



How old are bars?

Determining the cosmic epoch of bar formation using archeological data of nearby galaxies

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Why do we care when bars formed

1. More than half of disc galaxies in the Local Universe have bars

e.g., Eskridge+00; Menéndez-Delmestre+07; Barazza+08; Sheth+08; Aguerri+09; Nair & Abraham 2010; Buta+15; Erwin18

2. Bars affect their host galaxies

e.g., Lynden-Bell & Kalnajs 1972, Combes & Gerin 1985, Fragkoudi+16, Masters+12, Géron+21, Ishizuki+90, Ellison+11, Coelho & Gadotti 2011)

How old are bars observed in the Local Universe?

Do bars and bar-built structures grow?

How the bars affect their host galaxy?

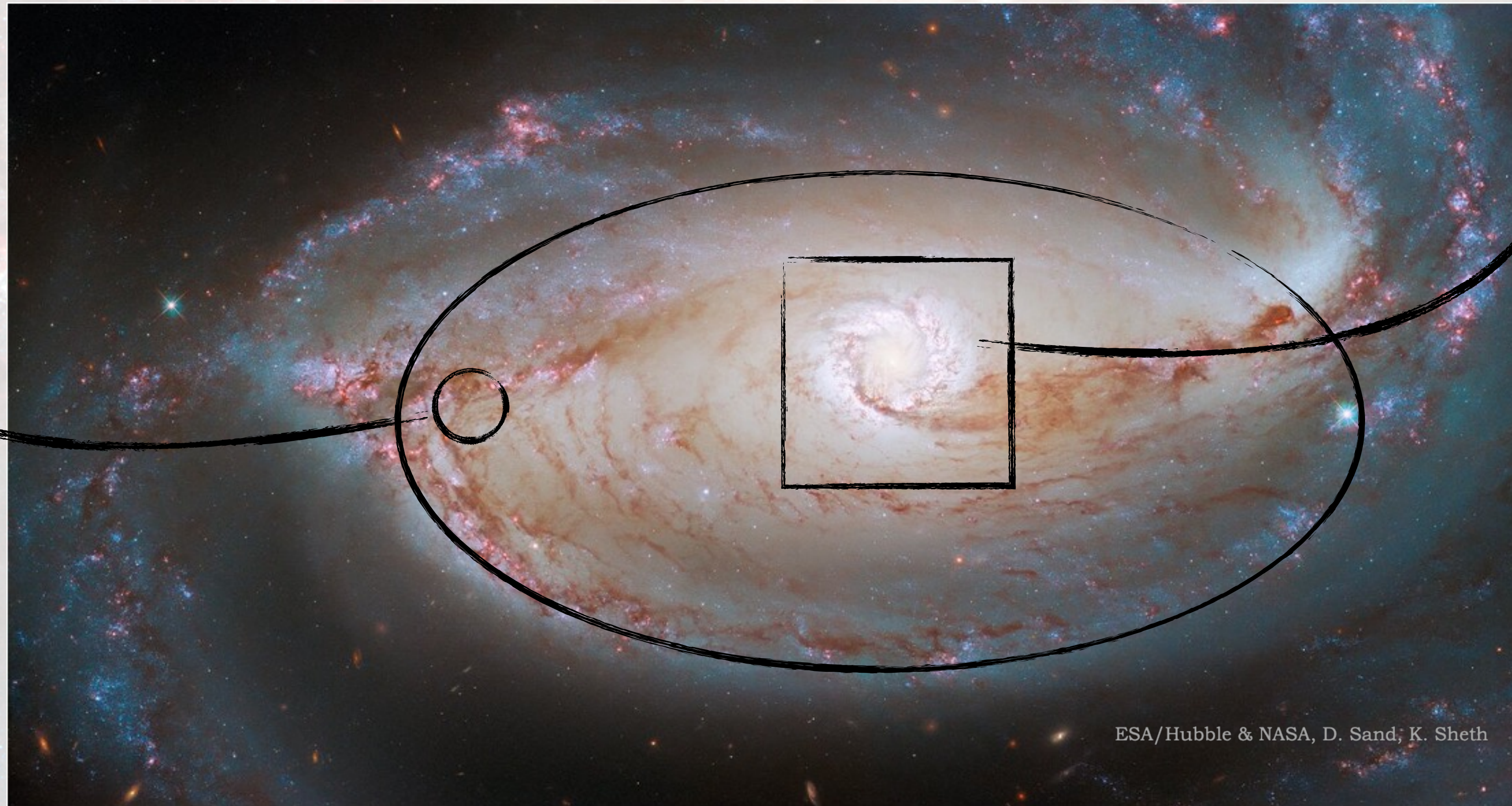
For how long?

Are massive galaxies able to form bars earlier?

Measuring ages of extragalactic bars

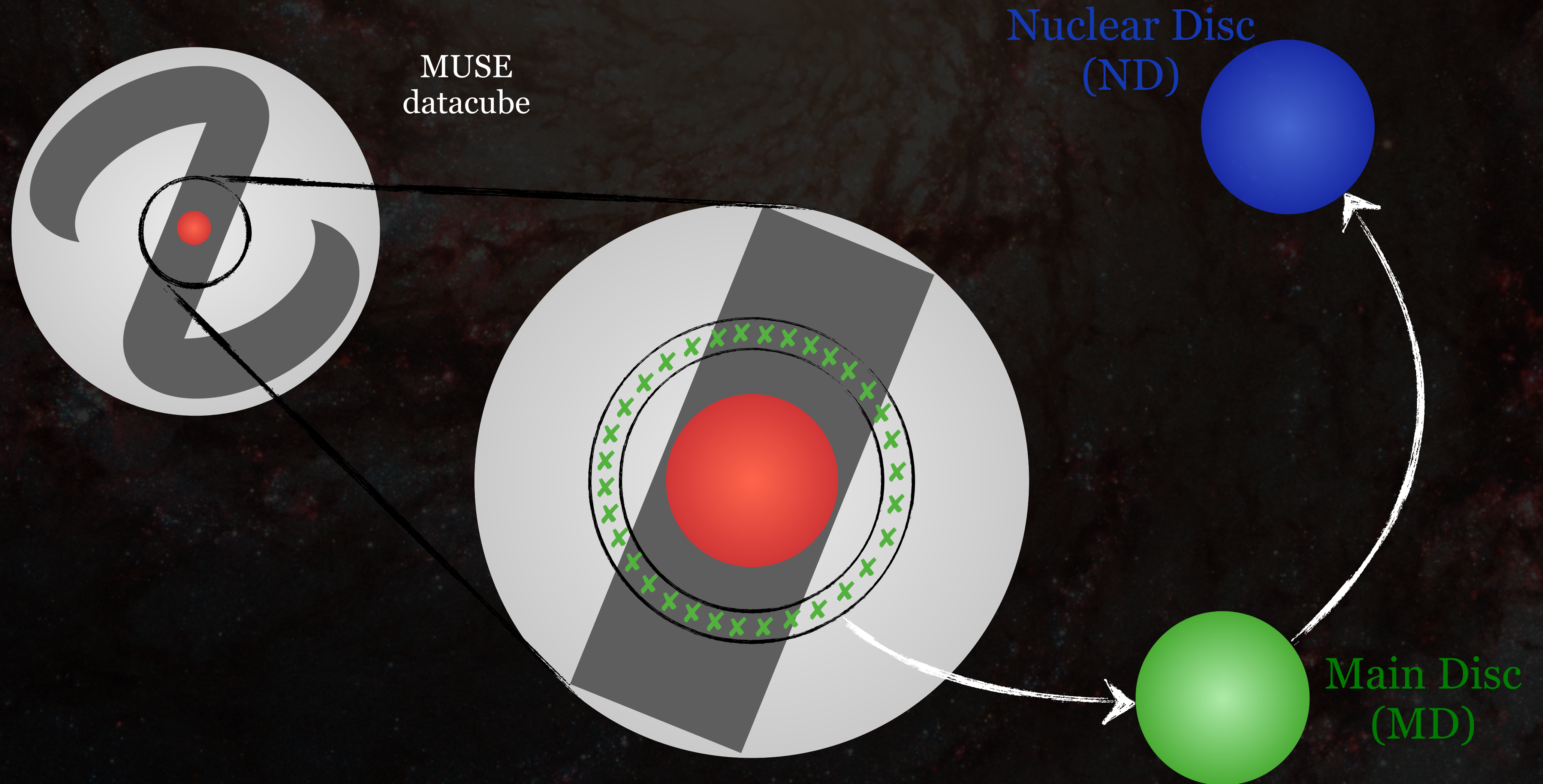
Problem: tangled information

Trapped stars from the disc



ESA/Hubble & NASA, D. Sand, K. Sheth

Timing bar formation



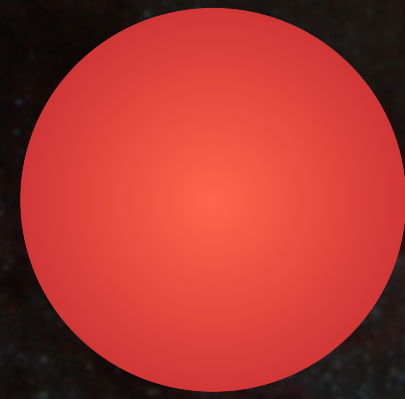
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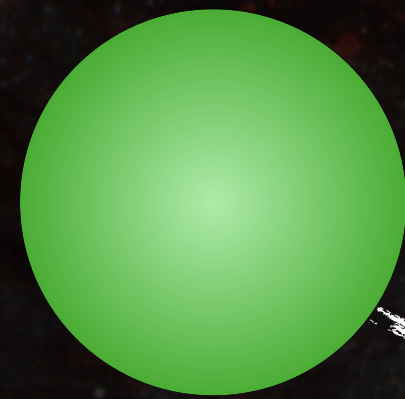
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Tested the approach in simulated galaxies!

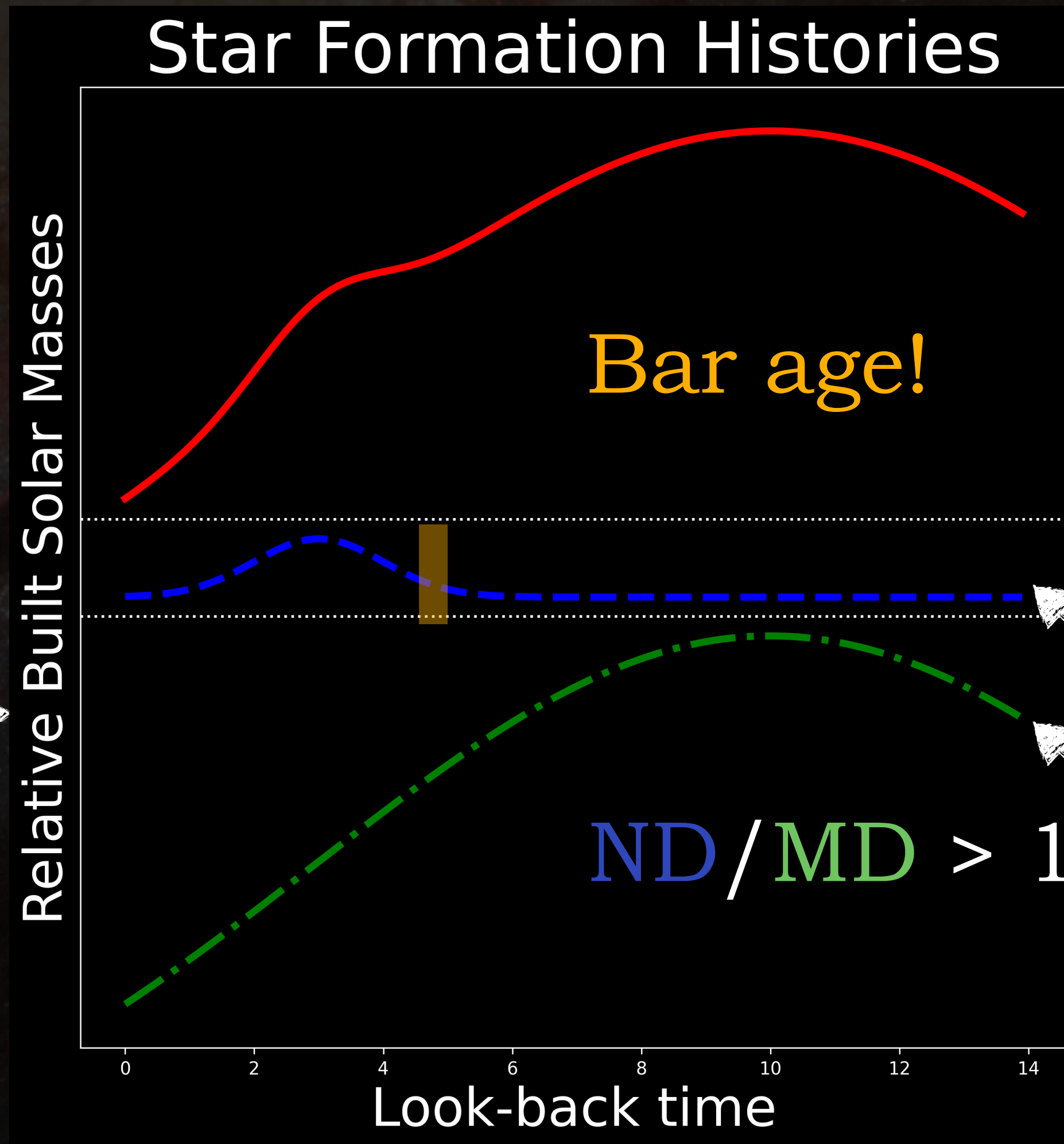
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Main Disc (MD)



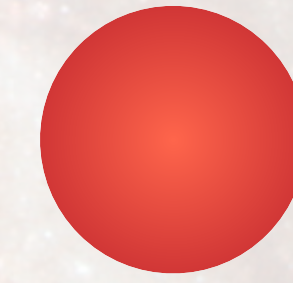
Nuclear Disc (ND)



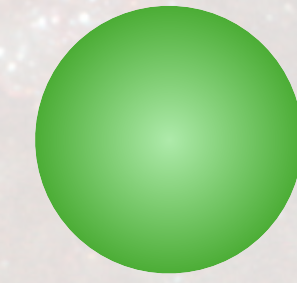
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NGC 1433 hosts an old bar



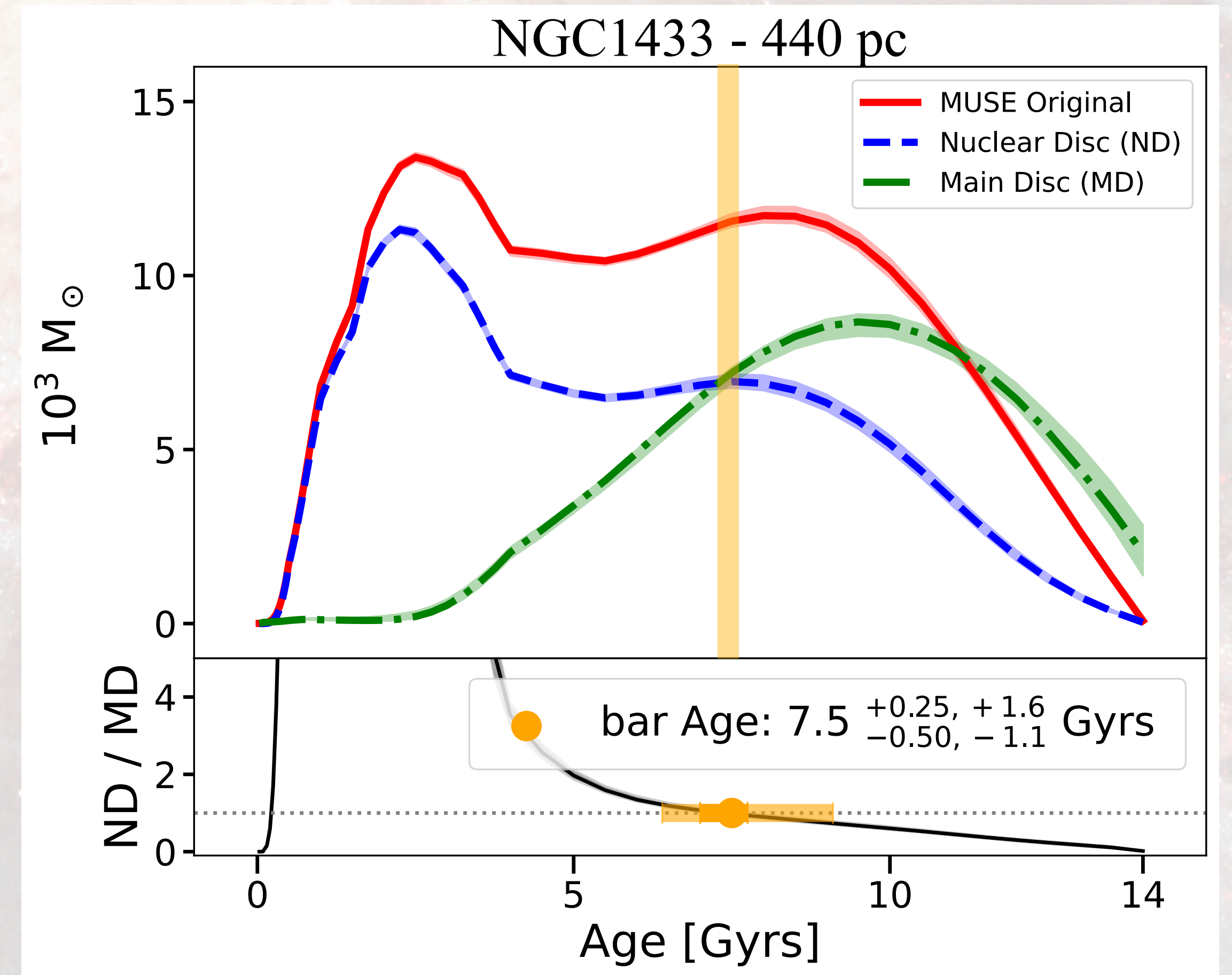
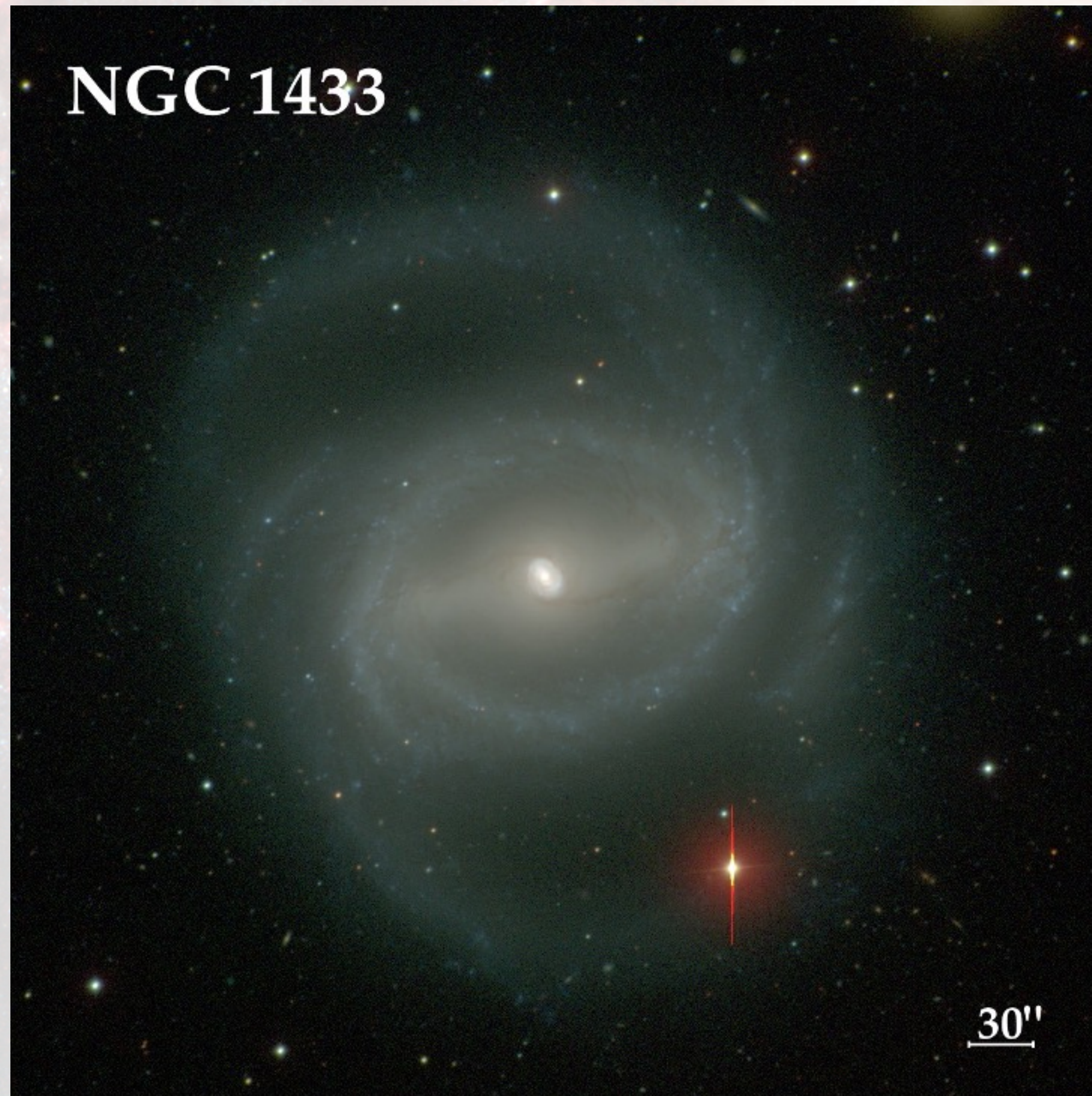
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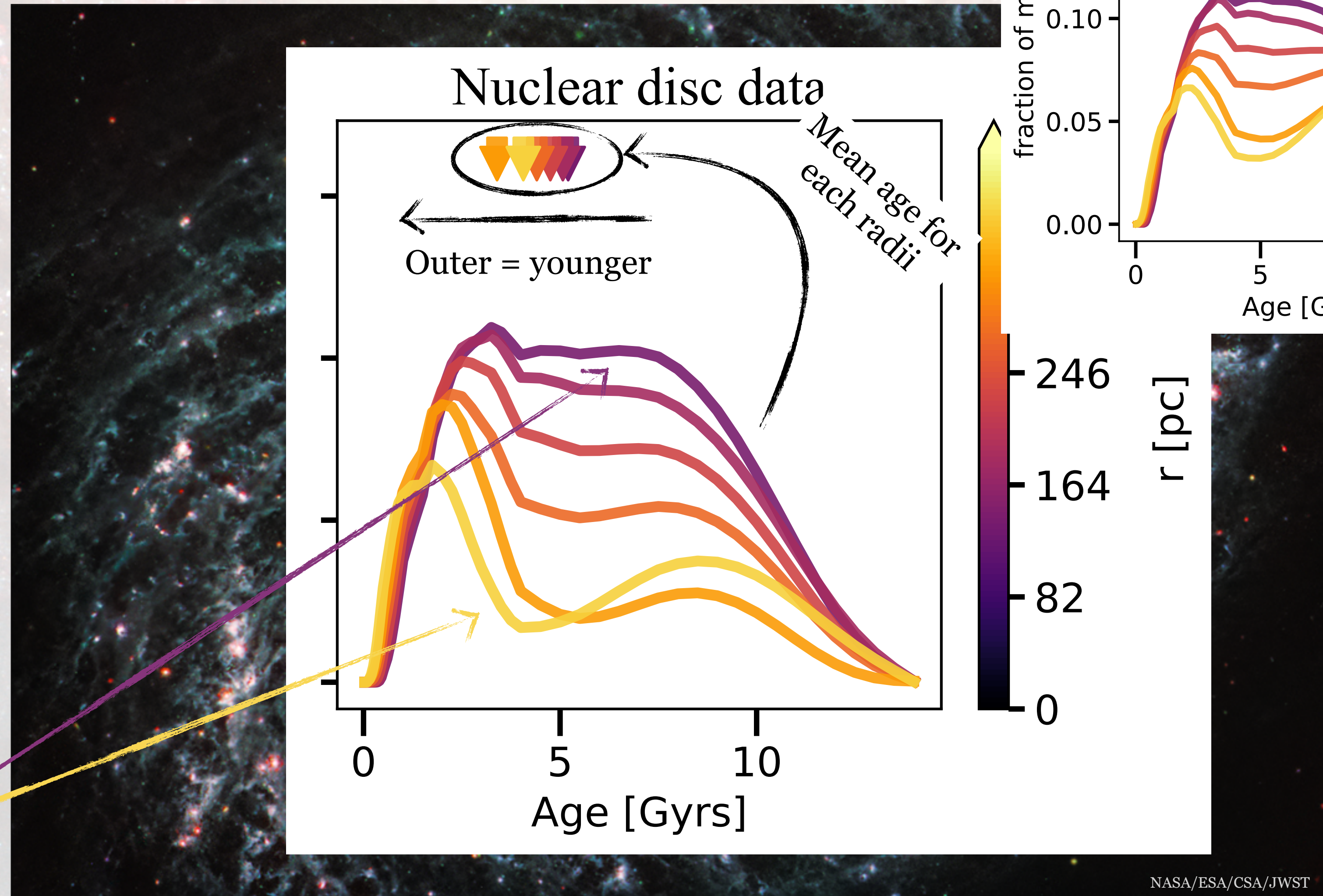


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A little detour

Nuclear disc inside-out build

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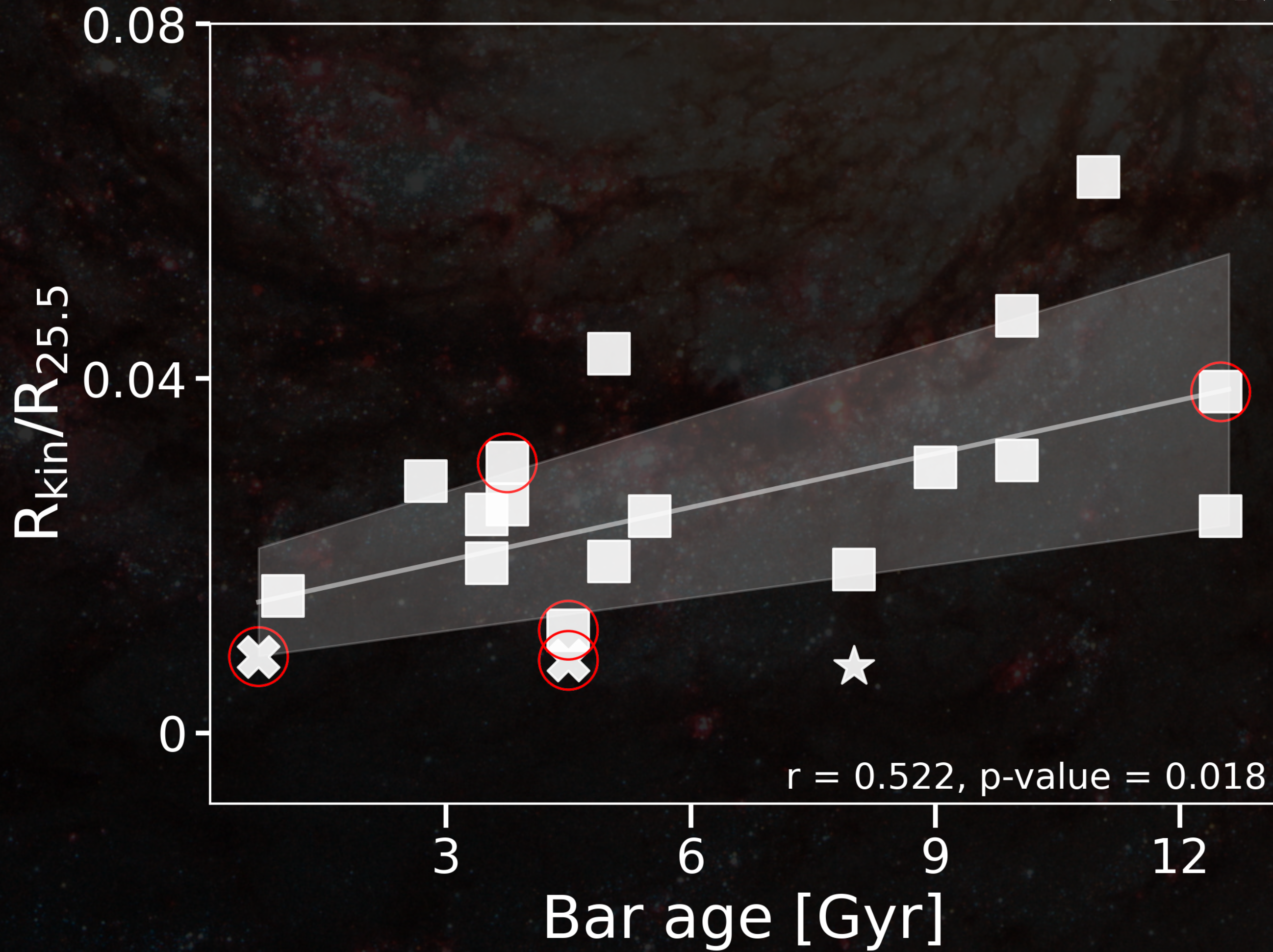
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Bar ages on the TIMER survey

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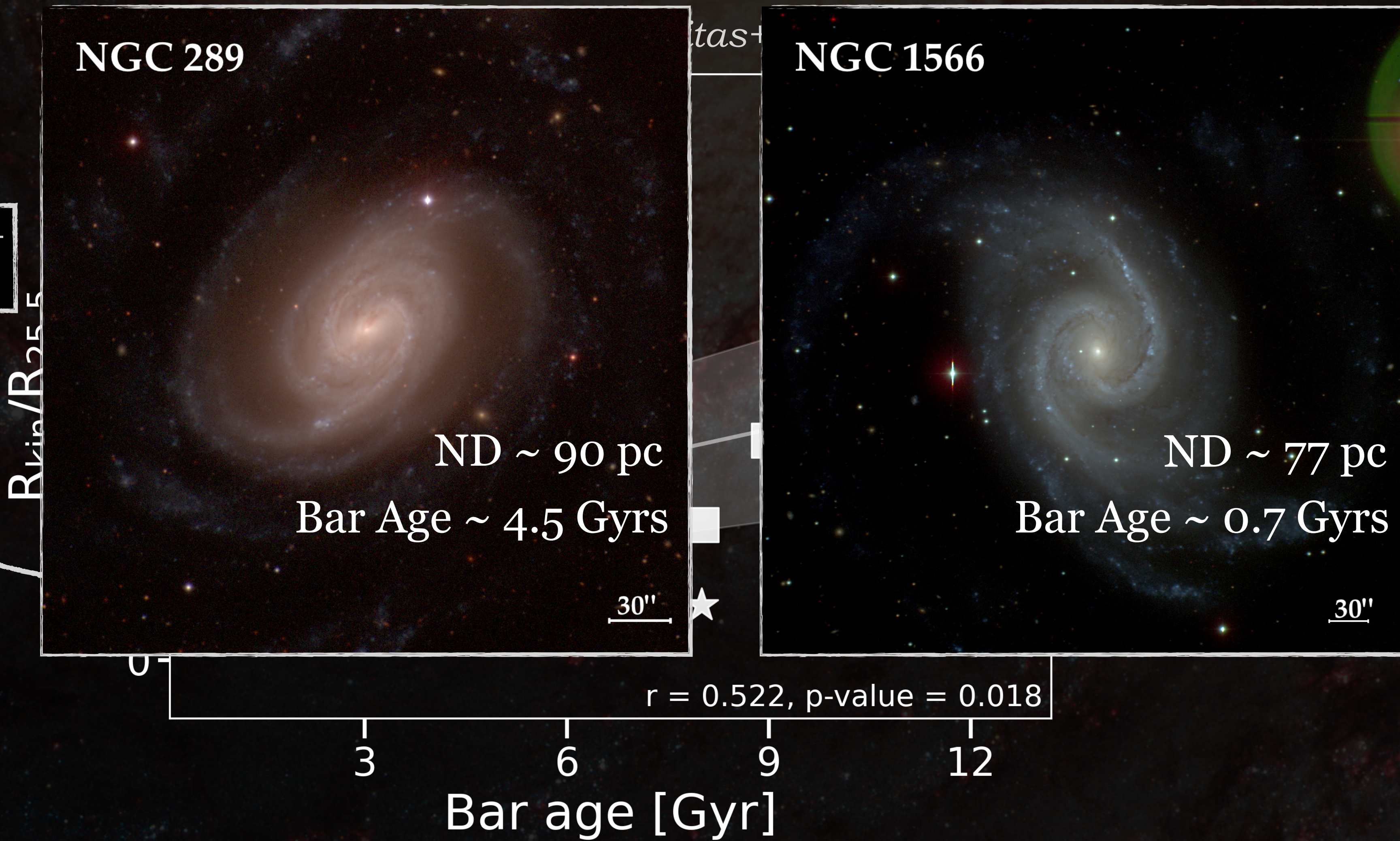


Nuclear discs are bigger in older bars

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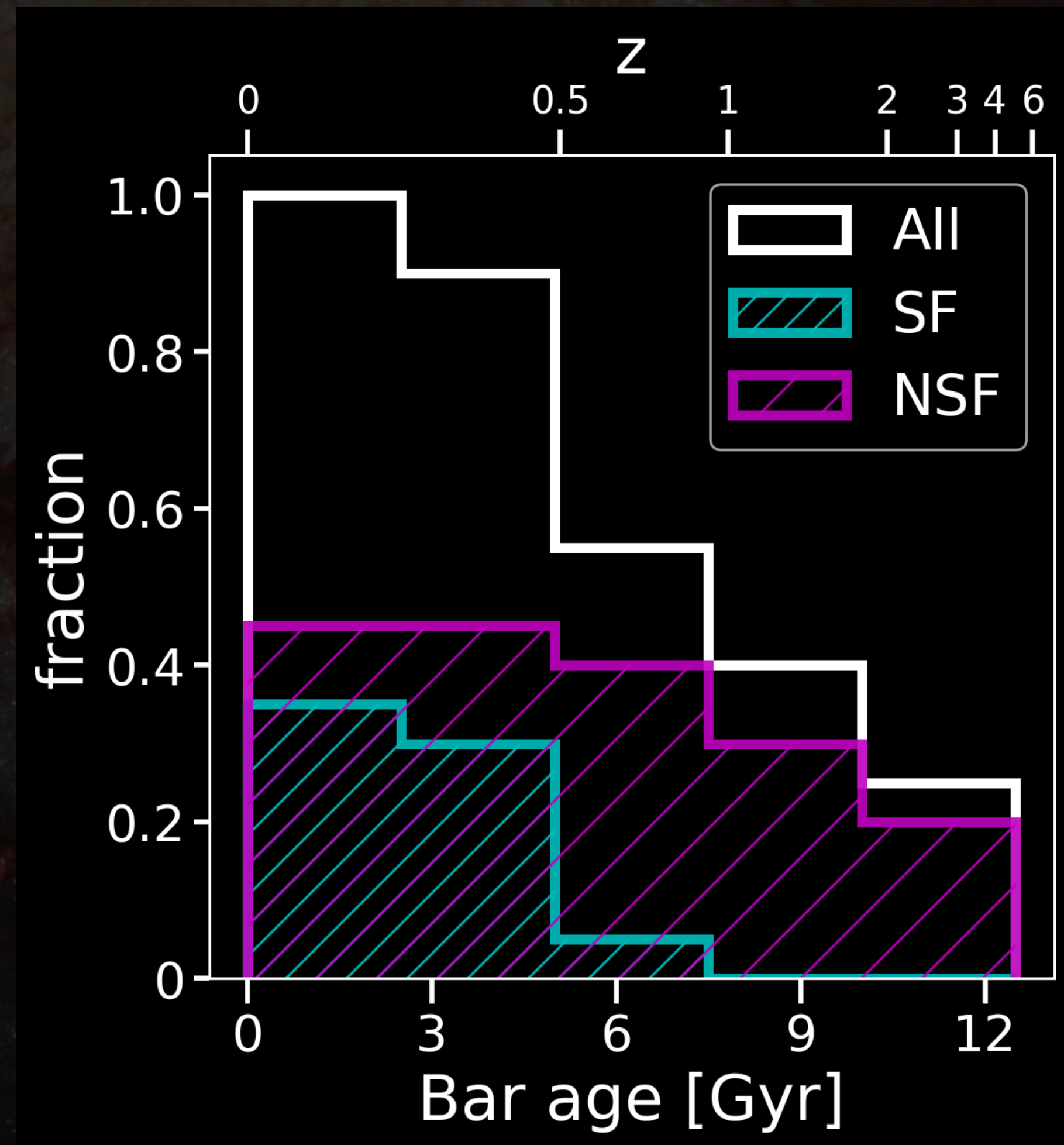
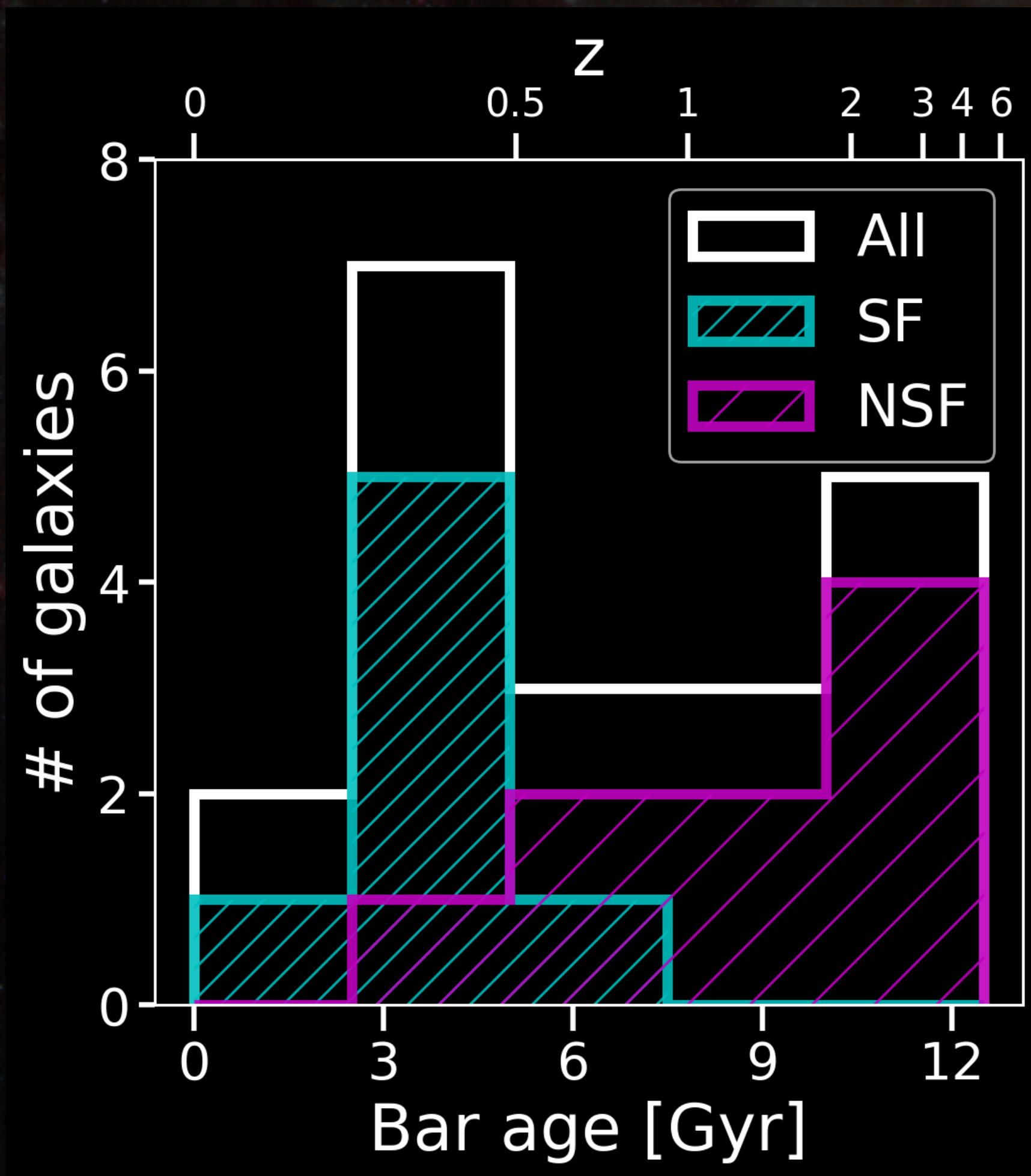
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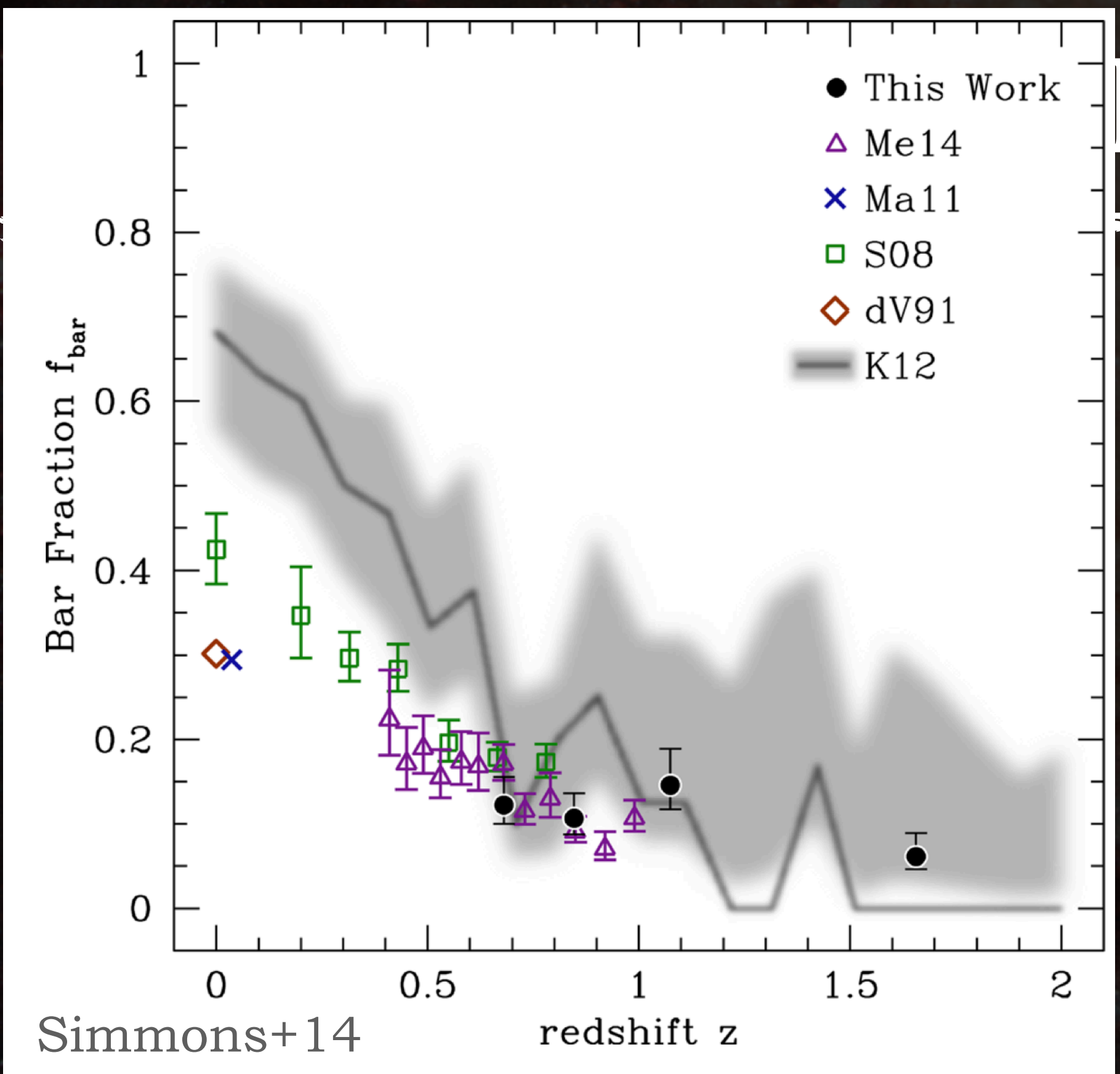
Star-forming nuclear discs

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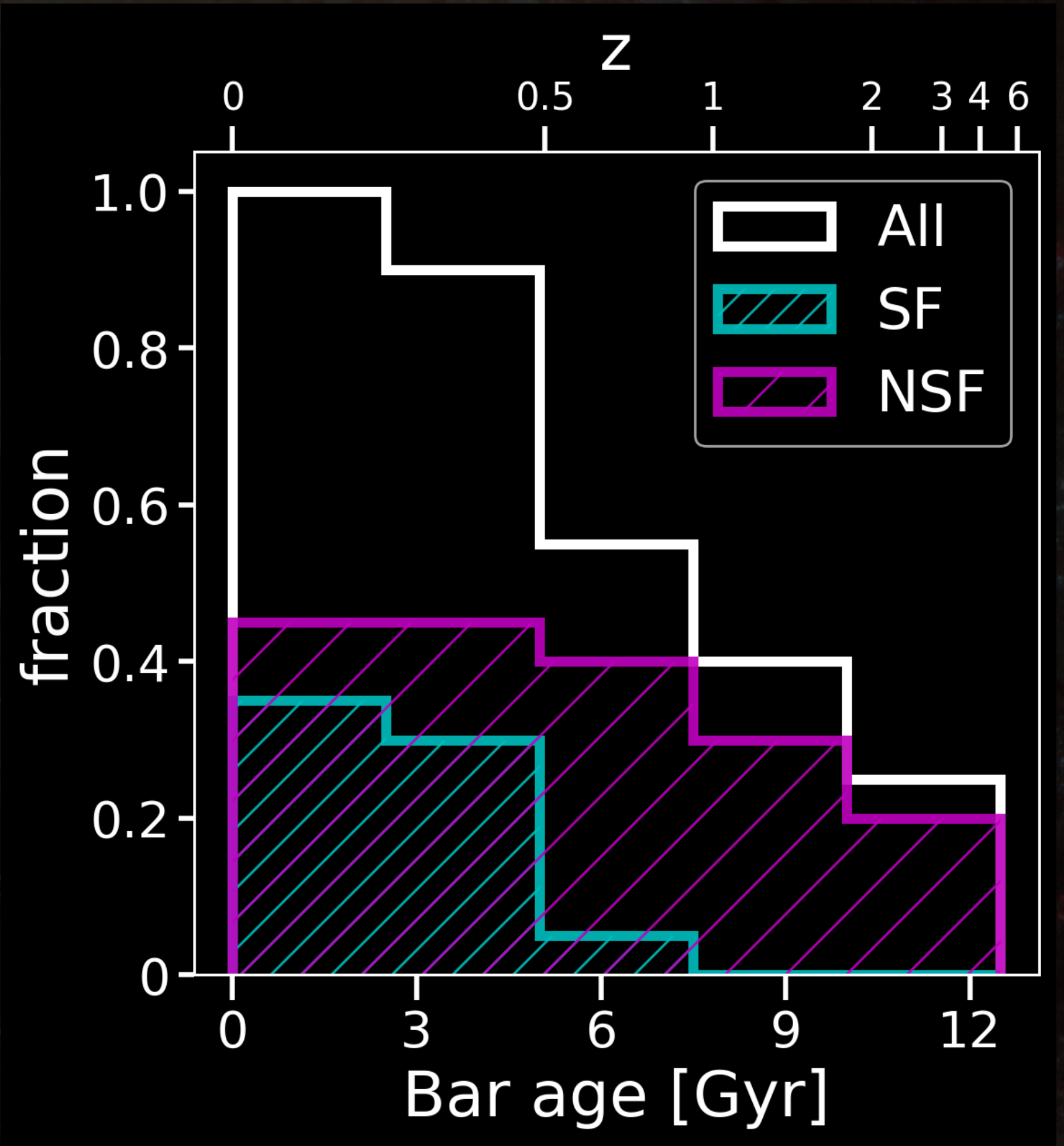
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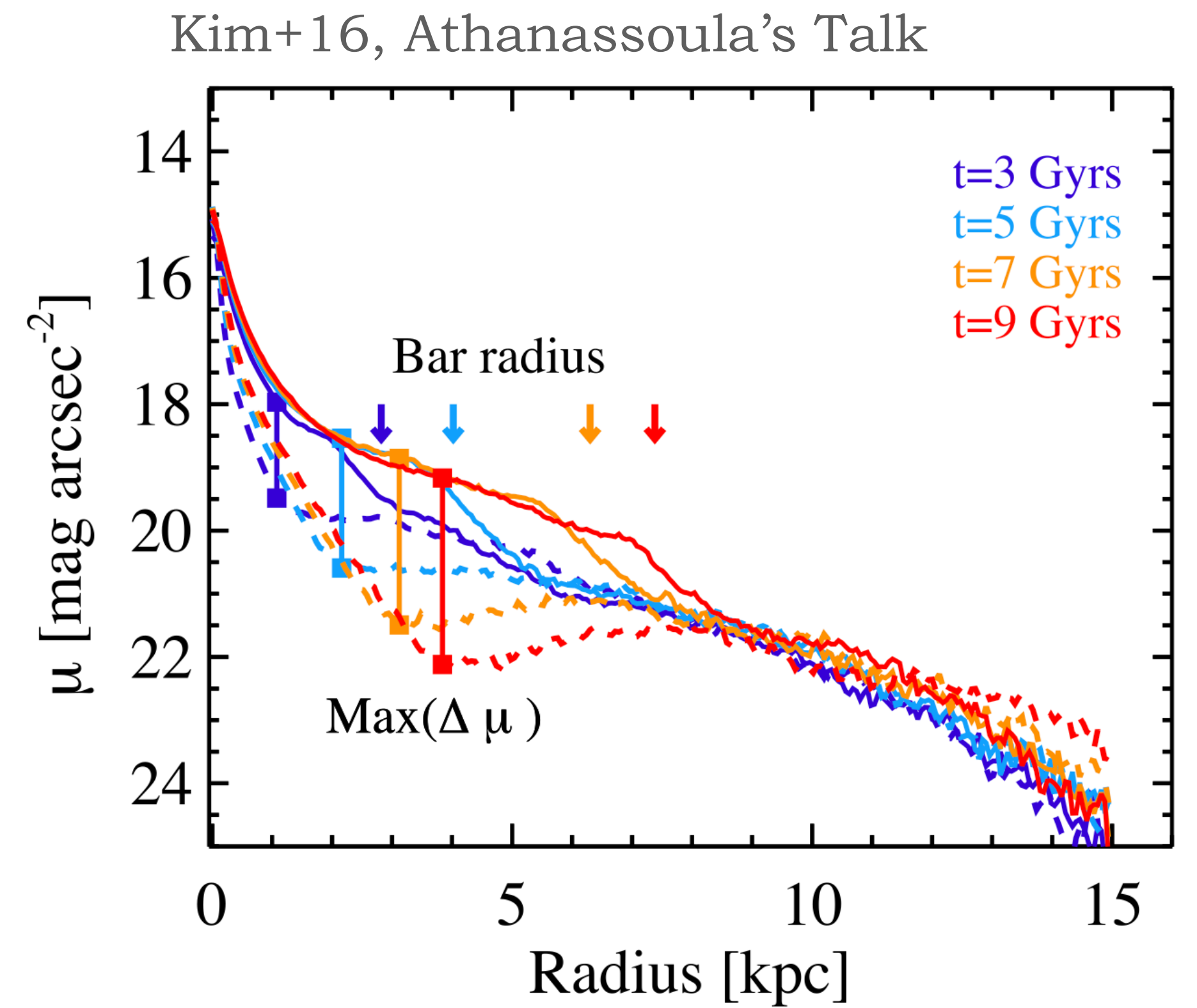
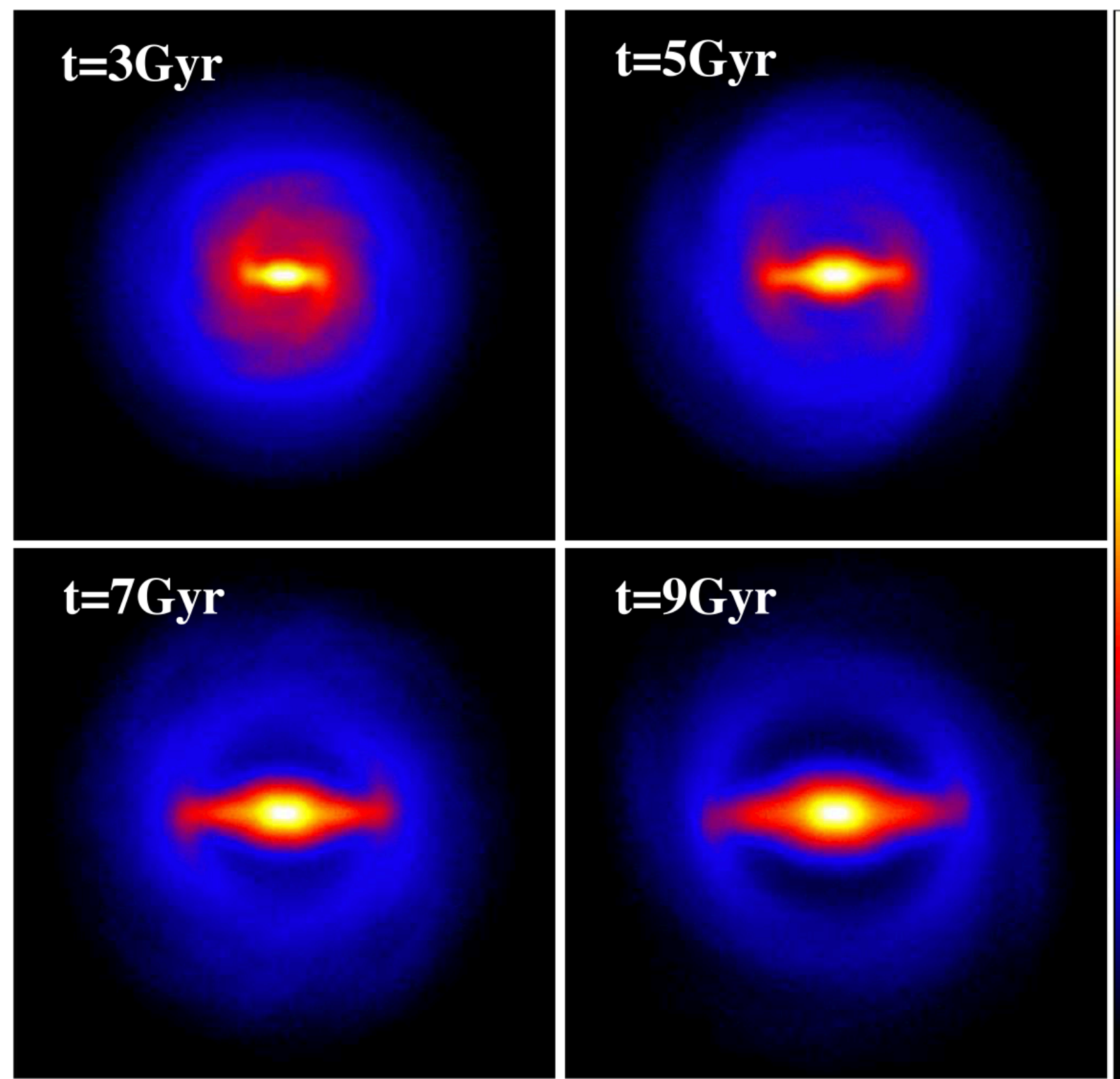
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See Zoe Le Conte's talk tomorrow for bar fractions at $z > 2$

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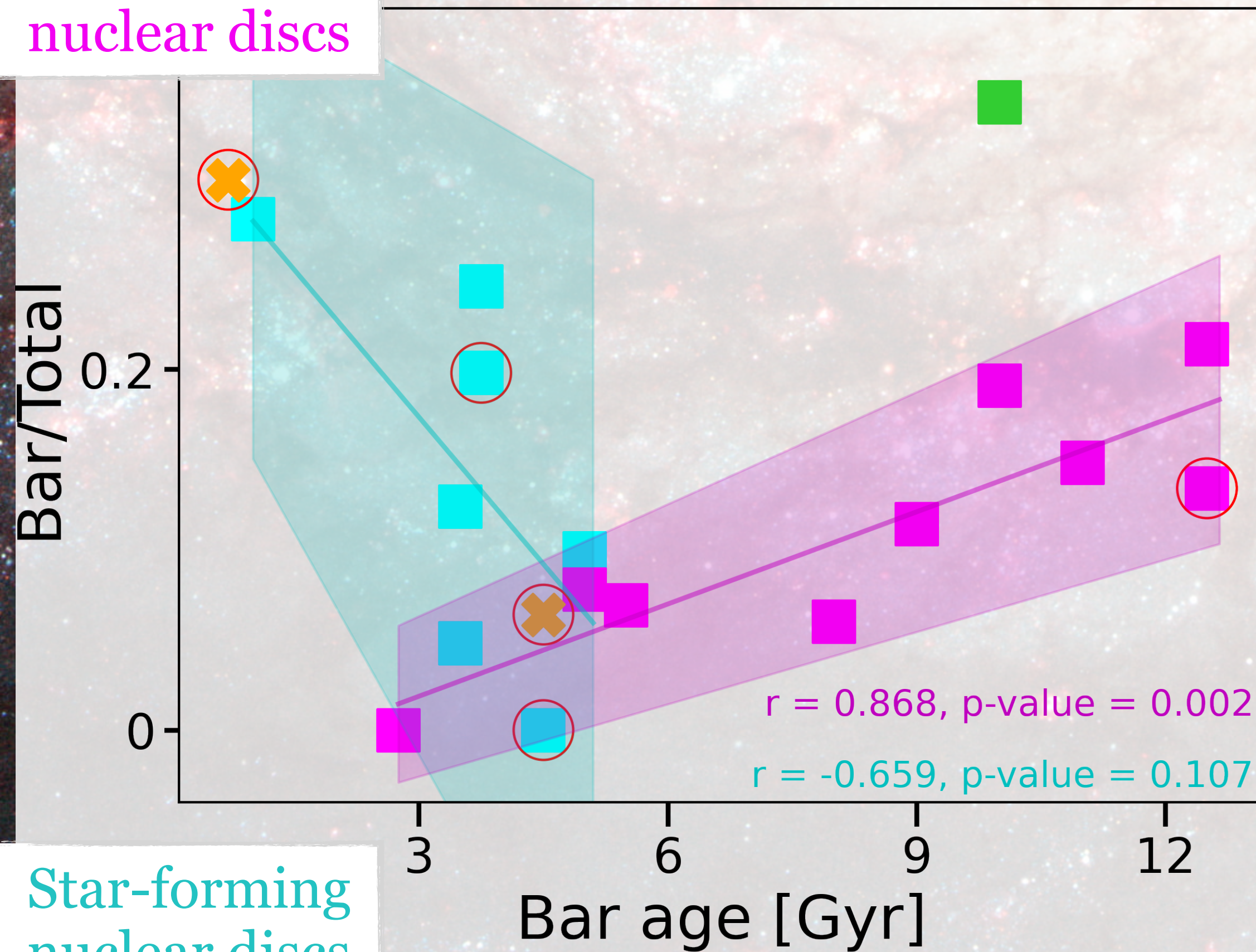
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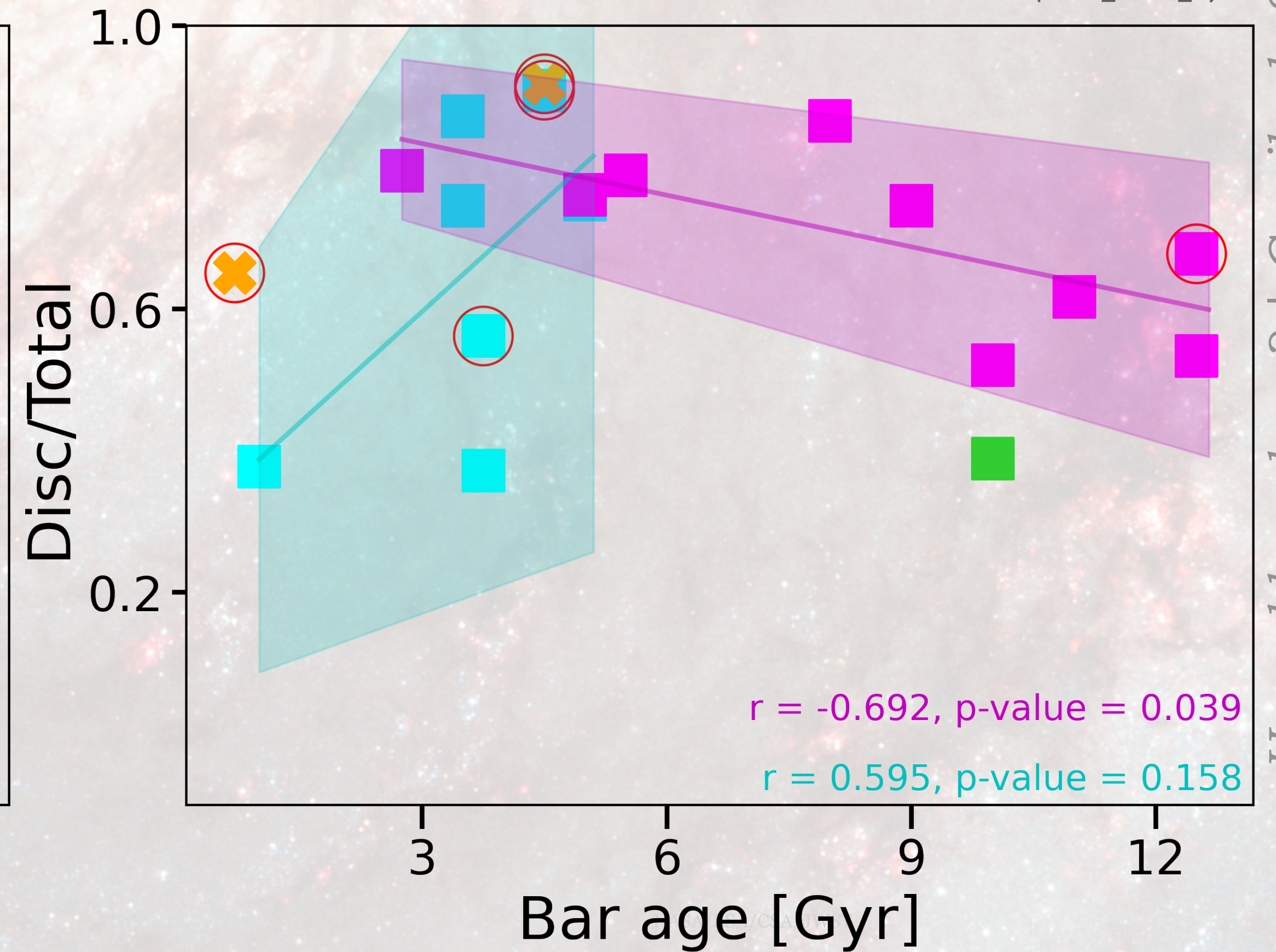
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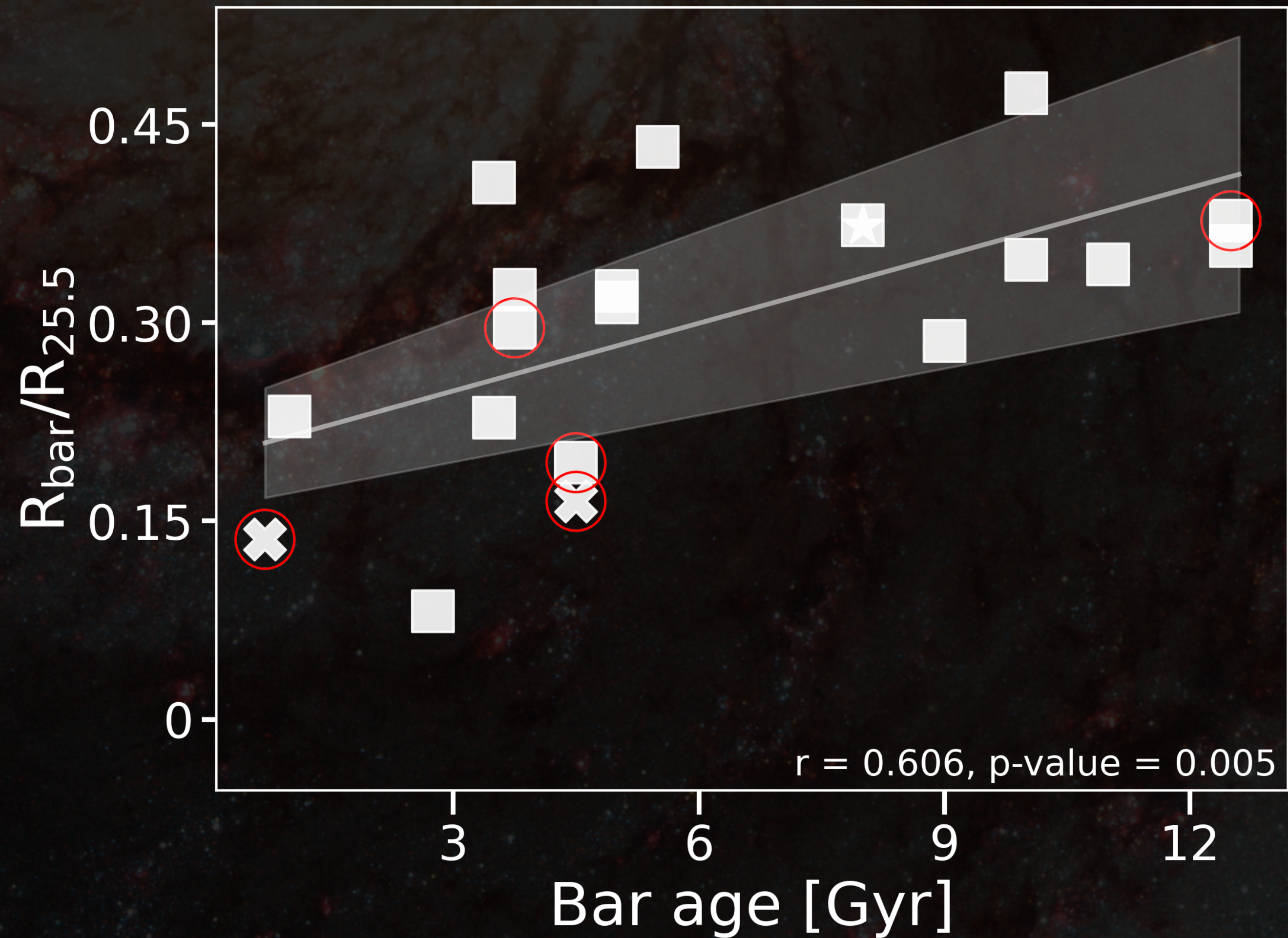
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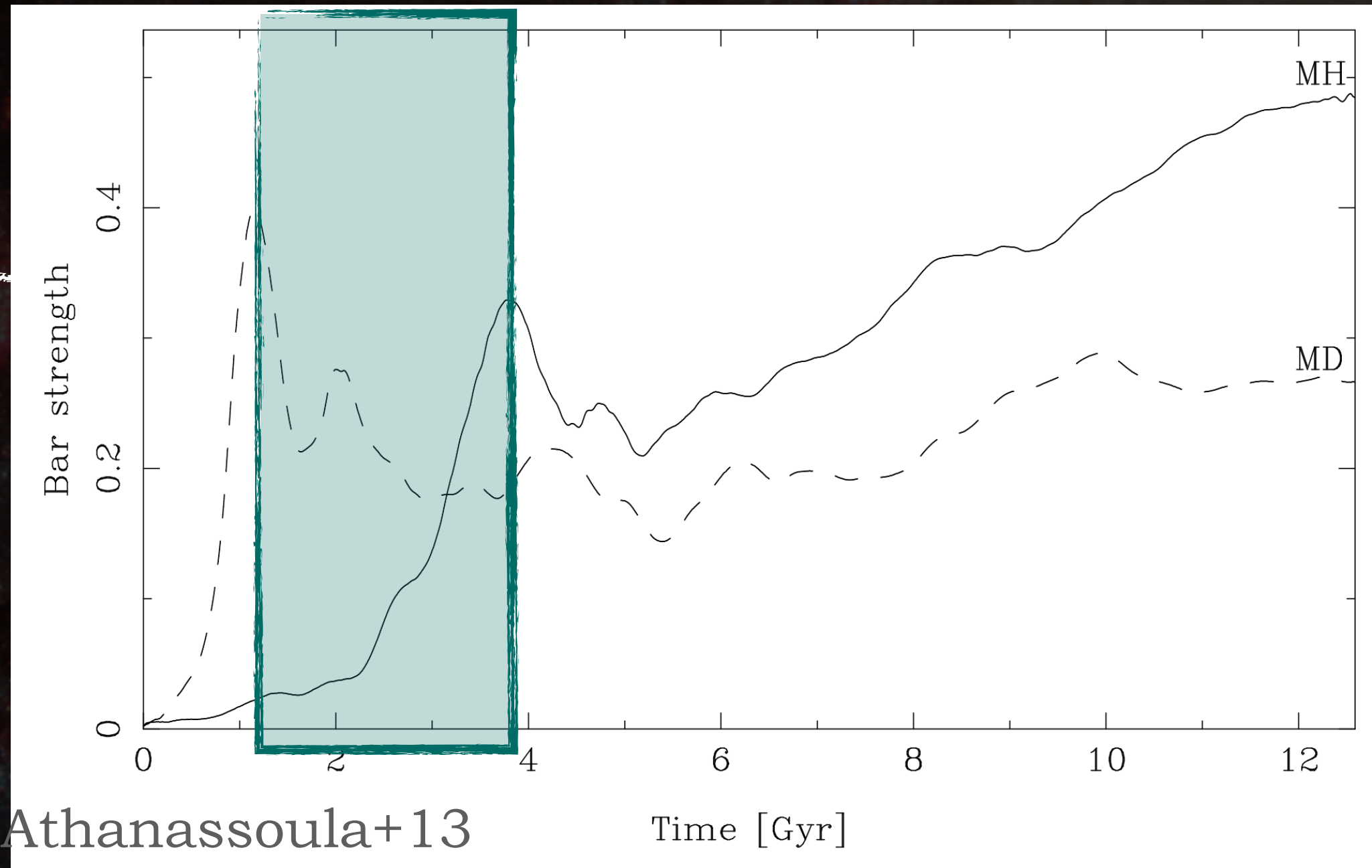


Do bars grow with time?

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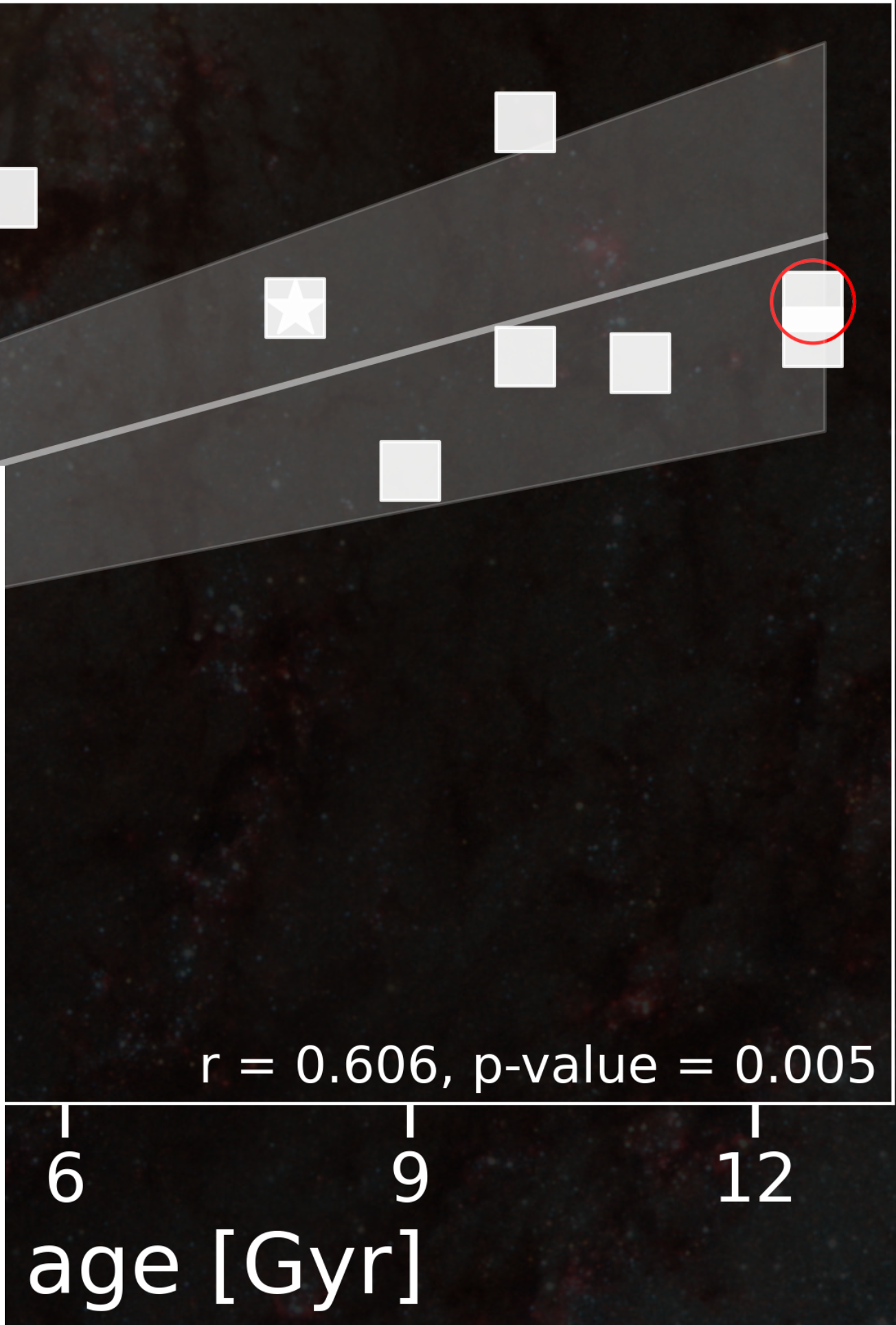
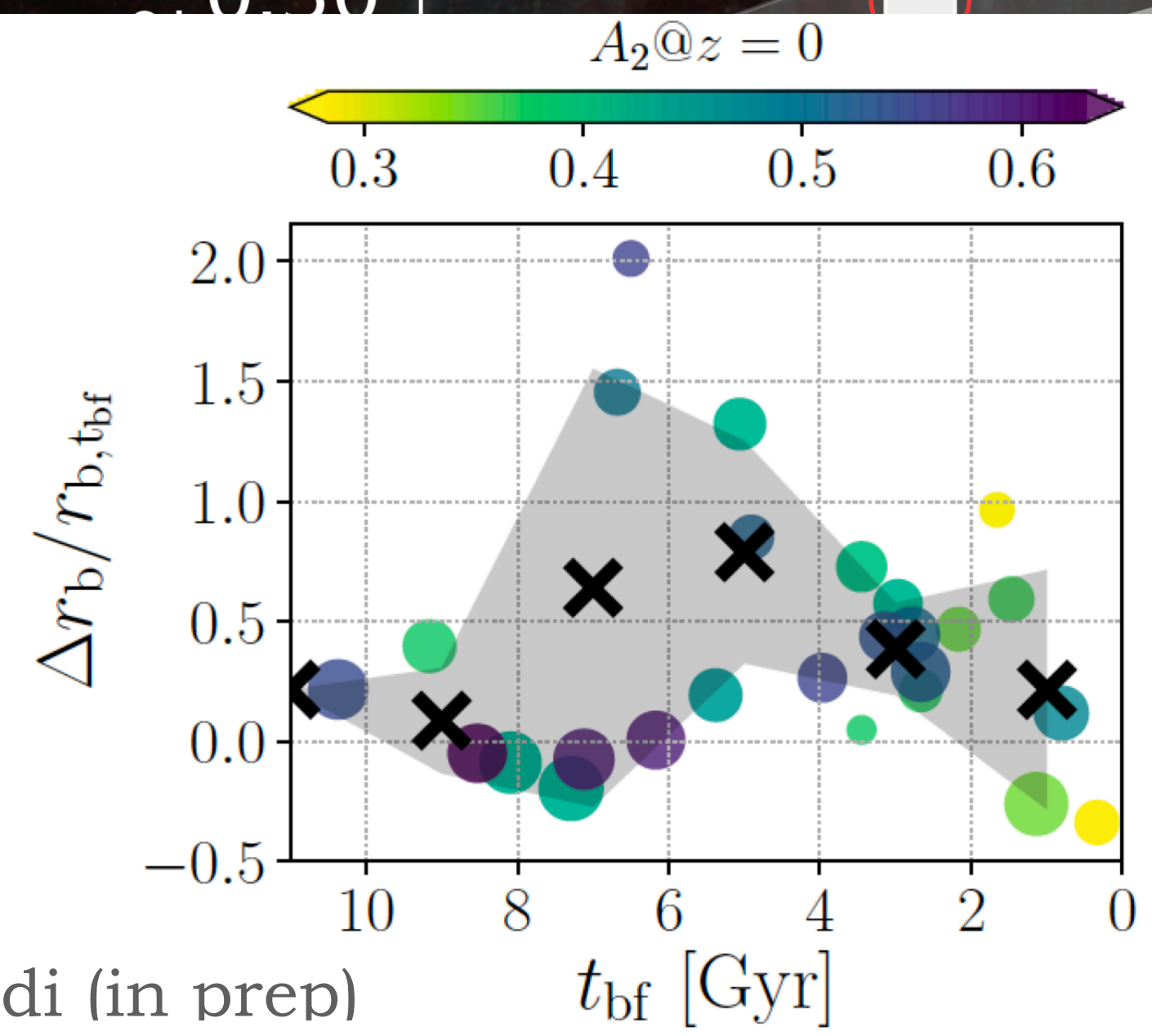
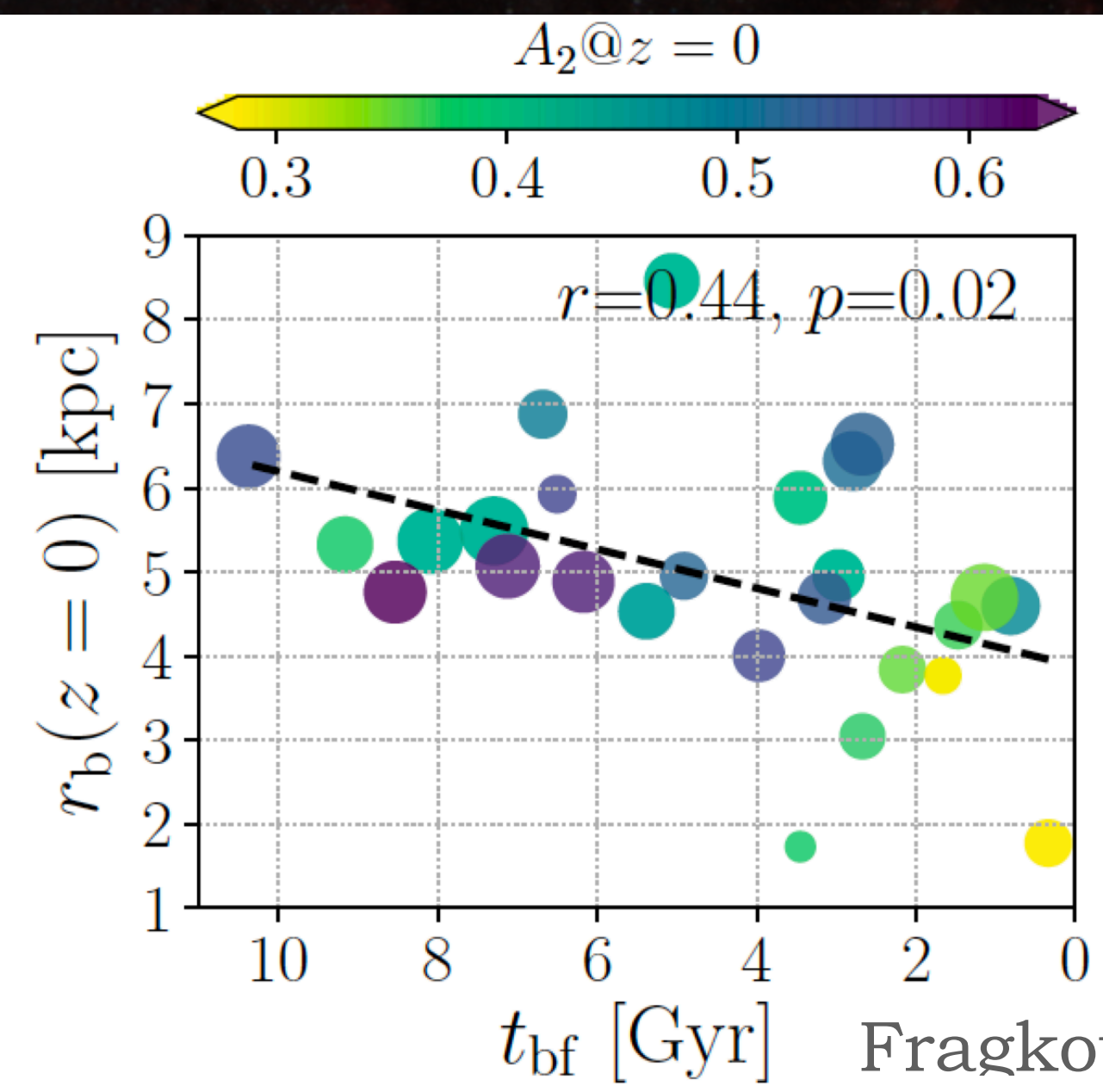




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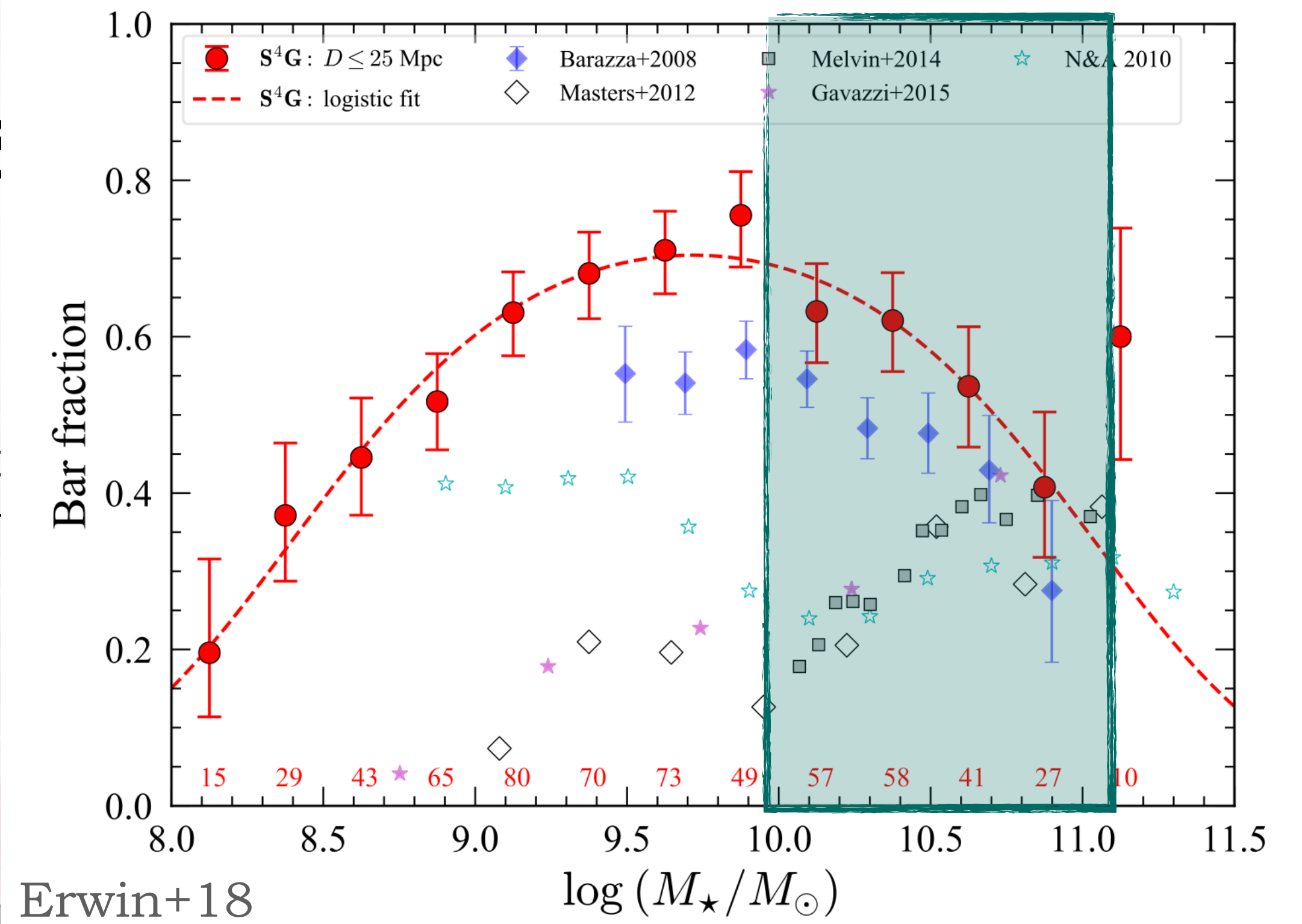
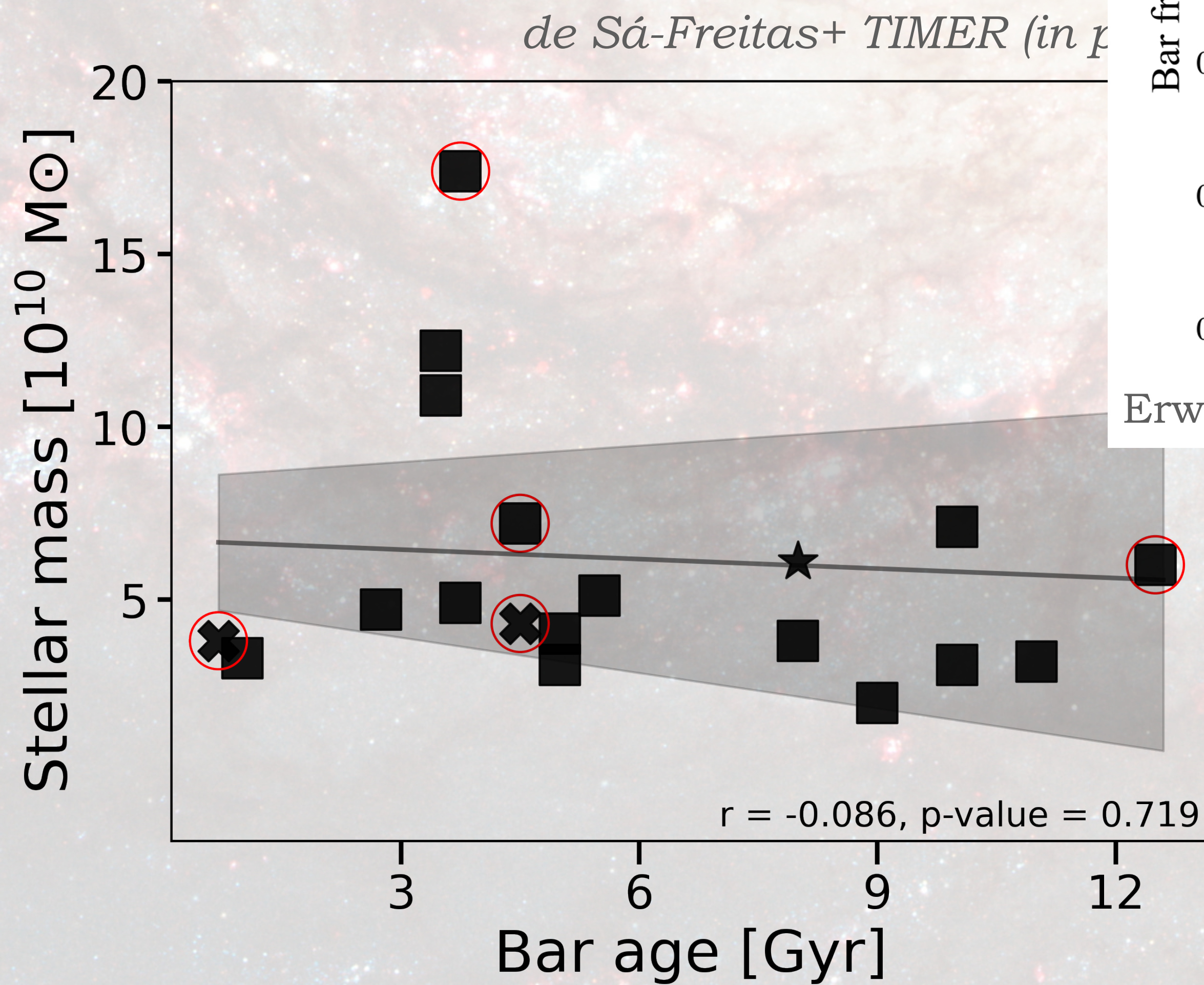
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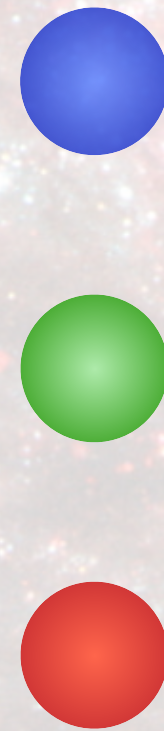
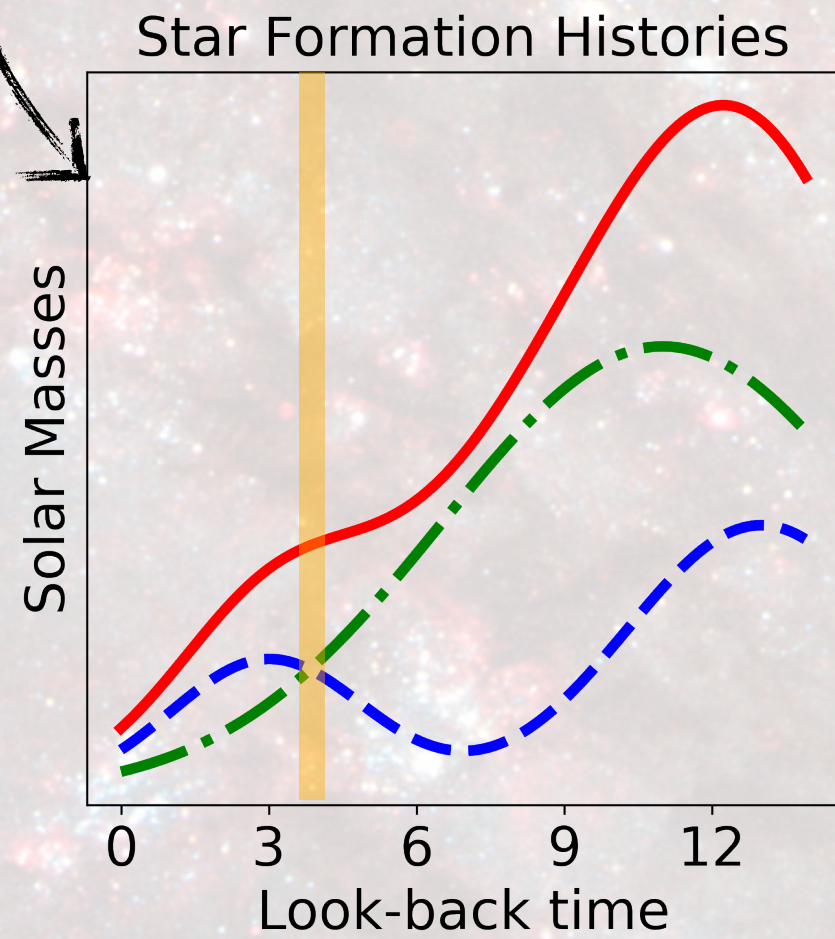
Bar formation: is mass





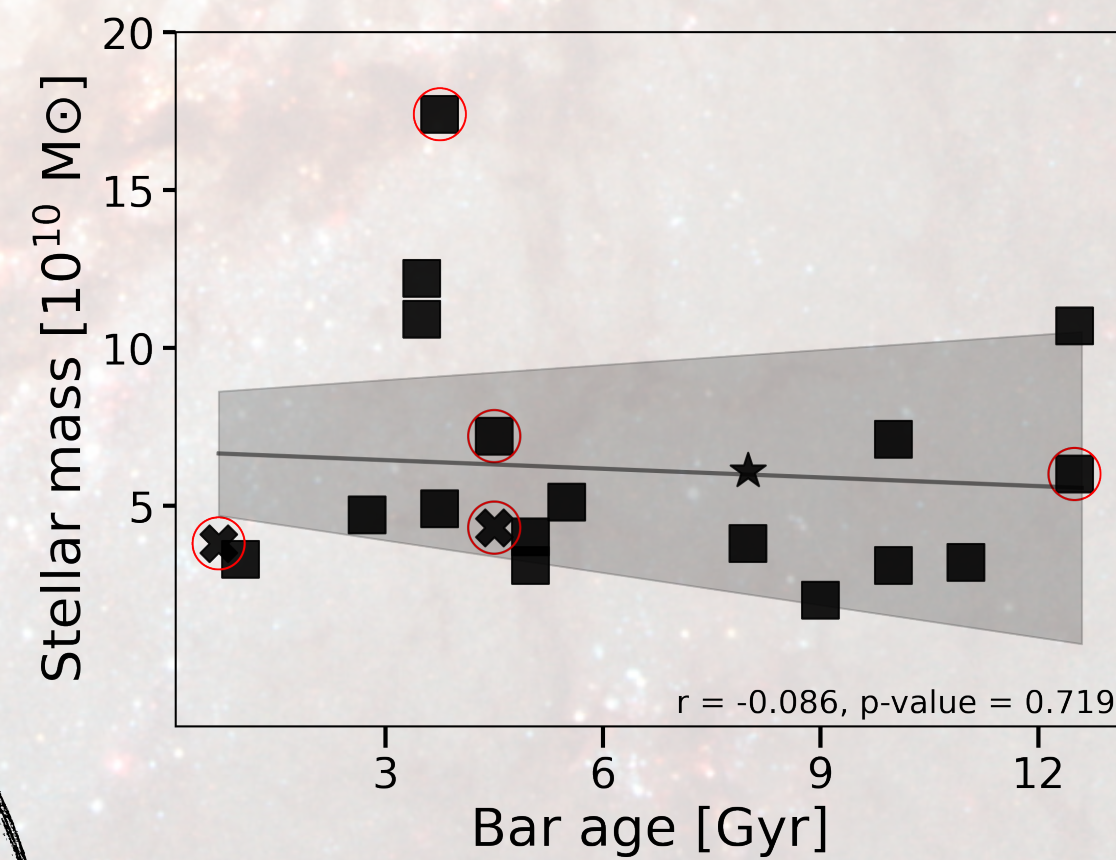
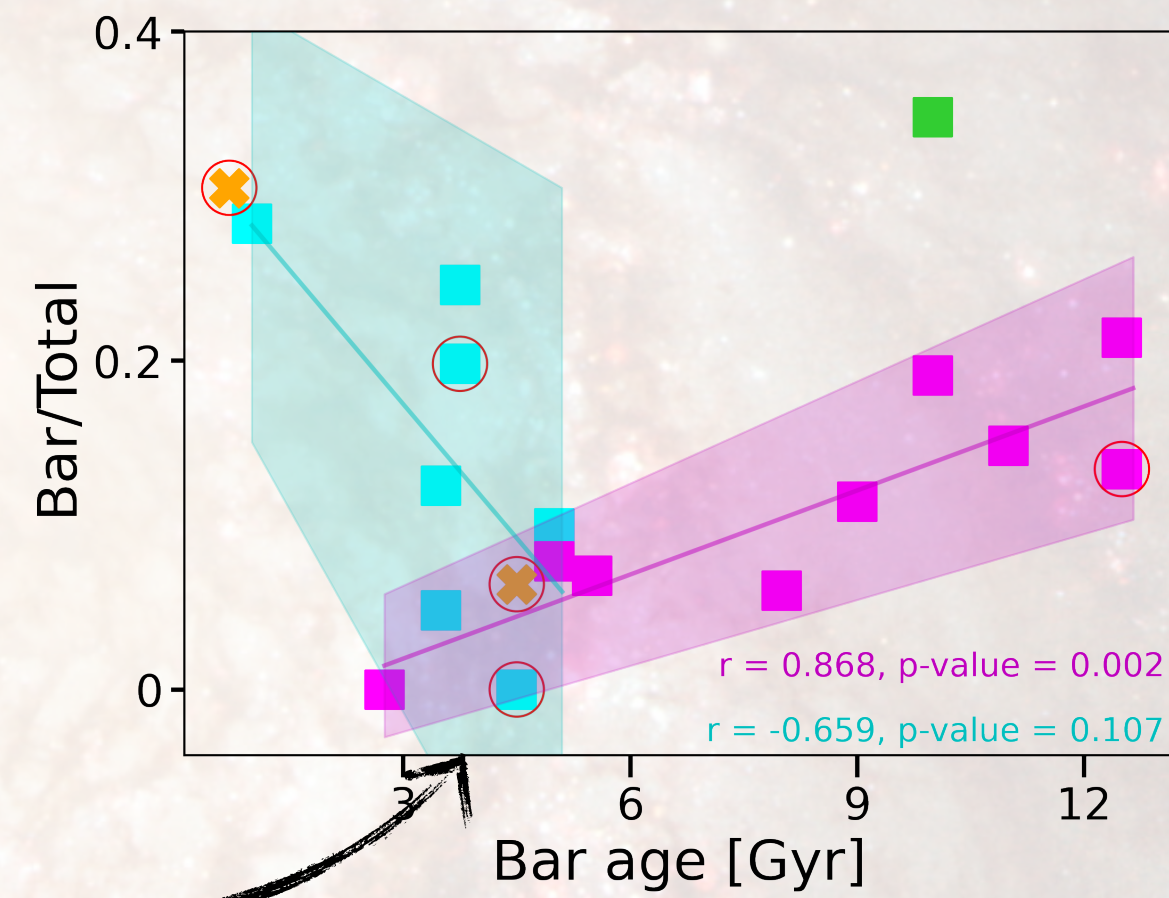
Take away messages

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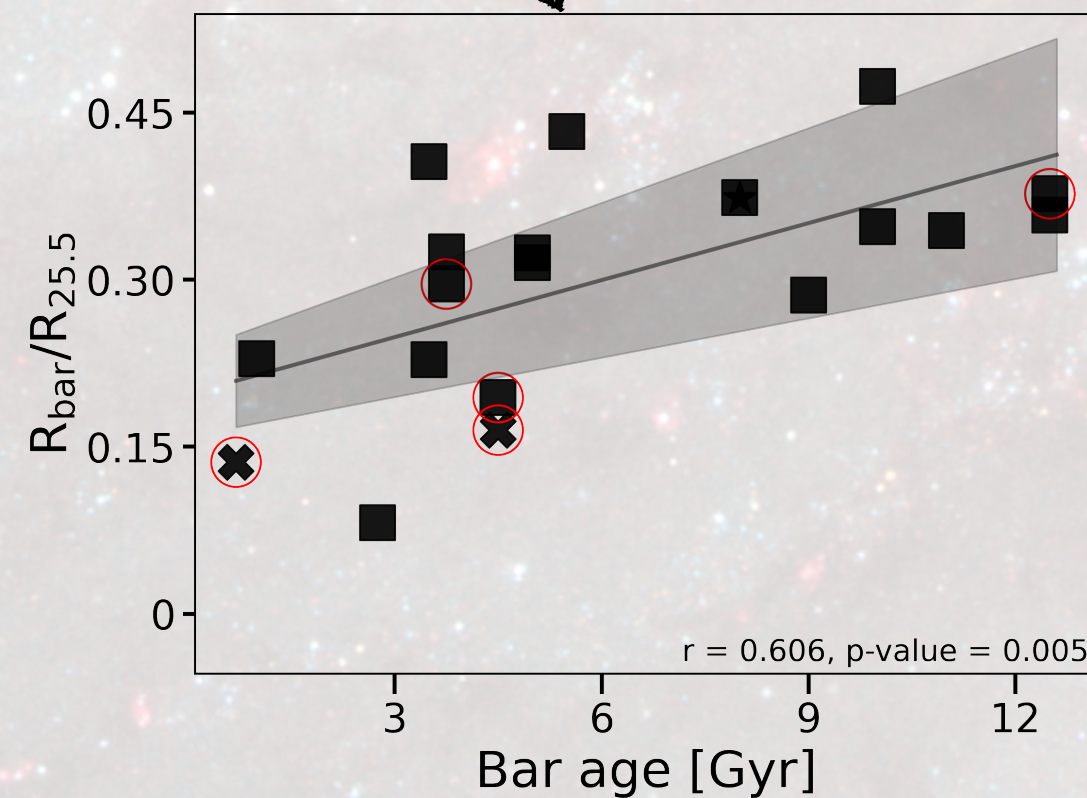
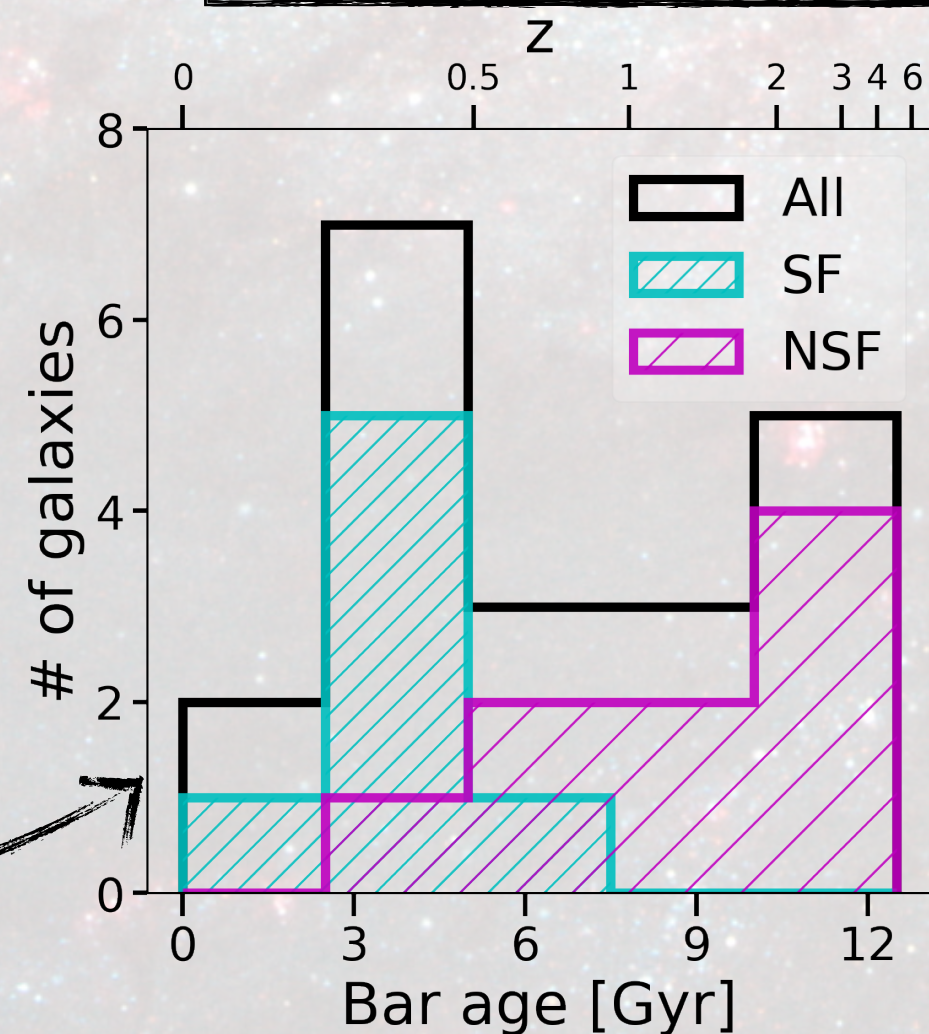
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