

# Growing black holes in growing galaxies

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# Quasars and Active Galactic Nuclei (AGN)



They are as luminous as galaxies:  $L \sim 10^{11} - 10^{13} L_{\text{sun}}$

Size of the emitting region is  $10^6$  times smaller than a galaxy  $\sim$  size of solar system

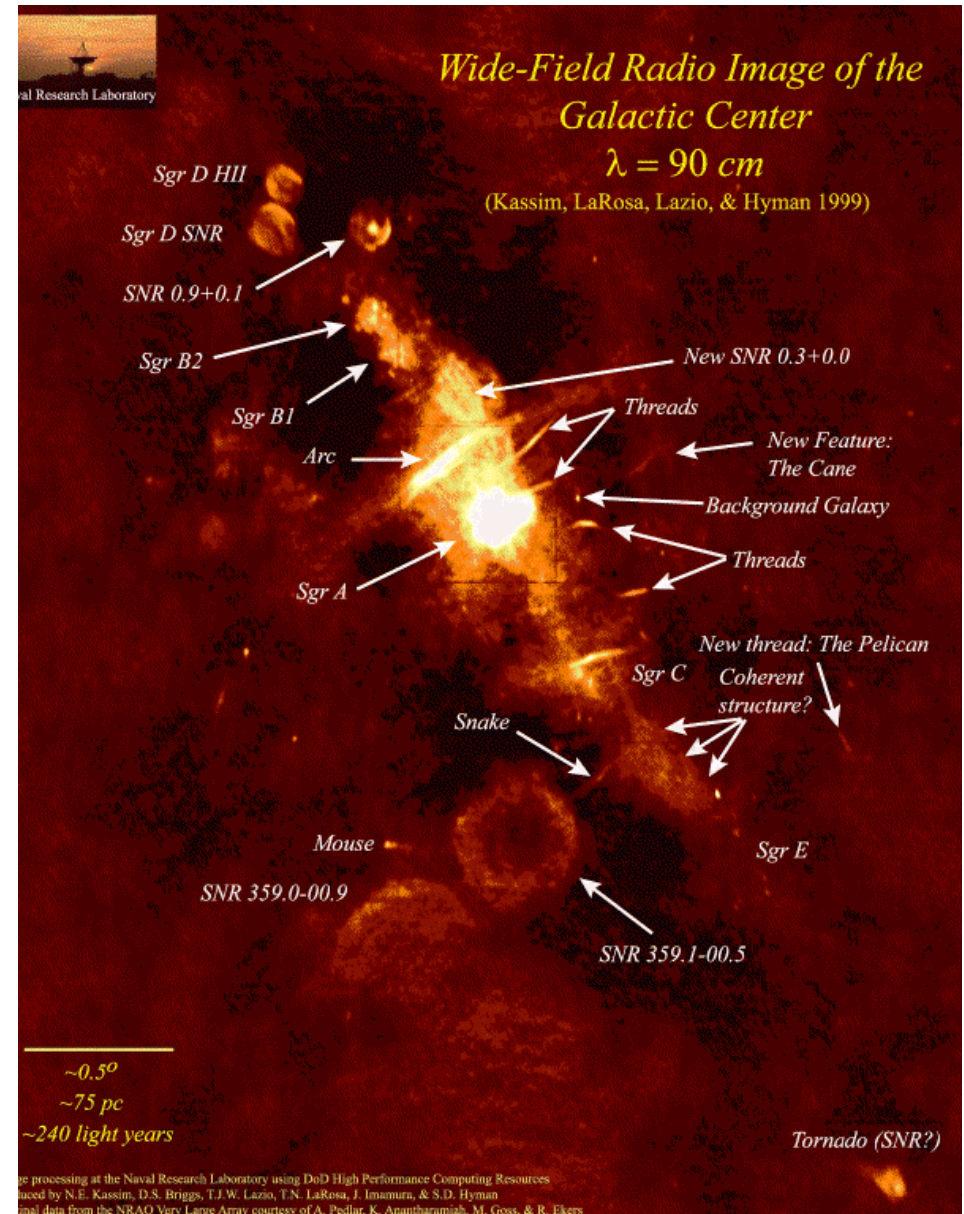
Powered by accreting black holes with masses of millions to billions of  $M_{\text{sun}}$

# Quiescent MBHs

Many MBHs are quiescent.  
We have an example is in the  
center of the Milky Way.

The typical luminosity of  
Sgr A\*, is  $\sim 10^{34}$  erg/s.

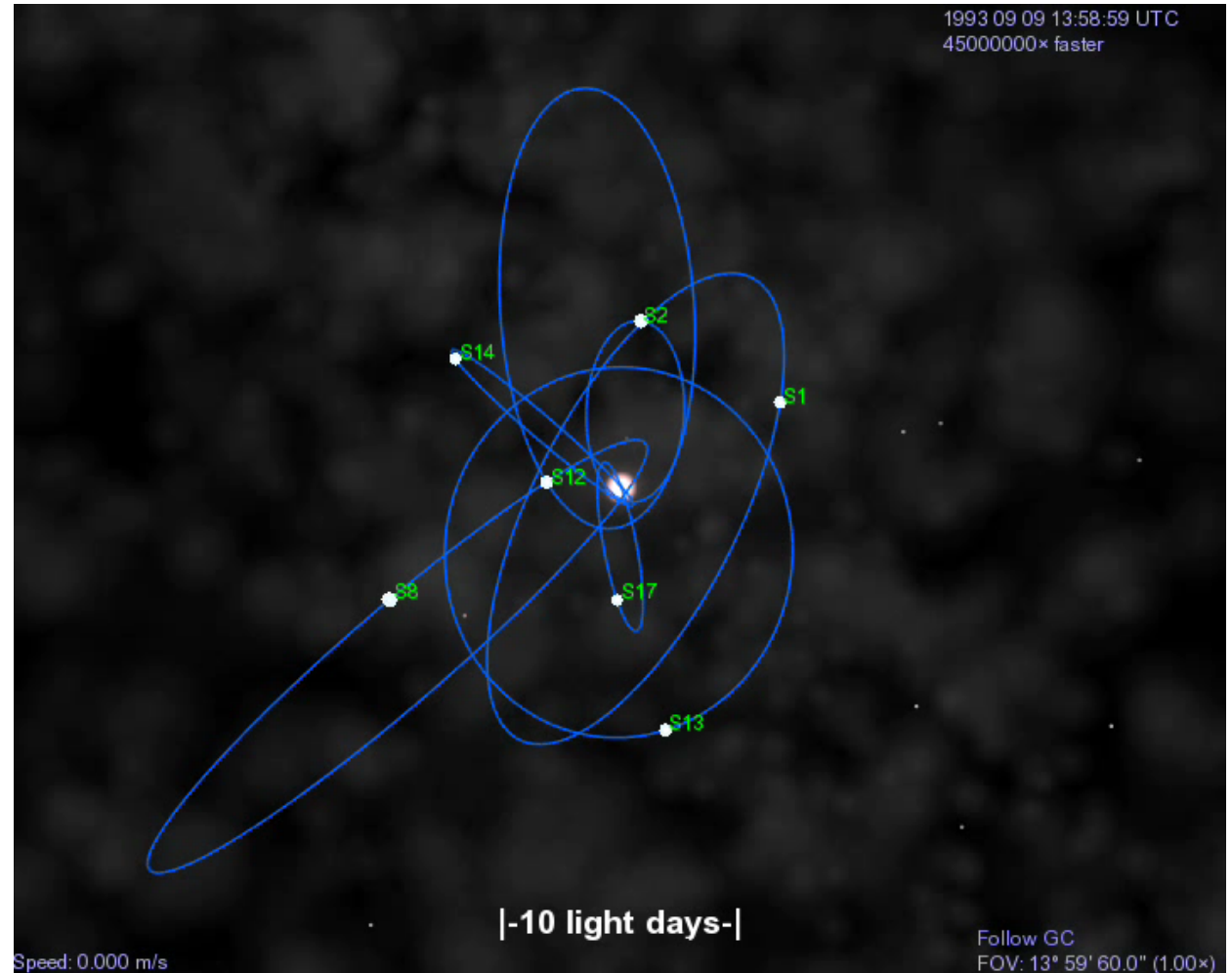
Not much more than the  
Sun ( $4 \times 10^{33}$  erg/s).



# MBHs in local galaxies

The best example of search for a SMBH is the MILKY WAY: individual stars can be resolved

Keplerian motion – the central point mass is  
 $\sim 4 \times 10^6 M_{\text{sun}}$

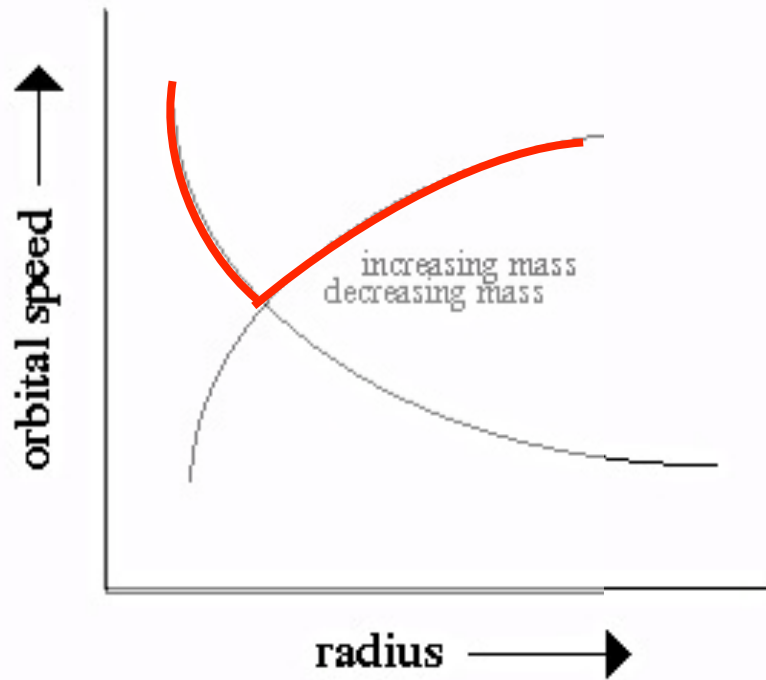


# MBHs in local galaxies

In (almost) every other galaxy => velocity field from the integrated stellar light in galaxies with *quiescent* MBHs.

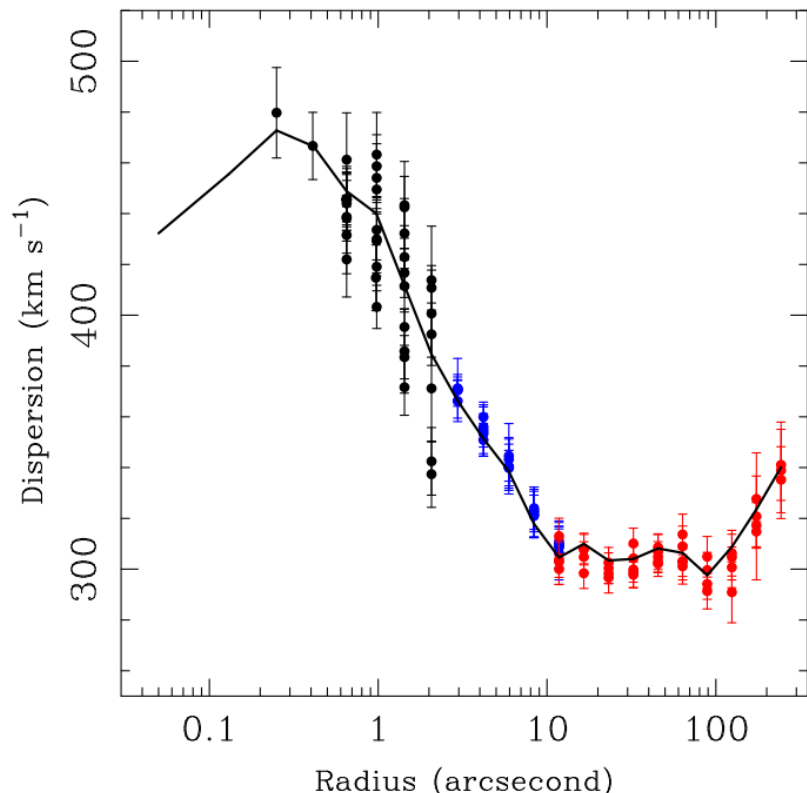
In the presence of a central MBH the velocity of stars is higher than expected from the galaxy potential only => peak in the velocity curve in the central  $\sim$ pc

$$V = \sqrt{\frac{GM(< r)}{r}} = \sqrt{\frac{G(M_{BH} + M_{gal}(< r))}{r}}$$



**Idealized case**

~80 MBHs with  
measured mass in  
nearby galaxies to-date

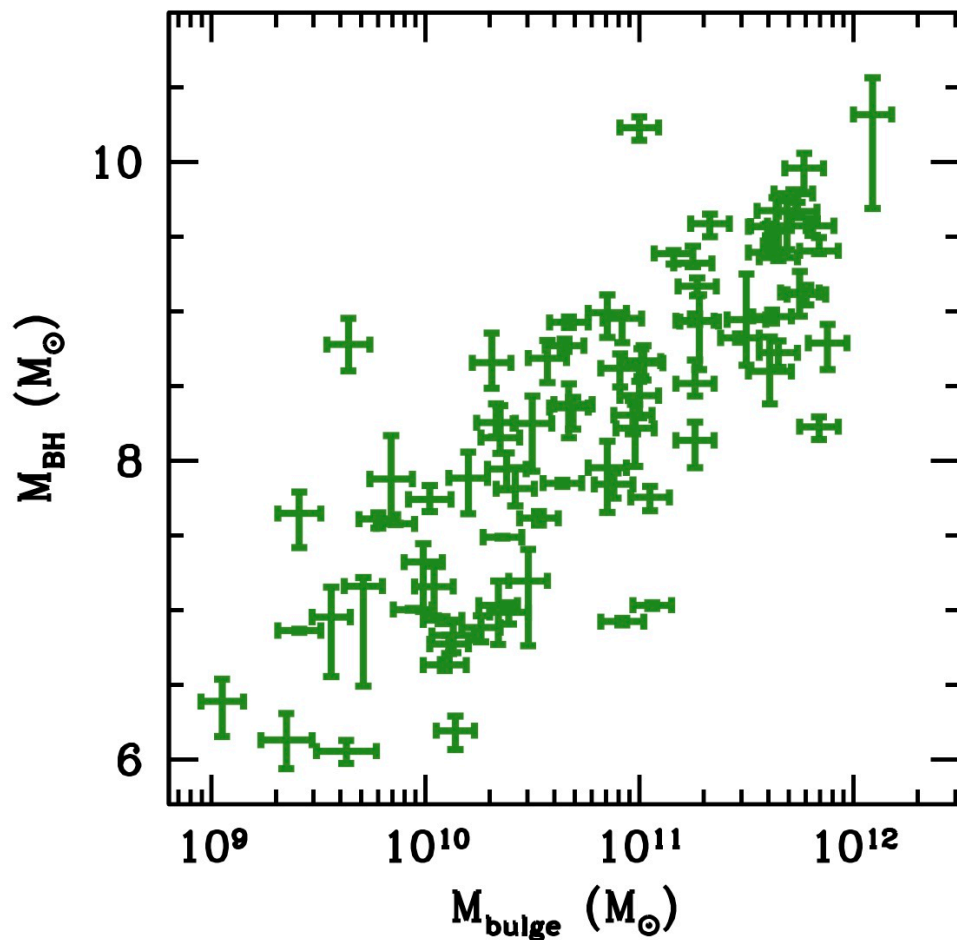


**Real case**

M87, Gebhardt et al. 2011

# Black holes in local galaxies

Black hole masses correlate with galaxy properties. This may mean their growth/evolution are intimately connected.



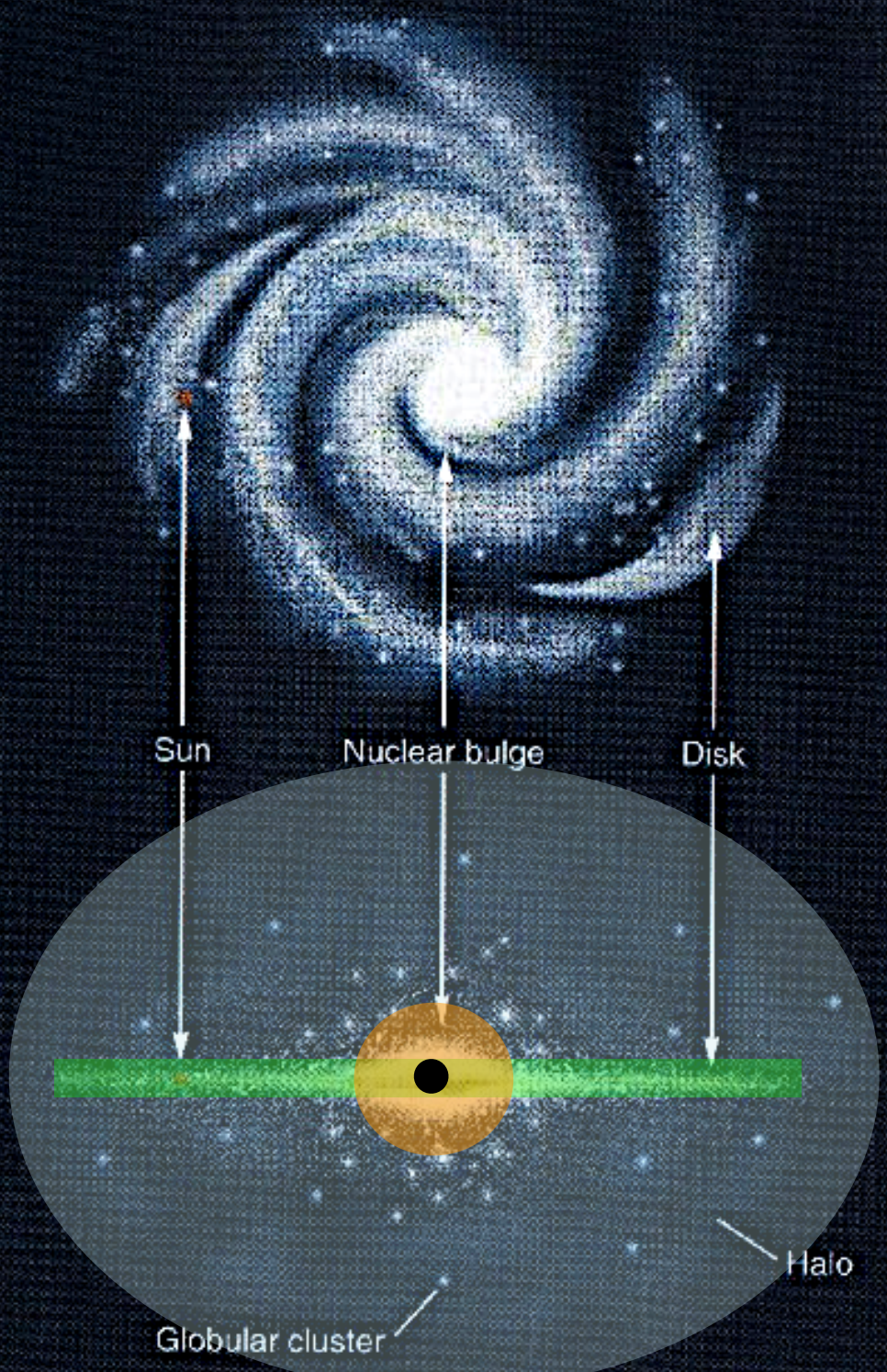
- $M_{\text{BH}} \sim 10^{-3} M_{\text{bulge}}$

- $M_{\text{BH}} \sim \sigma^4 - \sigma^5$

$\sigma$ : velocity dispersion

- Through Faber-Jackson:  $L \sim \sigma^4$
- IR light traces mass

100,000  $l_{\odot}$



# Galaxies

mass:  $10^9$ - $10^{12}$  solar masses

$$R_{\text{halo}} \sim GM_{\text{halo}}/\sigma^2 \quad \text{MEGAPARSEC}$$

$$R_{\text{bulge}} \sim GM_{\text{bulge}}/\sigma^2 \quad \text{KILOPARSEC}$$

1 parsec = 3.26 light years =  $3 \times 10^{18}$  cm

$\sigma \sim 50$ - $300$  km/s for most galaxies

# Massive Black Holes

mass:  $10^5$ - $10^9$  solar masses

$$R_{\text{bondi}} \sim GM_{\text{BH}}/c_s^2 \quad \text{PARSEC}$$

$$R_{\text{inf}} \sim GM_{\text{BH}}/\sigma^2 \quad \text{PARSEC}$$

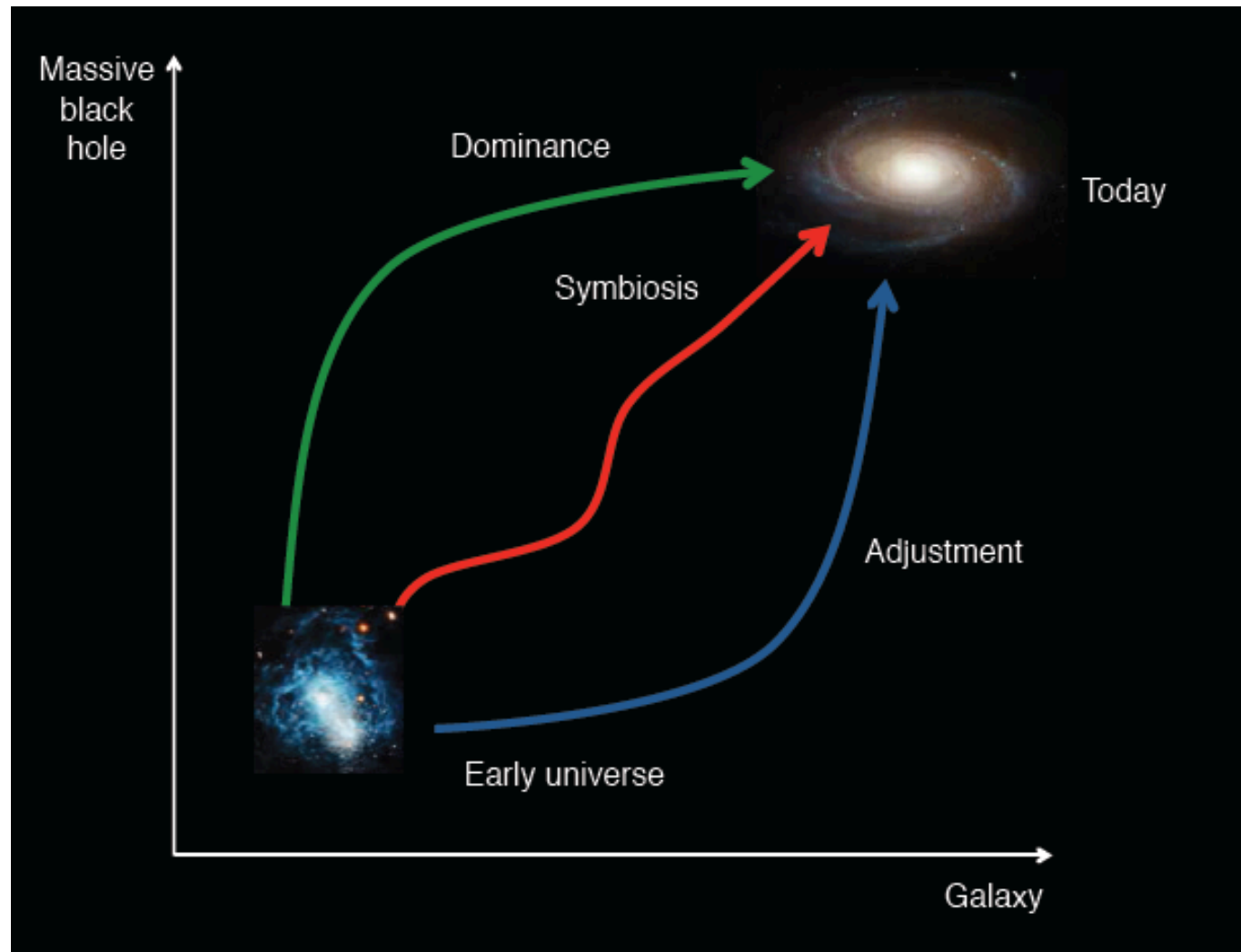
$$R_{\text{sch}} = 2GM_{\text{BH}}/c^2 \quad \text{MICROPARSEC}$$

$c_s \sim 10$ - $100$  km/s for most galaxies

$c = 3 \times 10^5$  km/s

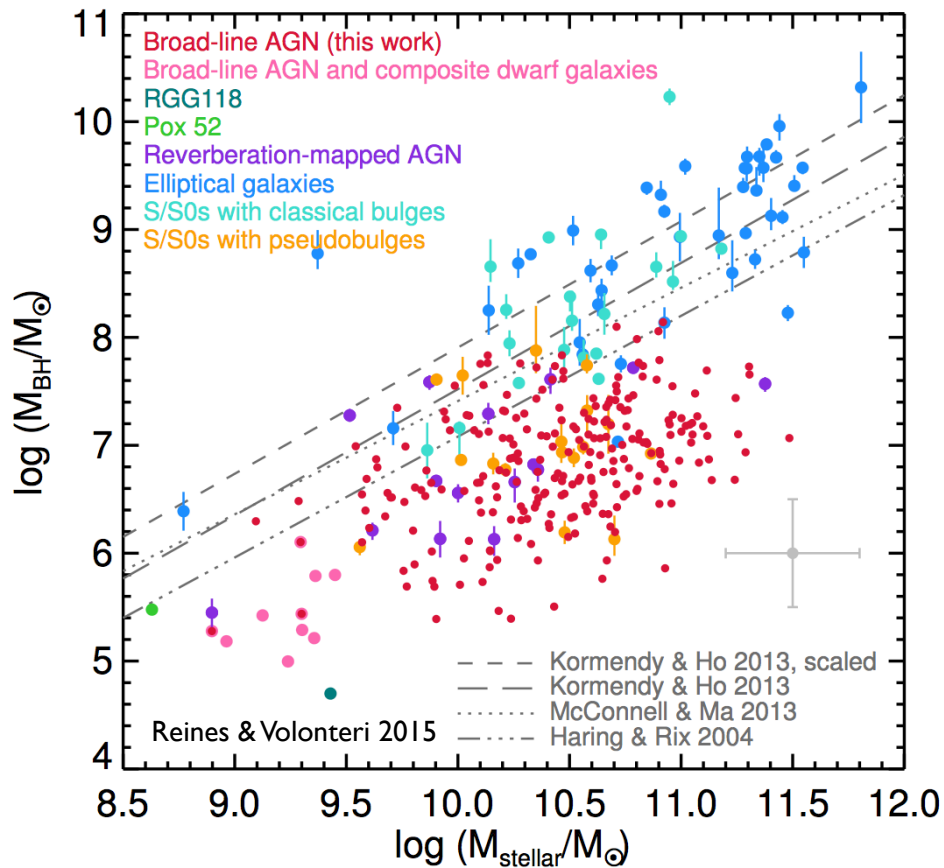


# The growth of MBHs and galaxies



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# Growing BHs and galaxies



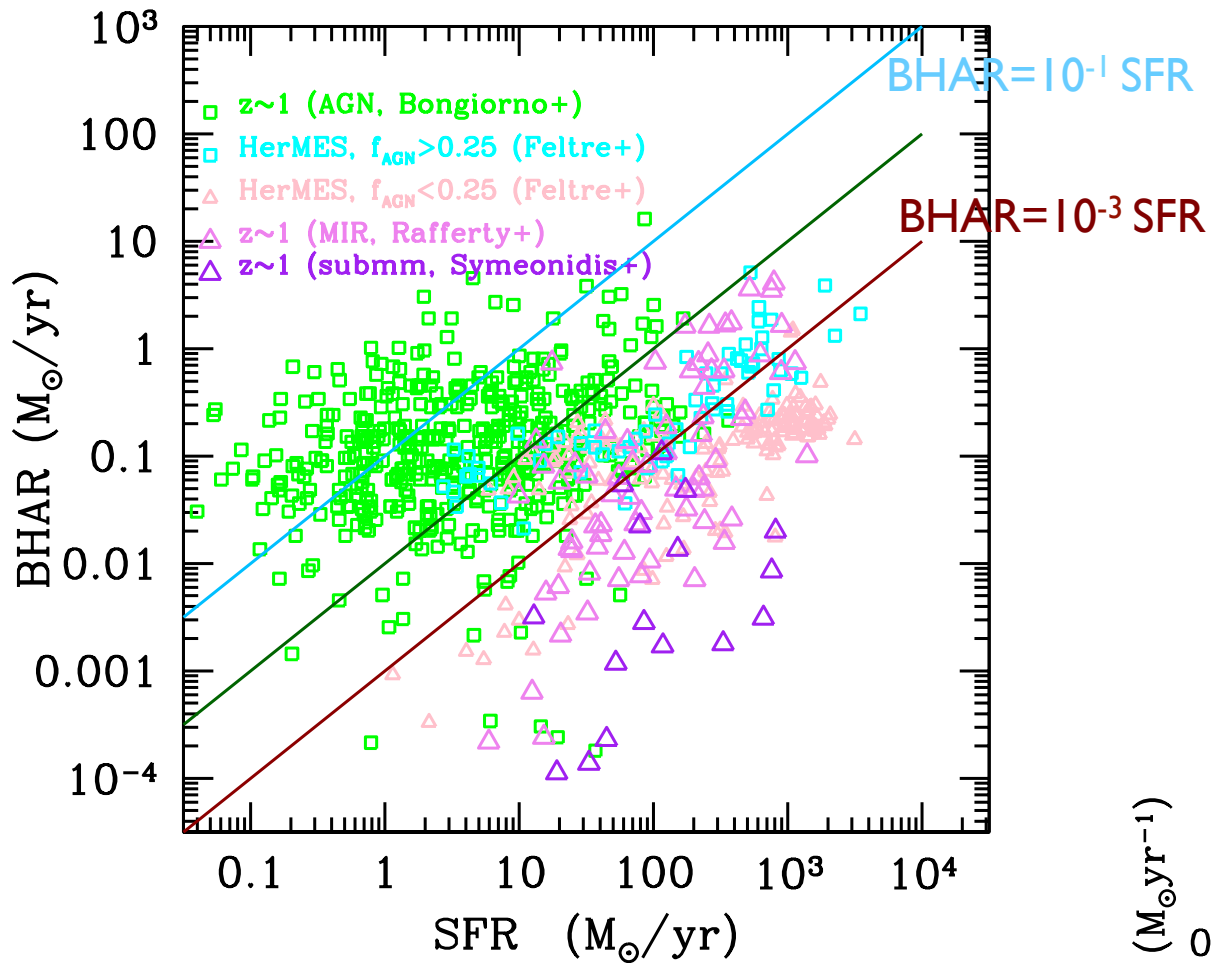
$$M_{\text{BH}} \sim 10^{-3} - 10^{-4} M_{*}$$

‘for every  $\sim 1000$  units of star formation (SF) there is  $\sim 1-2$  units of BH accretion’ (Alexander & Hickox 2012)

$$M_{\text{BH}} = \langle \text{BHAR} \rangle \times t$$

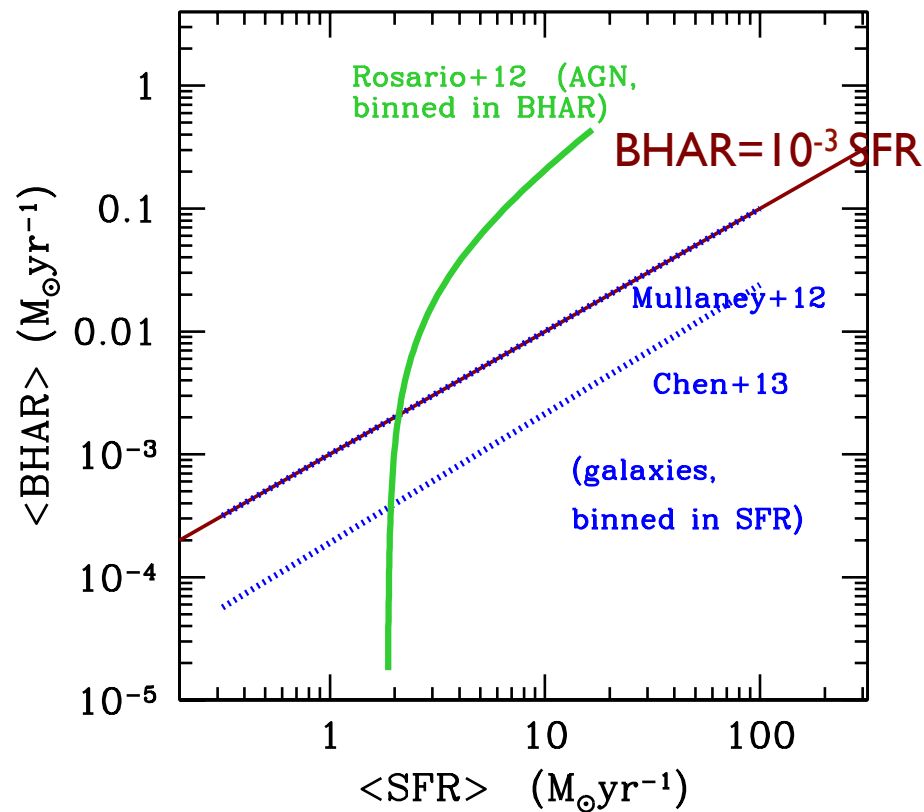
$$M_{*} = \langle \text{SFR} \rangle \times t$$

$$\Rightarrow \langle \text{BHAR} \rangle = 10^{-3} \langle \text{SFR} \rangle$$



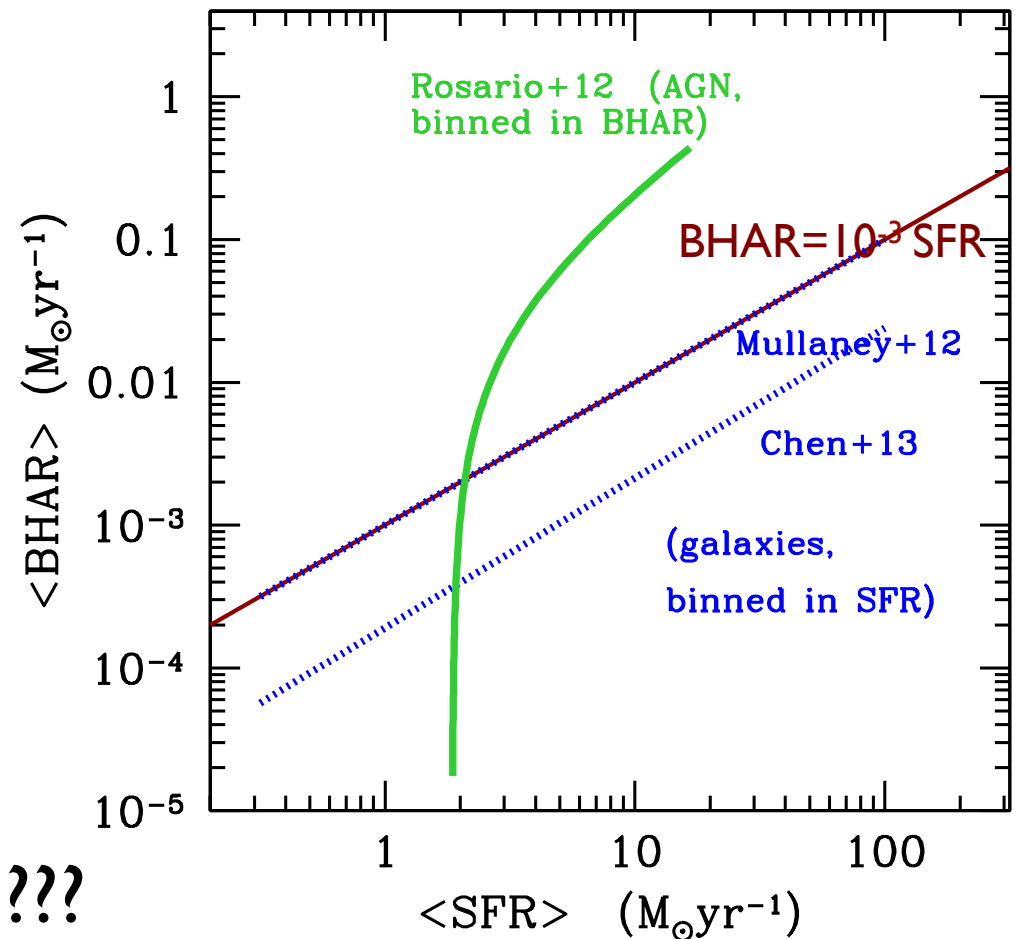
**BHAR  $\neq 10^{-3}$  SFR**

**$\langle \text{BHAR} \rangle = 10^{-3} \langle \text{SFR} \rangle$  ???**



# BHAR variability higher than SFR variability ( $\sim 100$ Myr)

Long-term average BHAR is perfectly correlated with the SFR (Hickox+14)



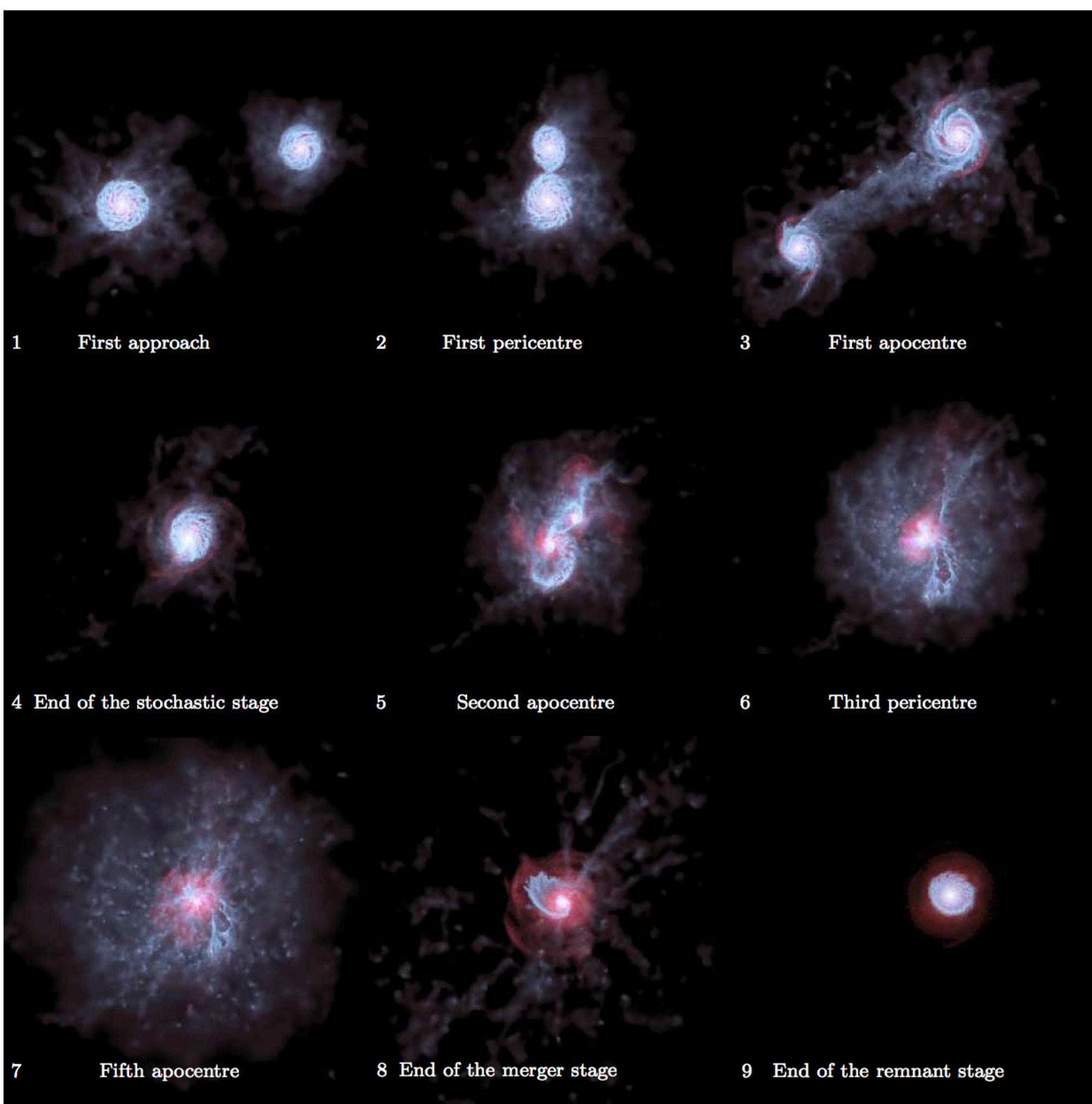
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# Growing MBHs and galaxies

- High spatial ( $\sim 10$  pc) and temporal (0.1-1 Myr) resolution
- Wide range of mass ratios and orbital configurations

Name	Mass ratio ( $q$ )	$\theta_1$	$\theta_2$	gas fraction
m1.gf0.3.pro	1:1	0	0	0.3
m2.gf0.3.pro	1:2	0	0	0.3
m2.gf0.3.incl	1:2	$\pi/4$	0	0.3
m2.gf0.3.retprim	1:2	$\pi$	0	0.3
m2.gf0.3.retsec	1:2	0	$\pi$	0.3
m2.gf0.6.pro	1:2	0	0	0.6
m4.gf0.3.pro	1:4	0	0	0.3
m4.gf0.3.incl	1:4	$\pi/4$	0	0.3
m6.gf0.3.pro	1:6	0	0	0.3
m10.gf0.3.pro	1:10	0	0	0.3

**Table 1.** Parameters for our simulations.  $\theta_1$  and  $\theta_2$  are the angles between the spin axis and the total orbital angular momentum axis for each galaxy.  $q$  is the initial mass ratio between the merging galaxies.



mass ratio  
1:2

1 First approach      2 First pericentre      3 First apocentre



4 End of the stochastic stage



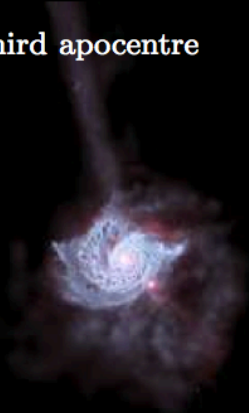
5 Second apocentre



6 Third pericentre



7 Third apocentre



8 End of the merger stage

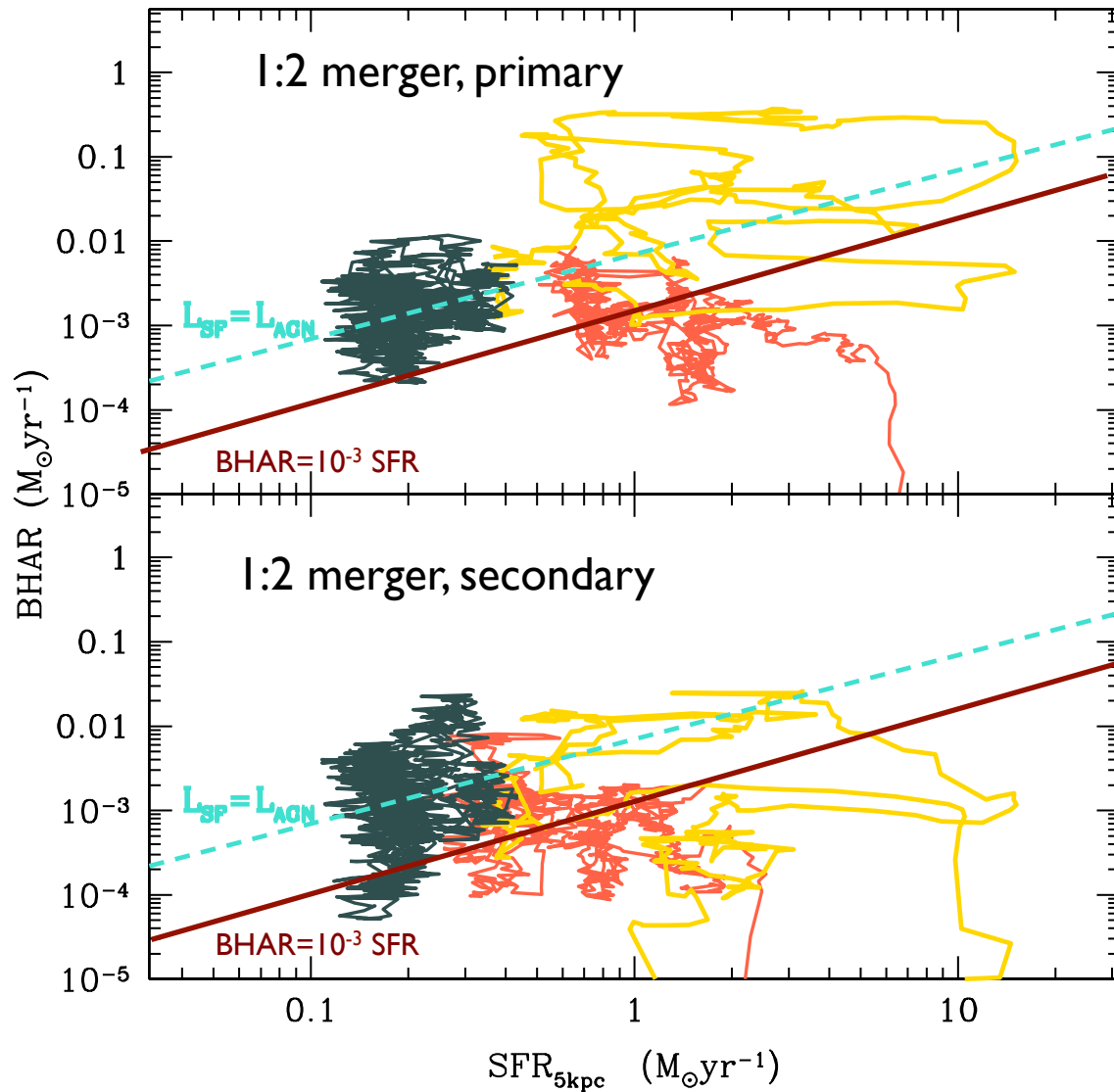


9 End of the remnant stage



mass ratio  
1:6

# Tracking BHAR vs SFR



## Before the merger:

- $\text{BHAR} \sim 10^{-3} \text{SFR}$
- galaxies are SF dominated

## During the merger:

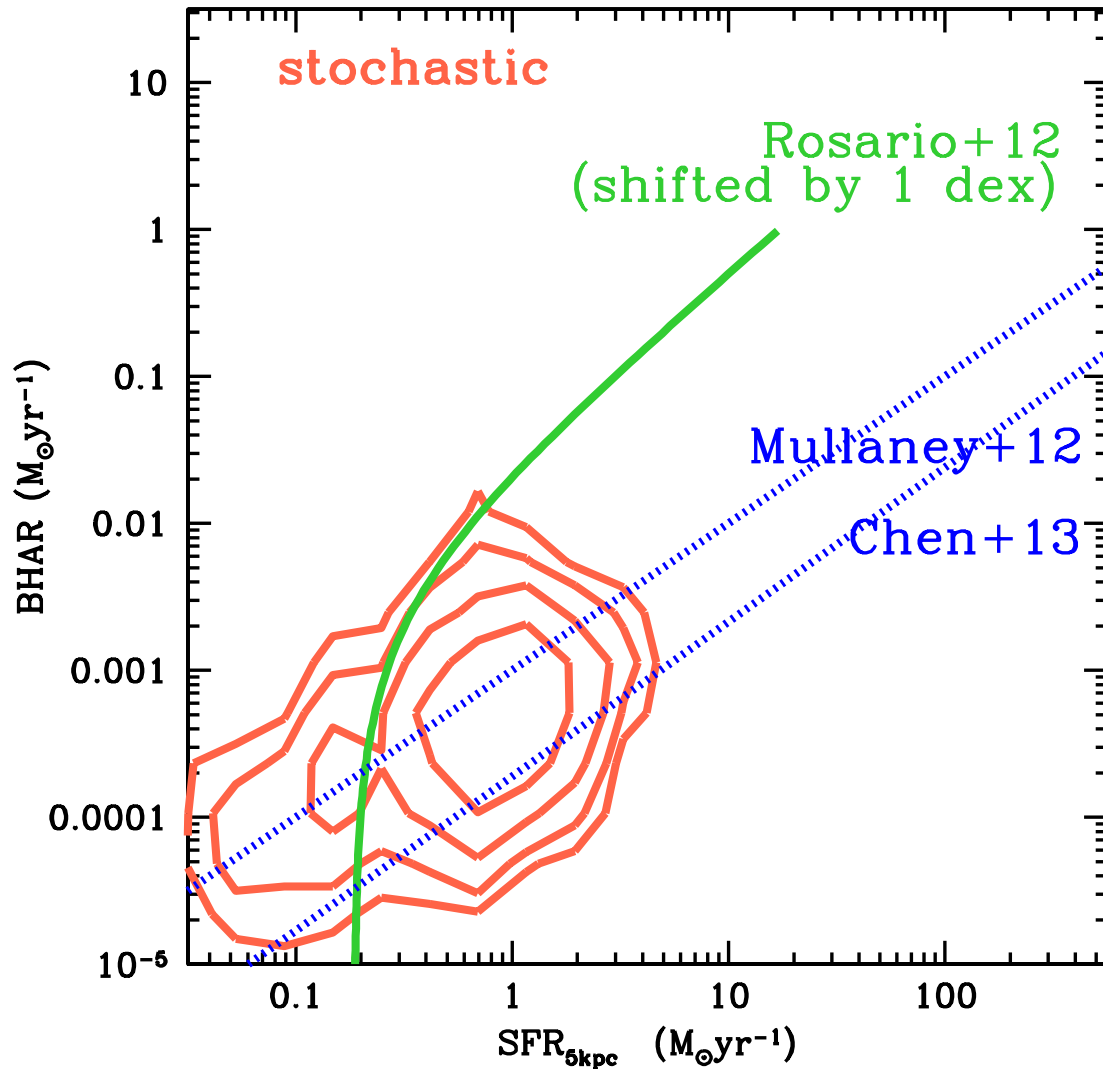
- complex and chaotic behaviour

## After the merger:

- initially  $\text{BHAR} > 10^{-3} \text{SFR}$
- between the AGN and the SF dominated regions

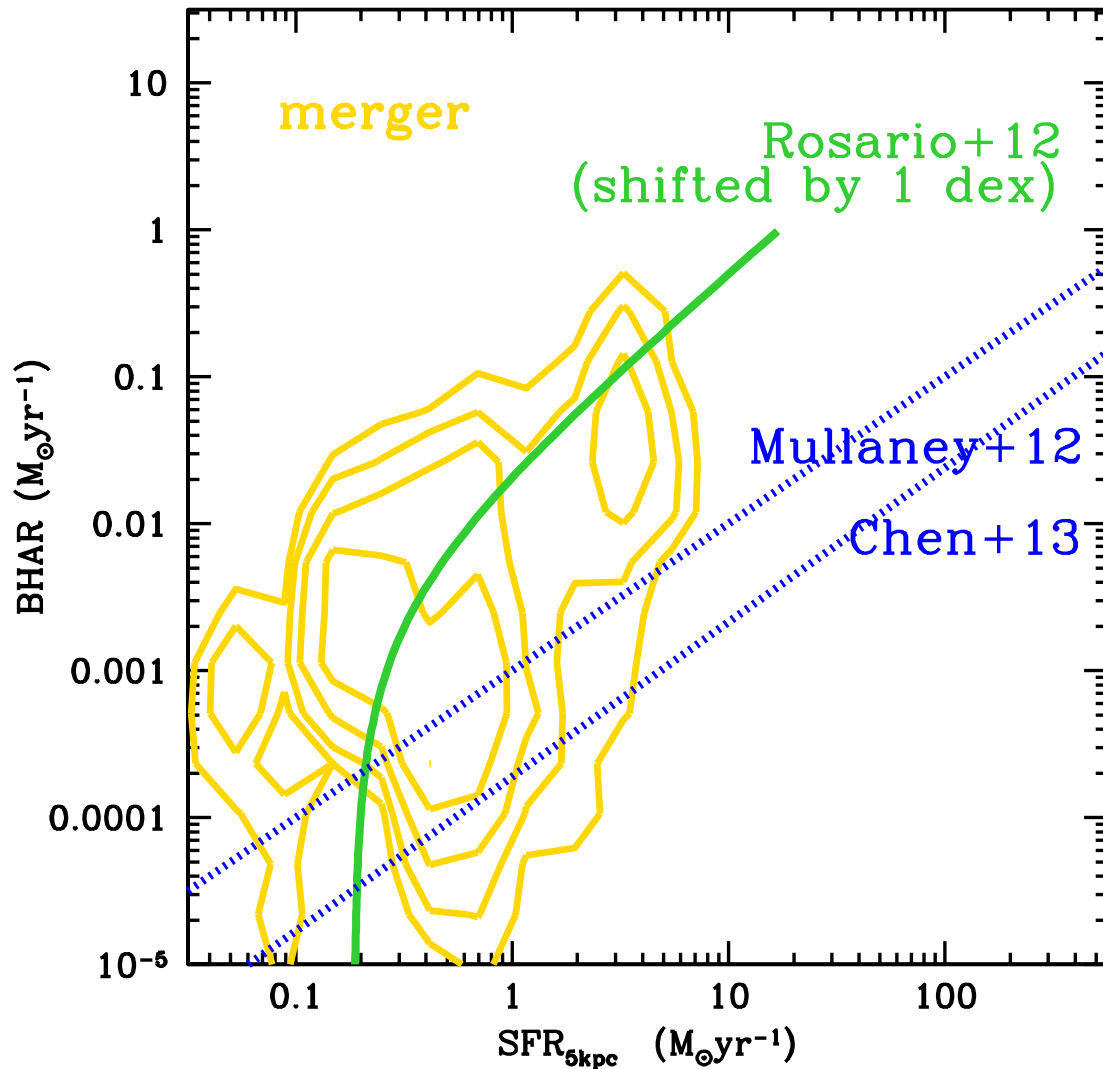


# Growing MBHs and galaxies



**Before the merger:**  
region between the  
relations found for star-  
forming galaxies

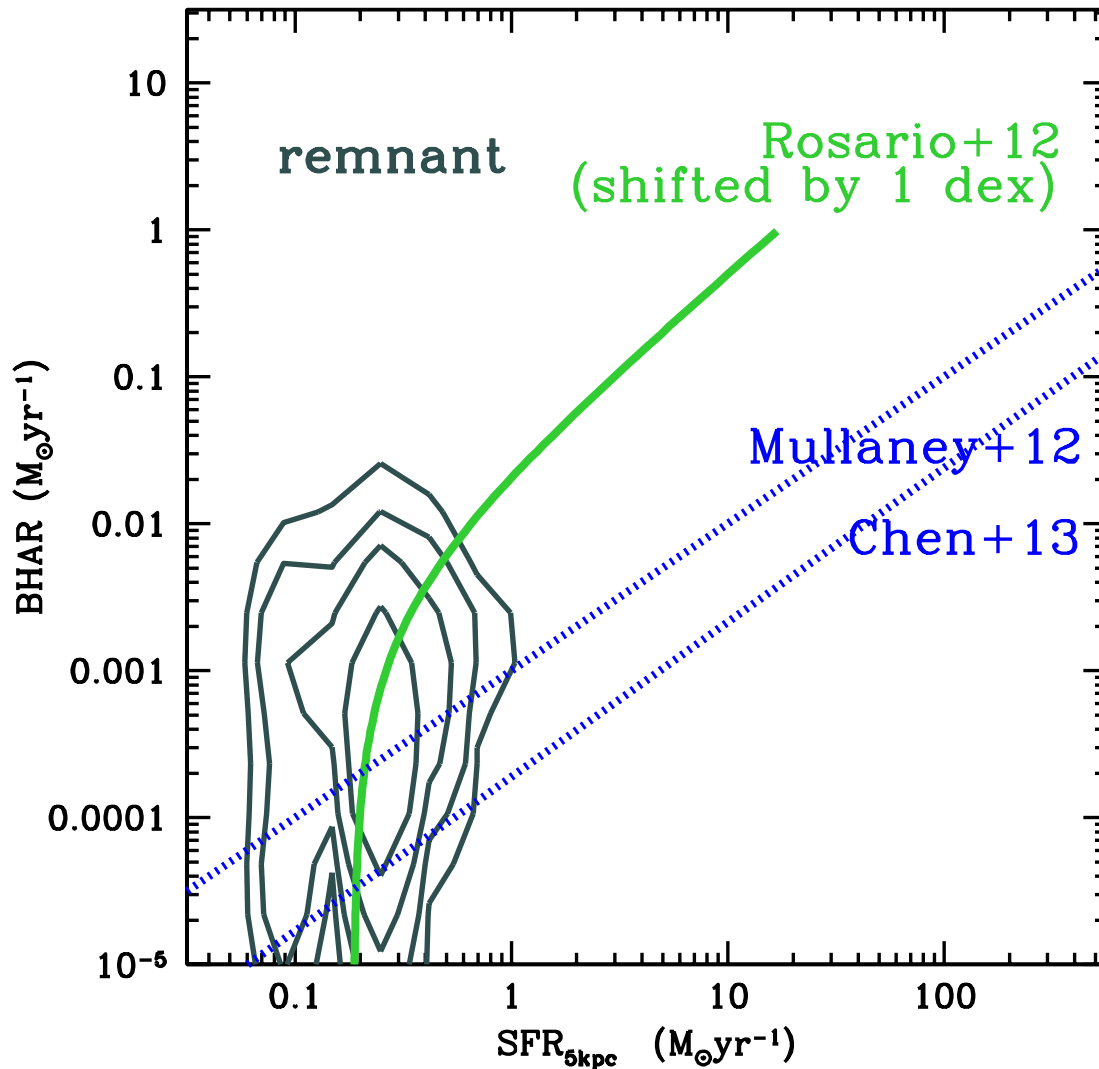
# Growing MBHs and galaxies



During the merger  
(200-300 Myr):

- approach the upper part of the curves for AGN
- BHAR and SFR driven by same global dynamics

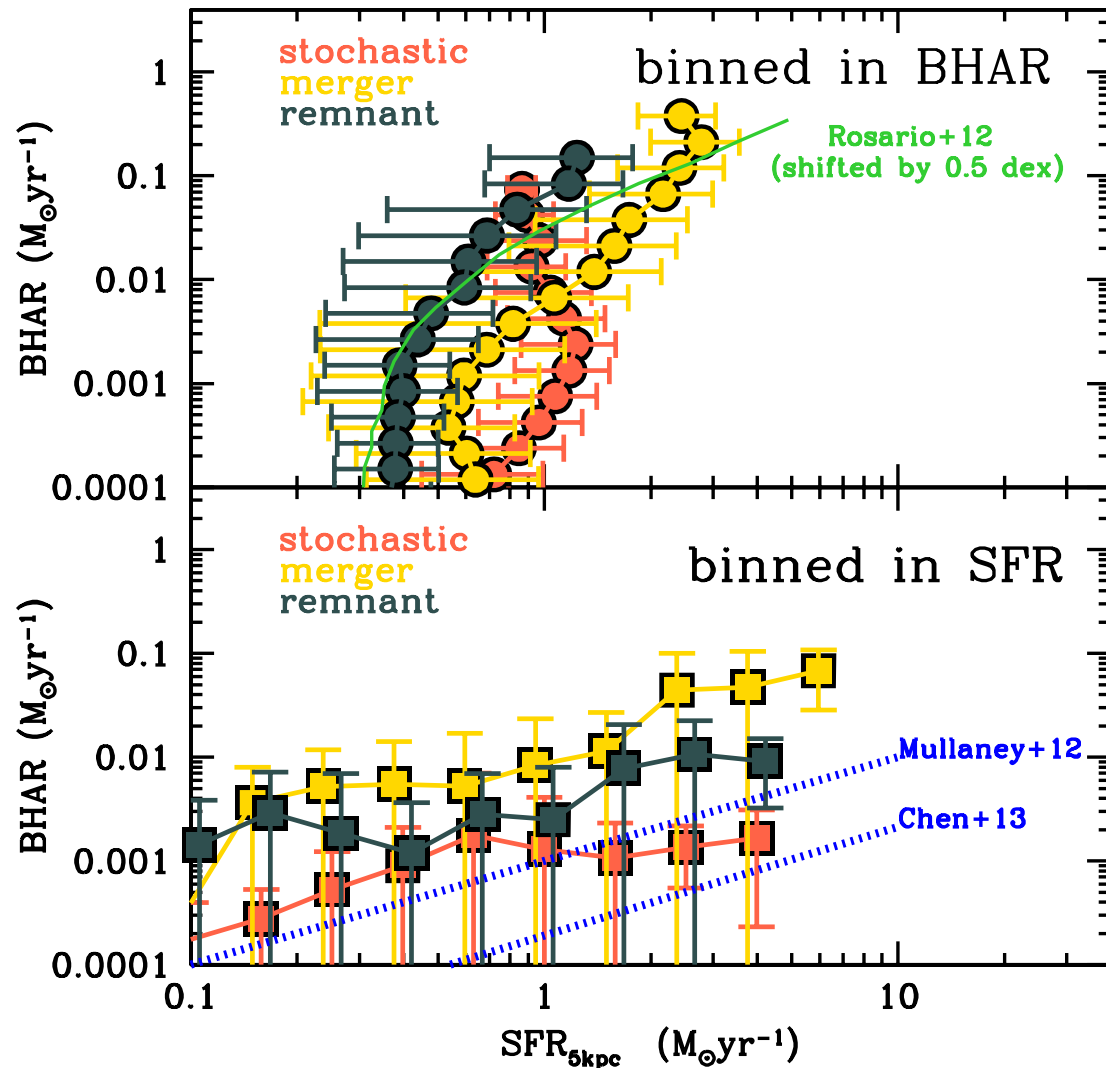
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After the merger:

- lower part of the AGN curve
- a wide range of BHAR can be associated to a given SFR

# BHAR versus SFR using binned data



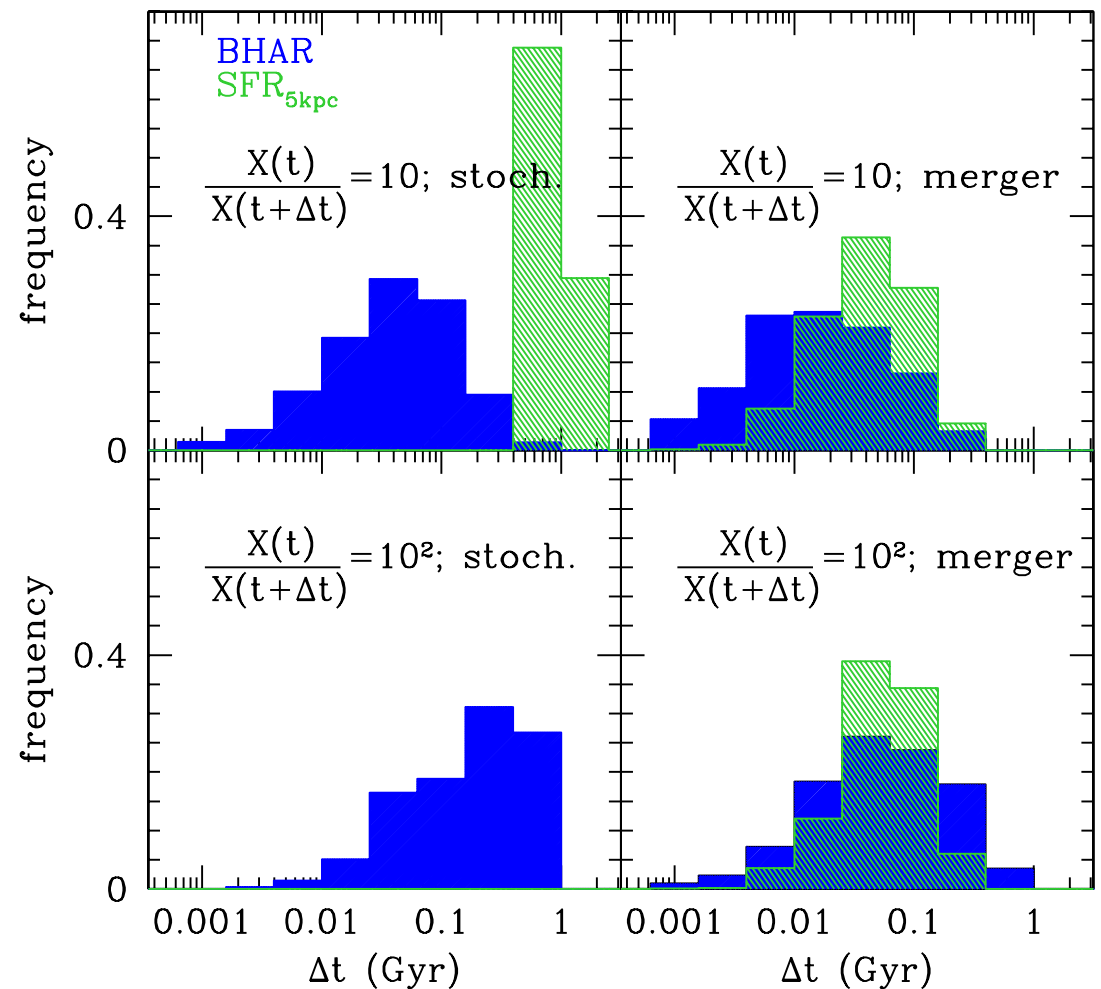
Mean SFR in bins of BHAR (Rosario, AGN)

Mean BHAR in bins of SFR (Chen, Mullaney, galaxies)

The different trends found for AGN and SF galaxies are *partly* caused by the different projections of the full bivariate distribution

# BHAR variability higher than SFR variability ( $\sim 100$ Myr)

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# Growing MBHs and galaxies

Starting from an *AGN parent sample* one studies the direct link between BHAR and SFR for galaxies in an active phase

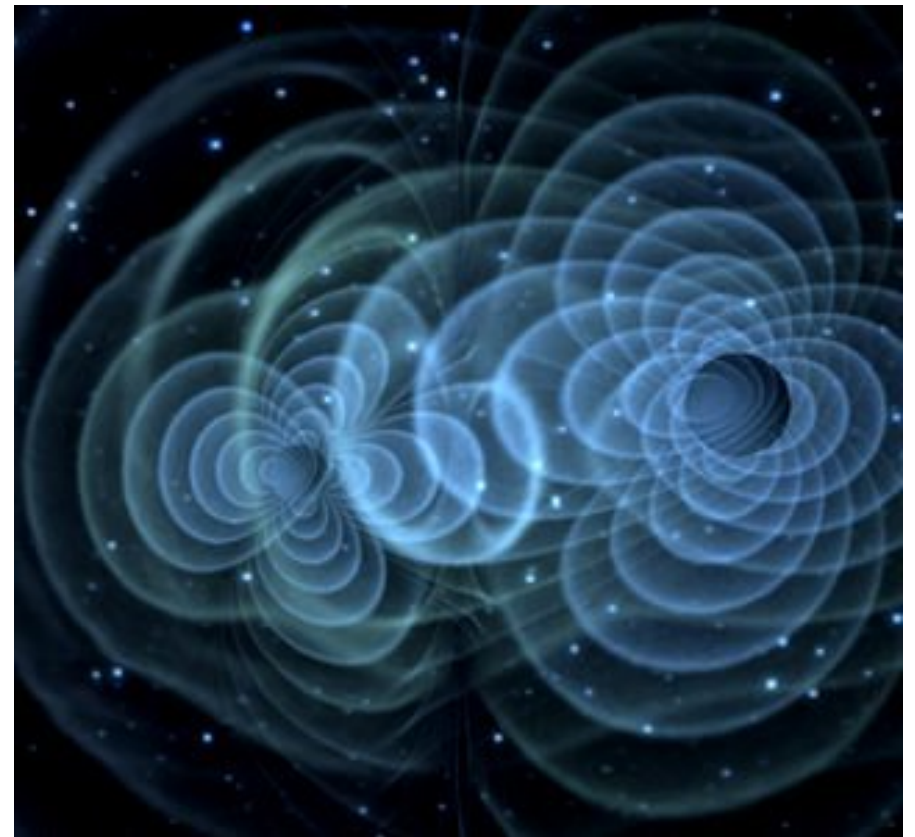
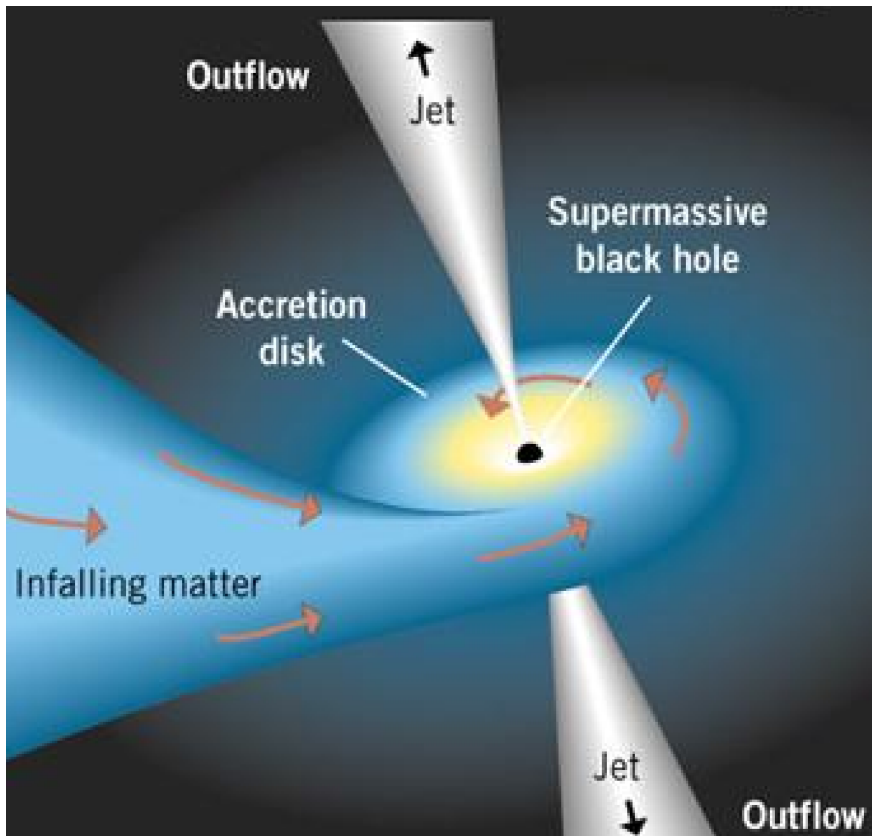
Starting from a *galaxy parent sample* one studies MBH-galaxy co-evolution over cosmic time and the whole population

# How do MBHs grow ?

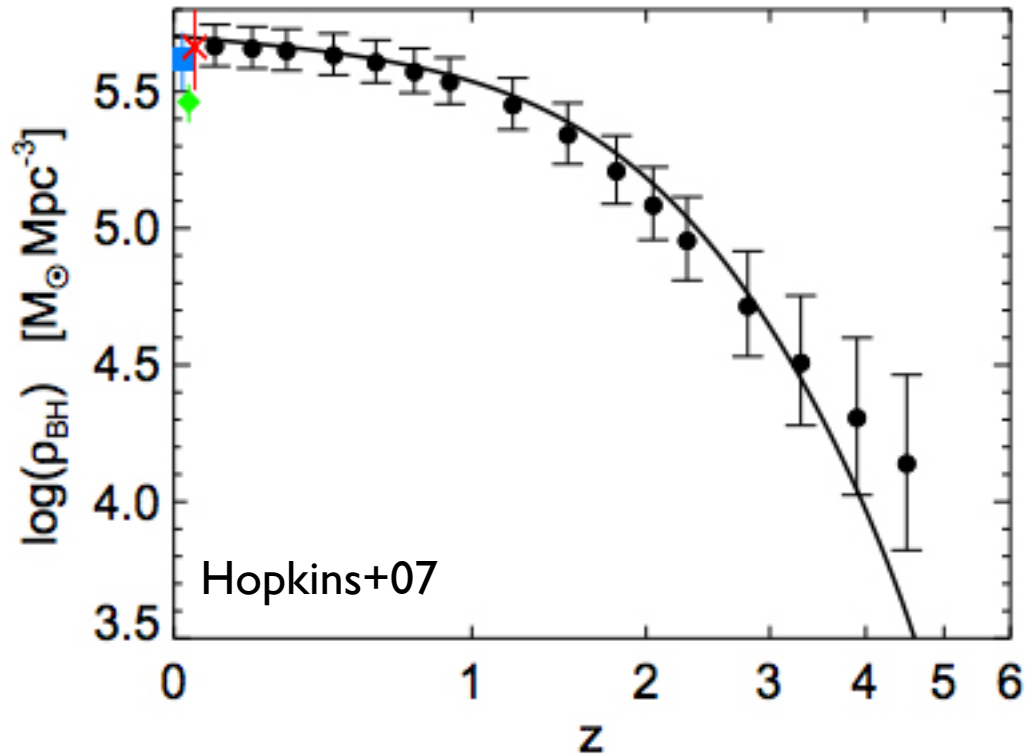
Gas accretion

vs

MBH-MBH mergers



# How do MBHs grow ?



**Mergers:** total mass density in MBHs is constant in time: just reshuffle the distribution of masses

**Accretion:** adds external matter => total mass density in MBHs grows with time

Soltan's argument:

BH mass density increases by  $>$  one order of magnitude in the last  $\sim 10$  Gyr: **accretion** leads



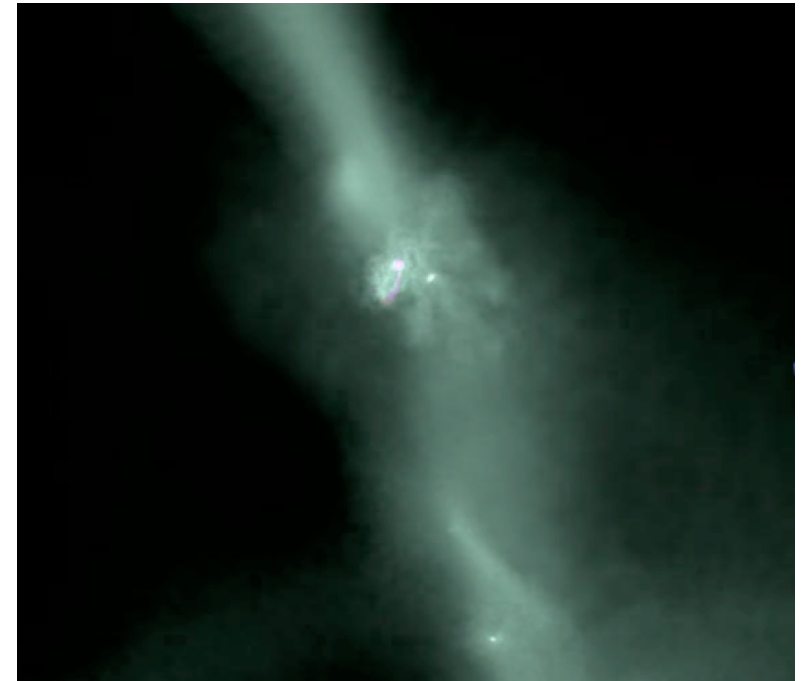
# How do *galaxies* get their gas?

Streams of gas from filaments feed the galaxy with large amounts of fresh material

Low-mass galaxies simply accrete **cold diffuse** gas

In massive galaxies, when gas enters the virial radius, **shocks**, and then falls in to the disk.

**Cold collimated** filaments can sometimes penetrate the shock



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Of course,  
**mergers** deliver  
gas as well  
**(clumpy)**

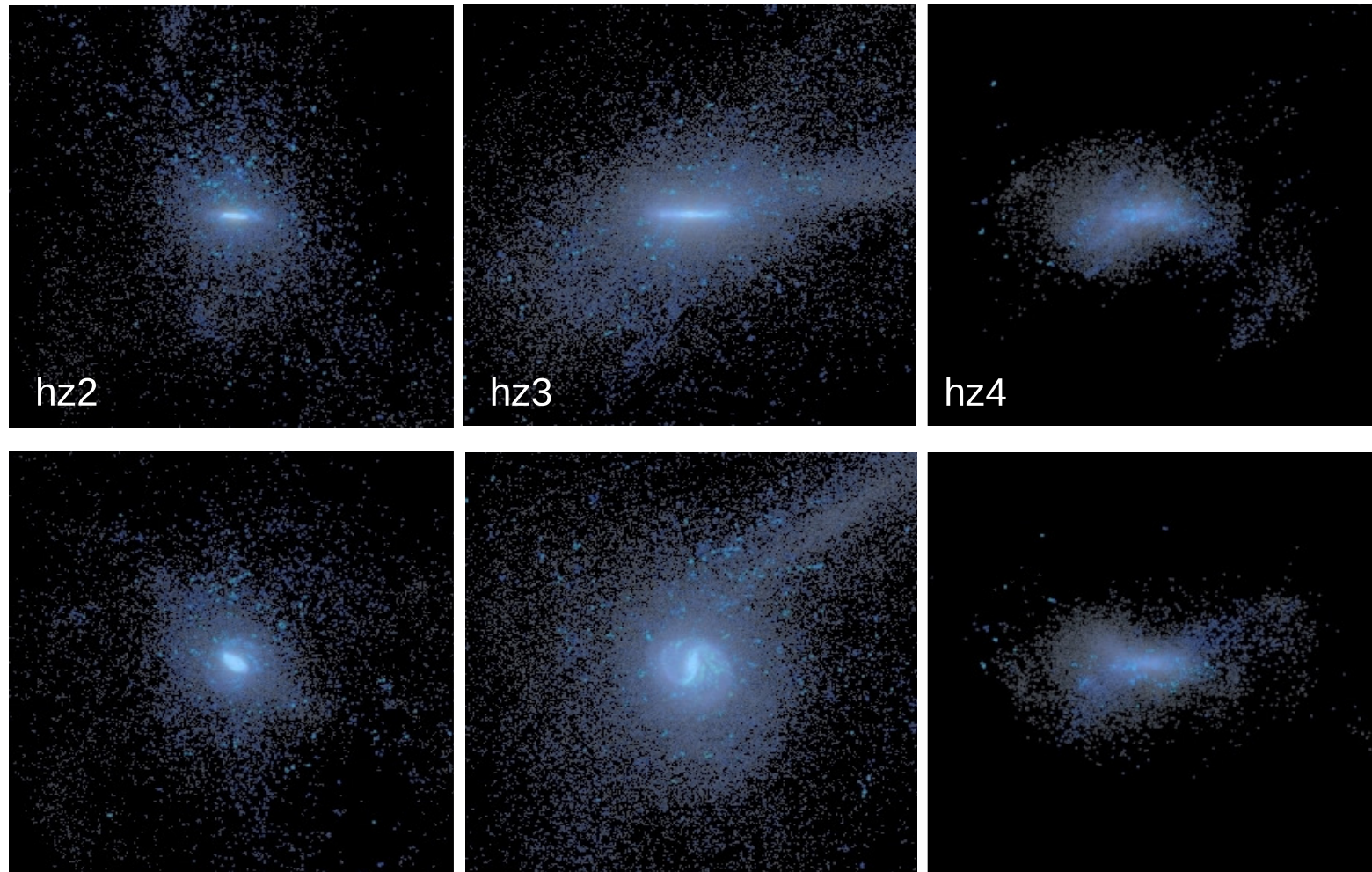


# How do *galaxies* get their gas?

- Cold accretion
  - low mass, filaments
- Shocked accretion
  - high mass
- Clumpy accretion
  - mergers

# High-z MBHs and galaxies

$z = 4$



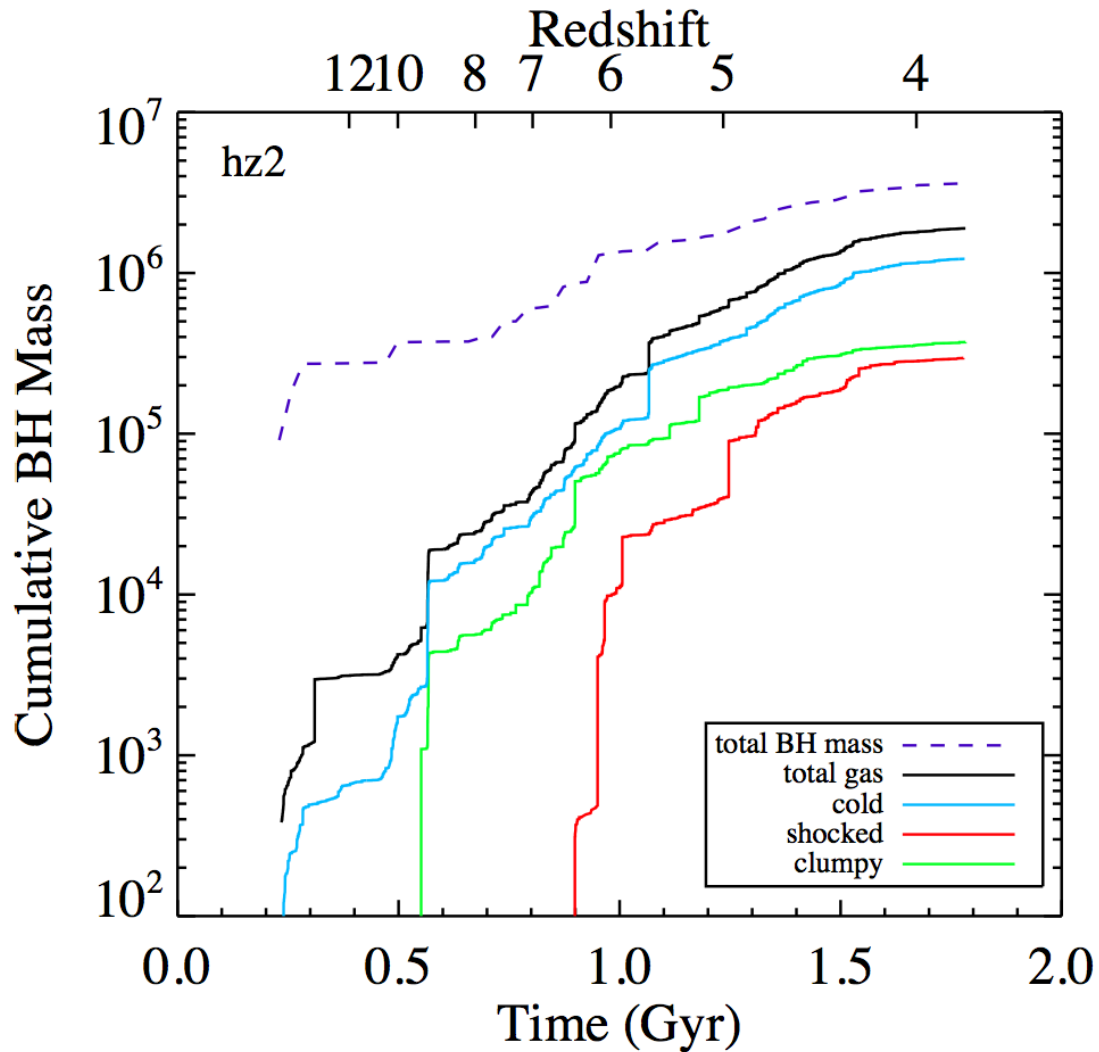
$z = 4$   
Stellar mass  
( $M_{\text{sun}}$ )

$1.63 \times 10^{10}$

$2.06 \times 10^{10}$

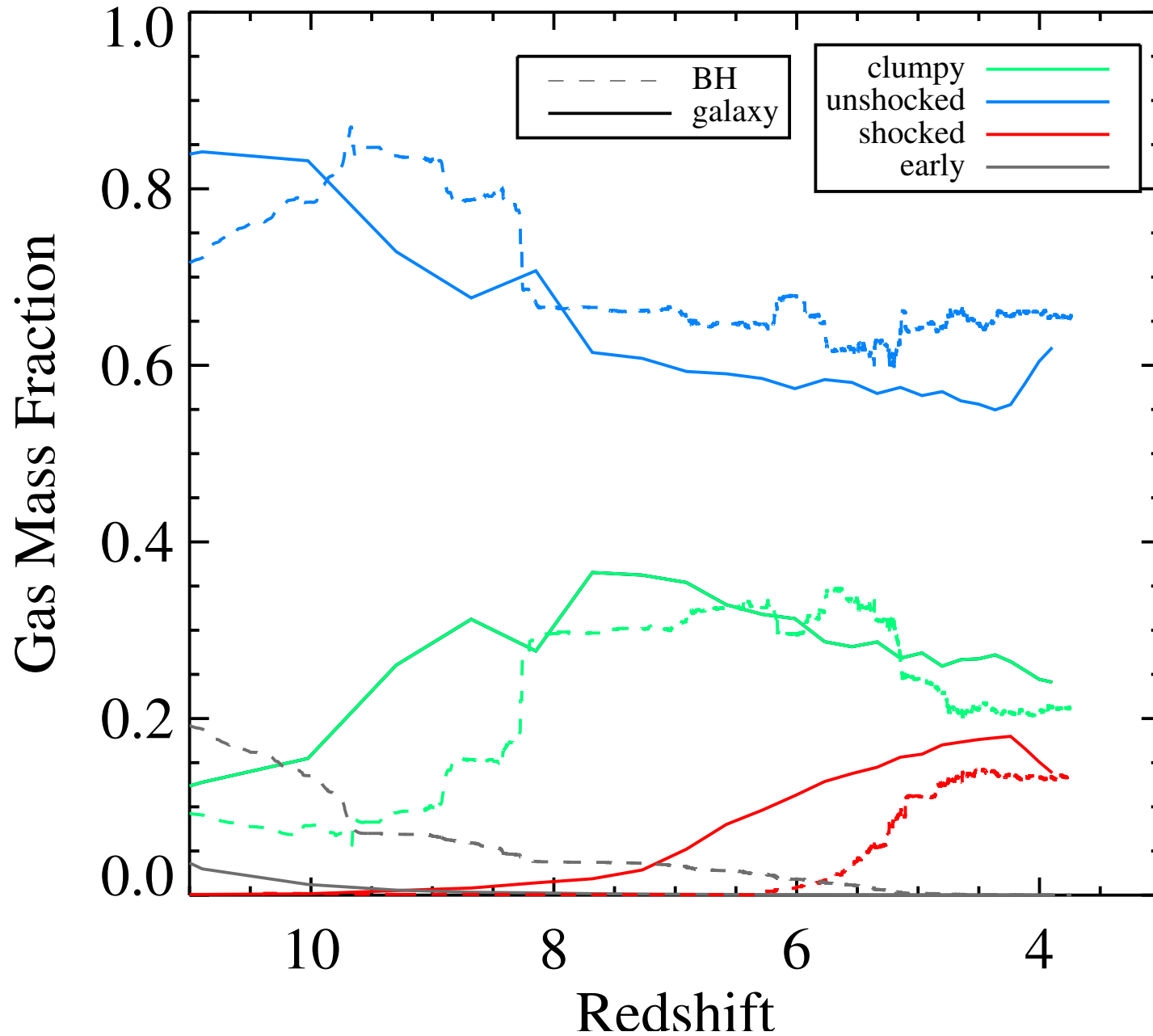
$9.64 \times 10^8$

# High-z MBHs and galaxies



- cold streams of gas plunge into halos
- in massive halos gas gets shock heated before it reaches the central regions
- galaxy mergers trigger nuclear inflows of low angular momentum gas

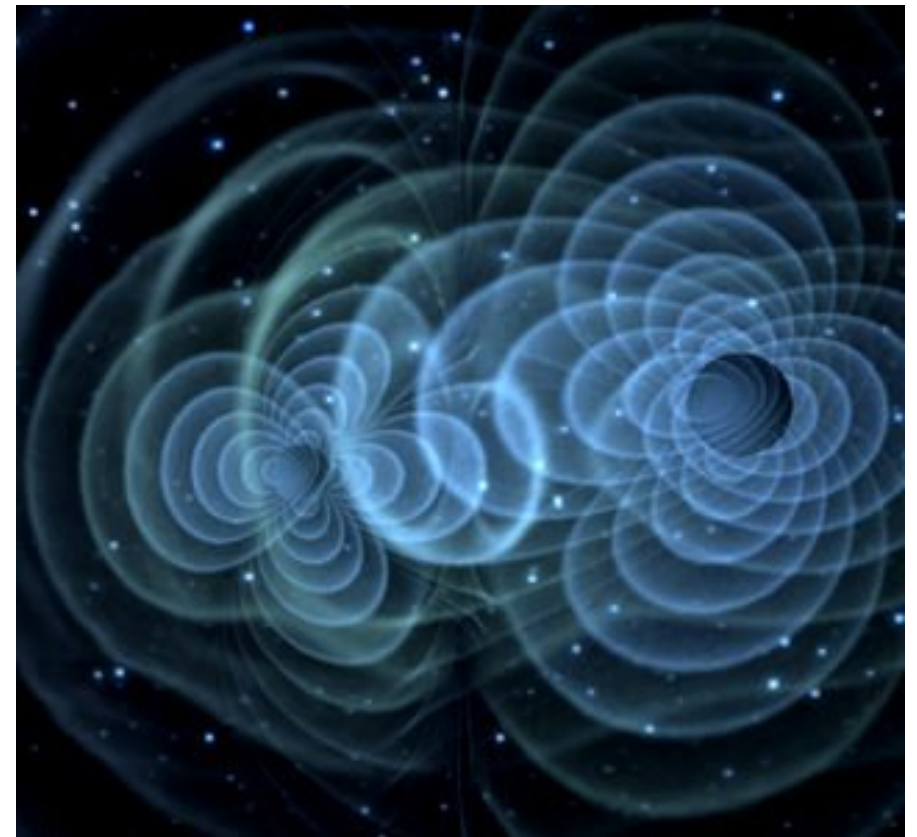
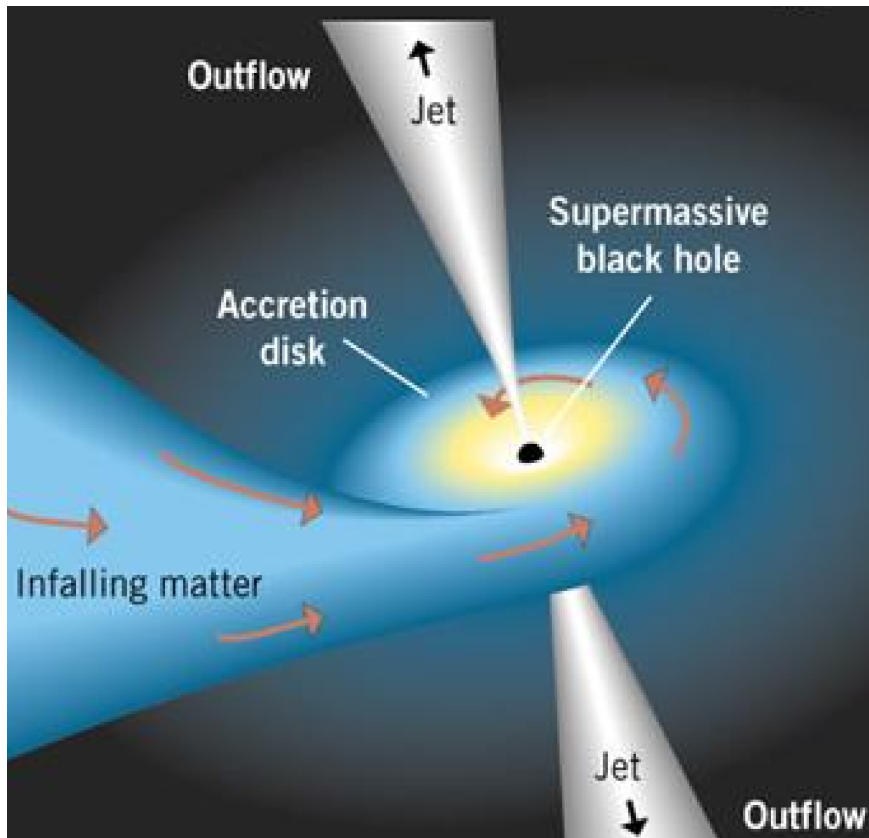
# High-z MBHs and galaxies



Composition of galaxy = composition of MBH

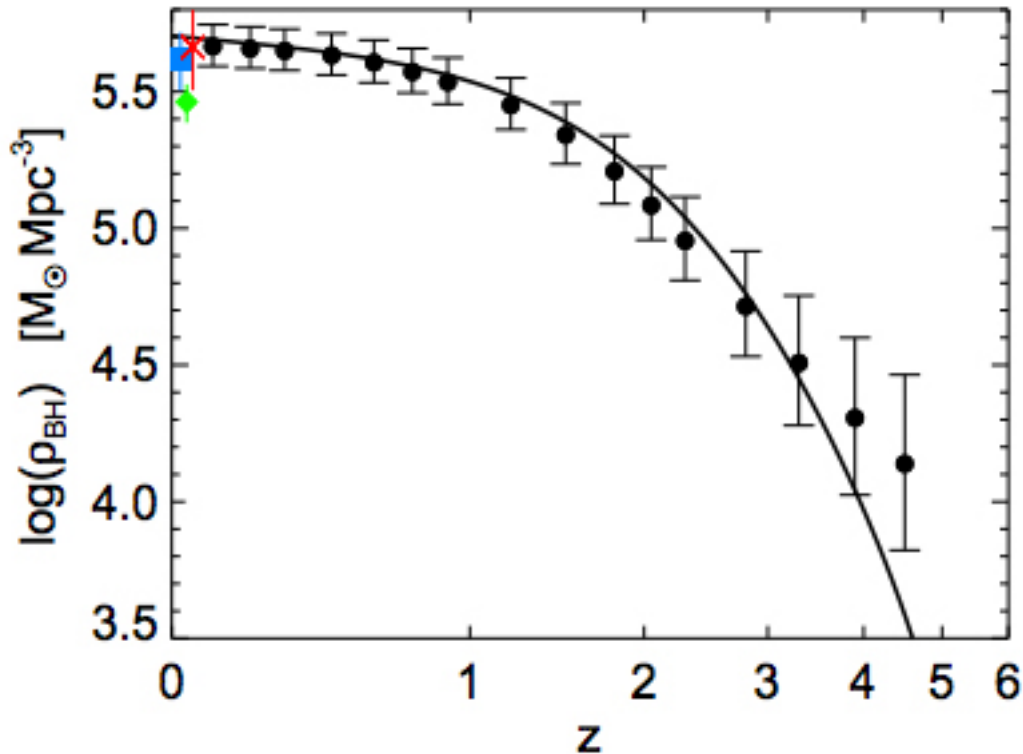
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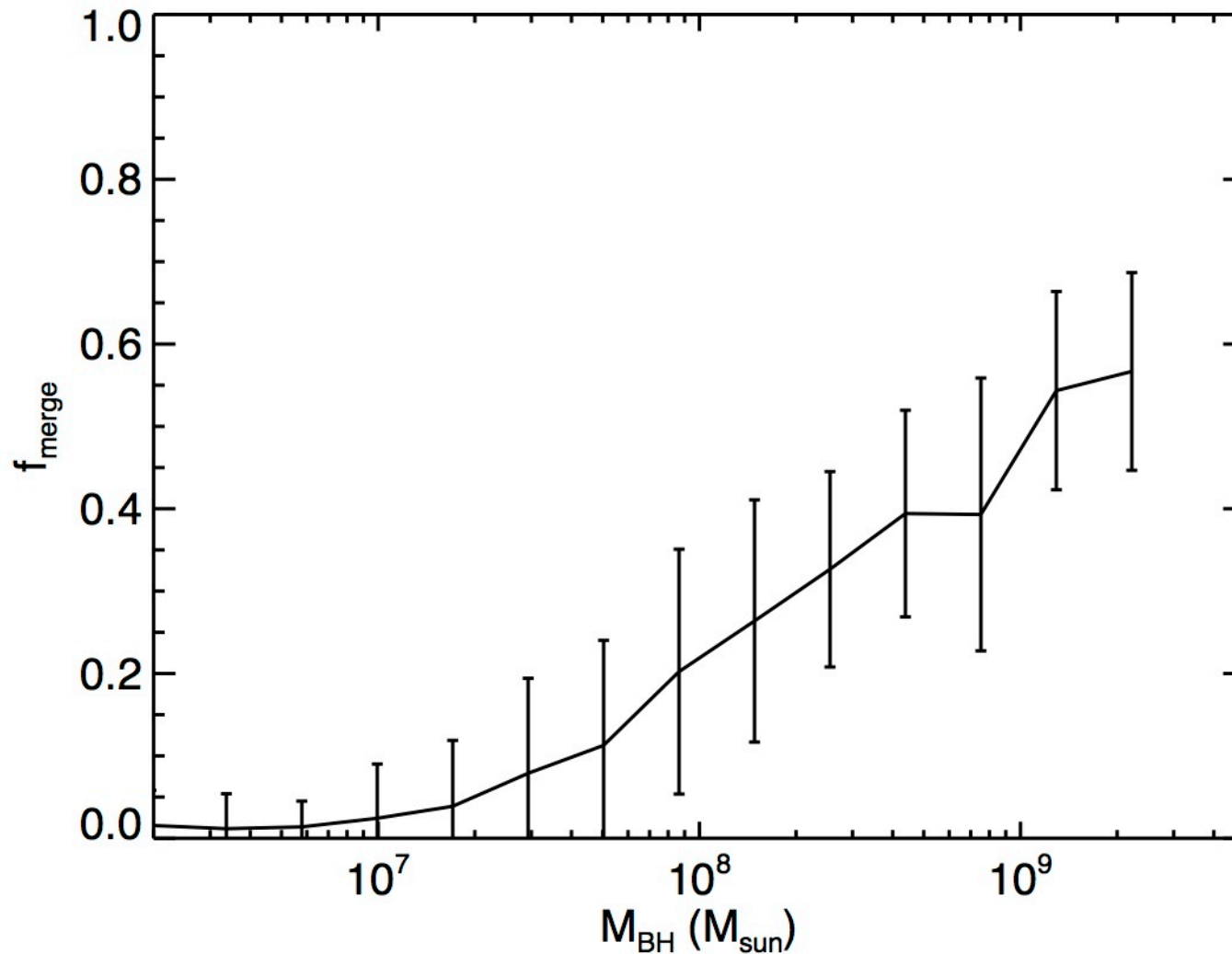
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Soltan's argument:  $\rho_{acc,tot,QSO}(z) = \frac{1 - \epsilon}{\epsilon c^2} \int_z^\infty \left| \frac{dt}{dz} \right| dz \int_0^\infty \Phi(L, z) L dL$

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# Are MBH-MBH mergers ever important?



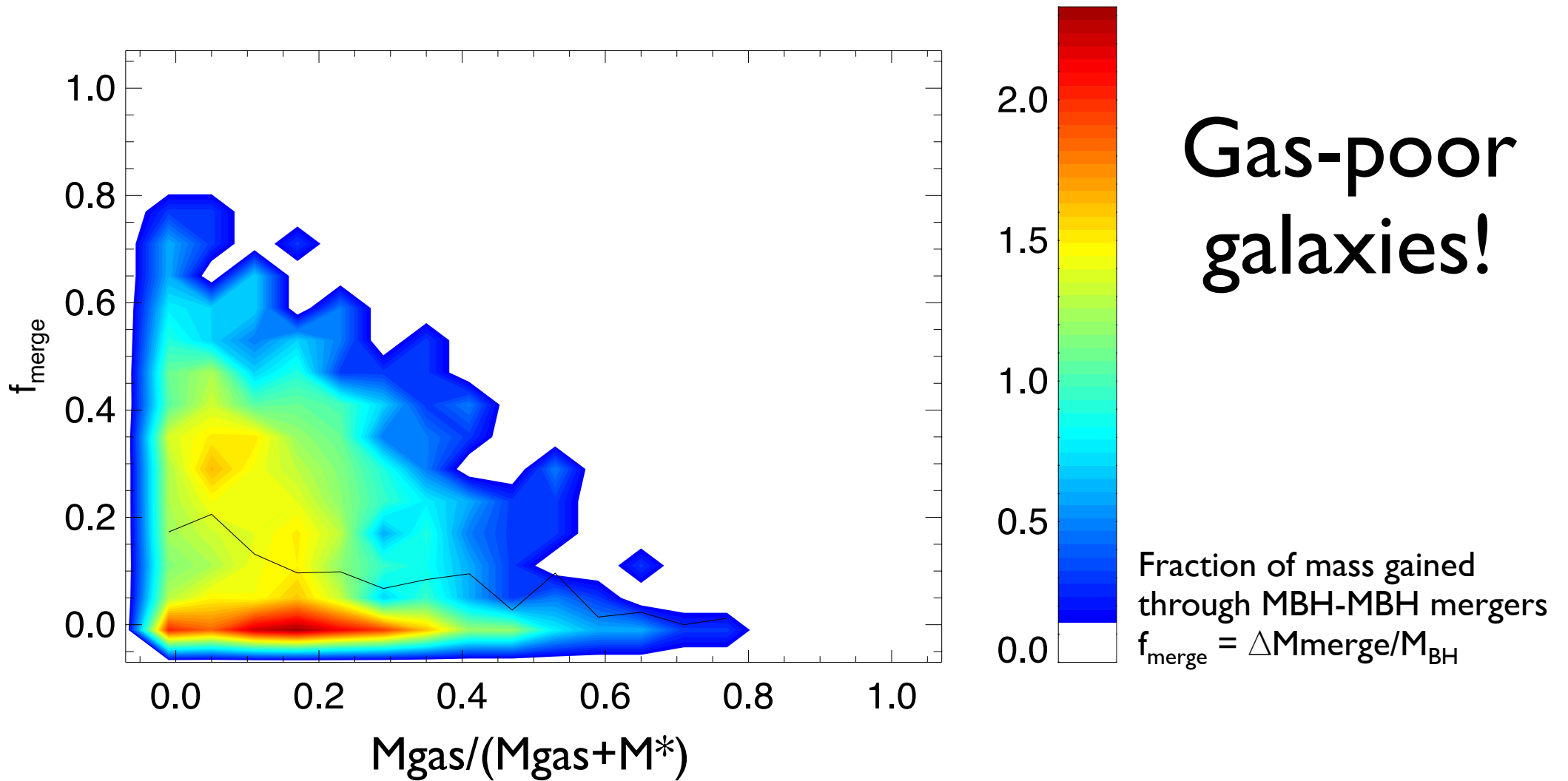
High-mass  
MBHs!

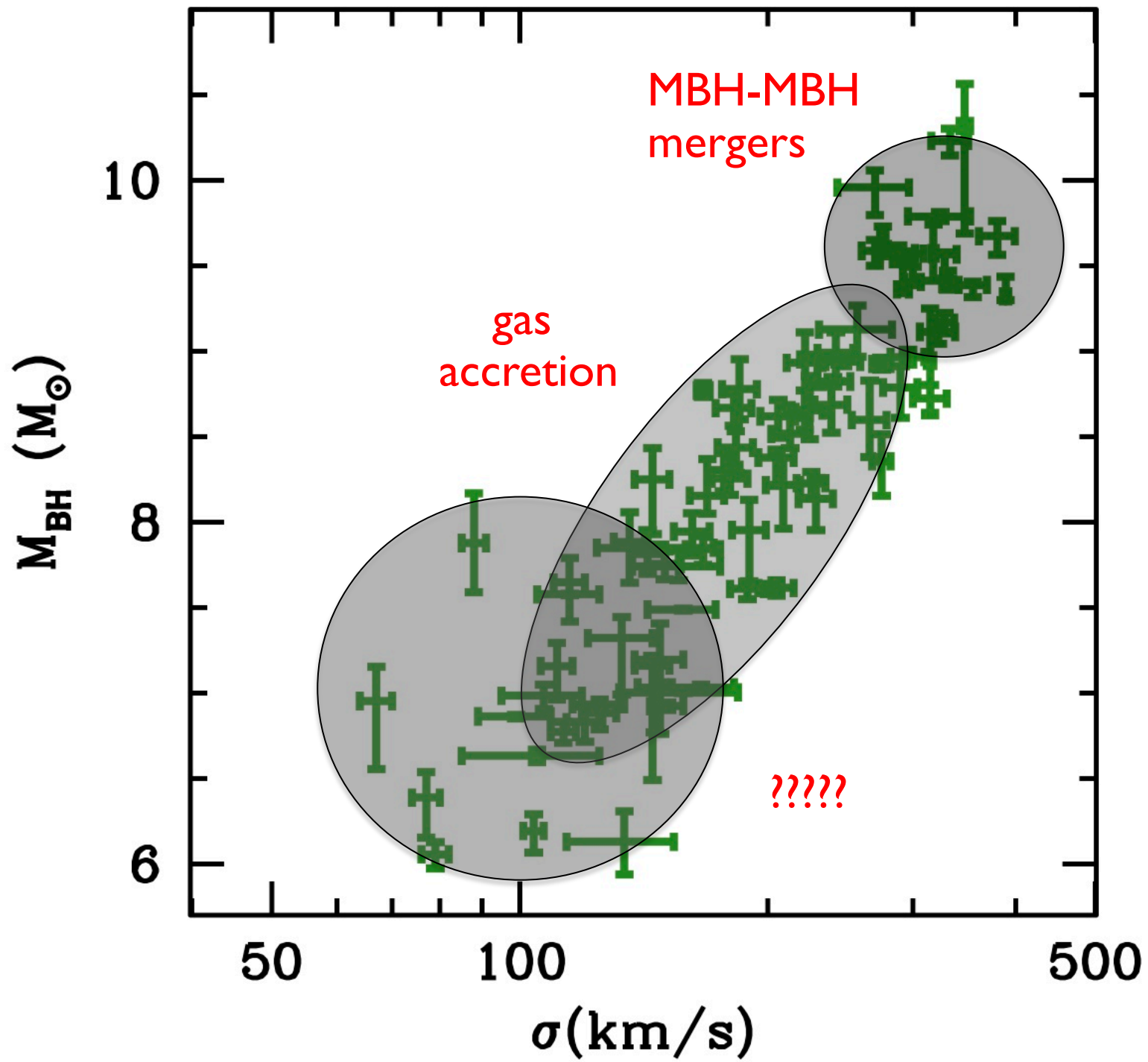
Fraction of mass gained through MBH-MBH mergers:

$$f_{\text{merge}} = \Delta M_{\text{merge}} / M_{\text{BH}}$$

$\Delta M_{\text{merge}}$  is the sum of the masses of all merged MBHs and does not account for gas accretion on these MBHs

# Are MBH-MBH mergers ever important?





# Dwarf galaxies

Composition of galaxy = composition of MBH

Dwarf galaxies do not grow much in mass (doh!)

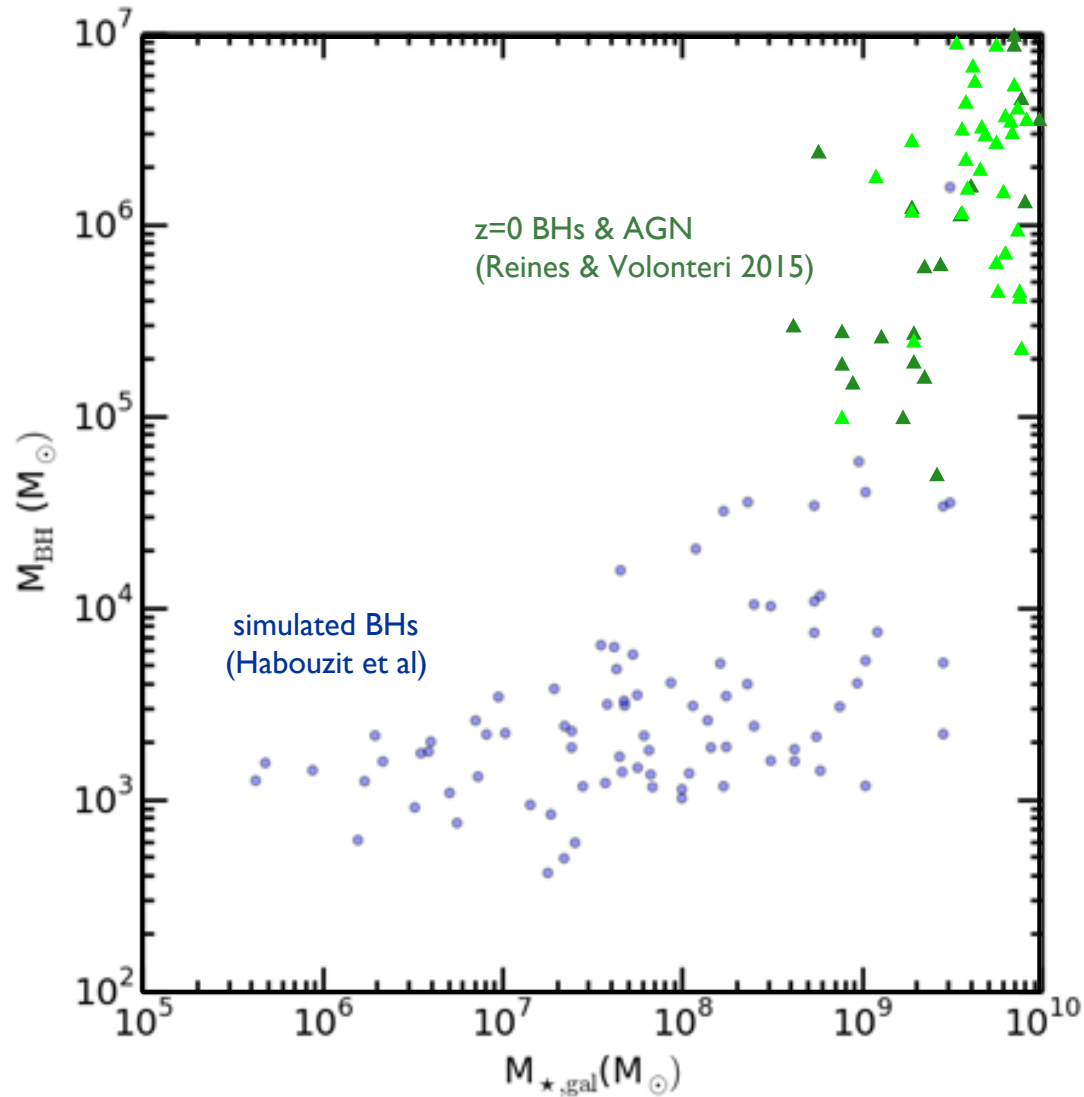
Not many mergers

The MBH (if any) has not grown much either

Trace the mass of the initial “seed”

# $M_{\text{BH}}-M_{\text{gal}}$ @ low mass

(MV+08, Van Wassenhove, MV et al. 2010, Habouzit, MV+ in prep)

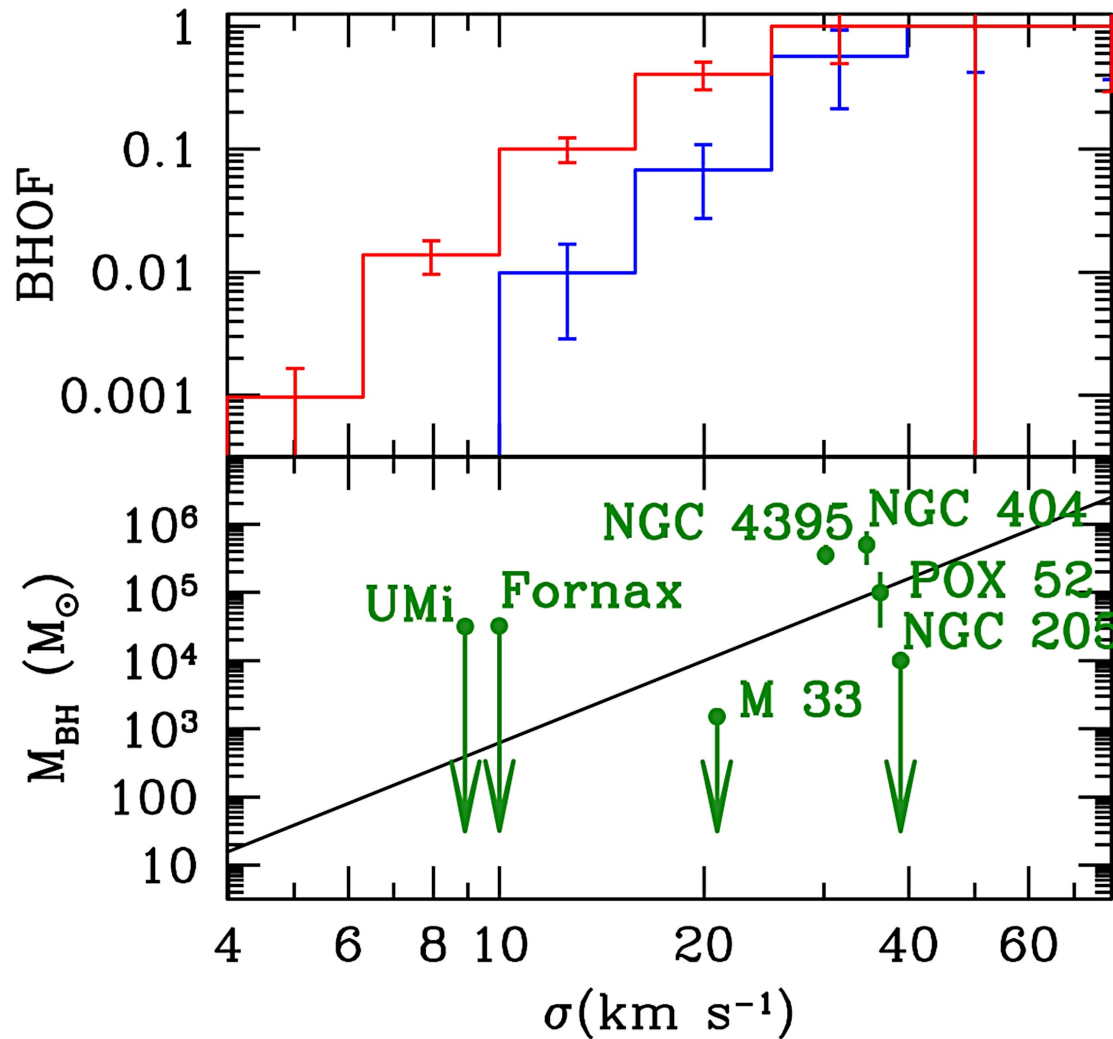


MBHs in the smallest galaxies “stuck” at mass close to initial one

AMR RAMSES simulation, 10 Mpc box,  $\Delta x=75$  pc

# Low-mass galaxies

(MV+08, Van Wassenhove, MV et al. 2010)



Note: MBH formation models predict that many low-mass galaxies do **NOT** host MBHs

Gas-dynamical collapse

PopIII remnants

# MBH-galaxy connection

- MBHs feed on what their host is able to provide them
- MBHs and galaxies not always grow in tandem
- At the high-mass where gas is unavailable MBH mergers become important
- At the low-mass end relationship may break down and trace MBH formation properties rather than co-evolution with galaxy host