

THE PROPERTIES OF X-RAY, IR AND RADIO AGN HOSTS TO $z = 3.2$ IN ZFOURGE

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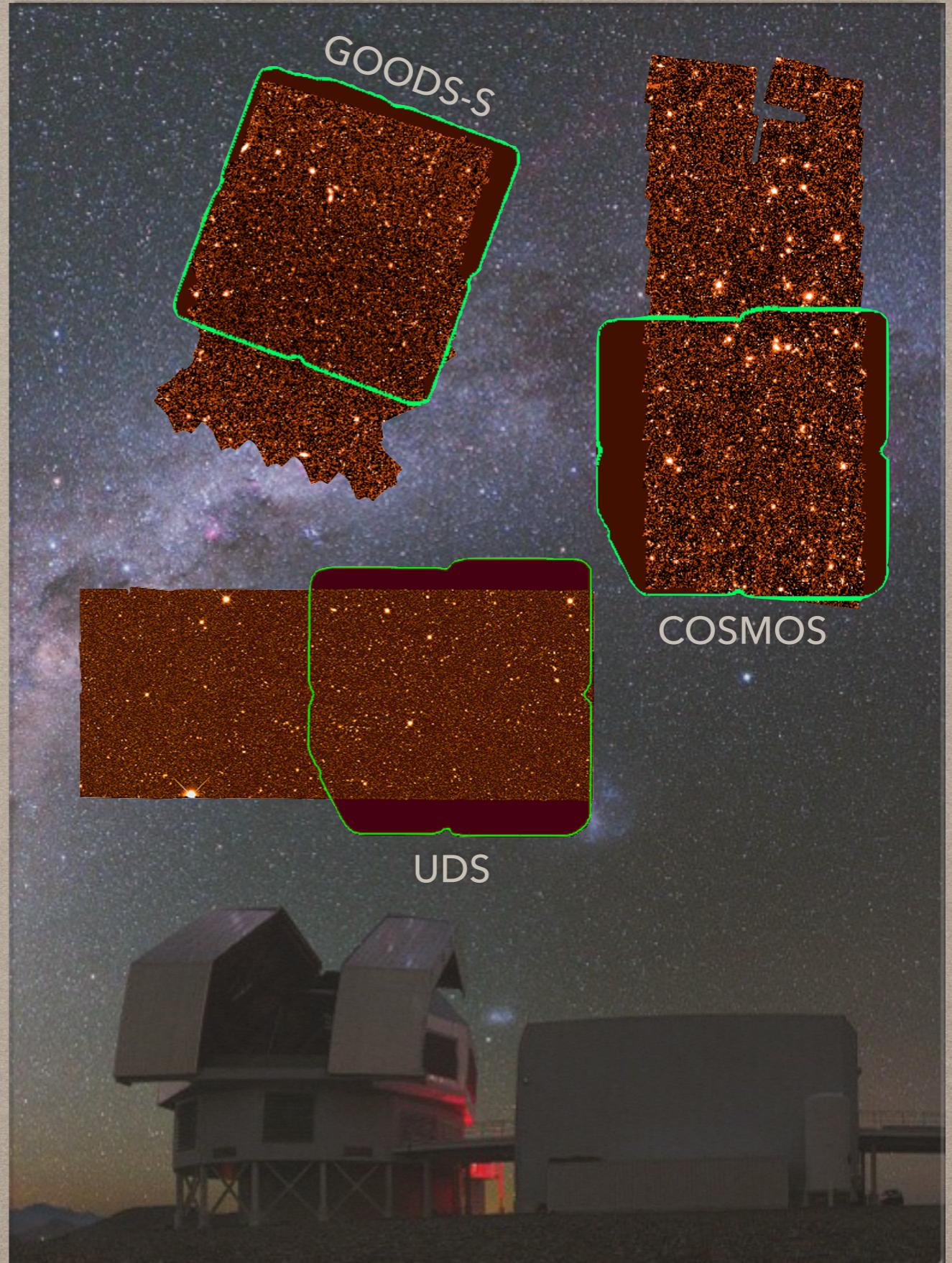


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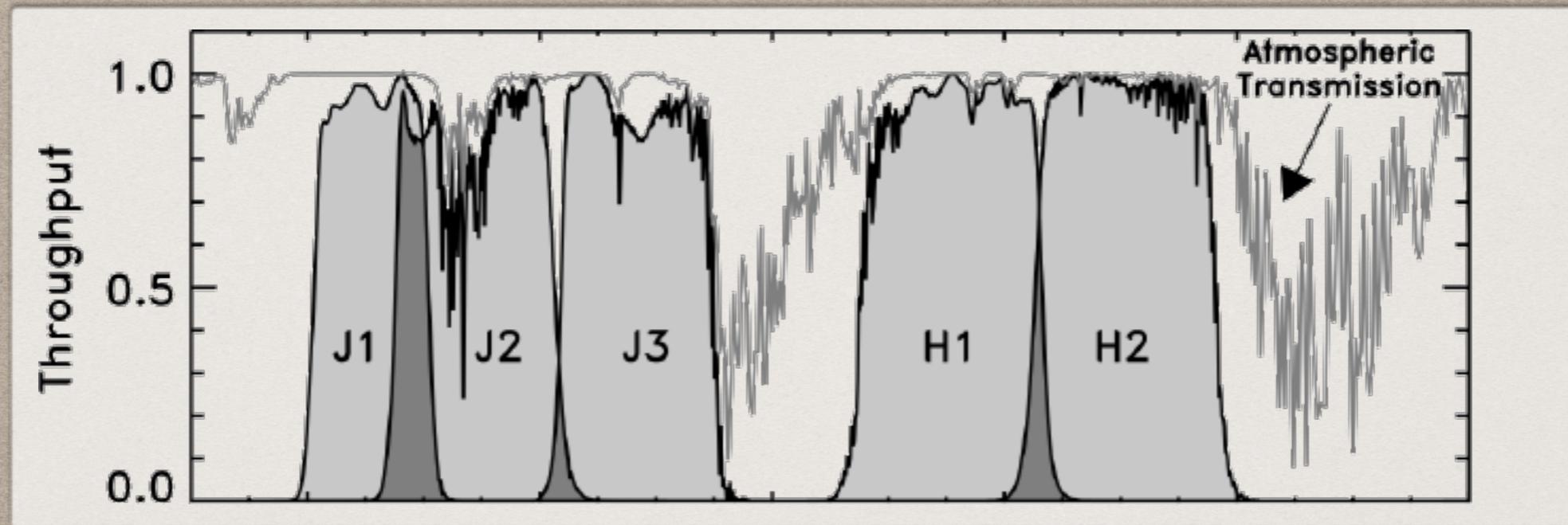


OVERVIEW

- ~50 nights on Magellan/
FourStar near-IR camera
- 5 medium-band filters & Ks
broadband
- 3 legacy fields (COSMOS,
GOODS-S and UDS)
- Accurate photo-z of
~30,000 galaxies to $z = 4$
- Primary science to study
galaxy formation and
evolution at $z > 1$

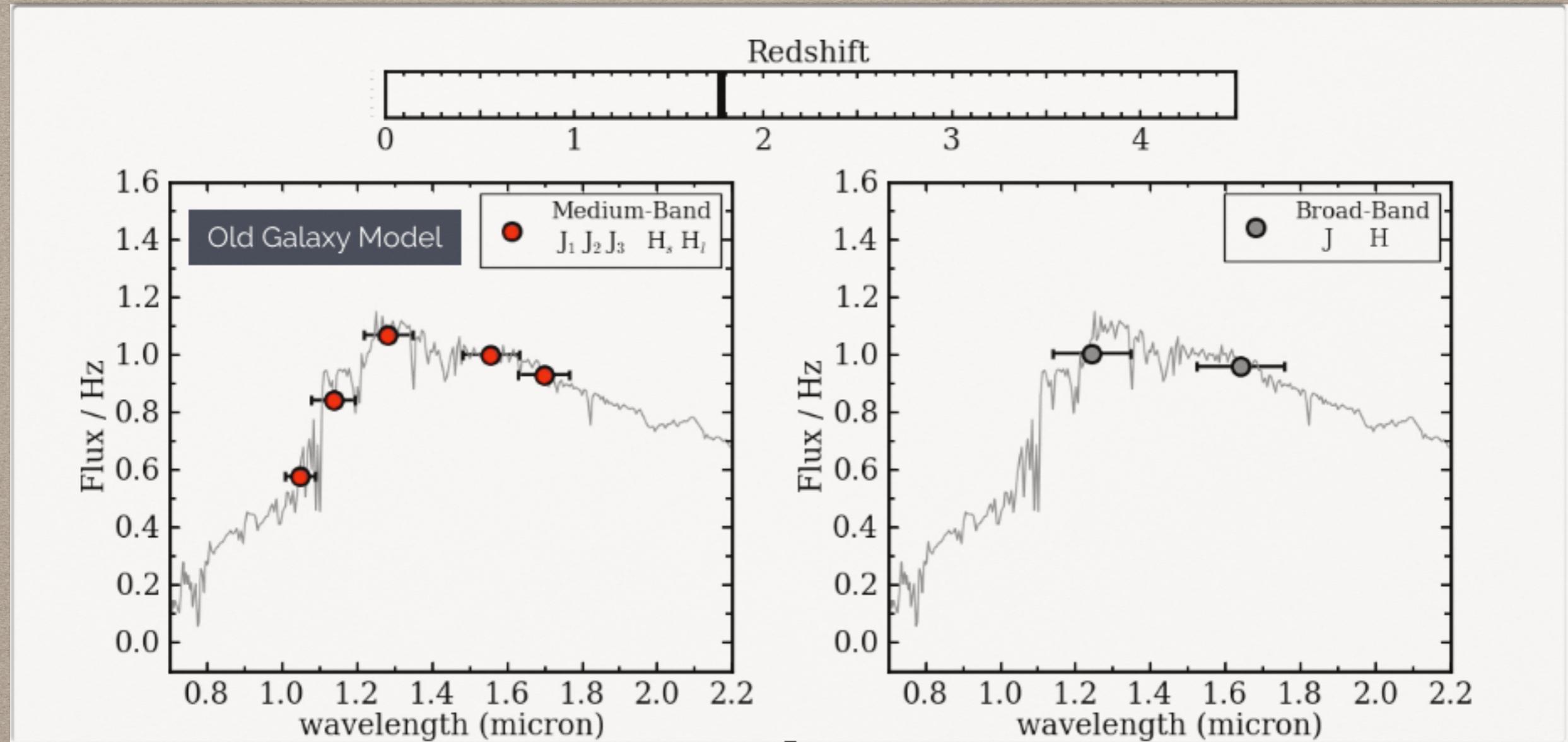


Medium Band Filters



5-sigma: $J_1 J_2 J_3$ to 26 AB, $H_1 H_s$ to 25 AB, K_s to 25 AB

1-2% redshift uncertainties, $\sigma/(z+1)$, at $1.5 < z < 3.5$



ZFOURGE Filters

Traditional Filters



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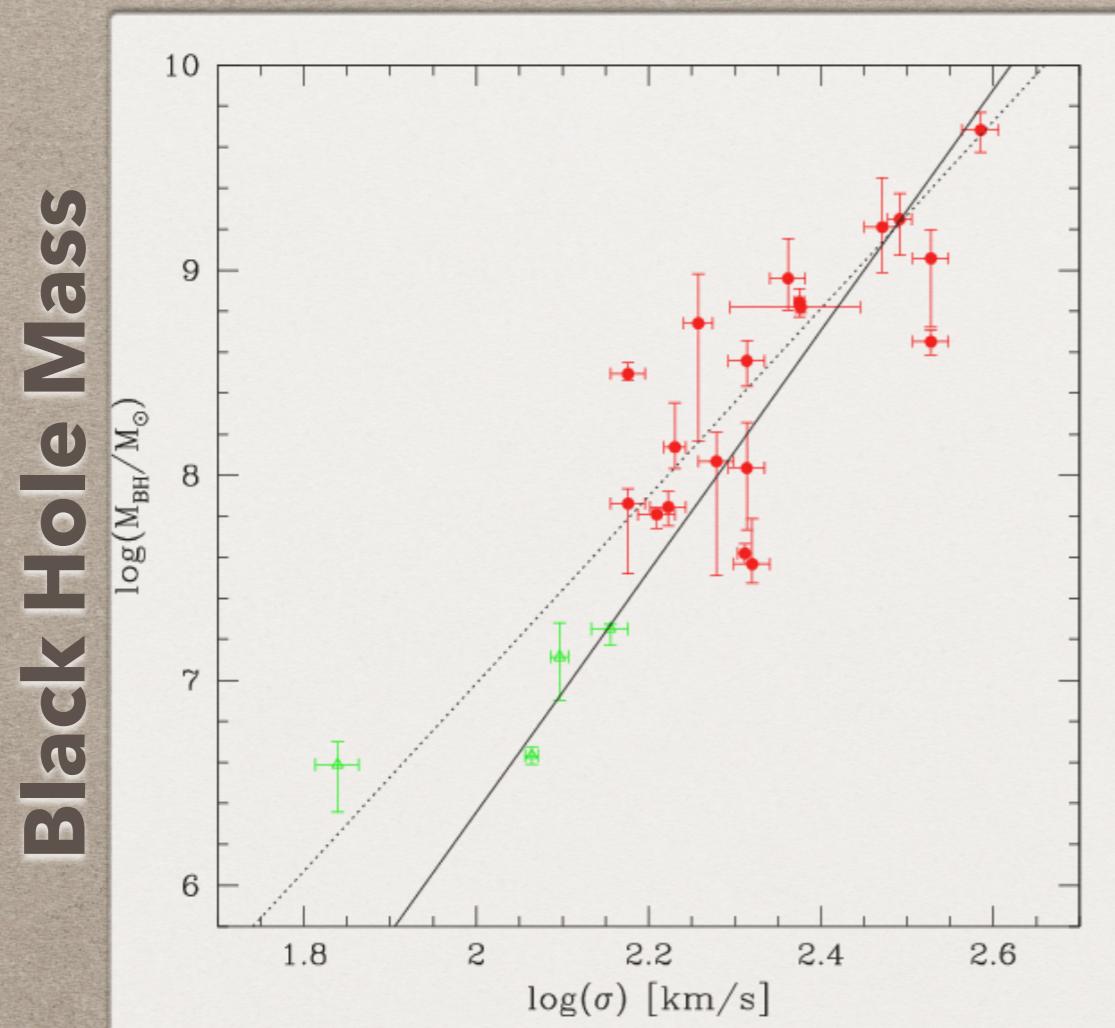
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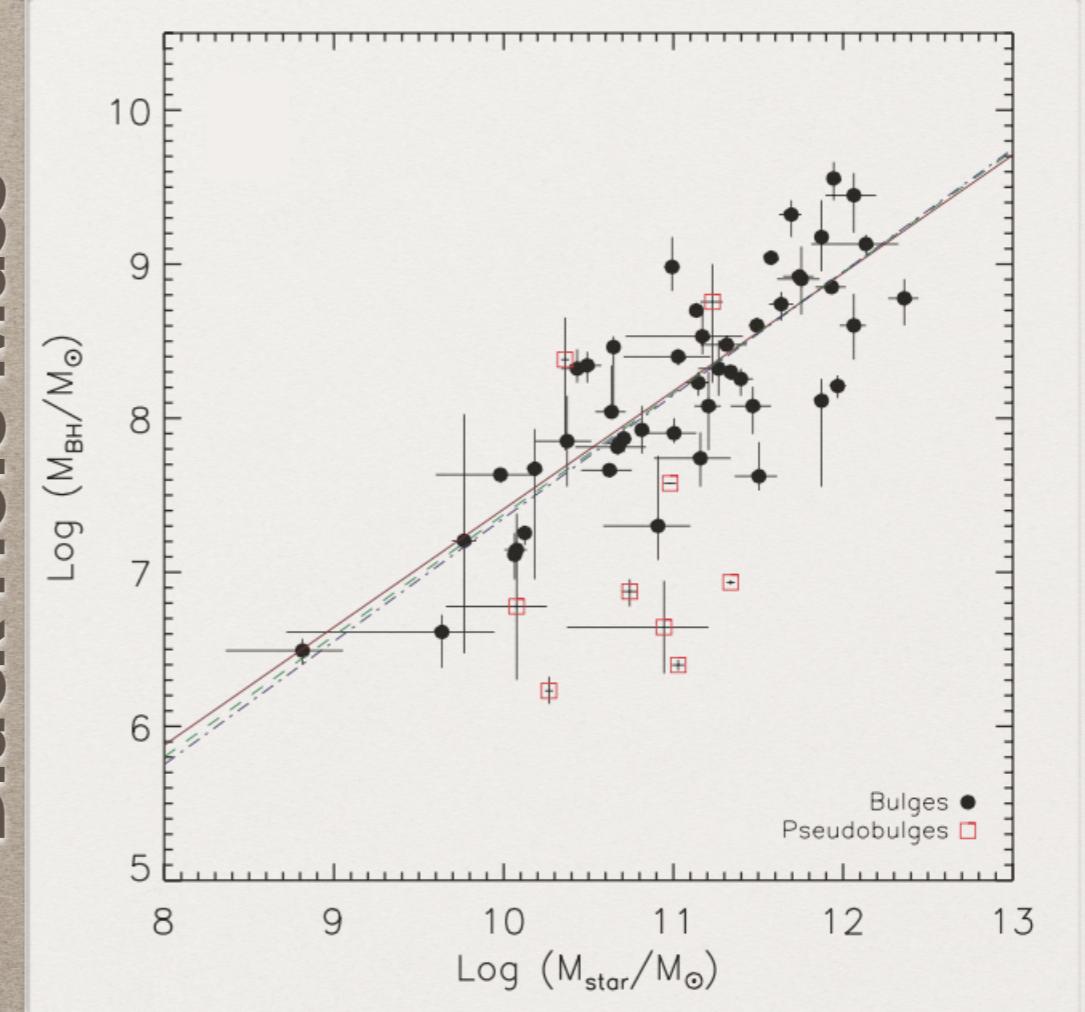
There's a **close connection** between AGN and their hosts

Rhode 2012



Black Hole Mass

Sani+ 2011



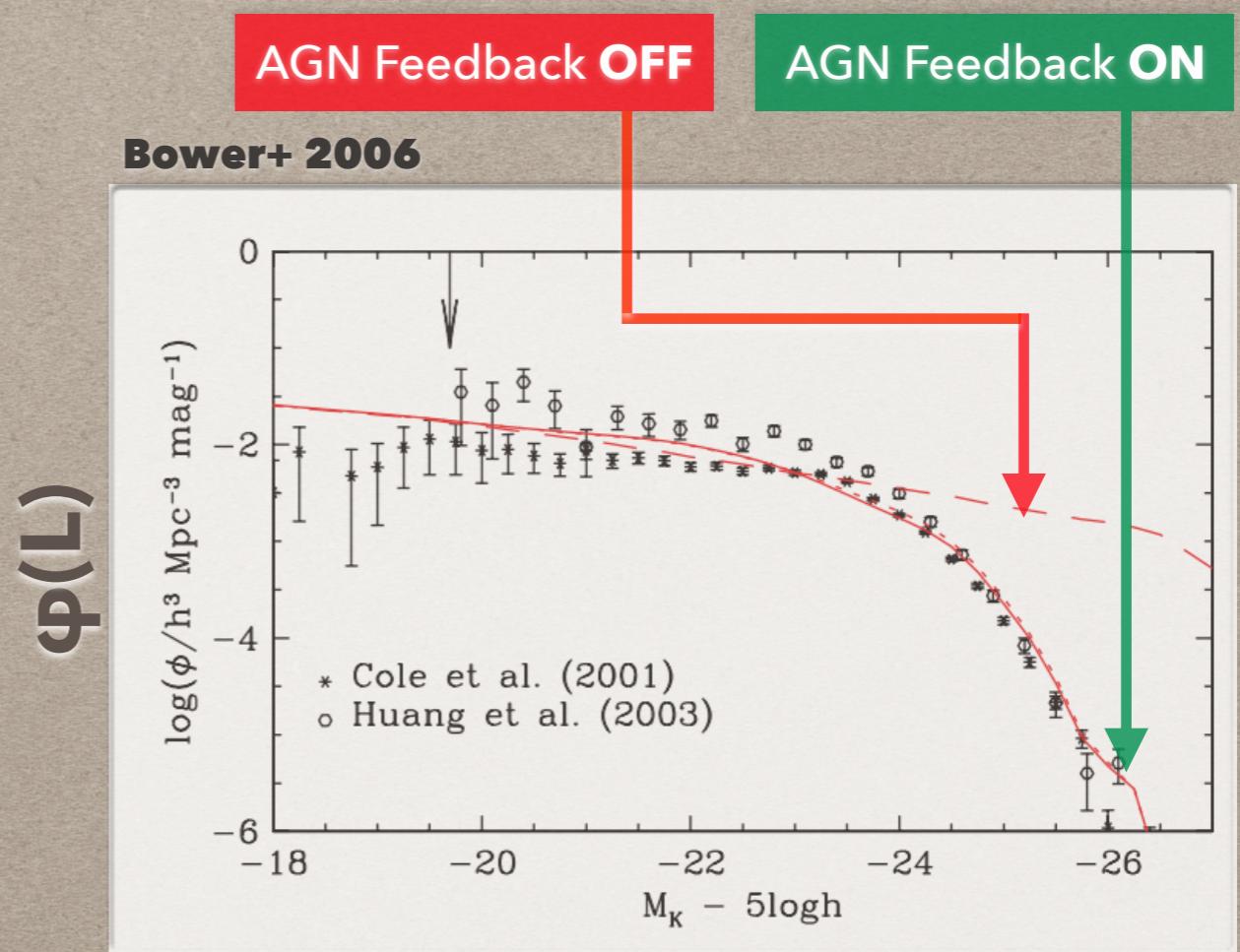
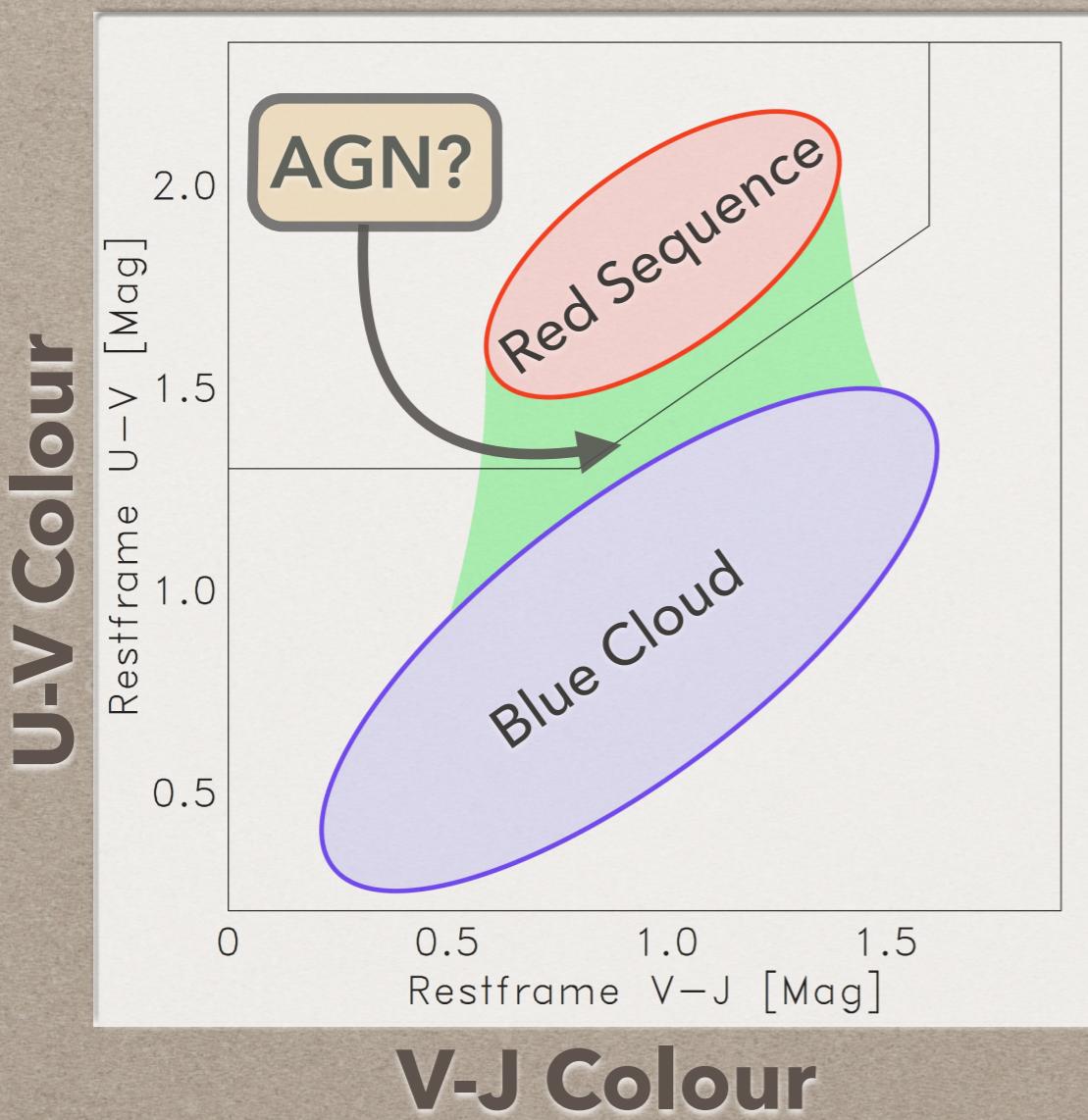
Black Hole Mass

Velocity Dispersion

Host Galaxy Mass

WHY DO WE CARE ABOUT ACTIVE GALACTIC NUCLEI (AGN)?

Negative feedback from AGN helps **suppress ongoing star formation** and **reduce the number of massive galaxies**



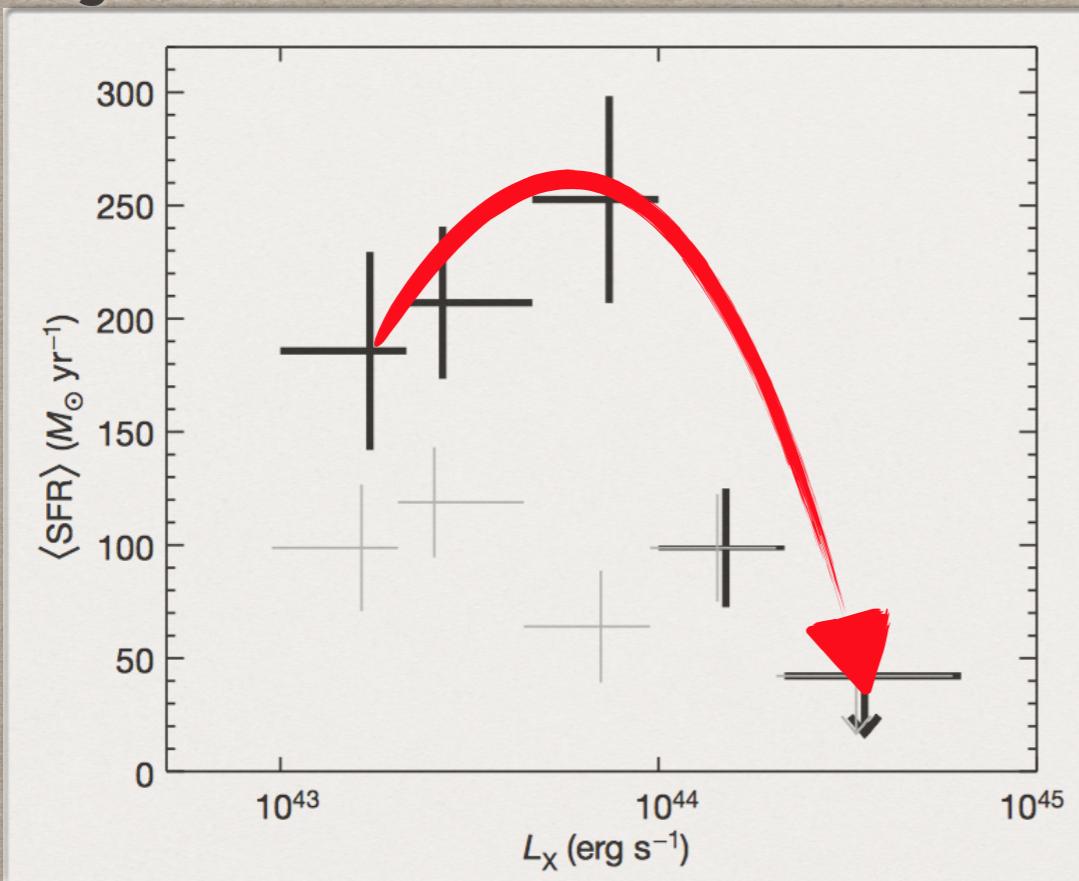
Luminosity

NEGATIVE FEEDBACK

Direct evidence for star formation quenching by AGN negative feedback?

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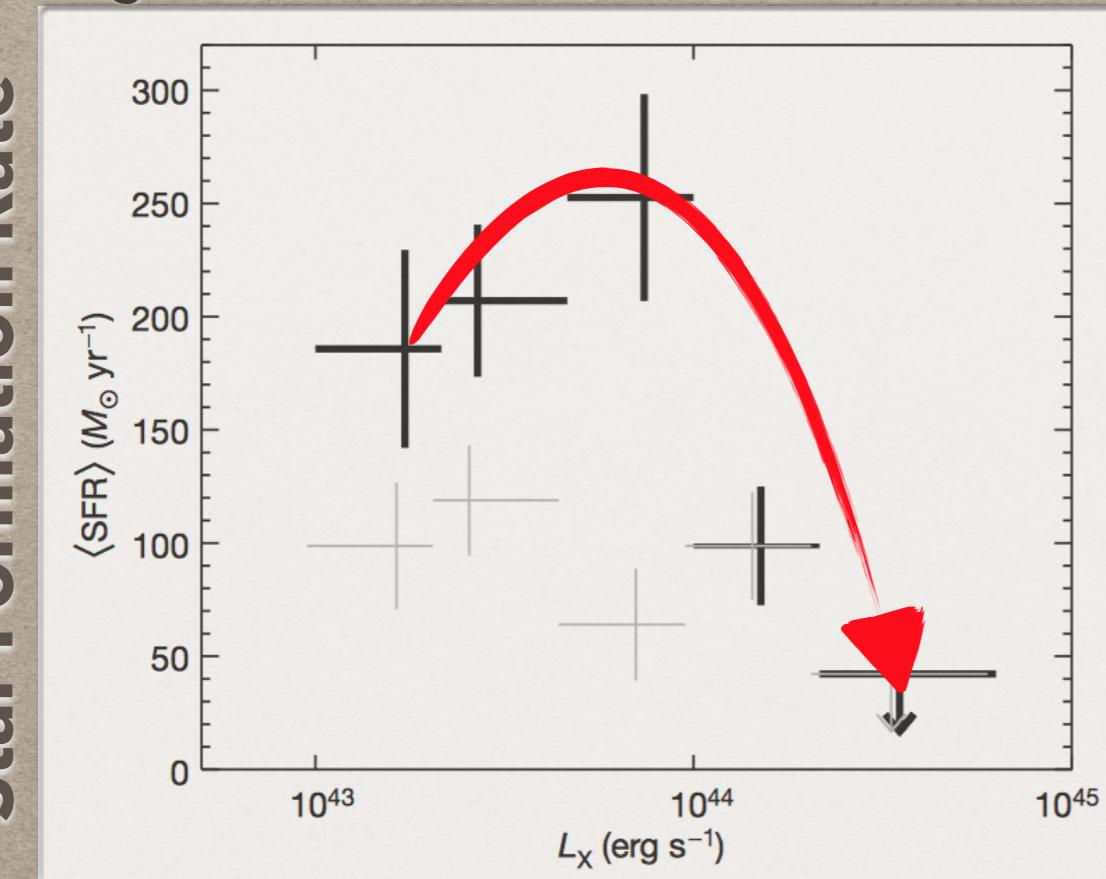
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NEGATIVE FEEDBACK OR POSITIVE FEEDBACK?

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The details of this feedback are not well understood!

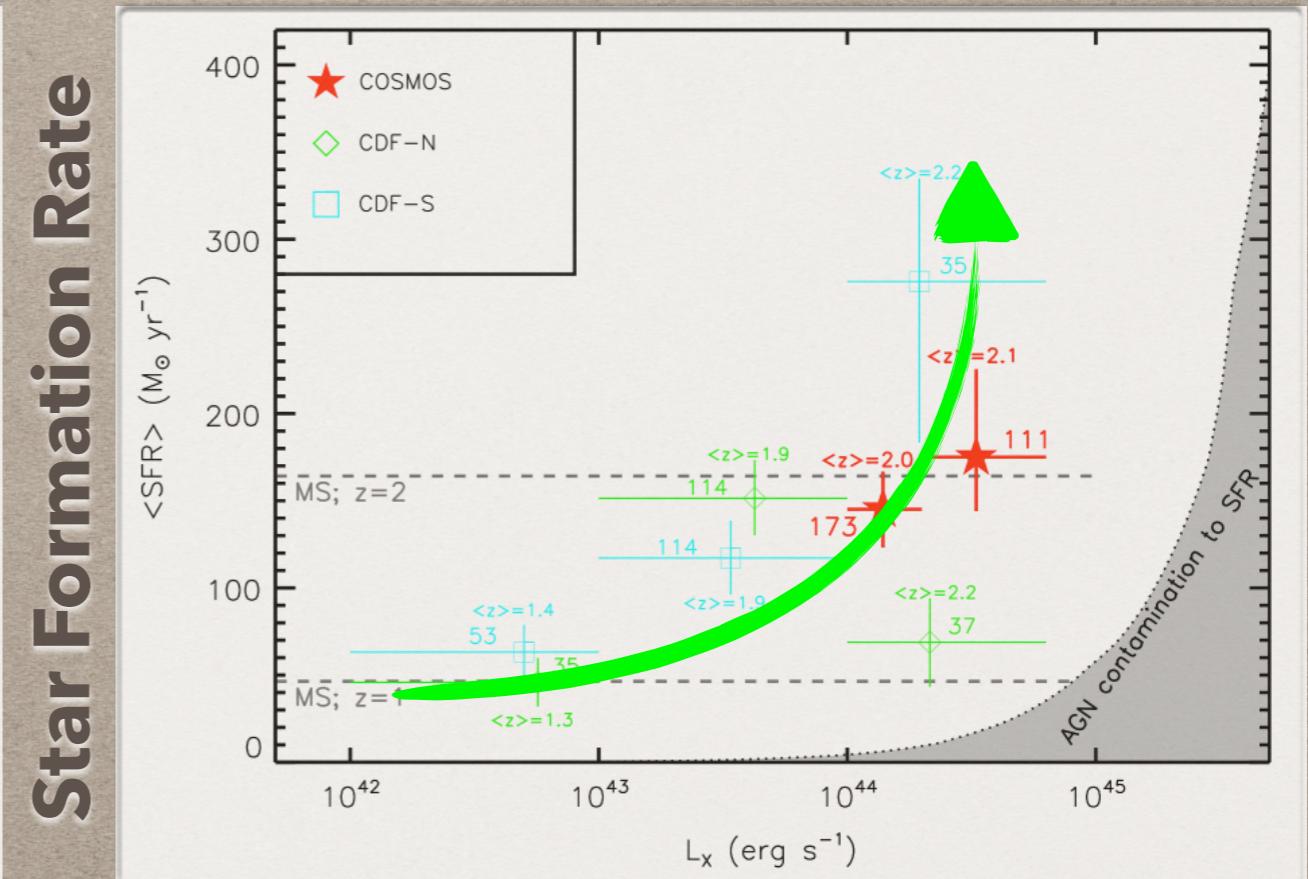
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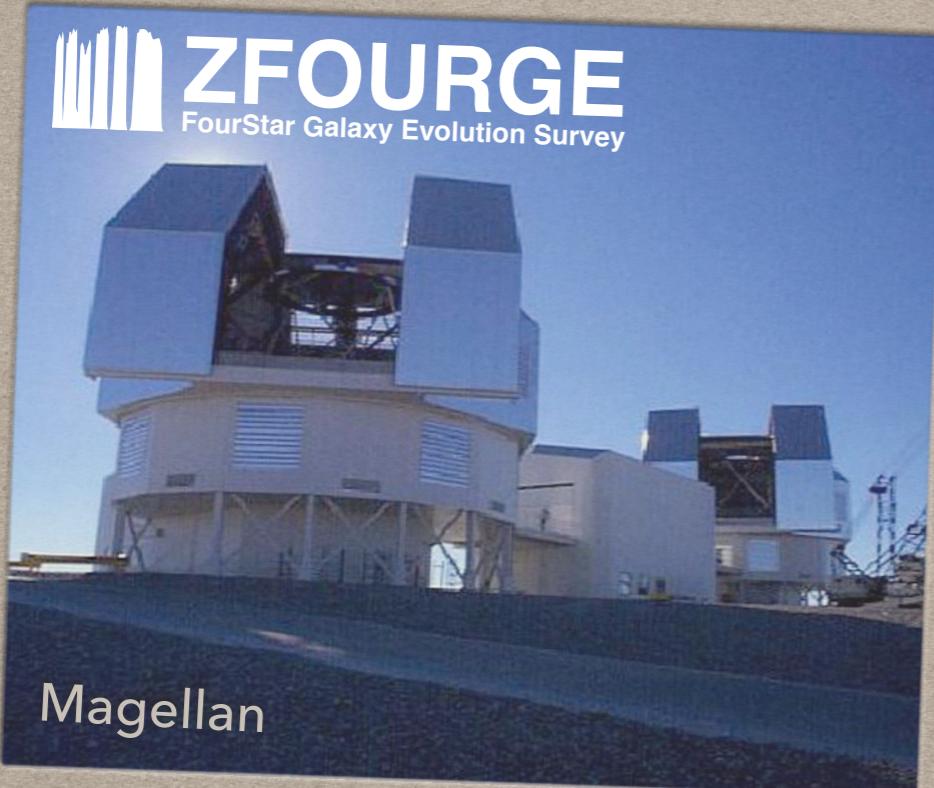
Harrison+ 2012a



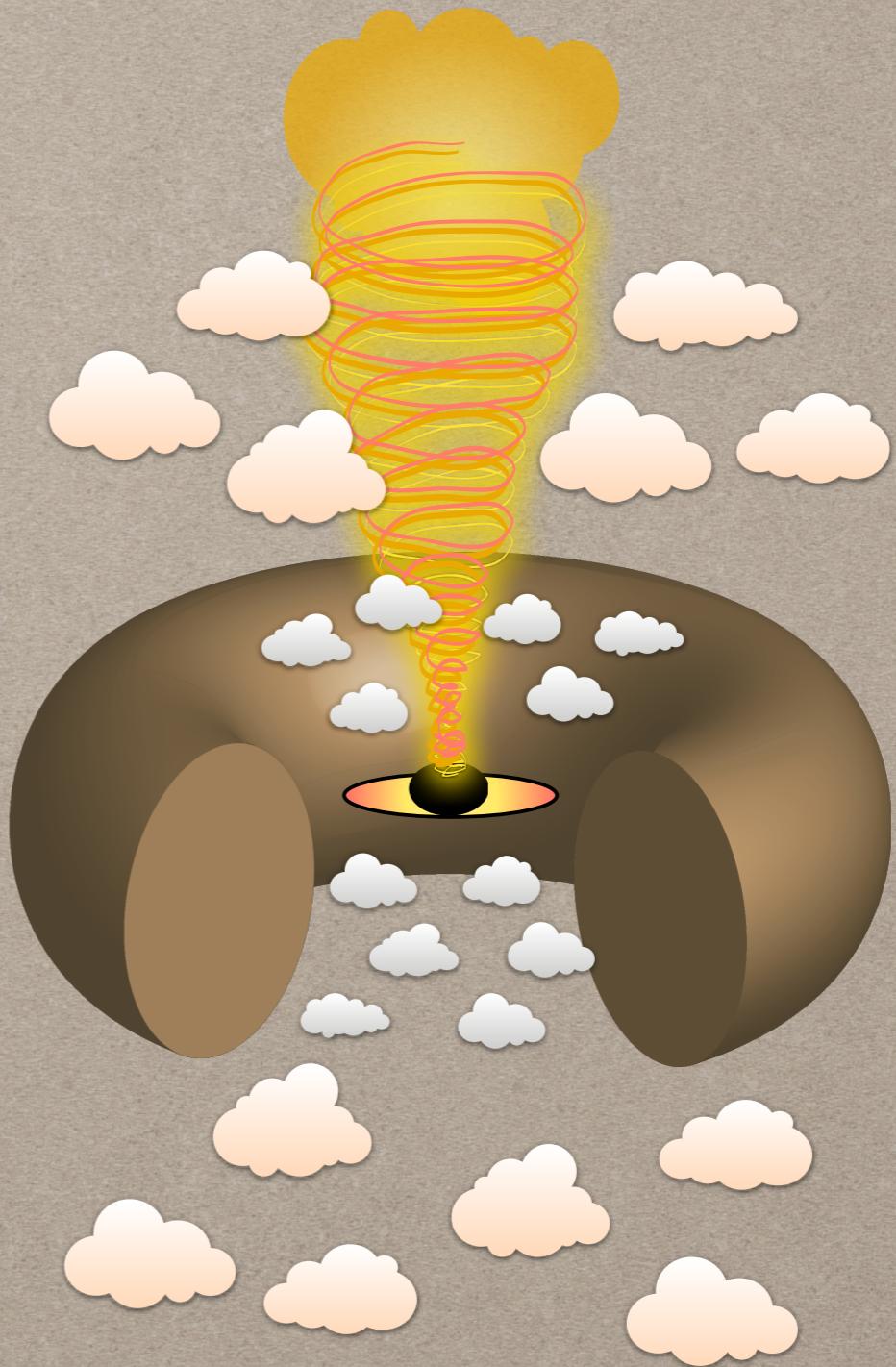
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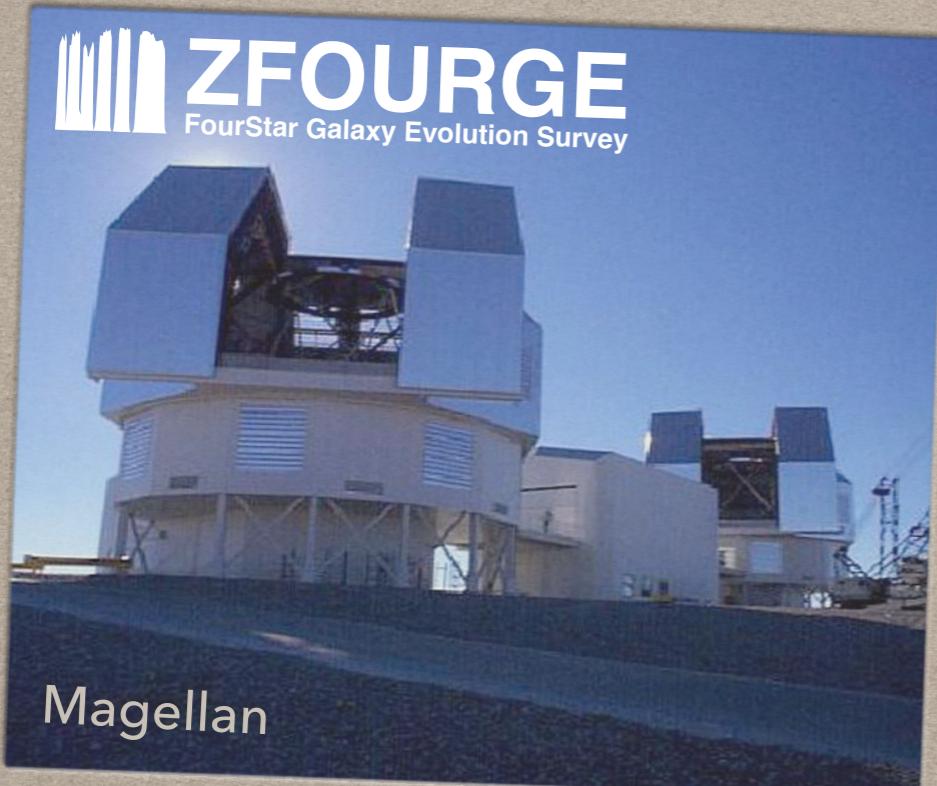
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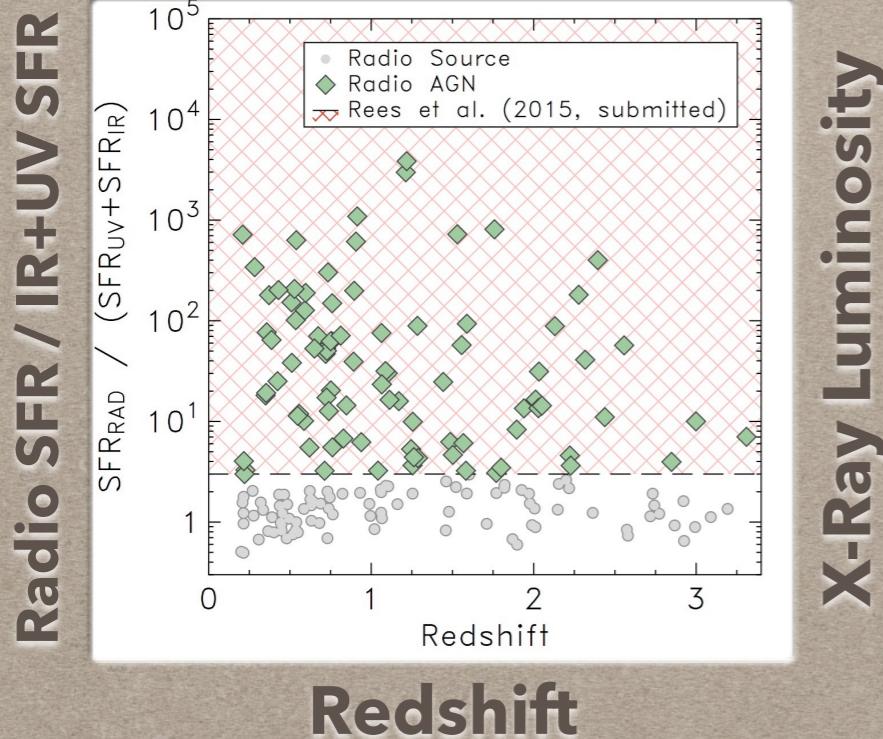
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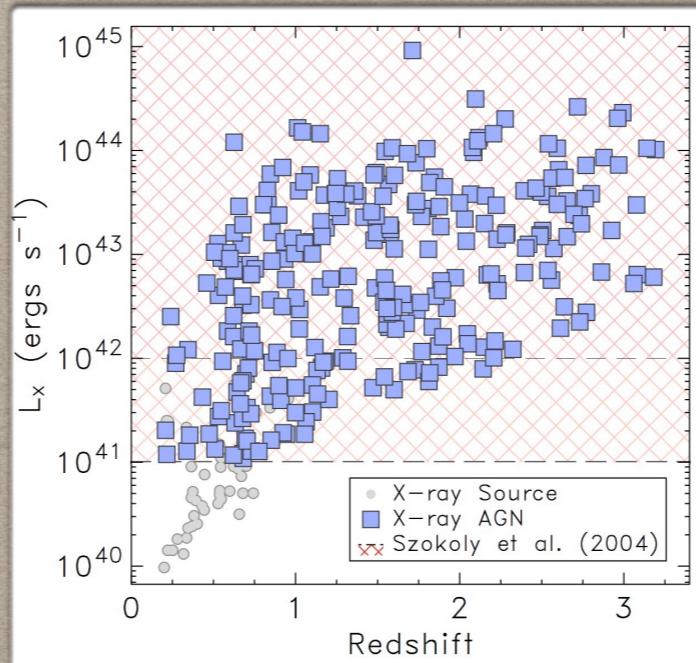
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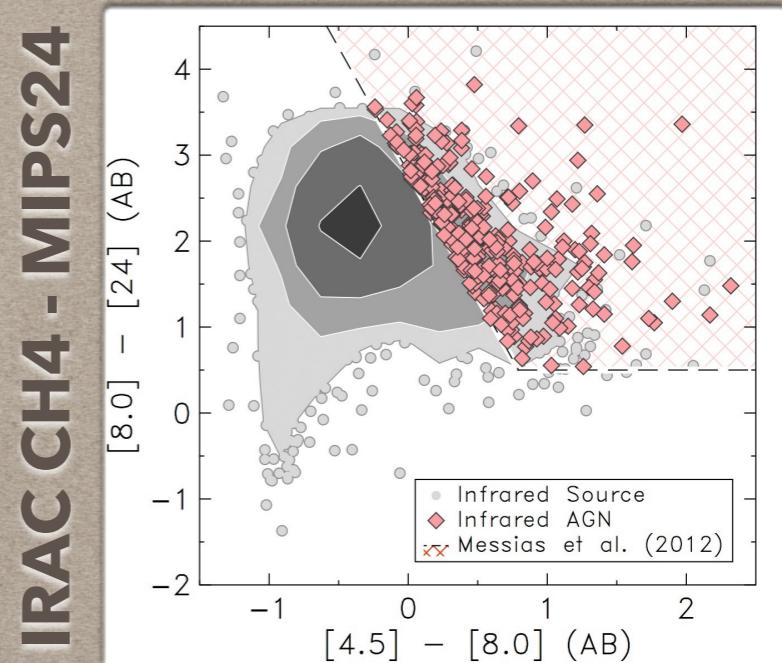
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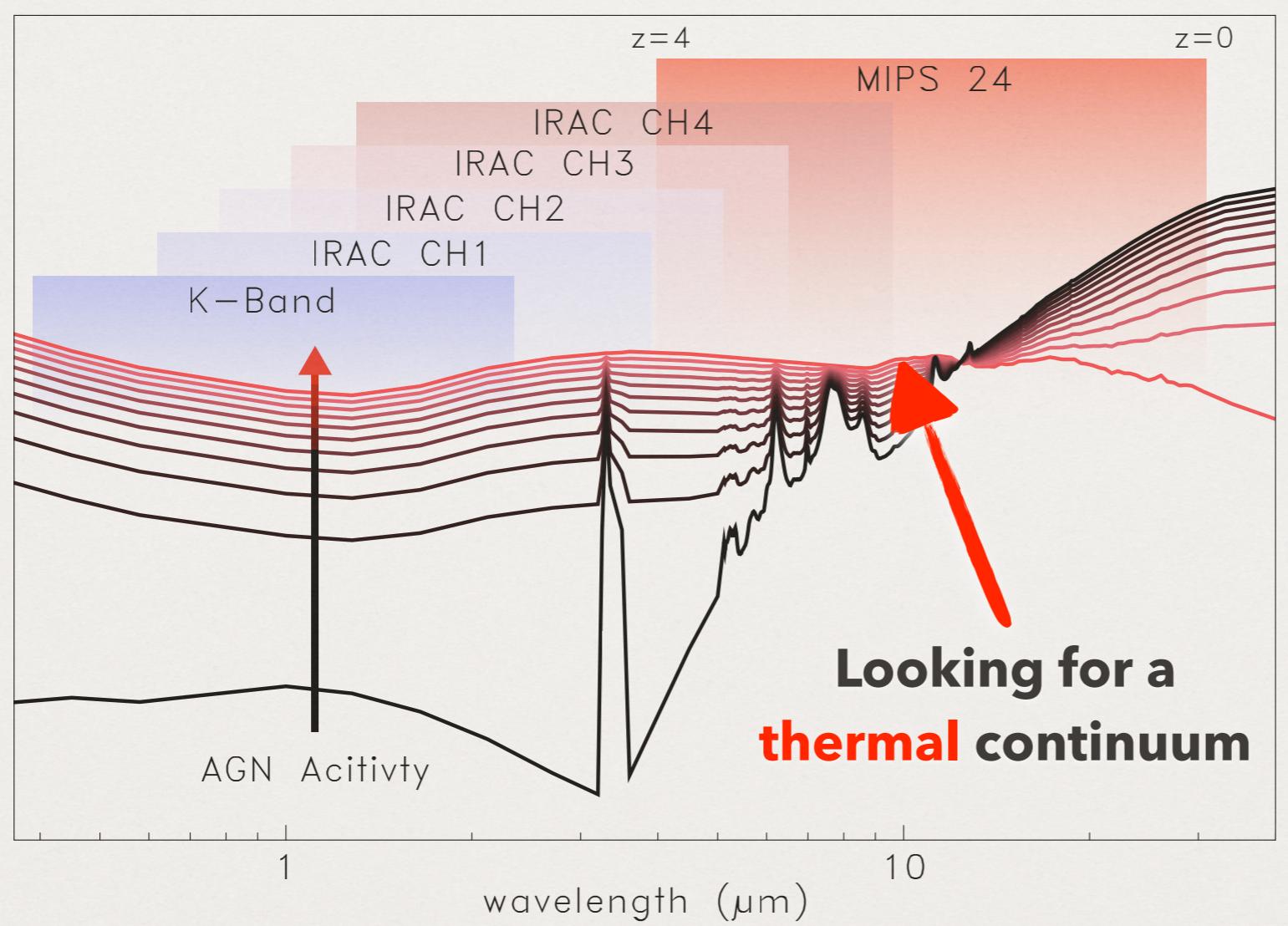
A source with excess X-ray emission is identified as a X-ray AGN



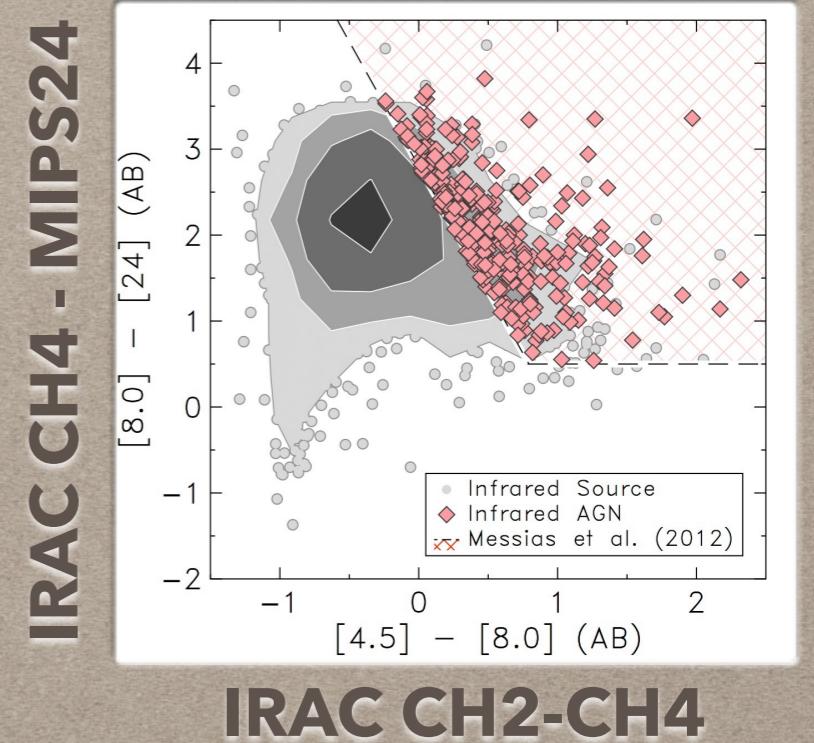
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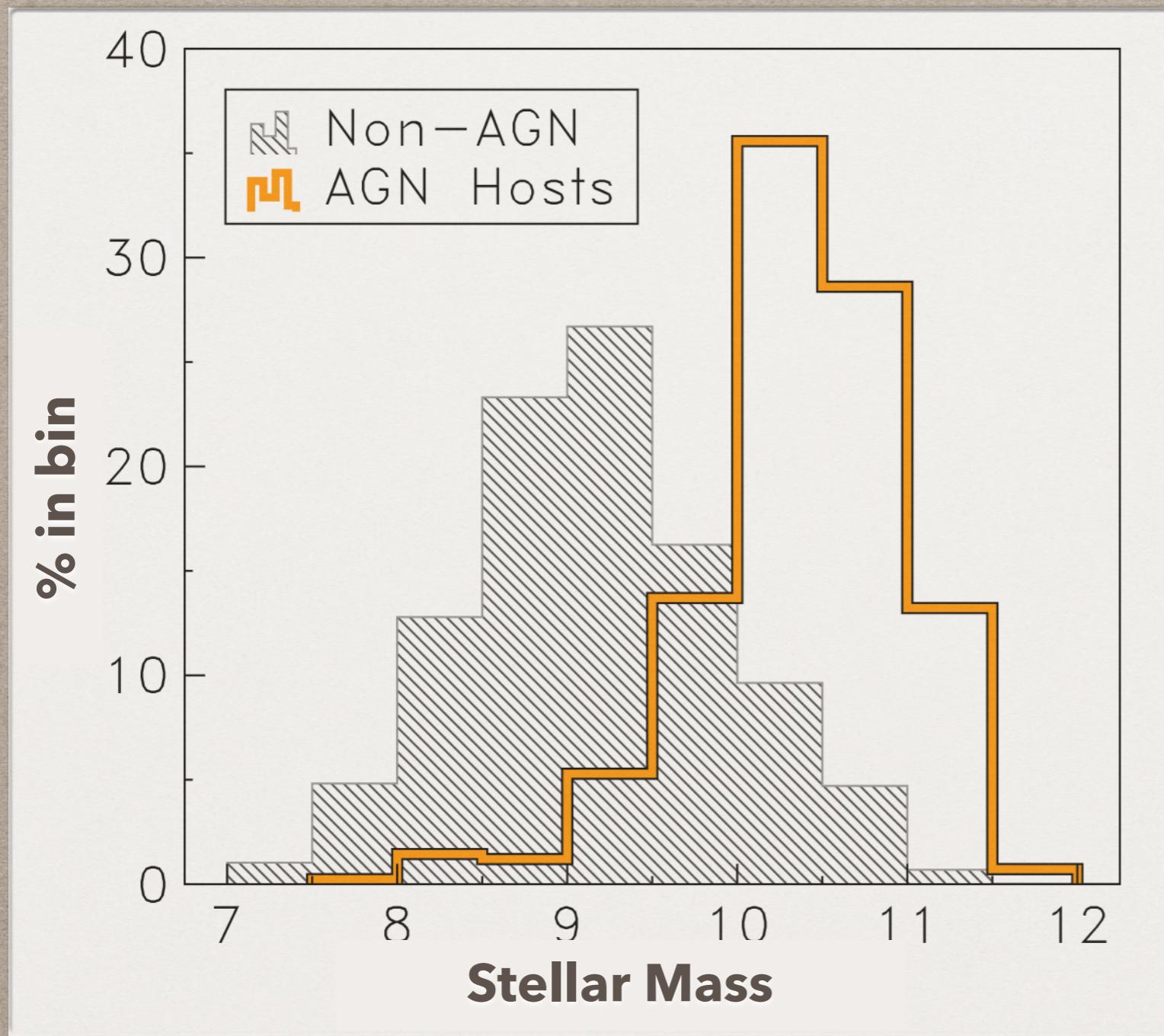
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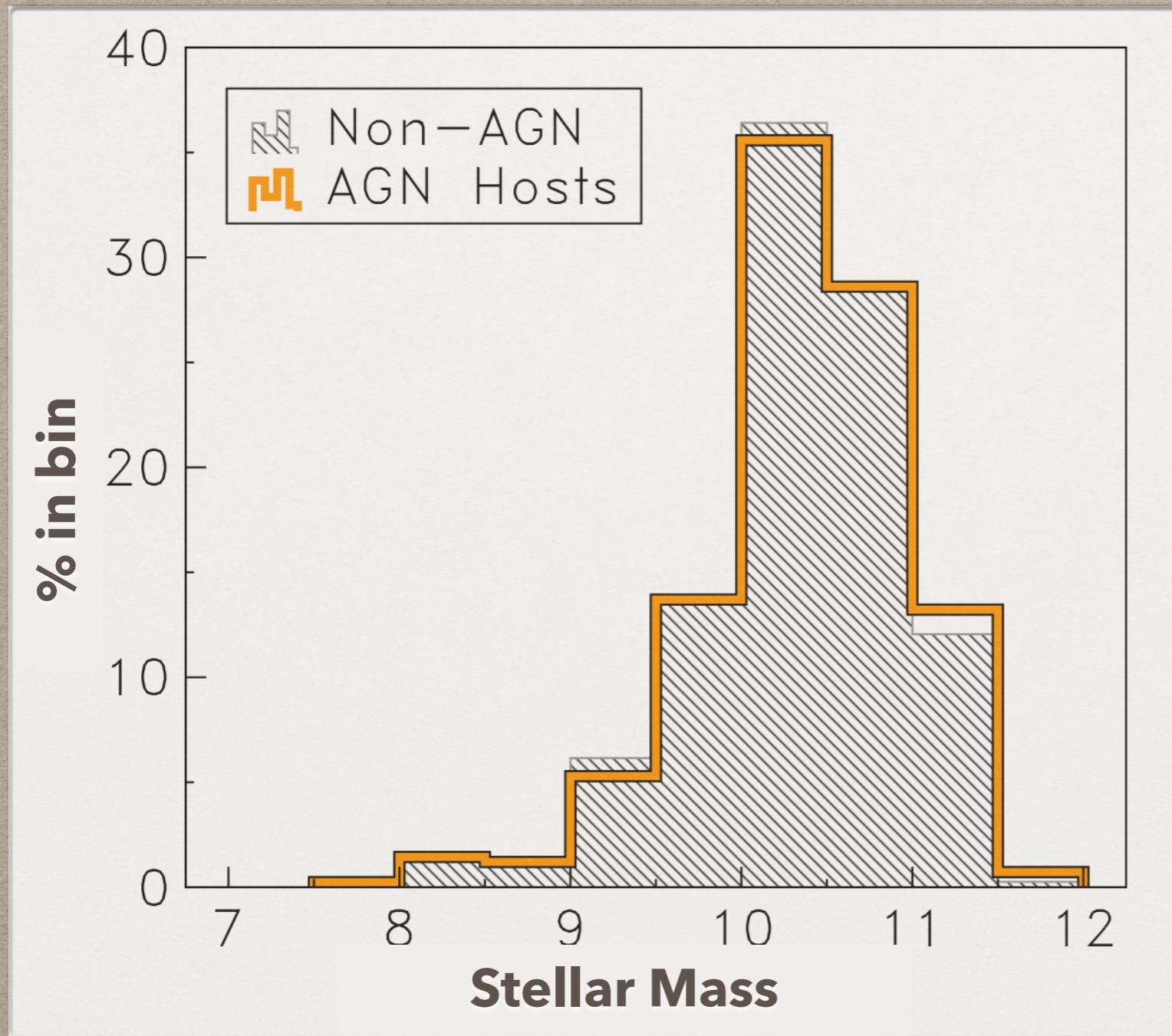
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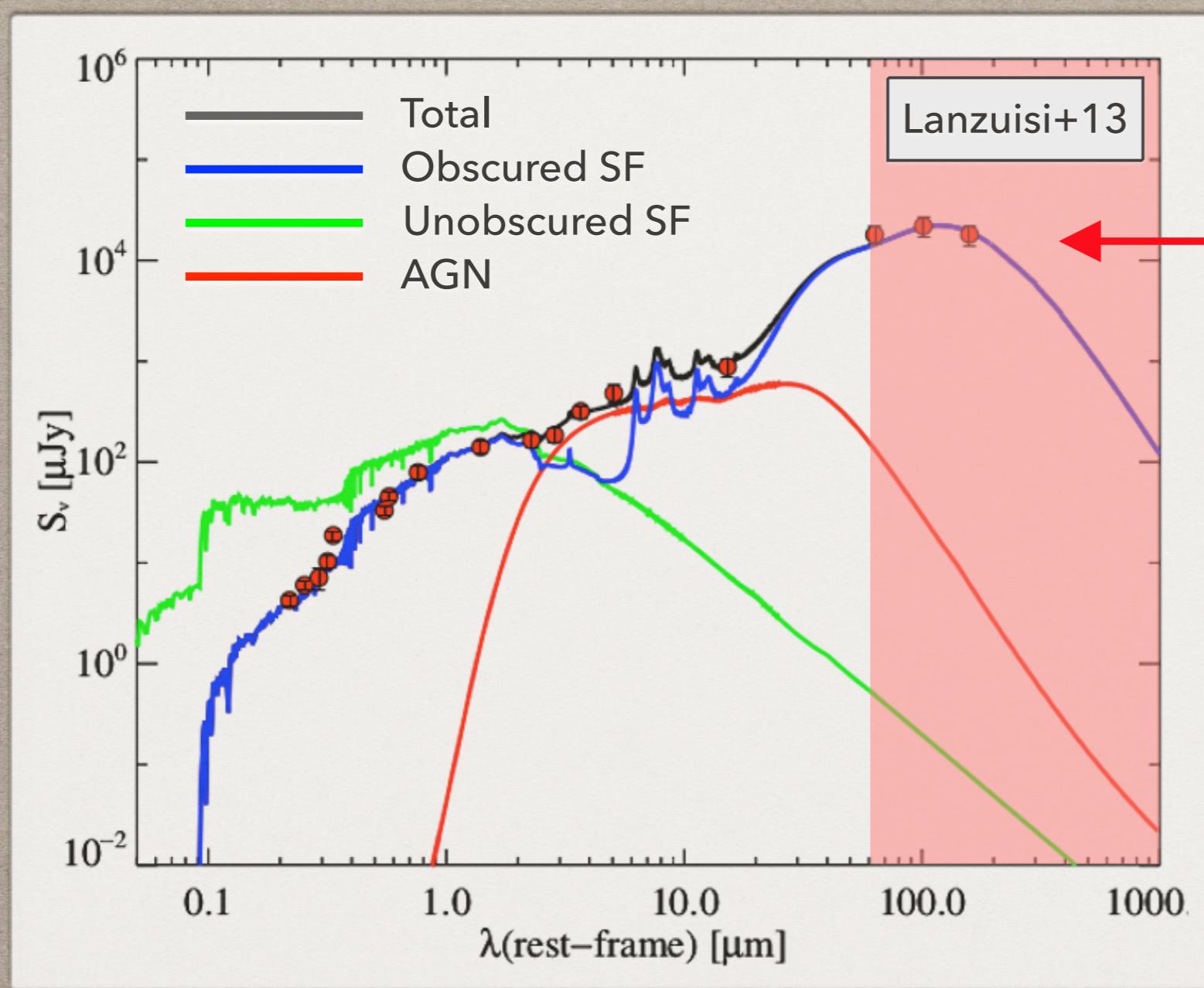


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MEASURING SF ACTIVITY IN AGN HOSTS

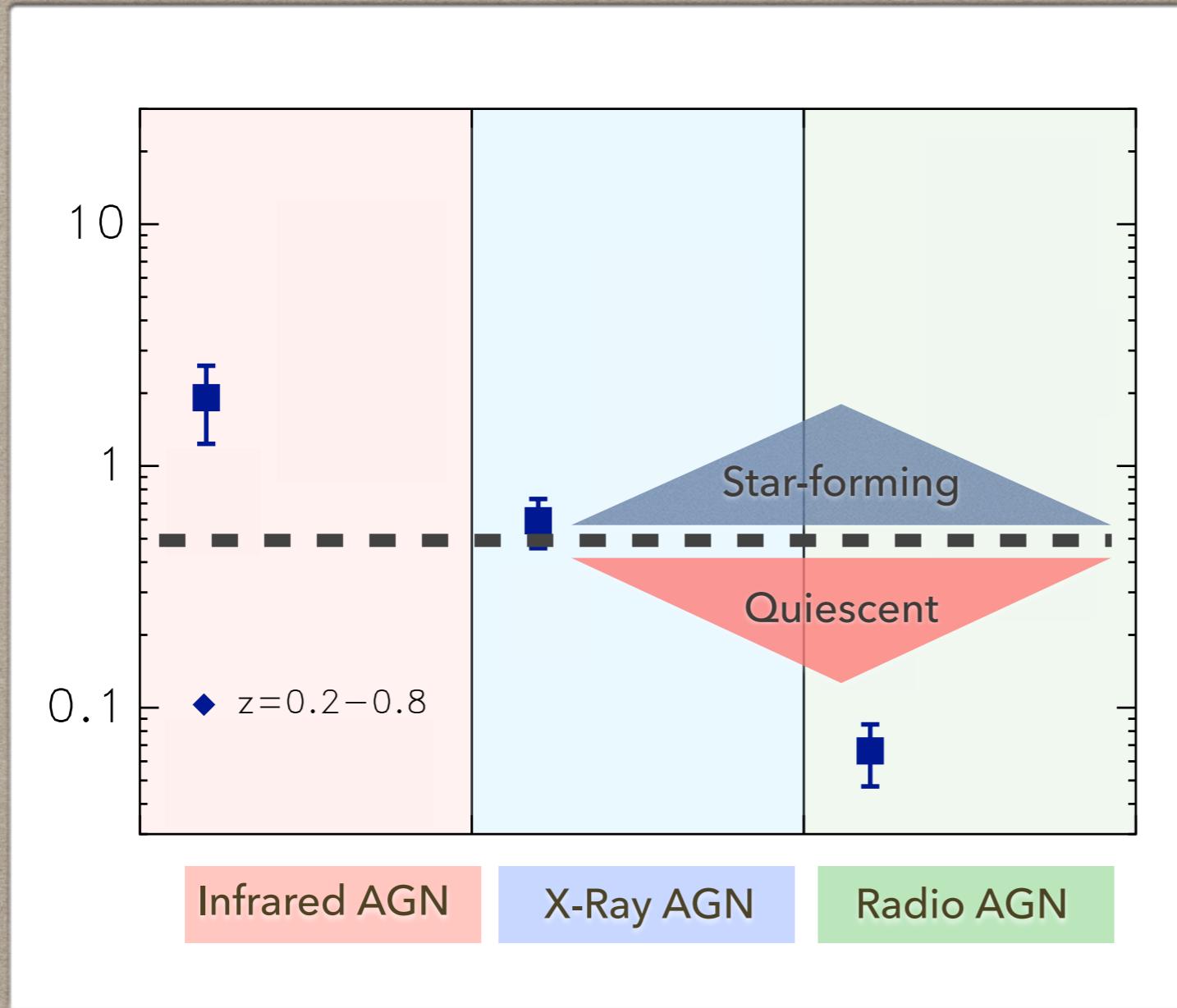
Reducing the impact of AGN contamination when measuring the SFR



24 μm SFRs up to
~23% contamination
24 μm + Herschel
SFRs up to ~5%
(Pozzi+12)

STAR FORMATION ACTIVITY OF LOW-Z AGN HOSTS

SF Activity (sSFR) 



Infrared AGN

Star forming hosts

X-Ray AGN

Straddles between star-forming and quiescent

Radio AGN

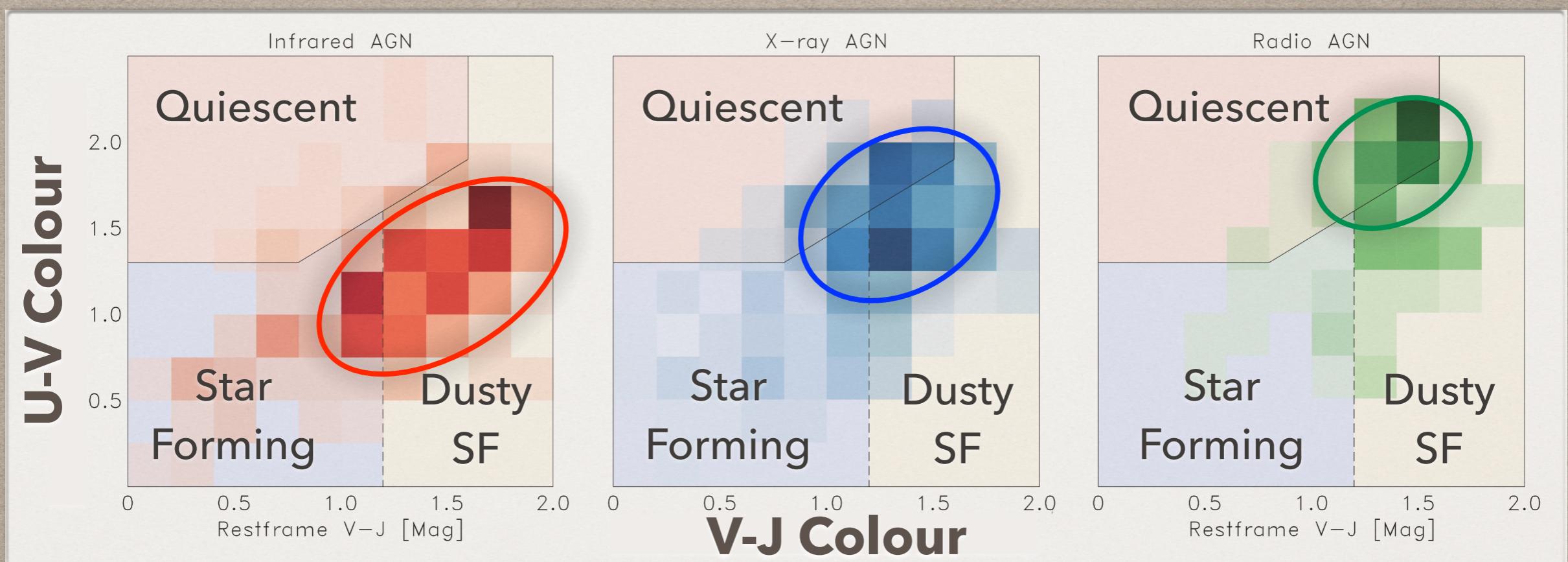
Quiescent hosts

U-V vs V-J COLOURS OF AGN HOSTS

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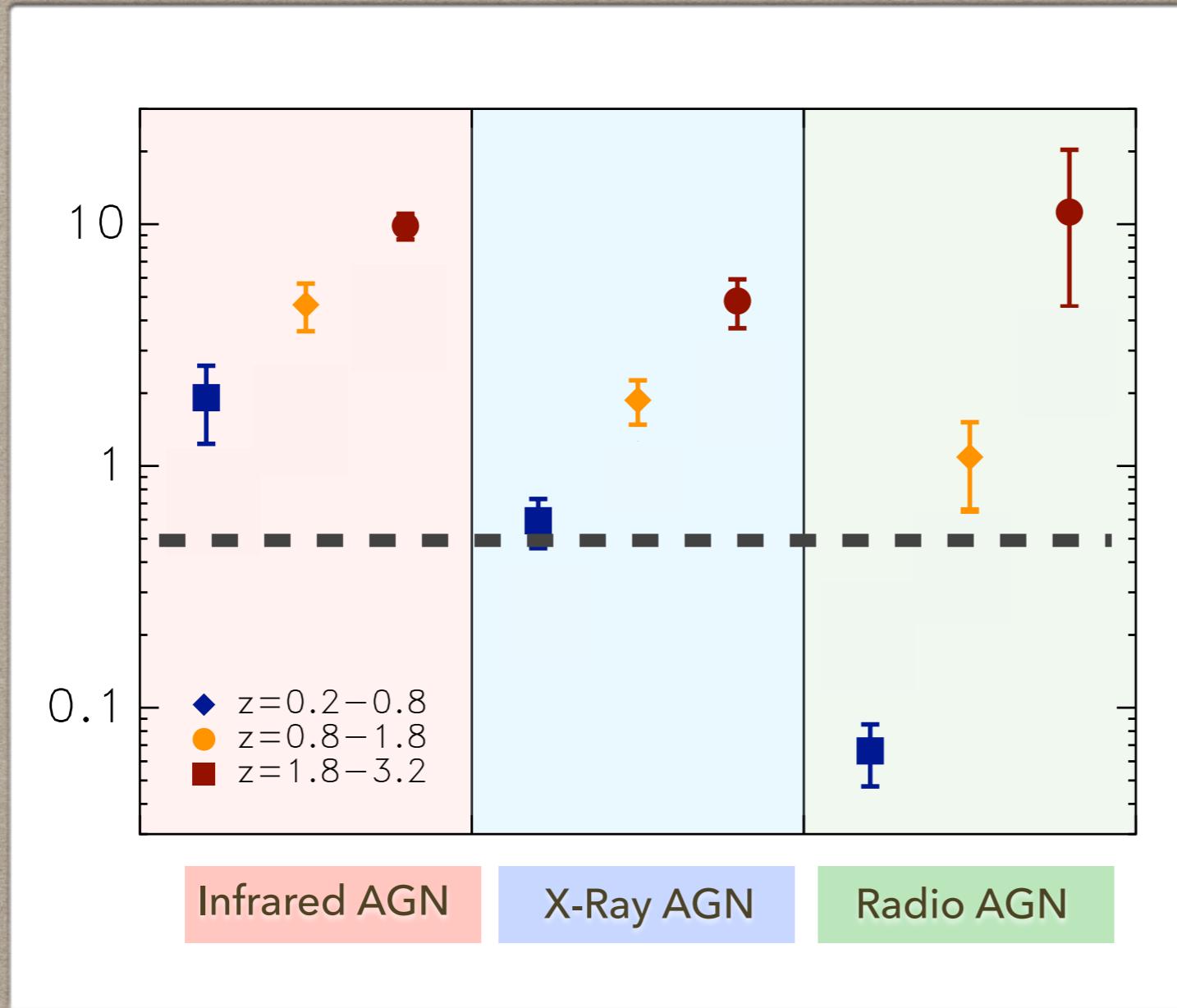
Star forming hosts

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STAR FORMATION ACTIVITY OF HIGH-Z AGN HOSTS

SF Activity (sSFR) 



Infrared AGN

Star forming hosts

X-Ray AGN

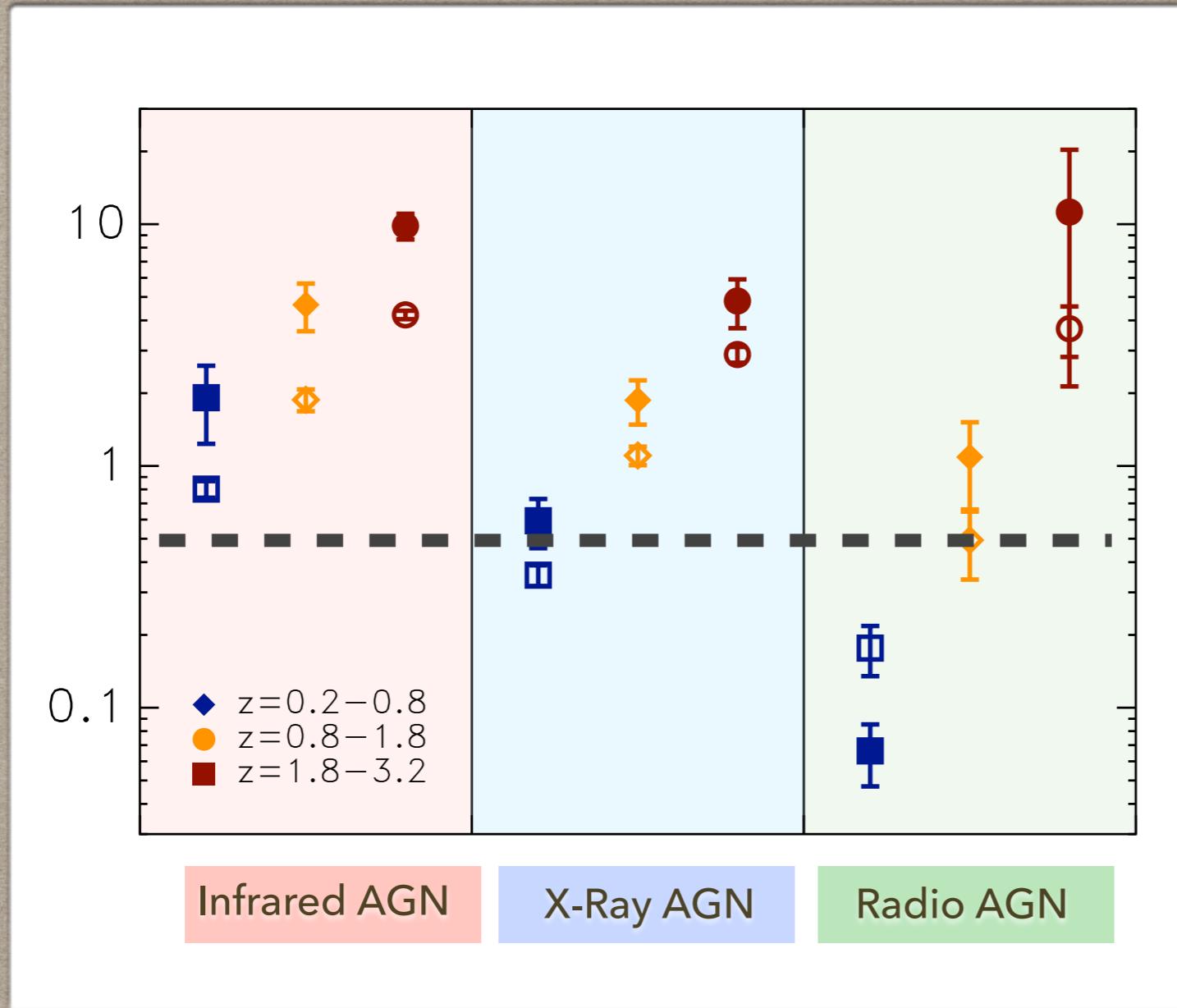
Star forming hosts

Radio AGN

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STAR FORMATION FORMATION ACTIVITY OF AGN HOSTS AND NON-AGN

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SF Activity (sSFR)



Infrared AGN

Star forming hosts

X-Ray AGN

Star forming hosts

Radio AGN

Star forming hosts

Non-AGN

Lower SF activity than
AGN

SUMMARY

- At low- z , radio, X-ray and IR-selected AGN exhibit colours consistent with distinct galaxy populations.
- The mean star-formation activity of AGN hosts tends to be slightly elevated over non-AGN galaxies
- Given this elevation is present in all AGN types and over most of cosmic time, calls into question the significance of AGN quenching

