

# Exploring (extremely) obscured accretion

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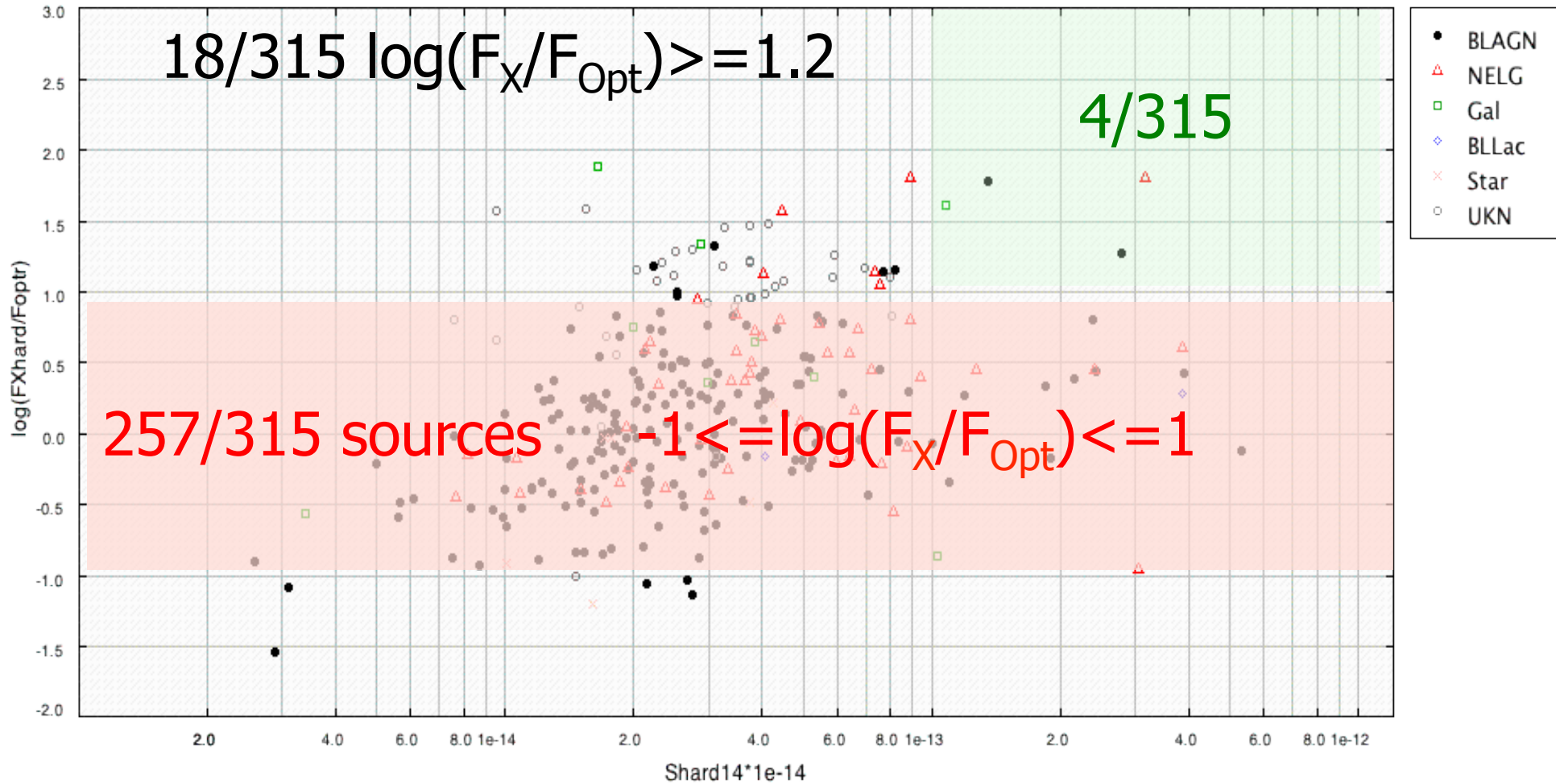
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- Our subsamples
- X-ray spectral properties
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  - High Eddington ratios (inc. Xabs BLAGN !?: NLSy1)
  - Transition object...
- Summary

# Obscured accretion and high $F_X/F_{Opt}$

- Most accretion in the Universe is thought to occur in obscured AGN
  - But perhaps not so much in CT (Gilli+07)
- Several methods to select obscured AGN:
  - [OIII],[NeV]...
  - MIR colours
  - ...
- Our method: high X-ray flux to optical flux ratio
  - based on much higher obscuration in rest-frame optical-UV with respect to X-ray

# $F_x/F_{opt}$ ratio: XMS (Barcons+07)

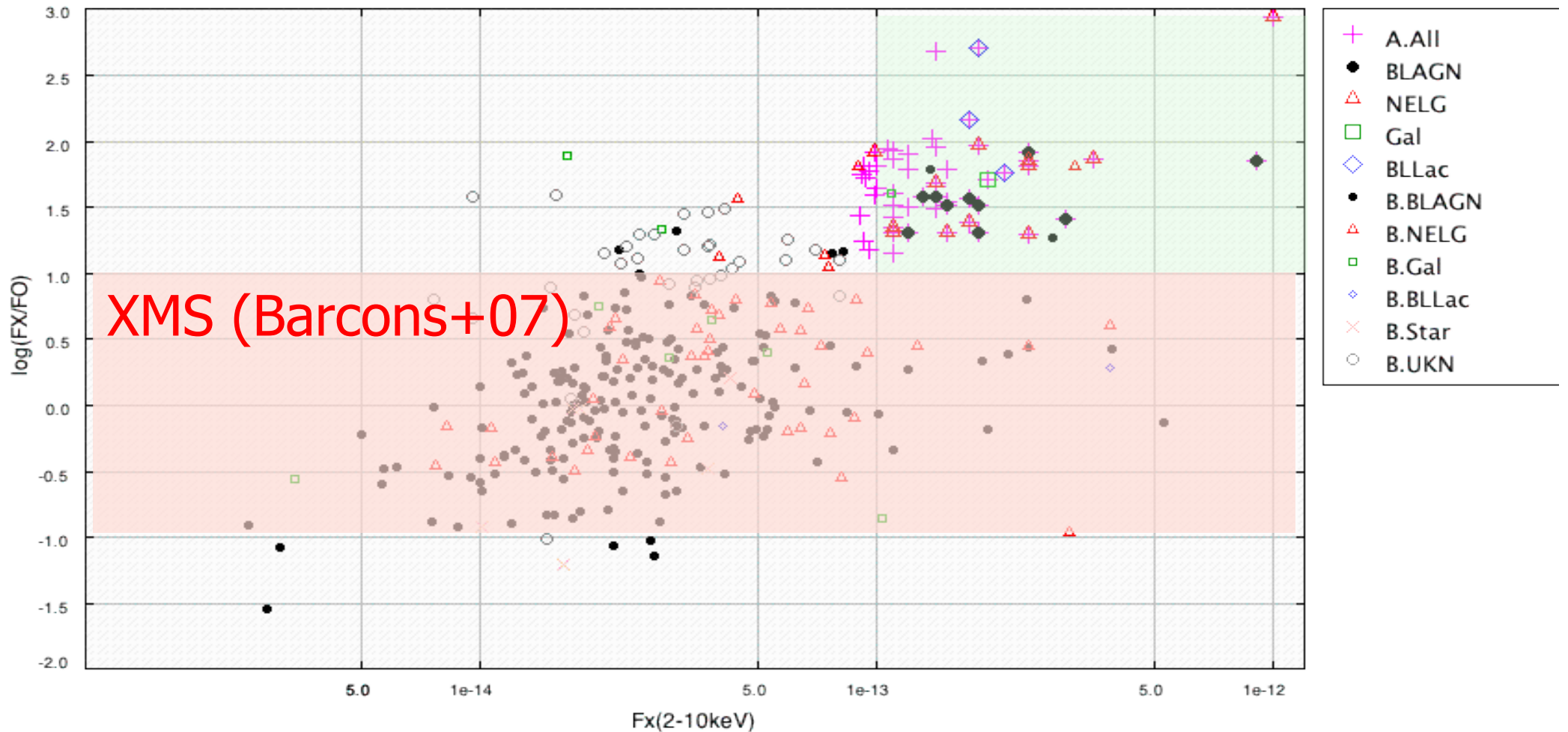


# Our parent samples

- Aim was to assemble a large number of identifications of sources with large  $F_x/F_{\text{Opt}}$  ratio:
  - Objects rare → need large sky areas
  - Looking for properties → high fluxes
- Parent samples:
  - XBS (DellaCeca+04, Caccianiga+07): serendipitous XMM sources at bright fluxes
  - del Moro+09,(+11 in preparation): objects with extreme  $F_x/F_{\text{Opt}}$  in 2XMMp vs. SDSS DR5
  - Della Ceca+11 (in preparation): objects with extreme  $F_x/F_{\text{Opt}}$  in 2XMMiDR2 vs. SDSS
  - BUXS (Mateos+11 in preparation): 5-10keV survey from 2XMMi-DR3

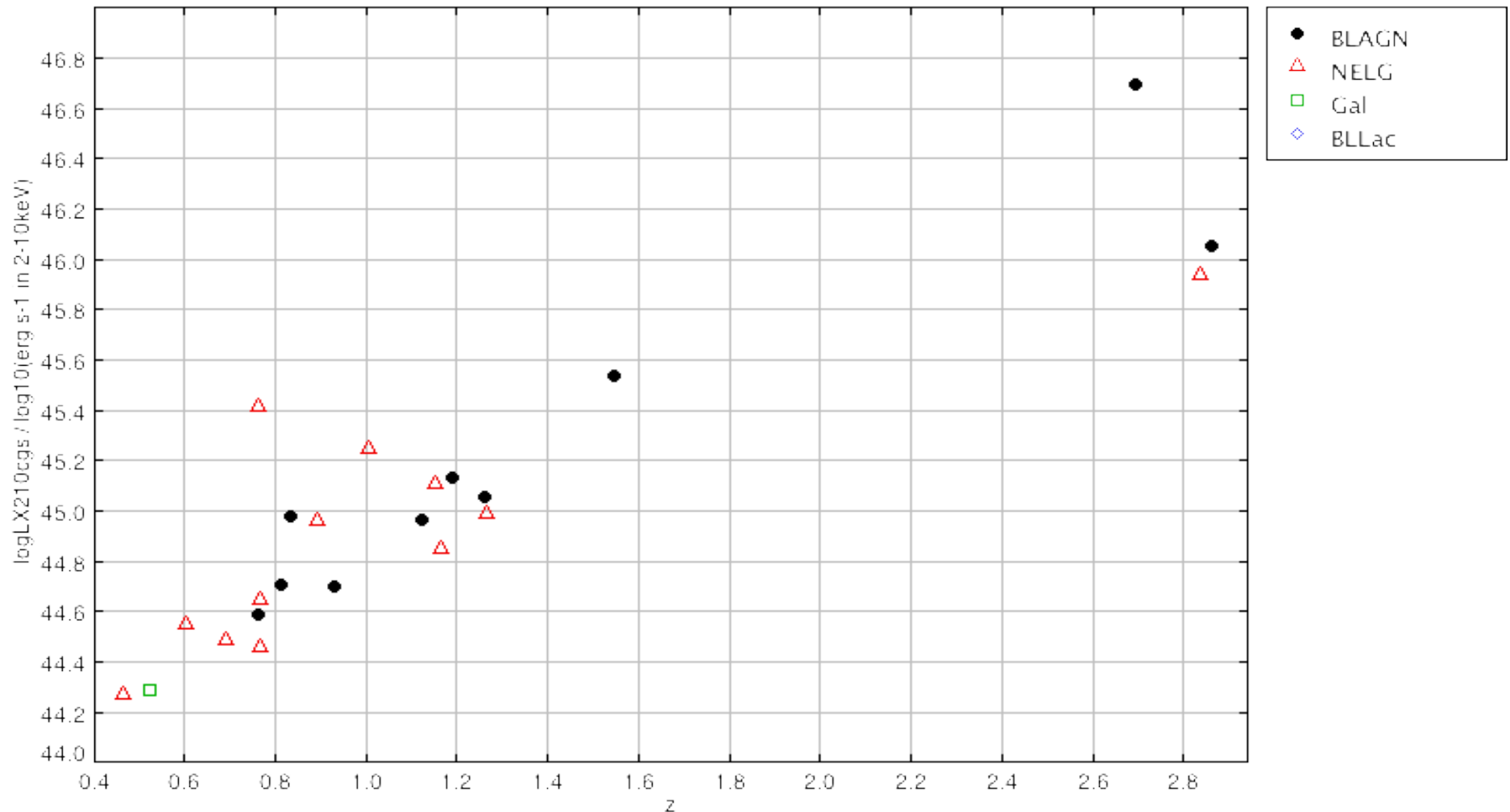
# Our selection of high $F_x/F_{\text{Opt}}$ sources

- 41 initial sources:  $F_x \geq 10^{-13} \text{cgs}$   $\log(F_x/F_{\text{Opt}}) \geq 1.2$  ( $r'/R \sim 21-25$ )



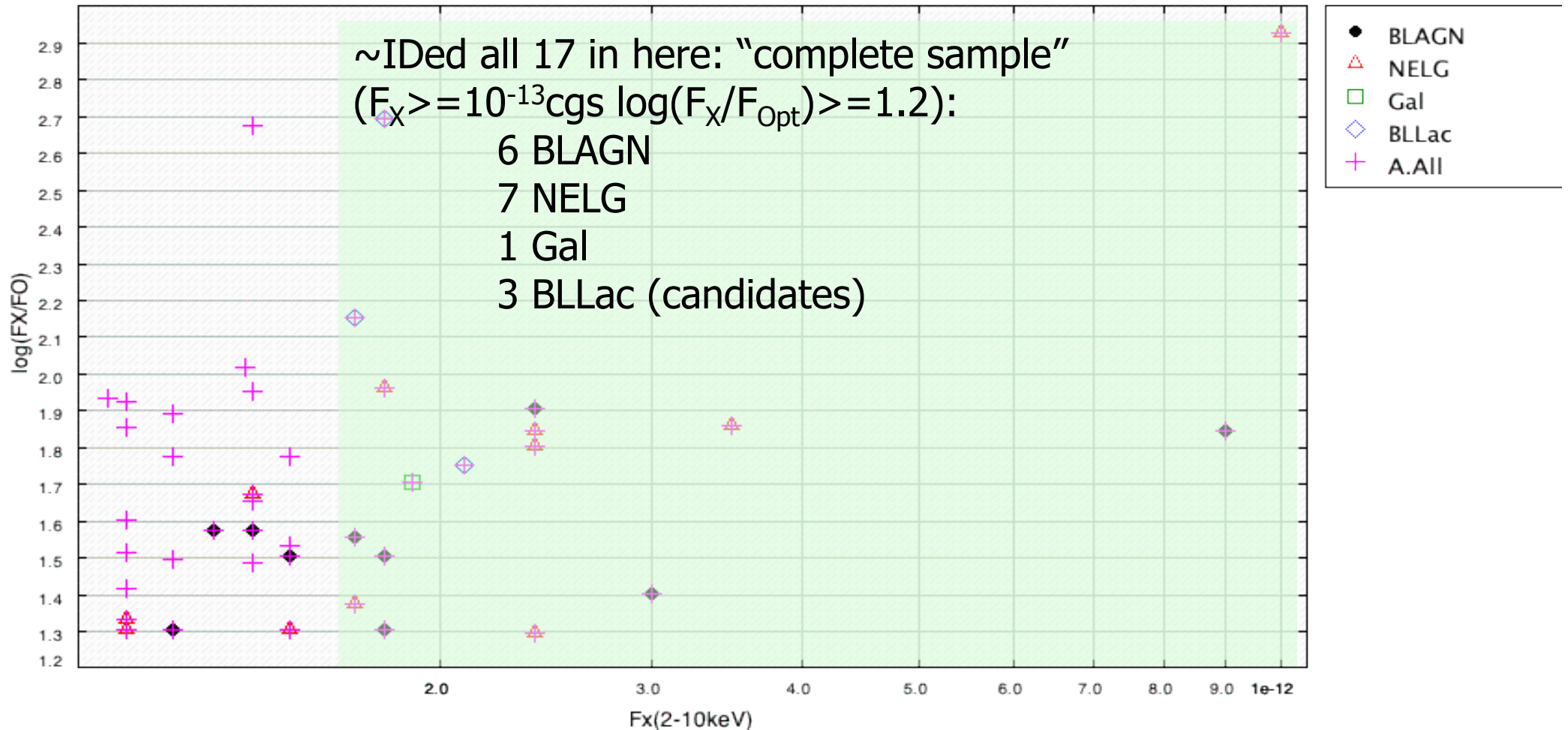
# Identifications

- Used GTC/OSIRIS (18), VLT/FORS2 (1), Subaru/MOIRCS (3)
- Identified 22+3: 10BLAGN, 11NELG, 1Gal, 3BLLacs



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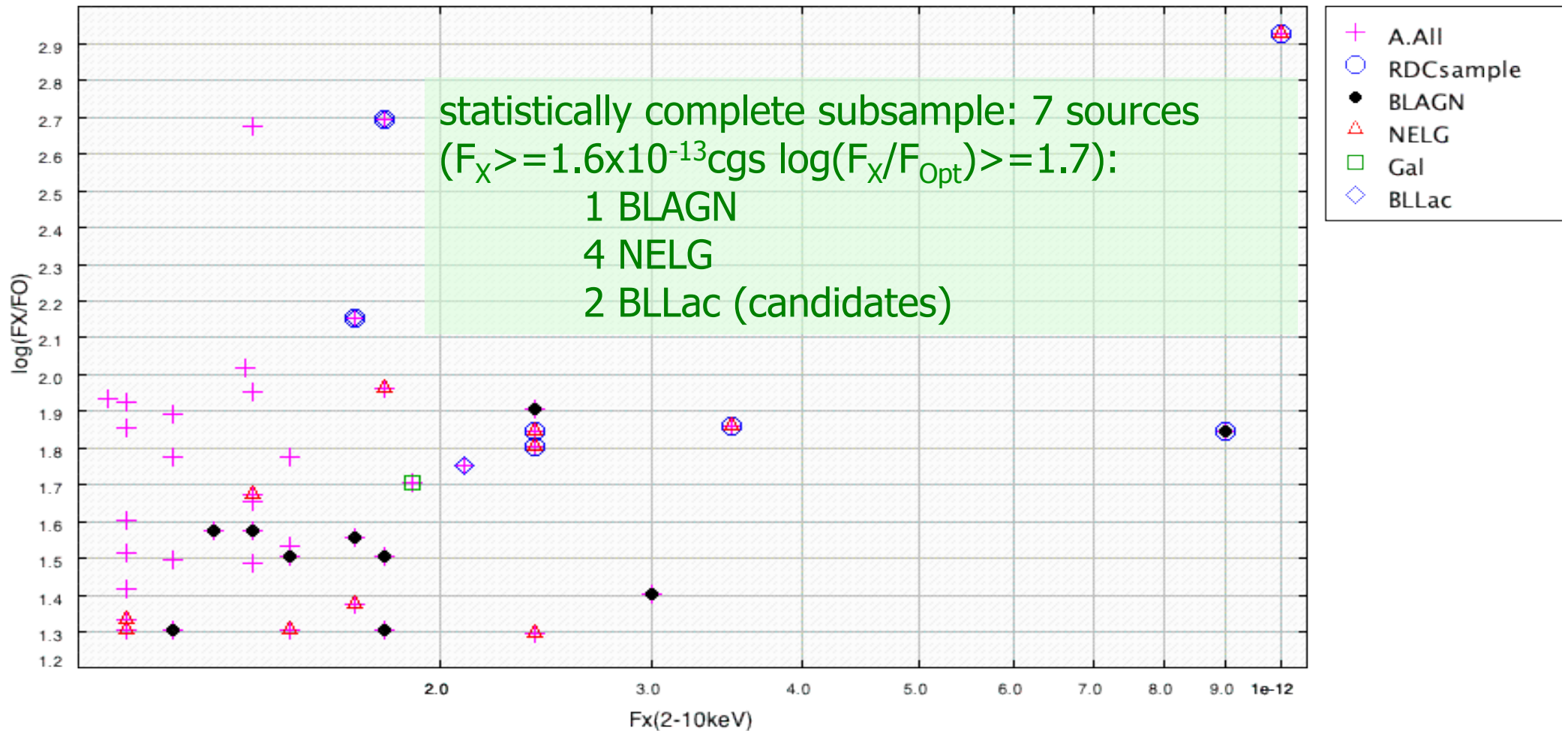
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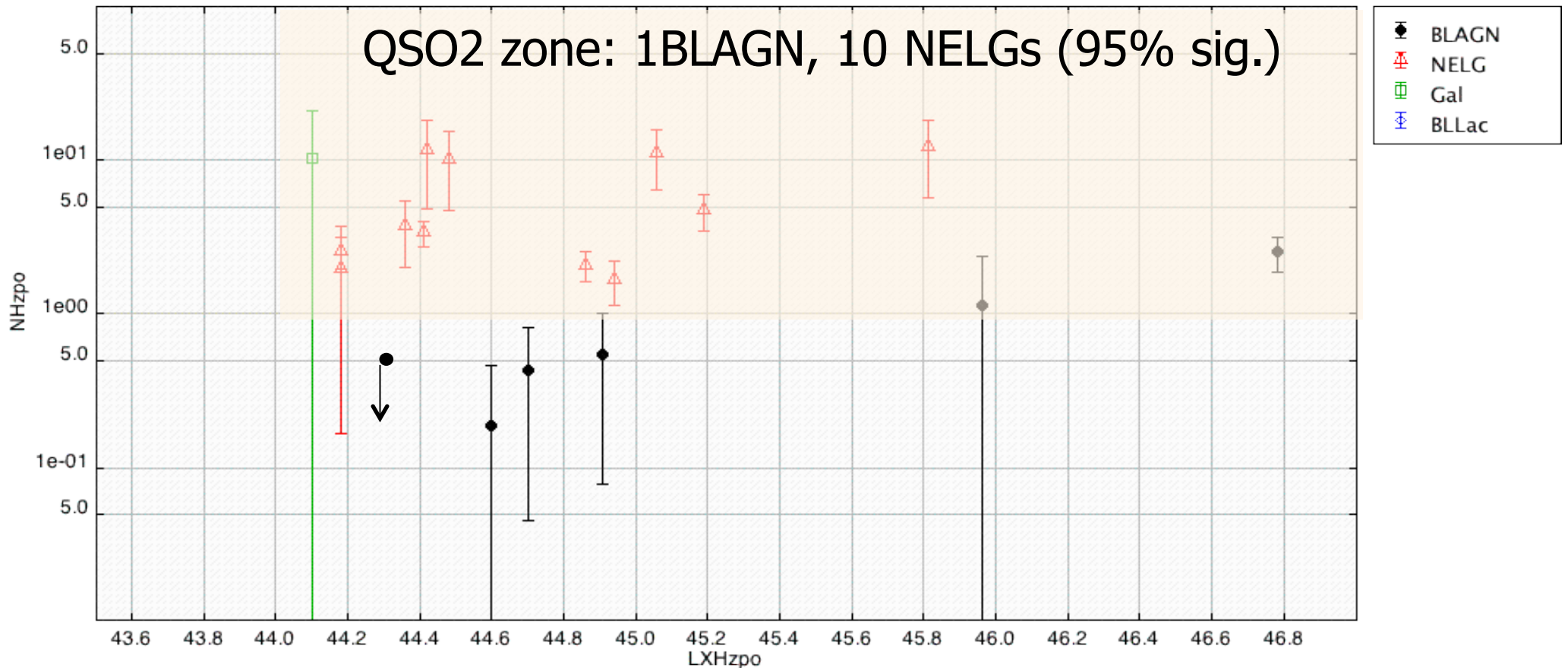


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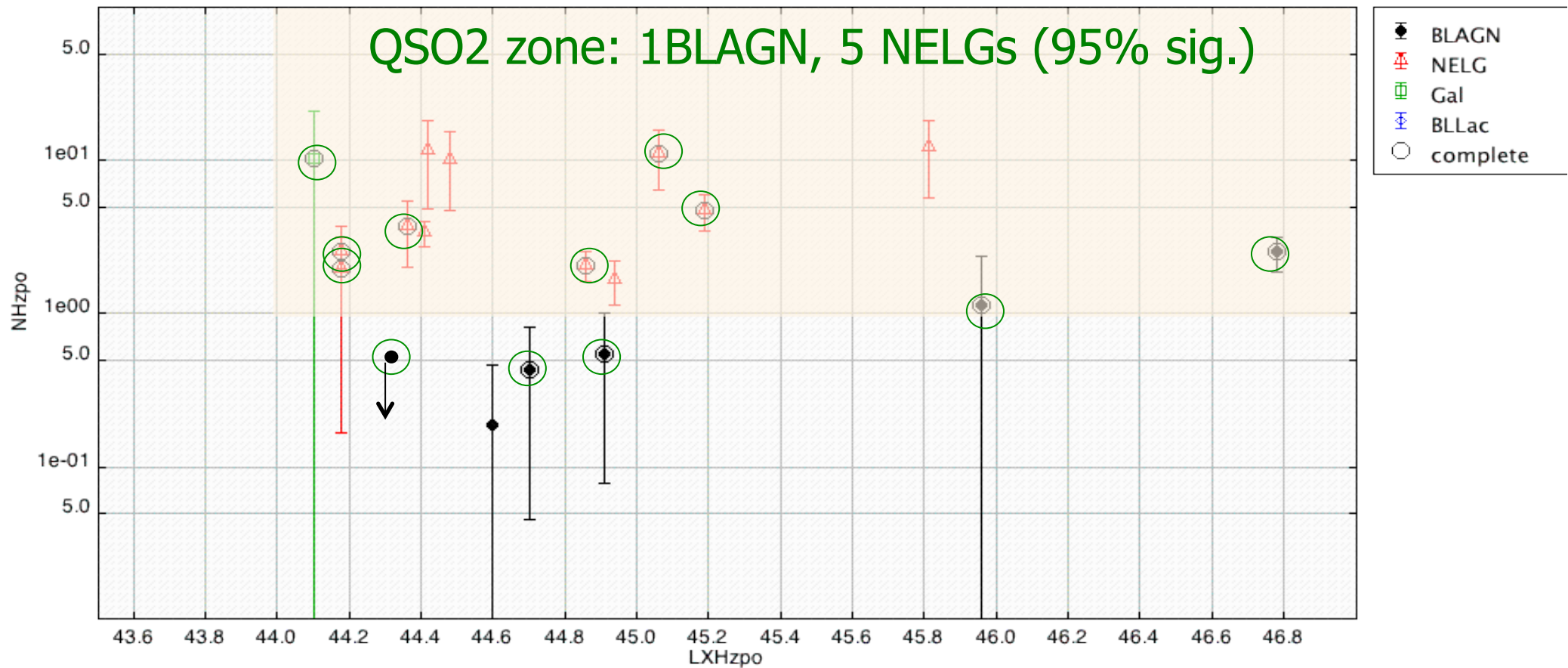


# X-ray spectral properties



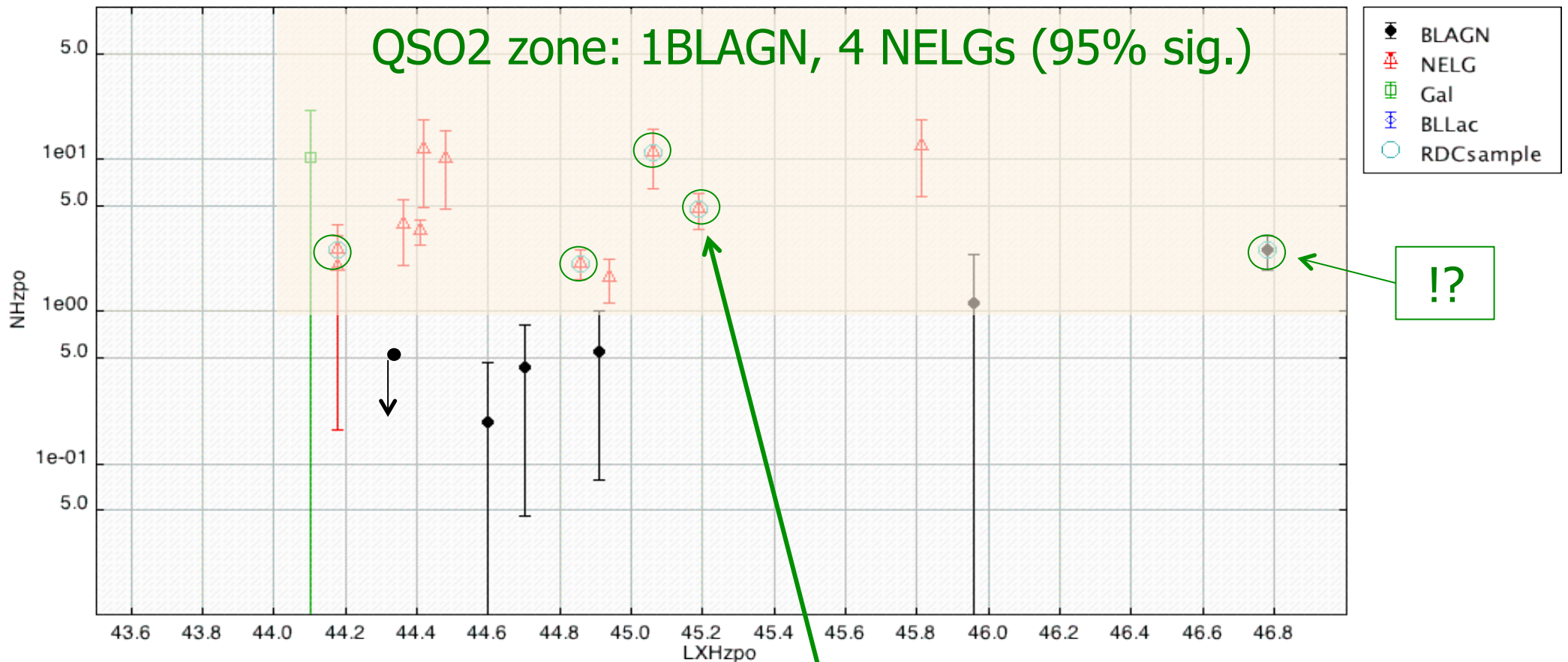
- Fitted powerlaw and intrinsically absorbed powerlaw to 22 sources, signif. from F-test (all  $\log(L_{X,2-10keV}) > \sim 44$ ):
  - No signif. abs. 8 sources: 4BLAGN ( $2N_H \ll$ ), 1NELG, 1Gal, 2BLLac
  - Signif. abs.: 14 sources: 3BLAGN, 10NELGs, 1BLLac
    - 3 sources  $\log(N_H) \leq 22$  95% signif.: 2BLAGN, 1BLLac

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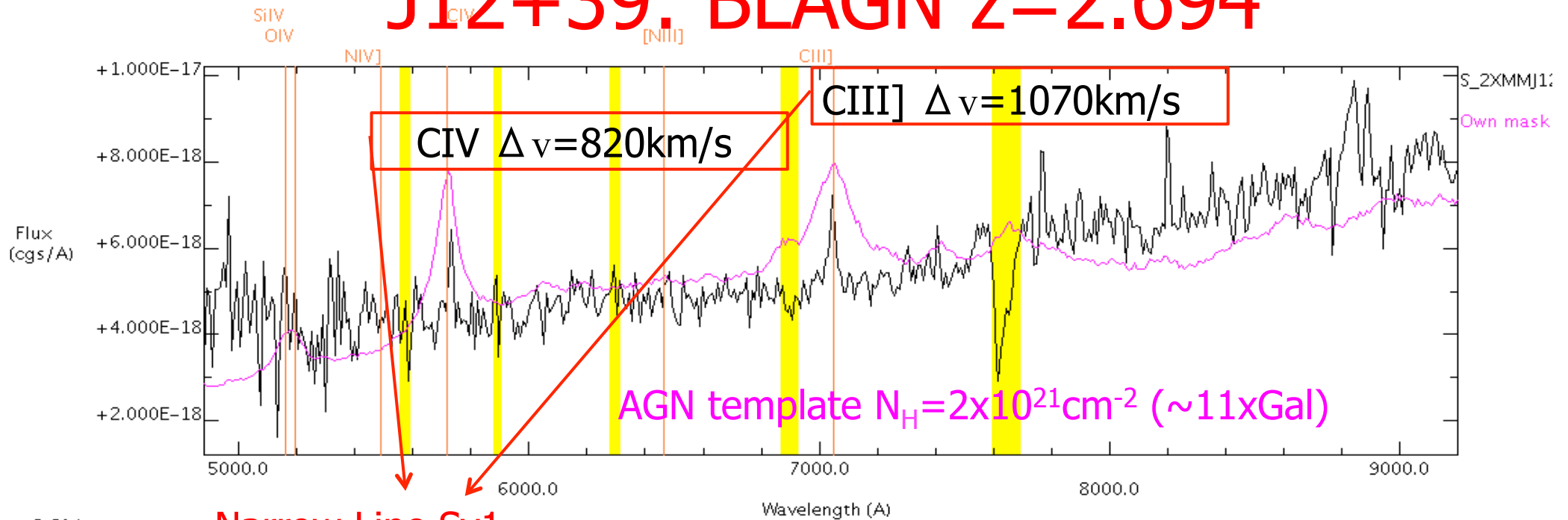
- “Complete” sample: 15 sources (2 more no X-ray spec.):
  - No signif. abs. 8 sources
  - Signif. abs.: 7 sources: 1BLAGN, 5NELGs, 1BLLac
    - 1 sources  $\log(N_H) \leq 22$  95% signif.: 1BLLac

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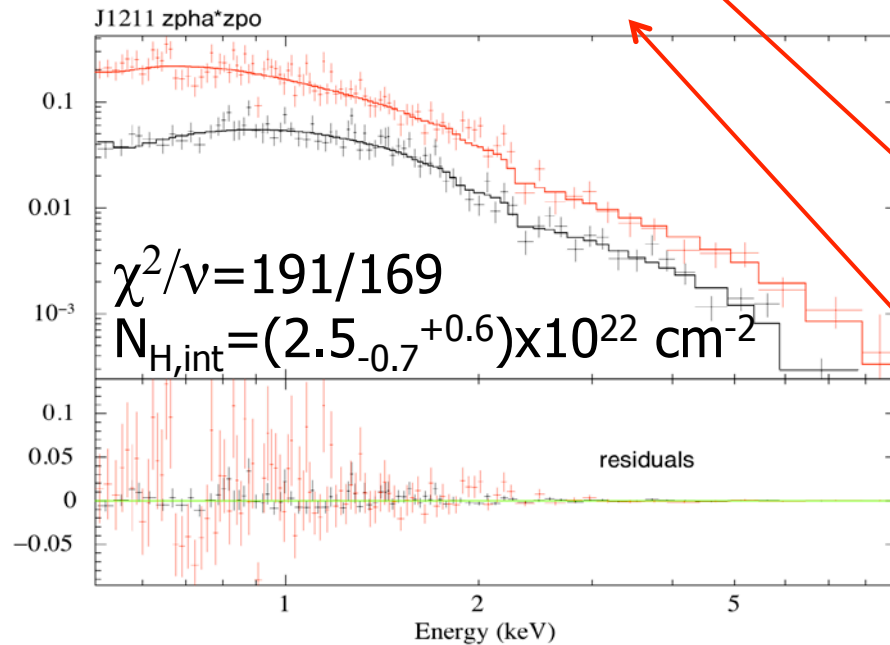
- **Statistically complete sample: 7 sources:**
  - No signif. abs. 1 source: 1BLLac
  - Signif. abs.: 6 sources: 1BLAGN, 4NELGs, 1BLLac
    - 1 sources  $\log(N_H) \leq 22$  95% signif.: 1BLLac
    - Only 1 source  $\Gamma < 1.4$  (95% signif.): XMM J1232+2152 (delMoro+09,  $z=1.87 -0.76?-$ )

# J12+39: BLAGN $z=2.694$



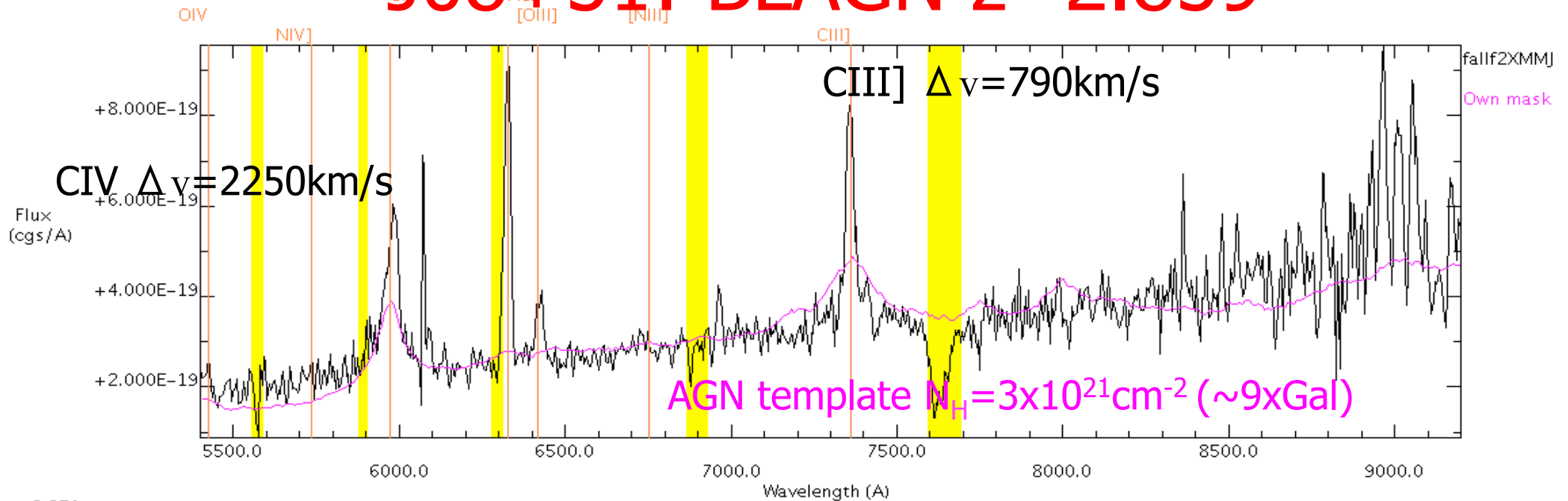
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Narrow Line Sy1

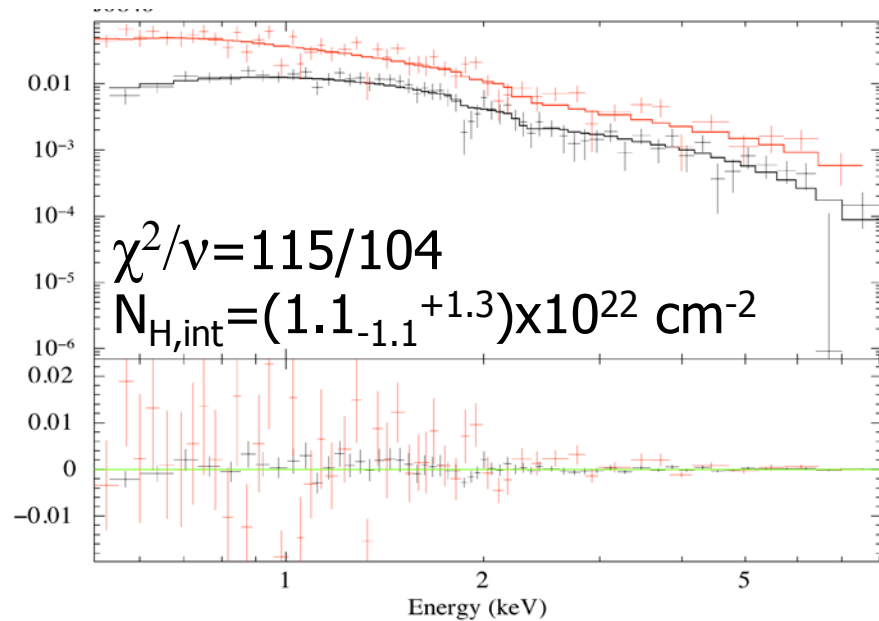


- From Opt. spec.:
  - $\log(M_{\text{BH}}/M_{\text{sun}})=7.6$
  - $\log(L_{\text{Edd}}/\text{cgs})=45.7$
- From X-ray spec.:
  - $\log(L_{\text{X},2-10\text{keV}}/\text{cgs})=46.8$
  - $\Gamma \sim 2.3$  (but no ion. abs.)
- Edd. ratio  $> 100$  ( $\kappa = 35$ )

# J08+51: BLAGN $z=2.859$

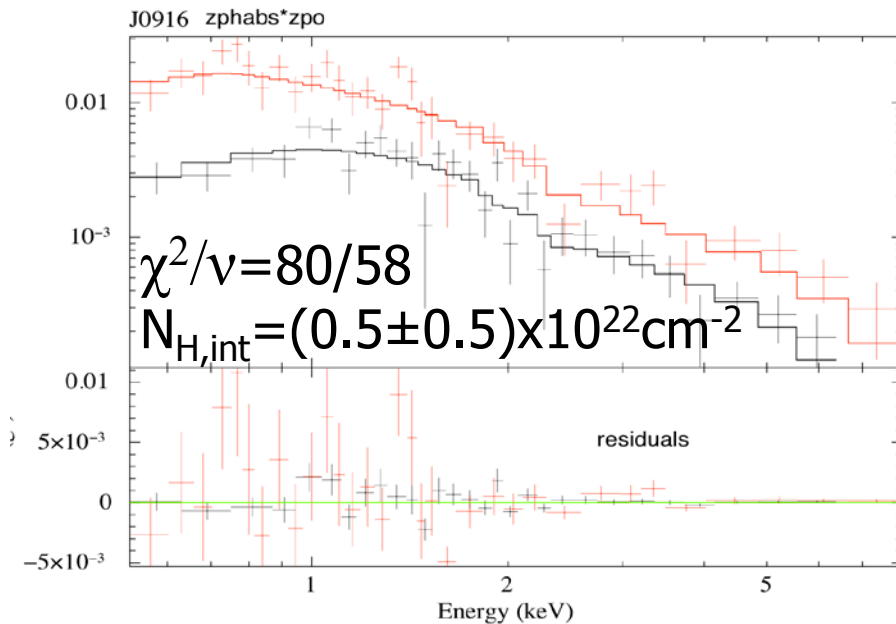
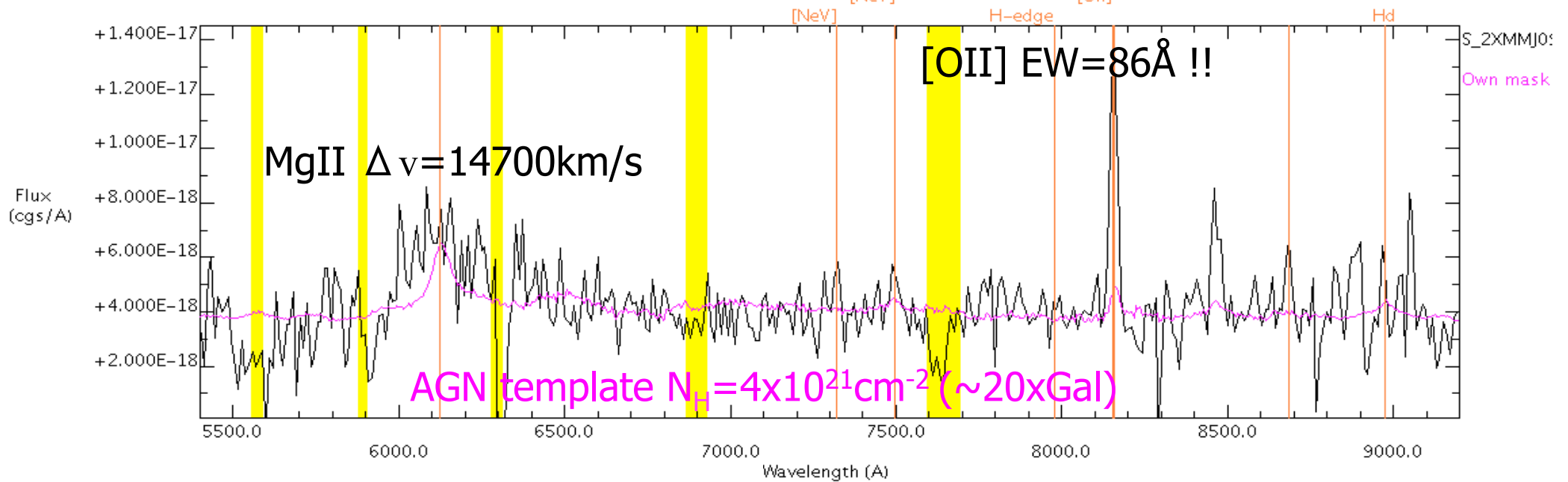


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- From Opt. spec.:
  - $\log(M_{\text{BH}}/M_{\text{sun}}) = 7.5$
  - $\log(L_{\text{Edd}}/\text{cgs}) = 45.6$
- From X-ray spec.:
  - $\log(L_{\text{X},2-10\text{keV}}/\text{cgs}) = 46.0$
  - No signif. neutral or ion. abs.
- **Edd. ratio  $\sim 100$  ( $\kappa = 35$ )**

# J09+29: BLAGN $z=1.188$



- From Opt. and X-ray spec.:
  - Edd. ratio  $\sim 0.05$  ( $\kappa = 35$ )
- Out of 200 BLAGN in XBS:
  - only 2 EW  $\sim 50-60\text{Å}$ , most  $< 10-20\text{Å}$
  - int. abs. opt. @[OII]  $\sim 1/3$
- In Sy2 EW  $\sim 200\text{Å}$ :
  - $\Rightarrow$  transition object?

# Summary

- Looking for obscured AGN at high  $F_X/F_{Opt}$  values
    - Good quality X-ray spectra → high  $F_X$  values → rare objects
    - Merging of objects from several large samples (XBS, BUXS...)
  - Using OSIRIS on GTC (and others)
  - Identified 22+3 sources (10 BLAGN, 11 NELG, 1 Gal, 3 BLLacs?):
    - All  $F_X > 1.5 \times 10^{-13} \text{ cgs}$   $\log(F_X/F_{Opt}) \geq 1.2$ : 17 (6 BLAGN, 7 NELG, 1 Gal, 3 BLLacs)
    - Statistically complete sample: 7 (1 BLAGN, 4 NELGs, 2 BLLac)
  - XMM-Newton X-ray spectra of 22 sources:
    - 14 significant absorption, 11  $\log(N_H) > 22$  (95% signif.):
      - 1 BLAGN: J12+39  $z=2.694$  NLSy1
      - 10 NELGs: all QSO2s
        - including J1232+2152 (delMoro+09)
      - no evidence for Compton Thick absorption
    - Statistically complete sample:
      - 2 BLLacs no signif. abs. or  $\log(N_H) < 22$  (95% signif.)
      - signif. abs.: 1 BLAGN (J12+39), 4 NELGs (all QSO2s)
    - Many BLAGN:
      - Two highest  $L_X$  BLAGN super-Eddington, next one down transition?...
- ⇒ Good method to select QSO2s but not CT