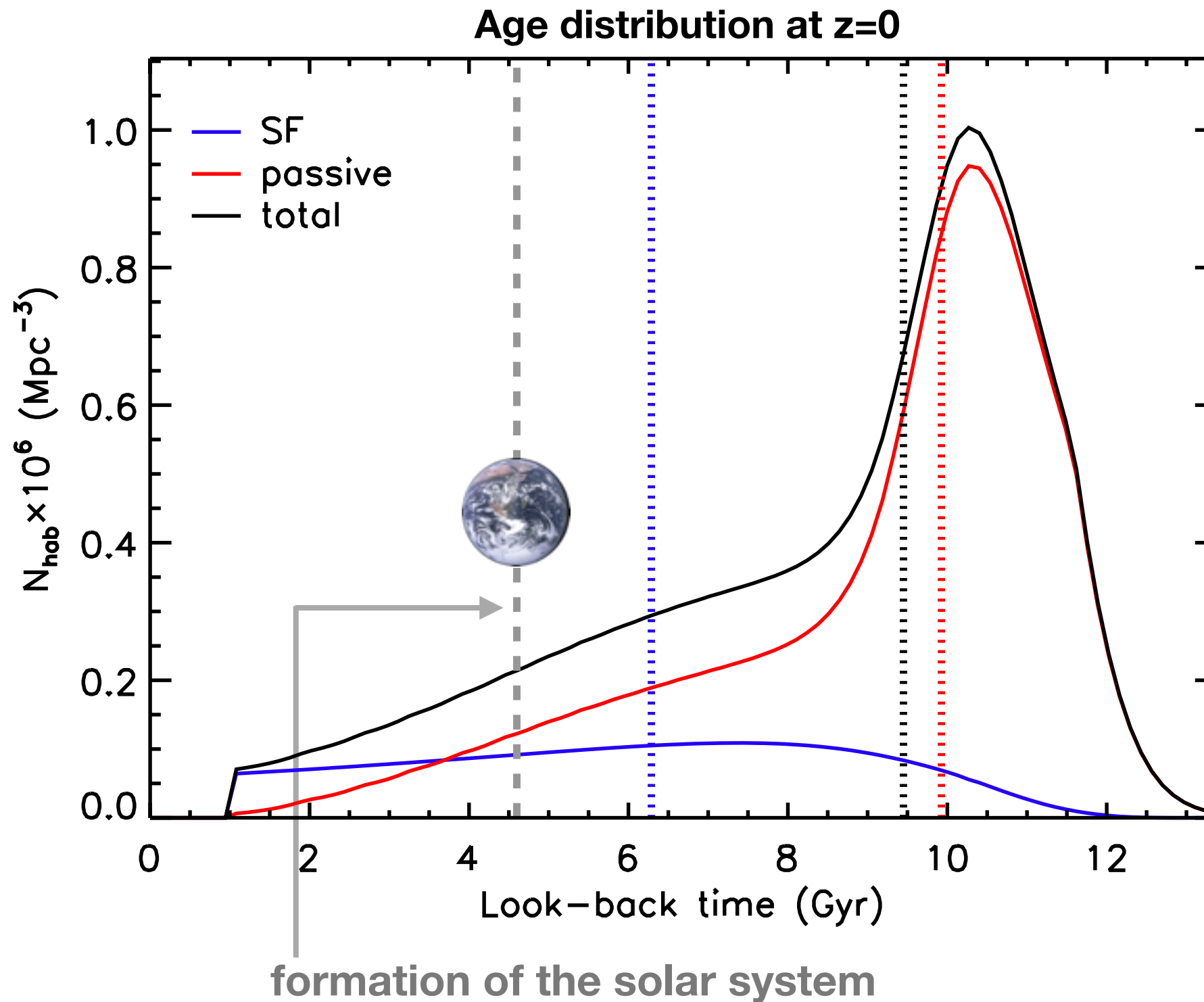
As a function of mass at  $z=0$



- maximum at  $\sim 4 \times 10^{10} M_\odot$
- effect of SN negligible

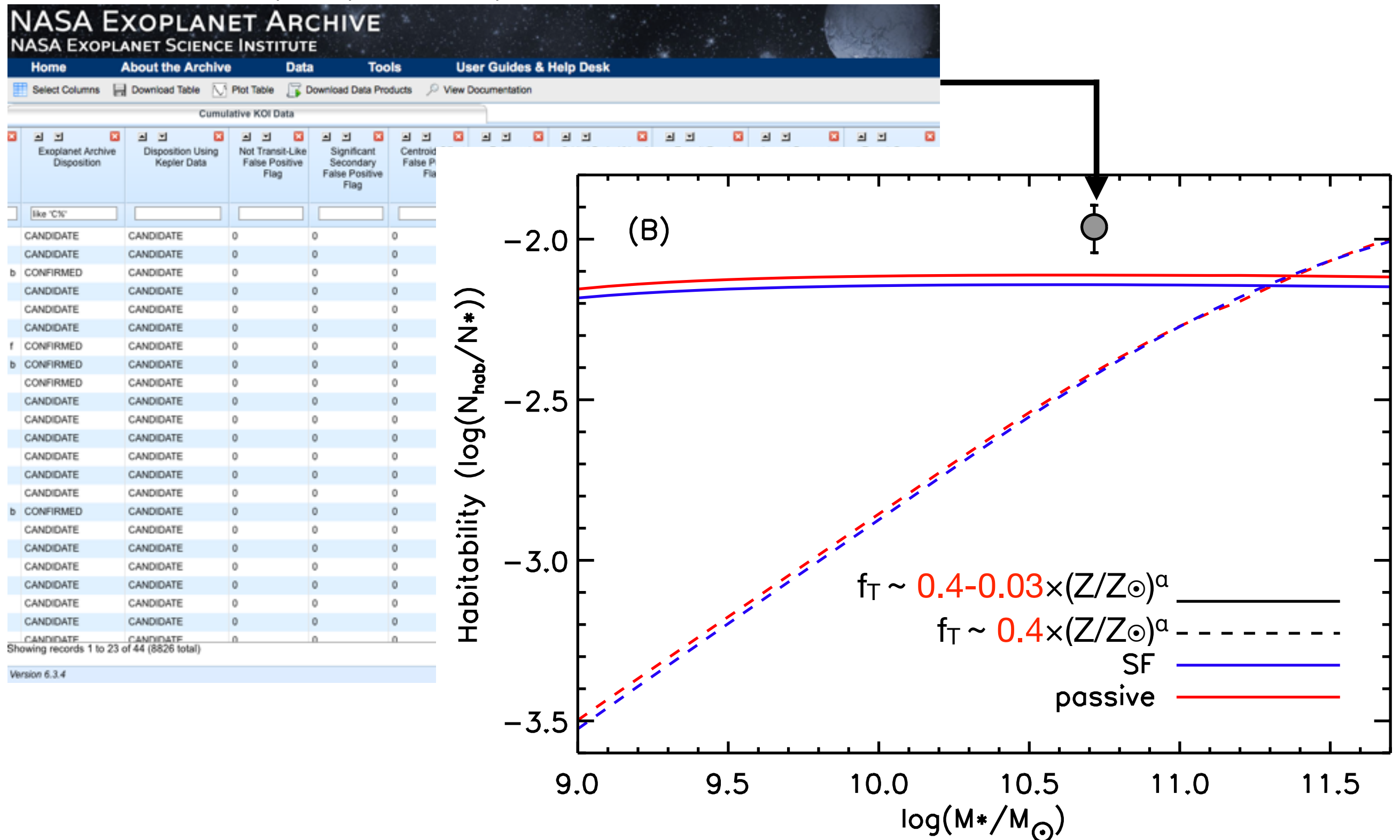


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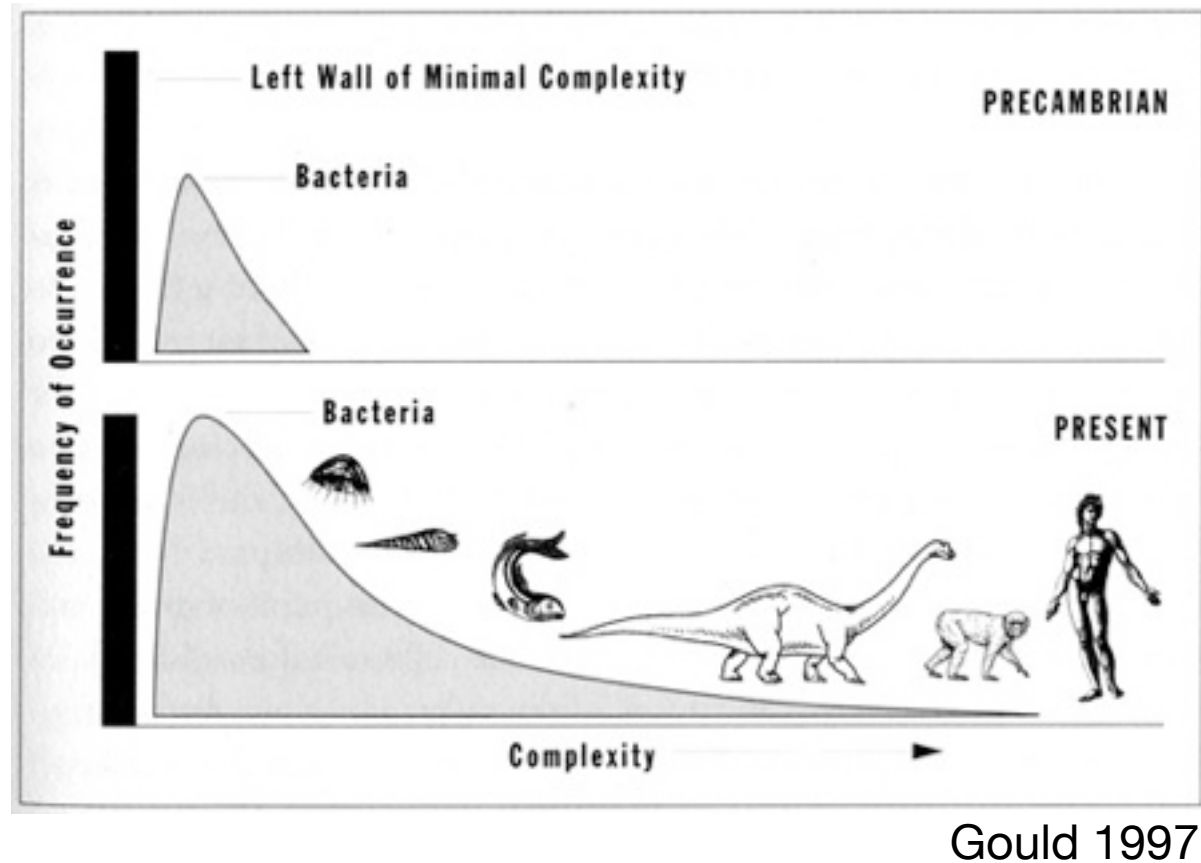


# Comparison with observations

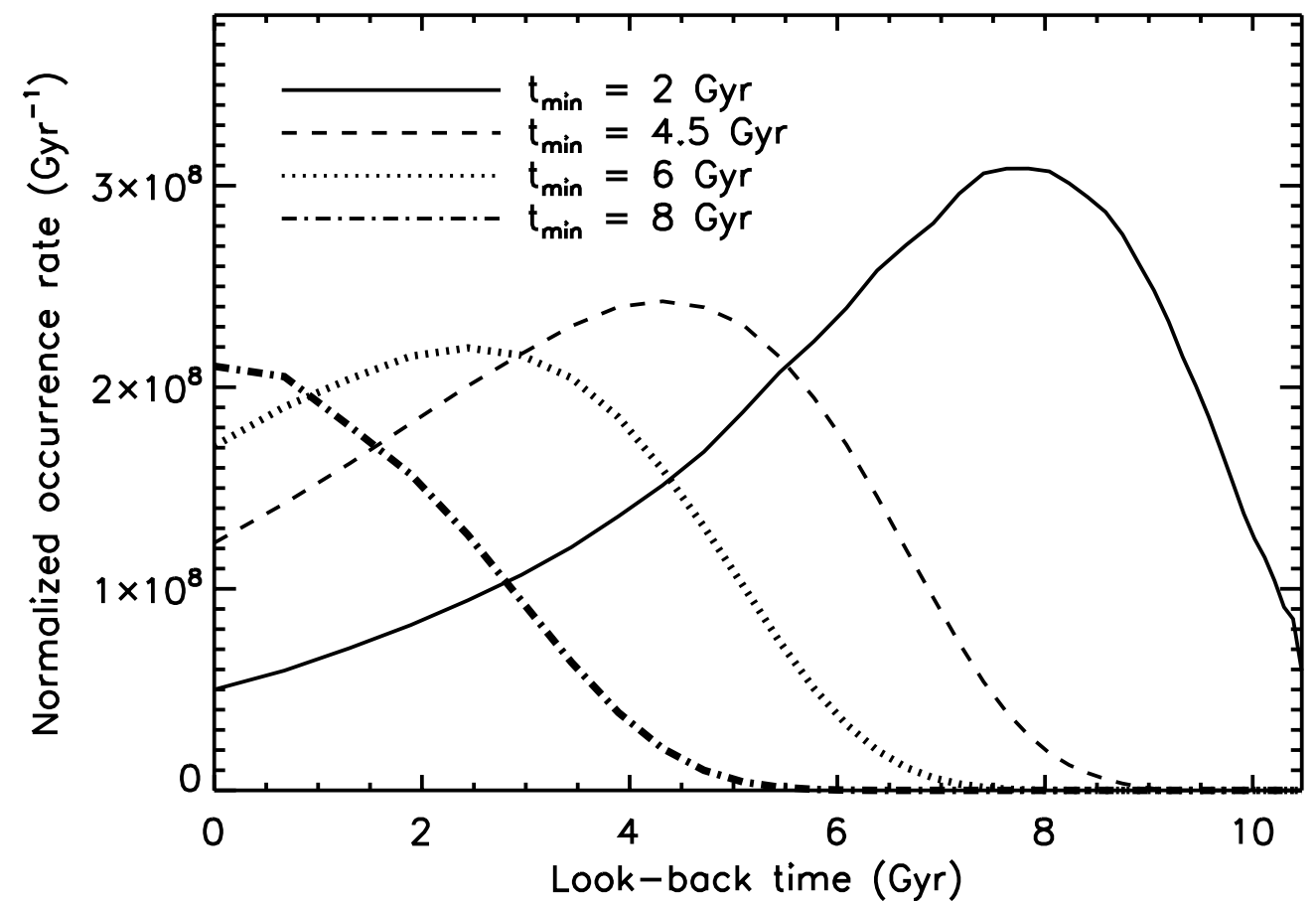
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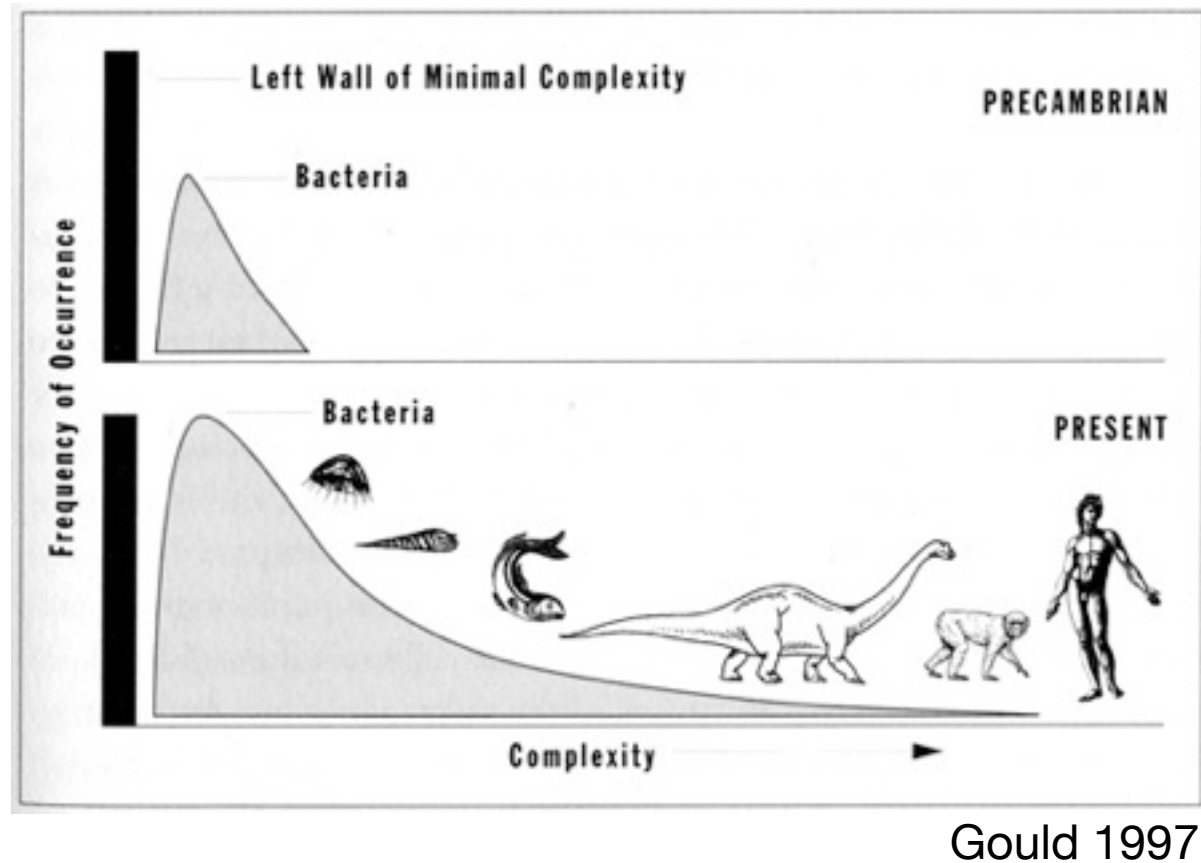


## Occurrence rate of Earth-analogues

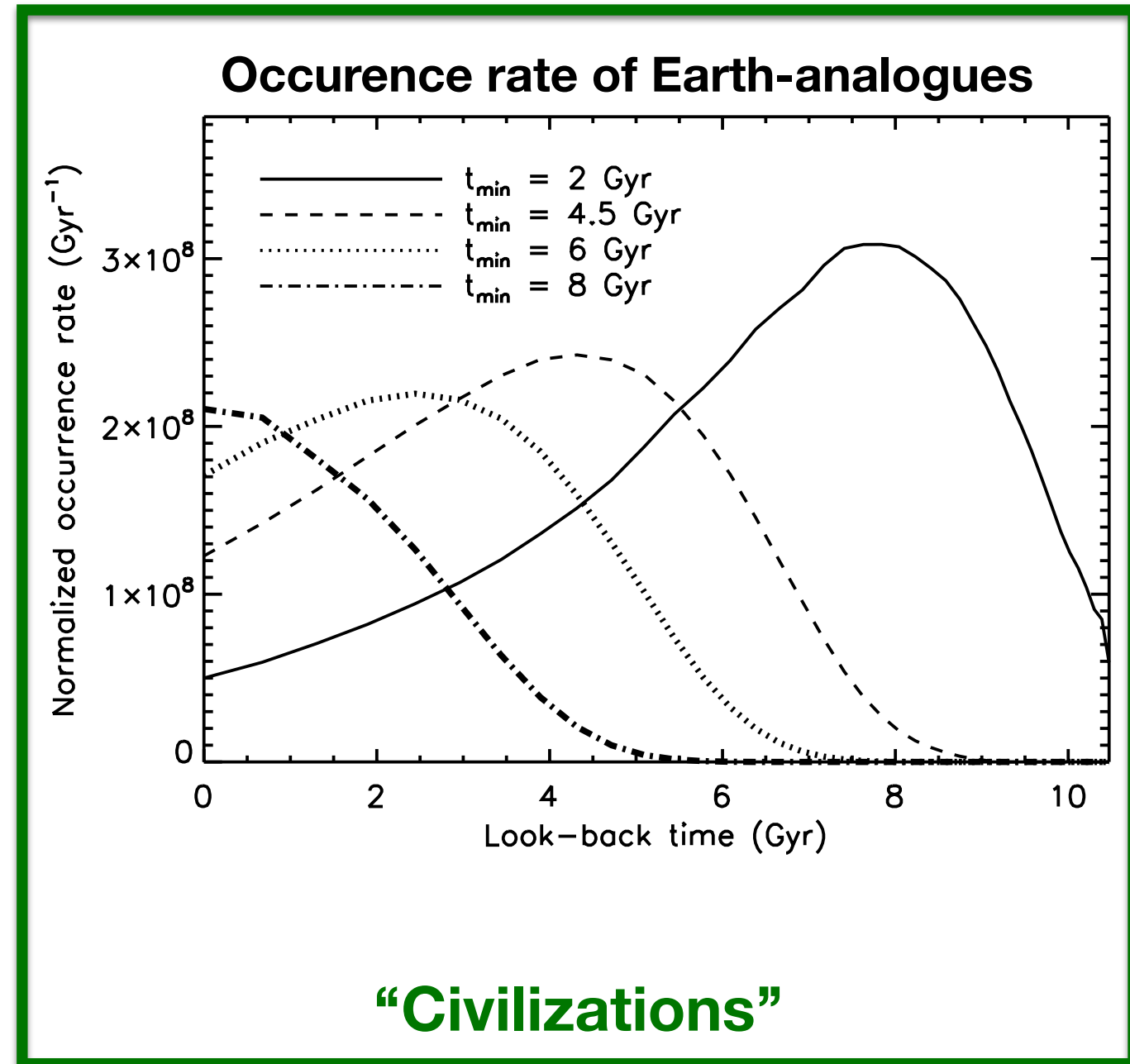


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# Some numbers

(Gobat & Hong, A&A, 592, 96)

- 0.65-0.8% of stars can be expected to have a terrestrial planet in their HZ  $\Rightarrow \sim 2 \times 10^9$  in the Milky Way
- most habitable planets orbit K & M stars (**caveat**)
- median age of stars hosting habitable planets: 6 Gyr in disks  
9.5 Gyr in ETGs
- civilizations in the observable universe:  $N_{MW} \times 10^{9-0.22(\Delta t/\text{Gyr})}$   
 $\sim 10^8$  if we are representative
- if we are unique in the MW:  $P_{us} < 7 \times 10^{-10}$   
or  
 $\Delta t > 8 \text{ Gyr}$



A surreal landscape featuring a large, metallic, grid-patterned alien structure hovering over a green field with sheep, a wooden fence, and a large satellite dish.

**Thank you for your attention**

**and remember to check the planning office regularly.**