



# The nature of the most luminous obscured AGN in the low-redshift universe

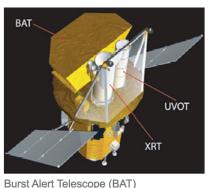
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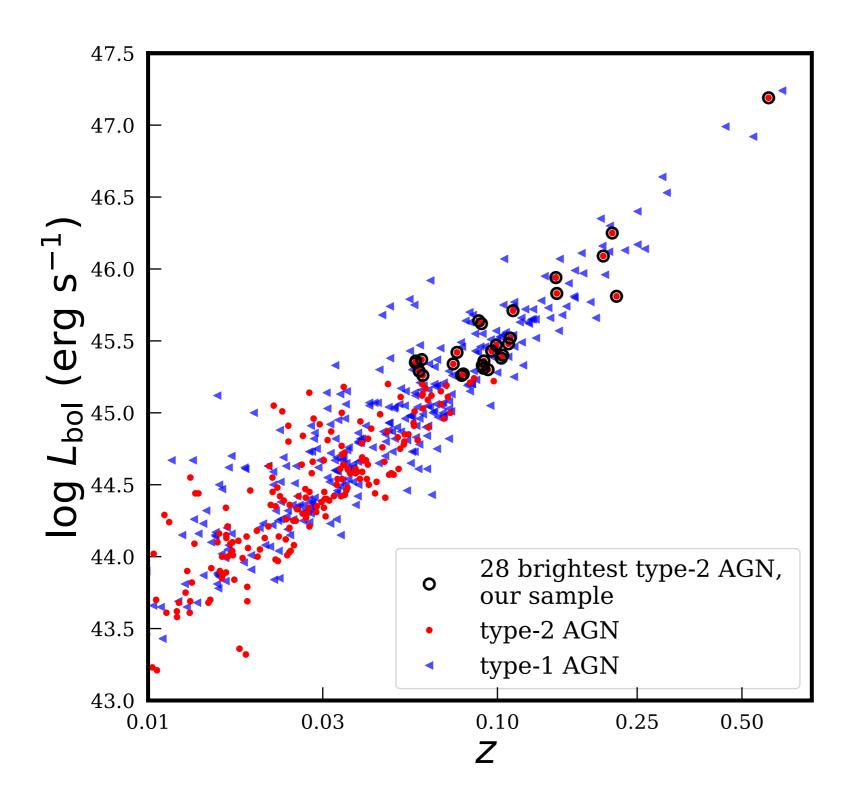




#### Analysis of the 28 most luminous obscured Type 2 AGN of BASS/DR1

Are they just very luminous or do they have common characteristics as a group?

#### Sample selection



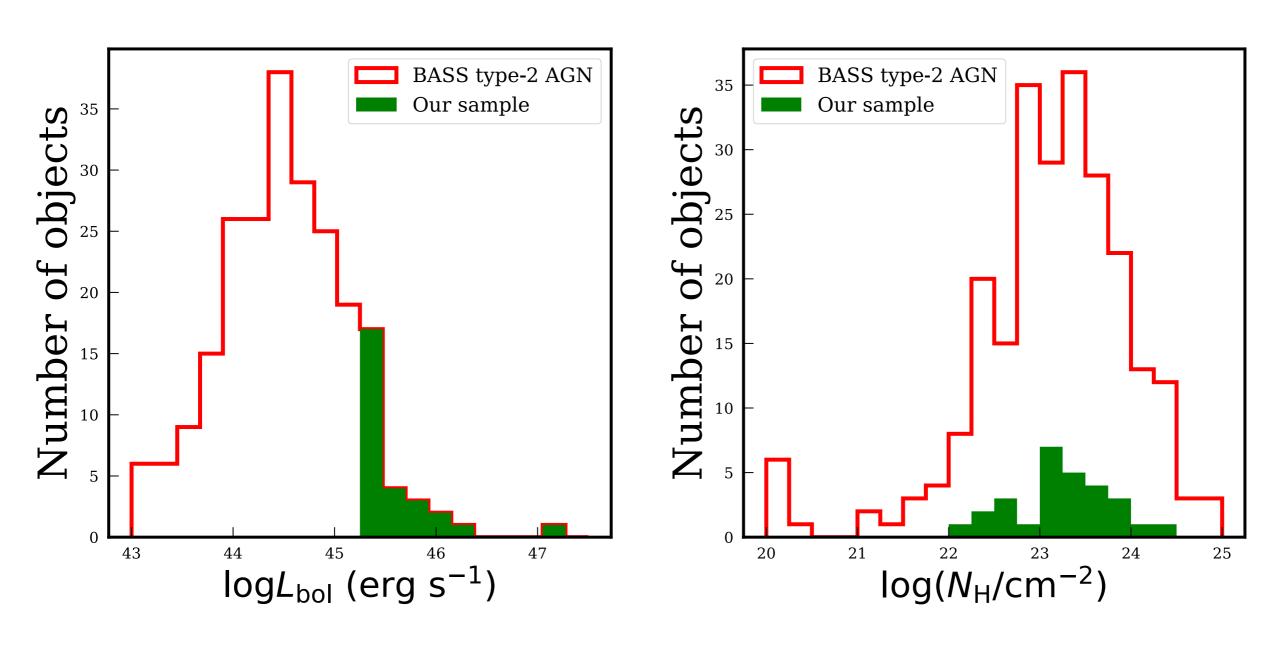
no broad lines

No Blazars

|6<sup>0</sup>|> galactic plane

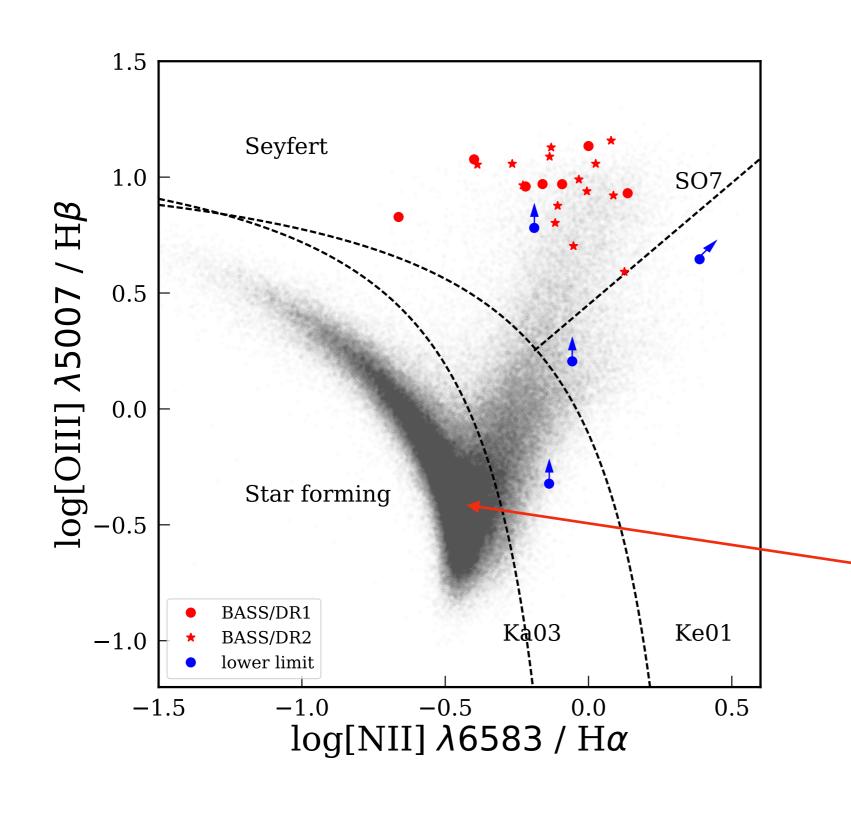
Black hole masses initially only 10 of 28

### Comparison $\log L_{\rm bol}$ & $\log N_{\rm H}$



—>compton thick

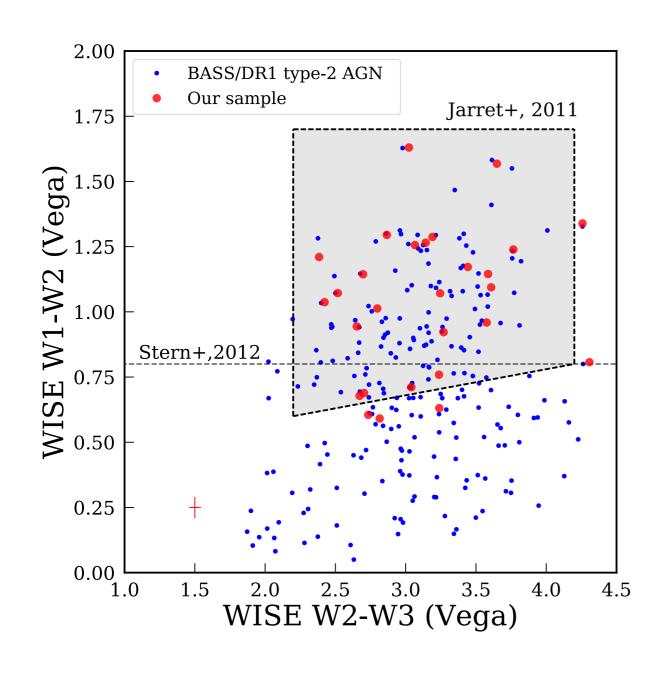
#### BPT Diagram

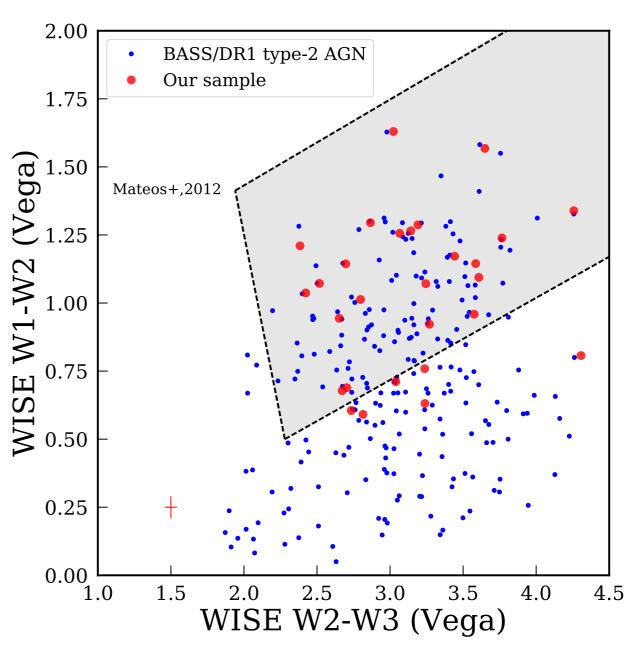


Clear classification as AGN —> 21 of 28 4 with upper limits but consistent with AGN

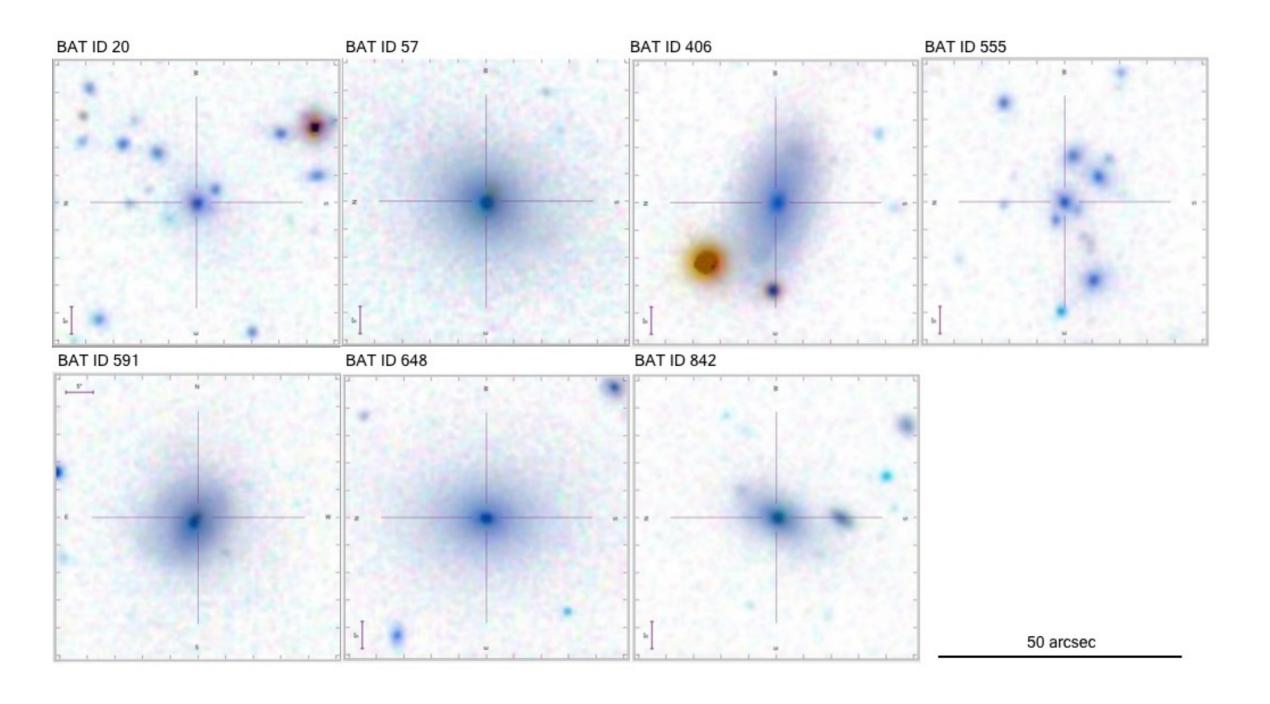
Total SDSS population 0<z<0.1

#### WISE Analysis

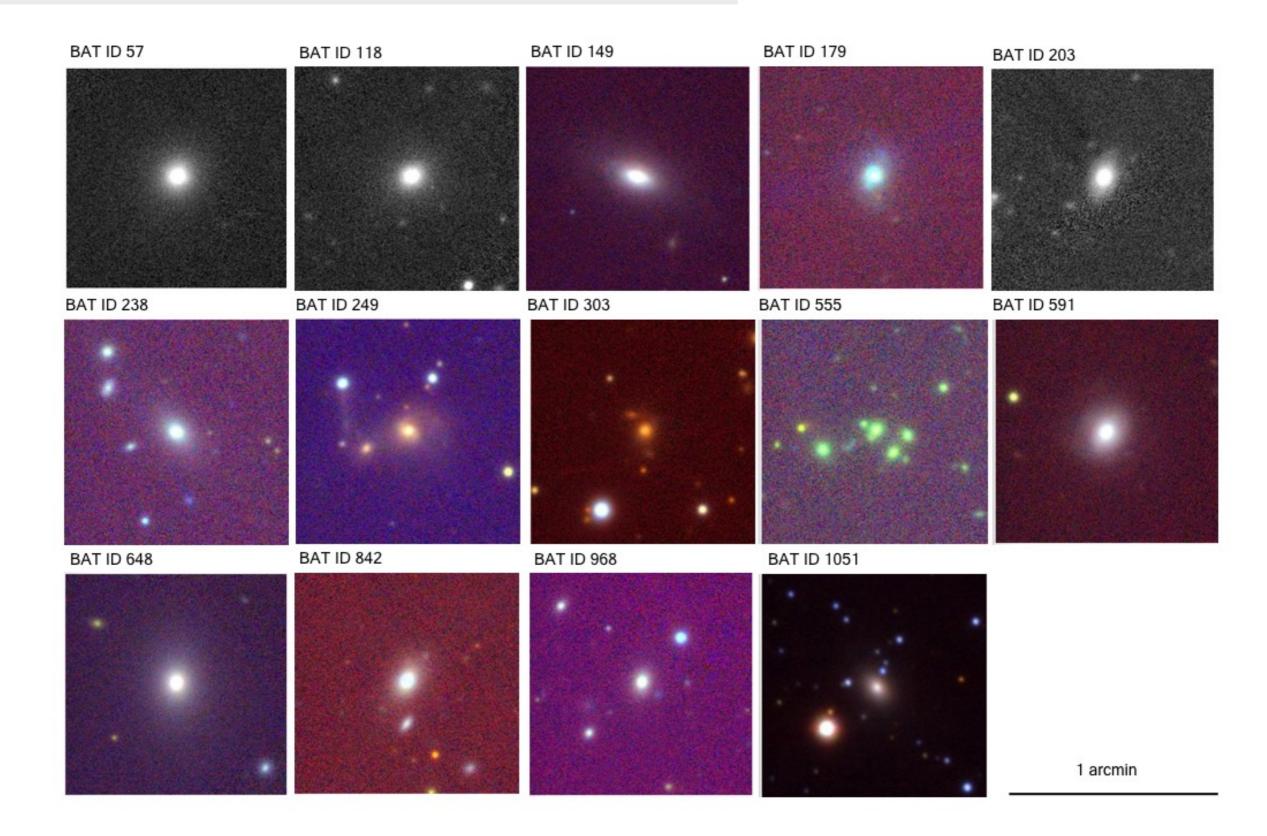




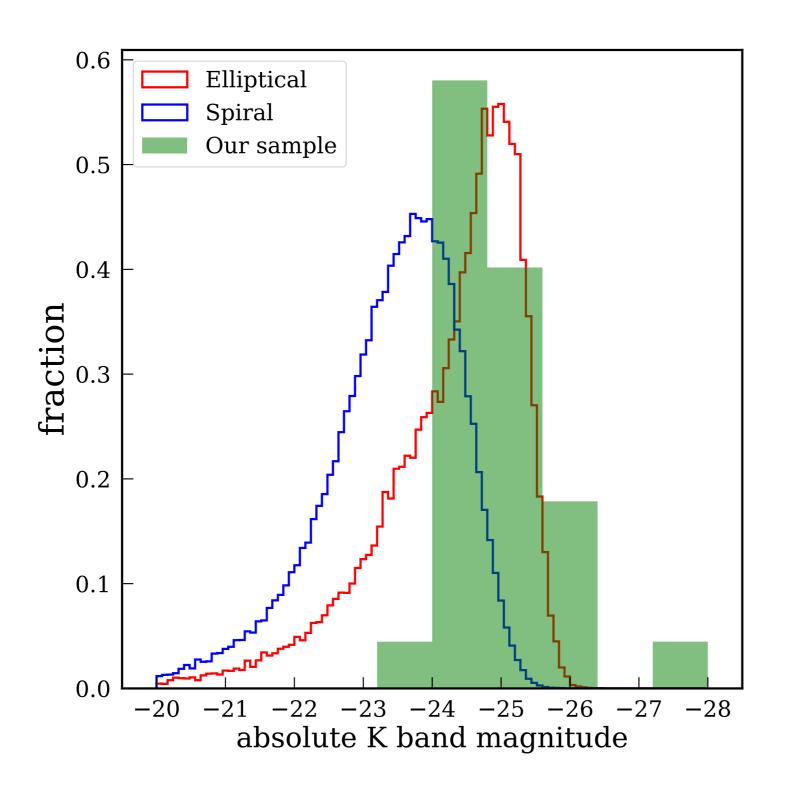
#### IMAGES: SDDS



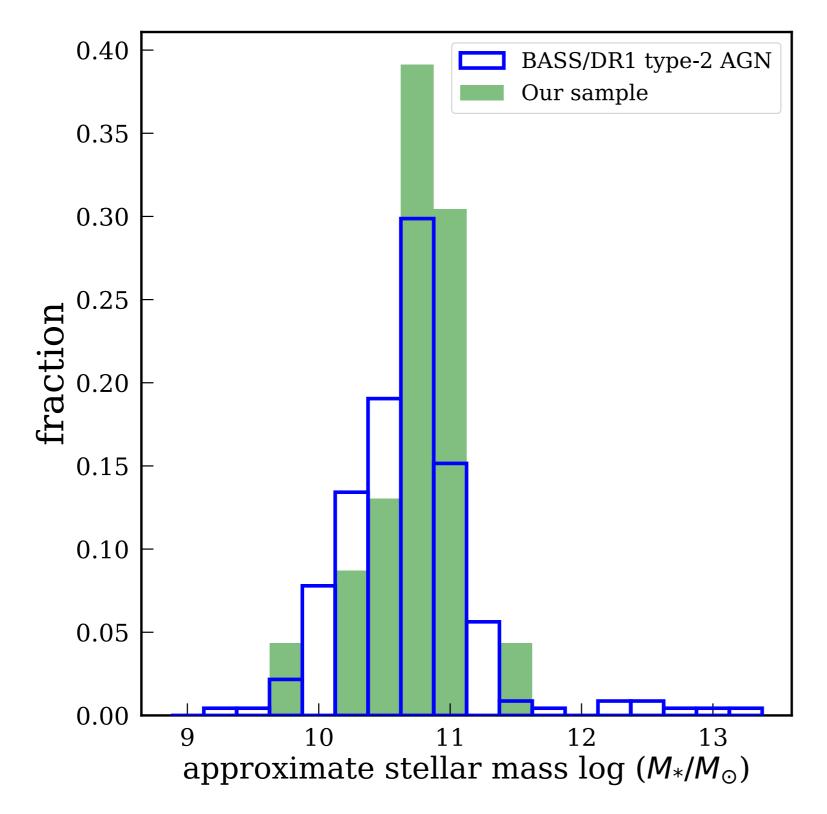
#### IMAGES: PanSTARRS



## Absolute K band Magnitudes & Morphologies

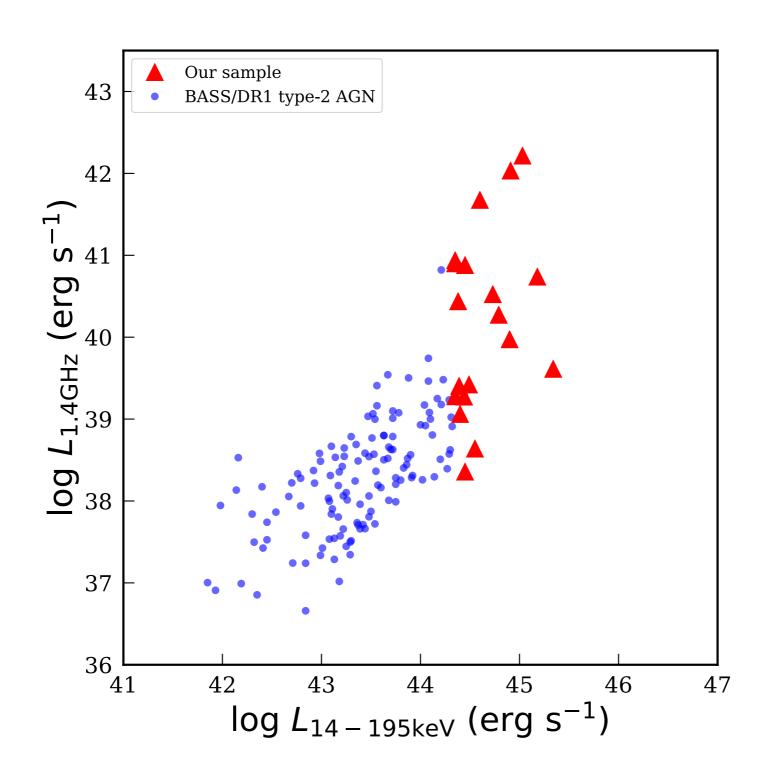


#### Stellar Mass

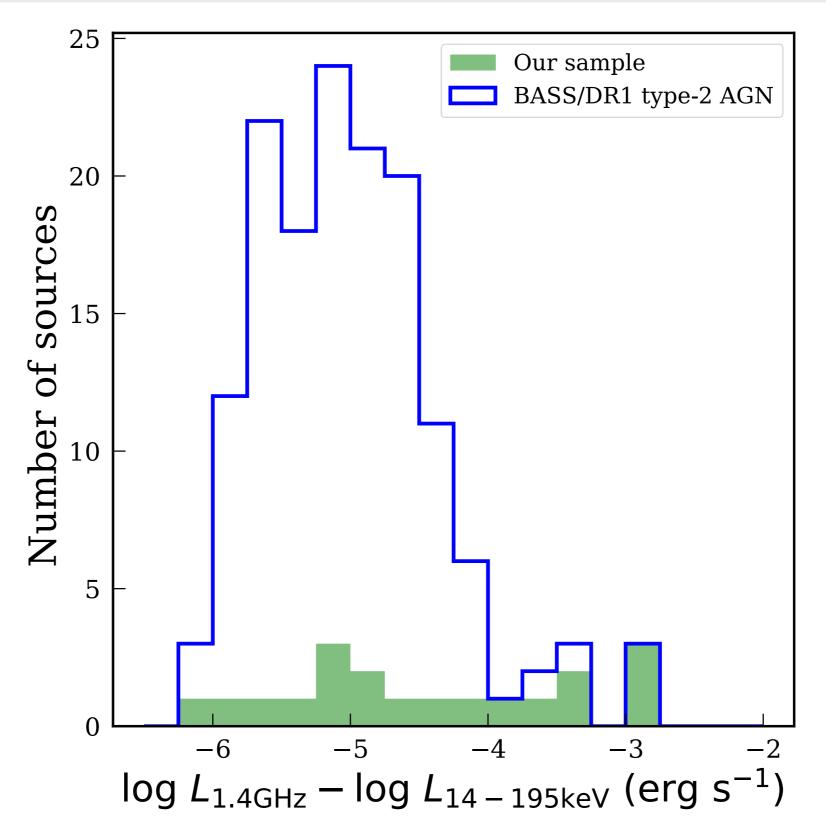


Stellar masses extend over a wide range but are skewed toward the high mass region

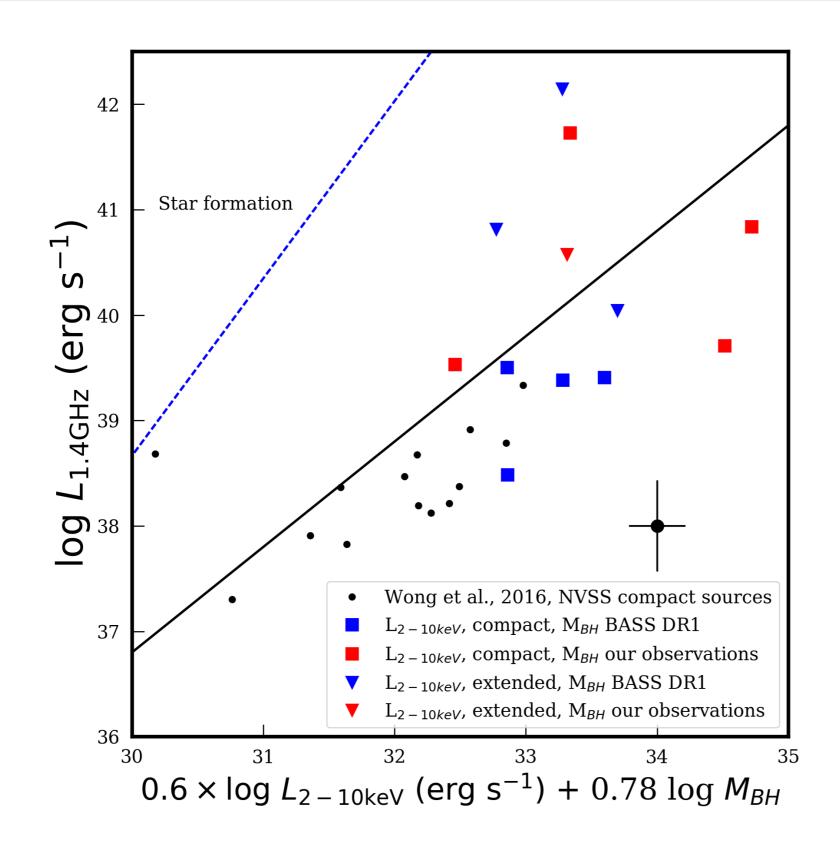
#### Luminosity: Radio vs Hard X-RAY



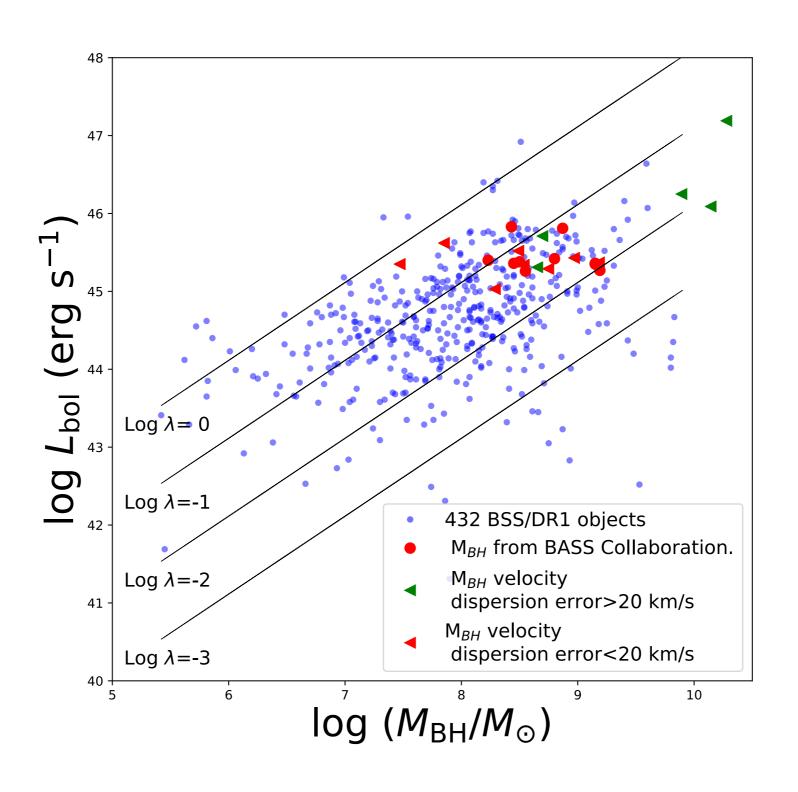
#### Relative Luminosity: Radio-Hard X-Ray

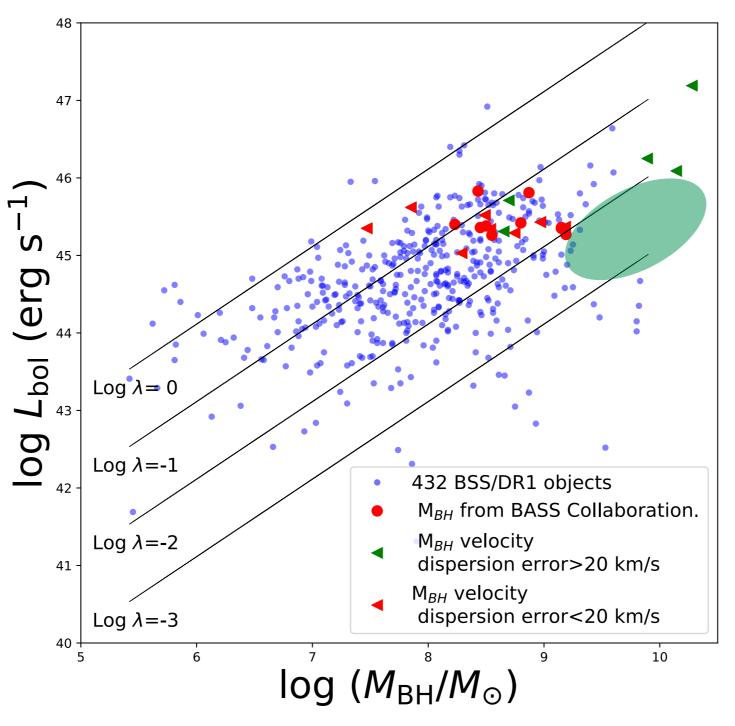


#### Fundamental Plane radio / X-ray

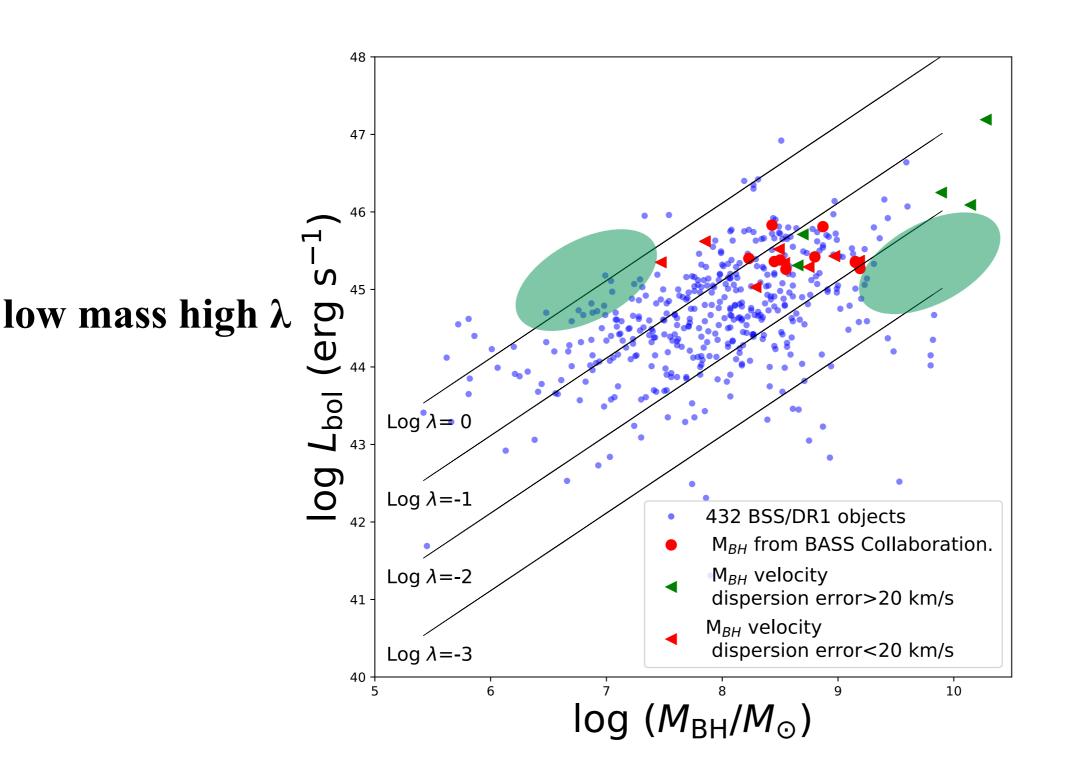


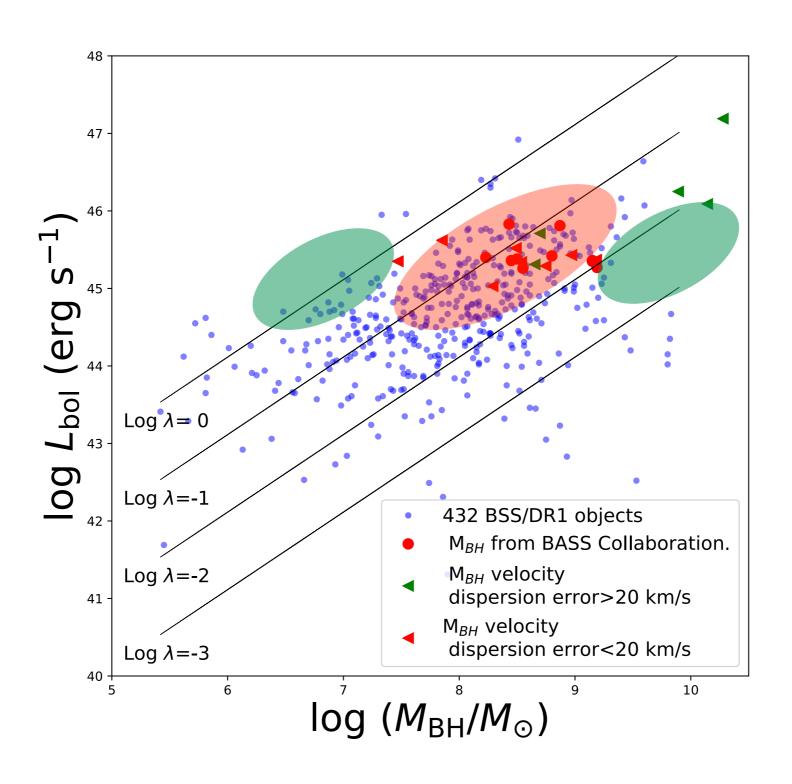
#### **High luminosity due to —>?**



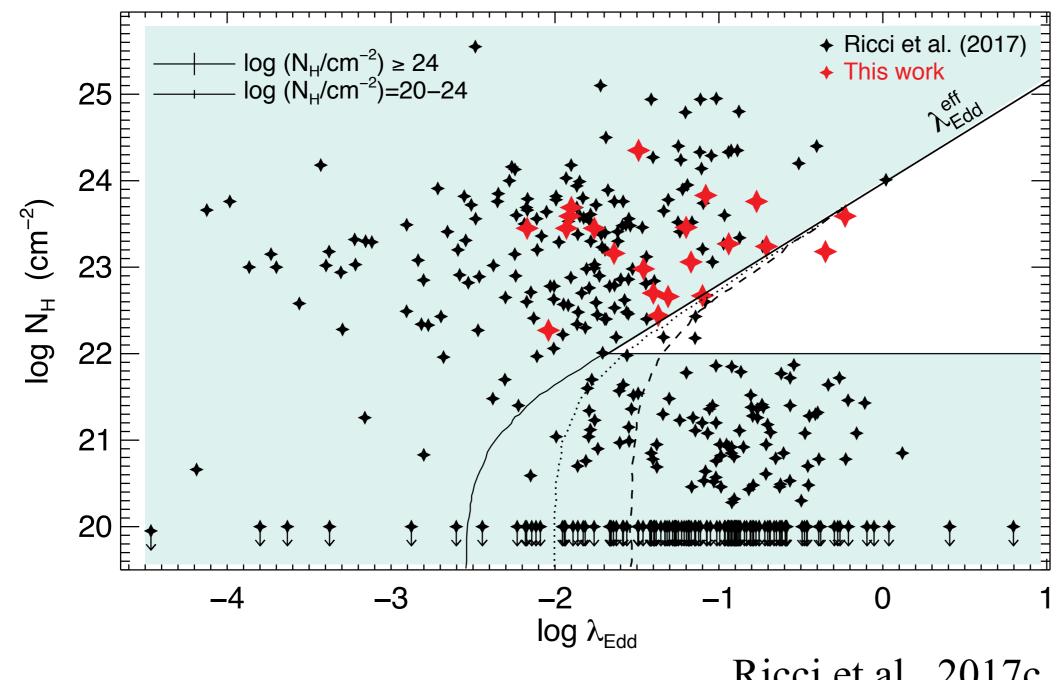


high mass low  $\lambda$ 





#### Eddington ratio vs column density



region where radiation pressure would push out the obscuring material from the torus.

Ricci et al., 2017c

- The most luminous type-2 AGN of the BASS/DR1 catalog as a group do not show any common characteristics
- Although they have been selected purely based on hard X-rays and narrow emission lines, the are classified robustly as obscured AGN by their column densities and by optical & infrared diagnostics

• Their host galaxies are predominantely ellipticals in apparent disagreement with other studies

 Their host galaxies cover a wide range of stellar masses

- Their radio properties luminosity, morphology, existence of radio lobes are very diverse
- Their black hole masses cover a range of  $7.5 < \log(M_{\rm BH}/M_{\rm sol}) < 10.3$
- Their accretion rates extend over wide range  $-0.2 < \log \lambda_{Edd} < -2.2$

• Based on their position in the  $\lambda_{\rm Edd}$  -  $N_{\rm H}$  plane they are compatible with the radiative feedback driven unification scenario.