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The Ubiquity of Stellar Halos In the Virgo Cluster

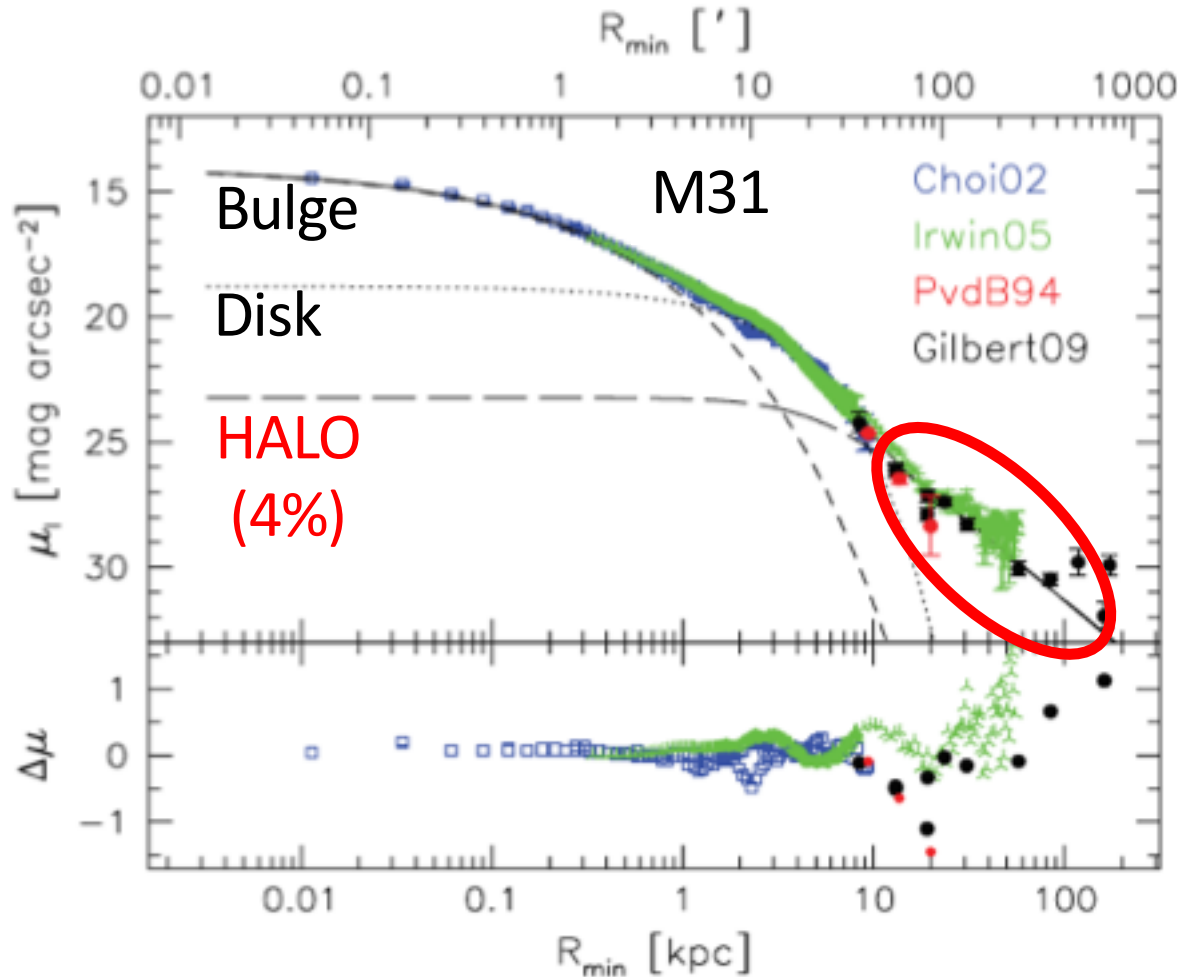
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Motivation

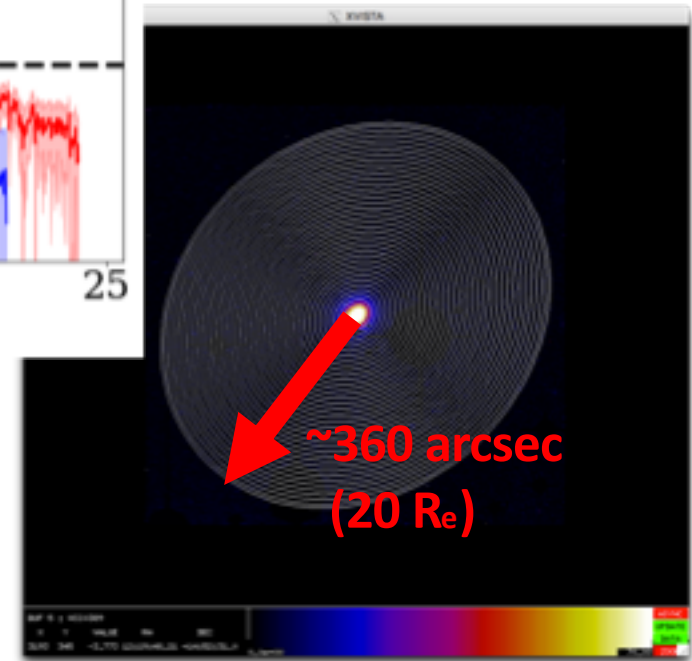
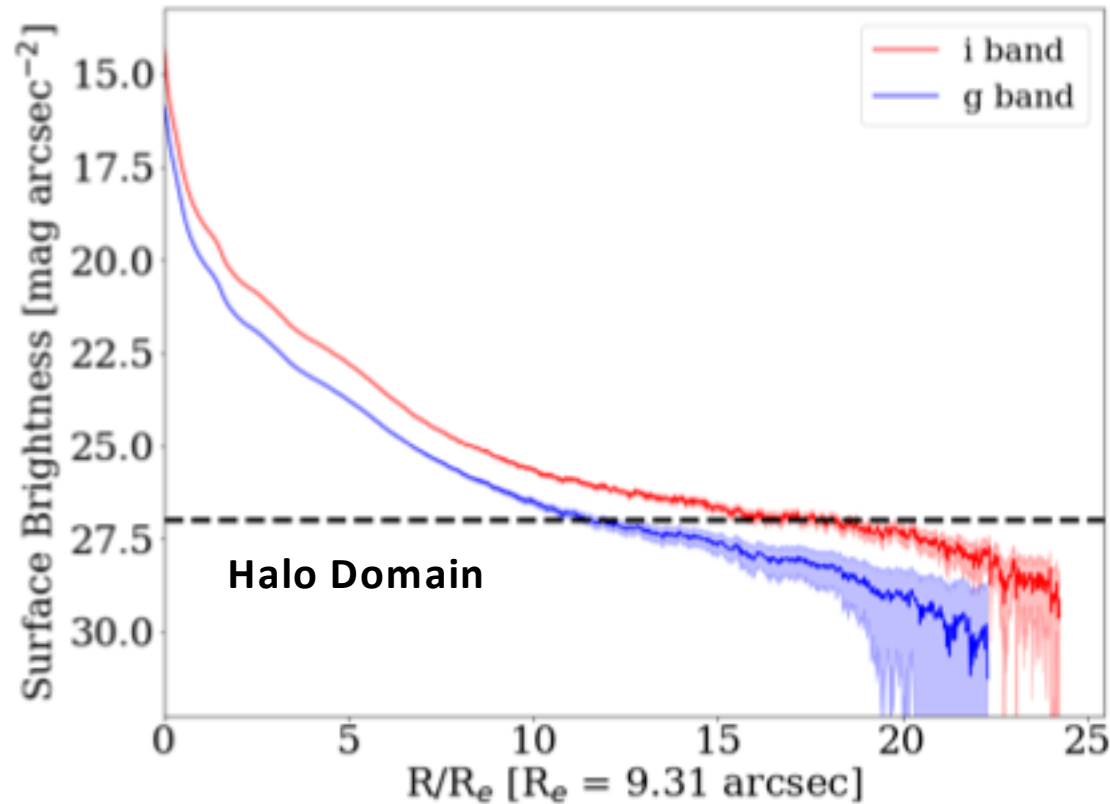


- Previously hard to observe (~ 27 mag arcsec⁻²)¹
- Act as temporal window of the accretion history
- Helps set constraints on formation models

¹Courteau et al. 2011 (Figure 8)

Next Generation Virgo Survey (NGVS)¹

- CFHT/ Megacam
- 104 deg² FOV
- Limiting mag
g = 28.8 mag arcsec⁻²
- 415 VCC objects used
- Isophotal analysis of 2D image²
- Extraction of 1D (azimuthally averaged) surface brightness profile



¹Ferrarese et al. 2012, ²Courteau 1995

Profile Classification for Virgo (NGVS) Galaxies

Type I

This Work:
Previous¹:

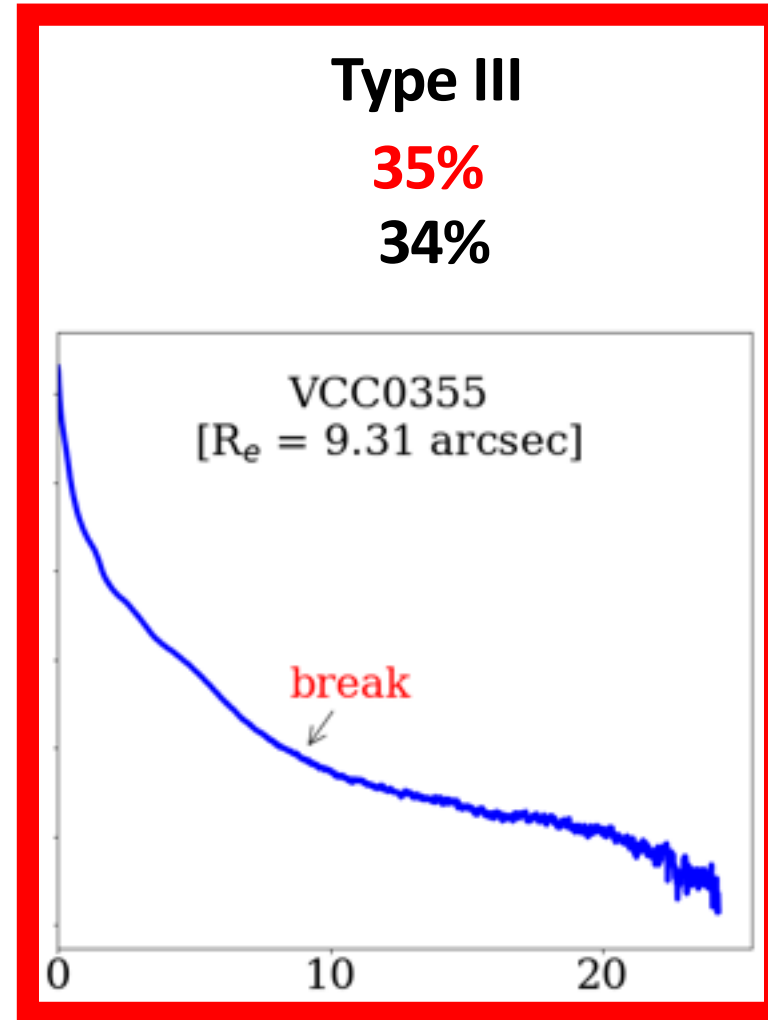
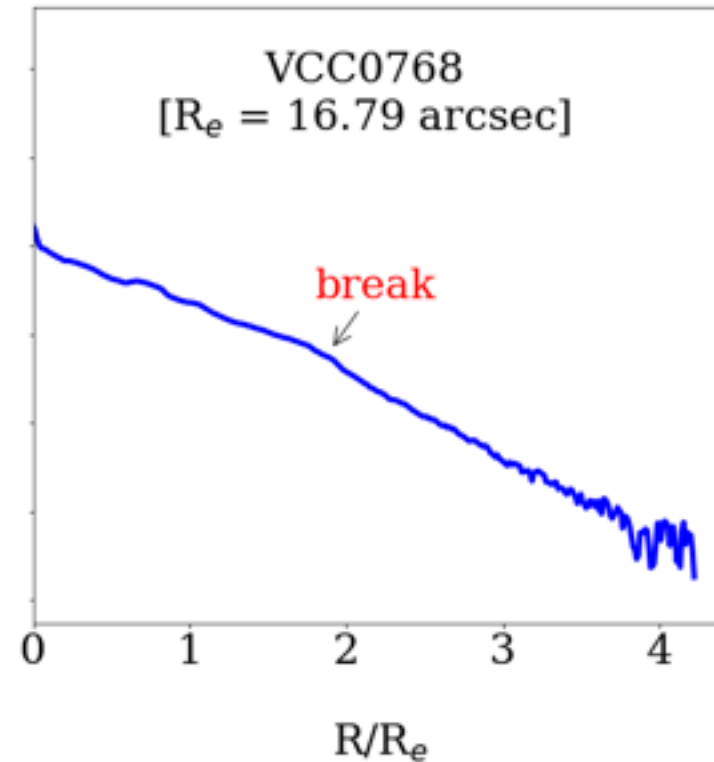
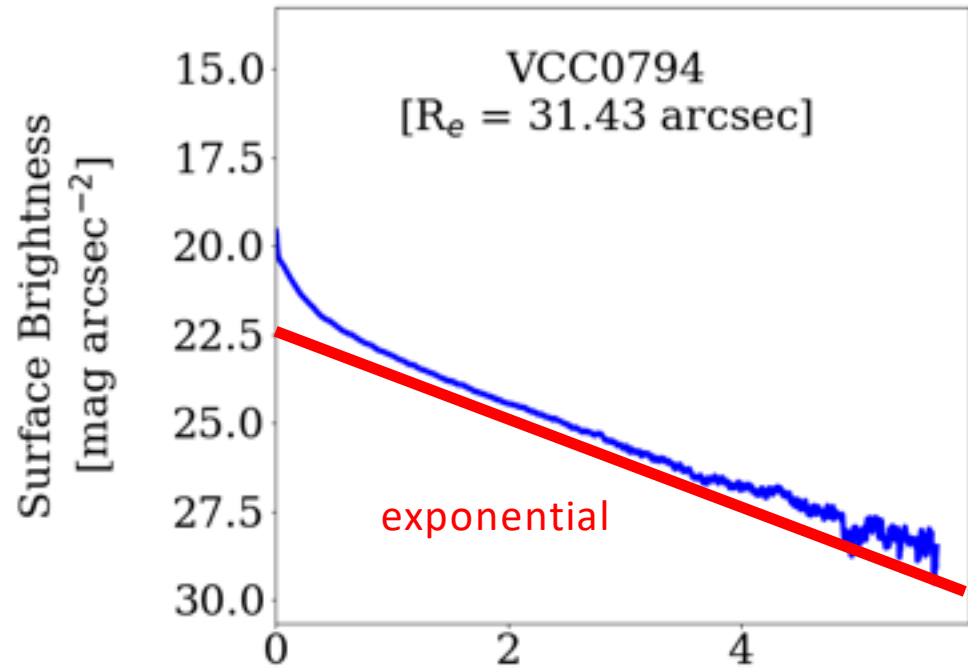
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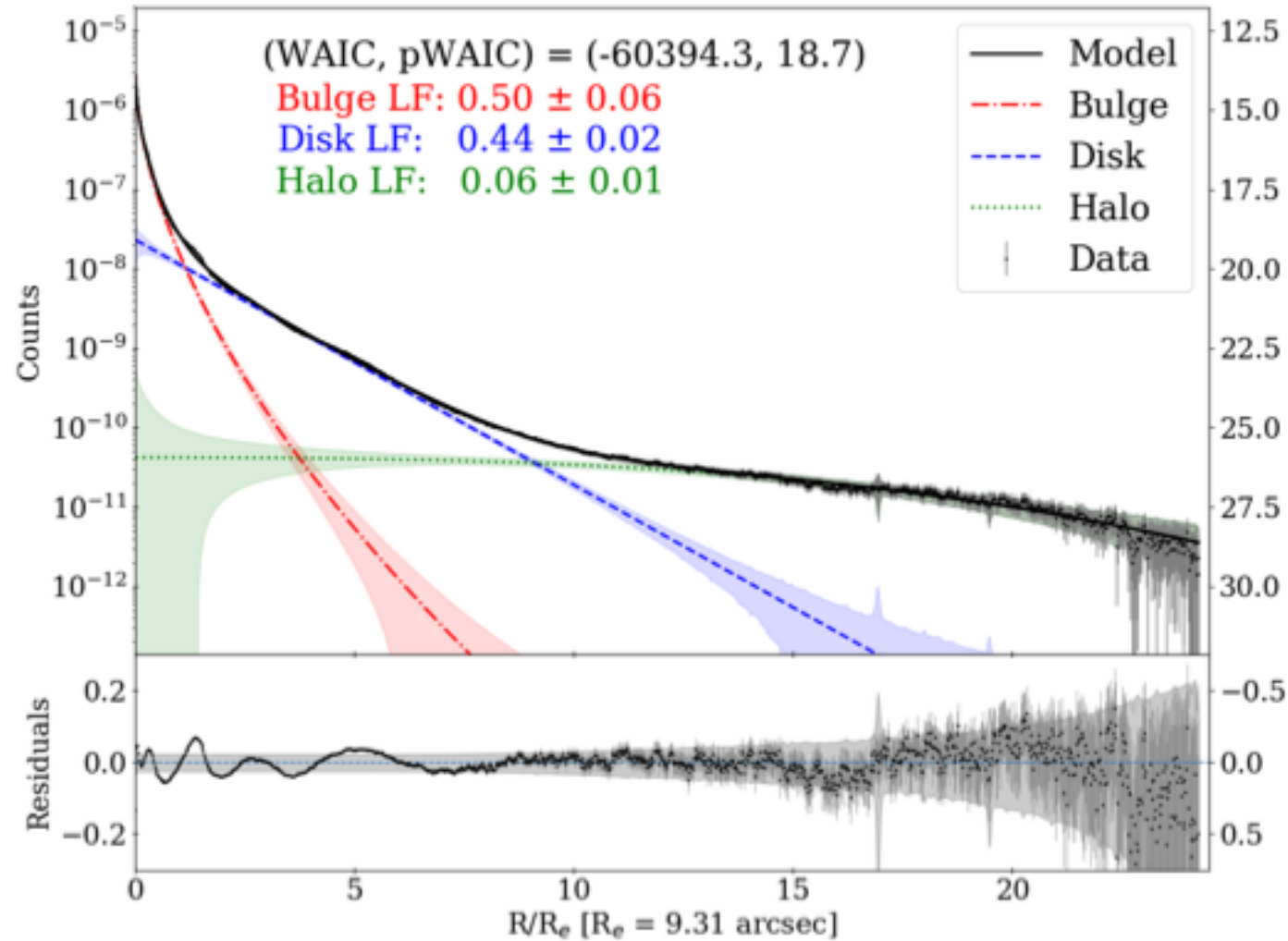
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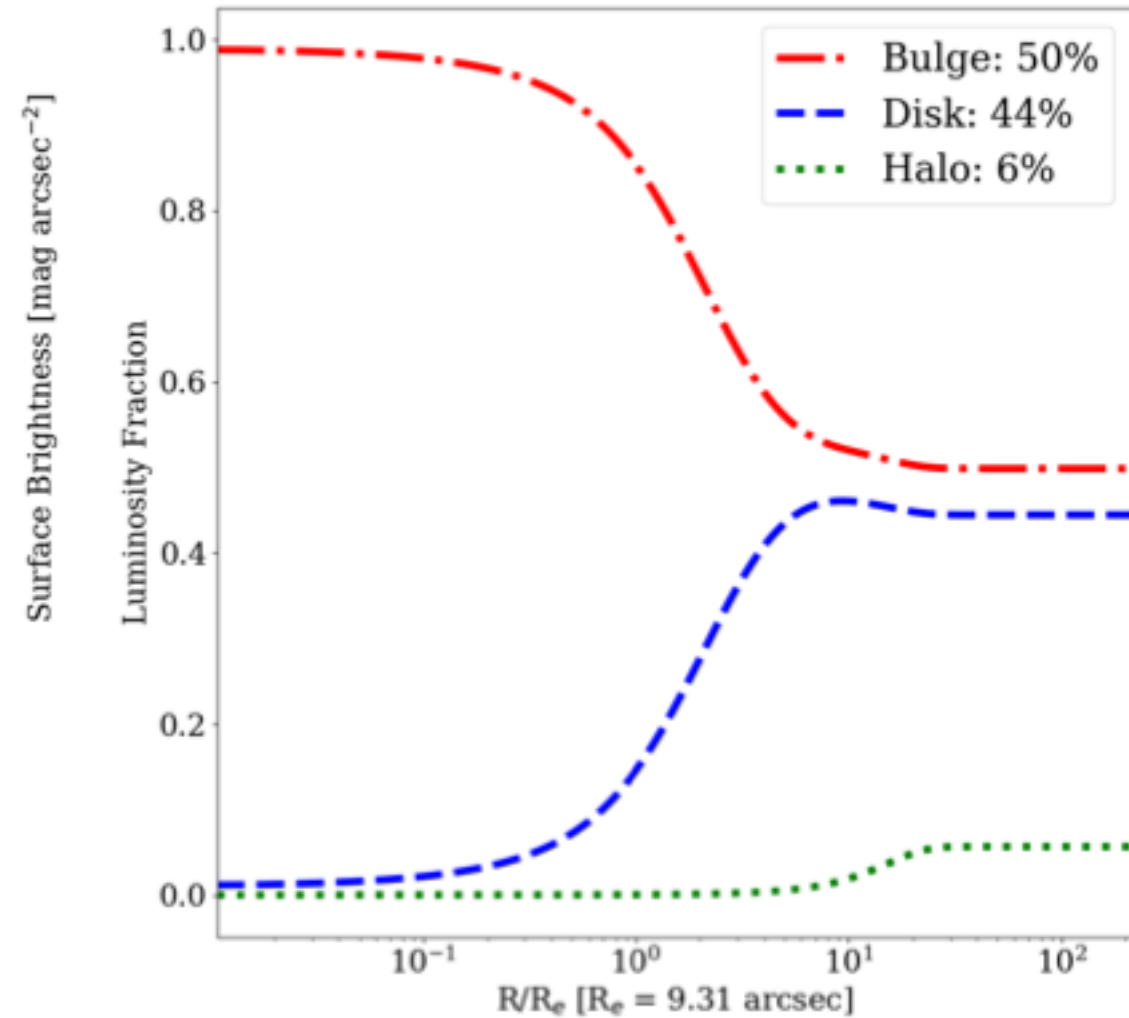
¹SHIVir: Roediger et al. 2012 (Table 1)

Profile Decomposition (VCC0355)

Profile Components



Cumulative Light Fractions



Halo Light Fractions (N=87)



- General (expected) trend of **increasing HLF** with host galaxy mass (Purcell et al. 2008)
- Might be seeing the mass regime where **low mass galaxies** begin to self-populate halo

