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Key question: AGN lifetime

AGN life time: observationally poorly constrained

- Total Accretion time scale: 10^{7-8} yr (e.g., Marconi+04)
- One AGN lifecycle: 10^5 yrs?

(AGN *flickering*; Hopkins & Quataert '10; Novak+11; Schawinski+15;
see also *AGN thermal echo*: Schirmer+16; Kawamuro+17)

How fast do AGN drop its luminosity?

- 2-3 order of mag in 10^5 yr?
(Hanny's voorwerps e.g., Schawinski+10; Keel+12,15,16, see also Sartori's talk)
- 1 order of mag in 10 yr
(changing-look QSO; Tohlin & Osterbrock '76 ;LaMassa+15, Ruan+16 etc.)

It might be highly related to AGN accretion disk state?

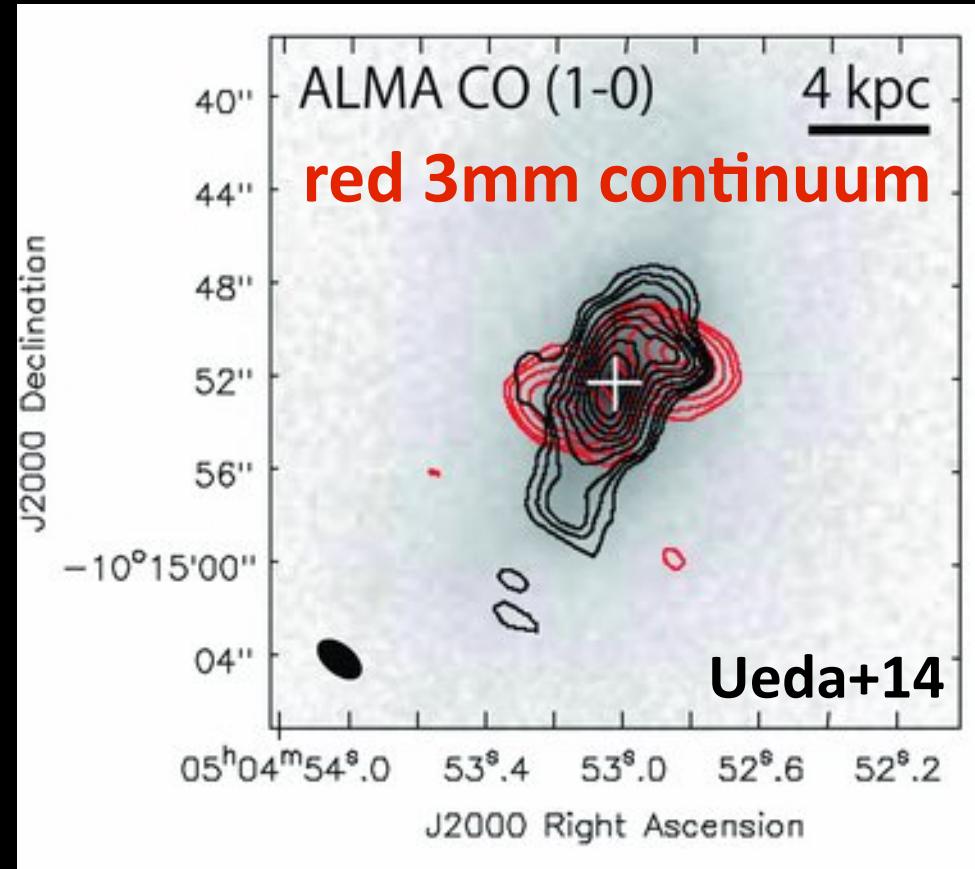
and/or AGN torus environment?

Here I report additional case of extreme variability

Arp 187

Arp187: Merger remnant LIRG (Rothberg & Joseph '04)

Good candidate of
AGN feedback study

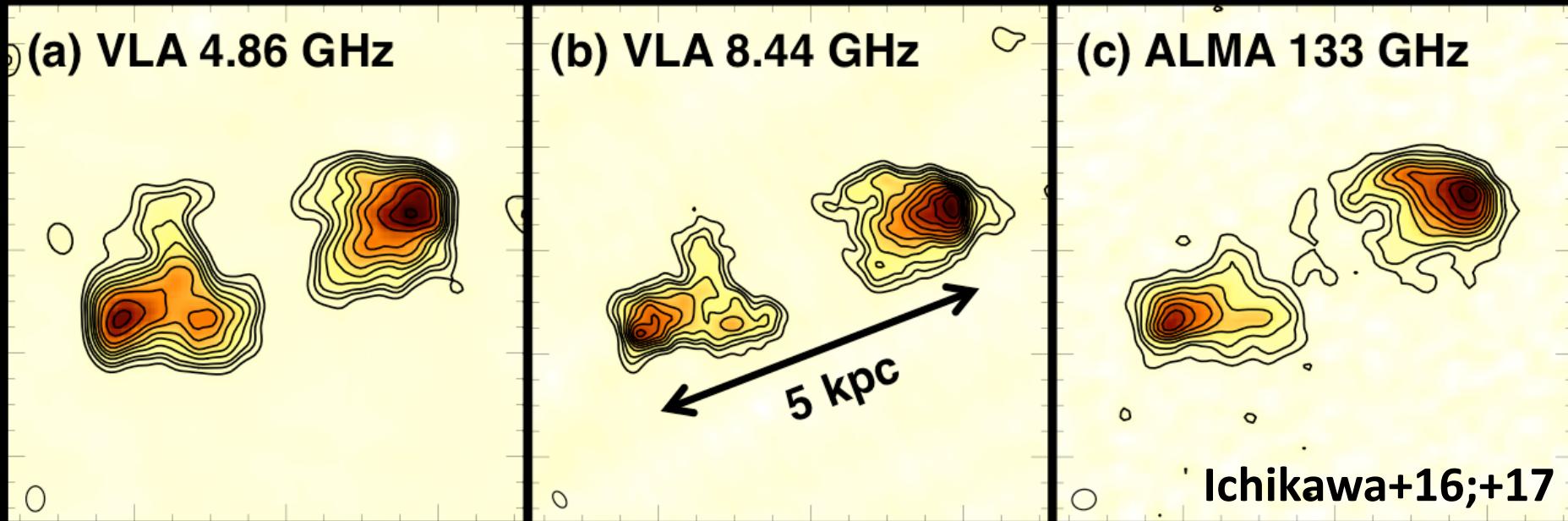


ALMA observations (Ueda+14)

- CO(1-0) associates with host galaxy K band emission
- 3mm continuum does not associate with CO(1-0) distributions
- Some dusty outflow occurs? or radio-jet?

Arp 187: VLA observations

VLA 5, 8.5 GHz show bimodal jet lobes

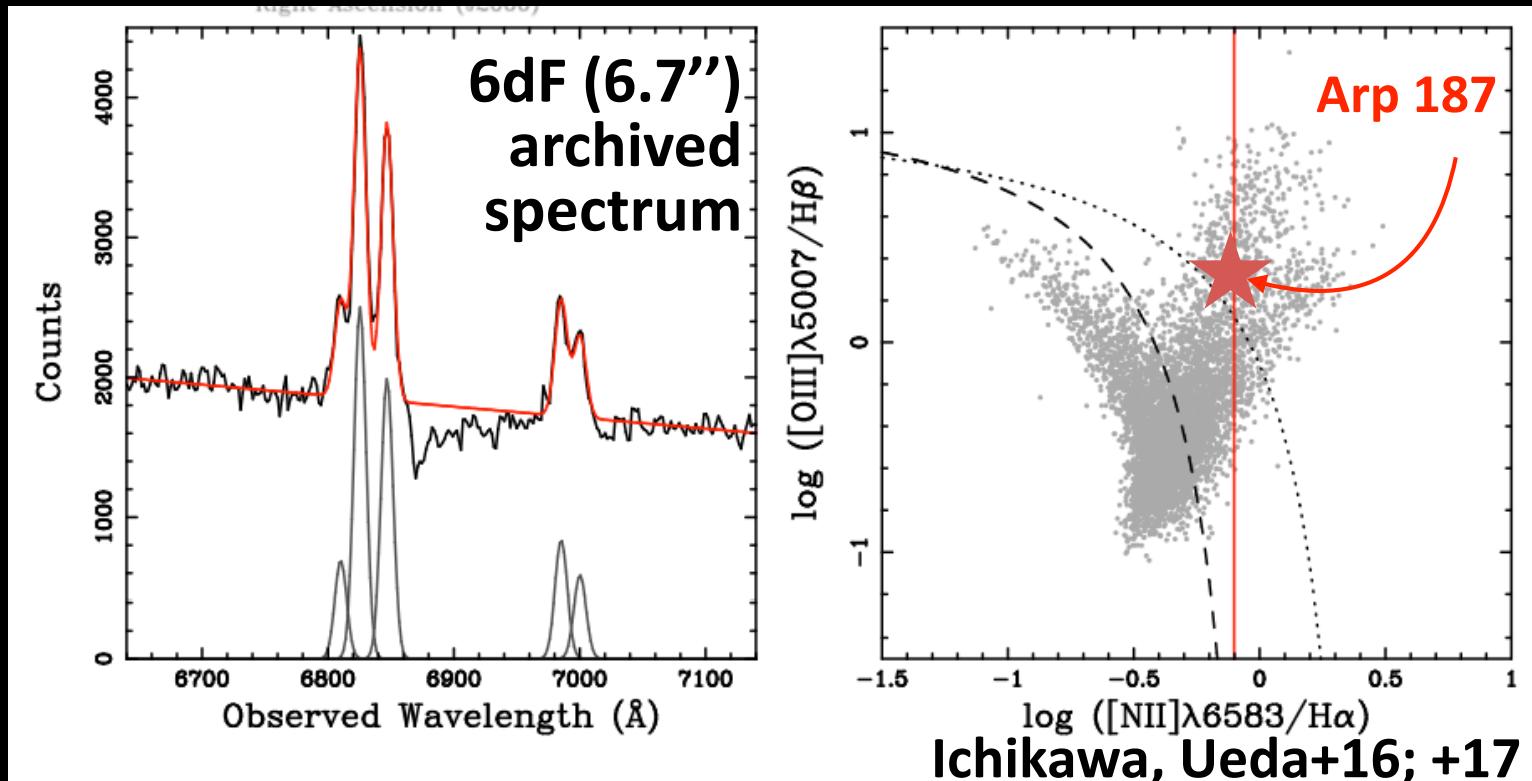


Jet properties

- Both lobes show spec index $\alpha = -1 \Rightarrow$ synchrotron jet
 - jet kinetic age: 6×10^4 yr (jet angle=90° w/ $v=0.1c$)
 - jet core seems absent ($f_{5\text{GHz}} < 210 \mu\text{Jy}$)**
- => current AGN activity might be silent?

Optical spectrum = NLR activity (\sim kpc)

BPT diagram: NLR (probably) exists



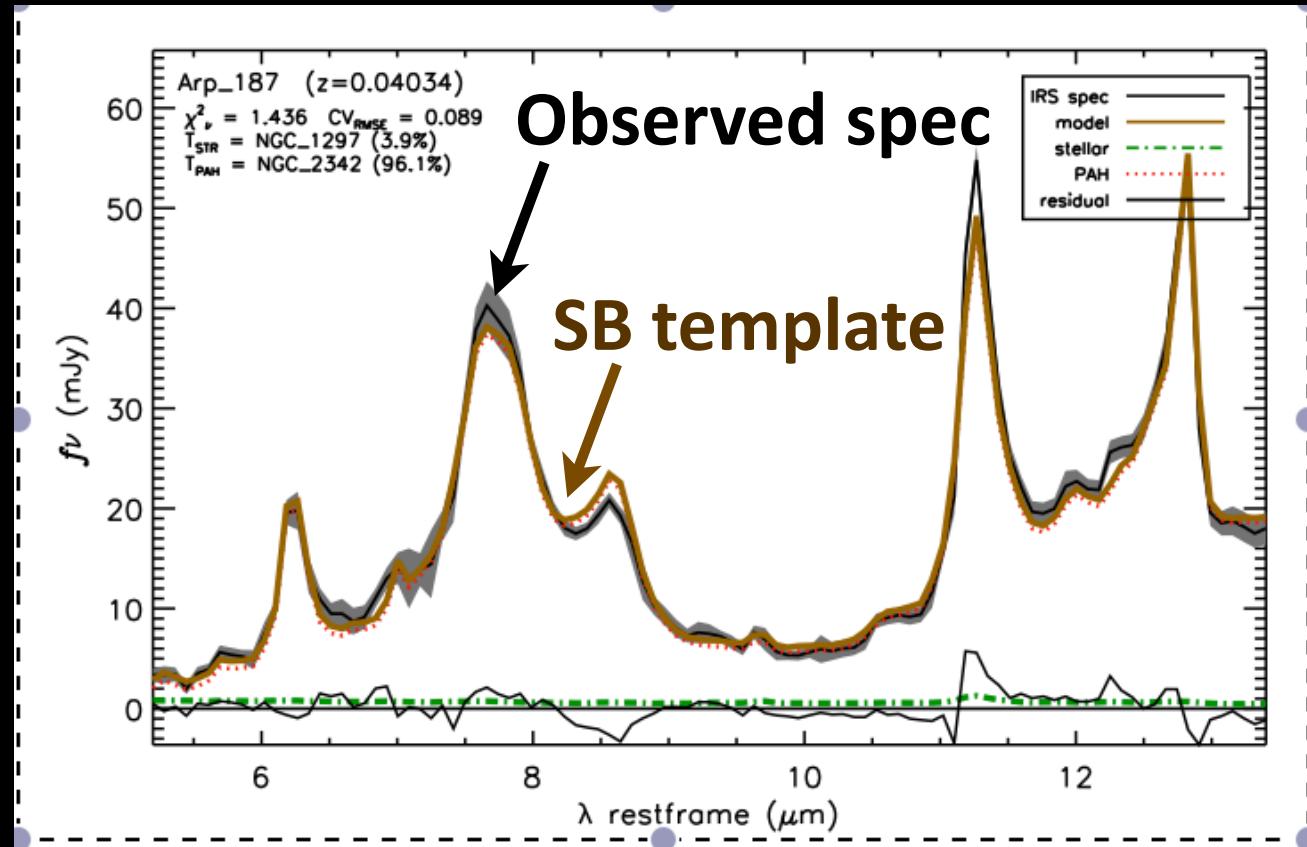
Optical properties: suggest Seyfert class luminosity

- detections of [OI]6300, H α , [NII], [SII], [OIII], H β
- [NII]/H α = 0.8, located at composite or AGN
- $\log L_{[OIII]} = 42.5$, $\Rightarrow \log (L_{2-10\text{keV}} / \text{erg s}^{-1}) = 44.3$ (e.g., Ueda, KI+15)

mid-IR = torus activity (<10 pc)

Spitzer/IRS (w/4.5''): SB dominant spectra

=> AGN torus emission (<10pc) is faint



- $L_{12\text{um}} < 1.5 \times 10^{42} \text{ erg s}^{-1} \Rightarrow L_{2-10\text{keV}} < 2.8 \times 10^{42} \text{ erg s}^{-1}$
 $\Rightarrow L_{14-195\text{keV}} < 5.9 \times 10^{42} \text{ erg s}^{-1}$
(see also Gandhi+09; Asmus+15; Ichikawa+12, +17a)

X-ray (= electron corona << 0.1 pc)

No previous deep X-ray observations for this target

Swift/BAT all-sky survey (E=14-195 keV)

Not listed in the catalog (Baumgartner+13)

=> $L_{14-195\text{keV}} < 4.7 \times 10^{43} \text{ erg s}^{-1}$

=> consistent w/IR upper limit: $L_{14-195\text{keV}} < 5.9 \times 10^{42} \text{ erg s}^{-1}$

ROSAT all-sky survey (E=0.5-2 keV)

Not listed in the catalog (Voges+99)

=> $L_{0.5-2\text{keV}} < 8.8 \times 10^{42} \text{ erg s}^{-1}$

=> consistent w/IR upper limit: $L_{0.5-2\text{keV}} < 2.0 \times 10^{42} \text{ erg s}^{-1}$ ($\Gamma=1.9$; e.g., Brightman+13)

Not located in the XMM-slew survey region

Suzaku obs. (AO-10) was awarded, but not completed

=> Obs. w/ Nustar, ASTRO-H2, and/or Chandra is crucial

BH mass of Arp 187

Using M_{BH} - M_{bulge} relation, we estimate M_{BH} .

- $L_{\text{Kband}} \Rightarrow M_{\text{stellar}} = 1.3 \times 10^{11} M_{\text{sun}}$ w/n_{sersic} ~ 4 (Rothberg & Joseph '04)
- $\Rightarrow M_{\text{stellar}} \sim M_{\text{bulge}}$
- $\Rightarrow M_{\text{BH}} \sim 7 \times 10^8 M_{\text{sun}}$ (Kormendy & Ho 2013)

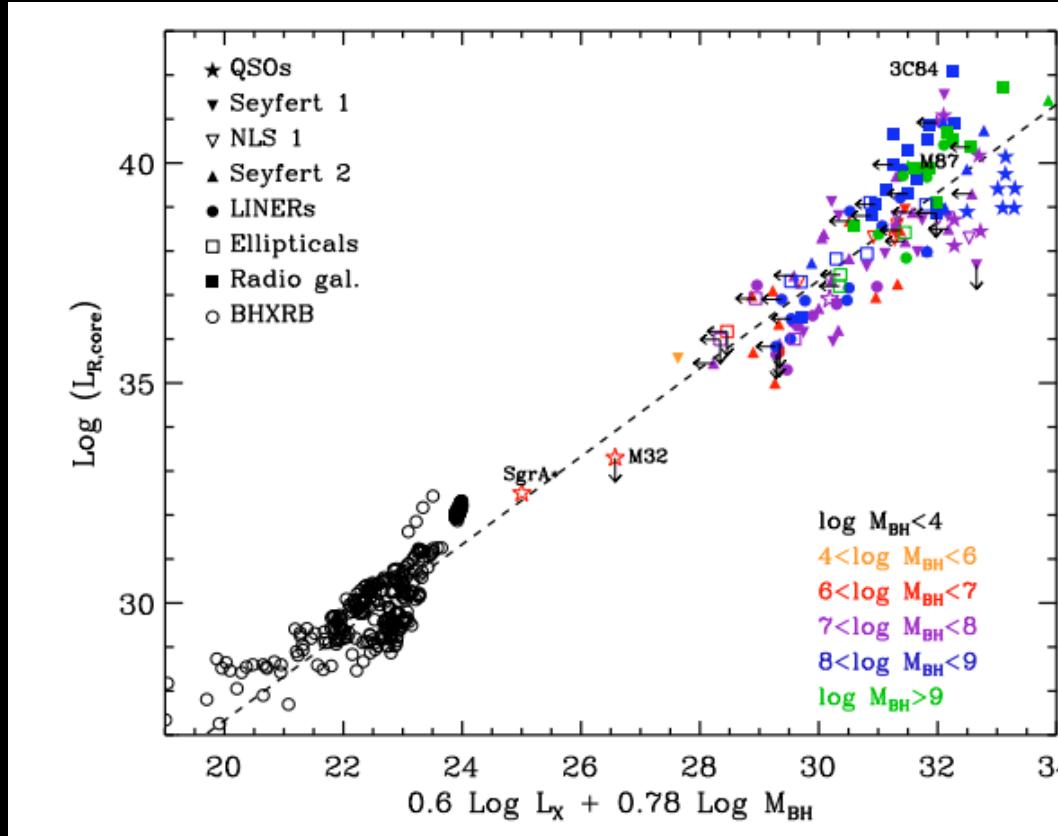
Upper limit of λ_E :

- $L_E = 8.4 \times 10^{46} \text{ erg s}^{-1}$, $L_{\text{bol}} < 8.4 \times 10^{43} \text{ erg s}^{-1}$
- $\Rightarrow \lambda_E < 10^{-3}$

Disk is now ADAF state (Ichimaru '77, Narayan & Yi '94)

BH fundamental plane

If you have either two values of $L_{5\text{GHz}}$ (core), $L_{2-10\text{keV}}$, M_{BH} , then you can estimate the final one.



Merloni+03
Heinz+03
Yuan+14

Upper limit of L_R , and M_{BH} are given, then

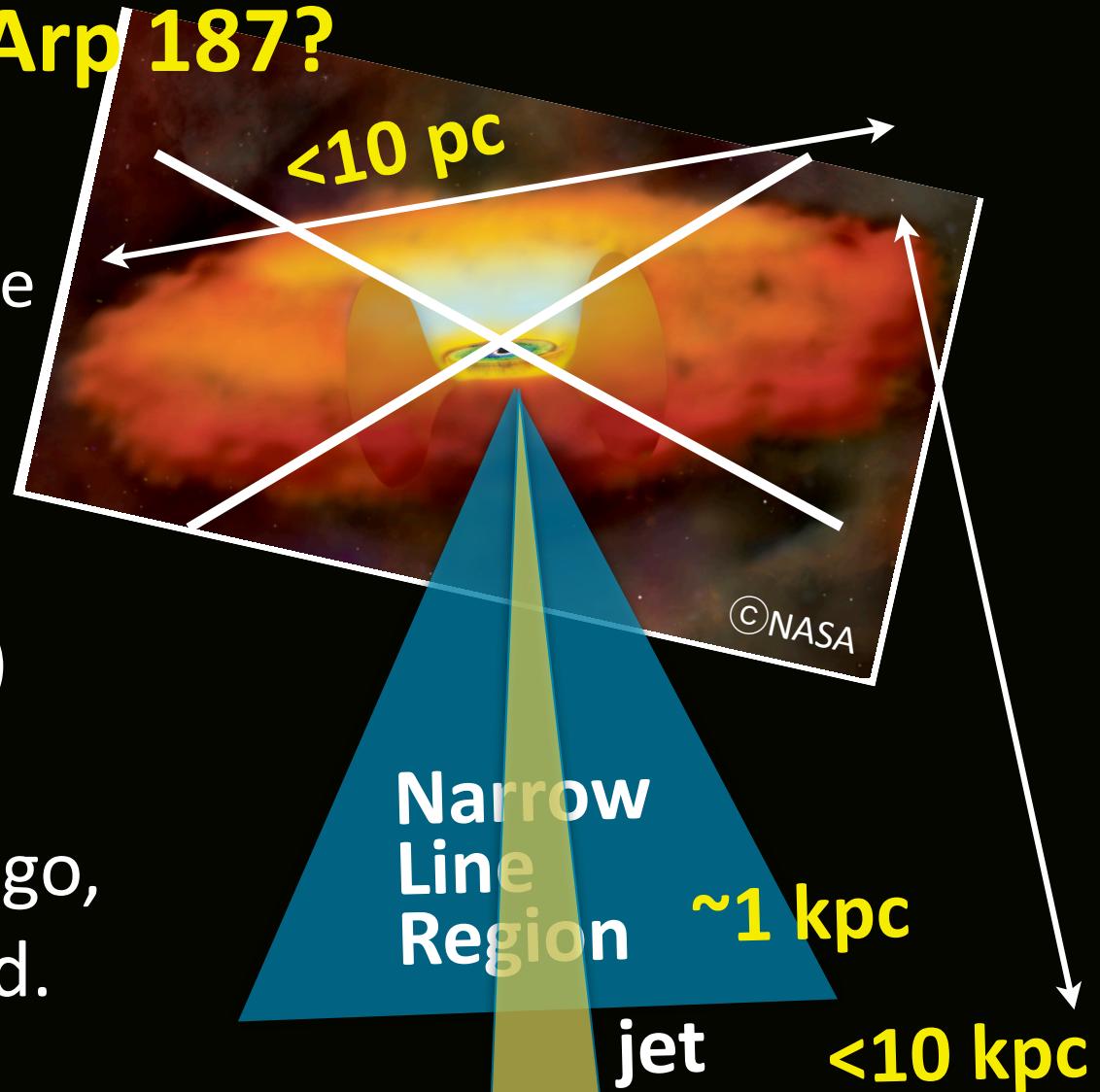
$L_{2-10\text{keV}} < 4 \times 10^{39} \text{ erg s}^{-1}$ (see Gultekin+09; Yuan & Cui '05)

What is happening in Arp 187?

- Signs of NLR, jet (> kpc)
- Absence of torus, radio core (<10 pc scale)

FYI; torus cools down
in <100 yr (KI & Tazaki '17)

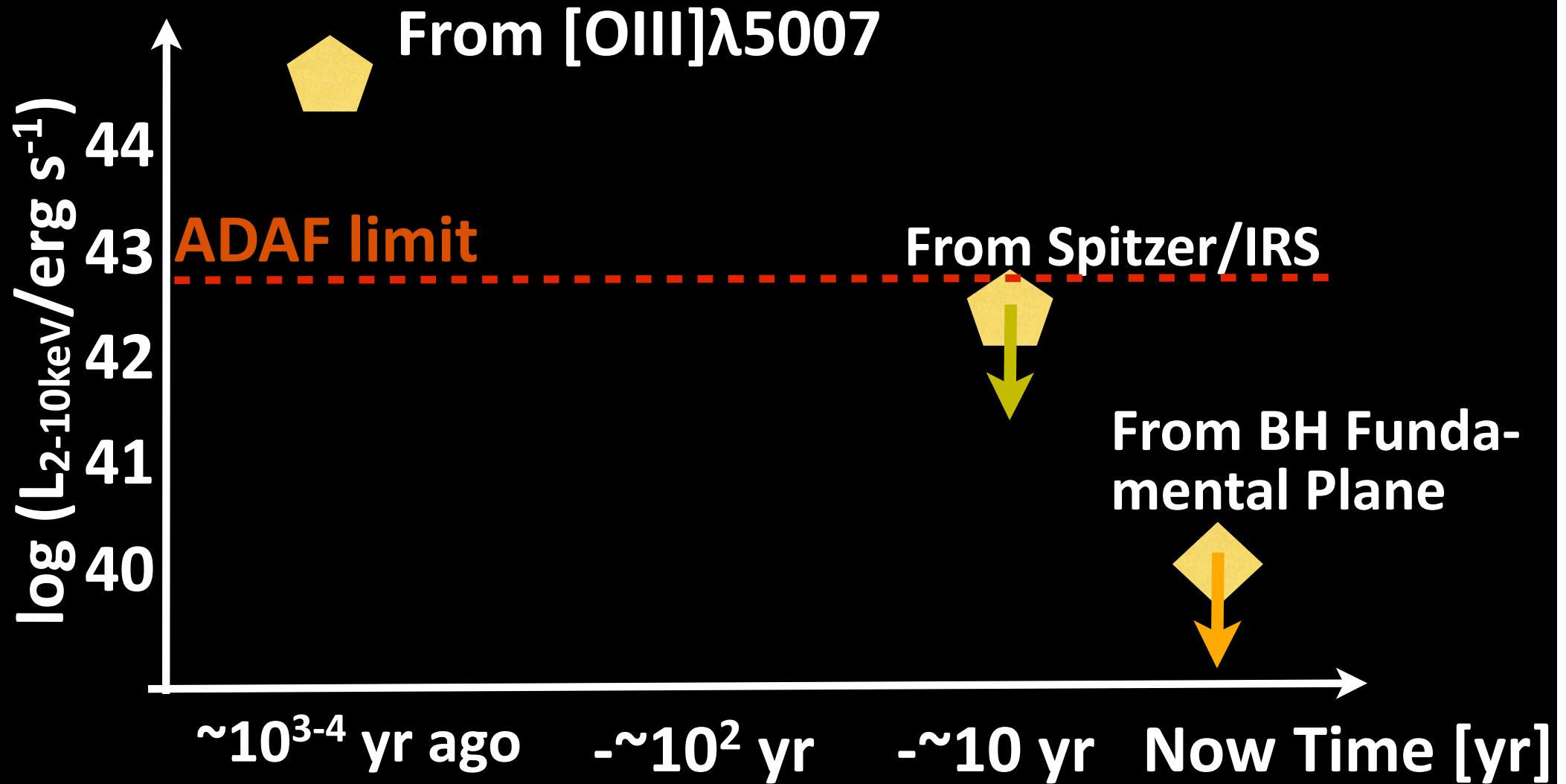
AGN “was” active $\sim 10^4$ yr ago,
but currently AGN “is” dead.



“AGN light echo” is powerful tool to know AGN activity history

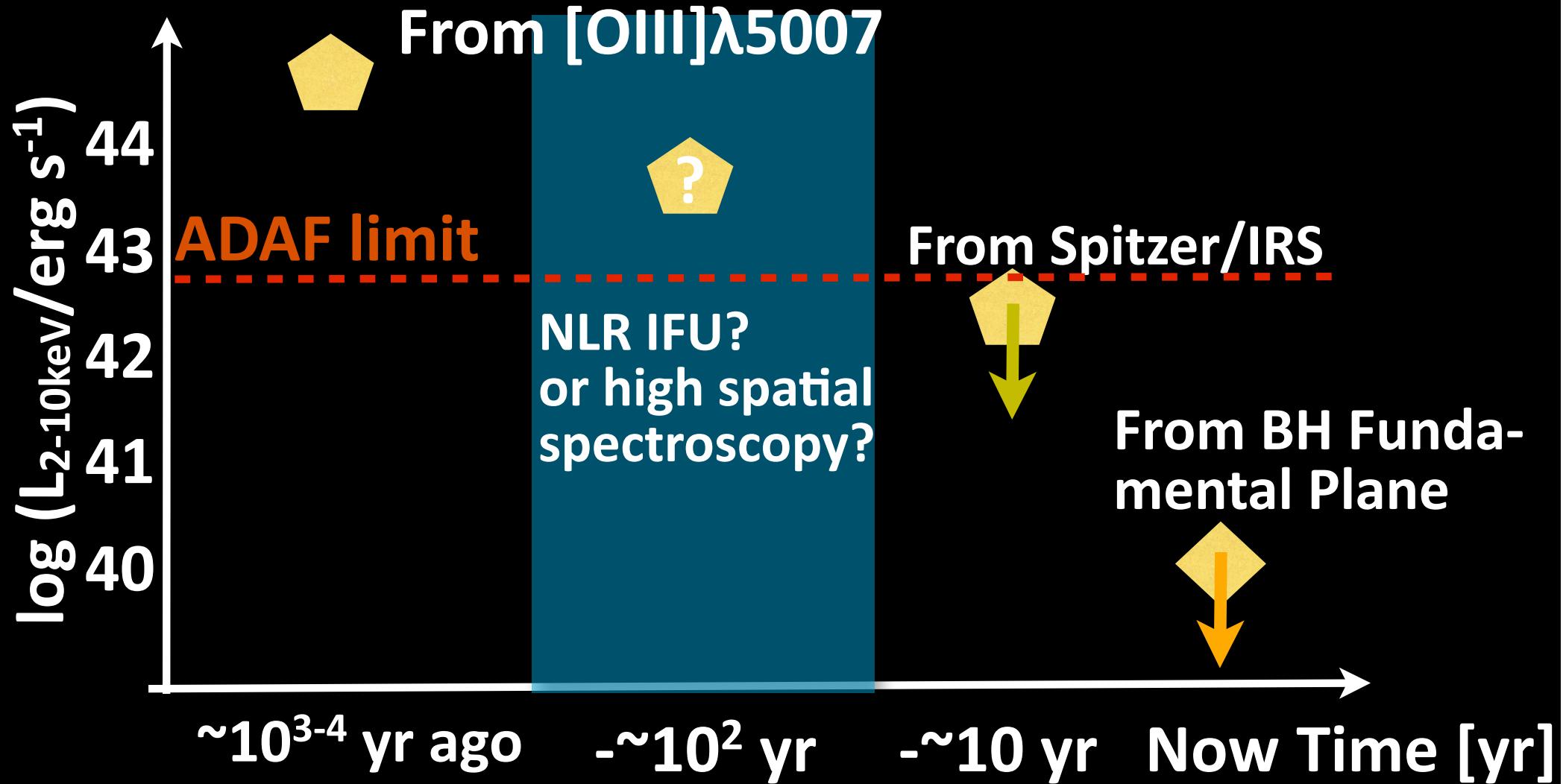
see Hanny's Voorwerp (10^{4-5} yr ago; Lintott+09, Schawinski+10, 15; Keel+12)
or the galactic center (500 yr ago; Ponti+10; Capelli+12; Ryu+13; Nakashima+14)
or Fermi bubbles study (10^6 yr ago; Zubovas+11, 12; SU & Finkbeiner '12)

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Summary: witnessing the death of AGN

Arp 187 is a LIRG w/ interesting properties

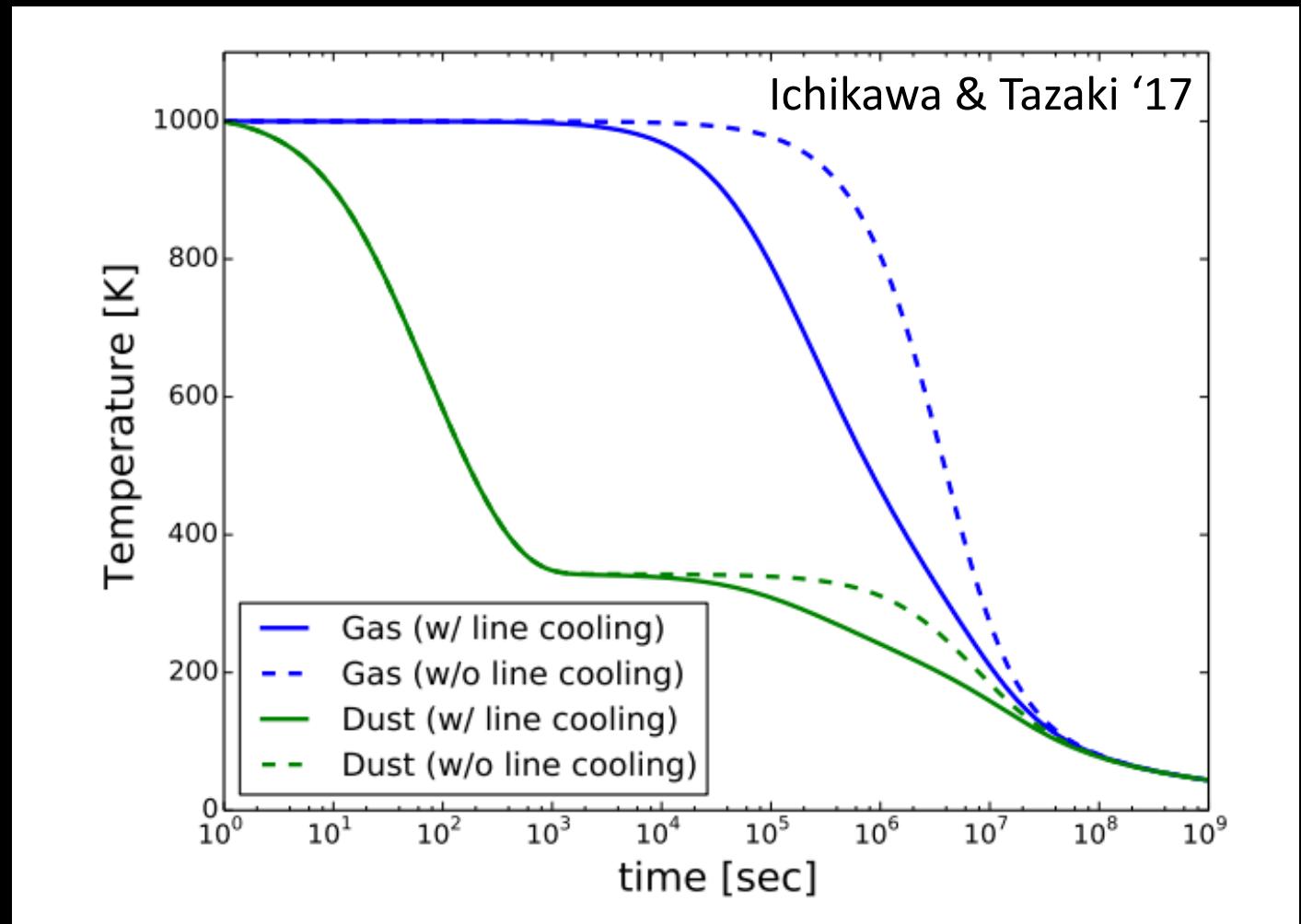
- NLR (w/ age $\sim 10^{3-4}$ yr), jet lobe (w/ age $\sim 10^5$ yr) exist
 - torus, jet core emission is absent
- => AGN “was” active but “is” dead

L_{AGN} : go down at least 10^{3-4} times in $\sim 10^{3-4}$ yr

**Sudden ($=10^{3-4}$ yr) Death of AGN in Arp 187
with “extreme” L decline (3-4 orders)**

Appendix

Torus cools down in 10-100 yrs



dust clump
energy Eq.

$$\frac{dE_{c,d}}{dt} = -4\pi R_c^2 \langle Q_c \rangle_T \sigma_{\text{SB}} T^4 + \int_{V_{\text{clump}}} n_g \Gamma_{\text{g-d}} dV \quad (13)$$

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