
Gas and Galaxies: Ins and Outs

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Galaxy Formation Orthodoxy

- Gas falling into a dark matter potential well is shock heated to approximately the halo virial temperature.
- Gas in the dense, inner regions of this shock heated halo radiates its thermal energy, settles into a centrifugally supported disk, and forms stars.
- Mergers of disks can scatter stars onto disordered orbits, producing spheroidal systems, which may regrow disks if they experience subsequent gas accretion.
- Merging dominates over smooth accretion in hierarchical models of galaxy formation.



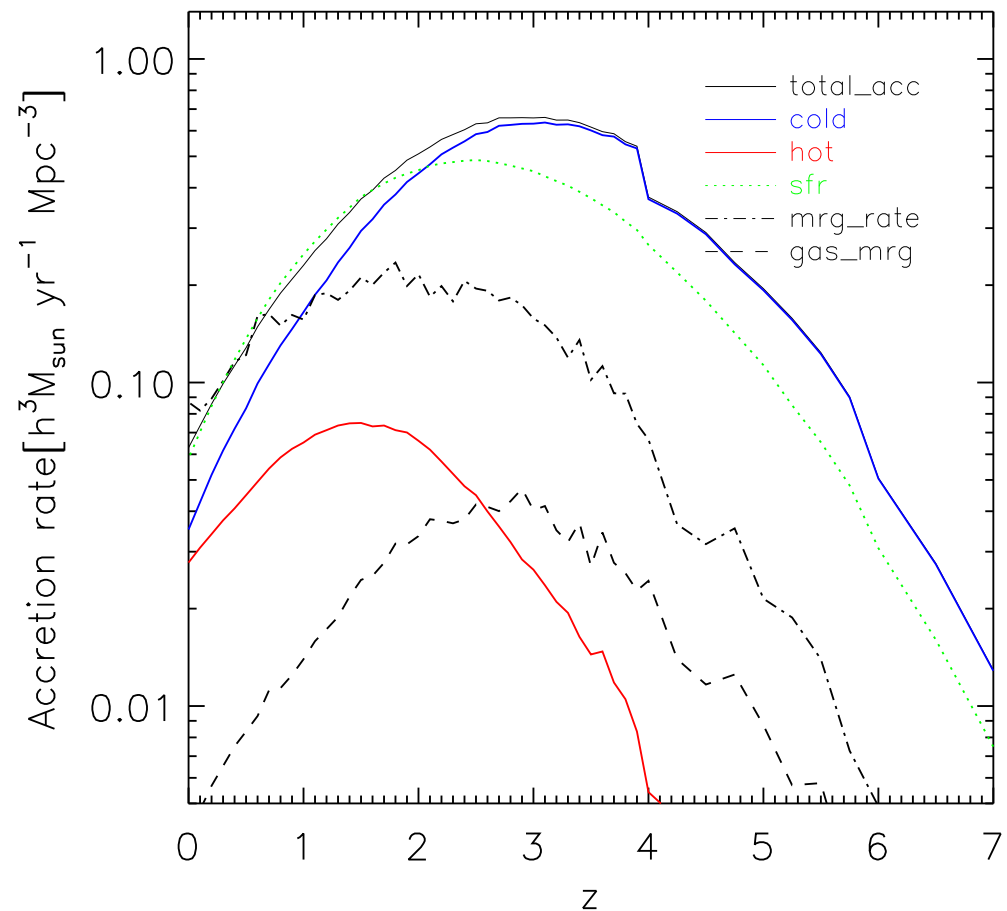
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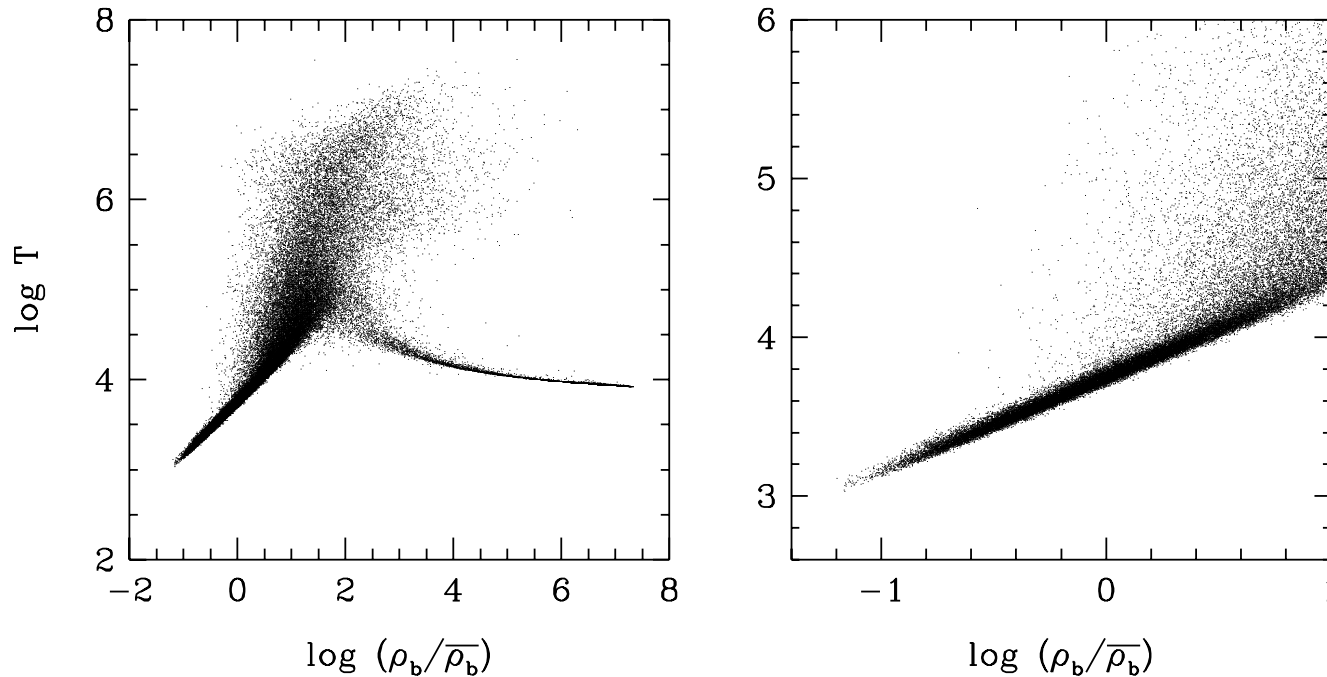
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 - ◆ Dominates total accretion at $z > 1$.





Where's the Gas?

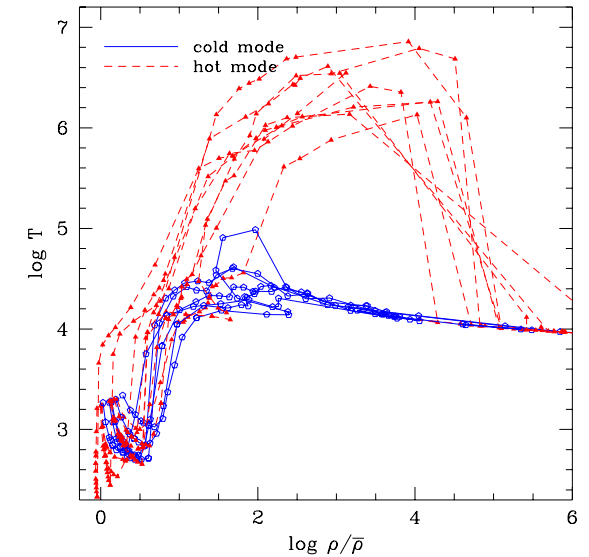


- The gas ends up in three components:
 - ◆ Shock heated gas with typical overdensity $\rho/\bar{\rho} \sim 10\text{--}10^4$ and $T \sim 10^5\text{--}10^7\text{ K}$.
 - ◆ Radiatively cooled, dense gas with $\rho/\bar{\rho} \gtrsim 1000$ and $T \sim 10^4\text{ K}$.
 - ◆ Low density, highly ionized gas with $\rho/\bar{\rho} \lesssim 10$ and $T \lesssim 10^5\text{ K}$.



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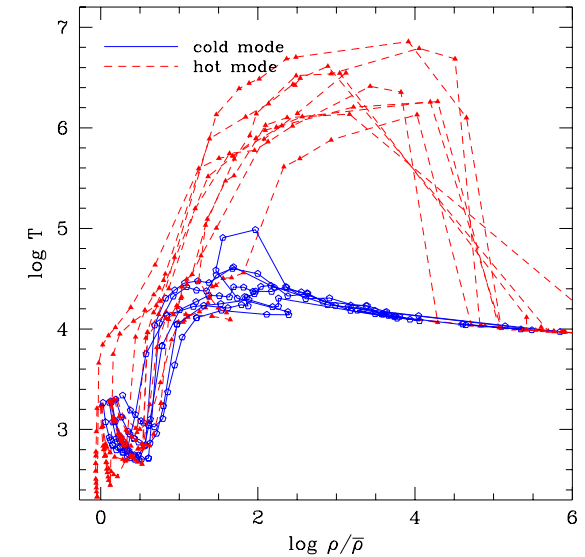




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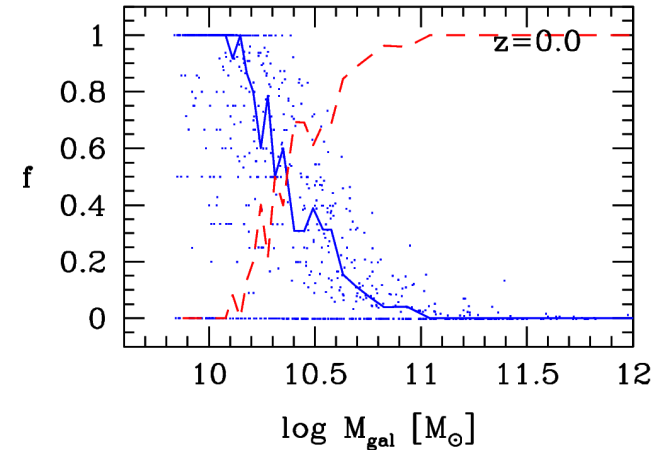
- Cold: Modern (Keres et al, Birnboim & Dekel)
 - ◆ The gas is never heated but remains cold as it enters the galaxy.
 - ◆ The gas accretion rate is determined by large scale dynamical flows.





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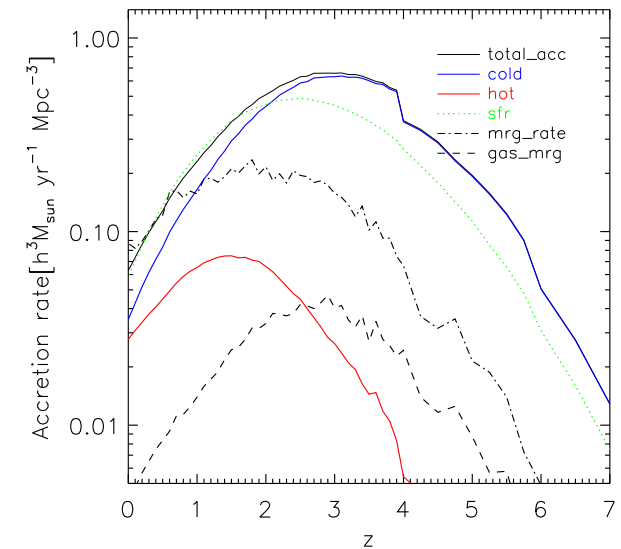
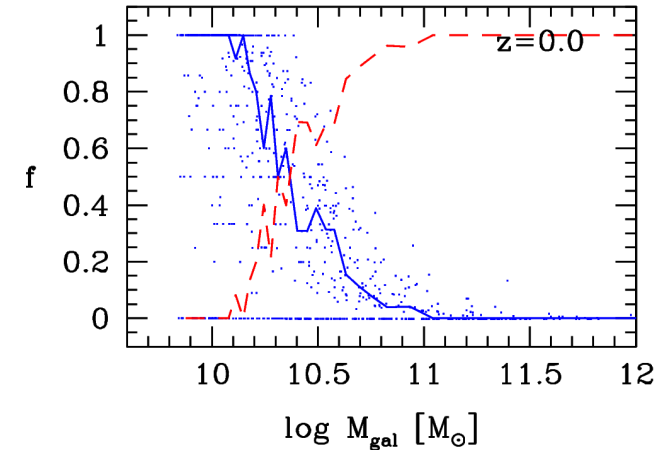
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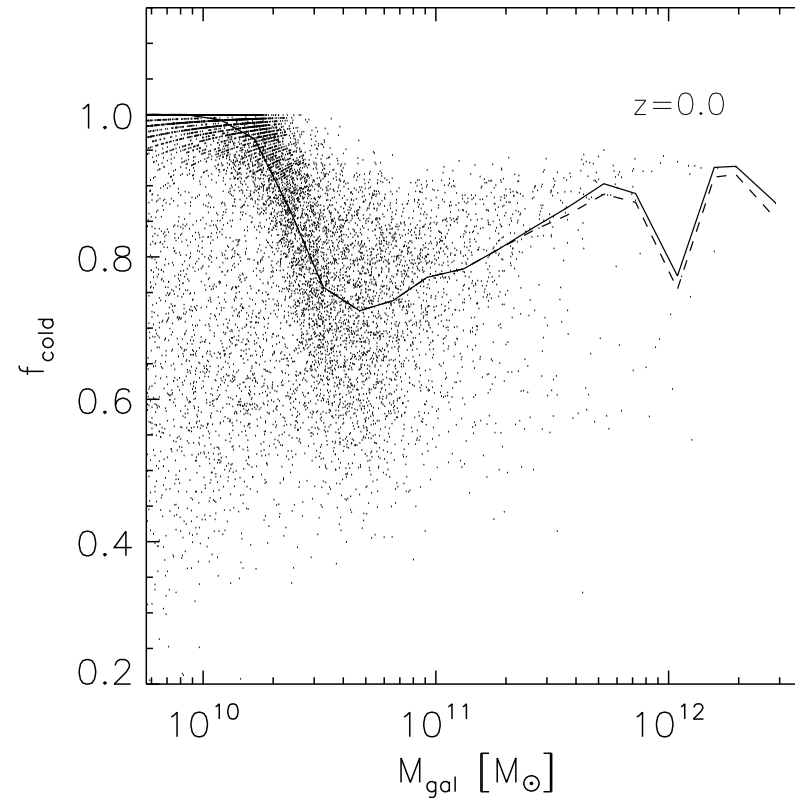
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- Global SFR follows smooth accretion.





Cold mode rules, hot mode's for fools

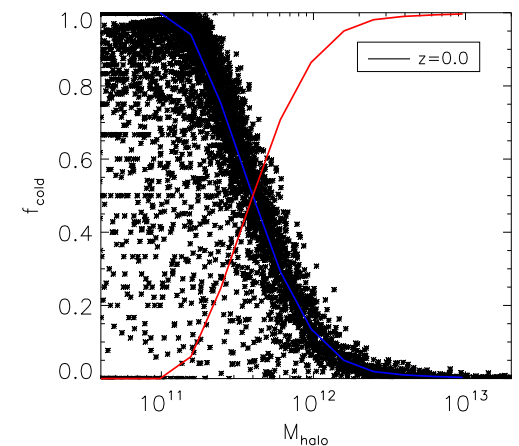
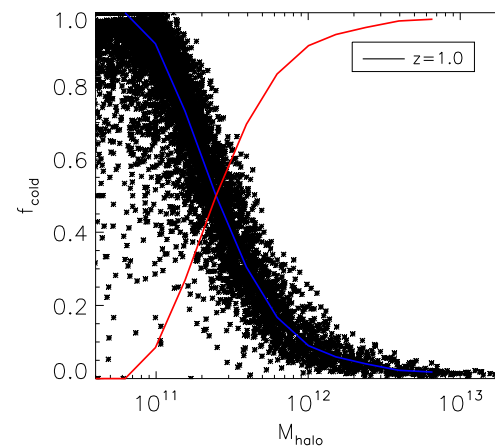
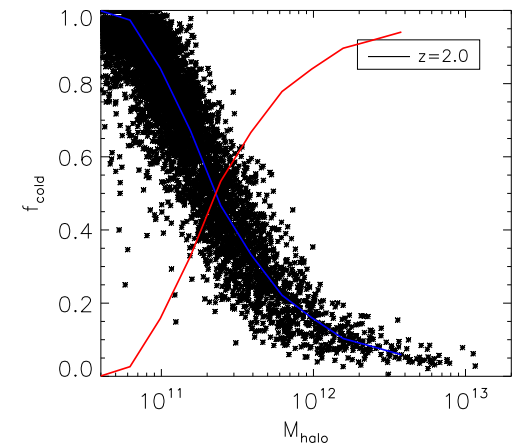
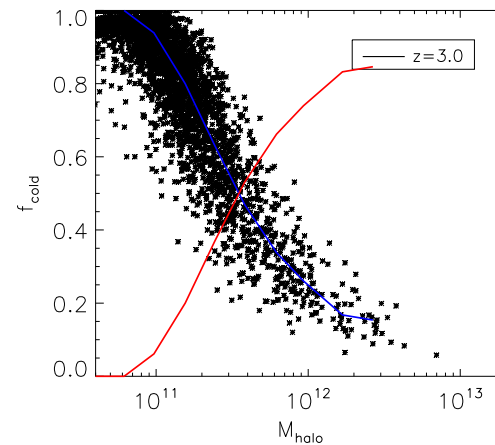


- Cold mode dominates total accreted mass at all galaxy masses.
- Hot mode is only a detail of galaxy formation.



There are two types of halo gas in this world ...

- Halo mass transition at $\sim 3 \times 10^{11} M_{\odot}$
- Almost no redshift dependence.
- At low z :
 - ◆ Cold mode \Rightarrow cold halo gas
 - ◆ Hot mode \Rightarrow hot halo gas.
- At high z cold flows penetrate hot halo gas.





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 - ◆ AGN: radio mode
 - ◆ Preheating



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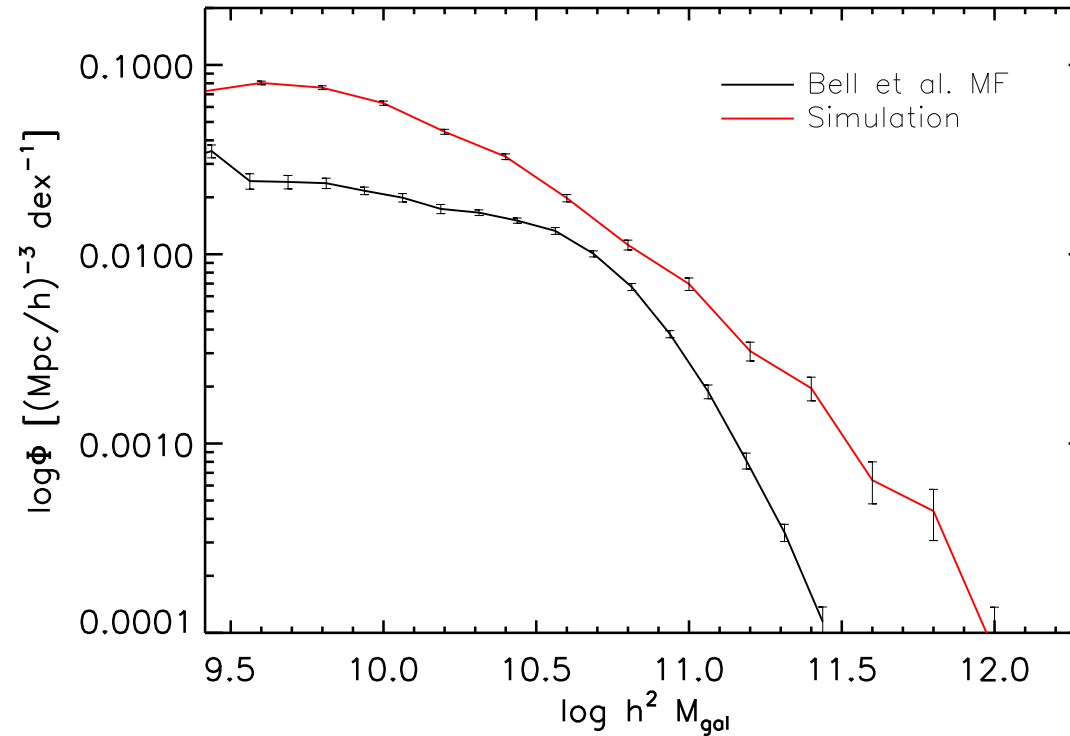


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 - ◆ Easier to prevent quasi-spherical gas from cooling.
- At high z , “Velvet Rope” Feedback will not operate efficiently.
 - ◆ Hard to prevent cold mode from entering except perhaps by preheating.



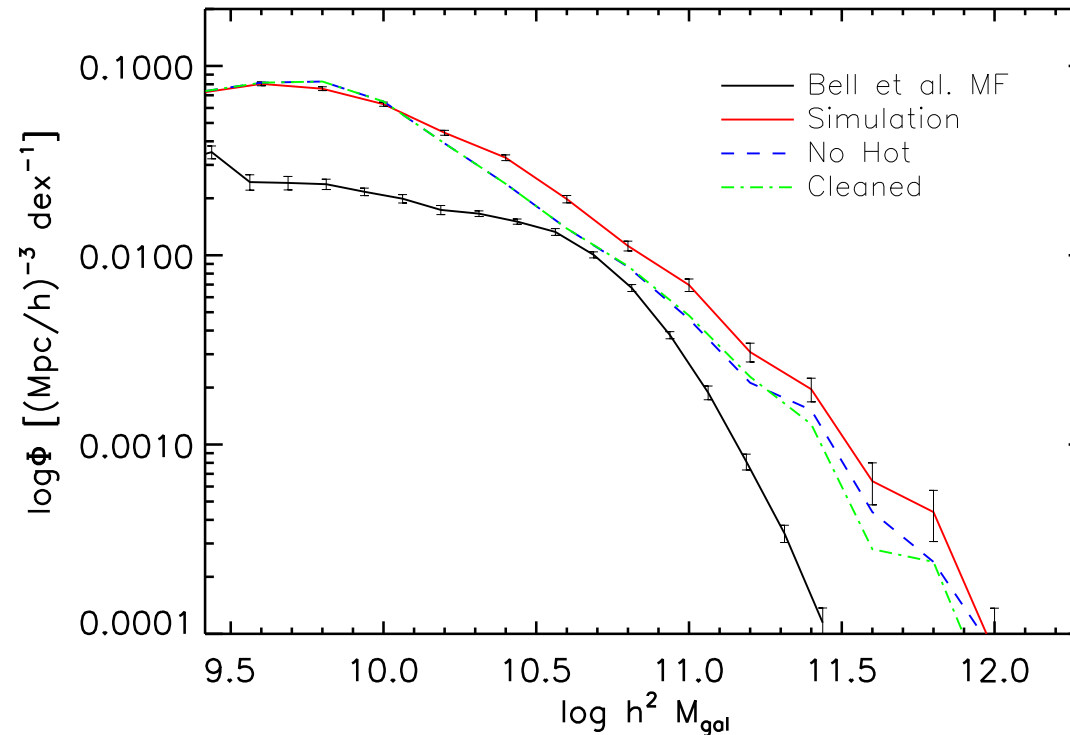
Stellar Mass Function



- Terrible match at all masses!
- Need to lower masses at both the high and low mass ends.
- Typically: SN winds for low mass end and AGN radio mode for high mass end.



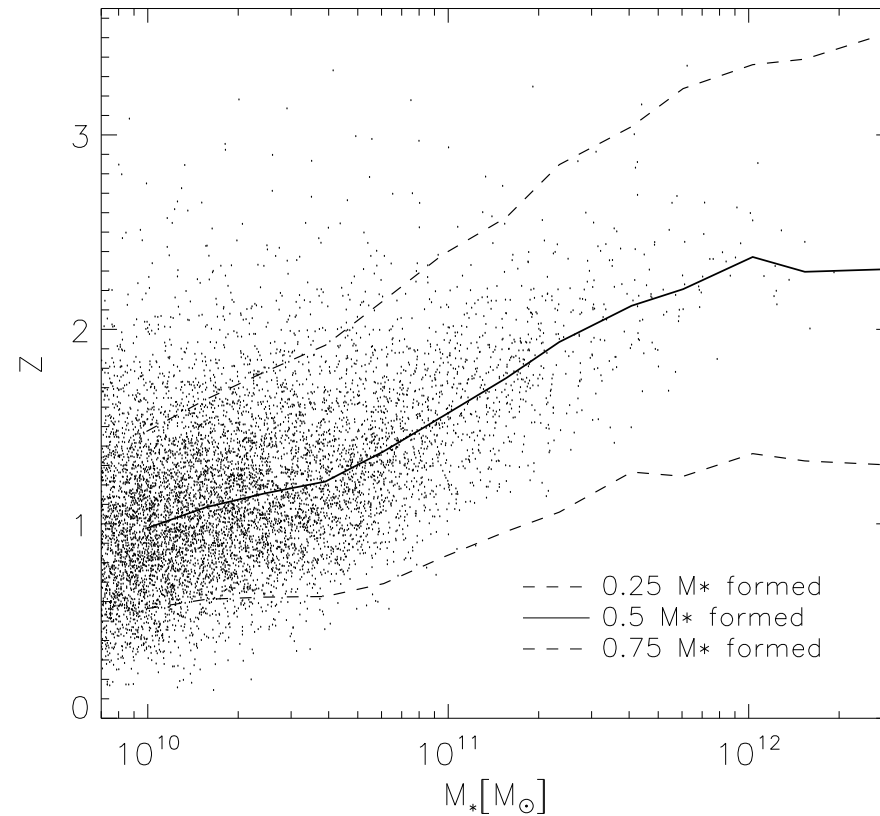
Stellar Mass Function: No hot mode



- Remove hot mode accretion to approximate maximum AGN feedback.
- Lowers mass function at the high end but not enough.
- High mass galaxies grow through merging, not through accretion.



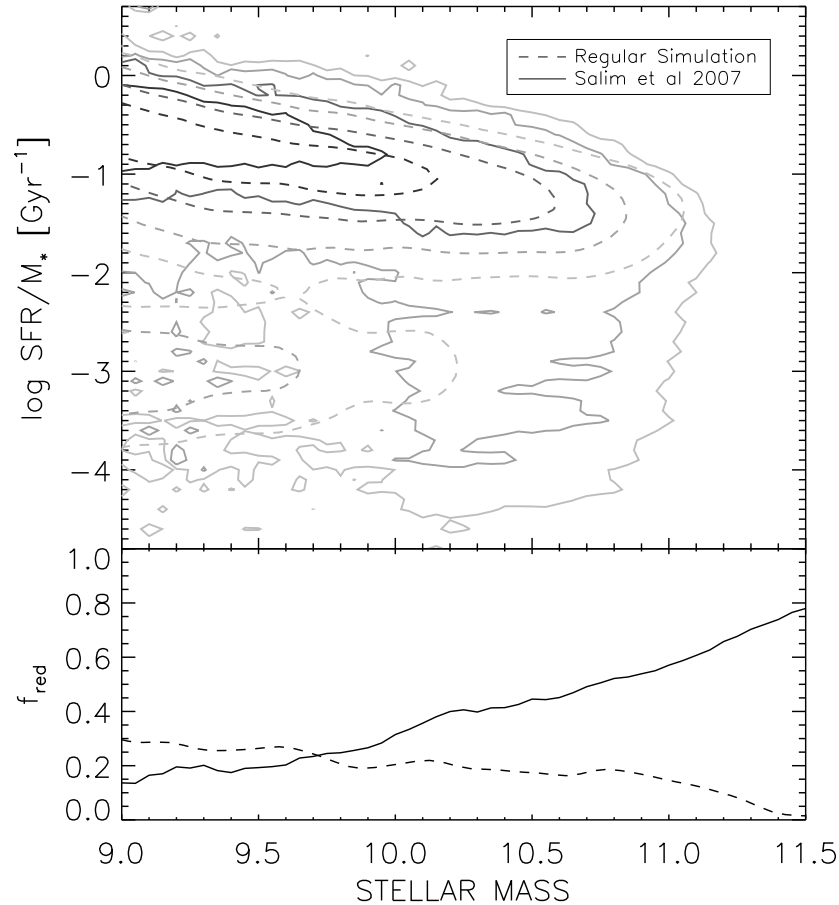
We can downsize too!



- Massive galaxies form most of their stars at high redshift.
- Need to remove or prevent cold mode accretion to match massive end.
- Cold mode removal should probably happen more at high z and not too much at low z to fix high mass end.



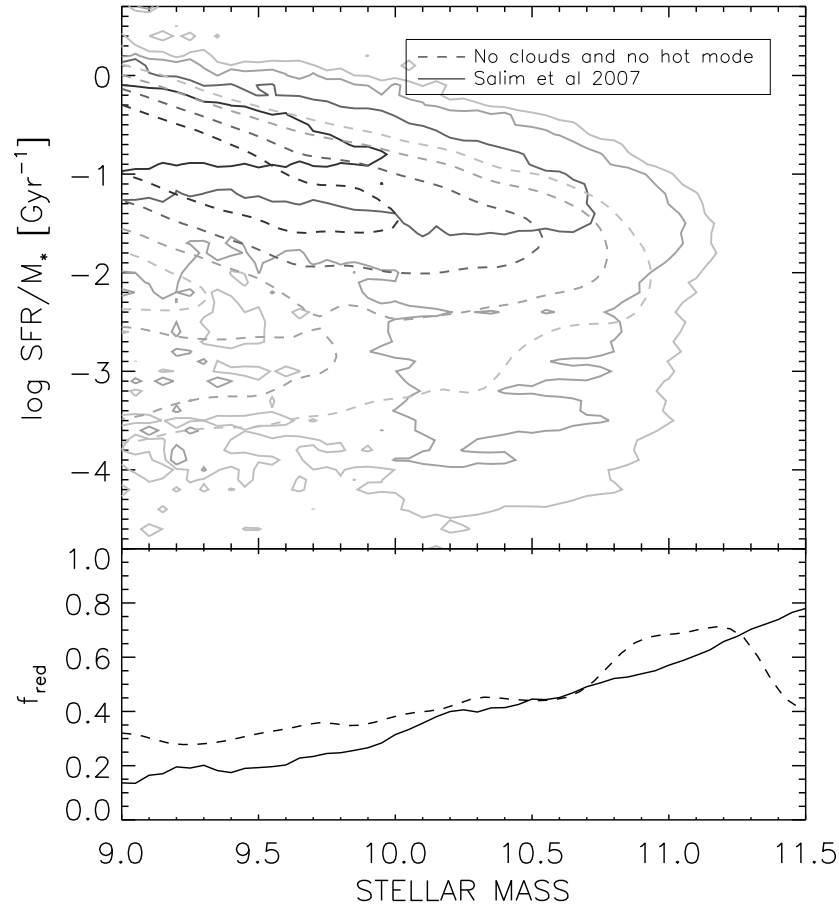
Theorist's color-magnitude diagram



- Rescaled simulated galaxy masses to match observations.
- Simulation does not have enough high mass red galaxies.



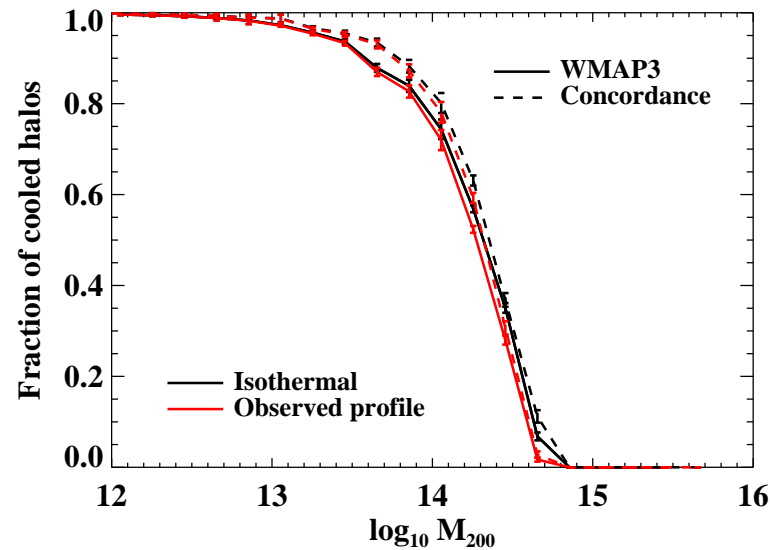
Theorist's color-magnitude diagram: No hot



- Remove hot mode accretion to approximate maximum AGN feedback.
- Red enough at all but the highest masses.



Some Like it Hot, Some Not



- Assume that halo gas is reheated during its last major merger.
- Sharp transition in mass between cooling and noncooling halos.
- Transition occurs around same mass where x-ray properties change.
- The question is not how to stop cooling flows in clusters but how to start them.
- Velvet rope (AGN) feedback must be efficient in groups not clusters.

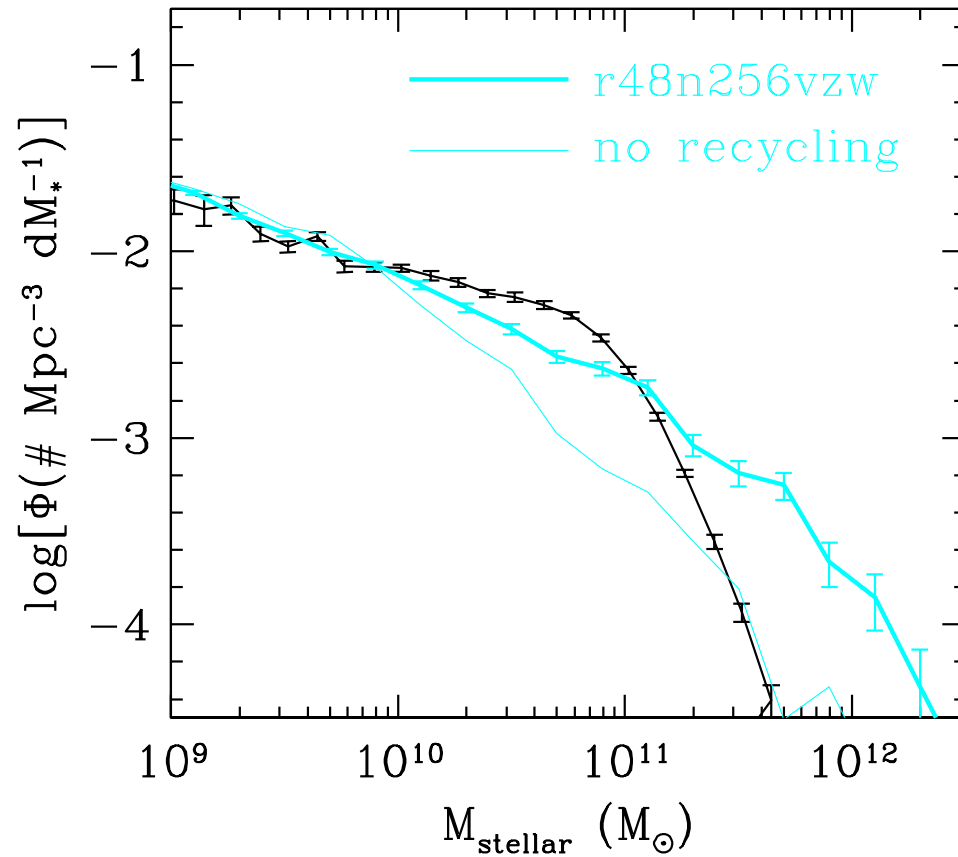


A cold wind blows some good

- Use momentum driven wind model.
 - ◆ $v_{wind} \sim \sigma$
 - ◆ $\eta \sim \sigma^{-1}$
- Successful at matching IGM metal observations at high and low z .
- Reproduces the galaxy mass-metallicity relation.
- Better matches the detailed low ion kinematics of damped Lyman alpha systems.



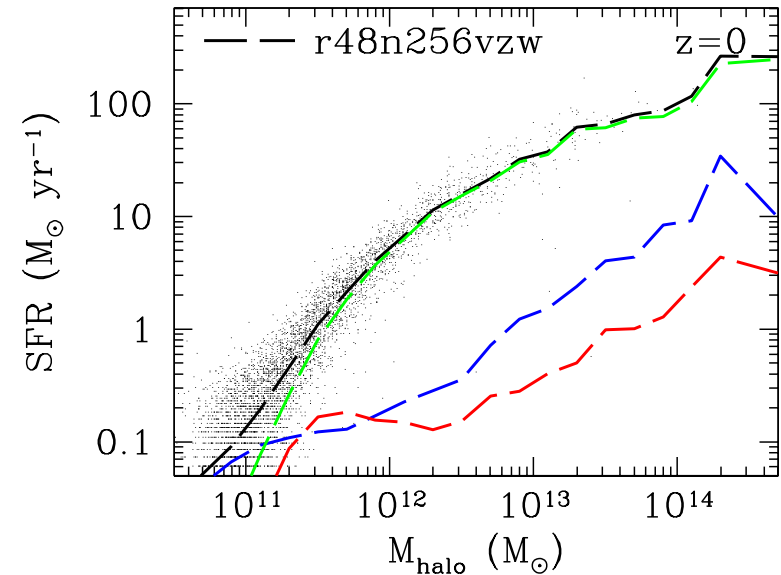
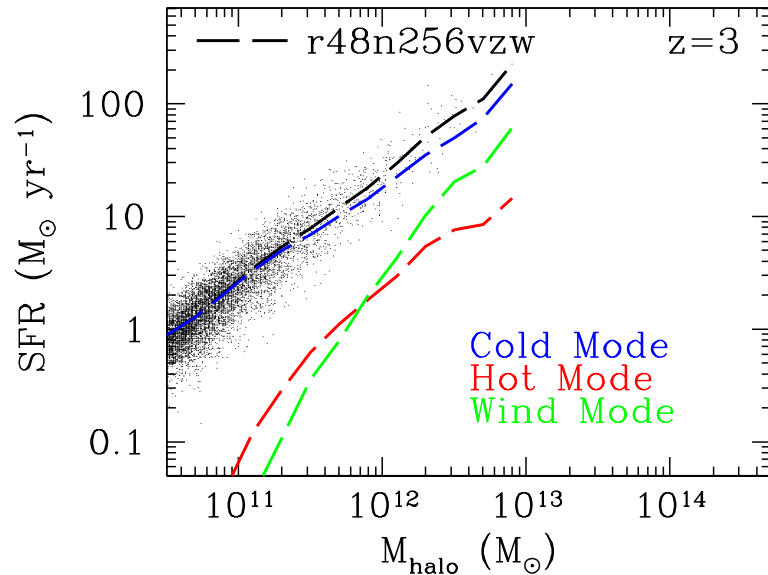
I'll huff and I'll puff and I'll blow your gas out



- Winds lower masses at low mass end as desired.
- At high mass end wind recycling negates help from winds.



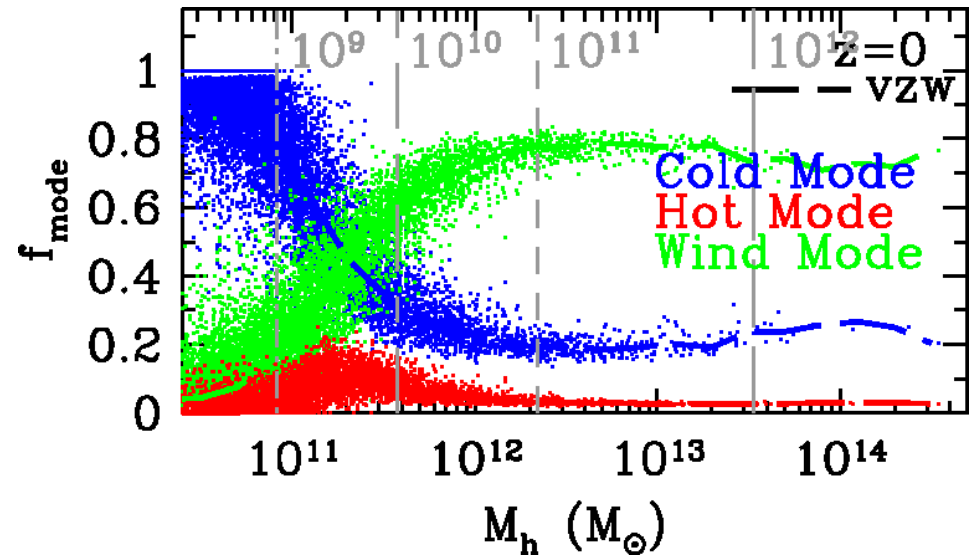
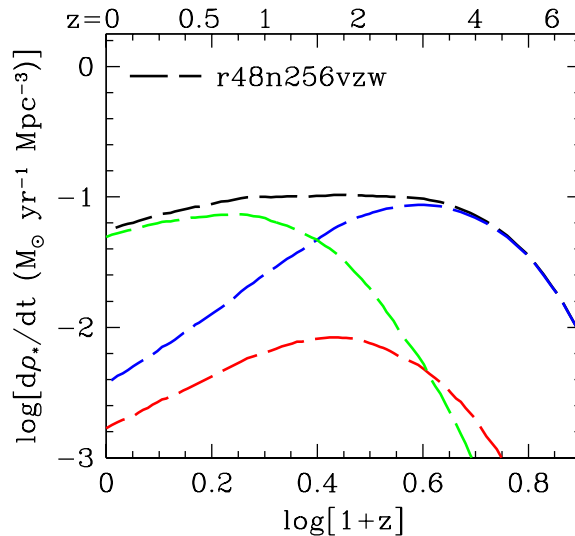
What goes up must come down



- At high z : cold mode accretion dominates star formation.
- At low z : reaccreted wind material dominates star formation at all but lowest masses.



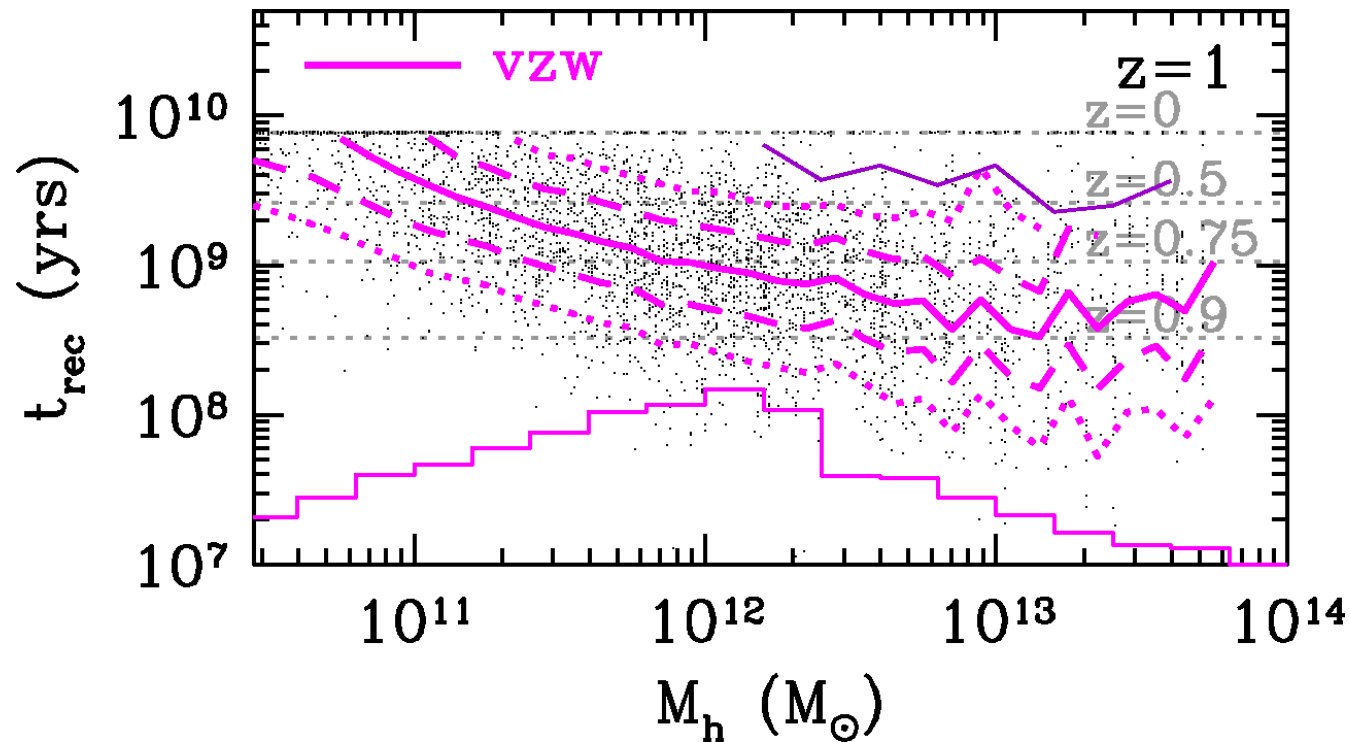
What is old is new again



- Globally, reaccreted winds dominate star formation at $z < 1.5$
- Very important for massive galaxies, $M_{\text{stellar}} > 10^{10.5} M_\odot$



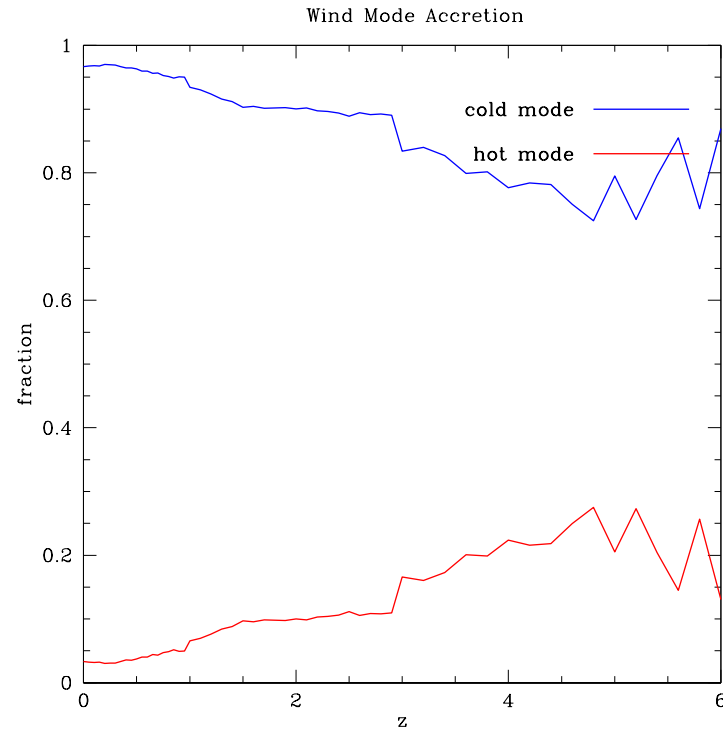
I'll be back



- 83% of wind particles are reaccreted.
- A typical wind particle recycles 3 times.
- Recycle times are shorter in more massive halos.
- Winds interact with hot halo gas.



A cold rain is going to fall



- In simulations, most reaccreted wind material stays cold.
- Need a feedback process to stop this reaccretion.
- Standard AGN feedback is unlikely to work.
- Are the numerics correct?



There are two kinds of dwarfs in this world...

- Blue dwarf galaxies vs. red dwarf galaxies in SDSS (Wang et al 2008)
 - ◆ For dwarfs with $-13.7 < M_r < -16.3$ ($h = 0.7$) about 33% are red.
 - ◆ For blue dwarfs: 21% satellites, 79% centrals.
 - ◆ For red dwarfs: 45% satellites, 23% near larger halo, 32% centrals & isolated.
 - ◆ For all dwarfs: 11% are red, central, & isolated.
 - ◆ Croton SAM predicts 0.4%.



Conclusions

- Smooth accretion is more important than merging and determines the star formation history of the Universe.
- Cold mode accretion dominates the formation of galaxies and standard hot mode accretion is only a detail of galaxy formation.
- AGN feedback alone is unlikely to solve the massive galaxy problem.
- Adding AGN feedback makes massive galaxies red but not red enough especially at the high mass end.
- Need a process to reduce cold mode accretion whenever it occurs, particularly at high redshift in addition to AGN feedback: SN winds?
- Reaccreting wind material dominates star formation at $z < 1.5$ so need a process to stop it.
- Low mass end probably needs an additional process: preheating?
- Much work remains to be done.