

**DEEP-Theory group meeting Monday 26 November & 3 December 2018**

**Highlights of the Conference on the Coevolution of Galaxies and their Central Regions  
Dali, Yunan Province, China - 5-9 November 2018**

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## **OUTLINE OF THIS SUMMARY**

**26 November**

**Sandy Faber's Highlights Overview**

**James Aird - SMBH Demographics**

**Mark Morris - Galaxy Centers, Fermi Bubbles, etc.**

**3 December**

**[progress report by Graham Vanbenthuisen - 1st slide]**

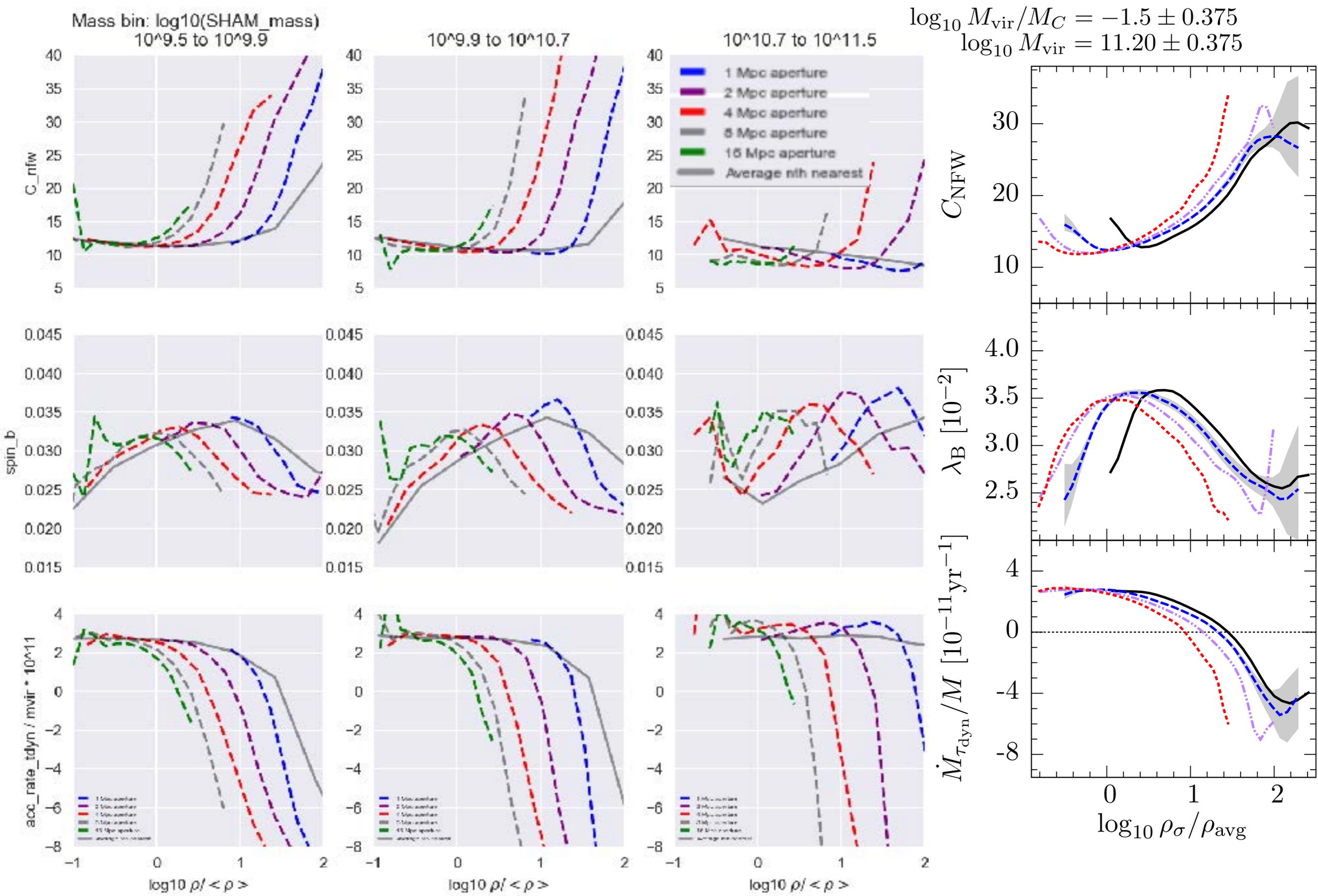
**Luis Ho - Measuring  $M_{\text{BH}}$  etc.**

**Steve Longmore - Galaxy Centers, Gas Flows, etc.**

# Recreation of Lee+17 Figure 5 using observer methods

by Graham Vanbenthuisen

Christoph Lee+2017 Figure 5

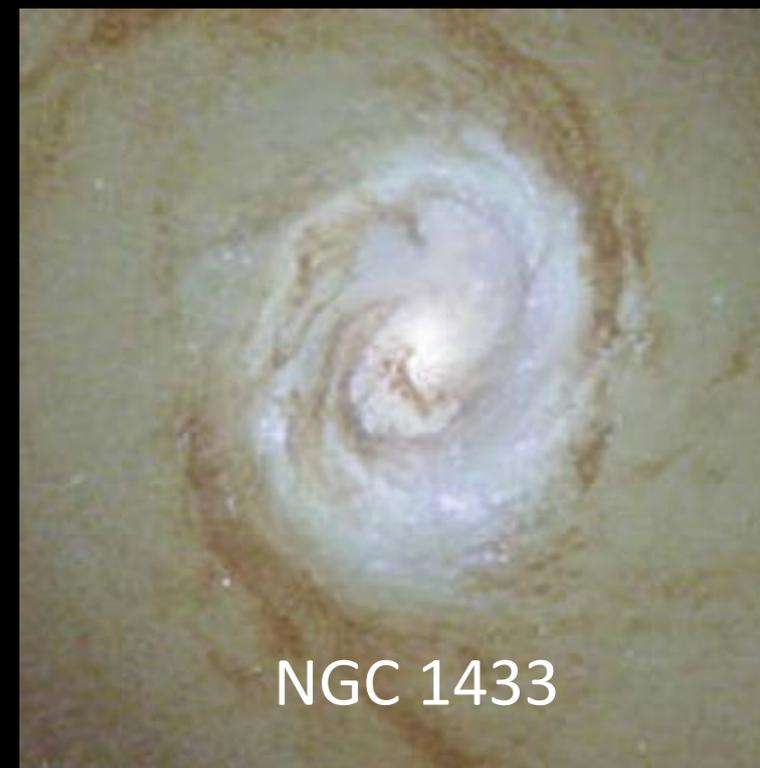


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### Sandy's Summary of the Really Big Ideas

- Morphological structures at galaxy centers may modulate inward gas flows (and build bulges and BHs?).  
Some  $< 1\text{kpc}$ . How do these evolve over time? How do they relate to global  $R_{\text{eff}}$  and  $M^*$ ?
  - Mass profiles  $M^*(r) \gg$  rotation curves  $\gg$  stall points
  - Use dust lanes to measure inward flow rates?
  - Star-formation over time may modify mass distributions, flows – What about non-bars?
  - How do central features scale with the key global properties:  $R_{\text{eff}}$ ,  $M^*$
- Events at galaxy centers may be cyclical. Can data be phased to reveal the cycle? E.g., ring, SFR, dust, AGN, BPT.
  - Many data indicate past activity at Galactic Center a few million yr ago: X-ray, Fermi Bubble, partly filled ring. Consistent with a ring event now re-forming?
  - Can same patterns be seen in other galaxies?



# Smaller Big Ideas

- Magnetic fields may modulate gas motions in Galactic Center
- QSO properties:
  - Eta varies enormously with BH accretion rate. Remember this!
  - Spectra are 2-D family. One is metallicity.
  - Metallicity of QSOs is 4-5  $Z_{\odot}$ . **Implies strong local SF.  $E_{SF} \sim E_{BH}$ ?**
  - Fermi Bubbles could be long-lived, ubiquitous and play a role in quenching.
- All properties of local galaxies vary smoothly through the green valley, consistent with a steady evolutionary flow.
  - S0s have same H I gas as spirals. How is this?
  - E's don't, yet have Ly $\alpha$ . How is this?
  - S0s quench because they lose their H2. How happen?
- Both major and minor mergers are needed to create E's.
- Confirming evidence that major mergers trigger the brightest QSOs and SF rates.
- More massive E's are harder to clean out but AGNs can do it.

# Challenges/Unanswered Questions/Controversies

- How do we convert all these minutiae into laws like  $M \sim \sigma^4$ ?
- Where is the “valve” that regulates mass flow onto the circum-nuclear disk? Is it global properties: bar,  $R_{\text{eff}}$ ,  $M^*$ ? Or is it local: i.e., structure of the BH region?
- How do BHs grow in small bulges? suppressed by SNaE? wandering? lack of differential rotation? lack of bars?
  - Why is the BH in the Milky Way so small? Why is the BH in M31 so big? Is there inner structure/properties not captured by  $\Sigma_1$ ?
- Do AGNs play a role in quenching spirals?
  - If not, then why are bulges red?
- Can jets provide feedback?
- How was our Fermi Bubble inflated? By SF activity? By AGN?

# Take home points - James Aird

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- AGN samples identified at *any* wavelength are severely affected by **selection biases** and can give a biased view of which galaxies have AGN
- AGN exhibit a broad distribution of accretion rates, indicating **variability** on timescales  $\sim 0.1-1$  Myr i.e. faster than changes in global galaxy properties
- Incidence of AGN in main-sequence star-forming galaxies correlates with SFR => both are related to **cold gas**?  
But... **not just cold gas** - additional mechanisms appear to trigger and fuel AGN in galaxies that are *not* on the main sequence.

# James Aird

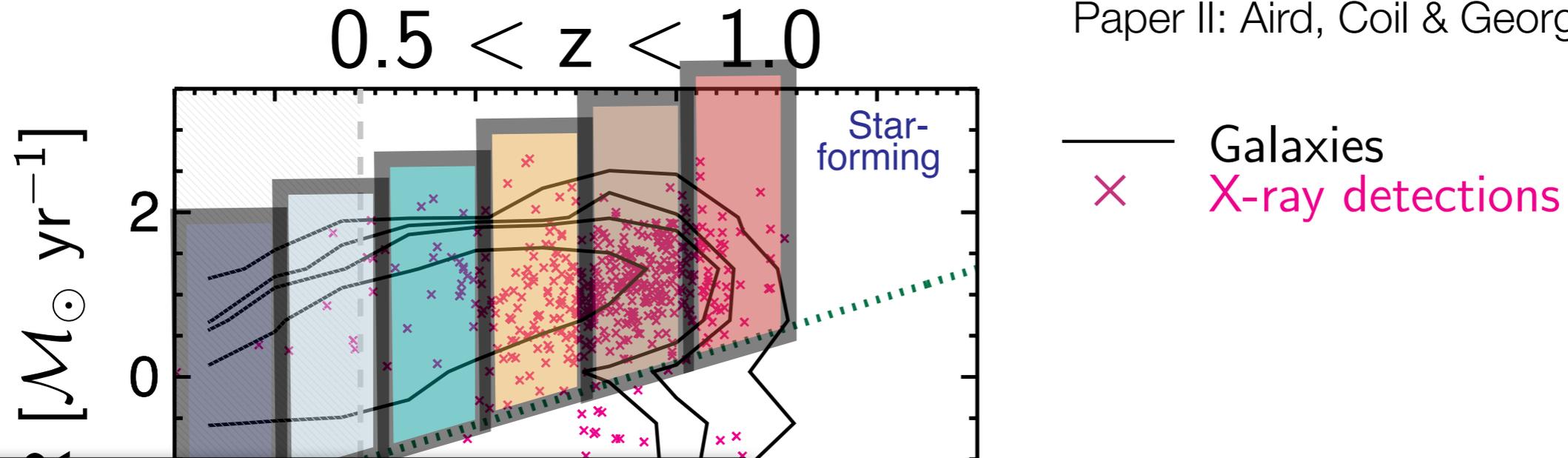
Conclusions: 1) Select AGN - measure host properties

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- Primarily find AGN in moderate-to-high mass galaxies (selection bias)
- Average SFRs of AGN are roughly consistent with the main sequence of star formation (for equivalent  $M_{\text{stellar}}$ )
- Large **scatter** in  $M_{\text{stellar}}$  and SFR at fixed  $L_X$  - no clear correlation between instantaneous level of black hole growth (traced by  $L_X$ ) and the host galaxy properties

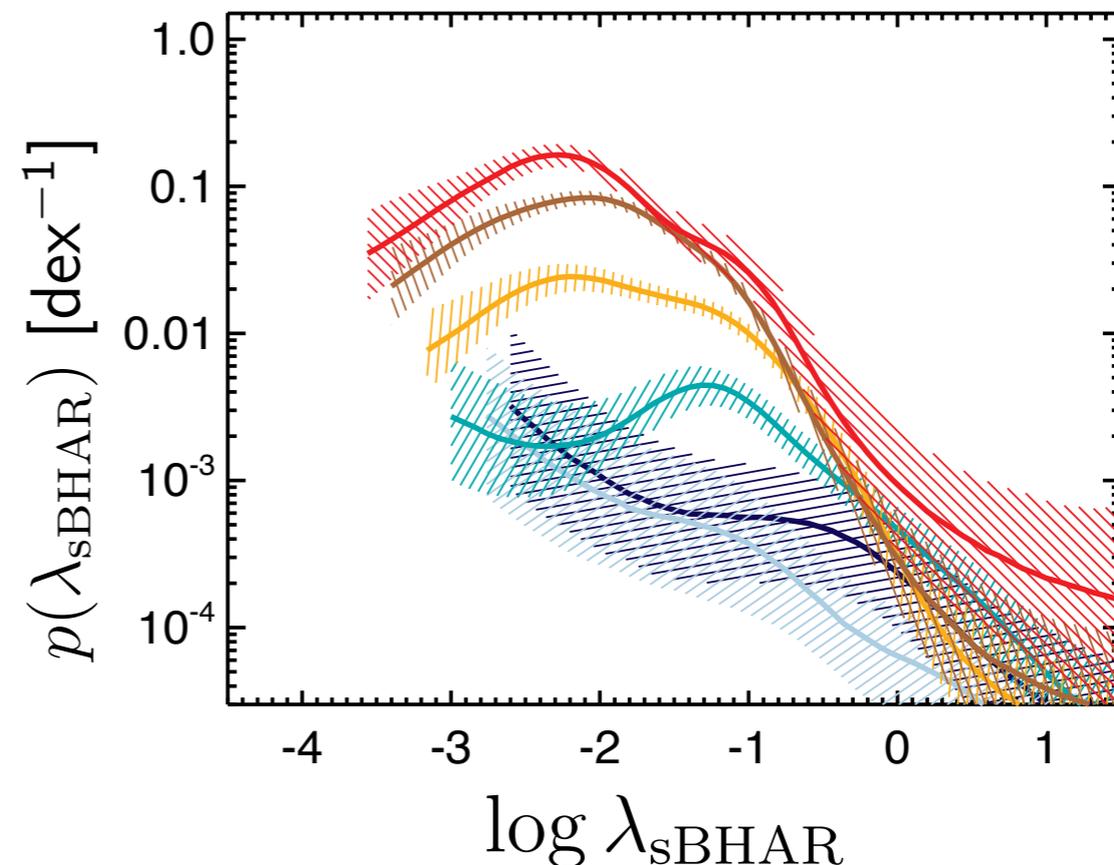
## X-ray selected AGN in **star-forming** galaxies along the main sequence

Paper II: Aird, Coil & Georgakakis, 2018



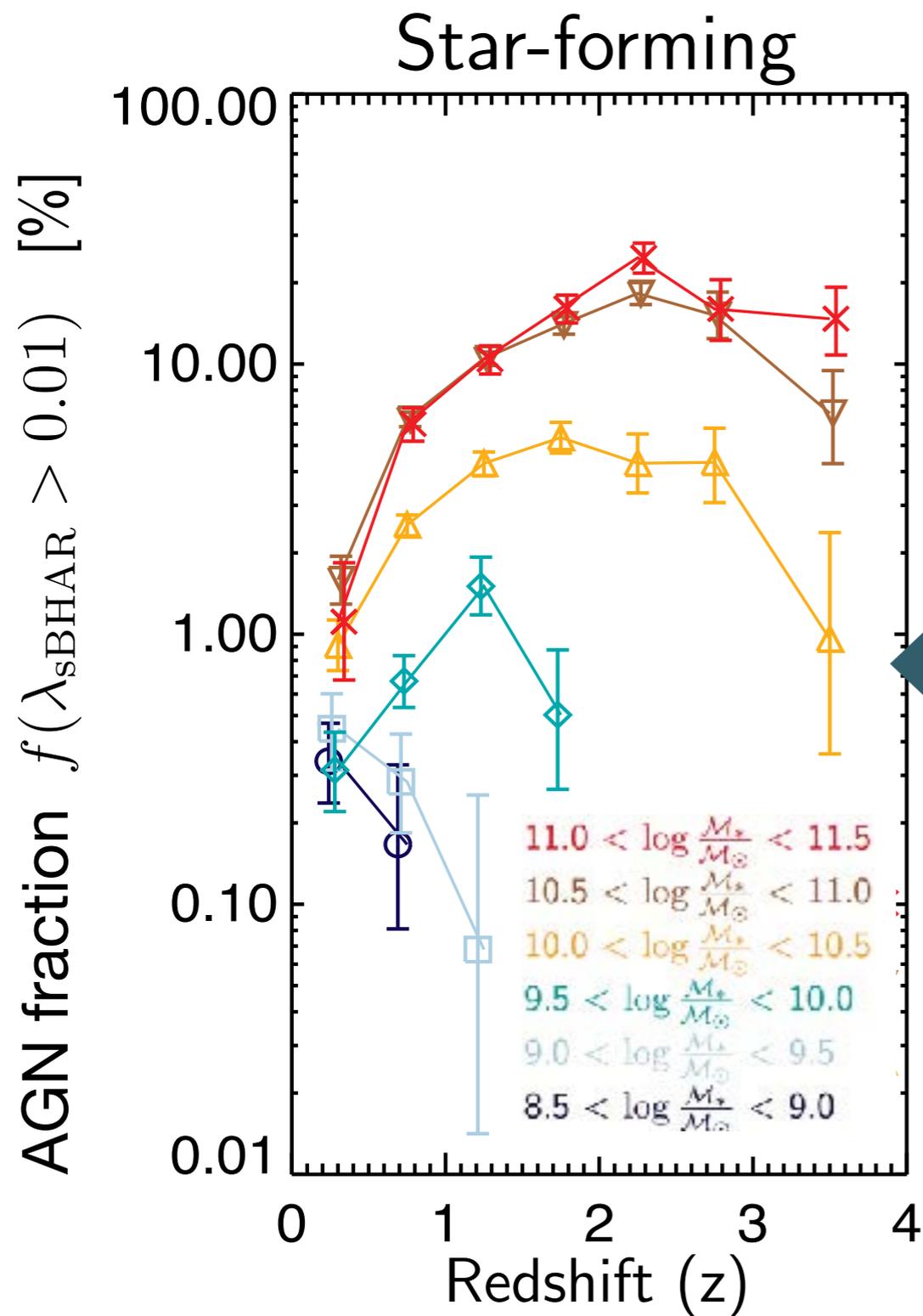
- Broad distribution of accretion rates at **all**  $M_*$ 
  - Lower mass galaxies host AGN of *all* accretion rates, including rapidly accreting black holes
- Stellar mass dependence:
  - The fraction of galaxies with a moderate-accretion-rate AGN is lower for lower mass galaxies

(after accounting for selection bias i.e. that AGN appear less luminous for lower masses)



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Star-forming

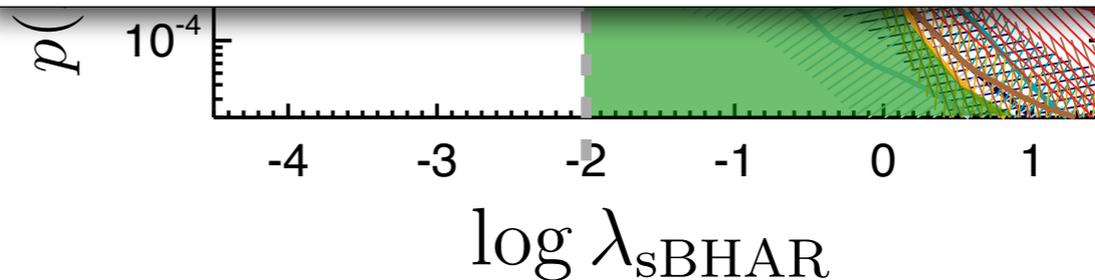
Galaxies

X-ray detections

Integrate to  $\lambda_{s\text{BHAR}} > 0.01$

→ The fraction of galaxies with an “AGN”

- At fixed  $z$ , AGN fraction is higher for higher  $M_*$
- AGN fraction increases with  $z$  (for  $M_* > \sim 10^{10} M_{\text{sun}}$ )
- *Stellar-mass-dependent* redshift evolution (weaker at low  $M_*$ )



# James Aird

## Conclusions: 2) Select galaxies - measure the incidence of AGN

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- Use near-infrared (~stellar-mass) selected samples of galaxies combined with deep *Chandra* X-ray data to measure the **distribution** of *specific black hole accretion rates*

Broad distribution of accretion rates reflecting **variability** of AGN (on ~galactic timescales)

- In **main-sequence star-forming** galaxies:

Incidence of AGN correlates with the SFR  
=> AGN fuelled by the *stochastic* accretion of cold gas?

- But for galaxies that are **below the main sequence**

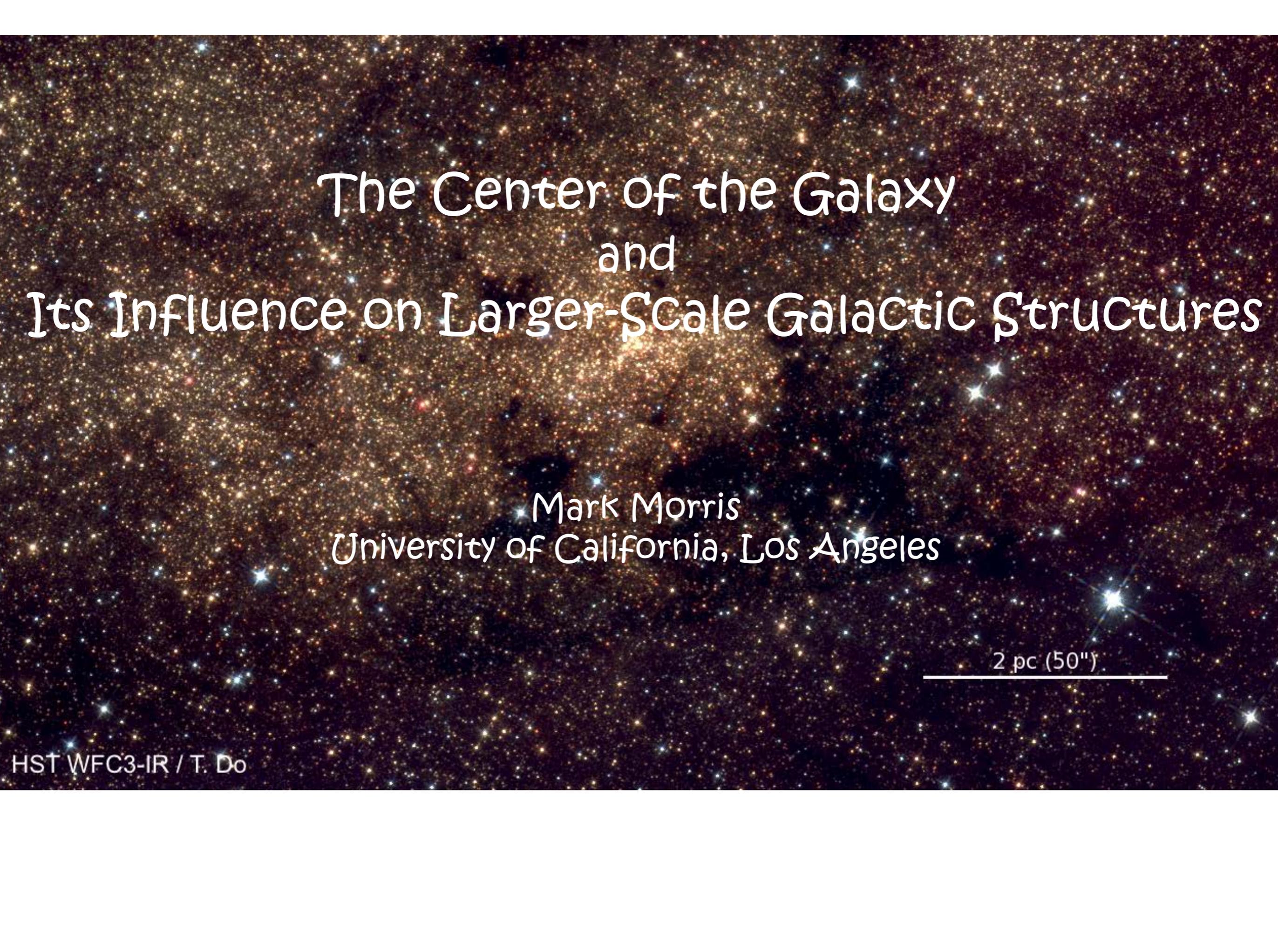
Enhanced AGN fraction  
=> broader range of triggering/fuelling mechanisms  
i.e. not *just* cold gas that determines AGN activity

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The Center of the Galaxy  
and  
Its Influence on Larger-Scale Galactic Structures

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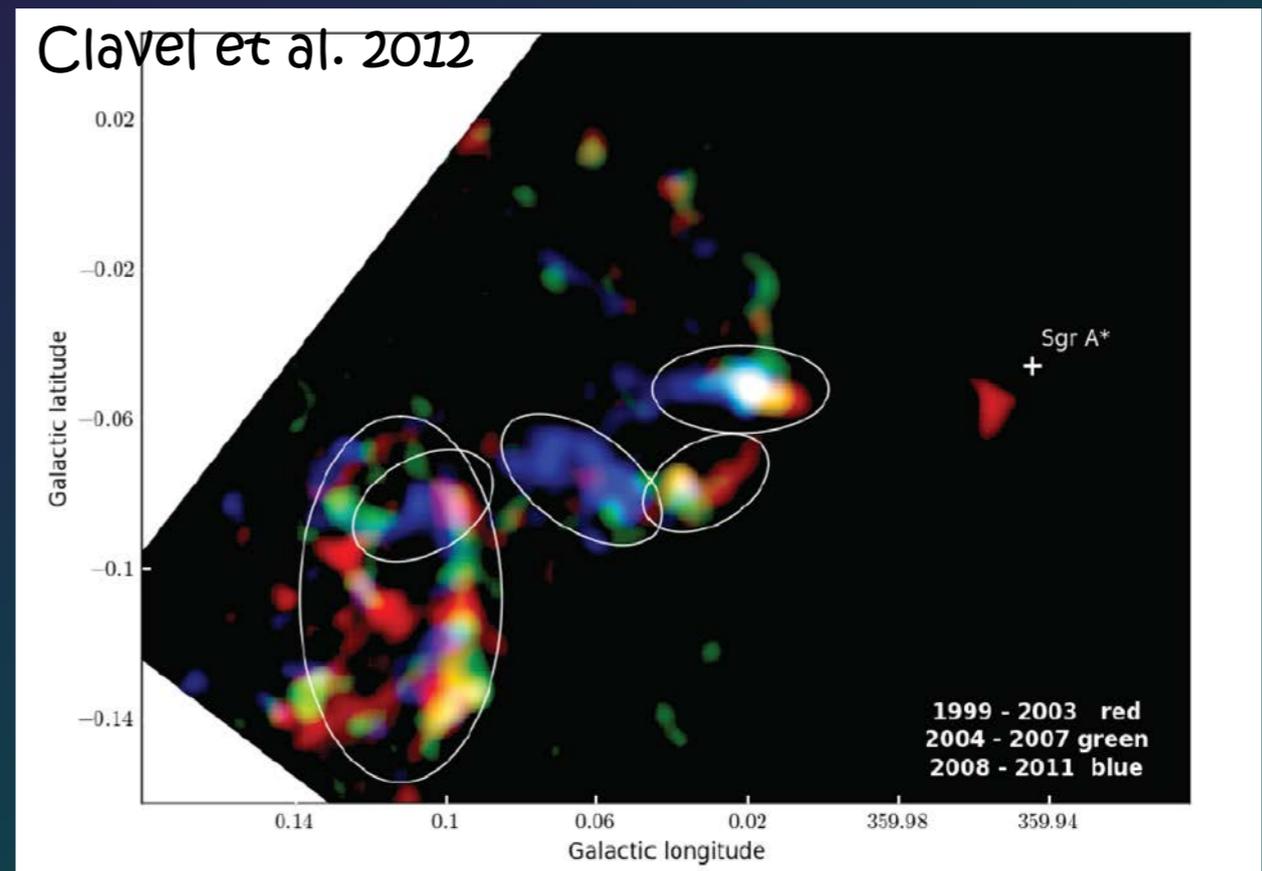
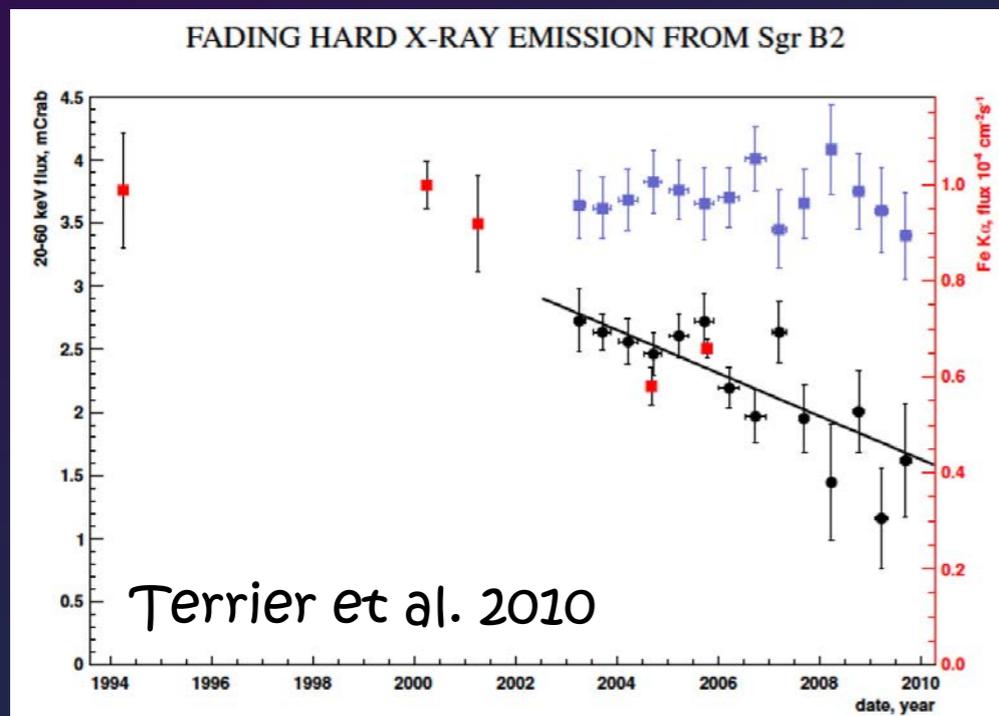
2 pc (50")

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No change of state in the 4+ decades since Sgr A\* was discovered ...

*BUT*, there have been multiple extreme events on 100 – 200 year time scales

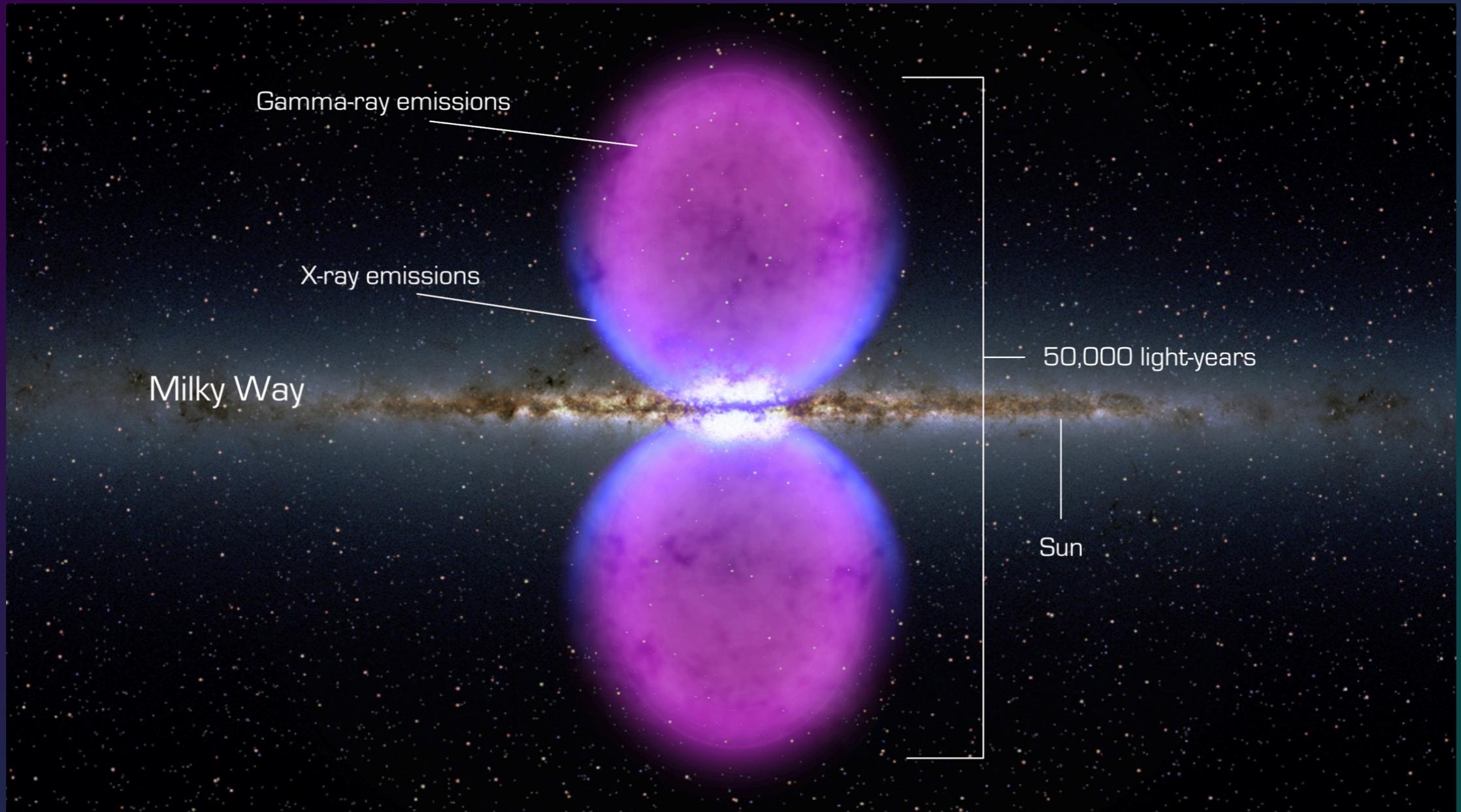
→ Moving fluorescent Fe<sup>0</sup> line emission at 6.4 keV interpreted as flares of 2- to >10-year duration and energies of several  $\times 10^{39}$  ergs s<sup>-1</sup>



Past high levels of activity involving accretion near the Eddington rate is highly probable. Evidence:

- Central young star cluster —  $10^4 M_{\odot}$ , age  $4 - 6 \times 10^6$  years  
→ Star formation in immediate vicinity ( $< 0.5$  pc) of black hole means abundant gas, in contrast to present situation
- Residual ionization in the Magellanic stream from a UV flash several million years ago (Bland-Hawthorne et al. 2013)
- Fermi Bubbles – created by a brief accretion event?

# Fermi Bubbles – high energy gamma rays



In contrast to jets,

broadly collimated outflows

from the Galactic center

The Fermi Bubbles, for example, are broadly collimated

A small-scale (5 pc) example:

Deformed magnetic field features on opposite sides of Sgr A\*

Has a plasma jet from the center deformed the field?

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Two more broadly collimated examples on scales of 15 pc and 150 pc:

15-pc: Bipolar X-ray/radio lobes

150-pc: The Galactic Center Chimney

## Fermi Bubbles – two fundamentally different hypotheses

### I. Star formation throughout the Central Molecular Zone (300 pc)

Crocker & Aharonian 2011

Crocker 2012, Lacki 2014

Crocker et al. 2015

Hadronic, long-lived ( $> 10^8$  years), plus secondary electron component to account for: microwave haze, polarized radio emission, and soft X-rays at lower boundary

### II. Outflow launched by nuclear activity – inner parsec

Su et al. 2010, Zubovas, King & Nayakshin 2011

Zubovas & Nayakshin 2012

Guo & Mathews 2012, Yang et al. 2012

Leptonic, produced on short time scales (few Myrs), and could be identified with event that produced the central young cluster

What collimates the large-scale outflows?  
(inner accretion disk tends to make jets)

- Vertical density gradient, which is present and obvious
  - scale height of gas layer  $\sim 30$  pc
- The Galactic center's vertical (dipole) magnetic field
  - <>  $B \sim 0.1 - 1$  mG
  - <> magnetic pressure,  $B^2/8\pi$ , may be dominant
  - <> Strong implications for cosmic ray diffusion: the field basically escorts cosmic rays vertically out of the Galaxy. → favors hadronic model.

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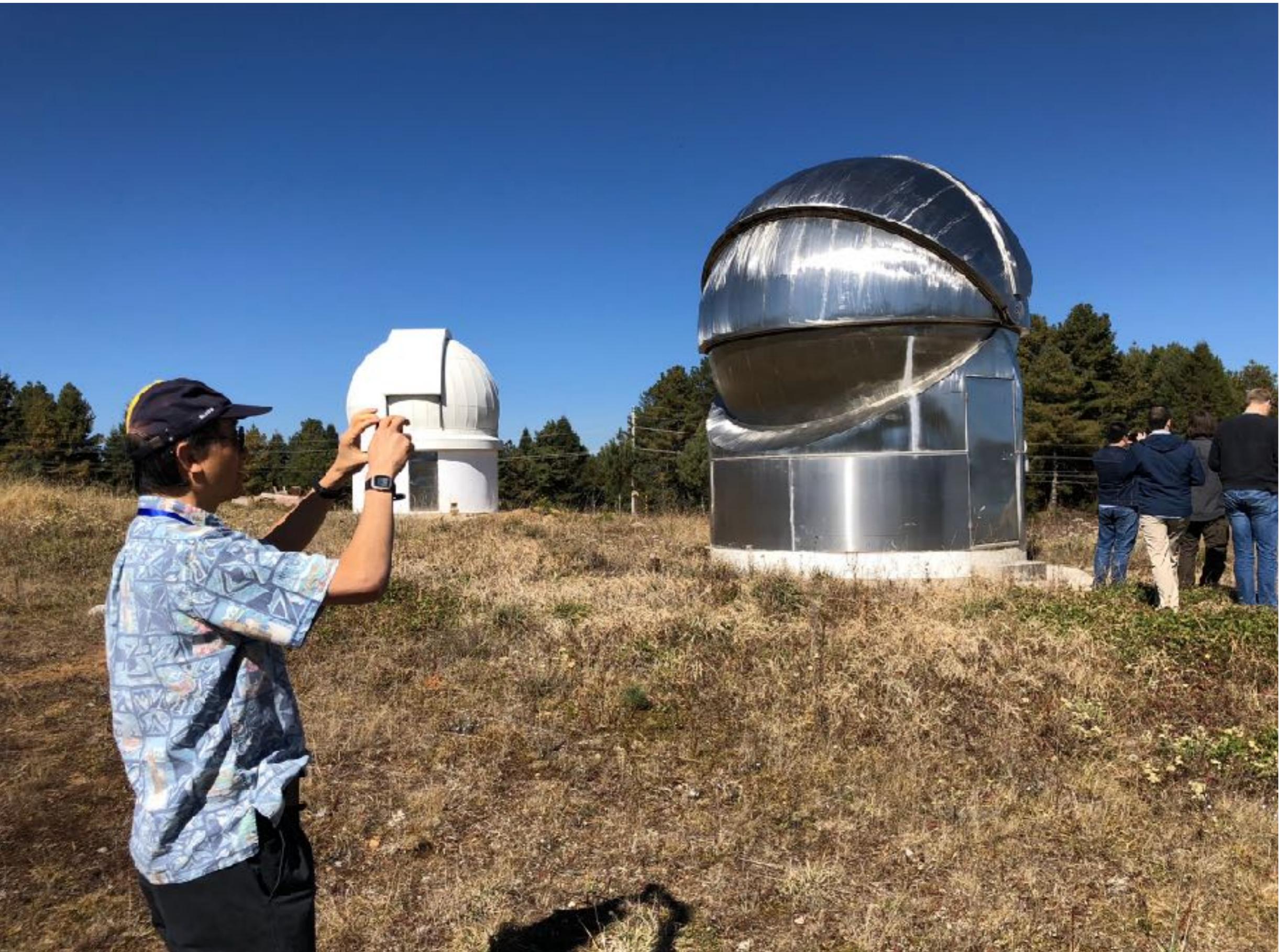




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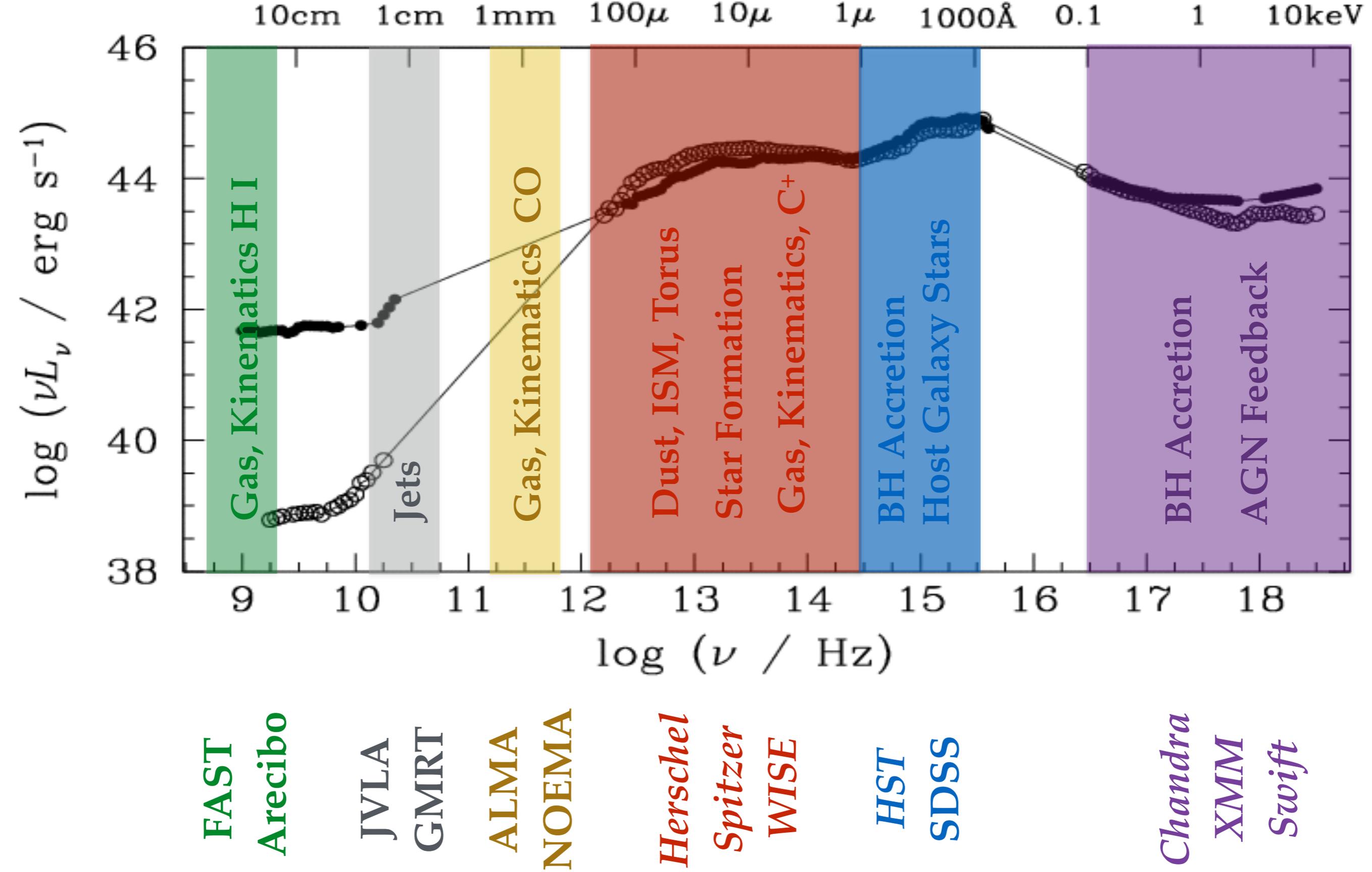
# Some Thorny Problems for AGNs

Luis C. Ho (何子山)

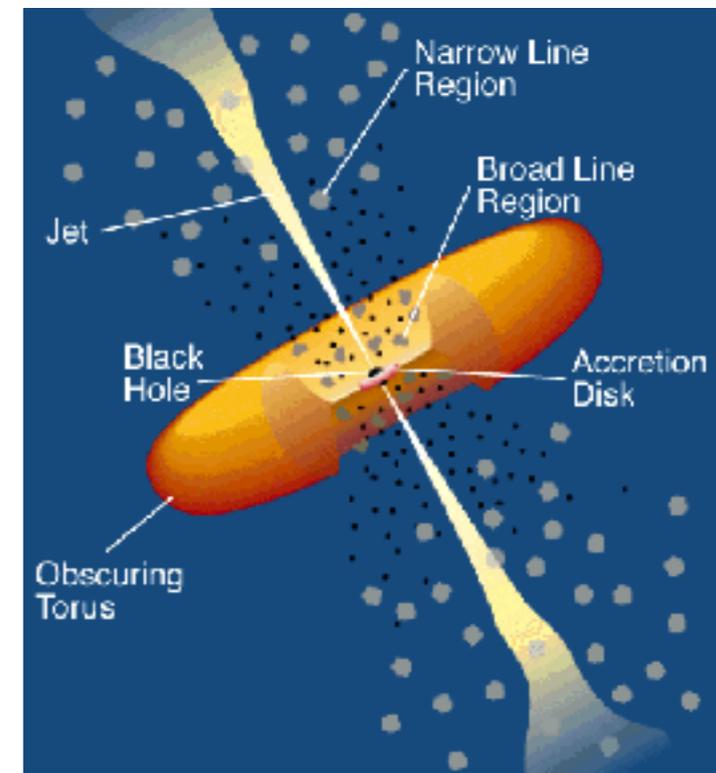
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# Spectral Energy Distribution

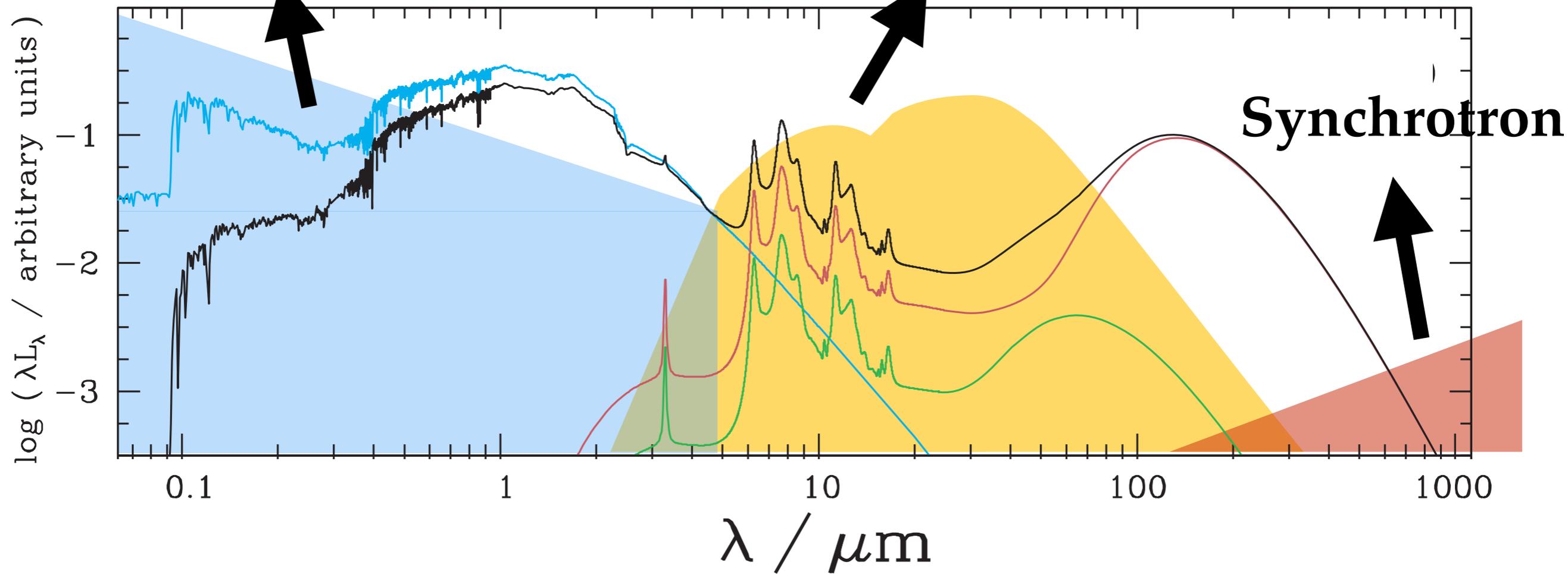


# The AGN outshines most of SED



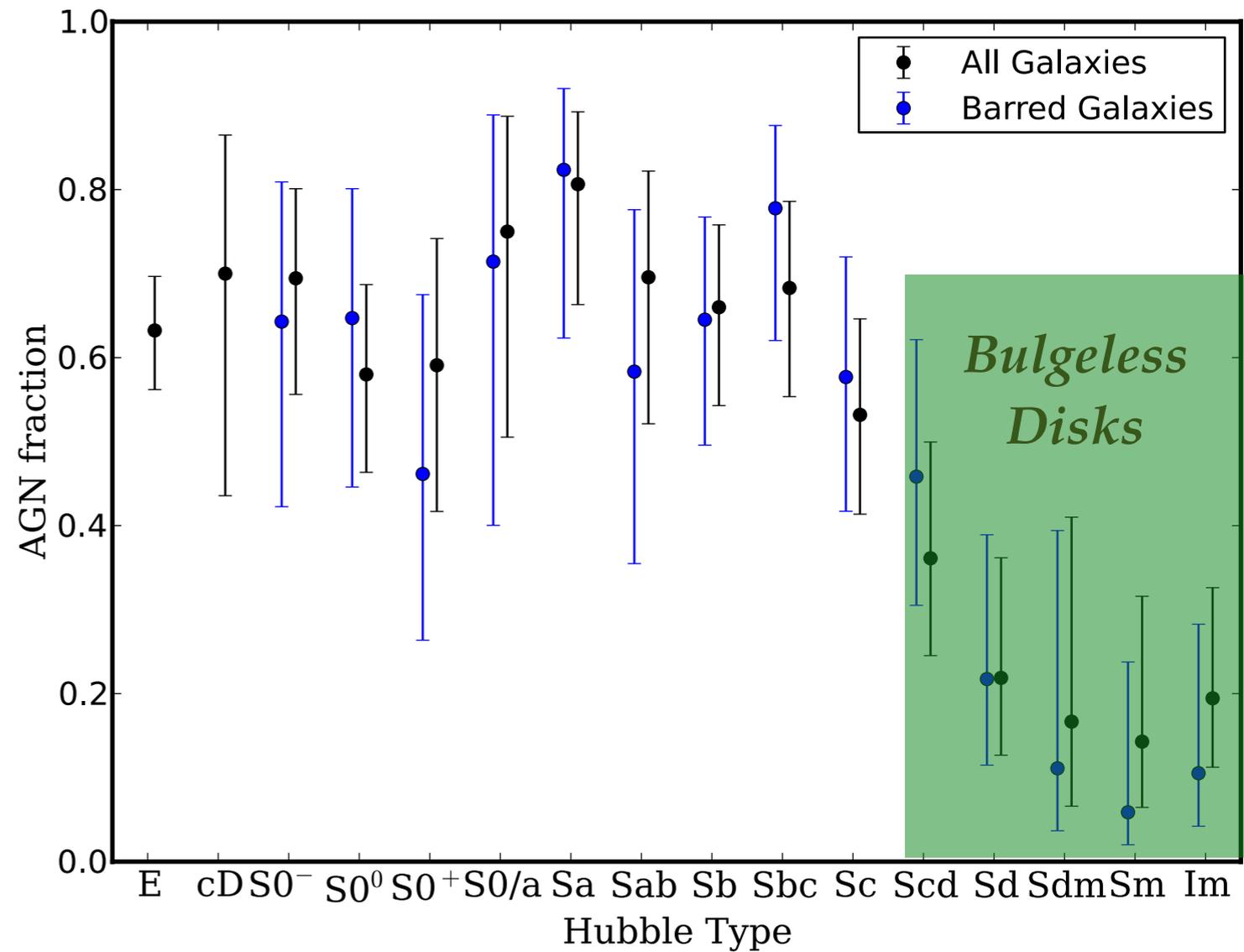
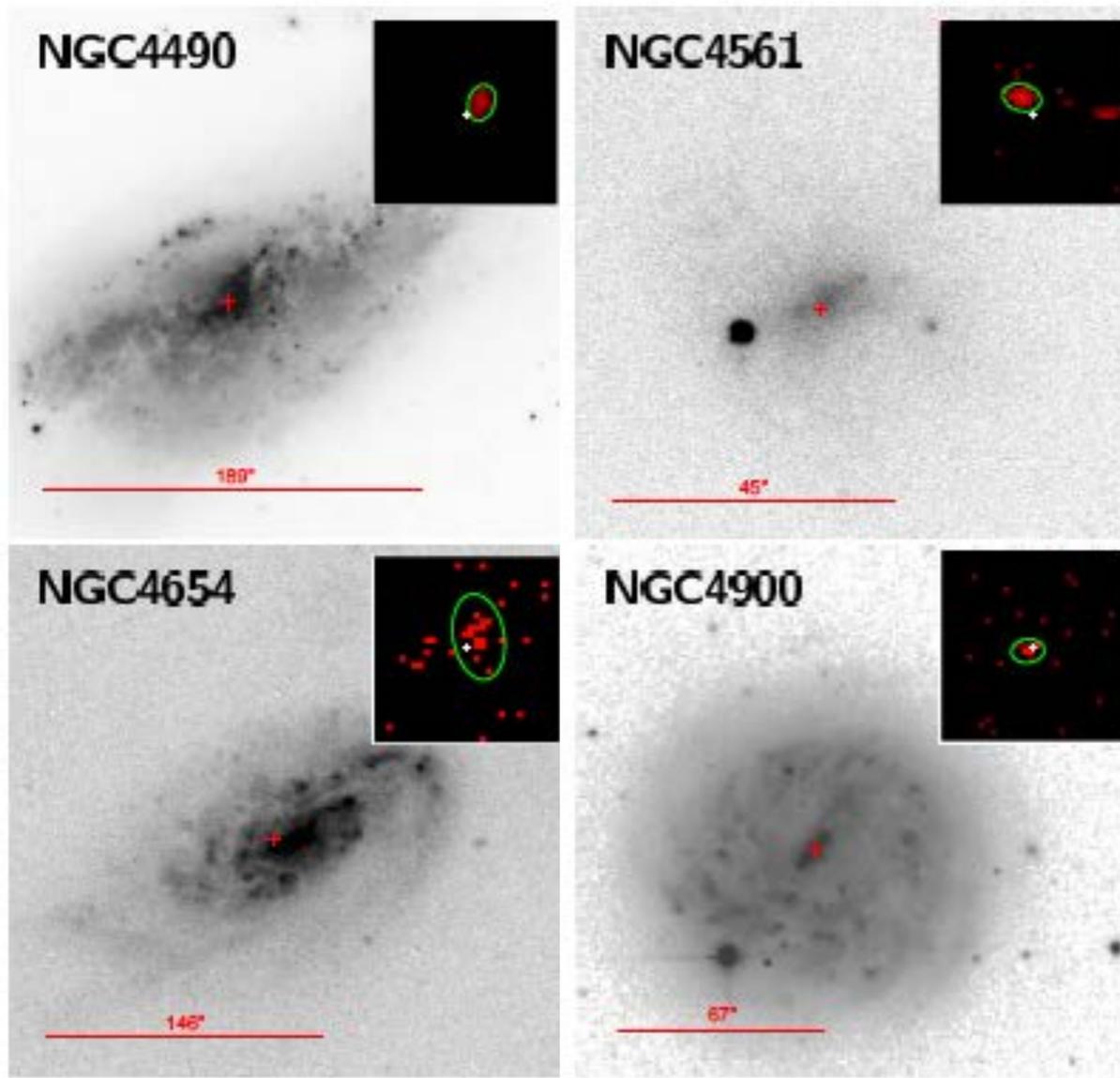
**Accretion Disk**

**Dust Torus**



# Chandra Survey of Nearby Galaxies: A Significant Population of Candidate Central Black Holes in Late-type Galaxies

Rui She<sup>1</sup>, Luis C. Ho<sup>2,3</sup>, Hua Feng<sup>1</sup>

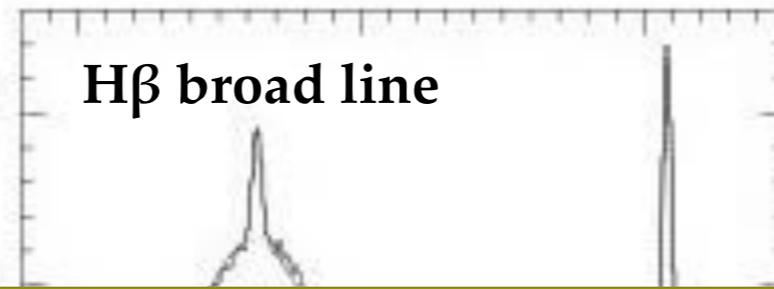




M 87 (stars):  $M_{\bullet} = (6.2 \pm 0.38) \times 10^9 M_{\odot}$  (Gebhardt et al. 2011)

M 87 (gas):  $M_{\bullet} = (3.5 \pm 0.85) \times 10^9 M_{\odot}$  (Walsh et al. 2013)

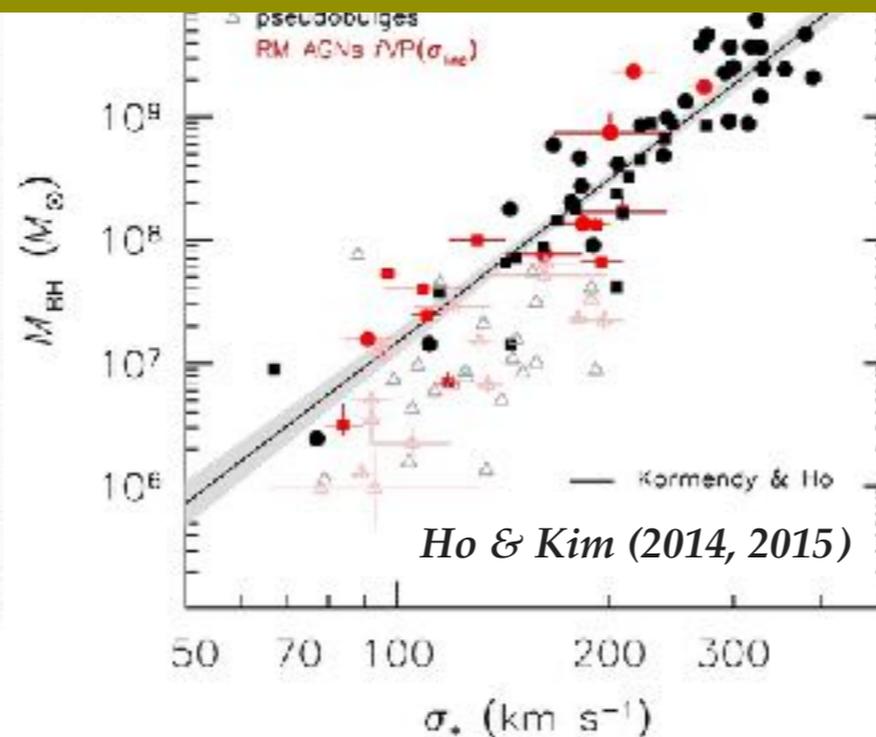
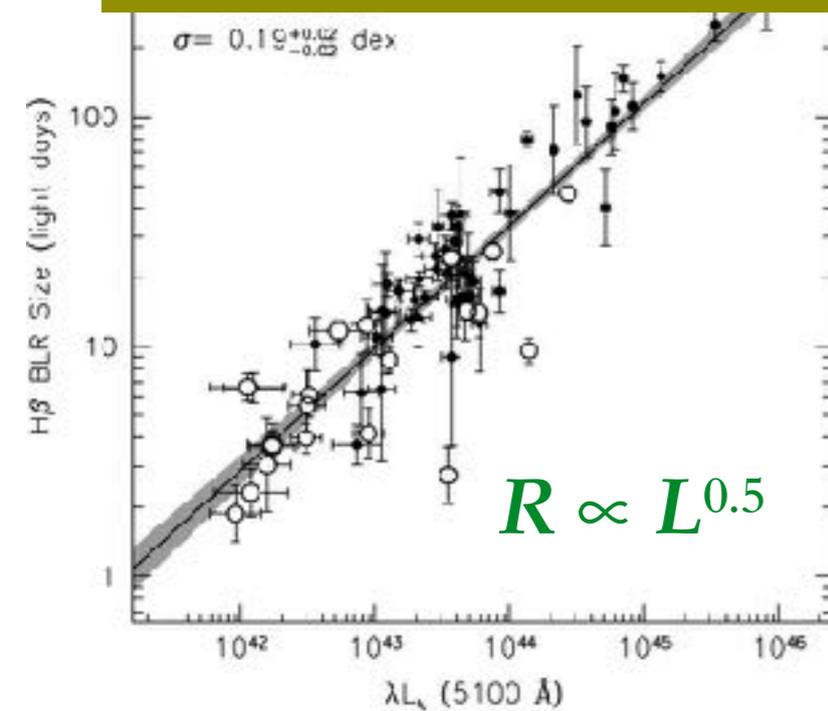
# Reverberation Mapping



$$M_{\text{virial}} = f R V^2 / G$$

$f$  virial factor

Can we ever estimate BH masses for AGNs better than a factor of 2–3?



uncertainty:  $\frac{\Delta M_{\bullet}}{M_{\bullet}} \sim 2 - 3$

$\Delta \log M_{\bullet} \sim 0.3 - 0.5$

Data

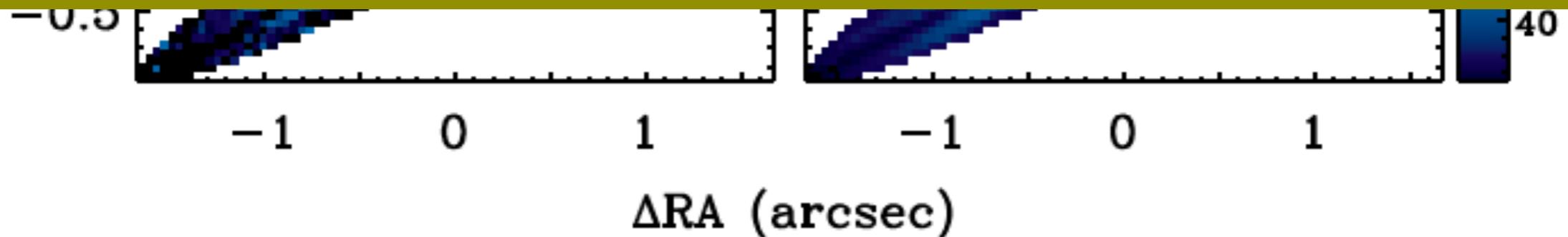
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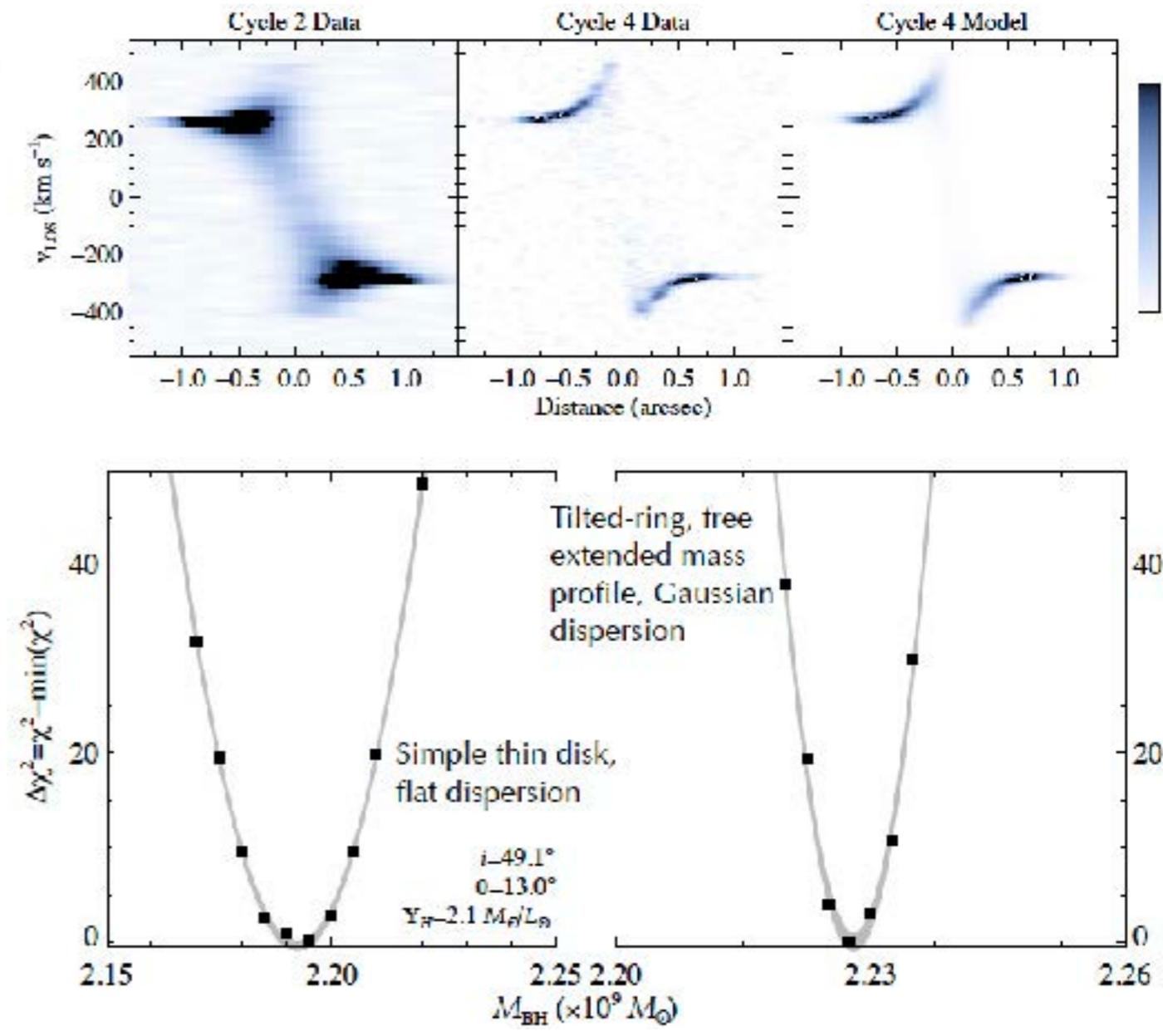
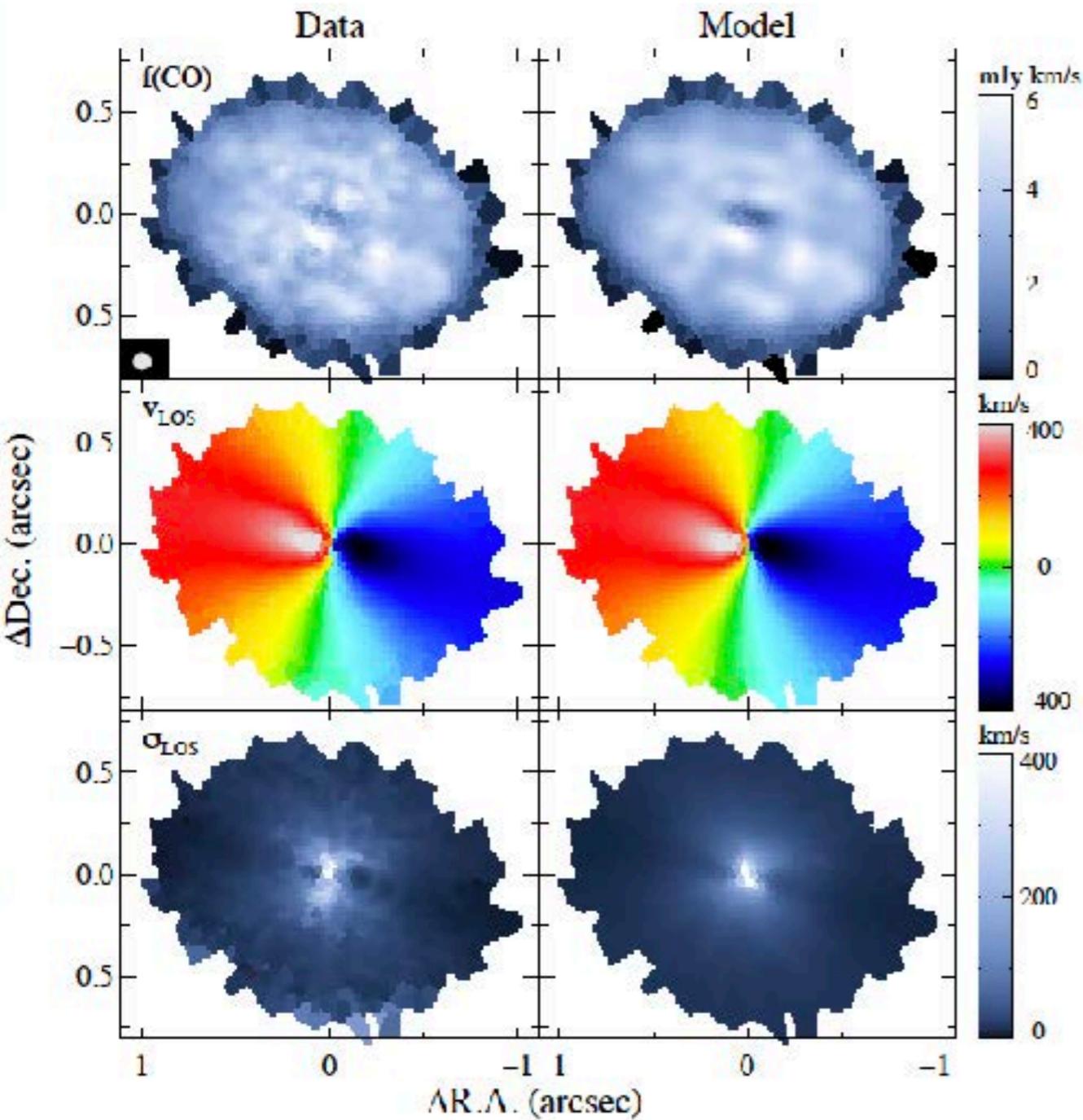


ALMA:  $M_{\bullet} = (6.64 \pm 0.64) \times 10^8 M_{\odot}$  (Barth et al. 2016)

HST:  $M_{\bullet} = (1.45 \pm 0.20) \times 10^9 M_{\odot}$  (Rusli et al. 2011)

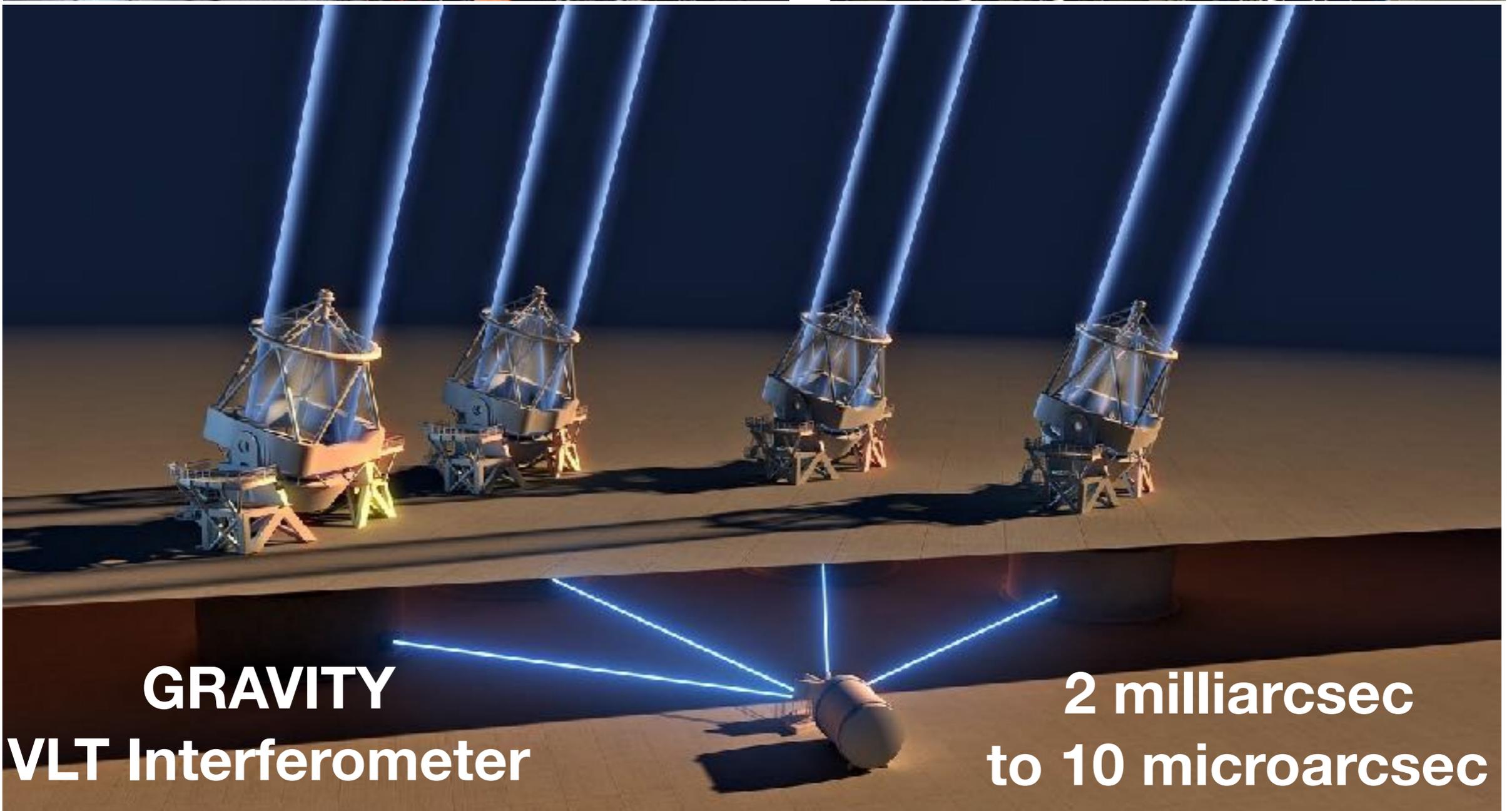
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*Boizelle, Barth, Ho, et al. (2018)*

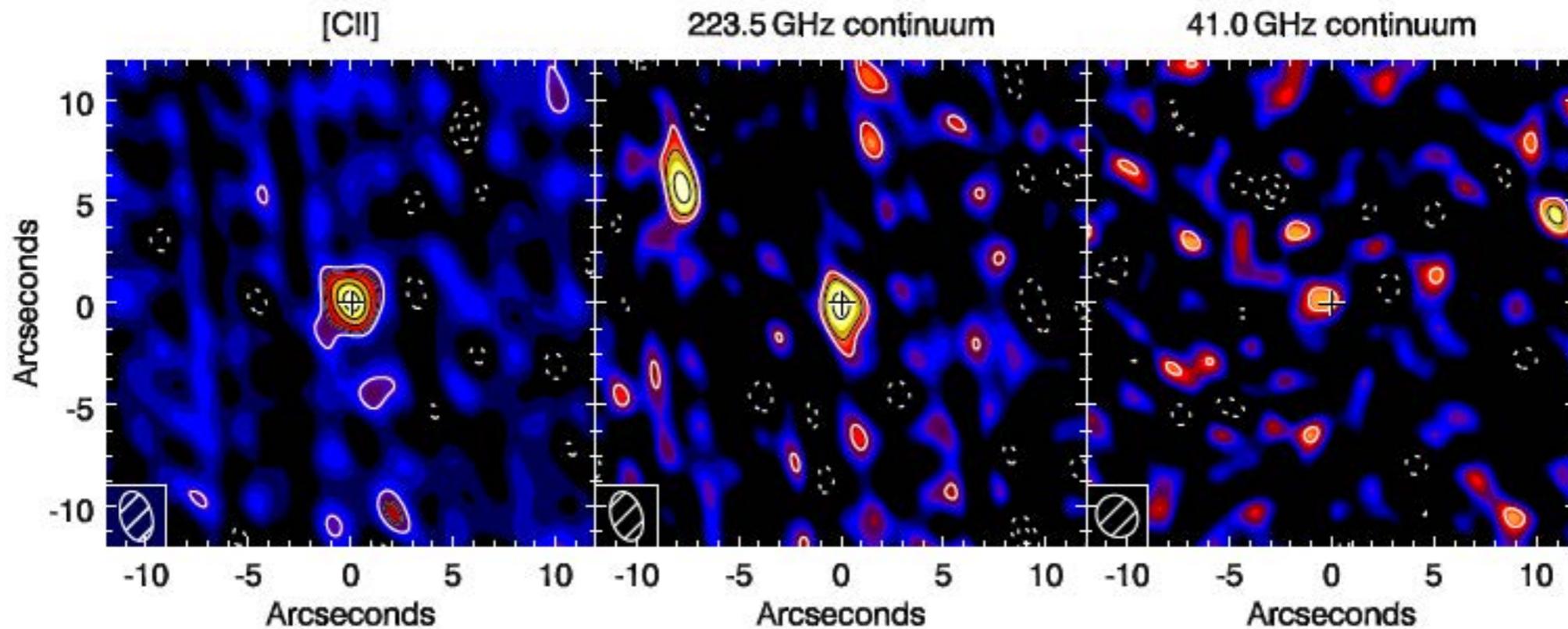
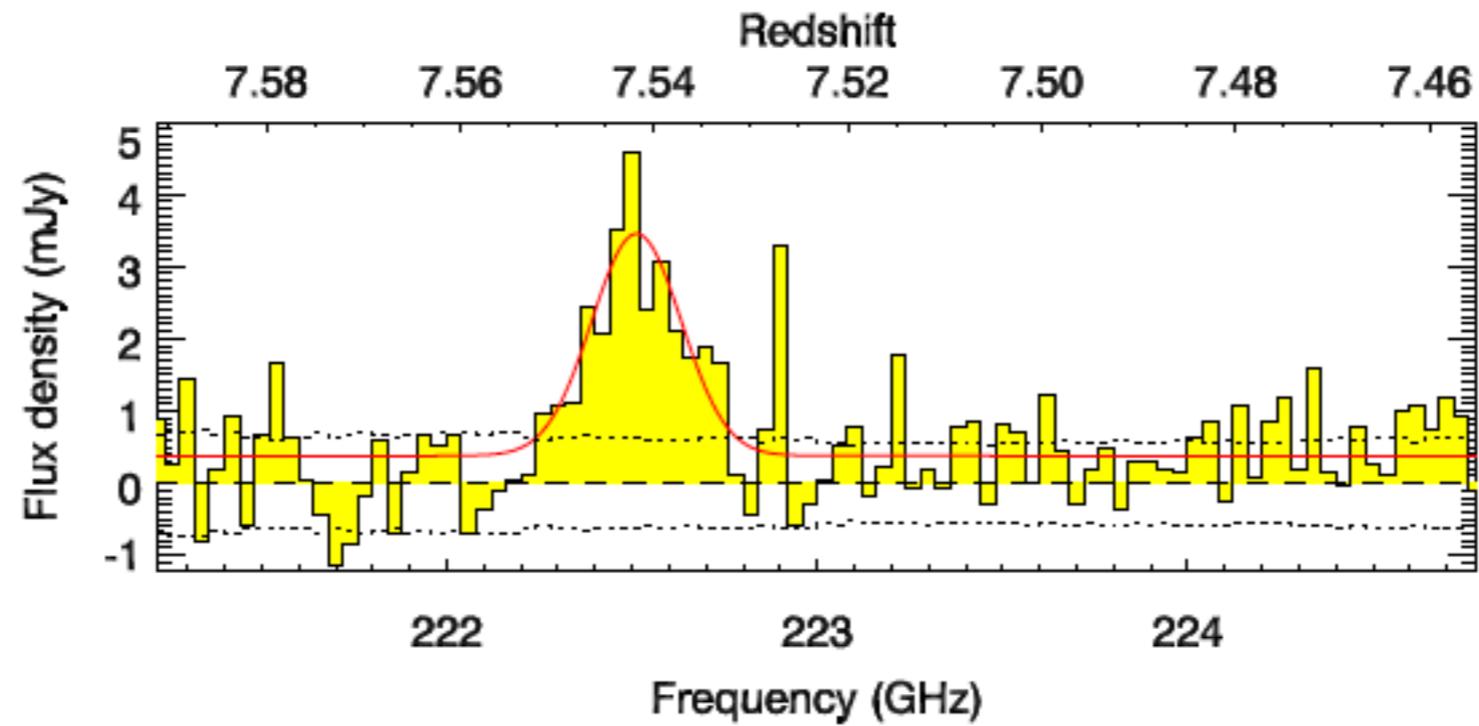
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- $M_{\text{BH}}$  uncertainty < 6%



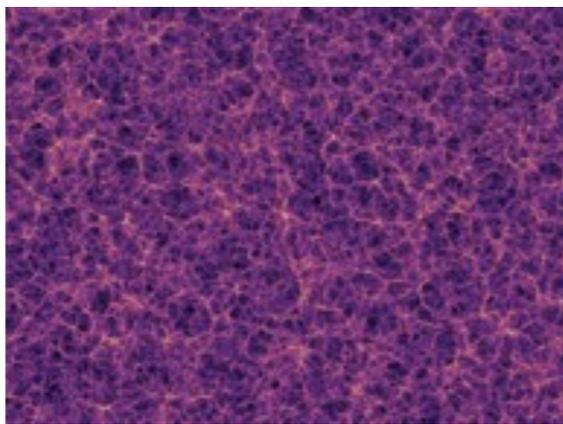
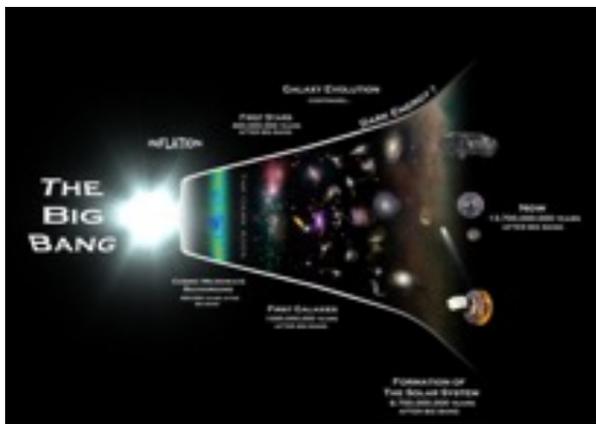
**GRAVITY**  
**VLT Interferometer**

**2 milliarcsec**  
**to 10 microarcsec**

# Dynamical Masses Using Radio Lines

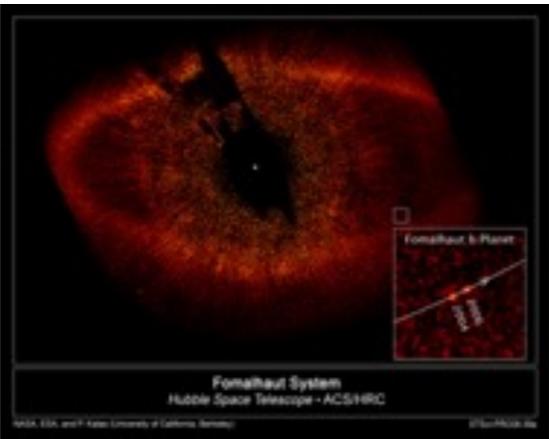


Venemans et al. (2017b)



# Central Star Formation in Galaxies

*Steve Longmore*



# Review: $\dot{M}(r,t)$ and $SFR(r,t)$

## Talk outline

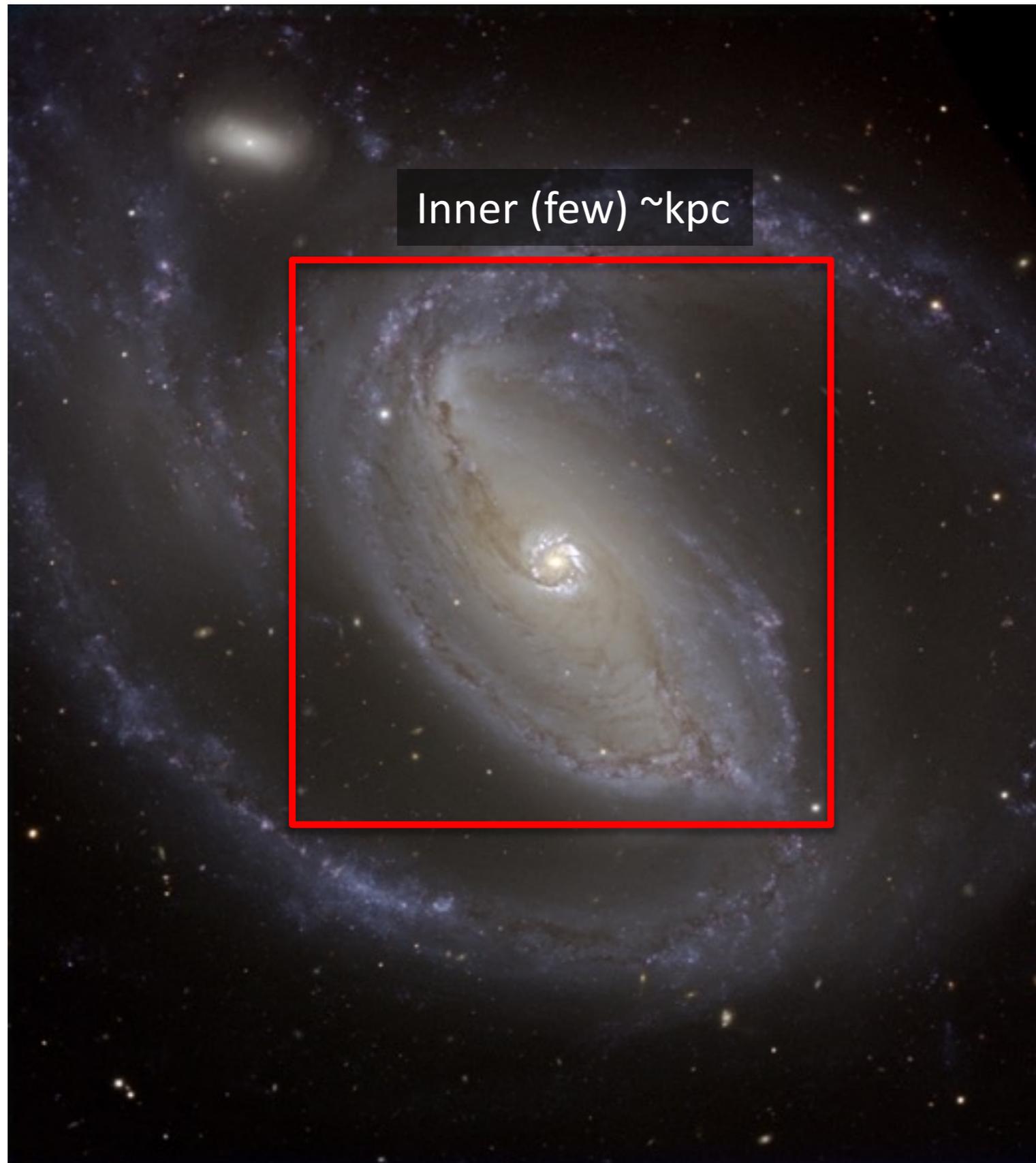
**Goal:** review our current understanding of the physical mechanisms controlling the mass inflow and star formation in the centres of galaxies.

Enormous amount of literature on this topic and secular evolution of galaxies (e.g. Kormendy & Ho ARAA)

Focus on recent developments driven by improvements in numerical simulations and high resolution/sensitivity gas observations.



# Review: $\dot{M}(r,t)$ and $SFR(r,t)$



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$\dot{M}$  is highly variable as a function of both  $r$  and  $t$ .

Bottlenecks in mass inflow at specific radii driven by shear, minima, instabilities or orbital pile up.

# Review: $\dot{M}(r,t)$ and $SFR(r,t)$

SFR is highly variable as a function of both  $r$  and  $t$ .

SFR  $\rightarrow$  Not proportional to  $\Sigma^a, \rho^b, M(N > 10^{21} \text{cm}^{-2})$

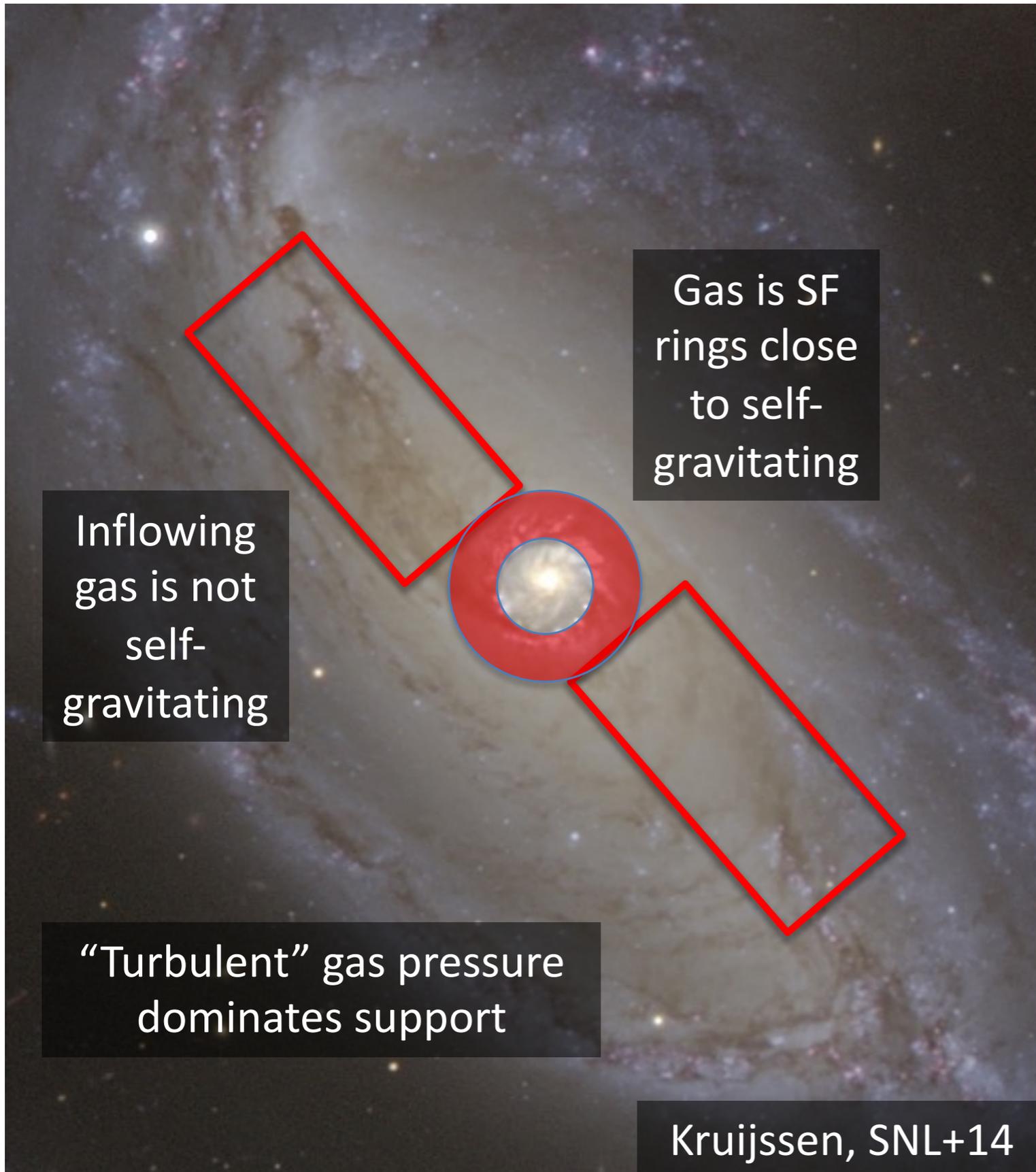
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SFR  $\rightarrow$  Incompatible with environmentally independent SF relations

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1. SFR  $\rightarrow$  0 at most radii.
2. Majority of SF constrained to “bottleneck” radii.

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Very high degree of turbulence means the gas gets to very high density before forming stars

Initial (proto) stellar density MUCH higher than in the disk  
( $1e4$  stars/ $pc^3$ )

Star formation highly clustered:  
e.g. in the MW 50% of stars form in clusters of  $1e4 M_{sun}$ , radius  $\sim pc$ .

# Some key open questions



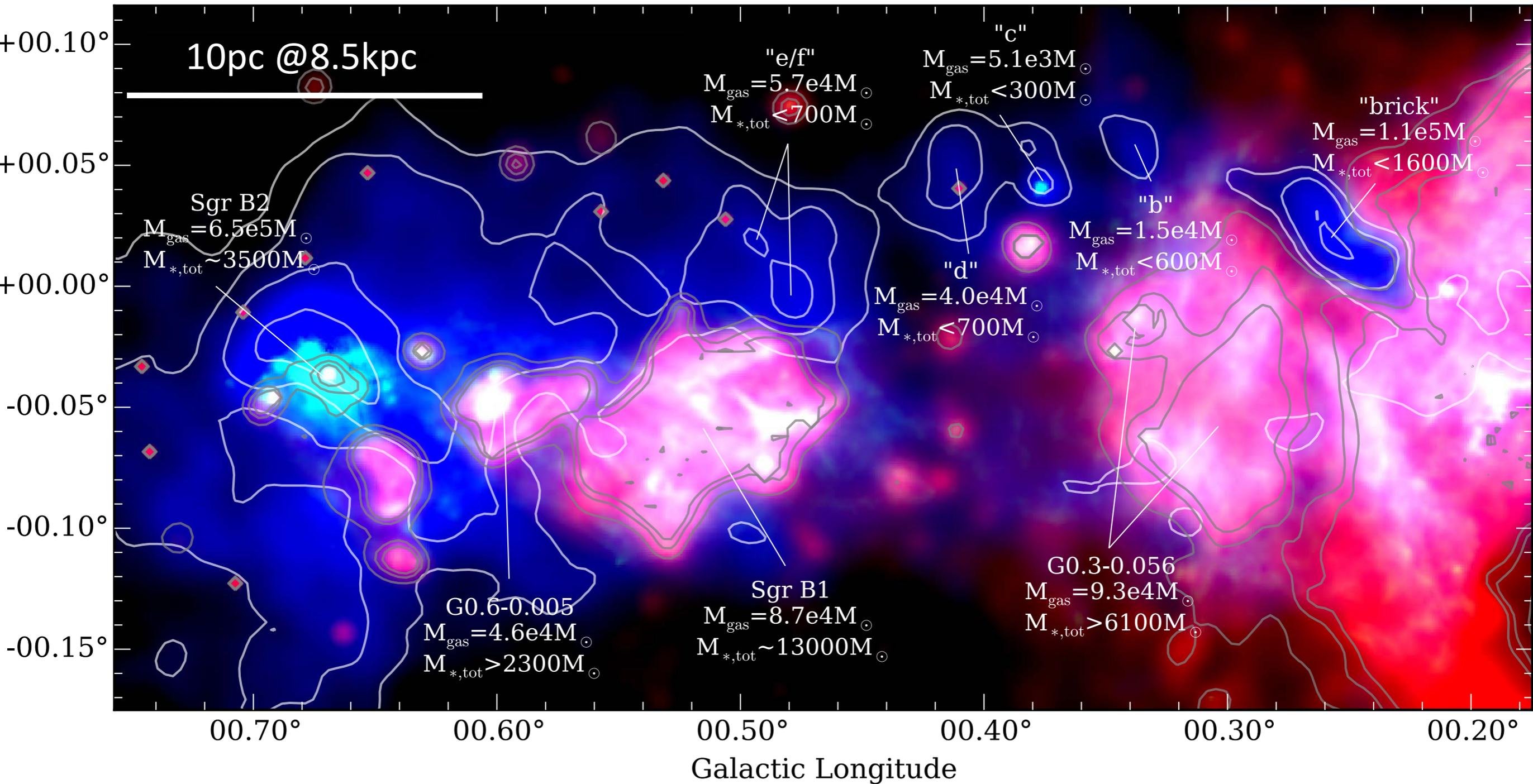
What physical mechanisms are responsible for determining the rate at which the gas piled up at bottleneck radii is transported towards the black hole?

Is (feedback from) star formation important in this further inward transport of gas (e.g helping to remove angular momentum)?

If so, do we expect a link between the timescales for star formation activity and feedback at  $\sim 100\text{pc}$  scales, and black hole feeding and feedback?

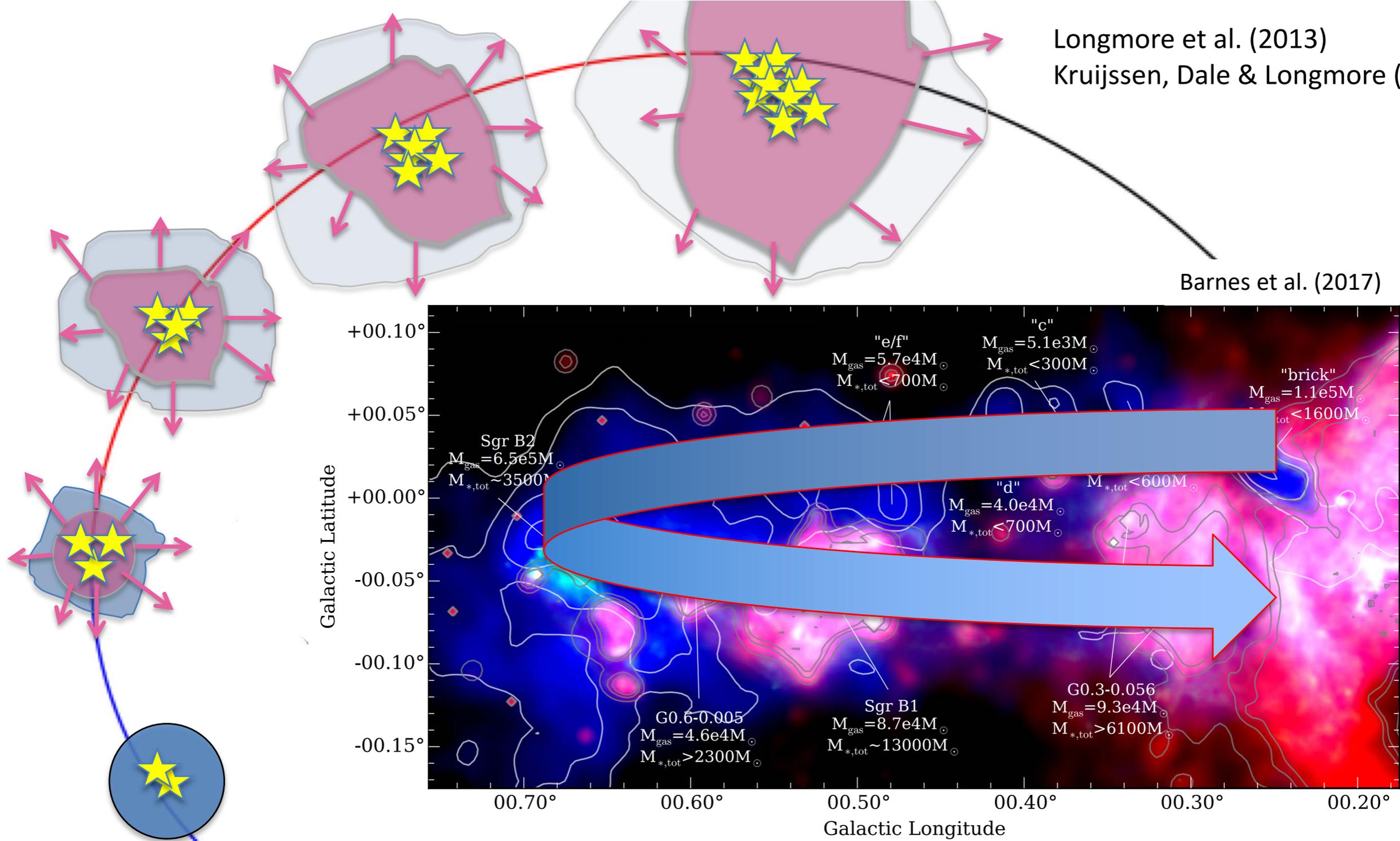
Is the black hole passive or active in such a cycle?

# Comparing the distribution of gas and young stars



Longmore et al. (2013)  
Kruijssen, Dale & Longmore (2015)

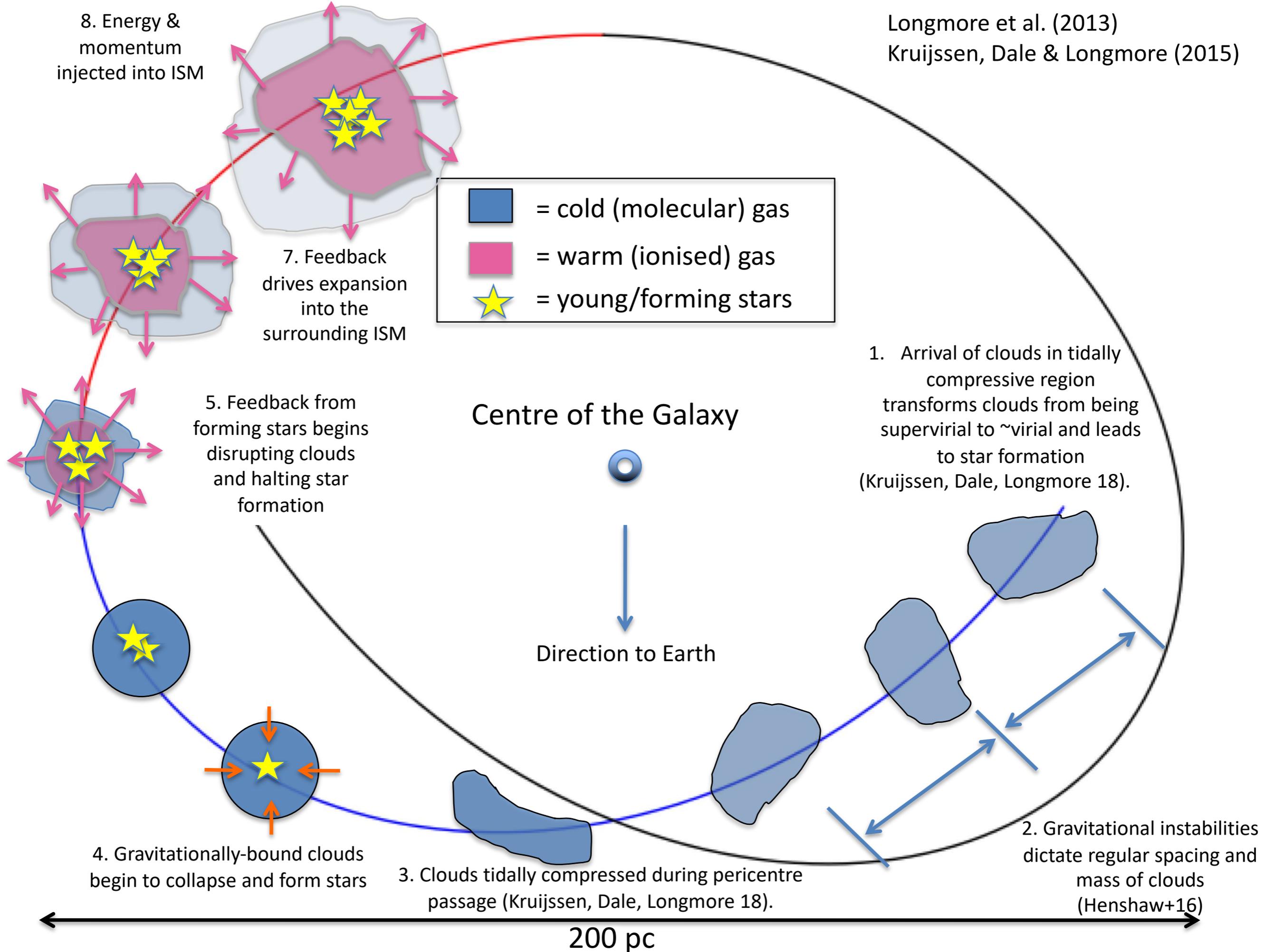
Barnes et al. (2017)



-  = cold (molecular) gas
-  = warm (ionised) gas
-  = young/forming stars

200 pc

Longmore et al. (2013)  
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# Conclusions: $\dot{M}(r,t)$ and $SFR(r,t)$

$\dot{M}(r,t) \rightarrow$  highly variable with  $r, t$

Bottlenecks in  $\dot{M}$  at specific  $r$ .

$SFR \rightarrow$  highly variable with  $r$  and  $t$ .

$$M, \alpha, \rho_0 \rightarrow \rho_{\text{crit}}$$
$$M(\rho > \rho_{\text{crit}}) \rightarrow SFR_{\text{ff}} \sim 2\%$$

## Feedback in MW GC

Gas around young stellar clusters expelled to  $>10\text{pc}$  within  $\sim\text{Myr}$

- $P_{\text{HII}}$  dominant by 2 orders of magnitude
- Gas cleared to tens of pc before SNe explode
- Energy and momentum feedback efficiency few %

## Feedback shaping baryon cycles

SF bursty/episodic:  
 $\sim 20$  Myr duty cycle, SFR varies by 1-2 dex



Stellar feedback highly localised in space and time



Important part of galactic-scale feedback cycle





