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Obscuration and Star formation in Luminous Quasars

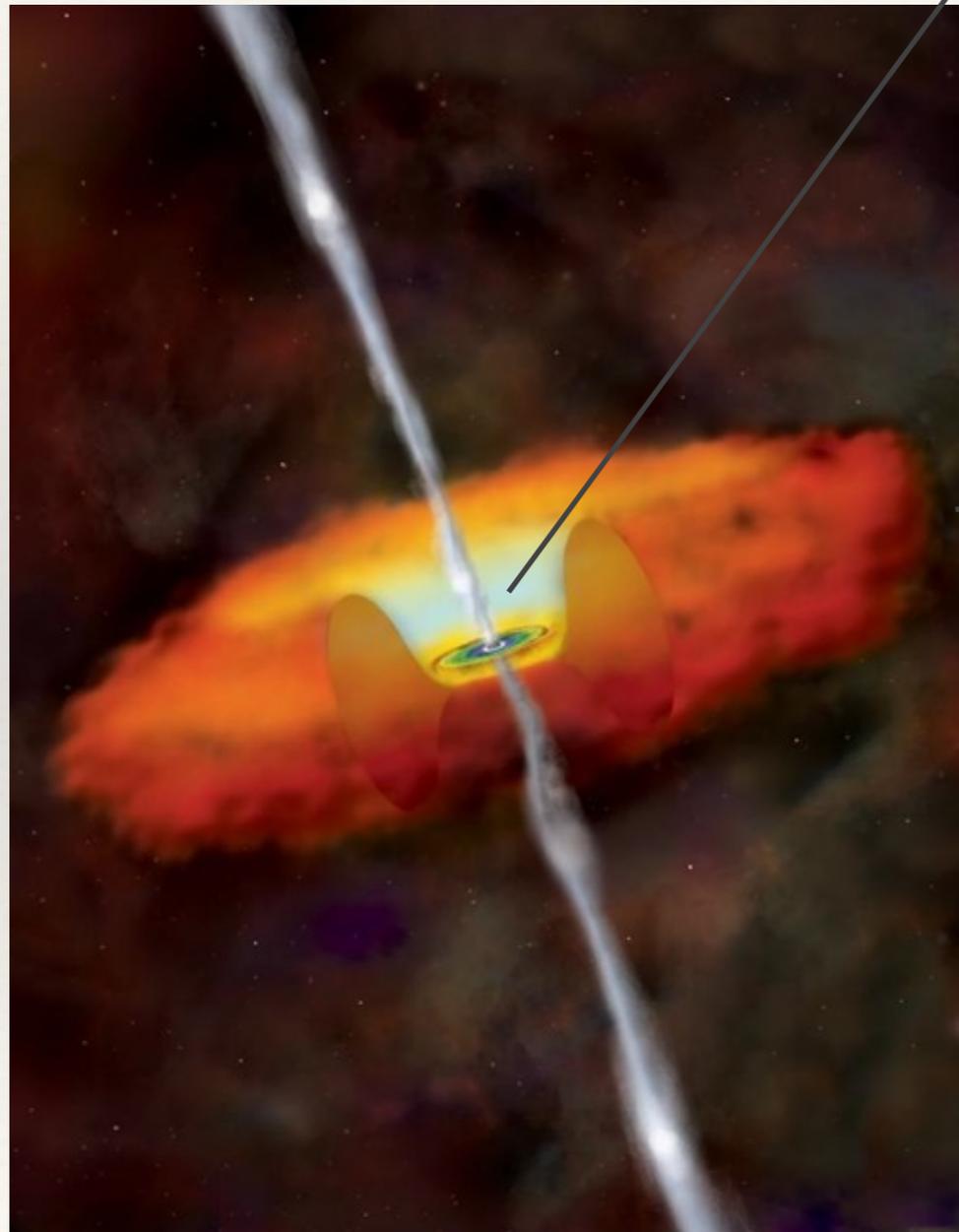
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AGN types and the unification model



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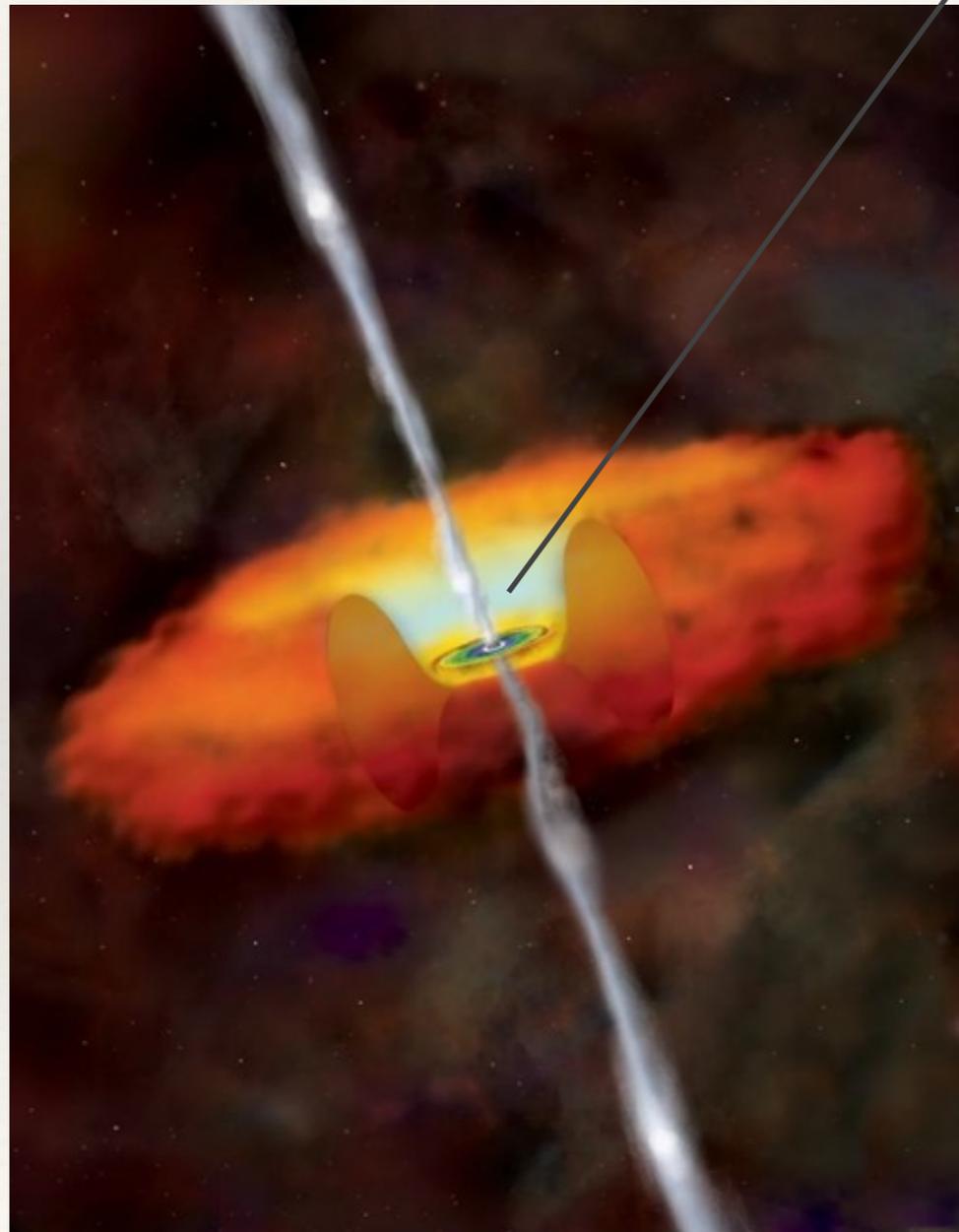


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AGN types and the unification model



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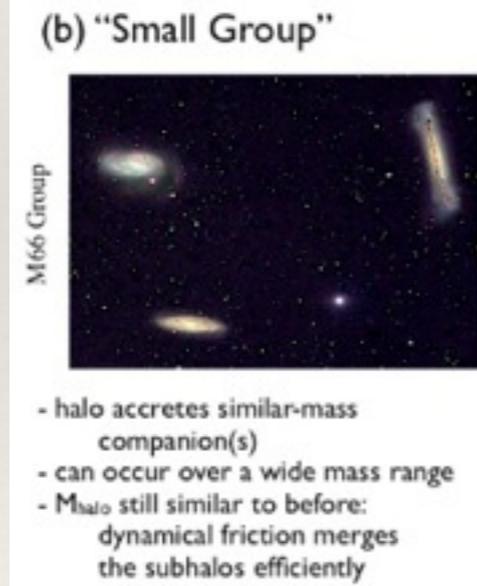
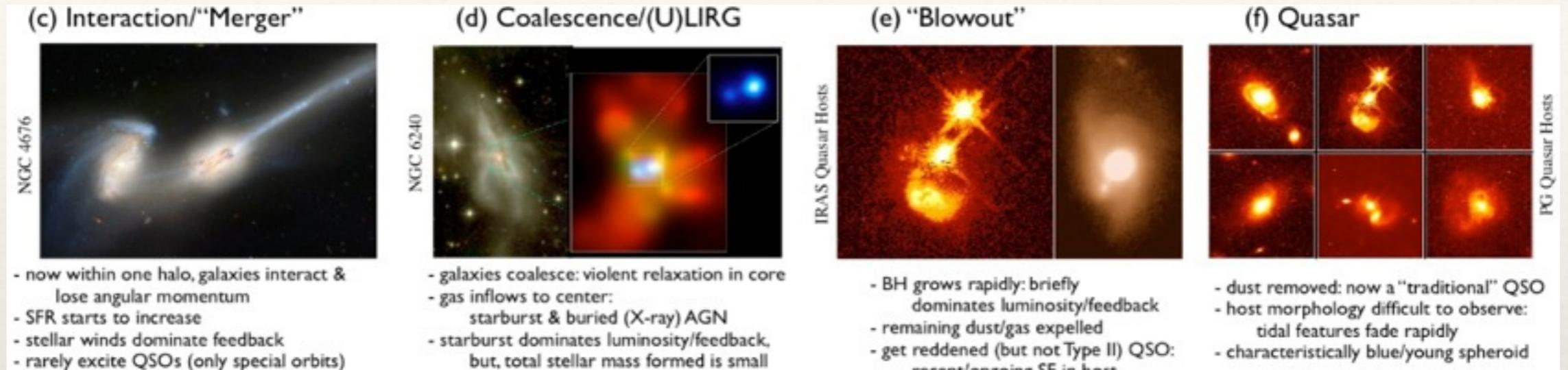
According to the AGN unification model, there should not be any difference in the properties of their host galaxies

The AGN vs SF point of view

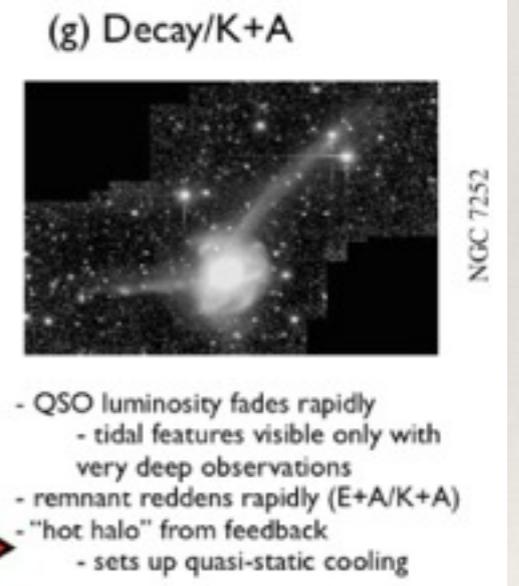
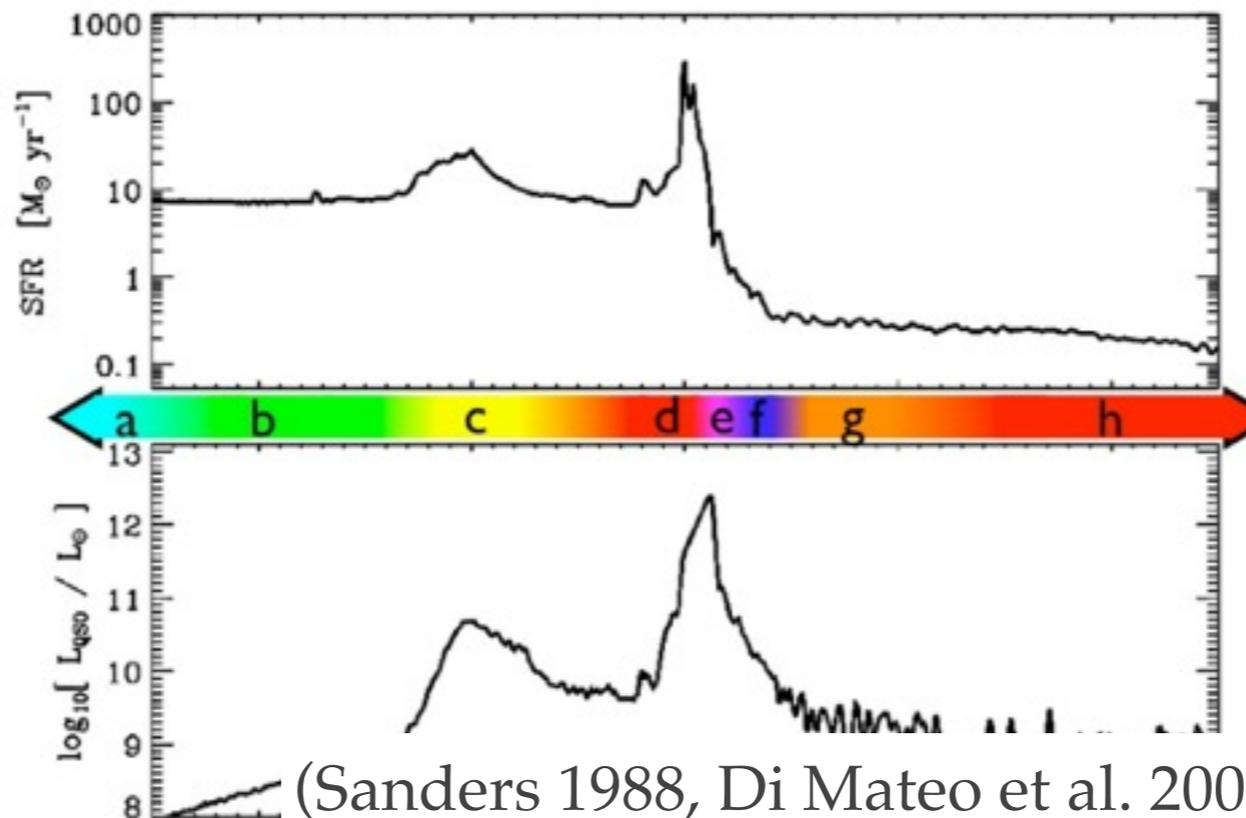
Merger/Starburst

ULIRG/
obscured quasar “SF quenching”
AGN outflow

unobscured
quasar



Hopkins et al. 2008



(Sanders 1988, Di Mateo et al. 2005, Hopkins et al. 2008)

Is the origin of obscuration in
quasars different than that in Seyferts?

A simple test:

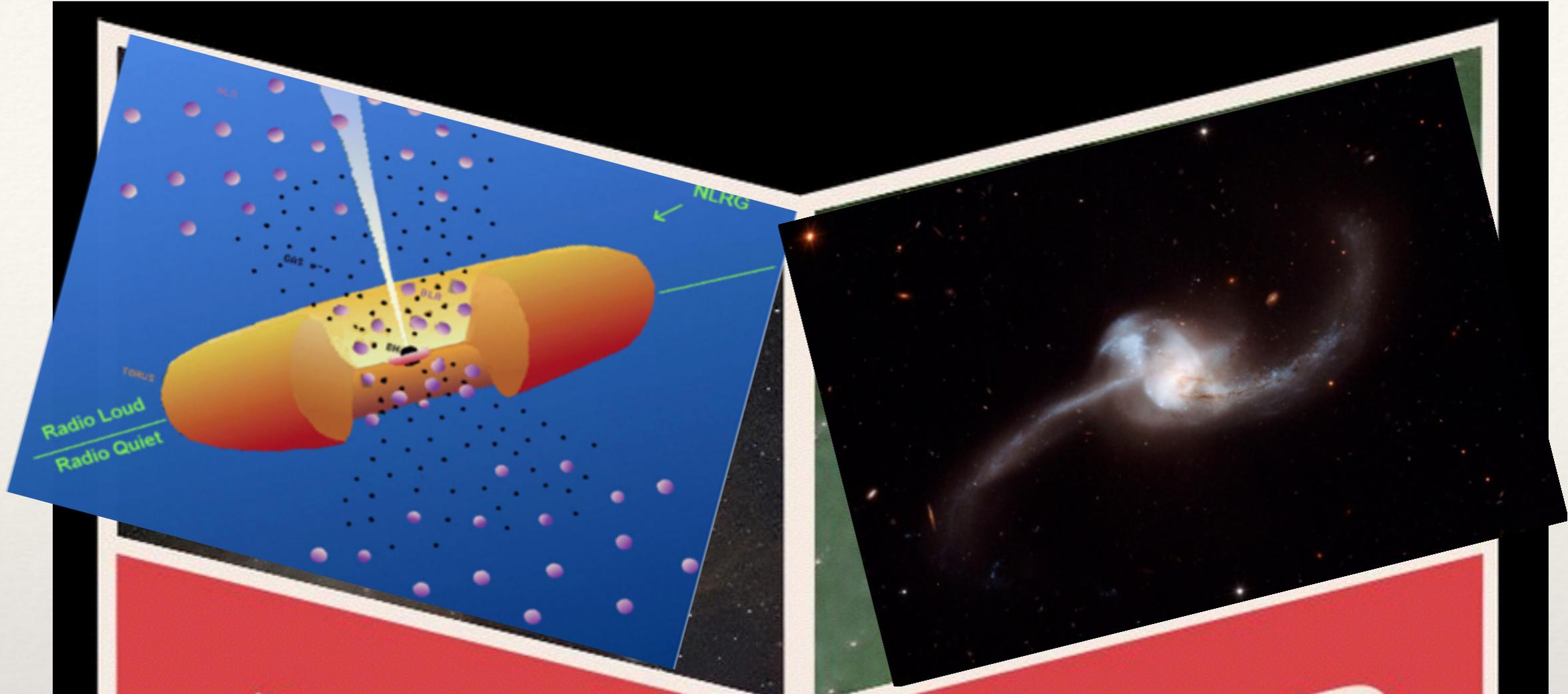
the star formation rates in unobscured and obscured quasars



AGN

VS.

**STAR
FORMATION**



AGN

(Unification model)

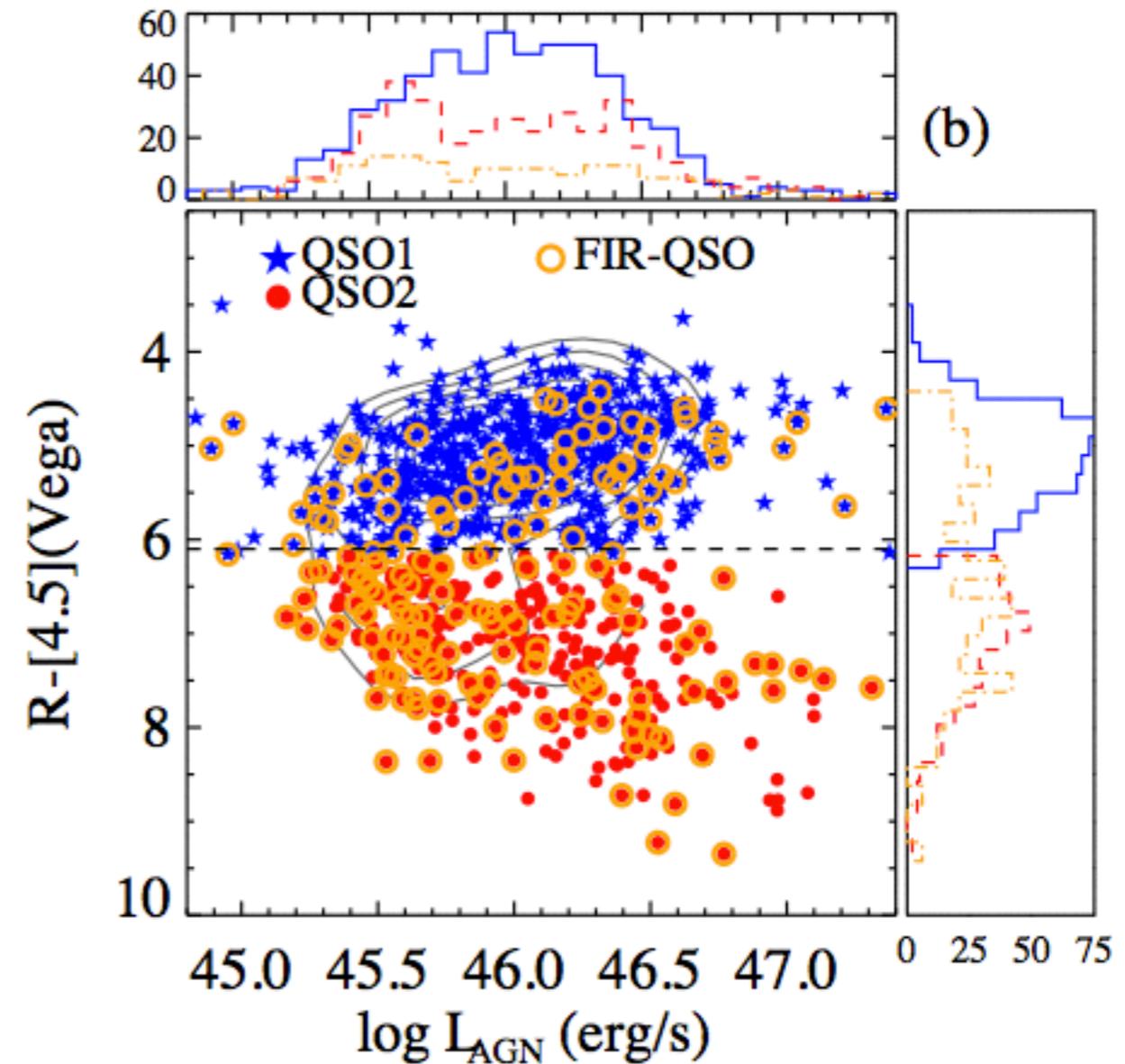
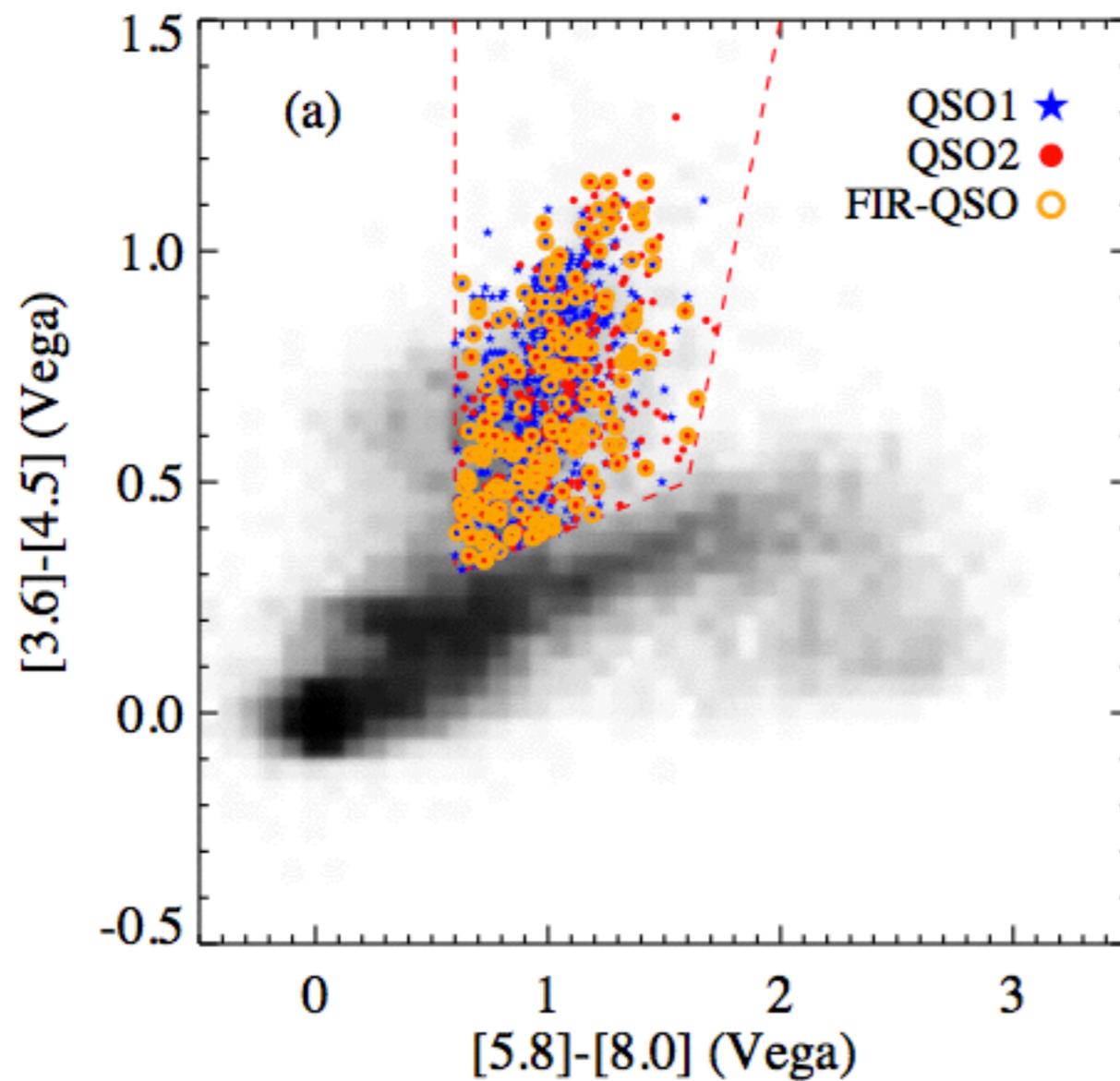
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(dust in host galaxy)

Mid-IR selected quasars in Boötes

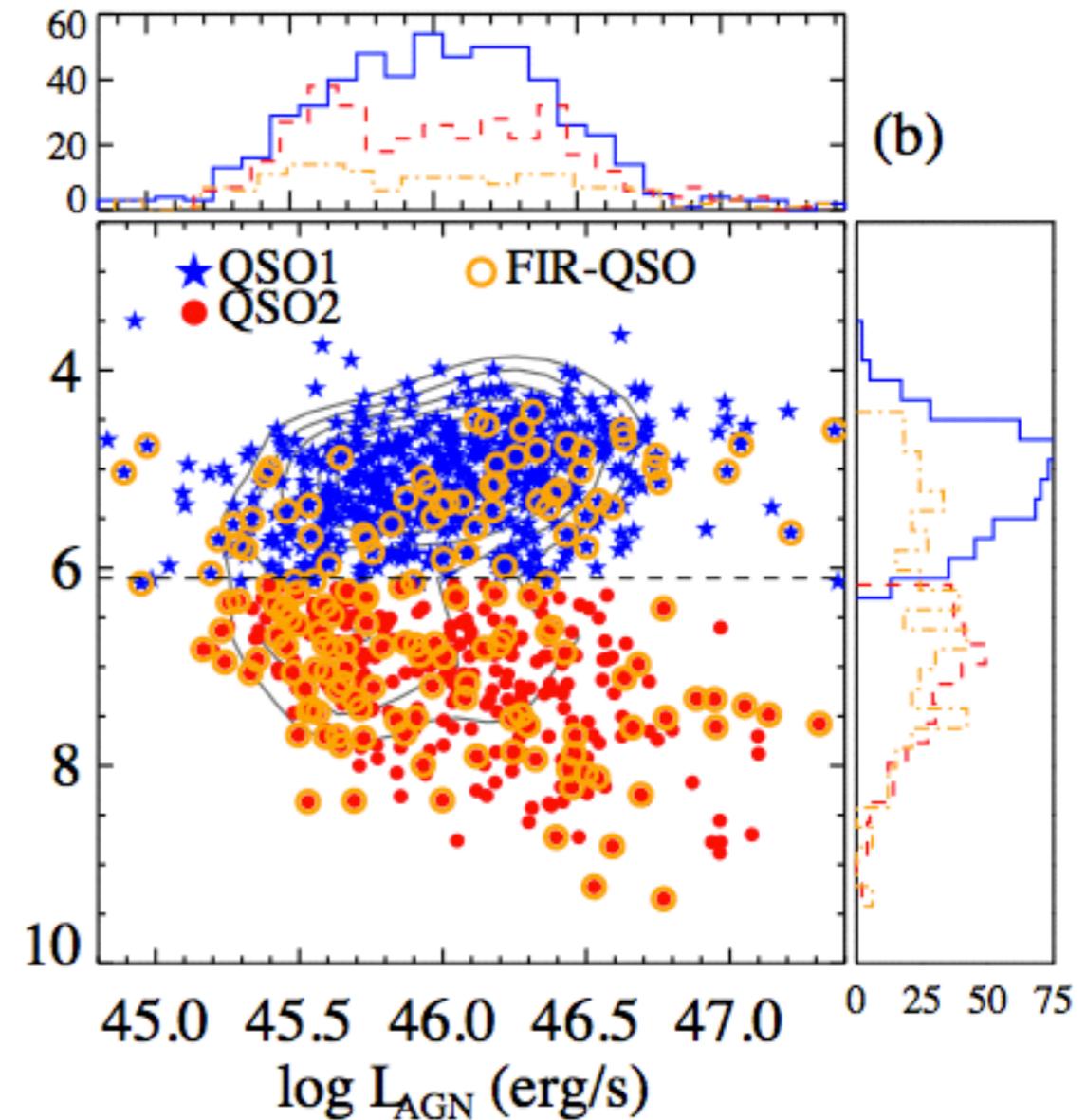
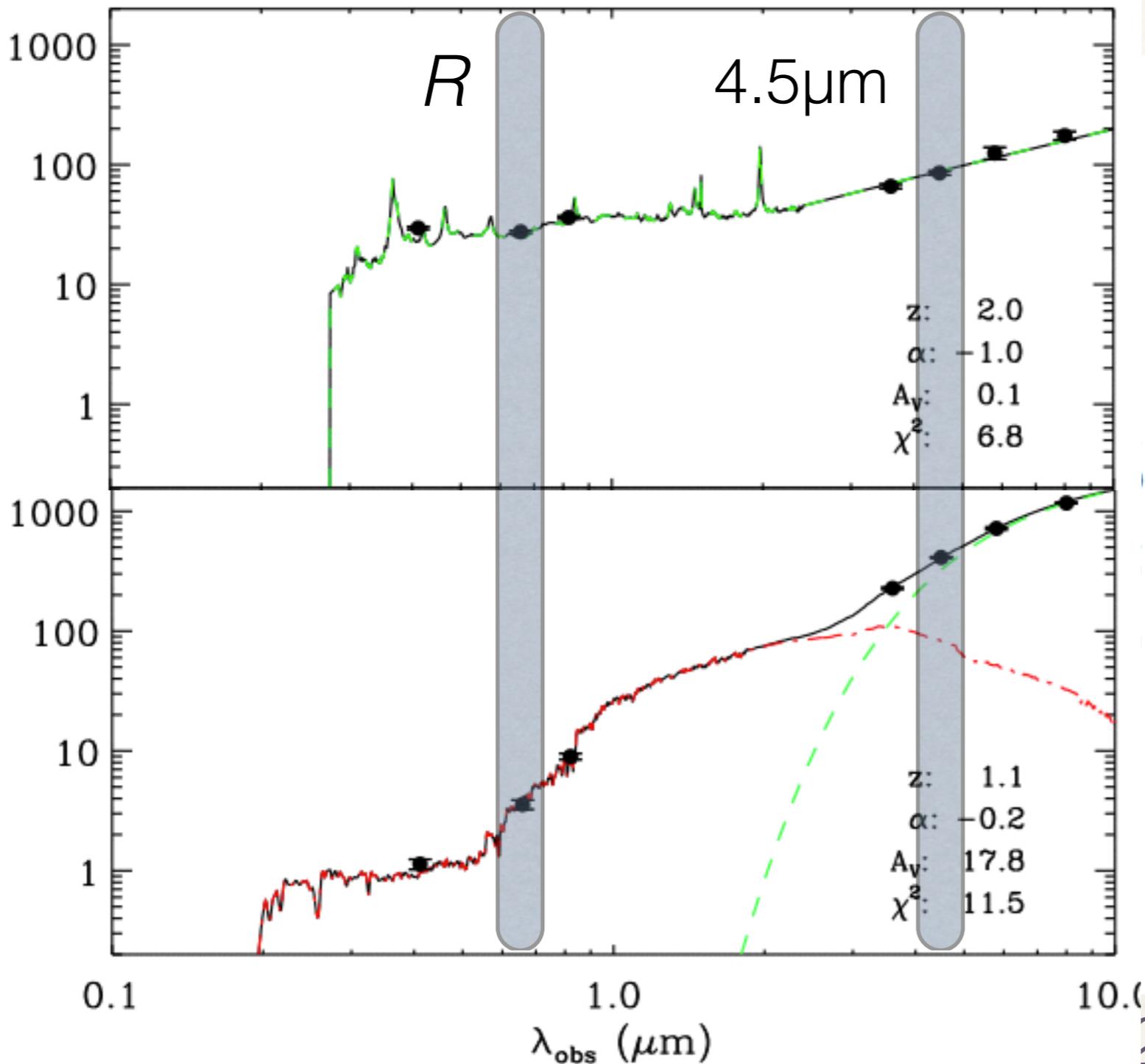
Stern+ '05, Hickox+ '07, '11



563 QSO1s (type I), 361 QSO2s (obscured), $0.7 < z < 1.8$
 $\log L_{\text{bol}} > 45$ [erg/s]

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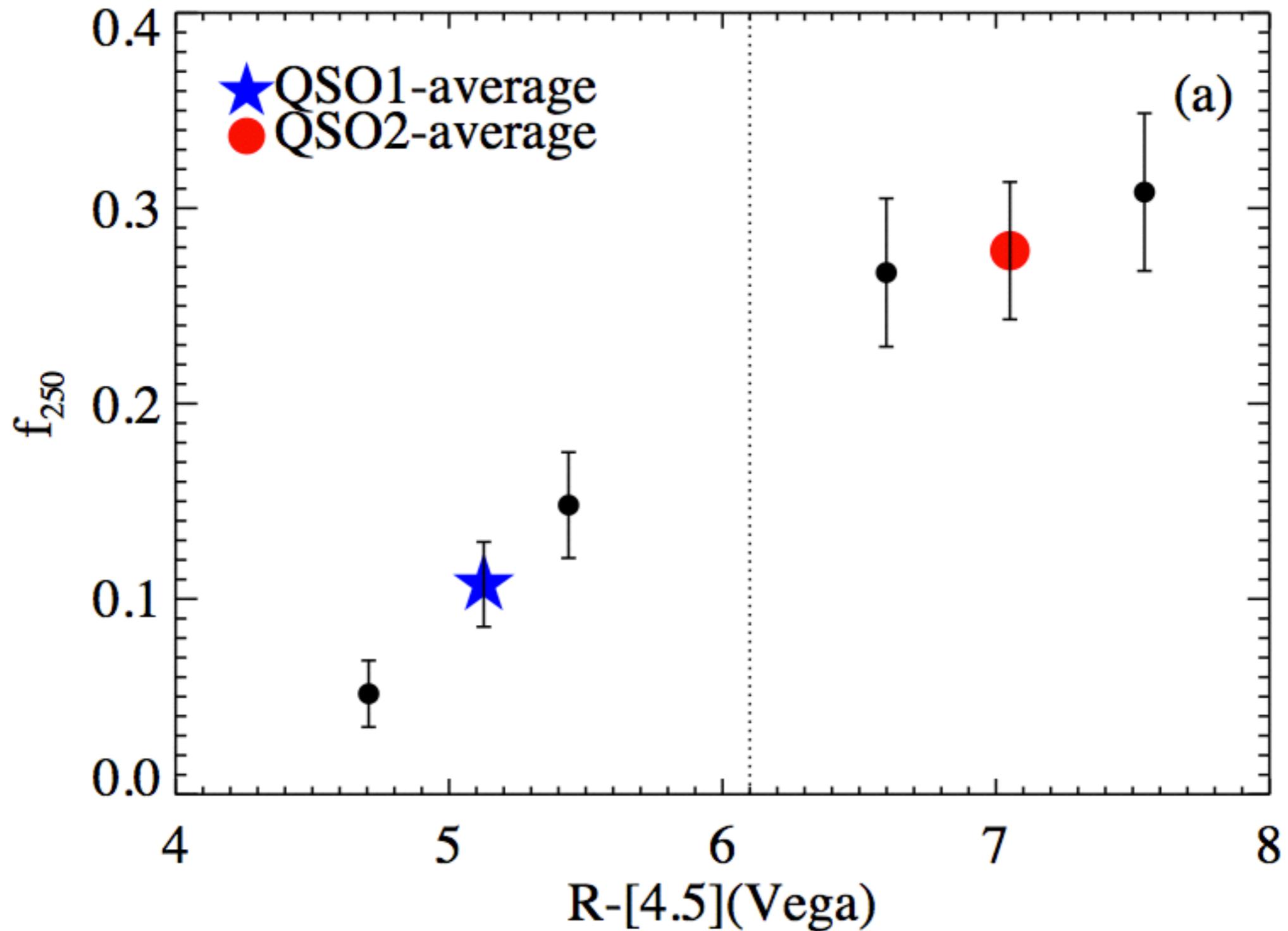
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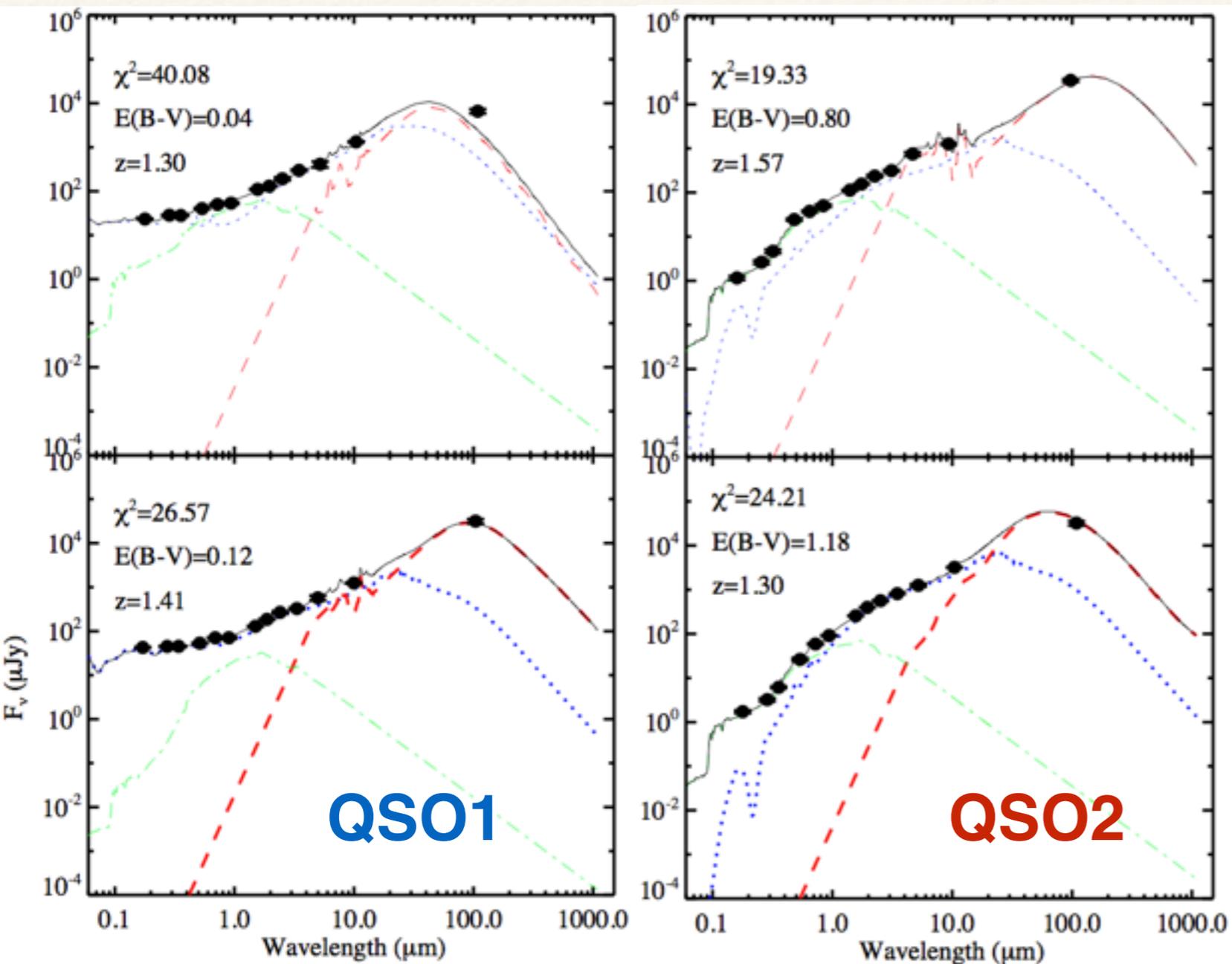


$z > 2$ (obscured), $0.7 < z < 1.8$

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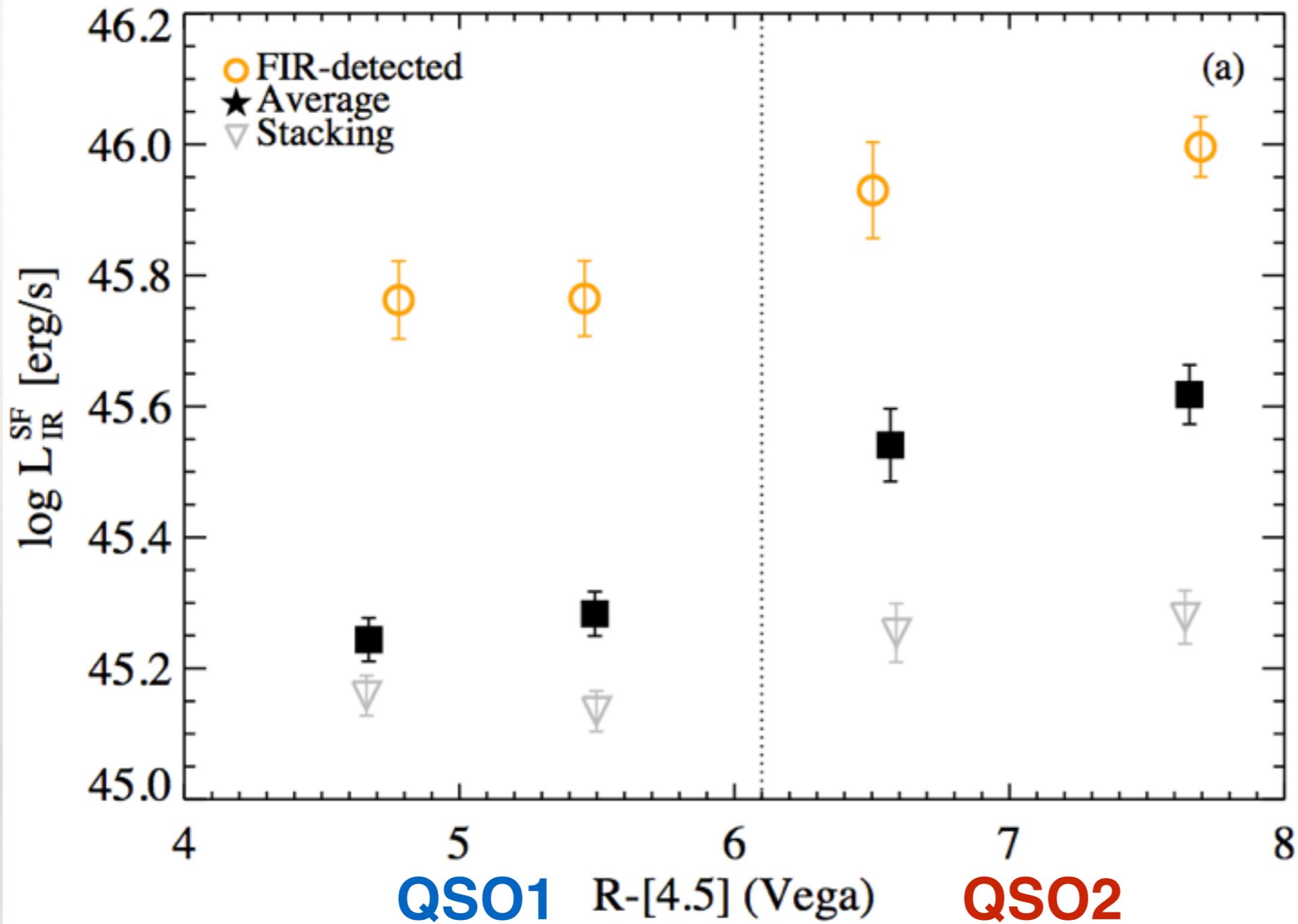
Obscured quasars have
higher FIR detection fraction
(SPIRE 250 micron)





- 3 empirical stellar population templates (Assef +2008)
- 171 starburst templates (Cary & Elbaz 2001, Dale & Helou 2002, Kirkpatrick +2012)
- AGN templates: Assef+ 2010, Mullaney+ 2011, Netzer+ 2007 (corrected for host galaxy contamination!)
- Draine 2003 Extinction law (on the AGN templates only)

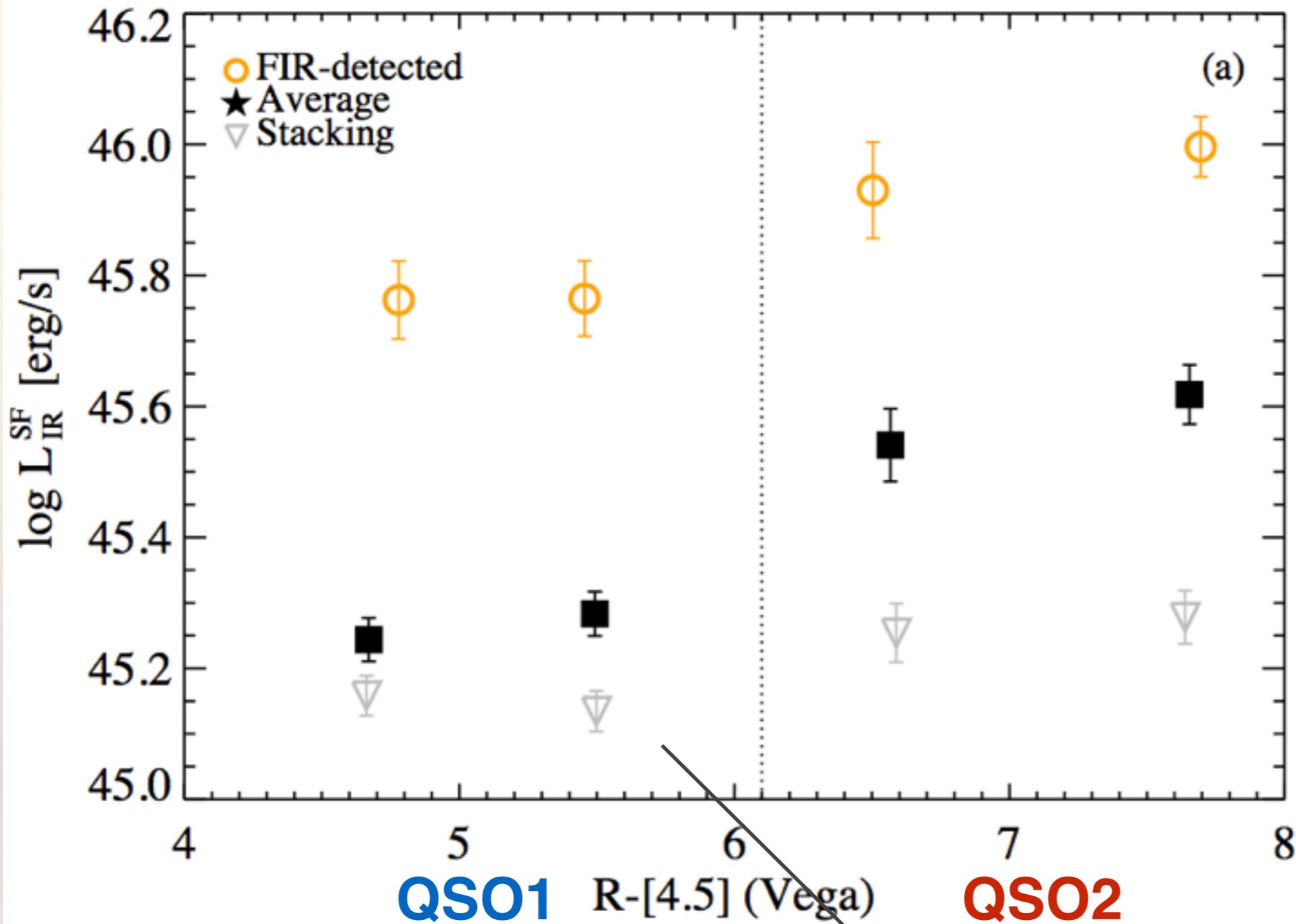
Examples of SED fitting for QSO1s and QSO2s. Blue line: AGN; red line: starburst; green line: stellar population



SPIRE detected

Average

SPIRE non-detected
(stacking)



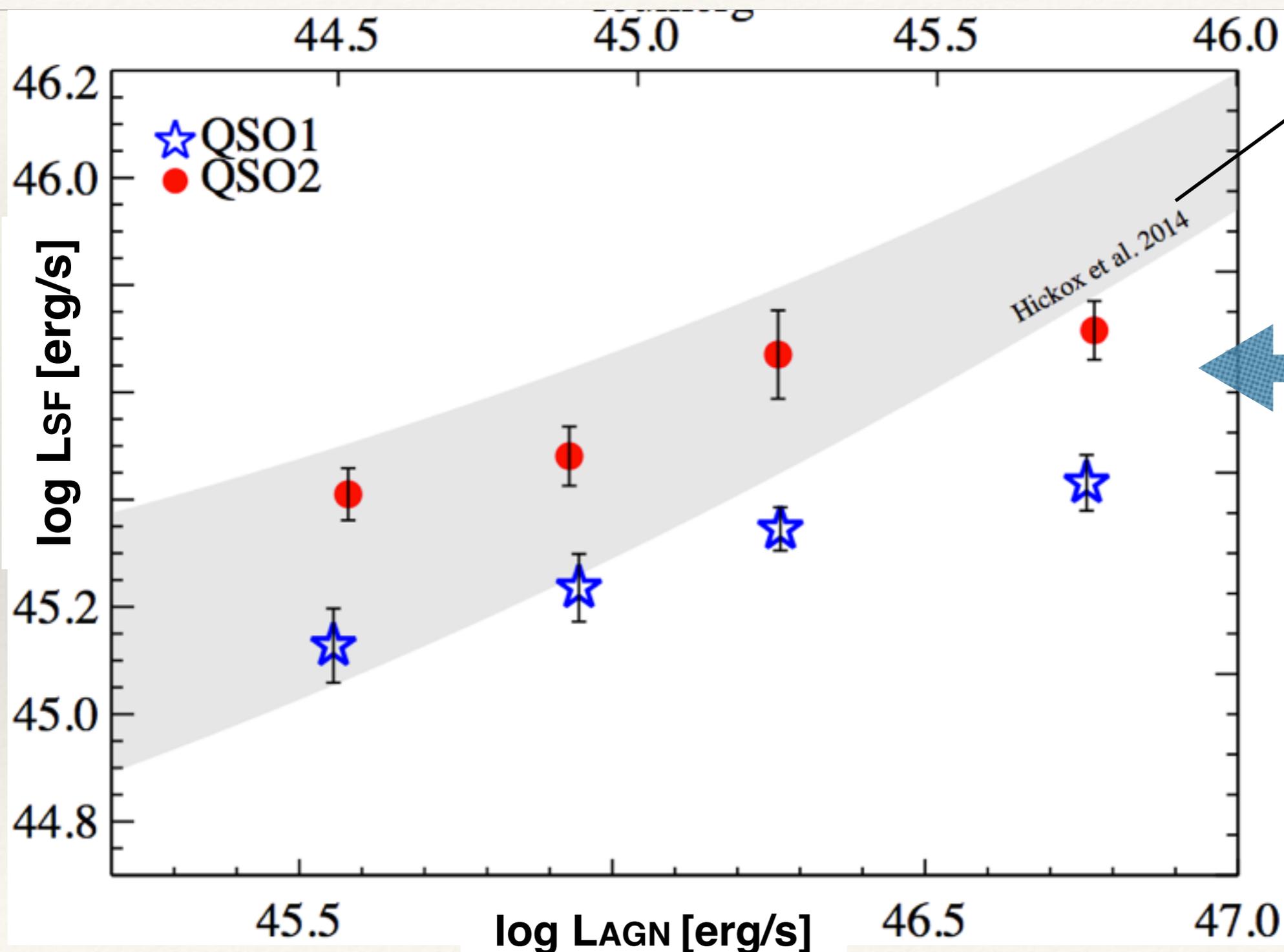
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For individual QSOs without direct SPIRE detections, the stacked fluxes are higher than the best-fitting AGN SEDs by an average of 1.31 dex

L_{SF} - L_{AGN} correlation for QSO1s and QSO2s



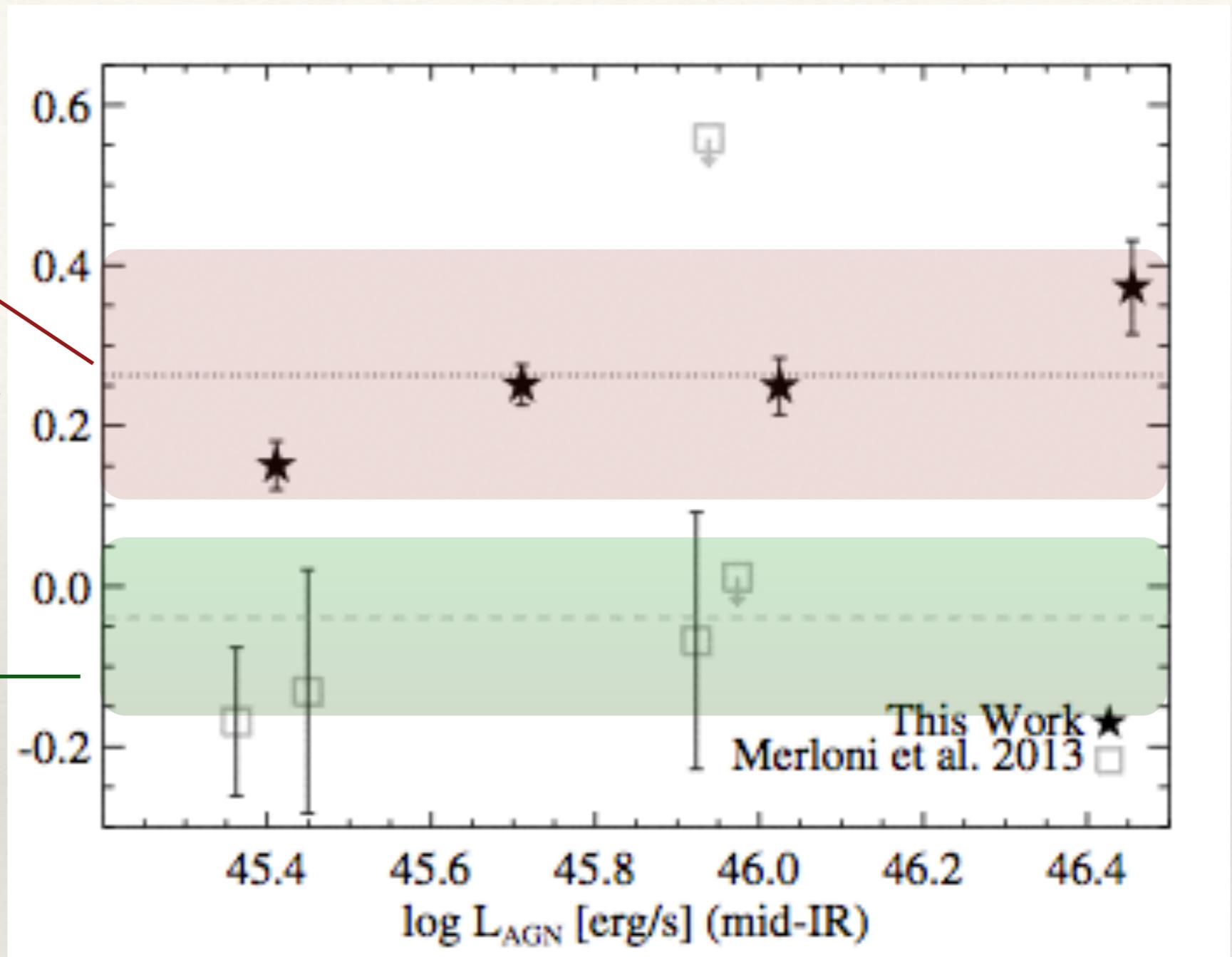
Hickox+2014
toy model

$L_{SF}(QSO2) -$
 $L_{SF}(QSO1)$
 > 0.3 dex

Mid-IR AGN
(this work)

SFR (type2)/
SFR(type 1)

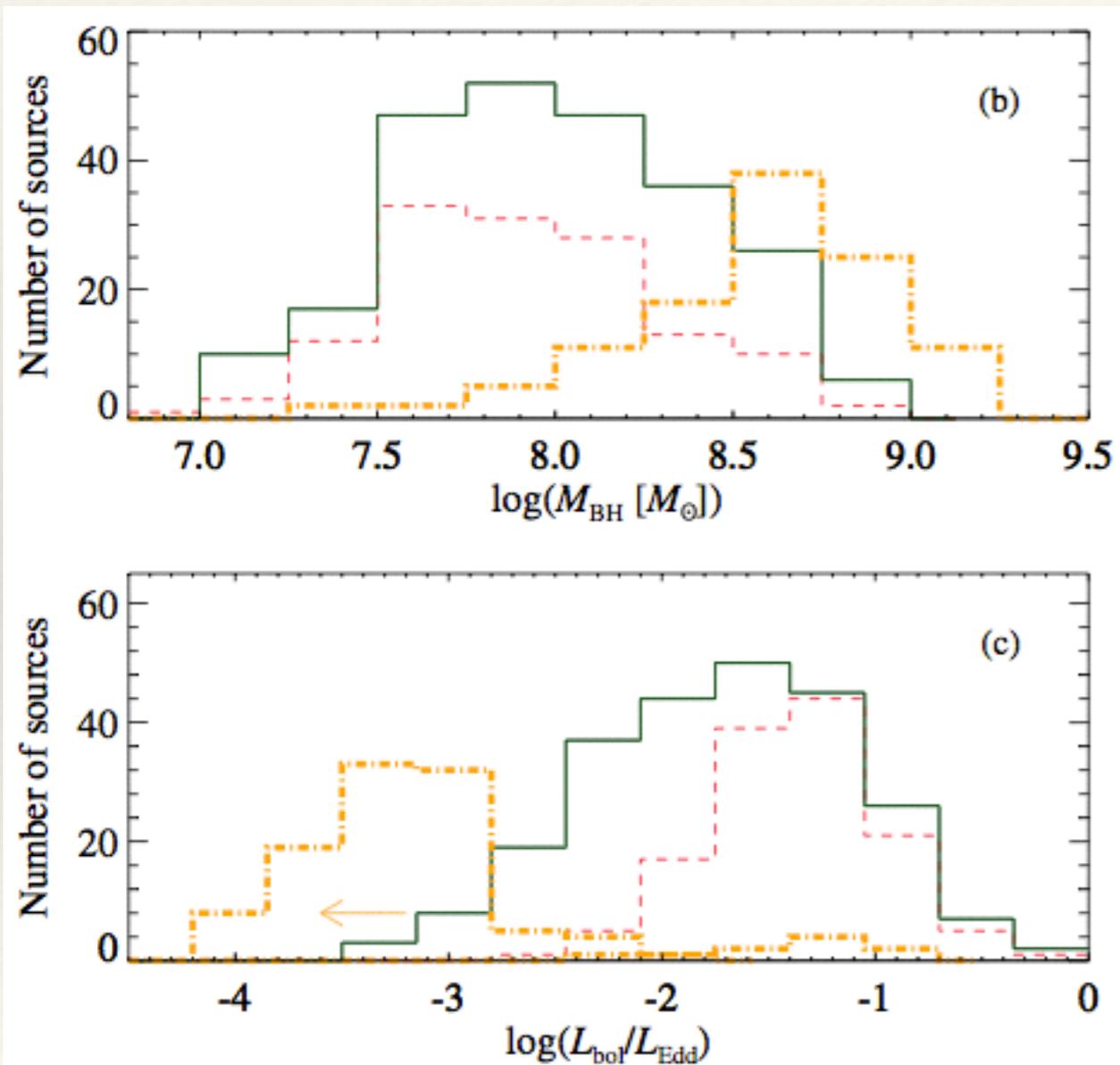
X-ray AGN
(Merloni+ 2014)



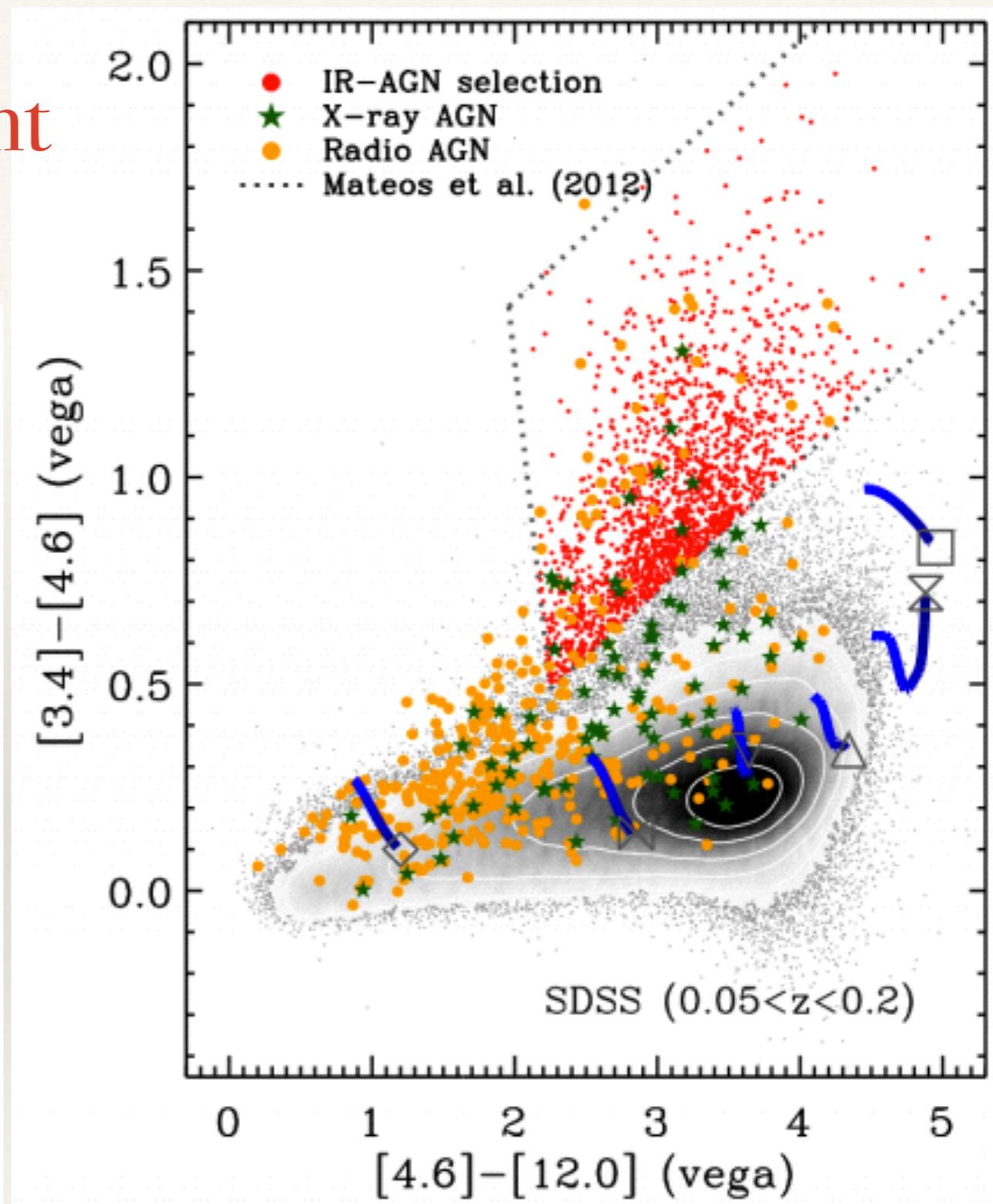
AGN accretion luminosity

Also: host galaxy SFR does not depend on the gas column density measured from X-ray e.g. Rovilos+ 2012, Rosario+ 2012

AGN selected in different wavelengths represent different populations



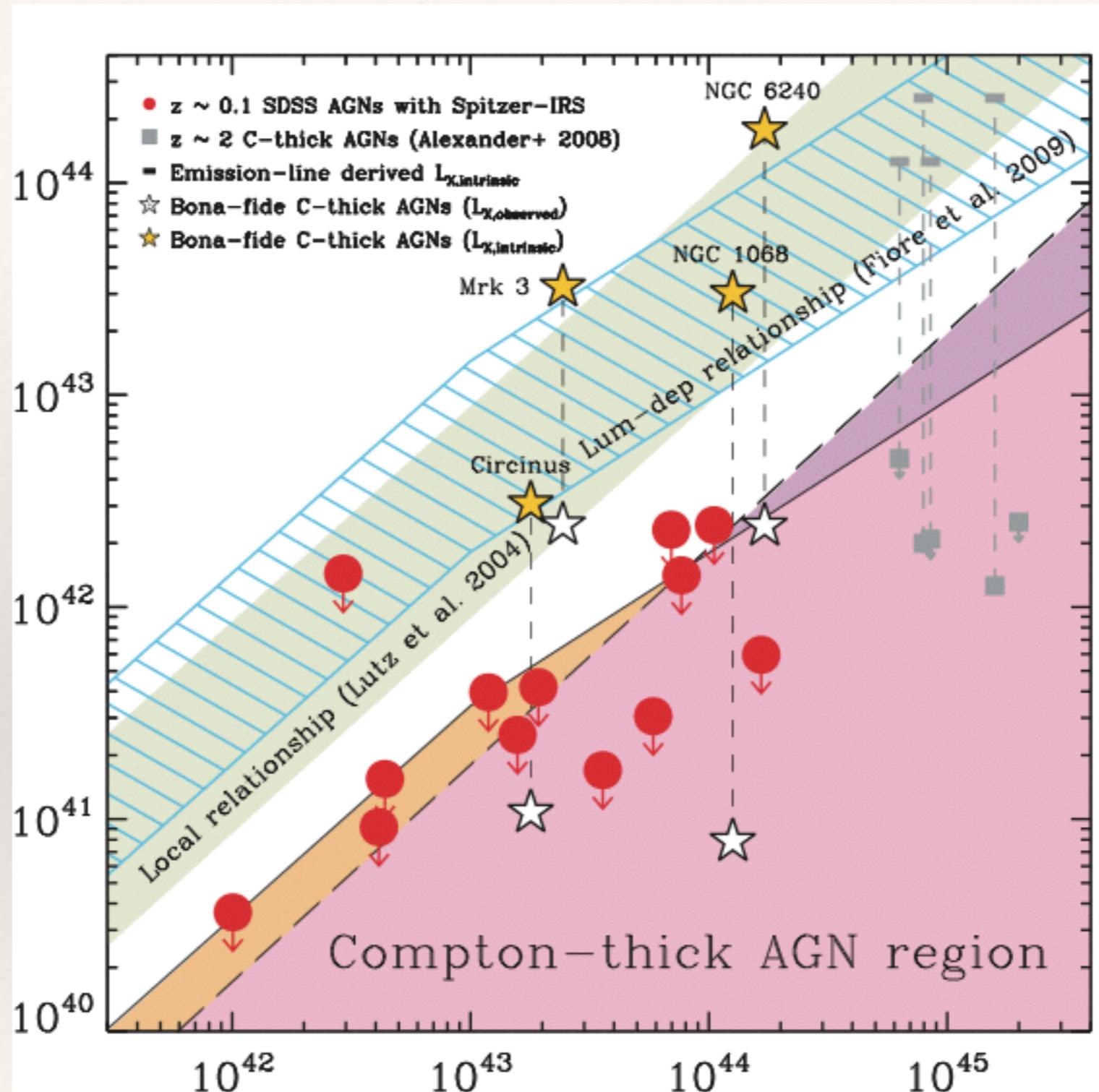
Hickox et al. 2009



Goulding et al. 2014

What is the “intrinsic” AGN accretion luminosity?

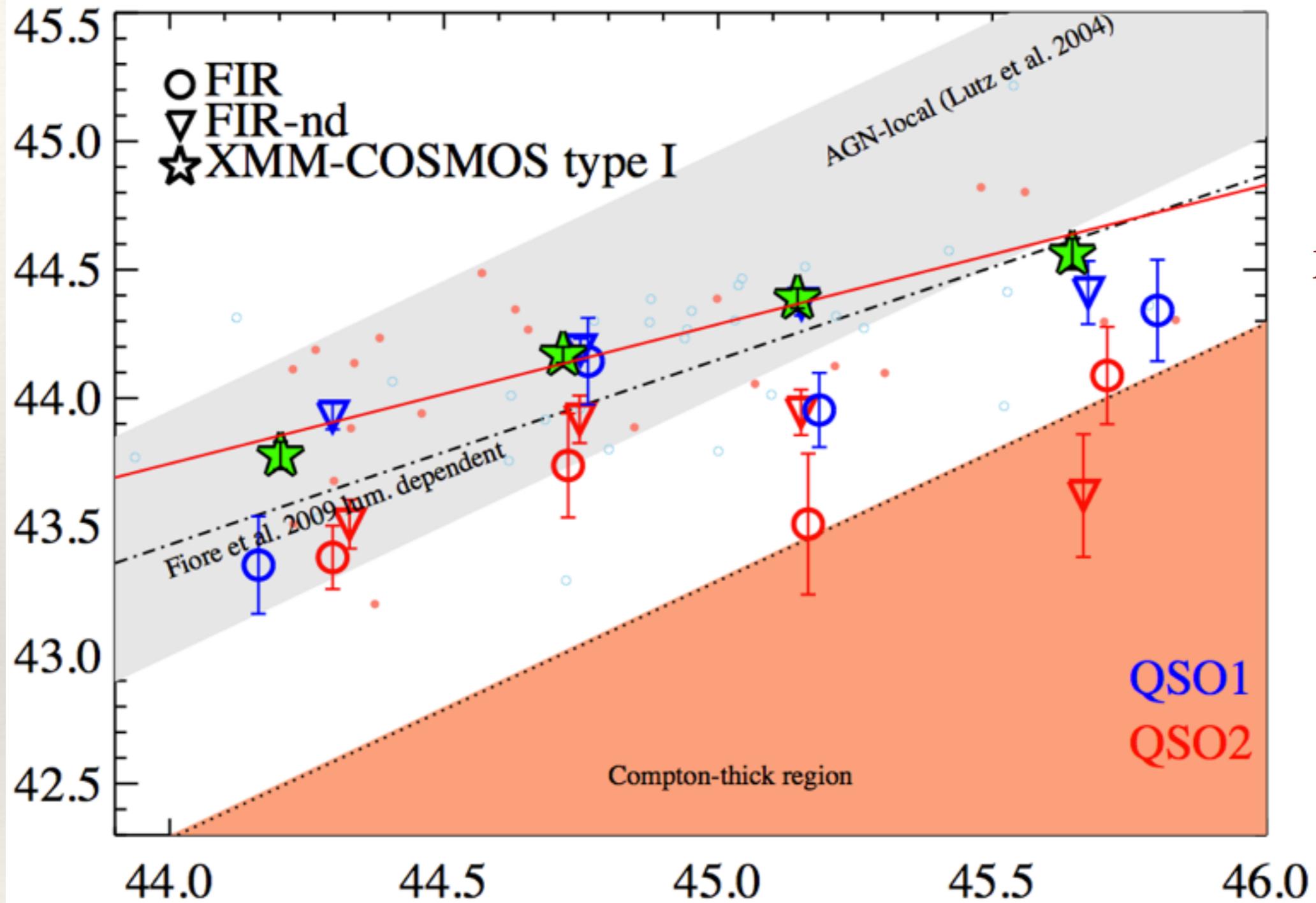
2-10 keV X-ray luminosity



AGN 6 μ m continuum luminosity

e.g.
 Alexander+ 2008
 Gandhi+ 2009
 Goulding+ 2010
 Rovilos+ 2013

2-10 keV X-ray luminosity



Fiore+ 2009

Boötes

XMM-COSMOS

Type I QSO

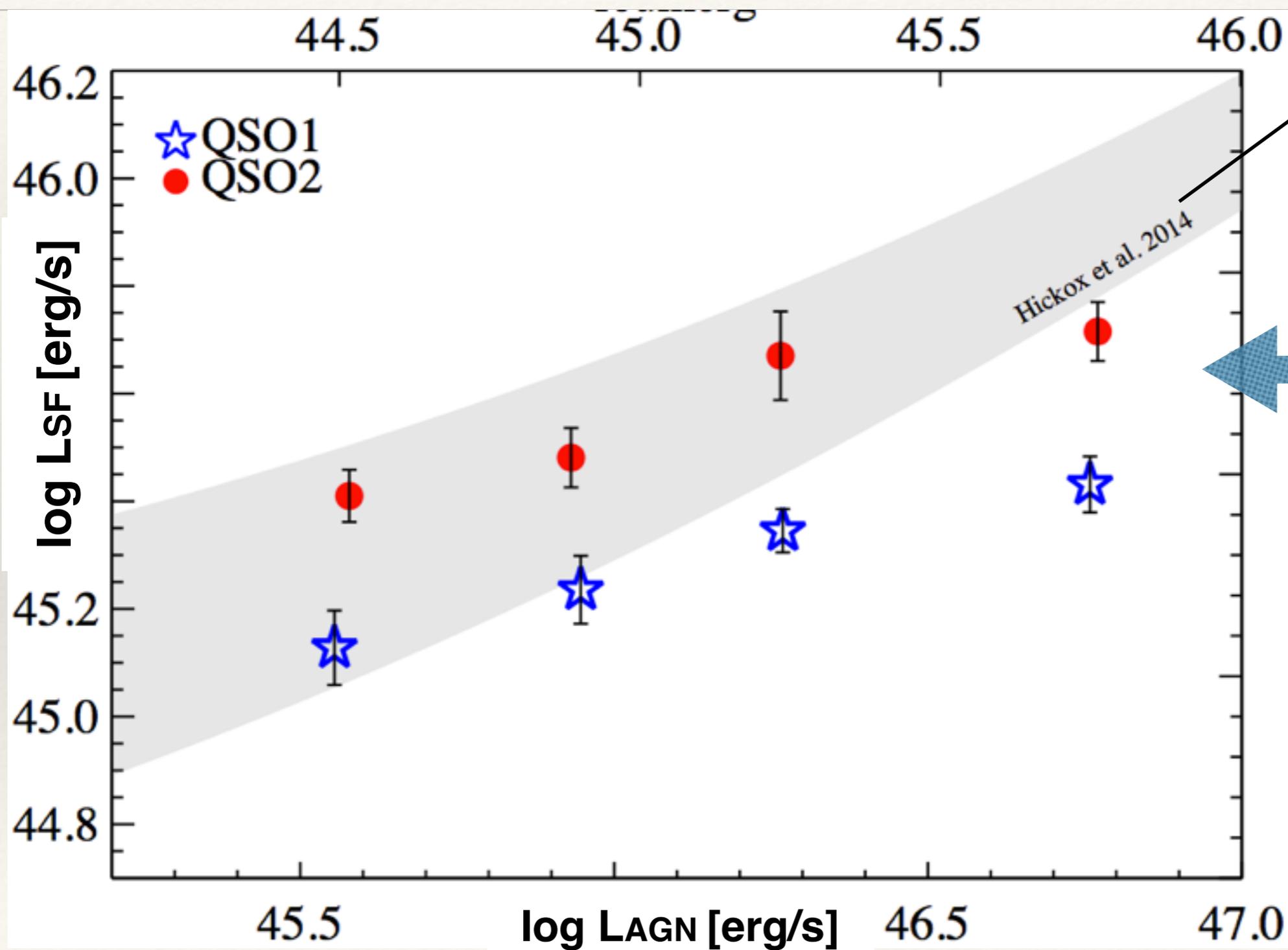
AGN 6 μ m continuum luminosity
(All luminous quasars here)

Chen+ 2014, in prep

Lusso+ 2010

Elvis+ 2012

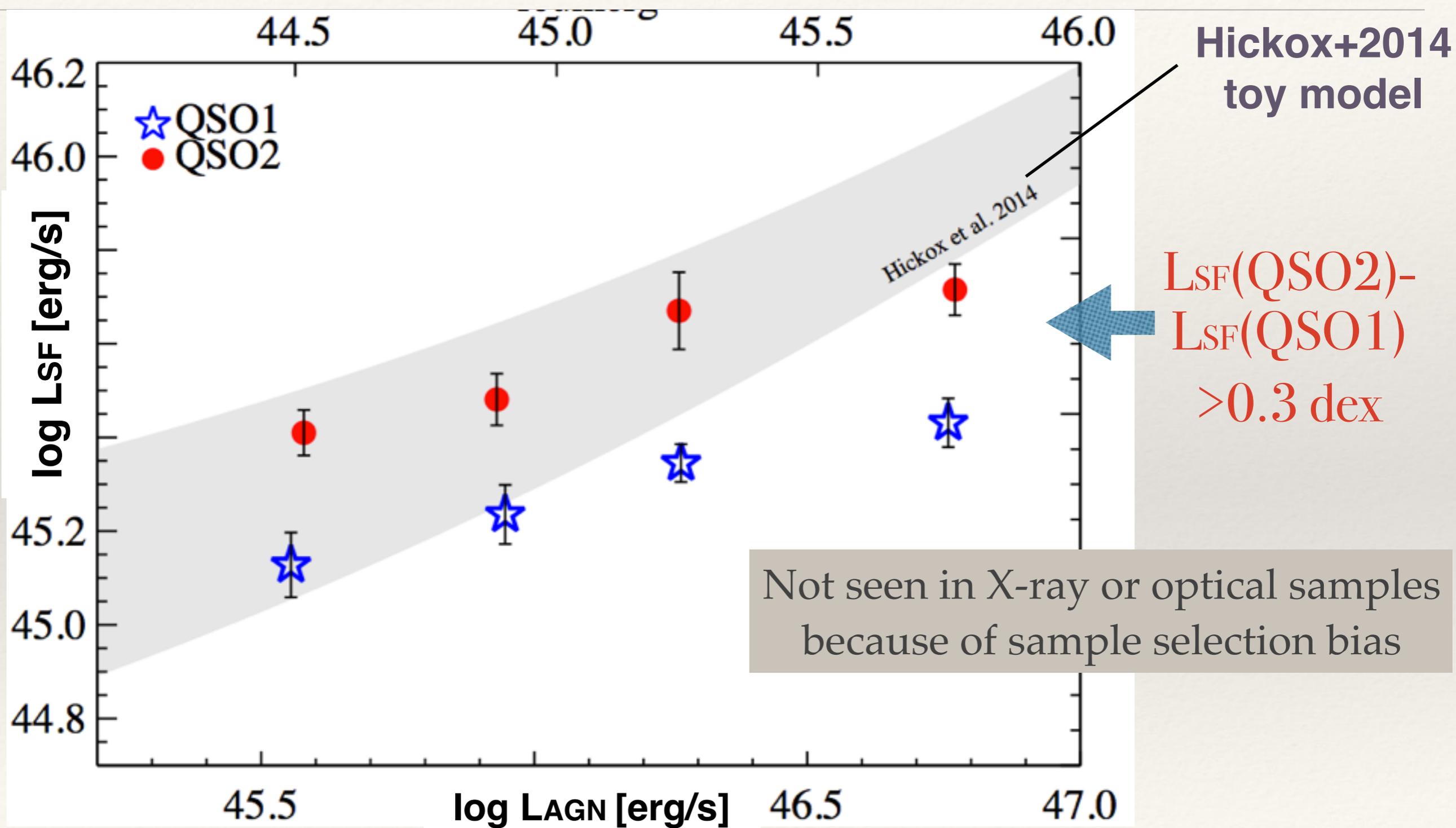
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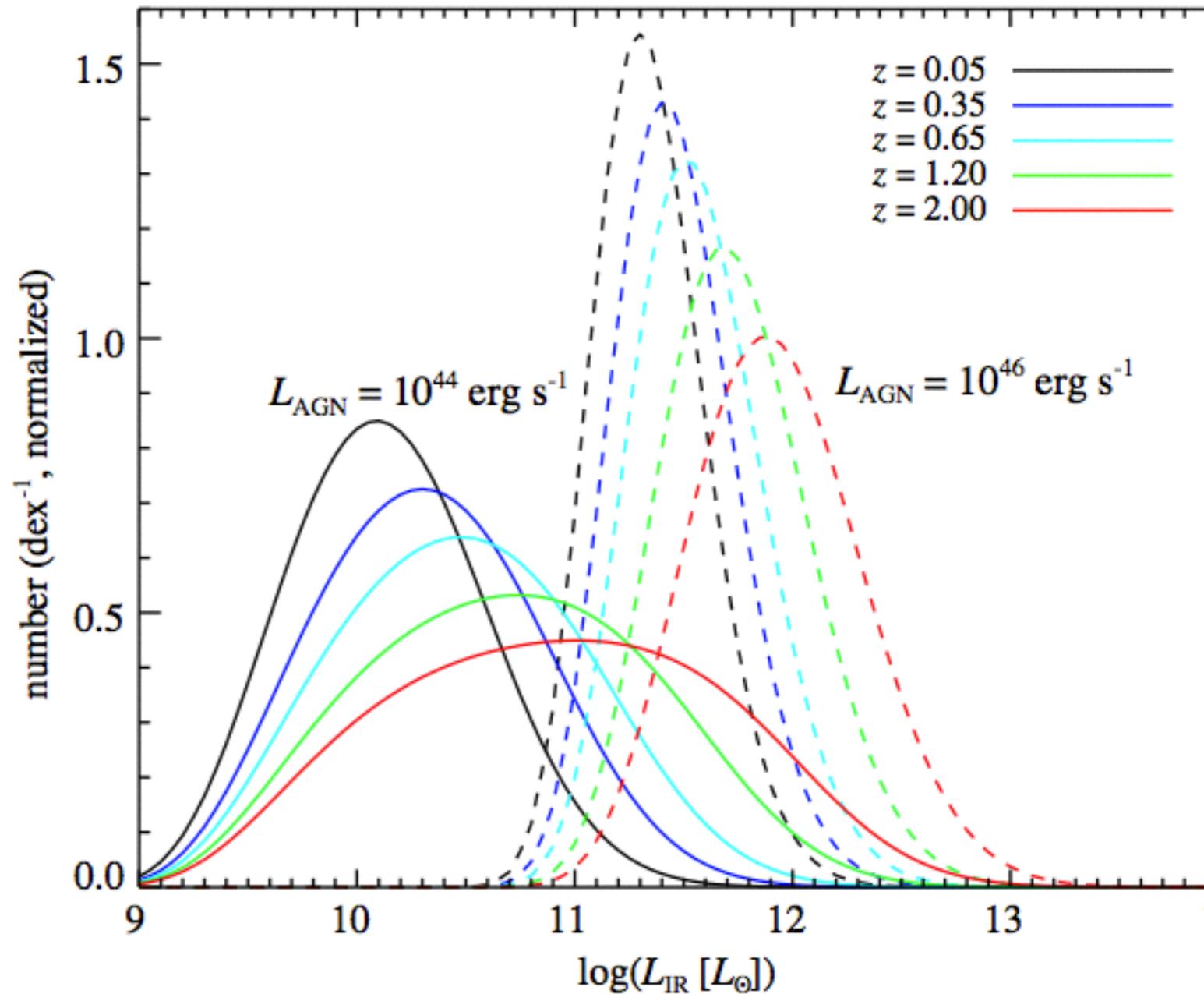
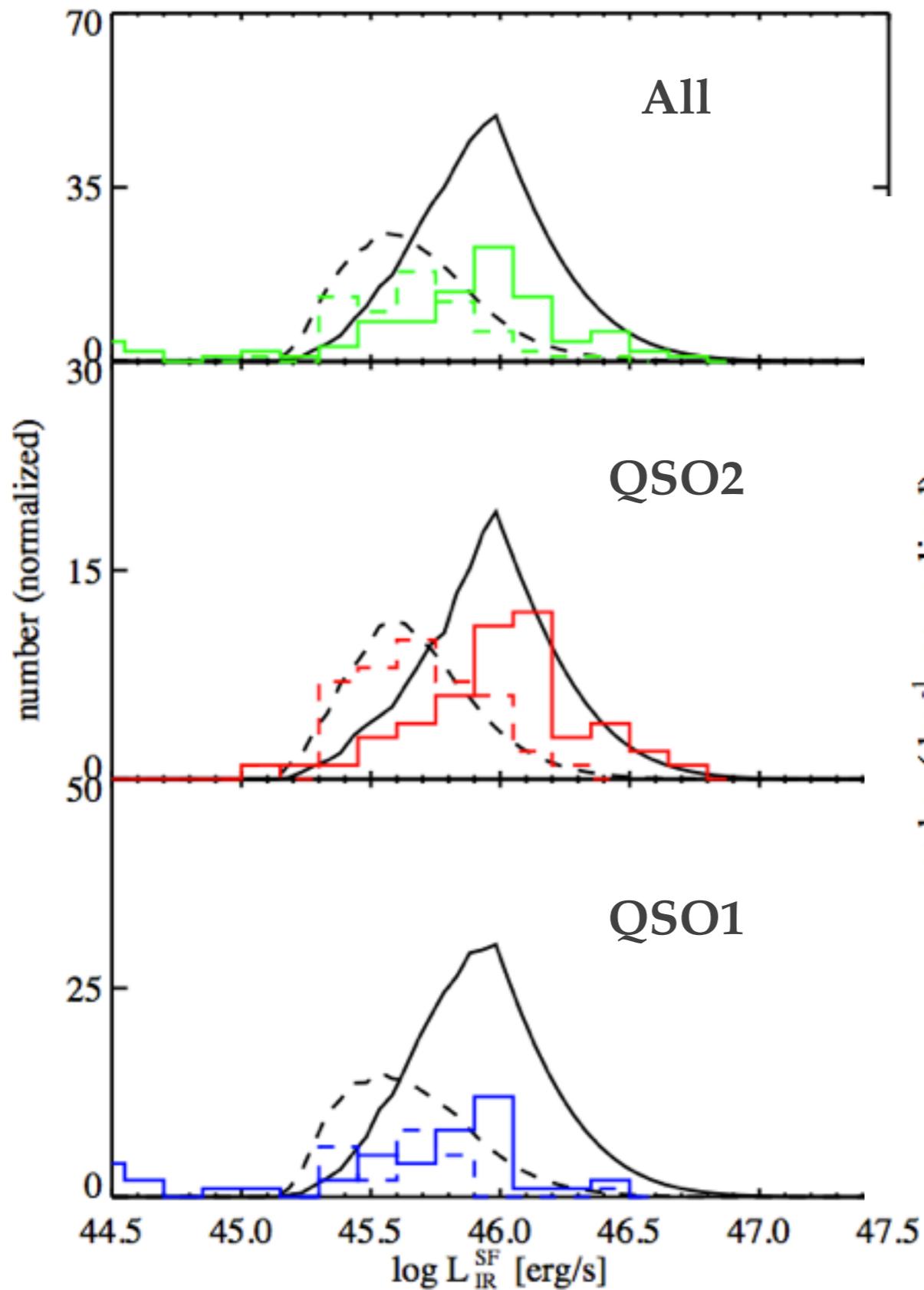
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A comparison with the Hickox et al. 2014 model

Assuming a simple correlation between LSF and average LAGN



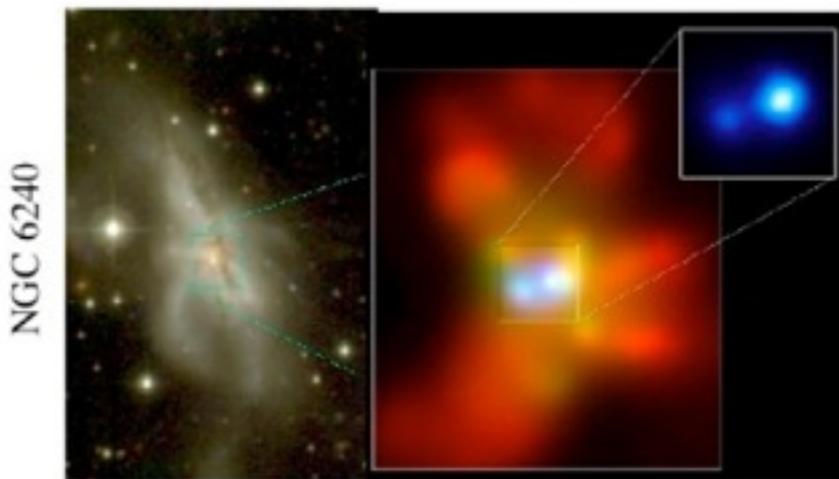
L_{SF} - L_{AGN} correlation for QSO1s and QSO2s

- ❖ Why are QSO2s hosted by galaxies with higher SF?
- ❖ $\log L_{SF} \propto 0.33 \log L_{AGN}$:
 - ❖ Weak correlation in comparison to some studies of local quasars and the Hickox 2014 simple model which assumes a direct connection ($\log L_{SF} \propto \log L_{AGN}$)

Why are QSO2s hosted by galaxies with higher SF?

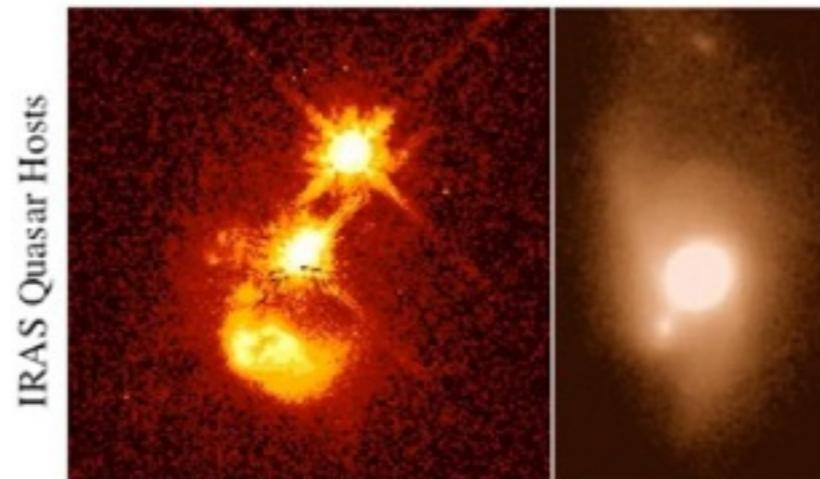
In theoretical models, obscured phase takes place prior to the unobscured phase

(d) Coalescence/(U)LIRG



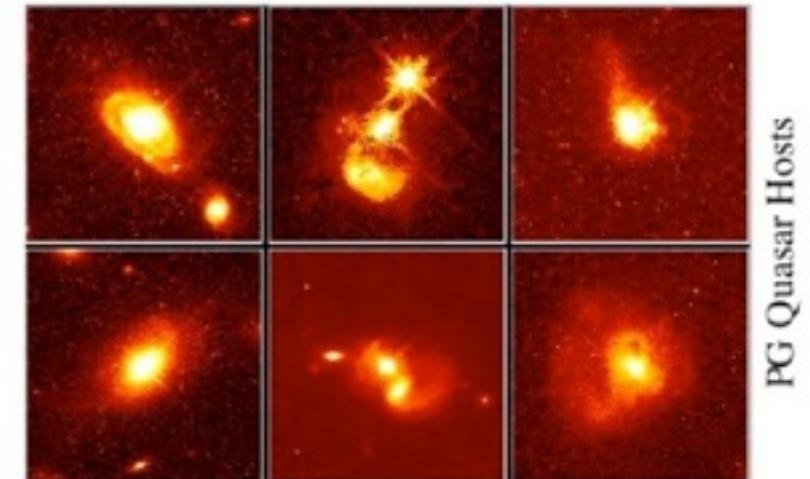
- galaxies coalesce: violent relaxation in core
- gas inflows to center:
starburst & buried (X-ray) AGN
- starburst dominates luminosity/feedback,
but, total stellar mass formed is small

(e) "Blowout"



- BH grows rapidly: briefly
dominates luminosity/feedback
- remaining dust/gas expelled
- get reddened (but not Type II) QSO:
recent/ongoing SF in host
high Eddington ratios
merger signatures still visible

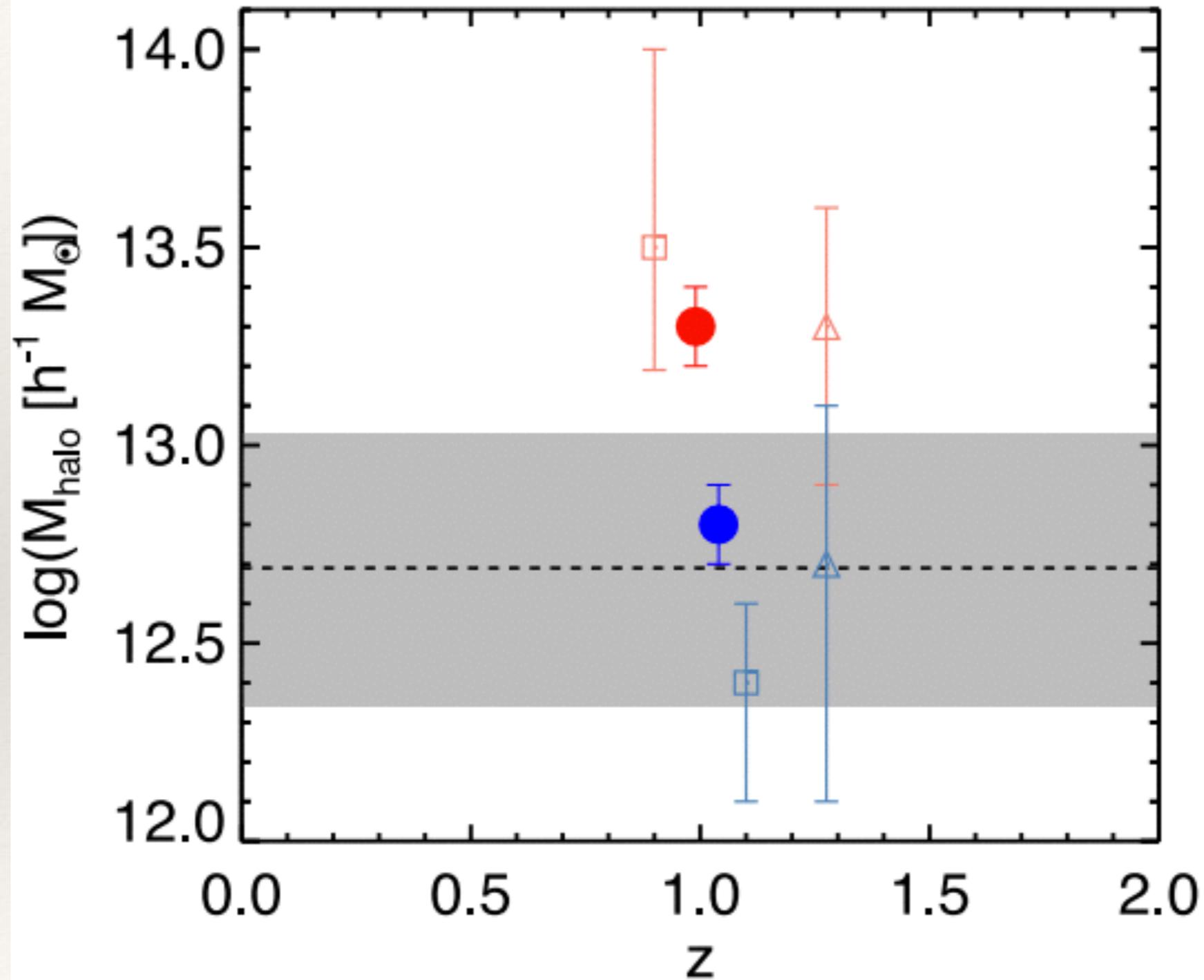
(f) Quasar



- dust removed: now a "traditional" QSO
- host morphology difficult to observe:
tidal features fade rapidly
- characteristically blue/young spheroid

(g) Decay/K+A

QSO1s and QSO2s live in dark matter haloes of different masses



QSO2s

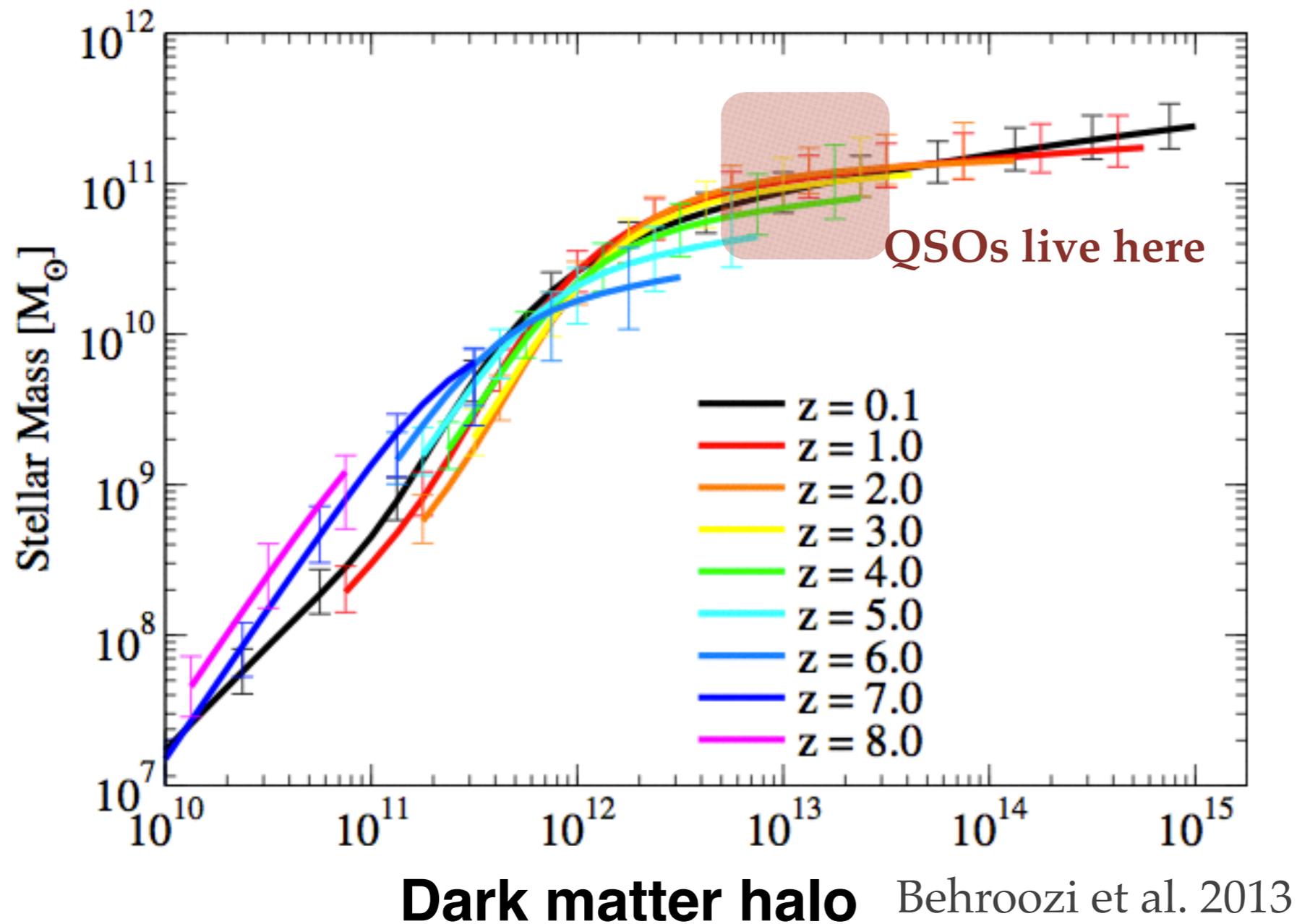
QSO1s

DiPompeo et al. 2014

Donoso et al. 2013

Hickox et al. 2011

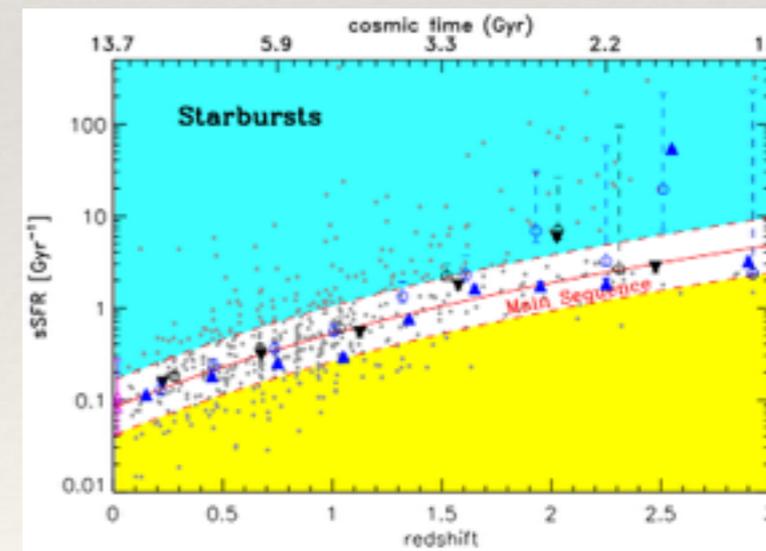
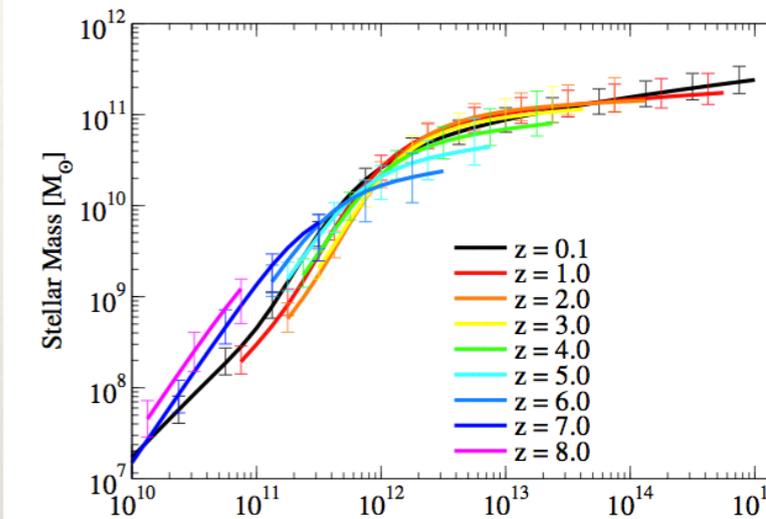
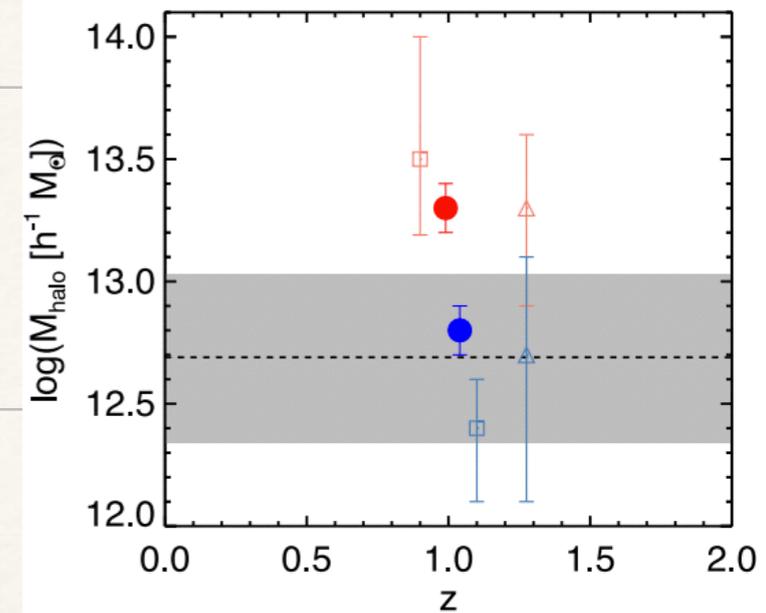
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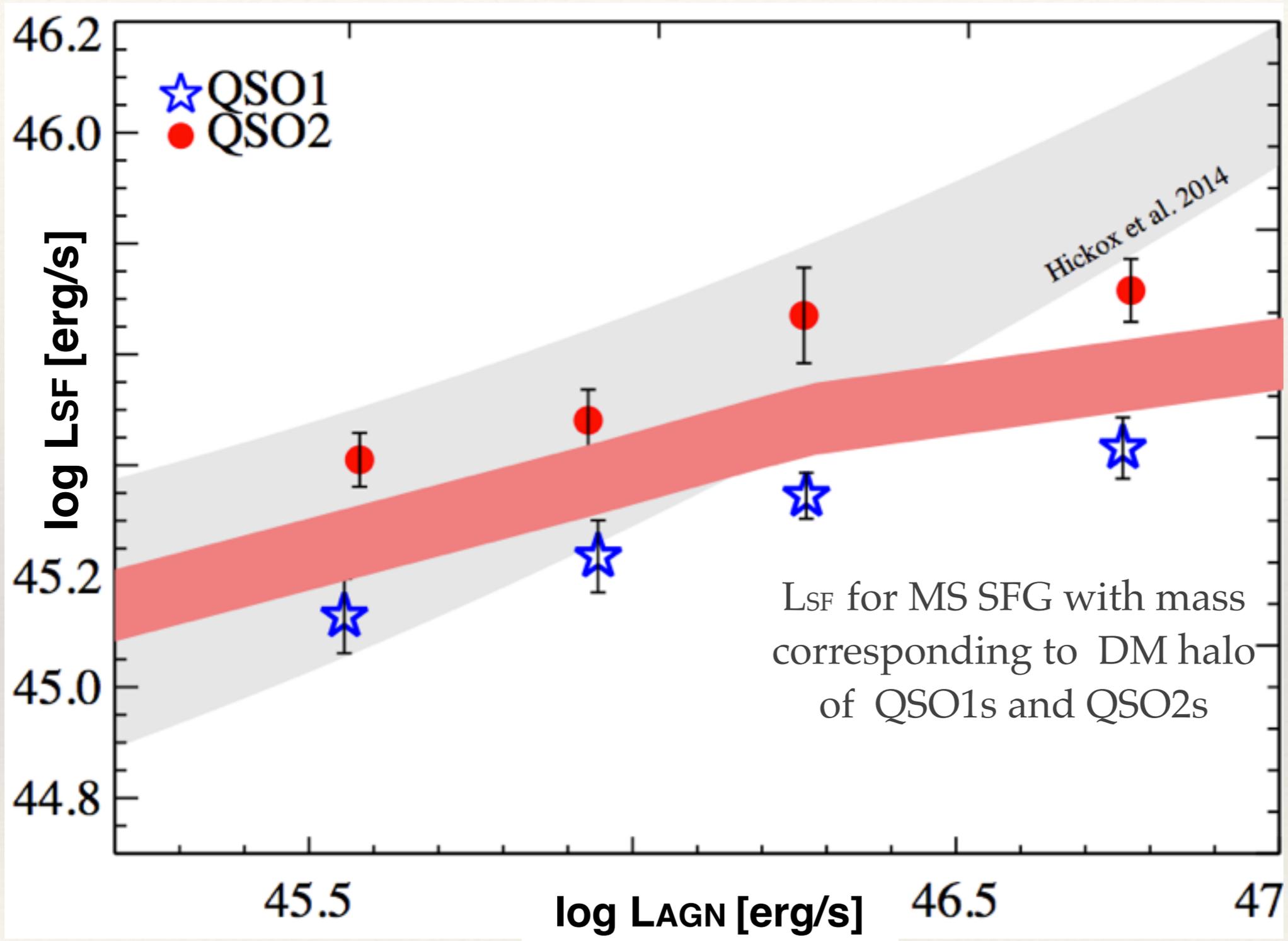
For the different DM halo masses, QSO2s are hosted by galaxies more massive than QSO1s by 0.13 dex

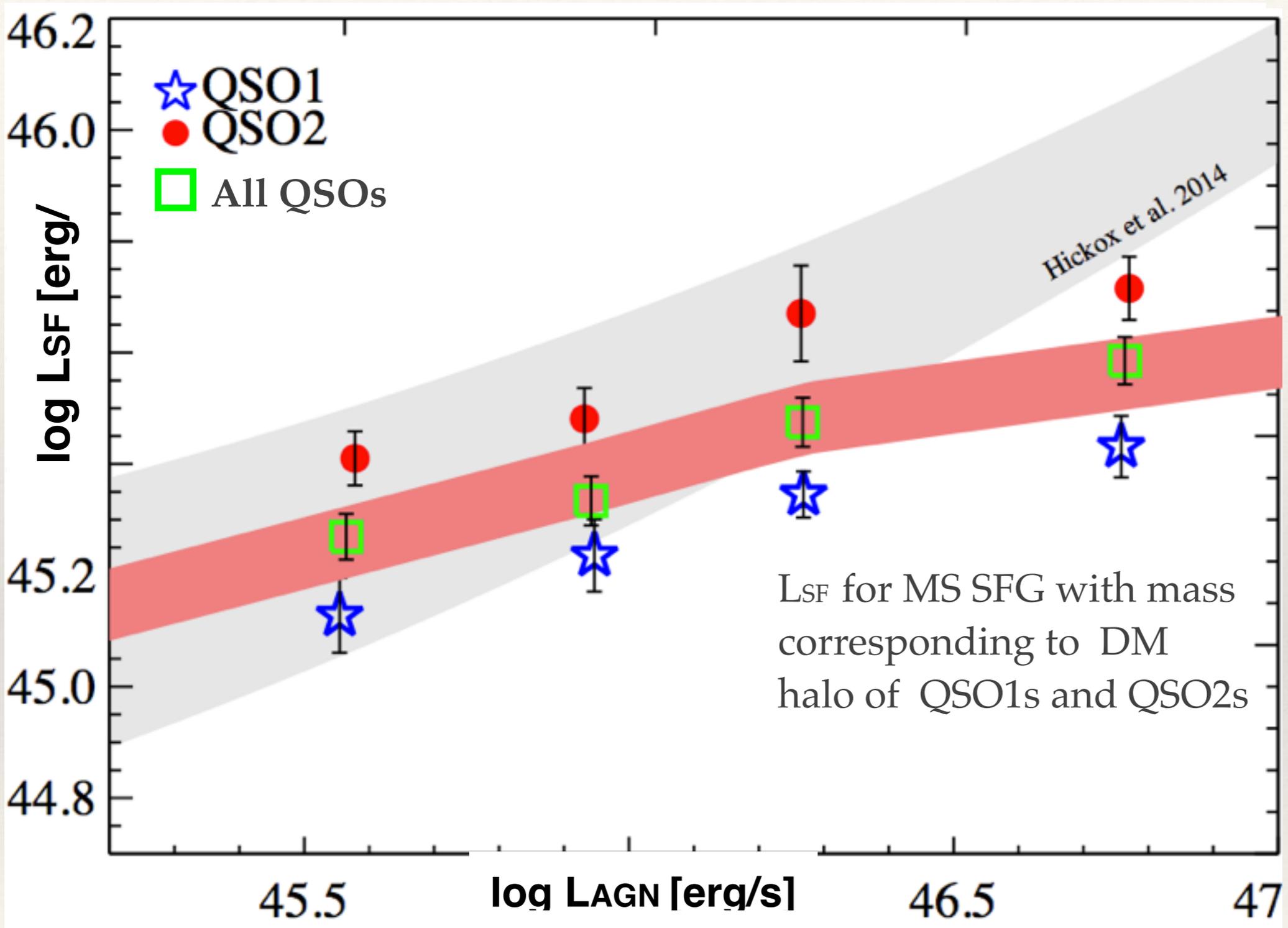
Are QSO2s more massive than QSO1s?

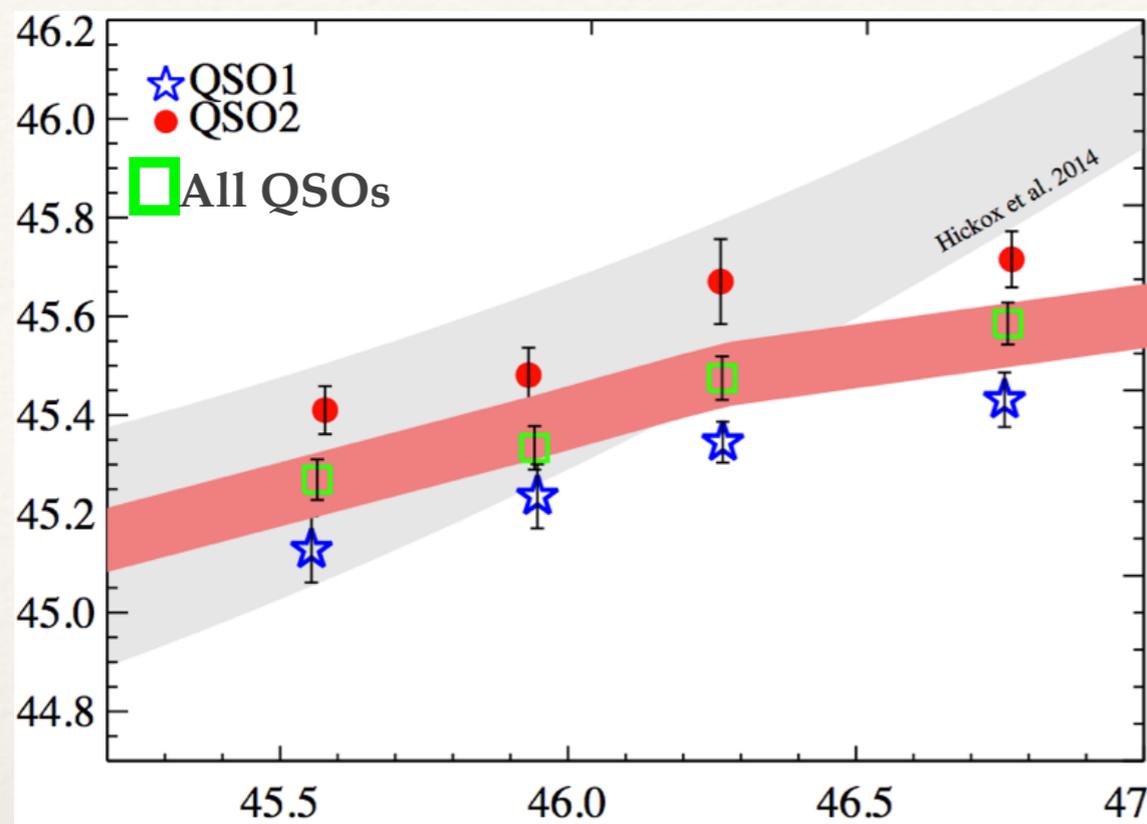
- ❖ Accurate stellar mass measurements for QSO1s are not available
- ❖ Estimate stellar mass from DM halo mass and abundance matching model (Behroozi+ 2013)
- ❖ Assuming that QSOs follow the Elbaz+ 2011 IR main sequence SF galaxy relation
- ❖ In each LAGN bin, we can estimate the LSF of normal SF galaxies living in the same DM halo with similar redshift (bootstrapping)



$$sSFR_{\text{MS}} [Gyr^{-1}] = 26 \times t_{\text{cosmic}}^{-2.2}$$







- ❖ No strong $L_{\text{SF}}-L_{\text{AGN}}$ correlation at moderate- to high-redshift quasar sample.
- ❖ The average $\log L_{\text{SF}} \propto 0.3 \log L_{\text{AGN}}$ is consistent with the SFR evolution of main sequence SF galaxies
- ❖ DM halo mass difference between QSO1s and QSO2s is not enough to explain the observed L_{SF} difference

Conclusion

- ❖ In mid-IR quasars, part of the nuclear obscuration can be associated with the host galaxy star formation (in addition to unification model).
- ❖ At moderate redshift, mid-IR QSOs have similar L_{SF} and L_{SF} evolution similar to that of normal SF galaxies, but QSO1 and QSO2 still show differences.

