

*The Quenching of Star Formation:  
Structure vs. Halo*

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# Quenching Models

## Centrals:

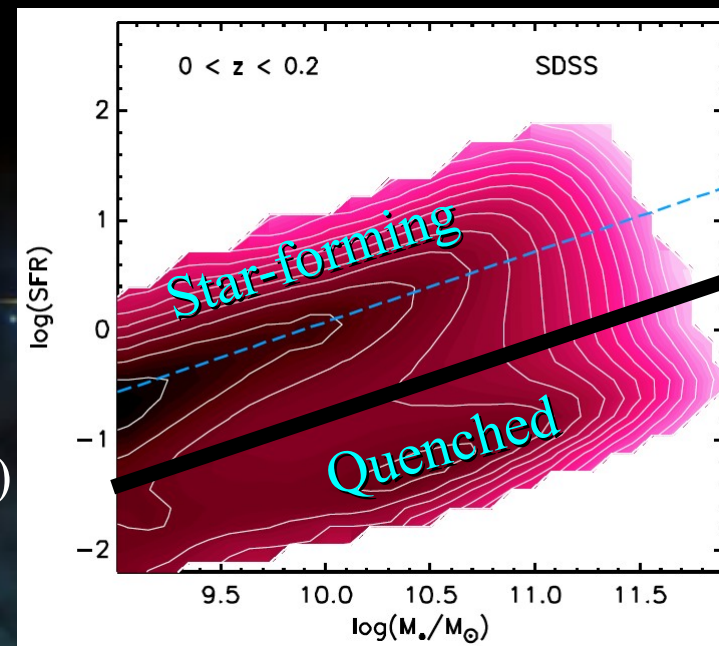
- Virial shock heating in halos  $> M_{\text{crit}} \sim 10^{12} M_{\odot}$  } Halo
- AGN heating } Galaxy + Halo
- Gaseous inflow to a compact bulge  $\rightarrow$  starburst  $\rightarrow$  gas exhaustion }
  - Major mergers
  - Inflow within gravitationally unstable disc Galaxy
- Morphological quenching: bulge stabilises the disc

## Satellites:

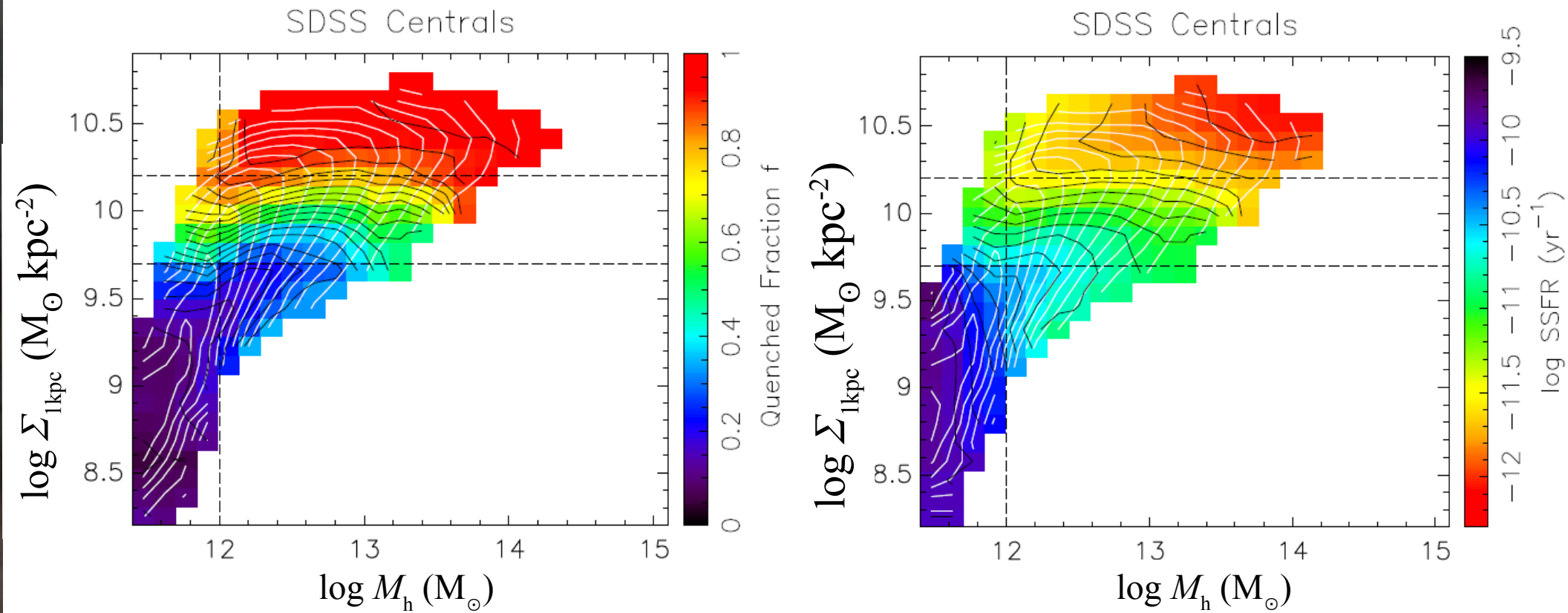
- Ram pressure stripping: gas (strangulation)
- Tidal stripping: gas and stars
- Harrassment: high speed interactions

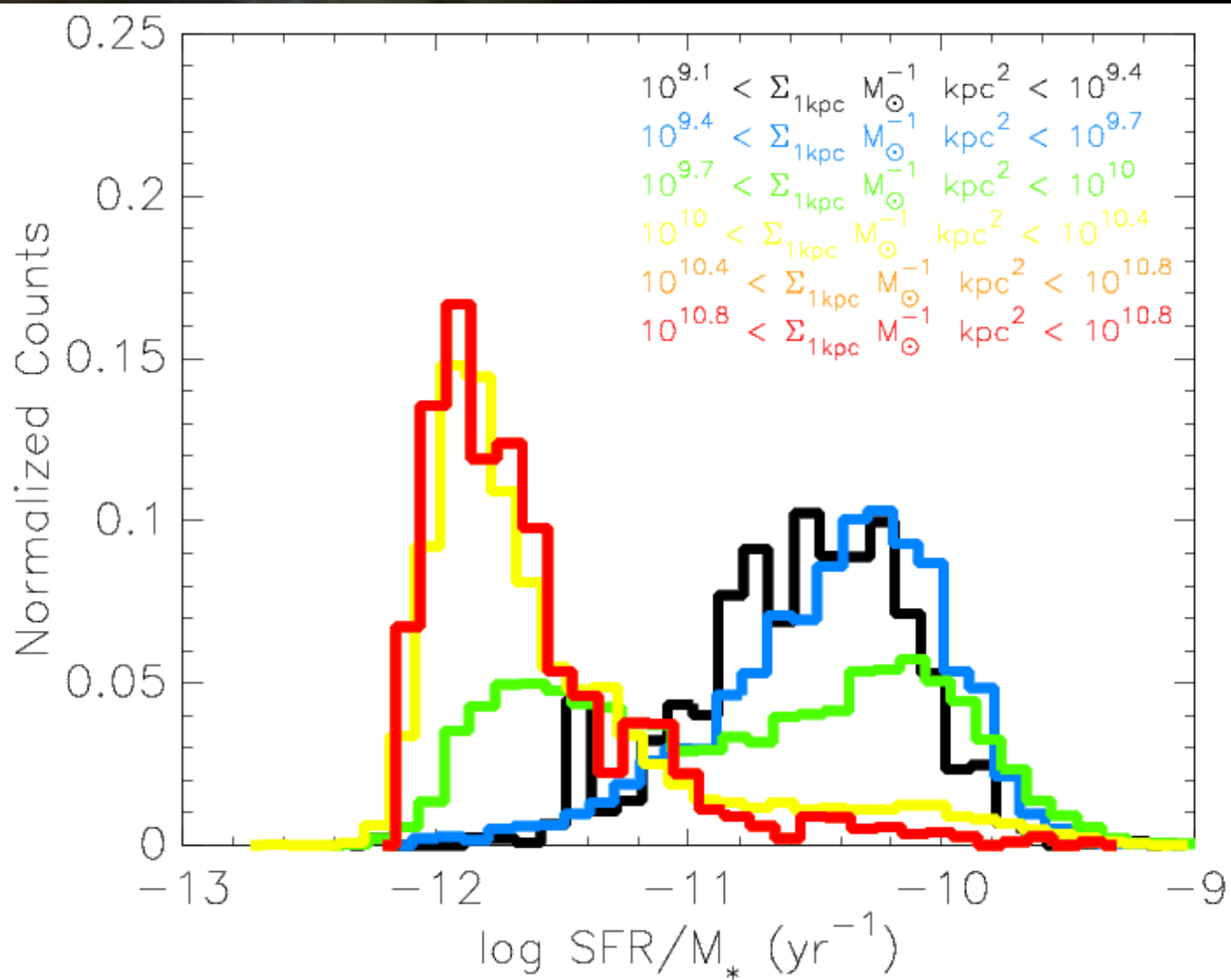
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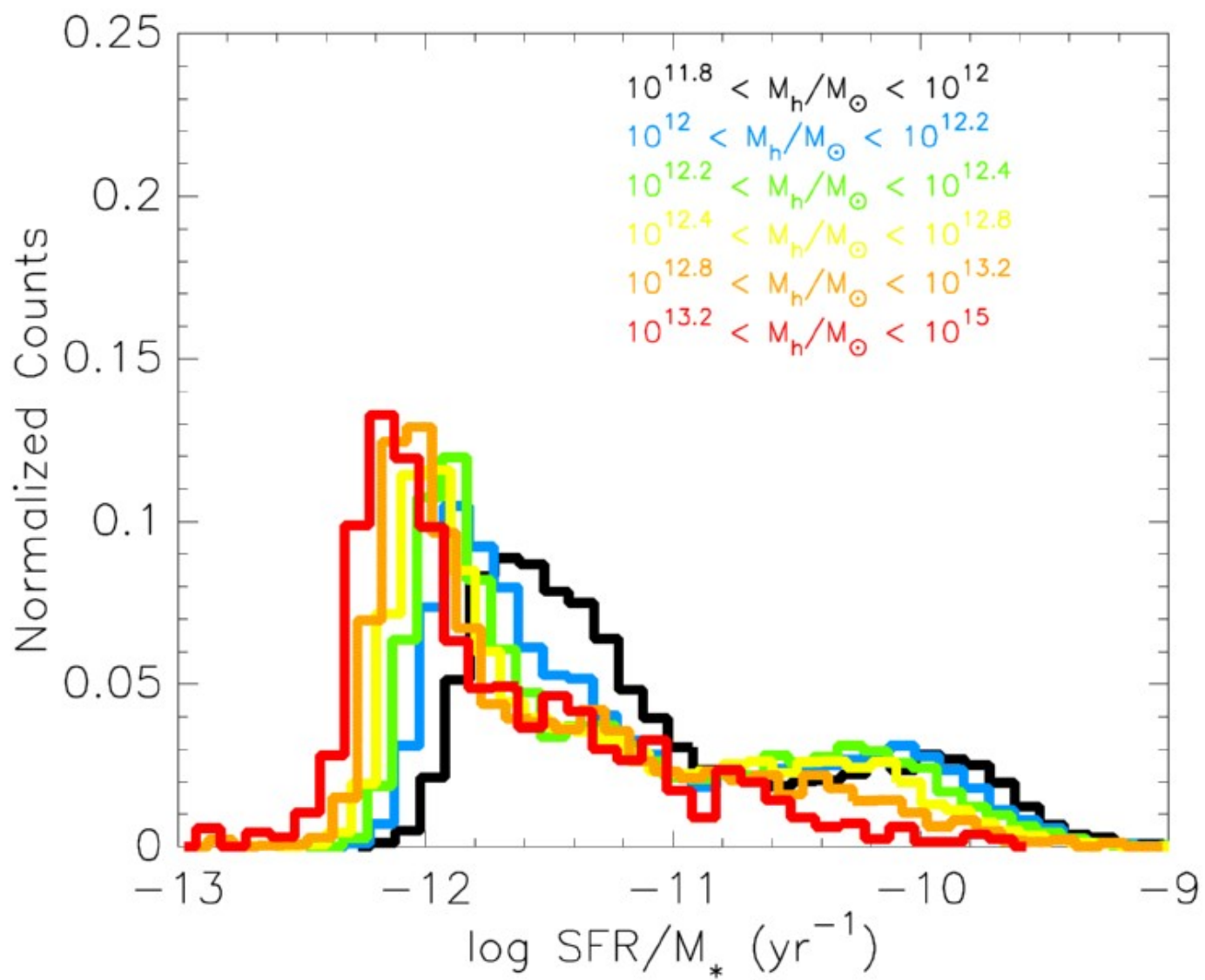
- SDSS DR7:  $0 < z < 0.2$
- Quenching = low SFR;  $\sigma \sim 0.2$  dex
  - Brinchmann et al. (2004) (spectral lines + photometry)
  - Incorporates dust model
- Mass
  - $M_*$ :  $\sigma \sim 0.1$  dex MPA (Brinchmann et al.) (photometry)
  - $M_h$ :  $\sigma \sim 0.3$  dex, Group catalogue of Yang et al. (2012)
- Centrals vs. Satellites:
  - Central = Most massive member AND nearest to mass-weighted centre
  - Satellite distance from the central galaxy  $D = d_{\text{proj}}/R_{\text{vir}}$ :  $\sigma \sim 0.1$  dex
- Morphology/structure:  $0 < z < 0.075$ 
  - Central surface density  $\Sigma_{1\text{kpc}}$ :  $\sigma \sim 0.1$  dex
  - PSF corrections via Fourier quotient method

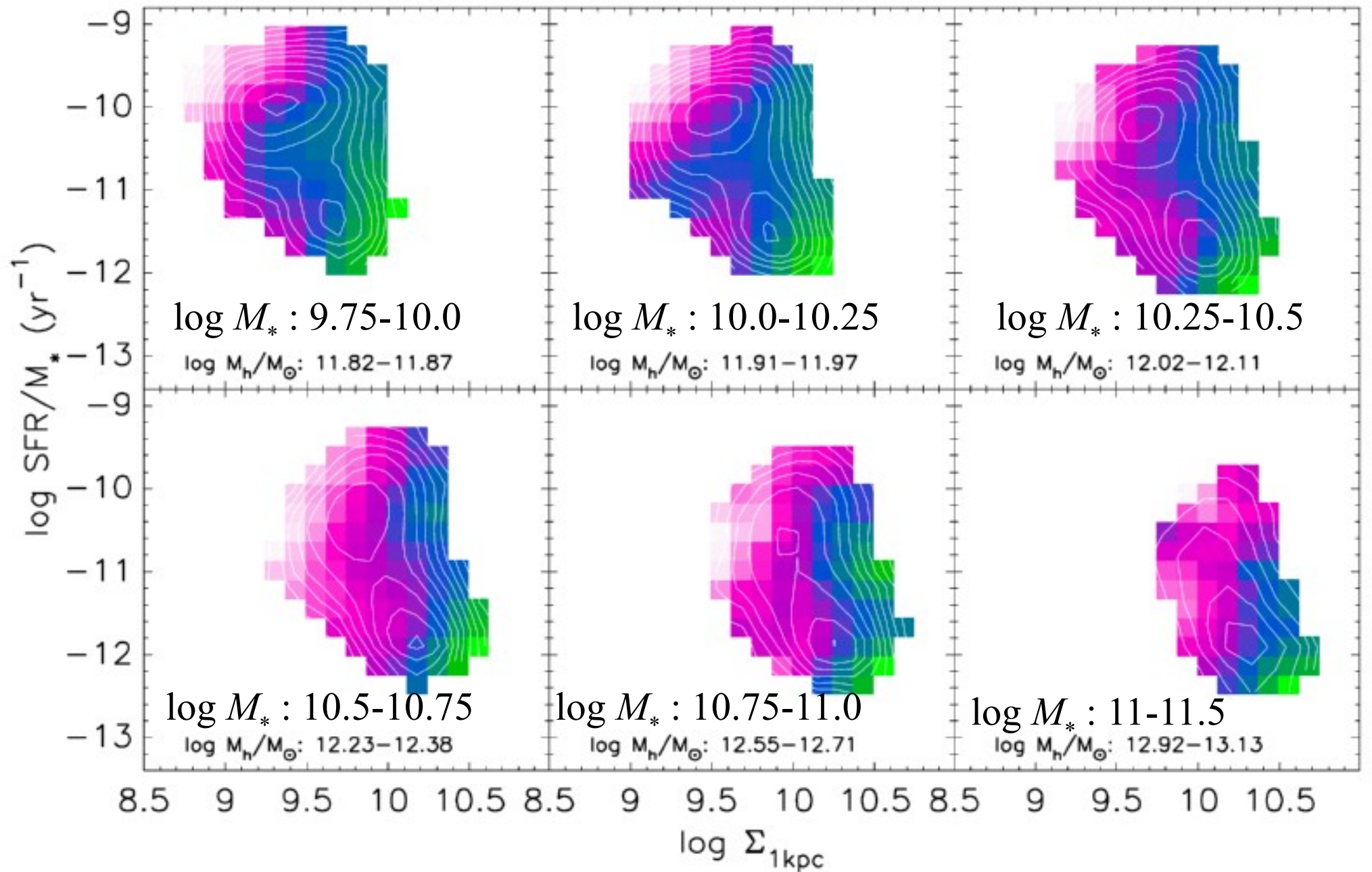


# Mass vs. Morphology: Centrals



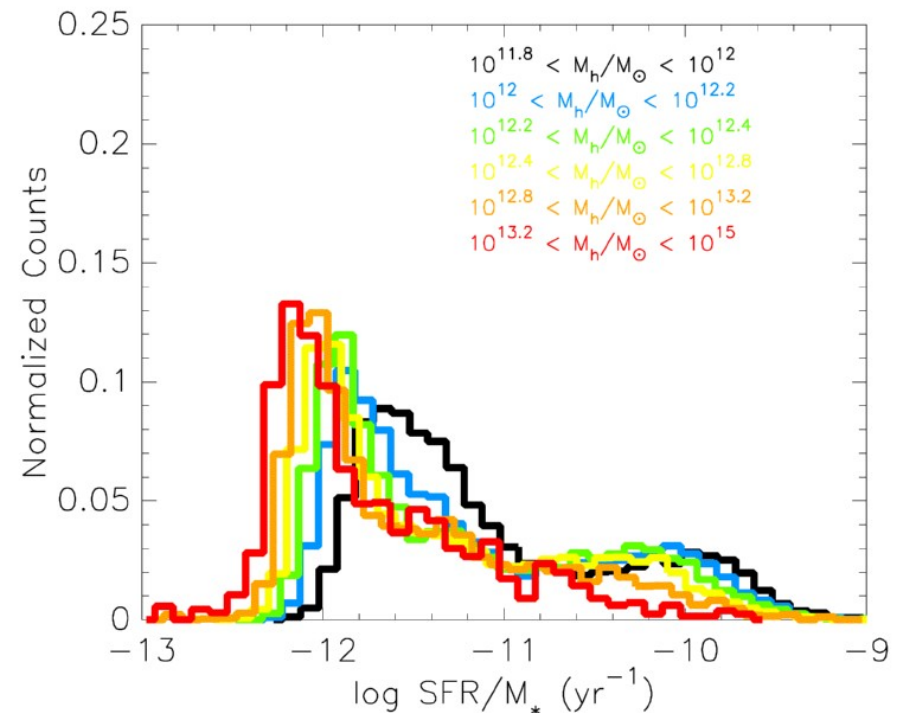
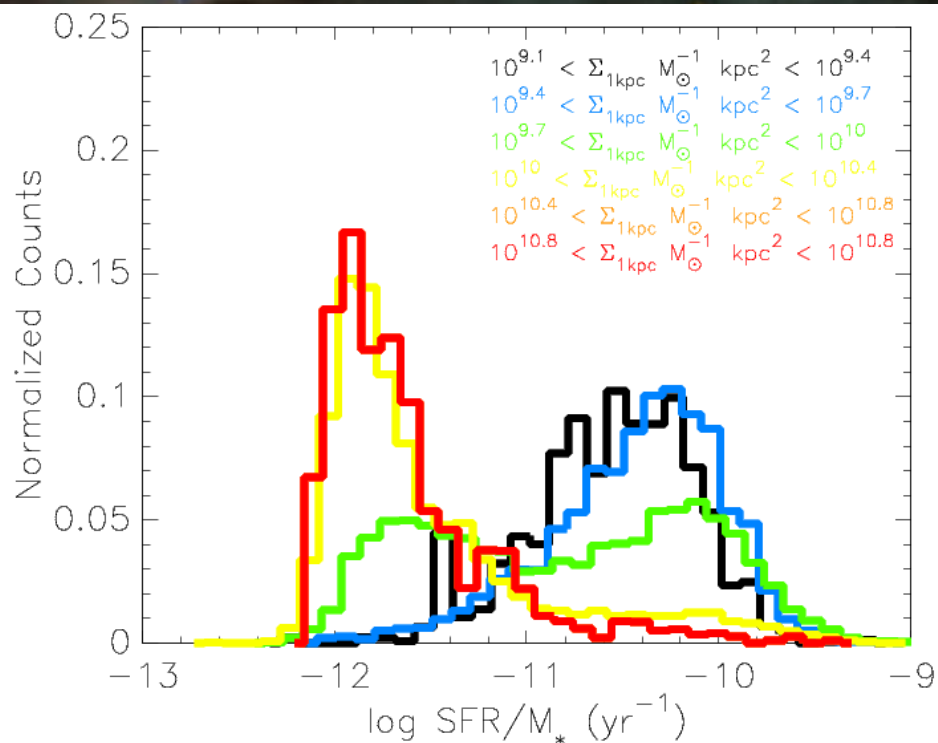






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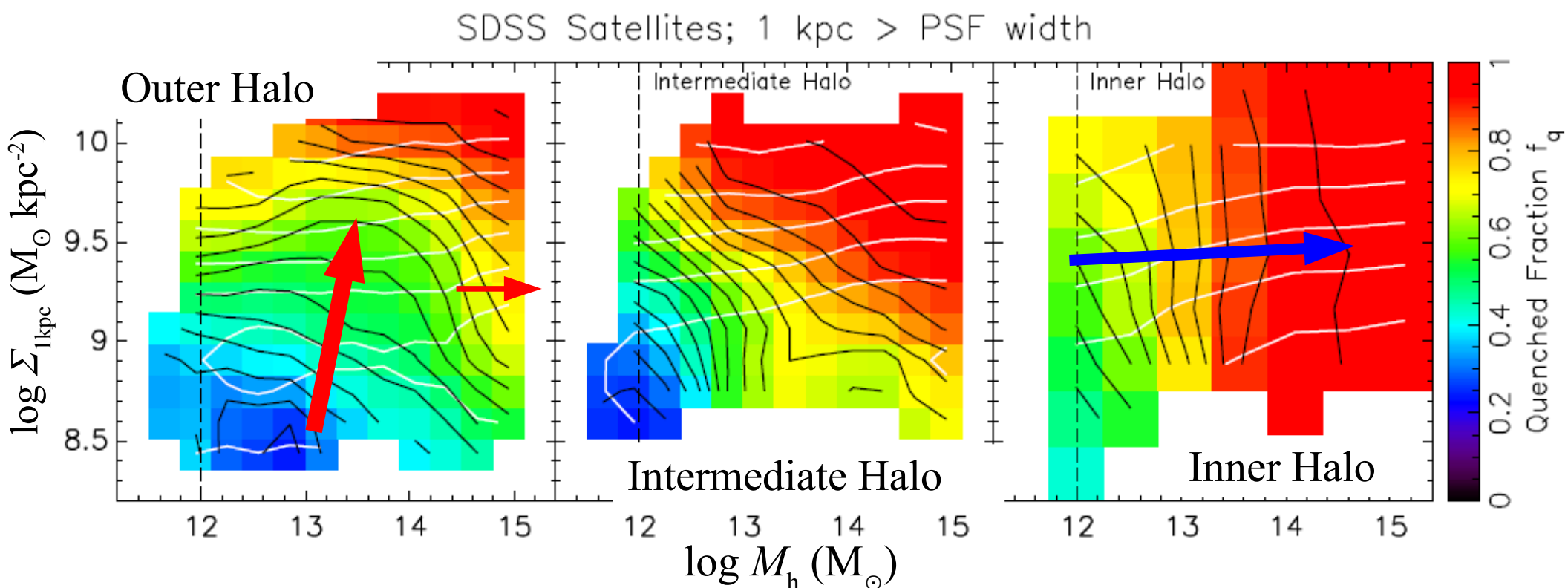




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- Makes sense because:
  - Virial shock heating is expected to cut off accretion; remaining gas is expected to continue forming stars
    - Timescales can be  $\sim 2\text{-}3$  Gyr or higher at higher  $z$
  - Mechanisms that result in high  $\Sigma_{1\text{kpc}}$  are expected to be violent (VDI, mergers)
    - Once gas is consumed  $M_h$  could play maintenance role of quenching (prevents new gas from falling in)
- These ideas need to be tested – initial tests in a SAM look promising!

# Quenching and Morphology: Satellites



The quenched fraction depends on  $\Sigma_{1\text{kpc}}$  in the outskirts of halos.

The quenched fraction depends on  $M_h$  in the inner halo.

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# *Quenching Results for Satellites*

- Outer regions of haloes:
  - $\Sigma_{1\text{kpc}}$  dominates  $f_q$
  - Satellites only recently fell in; have not had time to experience the slow halo quenching
    - Ie, galaxies on the slow mode can move onto the fast mode
- Inner regions of haloes:
  - $M_h$  dominates  $f_q$
  - Almost all satellites are quenched for  $M_h > 10^{12.8} M_\odot$ 
    - slightly greater than  $M_{\text{crit}}$  perhaps due to quenching delay

# Summary

- Both the halo and central density play role in quenching
  - $\Sigma_{1\text{kpc}}$  determines  $f_q$       Quick transition
  - $M_h$  determines SSFR      Slow fading of star formation
- Satellites:
  - $M_h$  quenching happens in the inner halo (since halo quenching is slow)
    - Nearly all quenched above a few  $\times M_{\text{crit}}$
  - $\Sigma_{1\text{kpc}}$ -related quenching (fast mode) affects satellites in outer halo