

# Gamma-ray emitting Narrow Line Seyfert 1 galaxies

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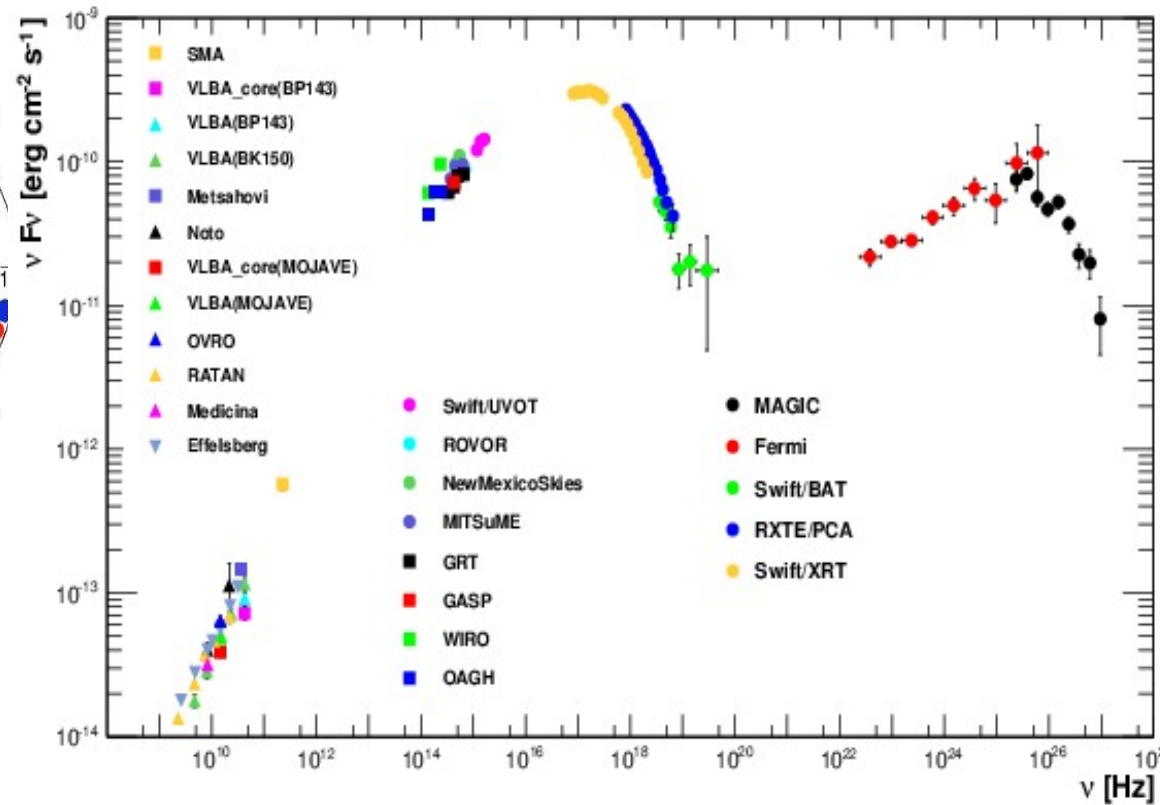
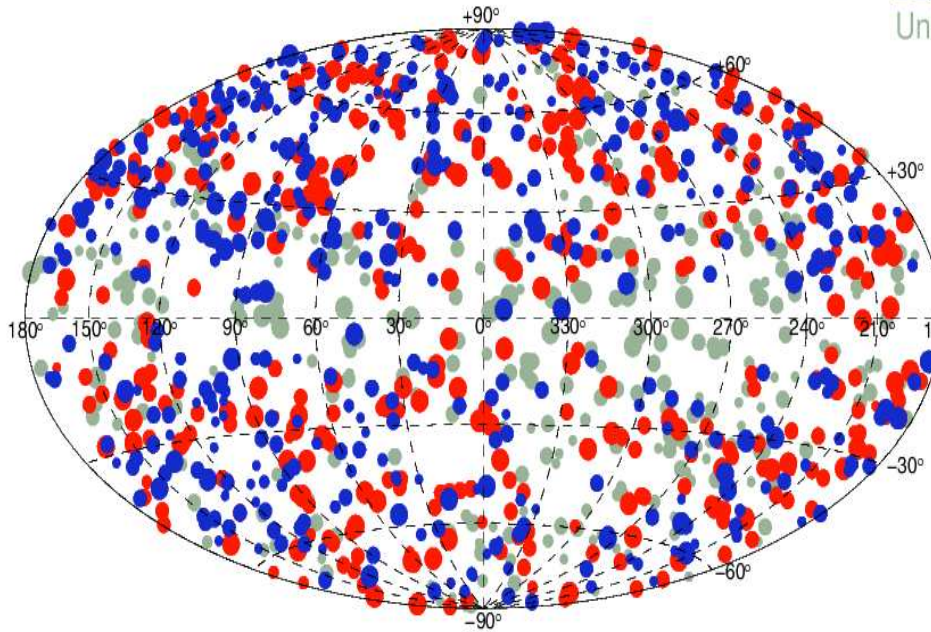
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# Extragalactic *Fermi* sources dominated by blazars - > non-thermal processes

Second LAT Catalogue (2LAC)  
TS>25, August 2008 – August 2010

FSRQ  
BLLAC  
Unknown

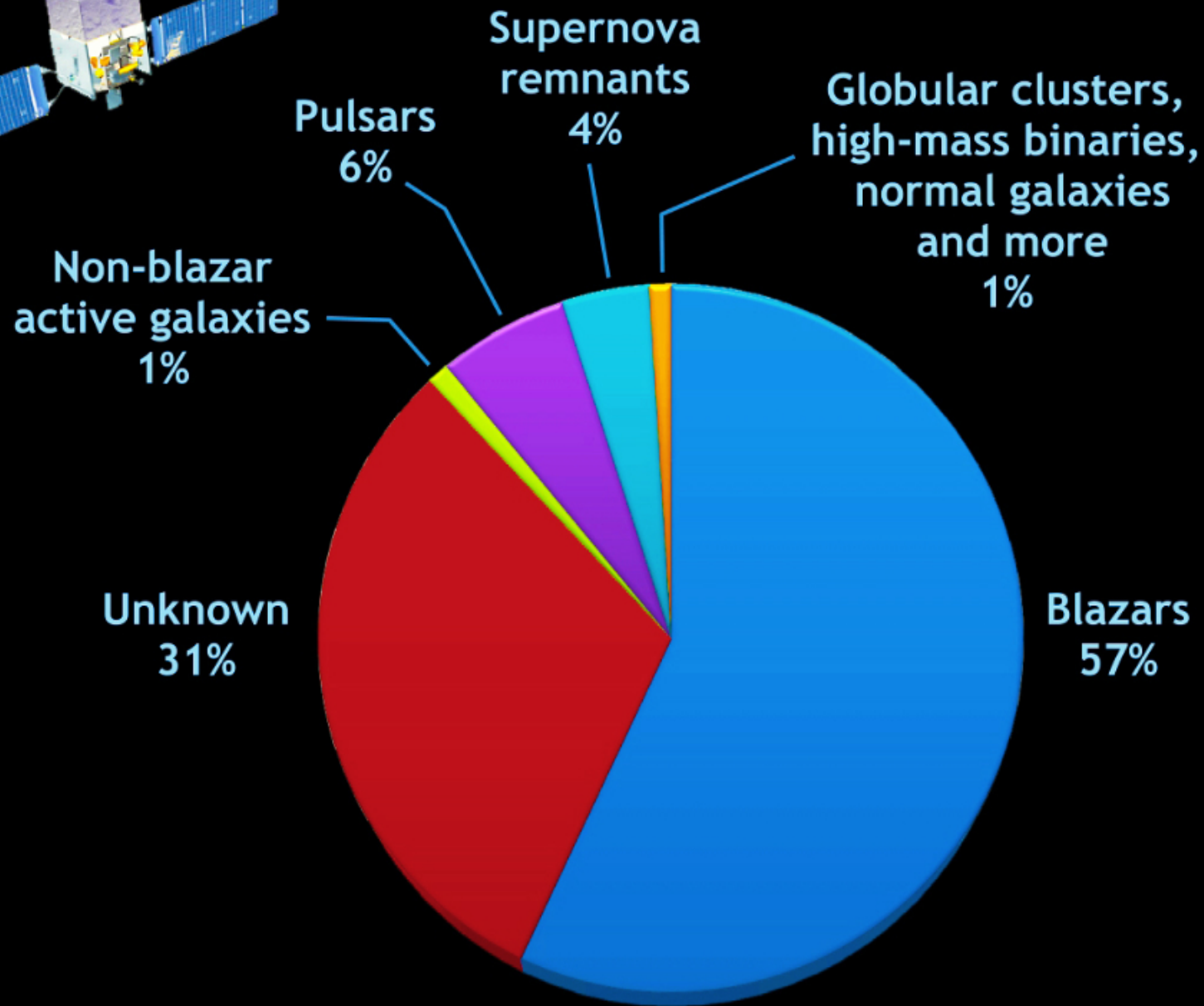
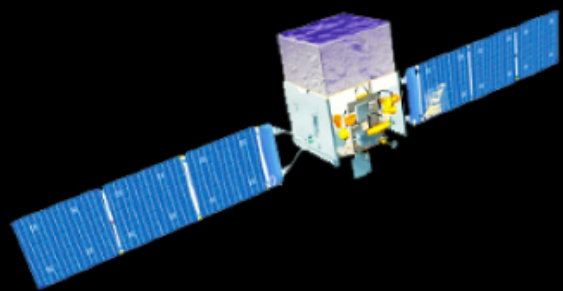
Abdo et al. 2011, ApJ, 736, 131



Variety of observations are needed to understand these sources

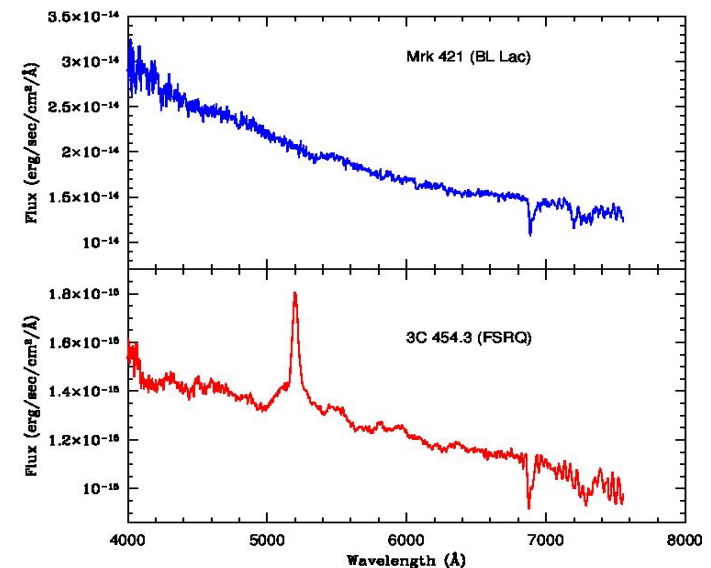
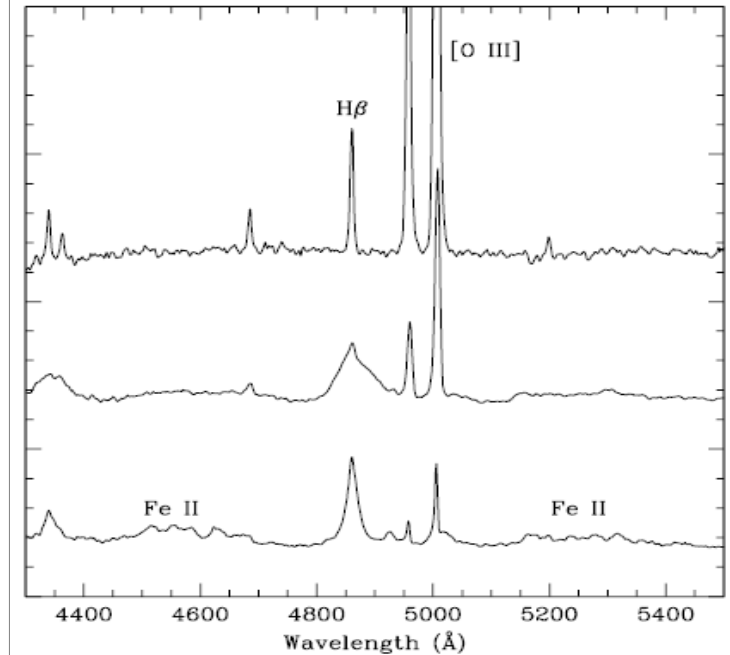
# The Gamma-ray sky as seen by Fermi

## What has Fermi found: The LAT two-year catalog



# Narrow Line Seyfert 1 galaxies( 1985 - 2008)

- FWHM < 2000 km /sec
- [O III]/H $\beta$  < 3 (Osterbrock & Pogge 1985)
- Have Fe II lines
- Low mass black holes ( $10^6 - 10^8 M_{\odot}$ ; Decarli et al. 2008)
- Soft X-ray excess & variability
- High accretion rate (0.1 – 1 Eddington; Boroson & Green 1992; Boller et al.1996)
- Spiral host, often with bars (Crenshaw et al. 2003; Deo et al. 2006)
- Generally high star formation activity (Sani et al. 2010)



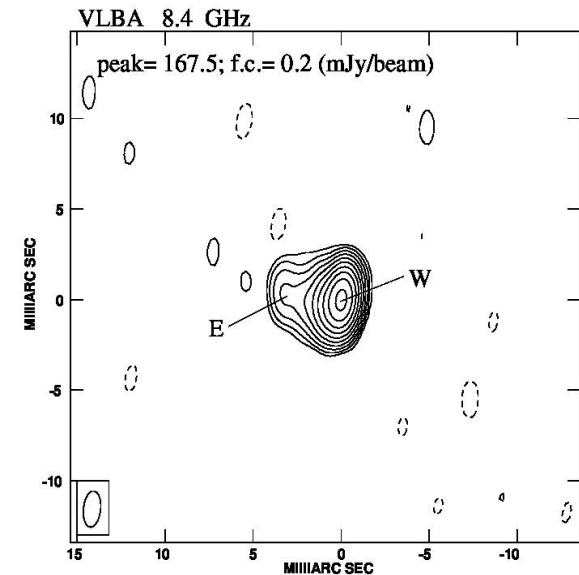
- R-parameter: often used as a proxy for jet production
- Radio-loud ( $R > 10$ , AGN with higher BH mass,  $>10^8 M$ , low accretion rates, have relativistic jets)
- Radio-quiet ( $R < 10$ , AGN with low BH mass,  $10^6 - 10^8 M$ , high accretion, do not have relativistic jets)
- NLSy1 galaxies (radio quiet, have low BH mass and high accretion rates)

**INFERENCE:** NLSy1 galaxies are radio-quiet AGN, and the young BH undergoing rapid growth via high accretion rate **CANNOT** produce relativistic jets

- Show radio-loud/radio-quiet dichotomy
- 7% are radio-loud compared to 15% in quasars

# Narrow Line Seyfert 1 galaxies (2008 – Present)

- Radio spectra (blazars)
- Radio structure (blazars)
- Superluminal motion (blazars)
- Black hole mass (low v/s high)
- Host galaxies (spirals v/s ellipticals)

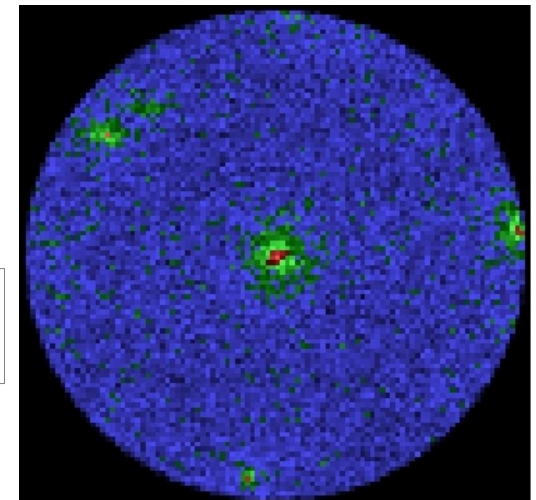


SBS 0846+513 (D'Ammando et al. 2012, MNRAS)

As of now 6 high confidence detections by *Fermi*

Strong optical polarization -> 18% (Ikejiri et al. 2011)

Confirms that these sources do have relativistic jets similar to blazars (Elliptical – Jet paradigm)



# Key Questions:

1. What is their intra-night optical variability nature ?
2. How do their  $\gamma$ -ray spectra look like (FSRQs v/s BL Lacs) ?
3. What is the nature of their broad band SED (FSRQ type v/s BL Lac type)

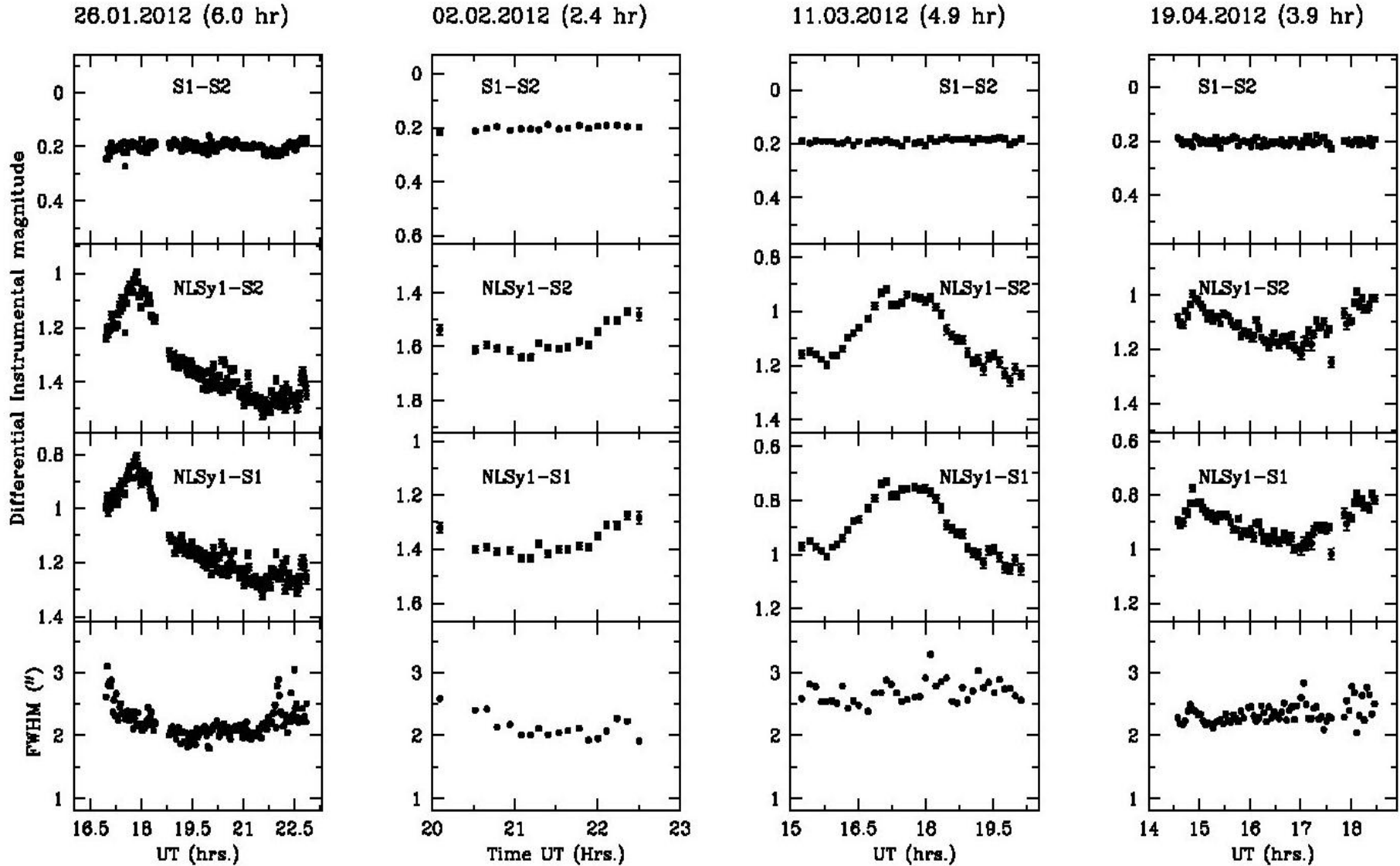


# 1. What is their intra-night optical variability nature ?

- RQQs 17%
  - LDQs 12%
  - CDQs 20%
  - BL Lacs 70% (Stalin et al. 2005)
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- 3 objects monitored over 10 nights in 2012 (**more observations are made during 2014/2015**)
  - 130 cm in Devasthal, ARIES was used
  - INOV noticed with amplitudes  $> 3\%$
  - DC  $\sim 85\%$
  - Mini-flares in time scales as short as 12 min



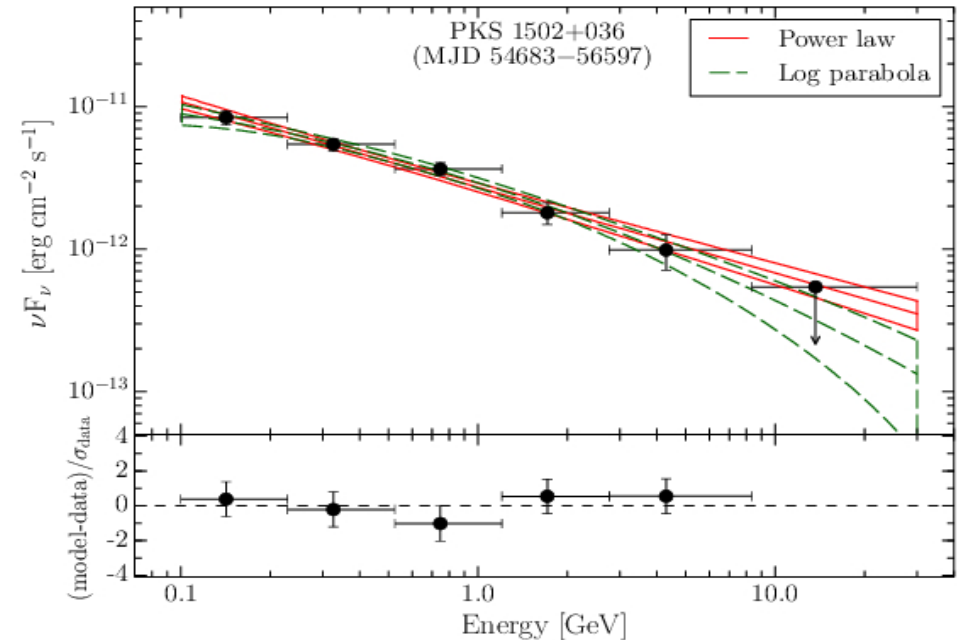
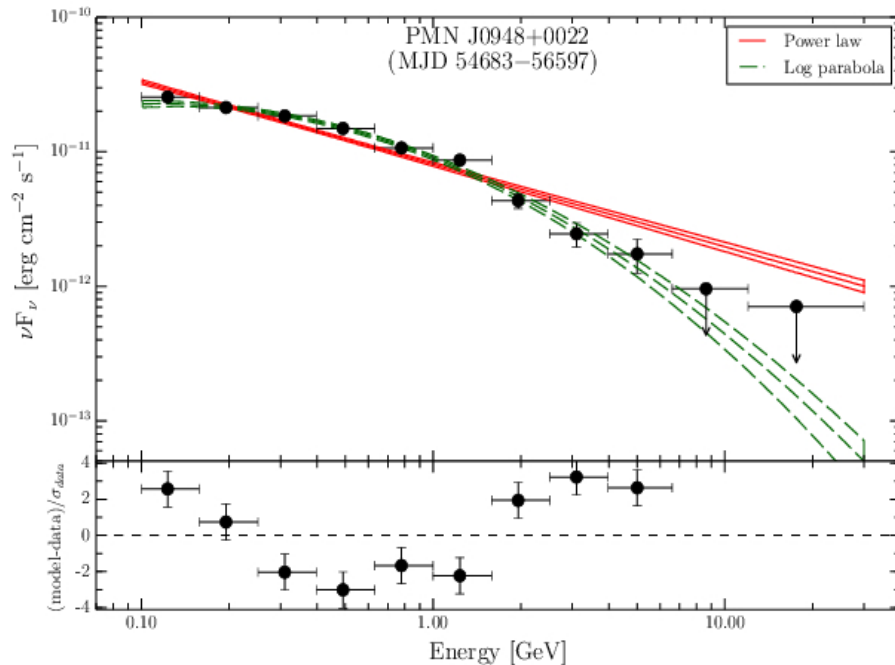
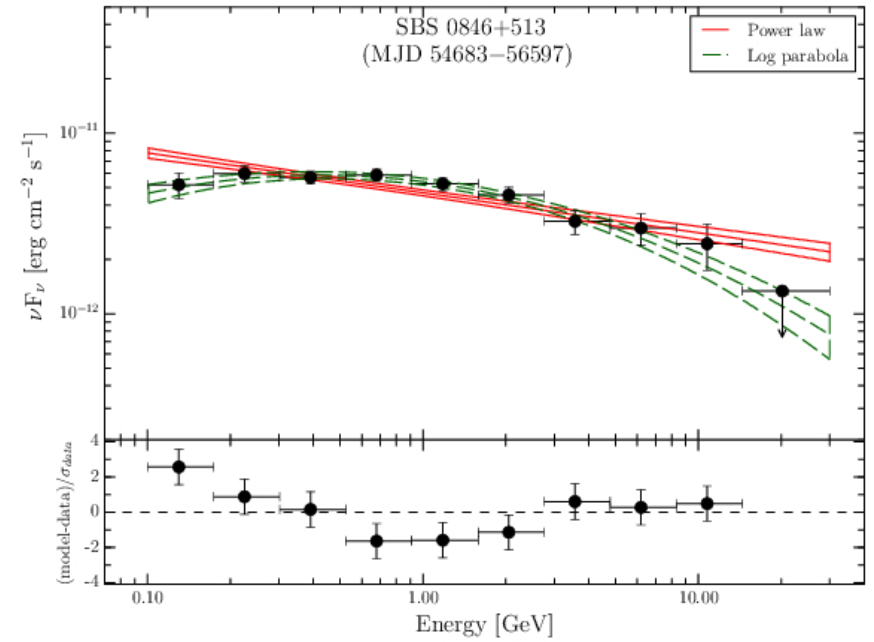
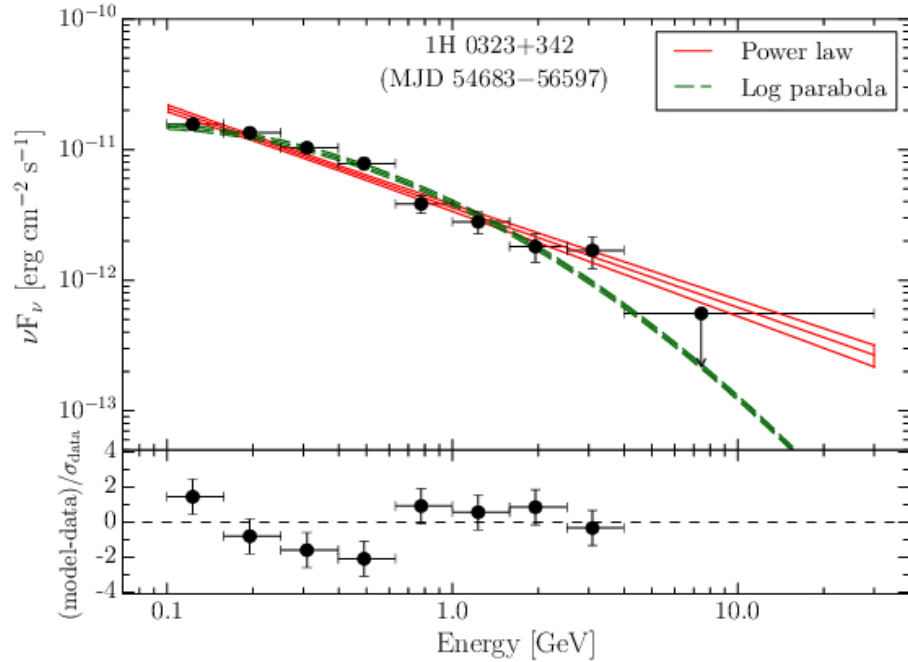
# Intranight optical variability



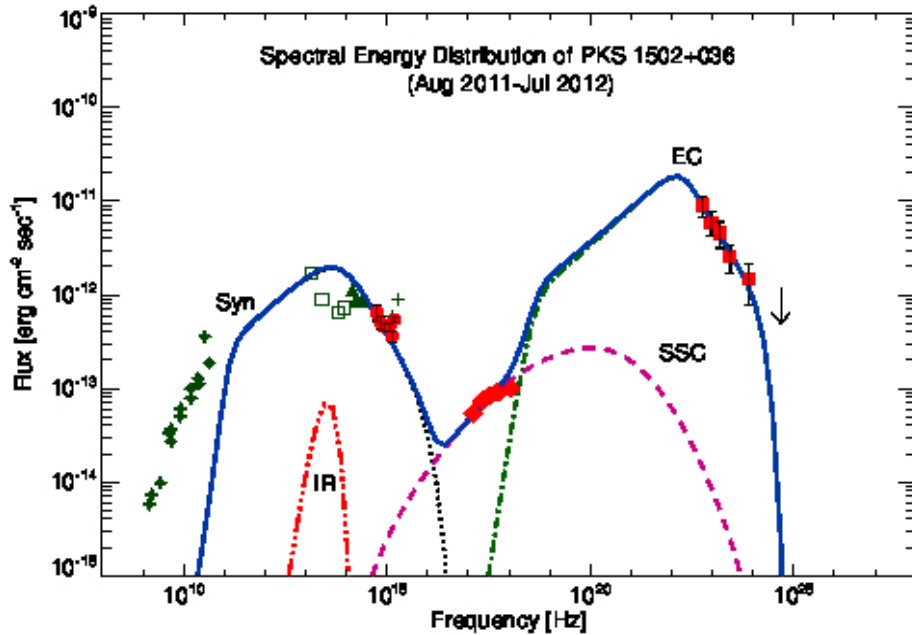
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Their INOV nature are similar to blazars (FSRQ v/s BL Lacs)

# 2. What is the shape of their gamma-ray spectra

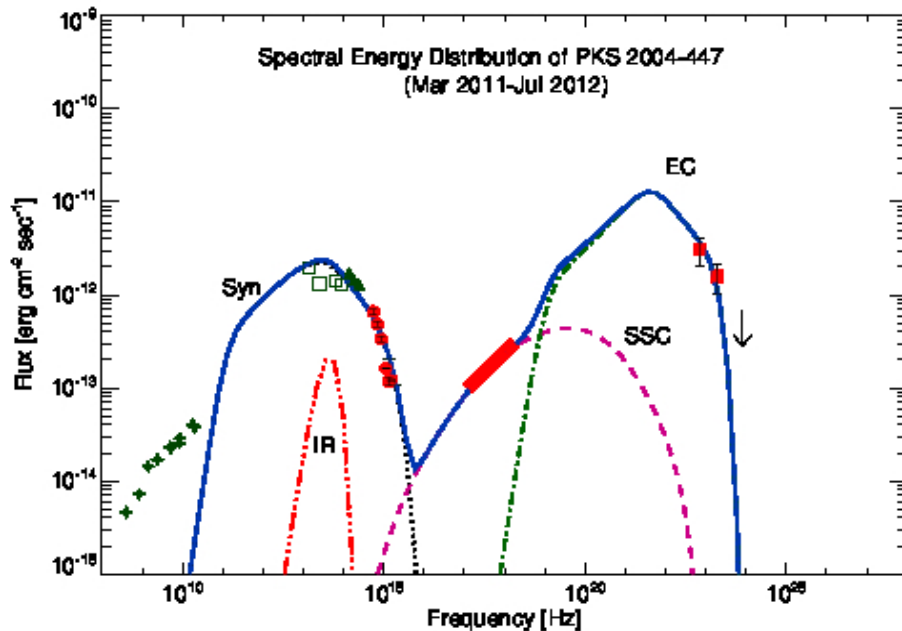


# How is their broad band spectral energy distribution ?

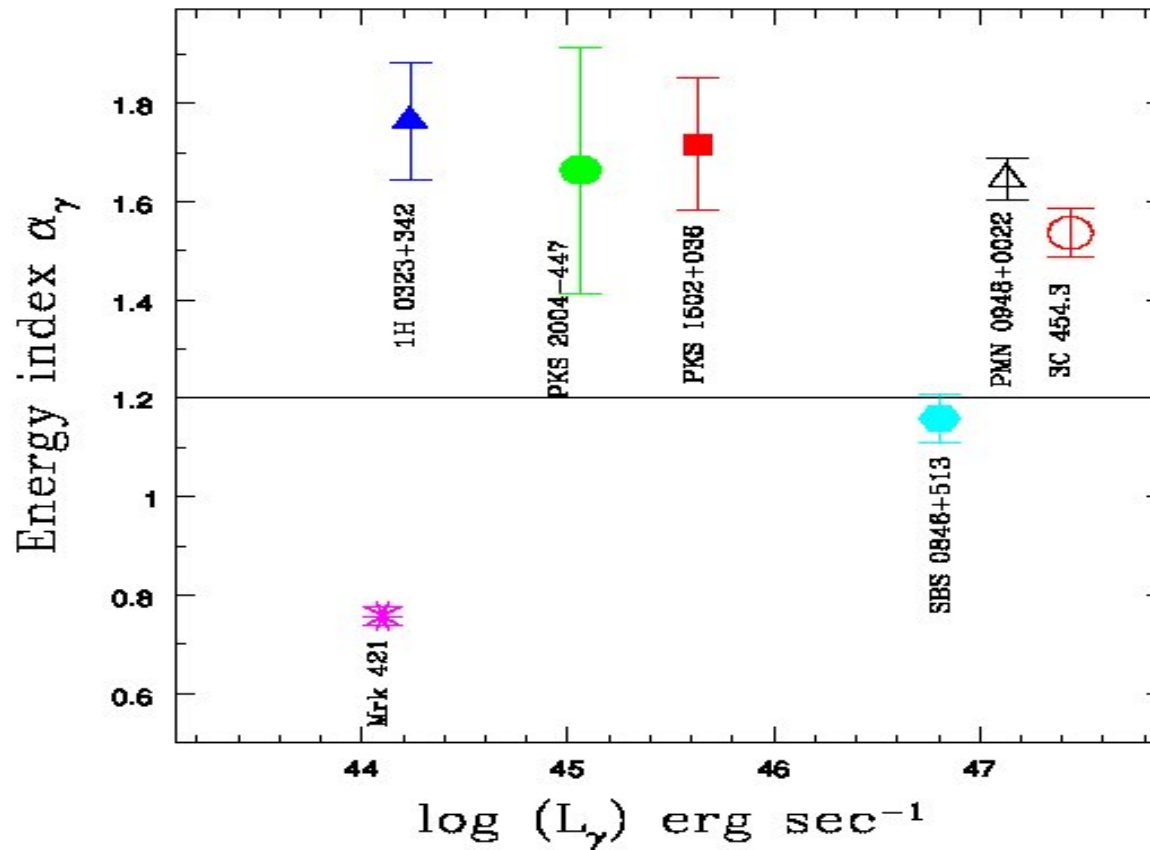


FSRQs: High energy is because of EC, Compton Dominance  $> 1$

BL Lacs: High energy is because of SSC, Compton Dominance  $< 1$



Python-based code has been developed to carry out SED modeling



$\gamma$ -ray loud NLSy1 galaxies have a wider range of  $\gamma$ -ray luminosities

They have steep  $\gamma$ -ray spectral index more like FSRQs

# Conclusions

- Break is seen in the Gamma-ray spectra, similar to FSRQs
- INOV similar to blazars
- SED similar to FSRQs
- Compton Dominance greater than unity; FSRQs
- At-least one source is found to show large polarization

**Gamma-ray loud NLSy1 galaxies are low BH mass FSRQs but in a spiral galaxy**

**They now constitute a third class of gamma-ray emitting AGN**

# Inference

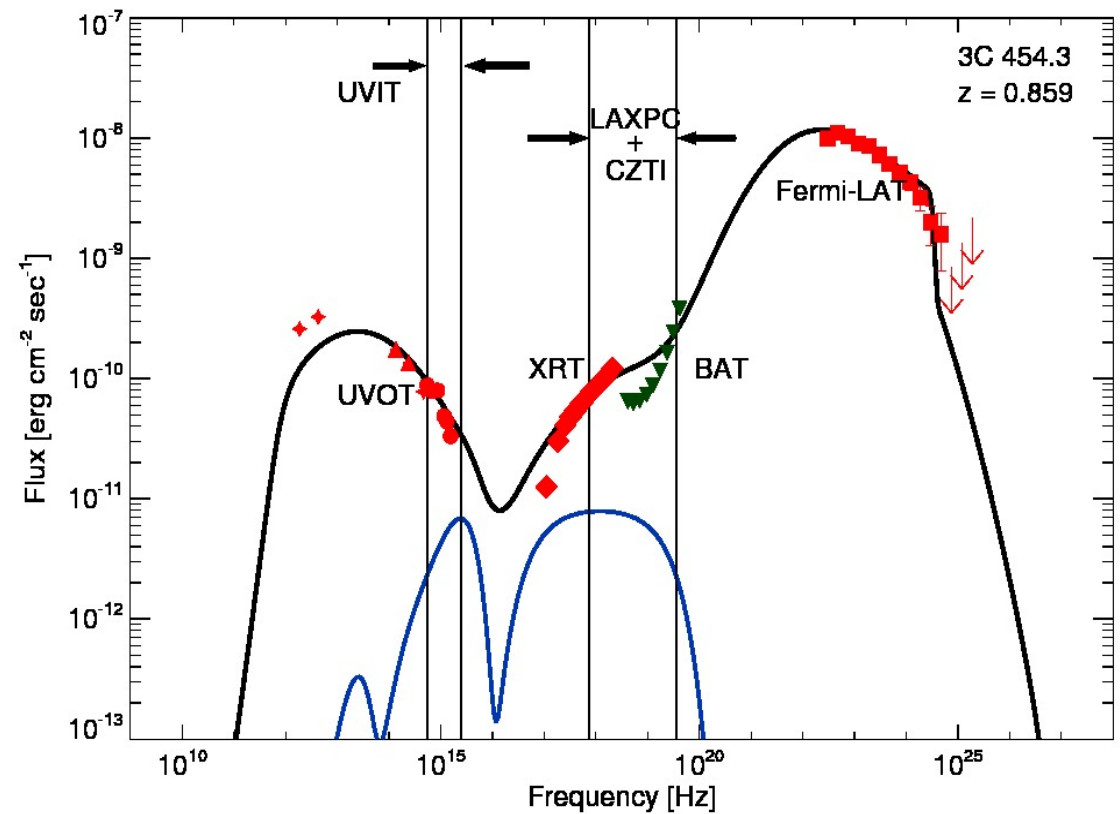
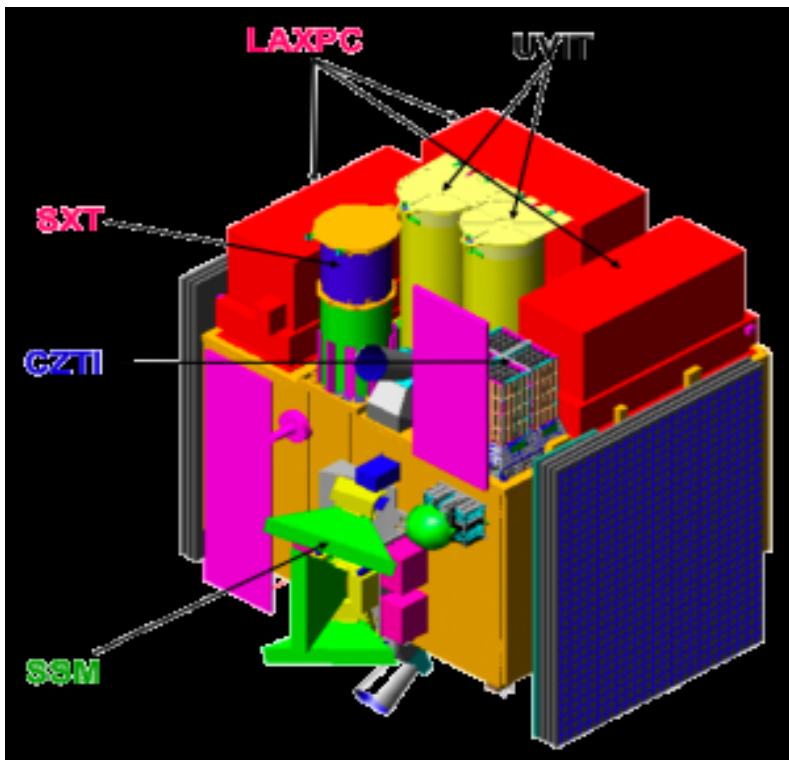
- **Elliptical jet paradigm is an observational bias** -> galaxies can have relativistic jets irrespective of their morphological types
- **We are beginning to probe a new regime of relativistic jets** -> low mass black holes

## Before *Fermi* / After *Fermi*

AGN properties	Without jets/radio-quiet	With Jets/radio-loud
Galaxy morphology	Spiral / Elliptical	Elliptical <b>Spiral</b>
Types	NLSy1s / Sy1 / Sy2	Blazars (FSRQs, BL Lacs) /Radio galaxies <b>NLSy1s</b>

# The way forward

- Simultaneous multiband observations is the key,
- **ASTROSAT** is going to play a major role in the coming days



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