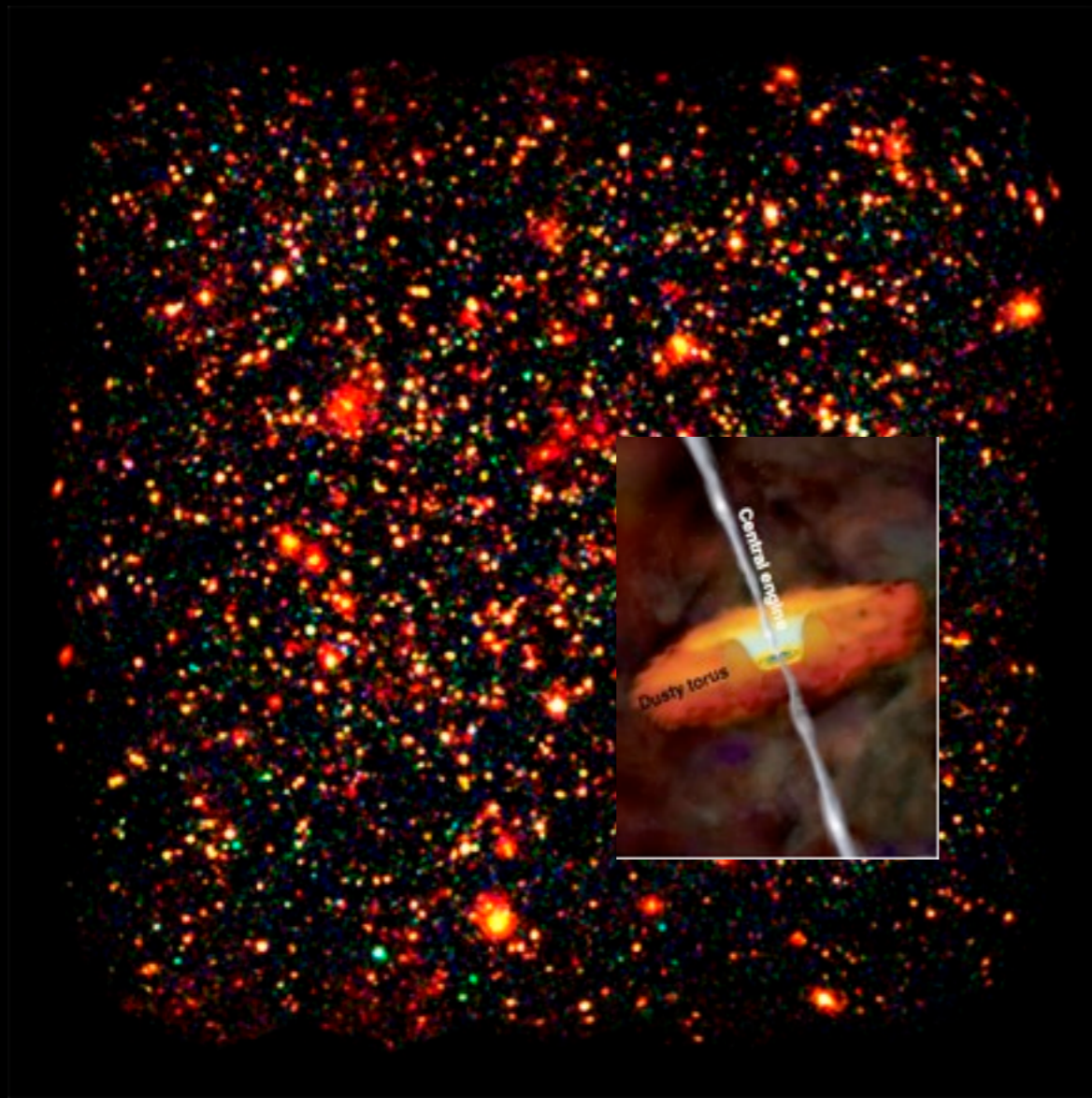


# Starburst-AGN connection: a mutual relation?

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XMM view of the COSMOS field

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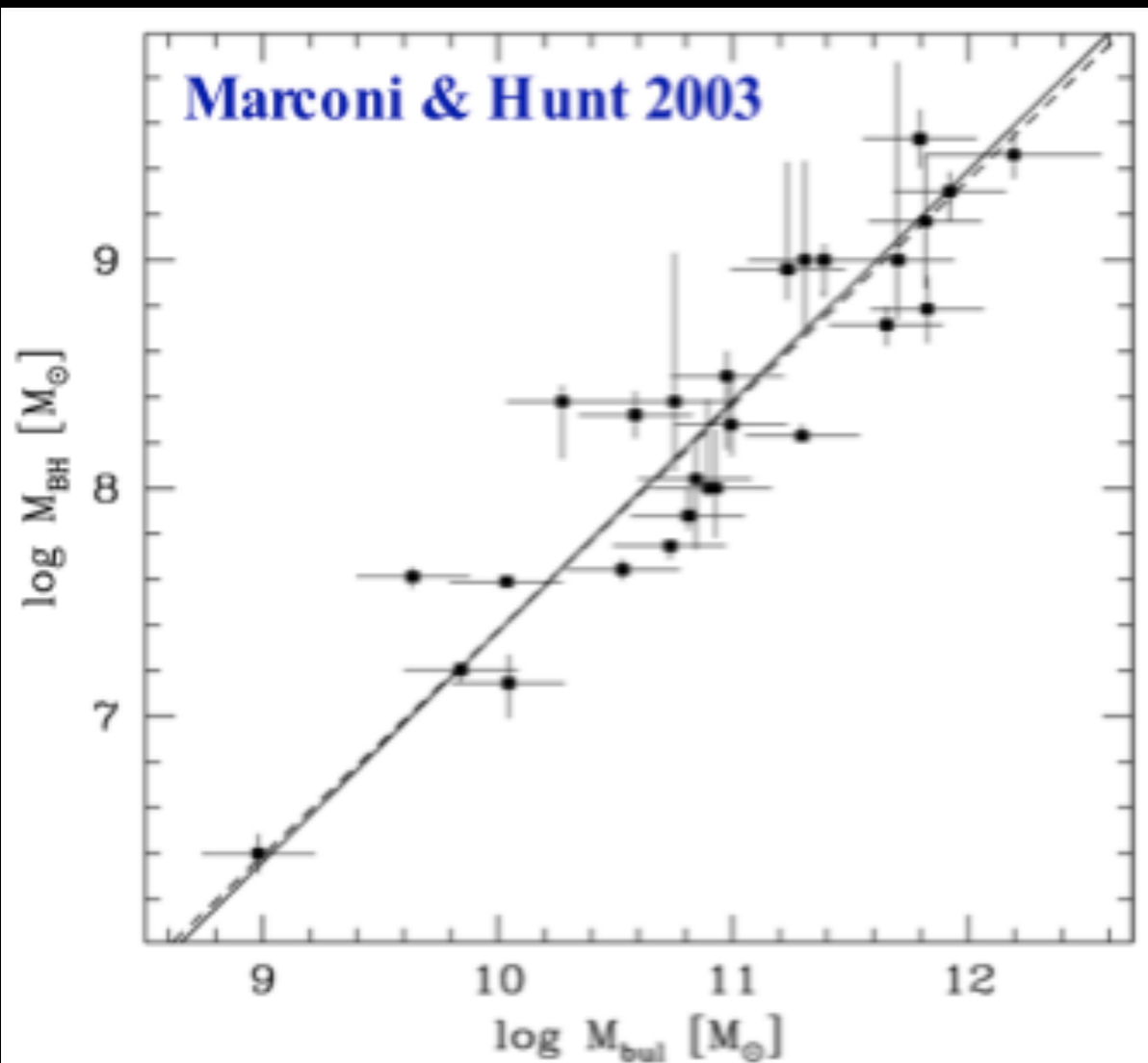
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First evidence of Starburst-AGN connection:

**BH mass depends on stellar mass (local scaling relations)**

see also

Ferrarese & Merritt 2000, Gebhardt et al. 2000

Haering & Rix 2004, Greene et al. 2007

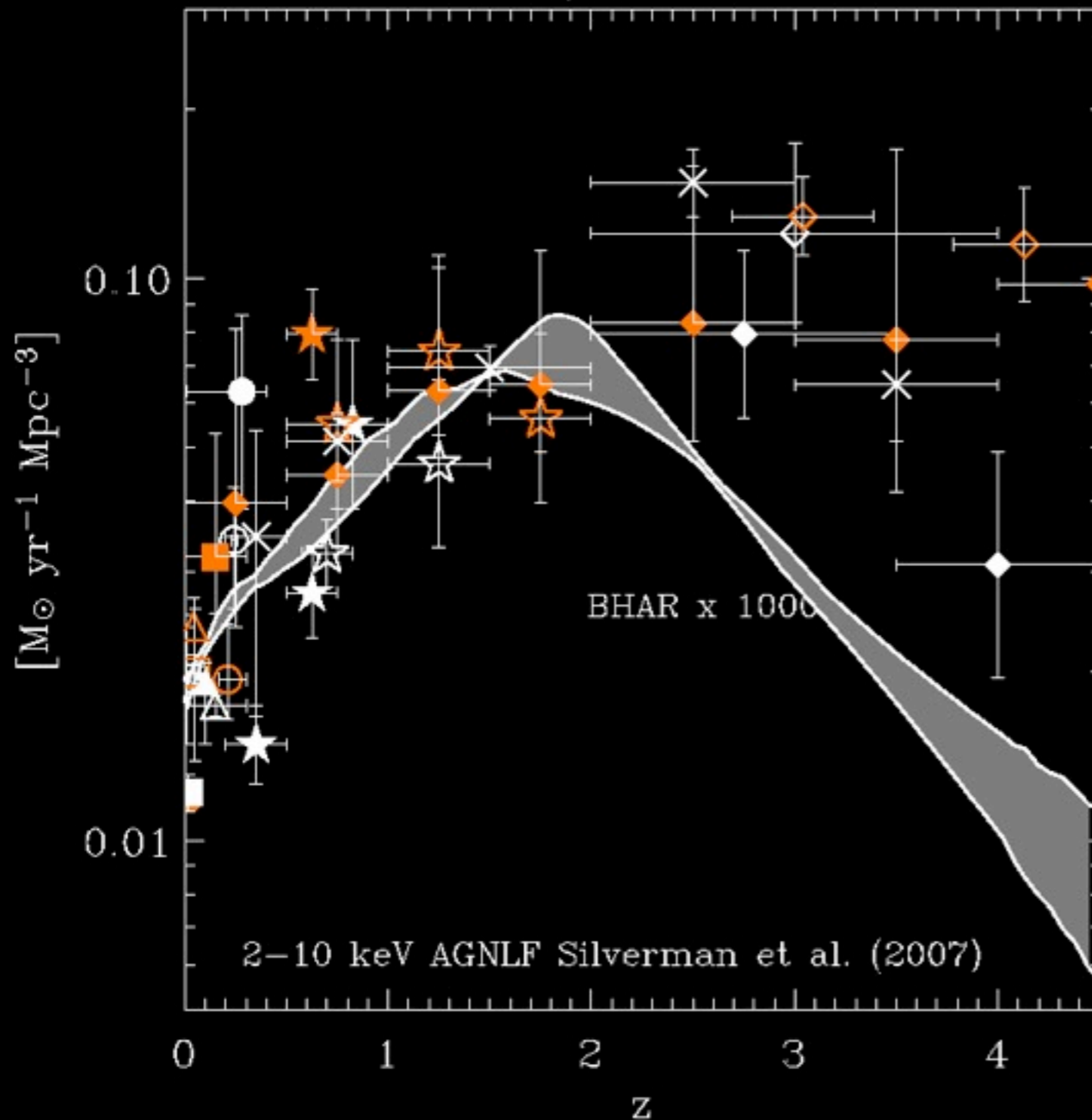
Gultekin et al. 2009

(but see Jahnke & Maccio' 2011, Cen 2011)

# Observational evidences of a mutual relationship (2)

adapted from  
Silverman+2008

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(integral) SMBH growth  
traces (integral) SFR

SMBH growth = from XLF of  
AGN (modulo uncertainties in  
 $N_H$  distribution vs.  $z$  and  
Compton Thick sources)

SF growth = from deep NIR  
and optical surveys (data:  
Hopkins & Beacons 2006)

See e.g. Merloni 2004; Marconi et al. 2004; Shankar et al. 2007; Merloni & Heinz 2008

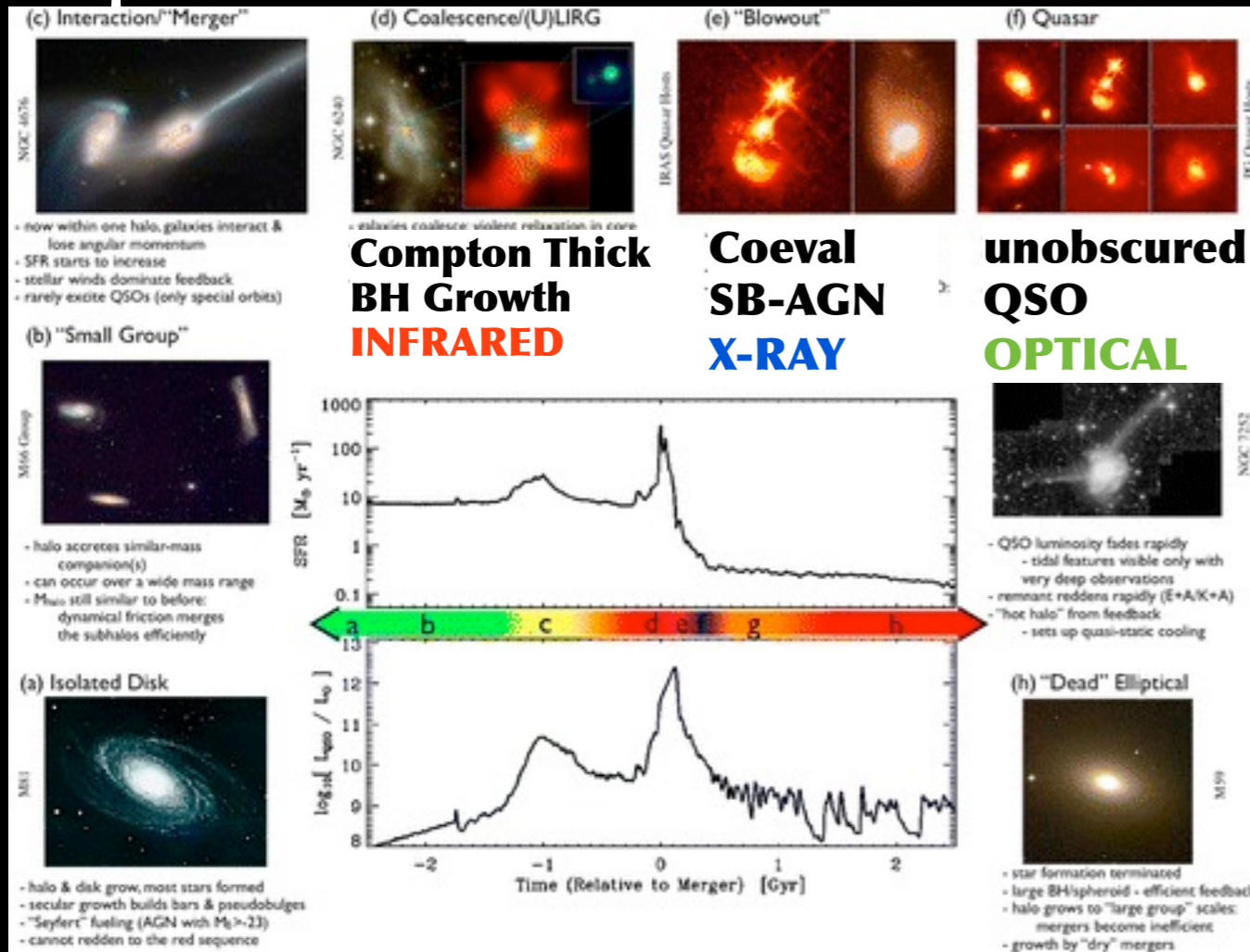


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- **correlation** between AGN and FIR luminosity (e.g. Netzer+2007, Lutz +2008, Netzer 2010)
- **correlation** between AGN luminosity and PAH strength (e.g. Schweitzer +2006, Lutz et al. 2008)
- We **observe** simultaneous SF and AGN activity in bright local AGN and QSO (e.g. some well-known objects studied in details, e.g. NGC 1068, NGC 6240, Mrk231, Arp299, Circinus...)
- [posters and talks all over the workshop]

# mergers scenario (ULIRGs-QSO sequence)

Hopkins et al. 2008



## Early on

Mergers between gas rich galaxies drive gas which fuel both SF and BH activity;

Violent starbursts episodes (ULIRGs);

Heavily obscured BH growth

## When galaxies coalesce

Accretion peaks;

SMBH becomes X-ray and optically "visible"

QSO phase follow, AGN winds blow out gas

## Later times

SF & BH accretion quenched;

Dead quasars in red galaxies (passive evolution)

AGN co-evolutionary models vs. Unified models  
(definition of obscured AGN: "time" critical vs. "orientation")  
BH growth and SF **simultaneous** --> feedback from AGN

# Is this valid for all systems? (Starburst-AGN sequence)

Kormendy et al. 2011

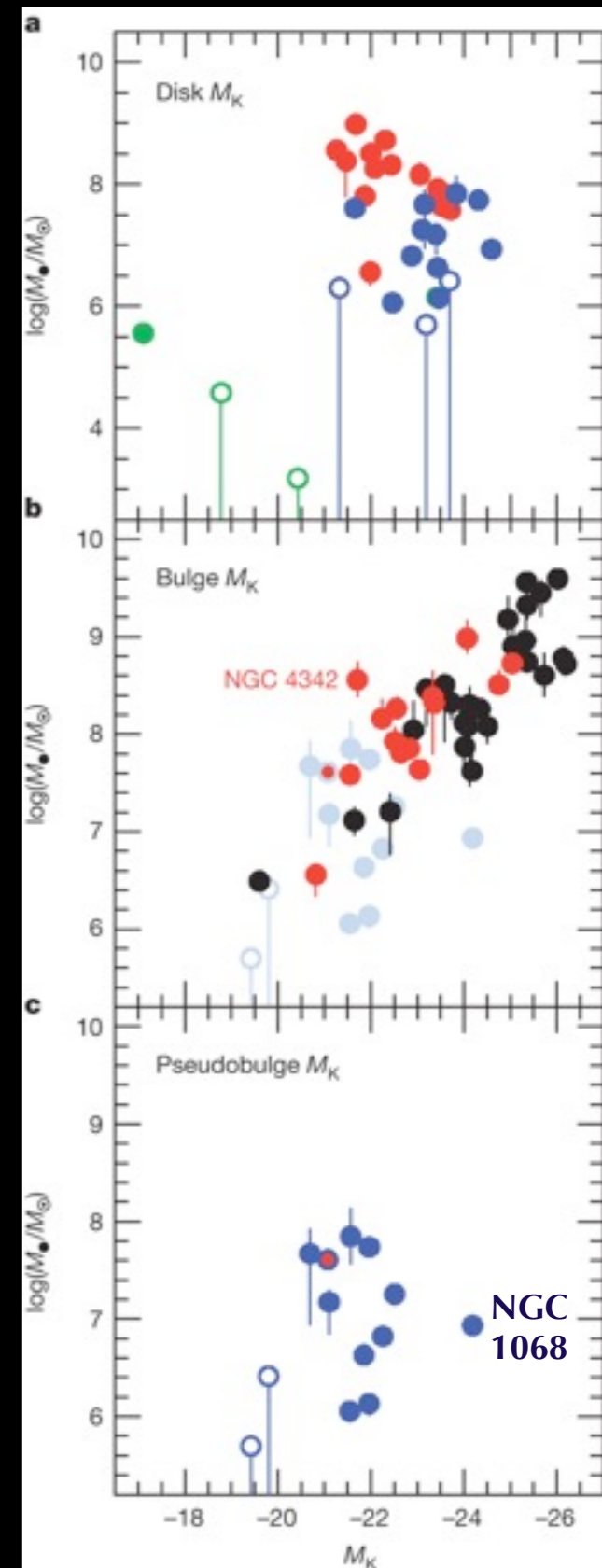
A population of galaxies evolved without mergers does clearly exist (**disks are observed at  $z \sim 2$** ; e.g. Genzel+2006, 2008; see also yesterday ESA/Herschel press release: Elbaz+11, Rodighiero+11)

**no correlation** between  $M_{\text{BH}}$  and disk or pseudobulge properties (Kormendy et al. 2011; see also Graham et al. 2010)

Stochastic/secular accretion can **explain some classes of low-L AGN (NLS1)** observed at low- $z$  (see also Davies talk)

Dichotomy in formation history of galaxies  
mergers vs. secular

(weak) activity driven stochastically by local processes (galaxies encounters, inflow, disks/bars instabilities etc.; Croton+2006, Ciotti&Ostriker, Cen 2011, Bournaud+2011, Di Matteo+2011)





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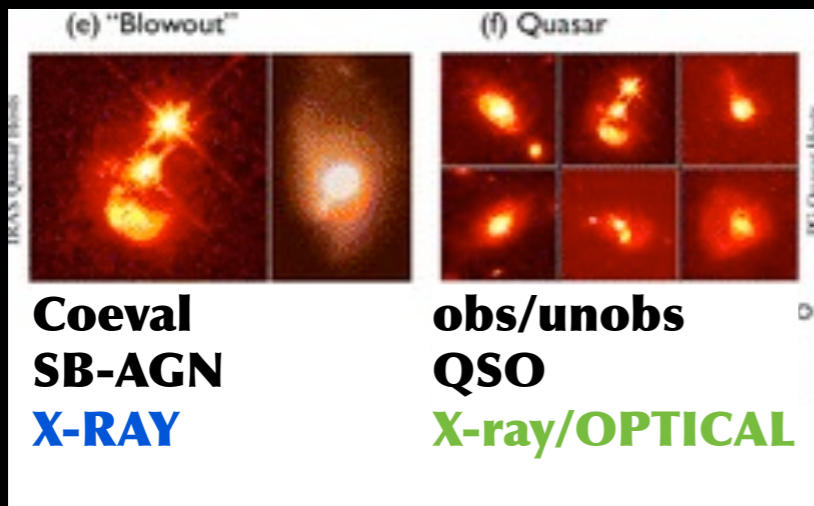
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# Tools: (hard) X-ray surveys

*most complete* (modulo Compton Thick sources)

*least contaminated* (normal galaxies and stars emerge only in deepest exposures)

*catch AGN in blowout and QSO phase*



Multiwavelength coverage to assure identification, redshift determination, SED studies, host galaxy properties, and alternative AGN selection (e.g. Compton Thick census; see Donley/Vignali talks)

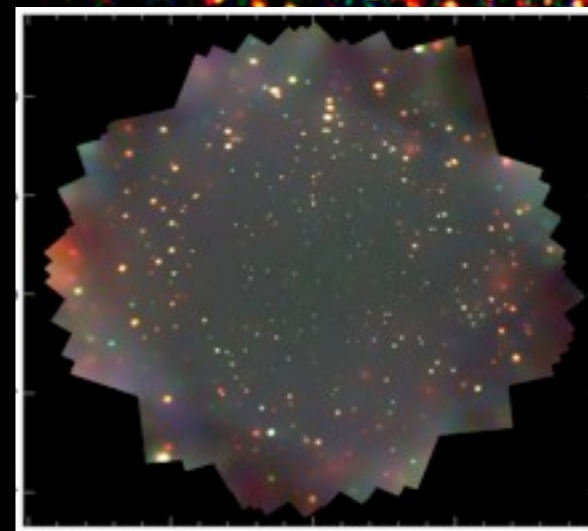
COSMOS field, 2 deg<sup>2</sup> (Scoville+07)

XMM 1.55 Ms (Hasinger+07, Cappelluti+09, Brusa+10)

Chandra 1.8 Ms (Elvis+09, Civano+in prep)

down to  $\sim 1e-15$  cgs,  $\sim 1800$  objects

soft 0.5-2.0 keV  
medium 2.0-4.5 keV  
hard 4.5-10.0 keV



**CDFS Chandra 1-2-4Ms**  
**XMM 3 Ms**  
 $\sim 0.1$  deg<sup>2</sup>,  $\sim 4e-17$  cgs  
**300-750 objects**  
(Giacconi+2002, Alexander+2003, Luo+ 2008,10, Xue+2011, Comastri+2011)

Only two among the many (~40) XMM & Chandra surveys in russian-doll style

All wavelengths, very deep coverage available



# Star formation in AGN hosts

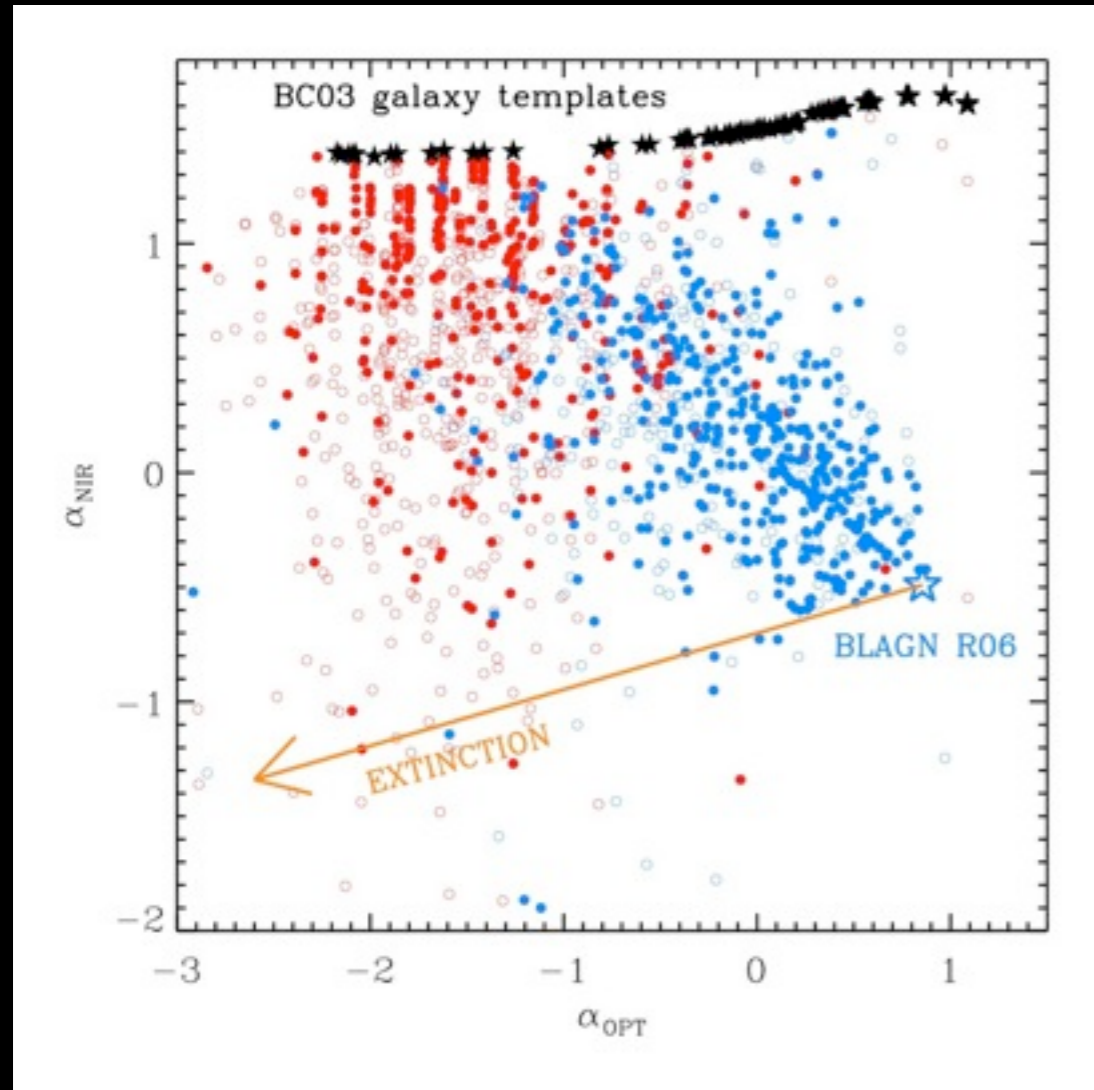
Brusa et al. (2009) - obscured AGN in CDFS	$\log L_x \sim 43$
Lusso et al. (2011) - Type 2 AGN in COSMOS	$\log L_x \sim 43.5$
Mainieri et al. (2011) - QSO2 in COSMOS	$\log L_x > 44$
Xue et al. (2010) - AGN in GOODS fields	$\log L_x > 42$

Santini et al. (2011) - PEP/Herschel data of GOODS+COSMOS AGN

# Host/AGN decomposition

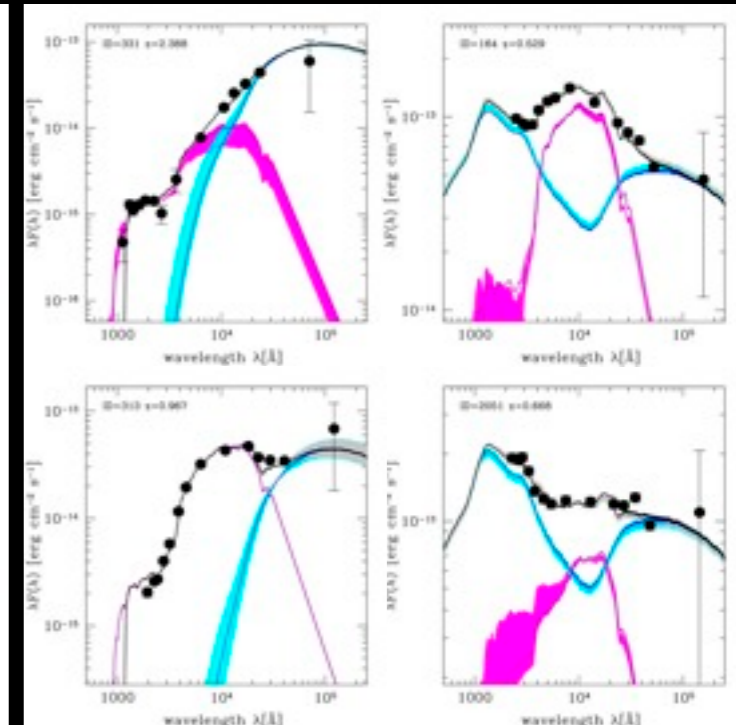
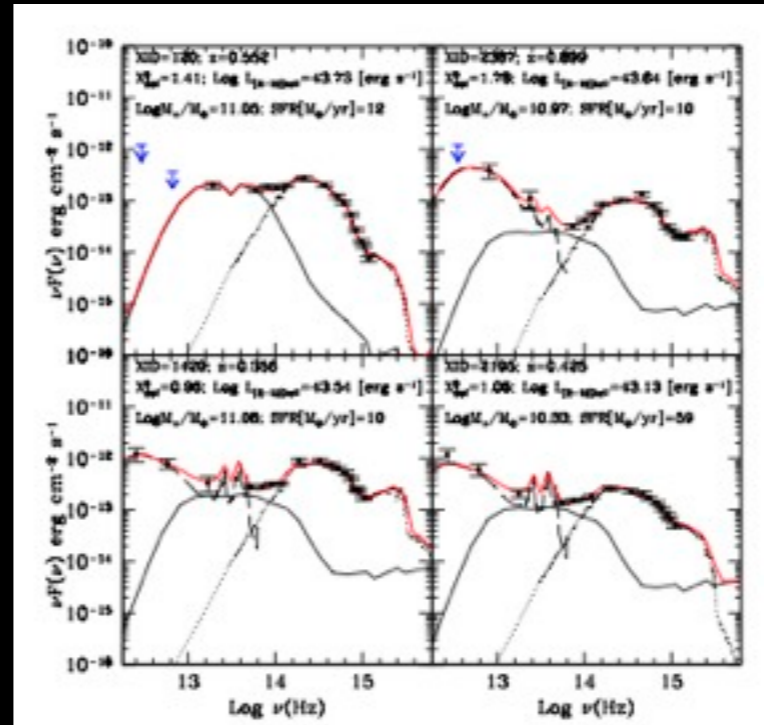
Full XMM-COSMOS sample (~1600 objects, Brusa+2010)

(particularly) important for moderate & high-lum obscured QSO and unobs AGN (all lum)



Lusso+2011 (Type2)

Bongiorno+in prep (full XMM)



see also Merloni+2010 (BL AGN) Bongiorno et al. 2011 (full XMM) Pozzi+2007,2010; Gruppioni+2010; Santini+2011 - see Feltre talk!

(adapted from Hao+2010)

Most of the SEDs can be explained as a combination of a **pure AGN**, **extinct** and/or contaminated by the **host galaxy**

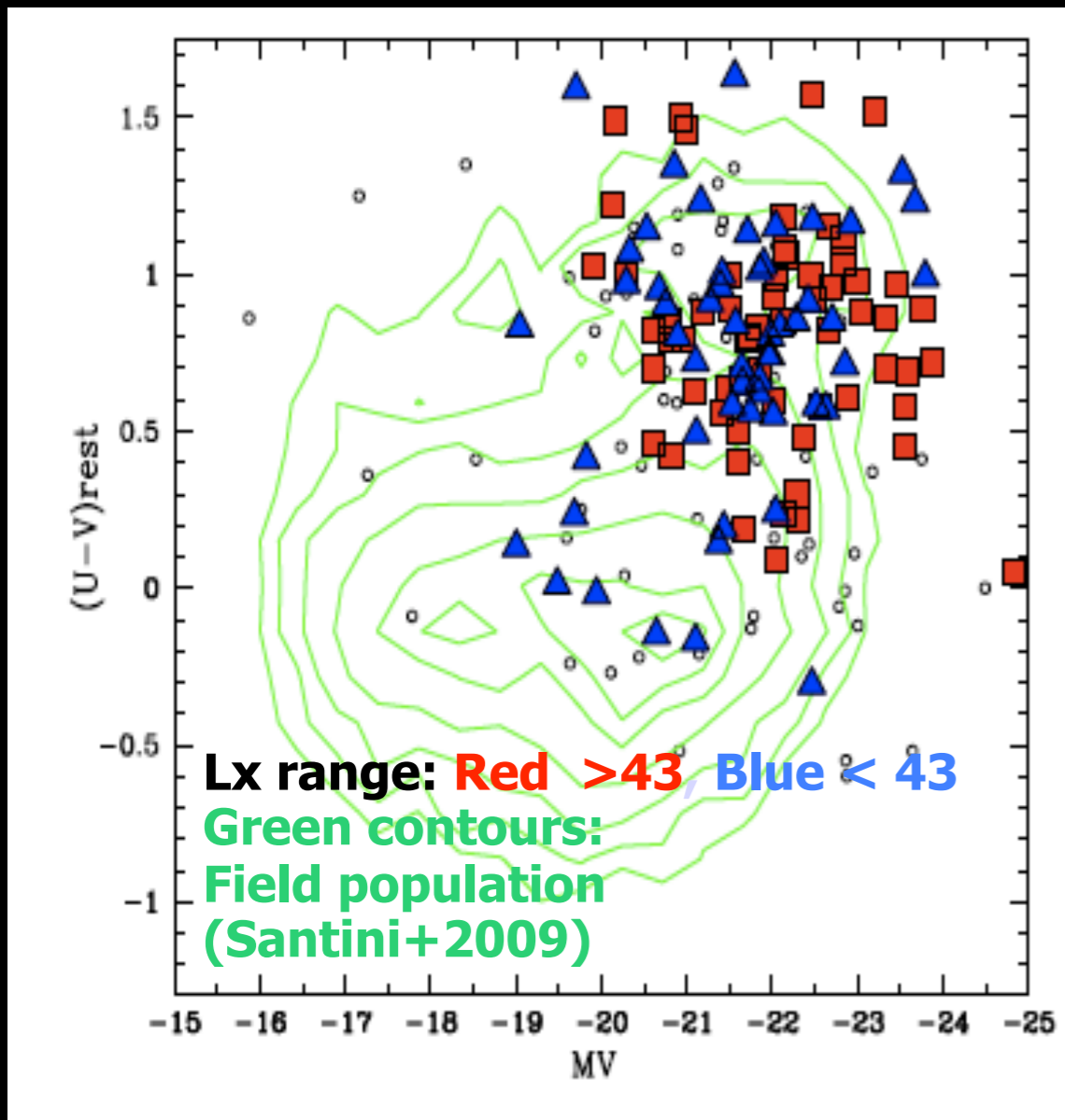
**Fact:**

(Without Herschel information) Multiple components SED fitting needed (AGN + host galaxy) to get the physical parameters

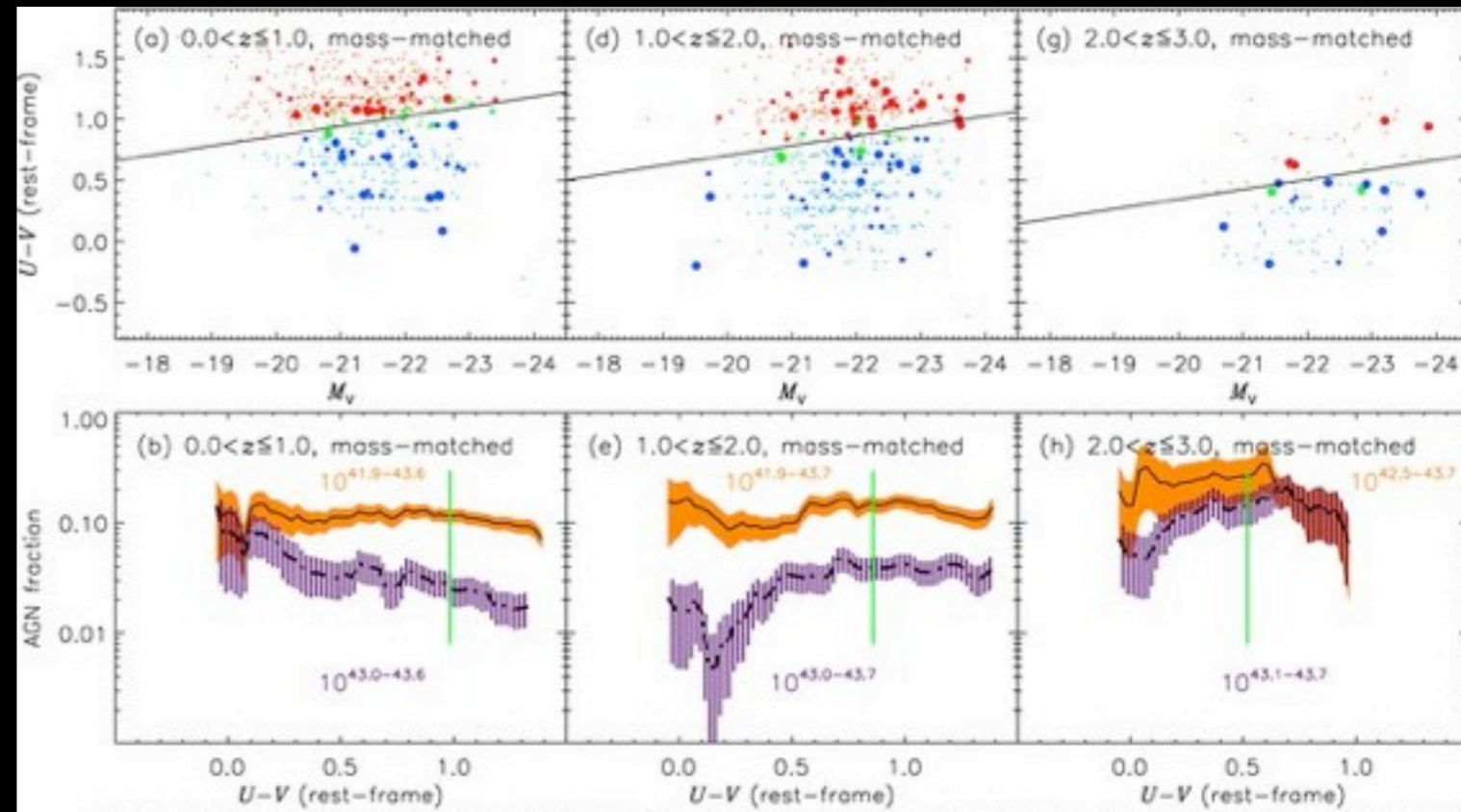
# Obscured AGN: colors

Brusa+2009

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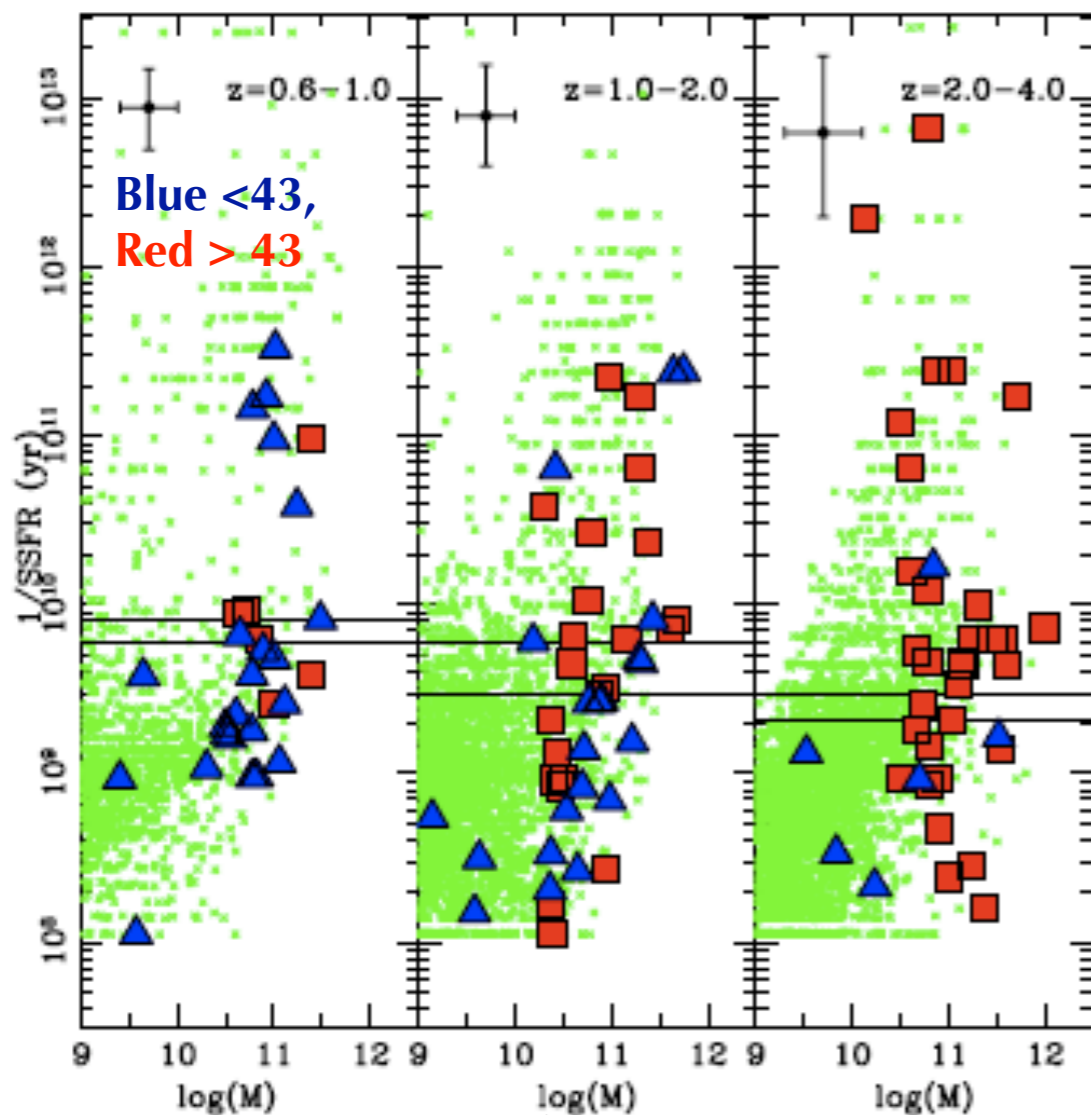
**Field galaxies:** Two distinct populations: red sequence and blue cloud (early type and SF galaxies)

**AGN:** (X-ray selected) AGN populate the “green valley” or “red sequence” (see Kauffmann+03, Nandra+05, Silverman+08, Schawinski+10) at almost all  $z$  they are **red, optically luminous and massive**

# Obscured AGN: SFR

Brusa+2009

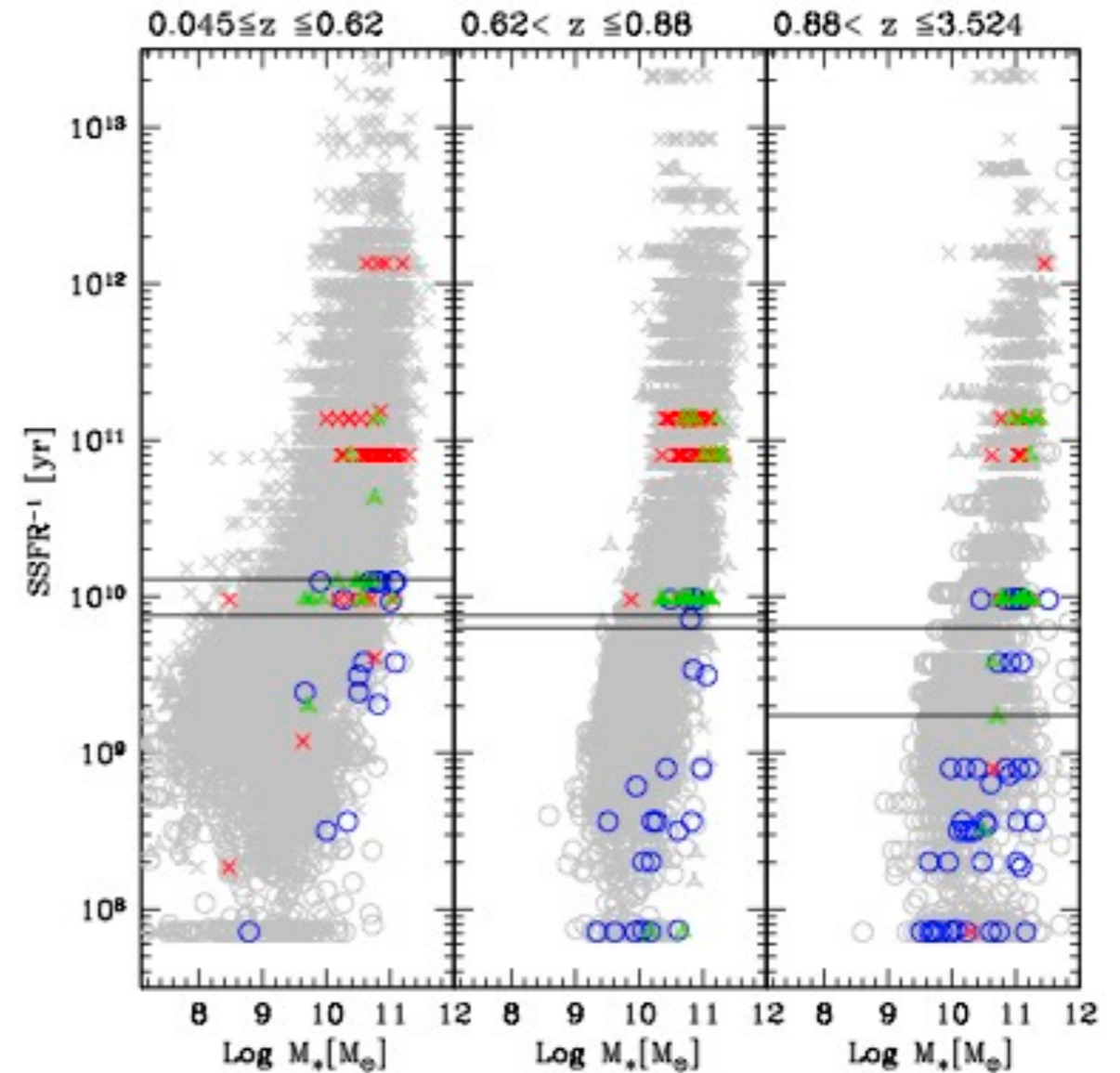
(obscured AGN in CDFS.  $\langle L_x \rangle \sim 43$ )



• Masses and SFR from Santini+09

Lusso+2011

(Type2 AGN in COSMOS,  $\langle L_x \rangle \sim 43.5$ )



Fact:

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# Obscured QSO: SFR

Mainieri et al. 2011  
(QSO2 in COSMOS,  $L_x > 44$ )

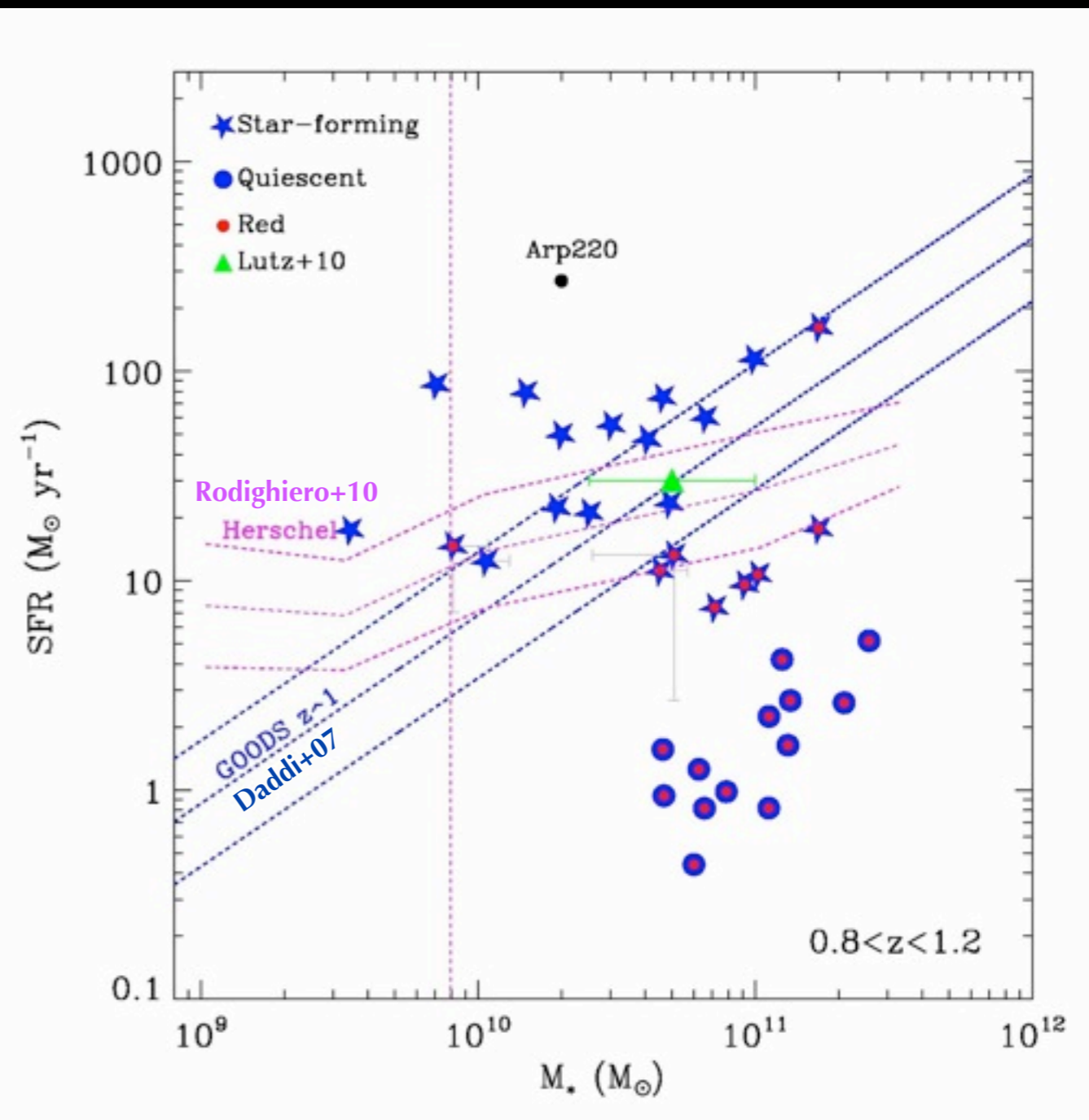
Same level of starformation  
for “active” (AGN) and “inactive” (SF)  
galaxies

QSO2 hosts follow the tight correlation  
between SFR and  $M_*$  of blue star-forming  
galaxies (e.g. Noeske+07; Daddi+07;  
Elbaz+07; Rodighiero+10 / **Herschel**)

“Passive” population also present

Fact:

Obscured AGN associated to SF  
galaxies **do not scatter significantly off  
the main sequence of SF galaxies**

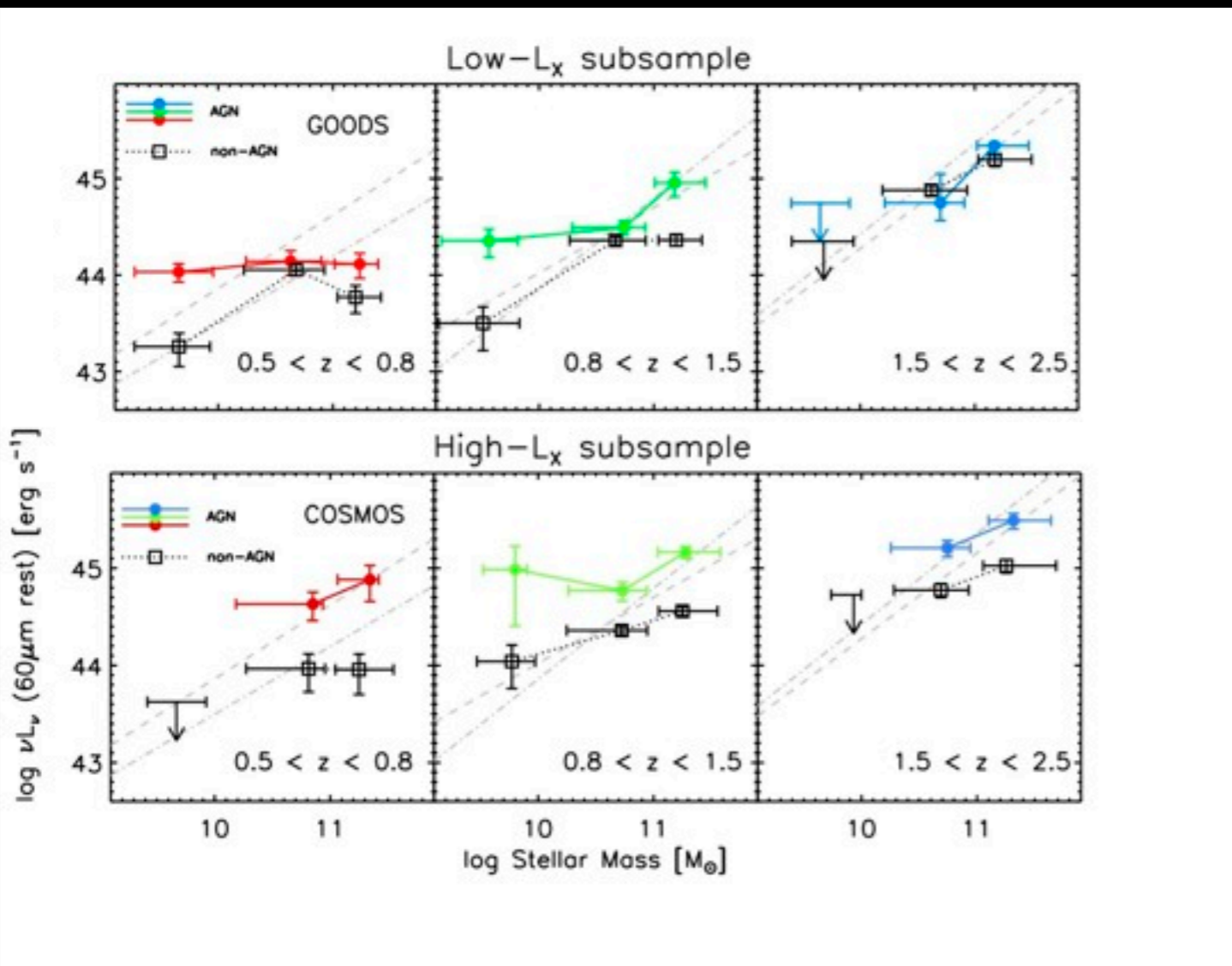


See Vincenzo Mainieri talk on Friday!



# Enhanced SFR in AGN hosts?

Santini+2011 (GOODS & COSMOS)



(see also Silverman+2009, Xue+2010, Mullaney+2011)

see Lutz & Mullaney talks tomorrow!

Evidence for enhancement:

- GOODS (low- $L_x$ ):

**SFR in AGN hosts broadly consistent with that observed in “inactive” galaxies** (modest) enhancement observed only in low-mass samples

- COSMOS (high- $L_x$ ):

**SFR in AGN hosts  $\sim 0.6$  dex higher than in “inactive” galaxies, at all  $z$ /masses**

Fact:

different enhancements at low and at high- $L$  consistent with two different modes of SF and BH growth

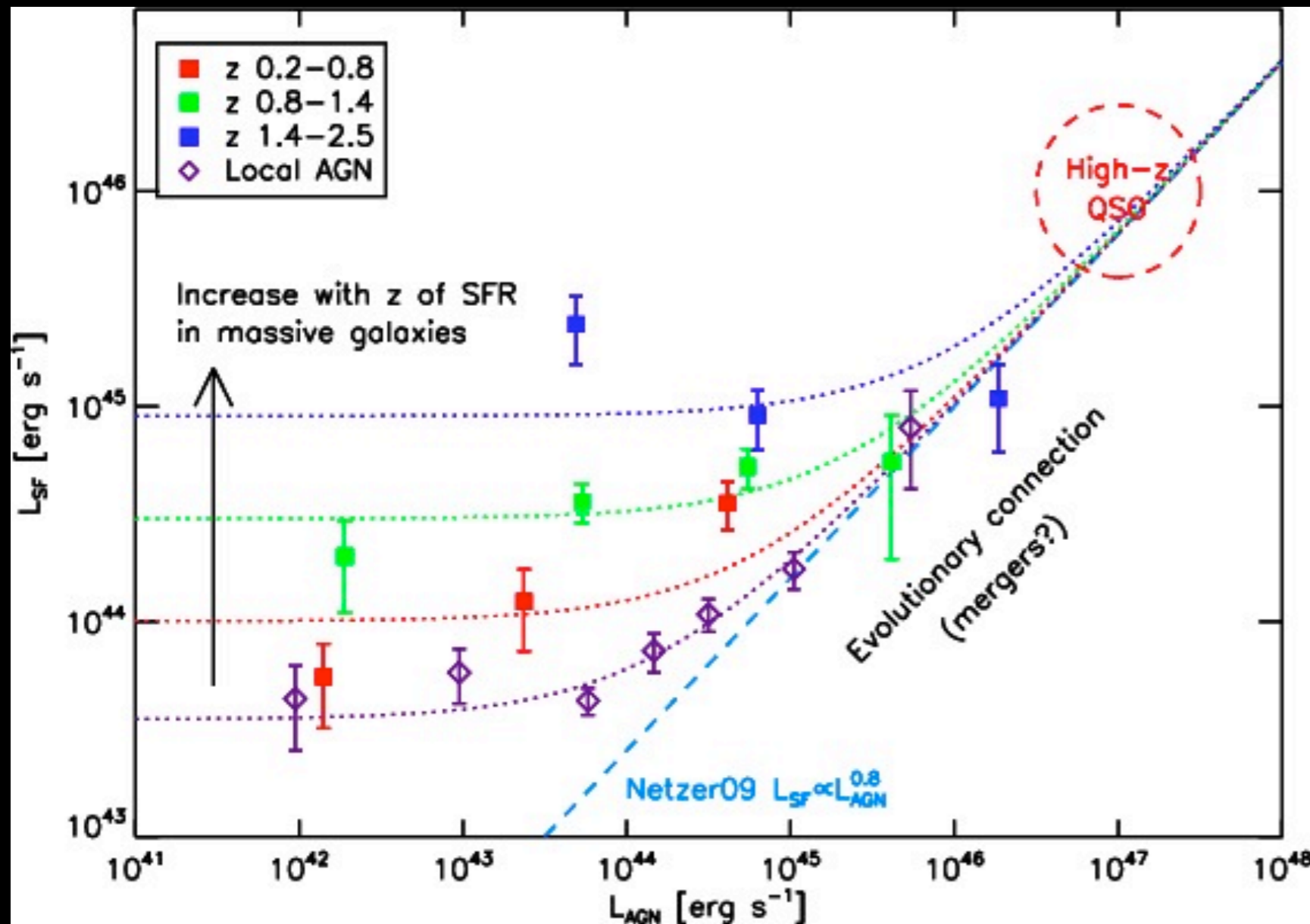
high- $L$ : major mergers

low- $L$ : smooth accretion (or mergers with delay in SB and AGN phases)

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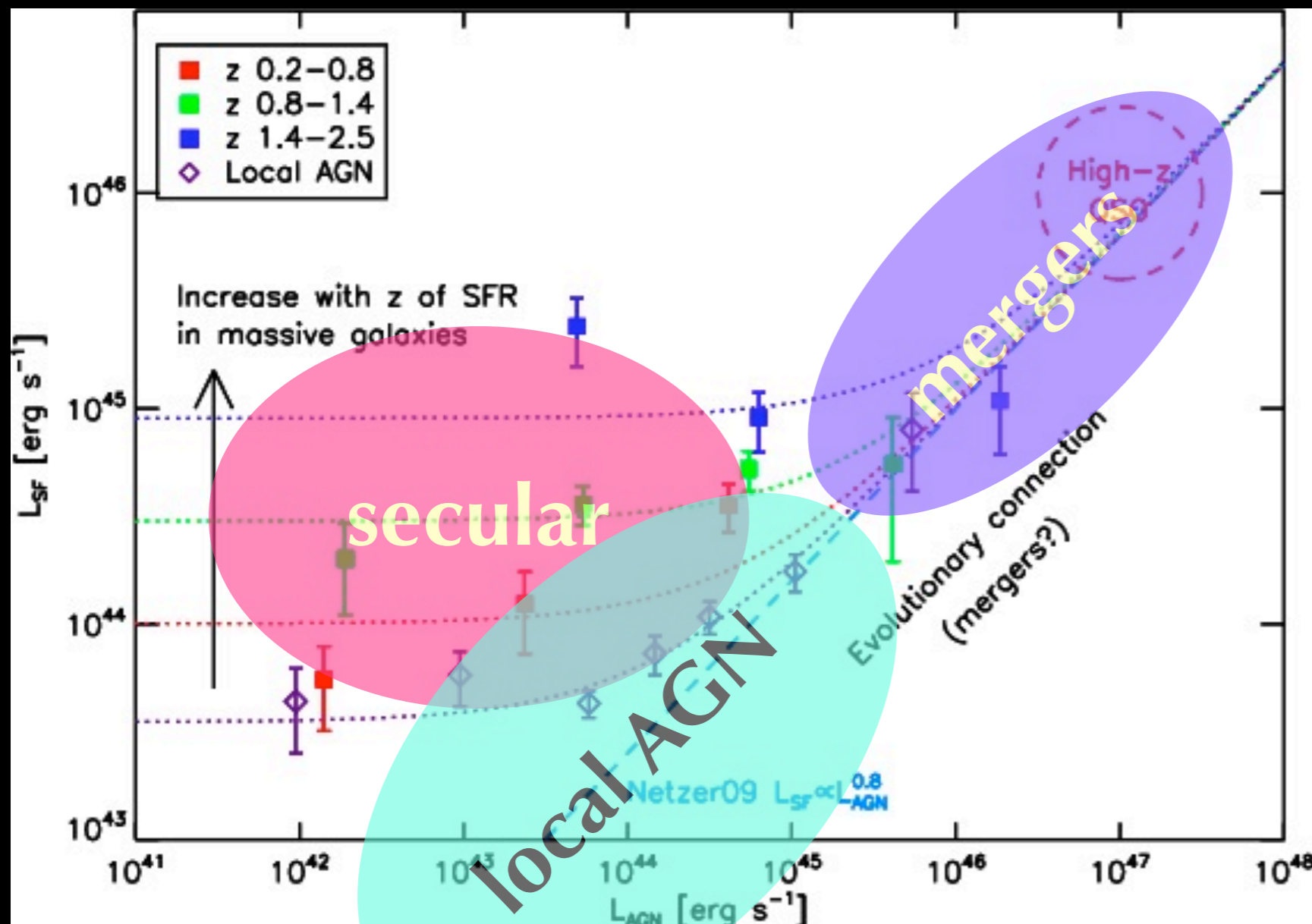
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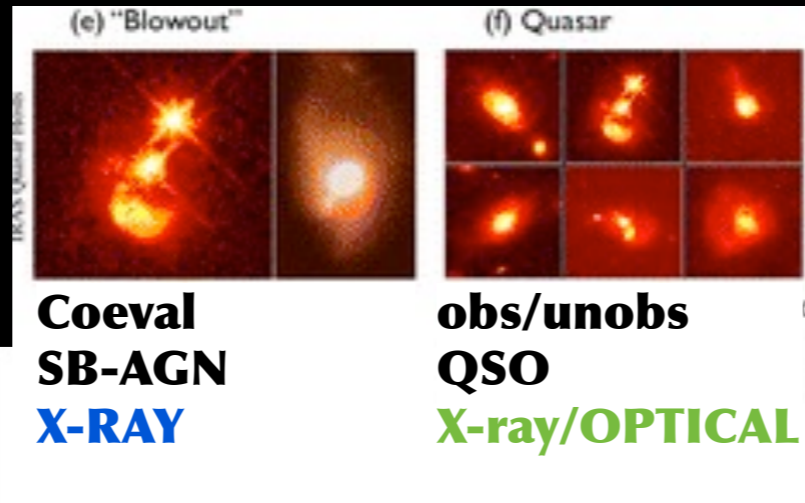
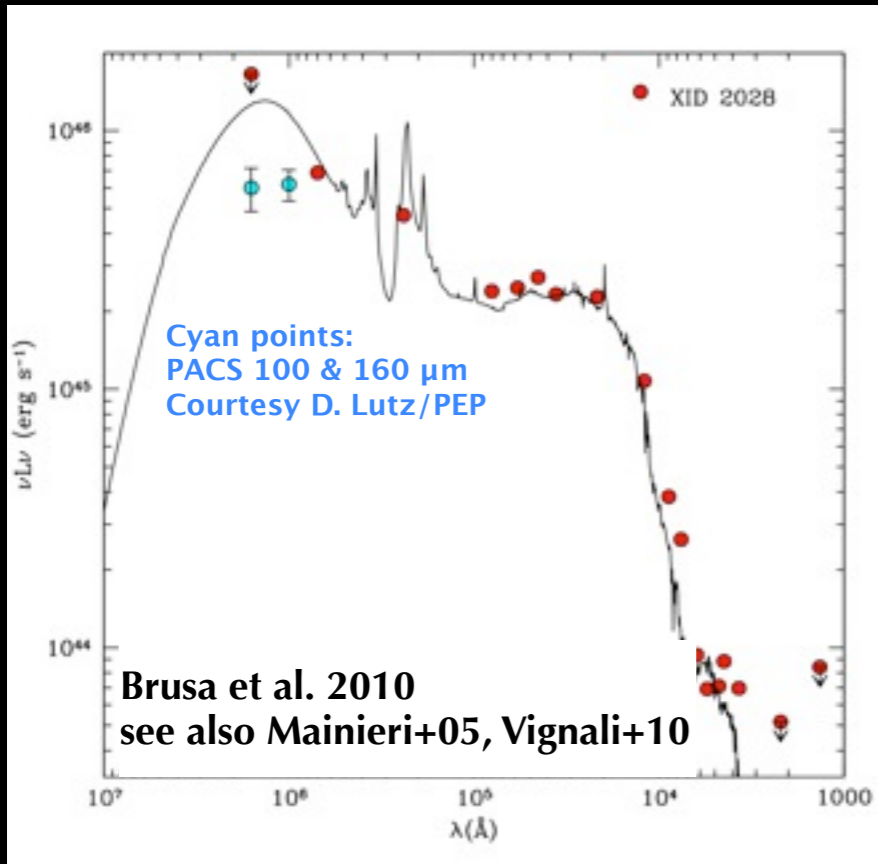
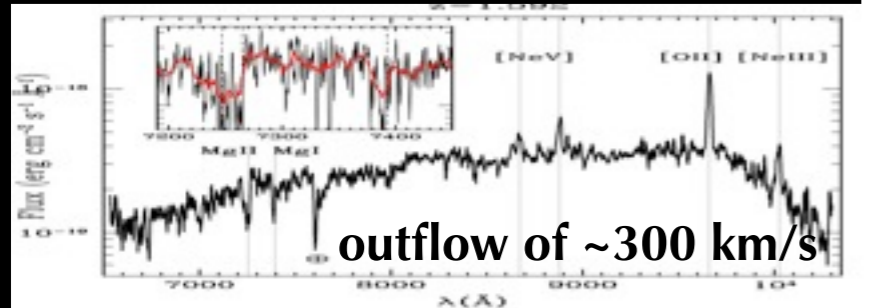
see also Netzer+2007; Netzer2009; Lutz+2010

# During or Post ?

Most **luminous, obscured X-ray selected** sources at  $z > 1$  are red  
 --> effect of **(negative) feedback** efficient in stopping star formation, or **AGN is in dusty environment?** Evidences for **both** ! --> **different phases/timescales are sampled**

evidence of SF both in FIR and optical spectra (see e.g. Del Moro, Mateos, Sani, Page, Symeonidis talks)

**ULIRG-QSO2**

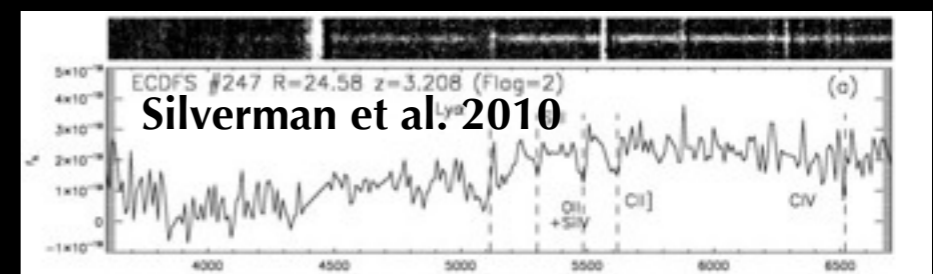
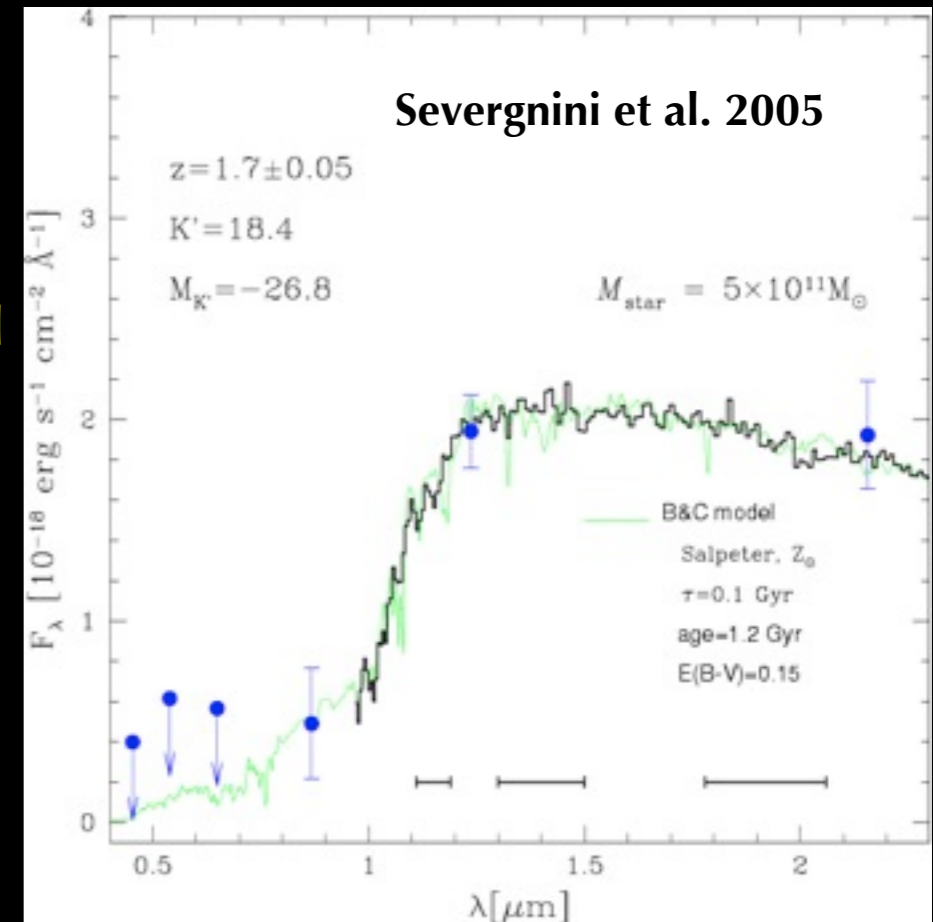


passive ellipticals/early type spectra without any sign of SF (see also Mignoli+2004, Brusa+2005, Daddi+2005....) **QSO2**

**Very short phase ( $\ll 1$  Gyr): need large & bright samples (RARE OBJECTS!!)**

**Importance of X-ray selection, prospects for large area X-ray surveys (SWIRE/XMM-XXL/eROSITA)**

**Ideal targets for WFC3/ X shooter/ ALMA/JWST follow-up and deep spectroscopy**



# AGN hosts morphologies

Cisternas et al. (2010) -  $z \sim 1$  AGN hosts morphologies in COSMOS (HST/ACS)  
Kocevski et al. (2011) -  $z \sim 2$  AGN hosts morphologies in CDFS (HST/WFC3)

# Morphologies of AGN hosts

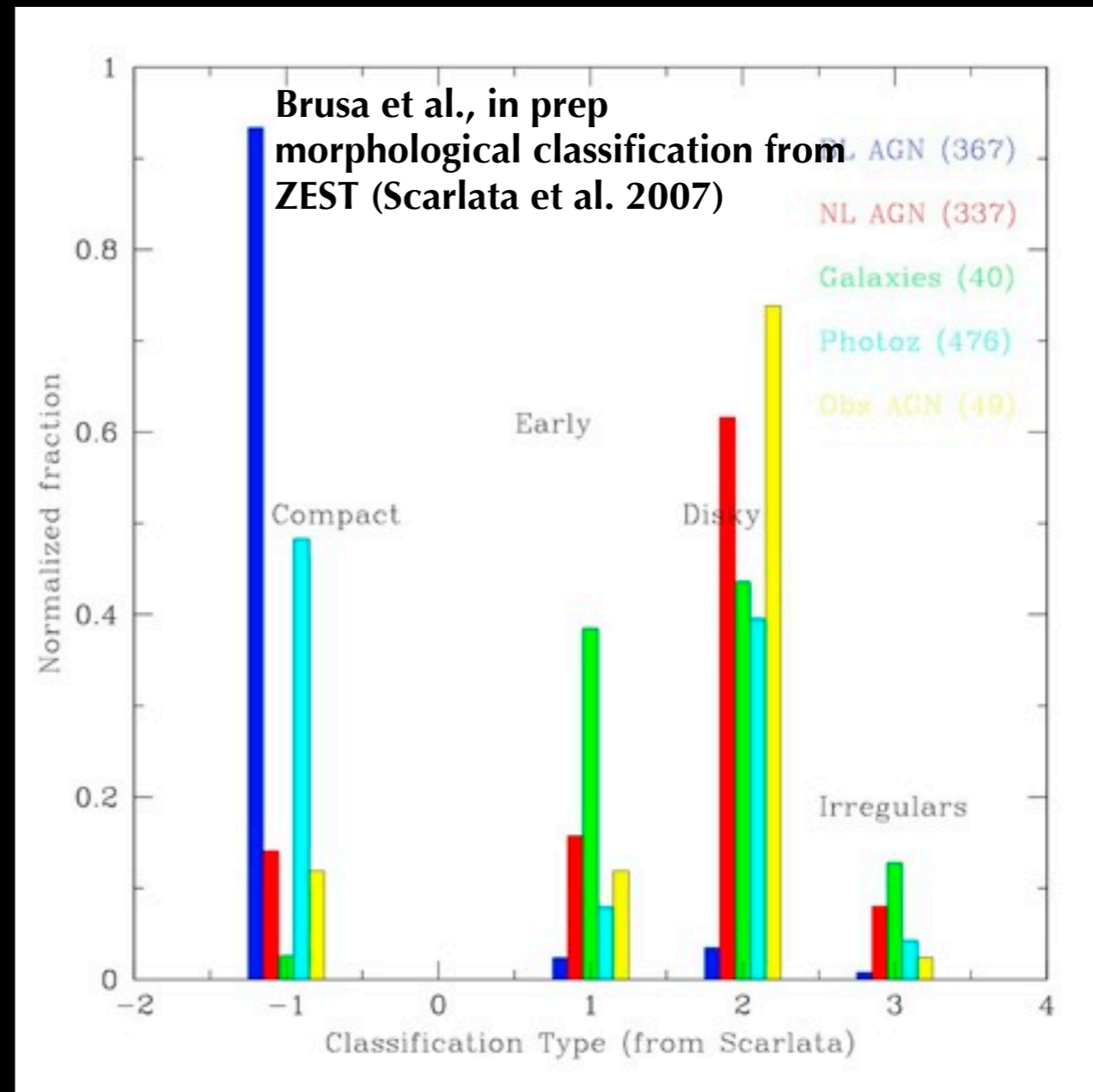
**Sanders+1988 (QSO):** local QSO/ULIRGs hosted in highly disturbed systems, evidence for mergers

**Cisternas+10 (AGN at  $z < 1$ ):** >85% of AGN host galaxies do not show strong distortions; no enhancement in mergers fraction among AGN morphologies wrt normal galaxy population (see also Grogin+03, Pierce+07, Georgakakis+09, Gabor+2009)

--> no major merger AGN connection

**Kocevski+11, Schawinski+2011 (AGN at  $z=1-3$ ):** NO significant excess of distorted morphologies; large fraction reside in late-type galaxies, fueled by stochastic accretion of cold-gas

Lx dependence: low-L = mostly disks  
high-L = mostly ellipticals/relaxed systems  
(but see results from Manieri+2011)



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# Combining results from SFR & morphologies

- 1) SF in AGN hosts is only slightly enhanced (ULIRG in only a small fraction of hosts, even at the highest L) and morphologies of AGN do not show strong distortions
- 2) Luminosity effect is observed (both in SFR enhancement and morphologies)

## **Time delay between AGN activity, SF and merger?**

(predicted in simulations involving AGN feedback, e.g. Hopkins+2006, Wild+2010)  
--> can explain the SFR enhancement observed in low-Lx/low-mass systems but not the disky morphologies ...

## **Secular evolution / smooth accretion fit better both observed morphologies and SFR**

--> major mergers model crisis also for moderate/high-L (Di Matteo et al. 2011, Bournaud et al. 2011)

**Merger path NOT the rule (timescale problem)... or...**

# "Cen Scenario": NO AGN feedback

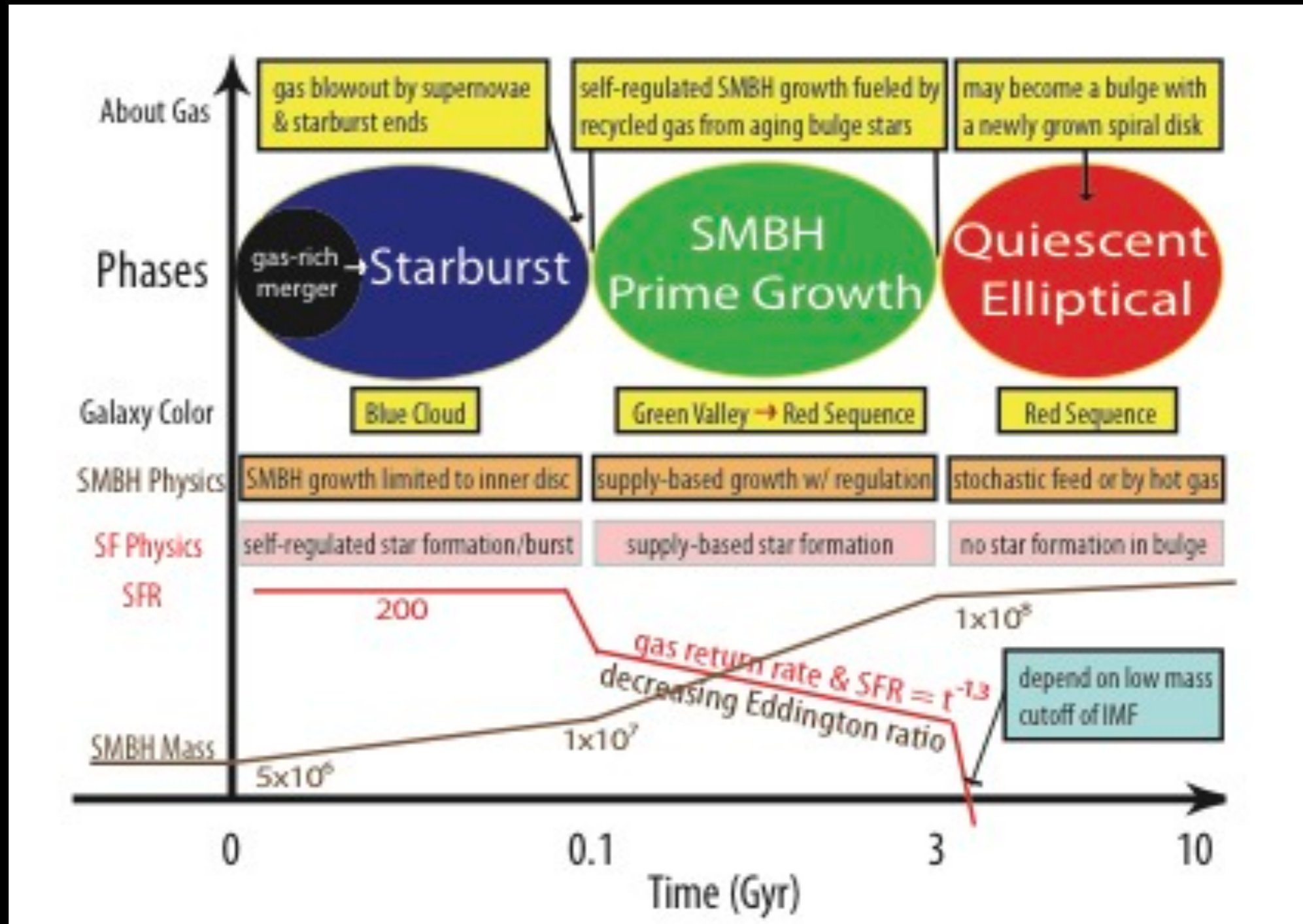
Cen 2011

NO causal relation

SF and BH growth are self regulated and independent

Starformation starts through mergers or secular processes (not important)

(timescales involved are much longer with respect to Hopkins et al. 2008!)





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**Importance of combined X-ray/FIR coverage to isolate obscured accreting black holes at high-z and study host galaxies properties**

**Essential role of Herschel in disentangling starburst component ....  
essential role of XMM/Chandra in revealing AGN !**

**(multiwavelength limelight)**

**Thanks !**

**(Results obtained in the framework of the COSMOS & CDFS/MUSIC/PEP teams)**