



# The VLA-COSMOS 3GHz survey

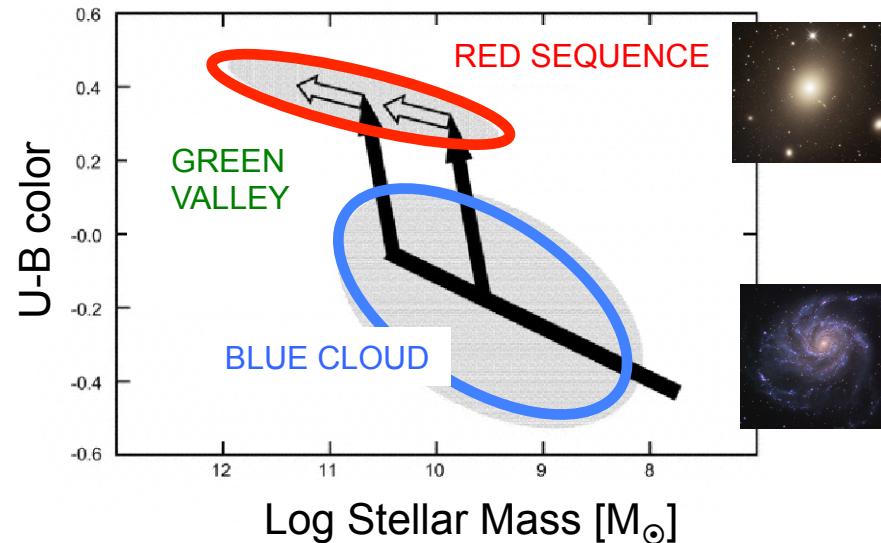
## Cosmic evolution of radio AGN and star forming galaxies since $z \sim 5$

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# Galaxy Populations

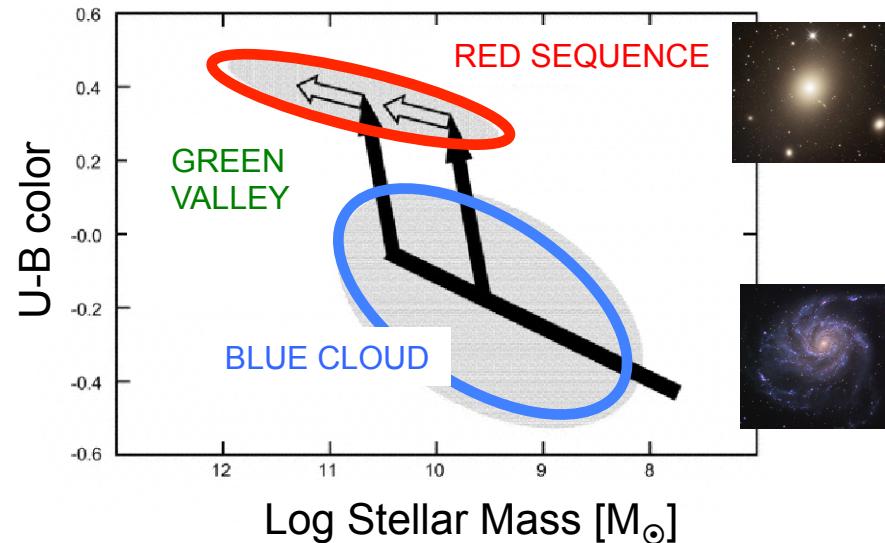
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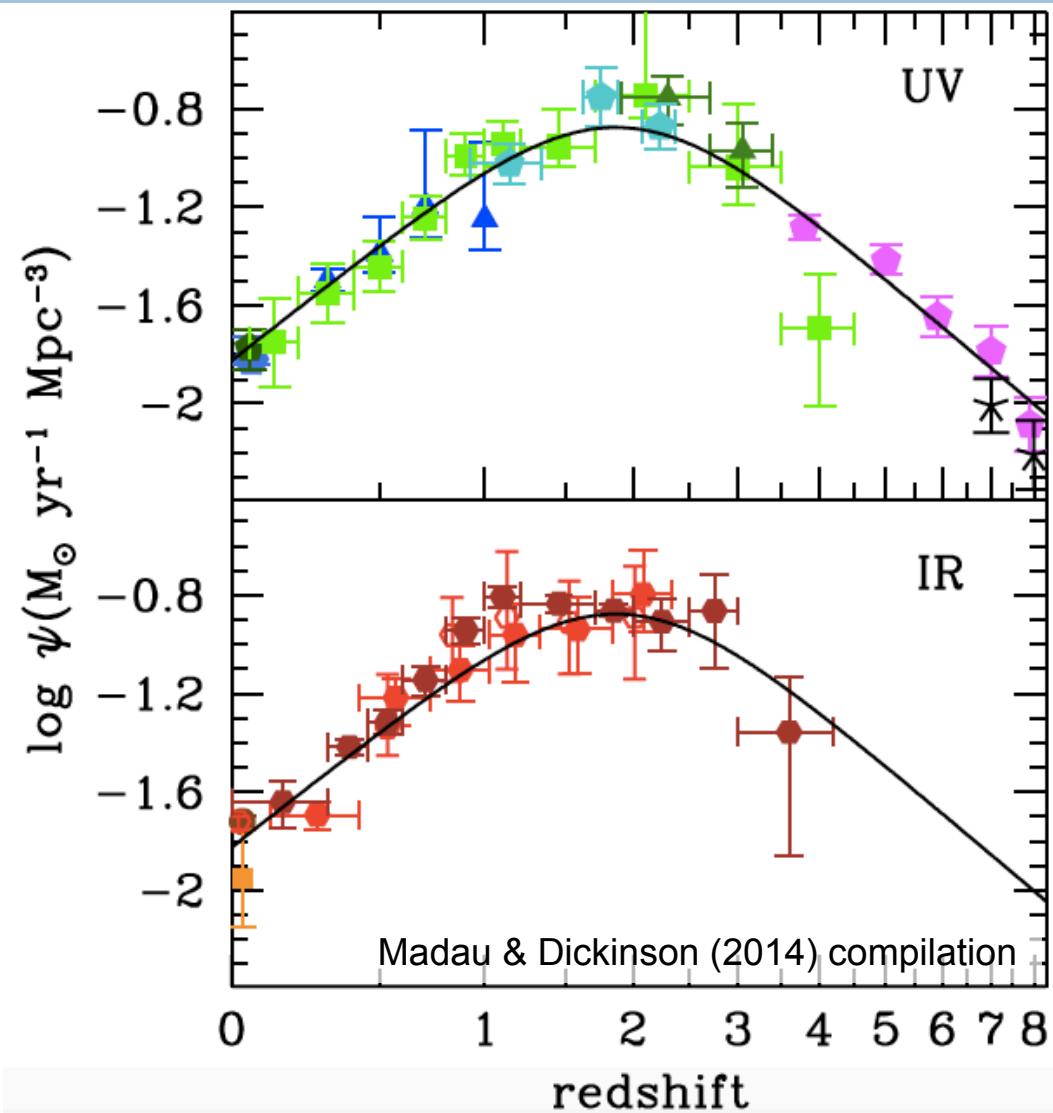
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Questions:

- 1) Impact of dust onto cosmic star formation history?
- 2) Impact of AGN onto galaxy evolution?

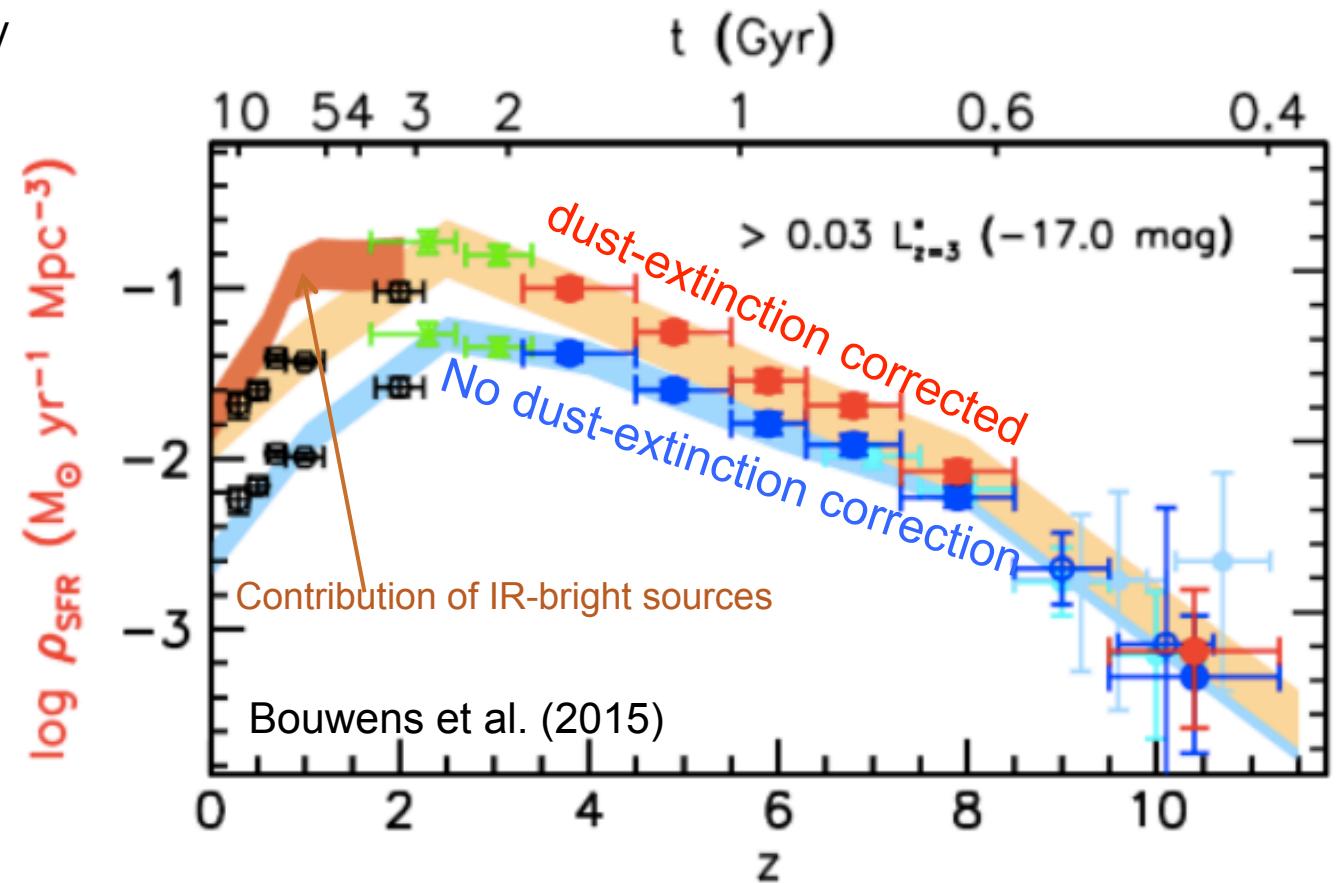
# Cosmic star formation history

- Lilly Madau plot
  - Compilation based on different star formation estimators (UV, IR, radio, H $\alpha$ ..)
  - Dust correction = major challenge
- Dust-unbiased star formation rate tracers (at high-z) needed



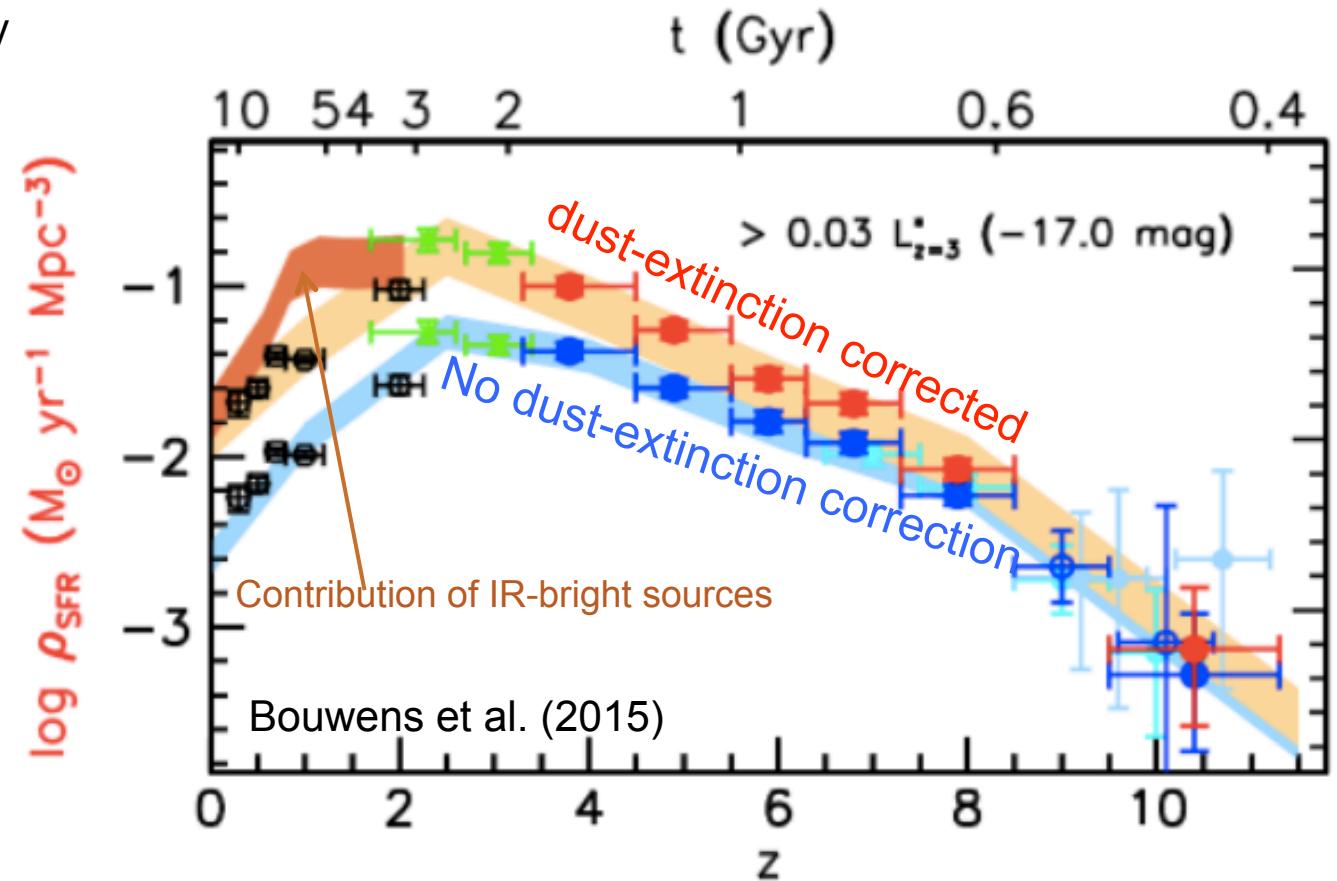
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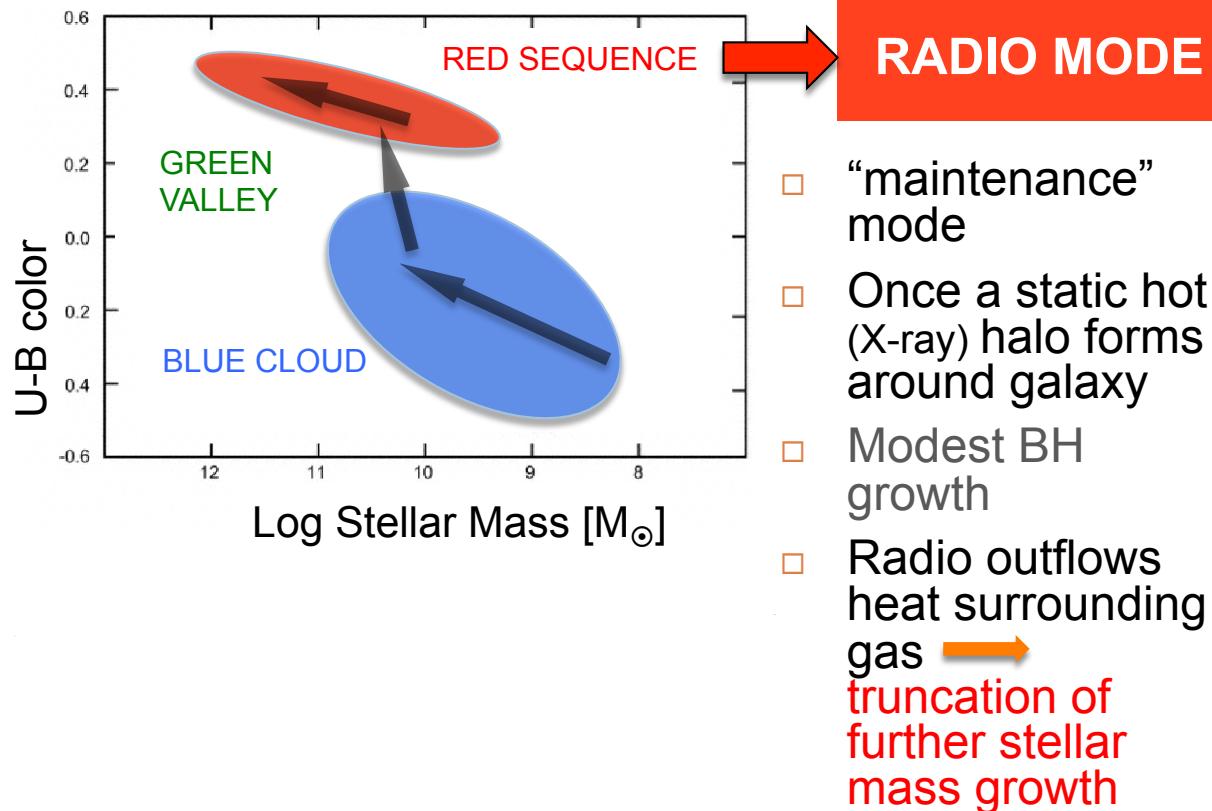
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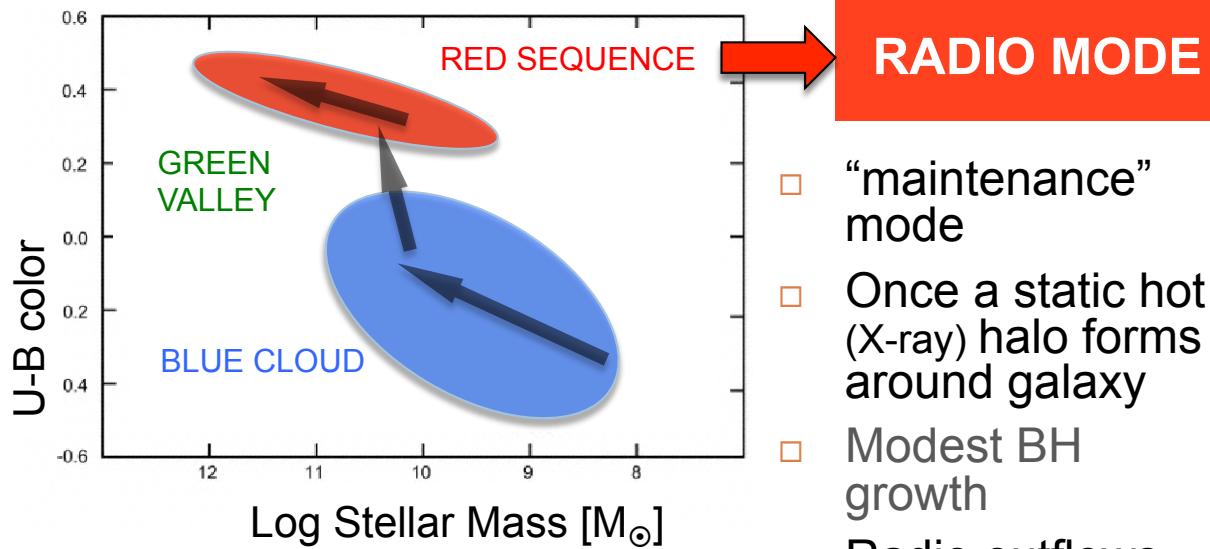


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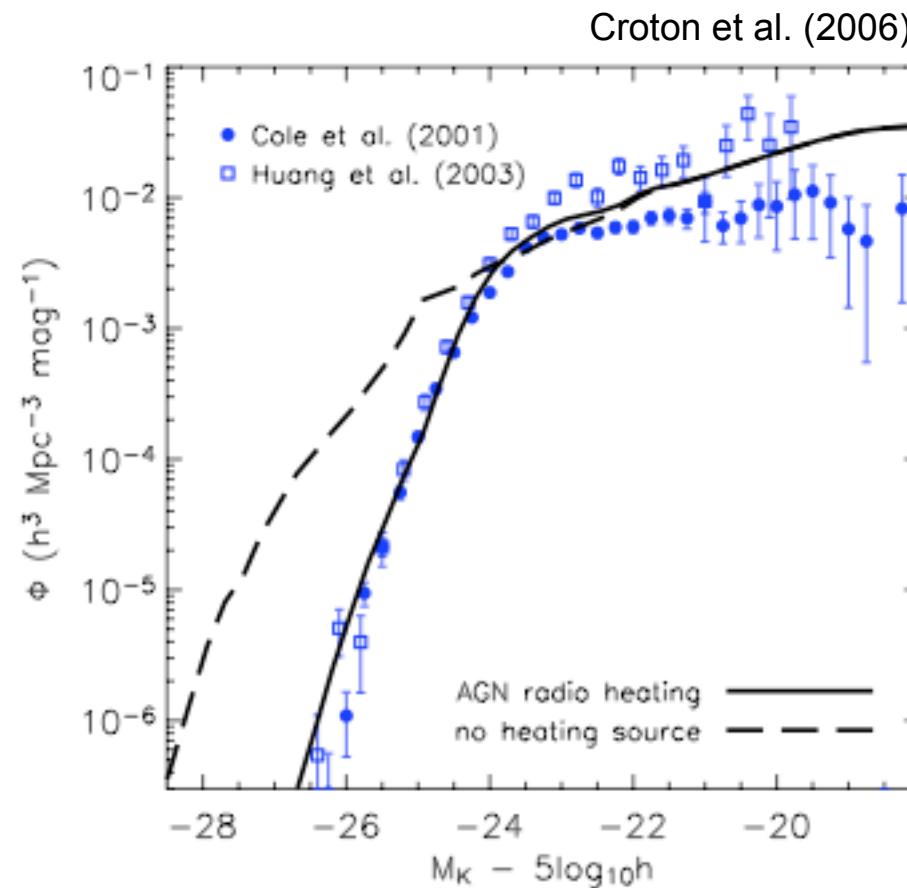


- “maintenance” mode
- Once a static hot (X-ray) halo forms around galaxy
- Modest BH growth
- Radio outflows heat surrounding gas →  
truncation of further stellar mass growth

Allows good reproduction of observed galaxy properties

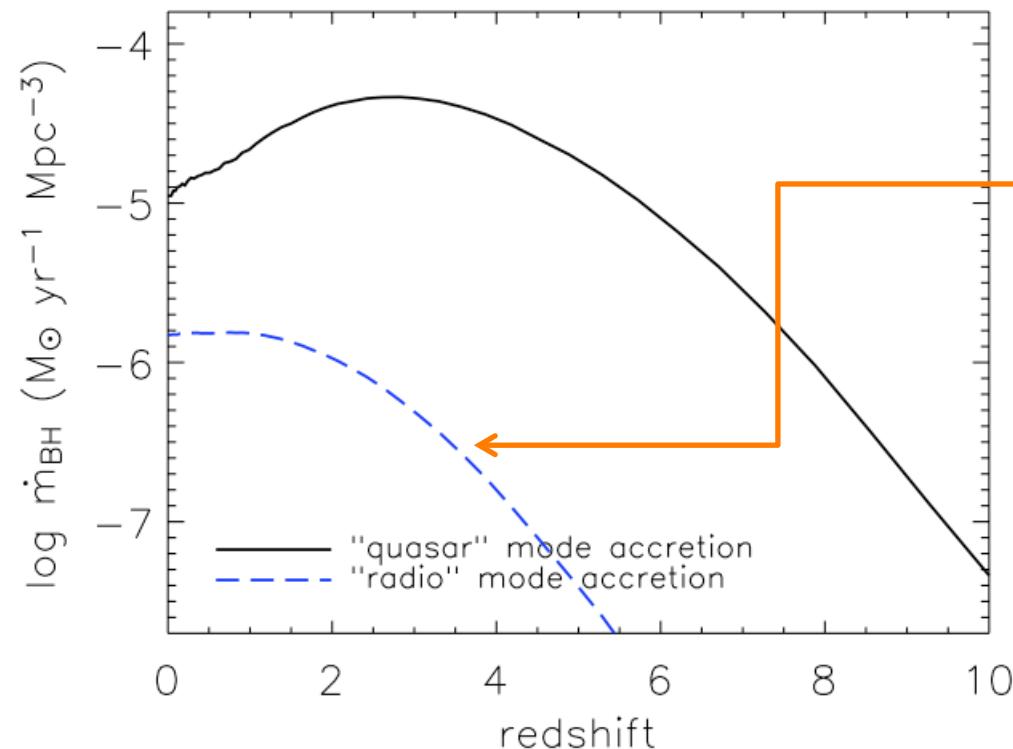
Croton et al. 2006, 2016; Bower et al. 2006; Sijacki et al. 2006, Hopkins et al. 2006, Fanidakis et al. 2012...

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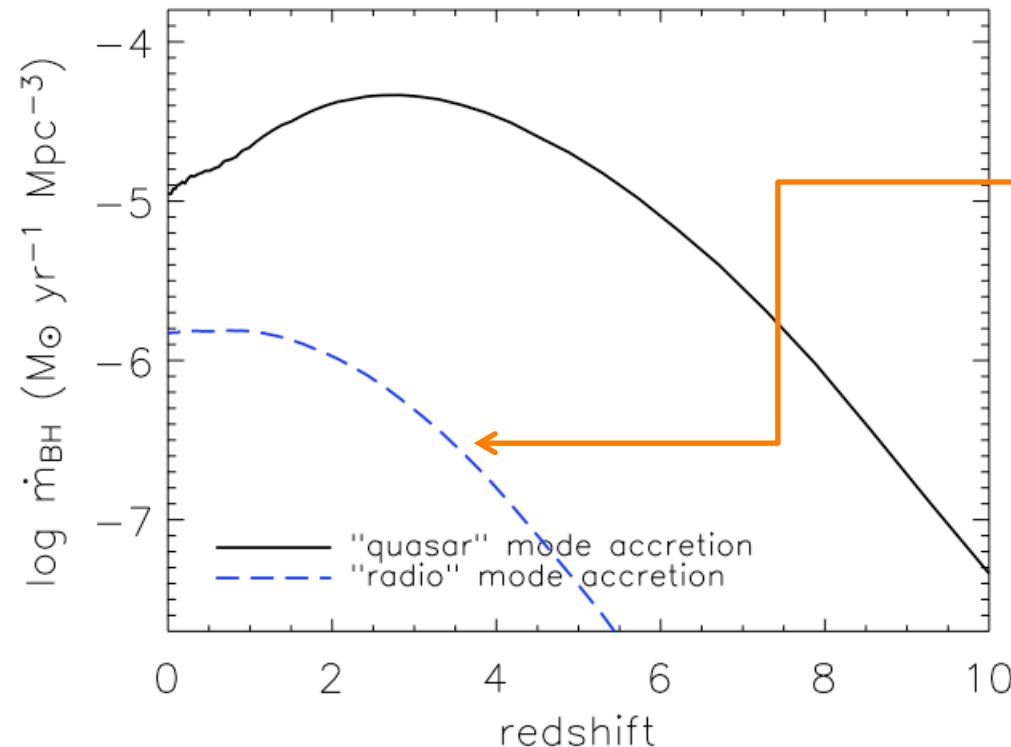
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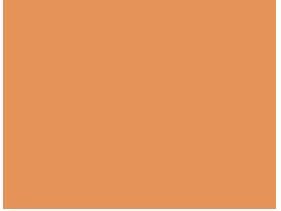
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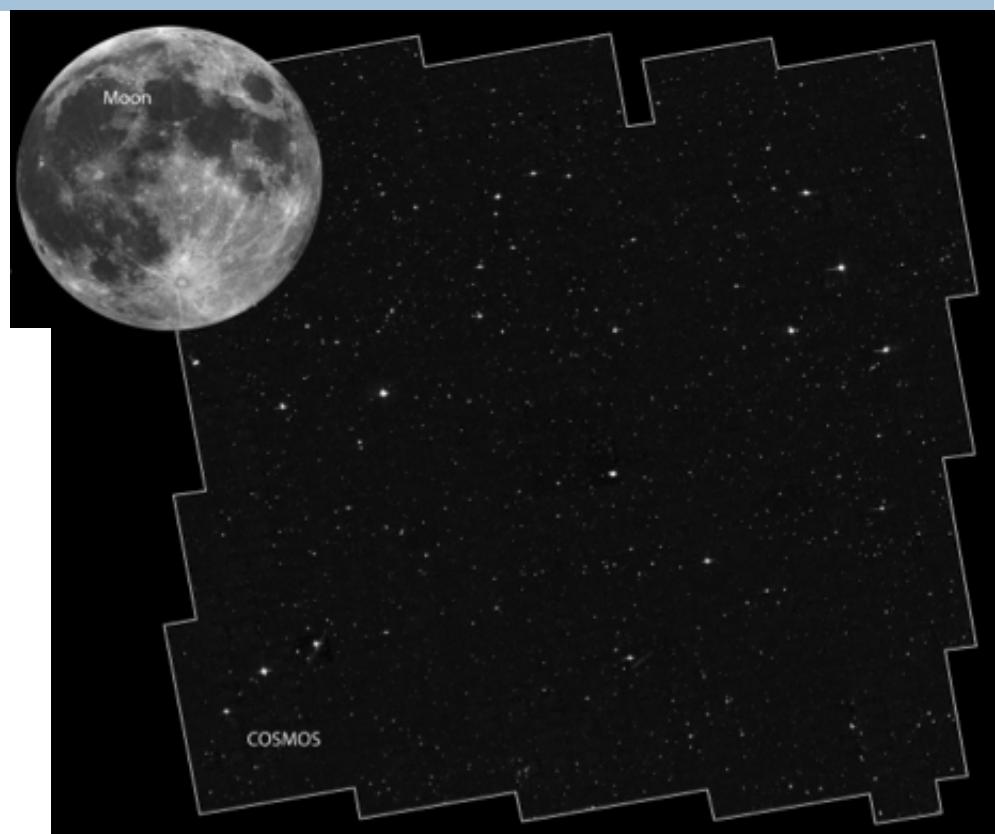
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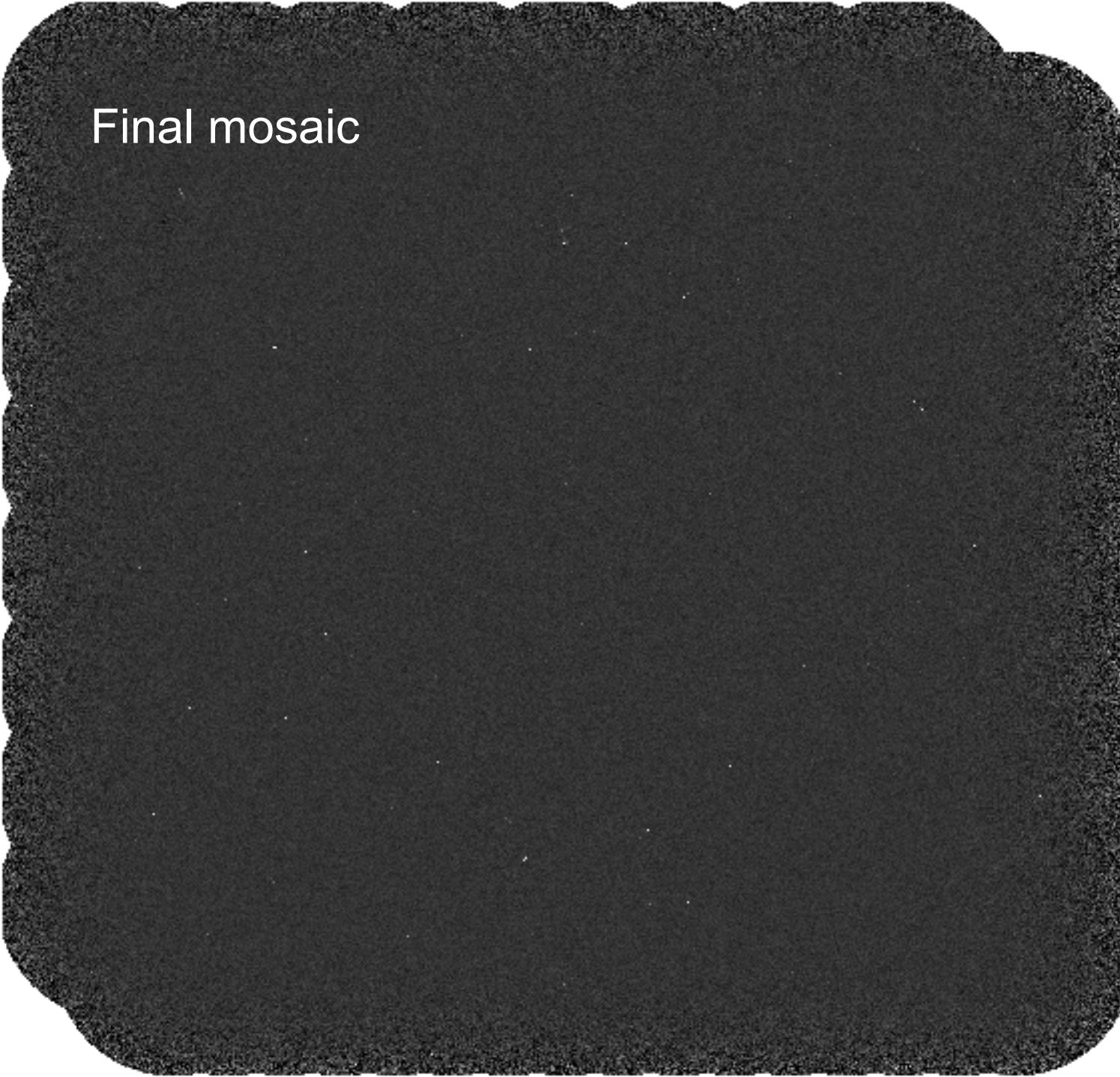
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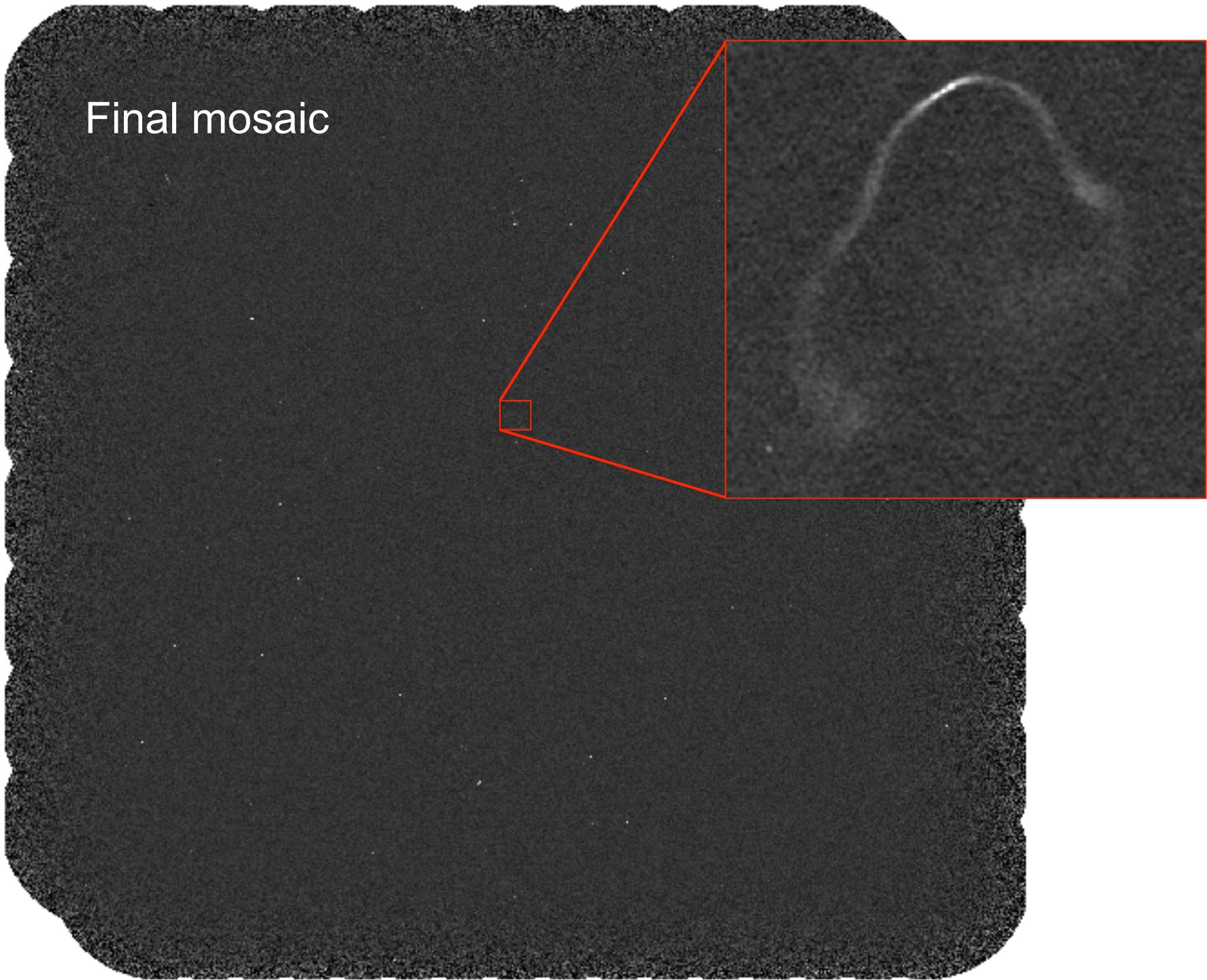
- VLA-COSMOS 3GHz Large Project
  - Smolčić et al. (2017a)
  - 384 hours (A+C configurations, 2012/13/14)
  - 3 GHz (2 GHz bandwidth)
  - 0.75" resolution
  - rms ~2.3  $\mu$ Jy/beam over  $2\text{d}^\circ$
  - 10,830 sources
- COSMOS Project
  - Scoville et al. (2007)
  - $2\text{d}^\circ$  equatorial field
  - X-ray to radio imaging (>30 bands)
    - Galaxy photo-z accuracy  
(Ilbert et al 2009; Laigle et al., in prep.)
    - AGN photo-z accuracy  
(Salvato et al. 2009; Marchesi et al., subm.)
  - >100,000 spectra (VLT, Magellan, Keck)



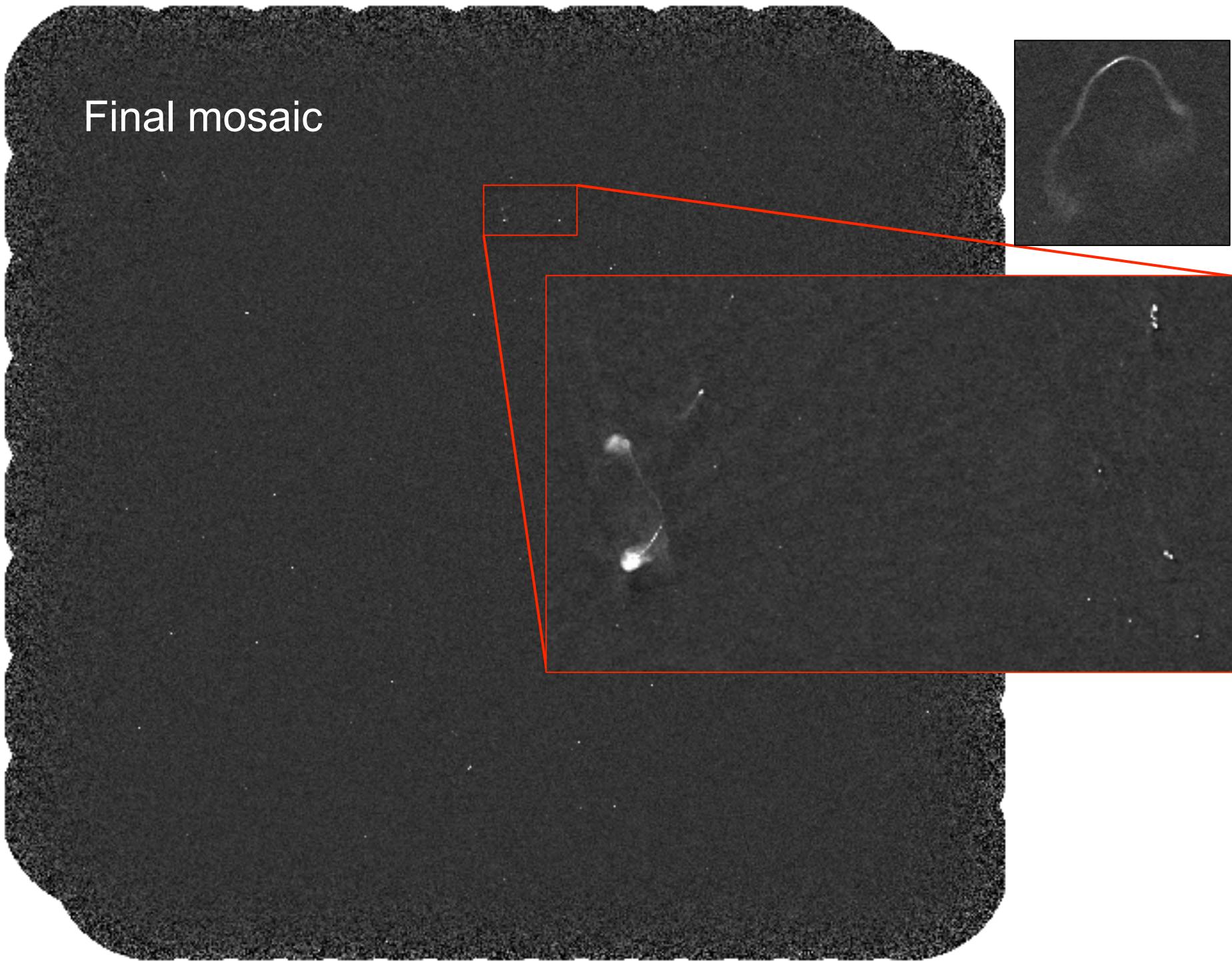
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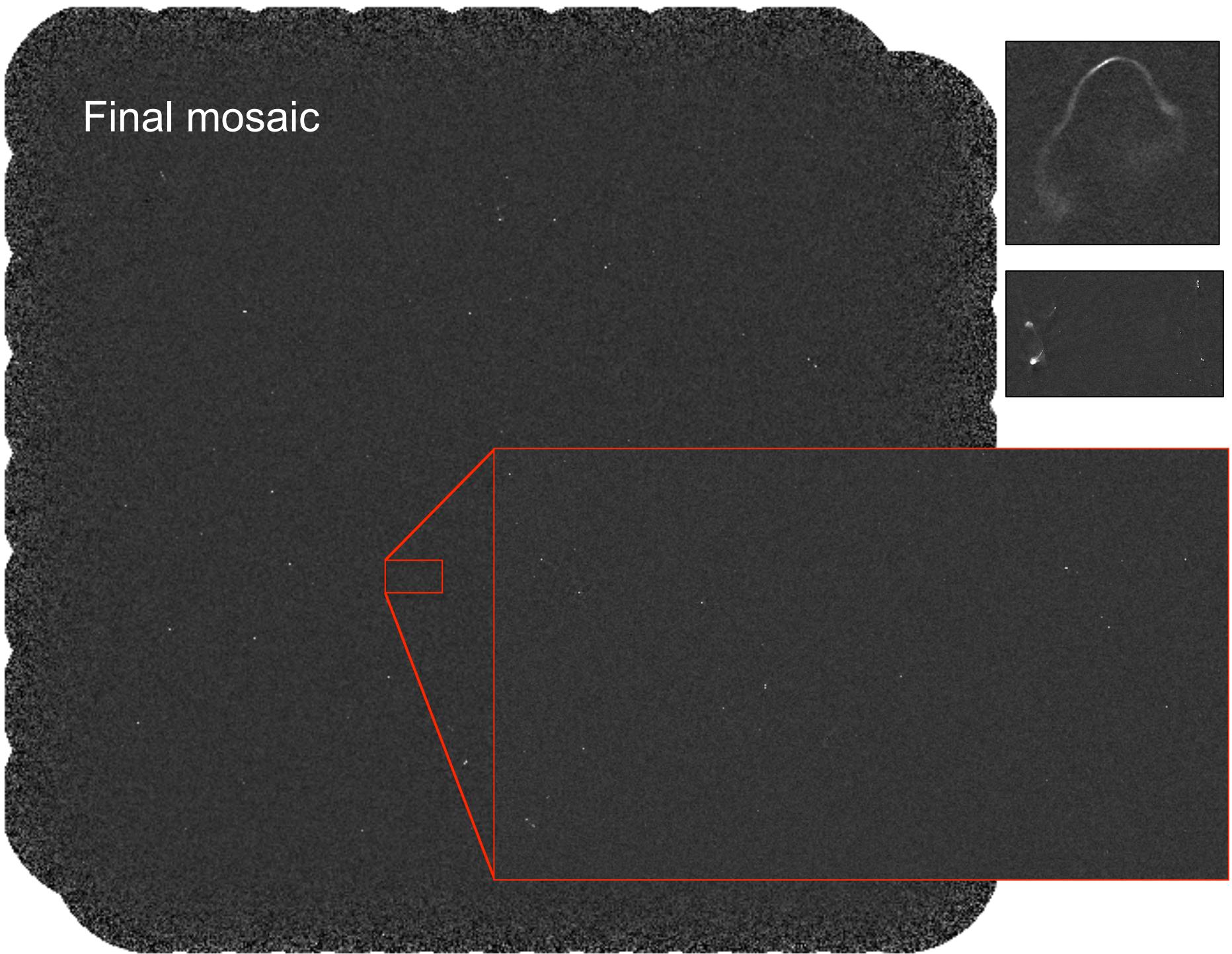
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# The star forming & AGN galaxy samples



**VLA-COSMOS 3GHz LP** ( $>11.5 \mu\text{Jy}$ )  
(Smolčić et al. 2017a)

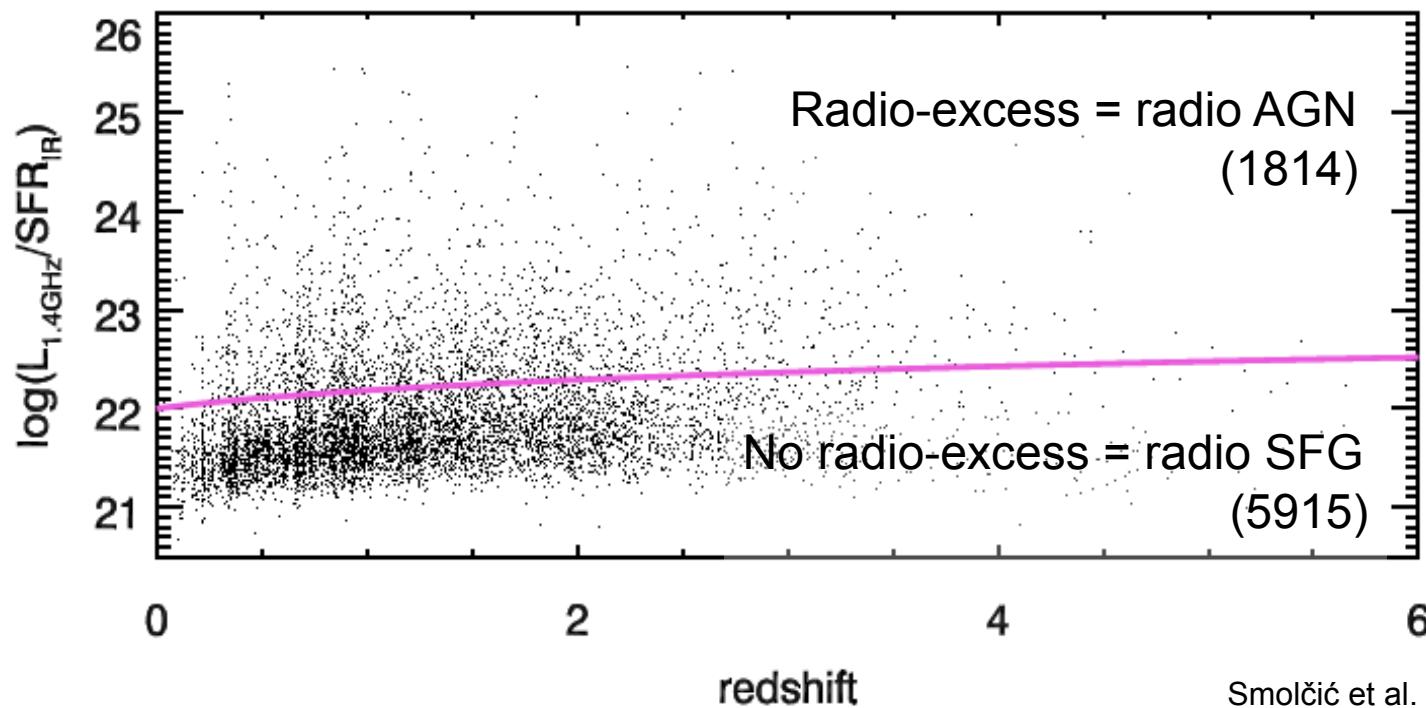
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**COSMOS MIR sources**  
(Laigle et al. 2016)

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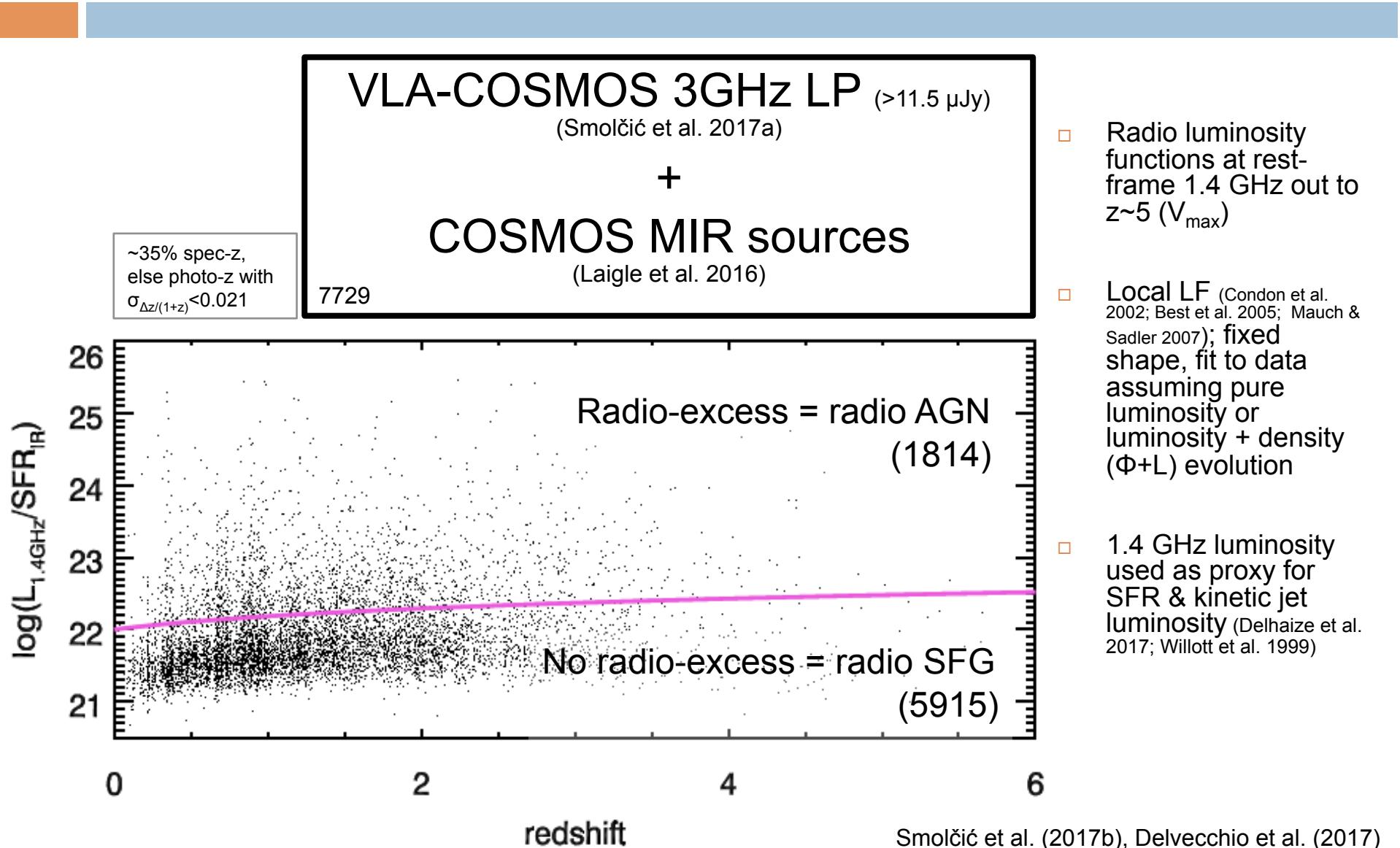
~35% spec-z,  
else photo-z with  
 $\sigma_{\Delta z/(1+z)} < 0.021$

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Smolčić et al. (2017b), Delvecchio et al. (2017)

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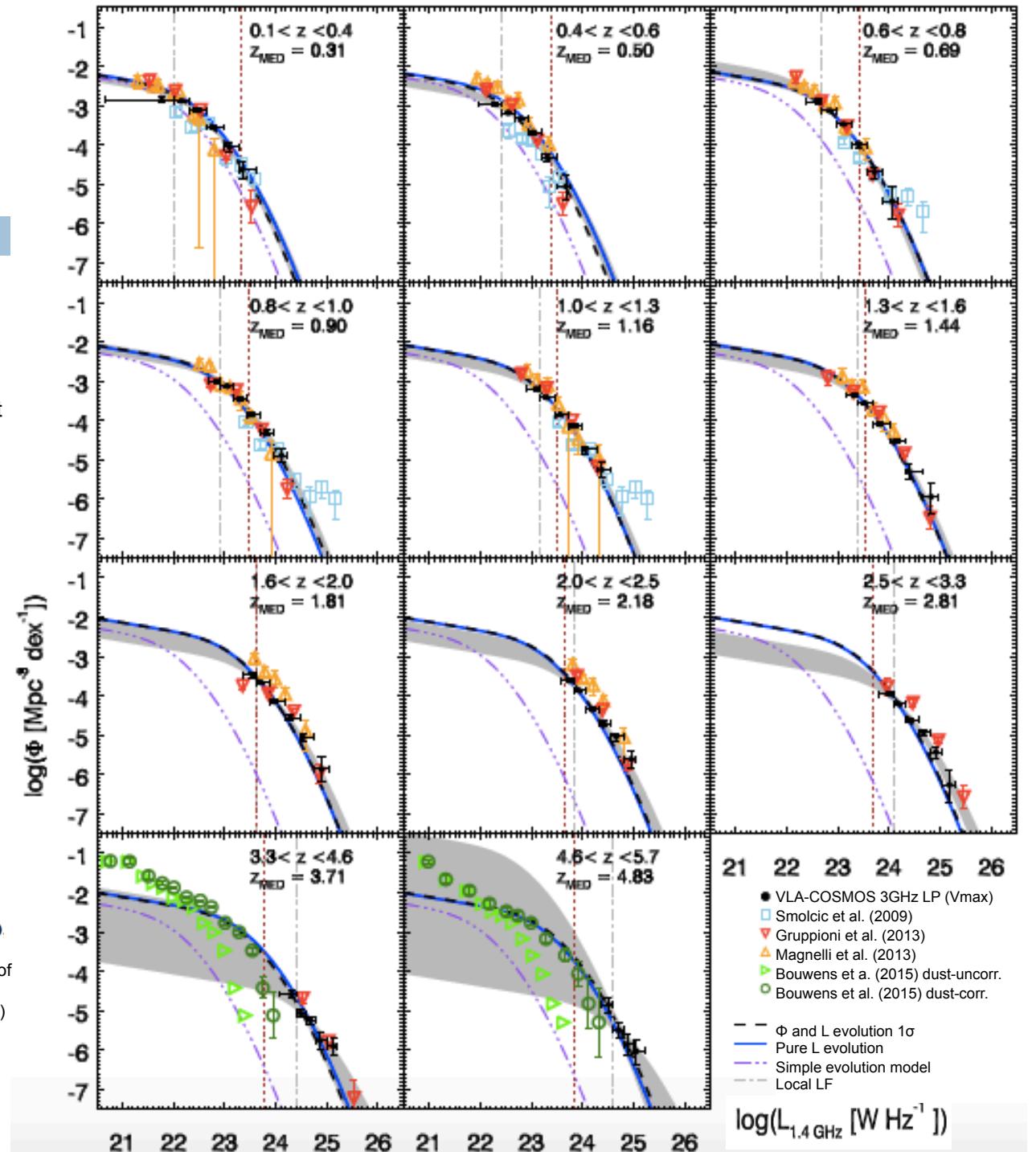
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- Radio luminosity functions at rest-frame 1.4 GHz ( $V_{\max}$ )
- Local LF (fit to Condon et al. 2002, Best et al 2005, Mauch & Sadler 2007 data): **fixed shape, fit to data assuming pure luminosity or luminosity + density ( $\Phi+L$ ) evolution**
- Compared to IR-based derivations: Gruppioni et al. (2013), Magnelli et al. (2013)
  - $L_{\text{IR}} \rightarrow L_{1.4\text{GHz}}$  using  $q(z)$
- Compared to UV-based derivations: Bouwens et al. (2015)
  - $L_{\text{UV}} \rightarrow \text{SFR} \rightarrow L_{1.4\text{GHz}}$  using  $q(z)$

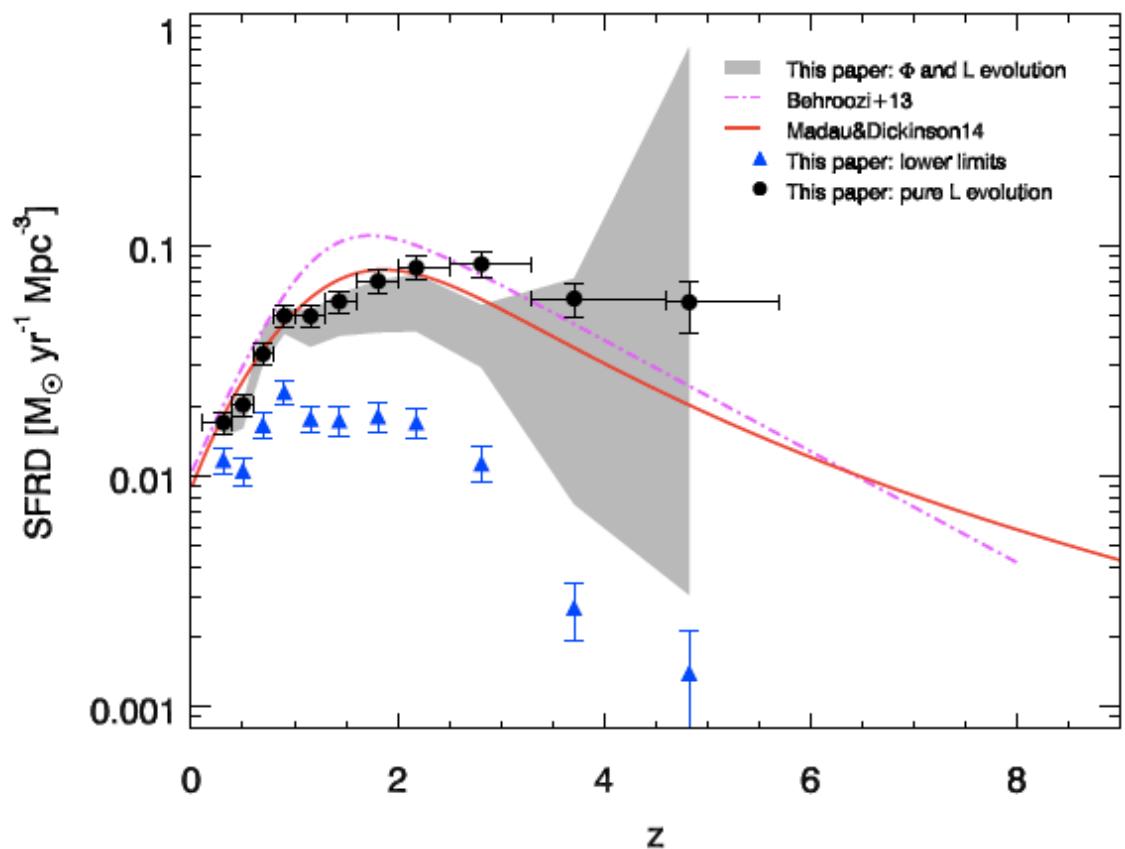
$$\log \frac{L_{1.4 \text{ GHz}}}{\text{W Hz}^{-1}} = 16.556 - 0.4(M_{1600,AB} - A_{\text{UV}}) - q_{\text{TIR}}(z)$$

$$A_{\text{UV}} = 4.43 - 1.99\beta \quad (\text{IRX} - \beta \text{ relation, function of UV mag; Bouwens et al. 2014; Meurer et al. 1999})$$



# Radio-based cosmic star formation history

- In fair agreement with dust-corrected UV-based results at  $z > 3$  (Bowens et al. 2015)
- slightly higher than Madau & Dickinson (2014) compilation (but within error)



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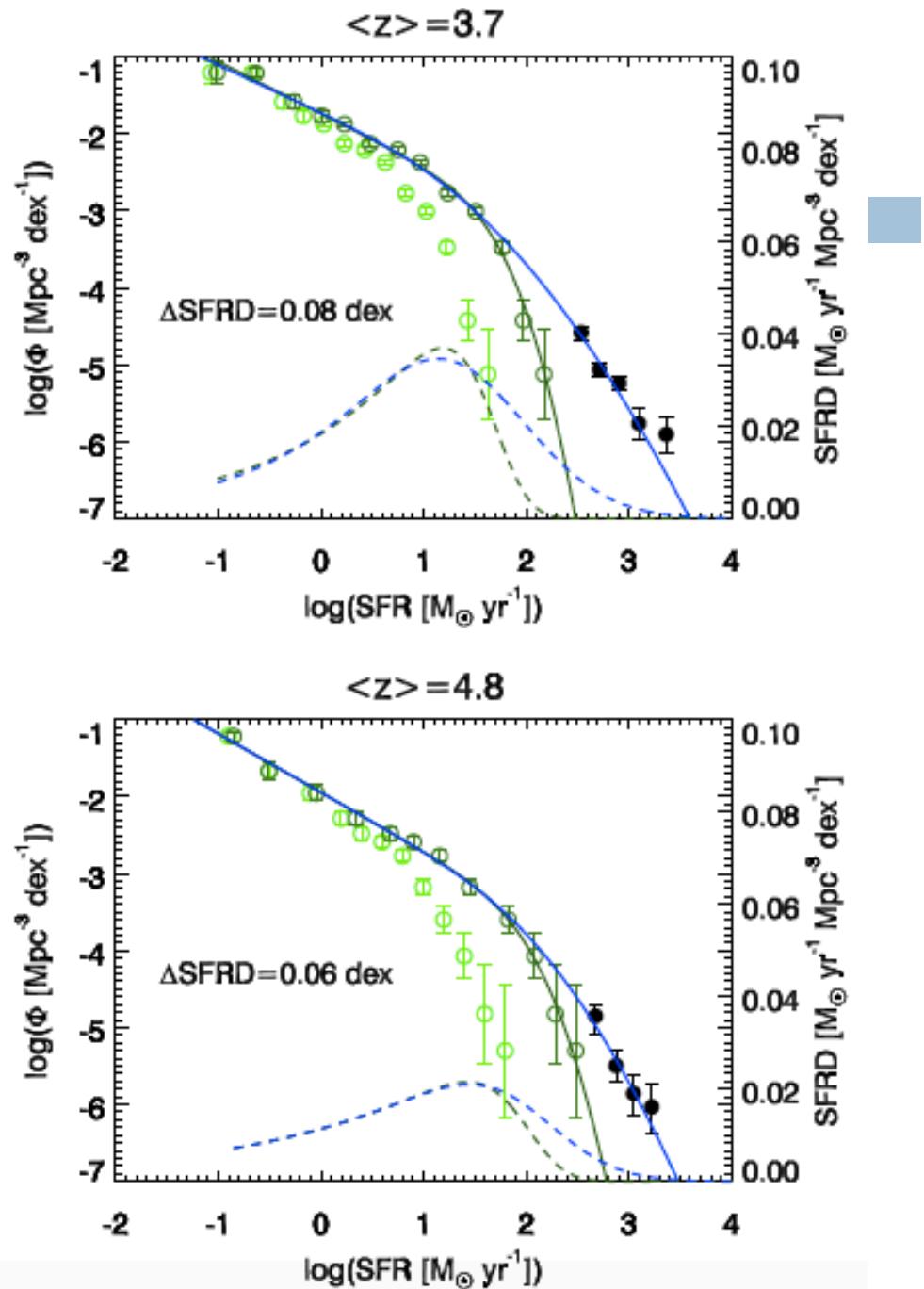


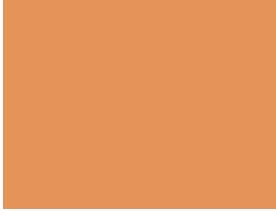
Combined dust-corrected UV and radio data

→ possible systematic 15-20% underestimation of highly obscured SFRD estimated from the rest-frame UV observations

(Bouwens et al. 2015)

Novak et al. (2017)

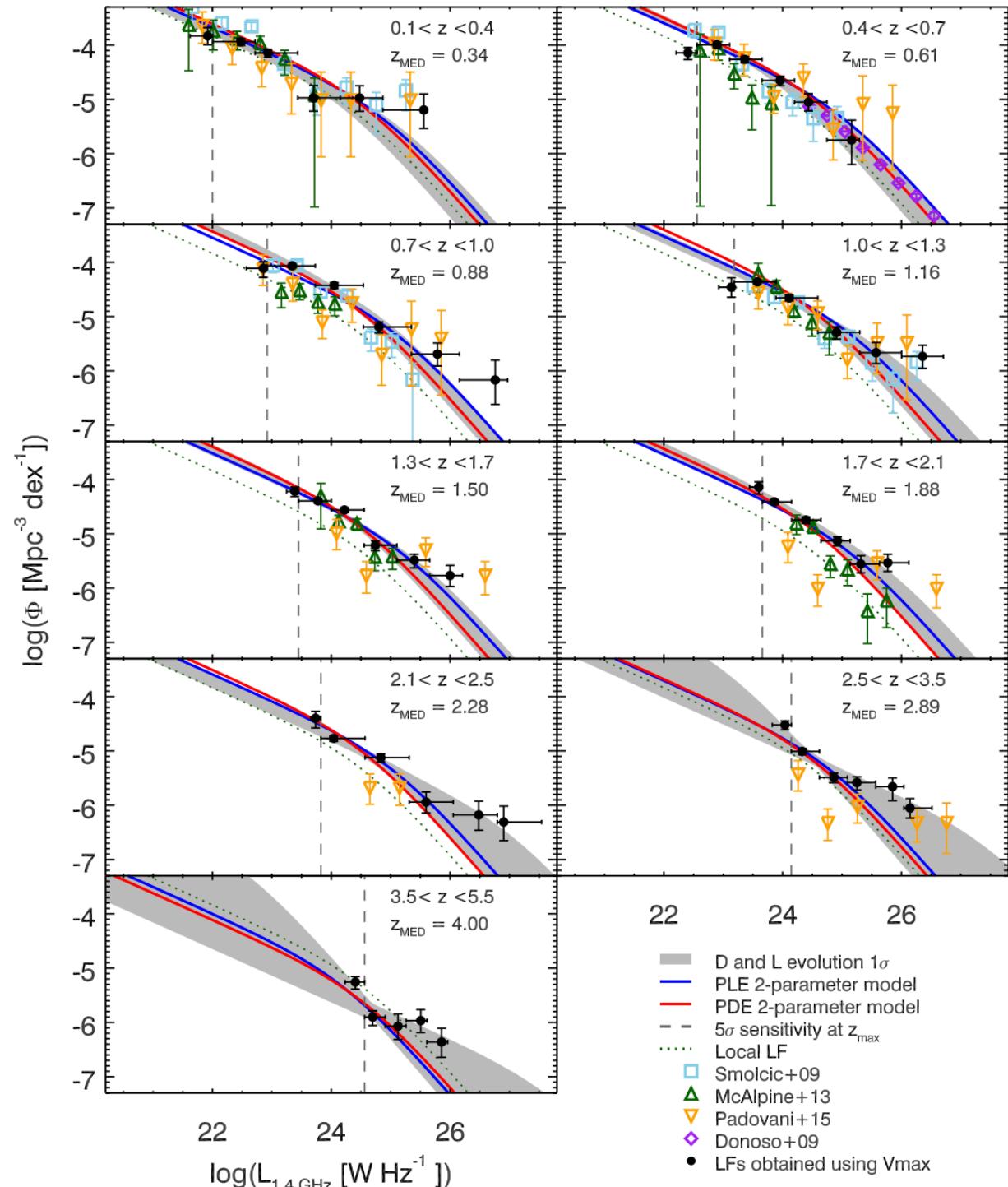




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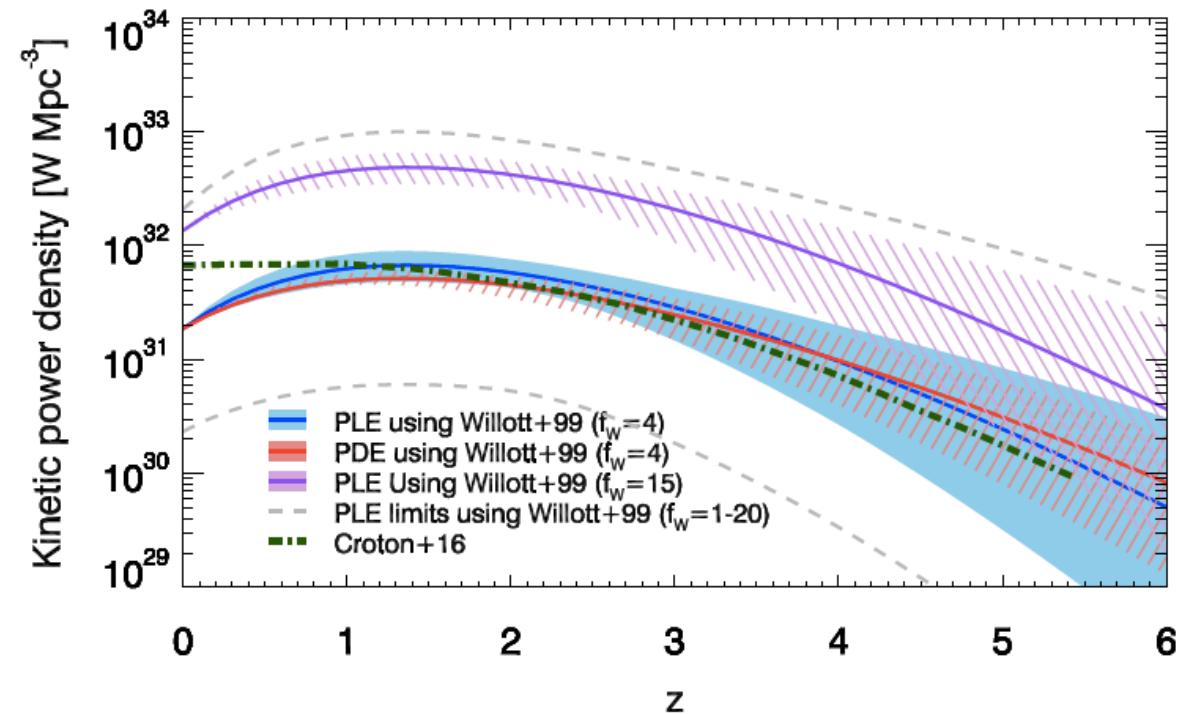
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- Fair agreement with previous results



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- Agreement with SAGE model  
(Croton et al. 2016)
- Many assumptions & simplifications in both observational and semi-analytic models still to be tested



# Summary

## VLA-COSMOS 3 GHz Large Project

- Simultaneously the largest and deepest radio continuum survey at high angular resolution
- 10,830 radio sources ( $S/N > 5$ ,  $rms = 2.3 \text{ uJy/beam}$ , resolution  $0.75''$ , 2 square degree area)
- Combined with COSMOS multi- $\lambda$  dataset with highly accurate photometric (+spec.) redshifts ( $z < 6$ )
- Data products available through IPAC/IRSA:  
<http://irsa.ipac.caltech.edu/Missions/cosmos.html>

## Dust unbiased cosmic star formation history since $z \sim 5$

- In fair agreement with previous results based on IR, and UV data
- Tight constraint on galaxies with  $SFR > 100 M_{\text{Sun}}/\text{year} \rightarrow$  possible 15-20% underestimation of highly obscured SFR estimated from the rest-frame UV observations at  $z=4$  and 5

## Radio-mode AGN feedback since $z \sim 5$

- Key ingredient of cosmological models to reproduce number of massive galaxies
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