# towards understanding massive galaxy formation

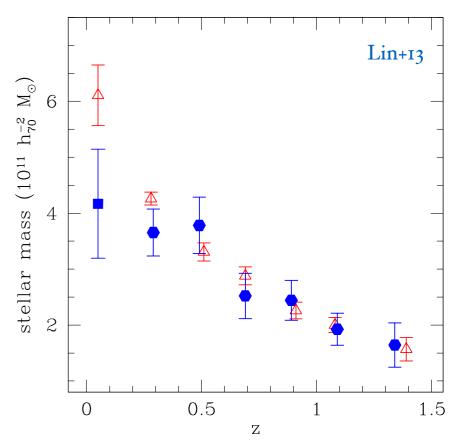
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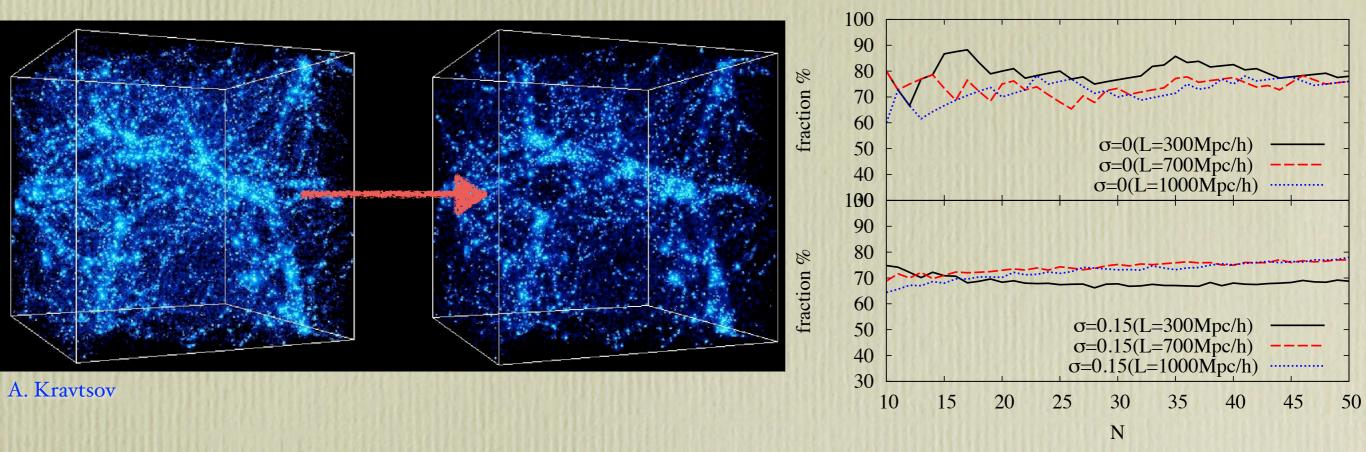


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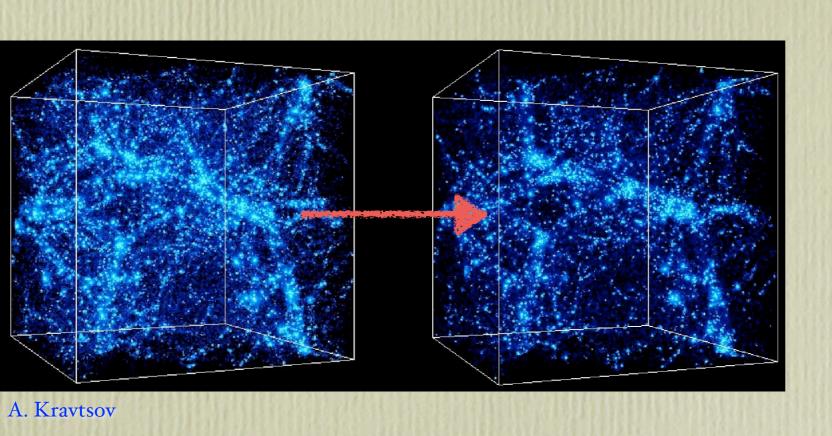


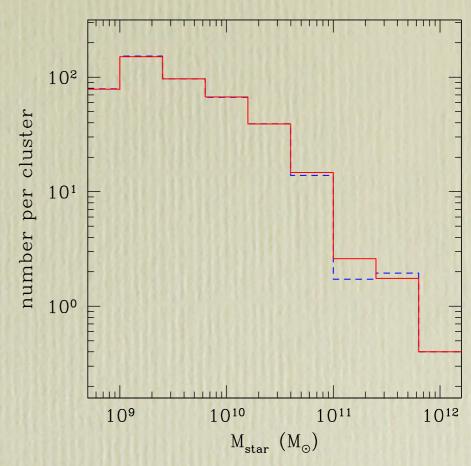
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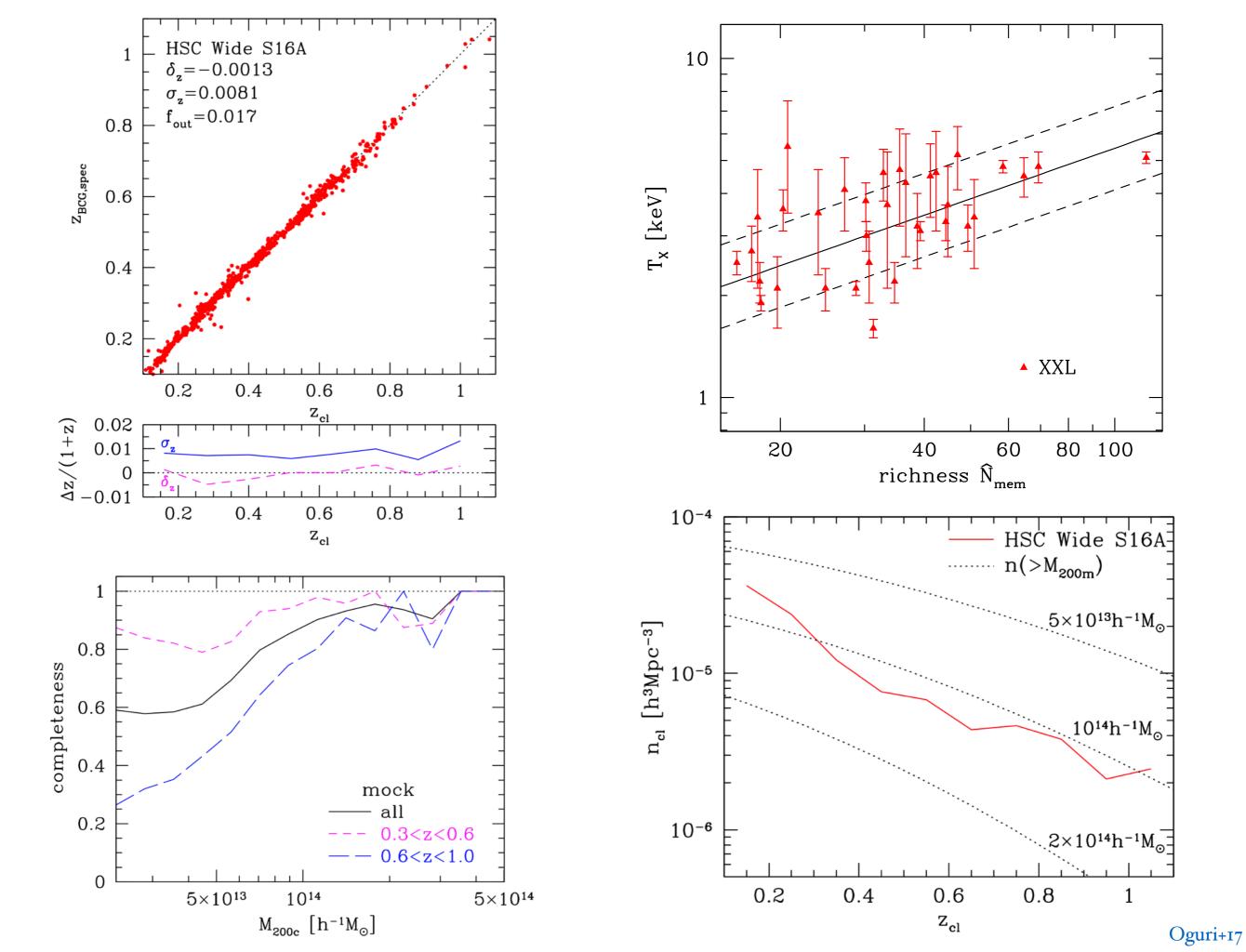
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## seeing red

targeting clusters with prominent red sequence, *camira* (cluster finding algorithm based on multi-band identification of red sequence galaxies) has found -1900 clusters at z=0.1-1.1 over 230 deg² with richness N≥15 in the HSC survey

Oguri+17

HSCJ141105+002538 HSCJ115653-003807 Oguri, Lin et al. (arxiv:1701.00818) N=64.697

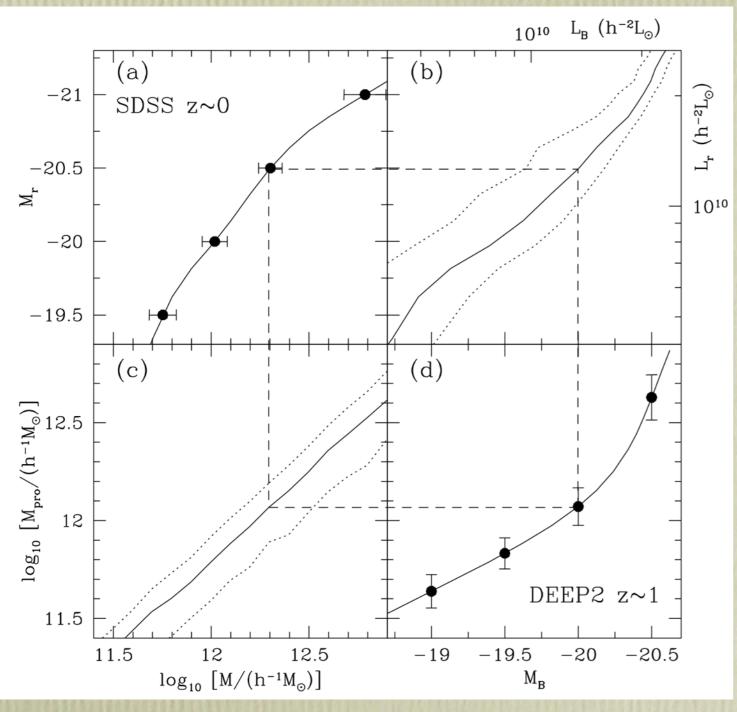


#### linking proto-cluster with clusters

- using knowledge on galaxy-halo connection derived from galaxy clustering and abundance of Lyman break galaxies (LBGs), we can populate dark matter simulations with mock galaxies
  - need to reproduce the number count, angular correlation function, and luminosity function of LBGs
- run proto-cluster finding on the mock catalog
  - adjust mocks until we obtain reasonable agreement between mocks and observations on clustering and abundance of protoclusters ⇒ good understanding of the galaxy-halo connection & "definition" of proto-clusters
  - can then infer the large scale bias (=mass) of (the main halos of) proto-clusters
  - use halo merger history to connect them to lower-z
  - can then study the evolution from proto-BCGs to matured BCGs!
  - application to HSC survey

# galaxy mass assembly from galaxy-halo connection

## galaxy-halo connection vs galaxy assembly

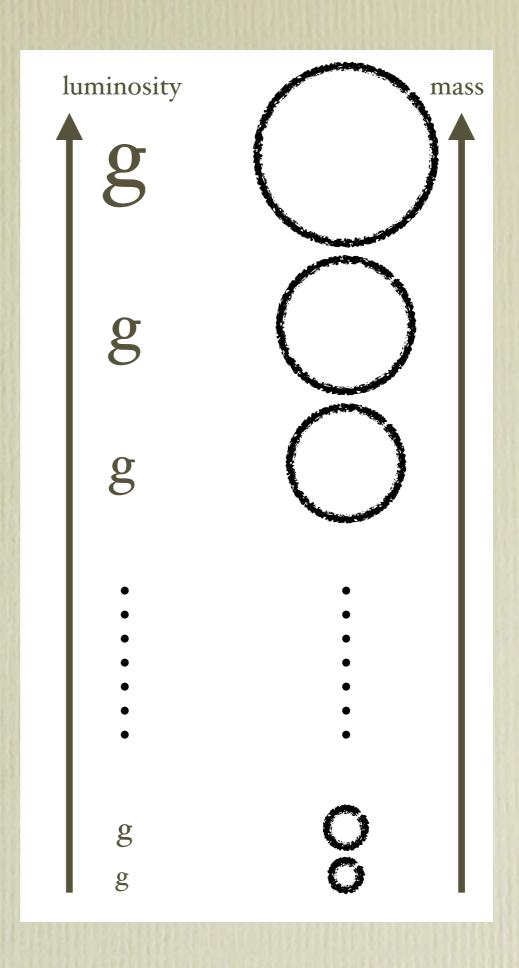


Zheng+07

- it's much easier to study the evolution of halos
- by associating galaxies with halos, it's then possible to study the assembly history of galaxies
- how to get galaxy-halo relation?
- two approaches developed towards realizing this goal
  - first attempt of extending the abundance matching (AM) technique to include color
  - inferring host halo mass of individual galaxies based on number of neighboring galaxies

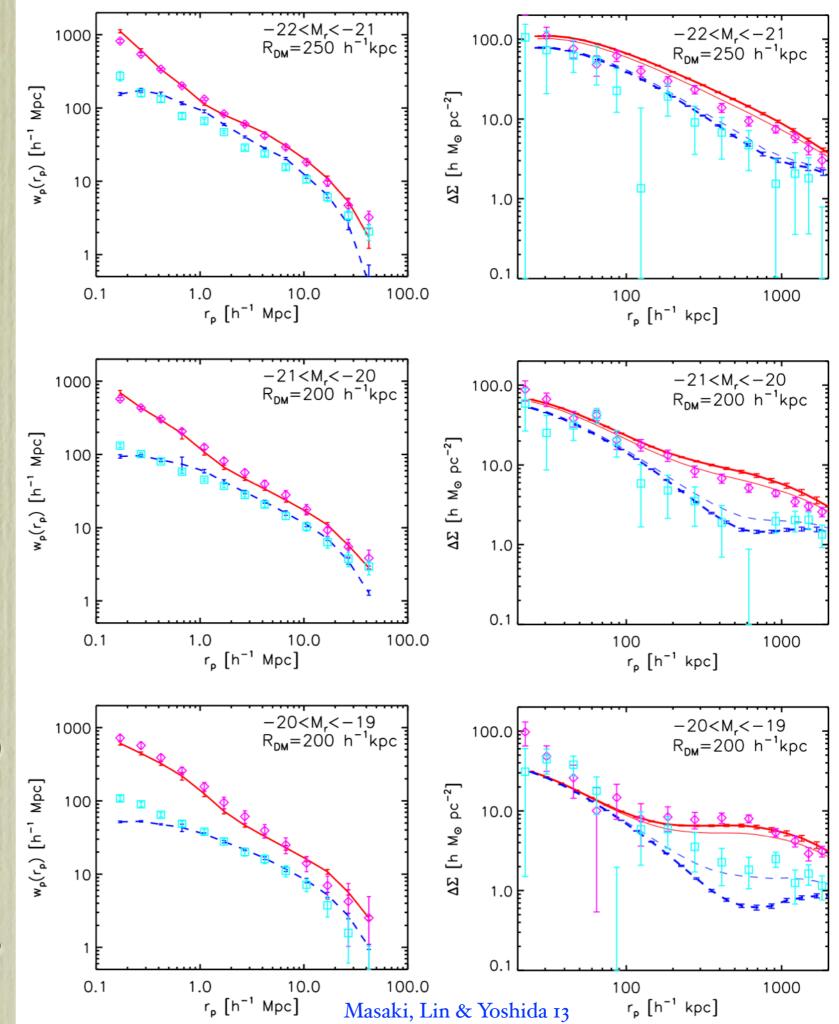
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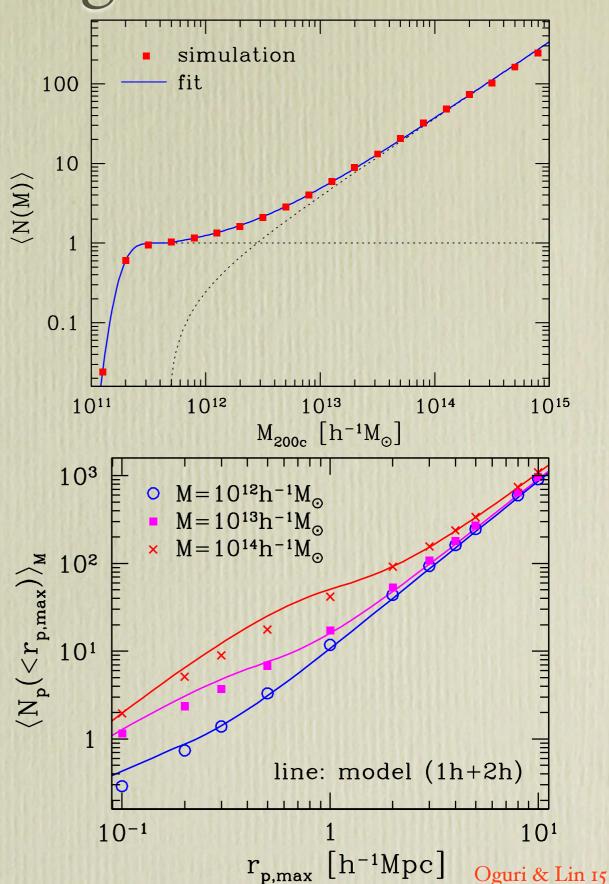
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#### new mass estimator: neighbor counts

- halo mass is king!
- estimating halo masses is hard!
- most of existing methods give halo mass in a statistical sense
- for a given galaxy sample, we can infer its halo occupation distribution (HOD), in particular the halo occupation number
- for this sample, we can then infer the number of neighboring galaxies within the same galaxy sample
- analytical calculations within the HOD framework, separately for central and satellite galaxies, and for one- and two-halo terms



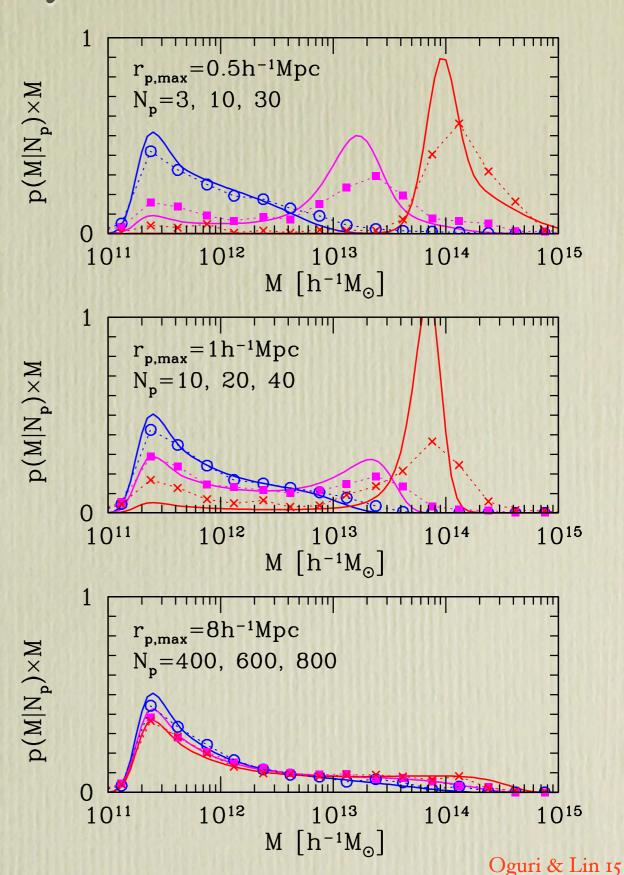
#### halo mass probability distribution

 use Bayes' theorem to infer halo mass probability distribution function (pdf)

$$p(M|N) \propto p(N|M)p(M)$$

- model predictions match well with the mock results
- pdf often bimodal, due to uncorrelated large scale structures
- also gives probability of being a central

 working on extending the method to high redshifts ⇒ high-z galaxyhalo connection!

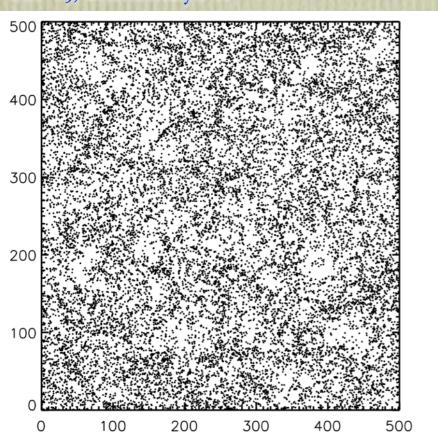


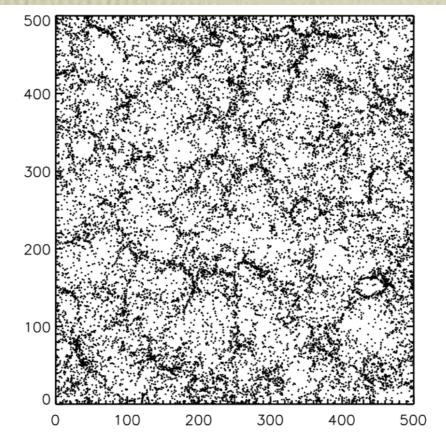
assembly bias: mass is not everything (?)

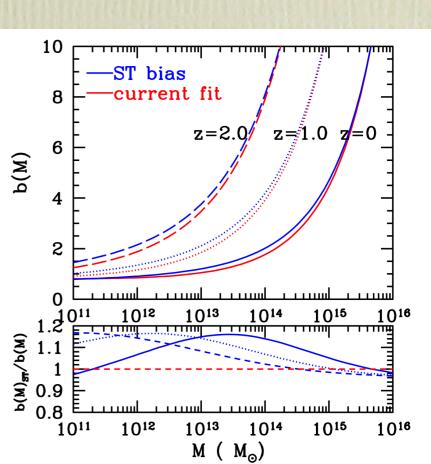
#### assembly bias?

- dark matter halos also have various degrees of bias, primarily as a function of halo mass
  - more massive halos are more biased
- a secondary effect is *assembly bias*: bias also depends on the halo formation time
  - for low mass halos (-10<sup>12</sup>h<sup>-1</sup>M<sub>sun</sub>), those that form earlier would cluster more strongly (having -40% larger bias)

#### Gao+o5, Bhattacharya+11

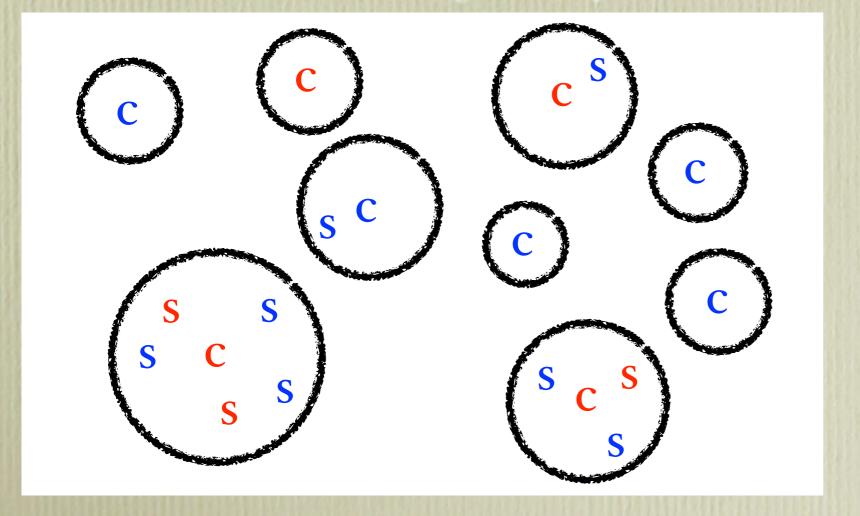


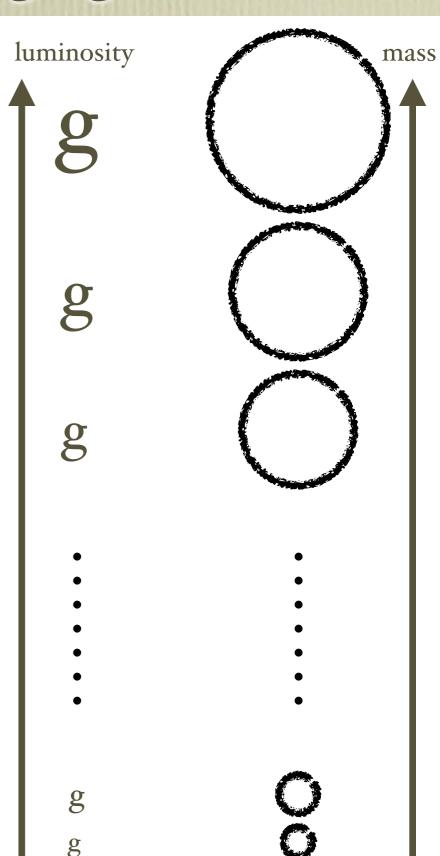




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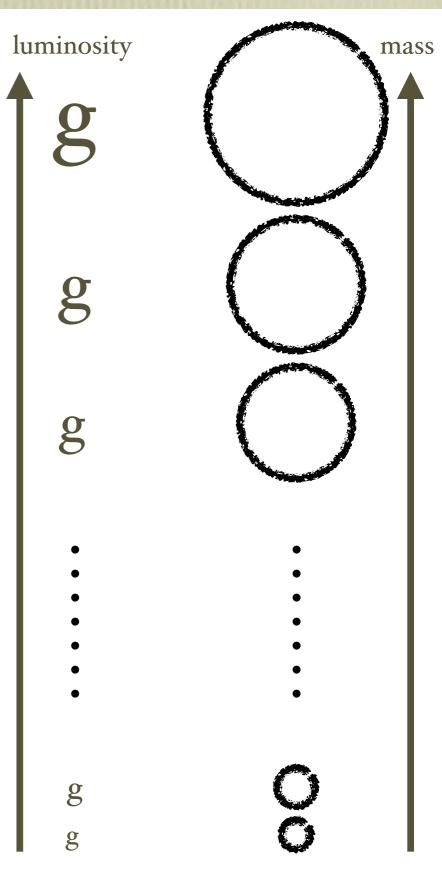
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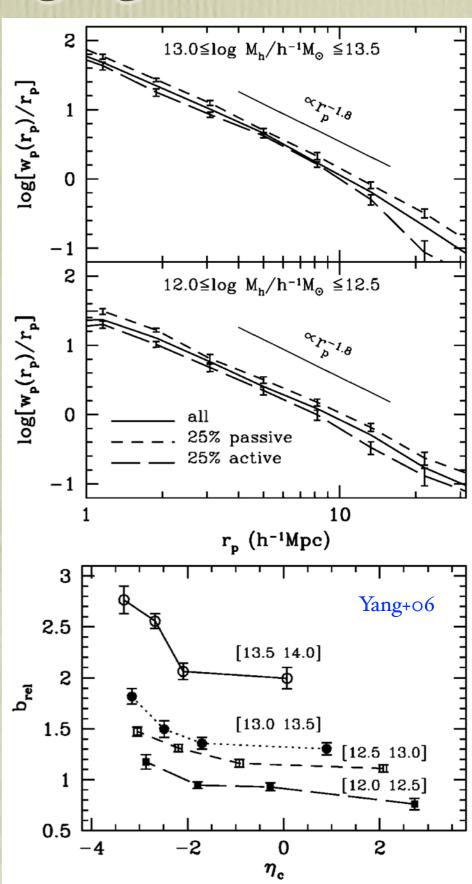
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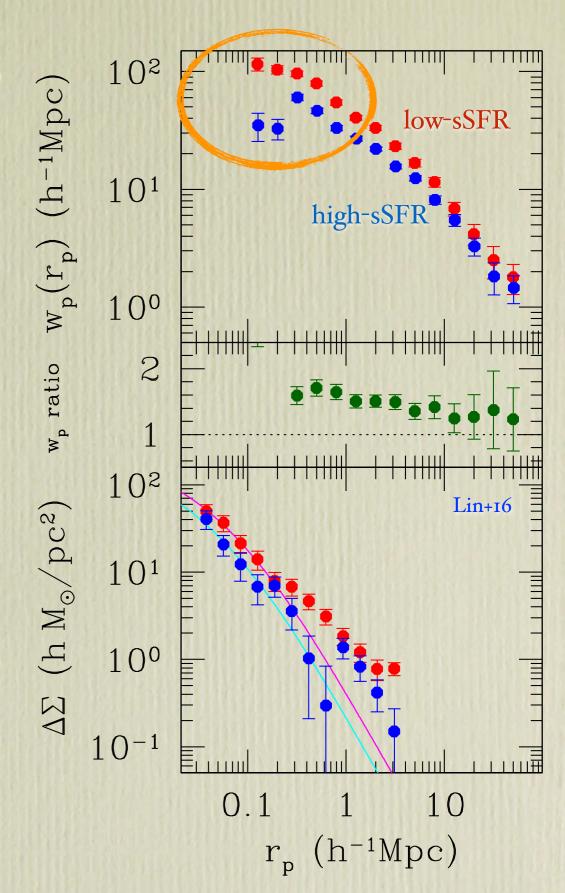
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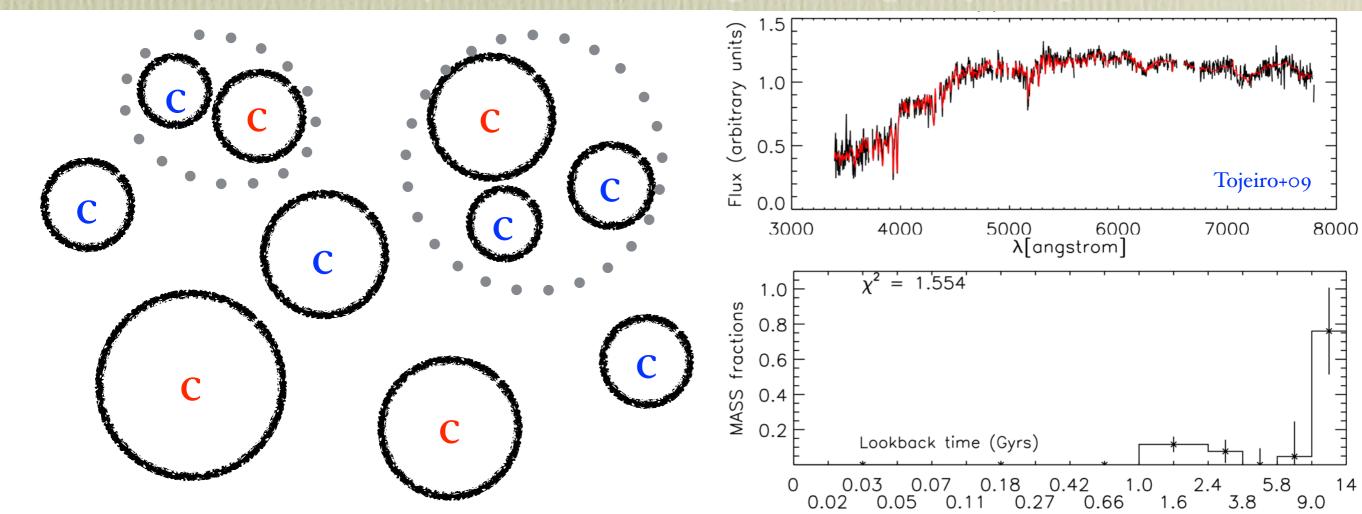
#### or was it?

- using SDSS data, we follow the Yang+o6 approach and confirm that low-sSFR centrals do cluster more strongly than high-sSFR ones
- however, the difference in bias may be explained by the difference in the mean masses of the two samples, as indicated by stacked weak lensing
- Yang's claim of detection likely false
- Yang et al. halo mass assignment not reliable
- serious contamination from satellite galaxies also detected!



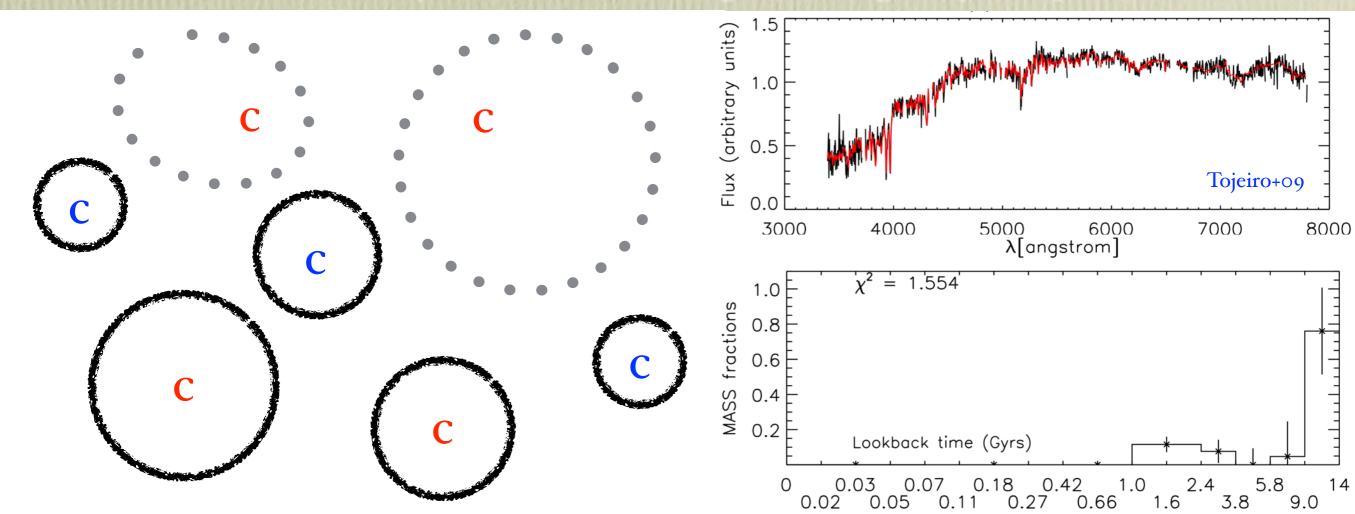
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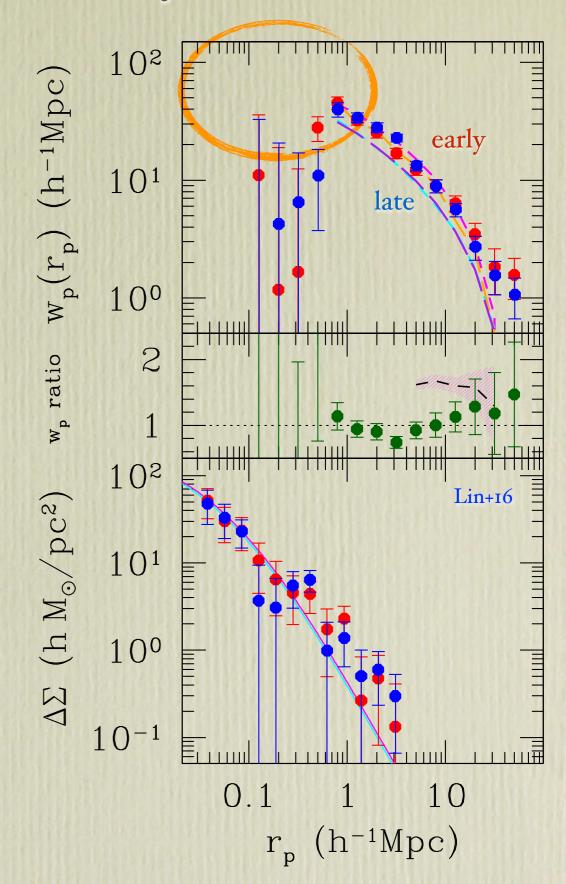
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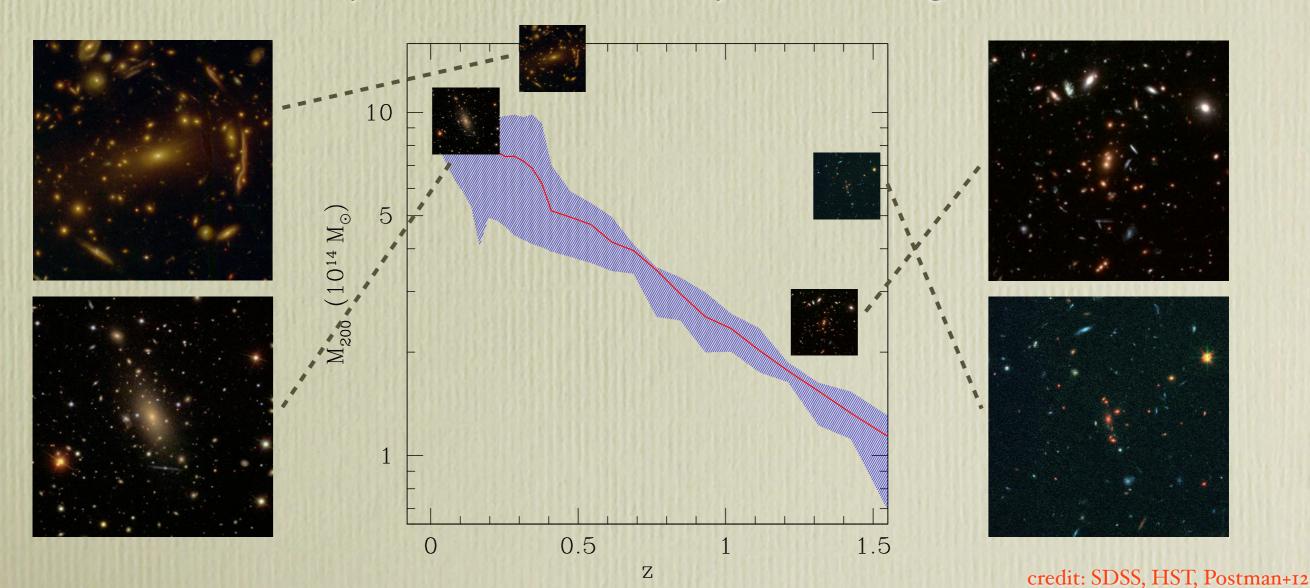
#### non-detection of assembly bias

- we have constructed a pair of early- and late-forming central samples for which the satellite contamination is minimal
- masses are  $(9\pm2)\times10^{11}h^{-1}M_{sun}$  and  $(8\pm2)\times10^{11}h^{-1}M_{sun}$
- theoretical expectation derived from high resolution N-body simulations, taking into account uncertainties in halo mass distribution
- probability for theory to be consistent with observation is 2×10<sup>-6</sup>
- higher S/N spectra needed to recover the SFH/mean age?
- better proxy for halo formation time?



### looking ahead: BCGs & clusters

- we need to move beyond simple halo mass consideration for linking clusters at different epochs
  - halo concentration/accretion mode (e.g., splashback radius) to be considered as well for linking clusters
  - should study sizes, color, metallicity when linking BCGs



### looking ahead: galaxy-halo connection

- Yang's approach to build group/cluster sample in SDSS is very influential, even though central-satellite classification, and halo mass estimates still need to be improved
- would be wonderful to repeat such efforts out to z-1-2
  - dense sampling to -sub-L\* galaxies; GAMA at z-1?
  - in HSC-D fields (26 deg2), supplementing PFS-GE survey
  - halo mass calibration via magnification bias from HSC
- can study assembly bias, galactic conformity, density reconstruction; application of Oguri & Lin (2015) method
- or, a program to get high quality spectra at z<0.3 for better quantification of stellar populations (PFS or MSE?!)