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BH masses in NLS1: The role of the Broad Line Region geometry

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Black hole masses in

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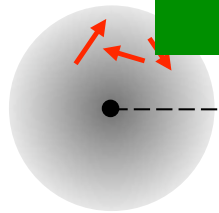
M_{BH}

From the host properties we estimate M_{BH} (hopefully, not such a bad idea)

From spectra we infer L_{disk} and $FWHM$

What w actually do

$$M_{BH} = \frac{(AL_{2830}) (f FWHM)^2}{G}$$

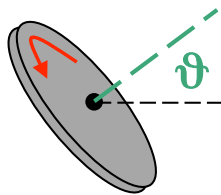


Line of sight

Isotropic BLR

$$f = \sqrt{3/4}$$

Constant, < 1

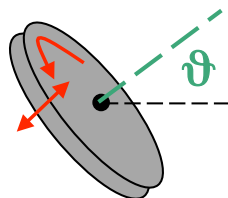


Line of sight

Thin disk

$$f = \frac{1}{2 \sin \theta}$$

$0.5 < f < \infty$



Line of sight

Thick disk

$$f = \frac{1}{2 \sqrt{\sin^2 \theta + (H/R)^2}}$$

$0.5 < f < R/2H$

See Martin Krause's talk!



Statistics of NLS1

Broad line region of blazars

Line width and M_{host} in quasars



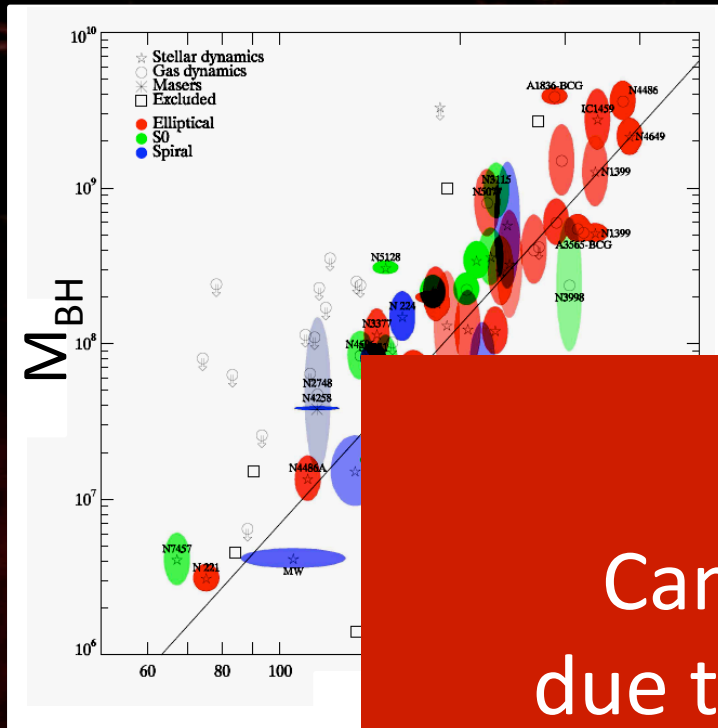
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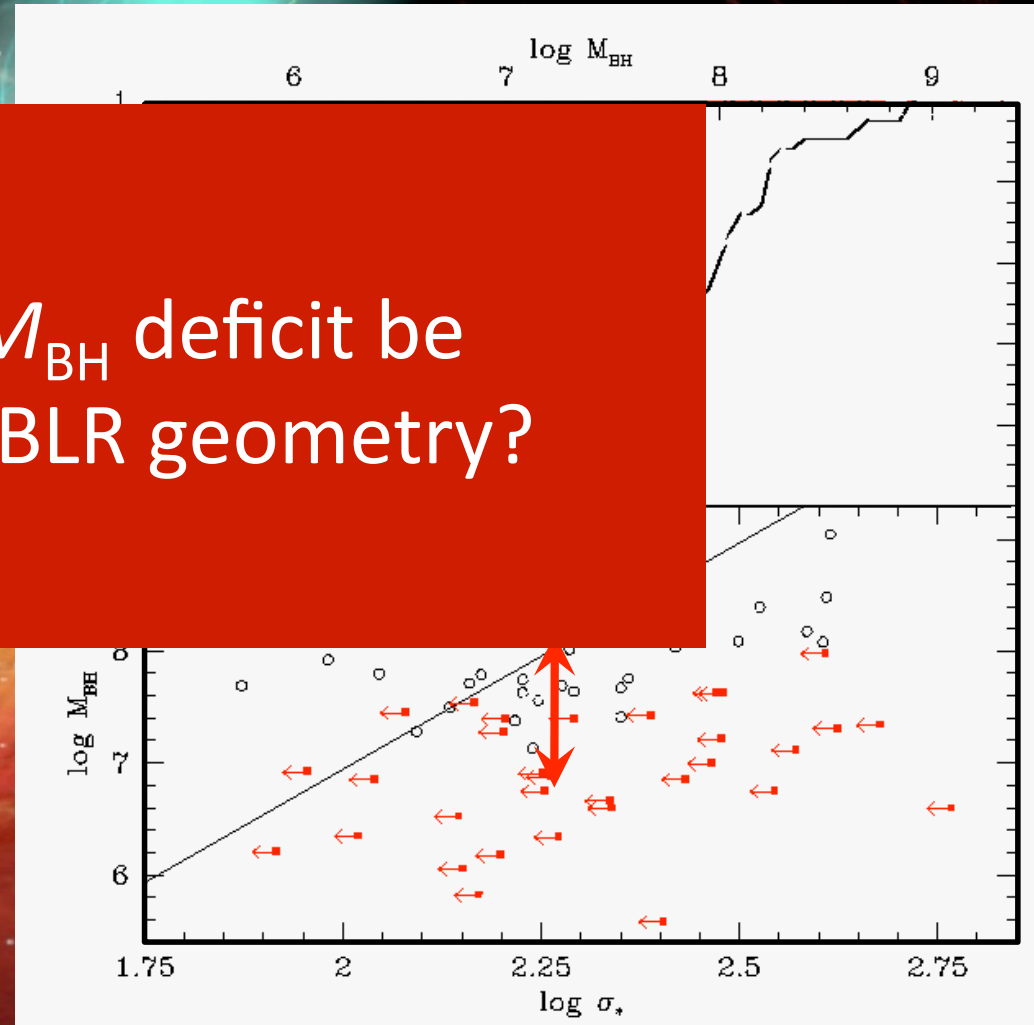
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The “ M_{BH} deficit” in NLS1

Black hole masses correlate with host galaxy σ_* , mass, luminosity



Can the M_{BH} deficit be due to the BLR geometry?



Gultekin et al. (2009)

Grupe & M... (2008)

- Similar AGN Luminosity
- Similar host galaxy size
- Adopting $f = \sqrt{3}/2$, BH masses are 1 dex smaller!
- Consequently, L/L_{Edd} are higher

Decarli et al. (2008)

Clues from NLS1 statistics

See also
T. Fischer's
poster and
M. Crenshaw's
talk!

Continuous trends from "normal" Sey1 to NLS1
Blazar-like properties of some NLS1 nuclei: CSS radio emission (Dawei Xu's talk), polarization (Marcello Giroletti's talk), GeV emission (Luigi Foschini's talk), variability (various Tuesday talks)...

Do NLS1 have flat BLR seen pole-on?

NLS1 are $\sim 15\%$ of the "normal" Seyfert 1
15% of the solid angle $\Rightarrow \vartheta_c \approx 18$ deg

$$f = \frac{1}{2 \sqrt{\sin^2 \vartheta + (H/R)^2}}$$

$$\vartheta < \vartheta_c : \langle f \rangle = 2.5 - 3.8$$

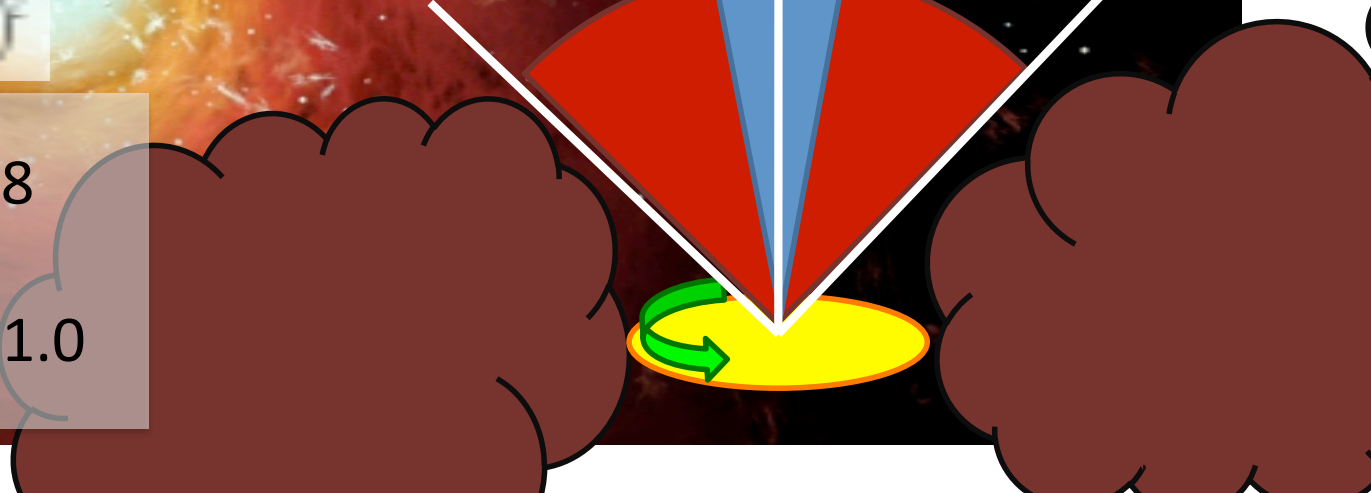
$$\vartheta_c < \vartheta < \vartheta_{\max} : \langle f \rangle = 1.0$$

NLS1

Sey1

ϑ_c

ϑ_{\max}



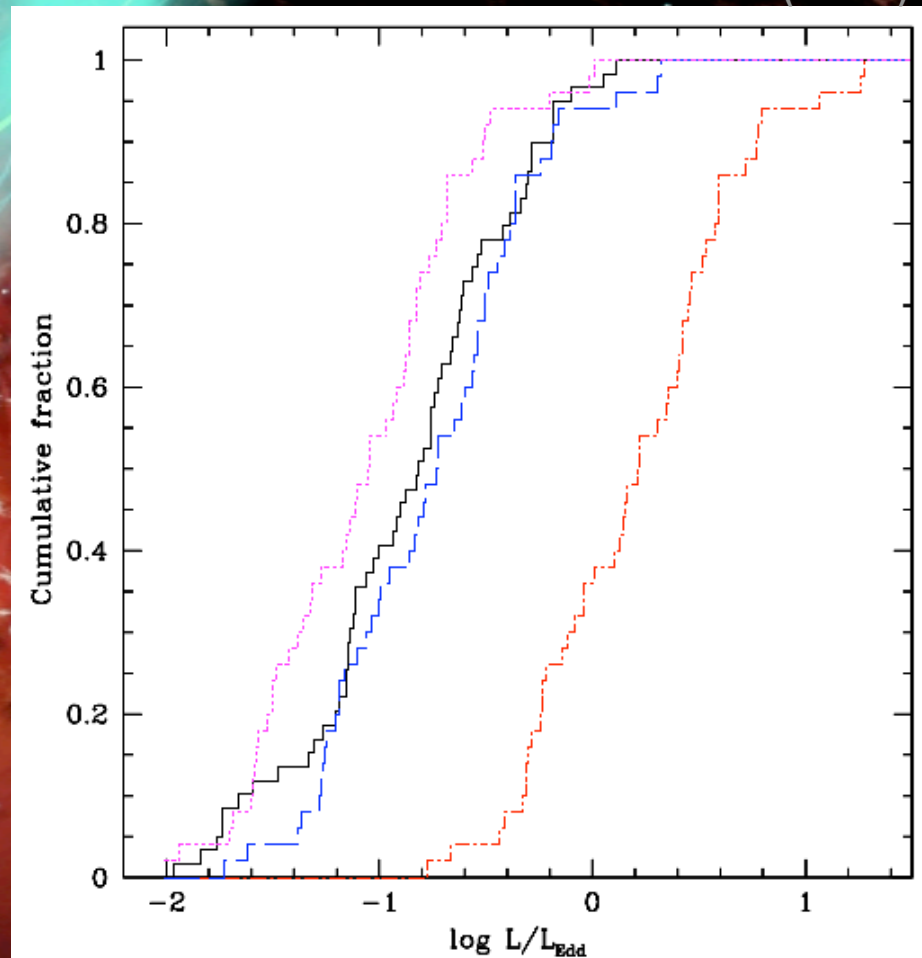
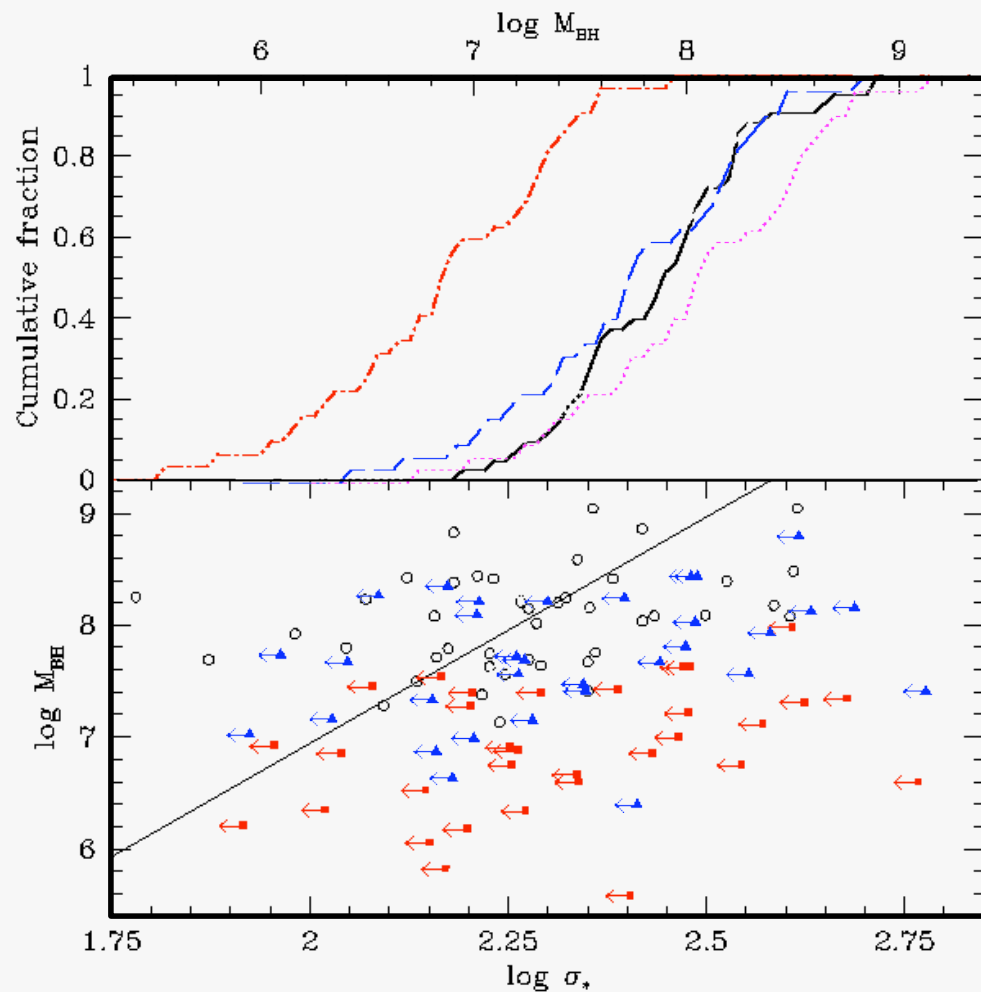
A cosmic conspiracy?

Once corrected for the new geometrical factor:

M_{BH} are consistent with the $M_{\text{BH}} - \sigma_*$

L/L_{Edd} are also consistent with those of normal Seyfert 1

Decarli et al. (2008)



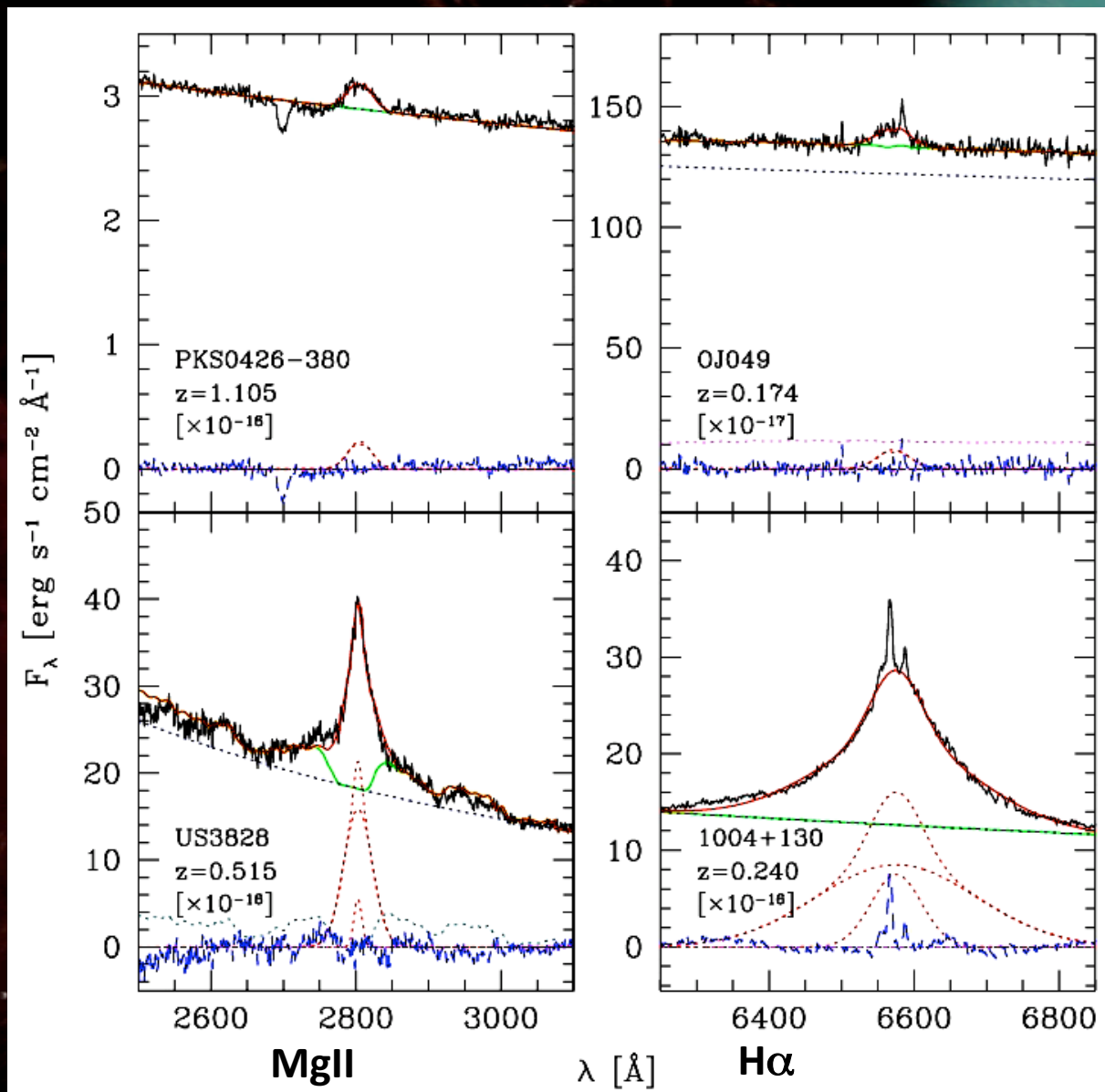


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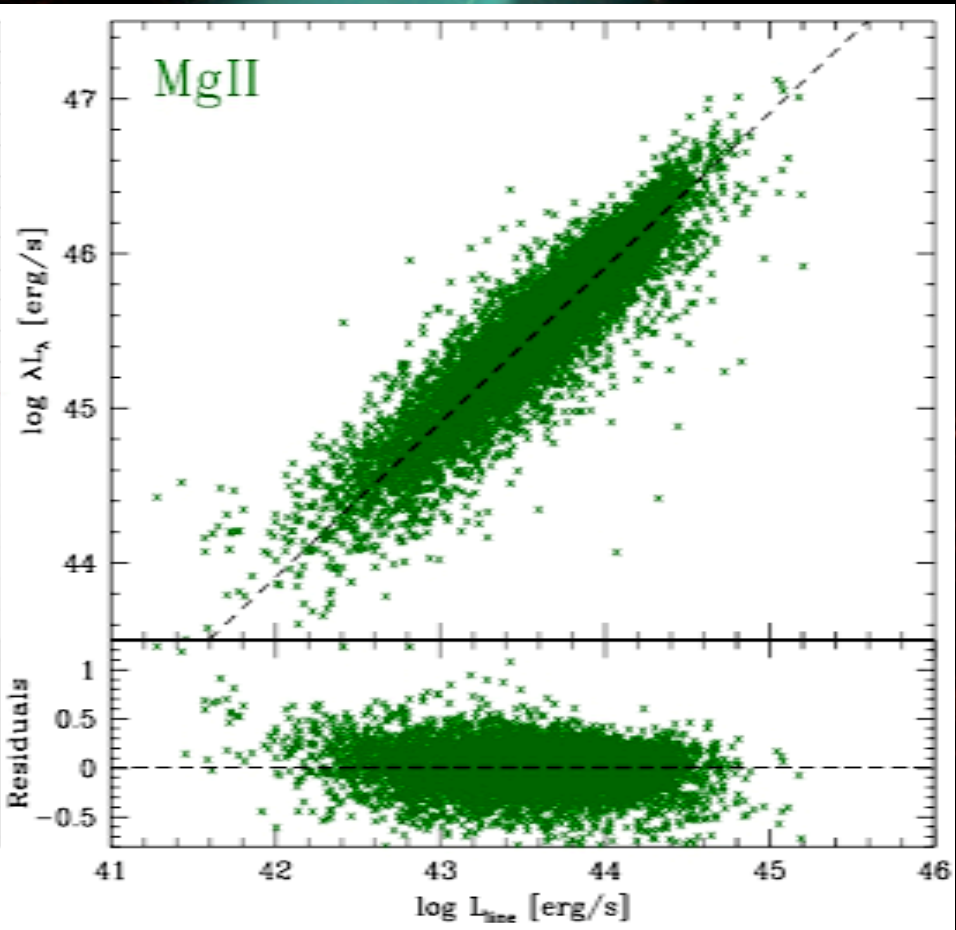
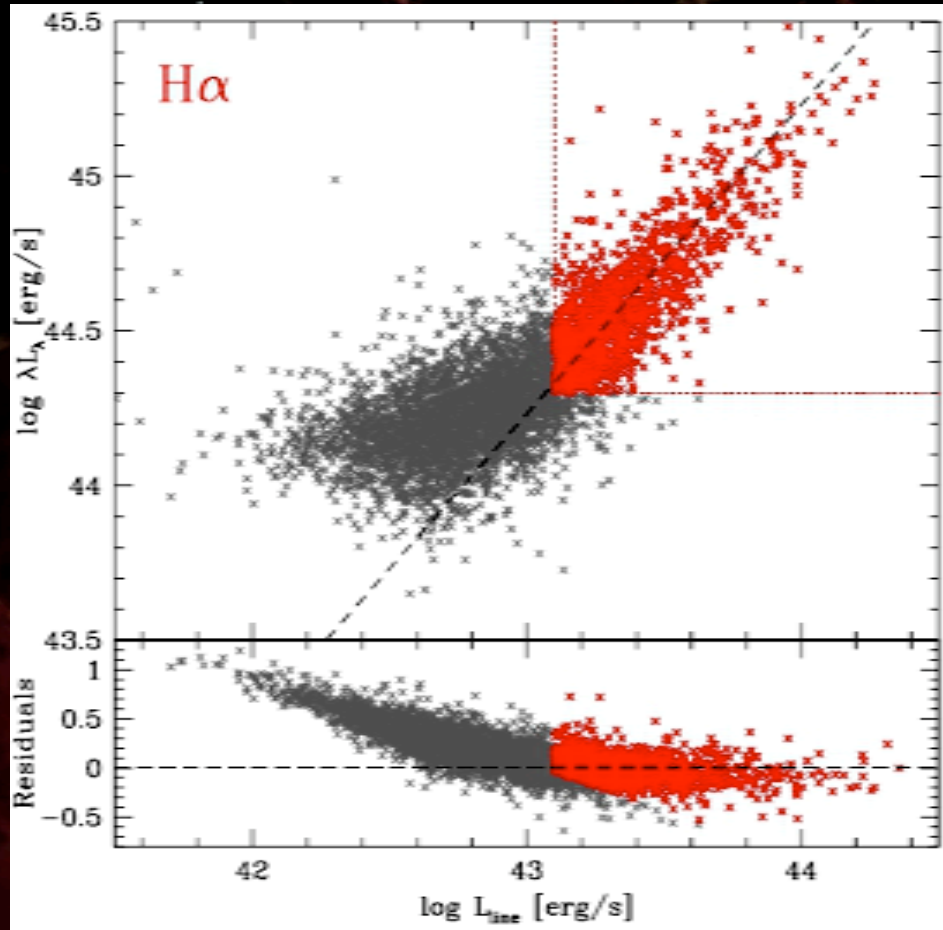
The realm of small inclination angles



$$f = \frac{1}{2 \sqrt{\sin^2 \vartheta + (H/R)^2}}$$

Jet pointing
towards us, i.e.,
small ϑ

We select BL Lac,
Blazars and quasars
with detected broad
lines and resolved
host galaxies



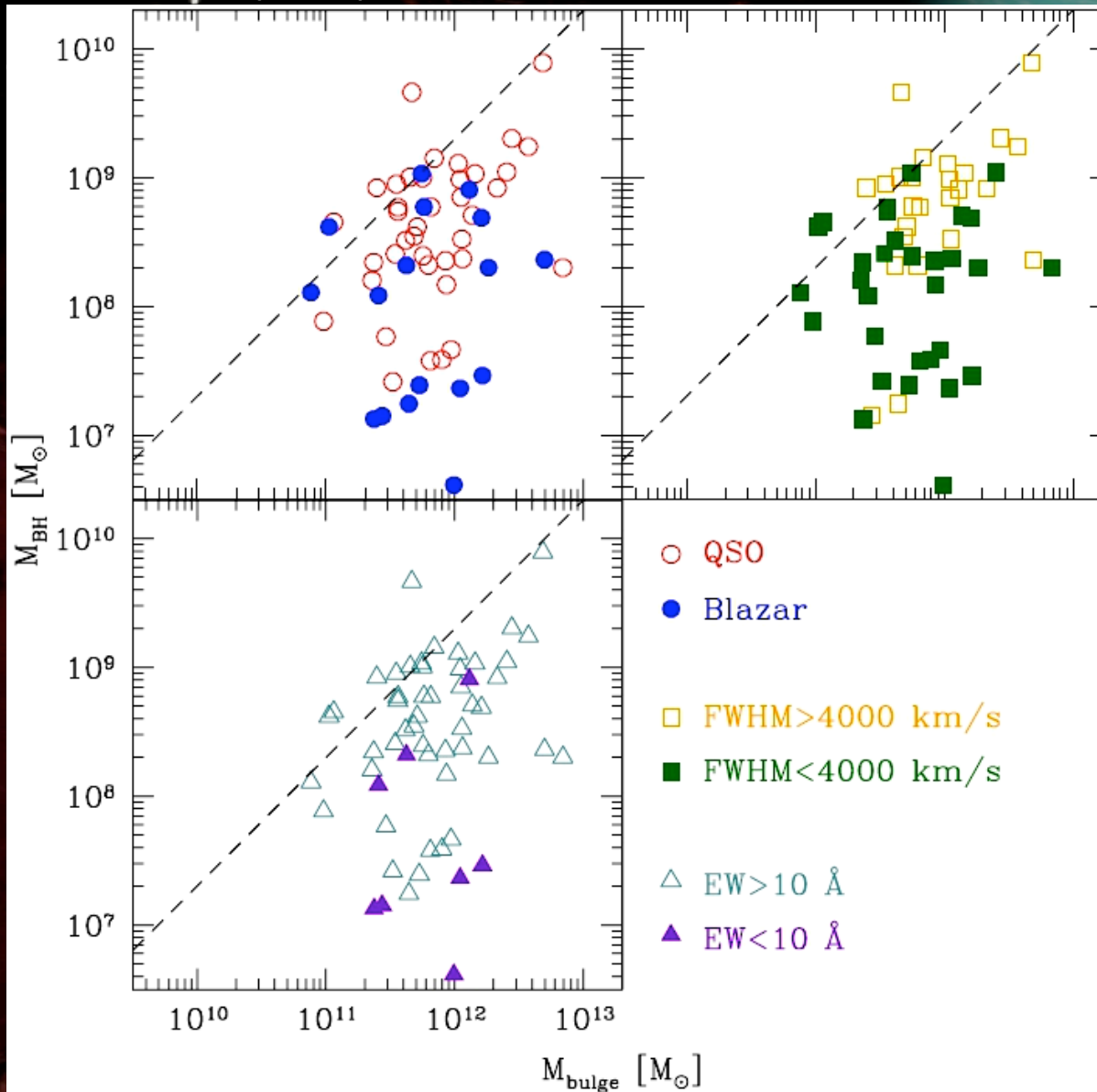
$$\left\langle \log \frac{\lambda L_\lambda (5100 \text{ Ang})}{L_{\text{line}} (H\alpha)} \right\rangle = 1.23 \pm 0.14$$

$$\left\langle \log \frac{\lambda L_\lambda (3000 \text{ Ang})}{L_{\text{line}} (MgII)} \right\rangle = 1.91 \pm 0.26$$

see also Vestergaard & Peterson (2006)

M_{BH} , f , FWHM & EW

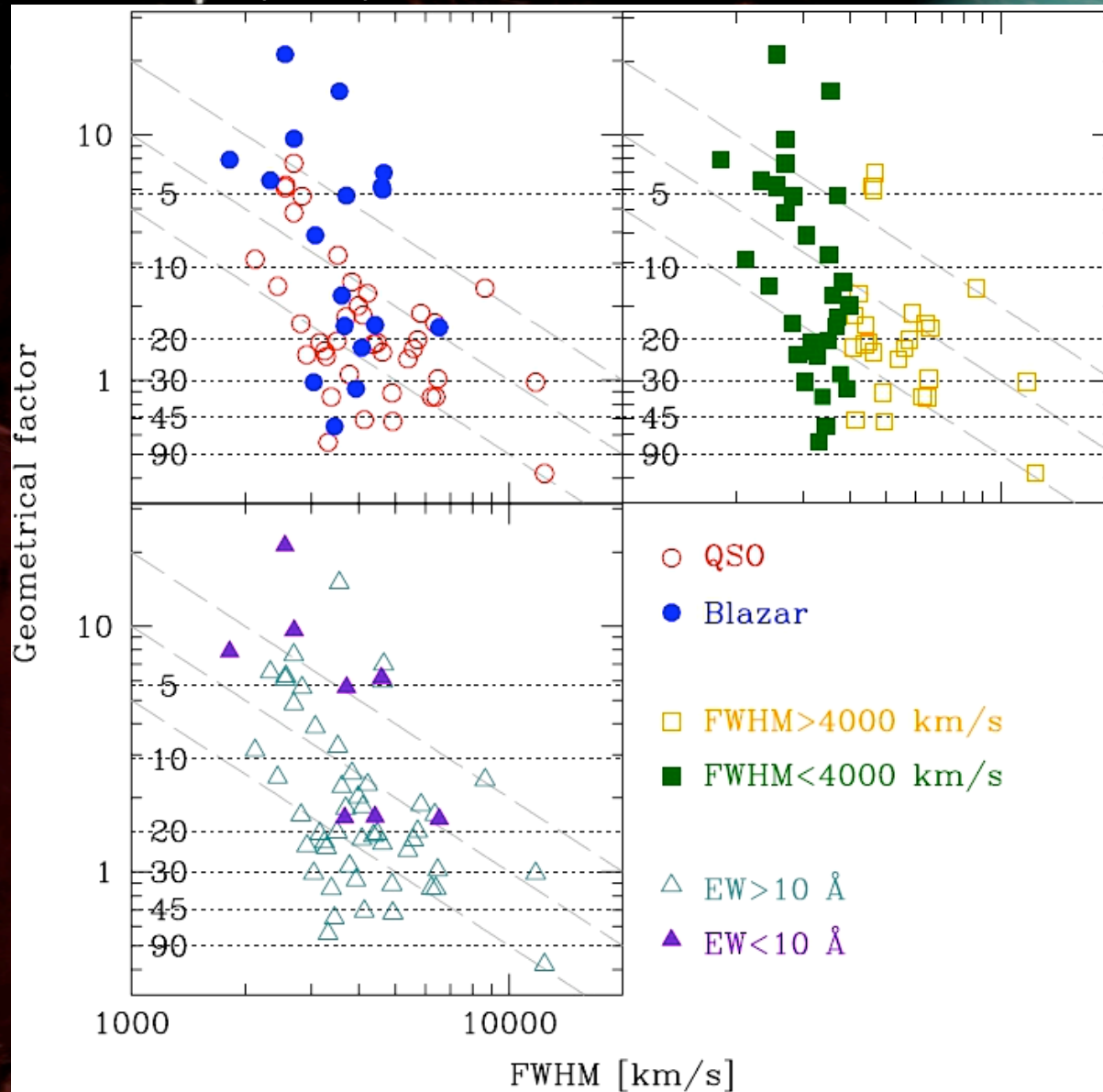
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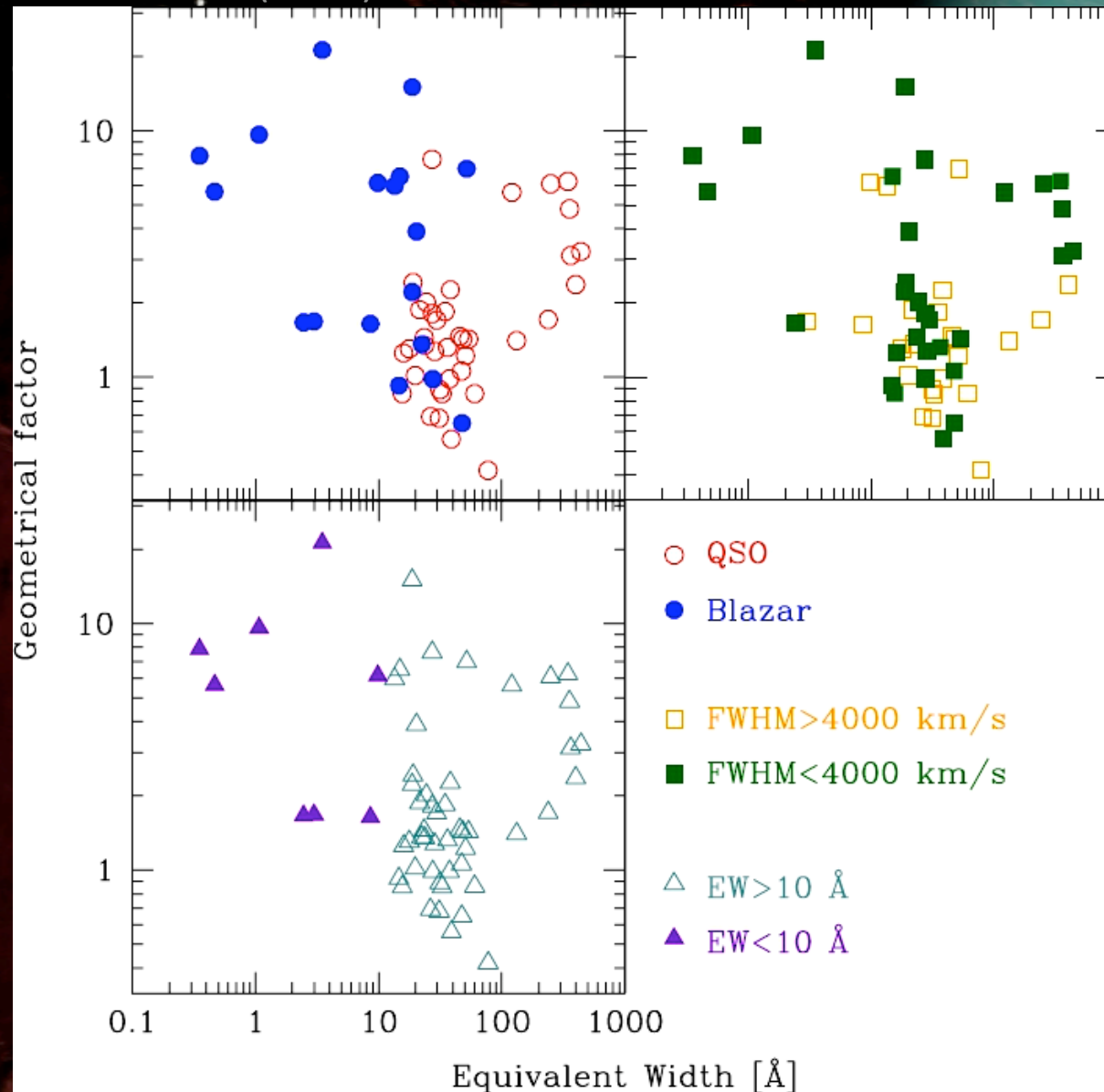
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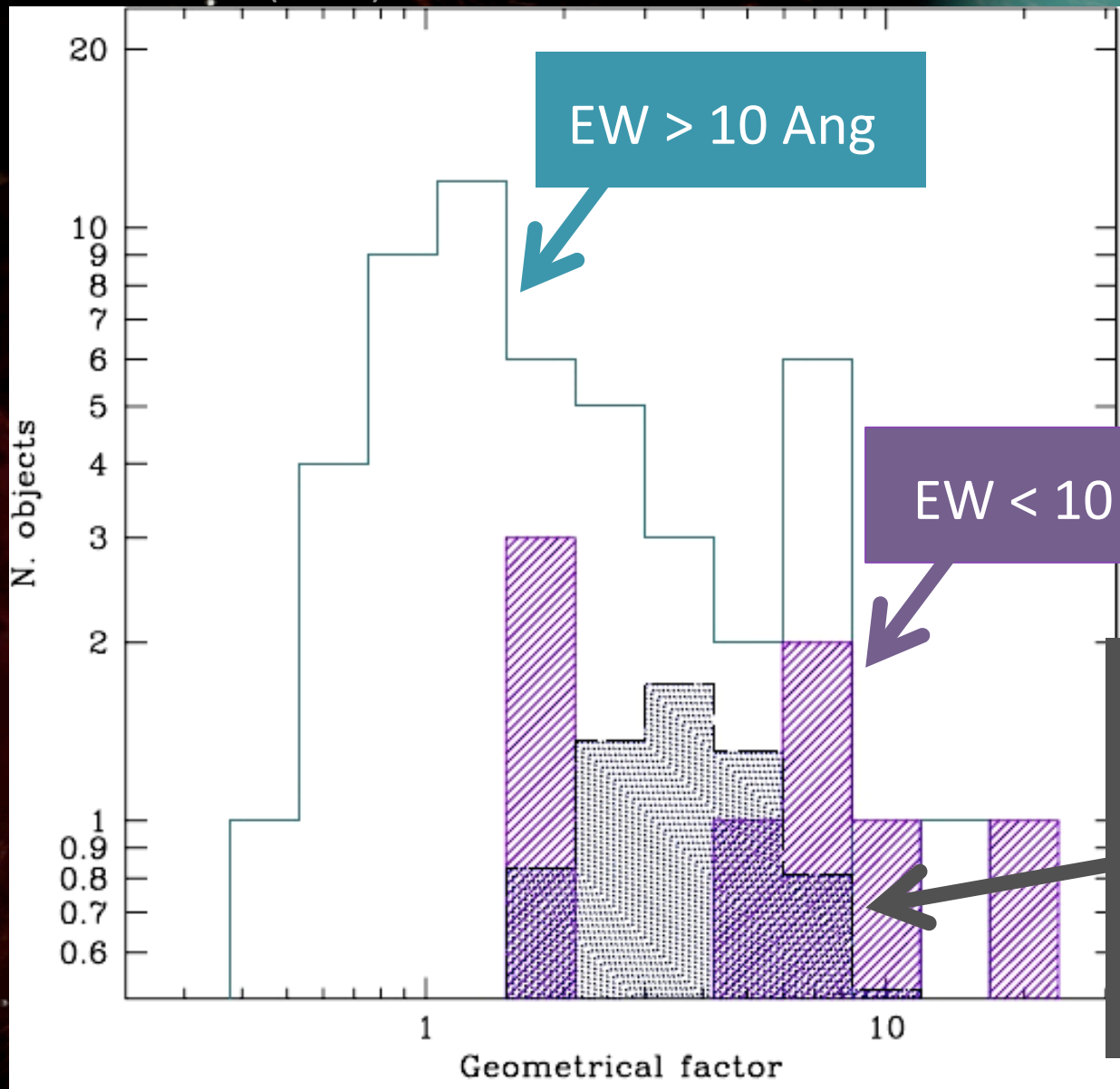
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- f also depends on the line EW

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Expected distr. for:
 $\vartheta < 10$ deg
 $\sigma_{\vartheta} = 10$ deg
 $H/R = 0$

ends on



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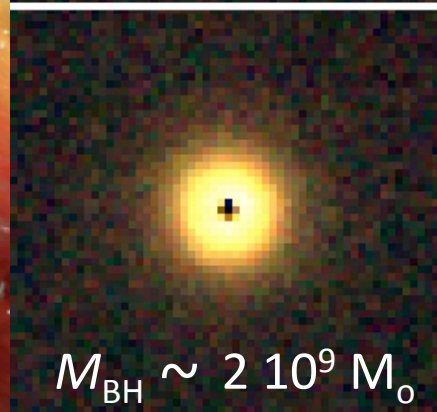
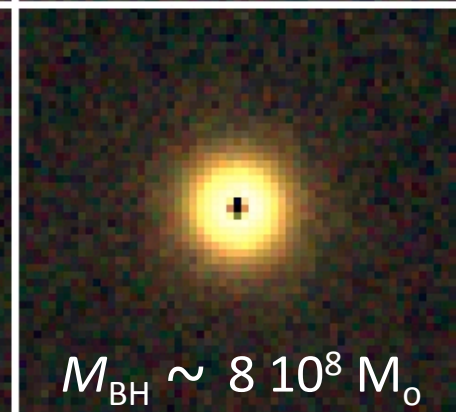
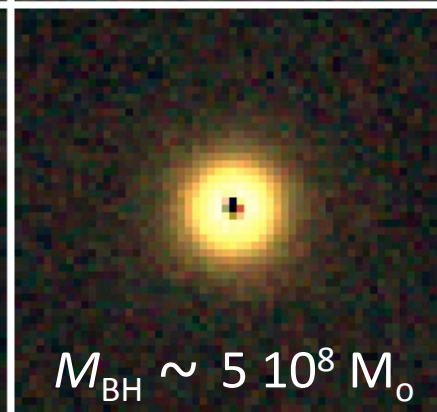
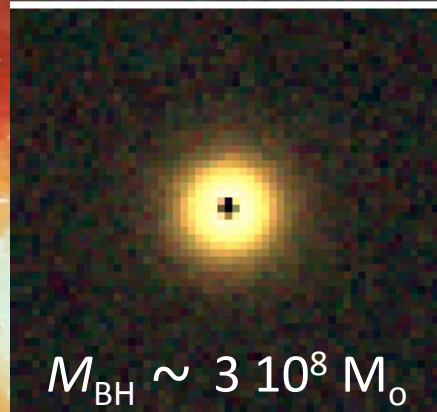
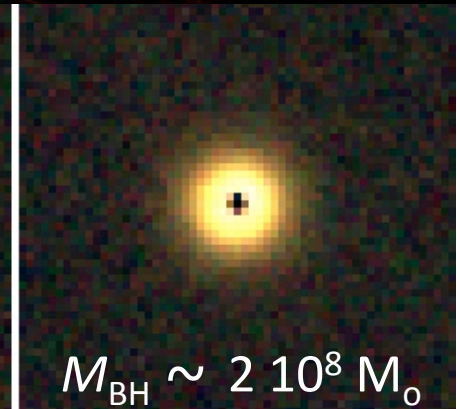
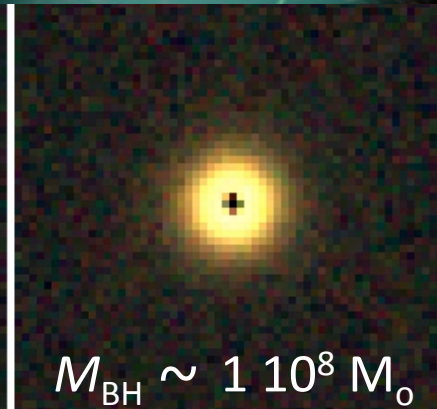
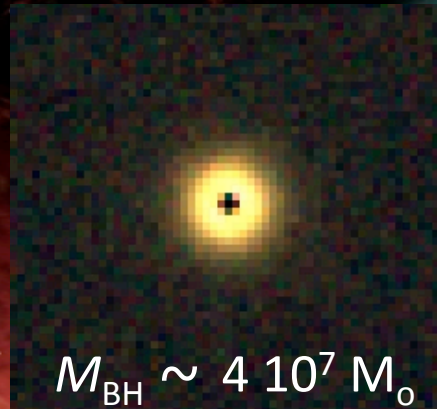
Quasar host from stacking of SDSS images

We study quasar host galaxies from stacked SDSS images in *griz*

~ 45,000 quasars at $0.3 < z < 1.3$

1 TB of processed data

Stacked quasar images, stacked stars, net images, galfit fits



$0.3 < z < 0.4$

~ 400 objects per bin



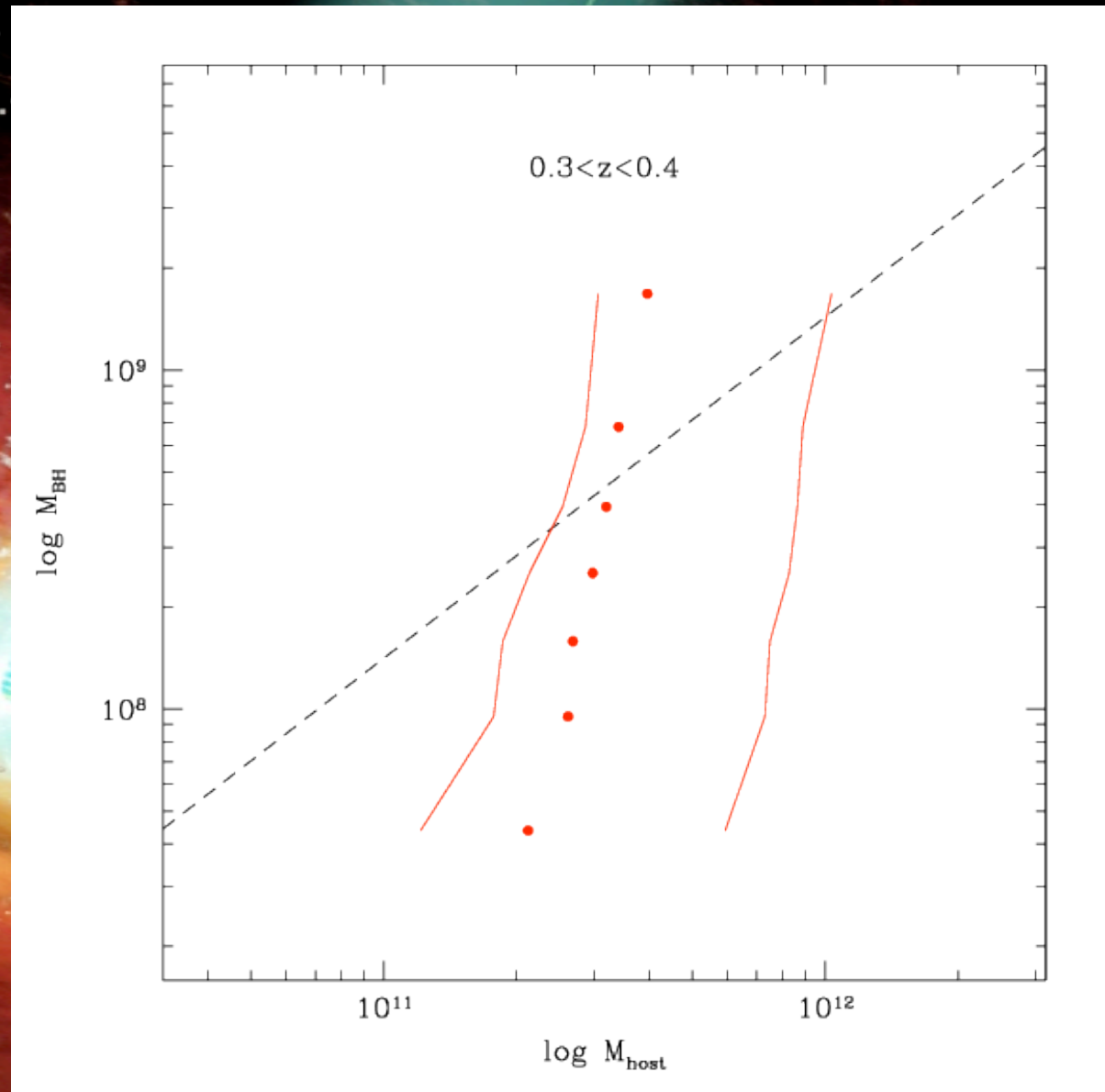
Zibetti & Decarli (2011?)

The $M_{\text{BH}}/M_{\text{host}}$ relation at $z > 0$

The virial BH masses are only mildly correlated to the host galaxies!

But the relation *SHOULD* be in place at $0.3 < z < 0.4$...

What breaks the $M_{\text{BH}}/M_{\text{host}}$ relation?

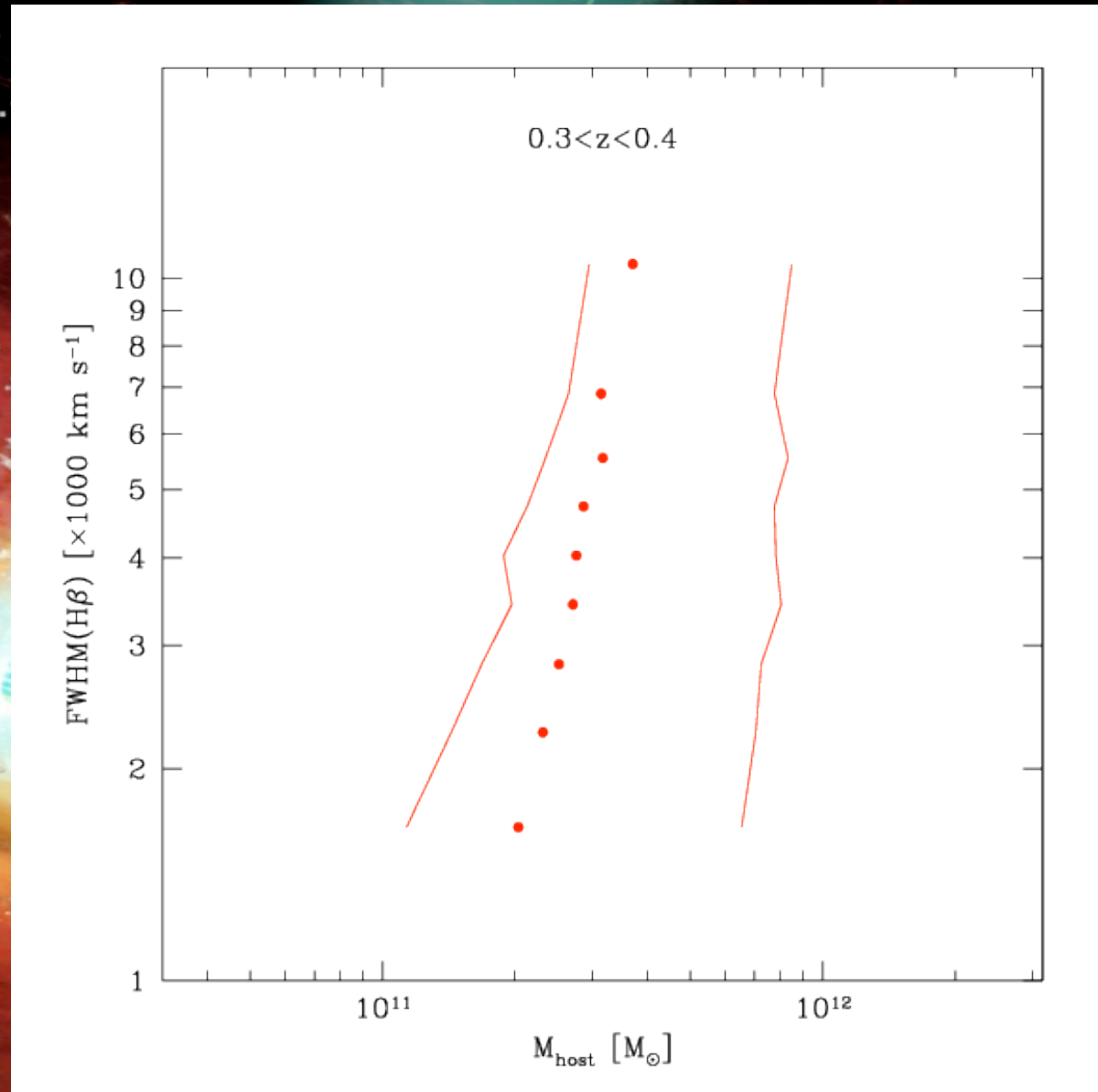


FWHM vs M_{host}

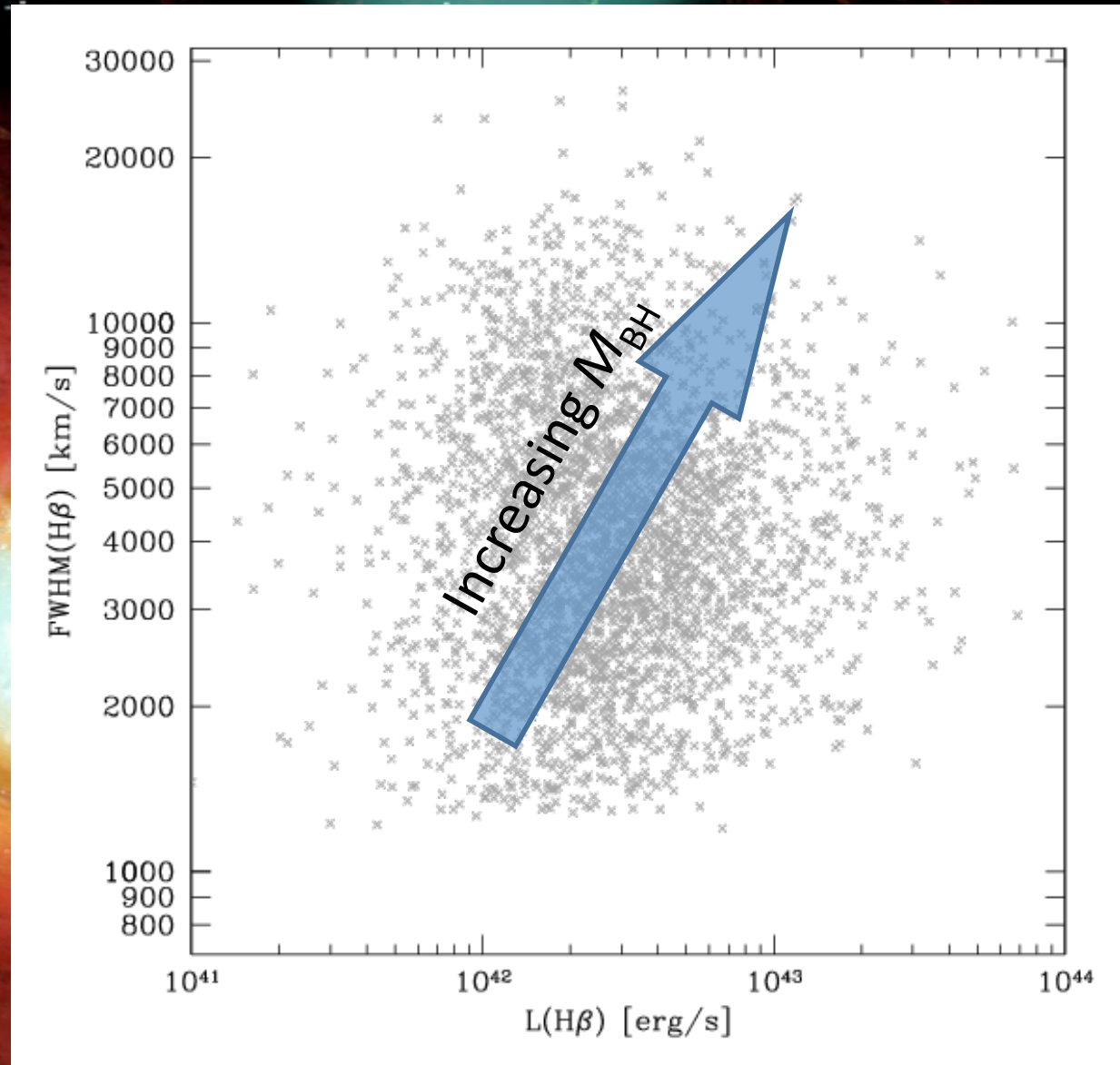
Increasing the FWHM by a factor 7, M_{host} changes by a factor < 2 !

Is FWHM by itself a *poor* tracer of M_{BH} ?

Orientation?

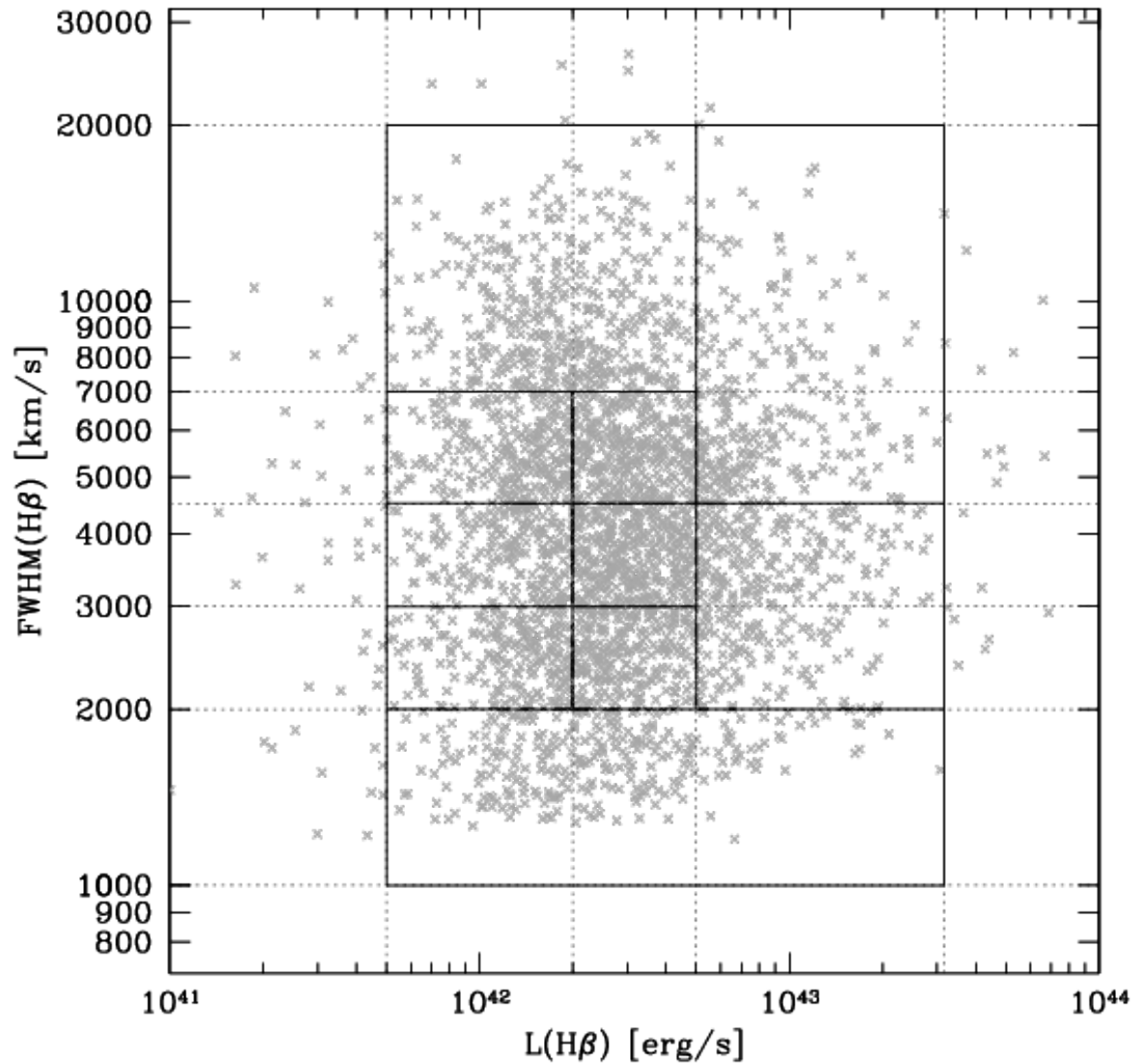


FWHM vs Luminosity vs L_{host}



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We bin in blocks of similar FWHM and line luminosity

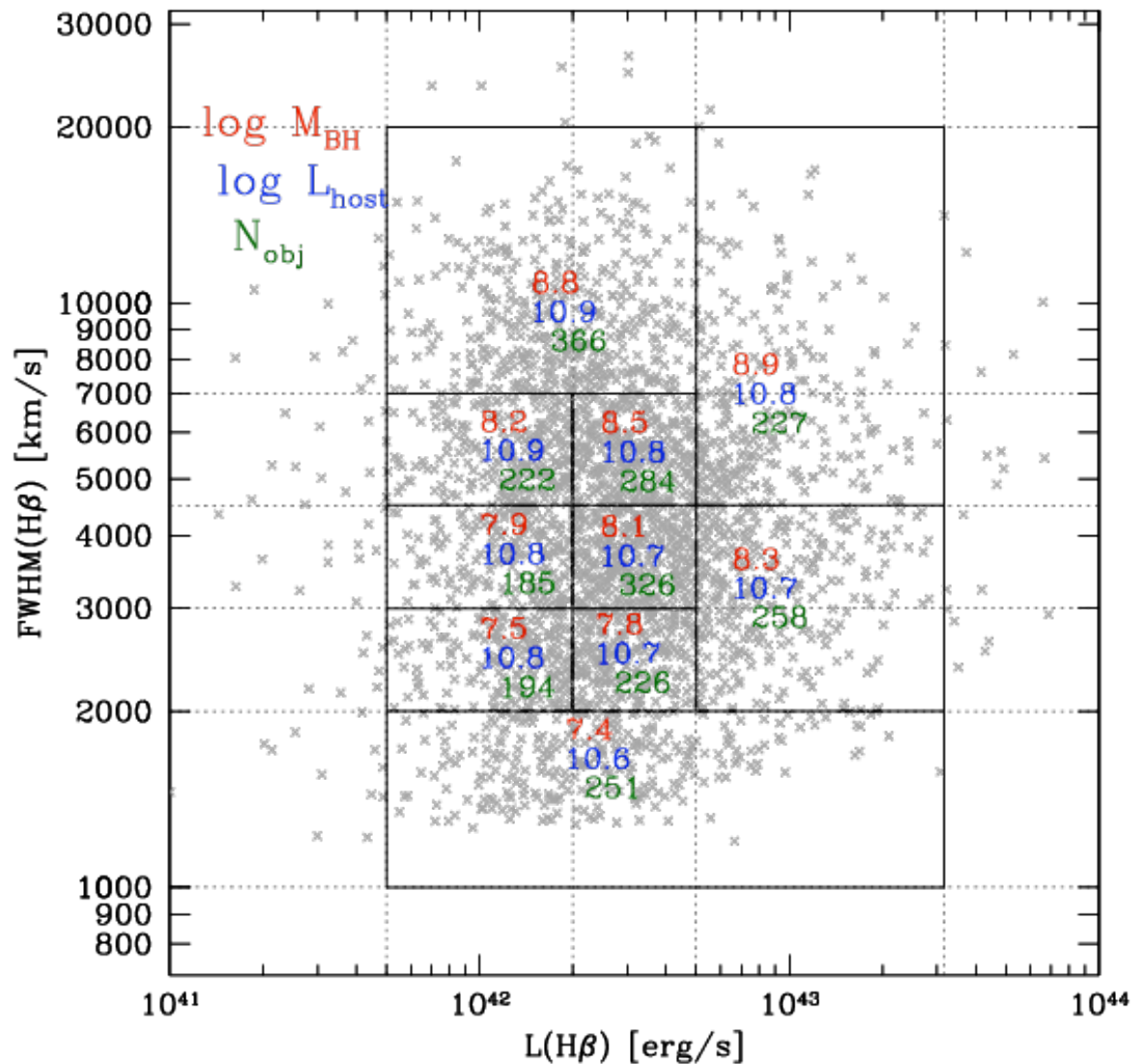


FWHM vs Luminosity vs L_{host}

We bin in blocks of similar FWHM and line luminosity

The virial grows towards the top-right corner

The stacked host luminosity is almost constant



Conclusions

A geometrical factor $f > 1$ is expected for disk-like BLR

This could affect the virial mass estimates in pole-on systems, in particular yielding:

- the “ M_{BH} deficit” and the unusually high L/L_{Edd} in NLS1
- the deviation from the $M_{\text{BH}}/M_{\text{host}}$ relation in blazars
- the lack of correlation between FWHM and L_{host} in low- z quasars from stacking

CAVEATS:

- 1) All these are purely *demographic* approaches
- 2) We *assumed* the M_{BH} –host galaxy relations to be valid for all the AGN
- 3) We don't have any prediction on X-ray, radio, host galaxy SF (see Sani and Orbán de Xivry's talks), etc