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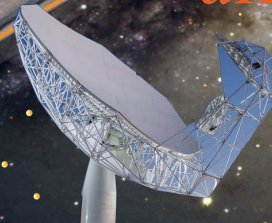
# Tracing the cosmic assembly of supermassive black holes

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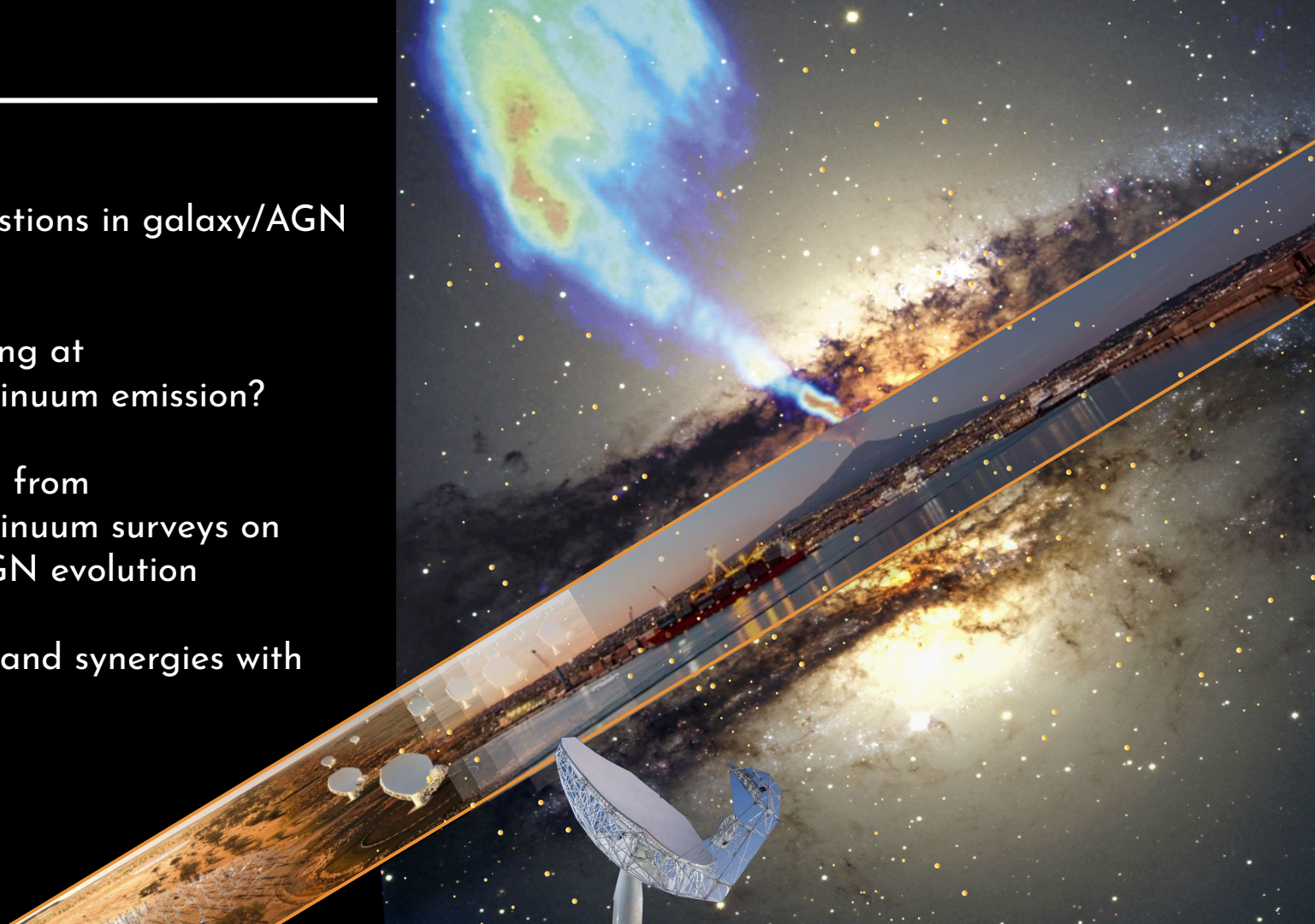
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# The baryon cycle

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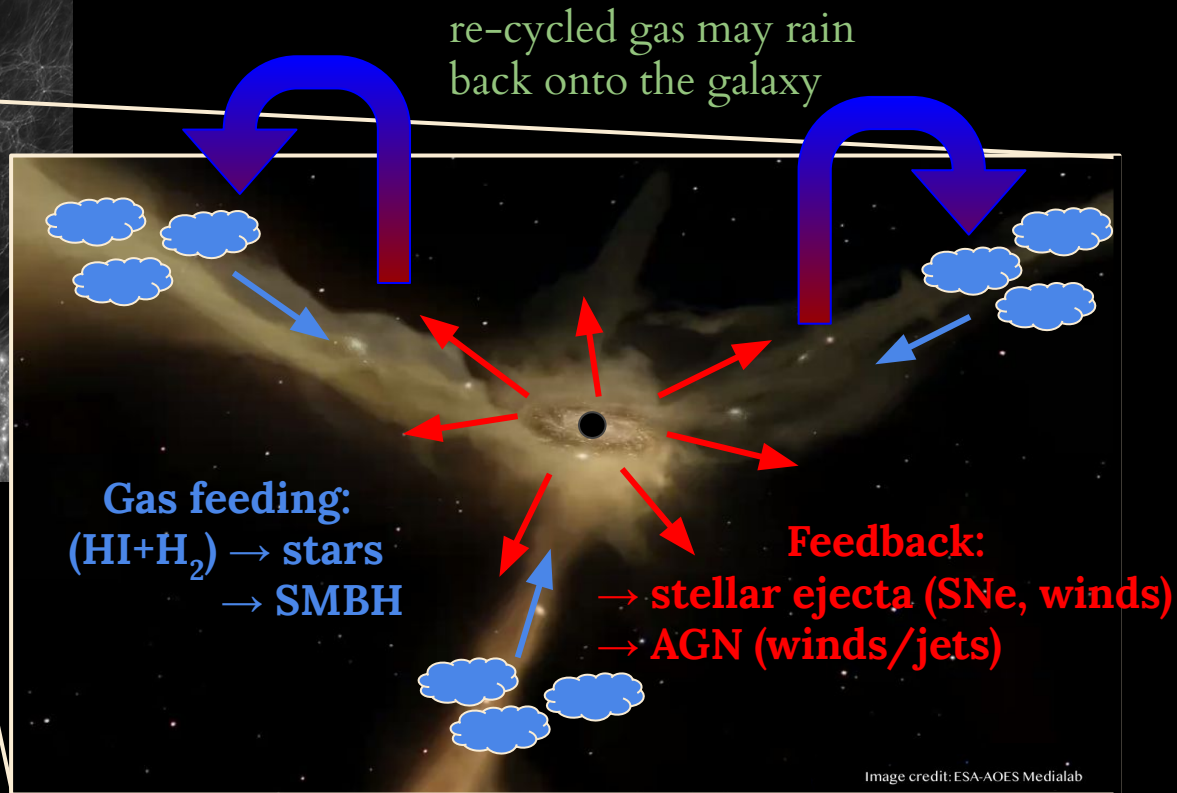
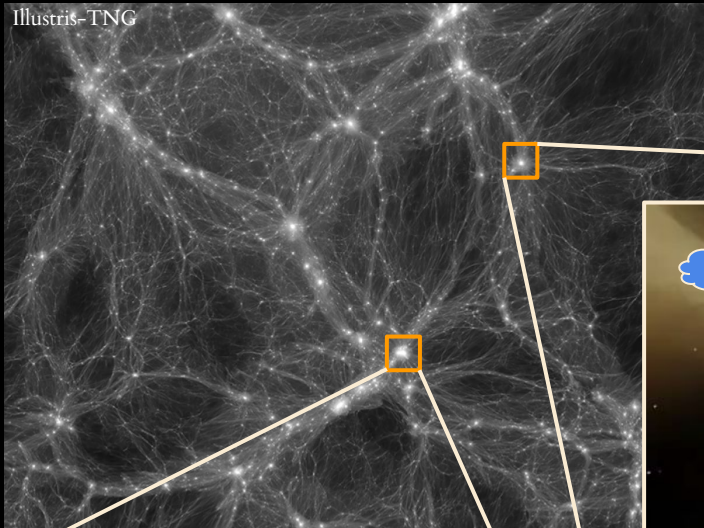
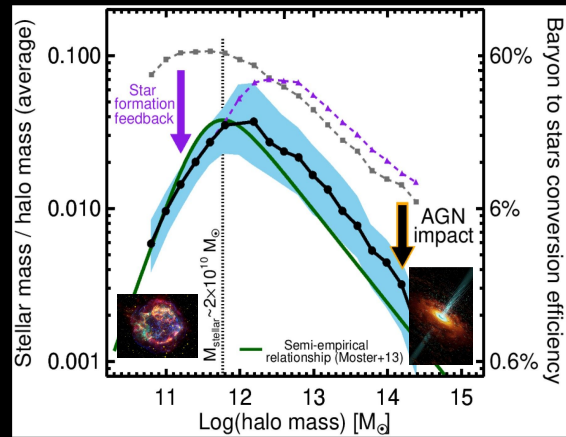


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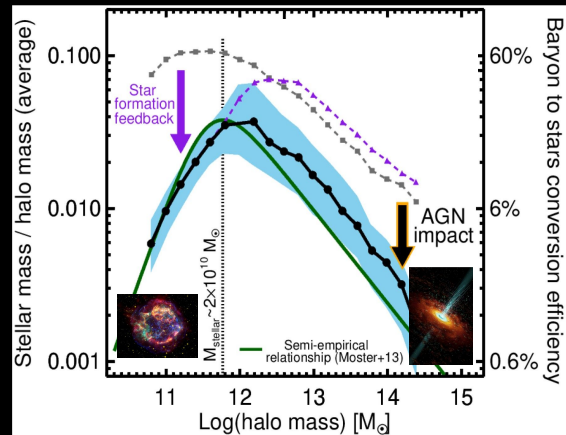


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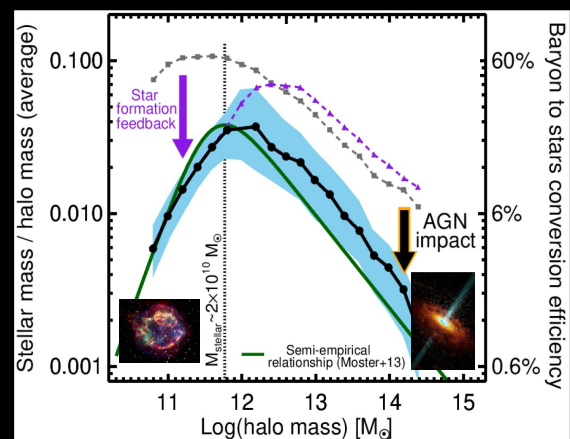


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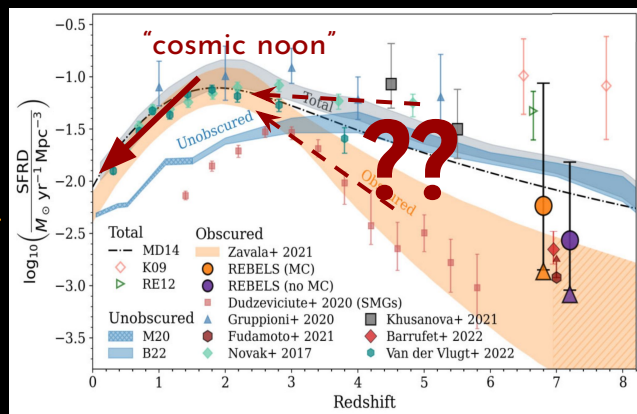
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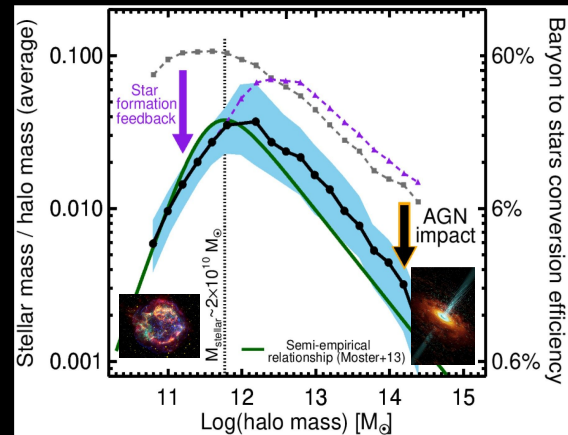


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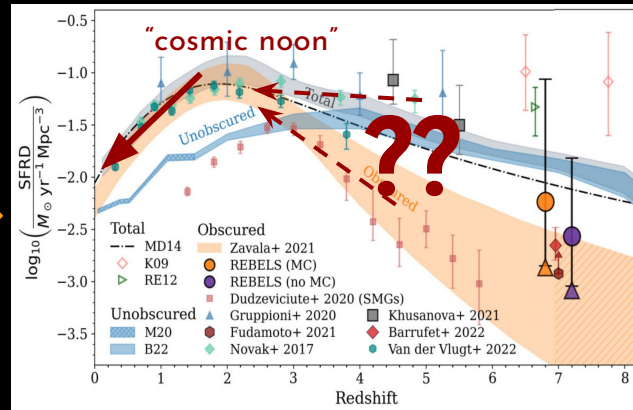
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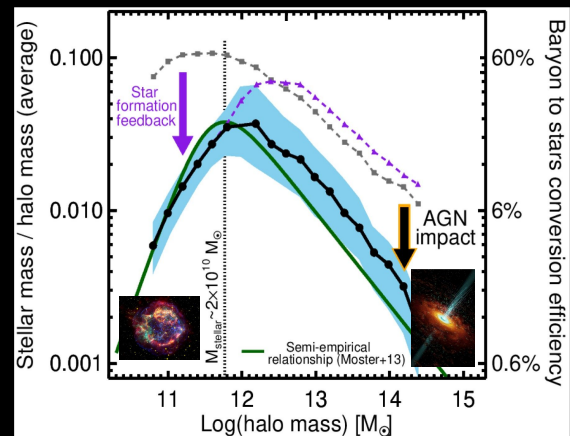
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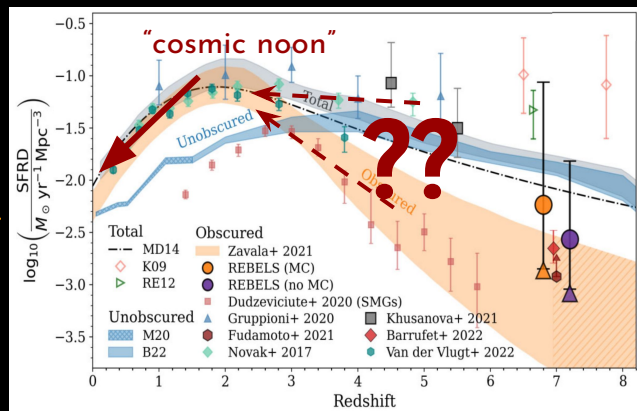


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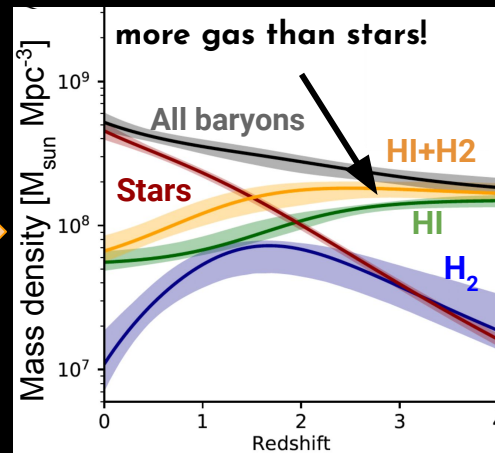


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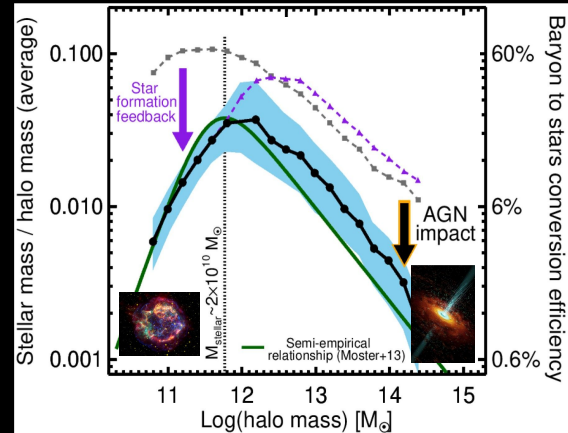
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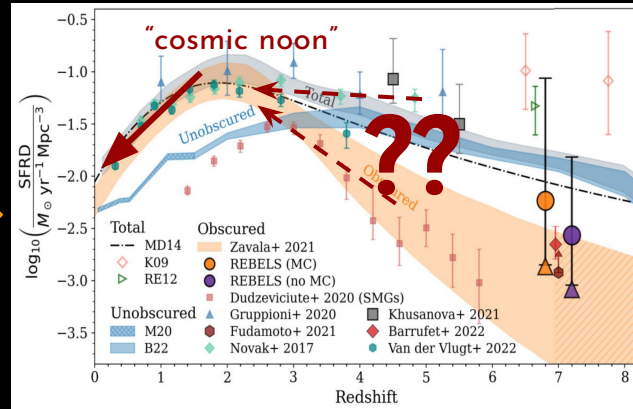


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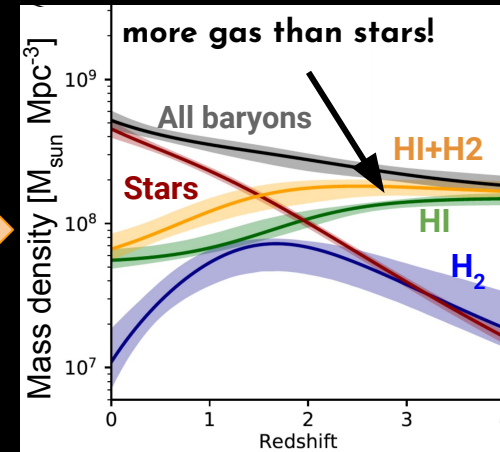


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How and when are different galaxy components (e.g. disk vs. bulge) formed?





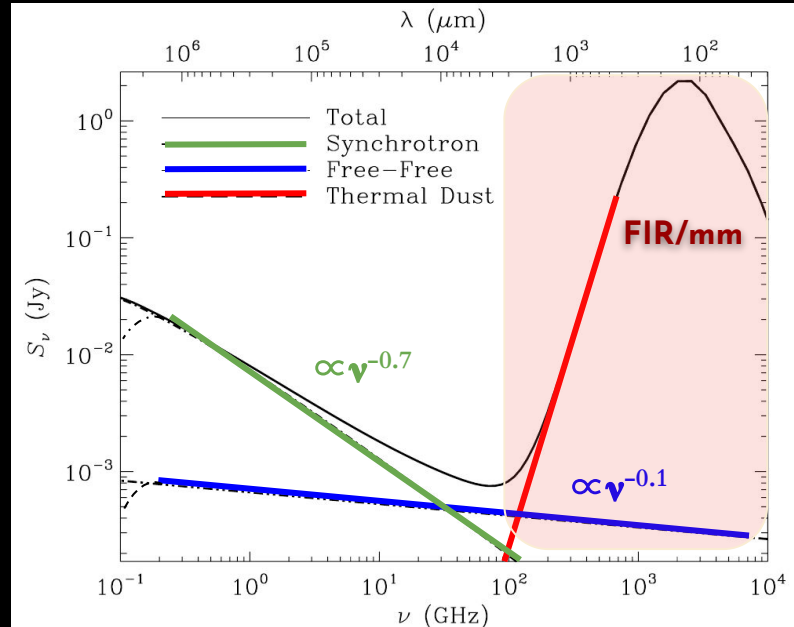
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# What do we see in radio-continuum? A brief recap



Murphy 2009

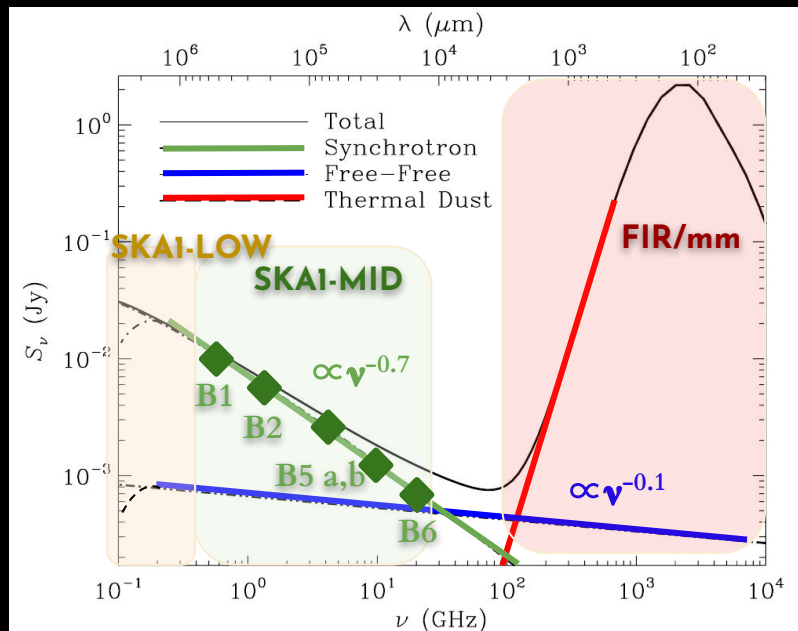
**Grey body (thermal):** dust grains heated by young and fairly massive ( $>5 M_{\text{sun}}$ ) stars  $\rightarrow$  SFR [10–100 Myr]

**Free-free (thermal):** HII regions, recent star formation episodes  $\rightarrow$  SFR [3–10 Myr]

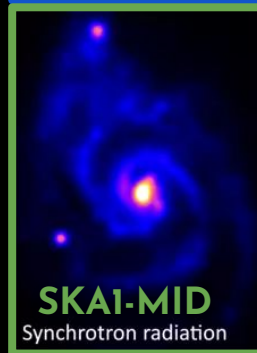
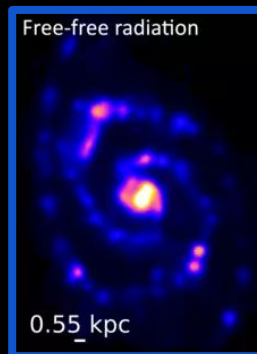
**Synchrotron (non-thermal):** cosmic ray electrons accelerated by shock waves when massive ( $>8 M_{\text{sun}}$ ) stars explode as SNe  $\rightarrow$  SFR [10–100 Myr]

(Condon 1992; see review by Kennicutt & Evans 2012)

# What will the SKA1-MID see in radio-continuum?



$z \sim 0$   
(observed)

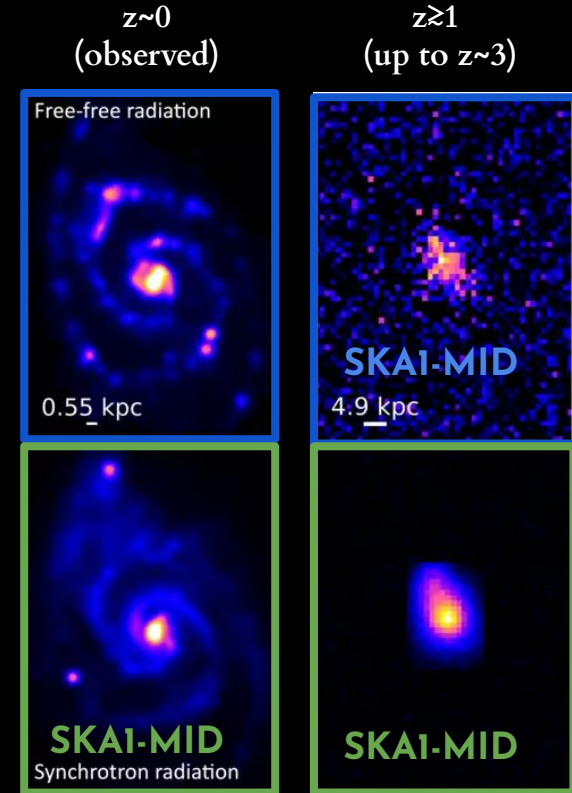
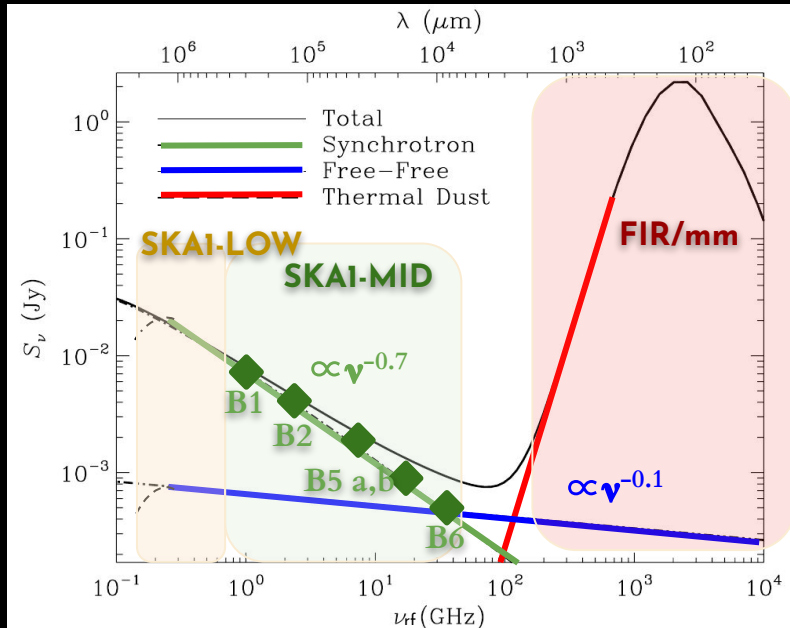


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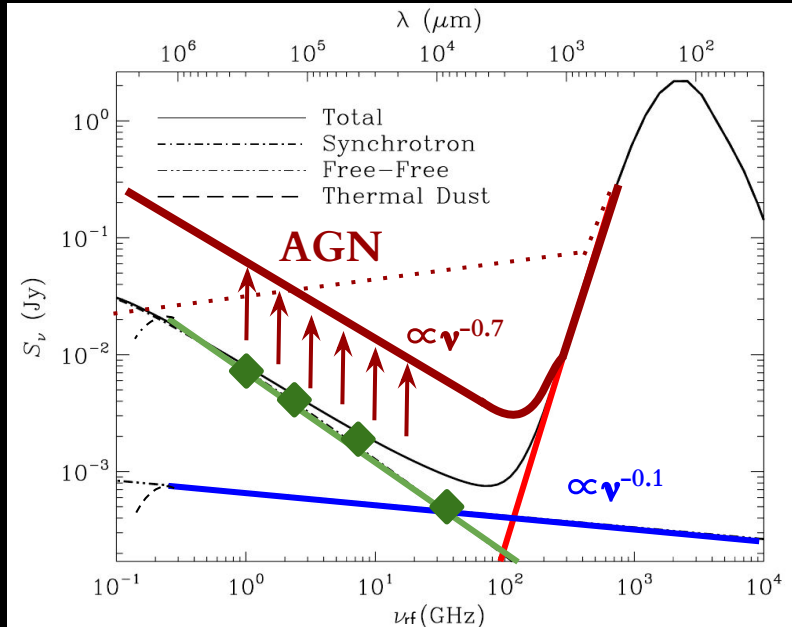
- (at  $z > 1$ ) B5-B6: mostly free-free emission  $\rightarrow$   $SFR_{th}$
- B1-B2: mostly synchrotron emission  $\rightarrow$   $SFR_{non-th}$



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# Radio (loud) AGN in radio-continuum

- Radio “loud”, or radio-excess, or “jetted” AGN
- Hard to distinguish from SF based on spectral index, if not flat/inverted (e.g. Padovani 2016; Hardcastle+2019; Magliocchetti+2014; 2022)

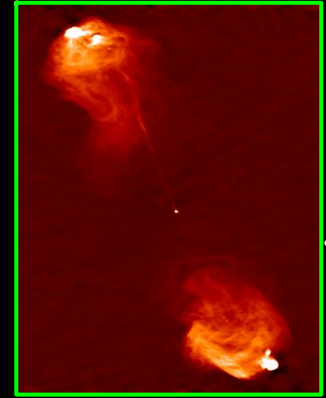


Murphy 2009

feedback in action!



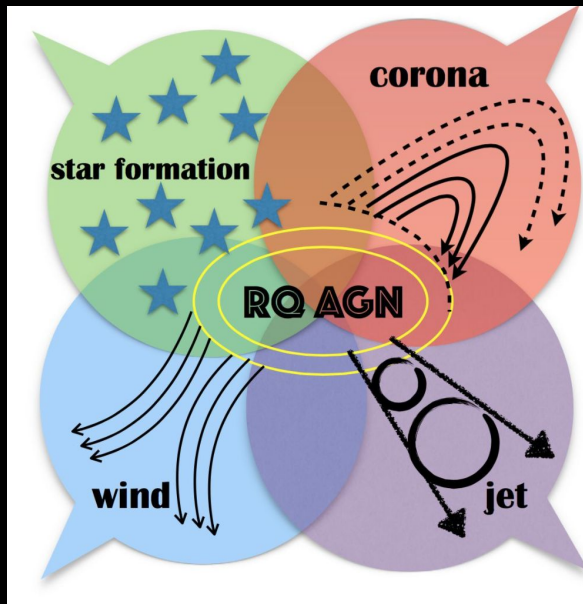
Centaurus A  
 $L_{1.4} \sim 2 \times 10^{24} \text{ W/Hz}$   
(Cooper 1965)



Cygnus A  
 $L_{1.4} \sim 5 \times 10^{27} \text{ W/Hz}$   
(Hey, Phillips & Parsons 1946)

# Radio (quiet) AGN in radio-continuum

- The (composite) nature of RQ-AGN is still debated



review by Panessa+2019

see F.  
Panessa's talk

[Radio morphology,  $T_B$  sp. index, radio loudness, opt spectra, ...]

→ There is no "ultimate selection" of RQ-AGN  
(Magliocchetti+2022)

## COMPILATION OF "RQ" DEFINITIONS:

### Faint wrt AGN at other $\lambda$

- $R_B = \log(L_{5\text{GHz}} / L_B) < 1$   
[Kellerman+1989]
- $R_X = \log(vL_{5\text{GHz}} / L_{2-10\text{keV}}) < -3.5$   
[Tarashima & Wilson 2003; Lambrides+2020]
- $R_K = \log(vL_{5\text{GHz}} / L_{6\mu\text{m}}) < -4.2$   
[Klindt+2019; Rosario+2020]

### Faint wrt SF in the host

- $q_{24} = \log(S_{24\mu\text{m}} / S_{1.4\text{GHz}}) > f(z)$   
[Appleton+2004; see Bonzini +2015]
- $q_{\text{FIR}} = \log(S_{\text{FIR}} / S_{1.4\text{GHz}}) > 1.68$   
[Del Moro+2013; Bonzini+2013]
- $q_{\text{TIR}} = \log(L_{\text{TIR}} / L_{1.4\text{GHz}}) > f(z, M_{\star})$   
[ID+2017,2021]



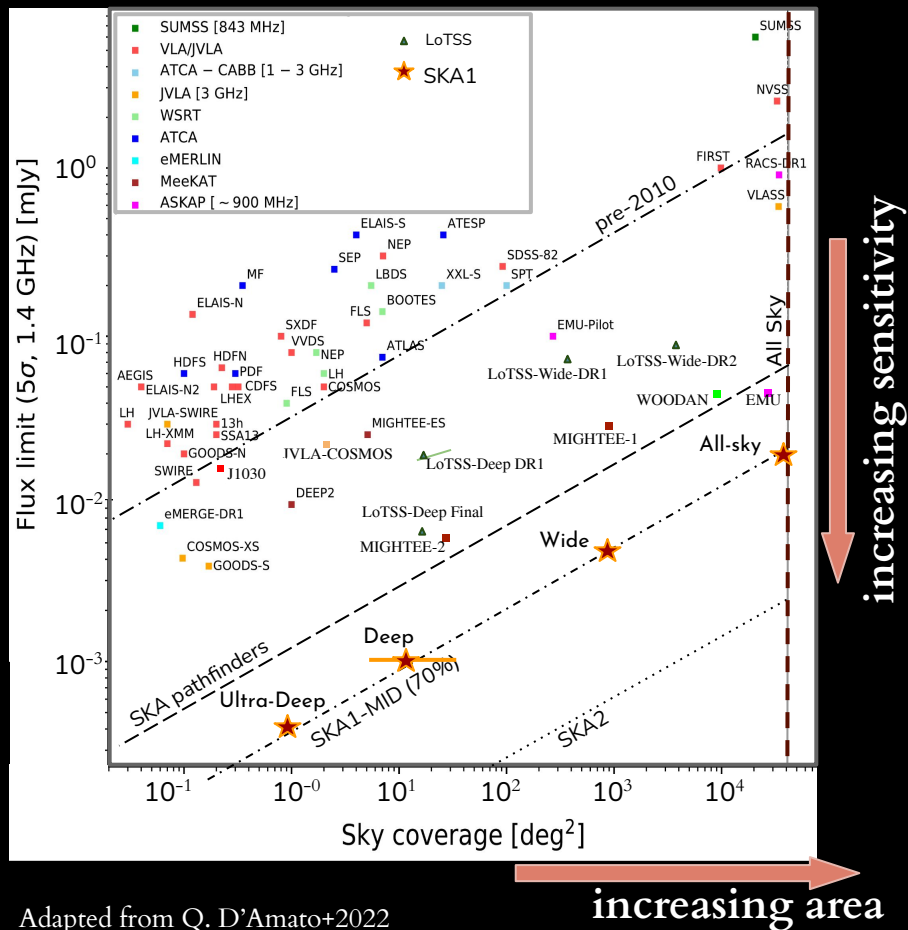
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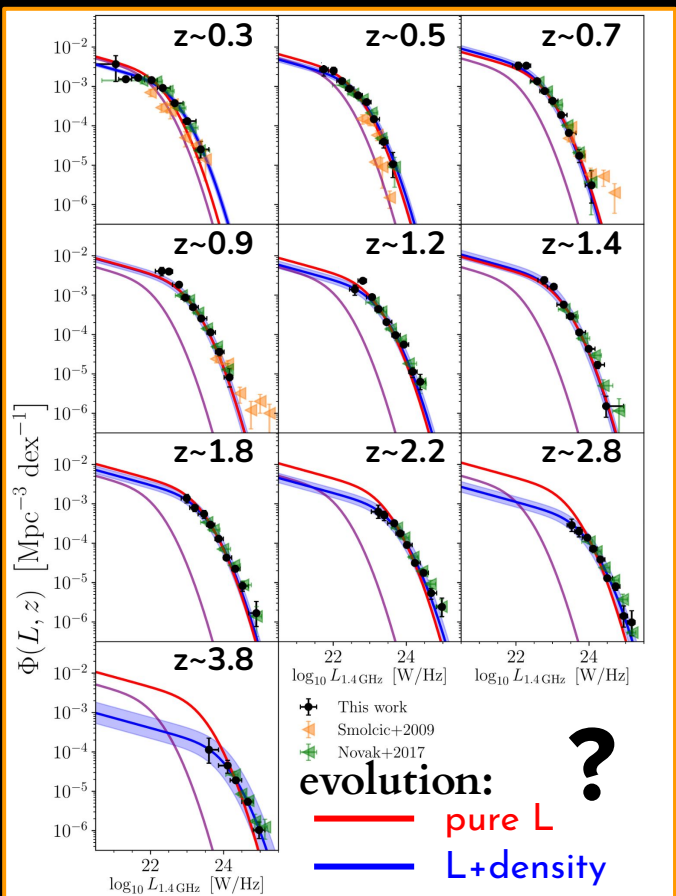




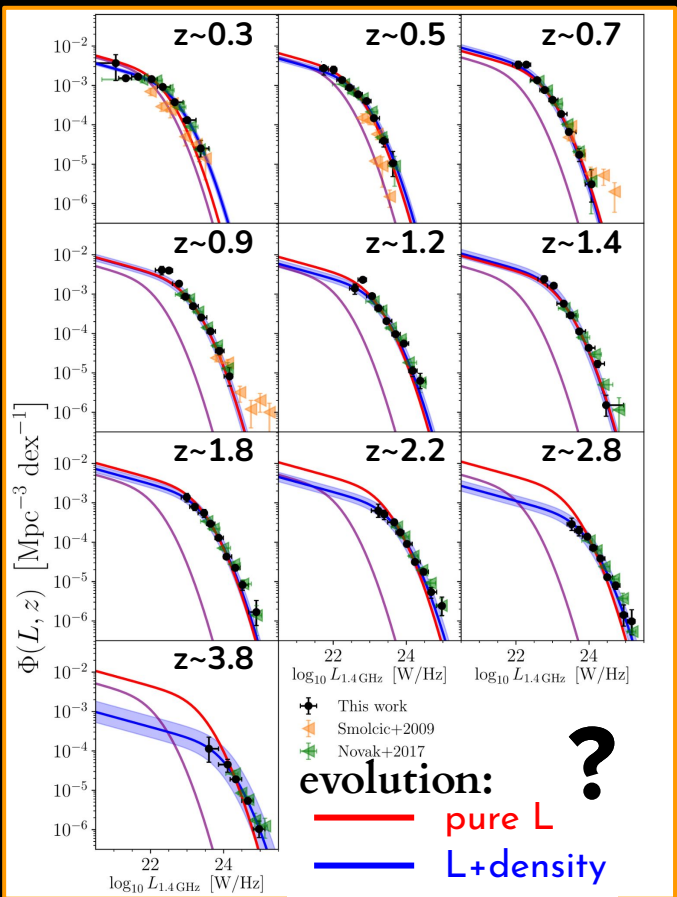




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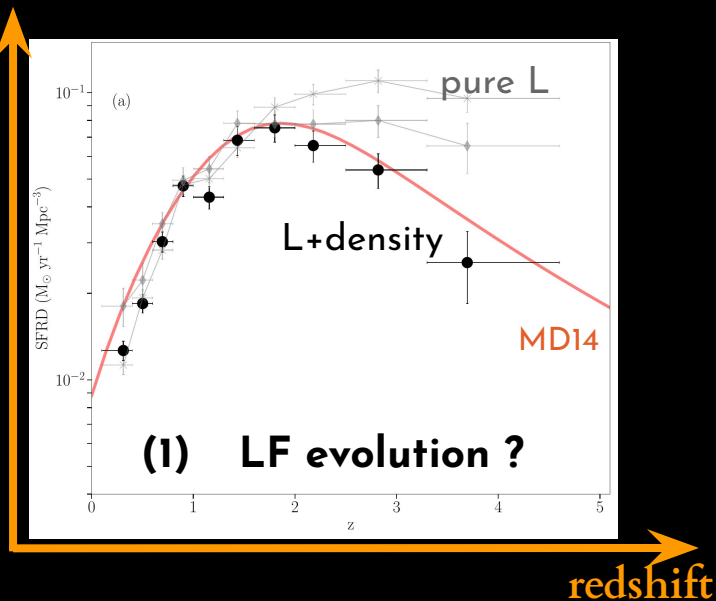


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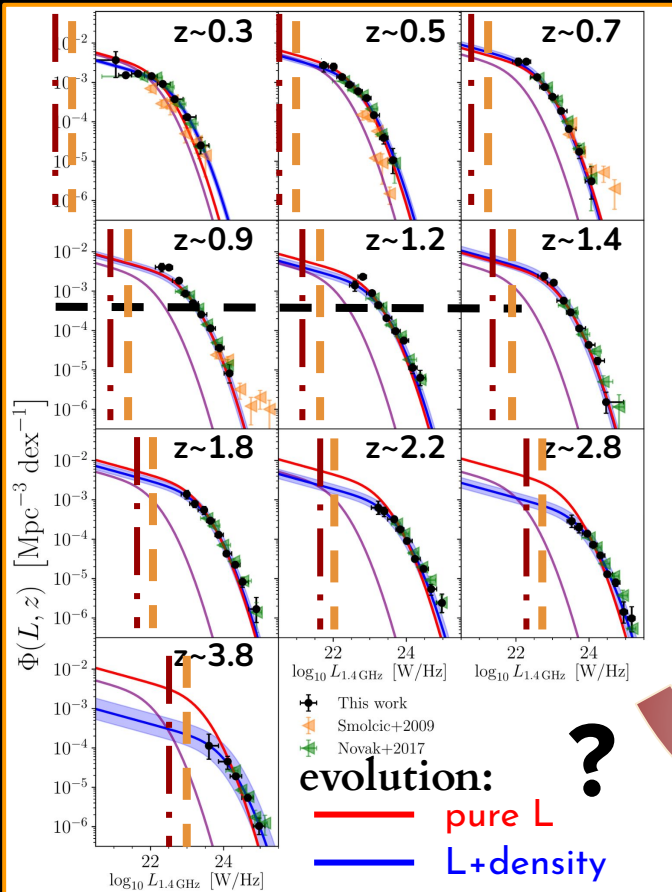


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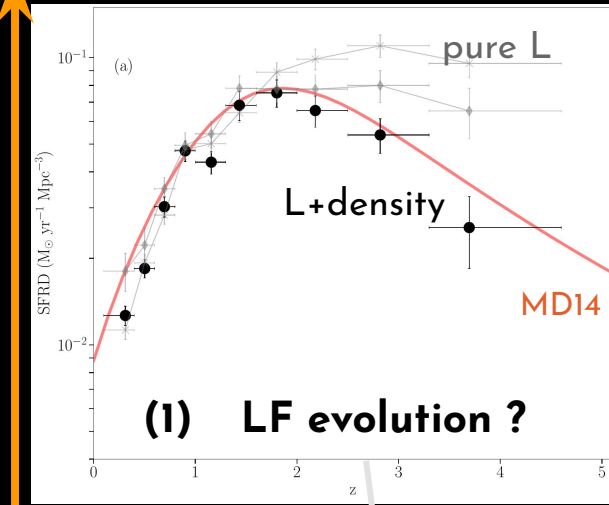


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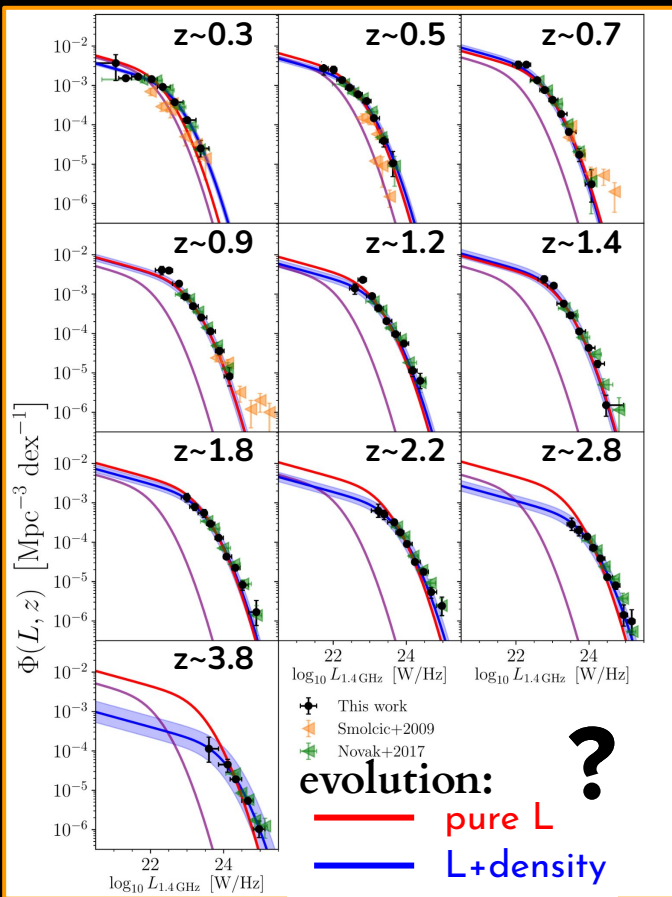
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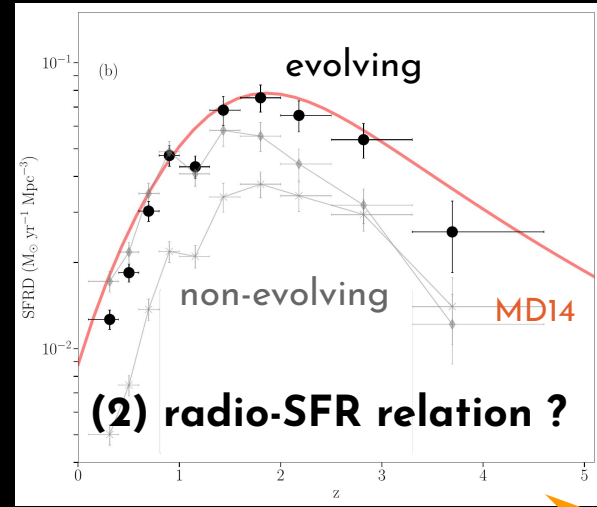
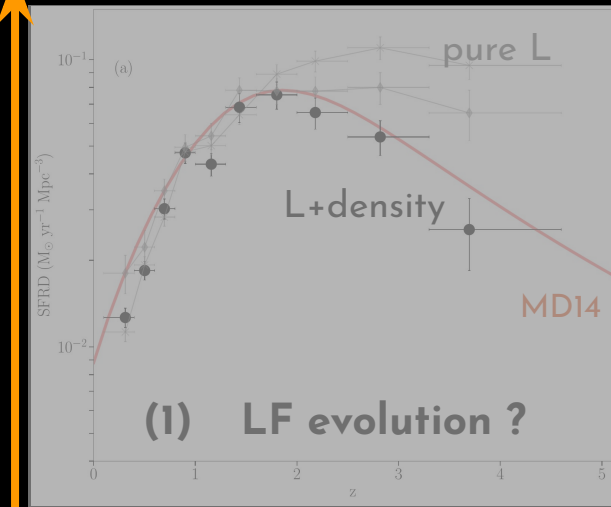
SKA1-MID (Deep & Ultra-Deep) surveys will allow us to discriminate among different evolutionary paths!

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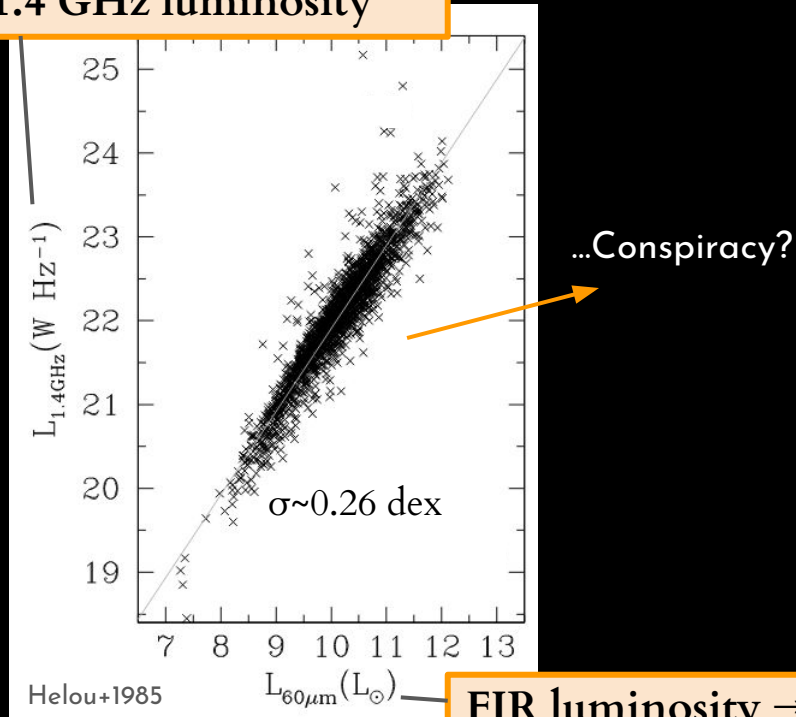


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# A universal radio-SFR relation?

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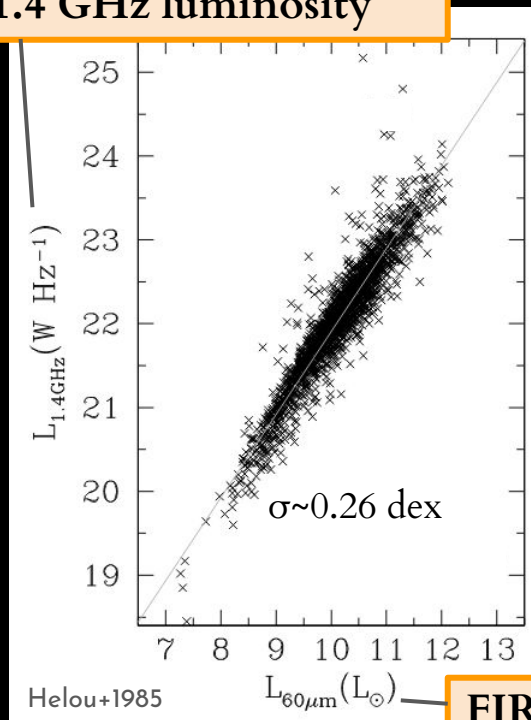


FIR luminosity  $\rightarrow$  SFR

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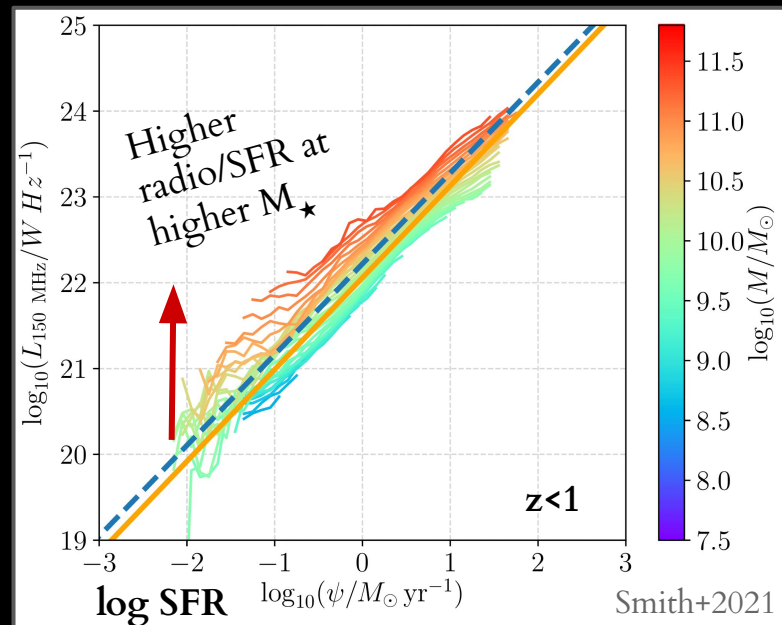
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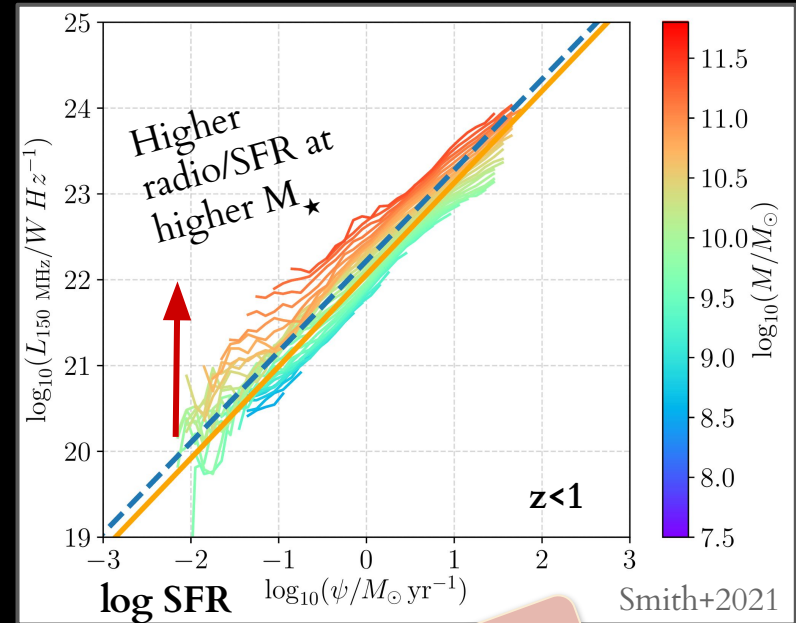
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Using radio-continuum as a SFR tracer requires  $M_{\star}$ -dependent recipes, but:

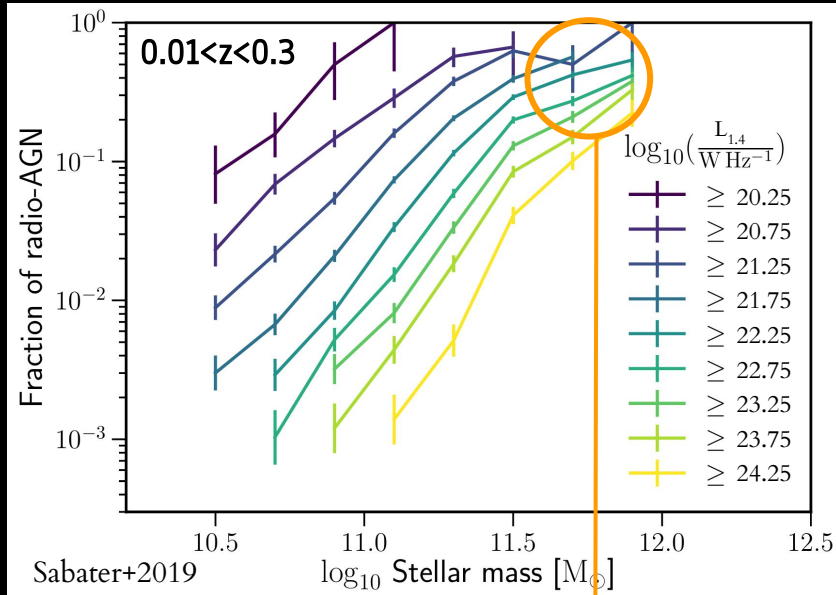
- ❑ Debated theoretical framework (Schober+2023; but see Hansen+2023; Lacki & Thompson 2010; Schleicher & Beck 2013; Tabatabaei+2017, ...)
- ❑ Redshift evolution not fully understood (Magnelli+2015; Delhaize+2017; Bonato+2021)
- ❑ Other proxies for  $M_{\star}$ : dust temperature (Smith+2014); radio power (Molnár+2021); SFR (Gurkan+2018)
- ❑  $M_{\star}$  incompleteness at  $<10^{10} M_{\text{sun}}$
- ❑ Do SMGs and starbursts follow this relation? (e.g. Jimenez-Andrade+2019; Algera+2021)
- ❑ radio AGN contamination? (VLBI follow-up)

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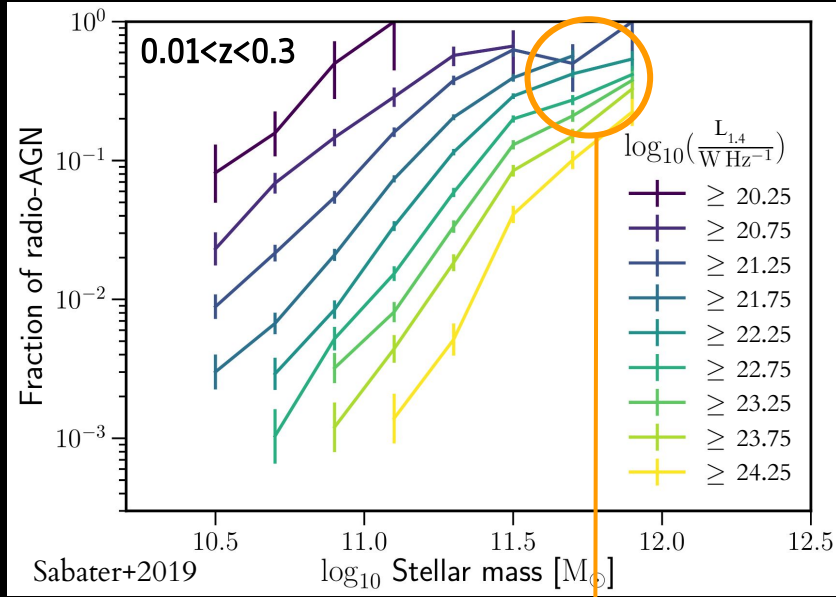
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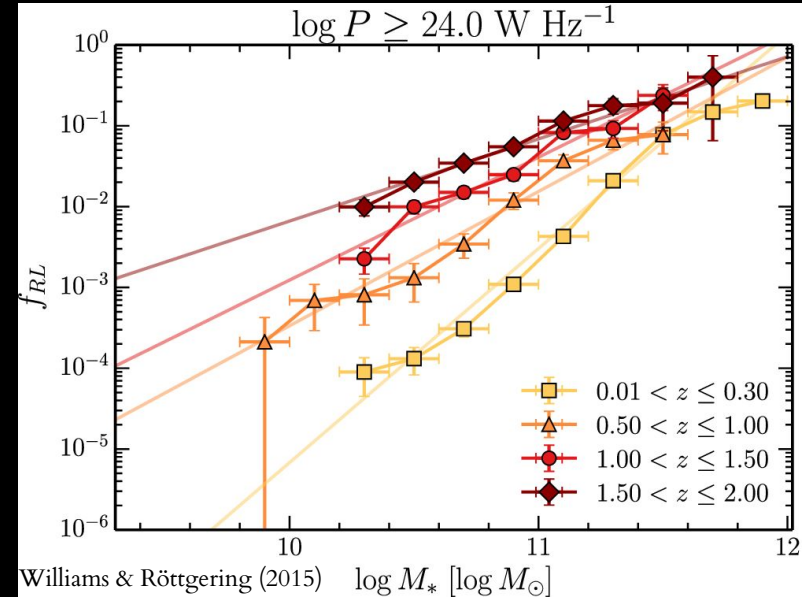
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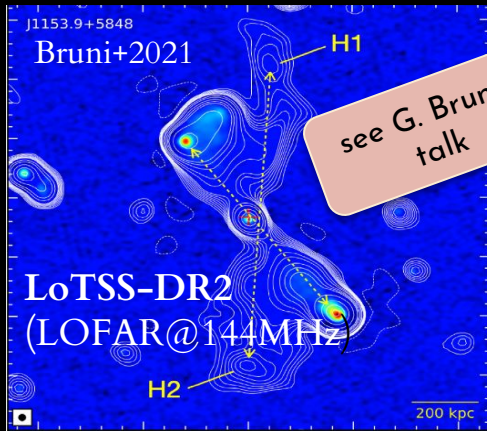
SDSS+NVSS+VLA

Higher duty cycle in more massive galaxies at higher redshift !



# AGN duty cycle in radio galaxies

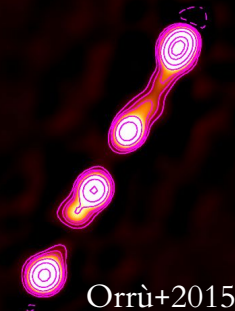
## Giant radio galaxies



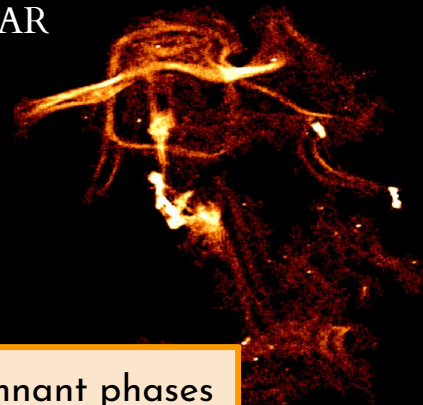
## MIGHTEE-COSMOS (MeerKAT@1.3GHz)



## Remnants & Restarted radio galaxies



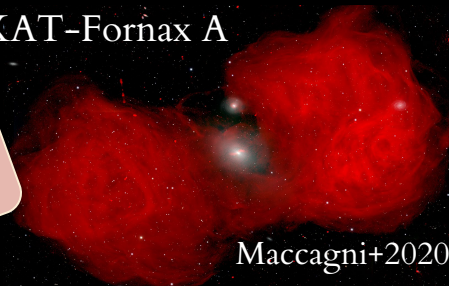
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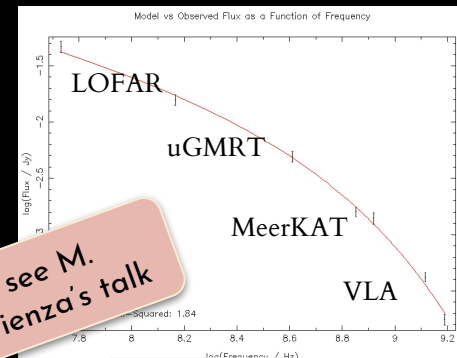
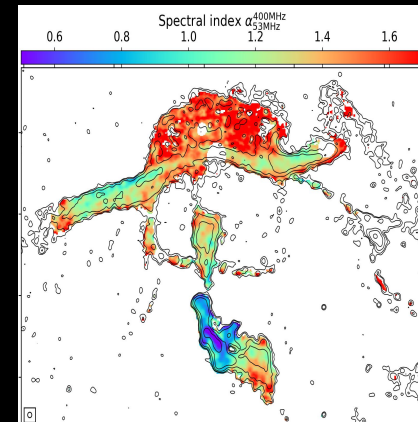
- Extended emission: remnant phases
- Multi-frequency  $\rightarrow$  duty cycle
- Spectral index map  $\rightarrow$   $e^-$  ageing

## MeerKAT-Fornax A

see F. Maccagni's talk

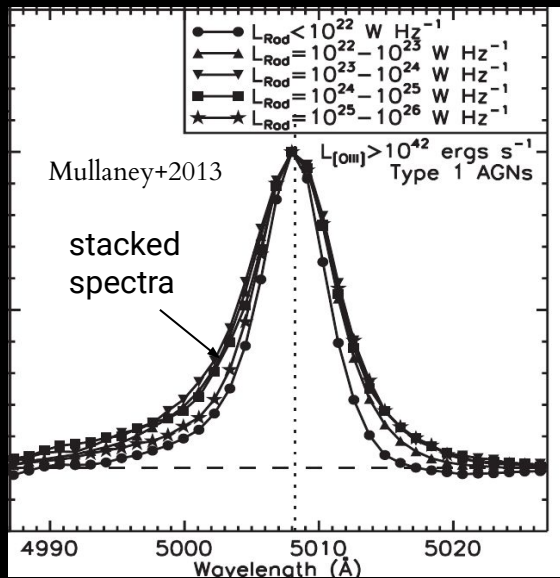


## Spectral index maps



# Compact ( $\sim$ kpc) radio AGN & outflows

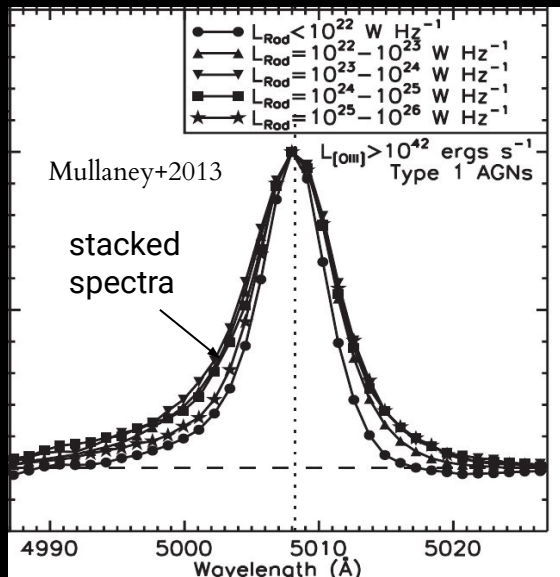
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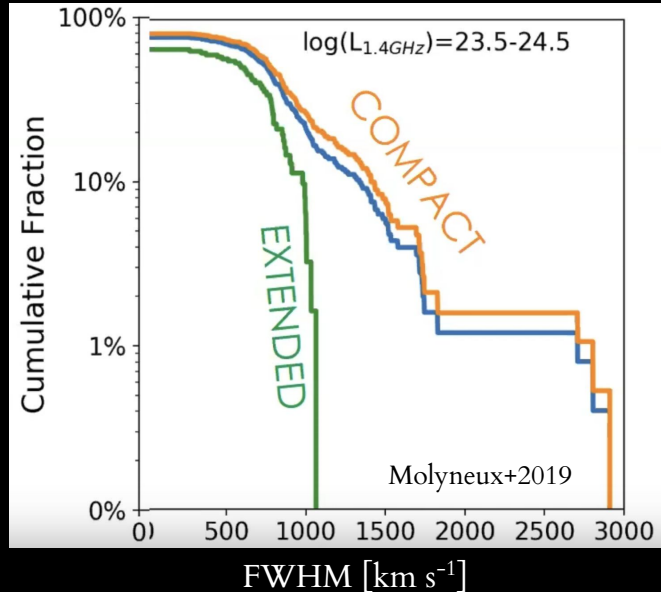
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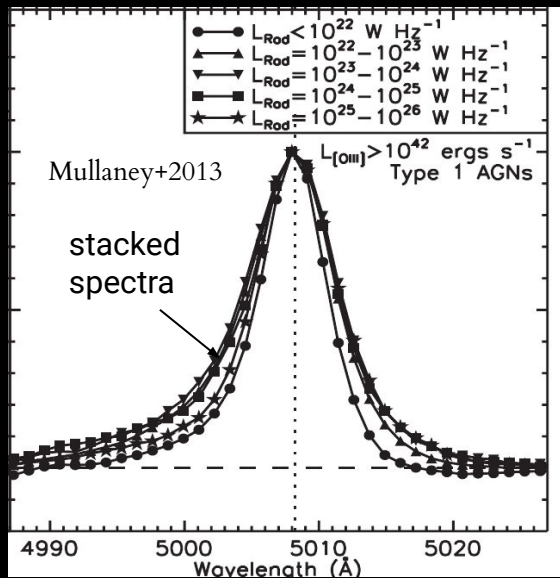
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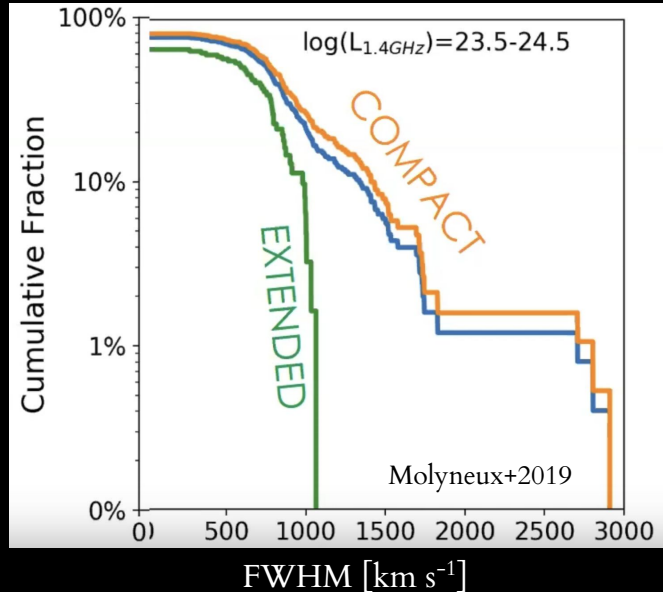
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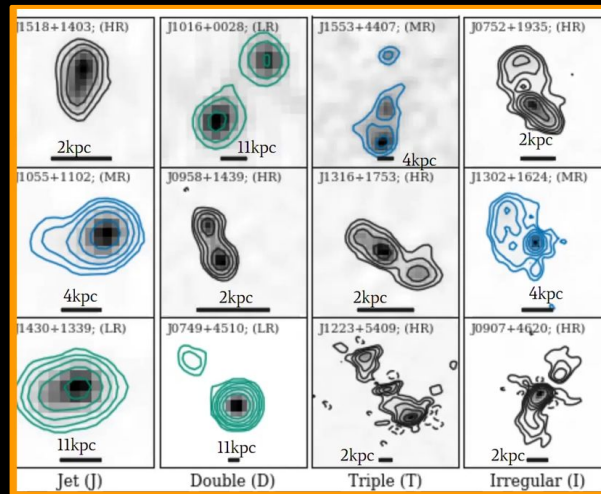
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QFeedS survey:  $z < 0.2$  SDSS with  $L_{[OIII]} > 10^{42} \text{ erg/s}$ , + VLA+ e-MERLIN

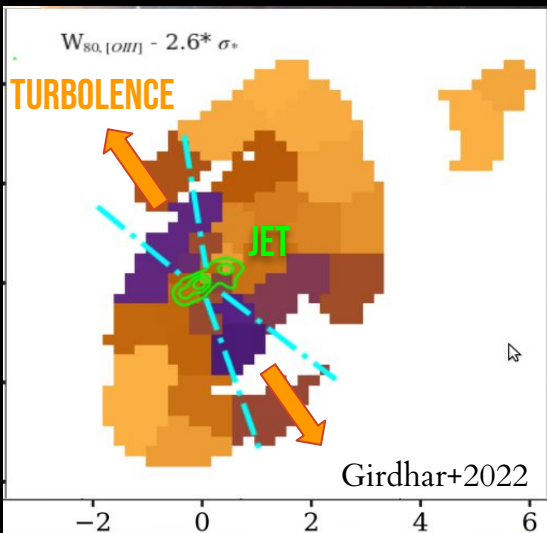


Jarvis+2019,2021

>60% feature 1-60 kpc-scale radio AGN structures:  
**Radio AGN are common also in the RQ regime!**

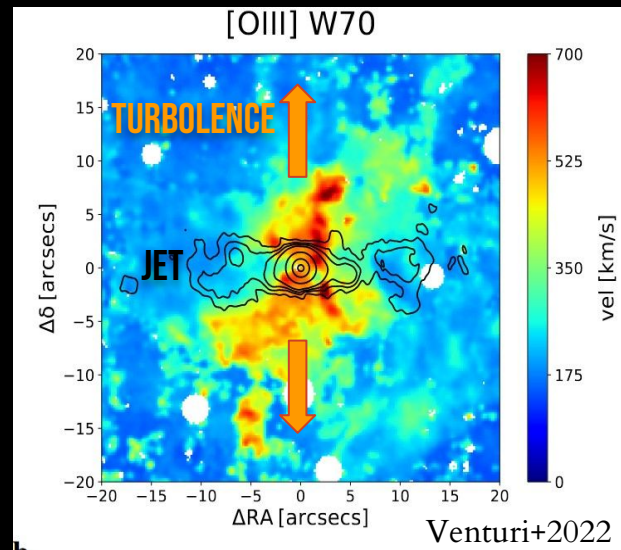
# Compact ( $\sim$ kpc) jets may induce turbulence in the ISM

RQ-Quasar



- Low inclination ( $< 40^\circ$ ) wrt galaxy disk
- RQ AGN with low-power jets ( $< 10^{44}$  erg/s)
- Multi-phase kpc-scale gas outflows: ionized (MUSE) and molecular (ALMA)

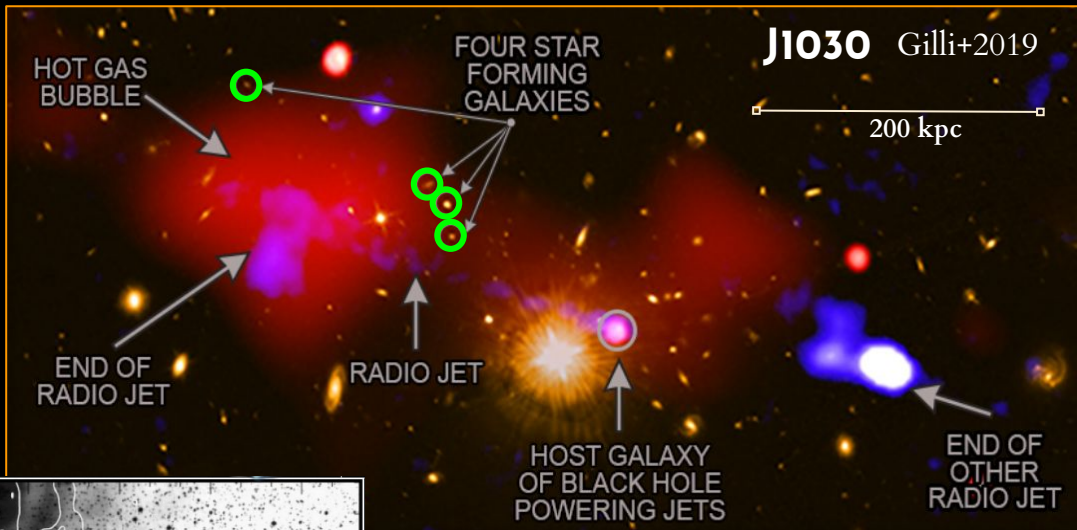
RQ-Seyfert



Jet-galaxy disc interaction  $\rightarrow$  shock-heating ISM  
and driving turbulence perpendicular to jet propagation!

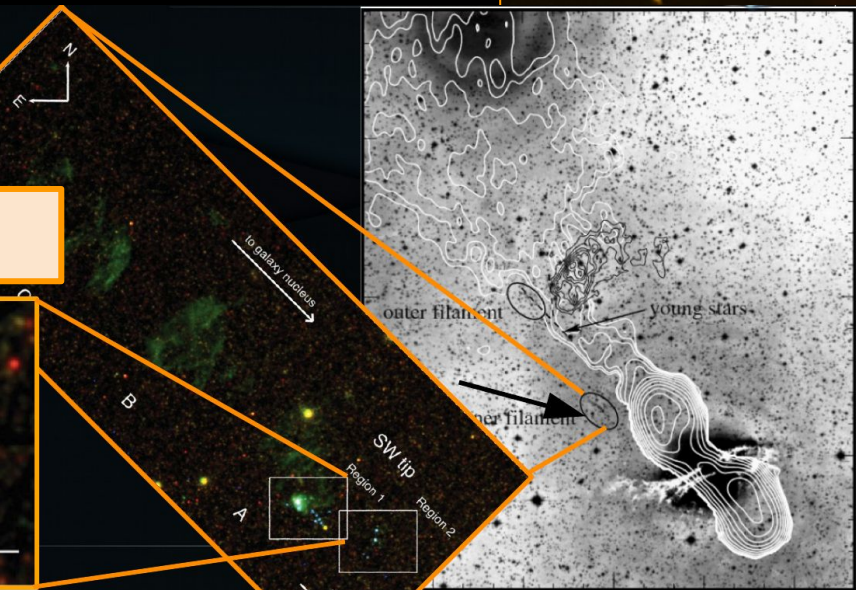
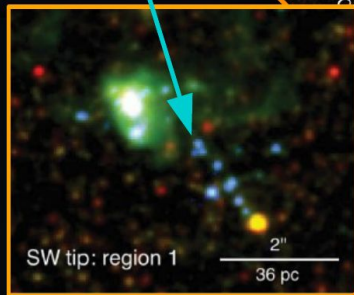


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Crockett+2012;  
Santoro+2018

Young stars!



Protocluster at  $z=1.7$   
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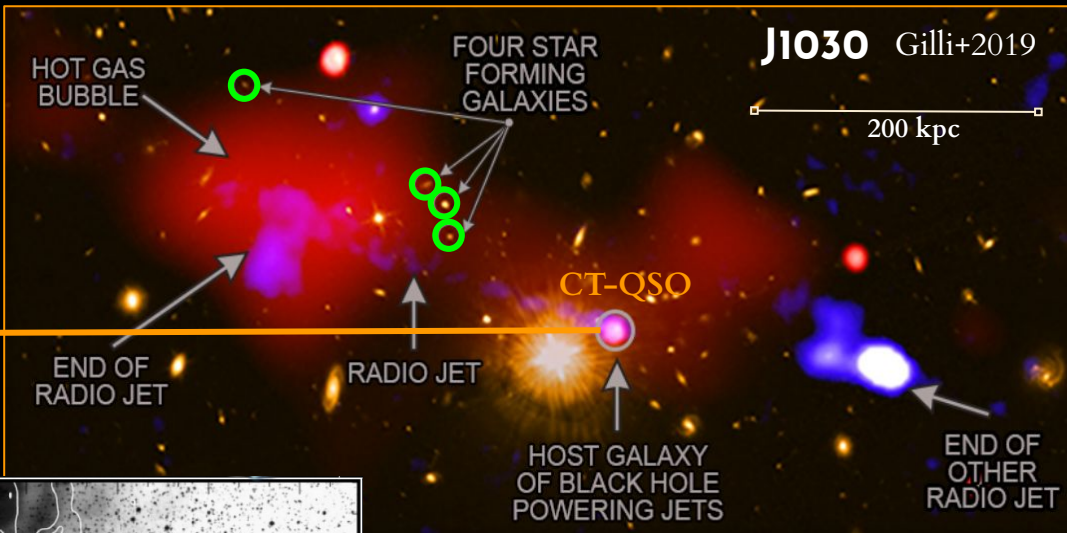
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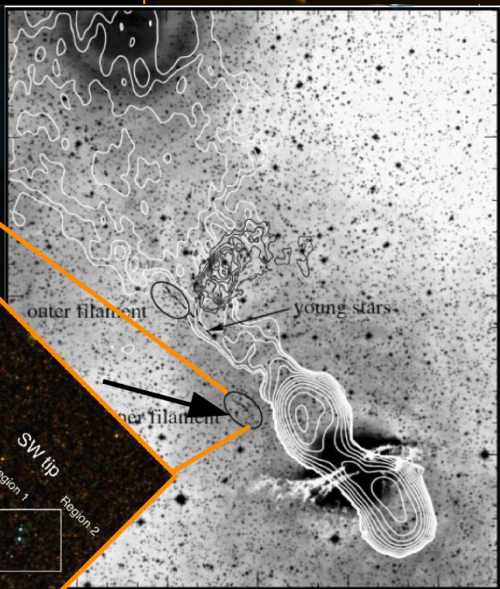
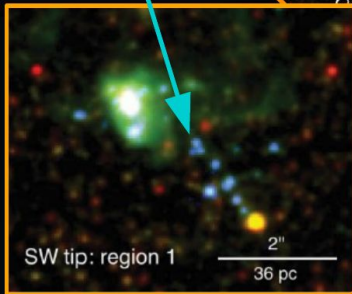
Radio AGN as signposts for obscured BH growth?

(see also Klindt+2019; Rosario+2021, ...)



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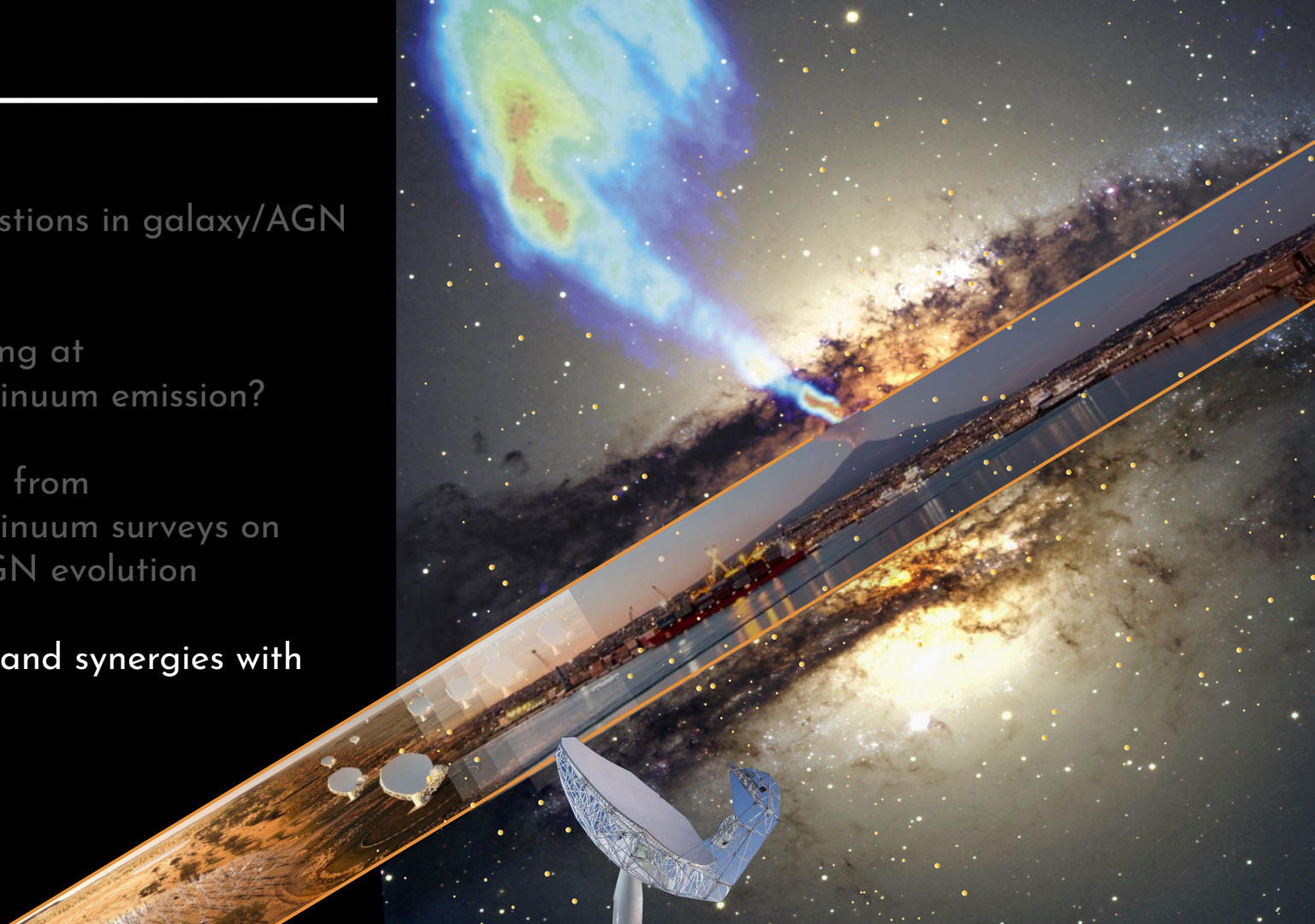
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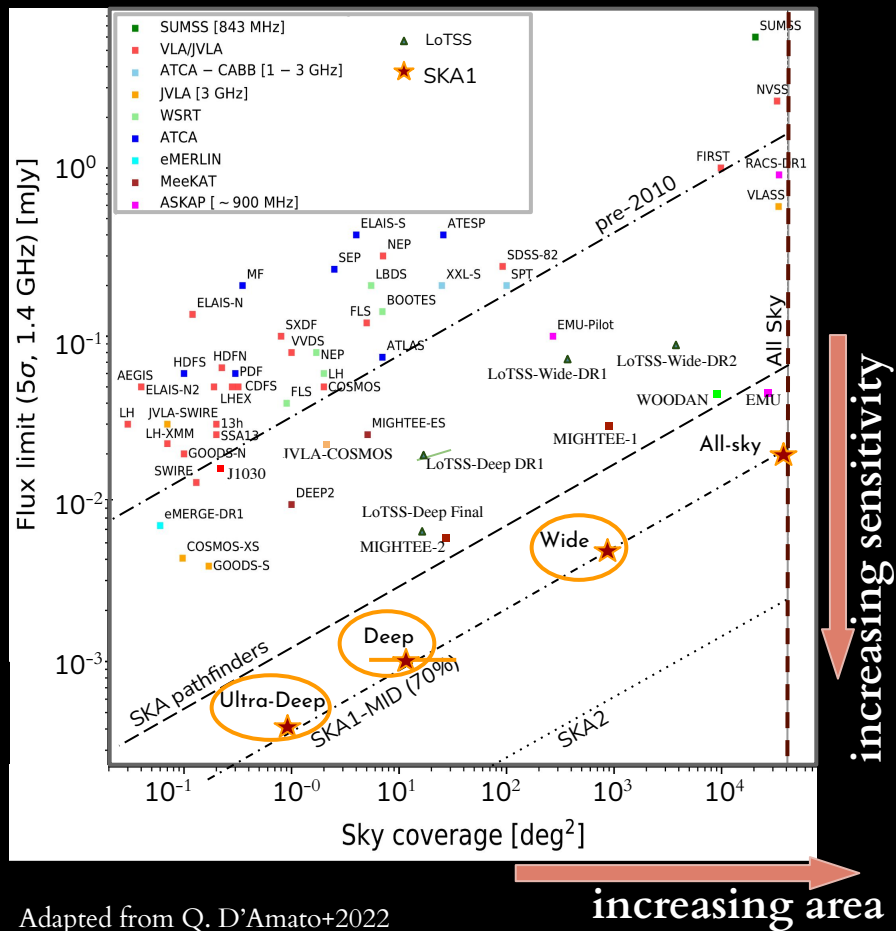
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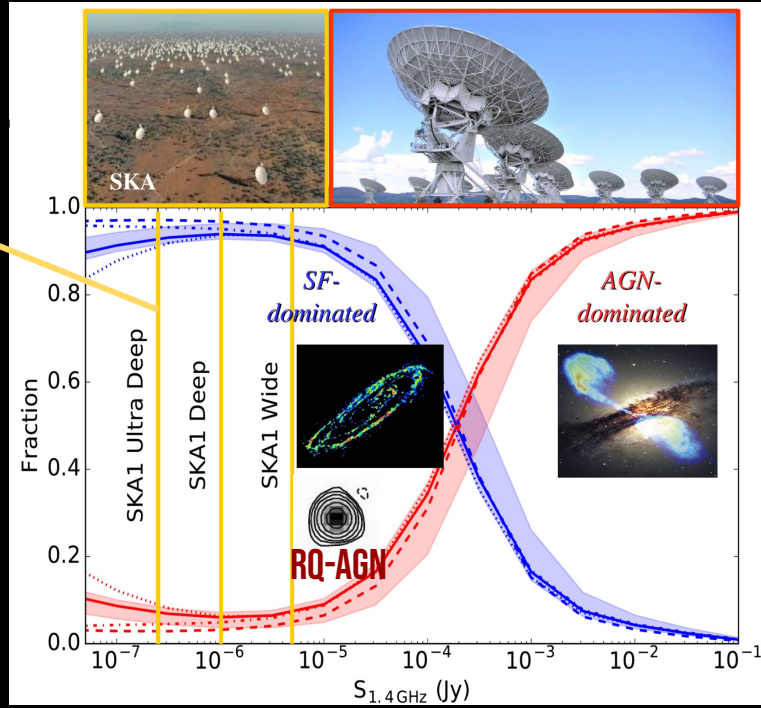
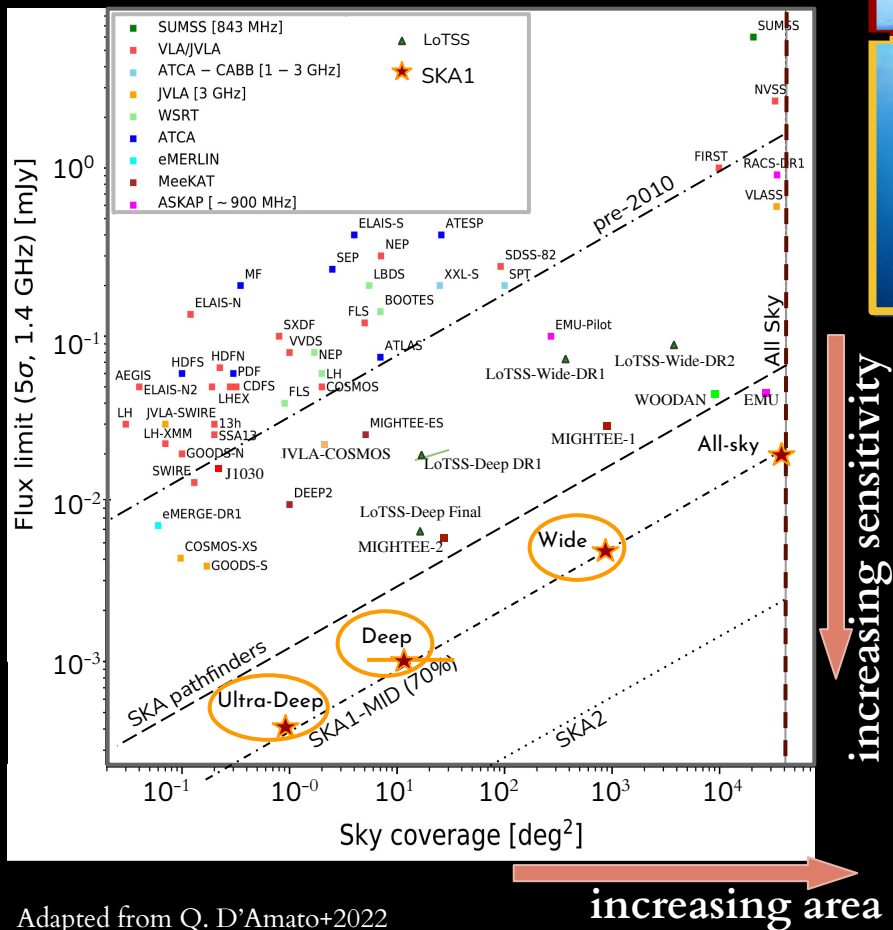
- Open questions in galaxy/AGN evolution
- Why looking at radio-continuum emission?
- Highlights from radio-continuum surveys on galaxy/AGN evolution
- Prospects and synergies with the SKA



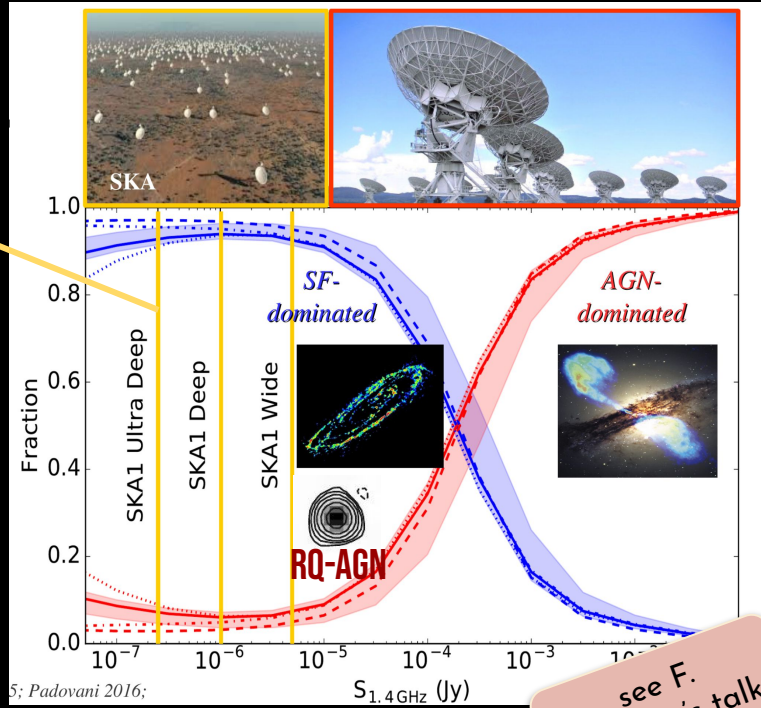
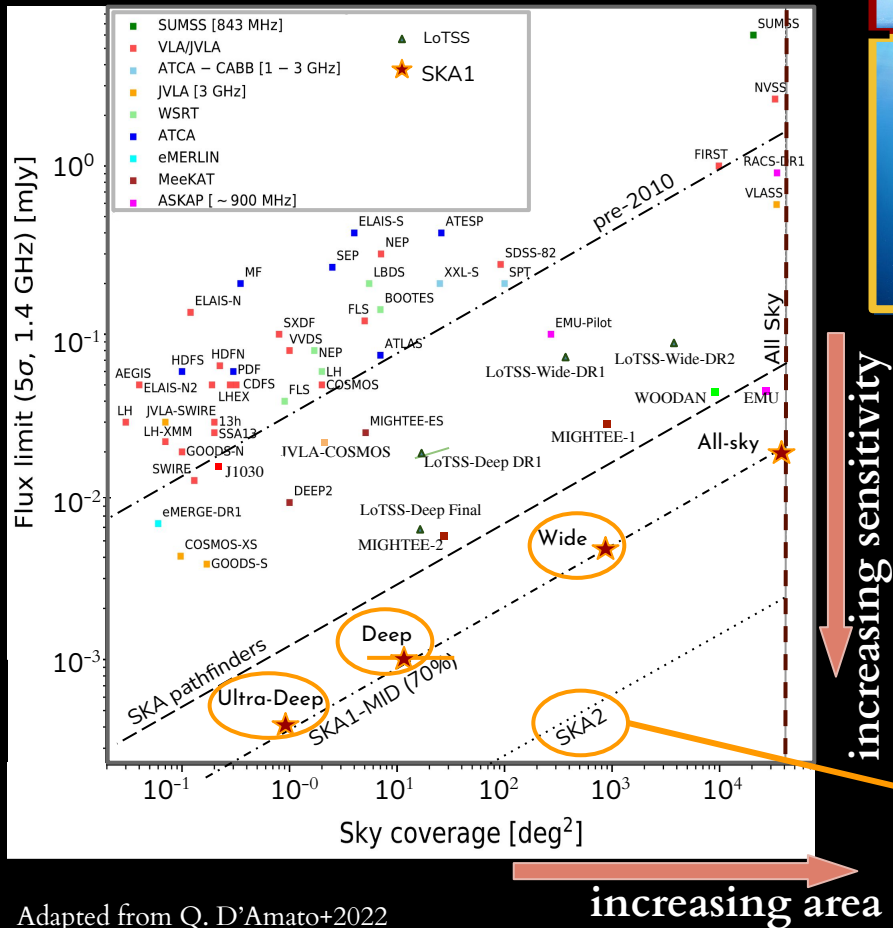
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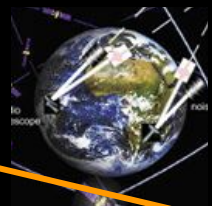
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see F. Panessa's talk



**SKA-VLBI**  
 radio morphological information to separate galaxy-vs-AGN emission on a source-by-source basis





Multi-  
scale

Multi-  
phase

Multi-  
frequency

- ❑ Star formation history of the Universe
- ❑ AGN triggering, feedback, duty cycle
- ❑ Int. vs ext. effects in BH/galaxy growth

# The SKA legacy

(biased to: galaxy/AGN evolution)



eROSITA



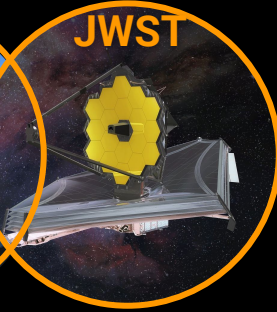
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SKA1



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- ❑ Properties of the first galaxies and SMBHs
- ❑ Radiative AGN power

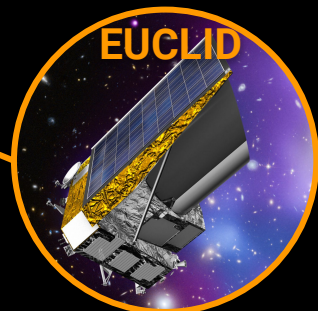
- ❑ Stellar & ionized gas kinematics
- ❑ Disk vs bulge buildup
- ❑ Link jet-outflows at high- $z$
- ❑ Highly obscured AGN at  $z > 3$
- ❑ BH masses



ALMA

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- ❑ CO emission for spatially-resolved KS law
- ❑ Dust mass/temperature
- ❑ radio-SFR<sub>IR</sub> relation at high- $z$

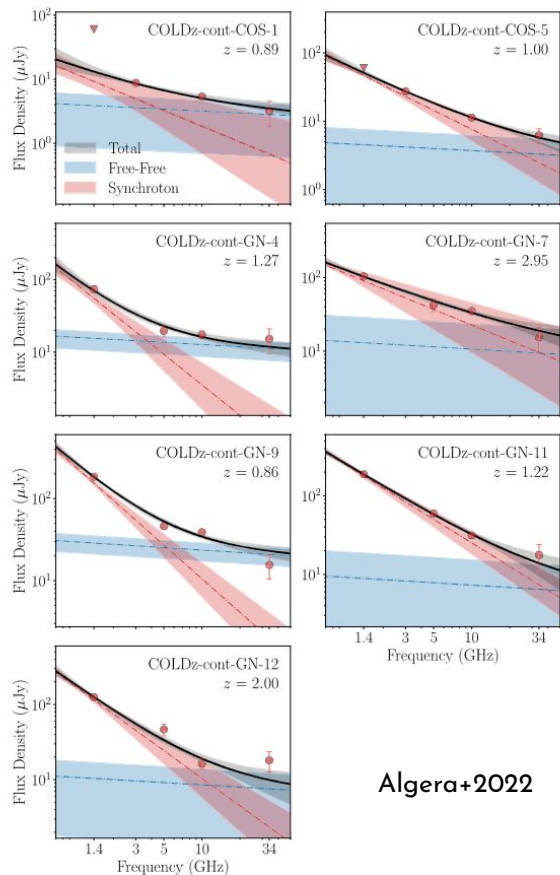


EUCLID

- ❑ Photometry of a billion galaxies and spectra at  $z \geq 2$
- ❑ AGN vs SF in groups and (proto)clusters

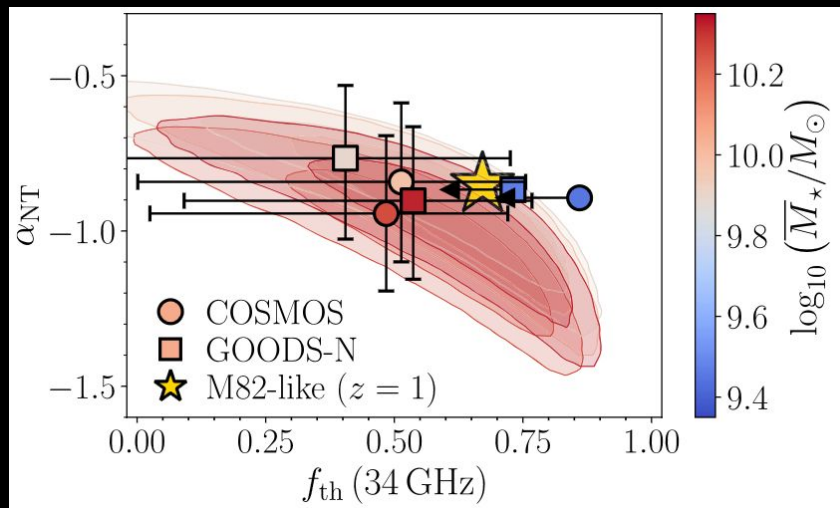
Supplementary  
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# (radio) free free vs SFR relation



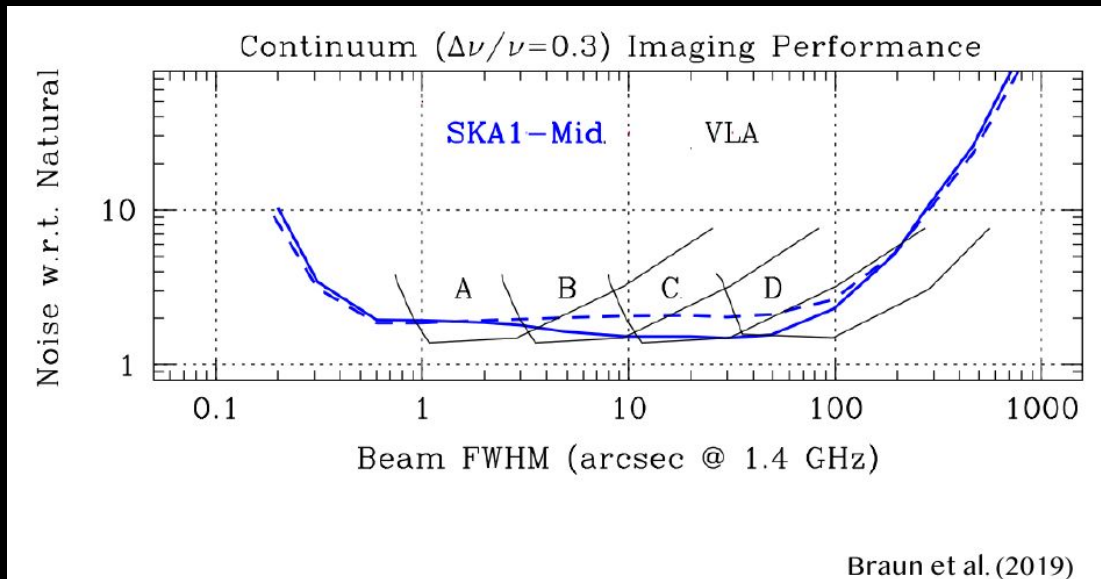
COLD-z survey (COSMOS+GOODS-N): 7 galaxies followed-up at: 1.4, 3, 5, 10 and 34 GHz

- Agreement with M82-like spectrum
- Free-free emission dominant at 34 GHz, but around 5–10% at 1.4 GHz
- Deficit of synchrotron emission (electron ageing?)



# SKA1-MID: resolution wrt sensitivity

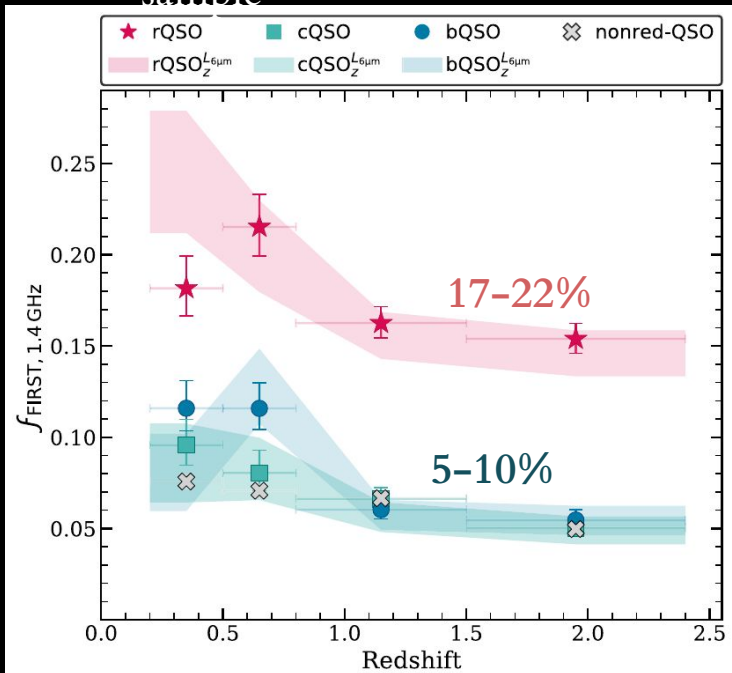
- ❑ 0.5" resolution at 1.4GHz is a sweet spot: best angular resolution at full sensitivity
- ❑ we can go to higher resolution at the detriment of decreasing sensitivity
- ❑ confusion limit will not be an issue (unlike the SKA-low)



# Are radio AGN signposts for obscured BH growth?

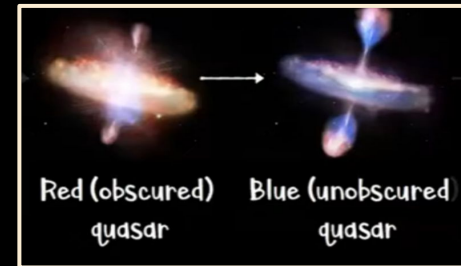
SDSS QSOs + FIRST ( $0.2 < z < 2.4$ )

- **Red** QSO from (g-i) colours
- Matched ( $L_{6\mu\text{m}}, z$ ) with **blue**-QSO control sample



**Red** QSOs have higher radio detection fraction

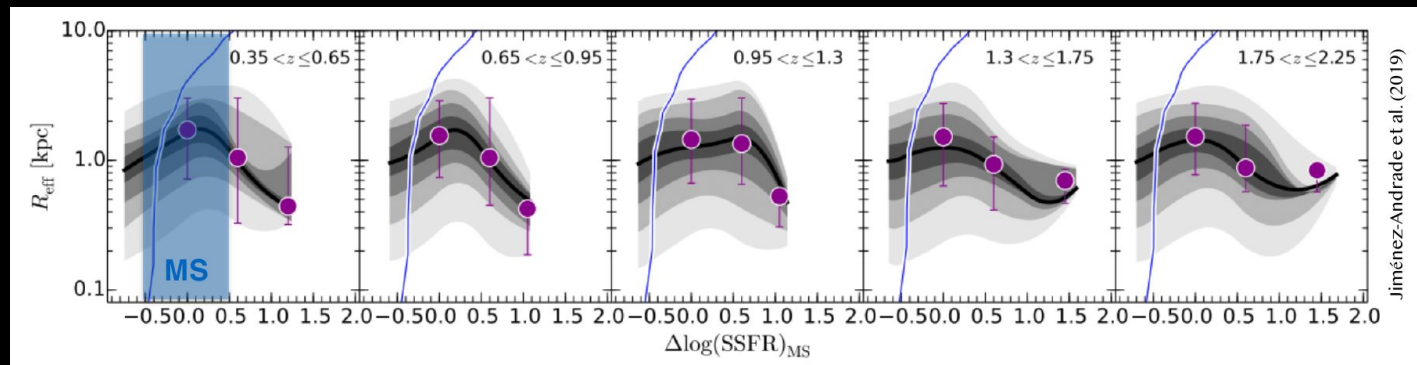
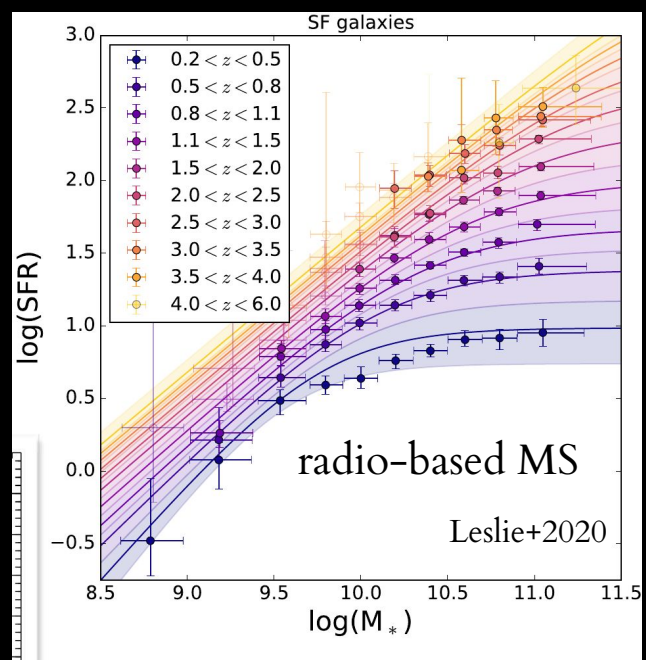
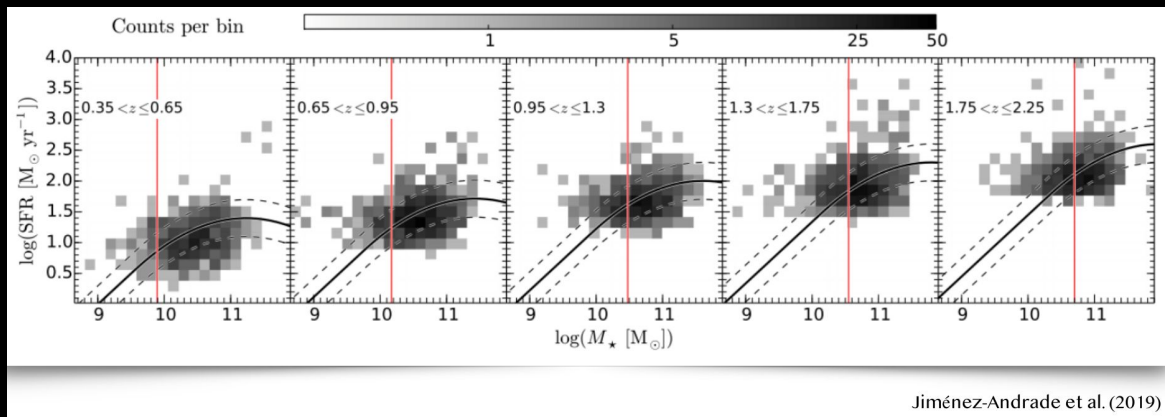
Excess in %detection due to compact (few kpc) jets





# Typical (radio) sizes of SF galaxies

SFR- $M^*$  plane of 3-GHz selected galaxies in VLA-COSMOS



SB galaxies are systematically more compact than MS galaxies: merger-driven star formation above MS?

# SKA 1 predictions: SFR and stellar mass over cosmic time

