

# Restless AGNs in the Legacy Survey of Space and Time

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For the LSST AGN  
Science Collaboration

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# Quick Status Update

Rubin has come a long way since the 2013 Naples meeting.

Was top-ranked large ground-based project in 2010 Decadal.

Project construction began in 2014 August.

Has survived many great challenges; e.g., COVID delays.

System first light forecasted for **2024 October**.

Survey operations to begin in **early 2025**.

Need to get ready for the data flood and enormous work!

# Talk Outline

Brief review of the LSST surveys (from an AGN variability perspective).

LSST AGN selection; e.g., using variability.

AGN variability investigations.

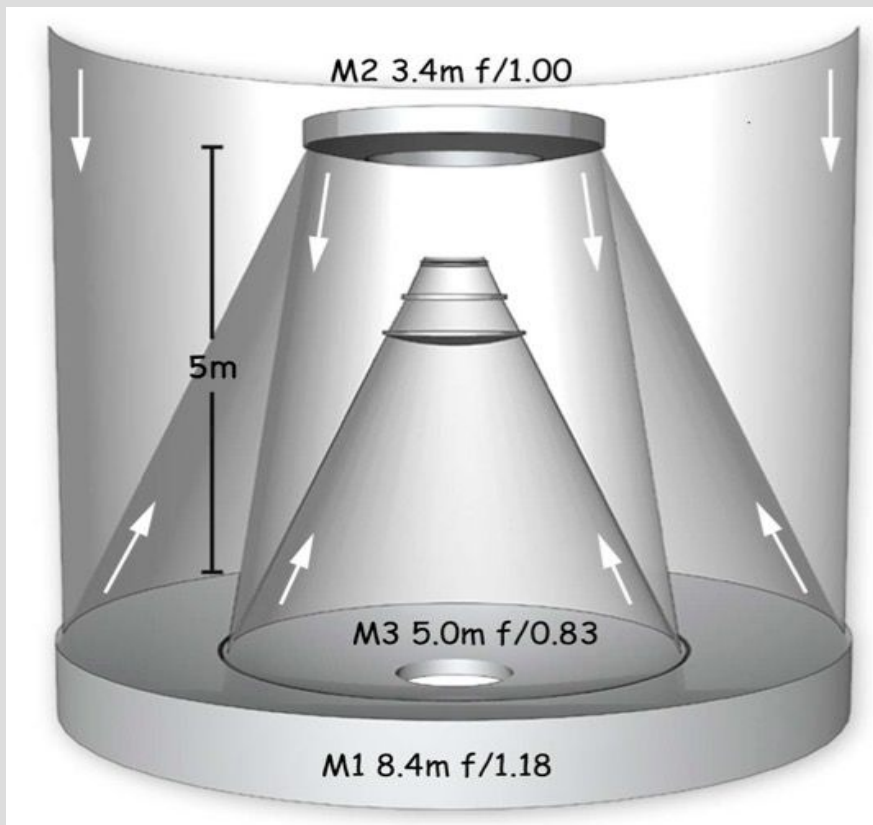
The LSST AGN Science Collaboration.

# Brief Review of the LSST Surveys

*(from an AGN variability  
perspective)*

# Main Survey Summary

A public optical/NIR survey of  $\sim$  half the sky in the *ugrizy* bands to  $r \sim 27$  based on  $\sim 820$  visits over a 10-year period.



## Wide (W)

The observable (mostly) southern sky. Each exposure covers 40-50 full Moons.

## Fast (F)

Rapidly scans the sky with pairs of 15 sec exposures, providing a color movie of objects that change or move.

## Deep (D)

10-100 times deeper than other very wide-field surveys after co-adding.

See Ivezić et al. (2019) and Bianco et al. (2022) for many more details.

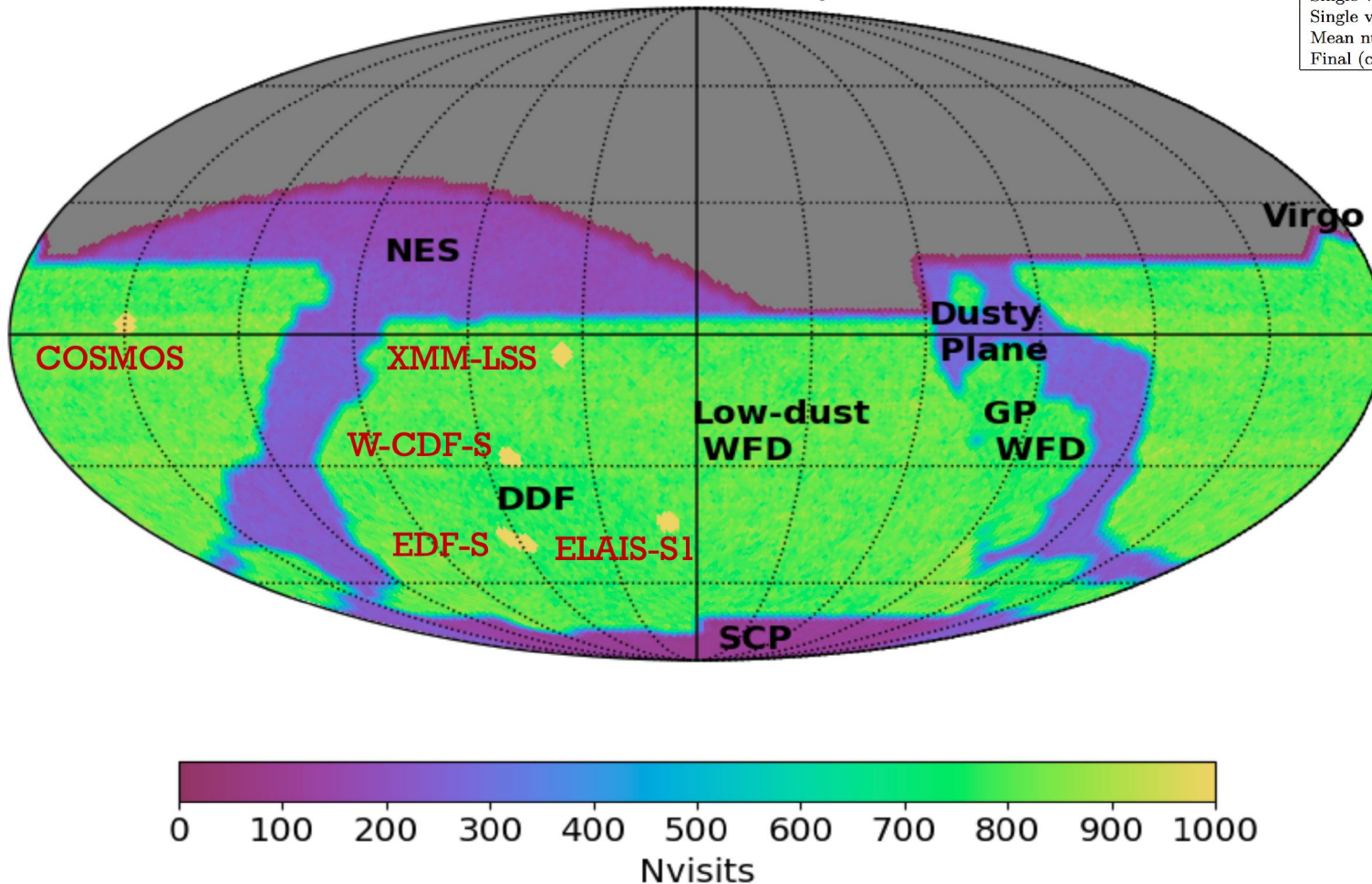
# Main Survey Simulation

Example Operations Simulation of Baseline Survey Strategy (Details Subject to Change)

THE LSST BASELINE DESIGN AND SURVEY PARAMETERS

Quantity	Baseline Design Specification
Optical Config.	3-mirror modified Paul-Baker
Mount Config.	Alt-azimuth
Final f-ratio, aperture	f/1.234, 8.4 m
Field of view, étendue	9.6 deg <sup>2</sup> , 319 m <sup>2</sup> deg <sup>2</sup>
Plate Scale	50.9 μm/arcsec (0.2" pix)
Pixel count	3.2 Gigapix
Wavelength Coverage	320 – 1050 nm, <i>ugrizy</i>
Single visit depths, design <sup>a</sup>	23.9, 25.0, 24.7, 24.0, 23.3, 22.1
Single visit depths, min. <sup>b</sup>	23.4, 24.6, 24.3, 23.6, 22.9, 21.7
Mean number of visits <sup>c</sup>	56, 80, 184, 184, 160, 160
Final (coadded) depths <sup>d</sup>	26.1, 27.4, 27.5, 26.8, 26.1, 24.9

Baseline v3 footprint



W-F-D survey optimized for homogeneity of depth and number of visits.

18000 deg<sup>2</sup>

Uses ~ 90% of the LSST time.

**Table 2**  
Expected Properties of the Rubin System and LSST Survey

<b>System Constraints</b>	
Readout time	2 s
Time needed for filter exchange	2 minutes <sup>a</sup>
Minimum slew+settle time between fields	3 s <sup>b</sup>
Expected fraction of time lost to weather	~30% <sup>c</sup>
Expected fraction of time lost to maintenance	~10%
Maximum number of filter loads on filter carousel	3,000
Maximum number of filter changes over the lifetime of the carousel	100,000
Maximum number of filter changes per filter	30,000
Filter effective wavelength for <i>u</i> , <i>g</i> , <i>r</i> , <i>i</i> , <i>z</i> , <i>y</i> filters in angstroms	3887.9, 4746.4, 6201.5, 7535.7, 8701.8, 10103.6 <sup>d</sup>
<b>Survey characteristics from the Science Requirements Document<sup>e</sup></b>	
Standard visit exposures (expected)	$2 \times 15$ s <sup>f</sup>
Expected number of visits in <i>u</i> , <i>g</i> , <i>r</i> , <i>i</i> , <i>z</i> , <i>y</i>	56, 80, 184, 184, 160, 160
Single image $5\sigma$ depths in <i>u</i> , <i>g</i> , <i>r</i> , <i>i</i> , <i>z</i> , <i>y</i>	23.9, 25.0, 24.7, 24.0, 23.3, 22.1 <sup>g</sup>
10 yr coadded image stack $5\sigma$ depths in <i>u</i> , <i>g</i> , <i>r</i> , <i>i</i> , <i>z</i> , <i>y</i>	26.1, 27.4, 27.5, 26.8, 26.1, 24.9 <sup>h</sup>
Photometric precision (at the bright end)	5 mmag
Photometric accuracy	10 mmag
Astrometric precision (at the bright end)	10 mas
Astrometric accuracy	50 mas
<b>Survey characteristics from the baseline simulated survey<sup>i</sup></b>	
Median slew time between visits	4.94 s
Median (mean) visit time (including shutter, readout and slew time)	39 s (42.2 s) <sup>j</sup>
Median seeing in <i>u</i> , <i>g</i> , <i>r</i> , <i>i</i> , <i>z</i> , <i>y</i> in arcseconds	1.10, 1.03, 0.99, 0.95, 0.93, 0.92
Single image median $5\sigma$ depths in <i>u</i> , <i>g</i> , <i>r</i> , <i>i</i> , <i>z</i> , <i>y</i>	23.50, 24.44, 23.98, 23.41, 22.77, 22.01
10 yr coadded image stack $5\sigma$ depths in <i>u</i> , <i>g</i> , <i>r</i> , <i>i</i> , <i>z</i> , <i>y</i>	25.73, 26.86, 26.88, 26.34, 25.63, 24.87

**Notes.**

<sup>a</sup> This is the time required if the filter is already mounted on the filter wheel. The filter wheel houses five of the six filters at once.

<sup>b</sup> See [https://github.com/lst-pst/survey\\_strategy/blob/main/wp-call/WPcall2018.pdf](https://github.com/lst-pst/survey_strategy/blob/main/wp-call/WPcall2018.pdf) page 22.

<sup>c</sup> A conservative estimate based on weather statistics for the Gemini Observatory South telescope; <https://www.gemini.edu/>.

<sup>d</sup> Filter throughputs available at <https://github.com/lst-throughputs>.

<sup>e</sup> More detailed information, including minimum requirements and stretch goals for the WFD are included in the SRD (<https://ls.st/srd>).

<sup>f</sup> 30 s single exposures are explored in several OpSim simulations, especially in OpSim release 1.5.

<sup>g</sup> Single-visit depths are referenced to zenith and dark sky.

<sup>h</sup> Based on expected single-visit depths, expected number of visits, and expected 0.2 mag loss due to various observational effects.

<sup>i</sup> More details and additional metrics based on this baseline simulation are available at <http://astro-lsst-01.astro.washington.edu:8082/allMetricResults?runId=5>.

<sup>j</sup> This time includes exposure, readout, and slew—no filter change.

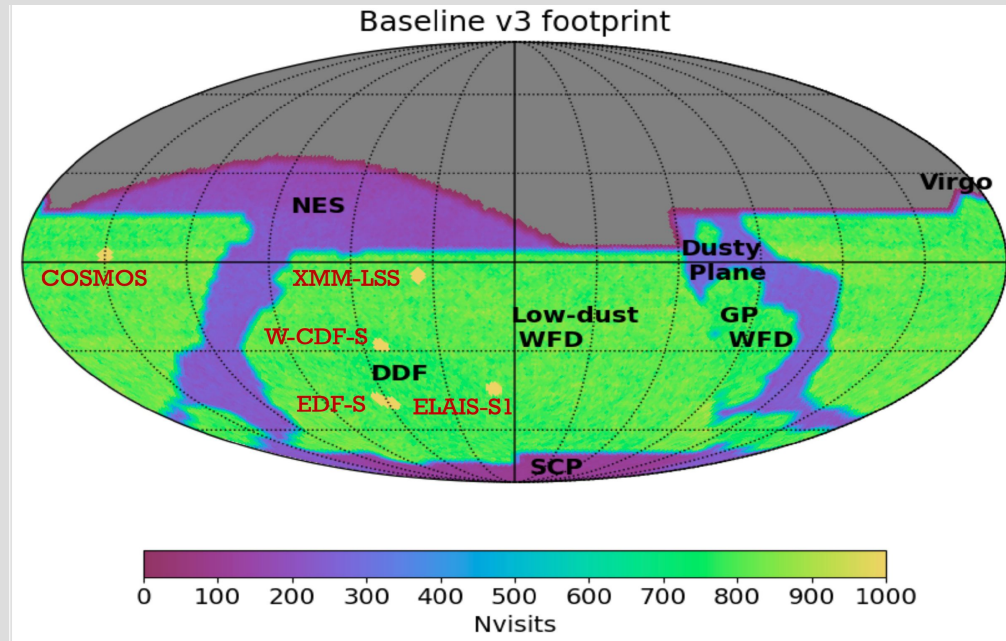
18,000 deg<sup>2</sup> of this...

This LSST image simulation covers  $\sim 0.03$  deg<sup>2</sup>,  
so will get 600,000 images like this one.

20 billion galaxies  
and  
17 billion stars  
with  
exquisite photometry,  
image quality, and  
astrometry in *ugrizy*.



# Rubin's LSST Deep-Drilling Fields



	ELAIS-S1	XMM-LSS	Wide Chandra Deep Field-South	Euclid Deep Field-South	COSMOS
RA 2000	00 37 48	02 22 18	03 31 55	04 04 58	10 00 26
DEC 2000	-44 01 30	-04 49 00	-28 07 00	-48 25 12	+02 14 01
Galactic l	311.28	171.10	224.07	256.06	236.78
Galactic b	-72.88	-58.91	-54.60	-47.17	42.13
LSST Solid Angle (deg <sup>2</sup> )	10	10	10	20	10
Prime Multiwavelength Solid Angle (deg <sup>2</sup> )	3.2 (XMM-SERVS)	5.3 (XMM-SERVS)	4.6 (XMM-SERVS)	TBD	2 (COSMOS)
Relevant Reference	Ni et al. (2021)	Chen et al. (2018)	Ni et al. (2021)	Laureijs et al. (2019)	Civano et al. (2016)

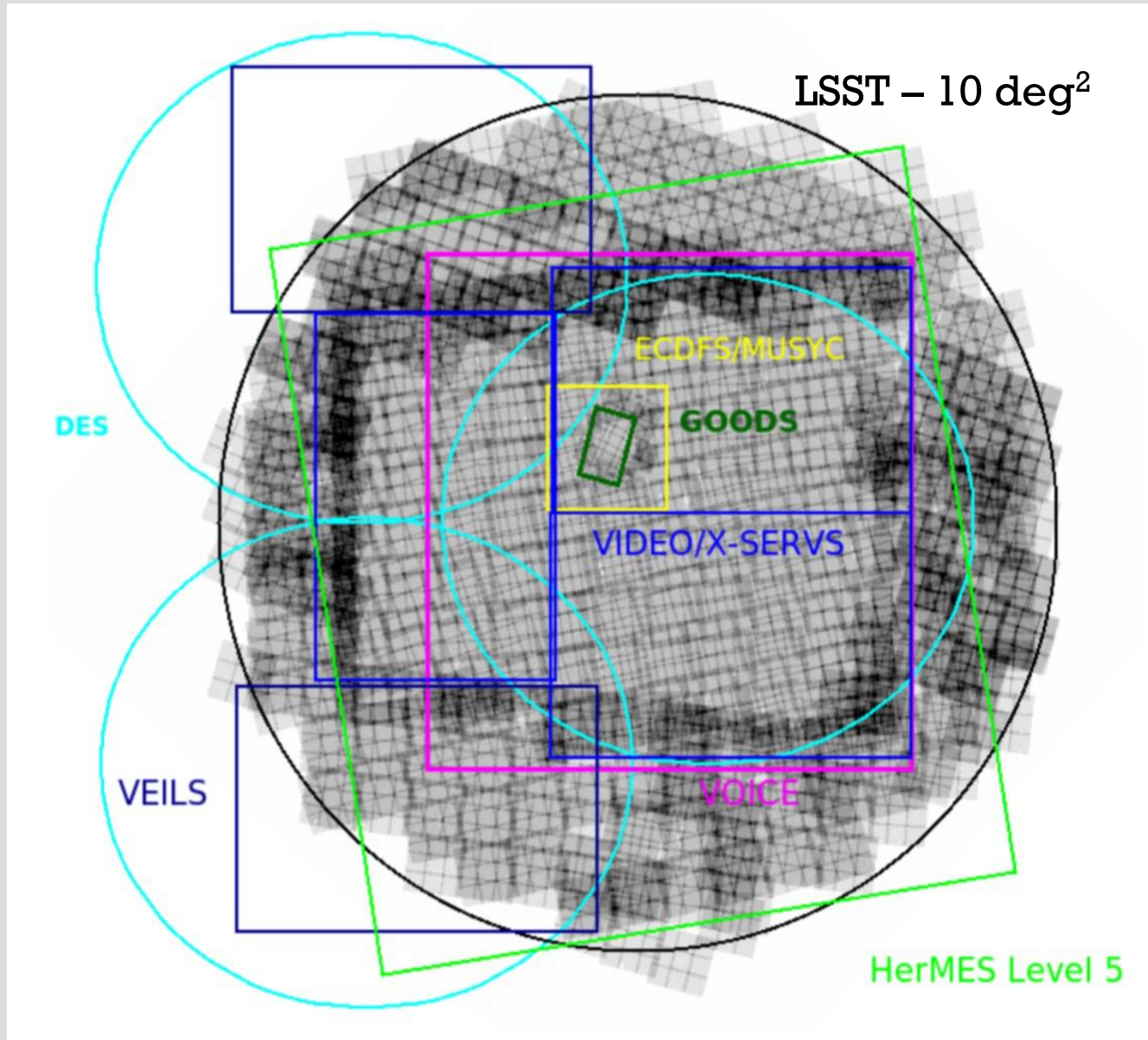
Part of ~ 10% on mini-surveys.

The DDFs have superb and rapidly growing deg<sup>2</sup> multiwavelength coverage.

Critical for AGN science!

Extensive AGN selection work done.

# Example: Wide Chandra Deep Field-South



Brandt et al. (2018) - arXiv:1811.06542

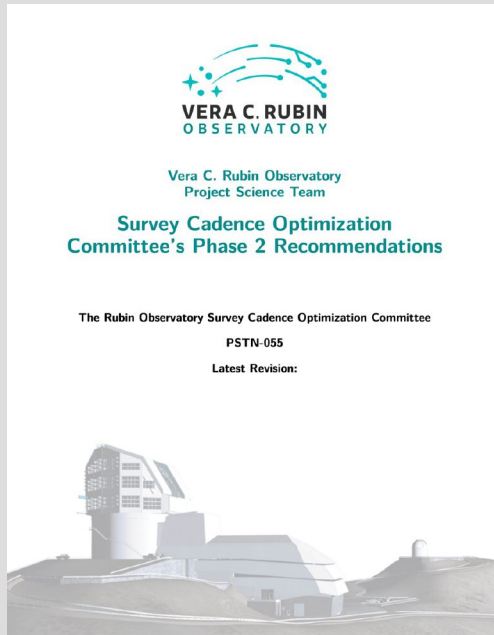
XMM-Newton image of W-CDF-S (4.6 deg<sup>2</sup>)



# Panoramic CDF-S Coverage

Ni et al. (2021)

# Survey Strategy Optimization Process



Goal: Determine how to observe main survey and spend 10-20% of time on “mini-surveys”.

Wide-Fast-Deep survey will have half-sky “rolling cadence” to improve sampling density in 3-5 day range.

5-7% of the time should be spent on the Deep-Drilling Fields – should allow excellent deep and densely sampled coverage for AGN variability studies.

## Active Galaxy Science in the LSST Deep-Drilling Fields: Footprints, Cadence Requirements, and Total-Depth Requirements

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### Abstract

This white paper specifies the footprints, cadence requirements, and total-depth requirements needed to allow the most-successful AGN studies in the four currently selected LSST Deep-Drilling Fields (DDFs): ELAIS-S1, XMM-LSS, CDF-S, and COSMOS. The information provided on cadence and total-depth requirements will also likely be applicable to enabling effective AGN science in any additional DDFs that are chosen.

### 1 White Paper Information

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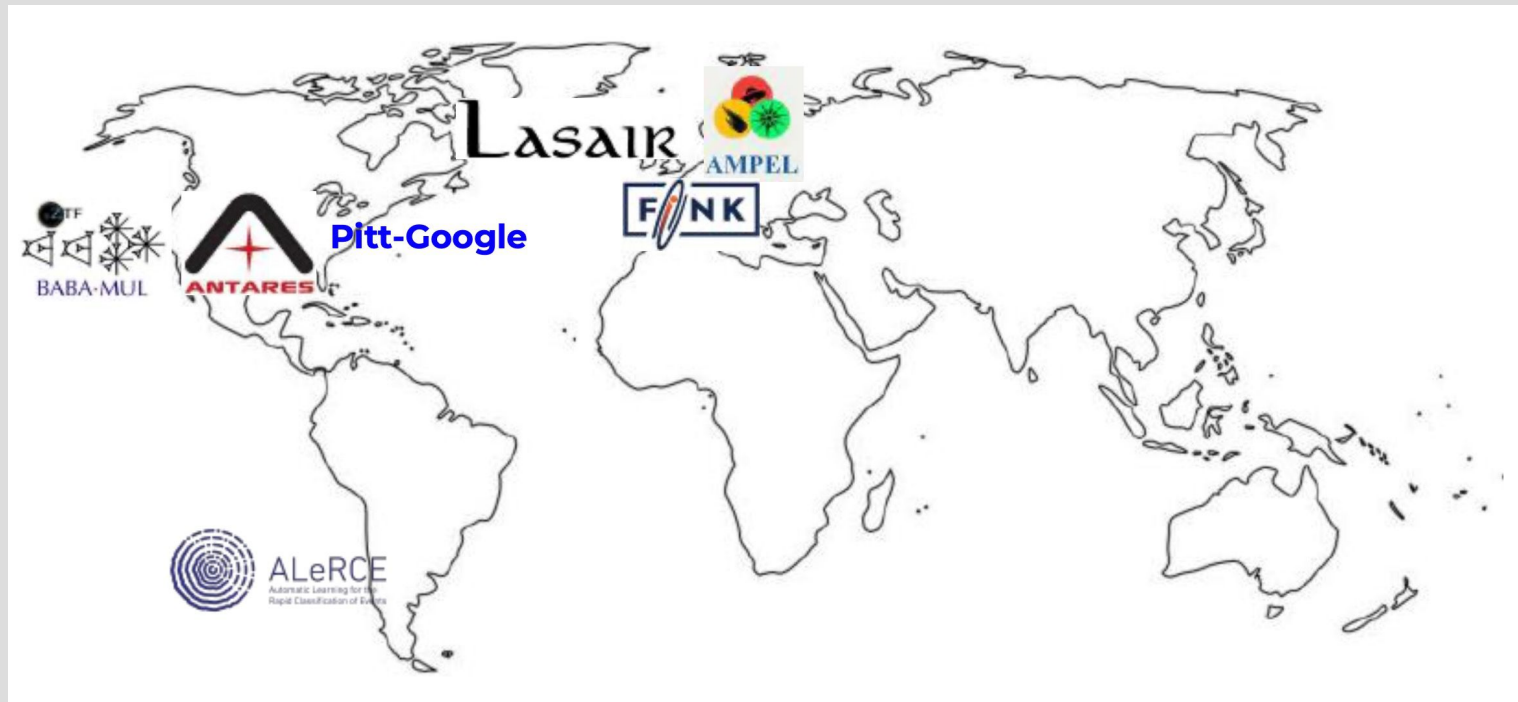
This white paper addresses active galactic nucleus (AGN) science in the LSST Deep-Drilling Fields (DDFs), including transient supermassive black hole (SMBH) activity. It is thus relevant to the “Exploring the Changing Sky” main LSST science theme.

Quantity of Interest	<i>u</i>	<i>g</i>	<i>r</i>	<i>i</i>	<i>z</i>	<i>y</i>
Visits Every 2 Nights	4	1	1	3	5	4
Depth Every 2 Nights	24.6	25.0	24.7	24.6	24.2	22.9
Total Visits in 10 yr	3600	900	900	2700	4500	3600
Total Depth in 10 yr	28.3	28.7	28.4	28.3	27.9	26.5

# Role of Alert Brokers

Alert Brokers will ingest, process, and serve alerts about variable Rubin sources (e.g., AGNs) to the astronomical community.

Seven brokers will have access to the full Rubin alert stream.



Brokers will be essential for enabling time-critical studies of AGN variability events – worth learning about them.

**Selection of Tens of  
Millions of AGNs**

# LSST AGN Selection

## Multicolor selection in *ugrizy* from $z = 0-7.5$

- Ultraviolet excess below  $z \sim 2.5$
- Lyman- $\alpha$  forest at high redshifts
- Works best when  $L_{\text{AGN}} > L_{\text{Host}}$

## Variability

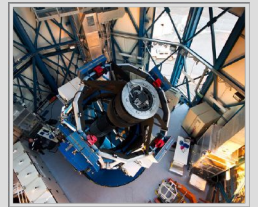
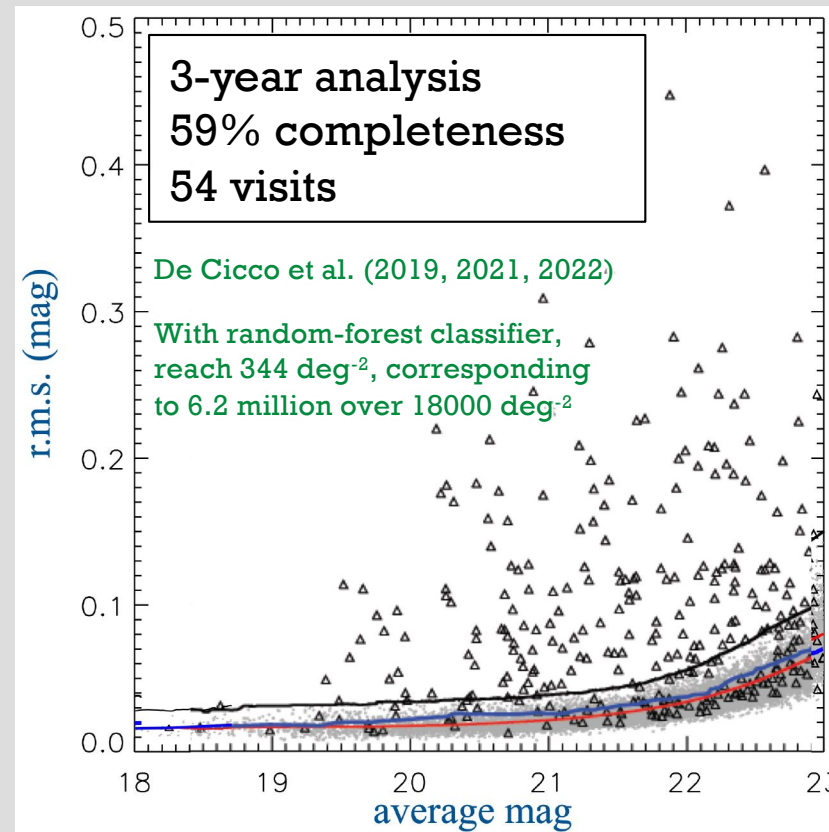
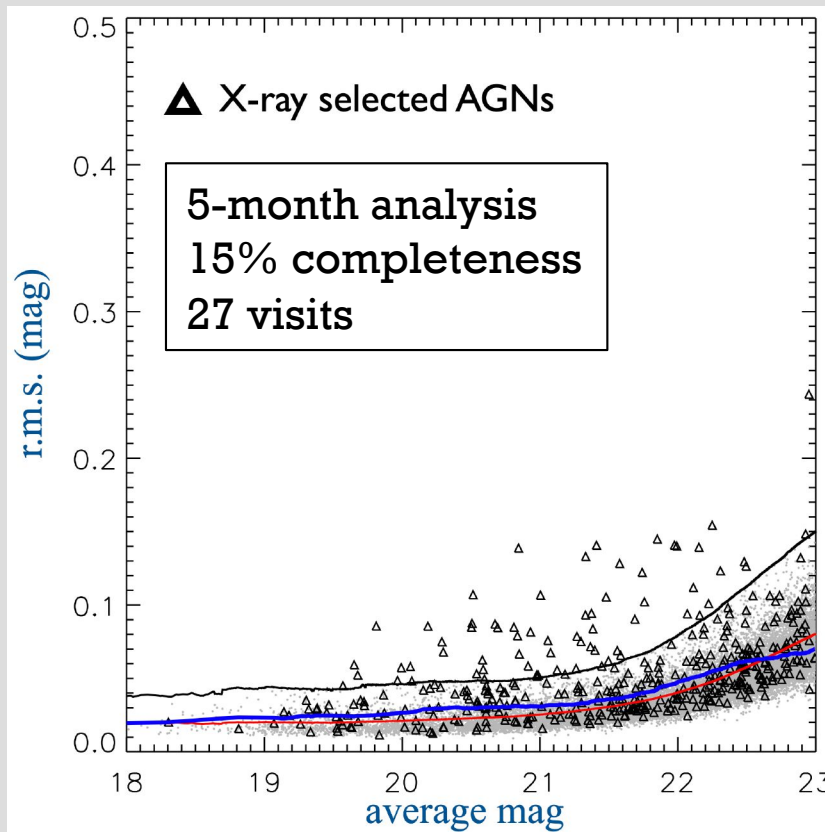
- 55-185 visits per band over 10 yr
- Highly effective complement to color selection
- Helps find AGNs when  $L_{\text{AGN}} \sim L_{\text{host}}$

## Astrometry - Lack of proper motion and differential chromatic refraction

- Will reach  $\sim 1 \text{ mas yr}^{-1}$  at  $r \sim 24$
- Minimizes confusion with stars

# Optical Variability Selection of X-ray AGNs in COSMOS

Long Baselines and Many Epochs Greatly Aid AGN Selection (*r* band)



LSST will do even better with 10 yr baseline, more visits, deeper visits, and more bands.



# Power of LSST and Multiwavelength Data

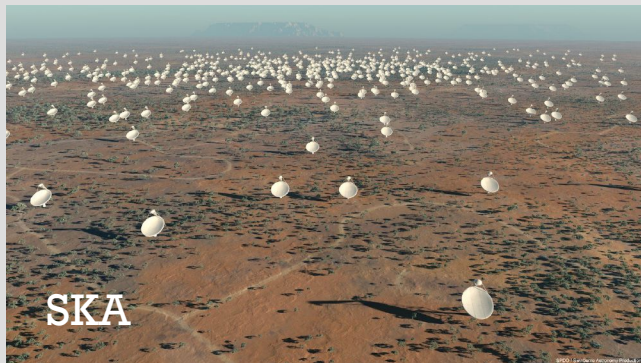
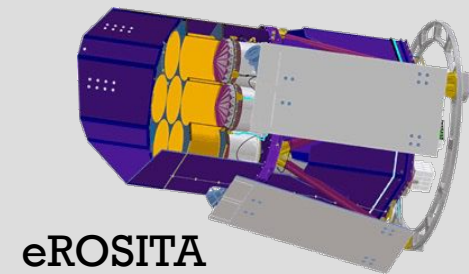
$L_R$ ,  $q_{24}$ ,  $\alpha_r$ , morphology



Infrared-optical colors



$L_X$ ,  $L_X/L_O$ , and  $\Gamma_X$



Aim to detect 20-50+ million AGNs with LSST + multiwavelength data reaching to  $z \sim 9-10$ .

# **AGN Variability Investigations**

# Massive AGN Variability Studies

Millions of 10-year, well-sampled, high-SNR, multicolor AGN light curves, (billions of photometric measurements).

Even better sampling and SNR for  $\sim 60,000$  AGNs in the DDFs.

Combine with DES, VST, ZTF, HSC, Pan-STARRS, SDSS for longer baselines.

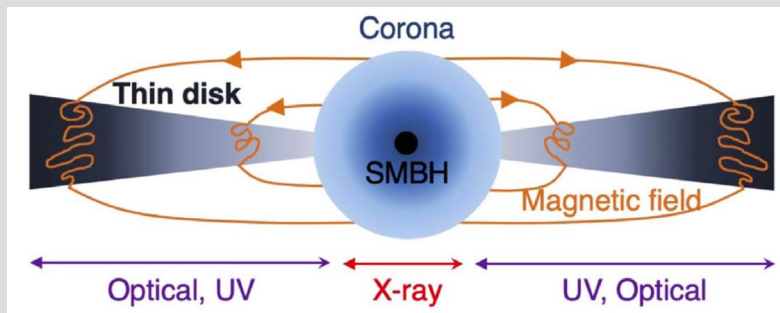
Improving statistical models for variability (with parameters)

Improving physical disk/AGN models (with parameters)

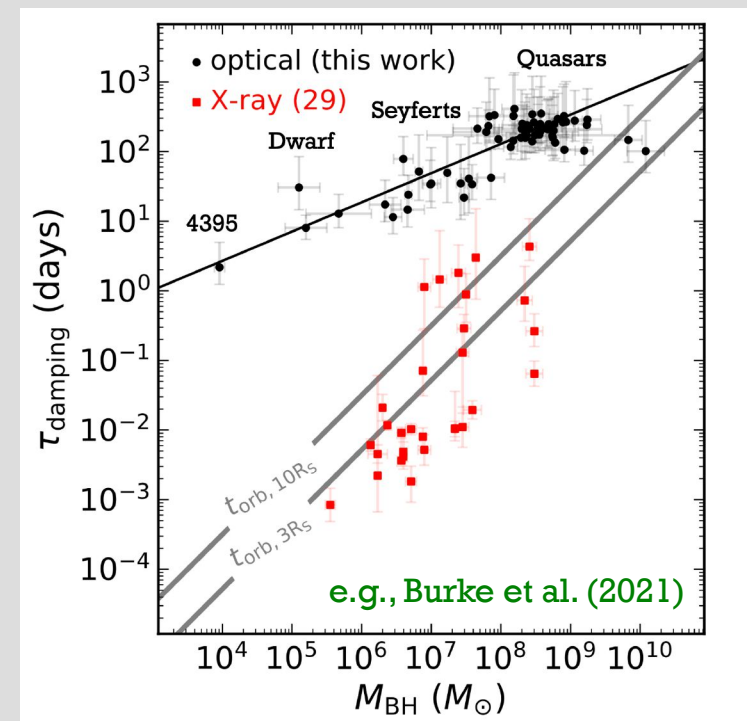


CARMA (DRW, DHO)  
CARIMA  
CARFIMA  
Multi-process

Mass  
Accretion rate  
Spin  
Magnetic field  
Critical radii



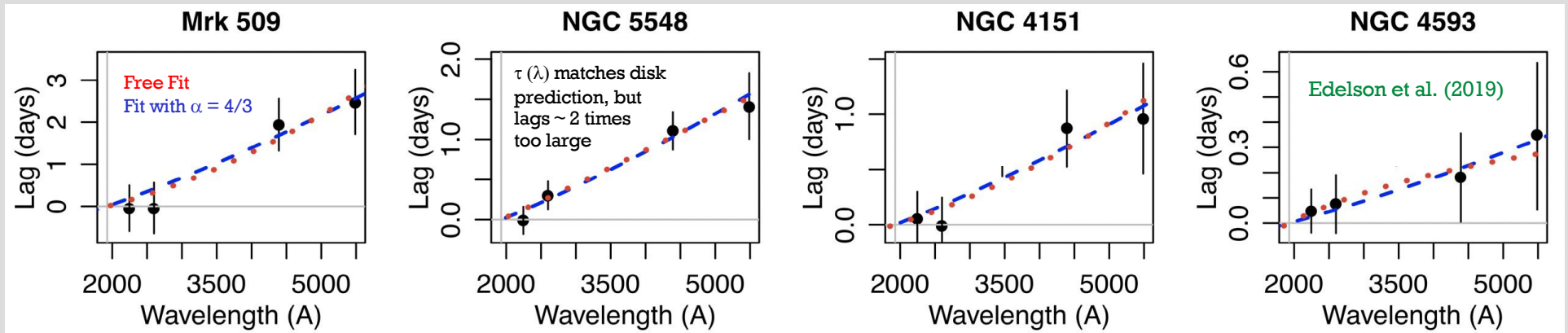
e.g., CHAR (Sun et al. 2020)



# *Reverberation*

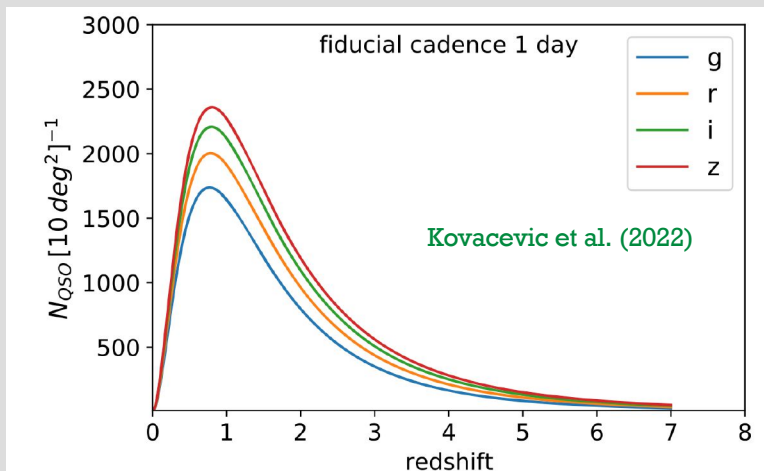
# Continuum Reverberation of “Disks”

## Continuum Reverberation Lags from Swift

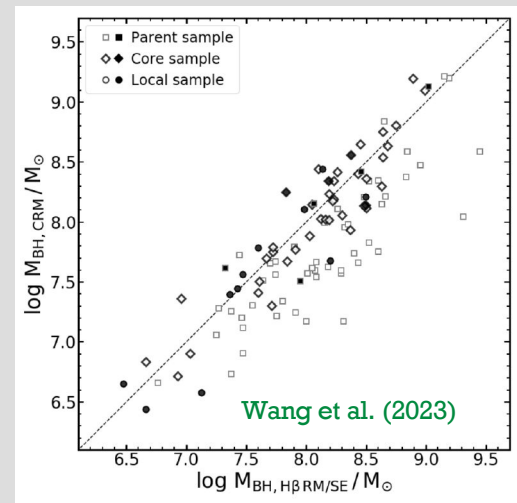


Significant contribution from diffuse BLR emission?

### Rubin Forecasting



### BH Masses from Continuum RM?



Also “long lags” from inward-moving accretion (e.g., Yao et al. 2022)

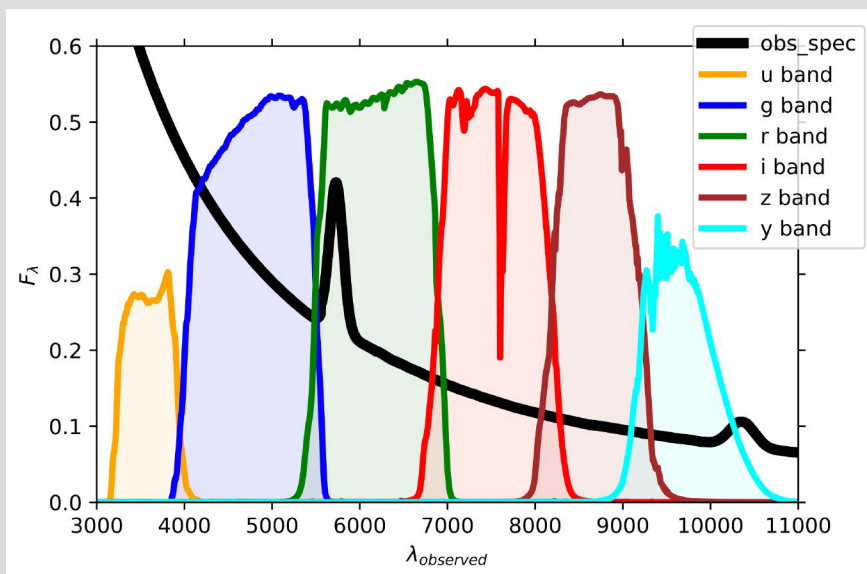
LSST can perform quality continuum RM for  $\sim 1100$  AGNs per DDF.

# LSST Reverberation of BLR

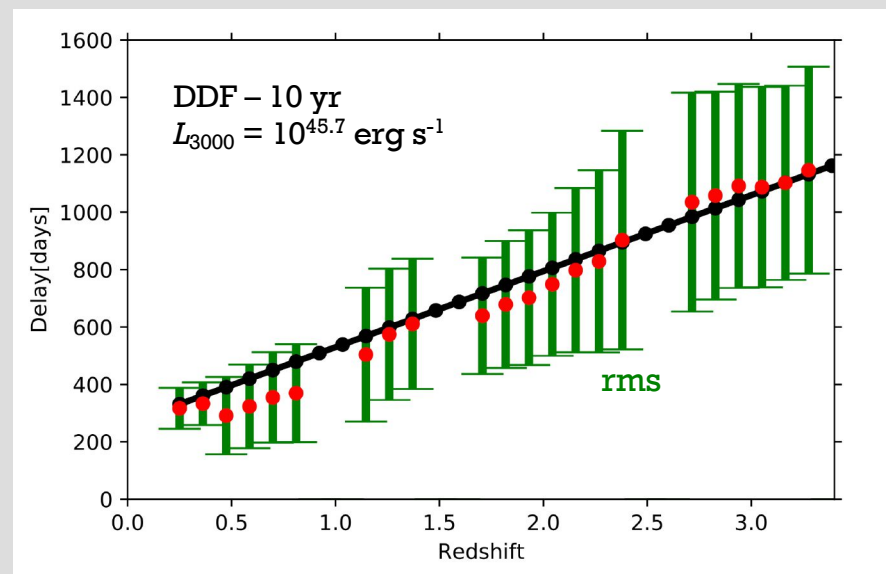
Time delays of emission lines vs. continuum can be measured, in some cases, from LSST photometric data alone.

The approach is best applied on average for large statistical samples, and numerical simulations can correct for systematic offsets.

Simulated Spectrum  
( $z = 2.7$ ) with LSST Filters



Adopted vs. Recovered  
Time Delays

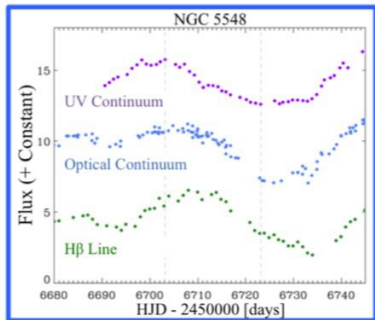


e.g., Czerny et al. (2023)

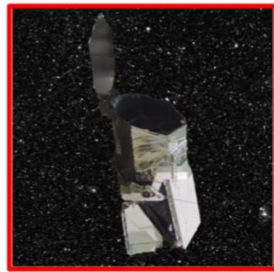
# LSST + Spectroscopic Reverberation of BLR

SDSS-V Black Hole Mapper is Reverberation Mapping AGN BLRs in 3 LSST DDFs: 2020-2027

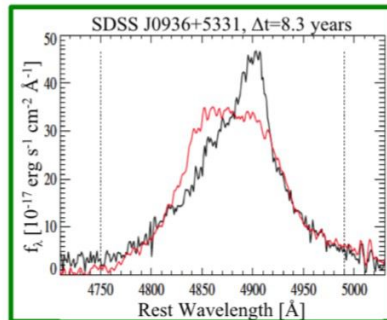
4MOST TiDES Component in LSST DDFs: 2025-2030



**Reverberation Mapping**  
Measuring BLR sizes and BH masses



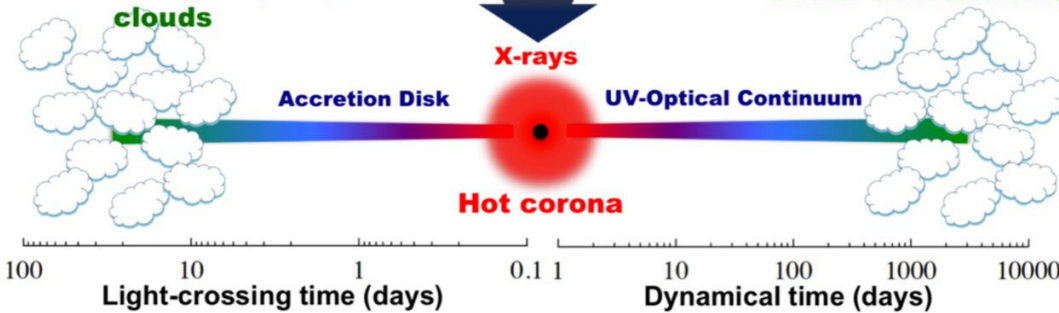
**eROSITA Follow-up**  
Probing hot X-ray coronae



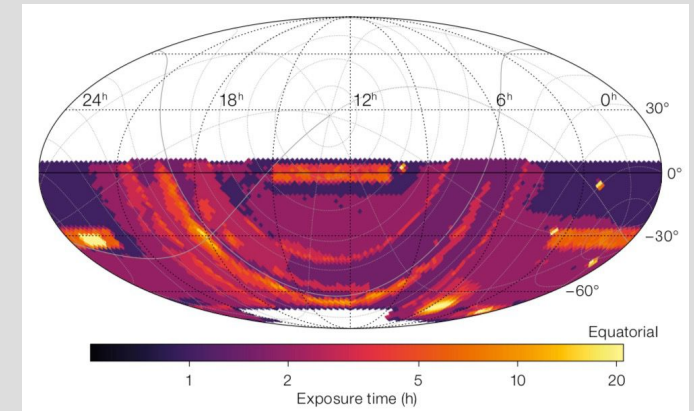
**Multi-epoch Spectroscopy**  
Probing dynamical changes in the BLR

**Broad-line region (BLR) clouds**

**Broad emission lines**



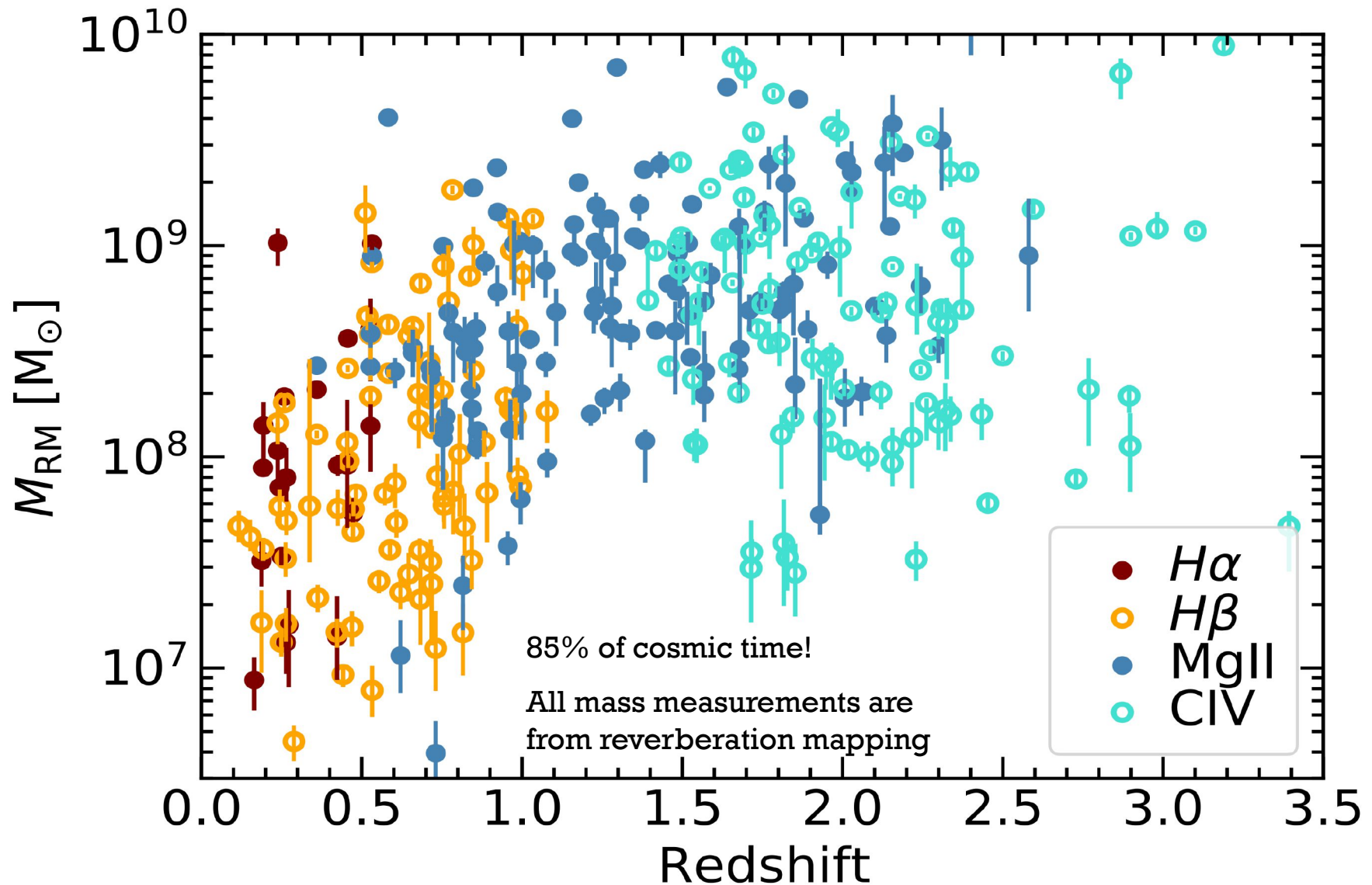
Location	Area (square degrees)	Average $t_{\text{exp}}$ (hours)
Bulge and Inner Galaxy	500	4–6
Magellanic Clouds	200–300	2–10
WAVES-Wide	1300	3–4
WAVES-Deep	50	7
<b>LSST Deep Drilling Fields</b>	4 × 4.2	4 × 60 <b>(or more)</b>
South Ecliptic Pole area	300	4



Guiglion et al. (2019)

LSST will provide ~ 900 epochs of outstanding *grizy* photometry (also *u*) to aid BLR reverberation mapping.

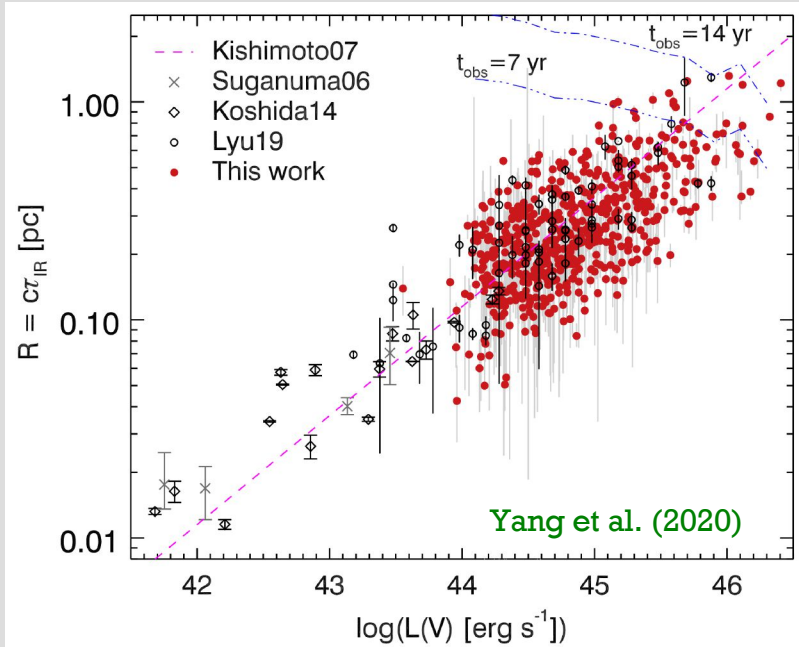
# 300 $M_{\text{BH}}$ from SDSS-RM



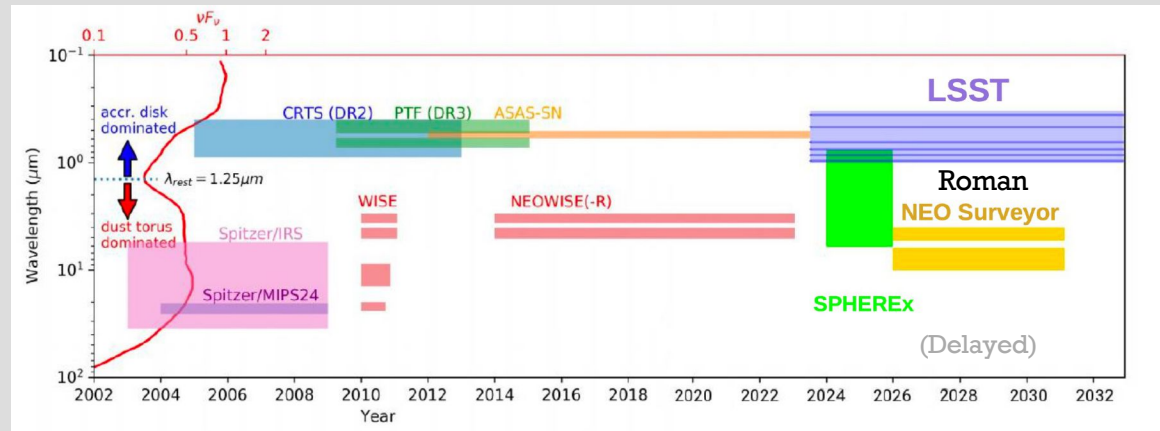


# LSST + Infrared Reverberation of Torus

## Torus Size vs. Luminosity



## Facilities for Torus Reverberation



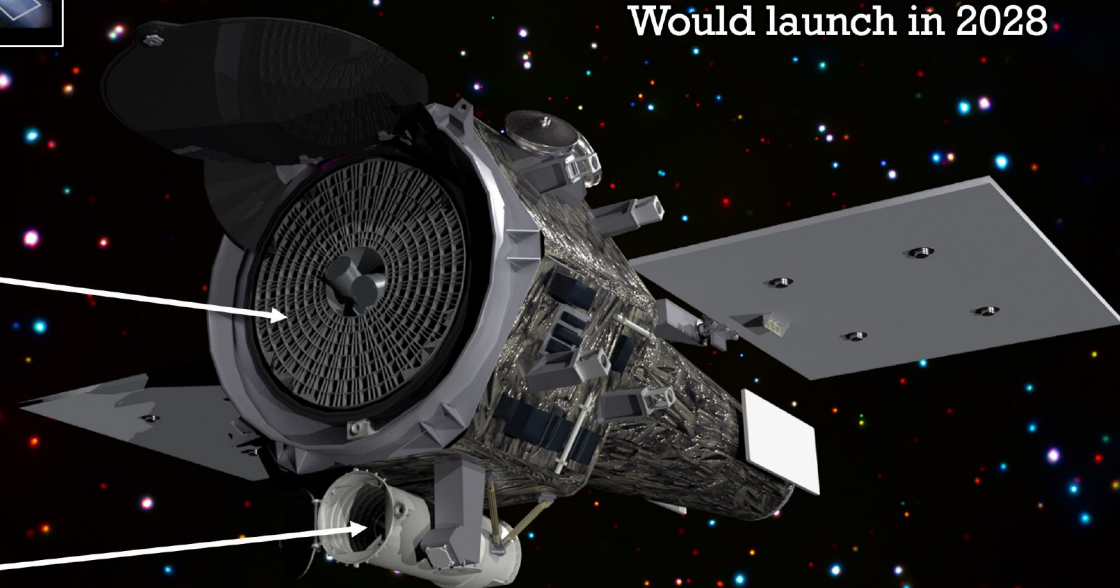
Lyu et al. (2019, 2021)

Tens of thousands of AGNs will have sufficient optical and infrared data for torus RM from LSST, SPHEREx, NEO Surveyor, Roman, and earlier facilities.

Can look for additional  $R_{\text{Torus}}$  dependences – e.g., Eddington ratio.

In high-SNR cases, can look for multiple lags (e.g., graphite vs. silicate sublimation), receding torus effects, and secular torus evolution.

# LSST + X-ray/UV from STAR-X



The image shows a 3D rendering of the STAR-X satellite in space, set against a background of stars. The satellite has a large, circular X-ray telescope (XRT) at the front and a smaller UV telescope (UVT) below it. Two large, flat panels extend from the side of the spacecraft. The overall design is compact and agile.

**STAR-X**

**MIDEX: Currently undergoing Phase A mission concept study**  
**Would launch in 2028**

**X-ray Telescope (XRT; 1 deg<sup>2</sup>)**  
2.5" PSF on-axis  
< 6" PSF FOV-averaged

**UV Telescope (UVT; 0.8 deg<sup>2</sup>)**  
< 5" PSF

**Two wide-field telescopes**

**Agile spacecraft, like Swift**

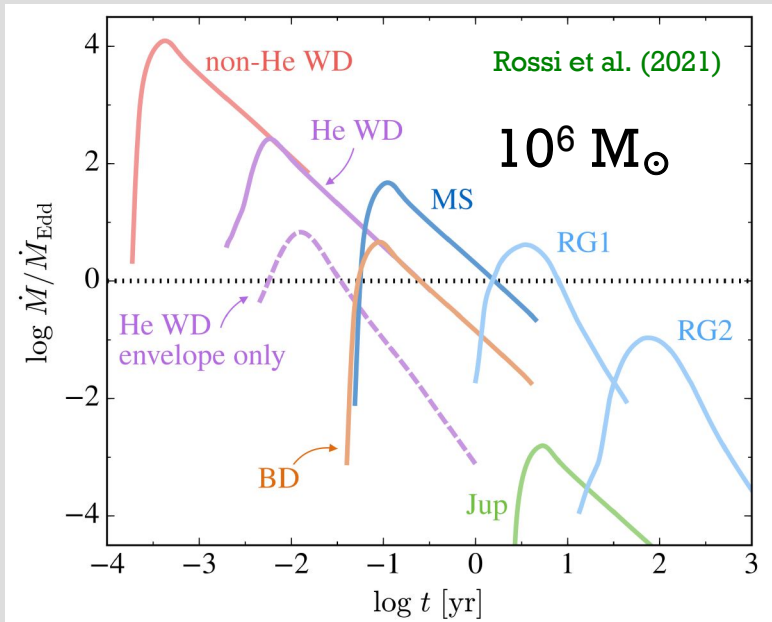
**Unique combination of large FOV, large effective area, excellent imaging, and low background**

[star-x.xraydeep.org](http://star-x.xraydeep.org)

STAR-X would add daily X-ray/UV monitoring of the prime areas of the Deep-Drilling Fields for 2+ years - see talk by Roberto Gilli.

*Remarkable Variability Modes  
with  
Good Source Statistics*

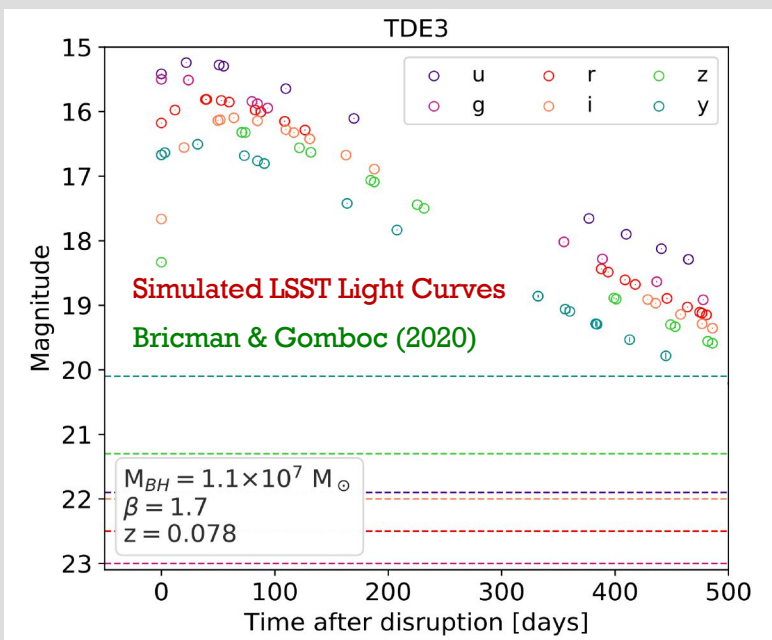
# Tidal Disruption Events



Now being found in wide-field optical/UV and X-ray surveys.

LSST forecasted to discover 10-20 per night, though will need to avoid SNe confusion.

Will provide sufficient source statistics to fill the (apparently large) TDE parameter space.



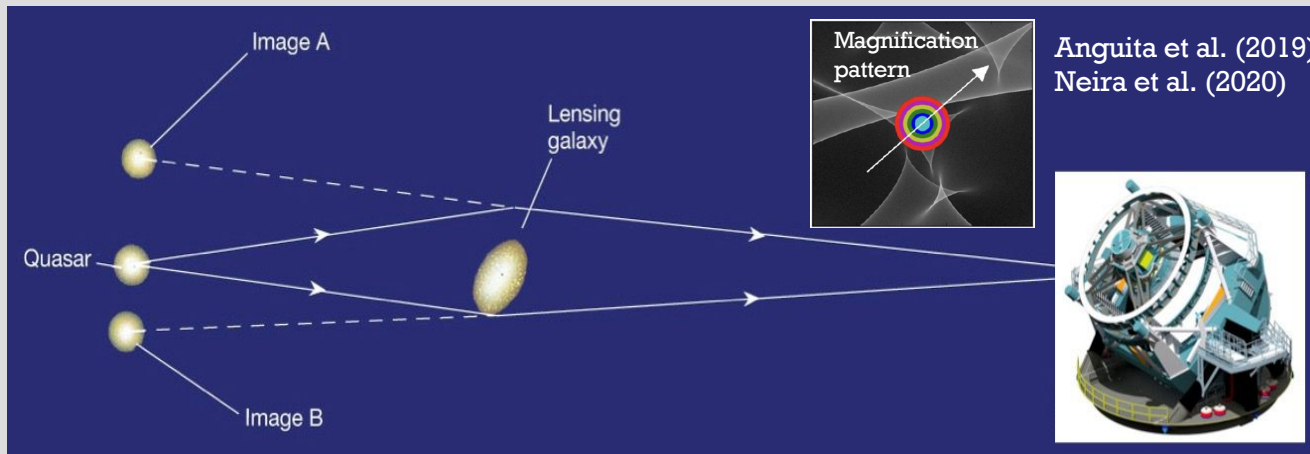
Rates as functions of galaxy type and redshift.

Understand diversity of these events ( $L_{\text{Bol}}$ ,  $kT$ , jet power).

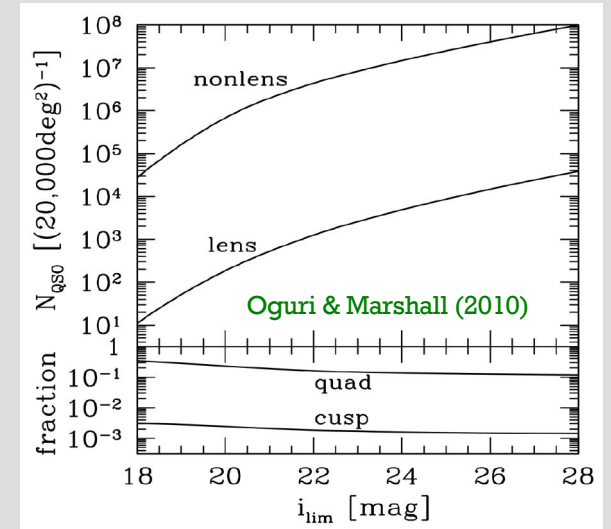
Find remarkable events - e.g., white-dwarf disruptions by IMBH, giant-planet disruptions, gas-cloud captures.

# Microlensing of Accretion Disks

## Gravitational Microlensing Geometry



## Expected Macro-Lensed AGNs



Rubin will monitor  $\sim 3000$  AGNs macro-lensed into  $\sim 7500$  images.

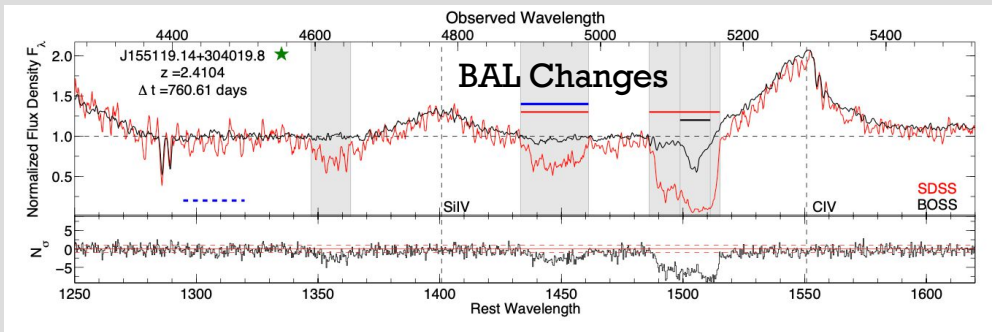
About one high-magnification ( $\Delta \text{mag} > 1$ ) microlensing event expected daily – effective nas resolution imaging of accretion disk for size and emission profile constraints.

Typical event durations of 10-100 days.

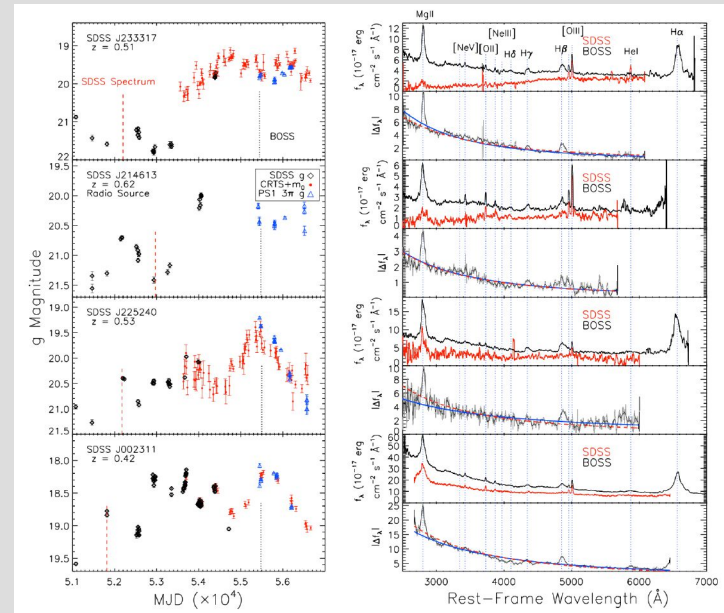
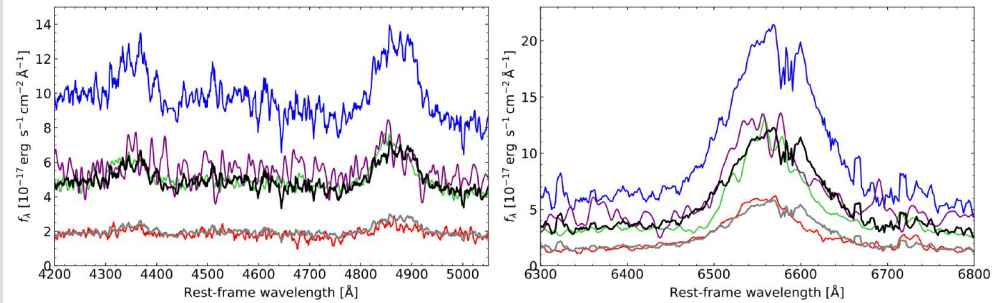
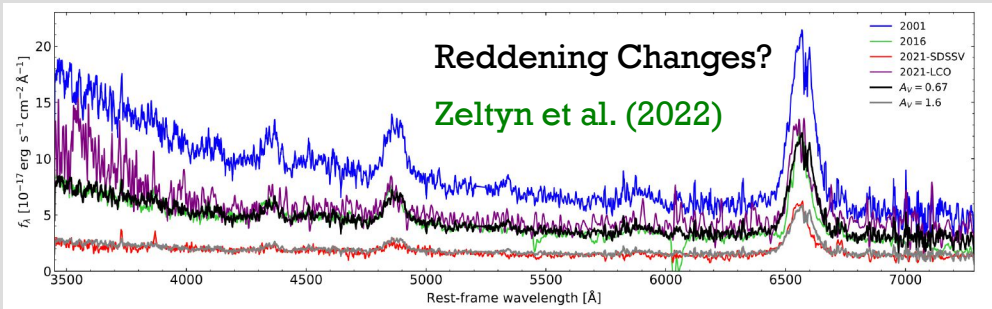
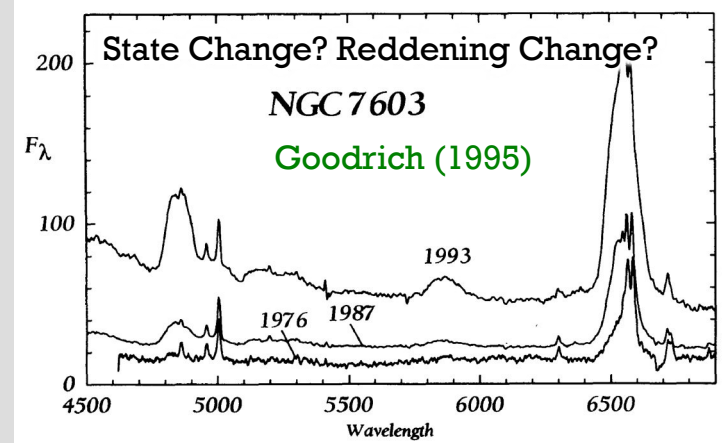
For good light curve coverage, will often need additional monitoring observations.

# Changing Obscuration and State

Rubin anomaly monitoring can trigger rapid spectroscopic and multiwavelength follow-up studies.



Filiz Ak et al. (2012)



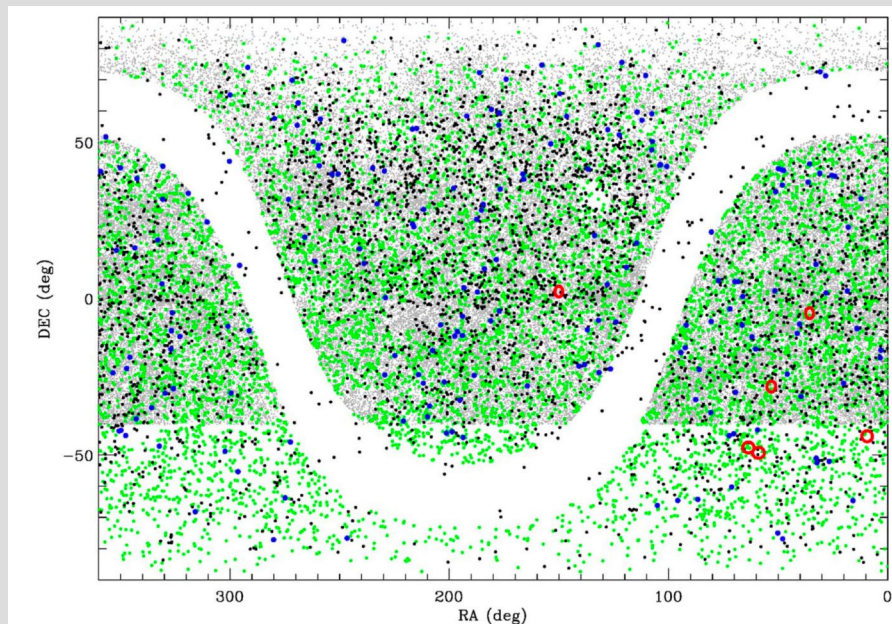
State Changes MacLeod et al. (2016)

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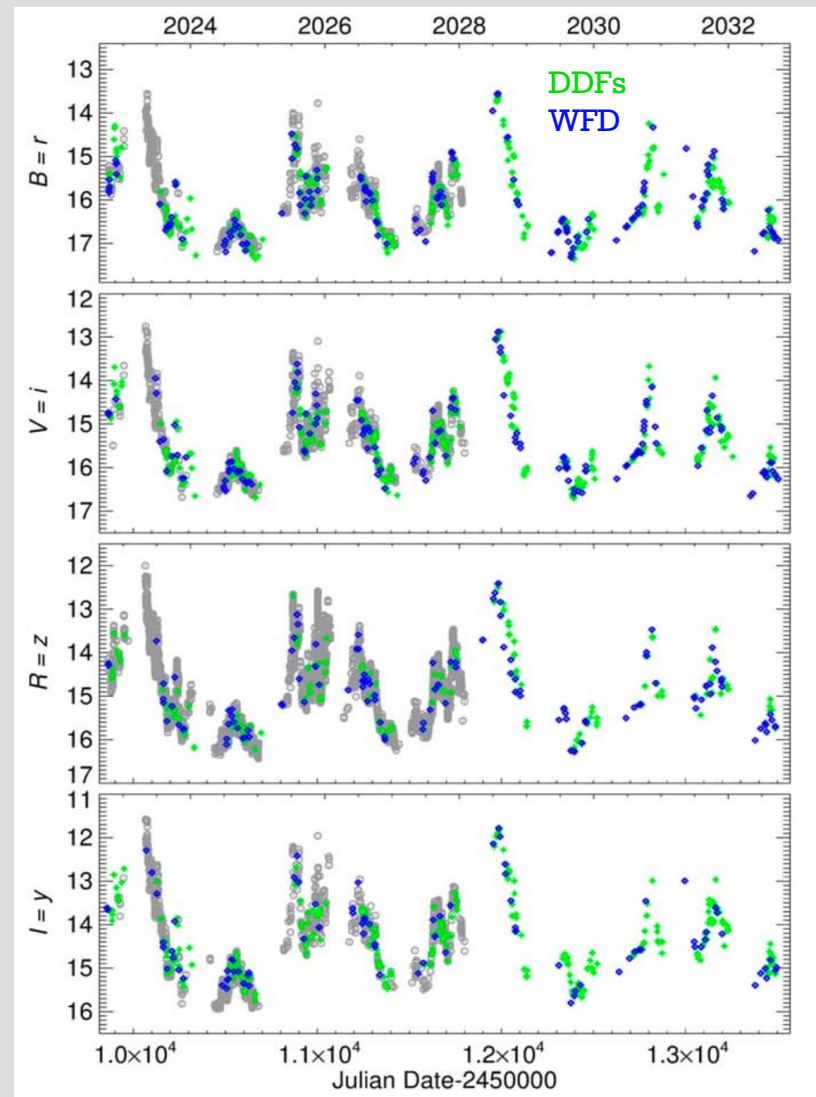
LSST will monitor  $\sim 60,000$  blazars in the main survey and  $\sim 150$  in the DDFs.

Will allow follow-up of strong nonthermal flares, jet QPOs from kink instabilities, etc.

## BZCAT5 Blazars and Other Blazar Candidates



## Simulated LSST Blazar Sampling



Raiteri et al. (2022)

# Small-Separation Binary SMBH

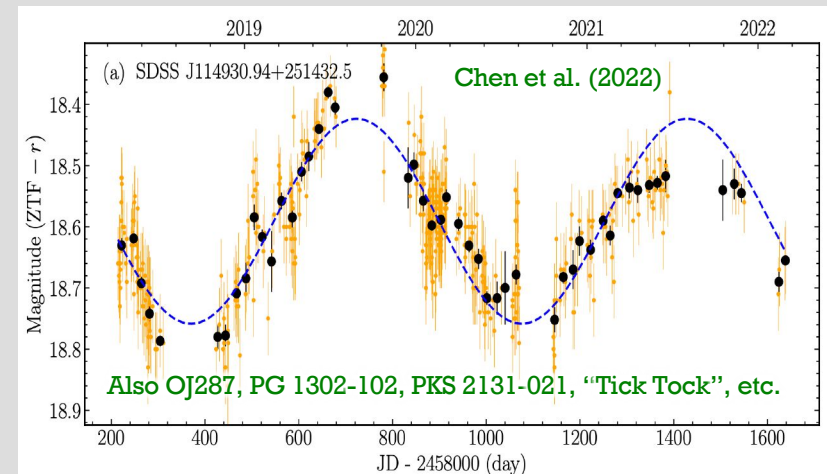
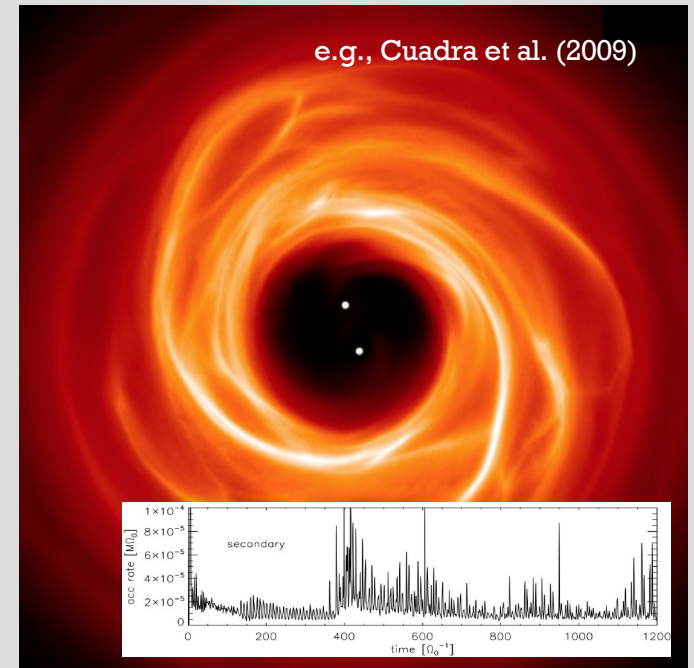
To move from pc to  $10^{-3}$  pc separations, likely need accretion to remove  $L=mvr$ .

Accretion rate onto both SMBHs varies on timescales of the binary period, and also have Doppler boosting.

Month-to-year timescales at  $\sim 10^{-2}$  pc, well-suited to LSST monitoring.

About 250 candidates put forward already (includes many false positives).

LSST forecasts span few hundred to tens of thousands, including valuable short-period systems (e.g., Witt et al. 2022).





# More Science Examples

About 20 Hours of Science Talks on YouTube from 2020, 2021, and 2022 Summer Meetings

**The Sample of VST-COSMOS AGN**

677 sources in the VST-COSMOS area (1 sq. deg.), confirmed as AGN via at least one of the following:

- Optical spectroscopy (Type and Type in Machine+AGN)
- X-ray to optical flux ratio (Blackstone+AGN)
- Mid-Infrared (MIR) properties (Clayton+AGN)
- Optical variability (De Coo+AGN)

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Six samples of AGN analyzed separately:

- Full sample (677)
- X-ray Type I AGN (276)
- X-ray Type II AGN (110)
- X-ray redshift AGN (204)
- optically variable AGN (272)

94% of our sources have spectroscopic redshift measurements (DR16+DR17)

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Predictions | Sample of Nonverbal Sources | Structure of the Agn | Accretion Disk 4 moments

**20-yr Light curves**

SDSS (1998-2007) DES(2013-2019)

Chen et al. 2:23:19

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**The SC's help the Project to maximize the scientific return of the Rubin LSST.**

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SC Coord. On Research and Team, SC Coord. on SAC, SC Coord. on LSST/SC Adv. Board, SC Coord. on PCW/SCOC, SC Coord. on Fibers

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Introduction | Will Clarkson | Ribbon Observatory Science Collaborations | Science Collaborations |... 17 moments

**Building A Comprehensive Dataset in Preparation for LSST AGN Science: AGN Data Challenge and the Next**

Weixiang Yu & Gordon Richards (Drexel University)

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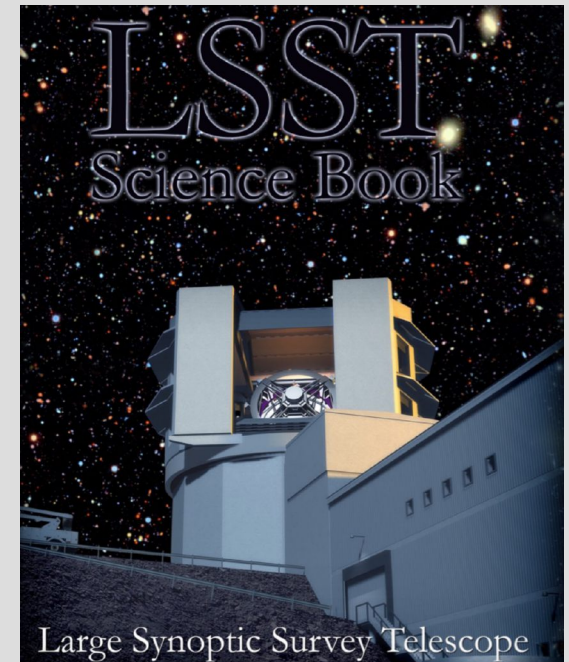
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**The LSST  
AGN Science  
Collaboration**

# The AGN Science Collaboration (SC)

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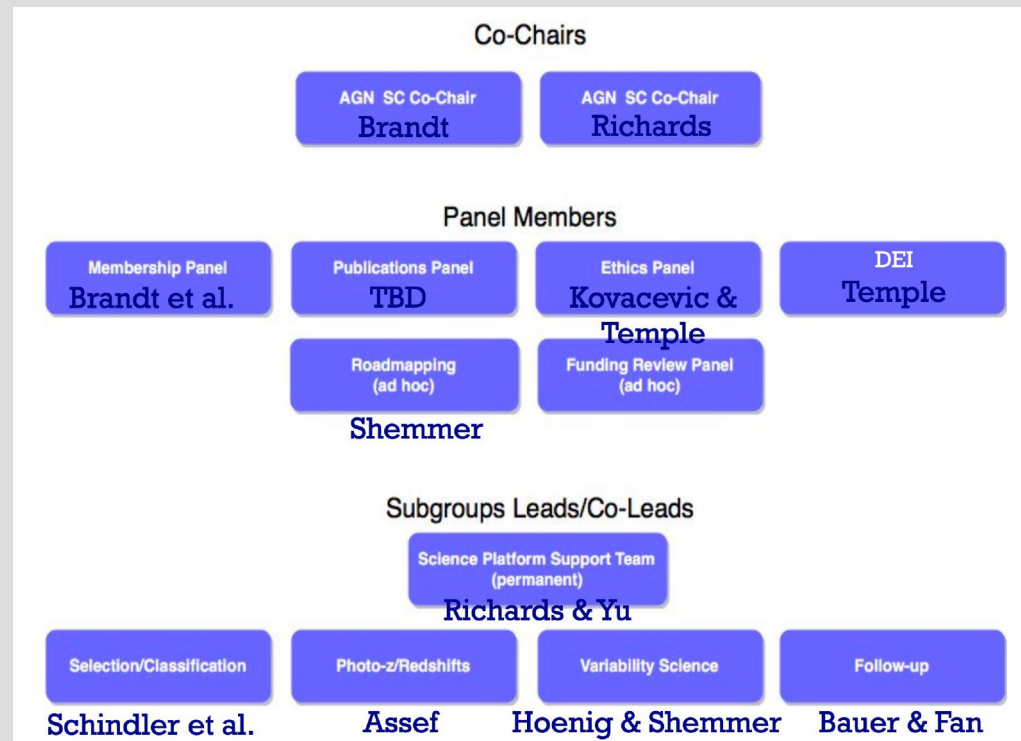
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Italy	17
UK	14
Chile	12
Serbia	9
Australia	5
Germany	5
Argentina	4
Poland	4

New members are welcome!

But note that AGN SC membership does not give data rights.

# Overall SC Organization

Organization Chart with Leader/Coordinator Names Listed



Also:

- In-kind coordinators – Hoenig & Coppi
- SCOC liaison for AGN SC – Bauer
- Users committee – Ni & Villar

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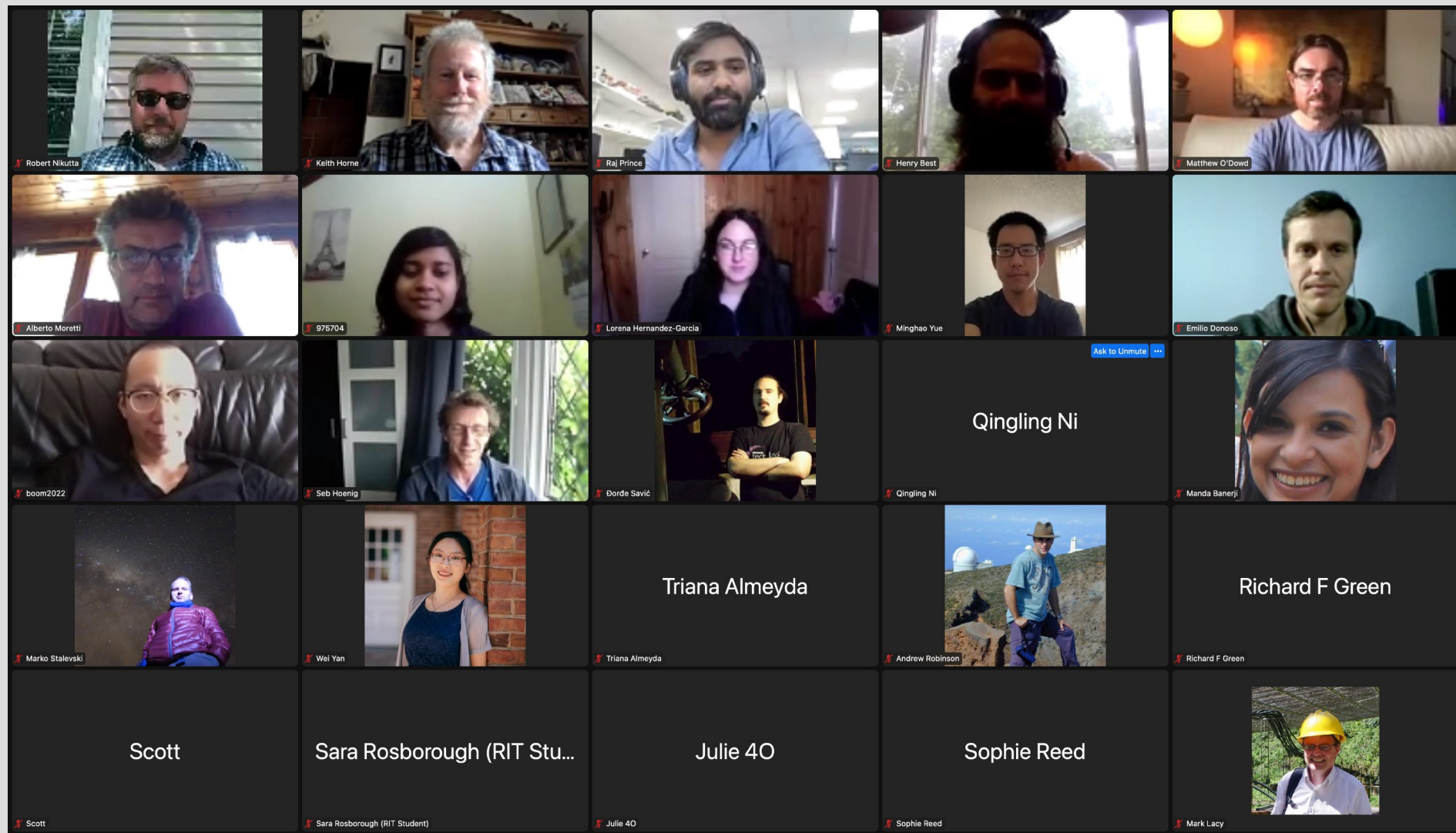


# 2022 Summer Meeting - 1



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# 2022 Summer Meeting - 2



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# 2023 July Meeting – In-Person

## New Era of AGN Science with the Vera C. Rubin LSST

July 24, 2023 – July 26, 2023

🕒 Viewing in Eastern Time

Charlottesville, Virginia, USA

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is welcomed!

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"Program" page updated with the scheduled talks and abstracts

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### Overview

The Legacy Survey of Space and Time (LSST), to be conducted by the Vera C. Rubin Observatory beginning in 2025, will enable studies of the growing supermassive black holes (SMBHs) in active galactic nuclei (AGNs) on a truly massive scale. This workshop will enable the LSST AGN Science Collaboration (AGN SC) to (1) continue building up the effort of the AGN SC to prepare for the LSST operations in 2025 and (2) broaden the participants and interests from early career scientists by introducing the LSST AGN SC and having an interactive discussion on various aspects of AGN science in the LSST era. **Although this meeting will be an in-person meeting to encourage productive discussion and foster collaborative projects, the presentation will be recorded (with agreement) and posted later.**



# LSST AGN Cadence Notes

## LSST AGN SC Cadence Note: Type-1 Quasar Colors in the Context of Photometric Redshifts

ROBERTO J. ASSEF, MATTHEW TEMPLE (UDP), GORDON RICHARDS, WEIXIANG YU (DREXEL), AND FRANZ BAUER (PUC) – ON BEHALF OF THE AGN SC

### 1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

We have developed two metrics to evaluate the 10yr co-added depths expected for each band in the context of photometric redshifts for type-1 quasars as function of OpSim runs from FBS 1.5, 1.6 and 1.7. Each metric focuses on a different aspect. The first one focuses exclusively on the depth expected for  $u$ -band with the aim of detecting the SED break short of  $L\gamma\alpha$ . The second one compares the depths of contiguous bands in wavelength to the expected colors of type-1 quasars. In both cases, while we find that some OpSim runs perform better than others, we do not find any of them to be critically detrimental for type-1 quasar photometric redshifts in the context of these metrics, although we remark on the usefulness of having as deep  $u$ -band coverage as possible.

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April 15, 2021

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## Active Galaxy Science in the LSST Deep-Drilling Fields: Additional Points on Footprints, Cadence Requirements, and Total-Depth Requirements

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## LSST AGN SC Cadence Note: Non-Parametric Structure Function Metric

WEIXIANG YU AND GORDON RICHARDS – ON BEHALF OF THE AGN SC

### 1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

We have developed a model-independent metric (“SFErrorMetric”) to assess the level to which we can derive the “structure function” of variable sources (e.g., AGNs) in LSST as a function of OpSims from versions FBS 1.5, 1.6 and 1.7. No presumptions about the actual underlying process that is responsible for the observed variability are used in this metric; this metric depends solely on the survey parameters (e.g., number of visits). Most of the survey simulations being considered for LSST operations performed equally well, with one exception being the  $u_{\text{long}}$  family, which significantly enhance this metric in the  $u$ -band without inducing observable drawbacks in other filters. Thus, we would favor longer  $u$ -band exposure time if the total number visits in the  $u$ -band can stay relatively unchanged.

## LSST AGN SC Cadence Note: Two metrics on AGN variability observables

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### 1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

We have developed two metrics related to AGN variability observables (time-lags, periodicity, and Structure Function (SF)) to evaluate LSST OpSim FBS 1.5, 1.6, 1.7 performance in AGN time-domain analysis. For this purpose, we generate an ensemble of AGN light curves based on AGN empirical relations and LSST OpSim cadences. Although our metrics show that denser LSST cadences produce more reliable time-lag, periodicity, and SF measurements, the discrepancies in the performance between different LSST OpSim cadences are not drastic based on Kullback-Leibler divergence. This is complementary to Yu and Richards results on DCR and SF metrics (see Yu’s talk <https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/12Q1zKiWtoQAXsh7GS6J9TYhEKsWfkN5sVDufEyCKkEE/edit#slide=id.g6954dd1ce.0.3>), extending them to include the point of view of AGN variability.

## LSST AGN SC Cadence Note: Differential Chromatic Refraction

WEIXIANG YU AND GORDON RICHARDS – ON BEHALF OF THE AGN SC

### 1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

We have developed a metric to evaluate both the relative and absolute signal that can be expected from differential chromatic refraction (DCR) in LSST (Yu et al. 2020a) as a function of OpSims from versions FBS 1.5, 1.6 and 1.7. While there are LSST survey simulations that would significantly enhance this metric to the benefit of AGN classification and photo- $z$  (and the study of objects exhibiting strong emission lines), such OpSims were meant as tests and not for operations. Among the feasible choices for LSST operations, we identify no simulations that are particularly bad or particularly good when it comes to DCR. Thus the choice of cadence can largely be made without consideration of this work. Nevertheless the tools are in place to double check that this remains true for the finalist(s).

Available at <https://www.lsst.org/content/survey-cadence-notes-2021>

# The AGN SC Roadmap

## LSST AGN Science Collaboration Roadmap

Prepared by the LSST AGN Science Collaboration,  
with support from the LSST Corporation

Version 2.0  
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Defines and prioritizes AGN SC activities needed to prepare for Rubin operations.

Work ongoing to address many Roadmap goals.

# Spitzer DeepDrill Survey of LSST DDFs

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## A *Spitzer* survey of Deep Drilling Fields to be targeted by the Vera C. Rubin Observatory Legacy Survey of Space and Time

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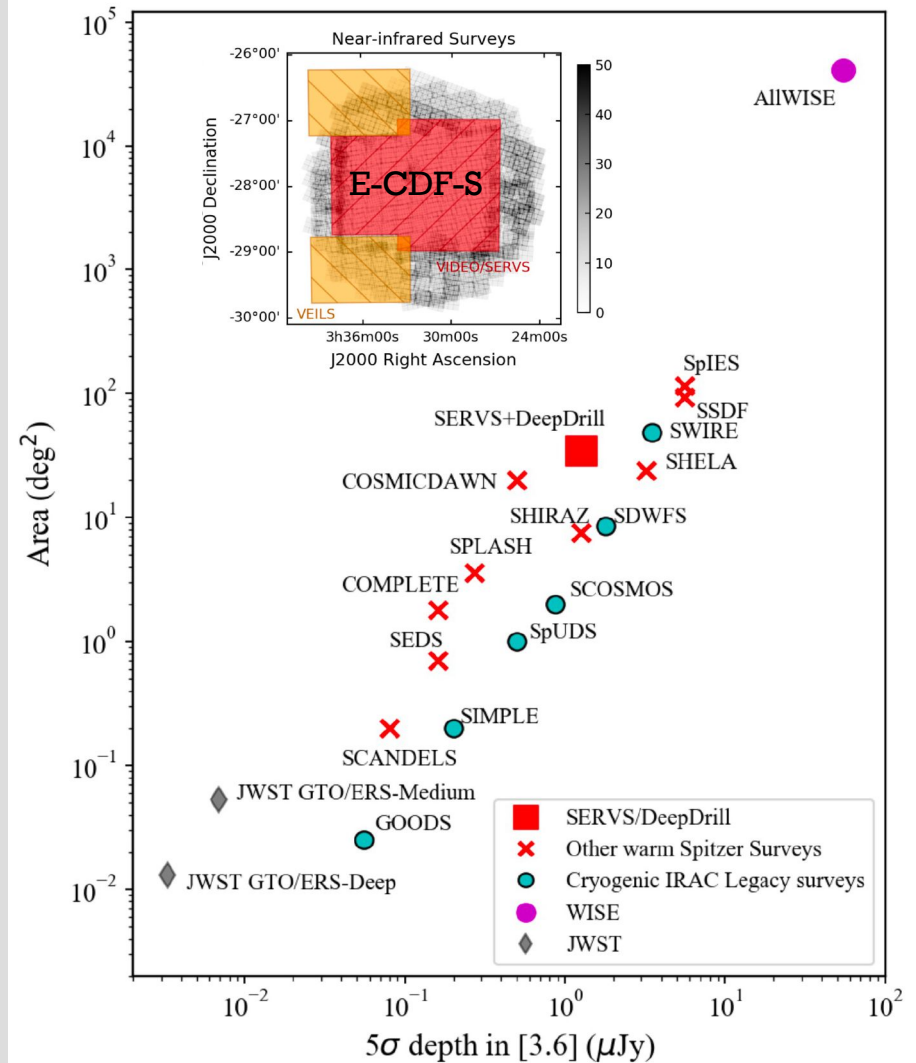
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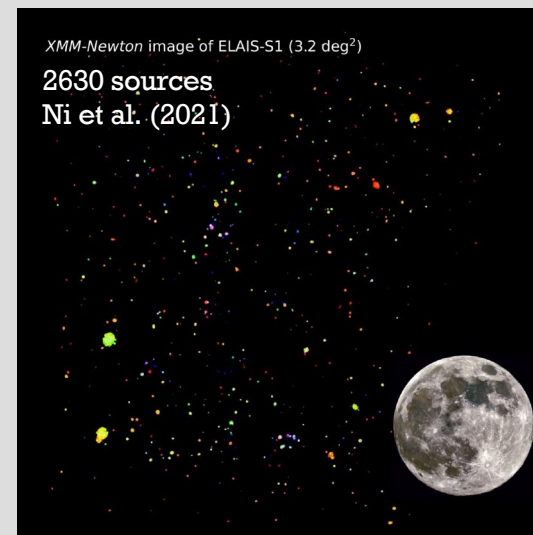
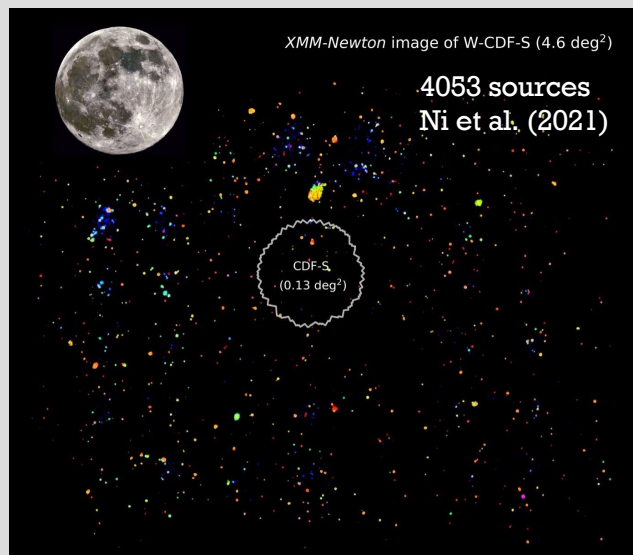
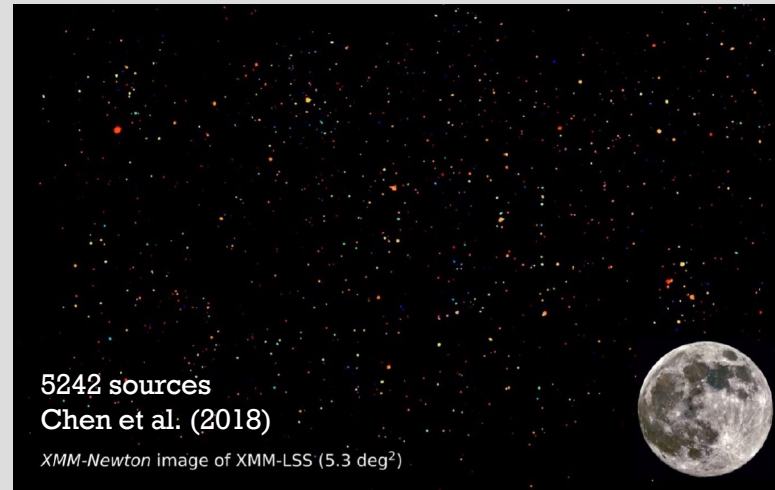
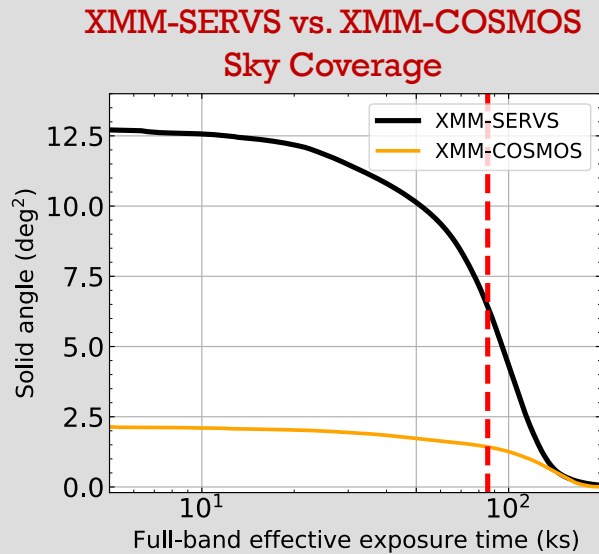
### ABSTRACT

The Vera C. Rubin Observatory Legacy Survey of Space and Time (LSST) will observe several Deep Drilling Fields (DDFs) to a greater depth and with a more rapid cadence than the main survey. In this paper, we describe the ‘DeepDrill’ survey, which used the *Spitzer Space Telescope* Infrared Array Camera (IRAC) to observe three of the four currently defined DDFs in two bands, centred on 3.6 and 4.5  $\mu\text{m}$ . These observations expand the area that was covered by an earlier set of observations in these three fields by the *Spitzer* Extragalactic Representative Volume Survey (SERVS). The combined DeepDrill and SERVS data cover the footprints of the LSST DDFs in the Extended Chandra Deep Field–South (ECDFS) field, the ELAIS-S1 field (ES1), and the *XMM*-Large-Scale Structure Survey field (*XMM*-LSS). The observations reach an approximate  $5\sigma$  point-source depth of 2  $\mu\text{Jy}$  (corresponding to an AB magnitude of 23.1; sufficient to detect a  $10^{11} M_{\odot}$  galaxy out to  $z \approx 5$ ) in each of the two bands over a total area of  $\approx 29 \text{ deg}^2$ . The dual-band catalogues contain a total of 2.35 million sources. In this paper, we describe the observations and data products from the survey, and an overview of the properties of galaxies in the survey. We compare the source counts to predictions from the SHARK semi-analytic model of galaxy formation. We also identify a population of sources with extremely red  $[[3.6]-[4.5]] > 1.2$  colours which we show mostly consists of highly obscured active galactic nuclei.

**Key words:** catalogues – surveys – infrared:galaxies – infrared: general.



# XMM-SERVS: XMM-Newton Coverage of LSST DDFs

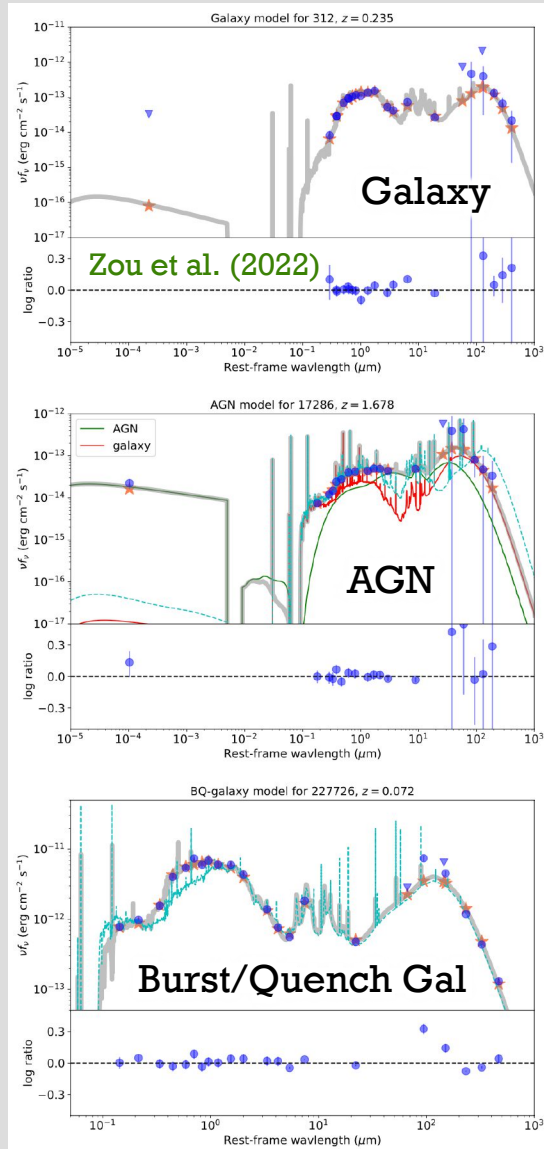


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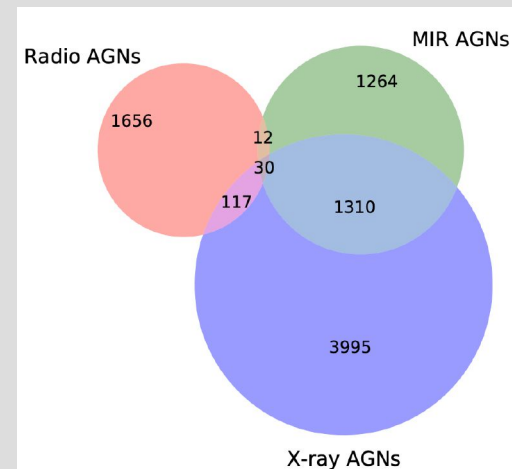
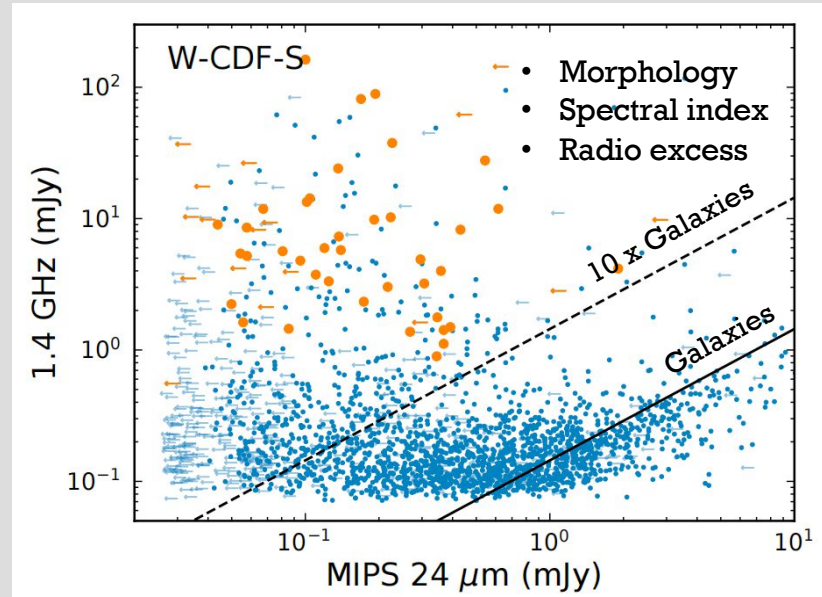
At 50 ks XMM-Newton depth, detect 10,200 AGNs and many X-ray groups/clusters.  
Ground-truth AGN sample for calibrating LSST AGN selection in DDFs and main survey.

# SED and Radio AGN Selection

## 2.8 Million X-ray-to-FIR SED Fits with CIGALE



## Radio AGN Selection from ATLAS, VLA, and MIGHTEE



1815 radio AGNs selected

91% not X-ray/MIR

Zhu et al. (2023)

# Other Key Activities of the AGN SC

Data challenge events with monetary prizes.

AGN SC members are involved in Data Previews.

Assessing operations simulations to ensure excellent AGN science.

Coordinate with other AGN projects; e.g., reverberation-mapping experiments and spectroscopic surveys.

# Other Key Activities of the AGN SC

Advocate for AGN science to the broader photometric-redshift working group.

Support the Contributions Evaluation Committee, which assesses which international partners earn data rights.

AGN SC has several members on the Rubin-Euclid Derived Data Products Working Group.

Outreach activities at multiple levels.

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## LSST AGN Science Collaboration Membership Application

Membership in the LSST AGN Science Collaboration implies a commitment to work toward the common scientific goals of the collaboration, and affords one the opportunity to be involved directly in the core projects undertaken by the Science Collaboration. The Science Collaboration also provides a natural route for giving feedback to the LSST Project about issues related to AGN science.

Proposals are currently invited from individuals in the following categories:

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- Scientists employed by the LSST Project.
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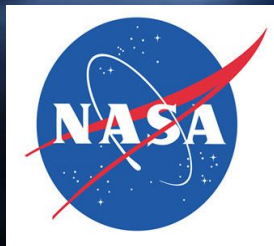
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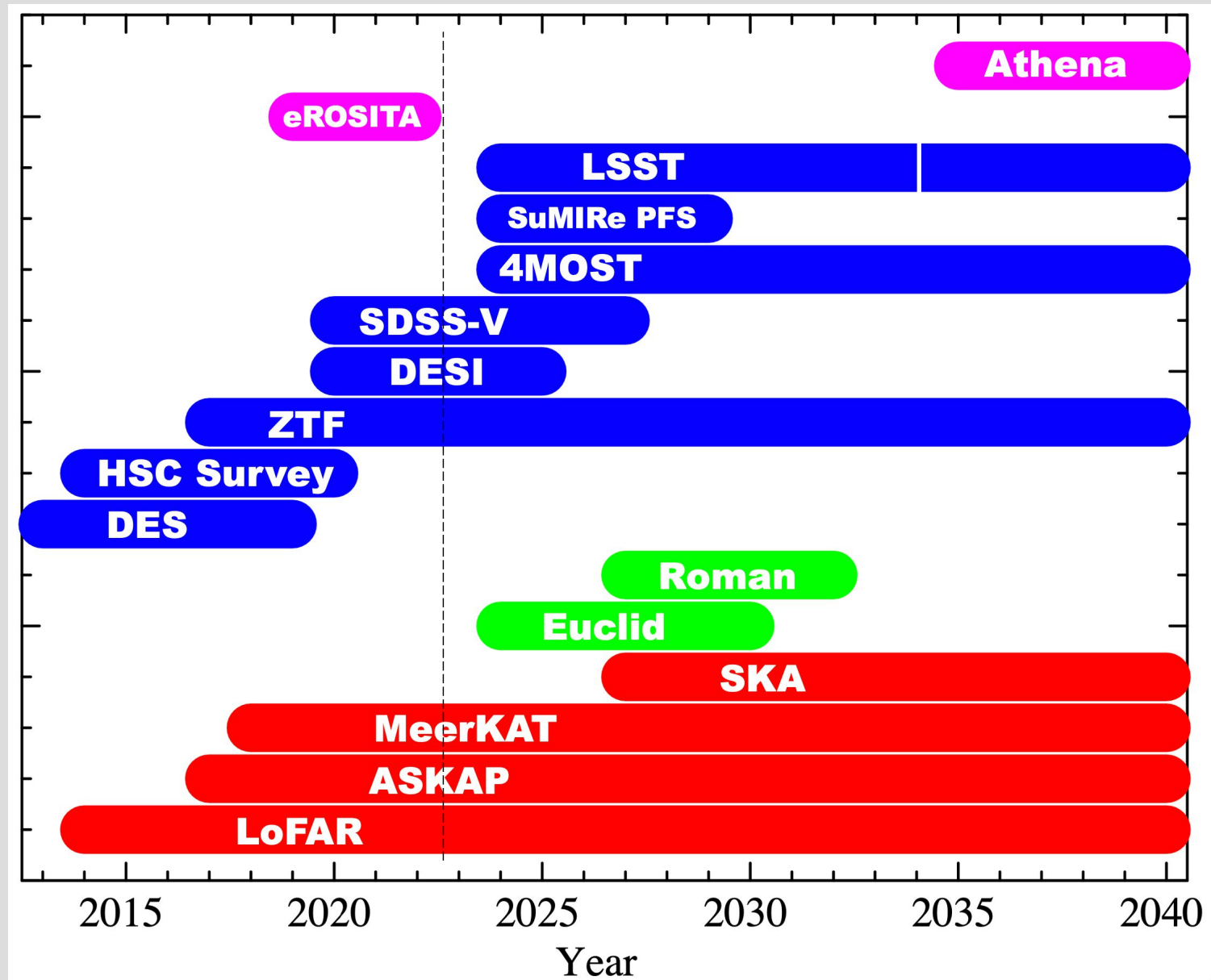
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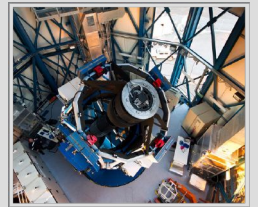
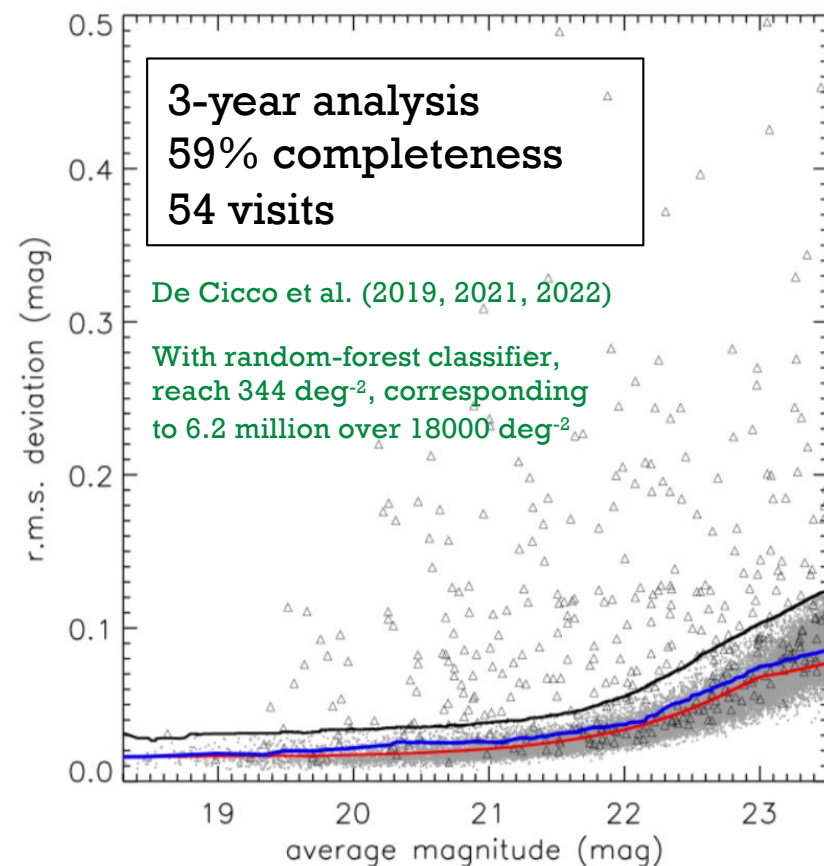
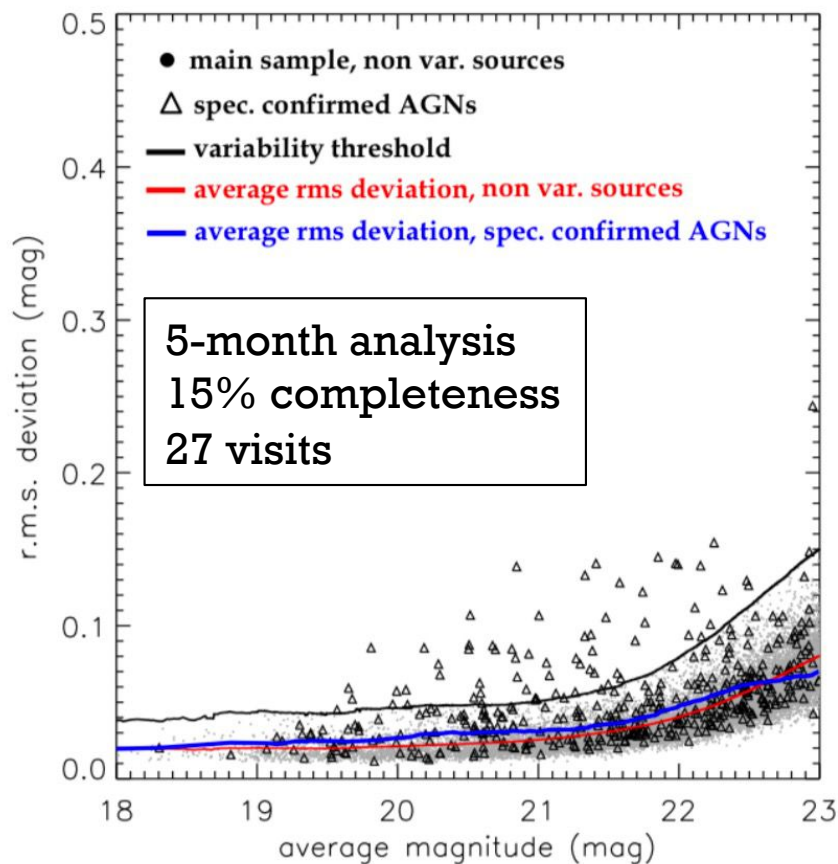
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# Power of LSST and Multiwavelength Data



# Optical Variability Selection of X-ray AGNs in COSMOS

Long Baselines and Many Epochs Greatly Aid AGN Selection (*r* band)

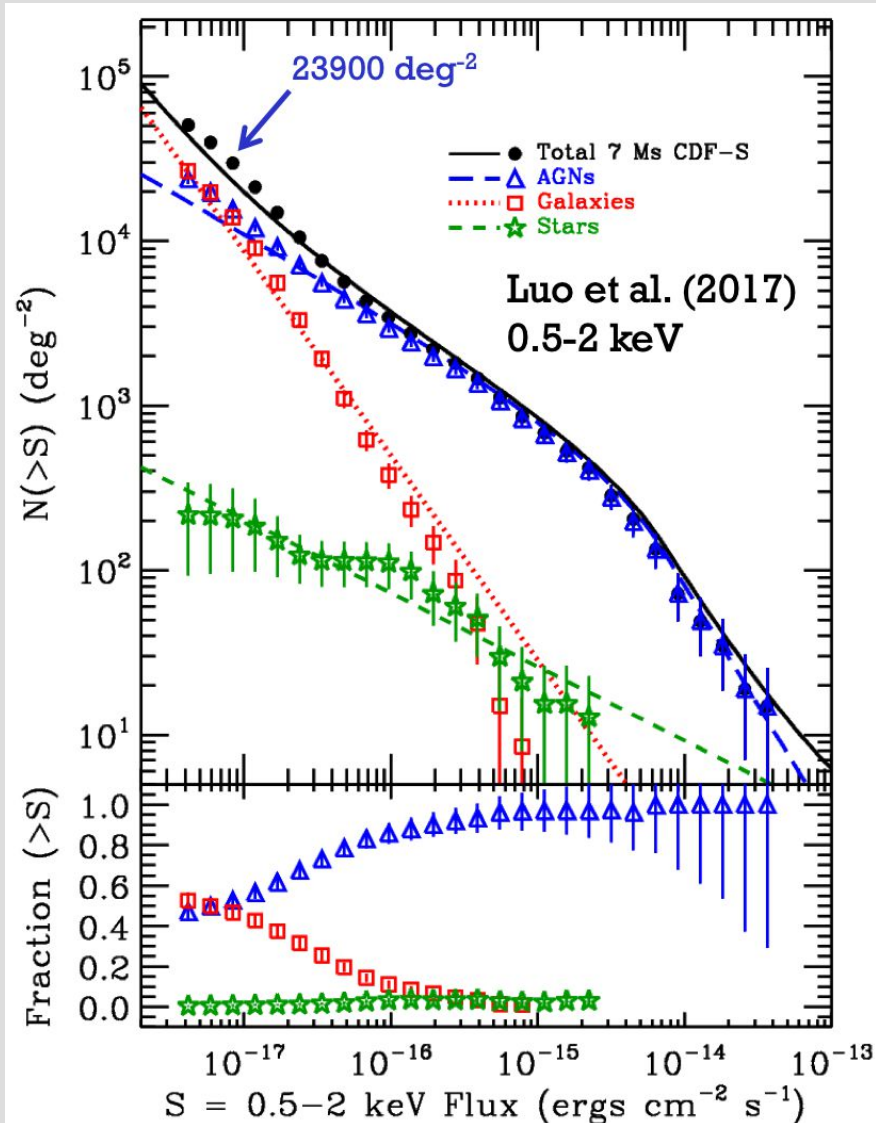


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LSST will do even better with 10 yr baseline, more visits, deeper visits, and more bands.

# Plausible AGN Yields

## Chandra Deep Field-South Number Counts



LSST will *detect*  $\sim 300+$  million AGNs in  $18000 \text{ deg}^2$  main-survey area.

Obscuration and host-galaxy dilution will hinder *AGN selection*.

Confidently can select 20 million (7%).

Hope to select 50+ million, especially using multiwavelength data.