

AGN Feedback: Linking Quasars, Mergers, and Galaxy Formation

A visualization of the cosmic web, showing a network of galaxy filaments and clusters. The filaments are colored in shades of blue, purple, and green, with bright yellow and orange spots representing galaxy clusters and individual galaxies. The background is black with numerous small white stars.

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We've measured the cosmological parameters to 10% or better, so...

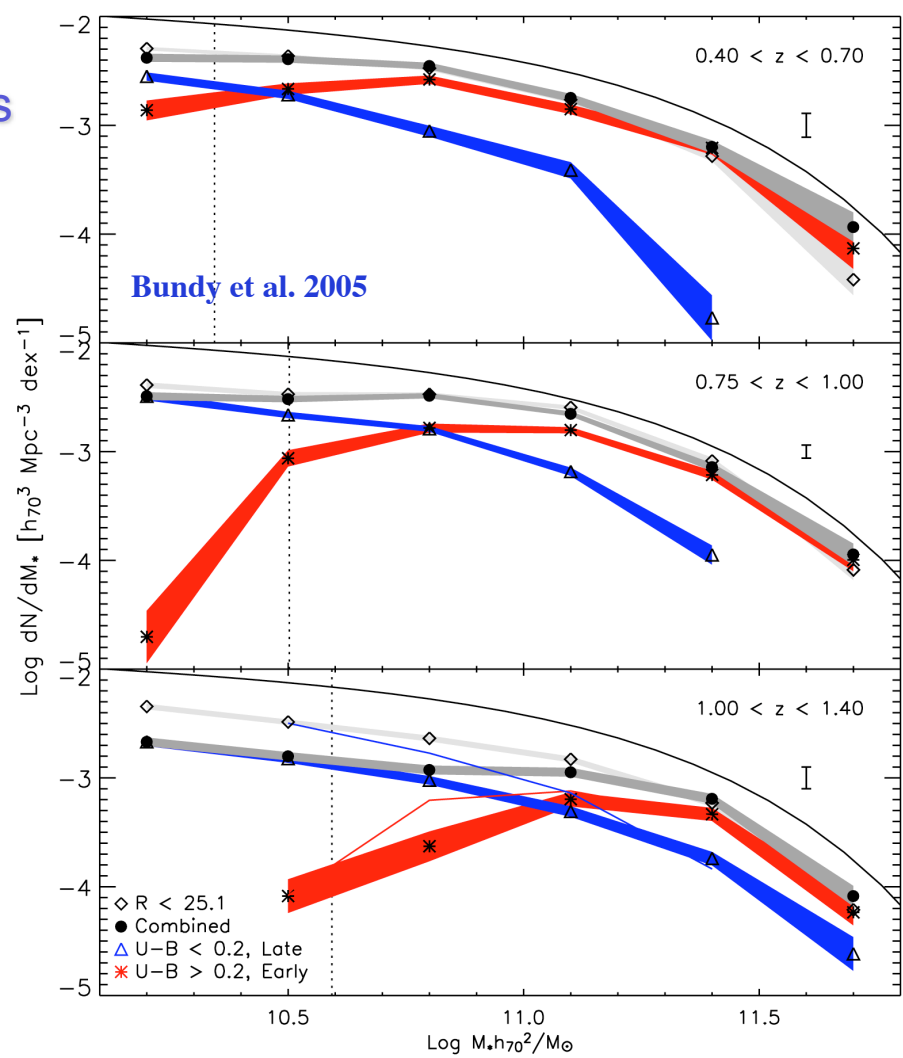
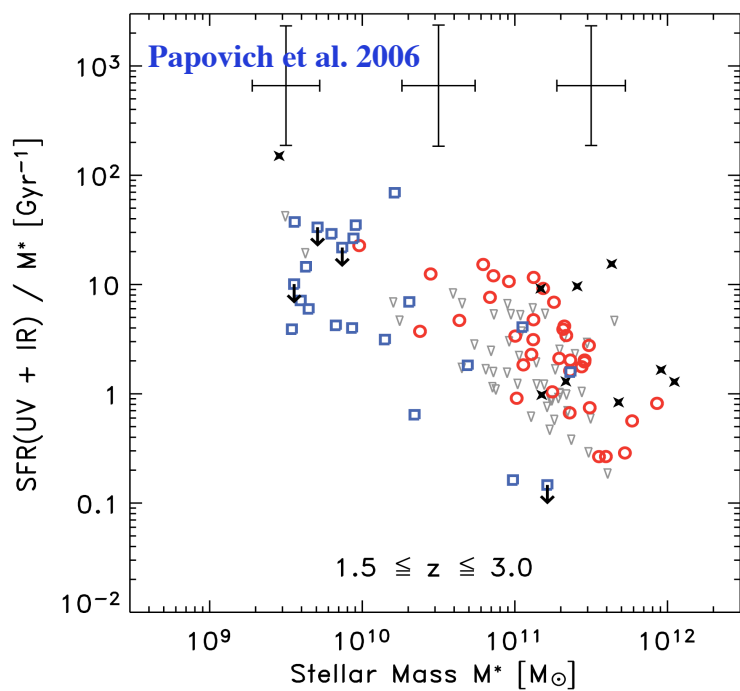
What don't we understand?

➤ Galaxy Formation!

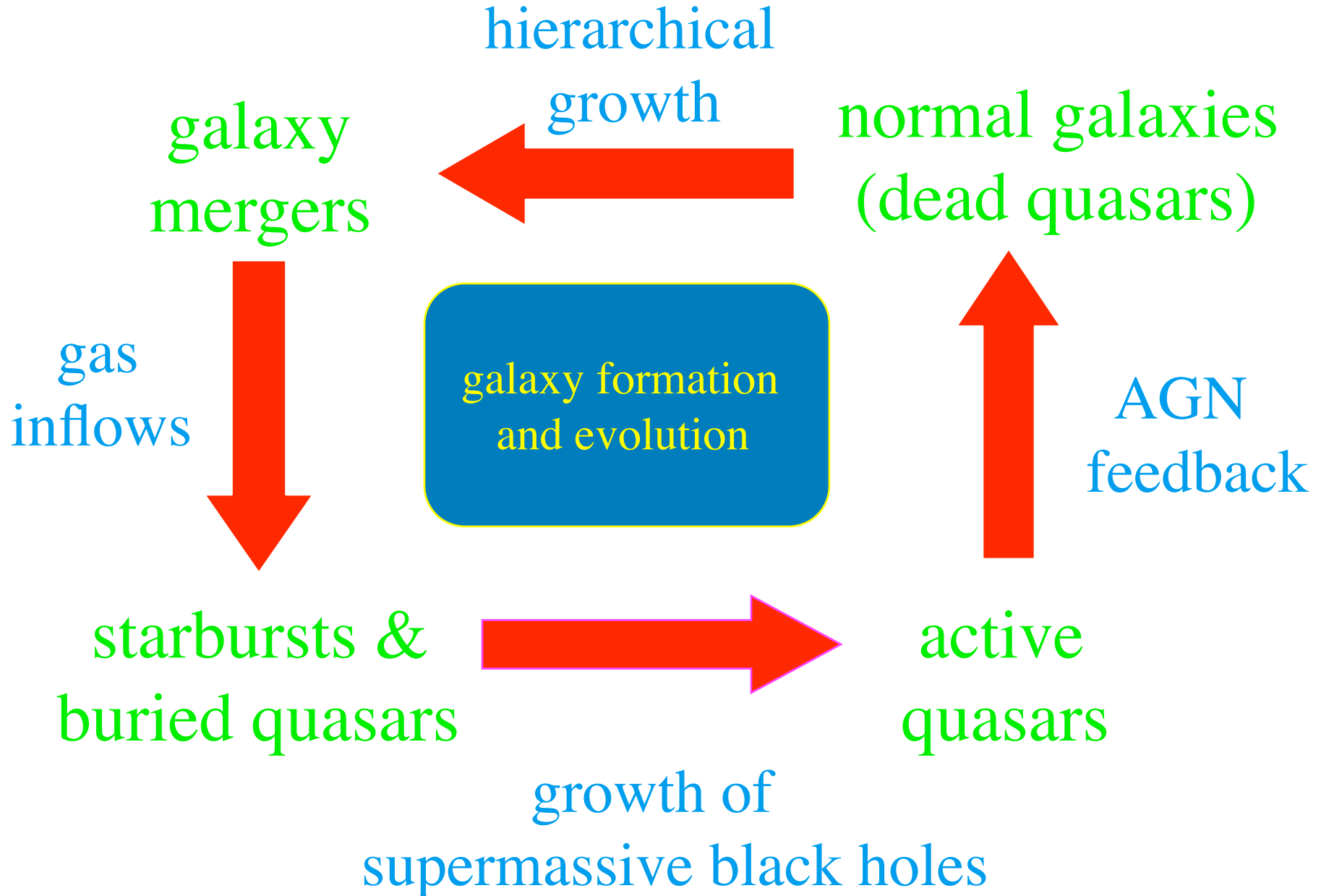
- **Bimodality**
- Mergers? Interactions? Harassment? Secular Evolution?
- **“Cosmic Downsizing”**
- Dissipationless vs. Gas-Rich Mergers
- Assembly vs. Formation Time

➤ Quasar Formation/Triggering

➤ How are the two connected?



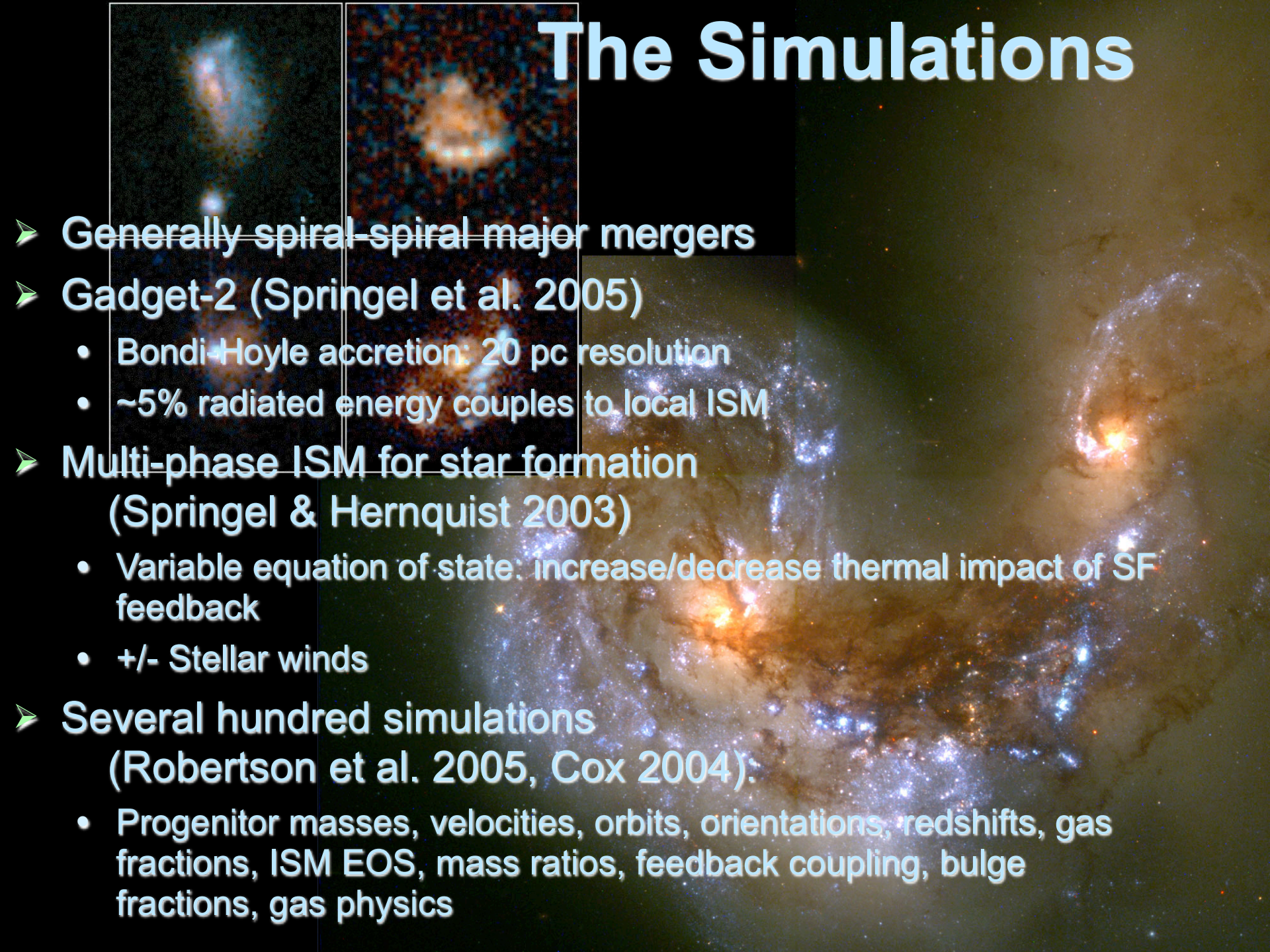
Cosmic Cycle



The Big Picture

- Are the statistics of quasars/BHs/mergers/spheroids/starbursts/etc. self-consistent?
 - Much work has gone into individual properties (e.g. Sanders et al., Bahcall et al. Rothberg & Joseph, Gebhardt et al., Kauffmann et al., and many others)
- What is the role and importance of AGN feedback?
 - What are the important physics?: light curves, lifetimes, and obscuration
- What can we learn about red galaxies and mergers from quasars? (and vice versa)
- Need detailed simulations
 - Torquing (strongly non-symmetric), star formation, gas cooling, supernova feedback, BH accretion, BH feedback, shocks, metal enrichment
 - Huge range of initial conditions, different physics, etc.

The Simulations

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- ~~Generally spiral-spiral major mergers~~
 - Gadget-2 (Springel et al. 2005)
 - Bondi-Hoyle accretion: 20 pc resolution
 - ~5% radiated energy couples to local ISM
 - ~~Multi-phase ISM for star formation~~
(Springel & Hernquist 2003)
 - Variable equation of state: increase/decrease thermal impact of SF feedback
 - +/- Stellar winds
 - Several hundred simulations
(Robertson et al. 2005, Cox 2004):
 - Progenitor masses, velocities, orbits, orientations, redshifts, gas fractions, ISM EOS, mass ratios, feedback coupling, bulge fractions, gas physics

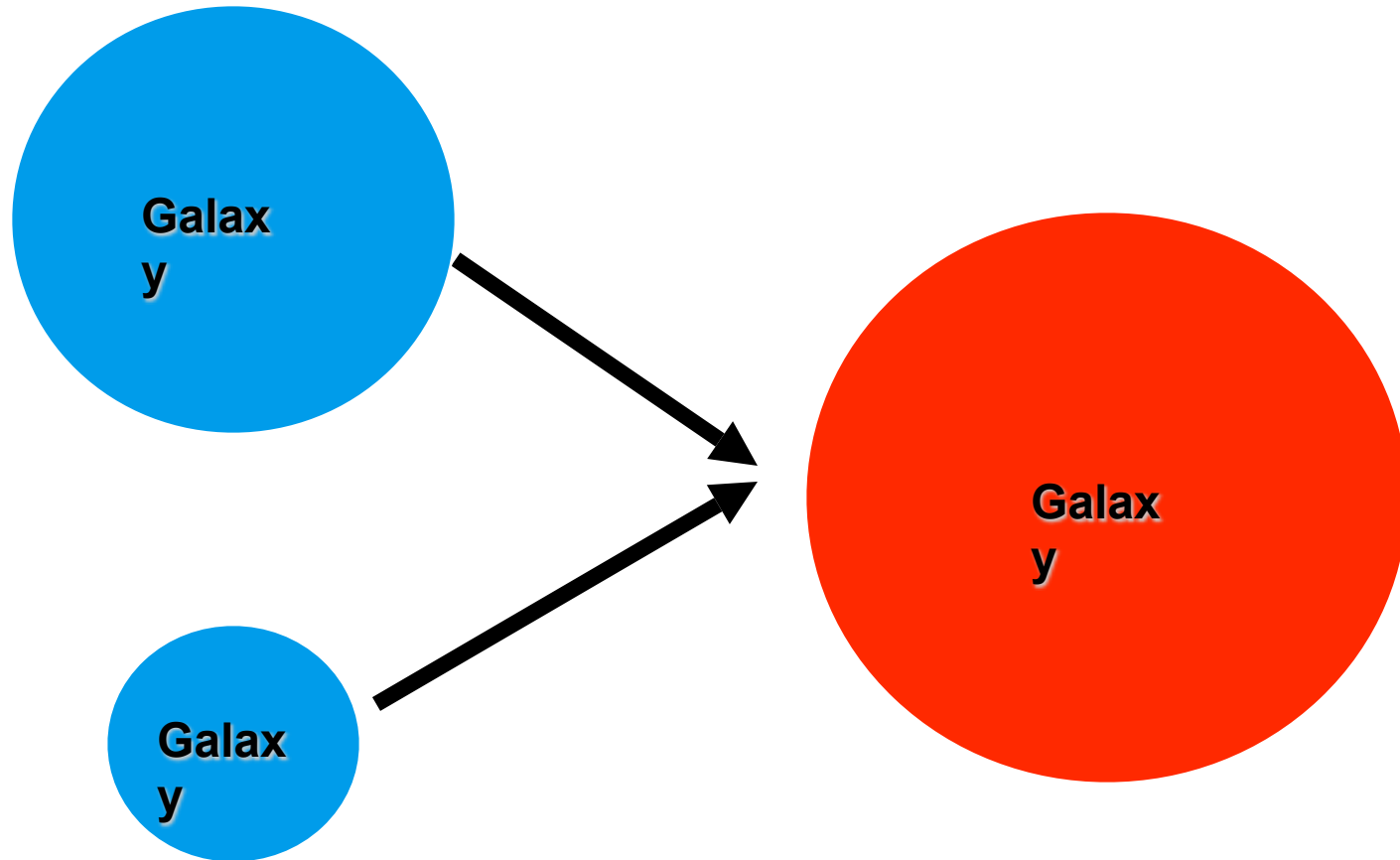
$T = 0$ Myr

Gas

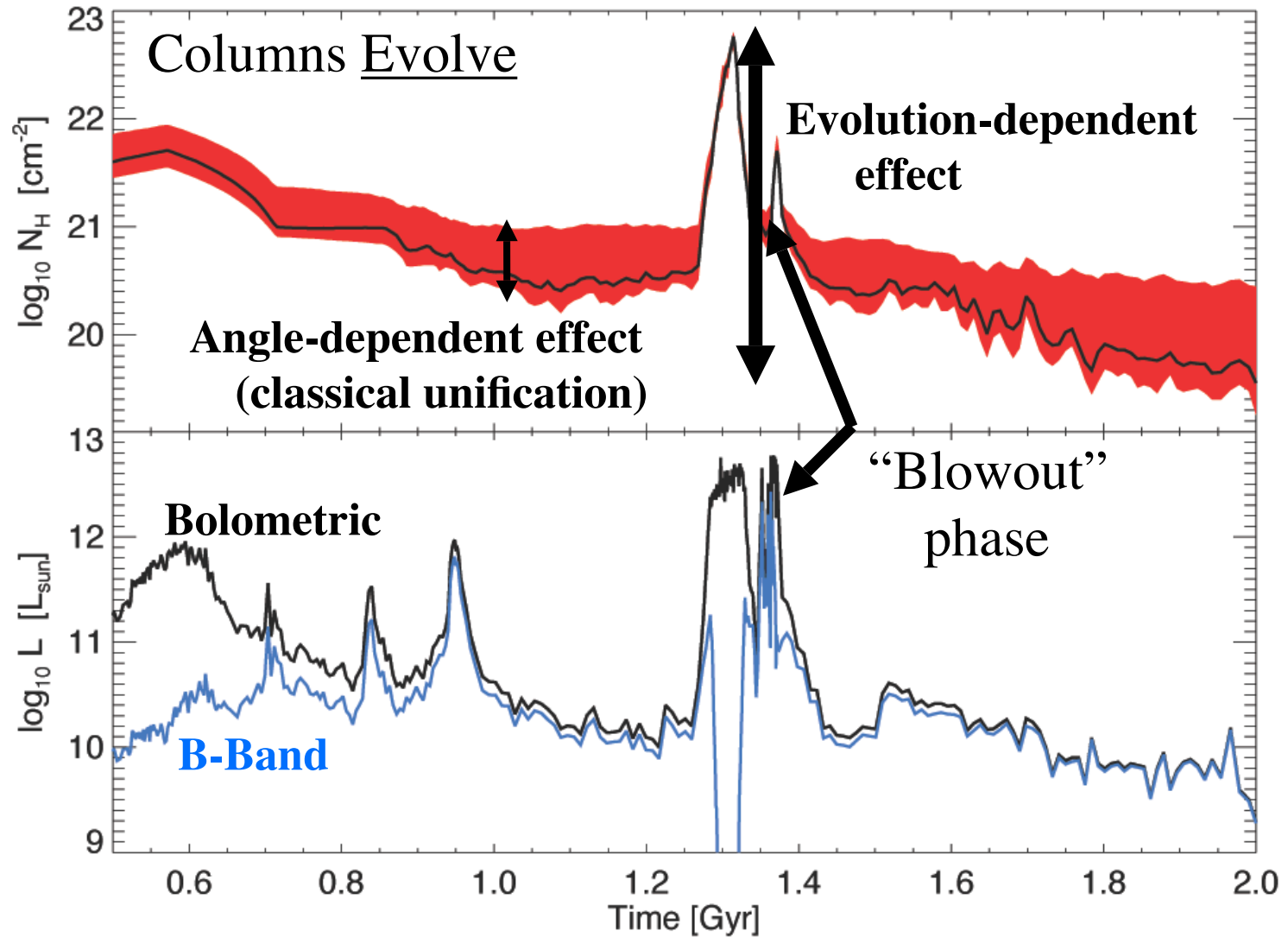


The Semi-Analytic Approach

(e.g., Kauffmann & Haehnelt; Cole et al.; Somerville et al.; Volonteri et al; Wyithe & Loeb; Granato et al.; Baugh et al.; Croton et al.; & others)



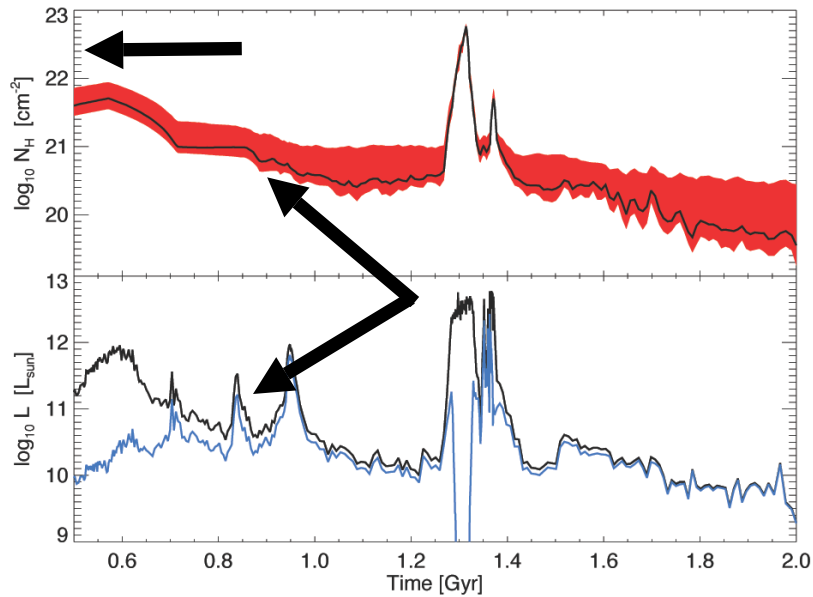
Quasar Lightcurves:



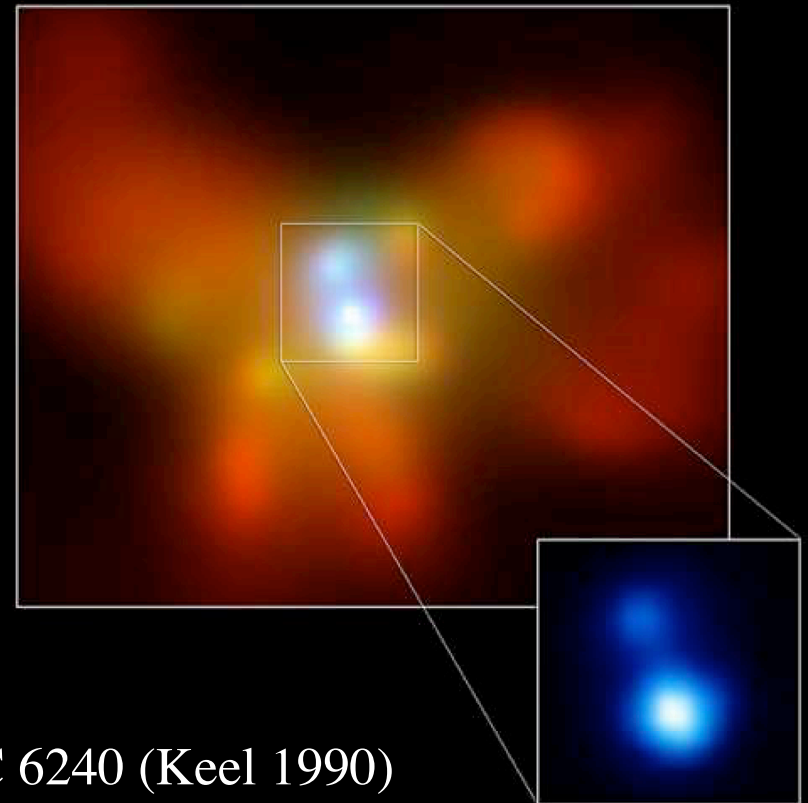
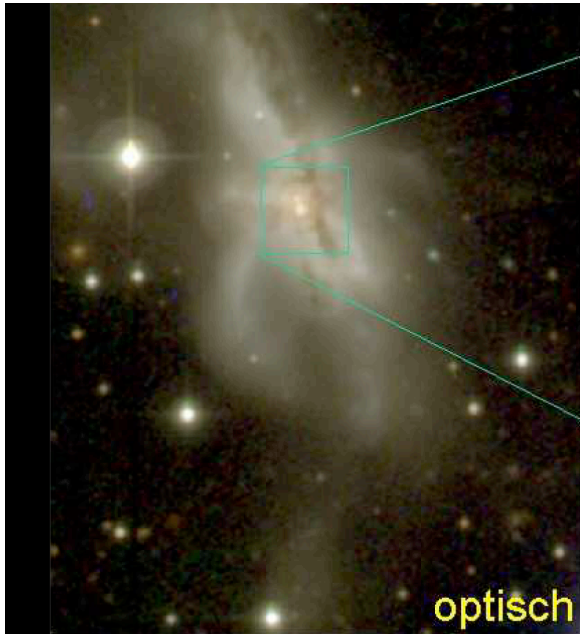
➤ Multi-phase ISM decomposition: gas+dust+metal columns

Mergers Drive Strong Gas Inflows, Fueling Starbursts and BH Growth

GAS DENSITIES, COLUMNS, STAR FORMATION RATES CHANGE RAPIDLY



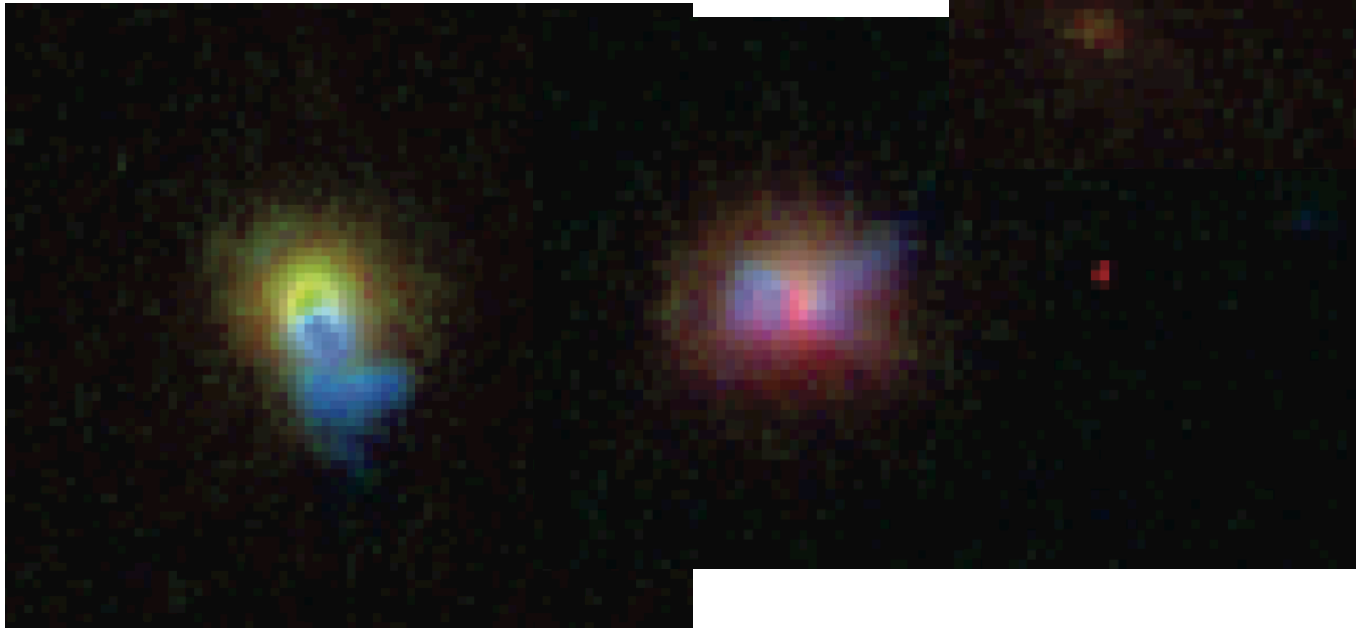
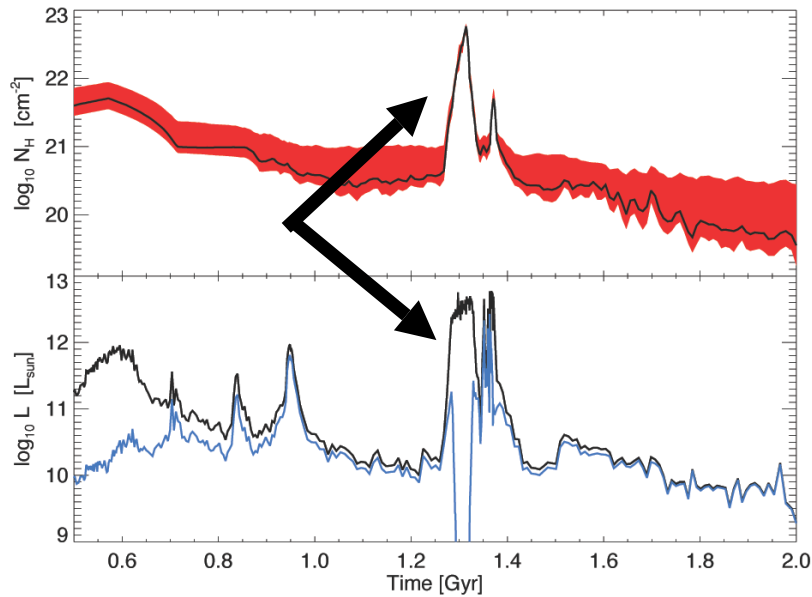
➤ Obscured growth associated w. starburst
(e.g. Sanders; Fabian;
Alexander, Chapman, Borys et al.)



NGC 6240 (Keel 1990)

Columns Evolve Heavily, Even In Declining Starburst

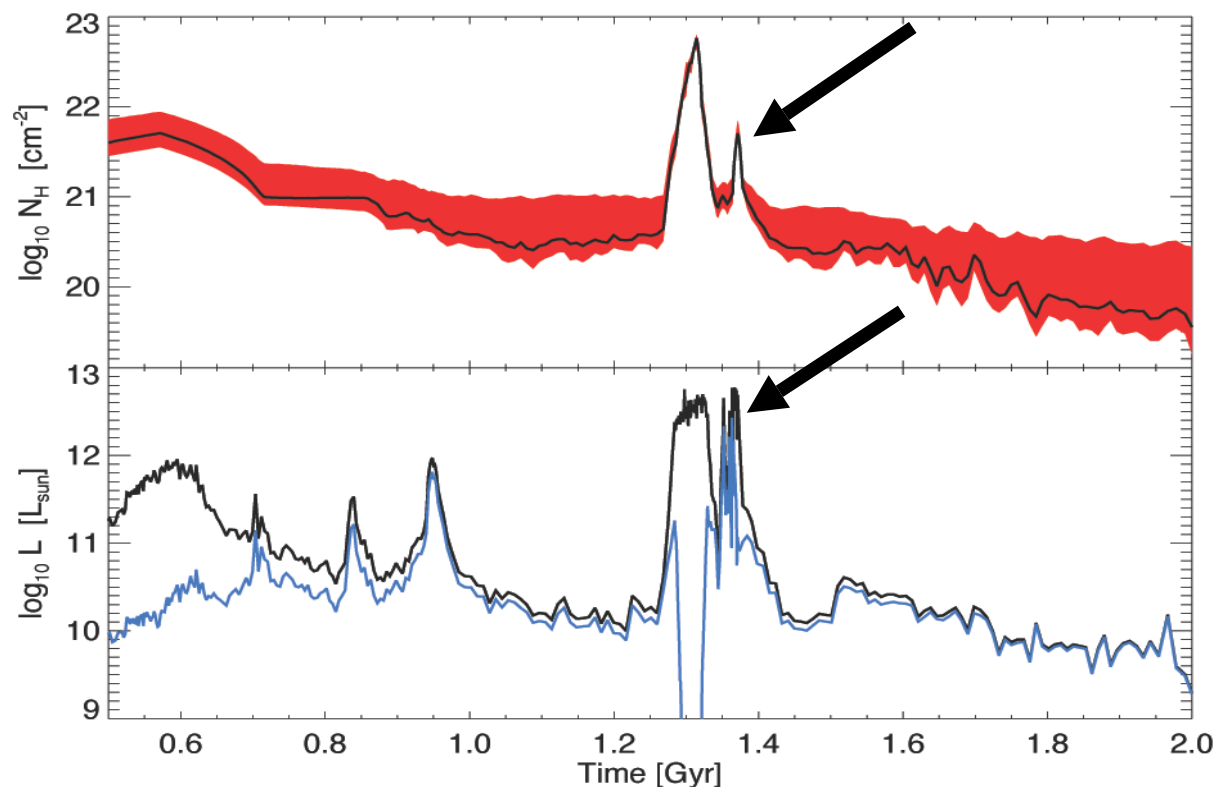
LARGE SCALE GAS STRUCTURES IMPORTANT



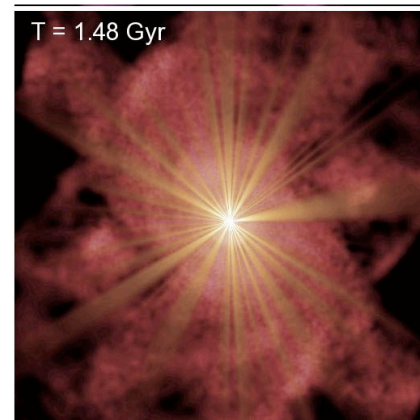
- Bright, Type II or reddened quasars with large (galaxy-scale) obscuration (Zakamska et al., Gregg et al., Urrutia et al.)

Feedback Is Necessary to Reveal the Brightest Quasars

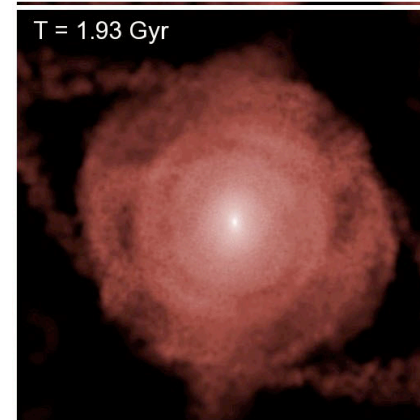
GAS IS HEATED AND EXPELLED IN BLOWOUT, REVEALING A BRIEF, BRIGHT QUASAR



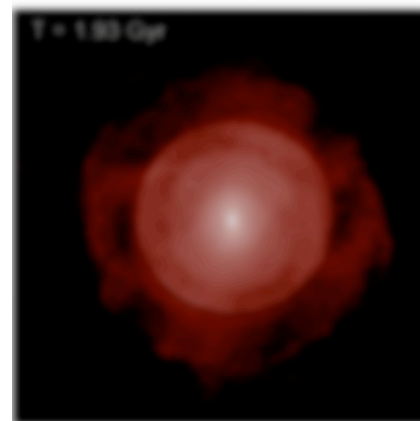
QSO =
1000xHost



QSO =
Host



QSO =
0.1xHost



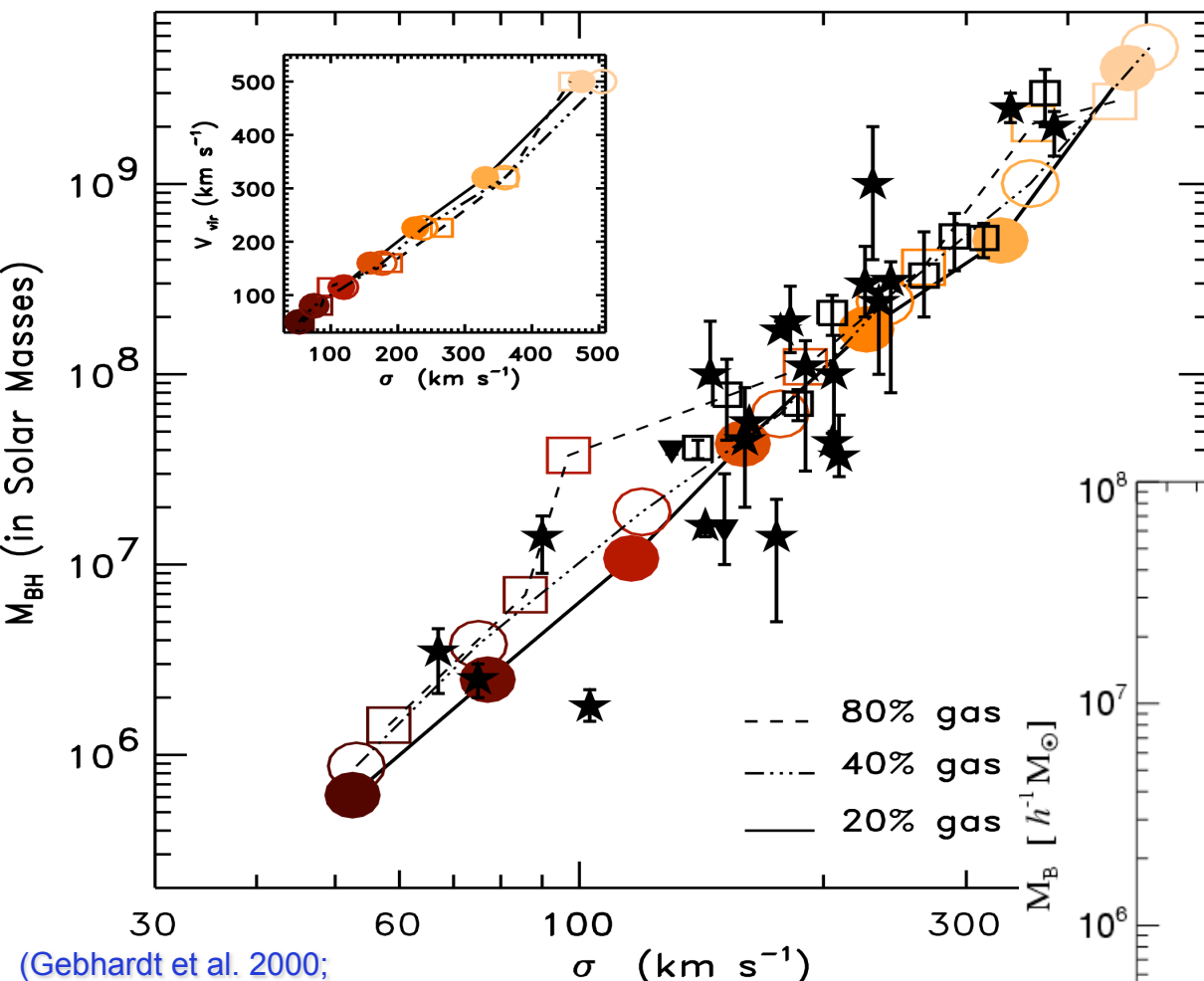
➤ Evolutionary Processes : NOT necessarily physical to “extrapolate” local, quiescent objects

➤ Eddington ratios vs. host properties (size, luminosity, morphology, redshift)
➤ Active BH mass functions

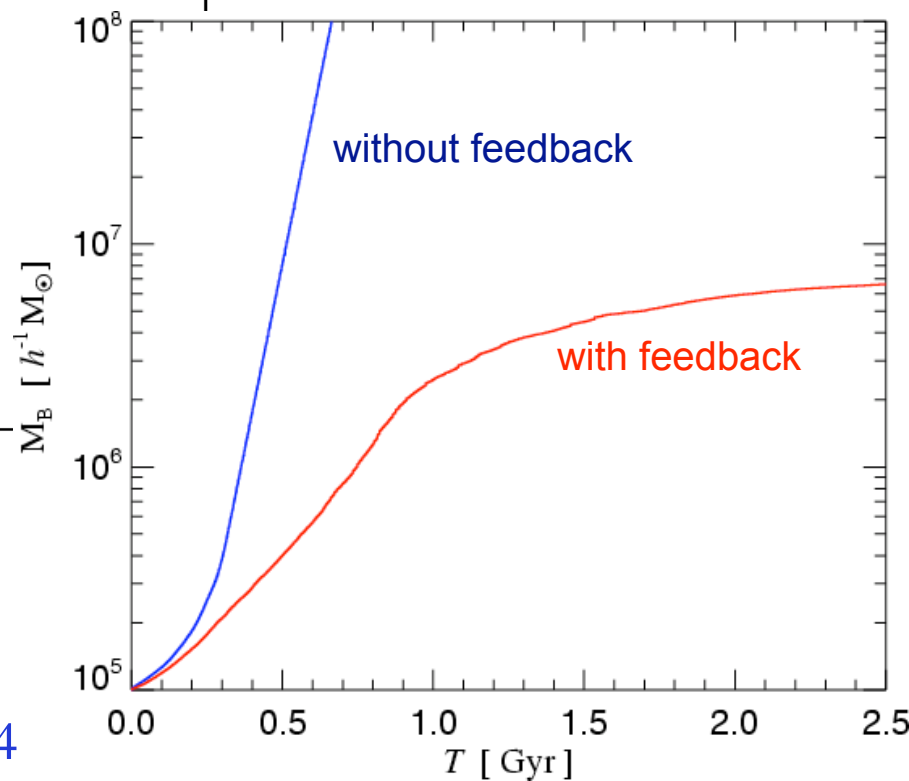
Feedback-driven “Blowout” Gives M-sigma Relation

PREVENTS RUNAWAY BLACK HOLE GROWTH

Di Matteo et al. 2005



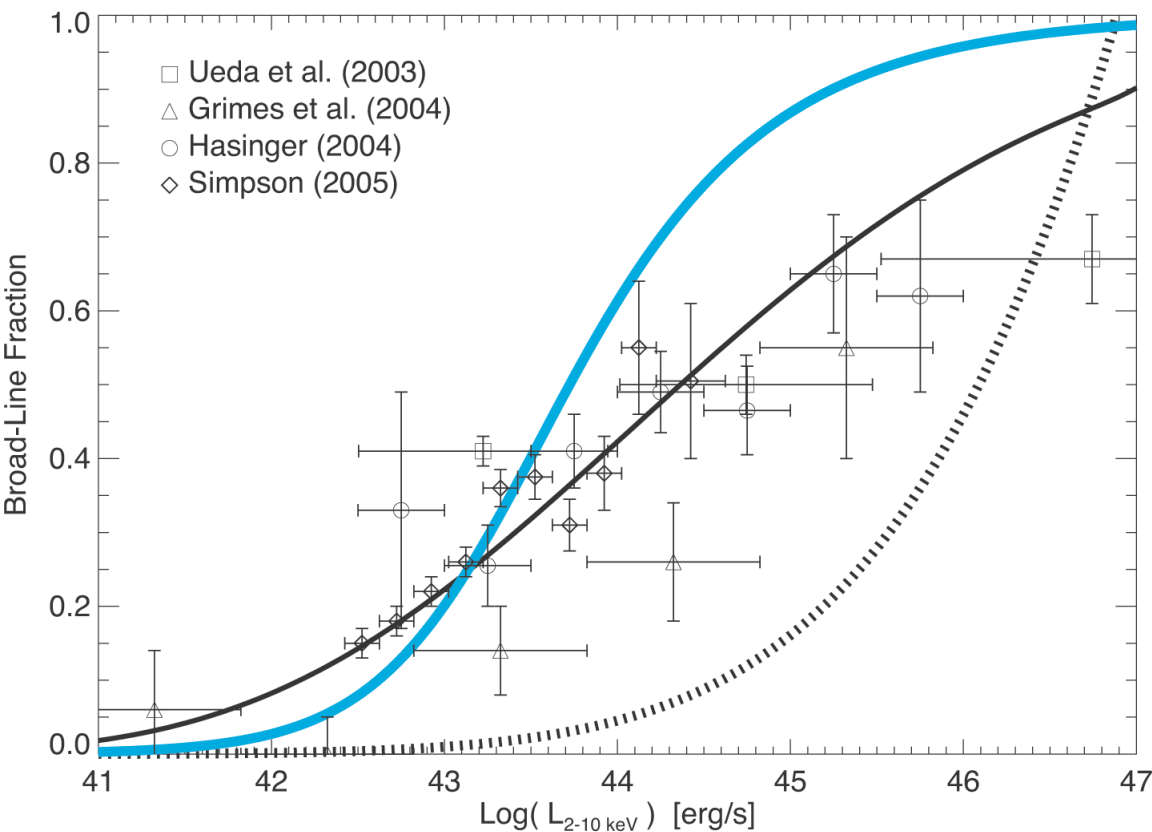
Black hole growth



Springel et al. 2004

(Gebhardt et al. 2000;
Ferrarese & Merritt 2000;
Tremaine et al. 2002)

Other Tests of How Host & Quasar Impact one Another

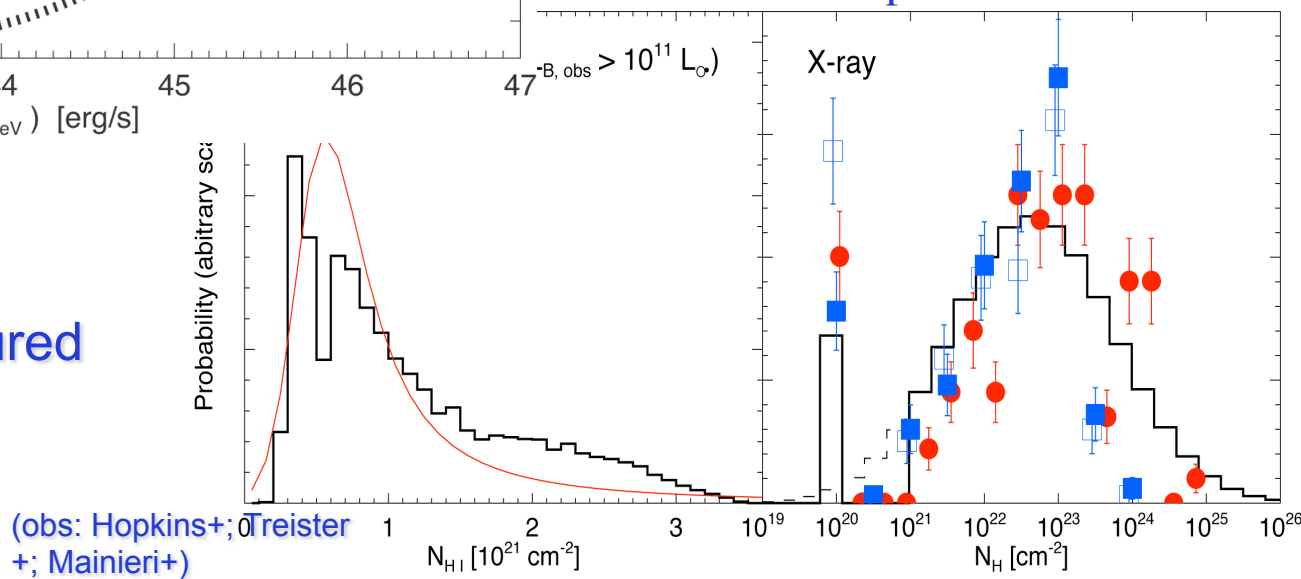


At Higher Luminosities,
More Quasars are Near-
Peak (i.e. Blowout)

- Different relation to host than “Receding Torus”
- Evolution with Redshift

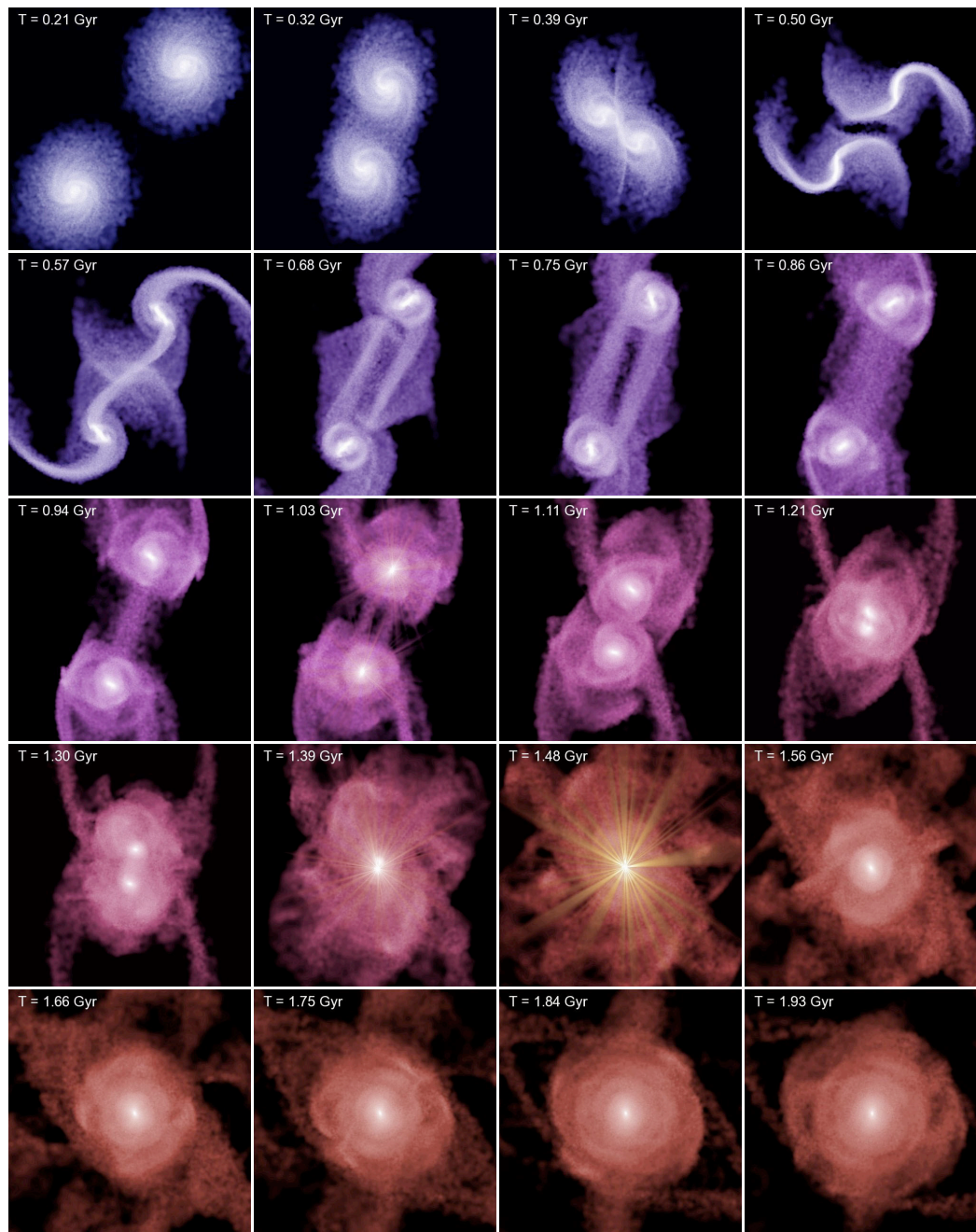
Combined: Predict
Columns and Obscured
Fractions
- X-ray Background

Hopkins et al. 2005e



Feedback Determines the Decay of the Quasar Light Curve

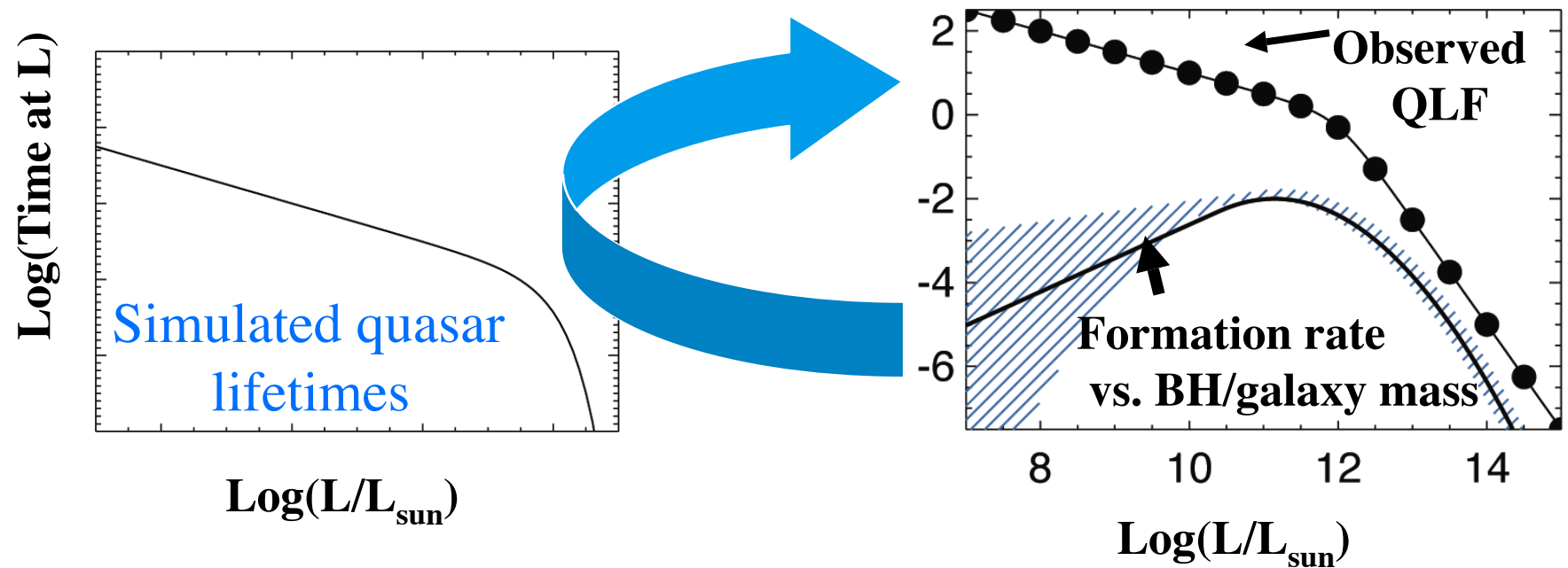
LESS OBVIOUS, BUT IMPORTANT IMPLICATIONS VIA THE QUASAR LIFETIME



- Simulation: Explosive blowout drives power-law decay in L
- No Feedback:
 - Runaway growth (exponential light curve)
 - “Plateau” as run out of gas but can’t expel it (extended step function)
- “Quasar Lifetime” : a conditional, luminosity-dependent distribution

Given the Conditional Quasar Lifetime, De-Convolve the QLF
QUANTIFIED IN THIS MANNER, UNIQUELY DETERMINES THE RATE OF “TRIGGERING”

$$\phi(L) \equiv \frac{d\Phi}{d\log L}(L) = \int \frac{dt(L, L_{\text{peak}})}{d\log(L)} \dot{n}(L_{\text{peak}}) d\log(L_{\text{peak}}).$$



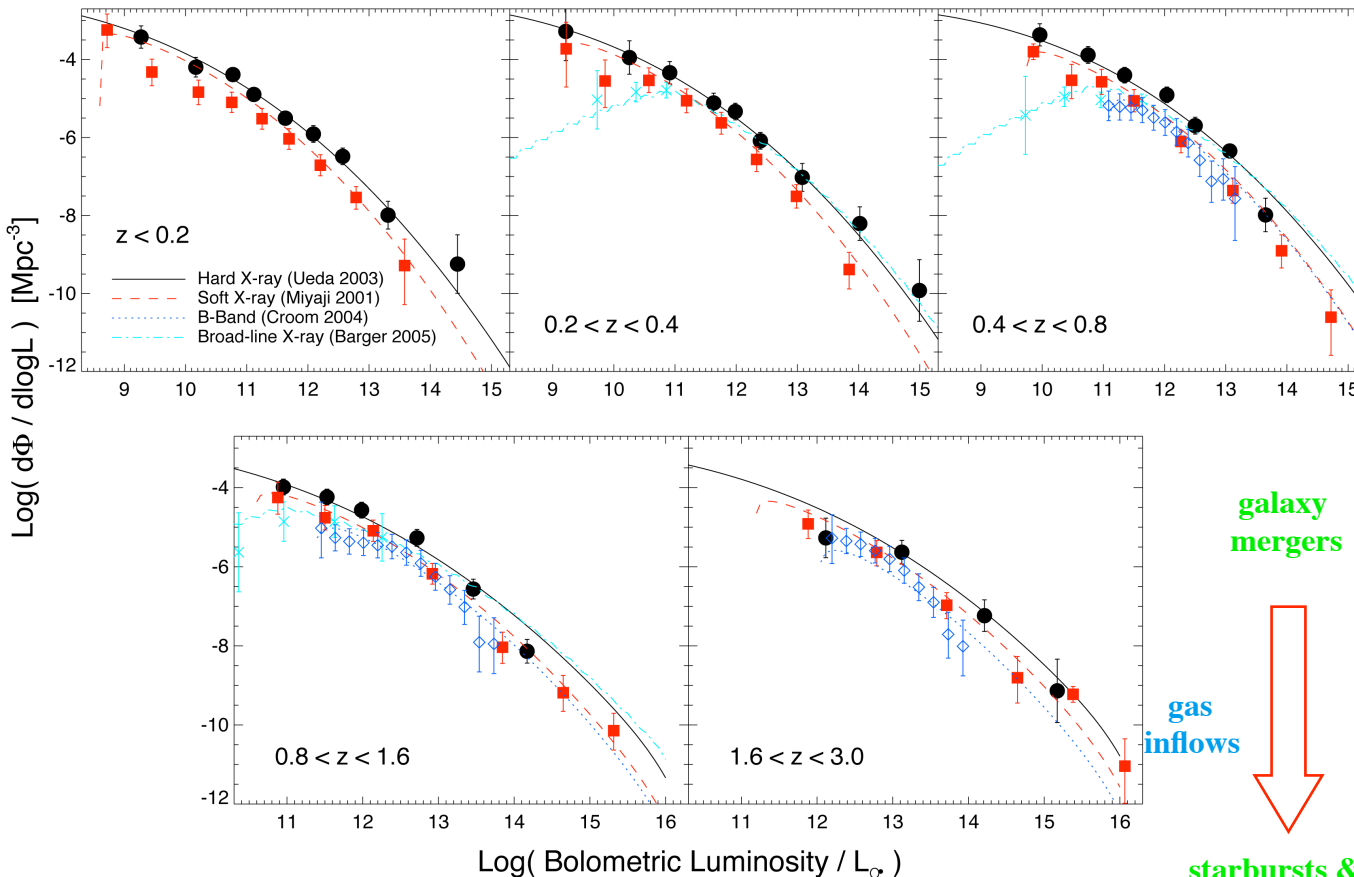
- Feedback-regulated lifetime drives a given QSO to lower L after blowout, and spends more time at low-L
- Much stronger turnover in formation/merger rate
- Faint-end QLF dominated by decaying sources with much larger peak luminosity/hosts
- In short: simulate every observed quasar & predict everything else!

Given this Deconvolution, A Number of Predictions are Possible

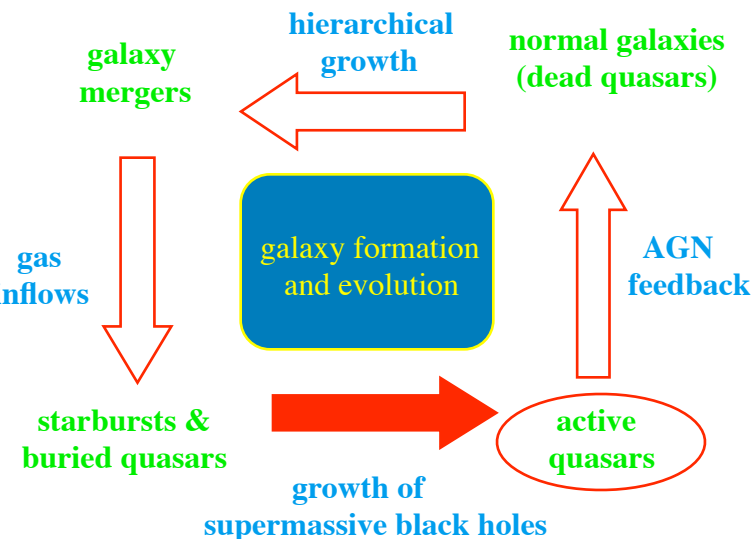
THE QLF EMPIRICAL CONSTRAINT AT ONE FREQUENCY IS SUFFICIENT TO FIX THE MODEL

➤ Comparison with Observed QLFs:

- hard & soft X-ray, B-band, UV, near & mid-IR
- Type I & II; reddening & obscuration vs. luminosity
- $Z = 0 - 6$

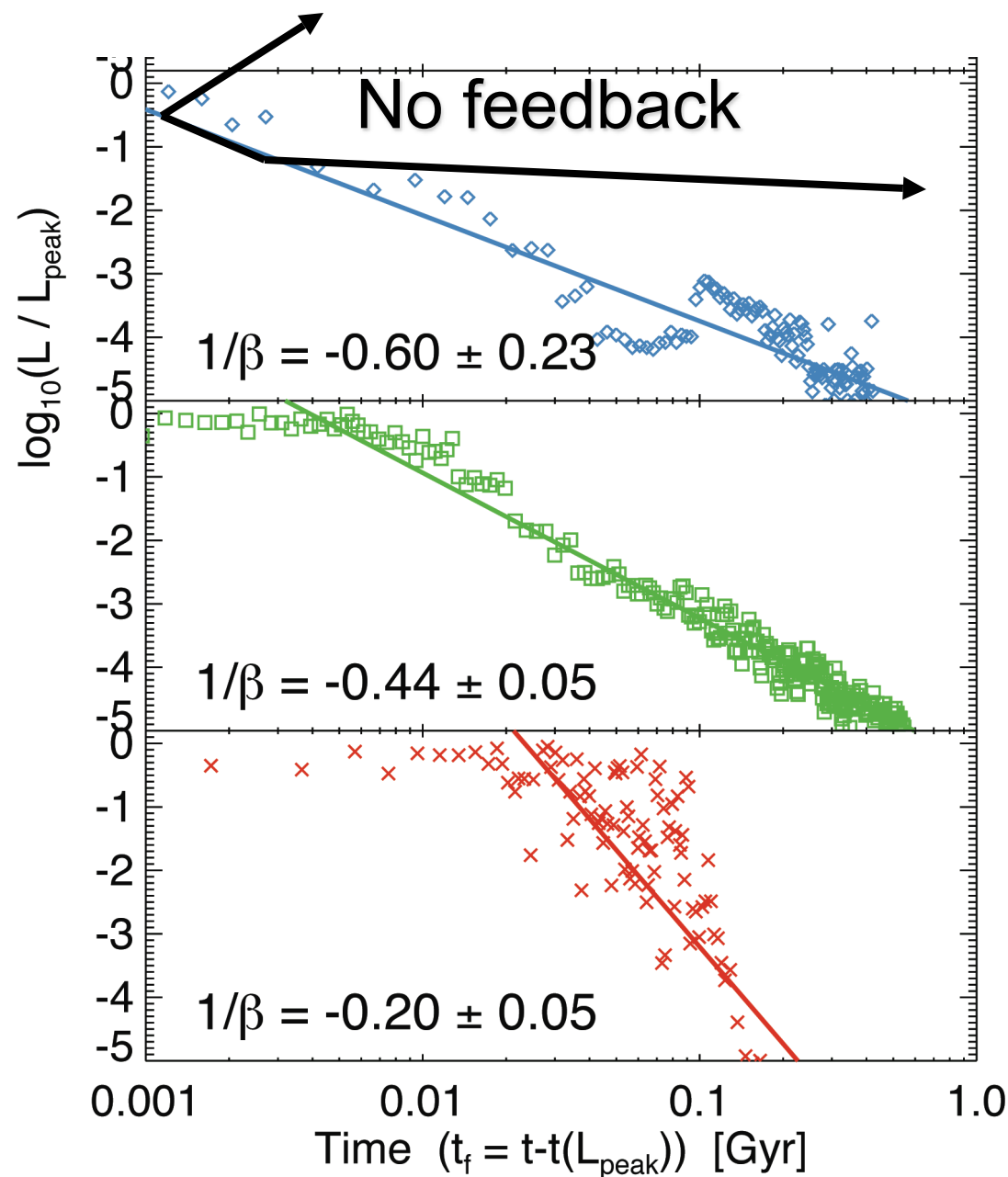


(Ueda+; Richards+; Croom+;
 Barger+; Hasinger+; Miyaji+;
 LaFranca+; Brown+; Matute+;
 Nandra+; Cristiani+; Hunt+;
 Wolf+; Fan+; & others)



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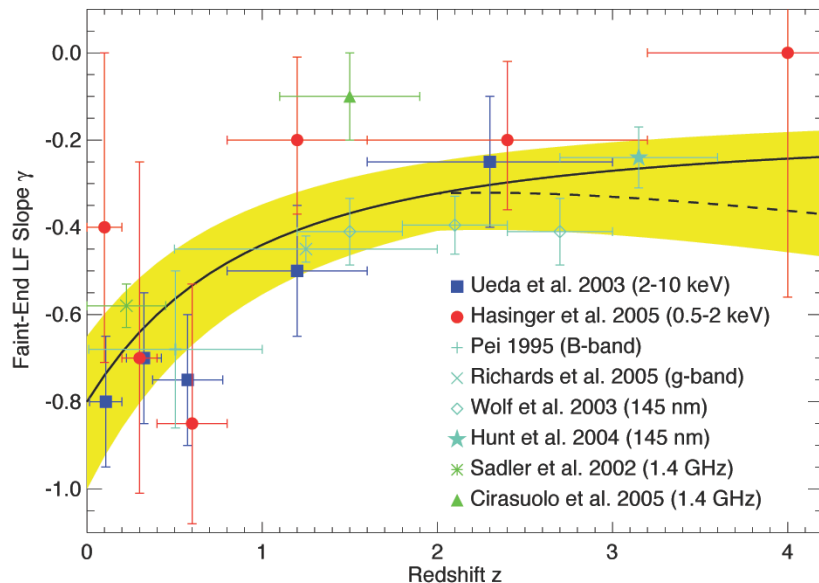
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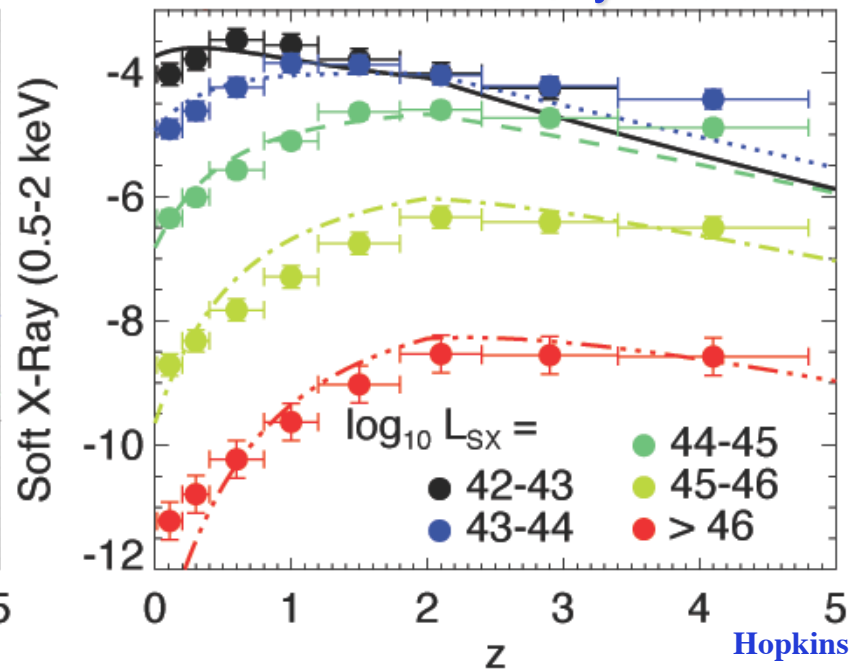
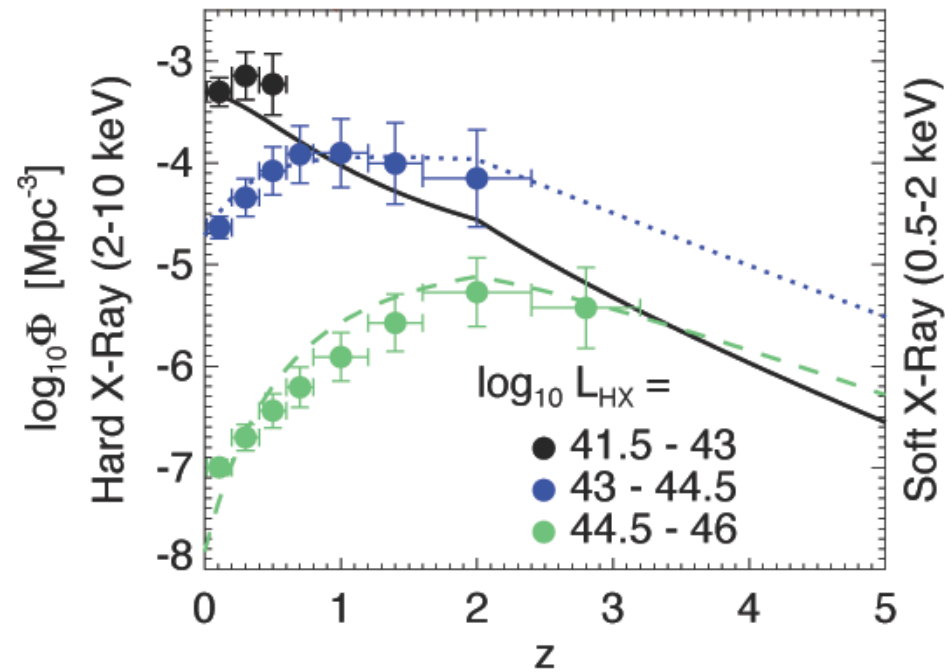
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Faint-End Slope of QLF is Determined by Faint-End Quasar Lifetime

FAINT QSOs ARE DECAYING - LIFETIME DETERMINES HOW MANY SEEN

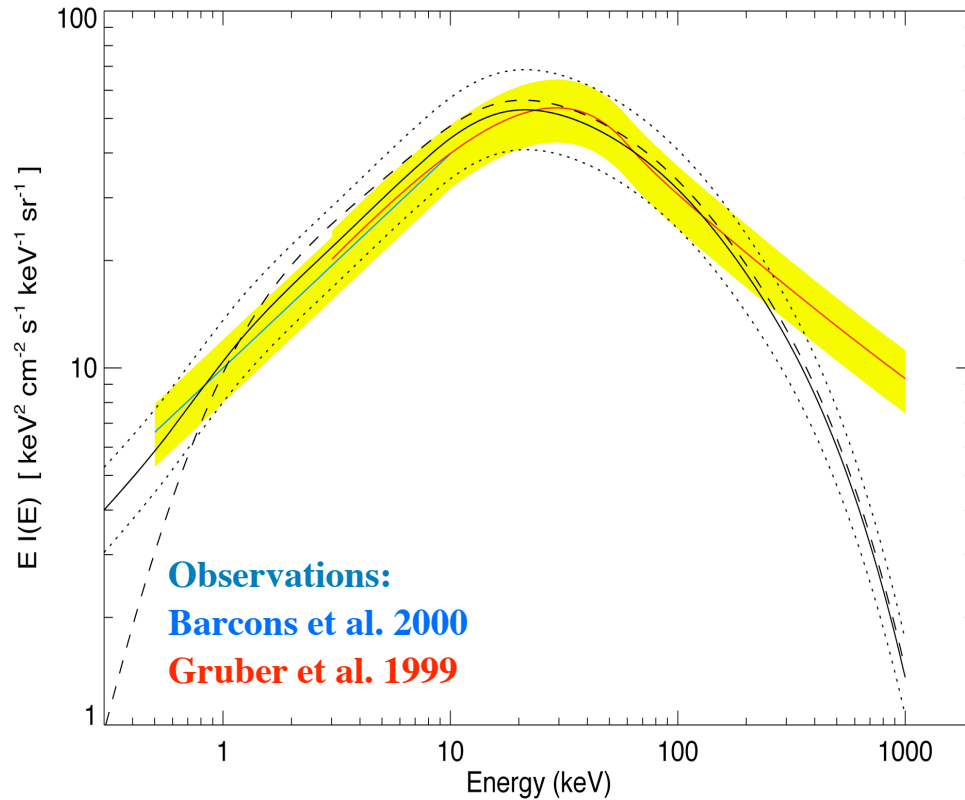


- Dependence on peak luminosity gives dependence on z
- Values inform feedback: e.g. steady wind vs. injection vs. steady “unfueled” disk
- Luminosity-dependent density evolution

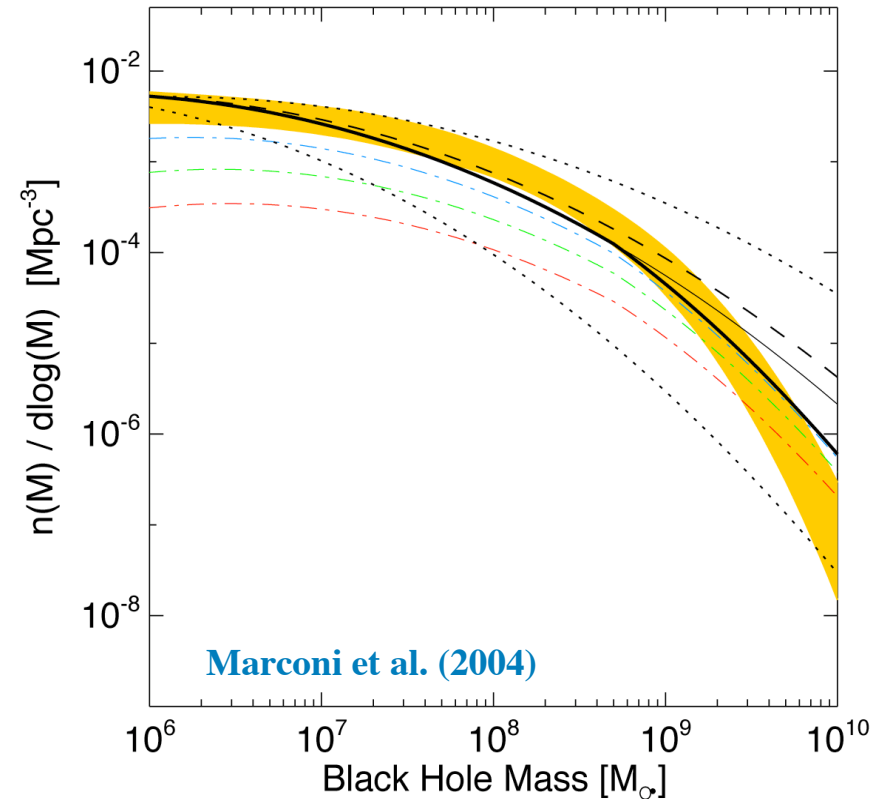


Comparison with Observations:

➤ X-ray background spectrum



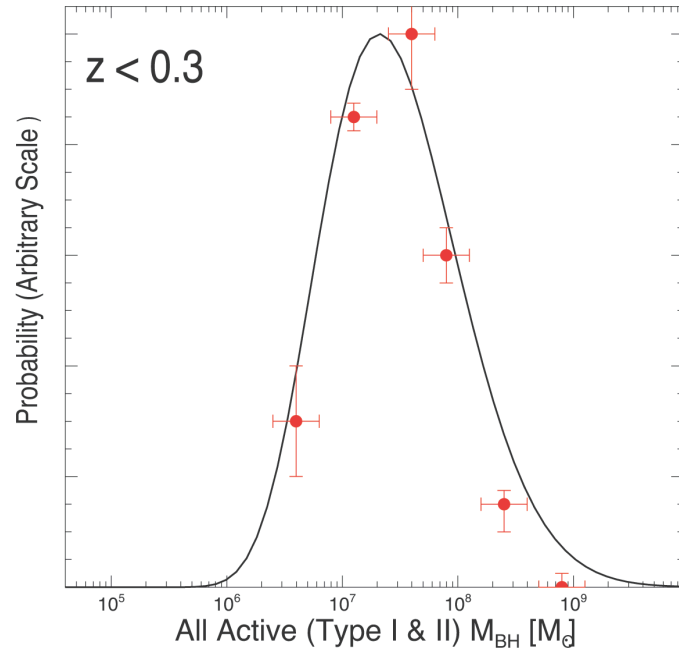
➤ Black hole mass functions



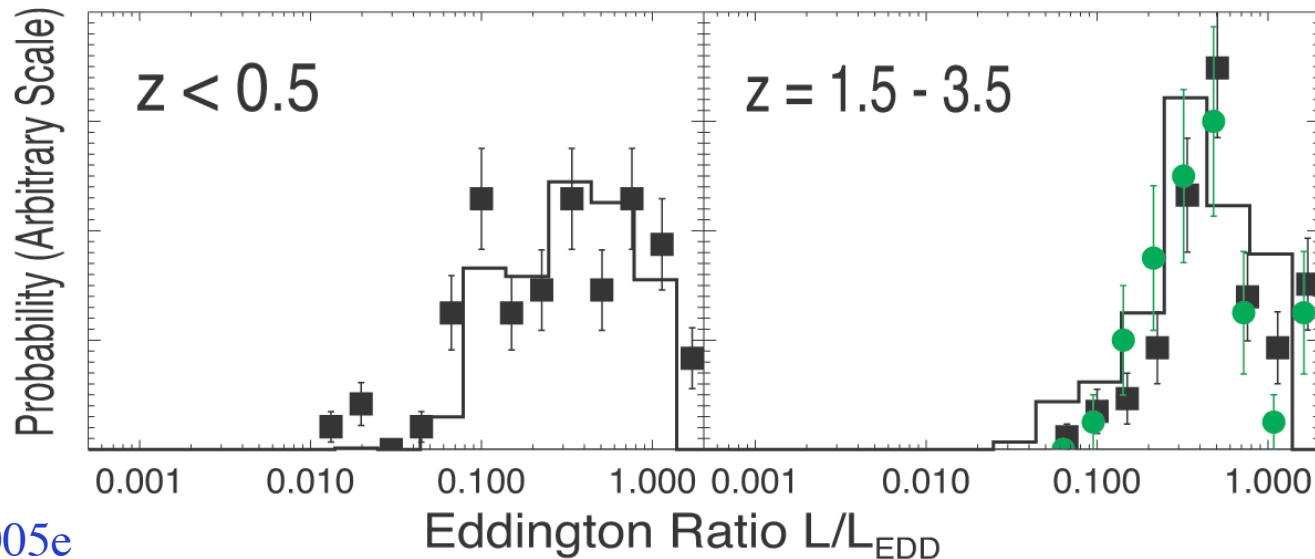
➤ No need to posit large missing/obscured population or strong obscured fraction evolution

Eddington Ratio Distributions and Active Black Hole Mass Functions

REFLECT TURNOVER IN FORMATION/MERGER RATE

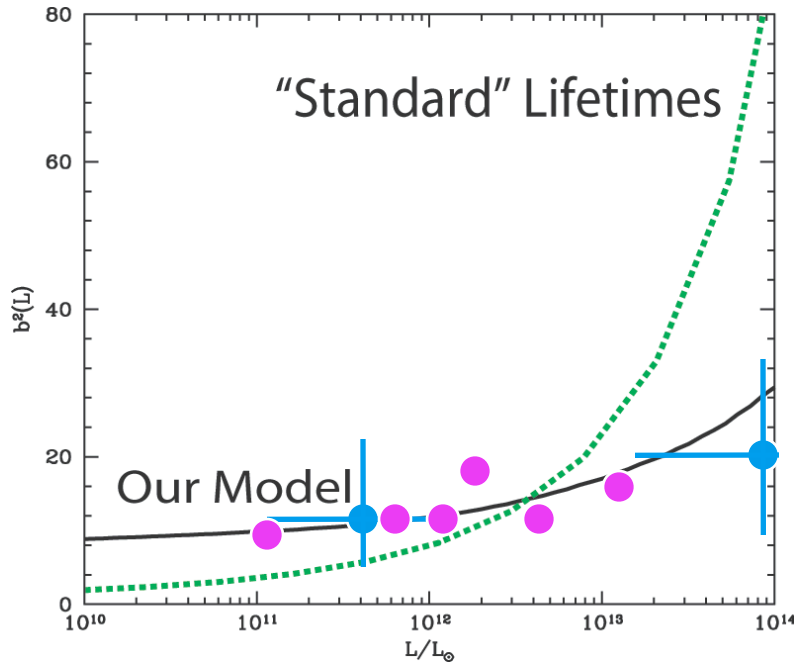


- QLF below break as Eddington ratio sequence
 - (Vestergaard+, Marchesini+, Woo & Urry, Hao+)
- Active BHMF similar in shape to formation rate
 - (Heckman+, Ho+, McLure & Dunlop)



Quasar Clustering is a Strong Test of this Model

MOST FAINT QSOS ARE DECAYING BRIGHT QSOS - SHOULD BE IN SIMILAR HOSTS

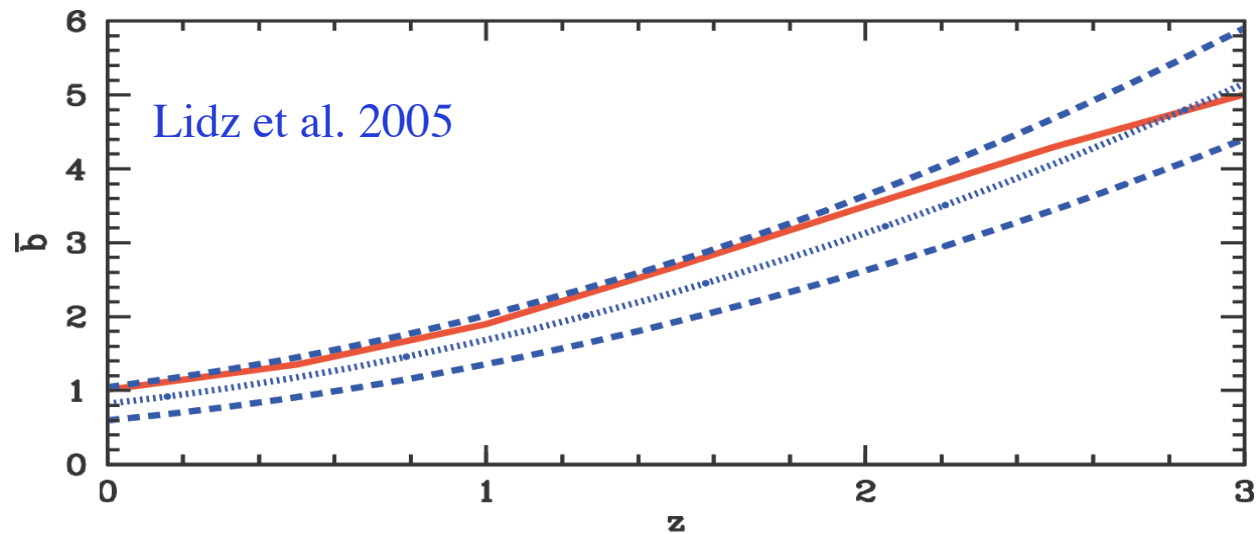


➤ Weak dependence of clustering on observed luminosity

• (Croom et al. 2005, Adelberger & Steidel 2005, Myers et al. 2005)

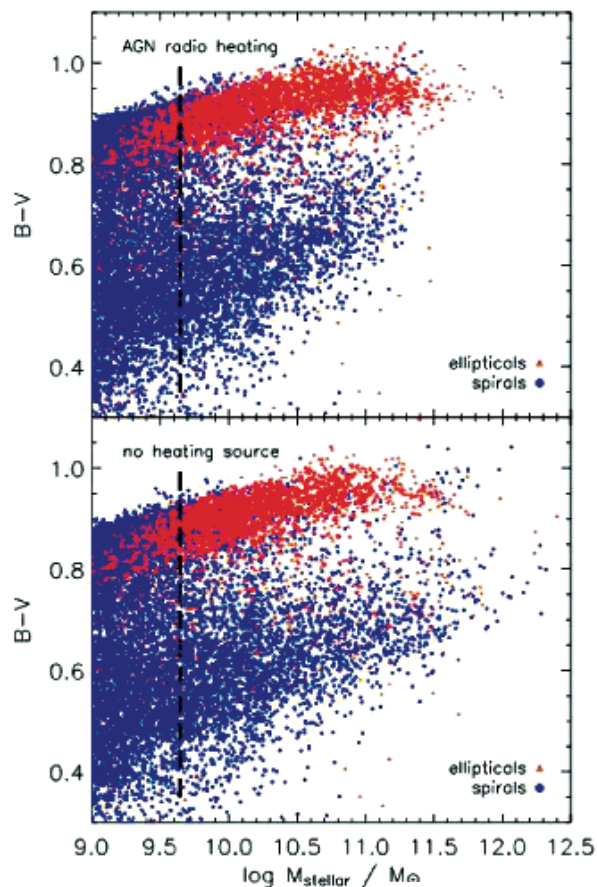
➤ Characteristic halo mass $M \sim 10^{13} M_{\text{sun}}$

Adelberger & Steidel 2005,
Myers et al. 2005

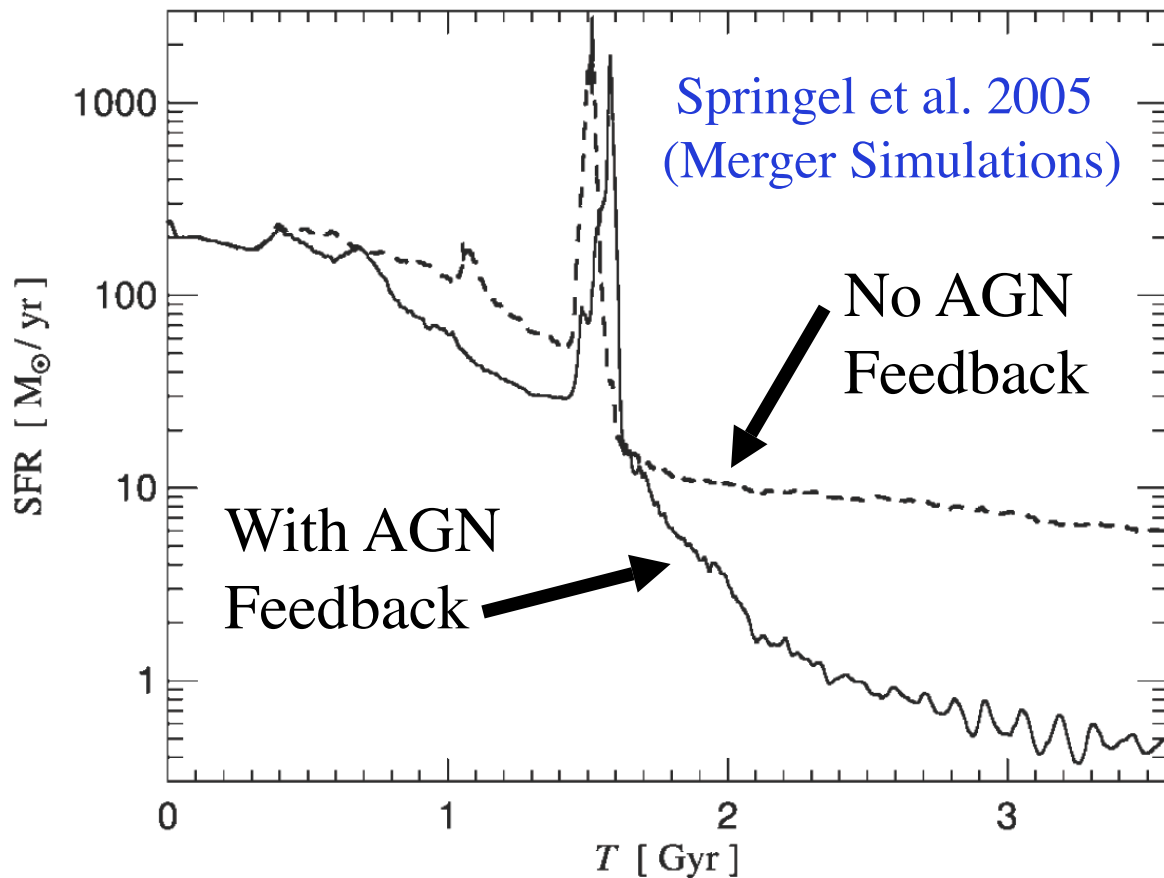


Expulsion of Gas Turns off Star Formation

ENSURES ELLIPTICALS ARE SUFFICIENTLY “RED & DEAD”



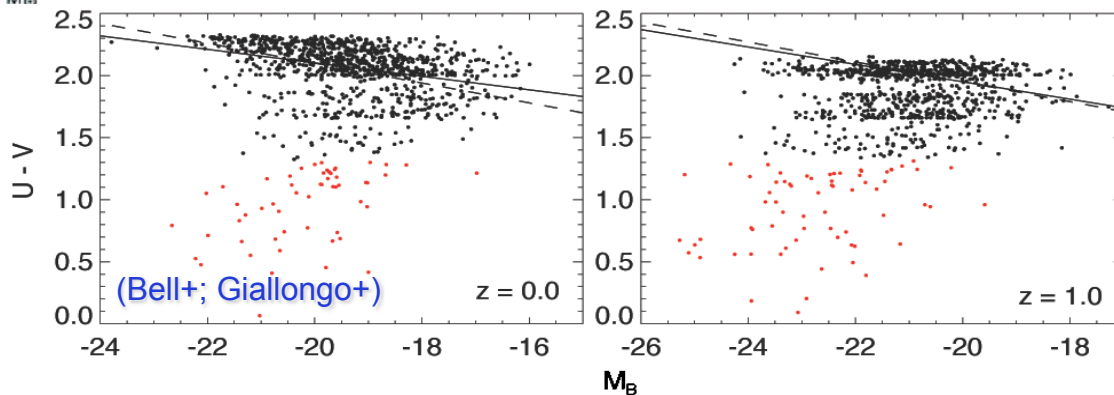
Croton et al.
2005
(SAMs)



Springel et al. 2005
(Merger Simulations)

No AGN
Feedback

With AGN
Feedback



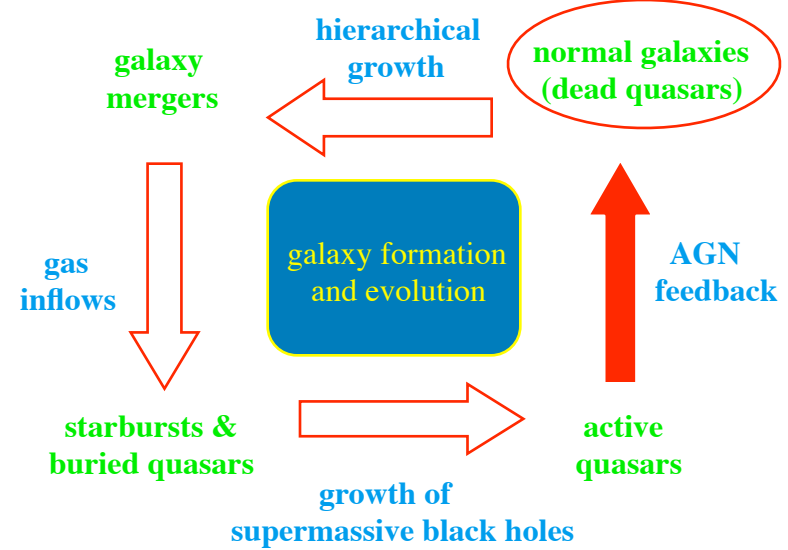
(Bell+; Giallongo+)

Hopkins et al.
2005f
(Empirical+Sims)

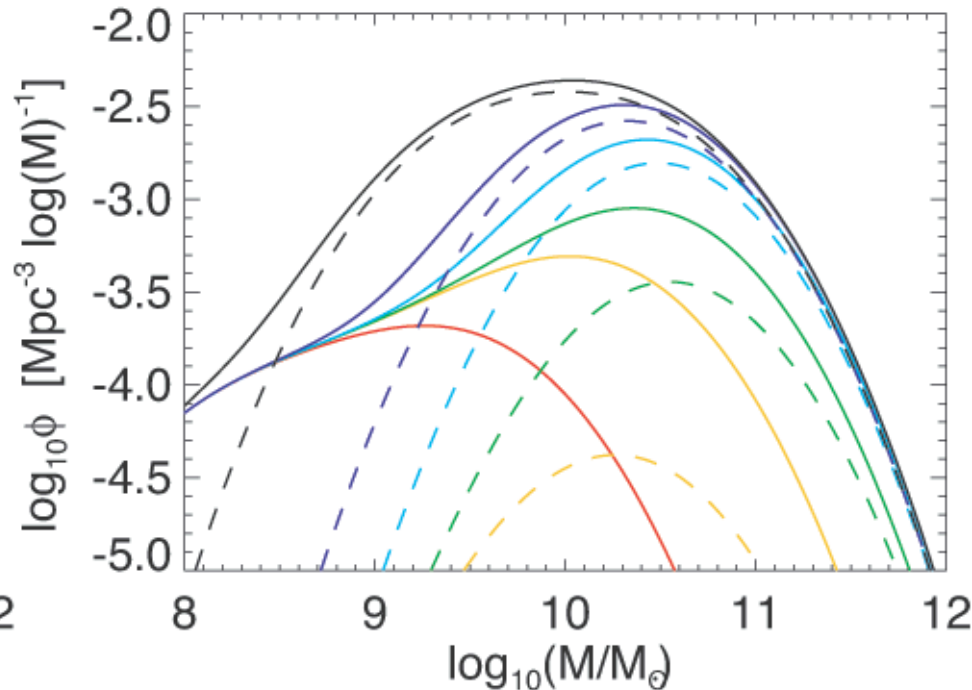
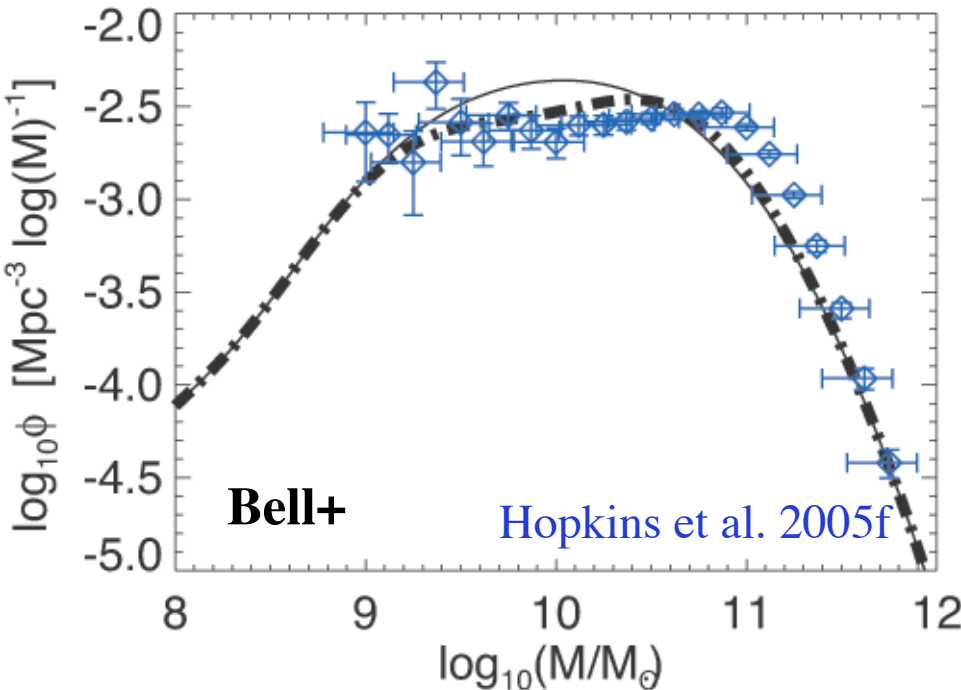
Every Quasar Has a Host

MAPPING BETWEEN MERGER DISTRIBUTIONS

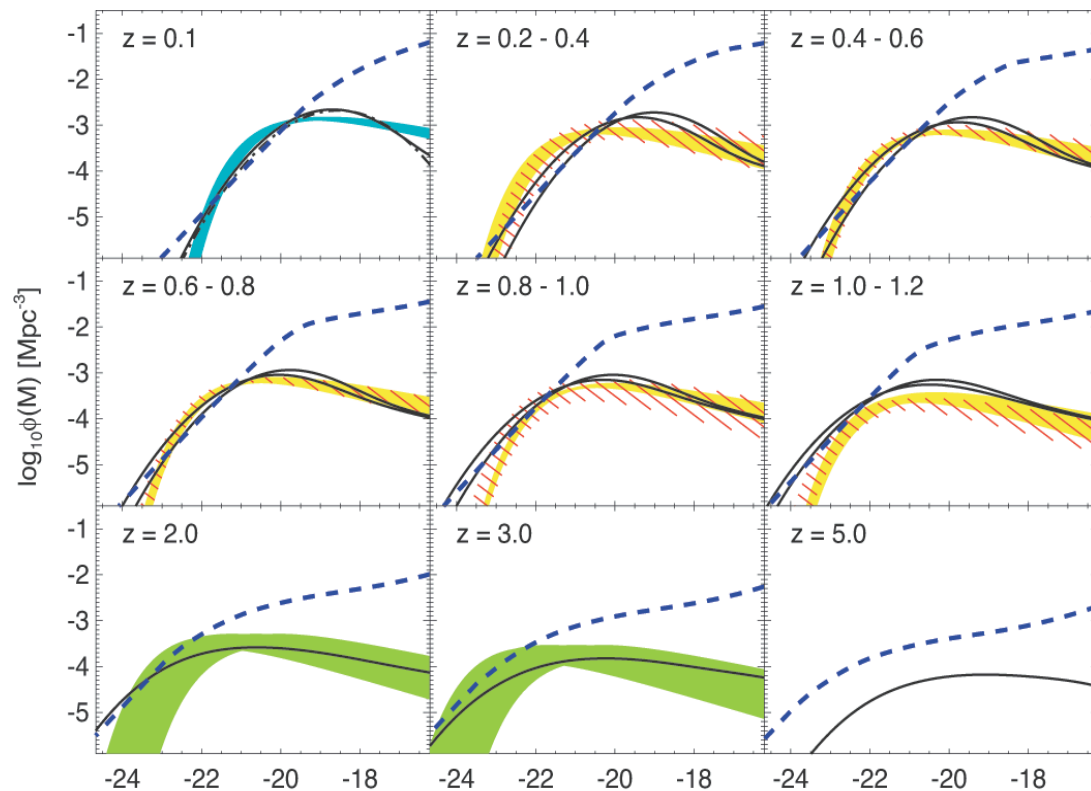
- Spheroids + QSOs produced *together*
 - Hosts follow M-sigma (Di Matteo et al.), BH-bulge mass, Fundamental Plane (Robertson et al.), Kinematic/Morphological/Gas Properties (Cox et al.)
- Map each de-convolved *quasar* to



e.g. red galaxy mass function (dry mergers a small effect)

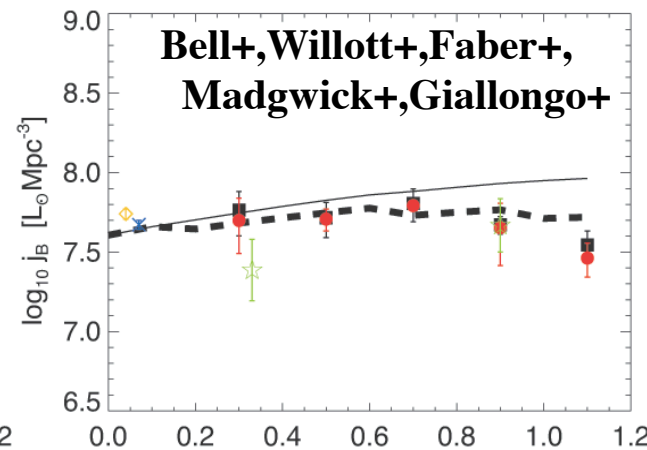
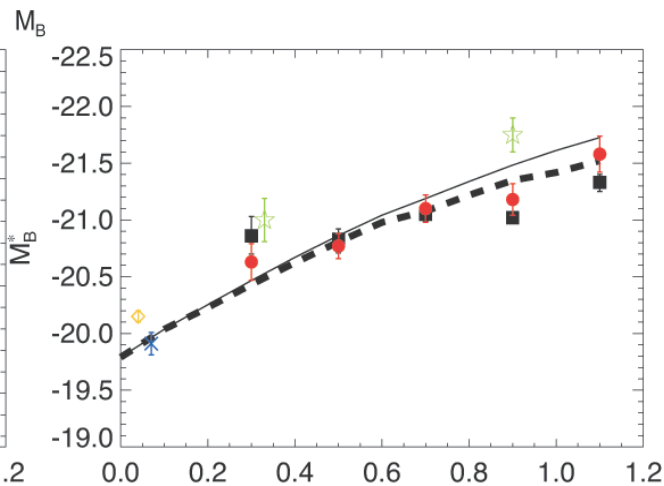
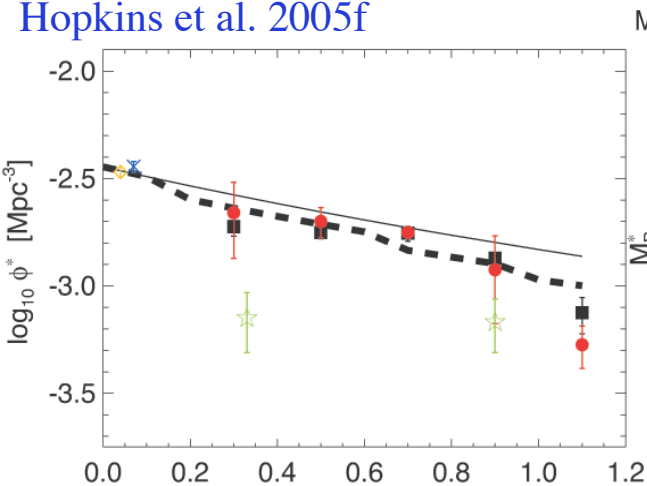


Luminosity Function (NUV,U,B,V,R,I,K; $0 < z < 6$)



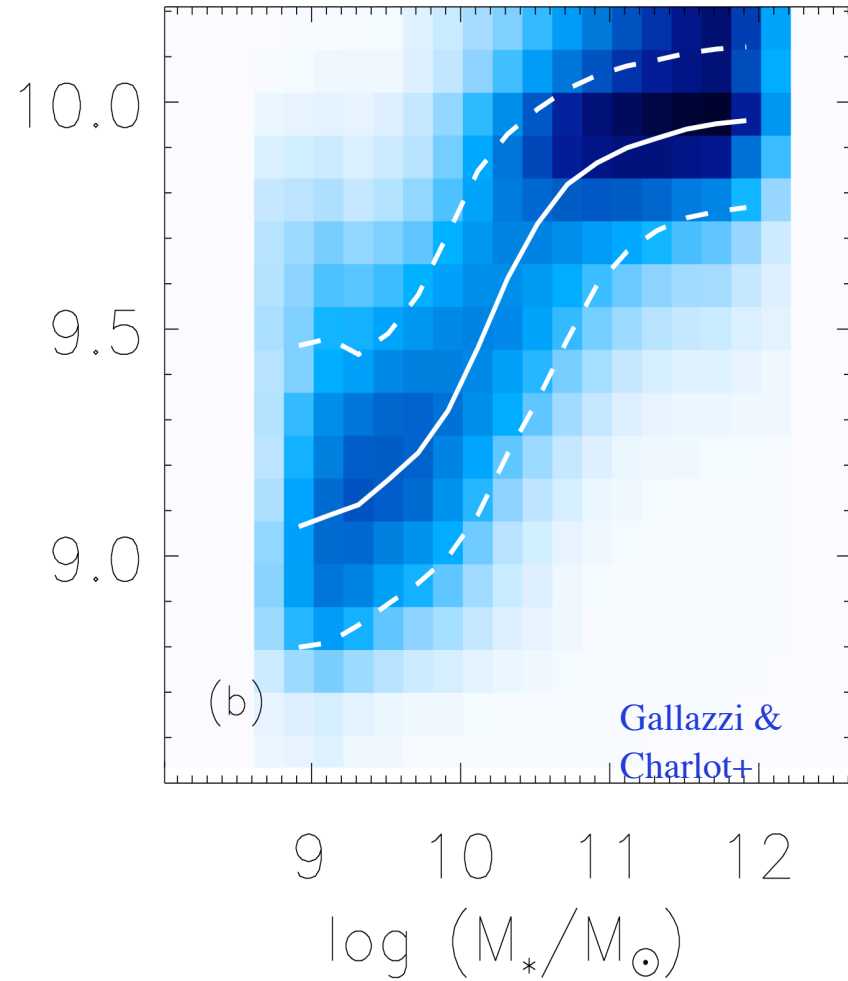
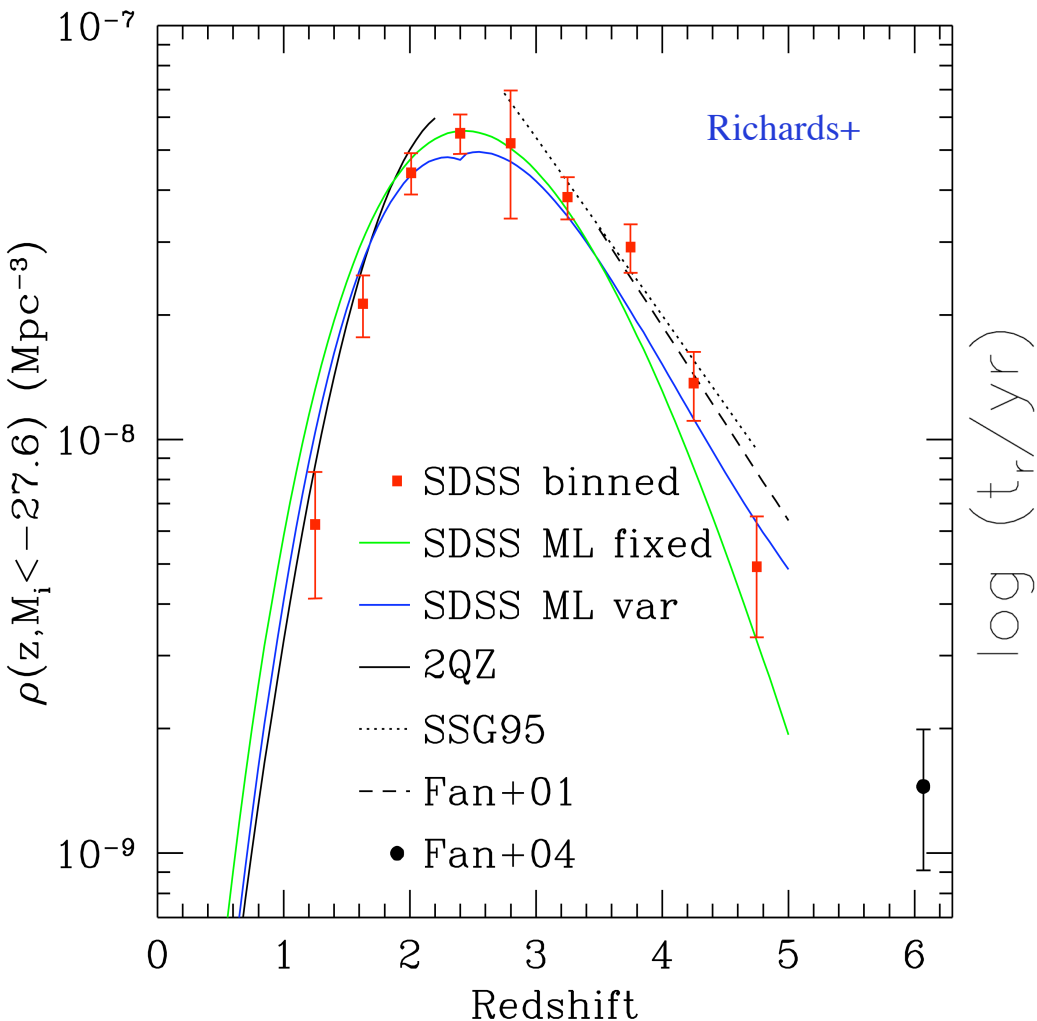
- By $z \sim 1$, significant post-merger but still reddening pop.
- “Blue Spheroids” / E + A’s

Hopkins et al. 2005f



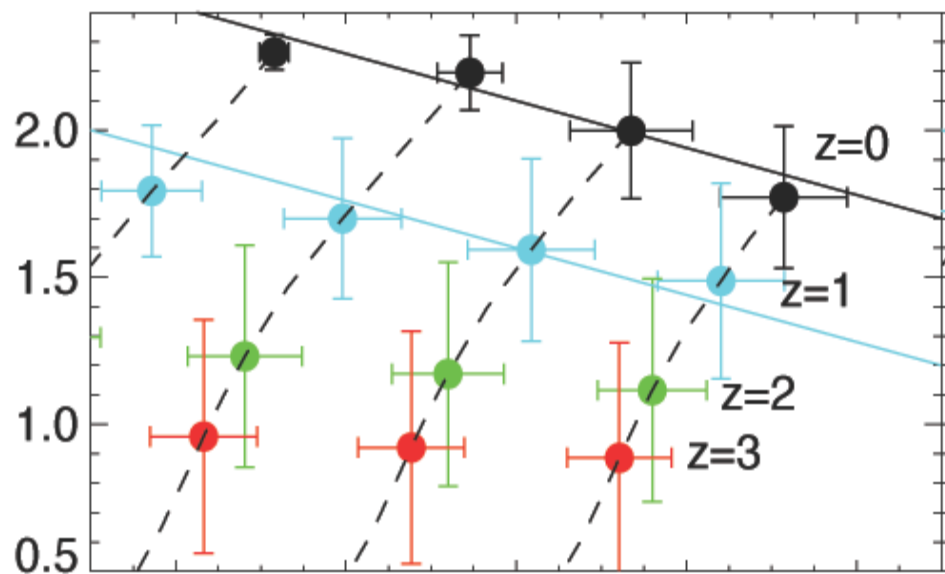
How Much Downsizing?

IS THE DOWNSIZING IN QUASAR AND GALAXY POPULATIONS THE SAME THING?



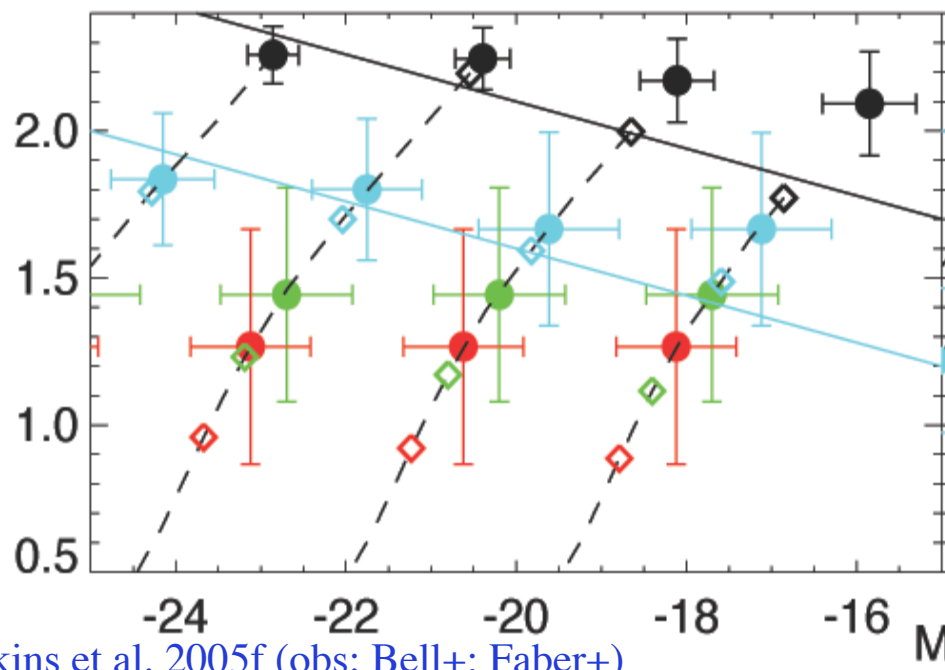
- Must be true in *any* model where AGN & SF are somehow coupled

Full Simulations

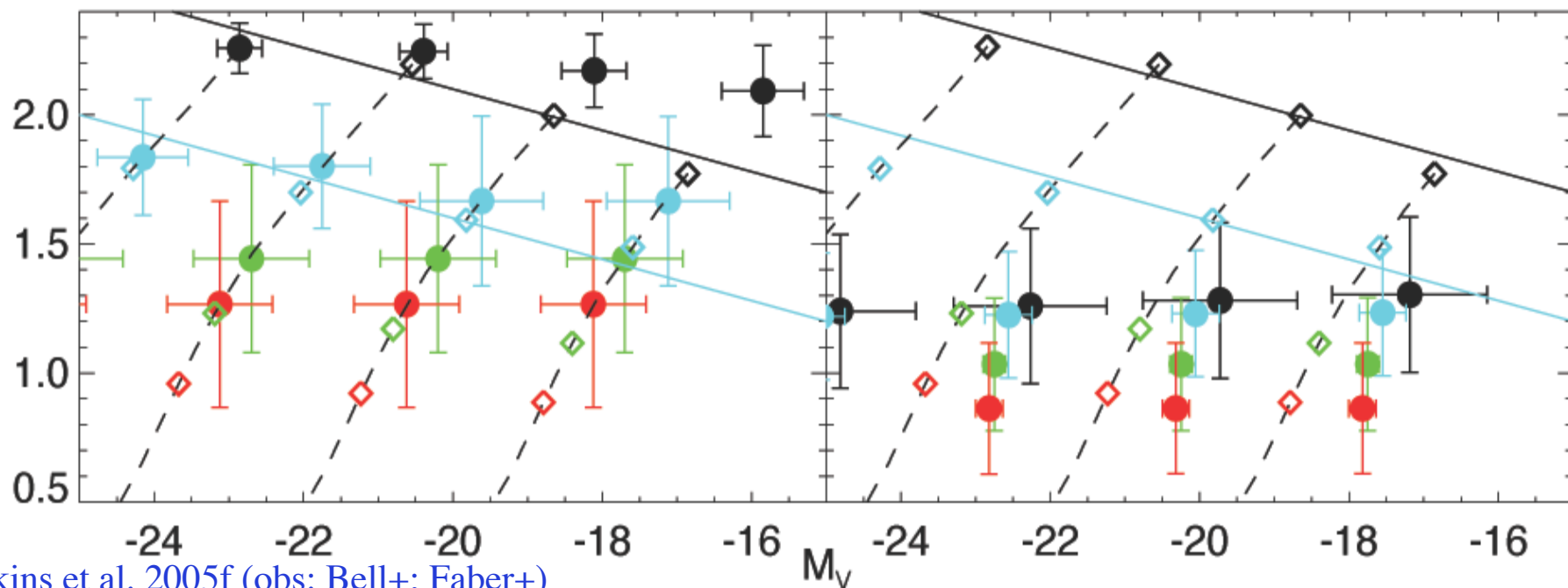


➤ Only true if full effects of feedback included

Constant Quasar Lifetimes

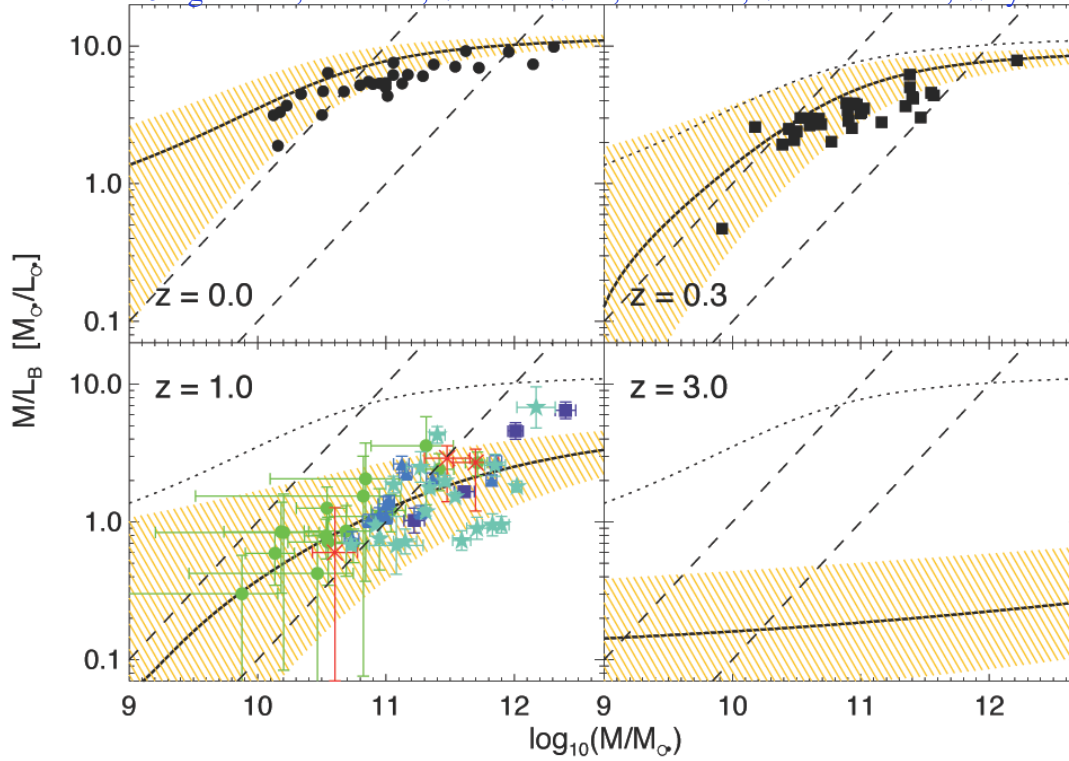


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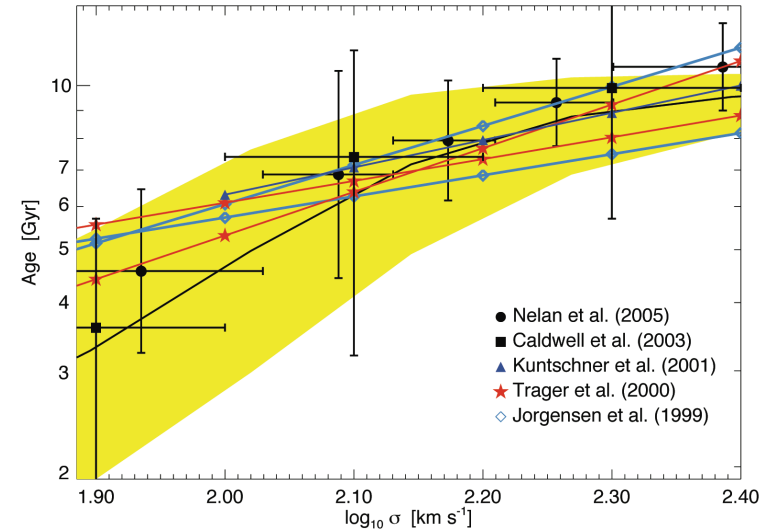
Multiple Age Measurements to Use as Checks

Jorgensen+; Kelson+; Van der Wel+; Holden+; Van Dokkum+; Wuyts+



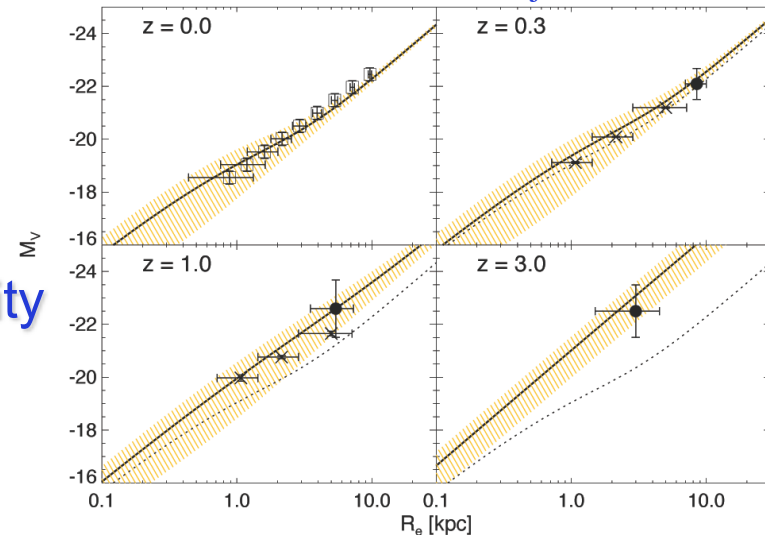
M/L Ratios

Age-sigma



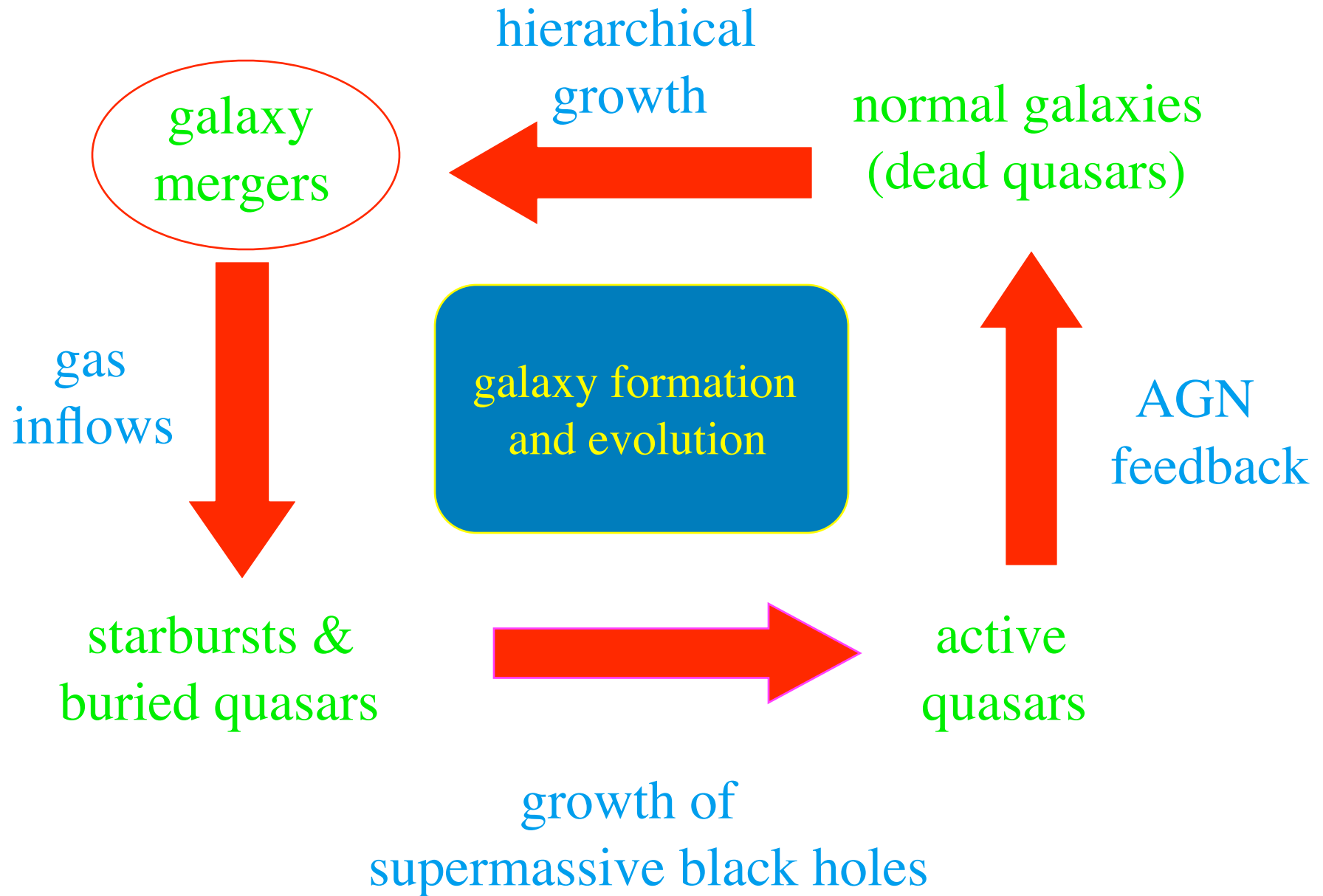
Size-Luminosity Relation

Shen+; Trujillo+; McIntosh+



Extend This Mapping to *Ongoing* Mergers

TEST STATISTICS OF QUASAR, RED GALAXY, & MERGER POPULATIONS



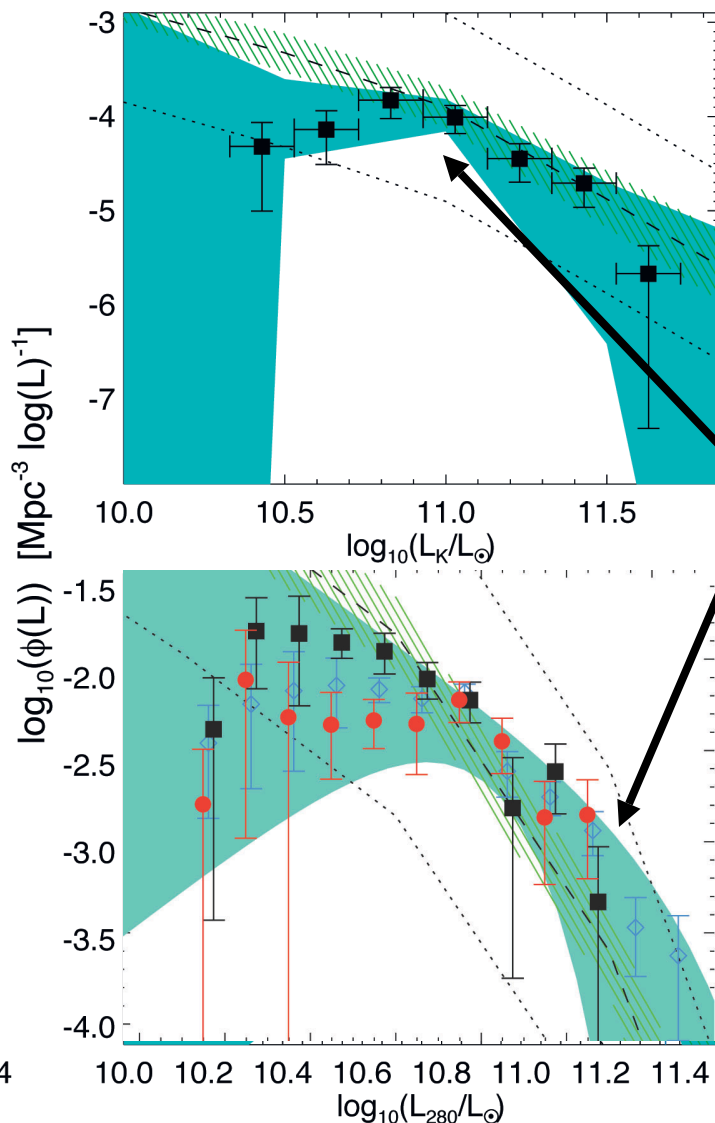
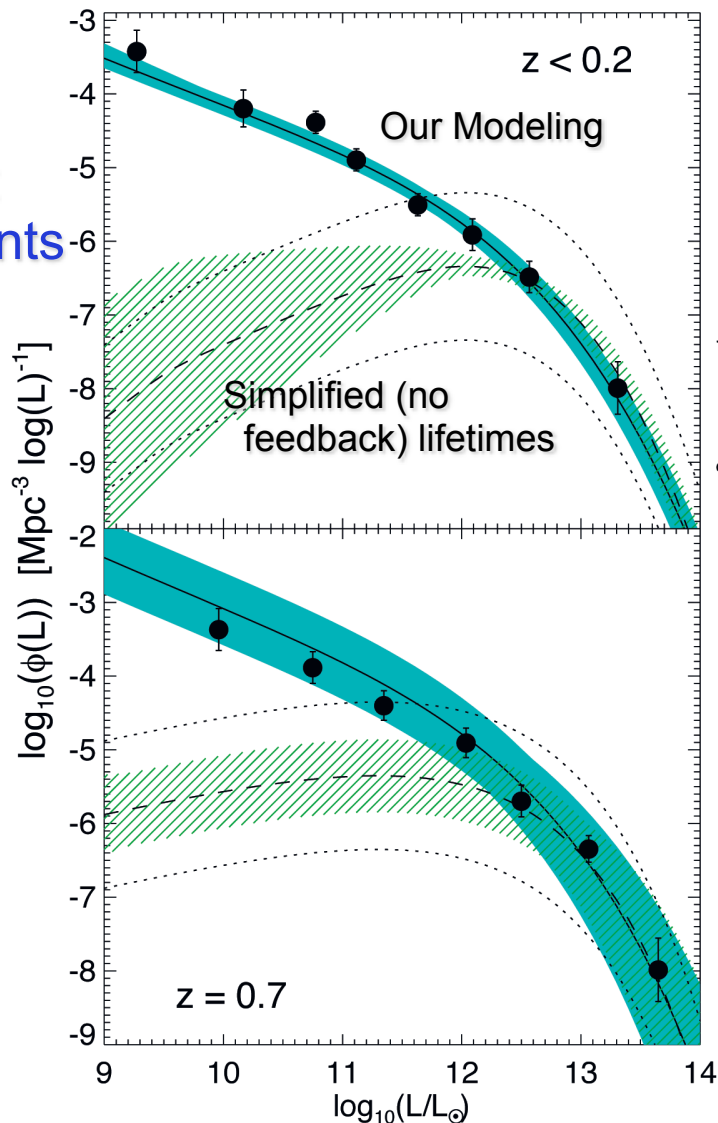
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Merger LF \rightarrow Quasar LF

Quasar LF \rightarrow Merger LF

Tight constraints



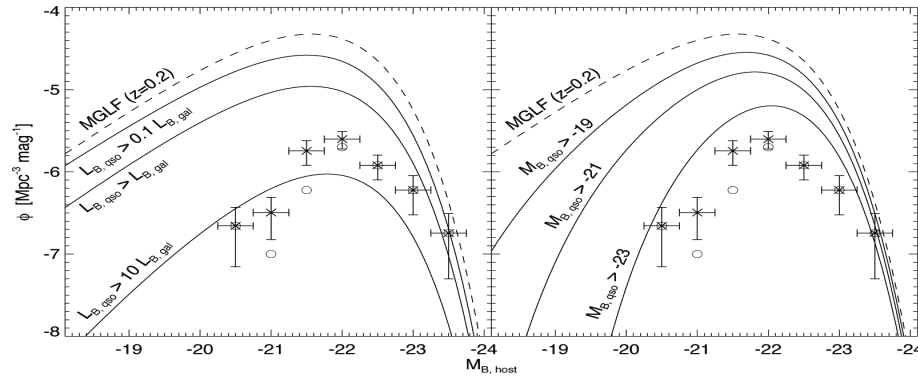
Loose constraints, but break (luminosity density) is tight

Xu+; Wolf+;
Ueda+

Ongoing Mergers: Luminosity Density and Quasar Hosts

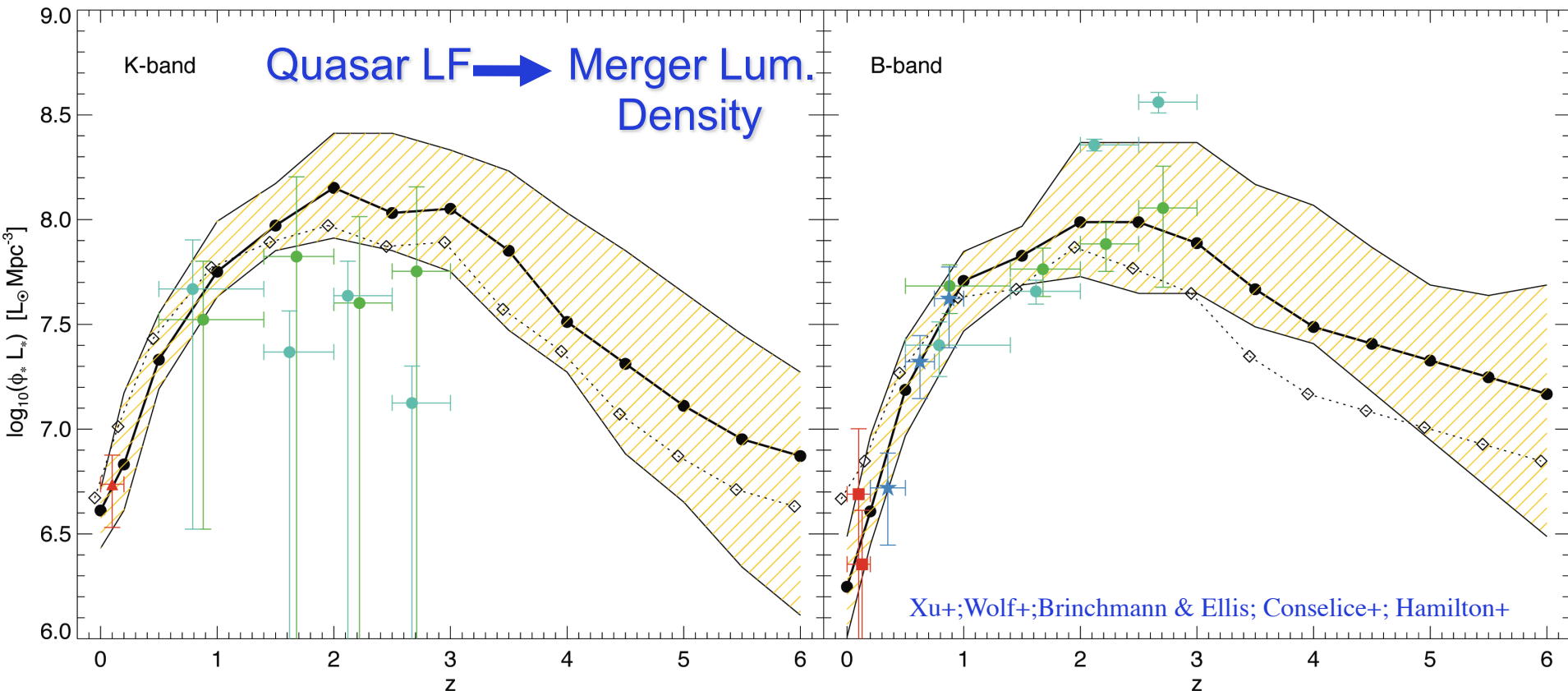
USE QUASARS TO PREDICT THE MERGER LUMINOSITY DENSITY AND HOST LF

Quasar LF \rightarrow Quasar Host LF



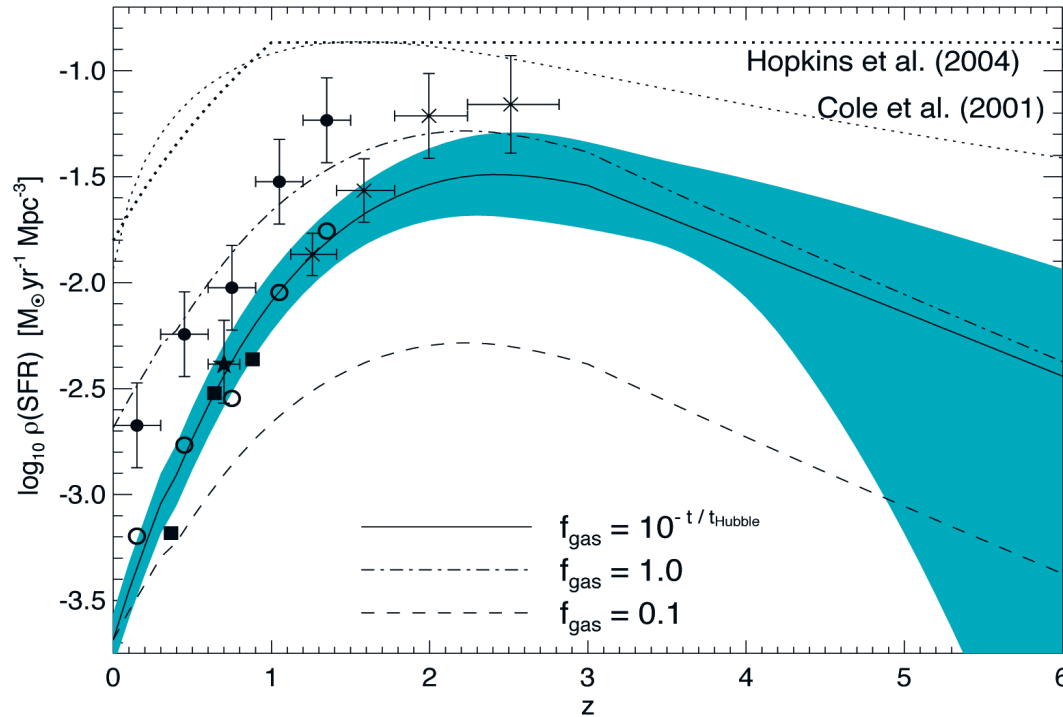
Also, e.g.:

- number densities
- color-magnitude relations
- color-color relations
- dust distributions

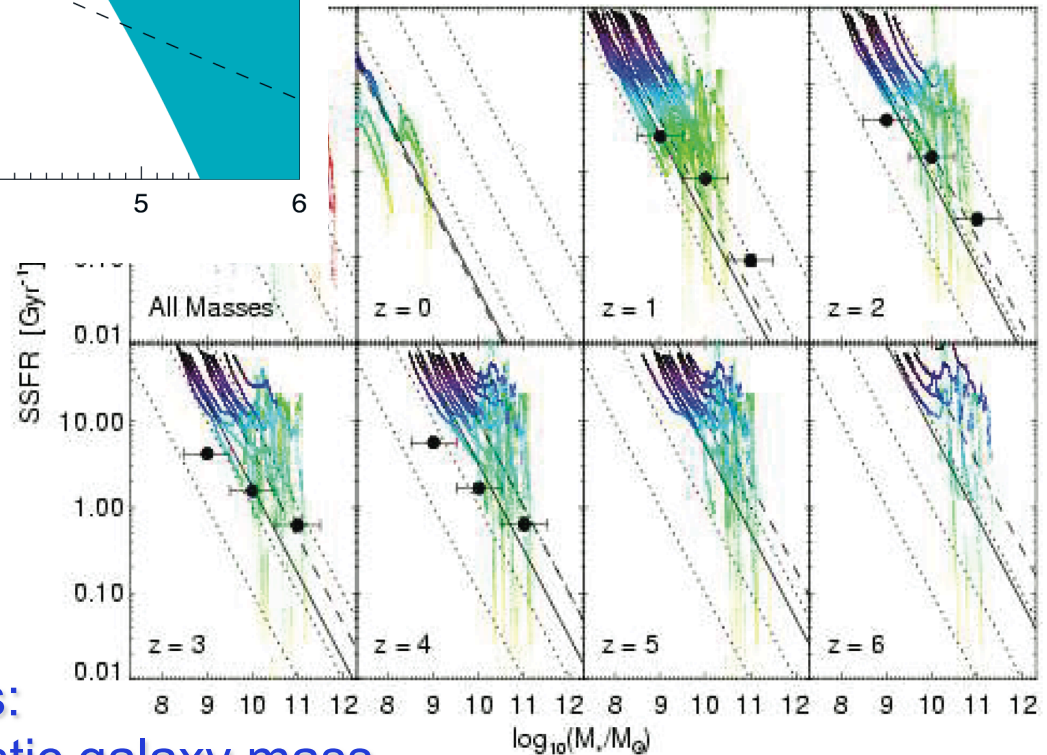


Ongoing Mergers: Merger-Induced Star Formation Rates

APPLY AN IDENTICAL FORMALISM TO THE SFR DISTRIBUTION TO MAP FROM QUASARS



(Hopkins et al. 2006)



SSFR/SFR Distributions:
Increase w. characteristic galaxy mass

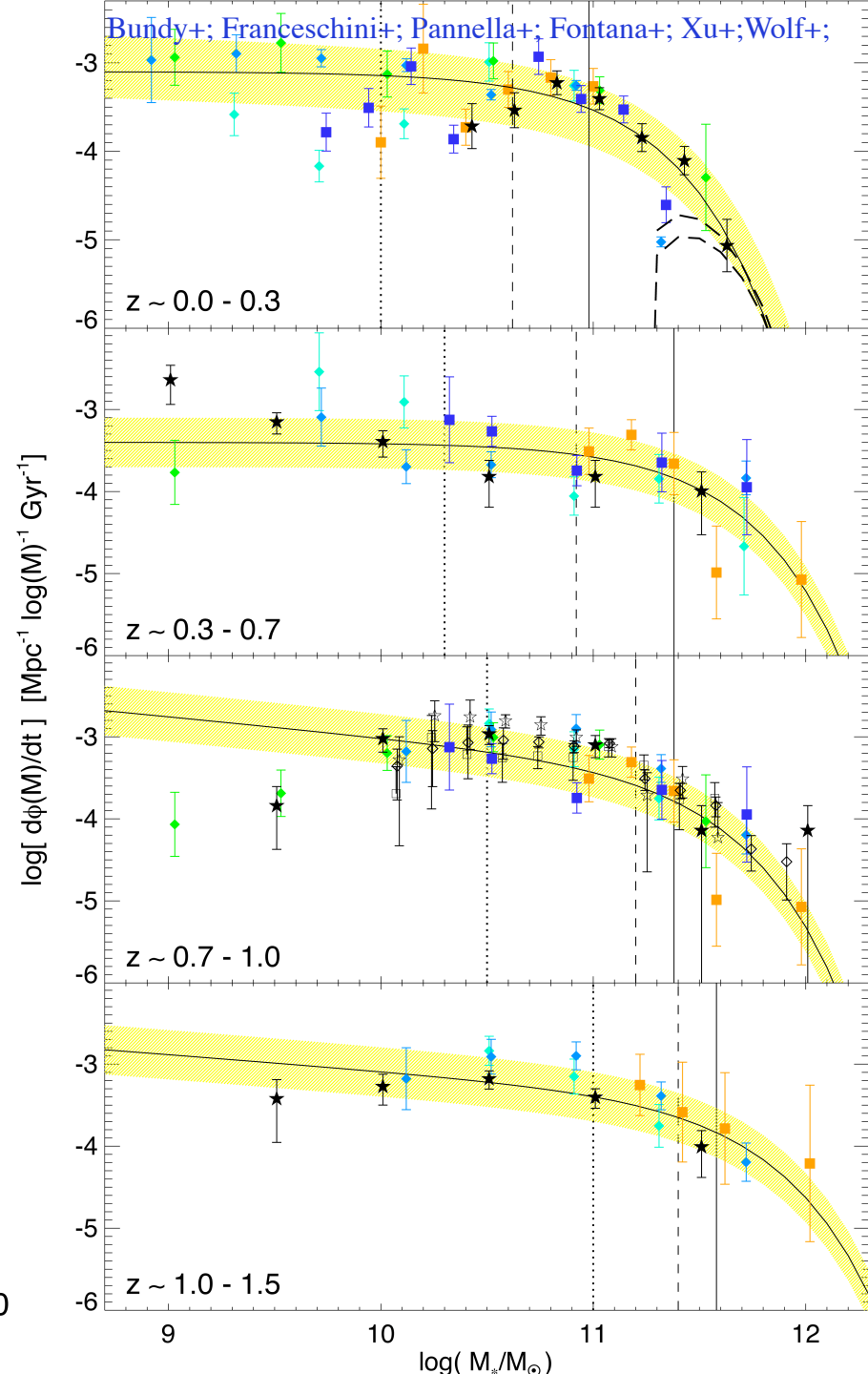
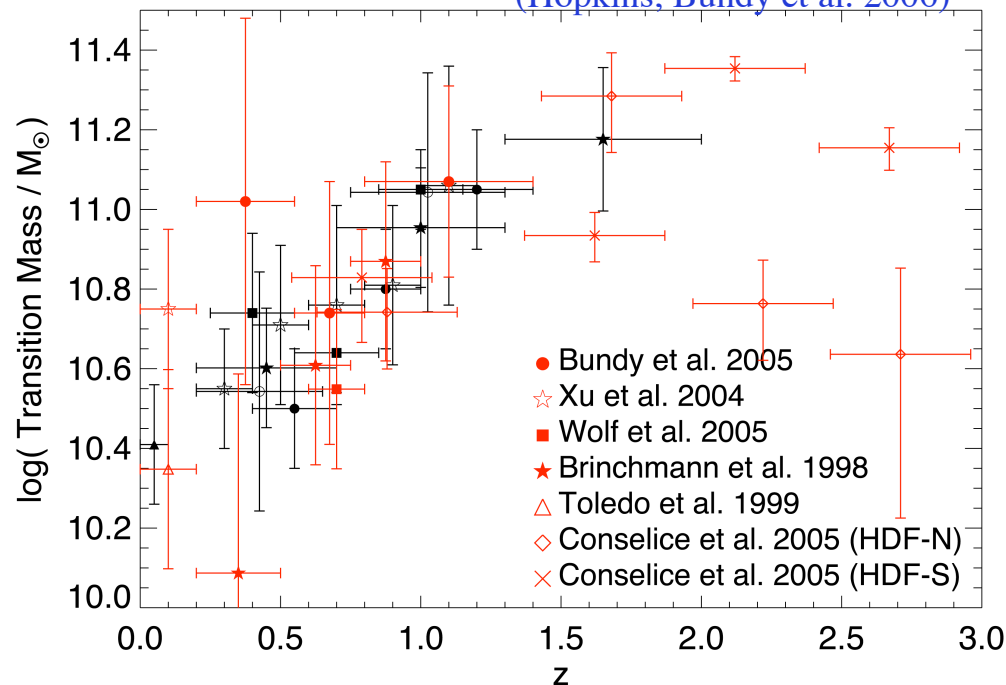
Independent Observational Tests:

CAN WE TRACE THIS JUST FROM
THE OBSERVATIONS?

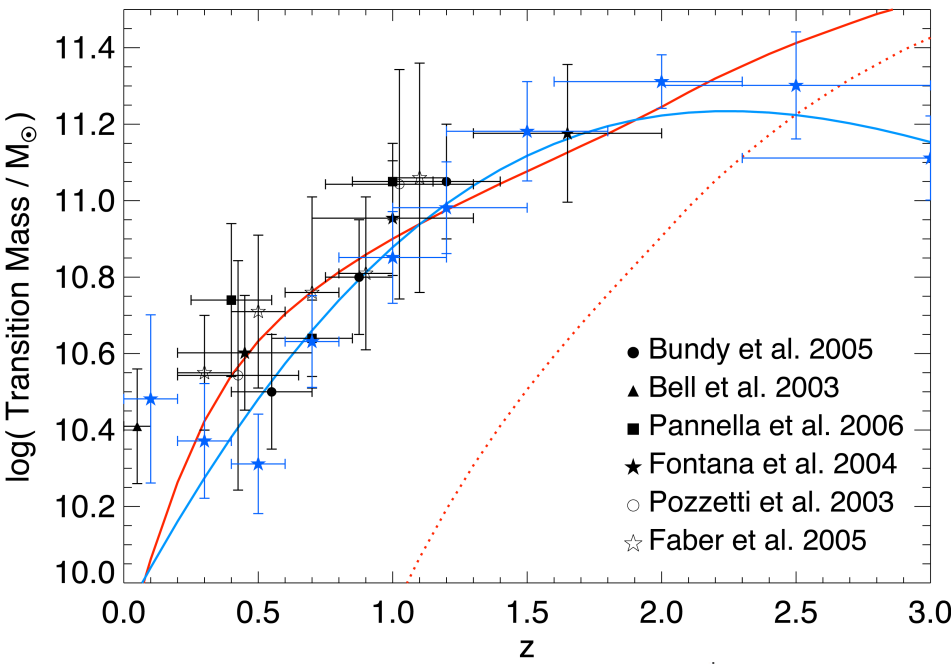
Becoming possible:

- morphologically separated mass & luminosity functions to $z \sim 1$
- characteristic mass traced in “quenching” or “transition” mass (e.g. Bundy et al. 2005)

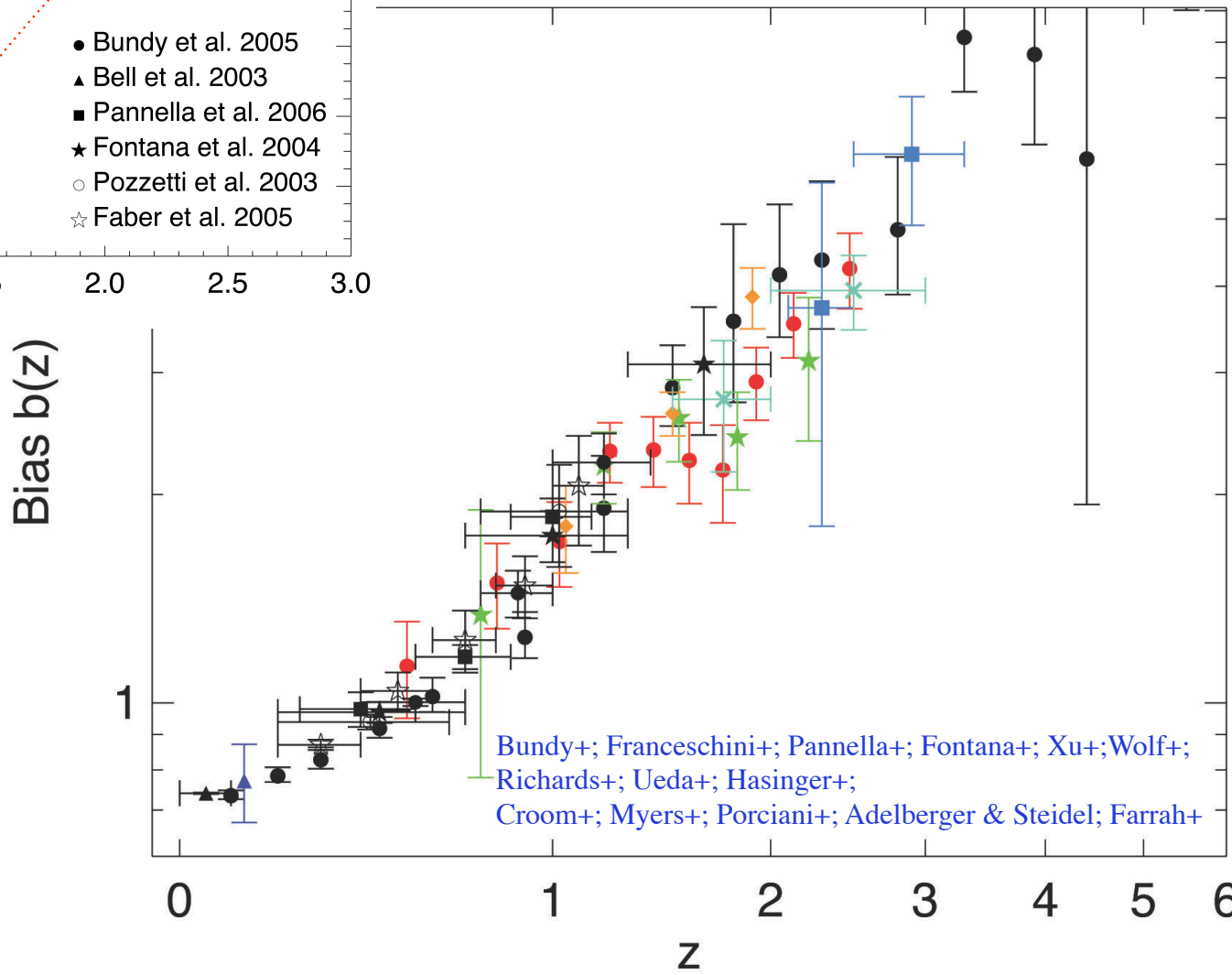
(Hopkins, Bundy et al. 2006)



Same for quasars



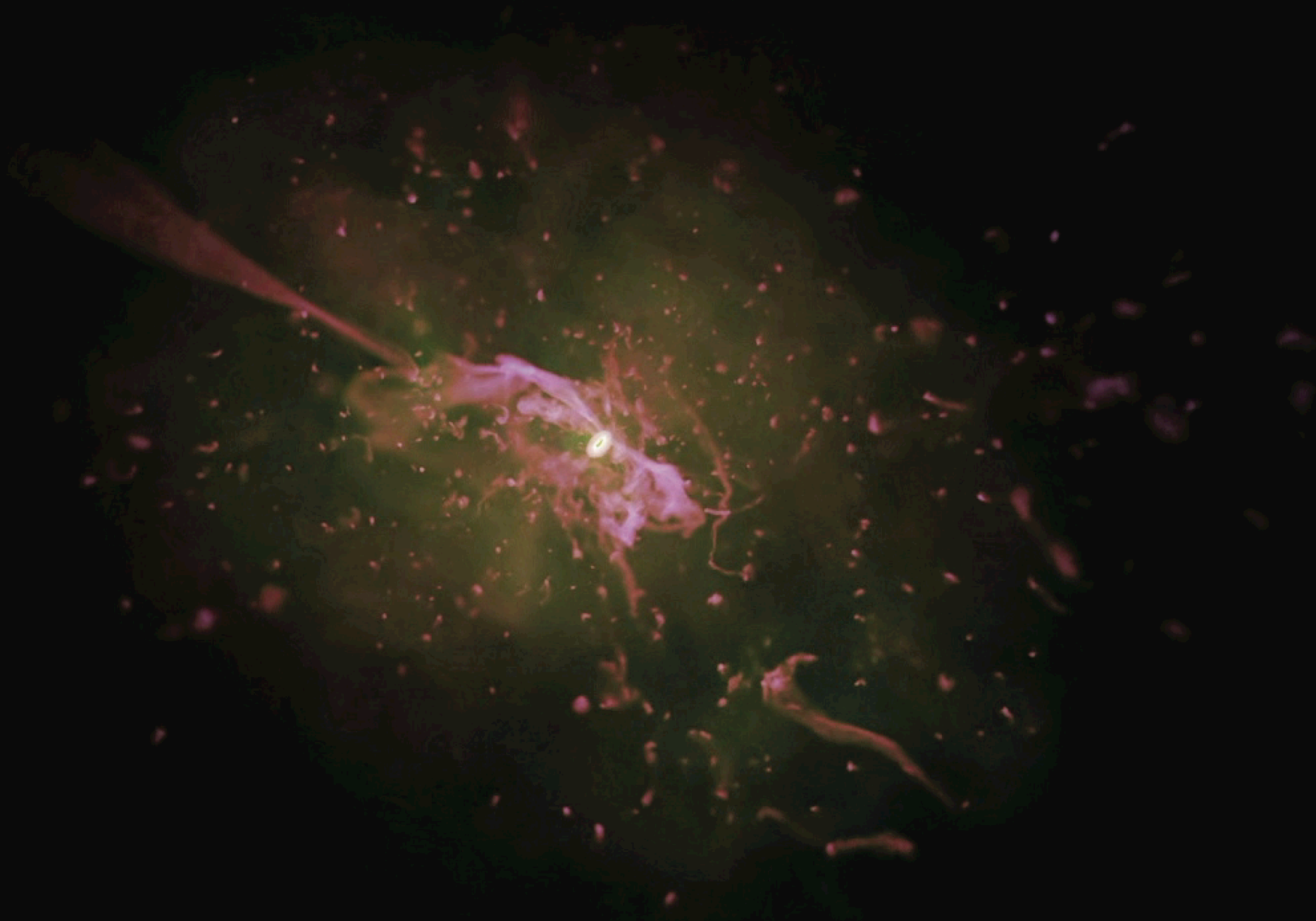
Independently, from clustering:



(Hopkins, Bundy et al. 2006)

Catching Them In the Act

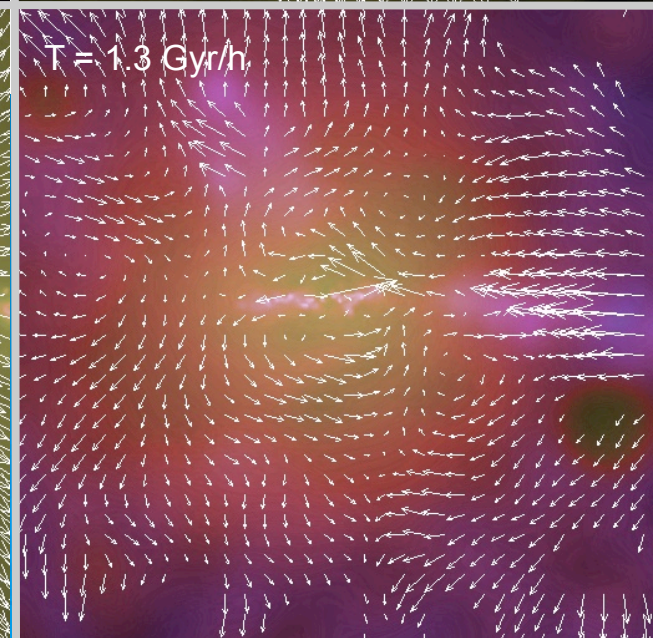
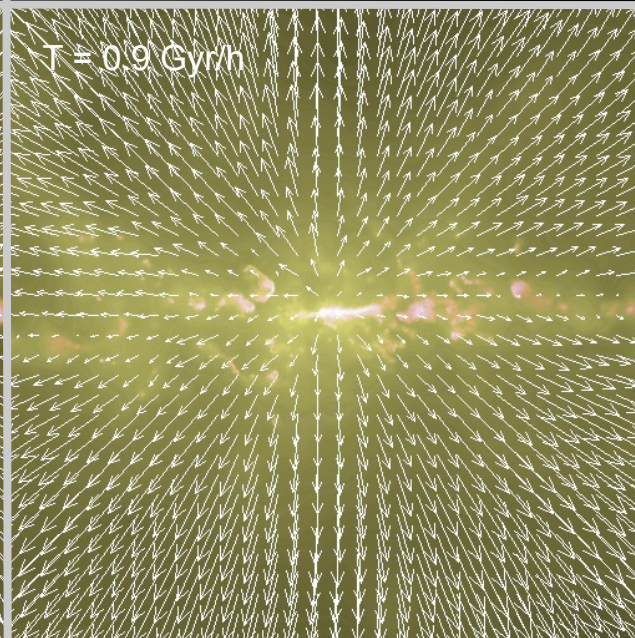
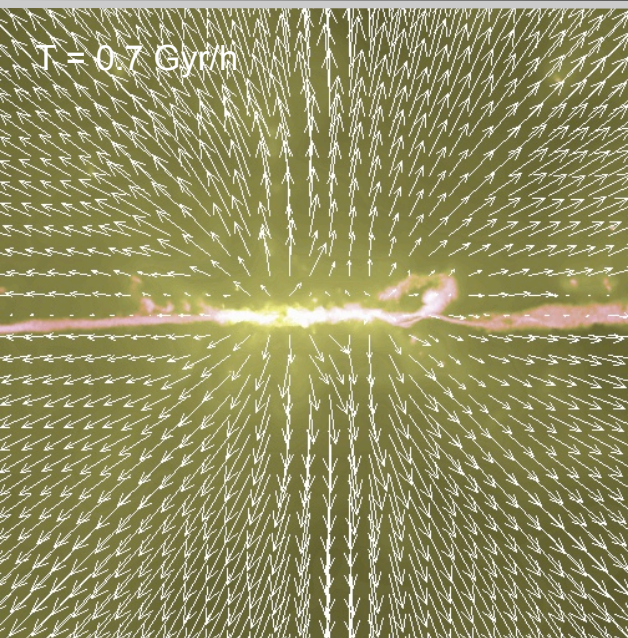
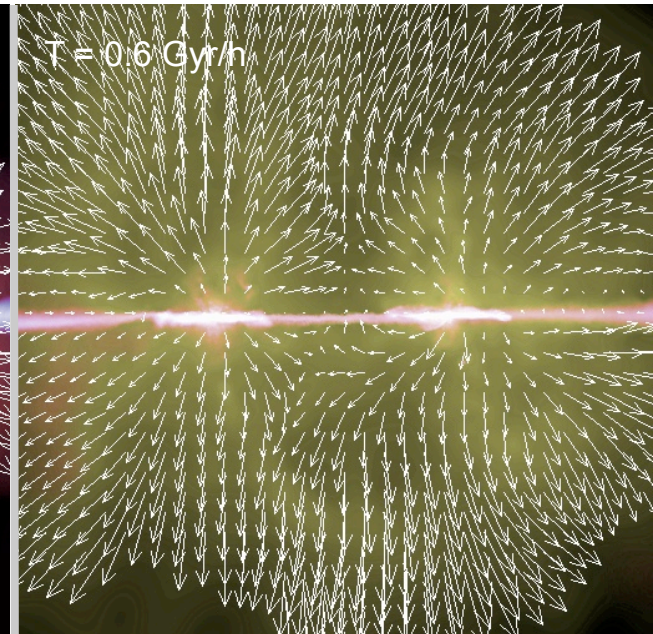
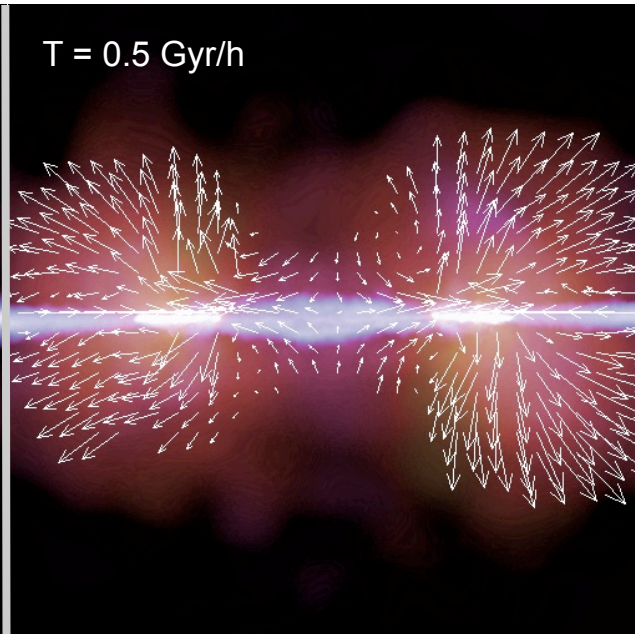
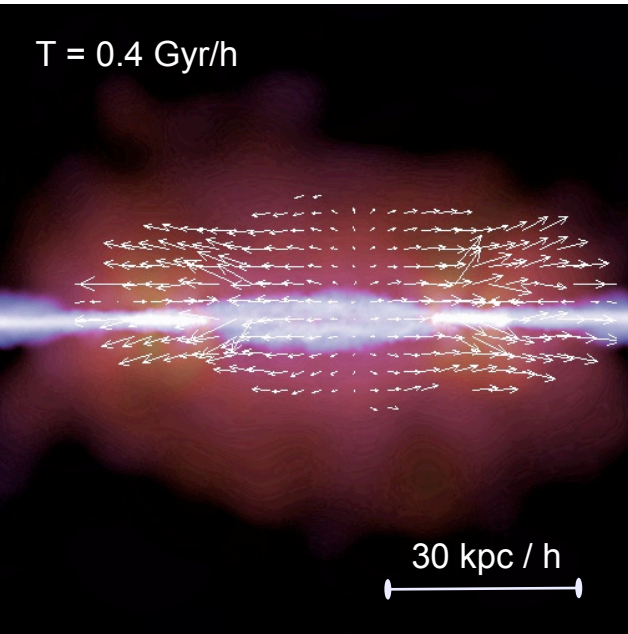
OBSERVATIONAL SIGNATURES OF THE “SMOKING GUN”



AGN Feedback Drives A Strong Wind

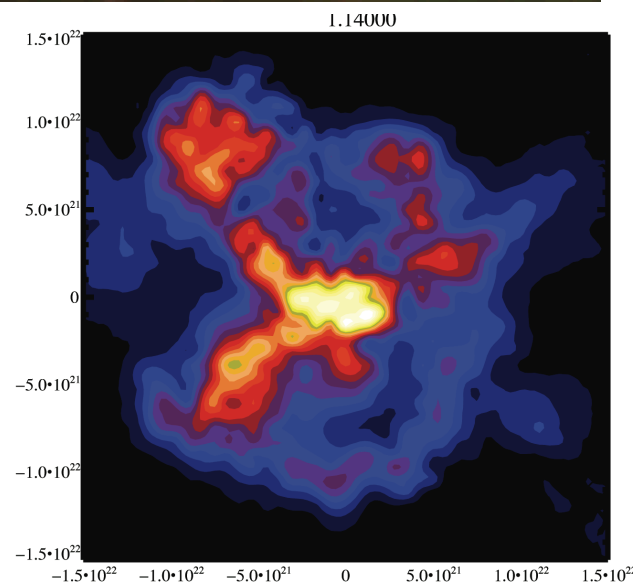
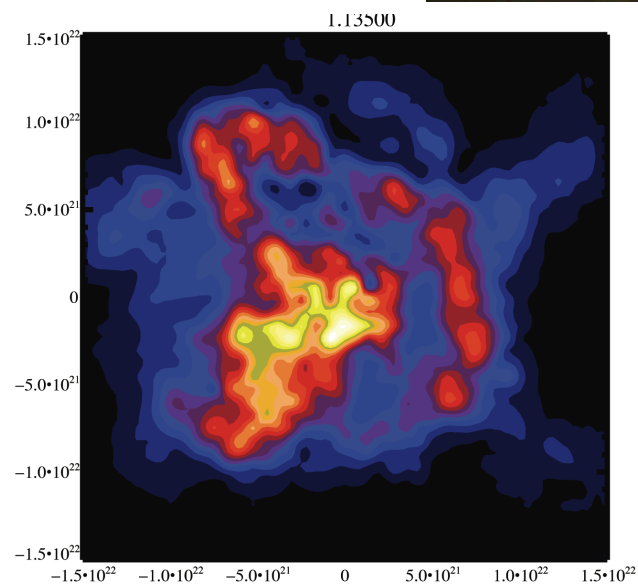
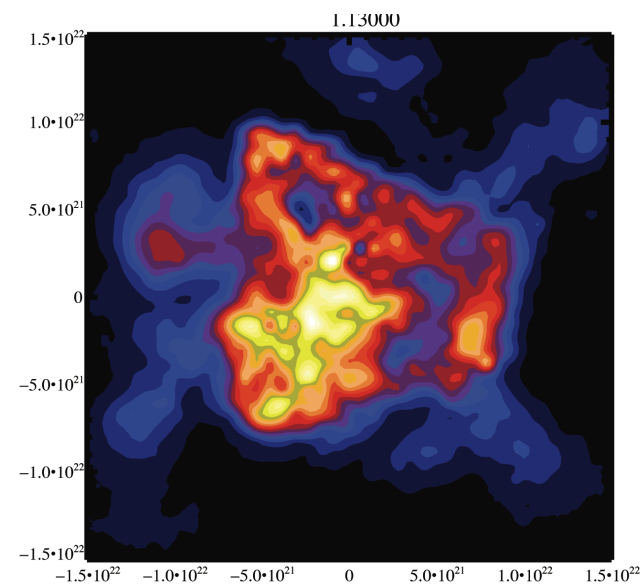
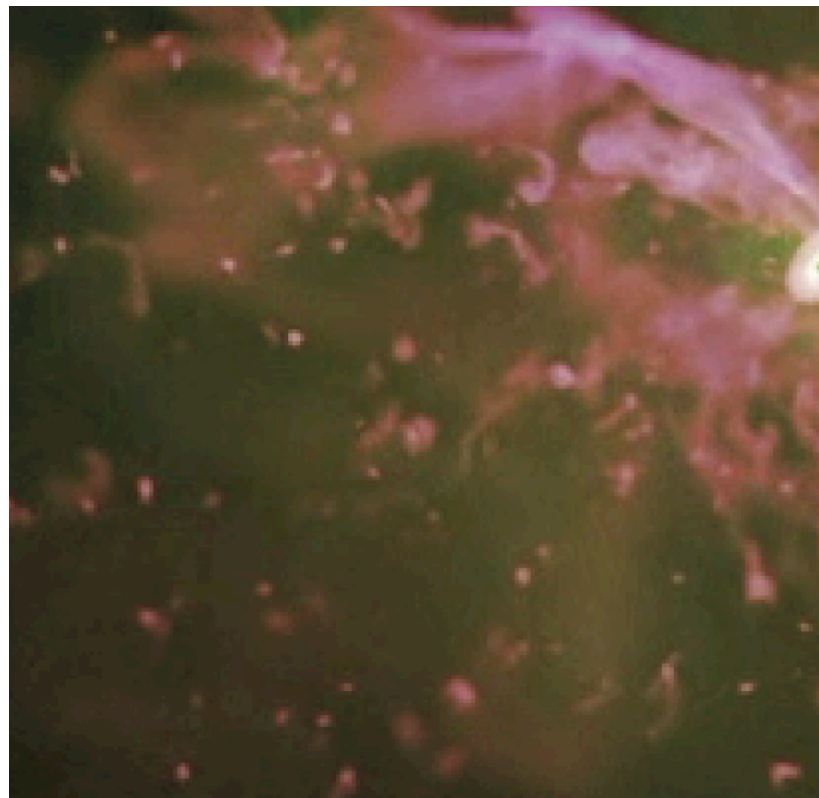
* Outflow reaches speeds of up to ~ 2000 km/sec

* Measure velocity structure

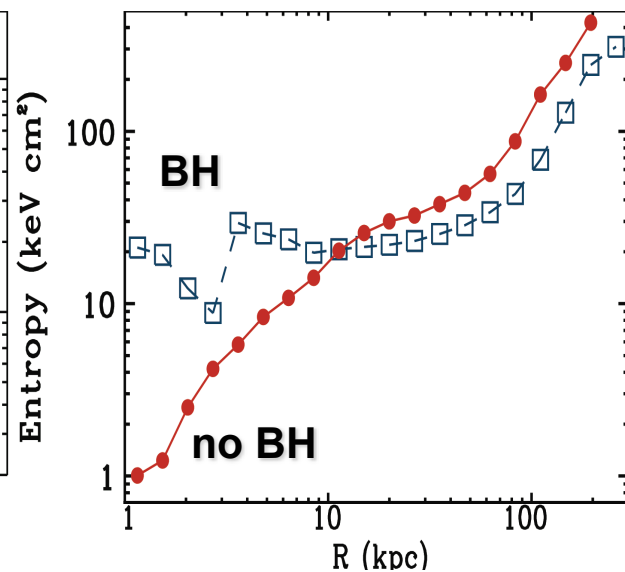
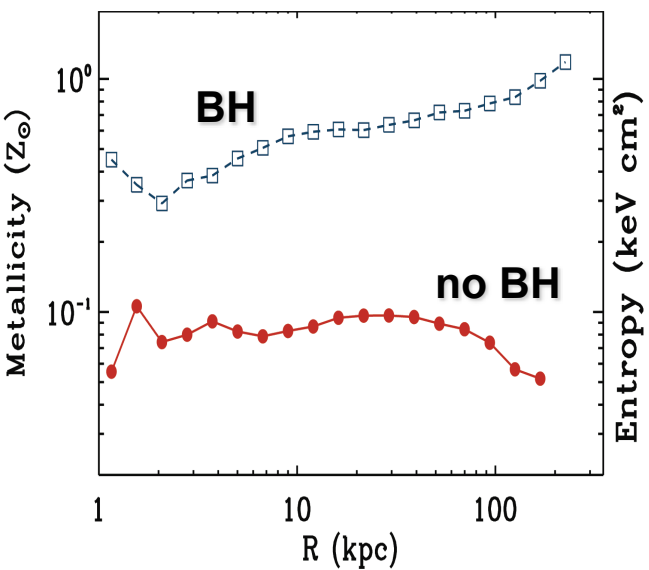
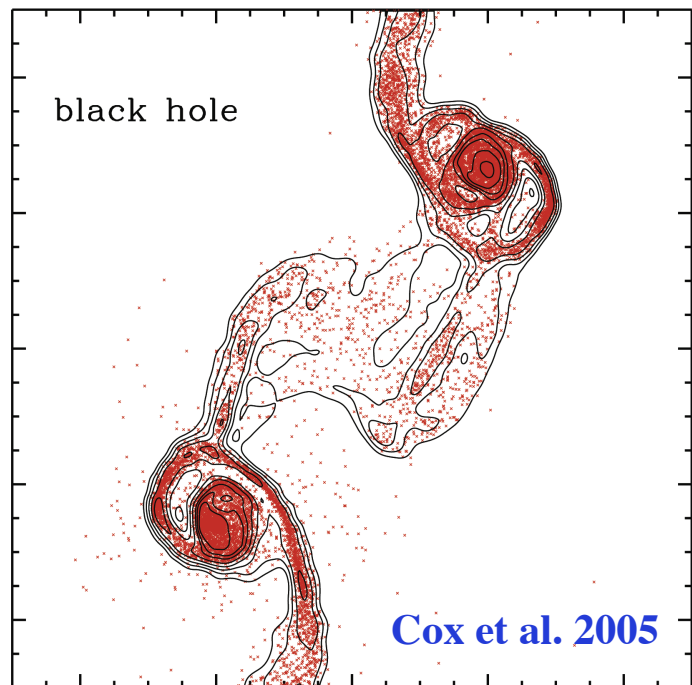
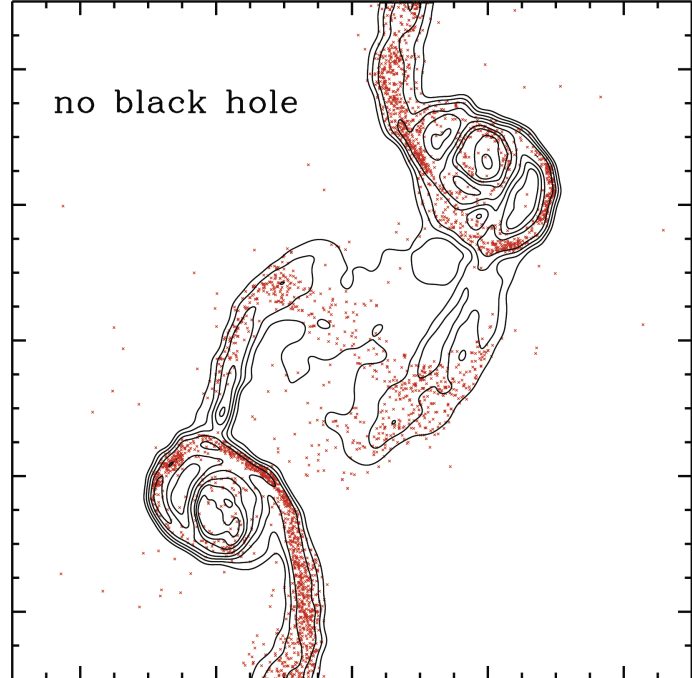
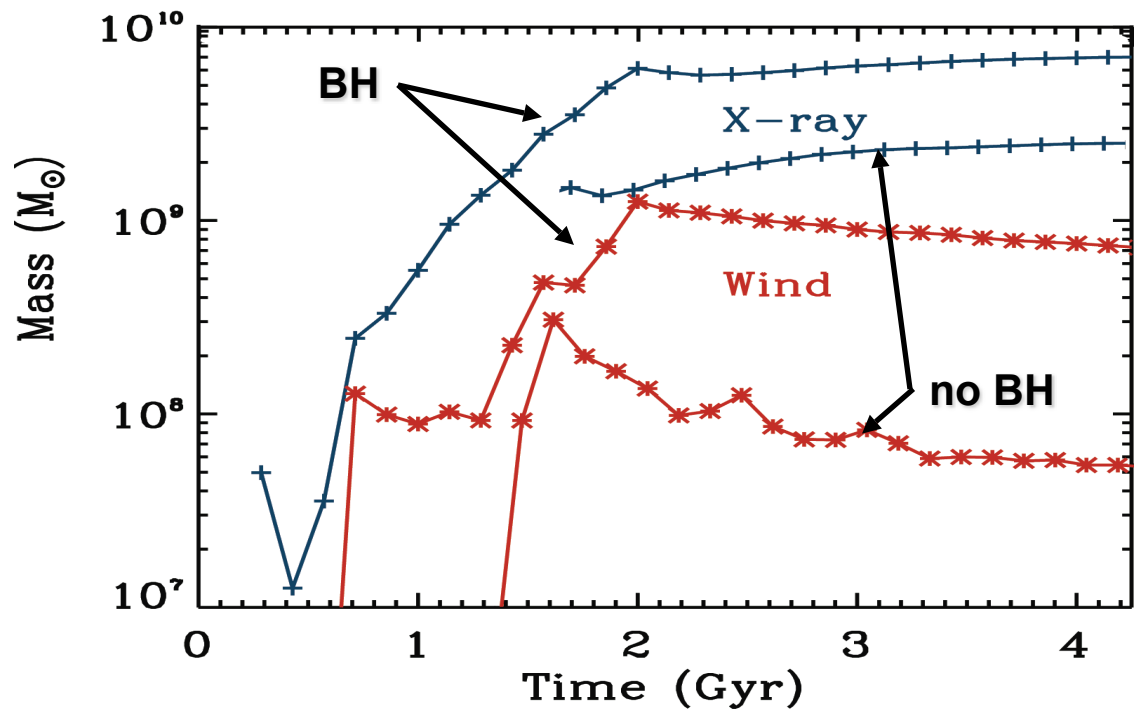


Outflows are Explosive and Clumpy

- Rapid BH growth => point-like injection
 - Explosion, independent of coupling
- Clumpy
 - ULIRG cold/warm transition (S. Chakrabarti)
 - CO outflows (D. Narayanan)



Expel Metal-Enriched Gas & Build Up X-Ray Halo



Cox et al. 2005

Summary

- Quasars do interesting things!
 - Quasar lifetime not one number:
Luminosity-dependent lifetimes
Increases at lower L
 - Obscuration evolves
- **Feedback** is key:
 - Gives the lifetime its form
 - Allows ellipticals to redden & build red sequence
- This allows a huge range of predictions
galaxy & quasar populations and demographics
become **self-consistent**
- Keep pushing until something gives:
 - Faint-end lifetimes: rapidly constrain feedback models
 - $n(L_{\text{PEAK}})$: formation histories, especially at high-z

Self-Consistently Predicts:

- Quasar Luminosity Functions
 - Optical, soft XR, hard XR, radio
- NH distribution in QSOs
 - Optical & X-ray
- Broad-line fraction vs. luminosity
- Clustering vs. luminosity
- SMBH mass function
- X-ray background spectrum
- Eddington ratio distribution
 - Vs. Luminosity
- Active SMBH mass function
 - Type I & Type II QSOs
- High-z radio source counts
- QLF faint-end slope
 - Luminosity-Dependent Density
- M-sigma relation
- Red Galaxy Populations
 - Fundamental Plane
 - Mass-size relation
 - Luminosity functions
 - NUV,U,B,V,R,I,K,u,g,r
 - M^* , Φ^* , j evolution
 - Mass function
 - Color-magnitude relations
 - U-V,U-B,R-K,u-g,u-r,B-V
 - Slope evolution & reddening
 - Bimodality
 - Mass-to-light vs. mass
 - Luminosity-size relations
 - Age distribution vs. luminosity/mass
 - Velocity dispersion function
 - Young spheroid fraction vs. mass

No Feedback or Simplified Quasars:

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Where to From Here?

➤ Simulations/Theory:

- Different coupling of AGN : how much can the answer change?
 - Radio mode & cD galaxies - Different modes altogether?
- Role of Stellar Feedback
 - Tests for Outflow Origin? Structural signatures?
- Incorporation with SAMs & Cosmological sims
 - Fully a priori predictions; feedback not “just another knob”

➤ Observations:

- **Informing our Modeling:**
 - Break & faint-end slope of QLF at high redshift
 - Age distribution of low-mass spheroids
 - Coupling modes of AGN feedback : the local Seyfert (non-merger!) “lab”
- **Predictions to Test:**
 - Clustering vs. luminosity
 - Obscuration vs. luminosity and *peak* luminosity (host properties)
 - Active BHMF & Eddington ratio distributions vs. L
 - Merger luminosity density (LFs) & SFR density at high-z
 - Buildup of early-type MF, “Blue Spheroid” population