



# AGN feedback

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# ... and the curious case of the Milky Way

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# AGN Feedback & gal formation

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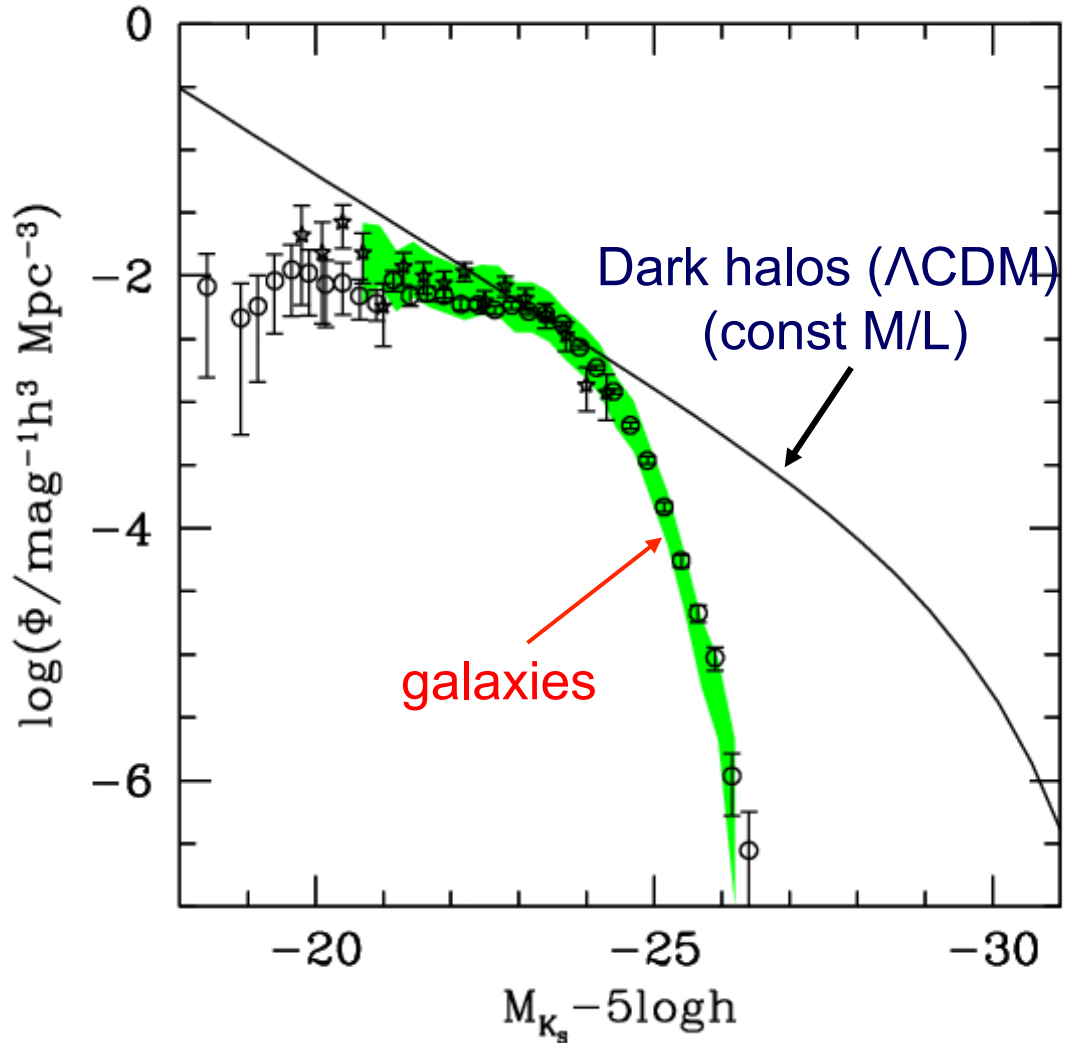
An answer to these questions was proposed 15 years ago

# The galaxy luminosity function

The halo mass function and the galaxy luminosity function have different shapes



Complicated variation of M/L with halo mass



# The faint end of the galaxy luminosity function

The main physical processes that determine the masses and abundance of galaxies were laid out in 2 classic papers:

*Mon. Not. R. astr. Soc.* (1977) 179, 541–559

**Cooling, dynamics and fragmentation of massive gas clouds: clues to the masses and radii of galaxies and clusters**

M. J. Rees *Institute of Astronomy, Madingley Road, Cambridge CB3 0HA*

J. P. Ostriker *Department of Astronomy, Princeton University, Princeton, New Jersey 08540, USA*

Received 1976 November 5; in original form 1976 July 7

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**Core condensation in heavy halos: a two-stage theory for galaxy formation and clustering**

S. D. M. White and M. J. Rees *Institute of Astronomy, Madingley Road, Cambridge*

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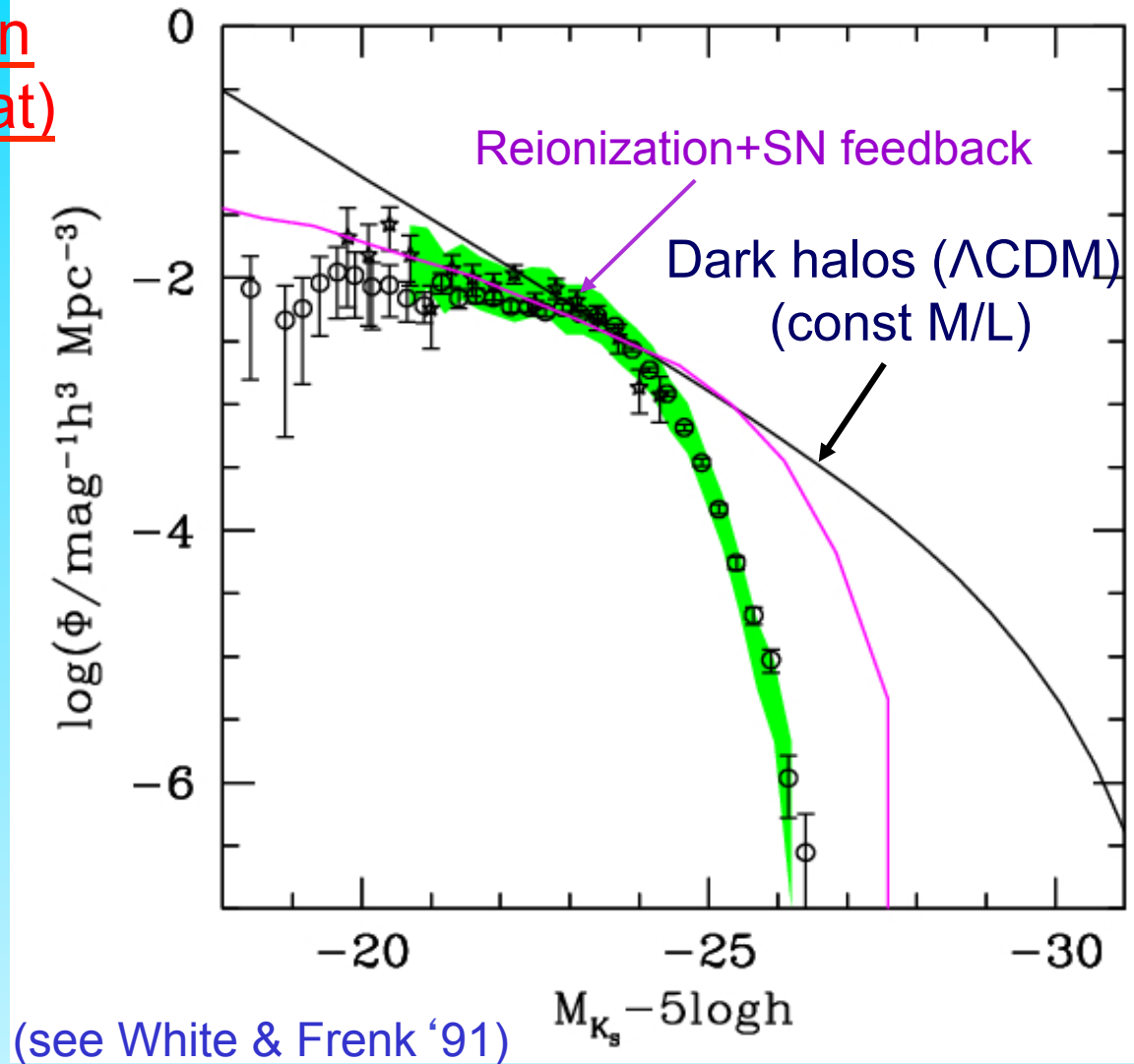
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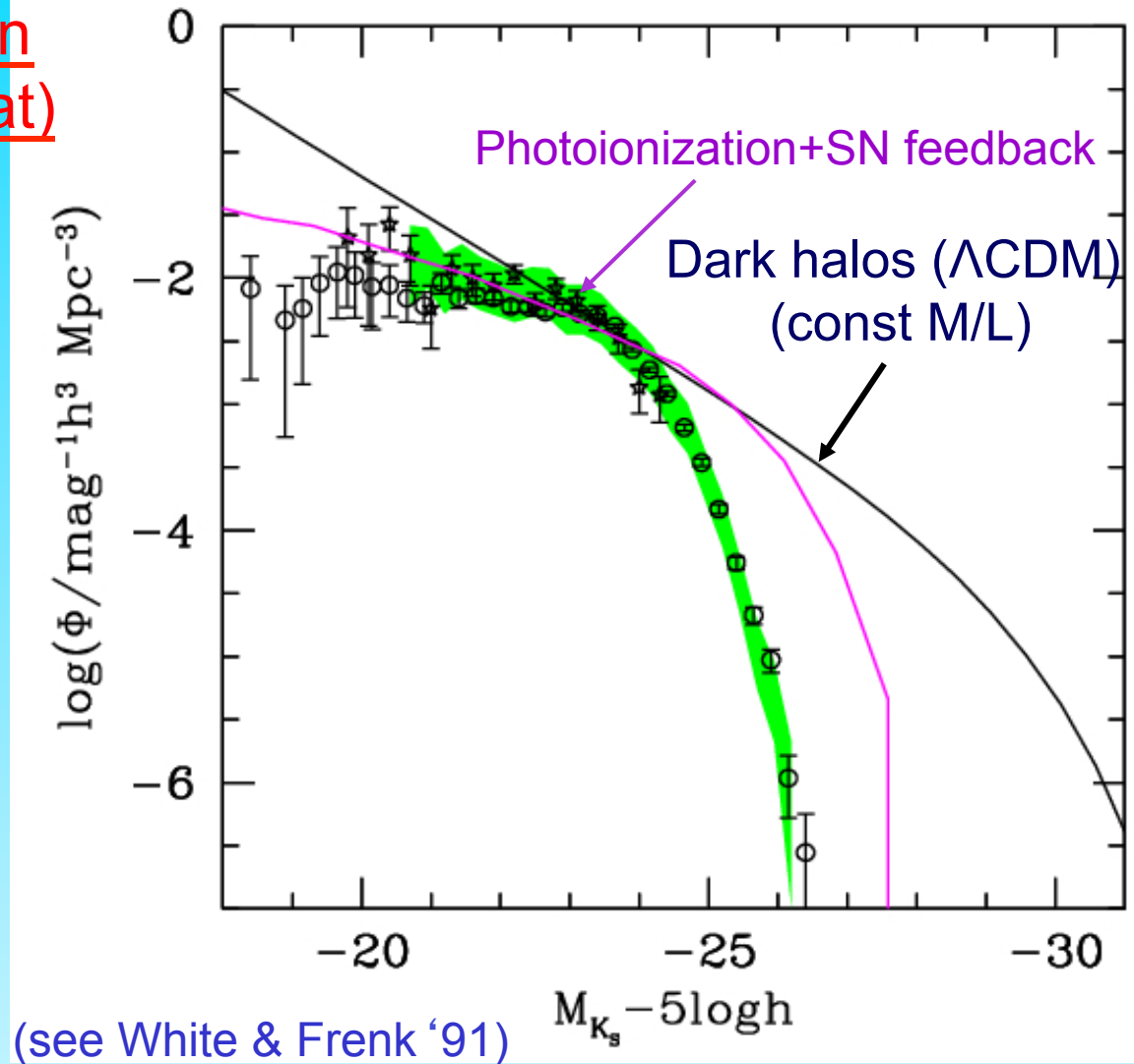
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(see White & Frenk '91)

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# Quasars and Galaxy Formation

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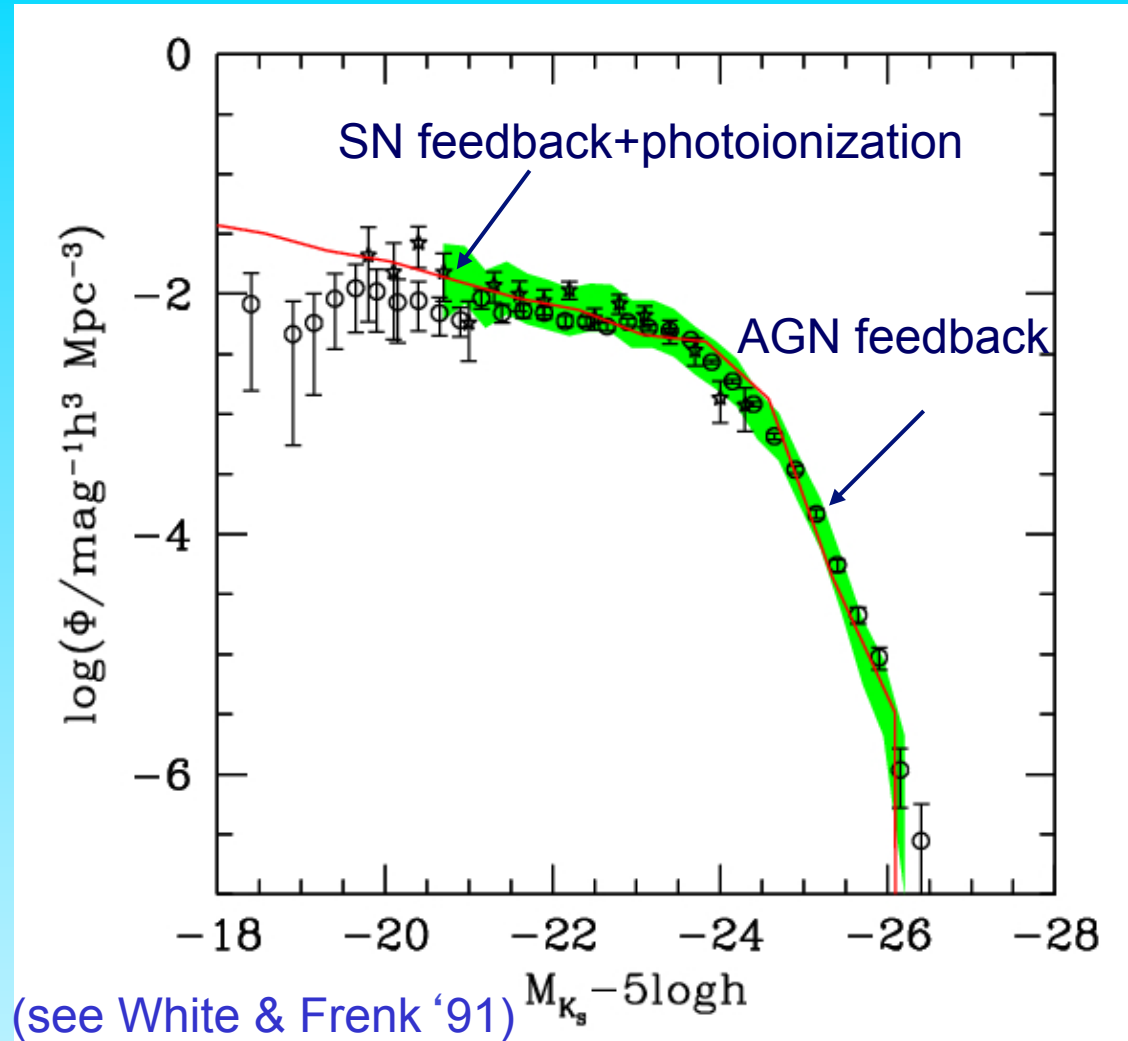
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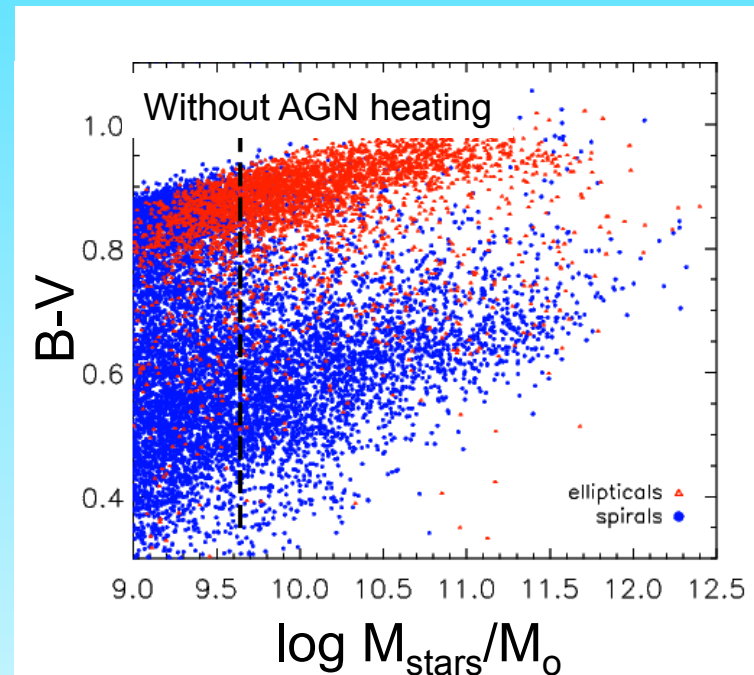
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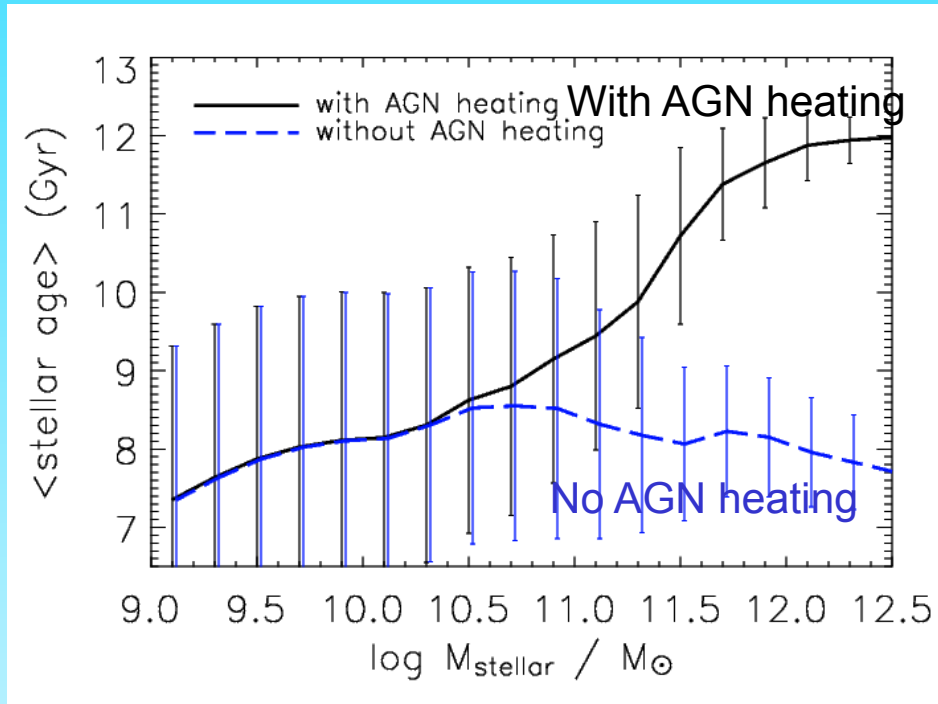
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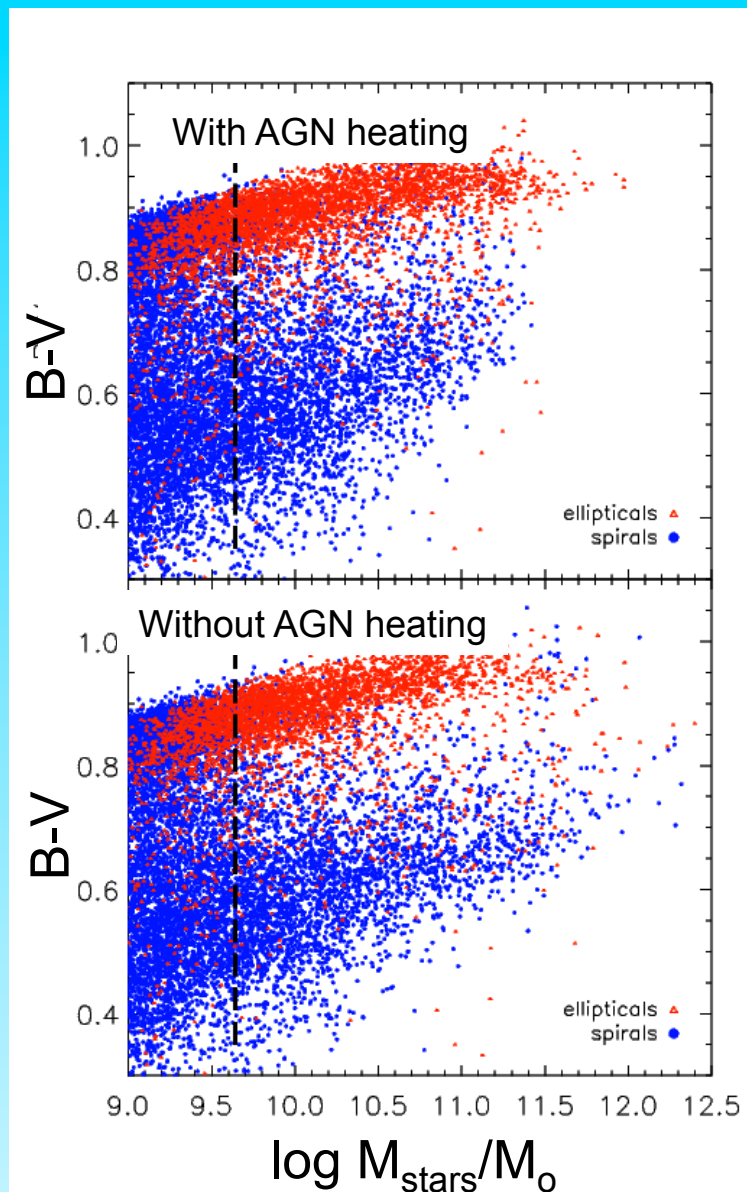


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and old!!

Croton et al 05



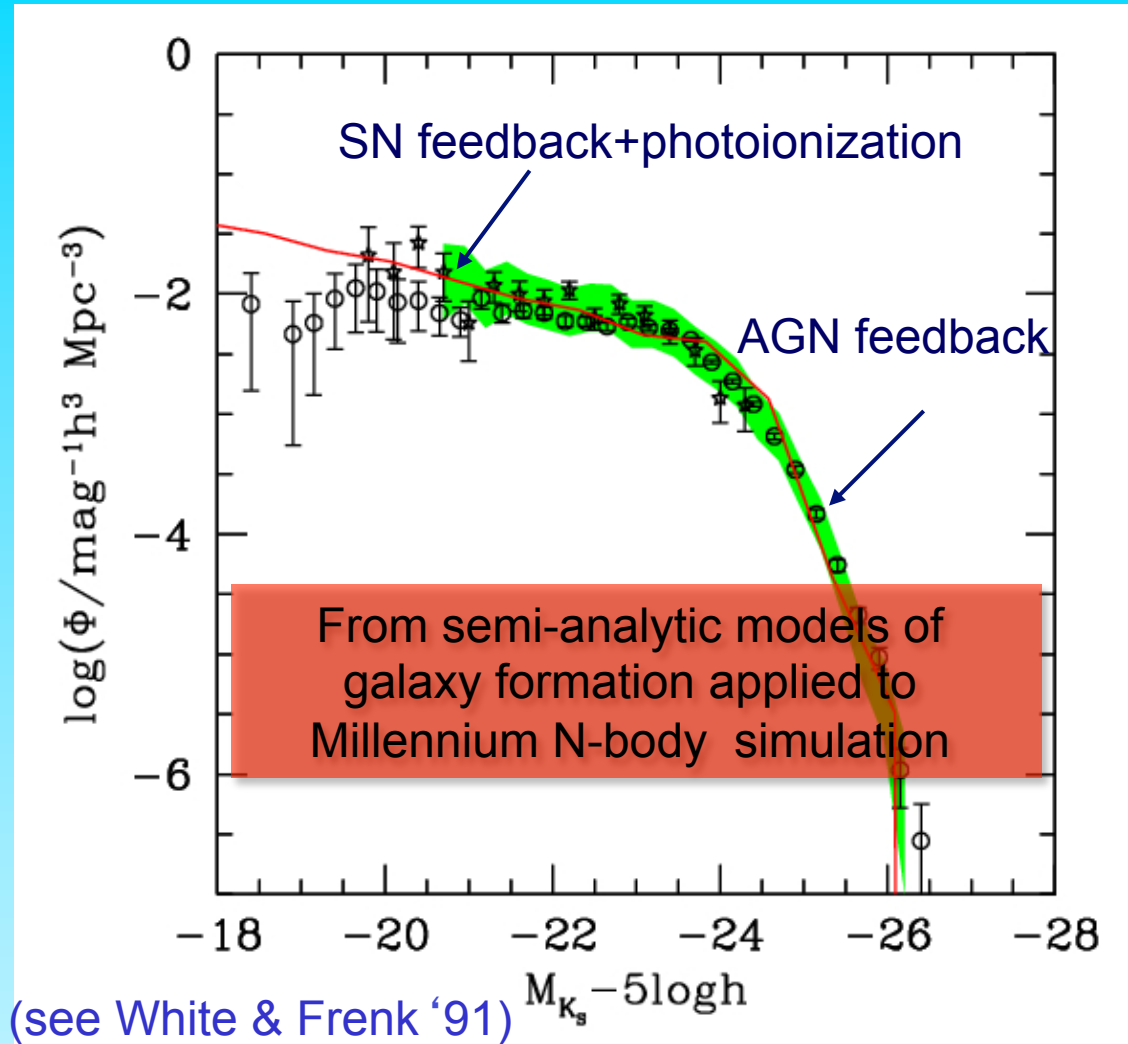
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Croton et al '06, Bower et al '06



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# The “Evolution and assembly of galaxies and their environment” (**EAGLE**) simulation project

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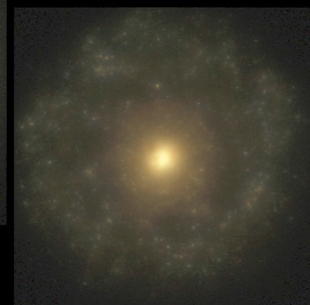
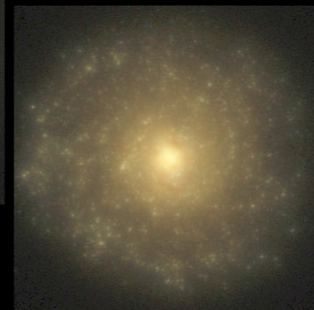
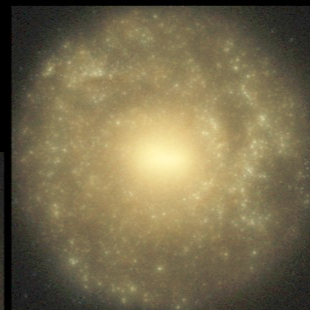
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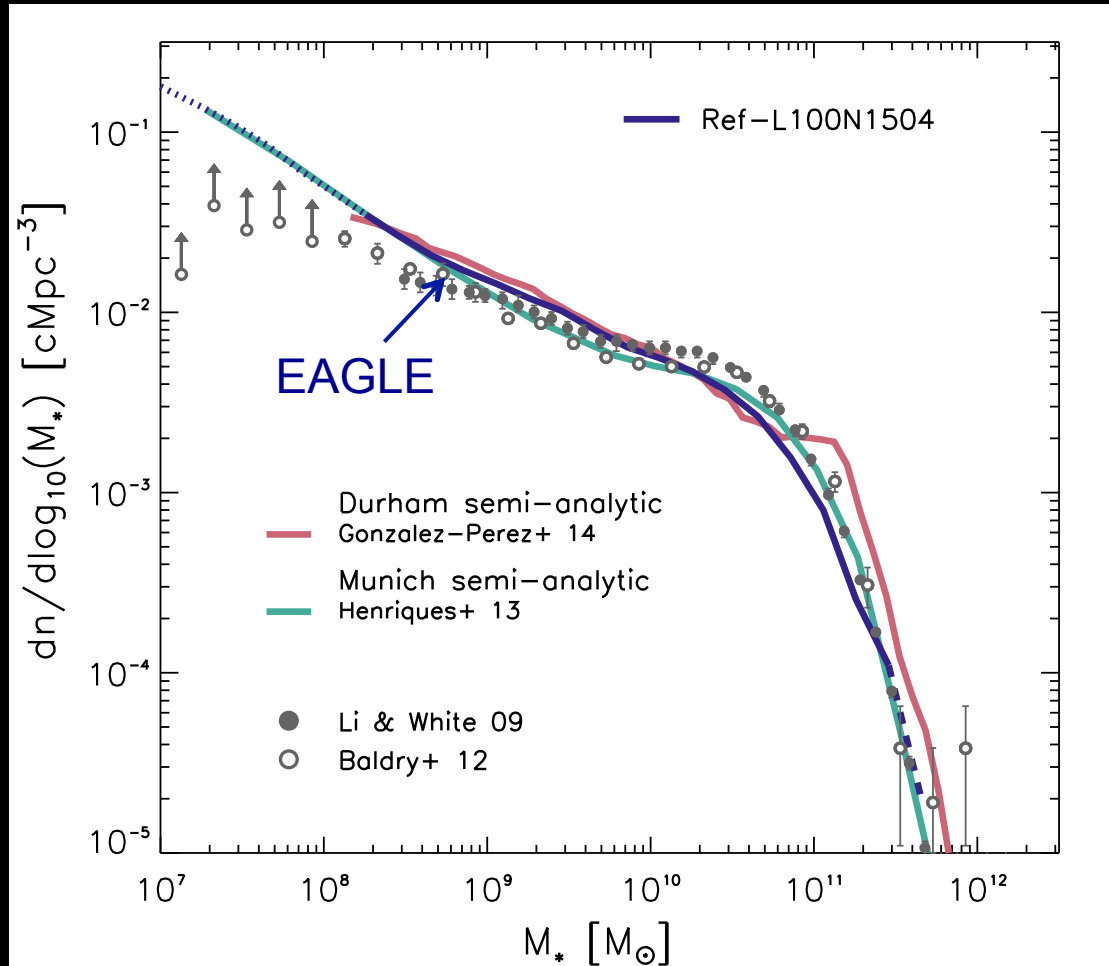
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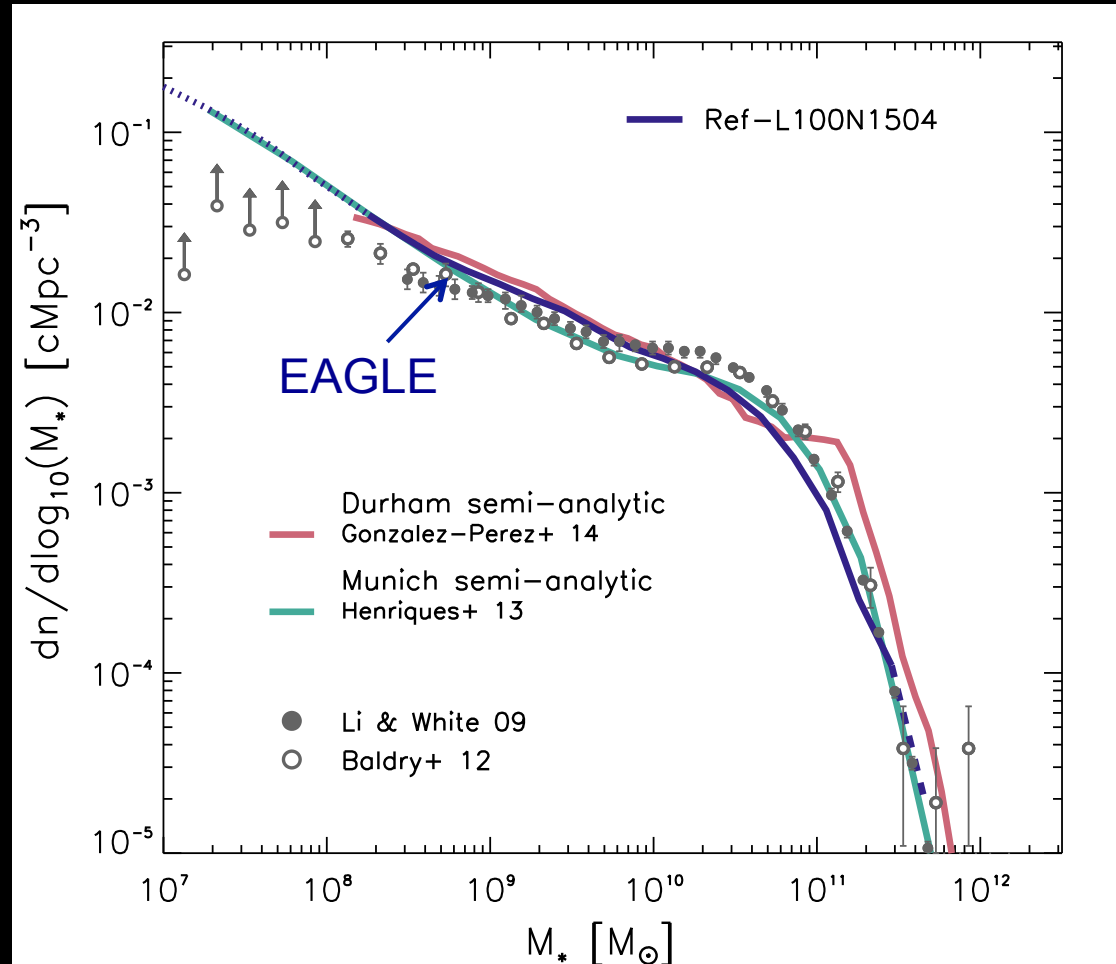
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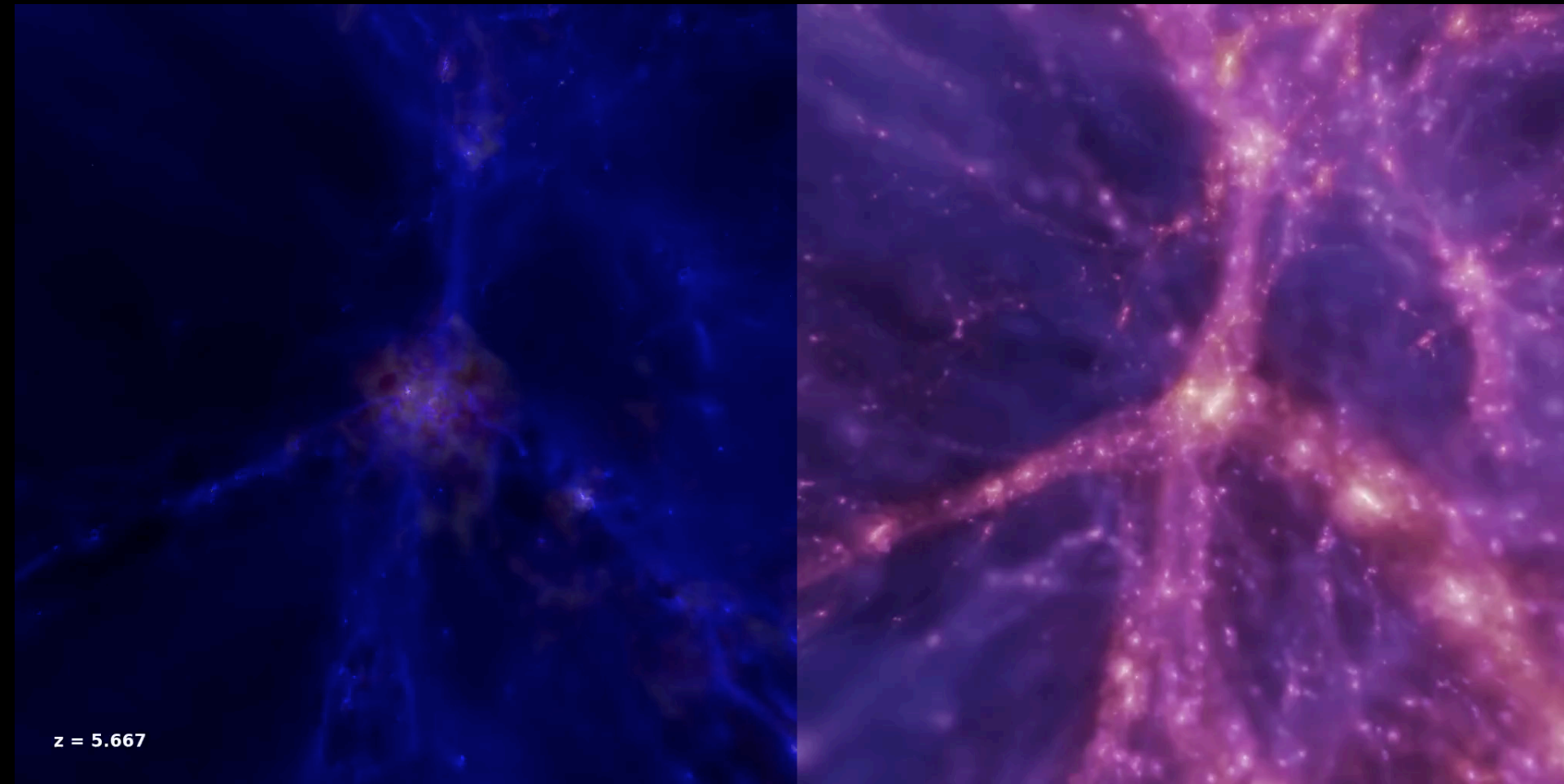
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AGN feedback in action – an example

# The dark nemesis of galaxy formation: why hot haloes trigger black hole growth and bring star formation to an end

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# A model of AGN feedback

- In **low mass** halos, **supernovae** regulate build up of gas in disk
  - Gas heated by SNe is buoyant compared to gas corona
  - Cold clouds are evaporated by the hot wind, not accelerated  
(Robertson 2016, Scannapieco 2016)
  - Reheated gas is ejected from the galaxy
- In **halos** more **massive** than  $10^{12} M_{\odot}$ 
  - Disk outflow is no longer hot enough to be buoyant → stalls
  - Corona increases in mass
  - Density near BH increases → BH accretion rate increases rapidly
  - AGN is triggered (often aided by a merger)

# A simple analytic model

- Black hole accretion in the Bondi regime

Growth is highly non-linear

$$\dot{M}_{bh} \propto M_{bh}^2 \rho^{1/2}$$

Note: Eddington accretion rate is linear in BH mass

- BH will grow to infinite mass in finite time

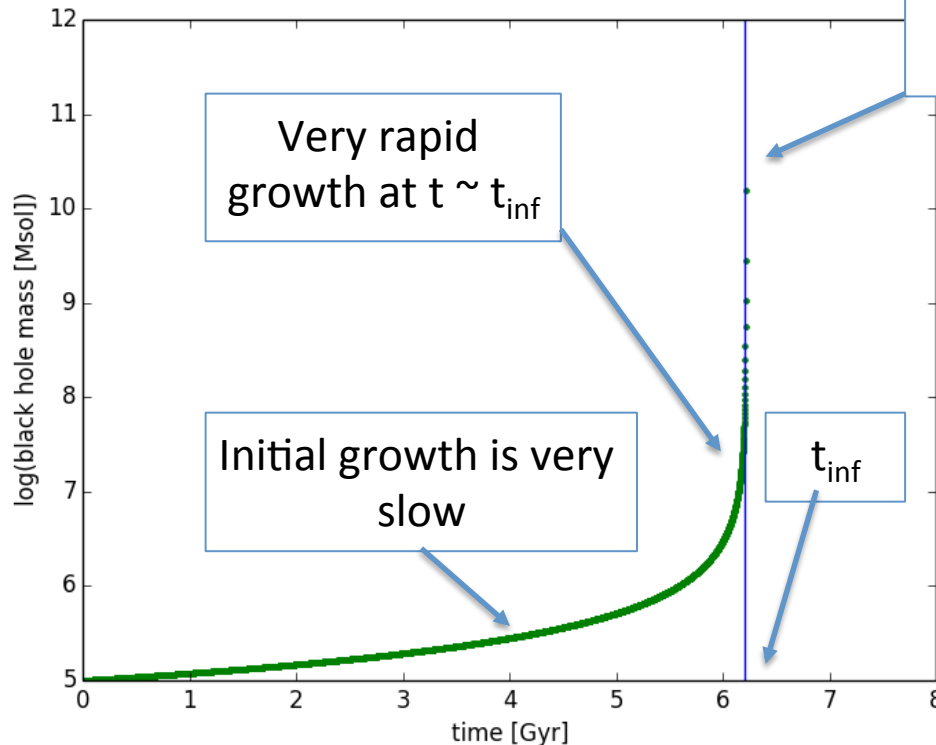
Const that depends on EOS,  $M_{seed}$ , effective disk viscosity

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Density of surrounding gas drives timescale

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For a constant density gas environment



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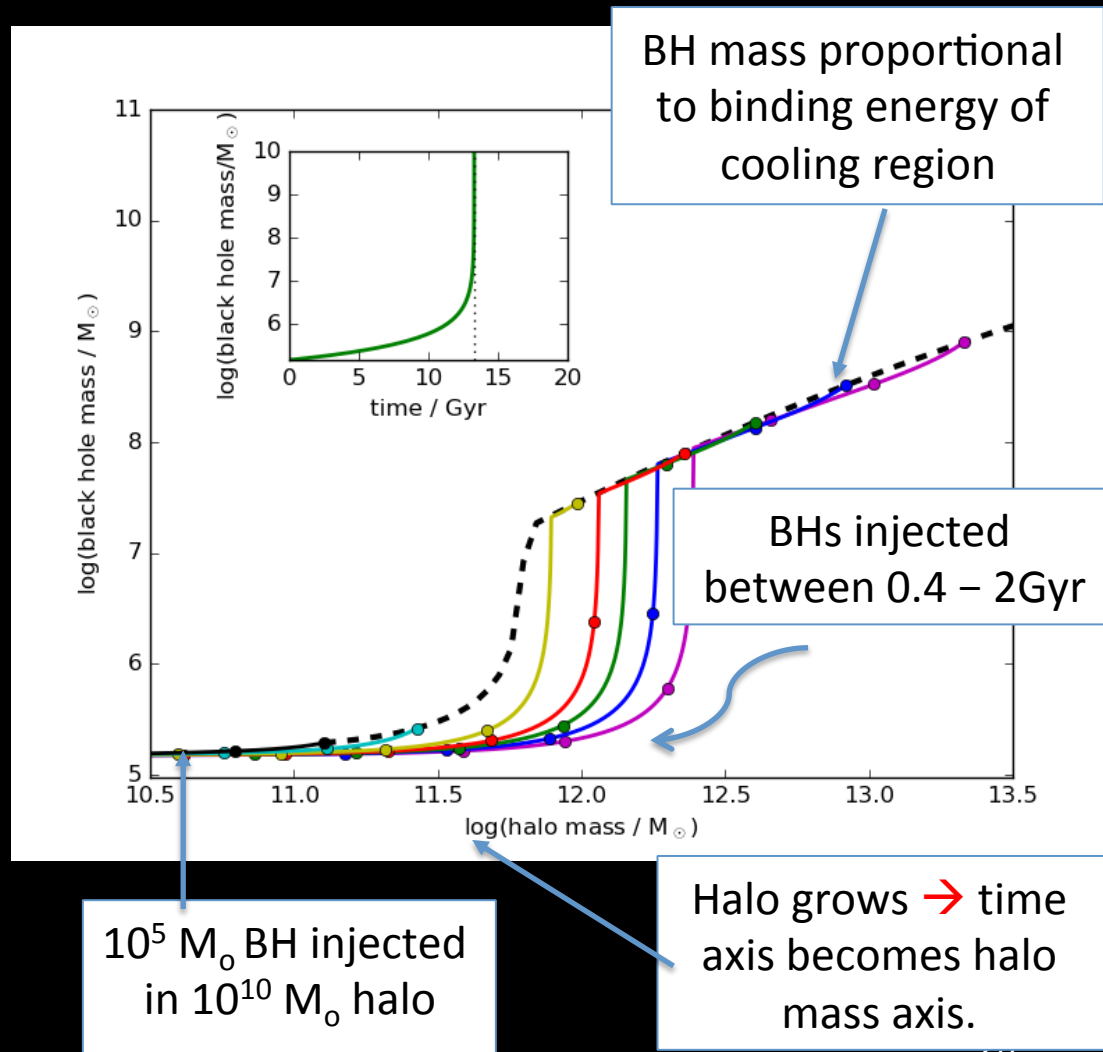
- a small increase in density causes reduction of  $t_{\text{inf}}$
- acts as a switch, making BH growth (and feedback) efficient.

# A simple analytic model

- BH spends most of its time in slow growth and suddenly switches to rapid growth
- Density around the BH increases:

$$\rho_{\text{bh}} = \rho_{\text{bh}}^0 (1+z)^2 \left( \frac{M_{\text{halo}}}{M_{\text{crit}}} \right)^2$$

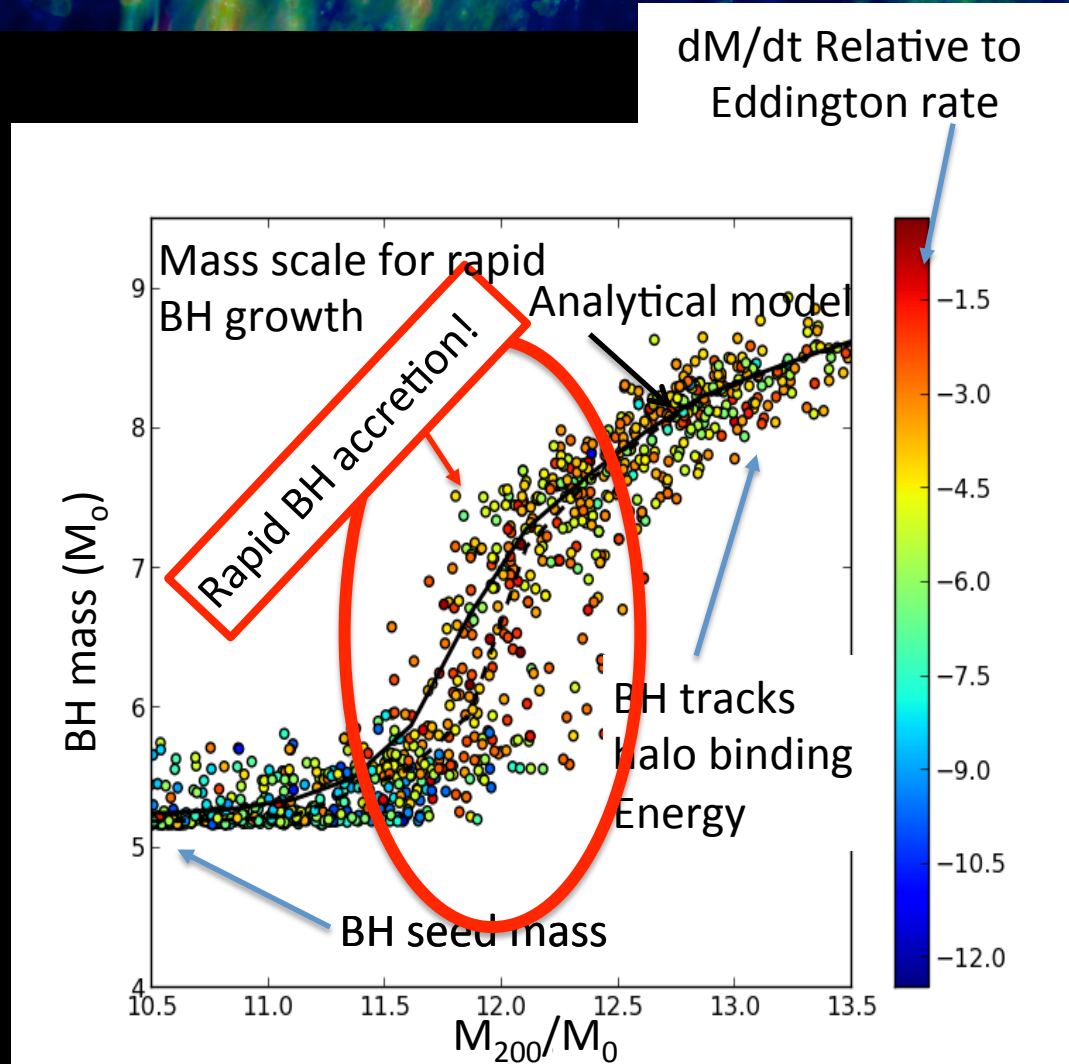
- BH grows until energy output exceeds halo binding energy



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Rosas-Guevara et al '15



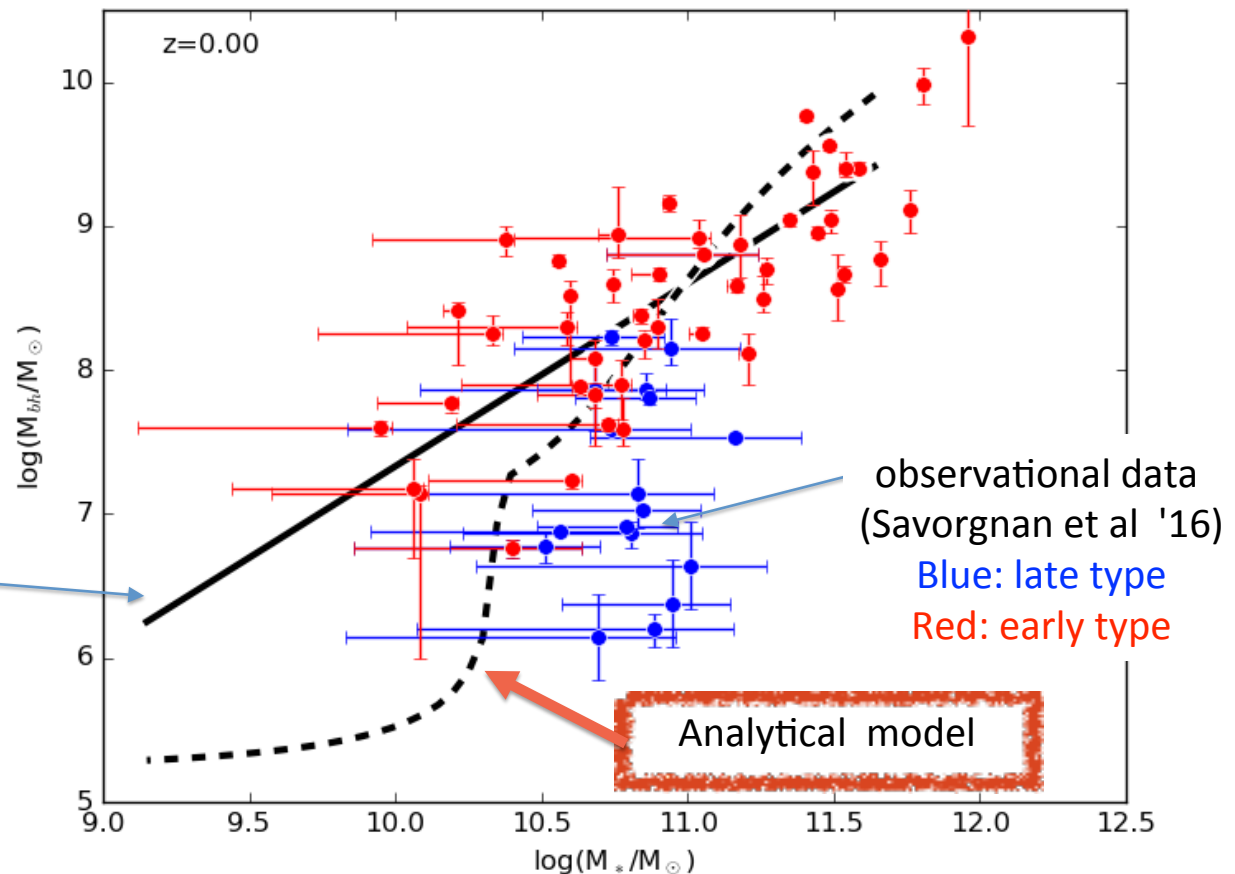
see also Larson 2010, Keller et al 2015; Dubois et al 2015

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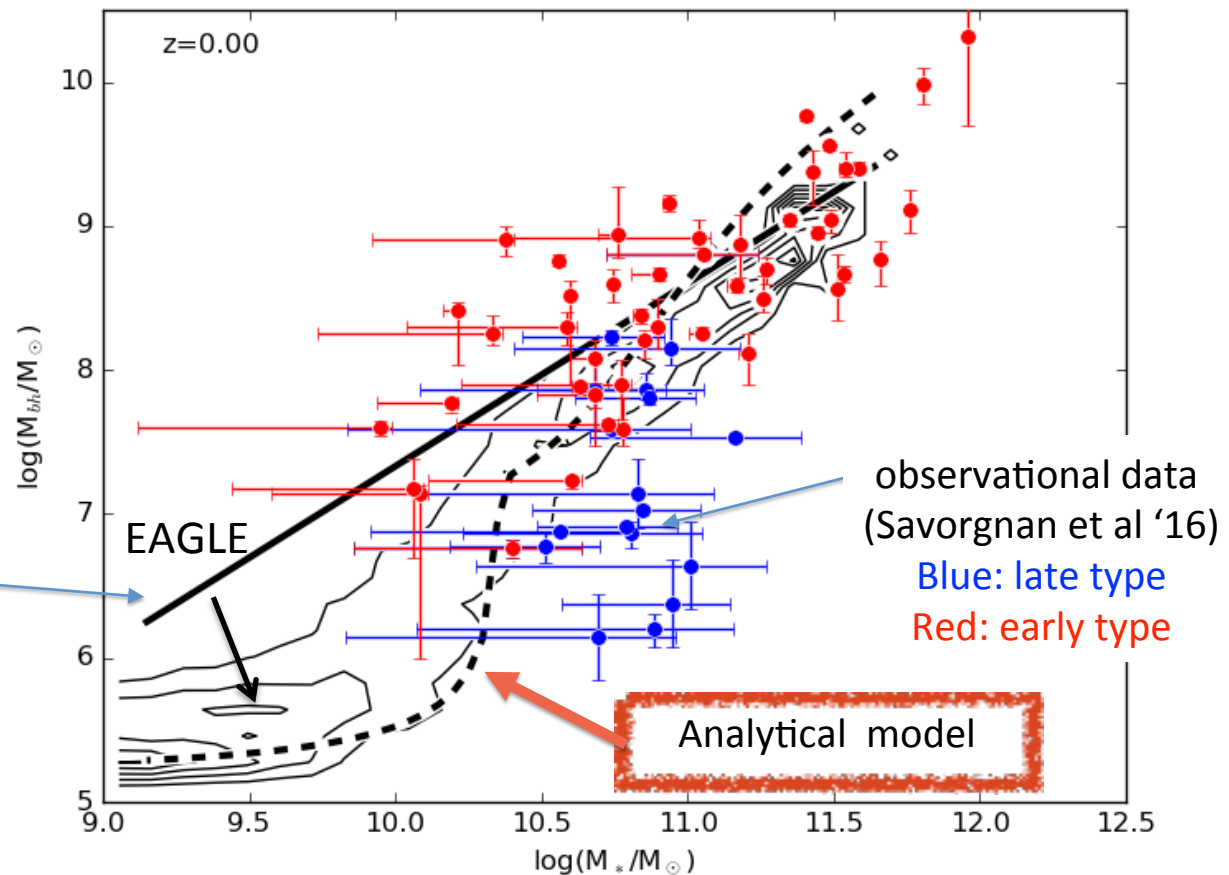


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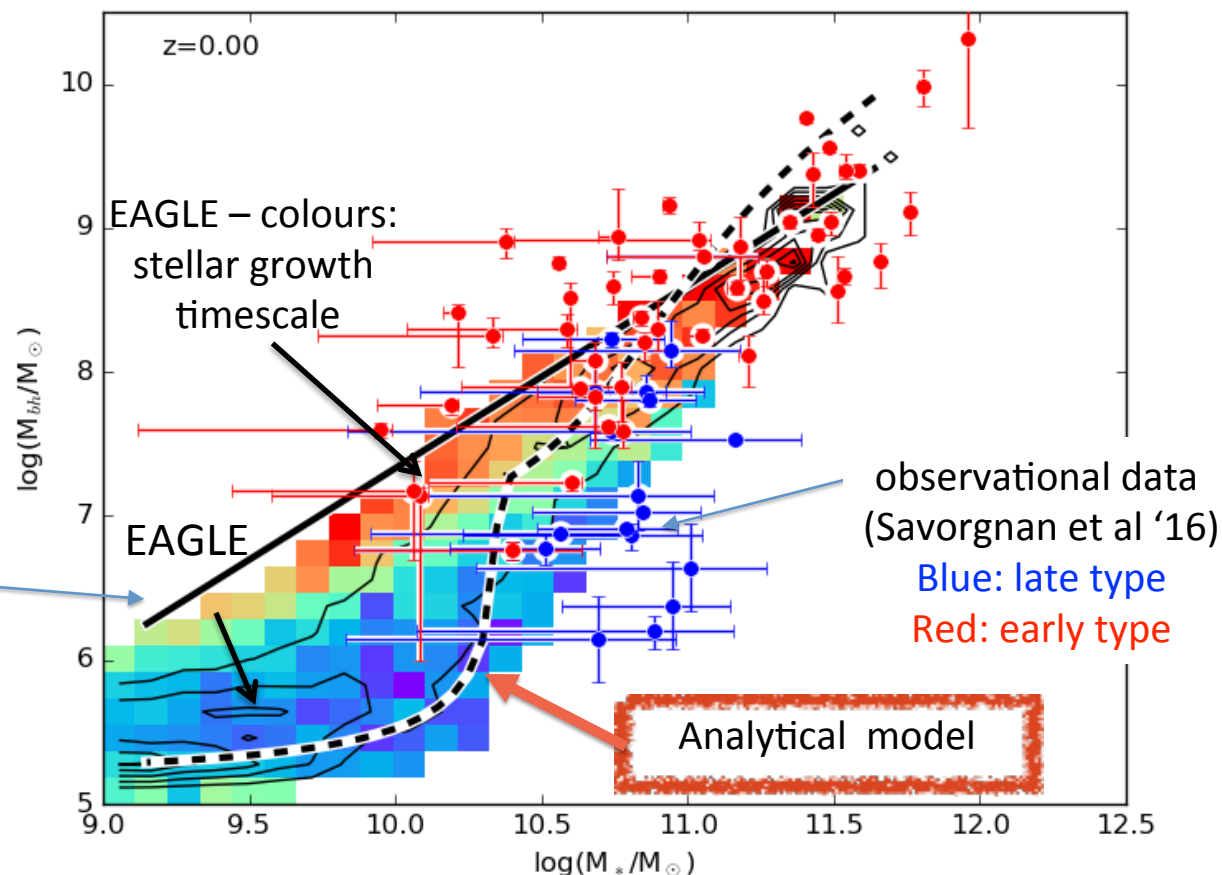


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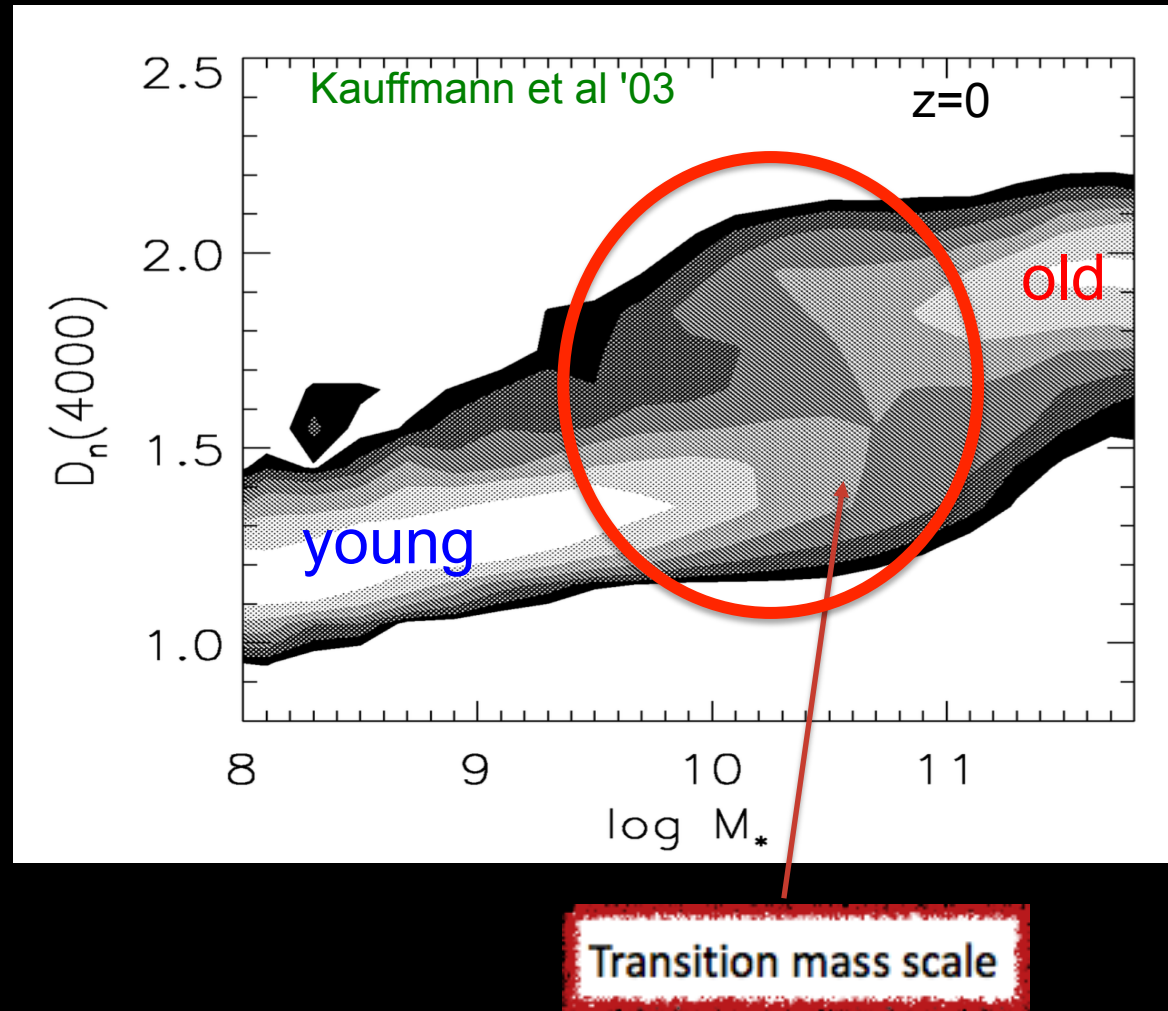
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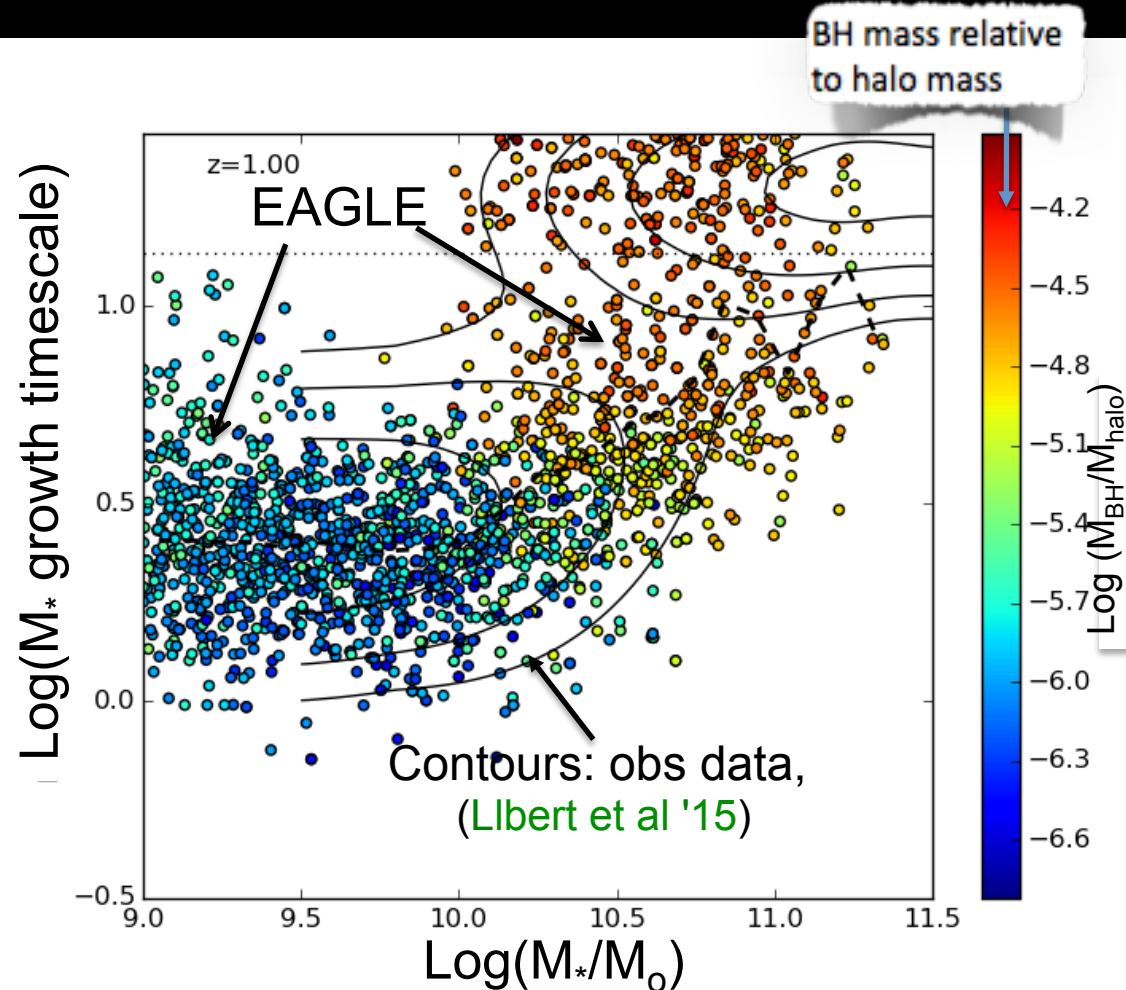
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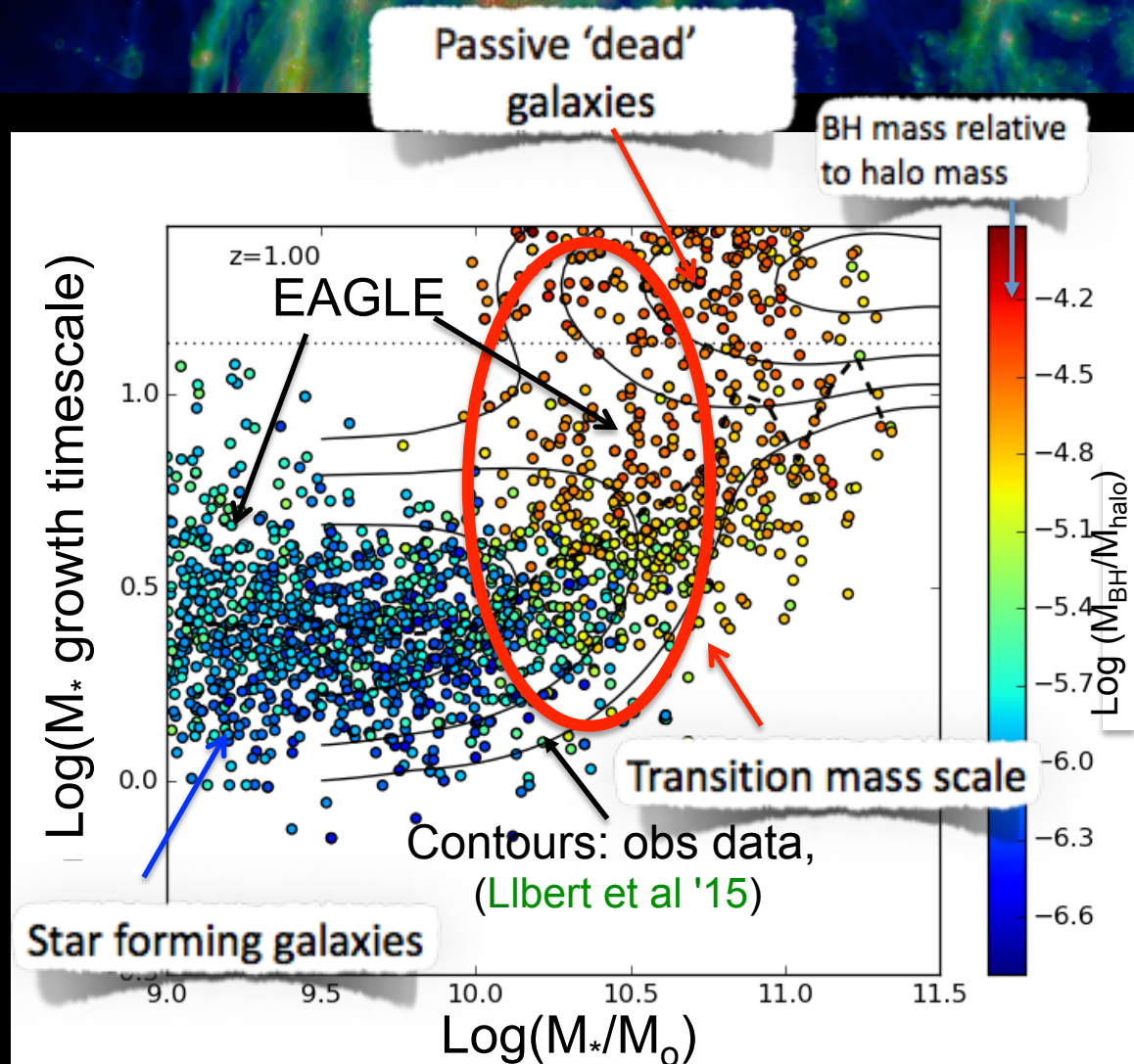
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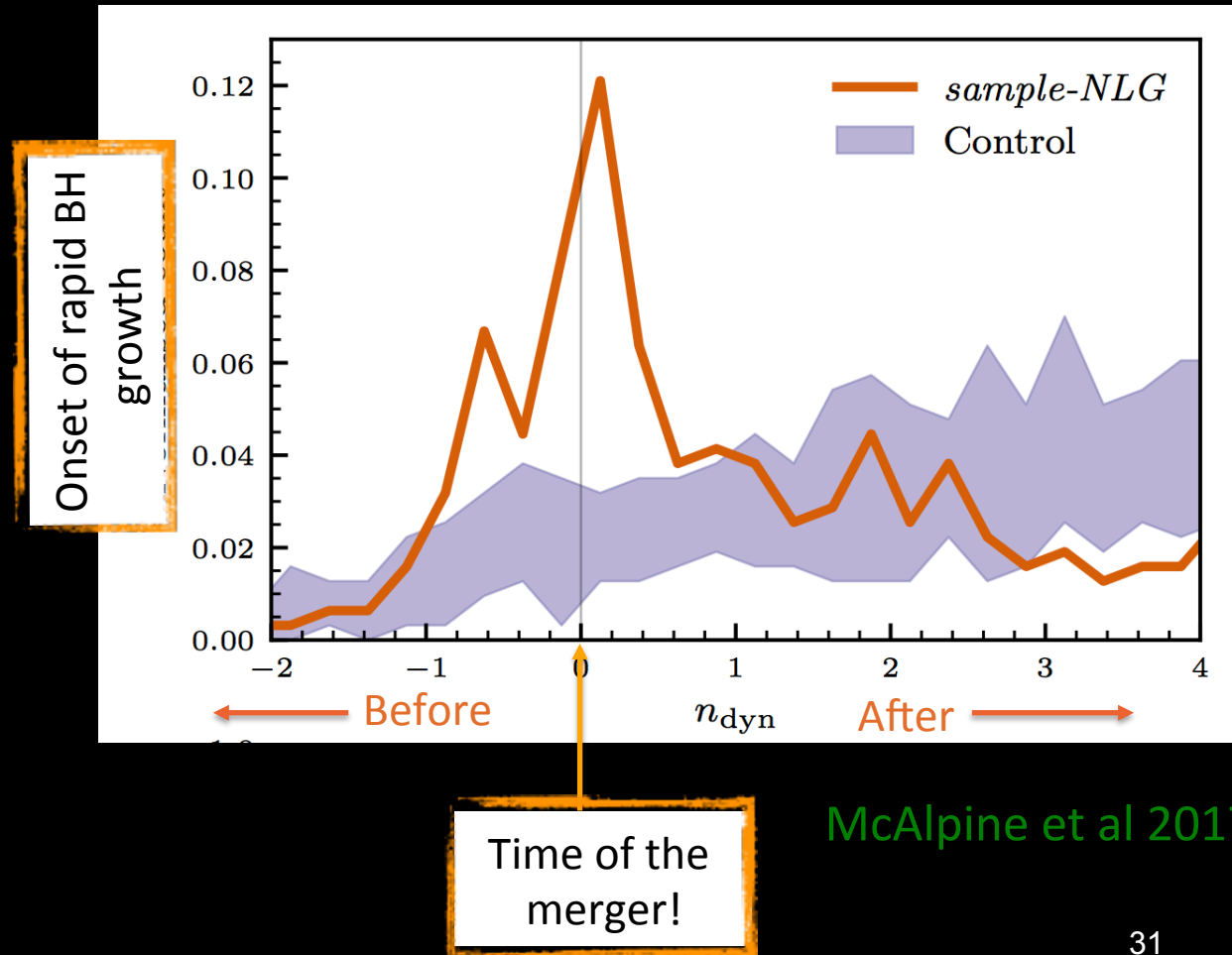
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# The role of mergers

## Mergers are the trigger!

- Time difference (in dynamical times) between rapid growth phase and major merger
- Responsible for the onset of growth in  $\sim 40\%$  of cases
- But halo mass is critical too!!

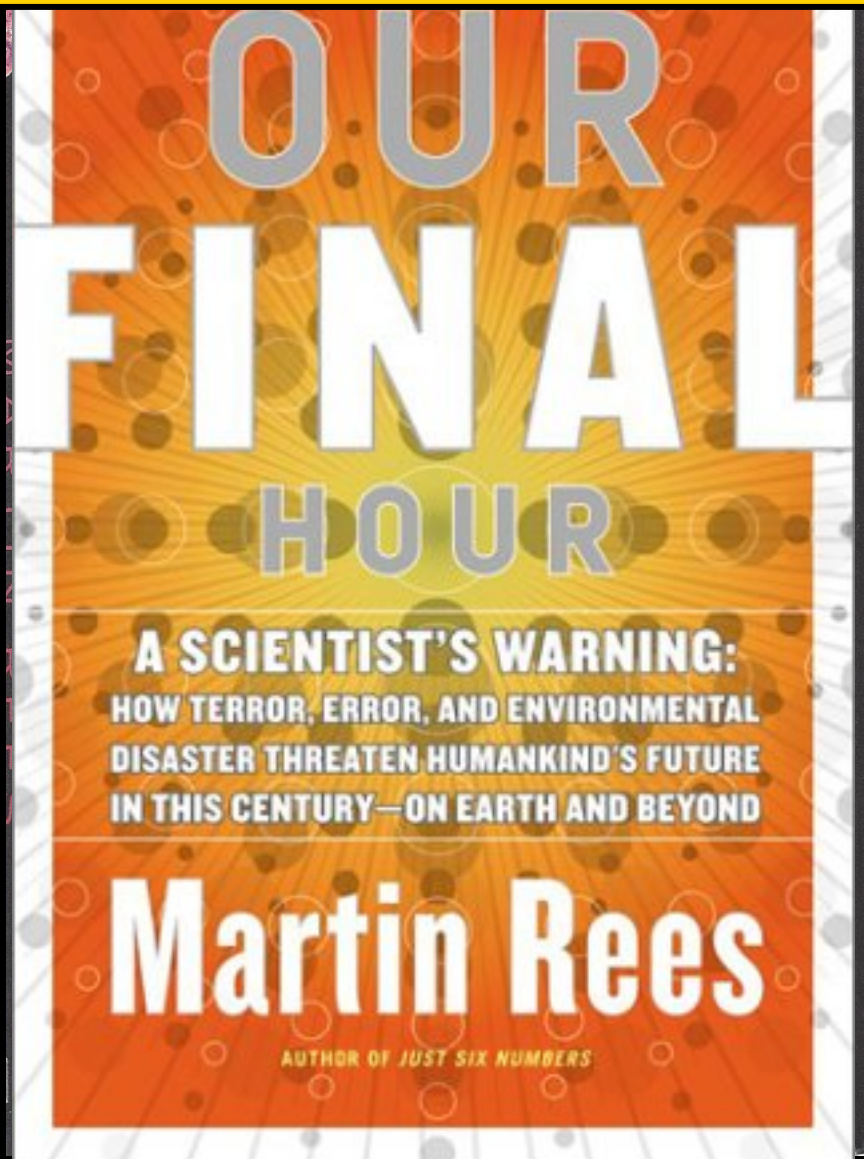


## Main points (so far)

- Transition mass scale emerges when SN-driven outflow stalls
- In the Bondi accretion regime, BH growth is highly non-linear → a small increase in density can trigger rapid BH growth
- Break in galaxy mass function, & transition mass that separates red/blue galaxy sequences are the result of rapid BH growth
- Major mergers play a role, often (not always) triggering this growth



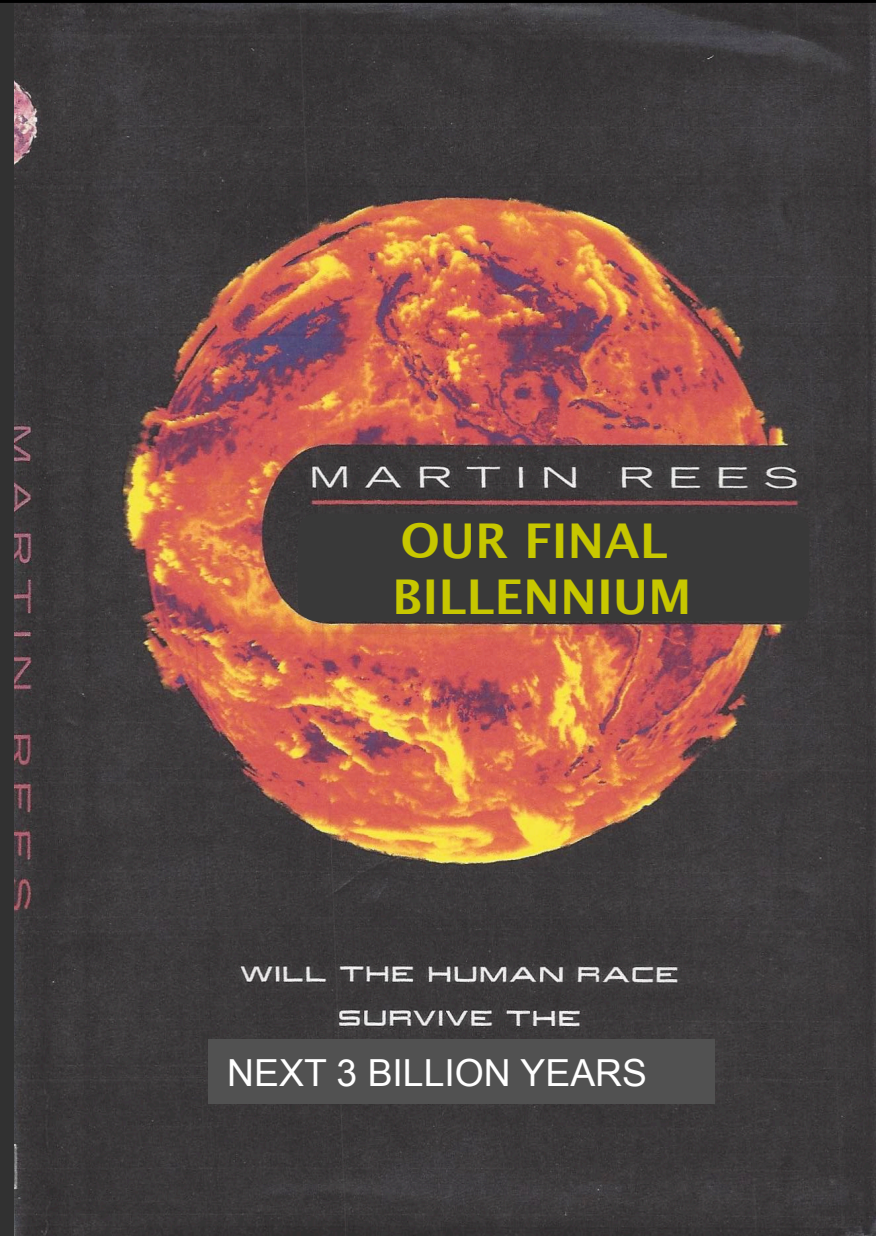
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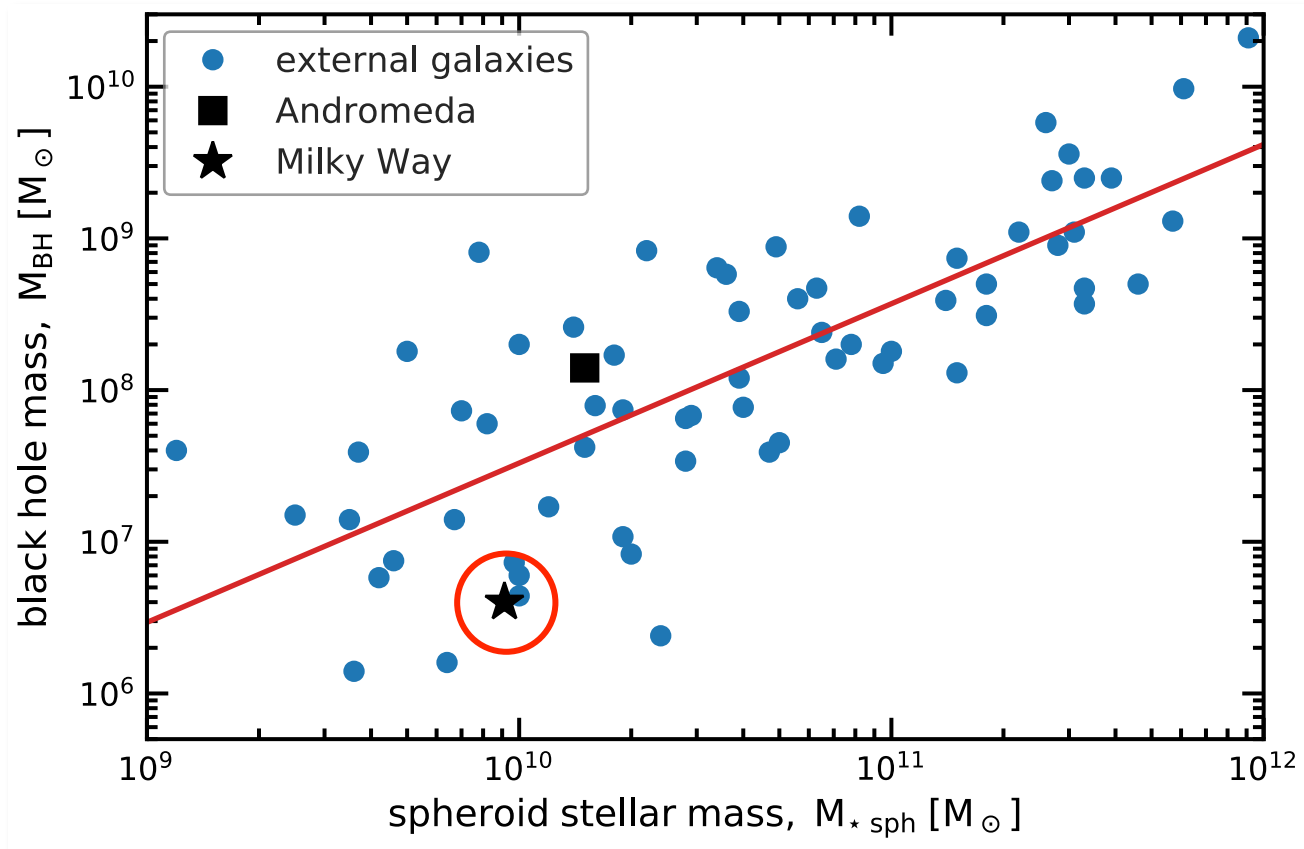


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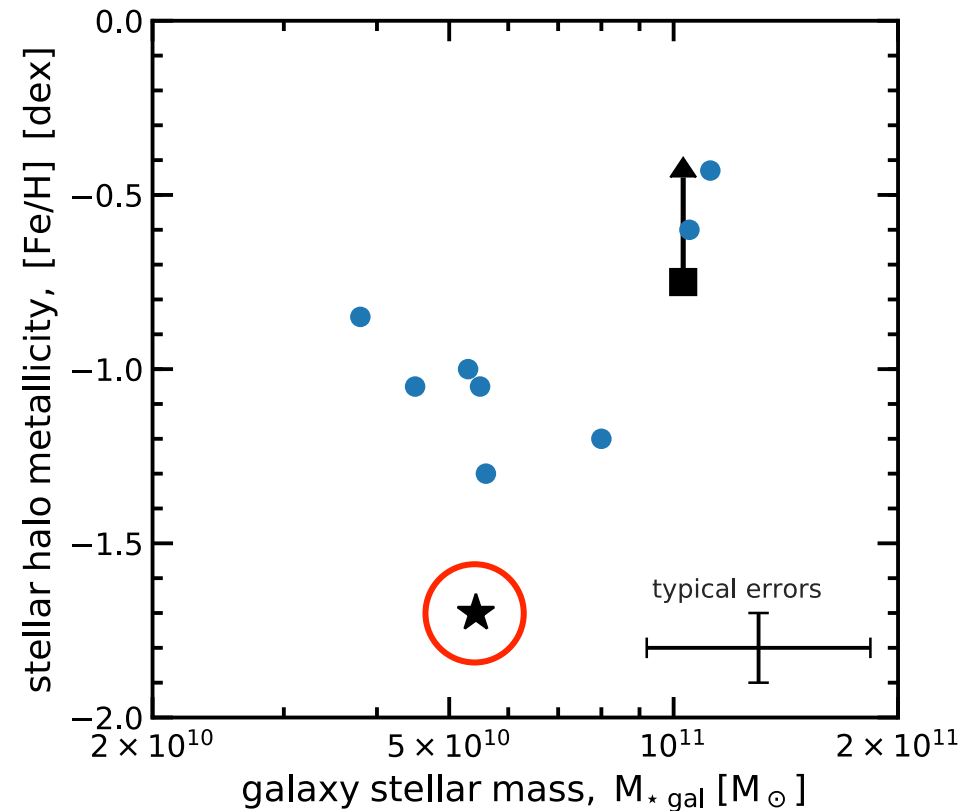
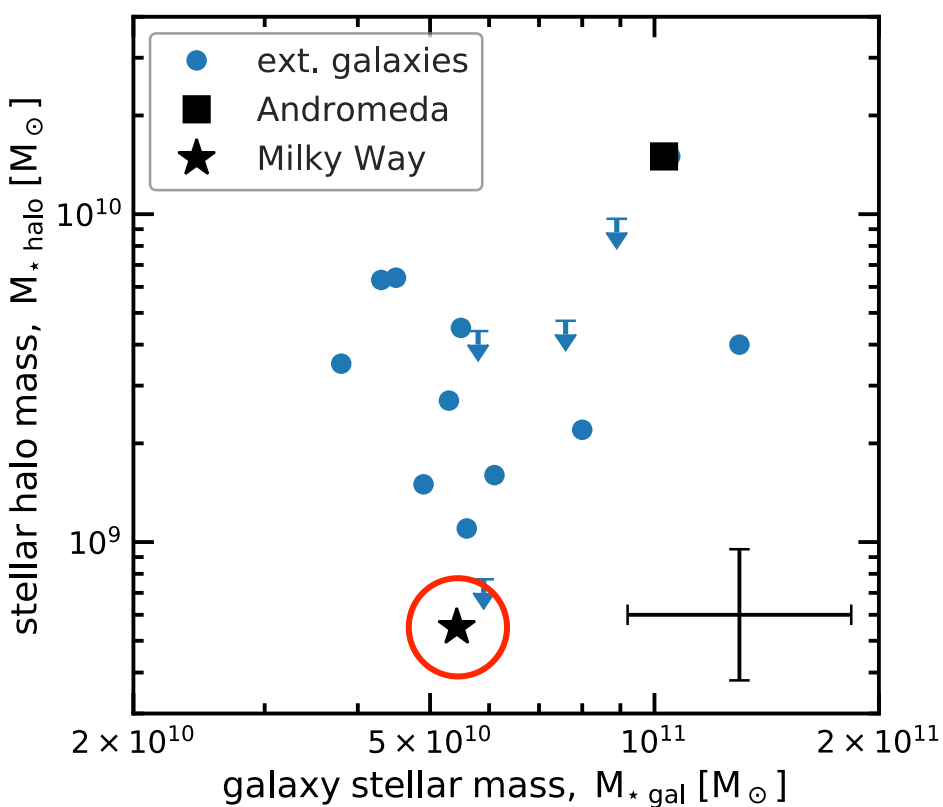
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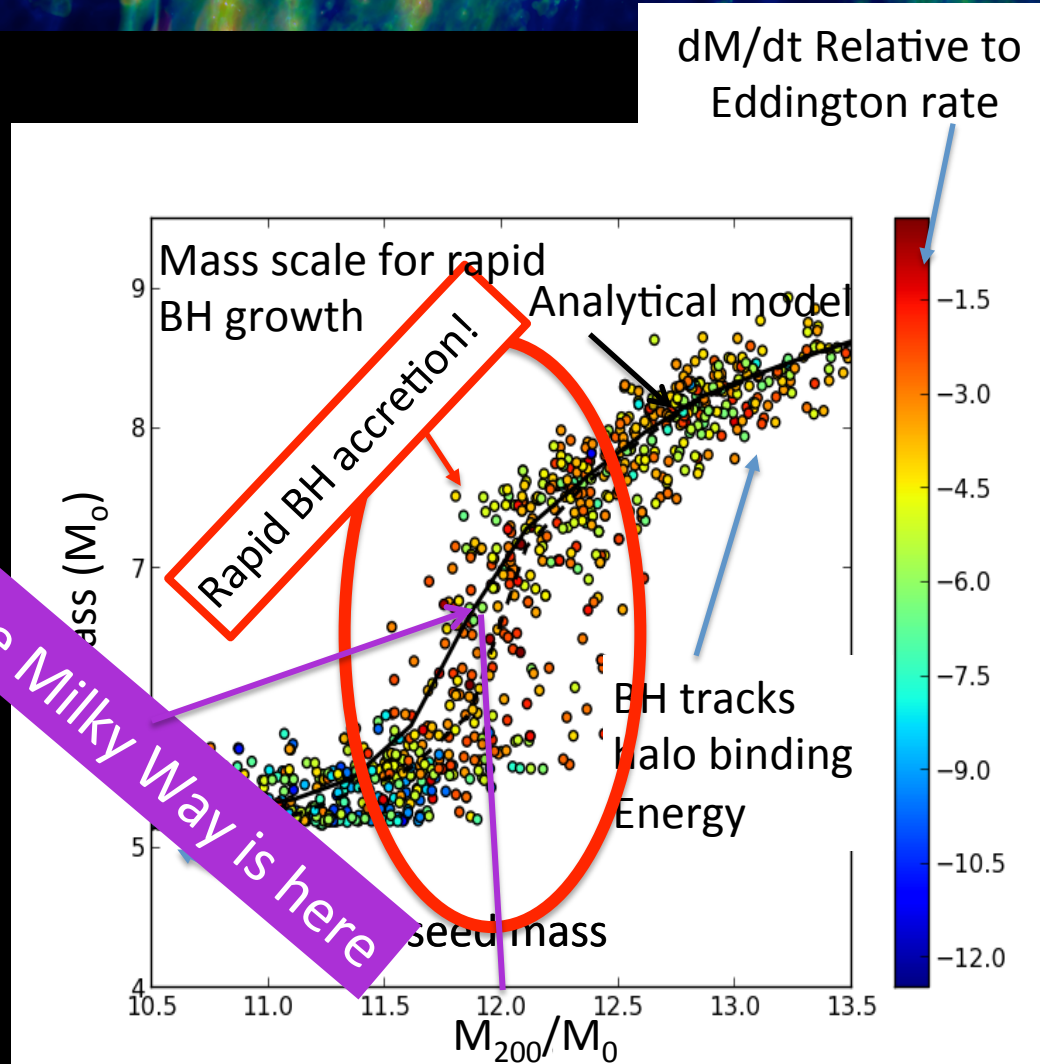


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## The Large Magellanic Cloud

- $M_{\text{LMC}} = 2.5 \pm 0.1 \times 10^{11} M_{\odot}$
- Galactocentric distance = 50 kpc
- $V_{\text{LMC-MW}} = 327 \text{ km/s}$
- Orbital eccentricity =  $0.88 \pm 0.07$
- (Peñarrubia et al '16; Bajkova, V.V. Bobylev '17)



The LMC will crash at the Galactic Centre in 2.5 Gys



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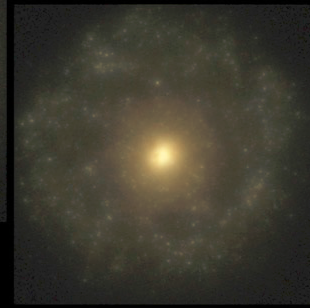
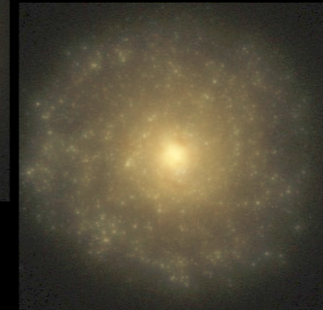
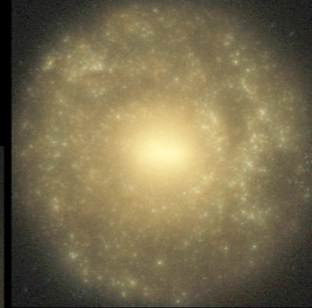
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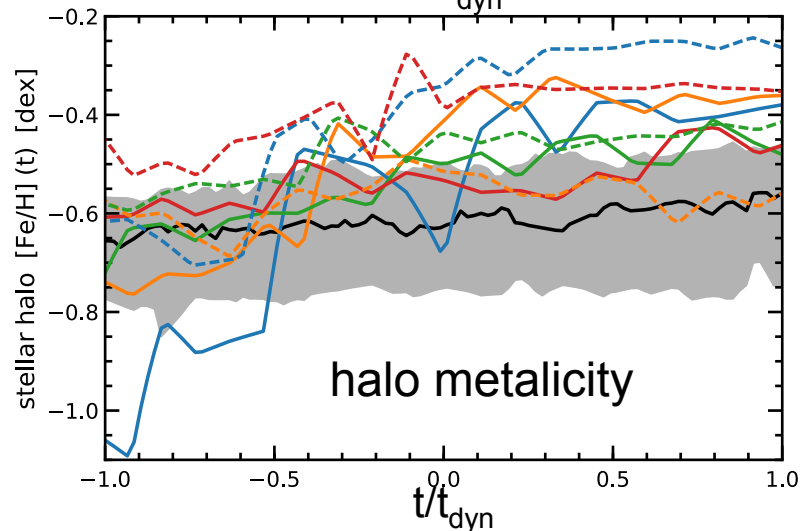
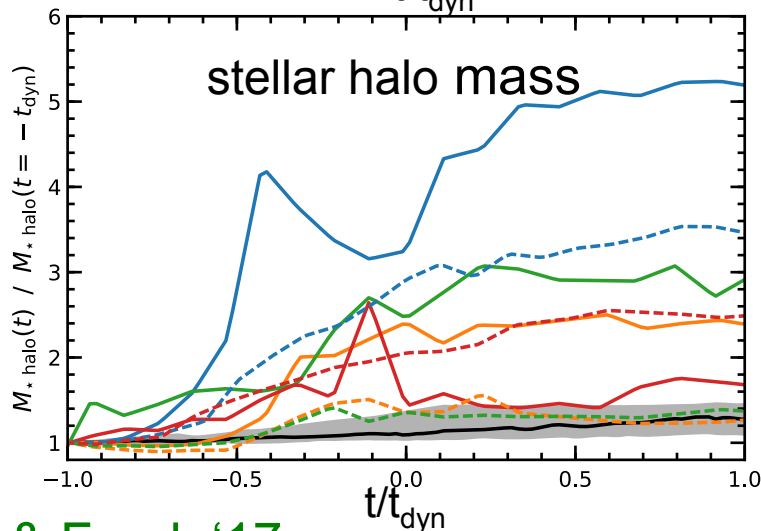
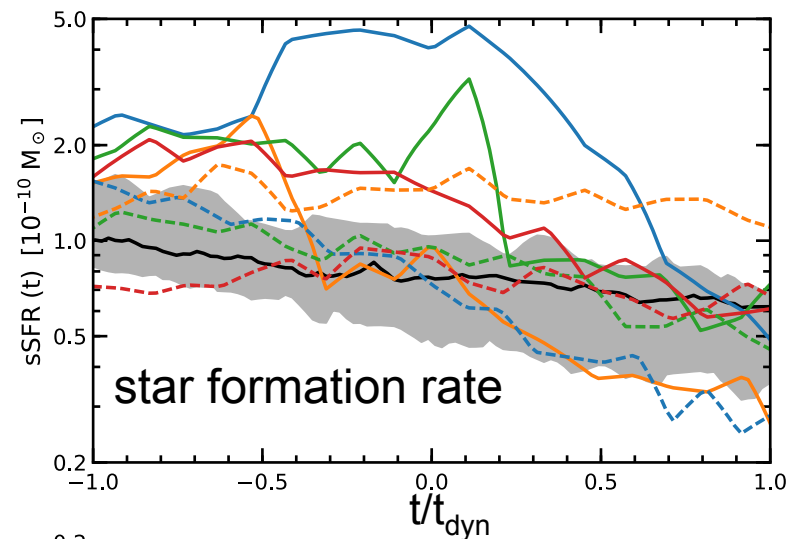
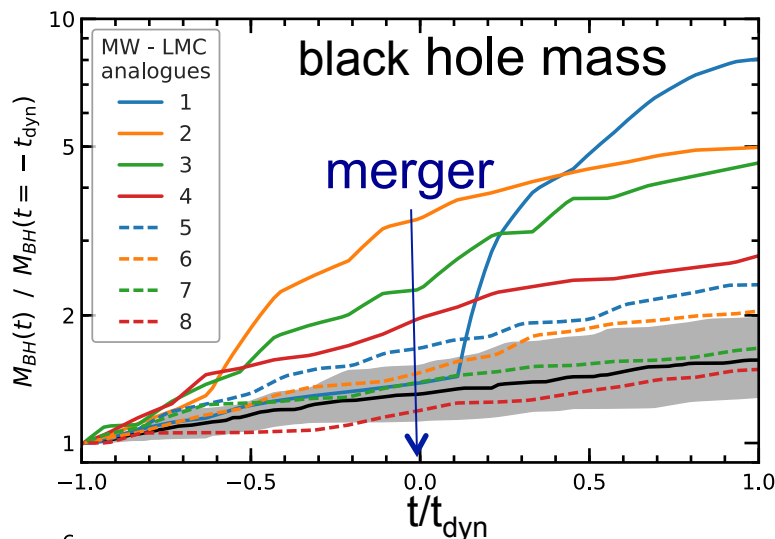
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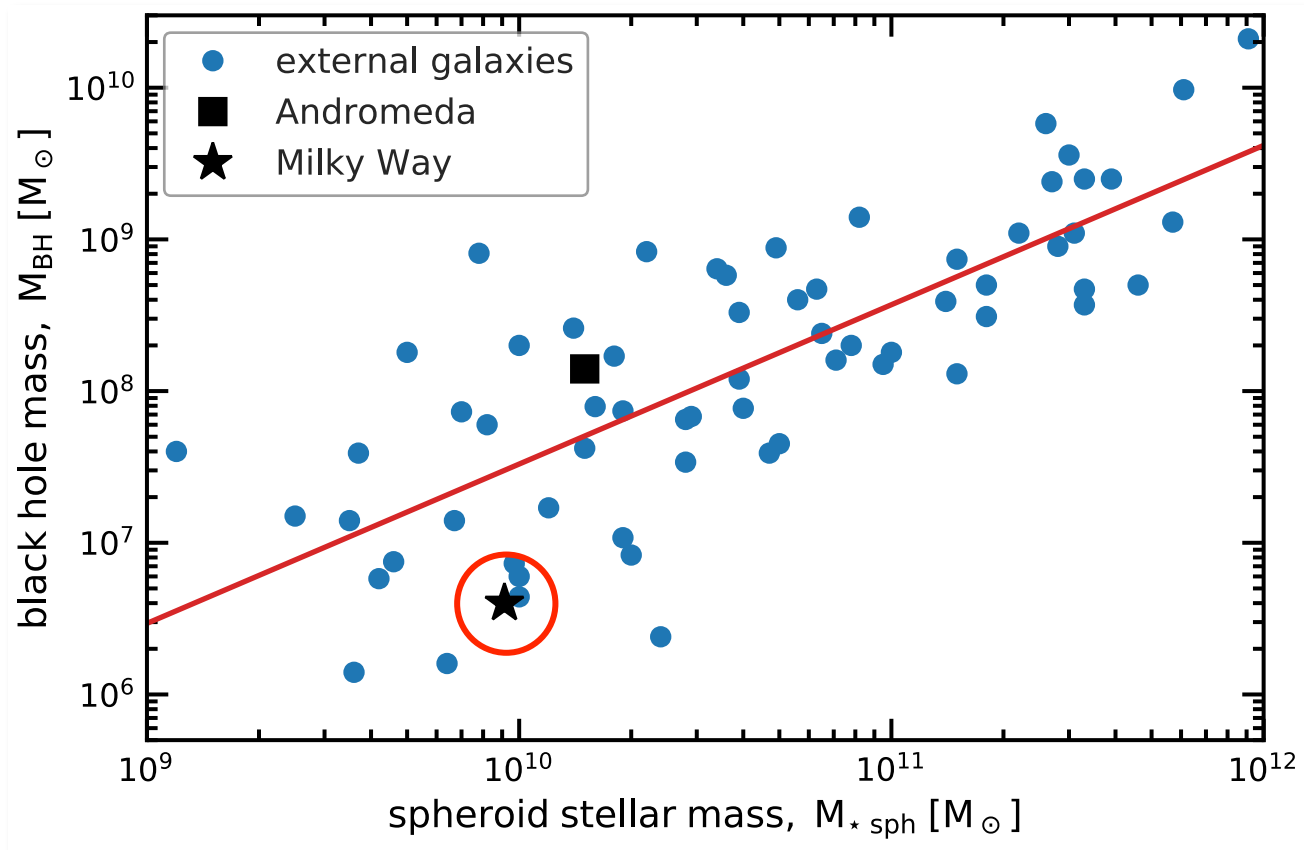


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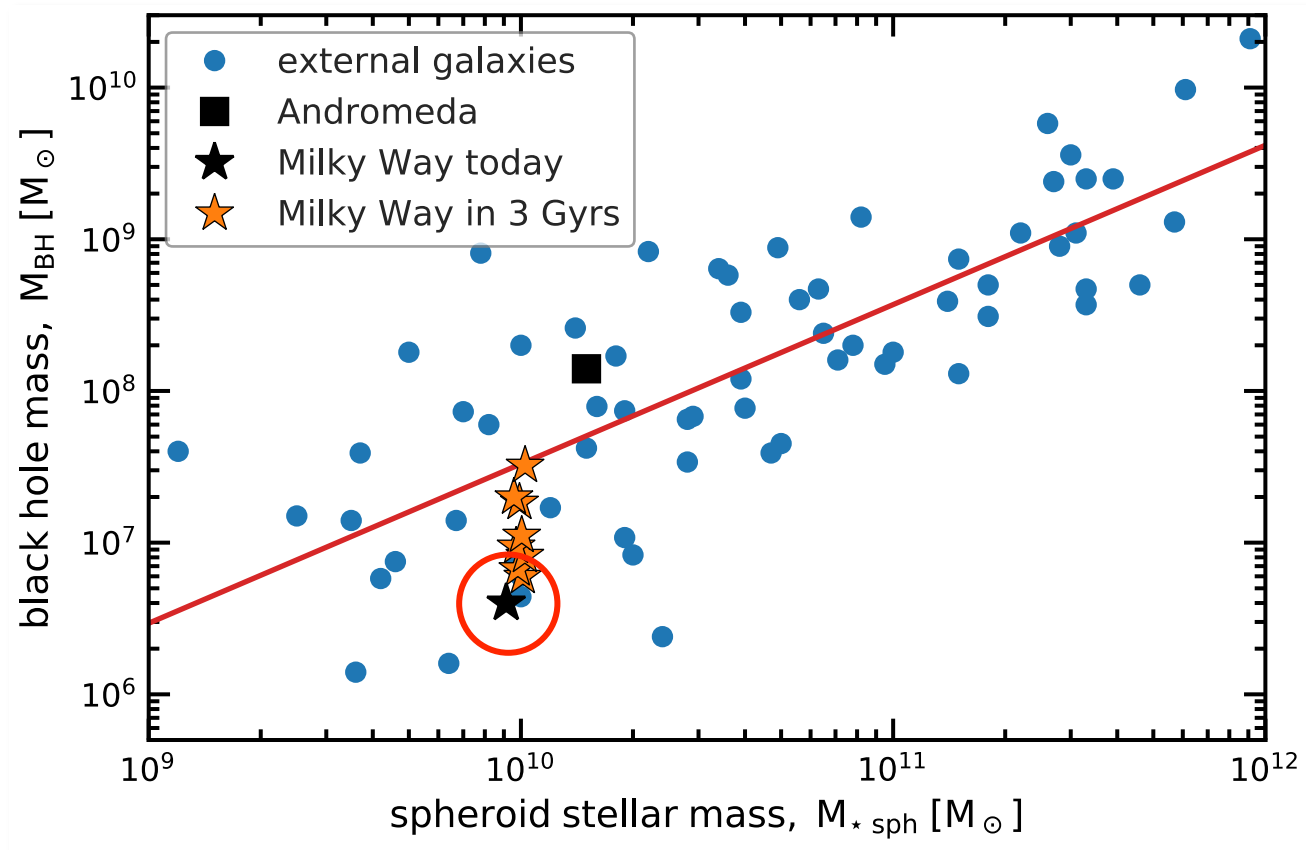
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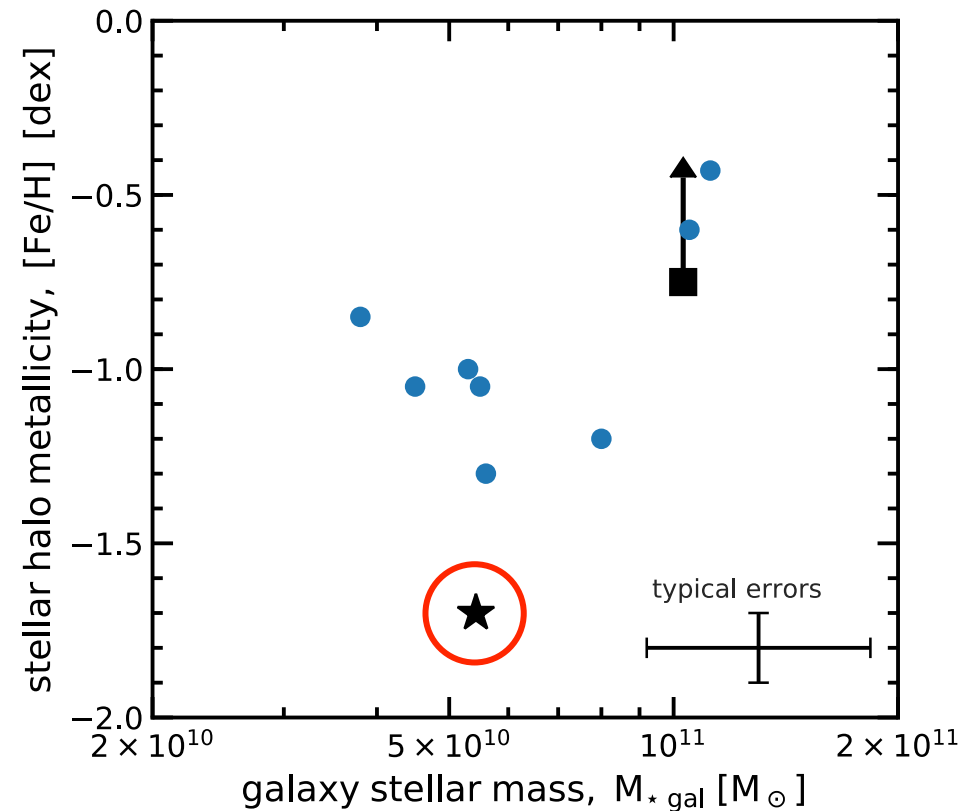
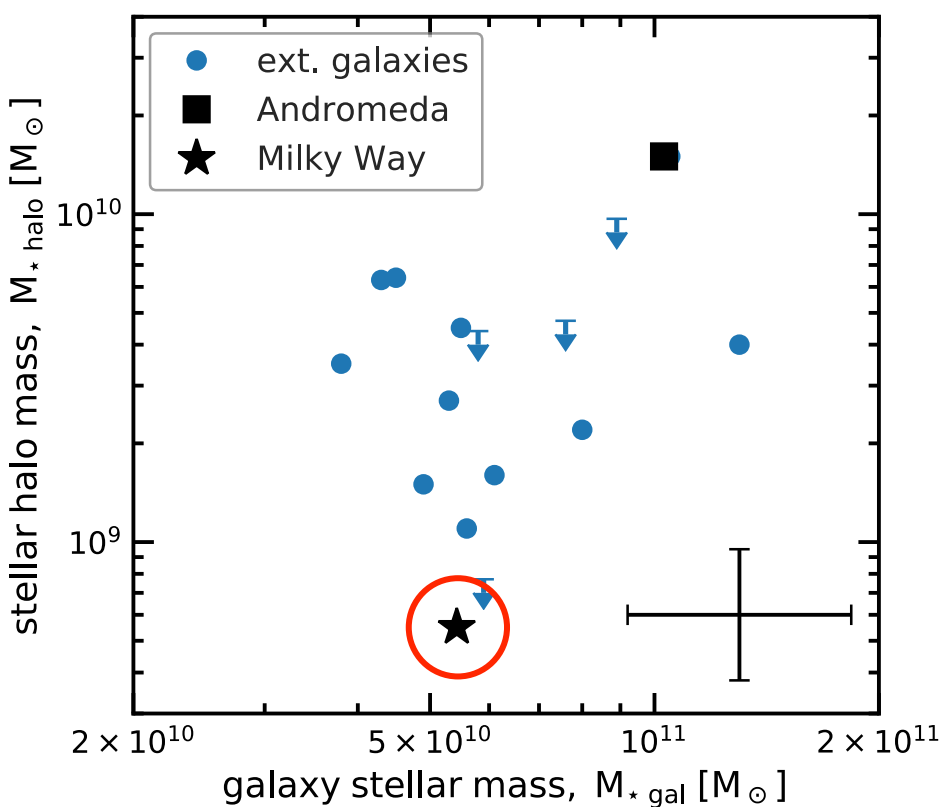
Our BH will  
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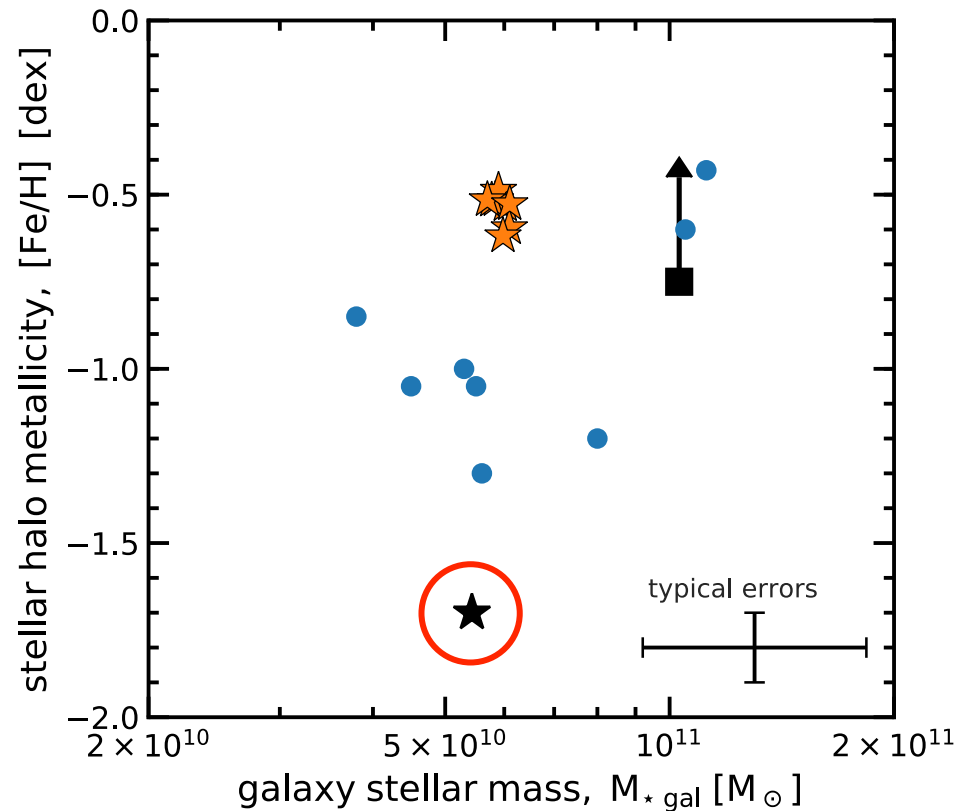
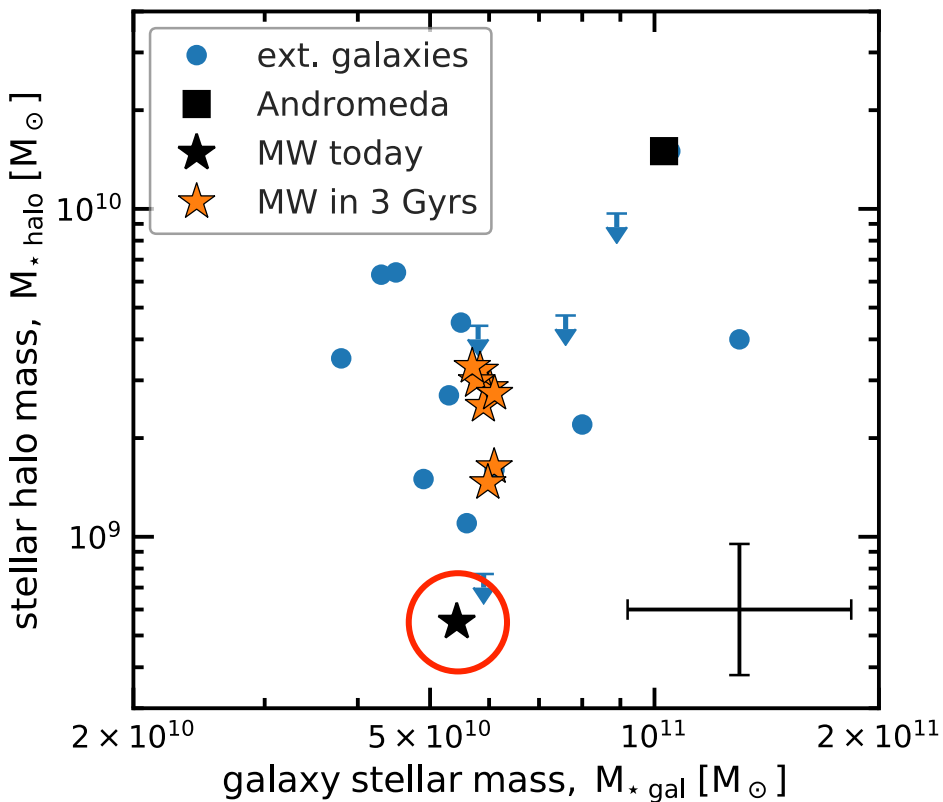
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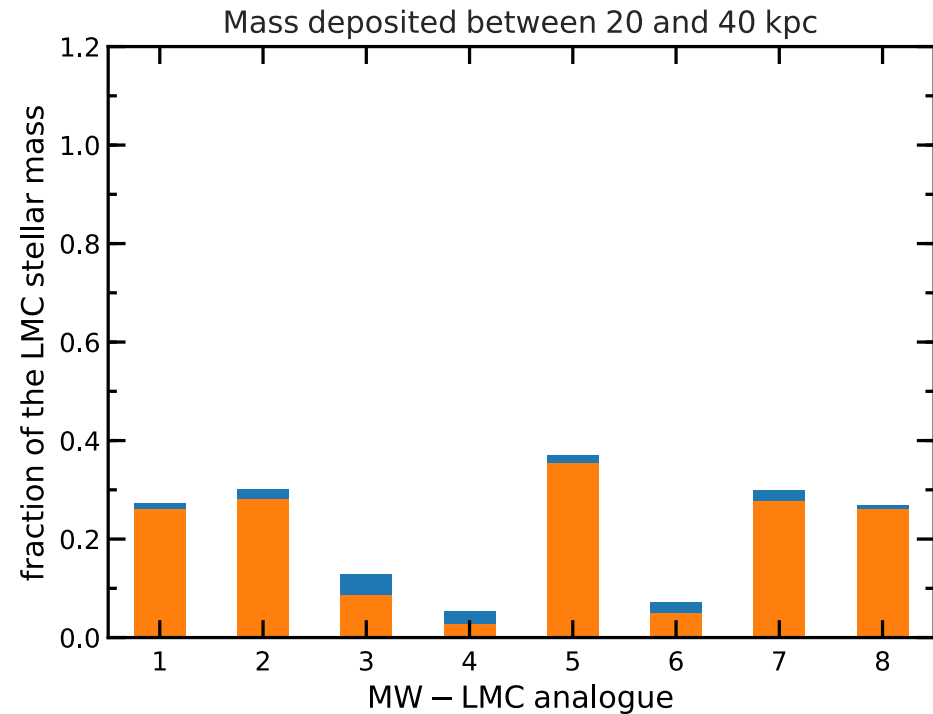
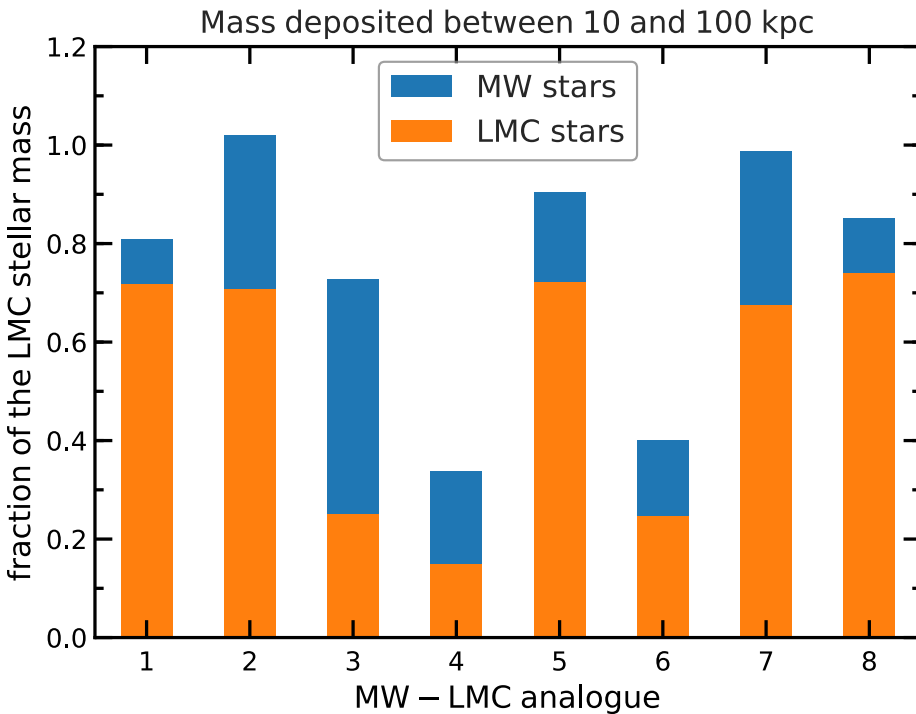
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The mass and metallicity of the MW stellar mass will also become typical



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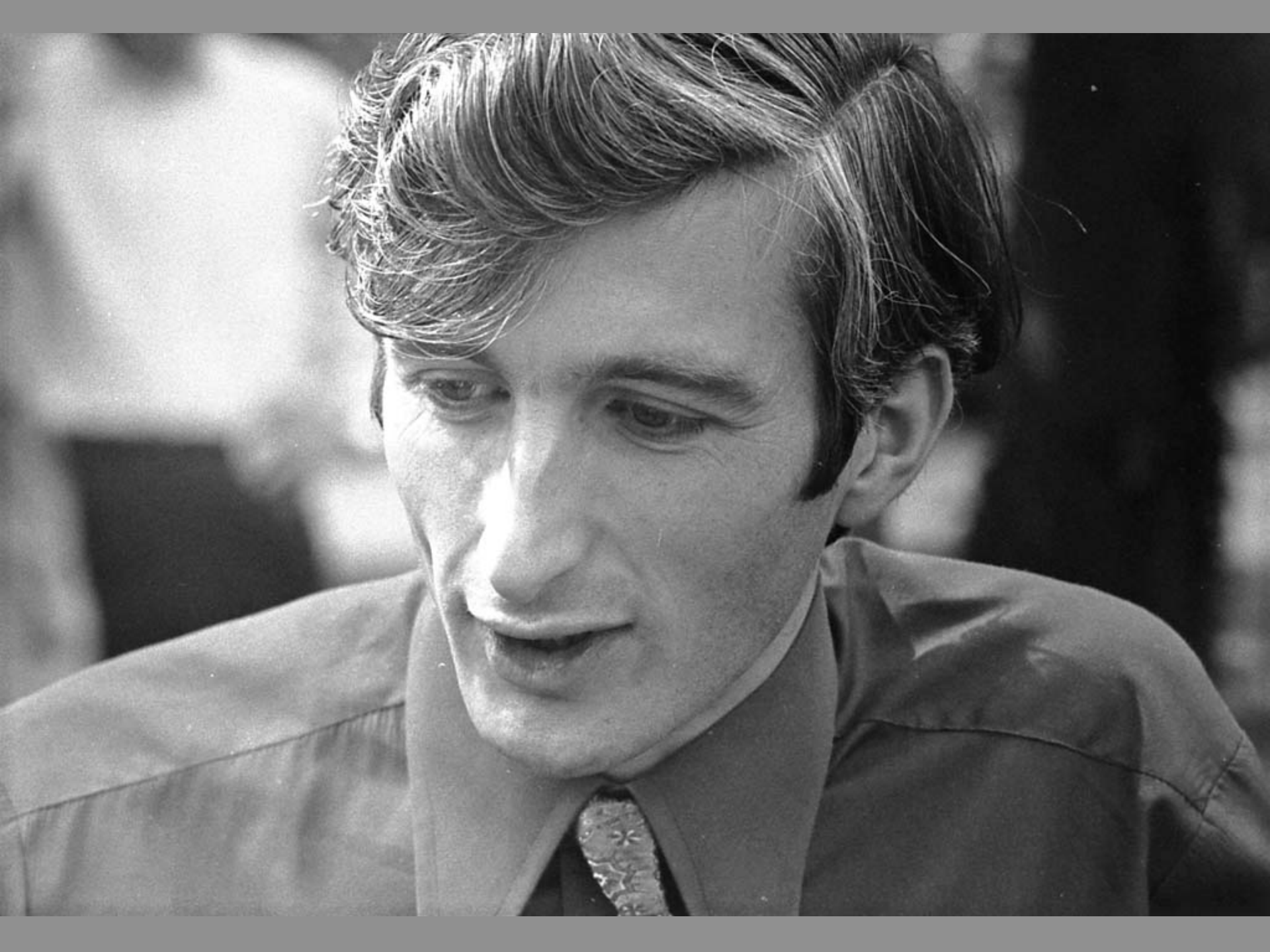
In most examples, the stellar halo will be made of LMC stars although a fraction will be scattered from the MW disk





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