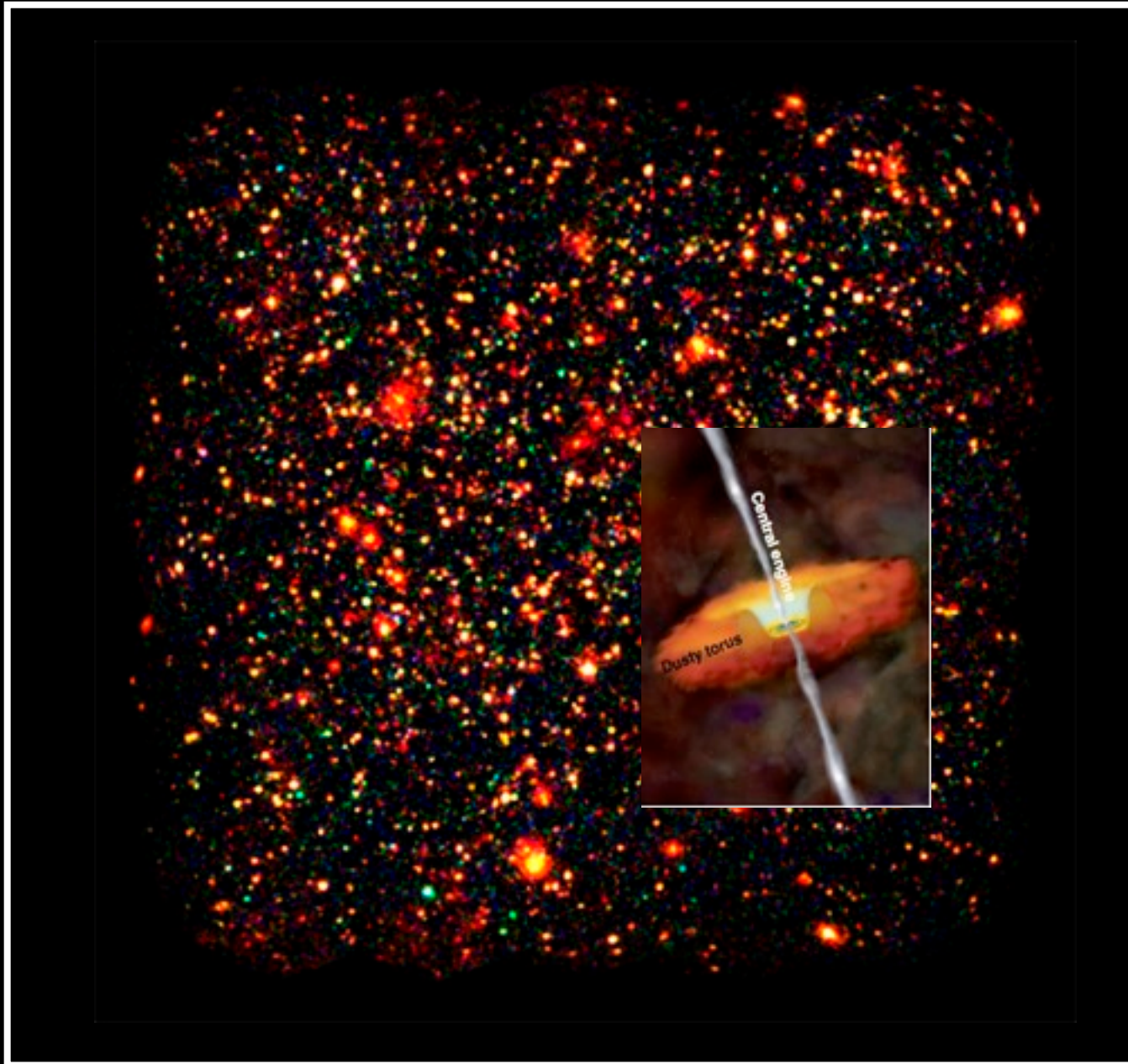


# The search for obscured AGN in COSMOS and CDFS

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XMM view of the COSMOS field

**Results obtained in the framework of the COSMOS & CDFS/MUSIC teams:**

Bongiorno, Brunner, Cappelluti, Comastri, Fiore, Fontana, Grazian, Hasinger, Merloni, Salvato, Santini, Zamorani and many others



# (... definition of “obscured AGN”?)

Antonucci 1993

- Unified vs. co-evolutionary models  
(geometry vs. time)

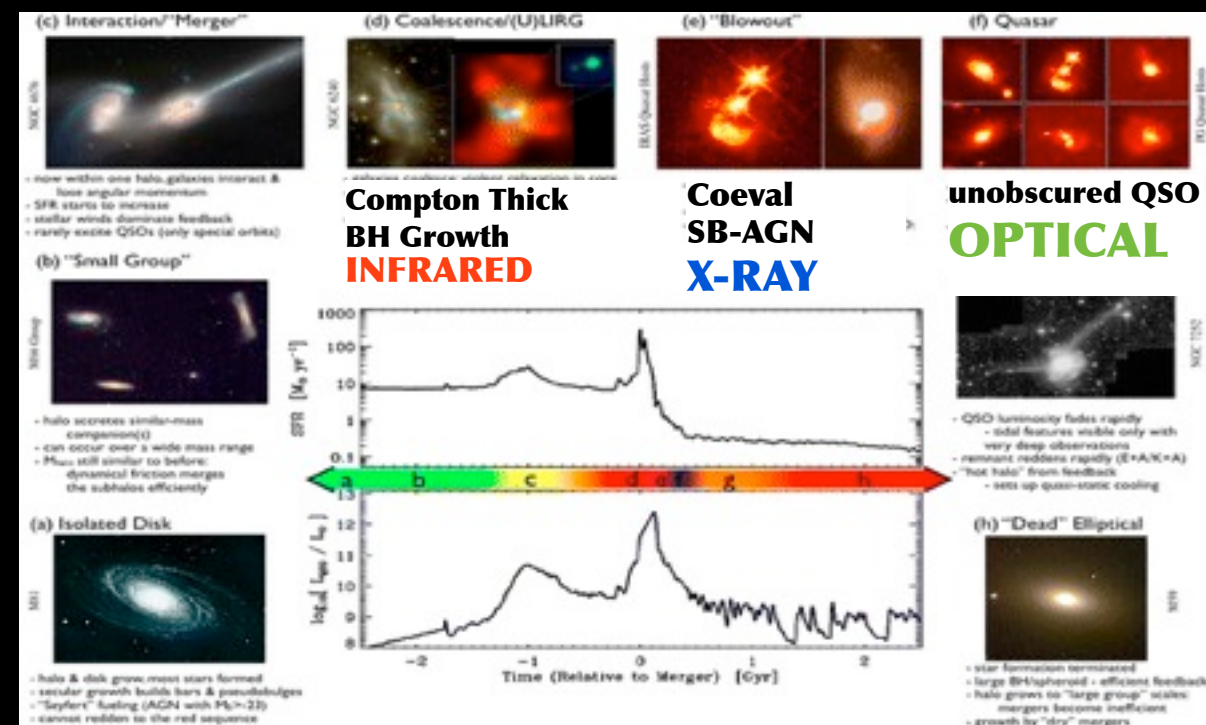
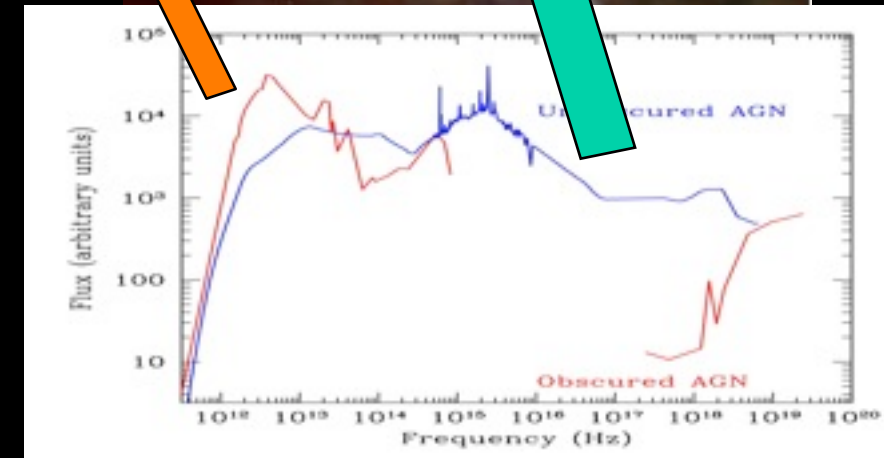
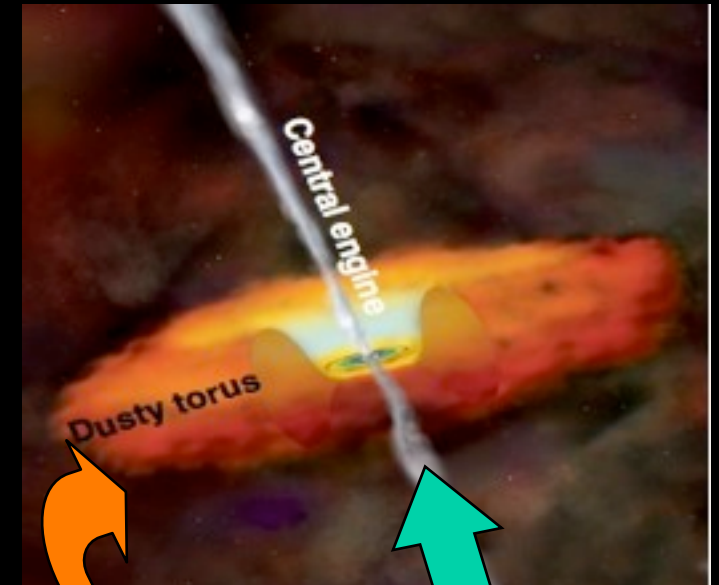
- **Unified models:**

- “viewing angle”
- AGN emission absorbed by torus (or “clumpy” system)
- BL vs. NL classification
- X-ray obscured vs. X-ray unobscured

- optical/X-ray classifications agree at 80% level

- **Evolutionary models:**

- “phase”
- AGN emission is obscured by host galaxy dust (and, maybe, absorbed by torus)
- time critical (absorption more common at high-z)



Hopkins et al. 2008



# obscured AGN: why bother?

(see Comastri talk  
tomorrow morning)

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(Setti & Woltjer 1989, Comastri+1995, Gilli+2007, Treister+2005,2009)
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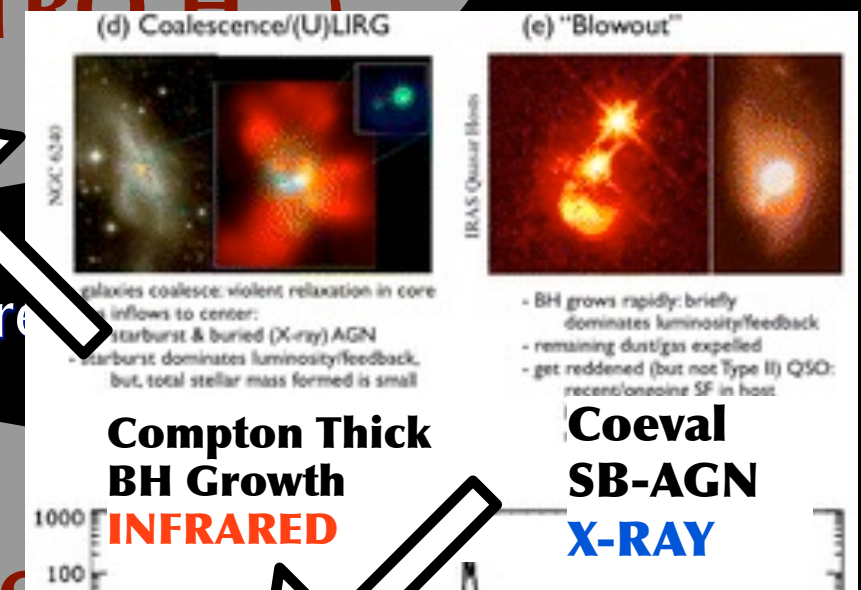
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(IR selection - high z; Swift, Nustar, ASTRO-H)

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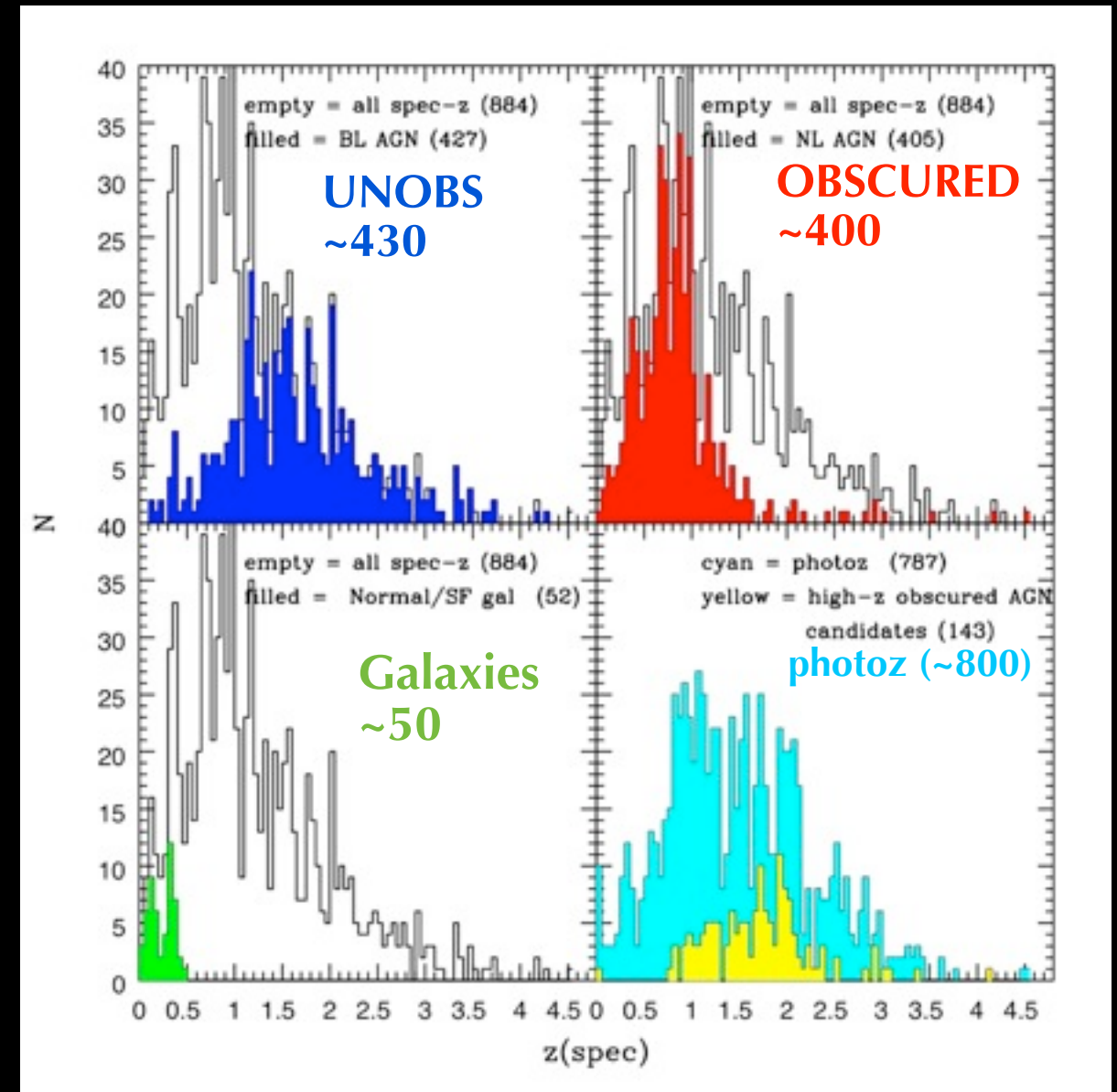
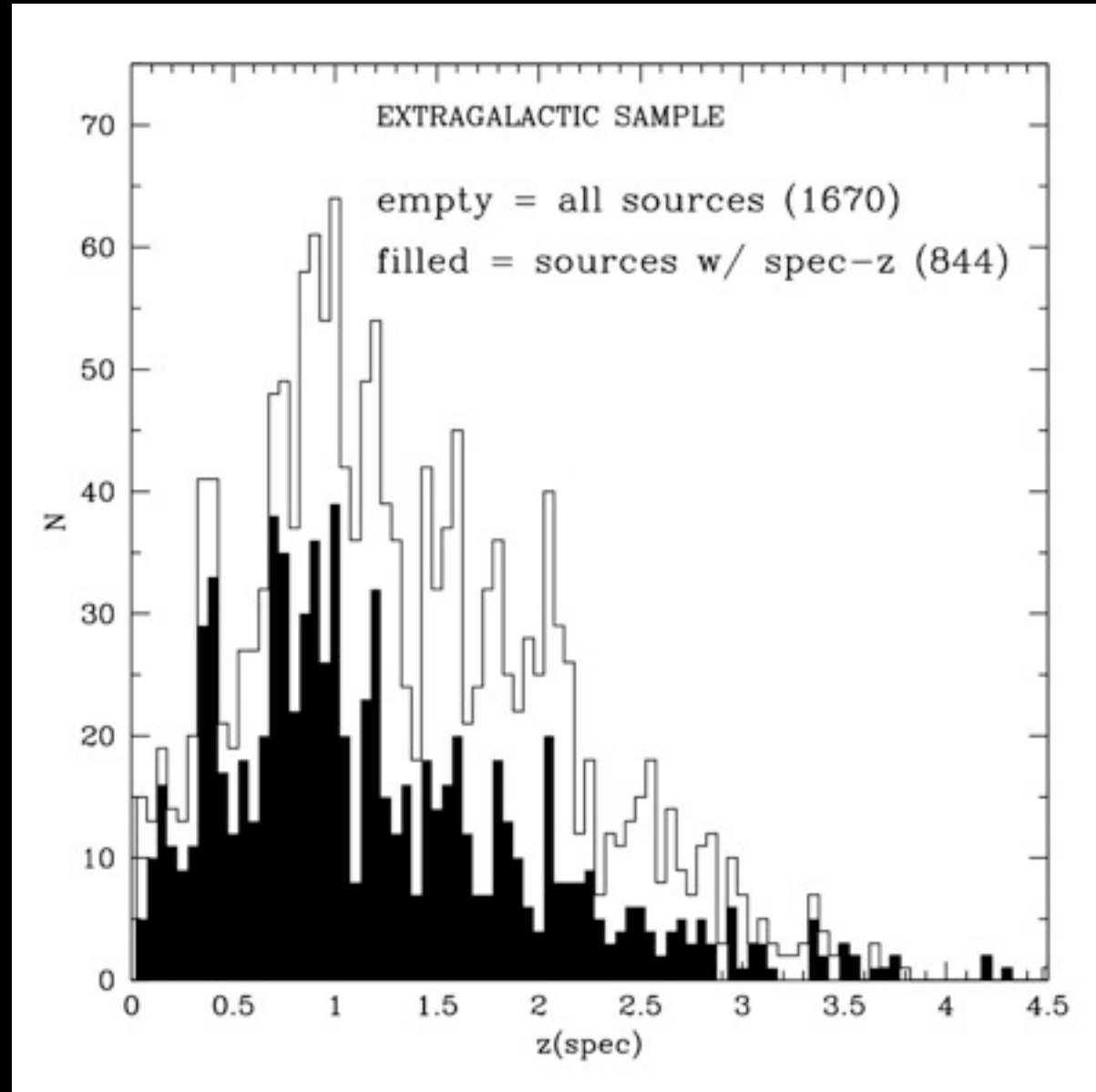
## Compton thin AGN and QSO

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# **The X-ray selected obscured AGN population**

# High-luminosity, obscured AGN: XMM-COSMOS

Brusa et al. 2007, 2010, ApJ



~1800 pointlike sources down to  $1e-15$  cgs (Hasinger+07, Cappelluti+07,09)

~900 (~50%) "secure" spectroscopic redshifts

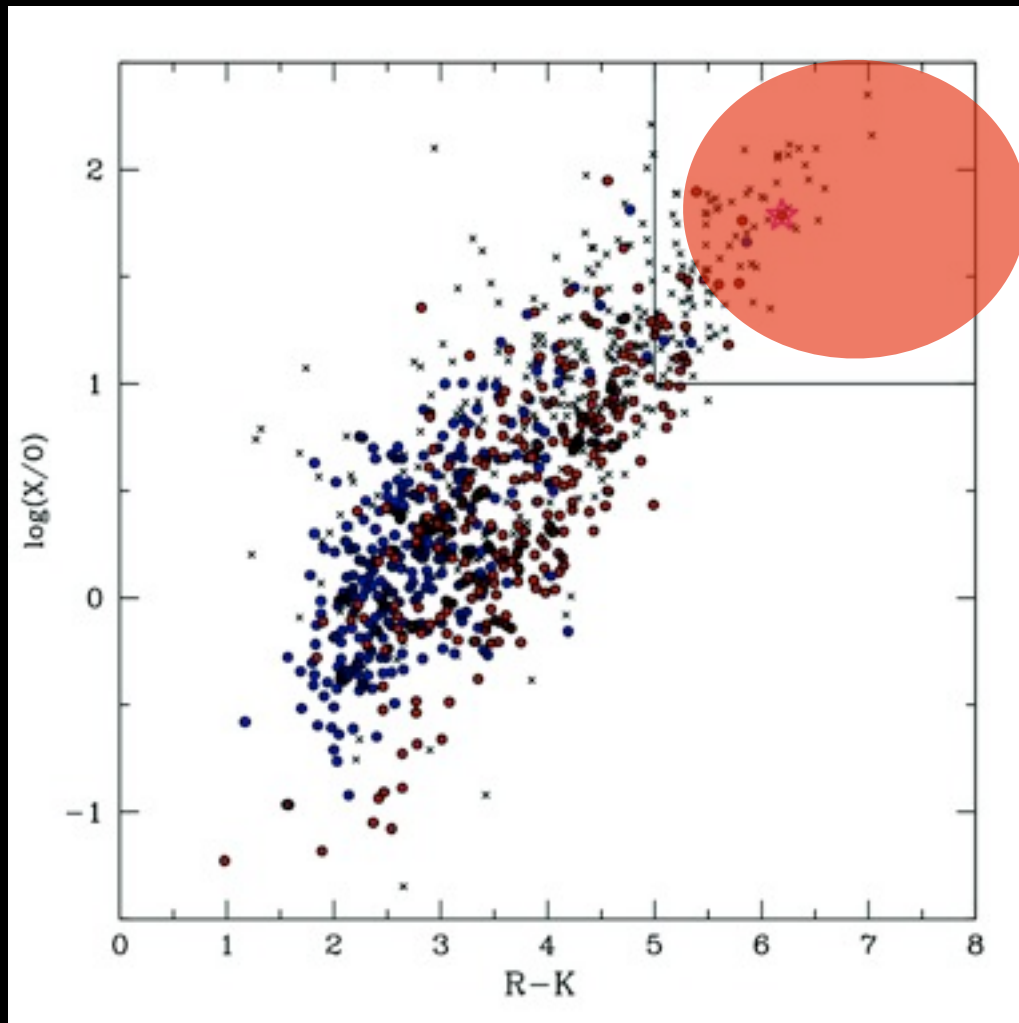
almost 100% complete including photoz (Salvato+09,11)

combined classification on the basis of  
X-ray lum and optical spectra



# efficiently isolating obscured QSO

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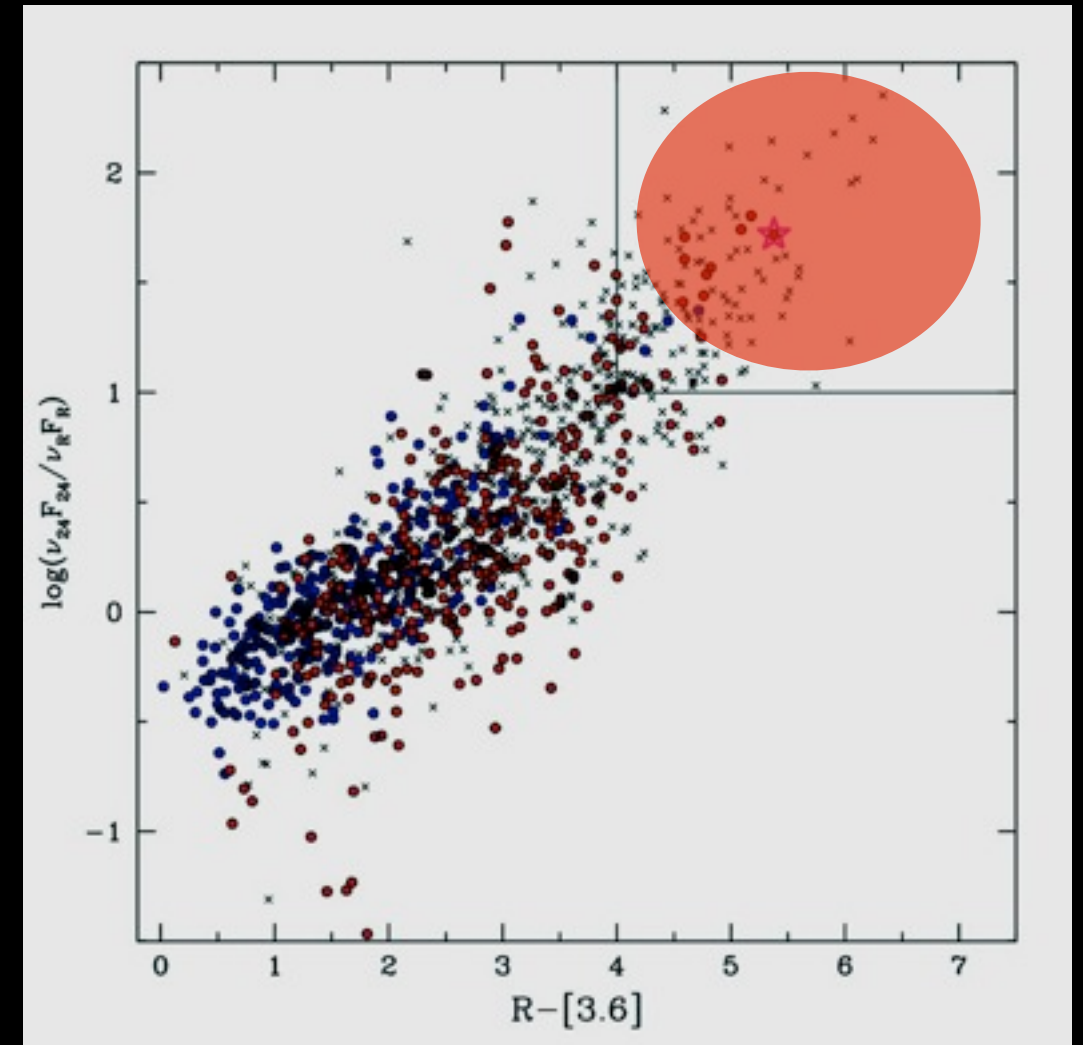
X/O vs. R-K

locus with obscured AGN

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all the ones not identified are candidate obscured AGN

proposed by Fiore, MB+03; see also Brusa et al. 2005, Barger+05, Eckart+06 etc.



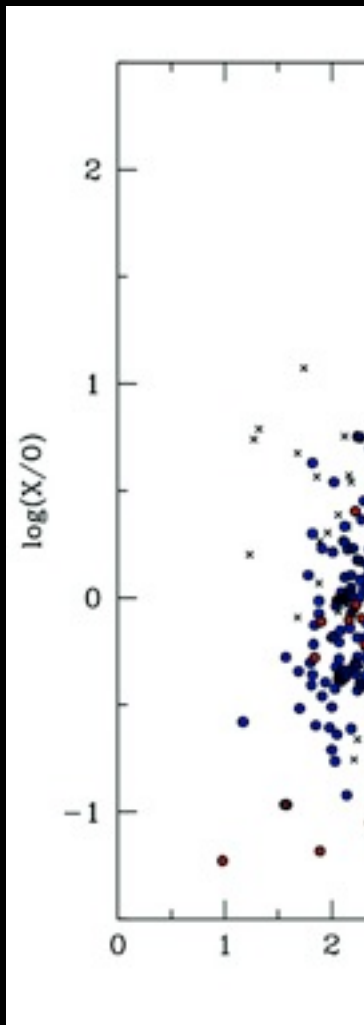
24 micron/R-band flux correlates with R-K

(Fiore+2008, 2009 - diagnostics for CT AGN in MIPS selected samples; see also Martinez-Sansigre+2005, Daddi+2007, Donley+2007, Georgakakis+09 etc. )

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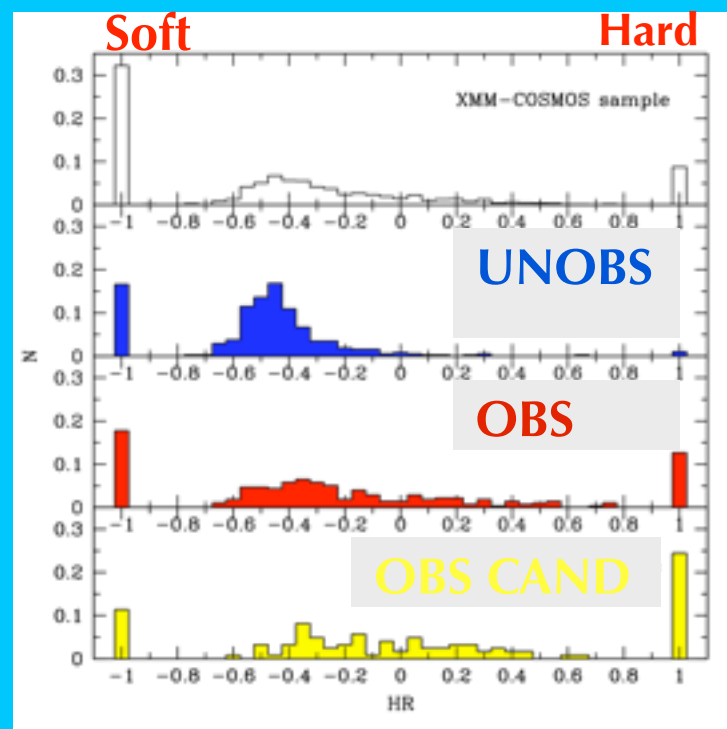
Combining R-K, X/O and MIR/O selection:  
~150 candidates obscured QSO at  $z > 1$



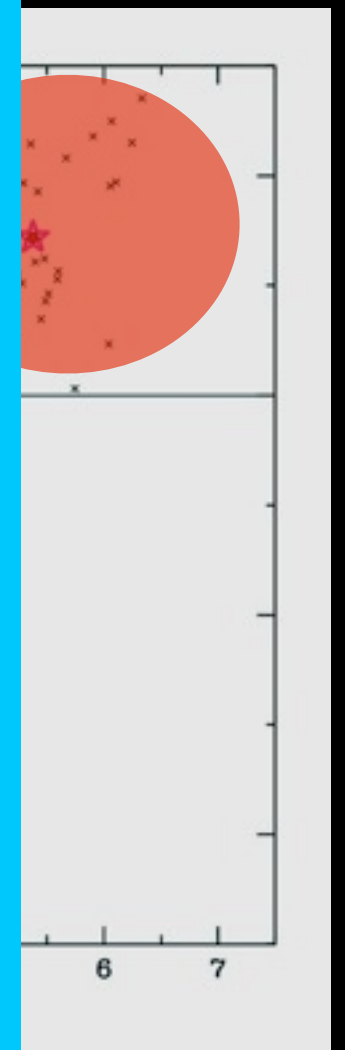
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follow up with **DEIMOS/FMOS/LUCIFER/X-shooter**  
ongoing or proposed  
--> BH mass from H $\alpha$  in NIR, looking at these  
objects in scaling relation and complement the results  
on type 1 AGN (Merloni et al. 2010, Trump et al. 2010)



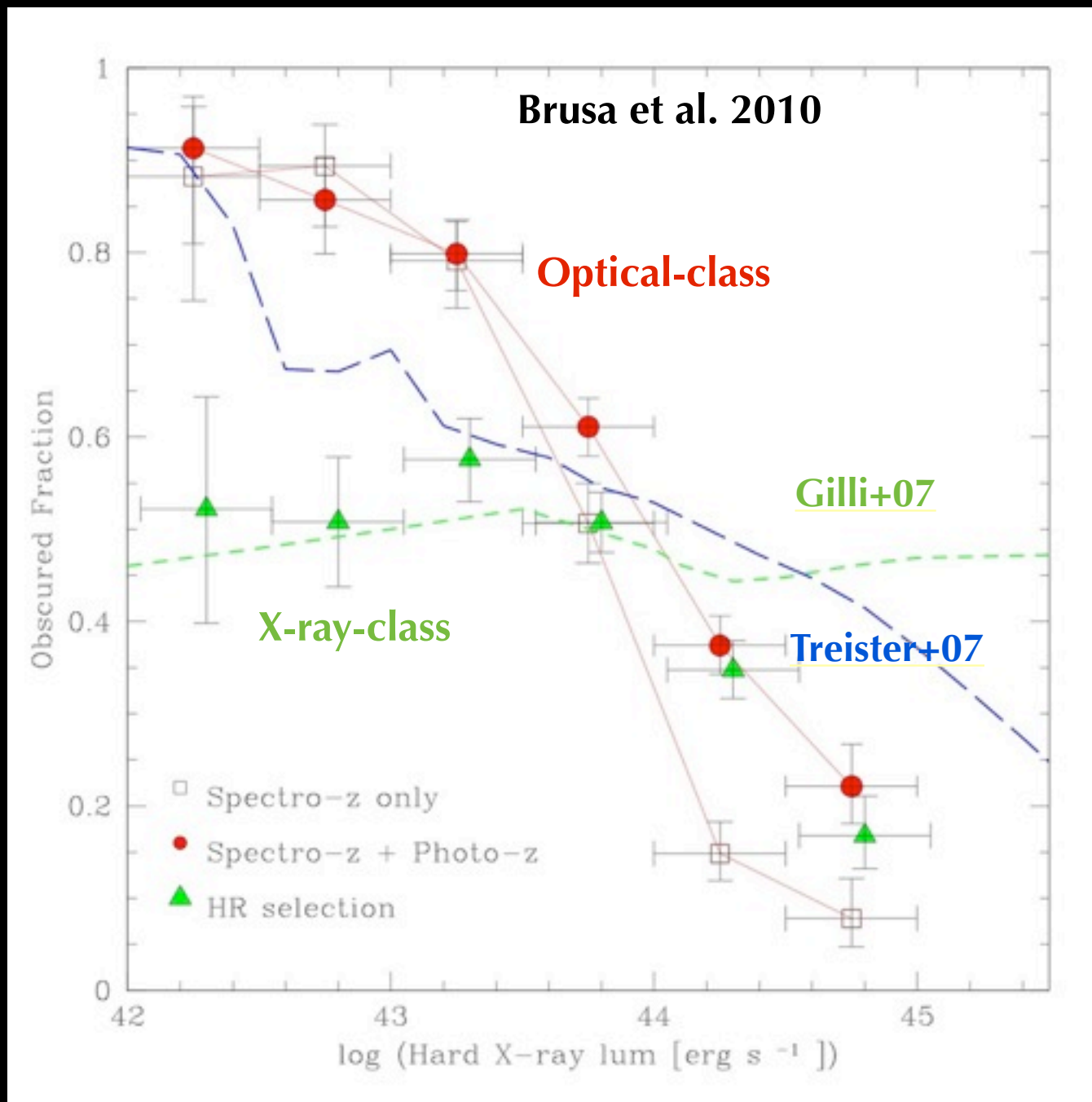
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cs for CT  
s; see also  
li+2007,  
9 etc. )



# What happens at lower luminosities?

## ( $L_x \sim 10^{42} - 10^{44}$ erg/s)



Type 2 AGN fraction, strong function of  $L$ :  
less luminous, most obscured

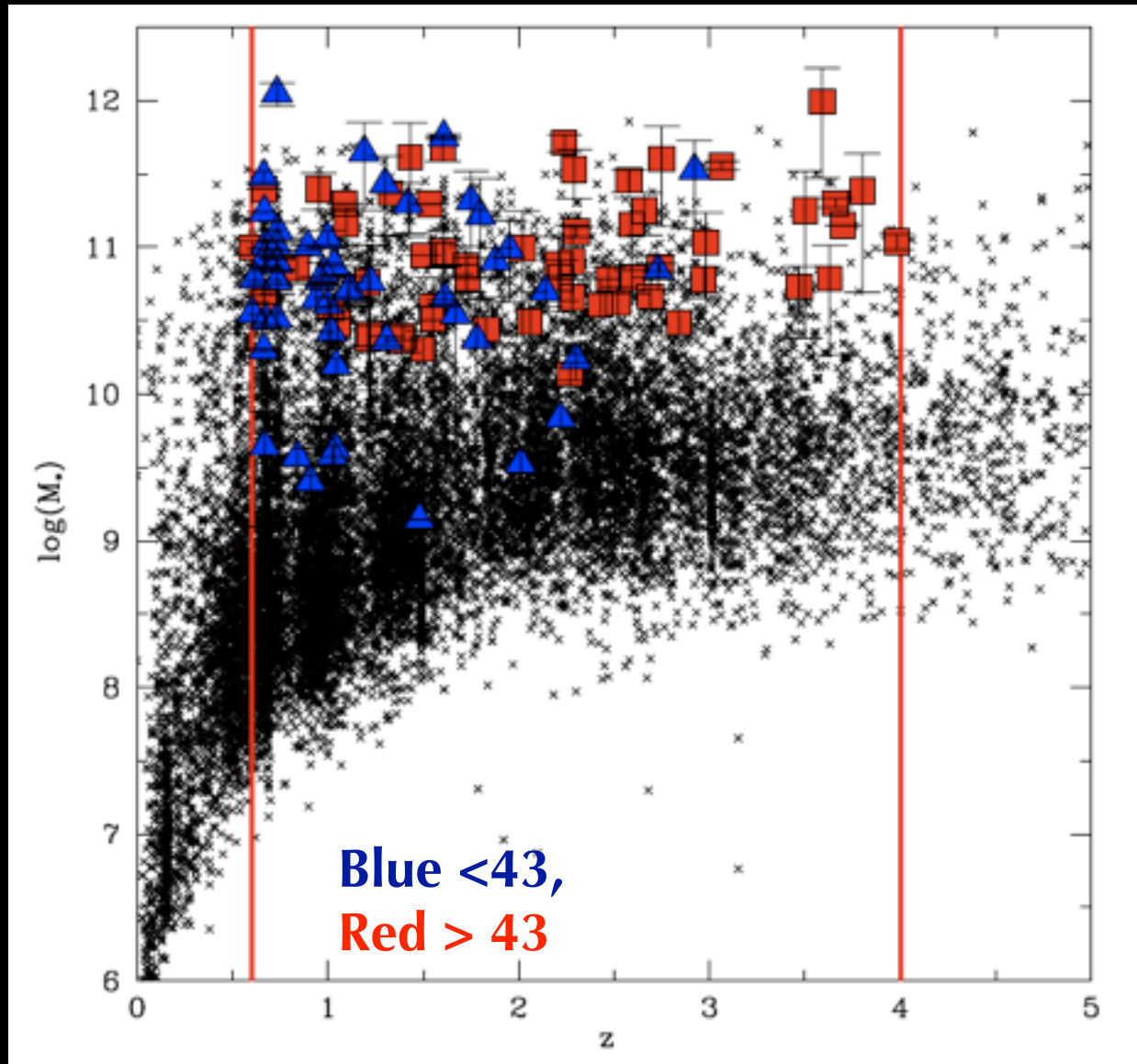
Same results in DIFFERENT bands  
(Simpson+05, Maiolino+08, Hasinger 2008,  
Bongiorno+10, Burlon+11, Brightman+11)

Receding torus scenario: most luminous more  
efficient in cleaning the environment (see  
also clumpy models, e.g. Nenkova et al.  
2008)

Low- $L$ :  
Relative contribution of AGN and host:  
“extra” obscuration from host galaxy at  
low- $L$  (optical and X-ray classification do  
not agree)

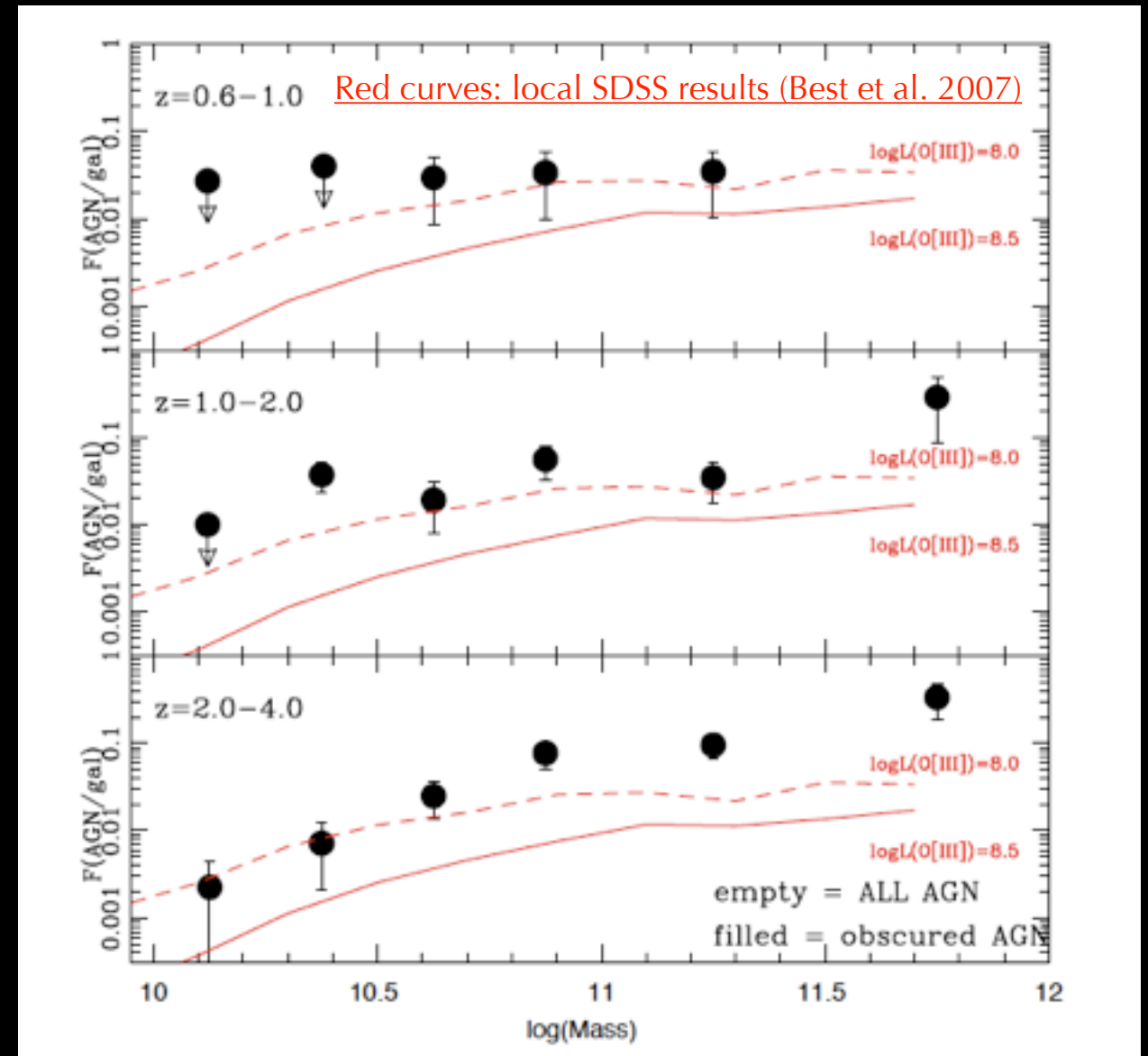
# low luminosities obscured AGN: CDFs/MUSIC

Brusa et al. 2009 (CDFs+MUSIC)



1Ms CDFS/MUSIC sample  
~110 obscured AGN (BL AGN removed)

Most X-ray selected obscured AGN live in  
massive galaxies



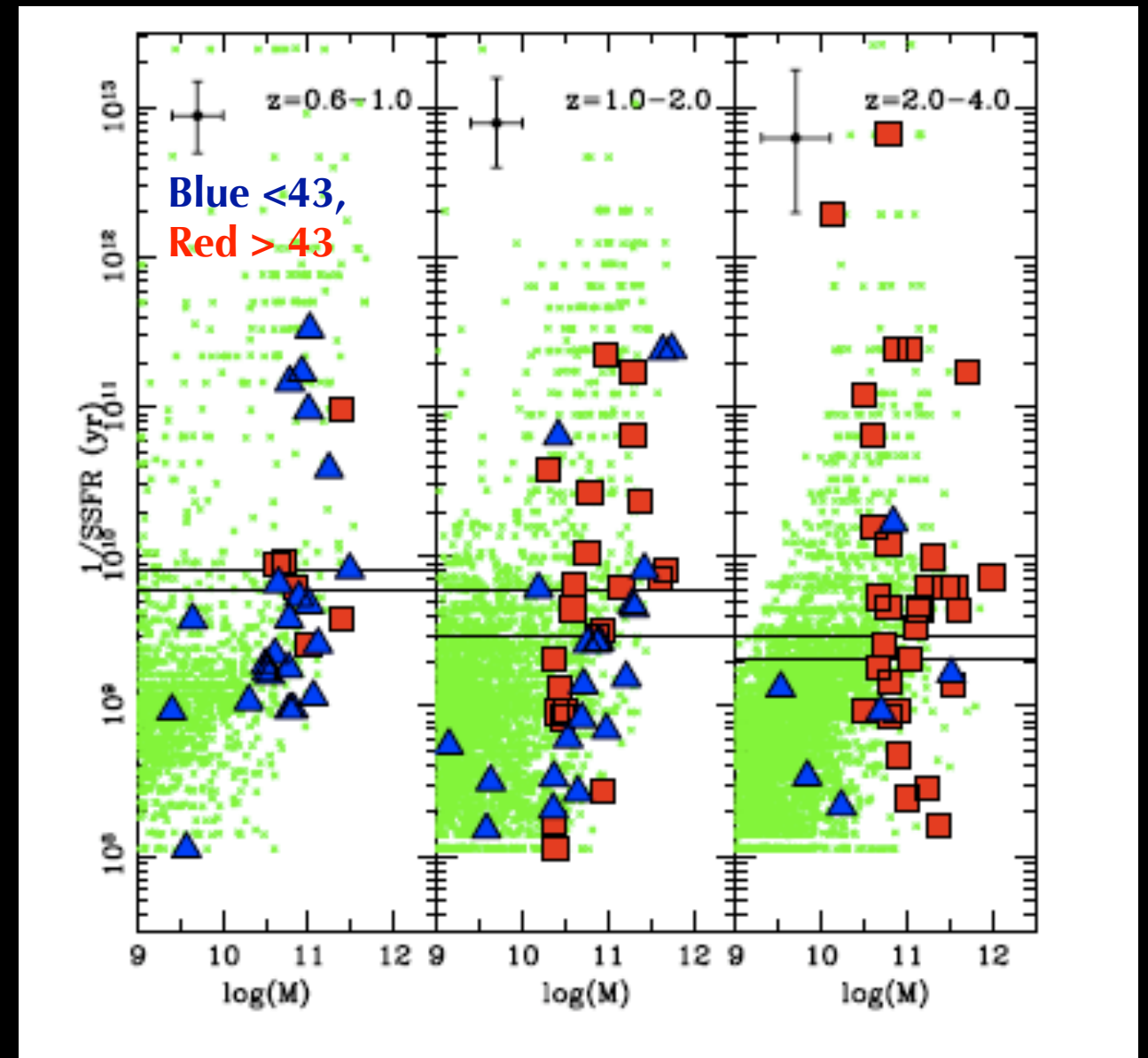
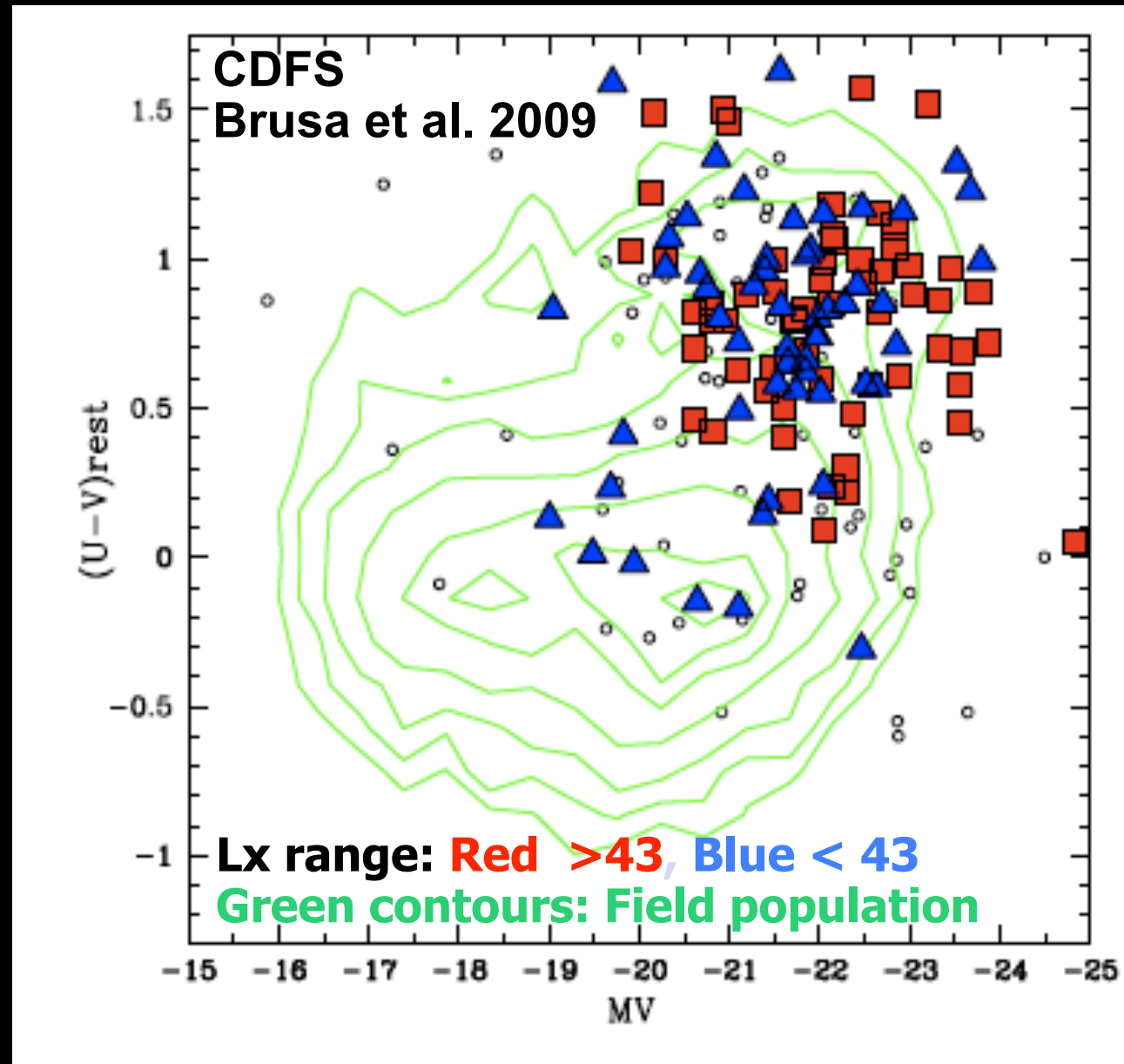
(see also Yamada+09, Bundy+08, Silverman+08, Bluck+11, Aird talk)

AGN fraction increases with stellar mass

Trend similar to what observed in the local Universe;  
higher normalization suggest higher AGN duty cycle?

# obscured AGN host galaxies: colors and SFR

Masses and SFR from Santini+09



Host of obscured AGN are **RED** and optically luminous  
No clear trend with  $L_X$  (see also Nandra et al. 2007, Cardamone+2009, Silverman+2009)

relative contribution of host/AGN

50% X-ray selected obscured AGN live  
in **STARFORMING** galaxies ( $>20 \text{ Msun/year}$   
or  $1/\text{SSFR} < t(\text{Hubble})$ )

works being extended also in XMM-COSMOS sample  
(Mainieri+11, Lusso+11)  
See Mainieri & Lusso talks / Bongiorno poster)



# Pre- or Post ?

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?

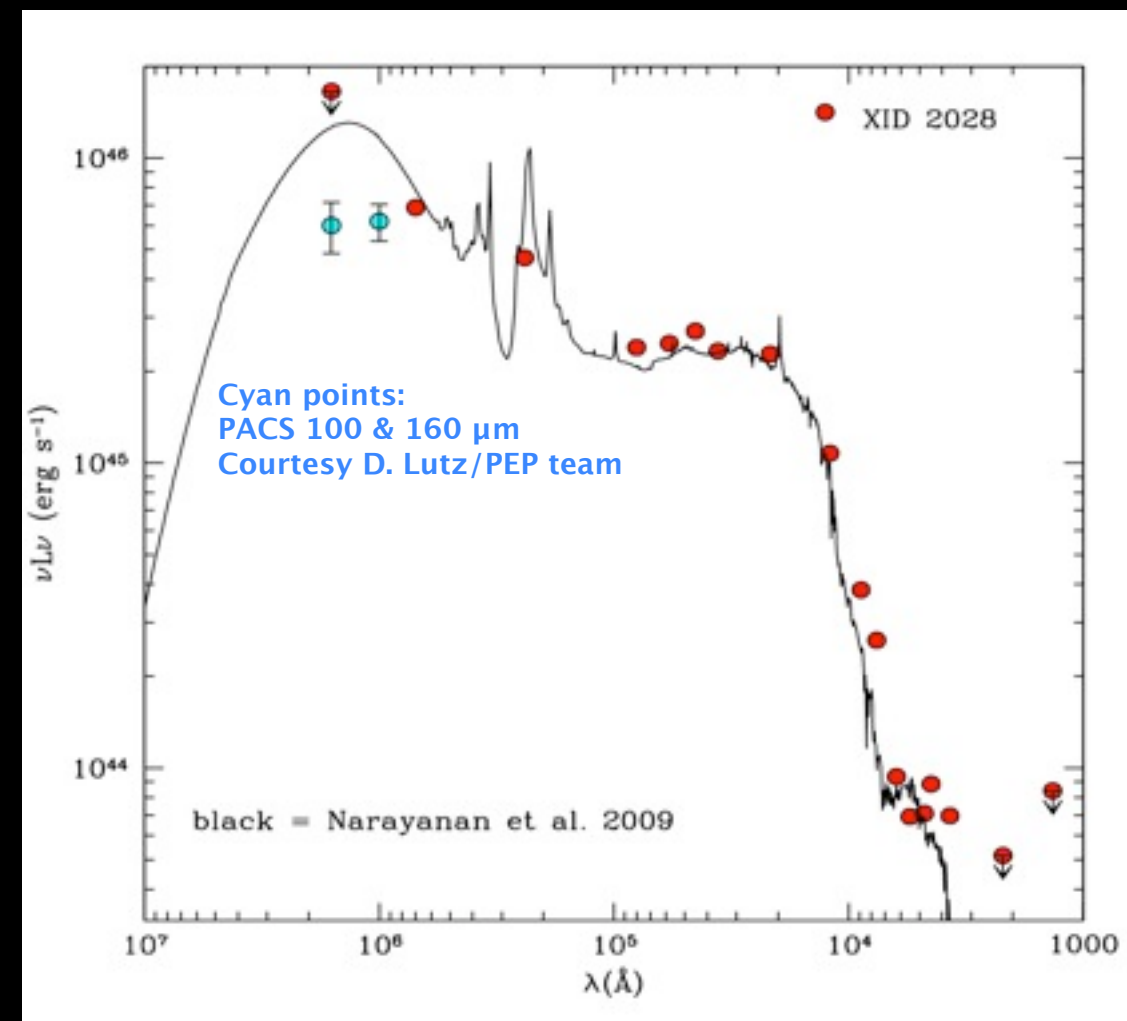
Evidences for *both* !

Host galaxies both **passive ellipticals** or **dusty star-forming** from morphological analysis and/or SED fitting (see also Mainieri talk yesterday)

--> **different phases/timescales are sampled!**

**Essential role of Herschel in disentangling SB and AGN components**

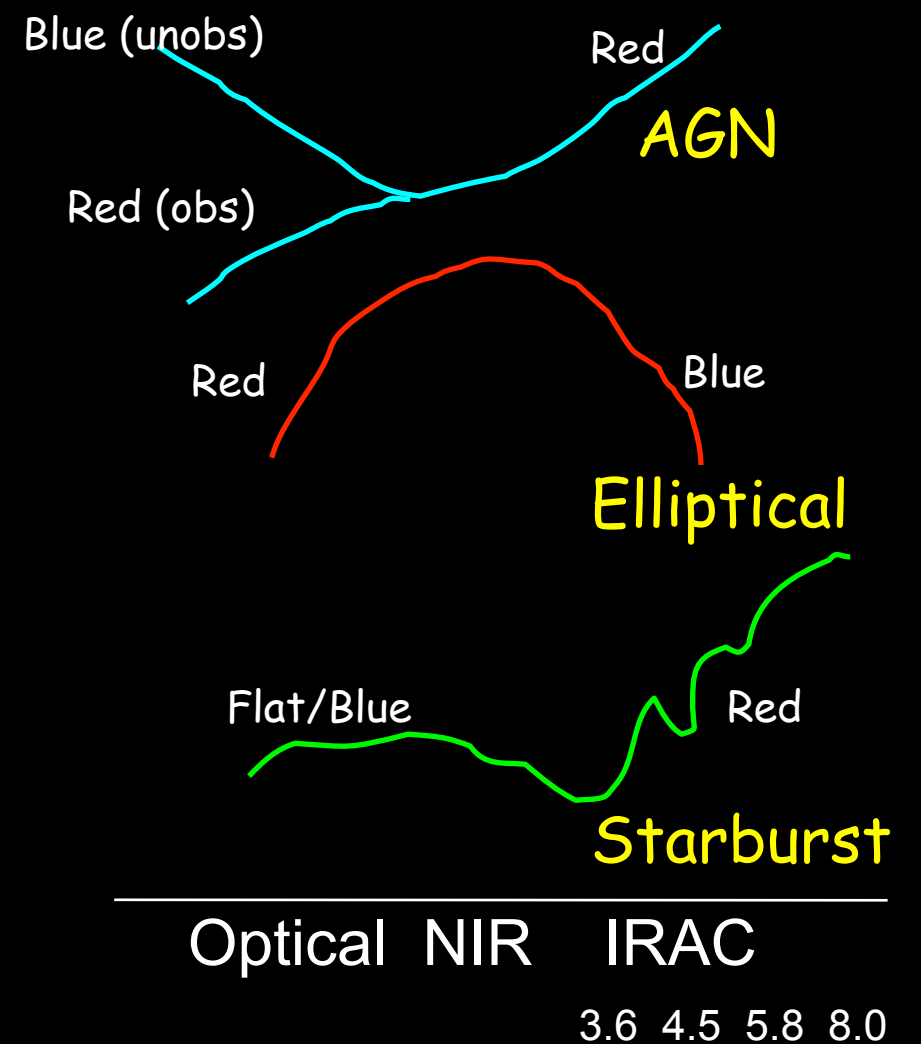
(see also Shao et al. 2010, Gruppioni et al. 2011)



# **The IR selected obscured AGN population**

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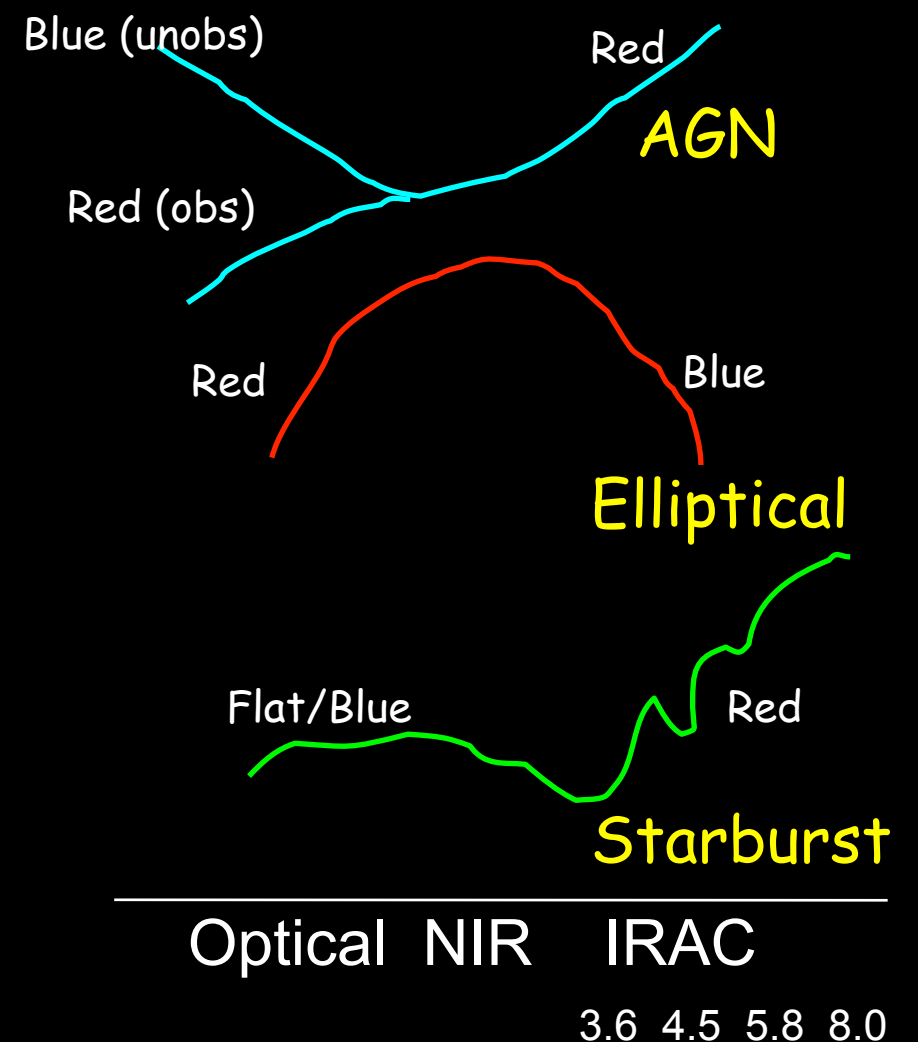
AGN (both type 1 and 2) **can be isolated** in NIR/MIR diagrams and they are  $\sim$  **same order of magnitude** of X-ray selected obscured AGN

(Lacy et al. 2004, Hatziminaoglou et al. 2005, Stern et al. 2005, Donley et al. 2008, Pope et al. 2008, Fiore et al. 2008, Luo et al. 2011)

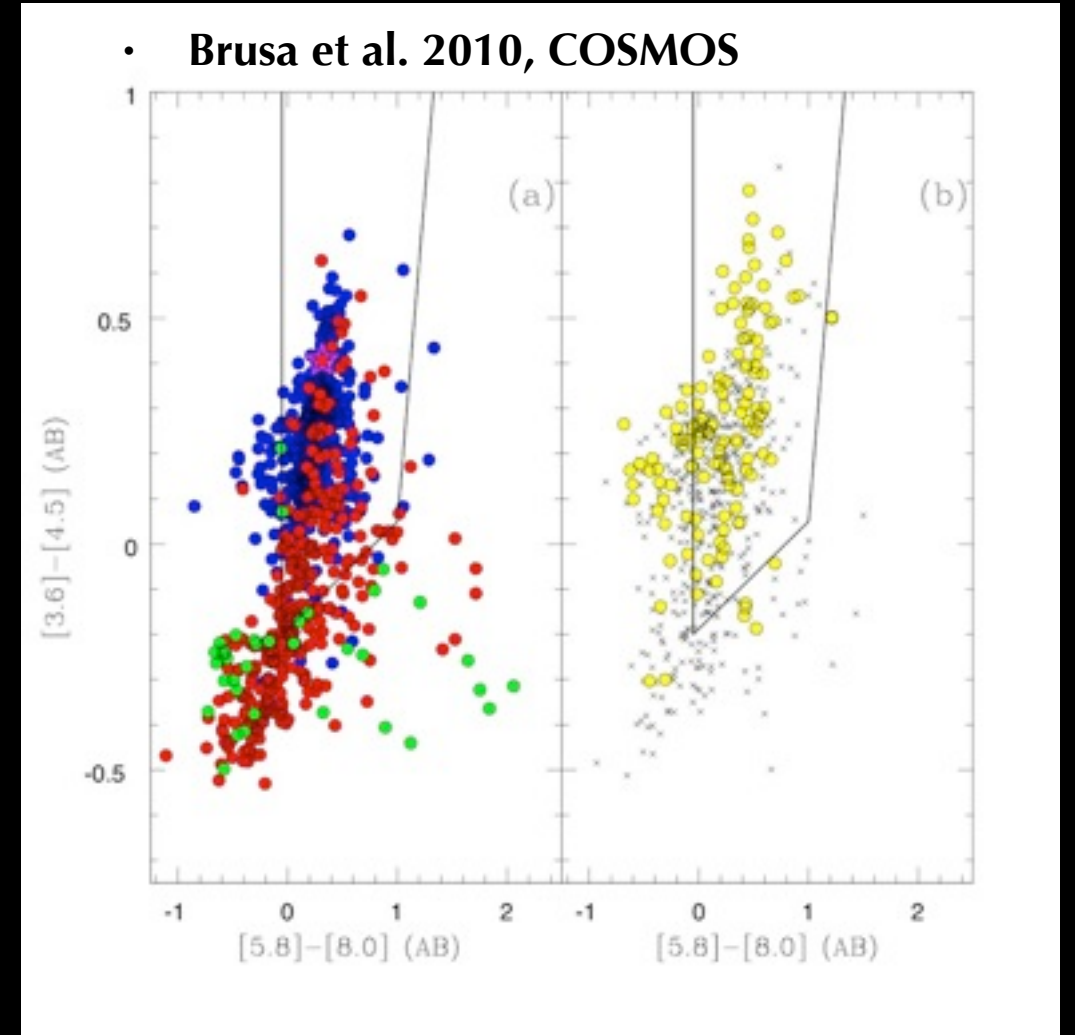
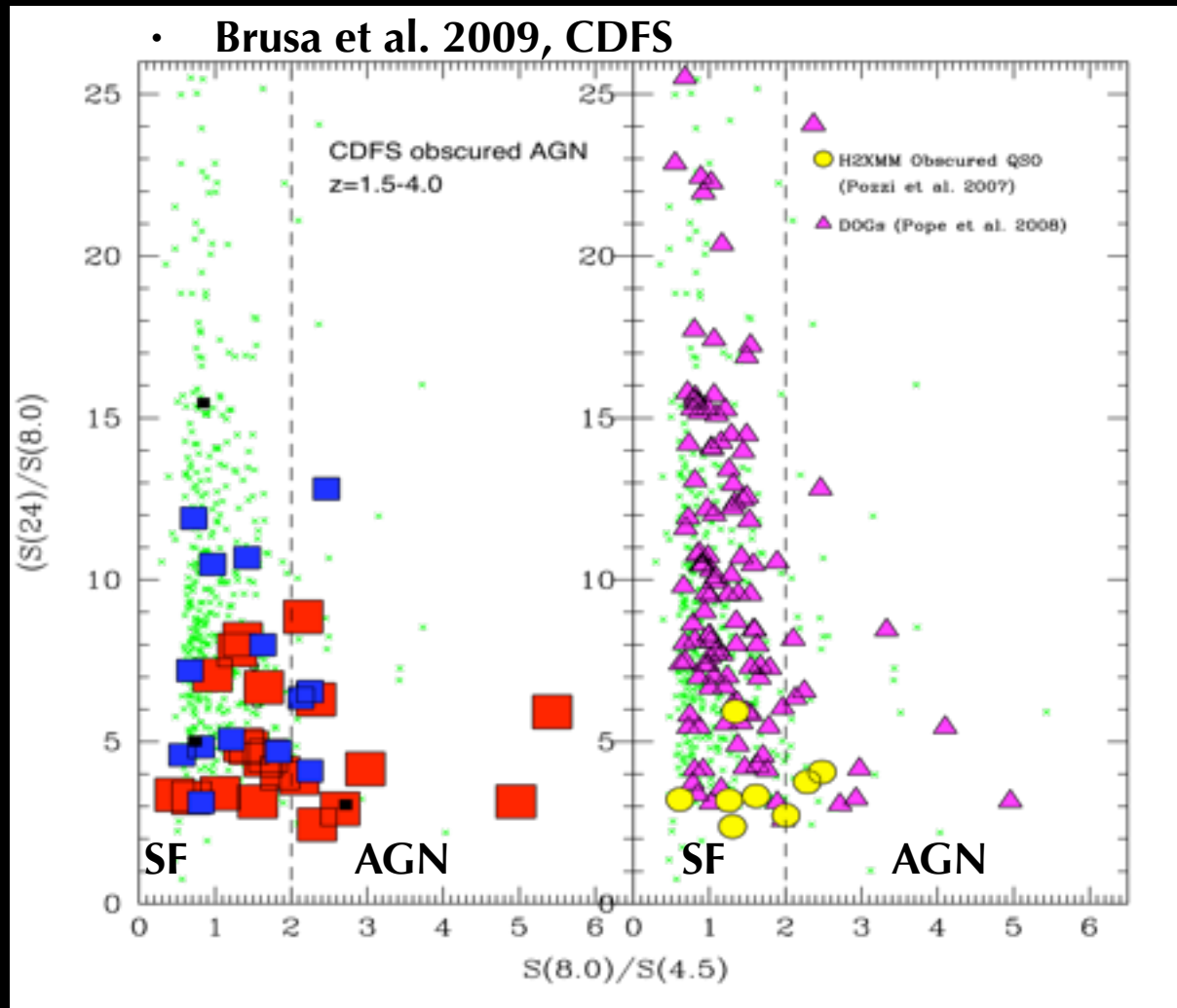
## Main issues:

**reliability** (are only AGN selected?)

**completeness** (are all AGN selected?)



# Completeness issues (1)



Pope et al. (2008) diagram

>50% of obscured AGN lie outside the AGN

locus in the starburst region

Stern+2005, Lacy+2005 diagrams:

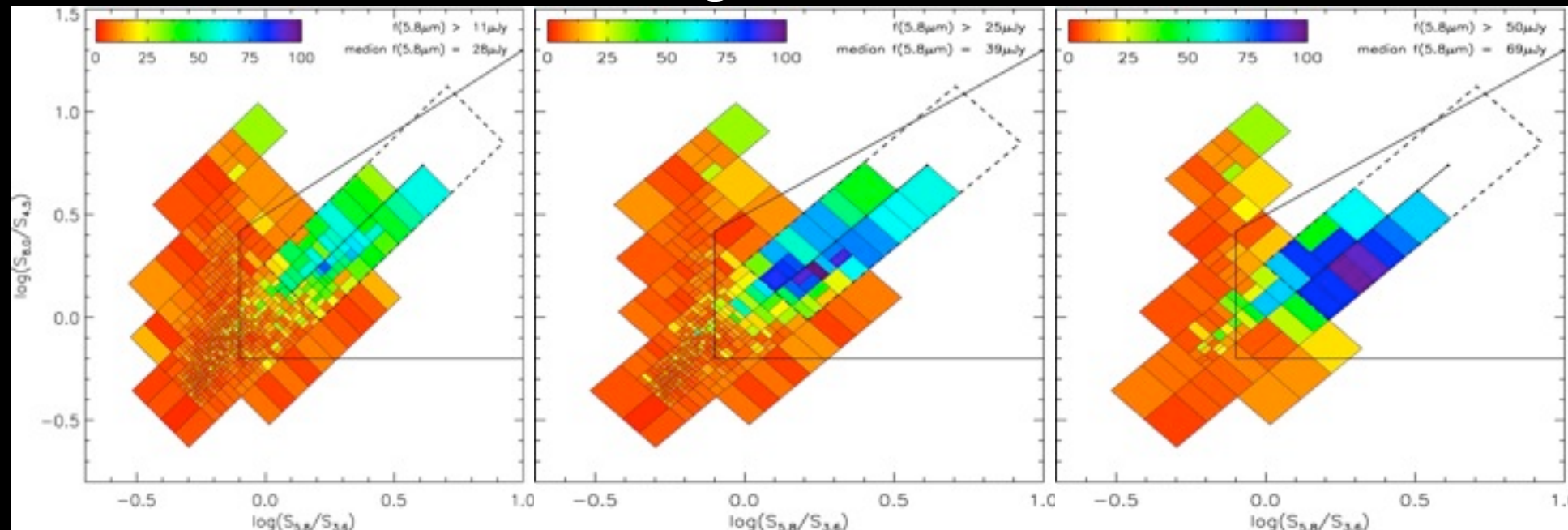
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wedges (~20% of the most luminous..)

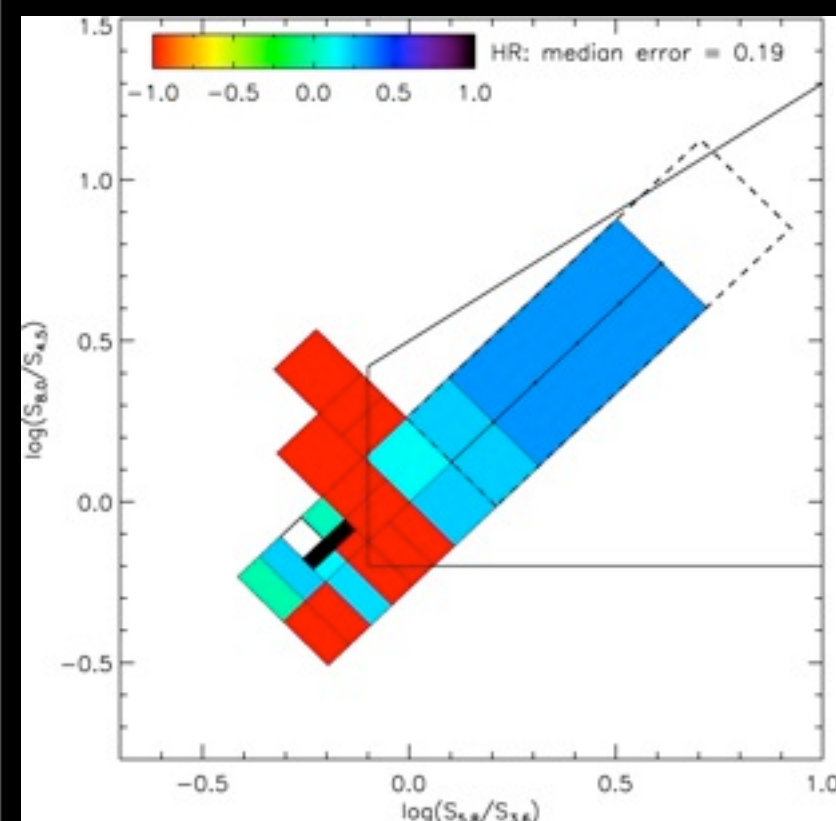
- Importance of combined X-ray / IR/MIR coverage to isolate obscured accreting black holes
- strong luminosity dependence for the efficiency

# Reliability issues (2)

Increasing IRAC flux -->



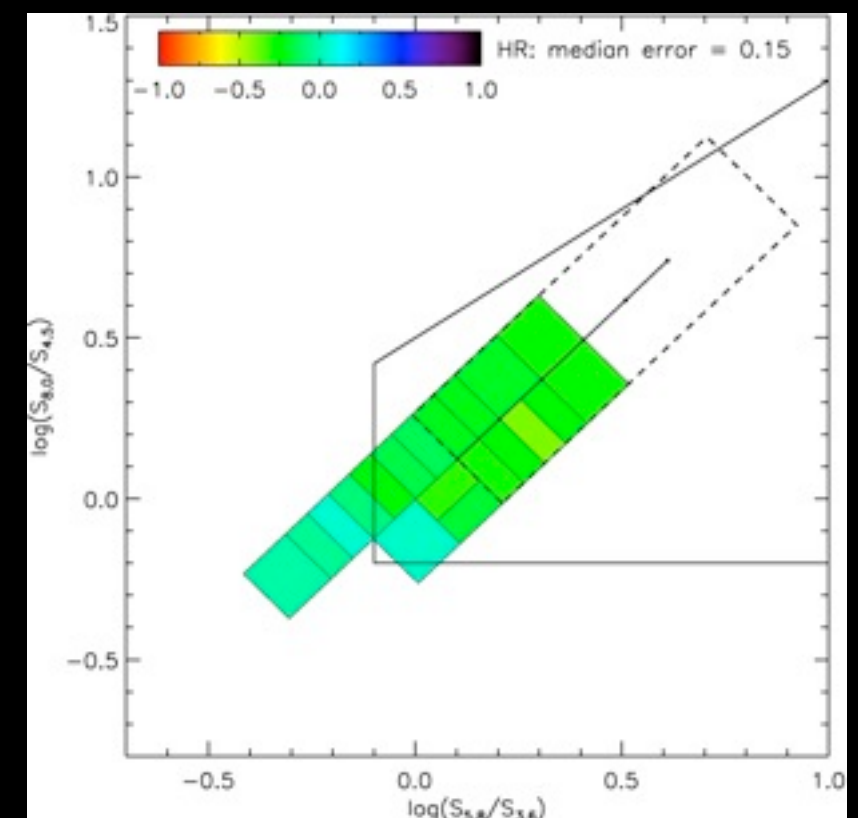
Lacy et al. wedge  
fraction of X-ray  
detected sources  
increases with IRAC  
flux



Average (stacked) HR in  
X-ray undetected  
population

is higher than

average (measured) for  
X-ray detected sources



Donley, MB et al. subm



# Summary & Future

X-ray selected luminous, obscured AGN can be efficiently isolated in X-ray surveys from **multiwavelength diagnostics (3 bands!)**

Host galaxies of  $z > 1$  obscured AGN show both **high, dust obscured starforming galaxies** and **passive ellipticals** (different phases, during and right after major accretion?)

**IR criteria suffer from severe contamination** as you approach faint fluxes / completeness is also an issue

## What's next ?

“complete” AGN luminosity function (joining IR + Xray samples)

Complete census of **accretion** (BH mass and  $\dot{M}$ ) and star **formation** ( $\dot{M}_{\text{star}}$  and SFR) needed to get the full picture

→ A truly multiwavelength approach and a better statistics is mandatory (Herschel, ALMA, WFC3, IR spectrographs ...)

Obscured, Luminous sources in the “transition” phase are rare --> large area and bright X-ray surveys (prospects for eROSITA!)

# Thanks !

related poster/talks (among others):

**J. Aird (talk 27.6)** --> Stellar masses of AGN host galaxies

**V. Mainieri (talk 27.6)** --> Host galaxies properties of QSO2 in COSMOS

**A. Comastri (invited 29.6)** --> obscured AGN in X-ray surveys

**D. Burlon (talk 30.6)** --> Type 2 AGN fraction in Swift/BAT samples

**E. Lusso (talk 30.6)** --> Type 2 AGN SED and bolometric corrections

**I. Balestra (poster # G01)** --> SED of obscured AGN in CDFS

**A. Bongiorno (poster # G02)** --> SED fitting decomposition and AGN hosts mass function

**E. Rovilos (poster #G40)** --> Star formation properties of obscured AGN

other COSMOS talks/posters:

**V. Allevato (talk 30.6)** --> Bias evolution and clustering properties in XMM-COSMOS

**F. Civano (poster #G07)** --> High redshift ( $z>3$ ) AGN in C-COSMOS

**M. Salvato (poster #G41)** --> Photometric redshifts for Chandra & XMM COSMOS AGN