The Spatially-Resolved Recent Star Formation History of M31

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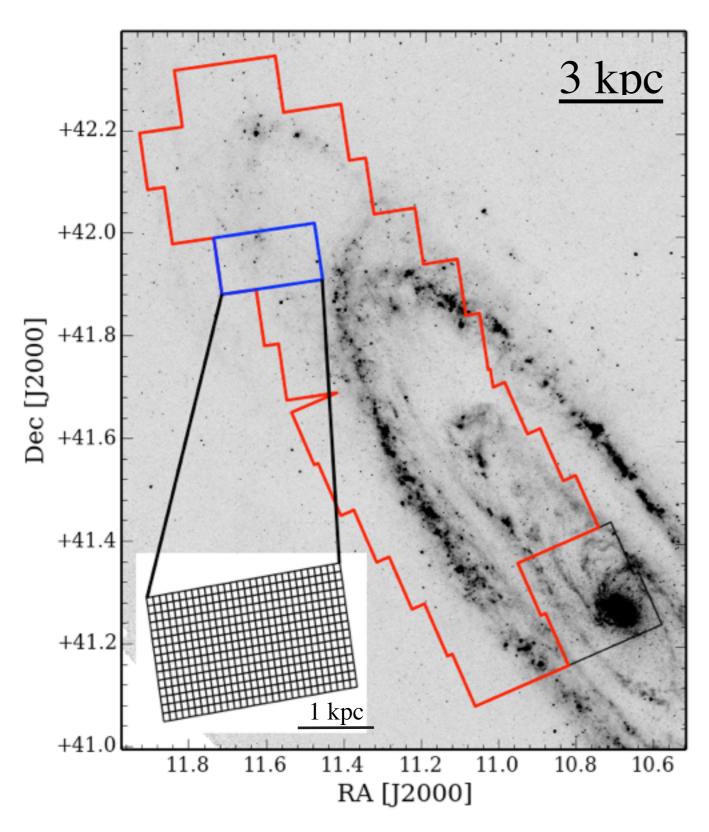
Why M31?

We can see the entire galaxy.

No distance/extinction ambiguity.

We can individually resolve its stars.

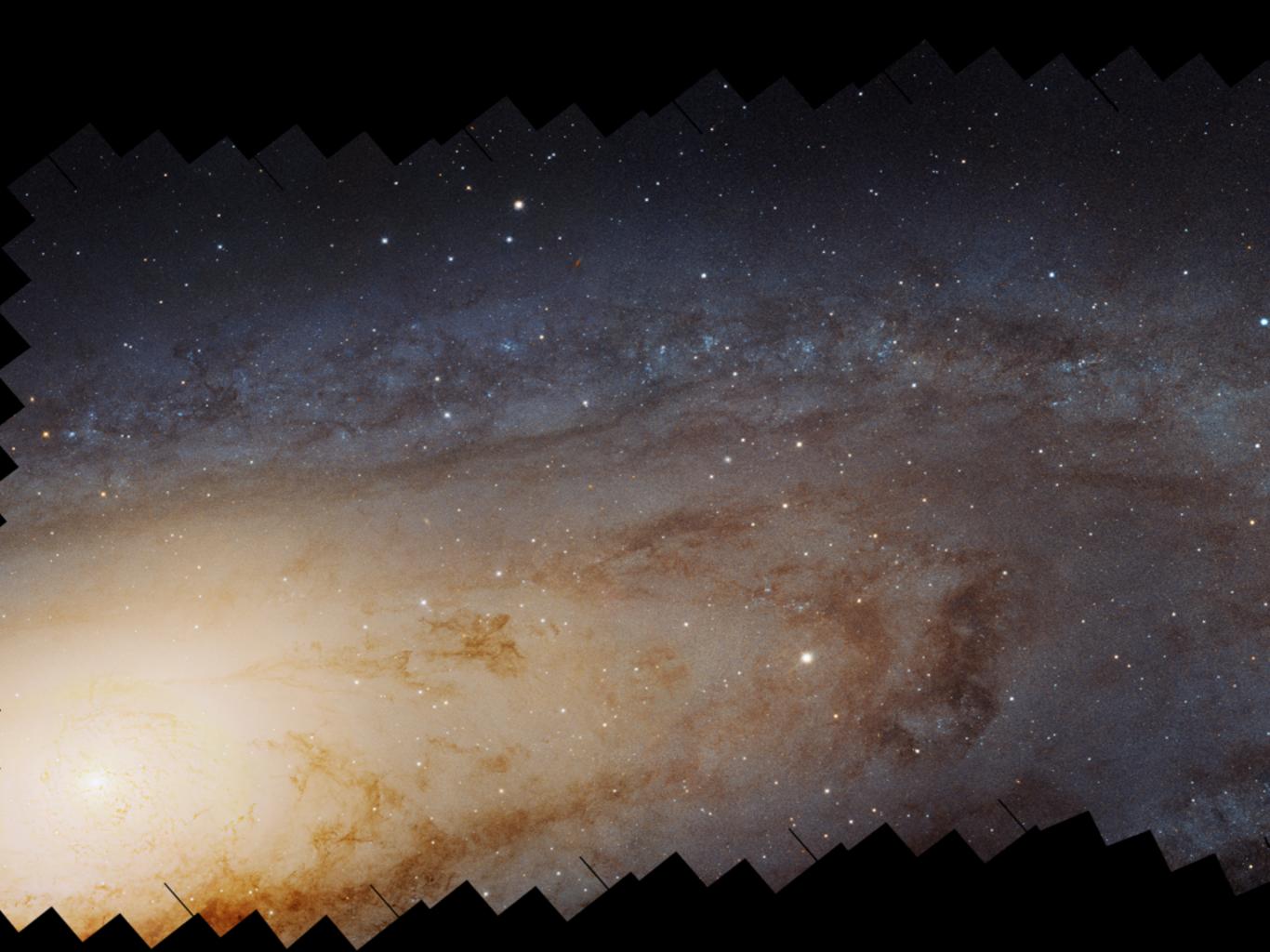
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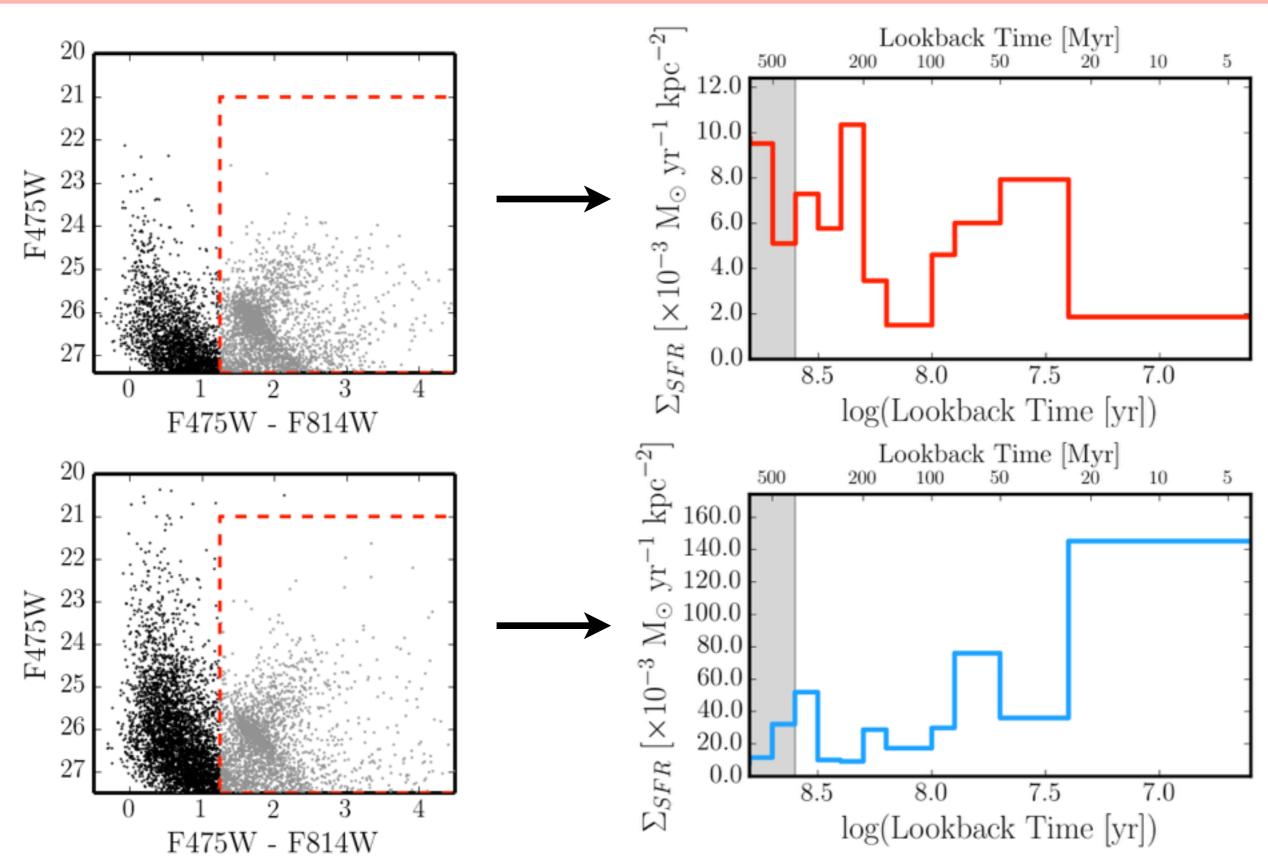
Panchromatic Hubble Andromeda Treasury (Dalcanton+ 2012)

117 million stars (Williams+ 2014)

~9000 regions
100pc x 100pc
(projected size)



Modeling CMDs

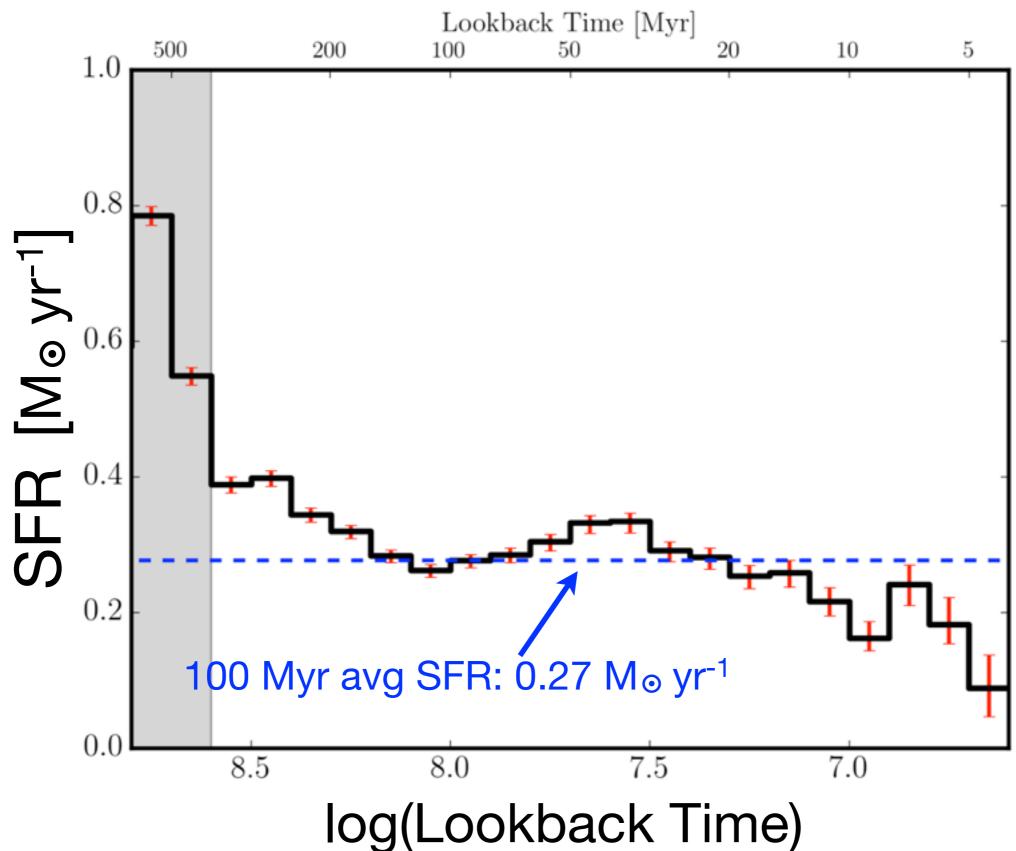


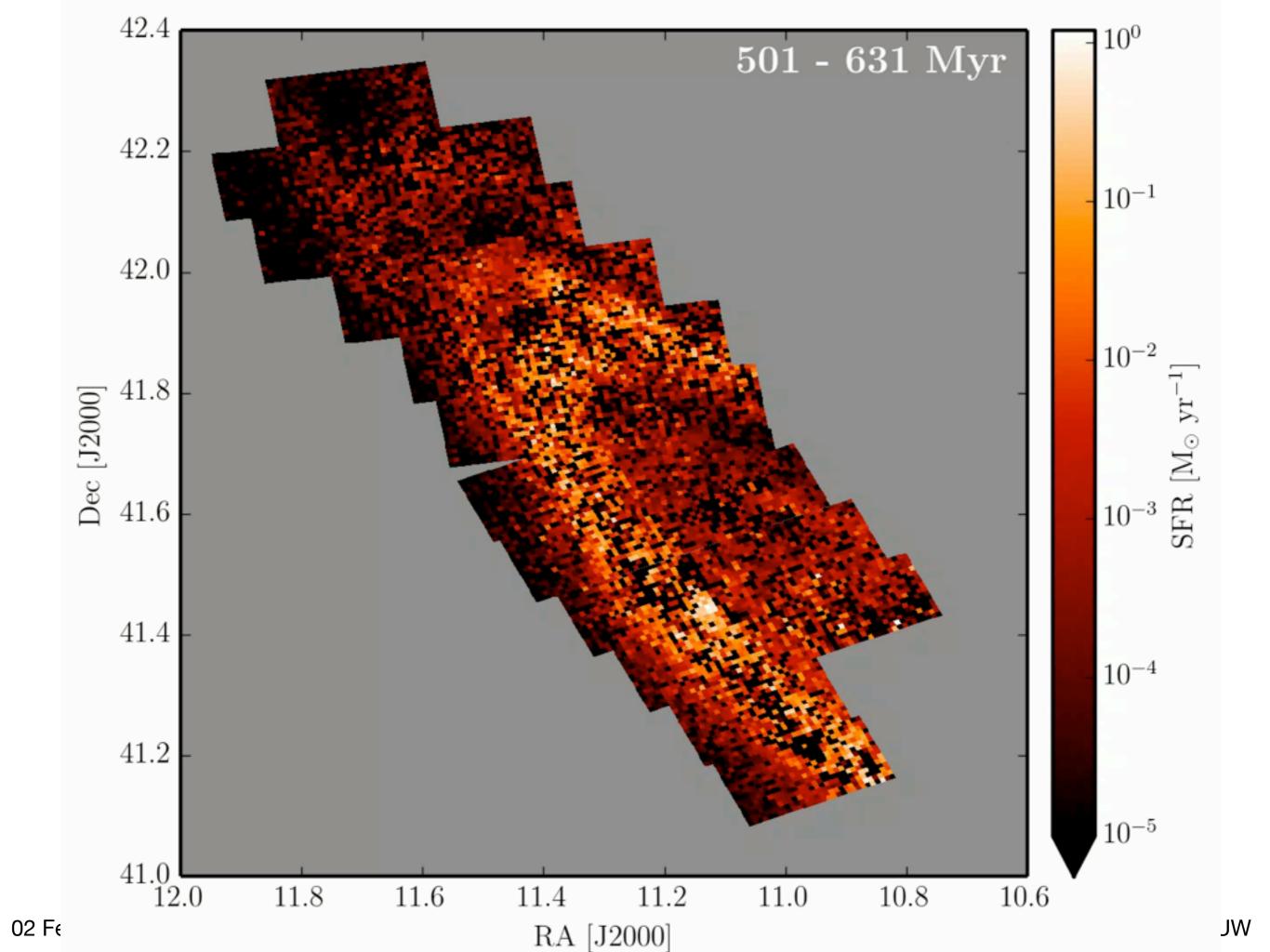
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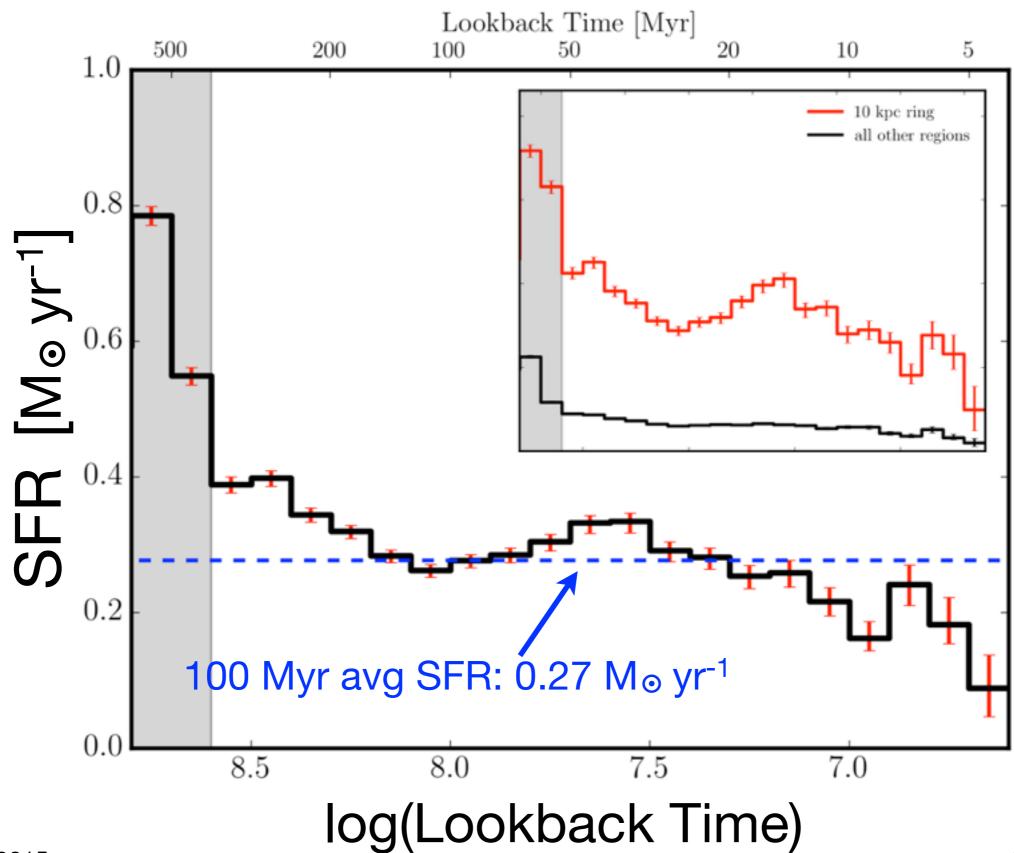
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Total SFH

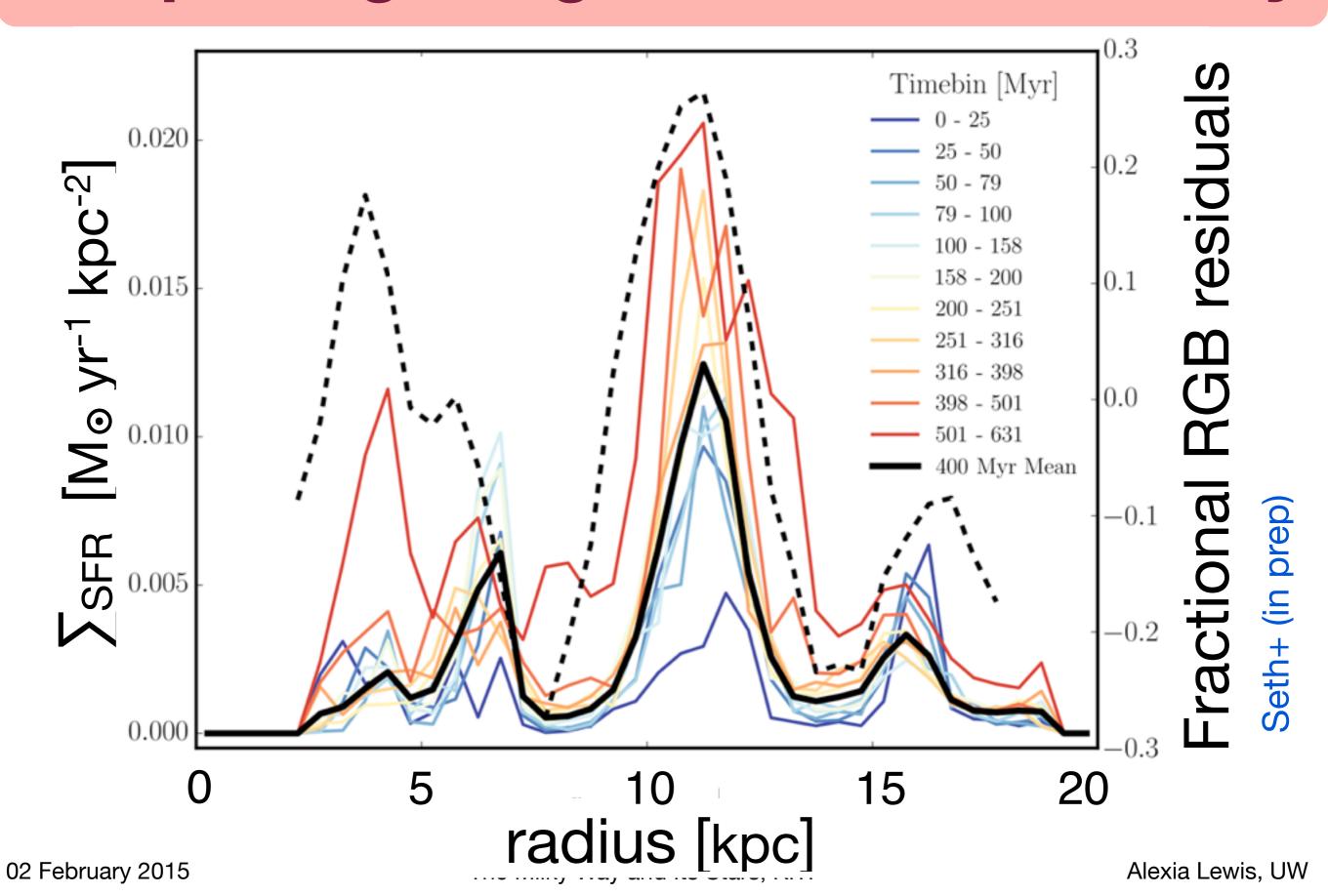




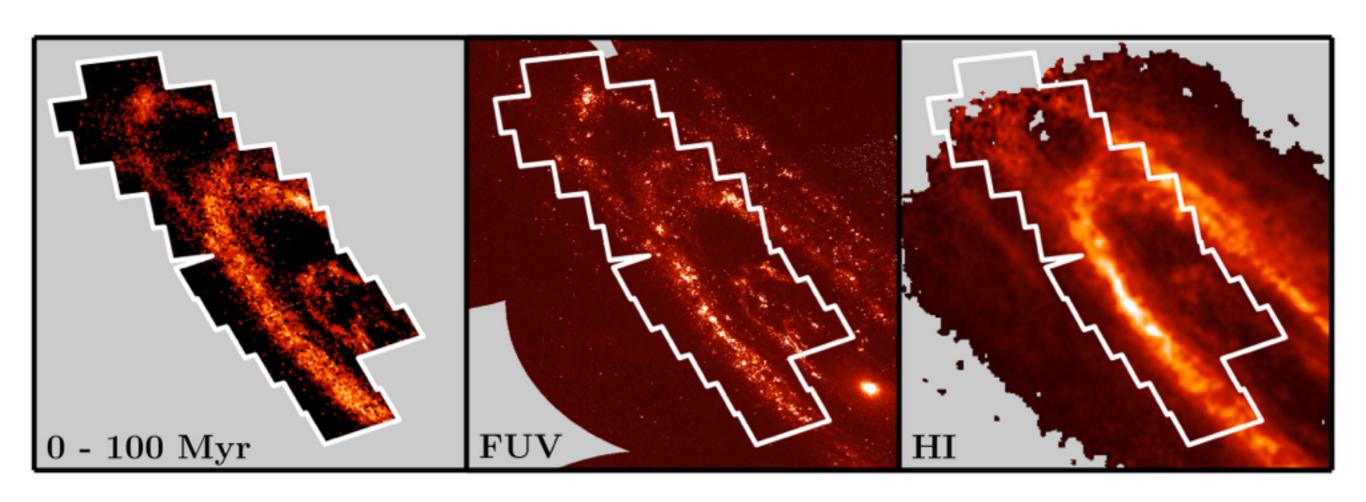
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10 kpc ring: long-lived and stationary

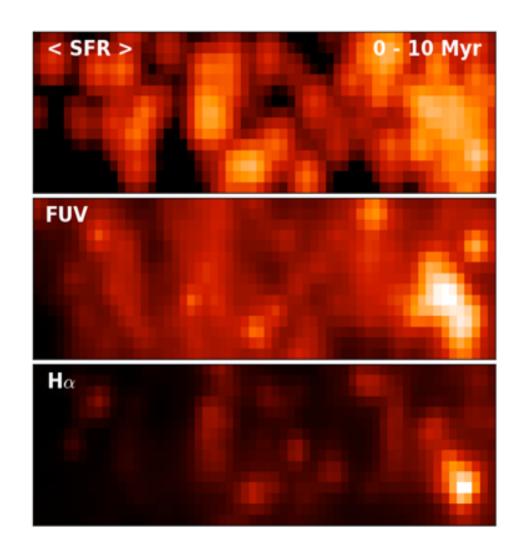


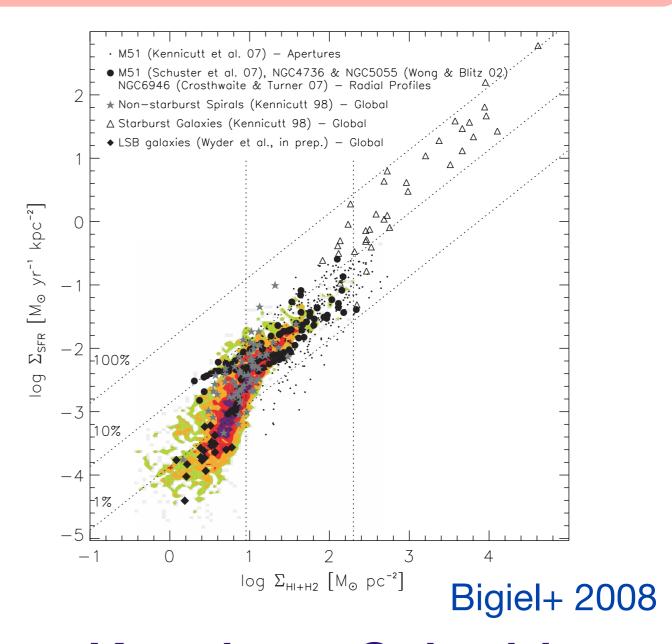
Morphology



Applications

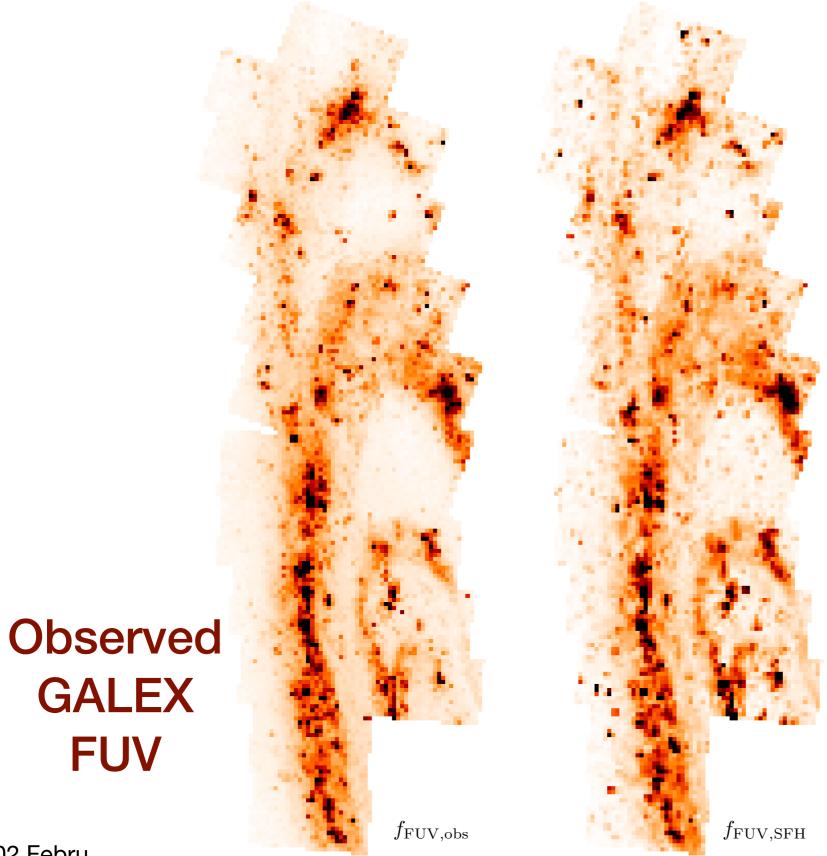
Correlations between SFHs and gas and SFR tracers





Kennicutt-Schmidt relation on different timescales

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Compare modeled flux maps with observed maps

Modeled **FUV**

Simones+ (in prep)

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Summary

Spatially and temporally-resolved SFH of significant fraction of M31's disk

Variety on small scales Coherent pattern of SF on large scales

10-kpc star-forming ring

Long-lived and (mostly) stationary Significant contributor to the overall SFH

Link star formation to gas supply