

# Discovery of the Most Luminous Galaxies in the Universe with WISE

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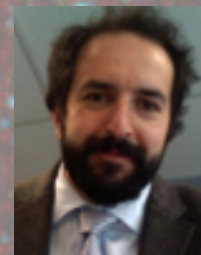
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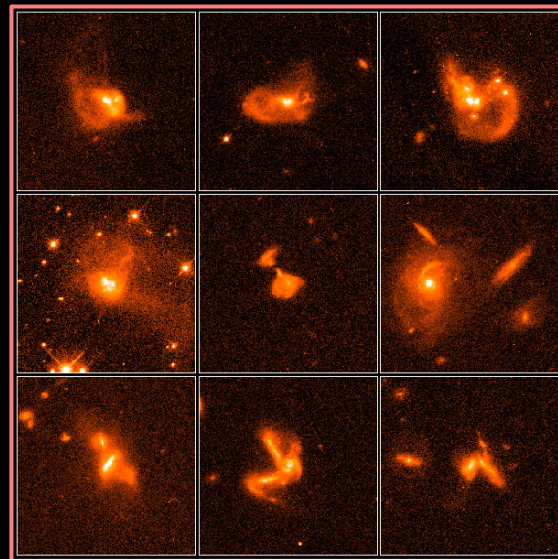
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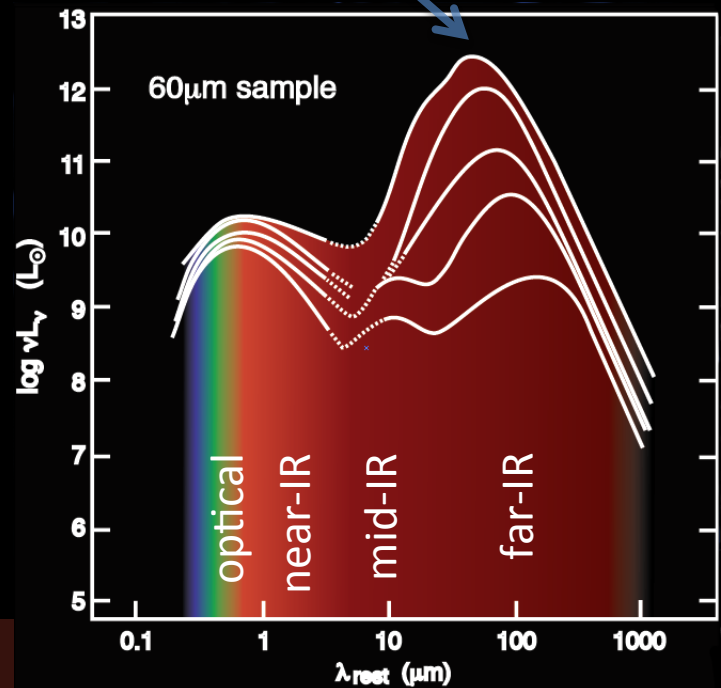




## Discovery of Luminous Infrared Galaxies

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- Total luminosities are ~ 10x - 100x of Luminosity of Milky Way

Spectral Energy Distribution (SED)



**A bit of history – 1983**



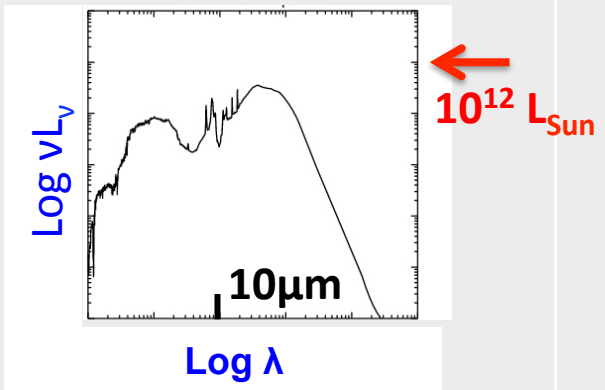


# Luminous InfraRed Galaxies

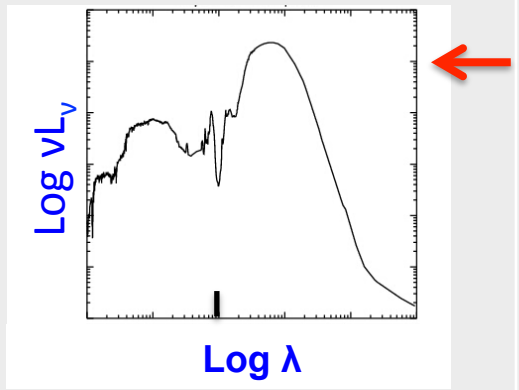
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( $10^{11} < L_{IR}/L_{Sun} < 10^{12}$ )

**Ultra-LIRGs**  
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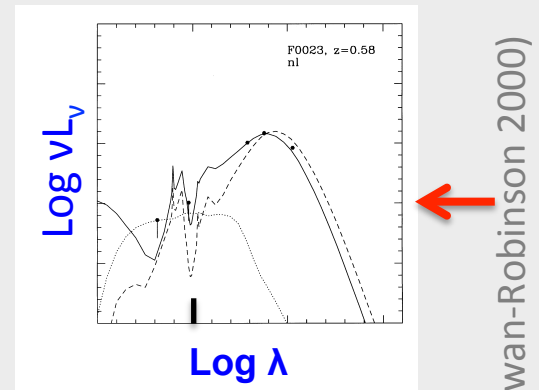
**Hyper-LIRGs**  
( $10^{13} < L_{IR}/L_{Sun} < ??$ )



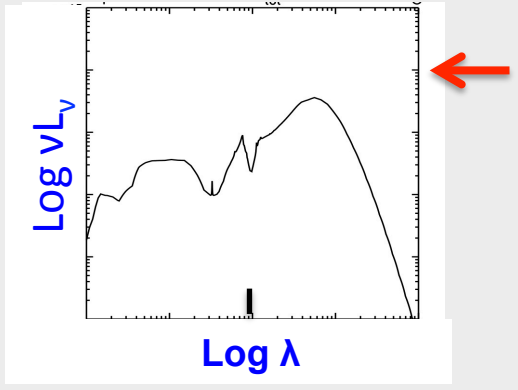
**NGC6090** ( $3 \times 10^{11} L_{Sun}$ )



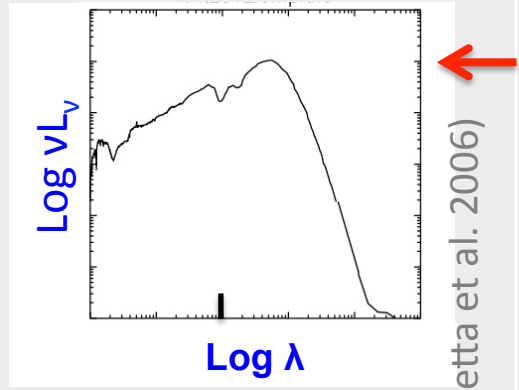
**Arp220** ( $2 \times 10^{12} L_{Sun}$ )



**F00235+1024** ( $2 \times 10^{13} L_{Sun}$ ) (Rowan-Robinson 2000)



**Arp299** ( $6 \times 10^{11} L_{Sun}$ )



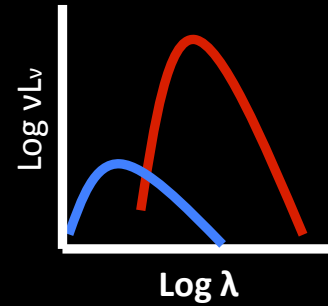
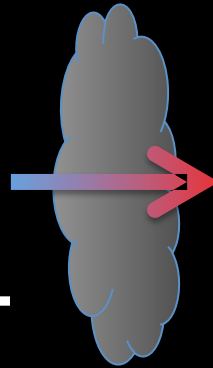
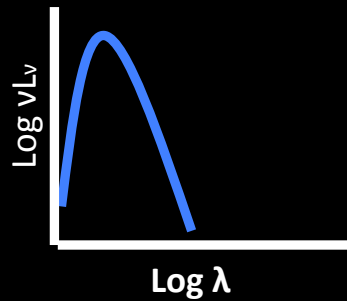
**Mrk231** ( $3 \times 10^{12} L_{Sun}$ ) (Polletta et al. 2006)



# Infrared Luminosity Comes from Dust Emission

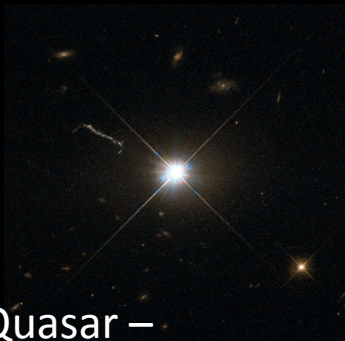


Young stars in starburst

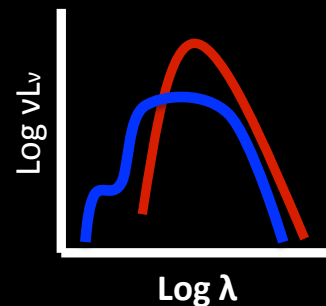
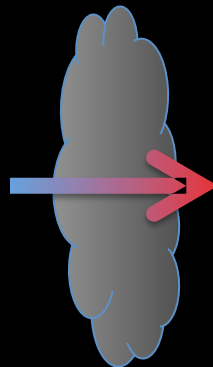
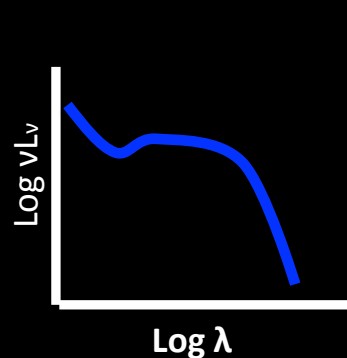


Arp220

Starburst



Quasar –  
luminous accreting black hole



Mrk273

Dusty AGN



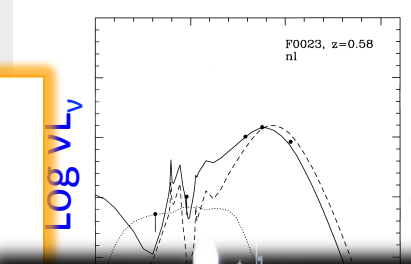
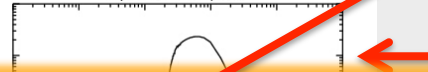


# Luminous InfraRed Galaxies

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**IRAS F15307+3252: A HYPERLUMINOUS INFRARED GALAXY AT  $z = 0.93^1$**

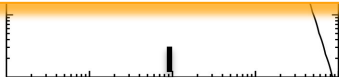
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### ABSTRACT

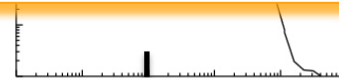
A new hyperluminous infrared galaxy in the *IRAS* Faint Source Catalog is identified at a redshift of 0.93. This object has a bolometric luminosity of  $\sim 10^{13} L_{\odot}$ , a very large ratio of infrared-to-optical luminosity, warm dust emission, a ratio of infrared-to-radio flux densities consistent with other infrared galaxies, and an optical spectrum similar to a Seyfert 2 galaxy. IRAS F15307+3252 shares these characteristics and its radio-to-optical spectral energy distribution with two other infrared galaxies, F10214+4724 and P09104+4109. Discovery of a third object with these properties defines an extreme subclass of ultraluminous galaxies powered primarily by star formation. The systematic method used to find this object begins the process of determining the space density of these most luminous examples of the infrared galaxy phenomenon.

*Subject headings:* galaxies: individual (IRAS F15307+3252) — galaxies: photometry — galaxies: starburst — infrared: galaxies



Log  $\lambda$

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(Polletta et al)

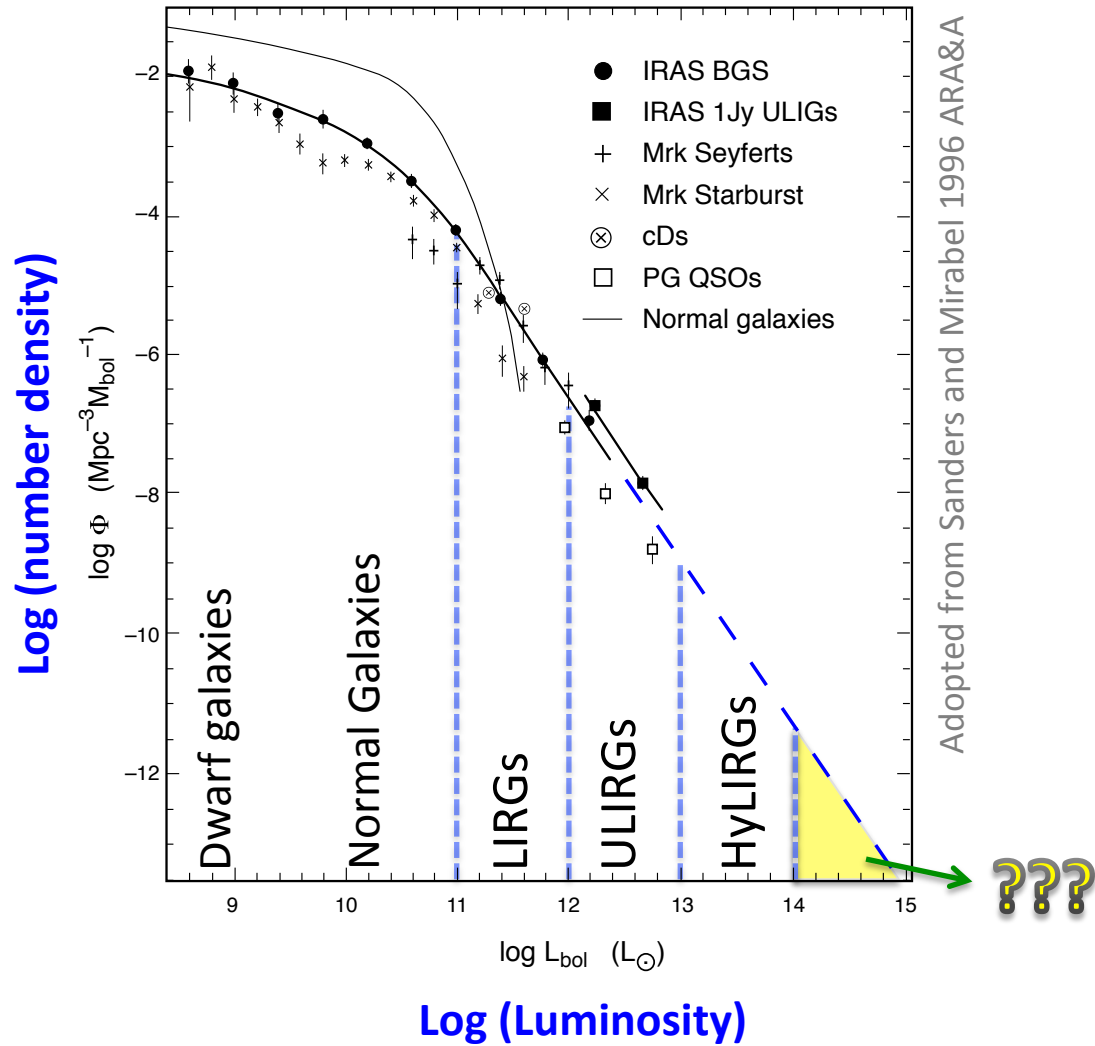


(Rowan-Robinson 2000)





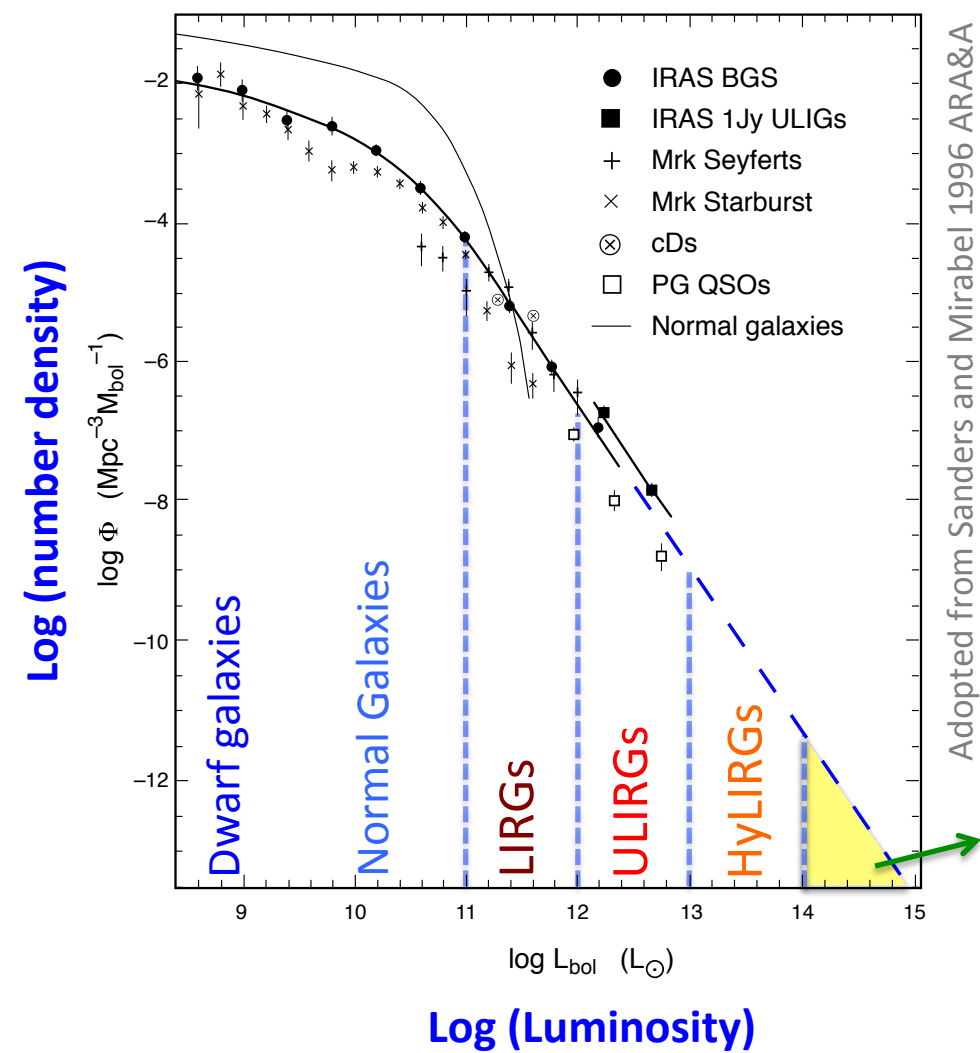
# Tip of the Luminosity Function







# Tip of the Luminosity Function – Extreme Luminous Infrared Galaxies (ELIRGs)



Adopted from Sanders and Mirabel 1996 ARA&A

Extremely Luminous InfraRed Galaxies

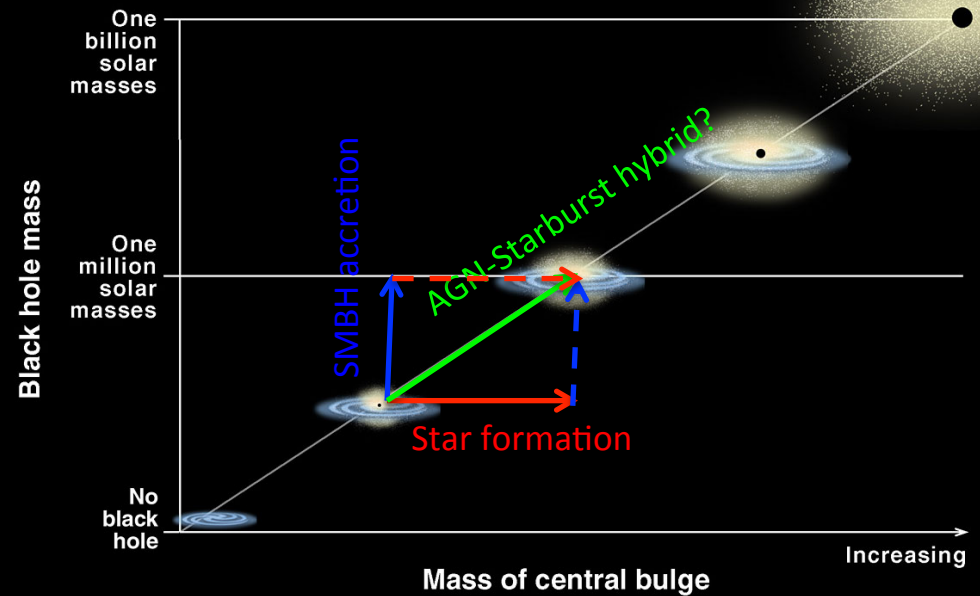
ELIRGs

# Big Mystery of Galaxy Evolution

High luminosity –  
rapid mass growth phase

- **Starburst** dominated
  - Rapid and violent **star formation**
- **AGN** dominated
  - Powerful **supermassive black hole accretion**

Correlation Between Black Hole Mass and Bulge Mass

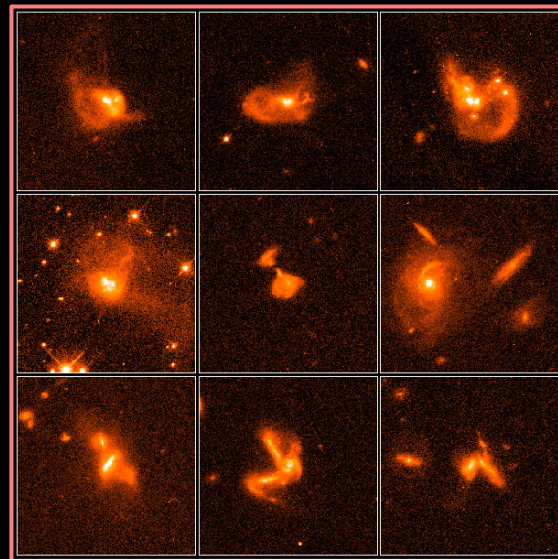


In the **Most Luminous Galaxies**,

mass of **host galaxy** or **super massive black hole (SMBH)** can

increase by a factor of **10**  
in **~ 100 - 300 Myr!**

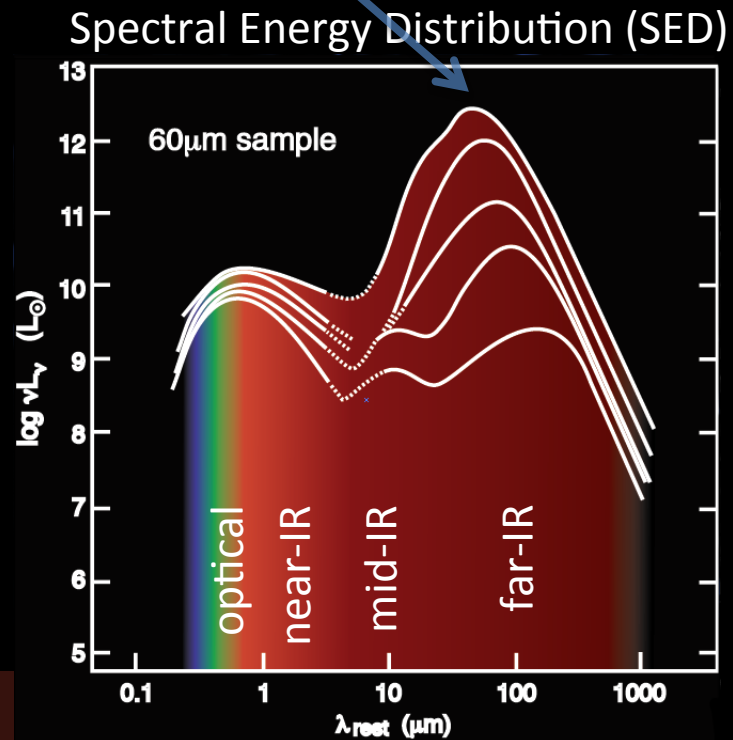




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- **Galaxy Evolution is hidden behind the dust!**

**A bit of history – 1983**



# Measuring Masses of Super Massive Black Holes (SMBHs) : Eddington Limit



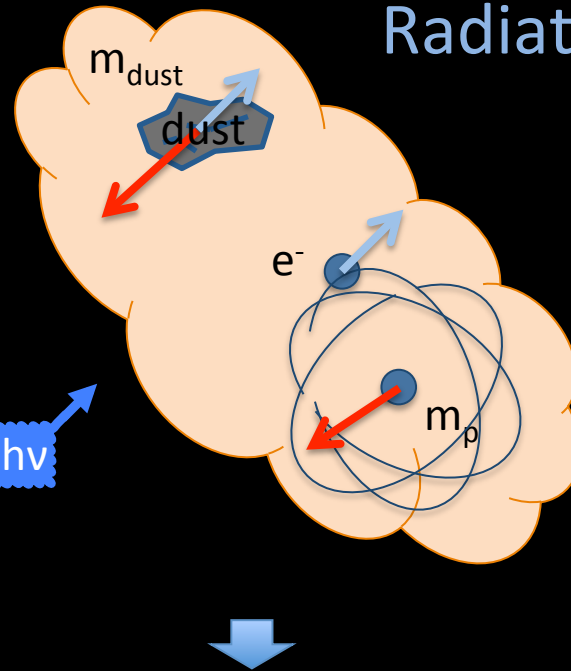
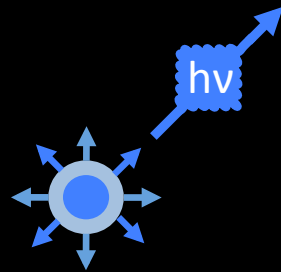
Radiation Pressure × Cross-section

$$\frac{L \sigma_{\text{cross}}}{4\pi R^2 c}$$

Gravitational Pulling

$$\frac{GMm}{R^2}$$

Light source  
(accreting black hole)  
Mass  $M$



Lower Mass Limit  
(for given observed  
luminosity)

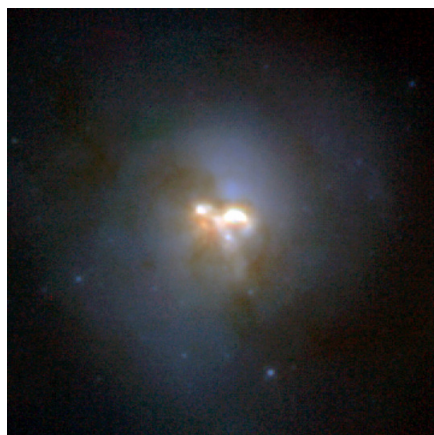
If Gravity is winning ( $\Rightarrow$  continuous accretion) :

$$M > \frac{L_{\text{observed}} \sigma_{\text{Thomson}}}{4\pi c G m_p} = 1 M_{\text{Sun}} \times \frac{L_{\text{observed}}}{3.2 \times 10^4 L_{\text{Sun}}}$$



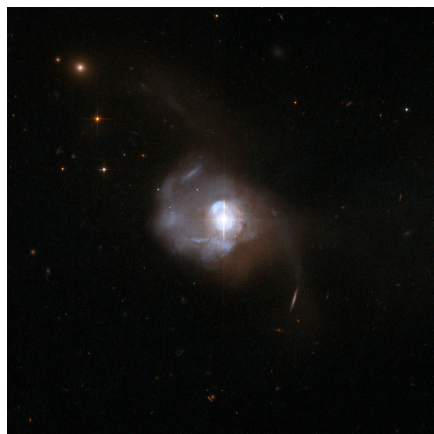
# Hunt for ELIRGs – with WISE

Starburst Dominated

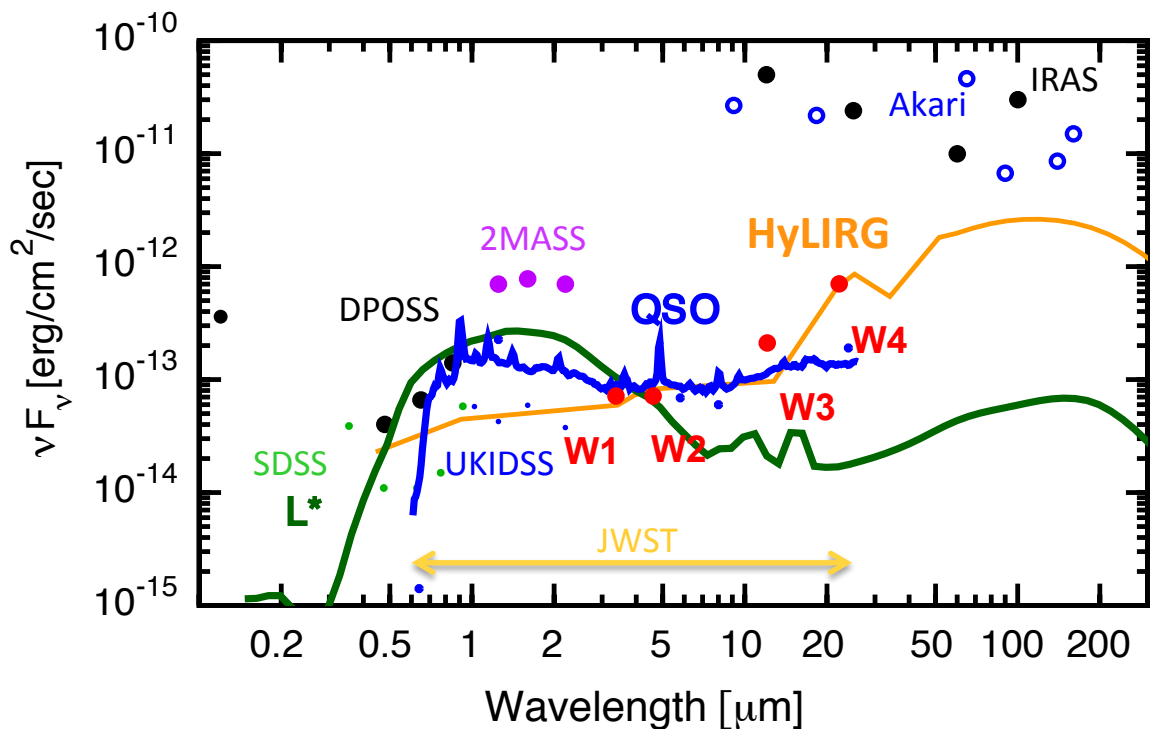


Arp220 x 100?

AGN dominated



Mrk231 x 100?



Wright et al. (2010)

$L^*$  at  $z = 0.33$

QSO J1148+5251 at  $z = 6.4$

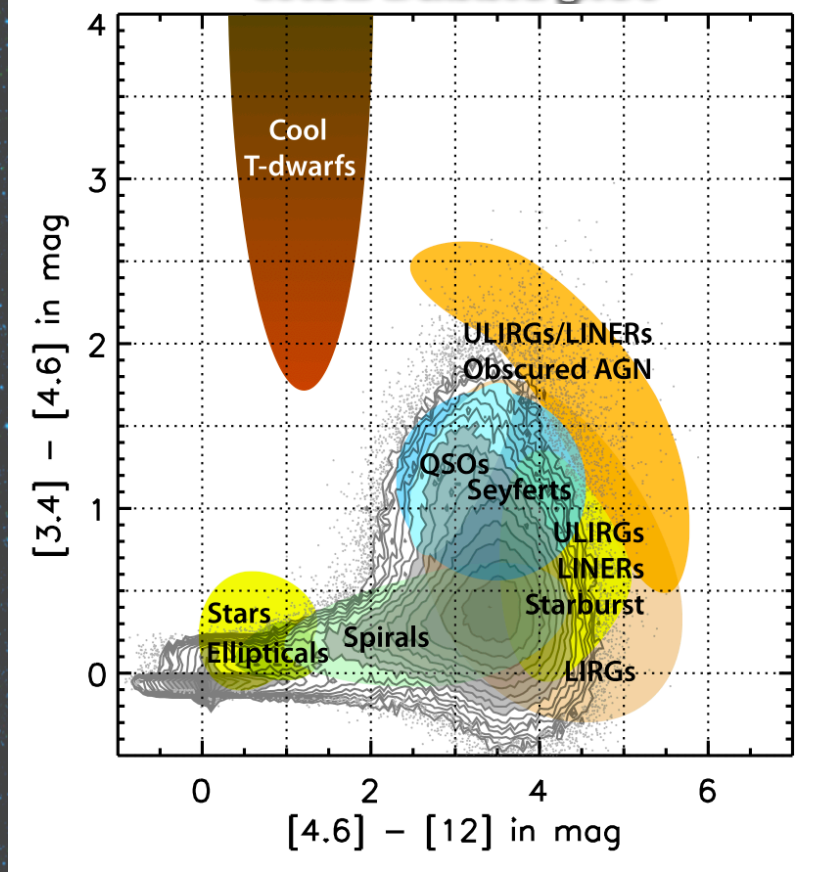
HyLIRG: FSC 15307+3253 at  $z = 3$

Real SED x 3,  $L = 6 \times 10^{13} L_{\text{Sun}}$



# Inhabitants of Nearby ELIRG Space

Chao-Wei's Color-Color  
WISE Bubble plot



**Hundred millions of WISE sources!**

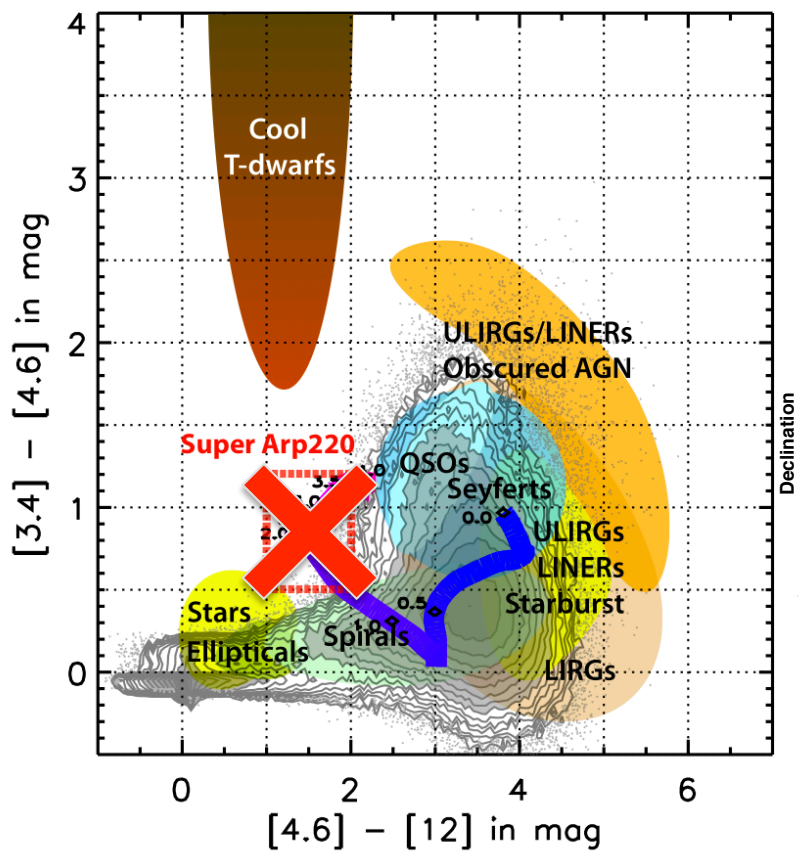
**How to find the most luminous galaxies??**

Wright et al. (2010) AJ  
Jarrett et al. (2011) ApJ

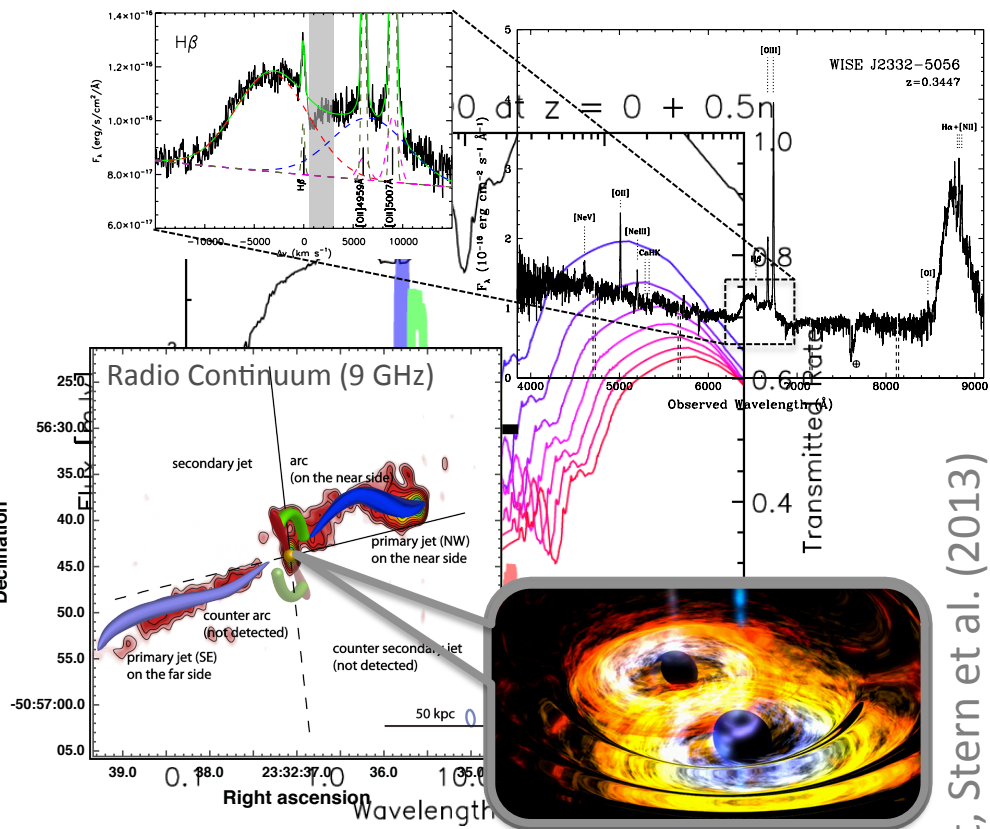


# Searching for Most Luminous Galaxies

## Chao-Wei's Color-Color WISE Bubble plot



Based on SEDs

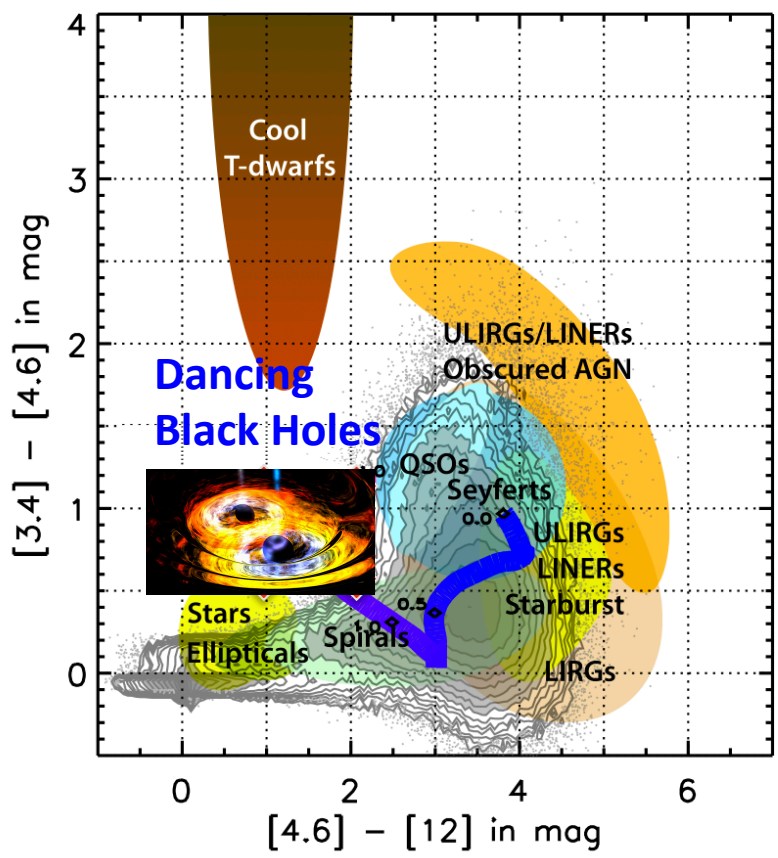


10  $\sigma$  detection by WISE  
Radio Galaxy W2332-5056 with  
Wiggle jets and double-peaked H $\alpha$ /H $\beta$  lines  
- SMBH binary candidate



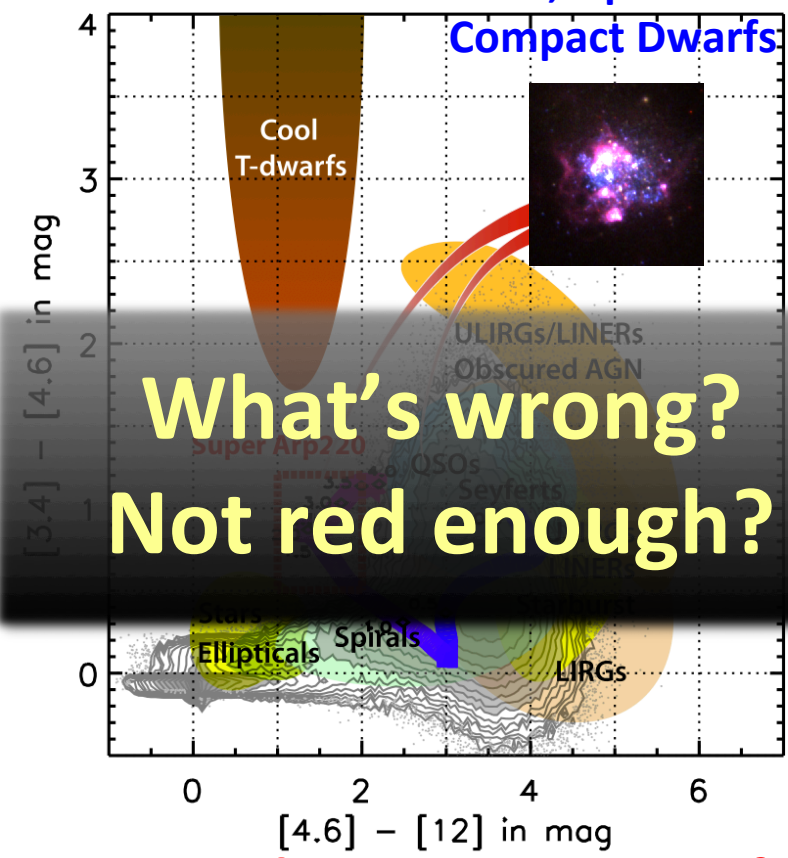
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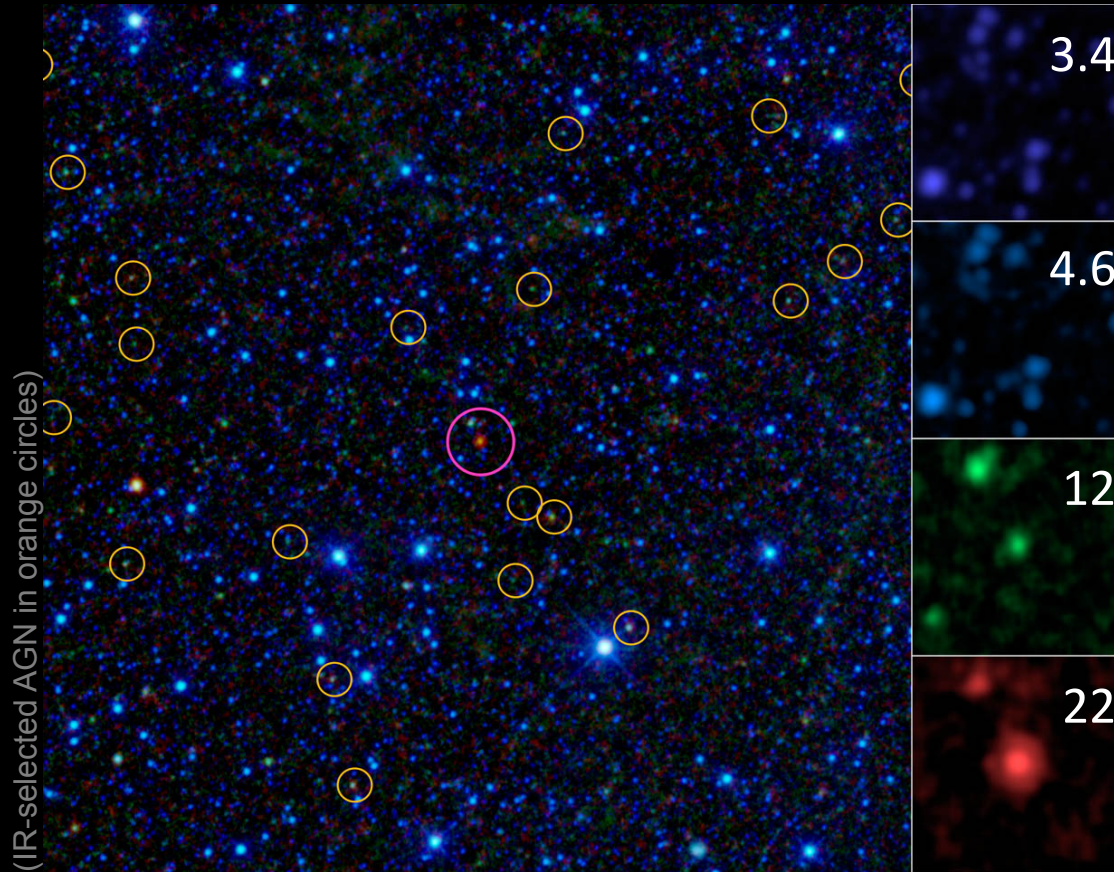
### IR-Red, Optical Blue Compact Dwarfs



Based on assumption of High extinction

Griffith, Tsai, Stern et al. (2011)  
Tsai et al. in (prep)

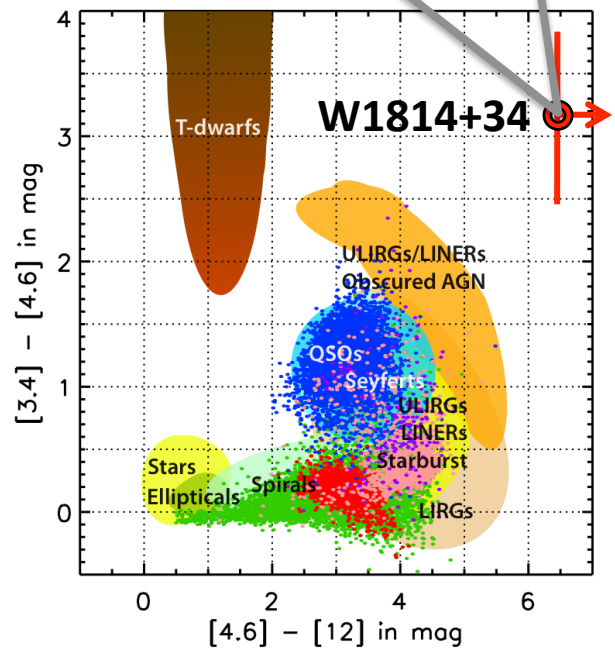
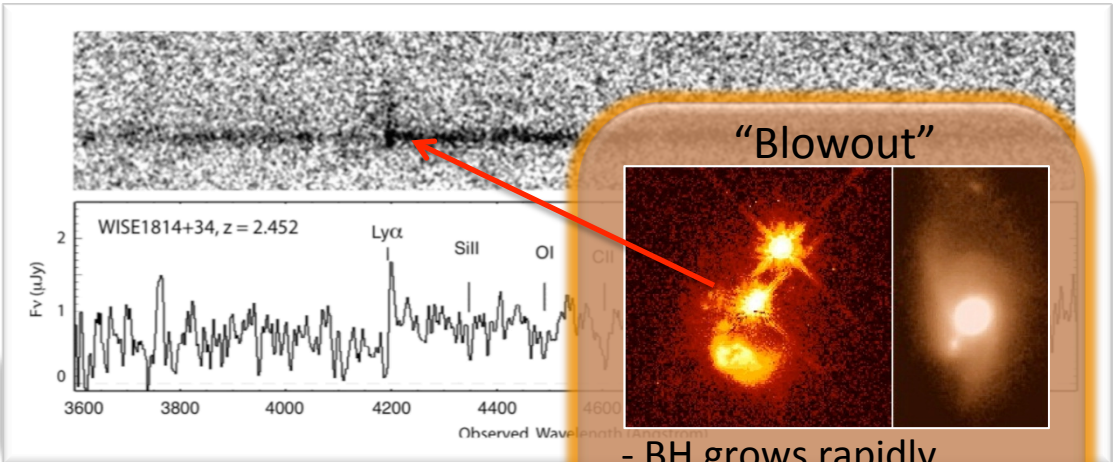
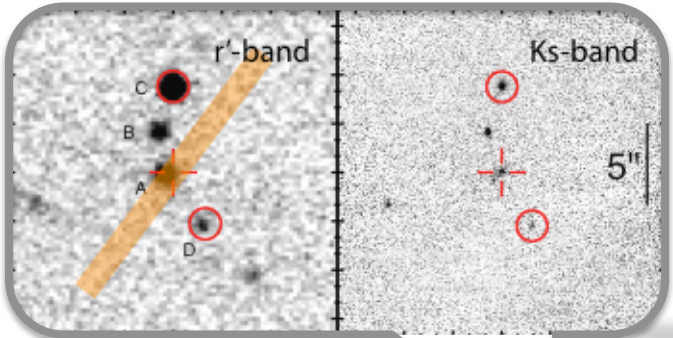
# W1W2 Dropouts



**WISE** objects well detected at **12  $\mu\text{m}$**  and **22  $\mu\text{m}$**   
faint or invisible at **3.4  $\mu\text{m}$**  and **4.6  $\mu\text{m}$**



# First **HyLIRG** Discovered by WISE



**“Blowout”**

- BH grows rapidly
- Highly dust reddened
- dust/gas expelled

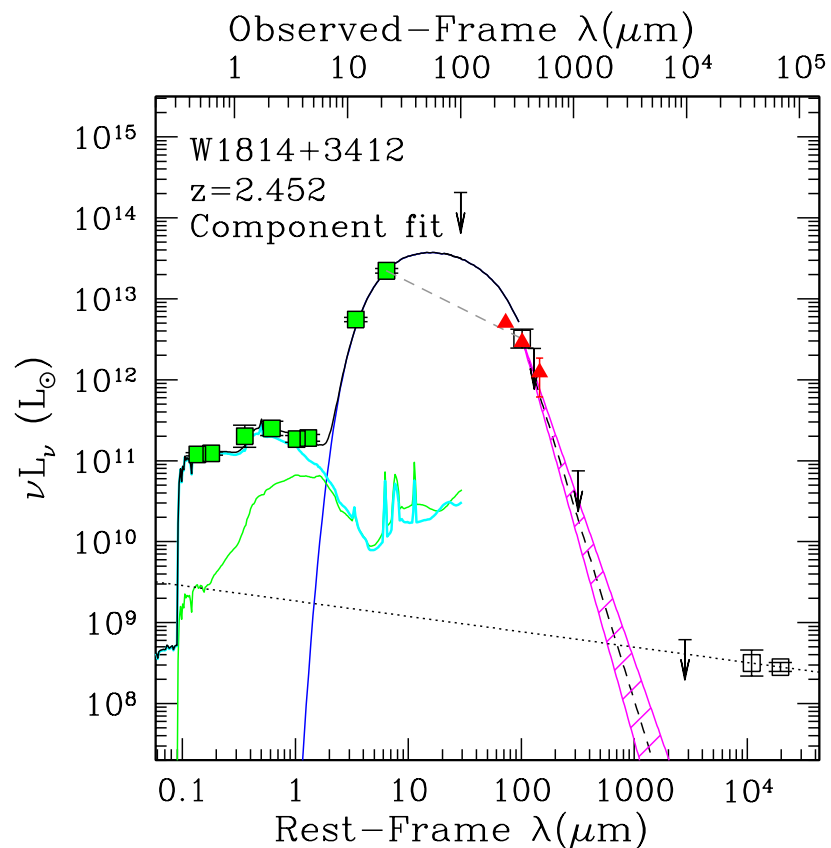
## W1814+34

- at  $z=2.452$   
(Eisenhardt, Wu, Tsai et al 2012)
- Extended hydrogen gas emission  
~100,000 light-years (Bridge et al. in 2013)



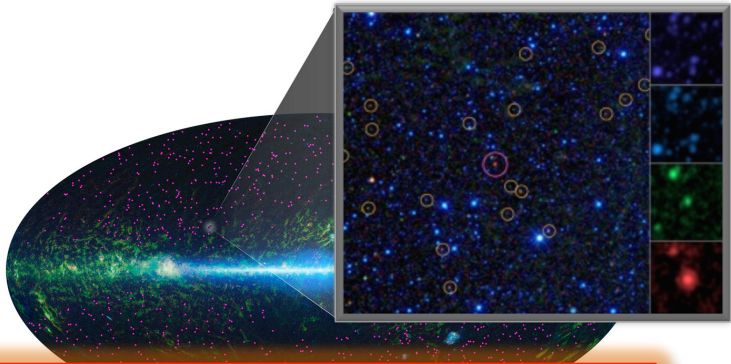
# SED Decomposition of **W1814+34**

- $L_{\text{tot}} = 4 - 8 \times 10^{13} L_{\odot}$ 
  - Very difficult to be powered by starburst
  - Implies supermassive black hole ( $\sim 10^9 M_{\odot}$ )
- **Obscured AGN**
  - i.e. visible light obscured by dust
- **Starburst**
  - SFR  $\sim 500 M_{\odot}/\text{yr}$  (10% of  $L_{\text{bol}}$ )
- **Spiral Galaxy**
  - Faint compared to AGN
  - Implies relatively **low ratio of star mass to black hole mass** compared to today





# Far-IR Follow-up on W1W2 Dropouts

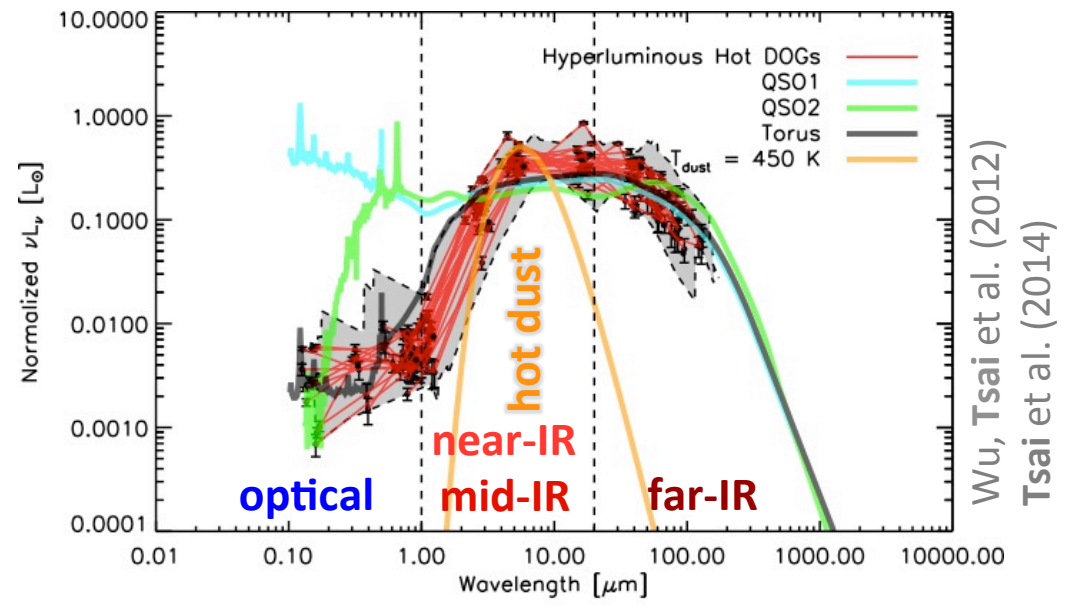


## Hot Dust Obscured Galaxies

– Hot DOGs



(Dog Haus Pasadena)



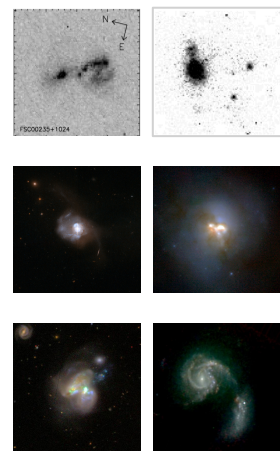
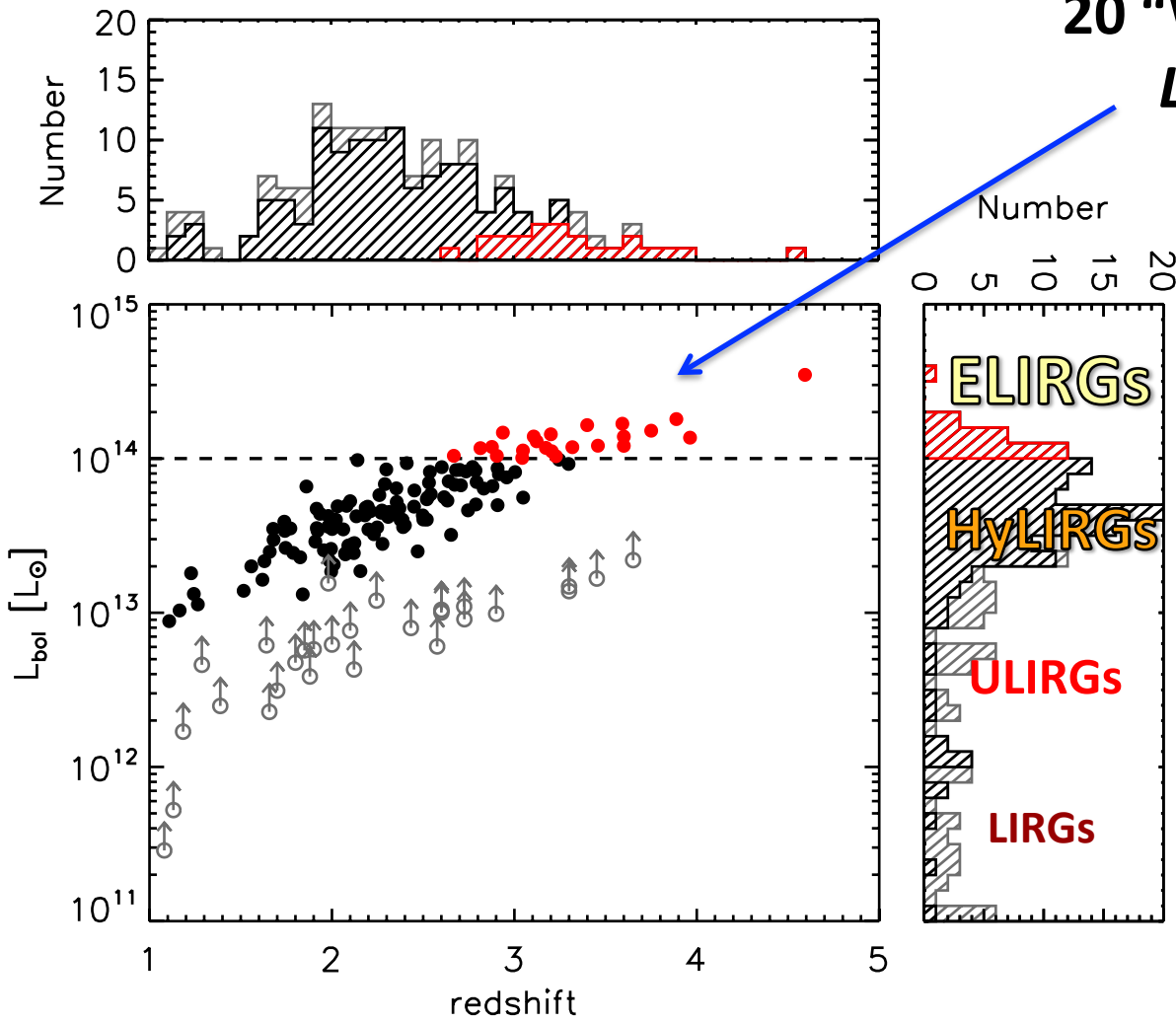
- Hyperluminous:  $L > 10^{13} L_{\text{Sun}}$
- mid-IR excess:
  - hot dust emission ( $T_D \sim 450 \text{ K}$ )
- Hot Dust Obscured Galaxies  
(Hot DOGs)





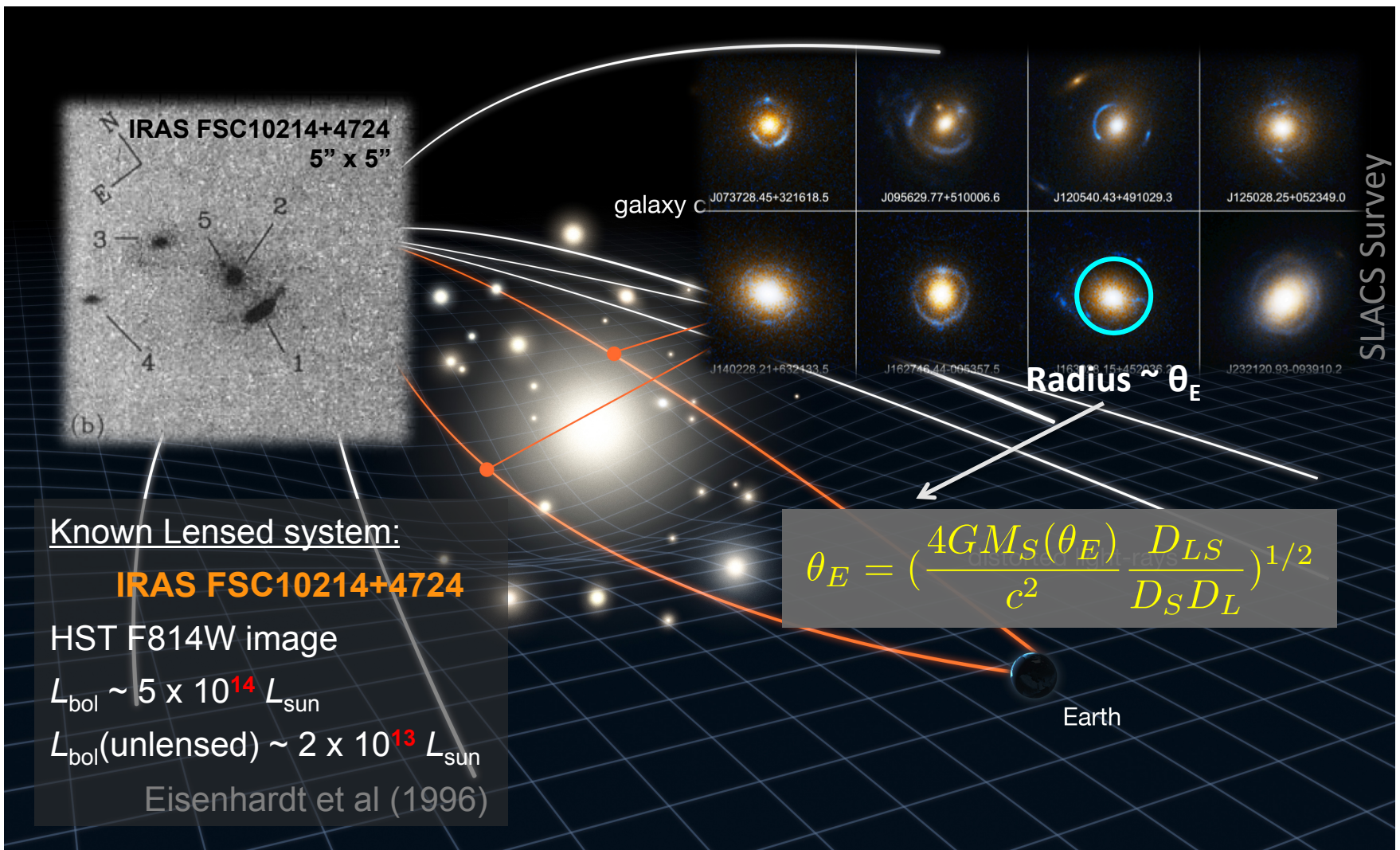
# Mission Accomplished!

20 "W1W2 Dropouts" have  
 $L_{bol} > 10^{14} L_{Sun}$  (ELIRGs!!)  
(Tsai et al. 2014)



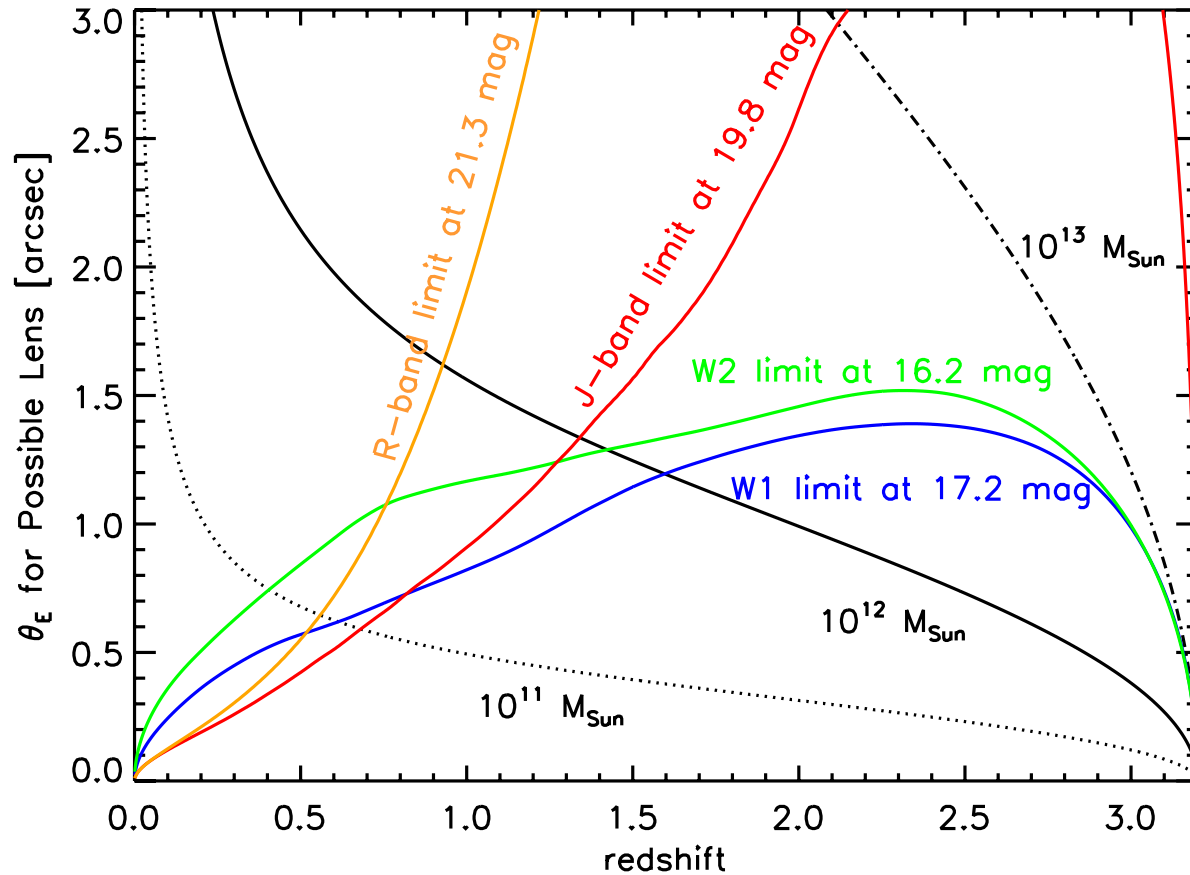


# Intrinsic Luminosity – Gravitationally lensed?





# Gravitational Lensing – High Magnification at $\sim \theta_E$

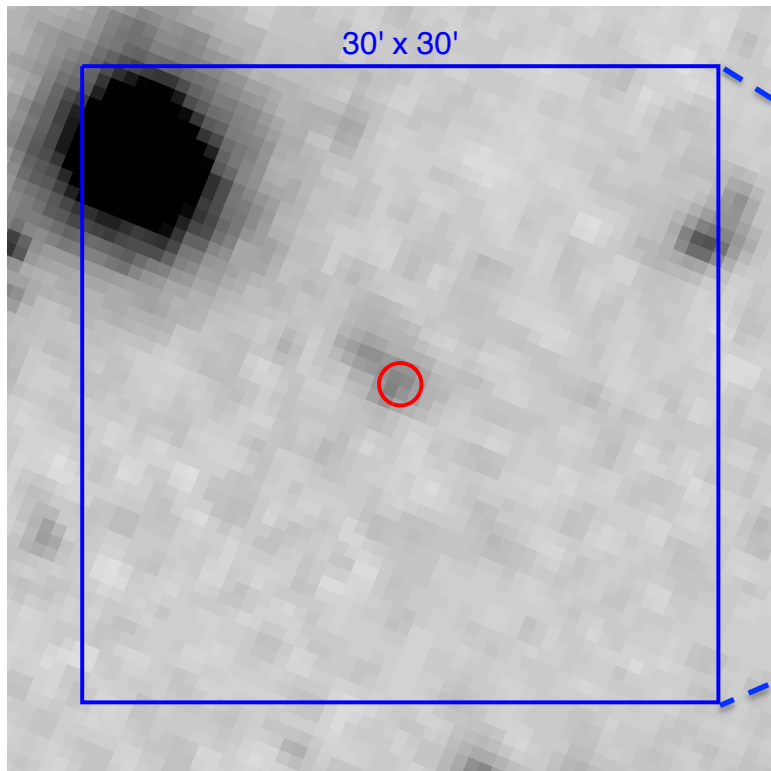


Assuming lensed source at  $z \sim 3.2$



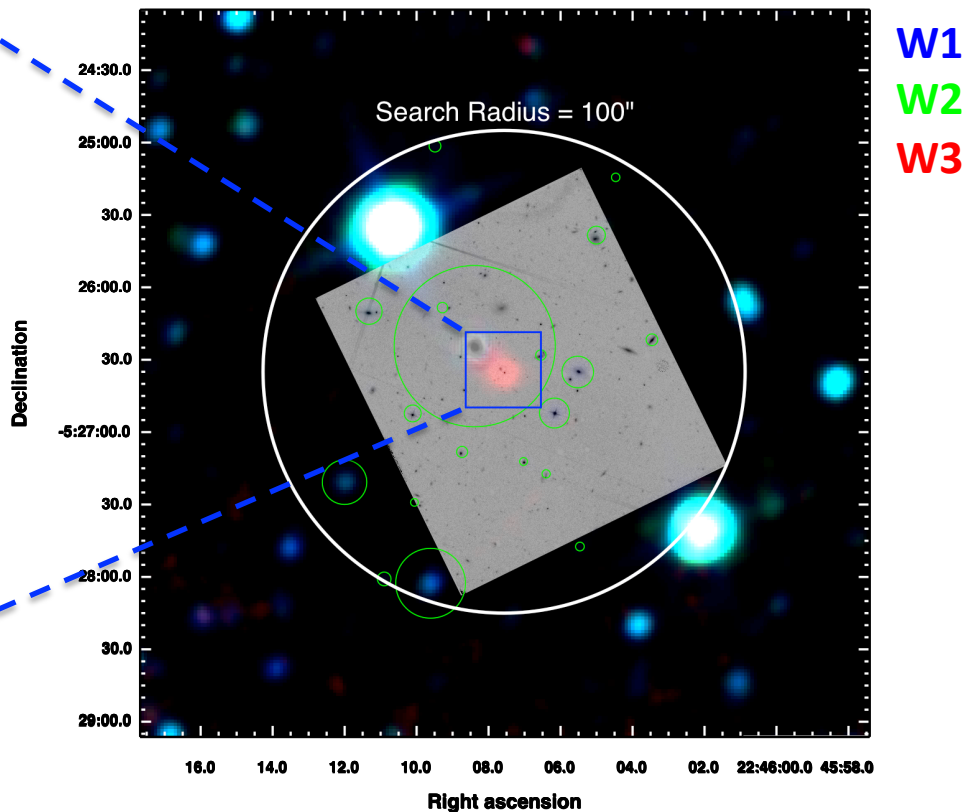
# Most Luminous Galaxy – W2246-0526

HST/C160W image



Companion at  $\sim 2.5''$  away,  $z \sim 1.358$

W2246-0526

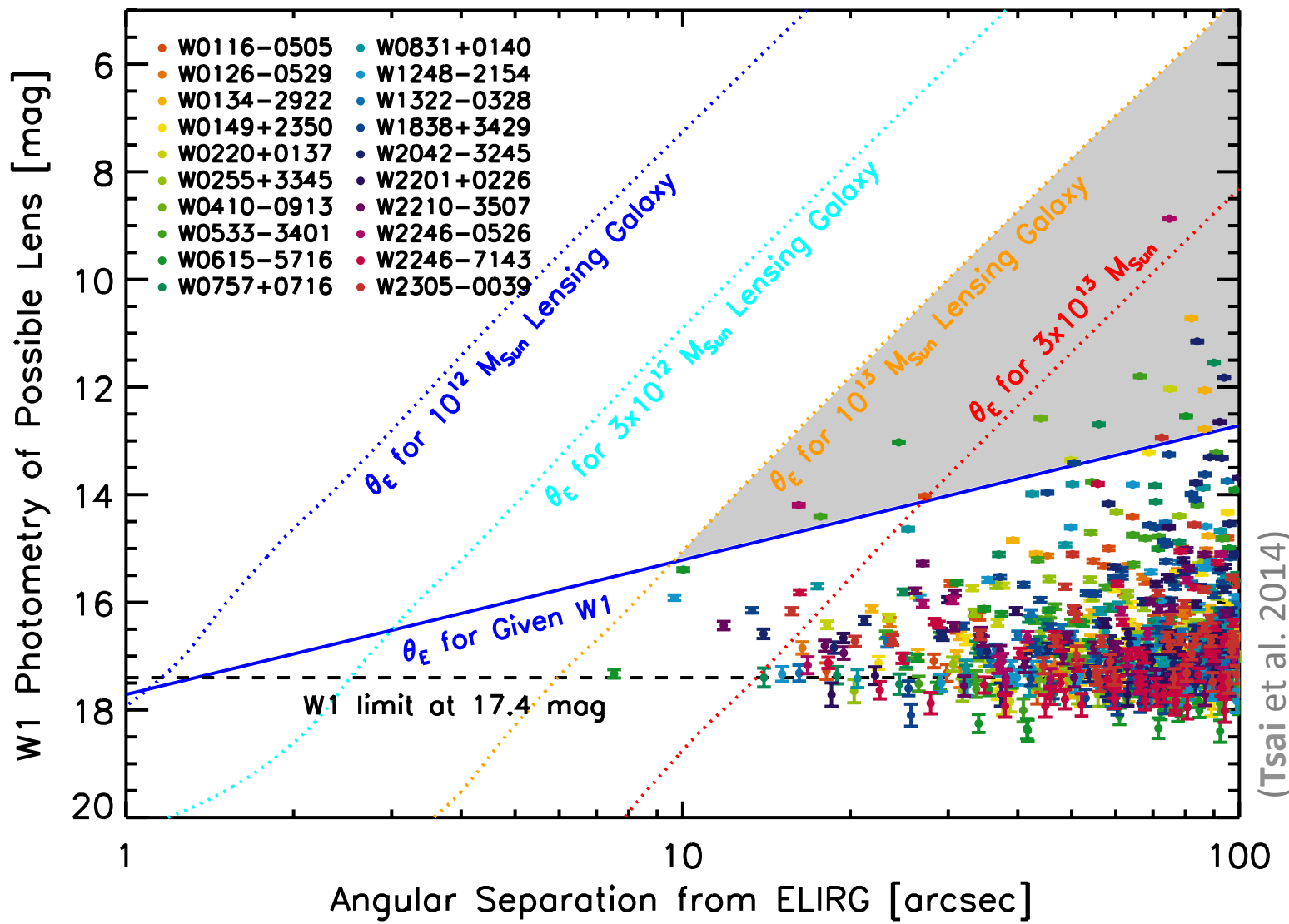


If  $\theta_E \sim 2.5$ , and lens at  $z = 1.358$

-> require lens mass  $\sim 4 \times 10^{12} M_{\odot}$  and W1 < 16.4 mag (but 17.5 mag is observed)



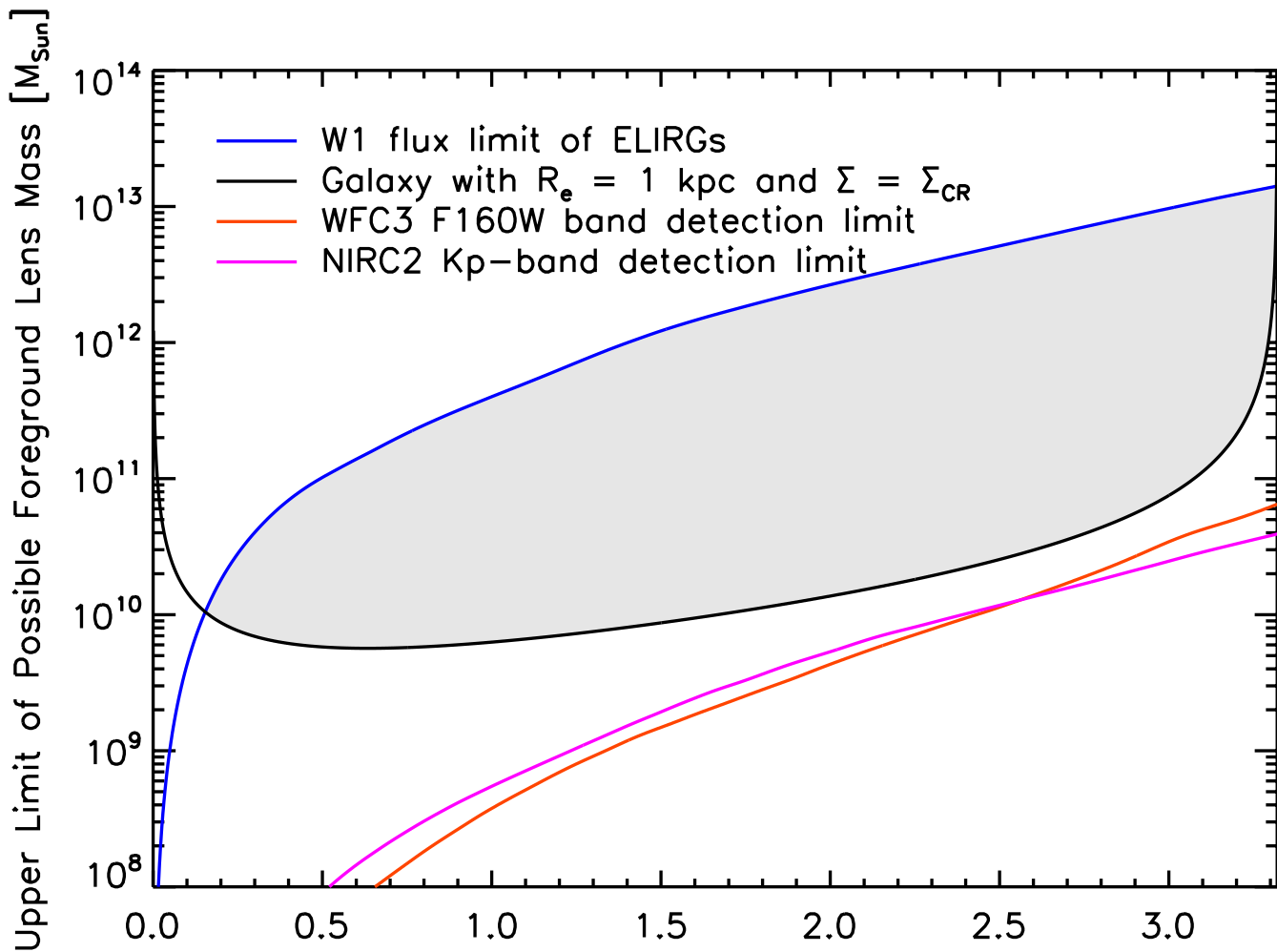
# Possible Foreground Lensing Galaxies at Separation > WISE W1 Resolution



(Tsai et al. 2014)



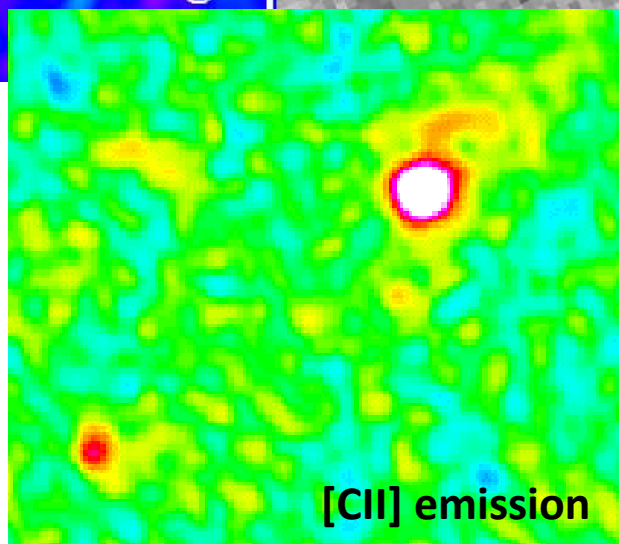
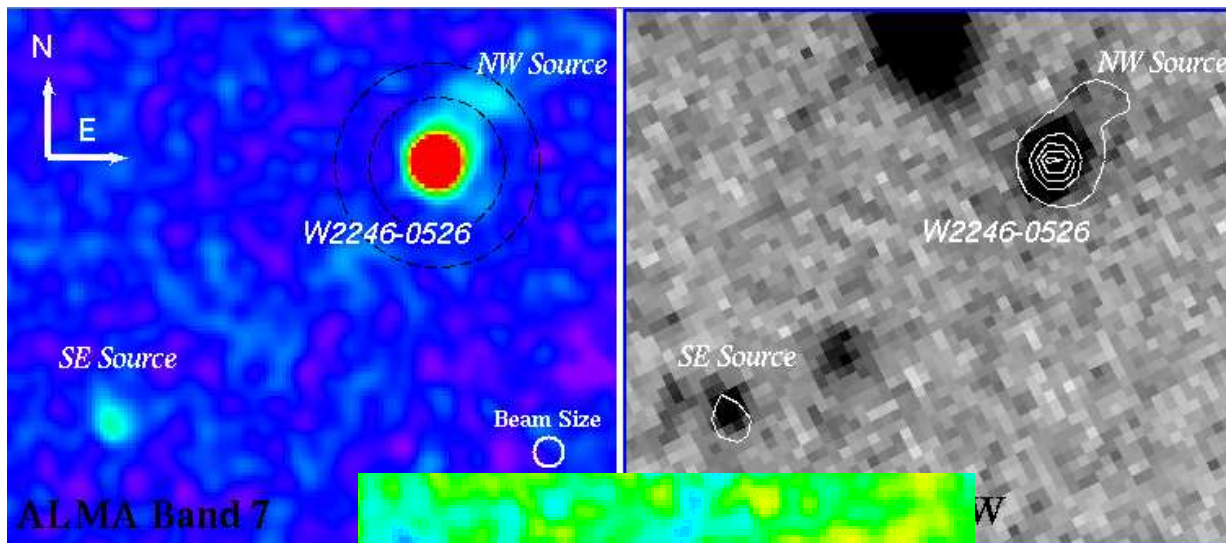
# If Putative Foreground Lensing Galaxy and ELIRG are Blended within W1 Resolution



(Tsai et al. 2014)



# ALMA

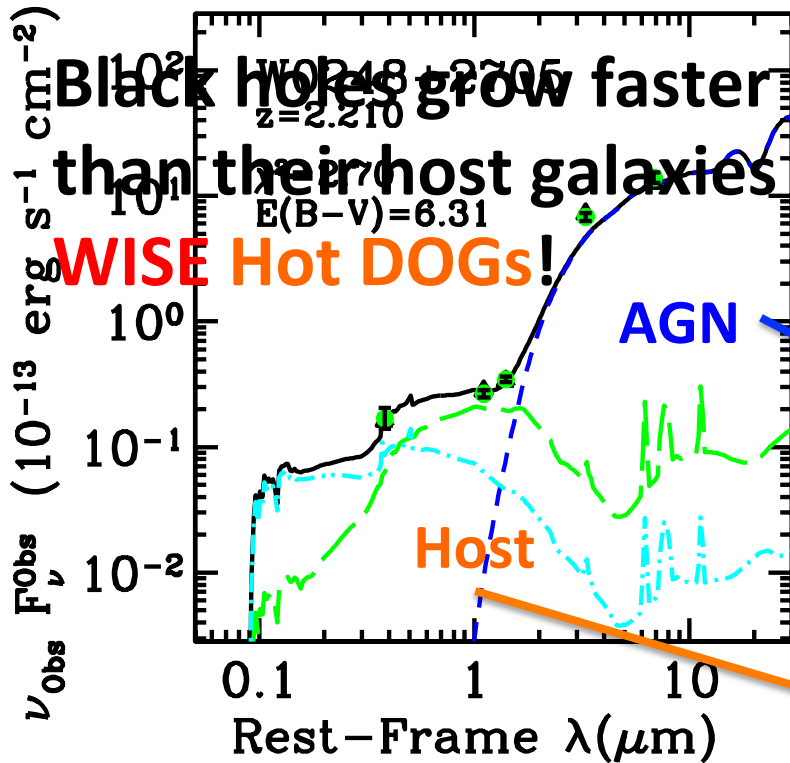


Stay tuned for  
Roberto Assef's talk  
at 10:00 on Thursday

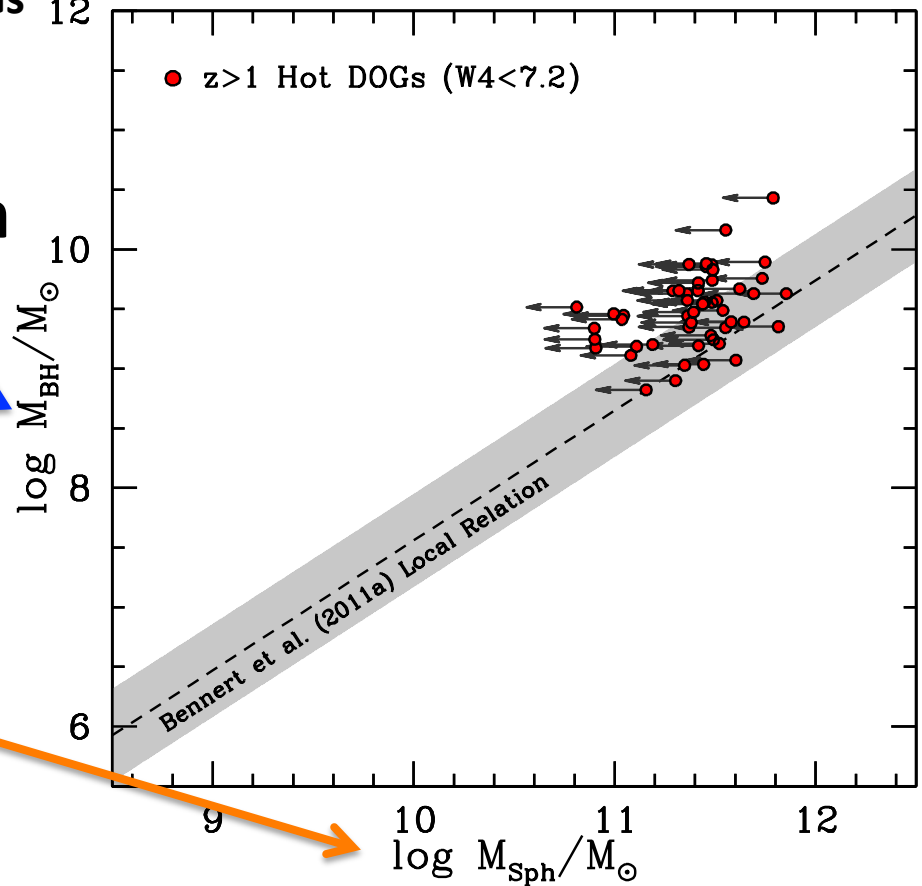


# SMBH Mass and Eddington Ratios

### SED Decomposition of Selected Hot DOGs



### Assuming Eddington Ratio = 1

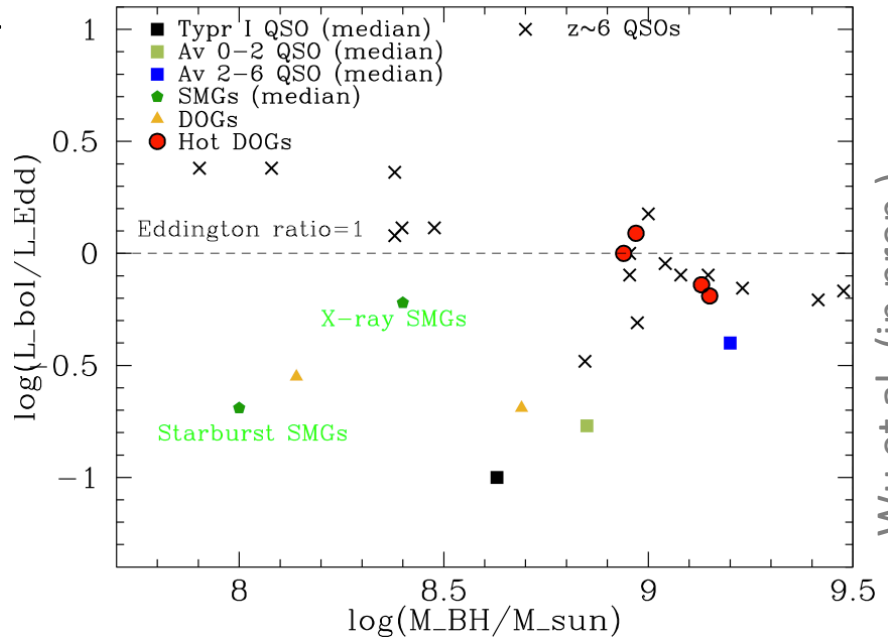
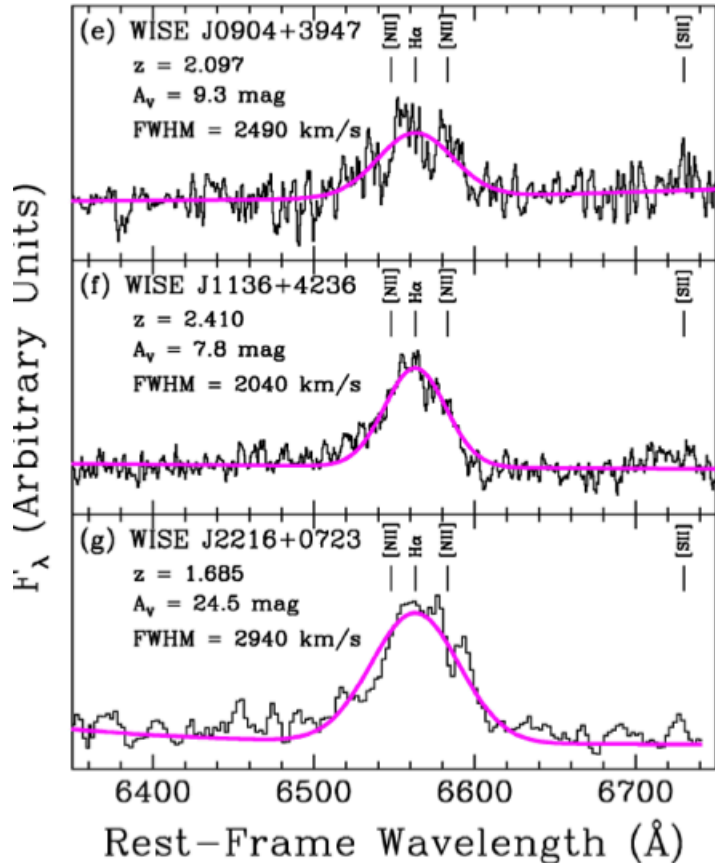


Modified from Assef et al (2014)



# SMBH Mass and Eddington Ratios

Keck MOSFIRE and Gemini FLAMINGO2 spectra of H $\alpha$



Wu et al. (in prep.)

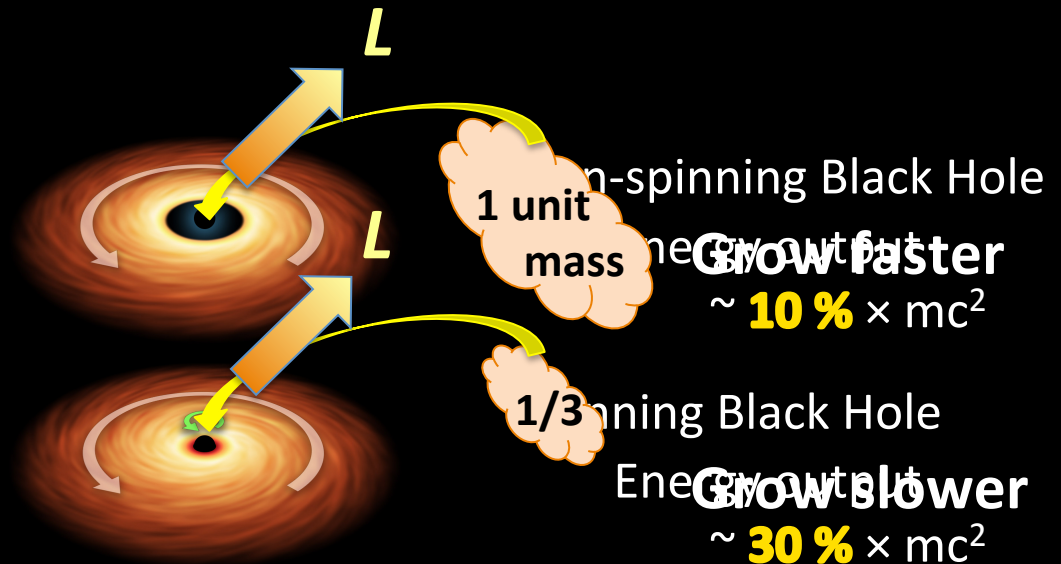
$$M_{\text{BH}} \sim M_{\text{Eddington}} = \frac{L_{\text{total}}}{M_{\text{BH}} \propto 9.3 \times 10^4 L_{\text{Sun}}} M_{\text{Sun}}$$

(See Jingwen Wu's poster #37)



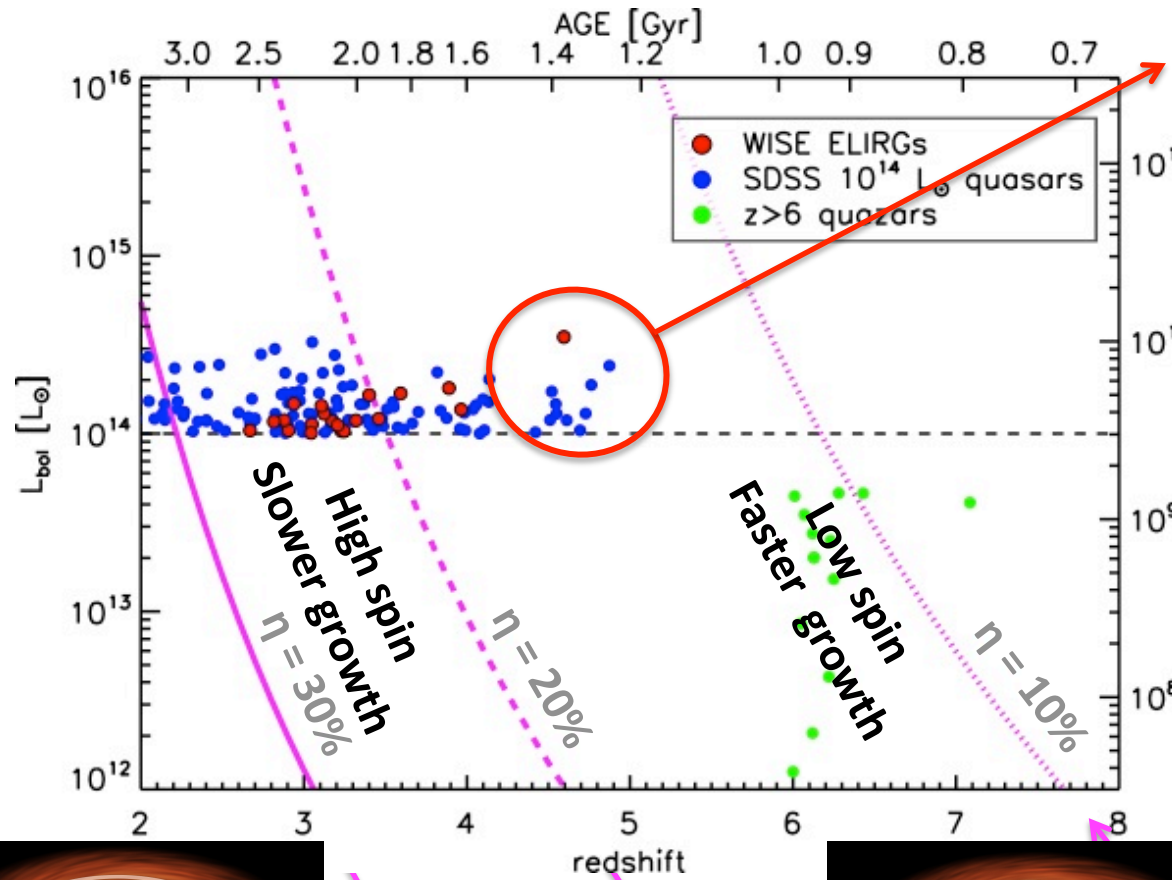
# SMBH Accretion History

- Spinning black holes can radiate more efficiently ( $\eta \sim 30\%$ )
- Spinning black holes accrete mass at low rate
- Spinning black holes grow slower than non-spinning black holes





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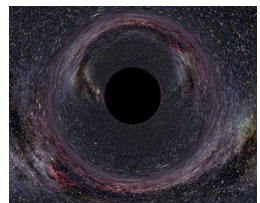


**Averaged  $\eta < 15\%$**

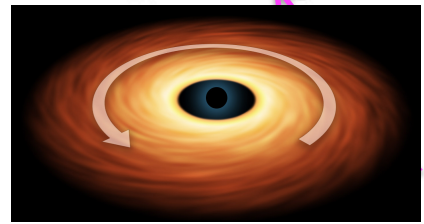
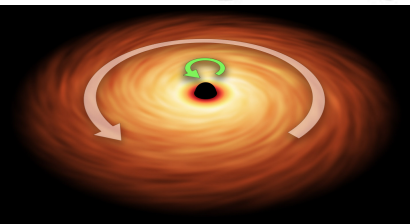
- Black holes in **ELIRGs** are constantly at **low spin!**

Age of Universe  
~ 200 Myr

Black Hole Seed

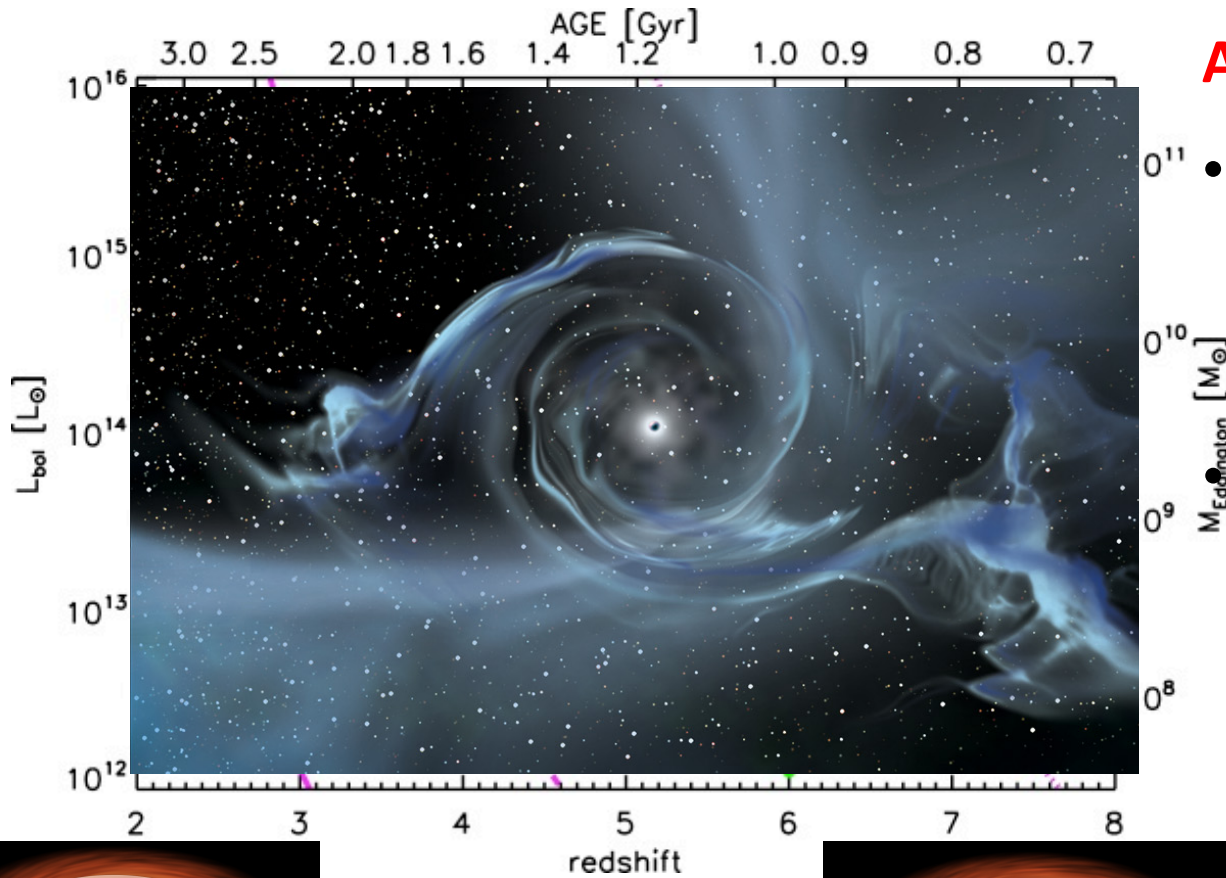


$M_{Seed} \sim 1000 M_{Sun}$



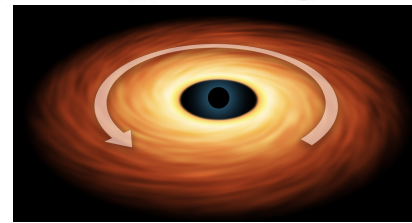
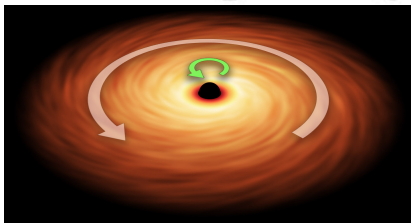
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# SMBH Accretion History



**Averaged  $\eta < 0.15$**

- Black holes in **ELIRGs** are constantly at **low spin!** **Chaotic accretion history**





# Summary

- We have discovered “**Hot Dust Obscured Galaxies**”, or **Hot DOGs**
  - Selected from “W1W2 Dropout” selection criteria
  - They are intrinsically luminous (HyLIRGs,  $L_{\text{bol}} > 10^{13} L_{\odot}$ ), and their infrared luminosity comes from hot dust emission
  - They are radiating at Eddington limit (Jingwen Wu’s Poster #37)
  - They have comparable number densities as luminous quasars population (Roberto Assef’s talk on Thursday!)
- We have found **the Most Luminous Infrared Galaxies!**
  - Total **20 Extremely Luminous Infrared Galaxies (ELIRGs)** in Hot DOG sample
  - **W2246-0526** has intrinsic  $L_{\text{bol}} = 3.5 \times 10^{14} L_{\odot}$ , making it the most luminous galaxy discovered in our search
  - ELIRGs are likely to be powered by **black holes with mass  $> 3 \times 10^9 M_{\text{Sun}}$**
- For the most luminous ELIRGs, their black holes seem to have low spin and **chaotic accretion history**