

# 5th Workshop on Compact Steep Spectrum and GHz-Peaked Spectrum Radio Sources

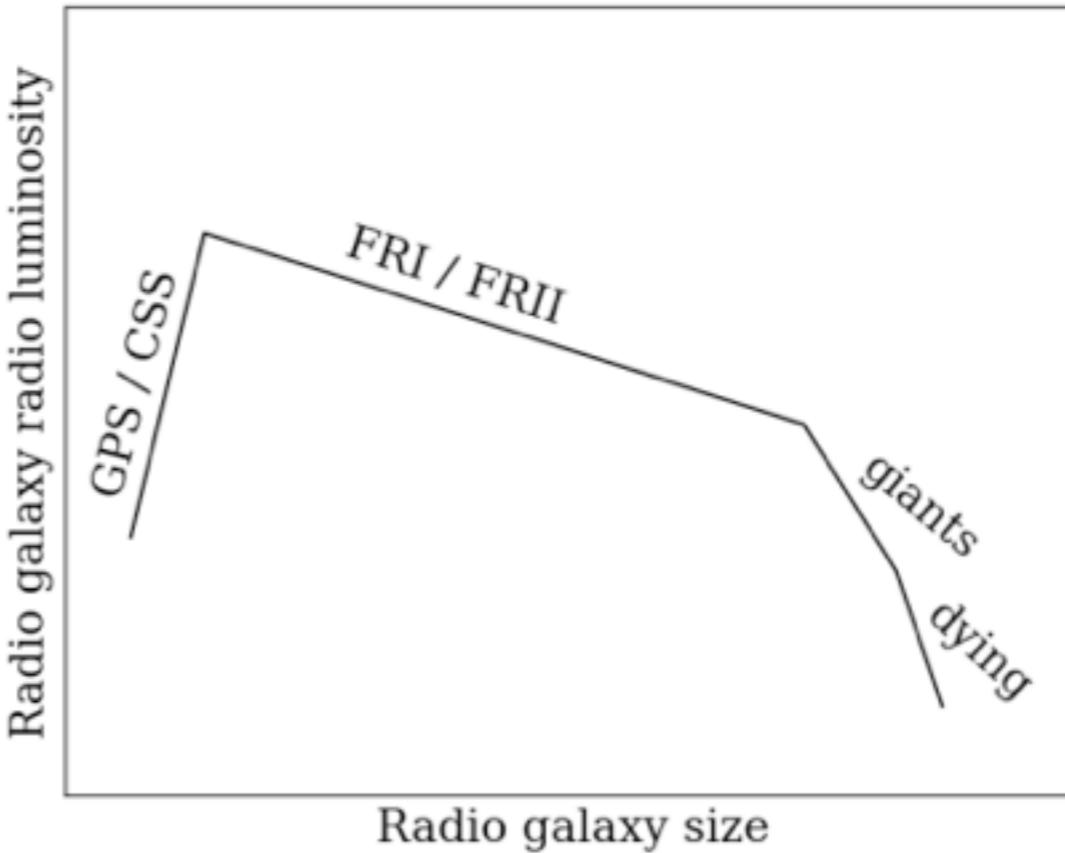
The new class of FRO  
radio galaxies

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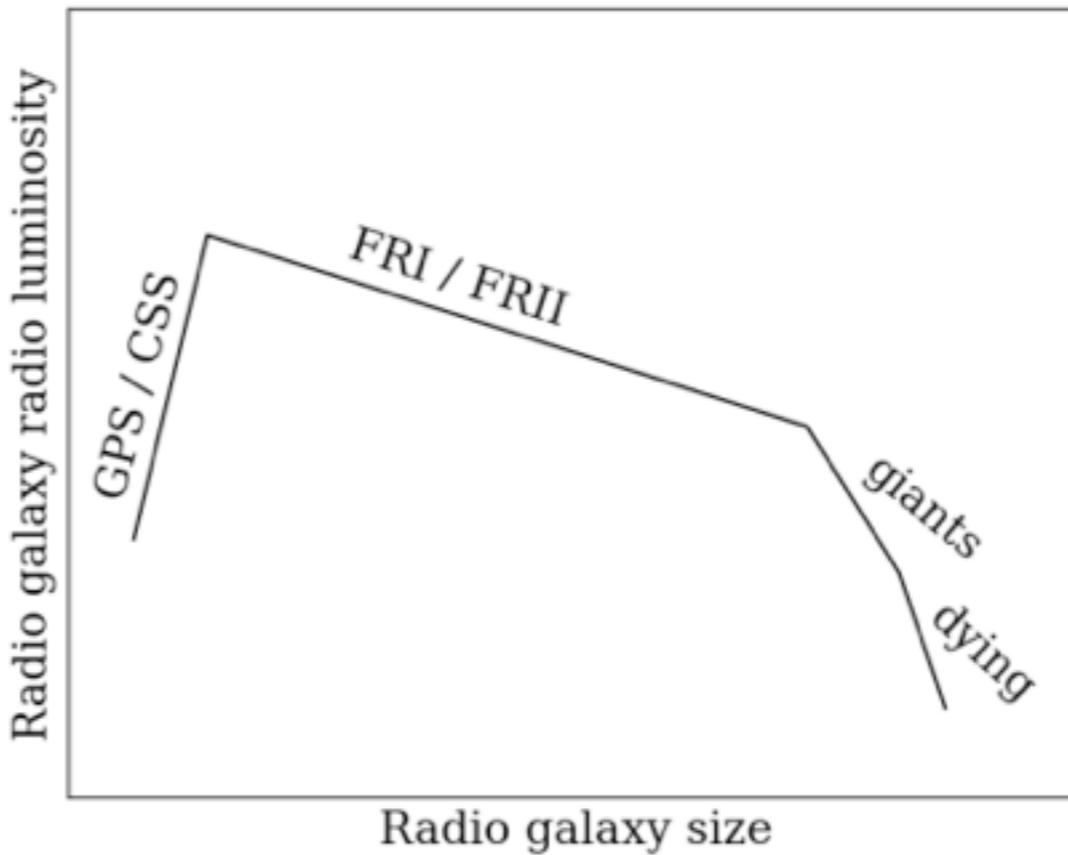
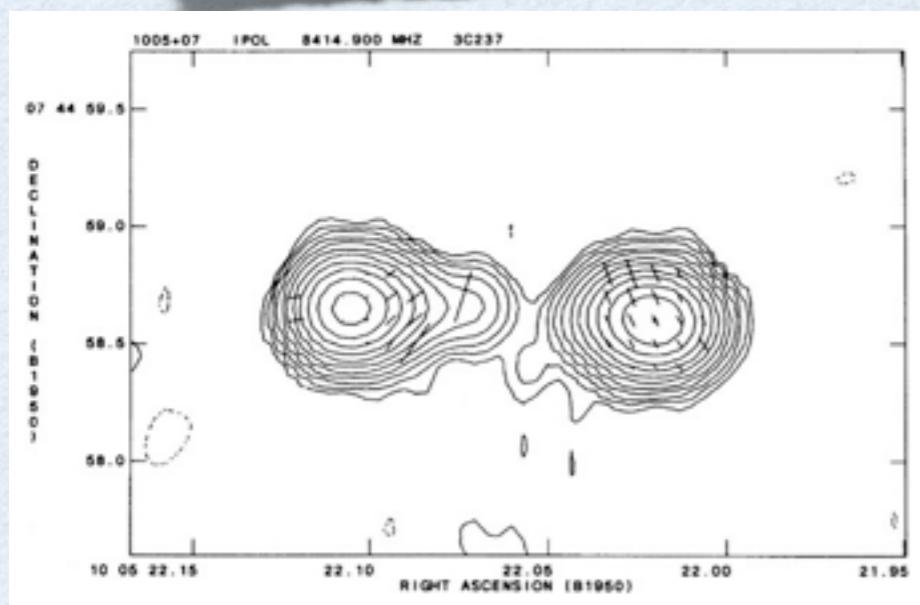
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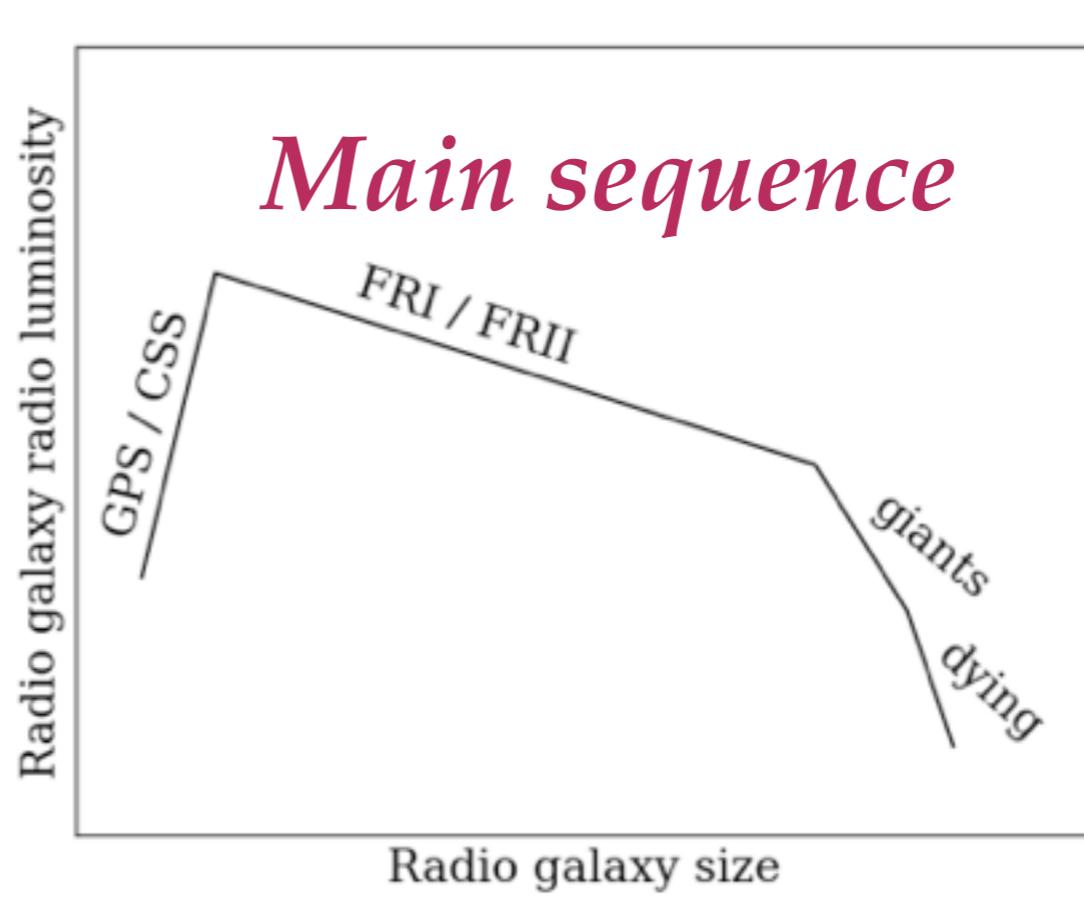
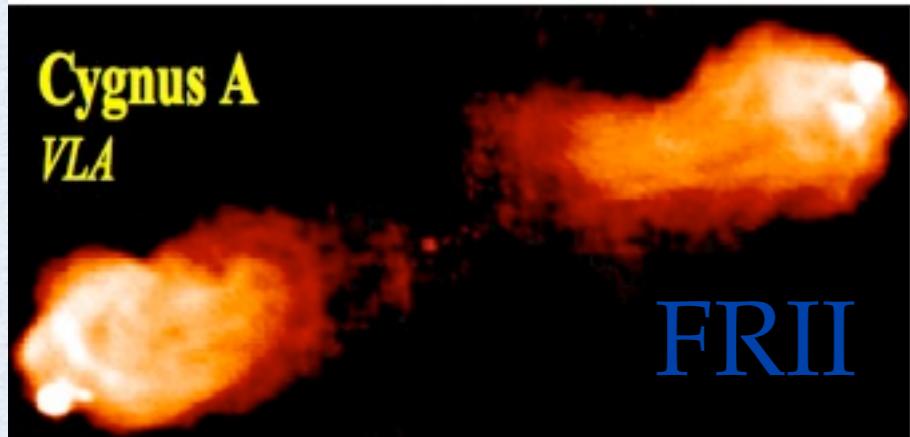
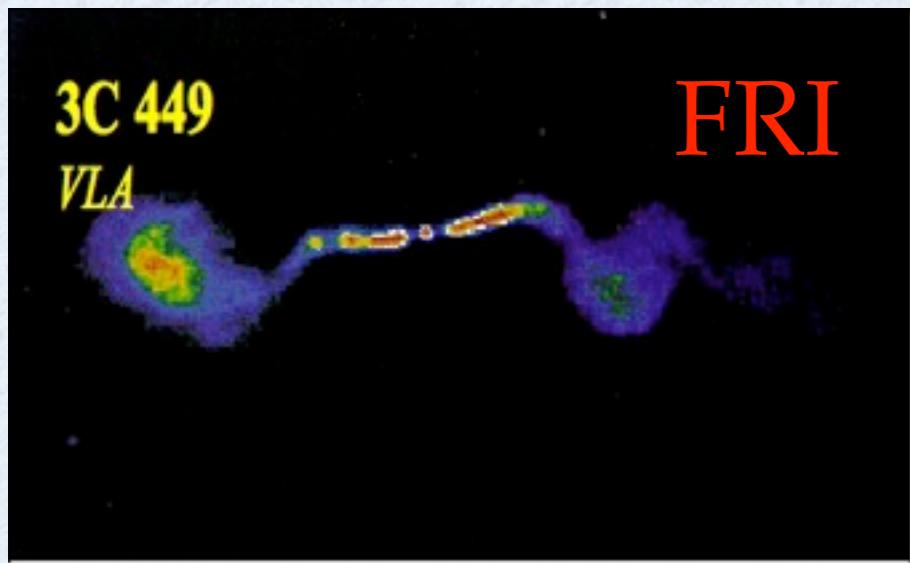
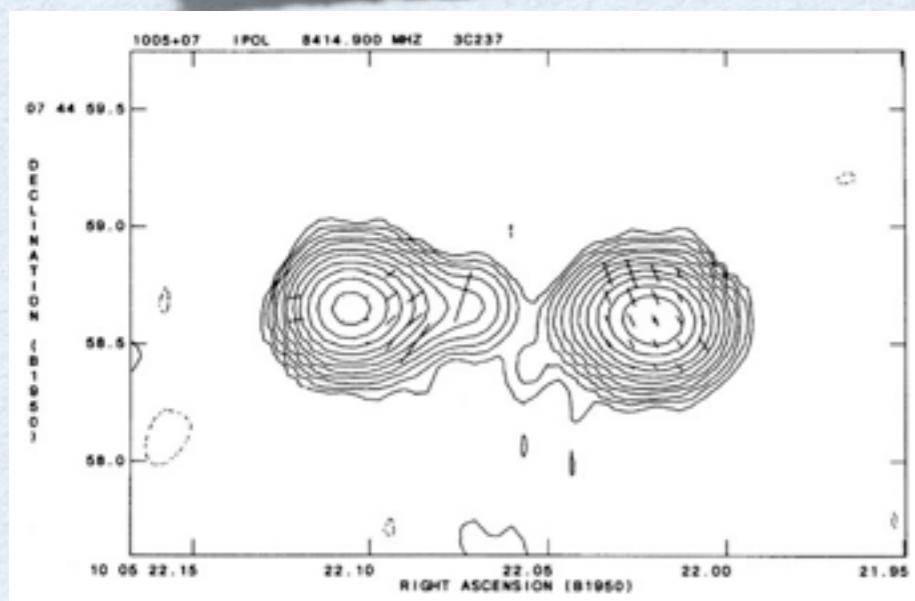
The evolution of radio sources is analysed mainly through the distribution of observed sources in the P -D (radio power–linear size) diagram introduced by Shklovskii (1963) and discussed in terms of evolutionary tracks of sources by Baldwin (1982).

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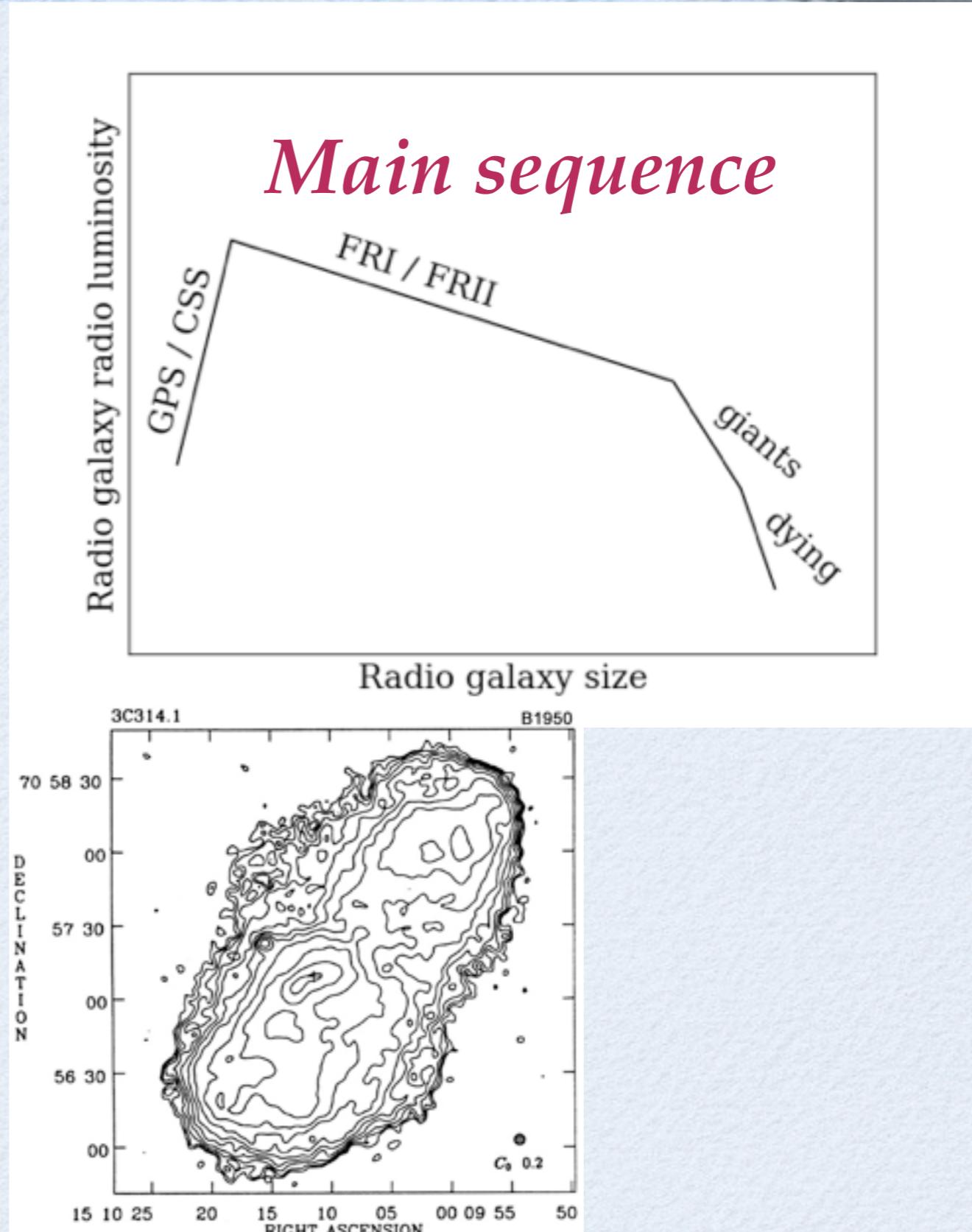
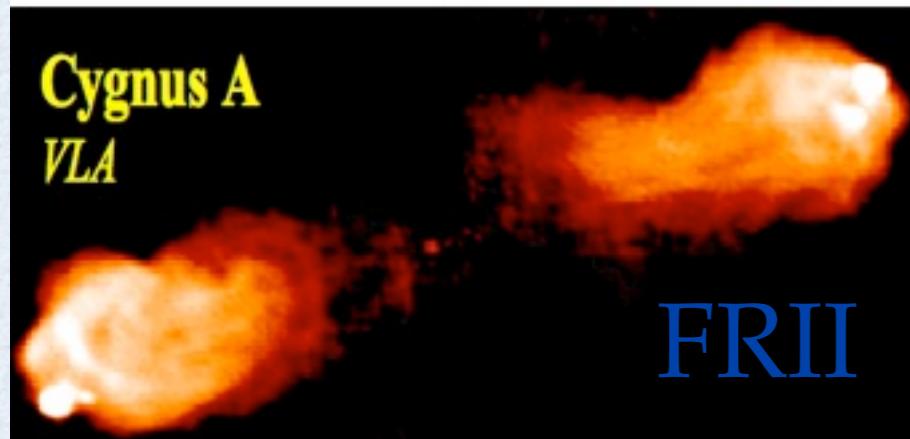
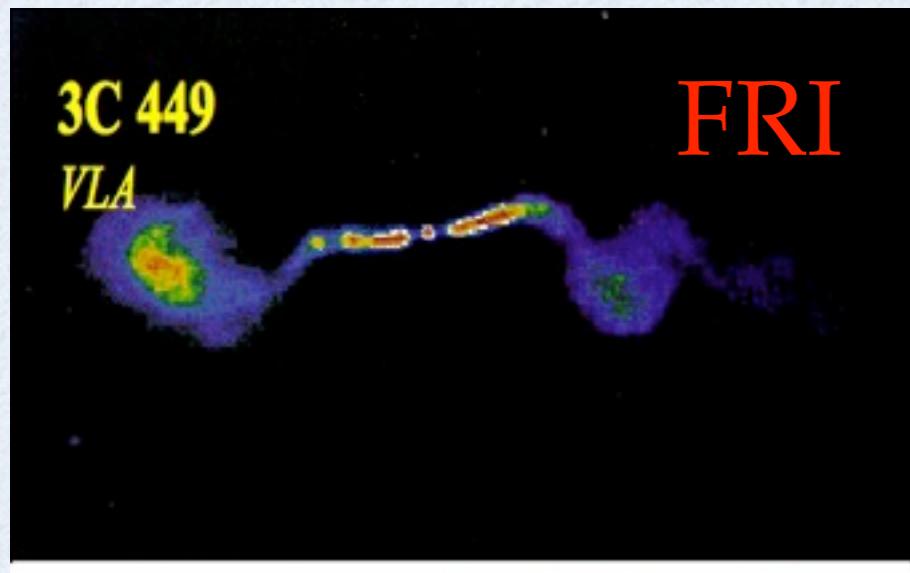
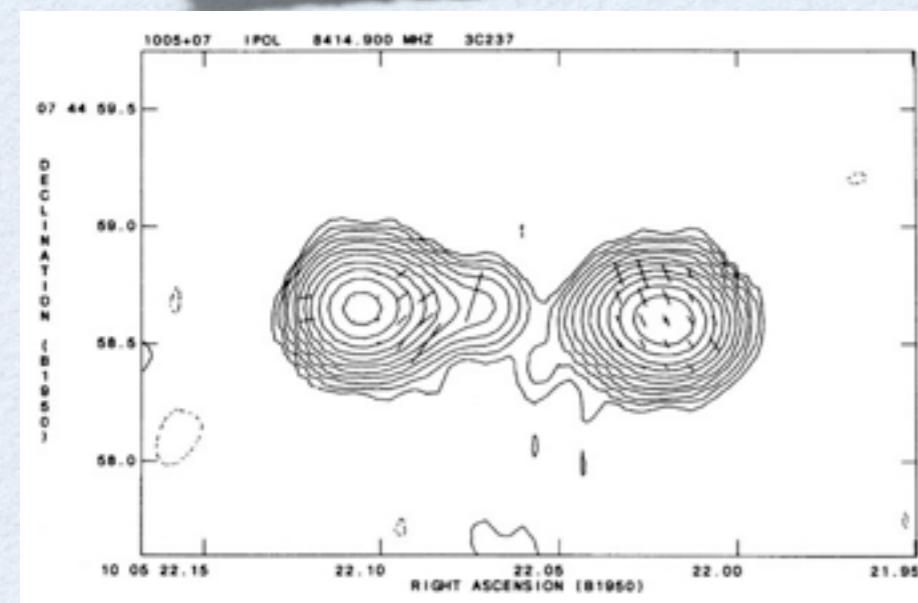
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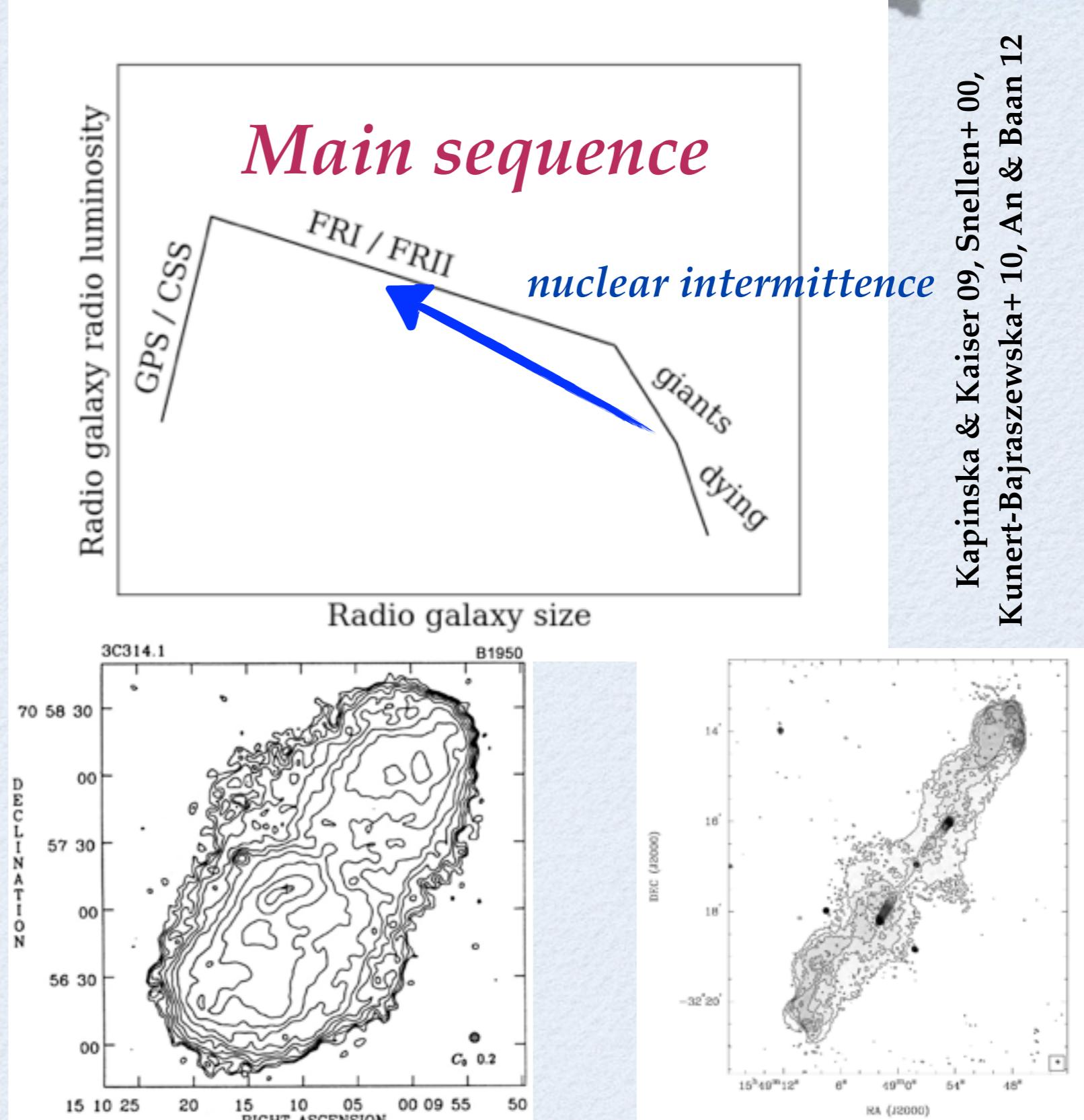
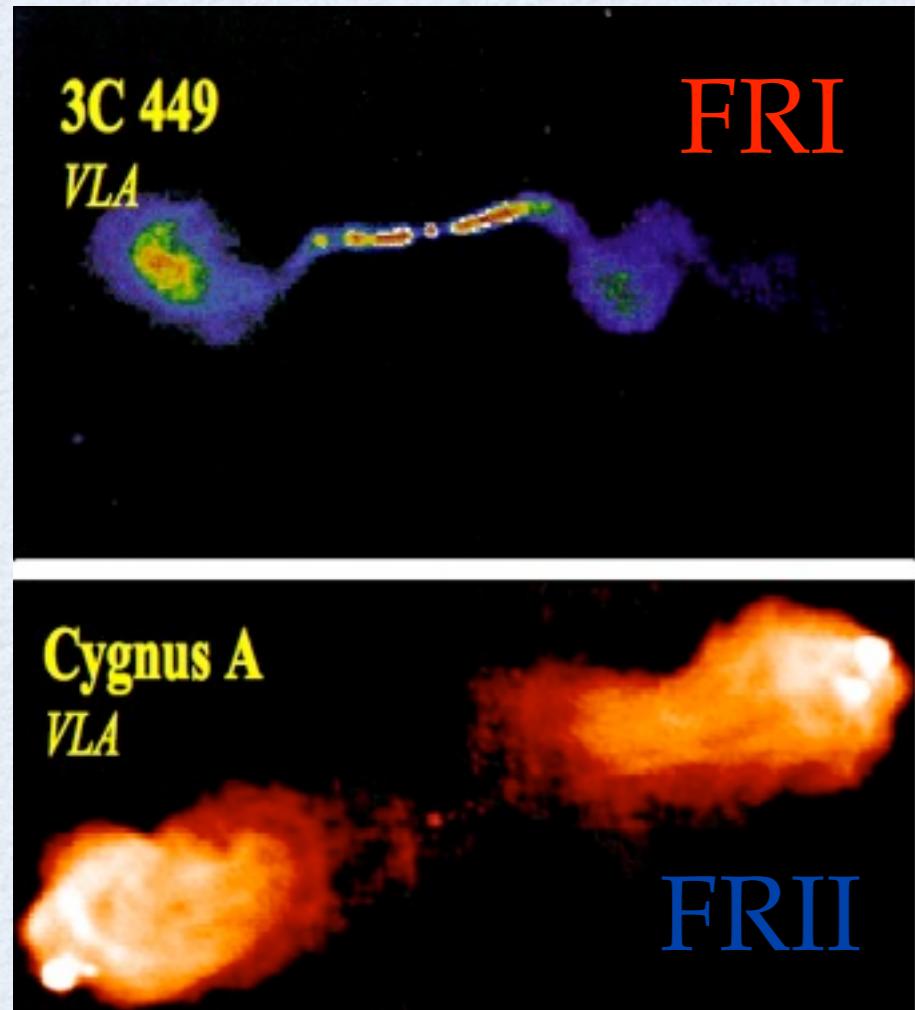
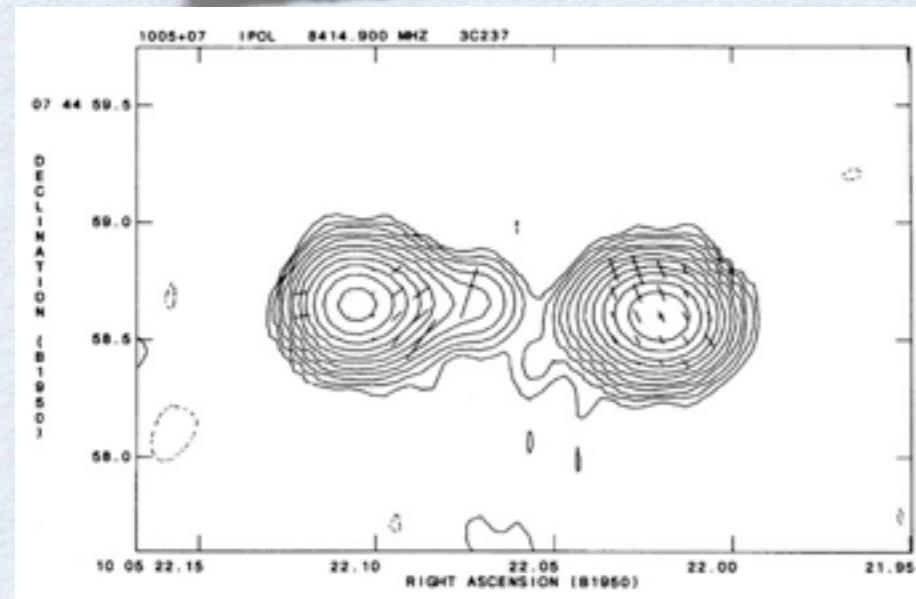
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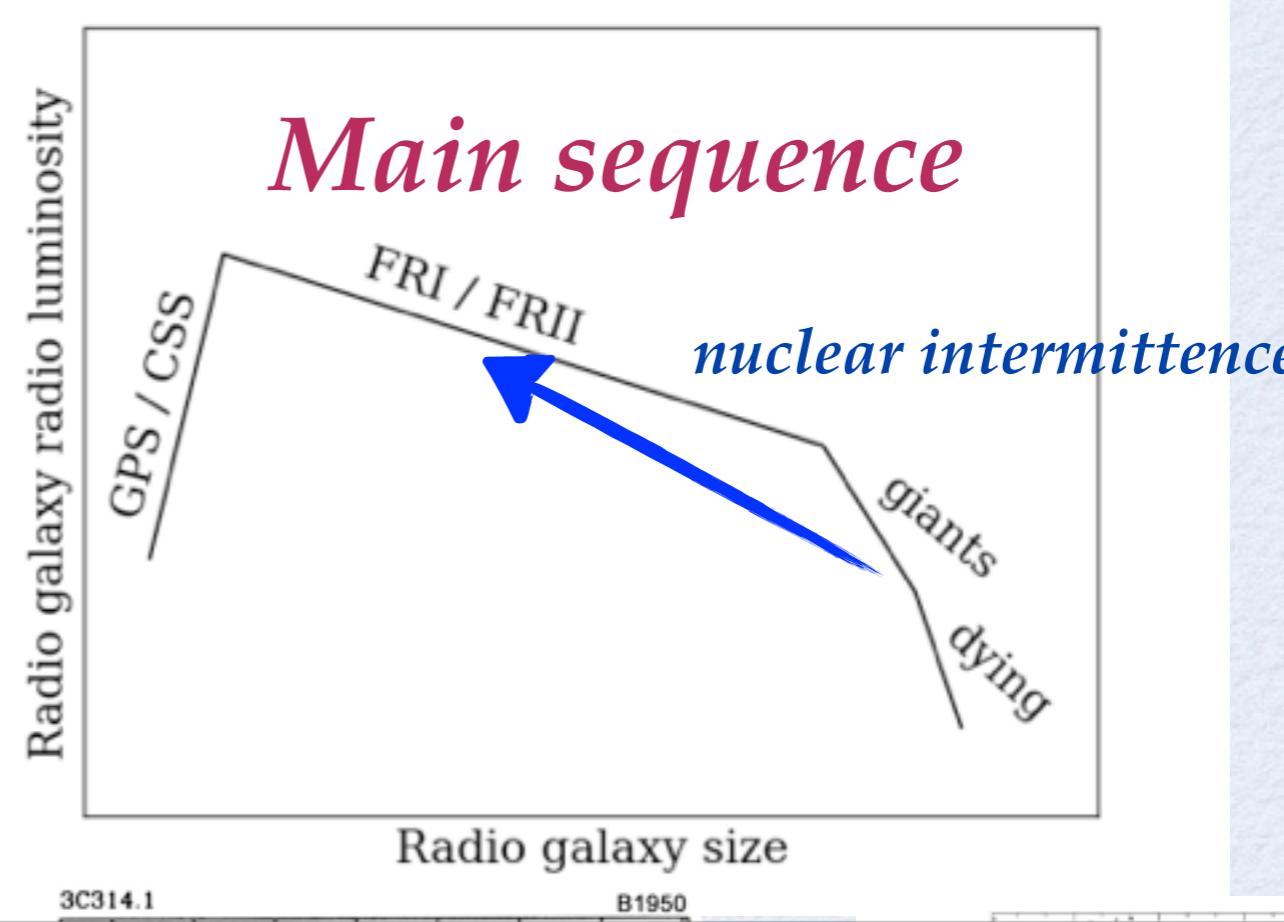
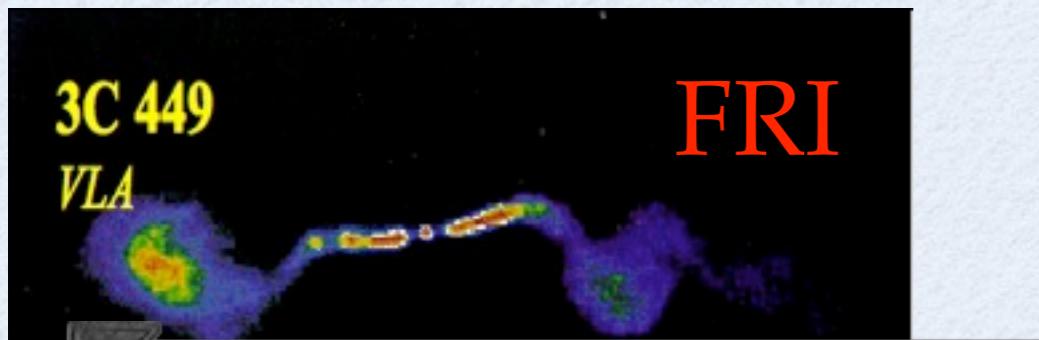
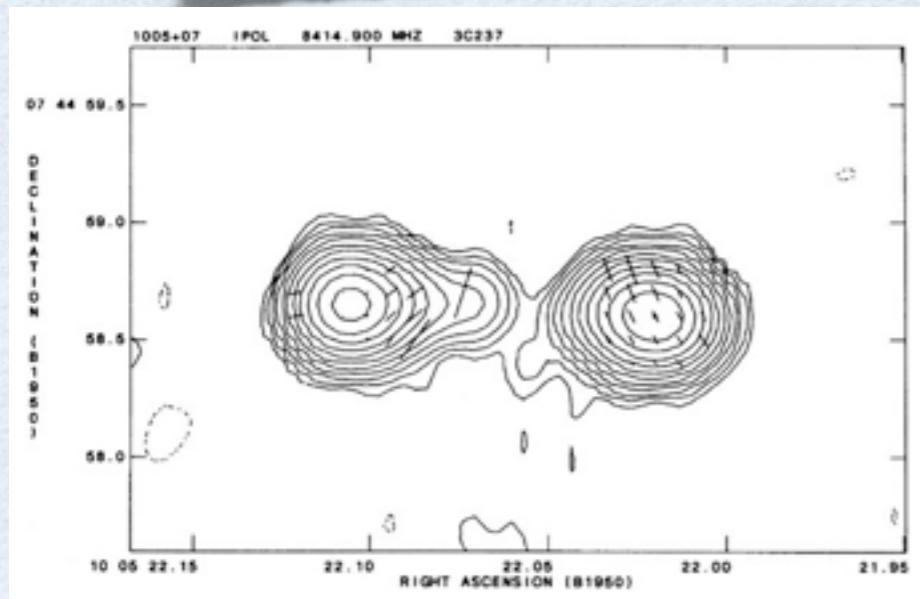


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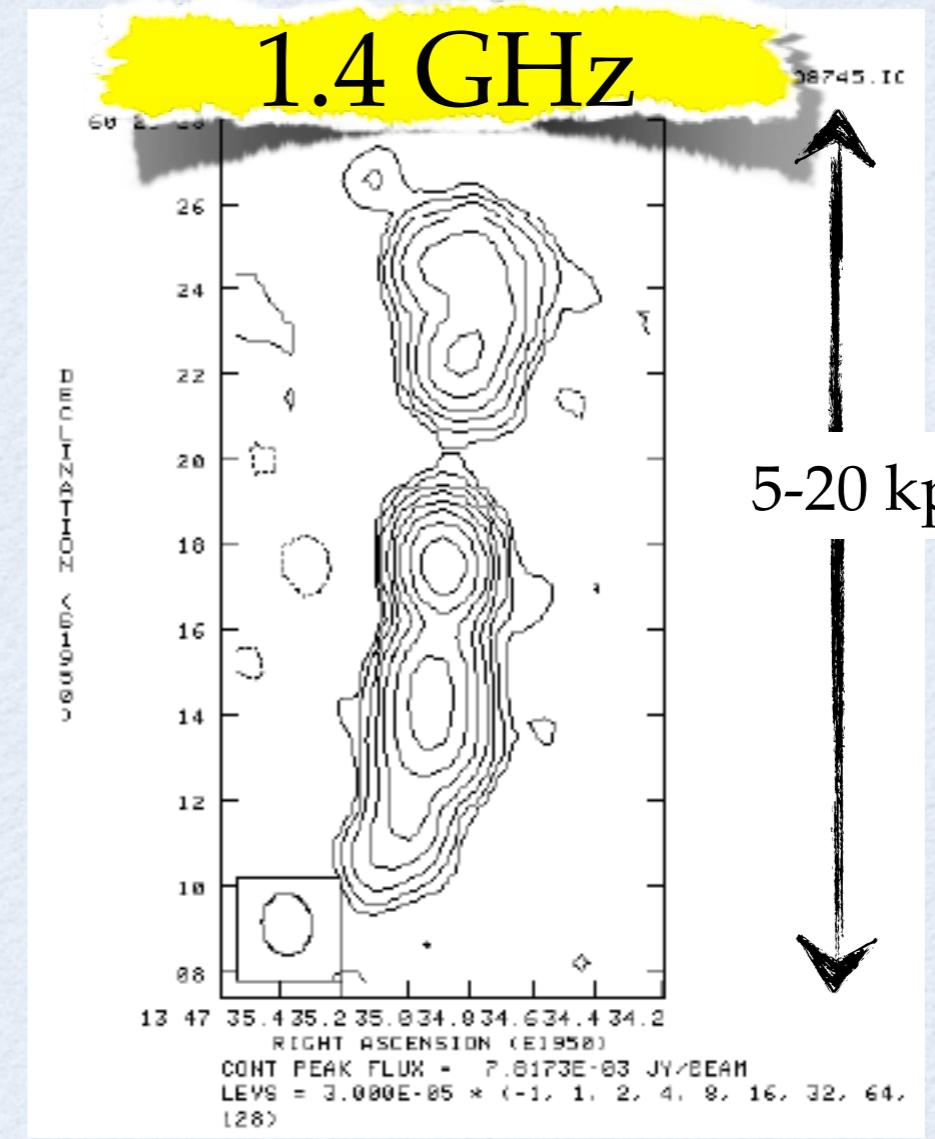
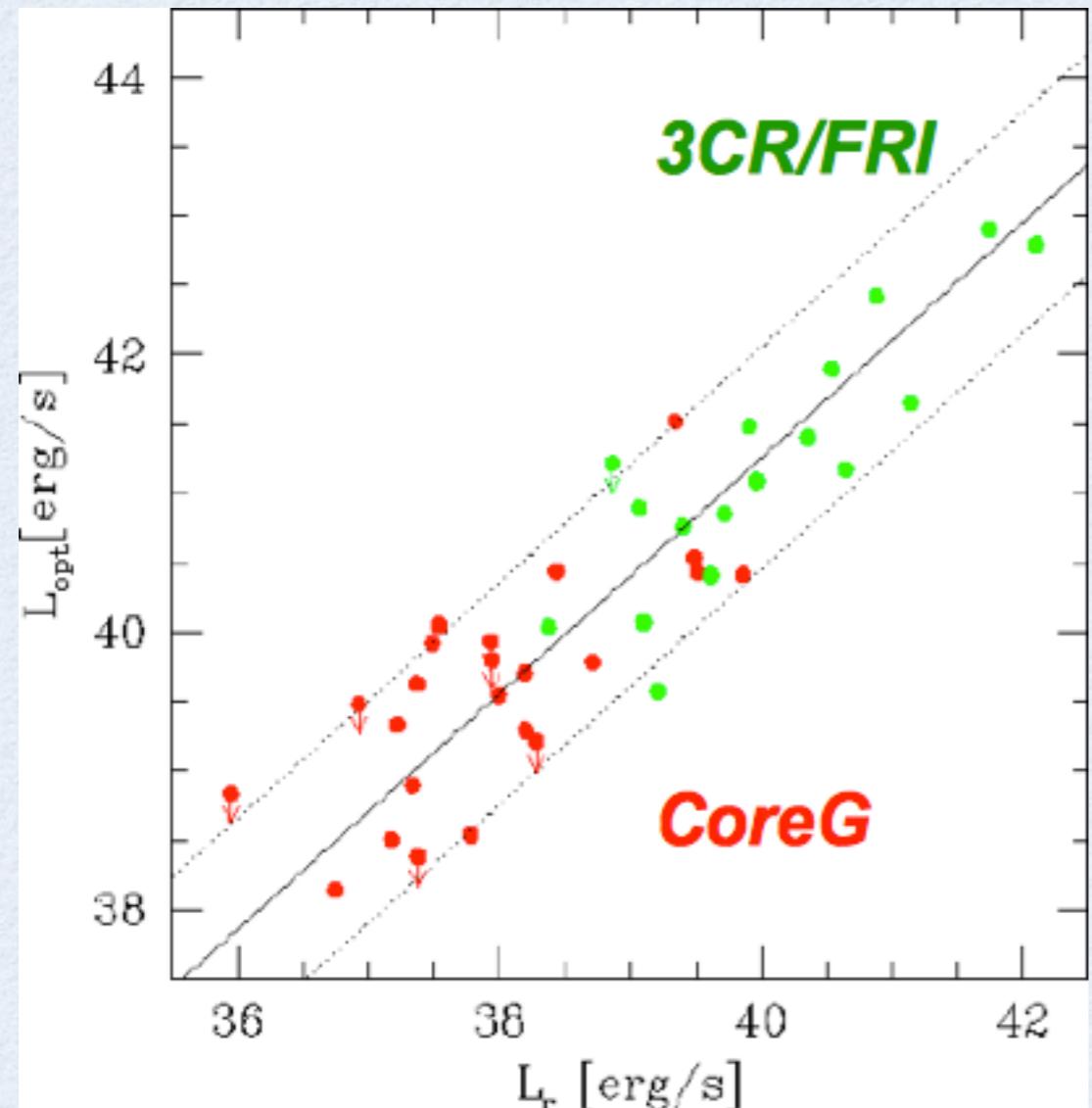
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- Are FRI and FRII representative of the “main sequence” radio galaxy population?
- Most of the radio galaxies in the (local) Universe are FRI or FRII?

# low-power Radio Galaxies

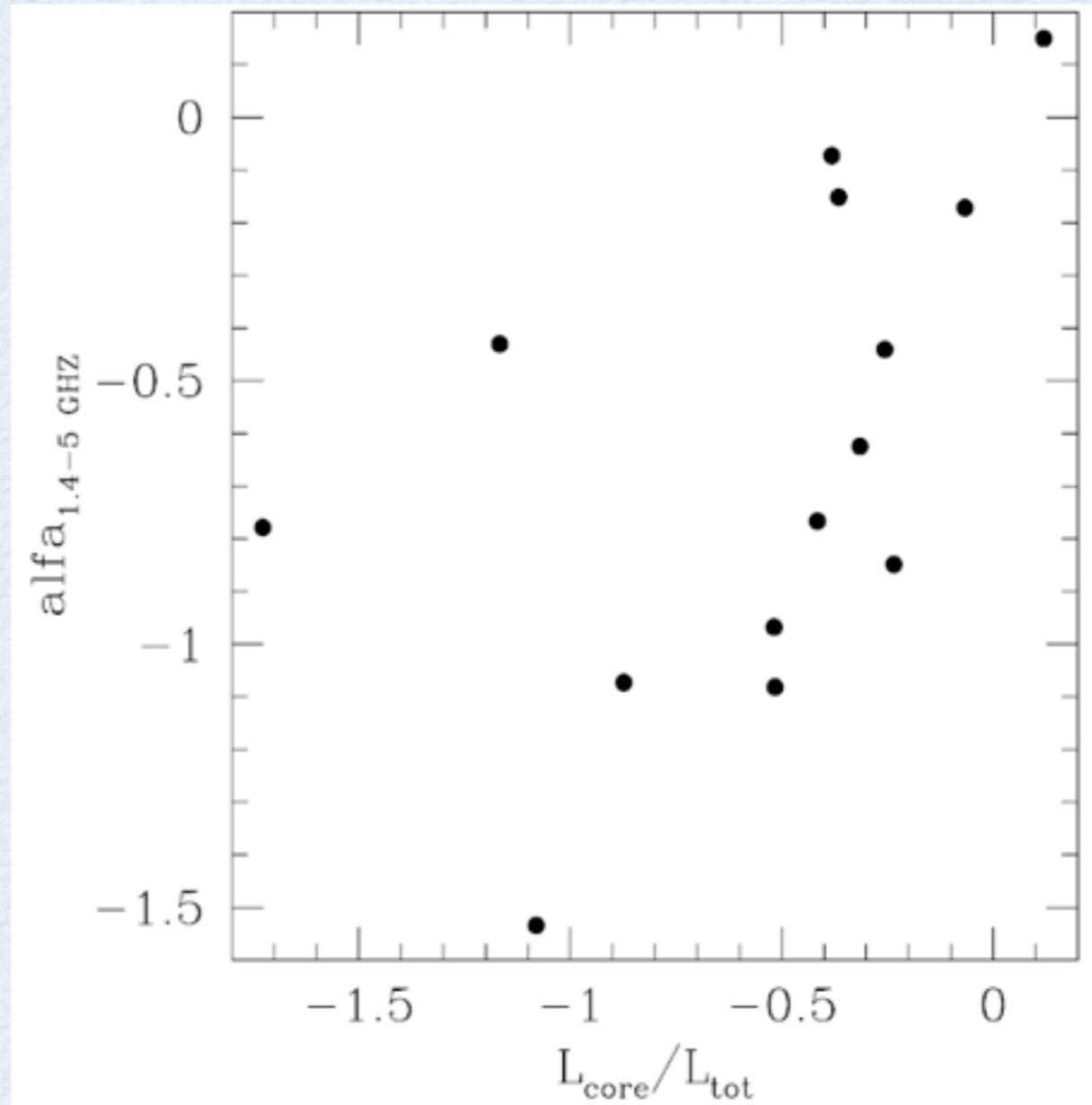
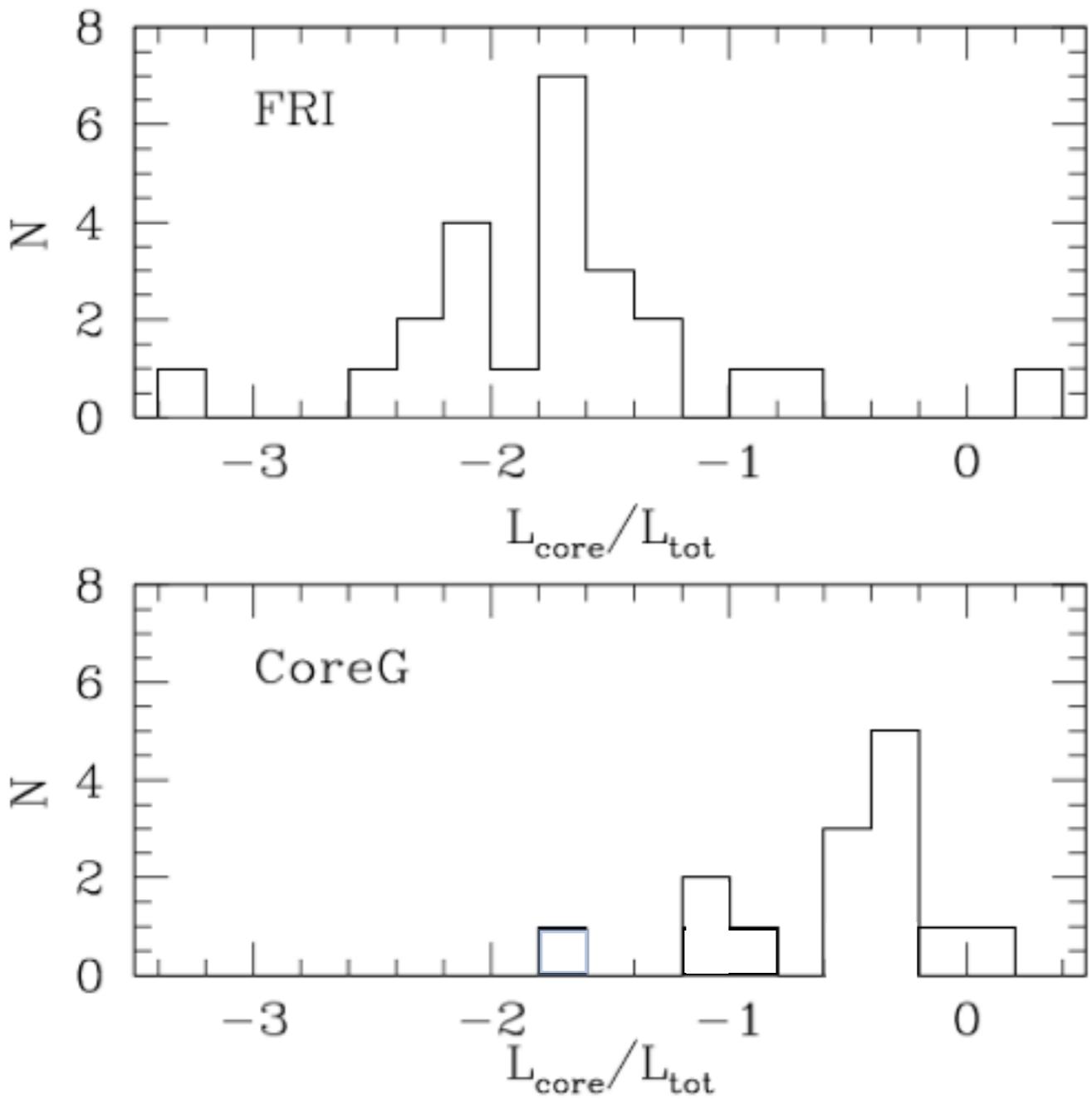
let us study the low-luminosity RG which are expected to be the bulk of the local RL AGN population: **CoreG**



Balmaverde & Capetti 06,  
Balmaverde, Baldi & Capetti 08

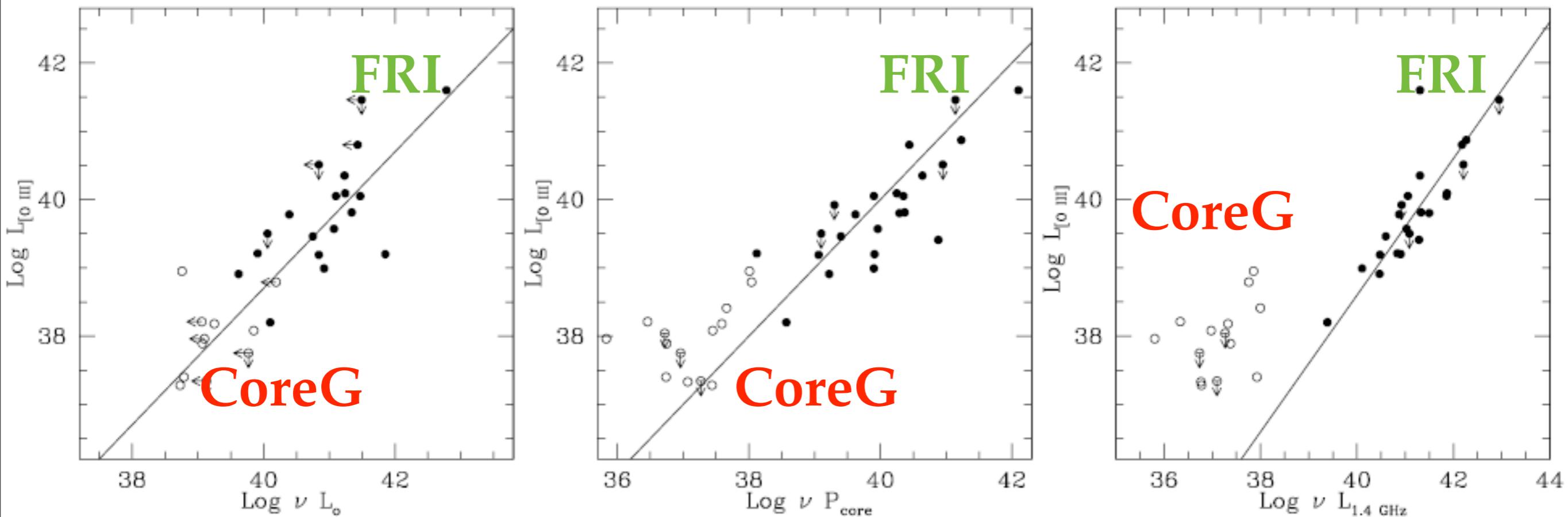
The CoreG are '*miniature*' radio galaxies with nuclear and host properties indistinguishable from FRI (red host and LEG spectrum)

# High Core Dominance



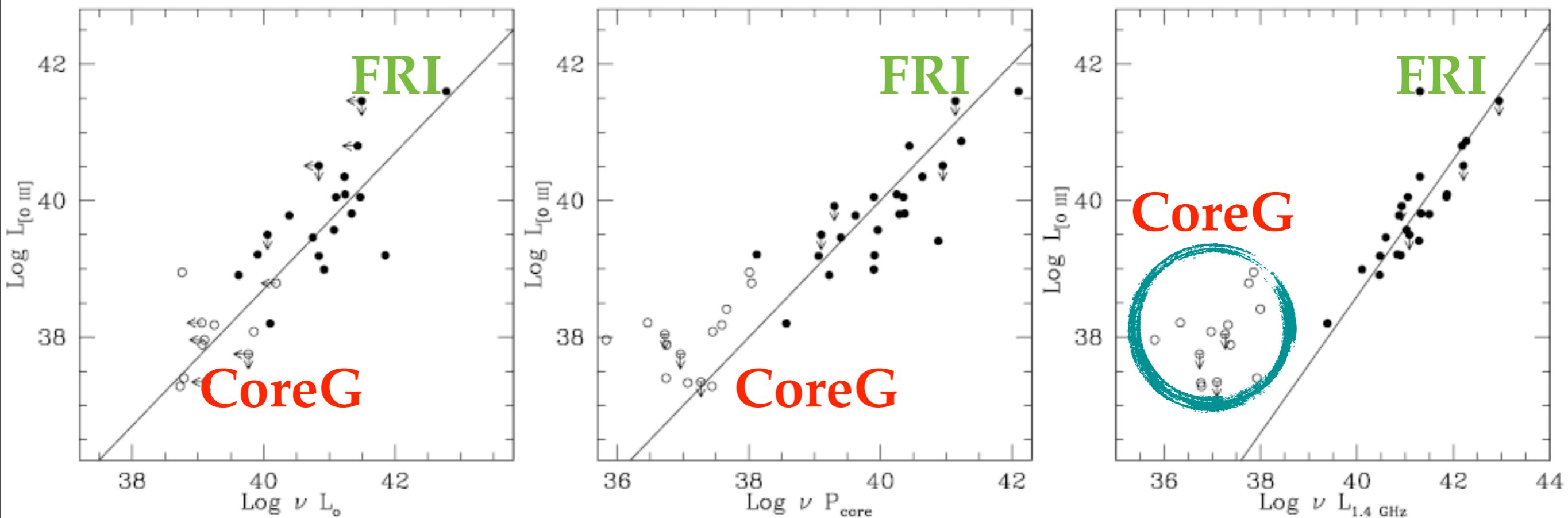
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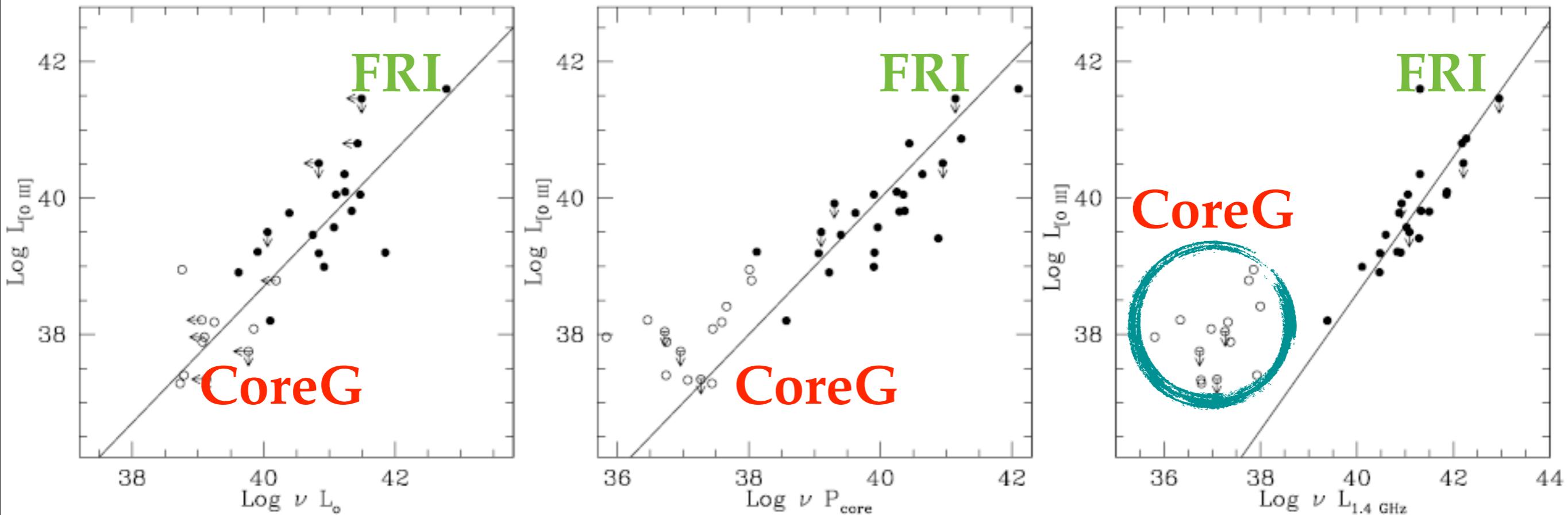
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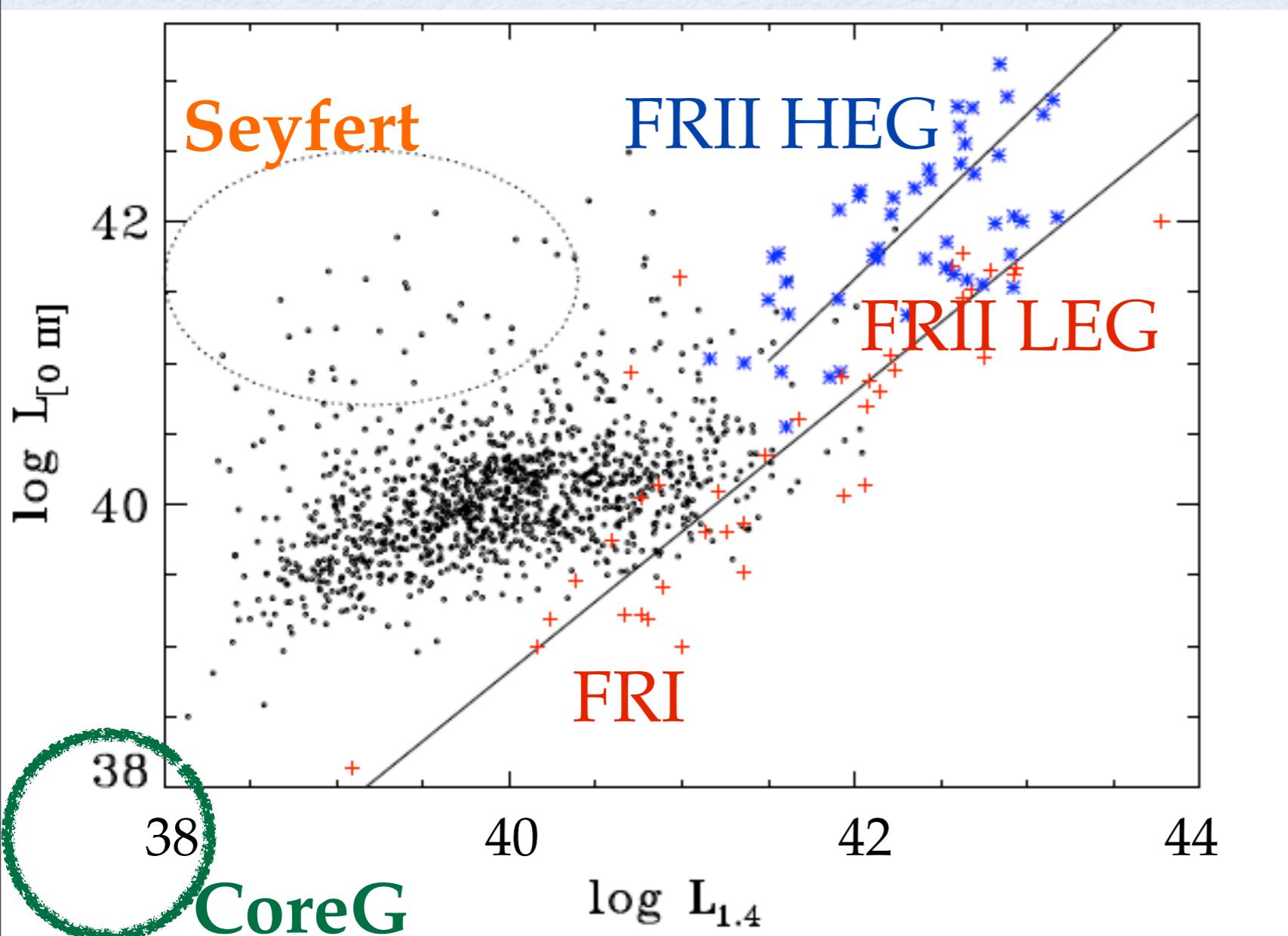


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The CoreG are exceptions and not representative?

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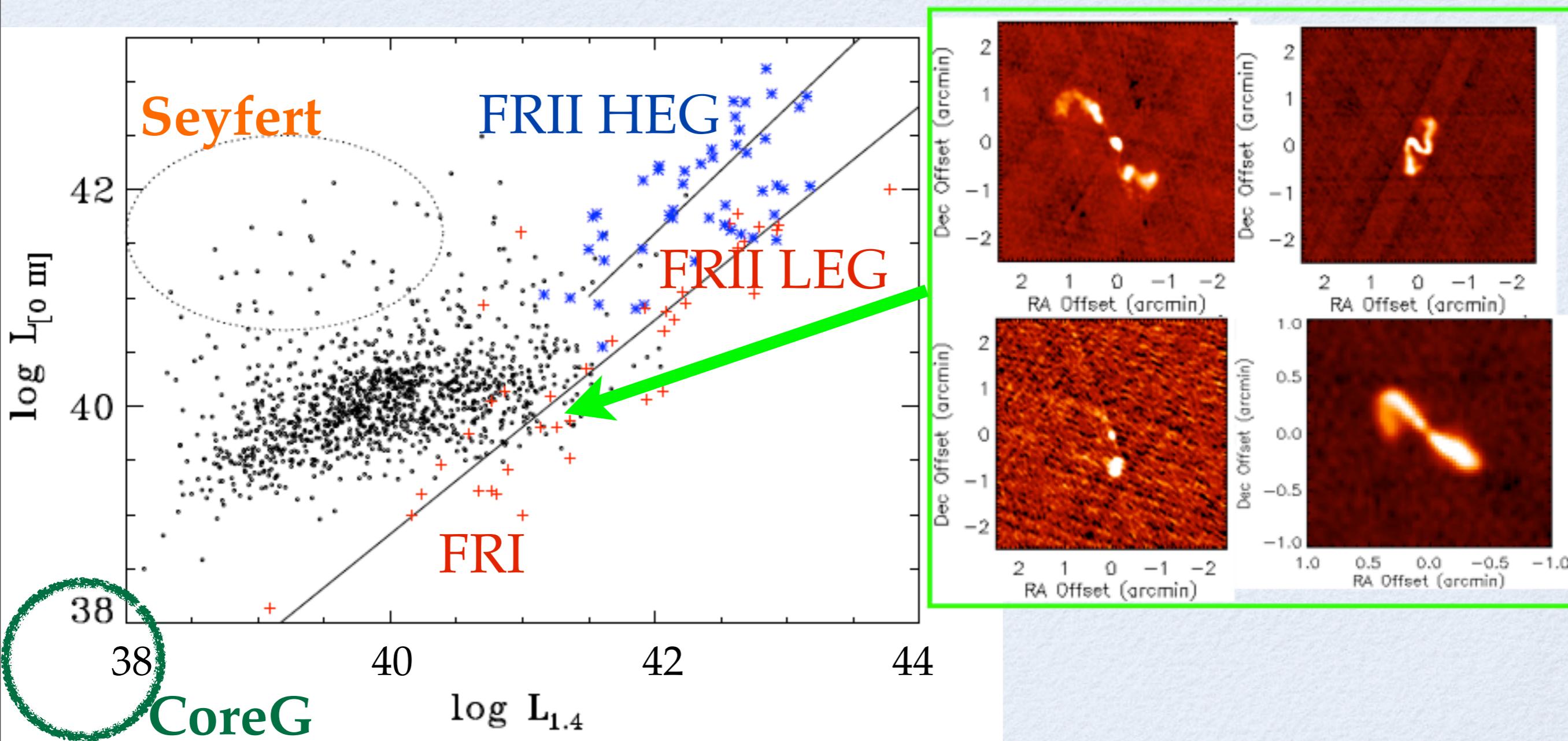
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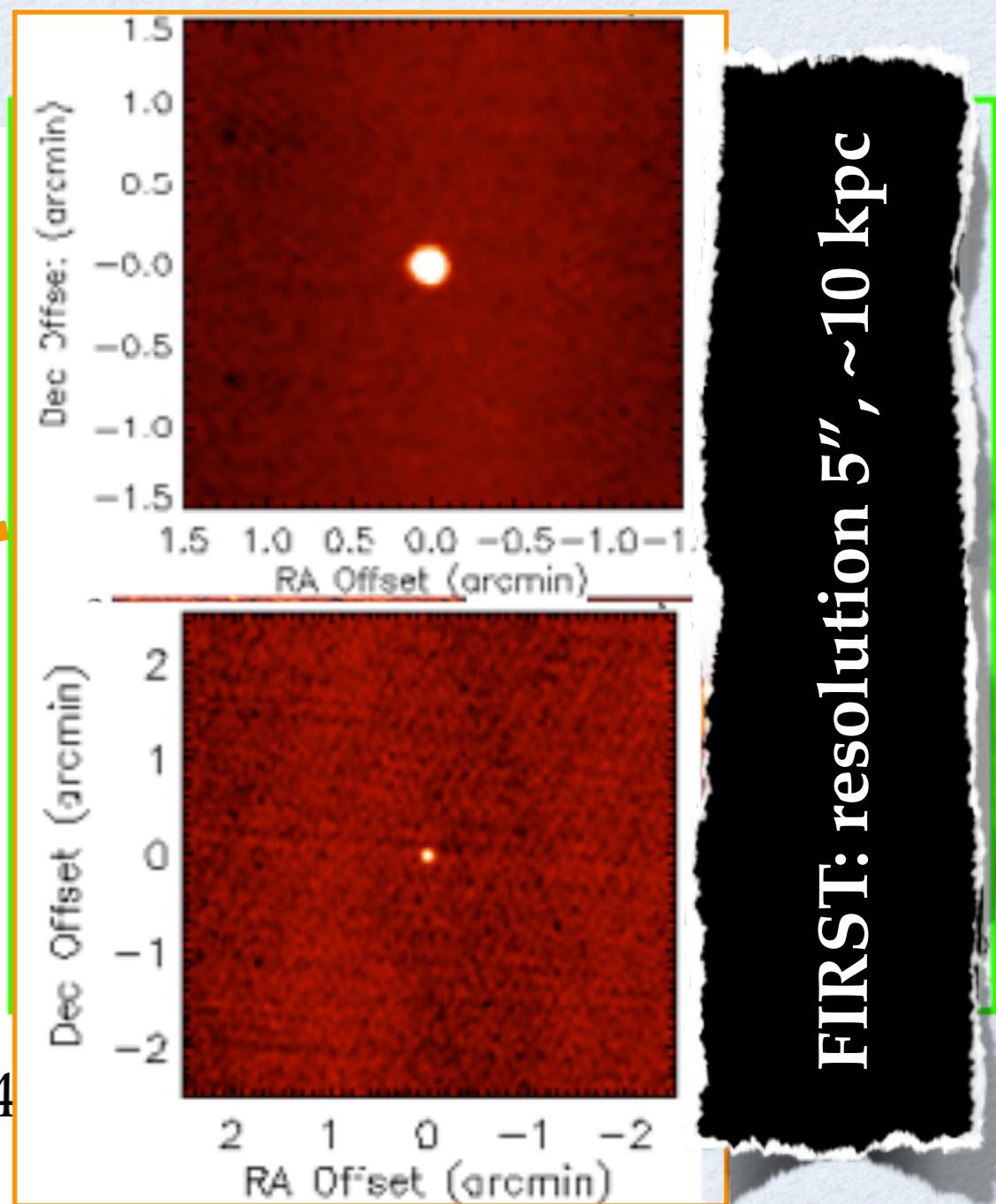
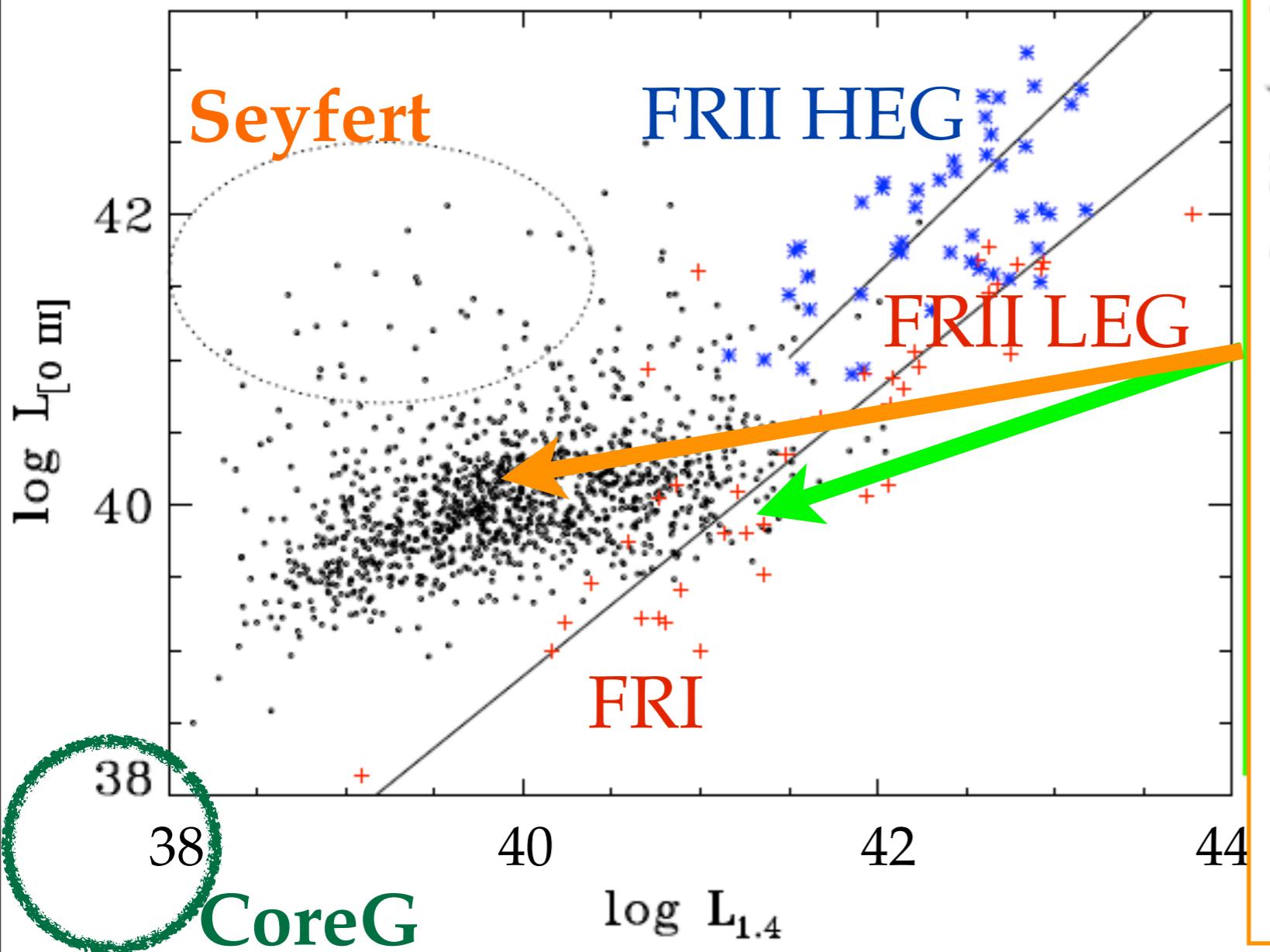
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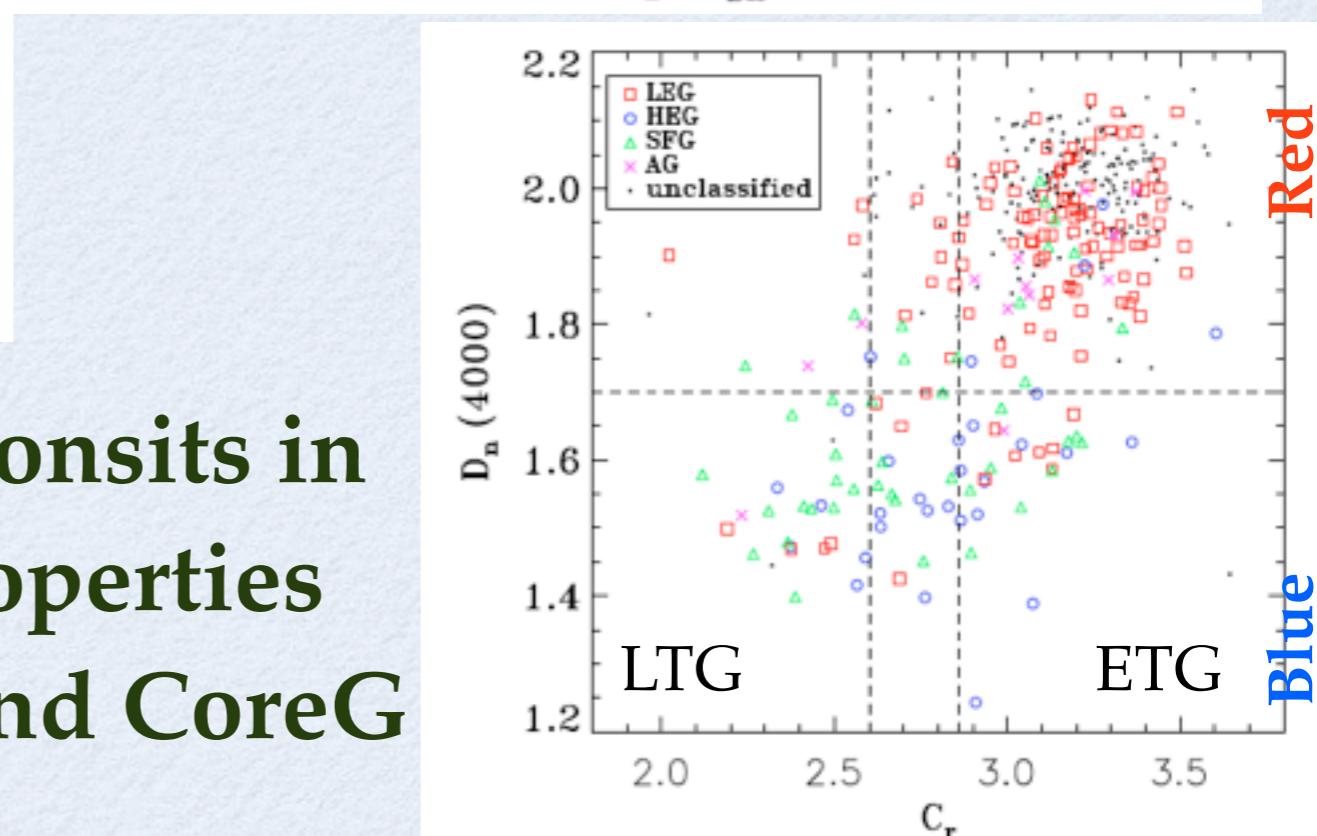
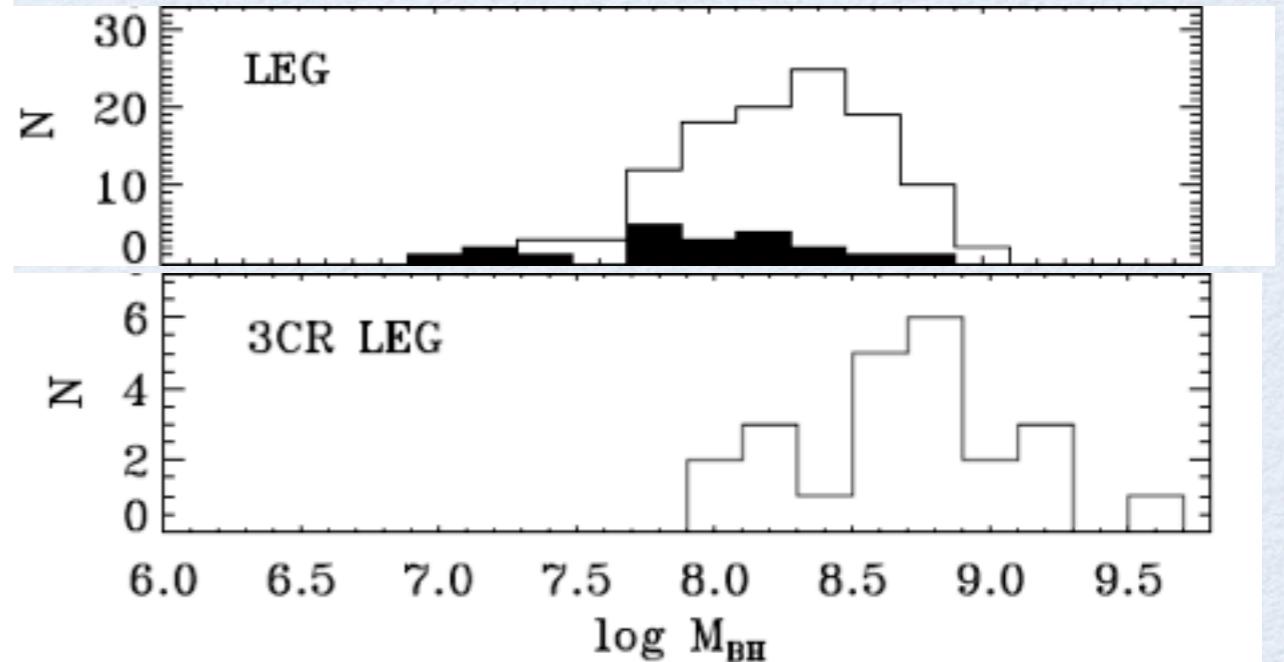
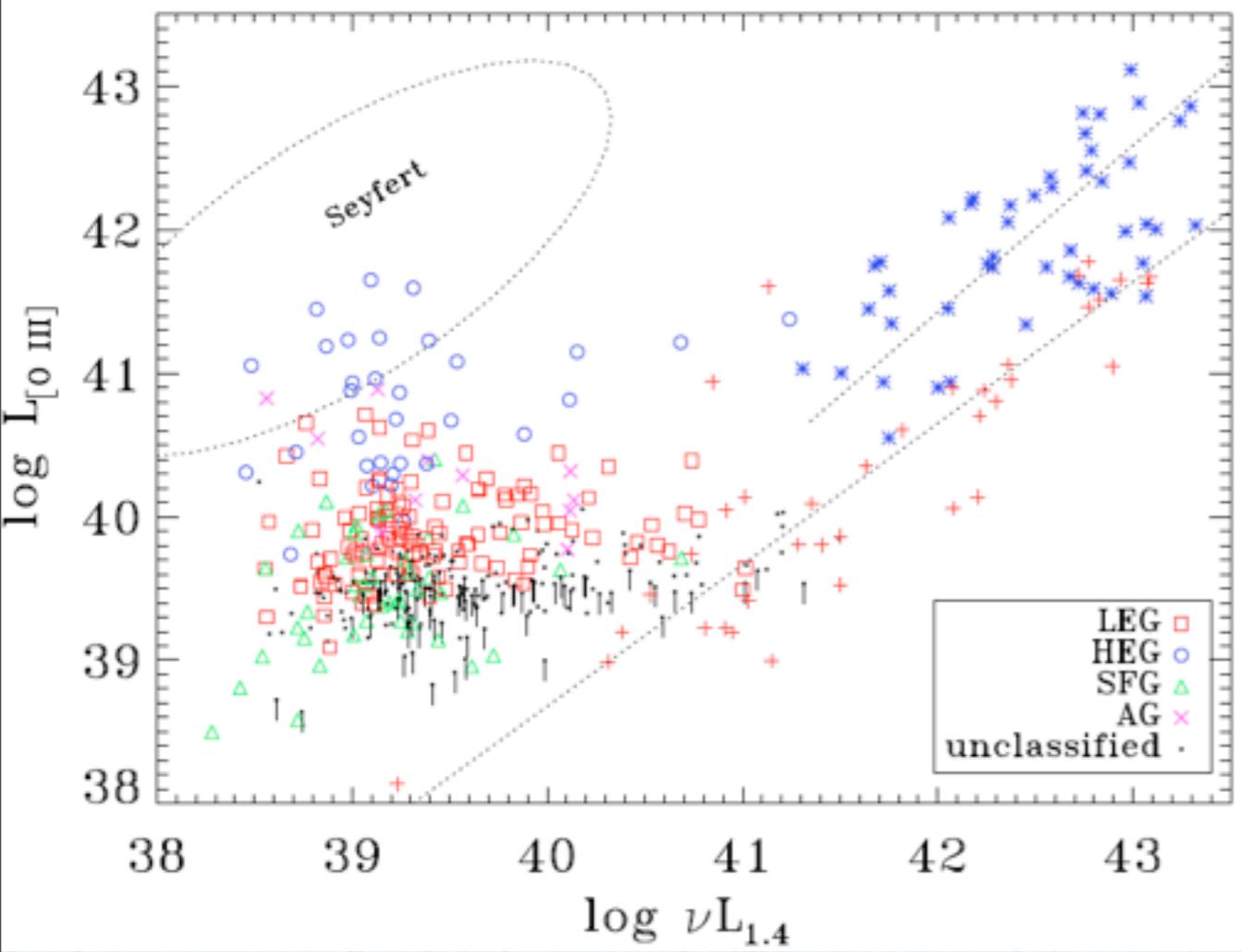
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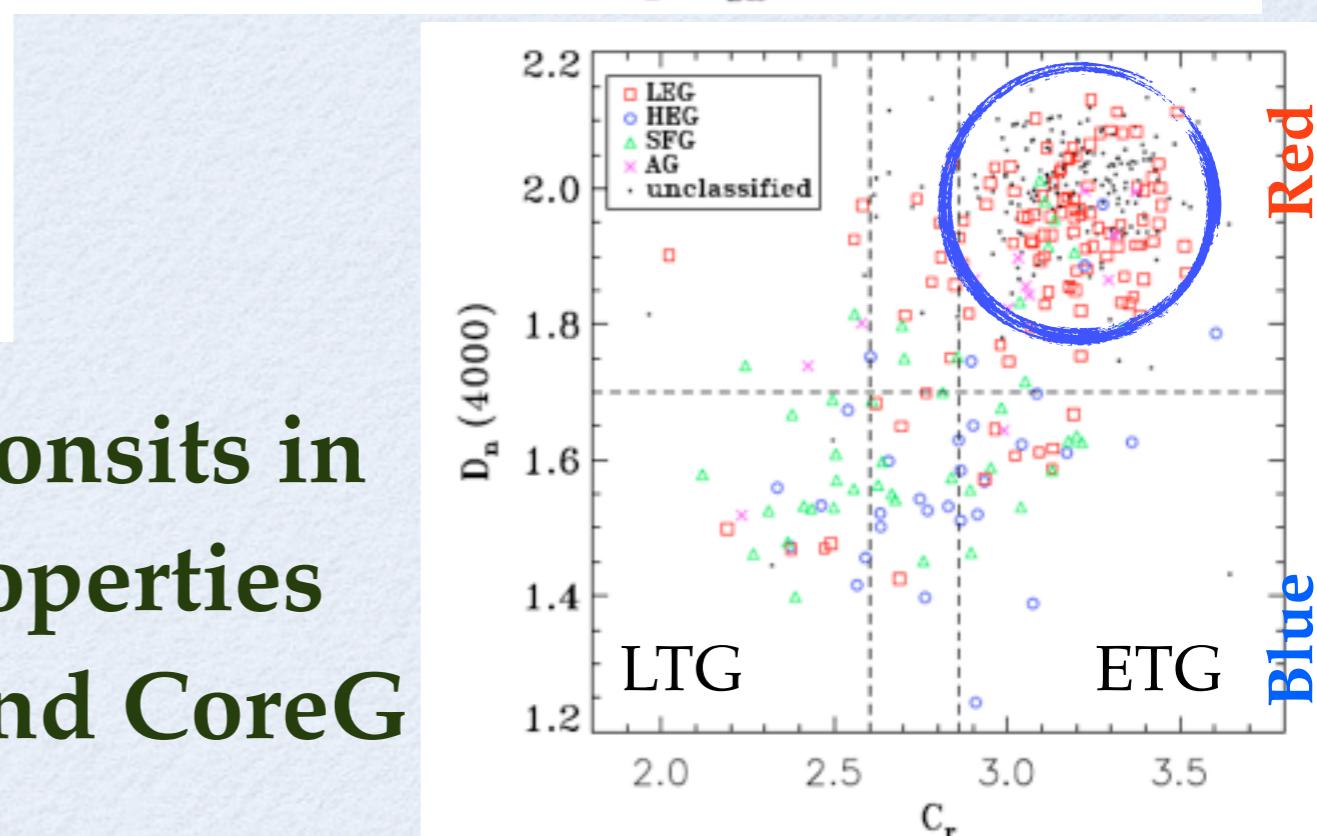
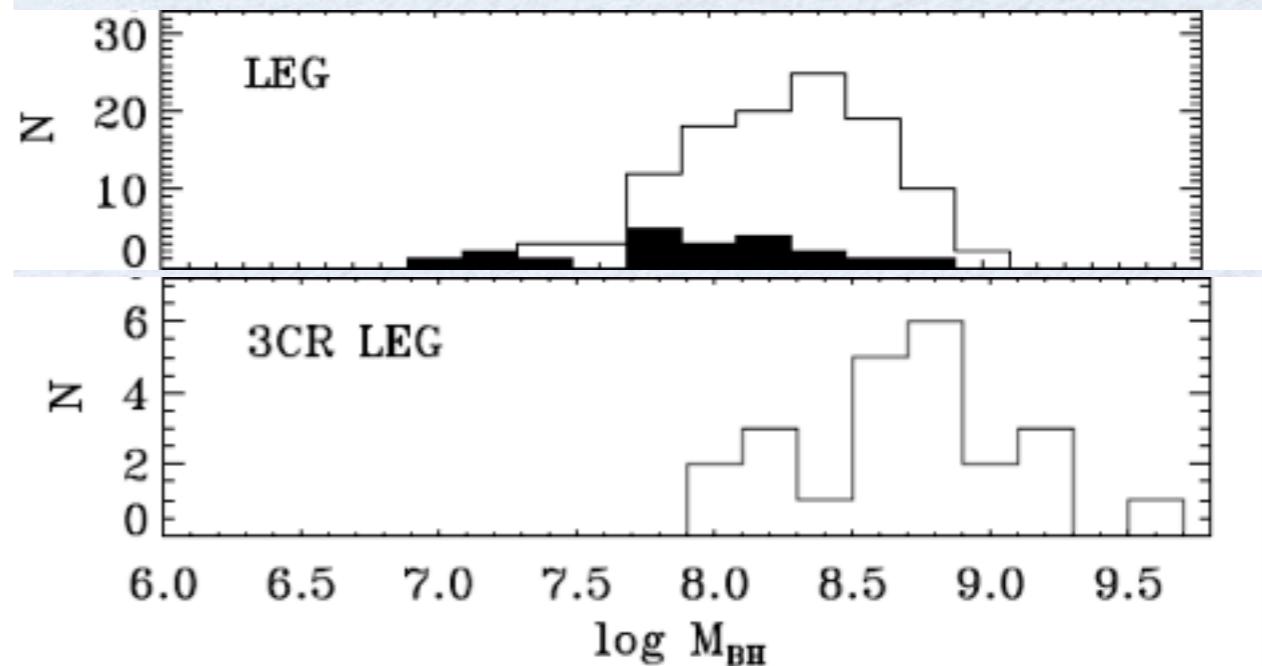
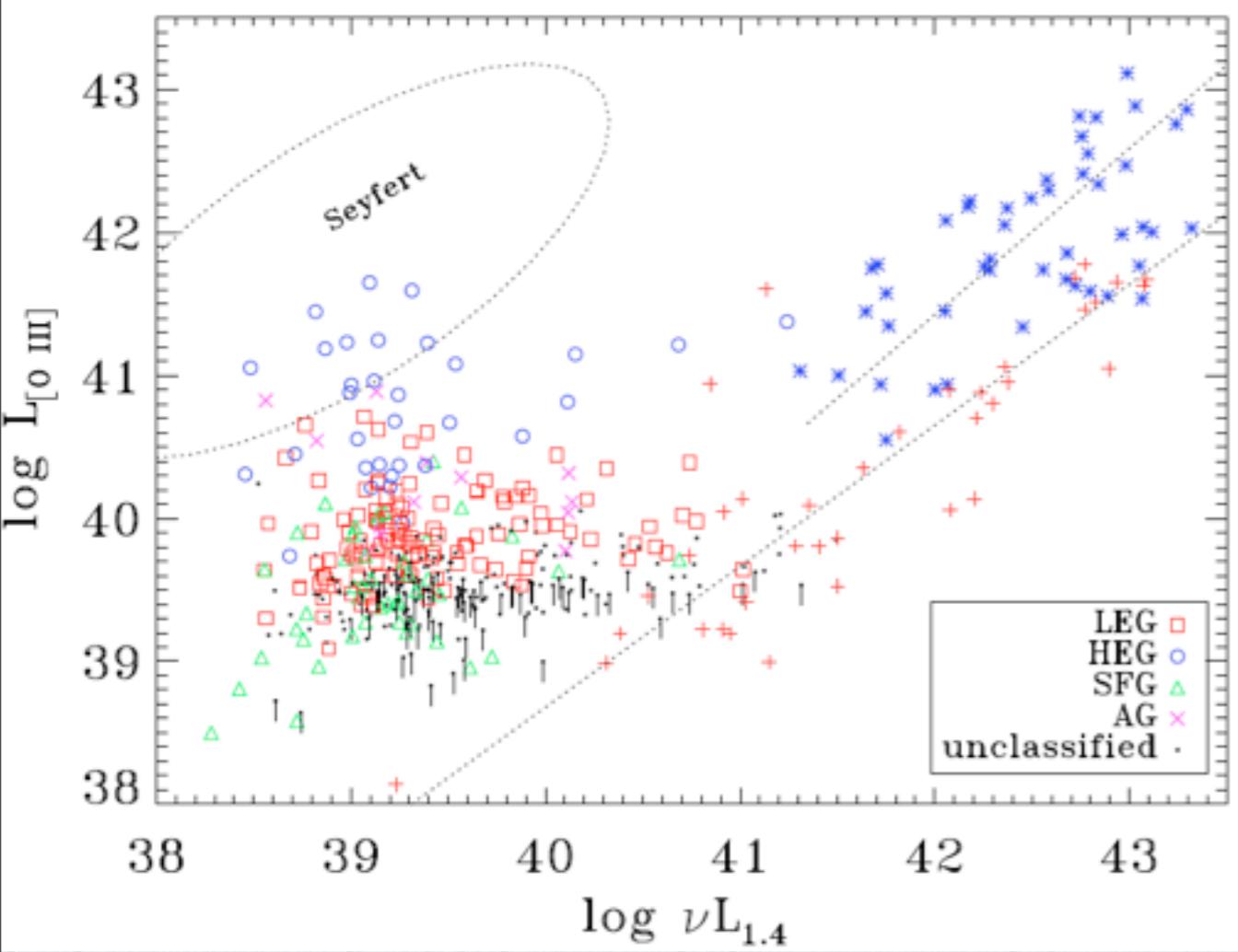
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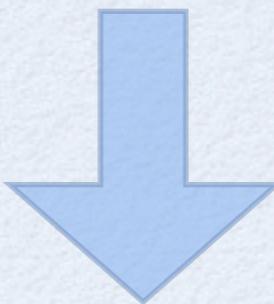
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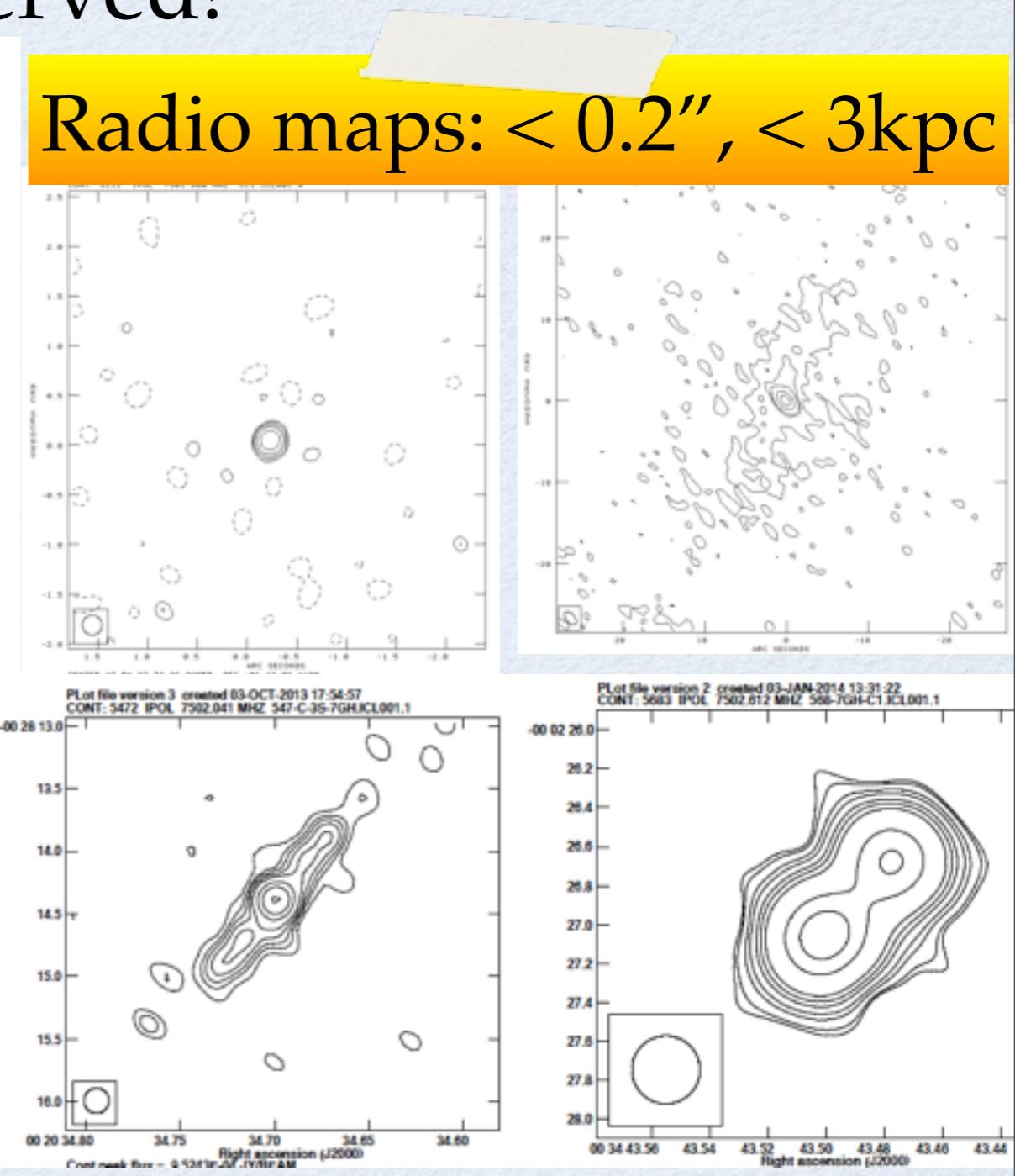
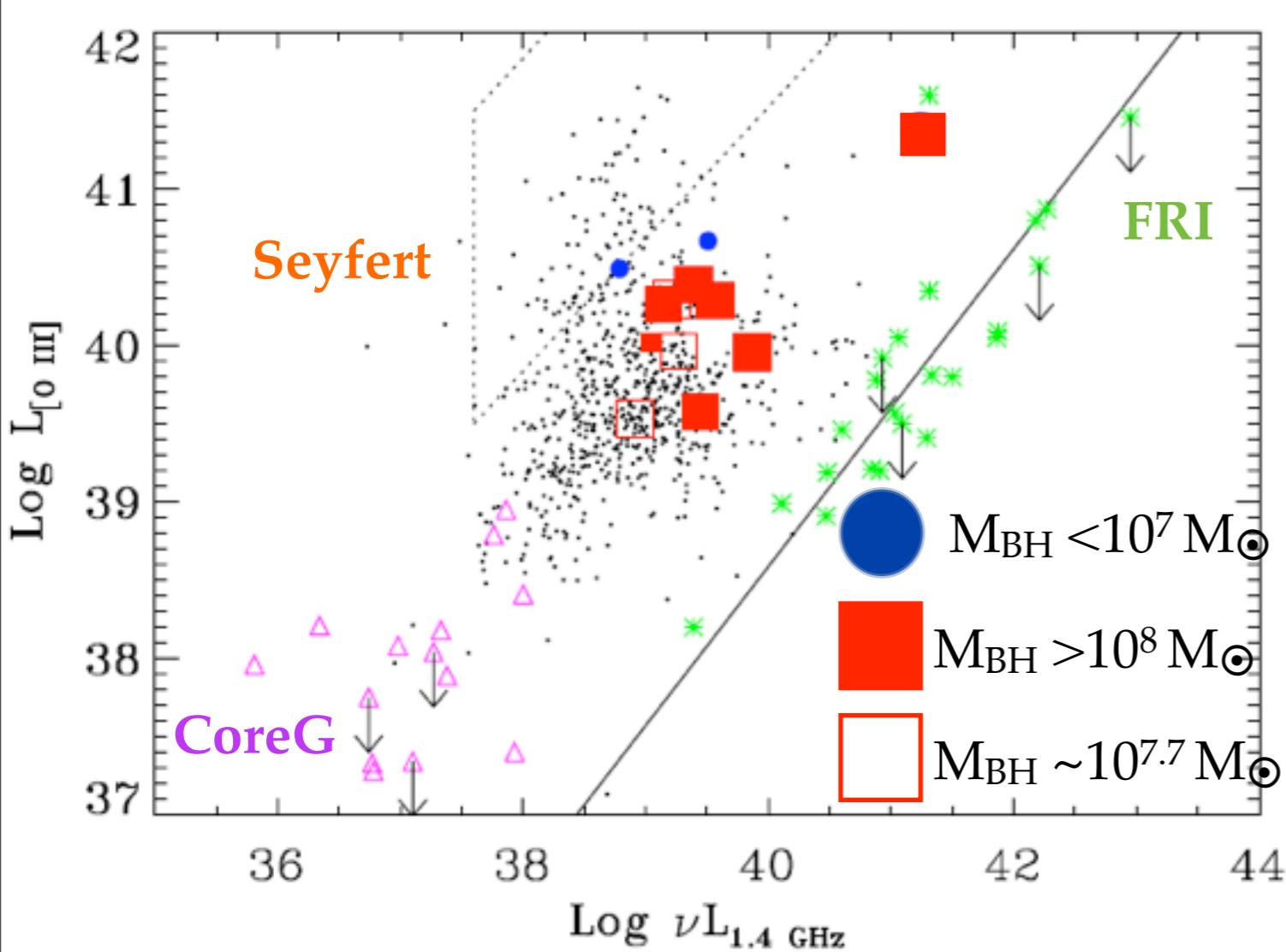
The bulk of the local RL AGN population (with a space density 100 times higher than 3C sample) shows a lack of total radio emission w.r.t the classical 3C/FRI and LEG radio galaxies, although the nuclear and host properties are indistinguishable



Let's focus the radio properties with a higher resolution

# JVLA observations

We propose to observe 40 objects with JVLA...but only  
12 were observed!



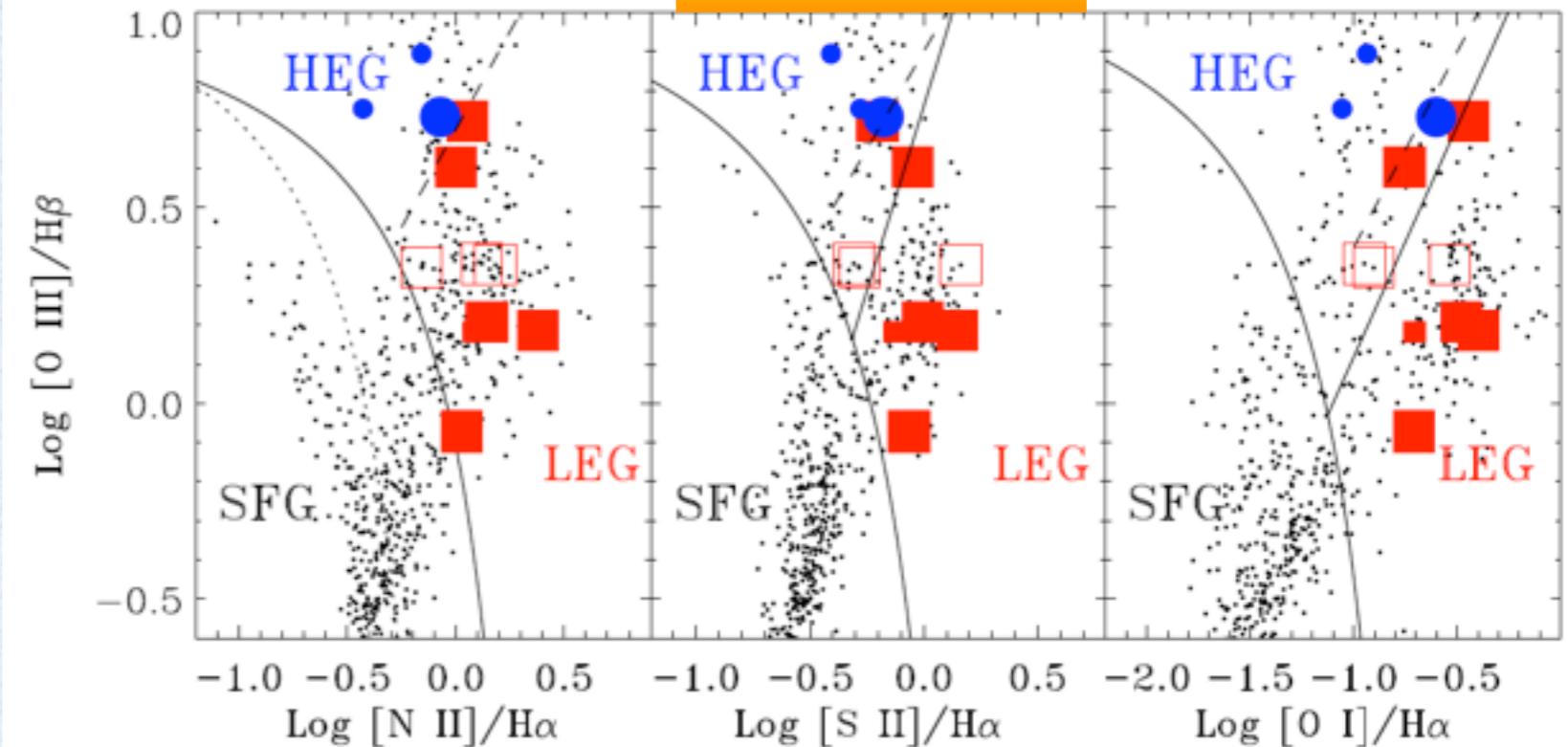
Observations at 1.4, 4.5, and 7.5  
GHz with resolution 1.2"-0.2"

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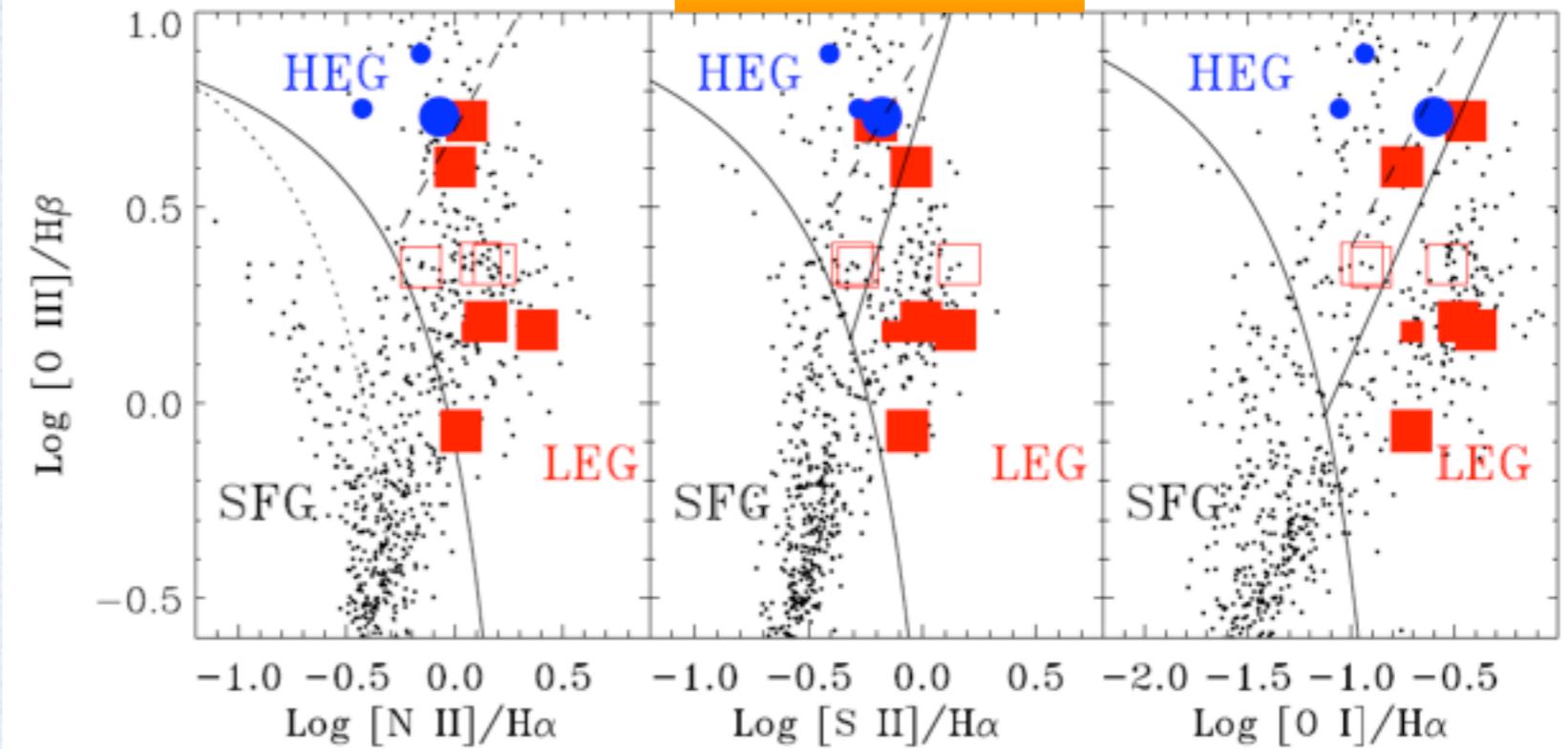
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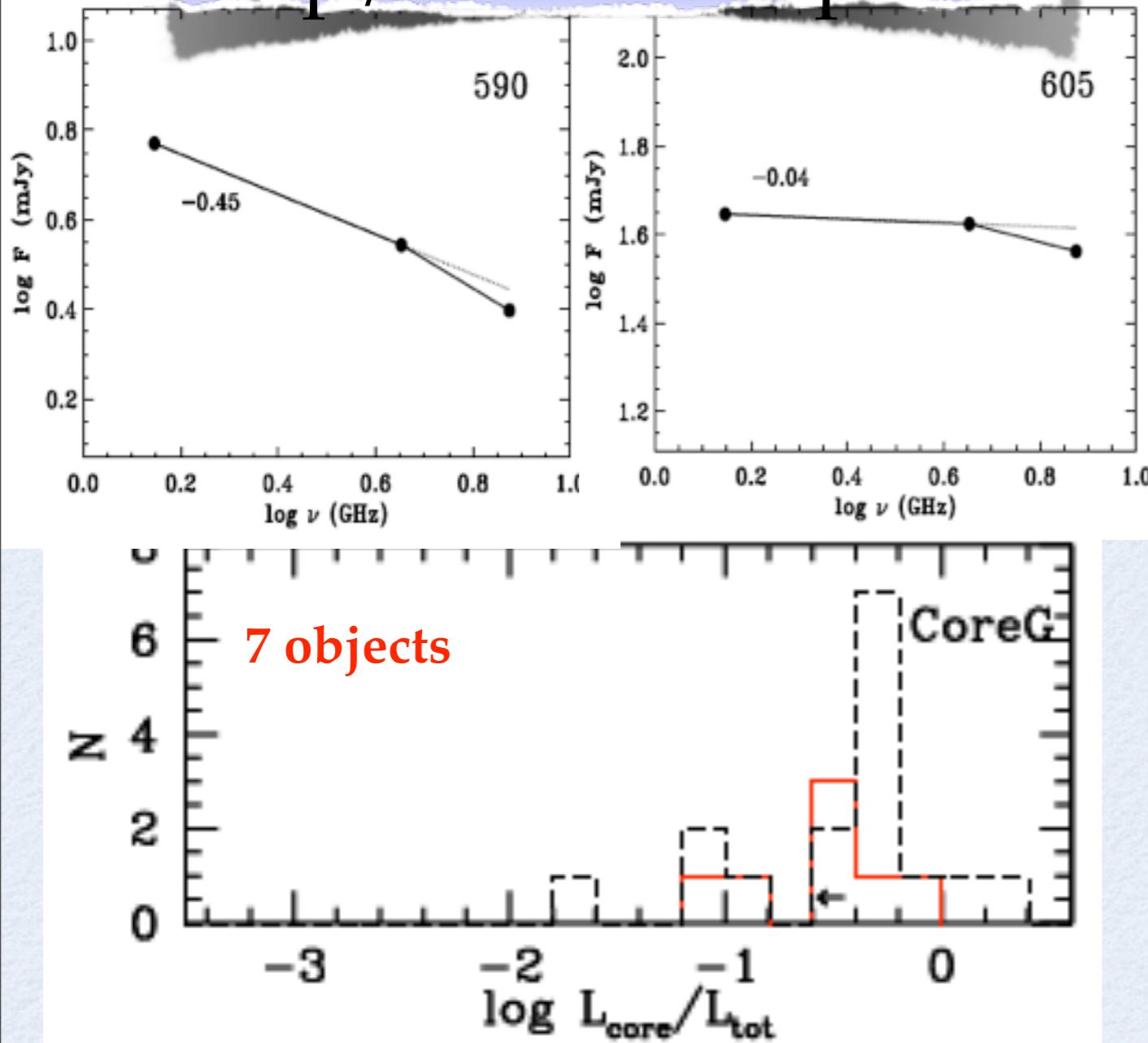


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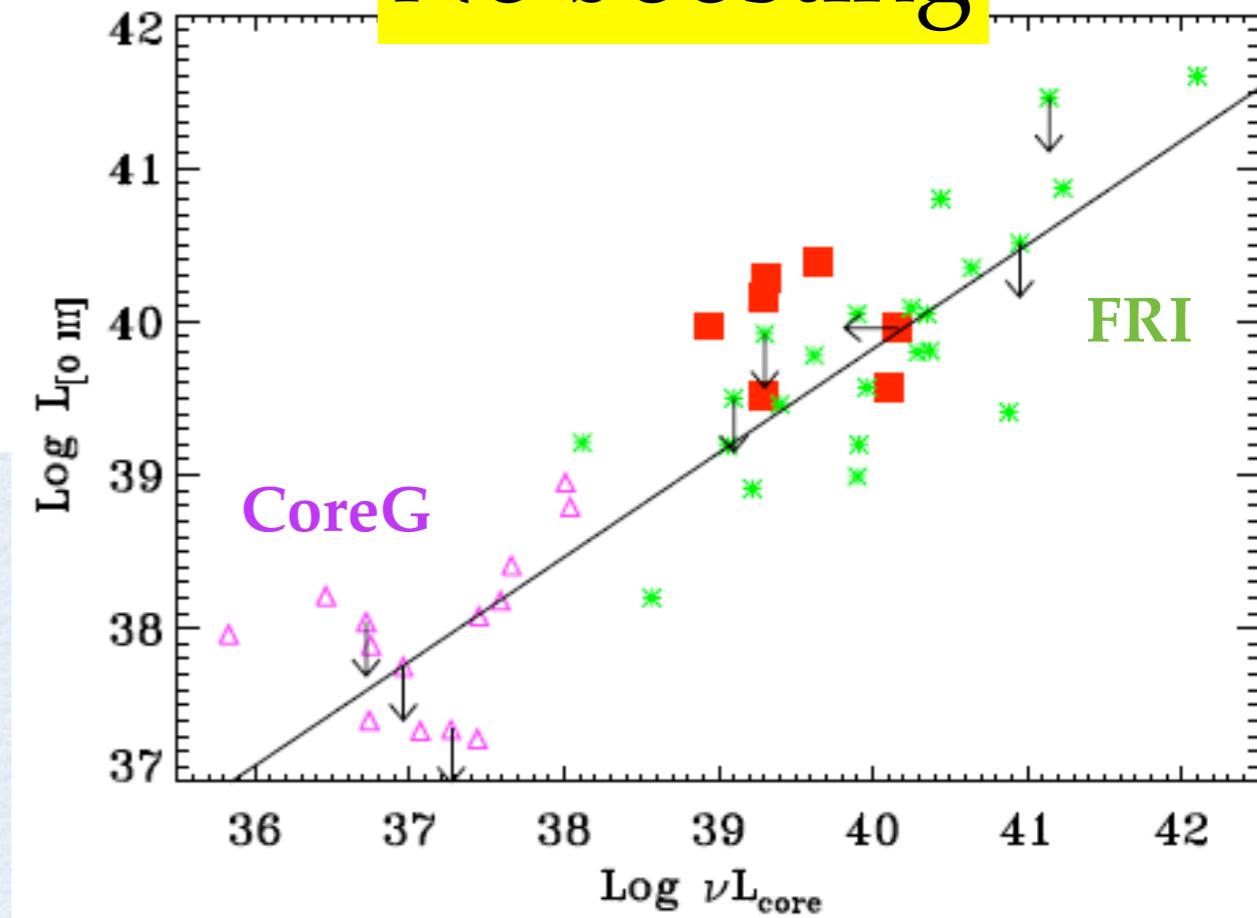
# 7 are radio-loud objects..

Steep/flat radio spectra



Baldi, Capetti & Giovannini 15

No boosting



The radio-loud objects are located in red massive early-type galaxies, have large BH mass ( $\gtrsim 10^8 M_\odot$ ), LEG optical spectra, and high core dominance:  
*similar to the CoreG*

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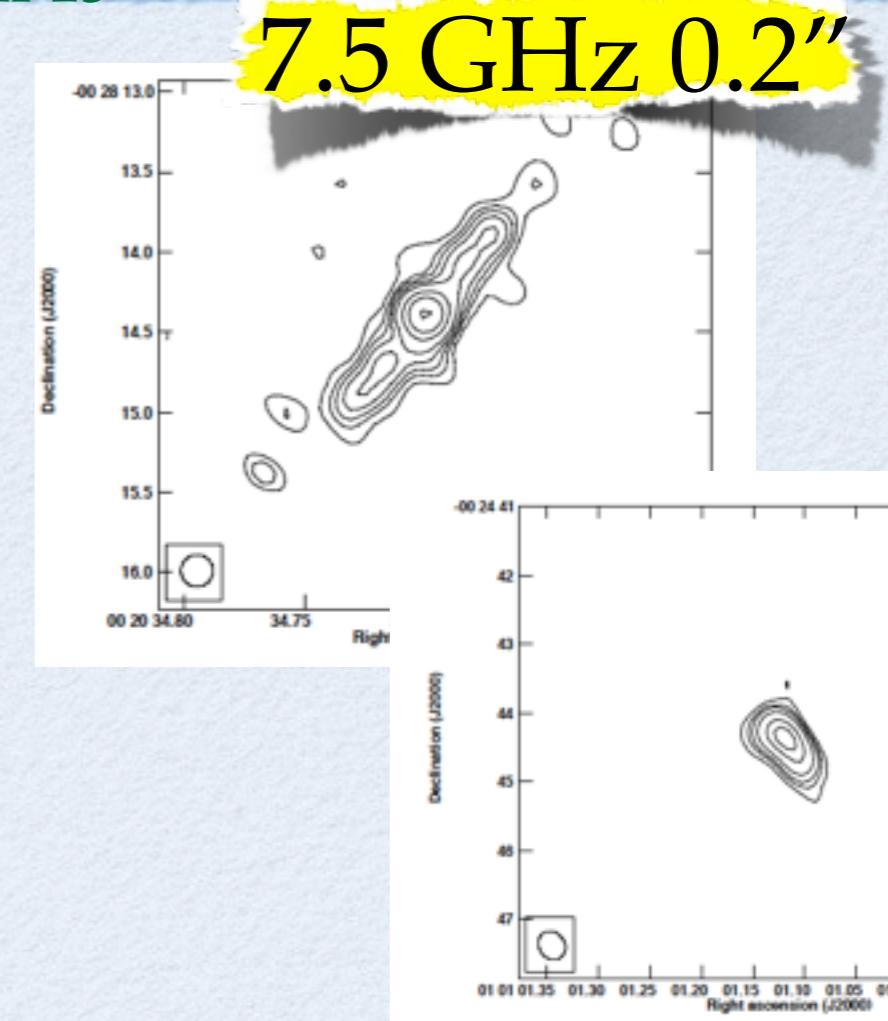
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Ghisellini 2011: "The 'FR 0' radio ellipticals are a new population of radio sources (Baldi et al. 2009) having the same core radio luminosity of FR Is, but hundreds of times less power in the extended emission."

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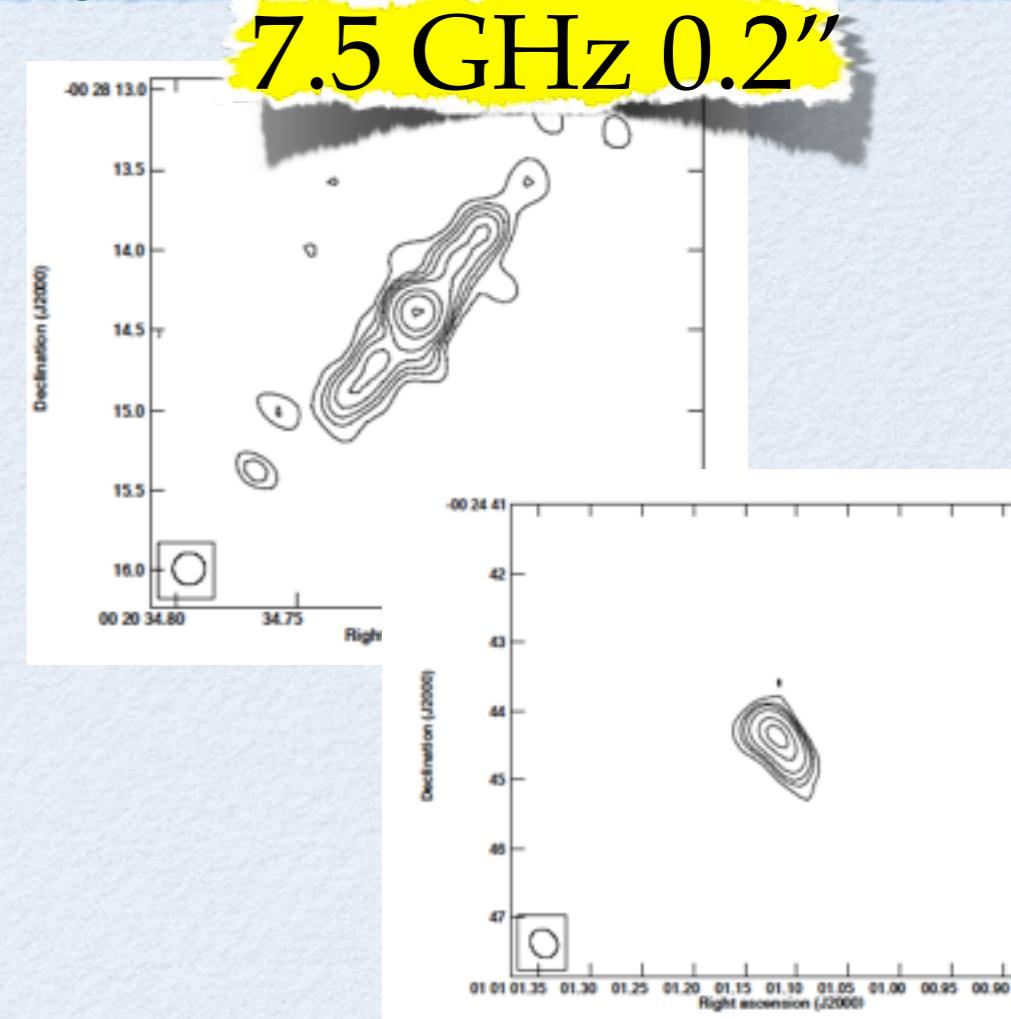
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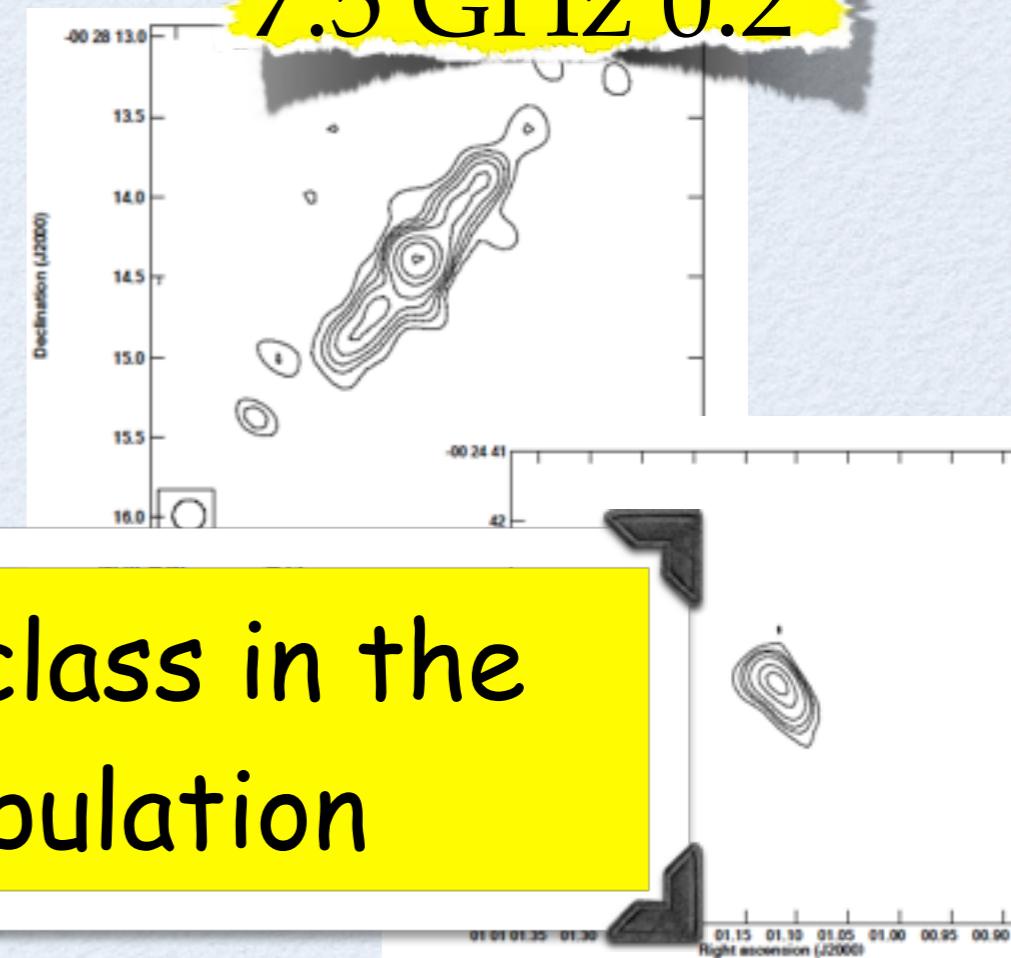
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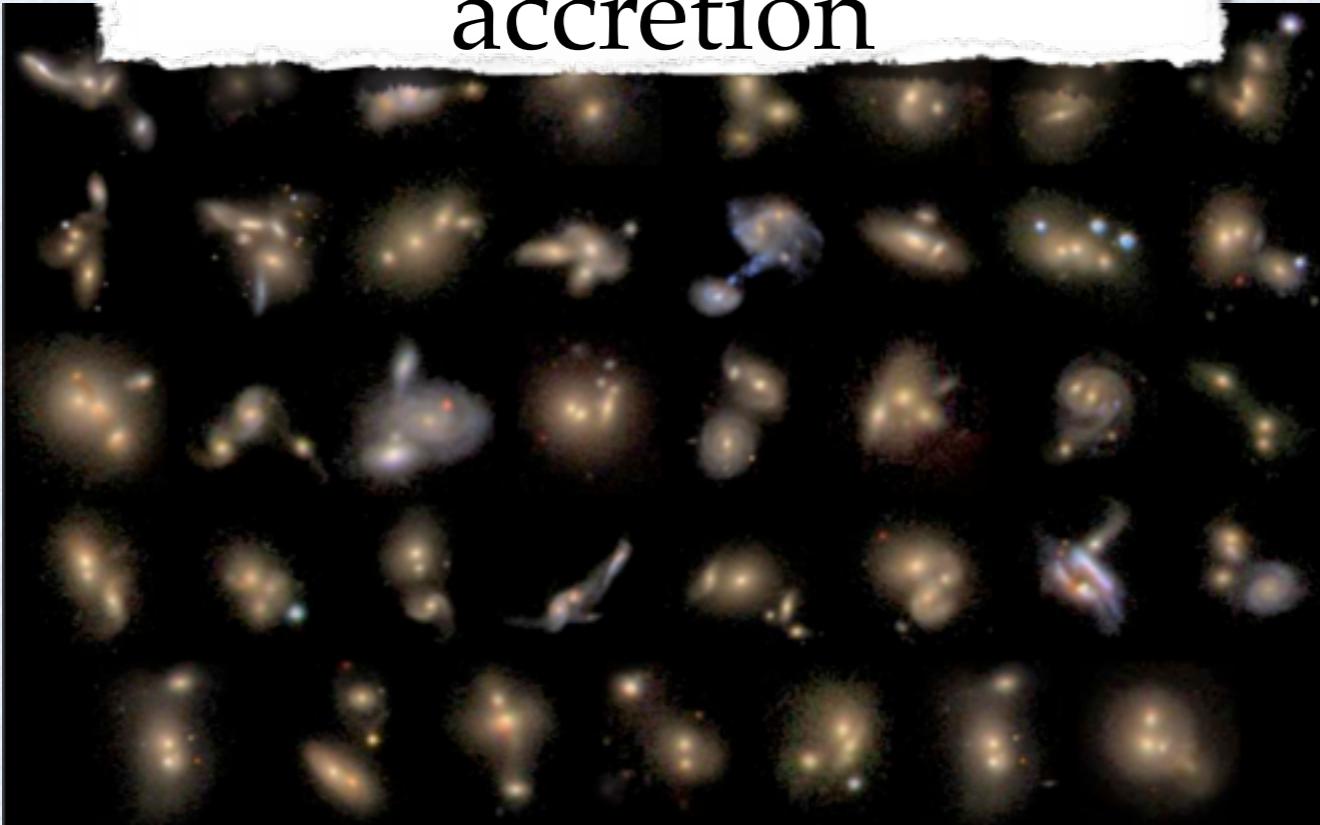


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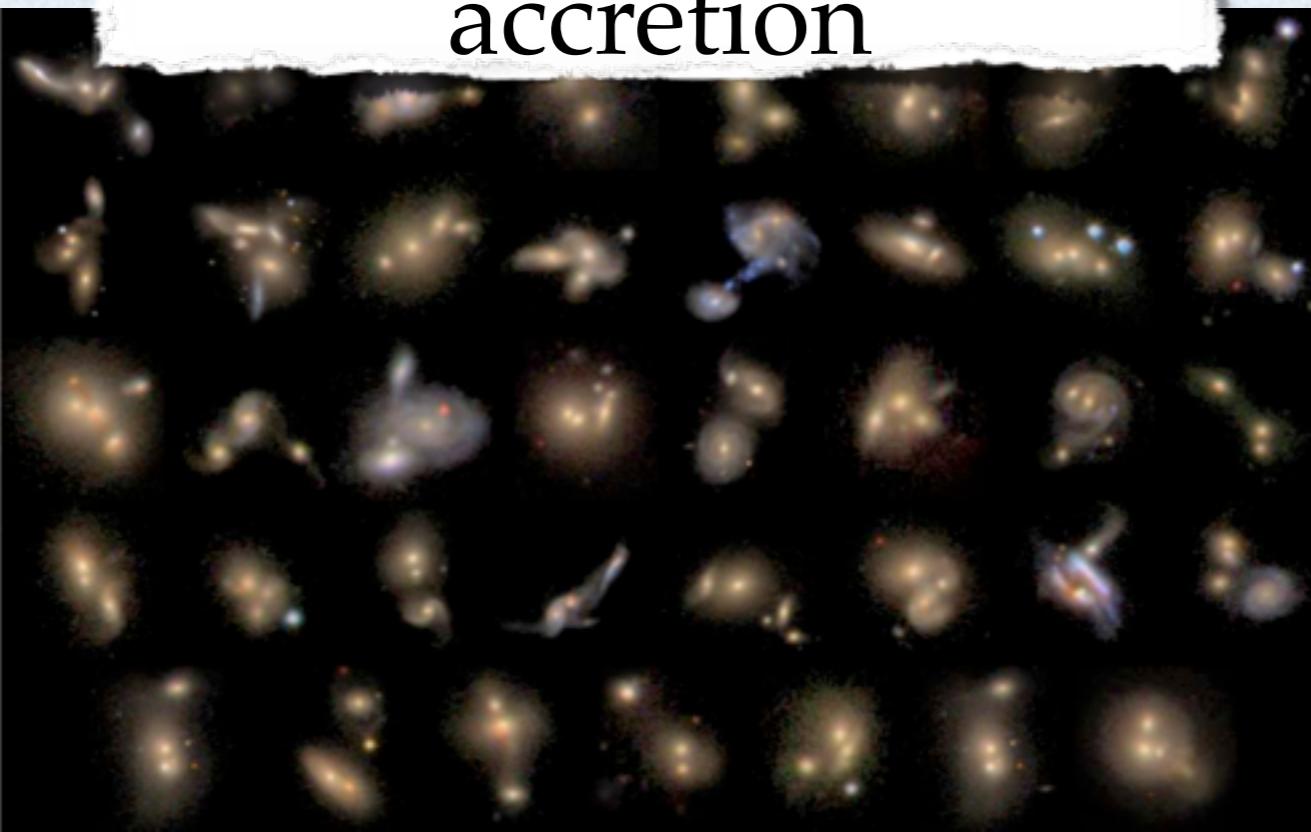
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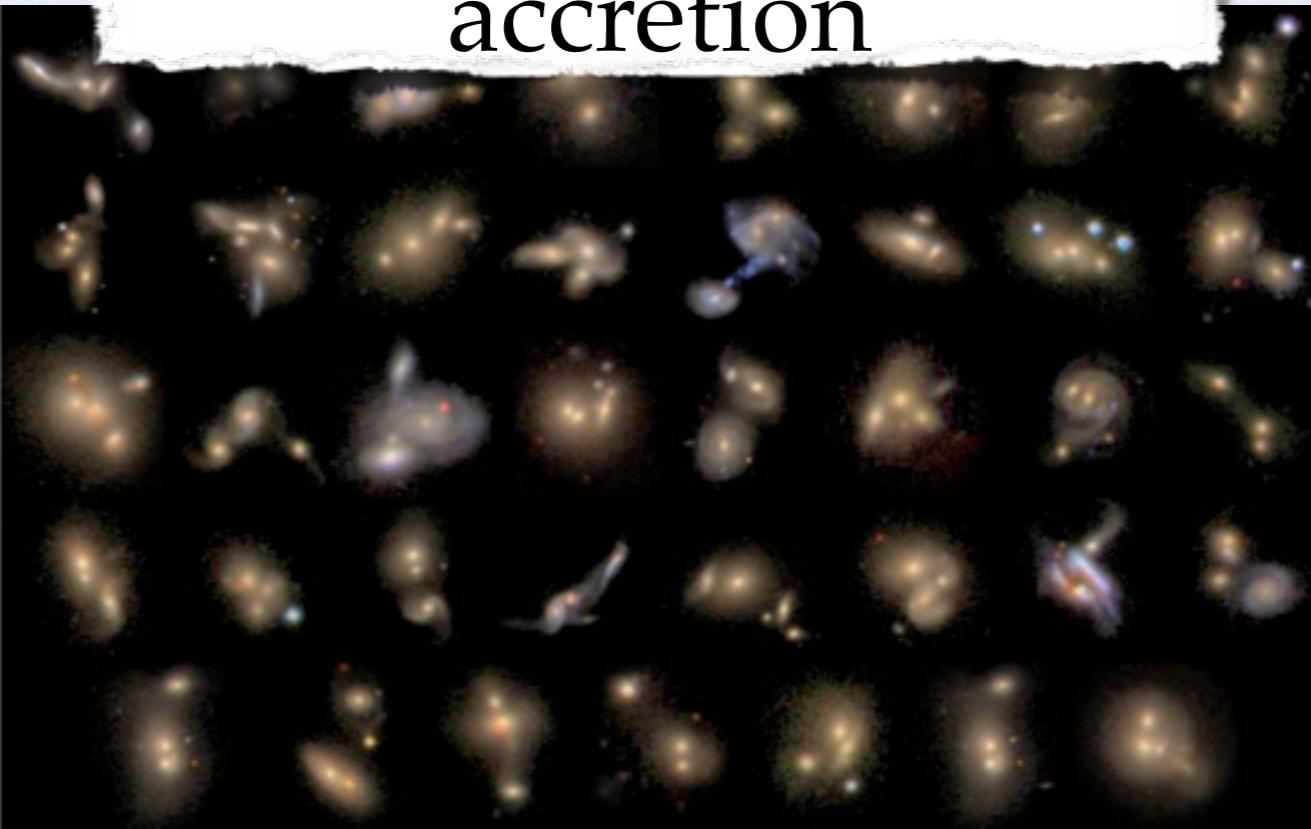
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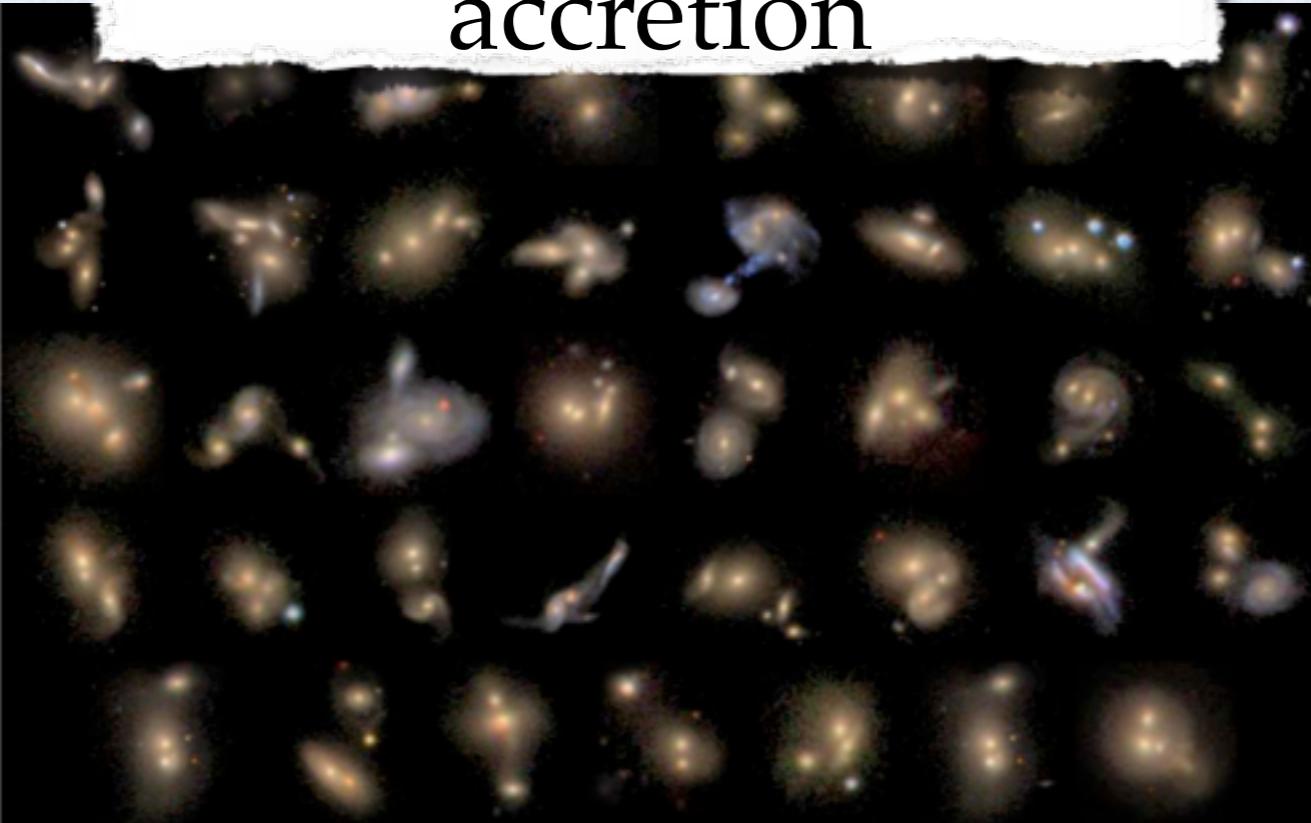


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FRO

$\Gamma \sim 1-3$

FRI-FRII

$\Gamma > 5$

# Summary & Future

- **FRO** : RG with similar nuclear and host properties of FRI, but compact radio structure and lack of substantial large scale radio emission
- FRO population appears to be the dominant class of RG in the local Universe
- FRI and FRII do not represent the ordinary picture of a RG
- Slow jets (low  $\Gamma$ ) may account for the FRO radio properties
- The low jet speed might originate from their small BH spin
- How to test this scenario? study of the jet sideness
- Next: confirm FRO population with a larger sample!!



THANK YOU