

# AGN spectral states and radio morphology



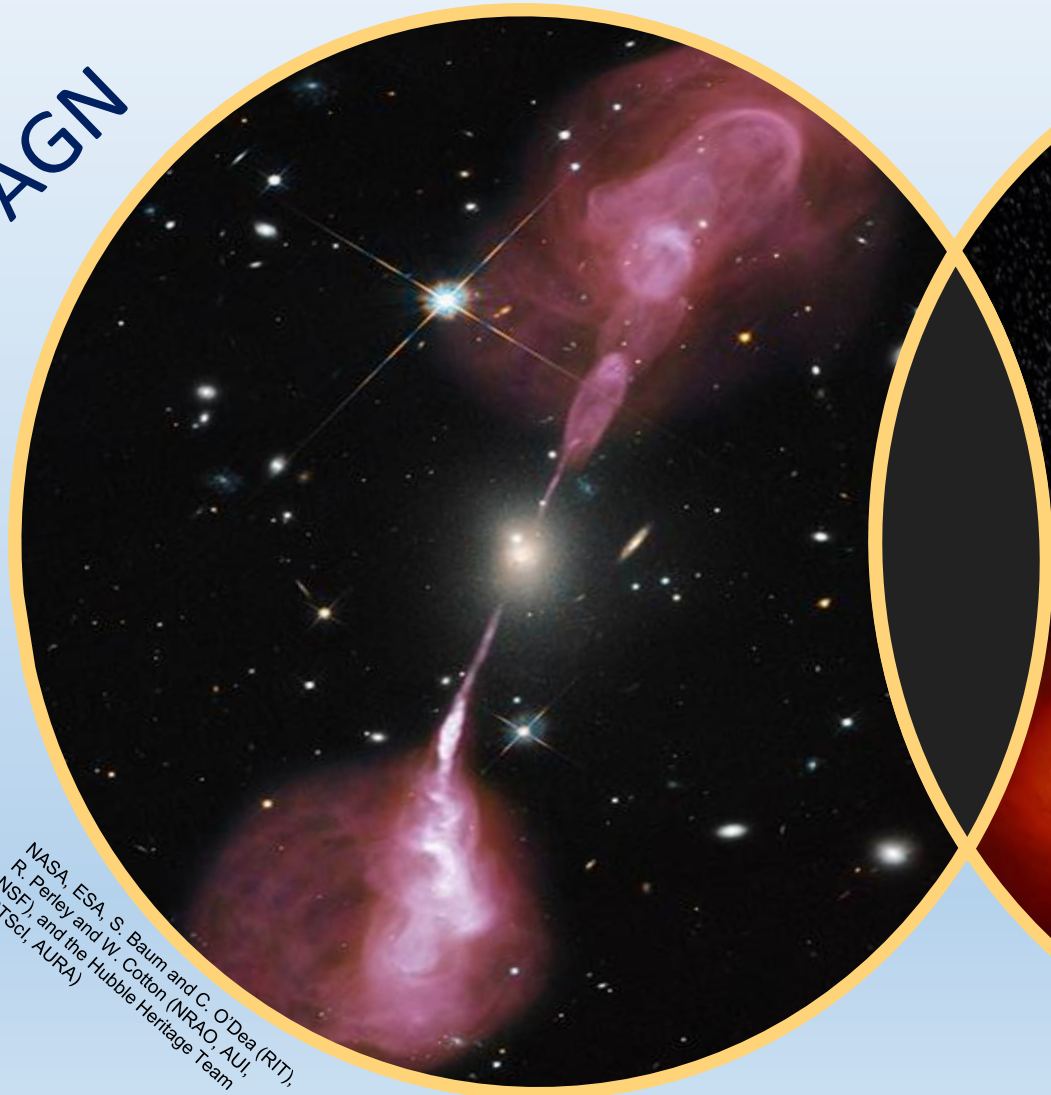
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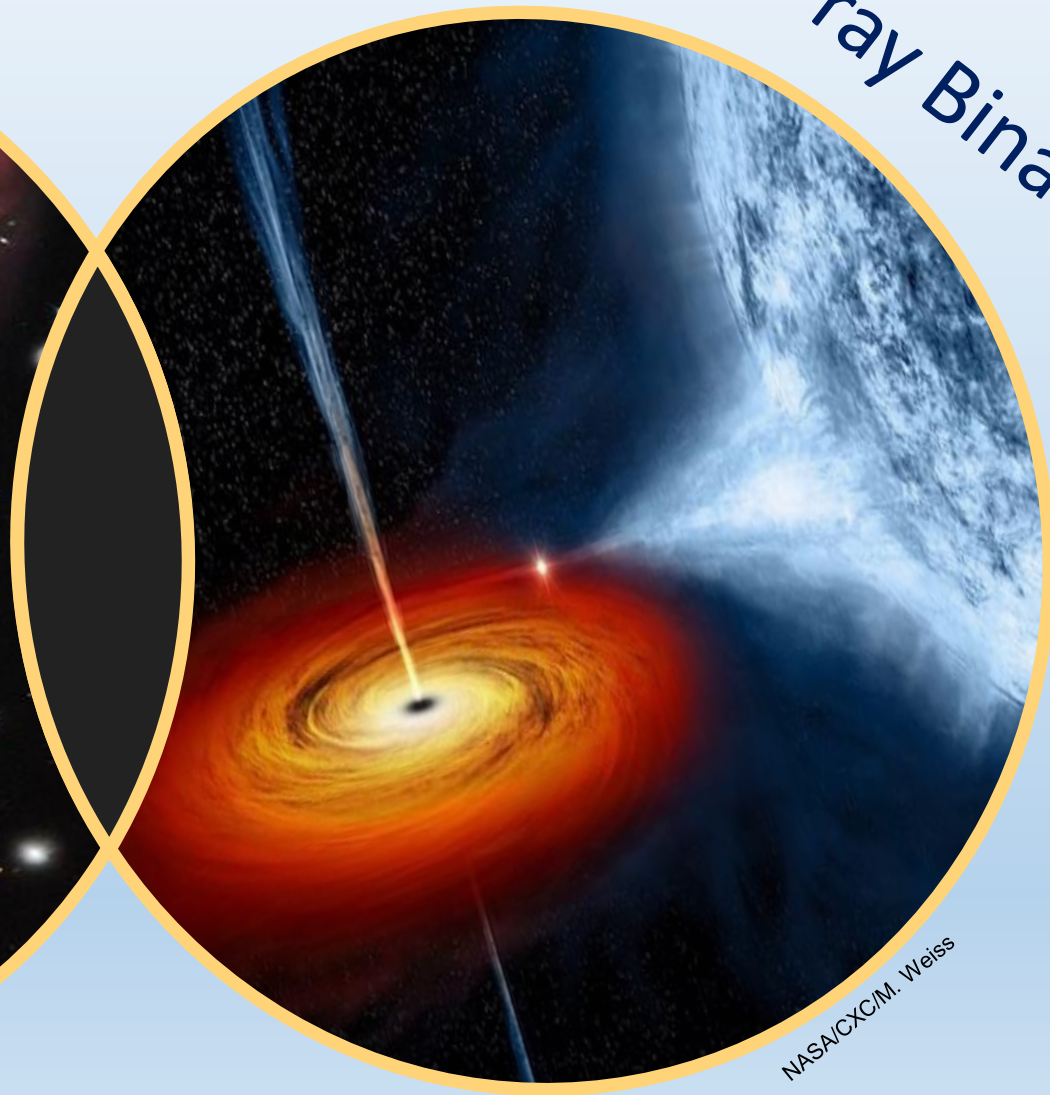
# Accreting black holes

AGN



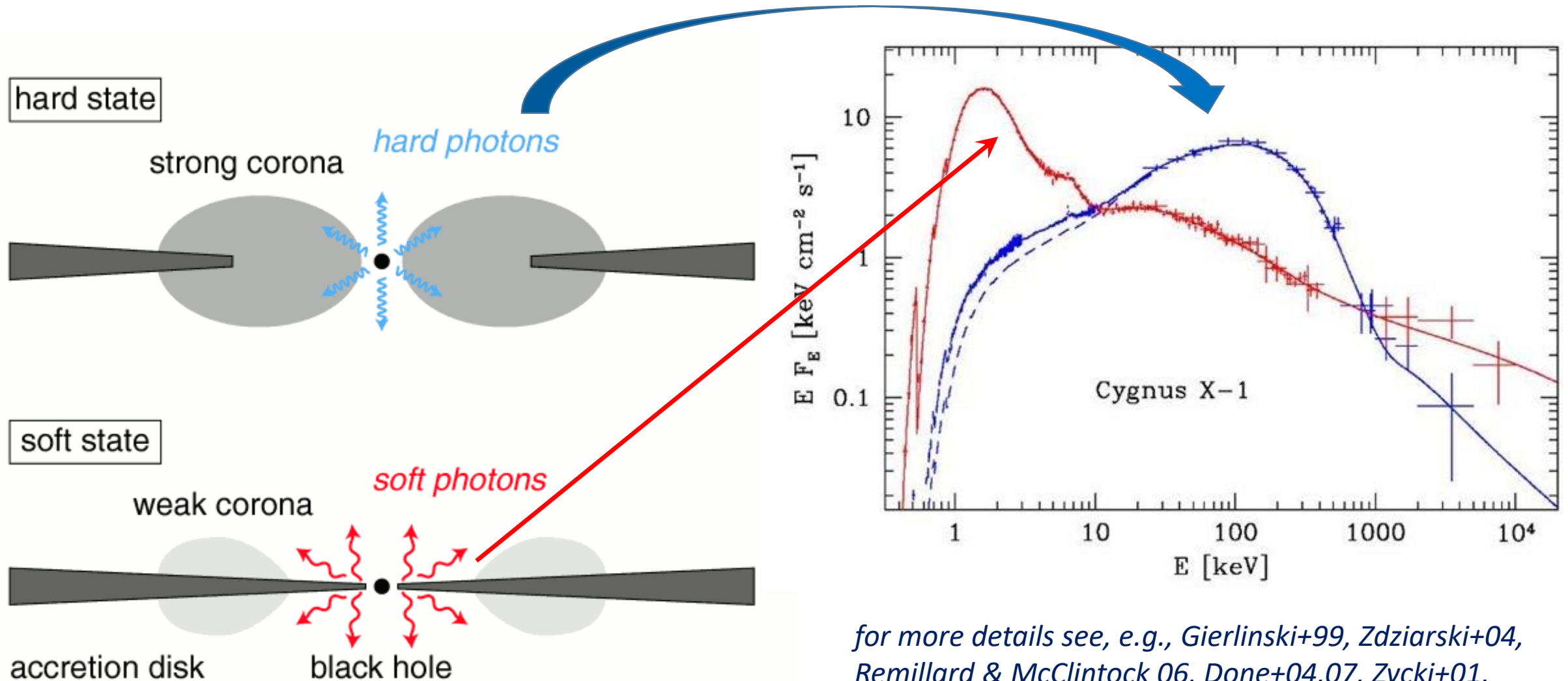
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X-ray Binaries



NASA/CXOM. Weiss

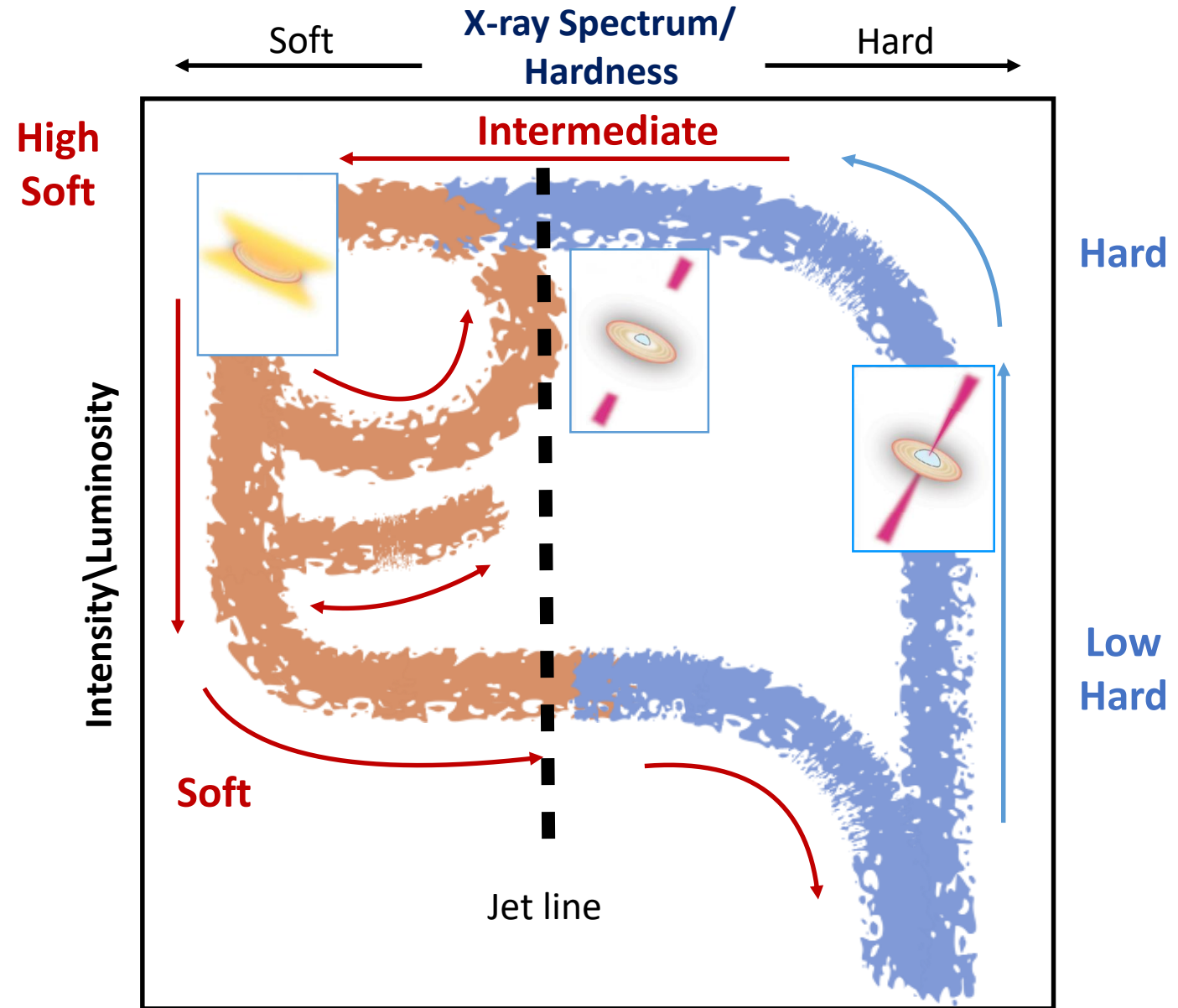
# X-ray Binaries: spectral states



for more details see, e.g., Gierlinski+99, Zdziarski+04, Remillard & McClintock 06, Done+04,07, Zycki+01, Meyer-Hofmeister+05,... **Chris Done's talk this morning**

# Evolution of spectral states in XRBs

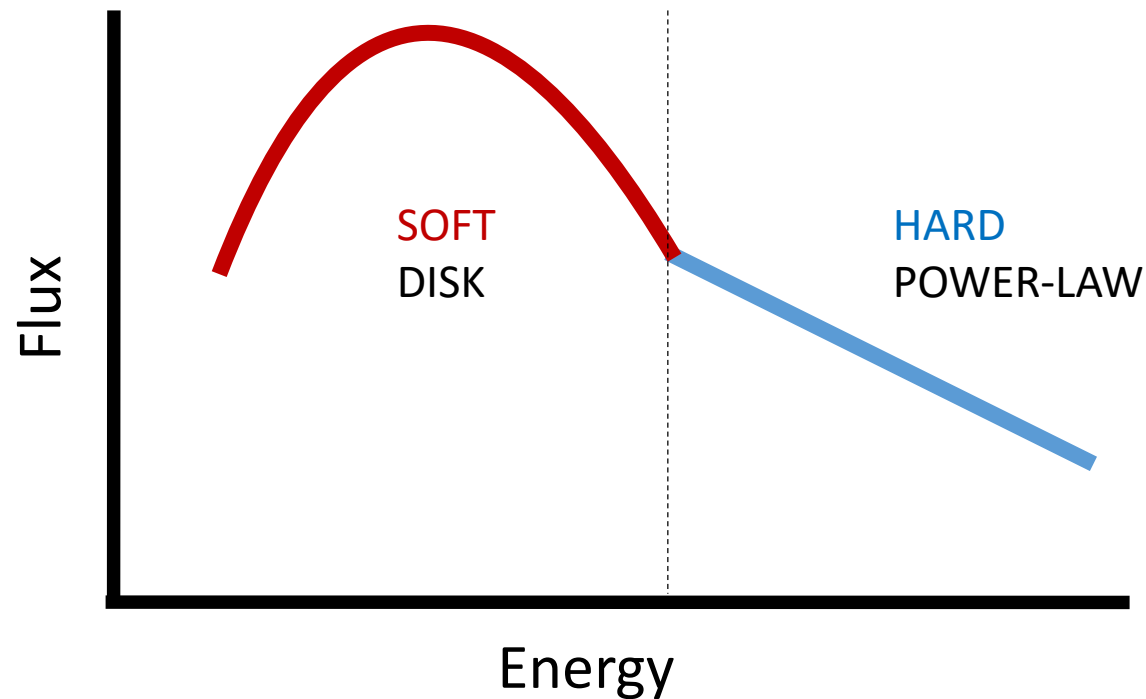
- transition from the hard to soft happens at higher luminosity than the transition from the soft to hard
- jet is present only in the hard states
- for theoretical explanations see, e.g.: Chakrabarti & Titarchuk 95, Smith+ 02, Liu+ 05, Petrucci+ 08, Contopoulos+ 15



Based on Fender+ 04, 12

# Analogy of spectral states in AGN?

- different size & time scale
- study of a **large sample & multiwavelength analysis**
  - previous works: Merloni+ (2003), Falcke+ (2004), Körding+ (2006), McHardy+(2006), Sobolewska+ (2011),...

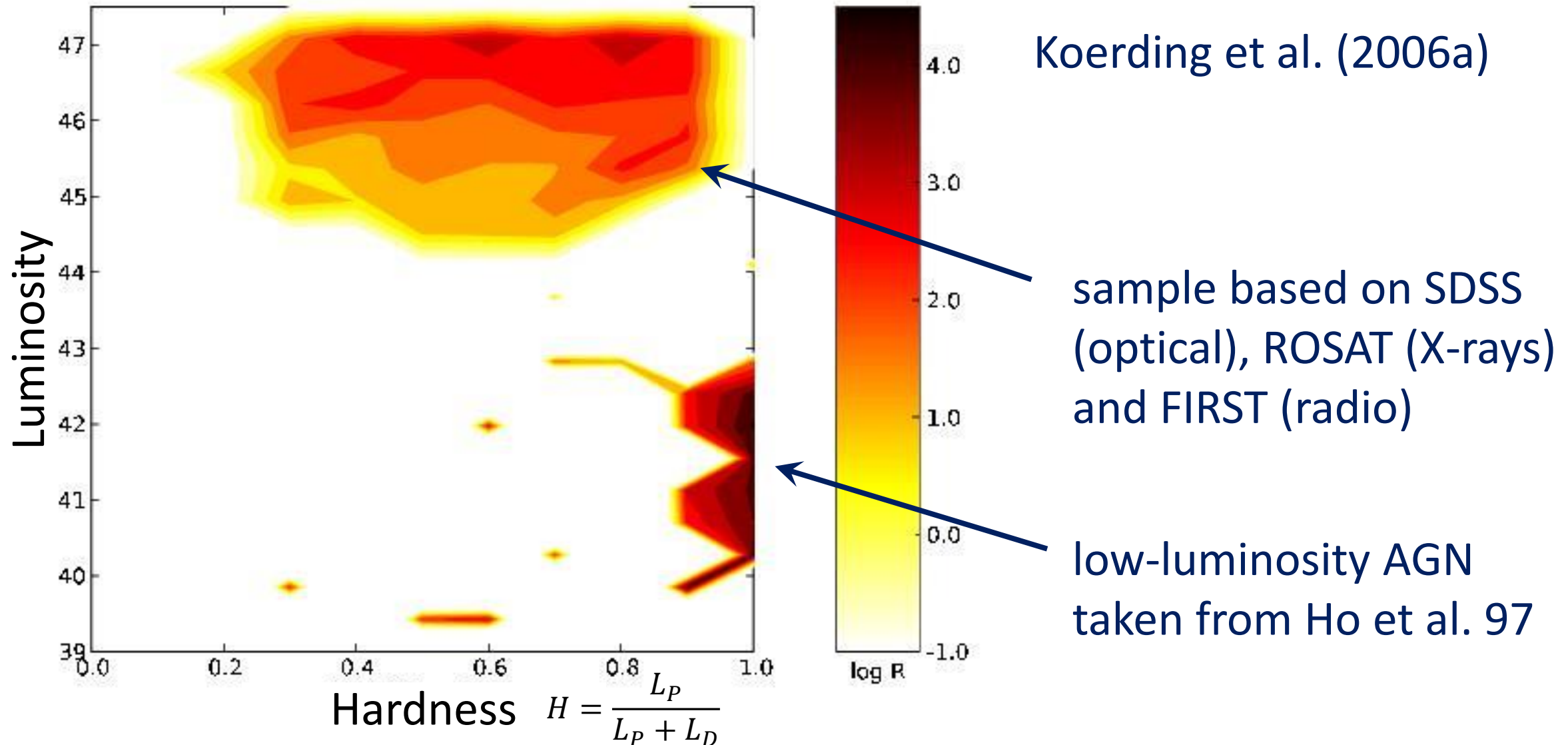


Spectral Hardness:

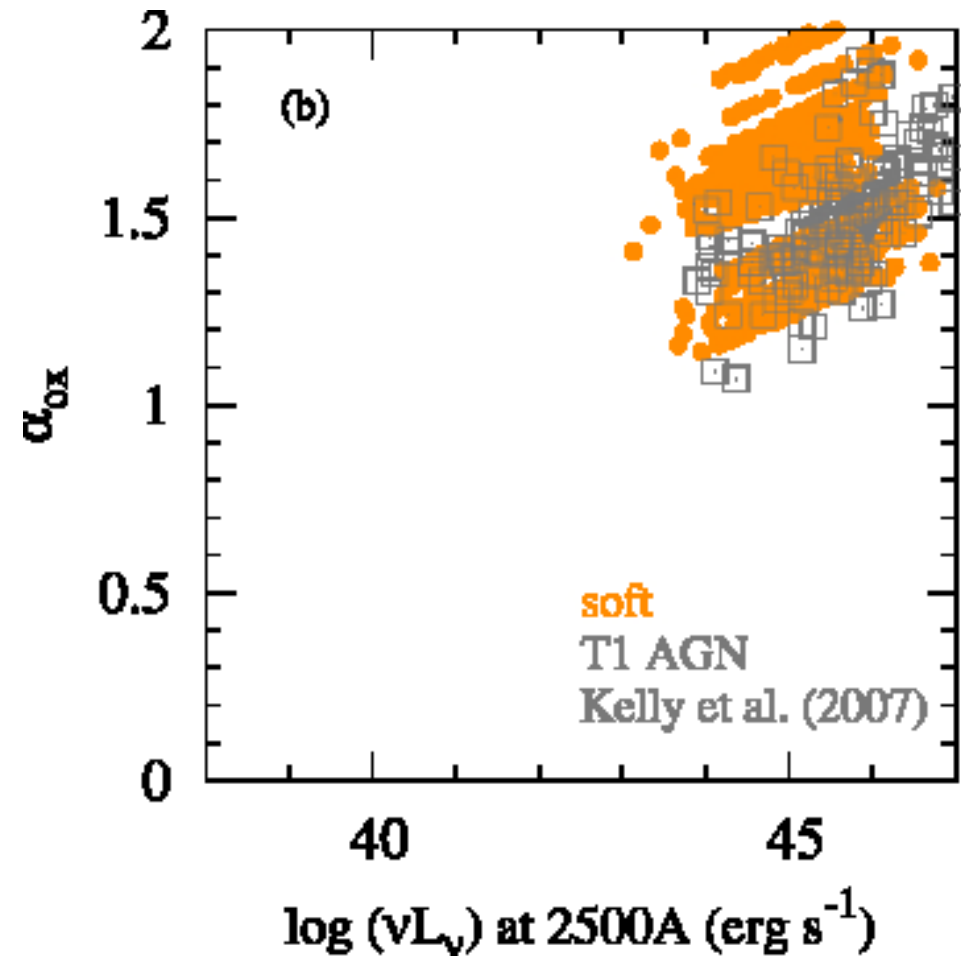
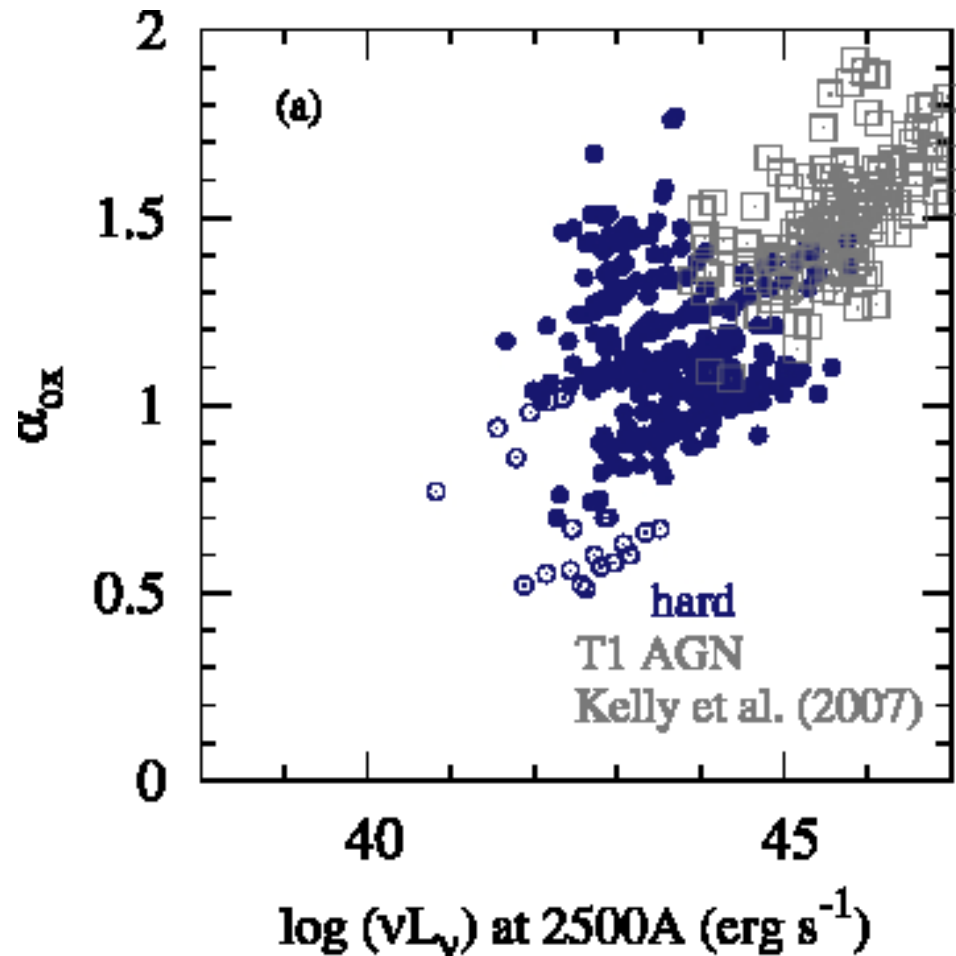
$$\frac{L_X}{L_{\text{tot}}} \approx \frac{L_{\text{PL}}}{L_{\text{PL}} + L_{\text{disk}}}$$

$\approx L_{\text{optical}}$

# AGN spectral states – previous works

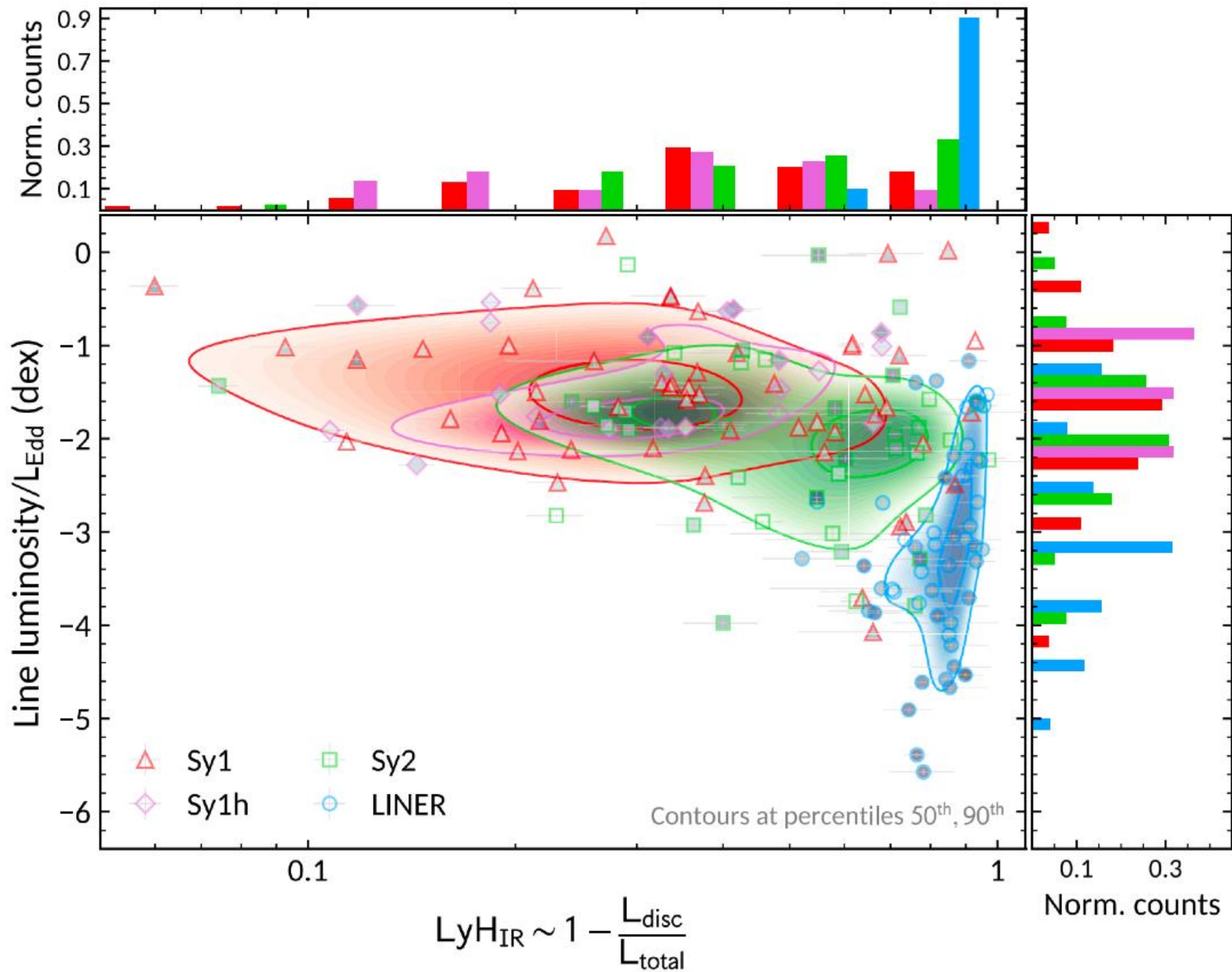


# Relation between AGN type and spectral state



Sobolewska et al. (2011)





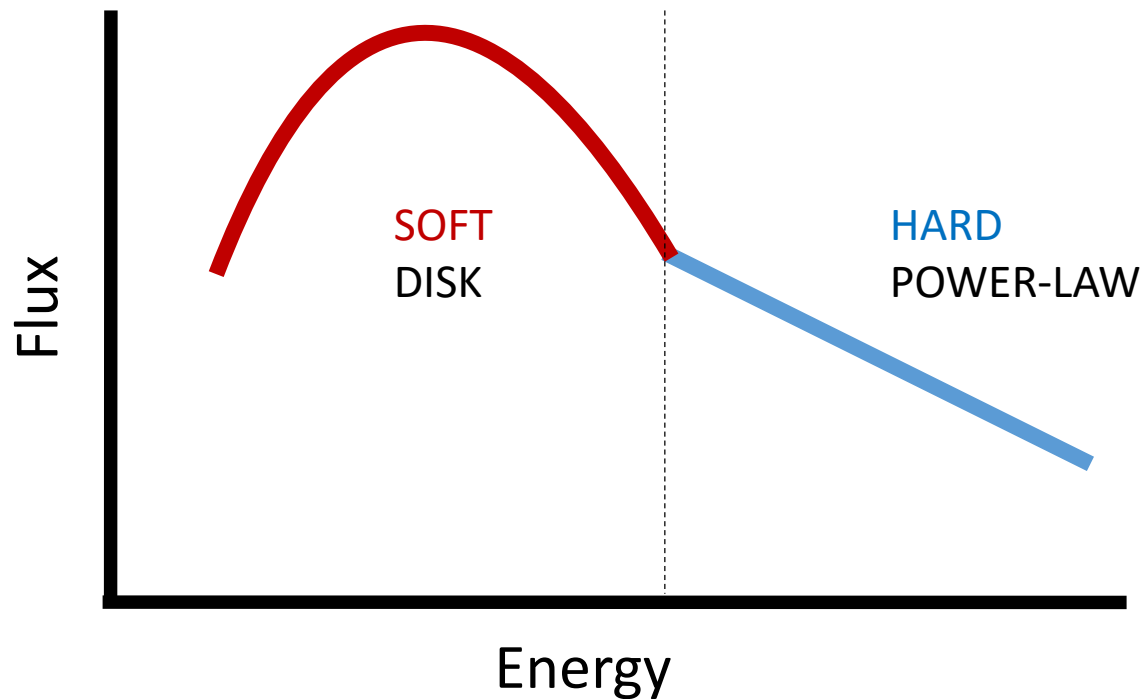
Fernández – Ontiveros  
& Muñoz – Darías (2021):

For spectral hardness use  
Lyman hardness:

$$\text{LyH}_{\text{IR}} = \frac{[\text{Ne II}]}{[\text{Ne II}] + [\text{O IV}]}$$

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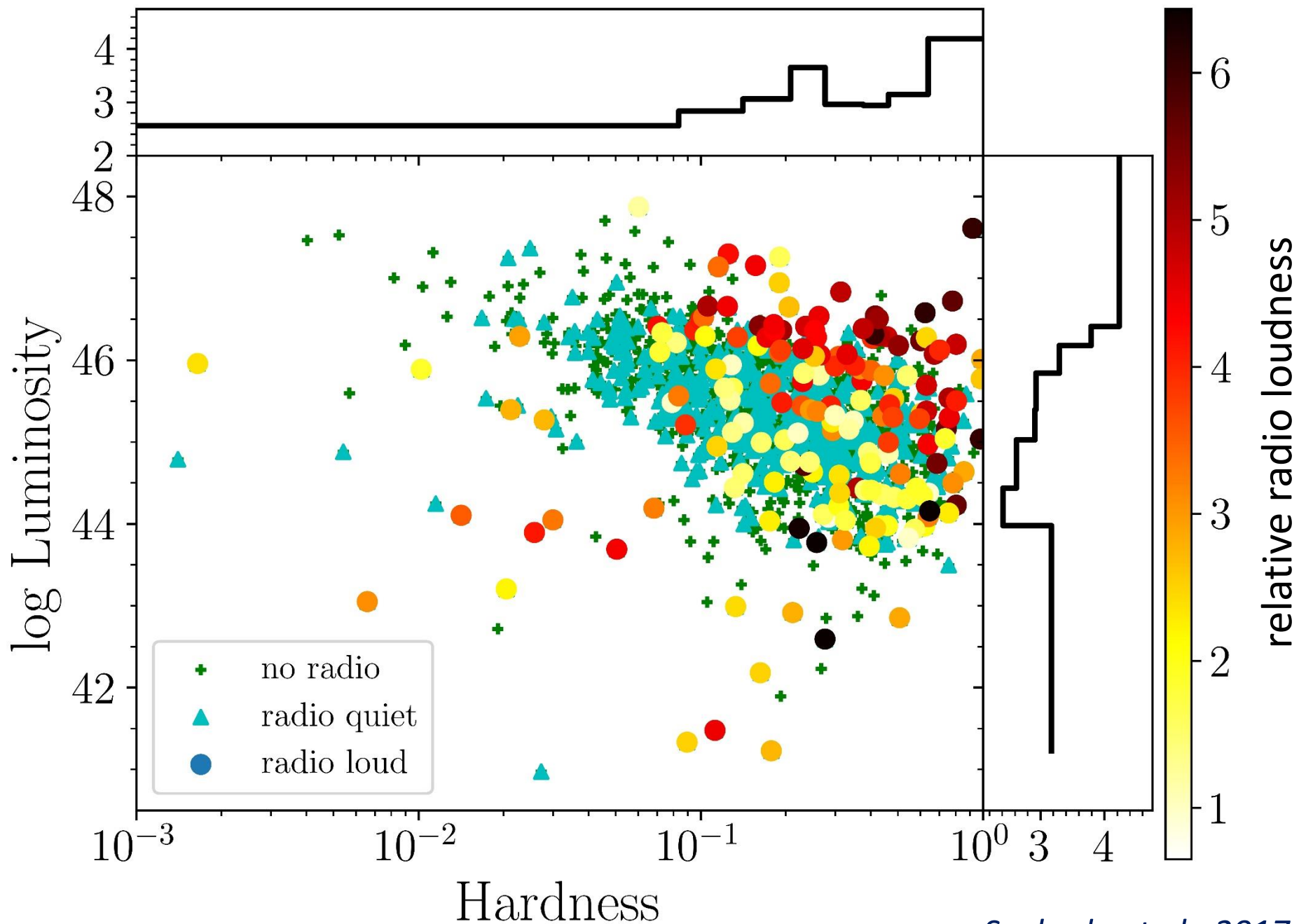
**Spectral Hardness:**

$$\frac{L_X}{L_{\text{tot}}} \approx \frac{L_{\text{PL}}}{L_{\text{PL}} + L_{\text{disk}}} \approx \frac{L_X}{L_X + L_{\text{UV}}}$$

for AGN

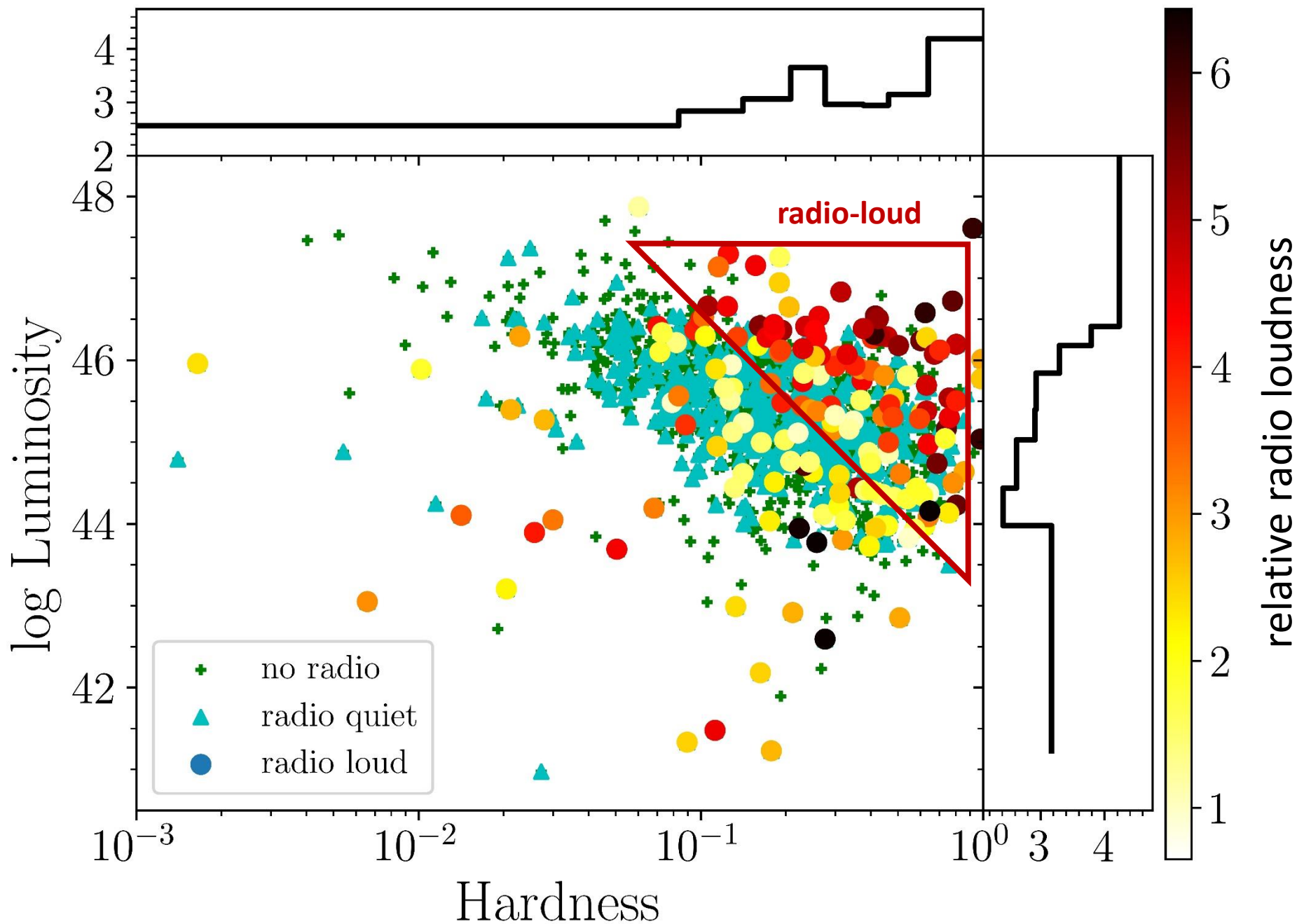
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UV + X-ray simultaneous observations by XMM-Newton



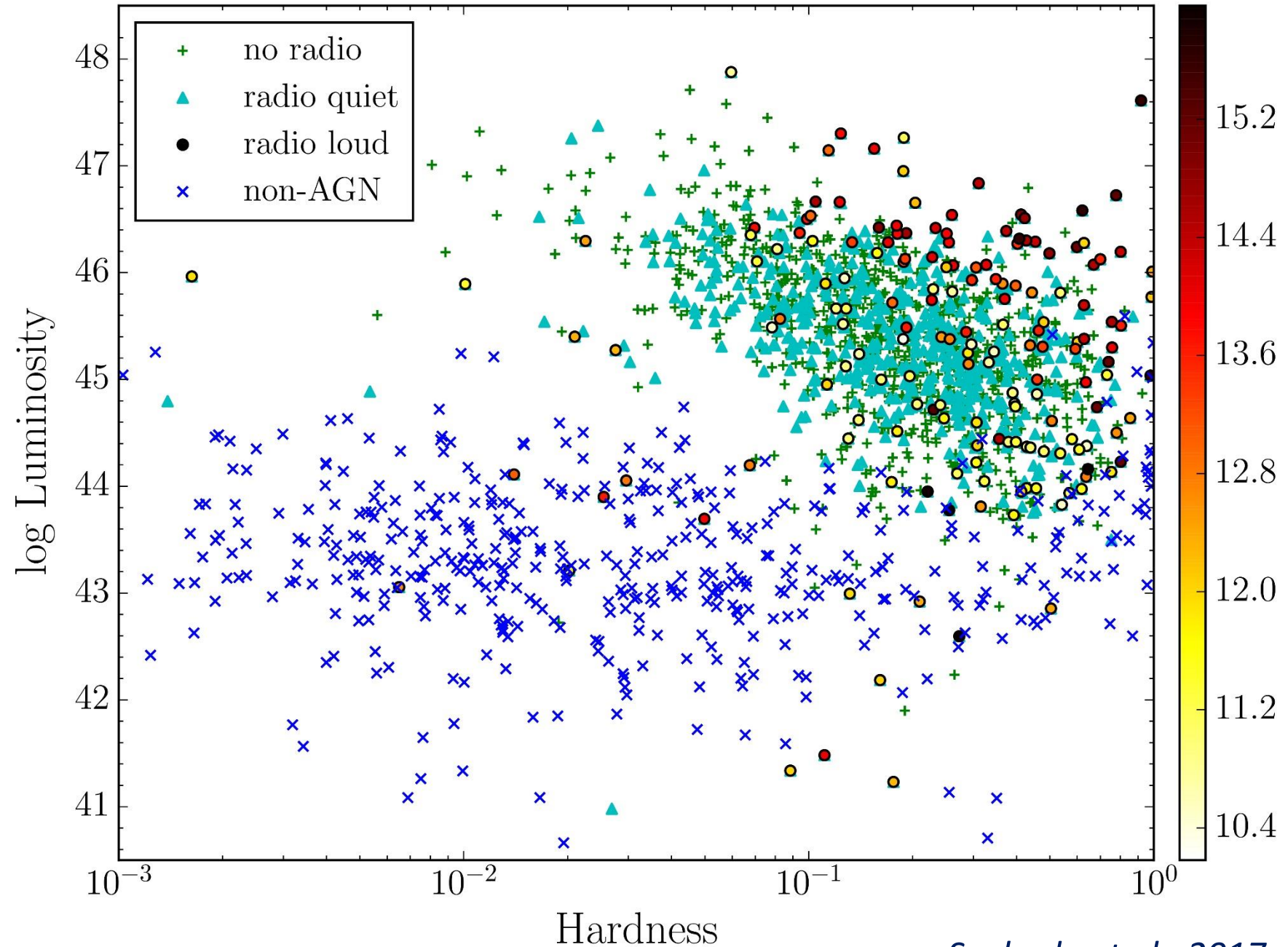
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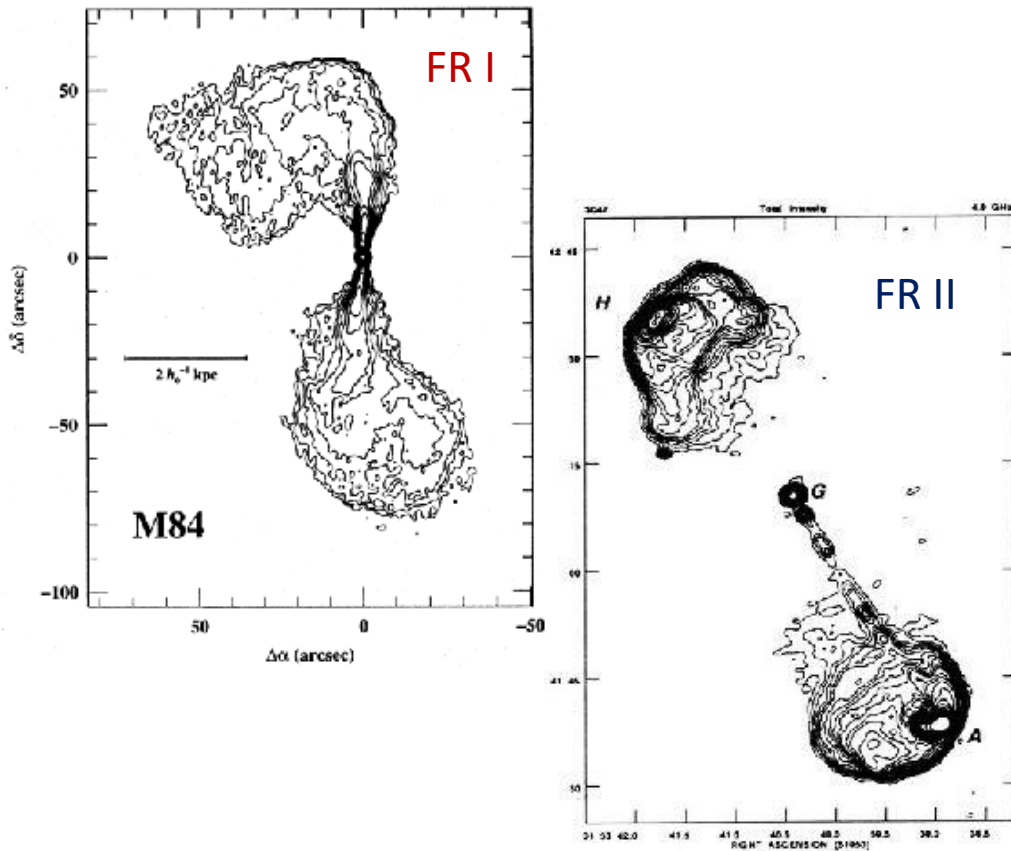
- problem with the **host-galaxy contamination**
- **non-AGN** show “distribution of host galaxies” in the diagram



# Radio-AGN properties

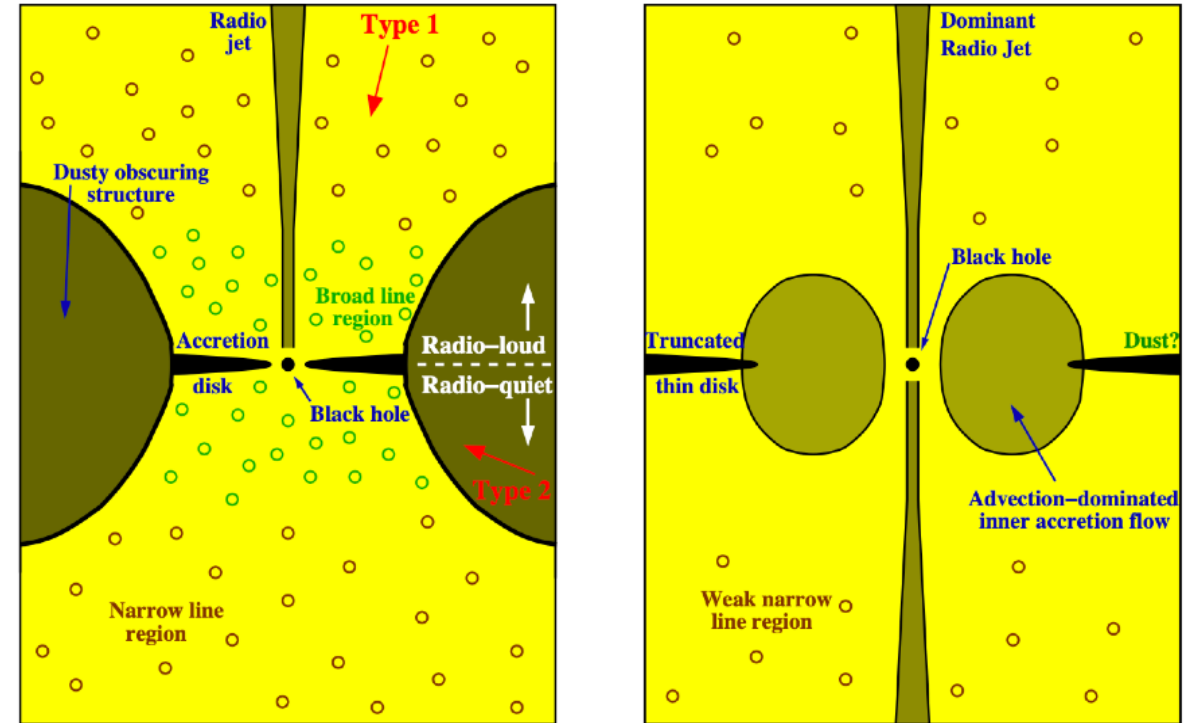
## radio morphology

Fanaroff-Riley classification:

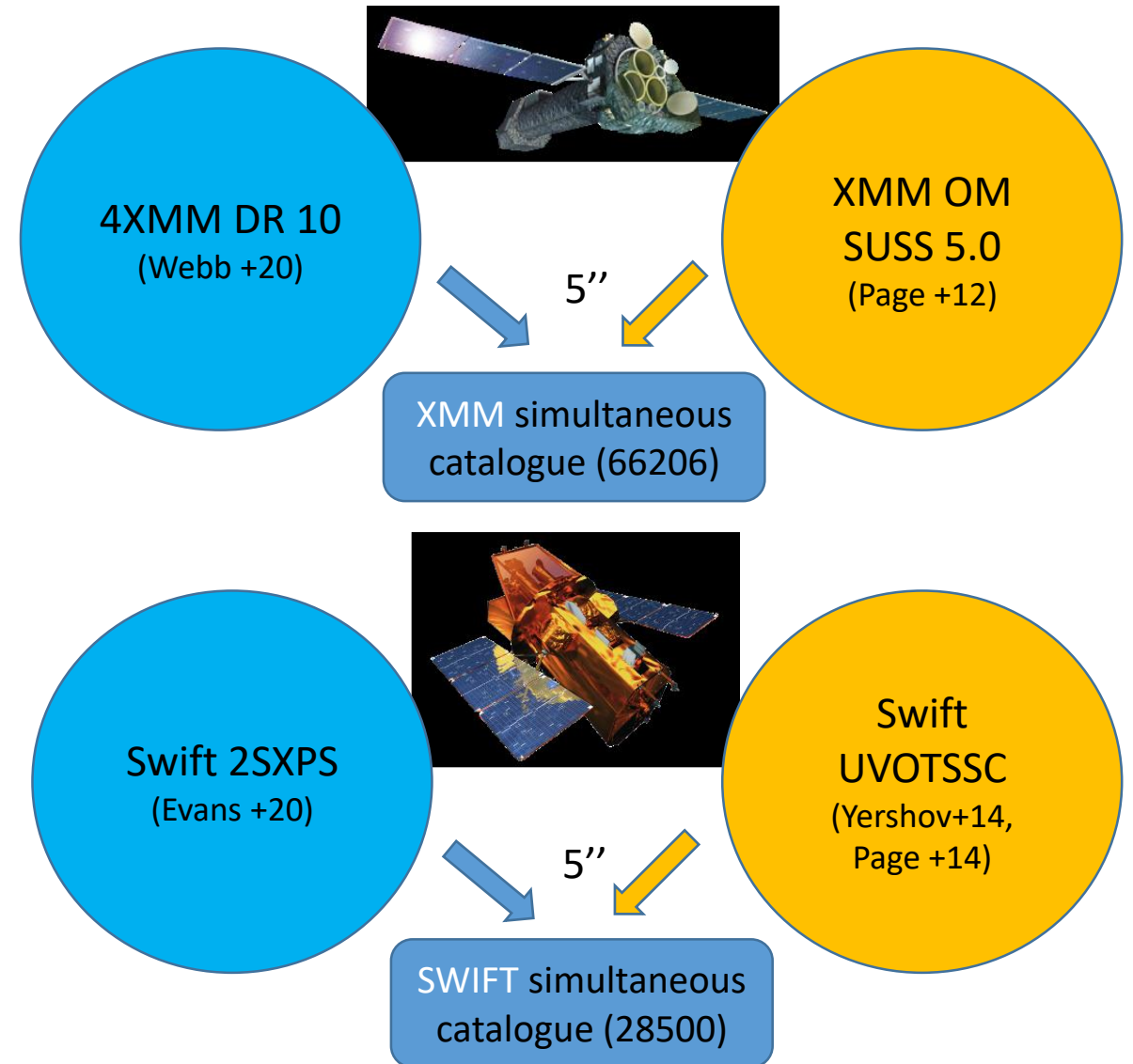
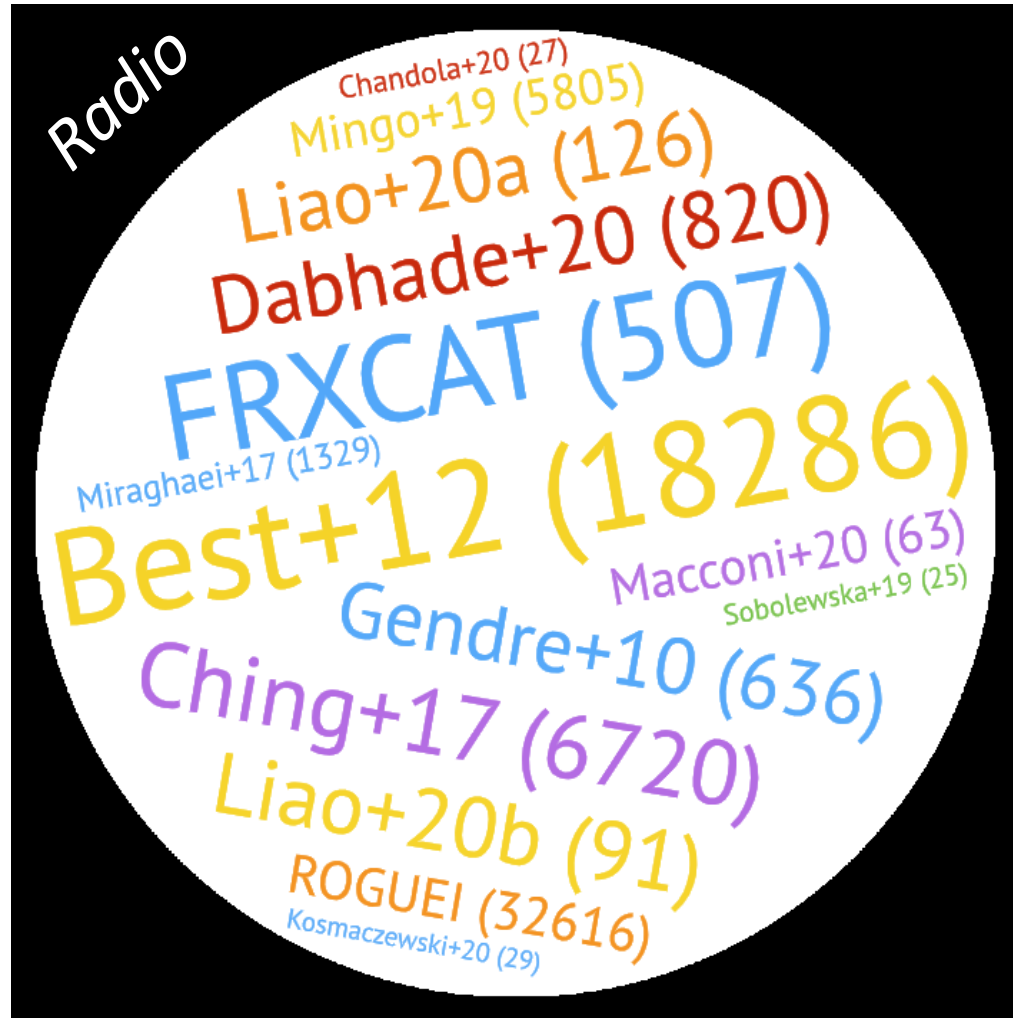


## excitation class

low vs. high excitation (optical lines) radio galaxies

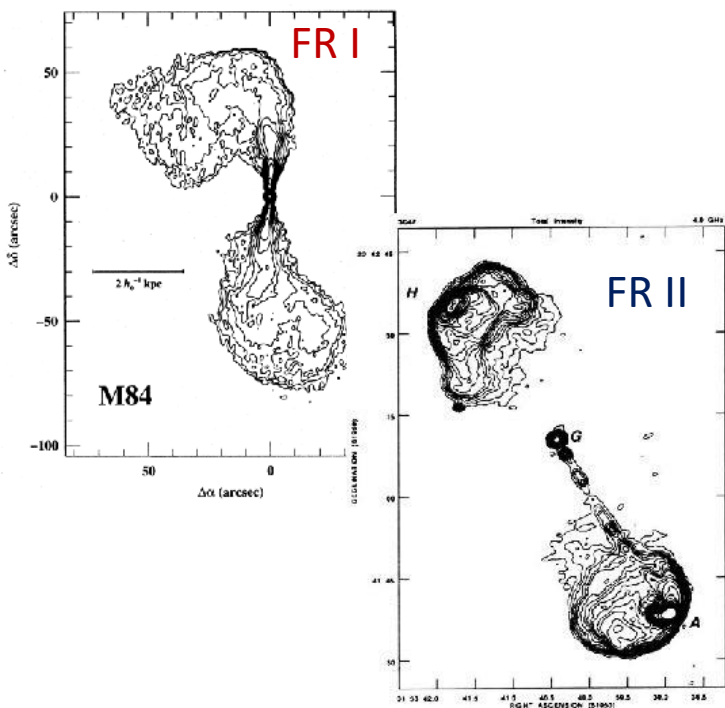


# Sample of radio-AGN with X-ray and UV observations

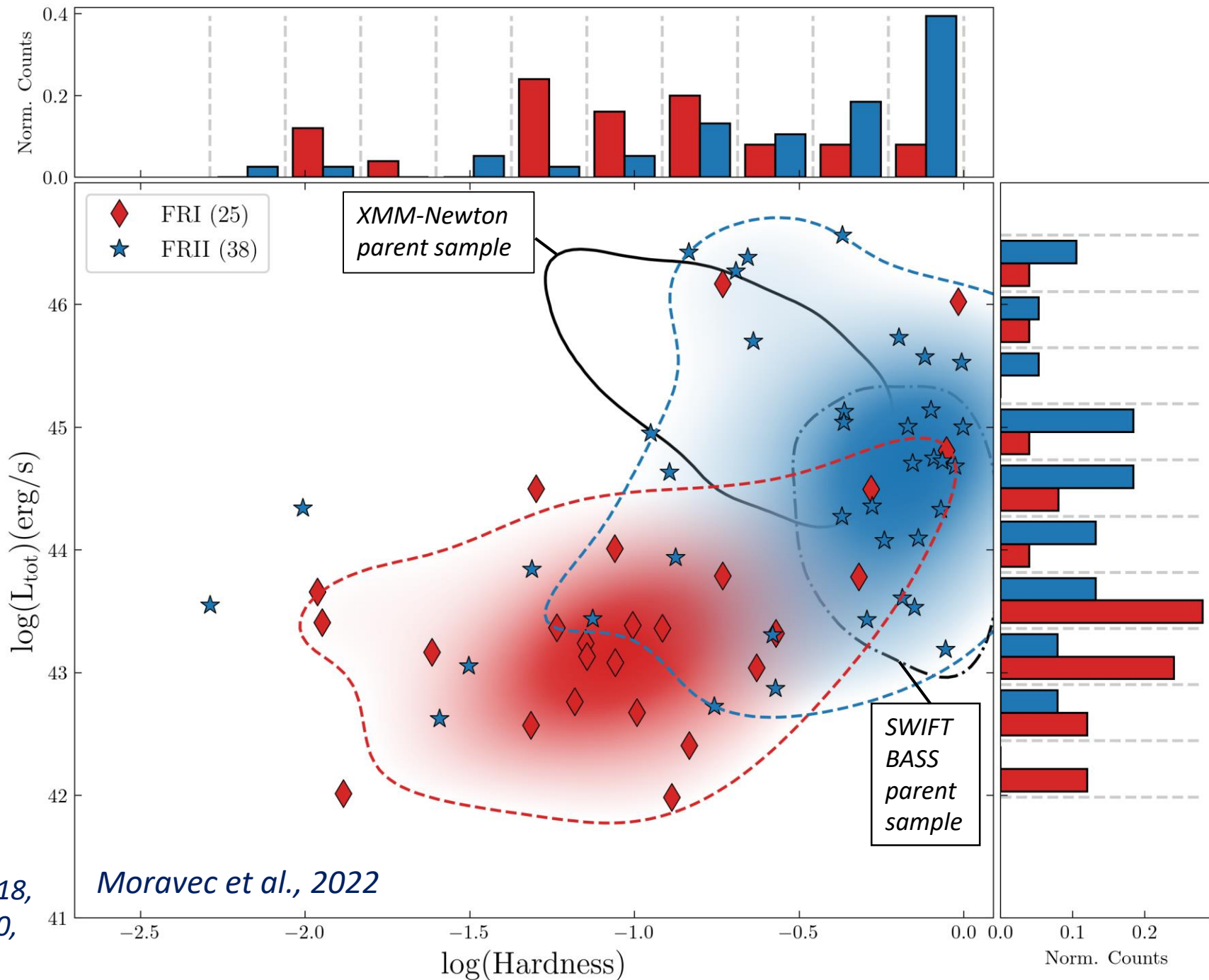


# Radio morphology

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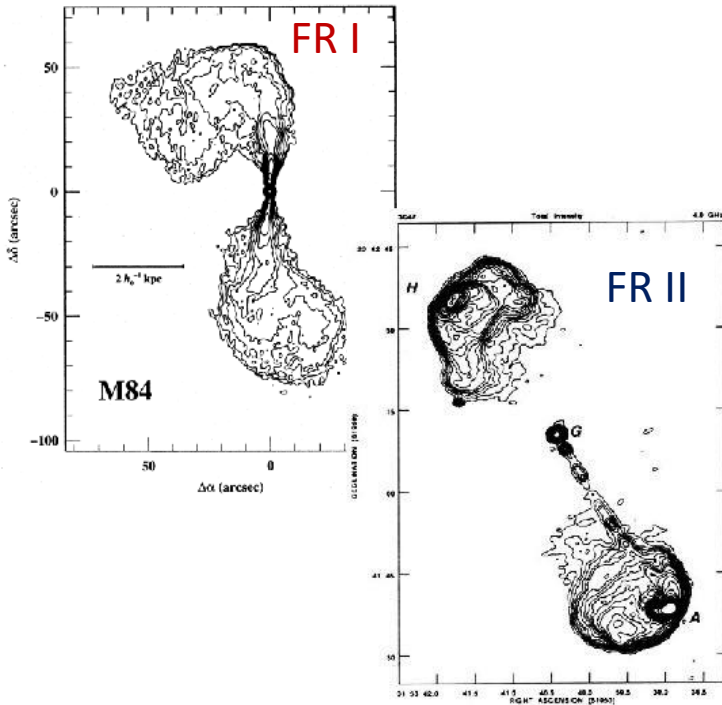
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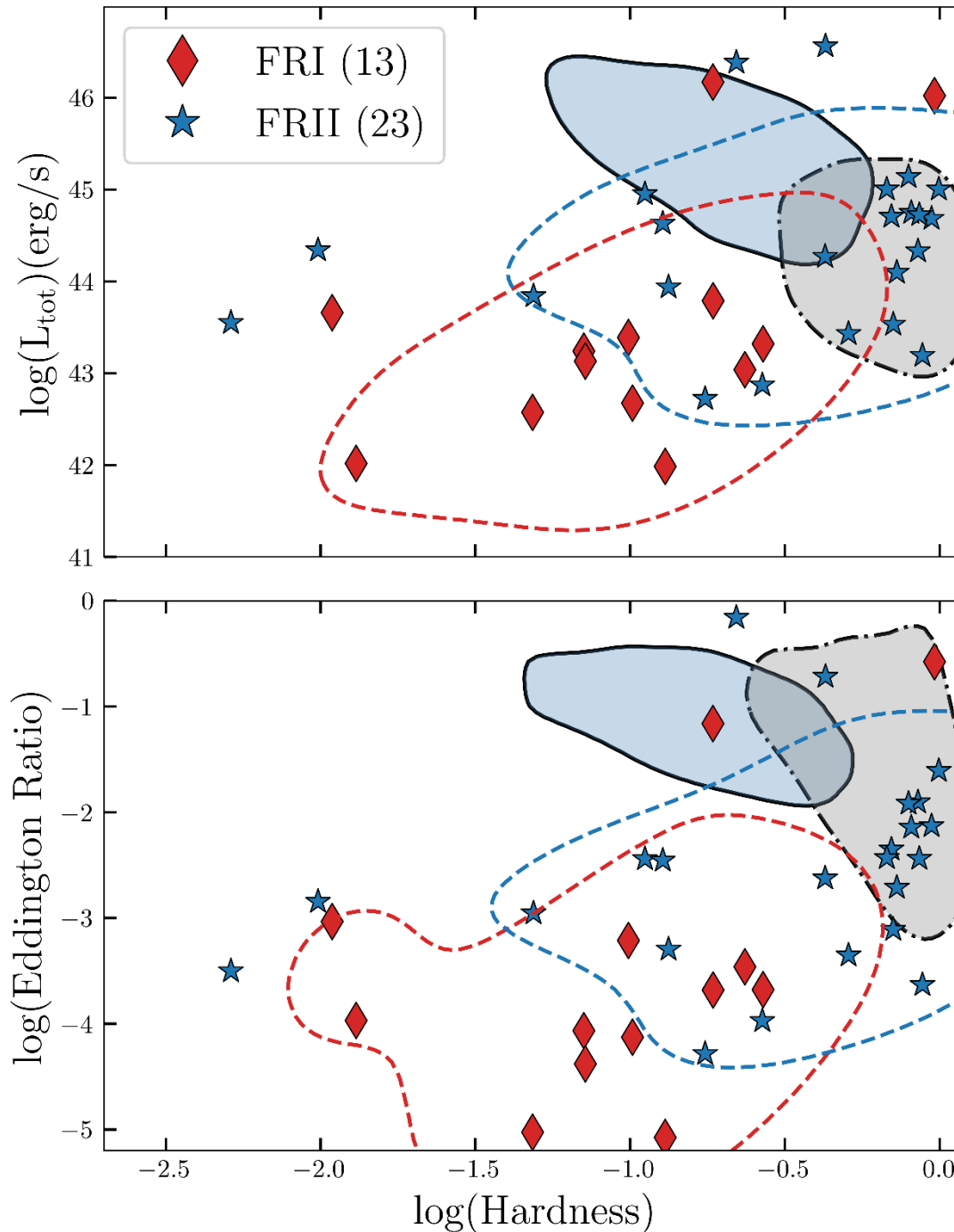


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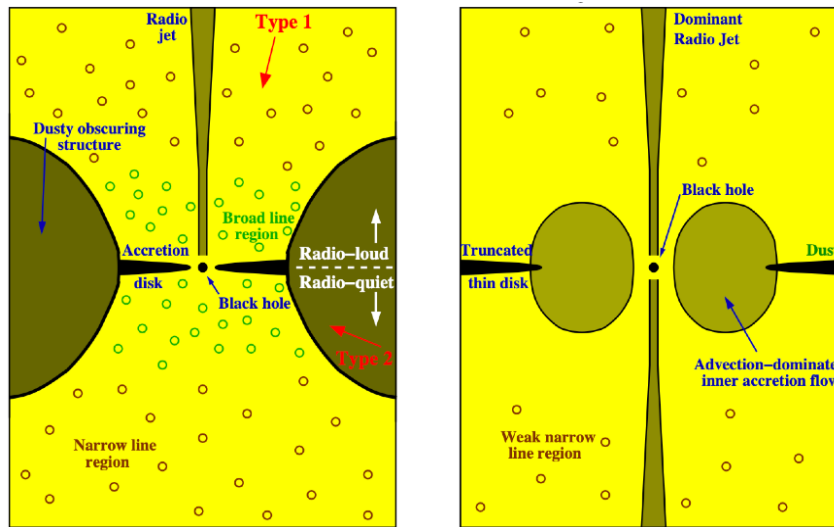
*Comparison of Luminosity and Eddington ratio for sources with known mass*

# Excitation

Excitation classification:

**HERG: High Excitation Radio Galaxy**

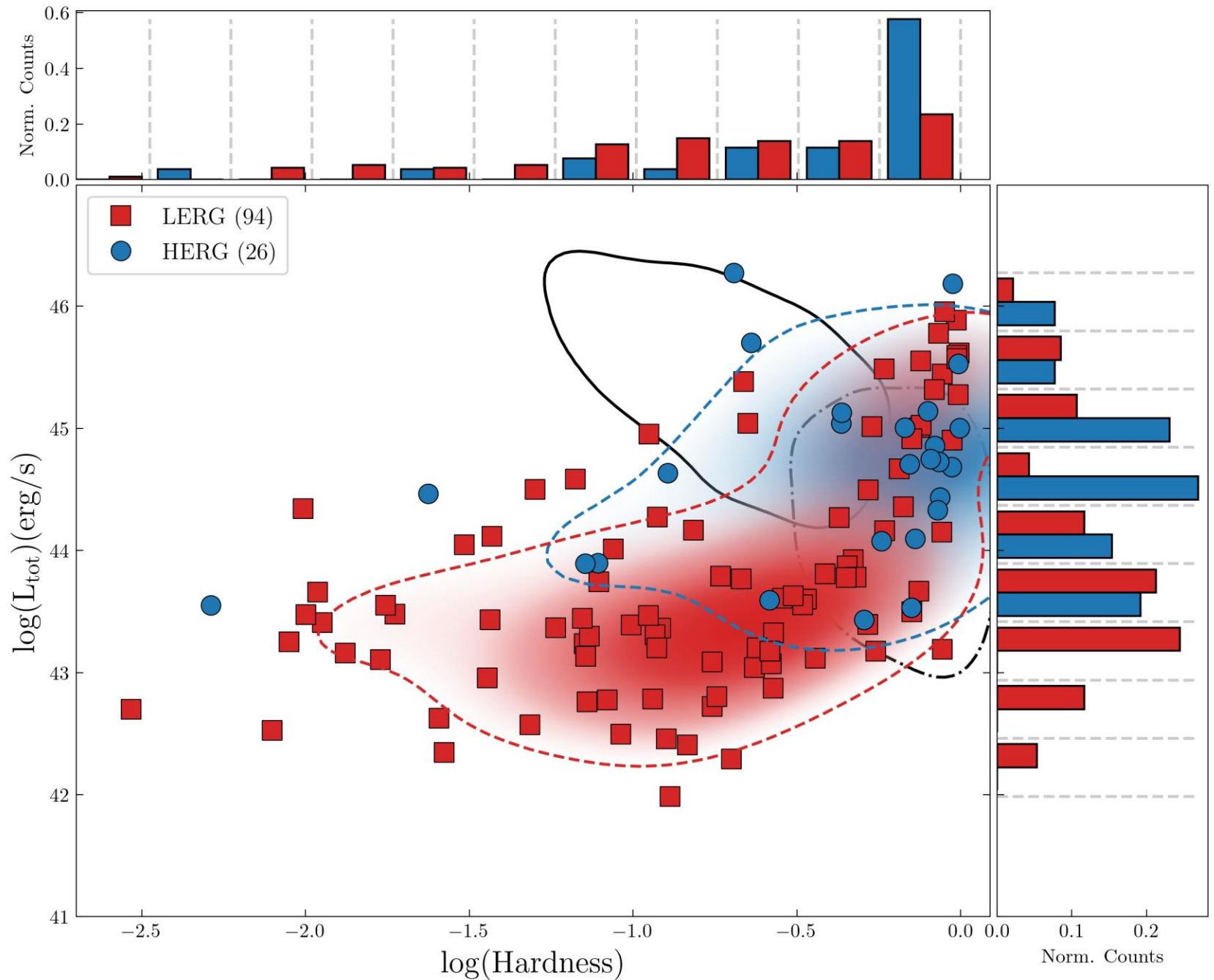
**LERG: Low Excitation Radio Galaxy**



Heckman & Best, 2014

catalogues used:

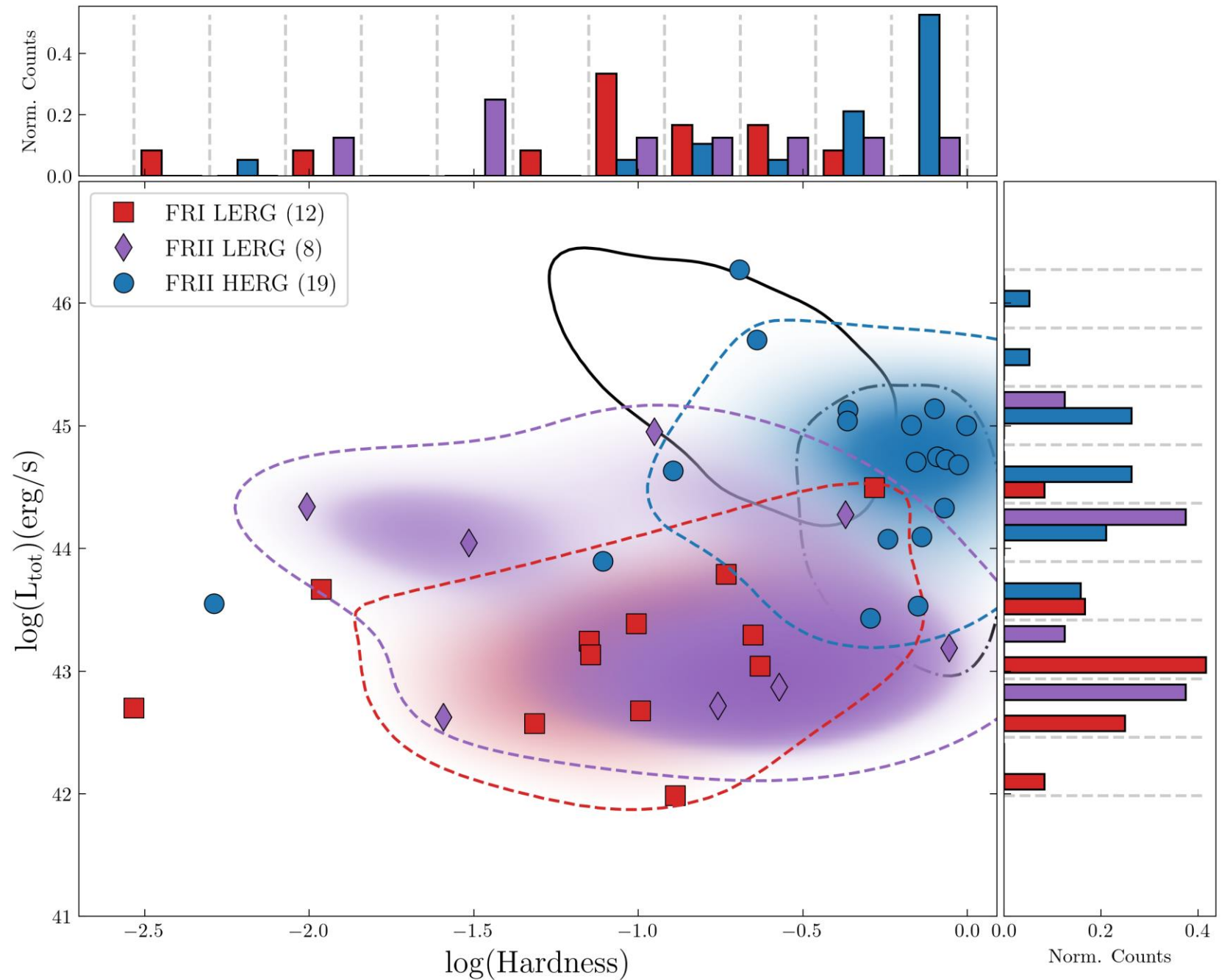
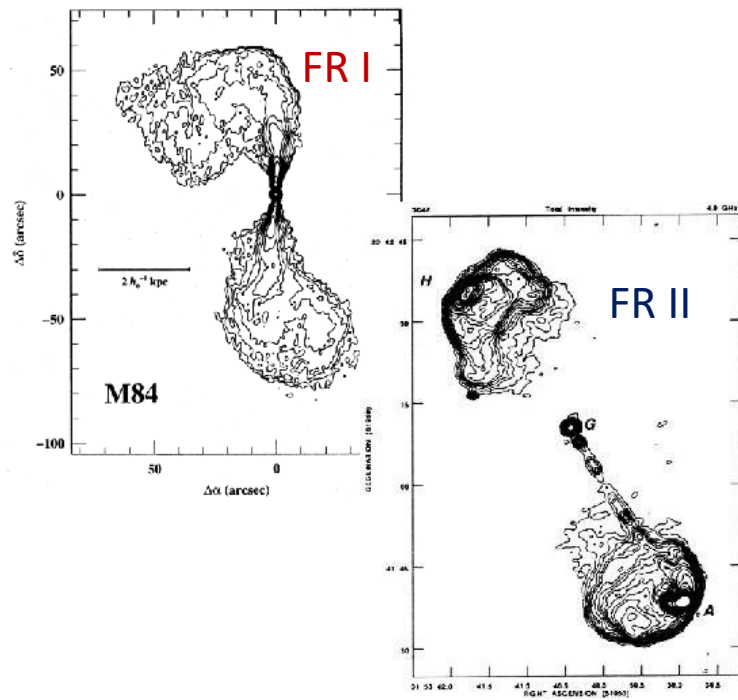
Best & Heckman+12, Ching+17



Moravec et al., 2022

# Radio Morphology + Excitation

HERG: High Excitation Radio Galaxy  
 LERG: Low Excitation Radio Galaxy



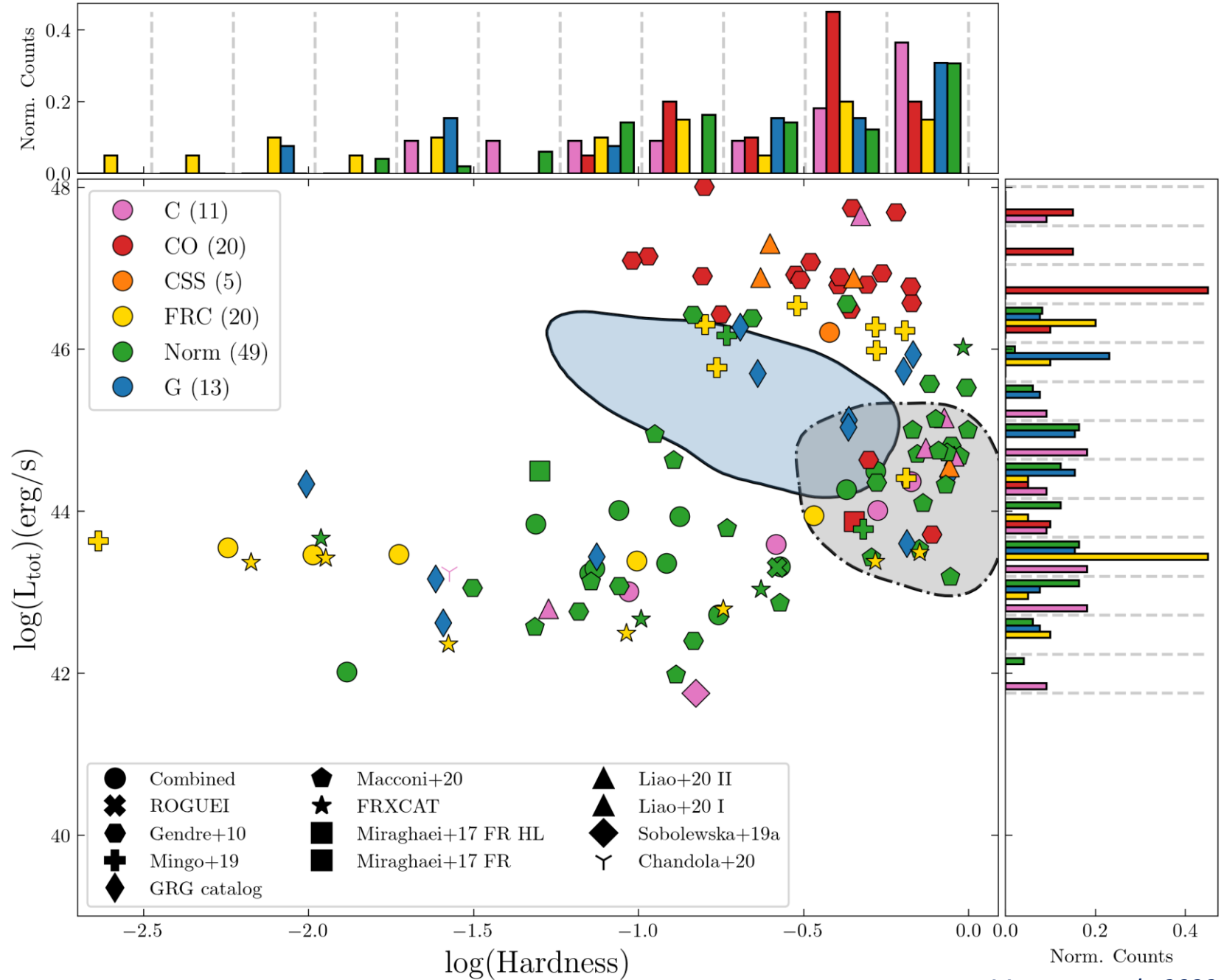
# Radio extent

C, CO, CSS, FRC: compact  
< 1 kpc



G: giant

> 0.7 Mpc



# Conclusions

- we have studied AGN with radio morphology and compared their position in the hardness-intensity diagram (analogical spectral state diagram to XRBs)
  - galaxies with different radio morphology / excitation characteristics occupy different places in the hardness-intensity diagram
- does it indicate that the AGN radio activity and morphology is affected by the spectral state evolution similar to XRB?
- more details in paper Moravec et al. (2022)

**Thank you for your attention!!!**

# Future prospects on AGN spectral states

- key ingredients for the study:
  - mass (reverberation techniques, virial masses)
  - X-ray luminosity, X-ray spectral slope
  - UV luminosity (not contaminated by host galaxy), UV spectral slope
  - radio luminosity
  - radio morphology or radio spectral shape
    - new **more-sensitive radio surveys** (LOTSS, VLASS, SKA)
- large homogeneous sample
  - eROSITA, ATHENA/WFI surveys with complementary surveys by instruments at other wavelengths