Quasars, Feedback, and Galaxy Formation

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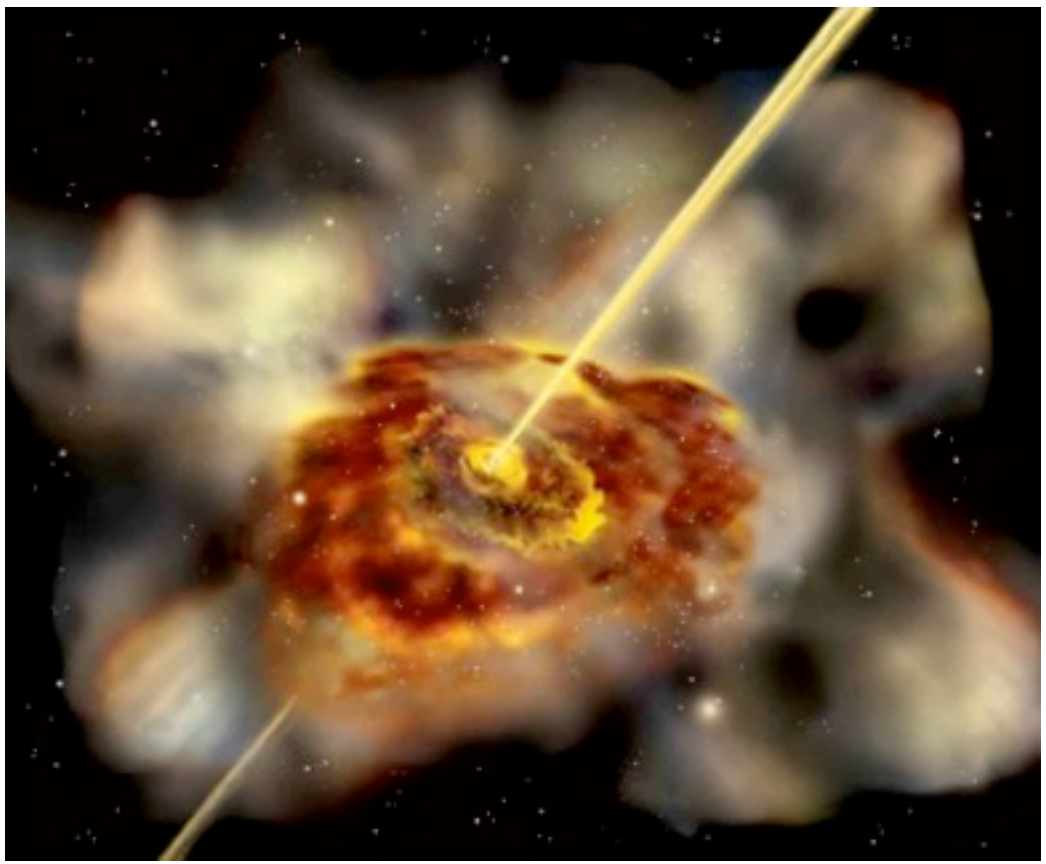
Motivation

WHAT DO AGN MATTER TO THE REST OF COSMOLOGY?

- Every massive galaxy hosts a supermassive black hole



- These BHs accreted most of their mass in bright, short lived quasar accretion episodes: the “fossil” quasars

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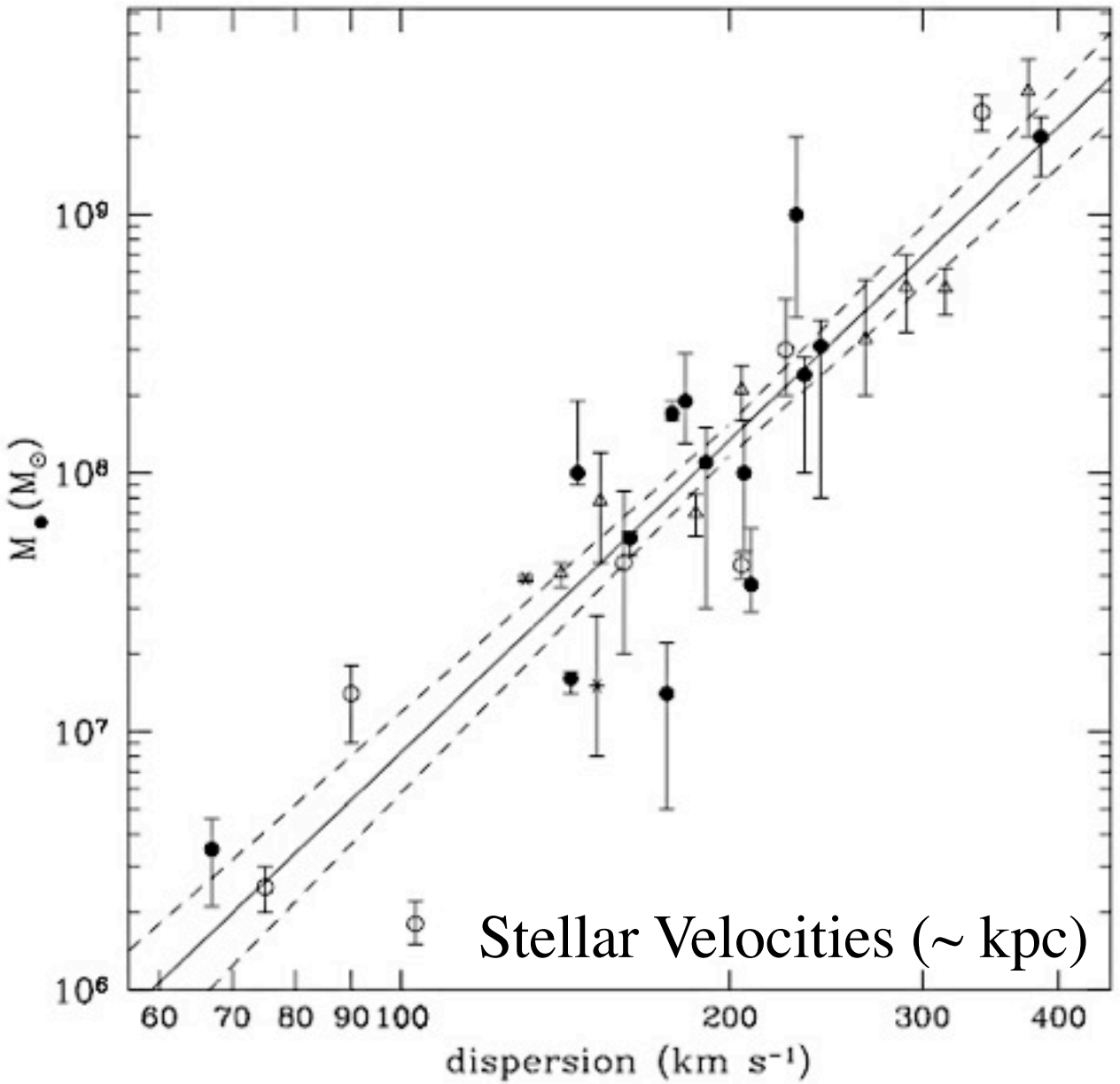
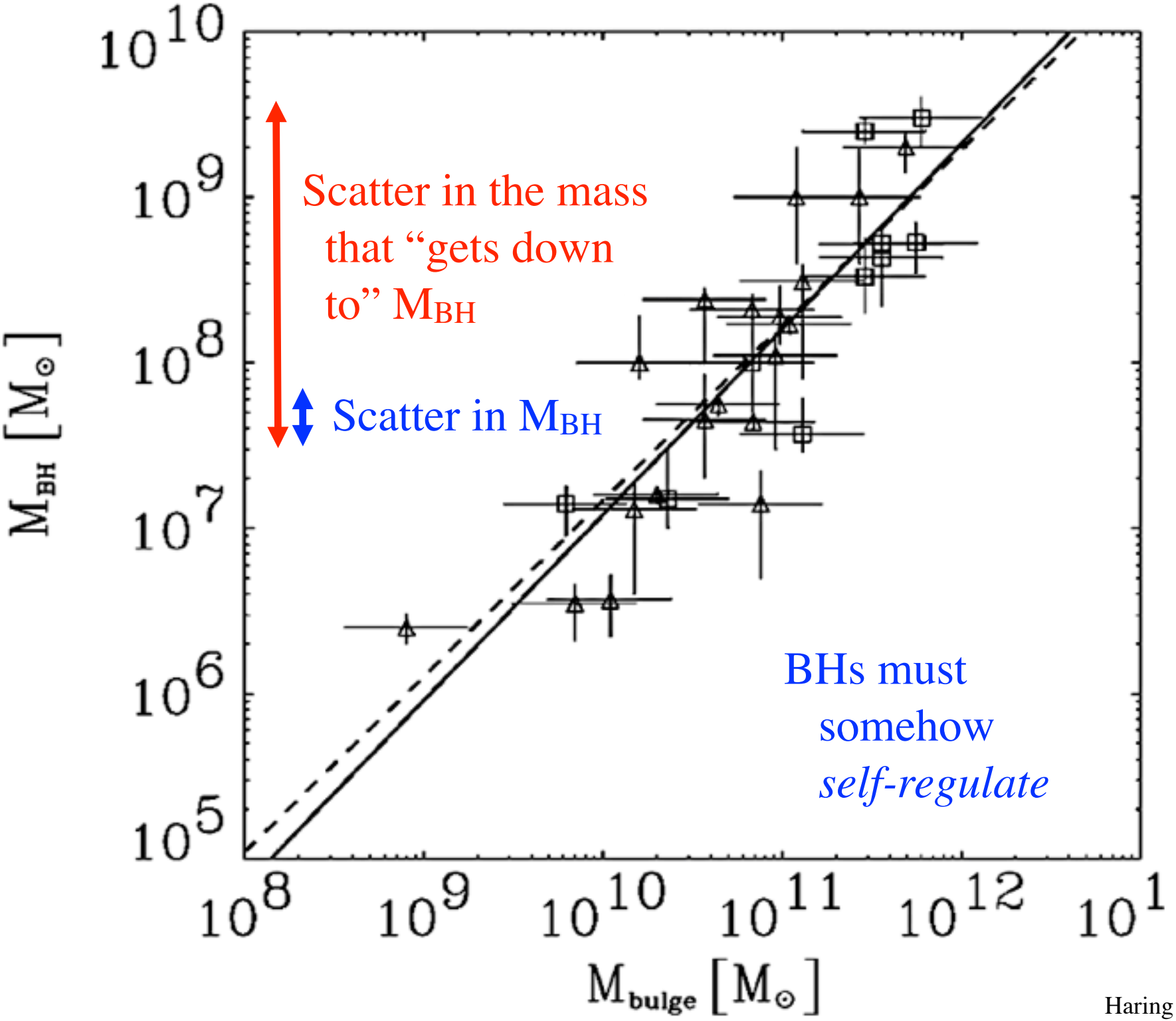
- Black holes are somehow sensitive to their host galaxies (bulges):

BH Mass
(~ pc!)



Ferrarese & Merritt '00,
Gebhardt+ '00
Tremaine et al. '02



Haring & Rix '04

Simplest Idea:

FEEDBACK ENERGY BALANCE (SILK & REES '98)

- Luminous accretion disk near the Eddington limit radiates an energy:
  - $L = e_r (dM_{BH}/dt) c^2$ $(e_r \sim 0.1)$
- Total energy radiated:
  - $\sim 0.1\ M_{BH}\ c^2 \sim 10^{61}$ ergs in a typical $\sim 10^8\ M_{sun}$ system
- Compare this to the gravitational binding energy of the galaxy:
  - $\sim M_{gal}\ s^2 \sim (10^{11}\ \mathrm{Msun})\ (200\ \mathrm{km/s})^2 \sim 10^{59}$ erg!
- If only a few percent of the luminous energy coupled, it would unbind the baryons in the galaxy!
  - Turn this around: *if* some fraction h ~ 1-5% of the luminosity can couple, then accretion *must* stop (the gas will all be blown out the galaxy) when
    - $M_{BH} \sim (a/h e_r)\ M_{gal}\ (s/c)^2 \sim 0.002\ M_{gal}$

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- Needs to come in *bright* stage (where most BH growth takes place)

- ~5% of Energy or ~ L/c Momentum
  - Compton/Ionization heating (Sazonov et al.)
  - Dusty, momentum driven winds (Murray et al.)
  - Line-driven winds (Proga et al.)

- See this in observed systems:
  - BAL winds (Gabel,Arav,et al.)
  - Warm absorbers? (Krongold,McKernan)
  - High-z, radio-loud QSOs (Reuland,Nesvadba)

  - ~L/c at ~kpc scales (Tremonti, Hennawi):
    - Can this impact the galaxy?

Proga et al.

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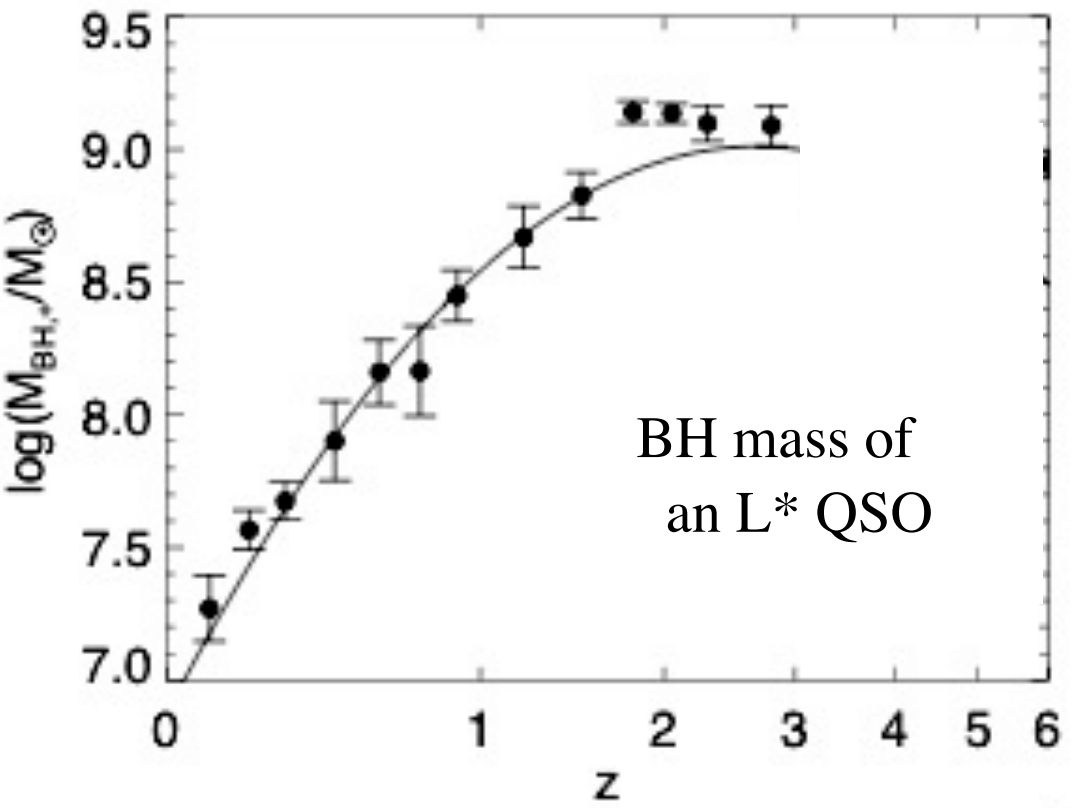
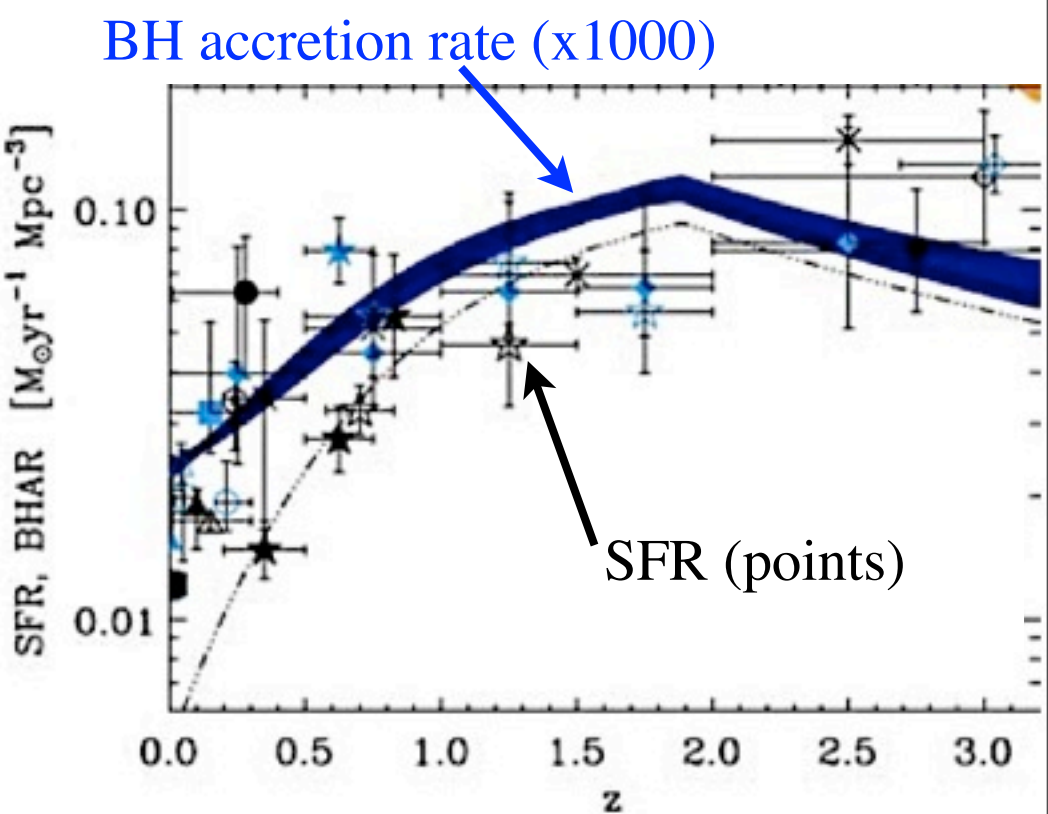
- BH "Downsizing":



PFH, Richards, Hernquist 2007

- Traces SFR Evolution:



Merloni et al. 2004, 2007

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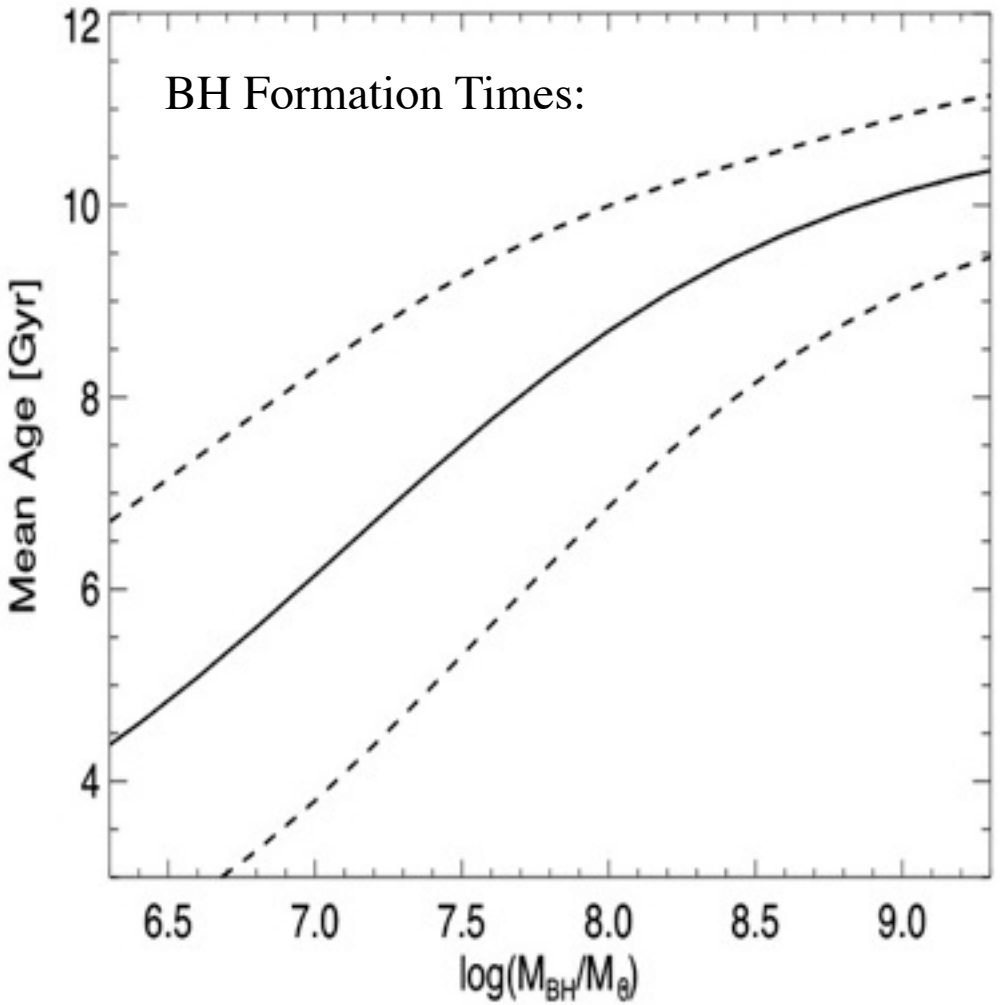
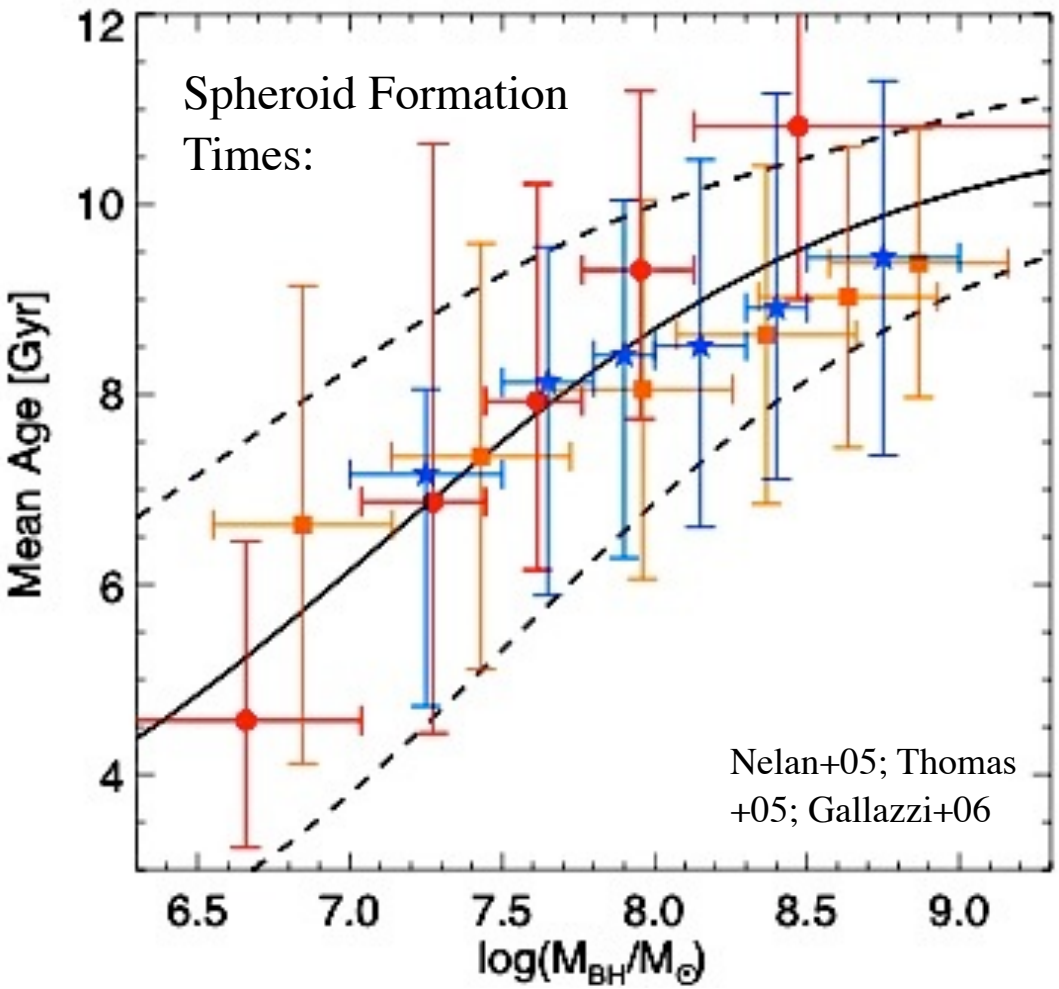
- Quasars were active/BHs formed when SF shut down...

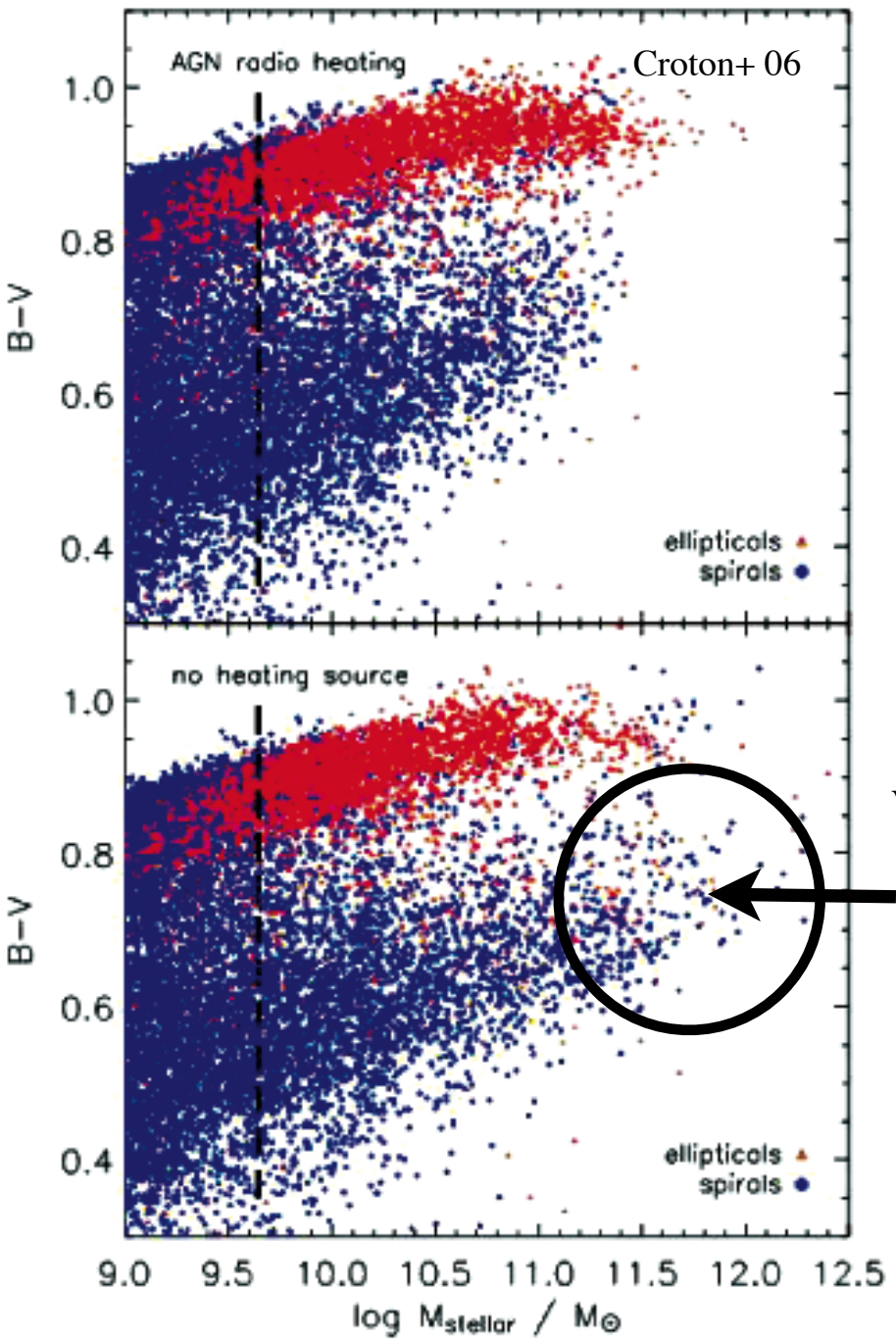




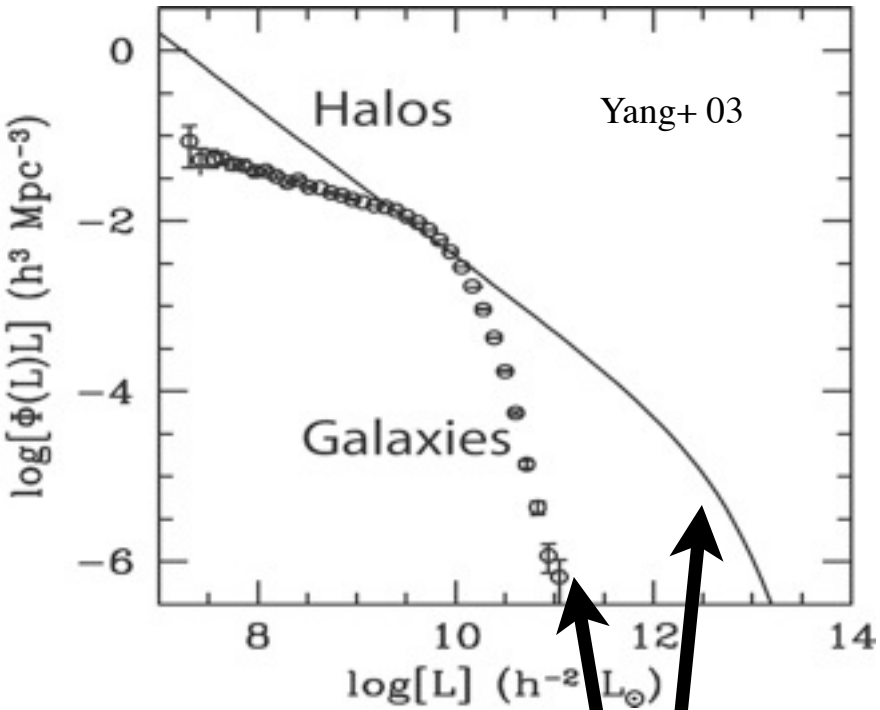
PFH, Lidz, Coil, Myers, et al. 2007

Motivation

MAYBE THIS CAN EXPLAIN OTHER, LONG-STANDING PROBLEMS?



Why are there no massive, bulge-dominated star forming (blue) galaxies?



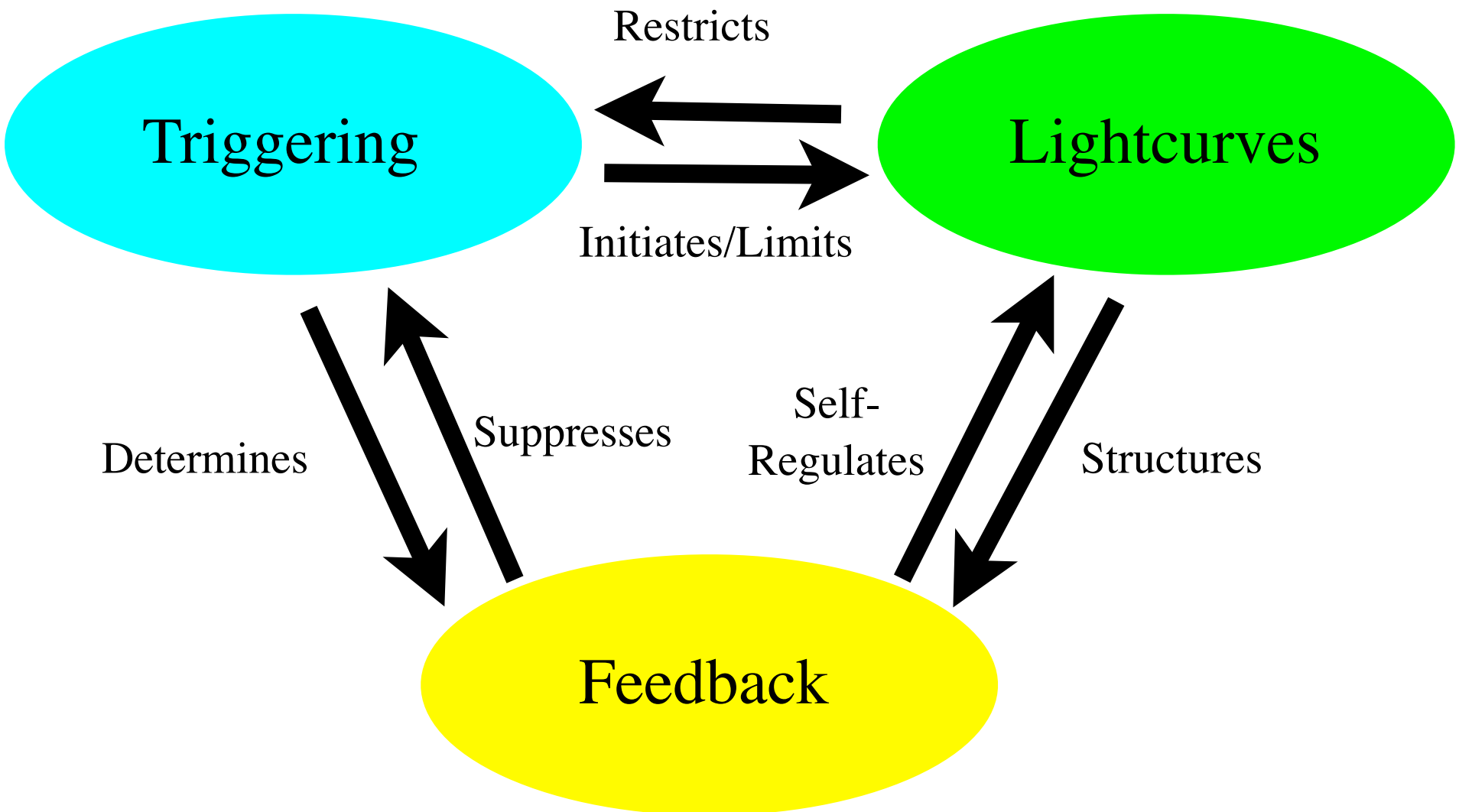
Why do massive galaxies *stop* growing while their host halos keep growing?

Motivation

WHAT DO AGN MATTER TO THE REST OF COSMOLOGY?

- BH and Galaxy Formation is a coupled problem:
  - BH-BH merger rates?
    - Need to know galaxy-galaxy mergers
  - BH Spins?
    - Triggering mechanisms/feedback/momentum of accreted material
  - Kicks?
    - Preferential alignments in mergers
    - Spin alignment from accretion disks
  - Seed BHs?
    - Where do galaxies “take over”? Low-M occupation fraction?
  - Clusters for cosmology?
    - Feedback effects on X-ray gas, halo occupation, M_{gal}-M_{halo}
  - IGM temperature, metal distributions, Lya distributions

Three Outstanding (Inseparable?) Questions:



"Feeding the Monster"

WHY ARE WE INTERESTED IN MERGERS?

Mergers a long-time candidate for BH fueling:

- Fast, violent:

  Soltan (1982): growth in short-lived QSOs

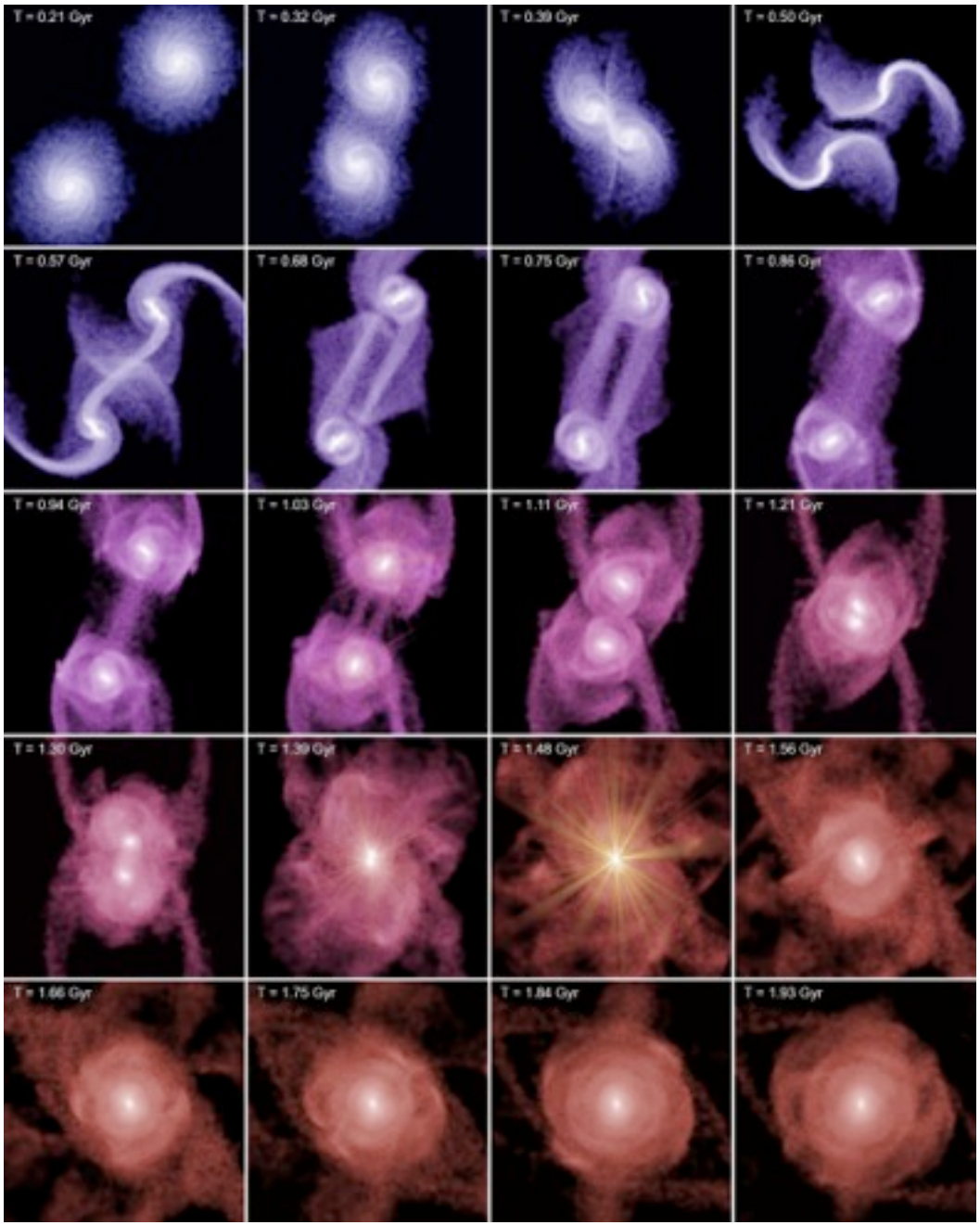
  → gas dynamics; rapid (~ few 10^7 years)

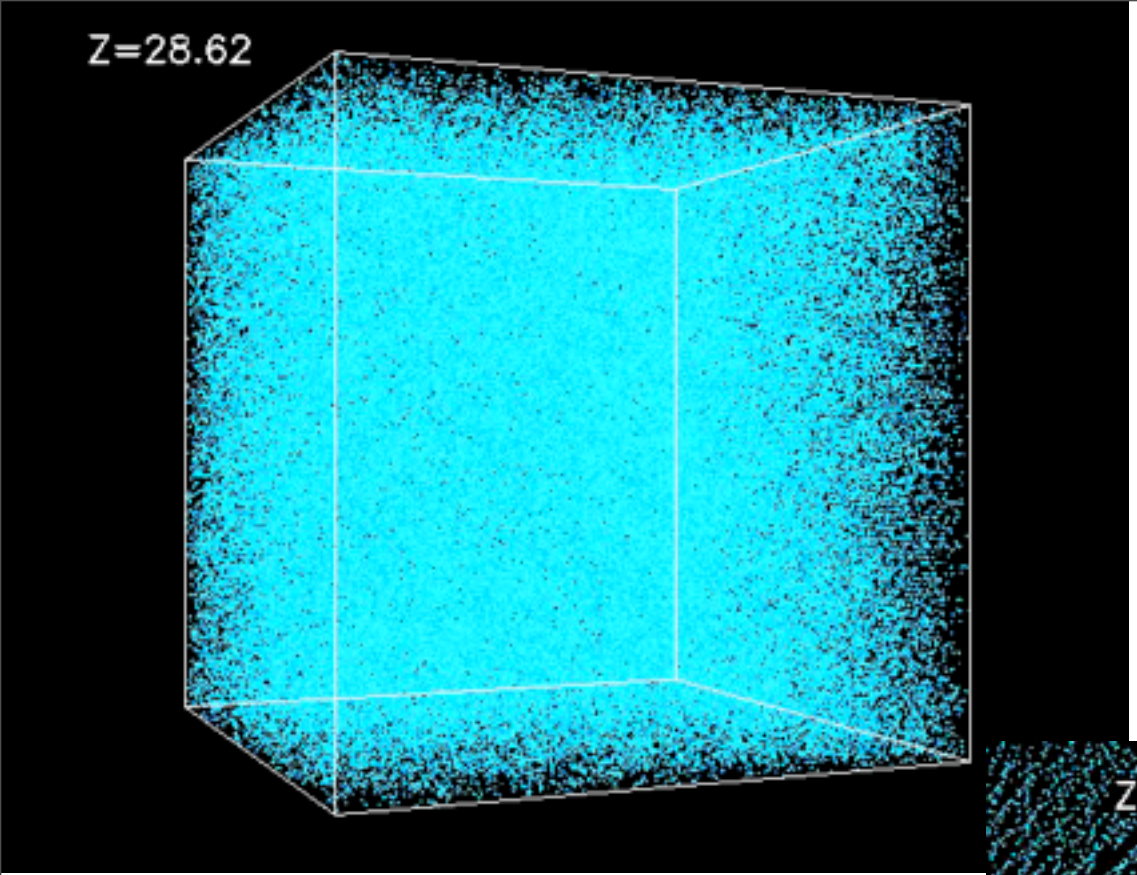
  Angular momentum problem: perturbed at all radii

- Blend of gas & stellar dynamics:

  Lynden-Bell (1967): orbits redistributed by large, rapid potential fluctuations

  → stellar dynamics; freefall timescale





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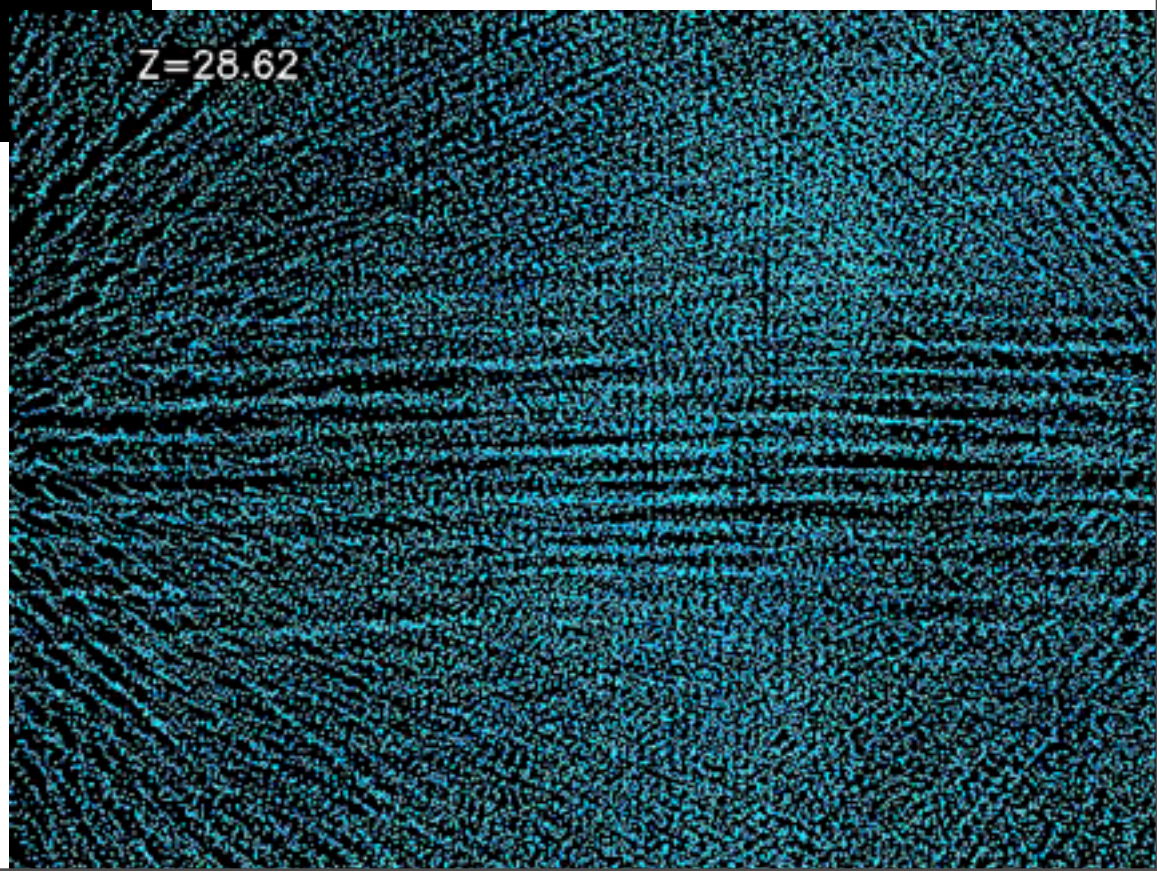
Kravtsov et al.



- Structure grows hierarchically: must understand mergers

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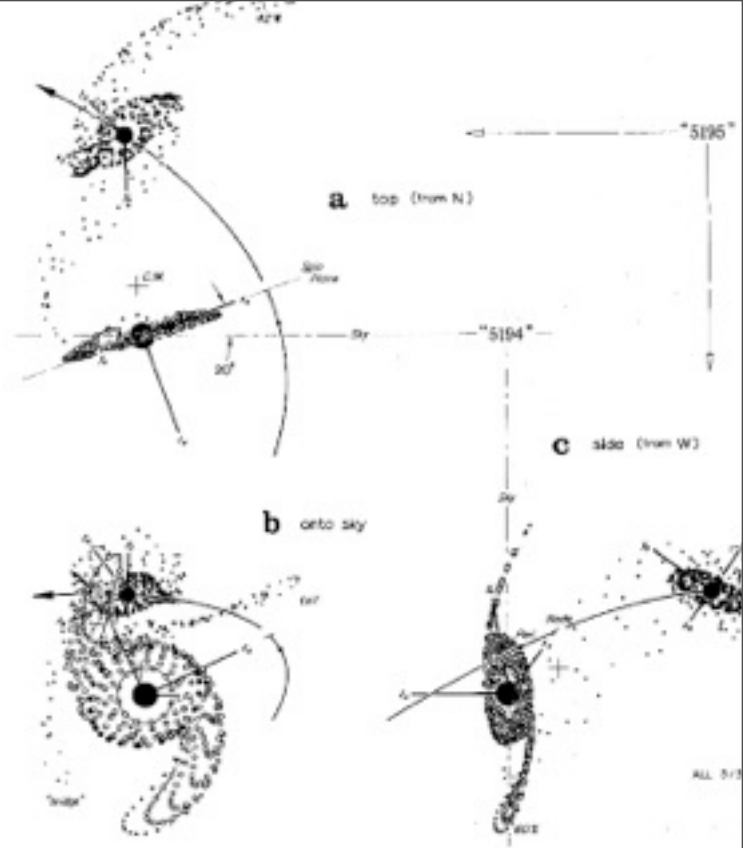
- Toomre & Toomre (1972) : the “merger hypothesis”
  - Spheroids are made by merger of spirals



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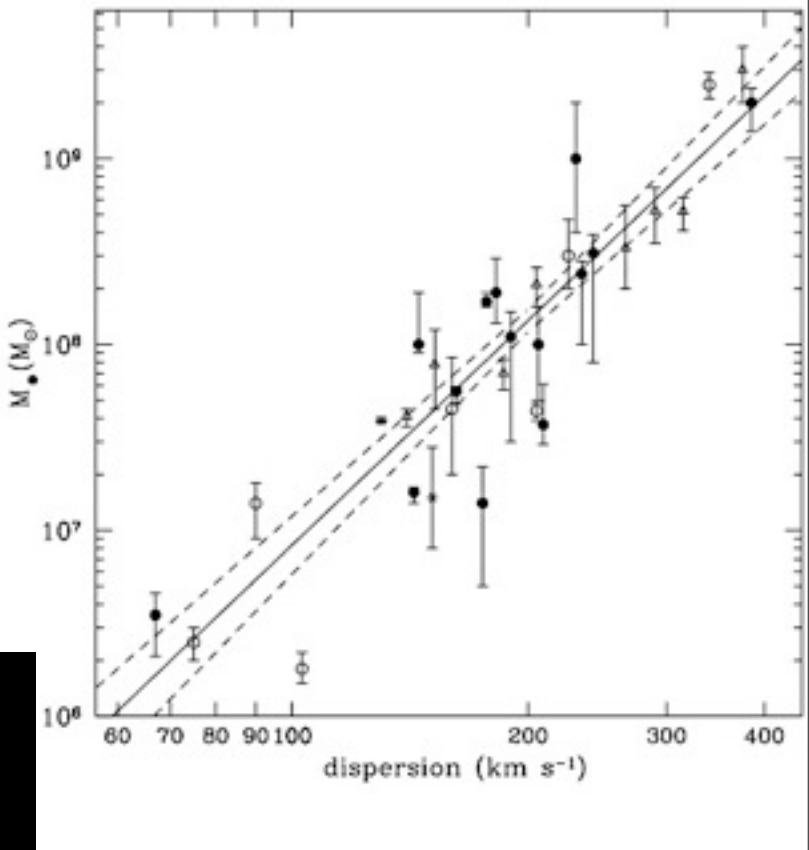
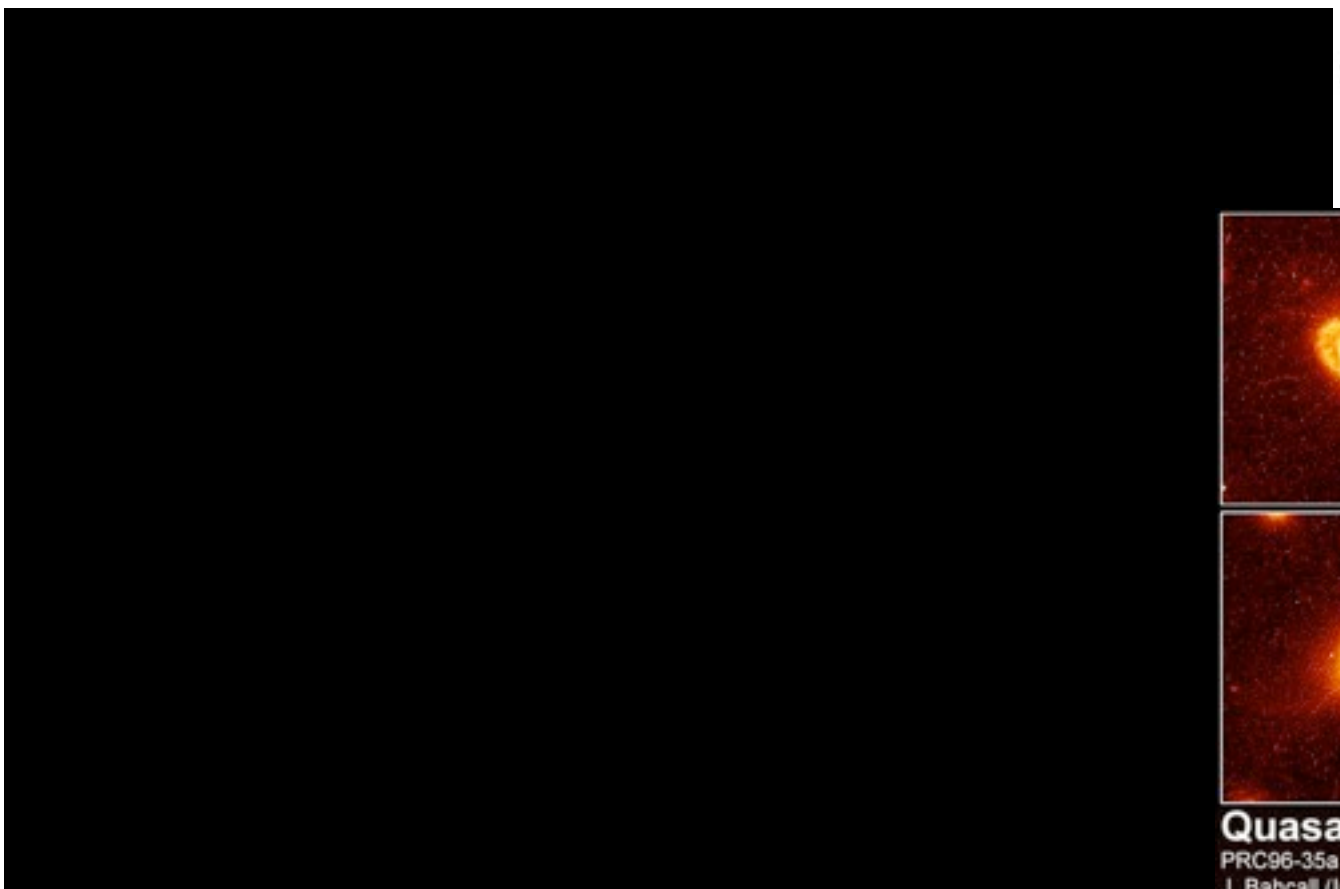
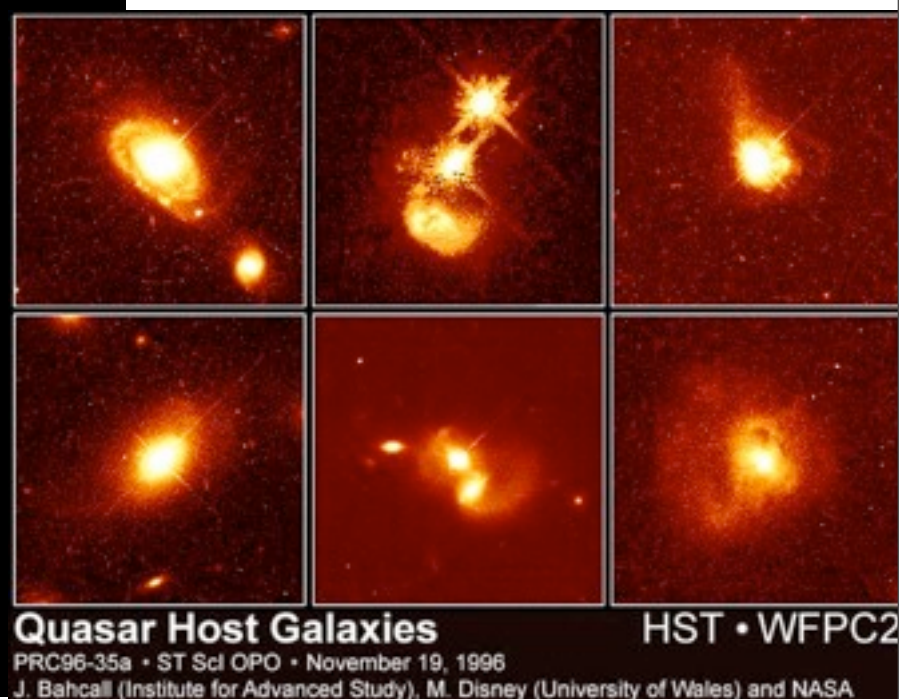
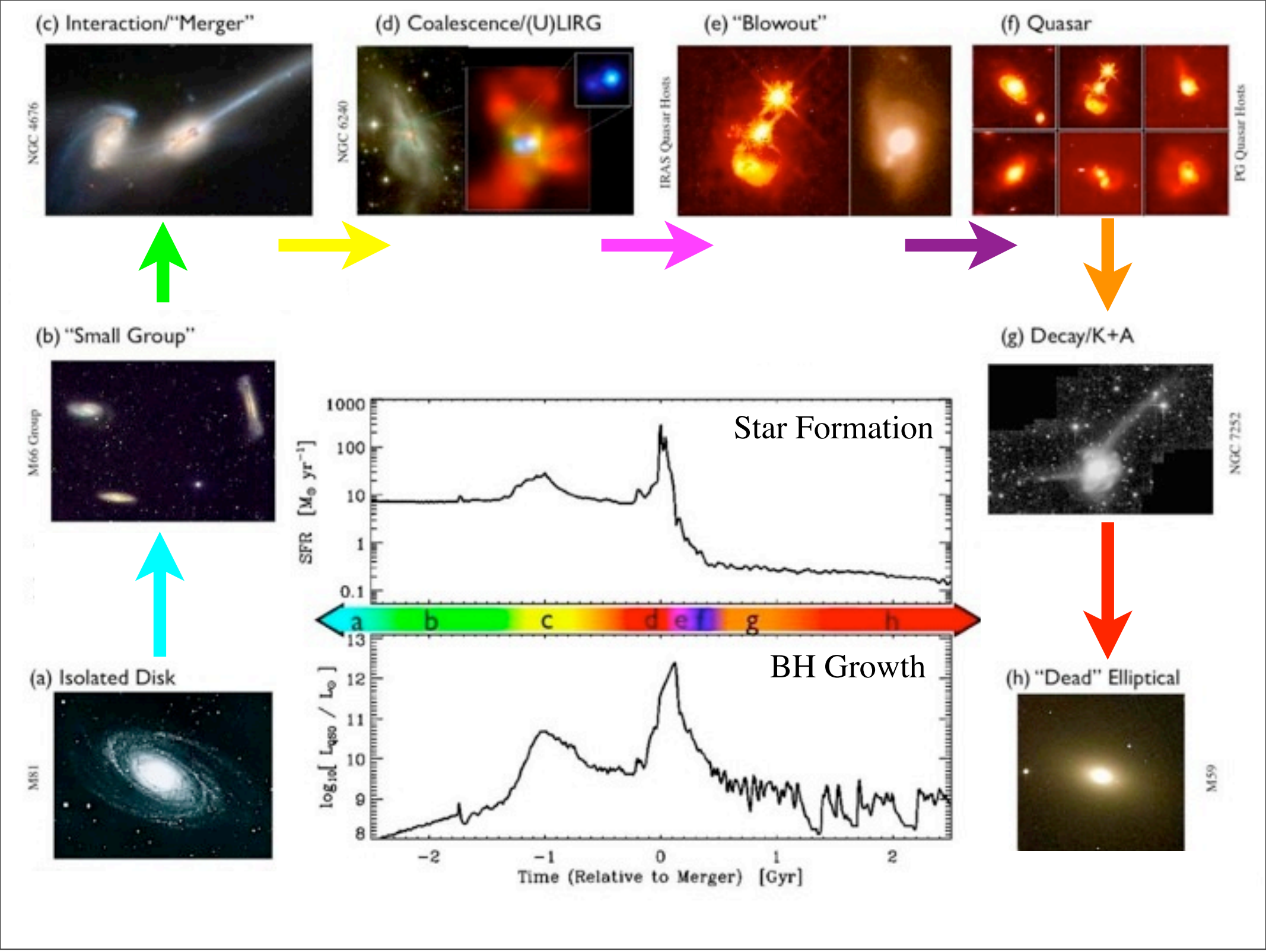
- If BHs trace spheroids, then *most* growth from mergers



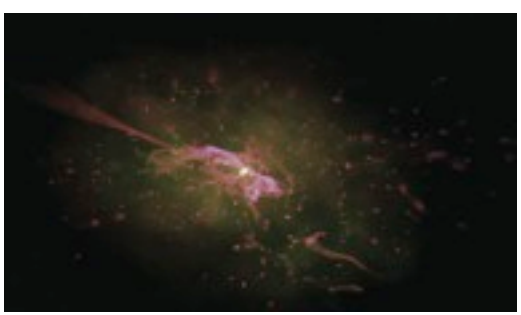





(c) Interaction/"Merger"
(d) Coalescence/(U)LIRG
(e) "Blowout"
(f) Quasar
NGC 4676
NGC 6240
IRAS Quasar Hosts
PG Quasar Hosts
(b) "Small Group"
M66 Group
(g) Decay/K+A
NGC 7252
Star Formation
SFR [M⊙ yr⁻¹]
1000
100
10
1
0.1
a
b
c
d
e
f
g
h
BH Growth
log[M_BH / M⊙]
13
12
11
10
9
8
−2
−1
0
1
2
Time (Relative to Merger) [Gyr]
(a) Isolated Disk
M81
(h) "Dead" Elliptical
M59

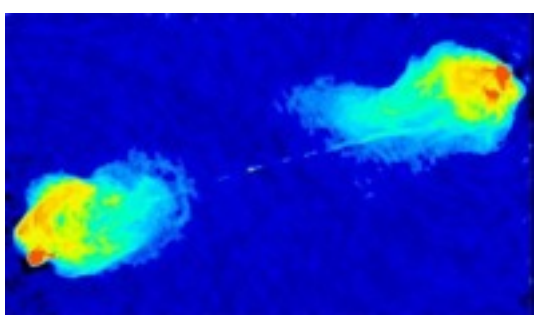
"Transition" vs. "Maintenance"

- Move mass from Blue to Red
- Rapid
- Small scales
- "Quasar" mode (high mdot)
- Morphological Transformation
- Gas-rich/Dissipational Mergers



- Regulates *Black Hole* Mass

- Keep it Red
- Long-lived (~Hubble time)
- Large (~halo) scales
- "Radio" mode (low mdot)
- Subtle morphological change
- Hot Halos & Dry Mergers



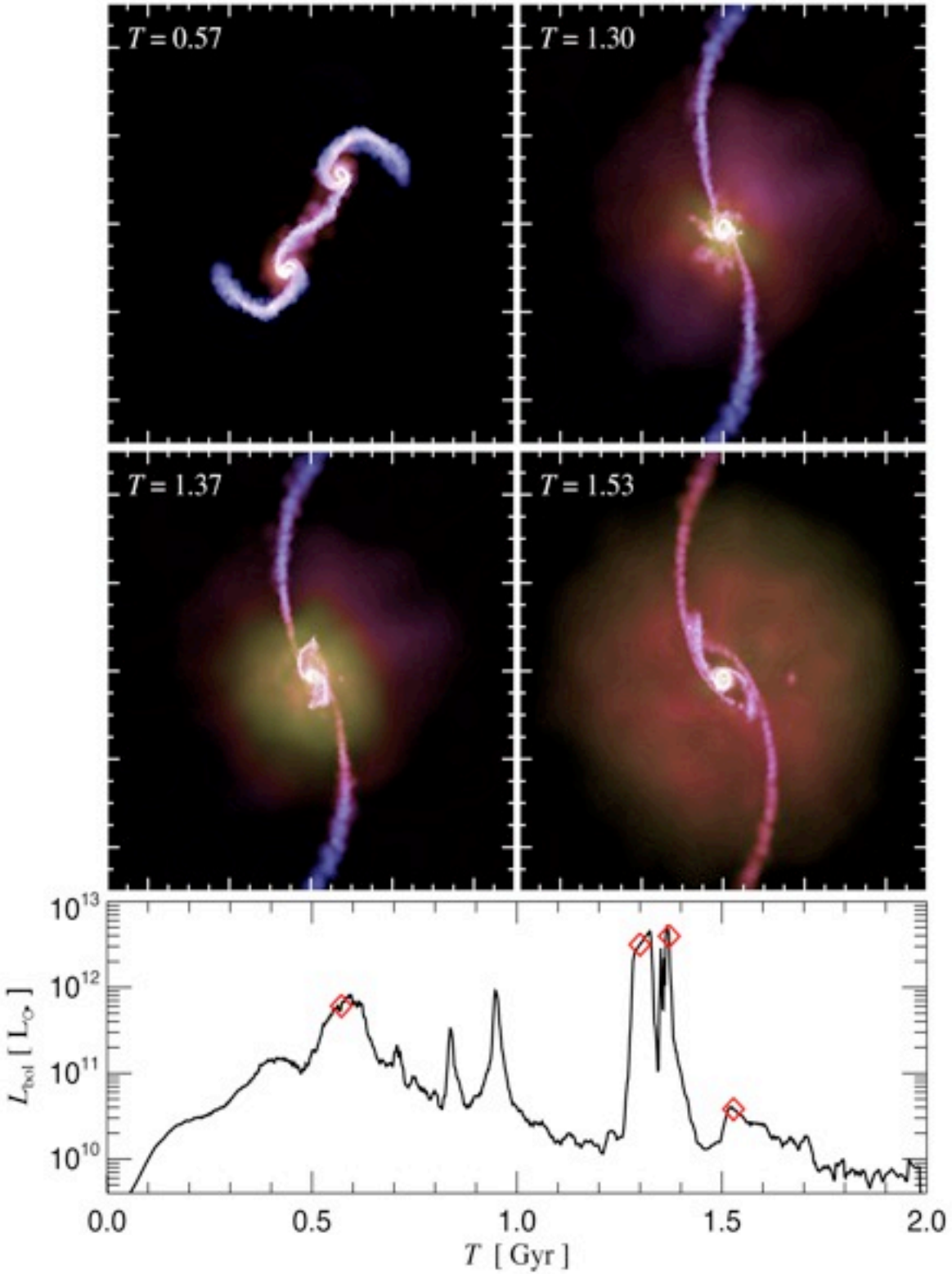
- Regulates *Galaxy* Mass

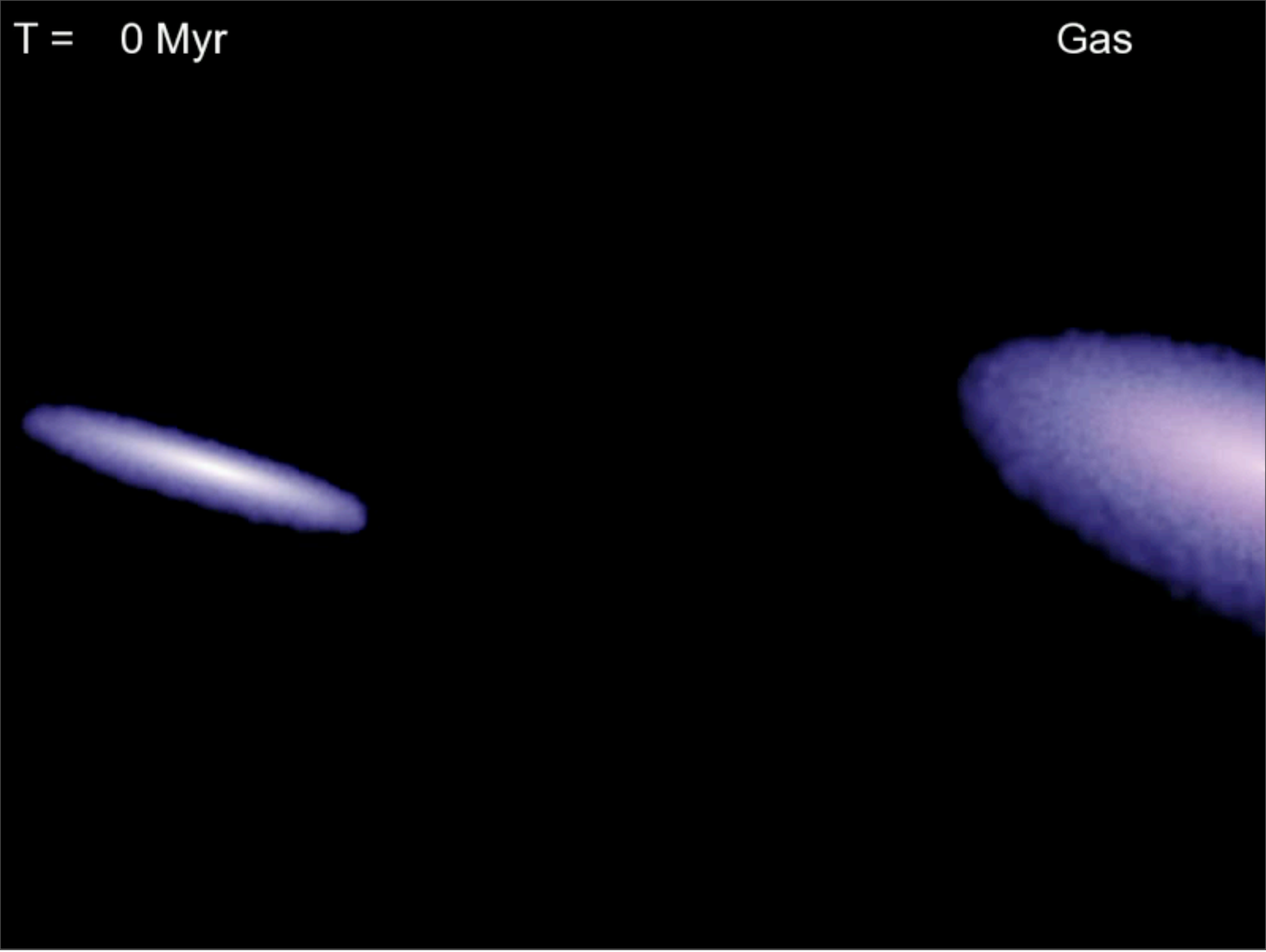
Simplest Experiment:

- R_{sch} ~ few AU ~ 10^{-6} x our resolution

- BUT, we can get to the BH radius of influence, and R_{Bondi} ~ 10 pc (typical)
  - Accrete from nearby gas
  - ~0.1 radiative efficiency
  - ~5% couples to local gas

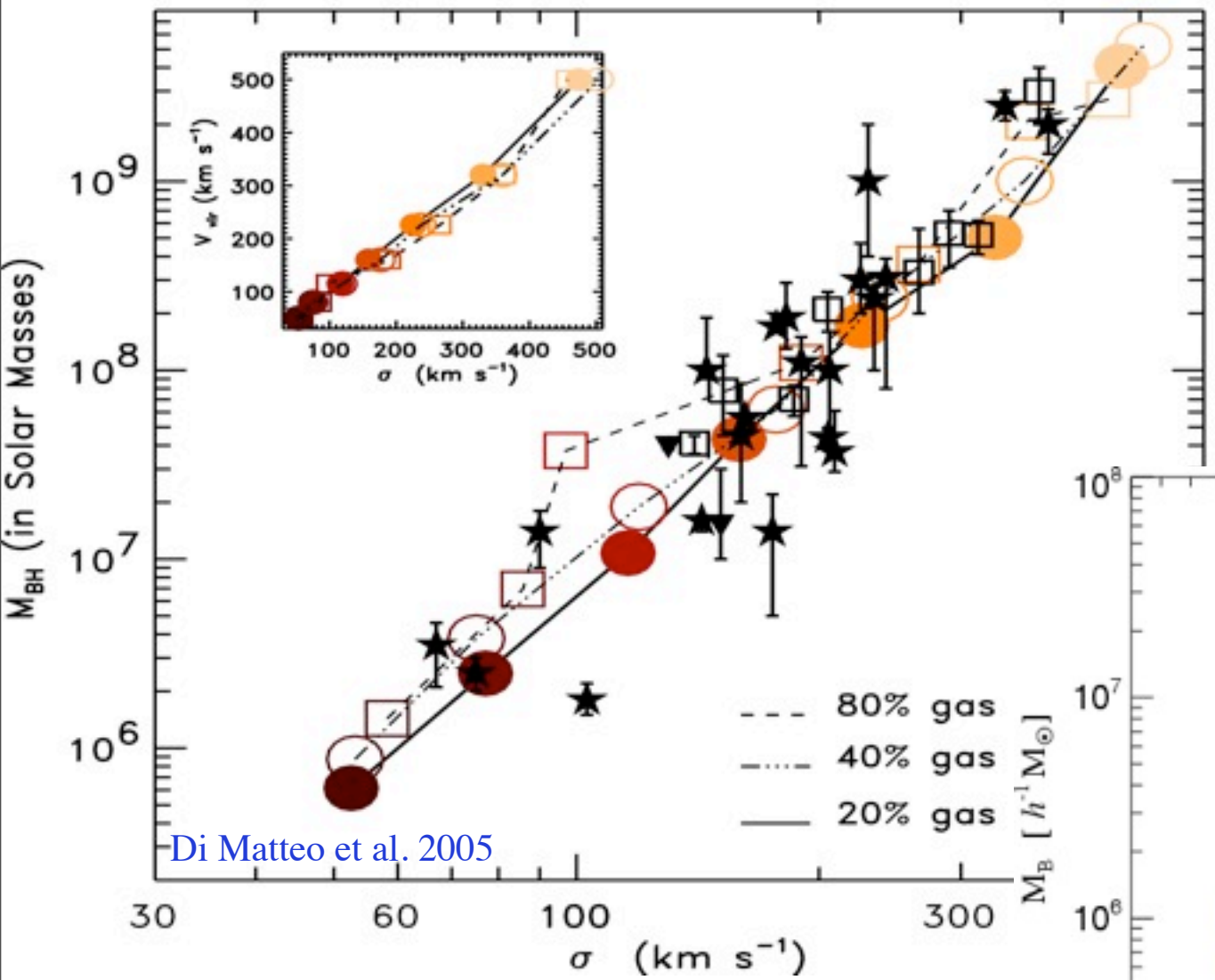
- Let's see if it works!



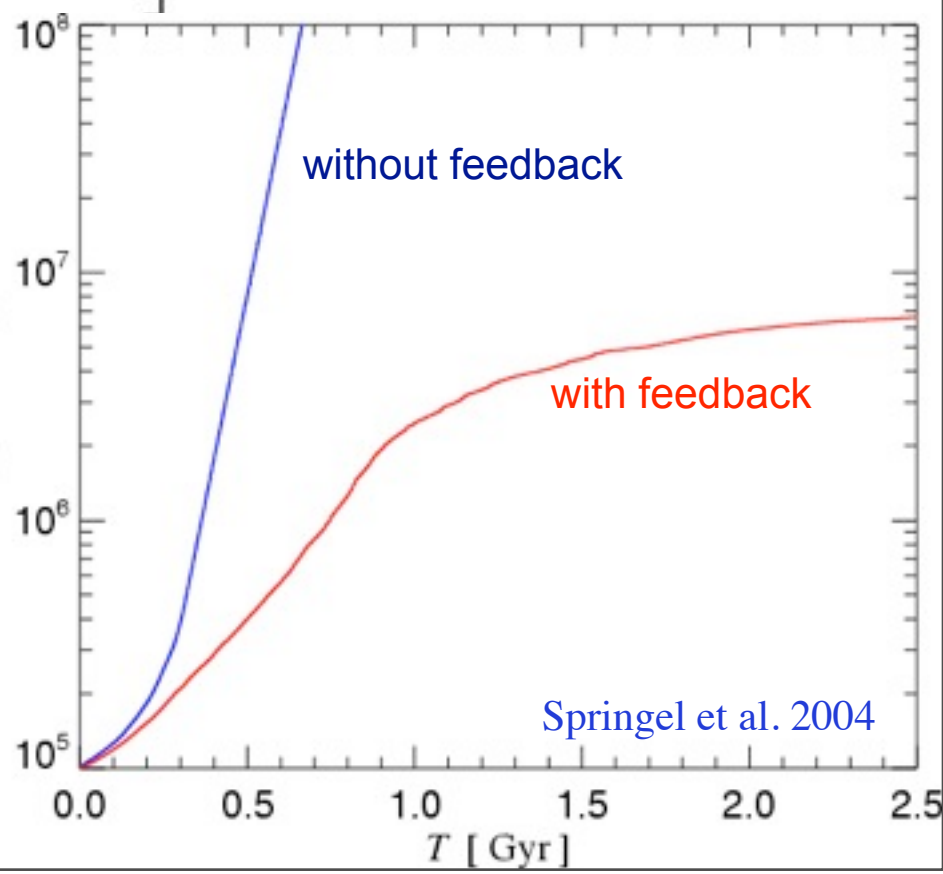

T = 0 Myr
Gas

M-sigma Relation Suggests *Self-Regulated* BH Growth

PREVENTS RUNAWAY BLACK HOLE GROWTH



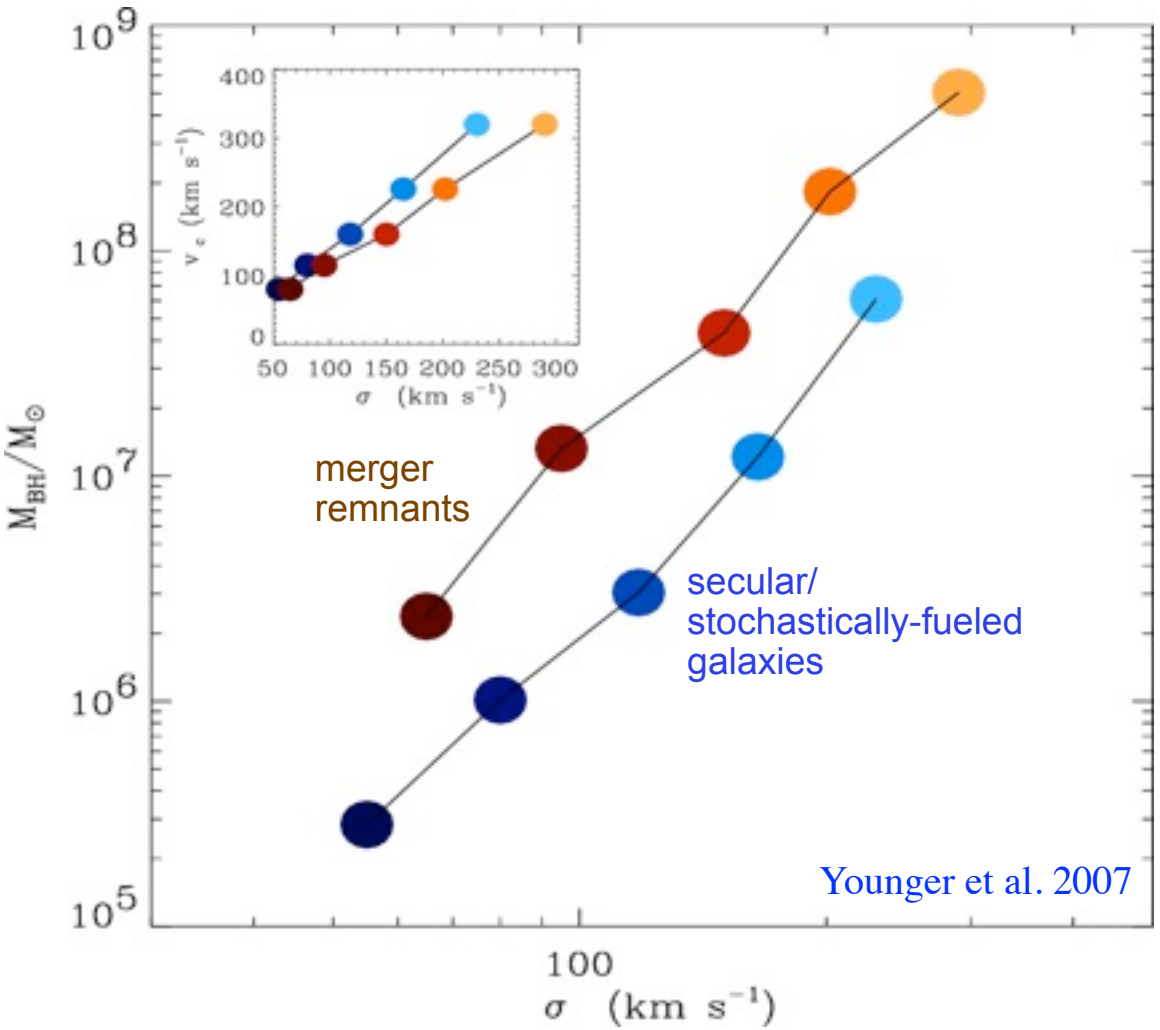
Black hole growth

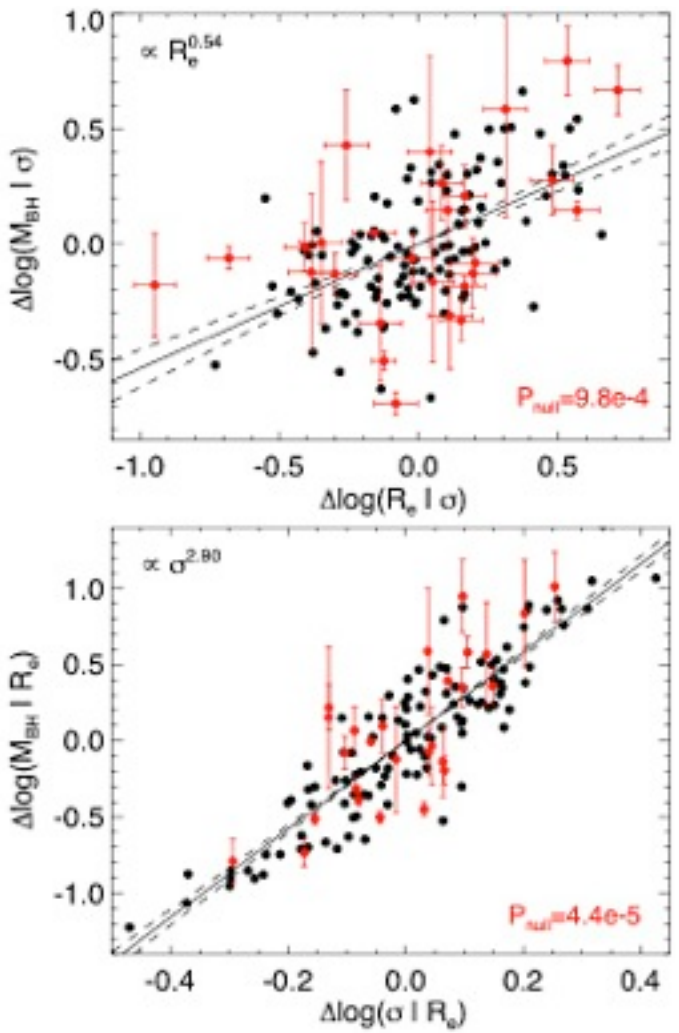


Observations & Simulations Suggest this Simple Picture Works

MAKES UNIQUE PREDICTIONS:

- What is the "fundamental" correlation? Not M_{BH}-s, but M_{BH}-$E_{binding}$
- Different correlation for "classical" and "pseudobulges"
  - Both tentatively observed (PFH et al.; Aller; Greene et al.; Hu)

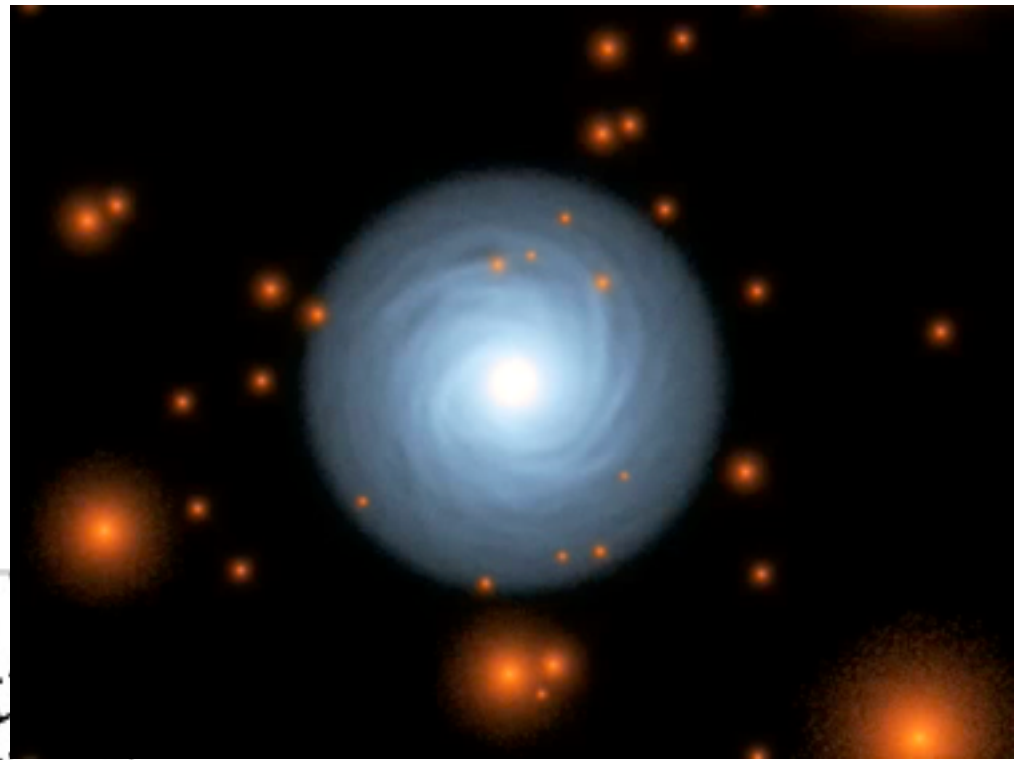


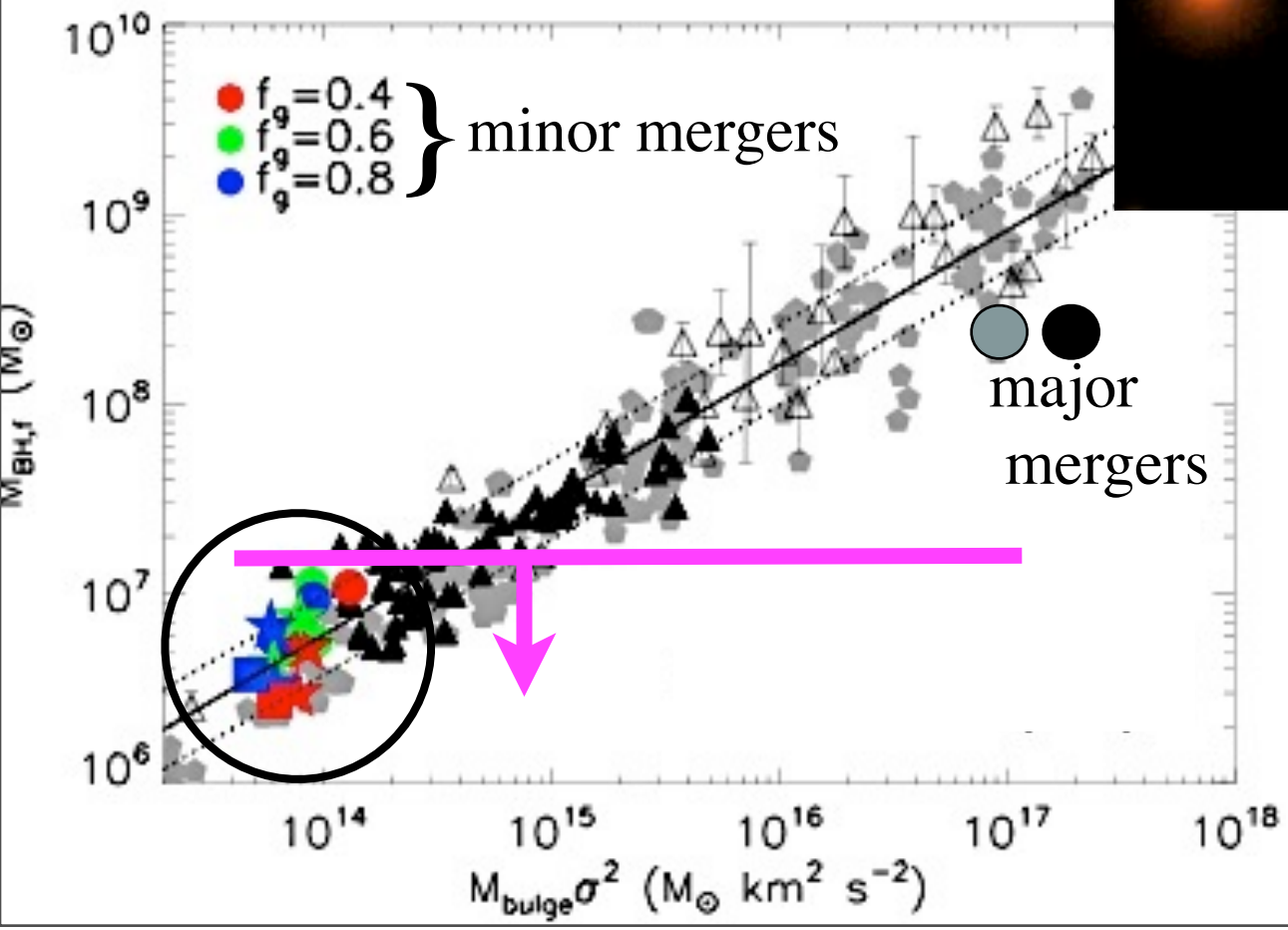


Of Course, Not *Every* AGN Needs a Merger

MORE QUIESCENT GROWTH MODES?

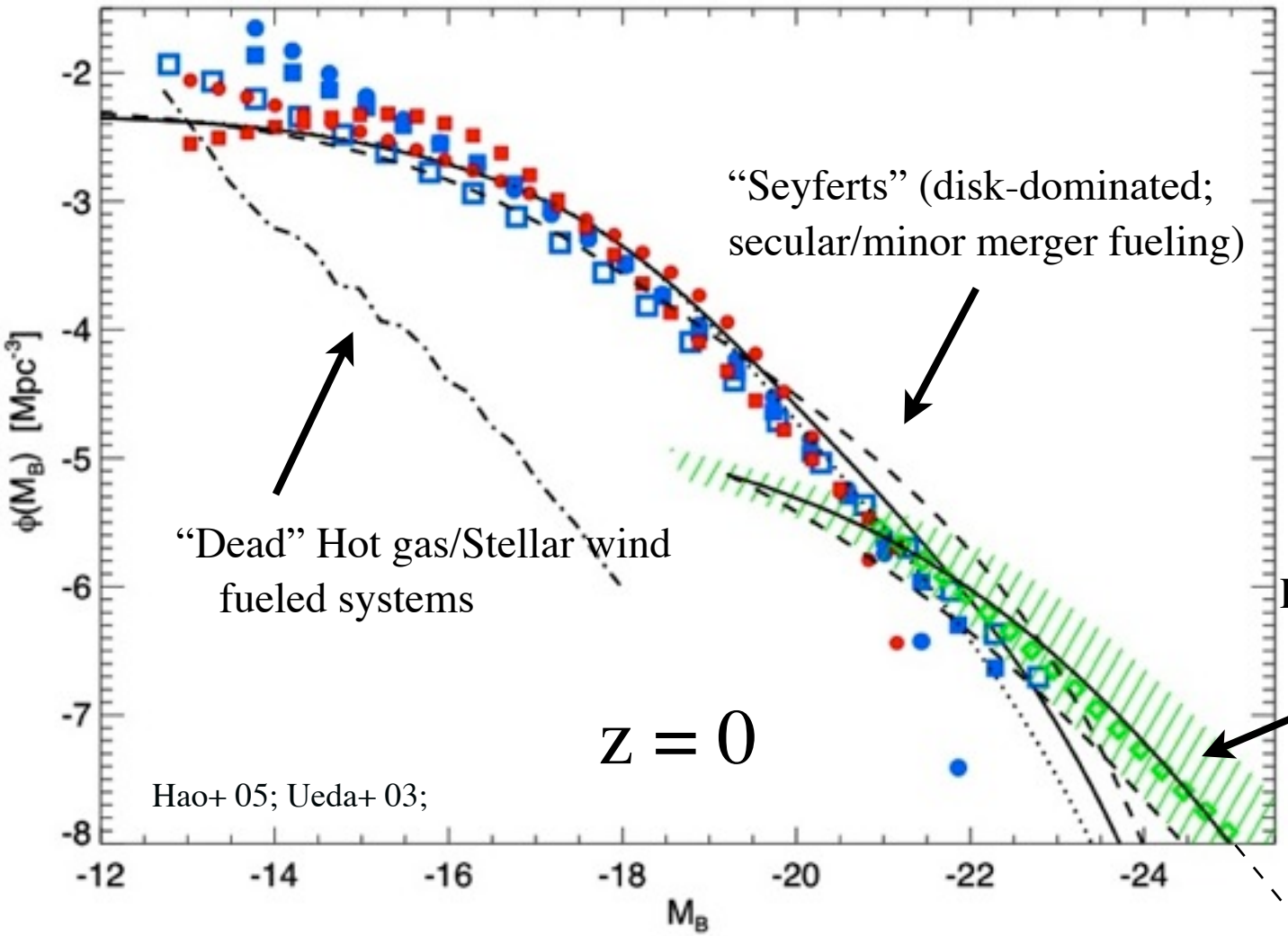
- z~2 QSO: 10^{11} M_{sun} in <10pc in ~t_{dyn}
- Seyfert: only $10^{7\text{-}8}$ M_{sun} ~ GMC
  - Minor mergers?
  - Secular instabilities/bars?





- If you don't build massive bulges, doesn't matter if you can get the gas in!

Emergent Picture:



PFH & Hernquist 2006

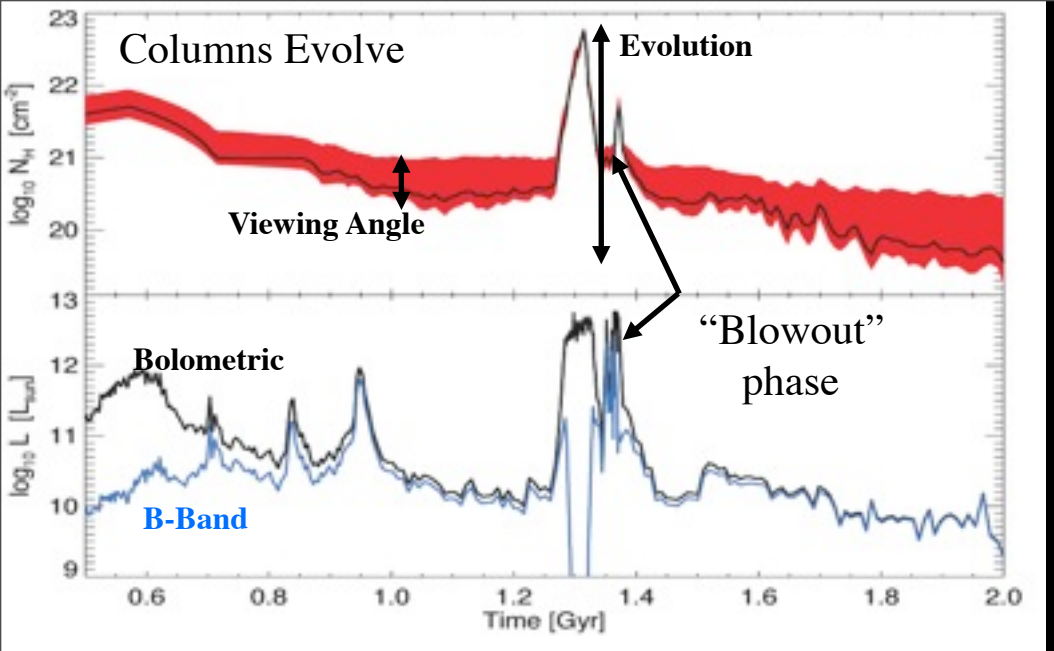
"Seyferts" (disk-dominated; secular/minor merger fueling)

"Dead" Hot gas/Stellar wind fueled systems

Post-Starburst Spheroids (post-merger lightcurve decay)

"Blowout" bright mergers

- Secular/Minor mergers dominate at Seyfert luminosities


Columns Evolve
Evolution
Viewing Angle
"Blowout" phase
Bolometric
B-Band
log10 NH [cm-2]
log10 L [Lsun]
Time [Gyr]
23
22
21
20
13
12
11
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0.6
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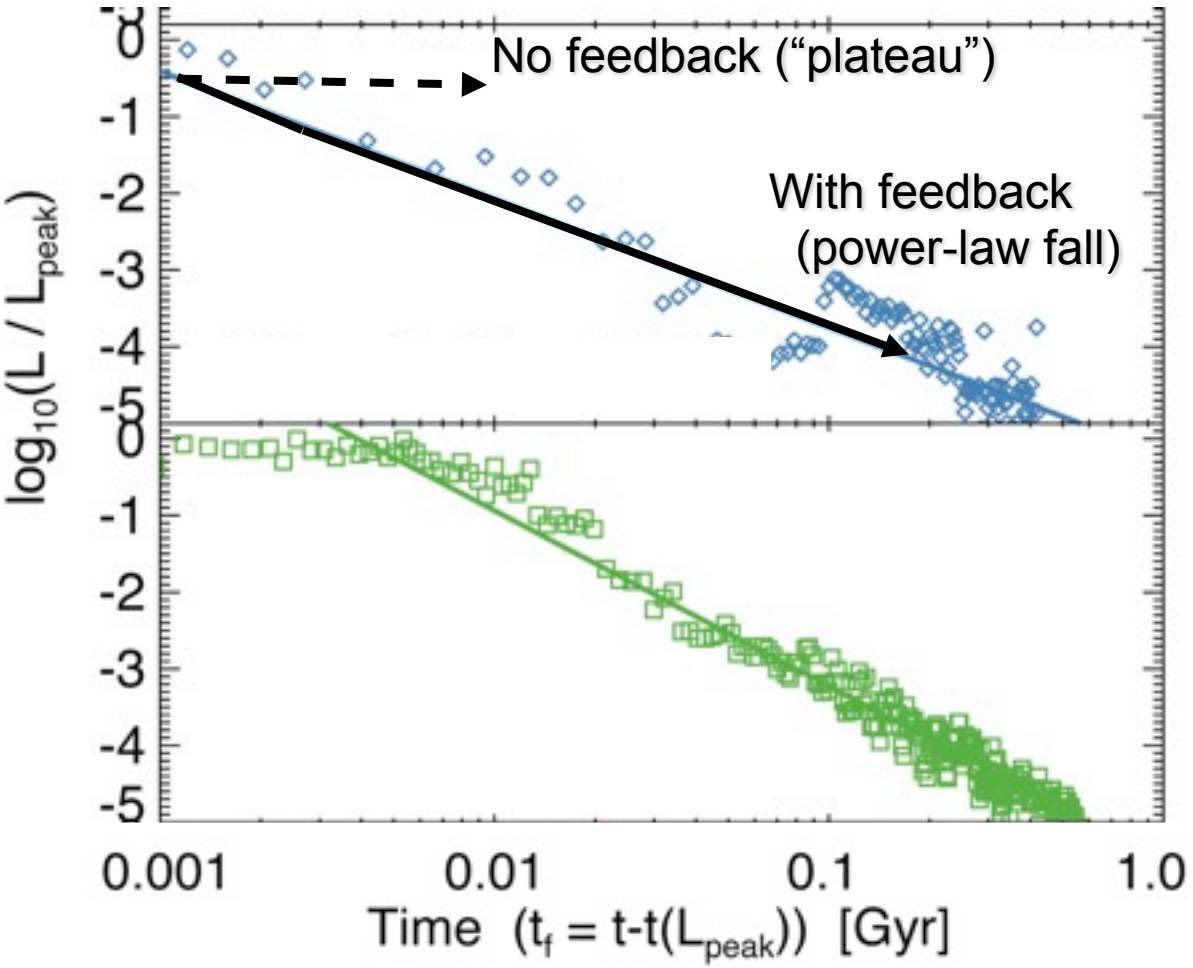
Quasar Lightcurves and Lifetimes

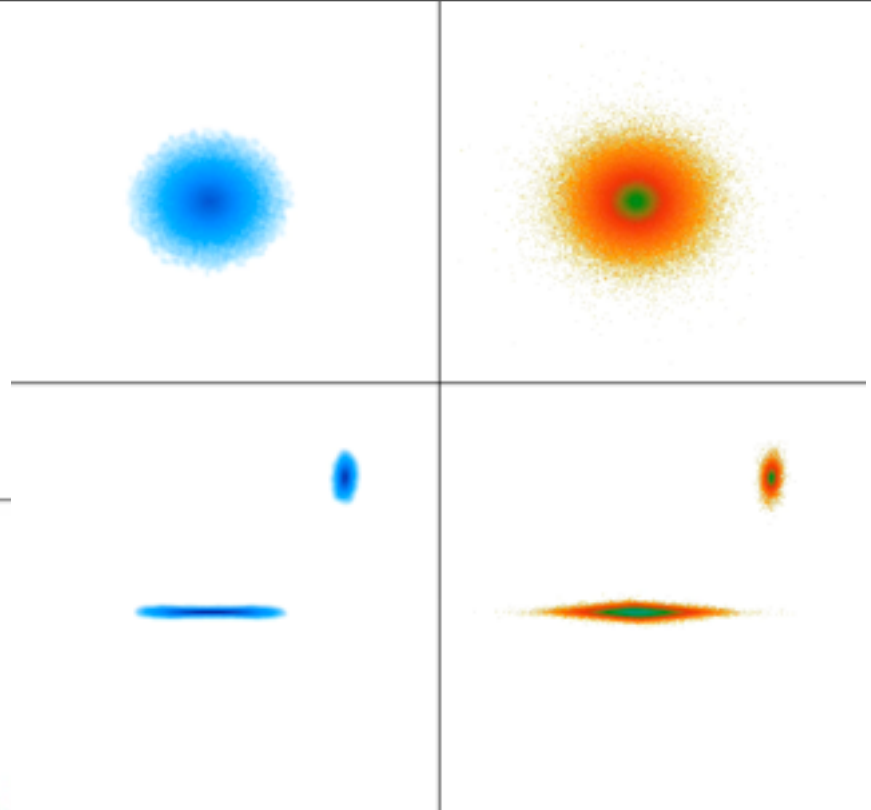
- Feedback determines the decay of the quasar light curve:



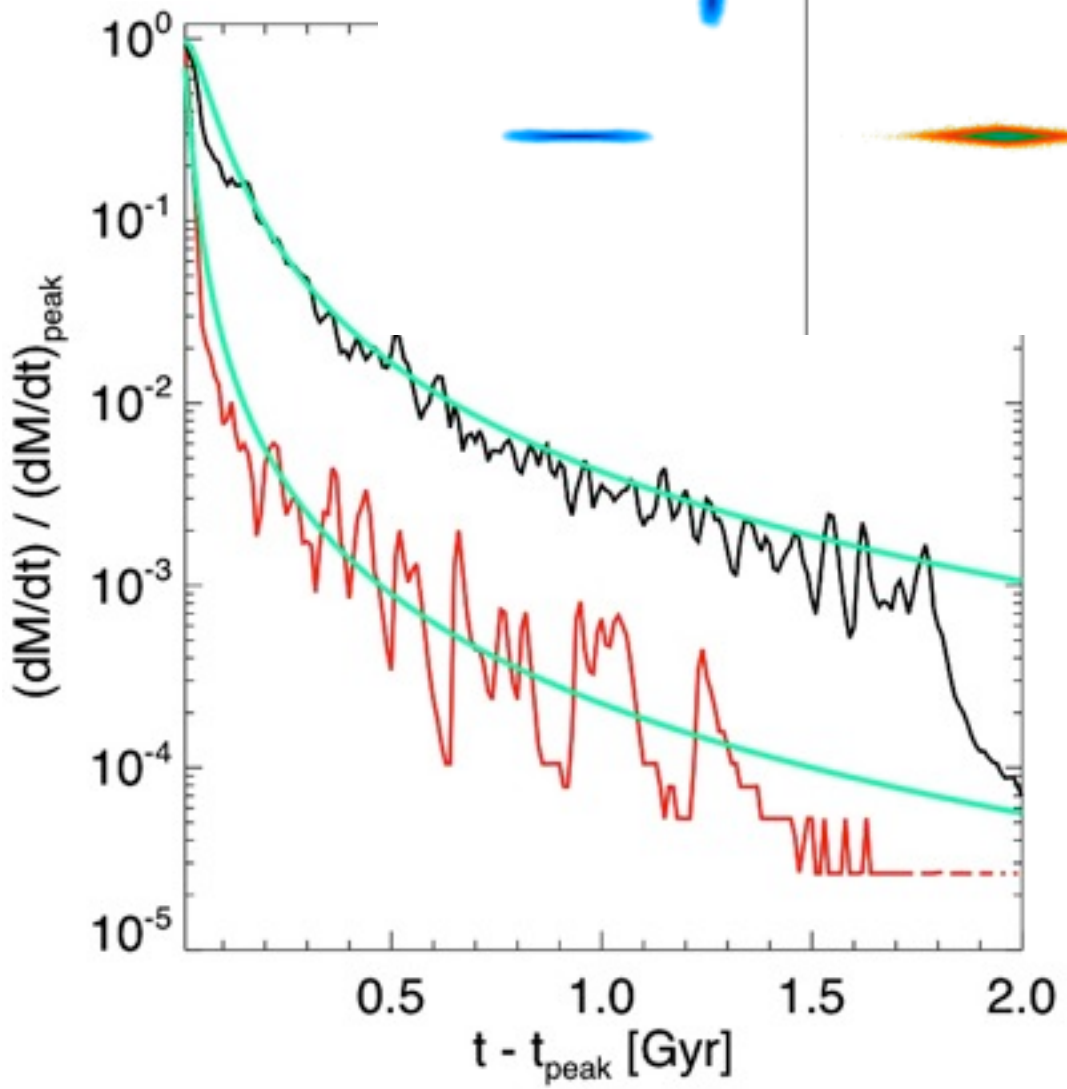
- Explosive blowout drives power-law decay in L
- No Feedback:
  - Runaway growth (exponential light curve)
  - “Plateau” as run out of gas but can’t expel it (extended step function)

PFH et al. 2006a

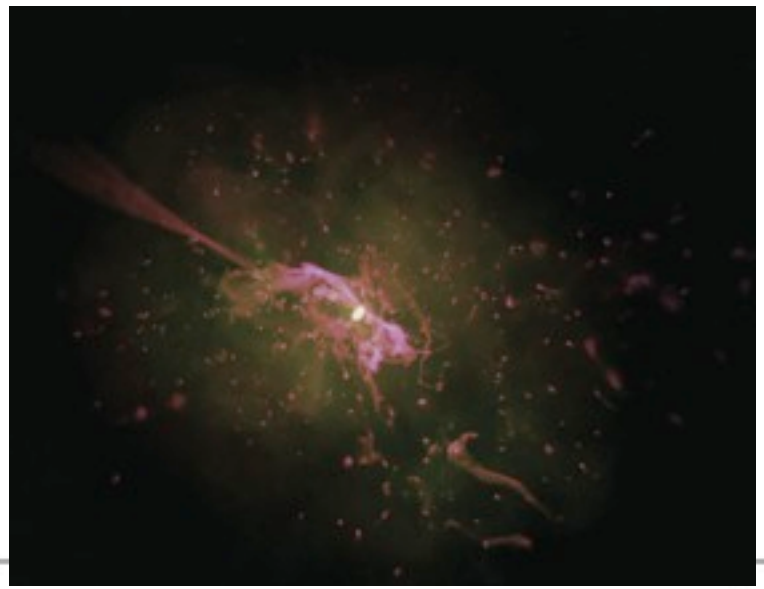
This is Very General:
(EVEN THOUGH NOT ALL AGN ARE MERGER-DRIVEN)

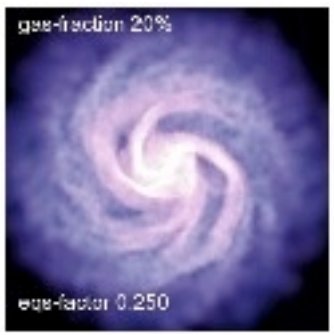


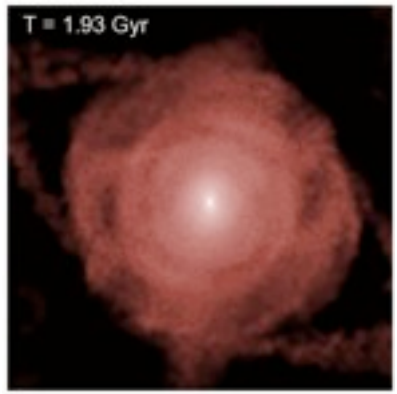
- Almost any (ex. radio) AGN feedback will share key properties:
  - Point-like
  - Short input (~ $t_{Salpeter}$)
  - E~E_binding
- Simple, analytic solutions:
  - $L \sim (t / t_Q)^{-1.7(ish)}$
  - Agrees well with simulations!
- Generalize to “Seyferts”
  - Disk-dominated galaxies with bars
  - Minor mergers

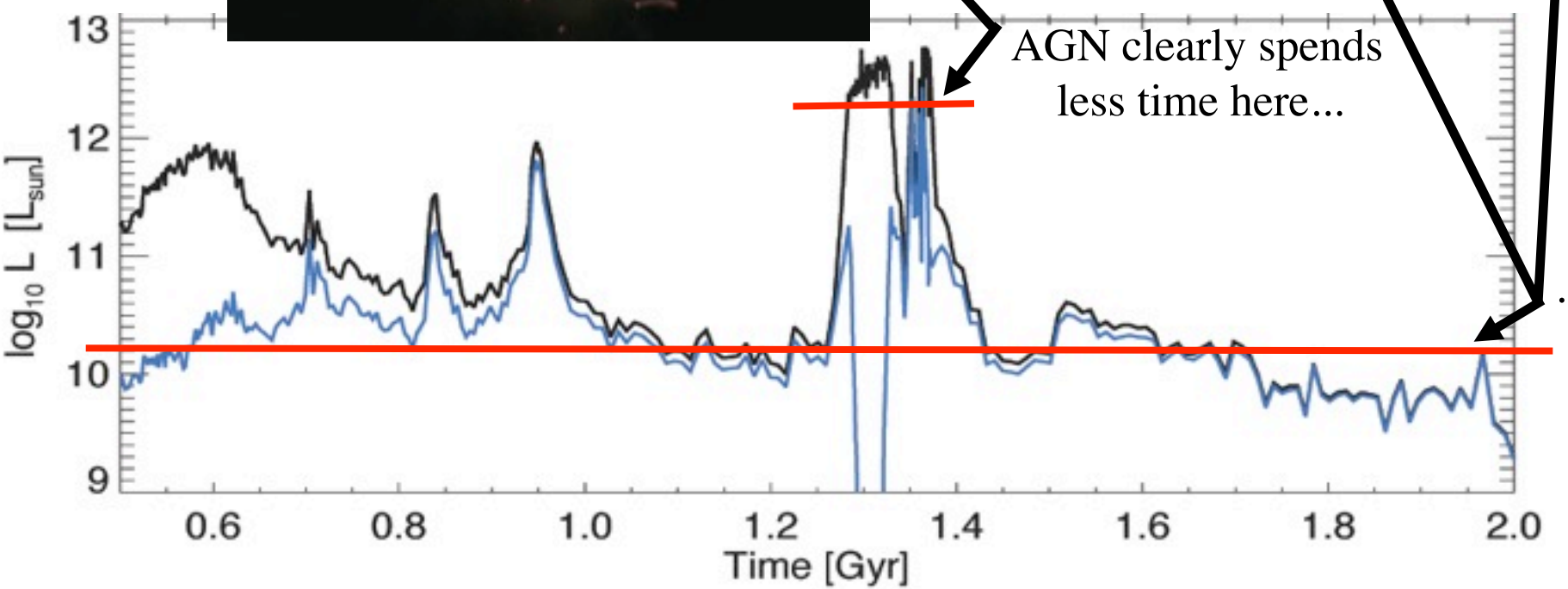


So What Is the “Quasar Lifetime”?







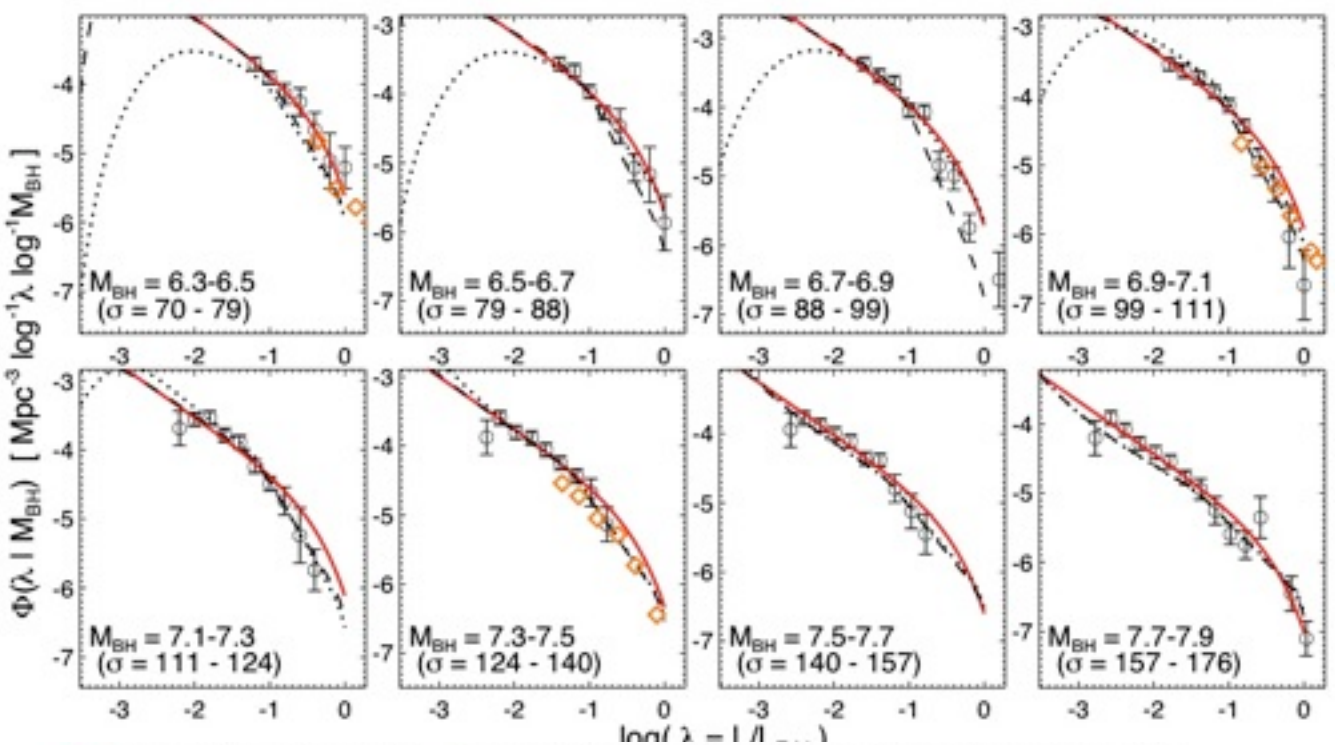


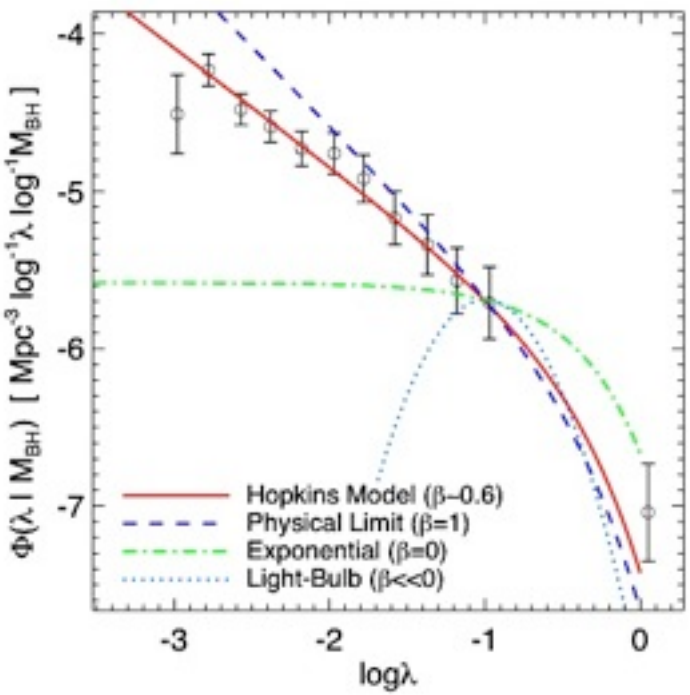
AGN clearly spends less time here...

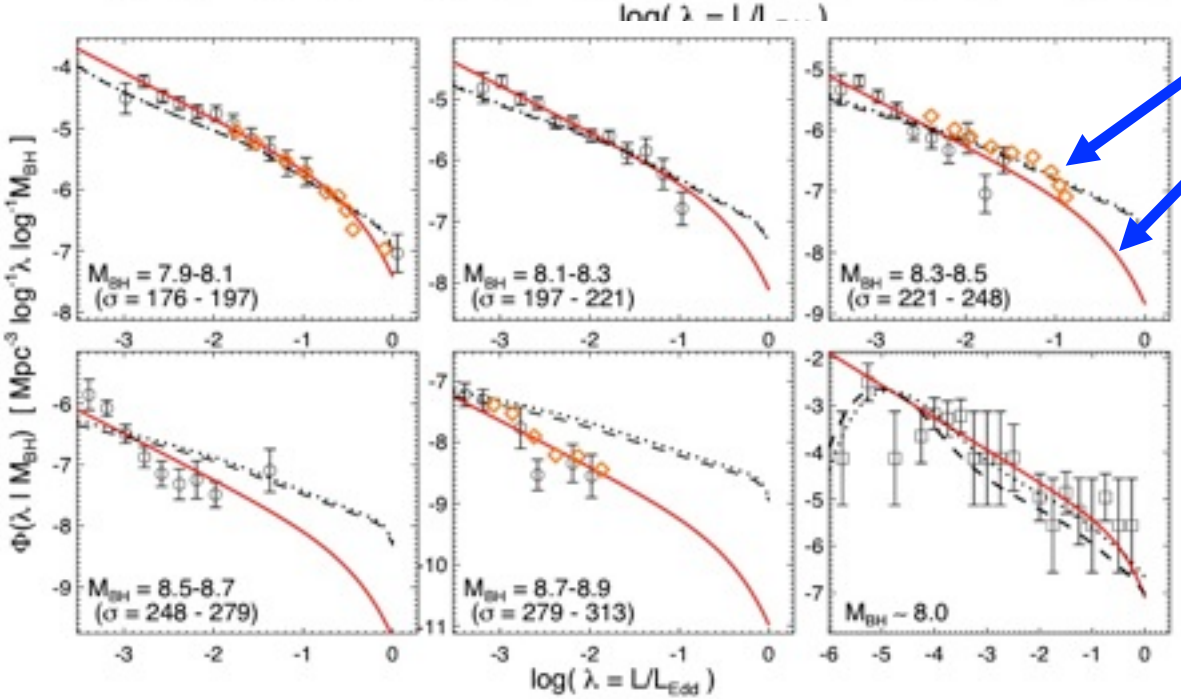
... than here

- “Quasar Lifetime”: a conditional, *luminosity-dependent* distribution

Directly Apparent in the Observed Eddington Ratio Distribution







Observed

Predicted

$$\frac{\mathrm{d}t}{\mathrm{d}\log L} = t_0 \left(\frac{L}{L_{\mathrm{peak}}}\right)^{-\beta} \exp\left(-L/L_{\mathrm{peak}}\right)$$

$$L \propto (t/t_Q)^{-(1.5-2.0)}$$

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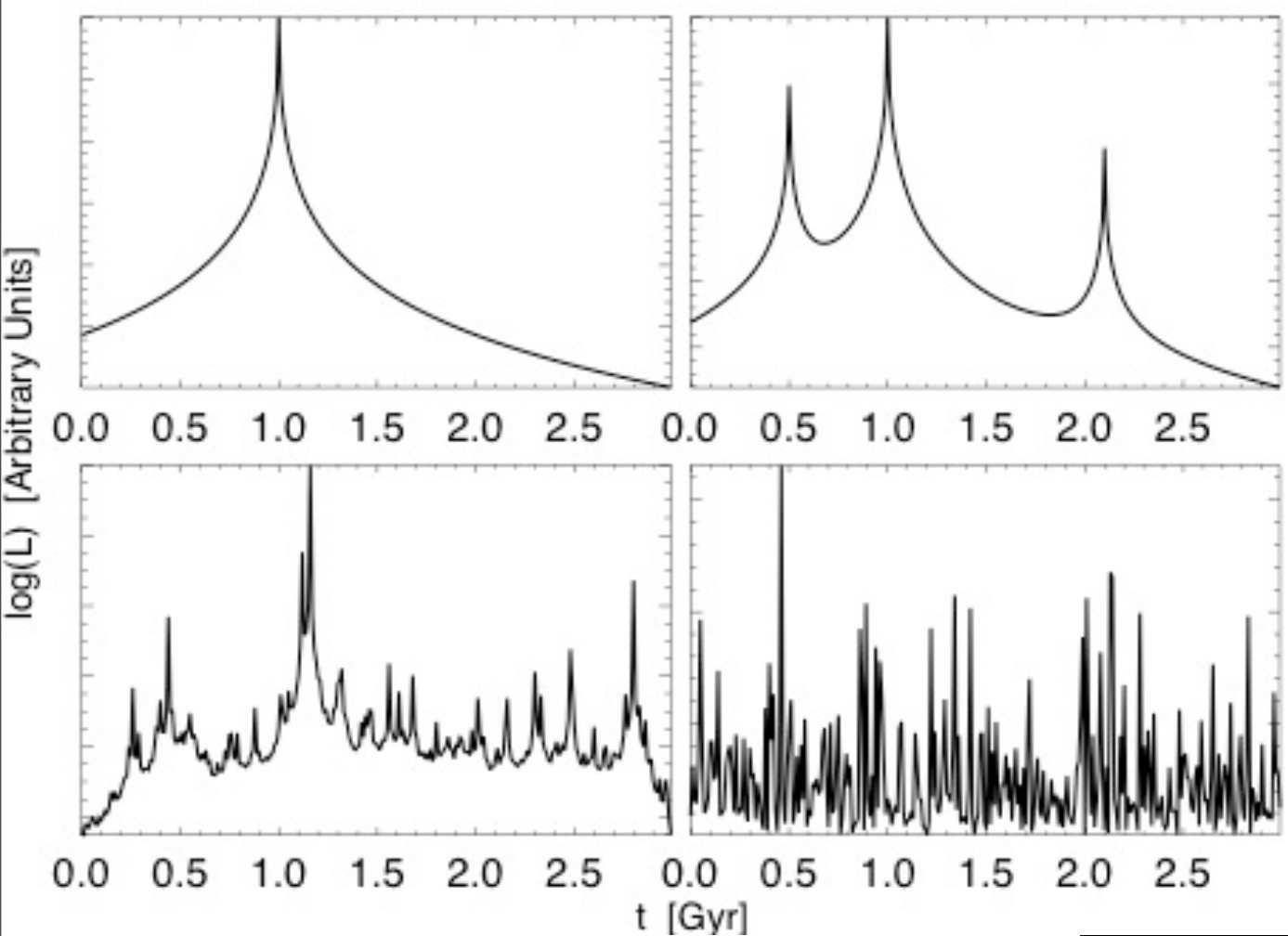
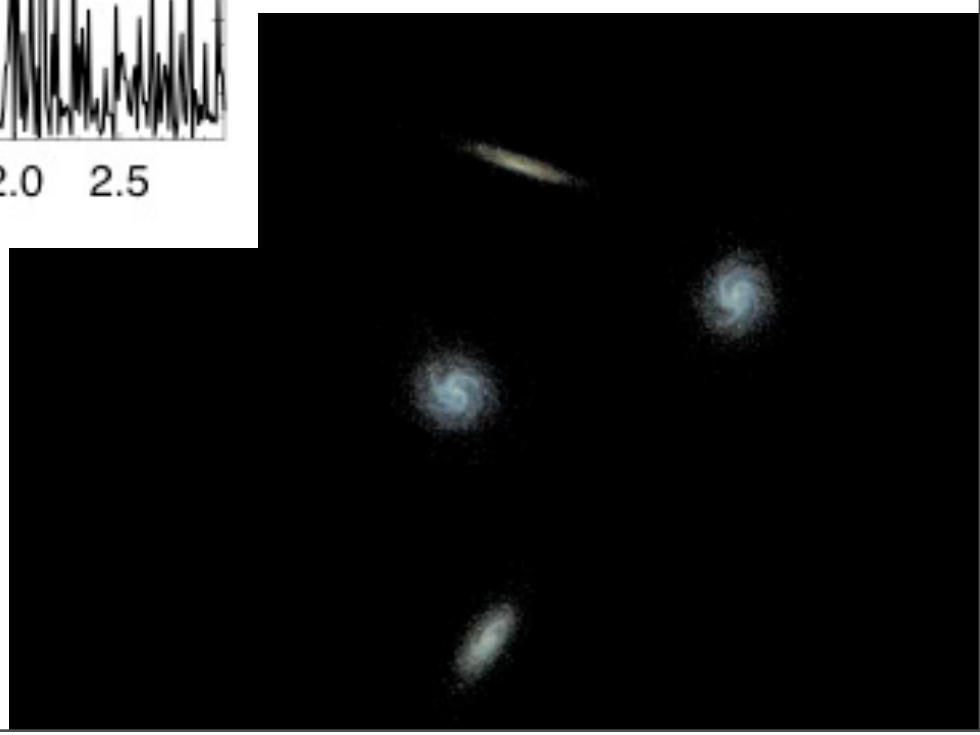
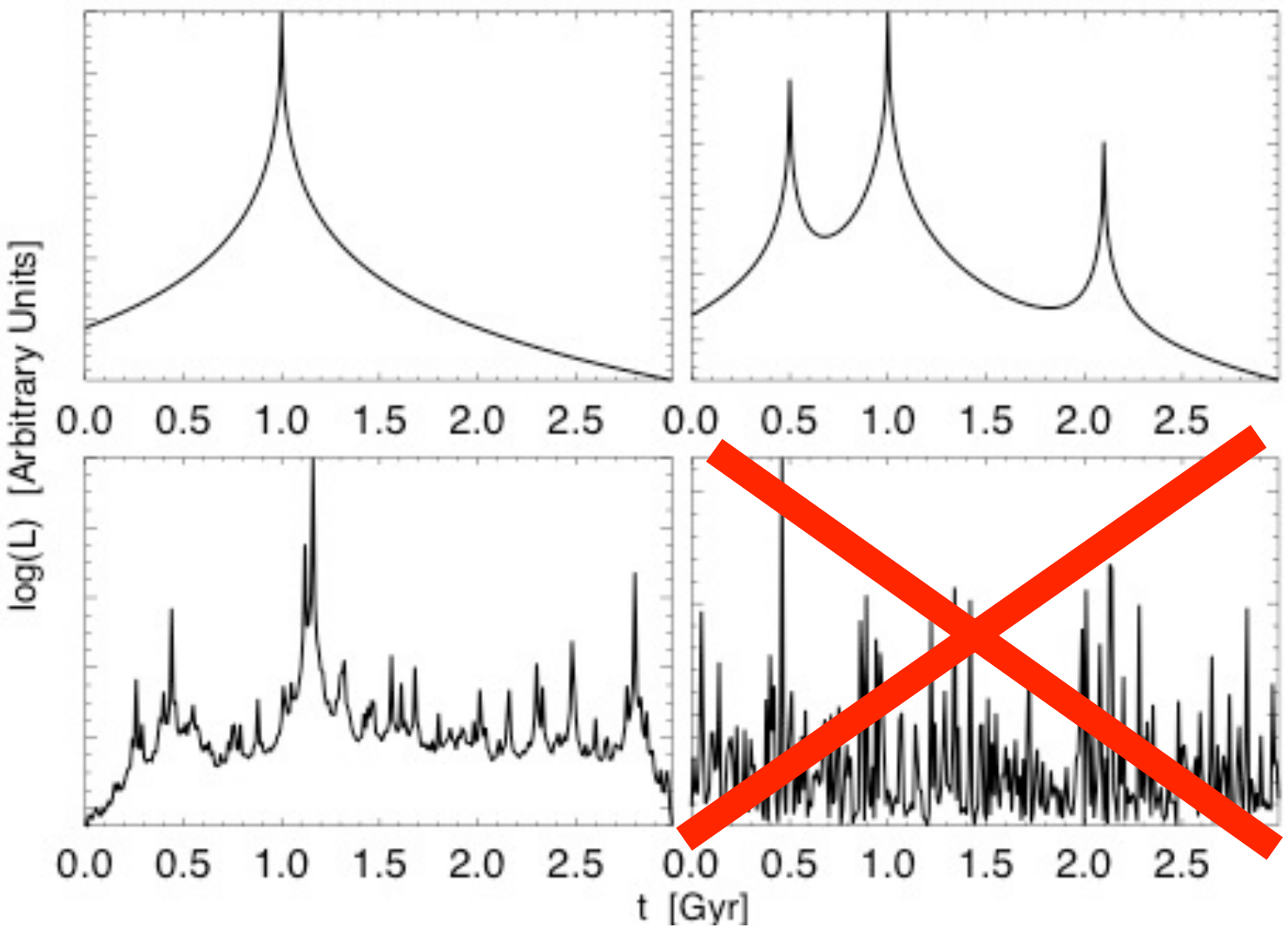


May be multiple "events," but AGN decay/regulation is self-similar!

- BH, not galaxy, determines lightcurve evolution



Directly Apparent in the Observed Eddington Ratio Distribution



Ruled out by transverse proximity effect

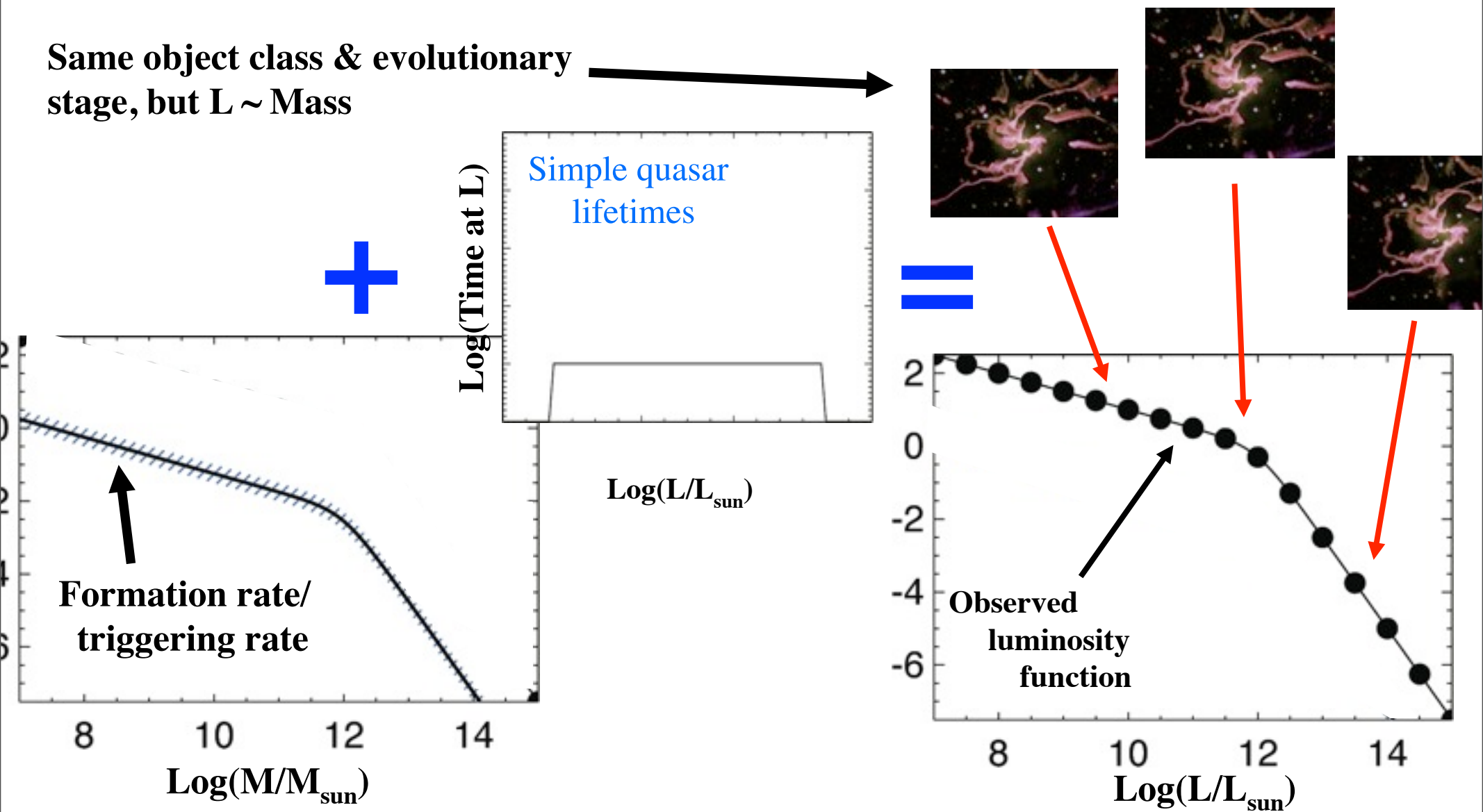
$t_{episodic} \sim t_{total}$

- Complimentary constraints from clustering (Meyers, Croom, Porciani, da Angela)
  - BHs grew in <~ a couple events

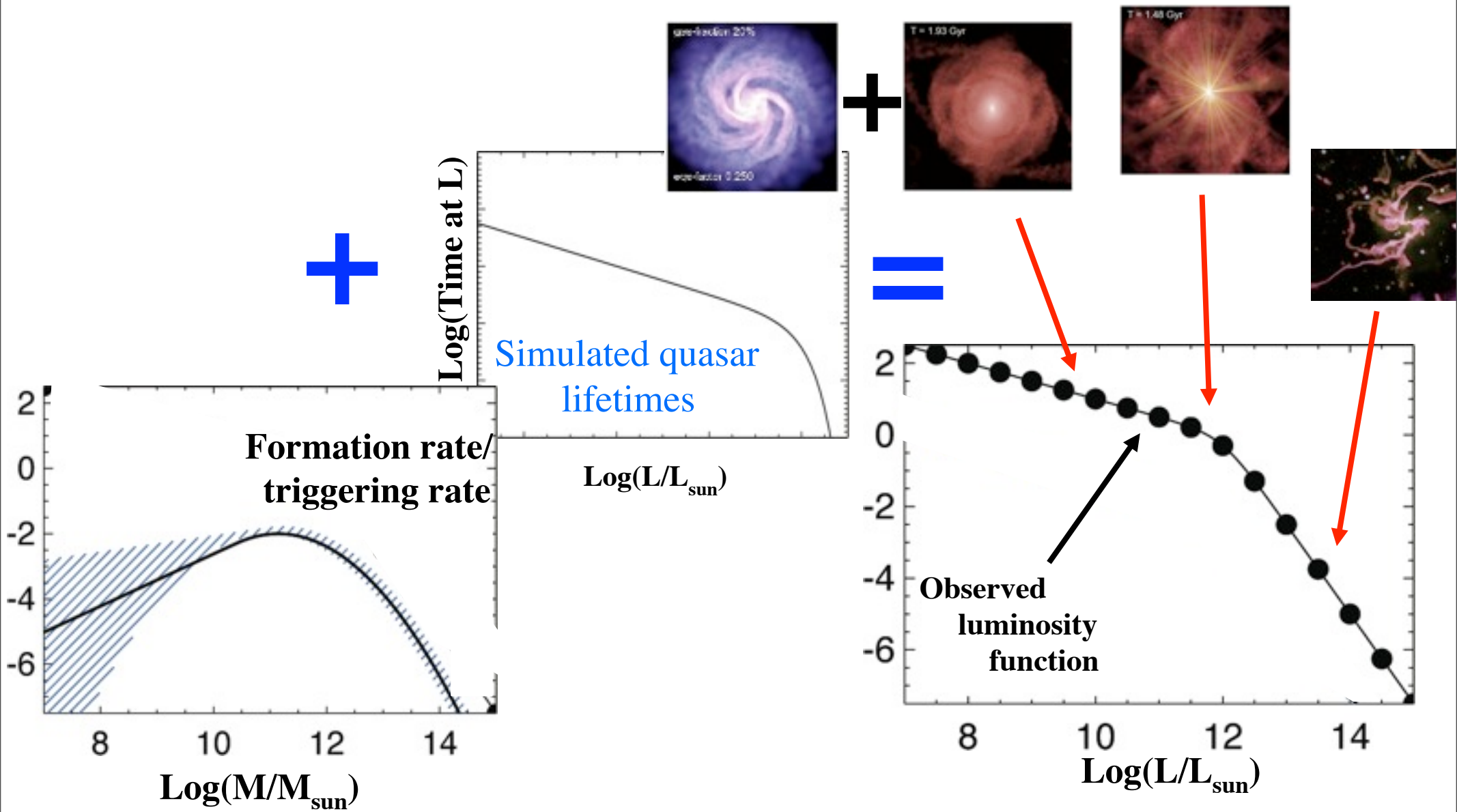
Given the Conditional Quasar Lifetime, De-Convolve the QLF

QUANTIFIED IN THIS MANNER, UNIQUELY DETERMINES THE RATE OF "TRIGGERING"

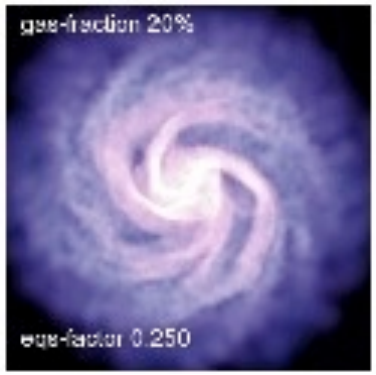
Same object class & evolutionary stage, but L ~ Mass



- If every quasar is at the same fraction of Eddington, the active BHMF (and host MF) is a trivial rescaling of the observed QLF

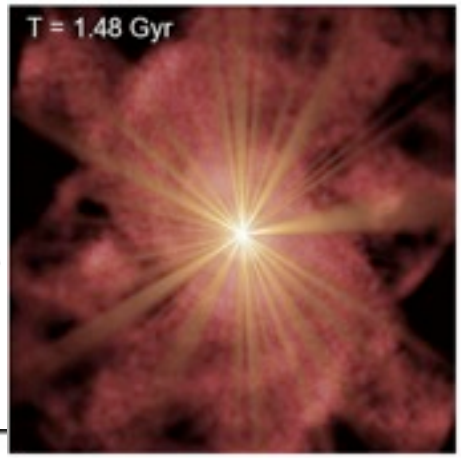


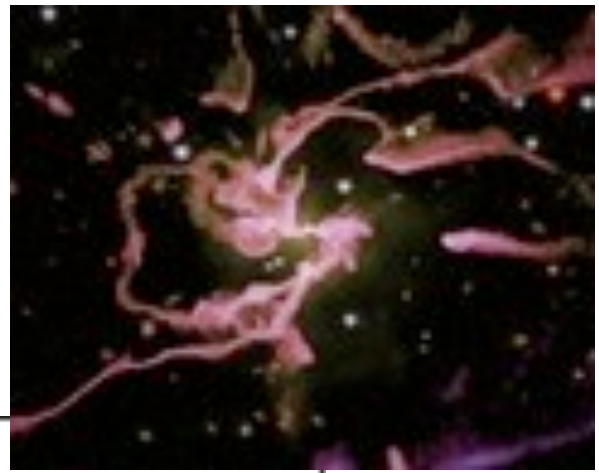
- *Different* shapes
- Much stronger turnover in formation/merger rate
- Faint-end QLF dominated by decaying sources with much larger peak luminosity/hosts



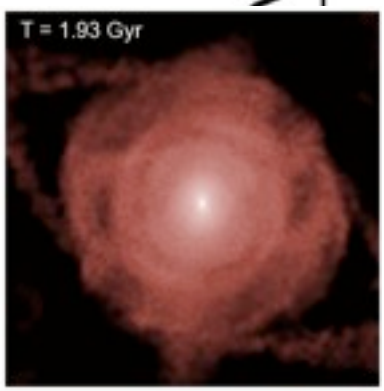
Disks & "Dead" Ellipticals

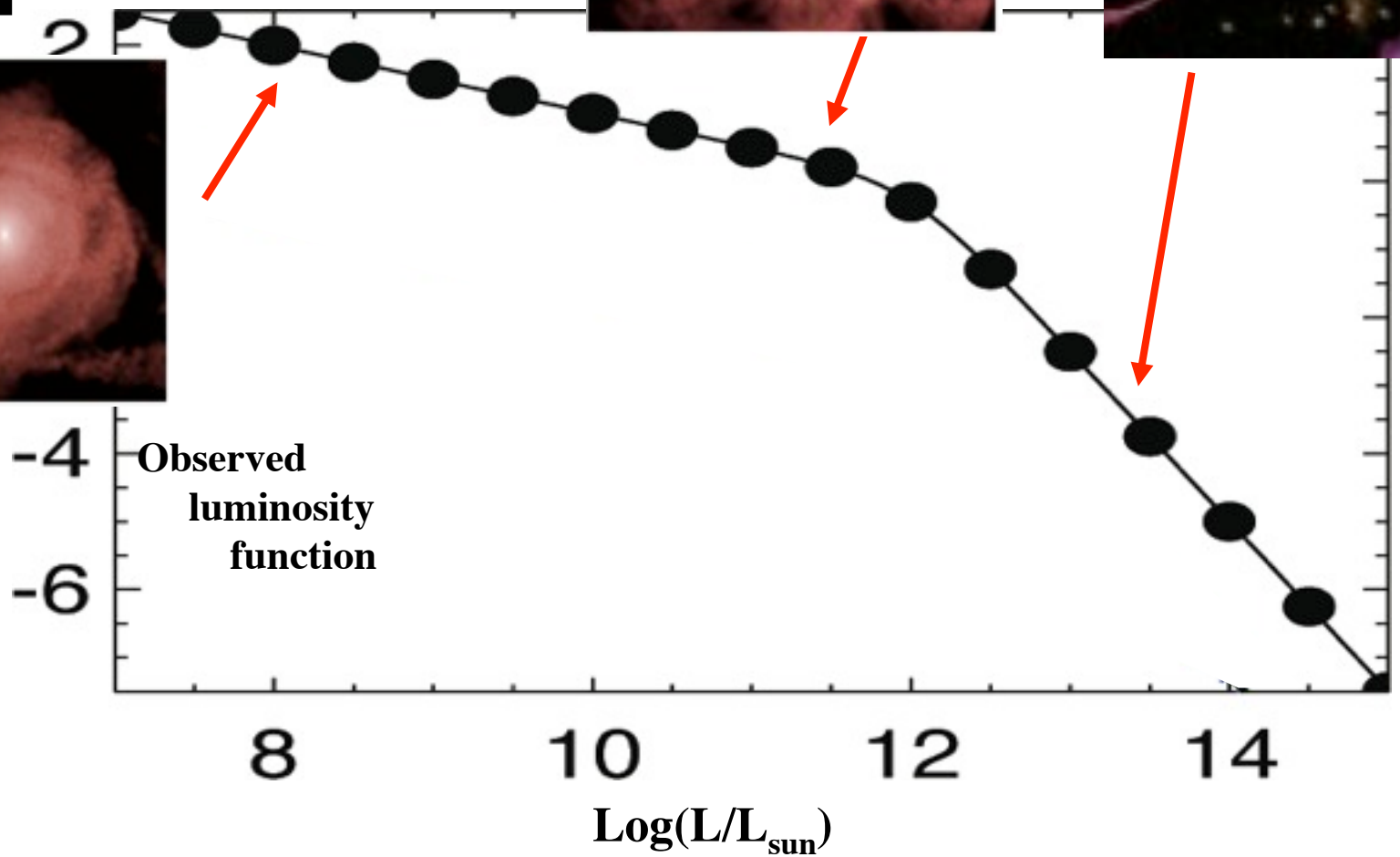
"Fading" Mergers (young ellipticals)





Peak Mergers



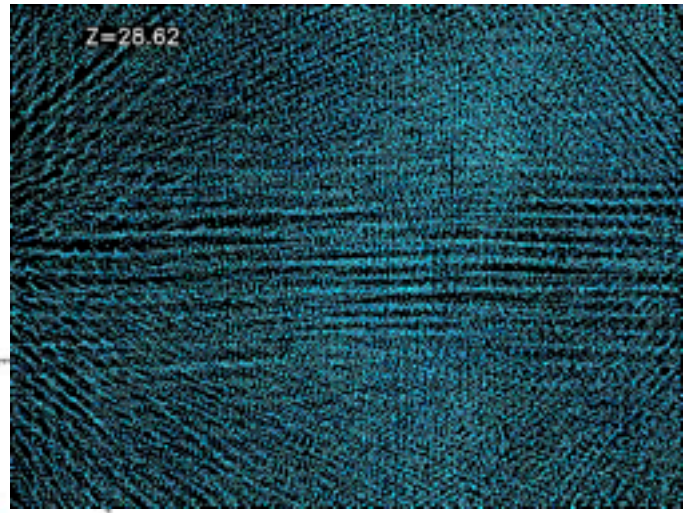


- Similar populations at different (short) *evolutionary* stages dominate QLF

Testing the models:

NECESSARY CHECKS:

- Predict QLF; clustering; obscuration; scaling laws



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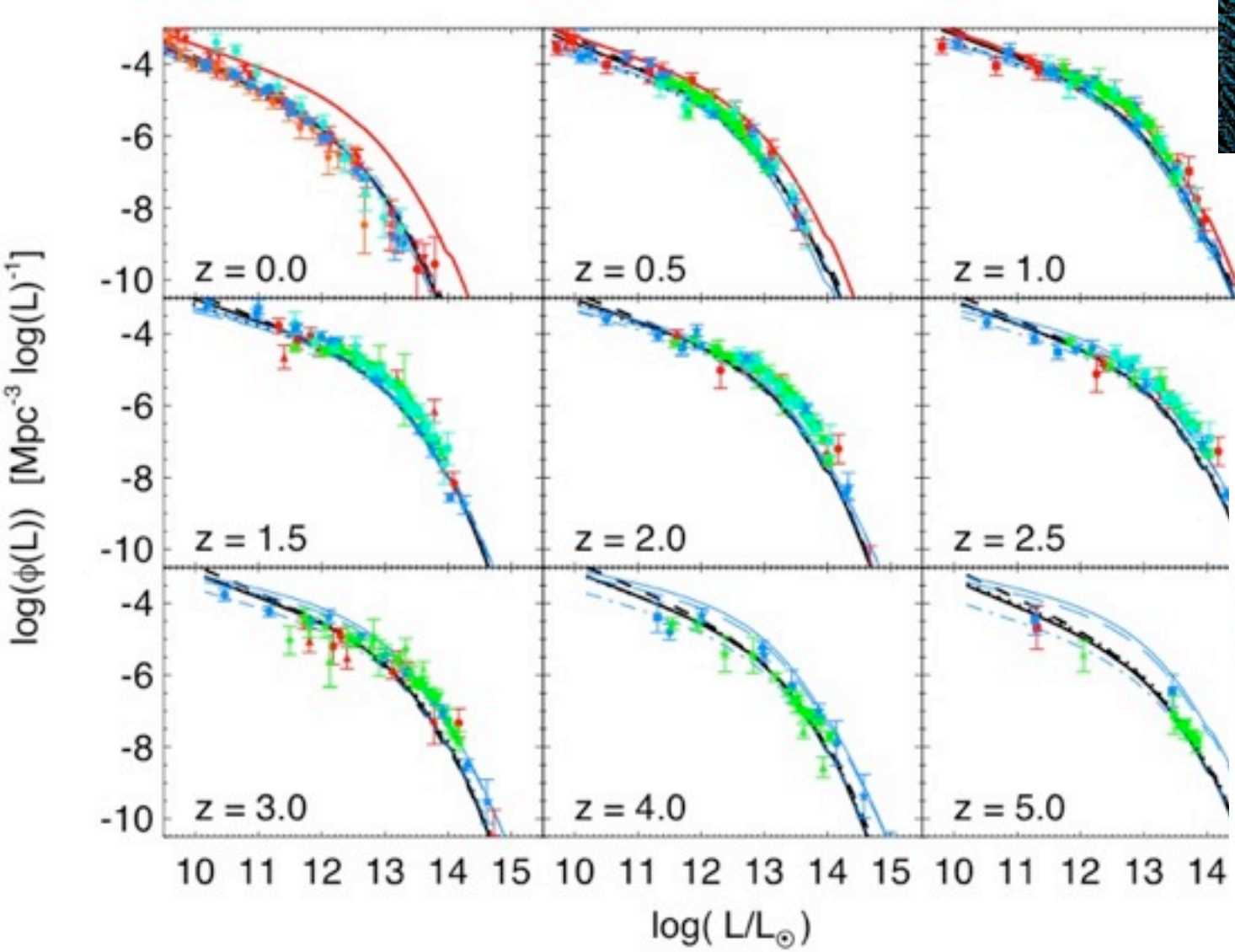

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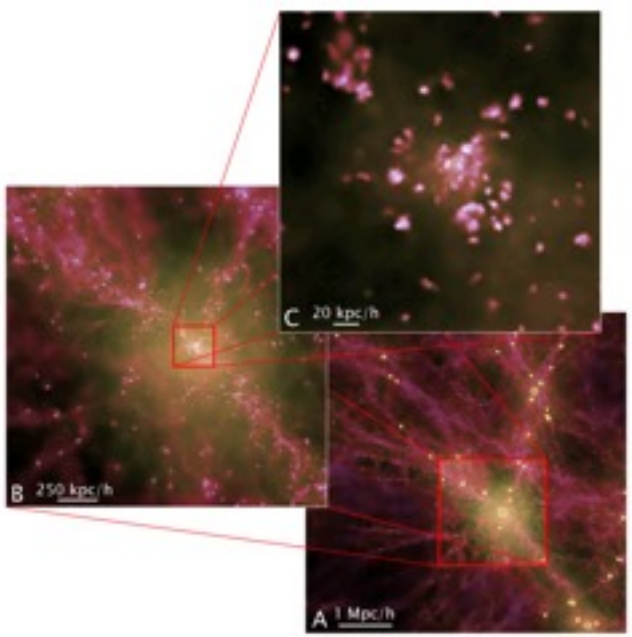
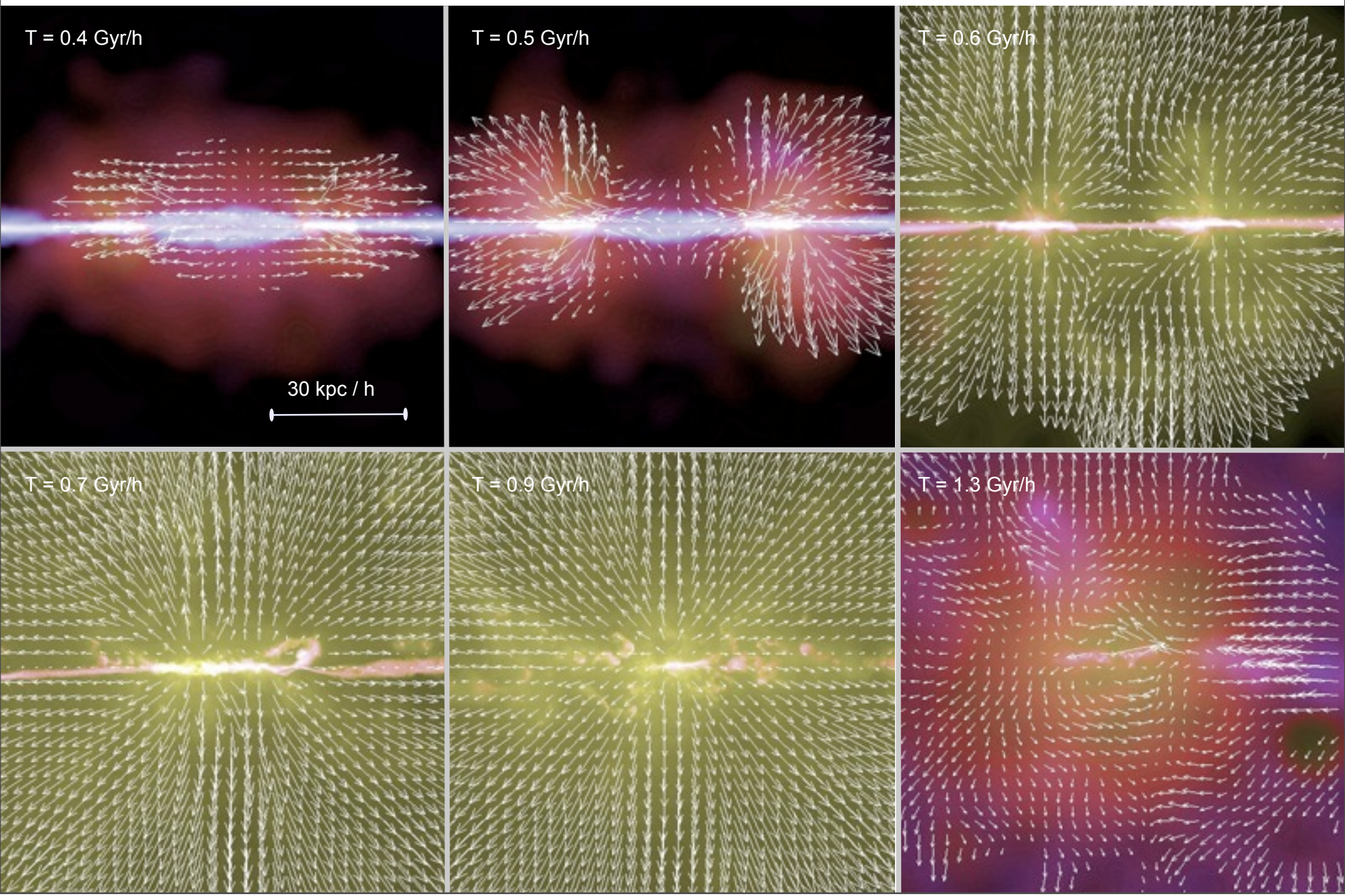


- There are “enough” mergers: hierarchical growth can account for todays BHs

Where Does the Energy/Momentum Go?

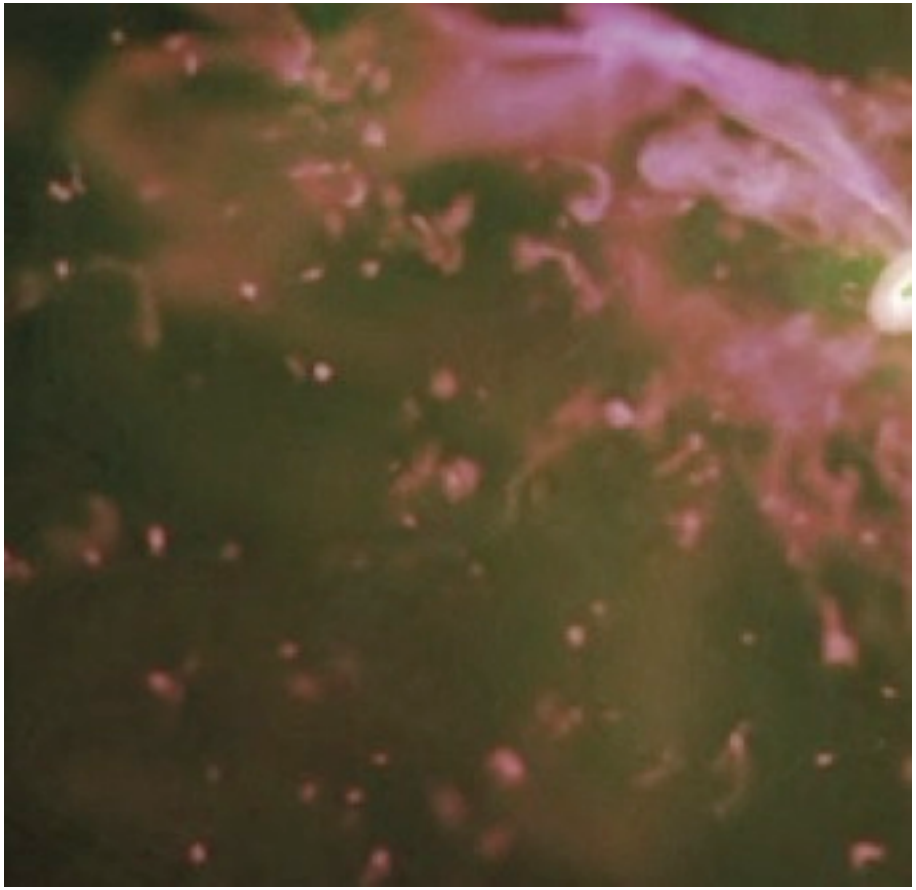
QUASAR-DRIVEN OUTFLOWS?

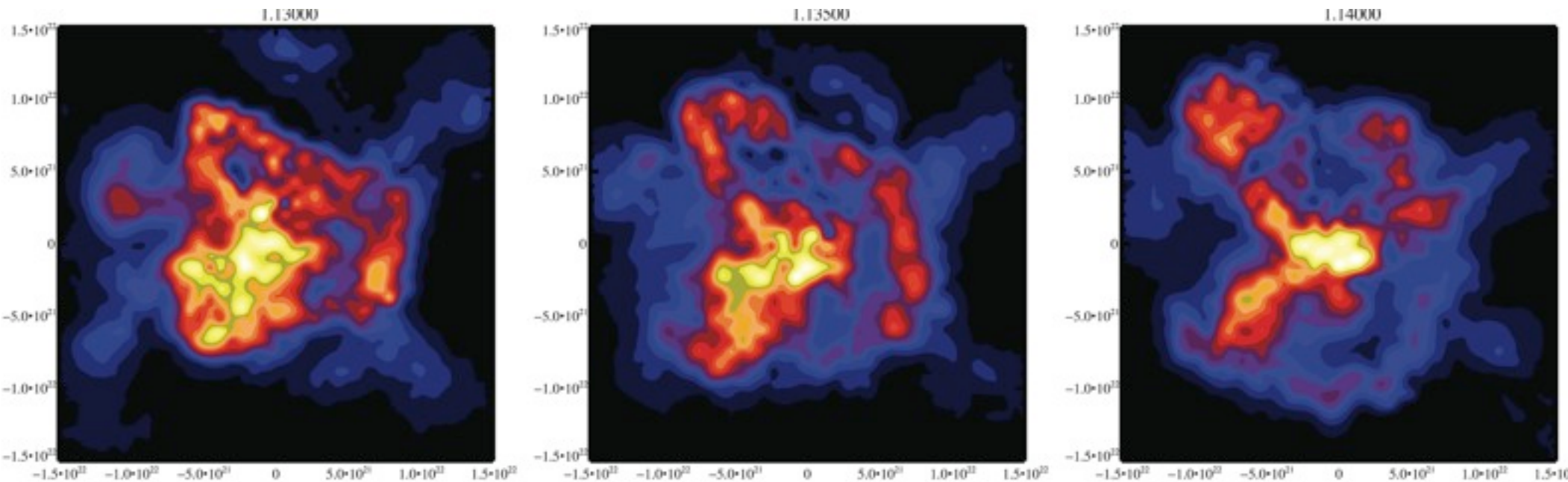
(outflow reaches speeds of up to ~1800 km/sec)



Outflows are Explosive and Clumpy

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





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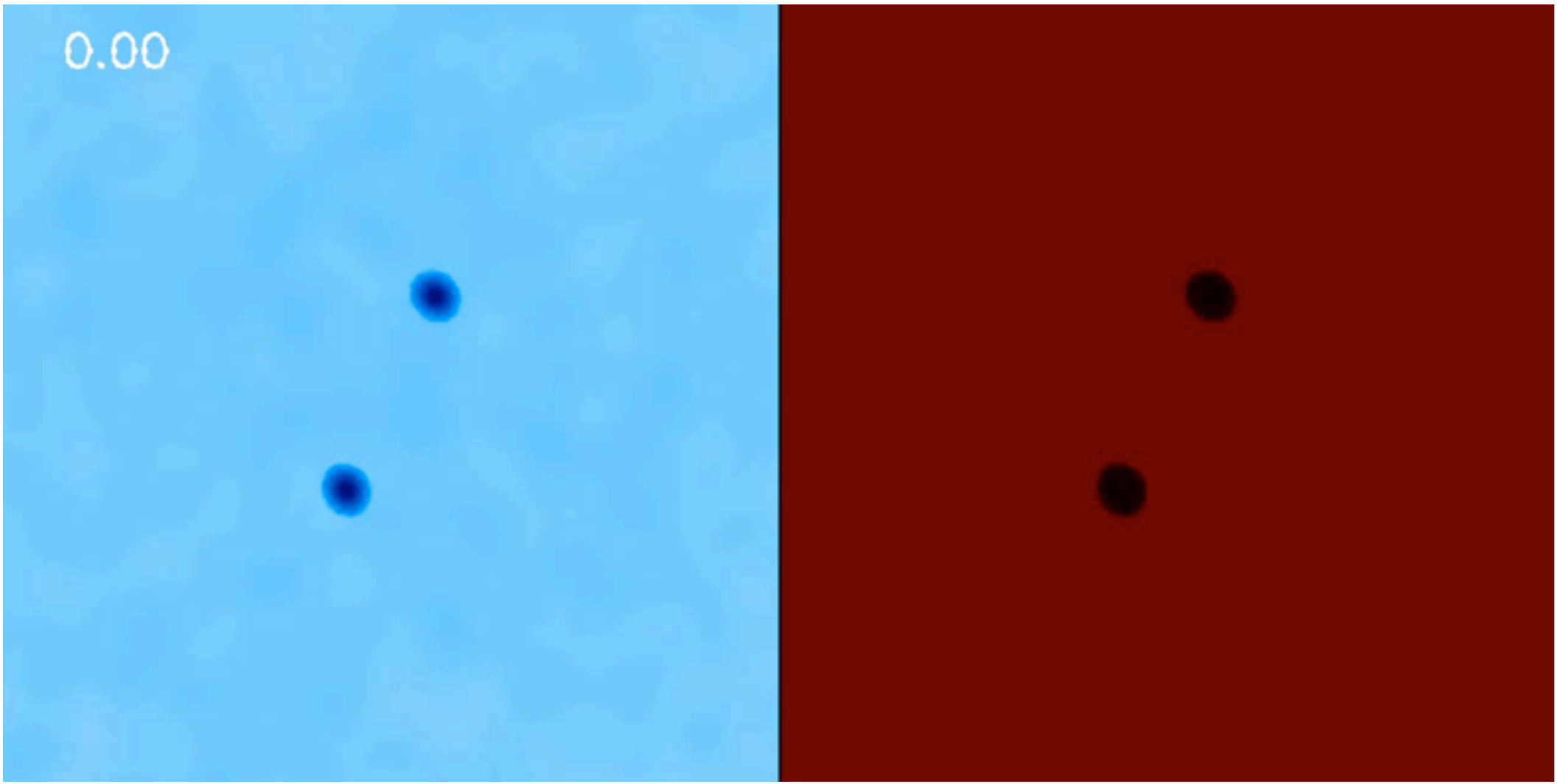
Gas Density | **Gas Temperature**



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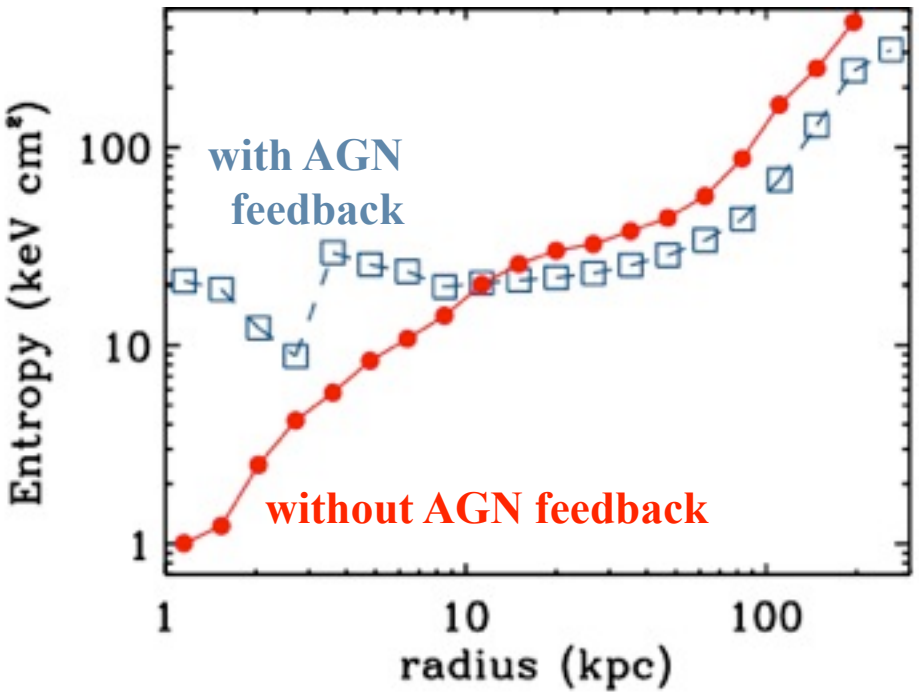
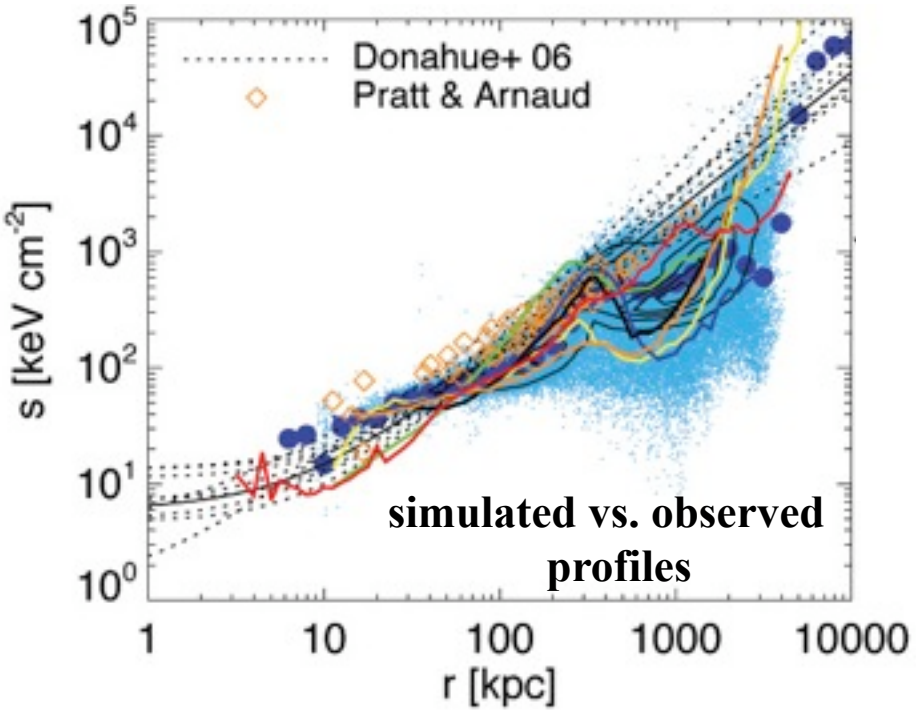
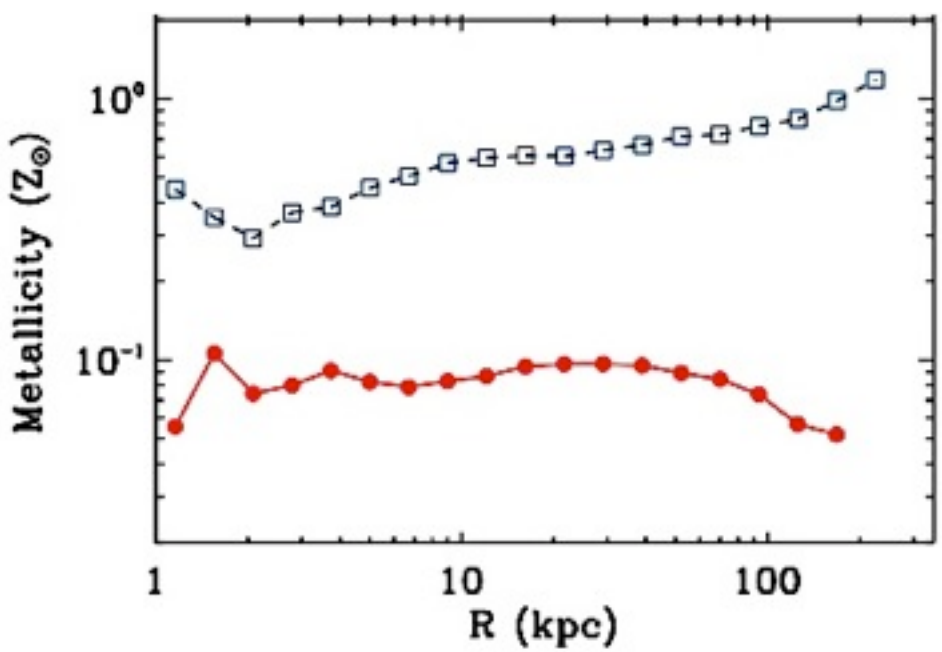
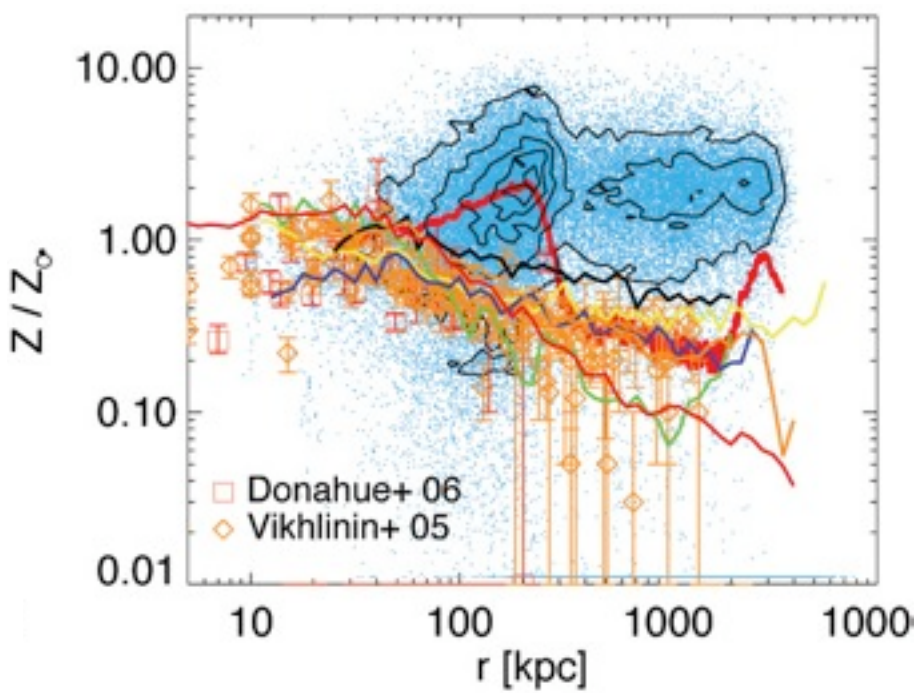


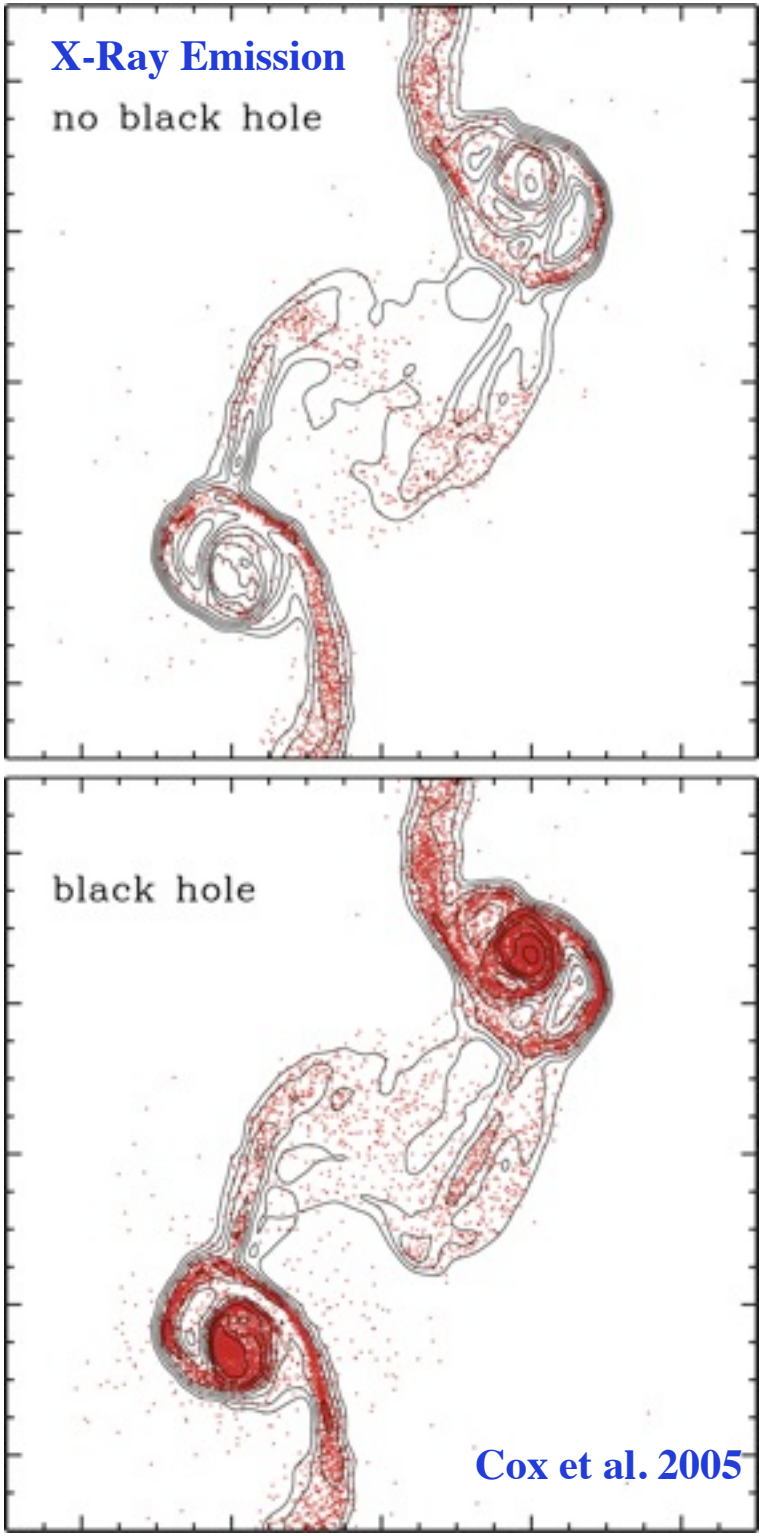






Feedback-Driven Winds

METAL ENRICHMENT & BUILDING THE X-RAY HALO



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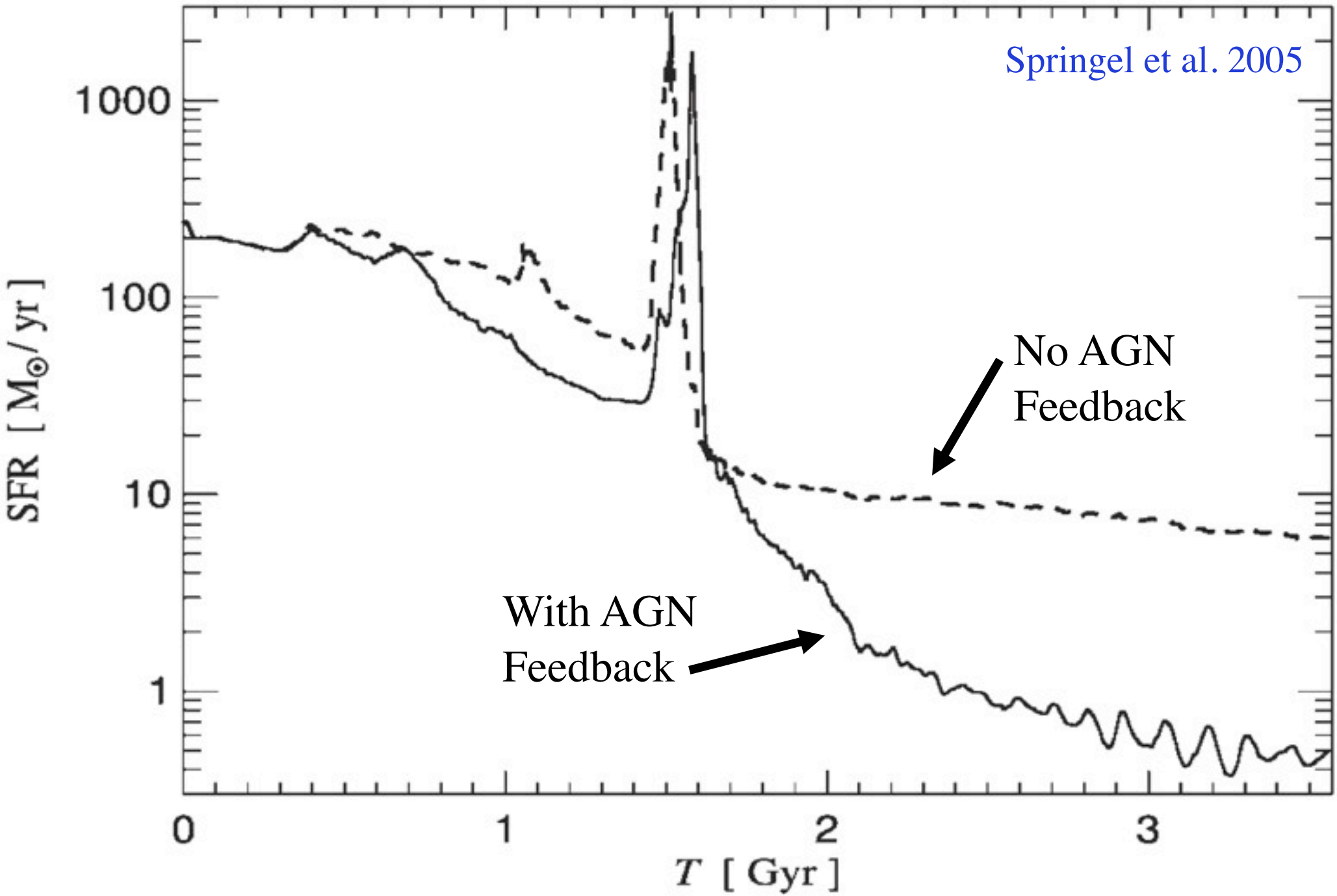

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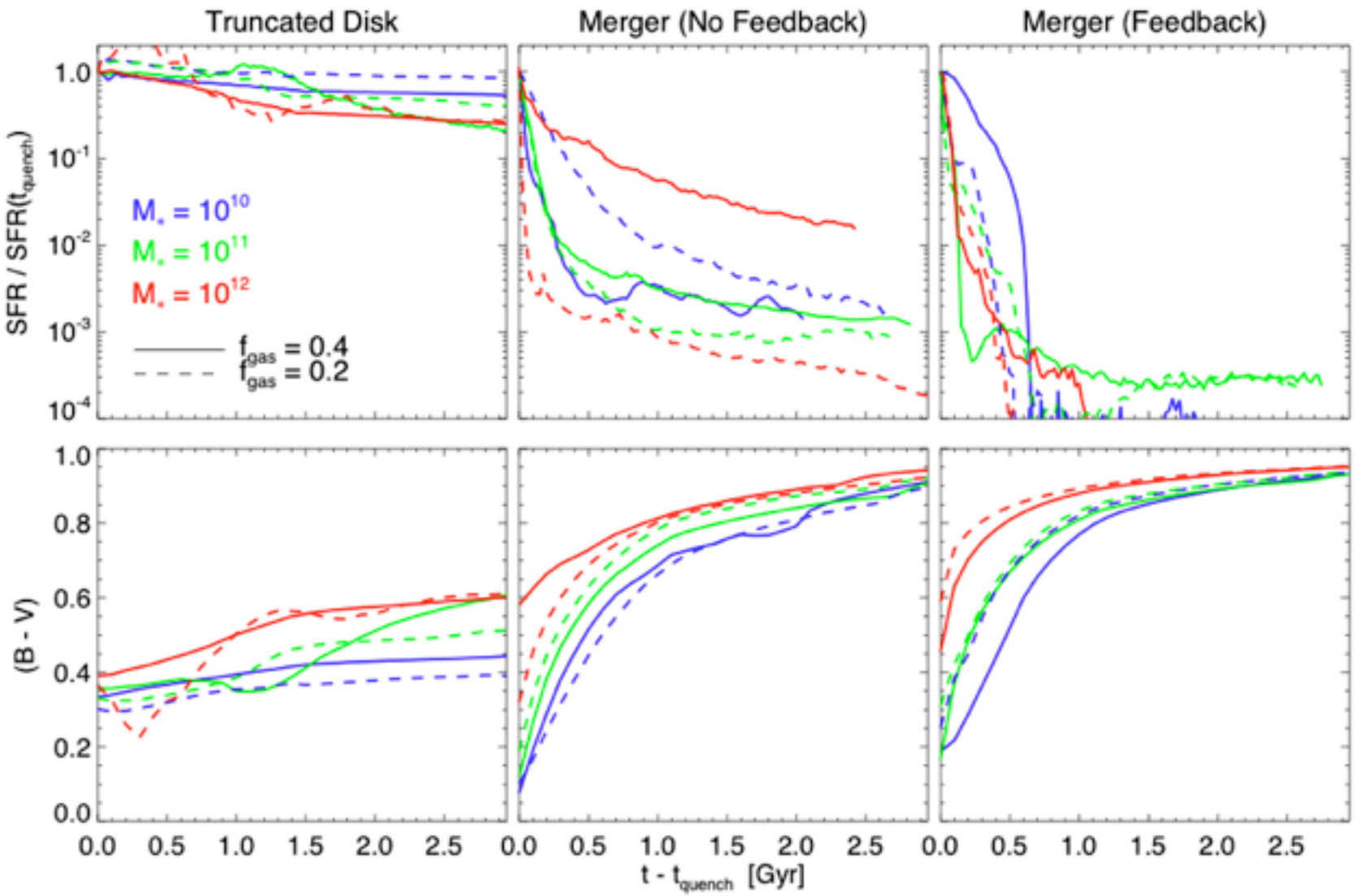

... MOST of the work is still done by star formation/stellar feedback

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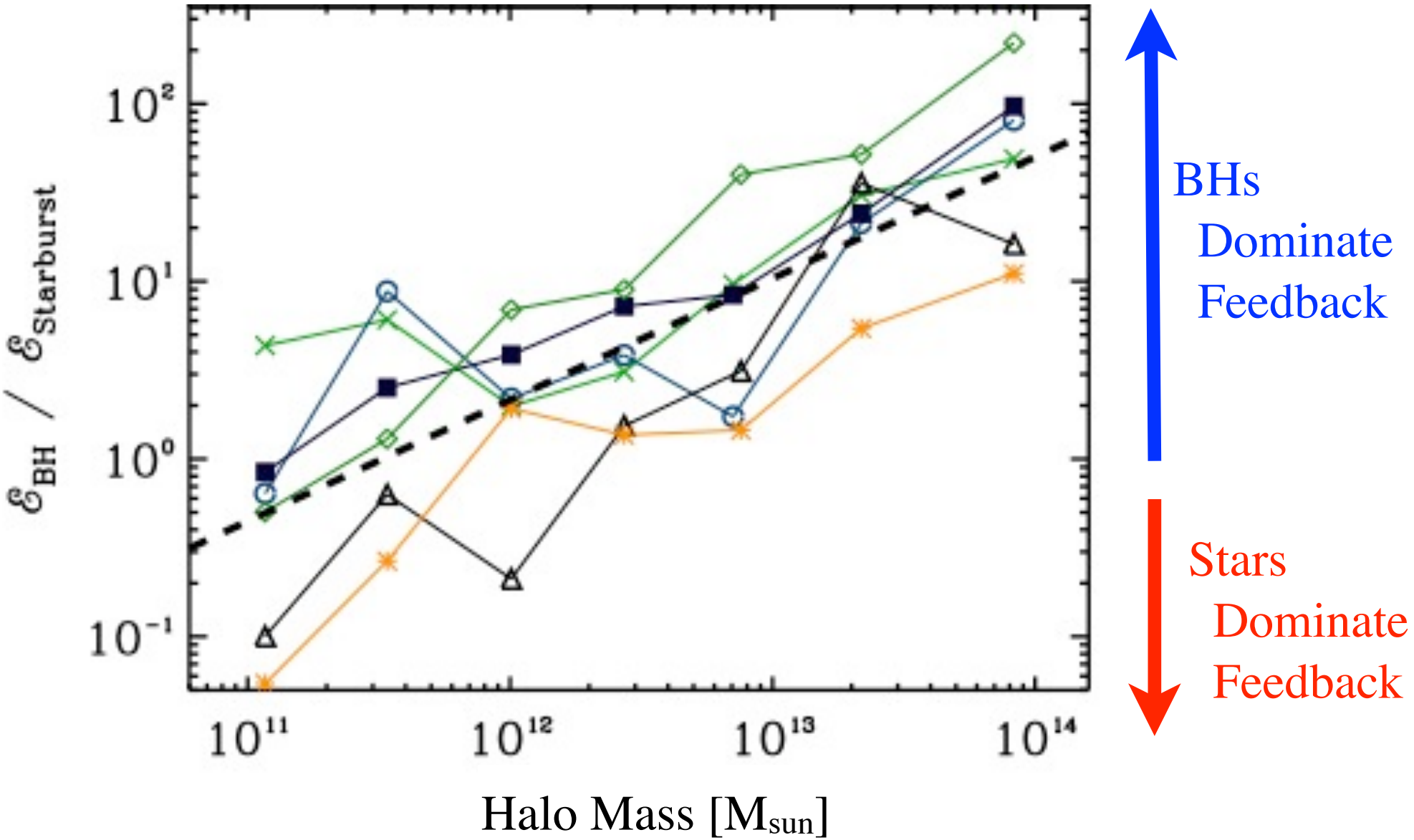

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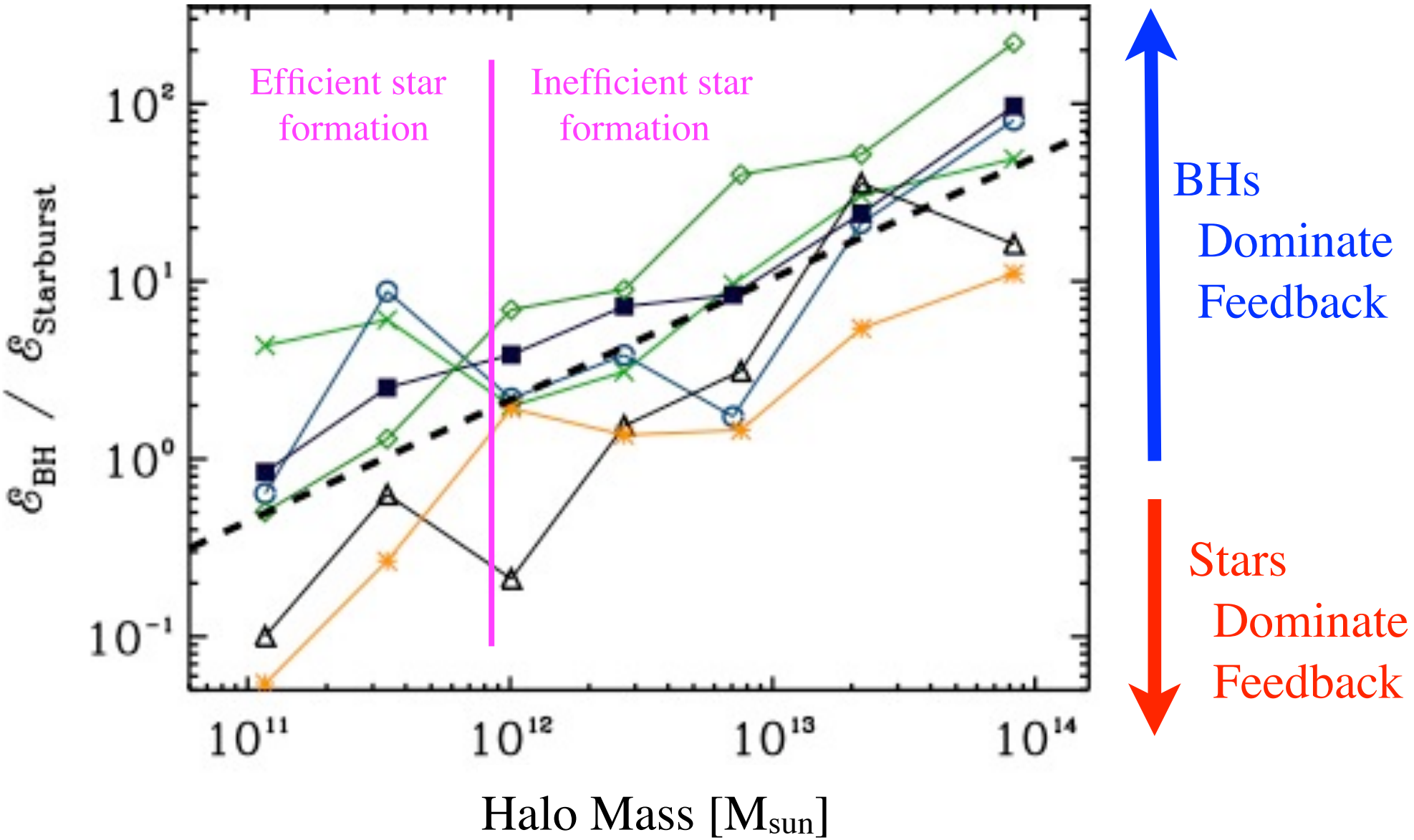

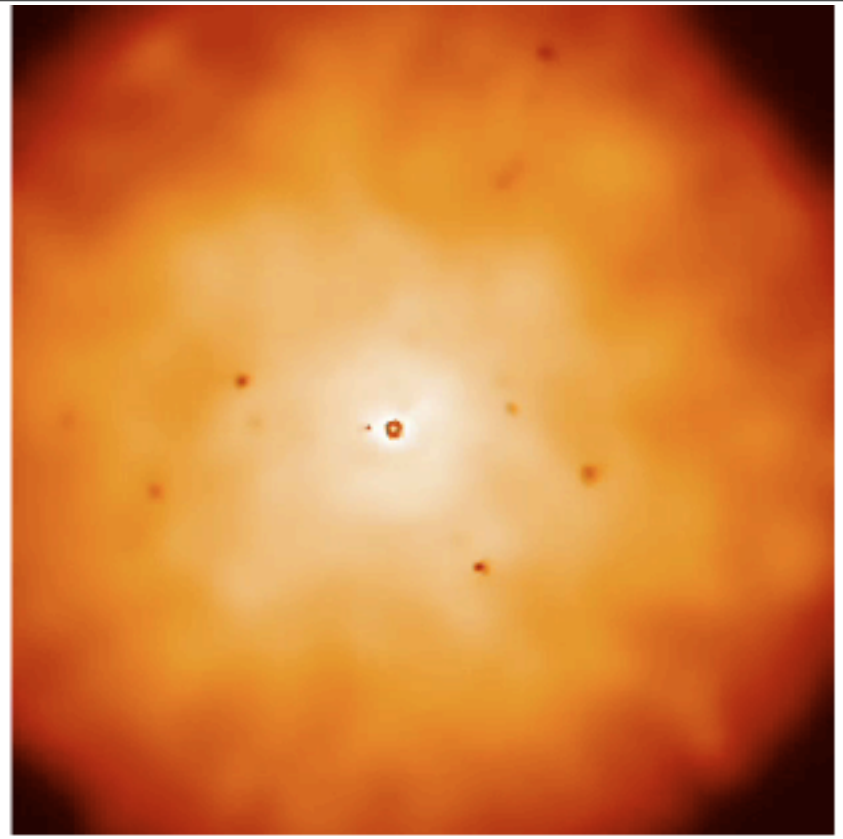

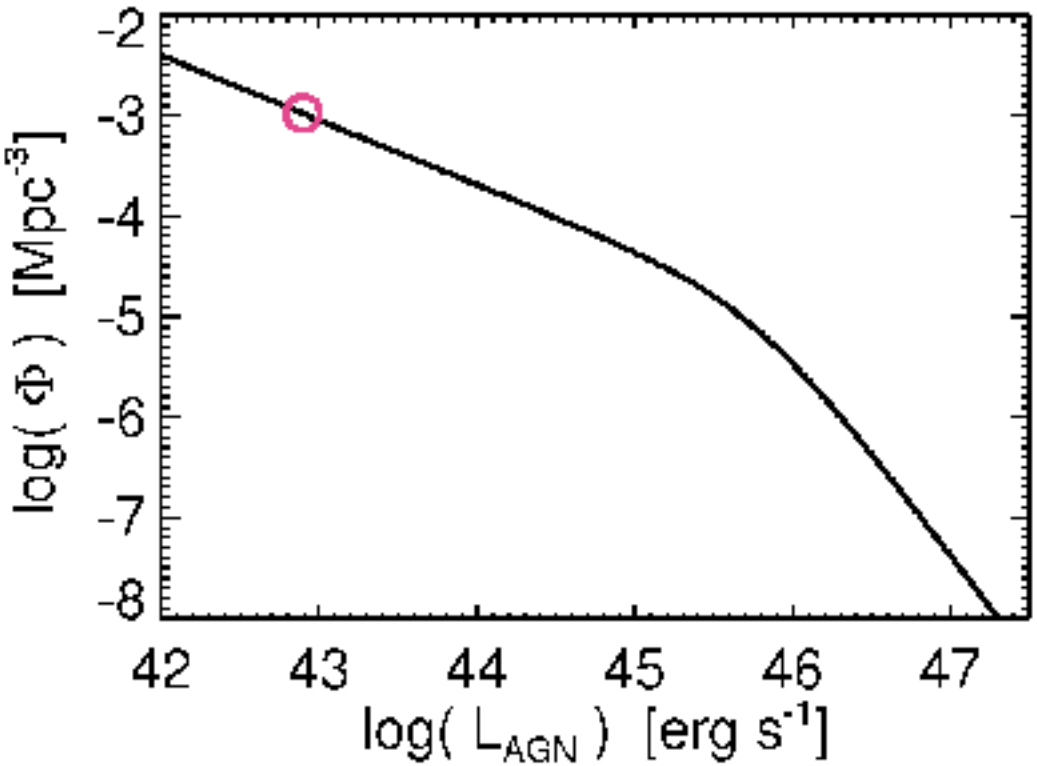
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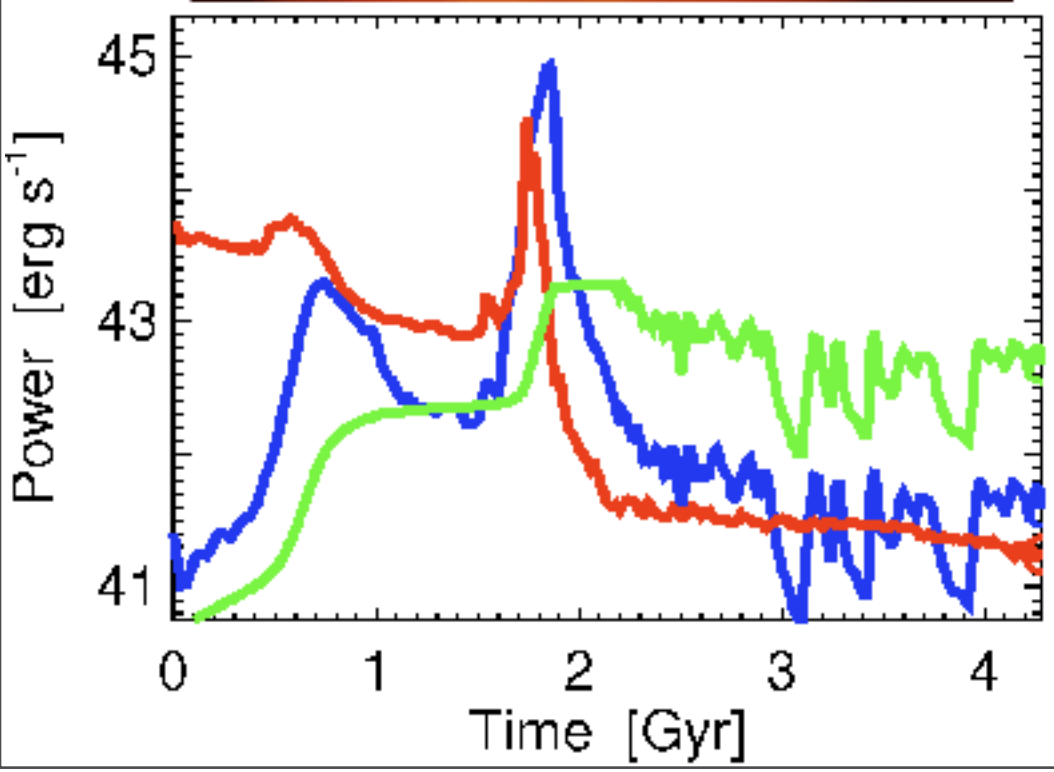
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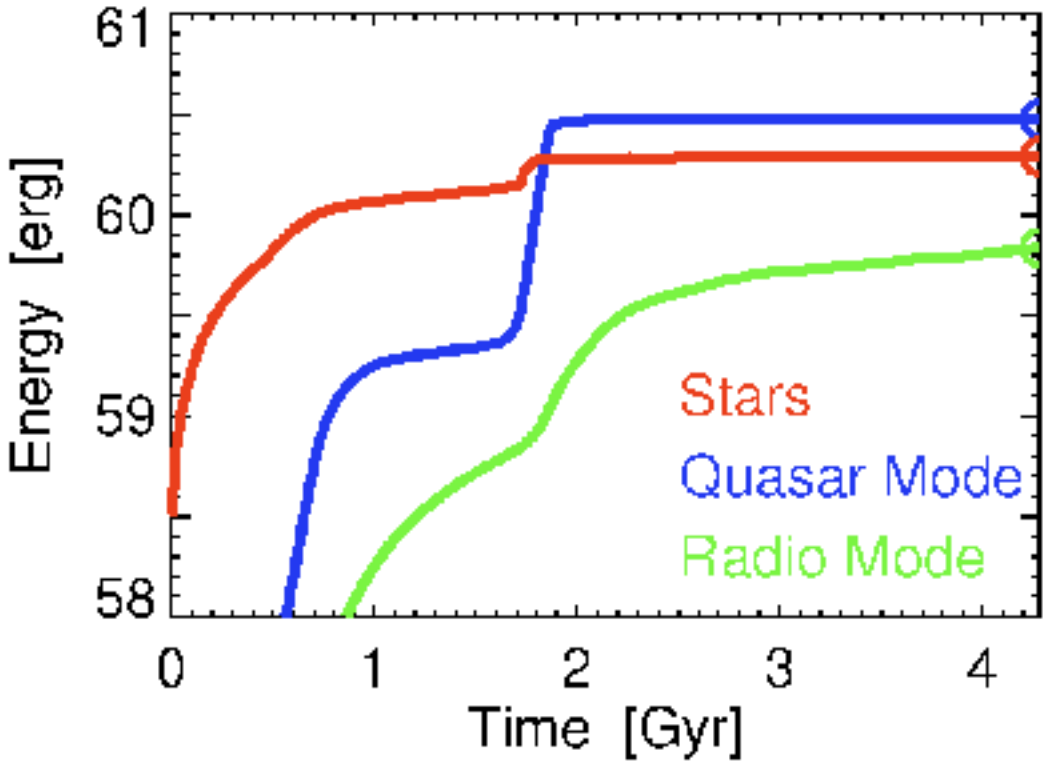
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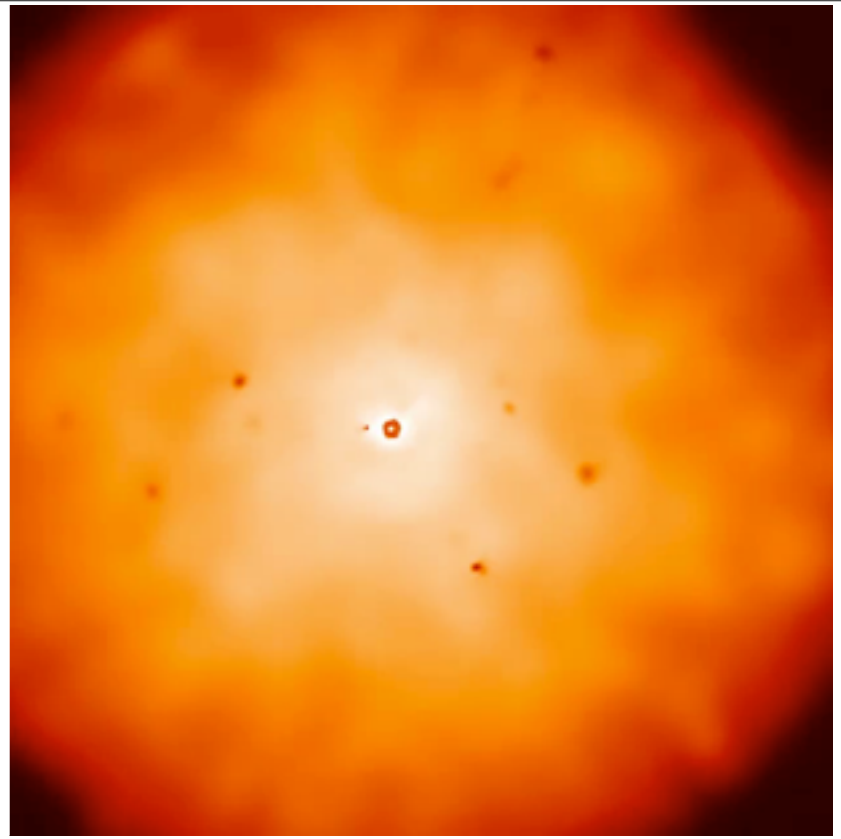

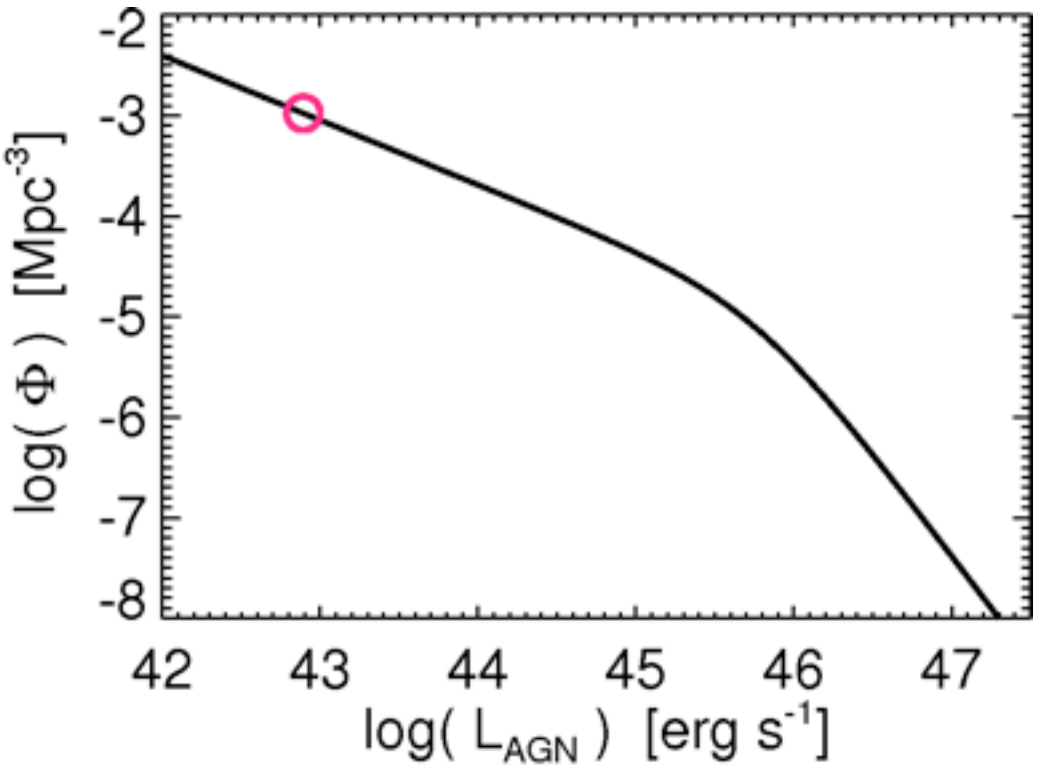
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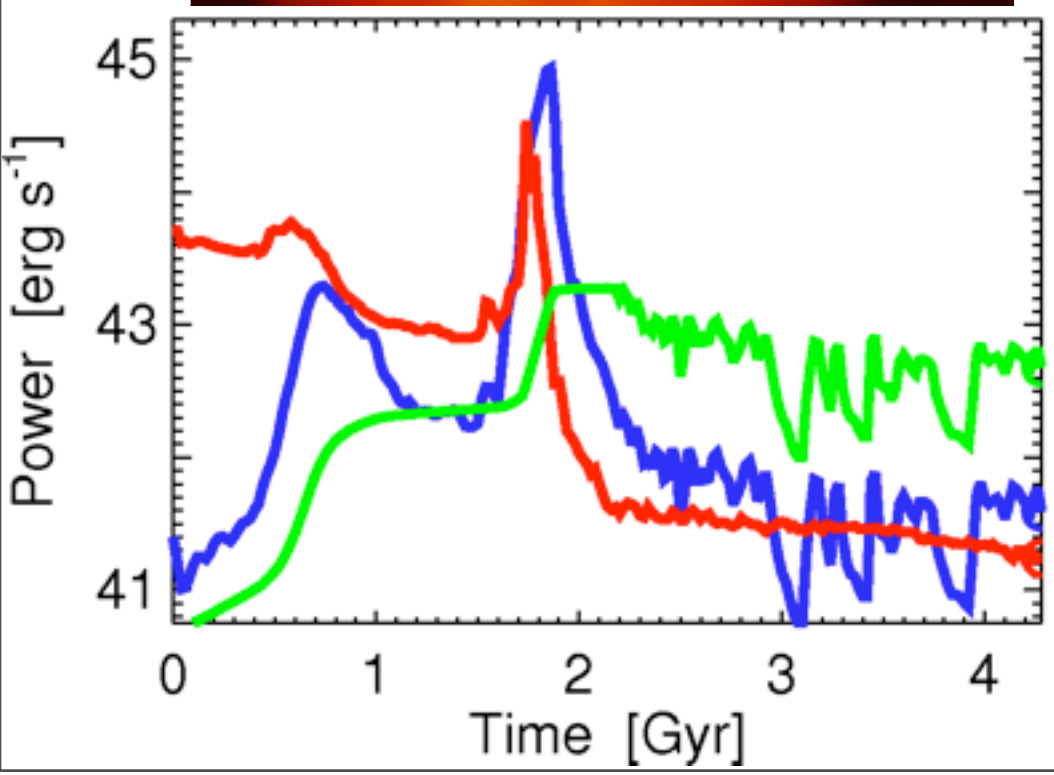
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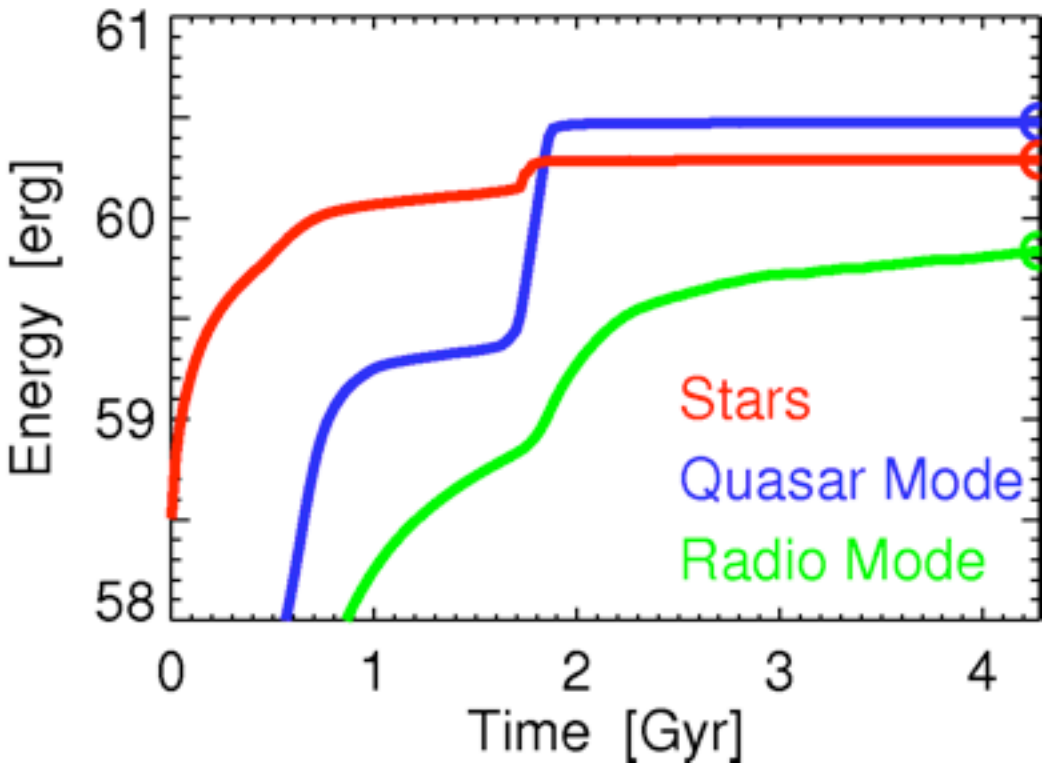
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- How important is the “radio” or “maintance” mode?

Scannapieco & Oh ’04:
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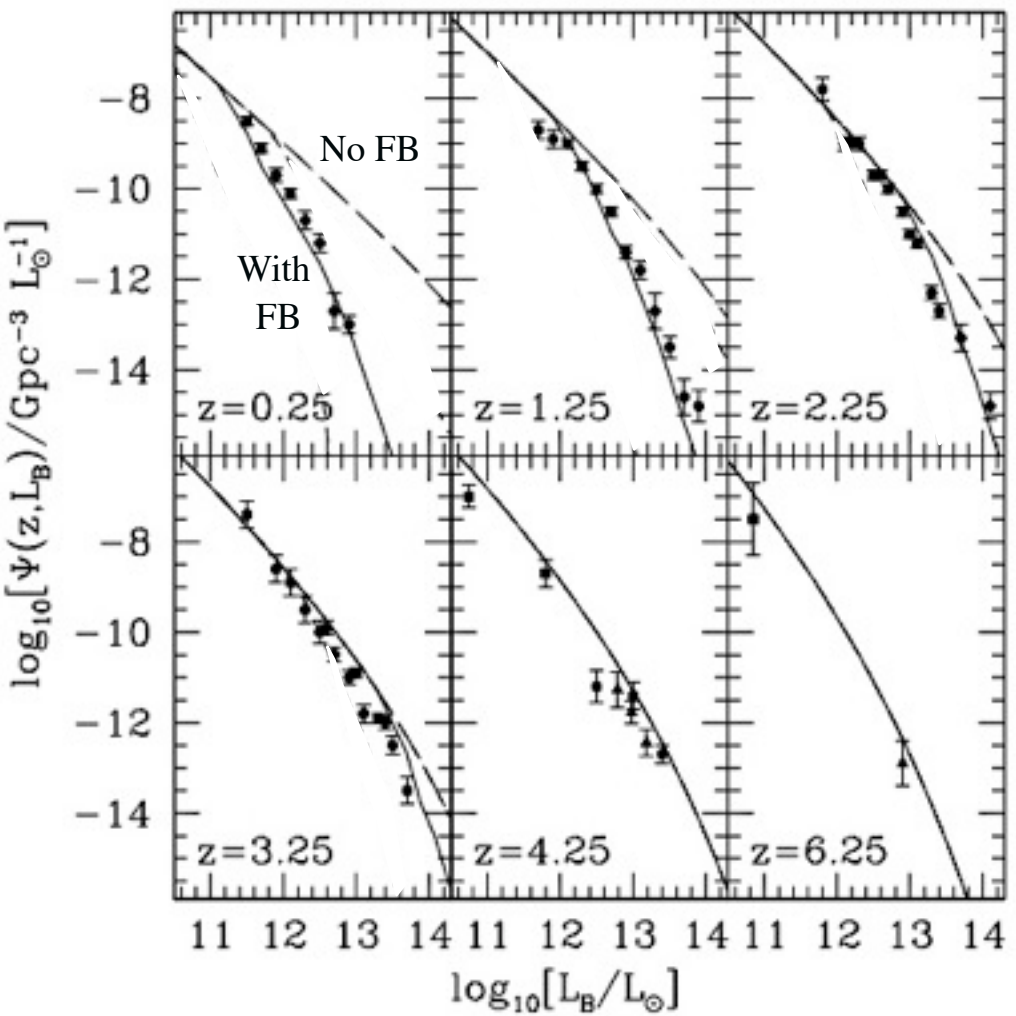

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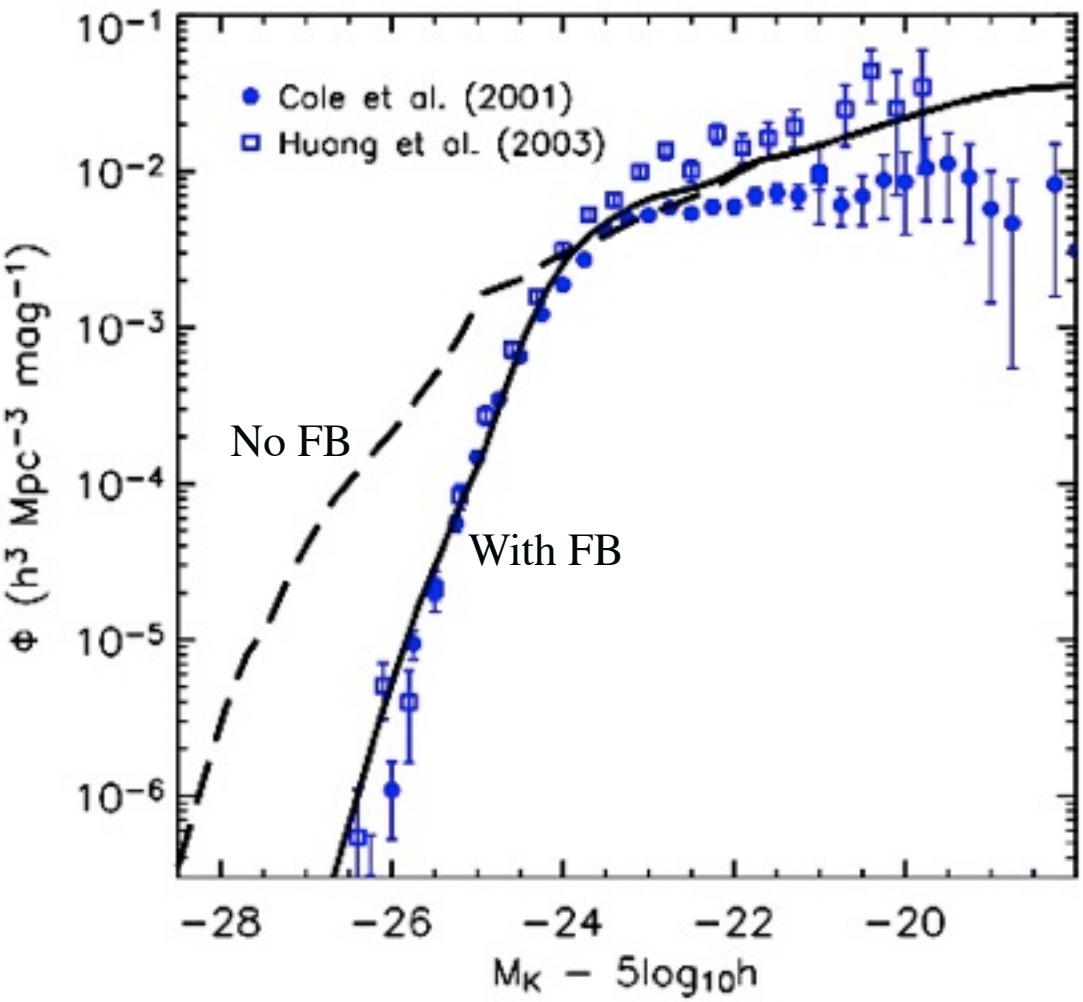

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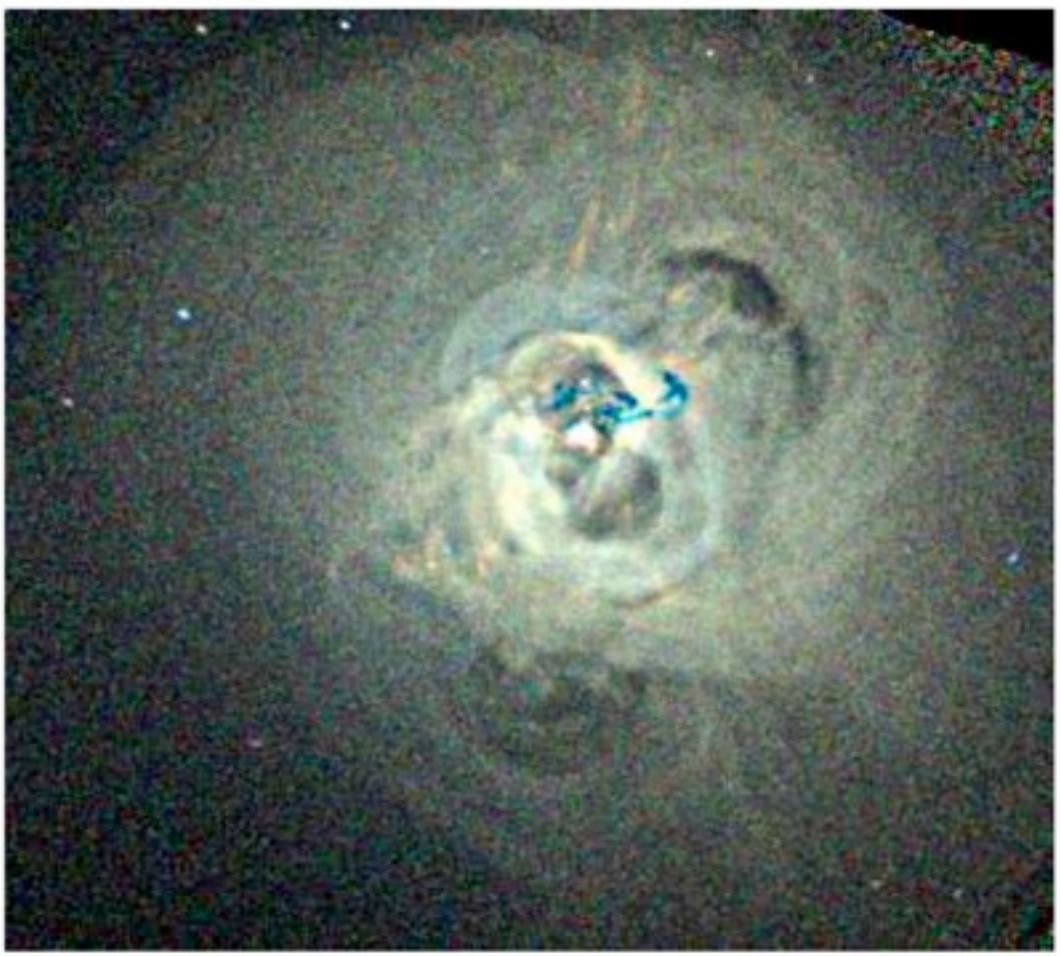
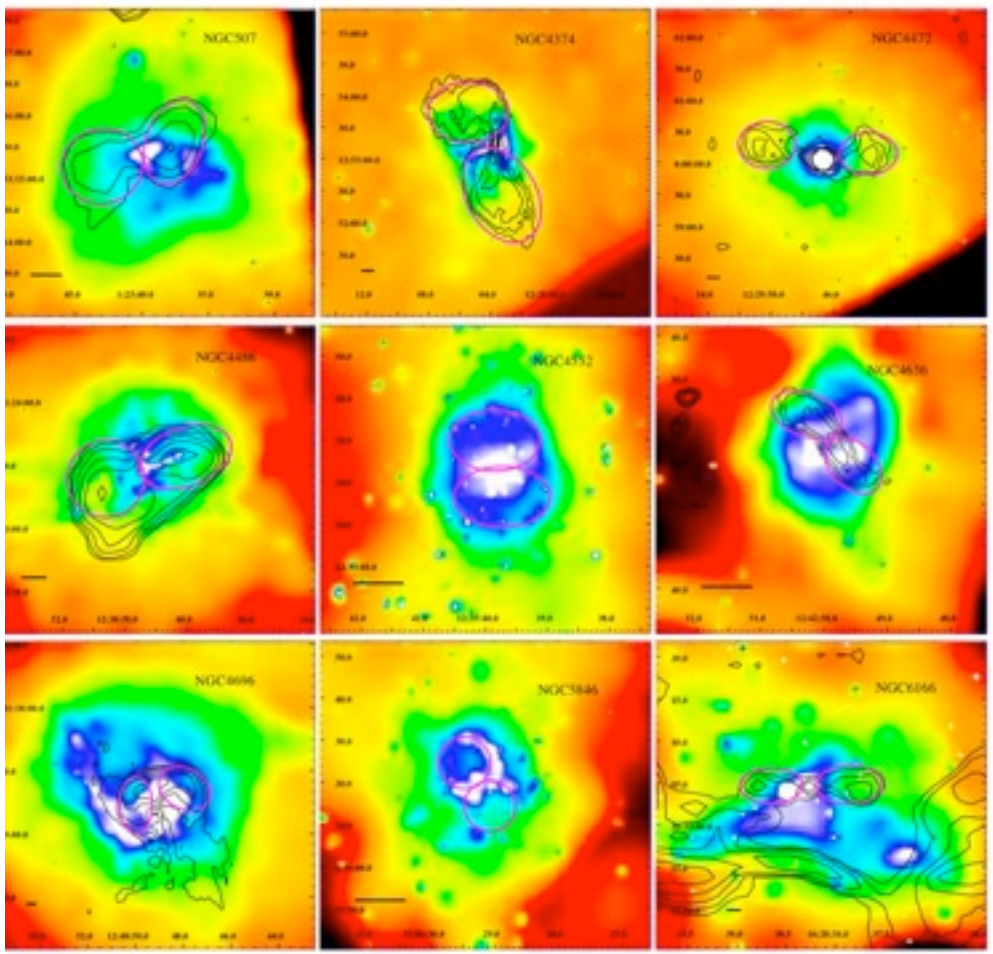
  but we also *see* radio jets doing work:
  - What is “typical”?



Fabian (Perseus Cluster)



Allen (X-ray Ellipticals)

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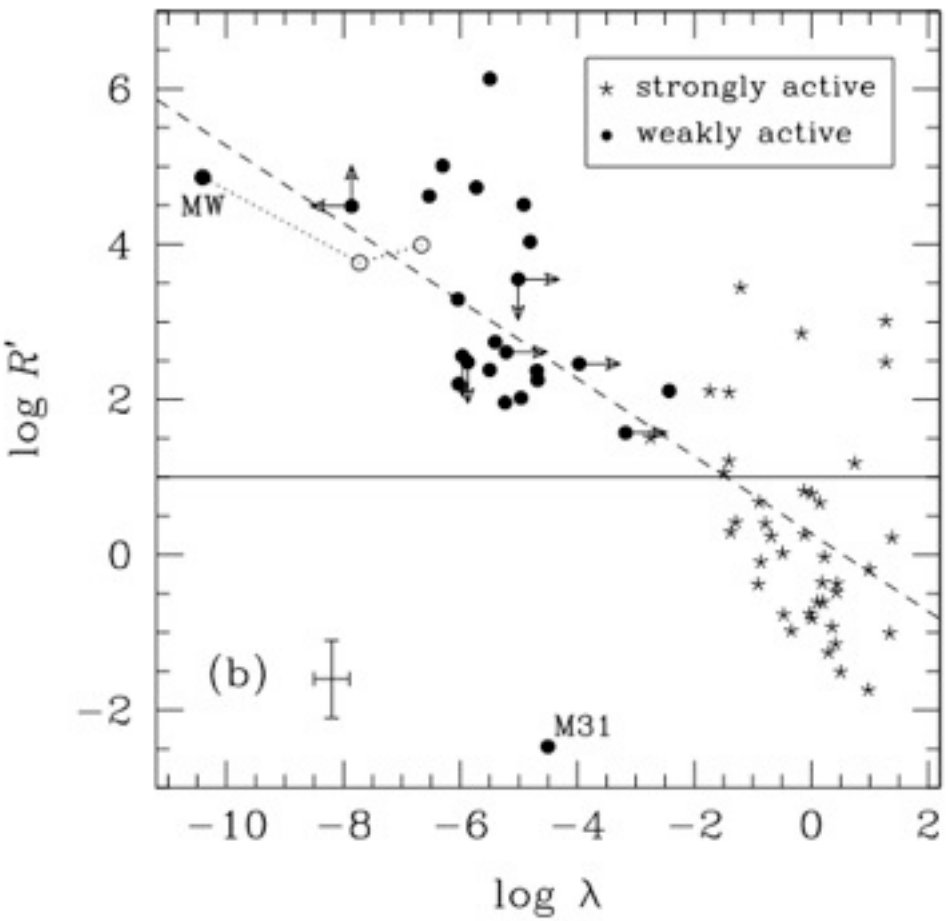
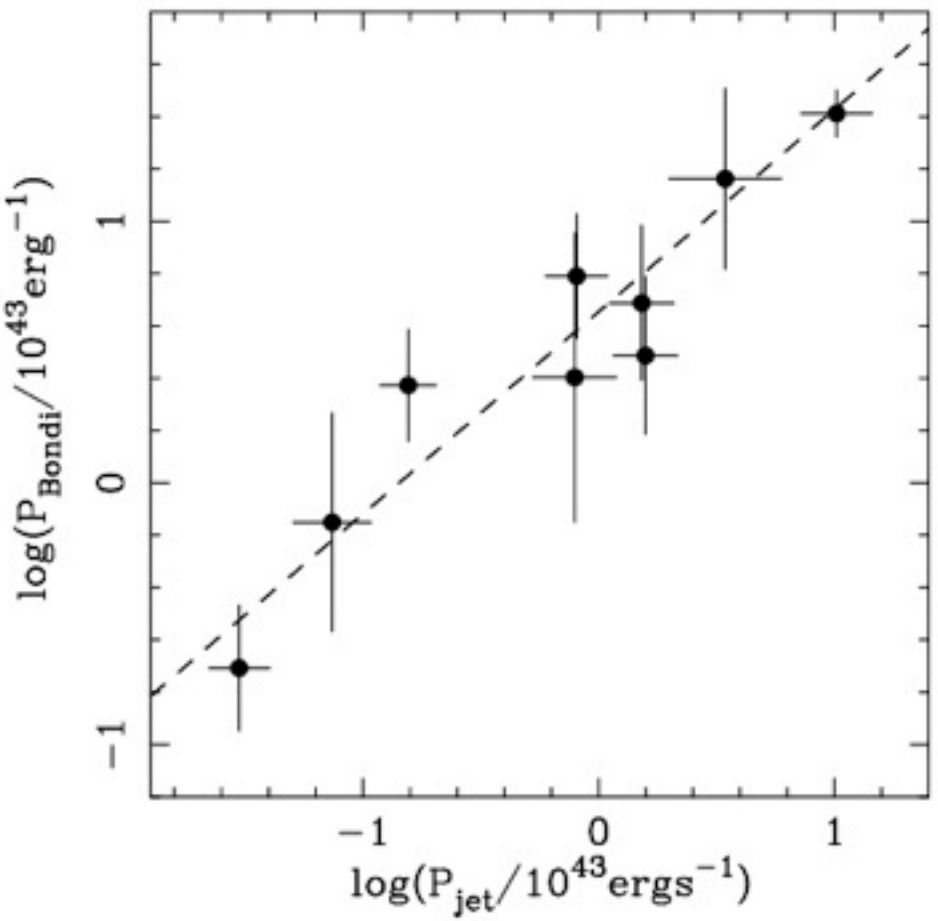


Allen: P(jet) versus P(accretion):



- Observational constraints on the power involved are leading the way

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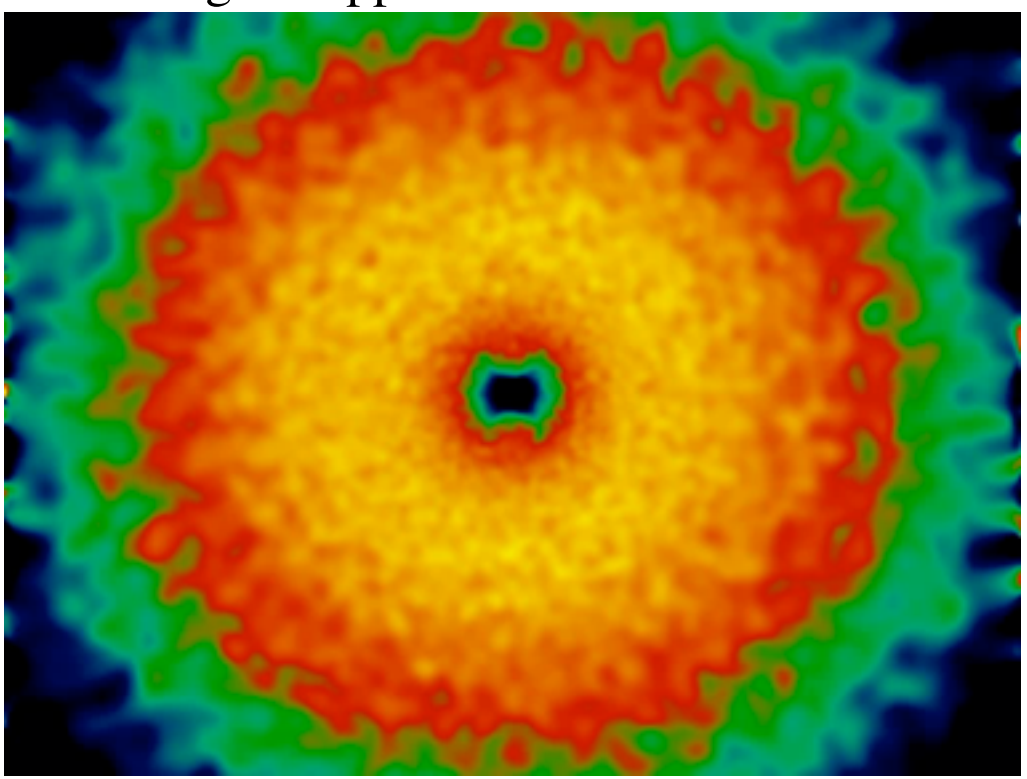
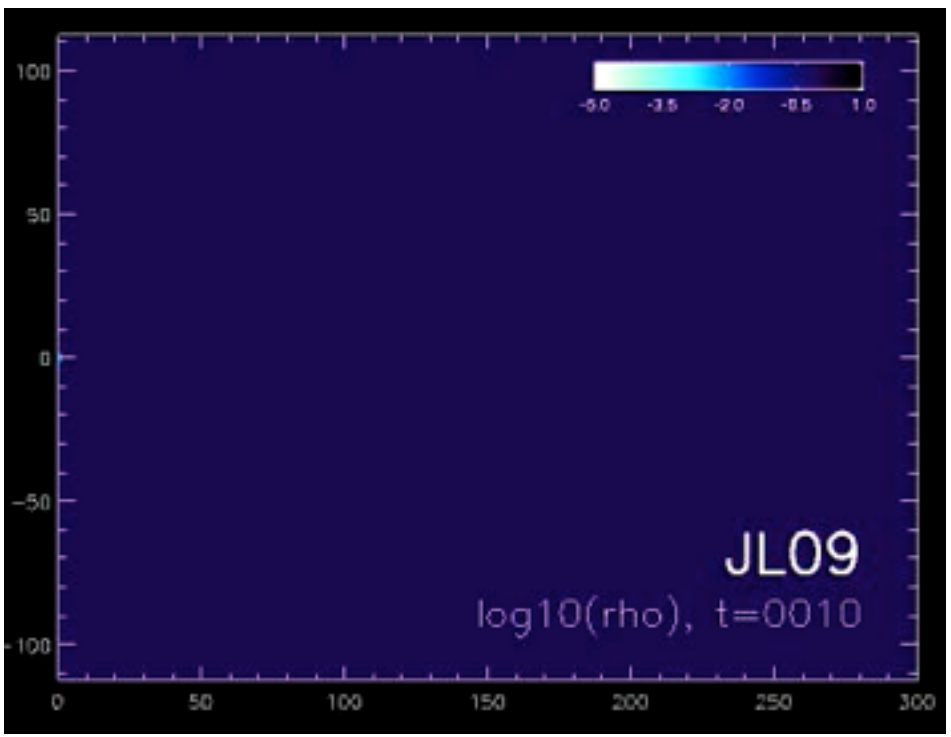
- Breakthroughs being made on the simulation side as well:

Sijacki et al.

Cosmological approximations:



Idealized jets (even MHD ones!):



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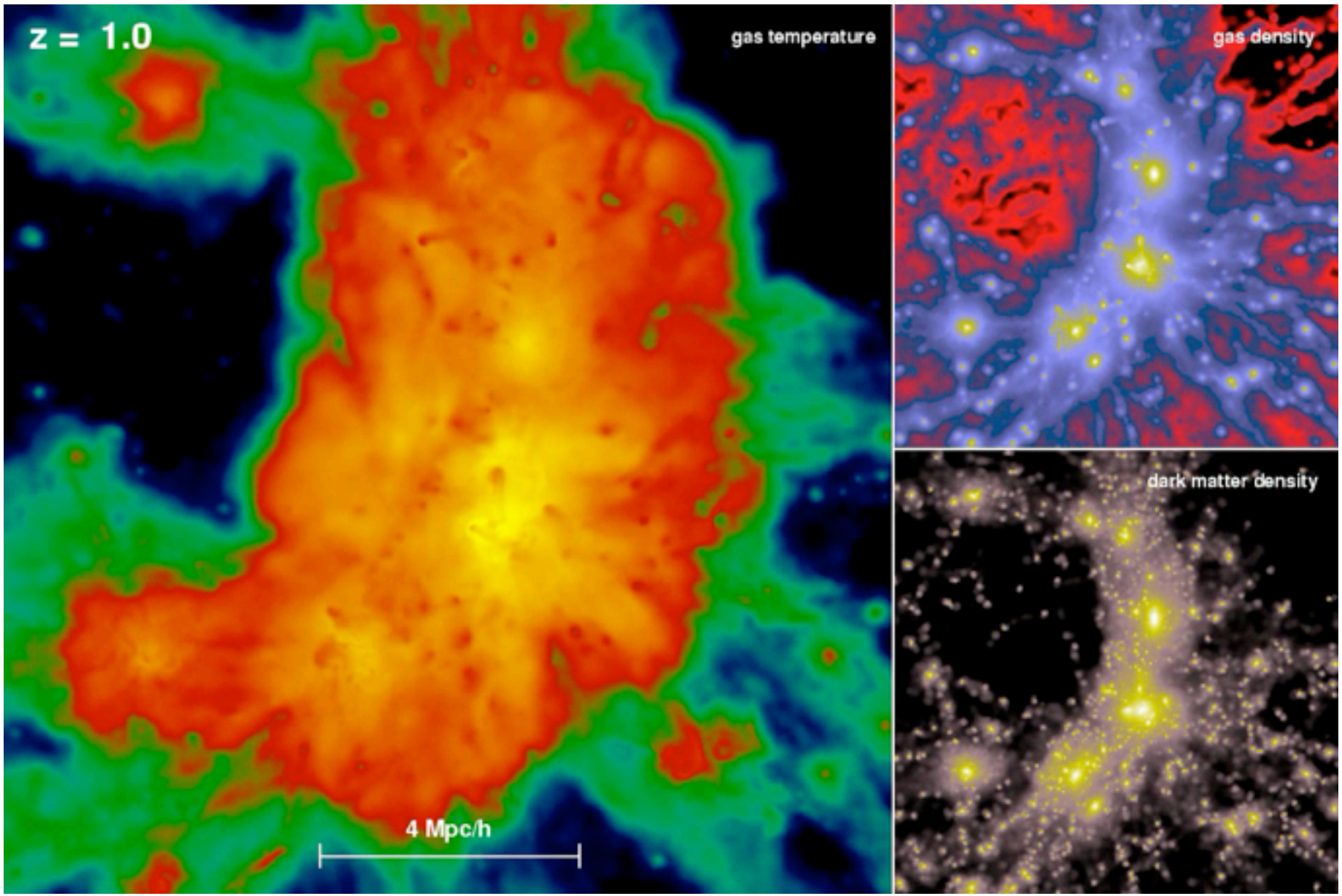
- Lest we forget, real clusters are messy...



- Gravitational heating, distributed AGN heating, may be important as well

Summary

- M_{BH} traces spheroid $E_{binding}$
  - Suggests *self-regulated* BH growth
    - Which mechanisms dominate BH feedback? When/where?

- If self-regulated, this feedback is potentially radically important:
  - Heating gas, ejecting metals, shutting down SF
  - Self-regulated decay of QSO luminosity:
    - Why are quasar lifetimes generically self-similar?
  - Where/what is the transition/maintenance mode role?
    - Function of Eddington ratio?

- Most BH growth should come in mergers... but "are AGN mergers?" is the wrong question: we should ask:
  - "Where (as a function of L, z, d) do mergers vs. secular processes dominate the AGN population?"
    - Clustering vs. scale
    - Host galaxy colors/SFH
    - Host morphology/kinematics