

On the quasar Main Sequence at high redshift: AGN outflows and radioloudness relations

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4D Eigenvector 1 (4DE1)

(or "an HR diagram for type-1 quasars?")

Proposed by Sulentic+00

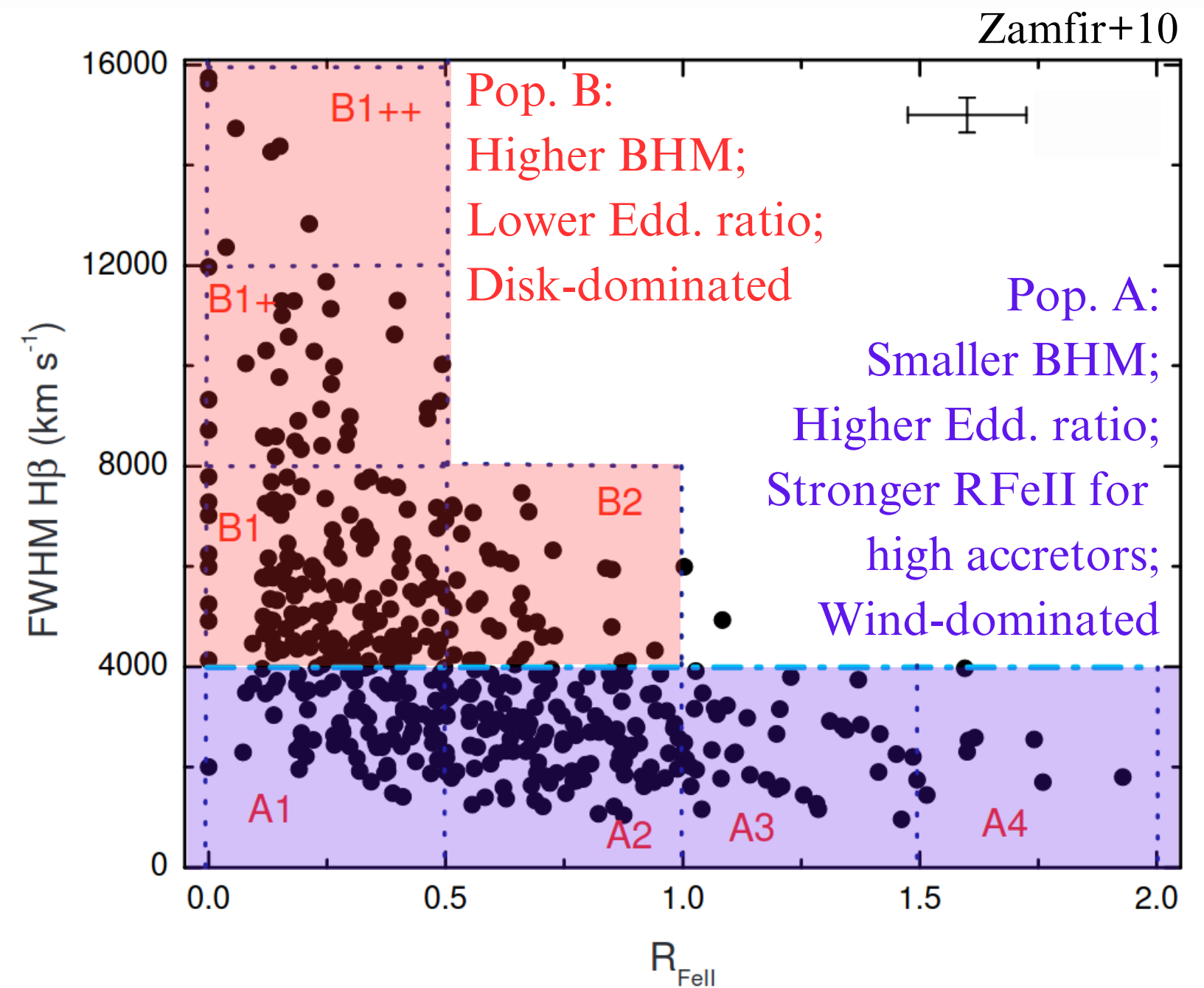
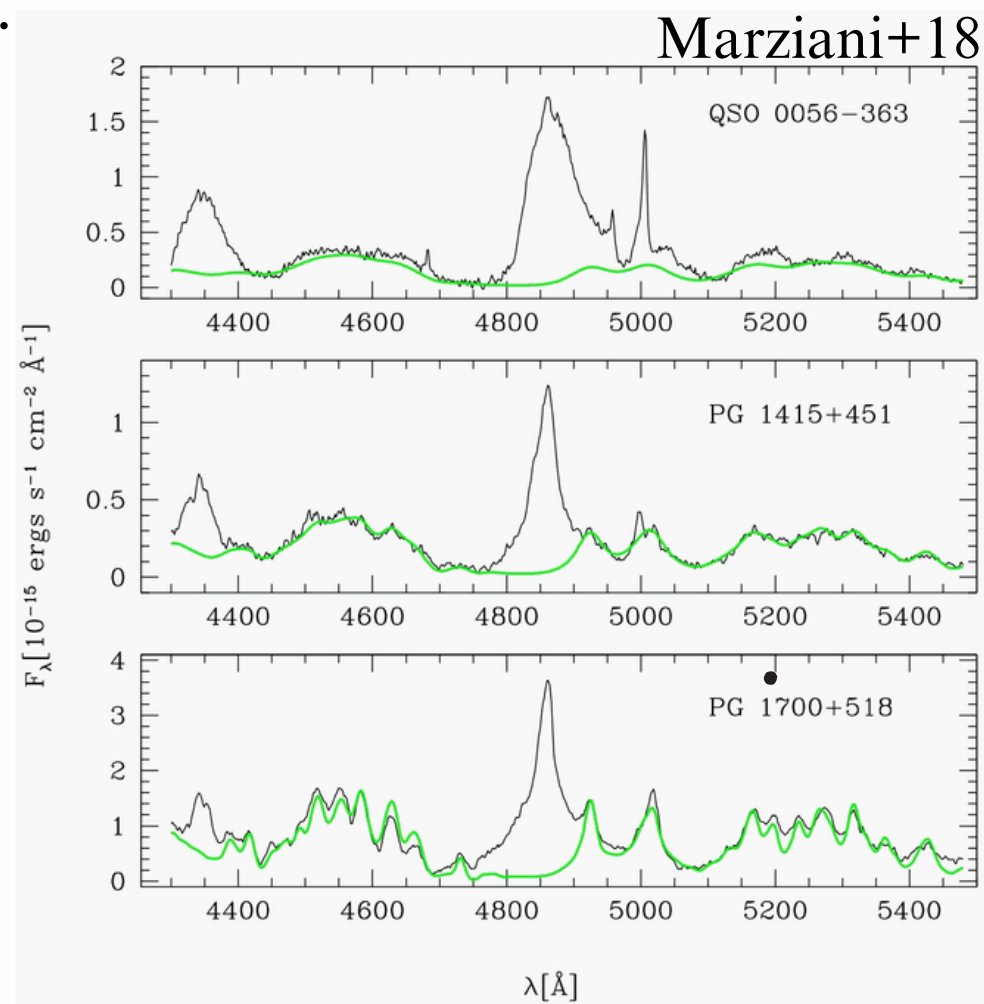
Goal: organize all the diversity seen in the spectra of quasars

Main Sequence (MS, 4DE1 optical plane) main physical drivers:
Eddington ratio and orientation

Four basic parameters:

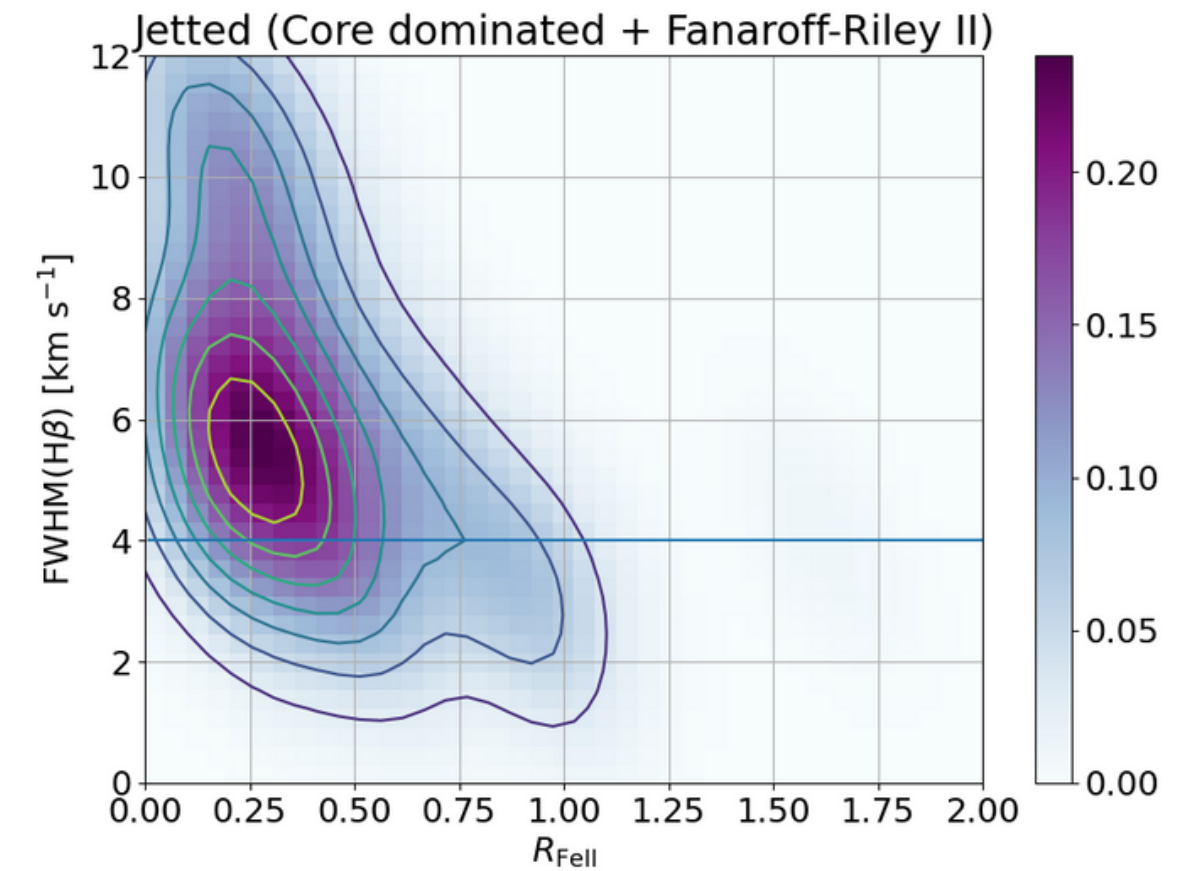
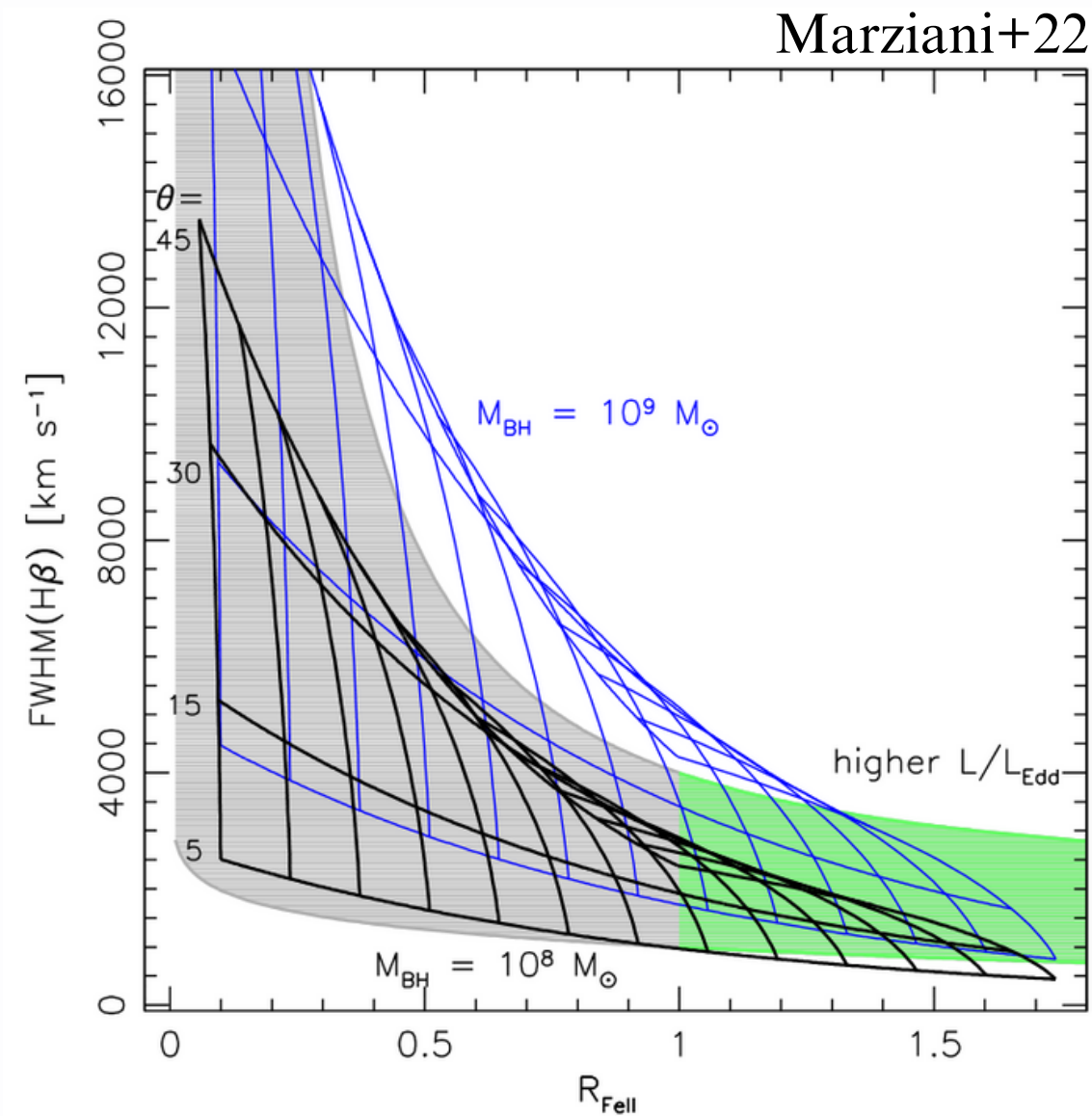
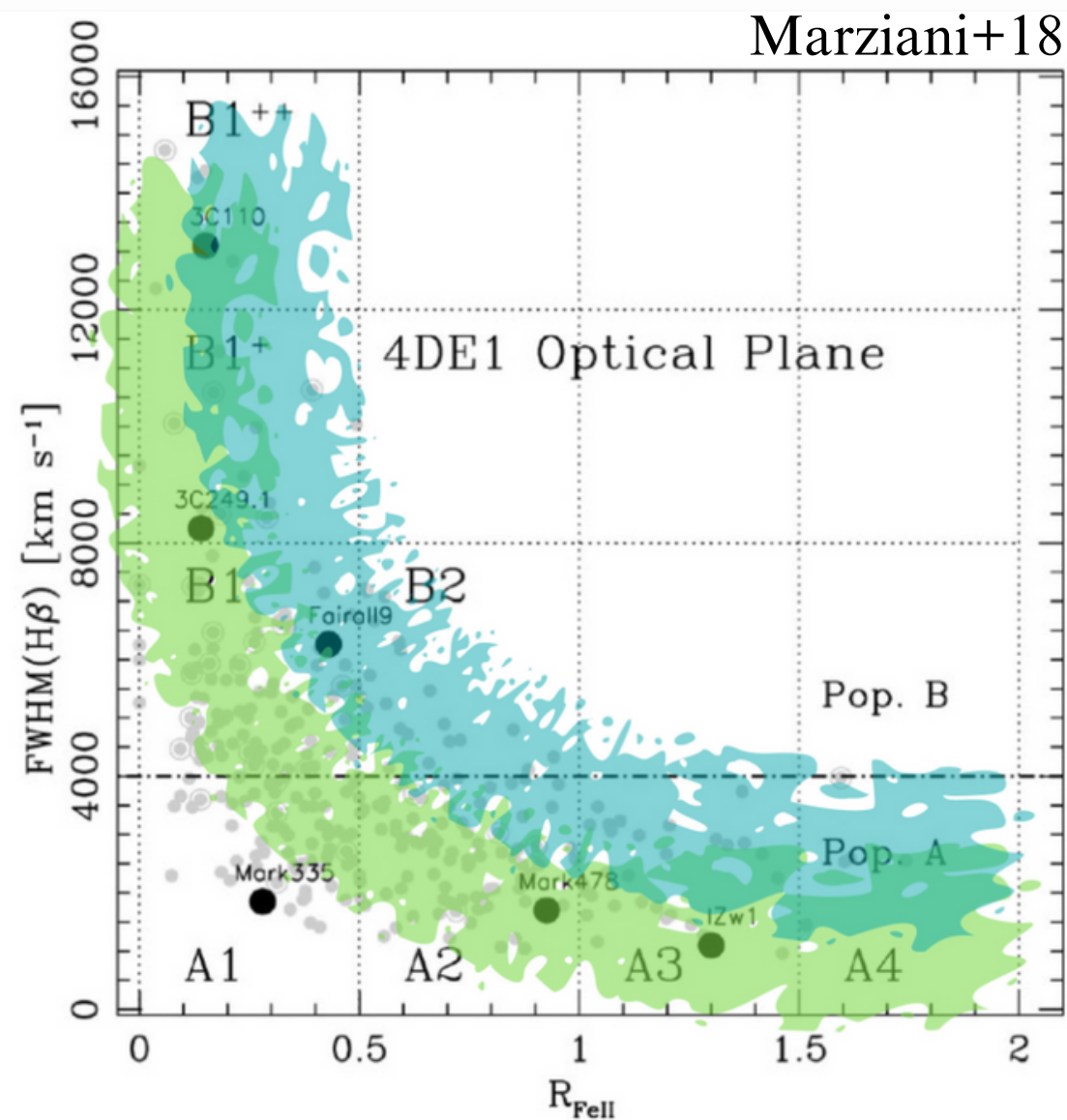
- FWHM(H β ,BC);
- RFeII=I(FeII λ 4570)/I(H β);
- Blueshifts of HIL, such as C IV and [O III];
- Soft X-ray photon index.

Low z (< 0.8)!!



Goals

- How do the MS behave at high- z ?
- Do RL and RQ have different physical properties?
- Are there spectroscopic differences between RL and RQ at high- z ?
- Relations between radio and optical/UV properties
- Does the behave of outflows change between RL and RQ sources?



Sample

32+52 high-L and high-z quasars

$(1.2 \lesssim z \lesssim 3.9,$

$47 \lesssim \log L_{\text{bol}} \lesssim 48,$

$9 \lesssim \log \text{MBH} \lesssim 10,$

$-0.47 \lesssim \log L/L_{\text{Edd}} \lesssim 0.32)$

~ 130 Low-z

$(z \lesssim 0.5,$

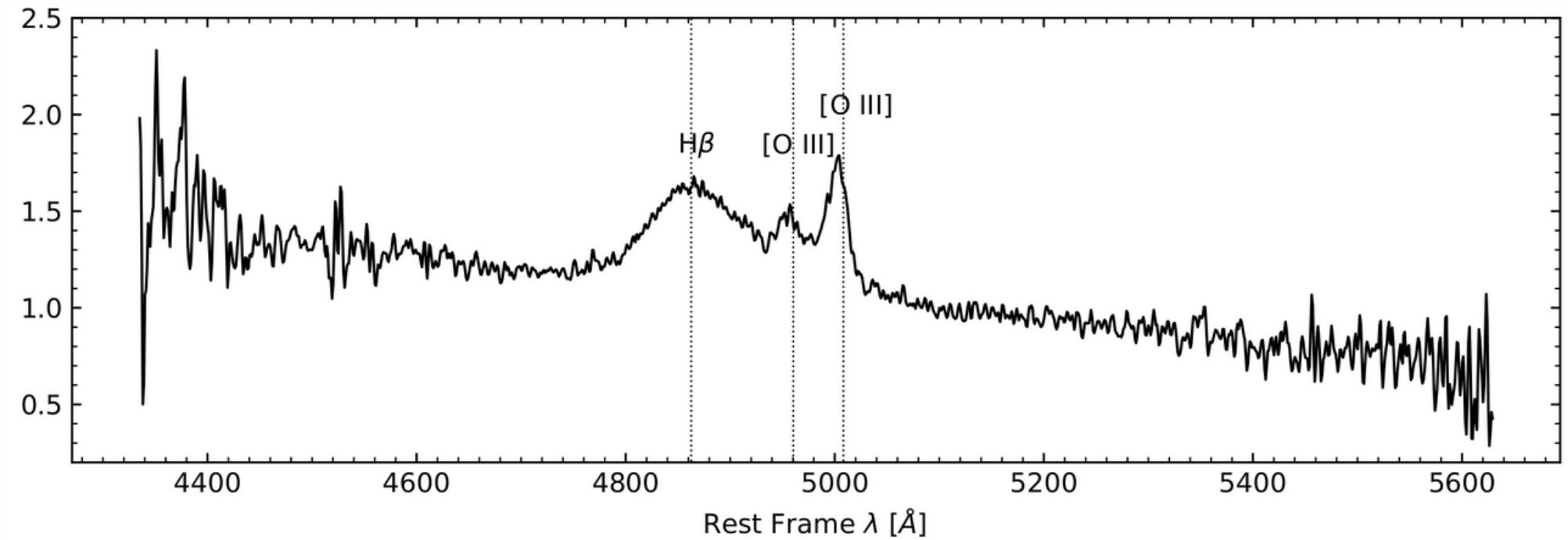
$44 \lesssim \log L_{\text{bol}} \lesssim 47,$

$7 \lesssim \log \text{MBH} \lesssim 10,$

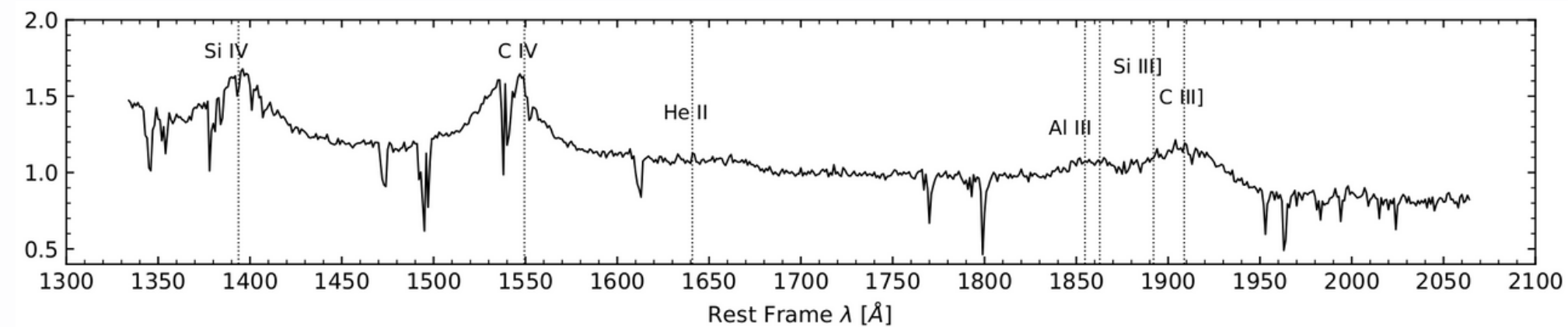
$-3.14 \lesssim \log L/L_{\text{Edd}} \lesssim 0.28)$

ISAAC + reanalysis of HEMS and FOS samples

optical: VLT (infrared)

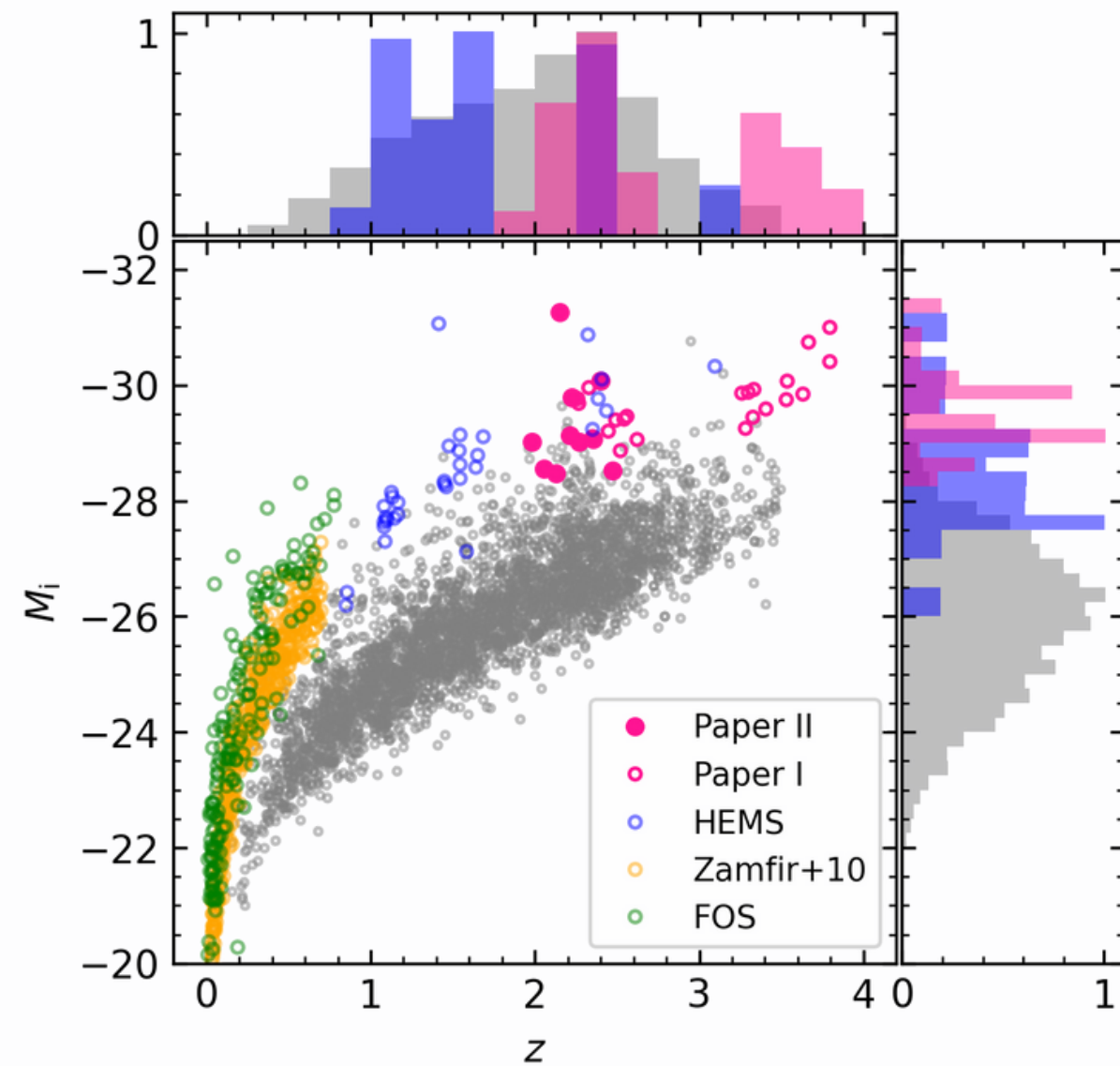


UV: archival data (optical)



radio: mainly from NVSS and FIRST

(we define the **radioloudness parameter** as the ratio between the specific flux at 1.4 GHz and in the g-band)

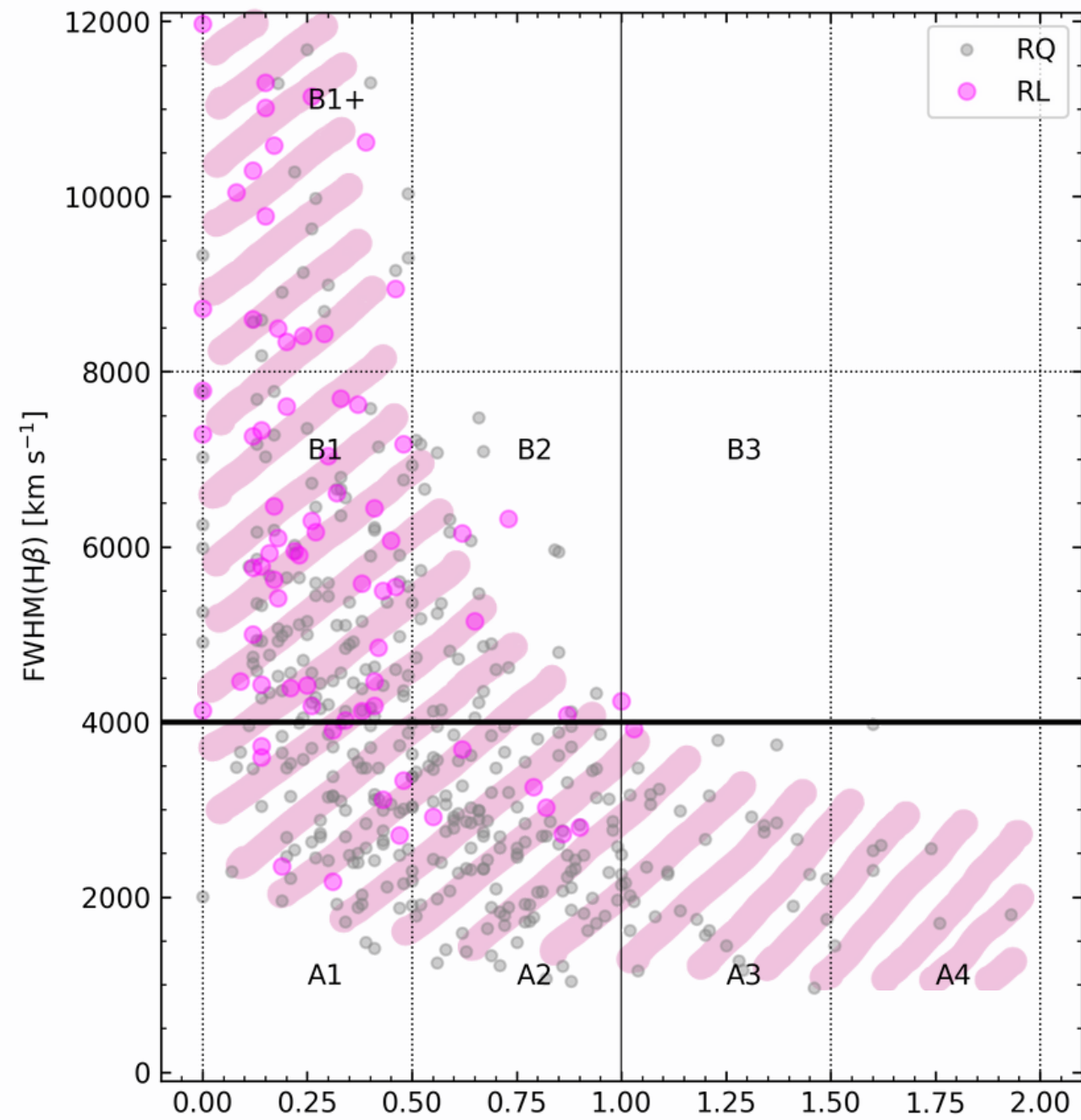


**Marziani+03, Sulentic+06, Marziani+09, Zamfir+10, Sulentic+17,
Deconto-Machado+23, Deconto-Machado+in prep.**

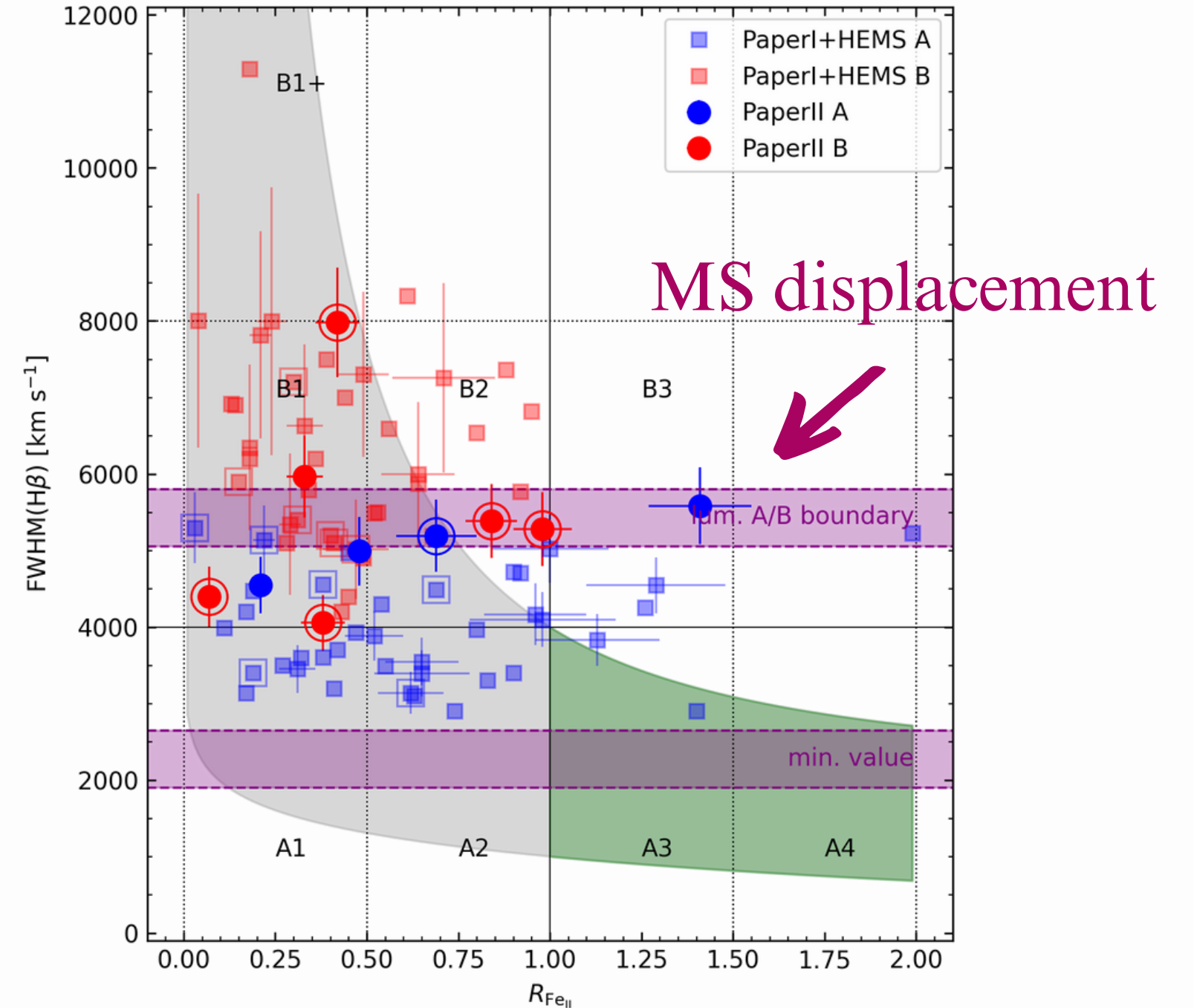
Location at the MS

The 4D Eigenvector 1 sequence persists at high-z

sources from Zamfir+10

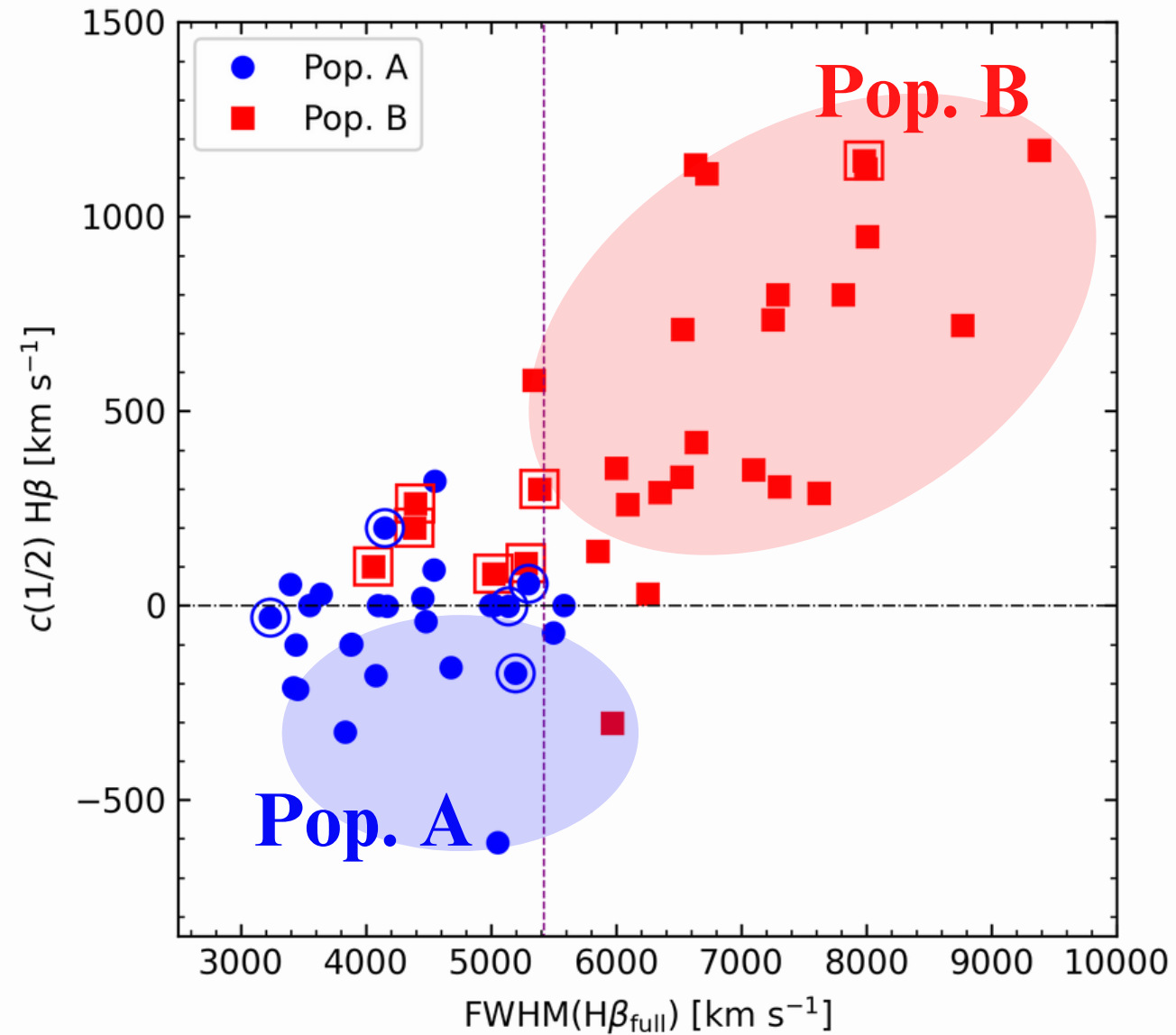


Low-z MS



High-z MS

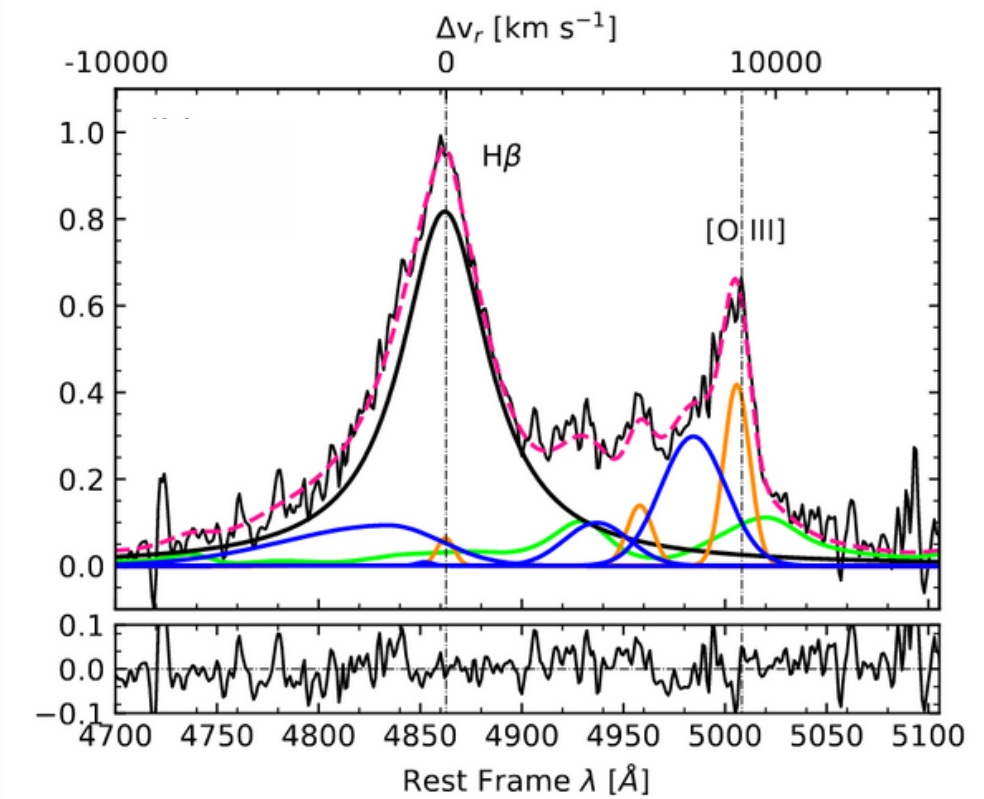
The dichotomy between **Pop. A** and **Pop. B** is still preserved at high z



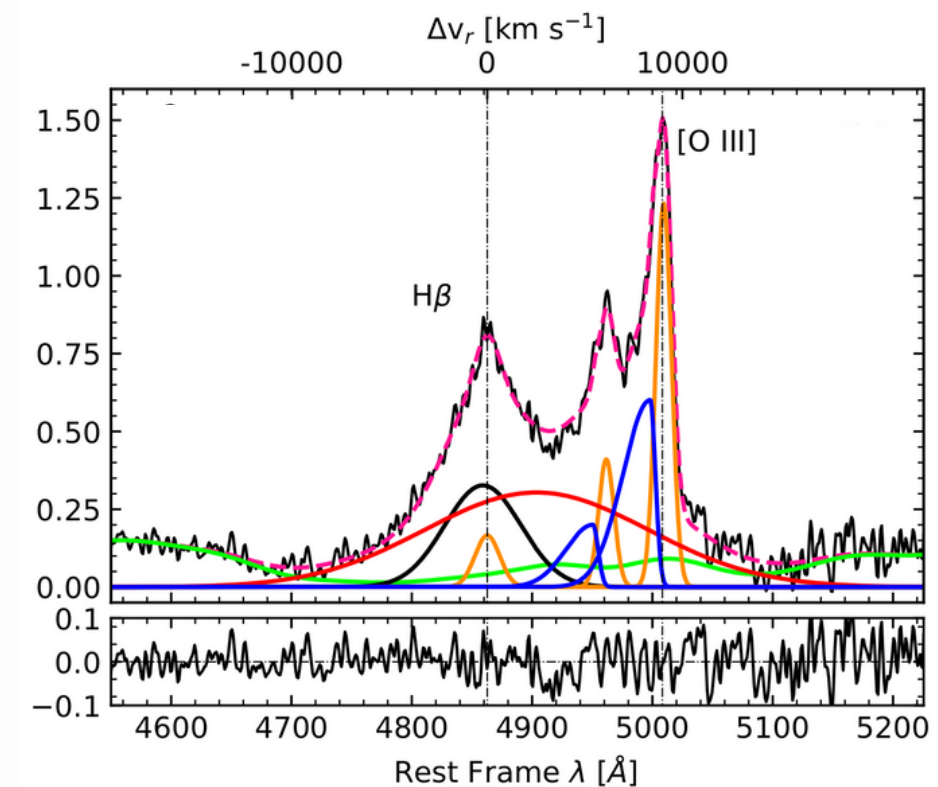
As at low z , **Pop. A** (higher accretors, $L/L_{\text{Edd}} \gtrsim 1$.) and **Pop. B** (lower accretors, $L/L_{\text{Edd}} \sim 0.2-0.3$) at **high** z follow different trends in H β !

- VBC needed for Pop. B (50% of the full profile, ~ 10000 km/s);
- At high z , outflows are also detected in H β .

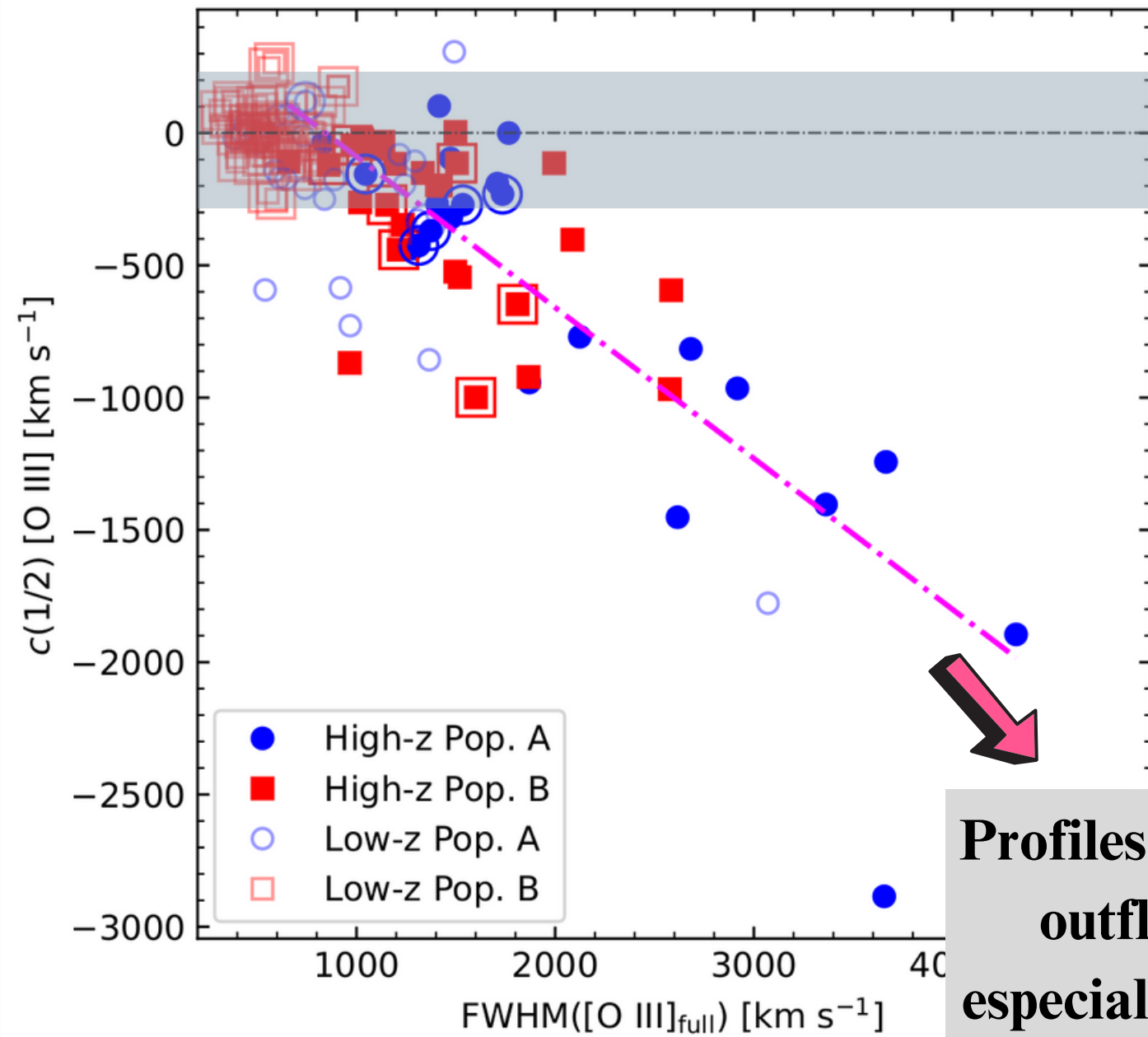
Pop. A (higher accretors)



Pop. B (lower accretors)



While at low z, we only find [O III] outflows in Pop. A,
at high z they are found also in Pop. B sources

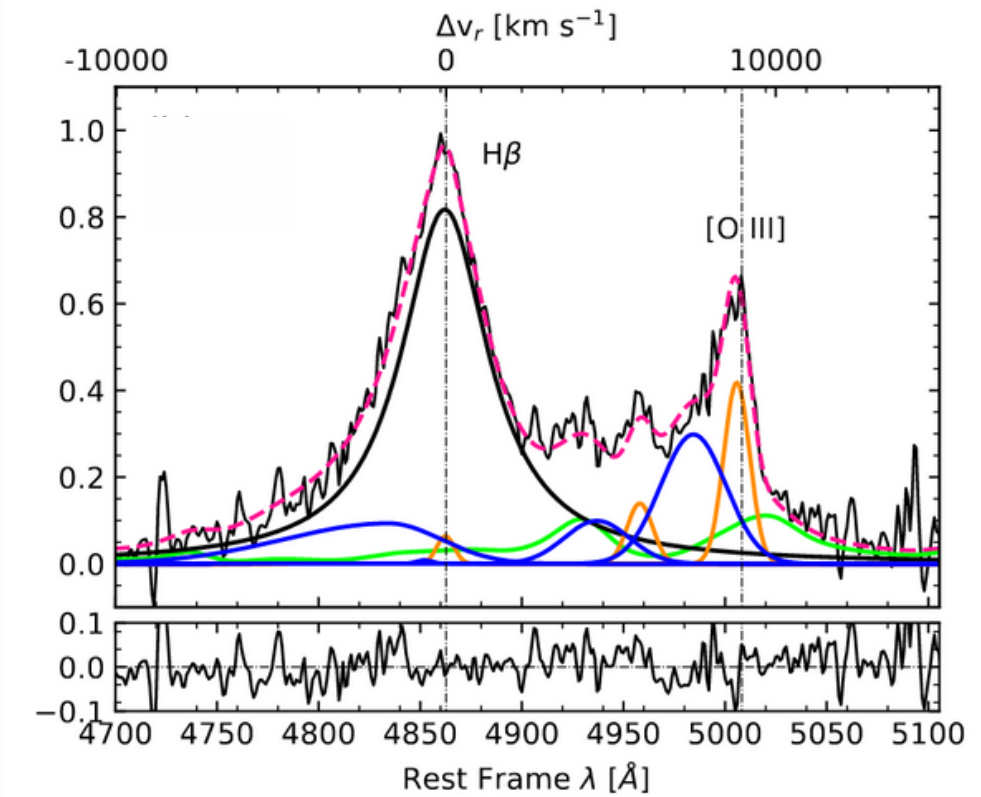


Profiles dominated by outflowing gas, especially RQ Pop. A

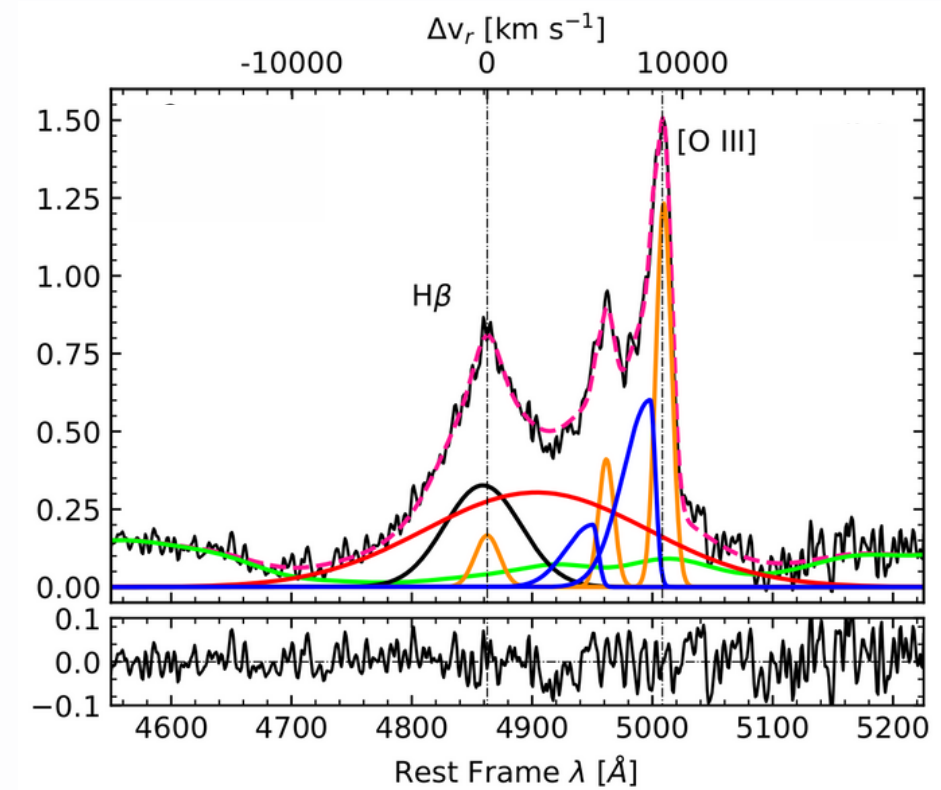
$$c(1/2) \approx (-0.57 \pm 0.06)FWHM + (481 \pm 115) \text{ [km/s]}$$

Centroid velocity at 1/2 flux intensity

Pop. A (higher accretors)



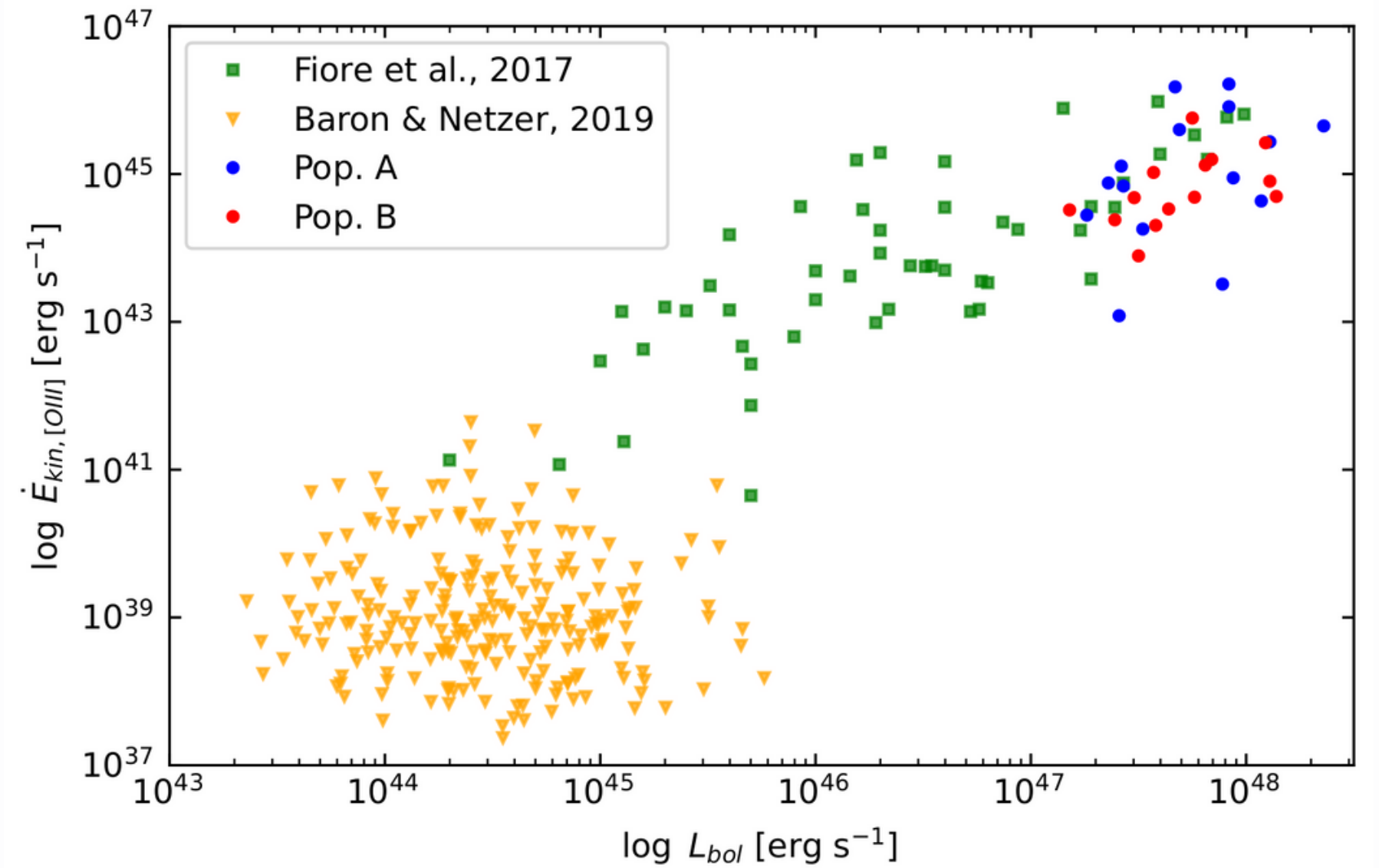
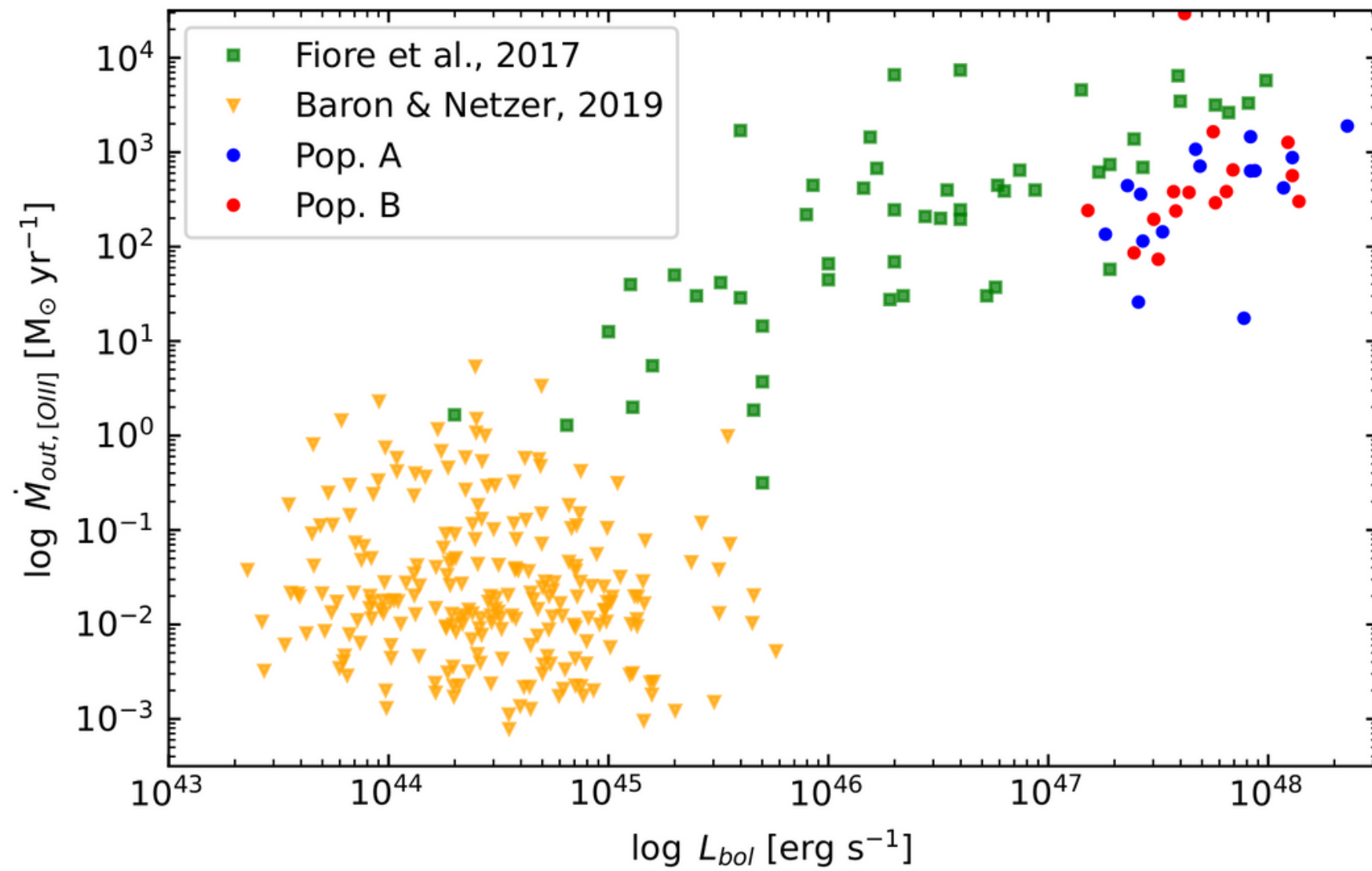
Pop. B (lower accretors)



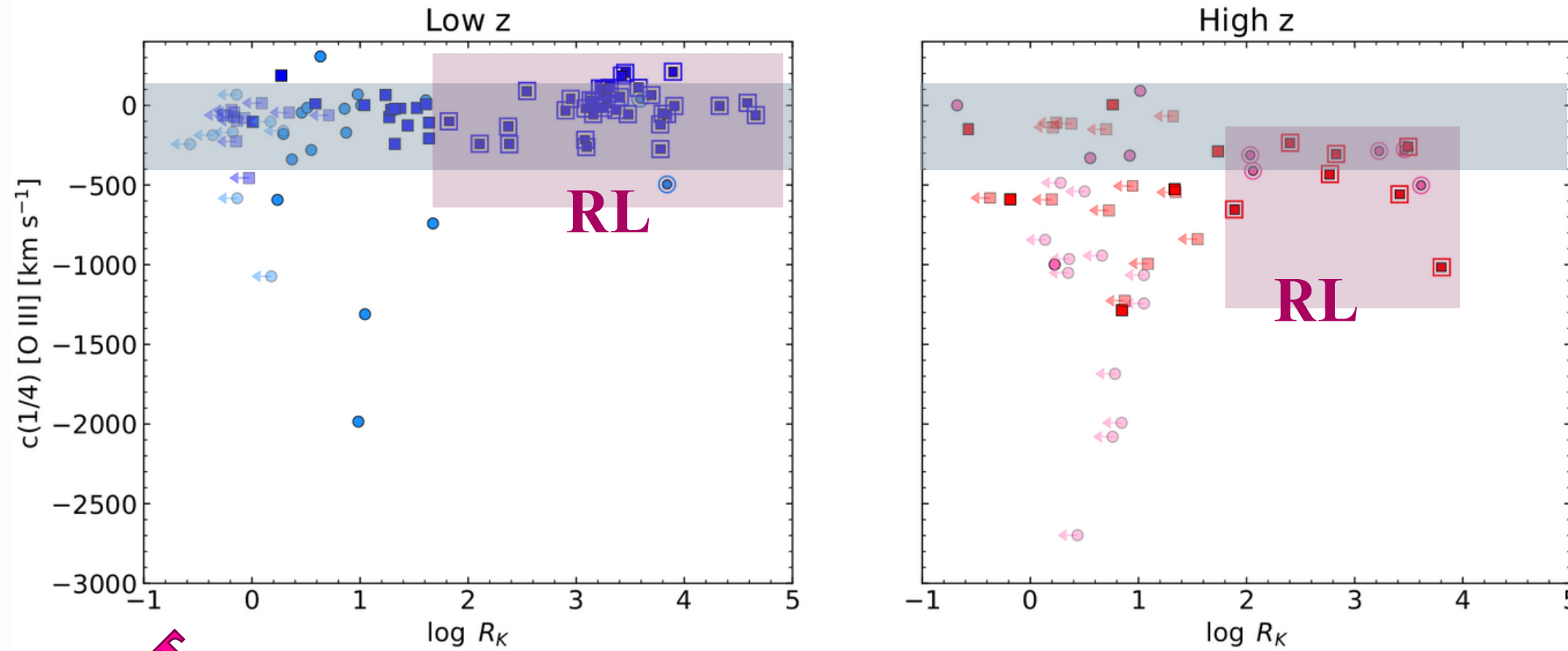
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Mass outflow rates between 10^1 and 10^3 solar masses/yr
 Kinetic powers between 10^{43} and 10^{46} erg/s

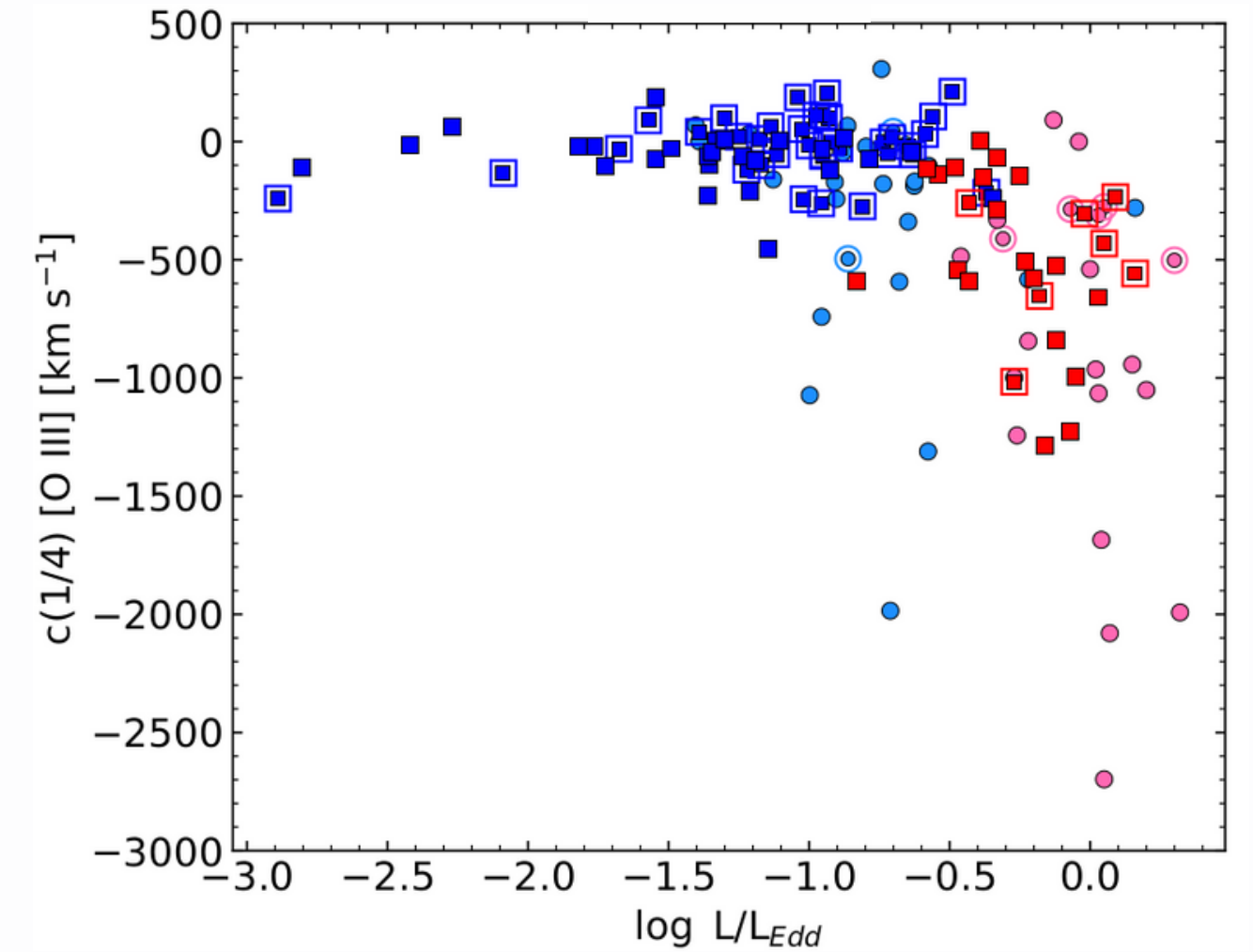
Averaged outflow efficiency: 0.02



[O III]

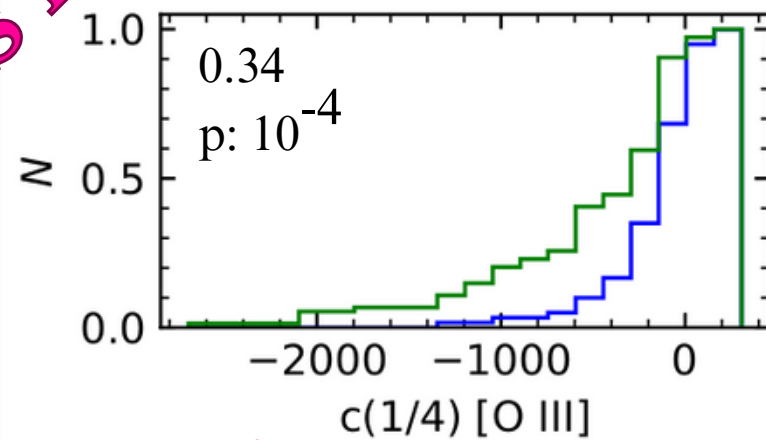


Velocity centroid vs. Eddington ratio

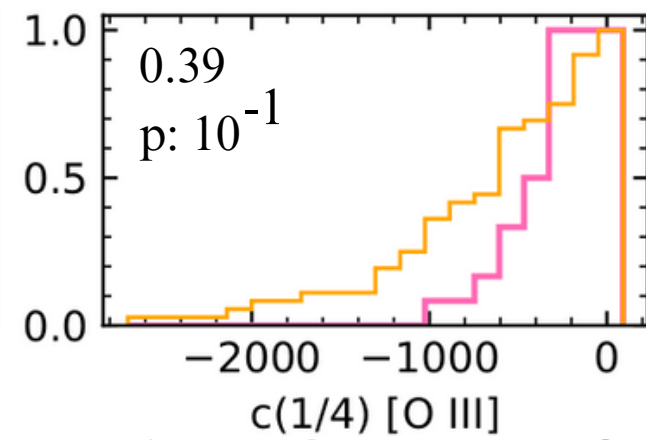


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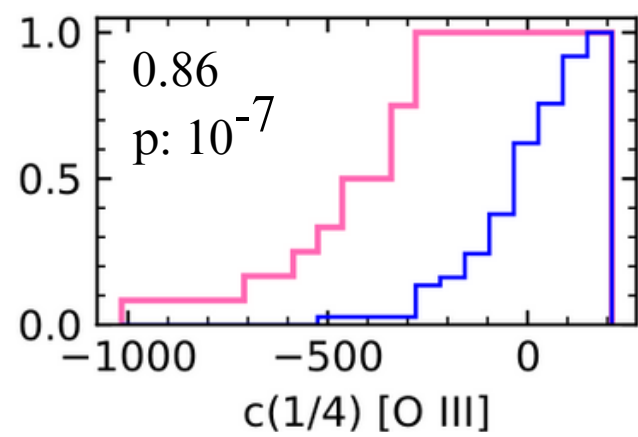
Low-z RL vs. Low-z RQ



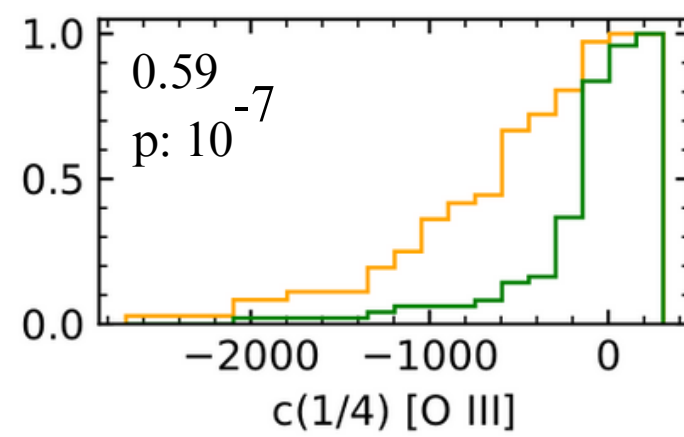
High-z RL vs. High-z RQ



High-z RL vs. Low-z RL



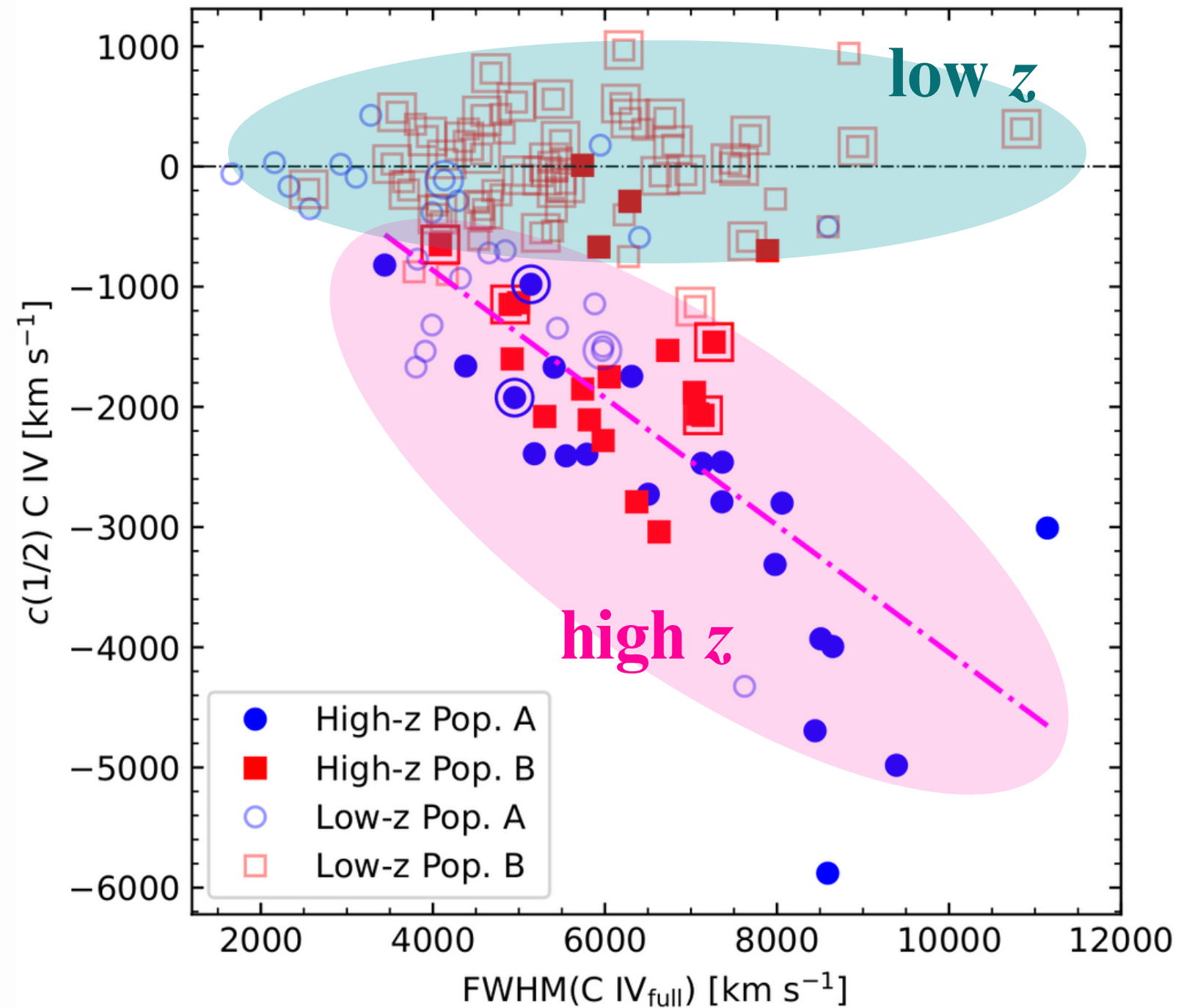
High-z RQ vs. Low-z RQ



Radioloudness seems to somehow contribute to smaller outflows, however the strongest outflows in [O III] are caused by accretion

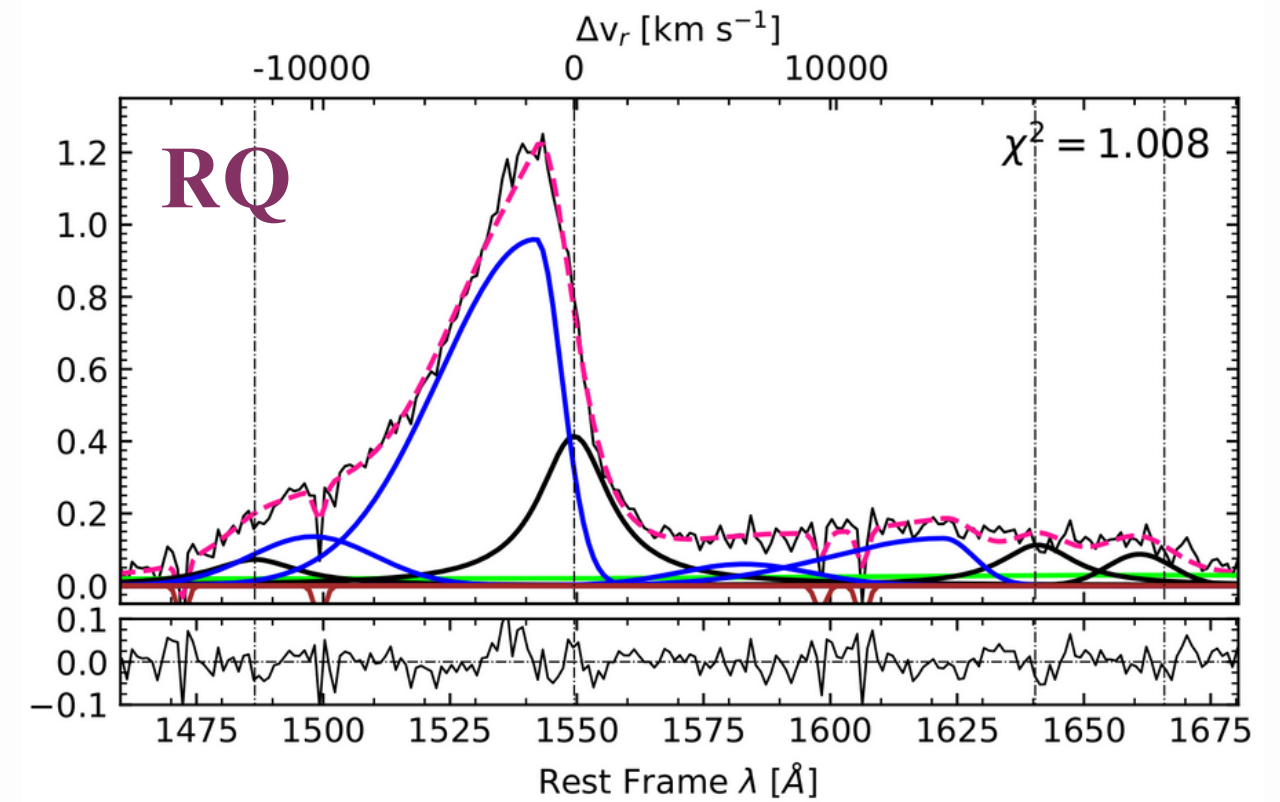
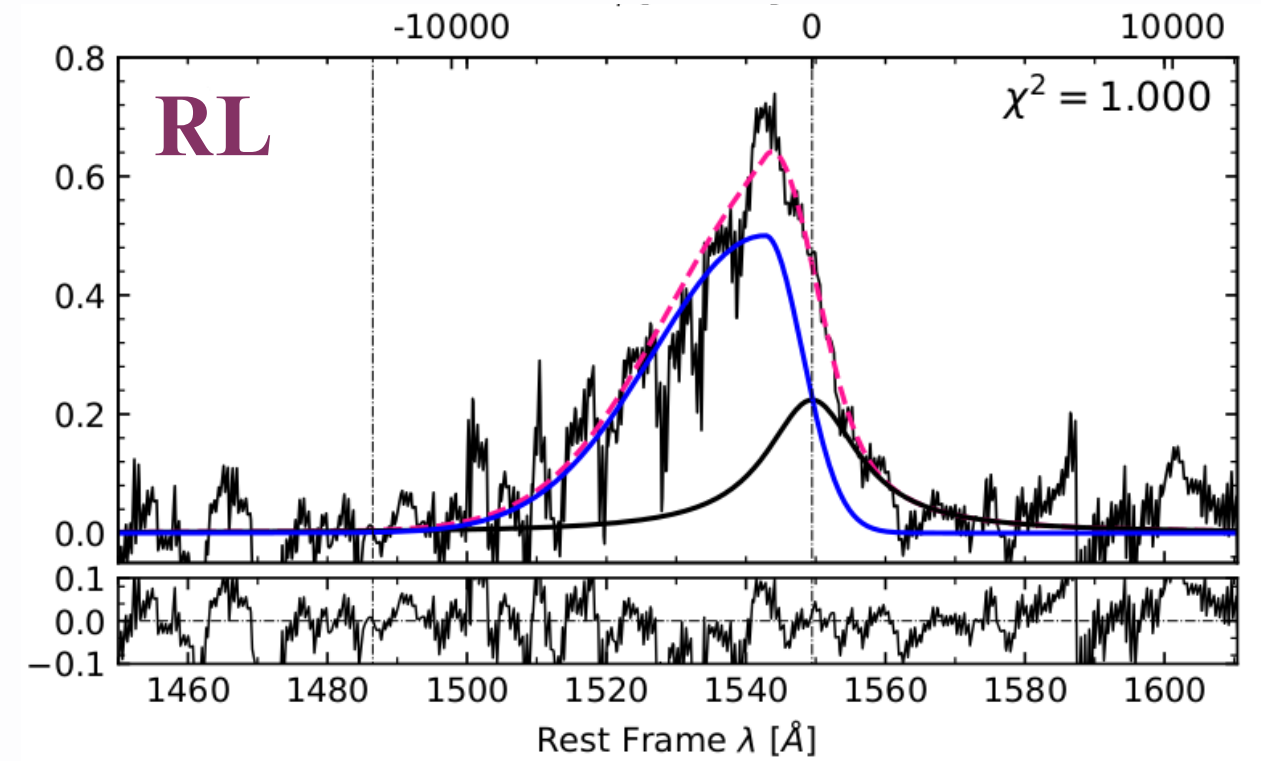
- **RL have smaller outflows compared to RQ;**
- **High-z RL/RQ have stronger outflows than low-z RL/RQ.**

C IV: a magnified version of [O III]?



$$C(1/2) \approx (-0.53 \pm 0.09)FWHM + (1259 \pm 642) \text{ [km/s]}$$

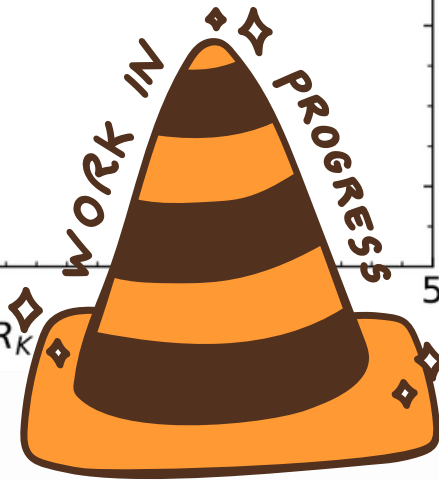
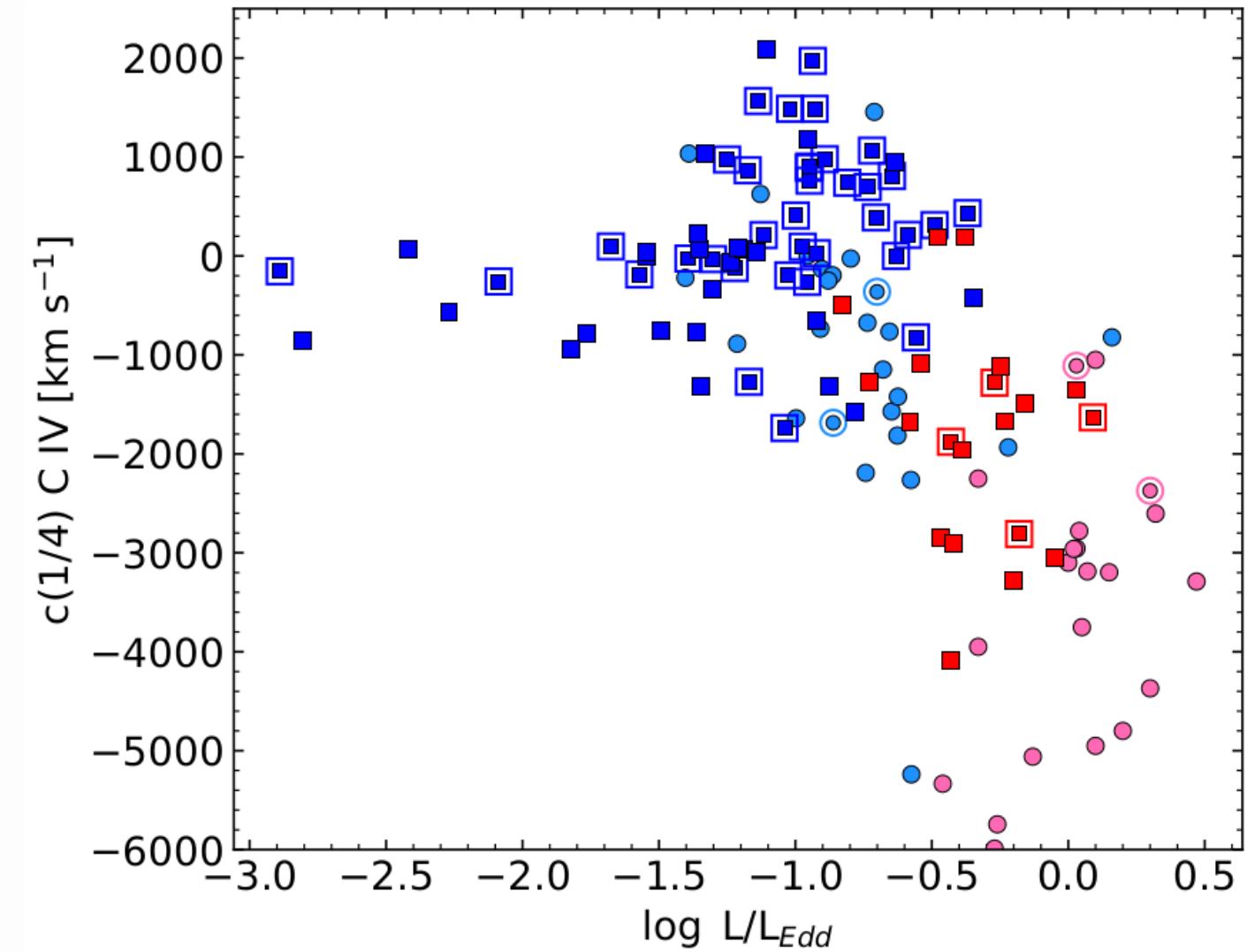
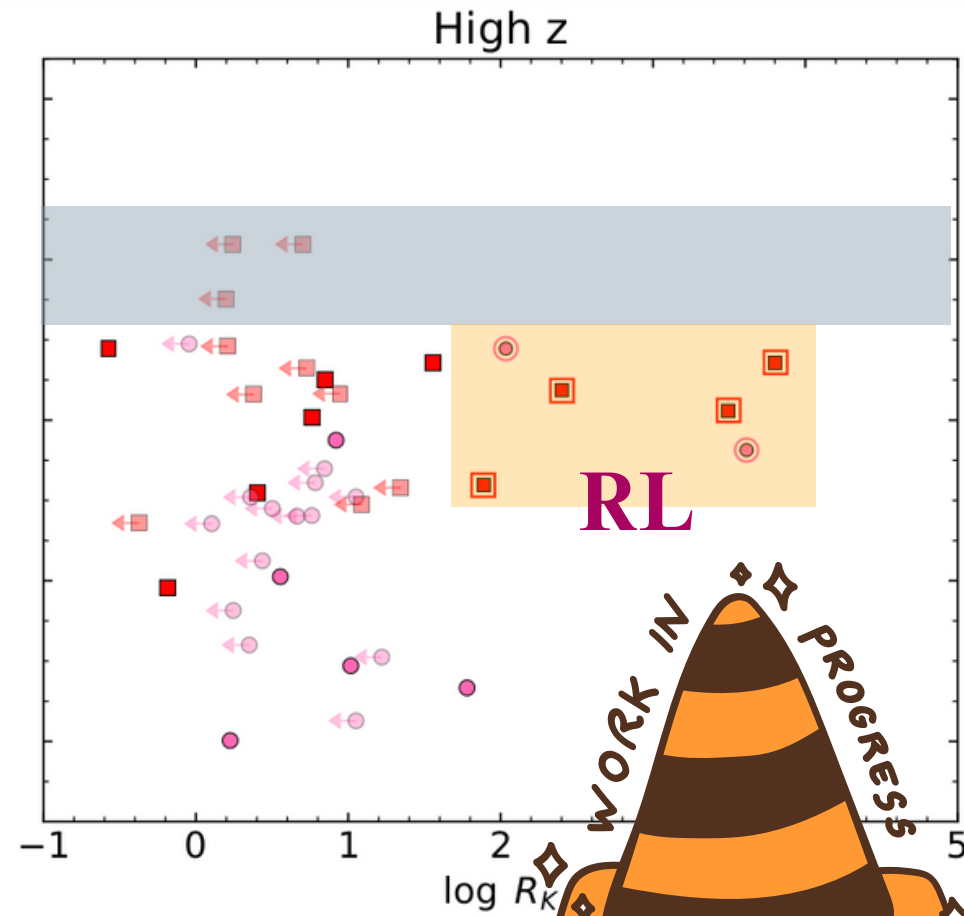
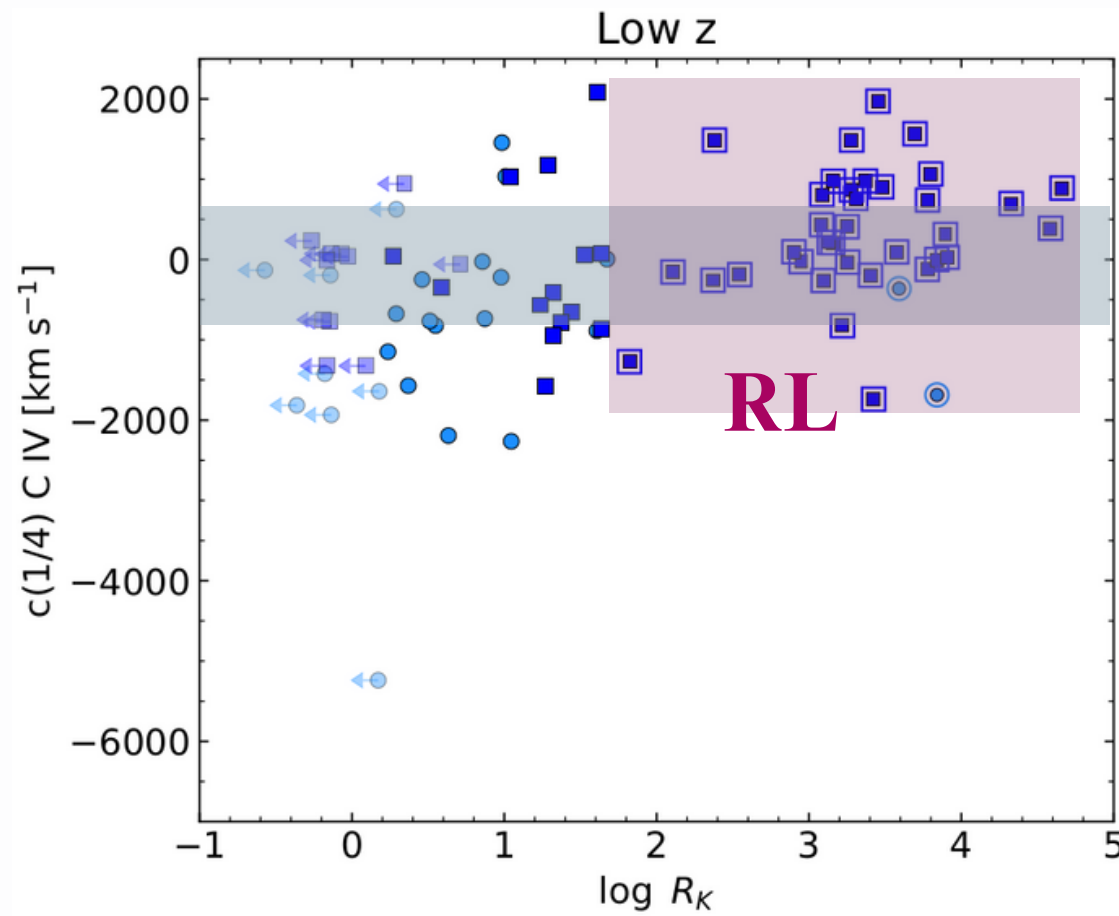
[O III] and C IV seem to follow a very similar, strong correlation between FWHM and blueshifts (outflows);



BLUE is the predominant component in both **Pop. A (higher-)** and **Pop. B (low-accretors)**

C IV: a magnified version of [O III]?

Velocity centroid vs. Eddington ratio



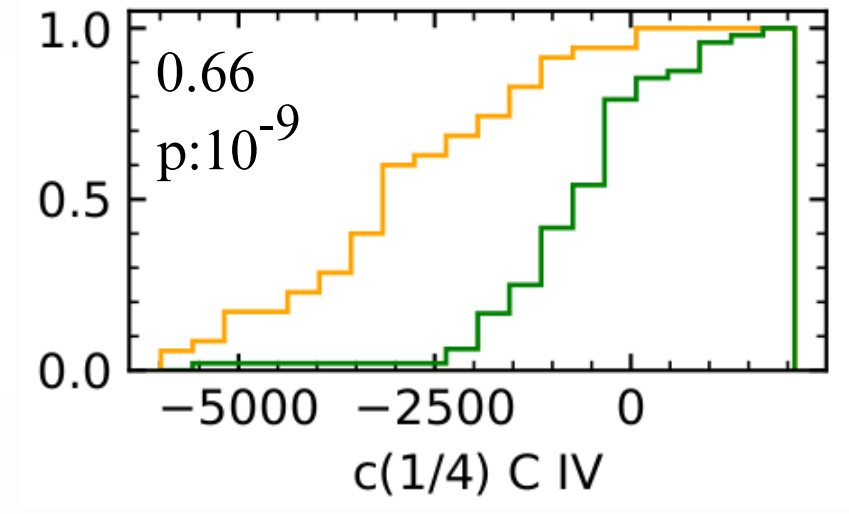
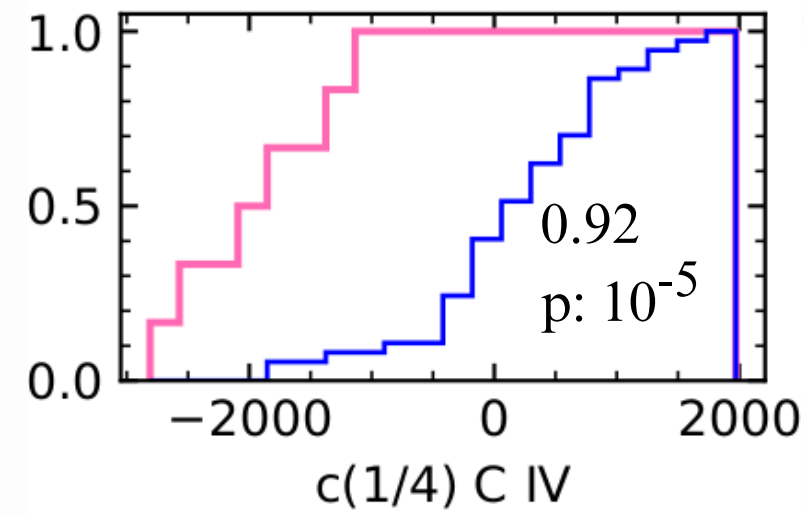
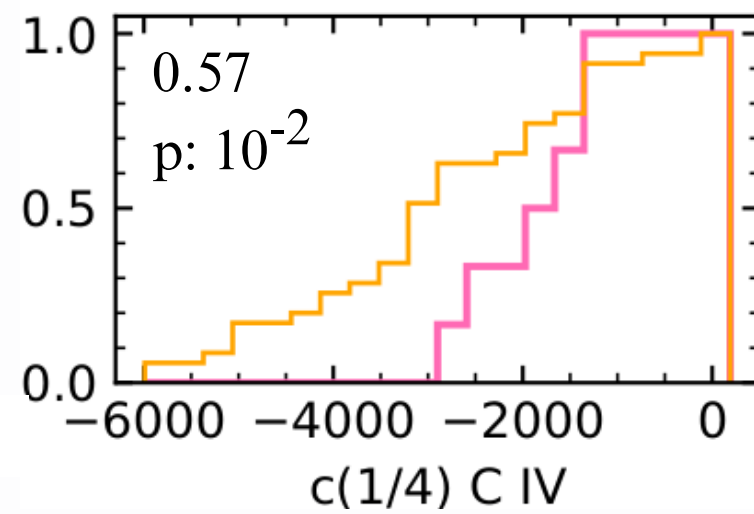
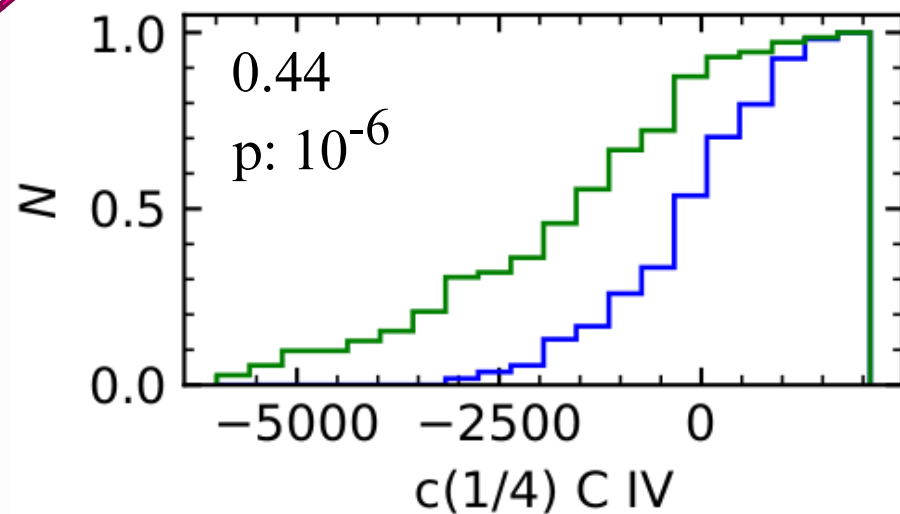
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Low-z RL vs. Low-z RQ

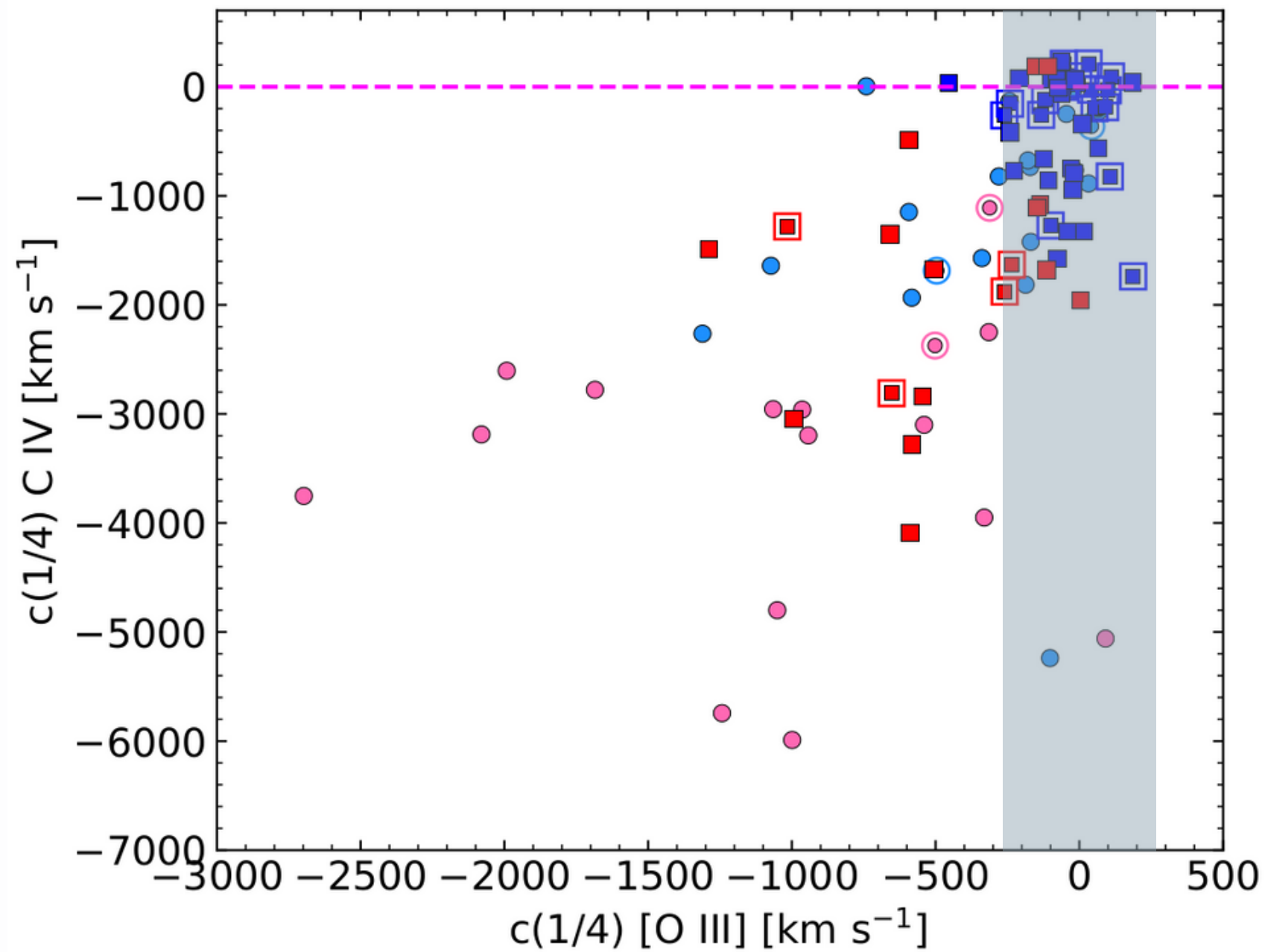
High-z RL vs. High-z RQ

High-z RL vs. Low-z RL

High-z RQ vs. Low-z RQ



C IV x [O III]



At high z ,
sources that present **strong blueshifts (outflows)**
in **[O III]** will also present it in **C IV!**

Possible **physical connection** between **inner (C IV)** and
outer ([O III]) outflows?!

Conclusions

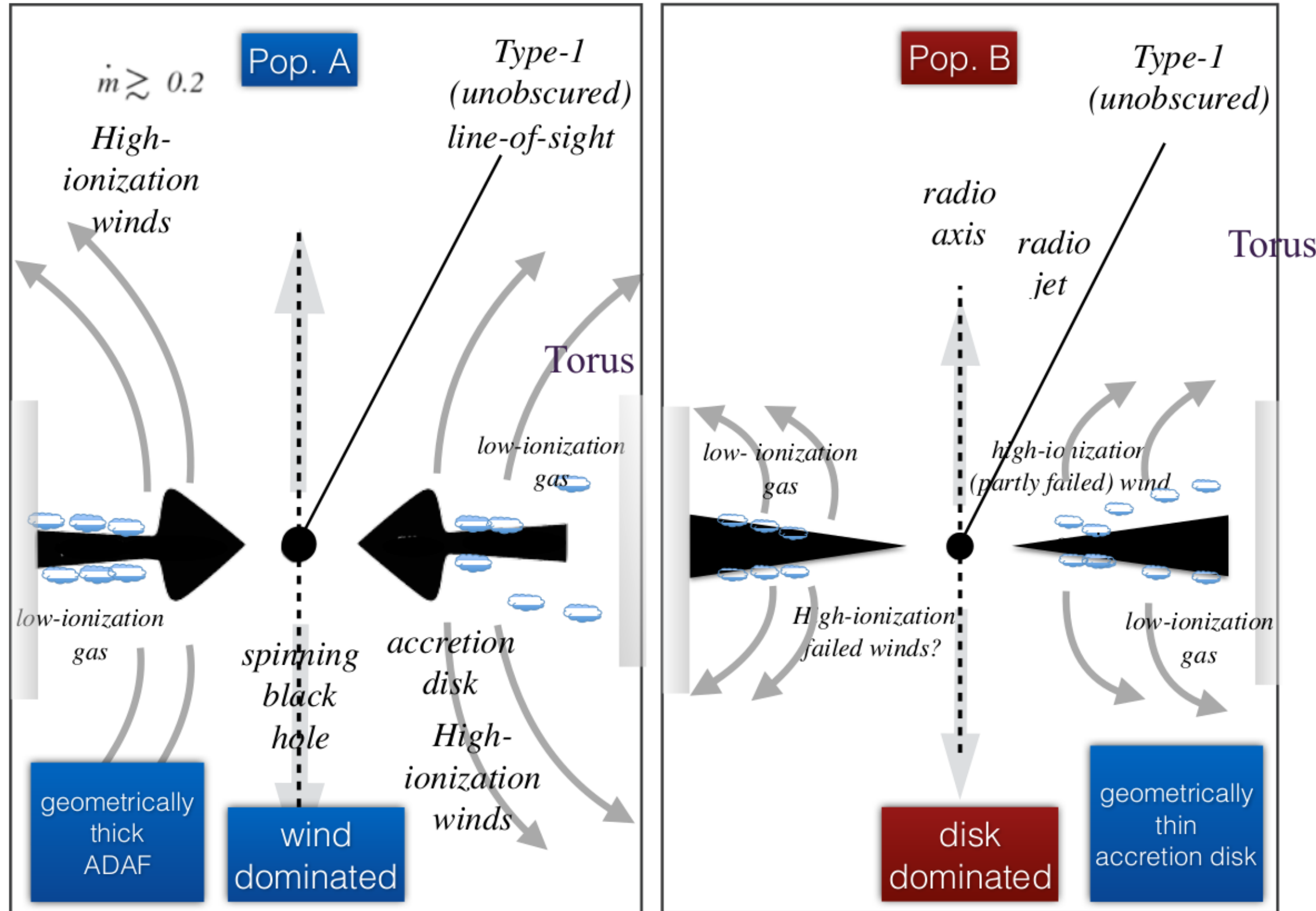
- The **4D Eigenvector 1 sequence persists at high-z**. The existence of Pop. A and Pop. B is preserved.
- Our analysis shows that the **behaviour of quasars of high-luminosity** all along the MS is **strongly affected by powerful outflows** involving a **broad range of spatial scales** in both the BLR and NLR;
- **[O III]** and **C IV** seem to follow a **very similar, strong correlation** between **FWHM and blueshifts (outflows)**;
- While at low z only high-accretors (Pop. A) show evidence of significant outflows, **at high z the outflow signature is detected in disk-dominated Pop. B quasars as well**.
- **RL sources** seem to present **weaker outflows** than the RQ ones in the **same redshift range**. However, **higher redshift imply stronger outflows**, which indicates that **the impact of the radioloudness on the winds is much smaller than the one of accretion**.

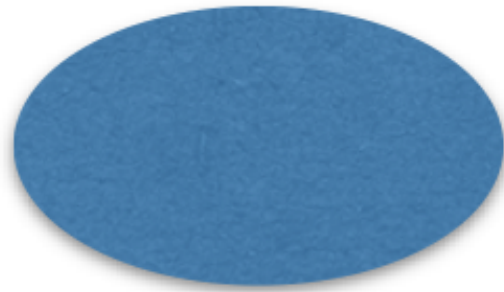
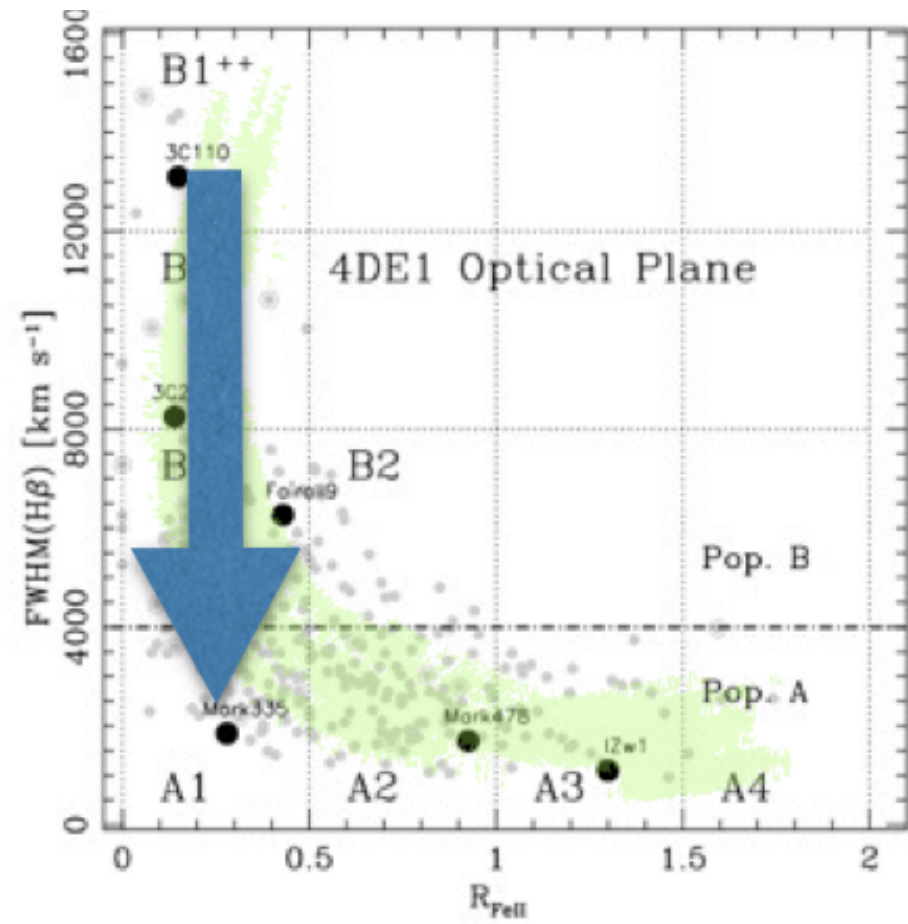
Thank you for your attention!

Pop. A/B transition: geometrically thick/thin disk?

Not drawn to scale

Abramowicz et al. 1988, Shakura & Sunyaev 1973

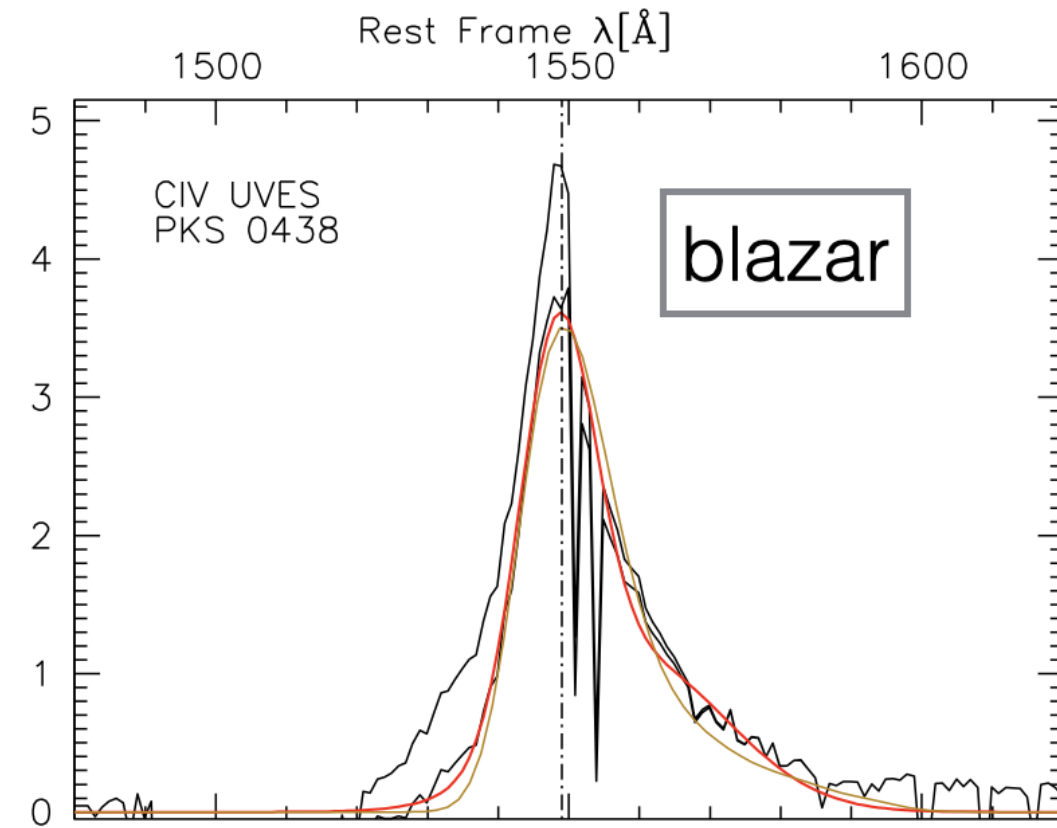
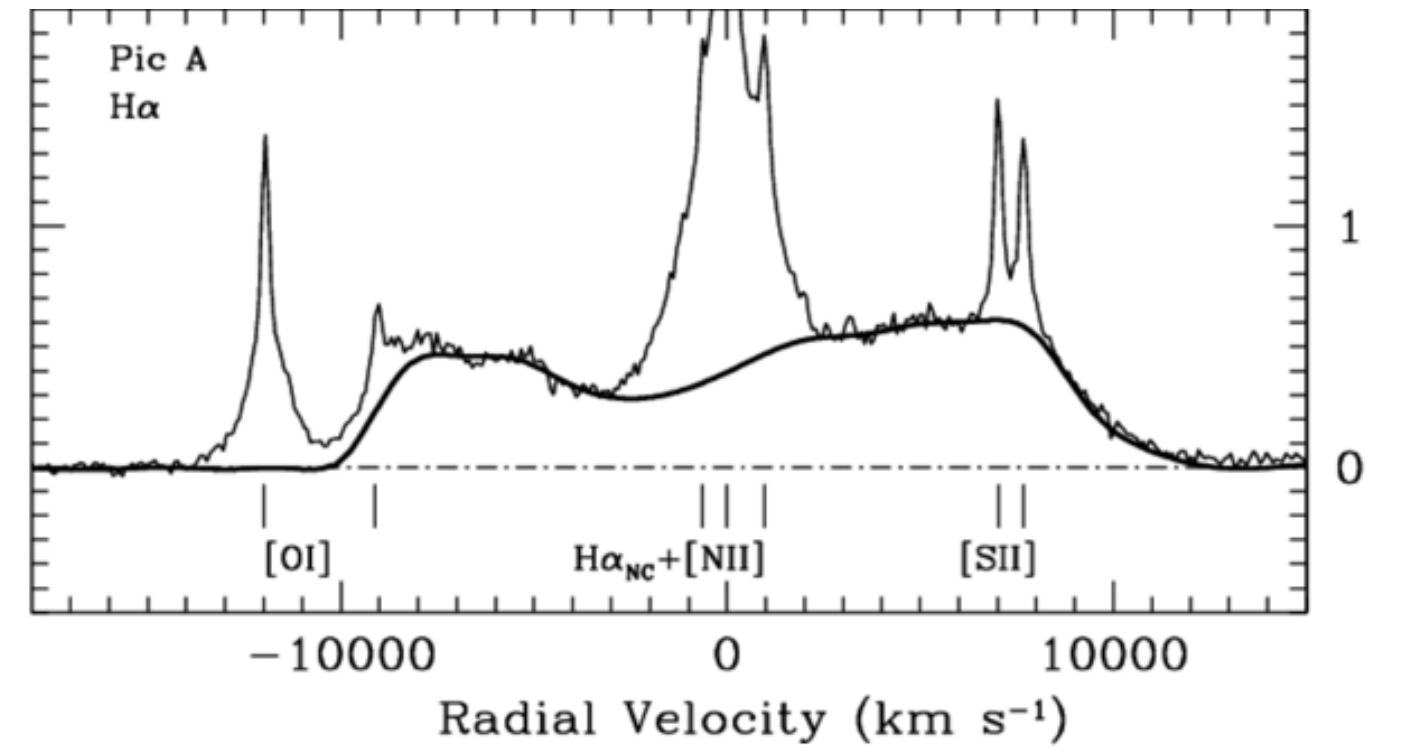




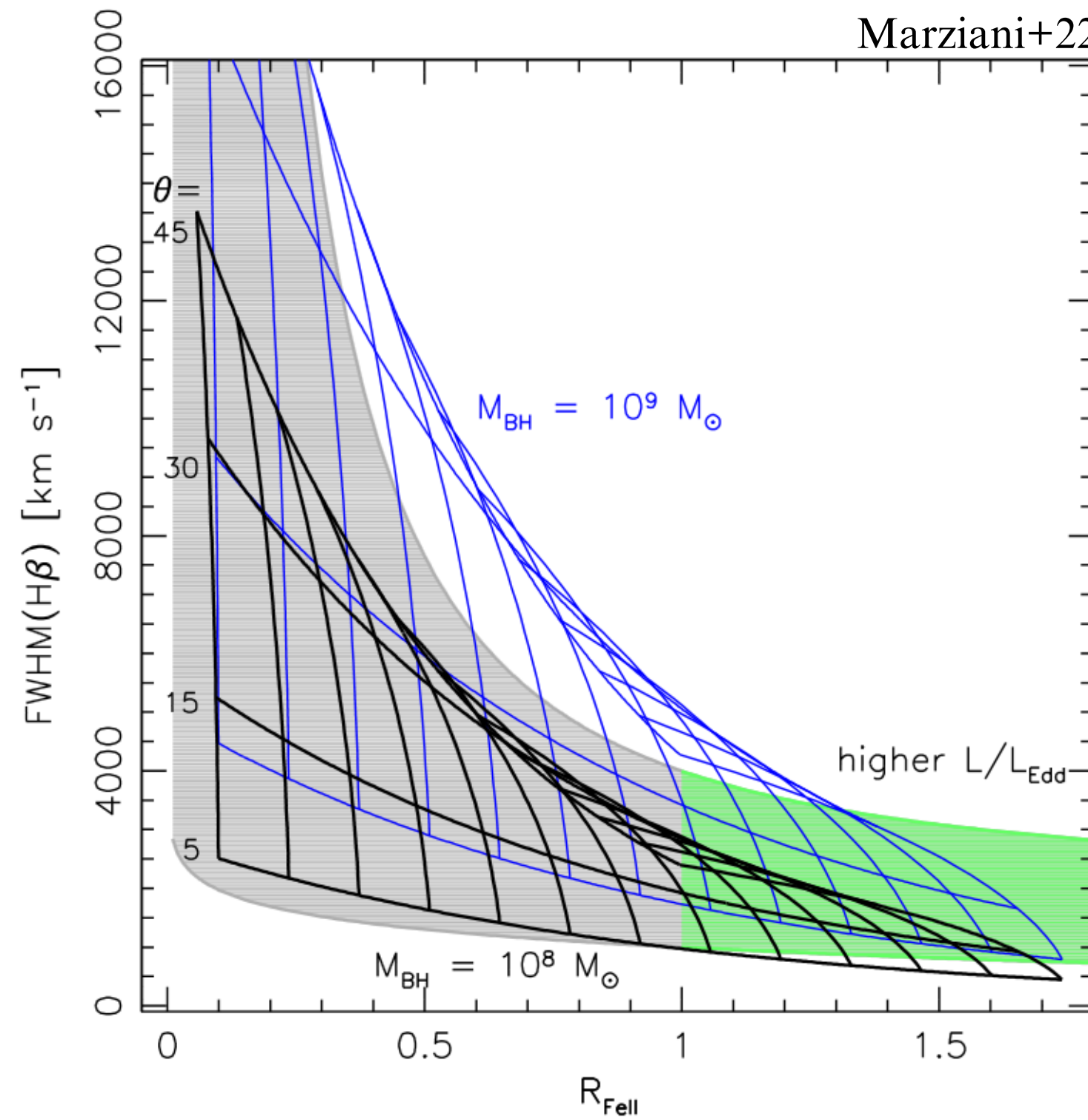
$i=30-40$



$i=0$



Marziani+22



- Orientation yields an almost vertical displacement from broader to narrower profiles, passing from viewing angle $\Theta \approx 50$ to $\Theta \approx 5$
- Eddington ratio is roughly proportional to RFeII

Eddington ratio & orientation, fixed BHM

