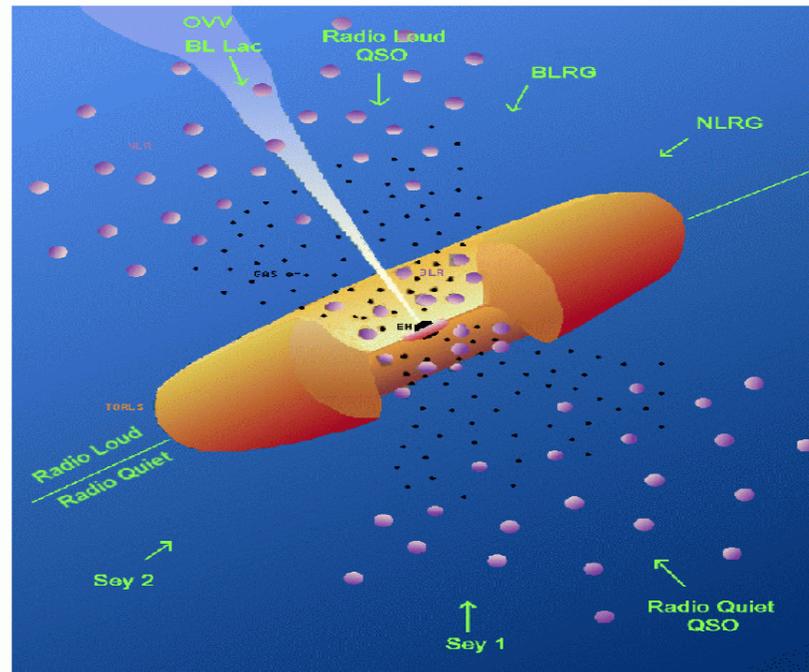


# AGN- Alias **Active** Galactic Nuclei

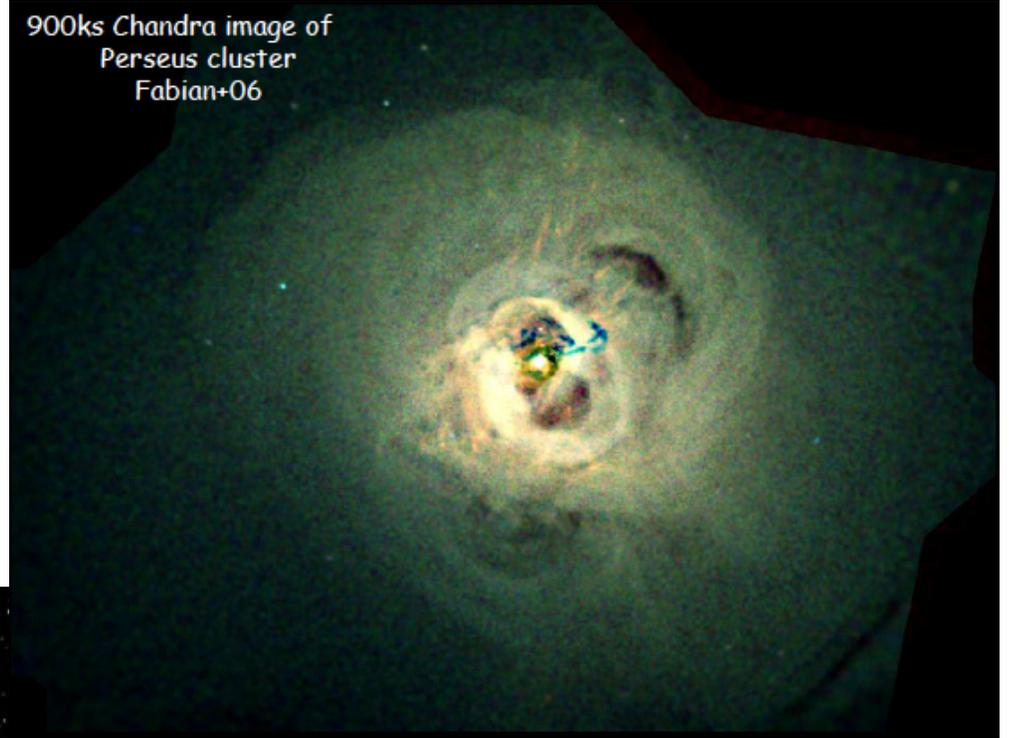
- AGN are **'radiating'** supermassive black holes-
  - They go by a large number of names (Seyfert I, Seyfert II, radio galaxies, quasars, Blazars etc etc)
  - The names convey the observational



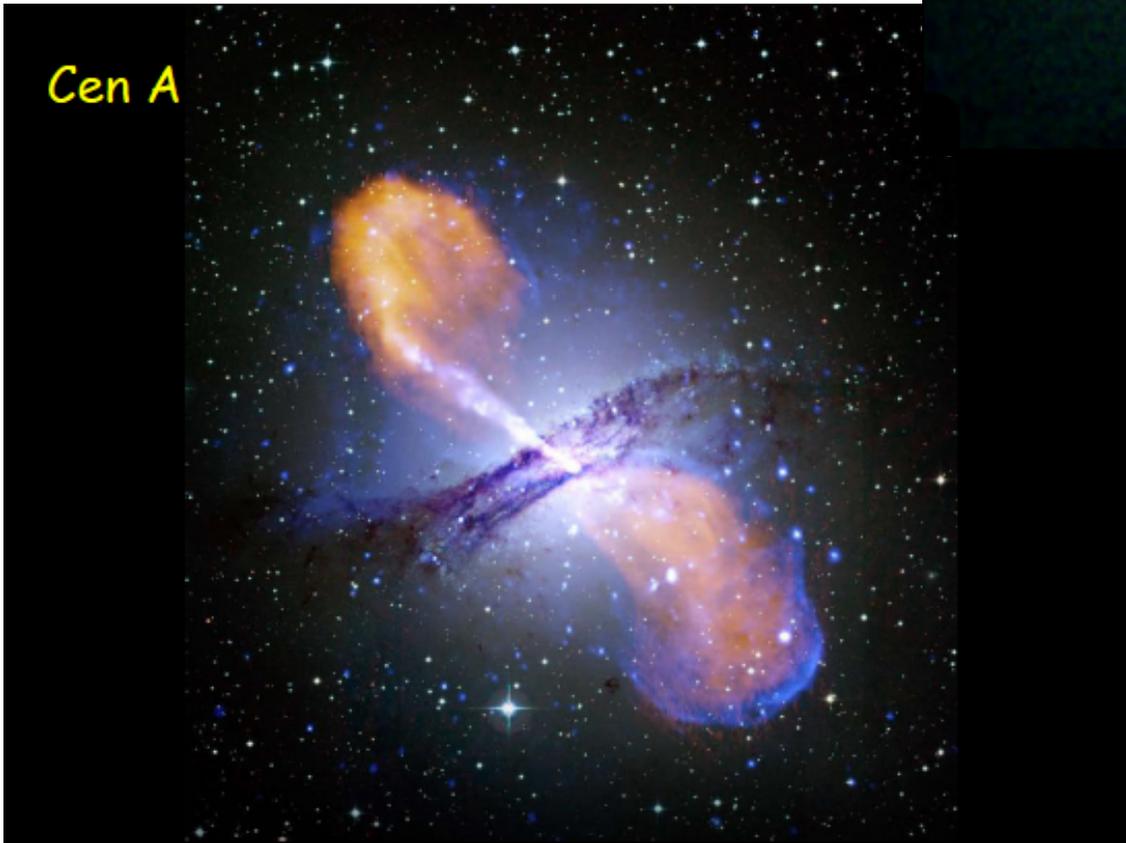
Schematic diagram of regions near the SMBH  
Urry and Padovani 1995

# AGN- Black Holes

900ks Chandra image of  
Perseus cluster  
Fabian+06



Cen A



It is now believed that almost all massive galaxies have supermassive ( $M > 10^6 M_{\odot}$ ) black holes

*But at  $z=0$  only ~10% are 'active'*

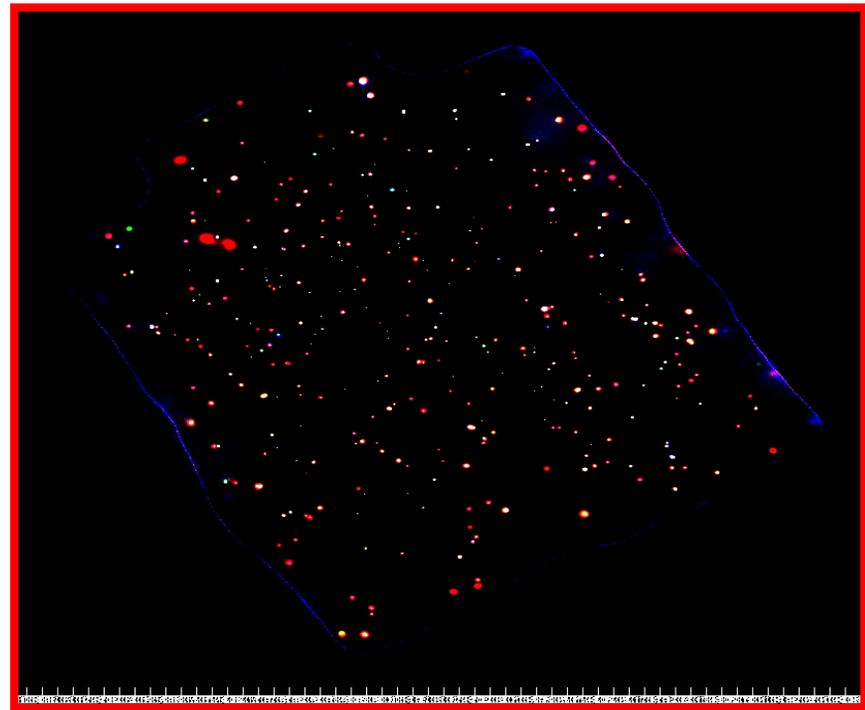
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# The History of Active Galaxies

- Active Galaxies (AKA quasars, Seyfert galaxies etc) are radiating massive black holes with  $L \sim 10^8 - 10^{14} L_{\text{sun}}$



- The change in the luminosity and number of AGN with

X-ray Color Image (1deg)  
of the Chandra Large Area X-ray Survey-  
CLASXS

# Galaxy formation and accretion on supermassive black holes appear to be closely related

Black holes play an important role in galaxy formation theories

Observational evidence suggests a link between BH growth and galaxy formation:

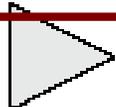
- ▶  $M_B$ - $\sigma$  relation
- ▶ Similarity between cosmic SFR history and quasar evolution

Theoretical models often assume that BH growth is self-regulated by **strong** feedback:

- ▶ Blow out of gas in the halo once a critical  $M_B$  is reached  
Silk & Rees (1998), Wyithe & Loeb (2003)

- Feedback by AGN may:**
- ▶ Solve the cooling flow riddle in clusters of galaxies
  - ▶ Explain the cluster-scaling relations, e.g. the tilt of the  $L_x$ - $T$  relation
  - ☀ ▶ Explain why ellipticals are so gas-poor
  - ☀ ▶ Drive metals into the IGM by quasar-driven winds
  - ☀ ▶ Help to reionize the universe and suppress star formation in small galaxies

Springel 2004

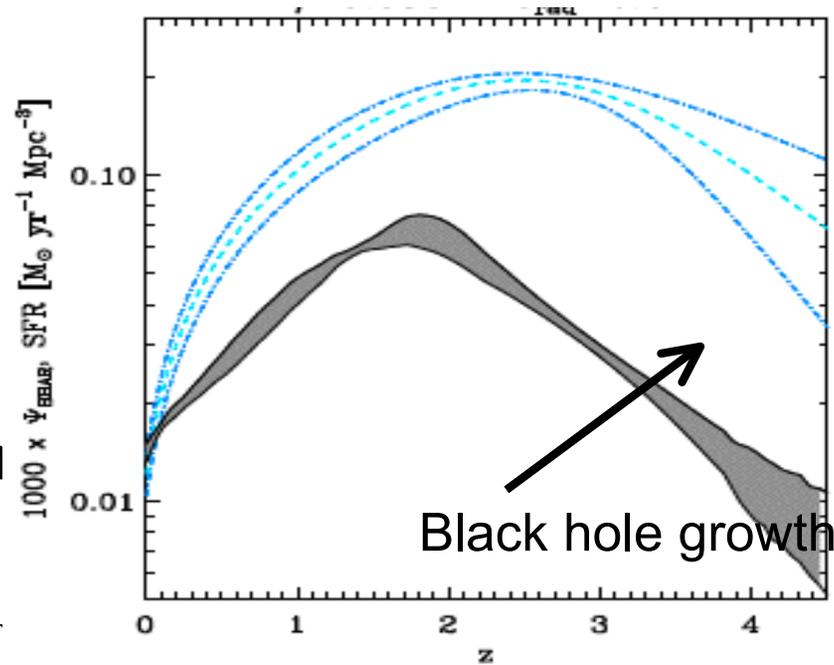


*Galaxy formation models need to include the growth and feedback of black holes !*

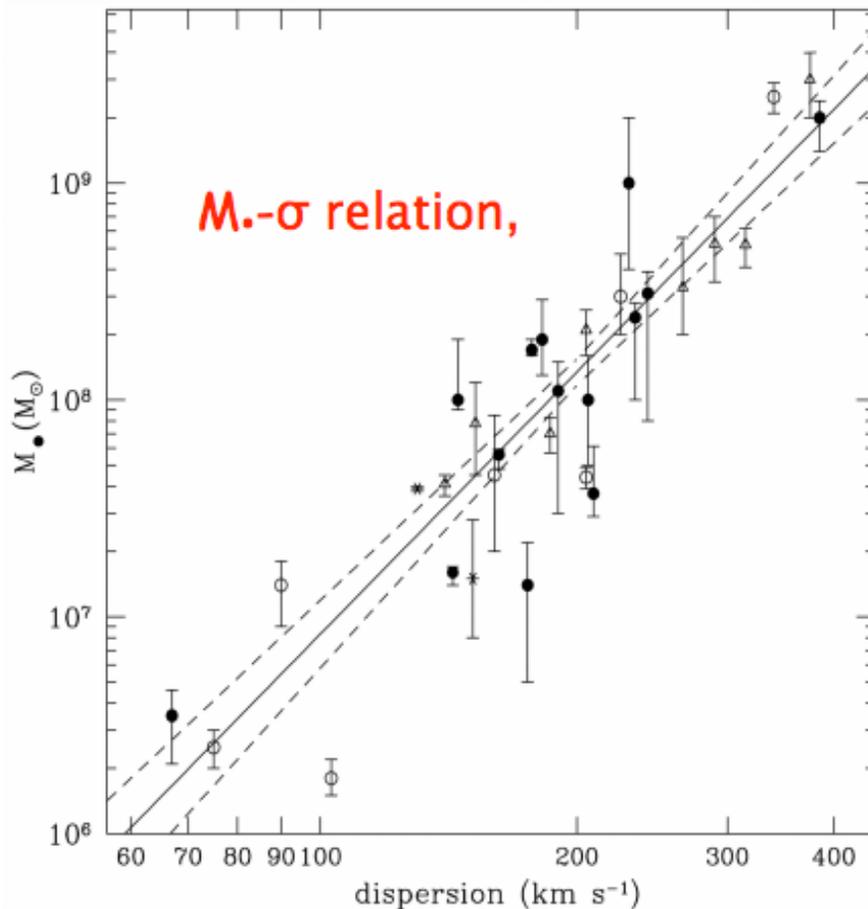
# SFR Rate and AGN Growth

Star formation rate

- To first order the growth of supermassive black holes (as traced by their luminosity converted to accretion rate) and the star formation rate are very similar
  - showing similar rises and falls



Merloni 2010



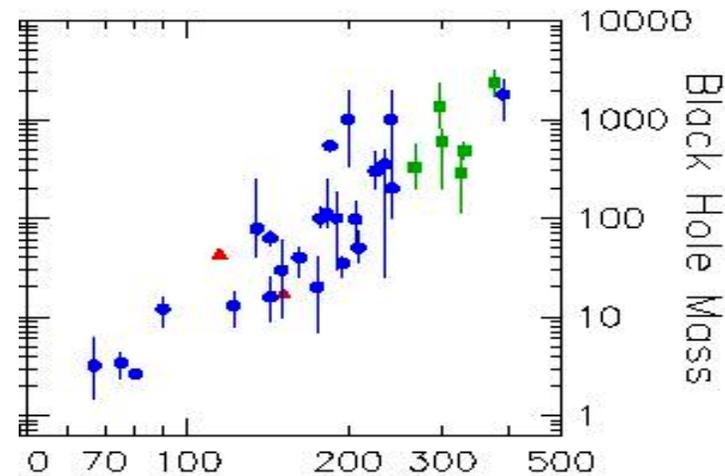
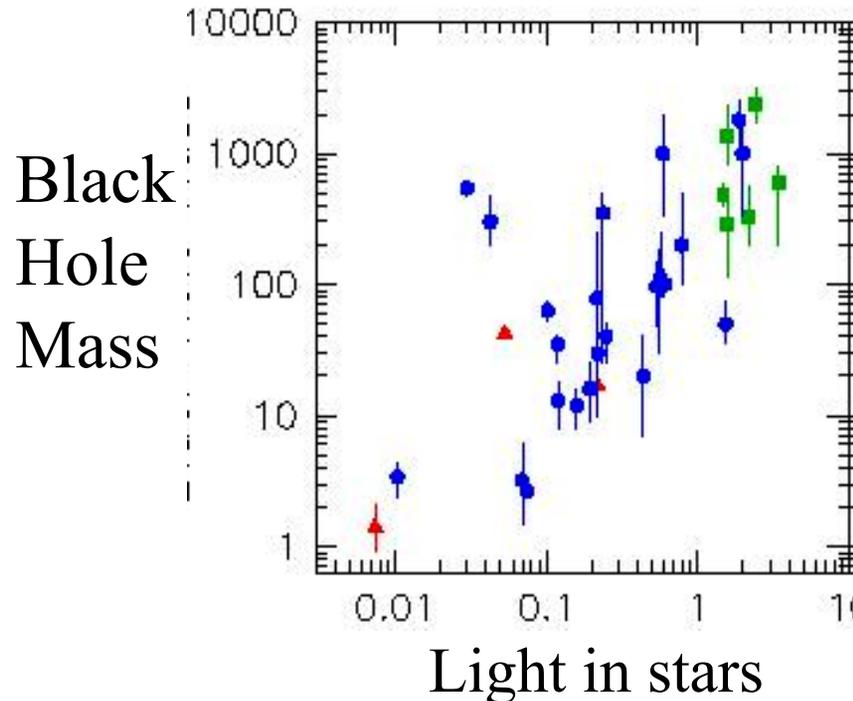
Magorrian et al. 1988; Gebhardt et al. 2000;  
Ferrarese & Merrit 2000; Tremaine et al. 2002

- Black hole mass correlated to host galaxy bulge mass.
- ↓
- Formation of bulge and growth of black hole are related.
- ↓
- AGN play a significant role in the evolution of galaxies

- Relation of mass of central black ( $M_{\text{BH}}$ ) hole to the velocity dispersion of the stars in the bulge ( $\sigma$ )

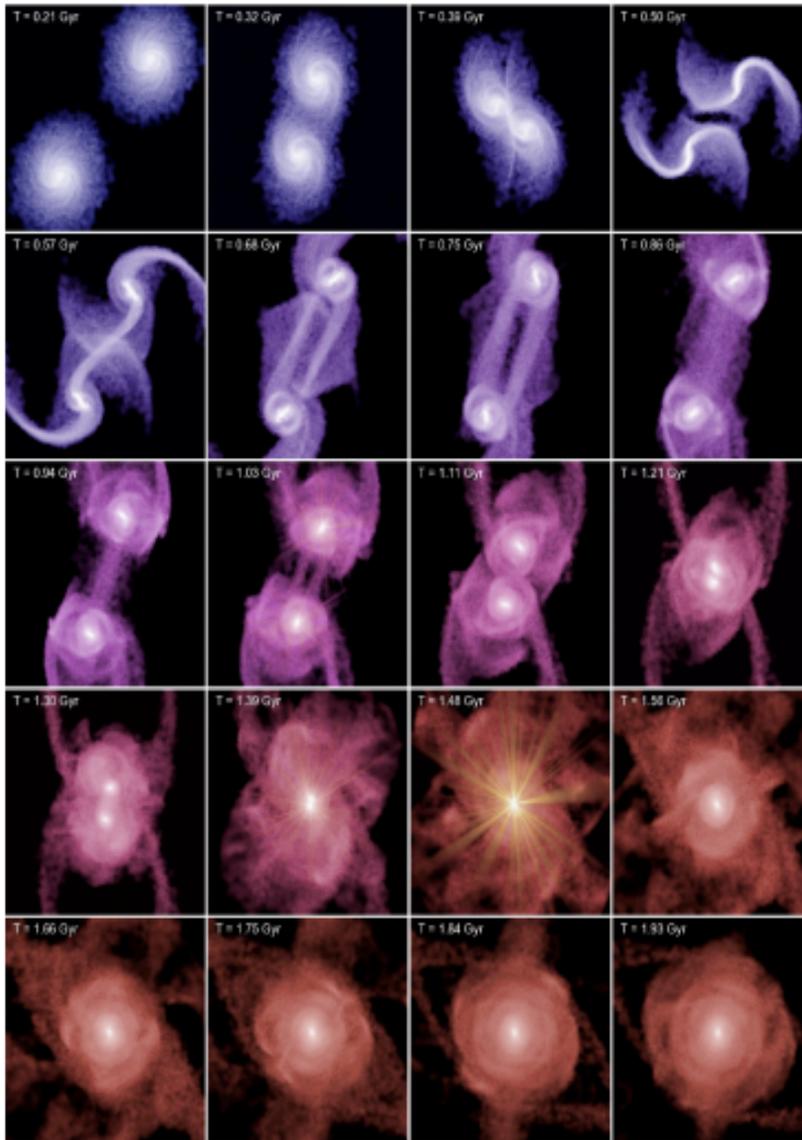
# Strong relationship between galaxy and its central massive black hole

- The mass of stars in the galaxy is strongly correlated



$(\text{Mass in stars})^{1/2}$

Scaling relations that allows estimate of BH mass in distant galaxies



- Gas rich major merger
- Inflows trigger BH accretion & starbursts
- Dust/gas clouds obscure AGN
- AGN wind sweeps away gas, quenching SF and BH accretion.

Hernquist (1989)  
Springel et al. (2005)  
Hopkins et al. (2006)

Stills from last weeks movie

# Problems with the Formation of the Universe

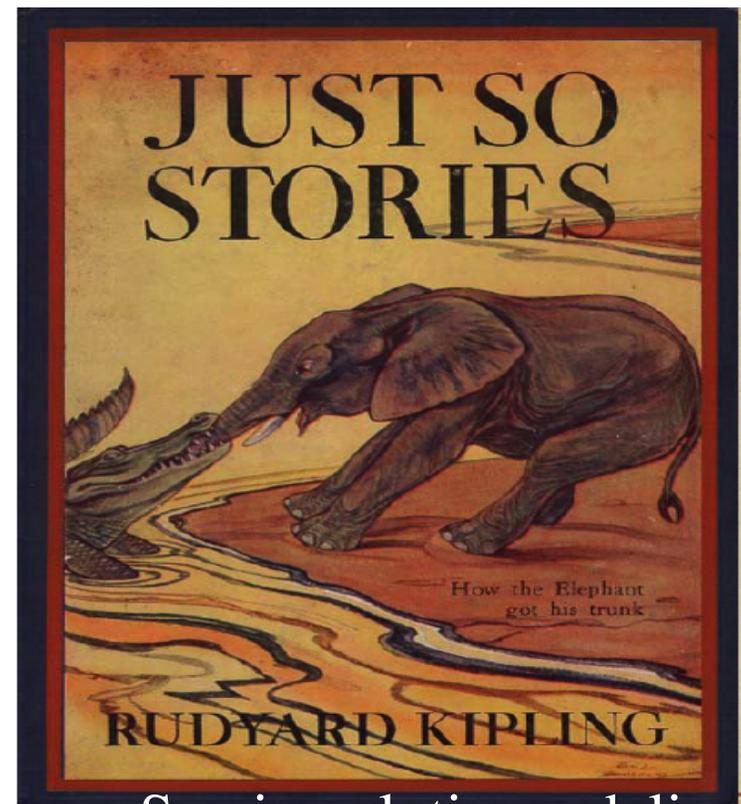
- How did the universe come to look like it does?
- Detailed numerical simulations show that gravity+ hydrodynamics does not produce the universe we see - many things are wrong e.g. galaxies are too big, too bright too blue, form at wrong time, wrong place
- What else is required?
  - **FEEDBACK**-The influence of objects on the universe (stars and AGN)
  - Stars don't have enough energy
  - So it has to be AGN
    - How ?

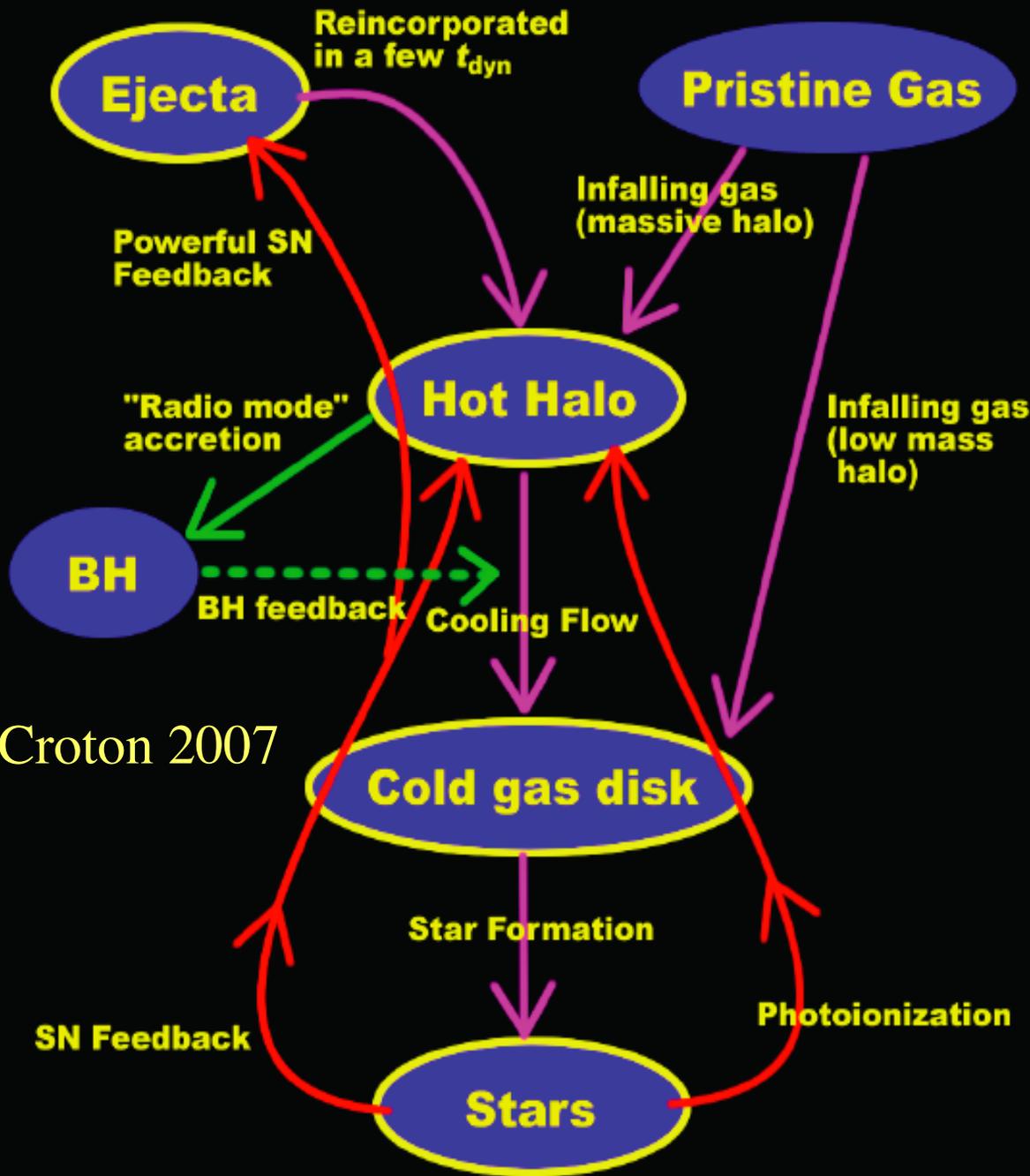


Paradiso Canto 31

# *How the Observable Universe Came to Be*

- Dark matter evolution in the universe now understood
  - **it is not at all understood how ‘baryonic structures’ (galaxies, groups, clusters) form.**
- For models to fit the data additional physics (beyond gravity and





Calculations from first principles are extremely complex and difficult

- Schmidt law star formation
- SFR dependent SN winds
- satellite gas stripping
- morphological transformation
- assembly through mergers
- starbursts through mergers
- Magorrian relation BH growth
- jet & bubble AGN feedback

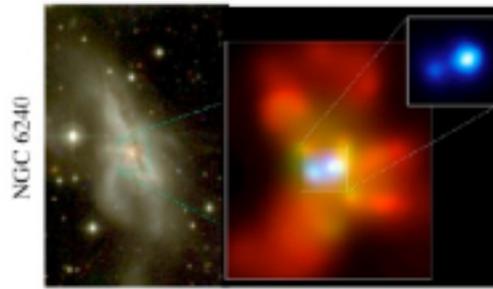
D. Croton 2007

(c) Interaction/"Merger"



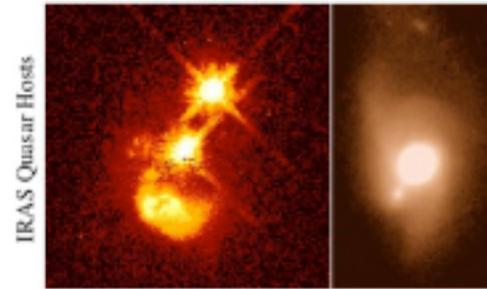
- now within one halo, galaxies interact & lose angular momentum
- SFR starts to increase
- stellar winds dominate feedback
- rarely excite QSOs (only special orbits)

(d) Coalescence/(U)LIRG



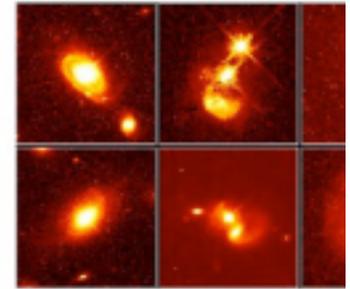
- galaxies coalesce: violent relaxation in core
- gas inflows to center: starburst & buried (X-ray) AGN
- starburst dominates luminosity/feedback, but, total stellar mass formed is small

(e) "Blowout"



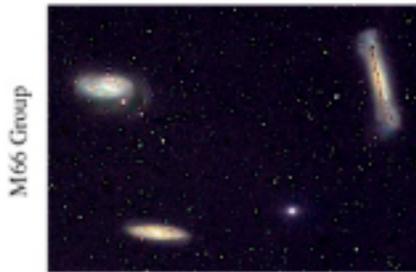
- BH grows rapidly: briefly dominates luminosity/feedback
- remaining dust/gas expelled
- get reddened (but not Type II) QSO: recent/ongoing SF in host
- high Eddington ratios
- merger signatures still visible

(f) Quasar

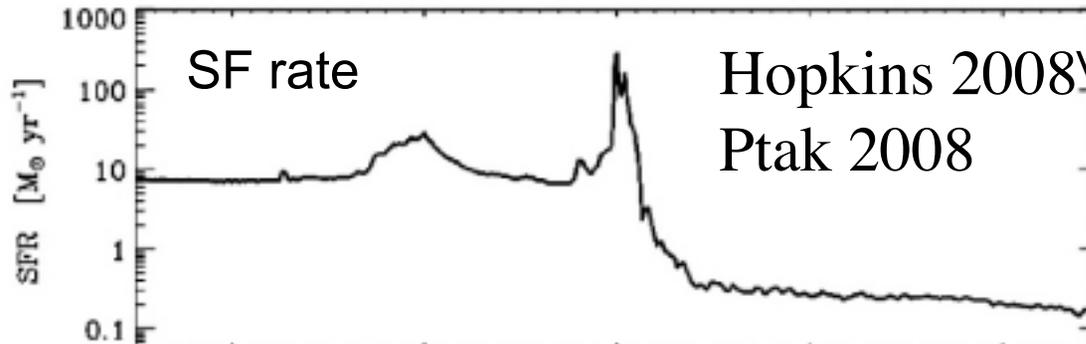


- dust removed: now a "tradition"
- host morphology difficult to see
- tidal features fade rapidly
- characteristically blue/young

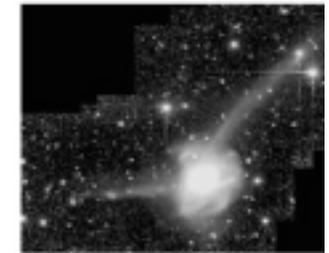
(b) "Small Group"



- halo accretes similar-mass companion(s)
- can occur over a wide mass range
- $M_{halo}$  still similar to before: dynamical friction merges the subhalos efficiently

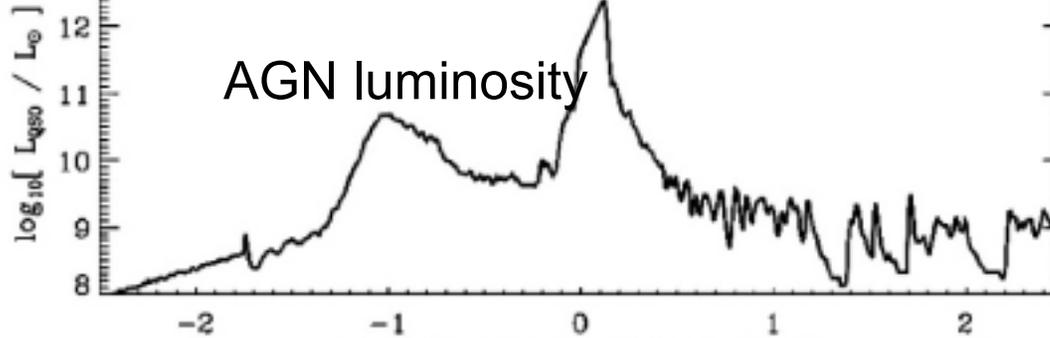


(g) Decay/K+A



- QSO luminosity fades rapidly
- tidal features visible on very deep observations
- remnant reddens rapidly (E)
- "hot halo" from feedback
- sets up quasi-static core

(a) Isolated Disk



(h) "Dead" Elliptical



- star formation terminated

# Why AGN ?

- **AGN have more energy than supernova**

- for a given galaxy take M87  $M_{\text{BH}} \sim 6 \times 10^9$ ;  $E = 10^{-1} M_{\text{BH}} c^2 \sim 10^{63}$  ergs; binding energy of galaxy  
 $E_{\text{bind}} \sim GM_{\text{baryon}} M_{\text{DM}} / R_{\text{galaxy}} \sim 10^{62}$  ergs
- Characteristic time to radiate at the maximum allowed (Eddington limit)  $\sim 40$  Myr

Average over universe

$$E_{\text{SN}} \sim 10^{-4} M_{\text{star}} c^2 \quad E_{\text{AGN}} \sim 10^{-1} M_{\text{BH}} c^2$$

- mass density of SN  $\rho_{\text{SN}} \sim 4 \times 10^7 M_{\odot} \text{Mpc}^{-3}$  over life of galaxy\* (1/MW/100yrs)
- mass density of AGN  $\rho_{\text{AGN}} \sim 4 \times 10^5 M_{\odot} \text{Mpc}^{-3}$  at  $z=0$

# The Bottom Line..

- Since mass of black holes scales linearly

$$E_{BlackHole} > 30 \times E_{Galaxy}$$

Energy released by growth of Black Hole

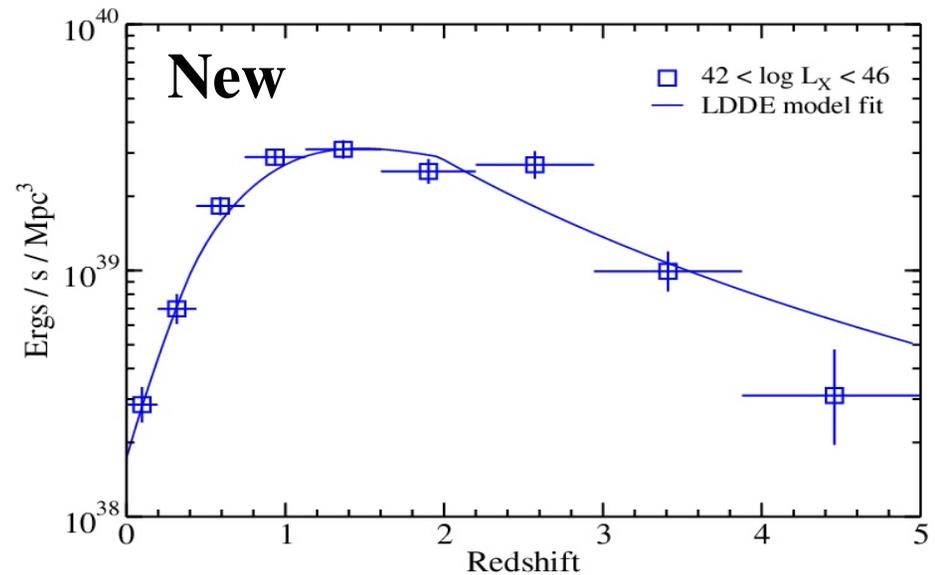
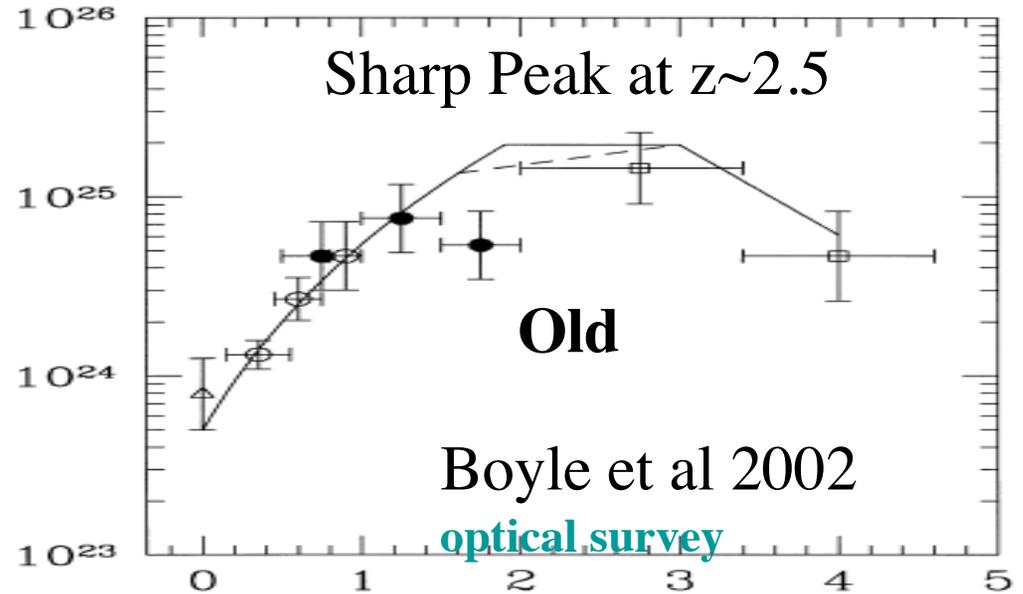
Gravitational Binding Energy of Host Galaxy

**If the energy is in the right form and available at the right time AGN can have a strong influence on the baryons in the galaxy**

# AGN Evolution

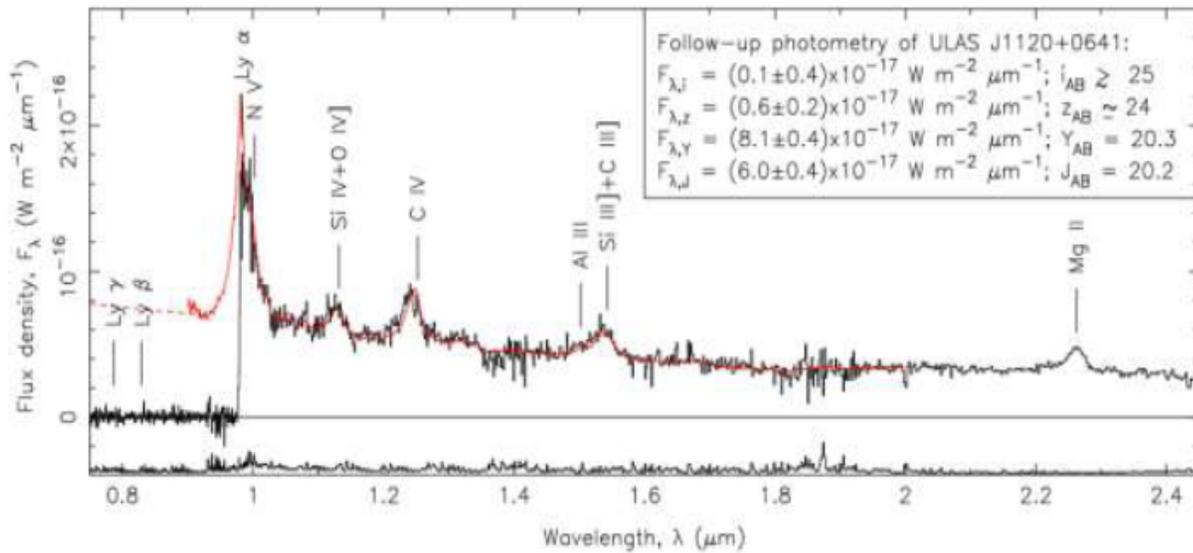
- AGN evolve rapidly in low  $z$  universe- reach peak at  $z \sim 1$  and decline rapidly at  $z > 2.5$

Energy density of quasar light  $\rho_{2800} (\text{erg s}^{-1} \text{Hz}^{-1} \text{Mpc}^{-3})$





# Gemini Quasar at $z=7.1$

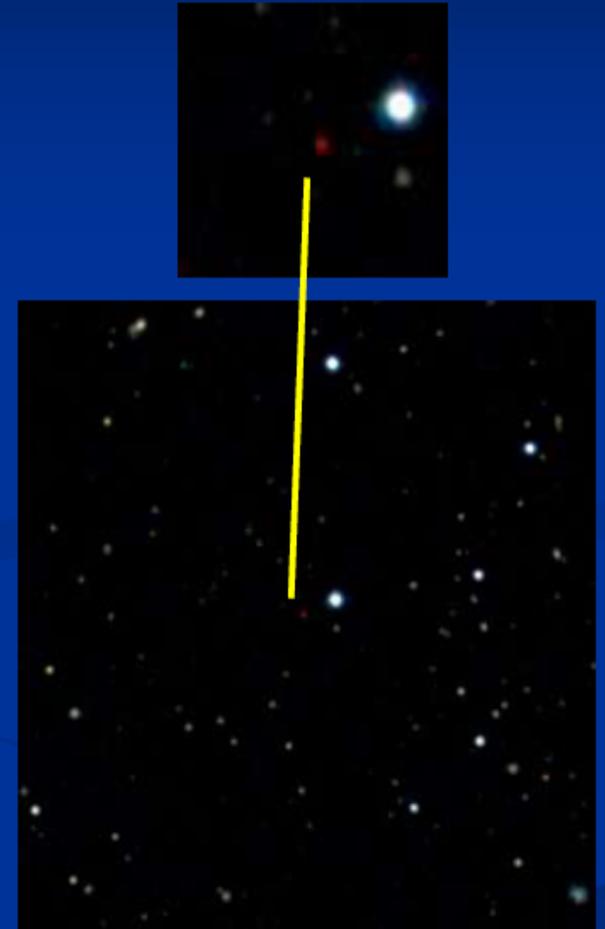


- GNIRS + VLT spectrum of most distant QSO yet discovered. Massive black holes existed when universe was 750 MY old. IR-optimized Gemini was key to this discovery.

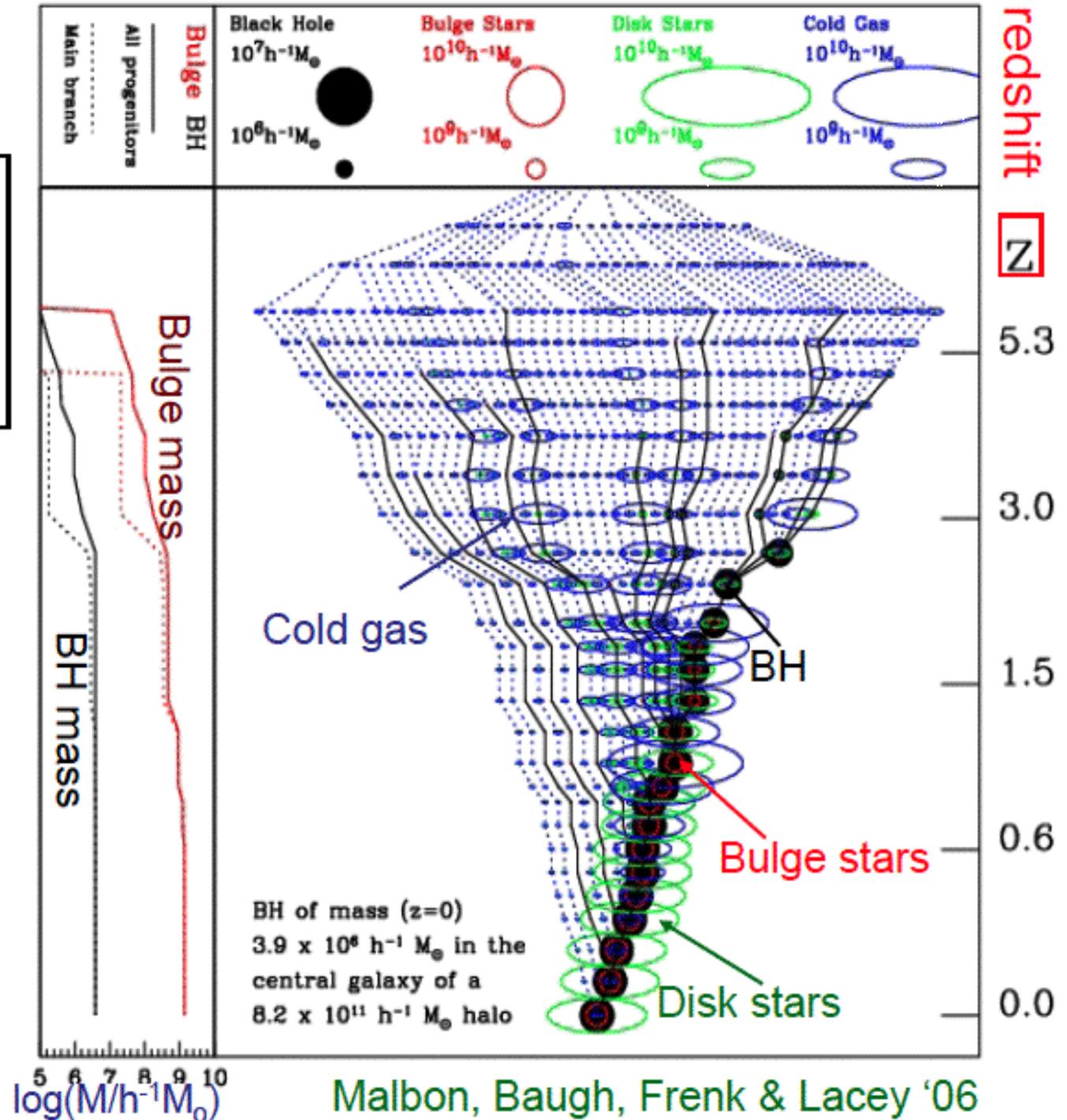
Mortlock et al. 2011, Nature, 474, 616

$M \sim 10^9 M_\odot$

QSO is the red object in the center of the frame.



Joint growth of BH and galaxy (bulge stars, disk stars, cold gas)



# Why Backward??

- Cold Dark Matter (CDM) theory of structure

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$10^{10}$  yrs ago

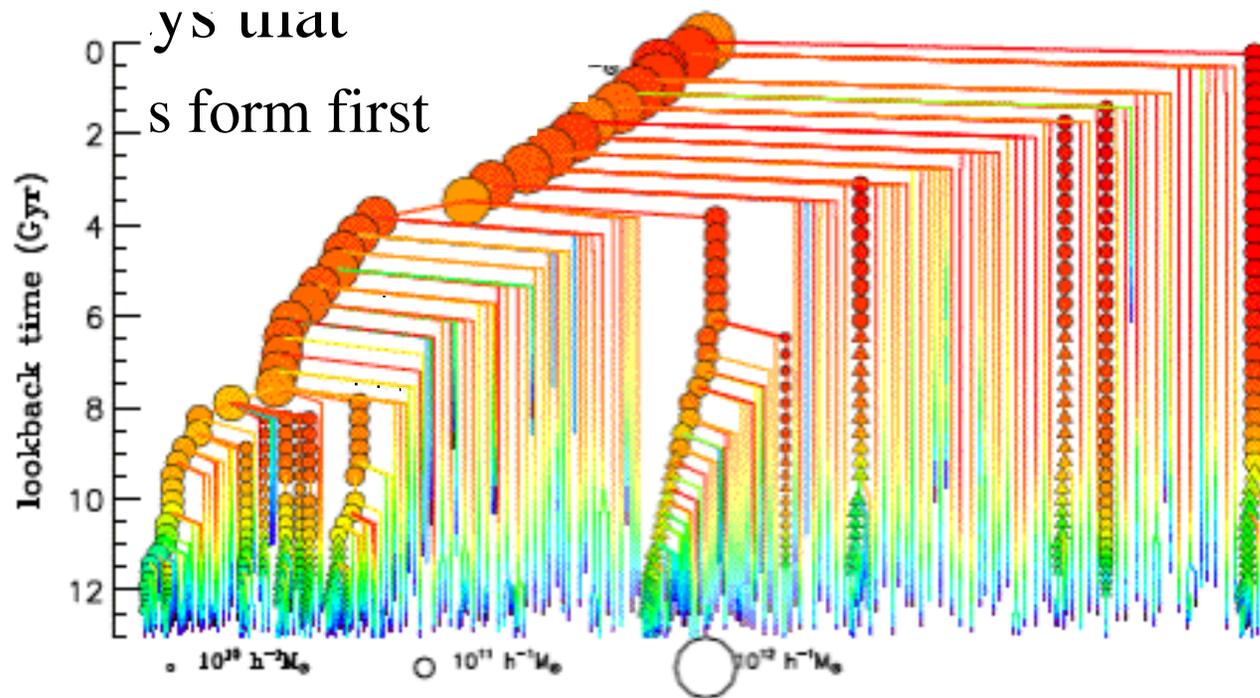


Figure 1. BCG merger tree. Symbols are colour-coded as a function of B - V colour and their area scales with the stellar mass. Only progenitors more massive than  $10^{10} M_{\odot} h^{-1}$  are shown with symbols. Circles are used for galaxies that reside in the FOF group inhabited by the main branch. Triangles show galaxies that have not yet joined this FOF group.

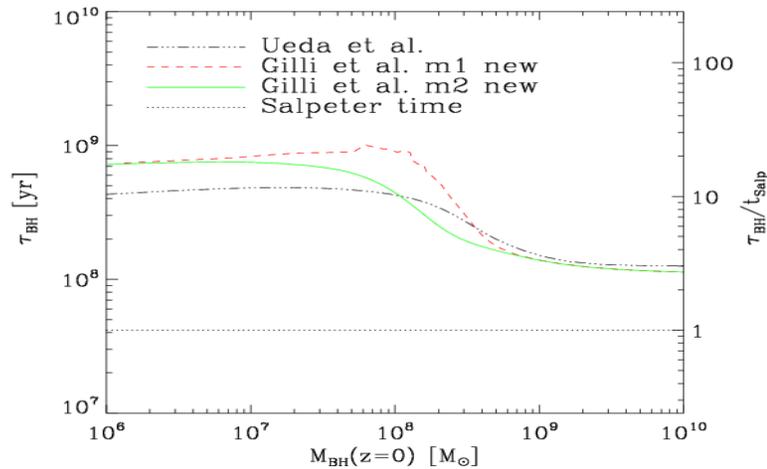
# Total Lifetime of active BHs

$\epsilon =$  efficiency

$\lambda =$  Eddington ratio

$$t_{Salp} = \frac{\epsilon t_E}{(1-\epsilon)\lambda} = 4.2 \times 10^7 \text{ yr} \left[ \frac{(1-\epsilon)}{9\epsilon} \right]^{-1} \lambda^{-1}$$

- $M_{BH}$  e-fold time (Salpeter's):



- To grow a BH SEVERAL  $t_{Salp}$  needed:

$$7 t_{Salp} 10^3 \Rightarrow 10^6 M_{\odot}$$

$$14 t_{Salp} 10^3 \Rightarrow 10^9 M_{\odot}$$

$M_{\odot}$

- $t_{Salp}$  independent of  $M$  longer  $t$  at

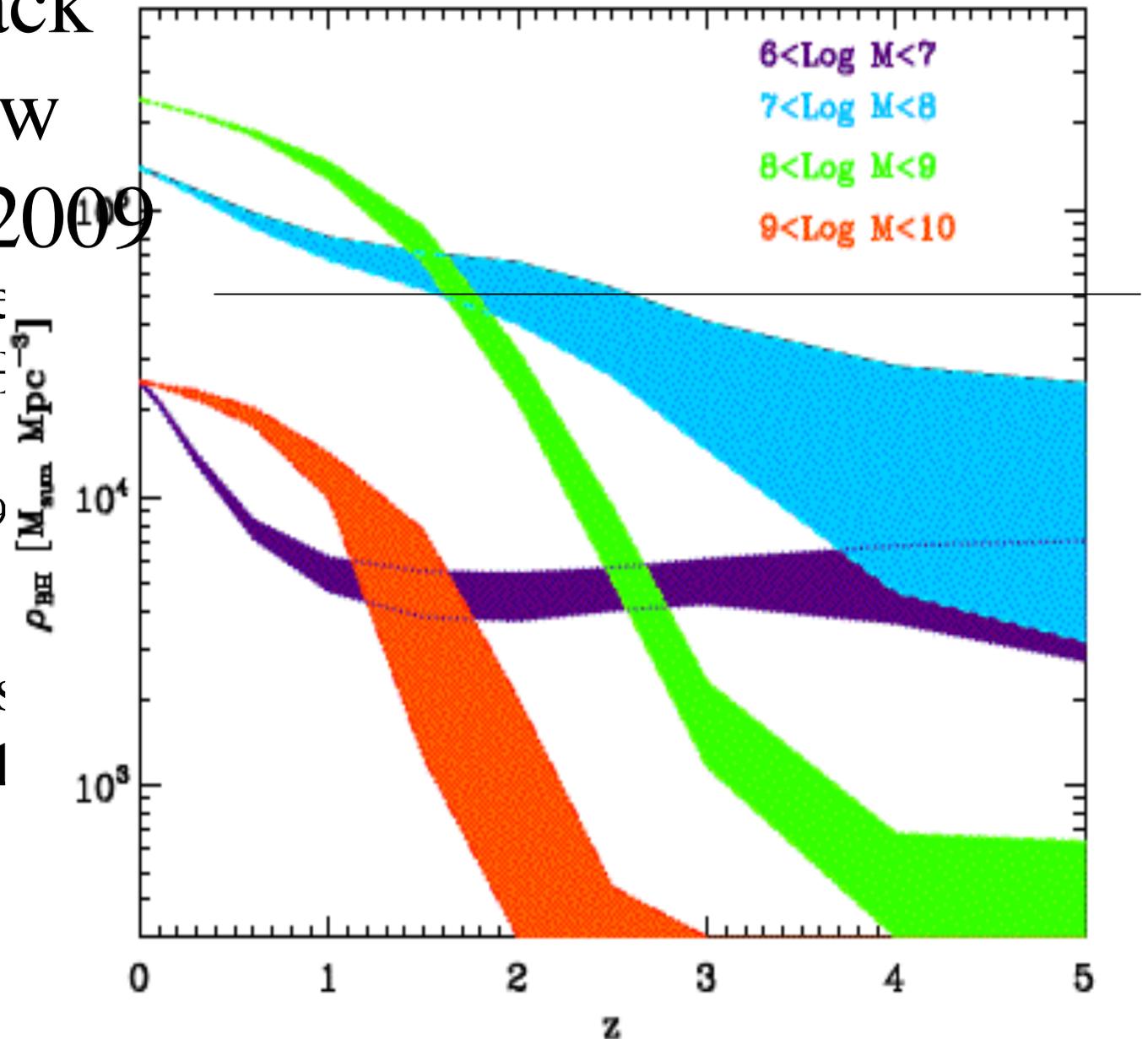
$$t_{BH} \sim 2 \times 10^8 \text{ yr } (> 10^9 M_{\odot})$$

$$t_{BH} \sim 7 \times 10^8 \text{ yr } (< 10^8 M_{\odot})$$

# How Black holes grow

Merloni 2009

- Most of the mass in BH today is in the  $10^8$ - $10^9 M_{\odot}$  range
- BH in mass range  $10^6$ - $10^9 M_{\odot}$  are growing rapidly today- like



# What Are Active Galactic Nuclei

Radiating supermassive black holes in the centers of galaxies

## Properties

- 'Point-like'
- luminous non-stellar broad band spectra- very broad range in luminosity  $\log L \sim 40-48$  ergs/sec
- located in center of *some* galaxies
- More details
  - Optical spectra 3 classes
    - strong broad emission lines
    - strong narrow emission lines
    - strong non-thermal continuum
  - radio  $\sim 10\%$  of AGN show

