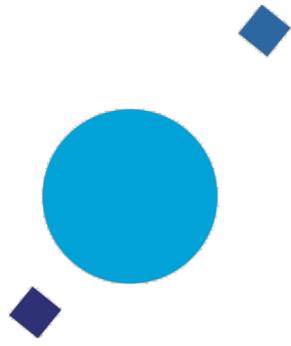




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# Jetted Active Galactic Nuclei

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# Foreword

- The **aim of this talk** is to draw your attention on some old and new discoveries on relativistic jets, and how to include them into a unified physical model for jetted AGN;
- This is **not** a challenge to the current unified model, but rather the request for an update and an improvement;
- **Martin Gaskell** in *Fifty years of quasars* (2012):  
“[...] I tell students that classification is one of the first step in science. As science progresses, however, I believe that we need to move toward physically meaningful classification schemes as soon as possible. To achieve this, we need to be willing to modify our definitions, or else we can impede progress.”

# Evolution of terminology and classification:

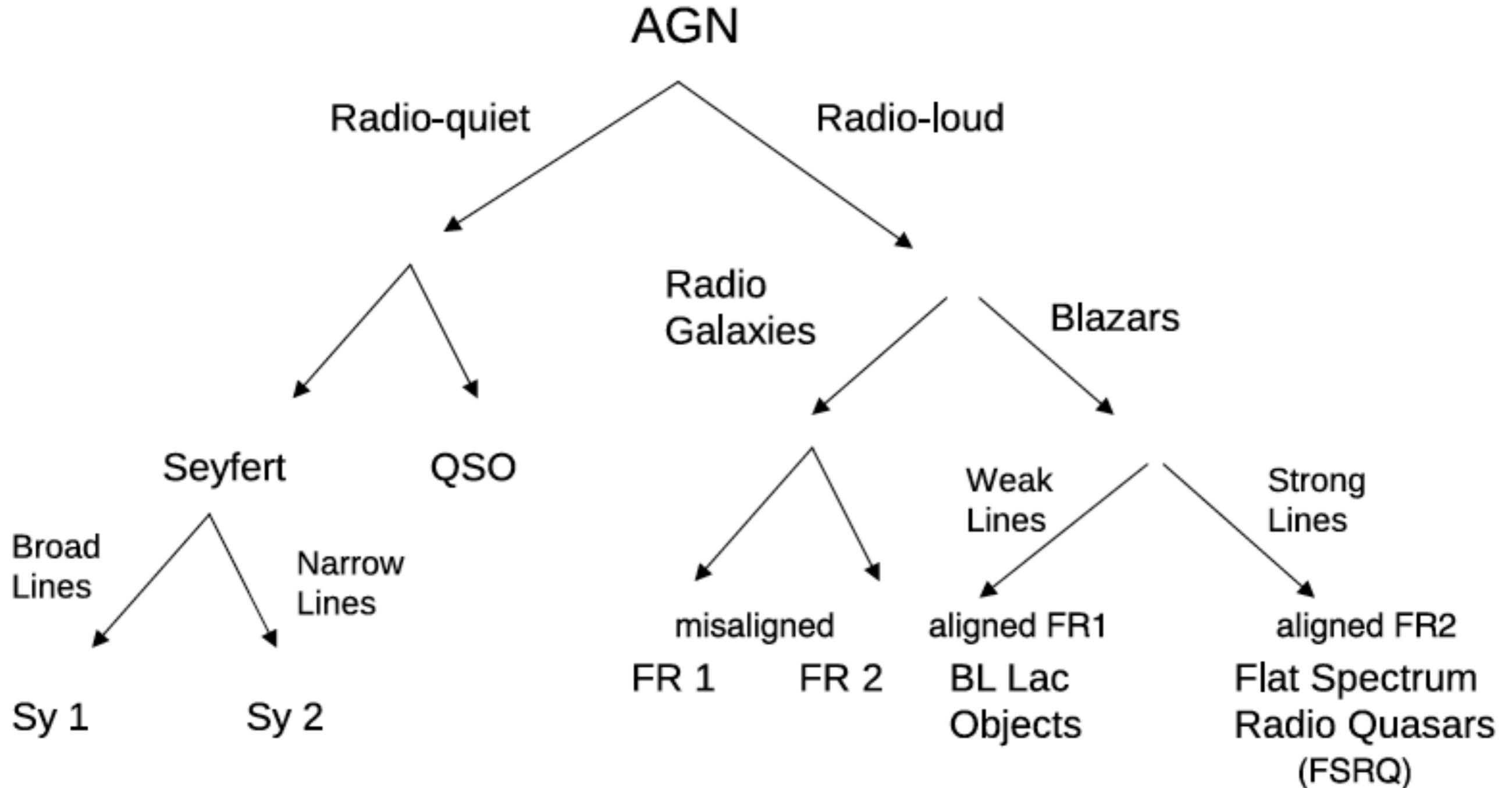
- **1978, Ed Spiegel, Pittsburgh conference social dinner:**
  - **BL Lac Objects + Optically Violently Variable Quasars (OVV) → Blazars**
- **1994-1995 Giommi & Padovani:**
  - Radio selected BL Lac (RBL) → Low-energy cutoff BL Lacs (**LBL**)
  - X-ray selected BL Lac (XBL) → High-energy cutoff BL Lacs (**HBL**)
- **1994, Laing:**
  - FRI, FRII → Low-Excitation Radio Galaxies (**LERG**), High-Excitation Radio Galaxies (**HERG**)
- **2017, Padovani:**
  - Radio-Loud AGN → Jetted AGN
  - Radio-Quiet AGN → Non-jetted AGN

# The Unified Scheme by Urry & Padovani (1995)

TABLE 1  
AGN Taxonomy  
Optical Emission Line Properties

		Type 2 (Narrow Line)	Type 1 (Broad Line)	Type 0 (Unusual)	
Radio Loudness	Radio-quiet:	Sy 2 NELG IR Quasar?	Sy 1  QSO	BAL QSO?	Black Hole Spin?
	Radio-loud:	NLRG { FR I FR II	BLRG SSRQ FSRQ	Blazars { BL Lac Objects (FSRQ)	
		Decreasing angle to line of sight			

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**Today, still more or less unchanged... (Dermer & Giebels 2016)**

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**That's all well and good, but...**

# Radio Loud/Quiet: Not a bimodal distribution!

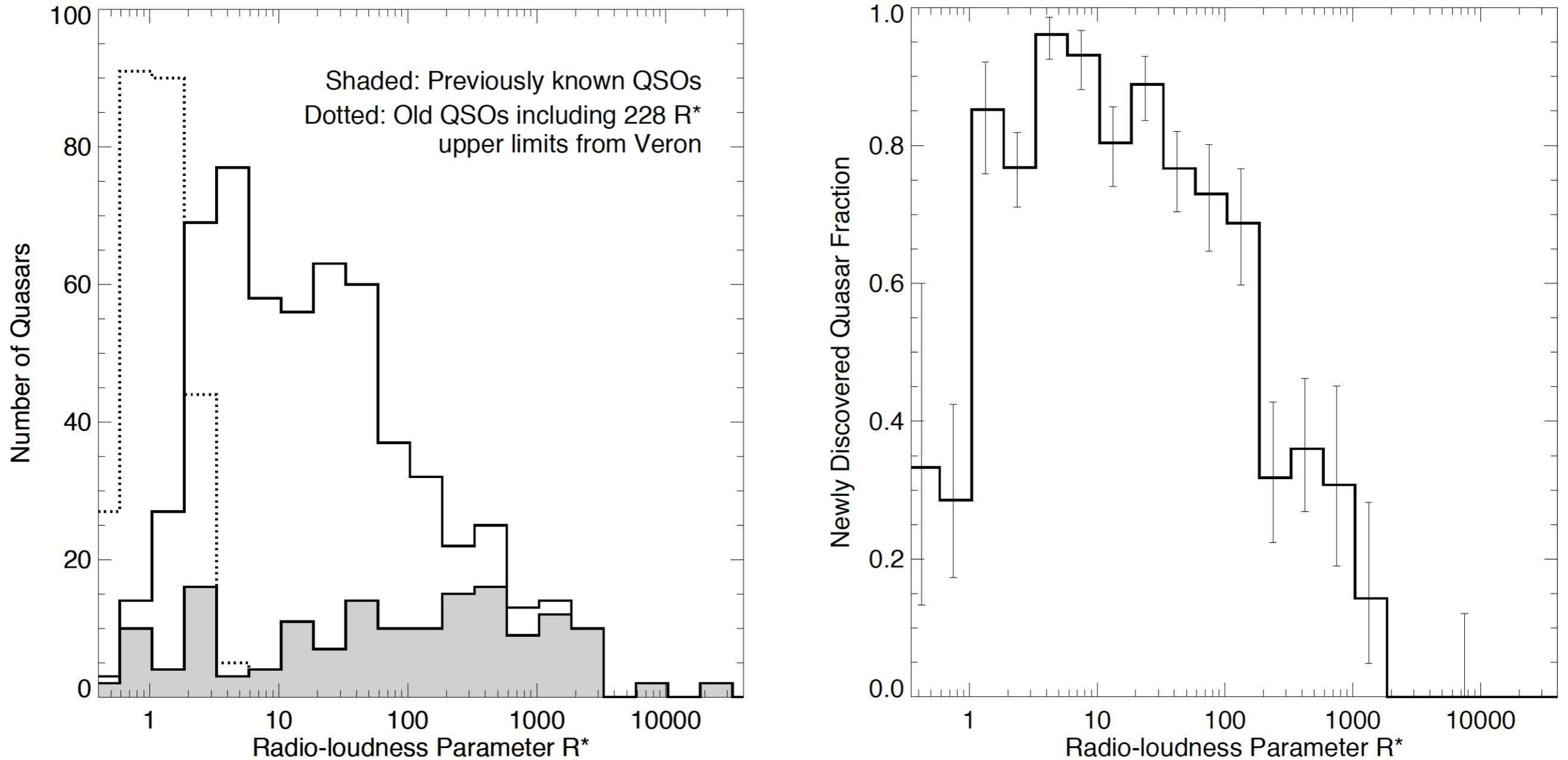


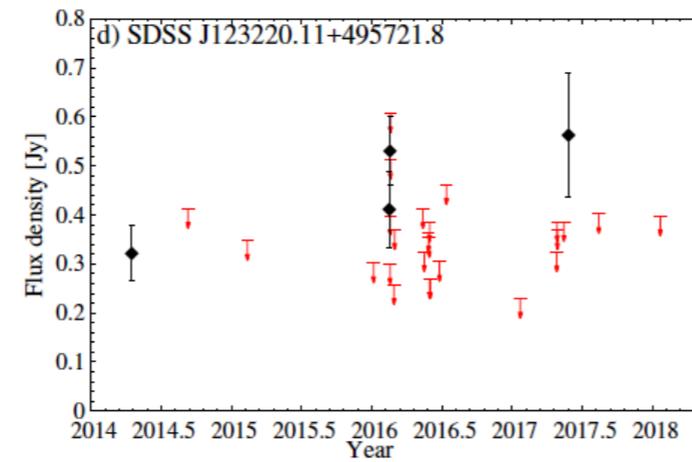
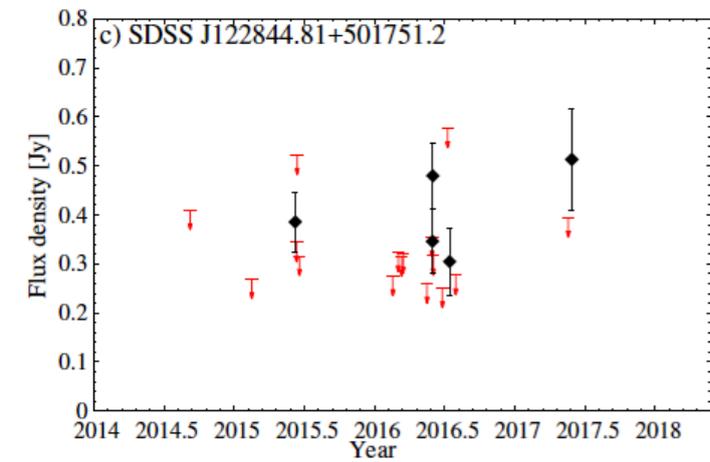
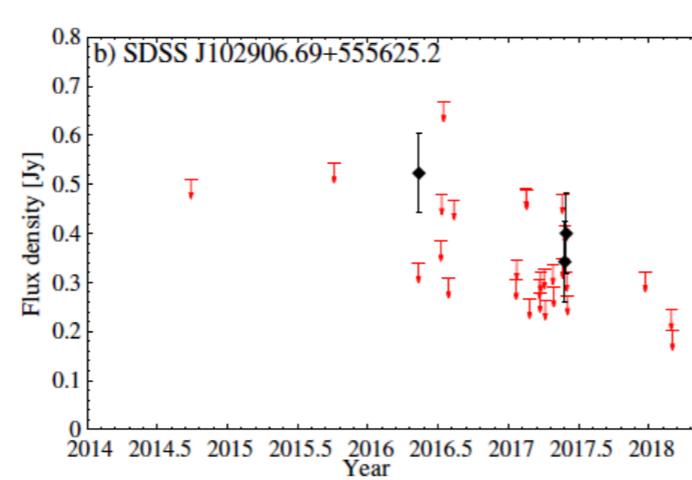
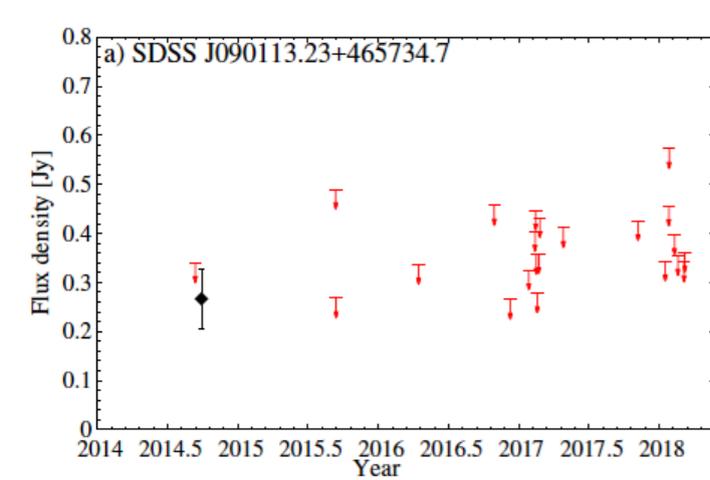
FIG. 15.—*Left*: Histogram of radio-optical ratio  $R^*$  (Stocke et al. 1992) for FBQS quasars. Shaded area represents previously known quasars. The dotted histogram includes  $R^*$  upper limits for Véron catalog objects in the FBQS area but not detected by FIRST. The Véron quasars (*shaded plus dotted histograms*) show a bimodal distribution of  $R^*$ , with a dip around  $R^* = 3-30$ , but the FBQS quasar counts rise continuously through that region and show no obviously evidence for bimodality. *Right*: Fraction of newly discovered quasars vs.  $R^*$ . The FBQS is increasing the number of known objects in the radio-quiet/radio-loud transition region ( $R^* = 1-100$ ) by a large factor.

**White et al. (2000)**

# Radio detection at 37 GHz of radio-silent NLS1s



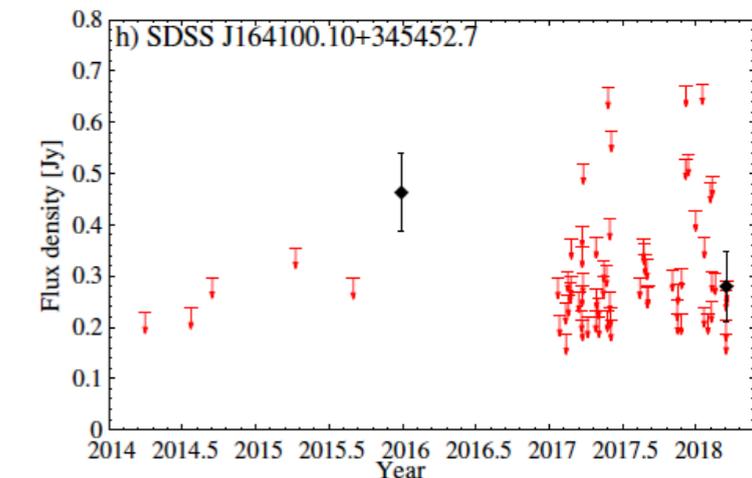
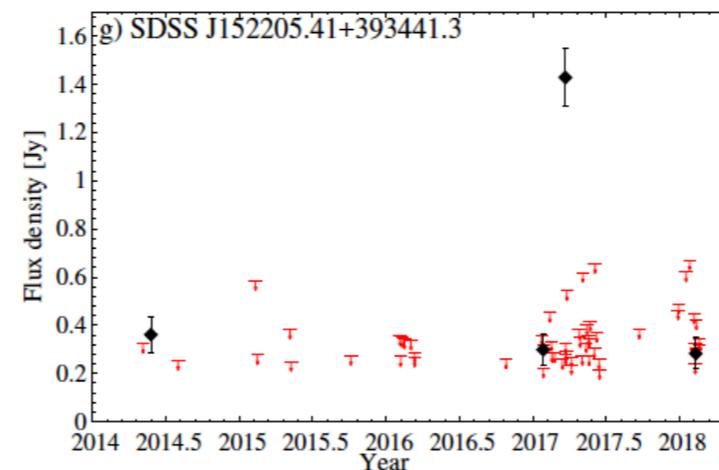
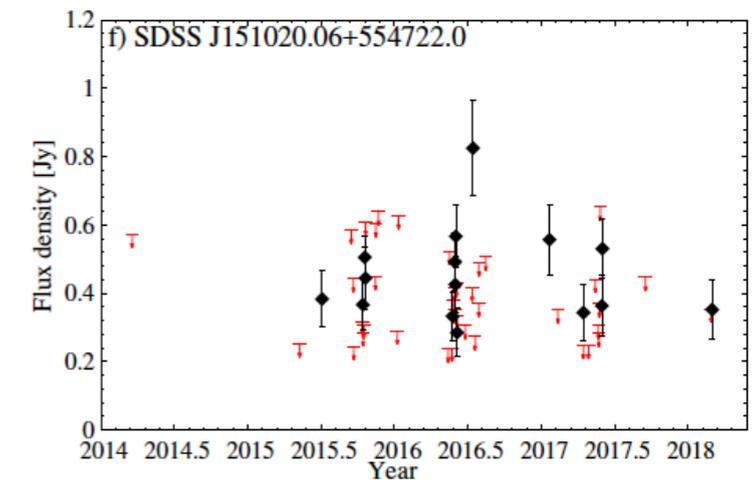
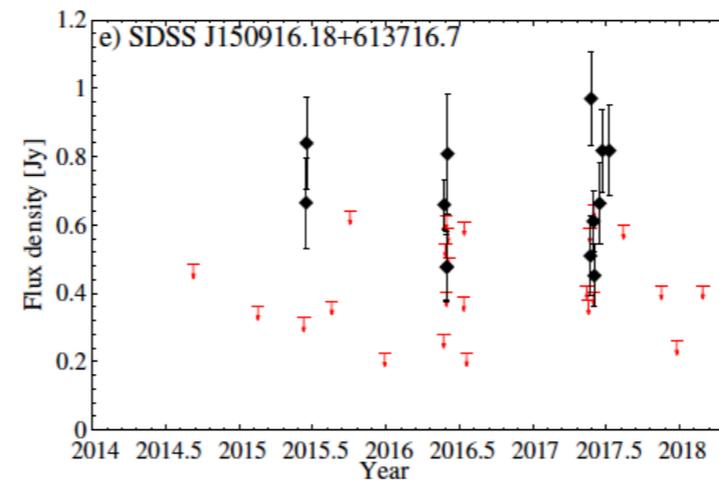
## Radio-Loud/-Quiet: Meaningless!



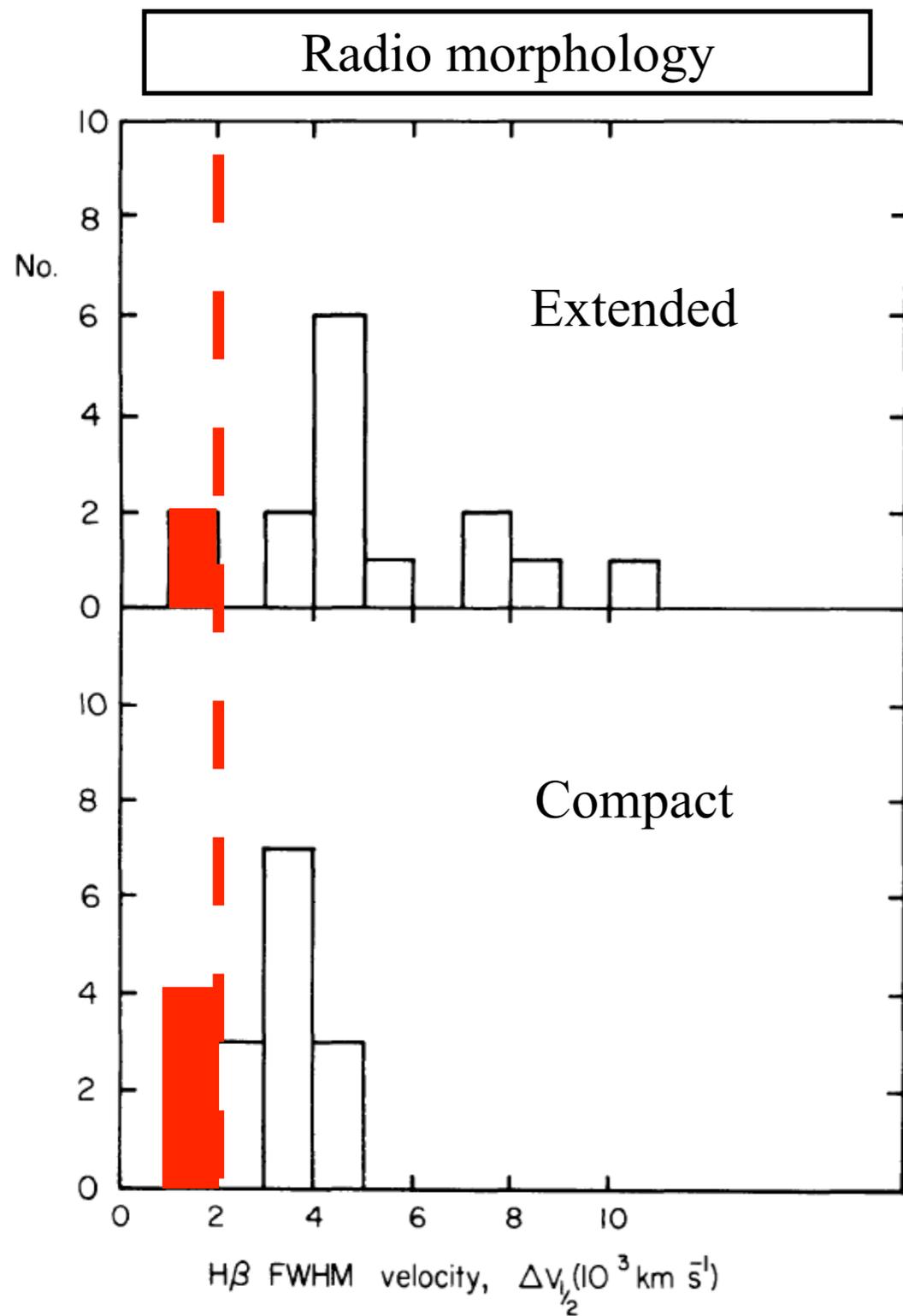
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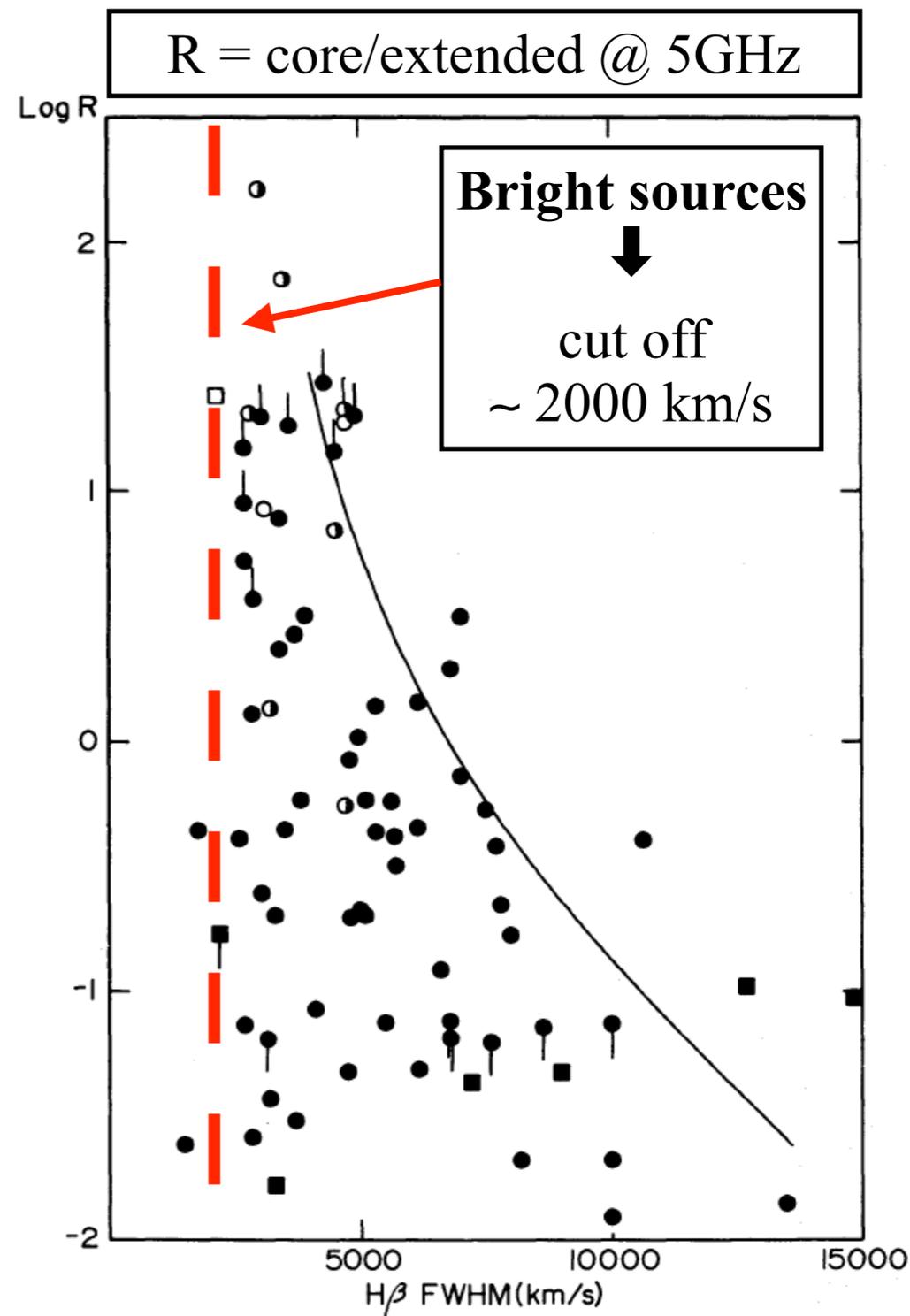
These NLS1s were **never** detected in  
any previous survey  
at any radio frequency!



**Small-mass/compact radio sources were present in early surveys (1979),  
but were lost when focusing on bright sources (1986)**



**Miley & Miller (1979)**



**Wills & Browne (1986)**

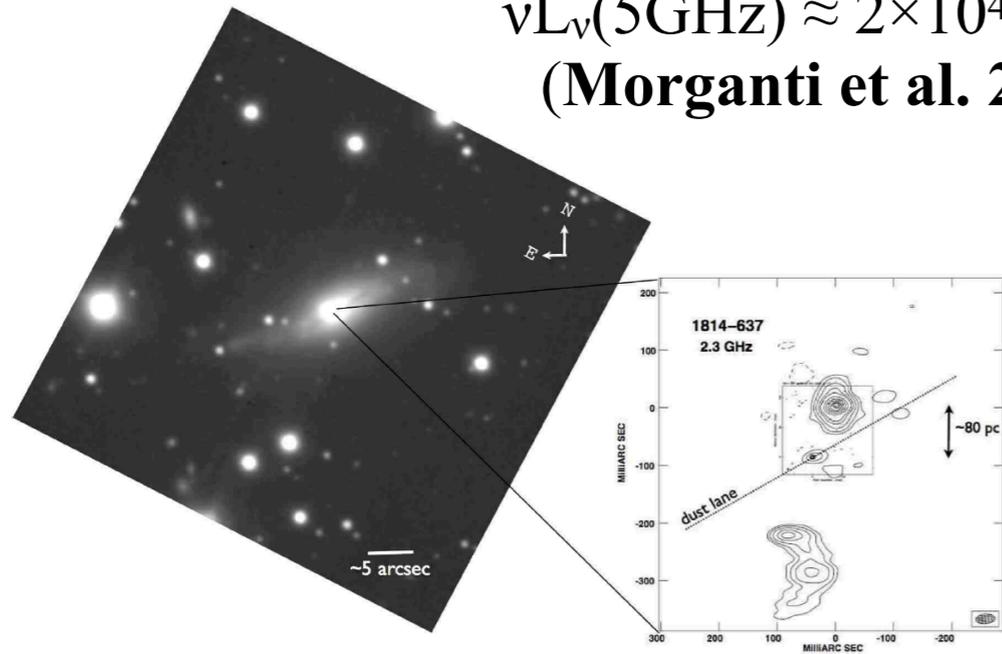
# Host Galaxy

- **Urry et al. (2000):**
  - 110 BL Lac Objects,  $z < 1.3$
  - Most host galaxies are ellipticals, 1 disk galaxy, many unresolved or doubtful (➡ **disk < 8%**)
- **McLure et al. (1999), Dunlop et al. (2003):**
  - 13 radio-quiet quasars; 10 radio-loud quasars; 10 radio galaxies ( $0.1 < z < 0.25$ )
  - $M_V < -23.5$  ➡ **all the hosts are giant elliptical galaxies!**
  - **Both radio-loud and radio-quiet quasars: jet does not matter**
  - $M_{\text{BH}} \approx 5 \times 10^8 M_{\odot}$ ;  $M_{\text{BH,jet}} \approx 10^9 M_{\odot}$ ;
- **Hamilton et al. (2002, 2008):**
  - 70 quasars,  $M_V < -23$ ,  $0.06 < z < 0.46$
  - 43 radio-quiet, 26 radio-loud, 1 unknown
  - 24 spirals (4 radio-loud), 46 ellipticals (22 radio-quiet)
- **Inskip et al. (2010):** 2Jy sample ( $0.03 \leq z \leq 0.5$ ), 41 sources, **12% disk galaxies;**

# Powerful Relativistic Jet in Disk Galaxies...

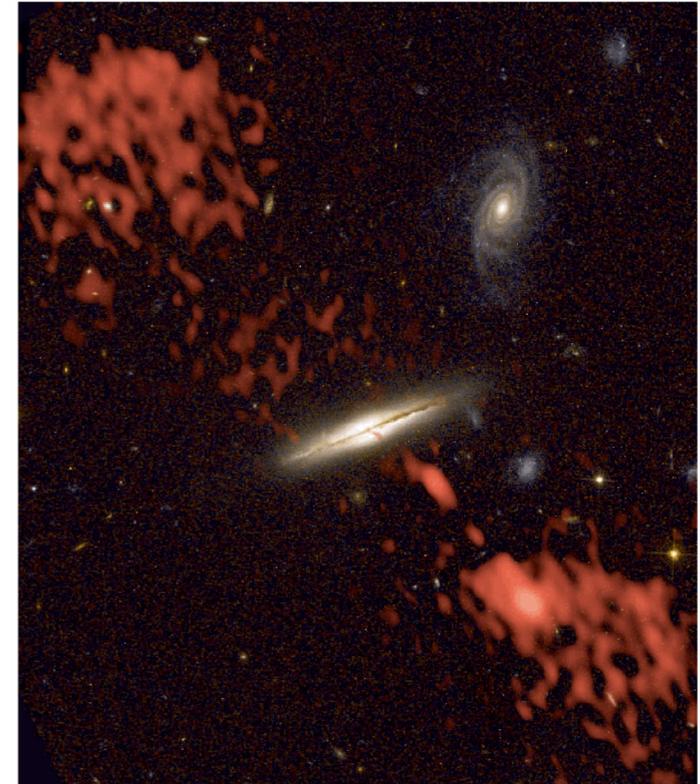
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$\nu L_\nu(5\text{GHz}) \approx 2 \times 10^{42} \text{ erg/s}$   
(Morganti et al. 2011)



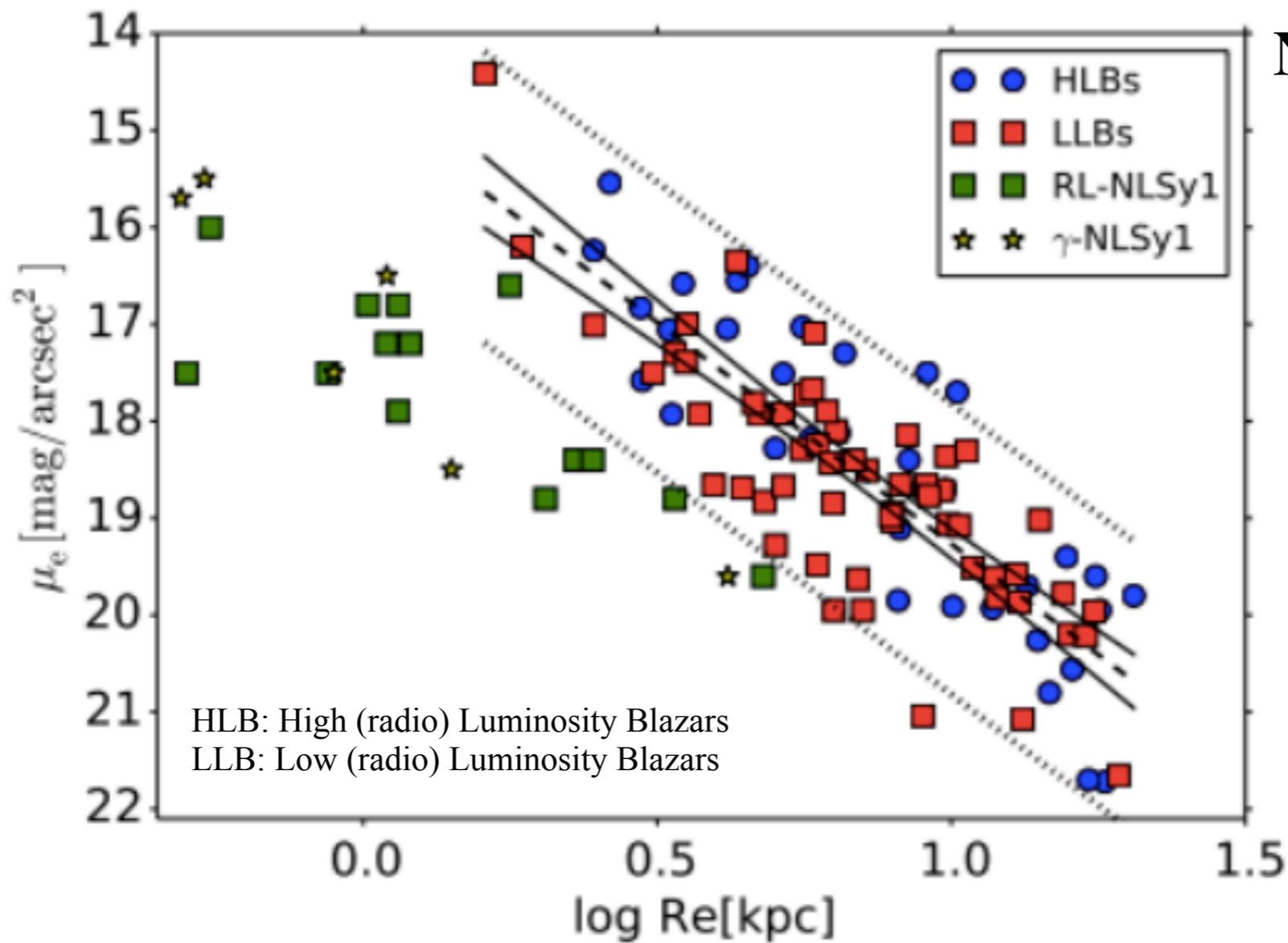
PMN J0315-1906

$\nu L_\nu(1.4\text{GHz}) \approx 1.4 \times 10^{40} \text{ erg/s}$   
(Keel et al. 2006)



- **Coziol et al. (2017):** SDSS ( $z \leq 0.3$ ), 1953 sources, 22% radio-loud (430)
  - Radio morphology vs Host Galaxy:
    - Compact (53% Elliptical; **47% Spiral**)
    - Core + Jet (90% Elliptical; **10% Spiral**)
    - One lobe (100% Elliptical)
    - Two lobes (64% Elliptical; **36% Spiral**)
    - Compact weak radio sources have smaller BH masses (confirm 1979 Miley & Miller's results).

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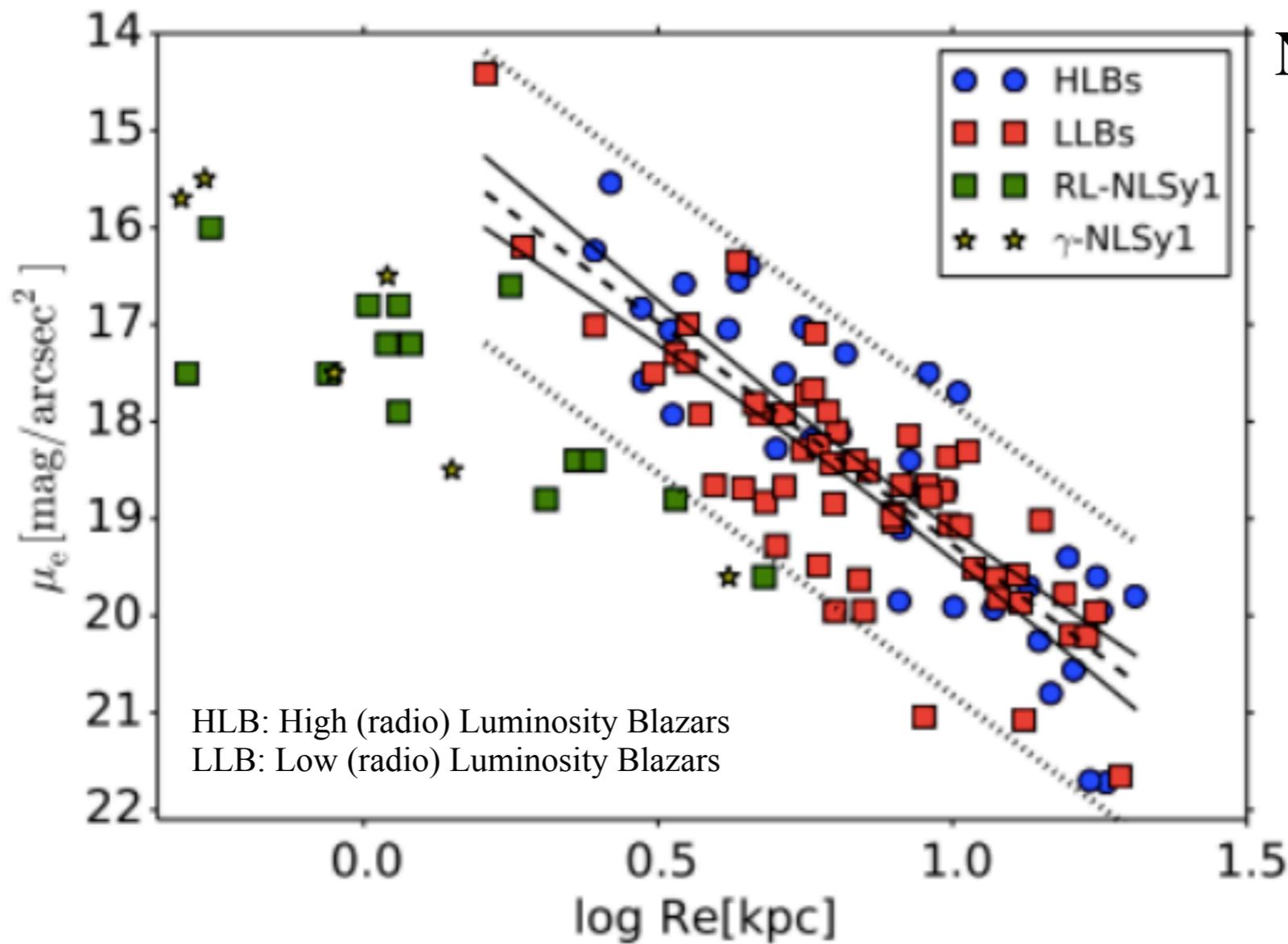


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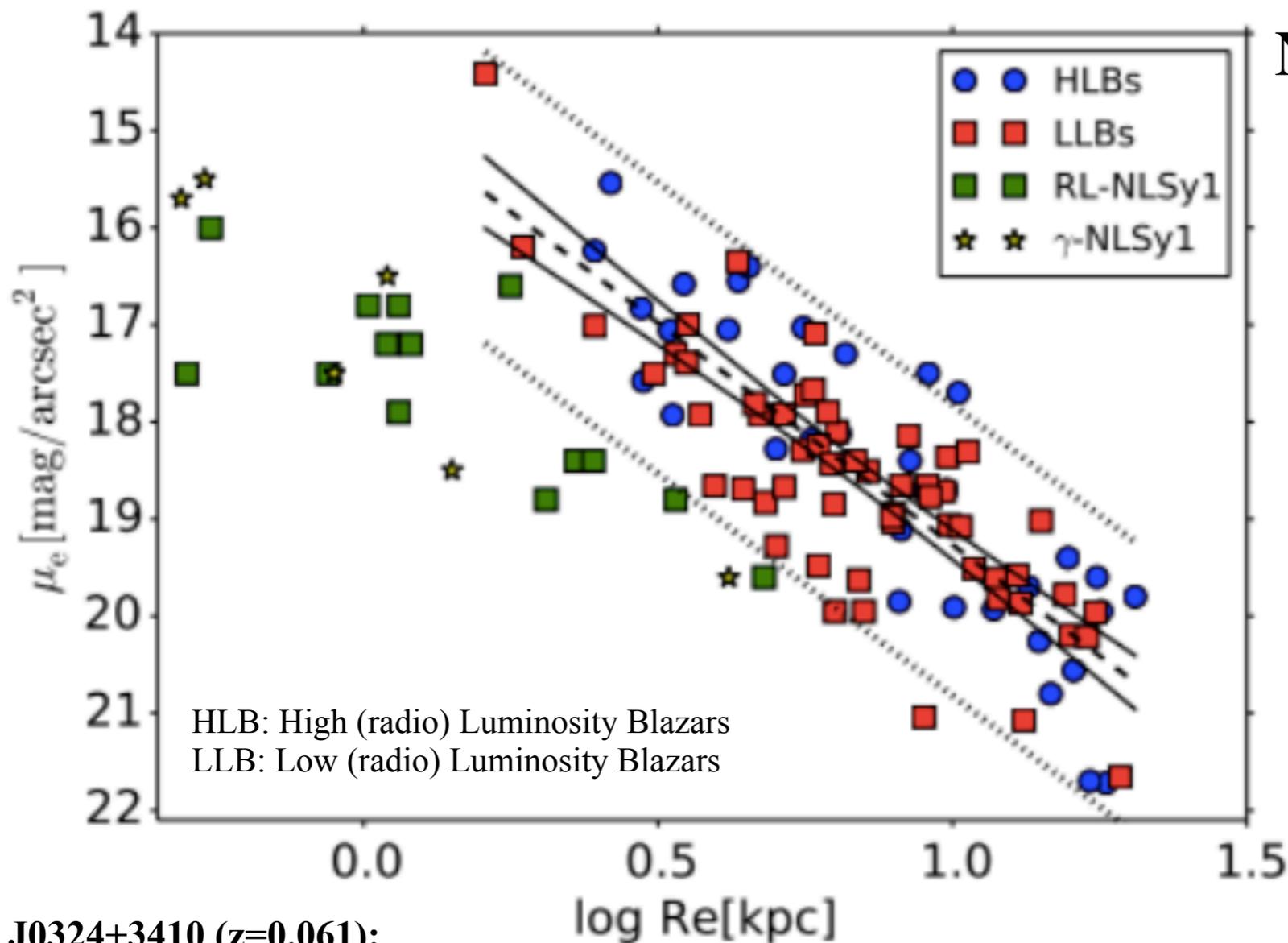
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**J0324+3410 ( $z=0.061$ ):**

Zhou et al. (2007): spiral (HST)

Antón et al. (2008): ring, merger (NOT)

León Tavares et al. (2014): ring, merger (NOT)

**J1644+2619 ( $z=0.145$ ):**

Olguín-Iglesias et al. (2017): SB0 (NOT, J, 0.75''; K, 0.63'' seeing)

D'Ammando et al. (2017): E (GranTeCan, J, 0.9'' seeing)

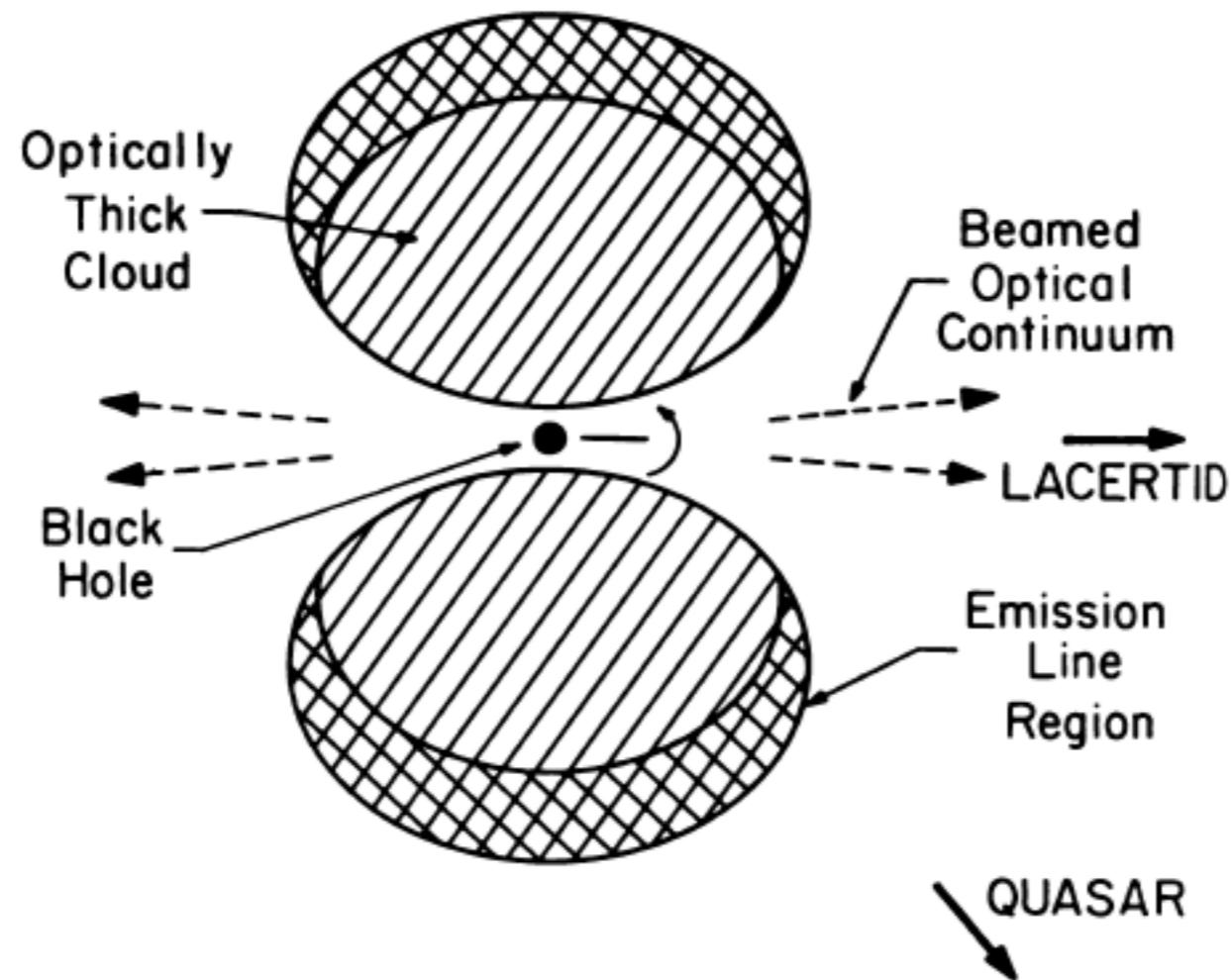
**J2007-4434 ( $z=0.24$ ):**

Kotilainen et al. (2016): pseudobulge+bar (VLT)

**J2021-2235 (ULIRG,  $z=0.185$ ):**

Berton et al. (2018): ongoing interacting systems (Magellan)

# The host galaxy does not affect the relativistic jet generation!

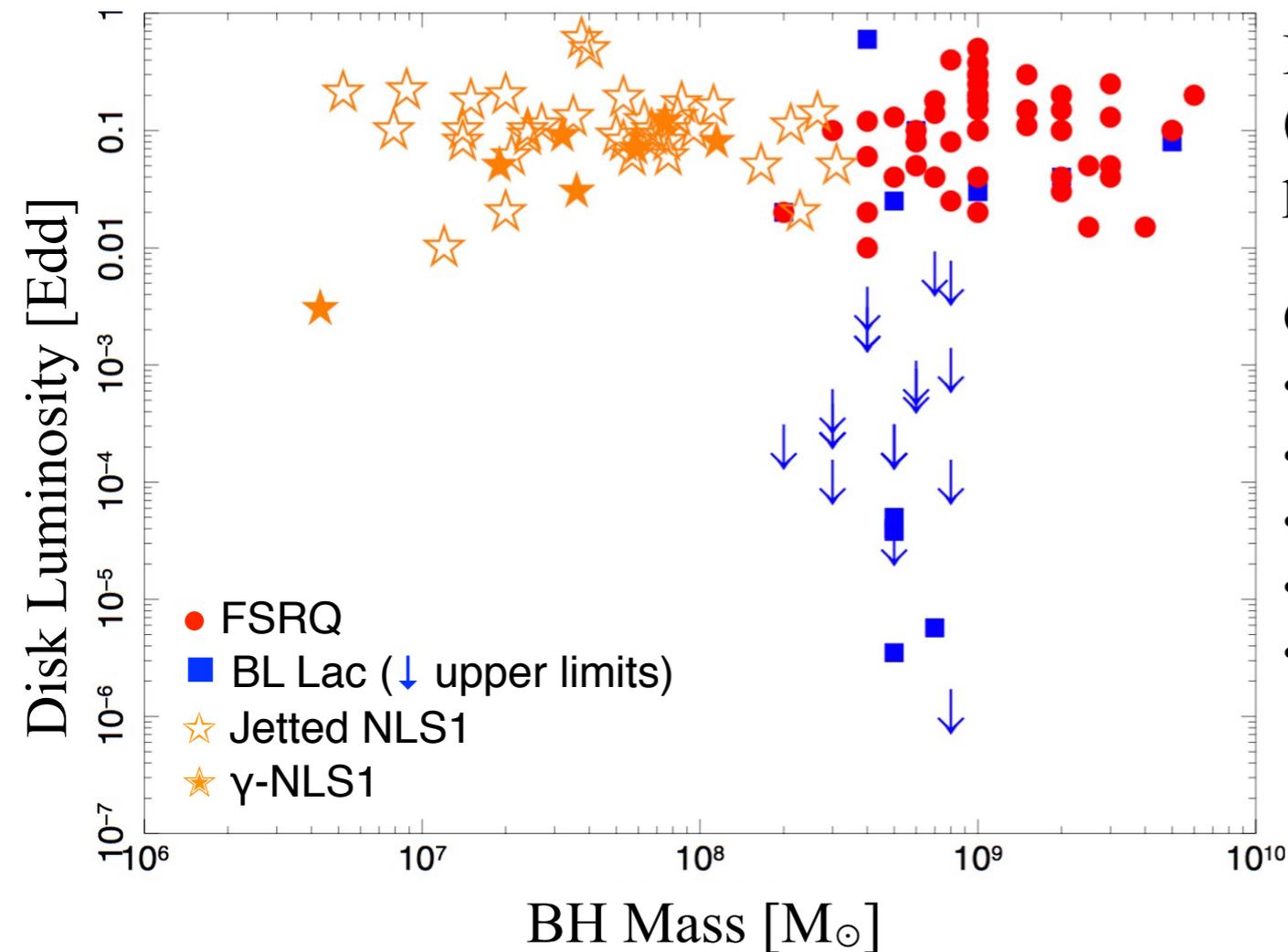


“As the continuum emission is proposed to originate in the central 10 pc, I don’t think the nature of the surrounding object is particularly relevant to the model.”

[Roger Blandford, 1978]

**This does not exclude some mutual feedback between the jet and the host.**

# Jetted Narrow-Line Seyfert 1 Galaxies



**Detection at high-energy gamma rays**  
(Abdo et al. 2009; Foschini et al. 2010, three papers + one proceeding);

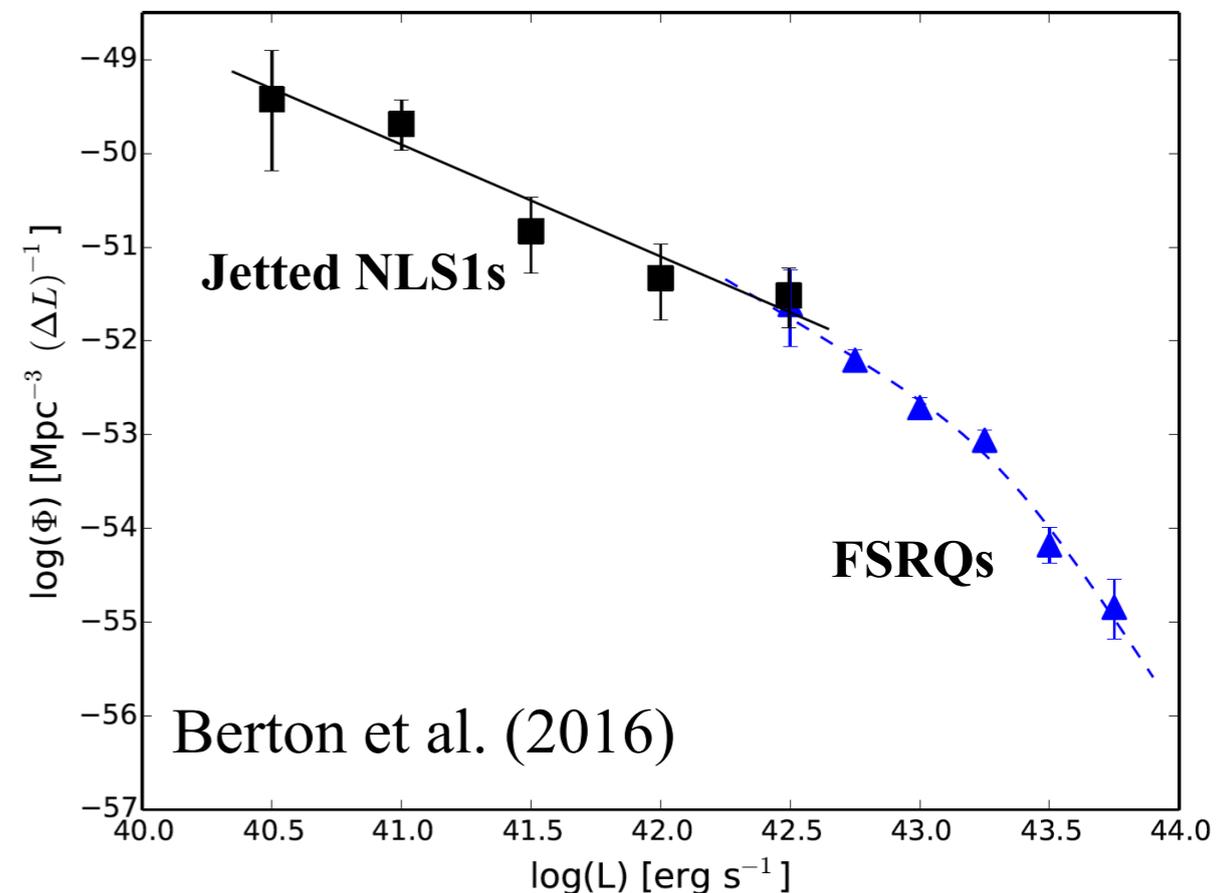
General properties (Foschini et al. 2015):

- Small black hole mass ( $\sim 10^6$ - $10^8 M_{\odot}$ );
- High accretion luminosity (0.1-1 Edd);
- Strong emission lines;
- Relatively low jet power;
- Low-mass tail of FSRQ

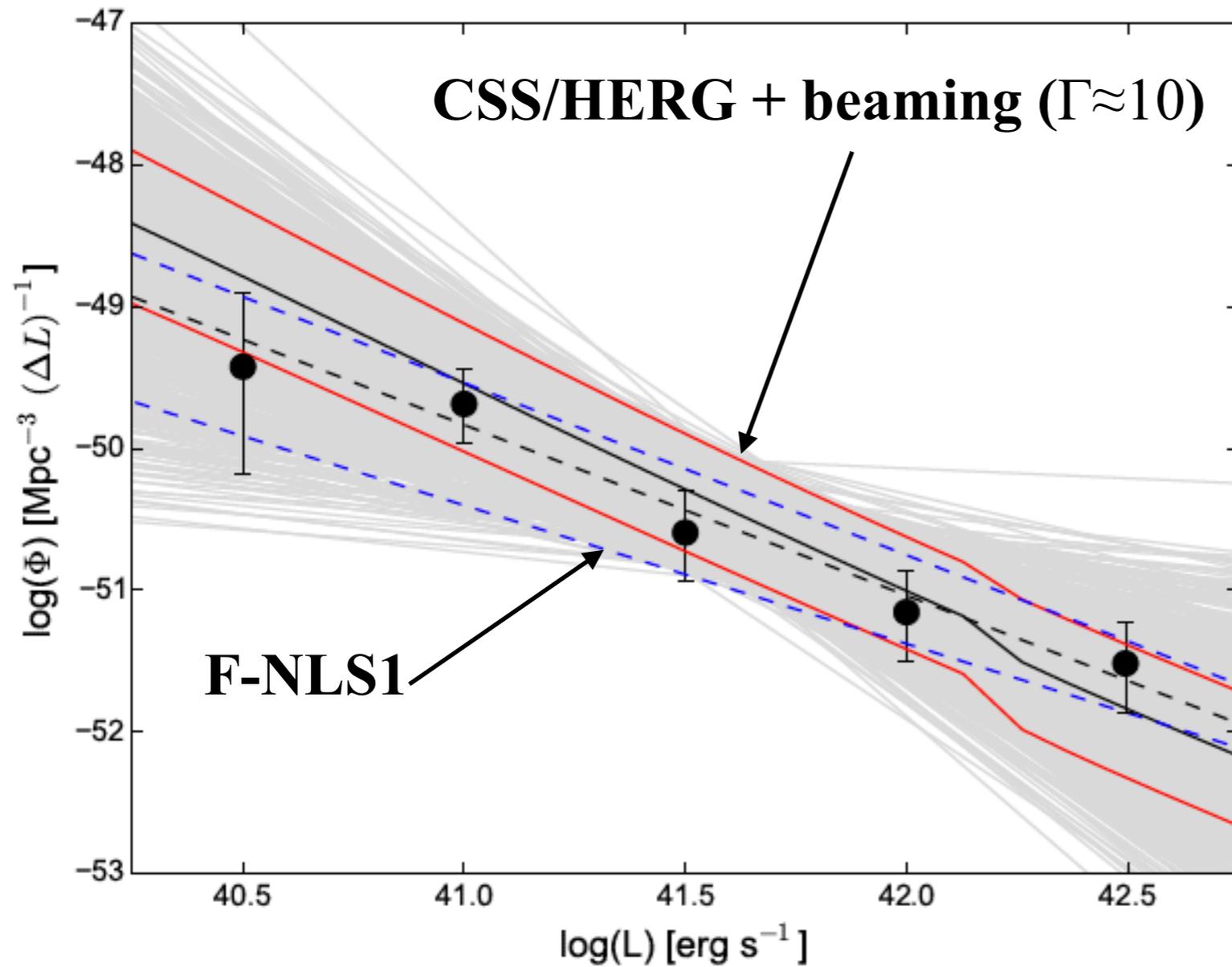
Superluminal radio jet ( $\sim 10c$ , Lister et al. 2016);

(see also Angelakis et al. 2015, Lähteenmäki et al. 2017 for radio properties)

Caccianiga et al. (2015): Enhanced star formation activity.

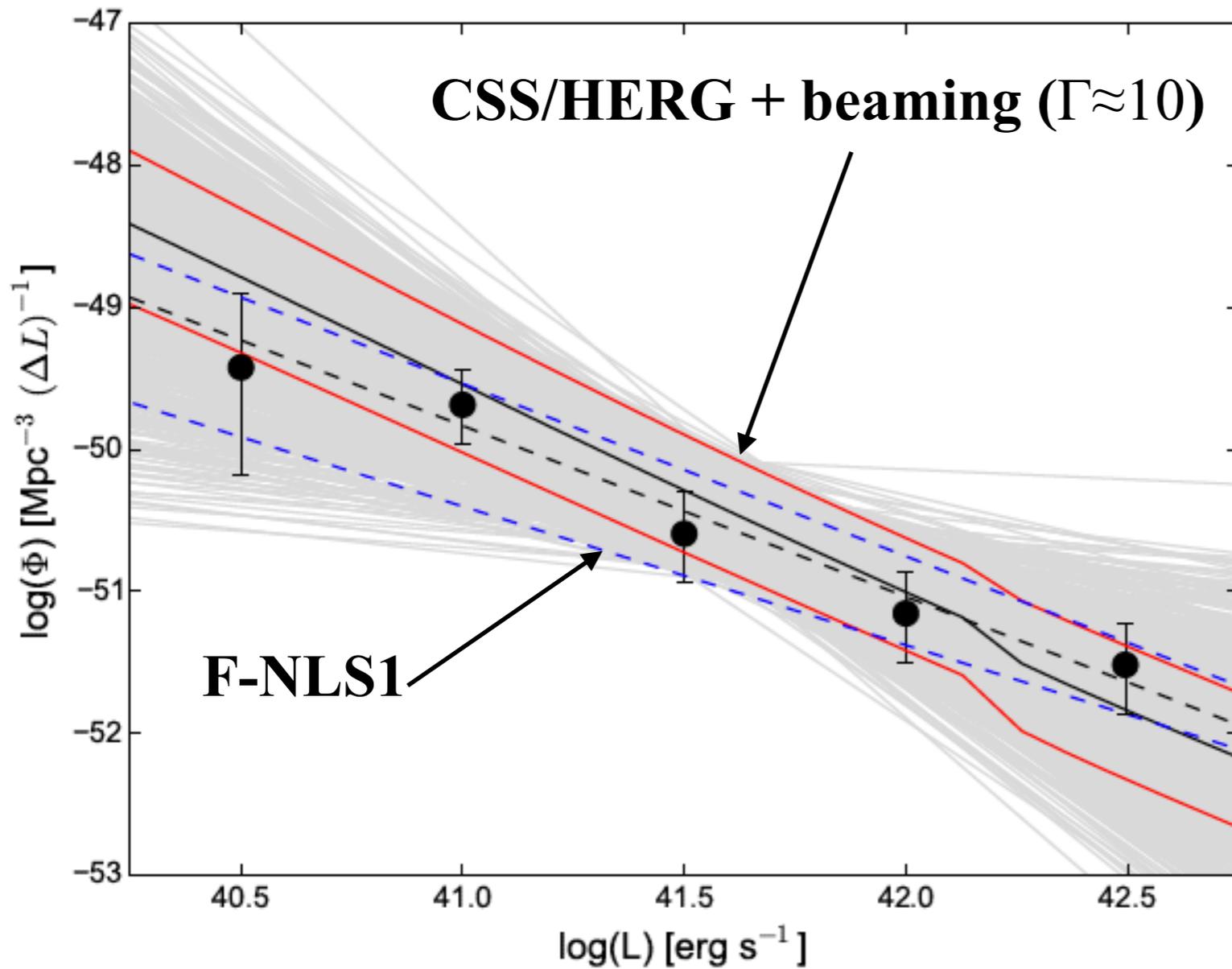


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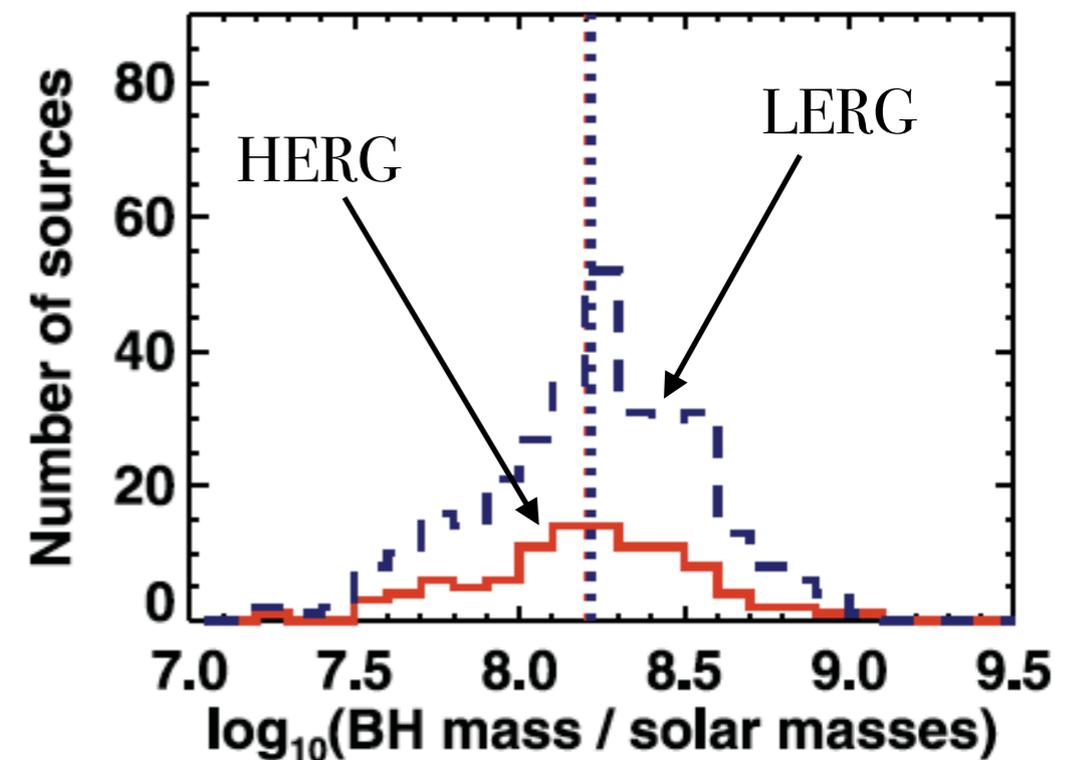
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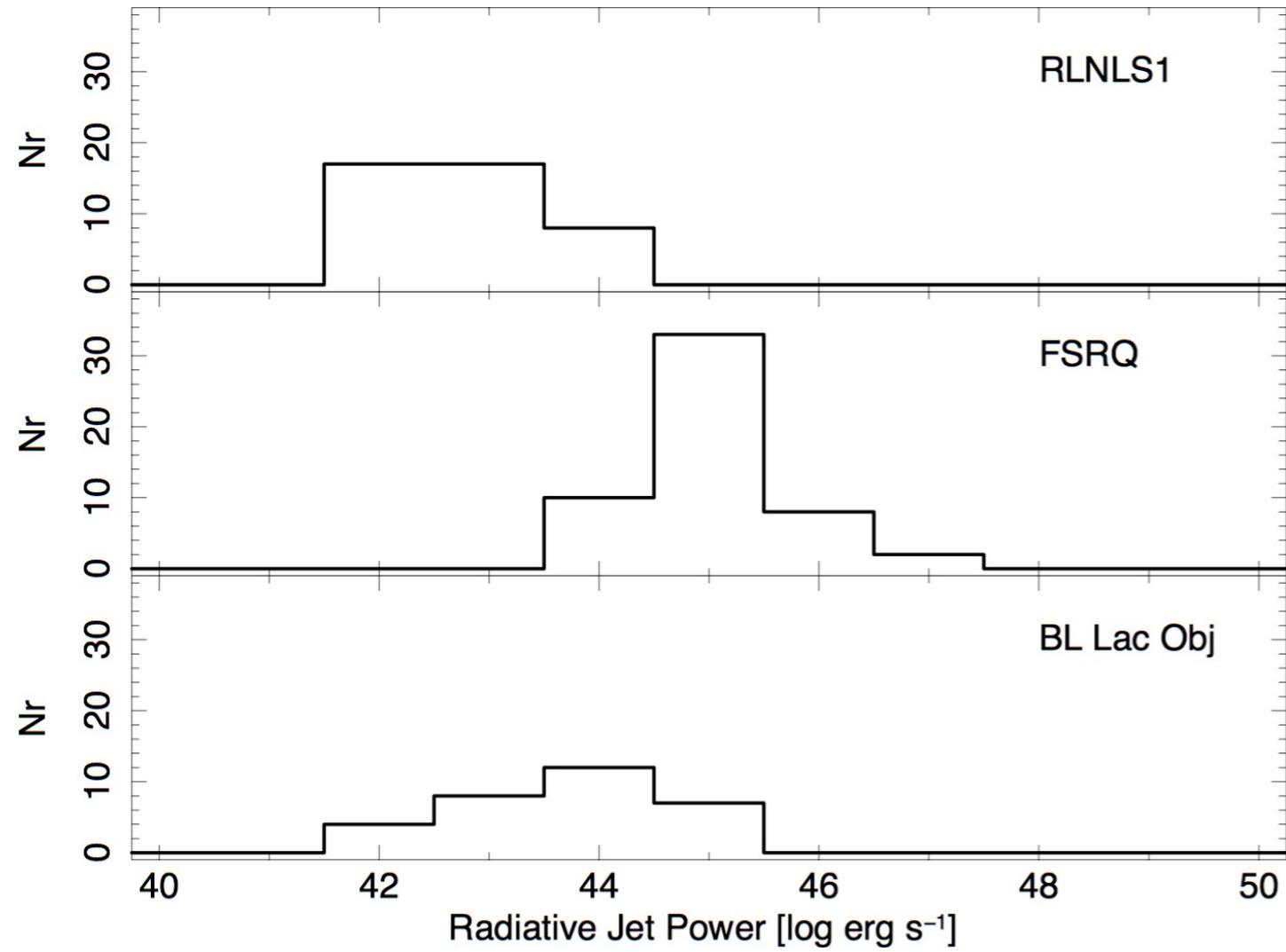
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**Best & Heckman (2012):**  
7302 radio-loud AGN  
(SDSS+NVSS+FIRST)  
 $0.01 \leq z \leq 0.3$ , HERG/LERG

“HERGs are typically of lower stellar mass, with lower black hole masses, bluer colours, lower concentration indices and less pronounced  $4000\text{\AA}$  breaks indicating younger stellar populations...”

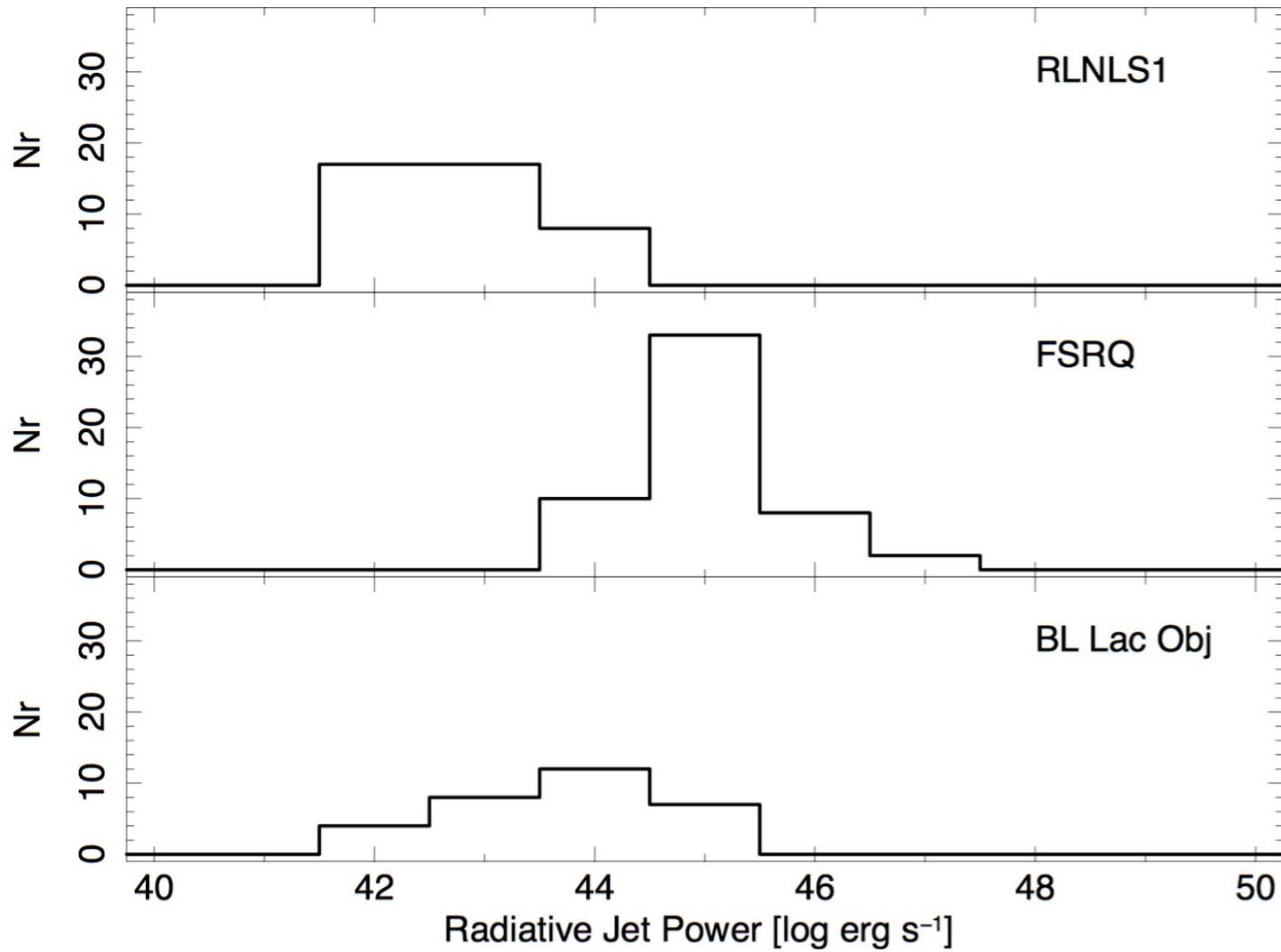


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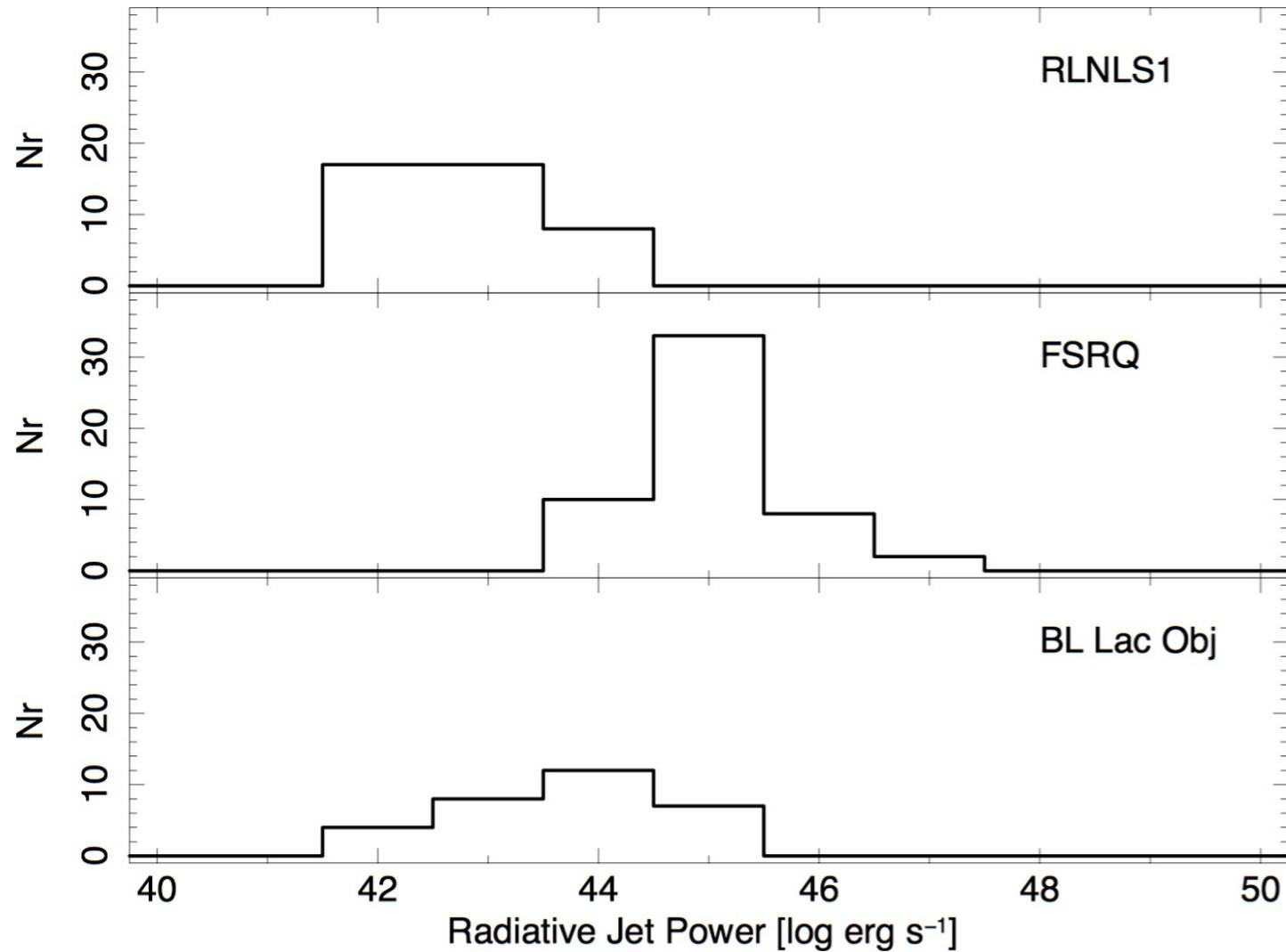
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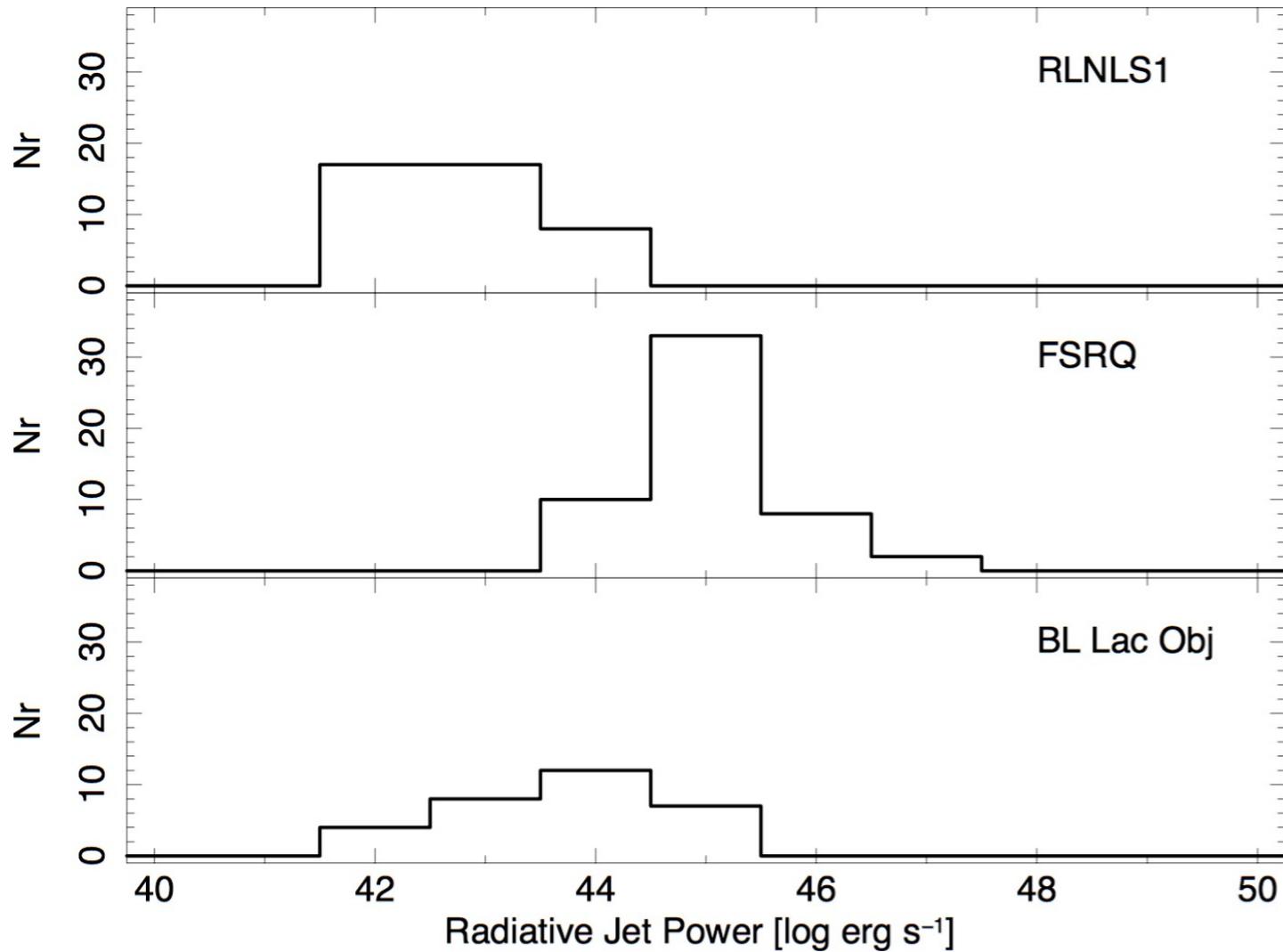


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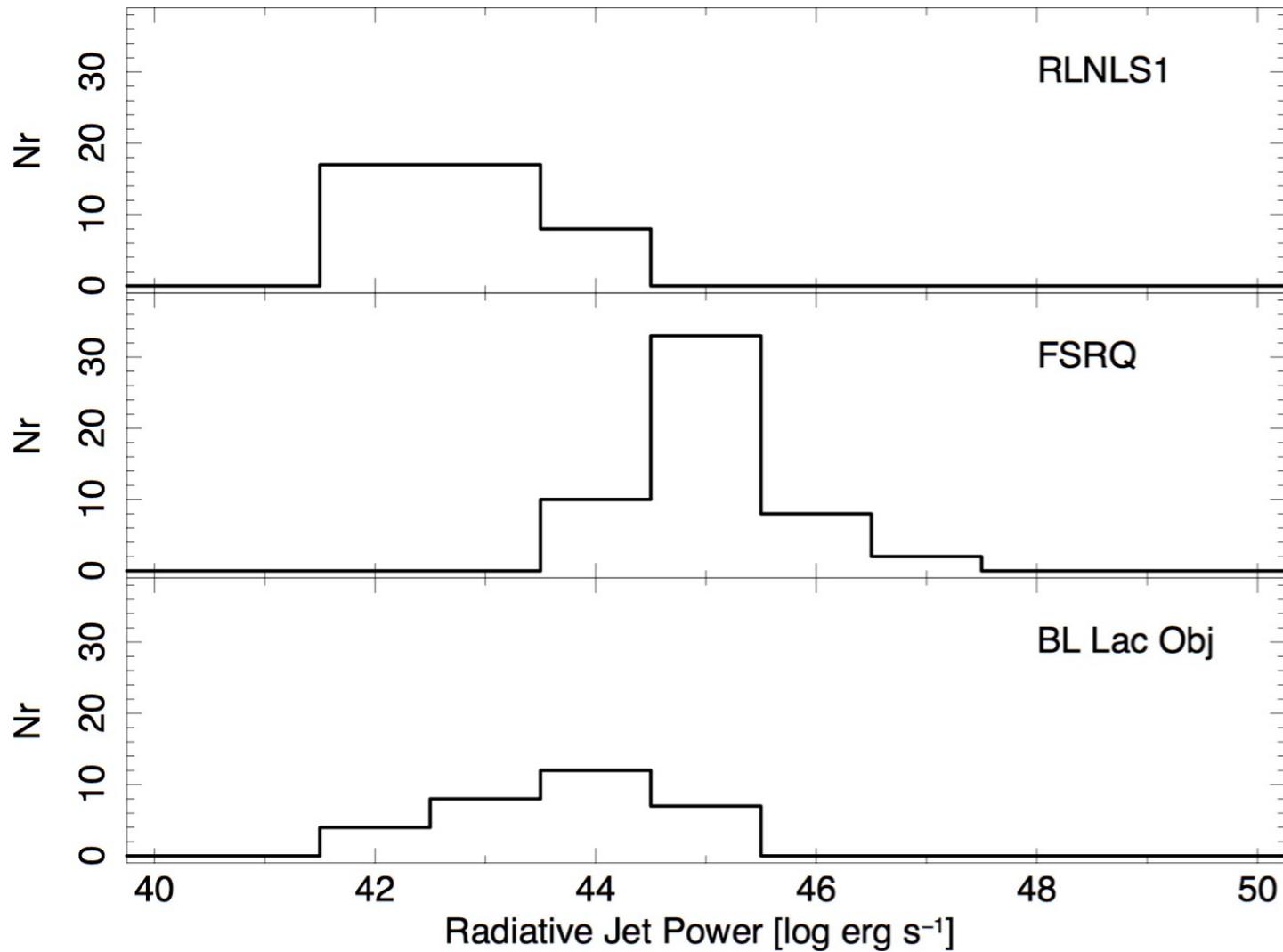
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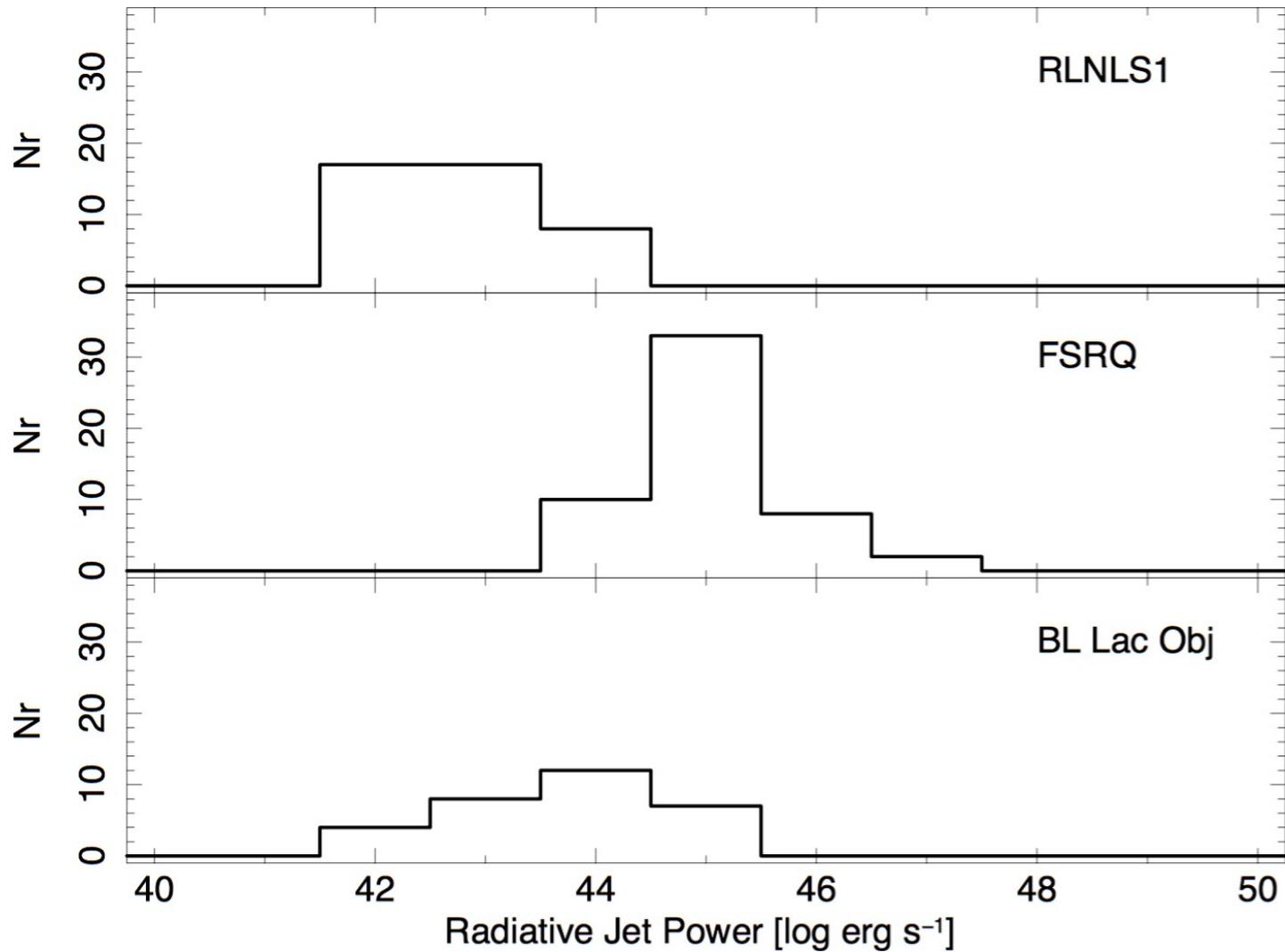
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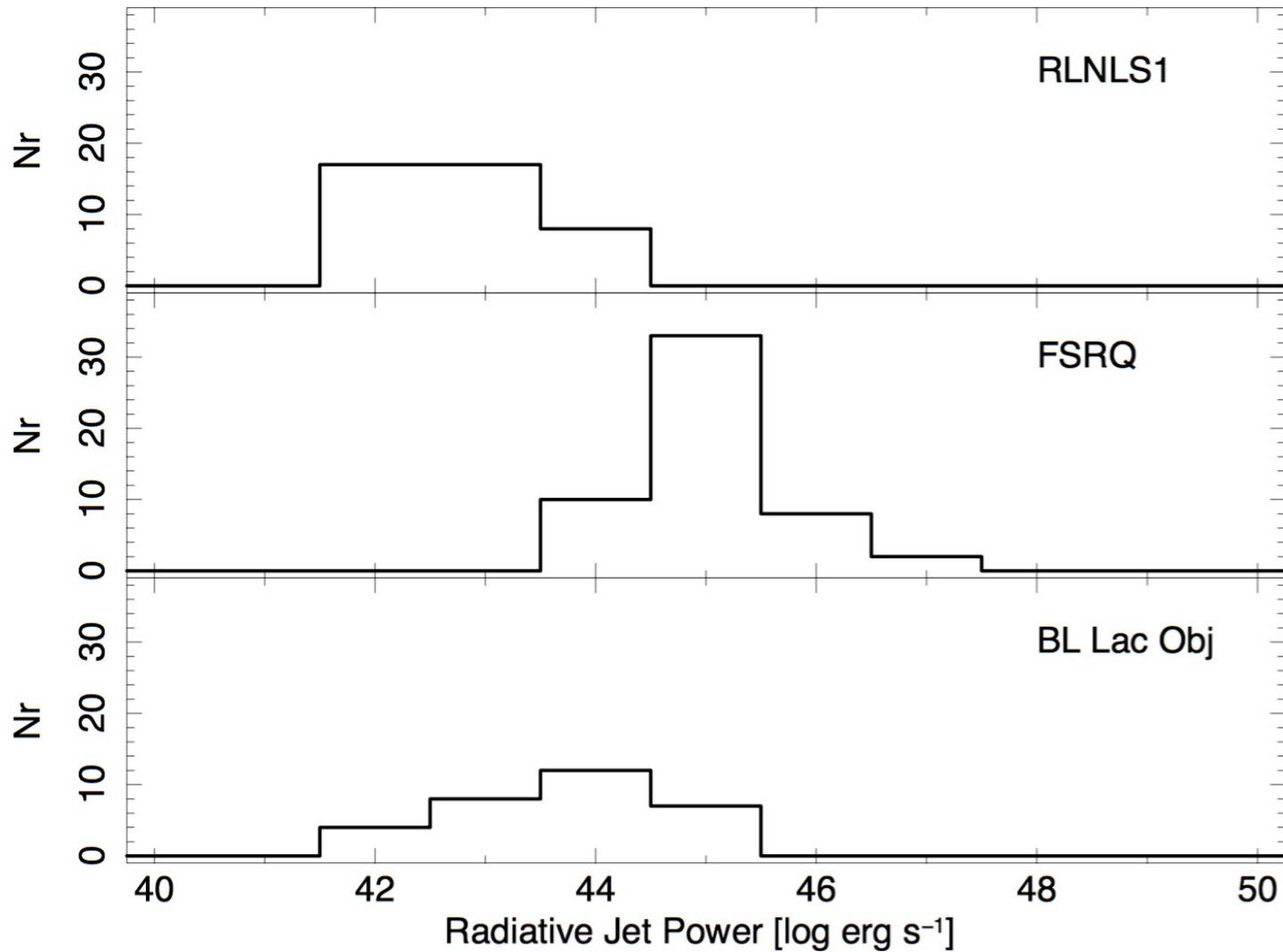
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Jetted NLS1s do have small BH mass ☞ Scaling Jet Power (Heinz & Sunyaev 2003) ☞ OK



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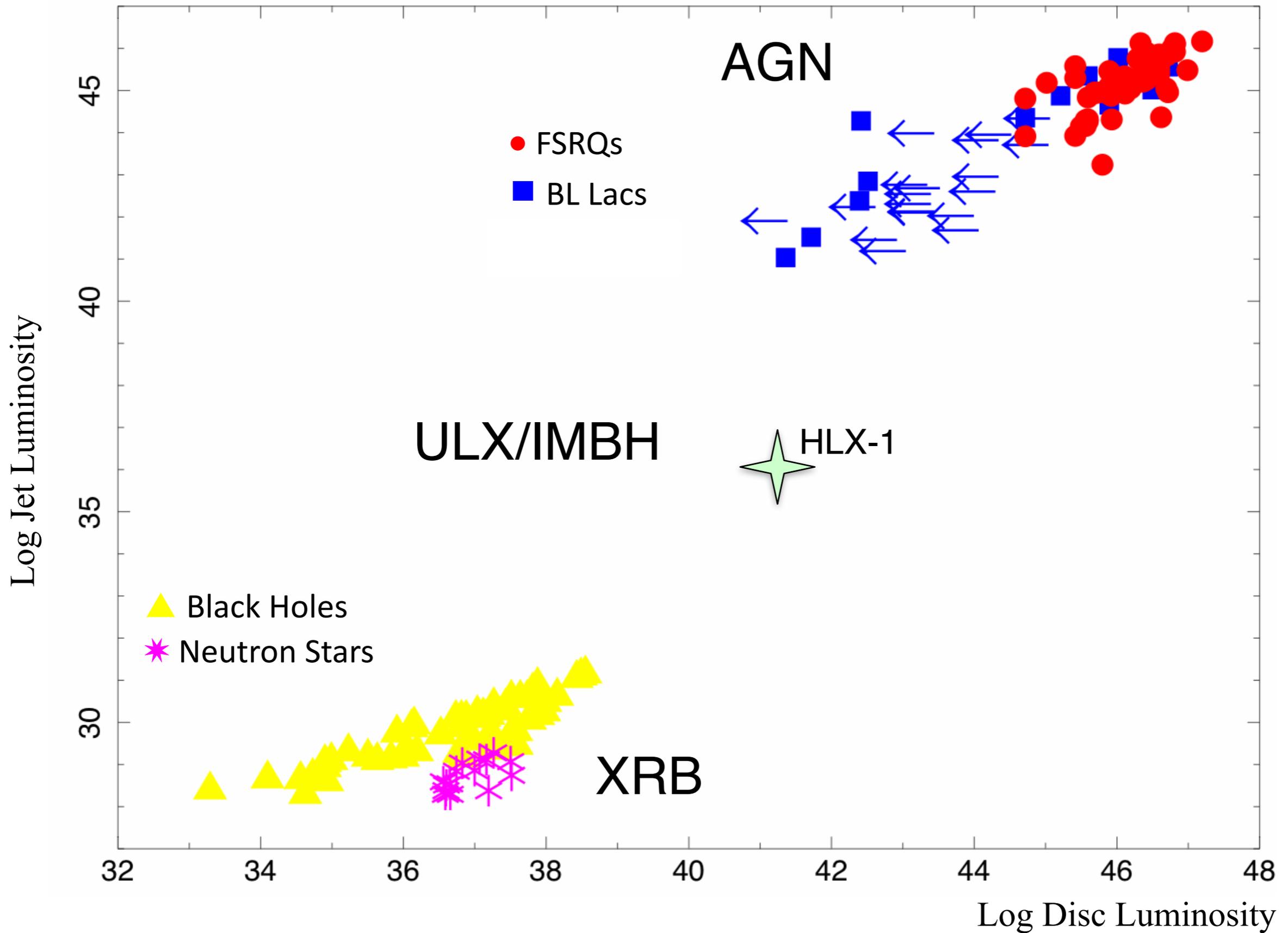
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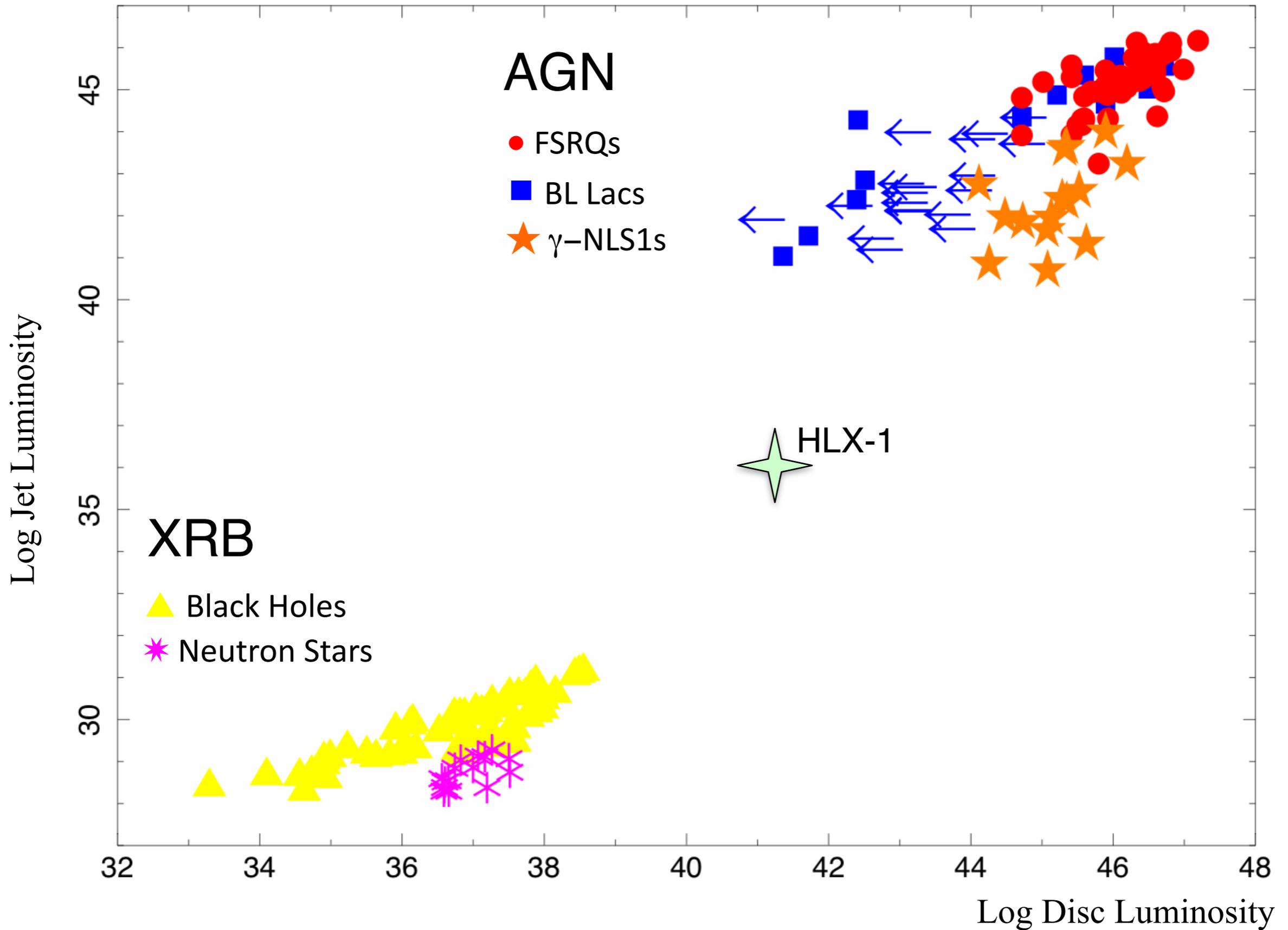
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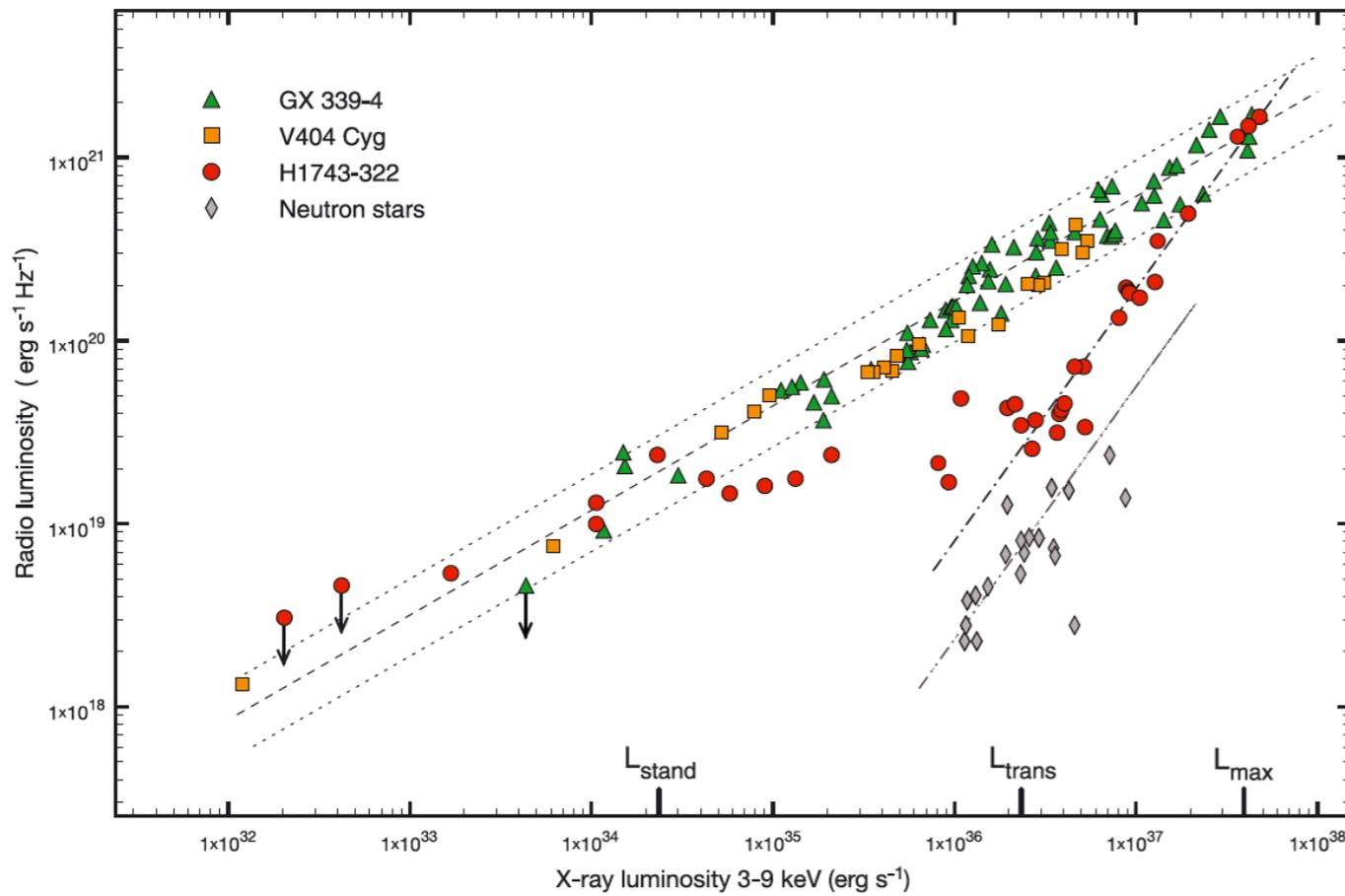
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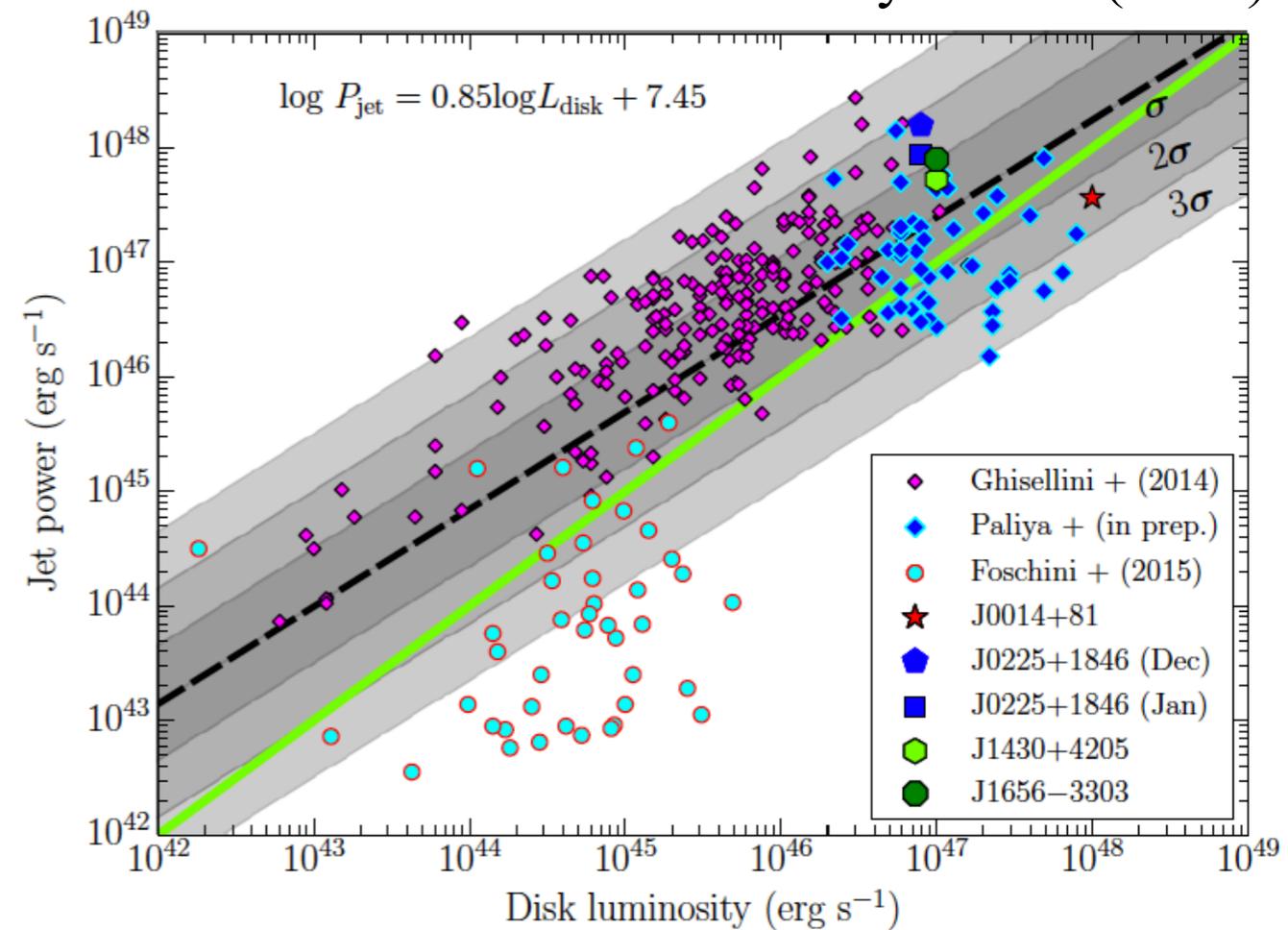
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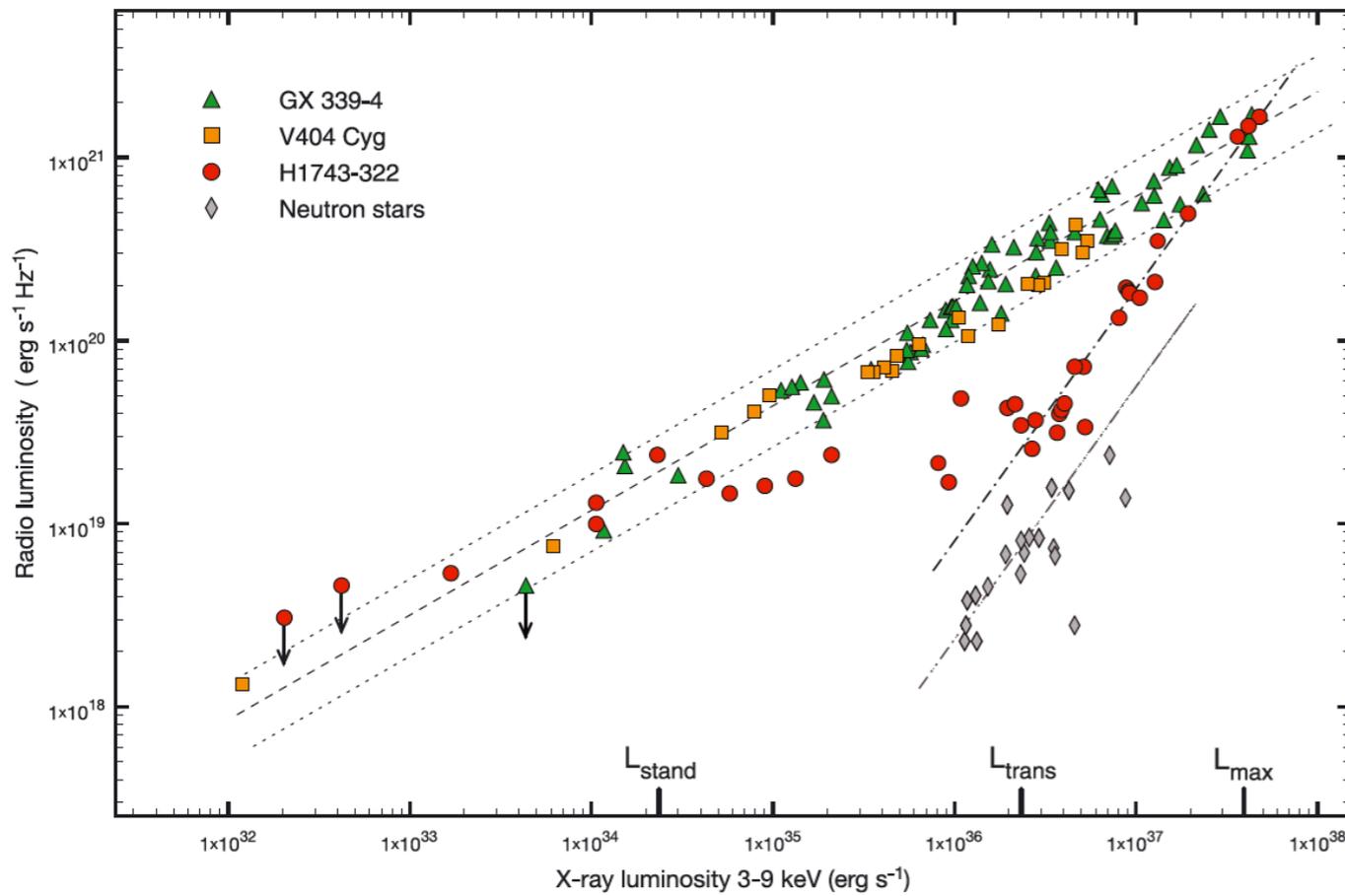
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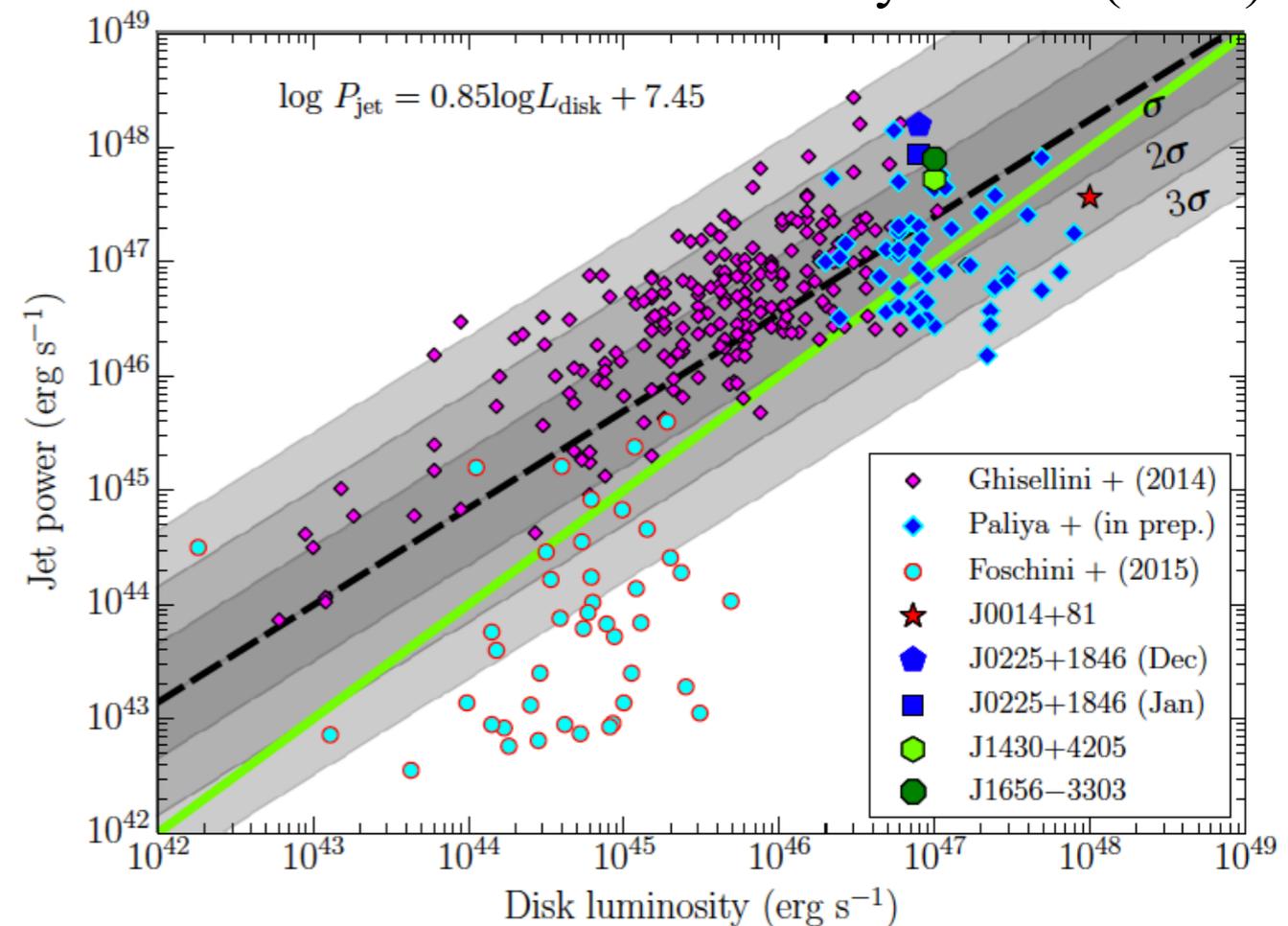
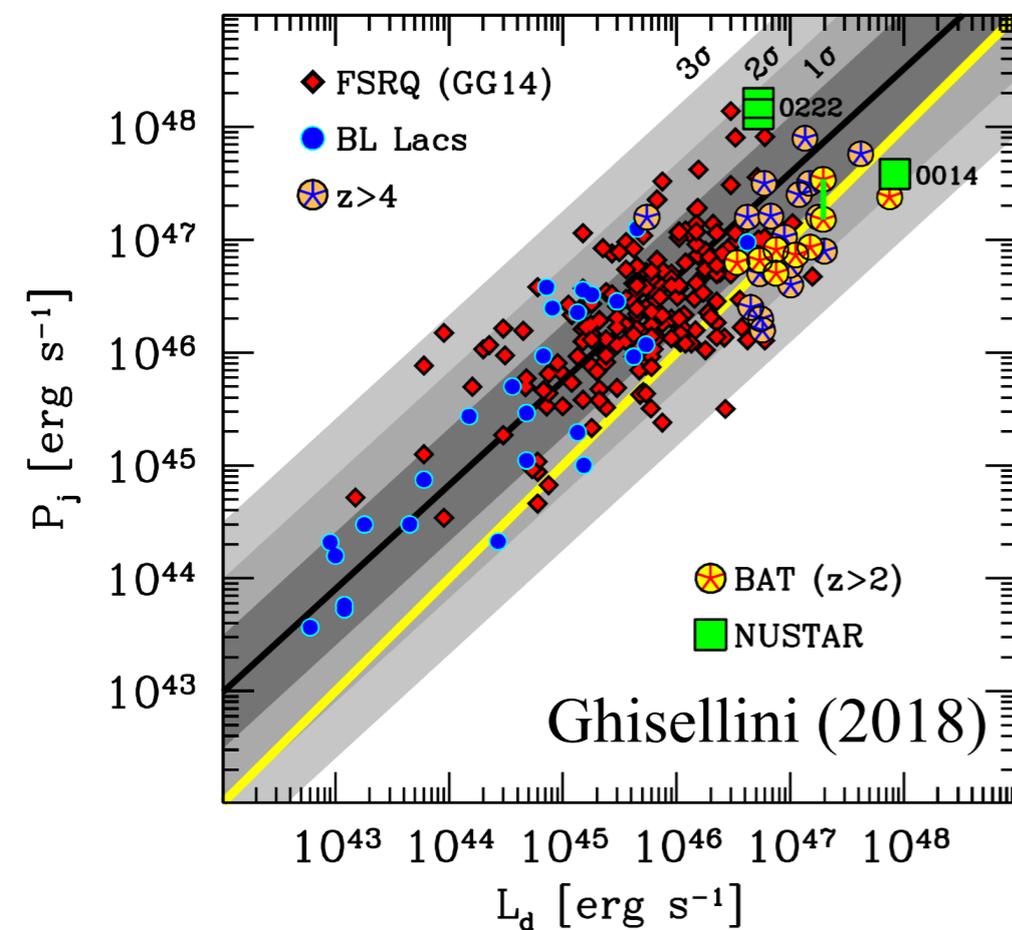
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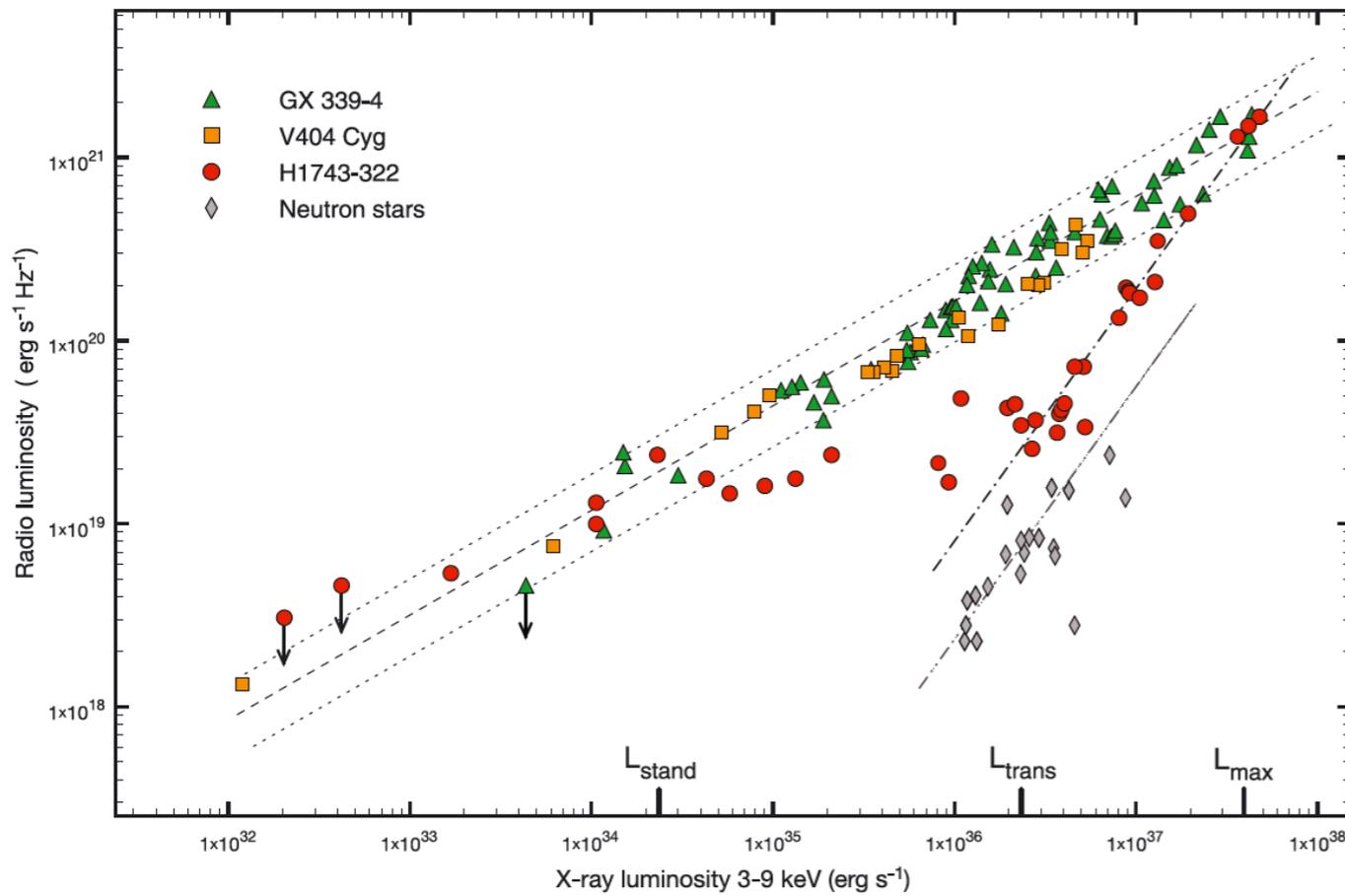
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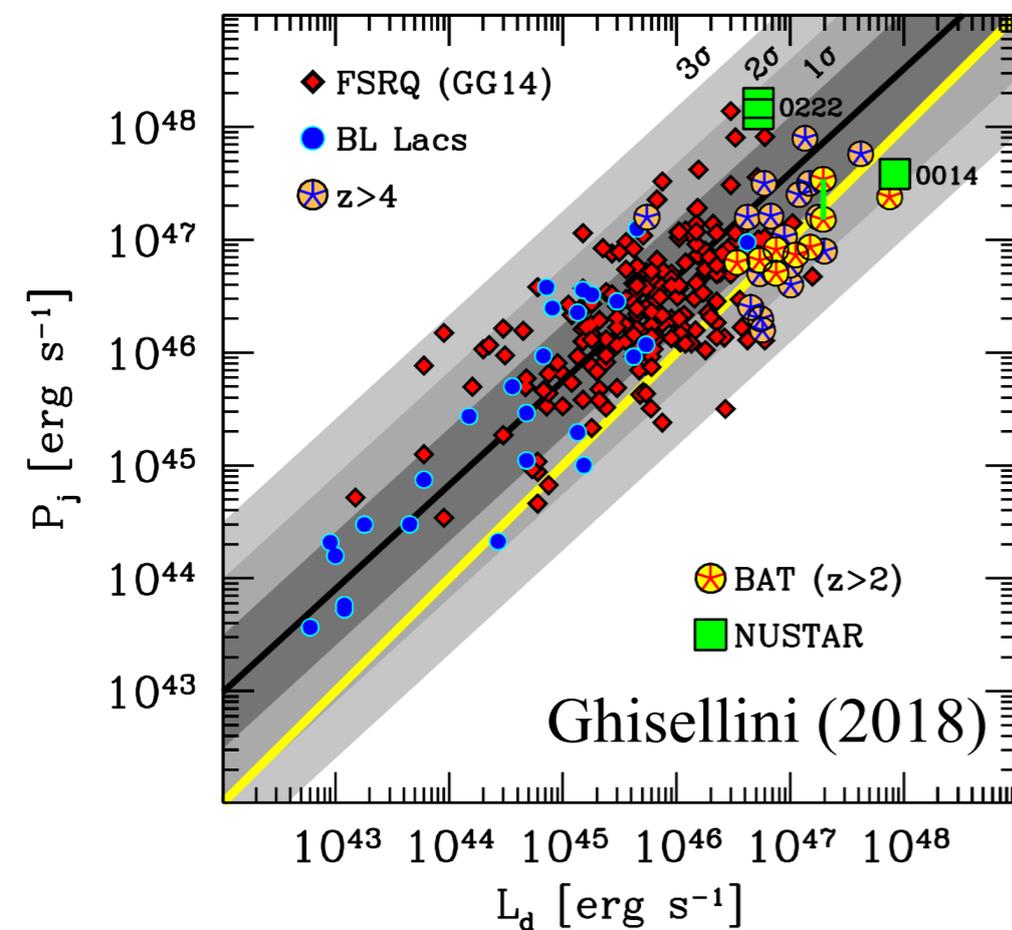
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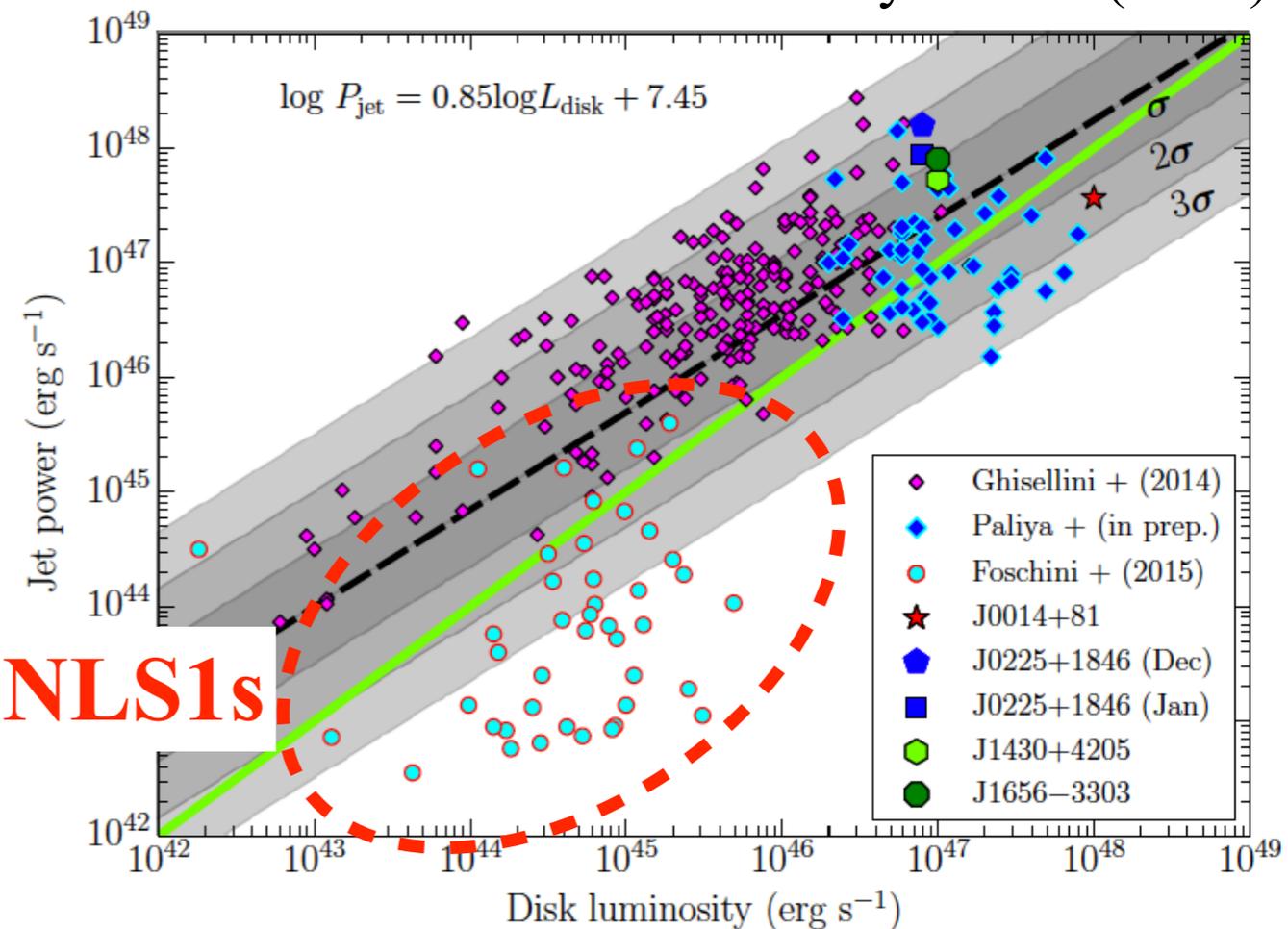
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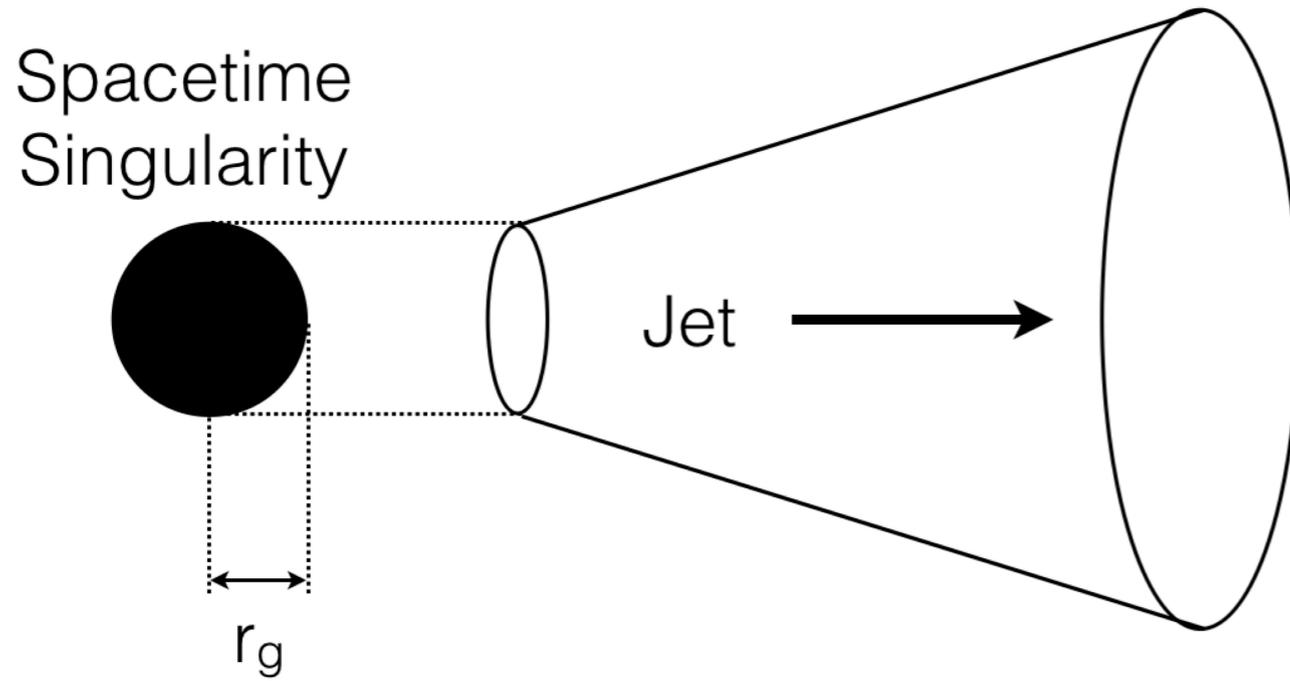
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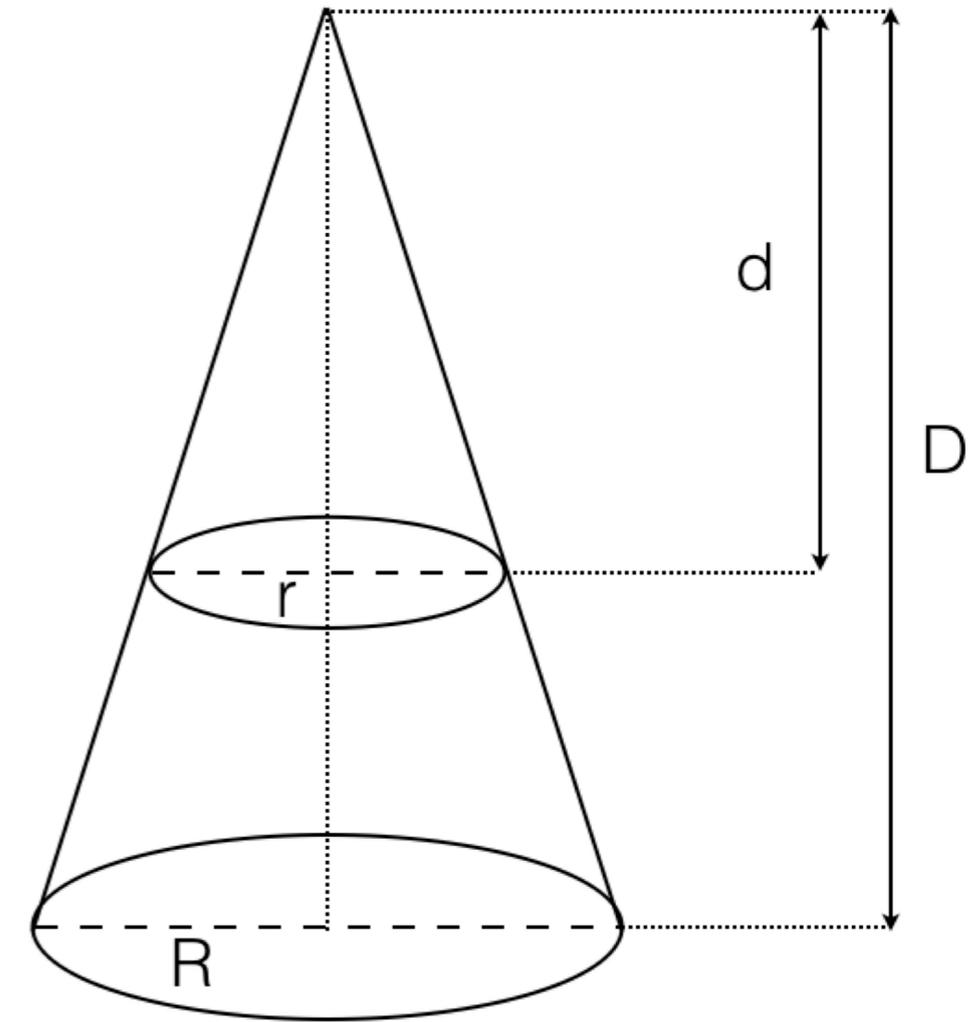
**Jetted NLS1s**



# Jet Scaling Theory: Heinz & Sunyaev (2003)



General Relativity: mass = geometry

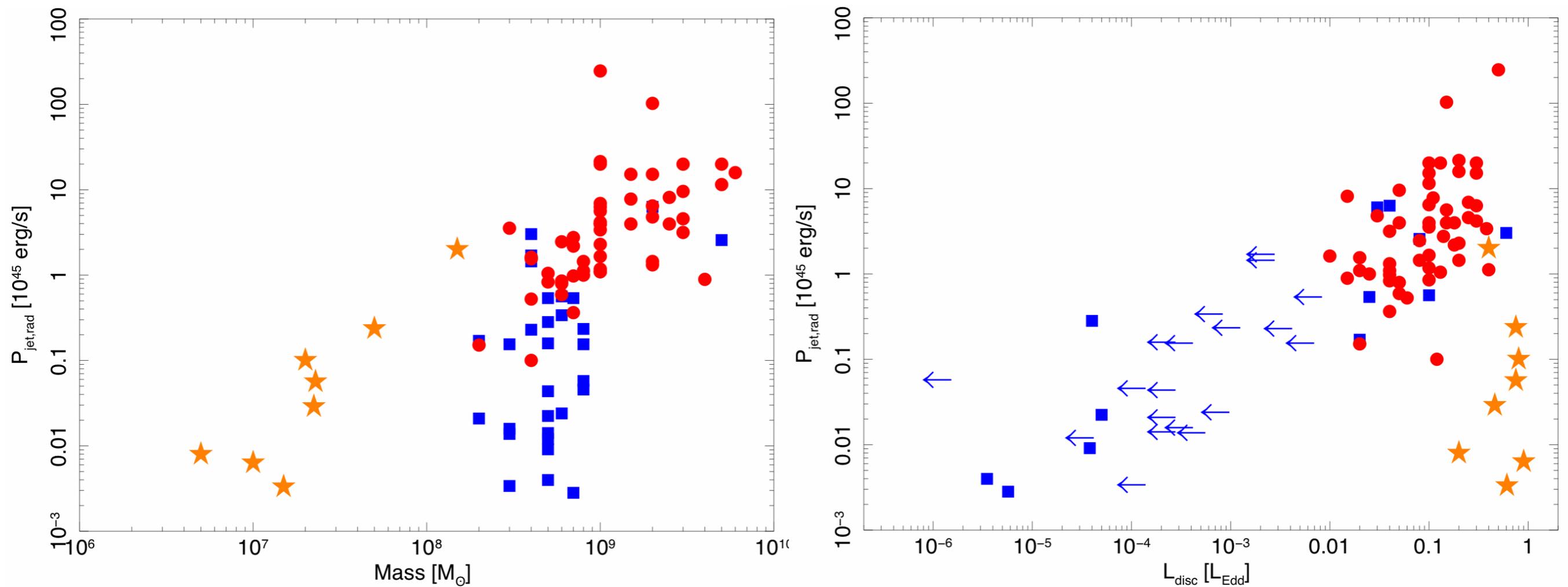


Self-similarity

**Table 1.** The dependence of  $B$  and  $C$  on  $M$  and  $\dot{m}$ , and the scaling indices  $\xi_M$  and  $\xi_{\dot{m}}$  for different accretion modes (rows 1–3), and for the Ansatz that the mechanical jet luminosity  $W_{\text{jet}}$  should be proportional to the disc power  $L_{\text{disc}}$  (row 4), assuming  $p = 2$ .

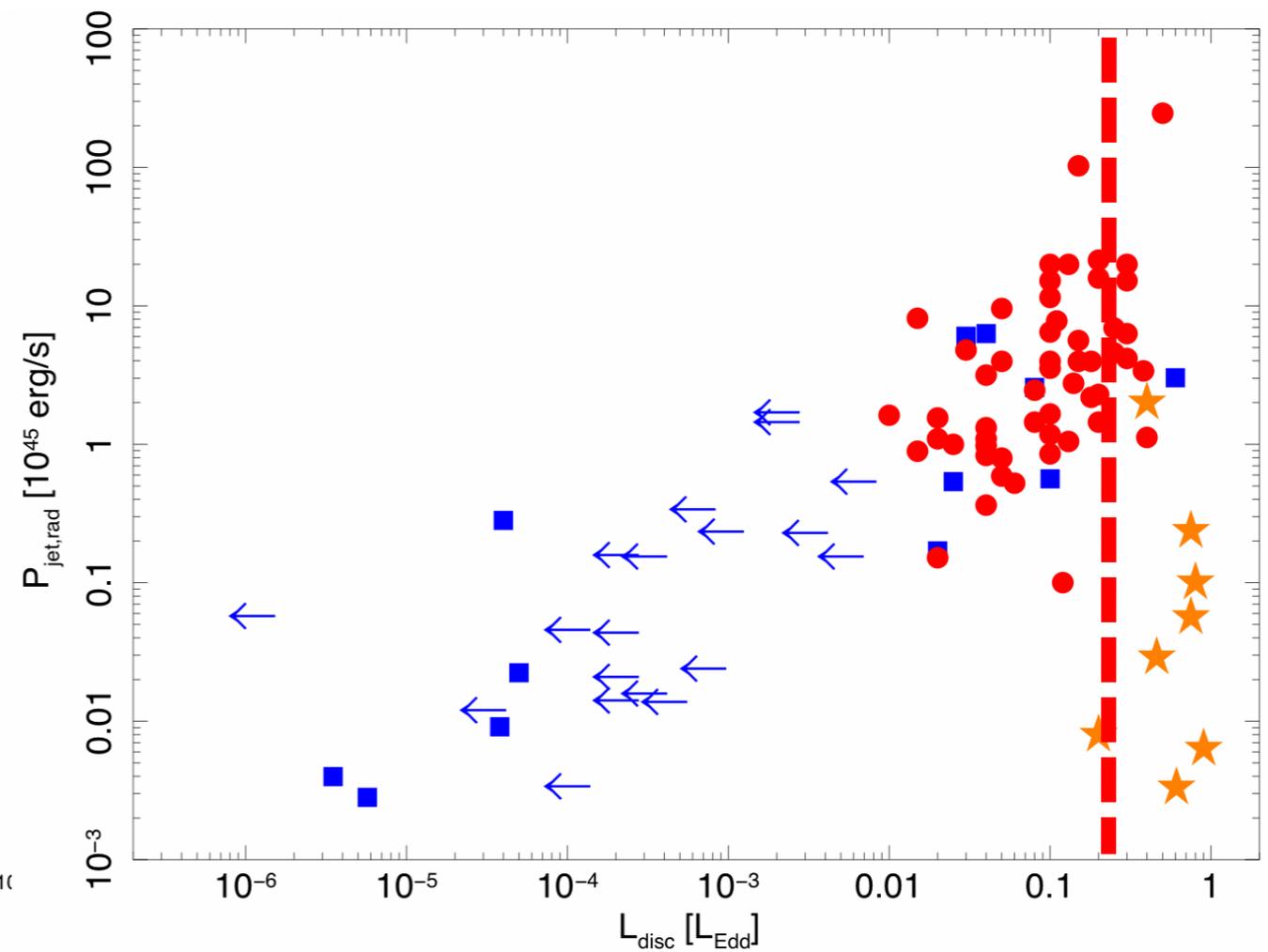
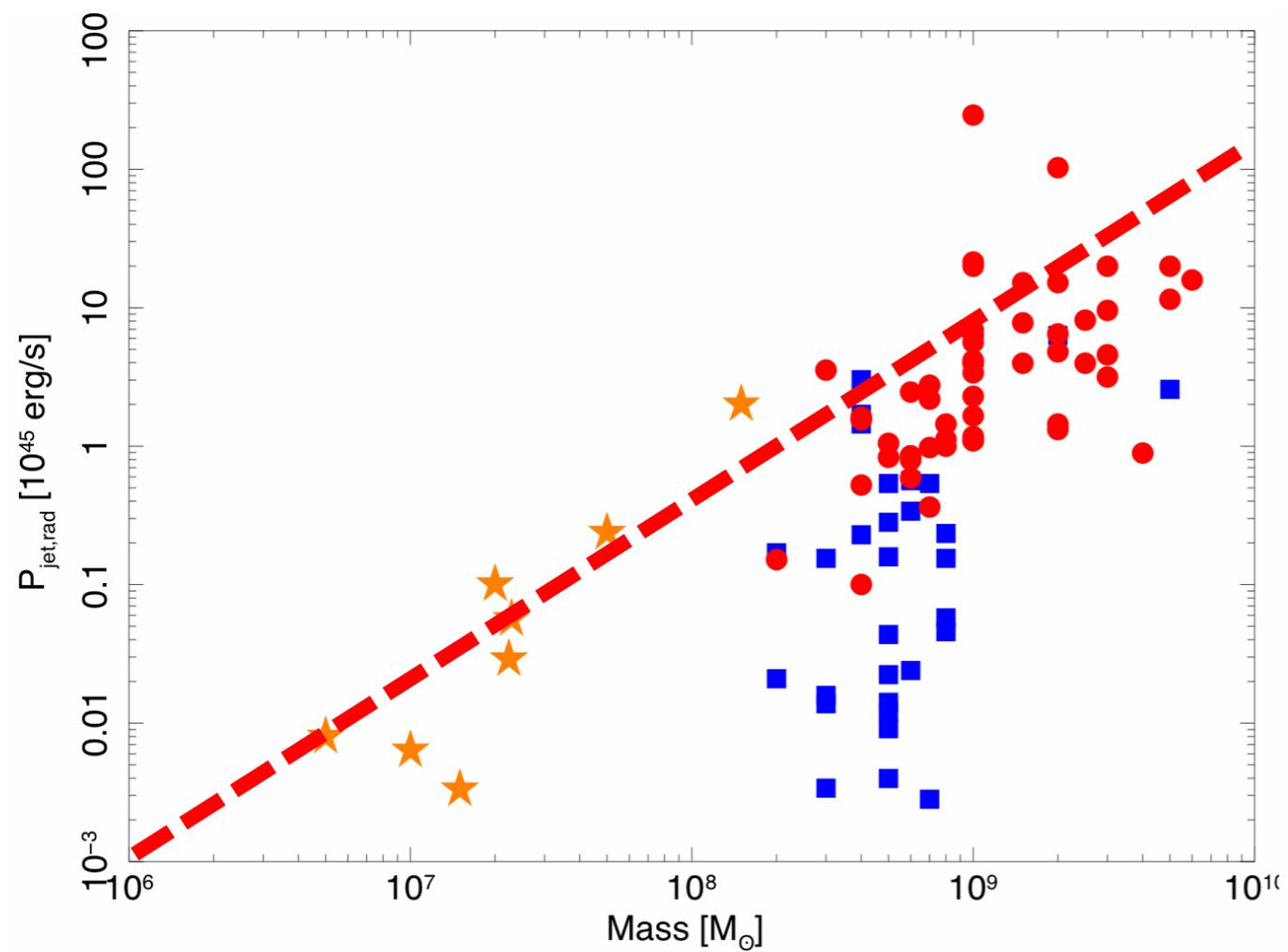
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2 rad. press. disc	$M^{-1}$	$17/12 - \alpha/3$	0
3 gas press. disc	$\dot{m}^{4/5} M^{-9/10}$	$(187 - 32\alpha)/120$	$(17/12 + 2\alpha/3)4/5$
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# Jet Power as a function of mass and accretion rate



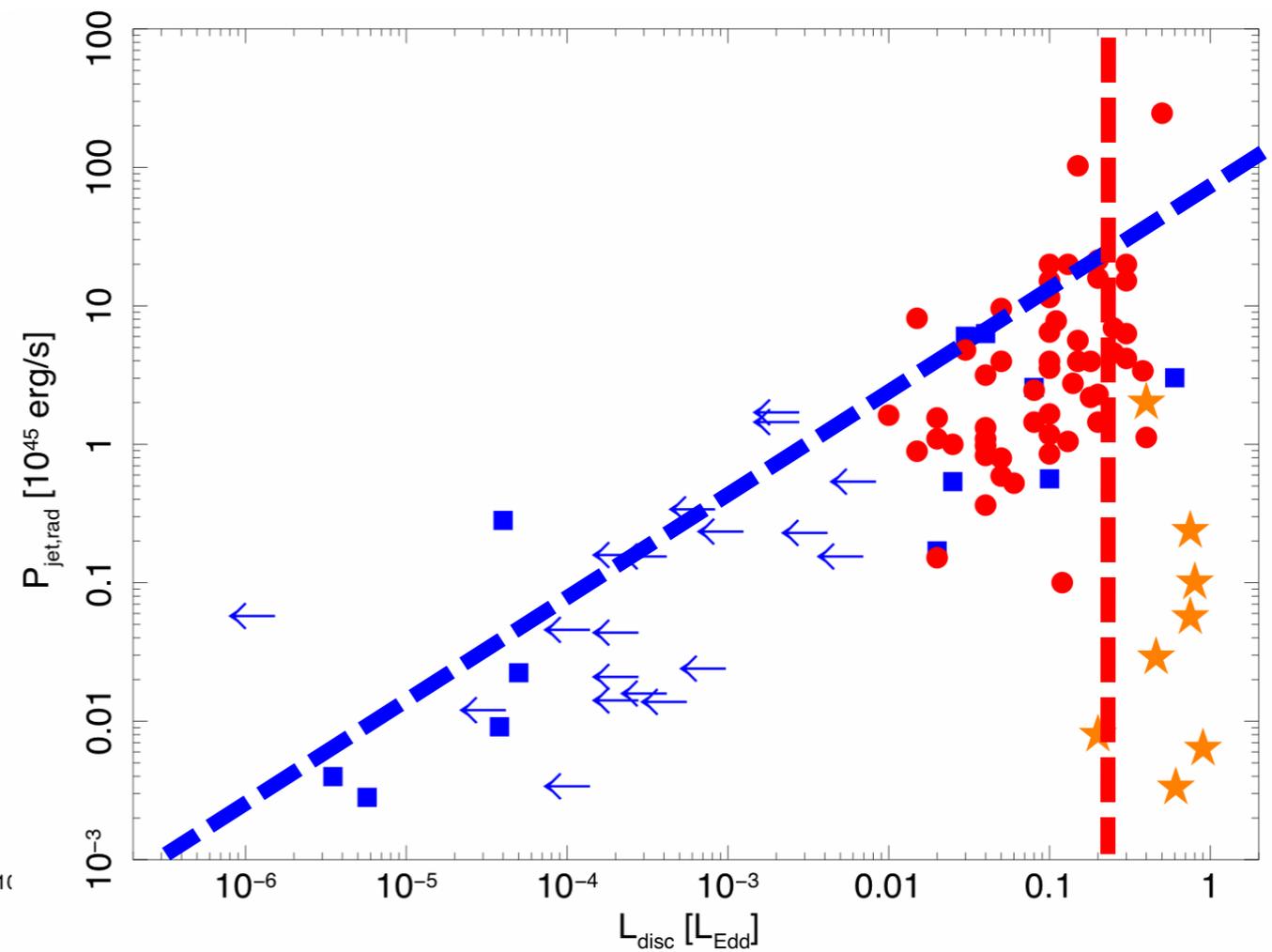
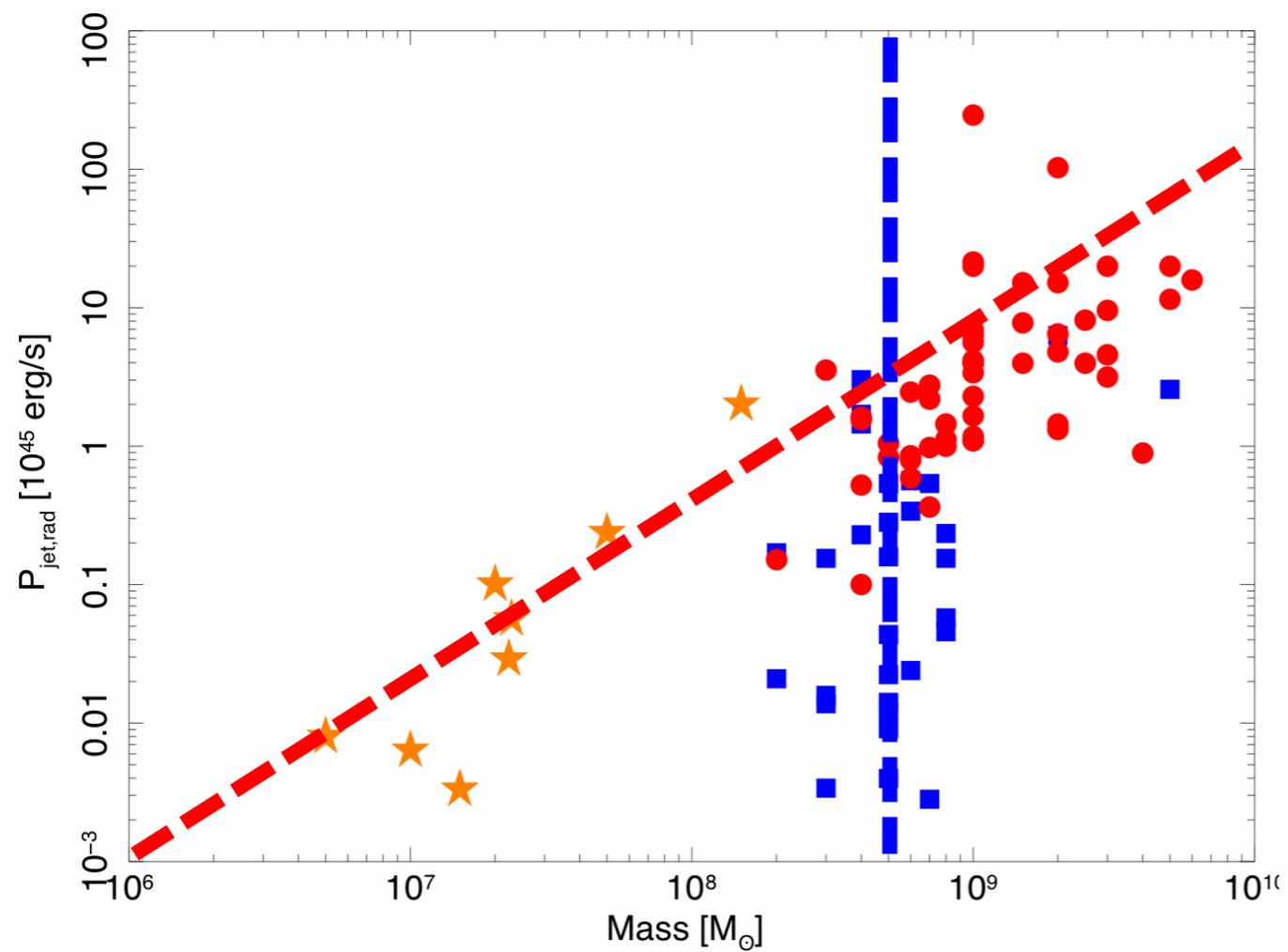
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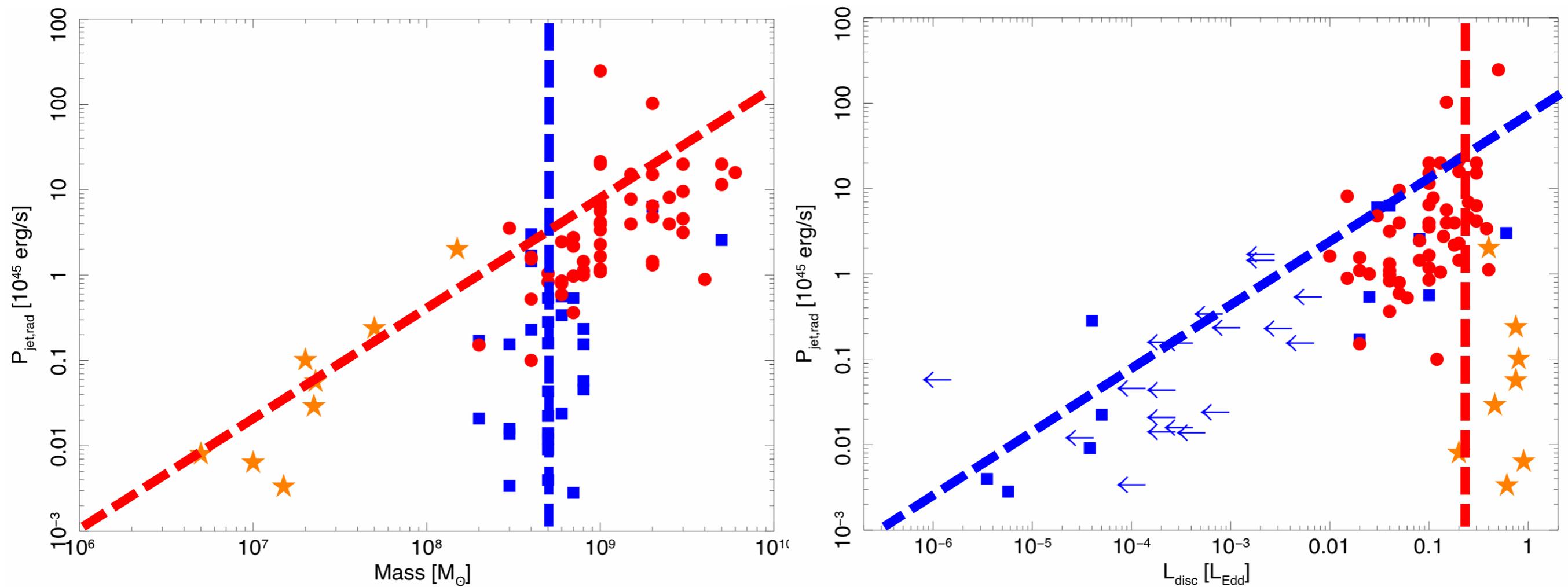


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Moderski & Sikora (1996); Gosh & Abramowicz (1997)



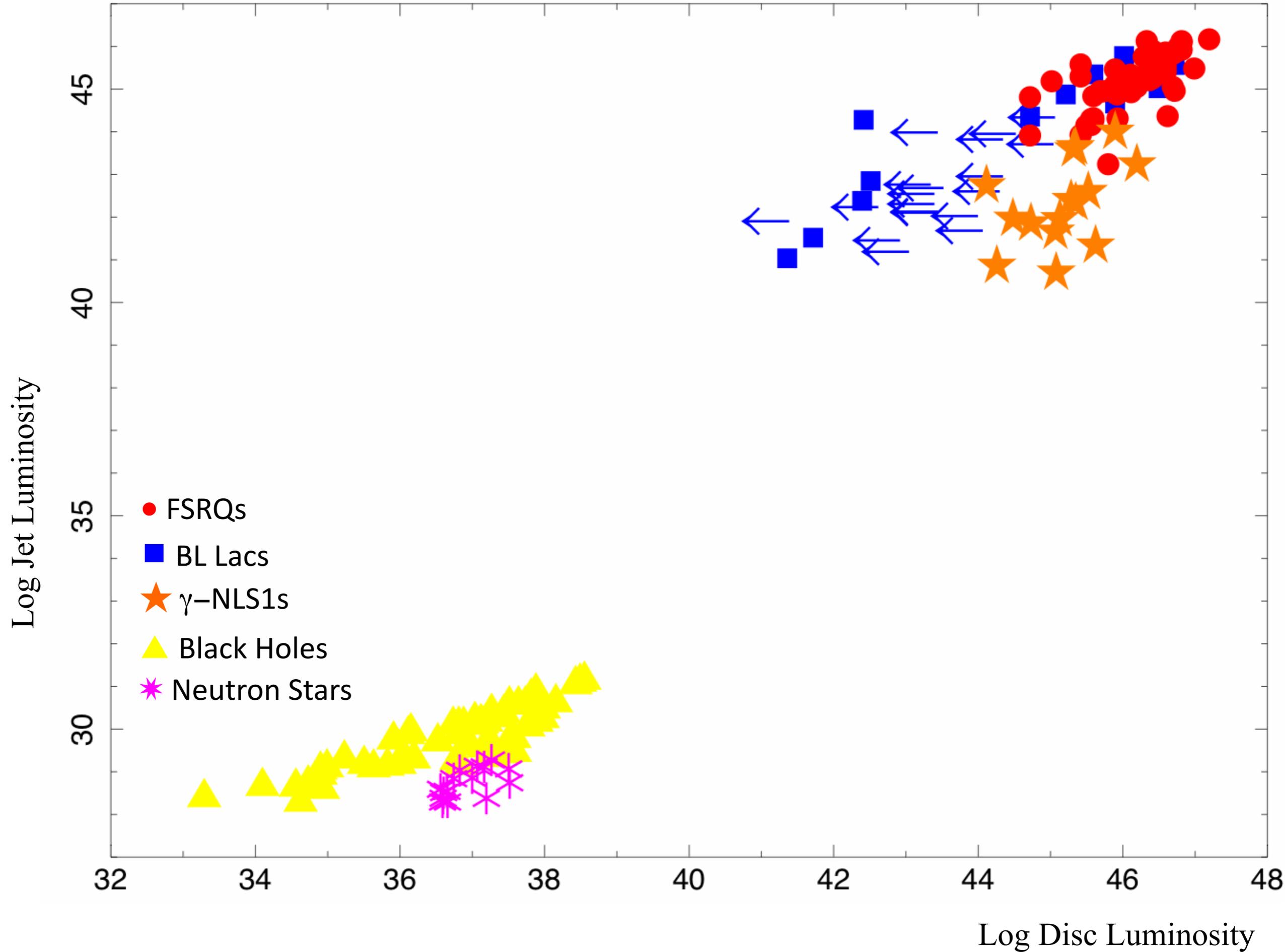
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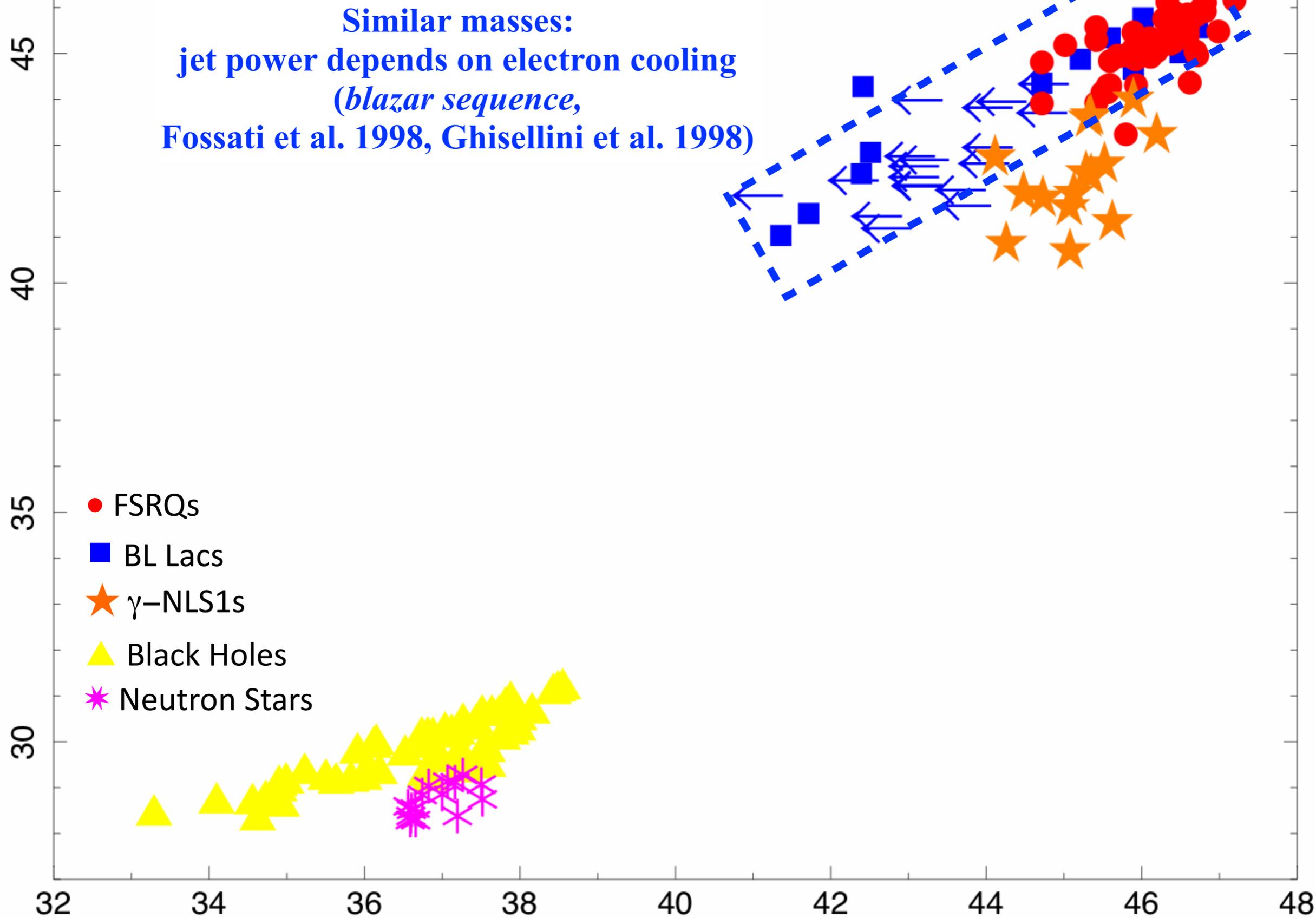
## Mario Livio's Conjecture (1997):

“[...] I will make the assumption that the jet formation mechanism, namely, the mechanism for acceleration and collimation, is the same in all of the different classes of objects which exhibit jets. [...] It should be noted right away that the emission mechanism which render jets visible in the different classes of objects, are very different in objects like, for example, YSOs and AGN.”

**Confirmed! At least for AGN and XRBs**

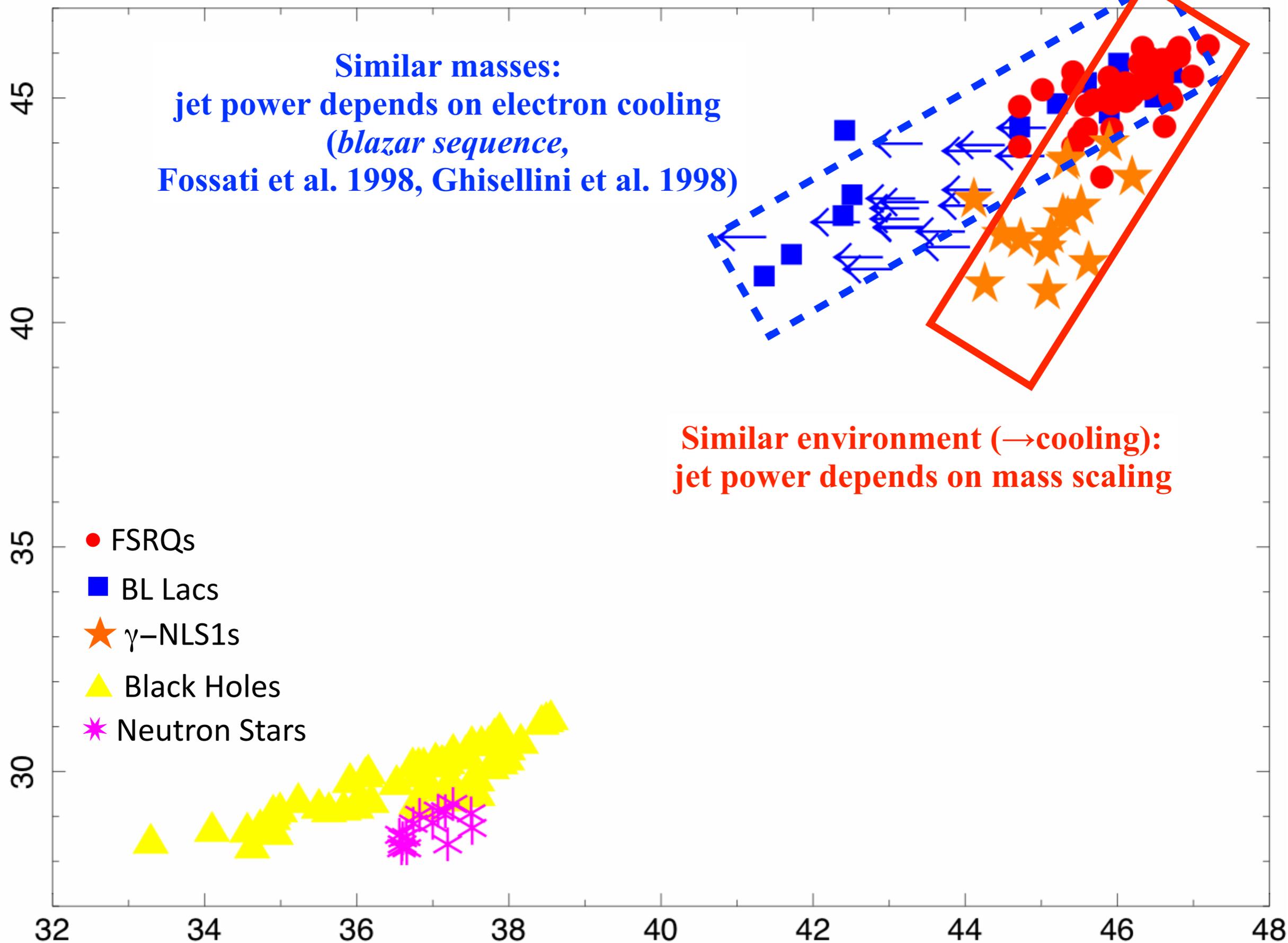


Log Jet Luminosity



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# Blazar evolution

(Böttcher & Dermer 2002,  
Cavaliere & D'Elia 2002,  
Maraschi & Tavecchio 2003)

Log Jet Luminosity

45

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- FSRQs
- BL Lacs
- ★  $\gamma$ -NLS1s
- ▲ Black Holes
- ✱ Neutron Stars

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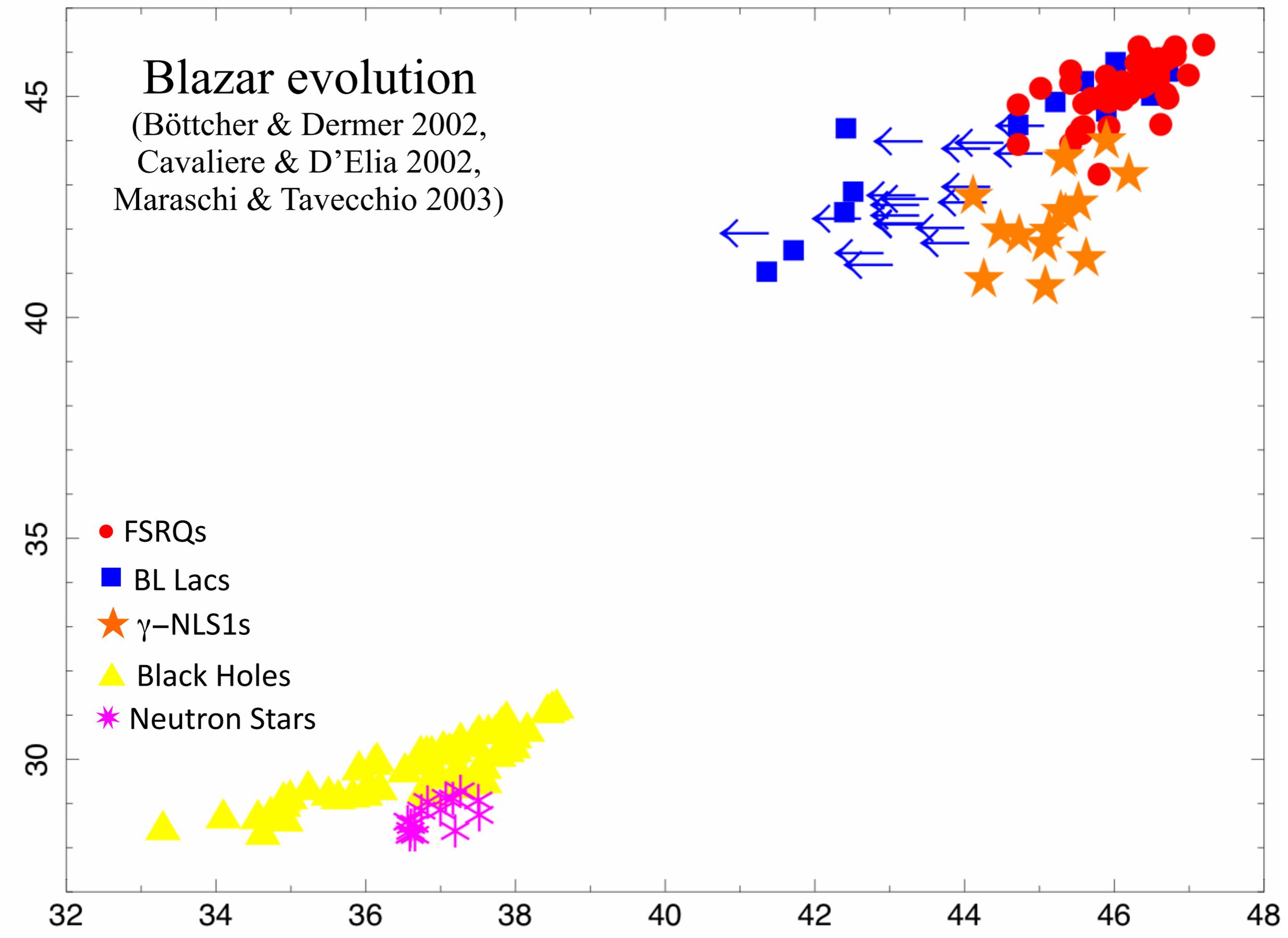
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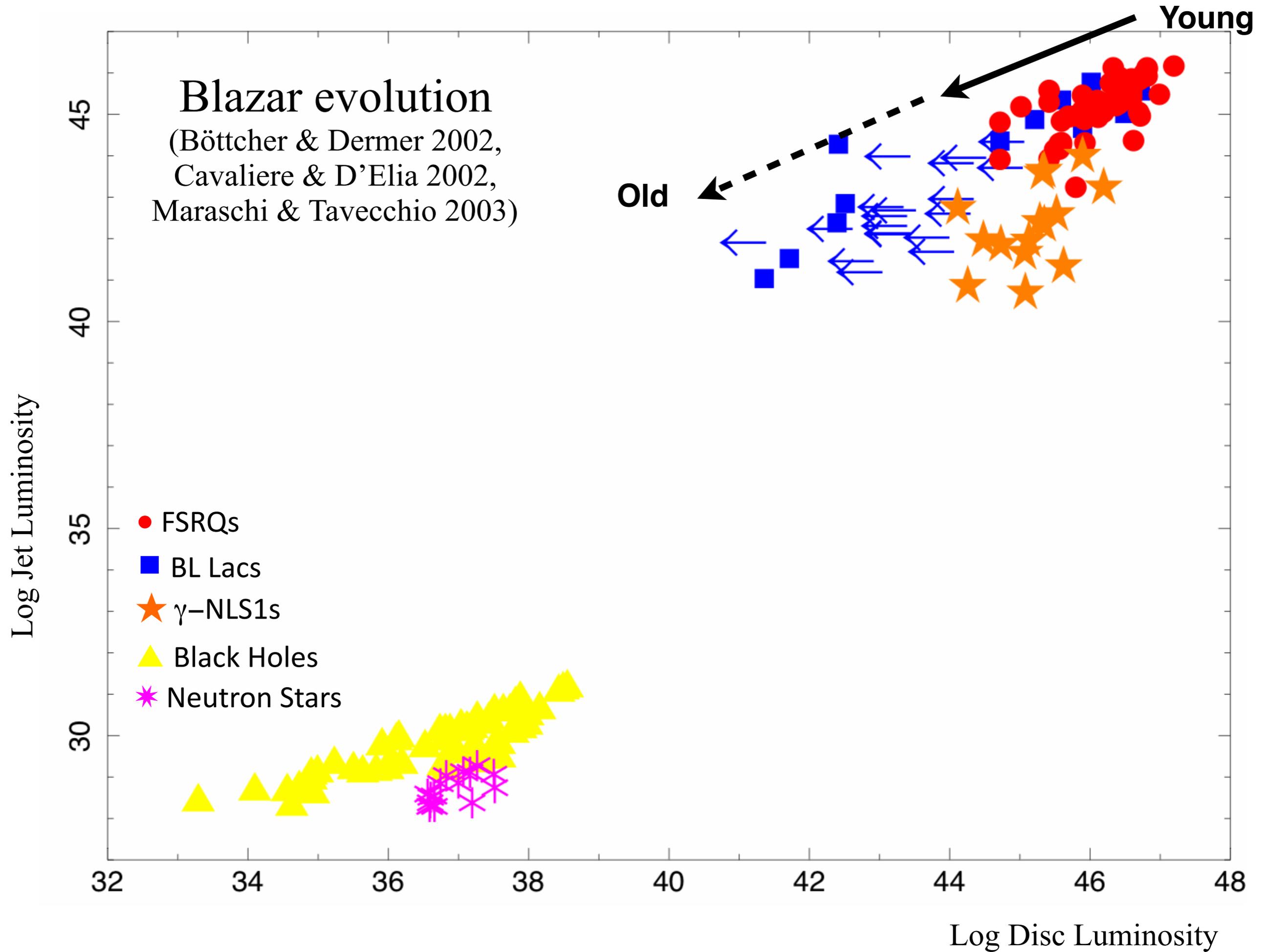
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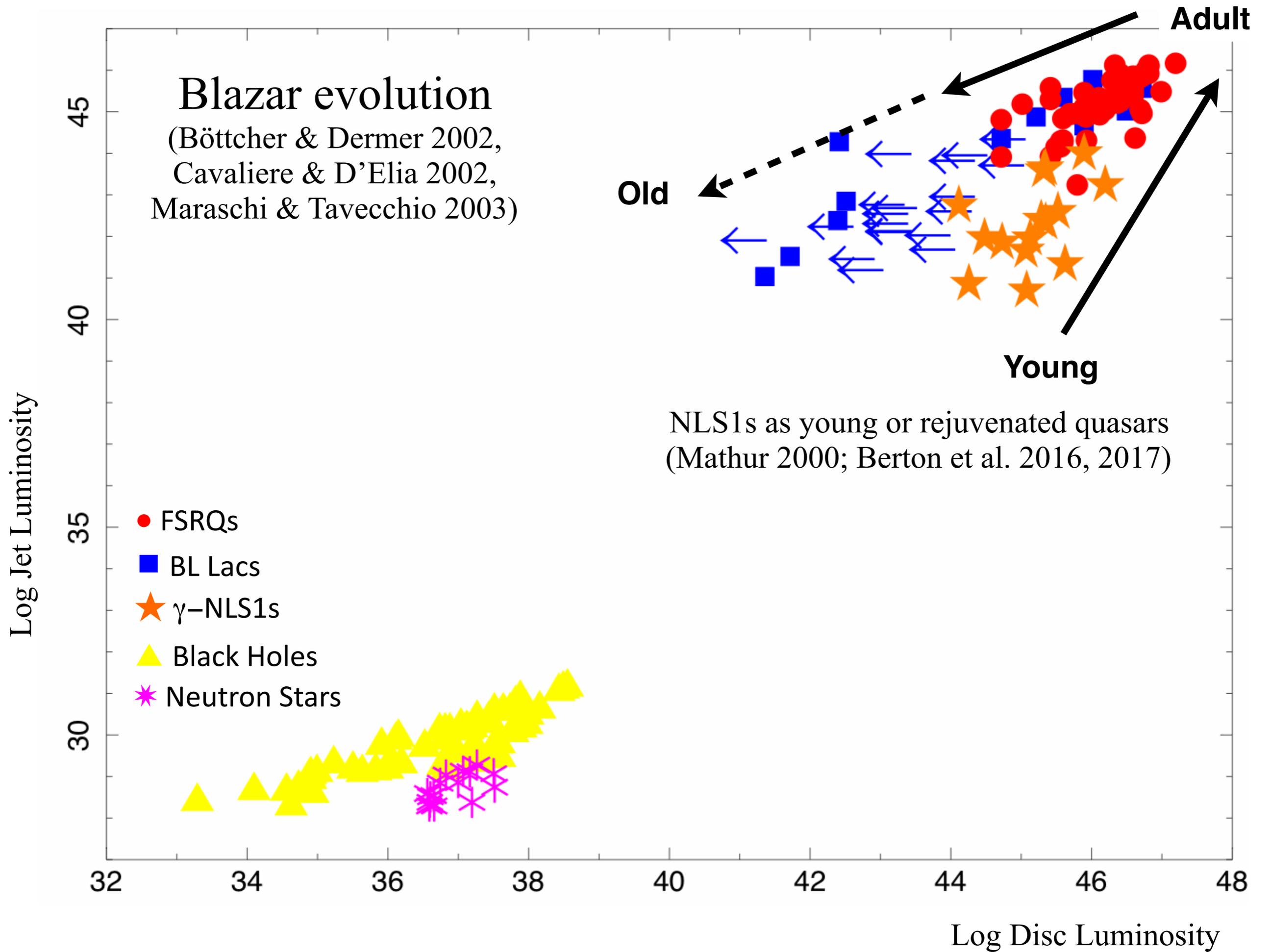
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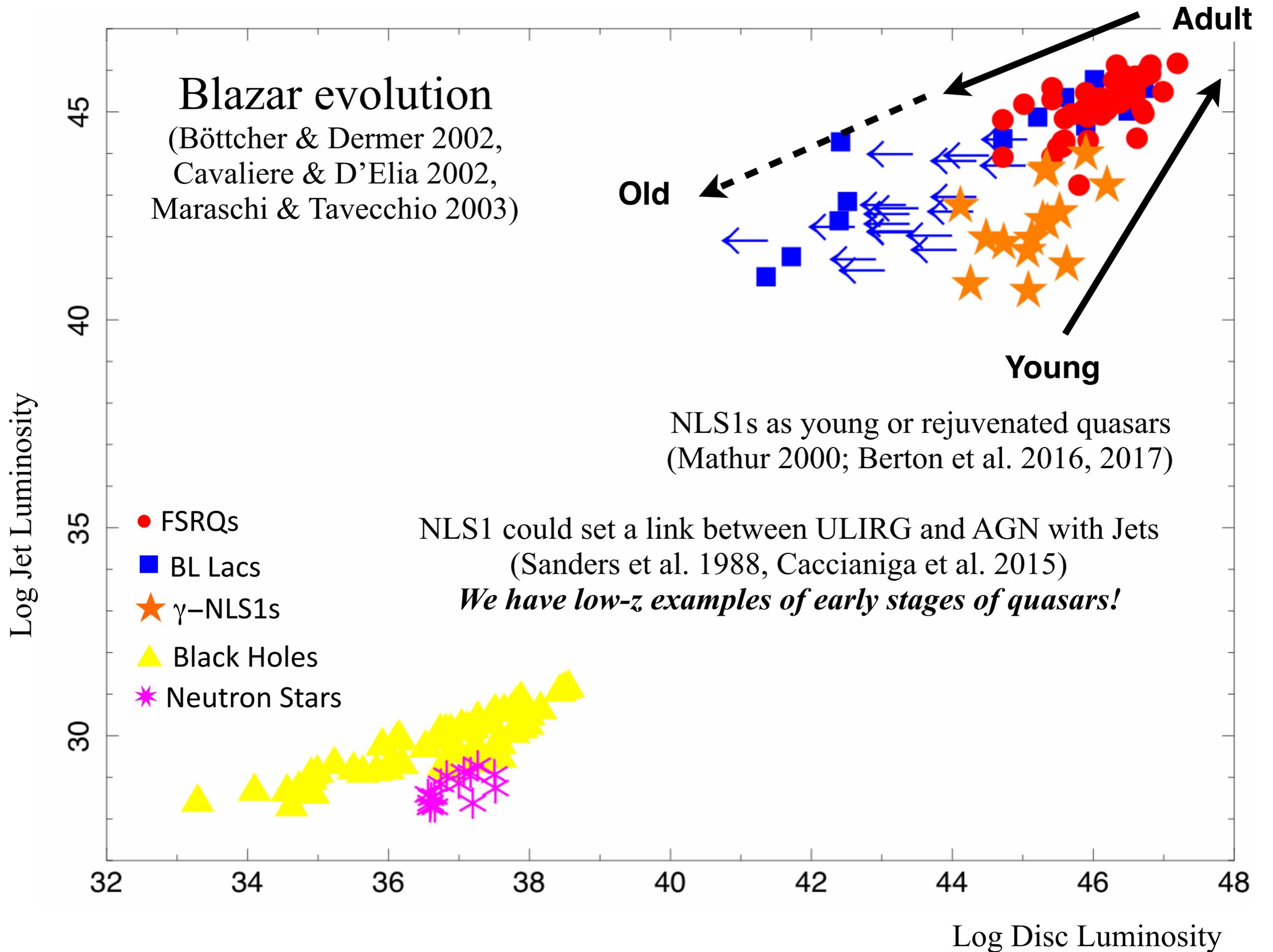
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## However...

- **Blazar** and **Radio Galaxy** are terms today associated to a certain type of cosmic sources: **high black hole mass, elliptical host galaxy, ...**
- Risk to lose important information/differences by simply adding NLS1s and CSS to the scheme under the blazar and radio galaxy labels (different black hole mass, different host,...);
- Not a negligible detail: remind **biases** in previous works caused by selecting only bright sources:
  - threshold mass in jet generation (→ no unification with XRB jets)
  - blazar sequence (partially revised to include also small-mass quasar, although considered only as “pollution”; Ghisellini & Tavecchio 2008; Ghisellini et al. 2017)
- **Martin Gaskell** (2012): “When you attach different classifications to things, it is all too easy to get convinced that they are different things”. On the opposite, if you attach the same name to different things, it is all too easy to get convinced that they are the same thing.

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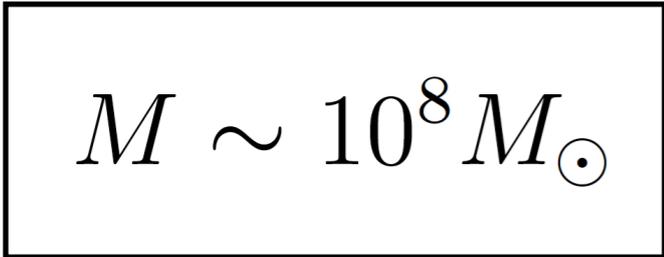
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[equivalent to Excitation Index~1; cf Best & Heckman (2012)]

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