

# The Merger-Free Growth of Supermassive Black Holes and their Host Galaxies

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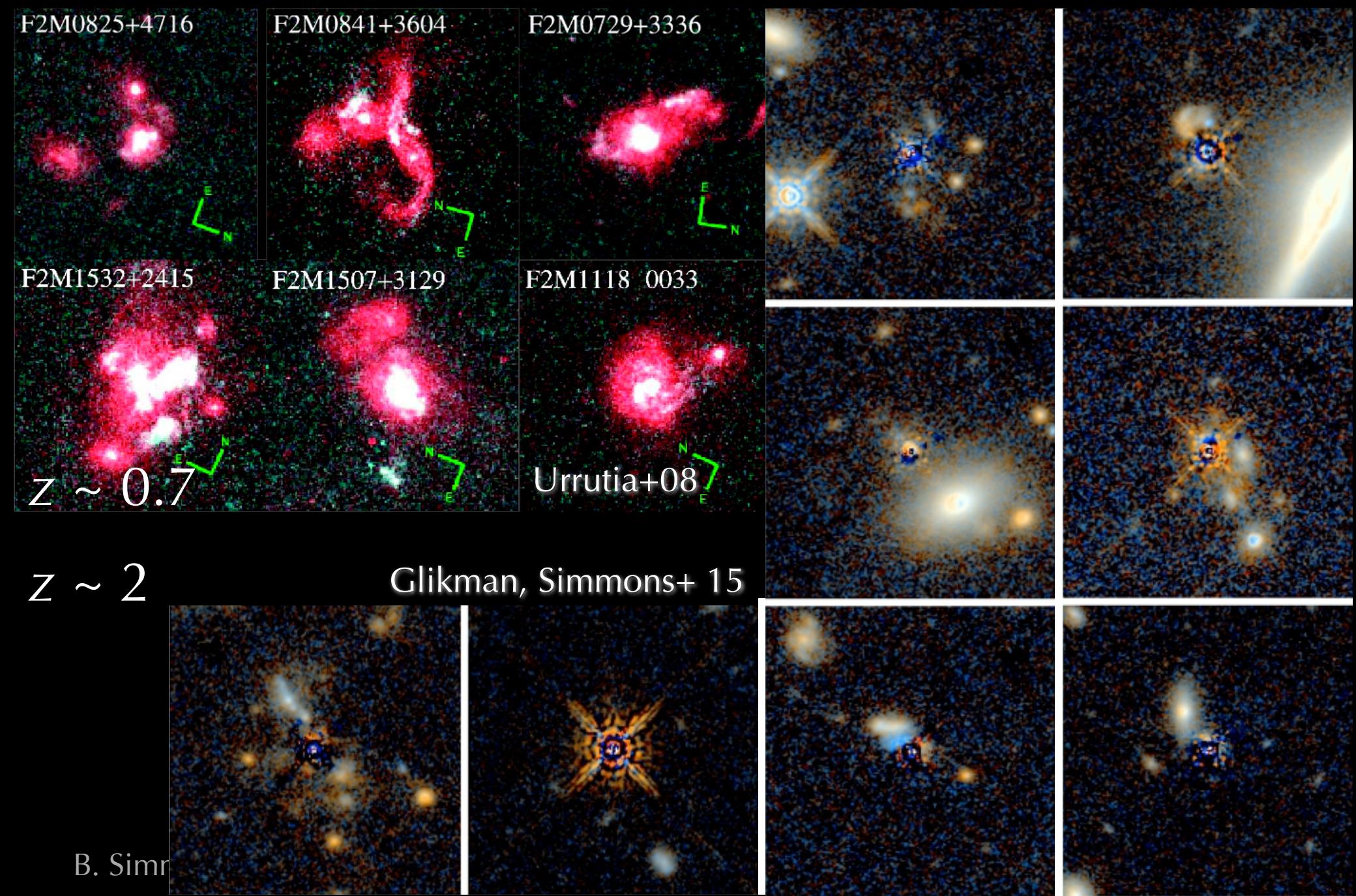
Simmons, Smethurst & Lintott (2017)

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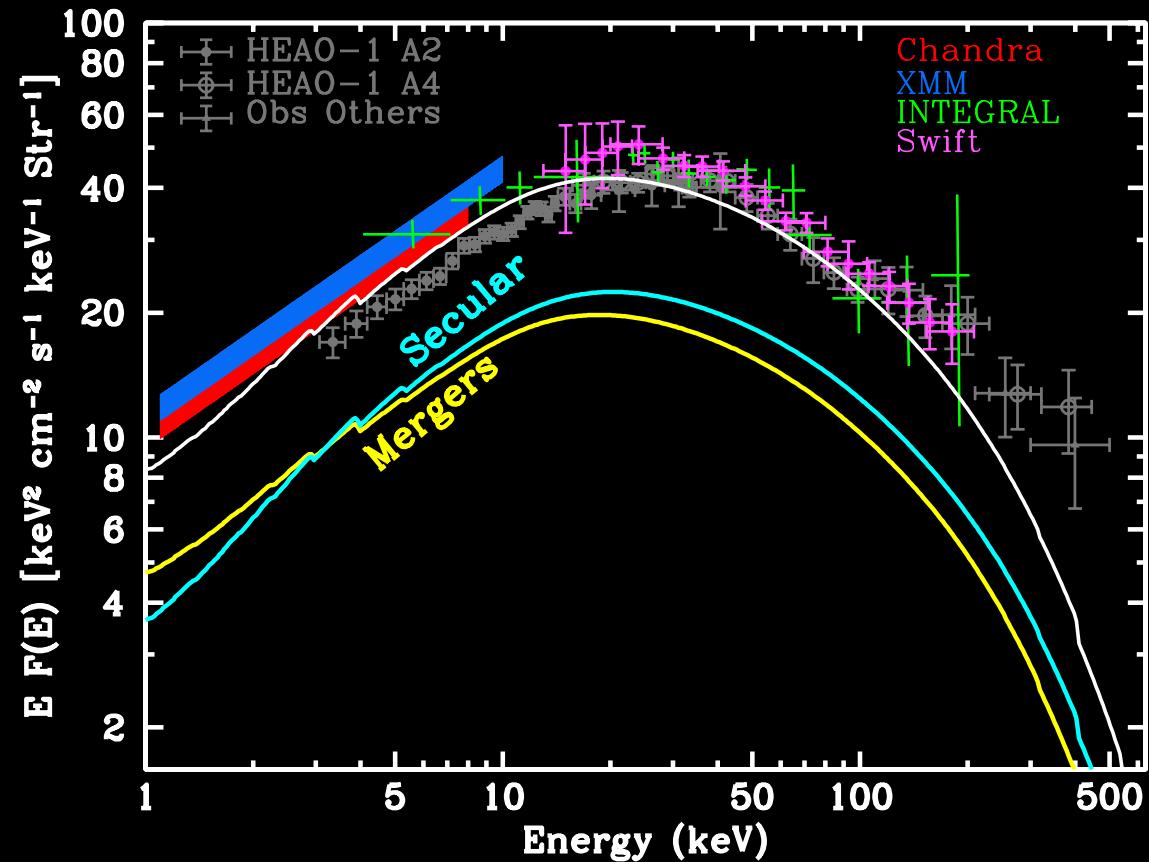
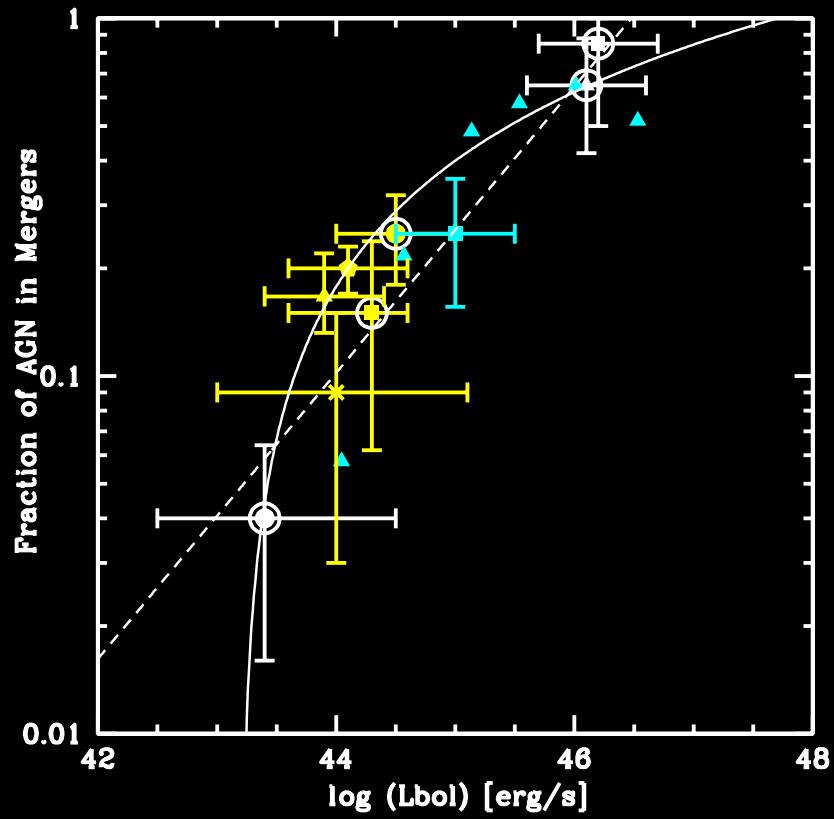
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# Do Mergers Drive Co-Evolution?

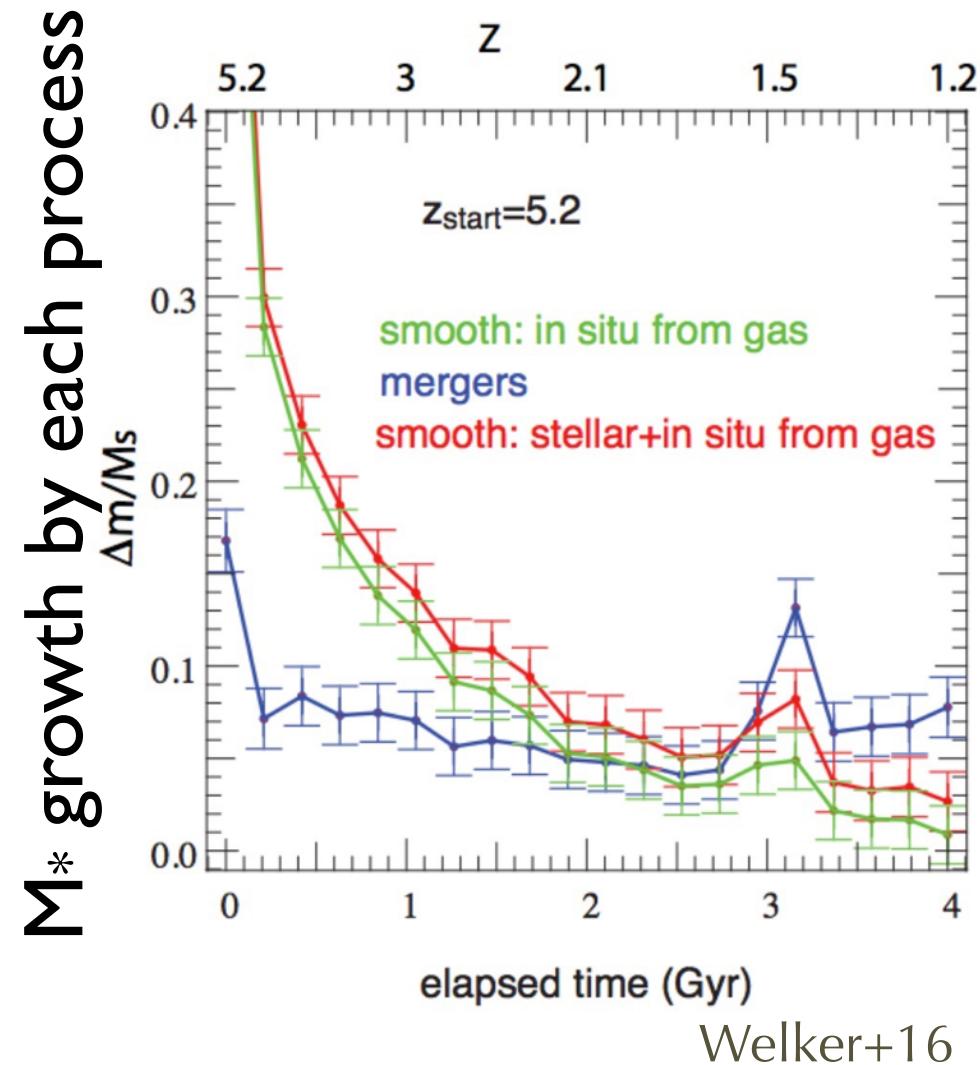
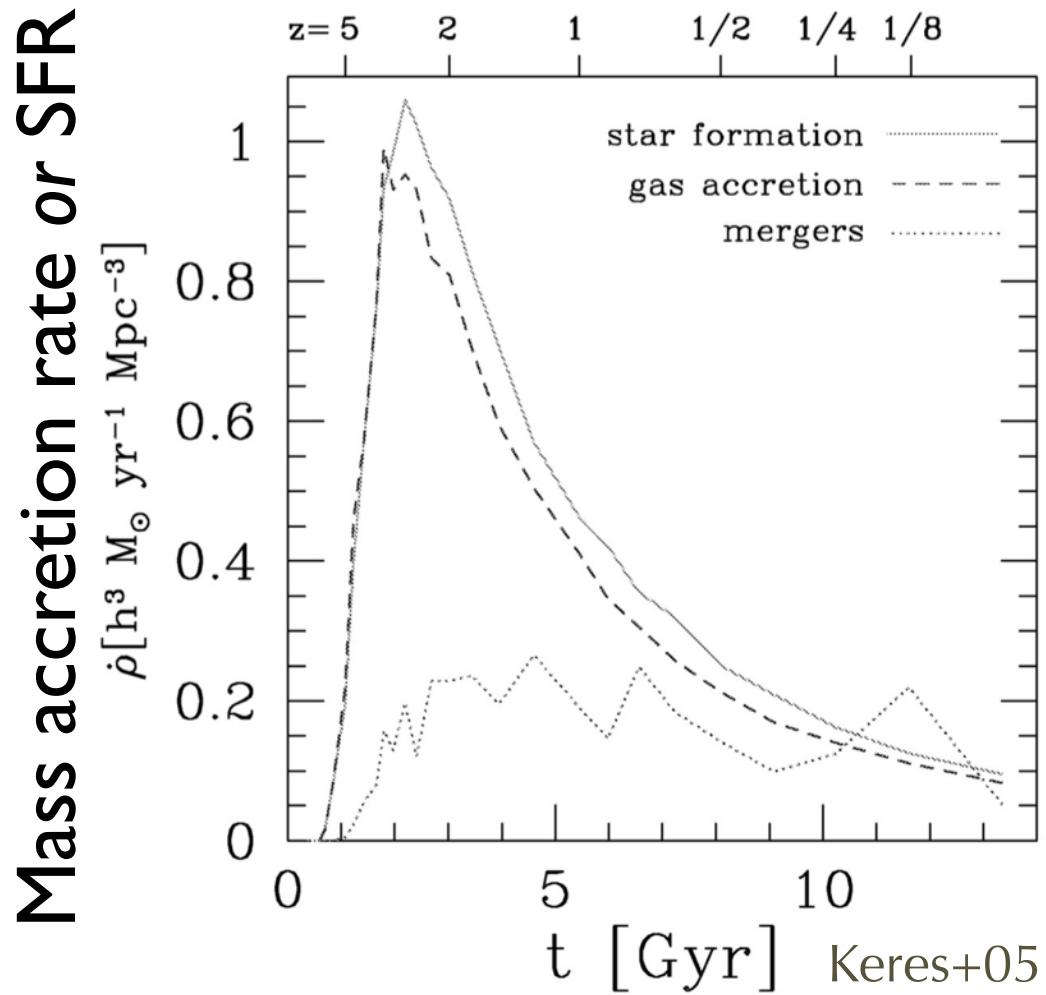


# Major Mergers & SMBHs: Only Half the Story

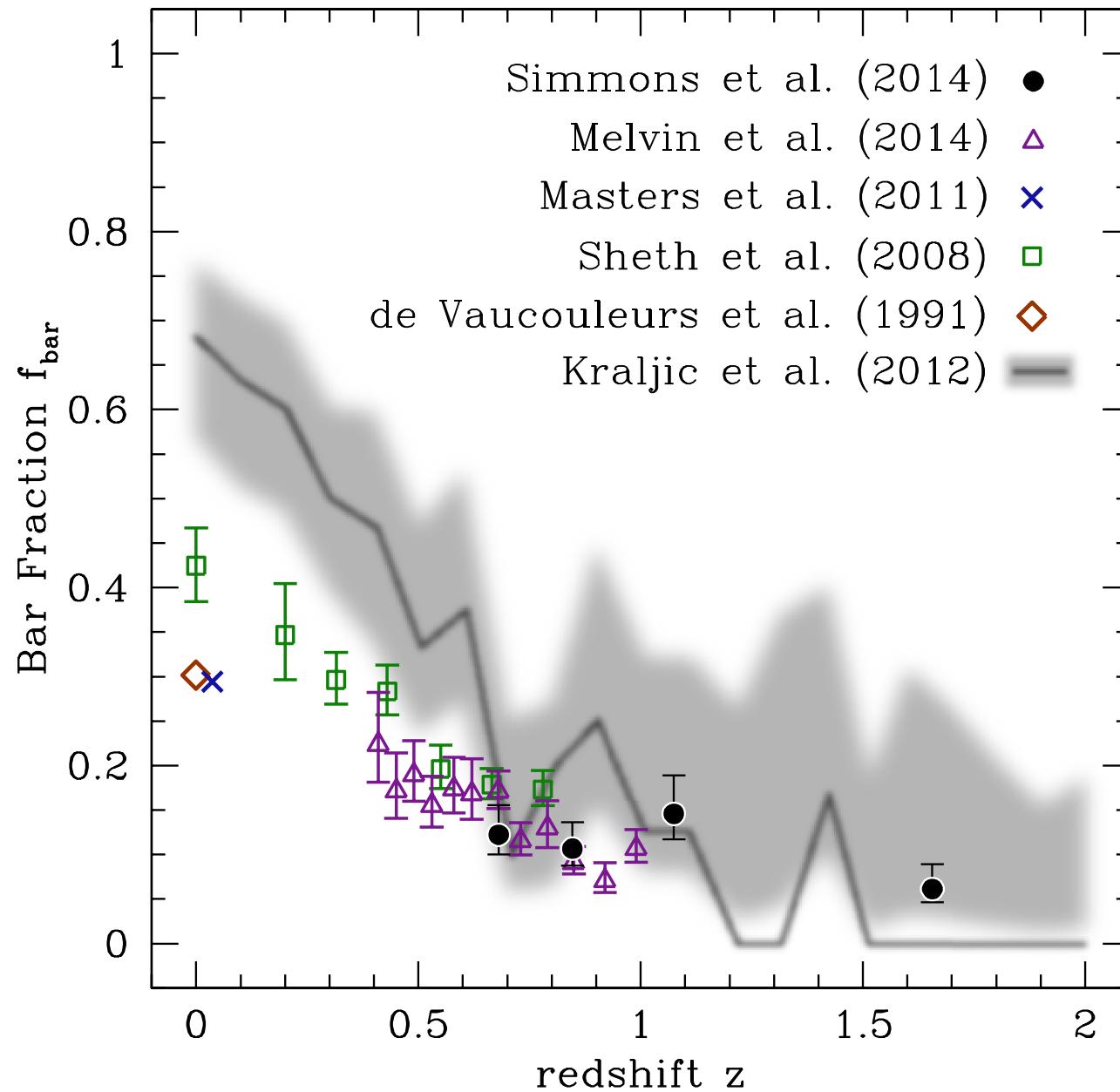


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# Merger-Free galaxy growth: cold accretion



# Populations of settling disks since $z \sim 2$



# Disentangling growth histories

*Morphologies*



*Evolutionary Processes*

Calm Merger-Free:  
No dynamical heating

✓ ✓ ✓

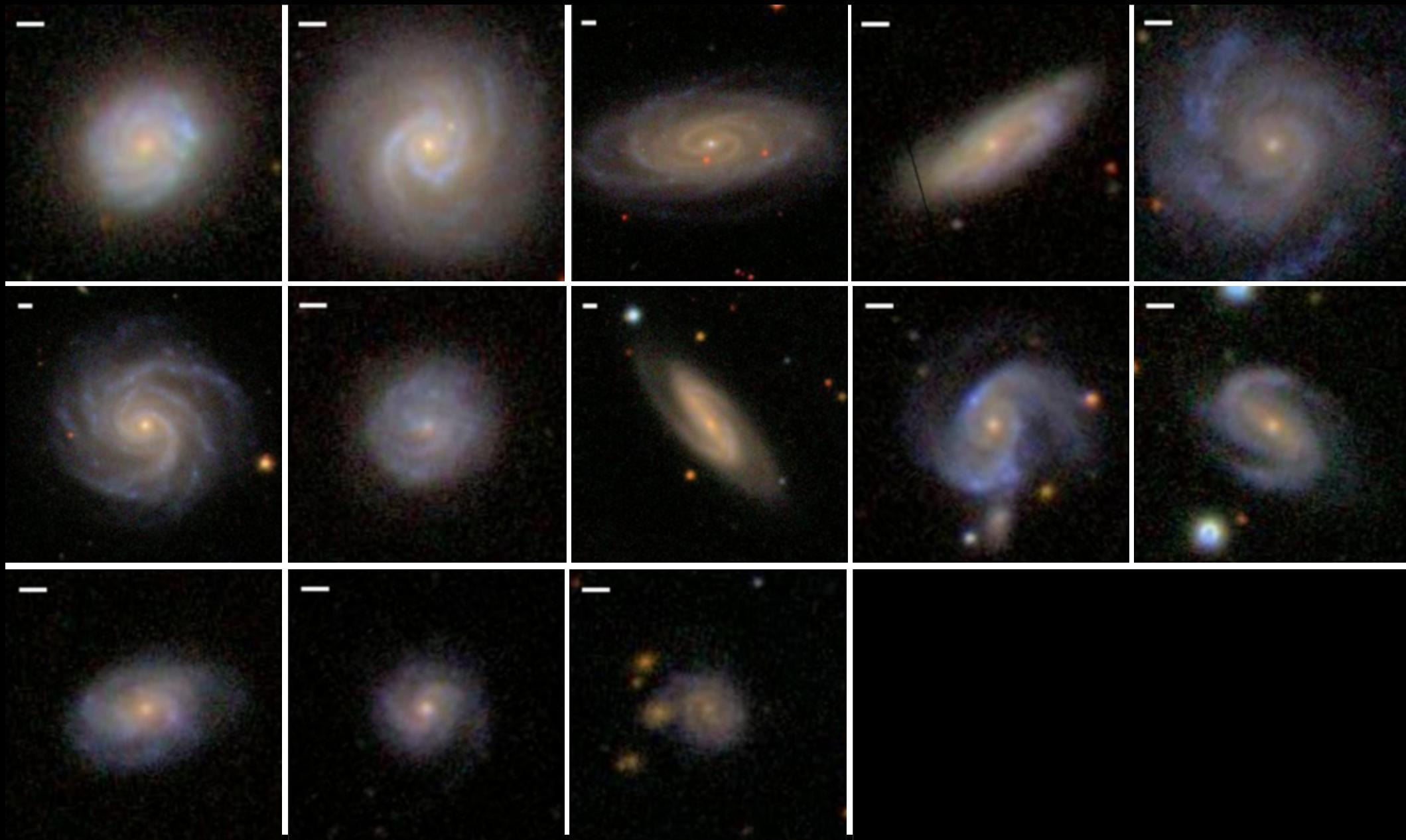
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Some dynamical heating

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Merger-driven:  
Significant dynamical heating

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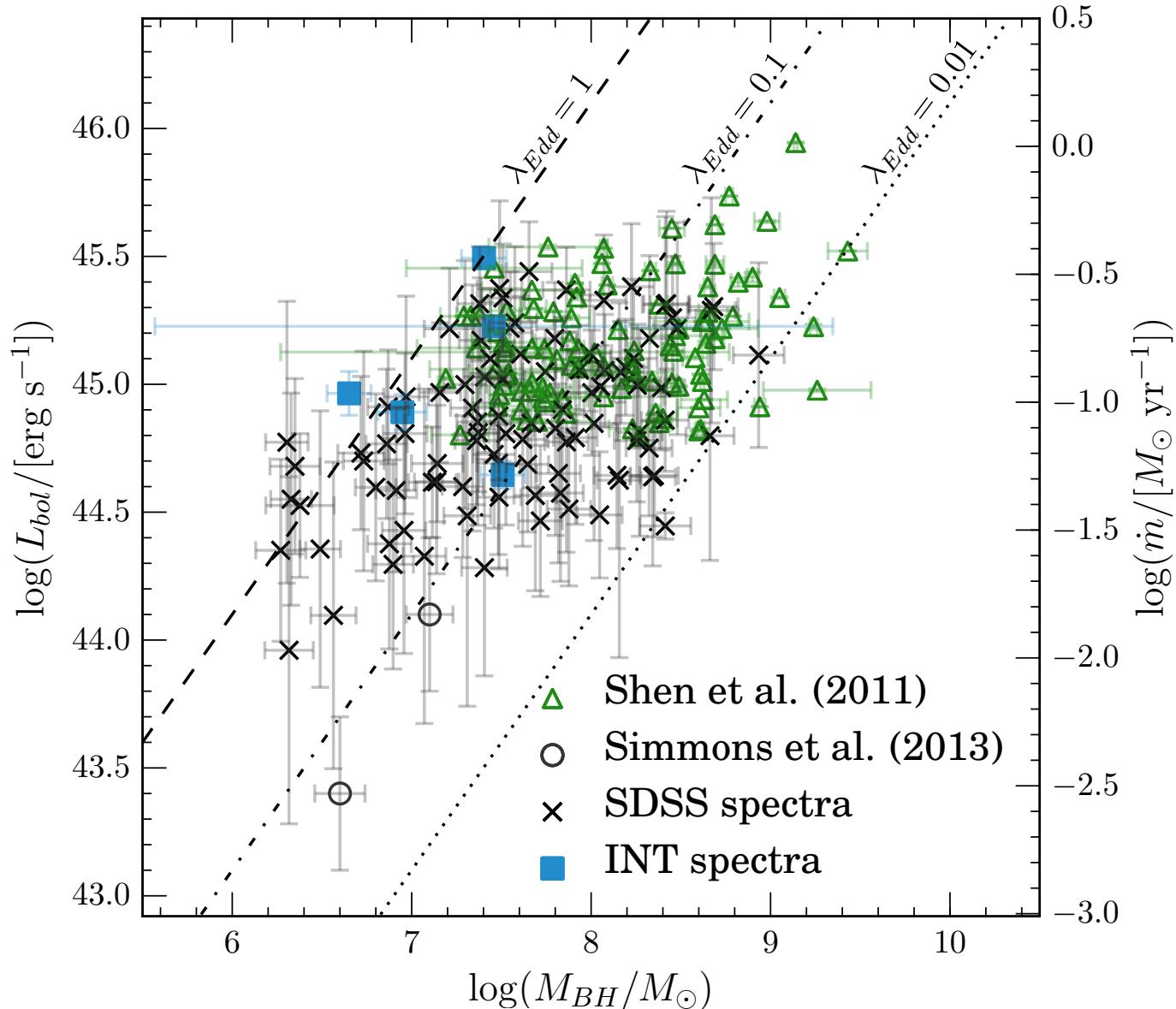
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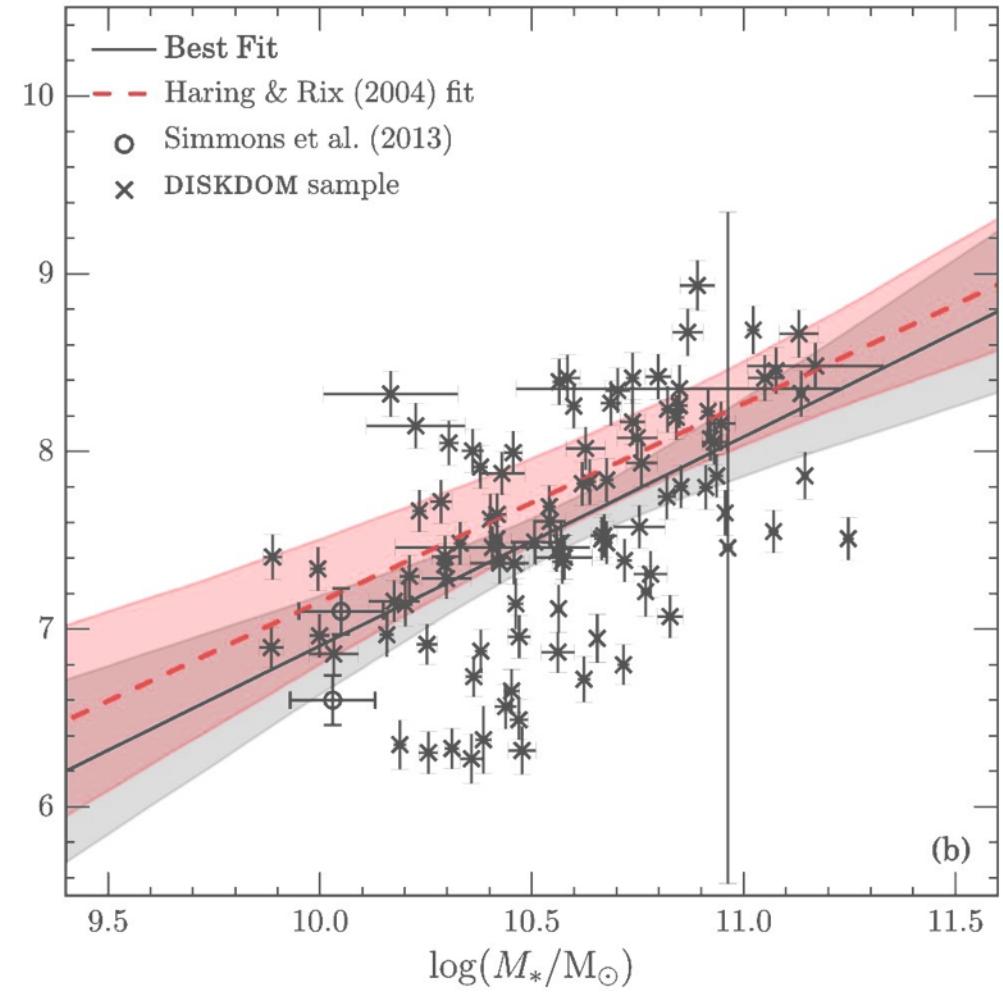
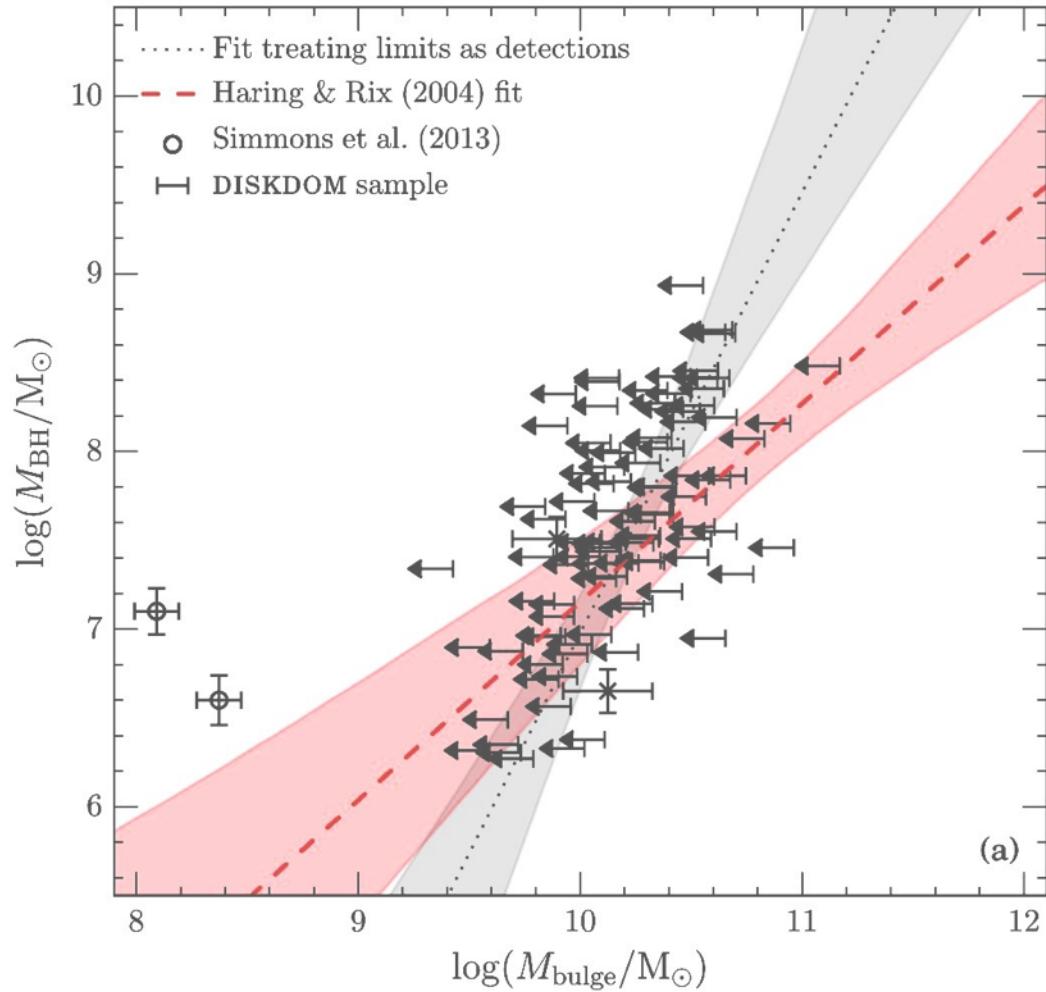
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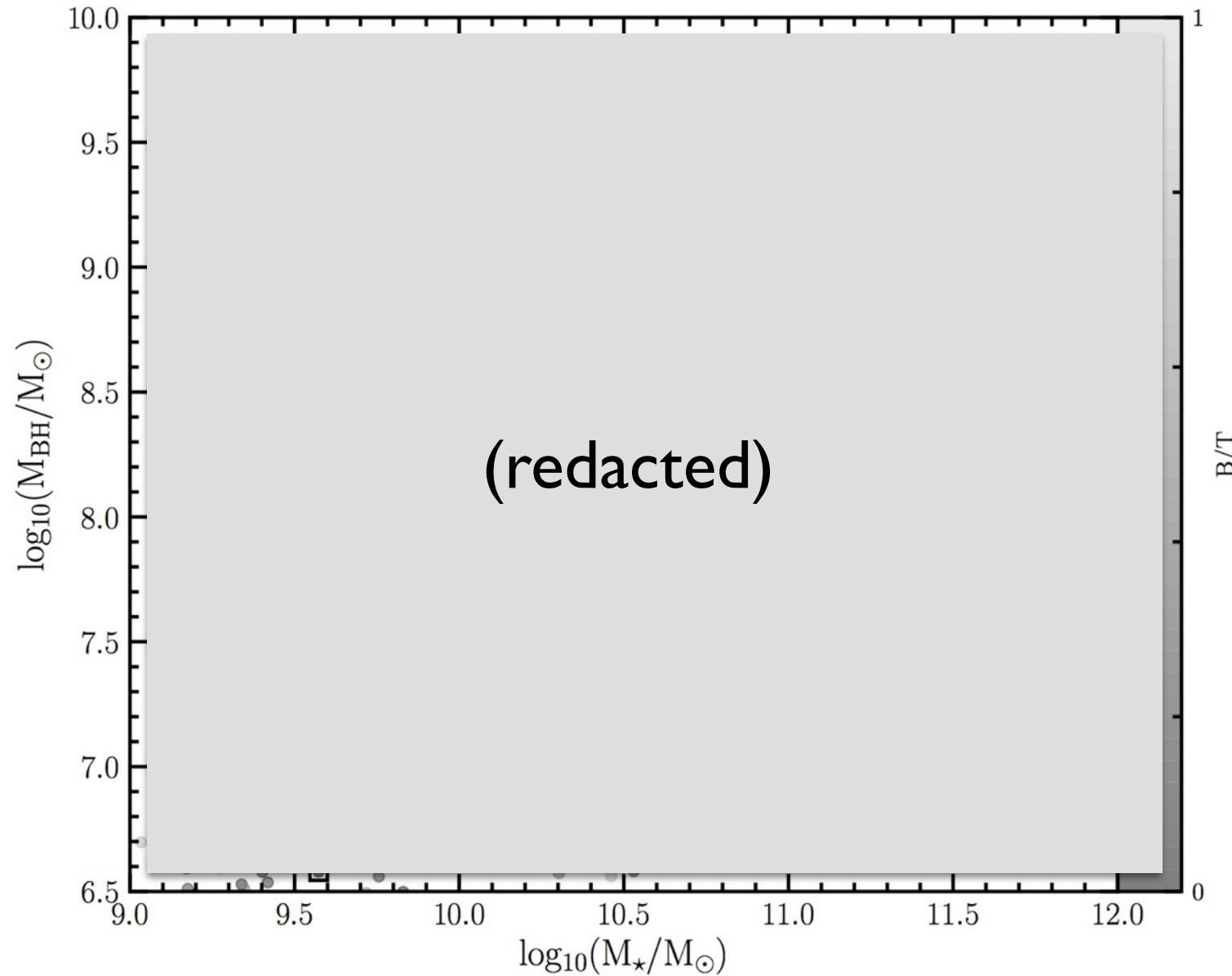
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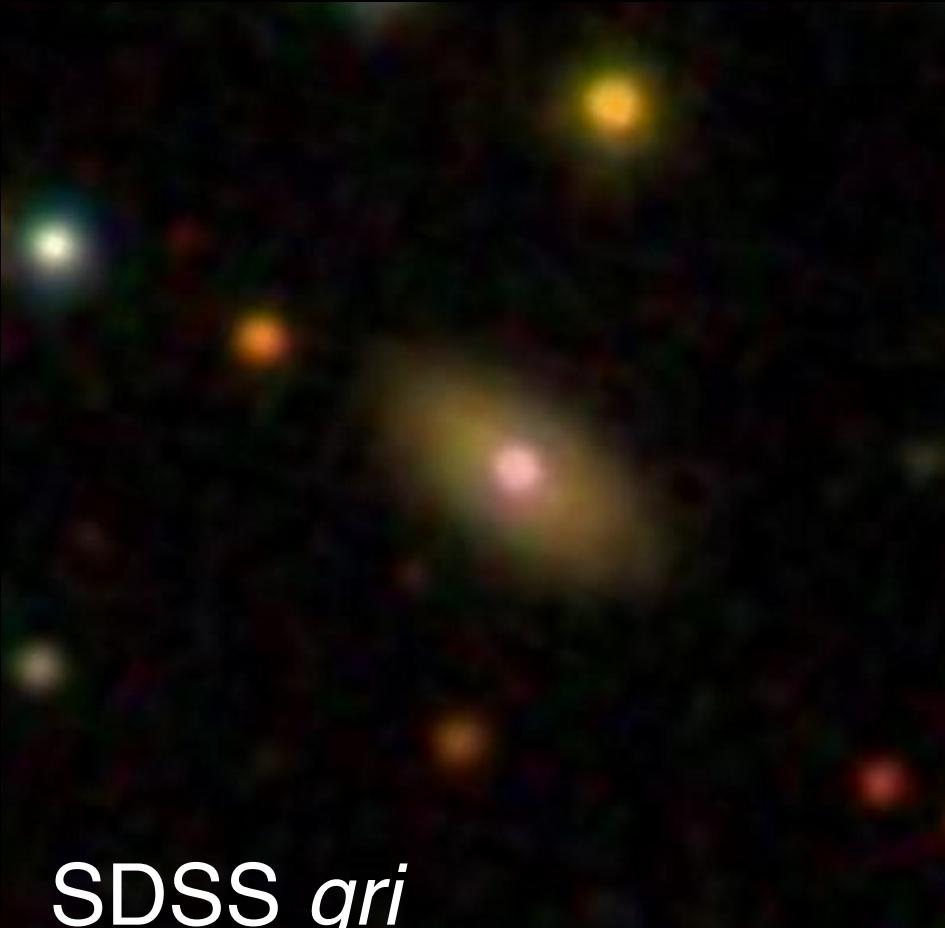


# Mergers & Co-Evolution, in Theory

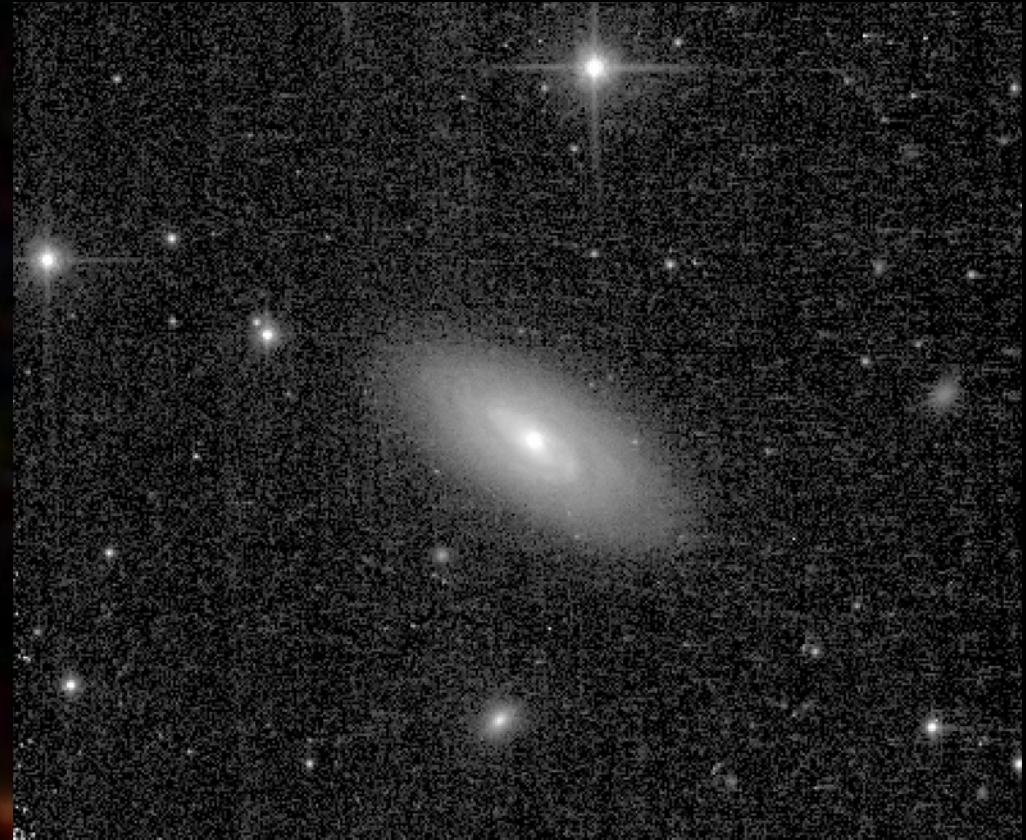


# Fresh Off The Telescope

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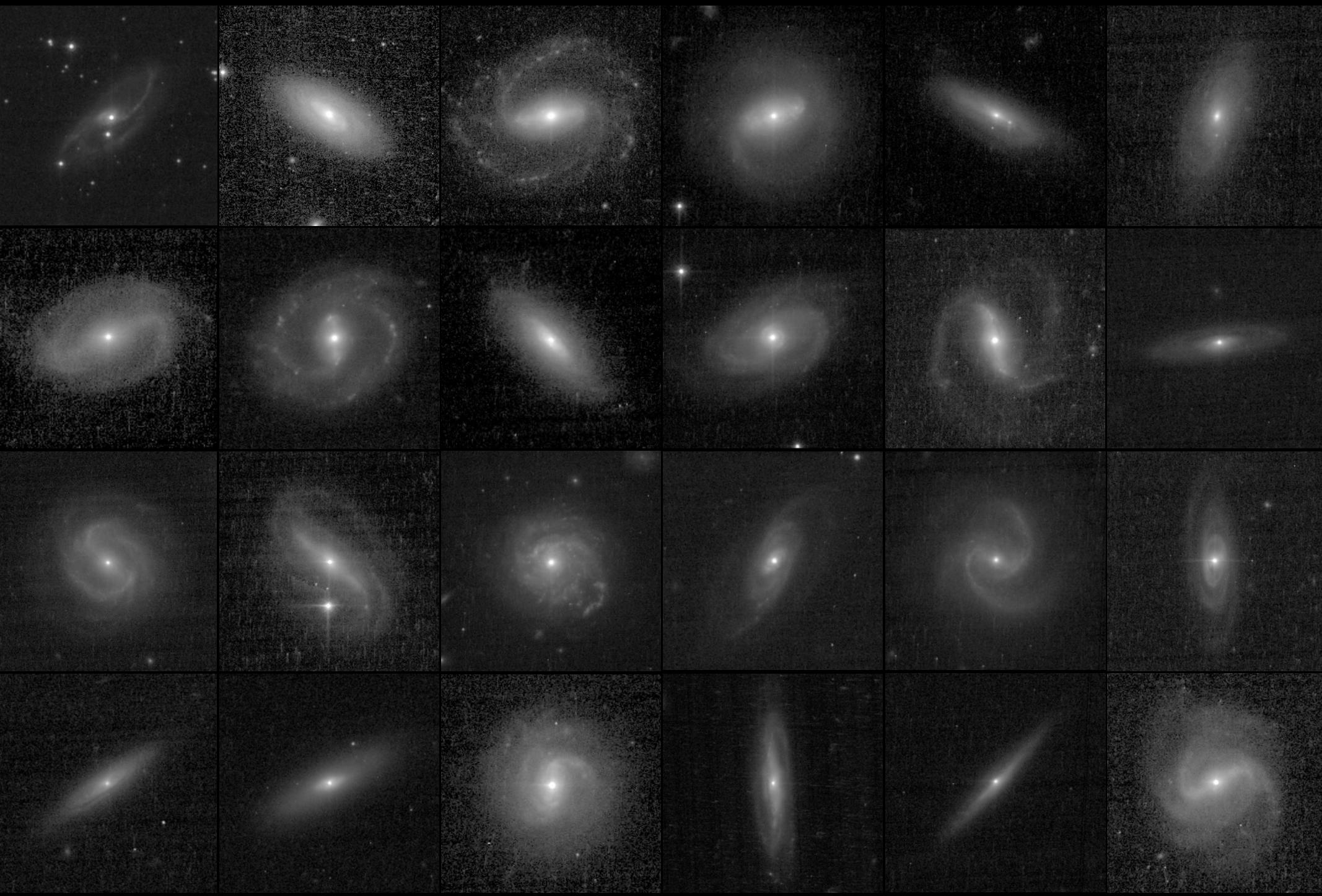


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HST F814W

# MAGNUS: the Merger-free AGN hUbble Survey



# Morphology tells a tale of formation history

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*Evolutionary Processes*

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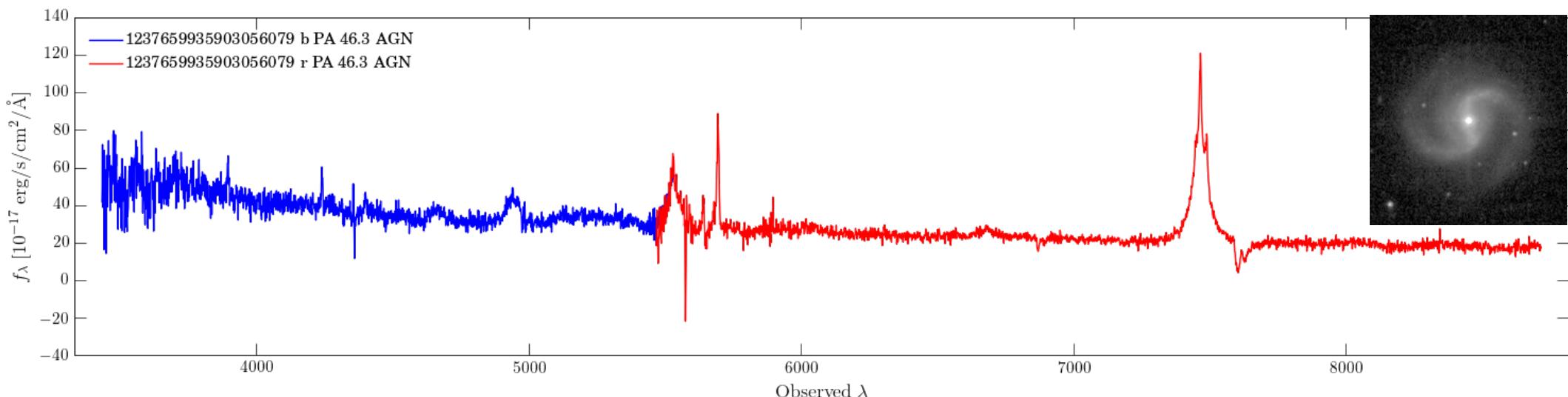
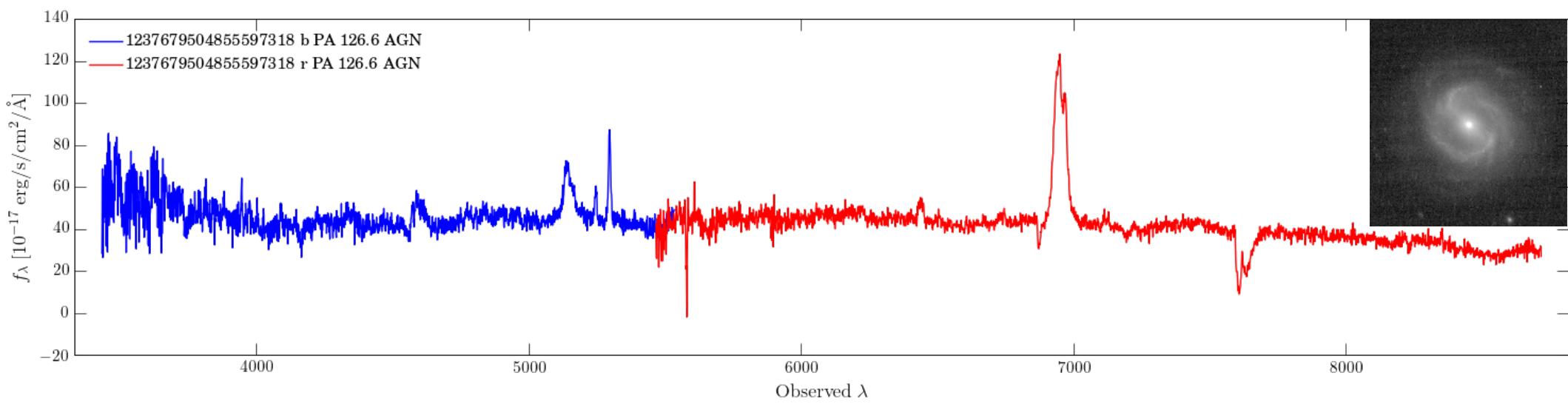
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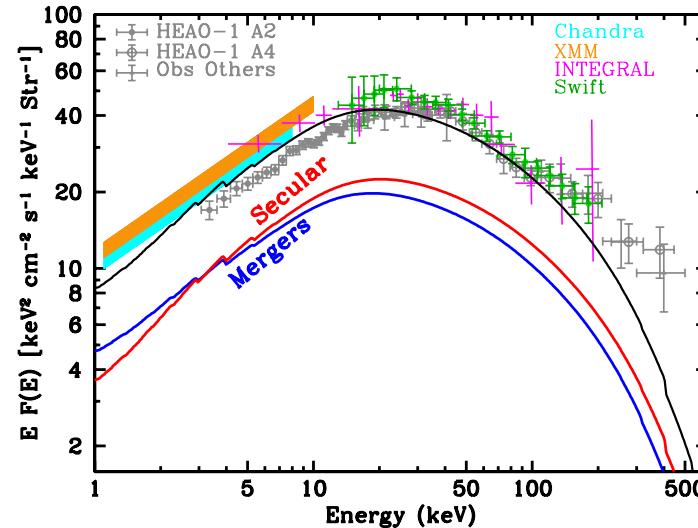
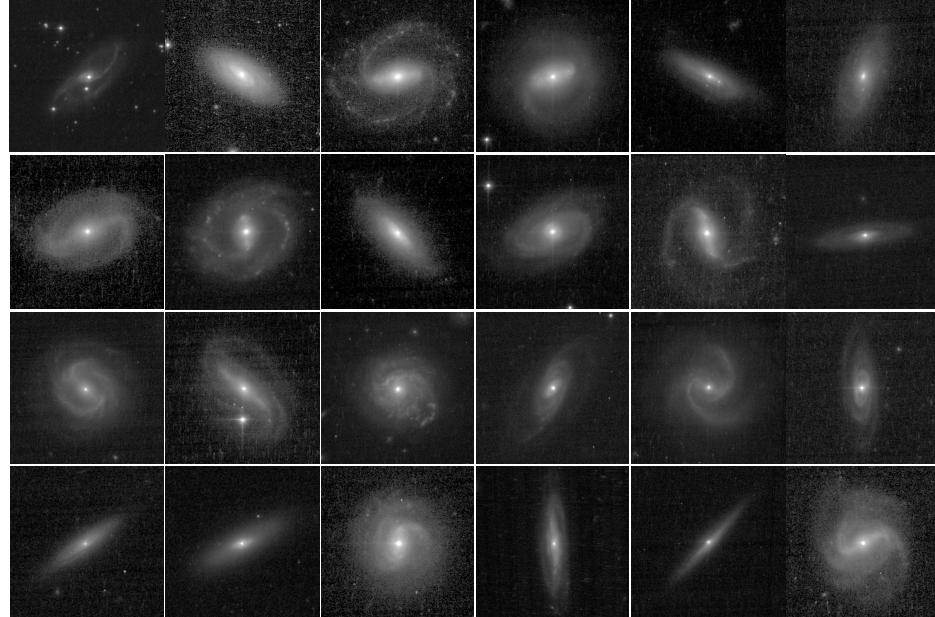


# BH + Galaxy Information



# Summary

Substantial BH growth occurs in the absence of mergers.



Merger-free BHs co-evolve with galaxies: co-evolution must be more fundamental than mergers.

