

Quasar X-ray Spectra Revisited

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1 Abstract

A sample of 45 quasars observed by the IPC on the *Einstein* satellite is used to re-examine the relationship between the soft (0.2-3.5 keV) X-ray energy index and radio-loudness. We find that, (1) the tendency for radio-loud quasars to have systematically flatter X-ray slopes than radio-quiet quasars is confirmed with the soft X-ray excess having negligible effect; (2) there is a tendency for the flatness of the X-ray slope to correlate with radio core-dominance for radio-loud quasars, suggesting that a component of the X-ray emission is relativistically beamed; (3) for the RQQs the soft X-ray slopes, with a mean of ~ 1.0 , are consistent with the slopes found at higher energies (2-10 keV) although steeper than those observed for Seyfert 1 galaxies (also 2-10 keV) where the reflection model gives a good fit to the data; (4) the correlation of FeII emission line strength with X-ray energy index is confirmed for radio-quiet quasars using a subset of 18 quasars. The radio-loud quasars show no evidence for a correlation. This relation suggests a connection between the ionizing continuum and the line emission from the broad emission line region (BELR) of radio-quiet quasars, but in the opposite sense to that predicted by current photoionization models; (5) the correlations of X-ray slope with radio core dominance and FeII equivalent width within the radio-loud and radio-quiet sub-classes respectively imply that the observed wide range of X-ray spectral slopes is real rather than due to the large measuring uncertainties for individual objects.

2 Introduction

The powerful X-ray emission that is commonly seen from quasars and other active galactic nuclei is widely believed to originate close to the "central engine" in these objects. Recent studies have made it clear that there is a wide range in the energy indices of the X-ray emission, both in the soft (~ 0.3 -2 keV: Wilkes and Elvis 1987) and hard (2-10 keV: Comastri *et al.* 1992; Williams *et al.* 1992) energy ranges, laying to rest the older view that X-ray slopes of all broad-line active galactic nuclei can be adequately described by a single

power law of energy slope ~ 0.7 (e.g. Mushotzky 1984). The details of the X-ray emission mechanisms in different types of quasars, however, are not well understood.

Wilkes and Elvis (1987) derived X-ray energy indices, $\alpha_E(f_\nu \sim \nu^{-\alpha_E})$, in the soft X-ray region (0.2-3.5 keV) for a sample of 33 quasars that were observed with sufficient signal-to-noise with the *Einstein* IPC. They reported that the best-fit power-law energy slopes have a wide range (-0.2 to 1.8), and that radio-loudness correlated with the soft X-ray energy index in the sense that radio-loud quasars (RLQs) had flatter X-ray slopes than radio-quiet quasars (RQQs). They argued for a two-component model for the X-ray emission: one linked to the radio-emission and of somewhat flatter slope (~ 0.5); and the second of steeper slope (~ 1) that was ubiquitous in quasars. Wilkes and Elvis (1987) explain the difference between these soft slopes and the mean slope of ~ 0.7 observed at higher energies in terms of a mixing of the two components. They also found evidence for an upturn in the X-ray spectrum at lower energies (< 0.3 keV) - the "ultrasoft excess" - as discovered by EXOSAT (Arnaud *et al.* 1985).

Here we study the behavior of the X-ray energy indices of quasars with an enlarged sample of 45 objects using new IPC spectral fits from the atlas of quasar energy distributions (Elvis *et al.* 1992). When required by the ultra-soft excess, we use updated X-ray slopes from Masnou *et al.* (1992), which have been determined with a broken power-law which properly accounts for this excess. We re-examine the connection with radio-loudness (Wilkes and Elvis 1987) and with the radio core-dominance parameter (Shastri 1991), and also consider a possible relation between X-ray slope and the strength of the FeII(optical) emission lines suggested by Wilkes, Elvis and McHardy (1987) but later questioned by Boroson (1989) and Zheng and O'Brien (1990).

3 Radio-loud and radio-quiet quasars

Here we define radio-loudness (R_{L_i}) as $\log(f_R/f_B)$, where f_R and f_B are the flux densities (in mJy) in the 5GHz and B bands respectively. f_B is calculated from the B magnitude using $m_B(0) = 4440$ Jy (Johnson 1966). When B magnitudes were not available V magnitudes were used. Note that this definition differs from the one adopted by Wilkes and Elvis (1987) who took f_R to be the core radio flux density where available rather than the total value. Here we use the radio-loudness parameter (R_{L_i}) to distinguish between quasars that do exhibit the phenomenon of powerful radio jets and those that do not. This change largely affects the values for RLQs. In Fig. 1a we show the distribution of radio-loudness for the quasars in our sample. The distribution is clearly bimodal. A quasar is thus classified as "radio-loud" when $\log(f_R/f_B) > 2$.

In Tables 1 and 2, the updated soft X-ray energy indices are listed for the RQQs and RLQs respectively. The distributions of the X-ray energy indices are shown in Fig. 1b. The RLQs have stochastically flatter X-ray spectral slopes than the RQQs at a level $> 99.95\%$ as given by a Mann-Whitney U test. This confirms the earlier result of Wilkes and Elvis (1987). The RQQ 1803+676 remains an exceptional object with an extremely flat ($\simeq -0.2$) slope.

A simple mean of the X-ray slopes for the RQQs is 1.0 ± 0.1 , in good agreement with the mostly overlapping sample of Wilkes and Elvis (1987), and with the higher energy (2-10

keV) slopes determined from EXOSAT and *Ginga* for a similar sample of quasars (Comastri *et al.* 1992; Williams *et al.* 1992). A weighted mean is somewhat lower, 0.85 ± 0.02 , due to the strong dominance of a small number of objects with well-determined slopes. Notably, the quasar slopes are systematically steeper than the high energy slopes seen in Seyfert 1 galaxies where reflection of X-rays from cool, optically thick gas gives a good fit to the data (Pounds *et al.* 1990, Williams *et al.* 1992).

In Fig. 2 the radio-loudness parameter (R_L) is plotted against the soft X-ray energy index. The systematic difference between RLQs and RQQs reported by Wilkes and Elvis (1987) is once again clear (see also Fig 1b). The formal significance of a correlation between α_E and R_L is $>99.5\%$ although the distribution of the data suggests two classes of objects rather than a real correlation. There is no significant correlation within the sub-samples of RQQs or RLQs ($<90\%$ probability, Spearman Rank test), supporting the idea that they form two different populations (Peacock, Miller and Mead, 1986; Smith and Heckman 1990; Williams *et al.* 1992). The dichotomy is consistent with the suggestion that differing emission mechanisms dominate the X-ray emission in the two classes, as originally suggested by Zamorani *et al.* (1981).

4 X-ray slopes and radio-core dominance

In the framework of the “unified interpretation” for RLQs (Blandford and Konigl 1979), bulk relativistic motion is ubiquitous in them. The observed flux density of the nuclear component is then Doppler-boosted at small angles of the motion to the line of sight, and differences between radio core-dominated (CDQs) and lobe-dominated quasars (LDQs) are due to orientation alone. The core-dominance parameter, R (the ratio of the radio flux density from the nucleus to that from the radio lobes) is then a statistical measure of the angle of inclination of the nuclear jet to the line of sight (Kapahi and Saikia 1982; Orr and Browne 1982). Interpreting correlations of X-ray luminosity with nuclear and lobe radio luminosities in this framework, Browne and Murphy (1987) suggested that a component of the X-ray emission in RLQs is orientation dependent.

The soft X-ray slopes have been found to be systematically flatter for core-dominated quasars than for lobe-dominated quasars; (Canizares and White 1989; Boroson 1989; Shastri 1991). Based on this trend, Shastri (1991) suggested that the “radio-linked” component of the X-ray emission (Zamorani *et al.* 1981; Kembhavi *et al.* 1986; Wilkes and Elvis 1987) is probably relativistically beamed.

The values of the core-dominance parameter (R) determined at an observed frequency of 5 GHz for the RLQs in our sample are given in Table 2. Fig. 3 shows that the X-ray energy index for our larger sample correlates inversely with $\log R$, except for two quasars that are highly discrepant (see below). A Spearman rank test shows the correlation to be significant at the 99.95% level (one-tailed test) without the discrepant objects, and at the 90% level if they are included. Note that we have excluded the one Compact Steep Spectrum quasar in the sample (3C 48:0134+329) from Fig. 3, because, in these objects the cores often show complex radio structure (Fanti *et al.* 1990) and interaction of the radio jet with the interstellar medium is believed to be significant (van Breugel *et al.* 1984). The brightness of the nuclear components must reflect this interaction, in which case the parameter R is not

a good measure of orientation.

In the framework of the unified interpretation, the correlation in Fig. 3 is either due to a flat-spectrum X-ray component dominating at face-on inclinations, or due to a steep-spectrum component dominating at edge-on inclinations. It certainly cannot be explained by the anisotropy of the steep "ultrasoft excess" (Wilkes and Elvis 1987), since such an anisotropy would go in the opposite sense if the emission is from a central disc as has been suggested, besides dominating in a lower energy range. On the other hand, as was argued in Shastri (1991), bulk relativistic motion of material emitting a flat-spectrum X-ray component, (such as the nuclear jet), would give the required anisotropy. This suggestion fits in with the picture of an additional, flat-spectrum X-ray component associated with the radio emission in RLQs (Zamorani *et al.* 1981; Kembhavi *et al.* 1986; Wilkes and Elvis 1987). X-ray emission from radio jets is not unknown. Burns *et al.* (1983) find very good spatial coincidence of structures of the jet in Centaurus A as observed in the radio and X-ray bands. Harris and Stern (1987) measure a position for the candidate X-ray jet feature in 3C 273 which is coincident with one of the optical jet features imaged by Fraix-Burnet and Nieto (1988) (the latter's feature B). Similar coincidence is reported for knots in M87 (Biretta, Stern and Harris 1991).

The above correlation with R would contribute to the correlation of X-ray slope with core radio-loudness found by Wilkes and Elvis (1987), since it turns out that the core radio-loudness is correlated with R for the RLQs in the sample.

The correlation in Fig. 3 is consistent with the inhomogeneous jet model of Ghisellini, Maraschi and Treves (1985), proposed for the non-thermal emission from BL Lac-type objects (also see Maraschi 1992). The model proposes two components of X-ray emission from the jet; the first is a synchrotron component from nearer the nucleus which has a steep spectrum, and is relativistically beamed but into a relatively wide angle. The second is an inverse Compton component from the outer regions of the jet, that has a flat spectrum and is beamed into a cone narrower than that of the first component, either because of higher bulk velocities or greater collimation in the outer regions of the jet. Thus the model predicts that the compound X-ray spectrum will flatten as orientation changes from more edge-on to face-on inclinations of the nuclear jet. In the unified scheme, this would translate to flattening of the observed X-ray spectrum with increase of radio core dominance, as seen in Fig. 3.

The trend in Fig. 3 is inconsistent with the scenario of Melia and Konigl (1989) within the unified scheme. In the context of explaining BL Lac-type objects they proposed that the hard X-ray component is due to the inverse Compton "drag" on the relativistic jet by the thermal radiation from the nuclear disc near the nucleus, and the steep spectrum component is direct synchrotron emission from further out in the jet. The hard component is more isotropic than the steep spectrum component. It follows that the steep spectrum component would then dominate at face-on orientations, and the unified scheme would predict that the steep X-ray component dominate at large R values, opposite to that seen in Fig. 3.

Tests in the framework of the unified interpretation are most meaningful when the RLQs are chosen to have a narrow spread in an orientation-independent parameter. A study to test the above result with a sample of RLQs matched with respect to their radio lobe luminosities is underway with ROSAT. We note however that no trend of X-ray slope with radio lobe luminosity is indicated for the present sample.

It is suggestive that two of the quasars with amongst the lowest R values have nominally flat X-ray slopes (although with large uncertainties). We speculate that at the most edge-on inclinations of the quasar the steep-spectrum X-ray component may be occulted (by an obscuring torus?), leaving the residual flat-spectrum component that originates from further out in the jet still visible.

5 X-ray spectral slopes and the optical FeII emission

Wilkes, Elvis and McHardy (1987) suggested a correlation between the equivalent width of the FeII λ 4570 emission line strength and the soft X-ray slope for 9 quasars. This was later disputed, however, by Boroson (1989) and Zheng and O'Brien (1990), after finding no correlation for samples of 15 and 33 quasars respectively. Boroson (1989) claimed that the inconsistency with Wilkes, Elvis and McHardy (1987) was due to a combination of samples being different and measurements being inconsistent, while Zheng and O'Brien (1990) claimed that it was their equivalent width measurements of 3 additional quasars that destroyed the correlation.

Here we present our measured FeII λ 4570 emission line strengths for 18 of the present sample of quasars. Optical spectrophotometry was obtained for all the quasars on the Multiple Mirror Telescope during the years 1985-1988. Full observational details are given in Elvis *et al.* (1992). The strength of the FeII λ 4570 blend was measured above a linear continuum between the continuum region immediately longwards of H γ λ 4340 and shortwards of H β λ 4861. The HeII λ 4686 emission line is included in this measurement, unless noted, since deblending is highly inaccurate for such heavily blended lines. HeII is a high ionization line, probably from different gas than FeII, and thus its inclusion is likely only to add scatter into any relation followed by the FeII. We note that, if the emission line widths are $>6000 \text{ km s}^{-1}$, the continuum level estimate is likely to be high as the hydrogen line wings blend into those of the FeII emission (Wills 1988). Our sample was thus selected to include only quasars with lines narrower than 6000 km s^{-1} (with the exception of PG1613+658 where the continuum level is clear despite the large FWHM of 7050 km s^{-1}). The rest frame equivalent widths as derived from our measurements are listed in Table 1 for the RQQs and Table 2 for the RLQs.

Fig. 4a shows the FeII equivalent width plotted against the soft X-ray energy index. RQQs, CDQs ($R > 0.5$) and LDQs ($R \leq 0.5$) are marked separately. The correlation between FeII strength and α_E is significant at the 99% level (Spearman rank test) for the full sample or for RQQs alone, although it is clear from the figure that the RLQs show no trend. PG1416-129 has a very flat spectral index in *Ginga* observations (0.05 ± 0.15 , Turner *et al.* 1989). Given the poor constraints on the *Einstein* value (0.9 ± 0.5 , 68% confidence range), the two results are consistent (the difference being $< 2\sigma$). If the *Ginga* value is used in preference (indicated by a filled square in Fig. 4a), the correlation is further strengthened (significance $> 99.5\%$).

The same scatter plot with FeII λ 4570 equivalent width data from Zheng and O'Brien (1990) shows a very similar trend (Fig. 4b). There is no significant correlation for the sample as a whole (as indeed is asserted by the authors), nor for the RLQs, but the RQQs show a trend similar to Fig. 4a (significance $> 95\%$). There appear to be no major inconsistencies

between their measurements and estimation procedure and ours. However, there remains one highly discrepant RQQ, 2130+099 (also in the sample of Boroson 1989, but not in our sample) which has strong FeII emission but an intermediate soft X-ray slope (0.8).

The data of Boroson (1989) do not show a correlation even for the RQQs. He uses the equivalent width of a different FeII multiplet ($\lambda\lambda 5105-5395$ Å), but claims that his results cannot be different as a result of this, since there is a tight correlation between the FeII $\lambda\lambda 5105-5395$ Å and FeII $\lambda\lambda 4500-4680$ Å equivalent widths. 14 of Boroson's objects have data in either Zheng and O'Brien (1990) or in Tables 1/2, or both. Of these, for 7 objects, the equivalent width measurements are broadly consistent with the present measurements and/or those of Zheng and O'Brien (1990); for the remaining 7, however, (including 4 RQQs), the equivalent widths of Boroson (1989) are highly discrepant. The reasons for this discrepancy are unclear. Possibilities include low signal-to-noise spectra causing large errors in the measurement, and variability.

While the high energy X-ray energy indices determined by *Ginga* do not by themselves show any significant correlation with the FeII equivalent width (Williams et al. 1992), the data for RQQs (available for 5 objects) are broadly consistent with Fig. 4a.

Standard photoionization models for the line emission from the Broad Line Regions of quasars (Krolik 1988) imply a close link between the spectral index of the ionizing X-ray continuum and the strength of the Fe emission lines. In the case of the RLQs, however, if the soft X-ray emission has a significant contribution from the jet as has been discussed above, then the X-ray energy index would not be a good indicator of the spectrum of the ionizing continuum. The absence of a correlation between the line strengths and the X-ray slope for RLQs would therefore be expected. Although there is a correlation for the RQQs, it is in the opposite sense to that predicted by the standard model in which the FeII emission is generated deep within the cloud and thus is sensitive to harder X-rays. It should be kept in mind though, that the standard models fail to predict the large strength of the optical FeII emission lines. Also, Zheng and O'Brien (1990) find a strong relation between the strength of the optical FeII emission and the $H\beta$ FWHM. They compare their data with the simulations of Wills (1988) and conclude that the correlation cannot be explained by overestimation of the continuum alone. They suggest that the geometry of the emitting regions may also play a role in determining the observed FeII equivalent widths as discussed by Netzer, Laor and Gondhalekar (1992) and references therein. It is possible that geometry plays a role in the observed X-ray energy index as well, just as it appears to do in the RLQs. No correlation between X-ray slope and $H\beta$ FWHM is seen in the current sample although, as noted above, the full range of FWHM is not included here to avoid measurement problems.

6 The range of X-ray slopes

The existence of correlations of the X-ray spectral index with external parameters in both the radio-quiet and radio-loud sub-samples allows us to strengthen the significance of the IPC measurements.

In the case of the RQQs the equivalent widths of the FeII lines are entirely independent of the X-ray measurement so the correlation of Fig. 4a can exist only if the soft X-ray slopes have a real intrinsic range of slopes from ~ 0 to ~ 1.5 . This truly is a large range. It is, for

example, $\pm 4\sigma$ either side of the HEAO-2/EXOSAT mean, given the dispersion measured in those samples (Petre *et al.* 1984, Turner and Pounds 1989). Since our sample is small and incomplete, we cannot determine the real distribution of the slopes; the extremes we observe, however, cannot be rare.

Some active galactic nuclei have been discovered with the optical spectrum completely dominated by FeII emission (Lawrence *et al.* 1988). Soft X-ray observations of these AGN will test the FeII/soft-X-ray-slope relation in extremis, and may uncover some of the softest AGN. The alternative possibility is to measure FeII strengths in AGN selected to have particularly soft spectra, e.g., those in the 'Ultra-Soft Survey' of Cordova *et al.* (1989).

For the radio-loud sample a slightly smaller range of soft X-ray spectral index is required, $\sim 0 - 1$, to produce the observed correlation of X-ray slope and core dominance. This correlation is immediately subject to interpretation in the beaming hypothesis, as discussed above.

A wide spread of soft X-ray spectral indices for RQQs and RLQs is clearly required by their correlation with extrinsic parameters which themselves show extended ranges. For the RQQs, this implies the existence of (at least) another variable which affects their X-ray properties. This variable is at present unknown.

7 Conclusions

Using updated soft X-ray slopes for a sample of 45 quasars, we conclude the following:

- The earlier trend that radio-loud quasars have systematically flatter power-law fits to the soft X-ray spectrum than radio-quiet quasars is confirmed.
- The lack of a significant trend when each class is considered separately implies that they belong to two separate populations.
- For the radio-quiet quasars, soft (0.2-3.5 keV) X-ray slopes are consistent with those at higher (2-10 keV) energies for radio-quiet quasars but steeper than the high energy slopes of Seyfert 1 galaxies where reflection of the X-rays gives a good fit to the data.
- For the radio-loud quasars, X-ray slope correlates with the radio-core dominance. Within the framework of the unified interpretation this result suggests that a flat spectrum X-ray component dominates due to Doppler enhancement when the quasar jet is pointed towards us.
- A significant correlation exists between the FeII optical emission line strengths and X-ray spectral index for 11 radio-quiet quasars from our sample. Radio-loud quasars do not follow the correlation, consistent with the predominance of an extra X-ray component associated with the radio jet. The correlation demonstrates a close observational link between quasar emission lines and the observed X-ray continuum which is thought to excite them. However, most current photoionization models predict a correlation in the opposite sense, with the FeII generated deep inside the emitting clouds where only harder X-rays penetrate.

- The fact that the soft X-ray energy indices correlate with independent properties (core-dominance for RLQs and FeII equivalent widths for RQQs) argues for the wide range in the X-ray slopes of both classes being real.

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10 Figure Captions

Fig. 1a. The distribution of the radio-loudness parameter (R_{Li}) for the quasars in our sample. (For the definition of radio-loudness see Section 2.)

Fig. 1b. The distributions of soft X-ray energy index α_E of the radio-loud (solid line) and radio-quiet (dashed line) quasars in our sample.

Fig. 2. The radio-loudness parameter (R_{Li}) (Section 2) plotted against the soft X-ray energy index for the RLQs (filled squares) and RQQs (filled triangles) in the sample. The typical 1σ error in the X-ray energy index is shown.

Fig. 3. For the RLQs, the soft X-ray energy index α_E plotted against the logarithm of the radio core-dominance parameter R (Section 3).

Fig. 4a. The rest frame equivalent width of the $\text{FeII}\lambda 4570$ multiplet plotted against the soft X-ray energy index α_E . Separately shown are RQQs (filled triangles), CDQs (crossed squares) and LDQs (empty squares). The single filled square is the *Ginga* measurement for 1416-129, whose IPC measurement has large errors. The dashed line represents a simple regression on the RQQ data to allow comparison with Figure 4b.

Fig. 4b. The same plot as in 4(a) but for the data from Zheng & O'Brien (1990). The symbols are as in 4(a). The Compact Steep Spectrum (CSS) object is 0134+329 (3C48). The regression line from Fig 4a is shown for comparison.

Table 1: Radio-quiet Quasars

Source	Other Name	Redshift	f_B^a mJy	R_{L_i}	α_E ($\pm 1\sigma$)	Ref. ^c (α_E)	W_λ^b (FeII) (Å)	Ref. ^c (W_λ)	FWHM($H\beta$) ^d km s ⁻¹
0026+129	PG	0.142	2.33	0.34	$0.88^{+0.05}_{-0.05}$	4			
0054+144	PHL909	0.171	1.02	-0.01	$0.41^{+0.07}_{-0.07}$	4			
0205+024	NAB	0.155	2.25	-0.18	$1.2^{+0.07}_{-0.07}$	4			
0844+349 ^f	PG	0.064	11.15	-1.56	$1.6^{+0.7}_{-0.2}$	2	46	1,2	3380
0923+129 ^f	PG	0.028	4.74	0.32	$0.7^{+0.3}_{-0.2}$	2	29	2	1840
1116+215	PG	0.177	3.80	-0.13	$1.0^{+0.3}_{-0.2}$	3	15	1	4290
1202+281	GQComae	0.165	2.33	-0.45	$1.1^{+0.2}_{-0.4}$	3,6			
1211+143	PG	0.085	6.24	1.40	$1.8^{+0.3}_{-0.2}$	3	32 ^e	1,2	3000
1219+755	Mkn205	0.070	2.46	-0.31	$0.78^{+0.03}_{-0.03}$	4			
1229+204	Ton 1542	0.064	2.63	-0.59	$1.5^{+0.2}_{-0.1}$	2	45	2	3170
1244+026	PG	0.048	1.54	-0.27	$1.6^{+0.7}_{-0.5}$	3,6			
1304+346	AB133	0.189	0.50	-0.58	$1.0^{+0.6}_{-0.2}$	1			
1307+085	PG	0.158	3.43	-0.99	$0.9^{+0.5}_{-0.2}$	3,6	<8	1	5570
1407+265	PG	0.944	2.27	0.54	$1.2^{+0.9}_{-0.2}$	3			
1416-129	PG	0.129	3.07	0.07	$0.9^{+0.5}_{-0.5}$	3	<3	1	4640
1426+015	PG	0.086	3.66	-0.48	$1.2^{+0.2}_{-0.2}$	3	>20	1	5540
1501+106	Mkn841	0.036	7.04	-0.67	$0.93^{+0.04}_{-0.04}$	4	26 ^e	1	5360
1613+658	PG	0.129	2.42	0.10	$1.1^{+0.2}_{-0.3}$	3	16	1	7050
1803+676	KAZ102	0.136	1.70	-0.69	$-0.2^{+0.4}_{-0.3}$	3	< 0.2	1,2	4810
2130+099	PG,IIZw136	0.061	4.78	-0.37	$0.81^{+0.07}_{-0.07}$	4			
2251-178	MR	0.068	4.48	-0.15	$0.3^{+0.5}_{-0.6}$	1			

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f: Errors on α_E are scaled to 1σ from the 90% errors given in Wilkes, Elvis and McHardy (1987).

Table 2: Radio-loud Quasars

Source	Other Name	Redshift	f_B mJy	R_{L_i}	R	α_E ($\pm 1\sigma$)	Ref. ^c (α_E)	W_λ^b (\AA)	Ref. ^c (W_λ)	FWHM ^d km s ⁻¹
0007+106	III Zw 2	0.089	1.83	2.24	0.9	$0.4^{+0.9}_{-0.3}$	3	5	2	4700
0133+207	3C 47	0.425	0.24	3.65	0.07	$0.9^{+0.3}_{-0.3}$	3			
0134+329	3C 48	0.367	1.40	3.61	CSS	$0.7^{+0.4}_{-0.4}$	3			
0312-770	PKS	0.223	1.39	2.60	10.9	$0.1^{+0.6}_{-0.2}$	3	18	2	3340
0637-752	PKS	0.656	1.64	3.53	>10	$0.5^{+0.1}_{-0.1}$	4			
0837-120	3C206,PKS	0.198	2.16	2.58	0.3	$0.6^{+0.3}_{-0.3}$	5	<8	1	4485
0903+169	3C 215	0.411	0.18	3.36	0.05	$0.0^{+0.6}_{-0.2}$	3			
0923+392	4C 39.25	0.699	0.30	4.39	36	$0.4^{+0.2}_{-0.1}$	3			
1020-103	PKS	0.197	1.40	2.44	5.5	$0.8^{+0.7}_{-1.6}$	1			
1028+313	B2	0.177	0.66	2.38	1.3	$0.62^{+0.06}_{-0.06}$	4	< 3	1	4280
1100+772	3C 249.1	0.311	2.33	2.52	0.1	$1.0^{+0.3}_{-0.5}$	3			
1111+408	3C254	0.734	0.25	3.50	0.02	$1.0^{+0.9}_{-0.3}$	1			
1128+315	B2	0.289	1.02	2.39	9.6	$0.7^{+0.5}_{-0.4}$	1			
1137+660	3C 263	0.656	1.12	2.97	0.2	$0.7^{+0.4}_{-0.1}$	3			
1146-037	PKS	0.341	0.73	2.37	1.4	$0.3^{+0.5}_{-0.2}$	3	3	2	4300
1217+023	PKS	0.240	1.07	2.64	2.0	$0.5^{+0.3}_{-0.1}$	3			
1226+023	3C 273	0.158	26.27	3.12	5.5	$0.47^{+0.03}_{-0.03}$	4	15	1,2	4300
1253-055	3C 279	0.538	0.28	4.58	7.8	$0.6^{+0.1}_{-0.2}$	3			
1545+210	3C 323.1	0.266	0.85	3.04	0.05	$0.8^{+0.3}_{-0.5}$	3,6			
1635+119	MC	0.146	0.72	2.05	0.3	$0.9^{+1.0}_{-0.6}$	3			
1704+608	3C351	0.371	3.04	2.60	0.02	$0.1^{+0.9}_{-0.5}$	5	3 ^e	1	2420
1721+343	4C 34.47	0.206	1.12	2.76	1.2	$0.5^{+0.4}_{-0.3}$	3			
2128-123	PKS	0.501	2.49	2.92	>20	$0.5^{+0.8}_{-0.3}$	1			
2135-147	PKS	0.200	1.77	2.99	0.09	$0.73^{+0.05}_{-0.05}$	4			

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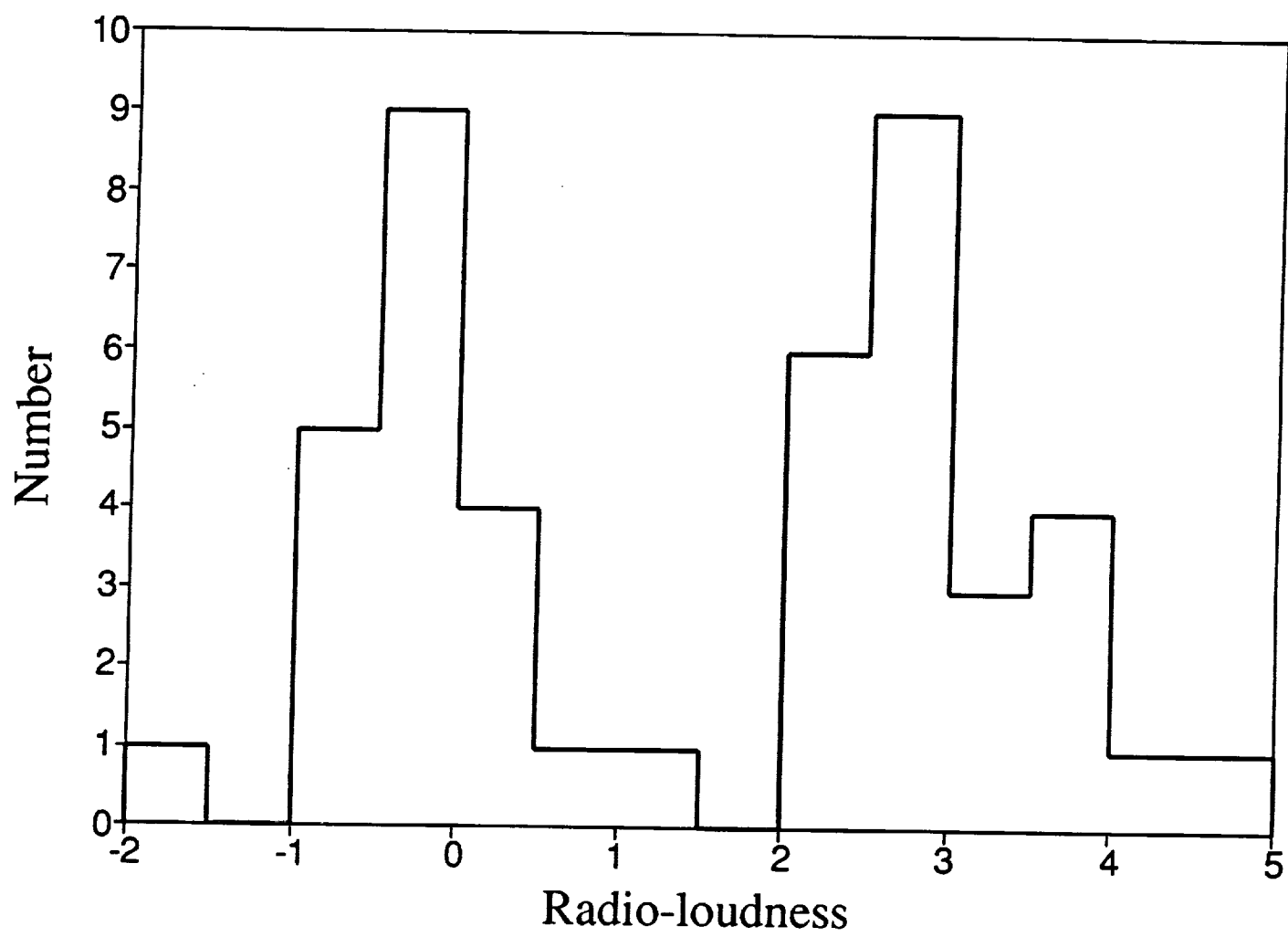


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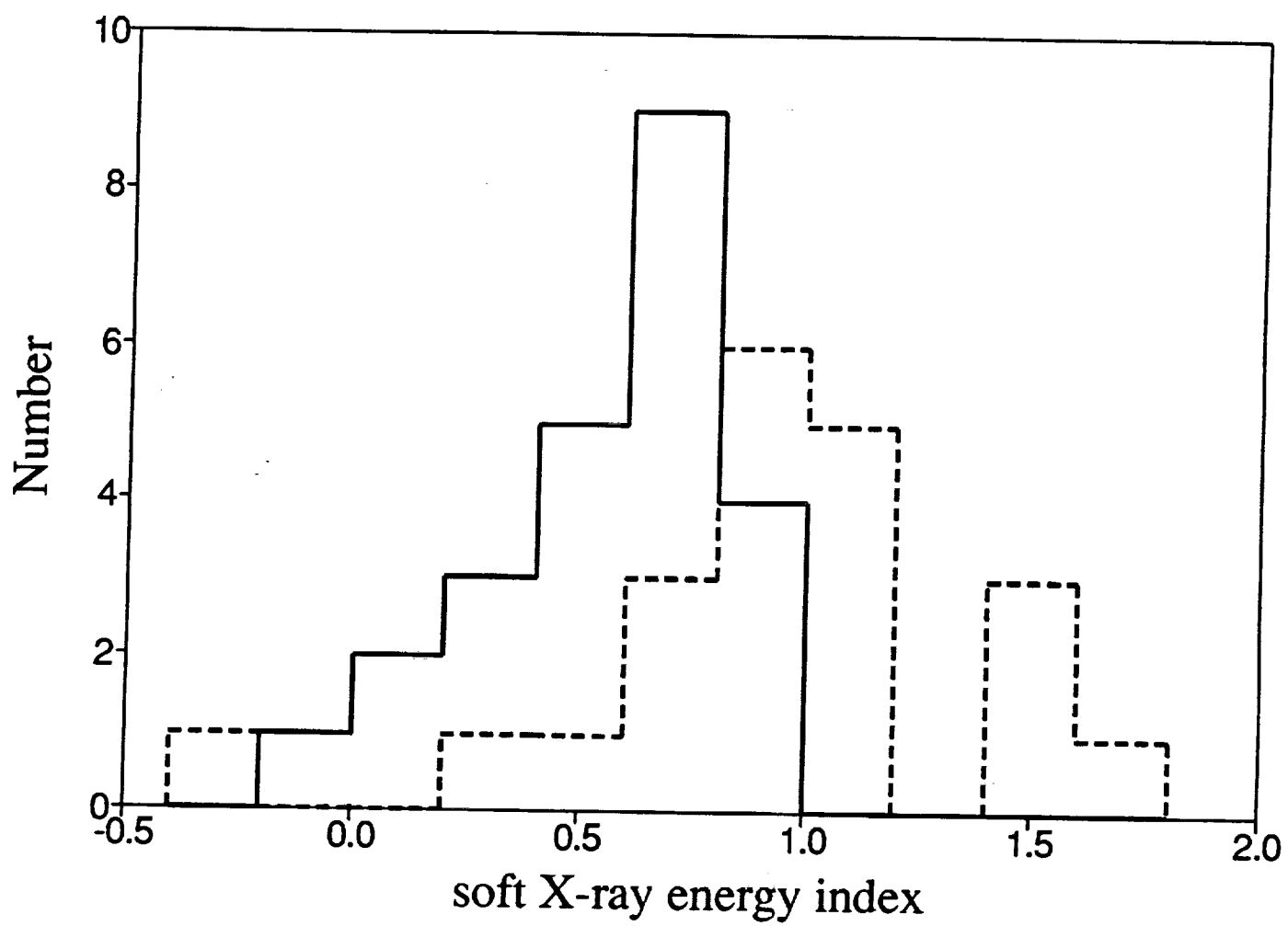


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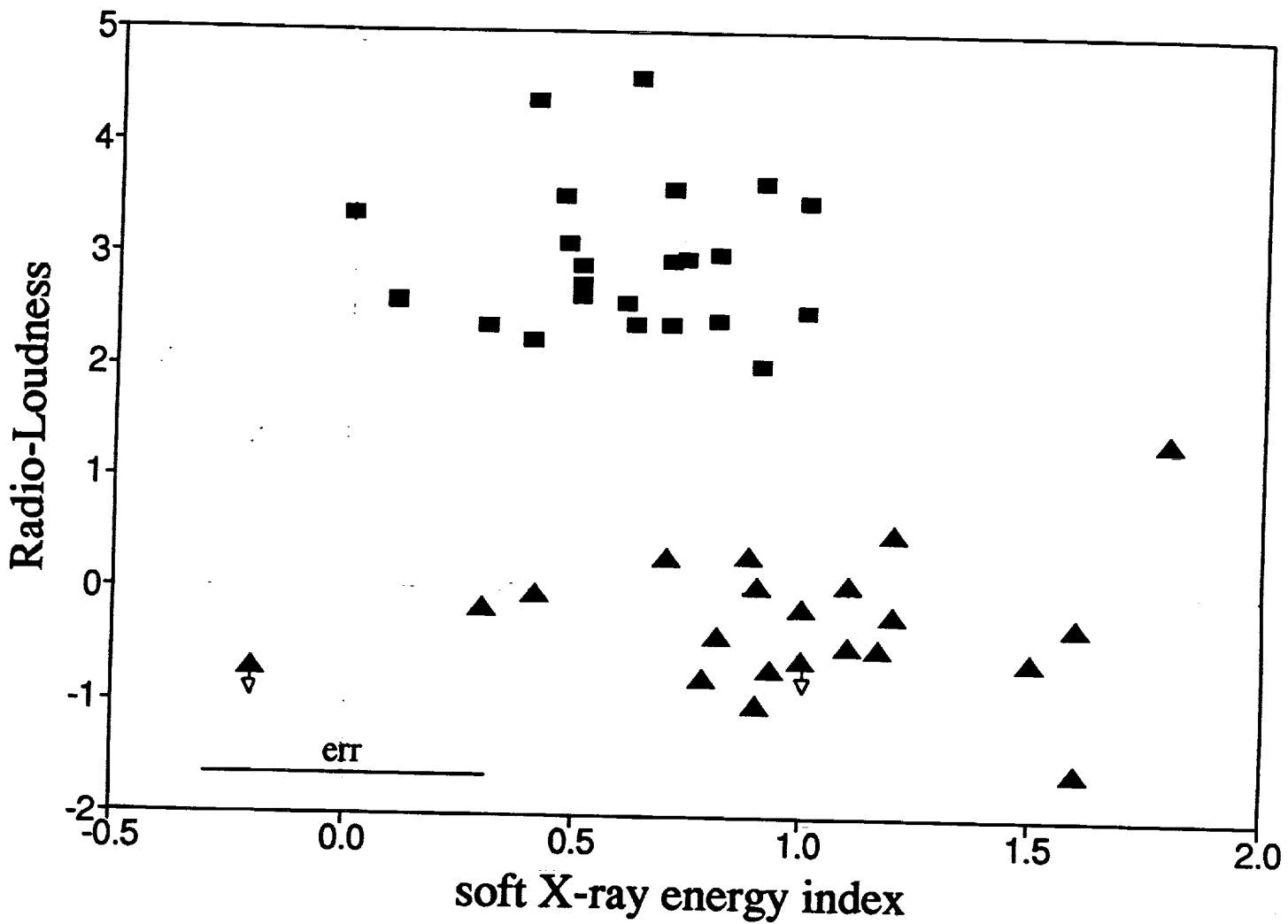


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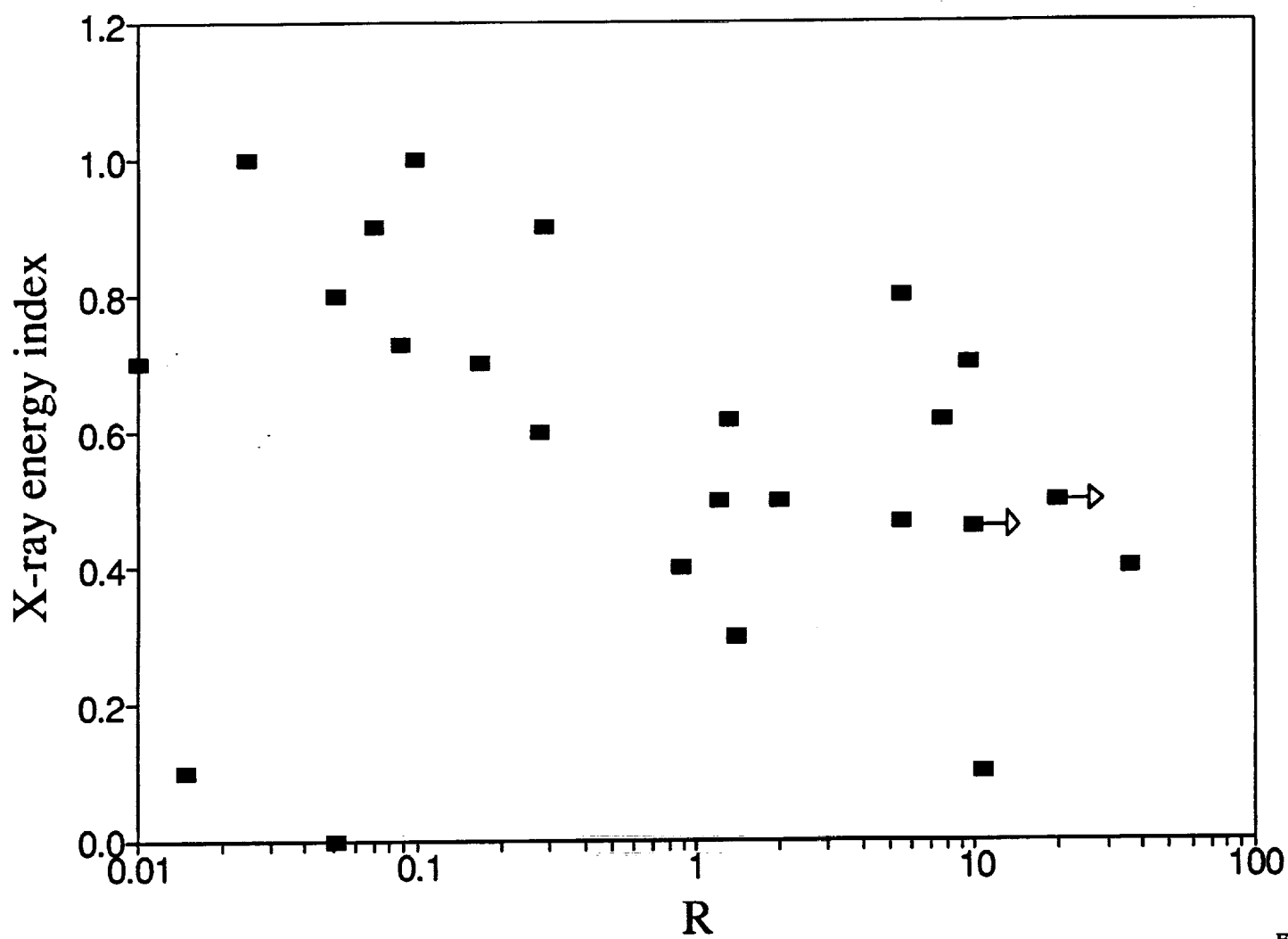


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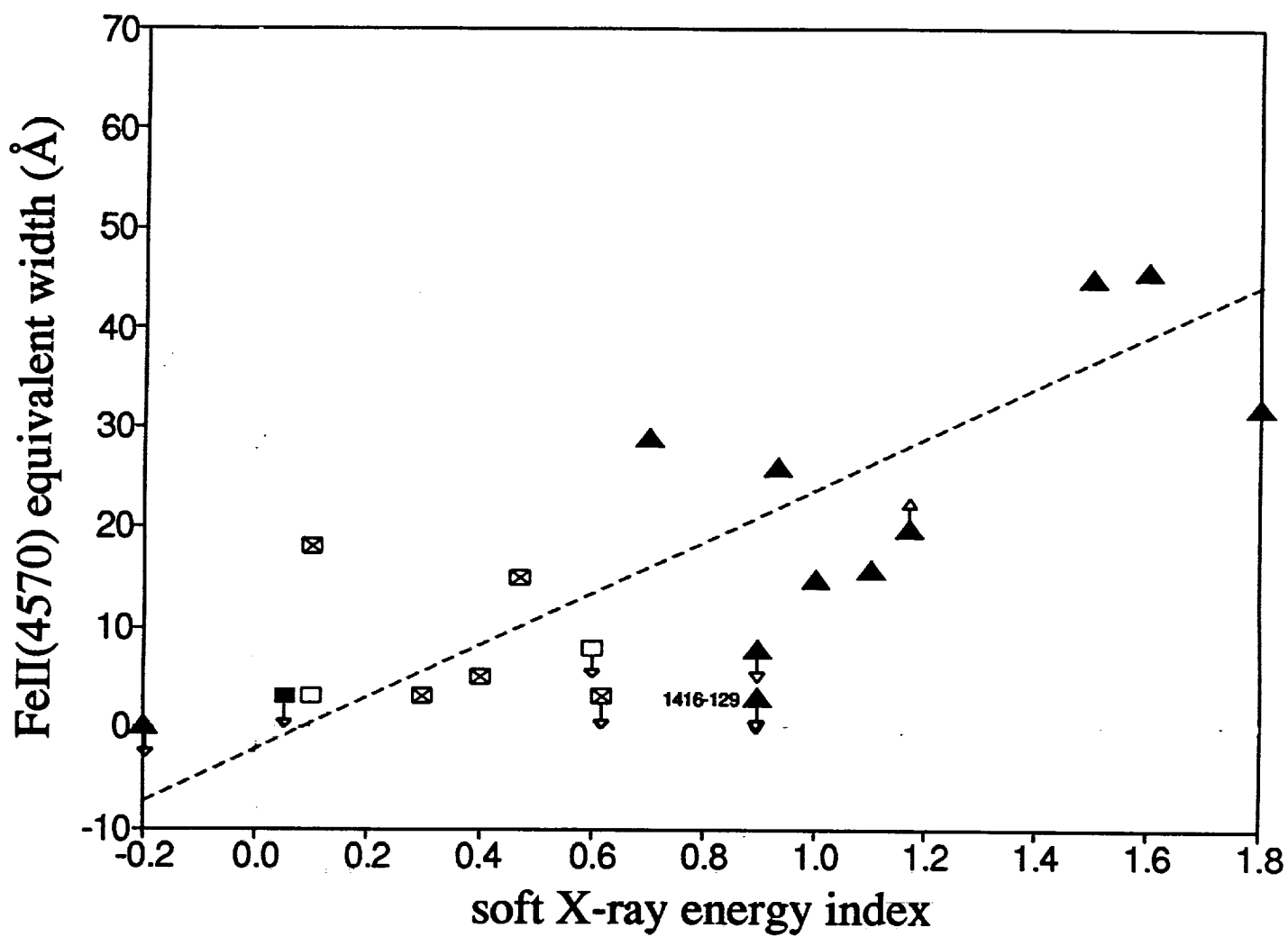


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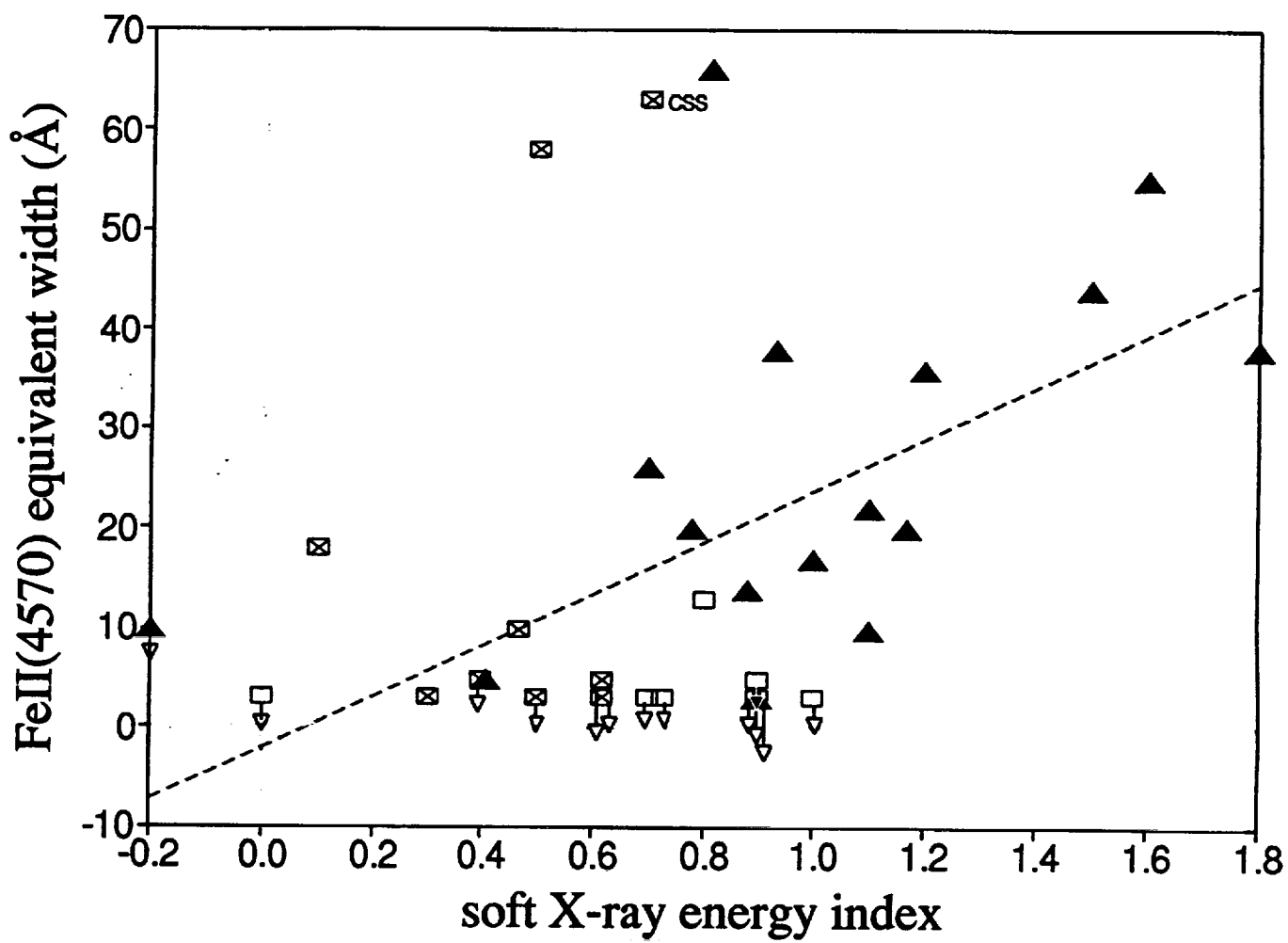


Figure 4b

