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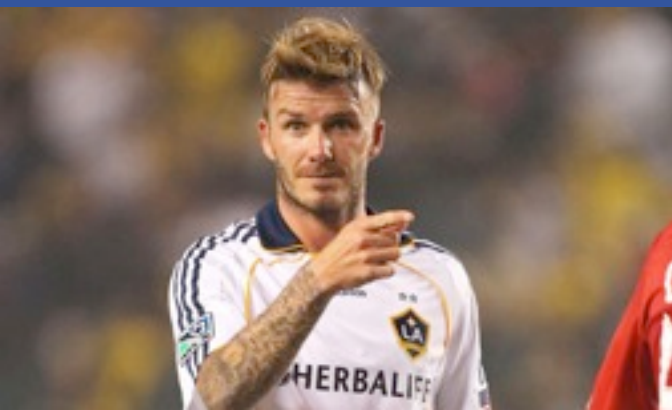
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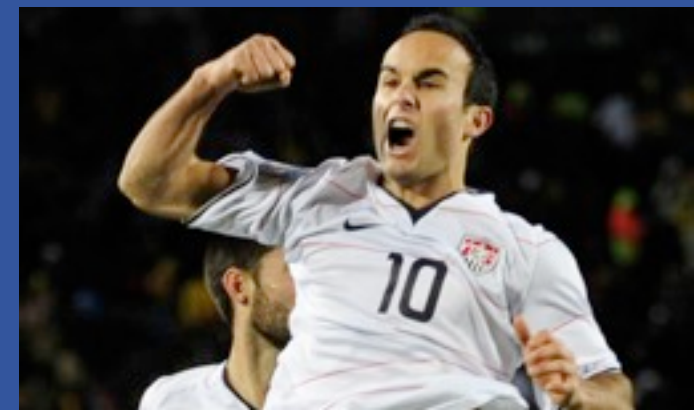


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# Questions

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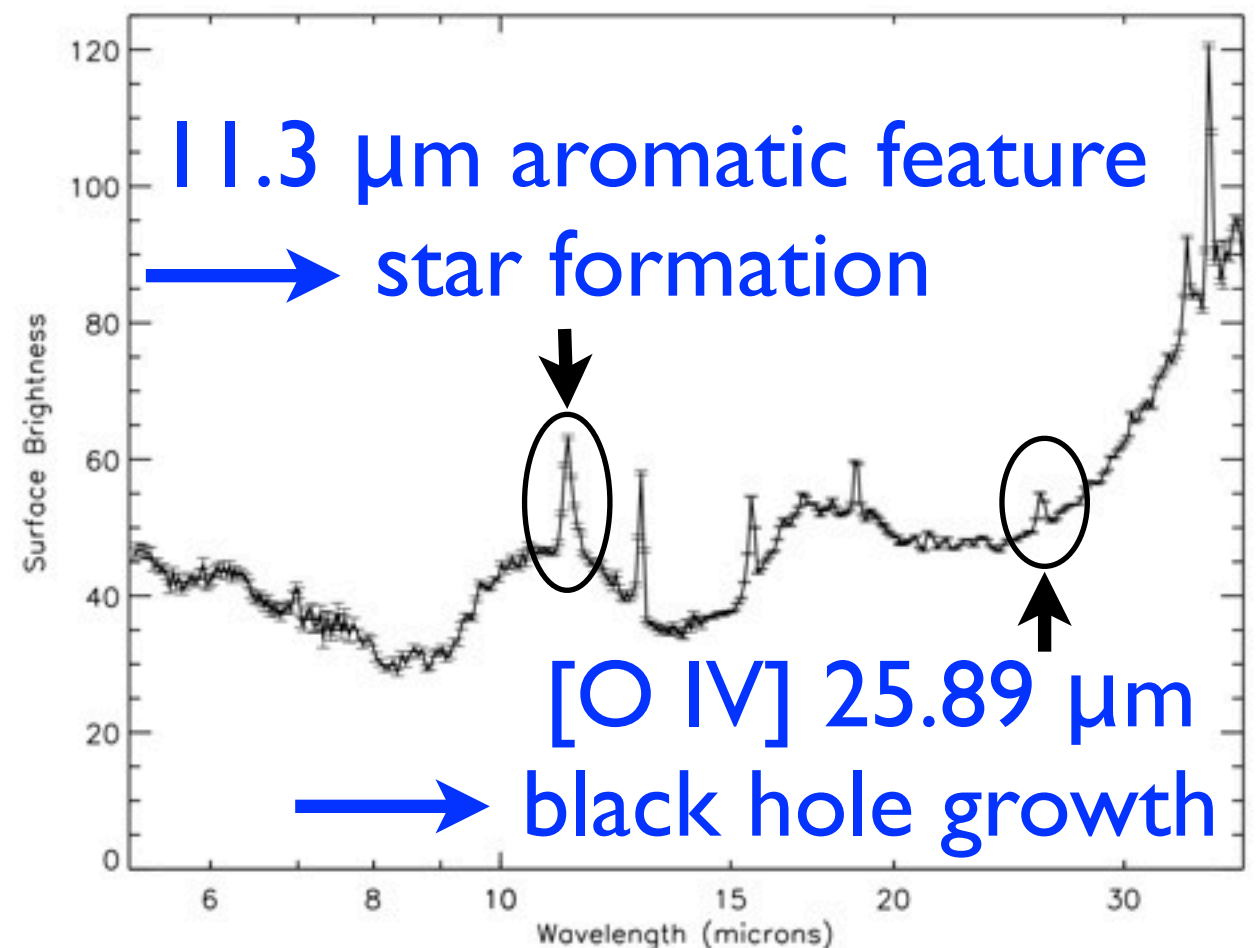


Spiral Galaxy M81

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# How obscured are typical AGNs?

obscuration towards the narrow-line region?

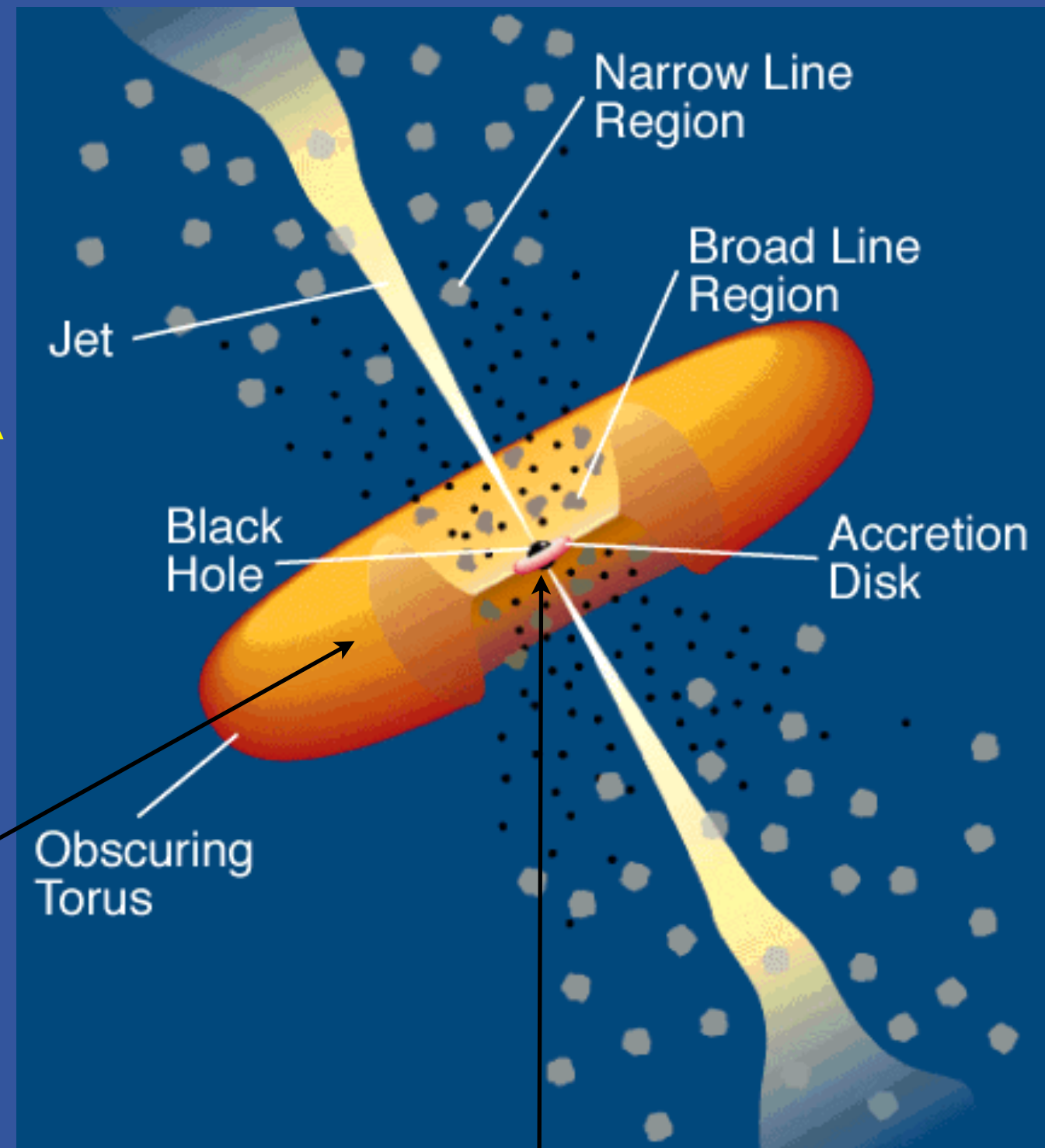
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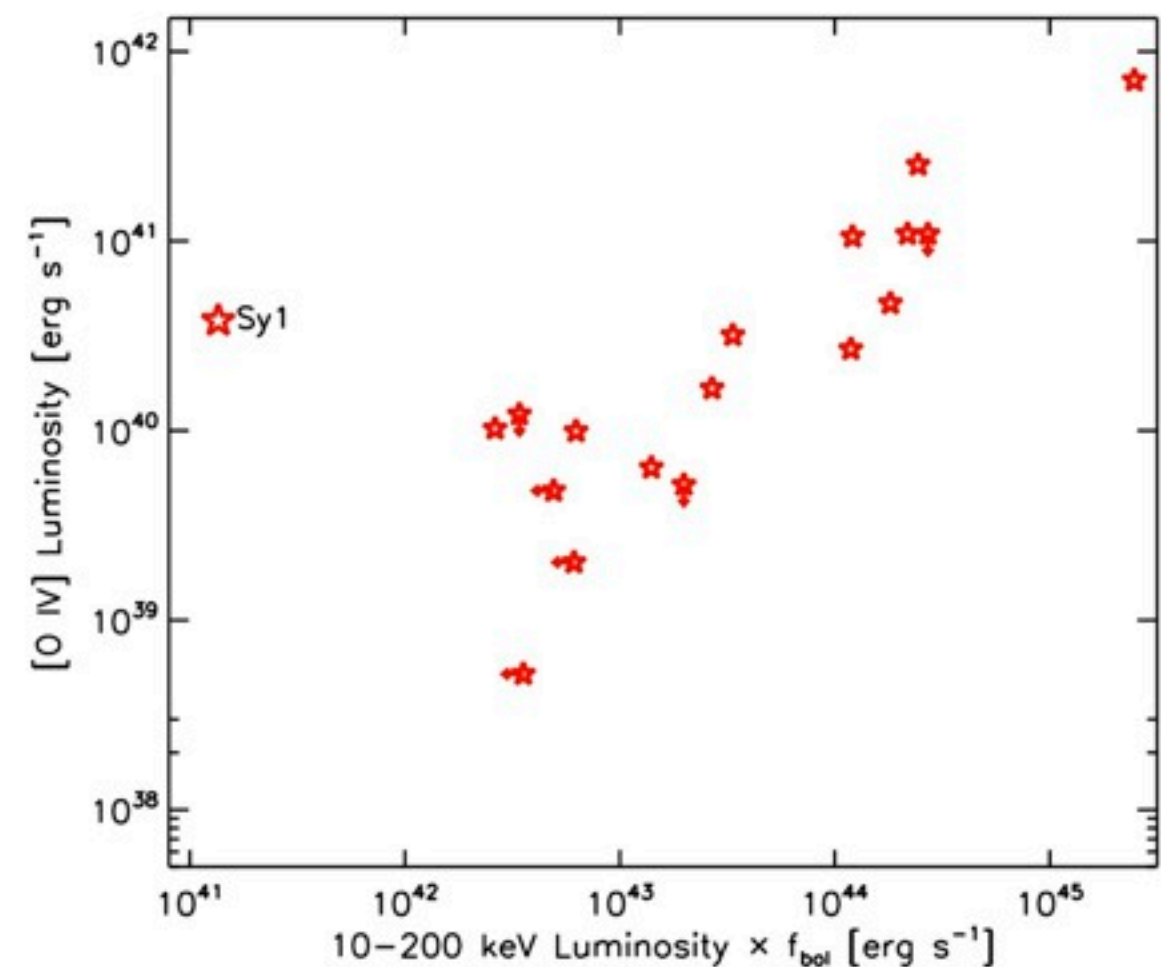
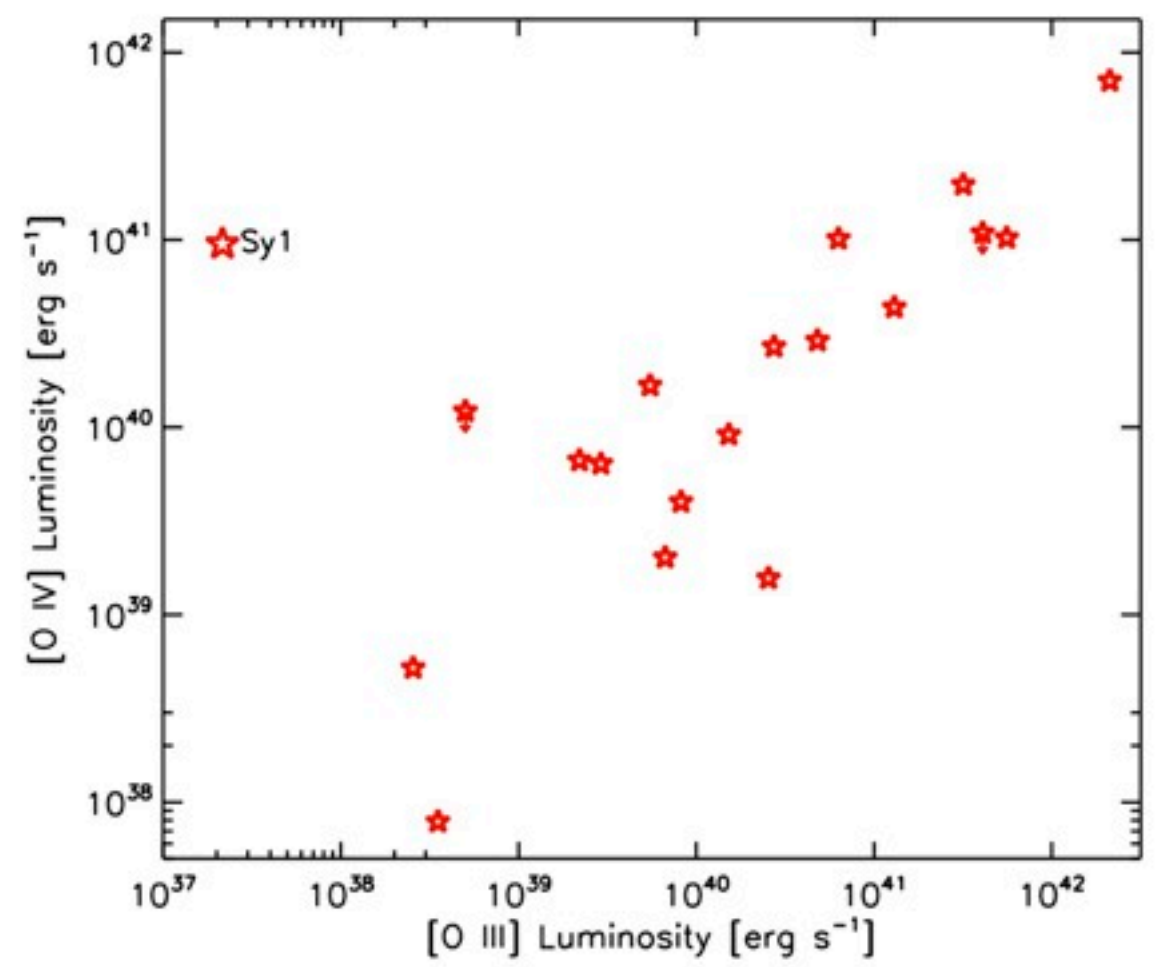
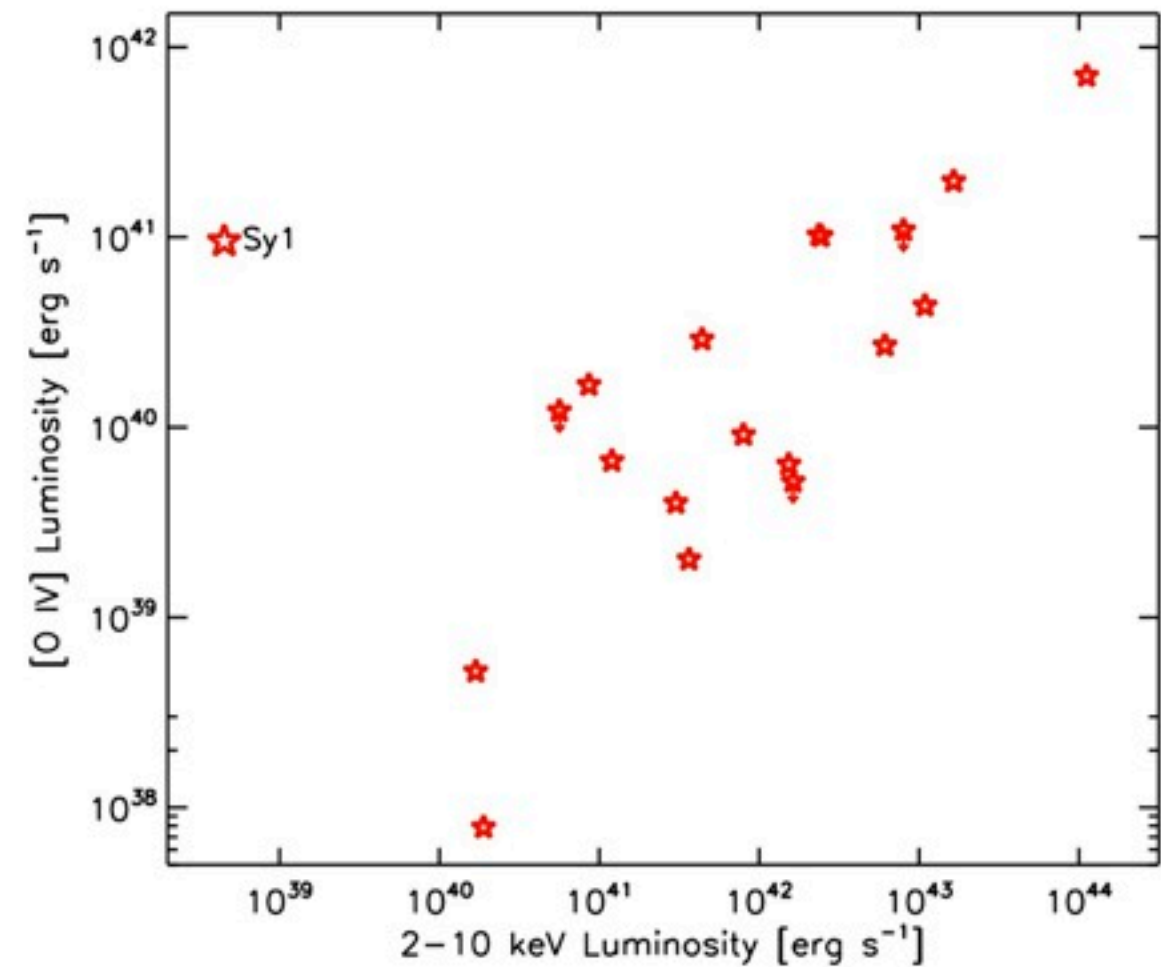
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Seyfert 2 = obscured

Urry & Padovani 1995



Seyfert I = unobscured



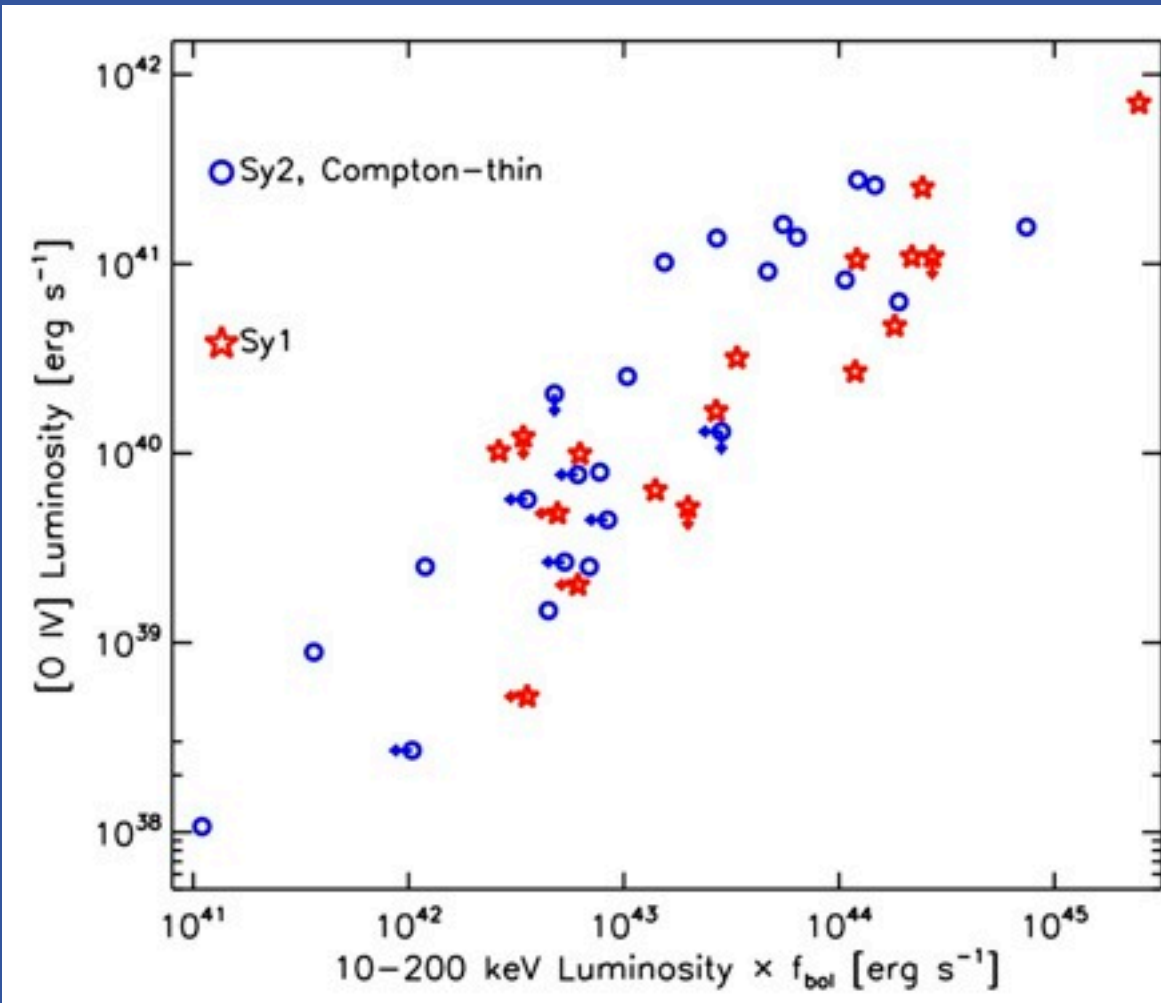
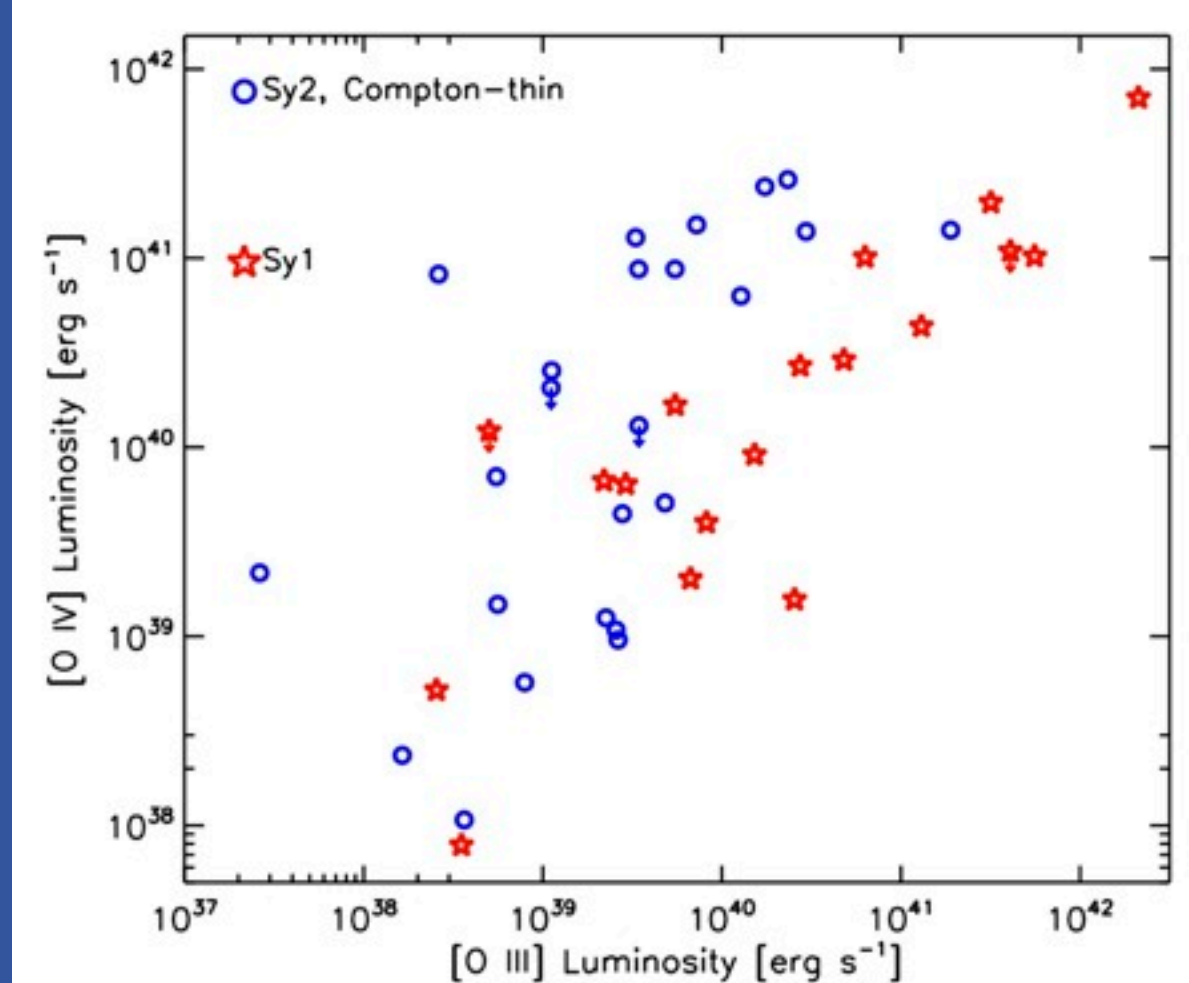
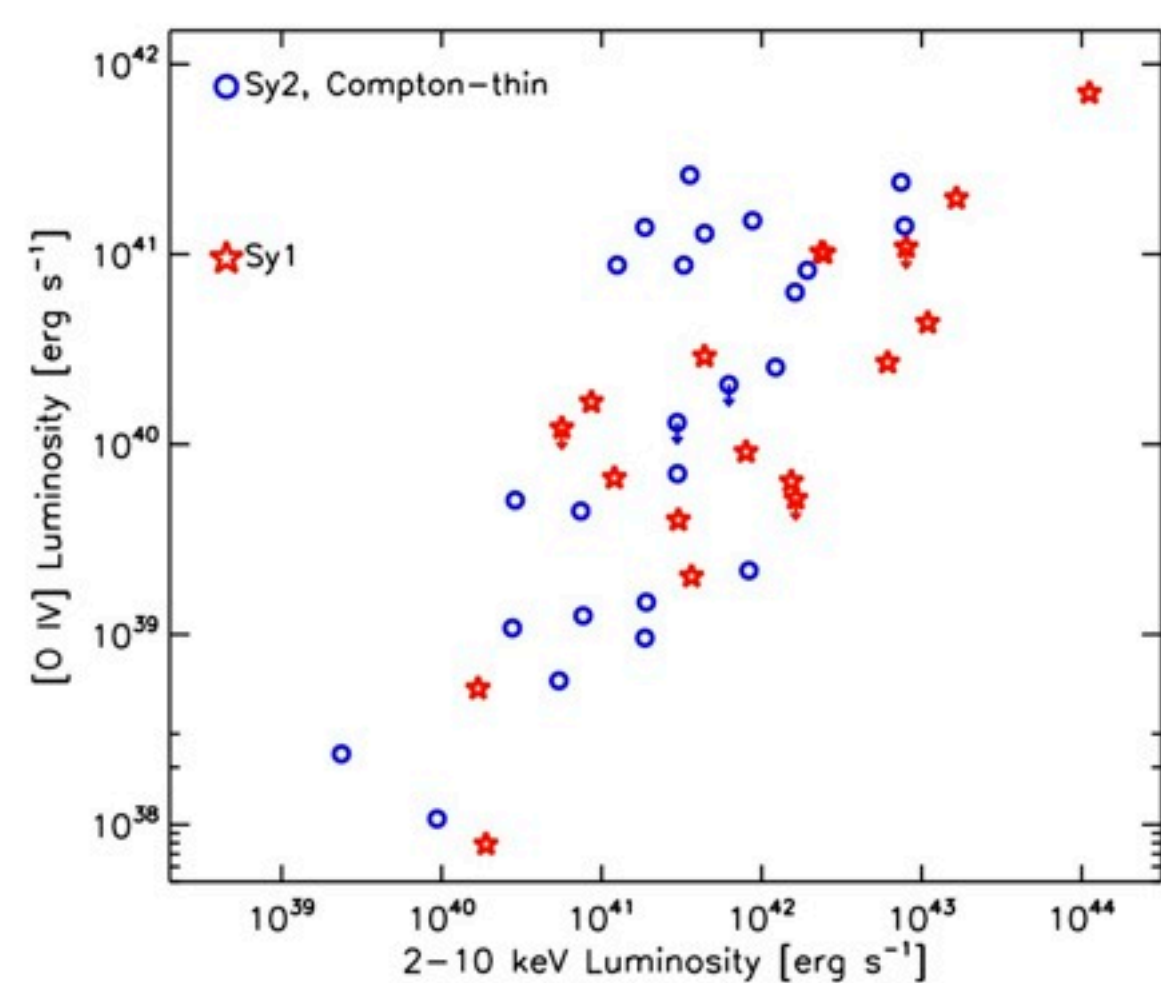
[O IV] v. hard X-rays, [O III]

Diamond-Stanic, Rieke, & Rigby 2009

Rigby, Diamond-Stanic, & Aniano 2009

Sy I: unobscured

see also Hass et al. 2005, Melendez et al. 2008,  
Goulding & Alexander 2009, Baum et al. 2010,  
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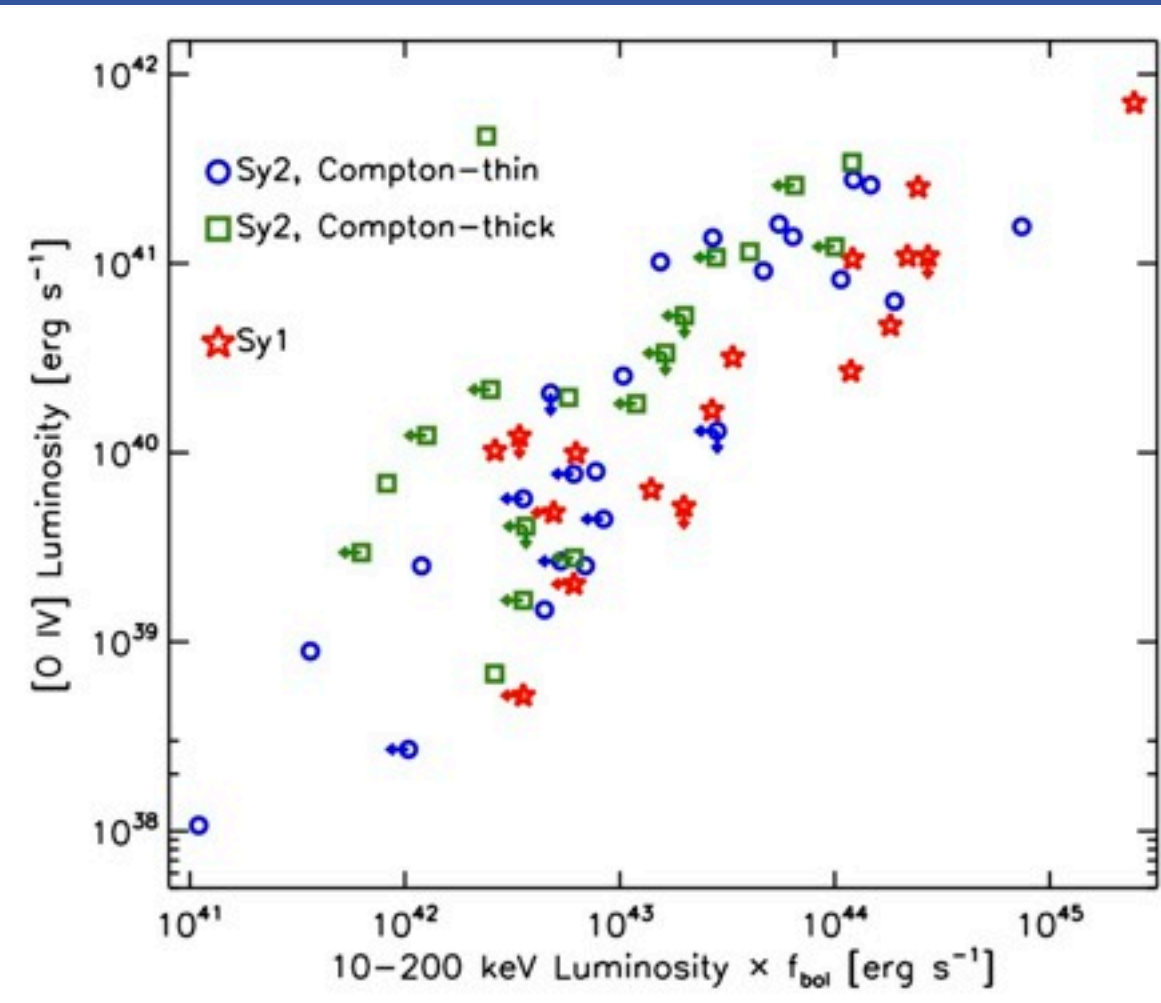
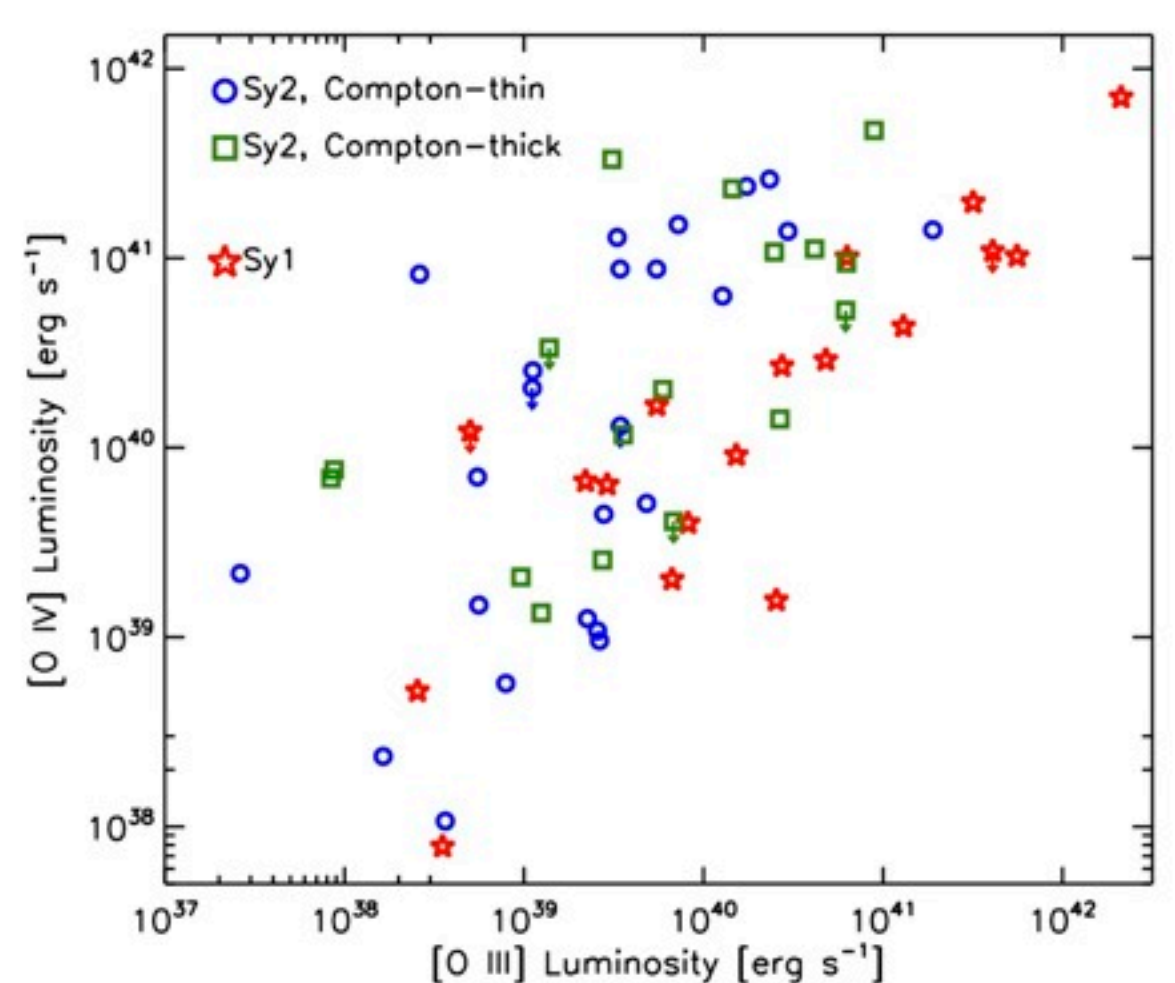
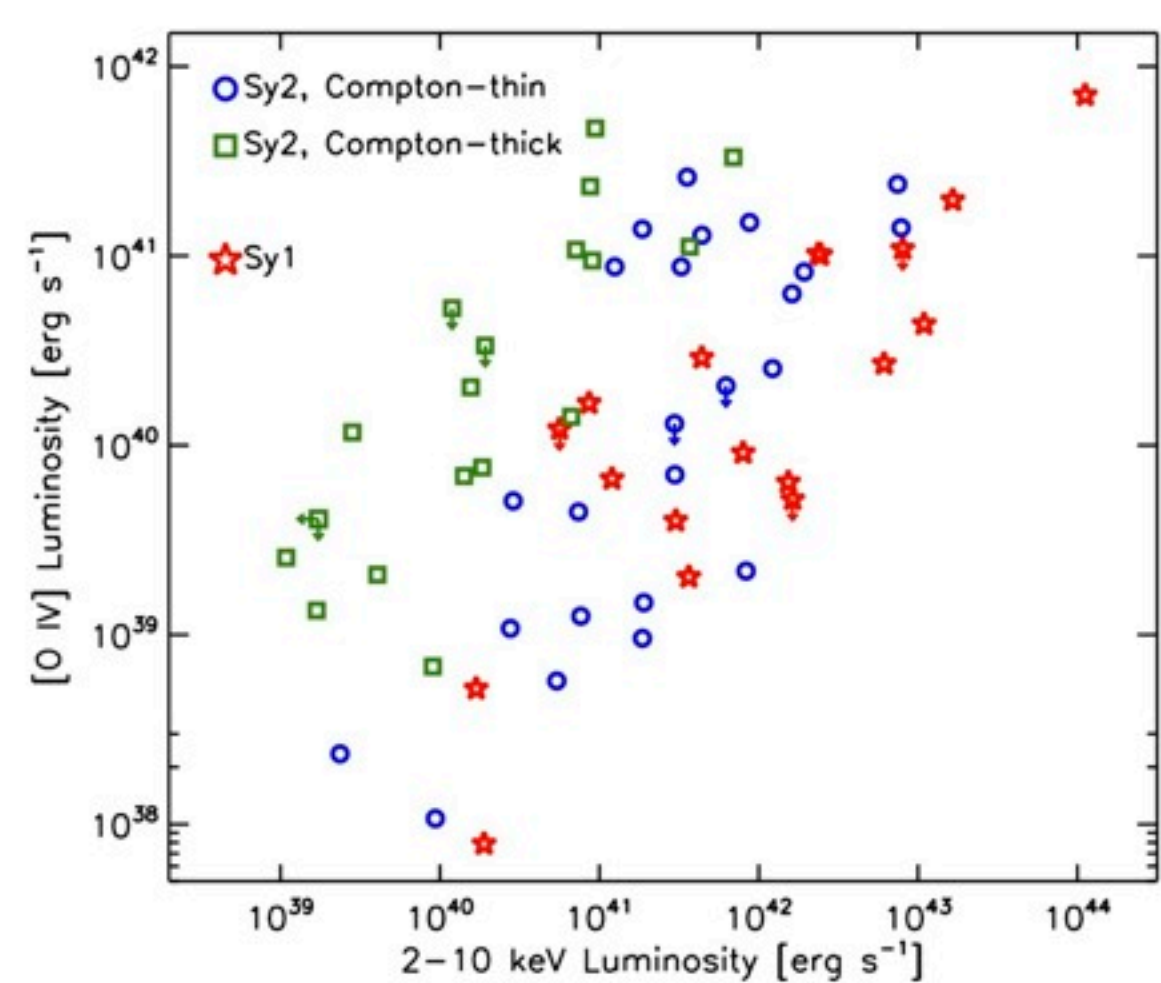
Sy1: unobscured

Sy2: obscured

Compton-thin:  $N_{\text{H}} < 10^{24} \text{ cm}^{-2}$

90 Seyferts from Revised-Shapley Ames sample  
 galaxy-magnitude-limited sample,  $B_{\text{T}} < 13$   
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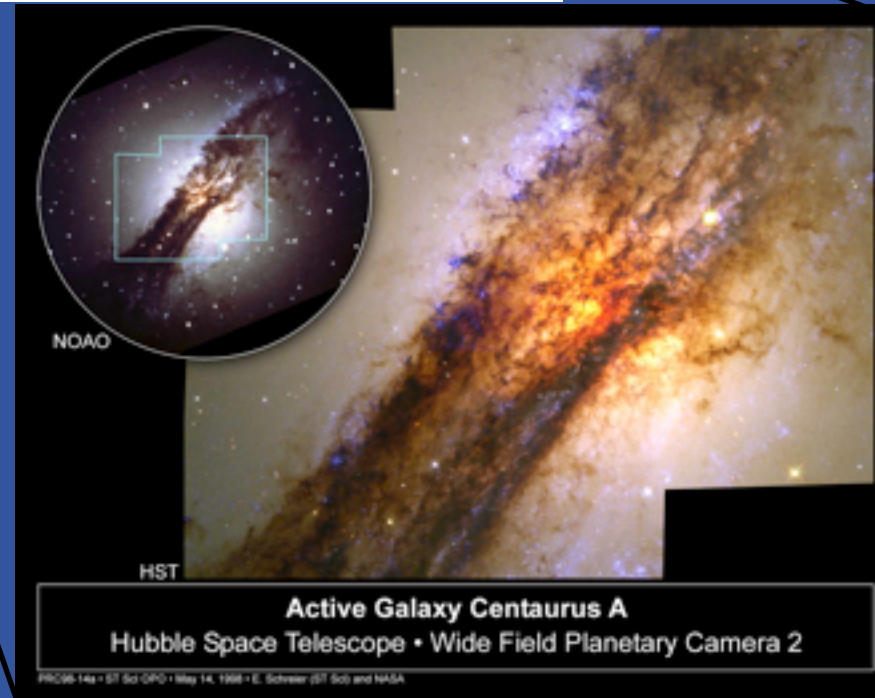
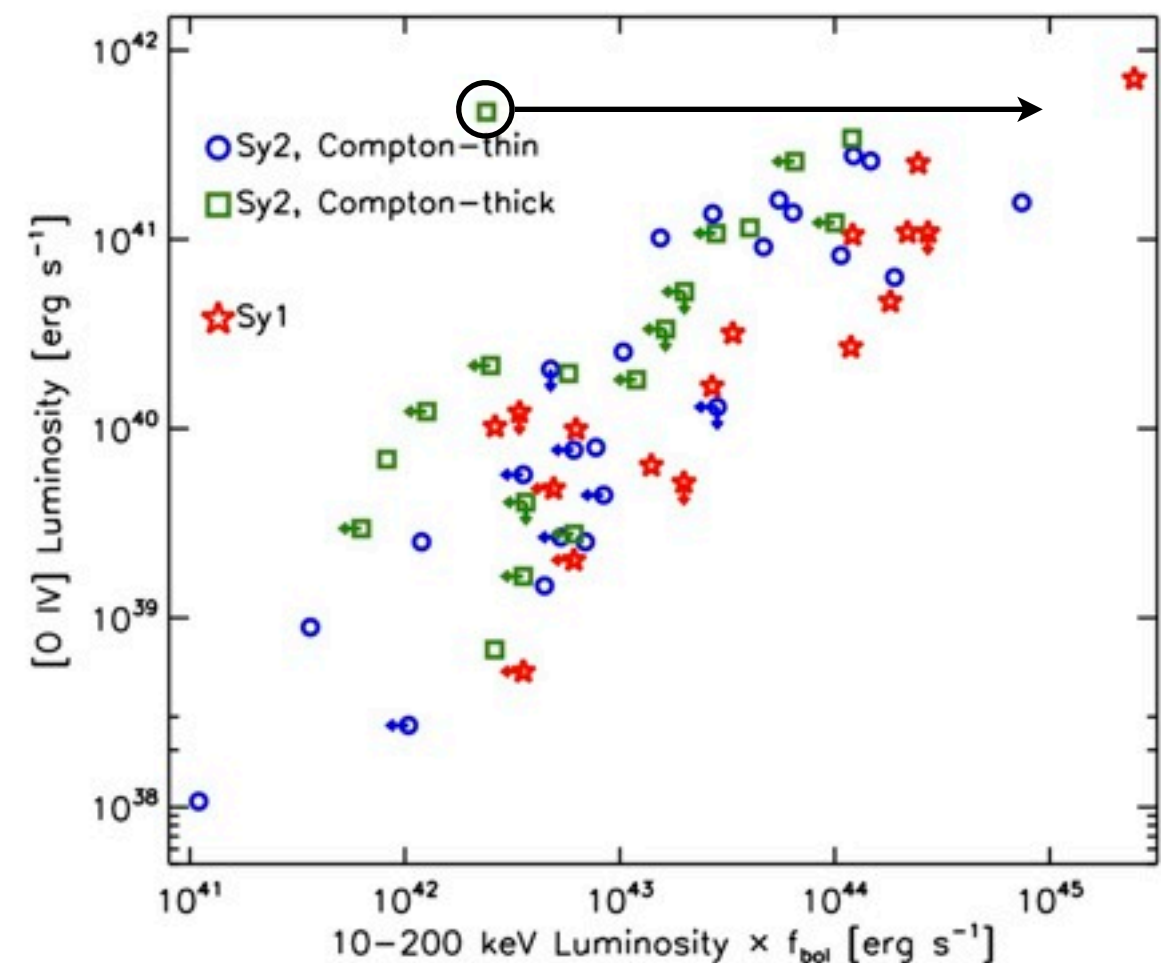
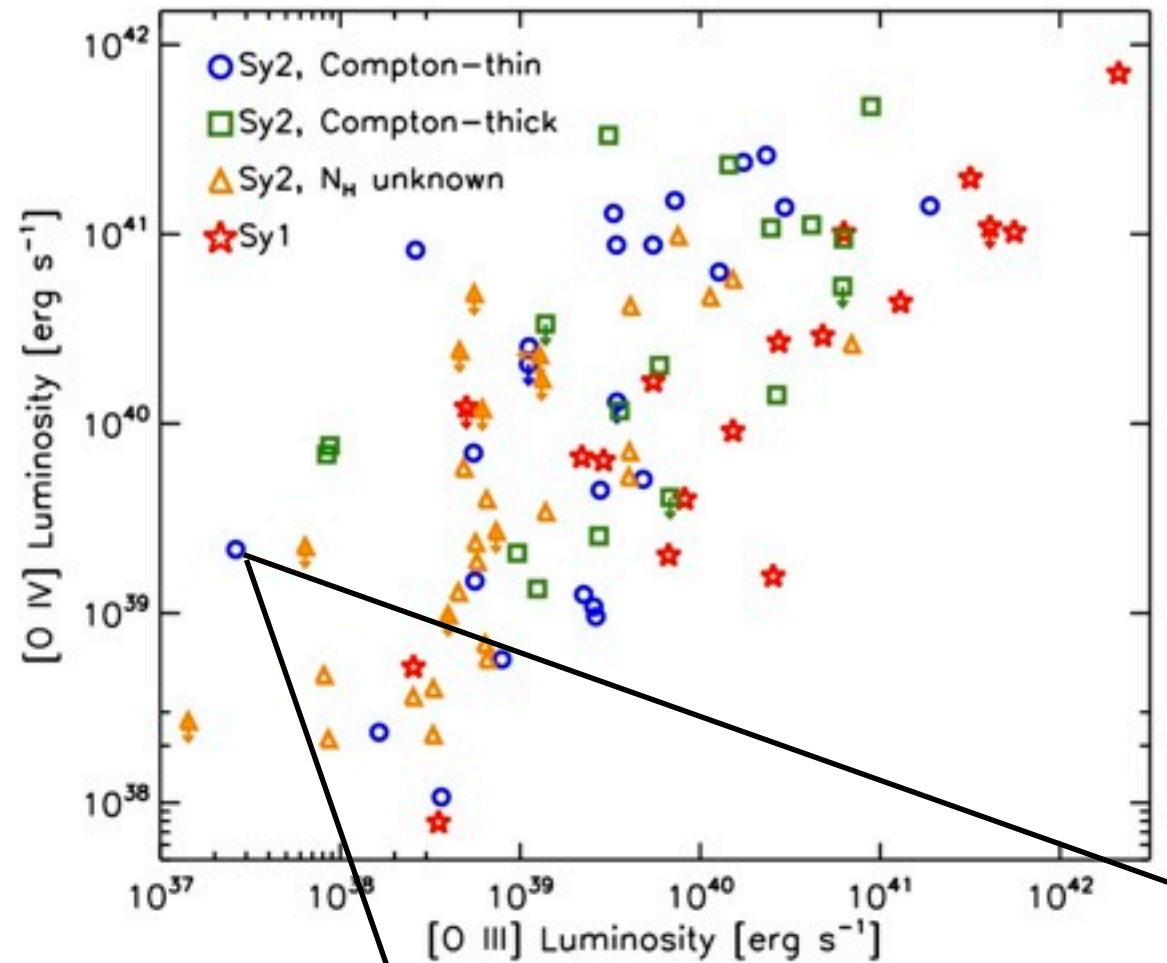
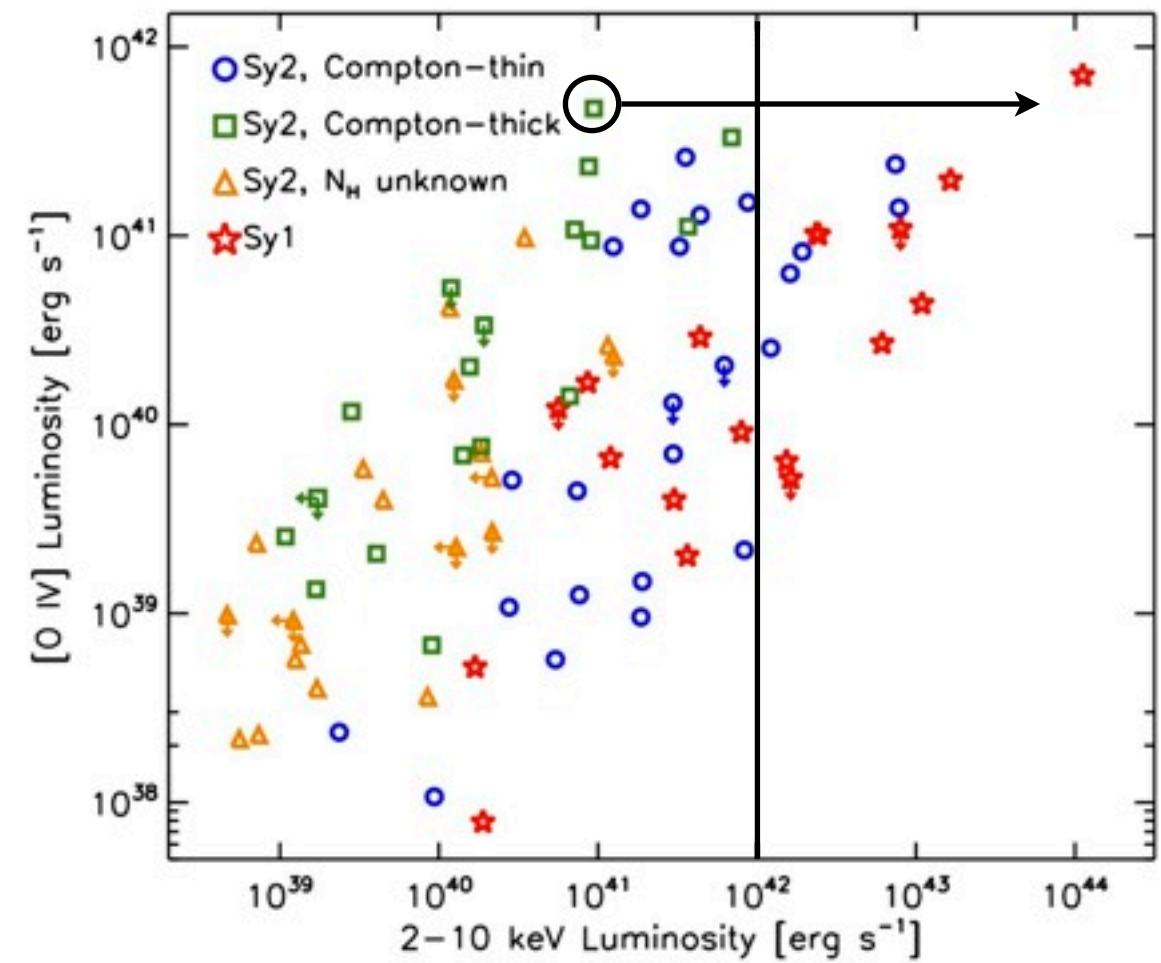
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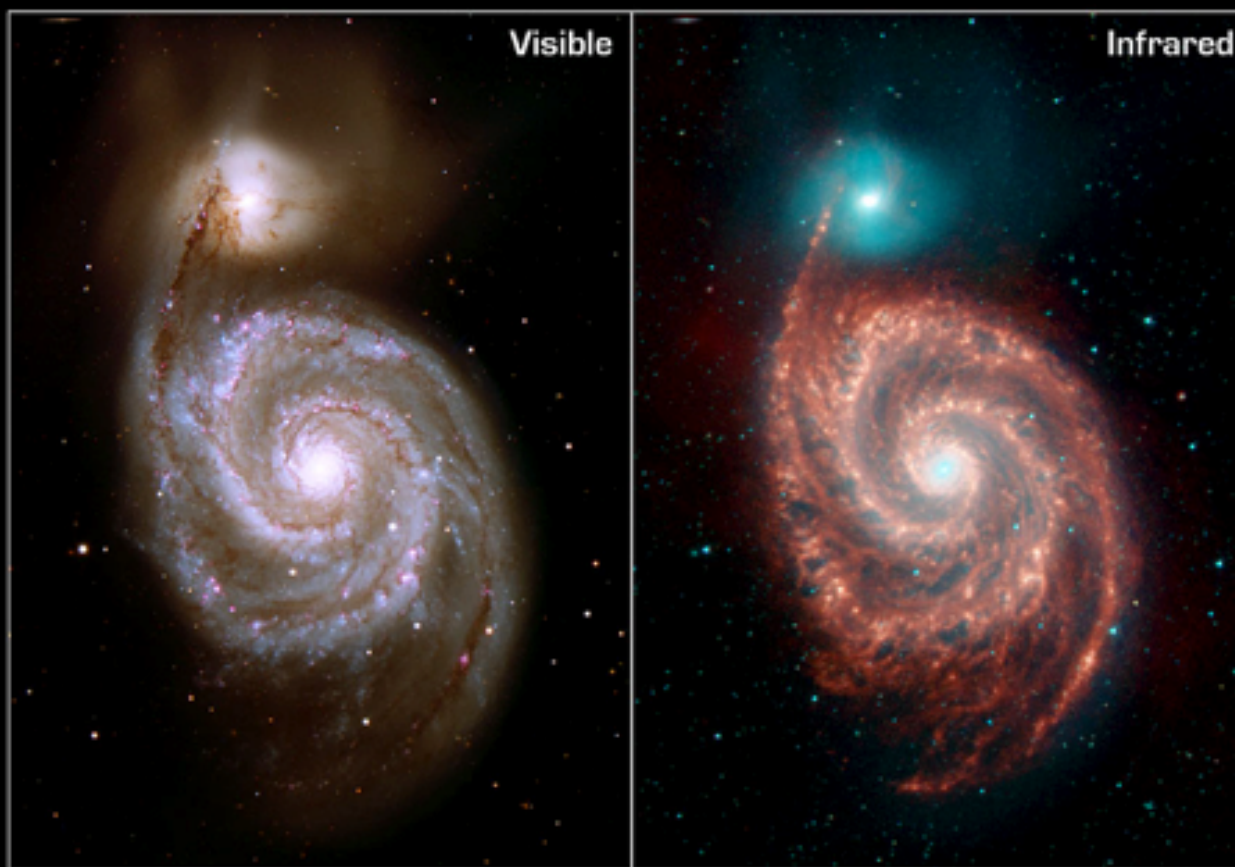


# LAGN results

- [O IV] is a useful intrinsic luminosity indicator
  - Sy1, Sy2 luminosity distributions indistinguishable
- 2-10 keV X-rays biased for obscured sources
  - luminosity-dependent obscured fraction?
- [O III] is not isotropic
  - Sy2s systematically fainter,  $A_V=1-5$  host galaxy extinction
- Even 10-200 keV X-rays are absorbed
  - hard X-rays suppressed by x3 for Sy2s

# What about star-formation rates?

- Standard SFR tracers contaminated by the AGN
  - e.g.,  $H\alpha$ ,  $L_{IR}$ ,  $L_{UV}$
- The mid-infrared PAH features offer a solution
  - trace UV radiation field in photo-dissociation regions
- Black hole accretion rate and star-formation rate
  - Do they trace each other?

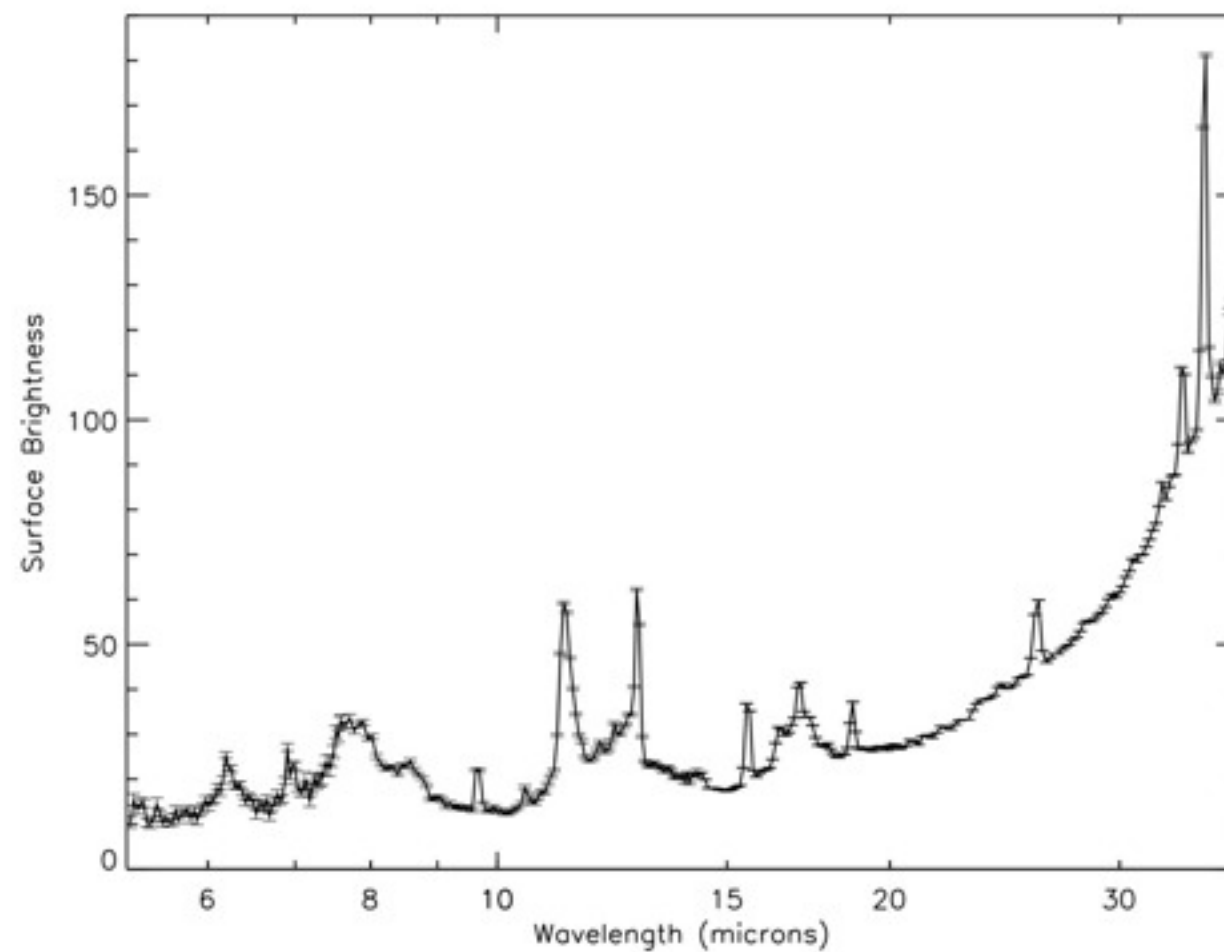


Spiral Galaxy M51 ("Whirlpool Galaxy")

NASA / JPL-Caltech / R. Kennicutt (Univ. of Arizona)

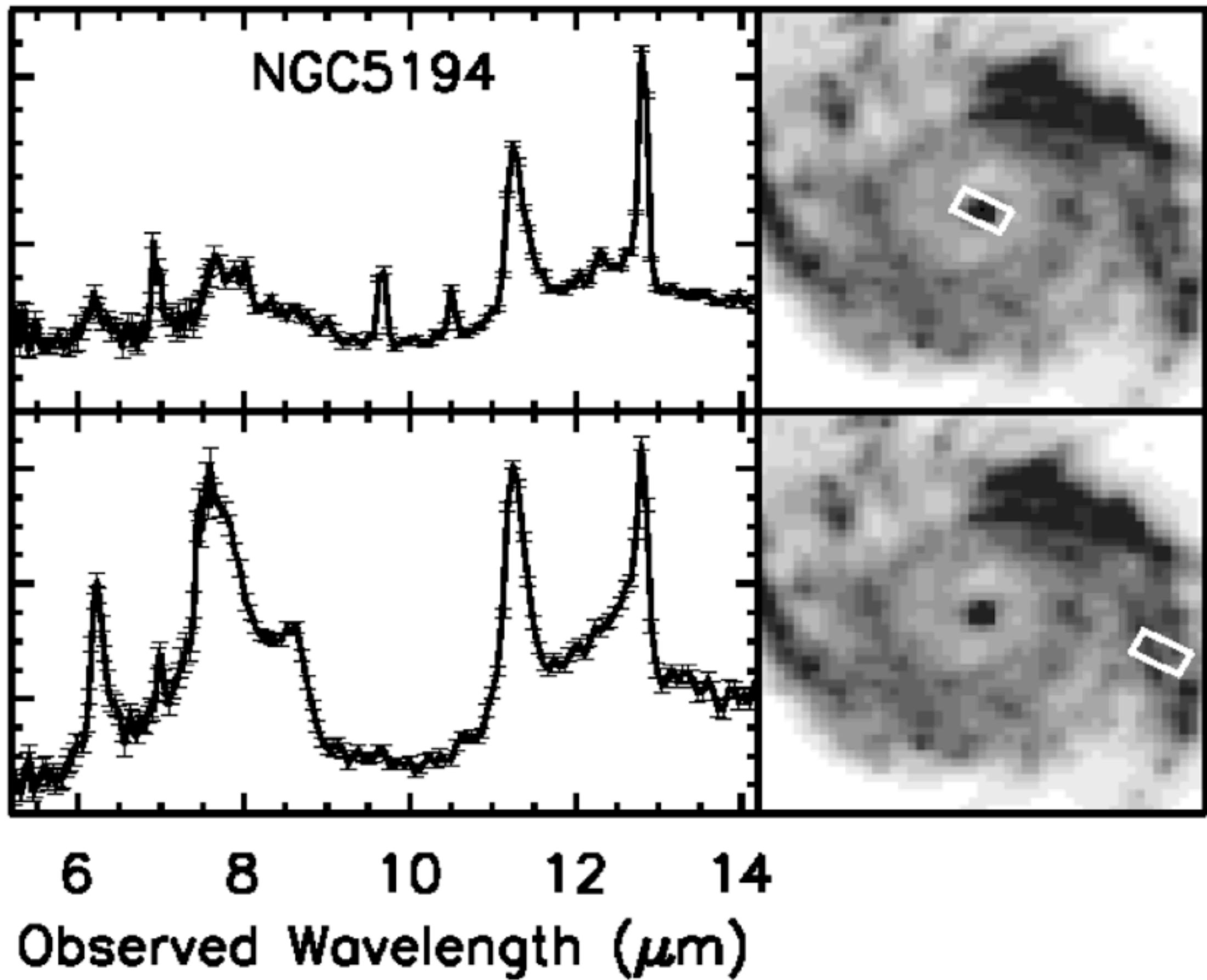
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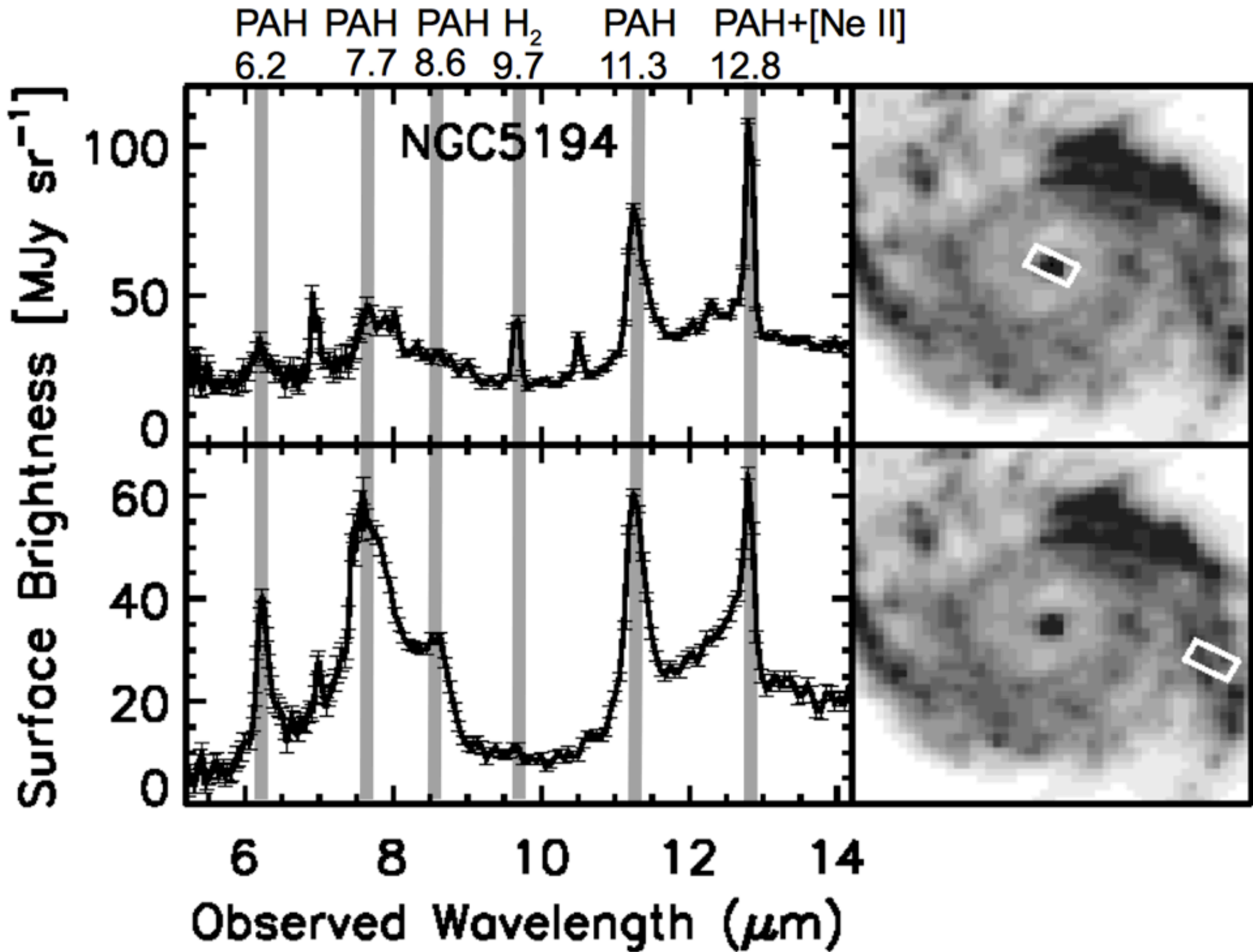
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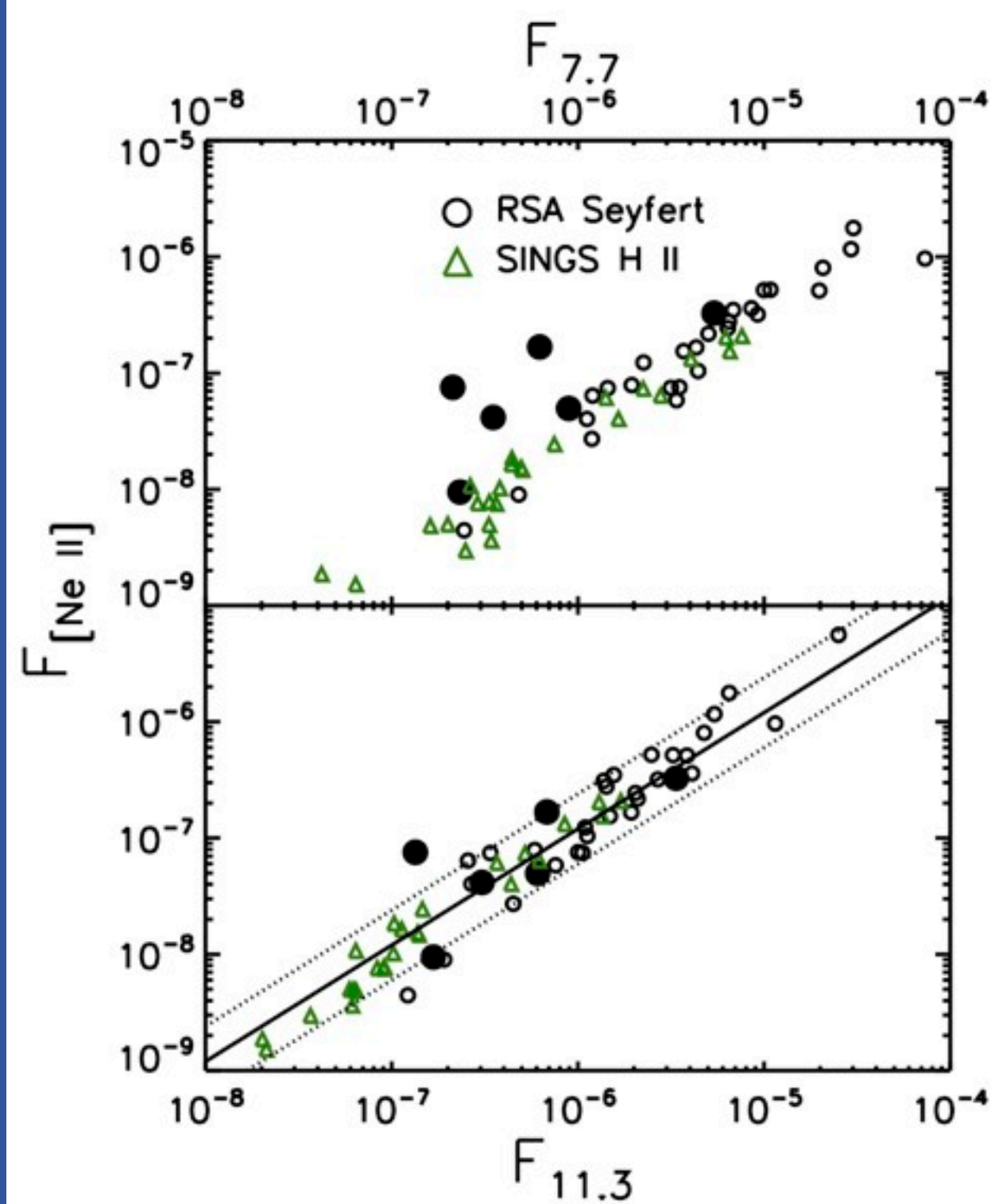
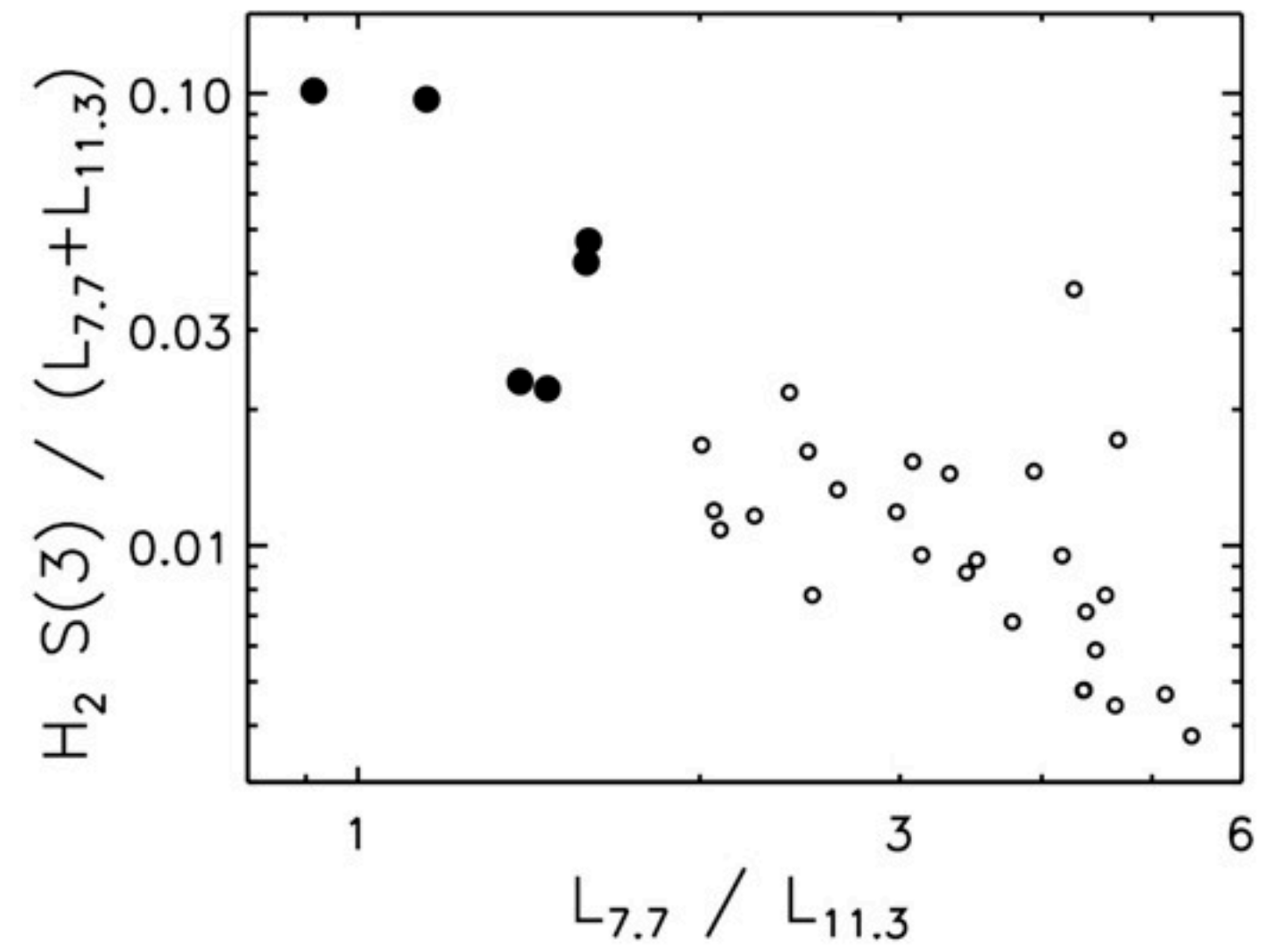




Surface Brightness [ $\text{MJy sr}^{-1}$ ]







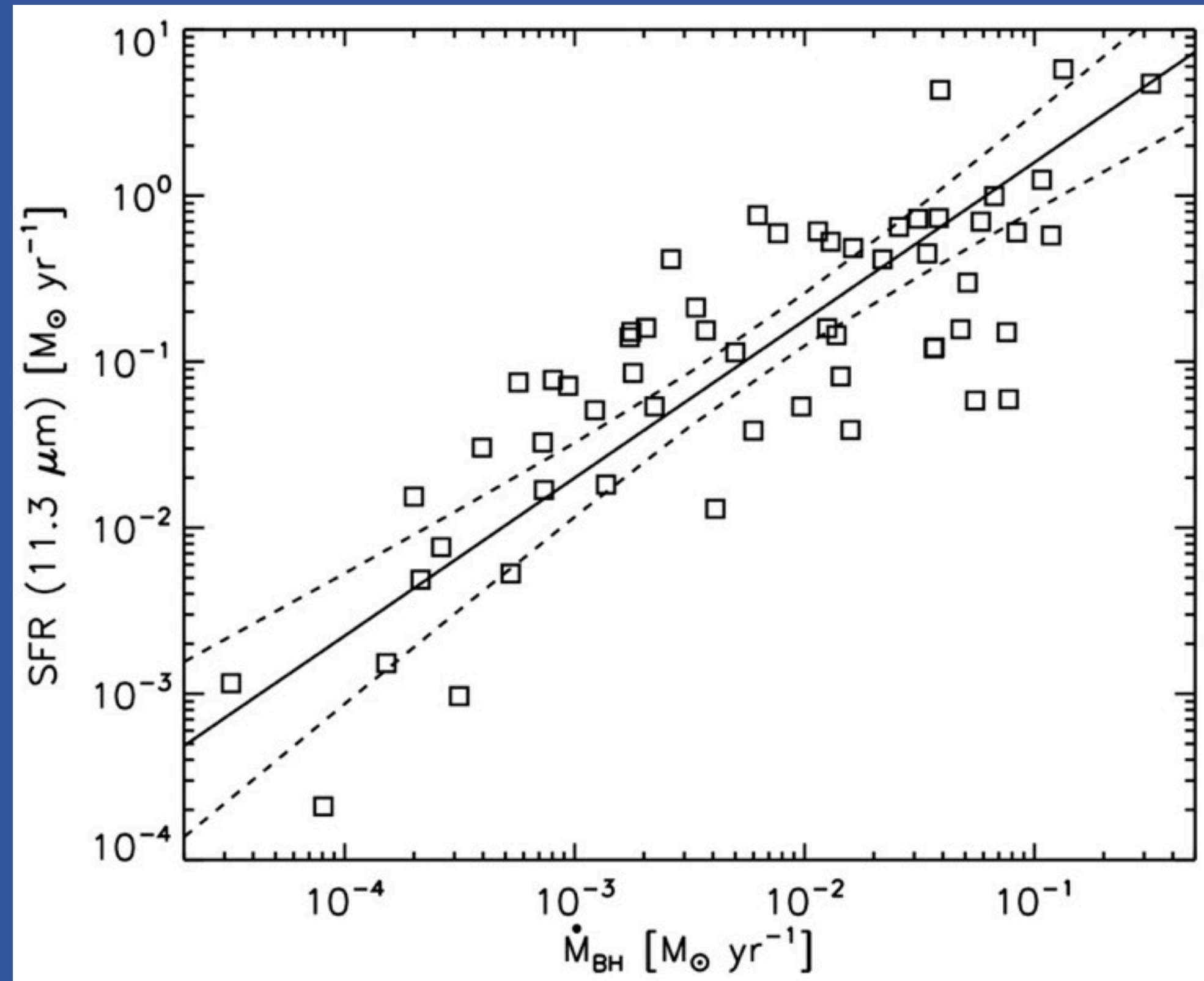
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evidence for shock processing

11.3 μm PAH feature remains a robust tracer of the star-formation rate

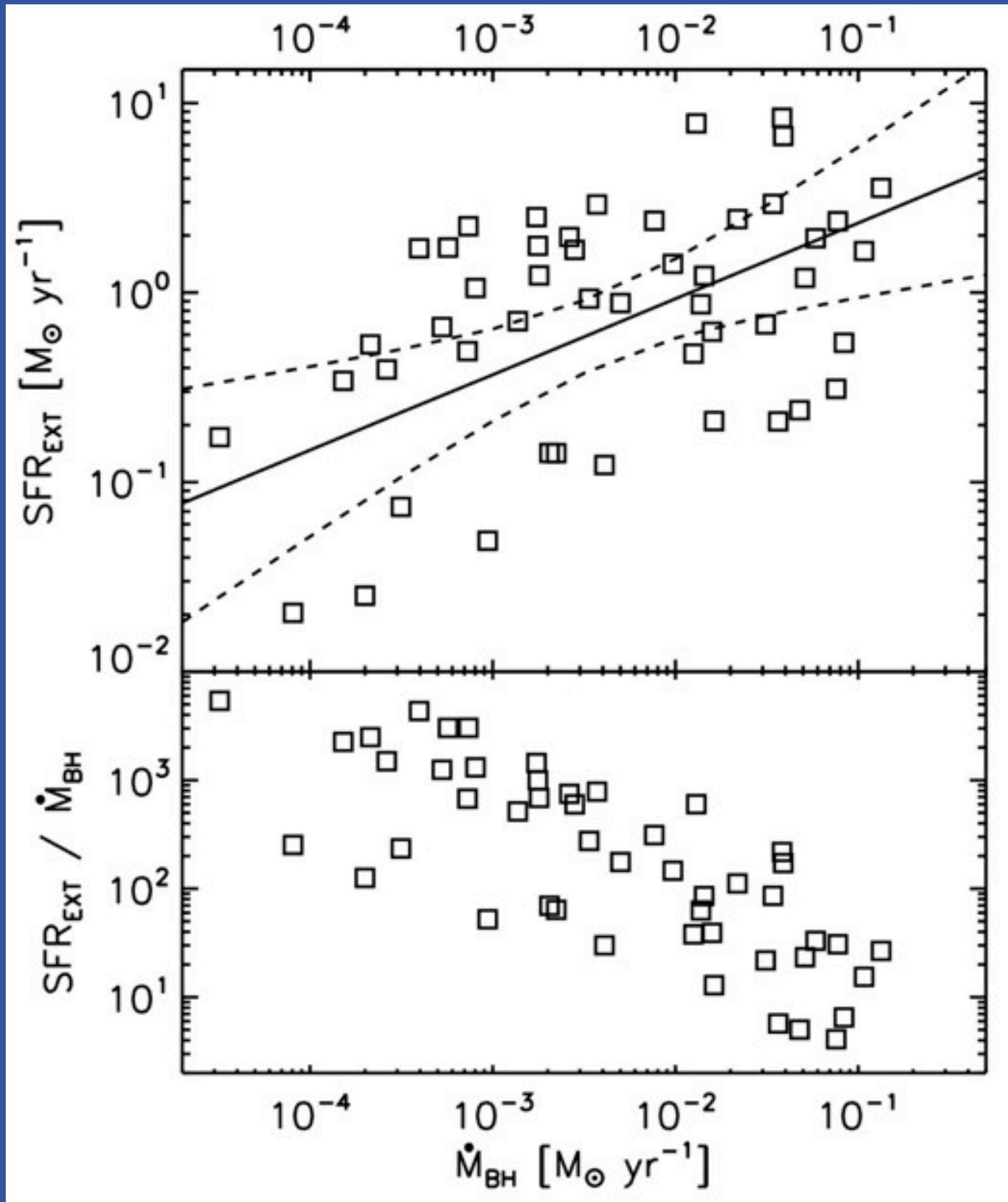


# Star Formation v. Black Hole Accretion



Black hole accretion strongly correlated with **nuclear** star formation

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Black hole accretion and **extended** star formation are poorly correlated

# SFR results

- 6--9  $\mu\text{m}$  aromatic features suppressed in Seyferts
  - $\text{H}_2$  emission suggests processing by AGN-driven shocks
- Star-formation rates for AGN host galaxies
  - 11.3  $\mu\text{m}$  feature appears to be robust
- Relationship between black hole accretion and star formation
  - strong correlation with nuclear star formation
  - weak correlation with extended star formation



# Questions

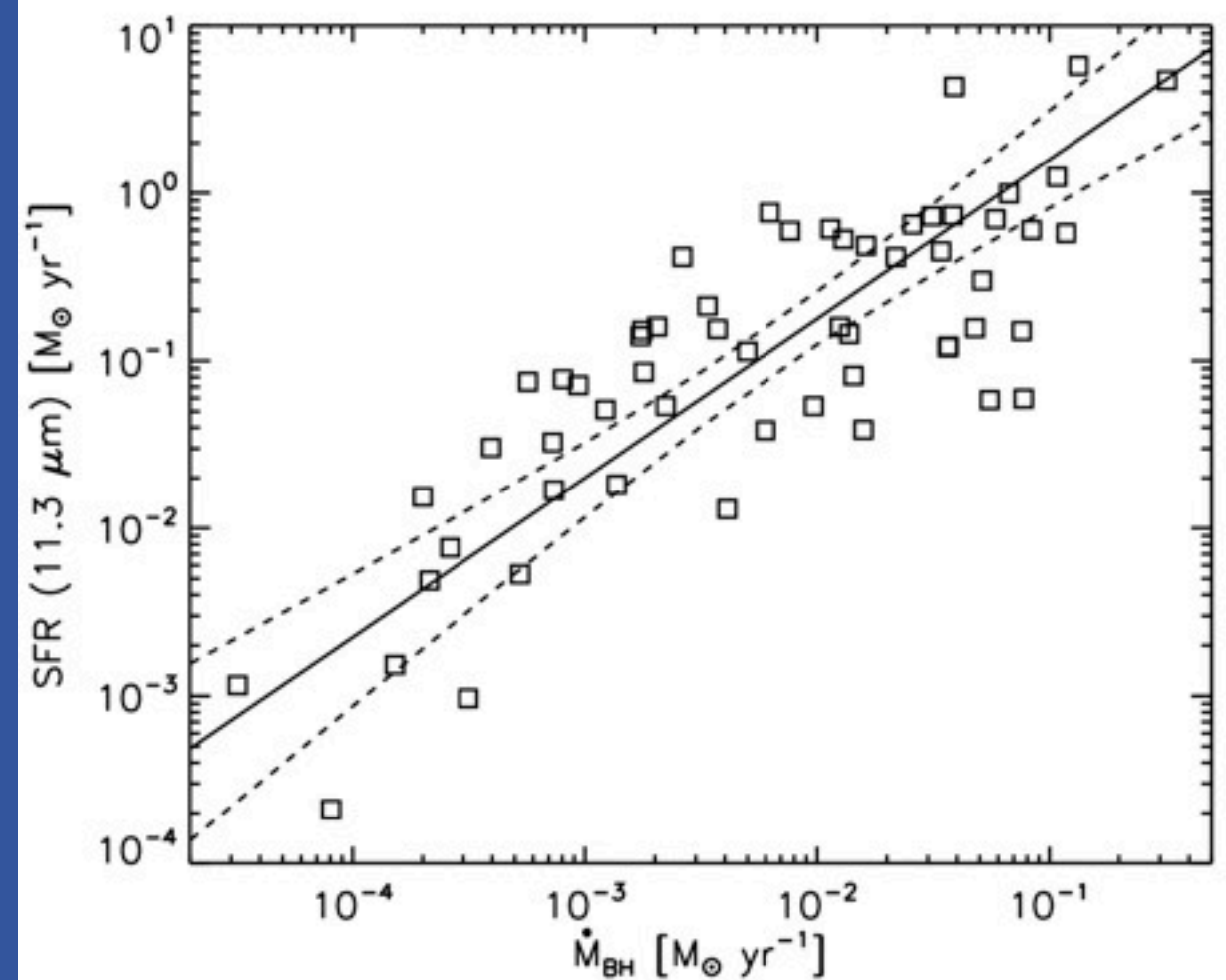
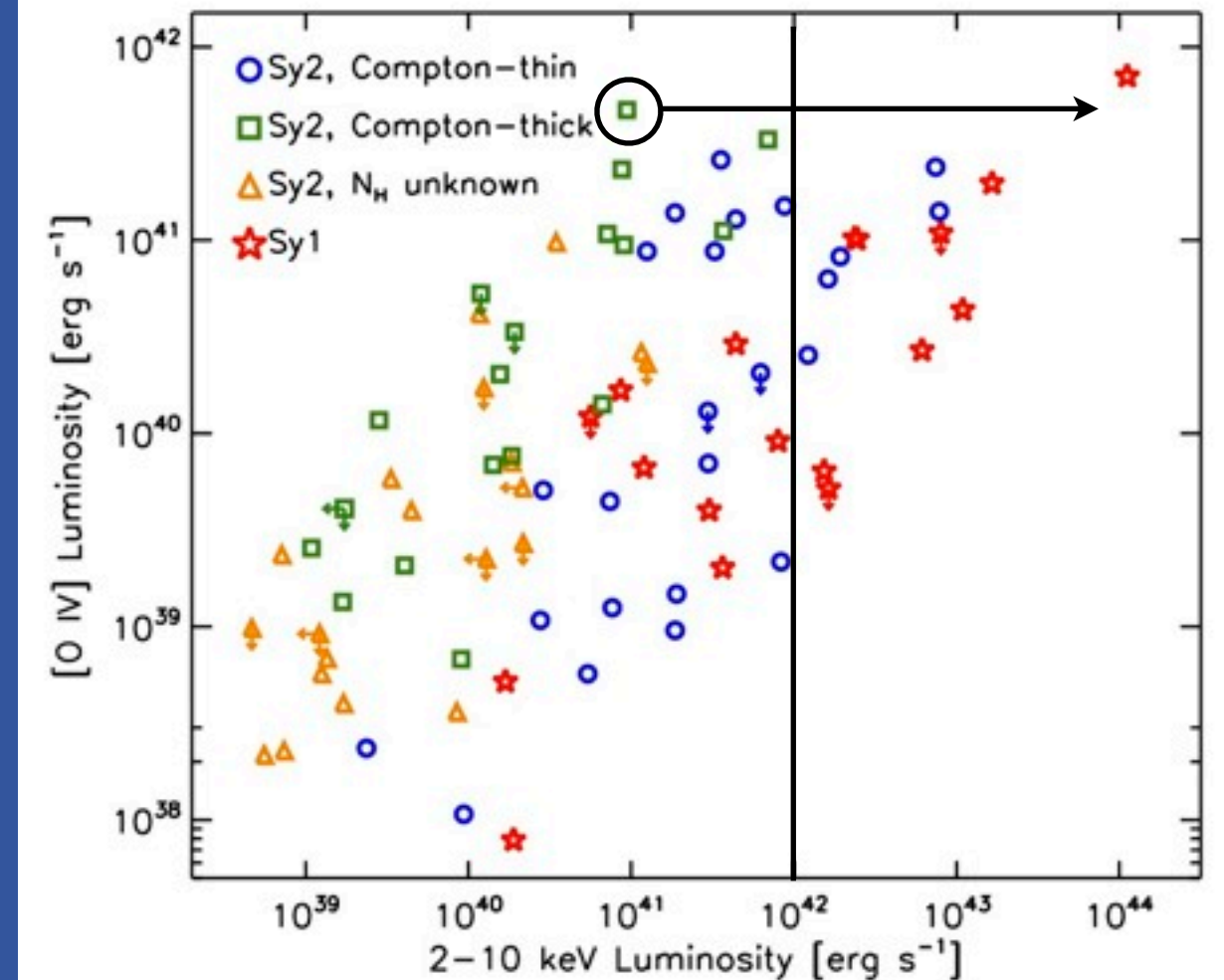
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most AGNs are obscured

most AGNs are not mergers

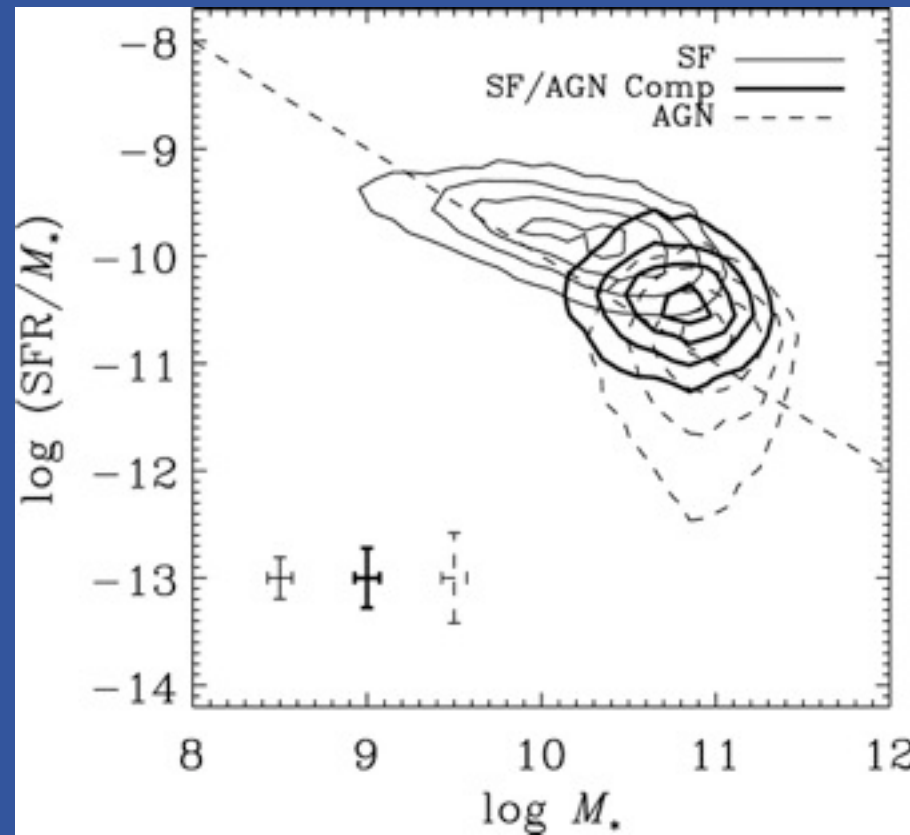
→ fueling by secular processes

→ 5%-10% AGN duty cycle can maintain black hole -- bulge correlations

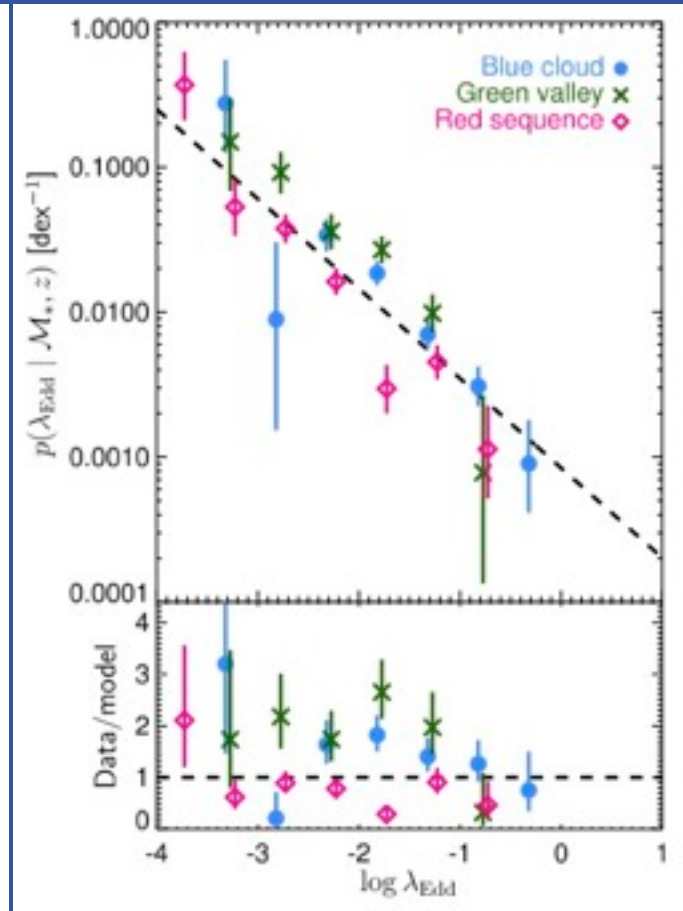
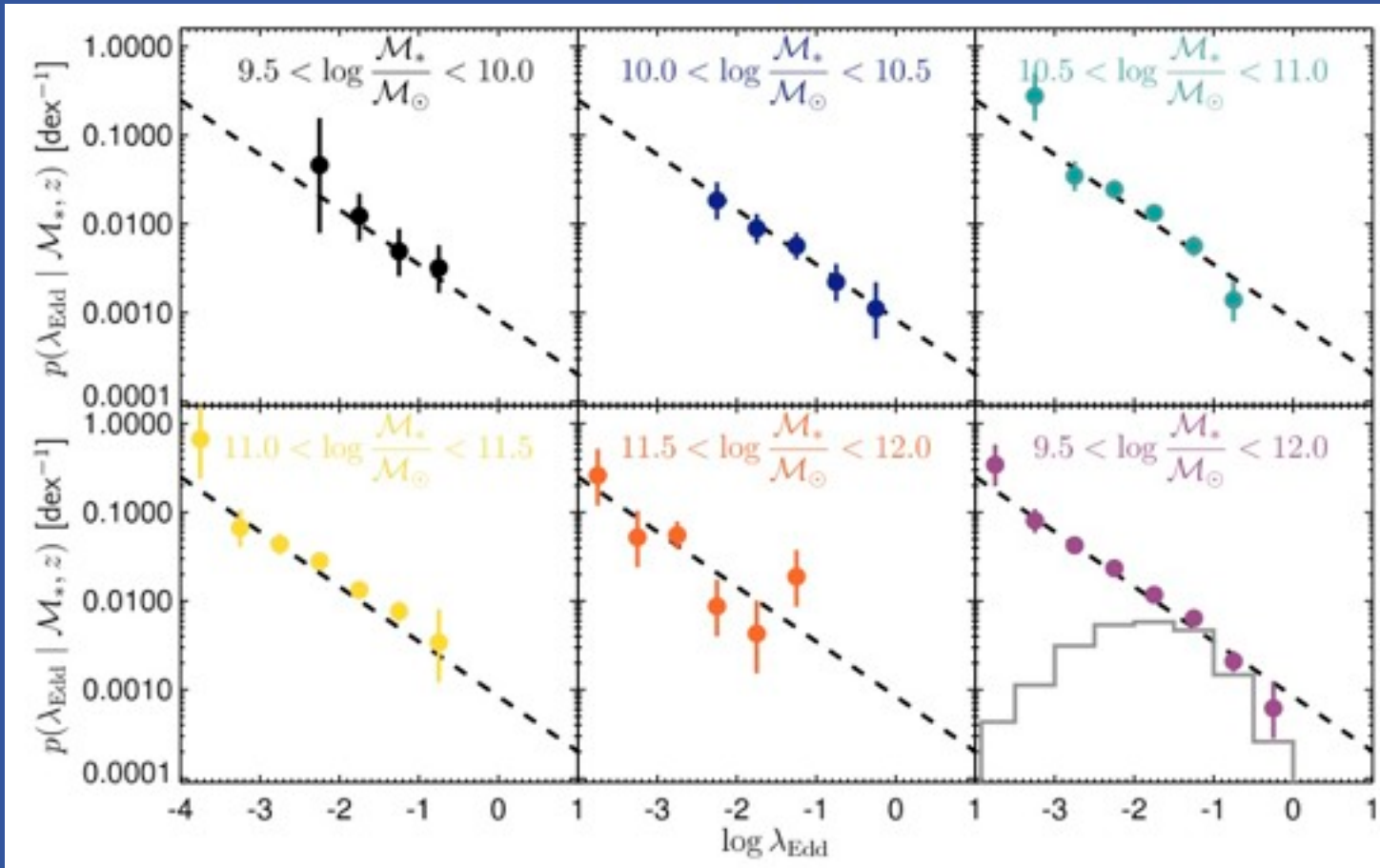
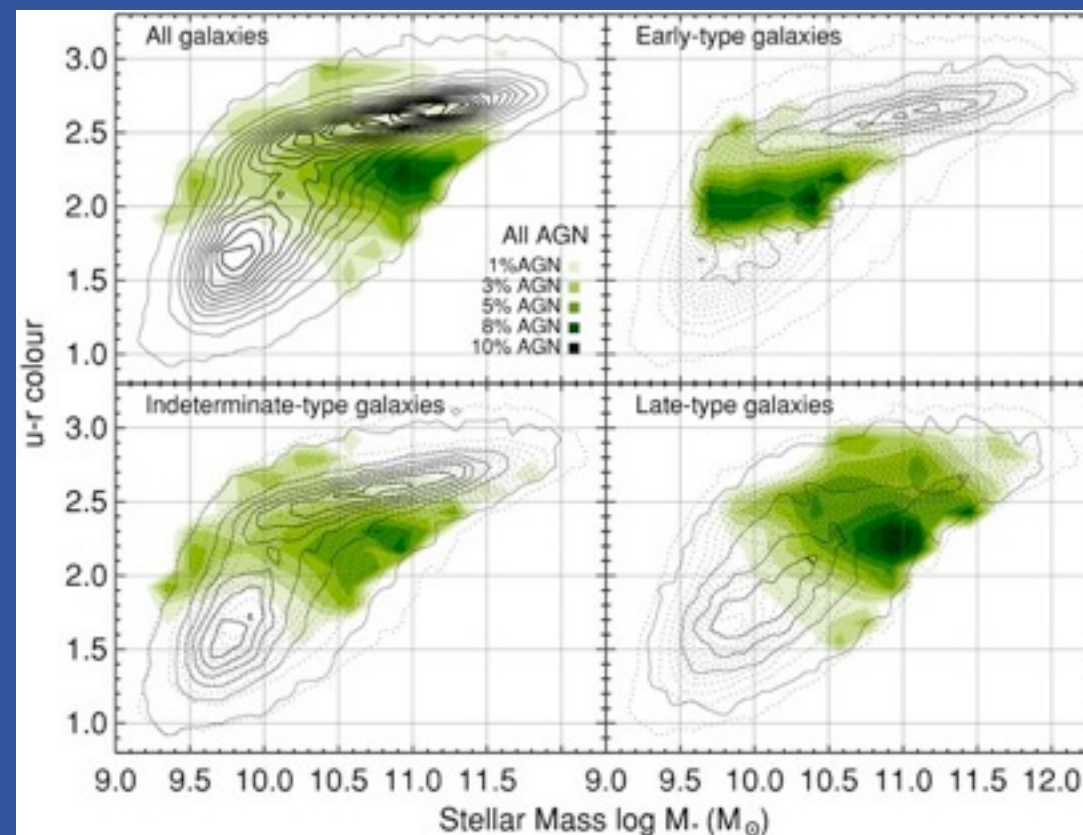


# Is there a preferred scale for AGN activity?

Salim et al. 2007



Schawinski et al. 2010



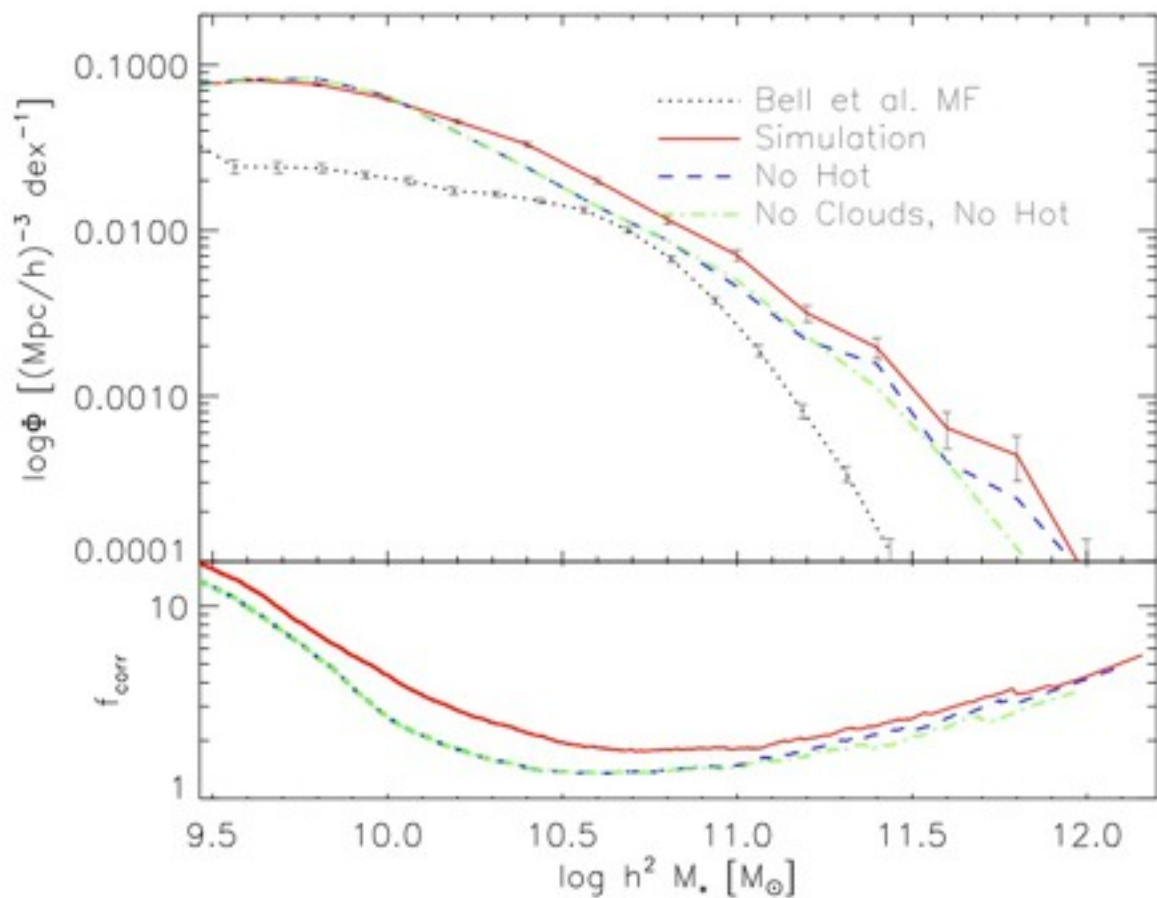
Aird et al. 2011,  
arXiv:1107.4368

**AGN are everywhere**  
but occur more  
often in gas-rich  
galaxies

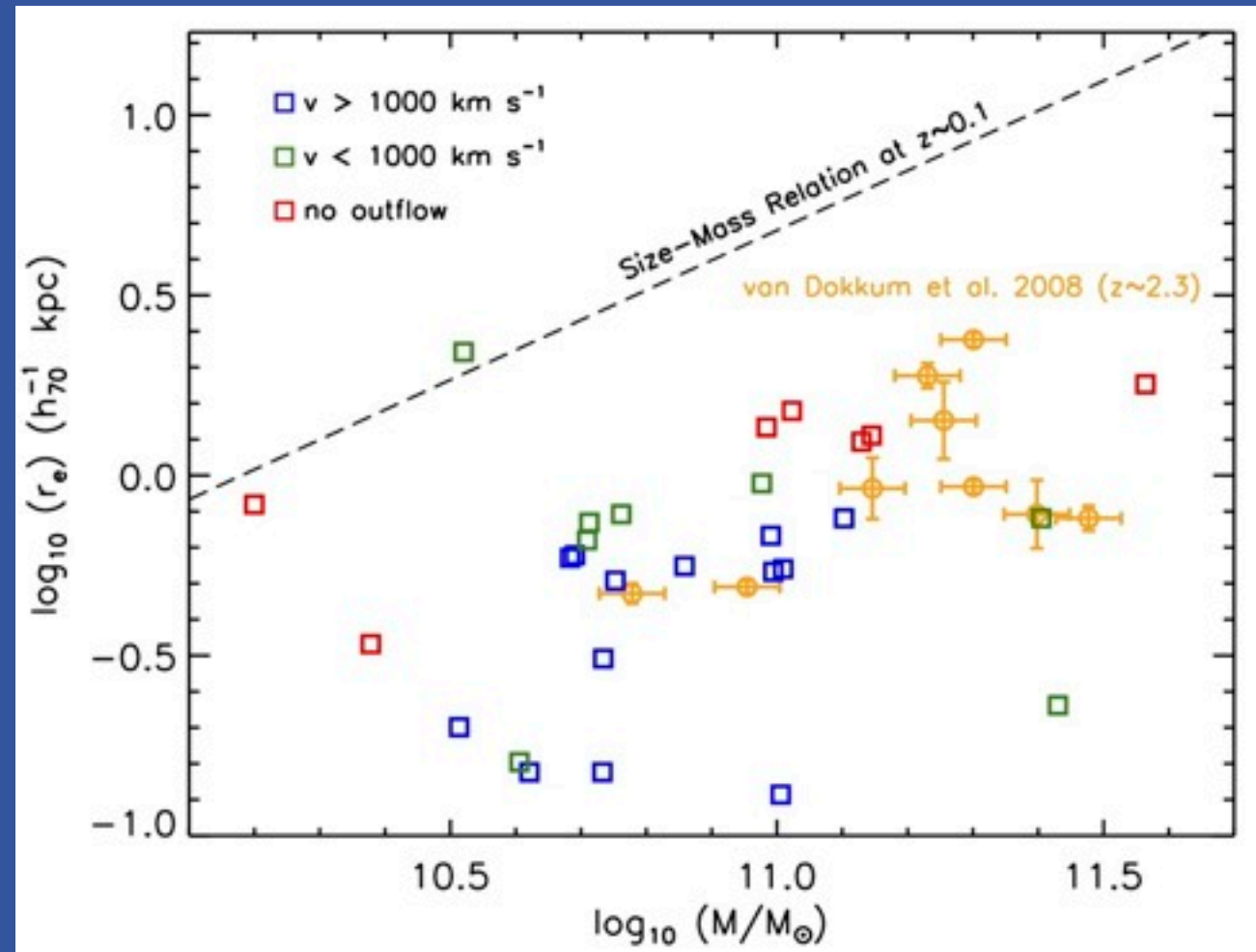
# What about AGN Feedback?

theory problem:  
simulations w/o feedback  
produce too many stars

observational evidence: not  
clear that AGN feedback  
quenches star formation



Keres et al. 2009



$z \sim 0.6$  post-starburst galaxies with extreme outflows  
Tremonti, Moustakas, Diamond-Stanic 2007  
new result: compact sizes suggest extreme  
star-formation feedback



# Future Discovery Space w/ ALMA



How is gas transported to the accretion disk?

- study morphology, kinematics of molecular gas
- inward gas flows, radial distribution of star formation