



# Galaxy Demographics and the SkyPy project

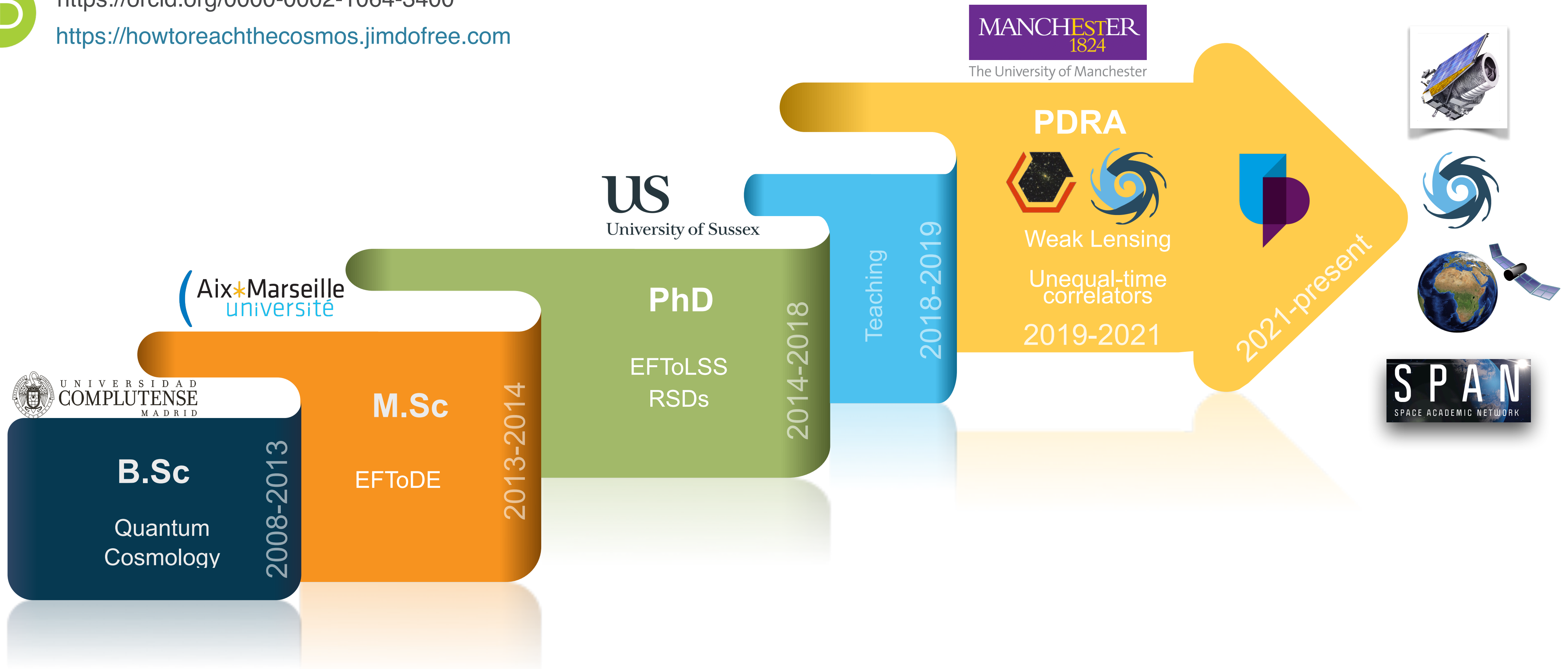
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# Who I am...



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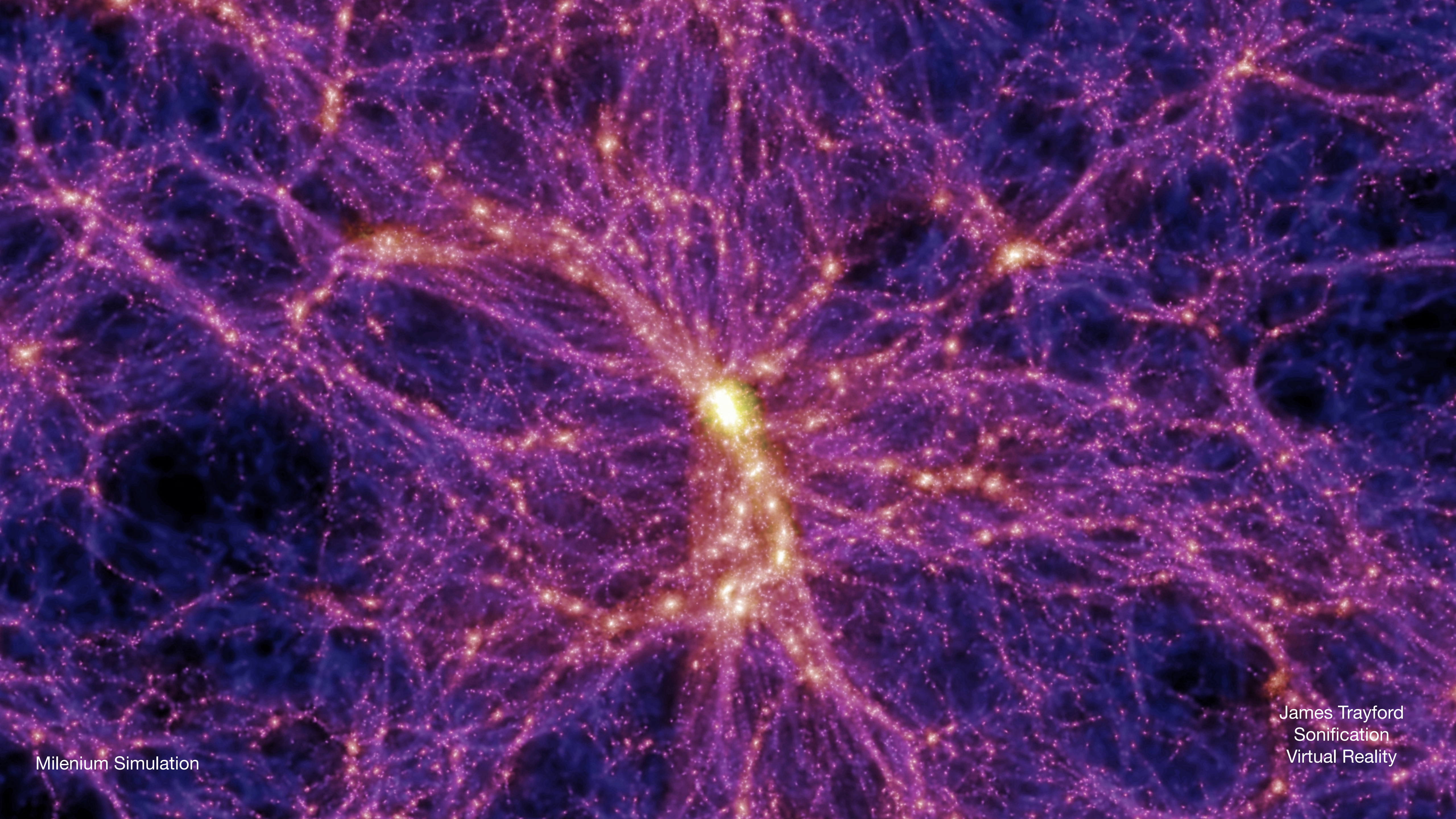
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# I. Galaxy Demographics

L. F. de la Bella, A. Amara, S. Birrer, W. Hartley & P. Sudek, [arXiv 2112.11110](https://arxiv.org/abs/2112.11110)

1. Context and goals
2. Method
3. Validation



Milenium Simulation

James Trayford  
Sonification  
Virtual Reality

# The challenge

Open-data revolution in Astronomy

Sophisticated analysis methods that heavily rely on realistic simulations

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**Blue** & **Red**

# Galaxy populations

Tools

Schechter mass function

$$\phi(m, t)dm = \phi_*(t) \left( \frac{m}{m_*} \right)^\alpha e^{-m/m_*} dm$$

- Star-forming galaxies  $\{\phi_{*b}, \alpha_b, m_{*b}\}$  Star formation rate:  $SFR = \frac{dm}{dt} = m sSFR$
- Satellite quenched  $\{\phi_{*\rho}, \alpha_\rho, m_{*\rho}\}$  Quenching rate:  $\eta_\rho \simeq 50\%$
- Mass quenched  $\{\phi_{*m}, \alpha_{sm}, m_{*m}\}$  Quenching rate:  $\eta_m = \frac{SFR}{m_*}$

$\eta \rightarrow$  Probability for isolated active galaxies being quenched per unit time

(Inverse: time scale an isolated active galaxy waits to be quenched)

$f \rightarrow$  Fraction of quenched galaxies

# The goal

## Main goal

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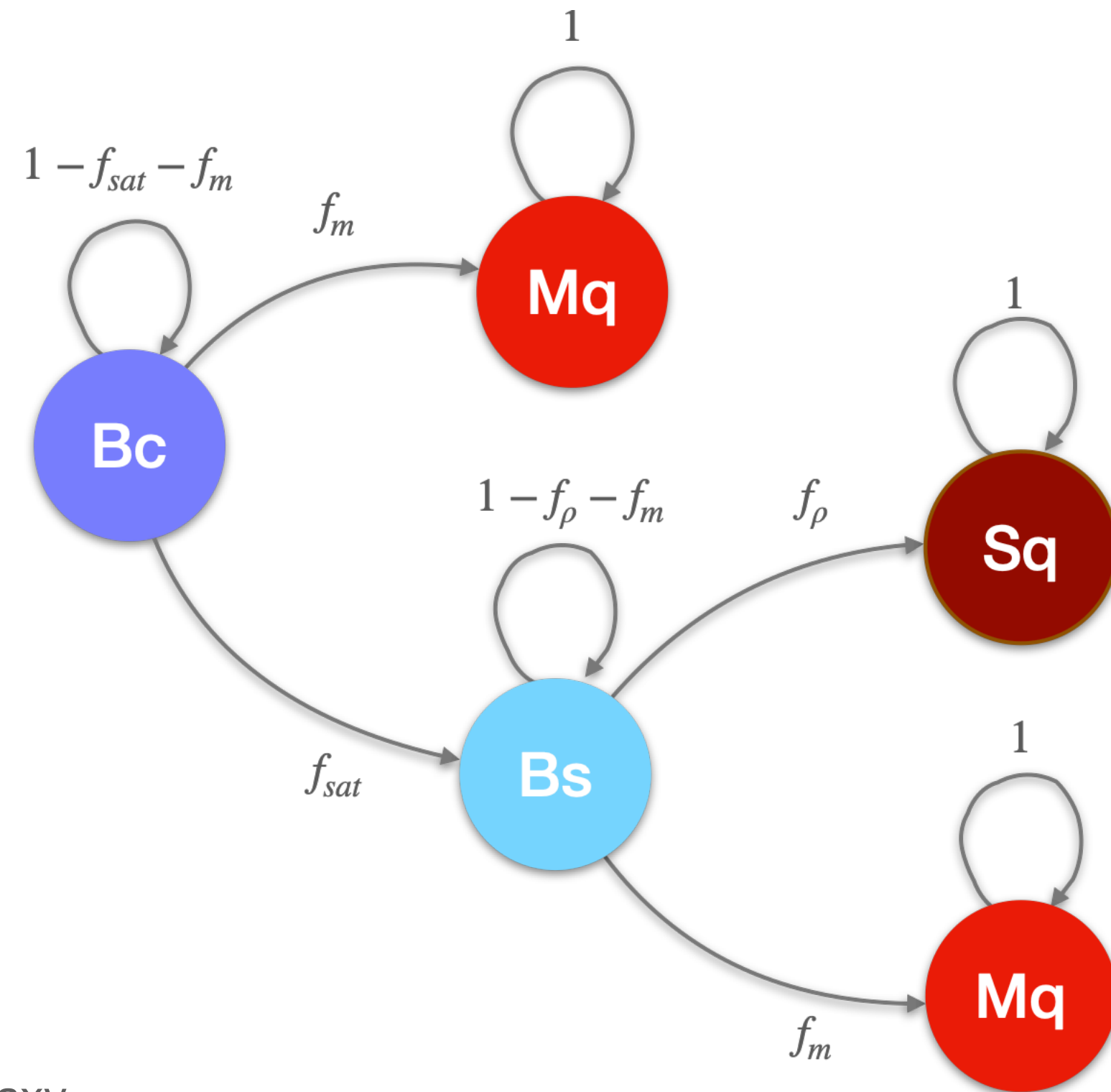
## Objectives

1. Write the “passive” **Schechter parameters** in terms of the active population.
2. Derive the **time evolution** of  $\phi_*(\mathbf{z})$ .



# The method

Describe galaxy demographics with a set of continuity equations  
invoking two quenching mechanisms



- $B_c$  Active central galaxy
- $B_s$  Active satellite galaxy
- $M_q$  Mass-quenched galaxy
- $S_q$  Satellite-quenched galaxy

$$\frac{dB_c}{dt} = \alpha SFR B_c - \eta_m B_c - \eta_{sat} B_c$$

$$\frac{dB_s}{dt} = \alpha SFR B_s - \eta_m B_s - \eta_\rho B_s + \eta_{sat} B_c$$

$$\frac{dM_q}{dt} = \eta_m B_c + \eta_m B_s$$

$$\frac{dS_q}{dt} = \eta_\rho B_s$$

# The results

1. Write the “passive” **Schechter parameters** in terms of the active population.
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Reduce parameter space for simulations  
 Passive galaxies described by double Schechter function  
 Satellite-quenched galaxies subset of the active population

Exact analytical time dependence of the amplitude  
 of the active galaxies

|        | $\phi_*$             | $\alpha$       | $M_*$   |
|--------|----------------------|----------------|---------|
| Star-f | $\phi_b^*$           | $\alpha_b$     | $m_b^*$ |
| Sat-q  | $F_\rho \phi_{bs}^*$ | $\alpha_b$     | $m_b^*$ |
| Mass-q | $\simeq \phi_b^*$    | $\alpha_b + 1$ | $m_b^*$ |

$$f_\rho = 1 - e^{-\int \eta_\rho dt} \quad F_\rho = \frac{1}{\ln(1 - f_\rho)}$$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{ccc} \phi_{*b} & \alpha_b & m_{*b} \\ \phi_{*m} & \alpha_m & m_{*m} \\ \phi_{*\rho} & \alpha_\rho & m_{*\rho} \end{array} \right\} \rightarrow \left\{ \begin{array}{ccc} \phi_{*b} & \alpha_b & m_{*b} \\ f_\rho & f_{\text{sat}} & \end{array} \right\}$$

$$\phi_b(m, t) = B_c(m, t) + B_s(m, t)$$

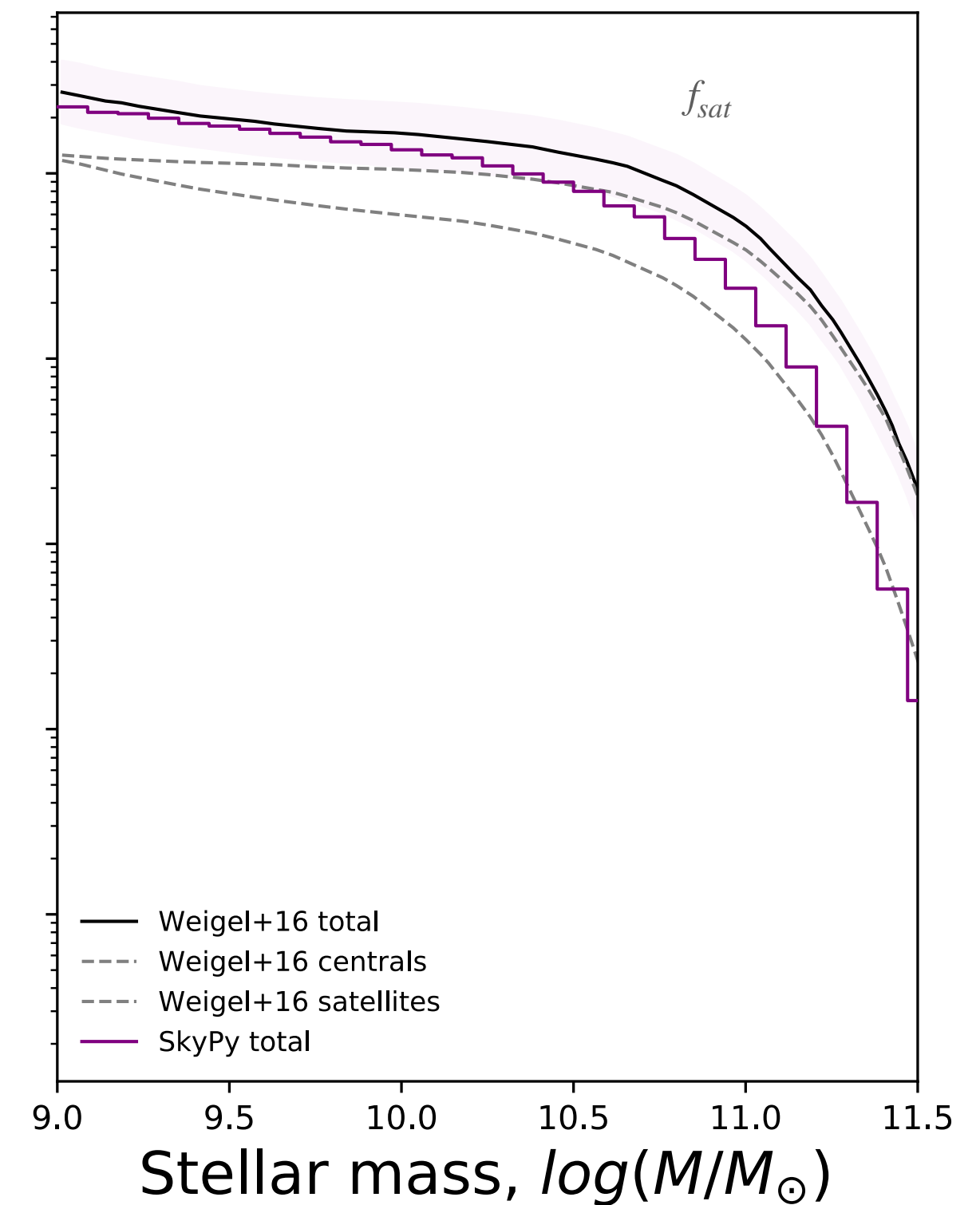
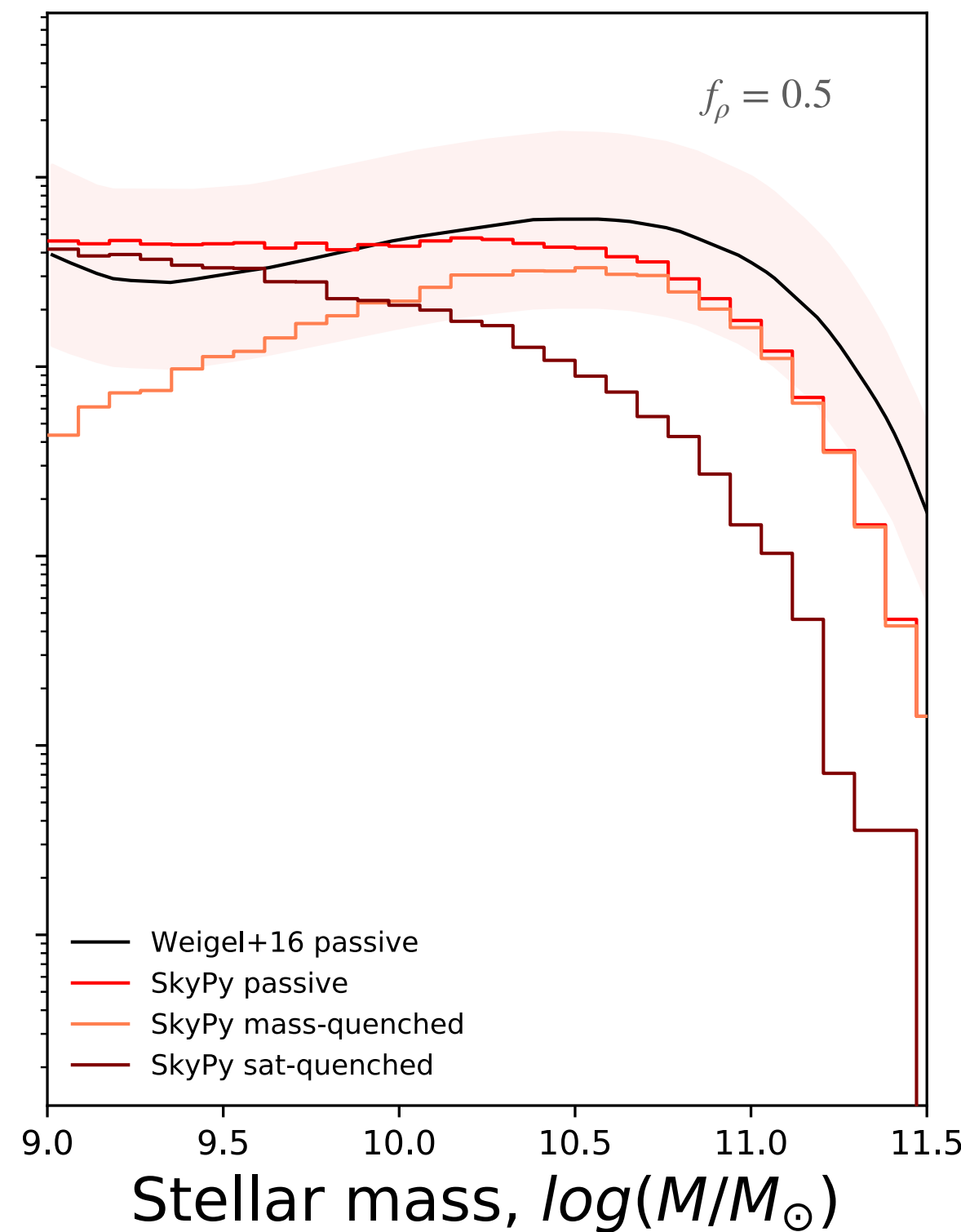
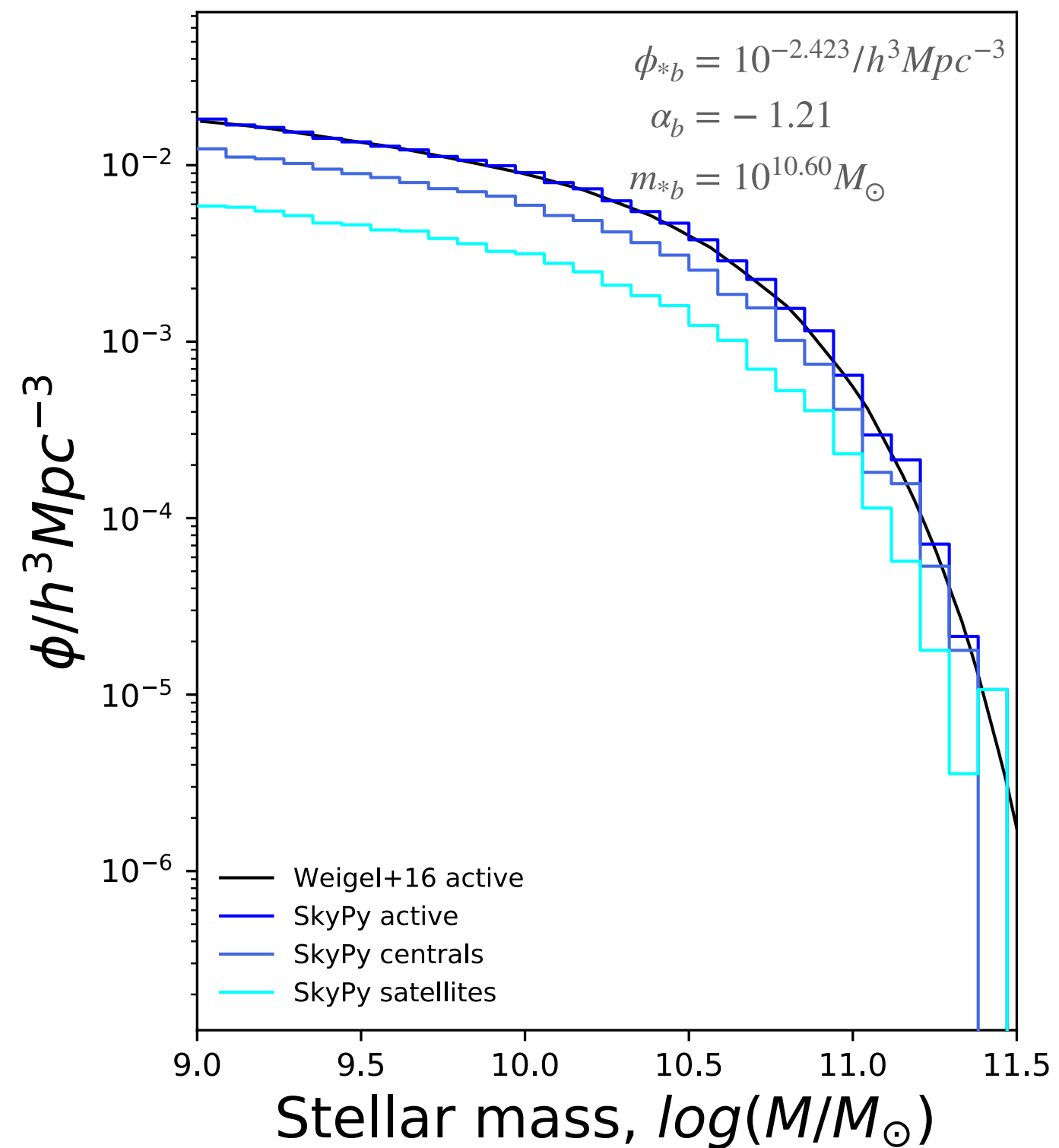
$$\phi_{*b}(z) = A(\eta_{\text{sat}}) e^{f(z; \eta_{\text{sat}})}$$

Note:

perform a polynomial expansion and retrieve the Herbel et al. model 2017  $\phi_*(z) = be^{az}$

Weigel et al. 2016 best-fit for SDSS DR7

## Galaxy Demographics Simulation

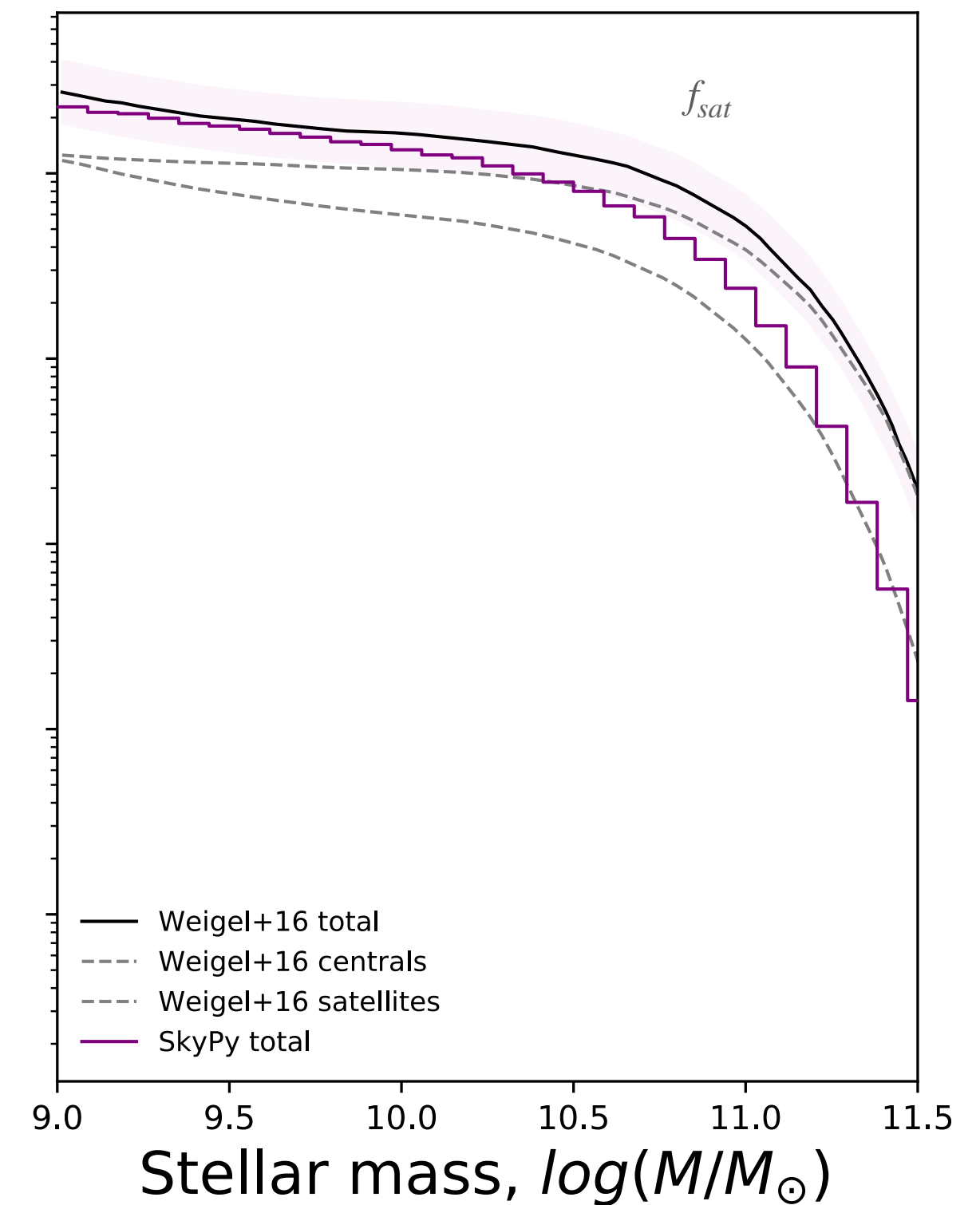
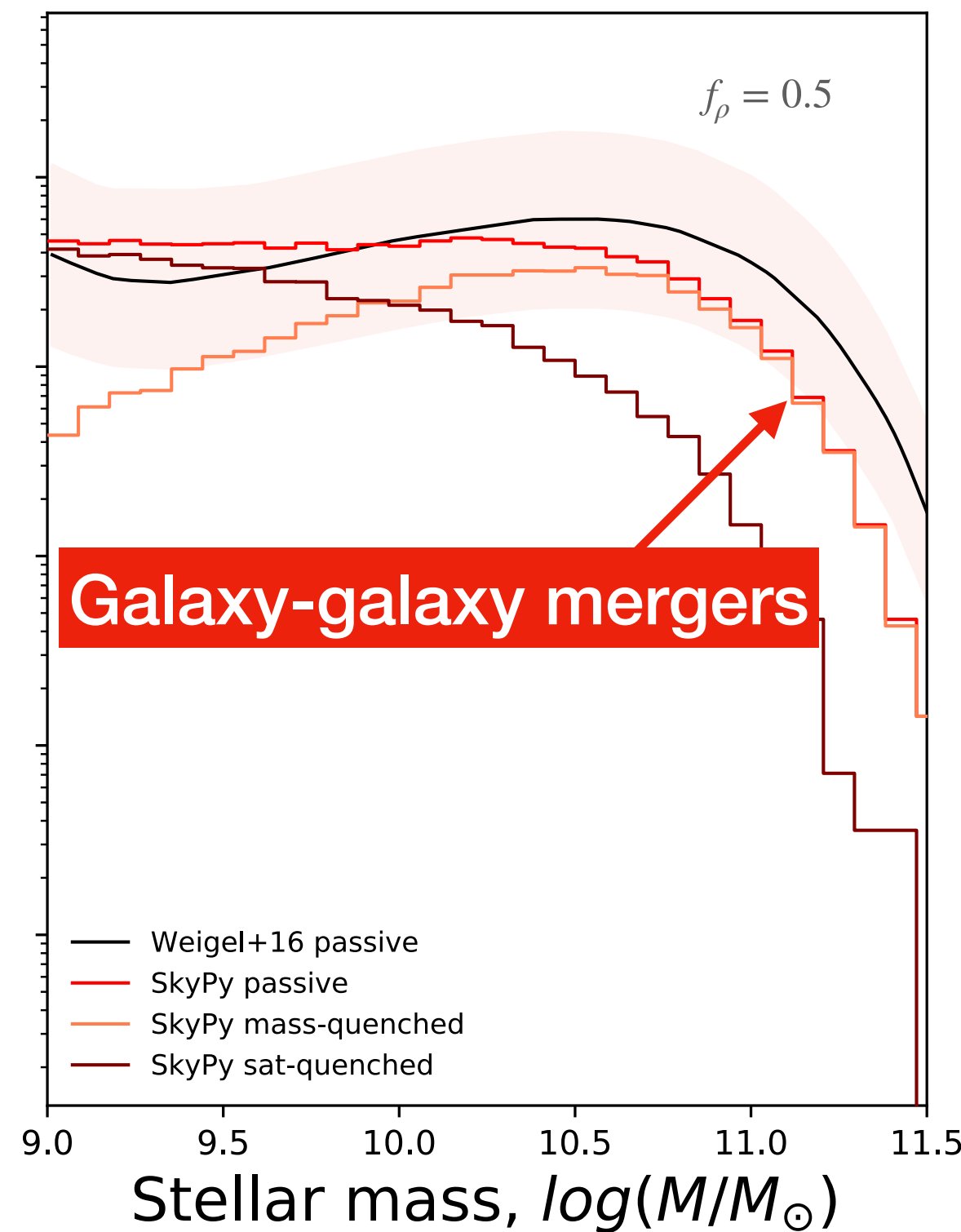
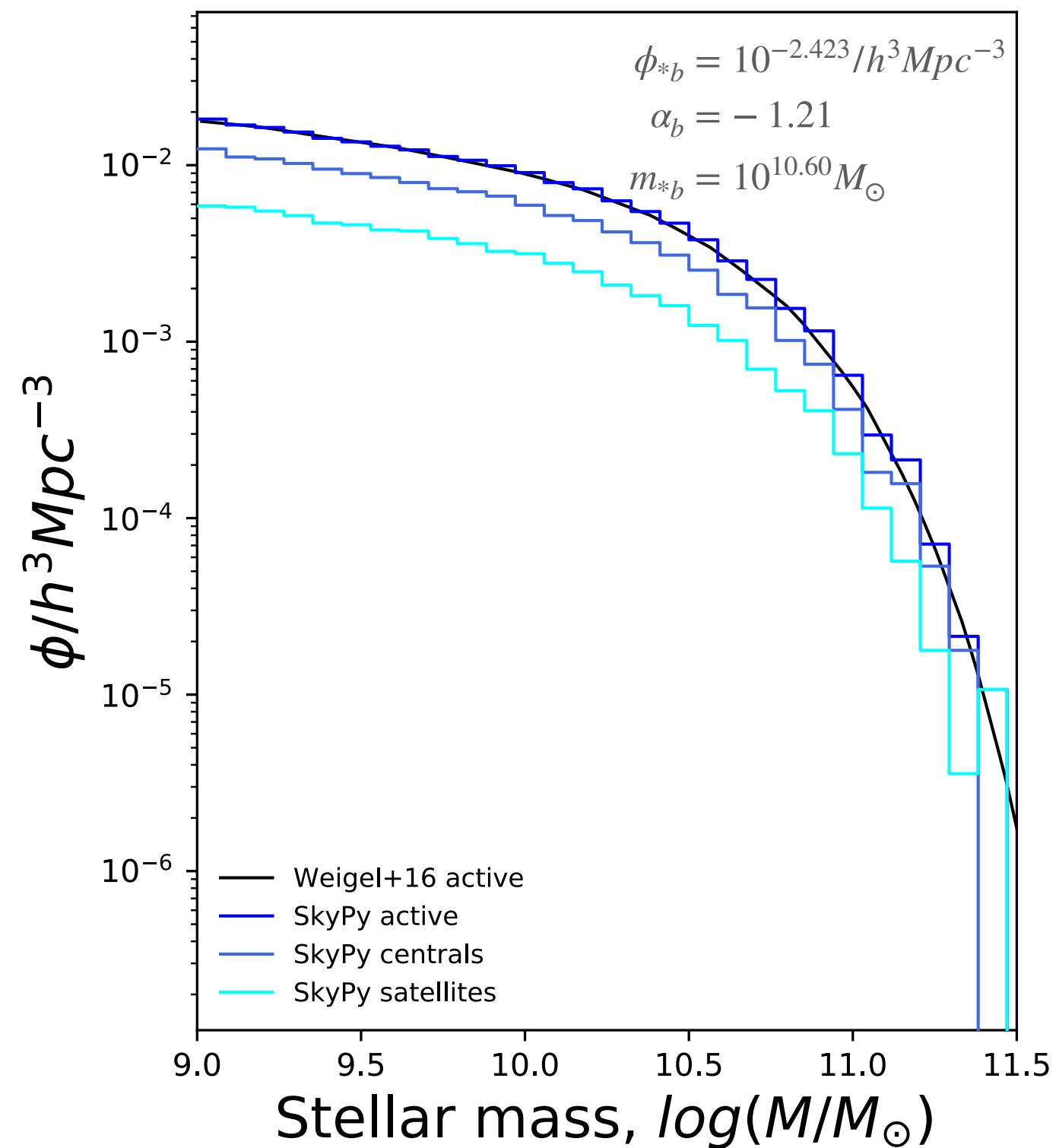


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## Conclusions

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Validation against Weigel et al. 2016 best-fit for SDSS DR7  
 $f_\rho \sim 50\%$  in agreement with literature values



Implemented in the **SkyPy** galaxy module

Implemented in the **SkyPy** example page

**Sonification with Strauss**





# Questions



## II. and the **SkyPy** project

**7. CONFIGURATION  
FILES**

**6. SIMULATION  
PIPELINES**

**5. RESEARCH  
&  
DEVELOPMENT**



**1. VISION**

**2. MEMBERS**

**3. COMMUNITY PACKAGE**

**4. THE LIBRARY**





# 1. The vision

- Observational cosmology limited by data access
- Open-data revolution in astronomy
- Challenge: access to sophisticated analysis **methods**.
- Emerging methods: forward modelling & machine learning.



- III generation of catalog production (**user-generated outputs**)
- **Open-source** off-project high-quality **Python** package
- **End-to-end simulations** of the astrophysical sky
- Interface with external software
- Enable **Forward Modelling** and **Machine Learning**

- Not a single pipeline simulation
- Do not replicate existing code

- **Reuse**
  - Astropy-affiliated packages
  - High-quality codes
- **Ecosystem** of compatible software



## 2. Members

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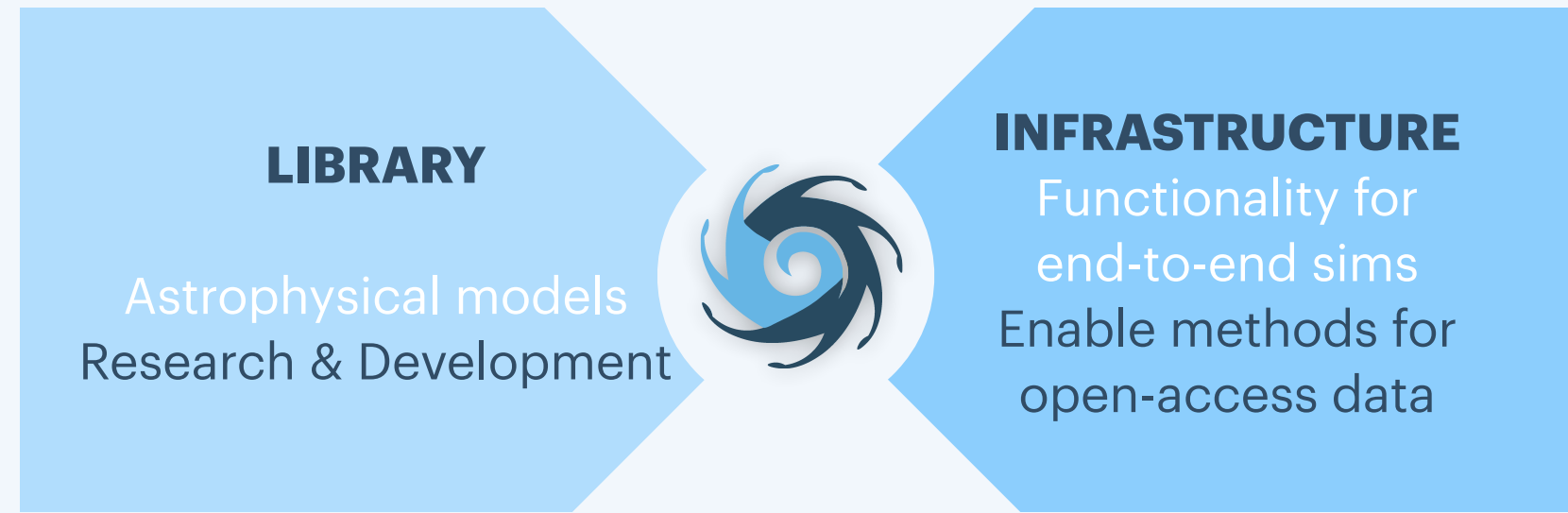


**William Hartley**



# 3. Community Package

<https://github.com/skypyproject/skypy.git>



- **GitHub** organisation
- Unit tests & high-quality documentation
- Code review & Infrastructure team

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my-pc: -$ conda install -c conda-forge skypy or
my-pc: -$ git clone https://github.com/skypyproject/skypy.git

my-pc: -$ ipython
...
[1]: import skypy
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**SkyPy Documentation**  
This package contains methods for modelling the Universe, galaxies and the Milky Way. Also included are methods for generating observed data.

**Getting Started**

- Installation
- Feature List
- Configuration Files
- Examples

**User Documentation**

**Packages**

- Galaxies ([skypy.galaxies](#))
- Utils ([skypy.utils](#))

**Pipeline**

- Pipeline ([skypy.pipeline](#))

**Developer Documentation**

- Contributor Guidelines

**Project details**

- Code of Conduct

<https://skypy.readthedocs.io/en/latest>



# 4. The Library

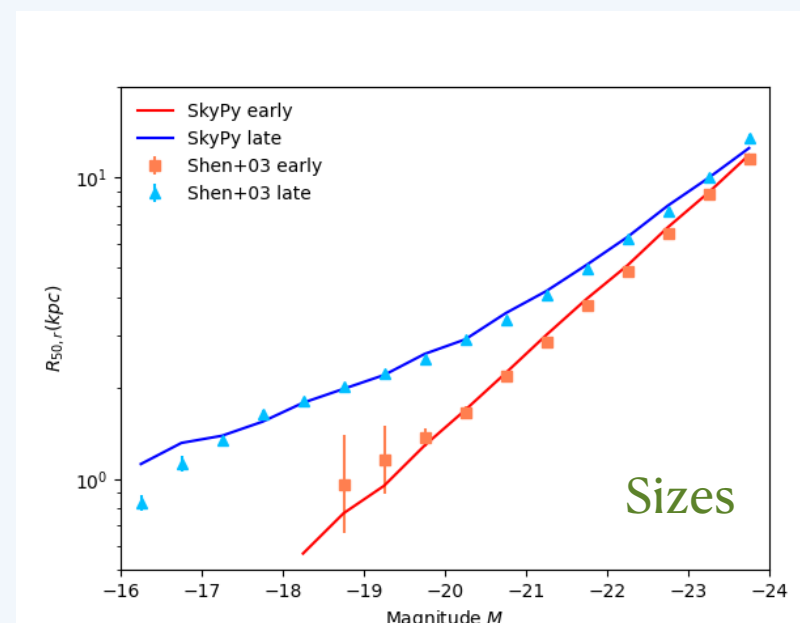
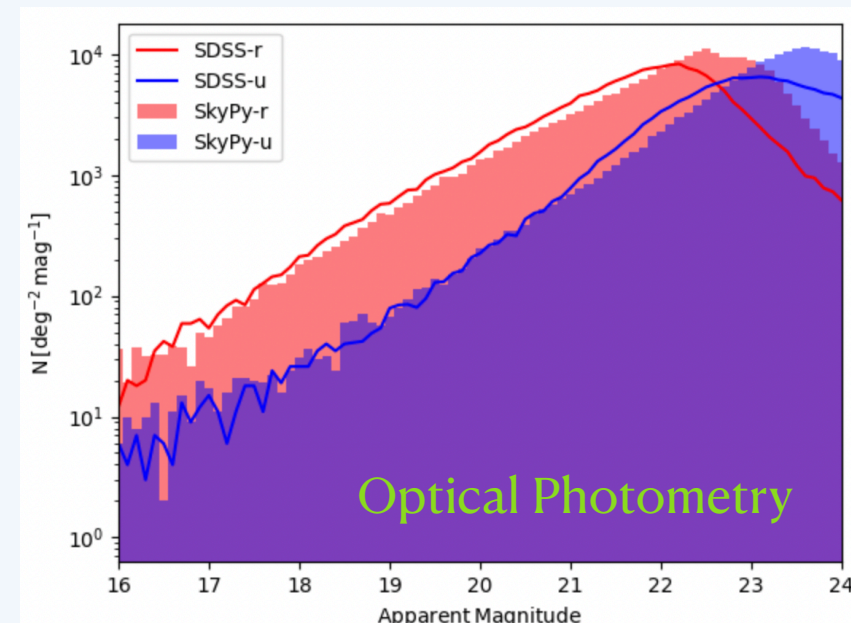
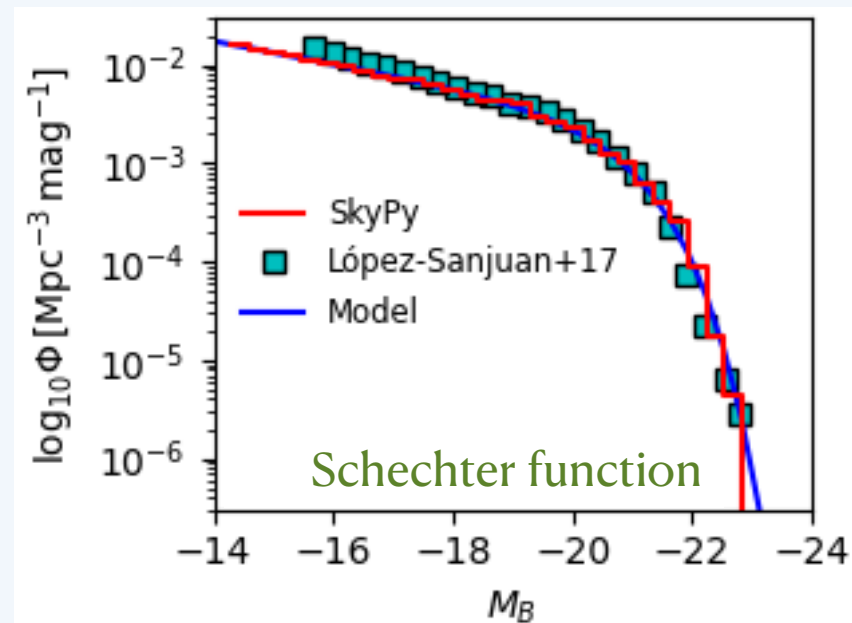




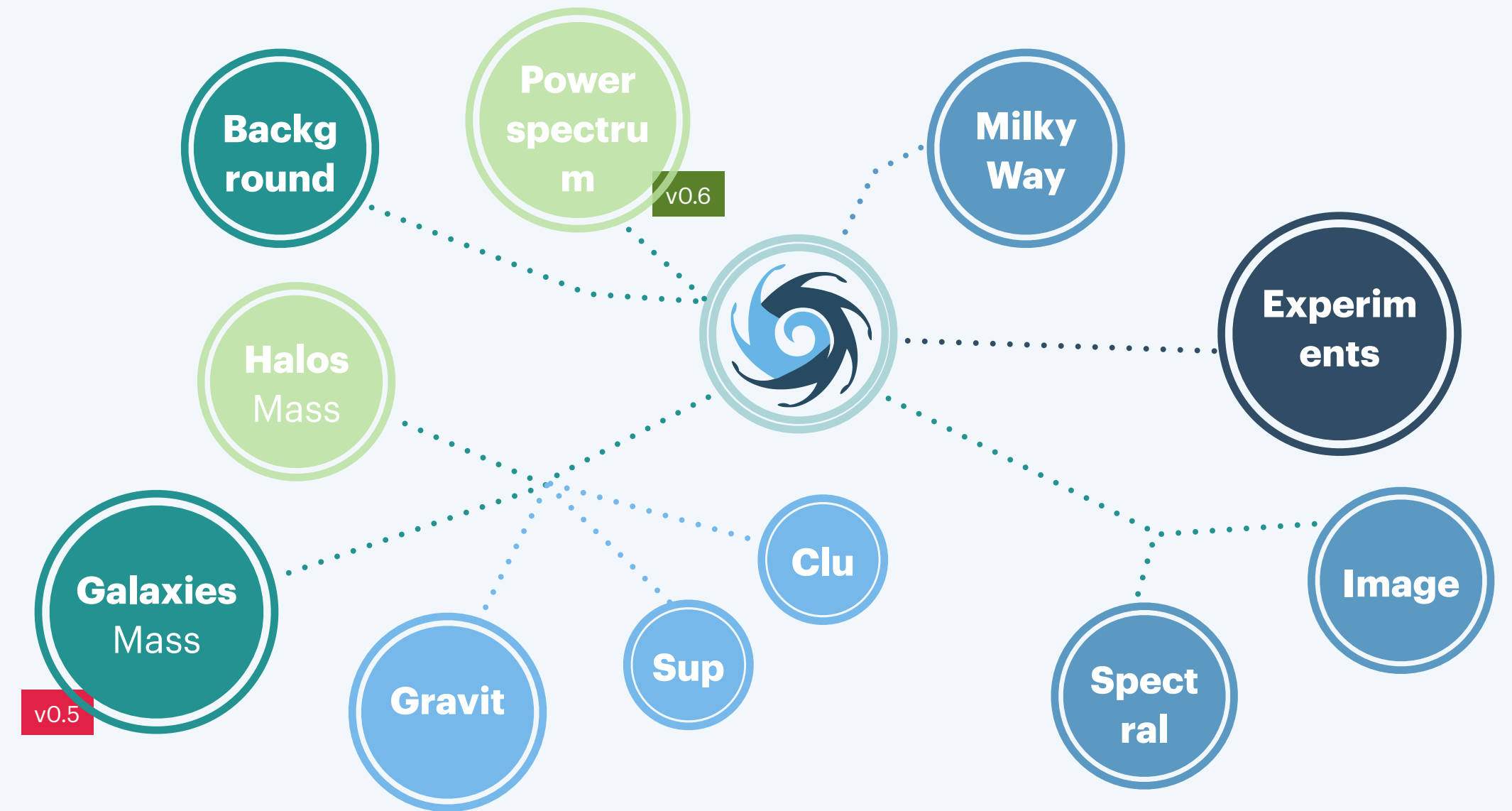
# 5. Research & Development

## SkyPy v0.5

- **Luminosity Distributions** — Schechter Luminosity function
- **Morphological Distributions** — angular size, (early- and late-type) linear lognormal size distribution, beta ellipticity and Ryden 2004 ellipticity distributions.
- **Redshift Distributions** — redshifts from co-moving density, Schechter (luminosity and stellar mass) redshift distribution, Smail+94 redshift distribution.
- **Spectral Energy Distribution Modelling** — Dirichlet coefficients, Correct templates.
- **Stellar Mass Distribution** — Schechter stellar mass function.



<https://skypy.readthedocs.io/en/stable>



## SkyPy v0.6

- **Power Spectrum** — CAMB, Halofit, CLASS, Eisenstein & Hu, growth functions
- **Dark Matter Halos** — Colossus, halo and sub-halo mass sampler, ellipsoidal and spherical collapse functions (Press-Schechter, Sheth-Tormen), abundance matching, quenching models

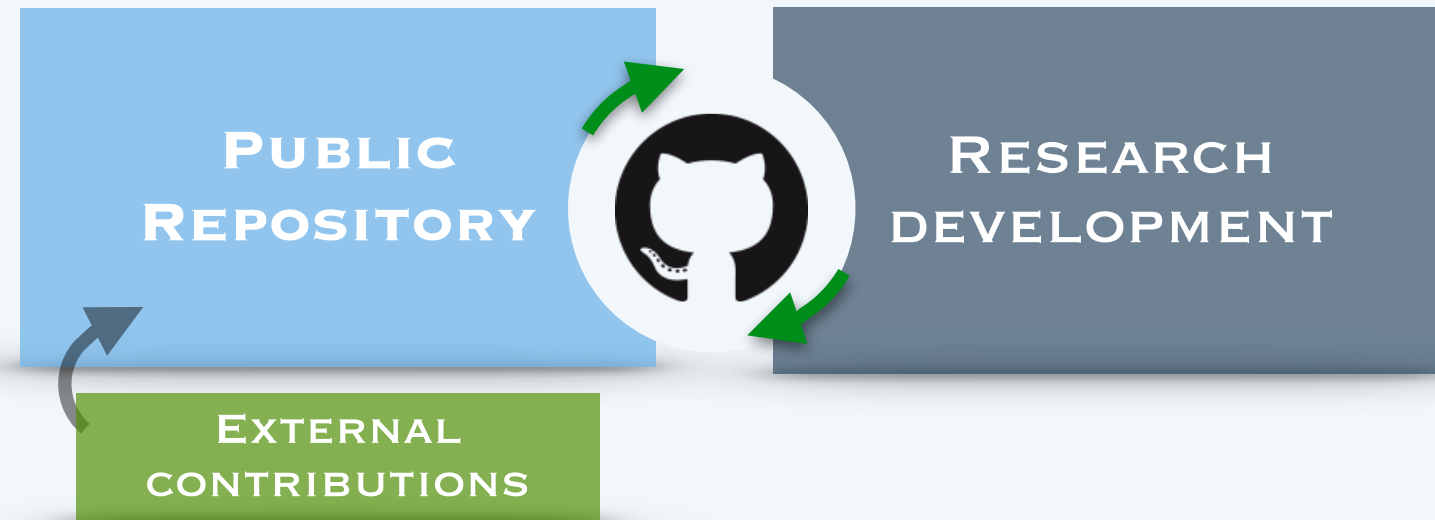
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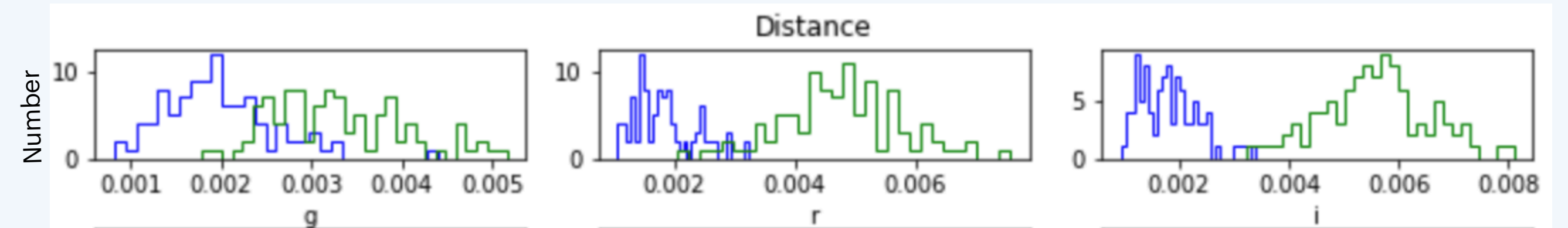
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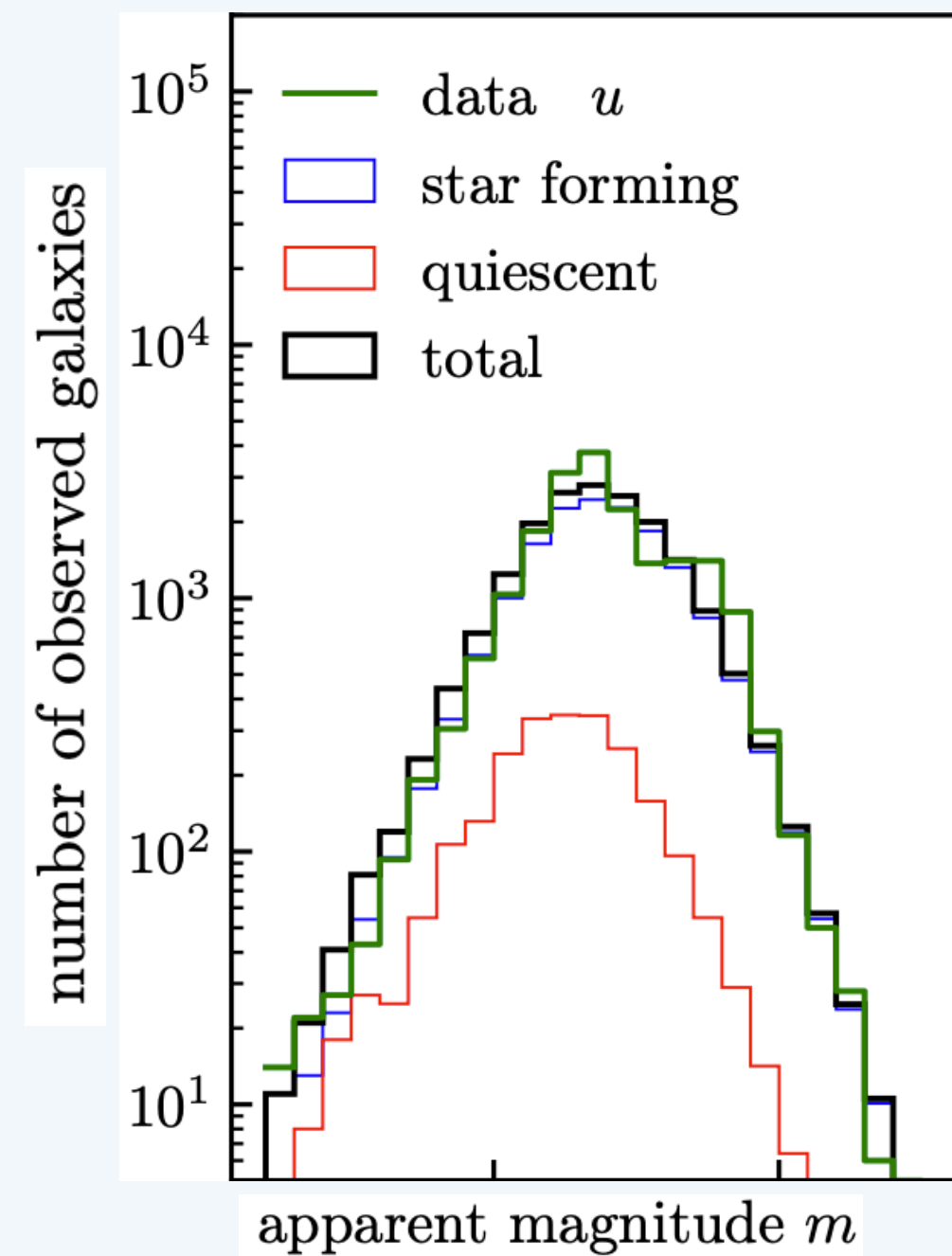
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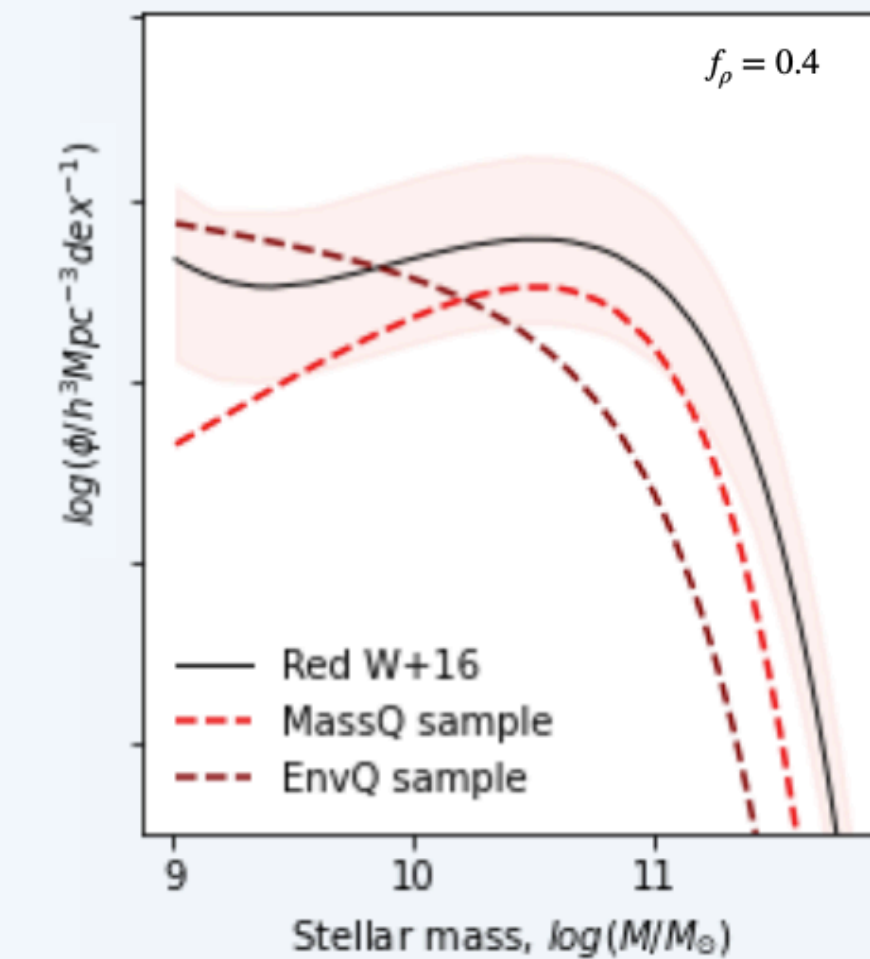
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Investigation of Schechter parameter sensitivity of a DES-like survey (Sudek+ in prep). Big difference of the green and blue histogram indicates high constraining power using the corresponding observable



Apparent magnitude distribution in the SDSS u filter simulated with SkyPy (blue, red, black) compared to SDSS data (Tessore+ in prep.)



Schechter function in the quenching model vs SDSS best fit (de la Bella + in prep.)



# 6. Simulation pipelines

- Key**
- YAML-based config files
  - The **SkyPy Driver** runs end-to-end **pipelines**
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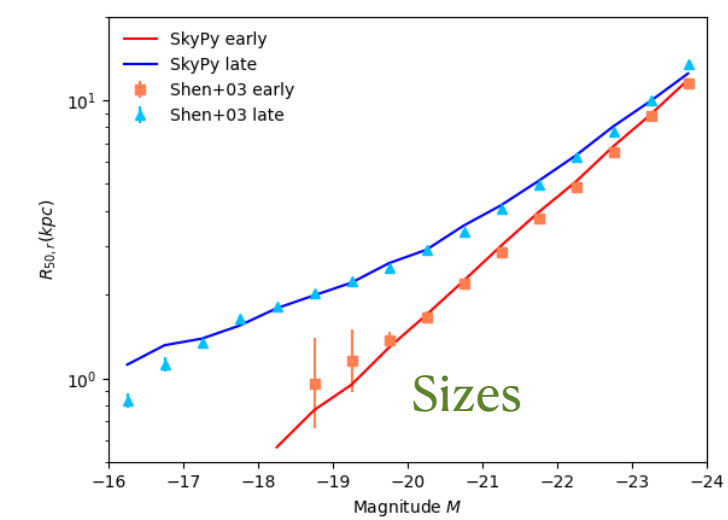
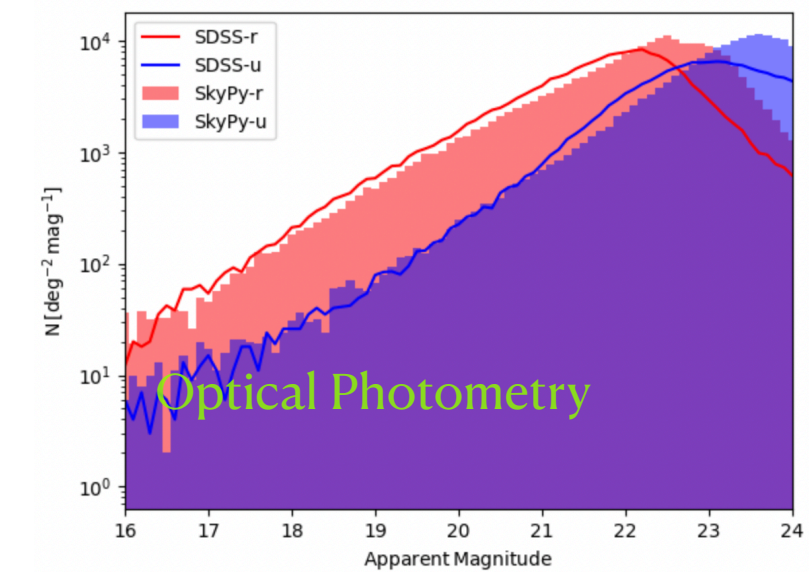
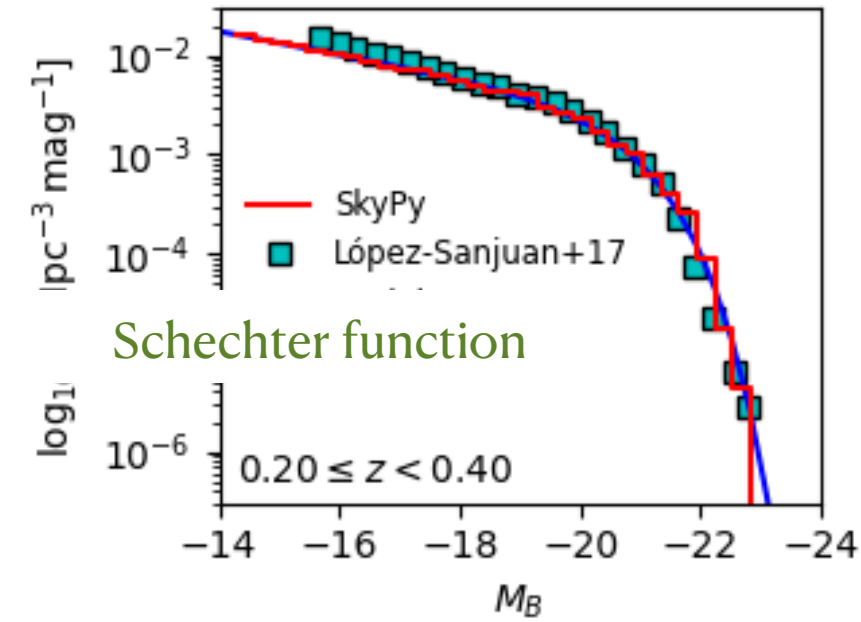
- SkyPy Pipeline
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Combine SkyPy with your favourite software!



Simulated lensed galaxies using SkyPy and *lenstronomy* (Simon Birrer)

## SkyPy PIPELINES





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## SkyPy Syntax

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      m_lim: $magnitude_limit
      sky_area: $sky_area
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pipeline = Pipeline.read("luminosity.yml")
pipeline.execute()

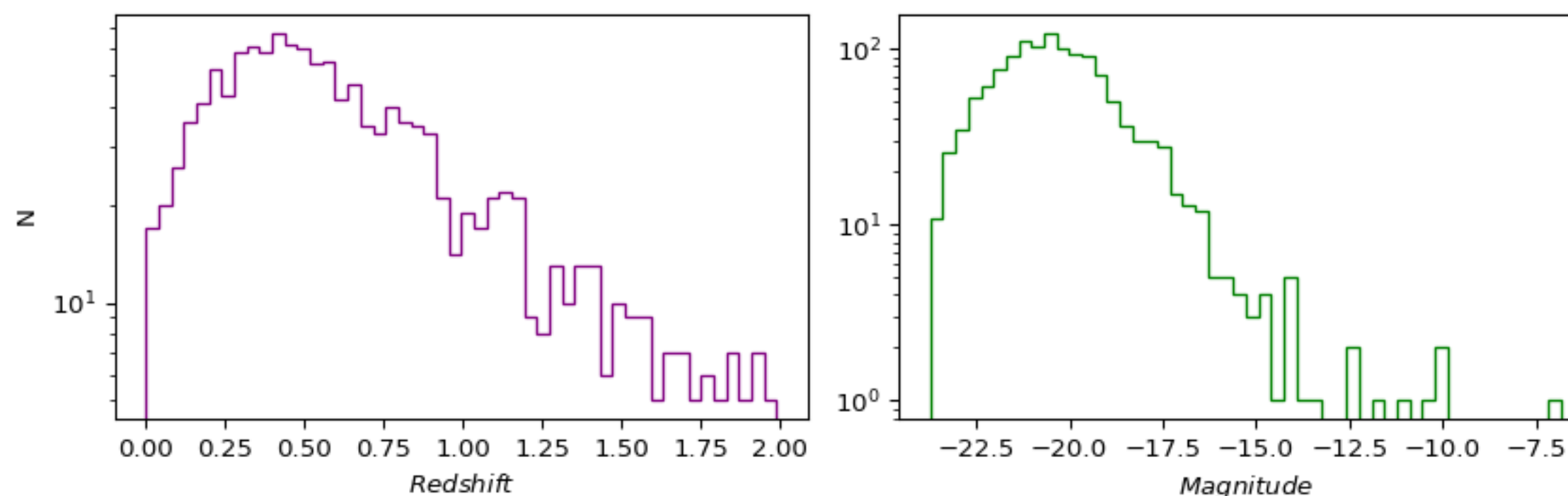
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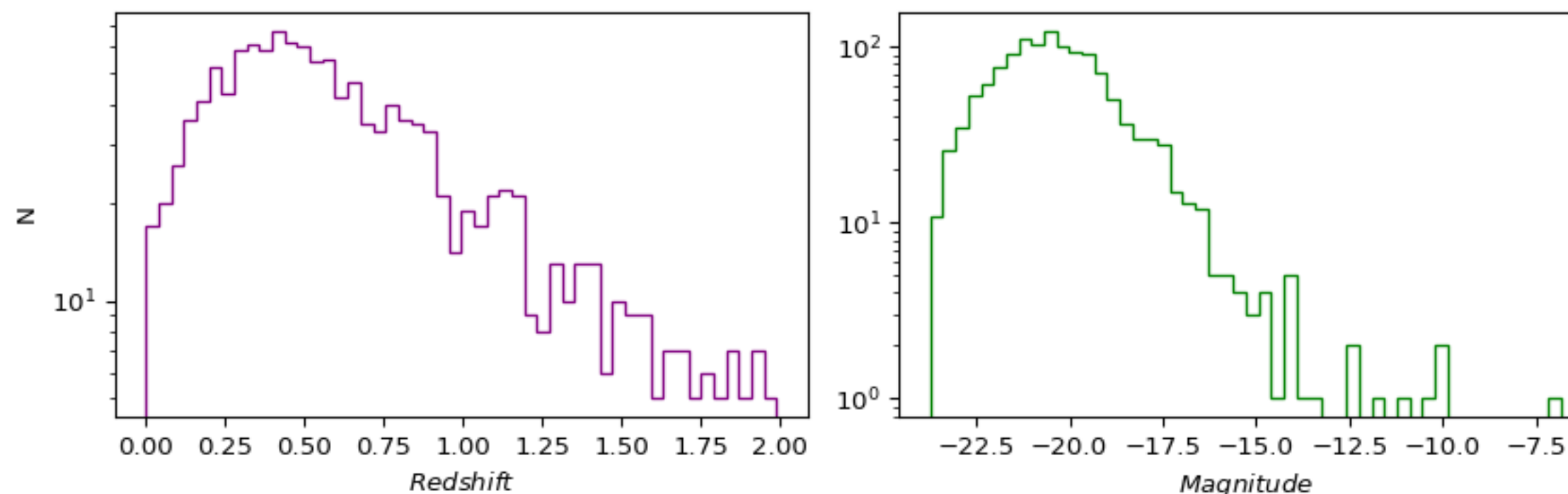
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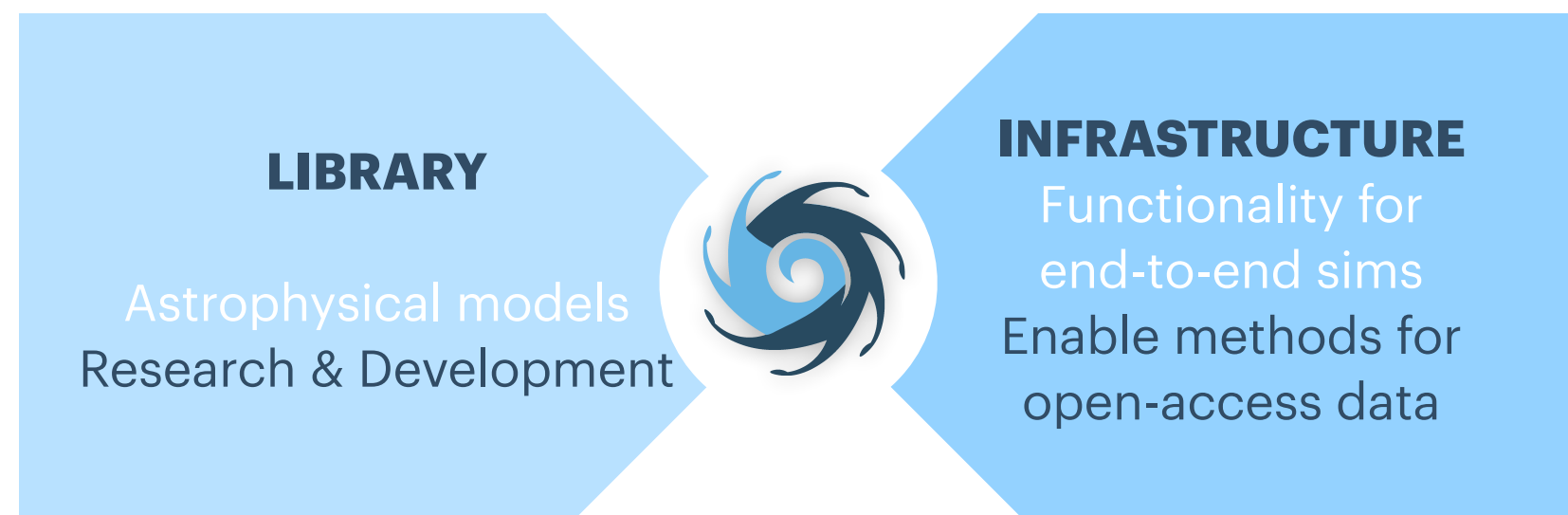
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# Summary

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News

- **v0.6** release: halo & power spectrum.
- Journal of Open-Source Software

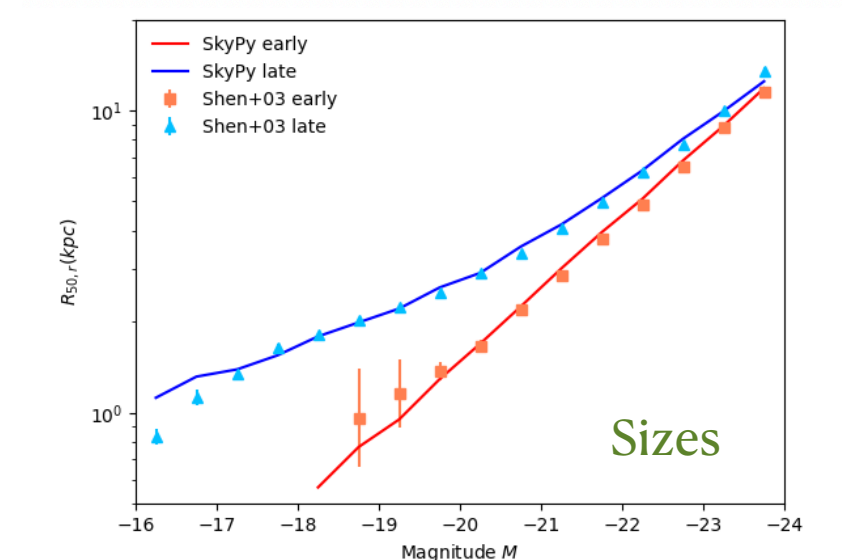
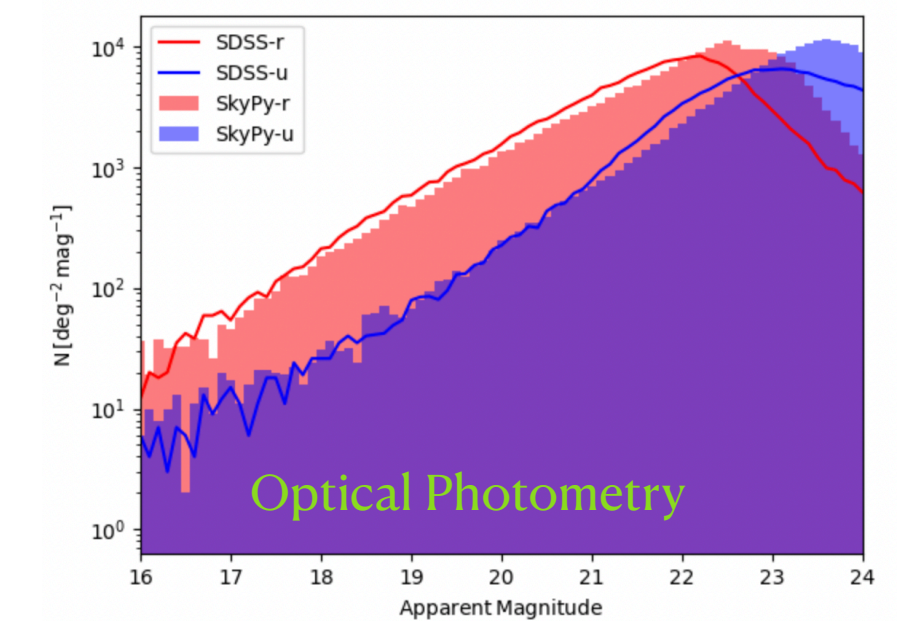
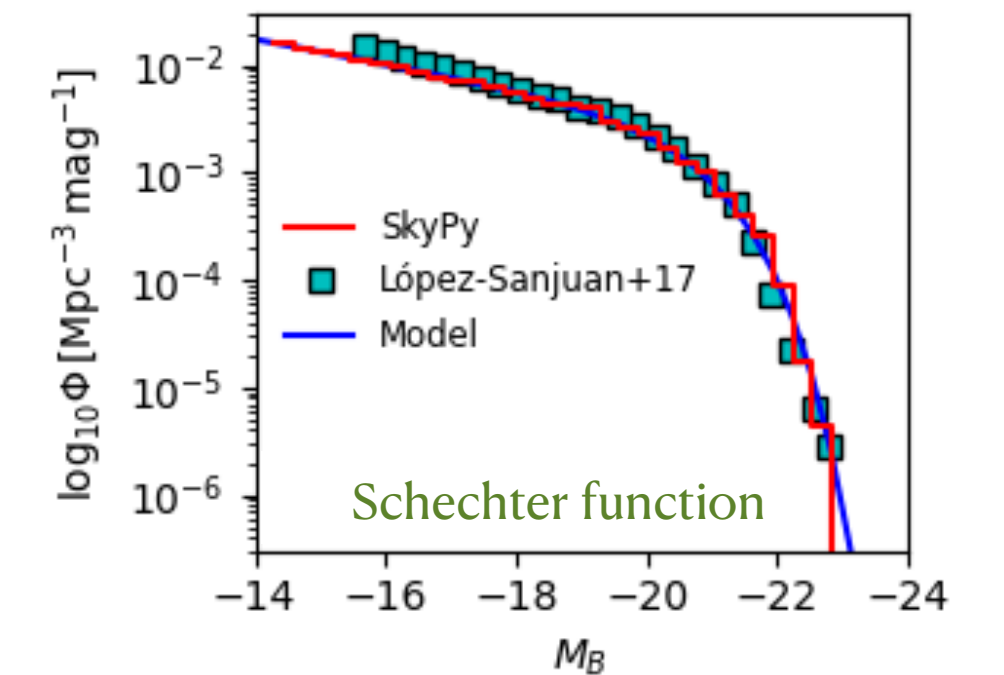
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A stylized teal graphic of a hand holding a globe, set against a background of a starry galaxy. The hand is positioned as if supporting the globe from below. The galaxy background is filled with numerous stars and nebulae in shades of blue, purple, and red.

**Questions?**