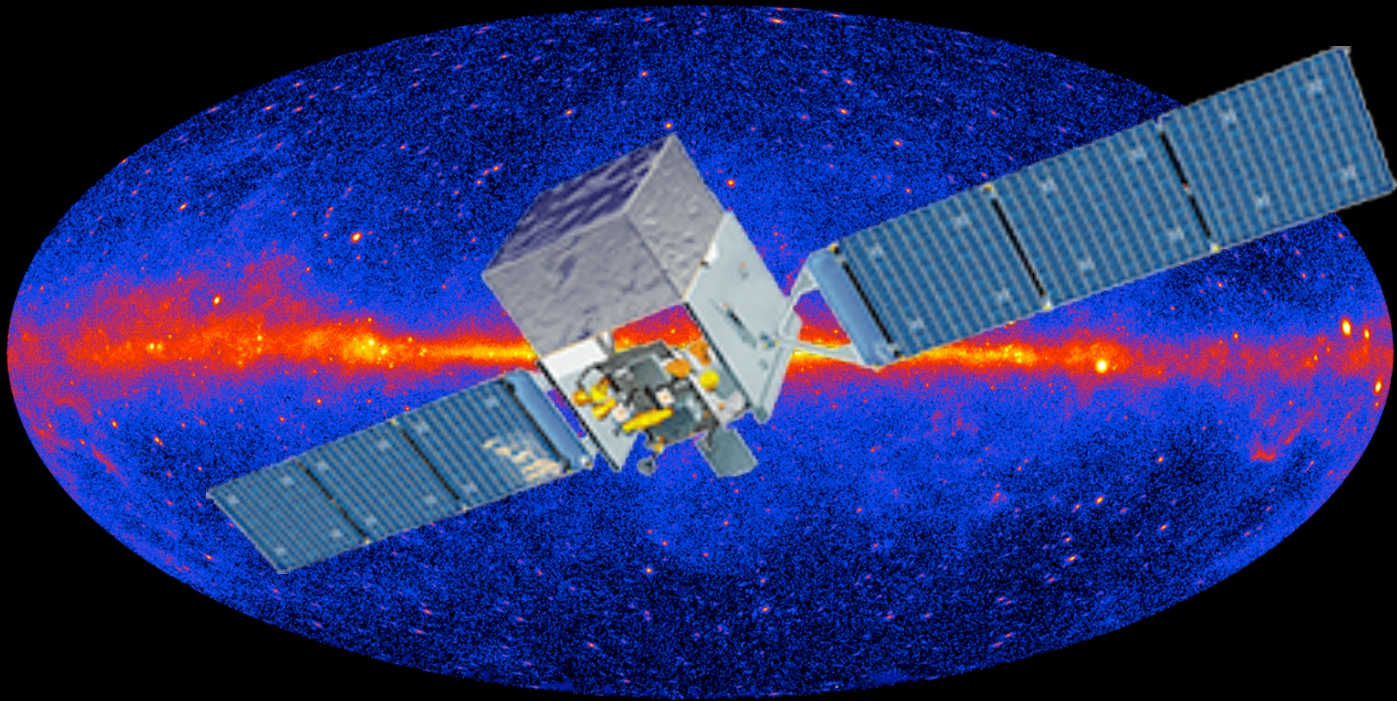


BLAZAR FLARING PATTERNS (B-FLAP)

CLASSIFYING BLAZARS OF UNCERTAIN TYPE DETECTED BY FERMI GAMMA-RAY SPACE TELESCOPE

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The Large Area Telescope (LAT) is the principal scientific instrument on the Fermi Gamma Ray Space Telescope spacecraft launched into a near-earth orbit on 11 June 2008.

The LAT is an imaging high-energy gamma-ray telescope covering the energy range from about 20 MeV to more than 300 GeV.

The Fermi LAT Third Source Catalog (3FGL)

@ ASDC v16

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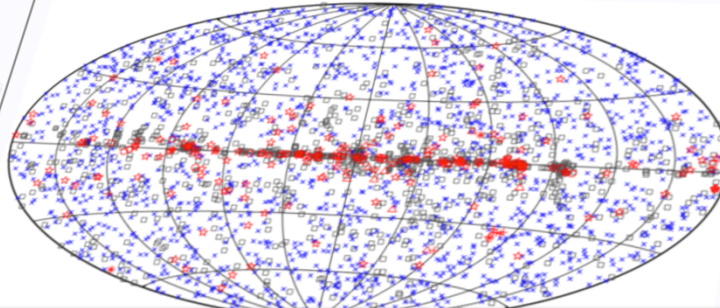
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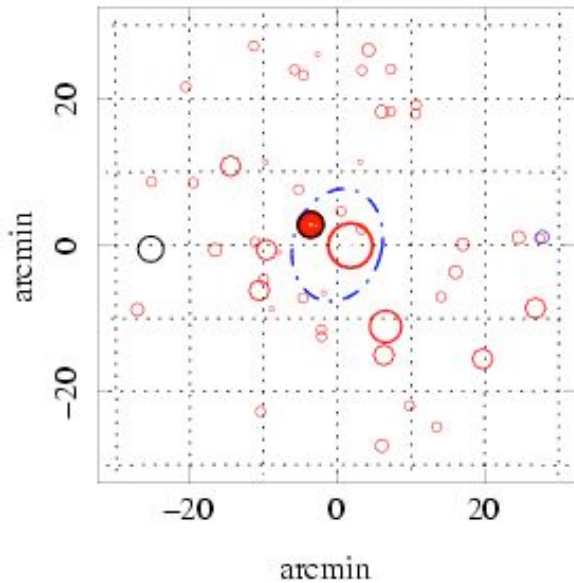
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Description	Identified		Associated	
	Designator	Number	Designator	Number
Pulsar, identified by pulsations	PSR	143	...	...
Pulsar, no pulsations seen in LAT yet	...	...	psr	24
Pulsar wind nebula	PWN	9	pwn	2
Supernova remnant	SNR	12	snr	11
Supernova remnant / Pulsar wind nebula	...	...	spp	49
Globular cluster	GLC	0	glc	15
High-mass binary	HMB	3	hmb	0
Binary	BIN	1	bin	0
Nova	NOV	1	nov	0
Star-forming region	SFR	1	sfr	0
Compact Steep Spectrum Quasar	CSS	0	css	1
BL Lac type of blazar	BLL	18	bll	642
FSRQ type of blazar	FSRQ	38	fsrq	446
Non-blazar active galaxy	AGN	0	agn	3
Radio galaxy	RDG	3	rdg	12
Seyfert galaxy	SEY	0	sey	1
Blazar candidate of uncertain type	BCU	5	bcu	568
Normal galaxy (or part)	GAL	2	gal	1
Starburst galaxy	SBG	0	sbg	4
Narrow line Seyfert 1	NLSY1	2	nlsy1	3
Soft spectrum radio quasar	SSRQ	0	ssrq	3
Total	...	238	...	1785
Unassociated	...	...	...	1010

3FGL CATALOG

3033 detected sources

1583 unclassified



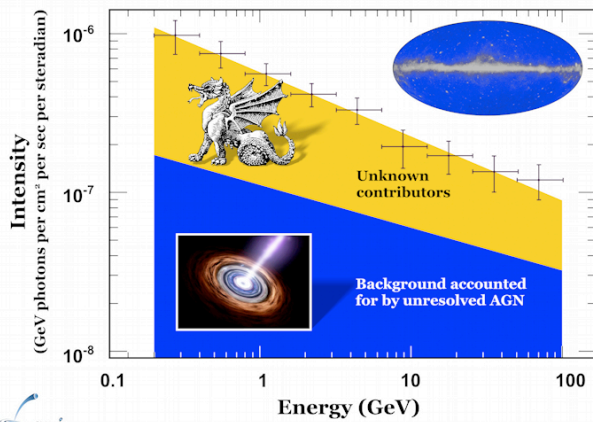
THE PROBLEM

The difficulty of finding counterparts of high-energy γ -ray sources

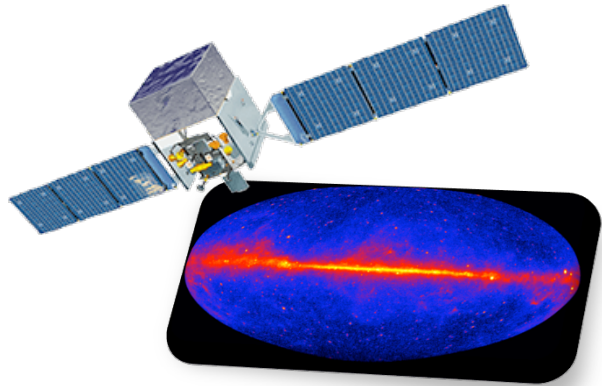
because

- positional errors in their measured locations,
- limited photon statistics / faint sources
- poor angular resolution of the gamma γ -ray telescopes
- bright diffuse gamma-ray emission from the Milky Way and extragalactic

Fermi LAT Extragalactic Gamma-ray Background



GeV γ -ray sky = 20% Point sources + 80% Diffuse γ -ray



THE GOAL

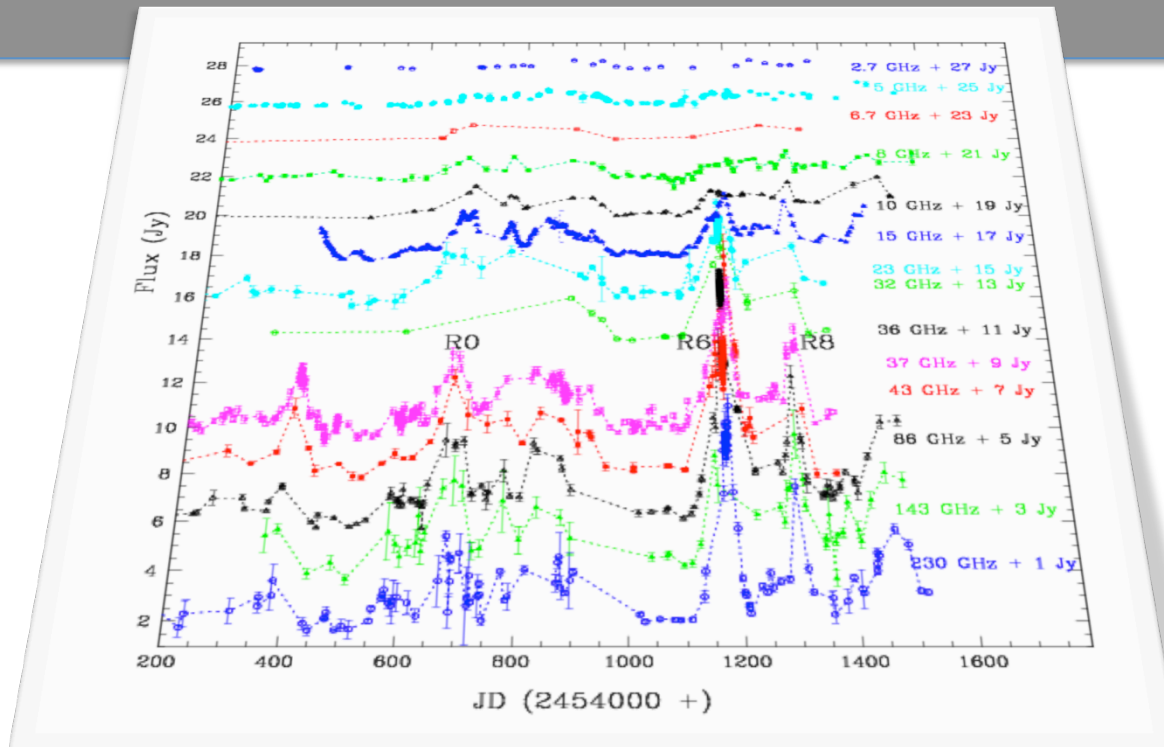
because

Blazars represent more than 50% of the
AGN Sky (100 MeV – 300 GeV)

A fast and easy
screening method
for uncertain blazars classification.

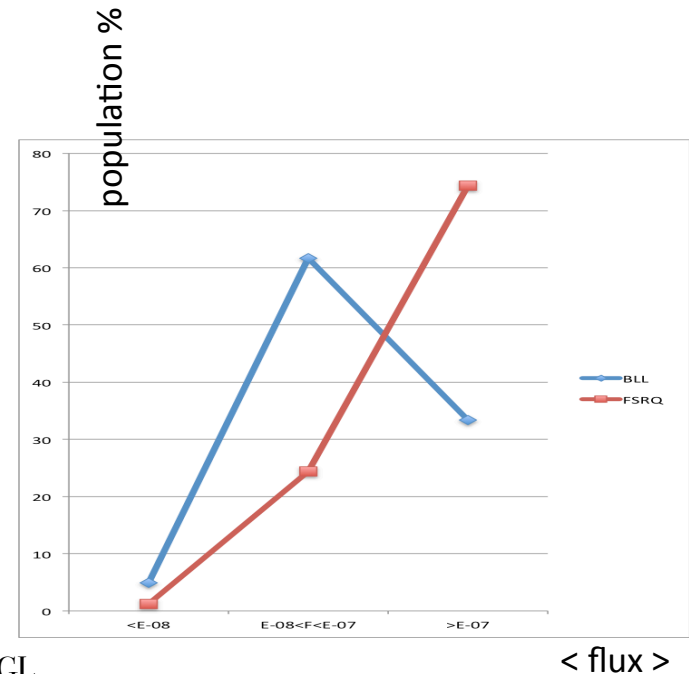
In contrast to non-active galaxies which have a constant luminosity, AGN emission is frequently observed to be **variable**.

Variability could be used for the purposes of this study



First thoughts - The Parameter

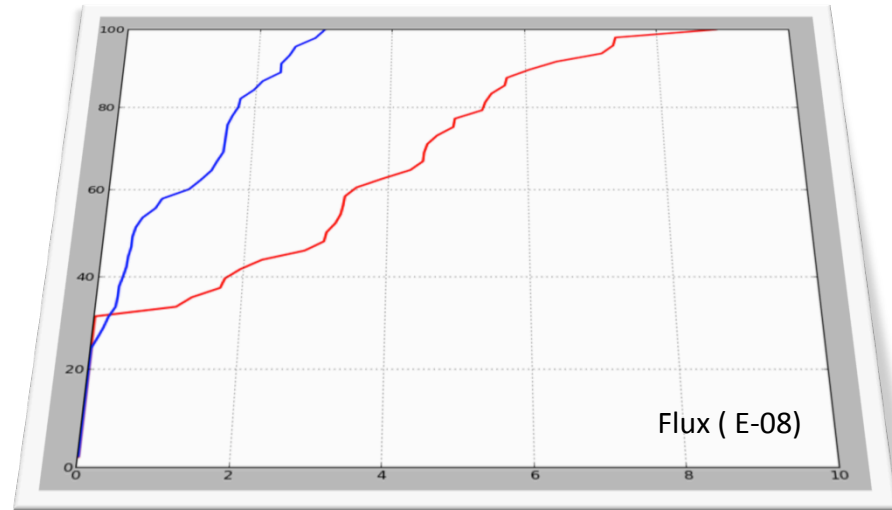
Flux ($\text{ph cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$)	<u>BL Lac</u>	<u>FSRQ</u>
<u>$> E-07$</u>	33.36%	74.40%
<u>$E-08 < F < E-07$</u>	61.71%	24.36%
$< E-08$	4.93%	1.24%



BL Lacs and FSRQs - population /flux percentage distribution in 3FGL

The parameter **might be** the γ flux ($\text{ph cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$)

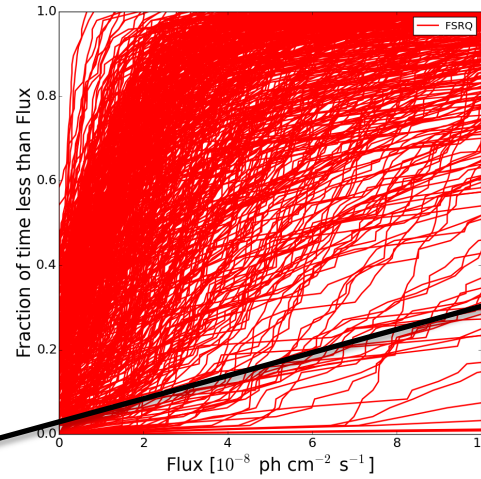
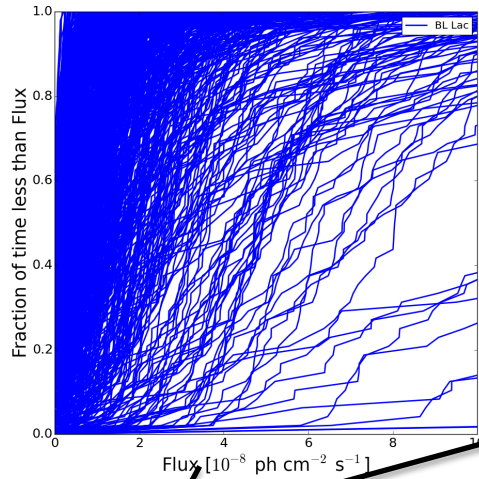
Empirical Cumulative Distribution Function (ECDF)



Because BL Lac are LESS VARIABLE than FSRQ.

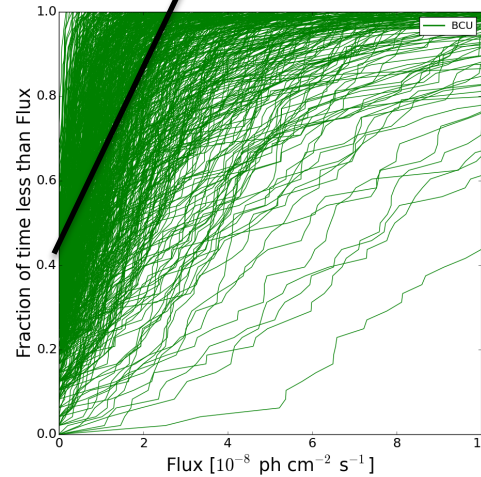
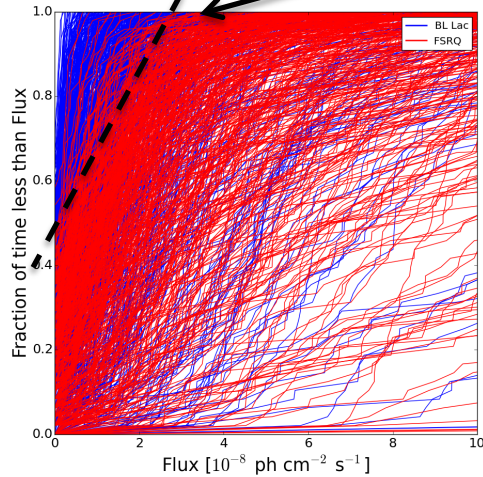
BL Lac ECDFs are shifted to the left respect to FSRQ.

B-FlaP ECDF

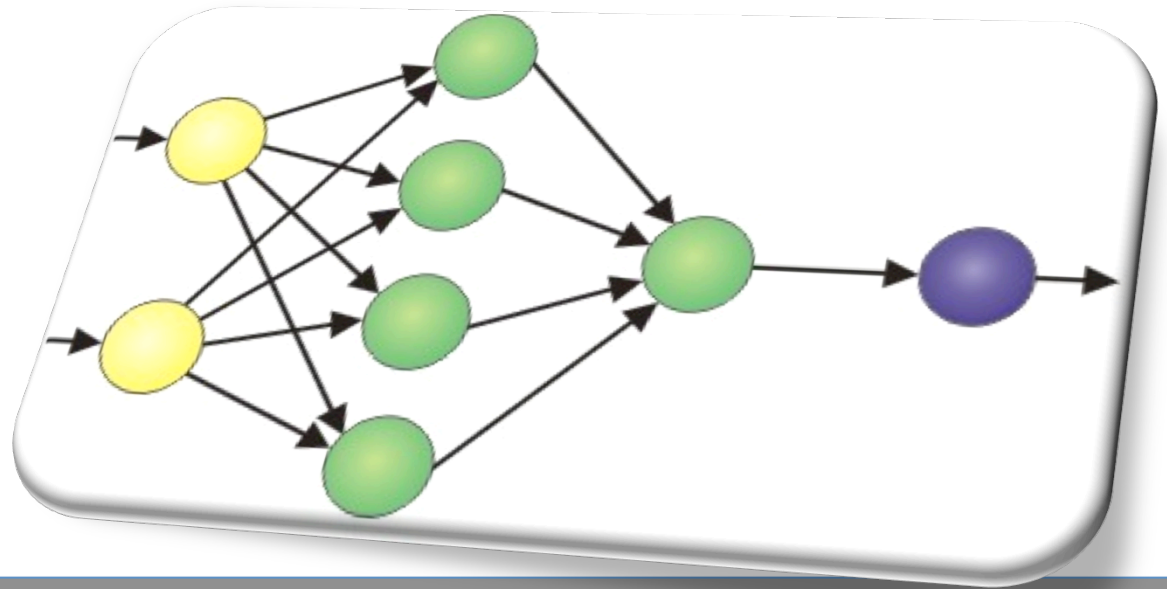


It is possible to recognize a specific area where the BL Lac / FSRQ overlap is minimal.

This area, at values of the max flux less than $2.5 \times 10^{-8} \text{ ph cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$.



First QUALITATIVE recognition of BCUs as BL Lac objects



Machine Learning

Artificial Neural Network

From "looking by eye" to Likelihood

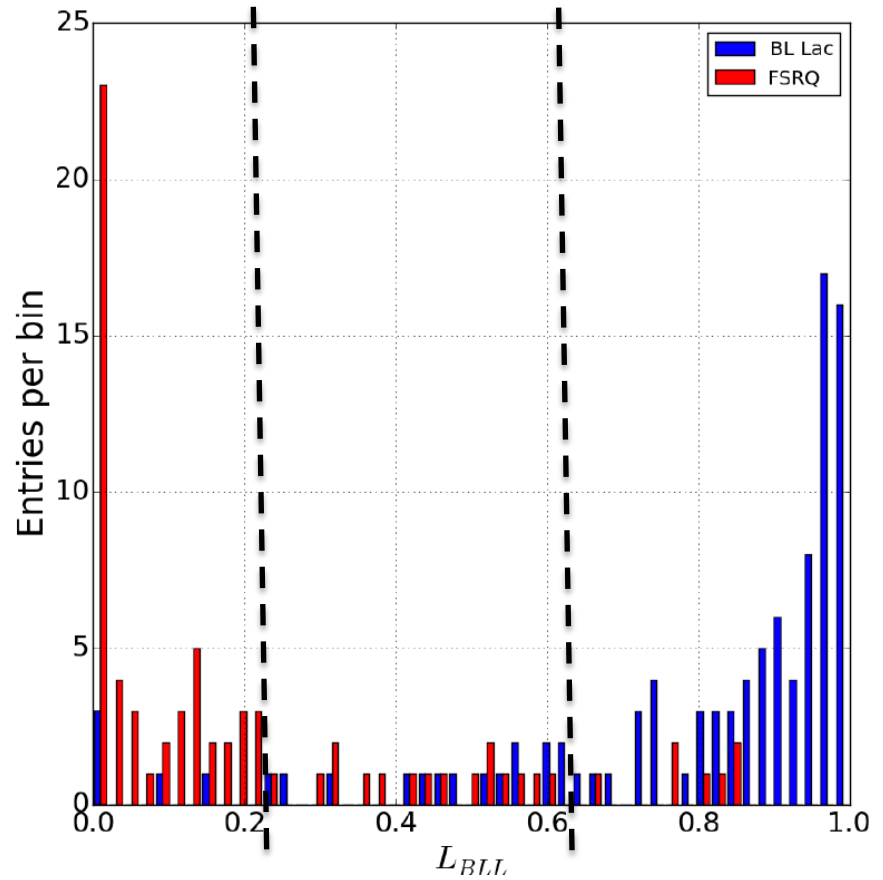
This is the two-class approach where we encoded the output of the associated blazars so that L_{BLL} is 1 if the object is a BL Lac and L_{BLL} is 0 if it is a FSRQ.

Precision $\sim 90\%$

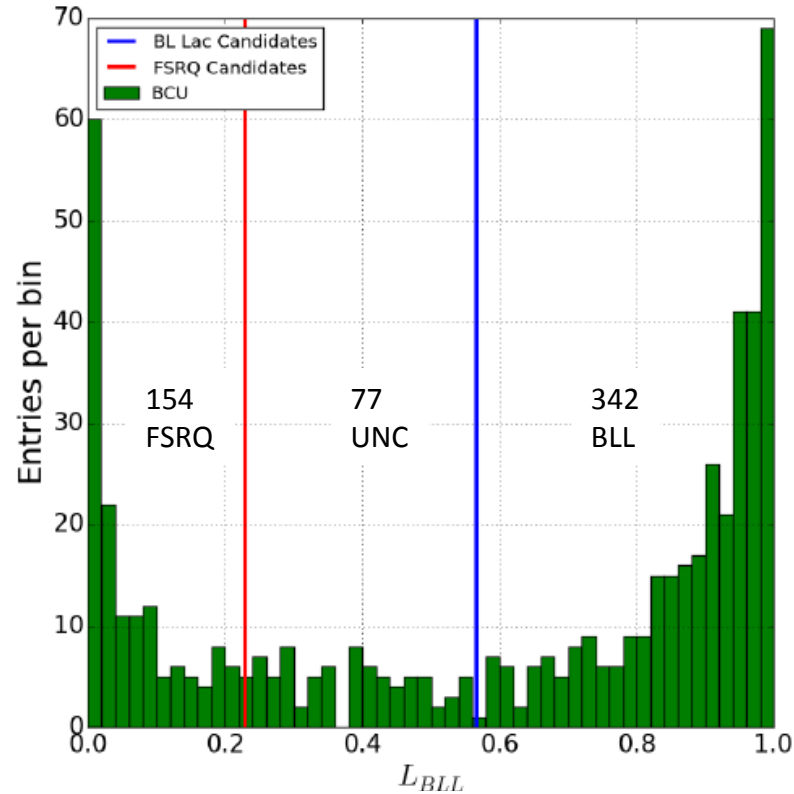
Sensitivity

$\sim 90\%$ BLL

$\sim 70\%$ FSRQ



First result

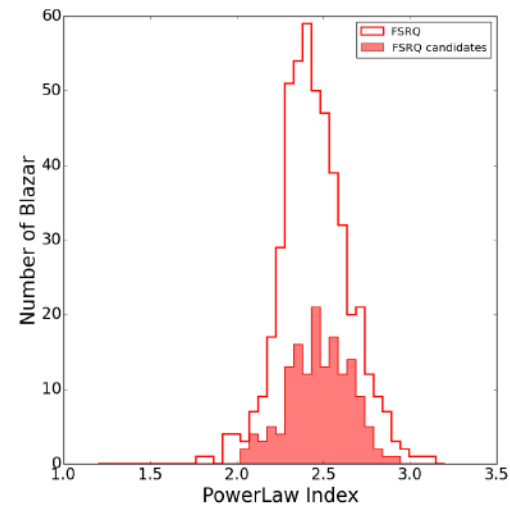
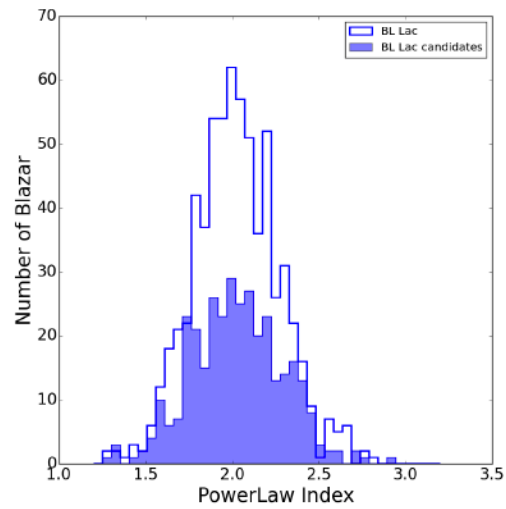
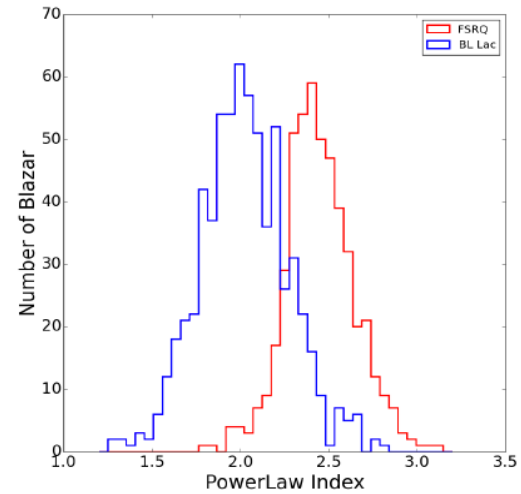


BLL_{3FGL}	$FSRQ_{3FGL}$	BCU_{3FGL}
660(38.4%)	484(28.2%)	573(33.4%)

$BLL_{3FGL+ANN}$	$FSRQ_{3FGL+ANN}$	$BCU_{3FGL+ANN}$
1002(58.3%)	638(37.2%)	77(4.5%)

Validation

Spectral index of a source as a measure of the dependence of radiative flux density on wavelength



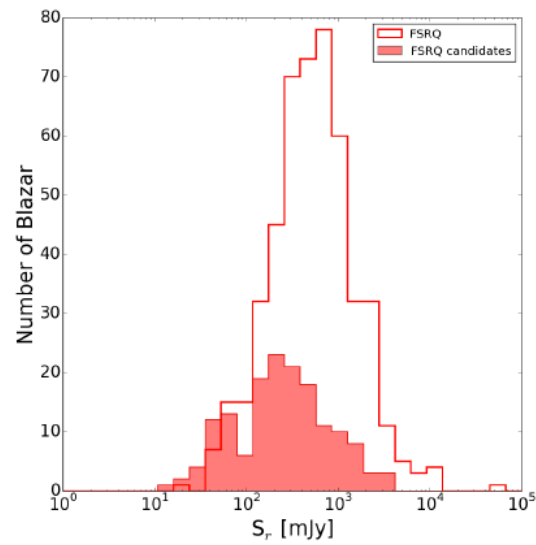
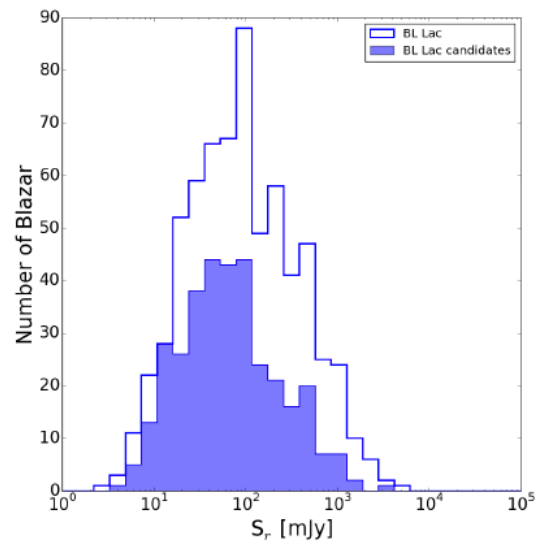
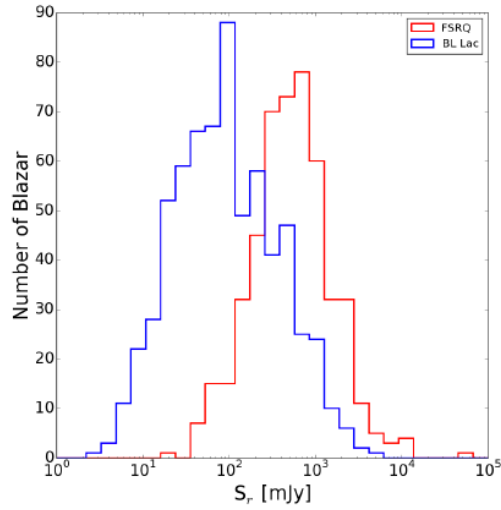


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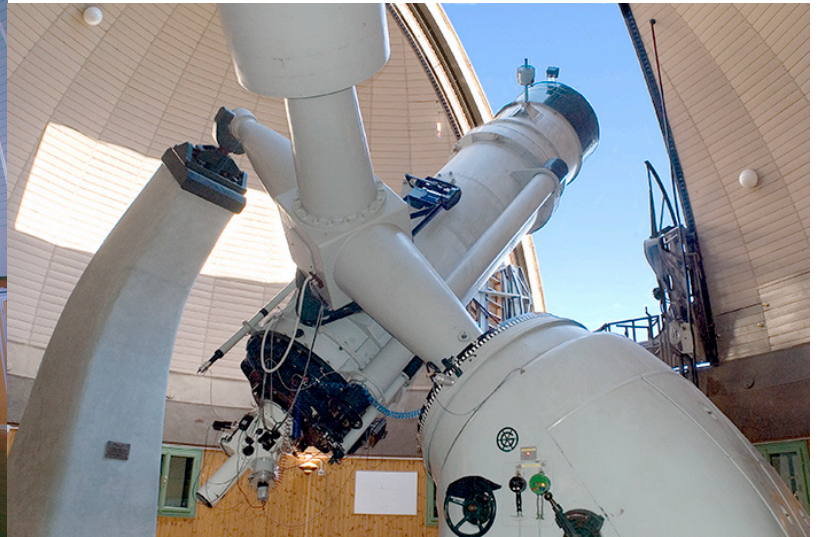
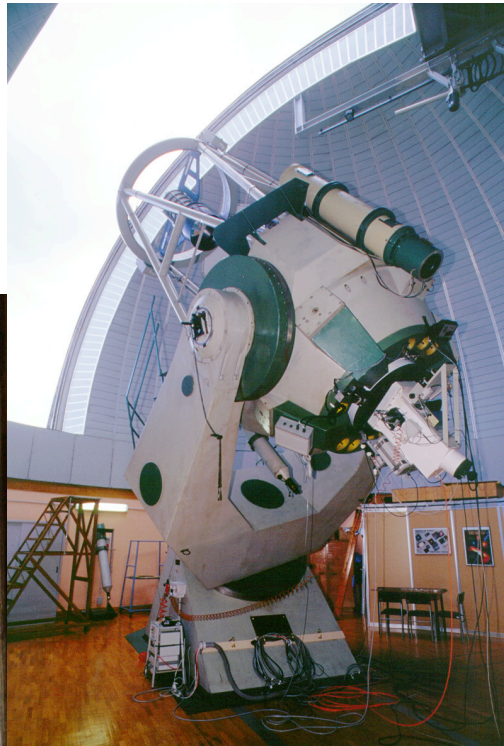
RADIO COUNTERPART

Validation





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OPTICAL COUNTERPART

Validation

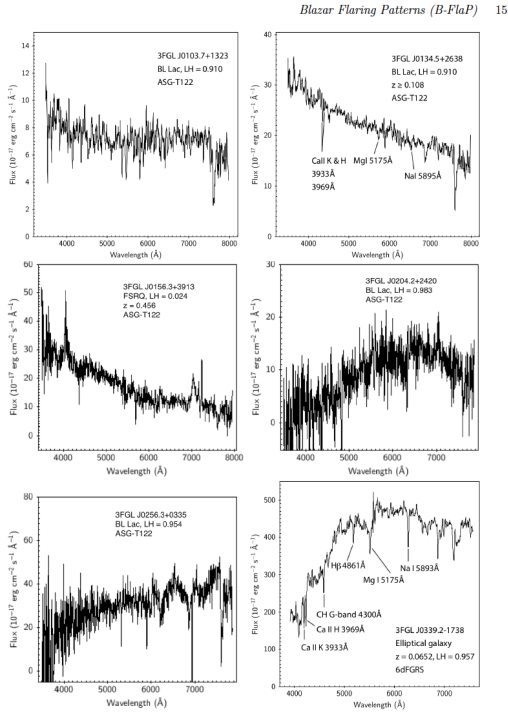


Fig. 14 - continued.

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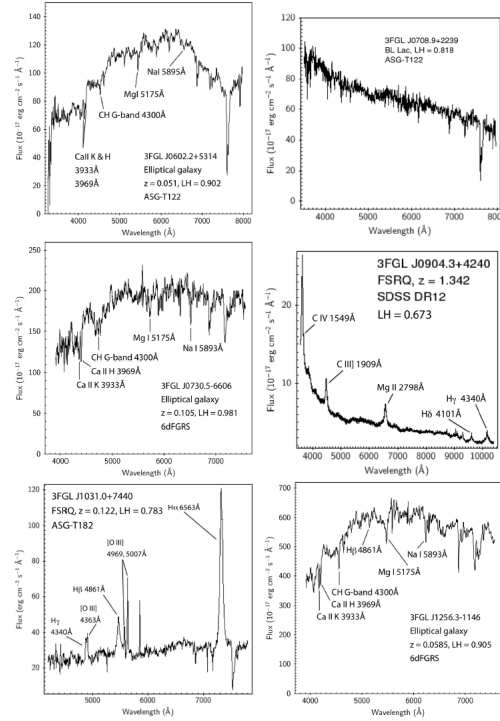


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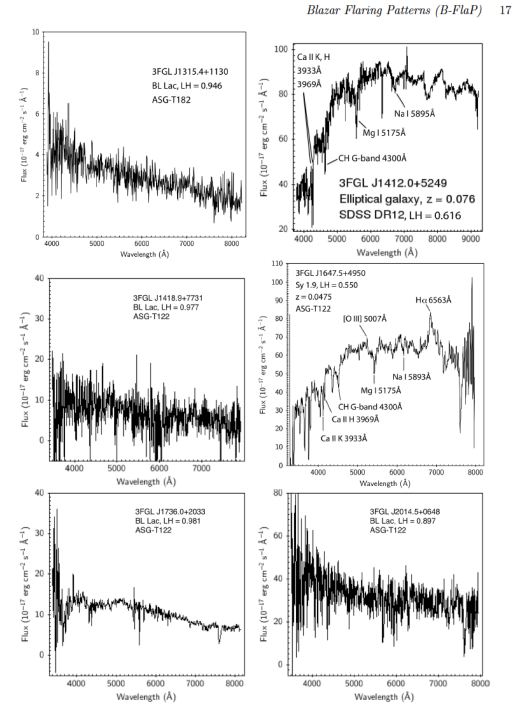
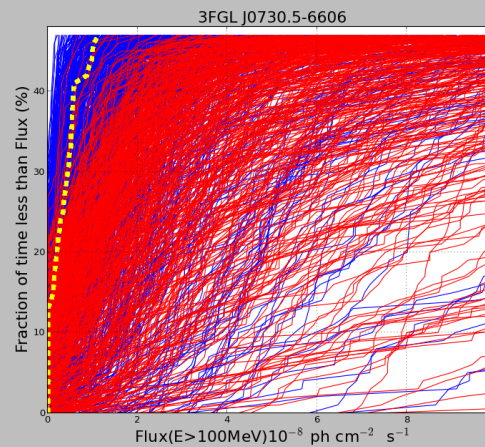
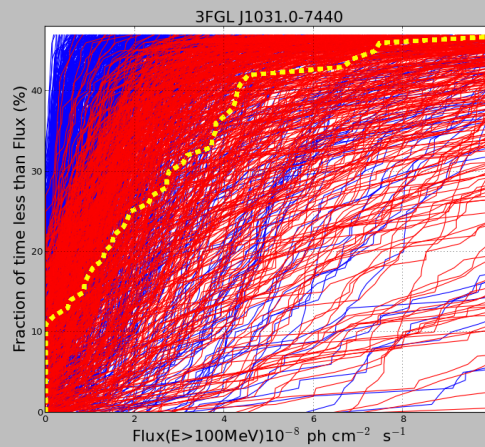
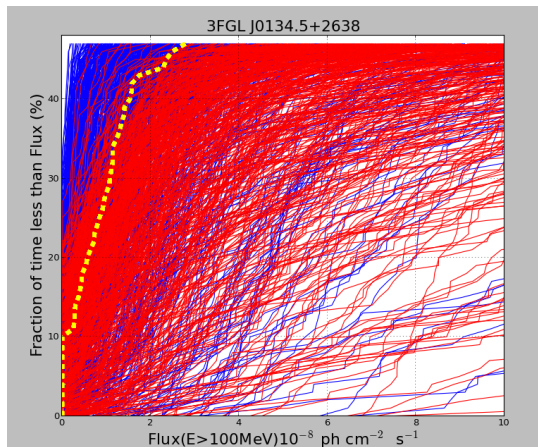
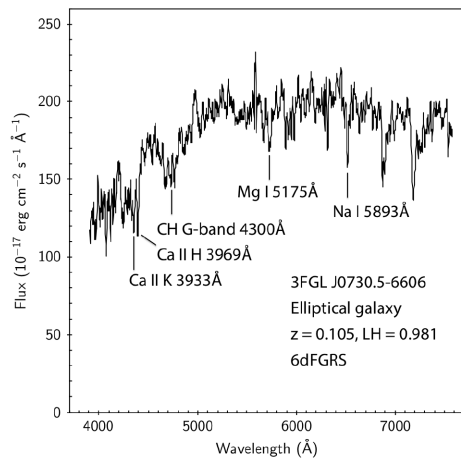
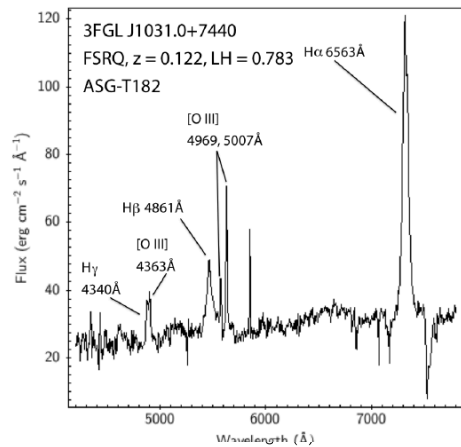
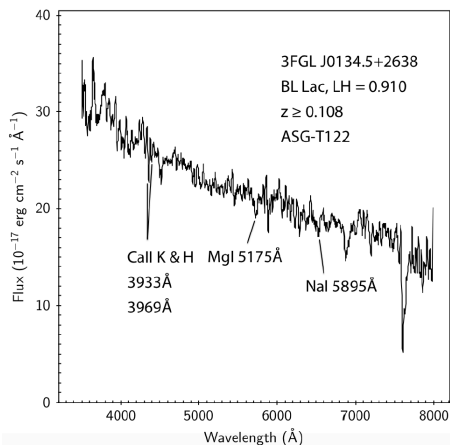


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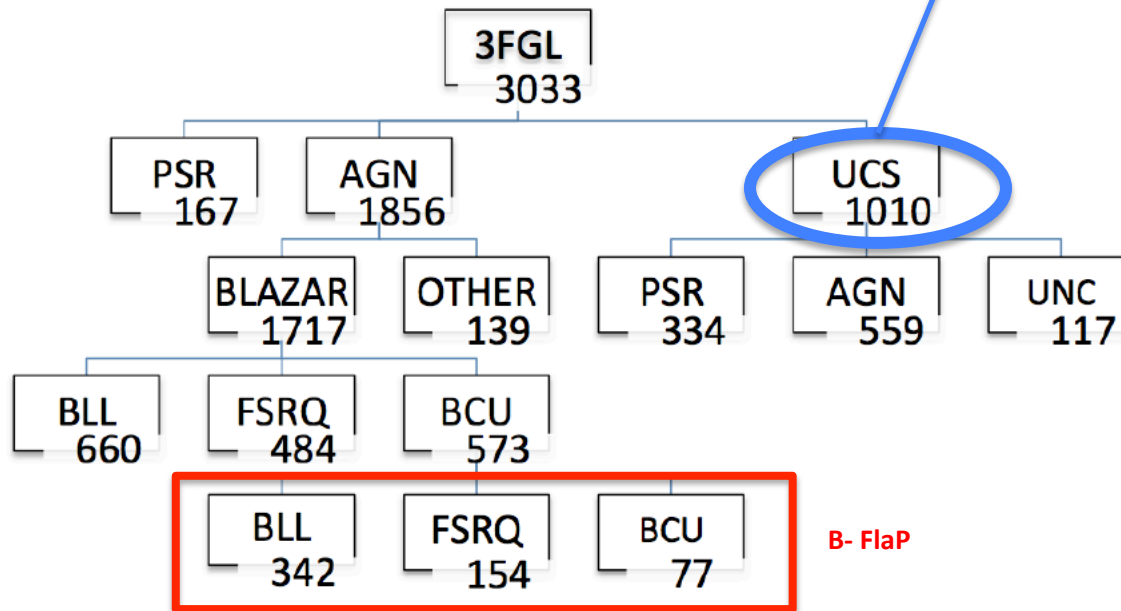
One of the most important optical campaign for 3FGL BCUs

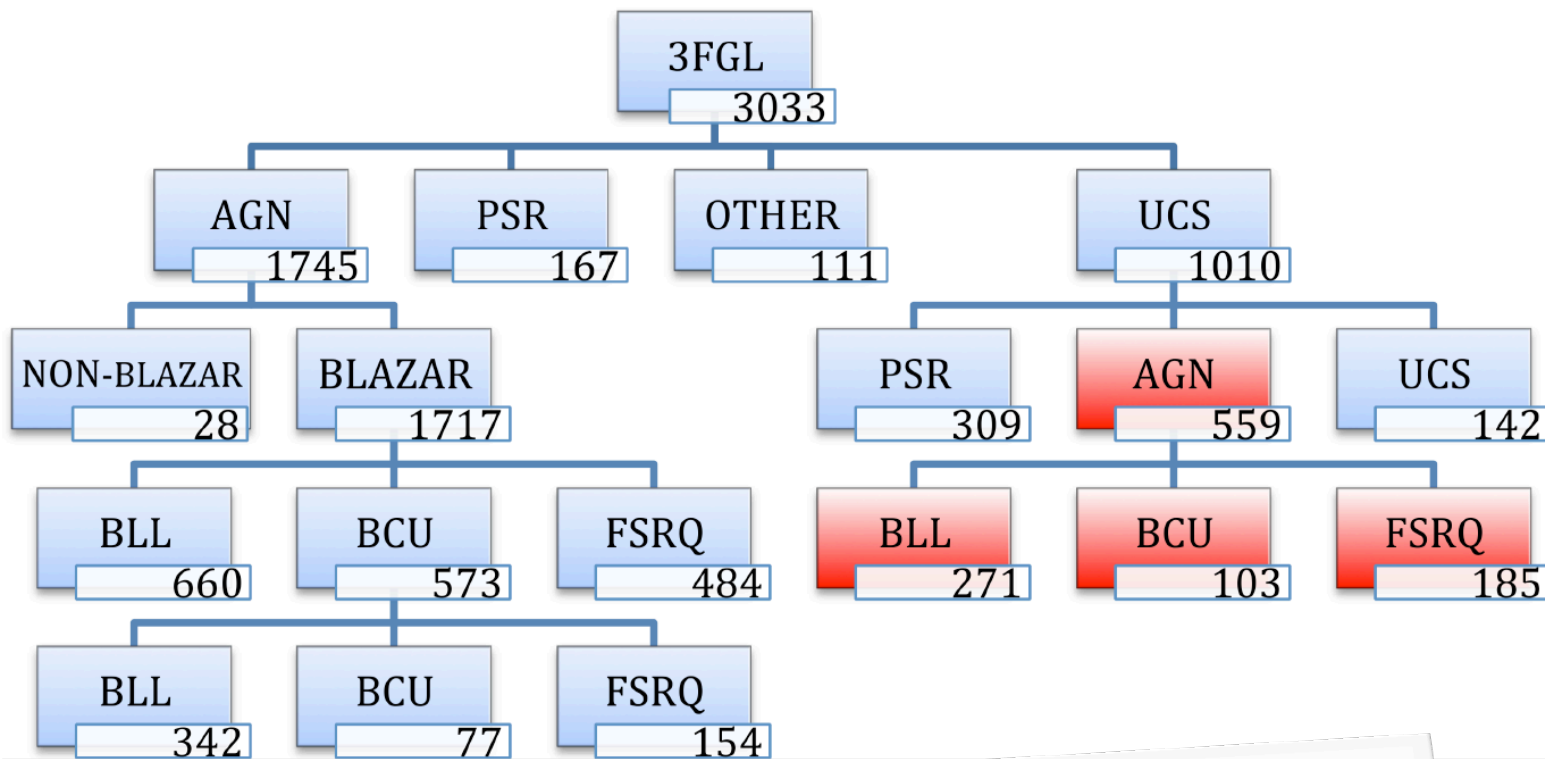
Validation



3 FGL zoo

Parkinson Saz P. et al., 2016, ApJ, 820, 8





3FGL UCSs/AGNs CLASSIFICATION LIST

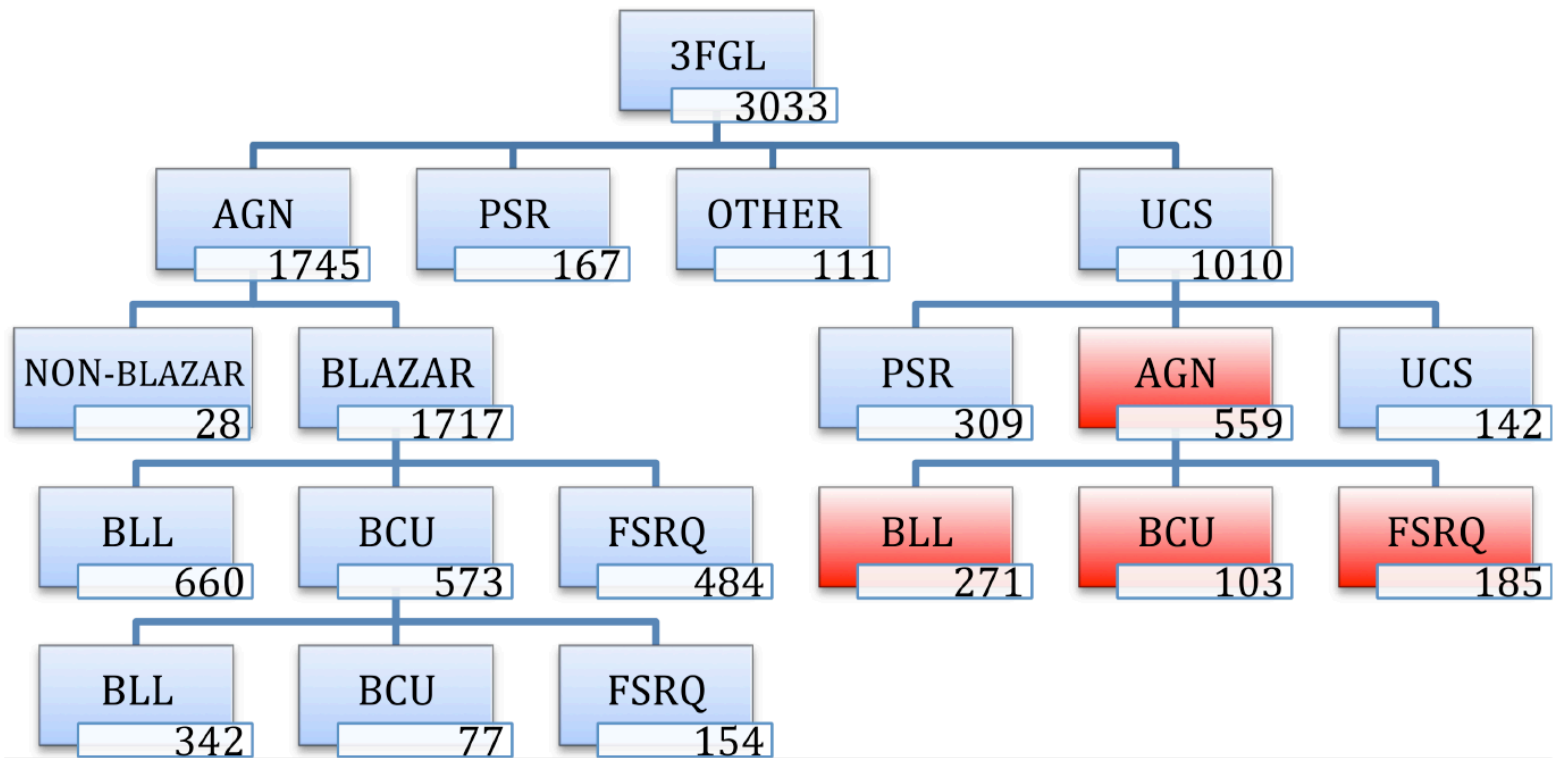
The List contains the classification of AGNs sorted from UCSs listed in the 3FGL Fermi-LAT catalogue <http://fermi.gsfc.nasa.gov/science/data/fermi/3fgl/> and relies on the artificial neural networks likelihood which used <http://fermi.gsfc.nasa.gov/science/data/fermi/3fgl/> based on the Empirical Cumulative Distribution Function of their \log flux as a key parameter. The second and the third columns show the galactic longitude and the latitude respectively.

ANN likelihood (L) to be a BL Lac or an FSRQ is in unit $0 \leq L \leq 1$. The closer to 1 is the value of L , the greater the likelihood that the source is in that specific source class.

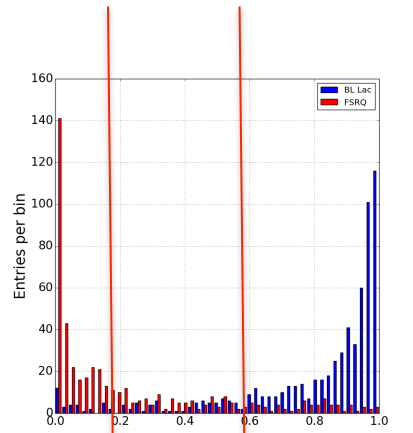
How to read the List
 BL Lac candidates if $L_{BL\ Lac}$ is greater than 0.566, or FSRQ candidates if L_{FSRQ} is greater than 0.770.

3FGL Name	(l)	(b)	$L_{BL\ Lac}$	L_{FSRQ}	Classification
30002.2-3748	345.41	-74.947	0.986	1.40E-02	BL Lac
30001.6+3535	311.96	-26.188	0.845	1.58E-01	BL Lac
30002.0-0722	310.14	-49.062	0.974	2.61E-02	BL Lac
30003.5+5721	116.49	-4.912	0.712	2.80E-01	BL Lac
30004.2+0843	103.6	-52.363	0.903	9.73E-02	BL Lac
30006.2+0135	199.4	-59.207	0.772	2.28E-01	BL Lac
30006.6+4018	144.01	-15.867	0.383	0.017	AGU Uncertain
30007.4+1742	198.33	-43.911	0.825	1.70E-01	BL Lac
30007.9+4006	113.08	-22.007	0.856	1.44E-01	BL Lac
30014.2+0455	99.59	-66.096	1.18E-01	0.362	AGU Uncertain
30016.5+1713	111.14	-44.46	0.528	0.462	BL Lac
30017.1+1145	110.67	-47.293	0.977	2.28E-02	BL Lac
30020.9+0223	108.2	-58.801	0.909	9.30E-03	BL Lac
30022.3+4051	117.84	-15.735	1.56E-01	0.844	FSRQ
30026.2+4812	314.37	-68.354	0.916	8.40E-02	BL Lac
30031.6+0938	114.84	-52.914	0.526	0.474	AGU Uncertain
30032.5+5522	308.62	-61.549	7.24E-05	1	FSRQ
30032.5+3912	118.95	-23.513	0.594	4.00E-01	BL Lac
30040.0+4224	122.45	-20.456	0.985	1.50E-02	BL Lac
30051.6+6445	122.95	1.888	5.83E-02	0.942	FSRQ
30102.1+0943	127.33	-53.052	0.886	1.14E-01	BL Lac
30102.1+4458	124.92	-17.858	0.893	1.07E-01	BL Lac
30112.9-7506	301.07	-41.945	0.939	6.00E-02	BL Lac
30114.8+1917	130.52	-43.232	0.719	2.81E-01	BL Lac
30127.4+5433	128.19	-7.949	2.14E-01	0.786	FSRQ
30127.5+5634	127.92	-5.952	5.87E-02	0.941	FSRQ
30127.6+4851	129.05	-13.579	1.15E-01	0.885	FSRQ

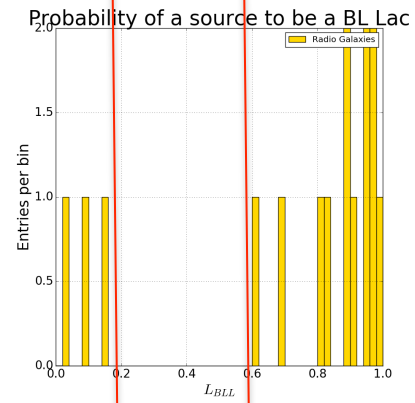
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BL LAC	660	1272
FSRQ	484	823
PULSAR	167	520
OTHERS	139	139
BLAZAR UNCERTAIN	573	77
UNASSOCIATED	1010	117
BL LAC	58% of blazars	61%
FSRQ	42%	39%
BLAZAR UNCERTAIN		-87%
UNASSOCIATED		-88%



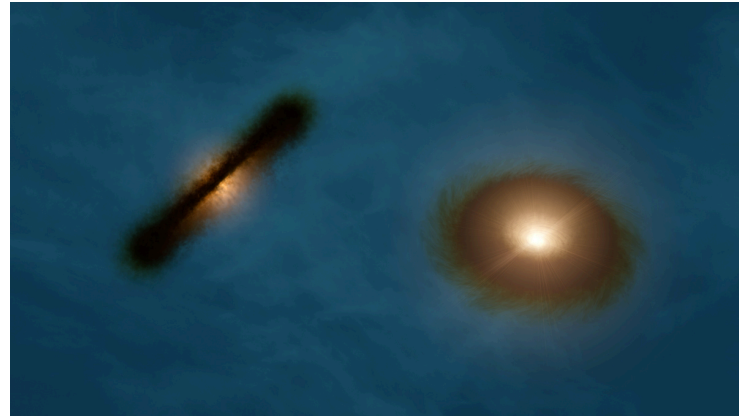
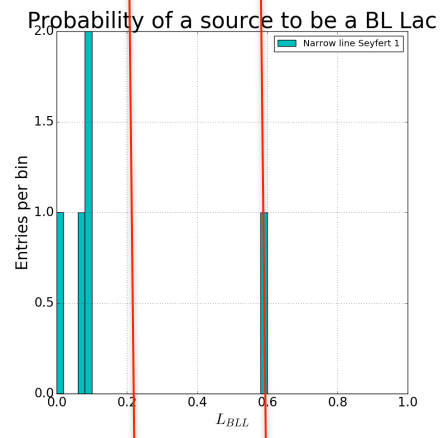
What's beyond blazars ?



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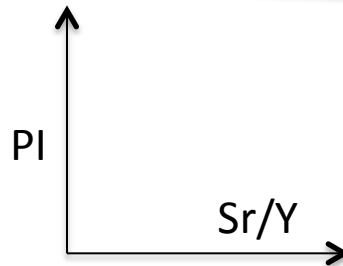
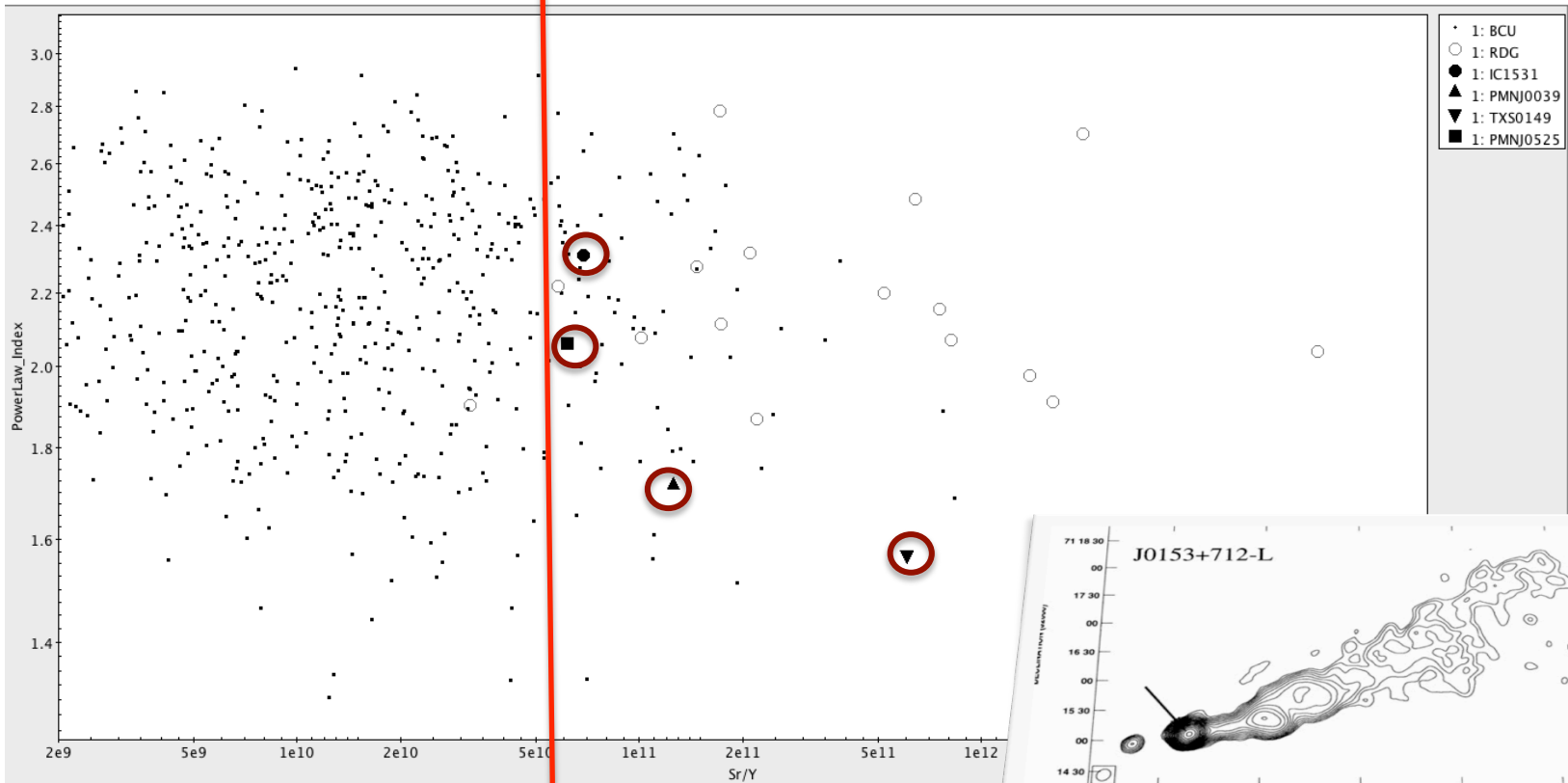
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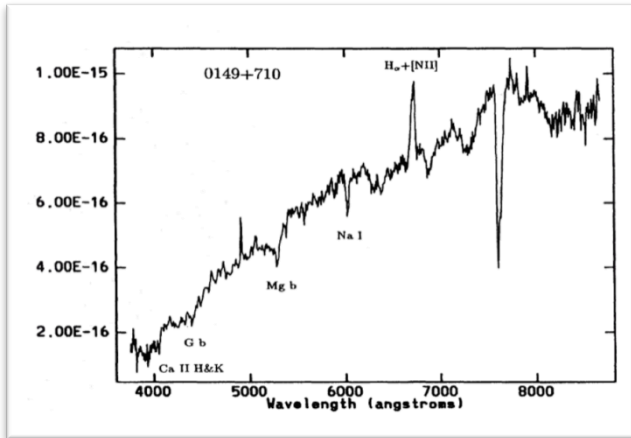
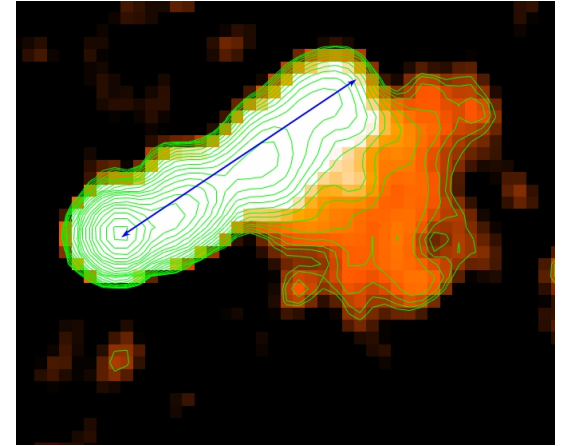
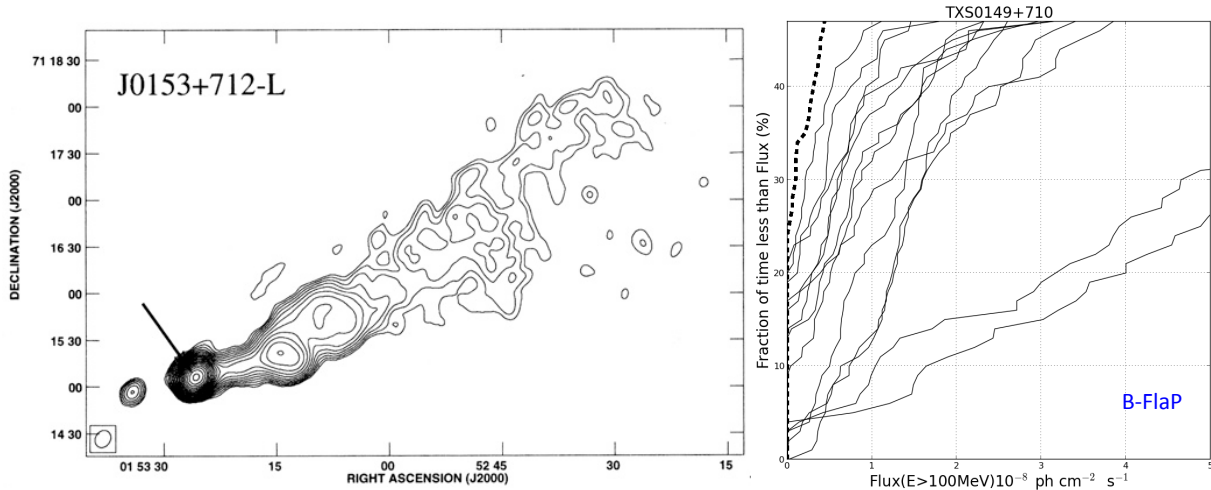
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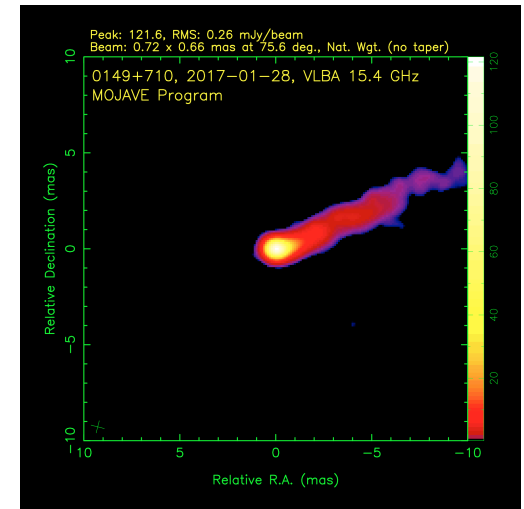
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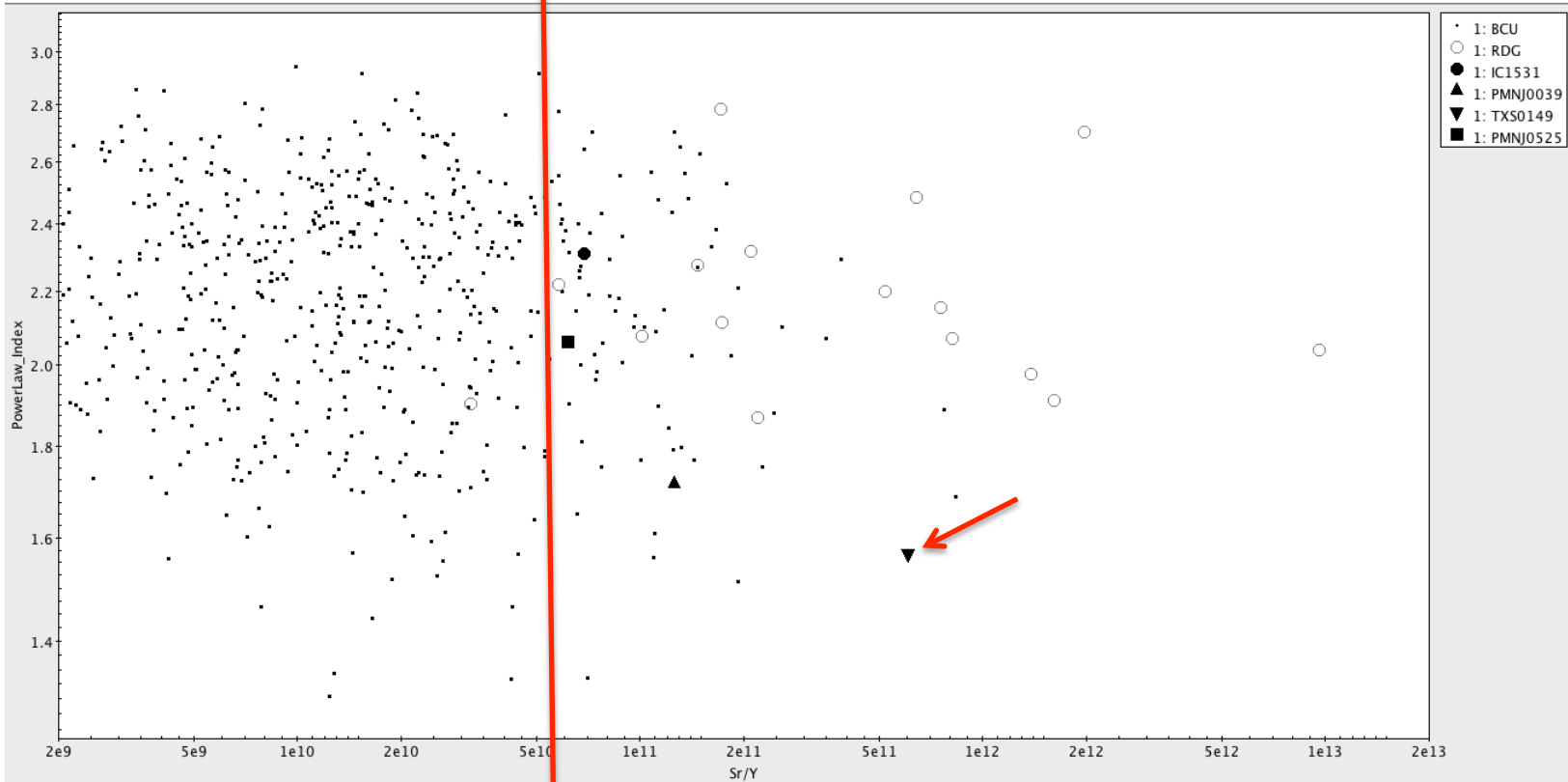


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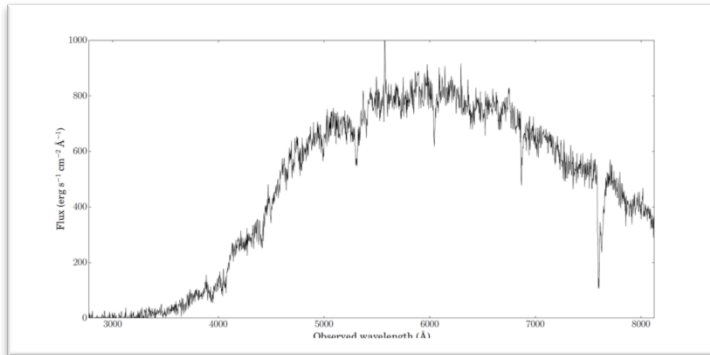
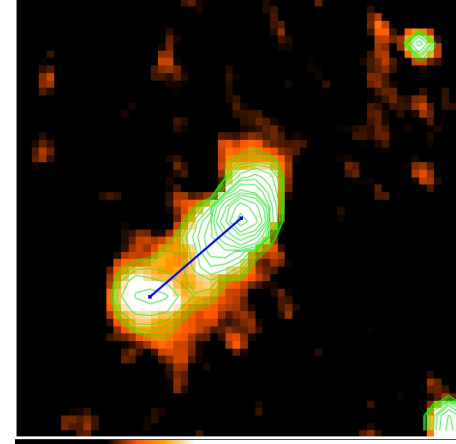
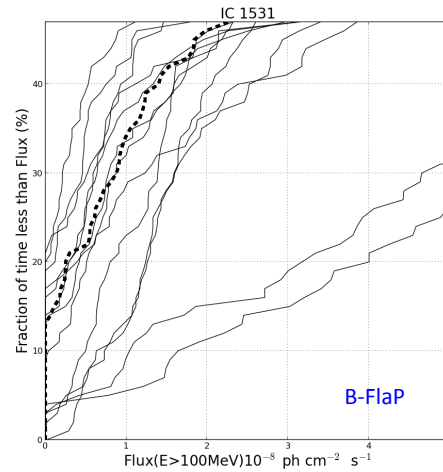
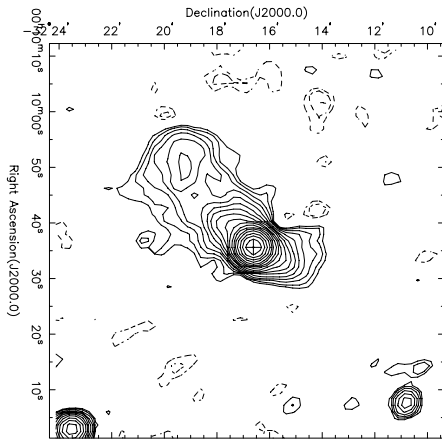


Elliptical galaxy
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 R= 593.4 Kpc
 1.4 GHz = 578.2 millijy
 3FGL significance = 7.056

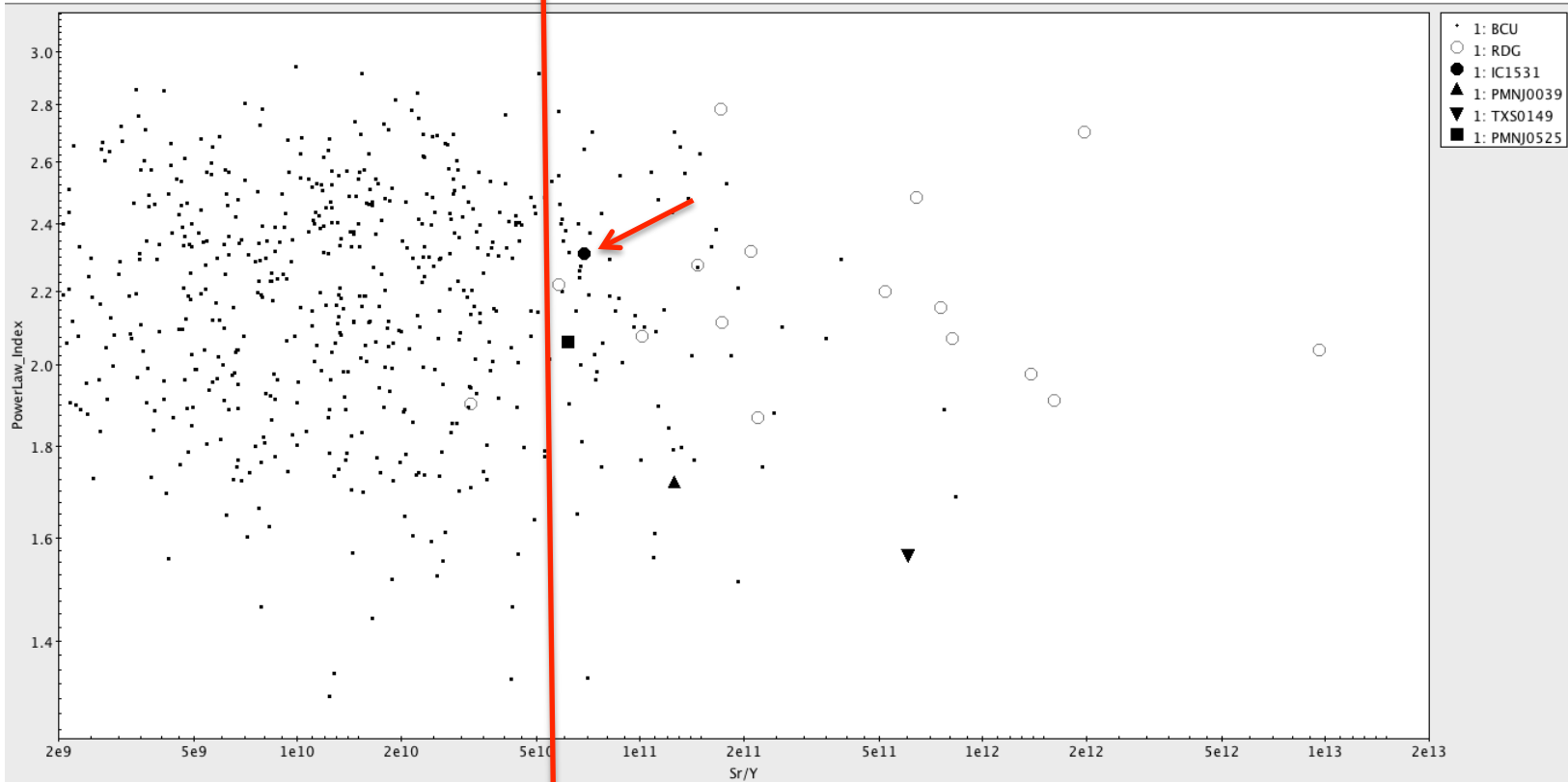




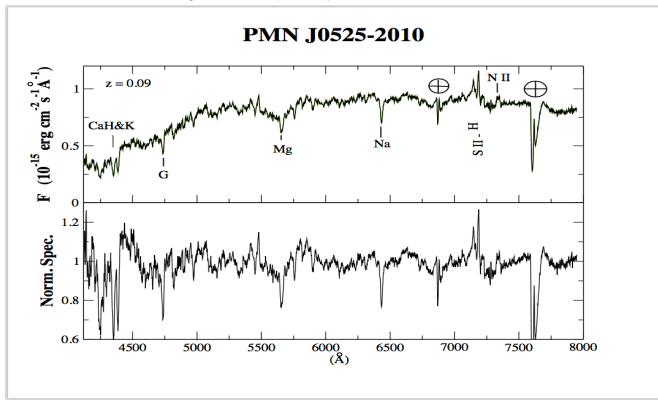
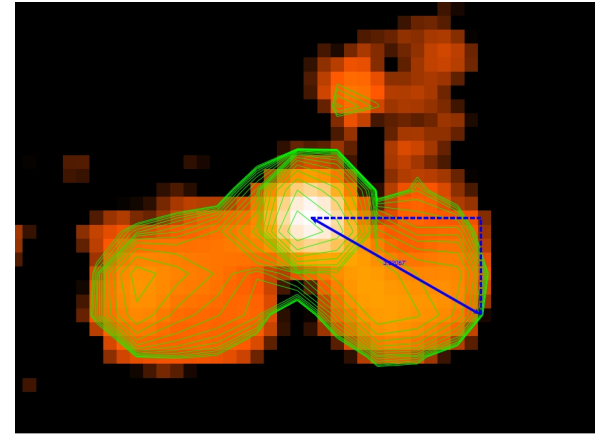
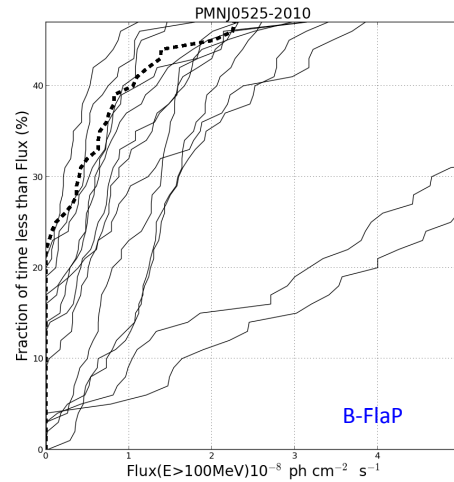
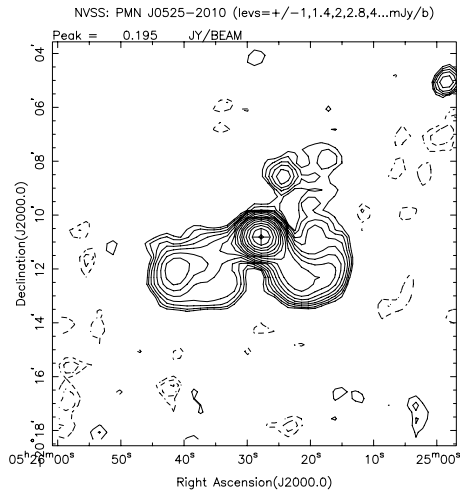
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Elliptical galaxy
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 3FGL significance = 5.536



3FGL J0525.8-2014 - PMN J0525-2010



Elliptical galaxy

RA 81.366333 Dec -20.181750

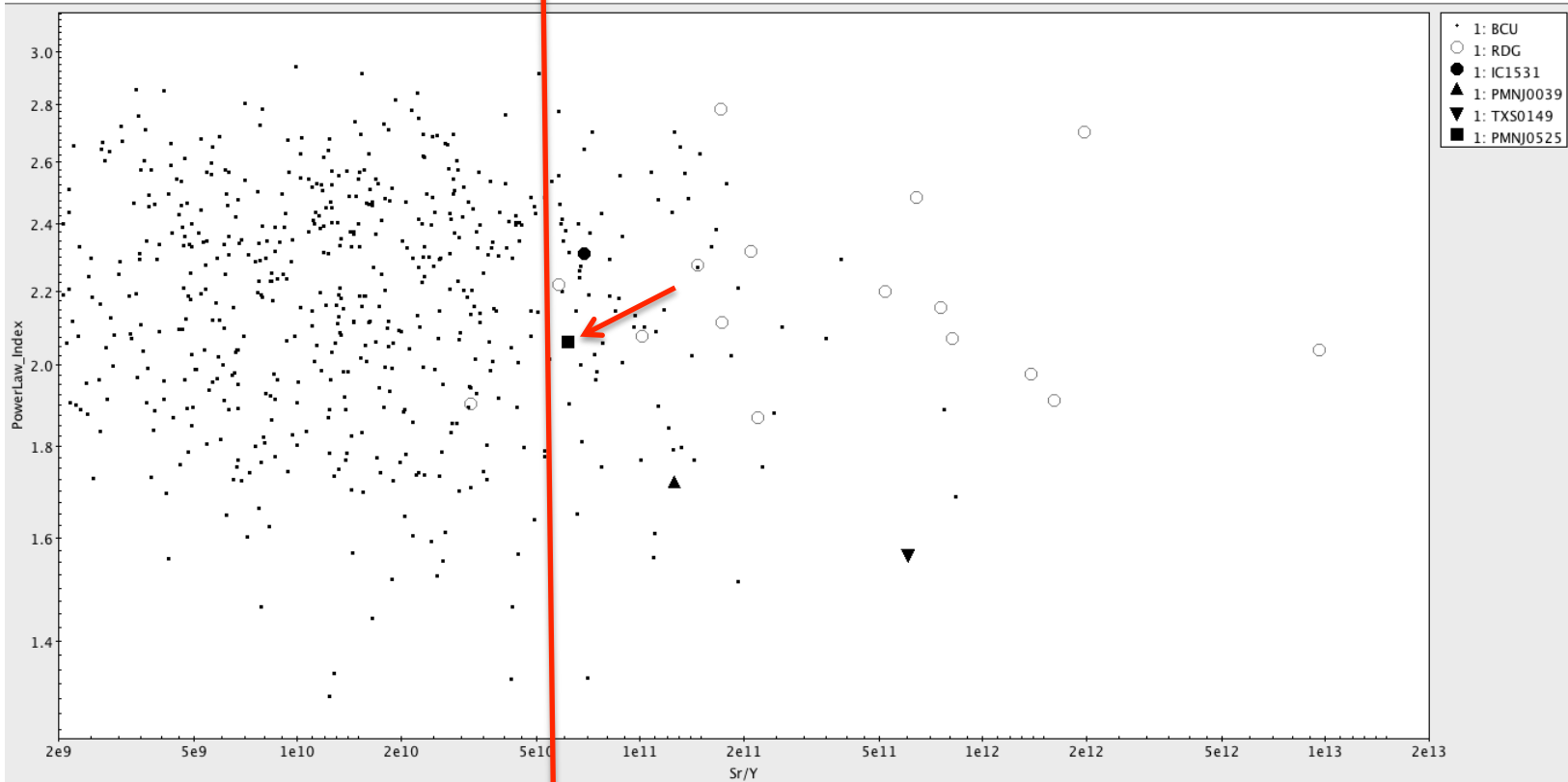
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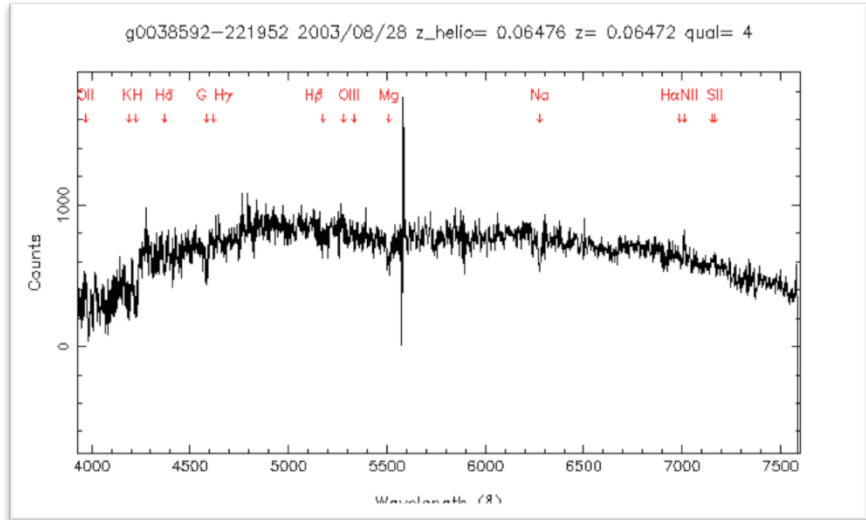
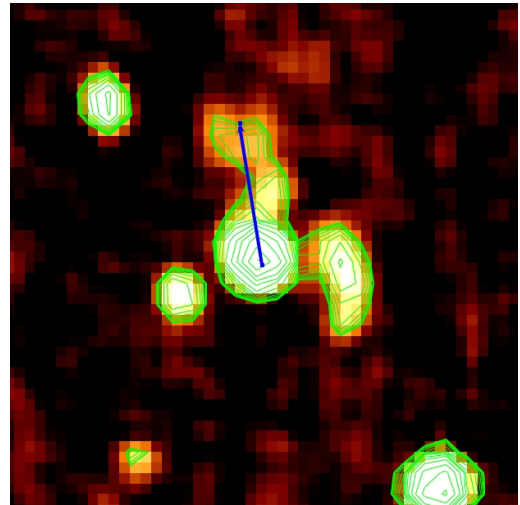
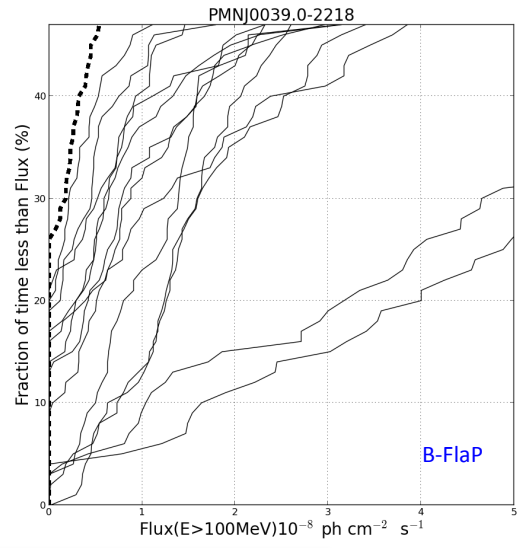
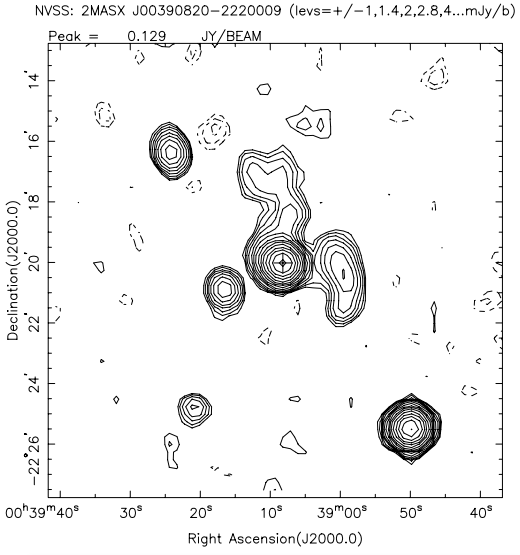
1.4 GHz = 230.4 milliJy

3FGL significance = 5.271

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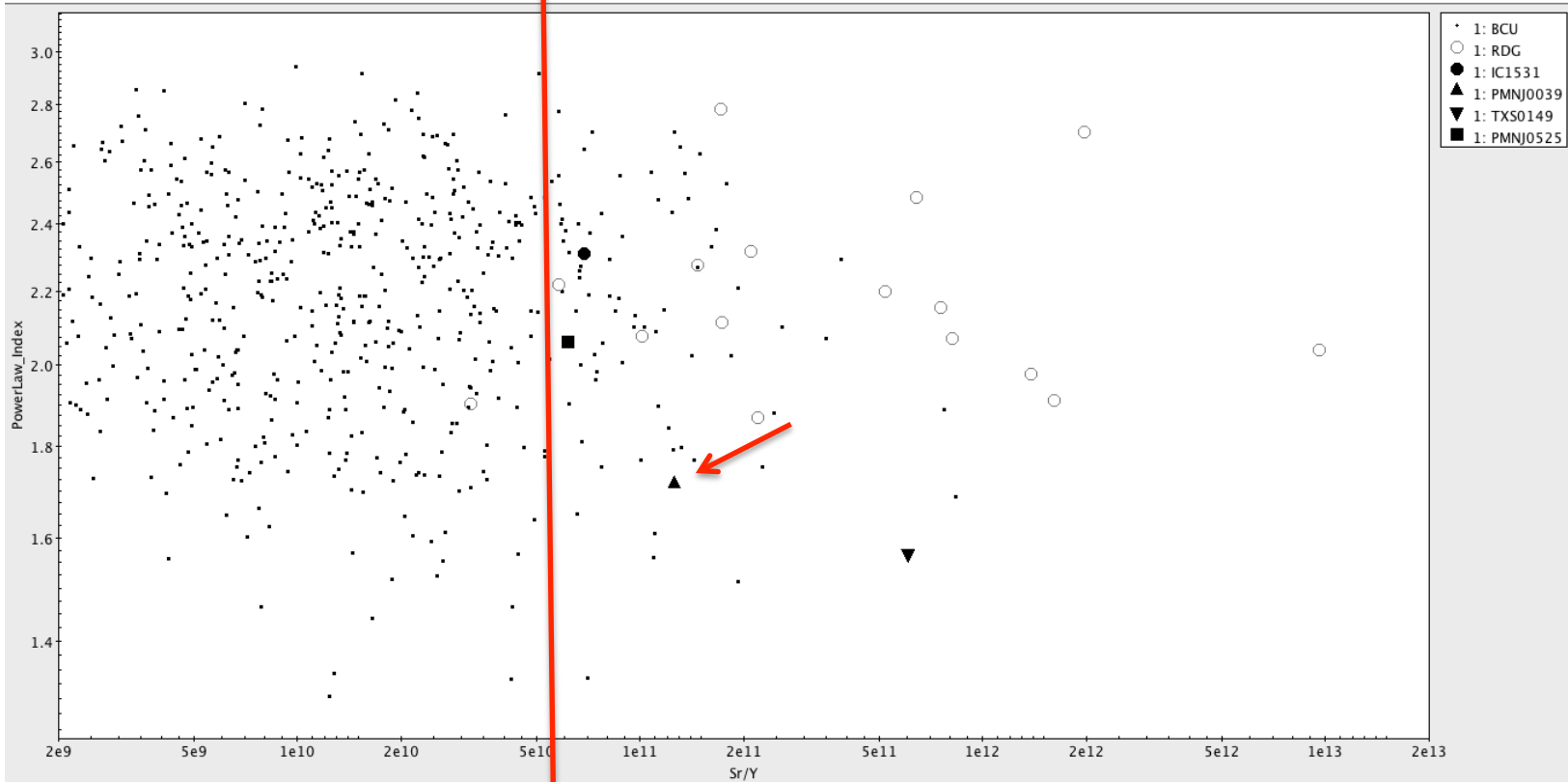


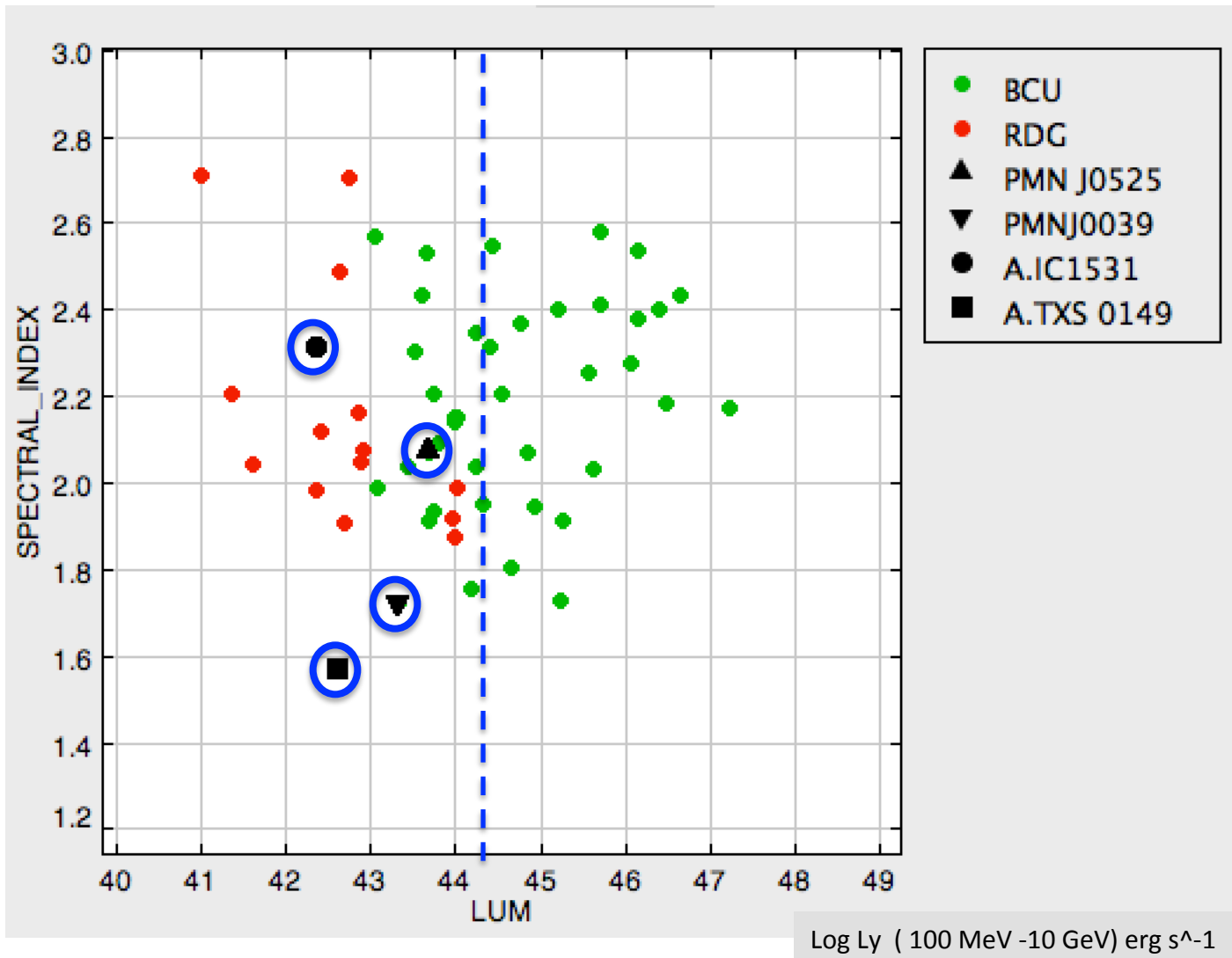
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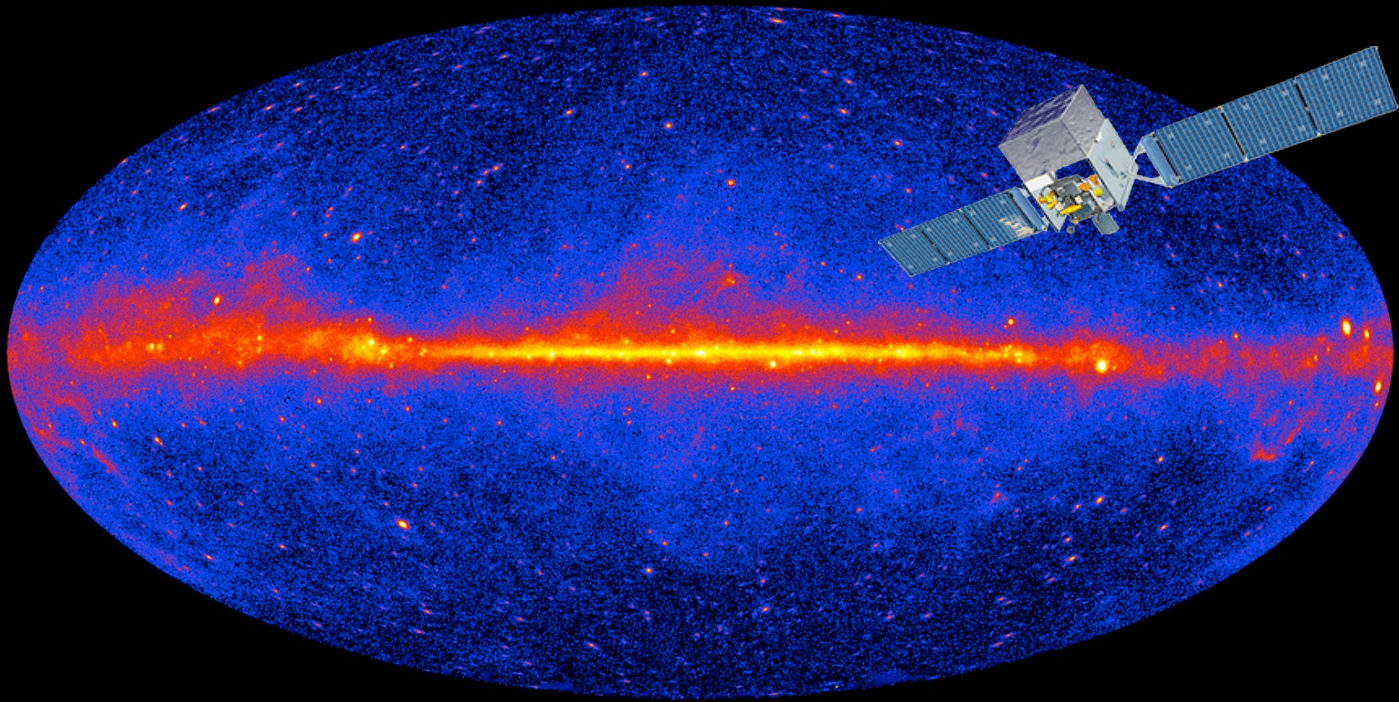
Elliptical galaxy
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 R= 350 Kpc
 1.4 GHz = 117.0 millijy
 3FGL significance = 5.411

6dFGRS – DR3



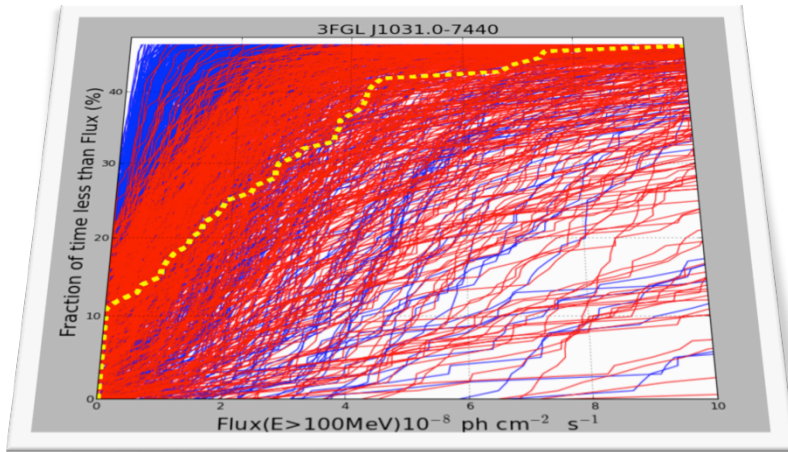


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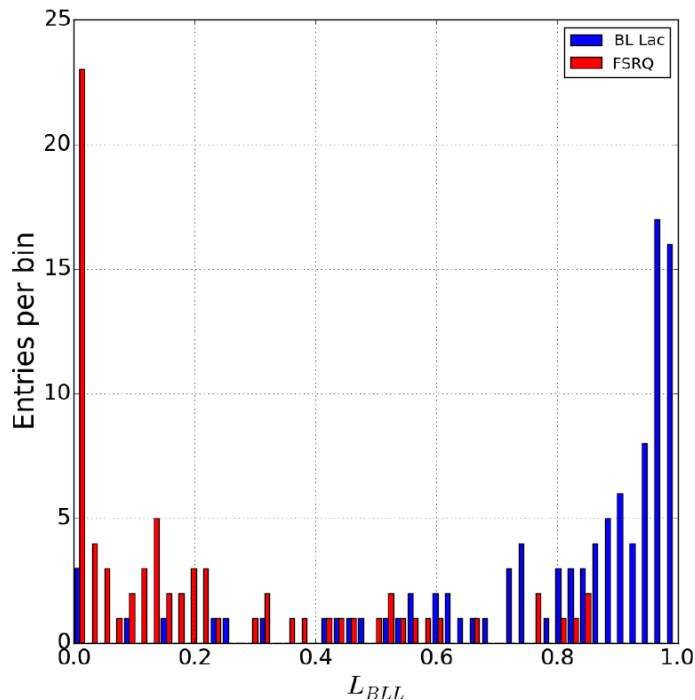
LESSON LEARNED



Although γ -ray flux by B-FlaP method cannot replace confirmed and rigorous techniques for blazar classification, it may be configured as

an additional powerful approach for the preliminary and reliable identification of uncertain γ -ray objects mainly blazars.

when detailed observational data are not yet available.



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Thanks for listening.

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