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The Distant Universe

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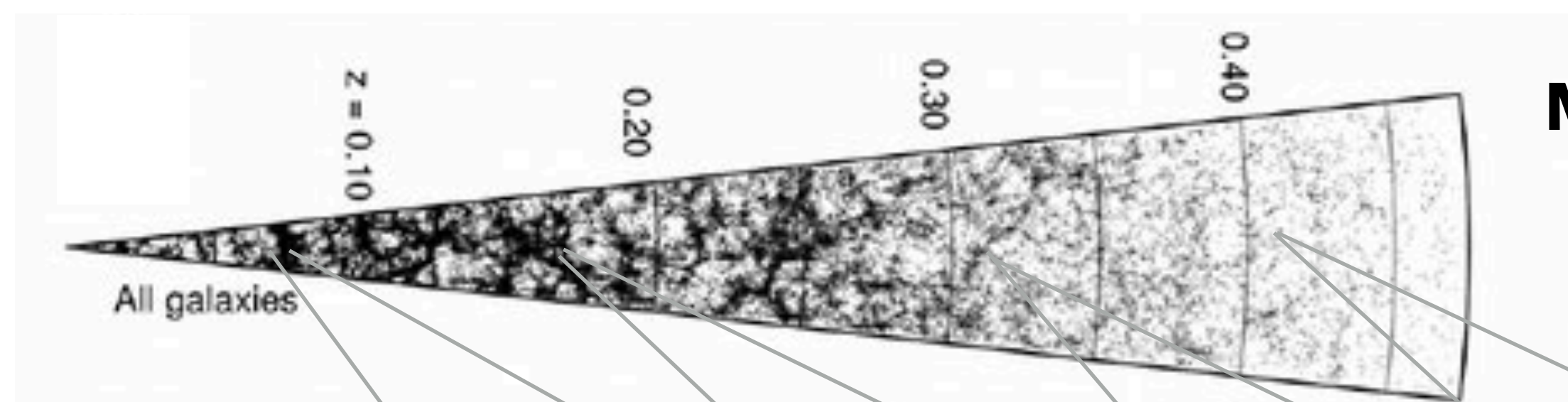
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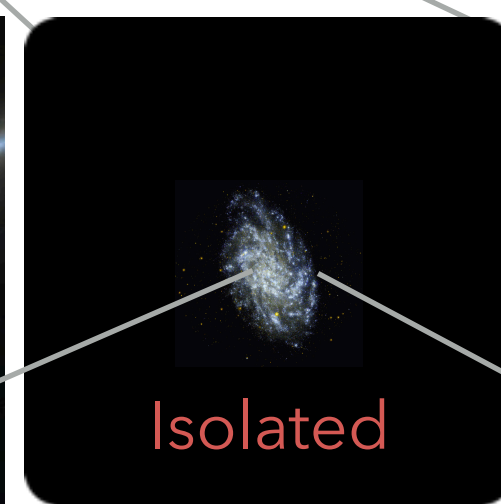
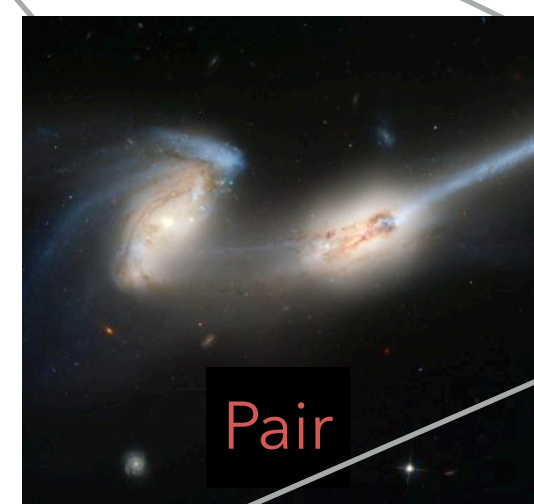
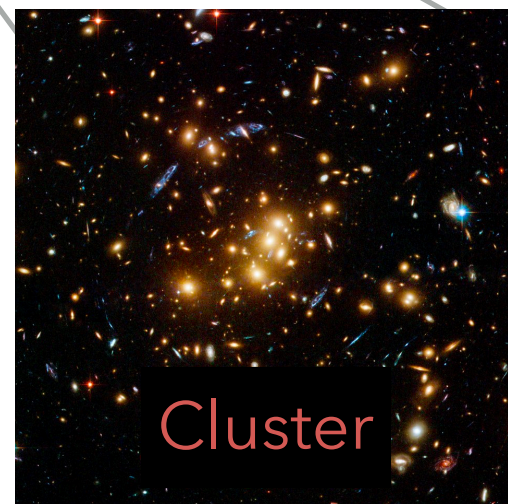
Mapping The Universe

The baryonic properties (stars, gas, dust), dynamics, locations, environments and dark matter halos of millions of galaxies, spanning over half the age of the Universe



Map out Large-Scale Structure of the Universe

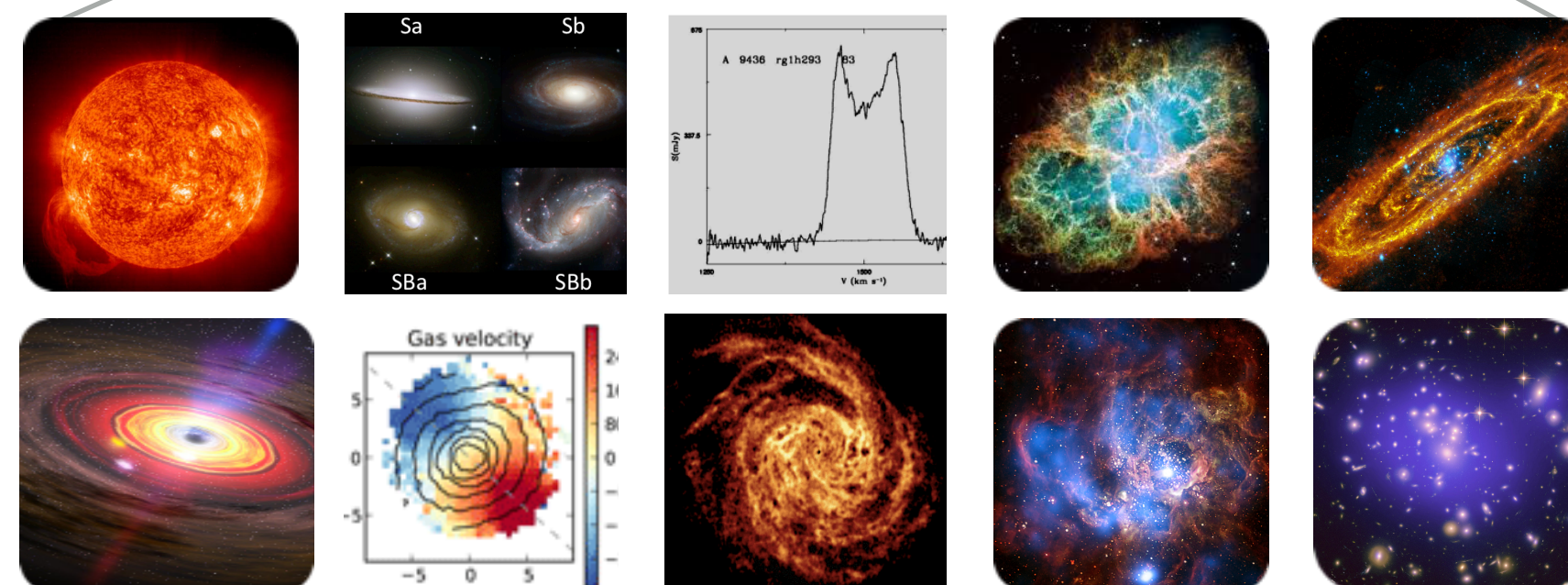
Dark Matter structure/distribution, galaxy locations, evolution of structure as the Universe grows (cosmology)



Parameterise galaxy environments

Dark Matter halo mass, galaxy distributions, galaxy interactions

The evolution of galaxies and structure over the history of the Universe



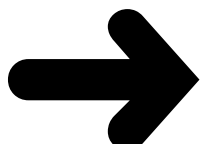
Measure galaxy properties

Stellar mass, gas mass, DM mass, SFR, SFH, AGN, structure/morphology, kinematics, dust content, metallicity....

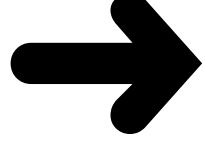


Observe → Analyse → Model → Repeat

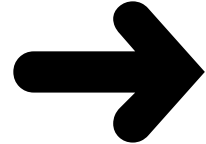
We lead large (>1M) galaxy surveys



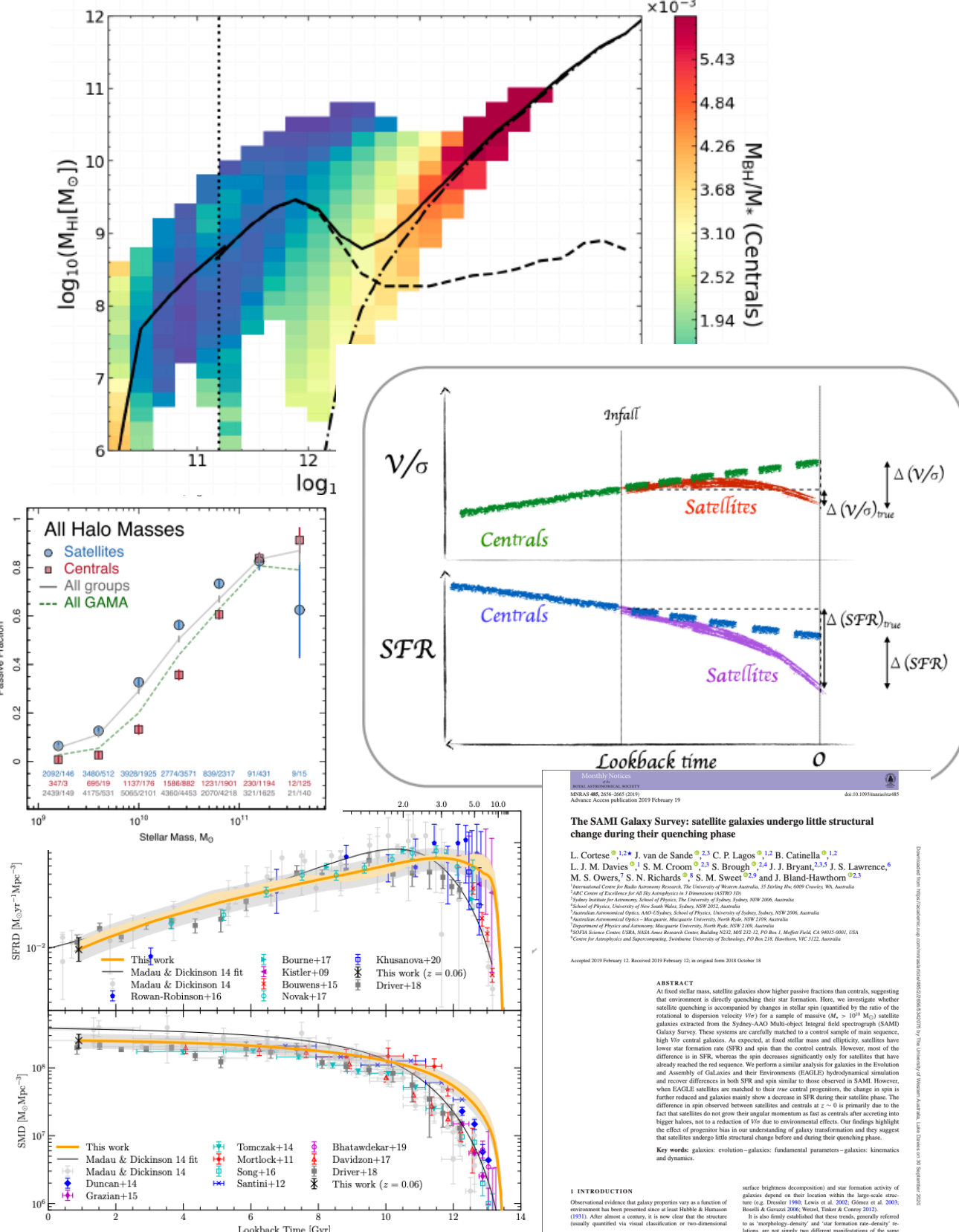
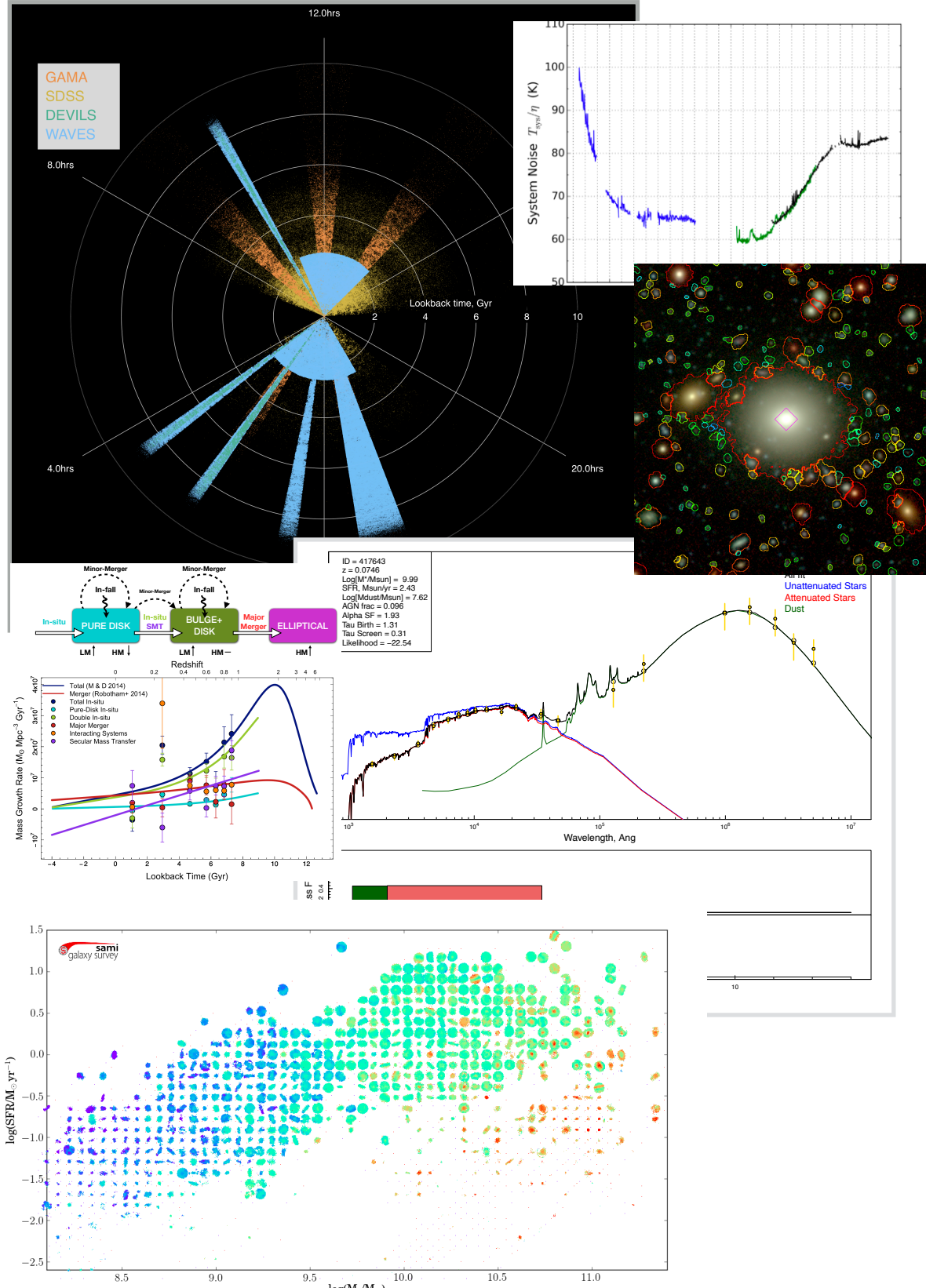
Observe with world's best telescopes



Write software, analyse galaxy/structure properties



Compare to predictions, models, and previous results



Propose New Surveys/Observations



Core Science Topics

Impact of environment on
galaxy evolution

(how where a galaxy lives
affects its life)

The evolution of star-
formation and stellar mass

(how galaxies
grow with time)

The energy budget of the
Universe

(how and where are photons
produced in the Universe)

Resolved studies of
galaxies and dynamics

(how galaxies move and
where are stars formed)

Morphology and structure
of galaxies over time

(how galaxies look and what it tells
us about how they formed)

Very high
redshift galaxies

(understanding the first galaxies
that form in the Universe)

HI gas content
of galaxies

(understanding the fuel that
galaxies have to form new stars)

Software for studying
galaxy evolution

(developing new software
for studying galaxies)

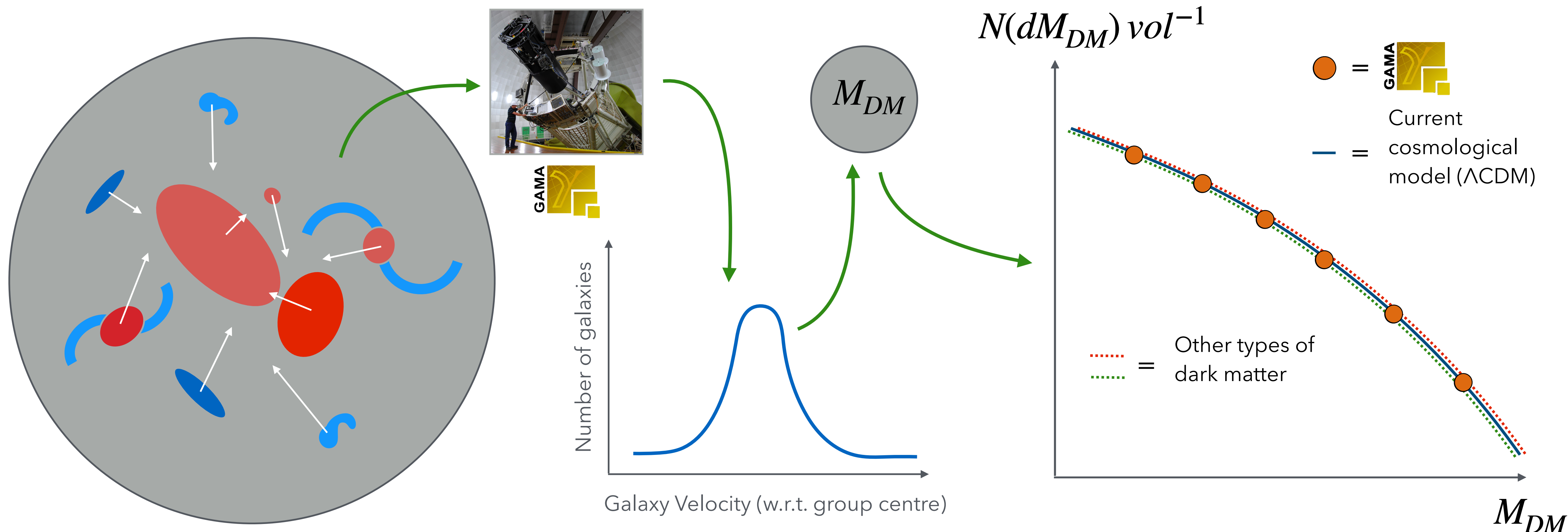
Management of large
galaxy surveys

(observations, data management,
software for data collection)

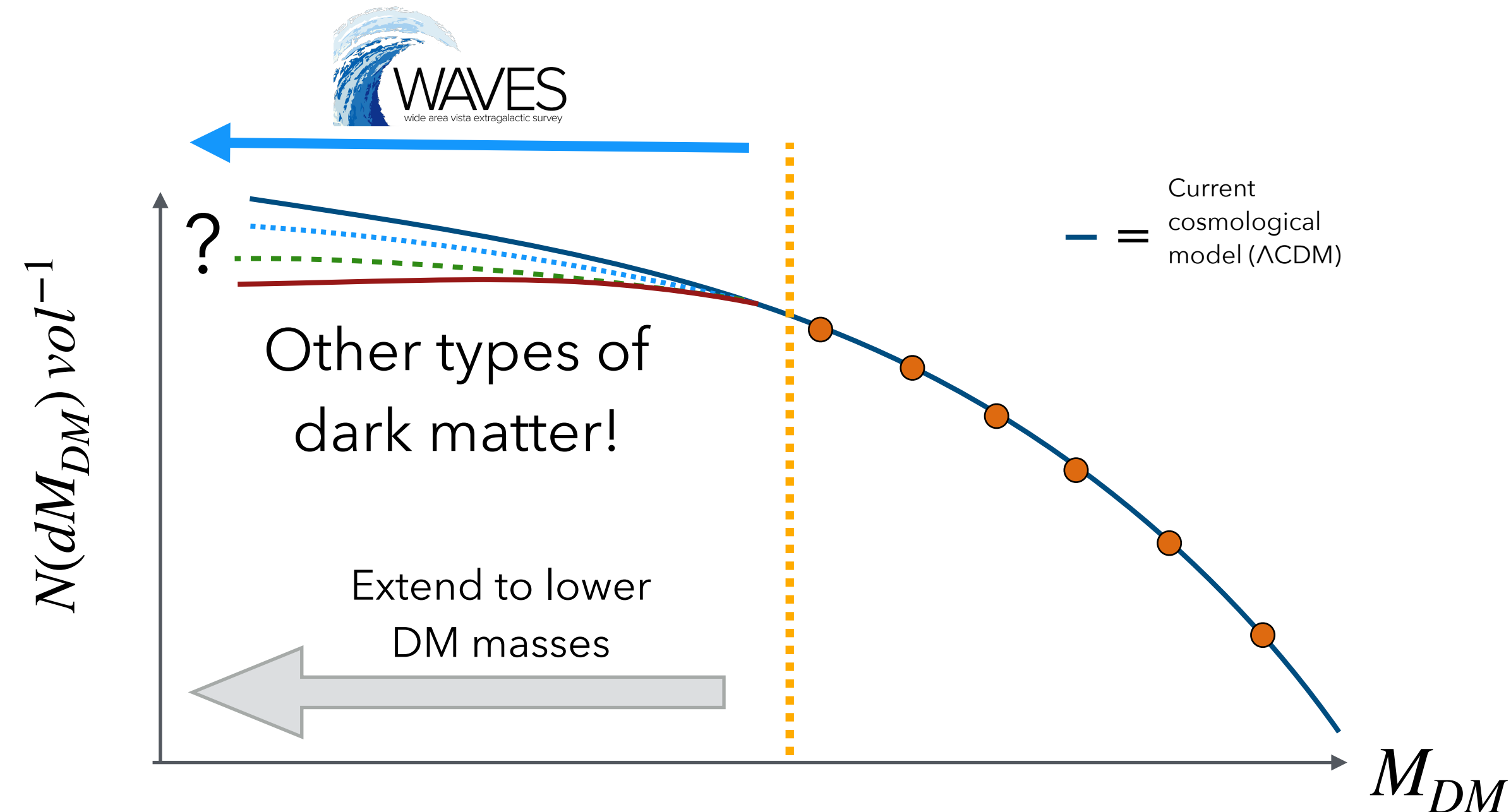
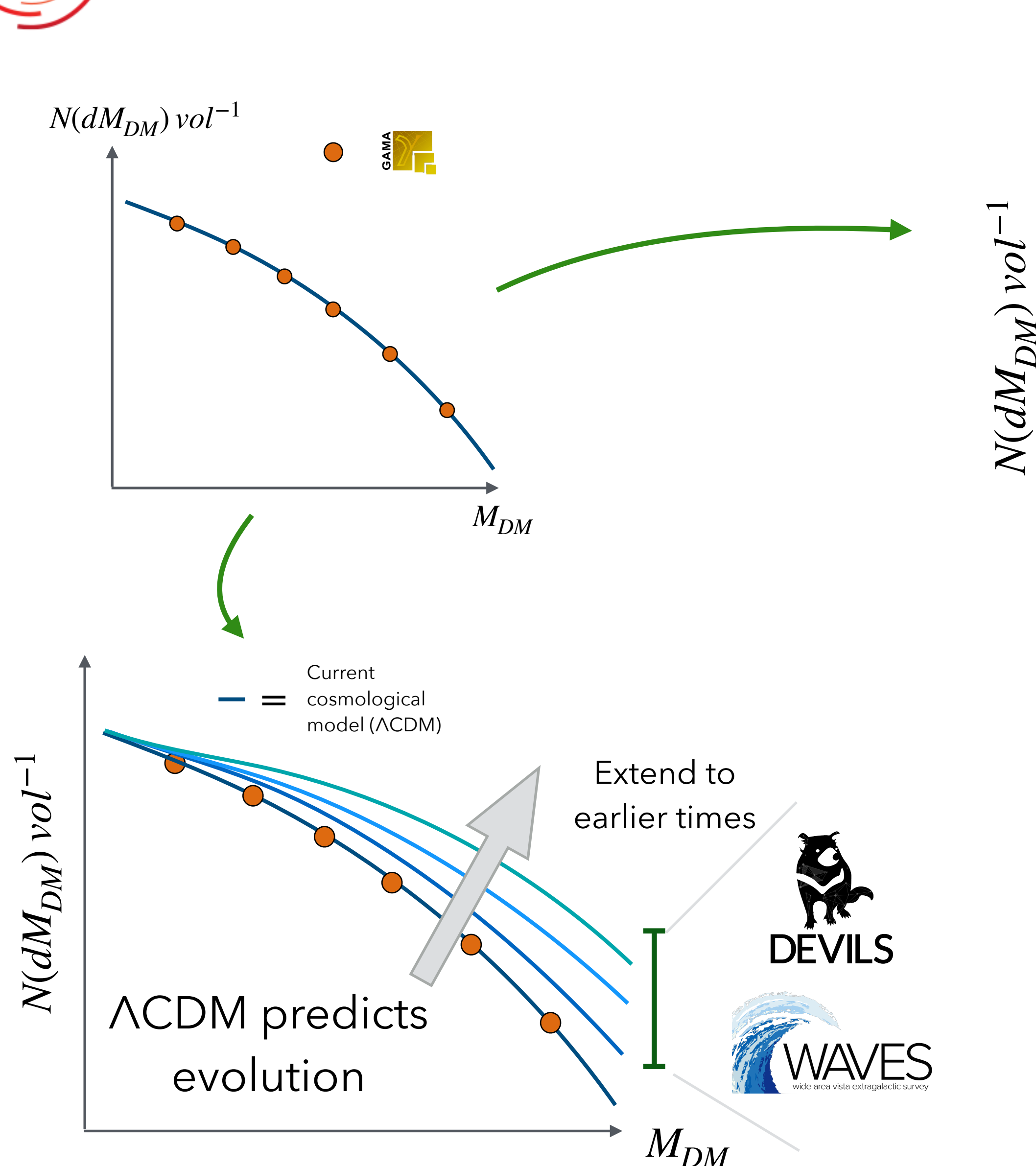
Science Snippet: Dark Matter

Major focus of international physics research (particle physics and astrophysics) is concerned with determining the nature of dark matter....

....the distribution and velocities of galaxies in groups allows us to 'weigh' dark matter halos, providing a key astrophysical test of our understanding of dark matter



Science Snippet: Dark Matter



Using data from  and  we will 'weigh' dark matter halos to low masses and over a range of cosmic epochs to test the nature of dark matter



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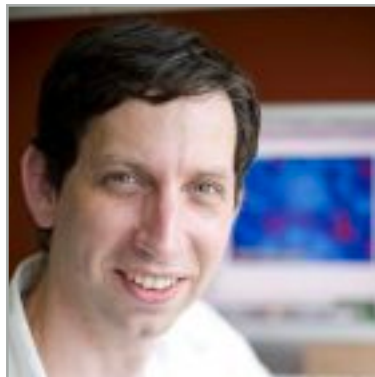
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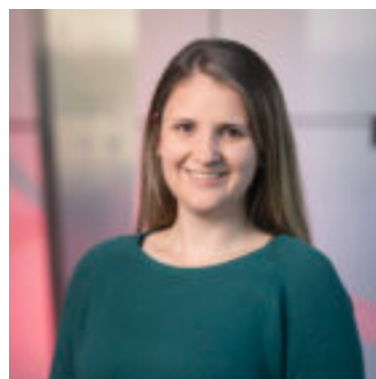
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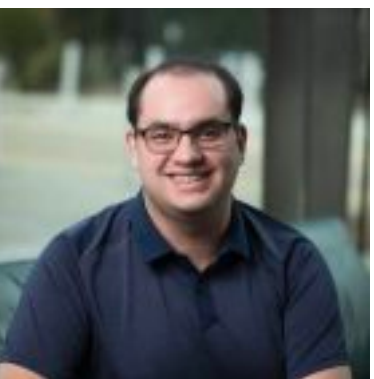


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