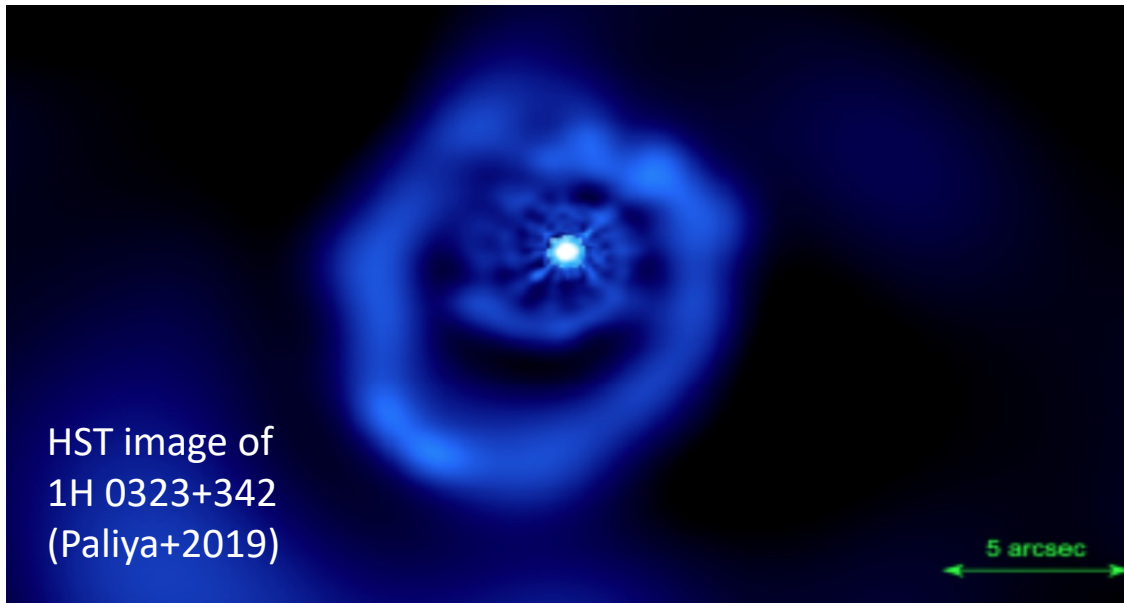


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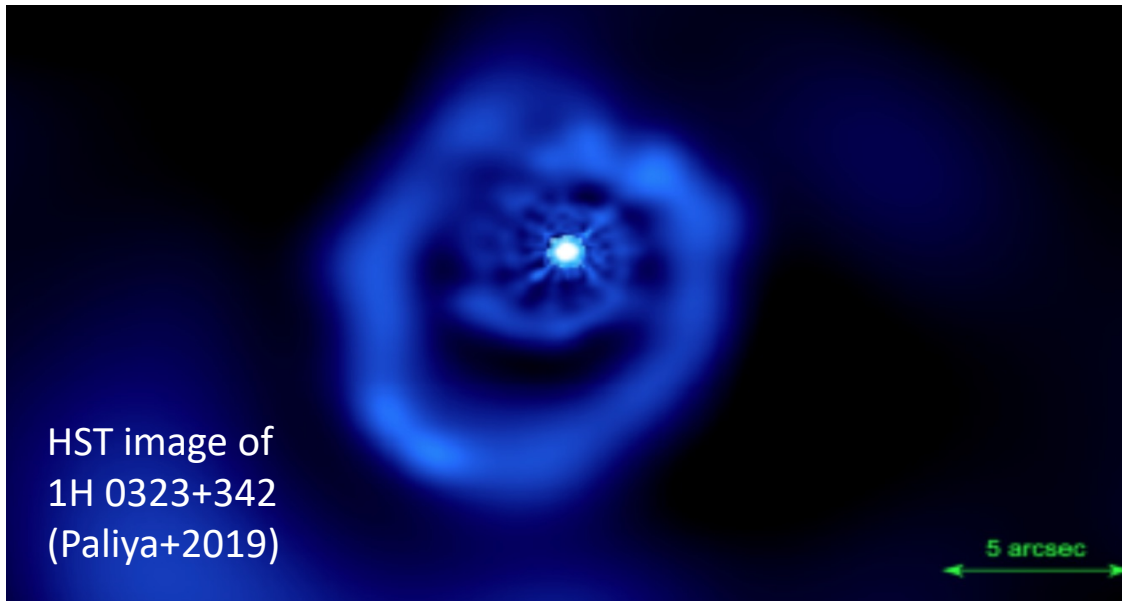


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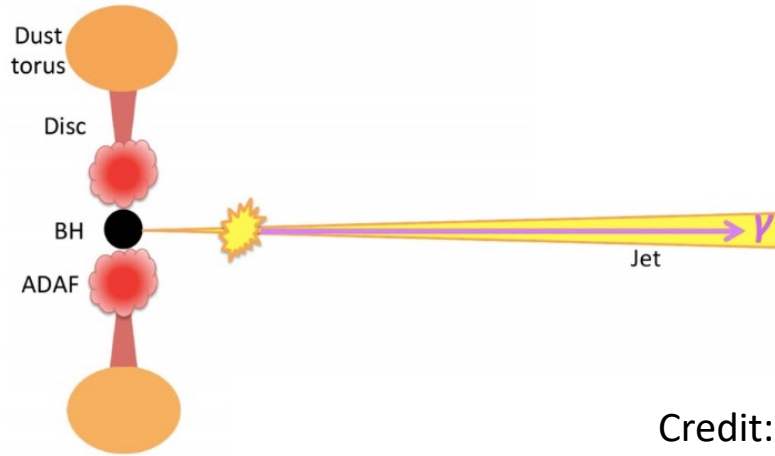
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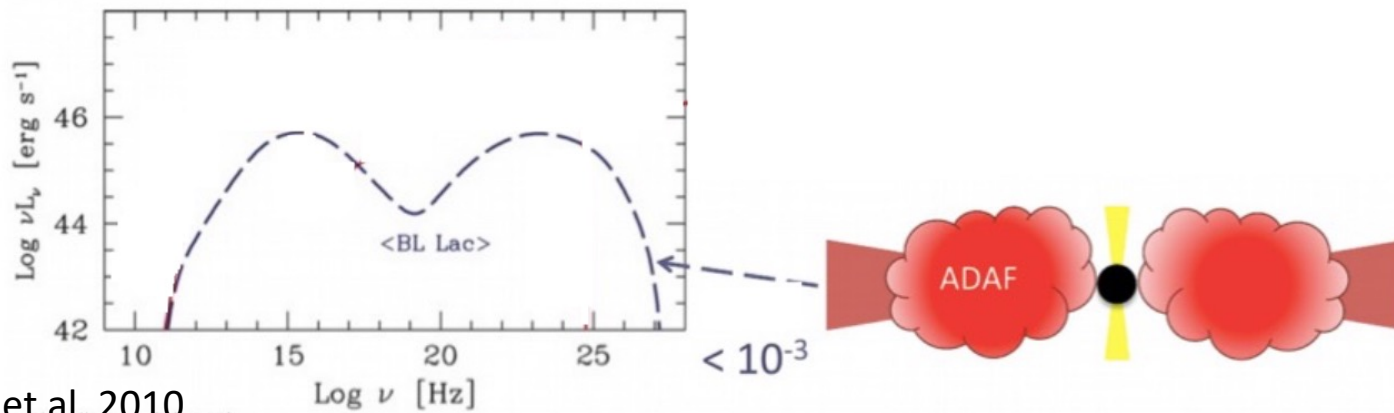
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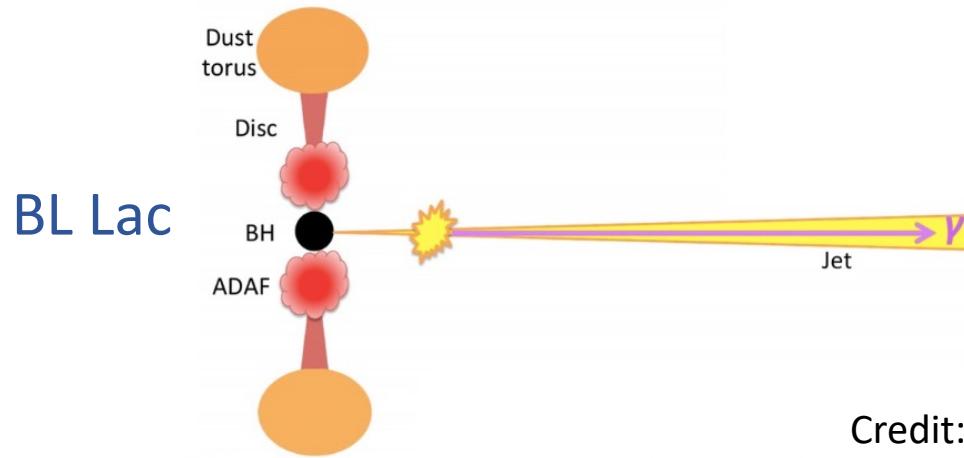
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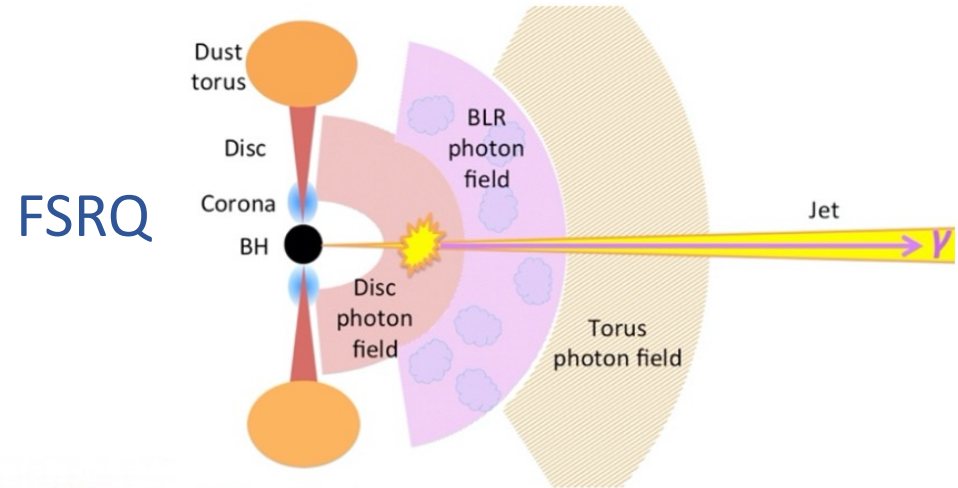
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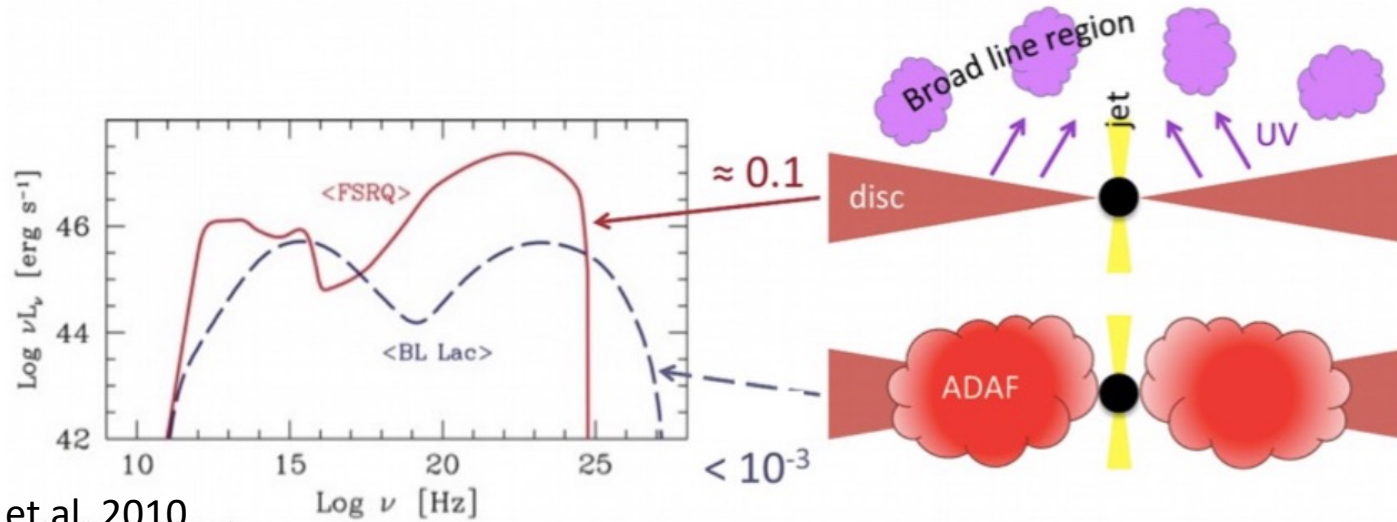
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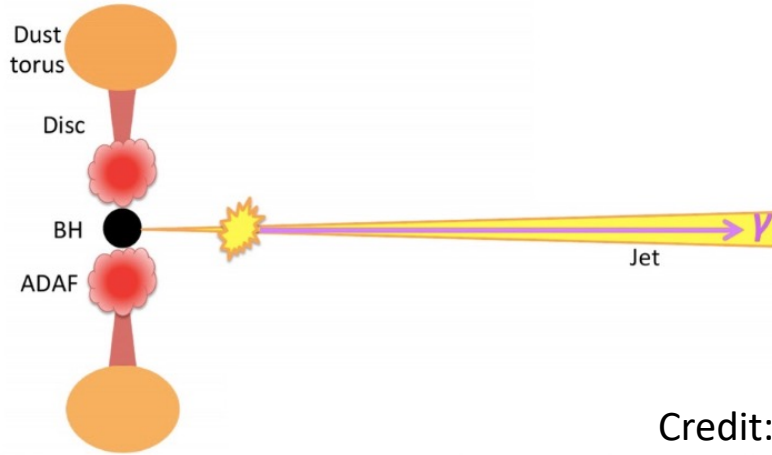


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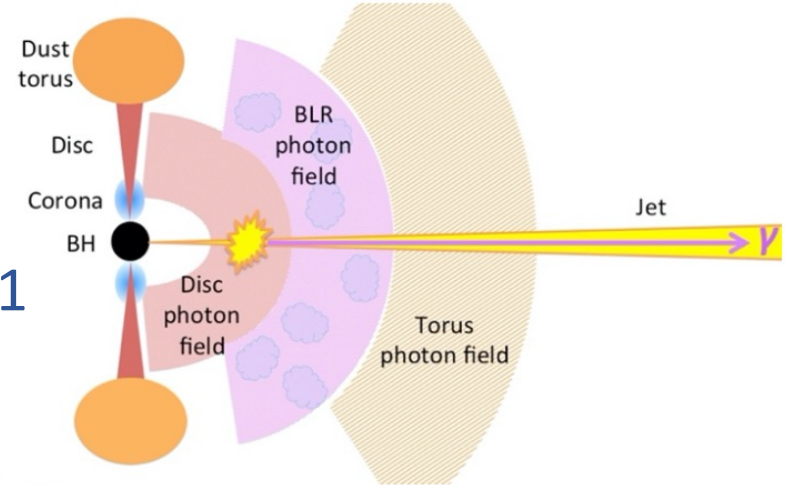
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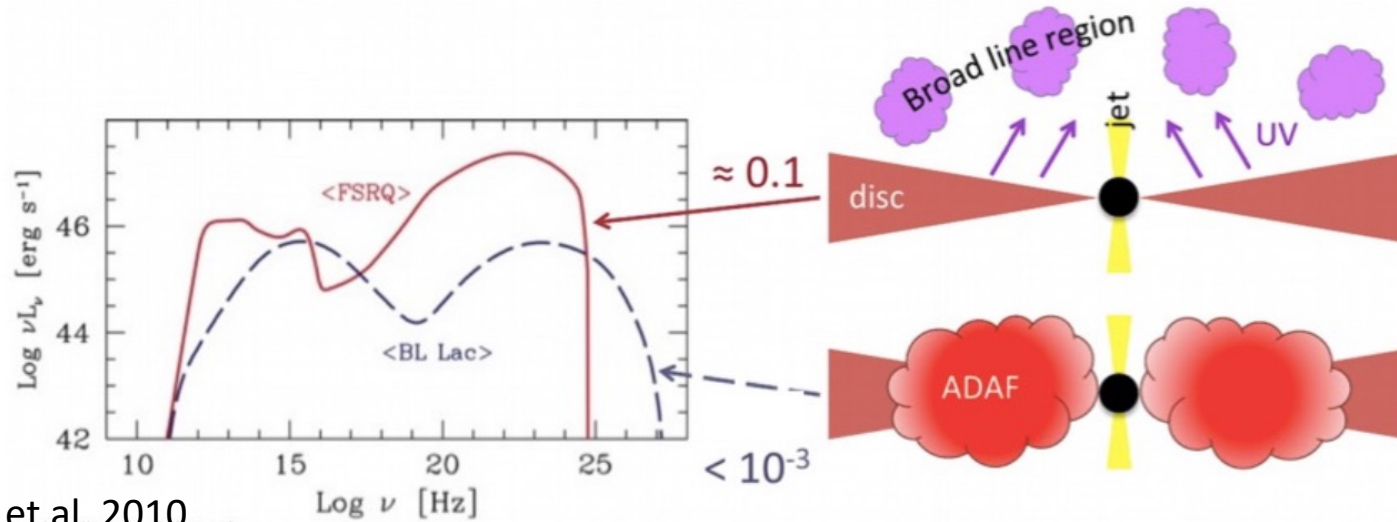


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# Peculiar $\gamma$ -ray emitting NLS1 galaxies

- NLS1 classification based on optical features (Osterbrock & Pogge 1985)
- Relatively low mass BH compared to FSRQs  
Thought to be hosted by spiral galaxies
- Only a small fraction of NLS1 found to be radio loud (7%, Komossa+2006)

Unexpected Gamma-ray detection (PMN J0948+0022, Abdo+2009)



Confirmed the presence of a powerful relativistic jet

- Rare objects:  $\sim 20$  discovered up to date (*e.g.* Paliya+2019)
- Never detected in the VHE band, CTA projections not promising (Romano+2020)
- Short variability timescales  $\sim$  hours (*e.g.* Paliya+2015)
- Extremely high (close-Eddington) accretion rates, changing SED properties (disc or completely jet dominated states... (Calderone+2012, D'Ammando+2015))

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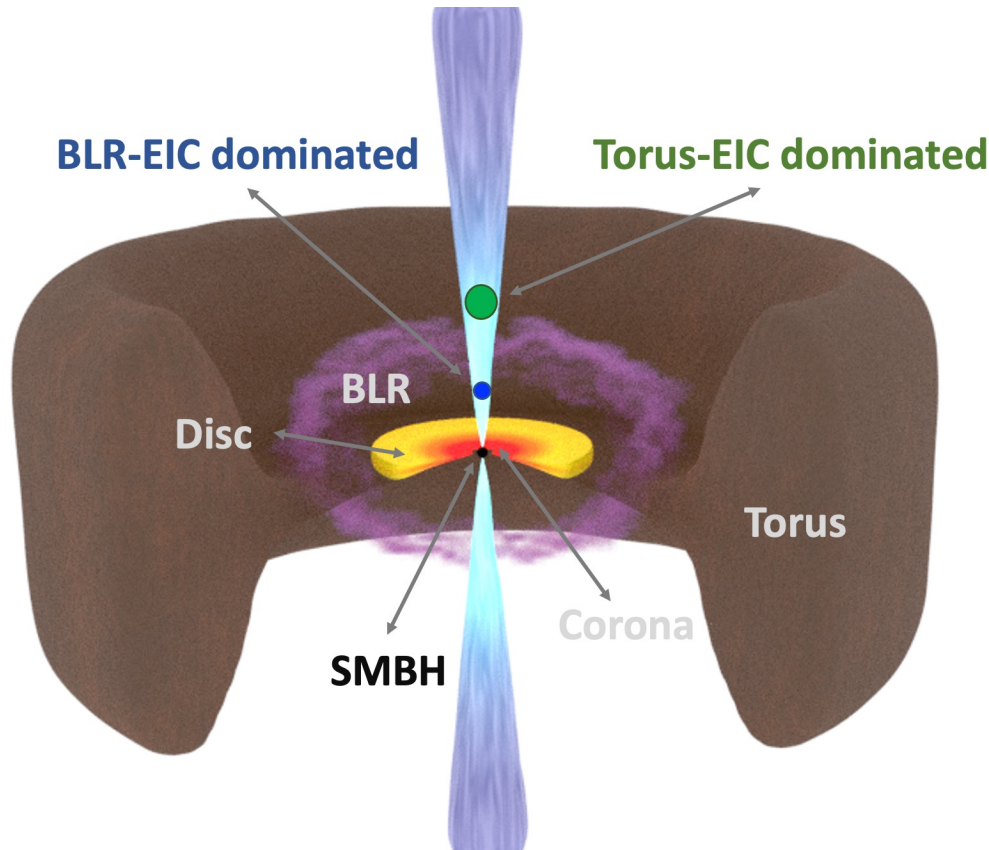
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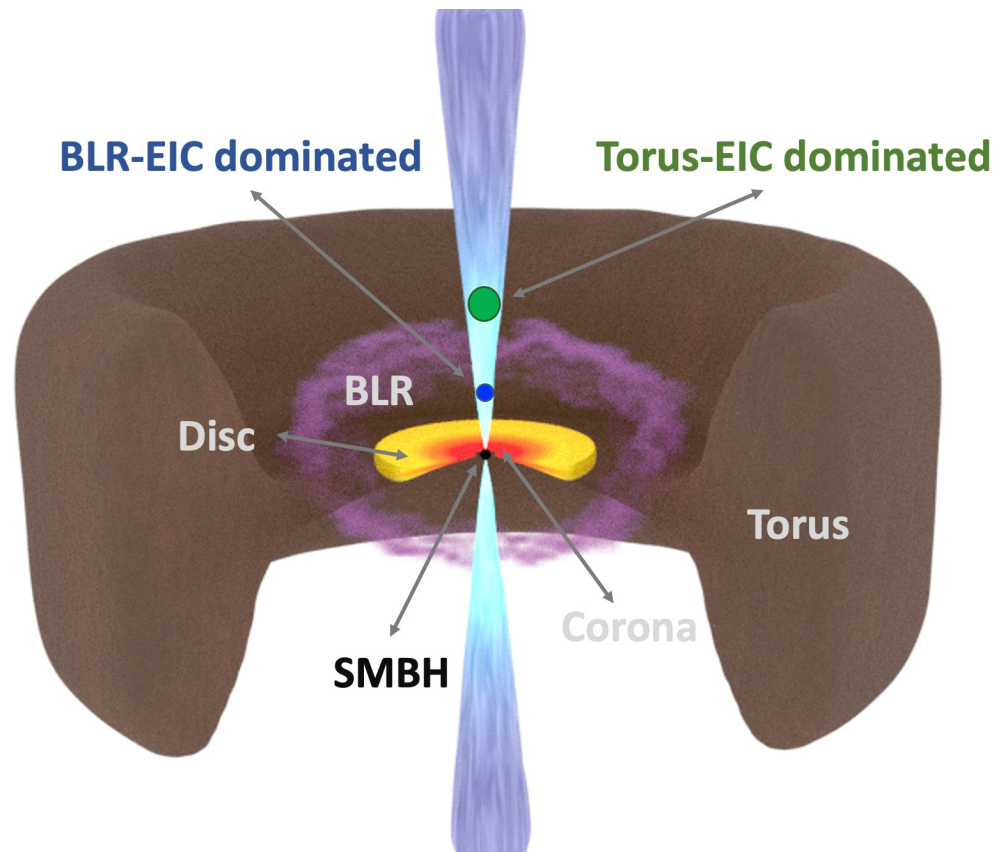




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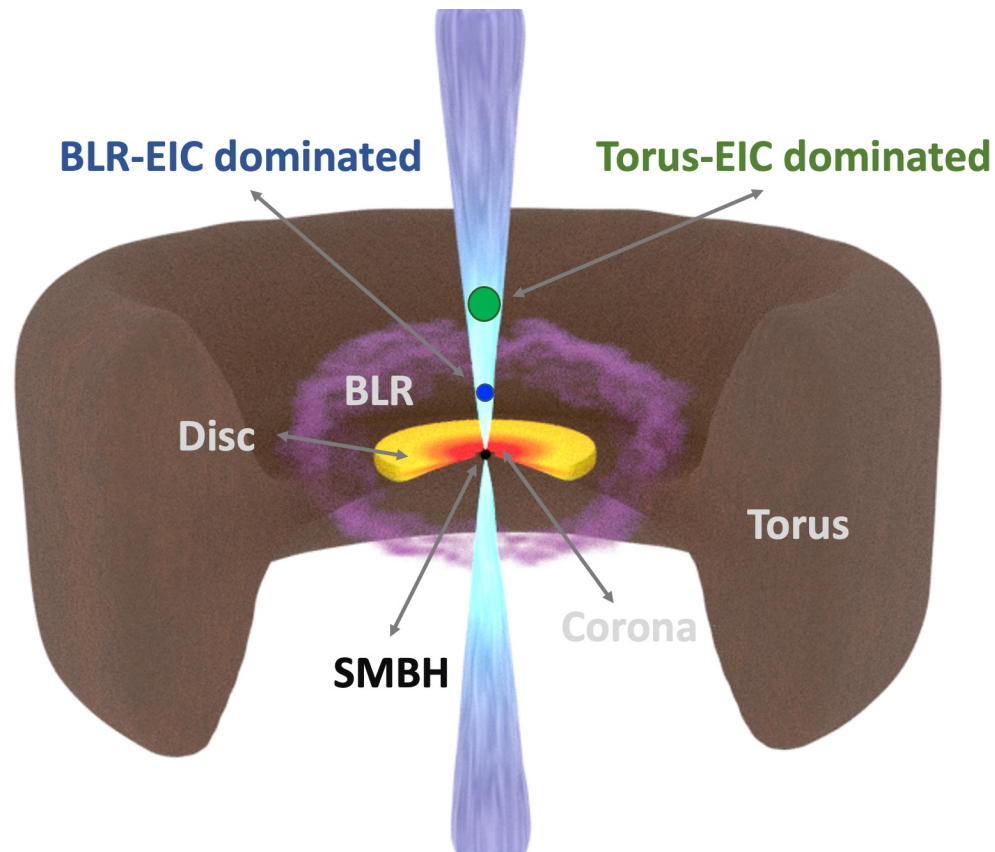
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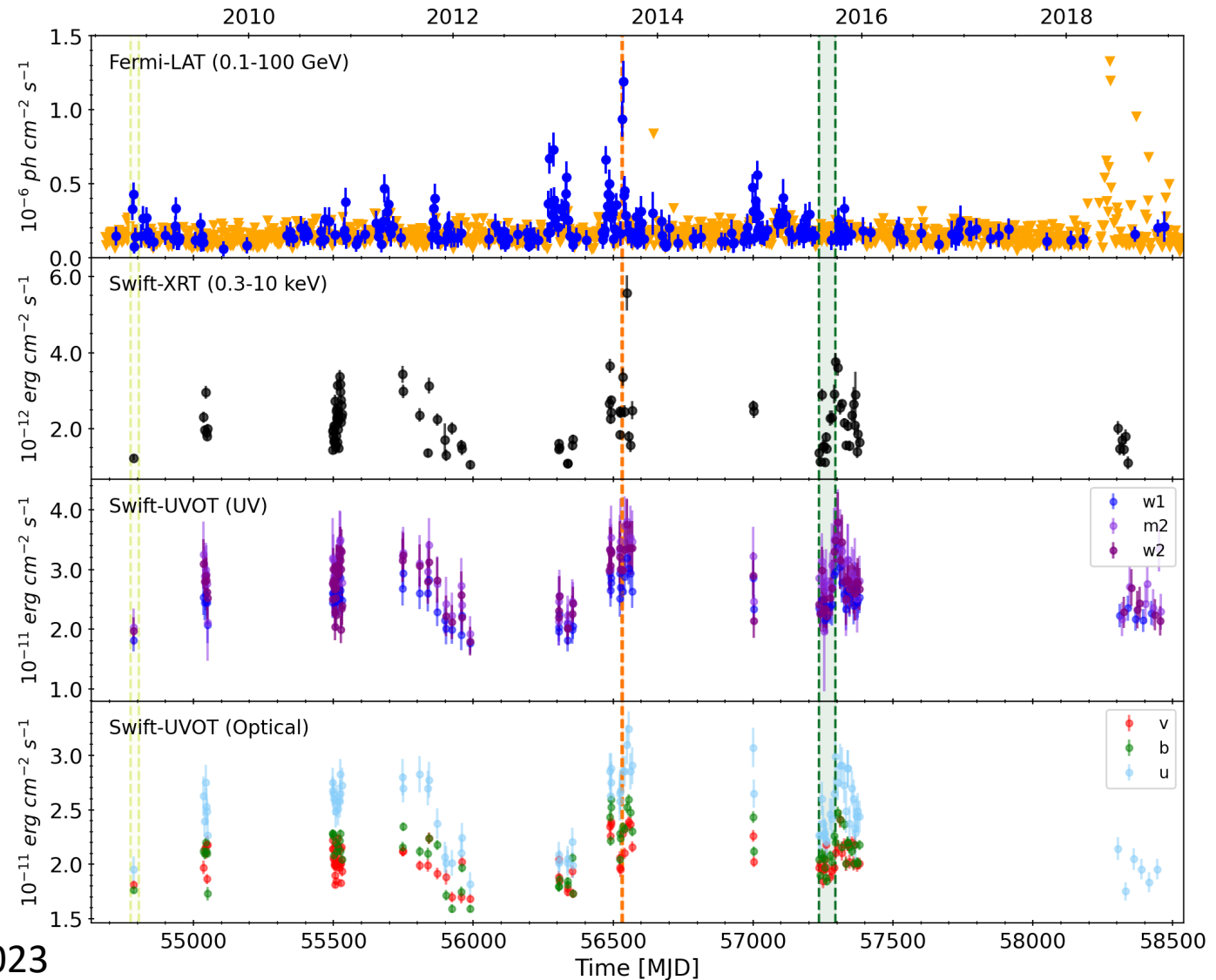
# 1H 0323+342

1H 0323+342 ( $z=0.0625$ ), closest known  $\gamma$ -NLS1

$$M_{BH} = 2 \cdot 10^7 M_{\odot} \text{ (Landt et al., 2017)}$$

- Suspected to host an underpowered jet (Kynoch et al., 2018)
- Strong and fast variability ( $\sim$ hours – day), (Paliya et al., 2014, D’Ammando et al., 2020)
- Brightest flare in 2013 (Paliya et al., 2014)
- Intermediate/low state from 2008 and 2015 (Paliya et al., 2014, Kynoch et al., 2018)

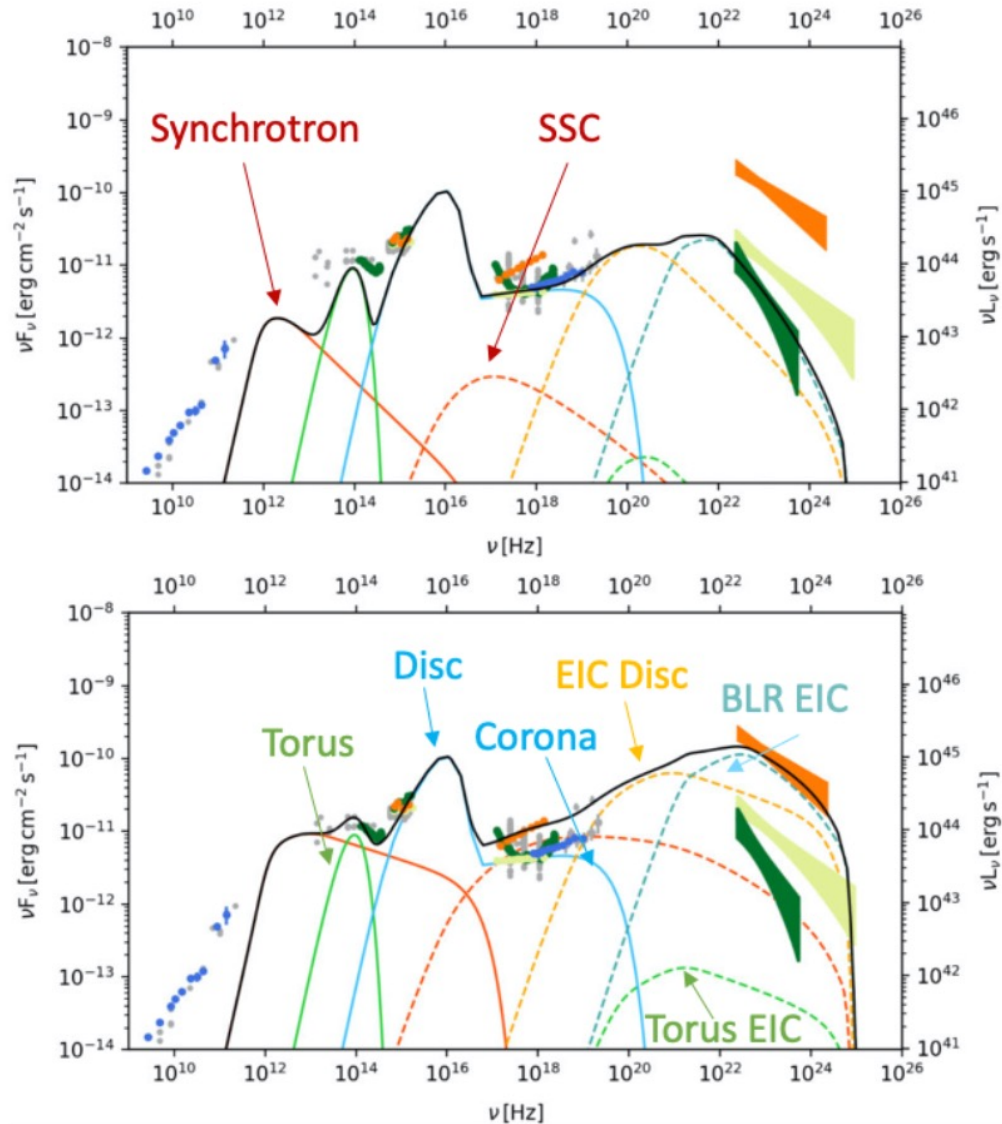
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# 1H 0323+342 – Disc & BLR dominated scenario

$R_\gamma < R_{BLR,in}$  : dominant EIC BLR (& disc)

Constant external photon fields and varying jet parameters only



Fixed parameters

$\theta$	$5^\circ$
$M_{BH}[M_\odot]$	$2 \times 10^7$
$L_D[erg\ s^{-1}]$	$2 \times 10^{45}$
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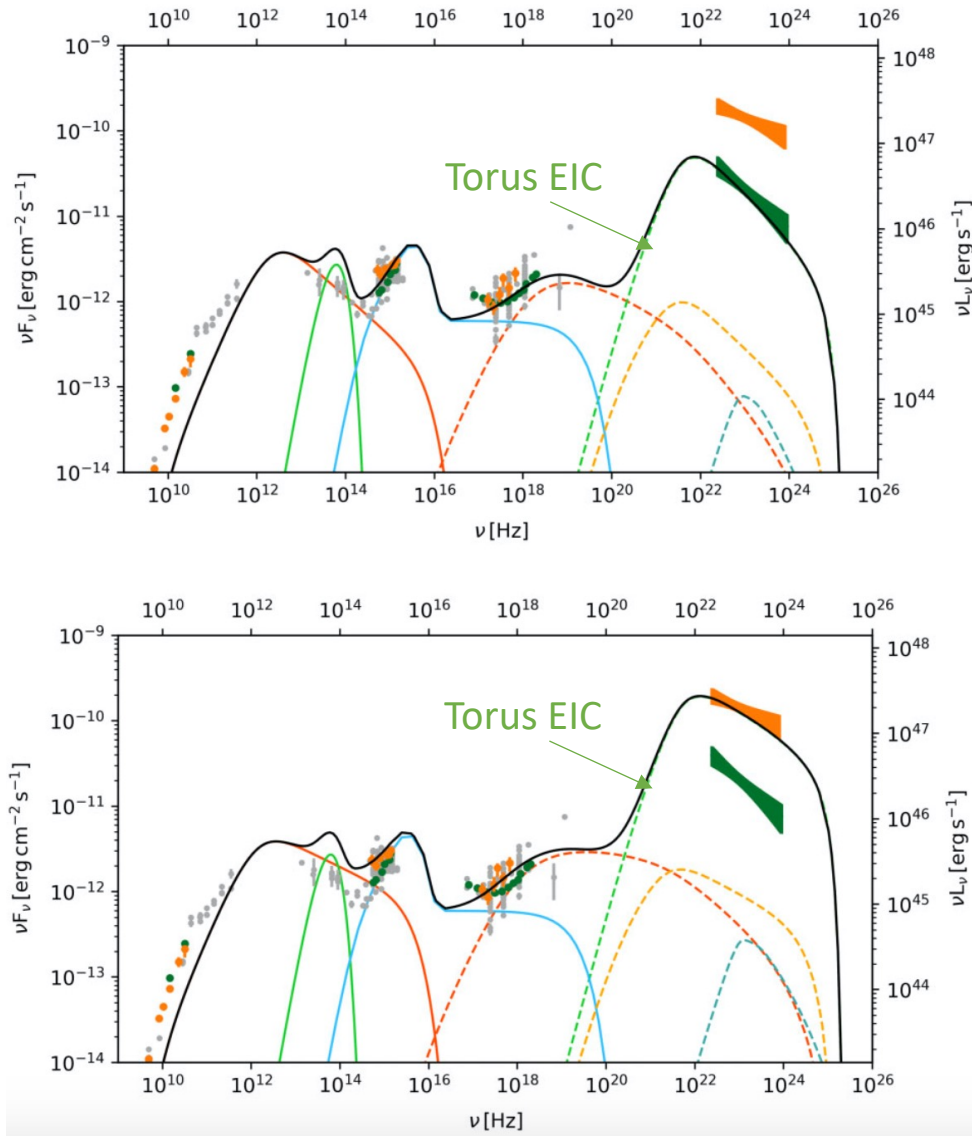
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$\delta$	9	10
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$R_{blob} [cm]$	$1.15 \times 10^{15}$	$1.03 \times 10^{15}$
$n_2$	4.2	3.4
$\gamma_{min}$	50	120
$\gamma_b$	150	280

- Denser blob and more relativistic blob in the high state
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$R_{blob} [cm]$	$9.37 \times 10^{16}$	$9.35 \times 10^{16}$
$B [G]$	0.20	0.12
$n_2$	3.9	3.5
$\gamma_b$	900	$1 \times 10^3$

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For each source of interest, considered scenario and activity state, various contributions to the total jet powers are estimated:

$$P_{jet,tot} = P_{rad} + P_B + P_e + P_{p,cold}$$

where

$$P_i = 2\pi R^2 c \Gamma^2 U'_i$$

two-sideness of the jet

associated energy density  
in the co-moving frame

# Variable jet powers of $\gamma$ -NLS1 galaxies

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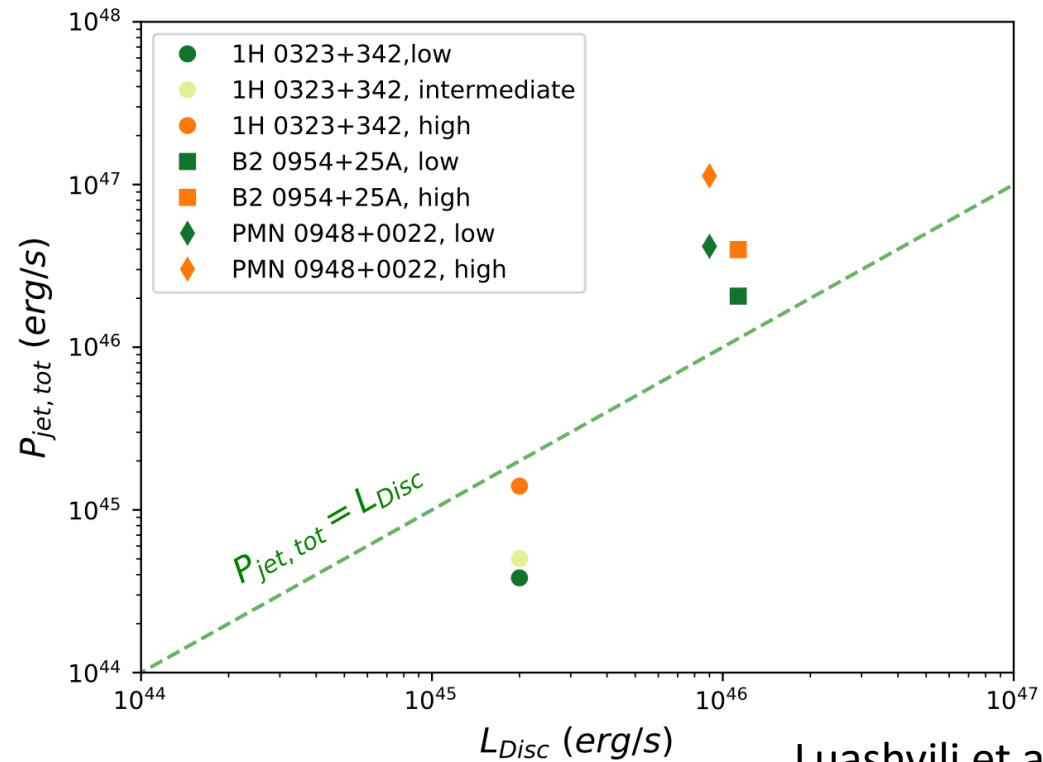
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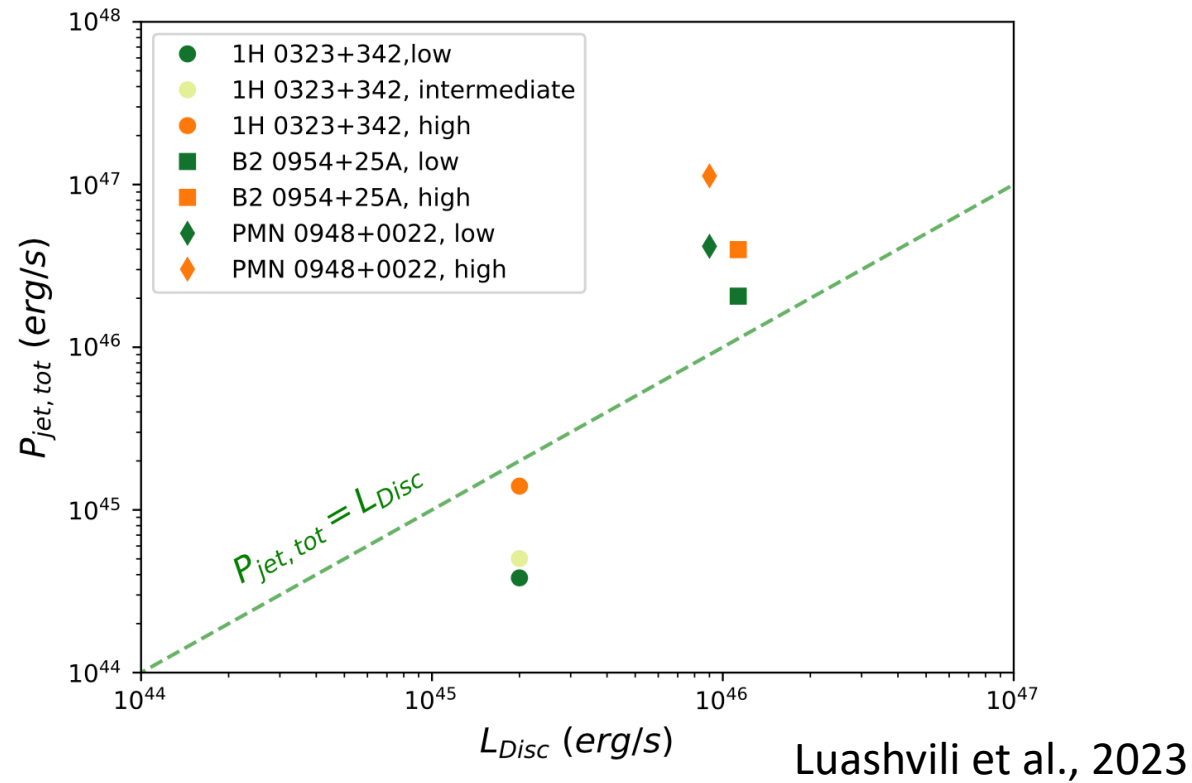
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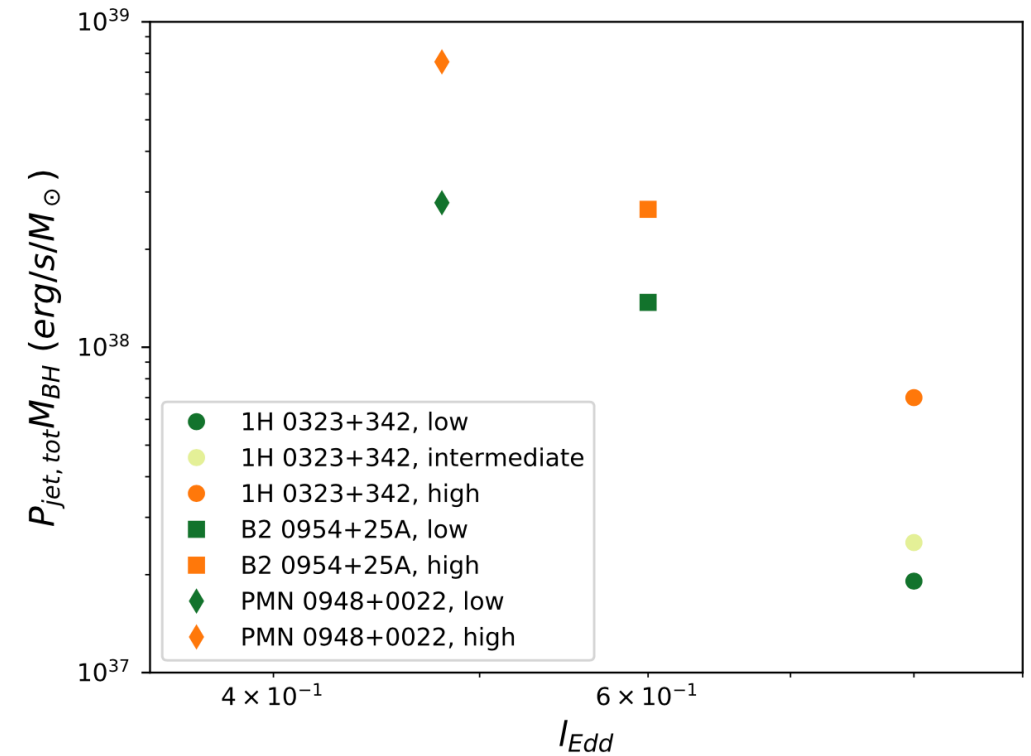
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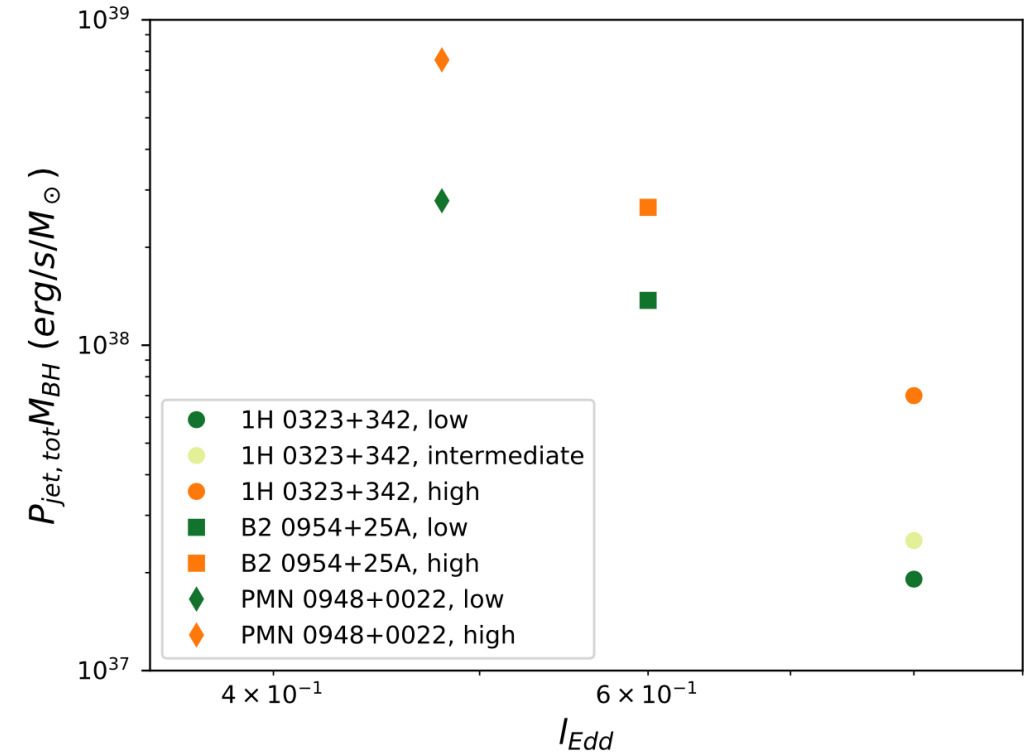
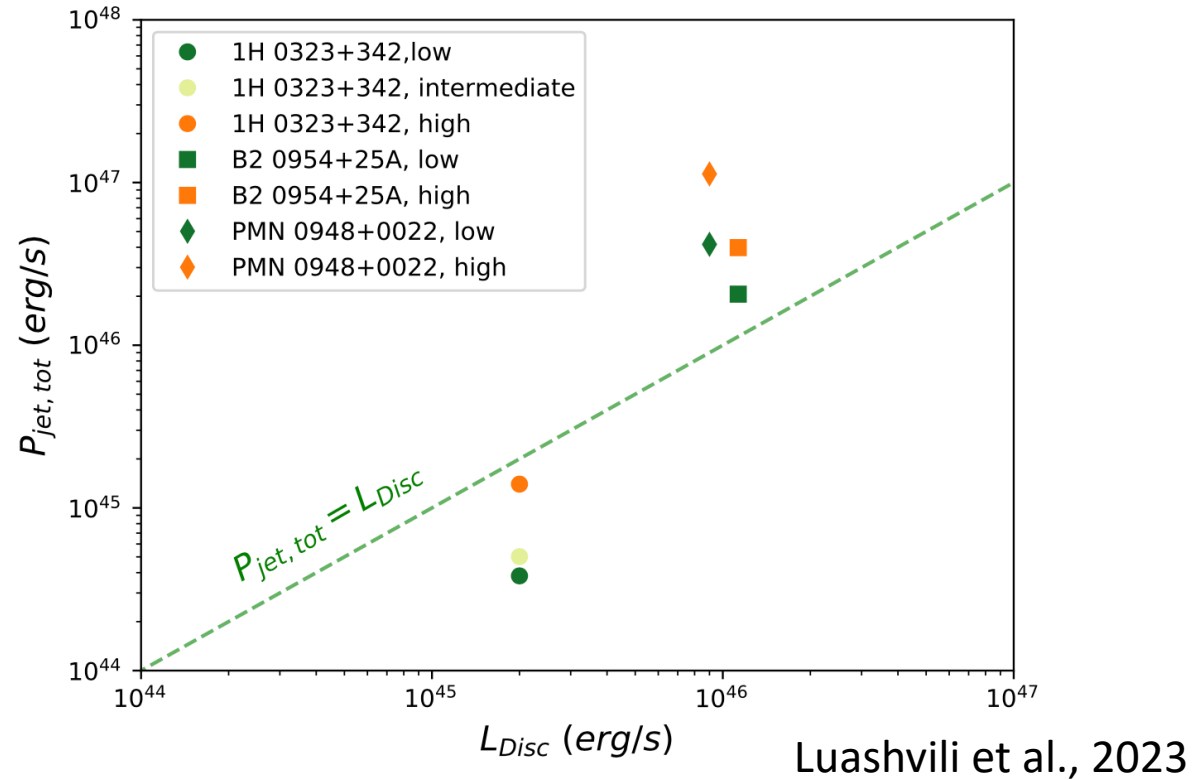
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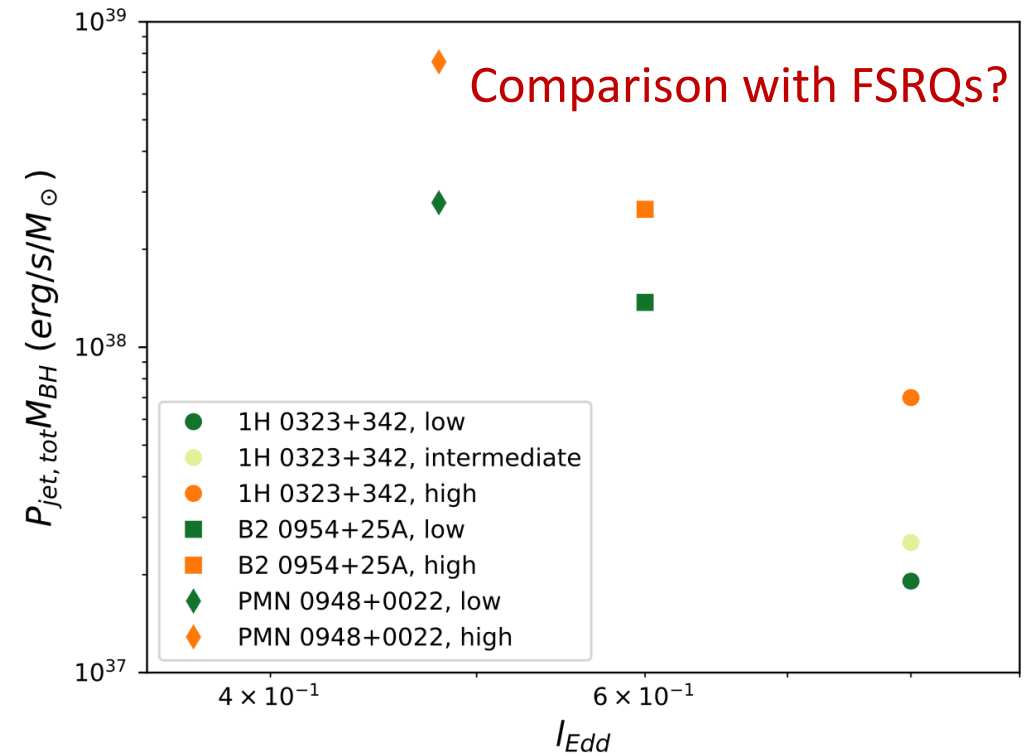
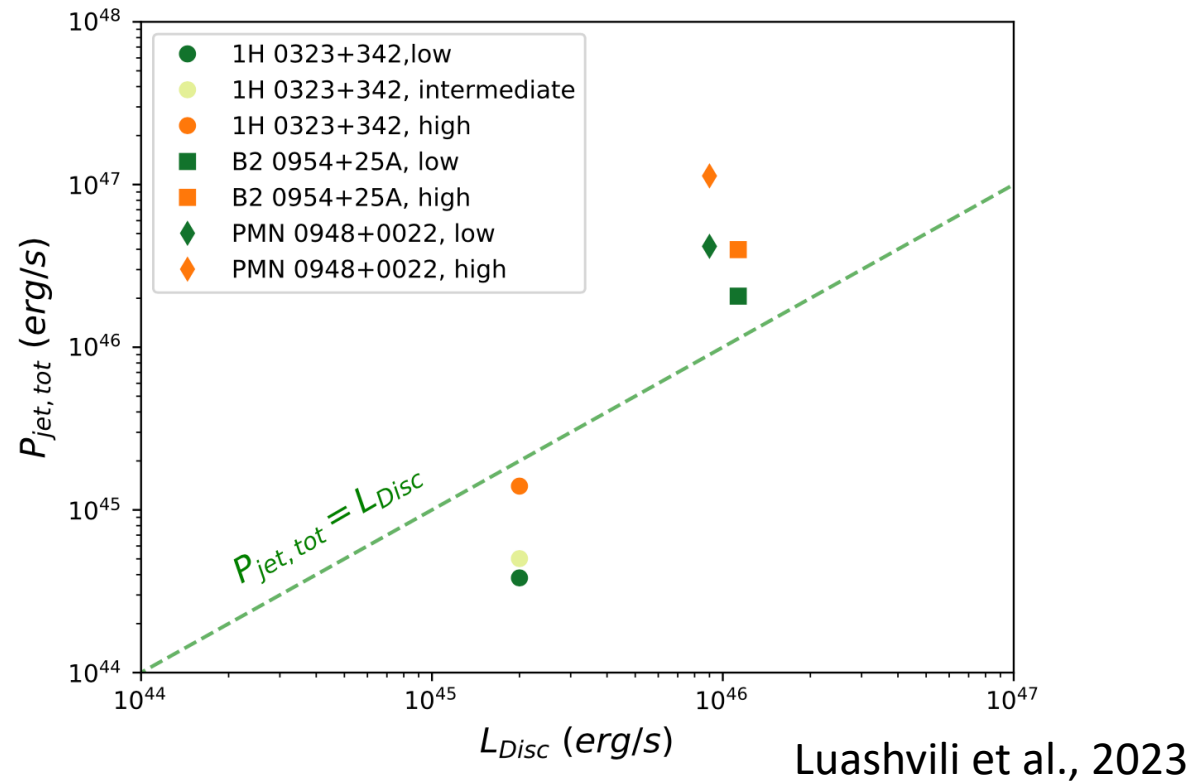


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