# The effect of environment in the early Universe: a comparison of protocluster and field galaxies at z~2

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# WHEN DOES ENVIRONMENT BEGIN TO AFFECT GALAXIES?



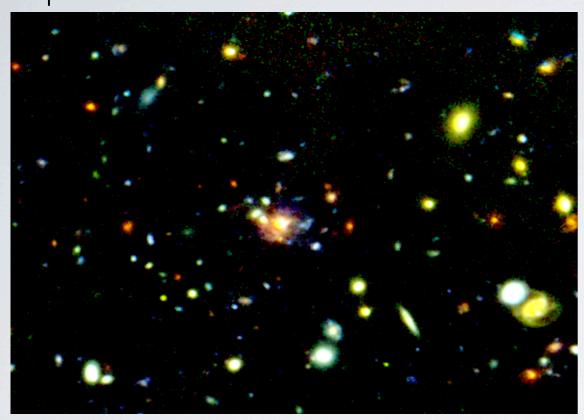
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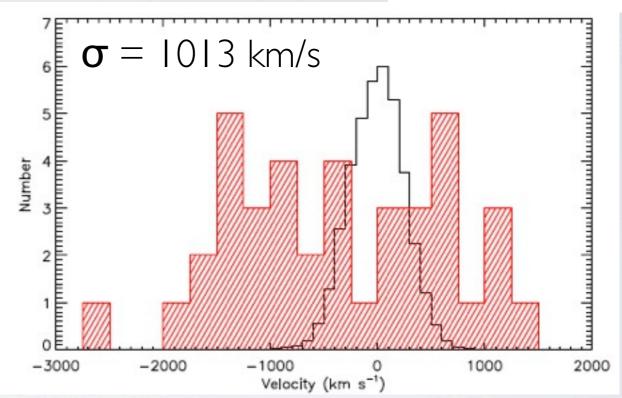
- a clean sample of protocluster galaxies
- a similarly selected field sample
  - Perform a NB survey targeting  $H\alpha$  emitters.

#### NOT CLUSTERS

Spiderweb Protocluster at z=2.2

#### LAEs & HAEs



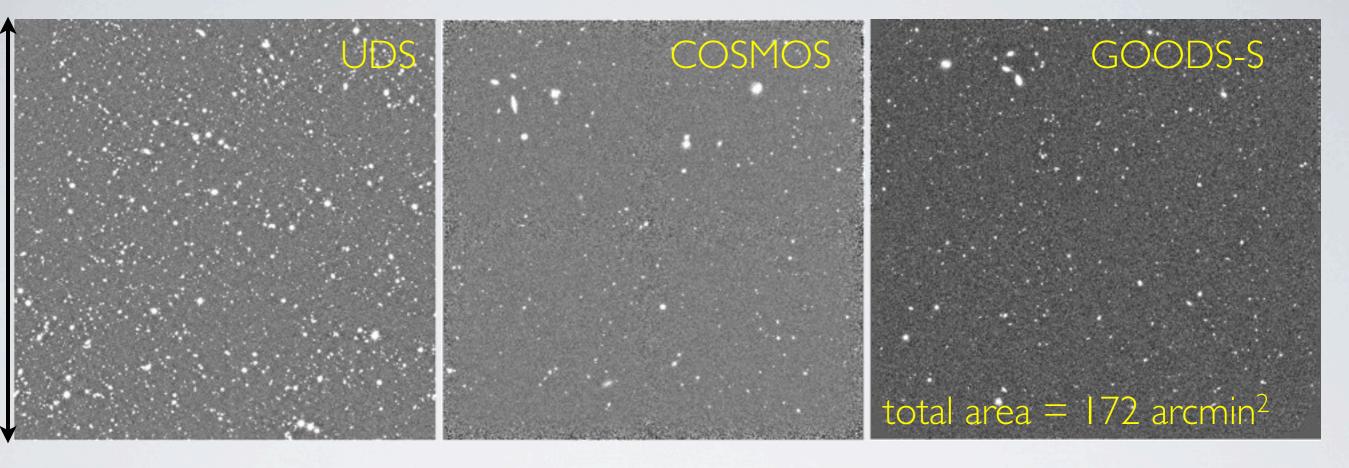


Mass =  $2 \times 10^{15} \,\mathrm{M}_{\odot}$  IF virialised  $\longrightarrow$  4 x more massive than allowed by  $\Lambda$ CDM Mortonson et al. (2011)

Predicted X-ray =  $6 \times 10^{44}$ erg/s Observed X-ray ~  $1.5 \times 10^{44}$ erg/s (Carilli et al. 2002)

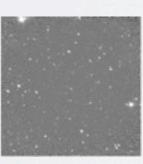
### SAMPLES

 $7.5' \times 7.5'$ 

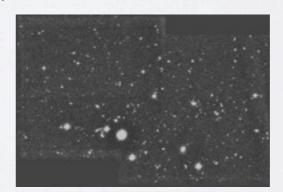


4C+10.48 (z=2.35)

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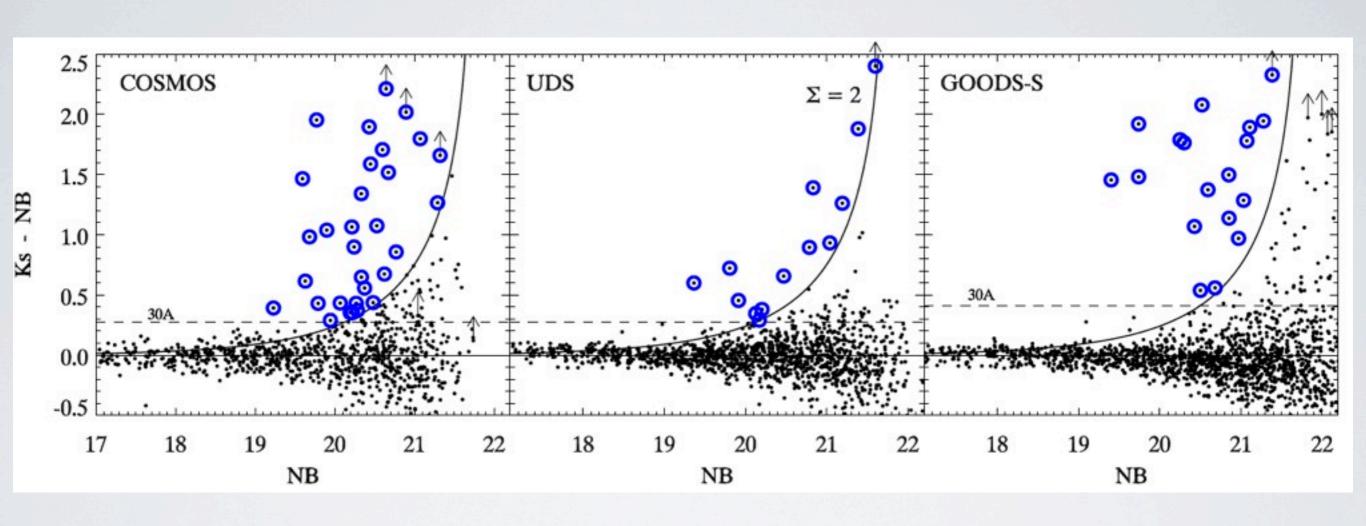


Spiderweb protocluster (z=2.16; Kurk 2004)



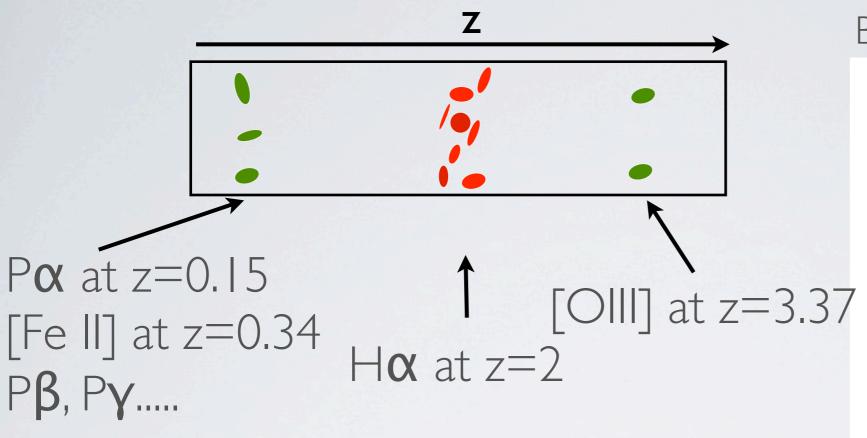
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#### SELECTING Ha EMITTERS

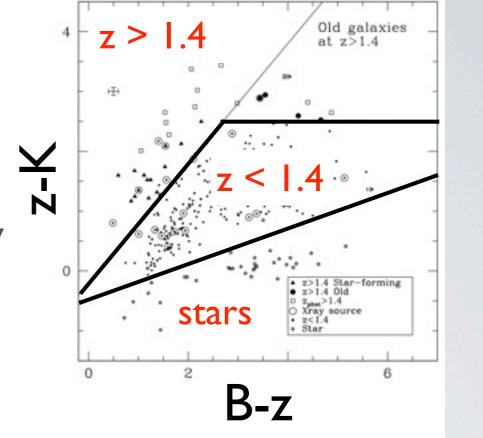


Hα emitters selected in exactly the same way in ALL fields

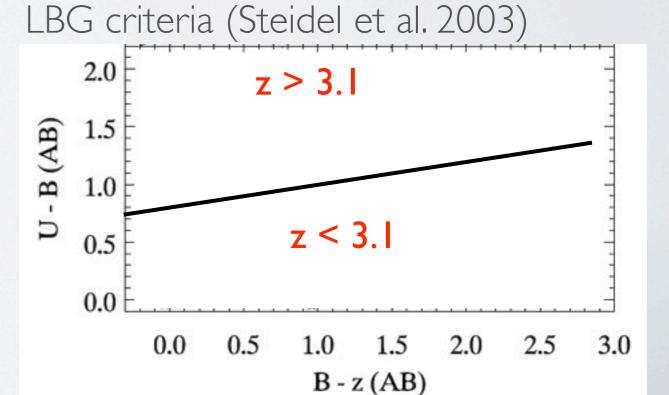
### Emission line contaminants



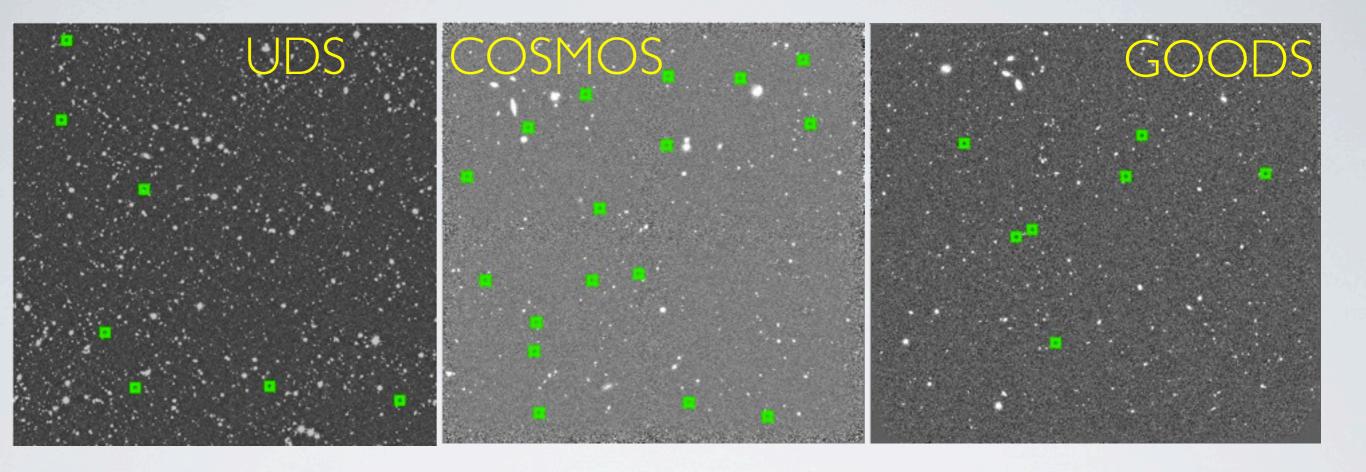
BzK criteria (Daddi et al. 2004)



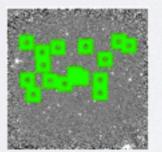
- 55% of control field candidates are contaminants
- Surface density of contaminants = 0.13 arcmin<sup>-2</sup>
- < I interloper in 4C+10.48 field</p>
- <2 interlopers in Spiderweb</p>



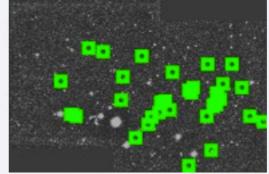
#### DISTRIBUTION OF HAES





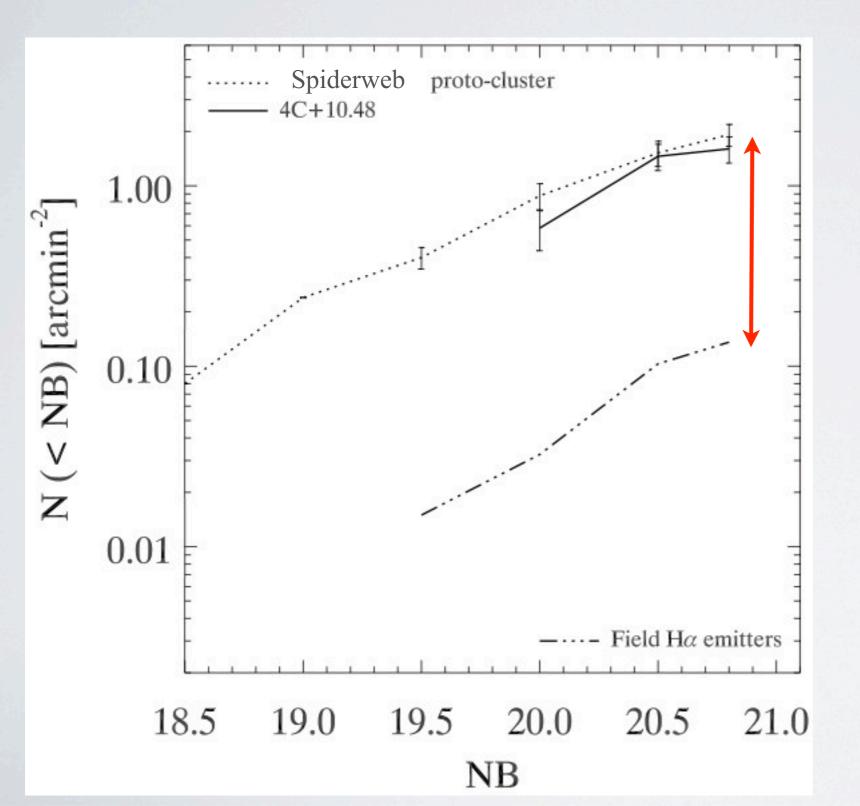


Spiderweb protocluster (z=2.16)



- < I interloper in 4C+10.48 field & <2 interlopers in Spiderweb</li>
- less than 10% of candidates in protocluster fields are contaminants.

#### NUMBER DENSITY



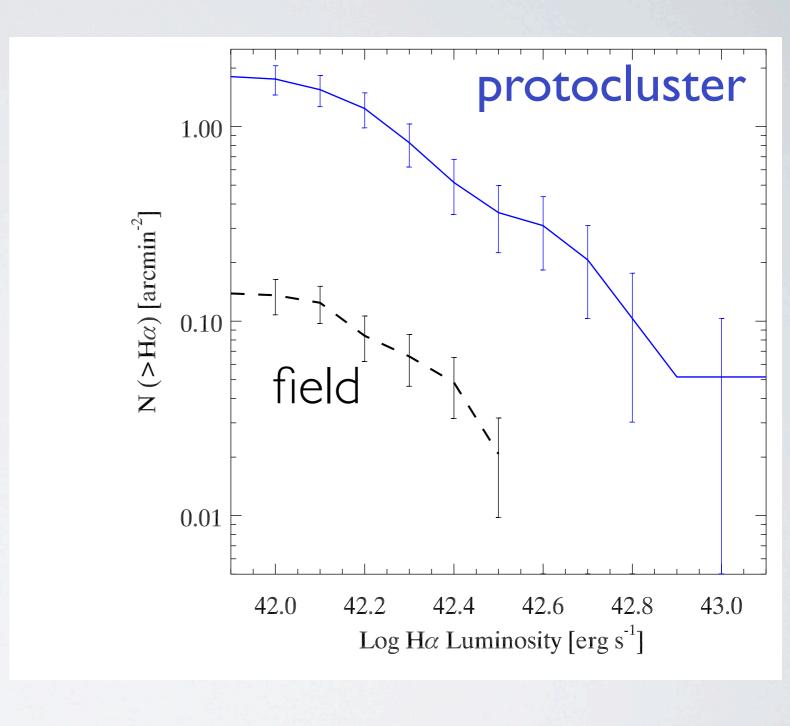
Spiderweb and 4C+10.48 have very similar densities

13x more Hα emitters

# COMPARING PROTOCLUSTER AND FIELD GALAXIES

- ~25 field galaxies
- ~35 protocluster galaxies

### Ha LUMINOSITY FUNCTION



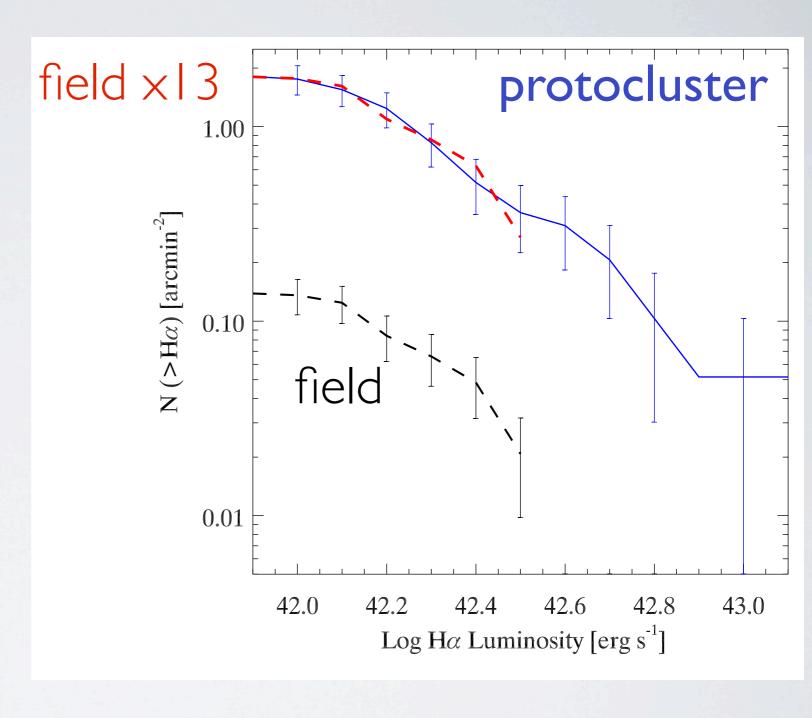
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 SFR of star forming galaxies is not affected by environment

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see also Tanaka et al. 2011; Tadaki et al. 2011

and talks by Koyama & Hayashi



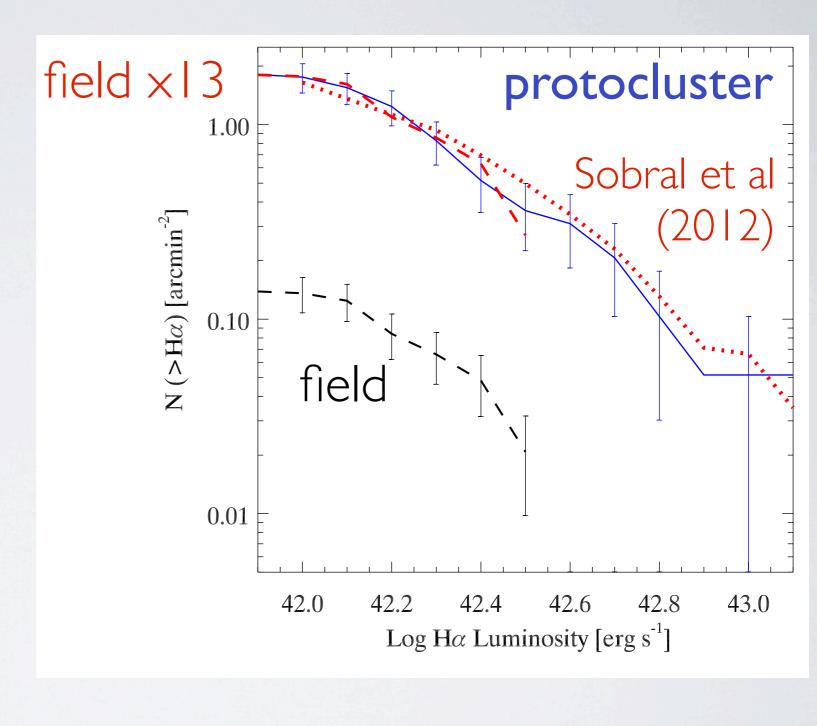
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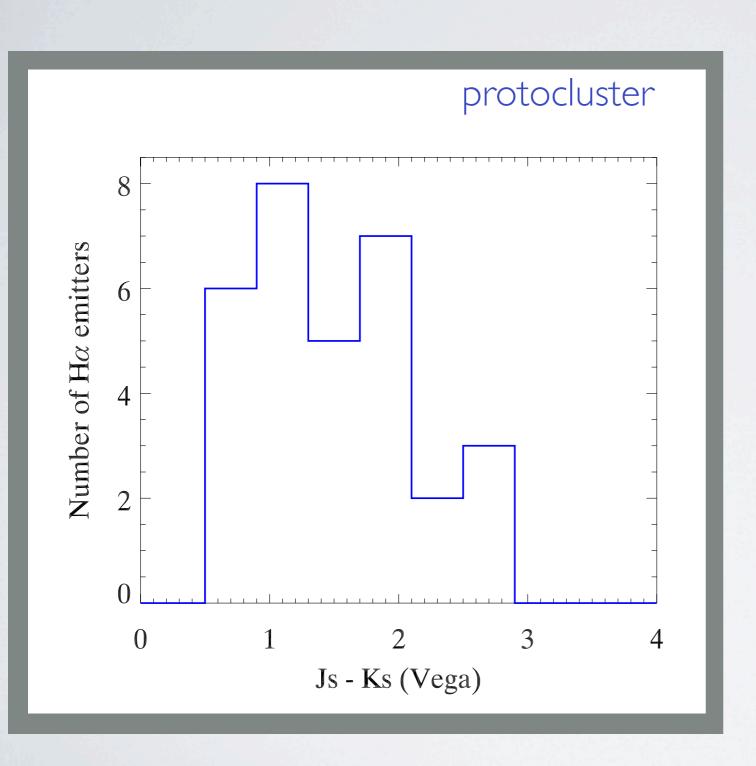
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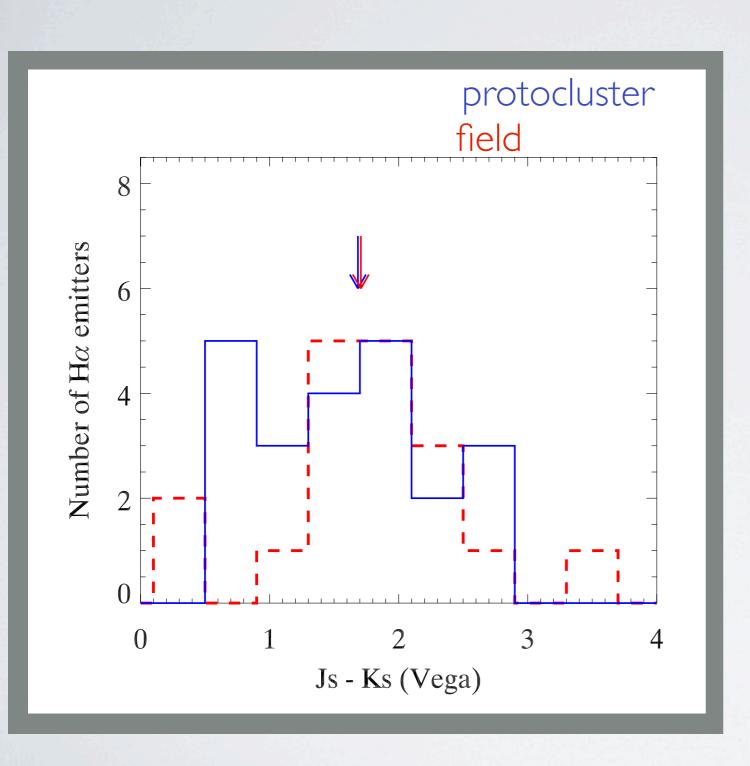
• SFR of protoclusters =  $\rho$ SFR(field) x 13x Volume SFR of protoclusters ~ 3000 M<sub>o</sub>/yr (1.5 Mpc)

#### GALAXY COLOUR



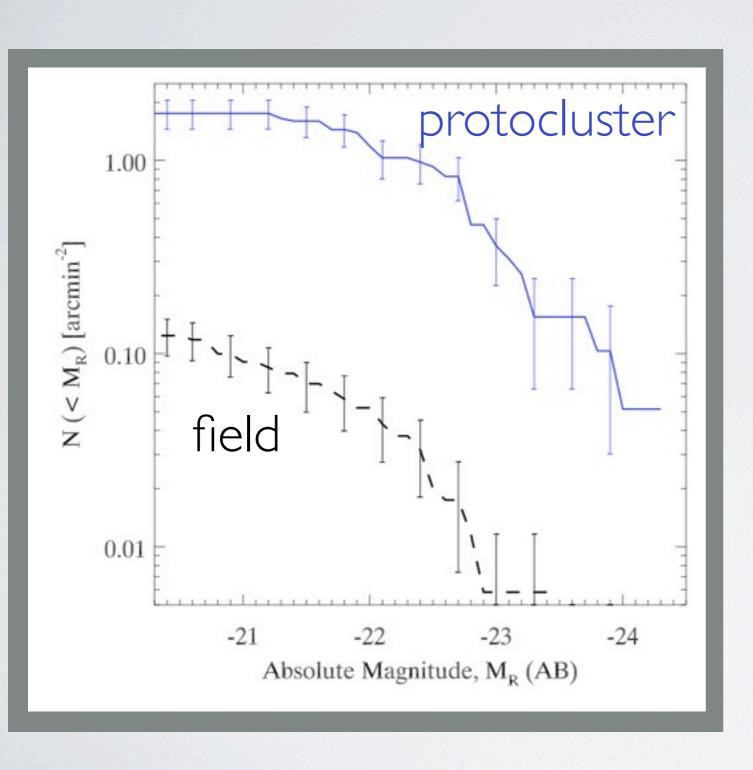
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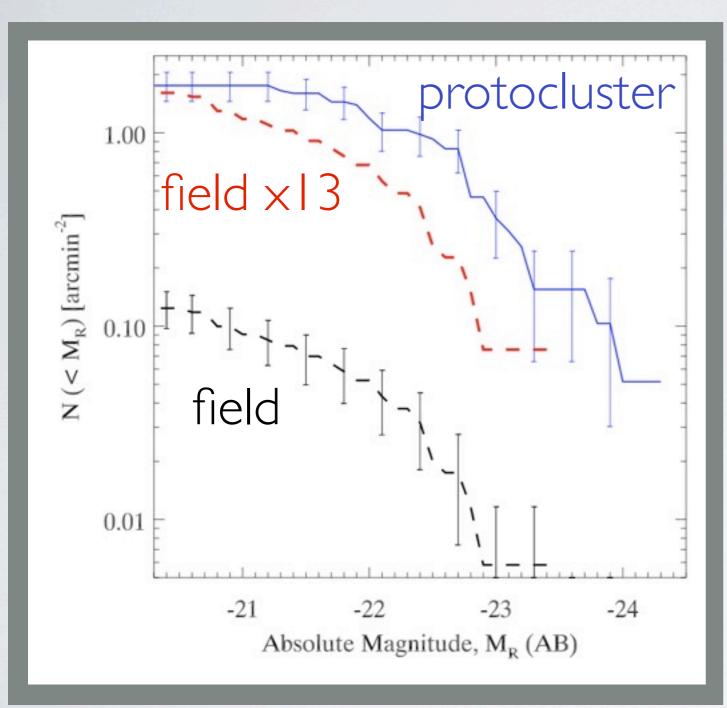


- Most protocluster galaxies are blue
- Galaxy colour is similar

#### REST-FRAME R LUMINOSITY



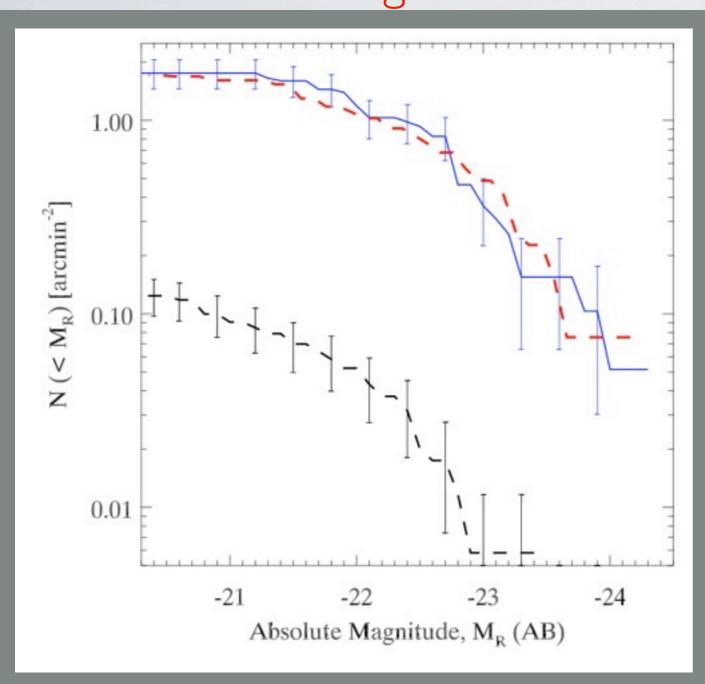
#### REST-FRAME R LUMINOSITY



KS test gives P = 0.05

#### MASS

#### field x 13 - 0.8 mag



- Star forming PC galaxies are 0.8 mag brighter than field galaxies.
- Star forming PC galaxies are 2 x as massive as field galaxies.
- Cluster galaxies always differed from field galaxies.

Similar results found in other studies: Steidel et al. (2003); Kuiper et al. (2010)

#### CONCLUSIONS

#### Environment does matter at z > 2

- No effect on SFR (of SF galaxies)
  - Total SFRs of protoclusters ~ 3000M<sub>☉</sub>/yr

- Mass function of protocluster and field galaxies differ
  - Protocluster galaxies are twice as massive as their field counterparts