

# Finding Elusive AGN in the (mid)-Infrared

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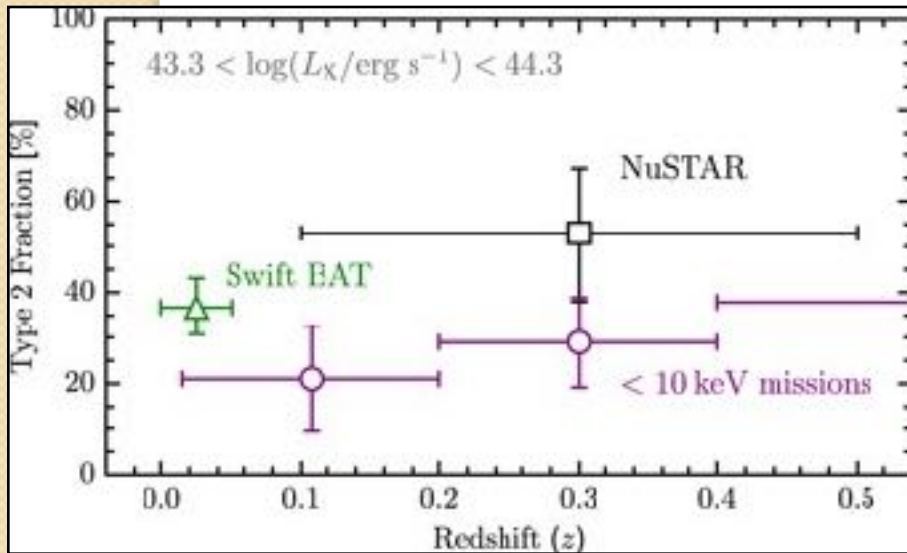
# Recent evidence for missing AGN in X-ray (<10keV) surveys

A non-negligible fraction of luminous, heavily obscured (high covering factors) type-2 AGN X-ray detection (at energies < 10keV) are missing:

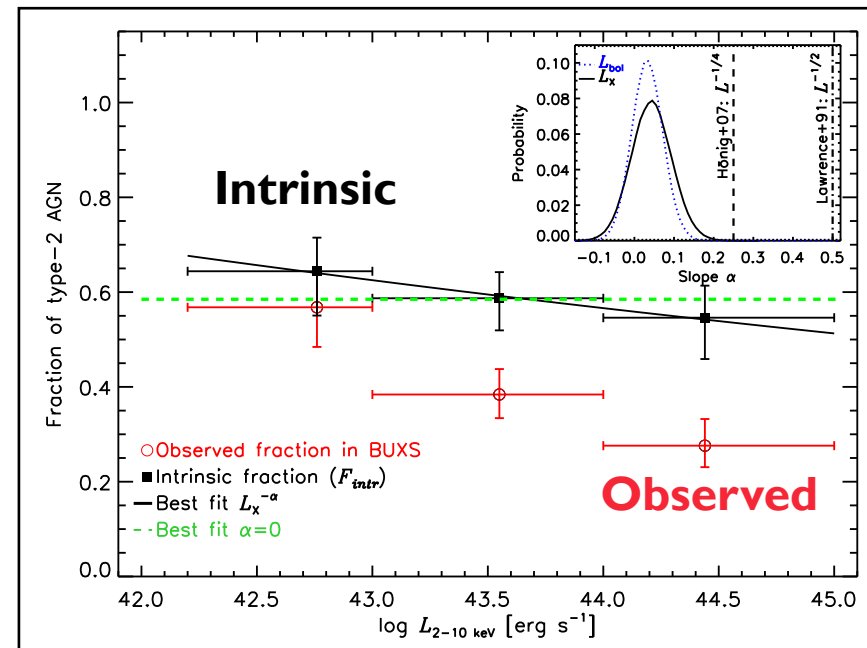
- NuSTAR Serendipitous Survey

Claudio Ricci's talk

- Comparison of optical fraction of type 1/type 2 of X-ray selected AGN with the modelled distribution of torus geometrical covering factors

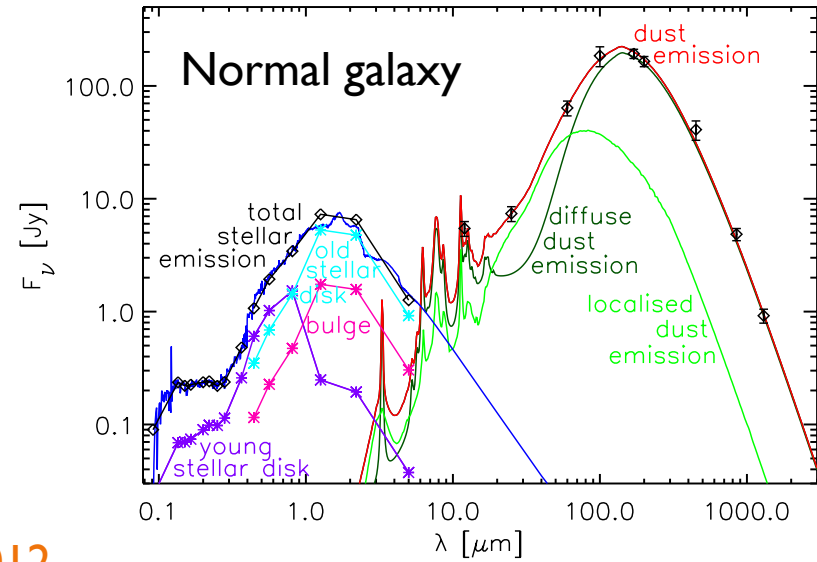
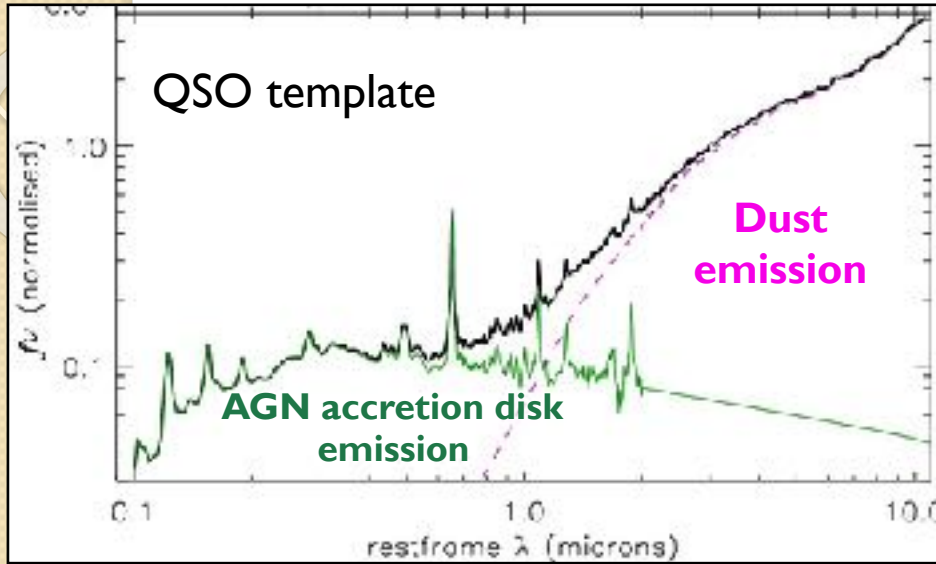


Landsbury+2017



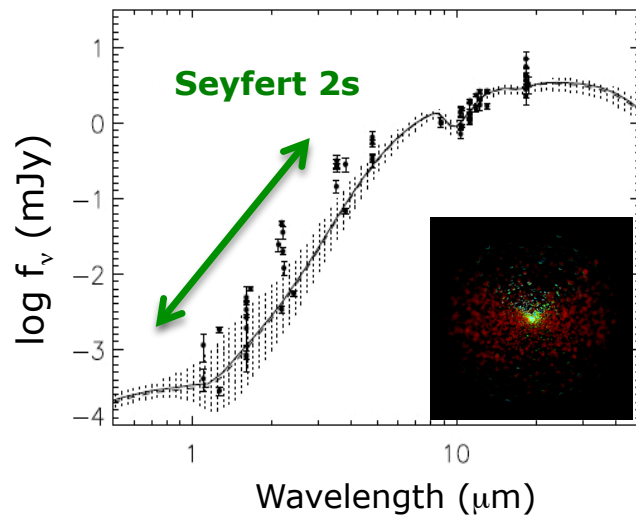
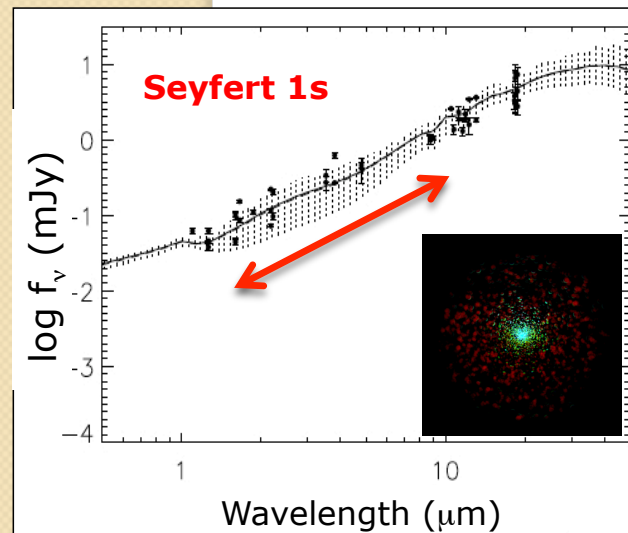
Mateos+2017

# Thermal IR continuum emission of radio quiet AGN



Hernán-Caballero+2016, Elvis+1994, 2012,  
Glikman+2006, Richards+2001, 2006, Hill+2014, Kim+2015

Popescu+2011

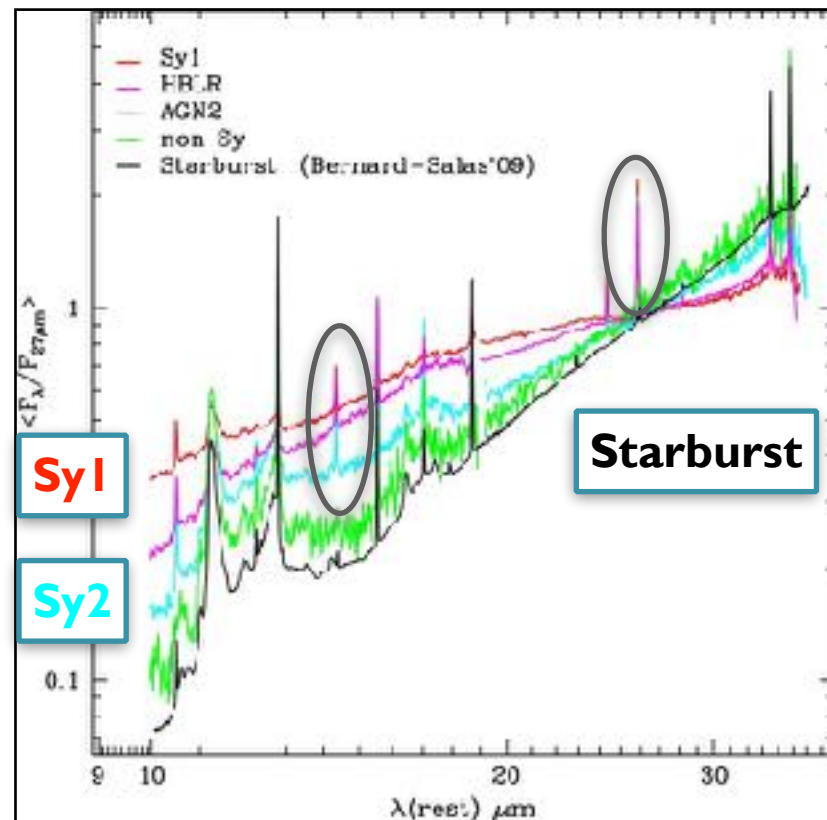
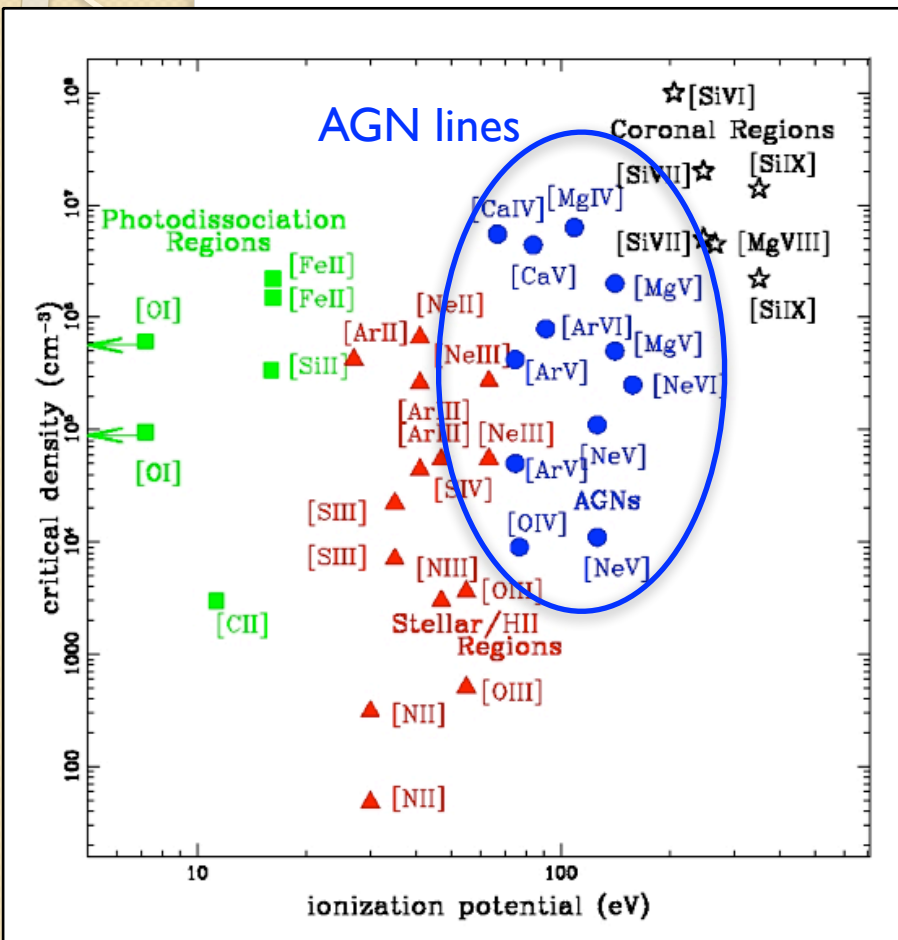


Ramos Almeida+2011,  
see also Alonso-Herrero+2001, 2003,  
2011, 2014,  
Ichikawa+2016

# Infrared lines in AGN

Tommasin+2010

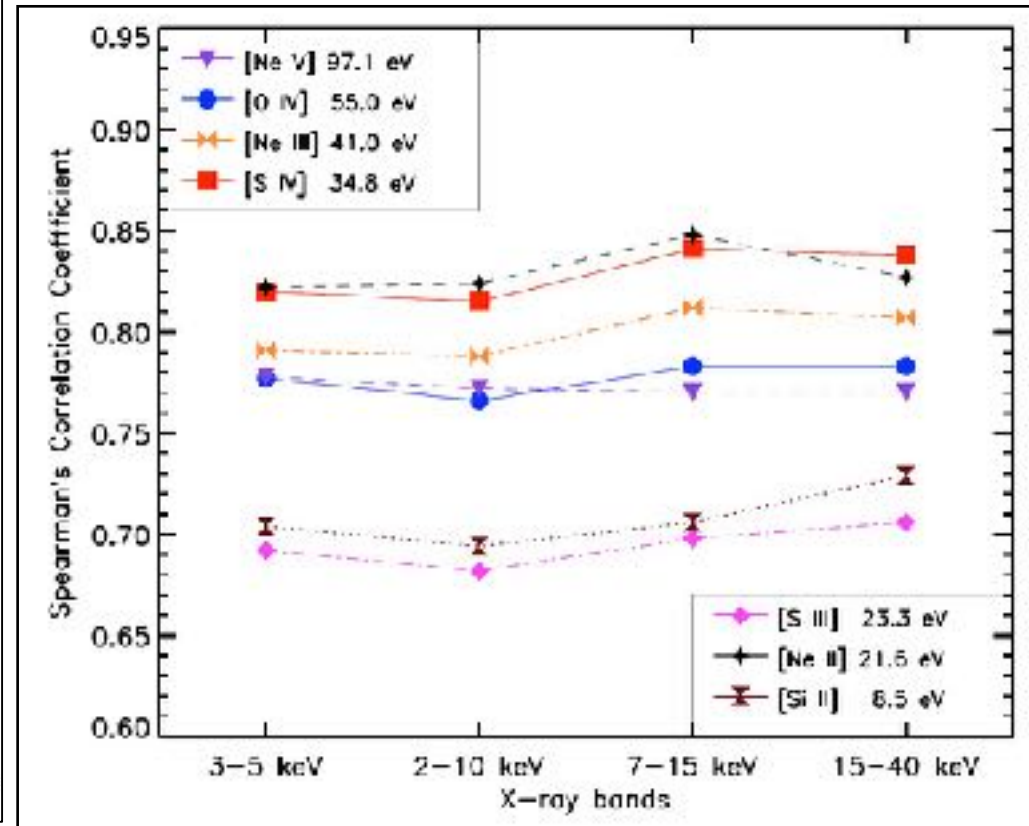
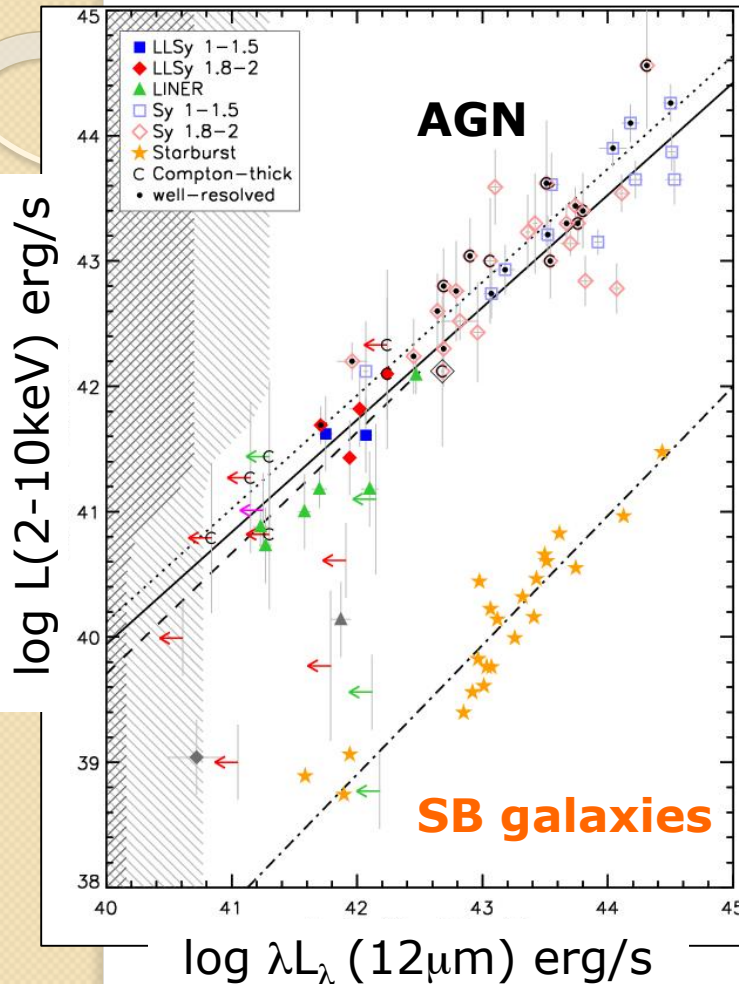
Spinoglio & Malkan 1992



Brightest AGN lines in the mid-IR spectral range:

- [NeV] at 14.3 $\mu$ m and 24 $\mu$ m (91.7eV)
- [OIV] at 25.9 $\mu$ m (54.9eV)

# The X-ray vs. mid-IR correlations

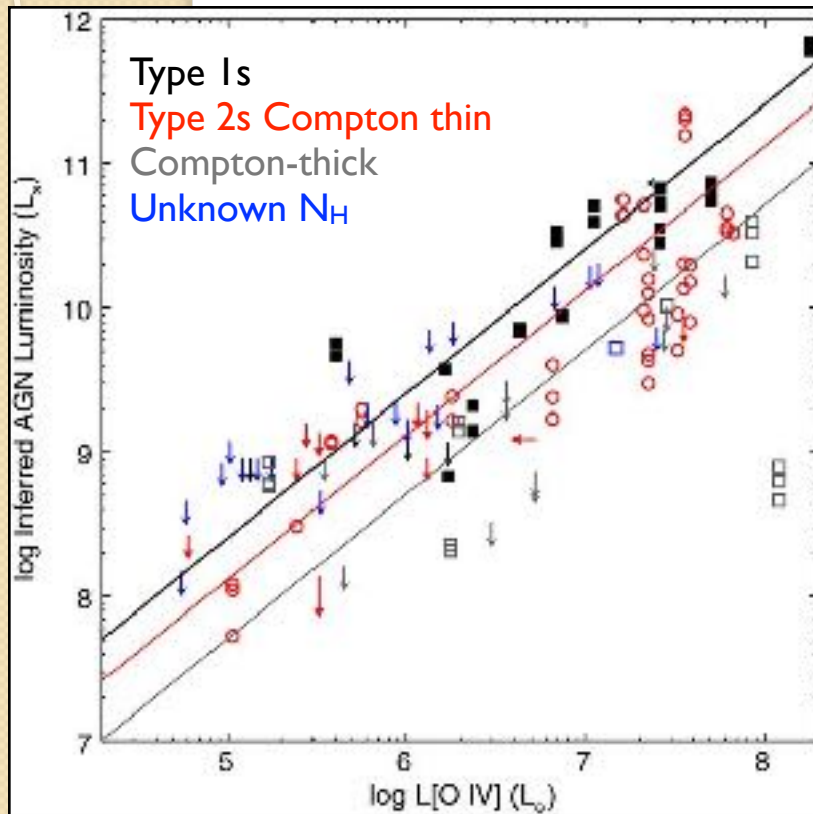


García-Bernete+2017

Asmus+2011, 2015, see also  
Gandhi+2009, Levenson+2009,  
Mason+2012 and many more

Kohei Ichikawa's talk

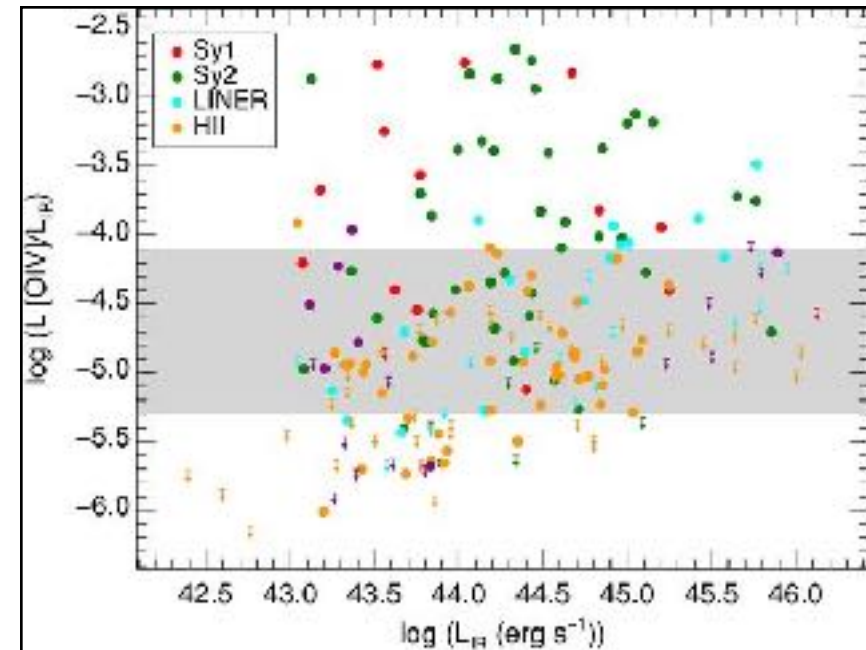
# The [OIV] line at $25.89\mu\text{m}$ : AGN and/or SF indicator



See also Melendez+2008, Diamond-Stanic & Rieke 2009

## Rigby+2009

This line could be used potentially to estimate the AGN power in very obscured and Compton-thick AGN and ULIRGs



## Pereira-Santaella+2010

This line can also be excited by SF activity. However, SF excitation important when SF is about x20 more luminous than the AGN

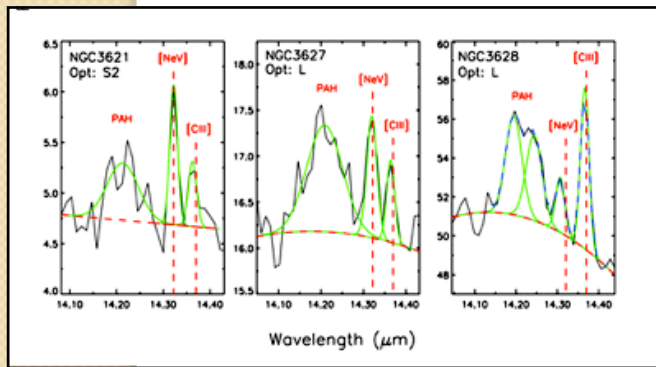
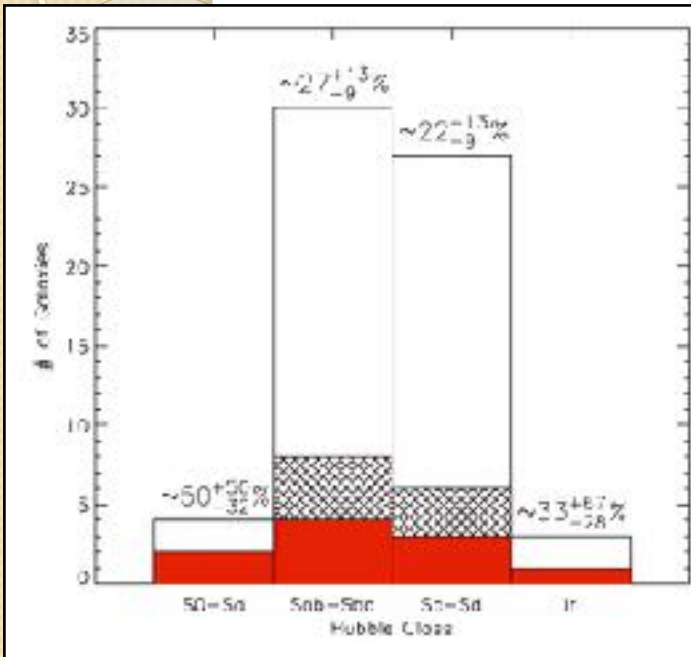
# AGN fraction in nearby galaxies using the [NeV] 4.3 μm line

Dave Alexander's talk

Nearby galaxies: AGN fraction  $\sim 27\%$  (+8/-6%)  
 -50% of these are not identified in the optical  
 -Strong SF activity and/or moderate extinction (a few  $A_V$ )

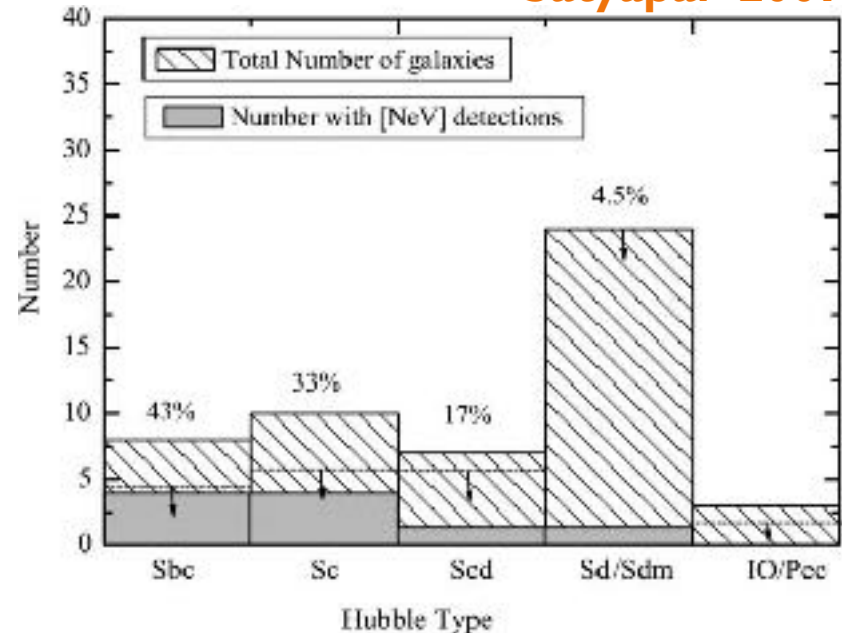
LINERs [NeV] detection rate  $\sim 40\%$ , many without other signs of AGN activity

Bulge-less nearby galaxies AGN incidence in Sd/Sdm drops significantly. No an  $A_V$  effect but due to lack of AGN



Goulding & Alexander 2009, see also Satyapal+2008, Dudik+2009

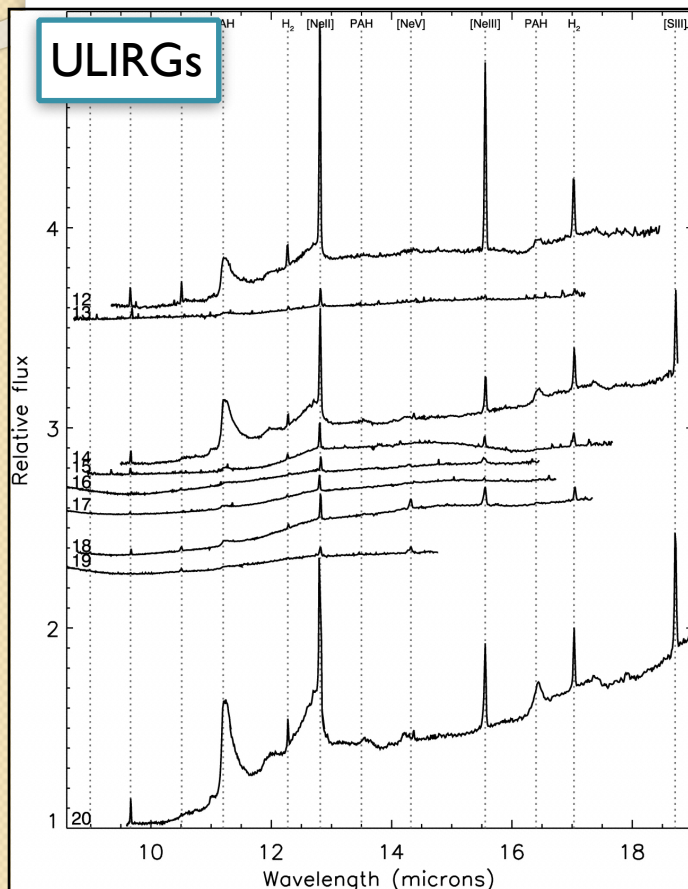
Satyapal+2009



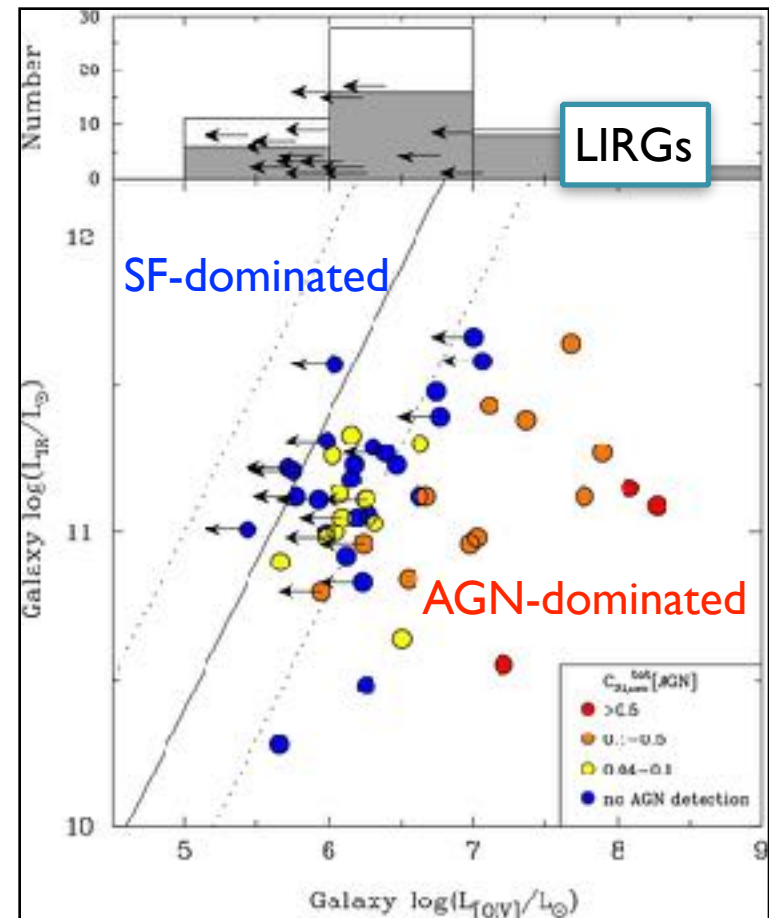
# High excitation lines to identify AGN in (U)LIRGs

Local LIRGs: 50-70% with [OIV] detections and 22% with [NeV] detections

Local ULIRGs: 25-50% with [OIV] detections and 25-50% with [NeV] at 14.3μm



Farrah+2009, see also Armus+2006, 2007, Veilleux+2009



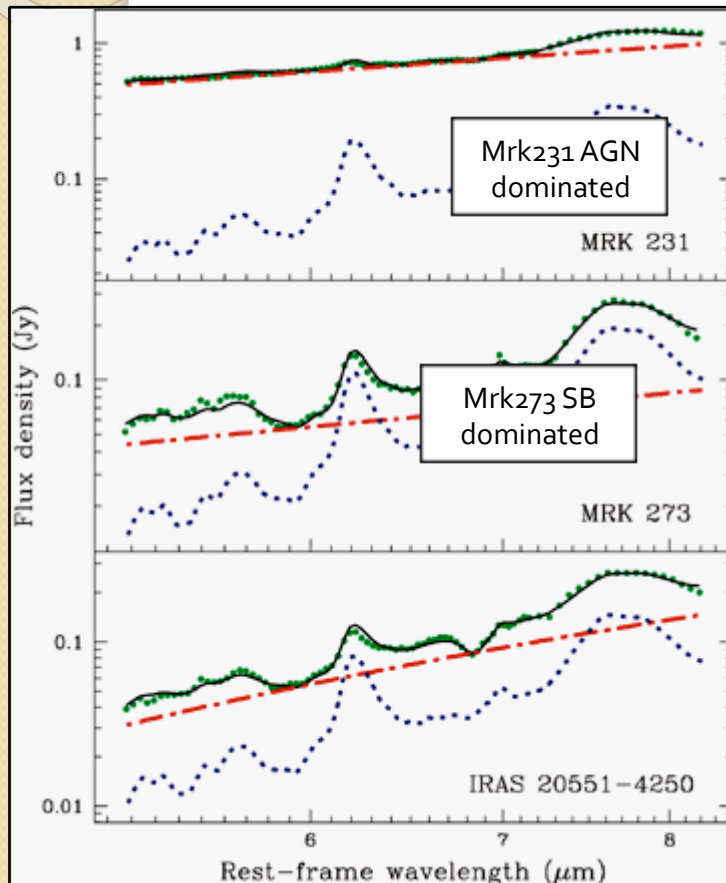
Alonso-Herrero+2012 and also Petric+2011



# Spectral/SED decomposition methods to identify AGN

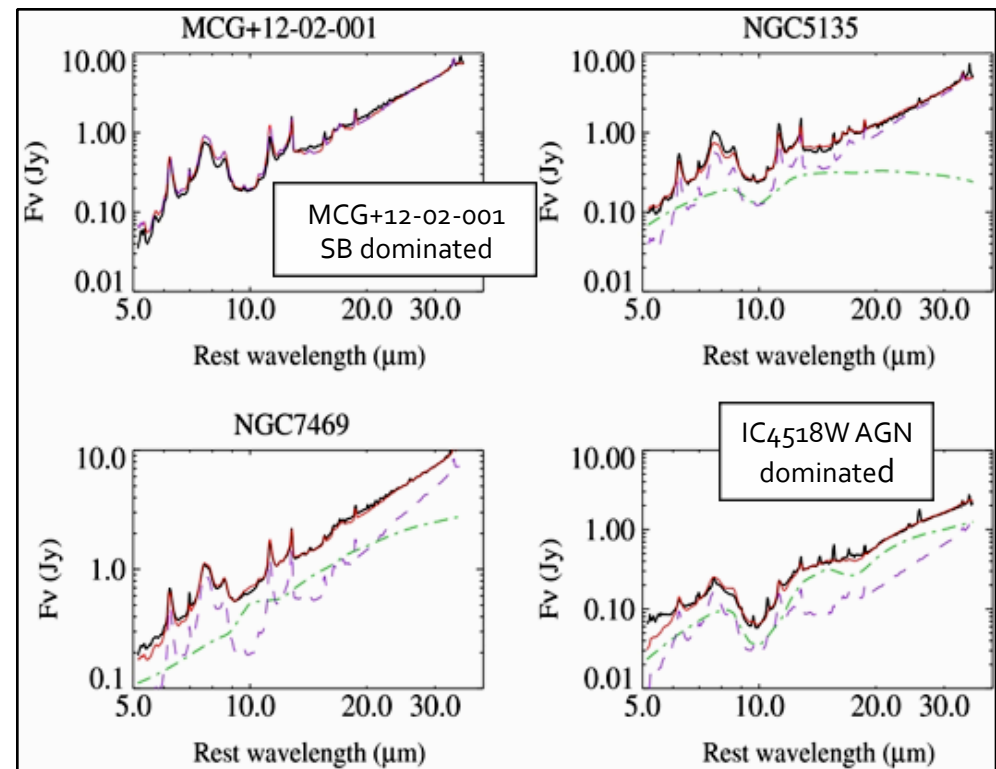
## Local ULIRGs:

70% IR AGN detection rate



## Local LIRGs:

50% IR AGN detection rate



Nardini+2008,2009,2010

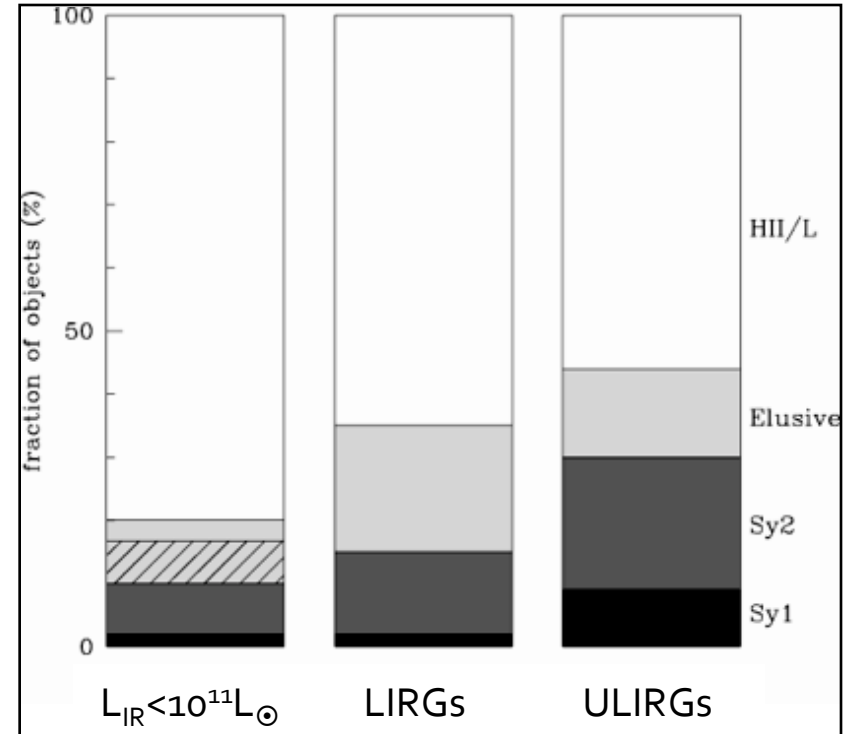
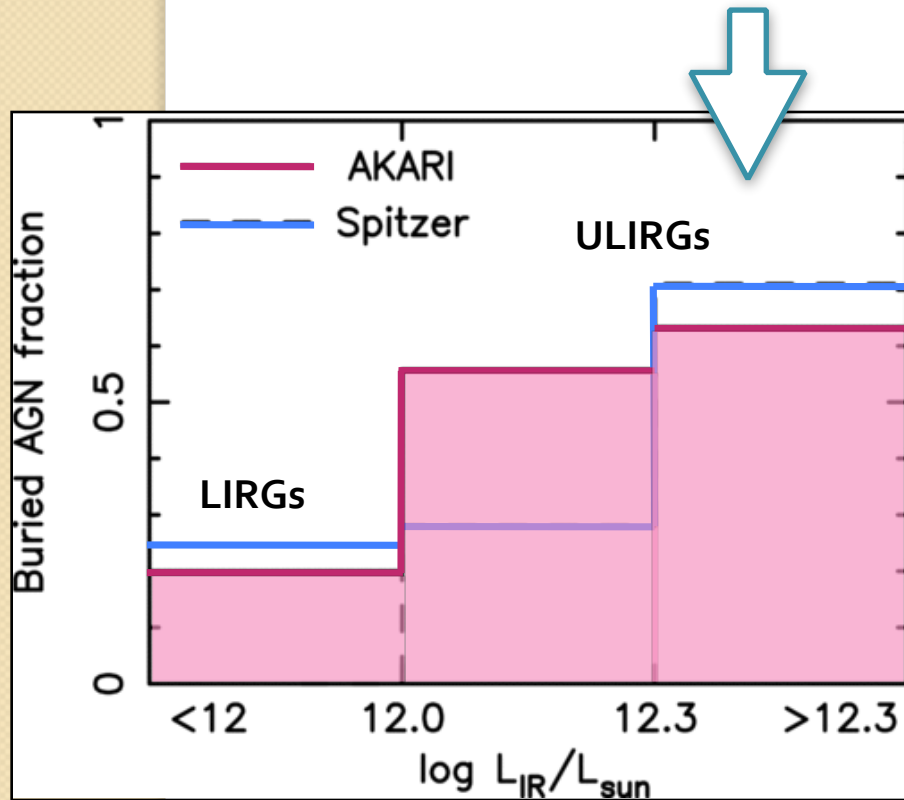
Alonso-Herrero+2012

# Elusive AGN in local (U)LIRGs

IR indicators provide the fraction of buried (non-Seyfert) AGN in local (U)LIRGs that are not identified by X-rays and/or optical spectroscopy

Local **LIRGs**: Fraction of elusive (=non-Seyfert) AGN is 20-25%

Local **ULIRGs**: Fraction of elusive (=non-Seyfert) AGN is 50-70%

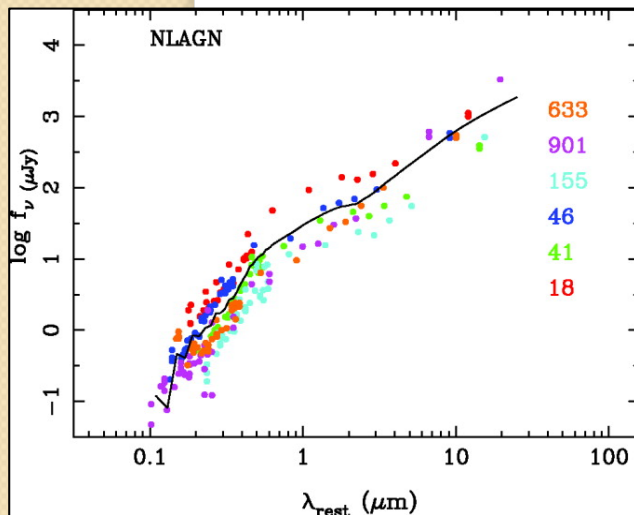
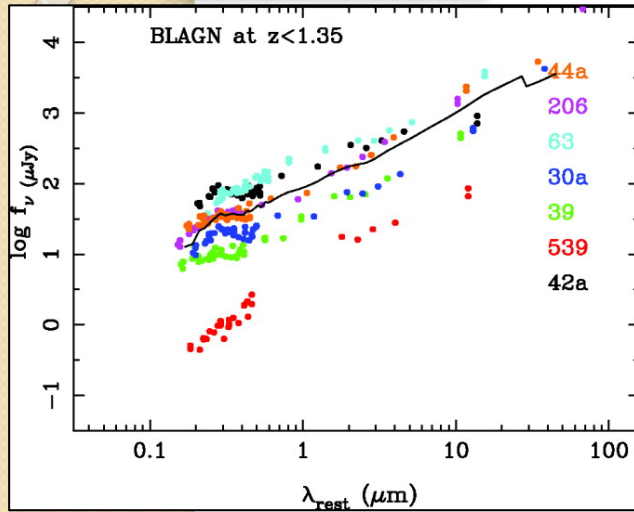


IR indicators: Imanishi+2010,2011,  
Alonso-Herrero+2012

X-rays: Maiolino+2003

# IR power law emission as a method to select AGN

X-ray detected



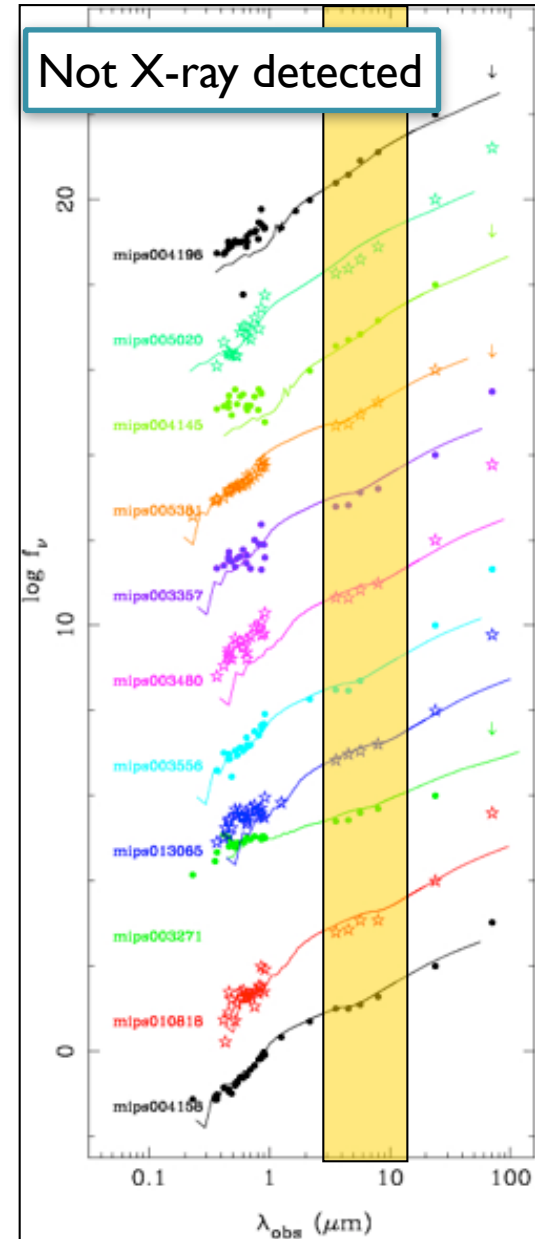
In cosmological fields with deep IRAC observations

Detection in all 4 IRAC bands with a power law continuum  $f_\nu \sim \nu^\alpha$  in (U)LIRGs and spectral indices  $\alpha < -0.5$  over  $3.6-8\mu m$

Needs good estimates of photometric errors

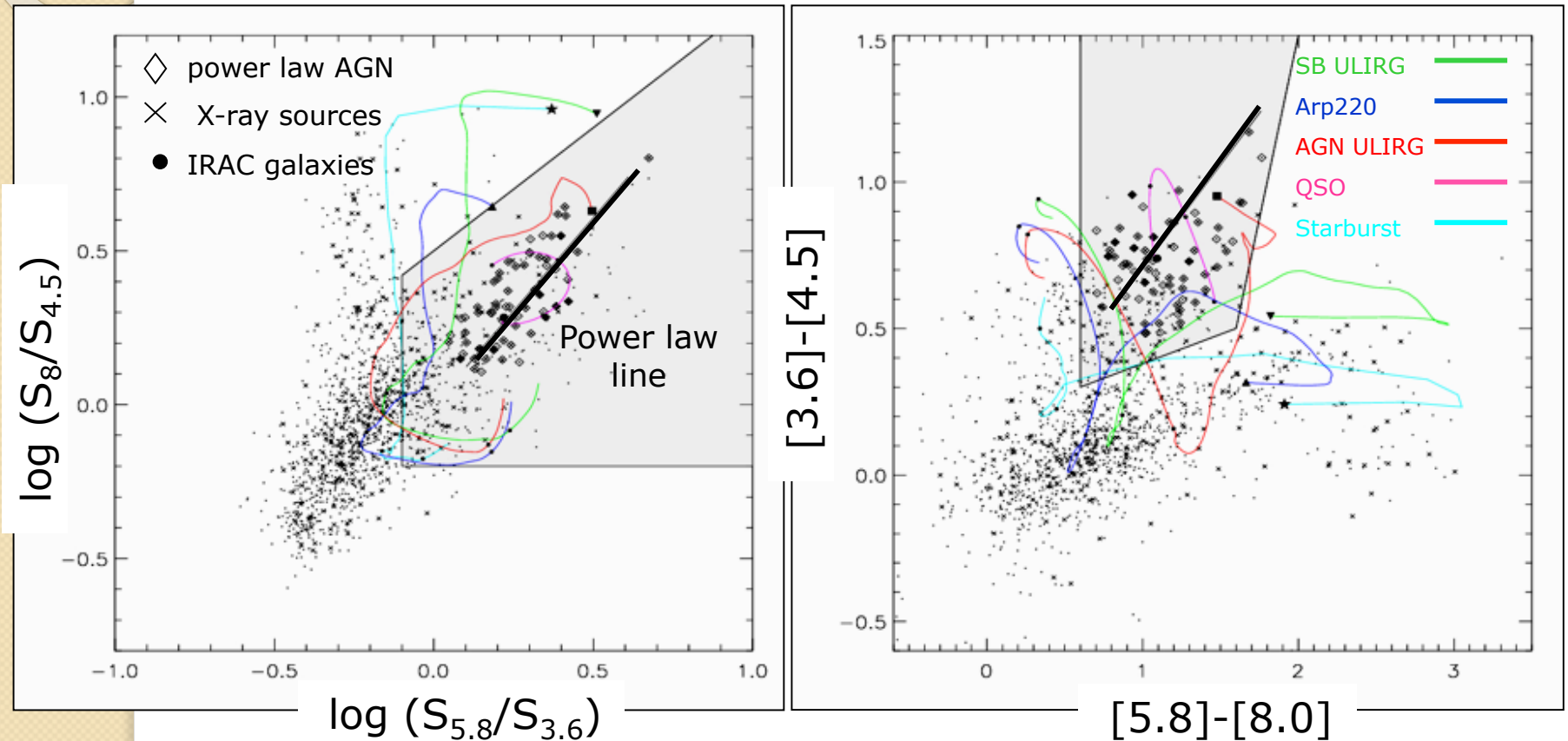
Alonso-Herrero+2006, and see also Donley+2007, 2008

Not X-ray detected



# IR color selection of AGN using IRAC data

Can be contaminated by star forming galaxies in very deep IRAC exposures

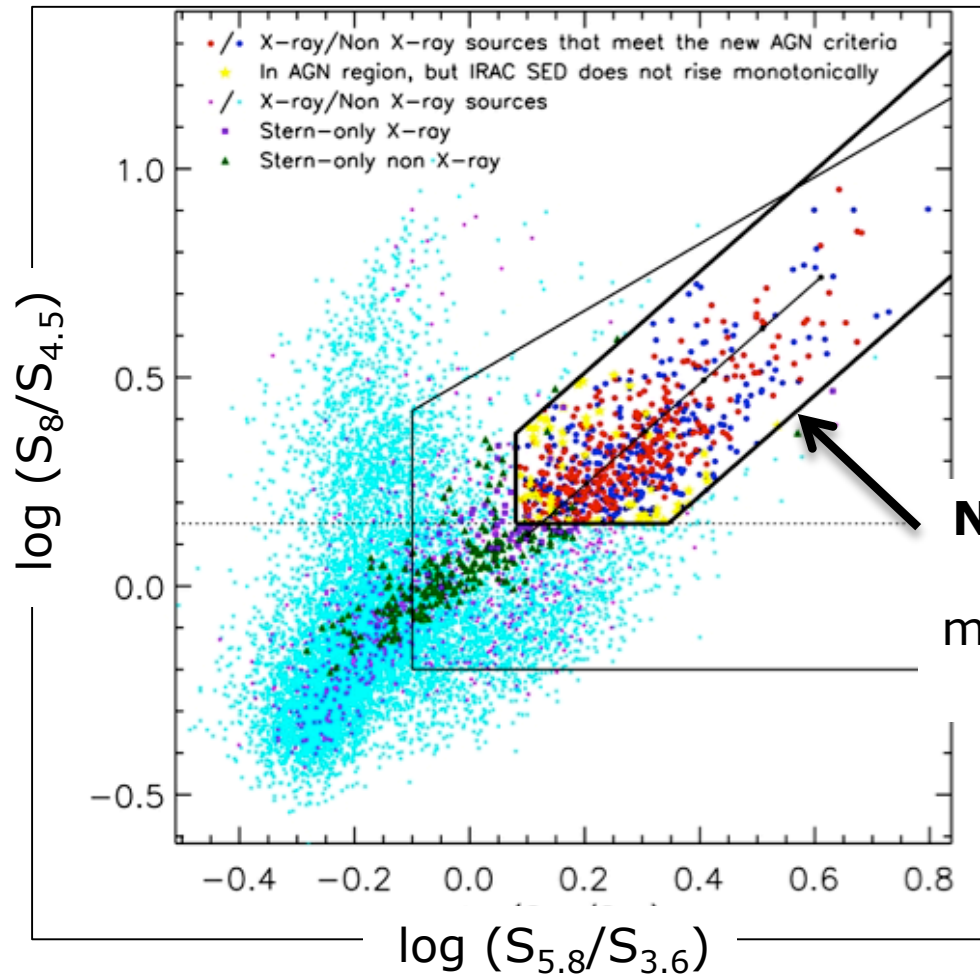


Lacy+2004, Stern+2005 and figures from also Donley+2008

# IR power-law AGN selection using IRAC colors

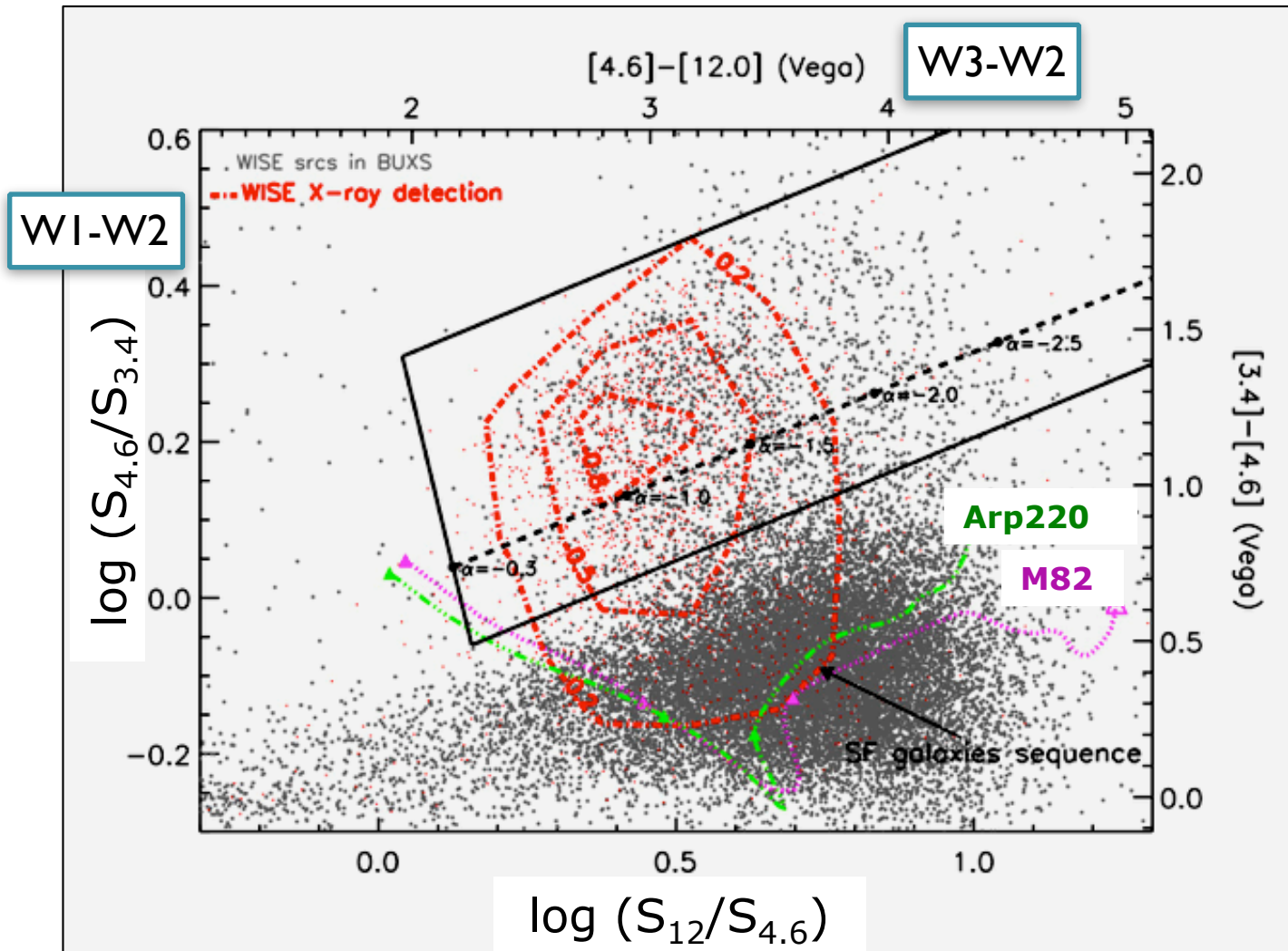
This is a more restrictive wedge which takes into account:

- typical uncertainties photometric uncertainties
- avoids contamination by high z SF galaxies in deep IRAC observations



Donley+2012

# IR power-law AGN selection using WISE colors

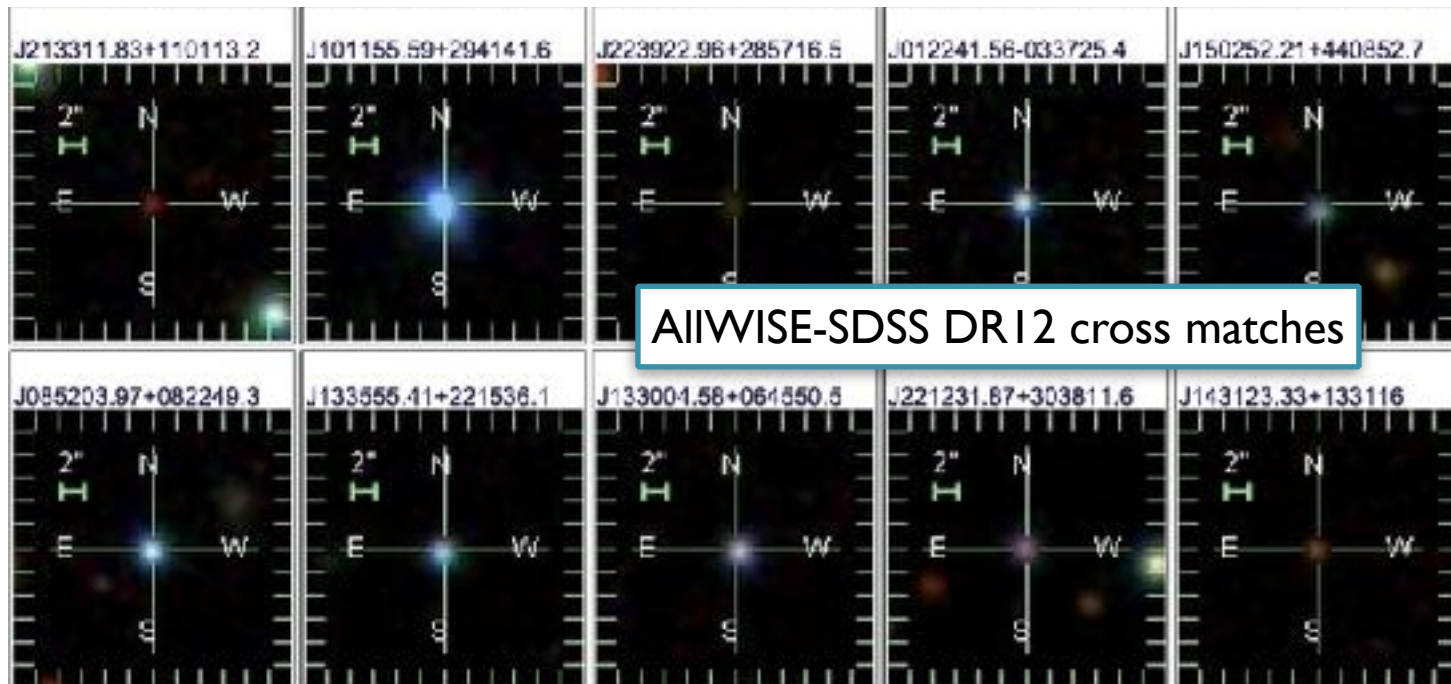


**Mateos+2012, 2013** and see also Jarret+2012,  
Stern+2012, Assef+2013 for other WISE selections

# Selecting AGN/QSO from AllWISE catalog

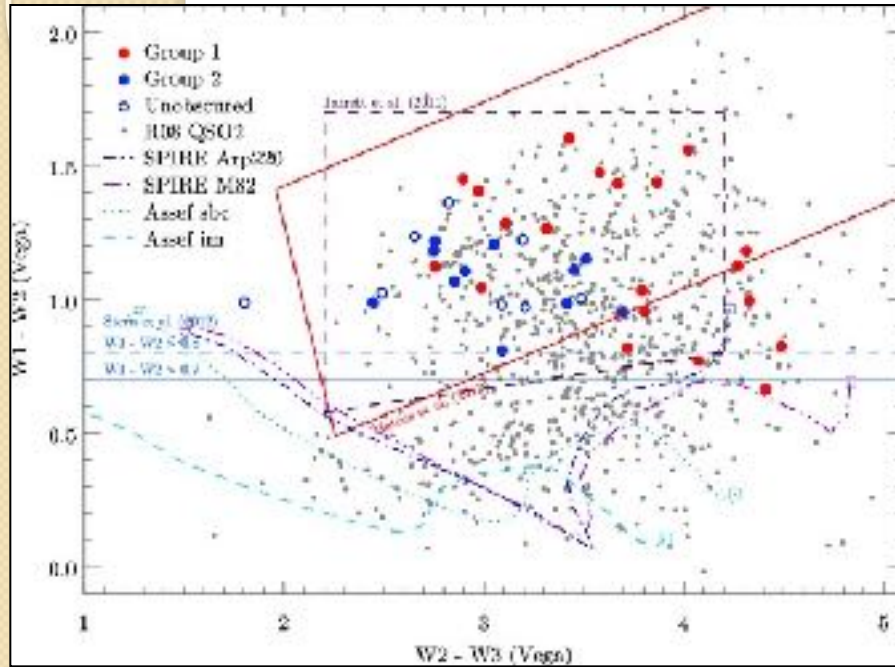
Sample of 1,354,775 AGN selected from AllWISE using Mateos+2012 criteria of which 1.1 million of these were previously uncataloged

Probability of correctly identifying a known AGN/ QSO is at least 84% for AGNs brighter than a limiting magnitude of  $R < 19$

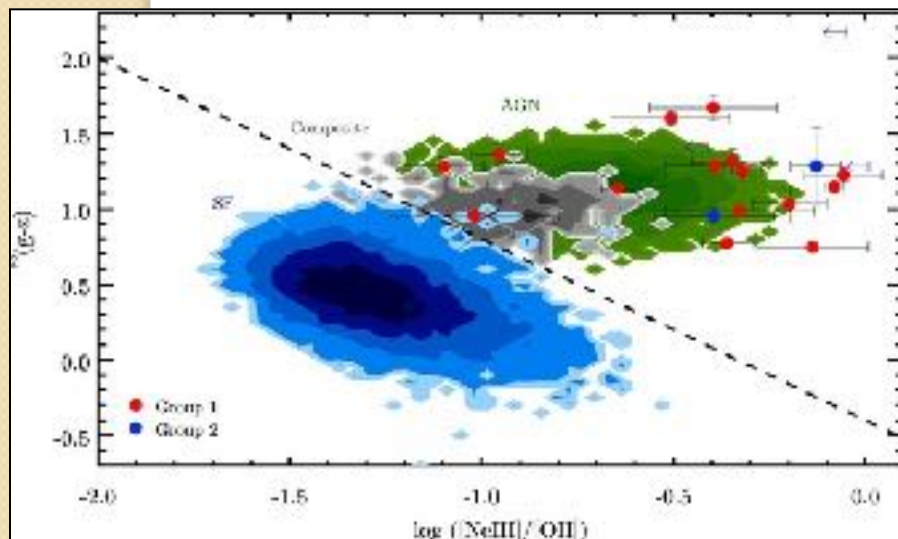
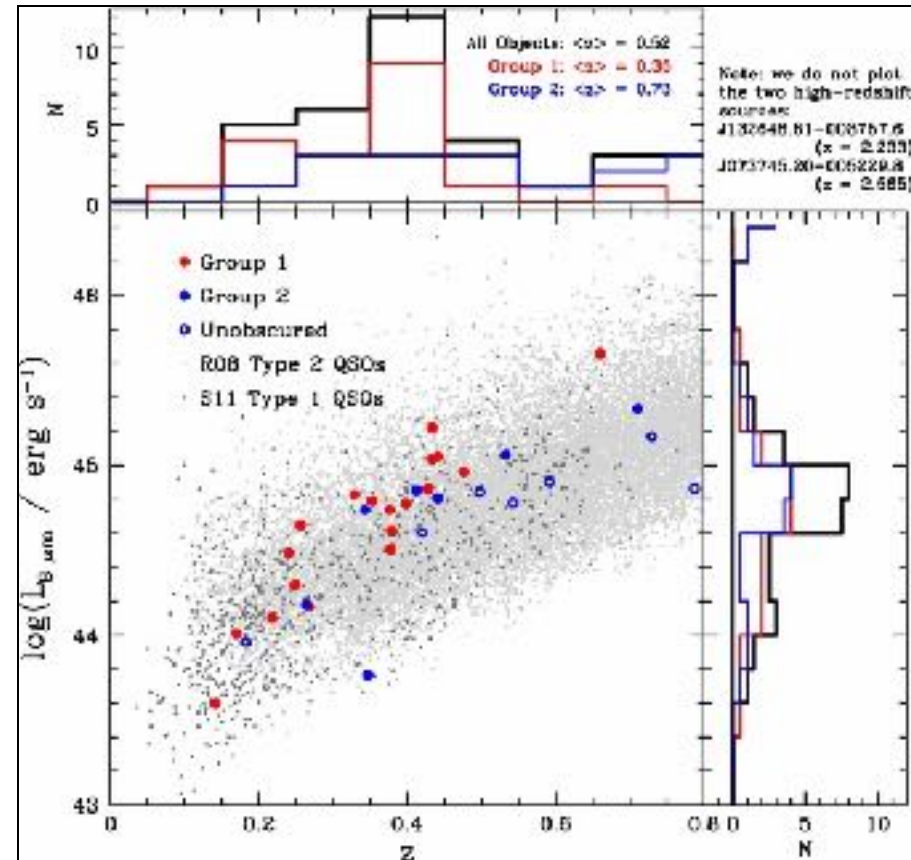


**WISE+SDSS AGN: Secrest+2015**, see also Mateos+2013 for detection of SDSS [OIII] selected type 2 QSO

# Optical follow-up of WISE selected QSO



Of 40 targets (moderate redshifts), only 13% do not have evidence of hosting an AGN



Hainline+2014. See also eg Lacy+2007 for follow-up of IRAC selected AGN

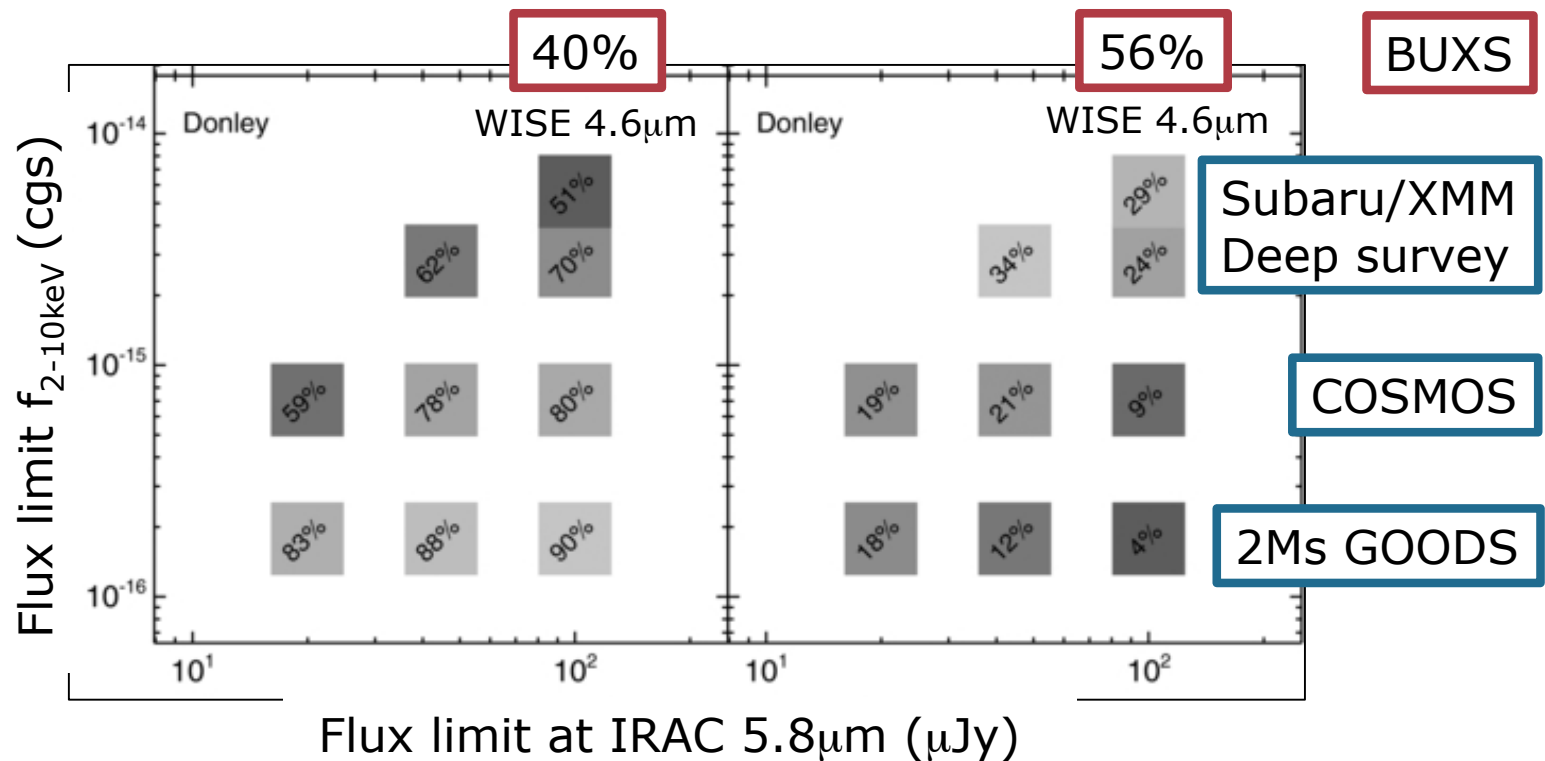


# IR power-law AGN color selection vs. X-rays

## Strong dependence on depth of X-ray data

IR power law galaxies  
detected in X-rays

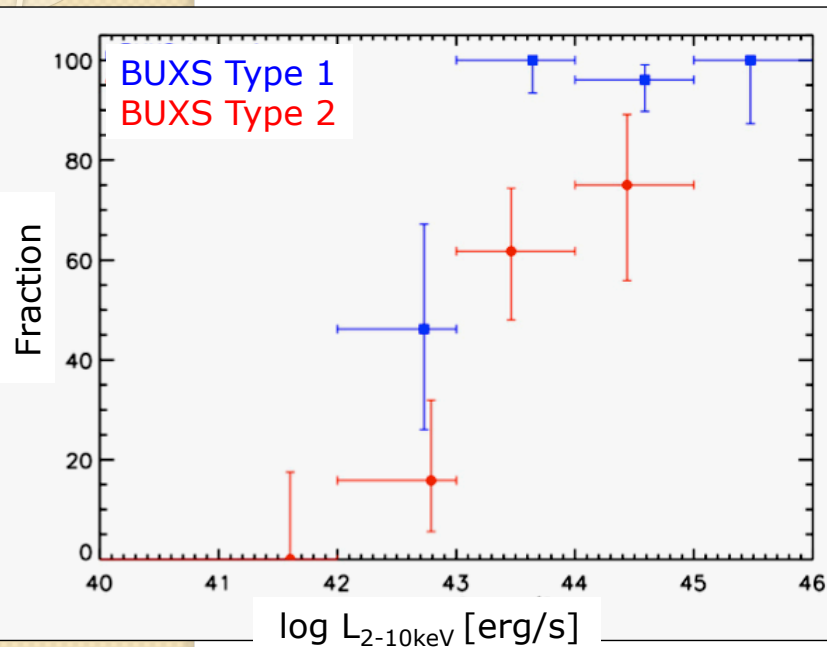
X-ray sources that are  
IR power law galaxies



**IRAC selection: Mendez+2013**, see also Alonso-Herrero+2006, Donley+2007,2008,2012

**WISE selection: Mateos+2012**, see also Assef+2013

# Completeness of IR power-law AGN selection

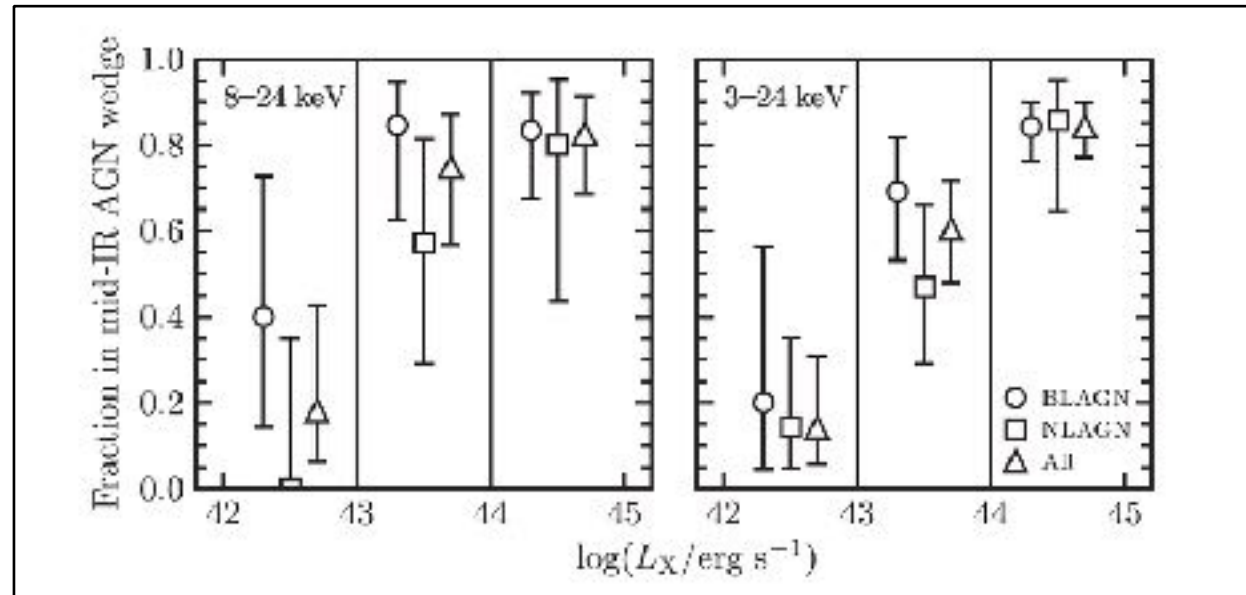


WISE colors - IR power law AGN selection using Mateos+2012 compared to a 4.5-10keV selection:

- **Highly complete for luminous type 1 AGN ( $L_x > 10^{43} - 10^{43.5}$  erg/s)**
- Moderately complete for type 2s with  $L_x > 10^{44}$  erg/s

Landsbury+2017: NuSTAR serendipitous survey

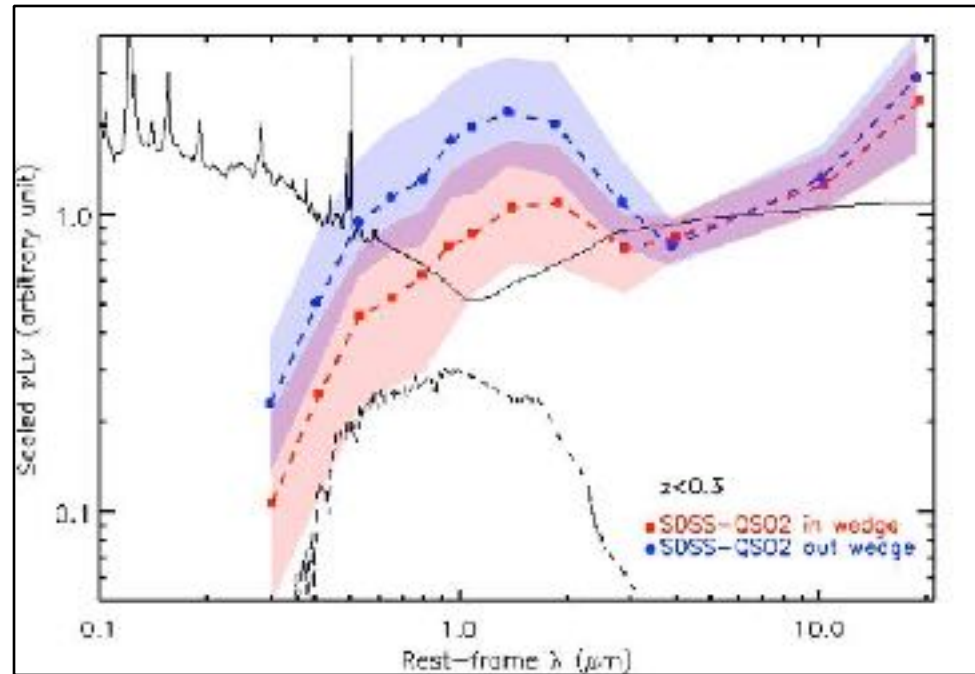
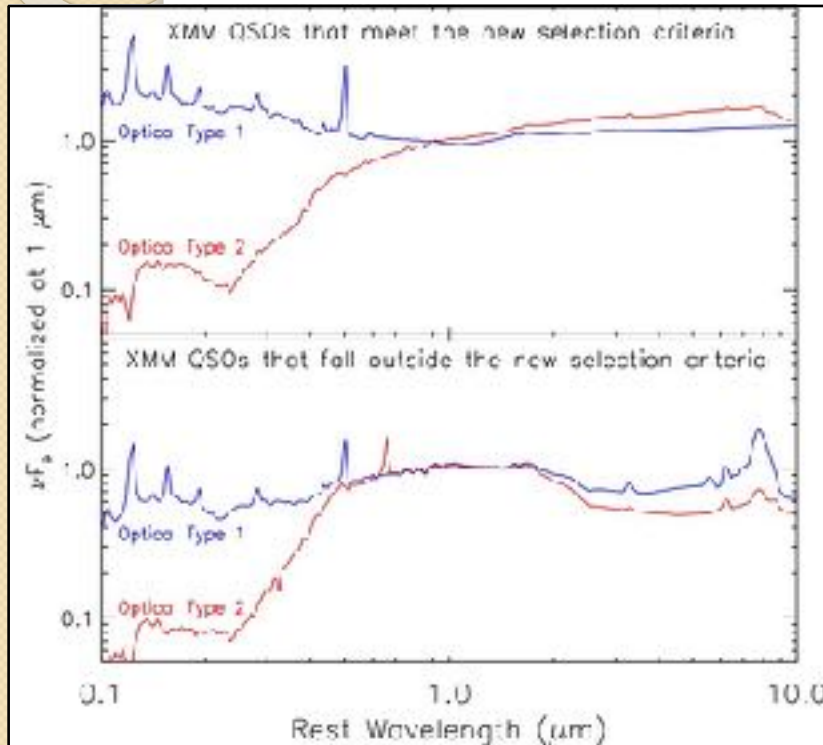
**Mateos+2012:**  
XMM BUXS  
survey selected in  
4.5-10keV band



# Host galaxy dilution

IRAC/WISE selections most likely to miss X-ray and optically selected AGNs:

- luminous hosts (ie, massive host galaxies)
- AGN emission is itself obscured.



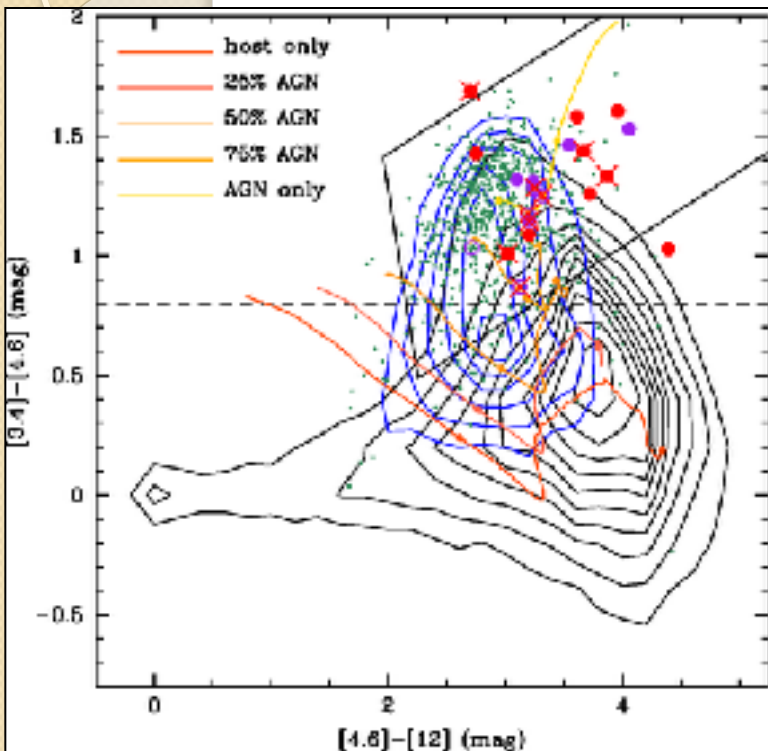
**Mateos+2013 for WISE selection**

**Donley+2012 for IRAC selection**

See also e.g., Lazy+2007, Alonso-Herrero+2008, Hickox+2009, Mendez+2013, Messias+2014, Azadi+2017

# Do mid-IR criteria select obscured luminous AGN?

Rovilos+2014

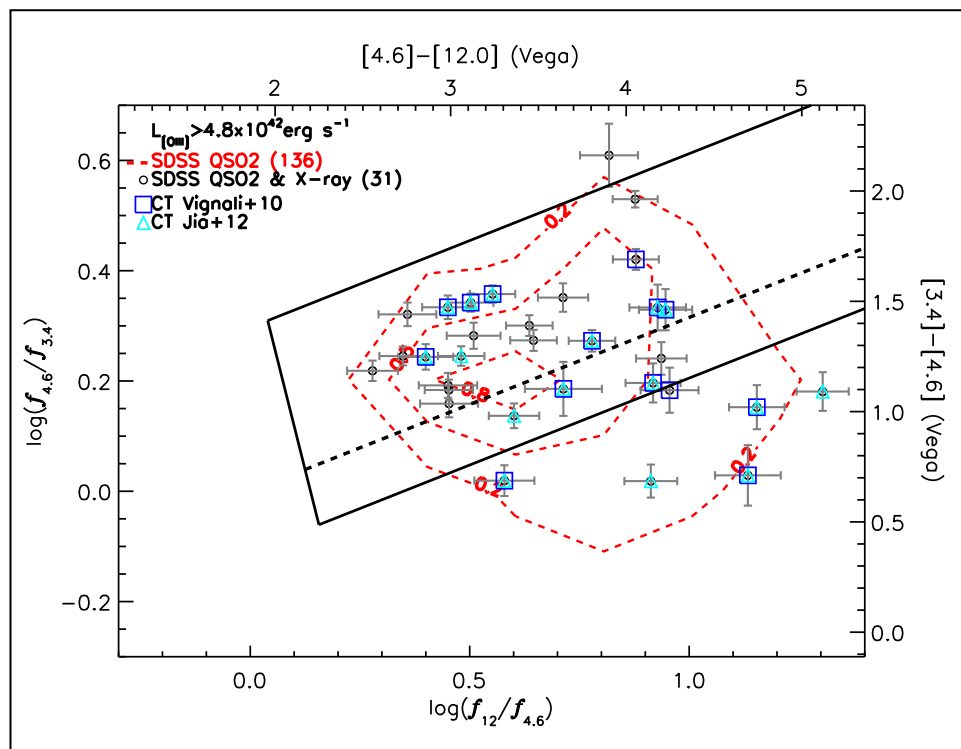


20 candidates to heavily obscured AGN from combination of XMM-SDSS-WISE + SED decomposition. The majority meet the MIR-selection criteria of Stern+2012 and Mateos+2012

~ 70% of SDSS QSO 2 which are also CT candidates are in Mateos+2012 wedge

Wei Yang's poster

Mateos+2013

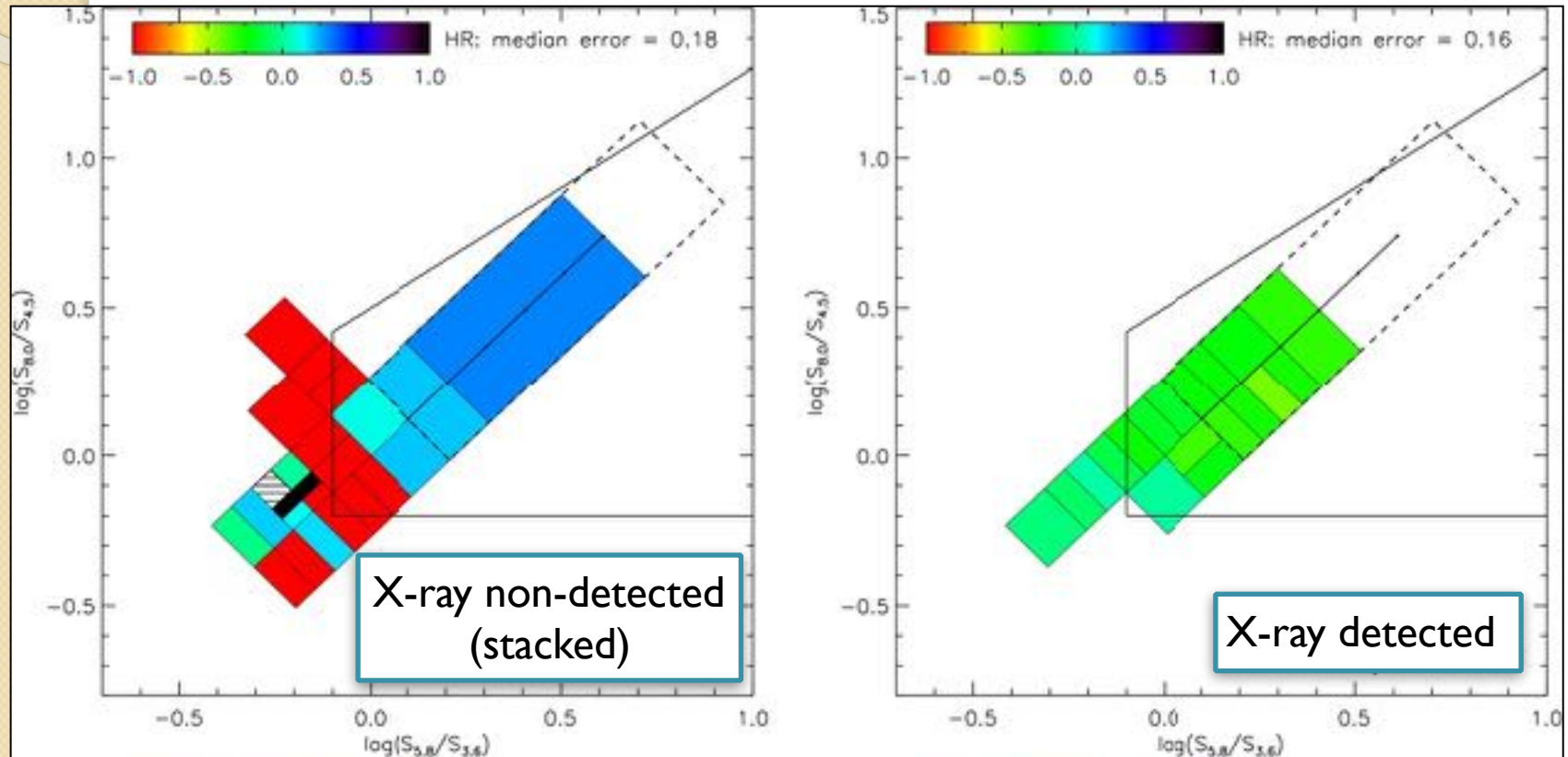


See also Landsbury+2014 for optical CT QSO2 candidates

# Hardness ratios of IRAC selected AGN

HR =  $0.31 \pm 0.13$ , column densities of  
 $\log \text{NH}(\text{cm}^{-2}) = 23.5 \pm 0.4$ .

HR =  $-0.31 \pm 0.13$ , column densities of  
 $\log \text{NH}(\text{cm}^{-2}) = 22.4 \pm 0.4$



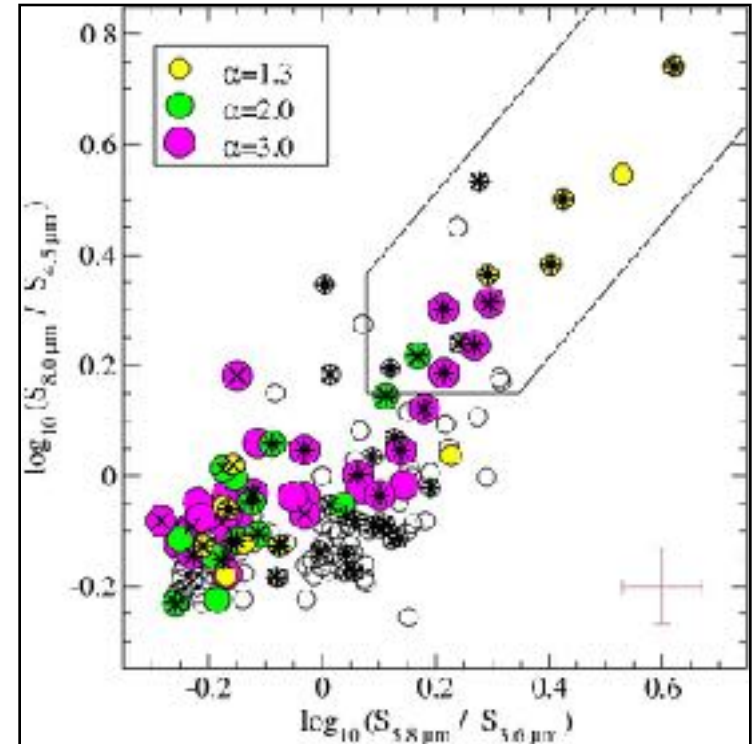
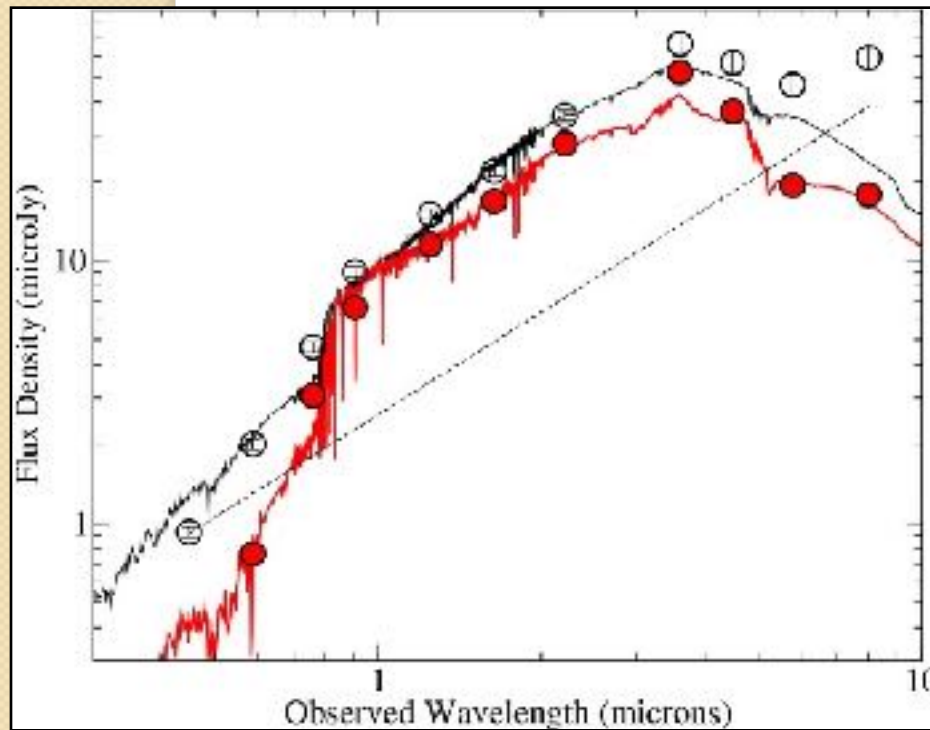
COSMOS cosmological field with Chandra data

Donley+2012, see also Alonso-Herrero+2006

# Looking for IR power law emission using SED decomposition

GOODS-South and Chandra 4Ms X-ray catalog:

- At  $z < 1.5$  3/4 of the X-ray AGN are identified with this method
- At  $z > 1.5$  only 44% of X-ray AGN are identified
- **~50% of the selected galaxies at  $1 < z < 1.5$  are not identified in X-rays**

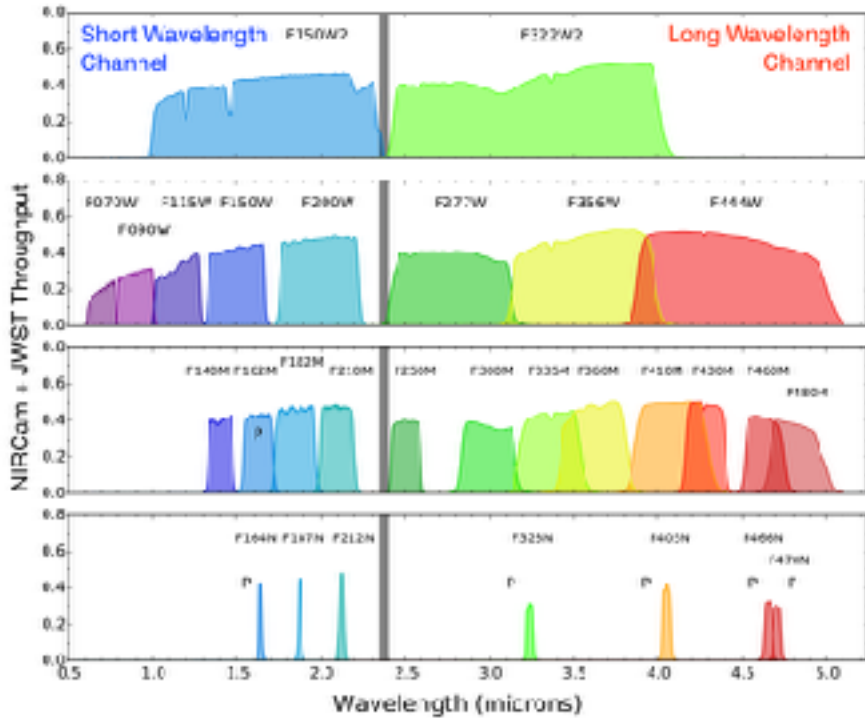


Caputi+2013, see also e.g., Daddi+2007

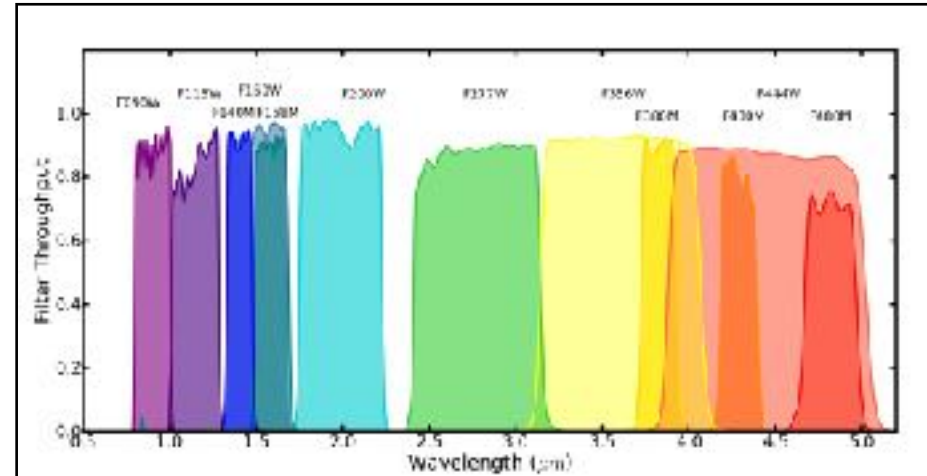
Chris Carroll's talk

# JWST photometric filters

## NIRCam Filters

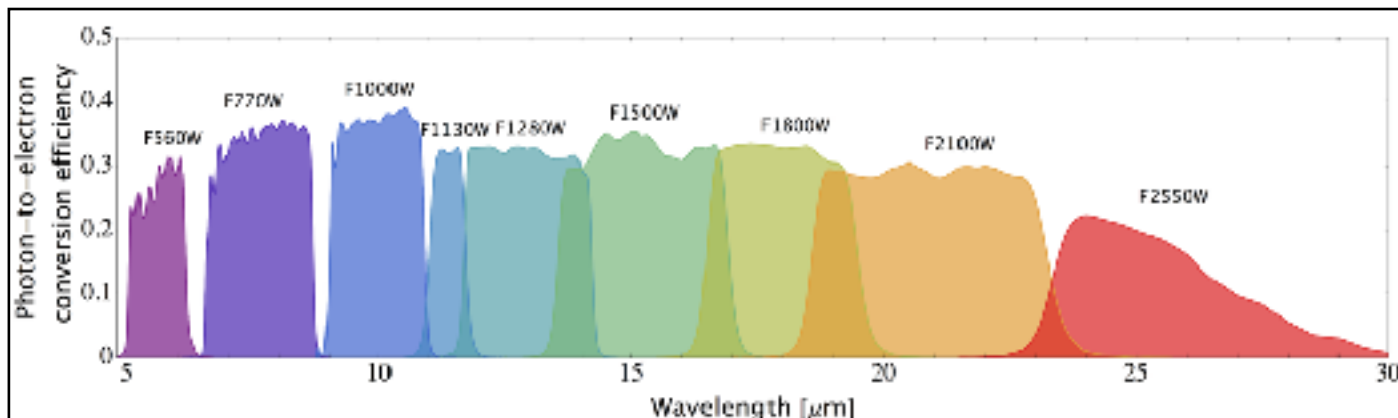


## NIRISS Filters



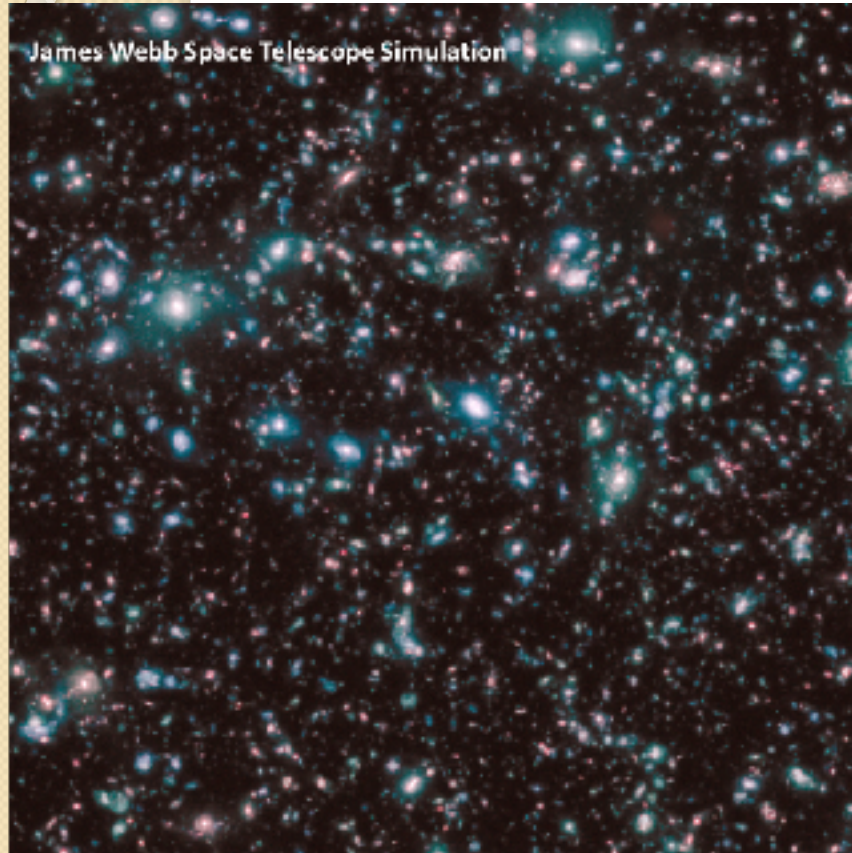
Credit: JWST webpage at STScI

## MIRI Filters

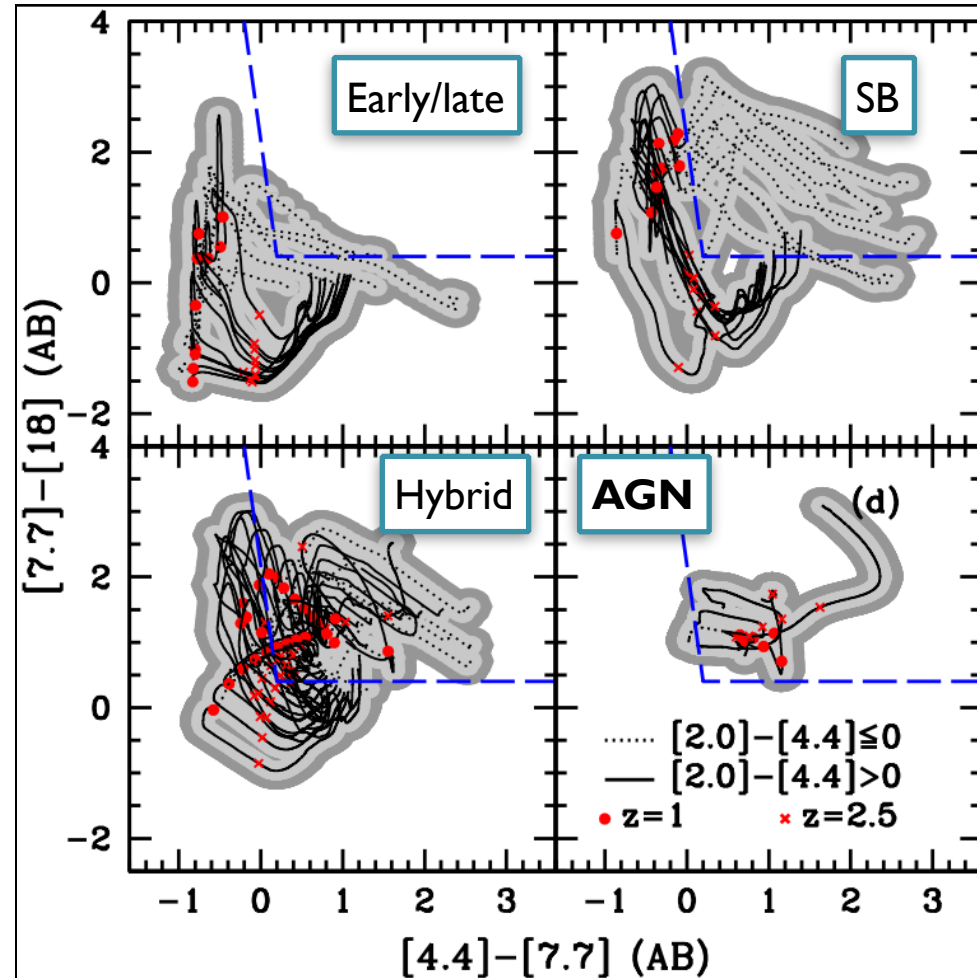


# Deep surveys with JWST to select AGN

Combination of NIRCcam F200W and F444W and MIRI F770W and F1800W to select AGN at  $z \sim 1-2.5$



Credit: Frontier Fields webpage and G. Snyder & Z. Levay (STScI)

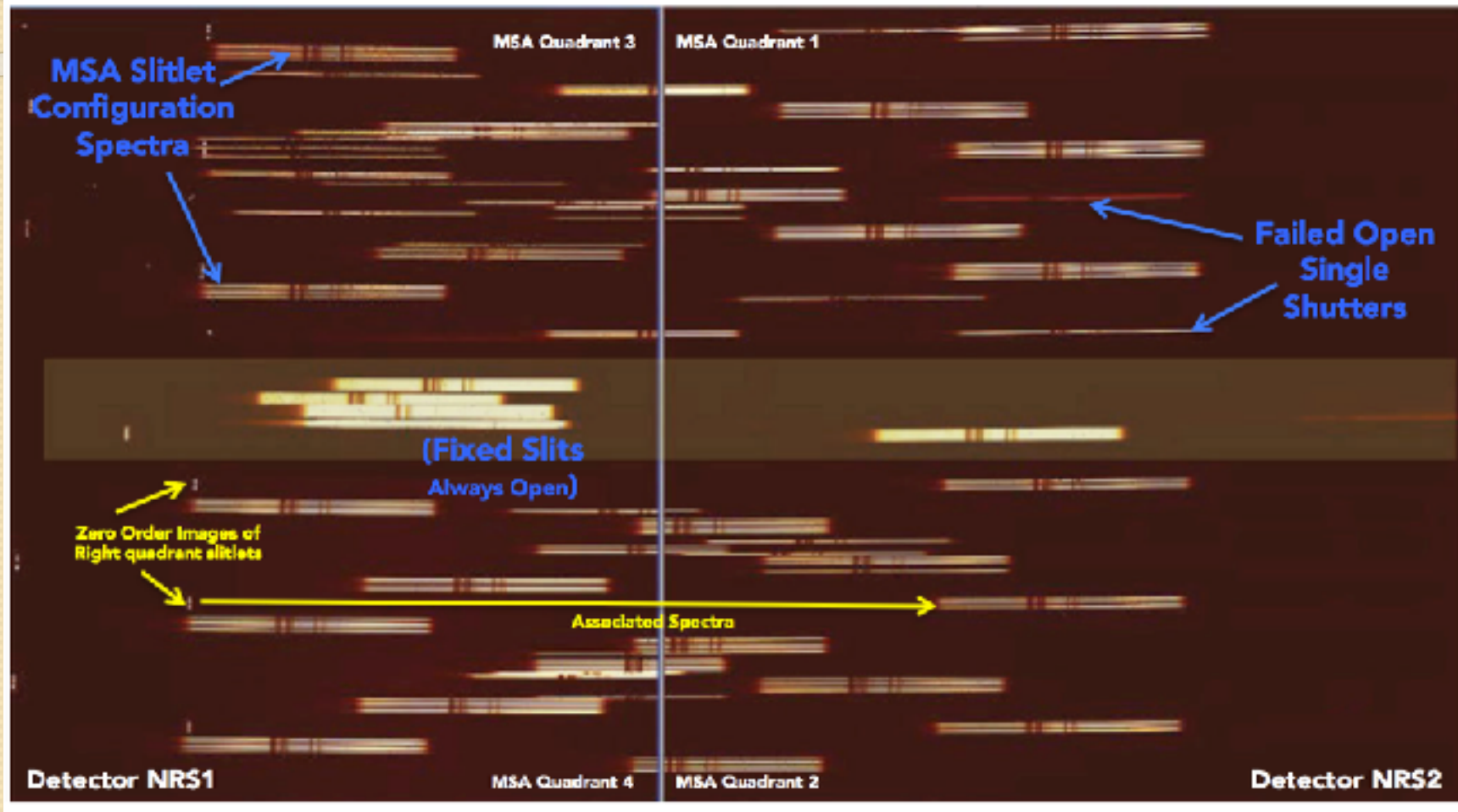


Messias+2014



# JWST/NIRSpec Multi-Object Spectroscopy

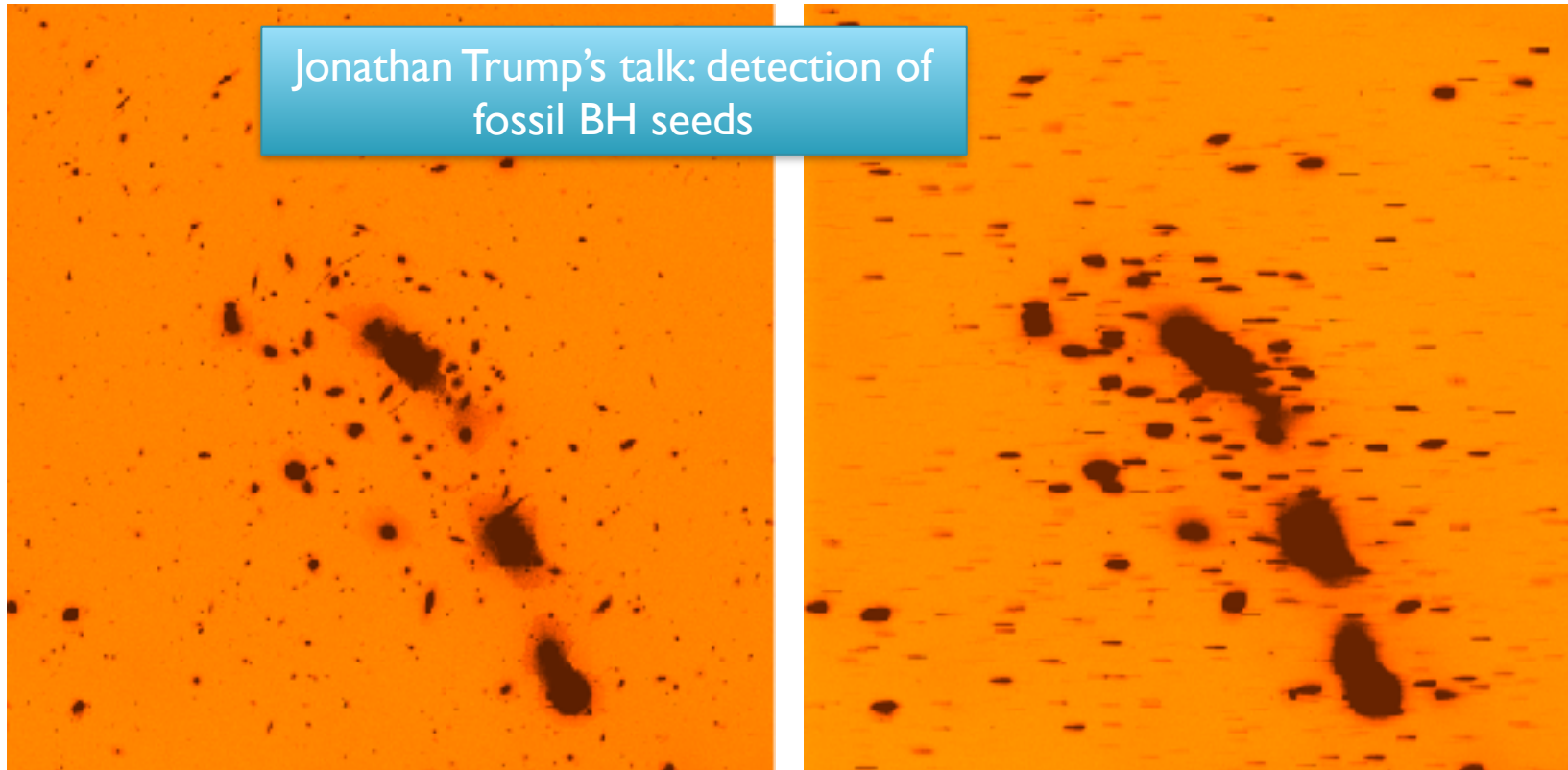
NIRSpec/MOS provides multiplexing 0.6–5.3  $\mu\text{m}$  spectroscopy capabilities over a  $3.6' \times 3.4'$  field of view using configurable shutters



Credit: JWST webpage at STScI

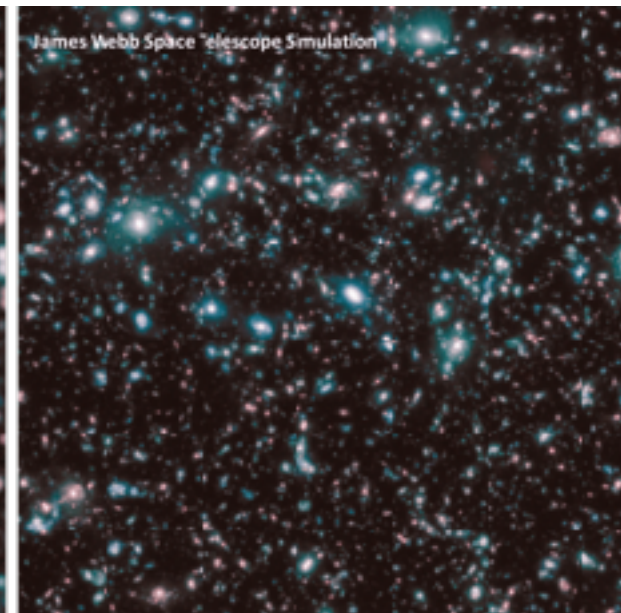
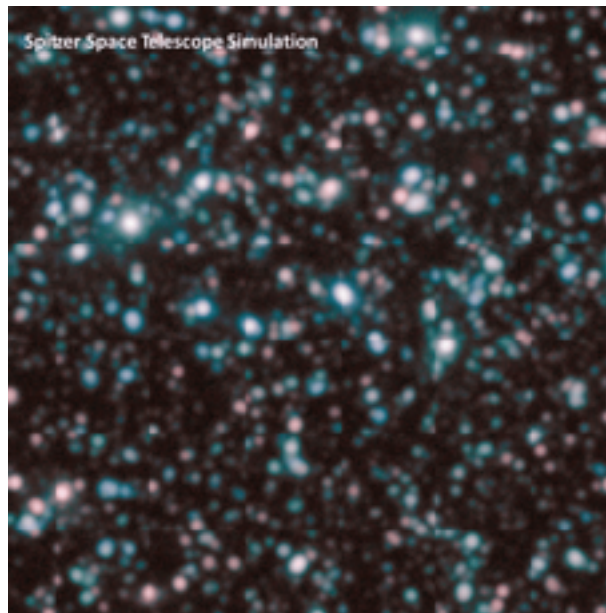
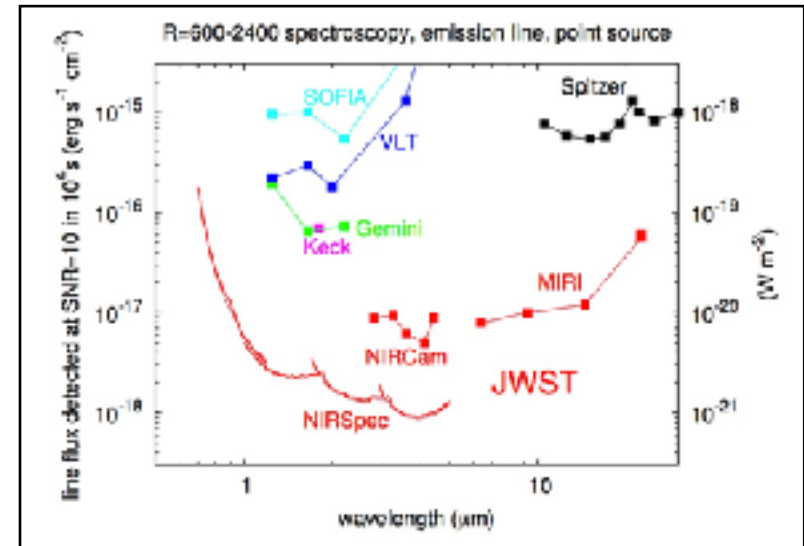
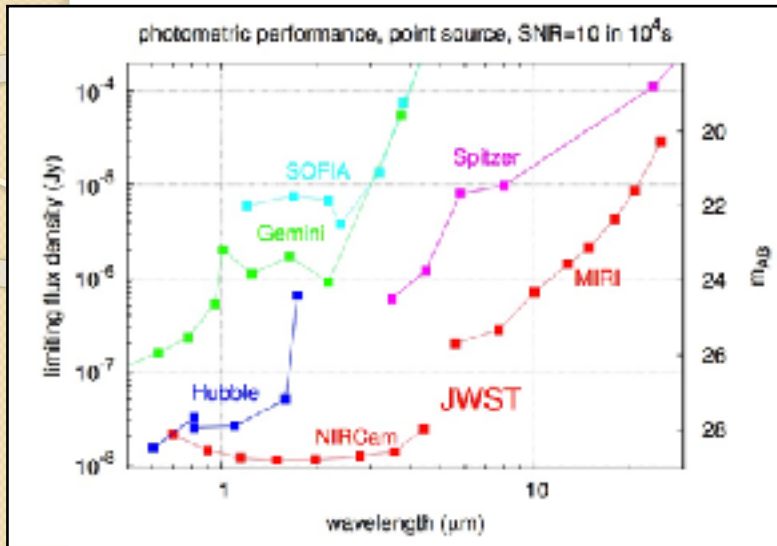
# JWST/NIRISS slitless spectroscopy

The wide field slitless spectroscopy mode of NIRISS enables low-resolution ( $R \approx 150$ ) spectroscopy over the wavelength range  $0.8\text{--}2.2\mu\text{m}$  for all objects within a  $2.2' \times 2.2'$  field of view.



Simulated images of a lensing cluster observed with the NIRISS F115W filter and the GR150C grism and F115W blocking filter

# JWST sensitivity and angular resolution



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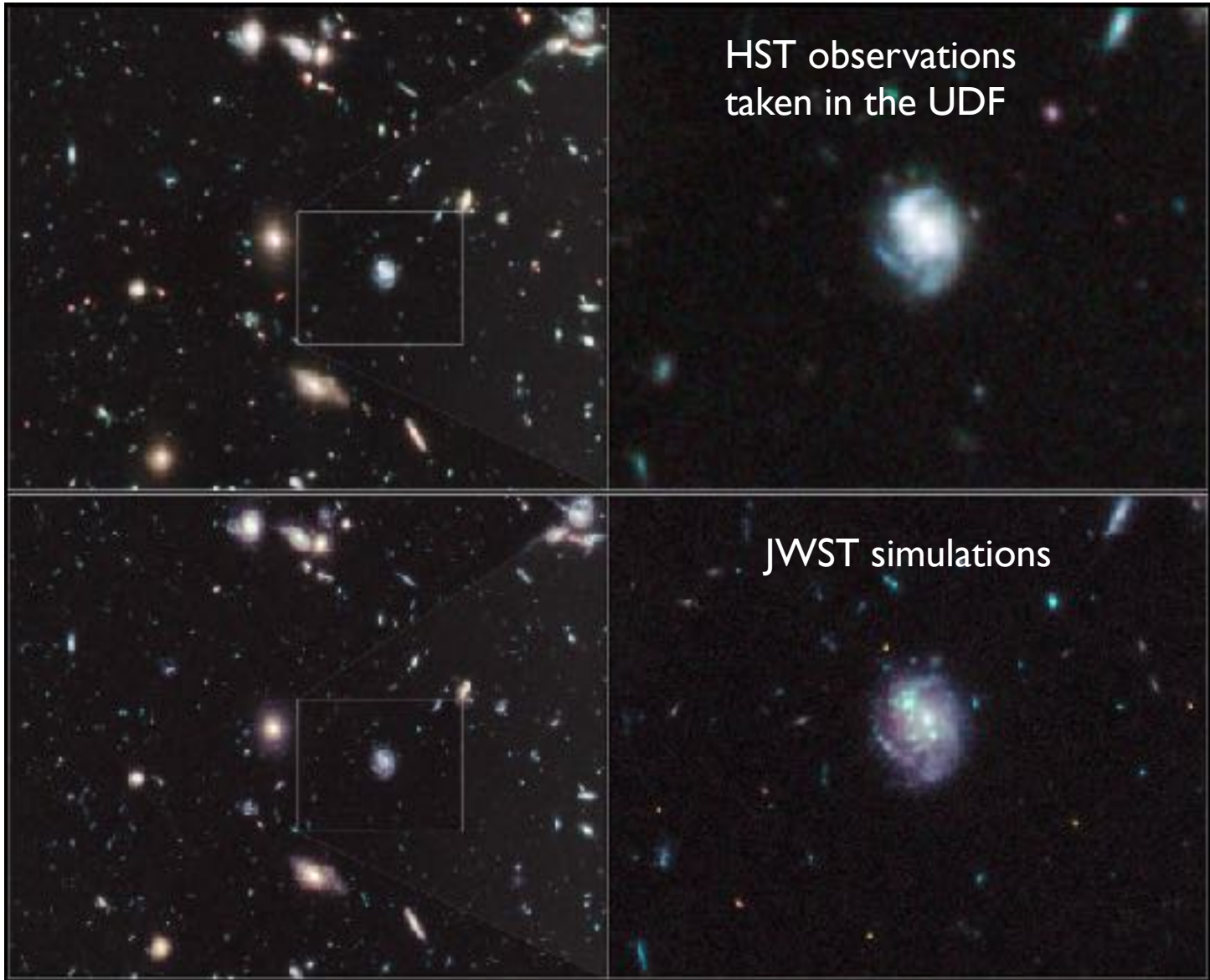
**F356W**

**F444W**

**F560W**

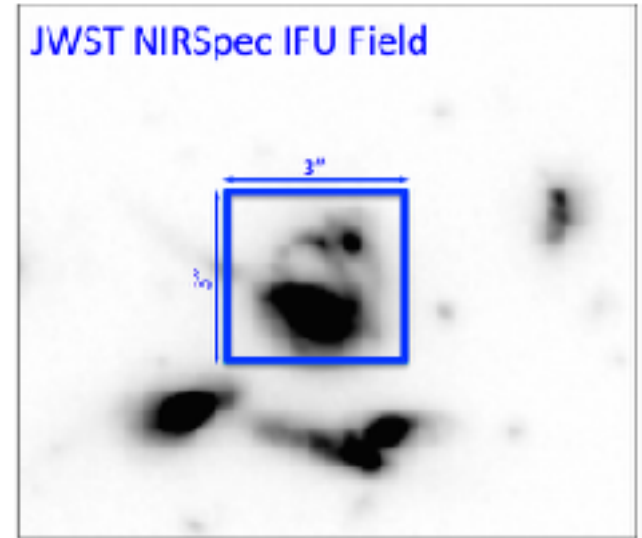
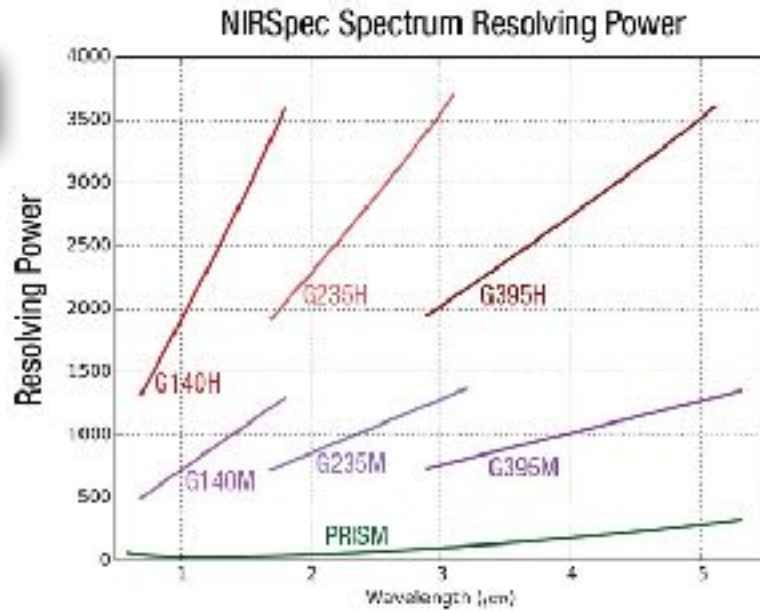
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# Spatially-resolved AGN selection with JWST



# JWST Integral Field Units

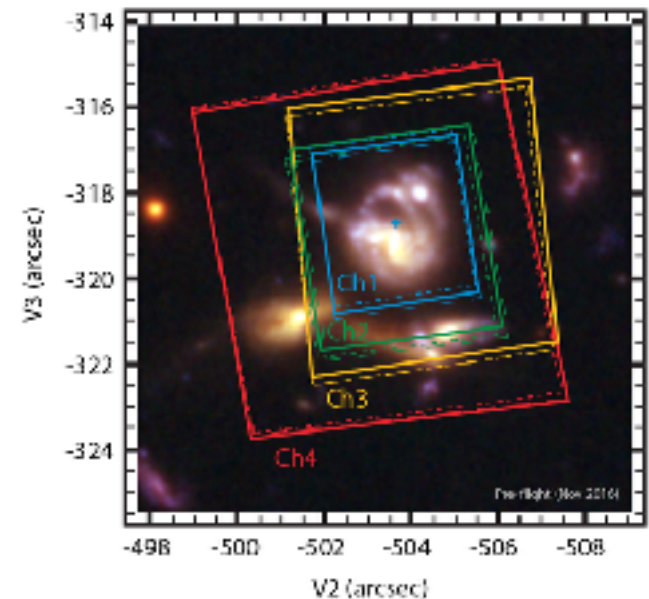
**NIRSpec**



**MIRI**

Channel	Band	Nr. slices	Wavelength Range [μm]	Spectral Resolution	FoV [arcsec]
1	1A	21	4.88 - 5.77	~3500	3.46 x 3.72
	1B		5.64 - 6.67		3.46 x 3.72
	1C		6.50 - 7.70		3.41 x 3.72
2	2A	17	7.47 - 8.83	~3000	4.16 x 4.76
	2B		8.63 - 10.19		4.16 x 4.76
	2C		9.96 - 11.77		4.12 x 4.76
3	3A	16	11.49 - 13.55	~2600	6.00 x 6.24
	3B		13.28 - 15.66		5.96 x 6.24
	3C		15.34 - 18.09		5.91 x 6.24
4	4A	12	17.60 - 21.00	~1600	7.14 x 7.87
	4B		20.51 - 24.48		7.06 x 7.87
	4C		23.92 - 28.55		6.99 x 7.87

**MIRI/MRS FoV**



**Credit: JWST webpage at STScI**

# Conclusions

IR offers a large number of tools to identify elusive AGN: emission lines, line ratios, color-color selection, SED/spectra decomposition

MIR diagnostics do not provide a complete selection of AGN but:

- High excitation lines can identify faint/buried AGN in local galaxies
- Color-color selections are highly reliable to identify luminous AGN ( $L_x > 10^{43.5}$  erg/s) and possibly Compton-thick AGN
- WISE color-color selections provide large catalogs of QSO

**JWST provides ALL these IR diagnostics with much higher sensitivity and angular resolution using all observing modes:**

- **Imaging with NIRC*am*, NIRISS, MIRI**
- **MOS with NIRSpec**
- **Slit-less spectroscopy with NIRISS**
- **IFU with NIRSpec and MIRI**

