

## SUPERMASSIVE BLACK HOLES AND HOST BULGES AFFAIRS – II. THE RED AND THE BLUE SEQUENCES IN THE MASS – MASS DIAGRAM.

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### ABSTRACT

We present correlations between black hole mass,  $M_{\text{BH}}$ , and both the host galaxy’s and spheroid’s infrared luminosity,  $L_{\text{gal}}$  and  $L_{\text{sph}}$ , and the spheroid’s stellar mass,  $M_{*,\text{sph}}$ , built upon a high-quality data set. Our sample, the largest ever used, counts 66 local galaxies with a dynamical measurement of  $M_{\text{BH}}$ . Spheroid luminosities come from high signal-to-noise  $3.6\ \mu\text{m}$  *Spitzer* satellite imagery, and were derived from our state-of-the-art multicomponent galaxy decompositions that, for the first time, were checked to be consistent with the galaxy kinematics. **limit of 250 words, no room for mentioning the galaxy components, more appropriate for data paper** Previous studies have used galaxy samples that were overwhelmingly dominated by high-mass, early-type objects. Instead, our sample includes 17 spiral galaxies, half of which have  $M_{\text{BH}} < 10^7\ M_{\odot}$ , and allows us to better investigate the poorly studied low-mass end of the  $M_{\text{BH}} - M_{*,\text{sph}}$  correlation. The bulges of early-type (E + S0) galaxies follow  $M_{\text{BH}} \propto M_{*,\text{sph}}^{1.04 \pm 0.10}$ , consistent with a dry-merging formation scenario, and define a tight *red sequence* with intrinsic scatter  $\epsilon_{(Y|X)} = 0.43 \pm 0.06$  dex. On the other hand, the bulges of late-type (Sp) galaxies define a much steeper *blue sequence*, with  $M_{\text{BH}} \propto M_{*,\text{sph}}^{2-3}$ , indicating that gas-rich processes feed the black hole more efficiently than the host bulge. We conclude that: i) Sérsic galaxies follow  $M_{\text{BH}} \propto M_{*,\text{sph}}^{x \pm x}$ , a less steep sequence than previously reported; ii) bulges with Sérsic index  $n_{\text{sph}} < 2$ , argued by some to be pseudo-bulges, are not offset to lower  $M_{\text{BH}}$  from the correlation defined by bulges with  $n_{\text{sph}} > 2$ ; iii)  $L_{\text{sph}}$  and  $L_{\text{gal}}$  correlate equally well with  $M_{\text{BH}}$ , in terms of intrinsic scatter, only for early-type galaxies; once reasonable numbers of spiral galaxies are included, the correlation with  $L_{\text{sph}}$  is better than that with  $L_{\text{gal}}$ .

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### 1. INTRODUCTION

More than two and a half decades ago, Dressler (1989) foresaw a “rough scaling of black hole mass with the mass of the spheroidal component”, as suggested by the sequence of five galaxies (M87, M104, M31, M32 and the Milky Way). His “rough scaling” was a premature version of the nowadays popular correlation between black hole mass,  $M_{\text{BH}}$ , and host spheroid luminosity,  $L_{\text{sph}}$ , and also host spheroid mass,  $M_{\text{sph}}$  (Yee 1992; Kormendy & Richstone 1995; Magorrian et al. 1998; Marconi & Hunt 2003; Häring & Rix 2004). These early studies were dominated by high-mass, early-type galaxies, for which they reported a quasi-linear  $M_{\text{BH}} - M_{\text{sph}}$  relation, consistent with a dry-merging formation scenario. Subsequent studies of the  $M_{\text{BH}} - L_{\text{sph}}$  and  $M_{\text{BH}} - M_{\text{sph}}$  diagrams (Ferrarese & Ford 2005; Lauer et al. 2007a; Graham 2007, 2008; Gültekin et al. 2009; Sani et al. 2011; Beifiori et al. 2012; Erwin & Gadotti 2012; Vika et al. 2012; van den Bosch et al. 2012; McConnell & Ma 2013; Kormendy & Ho 2013; Rusli et al. 2013a; see Graham 2015b for an ex-

tensive review about the early discovery and successive improvements of these correlations) used similar galaxy samples, which remained dominated by high-mass, early-type objects having  $M_{\text{BH}} \gtrsim 0.5 \times 10^8\ M_{\odot}$ , and recovered a near-linear relation. However, the consensus about a linear  $M_{\text{BH}} - M_{\text{sph}}$  correlation was not unanimous. Some studies reported a slope steeper than one, or noticed that low-mass spheroids were downwards offset from the relation traced by their high-mass counterparts (Laor 1998; Wandel 1999; Laor 2001; Ryan et al. 2007). Recently, Läsker et al. (2014a,b) derived  $2.2\ \mu\text{m}$  bulge luminosities for 35 galaxies (among which only 4 were classified as spiral galaxies), and reported a slope below unity for their  $M_{\text{BH}} - M_{\text{sph}}$  relation. They also claimed that the black hole mass correlates equally well with the total galaxy luminosity as it does with the bulge luminosity.

The  $M_{\text{BH}} - L_{\text{sph}}$  relation can be predicted from other two correlations involving the bulge velocity dispersion,  $\sigma$ . The first of these two is the  $M_{\text{BH}} - \sigma$  relation (Ferrarese & Merritt 2000; Gebhardt et al. 2000), which can be described by a single power-law ( $M_{\text{BH}} \propto \sigma^5$ ) over the range in velocity dispersion  $70 - 350\ \text{km s}^{-1}$

(e.g. Graham et al. 2011; McConnell et al. 2011; Graham & Scott 2013). The second is the  $L_{\text{sph}} - \sigma$  relation, which has long been known to be a “double power-law”, being  $L_{\text{sph}} \propto \sigma^5$  at the luminous end (Schechter 1980; Malumuth & Kirshner 1981; von der Linden et al. 2007; Liu et al. 2008), and  $L_{\text{sph}} \propto \sigma^2$  at intermediate and faint luminosities (Davies et al. 1983; Held et al. 1992; Matković & Guzmán 2005; de Rijcke et al. 2005; Balcells et al. 2007; Chilingarian et al. 2008; Forbes et al. 2008; Cody et al. 2009; Tortora et al. 2009; Kourkchi et al. 2012). The change in slope of the  $L_{\text{sph}} - \sigma$  relation occurs at  $M_B \approx -20.5$  mag, corresponding to  $\sigma \approx 200 \text{ km s}^{-1}$ . That is, the  $M_{\text{BH}} - L_{\text{sph}}$  relation should be better described by a “broken”, rather than a single, power-law, having  $M_{\text{BH}} \propto L_{\text{sph}}^{2.5}$  at the low-luminosity end, and  $M_{\text{BH}} \propto L_{\text{sph}}^1$  at the high-luminosity end. Due to the scatter in the  $M_{\text{BH}} - L_{\text{sph}}$  (or  $M_{\text{BH}} - M_{\text{sph}}$ ) diagram, studies that have not sufficiently probed below  $M_{\text{BH}} \approx 10^7 M_\odot$  can easily miss the change in slope occurring at  $M_{\text{BH}} \approx 10^{(8 \pm 1)} M_\odot$ , and erroneously recover a single log-linear relation.

When Graham (2012) pointed out this overlooked inconsistency, he identified two different populations of galaxies, namely the core-Sérsic (Graham et al. 2003; Trujillo et al. 2004) and Sérsic spheroids<sup>1</sup>, and attributed the change in slope (from log-quadratic to log-linear) to their different formation mechanisms. In this scenario, core-Sérsic spheroids are built in additive dry merger events, where the black hole and the bulge grow at the same pace, increasing their mass in lock steps ( $M_{\text{BH}} \propto L_{\text{sph}}^1$ ), whereas Sérsic spheroids originate from gas-rich processes, in which the mass of the black hole increases more rapidly than the mass of its host spheroid ( $M_{\text{BH}} \propto L_{\text{sph}}^{2.5}$ ). Graham & Scott (2013, hereafter GS13) and Scott et al. (2013, hereafter S+13) presented double power-law linear regressions for Sérsic/core-Sérsic spheroids in the  $M_{\text{BH}} - L_{\text{sph}}$  and  $M_{\text{BH}} - M_{\text{sph}}$  (spheroid stellar mass) diagrams, respectively, probing down to  $M_{\text{BH}} \approx 10^6 M_\odot$ . To obtain their dust-corrected *bulge* magnitudes, they did not perform bulge/disc decompositions, but instead they converted  $B$ -band and  $K_S$ -band observed, total *galaxy* magnitudes using a mean statistical correction based on each object’s morphological type and disc inclination<sup>2</sup>. However, this mean statistical correction was obtained from the results of non-modern bulge/disc decompositions, which did not include extra components. It should also be noted that  $\sim 80\%$  of their core-Sérsic spheroids were morphologically classified as elliptical galaxies, and  $\sim 80\%$  of their Sérsic spheroids were morphologically classified as bulges of disk galaxies (lenticulars and spirals).

Several recent papers (Jiang et al. 2011, 2013; Mathur

et al. 2012; Reines et al. 2013) claimed an offset at the low-mass end of the  $M_{\text{BH}} - M_{\text{sph}}$  diagram, such that the black hole mass is lower than expected from the near-linear correlation traced by the high-mass, early-type spheroids. However, Graham & Scott (2013) showed that the low-mass spheroids ( $10^{8.5} \lesssim M_{\text{sph}}/M_\odot \lesssim 10^{10.5}$ ) are not randomly offset from the high-mass, near-linear correlation, but follow the two times steeper relation traced by the Sérsic spheroids. Using data from Jiang et al. (2011), Graham & Scott (2015) showed that this appears to extend to spheroids with even lower black hole masses ( $10^5 \lesssim M_{\text{sph}}/M_\odot \lesssim 2 \times 10^6$ ), and a more detailed analysis will be presented in Graham et al. (2015, *in preparation*).

Here we investigate substructure in the  $M_{\text{BH}} - L_{\text{sph}}$  and  $M_{\text{BH}} - M_{\text{sph}}$  diagrams using state-of-the-art galaxy decompositions (Savorgnan & Graham 2015, *in preparation*, hereafter *Paper I*) for the largest sample of galaxies with directly measured black hole masses. Our galaxies are large and nearby, which allows us to perform accurate multicomponent decompositions (instead of simple bulge/disc decompositions) without incurring in significant parameter degeneracies. Our decompositions were obtained from  $3.6 \mu\text{m}$  *Spitzer* satellite imagery, which is an excellent proxy for the stellar mass, superior to the  $K$ -band (Sheth et al. 2010 and references therein). Nine of our galaxies have  $M_{\text{BH}} \lesssim 10^7 M_\odot$ , which allows us to accurately constrain the slope of the correlation at the low-mass end. In addition to this, our galaxy sample includes 17 spiral galaxies, representing a notable improvement over the past studies dominated by early-type systems. In a forthcoming paper, we will explore the relation between black hole mass and bulge dynamical mass,  $M_{\text{dyn,sph}} \propto R_e \sigma^2$ , and address the issue of a black hole fundamental plane. This paper is structured as follows...

## 2. DATA

Our galaxy sample (see Table 1) consists of 66 objects for which a dynamical measurement of the black hole mass had been reported in the literature (by GS13 or Rusli et al. 2013b) at the time we started this project, and for which we were able to obtain useful bulge parameters from  $3.6 \mu\text{m}$  *Spitzer* satellite imagery. Bulge magnitudes were derived from our state-of-the-art galaxy decompositions, which take into account bulges, disks, spiral arms, bars, rings, haloes, extended or unresolved nuclear sources and partially depleted cores. Kinematical information (Emsellem et al. 2011; Scott et al. 2014; Arnold et al. 2014) was used to confirm the presence of rotationally supported components in most early-type galaxies, and to identify their extent (intermediate-scale disks, that are fully embedded in the bulge, or large-scale disks, that encase the bulge and dominate the light at large radii). *Paper I* will present the dataset used here, give details about the data reduction process and the sophisticated galaxy modelling technique that we developed, discuss how we estimated the uncertainties<sup>3</sup> on the bulge magnitudes, and illustrate the individual 66 galaxy decompositions.

<sup>3</sup> By comparing, for our galaxies, the measurements of the bulge magnitude obtained by different authors with those obtained by us, we estimated the uncertainties on the bulge magnitudes with a method that takes into account systematic errors. Systematic errors include incorrect sky subtraction, inaccurate masking of con-

<sup>1</sup> Core-Sérsic spheroids have partially depleted cores relative to their outer Sérsic light profile, whereas Sérsic spheroids have no central deficit of stars. While core-Sérsic spheroids are also “core galaxies”, as given by the Nuker definition (Lauer et al. 2007b), it should be noted that  $\sim 20\%$  of “core galaxies” are not core-Sérsic spheroids (Dullo & Graham 2014, their Appendix A.2), i.e. do not have depleted cores. The change in slope of the  $L_{\text{sph}} - \sigma$  relation corresponds to the division between core-Sérsic and Sérsic spheroids (e.g. Graham & Guzmán 2003).

<sup>2</sup> While this resulted in individual bulge magnitudes not being exactly correct, their large sample size allowed them to obtain a reasonably ensemble average correction.

Bulge luminosities<sup>4</sup> were first converted into stellar masses using a constant  $3.6 \mu\text{m}$  mass-to-light ratio,  $\Gamma_{3.6} = 0.6$  (Meidt et al. 2014). We then explored a more sophisticated way to compute mass-to-light ratios, using the color- $\Gamma_{3.6}$  relation published by Meidt et al. (2014, their equation 4), which allows one to estimate  $\Gamma_{3.6}$  of a galaxy from its  $[3.6] - [4.5]$  color. Individual  $[3.6] - [4.5]$  colors<sup>5</sup> were taken from Peletier et al. (2012, column 8 of their Table 1) when available for our galaxies, or were estimated from the bulge stellar velocity dispersion,  $\sigma$ , using the color- $\sigma$  relation presented by Peletier et al. (2012, their Figure 6). We found that the range in  $[3.6] - [4.5]$  color is small (0.06 mag), and thus the range in  $\Gamma_{3.6}$  is also small (0.04). After checking that using a single  $\Gamma_{3.6} = 0.6$ , independent of  $[3.6] - [4.5]$  color, does not significantly affect the results of our analysis, we decided to use individual, color-dependent mass-to-light ratios.

For each galaxy, the total luminosity (or galaxy luminosity,  $L_{\text{gal}}$ ) is the sum of the luminosities of all its sub-components. Due to the complexity of their modelling, four galaxies (see Table 1, column 7) had their galaxy luminosities underestimated<sup>6</sup>, which are given here as lower limits. Following GS13, we assumed a fixed uncertainty (0.25 mag) for  $MAG_{\text{gal}}$ .

The morphological classification (E = elliptical; E/S0 = elliptical/lenticular; S0 = lenticular; S0/Sp = lenticular/spiral; Sp = spiral; merger) follows from the galaxy models presented in *Paper I*. Throughout the paper, we will refer to early-type galaxies (E+S0) and late-type galaxies (Sp). Galaxies classified as E/S0 are obviously included in the early-type bin, whereas galaxies classified as S0/Sp or as mergers are included in neither the early- nor the late-type bin.

The Sérsic/core-Sérsic classification presented in this work comes from the compilation of Savorgnan & Graham (2015), who identified partially depleted cores according to the same criteria used by GS13. When no high-resolution image analysis was available from the literature, they inferred the presence of a partially depleted core based on the stellar velocity dispersion: a galaxy is classified as core-Sérsic if  $\sigma > 270 \text{ km s}^{-1}$ , or as Sérsic if  $\sigma < 166 \text{ km s}^{-1}$ .

### 3. ANALYSIS

We performed a linear regression analysis of the  $M_{\text{BH}} - L_{\text{gal}}$  (see Table 2),  $M_{\text{BH}} - L_{\text{sph}}$  (see Table 3) and  $M_{\text{BH}} - M_{*,\text{sph}}$  (see Table 4), using the BCES code from Akritas & Bershady (1996). We also repeated the anal-

ysis with the FITEXY routine (Press et al. 1992), as modified by Tremaine et al. (2002), and the Bayesian estimator `linmix_err` (Kelly 2007). All these three linear regression routines account for the intrinsic scatter, but only the last two allow to quantify it. We report linear regressions, both symmetrical and non-symmetrical, for Sérsic/core-Sérsic galaxies and for different galaxy morphological types (elliptical/lenticular, spiral). Symmetrical regressions are meant to be compared with theoretical expectations, whereas non-symmetrical ( $Y|X$ ) regressions – since they minimize the scatter in the vertical direction – can be used to predict black hole masses.

<sup>4</sup> Absolute luminosities were calculated assuming a  $3.6 \mu\text{m}$  solar absolute magnitude of 3.25 mag (Sani et al. 2011).

<sup>5</sup> These are integrated  $[3.6] - [4.5]$  colors, measured in a circular aperture within one galaxy’s effective radius.

<sup>6</sup> These four cases will be discussed in *Paper I*.

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## 4. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

### 4.1. Black hole mass – galaxy luminosity

Figure 1 illustrates the  $M_{\text{BH}} - L_{\text{gal}}$  diagram. Four spiral galaxies had their total luminosities underestimated (see Section 2) and thus are not included in the linear regression analysis (see Table 2).

Upon analyzing a sample of 35 galaxies, among which only four were classified as spiral galaxies, Läscher et al. (2014b) claimed that the  $M_{\text{BH}} - L_{\text{sph}}$  and  $M_{\text{BH}} - L_{\text{gal}}$  relations, which they fit with a single power-law, have consistent intrinsic scatter. Here, instead, thanks to our double-sized galaxy sample that includes 17 spiral galaxies, we show that the claim made by Läscher et al. (2014b) is valid only for early-type galaxies. The  $M_{\text{BH}} - L_{\text{sph}}$  correlation for all galaxies, irrespective of their morphological type, has intrinsic scatter  $\epsilon_{(Y|X)} = 0.51 \pm 0.06 \text{ dex}$  (direct linear regression) and  $\epsilon_{(X|Y)} = 0.60 \pm 0.09 \text{ dex}$  (inverse linear regression), whereas the  $M_{\text{BH}} - L_{\text{gal}}$  correlation for all galaxies has  $\epsilon_{(Y|X)} = 0.63 \pm 0.07 \text{ dex}$  and  $\epsilon_{(X|Y)} = 0.91 \pm 0.17 \text{ dex}$ . However, when considering only early-type galaxies, we find that the  $M_{\text{BH}} - L_{\text{sph}}$  and  $M_{\text{BH}} - L_{\text{gal}}$  relations have the same level of intrinsic scatter. Because the value of the intrinsic scatter depends on the uncertainties associated to the luminosities<sup>7</sup>, we tested the robustness of our last conclusion by increasing/decreasing the errors associated to  $L_{\text{gal}}$  (that we originally assumed to be 0.25 mag) and repeating the linear regression analysis. We decided to vary only the errors associated to  $L_{\text{gal}}$  because we consider the uncertainties associated to  $L_{\text{sph}}$  trustworthy, since they have been estimated with an advanced method that takes into account the systematic errors related to the galaxy decomposition process. We found that the  $M_{\text{BH}} - L_{\text{sph}}$  and  $M_{\text{BH}} - L_{\text{gal}}$  relations for early-type galaxies have inconsistent intrinsic scatter when assuming an error  $\geq 0.7 \text{ mag}$  on  $L_{\text{gal}}$ . Because such error is larger than the typical error on  $L_{\text{sph}}$  estimated by us and, in general, is significantly larger than the uncertainties on  $L_{\text{gal}}$  that are typically assumed in the literature, we conclude that our determination of the intrinsic scatter is reliable, and that  $M_{\text{BH}}$  correlates equally well with  $L_{\text{sph}}$  and  $L_{\text{gal}}$  only for early-type galaxies, but not for all (early+late) galaxies. As Läscher et al. (2014b) pointed out, from the observer’s perspective, measuring galaxy luminosities is obviously easier and faster than performing accurate galaxy decompositions to obtain bulge luminosities. This, combined with our last conclusion, suggests that one should

<sup>7</sup> The smaller (larger) the uncertainties, the larger (smaller) the intrinsic scatter.

TABLE 1  
GALAXY SAMPLE.

| Galaxy   | Type        | Core | Distance     | $M_{\text{BH}}$             | $MAG_{\text{sph}}$       | $MAG_{\text{gal}}$ | [3.6] – [4.5] | $M_{*,\text{sph}}$             |
|----------|-------------|------|--------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------|---------------|--------------------------------|
| (1)      | (2)         | (3)  | [Mpc]<br>(4) | [ $10^8 M_{\odot}$ ]<br>(5) | [mag]<br>(6)             | [mag]<br>(7)       | [mag]<br>(8)  | [ $10^{10} M_{\odot}$ ]<br>(9) |
| IC 1459  | E           | yes  | 28.4         | $24^{+10}_{-10}$            | $-26.15^{+0.18}_{-0.11}$ | $-26.15 \pm 0.25$  | -0.12         | $27^{+30}_{-23}$               |
| IC 2560  | Sp (bar)    | no?  | 40.7         | $0.044^{+0.044}_{-0.022}$   | $-22.27^{+0.66}_{-0.58}$ | $-24.76 \pm 0.25$  | -0.08         | $1.0^{+1.8}_{-0.6}$            |
| IC 4296  | E           | yes? | 40.7         | $11^{+2}_{-2}$              | $-26.35^{+0.18}_{-0.11}$ | $-26.35 \pm 0.25$  | -0.12         | $31^{+34}_{-26}$               |
| M104     | S0/Sp       | yes  | 9.5          | $6.4^{+0.4}_{-0.4}$         | $-23.91^{+0.66}_{-0.58}$ | $-25.21 \pm 0.25$  | -0.12         | $3.4^{+5.8}_{-1.9}$            |
| M105     | E           | yes  | 10.3         | $4^{+1}_{-1}$               | $-24.29^{+0.66}_{-0.58}$ | $-24.29 \pm 0.25$  | -0.10         | $5.6^{+9.5}_{-3.0}$            |
| M106     | Sp (bar)    | no   | 7.2          | $0.39^{+0.01}_{-0.01}$      | $-21.11^{+0.18}_{-0.11}$ | $-24.04 \pm 0.25$  | -0.08         | $0.37^{+0.41}_{-0.31}$         |
| M31      | Sp (bar)    | no   | 0.7          | $1.4^{+0.9}_{-0.3}$         | $-22.74^{+0.18}_{-0.11}$ | $-24.67 \pm 0.25$  | -0.09         | $1.5^{+1.6}_{-1.3}$            |
| M49      | E           | yes  | 17.1         | $25^{+3}_{-1}$              | $-26.54^{+0.18}_{-0.11}$ | $-26.54 \pm 0.25$  | -0.12         | $39^{+43}_{-33}$               |
| M59      | E           | no   | 17.8         | $3.9^{+0.4}_{-0.4}$         | $-25.18^{+0.18}_{-0.11}$ | $-25.27 \pm 0.25$  | -0.09         | $14^{+15}_{-11}$               |
| M64      | Sp          | no?  | 7.3          | $0.016^{+0.004}_{-0.004}$   | $-21.54^{+0.18}_{-0.11}$ | $-24.24 \pm 0.25$  | -0.06         | $0.64^{+0.71}_{-0.55}$         |
| M81      | Sp (bar)    | no   | 3.8          | $0.74^{+0.21}_{-0.11}$      | $-23.01^{+0.88}_{-0.66}$ | $-24.43 \pm 0.25$  | -0.09         | $1.9^{+3.6}_{-1.9}$            |
| M84      | E           | yes  | 17.9         | $9.0^{+0.9}_{-0.8}$         | $-26.01^{+0.66}_{-0.58}$ | $-26.01 \pm 0.25$  | -0.10         | $28^{+47}_{-15}$               |
| M87      | E           | yes  | 15.6         | $58.0^{+3.5}_{-3.5}$        | $-26.00^{+0.66}_{-0.58}$ | $-26.00 \pm 0.25$  | -0.11         | $26^{+44}_{-14}$               |
| M89      | E           | yes  | 14.9         | $4.7^{+0.5}_{-0.5}$         | $-24.48^{+0.66}_{-0.58}$ | $-24.74 \pm 0.25$  | -0.11         | $6.3^{+10.7}_{-3.4}$           |
| M94      | Sp (bar)    | no?  | 4.4          | $0.060^{+0.014}_{-0.014}$   | $-22.08^{+0.18}_{-0.11}$ | $\leq -23.36$      | -0.07         | $1.00^{+1.11}_{-0.85}$         |
| M96      | Sp (bar)    | no   | 10.1         | $0.073^{+0.015}_{-0.015}$   | $-22.15^{+0.18}_{-0.11}$ | $-24.20 \pm 0.25$  | -0.08         | $0.97^{+1.08}_{-0.83}$         |
| NGC 0524 | S0          | yes  | 23.3         | $8.3^{+2.7}_{-1.3}$         | $-23.19^{+0.18}_{-0.11}$ | $-24.92 \pm 0.25$  | -0.09         | $2.2^{+2.5}_{-1.9}$            |
| NGC 0821 | E           | no   | 23.4         | $0.39^{+0.26}_{-0.09}$      | $-24.00^{+0.88}_{-0.66}$ | $-24.26 \pm 0.25$  | -0.09         | $4.7^{+8.7}_{-2.1}$            |
| NGC 1023 | S0 (bar)    | no   | 11.1         | $0.42^{+0.04}_{-0.04}$      | $-22.82^{+0.18}_{-0.11}$ | $-24.20 \pm 0.25$  | -0.10         | $1.5^{+1.7}_{-1.3}$            |
| NGC 1300 | Sp (bar)    | no   | 20.7         | $0.73^{+0.69}_{-0.35}$      | $-22.06^{+0.66}_{-0.58}$ | $-24.16 \pm 0.25$  | -0.10         | $0.70^{+1.19}_{-0.38}$         |
| NGC 1316 | merger      | no   | 18.6         | $1.50^{+0.75}_{-0.80}$      | $-24.89^{+0.66}_{-0.58}$ | $-26.48 \pm 0.25$  | -0.10         | $9.5^{+16.2}_{-5.2}$           |
| NGC 1332 | E/S0        | no   | 22.3         | $14^{+2}_{-2}$              | $-24.89^{+0.66}_{-0.58}$ | $-24.95 \pm 0.25$  | -0.12         | $8.2^{+15.0}_{-3.6}$           |
| NGC 1374 | E           | no?  | 19.2         | $5.8^{+0.5}_{-0.5}$         | $-23.68^{+0.18}_{-0.11}$ | $-23.70 \pm 0.25$  | -0.09         | $3.6^{+4.0}_{-3.0}$            |
| NGC 1399 | E           | yes  | 19.4         | $4.7^{+0.6}_{-0.6}$         | $-26.43^{+0.18}_{-0.11}$ | $-26.46 \pm 0.25$  | -0.12         | $33^{+37}_{-28}$               |
| NGC 2273 | Sp (bar)    | no   | 28.5         | $0.083^{+0.004}_{-0.004}$   | $-23.00^{+0.66}_{-0.58}$ | $-24.21 \pm 0.25$  | -0.08         | $2.0^{+3.4}_{-1.1}$            |
| NGC 2549 | S0 (bar)    | no   | 12.3         | $0.14^{+0.02}_{-0.13}$      | $-21.25^{+0.18}_{-0.11}$ | $-22.60 \pm 0.25$  | -0.10         | $0.35^{+0.39}_{-0.30}$         |
| NGC 2778 | S0 (bar)    | no   | 22.3         | $0.15^{+0.09}_{-0.10}$      | $-20.80^{+0.66}_{-0.58}$ | $-22.44 \pm 0.25$  | -0.09         | $0.25^{+0.43}_{-0.14}$         |
| NGC 2787 | S0 (bar)    | no   | 7.3          | $0.40^{+0.04}_{-0.05}$      | $-20.11^{+0.66}_{-0.58}$ | $-22.28 \pm 0.25$  | -0.10         | $0.12^{+0.20}_{-0.07}$         |
| NGC 2974 | Sp (bar)    | no   | 20.9         | $1.7^{+0.2}_{-0.2}$         | $-22.95^{+0.66}_{-0.58}$ | $-24.16 \pm 0.25$  | -0.09         | $1.8^{+3.1}_{-1.0}$            |
| NGC 3079 | Sp (bar)    | no?  | 20.7         | $0.024^{+0.024}_{-0.012}$   | $-23.01^{+0.66}_{-0.58}$ | $\leq -24.45$      | -0.07         | $2.4^{+4.0}_{-1.3}$            |
| NGC 3091 | E           | yes  | 51.2         | $36^{+1}_{-2}$              | $-26.28^{+0.18}_{-0.11}$ | $-26.28 \pm 0.25$  | -0.12         | $30^{+34}_{-26}$               |
| NGC 3115 | E/S0        | no   | 9.4          | $8.8^{+10.0}_{-2.7}$        | $-24.22^{+0.18}_{-0.11}$ | $-24.40 \pm 0.25$  | -0.11         | $4.9^{+5.4}_{-4.1}$            |
| NGC 3227 | Sp (bar)    | no   | 20.3         | $0.14^{+0.10}_{-0.06}$      | $-21.76^{+0.66}_{-0.58}$ | $-24.26 \pm 0.25$  | -0.08         | $0.67^{+1.15}_{-0.37}$         |
| NGC 3245 | S0 (bar)    | no   | 20.3         | $2.0^{+0.5}_{-0.5}$         | $-22.43^{+0.18}_{-0.11}$ | $-23.88 \pm 0.25$  | -0.10         | $1.0^{+1.1}_{-0.9}$            |
| NGC 3377 | E           | no   | 10.9         | $0.77^{+0.04}_{-0.06}$      | $-23.49^{+0.66}_{-0.58}$ | $-23.57 \pm 0.25$  | -0.06         | $4.0^{+6.8}_{-2.2}$            |
| NGC 3384 | S0 (bar)    | no   | 11.3         | $0.17^{+0.01}_{-0.02}$      | $-22.43^{+0.18}_{-0.11}$ | $-23.74 \pm 0.25$  | -0.08         | $1.2^{+1.3}_{-1.0}$            |
| NGC 3393 | Sp (bar)    | no   | 55.2         | $0.34^{+0.02}_{-0.02}$      | $-23.48^{+0.66}_{-0.58}$ | $-25.29 \pm 0.25$  | -0.10         | $2.8^{+4.7}_{-1.3}$            |
| NGC 3414 | E           | no   | 24.5         | $2.4^{+0.3}_{-0.3}$         | $-24.35^{+0.18}_{-0.11}$ | $-24.42 \pm 0.25$  | -0.09         | $6.5^{+7.2}_{-5.5}$            |
| NGC 3489 | S0/Sp (bar) | no   | 11.7         | $0.058^{+0.008}_{-0.008}$   | $-21.13^{+0.66}_{-0.58}$ | $-23.07 \pm 0.25$  | -0.06         | $0.42^{+0.72}_{-0.23}$         |
| NGC 3585 | E           | no   | 19.5         | $3.1^{+1.4}_{-0.6}$         | $-25.52^{+0.66}_{-0.58}$ | $-25.55 \pm 0.25$  | -0.10         | $18^{+30}_{-10}$               |
| NGC 3607 | E           | no   | 22.2         | $1.3^{+0.5}_{-0.5}$         | $-25.36^{+0.66}_{-0.58}$ | $-25.45 \pm 0.25$  | -0.10         | $15^{+25}_{-8}$                |
| NGC 3608 | E           | yes  | 22.3         | $2.0^{+1.1}_{-0.6}$         | $-24.50^{+0.66}_{-0.58}$ | $-24.50 \pm 0.25$  | -0.08         | $7.8^{+13.4}_{-4.3}$           |
| NGC 3842 | E           | yes  | 98.4         | $97^{+30}_{-26}$            | $-27.00^{+0.18}_{-0.11}$ | $-27.04 \pm 0.25$  | -0.11         | $61^{+68}_{-52}$               |
| NGC 3998 | S0 (bar)    | no   | 13.7         | $8.1^{+2.0}_{-1.9}$         | $-22.32^{+0.88}_{-0.66}$ | $-23.53 \pm 0.25$  | -0.12         | $0.78^{+1.43}_{-0.35}$         |
| NGC 4026 | S0 (bar)    | no   | 13.2         | $1.8^{+0.6}_{-0.3}$         | $-21.58^{+0.88}_{-0.66}$ | $-23.16 \pm 0.25$  | -0.09         | $0.50^{+0.92}_{-0.22}$         |
| NGC 4151 | Sp (bar)    | no   | 20.0         | $0.65^{+0.07}_{-0.07}$      | $-23.40^{+0.66}_{-0.58}$ | $-24.44 \pm 0.25$  | -0.09         | $2.8^{+4.8}_{-1.5}$            |
| NGC 4261 | E           | yes  | 30.8         | $5^{+1}_{-1}$               | $-25.72^{+0.66}_{-0.58}$ | $-25.76 \pm 0.25$  | -0.12         | $18^{+30}_{-10}$               |
| NGC 4291 | E           | yes  | 25.5         | $3.3^{+0.9}_{-2.5}$         | $-24.05^{+0.66}_{-0.58}$ | $-24.05 \pm 0.25$  | -0.11         | $3.9^{+6.7}_{-2.1}$            |
| NGC 4388 | Sp (bar)    | no?  | 17.0         | $0.075^{+0.002}_{-0.002}$   | $-21.26^{+0.88}_{-0.66}$ | $\leq -23.50$      | -0.07         | $0.46^{+0.85}_{-0.21}$         |
| NGC 4459 | S0          | no   | 15.7         | $0.68^{+0.13}_{-0.13}$      | $-23.48^{+0.66}_{-0.58}$ | $-24.01 \pm 0.25$  | -0.09         | $2.9^{+5.0}_{-1.6}$            |
| NGC 4473 | E           | no   | 15.3         | $1.2^{+0.4}_{-0.9}$         | $-23.88^{+0.66}_{-0.58}$ | $-24.11 \pm 0.25$  | -0.10         | $3.9^{+6.6}_{-2.1}$            |
| NGC 4564 | S0          | no   | 14.6         | $0.60^{+0.03}_{-0.09}$      | $-22.30^{+0.18}_{-0.11}$ | $-22.99 \pm 0.25$  | -0.11         | $0.82^{+0.91}_{-0.70}$         |
| NGC 4596 | S0 (bar)    | no   | 17.0         | $0.79^{+0.38}_{-0.33}$      | $-22.73^{+0.18}_{-0.11}$ | $-24.18 \pm 0.25$  | -0.08         | $1.6^{+1.7}_{-1.3}$            |

| Galaxy    | Type     | Core | Distance | $M_{\text{BH}}$           | $MAG_{\text{sph}}$       | $MAG_{\text{gal}}$ | $[3.6] - [4.5]$ | $M_{*,\text{sph}}$     |
|-----------|----------|------|----------|---------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------|-----------------|------------------------|
| (1)       | (2)      | (3)  | [Mpc]    | $[10^8 M_{\odot}]$        | [mag]                    | [mag]              | [mag]           | $[10^{10} M_{\odot}]$  |
| (1)       | (2)      | (3)  | (4)      | (5)                       | (6)                      | (7)                | (8)             | (9)                    |
| NGC 4697  | E        | no   | 11.4     | $1.8^{+0.2}_{-0.1}$       | $-24.82^{+0.88}_{-0.66}$ | $-24.94 \pm 0.25$  | -0.09           | $10^{+18}_{-4}$        |
| NGC 4889  | E        | yes  | 103.2    | $210^{+160}_{-160}$       | $-27.54^{+0.18}_{-0.11}$ | $-27.54 \pm 0.25$  | -0.12           | $91^{+101}_{-77}$      |
| NGC 4945  | Sp (bar) | no?  | 3.8      | $0.014^{+0.014}_{-0.007}$ | $-20.96^{+0.66}_{-0.58}$ | $\leq -23.79$      | -0.06           | $0.36^{+0.62}_{-0.20}$ |
| NGC 5077  | E        | yes  | 41.2     | $7.4^{+4.7}_{-3.0}$       | $-25.45^{+0.18}_{-0.11}$ | $-25.45 \pm 0.25$  | -0.11           | $15^{+17}_{-13}$       |
| NGC 5128  | merger   | no?  | 3.8      | $0.45^{+0.17}_{-0.10}$    | $-23.89^{+0.88}_{-0.66}$ | $-24.97 \pm 0.25$  | -0.07           | $5.0^{+9.1}_{-2.2}$    |
| NGC 5576  | E        | no   | 24.8     | $1.6^{+0.3}_{-0.4}$       | $-24.44^{+0.18}_{-0.11}$ | $-24.44 \pm 0.25$  | -0.09           | $7.1^{+7.9}_{-6.0}$    |
| NGC 5845  | S0       | no   | 25.2     | $2.6^{+0.4}_{-1.5}$       | $-22.96^{+0.88}_{-0.66}$ | $-23.10 \pm 0.25$  | -0.12           | $1.4^{+2.6}_{-0.6}$    |
| NGC 5846  | E        | yes  | 24.2     | $11^{+1}_{-1}$            | $-25.81^{+0.66}_{-0.58}$ | $-25.81 \pm 0.25$  | -0.10           | $22^{+38}_{-12}$       |
| NGC 6251  | E        | yes? | 104.6    | $5^{+2}_{-2}$             | $-26.75^{+0.18}_{-0.11}$ | $-26.75 \pm 0.25$  | -0.12           | $46^{+51}_{-39}$       |
| NGC 7052  | E        | yes  | 66.4     | $3.7^{+2.6}_{-1.5}$       | $-26.32^{+0.18}_{-0.11}$ | $-26.32 \pm 0.25$  | -0.11           | $33^{+36}_{-28}$       |
| NGC 7619  | E        | yes  | 51.5     | $25^{+8}_{-3}$            | $-26.35^{+0.66}_{-0.58}$ | $-26.41 \pm 0.25$  | -0.11           | $33^{+56}_{-18}$       |
| NGC 7768  | E        | yes  | 112.8    | $13^{+5}_{-4}$            | $-26.90^{+0.66}_{-0.58}$ | $-26.90 \pm 0.25$  | -0.11           | $57^{+98}_{-31}$       |
| UGC 03789 | Sp (bar) | no?  | 48.4     | $0.108^{+0.005}_{-0.005}$ | $-22.77^{+0.88}_{-0.66}$ | $-24.20 \pm 0.25$  | -0.07           | $1.9^{+3.4}_{-0.8}$    |

NOTE. — *Column (1)*: Galaxy name. *Column (2)*: Morphological type (E=elliptical, S0=lenticular, Sp=spiral, merger). The morphological classification of four galaxies is uncertain (E/S0 or S0/Sp). The presence of a bar is indicated. *Column (3)*: Presence of a partially depleted core. The question mark is used when the classification has come from the velocity dispersion criteria mentioned in Section 2. *Column (4)*: Distance. *Column (5)*: Black hole mass. *Column (6)*: Absolute 3.6  $\mu\text{m}$  bulge magnitude. Bulge magnitudes come from our state-of-the-art multicomponent galaxy decompositions (*Paper I*), which include bulges, disks, bars, spiral arms, rings, haloes, extended or unresolved nuclear sources and partially depleted cores, and that – for the first time – were checked to be consistent with the galaxy kinematics. The uncertainties were estimated with a method that takes into account systematic errors, which are typically not considered by popular 2D fitting codes. *Column (7)*: Absolute 3.6  $\mu\text{m}$  galaxy magnitude. Four galaxies had their magnitudes overestimated, which are give here as upper limits. *Column (8)*:  $[3.6] - [4.5]$  colour. *Column (9)*: Bulge stellar mass.

prefer the galaxy luminosity over the bulge luminosity to predict black hole masses when dealing with samples of elliptical and lenticular galaxies only.

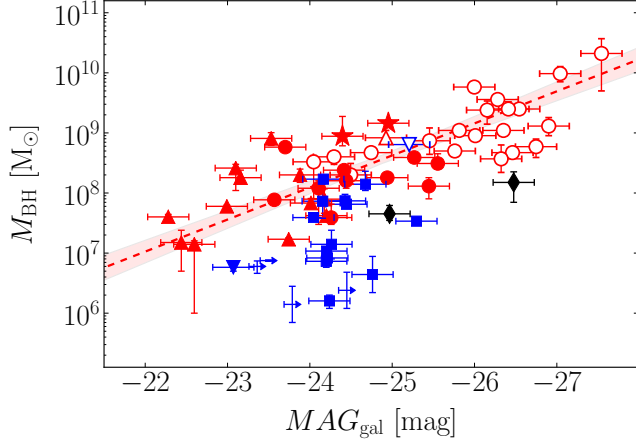


FIG. 1.— Black hole mass plotted against  $3.6\ \mu\text{m}$  galaxy absolute magnitude. Symbols are coded according to the galaxy morphological type: red circle = E, red star = E/S0, red upward triangle = S0, blue downward triangle = S0/Sp, blue square = Sp, black diamond = merger. Empty symbols represent core-Sersic spheroids, whereas filled symbols are used for Sersic spheroids. Four spiral galaxies had their magnitudes overestimated and are shown as upper limits. The red dashed line indicates the BCES bisector linear regression for 45 early-type galaxies (E+S0), with the red shaded area denoting its  $1\sigma$  uncertainty. We were not able to obtain any meaningful linear regression for the late-type (Sp) galaxies.

#### 4.2. Black hole mass – spheroid luminosity

We now come to the  $M_{\text{BH}} - L_{\text{sph}}$  diagram, which is shown in Figure 2, and whose linear regression analysis is presented in Table 3.

Sersic and core-Sersic spheroids have slopes consistent with each other (within their  $1\sigma$  uncertainties), in disagreement with the findings of GS13. The slope that we obtained for core-Sersic spheroids ( $M_{\text{BH}} \propto L_{\text{sph}}^{1.18 \pm 0.20}$ ) is consistent with the slope reported by GS13 in the  $K_s$ -band ( $M_{\text{BH}} \propto L_{\text{sph}}^{1.10 \pm 0.20}$ ). Instead, the slope that we determined for Sersic spheroids ( $M_{\text{BH}} \propto L_{\text{sph}}^{1.53 \pm 0.20}$ ) is shallower than that found by GS13 ( $M_{\text{BH}} \propto L_{\text{sph}}^{2.73 \pm 0.55}$ ). Although the Sersic/core-Sersic classification used by GS13 slightly differs<sup>8</sup> from the classification used here, the main cause of such inconsistency is that the bulge-to-total ratios obtained from our galaxy decompositions are different from those assumed by GS13 to convert galaxy luminosities into bulge luminosities. Our bulge-to-total ratios for low-luminosity Sersic spheroids ( $MAG_{\text{sph}} \gtrsim -22$  mag) are smaller than those used by GS13. The host galaxies of such bulges are late-type, spiral galaxies, which typically present a complex morphology (bars, double bars, embedded disks, nuclear components, etc). Our sophisticated galaxy models account for the extra components, while the bulge-to-total ratios of GS13 were derived from simple literature bulge/disk

decompositions which overestimated the bulge luminosity. This results in our bulge magnitudes being on average  $\sim 1$  mag fainter than in GS13, after accounting for the different wavelength of the data. On the other side, our bulge-to-total ratios for high-luminosity Sersic spheroids ( $MAG_{\text{sph}} \lesssim -24$  mag) are on average larger than those adopted by GS13. In this case, the host systems are early-type galaxies that feature intermediate-scale disks<sup>9</sup>. Past bulge/disk decompositions failed to correctly identify the extent of such disks and treated them as large-scale disks, thus underestimating the bulge luminosity. The magnitudes that we obtained for such spheroids are on average  $\sim 1$  mag brighter than in GS13. These two effects explain the shallower slope that we obtained for the Sersic spheroids.

We have seen that the change in slope of the  $M_{\text{BH}} - L_{\text{sph}}$  correlation – which is expected for consistency with other scaling relations (a single power-law  $M_{\text{BH}} - \sigma$  correlation and a double power-law  $L_{\text{sph}} - \sigma$  correlation) – cannot be attributed to the division between the two populations of Sersic and core-Sersic spheroids. We now test a new hypothesis, that is to say the change in slope is to be ascribed to the different formation mechanisms of early- and late-type galaxies. If this hypothesis is correct, the spheroids of early-type galaxies will follow  $M_{\text{BH}} \propto L_{\text{sph}}^1$ , whereas the spheroids of late-type galaxies will have  $M_{\text{BH}} \propto L_{\text{sph}}^{2.5}$ . First, we checked that elliptical and lenticular galaxies, taken separately, have slopes consistent with each other, and thus, taken together, they define a single *red sequence* in the  $M_{\text{BH}} - L_{\text{sph}}$  diagram. We then fit the bulges of early- and late-type galaxies with two separate log-linear regressions, and obtained  $M_{\text{BH}} \propto L_{\text{sph}}^{1.00 \pm 0.10}$  and  $M_{\text{BH}} \propto L_{\text{sph}}^{2.75 \pm 0.75}$  respectively, in excellent agreement with the theoretical expectations of our hypothesis.

We remark on the unsuitability of the Pearson’s and Spearman’s correlation coefficients because they do not take into account the error bars on our data. Similarly, a visual inspection of the plotted data requires us to take into account the error bars when judging-by-eye the strength of a correlation. We have therefore relied on the quantitative regression analysis rather than subjective approaches.

#### 4.3. Pseudo- versus classical bulges

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Current views distinguish between classical bulges, which are considered to be spheroidal, pressure-supported systems, formed through violent processes, such as hierarchical clustering via minor mergers, and pseudo-bulges, thought to be disk-like, rotation-supported systems, built from secular evolution processes, such as instabilities of their surrounding disk or bar. Pseudo-bulges are notoriously hard to identify (Graham 2013, 2014, 2015a,c). For example, mergers can create bulges that rotate (e.g. Bekki 2010; Keselman & Nusser 2012), and bars can spin-up classical bulges (e.g. Saha et al. 2012), thus rotation is not a definitive signature of a pseudobulge. Furthermore, many galaxies host both a pseudo- and a classical bulge (e.g. Erwin et al. 2003, 2015; Athanassoula 2005; Gadotti 2009; MacArthur et al. 2009; dos Anjos &

<sup>8</sup> which galaxies?

<sup>9</sup> explain

TABLE 2  
LINEAR REGRESSION ANALYSIS OF THE  $M_{\text{BH}} - \text{MAG}_{\text{gal}}$  DIAGRAM.

| Subsample (size)  | Regression          | $\alpha$               | $\beta$                 | $\langle \text{MAG}_{\text{gal}} \rangle$ | $\epsilon$             | $\Delta$ |
|---|---------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|---|------------------------|----------|
| $\log[M_{\text{BH}}/\text{M}_{\odot}] = \alpha + \beta[(\text{MAG}_{\text{gal}} - \langle \text{MAG}_{\text{gal}} \rangle)/\text{mag}]$ |                     |                        |                         |   |                        |          |
| All (62)  | BCES (Y X)          | $8.26 \pm 0.08$        | $-0.49 \pm 0.06$        | -24.78                                    | —                      | 0.64     |
|   | BCES (X Y)          | $8.26 \pm 0.12$        | $-1.01 \pm 0.15$        | -24.78                                    | —                      | 0.92     |
|   | BCES Bisector       | $8.26 \pm 0.09$        | $-0.72 \pm 0.07$        | -24.78                                    | —                      | 0.71     |
|   | mFITEXY (Y X)       | $8.26^{+0.08}_{-0.08}$ | $-0.49^{+0.06}_{-0.07}$ | -24.78                                    | $0.61^{+0.07}_{-0.06}$ | 0.64     |
|   | mFITEXY (X Y)       | $8.26^{+0.11}_{-0.12}$ | $-1.03^{+0.13}_{-0.16}$ | -24.78                                    | $0.88^{+0.10}_{-0.08}$ | 0.93     |
|   | mFITEXY Bisector    | $8.26^{+0.10}_{-0.10}$ | $-0.73^{+0.09}_{-0.10}$ | -24.78                                    | —                      | 0.71     |
|   | linmix_err (Y X)    | $8.26 \pm 0.09$        | $-0.49 \pm 0.07$        | -24.78                                    | $0.63 \pm 0.07$        | 0.64     |
|   | linmix_err (X Y)    | $8.26 \pm 0.12$        | $-1.02 \pm 0.15$        | -24.78                                    | $0.91 \pm 0.17$        | 0.93     |
|   | linmix_err Bisector | $8.26 \pm 0.10$        | $-0.72 \pm 0.15$        | -24.78                                    | —                      | 0.71     |
|   |                     |                        |                         |   |                        |          |
| Early-type (E+S0) (45)  | BCES (Y X)          | $8.56 \pm 0.07$        | $-0.44 \pm 0.05$        | -24.88                                    | —                      | 0.45     |
|   | BCES (X Y)          | $8.56 \pm 0.08$        | $-0.64 \pm 0.05$        | -24.88                                    | —                      | 0.53     |
|   | BCES Bisector       | $8.56 \pm 0.07$        | $-0.53 \pm 0.04$        | -24.88                                    | —                      | 0.47     |
|   | mFITEXY (Y X)       | $8.56^{+0.06}_{-0.06}$ | $-0.42^{+0.05}_{-0.05}$ | -24.88                                    | $0.41^{+0.06}_{-0.05}$ | 0.45     |
|   | mFITEXY (X Y)       | $8.56^{+0.08}_{-0.08}$ | $-0.66^{+0.07}_{-0.08}$ | -24.88                                    | $0.51^{+0.07}_{-0.06}$ | 0.55     |
|   | mFITEXY Bisector    | $8.56^{+0.07}_{-0.07}$ | $-0.54^{+0.06}_{-0.06}$ | -24.88                                    | —                      | 0.47     |
|   | linmix_err (Y X)    | $8.56 \pm 0.07$        | $-0.42 \pm 0.06$        | -24.88                                    | $0.43 \pm 0.06$        | 0.45     |
|   | linmix_err (X Y)    | $8.56 \pm 0.09$        | $-0.65 \pm 0.08$        | -24.88                                    | $0.53 \pm 0.10$        | 0.54     |
|   | linmix_err Bisector | $8.56 \pm 0.08$        | $-0.53 \pm 0.10$        | -24.88                                    | —                      | 0.47     |
|   |                     |                        |                         |   |                        |          |

NOTE. — For each subsample, we indicate  $\langle \text{MAG}_{\text{gal}} \rangle$ , its average value of galaxy magnitudes. In the last two columns, we report  $\epsilon$ , the intrinsic scatter, and  $\Delta$ , the total rms scatter in the  $\log(M_{\text{BH}})$  direction. Four spiral galaxies had their luminosities underestimated and thus are not included in the linear regression analysis (the sample of all galaxies contains 66-4=62 objects). When considering all galaxies, irrespective of their morphological type, the  $M_{\text{BH}} - L_{\text{gal}}$  correlation is weaker than the  $M_{\text{BH}} - L_{\text{sph}}$  correlation, in terms of intrinsic scatter. However, when considering only early-type galaxies, the  $M_{\text{BH}} - L_{\text{gal}}$  and  $M_{\text{BH}} - L_{\text{sph}}$  correlations have consistent intrinsic scatter.

da Silva 2013; Seidel et al. 2015). In the recent literature, pseudo- and classical bulges have been frequently told apart by means of a divide at a Sérsic index of  $n_{\text{sph}} = 2$  (e.g. Fisher & Drory 2010), although, from a selection of hundreds of disc galaxies imaged in the  $K$ -band, Graham & Worley (2008) observed no such bimodality in the bulge Sérsic indices. While pseudo-bulges are expected to have exponential-like surface brightness profiles ( $n_{\text{sph}} \simeq 1$ ), being disk components that formed from their surrounding exponential disks (e.g. Bardeen 1975; Hohl 1975; Combes & Sanders 1981; Combes et al. 1990; Pfenniger & Friedli 1991), it has been shown that mergers can create bulges with  $n_{\text{sph}} < 2$  (e.g. Eliche-Moral et al. 2011; Scannapieco et al. 2011; Querejeta et al. 2015), just as low-luminosity elliptical galaxies (not built from the secular evolution of a disk) are well known to have  $n_{\text{sph}} < 2$  and even  $n_{\text{sph}} < 1$  (e.g. Davies et al. 1988; Young & Currie 1994).

Sani et al. (2011) reported that pseudo-bulges – which they labelled as such according to the  $n_{\text{sph}} < 2$  criterion – with low black hole masses ( $M_{\text{BH}} < 10^7 \text{ M}_{\odot}$ ) are significantly displaced from the correlation traced by classical bulges. In Figure 4, we show the distribution of spheroid Sérsic indices<sup>10</sup> in the  $M_{\text{BH}} - L_{\text{sph}}$  diagram. Our aim is to check whether  $n_{\text{sph}} < 2$  bulges are offset to lower black hole masses from the correlation defined by  $n_{\text{sph}} > 2$  bulges. To do this, we fit a symmetrical linear regression to the bulges that have  $n_{\text{sph}} > 2$  and we compute the vertical offset of all bulges from the regression. In the inset of Figure 4, we plot the vertical offset against  $n_{\text{sph}}$ . From a visual inspection, bulges with  $n_{\text{sph}} < 2$  do not appear to be offset from the correlation traced by bulges

with  $n_{\text{sph}} > 2$ .

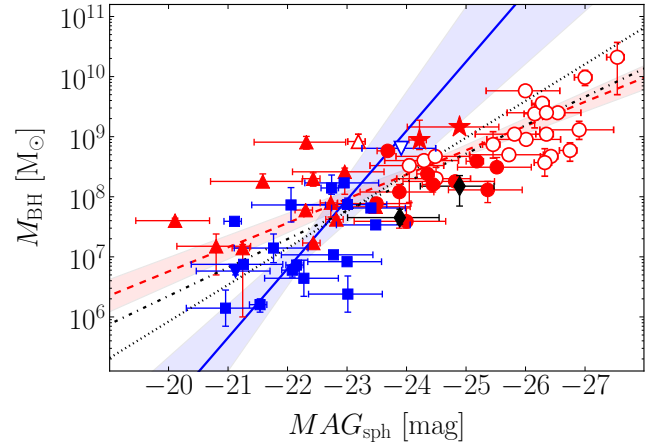


FIG. 2.— Black hole mass plotted against  $3.6 \mu\text{m}$  spheroid absolute magnitude. Symbols are coded according to the galaxy morphological type: red circle = E, red star = E/S0, red upward triangle = S0, blue downward triangle = S0/Sp, blue square = Sp, black diamond = merger. Empty symbols represent core-Sérsic spheroids, whereas filled symbols are used for Sérsic spheroids. The red dashed line indicates the BCES bisector linear regression for the bulges of 45 early-type (E+S0) galaxies, with the red shaded area denoting its  $1\sigma$  uncertainty. The blue solid line shows the BCES bisector linear regression for the bulges of 17 late-type (Sp) galaxies, with the blue shaded area denoting its  $1\sigma$  uncertainty. The black dashed-dotted and dotted lines represent the BCES bisector linear regressions for core-Sérsic and Sérsic spheroids, respectively.

#### 4.4. Black hole mass – spheroid stellar mass

Finally, we present the  $M_{\text{BH}} - M_{*,\text{sph}}$  diagram in Figure 5. The bulges of early-type galaxies follow  $M_{\text{BH}} \propto$

<sup>10</sup> The spheroid Sérsic indices are taken from our one-dimensional fits of the galaxy major-axis surface brightness profiles (Paper I).



TABLE 3  
LINEAR REGRESSION ANALYSIS OF THE  $M_{\text{BH}} - \text{MAG}_{\text{sph}}$  DIAGRAM.

| Subsample (size)   | Regression           | $\alpha$                          | $\beta$                            | $\langle \text{MAG}_{\text{sph}} \rangle$ | $\epsilon$             | $\Delta$    |
|--|----------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------|---|------------------------|-------------|
| $\log[M_{\text{BH}}/M_{\odot}] = \alpha + \beta[(\text{MAG}_{\text{sph}} - \langle \text{MAG}_{\text{sph}} \rangle)/\text{mag}]$ |                      |                                   |                                    |   |                        |             |
| All (66)   | BCES (Y X)           | $8.16 \pm 0.07$                   | $-0.44 \pm 0.04$                   | -23.86                                    | —                      | 0.56        |
|  | BCES (X Y)           | $8.16 \pm 0.08$                   | $-0.61 \pm 0.05$                   | -23.86                                    | —                      | 0.68        |
|  | BCES Bisector        | $8.16 \pm 0.07$                   | $-0.52 \pm 0.04$                   | -23.86                                    | —                      | 0.60        |
|  | mFITEXY (Y X)        | $8.17^{+0.06}_{-0.07}$            | $-0.43^{+0.03}_{-0.04}$            | -23.86                                    | $0.49^{+0.06}_{-0.05}$ | 0.56        |
|  | mFITEXY (X Y)        | $8.15^{+0.07}_{-0.08}$            | $-0.61^{+0.05}_{-0.05}$            | -23.86                                    | $0.58^{+0.07}_{-0.06}$ | 0.68        |
|  | mFITEXY Bisector     | $8.16^{+0.07}_{-0.07}$            | $-0.51^{+0.04}_{-0.04}$            | -23.86                                    | —                      | 0.60        |
|  | linmix_err (Y X)     | $8.16 \pm 0.07$                   | $-0.42 \pm 0.04$                   | -23.86                                    | $0.51 \pm 0.06$        | 0.56        |
|  | linmix_err (X Y)     | $8.16 \pm 0.09$                   | $-0.60 \pm 0.06$                   | -23.86                                    | $0.60 \pm 0.09$        | 0.67        |
|  | linmix_err Bisector  | $8.16 \pm 0.08$                   | $-0.51 \pm 0.09$                   | -23.86                                    | —                      | 0.59        |
| $n > 2$ (43)   | BCES (Y X)           | $8.58 \pm 0.07$                   | $-0.42 \pm 0.06$                   | -24.77                                    | —                      | 0.46        |
|  | BCES (X Y)           | $8.58 \pm 0.08$                   | $-0.58 \pm 0.06$                   | -24.77                                    | —                      | 0.56        |
|  | BCES Bisector        | $8.58 \pm 0.07$                   | $-0.50 \pm 0.05$                   | -24.77                                    | —                      | 0.49        |
|  | mFITEXY (Y X)        | $8.57^{+0.07}_{-0.07}$            | $-0.41^{+0.04}_{-0.04}$            | -24.77                                    | $0.38^{+0.06}_{-0.06}$ | 0.46        |
|  | mFITEXY (X Y)        | $8.56^{+0.08}_{-0.08}$            | $-0.57^{+0.06}_{-0.07}$            | -24.77                                    | $0.44^{+0.08}_{-0.11}$ | 0.55        |
|  | mFITEXY Bisector     | $8.57^{+0.07}_{-0.07}$            | $-0.49^{+0.05}_{-0.05}$            | -24.77                                    | —                      | 0.49        |
|  | linmix_err (Y X)     | $8.56 \pm 0.07$                   | $-0.39 \pm 0.05$                   | -24.77                                    | $0.40 \pm 0.06$        | 0.46        |
|  | linmix_err (X Y)     | $8.55 \pm 0.09$                   | $-0.57 \pm 0.08$                   | -24.77                                    | $0.49 \pm 0.10$        | 0.55        |
|  | linmix_err Bisector  | $8.56 \pm 0.08$                   | $-0.48 \pm 0.10$                   | -24.77                                    | —                      | 0.49        |
| Core-Sérsic (22)   | BCES (Y X)           | $9.06 \pm 0.09$                   | $-0.32 \pm 0.11$                   | -25.73                                    | —                      | 0.42        |
|  | BCES (X Y)           | $9.06 \pm 0.12$                   | $-0.65 \pm 0.12$                   | -25.73                                    | —                      | 0.61        |
|  | BCES Bisector        | $9.06 \pm 0.10$                   | $-0.47 \pm 0.08$                   | -25.73                                    | —                      | 0.48        |
|  | mFITEXY (Y X)        | $9.06^{+0.08}_{-0.09}$            | $-0.26^{+0.08}_{-0.07}$            | -25.73                                    | $0.36^{+0.09}_{-0.06}$ | 0.42        |
|  | mFITEXY (X Y)        | $9.03^{+0.15}_{-0.16}$            | $-0.72^{+0.17}_{-0.31}$            | -25.73                                    | $0.61^{+0.14}_{-0.09}$ | 0.68        |
|  | mFITEXY Bisector     | $9.05^{+0.12}_{-0.13}$            | $-0.47^{+0.12}_{-0.17}$            | -25.73                                    | —                      | 0.48        |
|  | linmix_err (Y X)     | $9.04 \pm 0.10$                   | $-0.24 \pm 0.09$                   | -25.73                                    | $0.40 \pm 0.08$        | 0.42        |
|  | linmix_err (X Y)     | $9.03 \pm 0.17$                   | $-0.69 \pm 0.27$                   | -25.73                                    | $0.68 \pm 0.30$        | 0.64        |
|  | linmix_err Bisector  | $9.04 \pm 0.14$                   | $-0.44 \pm 0.16$                   | -25.73                                    | —                      | 0.46        |
| Sérsic (44)  | BCES (Y X)           | $7.71 \pm 0.09$                   | $-0.41 \pm 0.08$                   | -22.92                                    | —                      | 0.61        |
|  | BCES (X Y)           | $7.71 \pm 0.14$                   | $-0.86 \pm 0.16$                   | -22.92                                    | —                      | 0.93        |
|  | BCES Bisector        | $7.71 \pm 0.10$                   | $-0.61 \pm 0.08$                   | -22.92                                    | —                      | 0.71        |
|  | mFITEXY (Y X)        | $7.72^{+0.08}_{-0.09}$            | $-0.41^{+0.07}_{-0.08}$            | -22.92                                    | $0.54^{+0.08}_{-0.07}$ | 0.61        |
|  | mFITEXY (X Y)        | $7.72^{+0.14}_{-0.13}$            | $-0.86^{+0.13}_{-0.19}$            | -22.92                                    | $0.77^{+0.13}_{-0.10}$ | 0.93        |
|  | mFITEXY Bisector     | $7.72^{+0.11}_{-0.11}$            | $-0.61^{+0.10}_{-0.12}$            | -22.92                                    | —                      | 0.71        |
|  | linmix_err (Y X)     | $7.73 \pm 0.09$                   | $-0.41 \pm 0.08$                   | -22.92                                    | $0.55 \pm 0.08$        | 0.61        |
|  | linmix_err (X Y)     | $7.73 \pm 0.14$                   | $-0.86 \pm 0.17$                   | -22.92                                    | $0.79 \pm 0.20$        | 0.93        |
|  | linmix_err Bisector  | $7.73 \pm 0.12$                   | $-0.62 \pm 0.15$                   | -22.92                                    | —                      | 0.71        |
| Early-type (E+S0) (45)   | BCES (Y X)           | $8.56 \pm 0.07$                   | $-0.33 \pm 0.04$                   | -24.47                                    | —                      | 0.46        |
|  | BCES (X Y)           | $8.56 \pm 0.08$                   | $-0.48 \pm 0.05$                   | -24.47                                    | —                      | 0.55        |
|  | <b>BCES Bisector</b> | <b><math>8.56 \pm 0.07</math></b> | <b><math>-0.40 \pm 0.04</math></b> | <b>-24.47</b>                             | —                      | <b>0.49</b> |
|  | mFITEXY (Y X)        | $8.56^{+0.06}_{-0.06}$            | $-0.32^{+0.03}_{-0.04}$            | -24.47                                    | $0.40^{+0.06}_{-0.05}$ | 0.46        |
|  | mFITEXY (X Y)        | $8.54^{+0.08}_{-0.08}$            | $-0.49^{+0.05}_{-0.06}$            | -24.47                                    | $0.49^{+0.08}_{-0.06}$ | 0.57        |
|  | mFITEXY Bisector     | $8.55^{+0.07}_{-0.07}$            | $-0.41^{+0.04}_{-0.05}$            | -24.47                                    | —                      | 0.49        |
|  | linmix_err (Y X)     | $8.55 \pm 0.07$                   | $-0.32 \pm 0.04$                   | -24.47                                    | $0.41 \pm 0.06$        | 0.46        |
|  | linmix_err (X Y)     | $8.55 \pm 0.09$                   | $-0.48 \pm 0.06$                   | -24.47                                    | $0.51 \pm 0.10$        | 0.56        |
|  | linmix_err Bisector  | $8.55 \pm 0.08$                   | $-0.40 \pm 0.09$                   | -24.47                                    | —                      | 0.49        |
| Late-type (Sp) (17)  | BCES (Y X)           | $7.18 \pm 0.16$                   | $-0.79 \pm 0.43$                   | -22.33                                    | —                      | 0.70        |
|  | BCES (X Y)           | $7.18 \pm 0.29$                   | $-1.71 \pm 0.71$                   | -22.33                                    | —                      | 1.26        |
|  | <b>BCES Bisector</b> | <b><math>7.18 \pm 0.20</math></b> | <b><math>-1.15 \pm 0.27</math></b> | <b>-22.33</b>                             | —                      | <b>0.88</b> |
|  | mFITEXY (Y X)        | $7.20^{+0.15}_{-0.15}$            | $-0.53^{+0.22}_{-0.24}$            | -22.33                                    | $0.55^{+0.15}_{-0.10}$ | 0.63        |
|  | mFITEXY (X Y)        | $7.38^{+0.54}_{-0.36}$            | $-2.02^{+0.71}_{-2.13}$            | -22.33                                    | $1.09^{+0.41}_{-0.24}$ | 1.50        |
|  | mFITEXY Bisector     | $7.26^{+0.40}_{-0.28}$            | $-1.03^{+0.33}_{-0.52}$            | -22.33                                    | —                      | 0.82        |
|  | linmix_err (Y X)     | $7.24 \pm 0.19$                   | $-0.46 \pm 0.32$                   | -22.33                                    | $0.63 \pm 0.16$        | 0.62        |
|  | linmix_err (X Y)     | $7.34 \pm 0.43$                   | $-1.93 \pm 1.30$                   | -22.33                                    | $1.31 \pm 0.97$        | 1.43        |
|  | linmix_err Bisector  | $7.27 \pm 0.33$                   | $-0.96 \pm 0.50$                   | -22.33                                    | —                      | 0.78        |

NOTE. — For each subsample, we indicate  $\langle \text{MAG}_{\text{sph}} \rangle$ , its average value of spheroid magnitudes. In the last two columns, we report  $\epsilon$ , the intrinsic scatter, and  $\Delta$ , the total rms scatter in the  $\log(M_{\text{BH}})$  direction. Both the early- and late-type subsamples do not contain the two galaxies classified as S0/Sp and the two galaxies classified as mergers (45+17=66-2-2).



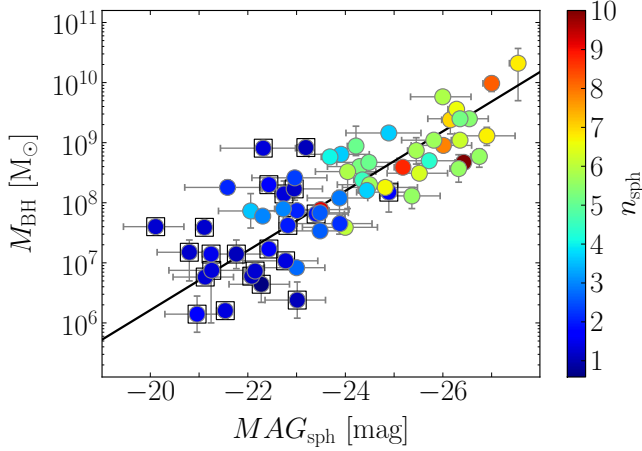


FIG. 3.— Black hole mass plotted against  $3.6\ \mu\text{m}$  spheroid absolute magnitude. Symbols are color coded according to the spheroid Sérsic index  $n_{\text{sph}}$ . Bulges with  $n_{\text{sph}} < 2$ , claimed by some to be pseudobulges, are marked with an empty square. The black solid line shows the BCES bisector linear regression for spheroids with  $n_{\text{sph}} \geq 2$ .

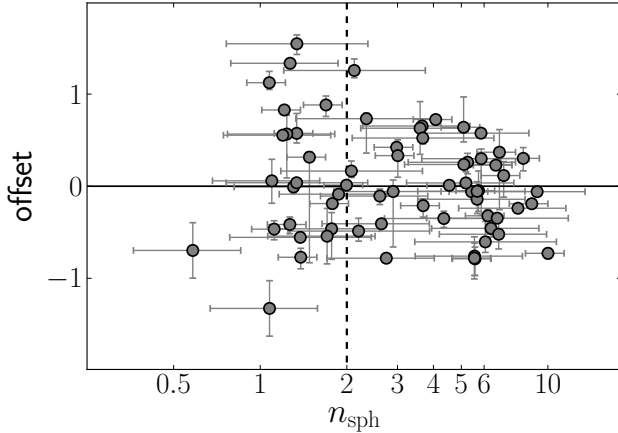


FIG. 4.— Vertical offset from the  $M_{\text{BH}} - L_{\text{sph}}$  correlation defined by spheroids with  $n_{\text{sph}} \geq 2$ , plotted against  $n_{\text{sph}}$ . The vertical dashed line corresponds to  $n_{\text{sph}} = 2$ . The horizontal solid line is equivalent to a zero vertical offset. Bulges with  $n_{\text{sph}} < 2$  are not randomly offset to lower black hole masses from the correlation traced by bulges with  $n_{\text{sph}} \geq 2$ .

$M_{*,\text{sph}}^{1.0 \pm 0.1}$ , as expected from a dry-merging formation scenario, and define a tight *red sequence* with intrinsic scatter  $\epsilon_{(Y|X)} = 0.43 \pm 0.06$  dex. On the other hand, the bulges of spiral galaxies trace a steeper *blue sequence*, whose slope is less well constrained due to the small size of the subsample and, more importantly, to the small range in  $M_{*,\text{sph}}$  that the subsample spans. For the bulges of spiral galaxies, the BCES code returns a bisector linear regression  $M_{\text{BH}} \propto M_{*,\text{sph}}^{3.0 \pm 1.3}$ , while the modified FITEXY routine finds a shallower (but still consistent within the  $1\sigma$  uncertainty) slope of  $2.3^{+1.7}_{-1.0}$ . The Bayesian estimator of Kelly (2007) fails in performing an inverse ( $X|Y$ ) linear regression for the subsample of spiral galaxies. **which code do we trust more in this case? BCES or FI-**

### TEXY? is it a quadratic or a cubic growth?

Graham & Scott (2015) collected a sample of  $\sim 170$  low-redshift ( $z \lesssim 0.35$ , with a median redshift  $\langle z \rangle = 0.085$ ) bulges hosting Active Galactic Nuclei (AGNs) with black hole masses  $10^5 \lesssim M_{\text{BH}}/M_{\odot} \lesssim 0.5 \times 10^8$ , and showed that they roughly follow the quadratic  $M_{\text{BH}} - M_{*,\text{sph}}$  relation defined by predominantly inactive Sérsic bulges. We anticipate here that the correlation traced by our AGNs in the  $M_{\text{BH}} - M_{*,\text{sph}}$  diagram. That is, the AGNs appear to be the low-mass continuation of the *blue sequence* shown in Figure 5. We additionally note that the majority of our spiral galaxies host an AGN<sup>11</sup>.

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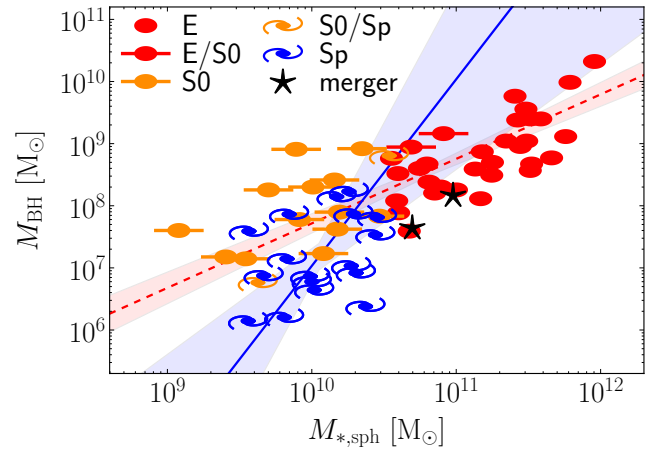


FIG. 5.— Black hole mass plotted against spheroid stellar mass. Symbols are coded according to the galaxy morphological type. The red dashed line indicates the BCES bisector linear regression for early-type galaxies (E+S0), with the red shaded area denoting its  $1\sigma$  uncertainty. The blue solid line shows the BCES bisector linear regression for late-type (Sp) galaxies, with the blue shaded area denoting its  $1\sigma$  uncertainty. **key result**

## 5. CONCLUSIONS

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<sup>11</sup> According to the nuclear classification reported on NED (Nasa Extragalactic Database), among our 17 spiral galaxies, at least 12 host a Seyfert AGN and one hosts a LINER AGN.

TABLE 4  
LINEAR REGRESSION ANALYSIS OF THE  $M_{\text{BH}} - M_{*,\text{sph}}$  DIAGRAM.

| Subsample (size)              | Regression   | $\alpha$                          | $\beta$                           | $\langle M_{*,\text{sph}} \rangle$ | $\epsilon$             | $\Delta$    |
|-------------------------------|--|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------|-------------|
|                               | $\log[M_{\text{BH}}/M_{\odot}] = \alpha + \beta \log[(M_{*,\text{sph}} - \langle M_{*,\text{sph}} \rangle)/M_{\odot}]$ |                                   |                                   |                                    |                        |             |
| <b>Early-type (E+S0) (45)</b> | BCES (Y X)   | $8.56 \pm 0.07$                   | $0.85 \pm 0.12$                   | 10.81                              | —                      | 0.48        |
|                               | BCES (X Y)   | $8.56 \pm 0.09$                   | $1.27 \pm 0.13$                   | 10.81                              | —                      | 0.59        |
|                               | <b>BCES Bisector</b>   | <b><math>8.56 \pm 0.07</math></b> | <b><math>1.04 \pm 0.10</math></b> | <b>10.81</b>                       | —                      | <b>0.51</b> |
|                               | mFITEXY (Y X)  | $8.56^{+0.06}_{-0.07}$            | $0.83^{+0.11}_{-0.11}$            | 10.81                              | $0.42^{+0.07}_{-0.05}$ | 0.48        |
|                               | mFITEXY (X Y)  | $8.54^{+0.08}_{-0.09}$            | $1.32^{+0.18}_{-0.15}$            | 10.81                              | $0.53^{+0.08}_{-0.07}$ | 0.61        |
|                               | mFITEXY Bisector   | $8.55^{+0.07}_{-0.08}$            | $1.05^{+0.14}_{-0.12}$            | 10.81                              | —                      | 0.51        |
|                               | linmix_err (Y X)   | $8.55 \pm 0.07$                   | $0.82 \pm 0.12$                   | 10.81                              | $0.43 \pm 0.06$        | 0.48        |
|                               | linmix_err (X Y)   | $8.55 \pm 0.09$                   | $1.29 \pm 0.17$                   | 10.81                              | $0.54 \pm 0.11$        | 0.59        |
|                               | linmix_err Bisector  | $8.55 \pm 0.08$                   | $1.03 \pm 0.19$                   | 10.81                              | —                      | 0.51        |
|                               |  |                                   |                                   |                                    |                        |             |
| <b>Late-type (Sp) (17)</b>    | BCES (Y X)   | $7.18 \pm 0.17$                   | $1.95 \pm 1.52$                   | 10.05                              | —                      | 0.74        |
|                               | BCES (X Y)   | $7.18 \pm 0.39$                   | $5.89 \pm 3.40$                   | 10.05                              | —                      | 1.70        |
|                               | <b>BCES Bisector</b>   | <b><math>7.18 \pm 0.21</math></b> | <b><math>3.00 \pm 1.30</math></b> | <b>10.05</b>                       | —                      | <b>0.94</b> |
|                               | mFITEXY (Y X)  | $7.20^{+0.15}_{-0.16}$            | $1.22^{+0.70}_{-0.32}$            | 10.05                              | $0.59^{+0.16}_{-0.11}$ | 0.66        |
|                               | mFITEXY (X Y)  | $7.44^{+1.45}_{-0.52}$            | $7.14^{+26.31}_{-3.01}$           | 10.05                              | $1.49^{+0.56}_{-0.36}$ | 2.08        |
|                               | mFITEXY Bisector   | $7.24^{+1.04}_{-0.39}$            | $2.28^{+1.67}_{-1.01}$            | 10.05                              | —                      | 0.79        |
|                               | linmix_err (Y X)   | $7.23 \pm 0.19$                   | $0.96 \pm 0.96$                   | 10.05                              | $0.67 \pm 0.16$        | 0.65        |
|                               | linmix_err (X Y)   | $7.42 \pm 0.64$                   | $6.96 \pm 6.73$                   | 10.05                              | $1.83 \pm 1.86$        | 2.03        |
|                               | linmix_err Bisector  | $7.26 \pm 0.47$                   | $1.94 \pm 216.38$                 | 10.05                              | —                      | 0.74        |
|                               |  |                                   |                                   |                                    |                        |             |

NOTE. — For each subsample, we indicate  $\langle M_{*,\text{sph}} \rangle$ , its average value of spheroid stellar masses. In the last two columns, we report  $\epsilon$ , the intrinsic scatter, and  $\Delta$ , the total rms scatter in the  $\log(M_{\text{BH}})$  direction.

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