

# PHYSICS OF ACTIVE GALACTIC NUCLEI

## 活動銀河核の物理学

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HISTORY, TAXONOMY AND DETECTION

SUPERMASSIVE BLACK HOLES AND ACCRETION PROCESSES

AGN: INFLOWS AND OUTFLOWS

AGN AND HOST GALAXIES: FUELING AND FEEDBACK

FORMATION AND EVOLUTION OF AGN

# LECTURE 4

## AGN AND HOST GALAXIES: FUELING AND FEEDBACK

AGN host galaxy morphology

AGN environment

Fueling: external versus internal sources  
smooth accretion: cosmology?  
angular momentum problem

Feedback: radiation, mechanical

Coexistence: supermassive black holes and their host galaxies



# AGN AND HOST GALAXIES: FUELING AND FEEDBACK

Active Galactic Nuclei : live in galaxies! No isolated AGN!



**This means, AGN evolution can be affected by galaxies, and, in return, they can affect evolution of galaxies → feedback**

# WHAT BRINGS FOOD TO YOUR TABLE?



# WHAT FEEDS AGN?



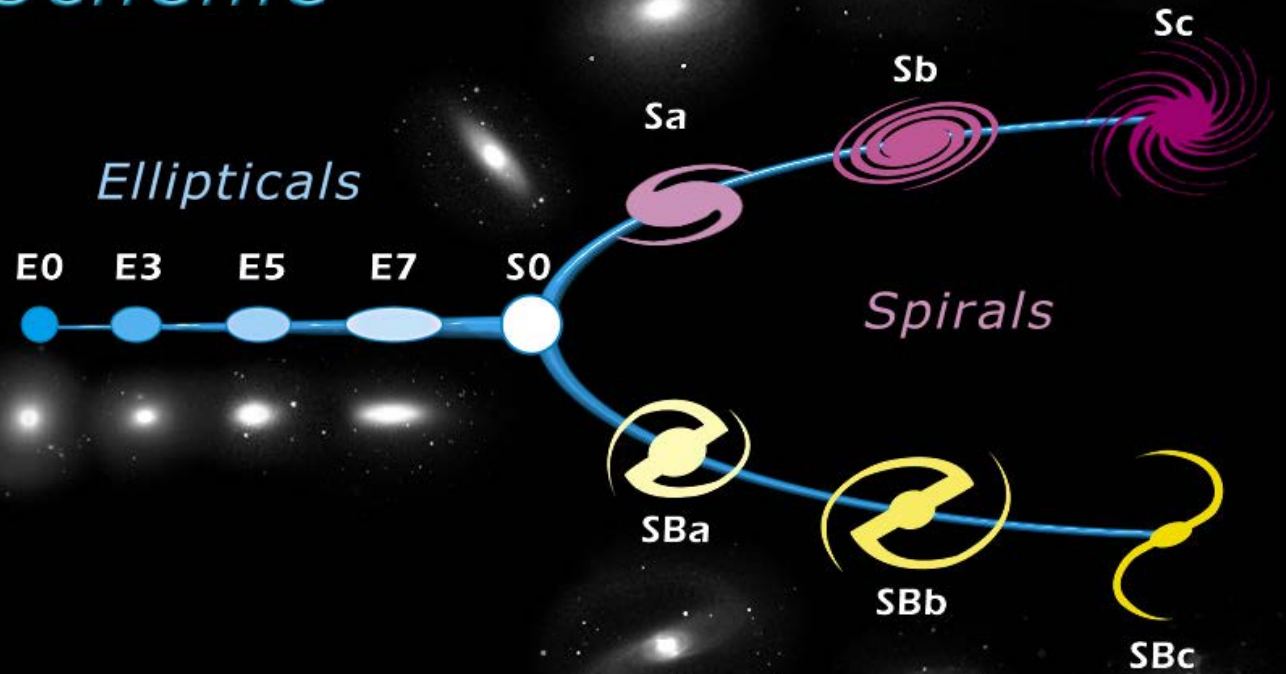
# HOST GALAXIES OF AGN

Where do AGN live?



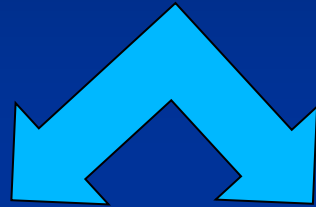
Do AGN galaxies are special?

*Edwin Hubble's  
Classification  
Scheme*



# WHERE DO AGN LIVE?

In galactic centers → why?



they been born there  
**WHY?**

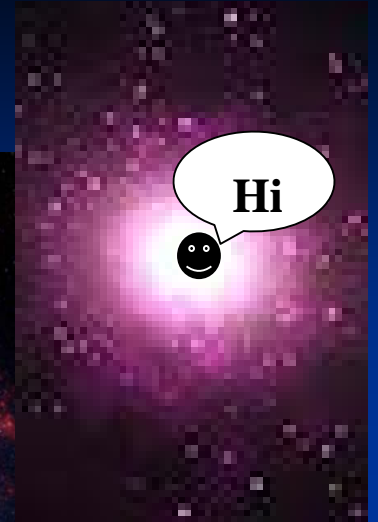
they migrated there  
**HOW?**

SMBH was born there

galaxy mergers

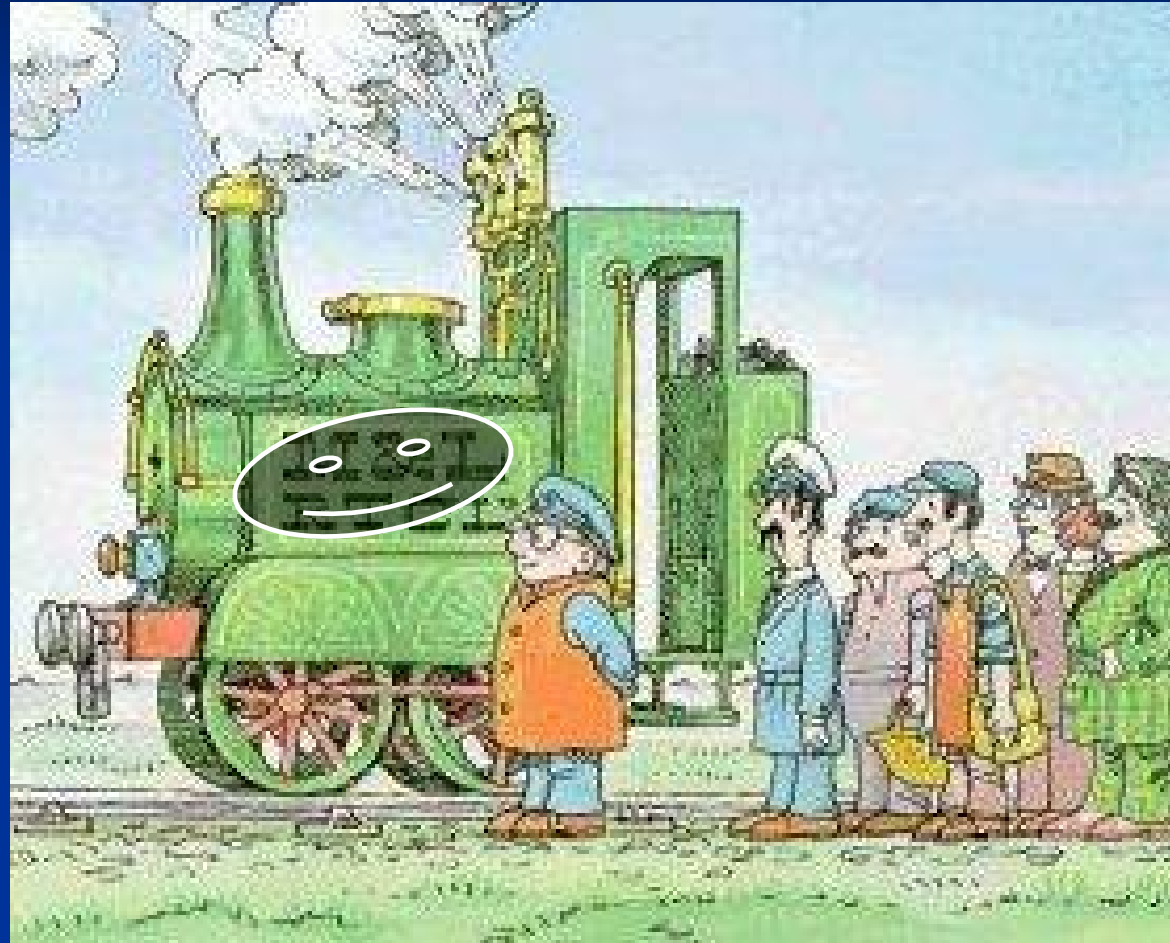
plenty of food!

what else could we do?  
(and there is plenty  
of food there!)



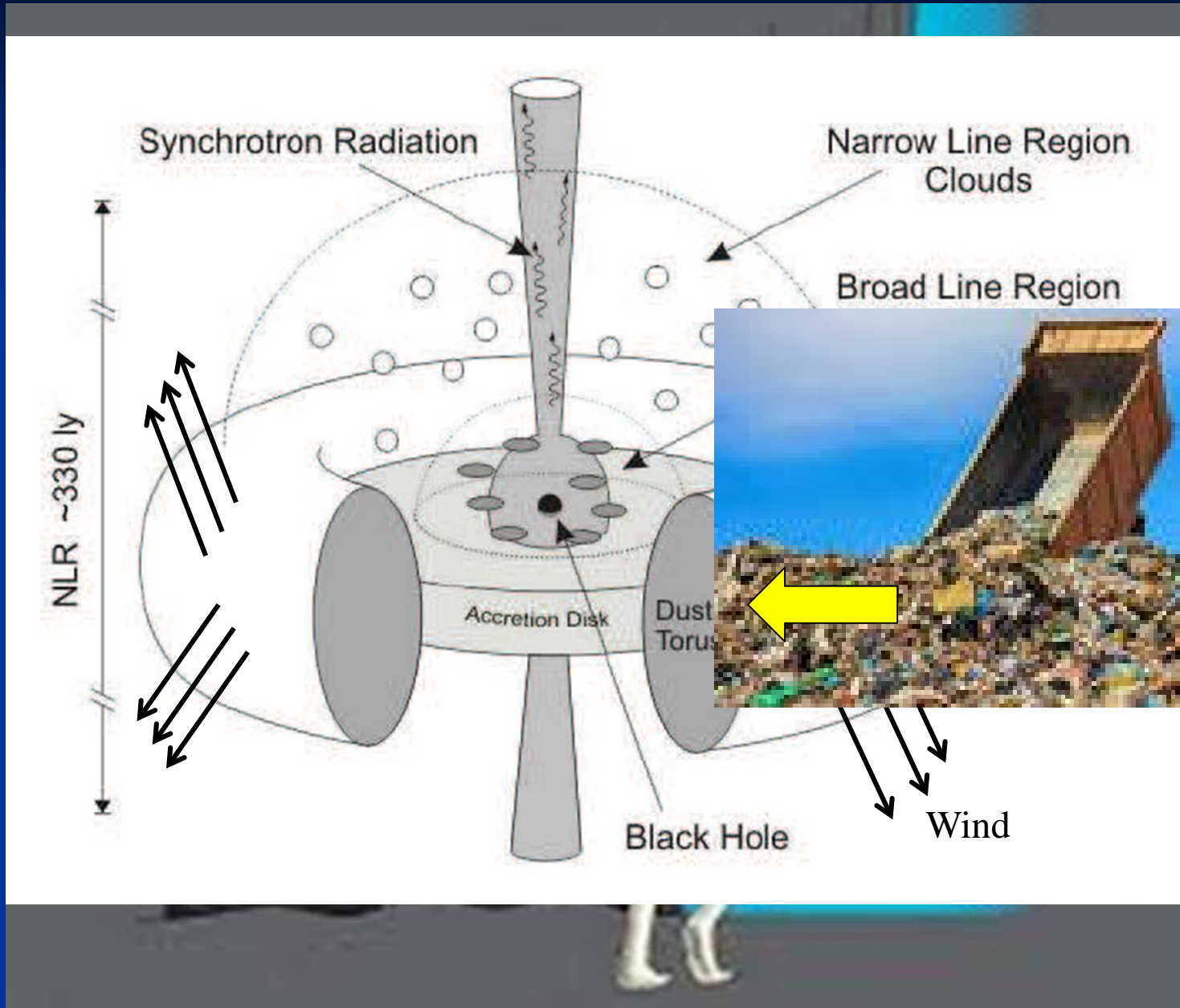


# THE CENTRAL ENGINE OF AGN



**Supermassive black holes (SMBHs)**

# THE CENTRAL ENGINE: THE VIEW



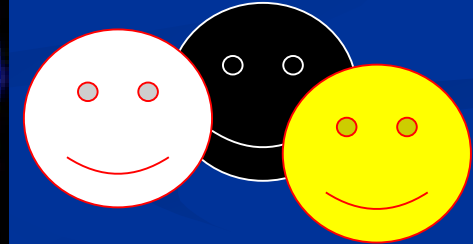
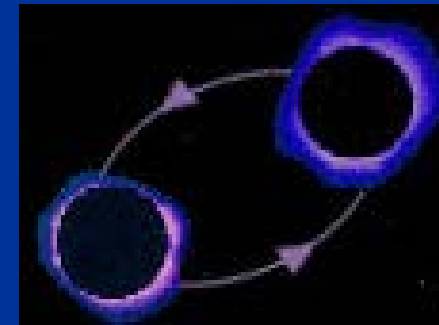
# WHAT DO AGN EAT?



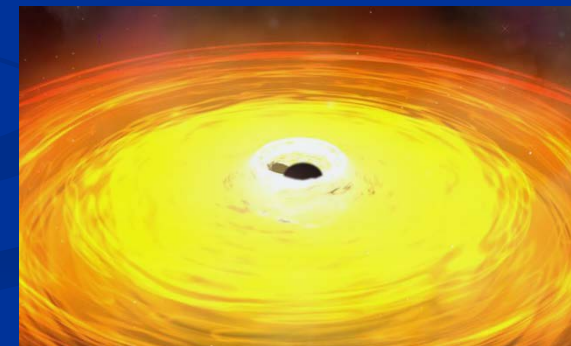
stars: whole and digested



compact objects:  
white dwarfs  
neutron stars  
BHs, SMBHs



gas, gas clouds: gas accretion

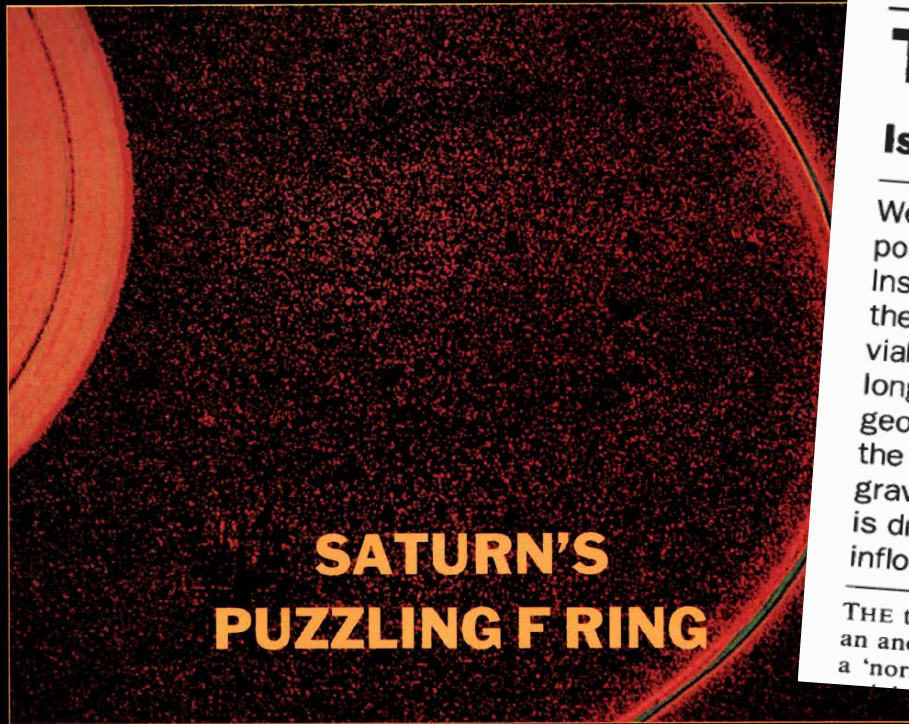


**Black holes eat everything**

# nature

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## SATURN'S PUZZLING F RING

Prevention of diabetes in transgenic mice

The power behind active galactic nuclei

BIOTECHNOLOGY  
product review

REVIEW ARTICLE

## The fuelling of active galactic nuclei

Isaac Shlosman, Mitchell C. Begelman & Julian Frank

We review accretion mechanisms for powering the central engines of active galactic nuclei (AGN) and possible sources of fuel. Local sources, such as dense star clusters, require extreme set of parameters. Instead we argue that the interstellar matter in the main body of the host galaxy is channelled towards the centre and address the problem of angular momentum transport. Thin accretion disks are not a viable means of delivering fuel to luminous AGN on scales much larger than a parsec because of the long inflow time and effects of self-gravity. There are also serious obstacles to maintaining and regulating geometrically thick, hot accretion flows. We emphasize the role of non-axisymmetric perturbations of the gravitational potential on galactic scales and their triggers: galaxy interactions and internal self-gravitational instabilities. We outline a unified model for fuelling AGN, in which the inflow on large scales is driven by gravitational torques, and on small scales forms a mildly self-gravitating disk of clouds with inflow driven by magnetic torques or cloud-cloud collisions.

THE term 'active galactic nucleus' refers to nuclei that exhibit an anomalous energy output, compared to that expected from a 'normal' mixture of stars and gas. It is usually reserved for

the largest scales (beyond a few tens of parsecs) inflow is likely to be driven by gravitational torques. We discuss how each of these mechanisms contributes to the fuelling, and how an epi-

# AGN FUEL SOURCES

❖ Tidal disruption events (TDEs): stellar disruptions by SMBHs

When a wandering star finds itself within

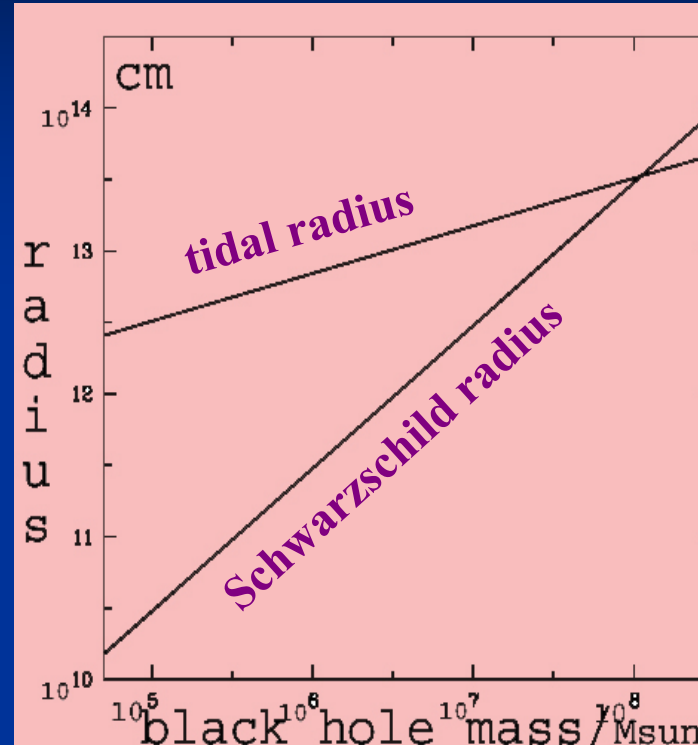
$$R_p \leq R_t \sim \left( \frac{M_{\text{BH}}}{M_*} \right)^{1/3} R_*$$

it is tidally disrupted

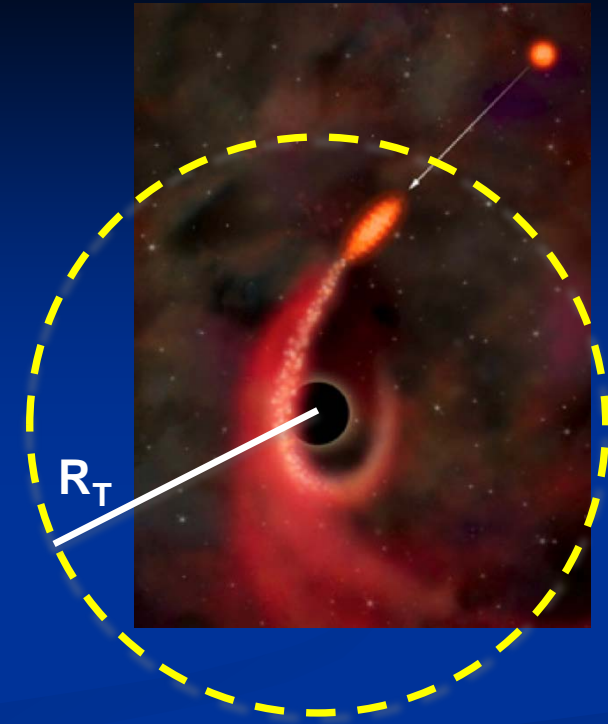
For **solar** type star

$$R_t \geq R_s = \frac{2GM_{\text{BH}}}{c^2}, \text{ for } M_{\text{BH}} \leq 10^8 M_{\odot}$$

Rate of TDEs  $\sim 10^{-4}$ - $10^{-5} \text{ yr}^{-1} \text{ gal}^{-1}$   
(e.g. Magorrian & Tremaine 1999)



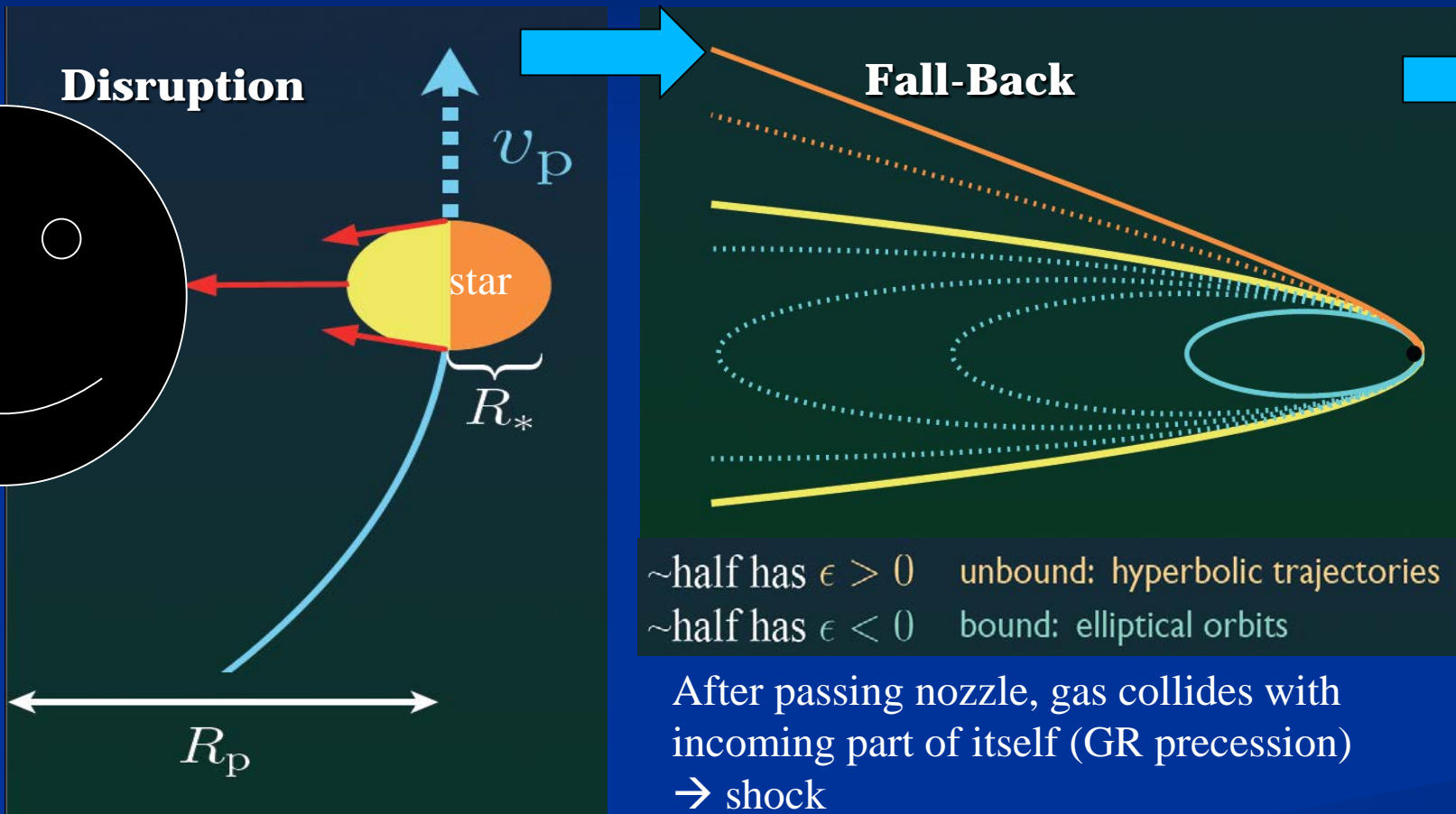
star is ripped apart once  
the BH's tidal forces exceed  
the selfgravity of the star



# AGN FUEL SOURCES

❖ Tidal disruption events (TDEs): stellar disruptions by SMBHs

(Rees 1988; Phinney 1989; Evans & Kochanek 1989)



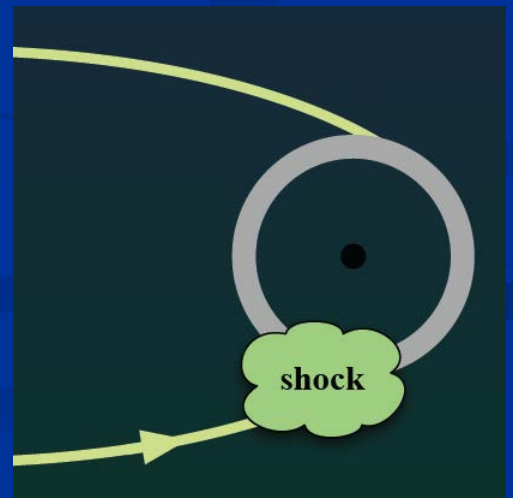
**Circularization and Accretion**

$$\dot{M}_{\text{fallback}} \sim \frac{M_*}{t_{\text{fallback}}} \left( \frac{t}{t_{\text{fallback}}} \right)^{-5/3}$$

$t_{\text{fallback}} \sim \text{days}$

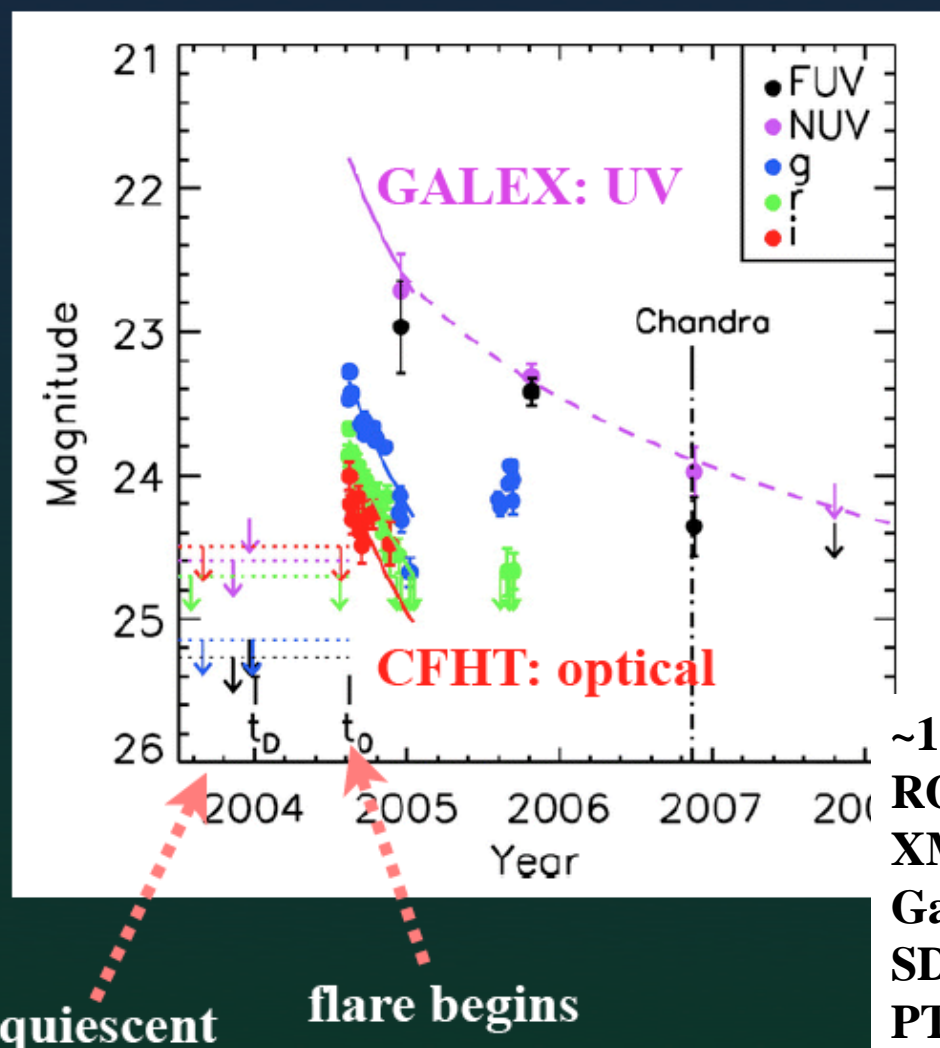
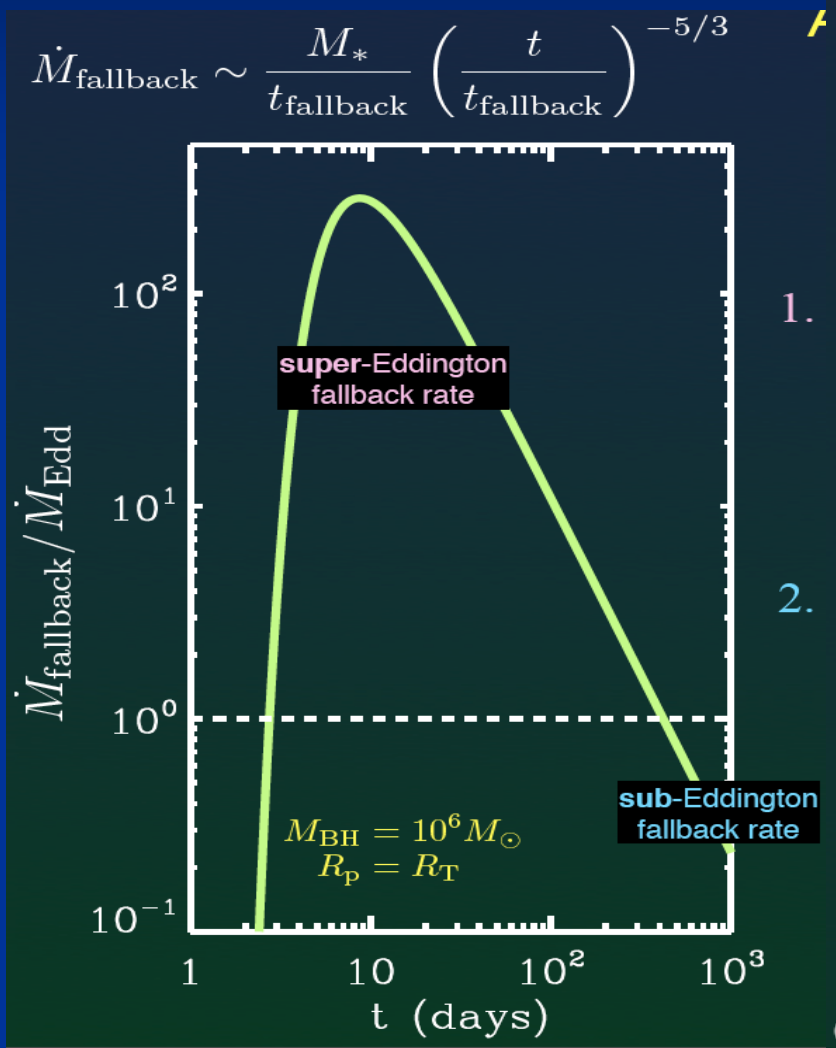
~half has  $\epsilon > 0$  unbound: hyperbolic trajectories  
 ~half has  $\epsilon < 0$  bound: elliptical orbits

After passing nozzle, gas collides with incoming part of itself (GR precession)  
 → shock  
 Keeps hitting itself as it orbits around the SMBH shrinks  
 → orbit circularization



# AGN FUEL SOURCES

❖ Tidal disruption events (TDEs): post-disruption “flares” in UV/optical/X-ray bands



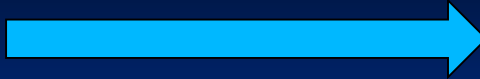
Gezari et al. 2008

~10 Candidate Detections so far by

- ROSAT All-Sky Survey (Komossa 2002)
- XMM Slew Survey (Esquej et al. 2007)
- Galex Deep Imaging (Gezari et al. 2009)
- SDSS Stripe 82 (van Velzen et al. 2010)
- PTF (Cenko et al. 2010)

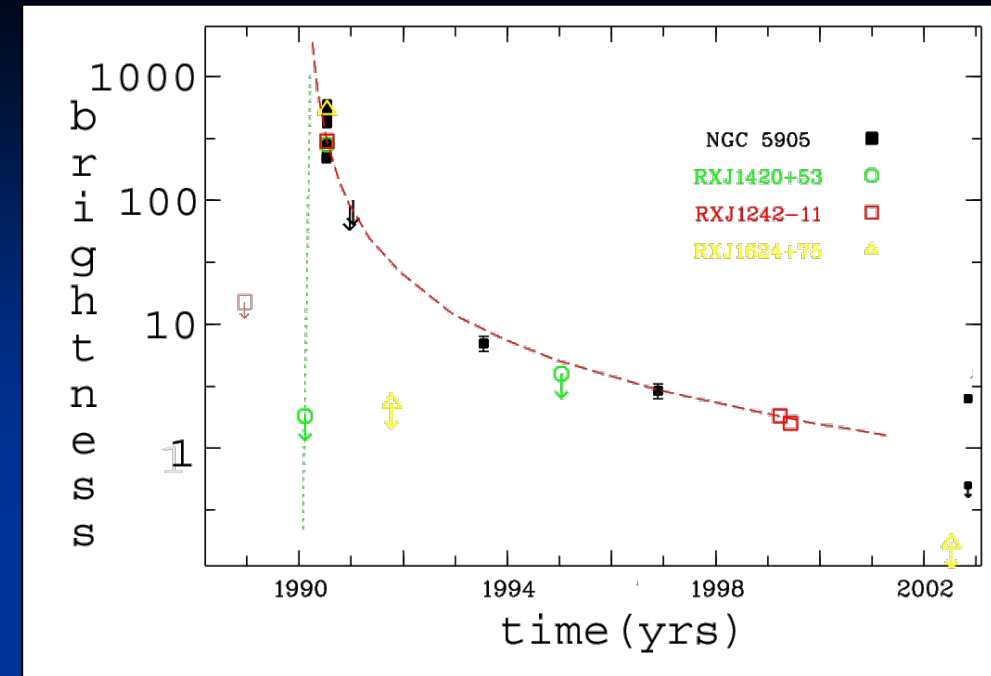
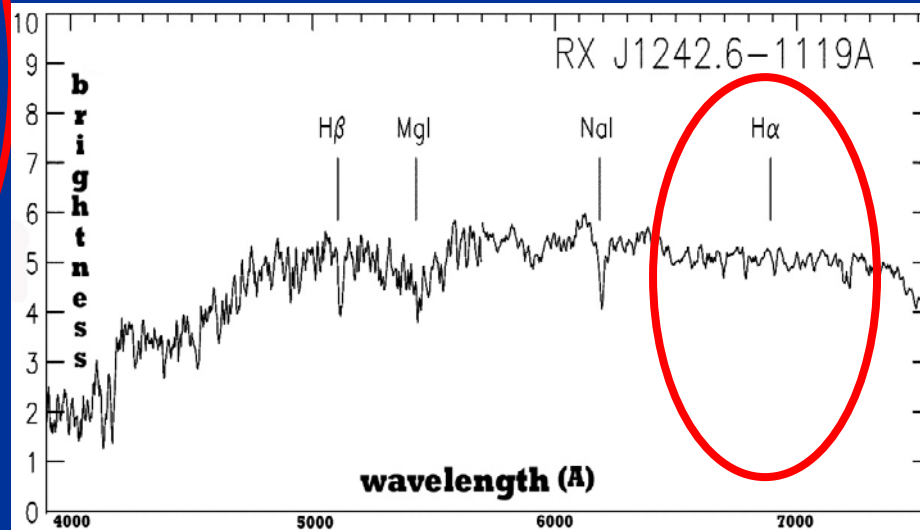
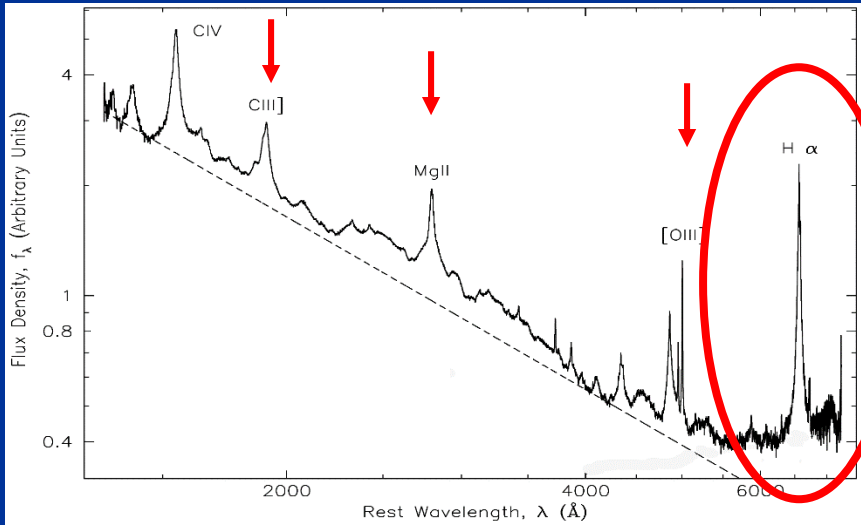
# AGN FUEL SOURCES

❖ **TDEs:** detected X-ray flares



Enormously powerful outburst of X-ray radiation from several galaxies

Normal, inconspicuous, non-active galaxies



X-rays dropped by factors up to 6000, years after the peak

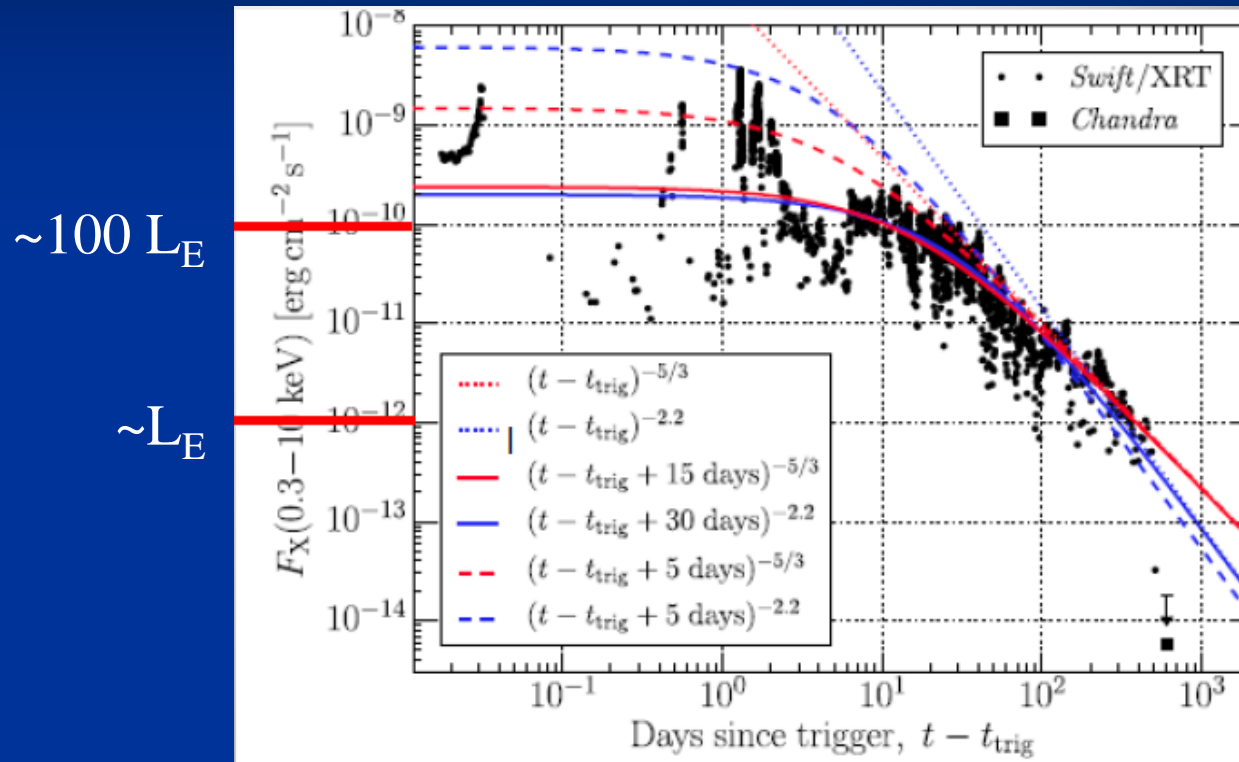


# AGN FUEL SOURCES

Swift J1644+57 gone MAD: the case for dynamically-important magnetic flux threading the black hole in a jetted tidal disruption event

Alexander Tchekhovskoy<sup>1\*</sup>, Brian D. Metzger<sup>2</sup>, Dimitrios Giannios<sup>3</sup>, and Luke Z. Kelley<sup>4</sup>

- ❖ **TDEs:** detected X-ray flares
- ## Super-Eddington TDE Swift J1644+57



X-ray curve measured by Swift and Chandra.

$$L \sim 2 \times 10^{47} \text{ erg/s}$$

$$M_{\bullet} \sim 10^6 M_{\odot}$$

Tchekhovskoy et al. (2014)

- Swift + Chandra light curves
- L corrected for beaming
- Radio “re-brightening after  $\sim 4$  months

# BY-PRODUCTS OF TDEs IN AGN

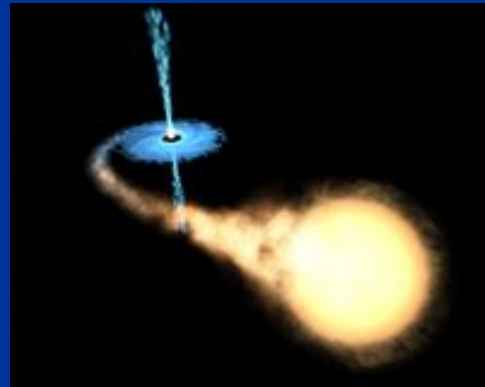
❖ Tidal disruption events (TDEs): jets?

Where there is an accretion onto BHs → there are jets

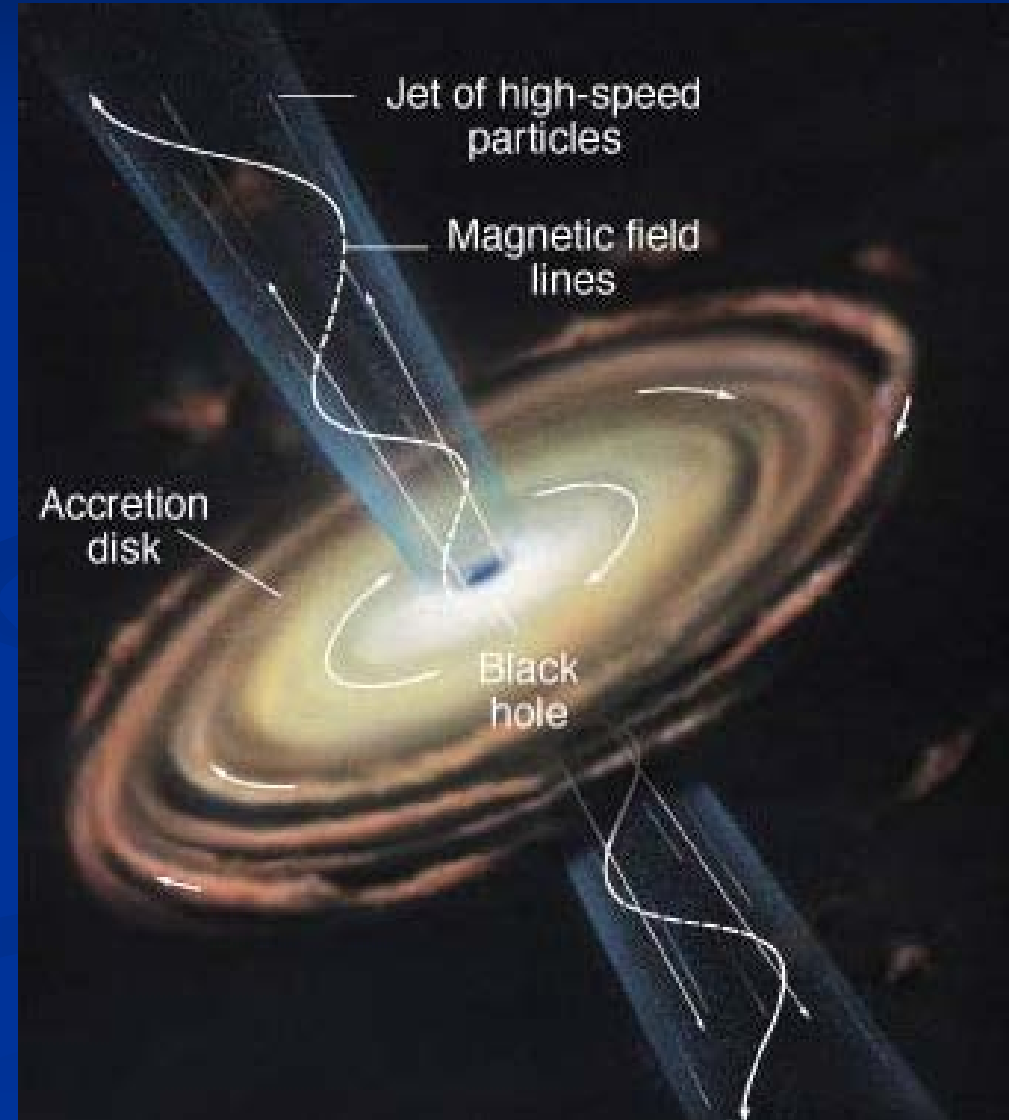
A substantial fraction of gravitational (accretion) energy may be channeled into relativistic jets  
→ non-thermal signatures from TDEs



jets in galactic centers

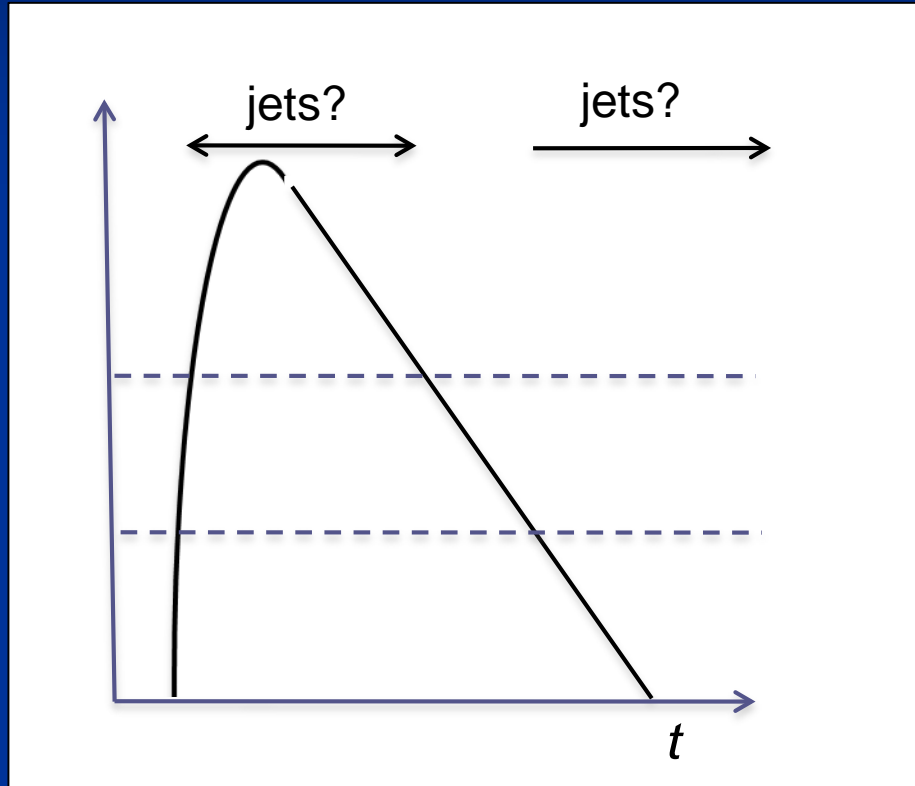
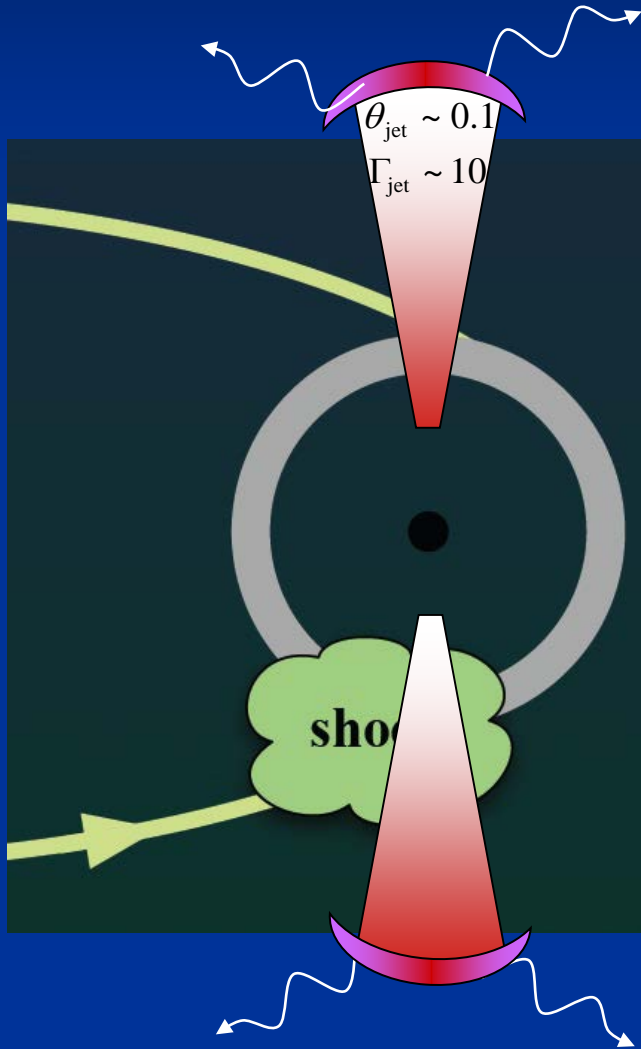


stellar binaries



# BY-PRODUCTS OF TDEs IN AGN

Tidal disruption events (TDEs): radio-transients  $\rightarrow$  jets? (Giannios & Metzger 2011)



energy released

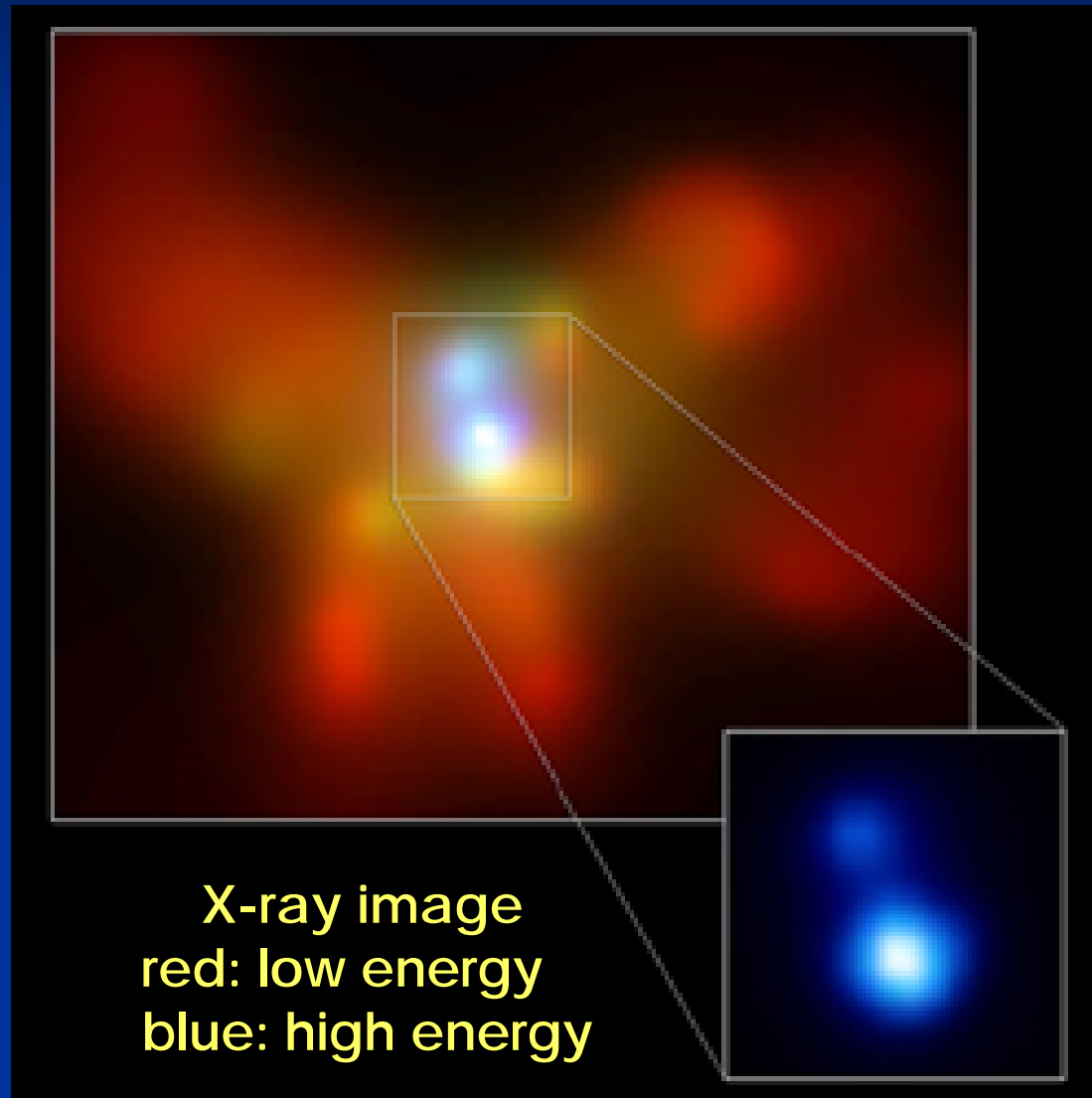
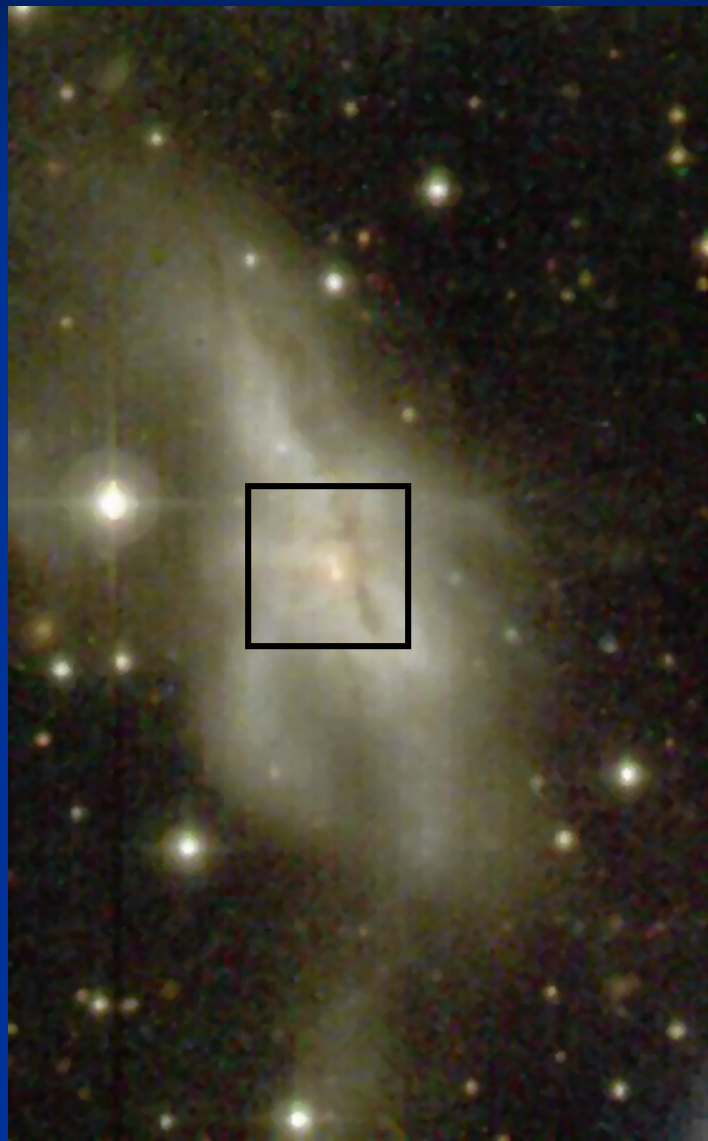
$$E_{\text{rel}} \sim 0.1 M_{\text{acc}} c^2 \sim 10^{53} \text{ erg}$$

energy in jets

$$E_{\text{jet}} \sim \epsilon_{\text{jet}} E_{\text{rel}} \sim 10^{51} \frac{\epsilon_{\text{jet}}}{0.01} \text{ erg}$$

# AGN FROM GALAXY MERGERS

❖ Galaxy mergers → SMBHs mergers → SMBH pairs → NGC 6240



X-ray image  
red: low energy  
blue: high energy

When galaxies merge  
→ their SMBHs merge  
→ gravitational torques  
→ gas channeling inward

Does this mean AGN  
are only triggered in  
mergers? → No !

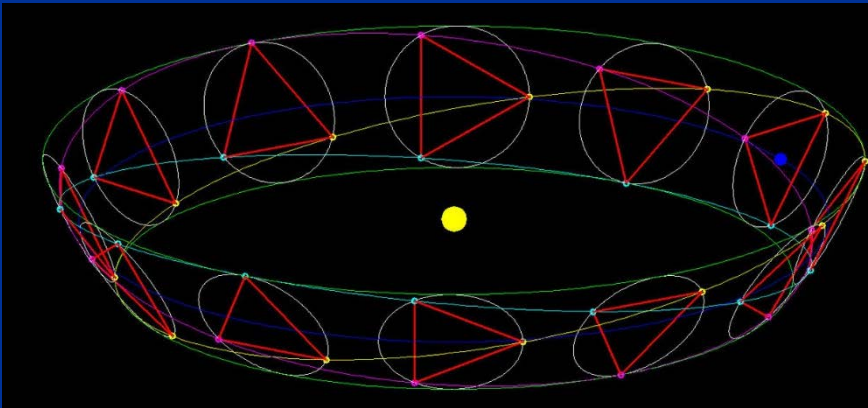
Maybe 20 % are,  
what about the rest?

# AGN FROM GALAXY MERGERS

❖ Galaxy mergers → SMBH mergers → detection

Future prospects:

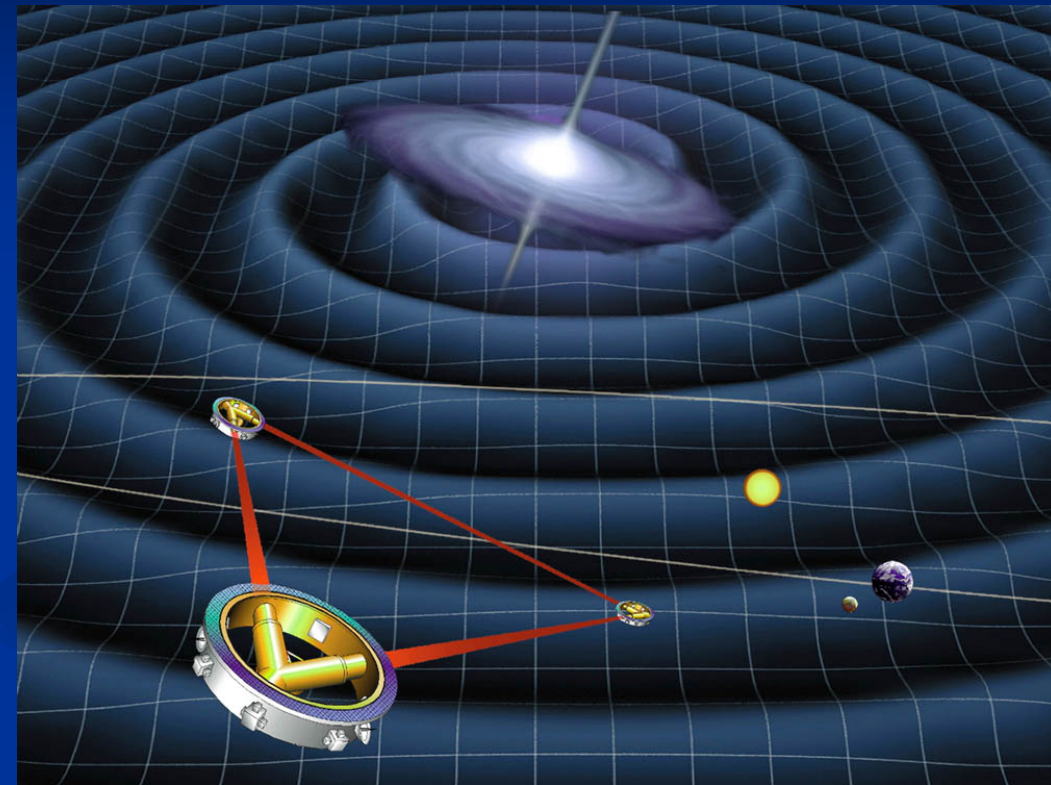
detection of gravitational waves from the merging black holes



LISA configuration



LIGO Hanford beam tube



gravitational waves from merging SMBHs:  
to be detected by LIGO and LISA

# ACCRETION ONTO GALAXIES

❖ Leftovers for SMBHs?

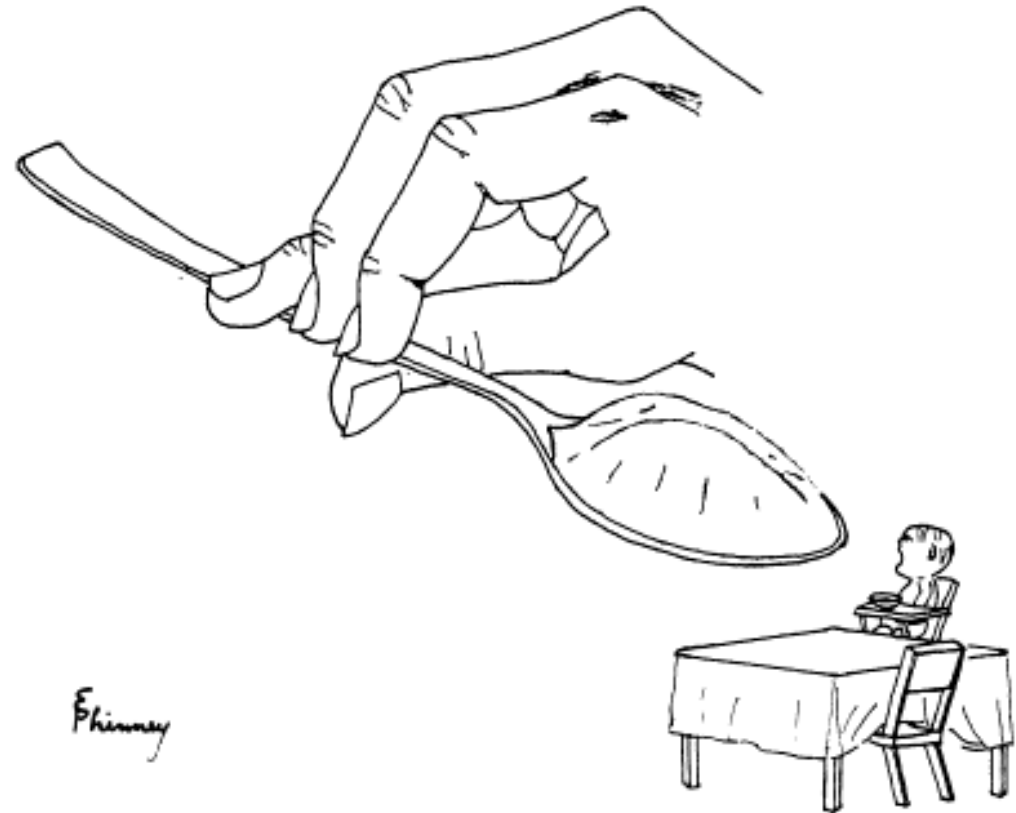


Accretion rate onto the galaxy during formation:

$$\dot{M} \sim \frac{\sigma^3}{G} \sim 250 \left( \frac{\sigma}{100 \text{ km/s}} \right)^3 M_{\odot} \text{ yr}^{-1} \sim 125 \dot{M}_{\text{E}}$$

# TOO LITTLE FOOD IS BAD, TOO MUCH FOOD IS WORSE

*Mass-Transfer Induced Activity in Galaxies*



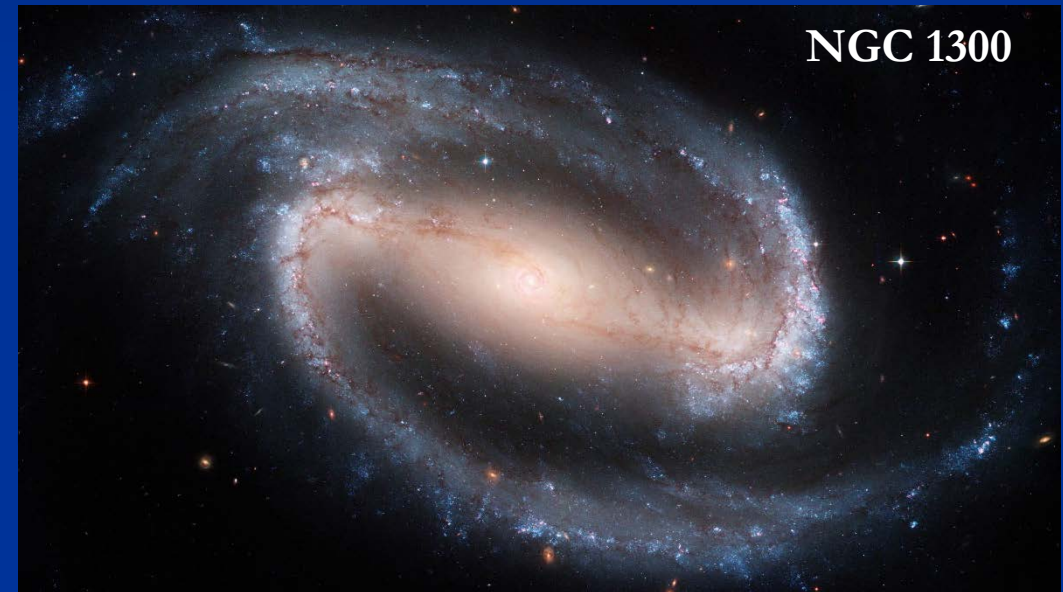
# ACCRETION ONTO GALAXIES

❖ How to get the gas to the center: feeding the SMBHs

Using galactic morphology and gravitational torques

Bars are strong, stable, bi-symmetric perturbations of axial symmetry:

$$F_{\phi} / F_r \sim 100 \%$$

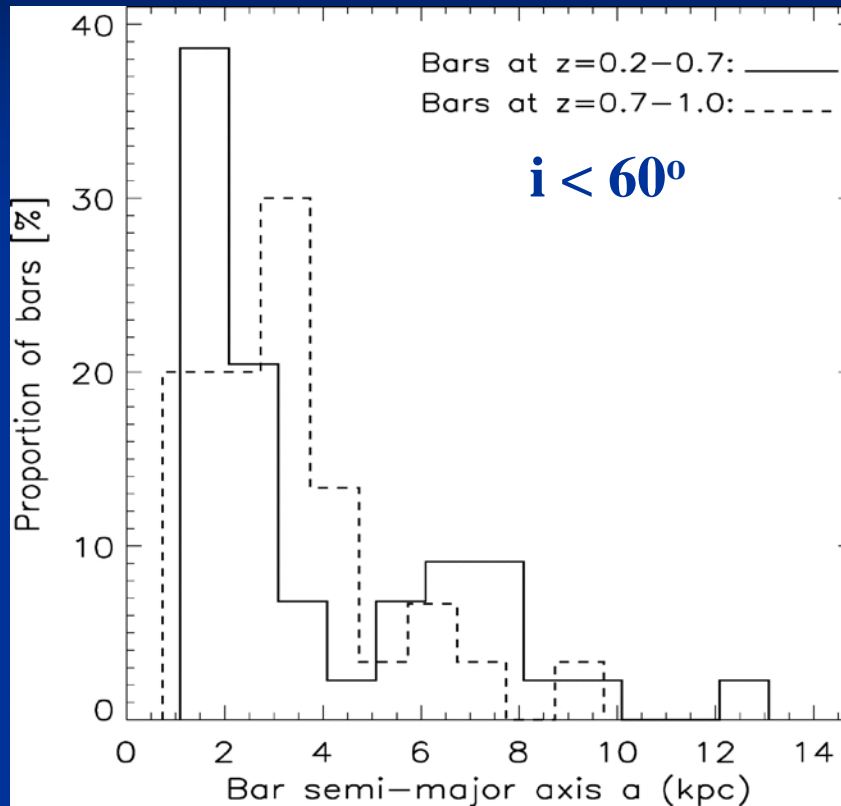


bars trap stellar (or gas) orbits: they are self-gravitating

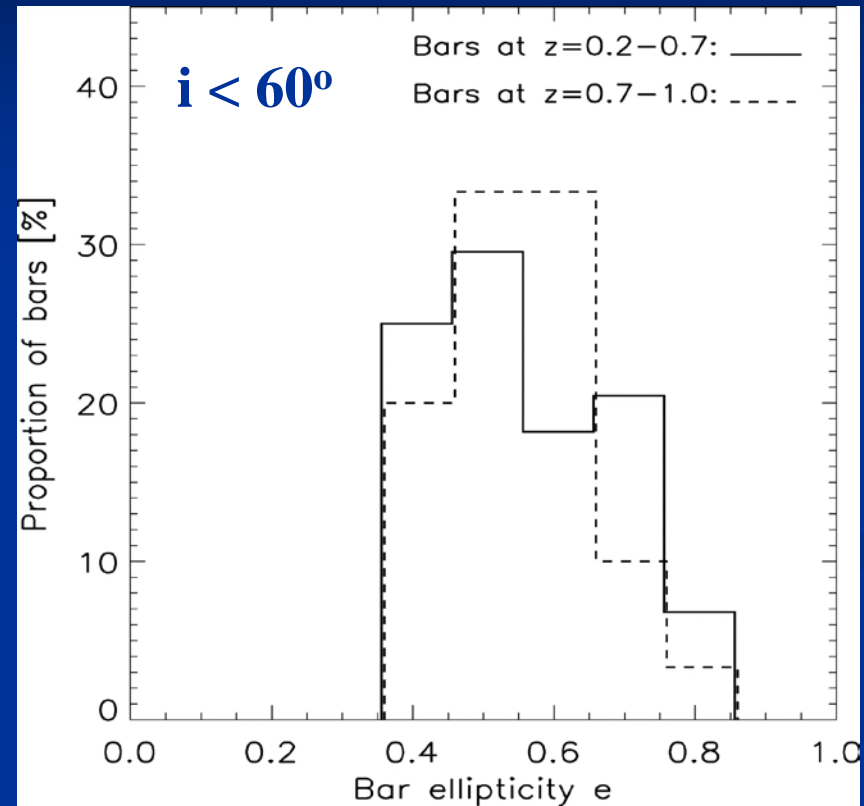


# WHAT and WHERE ARE BARS?

## ➤ Bar fraction with $z$



## ➤ Bar strength with $z$



GEMS: GOODS (HST)  
+ COMBO-17

(Jogee, Barazza, Rix, Shlosman & GOODS Team 2004)

Large ( $a > 1.2$  kpc) strong ( $e > 0.4$ ) bars: no evolution with  $z$ :  $30\% \pm 6\%$

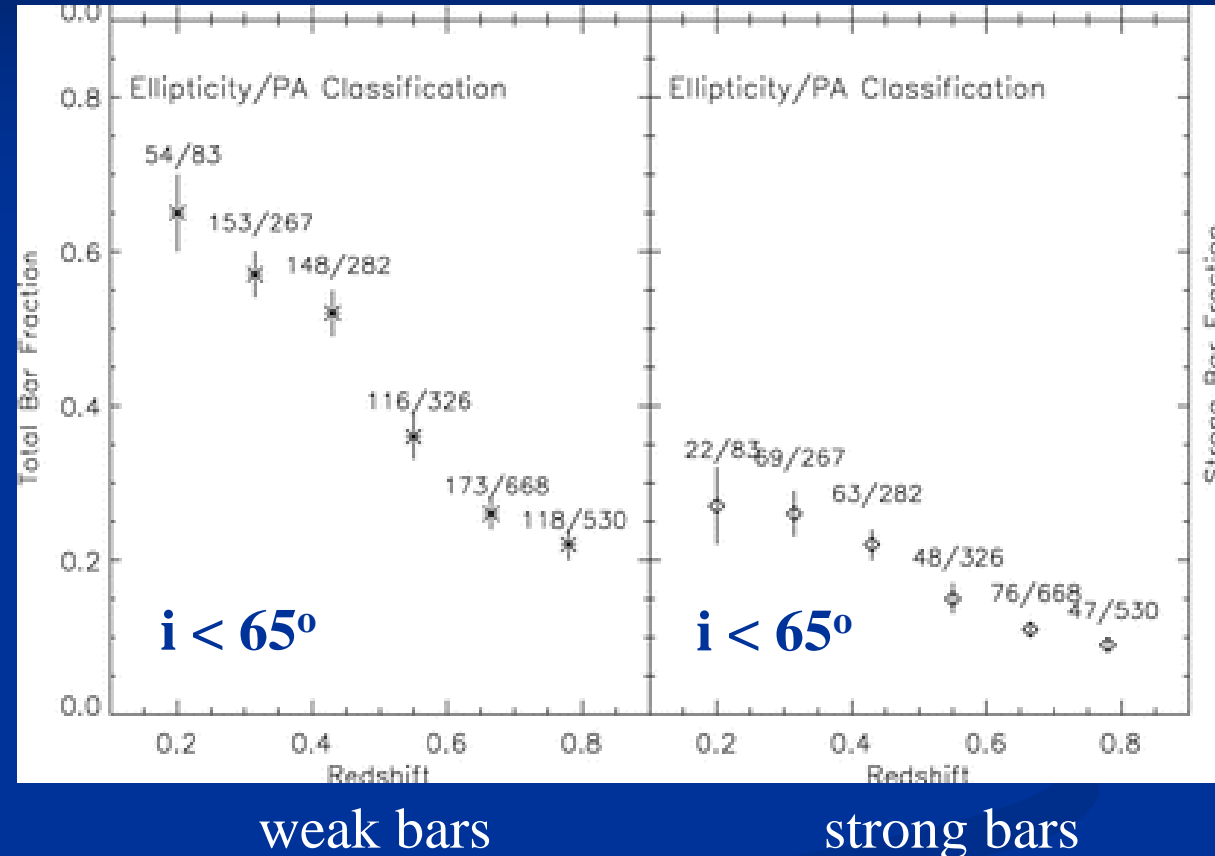
# WHAT and WHERE ARE BARS?

## ➤ Bar fraction with $z$ :

COSMOS survey (Sheth et al. 2008)

Large ( $a > 2$  kpc) bars  
in massive disk galaxies:  
constant with  $z$ ,

In low-mass blue spirals  
decline for  $z > 0.3$



**Overall:** Jogee et al. (2004) and Sheth et al. (2008)  
→ weak decline of  $\sim 2$  between  $z \sim 0.2-1$

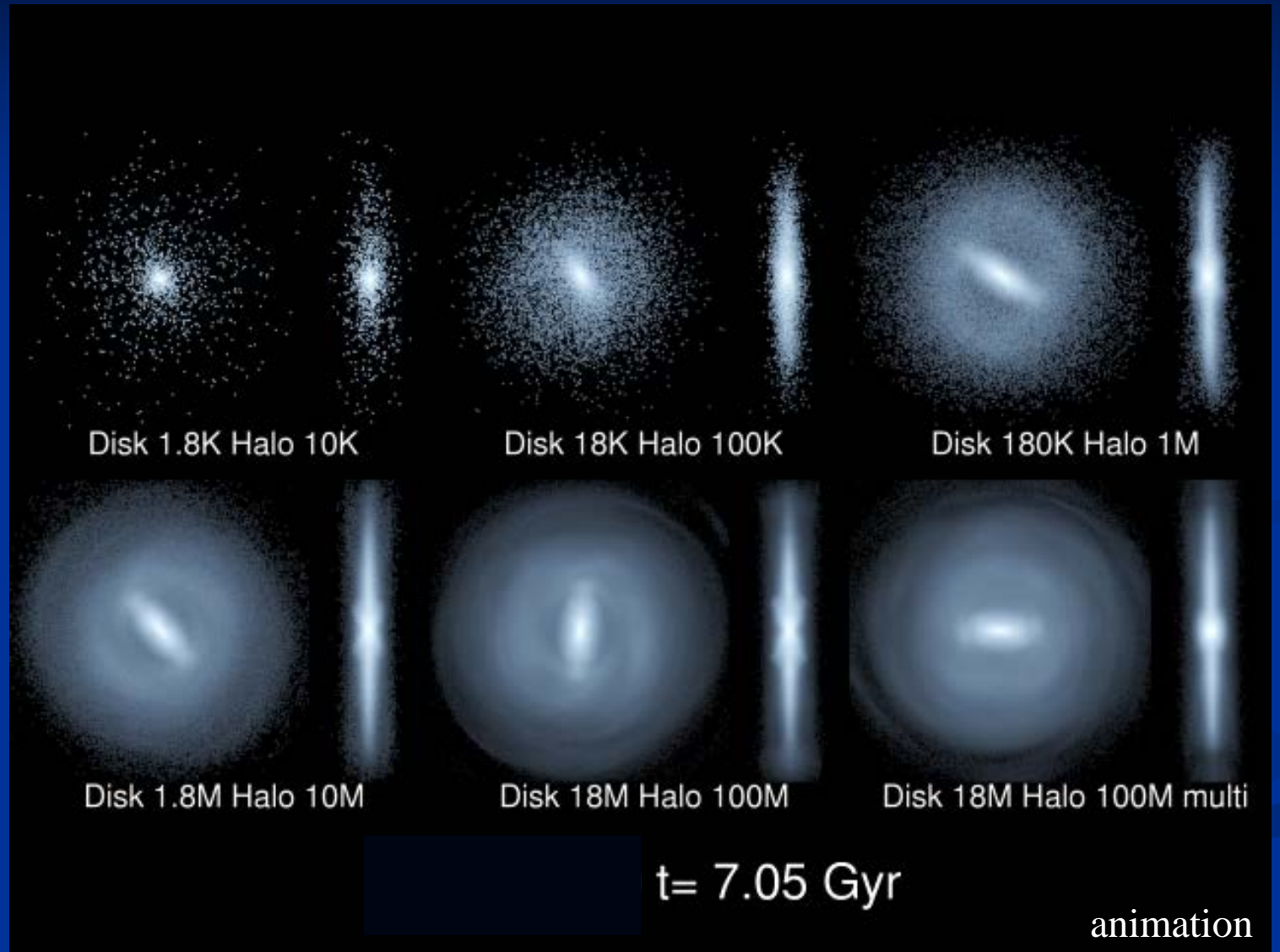
# THE ORIGIN OF BARS?

Stellar bars forming as  
a result of the bar instability?

Numerical convergence study:

DM halo:  $N=10\text{K} \rightarrow 10^8 \rightarrow 10^{10}$

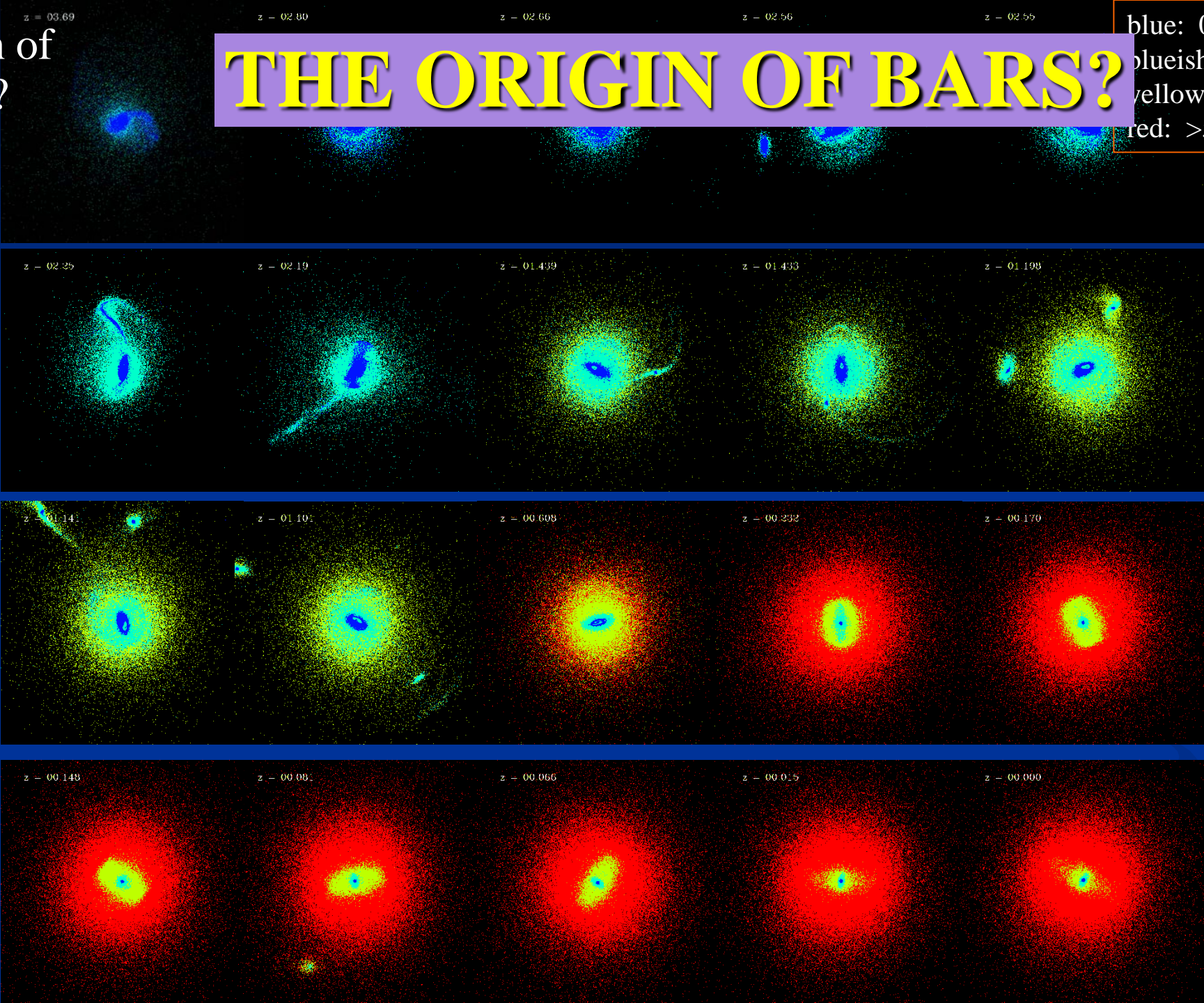
Disk:  $N=1.8\text{K} \rightarrow 1.8 \times 10^7$



Tidal origin of stellar bars?

# THE ORIGIN OF BARS?

blue: 0-0.2 Gyr  
blueish: 0.2-2 Gyr  
yellow: 2-5 Gyr  
red: >5 Gyr

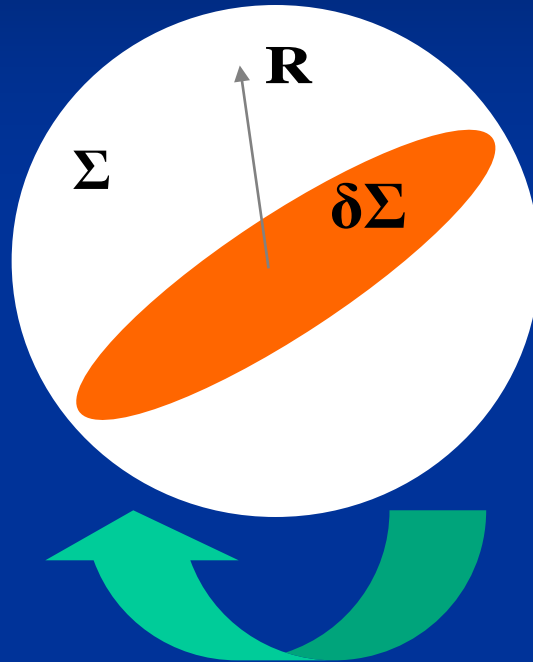


Romano-Diaz et al. (2008)

# WHAT BARS CAN DO?

## ➤ Gravitational torques

disk  $M_d$  inside spherical DM halo  $M_h$  subject to  $m=2$  perturbation:



$$\mathbf{T} \sim \mathbf{G}(\delta\Sigma)^2 \mathbf{R}^3 \quad \text{torque from the perturbation}$$

$$\mathbf{J}(< \mathbf{R}) \sim \mathbf{R}^3 \Sigma \mathbf{v}_\phi \quad \text{angular momentum in the disk}$$

$$\tau_J \sim \mathbf{J}/\mathbf{T} \sim (M_h/M_d) (\Sigma / \delta\Sigma)^2 \tau_{\text{dyn}} \quad \text{J-loss timescale}$$

$$\Sigma/\delta\Sigma \sim 0.01$$

spiral arm

$$\Sigma/\delta\Sigma \sim 1$$

bar

effective gravitational viscosity:

$$\lambda_{\text{max}} \sim \mathbf{G}\Sigma / \Omega^2$$



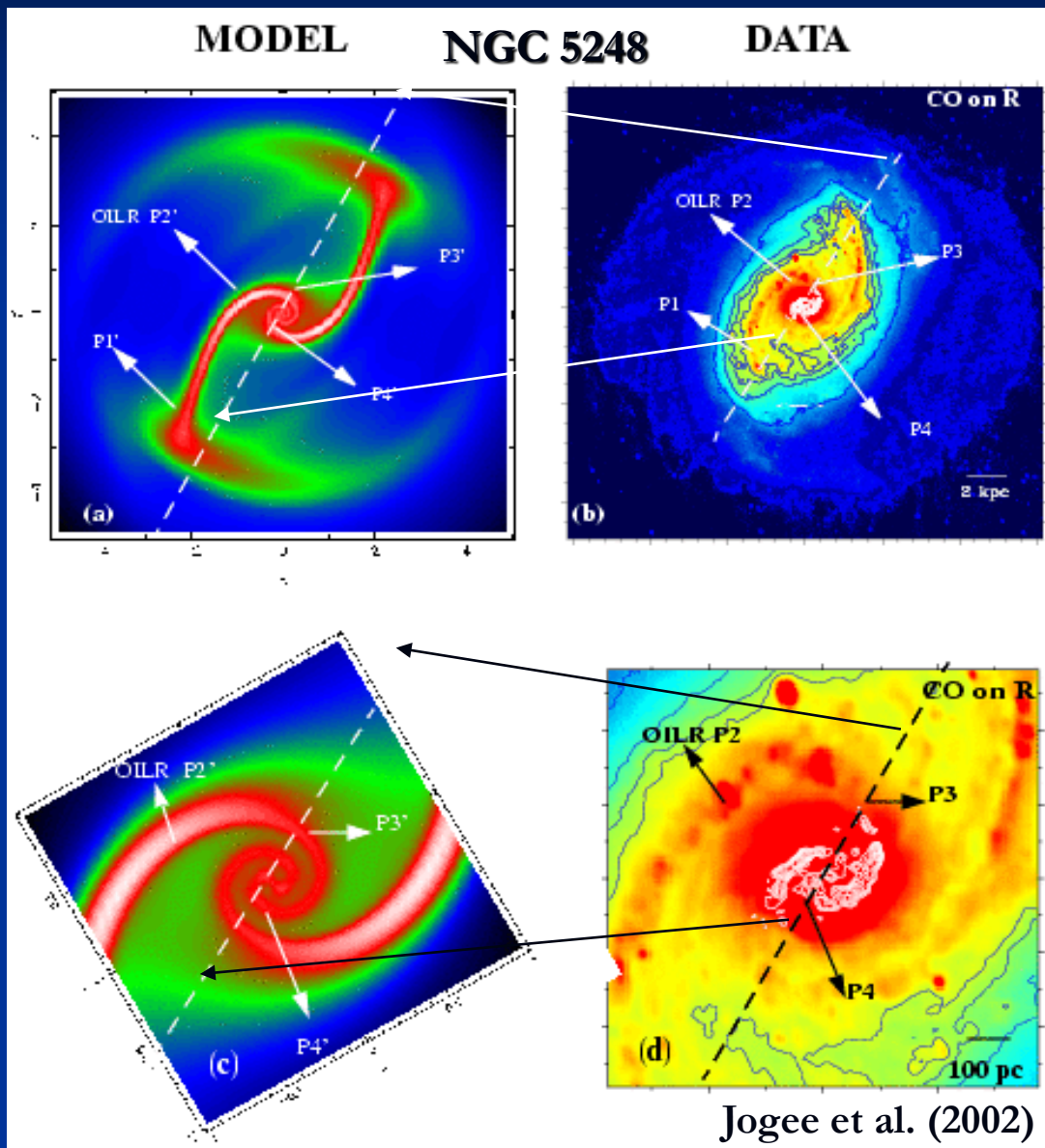
$$\mathbf{v}_{\text{eff}} \sim \lambda_{\text{max}} / t_{\text{orb}}$$

if gas present → torque from stars on gas:

$$\text{torque} = - \left[ \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^\infty \Sigma^a(r, \phi) \frac{\partial \Phi_{\text{gas}}^a(r, \phi)}{\partial \phi} \right] r dr d\phi$$

# WHAT BARS CAN DO?

➤ Bars drain angular momentum from the gas



Jogee et al. (2002)

gas inflow

nuclear starbursts  
at ~ 1 kpc

growing bulge:  
exponential  $n < 2$ ,  
in contrast to  
“classical” bulge  
with  $n > 2$

• fueling SMBH ?

(SFB89; Englmaier & Shlosman 04)

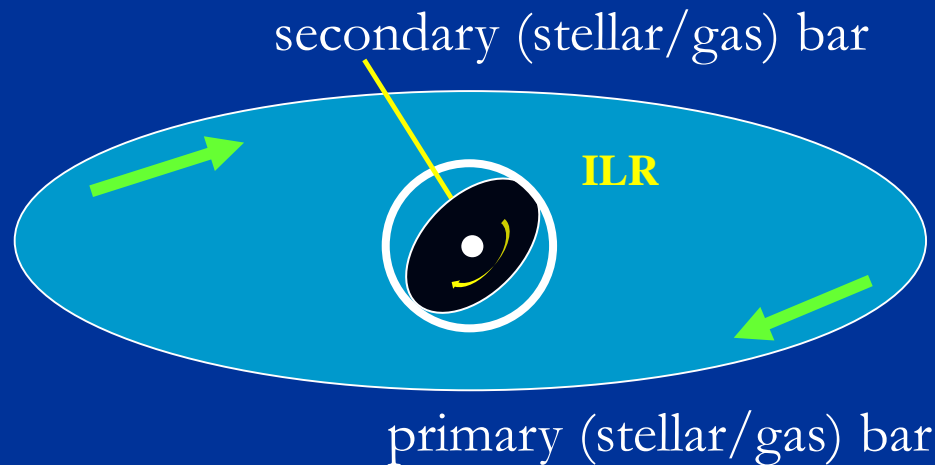
# WHAT BARS CAN DO?

➤ **Nested bars:** bars-in-bars mechanism

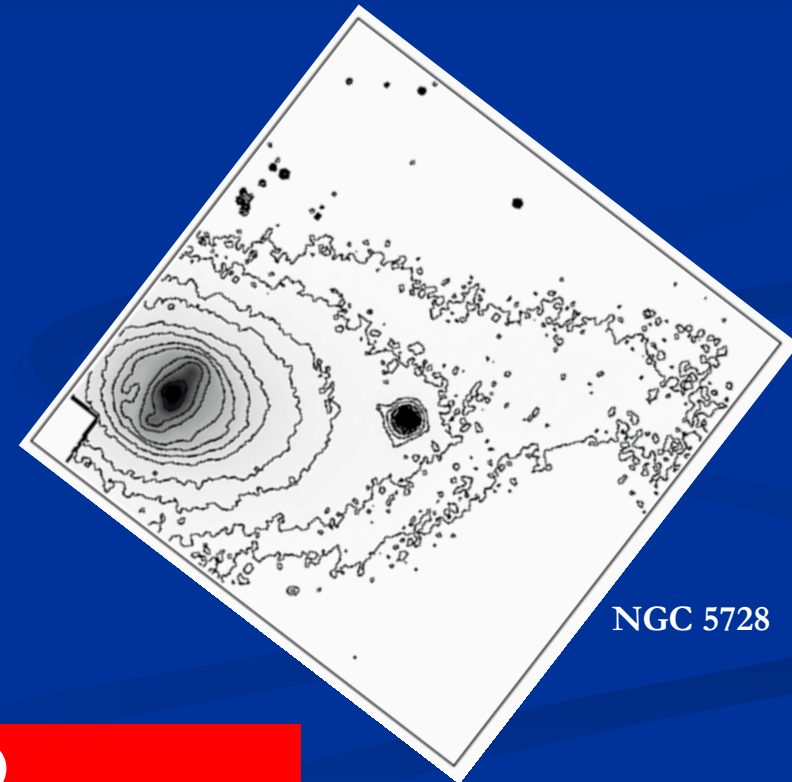
**theoretical perspective**

How do nested bars form?

Are nuclear bars secondary and triggered by the gas inflow?



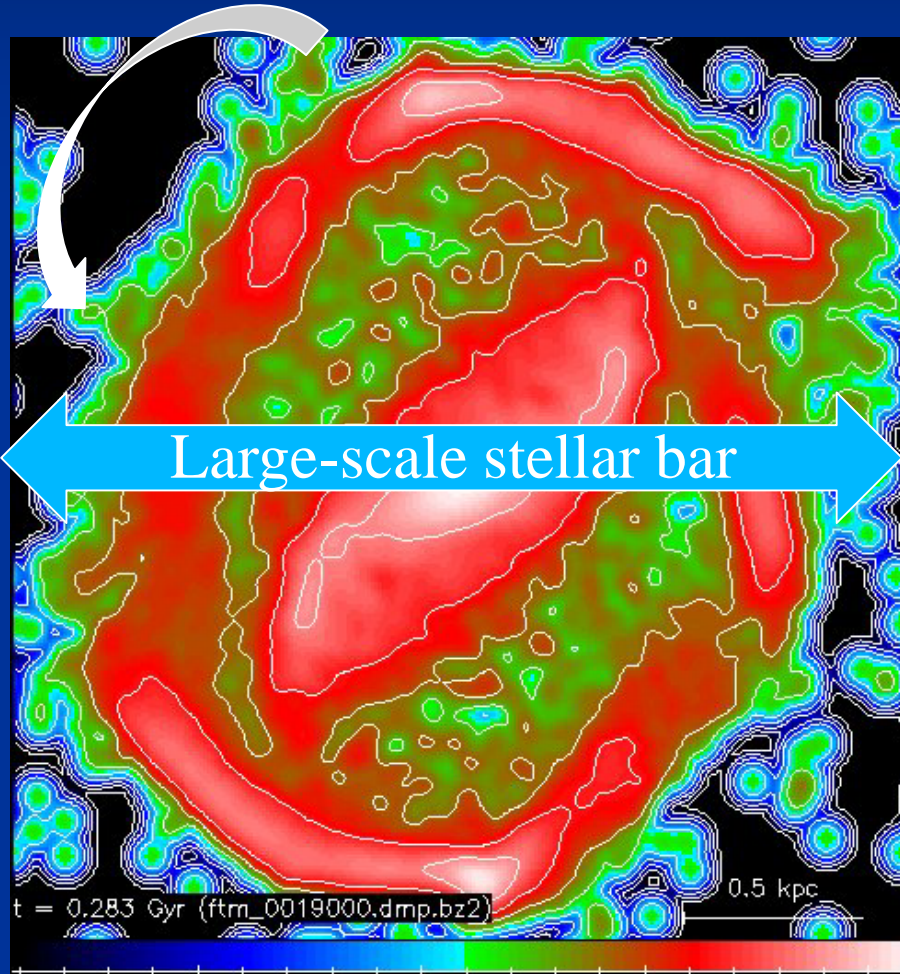
(Shlosman, Begelman & Frank 1988/1989/1990)



**Can be in dynamically coupled (co-rotating) and decoupled (tumbling with different speeds) states**

# GAS INFLOW WITH NESTED BARS

- Nested bars: inner gas bar
- → avalanche type inflow



Dynamical Decoupling of Nested Bars:  
Self-Gravitating Gaseous Nuclear Bars

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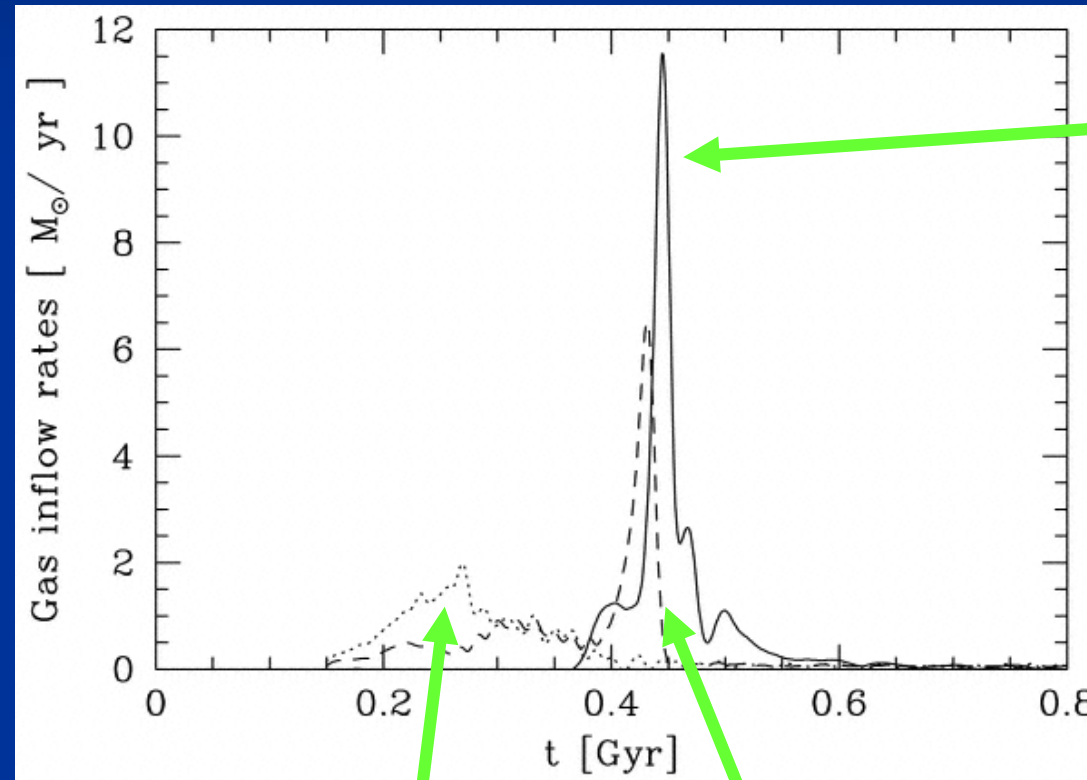


ApJ Letter 2004



# GAS INFLOW WITH NESTED BARS

➤ Nested bars: inflow rates



across inner 175 pc

across inner 1 kpc

across inner 600 pc

Englmaier & Shlosman (2004)

# WHAT BARS CAN DO?

- **Bars – the universal channel used by nature to get rid of angular momentum in order to reach lower energy configuration**



**Bars → prime internal drivers of dynamical and secular evolution in galaxies and fueling various processes**

# AGN FEEDBACK

❖ **AGN energy input:** reducing star formation rate

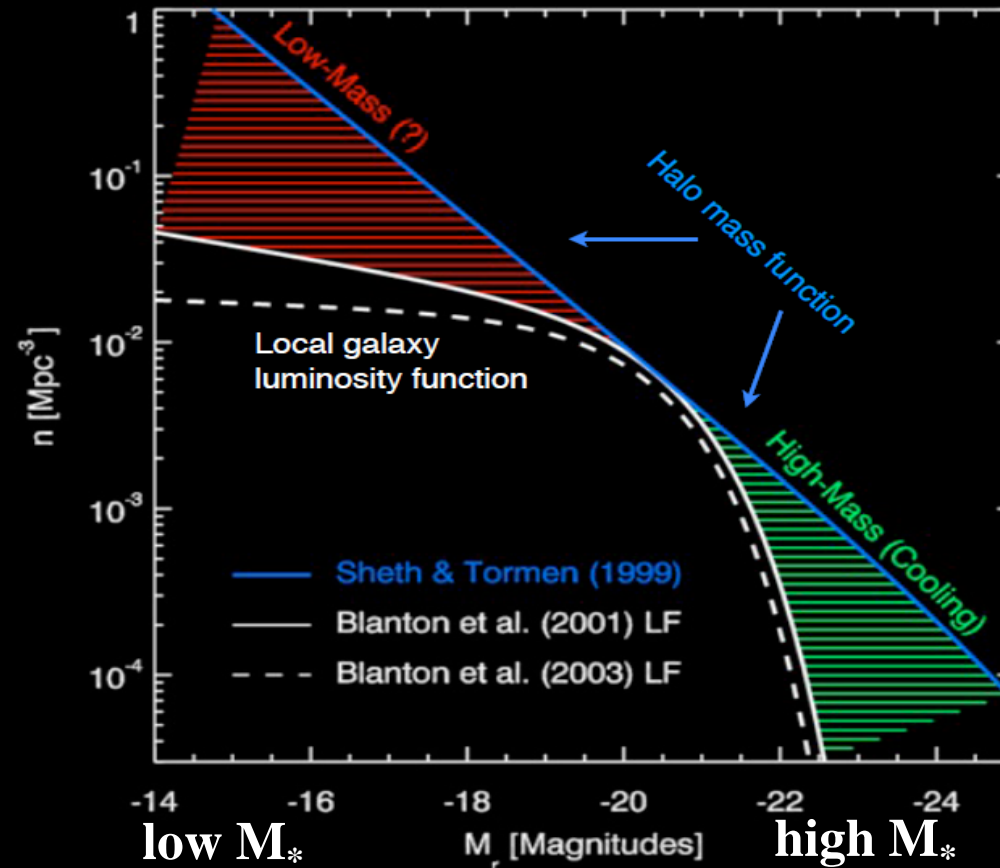
Galaxy luminosity function (LF) differs from dark matter halo luminosity function for low-mass and high-mass galaxies



Supernova  
feedback

AGN  
feedback

## A Primary Challenge for the Theory of Galaxy Formation



Deficit of faint galaxies relative to low-mass DM halos.

Supernova-driven winds?

Photoionization?

Suppression of small-scale power?

No current method provides a convincing solution.

# AGN FEEDBACK

❖ Radiative energy input: driving winds

Ionizes the host ISM and cluster IGM

→ decreasing star formation

This negative feedback affects the galaxy  
luminosity function (LF), especially the high end  
chandra

It drives galactic winds and expels  
the chemically-enriched material into IGM

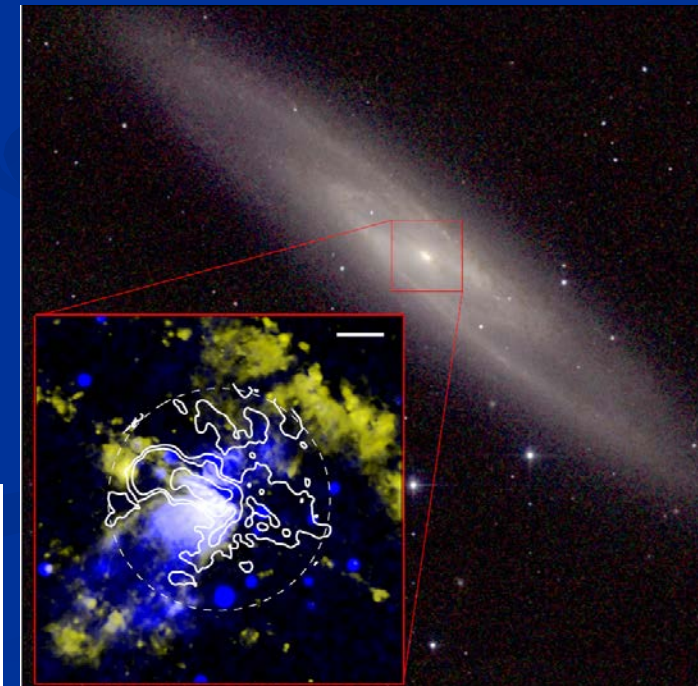
Comparable mechanical energy from AGN jets  
in clusters of galaxies

$$E_{\text{AGN}} \sim L_{\text{AGN}} t_{\text{AGN}} \sim 10^{12} L_{\odot} 10^7 \text{ yr} \sim 10^{60} \text{ erg}$$

$$E_{\text{bind.gal.}} \sim M_{\text{gal}} V_{\text{gal}}^2 \sim 10^{12} M_{\odot} (200 \text{ km/s})^2 \sim 10^{60} \text{ erg}$$

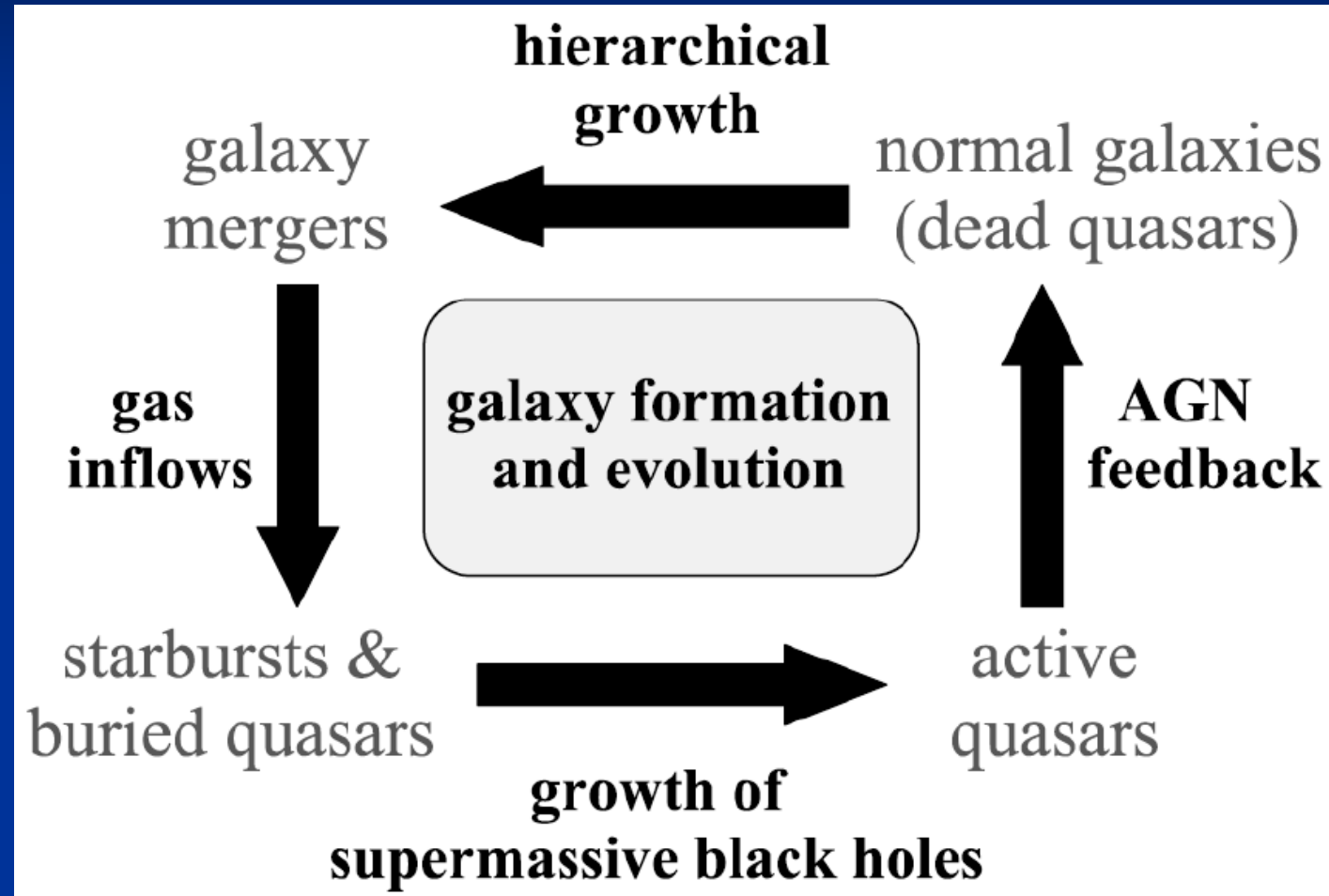


Multiwavelength view of the starburst galaxy M82.  
Yellow-green/optical HST; orange →  $10^4$  K H gas;  
red/Spitzer → cold gas/dust; blue/Chandra



NGC 253:  
warm and hot  
wind by ALMA  
and galactic disk  
by 2MASS JHK  
image

# AGN AND SUPERNOVA FEEDBACK



# AGN FEEDBACK

## ❖ Observational challenges

Feedback on galaxy clusters scales is more easily observable (larger physical scales, denser atmospheres, brighter diffuse emission from the hot gas in the X-rays)

Feedback on galactic scale is hard to resolve

Galaxies experience most of their growth at earlier times than clusters (in a hierarchical Universe)

Dust extinction in the region of interest obscure both AGN and star-formation

# CONCLUSIONS TO TALK 4

- ❖ **Accretion on SMBHs** involves a wide variety of processes → from tidal disruption of stars to smooth accretion from gaseous disks
- ❖ Different accretion rates and mechanisms result in different energy-to-radiation conversion efficiencies → but **we still don't know where is the main reservoir of fuel that powers AGN**
- ❖ **Accretion onto SMBHs** is associated with various types of mass and energy ejection: radiation, mechanical energy, accretion disk winds, etc. → this provides a powerful feedback to evolution of stars, galaxies and galaxy clusters
- ❖ **Presence and properties of SMBHs** are intimately linked to the formation and evolution of galaxies in the universe. Two processes long predicted by theory recently observed:
  - **Disruption of stars by SMBHs** at centers of several galaxies → appear as spectacular X-ray flares, and provide completely independent route to find and study BHs and their environment
  - Active **pairs of SMBHs**, merging BHs in nearby galaxies have been detected
- ❖ **Two main ingredients for AGN phenomenon:** SMBHs and fuel delivery mechanism (internal and external) → these mechanisms are based on **gravitational and magnetic torques**