

The Secular Growth of Galaxies & Black Holes



Brooke Simmons
University of Oxford

@the_zooniverse

@galaxyzoo

@vrooje

Merger-Free Co-Evolution?



$\Rightarrow$ Goal: isolate merger-free BH growth pathway

CLASSIFY

SCIENCE

STORY



ASTRONOMERS

DISCUSS

PROFILE



Classify



SDSS



Favourite



Invert

Help

Restart

BULGE

How prominent is the central bulge, compared with the rest of the galaxy?



No bulge



Just noticeable



Obvious



Dominant

Humans: A+ Pattern Detectors



Classify



SDSS



Favourite



Invert

BULGE

How prominent is the central bulge, compared with the rest of the galaxy?



No bulge



Just noticeable



Obvious



Dominant

Humans: A+ Pattern Detectors



Classify



SDSS



Favourite



Invert

BULGE

How prominent is the central bulge, compared with the rest of the galaxy?



No bulge



Just noticeable



Obvious



Dominant

Humans: A+ Pattern Detectors



Classify



SDSS



Favourite



Invert

BULGE

How prominent is the central bulge, compared with the rest of the galaxy?



No bulge



Just noticeable

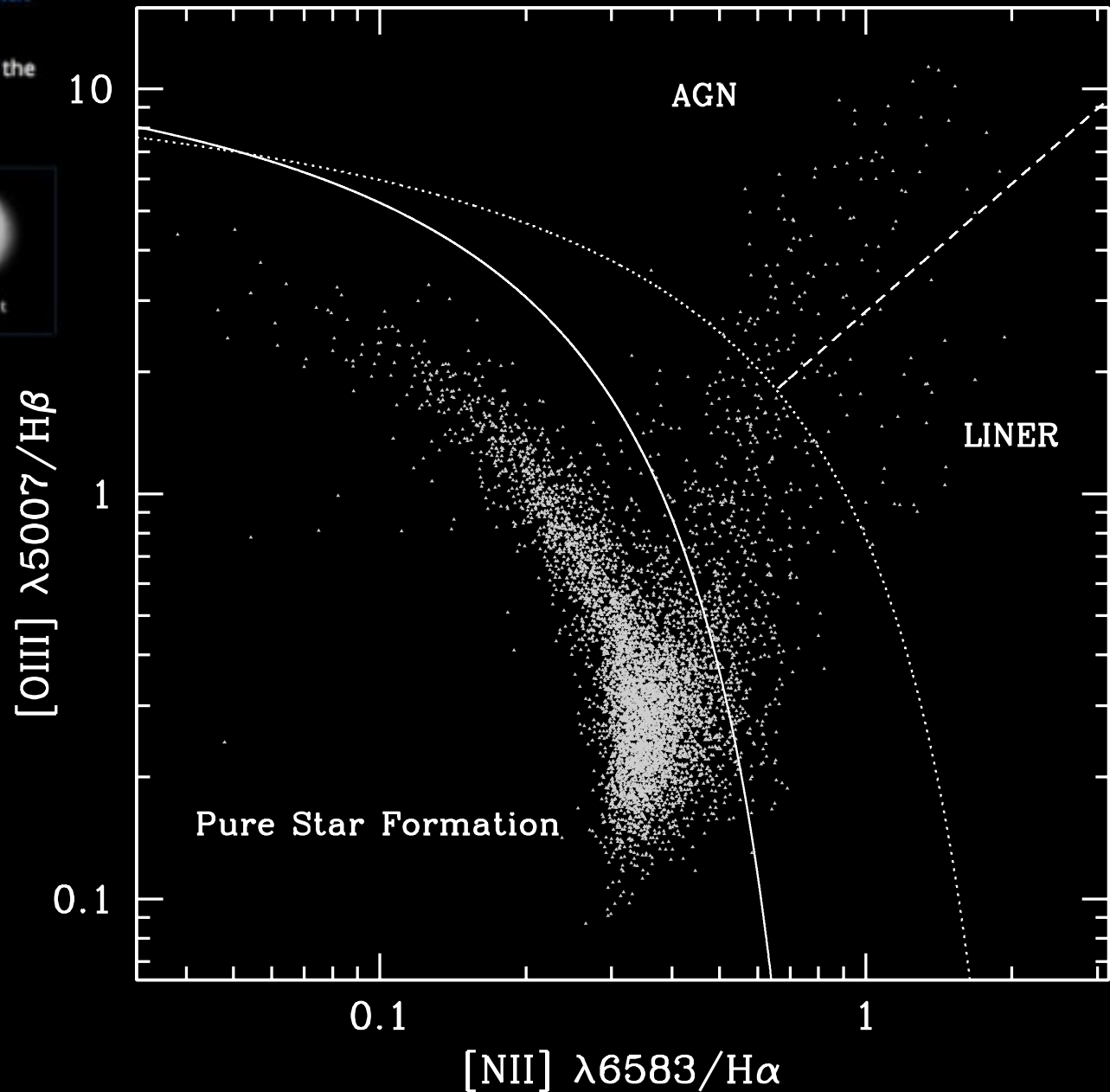


Obvious



Dominant

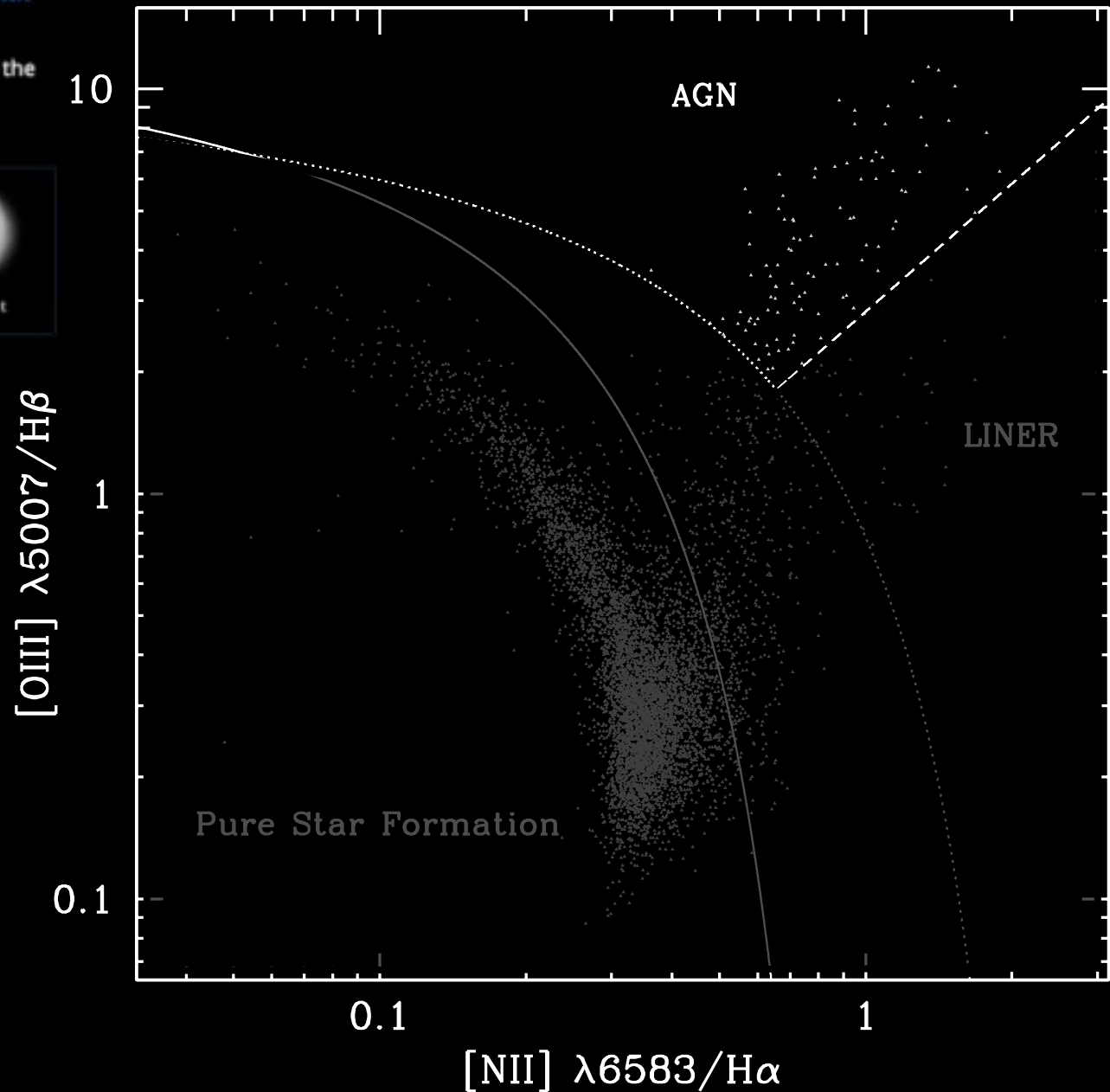
Bulgeless Galaxies with Growing Black Holes



Bulgeless Galaxies with Growing Black Holes



100 potentially
bulgeless AGN

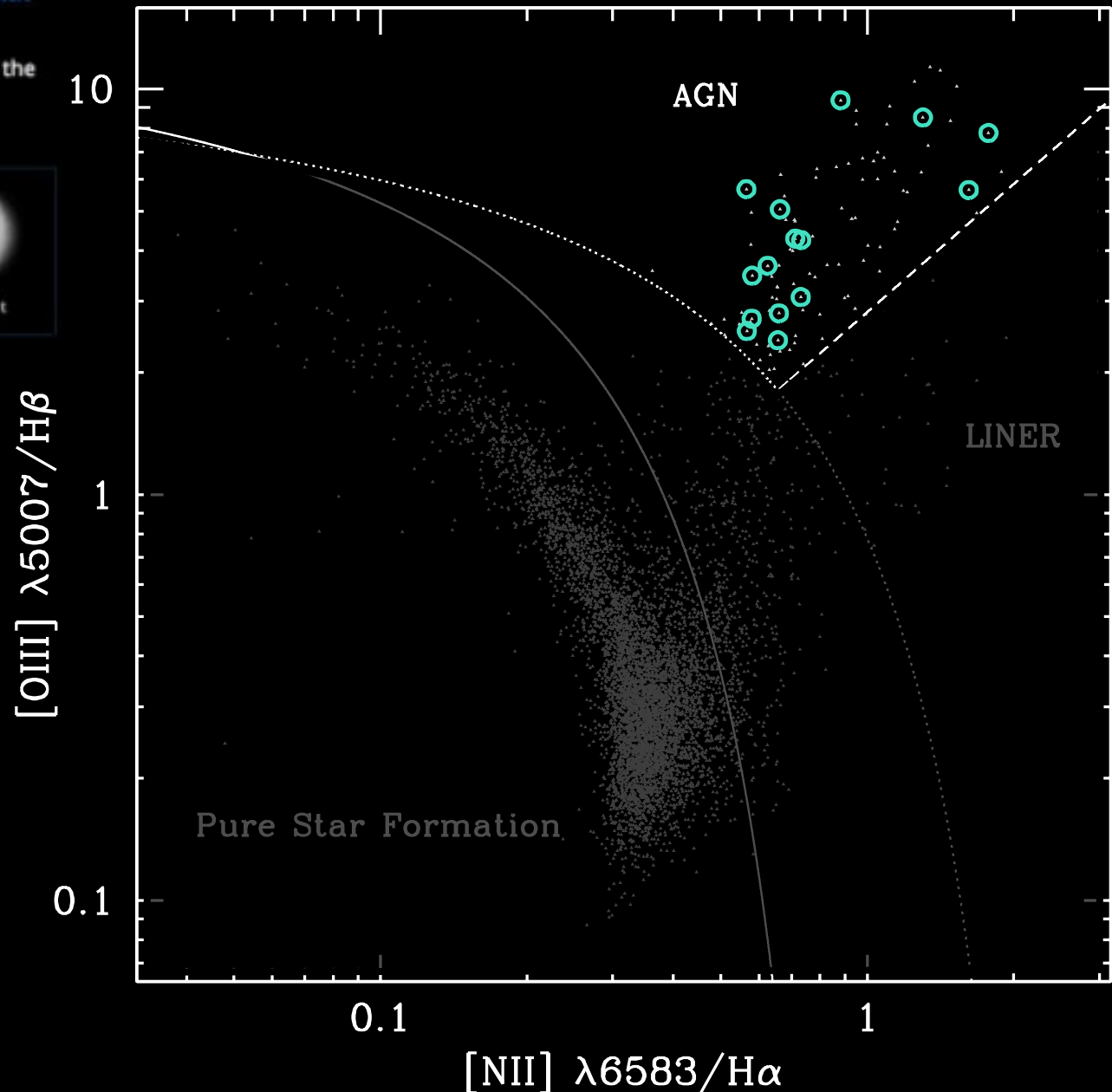


Bulgeless Galaxies with Growing Black Holes

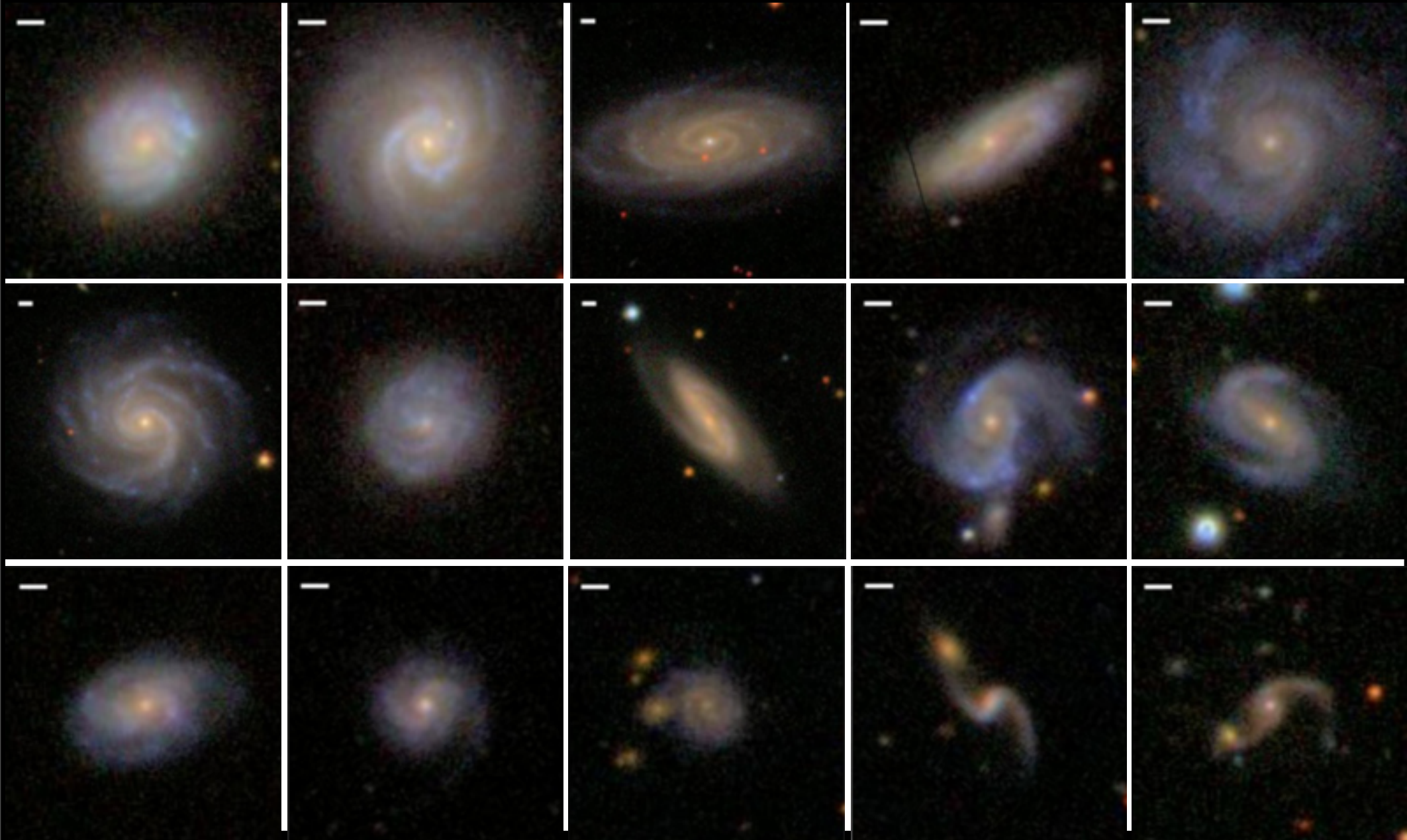


100 potentially
bulgeless AGN

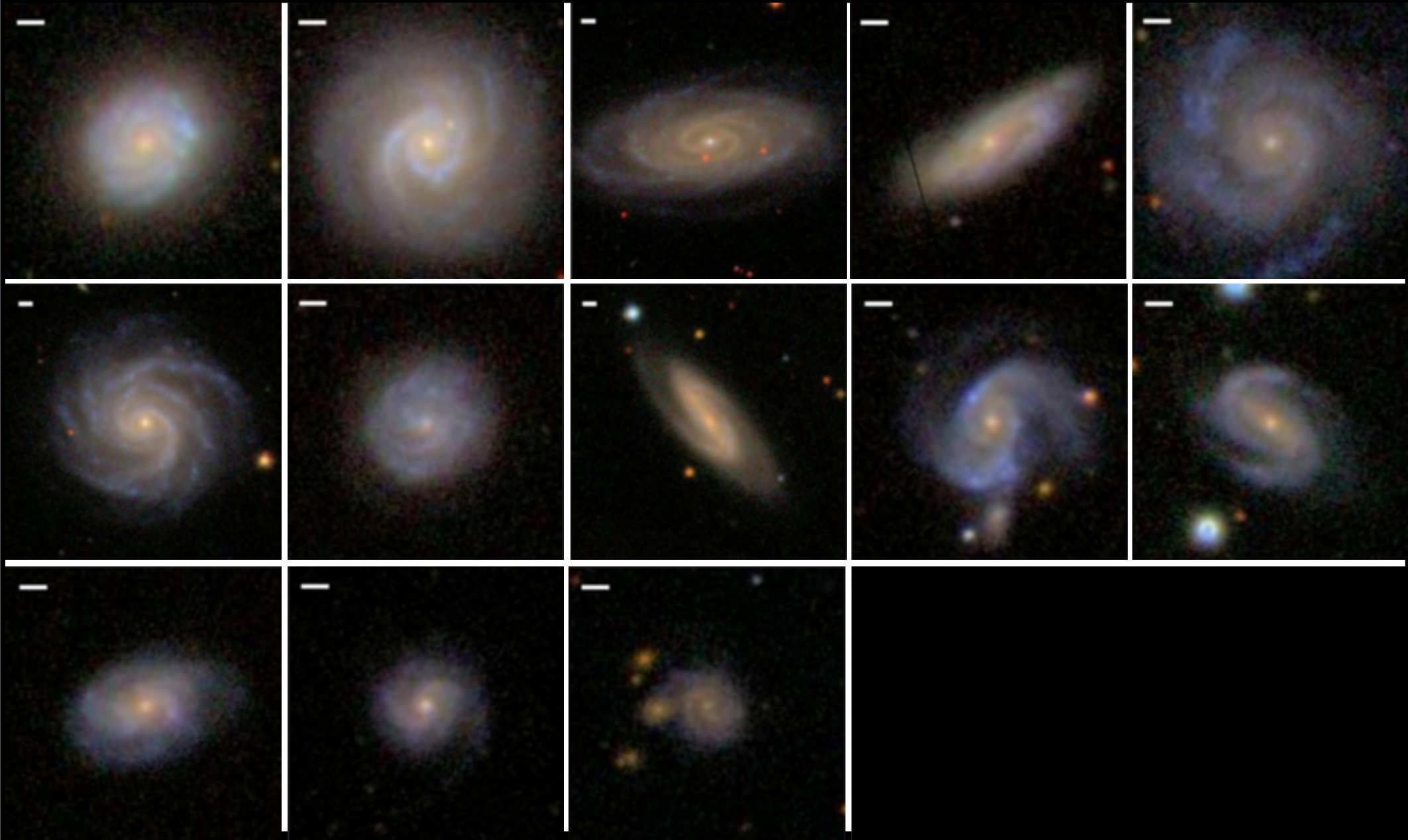
→ 15 candidates



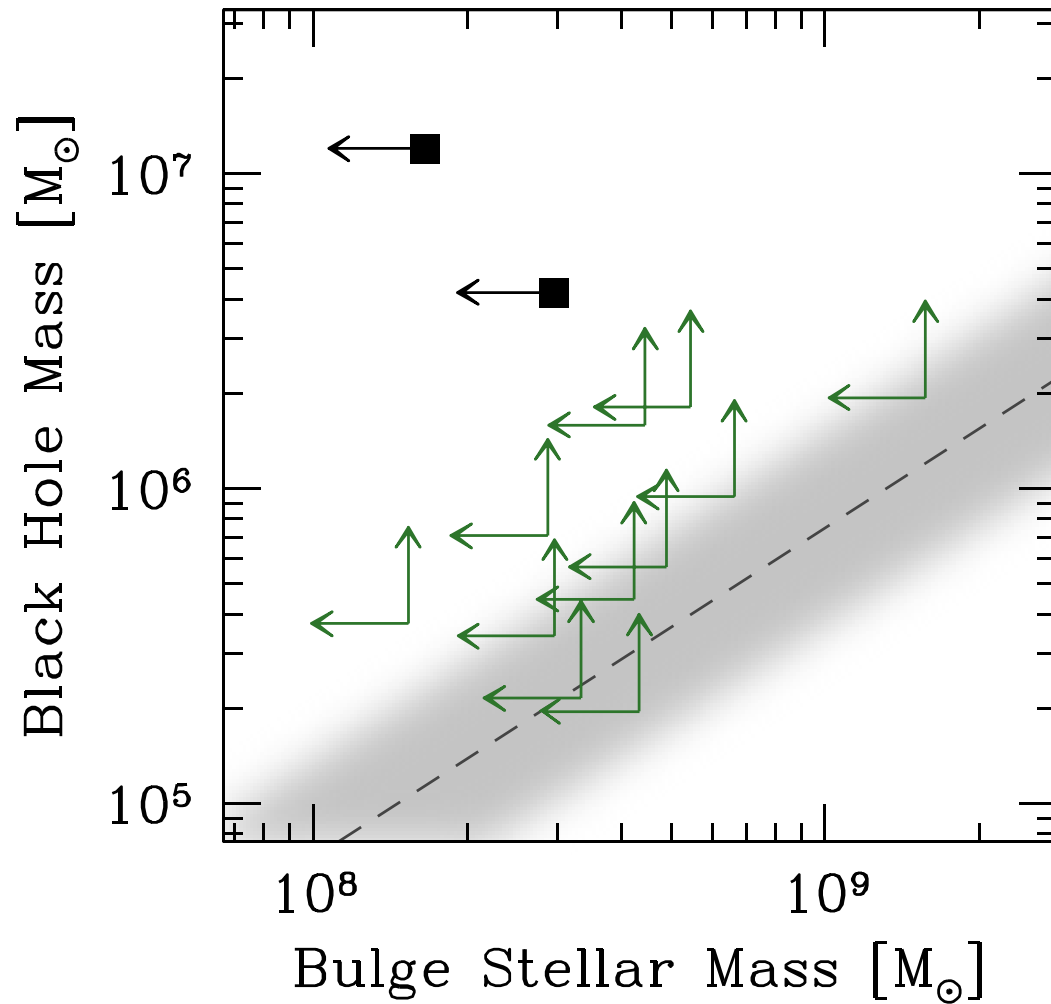
Bulgeless Galaxies with Growing Black Holes



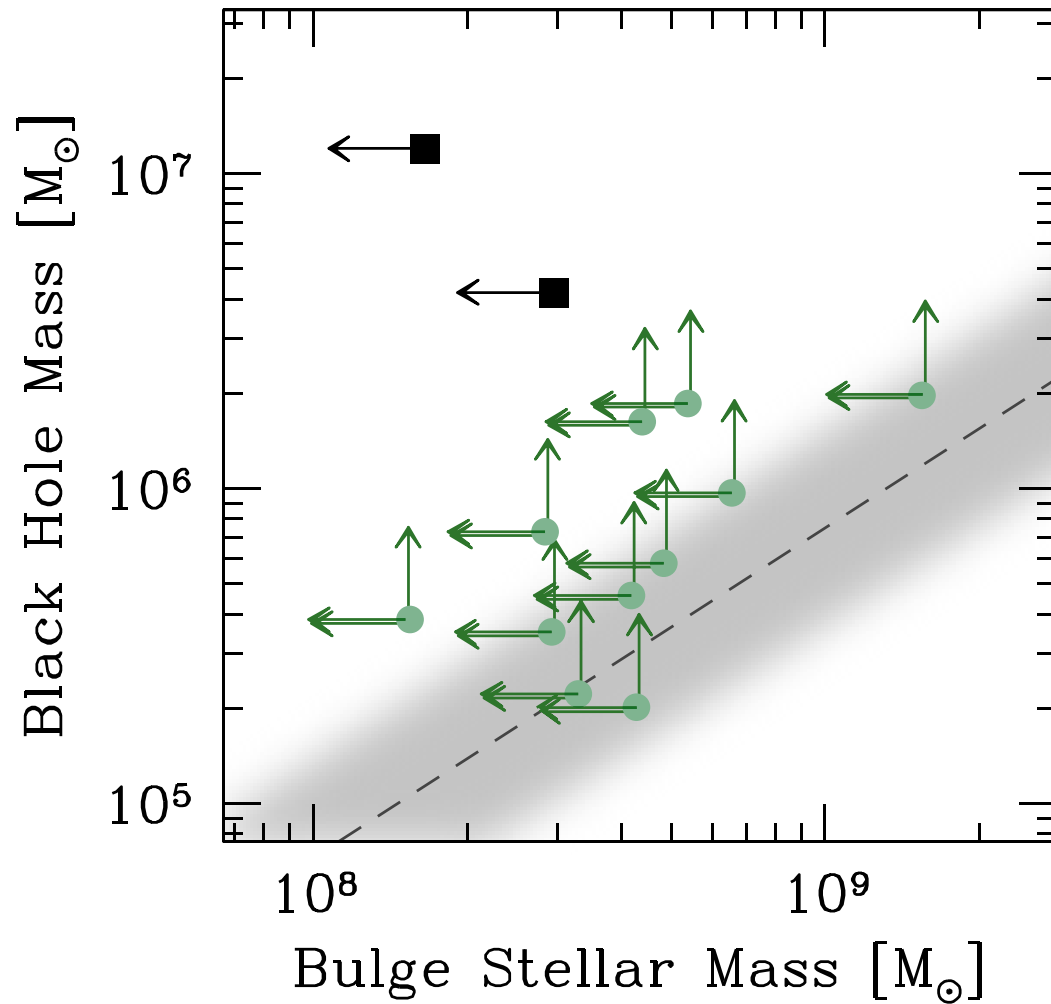
Bulgeless Galaxies with Growing Black Holes



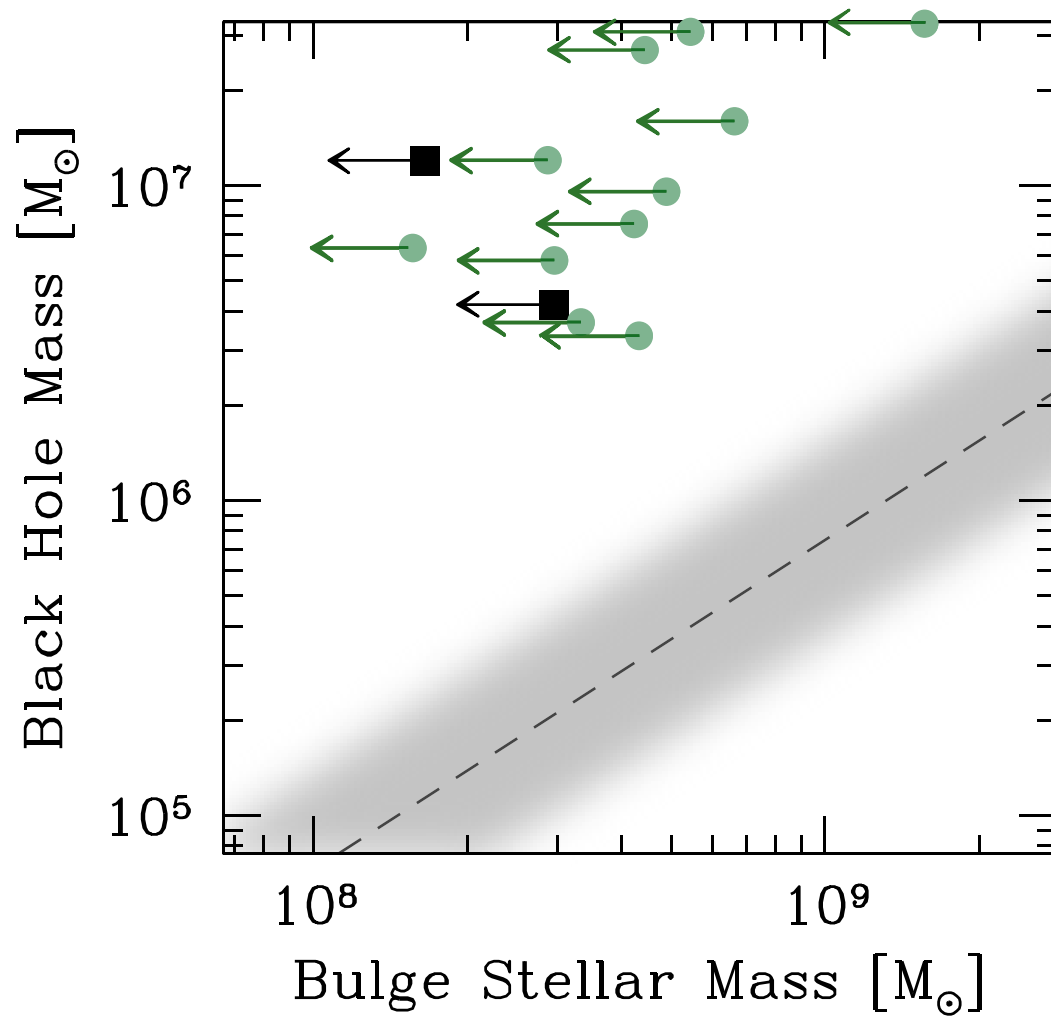
Merger-Free Black Hole Growth



Merger-Free Black Hole Growth

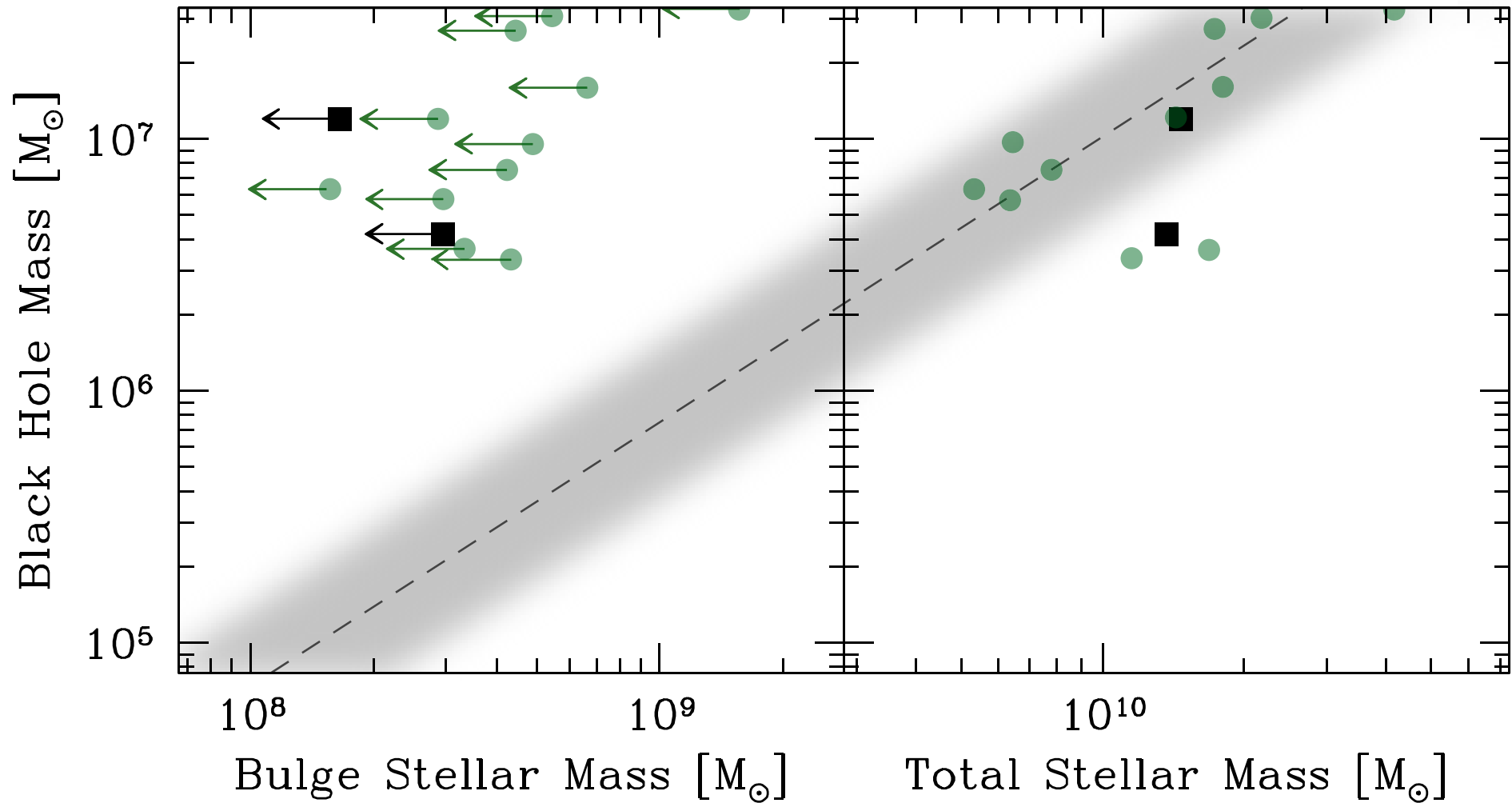


Merger-Free Black Hole Growth



Merger-Free Black Hole Growth

Do stellar dynamics matter to the central black hole?



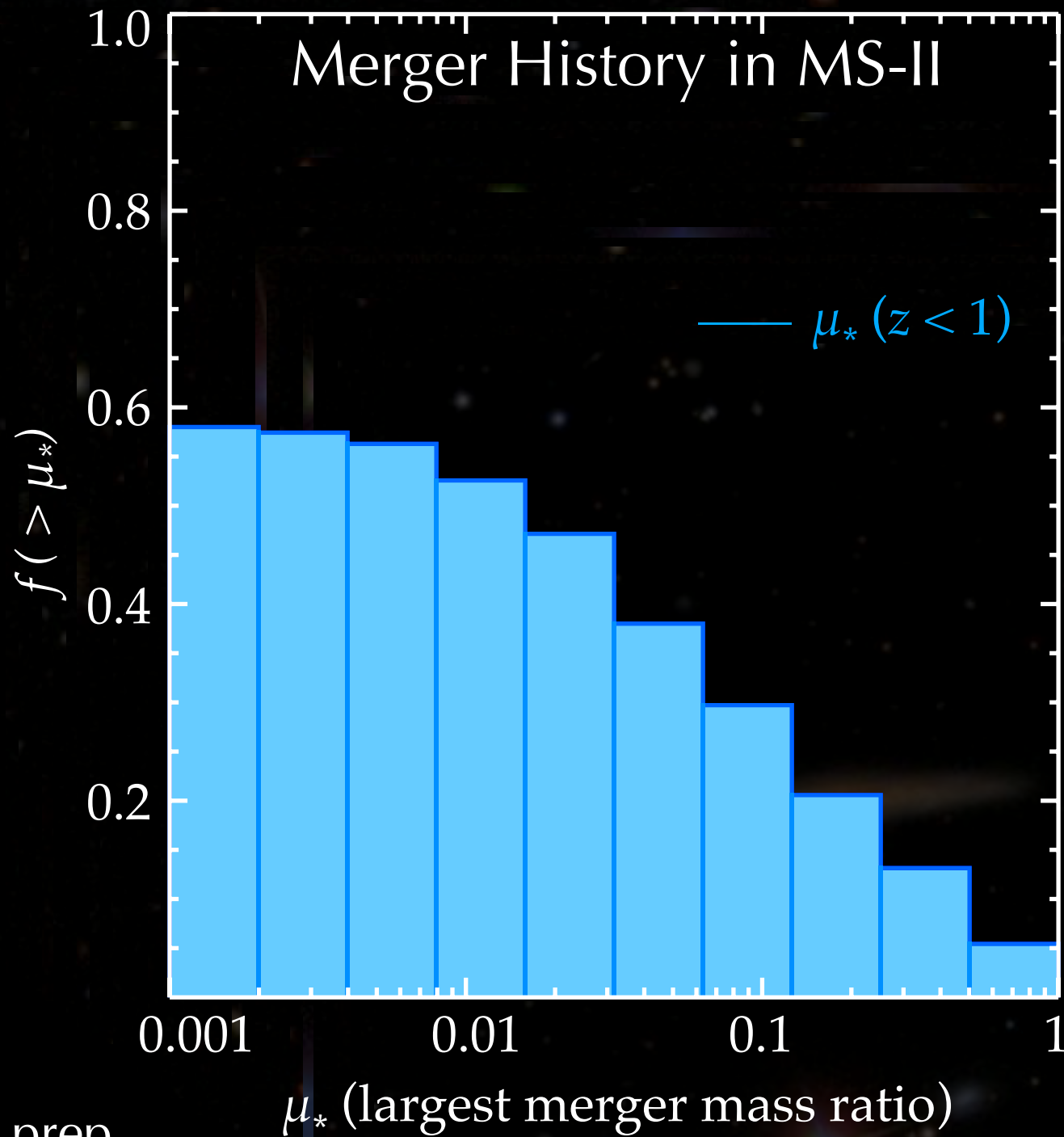
Bulgeless Galaxies: Not That Rare

Simmons+ in prep



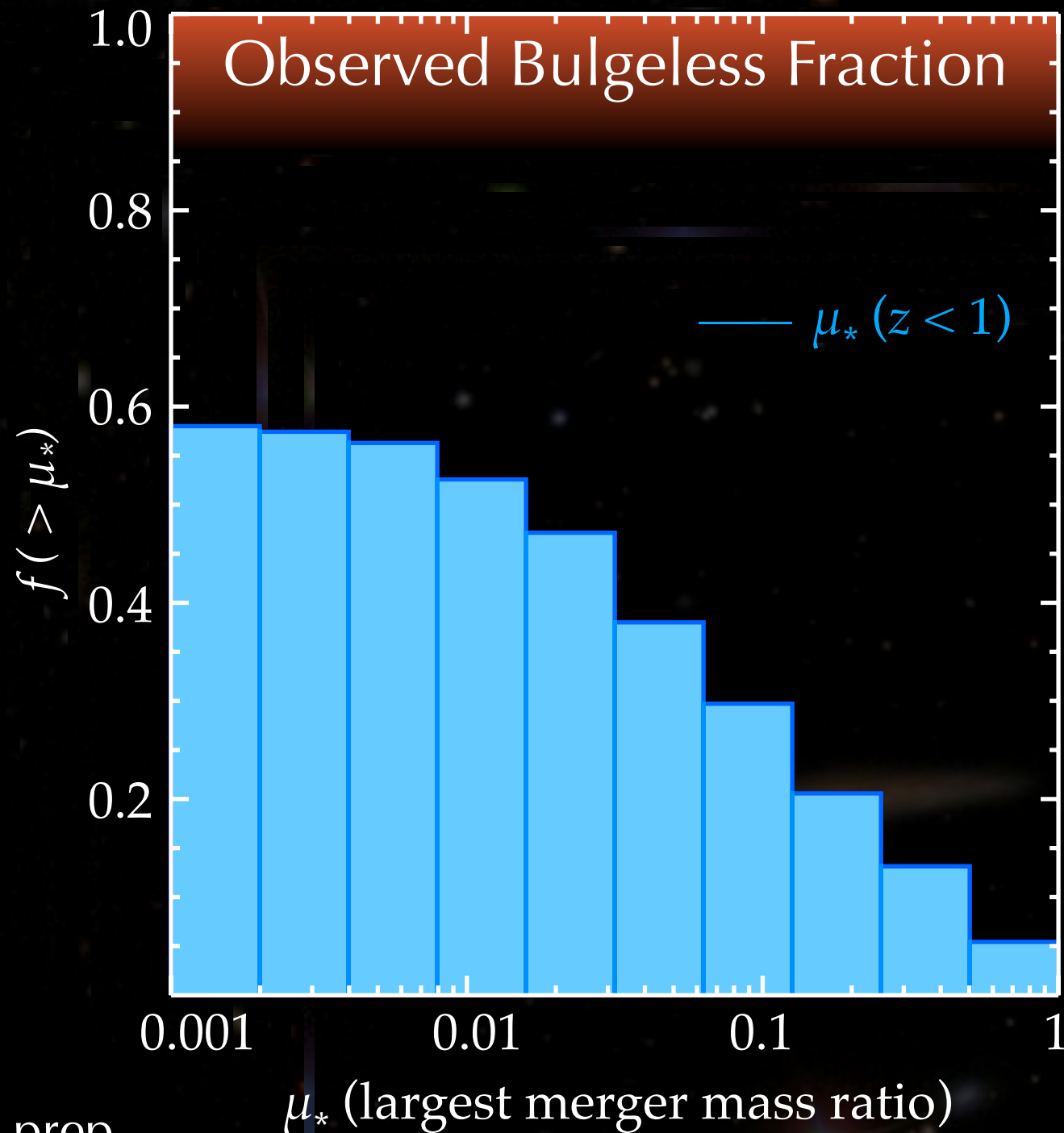
$$9.3 < \log (M_{*, z=0} / M_{\odot}) < 10.2$$

Merger History in MS-II



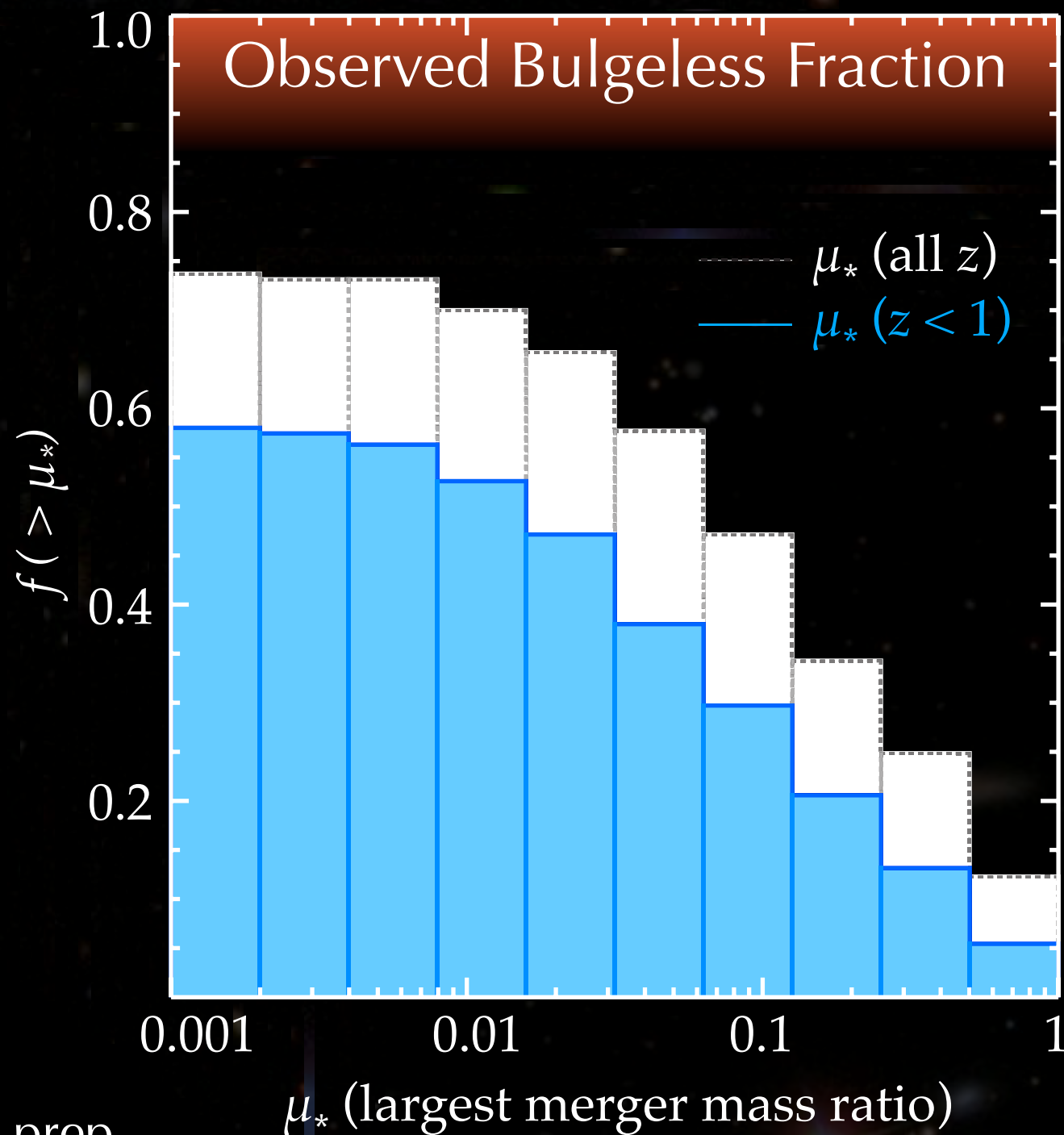
Simmons+ in prep

$$9.3 < \log (M_{*, z=0} / M_{\odot}) < 10.2$$



Simmons+ in prep

$$9.3 < \log (M_{*, z=0} / M_{\odot}) < 10.2$$



Simmons+ in prep

Massive Pure Disks Host Massive BHs



Collaborators:

C. Lintott
K. Schawinski
K. L. Masters
K. Willett
R. Nichol
S. Kaviraj
S. Bamford
E. Moran
A. Han
C. M. Urry

and more than
300,000 volunteers
at