

The relationship between the radio core-dominance parameter and spectral index in different classes of extragalactic radio sources (III)

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Abstract Active galactic nuclei (AGNs) can be divided into two major classes, namely radio-loud and radio-quiet AGNs. A small subset of the radio-loud AGNs is called blazars, which are believed to be unified with Fanaroff-Riley type I and type II (FRI&II) radio galaxies. Following our previous work, we present a latest sample of 966 sources with measured radio flux densities of the core and extended components. The sample includes 83 BL Lacs, 473 flat spectrum radio quasars, 101 Seyferts, 245 galaxies, 52 FRIs&IIs and 12 unidentified sources. We then calculate the radio core-dominance parameters and spectral indices and study their relationship. Our analysis shows that the core-dominance parameters and spectral indices are quite different for different types of sources. We also confirm that the correlation between core-dominance parameter and radio spectral index extends over all the sources in a large sample presented.

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1 INTRODUCTION

Active galactic nuclei (AGNs) are interesting and attractive extragalactic sources. However, understanding these objects requires extensive knowledge in many different areas: accretion disks, the physics of dust and ionized gas, astronomical spectroscopy, star formation, and the cosmological evolution of galaxies and supermassive black holes. The gravitational potential of the supermassive black hole at the center of AGNs is believed to be the ultimate energy source of the AGNs. Roughly, 85% are radio-quiet AGNs, with radio loudness ratio defined as $B = \log \frac{F_{5\text{ GHz}}}{F_{2500\text{ \AA}}}$ < 1.0 and the remaining $\sim 15\%$ are radio-loud AGNs (Fan 2005), which have relative strong radio emissions by contradicting with their optical emissions and it is believed to host relativistic jets launched from the central black hole (Urry & Padovani 1995).

Blazars, which are an extreme subclass of AGNs, are characterized by superluminal motions in their radio components, broadband emissions (radio through γ -ray),

high and variable luminosity, high polarization and core-dominated nonthermal continua etc. (see Abdo et al. 2010; Fan 2005; Romero et al. 2002; Yang et al. 2018a,b; Fan et al. 2016; Pei et al. 2019a,b). These extreme observational properties are believed to be produced by the relativistic Doppler beaming effect on account of a quite small viewing angle between the relativistic jet and the line of sight (Urry & Padovani 1995).

Based on the observational properties, there are two subclasses of blazars, namely a flat spectrum radio quasar (FSRQ) and a BL Lacertae object (BL Lac), with the former displaying strong emission line features and the latter showing very weak or no emission line at all. The two subclasses share many similar observational properties but their difference in emission lines cannot be ignored. Fan (2003) found that the intrinsic ratio, f , which is defined as the comoving luminosity in the jet to the unbeamed luminosity, in BL Lacs is greater than that in FSRQs. The standard model of AGNs foretells that the Fanaroff-Riley type I radio galaxies (hereafter FRIs) are the same parent population of BL Lacs while the parent population of FSRQs are Fanaroff-Riley type II radio galaxies (hereafter FRIIs) (Fanaroff & Riley 1974; Urry & Padovani 1995; Fan et al.

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2011; Pei et al. 2019a). However, the nature of the central engine of blazars and other classes of AGNs is still an open problem.

In a relativistic beaming model, the emissions are composed of two components (Urry & Shafer 1984), namely, the beamed and the unbeamed components, or core boosted and isotropic extended components. The observed total emission, S^{ob} , is the sum of the beamed, $S_{\text{core}}^{\text{ob}}$, and unbeamed, S_{ext} emission, then we have $S^{\text{ob}} = S_{\text{ext}} + S_{\text{core}}^{\text{ob}} = (1 + f^{\delta p})S_{\text{ext}}$, where $f = \frac{S_{\text{core}}^{\text{in}}}{S_{\text{ext}}}$, defined by the intrinsic flux density in the jet to the extend flux density in the co-moving frame, $S_{\text{core}}^{\text{in}}$ is the de-beamed emission in the co-moving frame, δ is a Doppler factor, and p is depended on the geometrical structure of jet, $p = \alpha + 2$ or $p = \alpha + 3$ refers for a continuous or a moving sphere jet, respectively, and α is the spectral index ($S_{\nu} \propto \nu^{-\alpha}$). The ratio, R , of the two components is the core-dominance parameter (Orr & Browne 1982). Some authors adopt the ratio of flux densities, while others use the ratio of luminosities to quantify the parameter, namely, $R = S_{\text{core}}/S_{\text{ext}}$ or $R = L_{\text{core}}/L_{\text{ext}}$, where S_{core} or L_{core} stands for core emissions while S_{ext} or L_{ext} for extended emissions (see Fan & Zhang 2003; Fan et al. 2011; Pei et al. 2016, 2019a and references therein).

After the launching of *Fermi* Large Area Telescope (LAT), many sources have been detected to be high energy γ -ray emitters. This provides us with an excellent opportunity to probe the γ -ray mechanism and extreme properties of AGNs. Based on the first eight years of science data from the *Fermi* Gamma-ray Space Telescope mission, the latest catalog, 4FGL, the fourth *Fermi* Large Area Telescope catalog of high-energy γ -ray sources, has been released, which includes 5098 sources above in the significance of 4σ , covering from 50 MeV–1 TeV range (The Fermi-LAT collaboration 2019a,b). AGNs occupy the vast majority in 4FGL, which 3009 AGNs are included. It comprises 2938 blazars, 38 radio galaxies and 33 other AGNs. The blazar sample includes 681 FSRQs, 1102 BL Lacs and 1152 blazar candidates of unknown type (BCUs) (The Fermi-LAT collaboration 2019a).

In 2011, we compiled a sample of 1223 extragalactic radio sources and calculated their core-dominance parameters ($\log R$) and radio spectral indices (α_{R}). We made the comparison of $\log R$ among BL Lacs, FSRQs, Seyfert galaxies and normal galaxies, FRIs and FRIIs, and particularly, we found this parameter of blazars is on average higher than that of the other subclasses of AGNs. Then we investigated the correlation between $\log R$ and α_{R} (Fan et al. 2011). Previously, we collected a larger catalog contained 2400 radio sources with available core-dominance parameters, and those sources were not listed in Fan et al. (2011). We also discussed the core-dominated AGNs and

related correlation analysis (Pei et al. 2019a). We obtained similar conclusions to Fan et al. (2011).

In this work, following Fan et al. (2011) and Pei et al. (2019a), we collect a new sample of radio sources, which are neither included in Fan et al. (2011) nor in Pei et al. (2019a). In total, 966 AGNs are short-listed by cross checking. We then calculate the core-dominance parameters and radio spectral indices, and probe their correlation. We enlarge the AGN sample regarding to the available core-dominance parameters $\log R$ and further discuss and re-examine the conclusions drawn in our previous work. Our data are taken from the NASA/IPAC EXTRAGALACTIC DATABASE¹, SIMBAD Astronomical Database² and Roma BZCAT³, from these, we calculate the core-dominance parameters and spectral indices of 966 sources with available radio data. In Section 2, we will present the results. Some discussions are given in Section 3. We then conclude and summarize our findings in the final section.

Throughout this paper, without loss of generality, we take Λ CDM model, with $\Omega_{\Lambda} \simeq 0.73$, $\Omega_M \simeq 0.27$, and $H_0 \simeq 73 \text{ km s}^{-1} \text{ Mpc}^{-1}$.

2 SAMPLE AND CALCULATIONS

To calculate the radio core-dominance parameter and discuss its property, we compiled a list of relevant data from the literature. As a rule, the observations are performed at different frequencies by various authors and studies. Nevertheless, most of these data are at 5 GHz, we therefore convert the data given in the literature at other frequencies (ν), to 5 GHz by taking the assumption that (Fan et al. 2011; Pei et al. 2016, 2019a)

$$S_{\text{core}}^{5 \text{ GHz}} = S_{\text{core}}^{\nu, \text{obs}}, S_{\text{ext}}^{5 \text{ GHz}} = S_{\text{ext}}^{\nu, \text{obs}} \left(\frac{\nu}{5 \text{ GHz}} \right)^{\alpha_{\text{ext}}}, \quad (1)$$

the flux densities are then K-corrected, and the core-dominance parameters are finally calculated by using the equation

$$R = \left(\frac{S_{\text{core}}}{S_{\text{ext}}} \right) (1+z)^{\alpha_{\text{core}} - \alpha_{\text{ext}}}. \quad (2)$$

In our calculation, we adopted α_{ext} (or α_{unb}) = 0.75 and α_{core} (or α_j) = 0 (Fan et al. 2011; Pei et al. 2019a). For those data given in luminosities, we calculated the core-dominance parameter as $\log R = \log \frac{L_{\text{core}}}{L_{\text{ext}}}$ and some of them where luminosities that we transform, if necessary, at 5 GHz. For data given in flux densities, we also calculate the luminosity by adopting $L_{\nu} = 4\pi d_L^2 S_{\nu}$, where d_L is a luminosity distance, defined as $d_L =$

¹ <http://ned.ipac.caltech.edu/forms/byname.html>

² <http://simbad.u-strasbg.fr/simbad/>

³ <http://www.asdc.asi.it/bzcat/>

$(1+z) \frac{c}{H_0} \int_1^{1+z} \frac{1}{\sqrt{\Omega_M x^3 + 1 - \Omega_M}} dx$. In our sample, the sources are mainly obtained at 5 GHz and 1.4 GHz from the literature, we then calculated the spectral indices, α where $S_\nu \propto \nu^{-\alpha}$. If a source has no measured redshift, then the average value of the corresponding group was adopted, only to be used to calculate the core-dominance parameters and luminosities. We evaluate the characteristics of 966 sources and checked their identification according to NED, Roma BZCAT and 4FGL of *Fermi*/LAT. First, those sources that have no identification in NED are labeled as “unidentified.” In addition, we have six sources in our catalog are classified as BCUs (blazar candidates of unknown type), which are 0829+275, 1111+4820, 1241+735, 1325–558, 1646–506, 1716–496. We also include them into sources labeled as “unidentified.”

Our literature survey found 966 extragalactic radio sources, which comprise of 83 BL Lacs, 473 FSRQs, 101 Seyfert galaxies, 52 FRIs & FRIIs, 245 other galaxies with neither Seyfert nor FRIs & FRIIs galaxies (hereafter, “galaxy”), and 12 unidentified sources. To obtain the core flux, S_{core} , we seek through a large number of references and databases indicating to the core emissions, crosscheck these sources with the catalog given by Fan et al. (2011) and Pei et al. (2019a), and choose those that were not listed in Fan et al. (2011) or Pei et al. (2019a). We then calculate their core-dominance parameters using Equation (2).

The data and their corresponding references are shown in Table 1. The complete Table for the whole sample is attached as an online material of this paper.

3 RESULTS

For the whole sample, we can calculate the average value for the core-dominance parameters ($\log R$). We found that $\log R$ is in the range from -3.74 to 3.43 with an average value of $\langle \log R \rangle_{\text{Total}} = -0.06 \pm 1.09$ for all the 966 sources. If we take the subclasses into account, we obtain that, correspondingly, $\langle \log R \rangle_{\text{BL Lac}} = 0.80 \pm 0.90$ for 83 BL Lacs; $\langle \log R \rangle_{\text{FSRQ}} = 0.15 \pm 0.79$ for 473 FSRQs; $\langle \log R \rangle_{\text{Seyfert}} = -0.09 \pm 0.71$ for 101 Seyfert galaxies; $\langle \log R \rangle_{\text{Galaxy}} = -0.35 \pm 1.29$ for 245 galaxies; $\langle \log R \rangle_{\text{FRI\&II}} = -1.85 \pm 0.91$ for 52 FR type I and II radio galaxies and $\langle \log R \rangle_{\text{U}} = -0.33 \pm 1.34$ for 12 unidentified sources. Thus, for 563 blazars in our sample, an average value of $\langle \log R \rangle_{\text{Blazar}} = 0.25 \pm 0.84$ is obtained accordingly (see Table 3).

Figure 1 shows the distribution of core-dominance parameter, $\log R$ (a) and the cumulative probability (b) for all the subclasses of our sample. A Kolmogorov-Smirnov test (hereafter K-S test) rejects the hypothesis that BL Lacs and quasars have the same parent distribution at $p = 1.01 \times 10^{-3}$ ($d_{\text{max}} = 0.46$). Likewise, we have $p = 5.63 \times 10^{-8}$ ($d_{\text{max}} = 0.32$) for FSRQs and Seyfert galaxies; $p = 2.90 \times 10^{-6}$ ($d_{\text{max}} = 0.30$) for

Seyfert galaxies and galaxies; $p = 7.04 \times 10^{-11}$ ($d_{\text{max}} = 0.52$) for galaxies and FRI&II galaxies. Regarding to blazars and non-blazars, we obtain $p = 5.41 \times 10^{-35}$ ($d_{\text{max}} = 0.41$) (see Table 2). Therefore, we found that the average core-dominance parameters for the sources follow the relation: $\langle \log R \rangle_{\text{BL Lac}} > \langle \log R \rangle_{\text{FSRQ}} > \langle \log R \rangle_{\text{Seyfert}} > \langle \log R \rangle_{\text{Galaxy}} > \langle \log R \rangle_{\text{FRI\&II}}$. Using the core-dominance parameter, blazars appear to be the most core-dominated population of AGNs.

We are able to evaluate 926 sources for their radio spectral indices (α_R) in our whole sample, with an average value of $\langle \alpha_R \rangle_{\text{Total}} = 0.41 \pm 0.55$ in the range from -1.51 to 2.53 . Besides, $\langle \alpha_R \rangle_{\text{BL Lac}} = 0.19 \pm 0.44$ for BL Lacs; $\langle \alpha_R \rangle_{\text{FSRQ}} = 0.21 \pm 0.43$ for FSRQs; $\langle \alpha_R \rangle_{\text{Seyfert}} = 0.77 \pm 0.66$ for Seyfert galaxies; $\langle \alpha_R \rangle_{\text{Galaxy}} = 0.60 \pm 0.50$ for galaxies; $\langle \alpha_R \rangle_{\text{FRI\&IIs}} = 1.03 \pm 0.35$ for FR I & II galaxies; $\langle \alpha_R \rangle_{\text{U}} = 0.19 \pm 0.75$ for unidentified sources and $\langle \alpha_R \rangle_{\text{Blazar}} = 0.20 \pm 0.44$ for blazars (see Table 3).

Figure 2 displays the distribution of radio spectral index, α_R (a) and the cumulative probability (b) for all the subclasses.

By adopting the K-S test, we obtain the following results: $p = 1\%$ ($d_{\text{max}} = 0.20$) for BL Lacs and FSRQs; $p = 6.57 \times 10^{-21}$ ($d_{\text{max}} = 0.39$) for FSRQs and galaxies; $p = 8.95 \times 10^{-4}$ ($d_{\text{max}} = 0.23$) for galaxies and Seyfert galaxies; $p = 1.63 \times 10^{-6}$ ($d_{\text{max}} = 0.44$) for Seyfert galaxies and FRI&II type galaxies and $p = 1.27 \times 10^{-44}$ ($d_{\text{max}} = 0.47$) for blazars and non-blazars (see Table 2).

We are able to find that the average radio spectral indices for all the sources follow a trend: $\langle \alpha_R \rangle_{\text{FRI\&II}} > \langle \alpha_R \rangle_{\text{Seyfert}} > \langle \alpha_R \rangle_{\text{Galaxy}} > \langle \alpha_R \rangle_{\text{FSRQ}} > \langle \alpha_R \rangle_{\text{BL Lac}}$, which is basically opposite to the trend in $\log R$.

Through the K-S tests, we found that the distributions of $\log R$ and α_R in the various subclasses are almost significantly different, indicating that there are many different intrinsic properties among all the subclasses. However, considering the BL Lacs versus FSRQs with regard to α_R , the result from K-S test demonstrates that there is no significant difference (with chance probability of 1.01×10^{-3} for $\log R$ and of 1% for α_R), which implies that, as the two subclasses of blazars, they hold some similar immanent properties.

For the radio core luminosity $\log L_{\text{core}}$ ($\text{W}\cdot\text{Hz}^{-1}$), from 19.04 to 28.33 with an average value of $\langle \log L_{\text{core}} \rangle_{\text{Total}} = 24.69 \pm 1.83$ and a median of 25.04 for the whole sample; from 20.81 to 27.81 with an average value of $\langle \log L_{\text{core}} \rangle_{\text{BL Lac}} = 25.34 \pm 1.40$ and a median of 25.39 for BL Lacs; from 20.22 to 28.33 with an average value of $\langle \log L_{\text{core}} \rangle_{\text{FSRQ}} = 25.64 \pm 1.17$ and a median of 25.58 for FSRQs; from 19.32 to 26.64 with an average value of $\langle \log L_{\text{core}} \rangle_{\text{Seyfert}} = 22.30 \pm 1.87$ and a median of 21.61 for Seyferts; from 19.04 to 26.98 with an average value of $\langle \log L_{\text{core}} \rangle_{\text{galaxy}} = 23.67 \pm 1.61$ and a median of 23.67 for galaxies; from 20.75 to 27.05 with an

Table 1 Sample for the Whole Sources

Name (1)	Class (2)	z (3)	ν_1 (4)	S_{core} (5)	S_{ext} (6)	S_1^{Total} (7)	Ref. (8)	$\log R$ (9)	ν_2 (10)	S_2^{Total} (11)	α (12)
1051+3911	BL Lac	1.372	5.0	72	0.42	72.42	Che15	1.95	1.4	72.34	0.01
1429+400	FSRQ	0.276	5.0	118	8.14	126.14	Che15	1.08	1.4	219	0.43
0122+015	Seyfert	1.559	5.0	47.2	88.66	135.86	Man15	-0.58	1.4	194	0.28
1117+592	G	0.159	5.0	4.80	48.96	53.76	Man15	-1.06	1.4	91.2	0.42
0930+369	FRII	2.395	5.0	0.29	79.61	70.90	Dro12	-2.78	1.4	284.1	1.09
0829+275	U	0.510	5.0	116	44.65	160.65	Bro15	0.28	1.4	126.5	-0.19
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In this Table, Col. (1) gives the source names; Col. (2) classification (BL Lac: BL Lacertae object; FSRQ: flat spectrum radio quasar; Seyfert: Seyfert galaxy; G: galaxy; FRI&II: Fanaroff-Riley type I or II radio galaxy; U: unidentified sources); Col. (3) redshift, z ; Col. (4) frequency in GHz for emission; Col. (5) core-emission in mJy; Col. (6) extended emission in mJy; Col. (7) total emission in mJy; Col. (8) references for Col. (5), Col. (6) and Col. (7); Col. (9) core-dominance parameter at 5 GHz, $\log R$; Col. (10) frequency in GHz; Col. (11) total emission in mJy, data in Col. (10) and Col. (11) are from NED; Col. (12) the radio spectral index, α_R ($S_\nu \propto \nu^{-\alpha_R}$). Data in this table are taken from Bal08: Balmaverde et al. (2008); Böc16: Böck et al. (2016); Bri94: Bridle et al. (1994); Bro15: Brotherton et al. (2015); CB07: Capetti & Balmaverde (2007); Ceg13: Cegłowski et al. (2013); Che15: Chen et al. (2015); Dro12: Drouart et al. (2012); Gio88: Giovannini et al. (1988); Han09: Hancock et al. (2009); JLG95: Johnson et al. (1995); Kel89: Kellermann et al. (1989); Kra17: Kravchenko et al. (2017); Lai83: Laing et al. (1983); LP95: Leahy & Perley (1995); LPR92: Liu et al. (1992); LPG02: Landt et al. (2002); Liu09: Liuzzo et al. (2009); Liu10: Liuzzo et al. (2010); Liu18: Liu et al. (2018); Man15: Mantovani et al. (2015); MA16: Marin & Antonucci (2016); Mü18: Müller et al. (2018); NRH95: Neff et al. (1995); OCU17: Odo et al. (2017); PT91: Perley & Taylor (1991); Raw90: Rawlings et al. (1990); RL15: Richards & Lister (2015); Ros06: Rossetti et al. (2006); Sar97: Saripalli et al. (1997); Smi16: Smith et al. (2016); Yu15: Yu et al. (2015) and Yua18: Yuan et al. (2018). The complete table for the whole sample is online www.raa-journal.org/docs/Supp/ms4470table1.txt.

Table 2 Statistical Results for Core-dominance Parameter ($\log R$) in the Whole Sample

	Sample: A–B (1)	N_A (2)	N_B (3)	d_{max} (4)	p (5)
$\log R$	BL Lac–FSRQ	83	473	0.46	1.01×10^{-3}
	FSRQ–Seyfert	83	101	0.32	5.63×10^{-8}
	Seyfert–Galaxy	101	245	0.30	2.90×10^{-6}
	Galaxy–FRI&II	245	52	0.52	7.04×10^{-11}
	Blazar–non-Blazar	563	403	0.41	5.41×10^{-35}
α_R	BL Lac–FSRQ	80	454	0.20	1%
	FSRQ–Galaxy	454	234	0.39	6.57×10^{-21}
	Galaxy–Seyfert	234	95	0.23	8.95×10^{-4}
	Seyfert–FRI&II	95	52	0.44	1.63×10^{-6}
	Blazar–non-Blazar	541	385	0.47	1.27×10^{-44}

In this Table, Col. (1) gives the objects of two samples; Col. (2) numbers of former one; Col. (3) numbers of latter one; Col. (4) maximum distance of two values and Col. (5) chance probability from K-S test.

average value of $\langle \log L_{\text{core}} \rangle|_{\text{FRI\&IIs}} = 24.14 \pm 1.40$ and a median of 24.27 for FRI&IIs (also see Table 3).

On the other hand, for the radio extended luminosity $\log L_{\text{ext}}$ ($\text{W}\cdot\text{Hz}^{-1}$), we obtained that from 19.21 to 28.57 with an average value of $\langle \log L_{\text{ext}} \rangle|_{\text{Total}} = 24.62 \pm 1.88$ and a median of 24.80 for all the sources; from 19.41 to 28.02 with an average value of $\langle \log L_{\text{ext}} \rangle|_{\text{BL Lac}} = 24.44 \pm 1.82$ and a median of 24.52 for BL Lacs; from 19.50 to 28.57 with an average value of $\langle \log L_{\text{ext}} \rangle|_{\text{FSRQ}} = 25.31 \pm 1.35$ and a median of 25.19 for FSRQs; from 19.21 to 27.22 with an average value of $\langle \log L_{\text{ext}} \rangle|_{\text{Seyfert}} = 22.35 \pm 1.88$ and a median of 21.63 for Seyferts; from 19.65 to 27.87 with an average value of $\langle \log L_{\text{ext}} \rangle|_{\text{galaxy}} = 23.96 \pm 1.85$ and a median of 24.18 for galaxies; from 21.54 to 27.84 with an average value of $\langle \log L_{\text{ext}} \rangle|_{\text{FRI\&IIs}} = 25.97 \pm 1.38$ and a median of 26.36 for FRI&IIs (also see Table 3).

4 DISCUSSION

From the previous studies, the core-dominance parameter, R , can act the role of the proxy of Doppler beaming effect and the orientation indicator of the jet (Urry & Padovani 1995; Fan 2003),

$$R(\theta) = f\gamma^{-n}[(1 - \beta \cos \theta)^{-n+\alpha} + (1 + \beta \cos \theta)^{-n+\alpha}], \quad (3)$$

where f is the intrinsic ratio, $f = \frac{S_{\text{core}}^{\text{in}}}{S_{\text{ext}}^{\text{in}}}$ (Fan & Zhang 2003), θ the viewing angle, γ the Lorentz factor, $\gamma = (1 - \beta^2)^{-1/2}$, β the relativistic bulk velocity, $\beta \equiv v/c$, α the radio spectral index and n depends on the shape of the emitted spectrum and the physical detail of the jet, $n = 2$ for continuous jet and $n = 3$ for blobs.

In the radio beaming model, it was assumed that the ratio of the beamed radio emission in the transverse direction, to the extended one is a constant (Orr & Browne

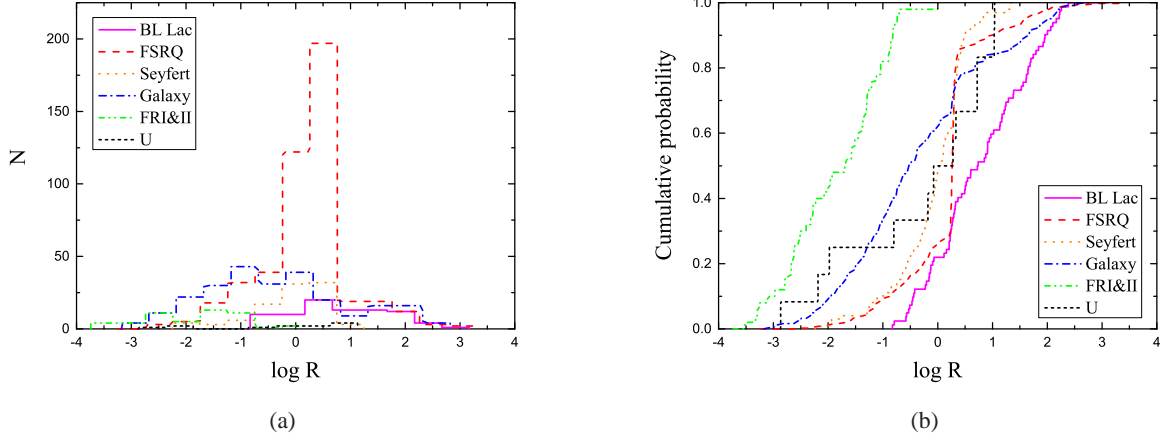


Fig. 1 Distribution of core-dominance parameter, $\log R$ (a) and the cumulative probability (b) for the whole sample. In this plot, magenta solid line refers for BL Lacs, red dashed line for FSRQs, orange dotted line for Seyferts, blue dash-dotted line for galaxies, green dash-dot-dotted line for FRI&IIs and black short dashed line for unidentified sources, respectively.

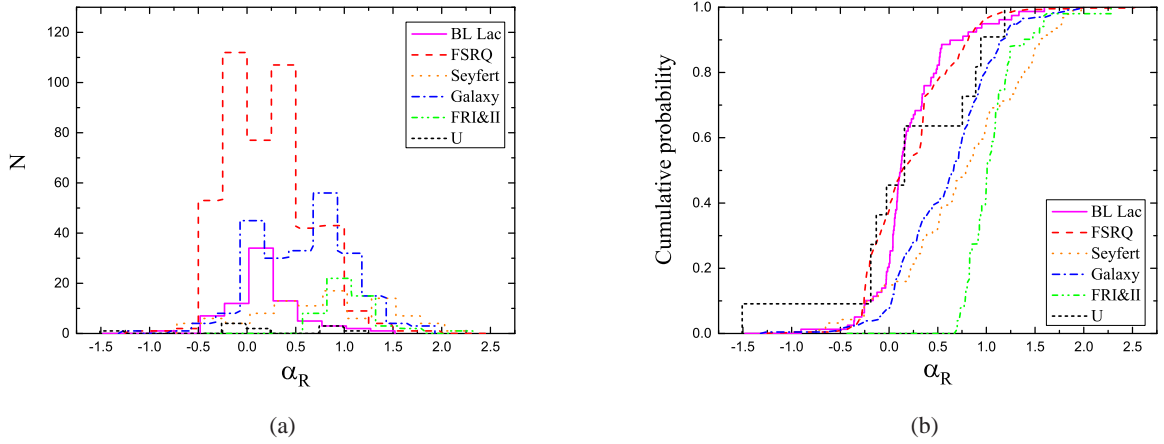


Fig. 2 Distribution of radio spectral index, α_R (a) and the cumulative probability (b) for the whole sample. In this plot, the representations for all sources are the same as Fig. 1.

Table 3 Average Values for the Whole Sample

Sample	N	$\langle \log R \rangle$	$\langle \alpha_R \rangle$	$\langle \log L_{\text{core}} \rangle$ ($\text{W} \cdot \text{Hz}^{-1}$)	$\langle \log L_{\text{ext}} \rangle$ ($\text{W} \cdot \text{Hz}^{-1}$)
Total	966	-0.06 ± 1.09	0.41 ± 0.55	24.69 ± 1.83	24.62 ± 1.88
BL Lac	83	0.80 ± 0.90	0.19 ± 0.44	25.34 ± 1.40	24.44 ± 1.82
FSRQ	473	0.15 ± 0.79	0.21 ± 0.43	25.64 ± 1.17	25.31 ± 1.35
Seyfert	101	-0.09 ± 1.40	0.77 ± 0.66	22.30 ± 1.87	22.35 ± 1.88
Galaxy	245	-0.35 ± 1.29	0.60 ± 0.50	23.67 ± 1.61	23.96 ± 1.85
FRI&II	52	-1.85 ± 0.91	1.03 ± 0.35	24.14 ± 1.40	25.97 ± 1.38
Unidentified	12	-0.33 ± 1.34	0.19 ± 0.75
Blazar	563	0.25 ± 0.84	0.20 ± 0.44

1982). Browne & Murphy (1987) applied this idea to the X-ray luminosity and assumed that the transverse beamed X-ray luminosity is also proportional to the extended one and proposed a parameter $g_x(\beta, \theta)$; namely, X-ray beaming factor, defined as (also see Fan et al. 2005)

$$g_x(\beta, \theta) = \frac{1}{2} [(1 - \beta \cos \theta)^{-(2+\alpha_x)} + (1 + \beta \cos \theta)^{-(2+\alpha_x)}], \quad (4)$$

where α_x is the spectral index of the beamed X-ray emission. The relation between R and $\beta \cos \theta$ can be derived from

$$R = R_T \frac{1}{2} [(1 - \beta \cos \theta)^{-2} + (1 + \beta \cos \theta)^{-2}], \quad (5)$$

which is valid for flat-spectrum radio AGNs. Here R_T is the radio at transverse orientation and Orr & Browne

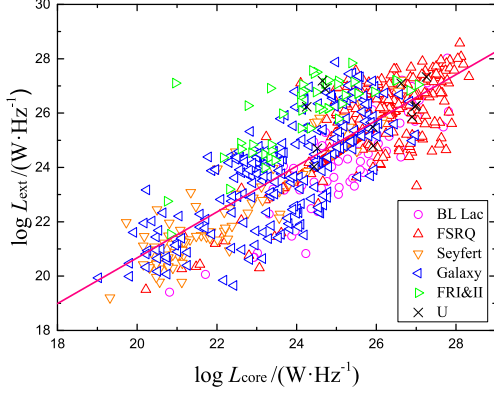


Fig. 3 Plot of the extended luminosity ($\log L_{\text{ext}}$) against the core luminosity ($\log L_{\text{core}}$) for the whole sample. Linear fitting gives that $\log L_{\text{ext}} = (0.84 \pm 0.02) \log L_{\text{core}} + (3.82 \pm 0.47)$ ($r = 0.82$, $p \sim 0$). In this plot, magenta \circ represents for BL Lac, red \triangle for FSRQ, orange ∇ for Seyfert, blue \triangleleft for galaxy, green \triangleright for FRI & FRII and black \times for unidentified sources.

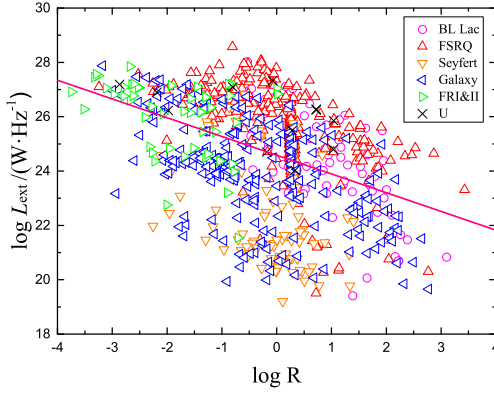


Fig. 4 Plot of the extended luminosity ($\log L_{\text{ext}}$) against the core-dominance parameter ($\log R$) for the whole sample. Linear fitting demonstrates that $\log L_{\text{ext}} = -(0.69 \pm 0.05) \log R + (24.58 \pm 0.06)$ ($r = -0.40$, $p \sim 0$). In this plot, all representations of labels are the same as Fig. 3.

(1982) obtained a value for R_T of 0.0024 from numerical fitting.

Consequently, one can expect that the X-ray beaming factor for a source, $g_x(\beta, \theta)$, can be obtained if the core-dominance parameter is given. Therefore, R is a good statistical measure and indicator of the relativistic beaming effect.

4.1 Correlation Analysis

We now turn our attention to linear correlation between the extended and core luminosity. In the two-component beaming model, the core emission is supposed to be the beamed component and the extended emission to be the unbeamed one. Because the core-dominance parameter can take the indication of orientation, thus $\log R$ is also the in-

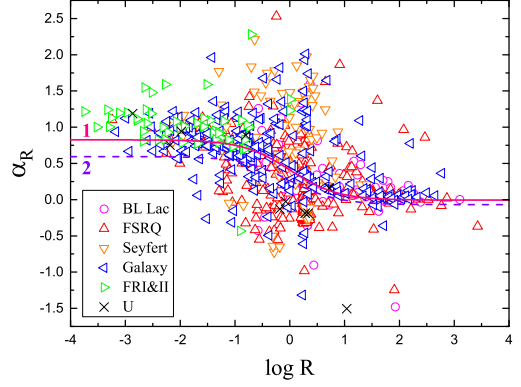


Fig. 5 Plot of the radio spectral index, α_R , against the core-dominance parameter, $\log R$, for the whole sample. In this plot, all representations of labels are the same as Fig. 3. Curve 1 in pink solid line corresponds to the derived fitting for all the sources as α_{core} (or α_j) = -0.01 and α_{ext} (or α_{unb}) = 0.83 , curve 2 in violet dashed line corresponds to the derived fitting for all the blazars as $\alpha_{\text{core}} = -0.07$ and $\alpha_{\text{ext}} = 0.59$.

dication of beaming effect. We use the extended luminosity at 5 GHz, $\log L_{\text{ext}}$ in units of $\text{W}\cdot\text{Hz}^{-1}$, to study the relationship between the beaming effect and unbeamed emission. Here, we K-corrected the flux densities, and then calculate the luminosity by $L_\nu = 4\pi d_L^2 S_\nu$, where d_L is the luminosity distance in the unit of Mpc. We obtain the relation that $\log L_{\text{ext}} = (0.84 \pm 0.02) \log L_{\text{core}} + (3.82 \pm 0.47)$ with a correlation coefficient $r = 0.82$ and a chance probability of $p \sim 0$ for the whole sample as shown in Figure 3, which shows that the extended luminosity L_{ext} increases with increasing core luminosity L_{core} .

Adopting the two-component model, the core-dominance parameter, $R = L_{\text{core}}/L_{\text{ext}}$, can be expressed by

$$1 + R = \frac{L_{\text{core}} + L_{\text{ext}}}{L_{\text{ext}}} = \frac{L_{\text{total}}}{L_{\text{ext}}}. \quad (6)$$

If we take the assumption that the total luminosity of our compiled sample, $L_{\text{total}} = L_{\text{core}} + L_{\text{ext}}$, is a constant, then we should expect that $R + 1$ is anti-correlated to L_{ext} when R is much larger than unity, and there is no correlation between R and L_{ext} when R is much smaller than unity (Fan et al. 2011; Pei et al. 2019a). A correlation between core-dominance parameter and extended luminosity is found for the whole sample (Fig. 4), which displays that $\log L_{\text{ext}} = -(0.69 \pm 0.05) \log R + (24.58 \pm 0.06)$ with a correlation coefficient $r = -0.40$ and a chance probability of $p \simeq 0$. In this plot, the representations of all symbols are the same as in Figure 3. This correlation implies that a lower extended luminosity source has a larger core-dominance parameter, R , showing either a large f or a large δ since $R \propto f\delta^p$ (Ghisellini et al. 1993).

This correlation is perhaps due to an evolutionary result. If the “young” AGNs have a powerful unremitting activity in the core or beamed component but the extended

radiation has not yet had the enough time to accumulate, then those “young” sources have weak extended emission but strong beamed emission, resulting in a large $\log R$ (Fan et al. 2011).

4.2 Correlation between Core-dominance Parameter and Radio Spectral Index

Based on the two component-model (Urry & Shafer 1984), Fan et al. (2010) obtained a significative correlation between core-dominance parameter, R , and radio spectral index, α_R

$$\alpha_{\text{total}} = \frac{R}{1+R}\alpha_{\text{core}} + \frac{1}{1+R}\alpha_{\text{ext}}, \quad (7)$$

where α_{total} , α_{core} and α_{ext} stand for total, core and extended components of radio spectral index α_R , respectively. We take the spectral index (α_R) that we calculated above is equal to the total component of spectral index for the sources, that is, $\alpha_R = \alpha_{\text{total}}$ under our consideration. We adopt this relationship to our sample and study the correlation between core-dominance parameter $\log R$ and the total radio spectral index α_{Total} , and obtain the theoretical derived fitting results of α_{core} and α_{ext} by minimizing $\Sigma[\alpha_{\text{total}} - \alpha_{\text{core}}R/(1+R) + \alpha_{\text{ext}}(1+R)]^2$ (also see Fan et al. 2011; Pei et al. 2019a).

The core-dominance parameters and radio spectral indices from Table 1 are plotted in Figure 5. When we adopt the above correlation in this current sample, $\alpha_{\text{core}} = -0.01 \pm 0.03$ and $\alpha_{\text{ext}} = 0.83 \pm 0.03$ are obtained with a chance probability of $p \sim 0$ ($\chi^2 = 0.23$, $R^2 = 0.24$). The fitting result is shown in Curve 1 in Figure 5. If we only consider the blazars, the derived fitting gives that $\alpha_{\text{core}} = -0.07 \pm 0.03$ and $\alpha_{\text{ext}} = 0.59 \pm 0.04$ with a chance probability of $p \sim 0$ ($\chi^2 = 0.16$, $R^2 = 0.16$) (see Curve 2 in Fig. 5). These derived results are consistent with the general consideration taking $\alpha_{\text{core}} = 0$ and $\alpha_{\text{ext}} = 0.75$ (Fan et al. 2011, also see Pei et al. 2016, 2019a).

When we consider the subclasses separately, we can obtain a plot of the spectral index against the core-dominance parameter as shown in Figure 6 (a) to (d) for BL Lacs, FSRQs, Seyfert galaxies and galaxies, respectively. The derived fitting results give that $\alpha_{\text{core}} = 0.03 \pm 0.06$ and $\alpha_{\text{ext}} = 0.66 \pm 0.14$ with a chance probability of $p = 2.00 \times 10^{-4}$ ($\chi^2 = 0.01$, $R^2 = 0.13$) for BL Lacs, $\alpha_{\text{core}} = -0.09 \pm 0.04$ and $\alpha_{\text{ext}} = 0.60 \pm 0.04$ with a chance probability of $p \sim 0$ ($\chi^2 = 0.16$, $R^2 = 0.17$) for FSRQs, $\alpha_{\text{core}} = 0.55 \pm 0.15$ and $\alpha_{\text{ext}} = 0.98 \pm 0.14$ with a chance probability of $p = 1.23 \times 10^{-12}$ ($\chi^2 = 0.43$, $R^2 = 0.02$) for Seyferts, $\alpha_{\text{core}} = 0.22 \pm 0.06$ and $\alpha_{\text{ext}} = 0.85 \pm 0.04$ with a chance probability of $p \sim 0$ ($\chi^2 = 0.19$, $R^2 = 0.21$) for galaxies, respectively. However, for FRIs and FRIIs, we cannot get an appropriate fitting. All results are given in Table 4. The tendency

for the spectral index to depend on the core-dominance parameter is probably due to the relativistic beaming effect and our fitting results imply that different subclasses show different degrees of relevance with regard to the beaming effect.

In this paper, following Fan et al. (2011) and Pei et al. (2019a), we obtain that $\log R|_{\text{BL Lac}} > \log R|_{\text{FSRQ}} > \log R|_{\text{Seyfert}} > \log R|_{\text{Galaxy}} > \log R|_{\text{FRI\&FRII}}$ averagely, and also roughly consistent with the distributions of their beaming factor values (e.g., Jorstad et al. 2005; Richards & Lister 2015; Sun et al. 2015; Xue et al. 2017). For the circumstances of α_R , we have a similar conclusion, on average, $\alpha_R|_{\text{Blazar}} < \alpha_R|_{\text{Seyfert/Galaxy}} < \alpha_R|_{\text{FRI\&FRII}}$, which is in accordance with our previous study (see Fan et al. 2011; Pei et al. 2019a).

For the blazars in our current sample, we also found that the relation $\langle \log R \rangle|_{\text{BL Lac}} > \langle \log R \rangle|_{\text{FSRQ}}$ holds, which is semblable with the results drawn in Fan et al. (2011) and Pei et al. (2019a). However, this result does not indicate that the beaming effect on BL Lacs is stronger than FSRQs. Fan (2003) studied the intrinsic ratio f defined in Equation (3), and found that, f of BL Lacs is on average higher than FSRQs, suggesting that the emissions from the jet are more dominant of BL Lacs from the unbeamed line emissions compared with FSRQs. This result can also explain the differences in line emissions and polarizations between BL Lacs and FSRQs (Fan 2003).

Although many researchers have studied the unification model for BL Lacs \sim FRIs and quasars \sim FRIIs (e.g., Urry et al. 1991; Xie et al. 1993; Ubachukwu & Chukwude 2002; Odo & Ubachukwu 2013; Xue et al. 2017), they all proposed that BL Lacs are unified with FRIs while quasars should be unified with FRIIs. Similar results are also obtained based on infrared (Fan et al. 1997) and X-ray studies (Wang et al. 2006). In the popular unification scenario by the relativistic beaming effect, BL Lacs are believed to be the beamed counterparts of FRI radio galaxies, while quasars are believed to be the beamed counterparts of FRII radio galaxies (Urry & Padovani 1995). However, we only have 32 FR type I radio galaxies and 20 type II galaxies in our latest sample, thus we do not proceed with this unified scheme. The related studies can be seen our previous work (Fan et al. 2011; Pei et al. 2019a).

The correlation between the core-dominance parameter R and radio spectral index α_R and extragalactic radio sources is a significant study. Fan et al. (2011) and Pei et al. (2019a) calculated the core-dominance parameters and the radio spectral indices for the compiled samples, and gave the relationship between α and $\log R$, indicating that α_R is associated with $\log R$. We also suggest that the relativistic beaming effect may result in an association between spectral index and core-dominance parameter for extragalactic sources in radio emission (also see Pei et al. 2016). In the two-component beaming model, the relative prominence

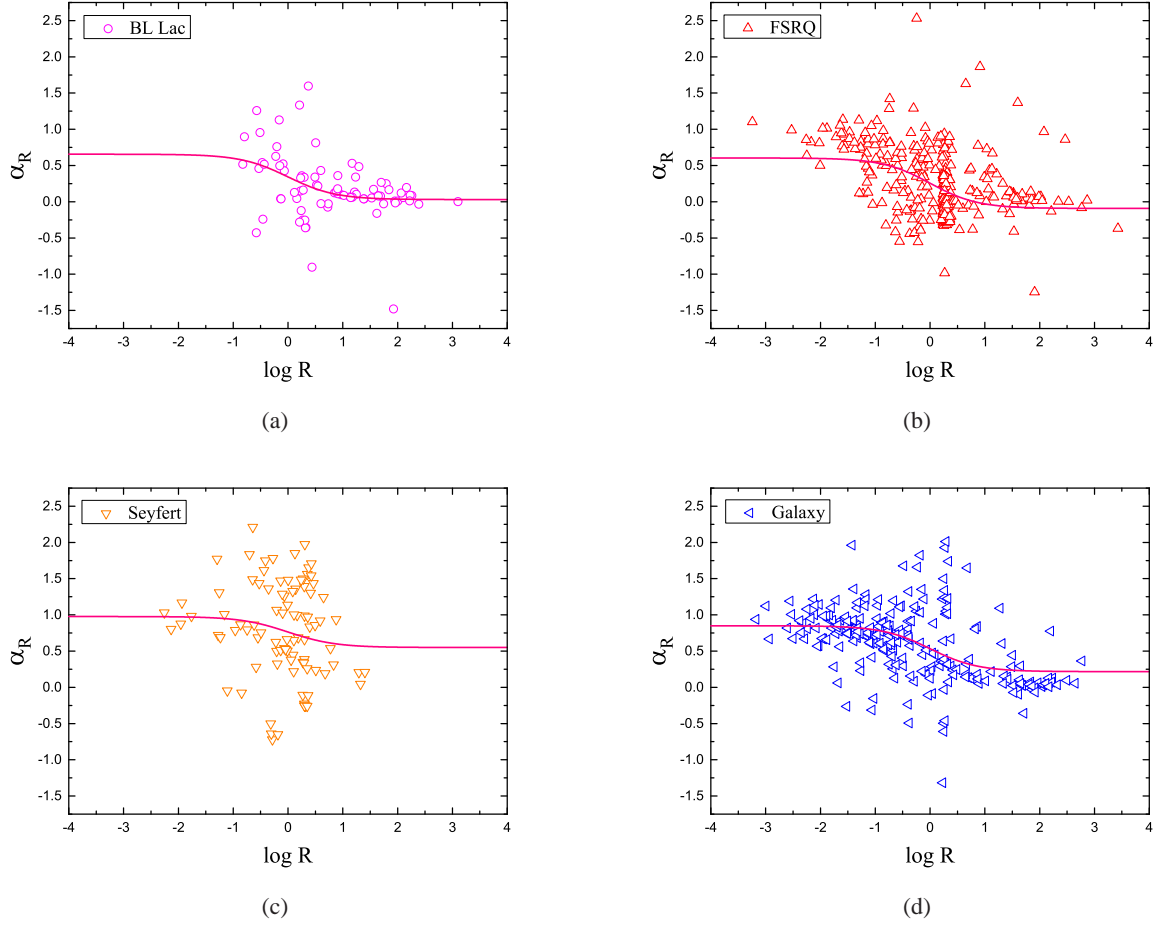


Fig. 6 Plot of the radio spectral index, α_R , against the core-dominance parameter, $\log R$, for BL Lacs (a), FSRQs (b), Seyfert galaxies (c) and galaxies (d). The derived fitting corresponds to α_{core} (or α_j) = 0.03 and α_{ext} (or α_{unb}) = 0.66 for BL Lacs (a), α_{core} (or α_j) = -0.09 and α_{ext} (or α_{unb}) = 0.60 for FSRQs (b), α_{core} (or α_j) = 0.55 and α_{ext} (or α_{unb}) = 0.98 for Seyferts (c) and α_{core} (or α_j) = 0.22 and α_{ext} (or α_{unb}) = 0.85 for galaxies (d), respectively.

Table 4 The Derived Fitting Results for Radio Spectral Index Against Core-dominance Parameter for the Whole Sample

Sample	α_{core}	α_{ext}	χ^2	R^2	p
Total	-0.01 ± 0.03	0.83 ± 0.03	0.23	0.24	~ 0
BL Lac	0.03 ± 0.06	0.66 ± 0.14	0.17	0.13	2.00×10^{-4}
FSRQ	-0.09 ± 0.04	0.60 ± 0.04	0.16	0.17	~ 0
Blazar	-0.07 ± 0.03	0.595 ± 0.04	0.16	0.16	~ 0
Seyfert	0.55 ± 0.15	0.98 ± 0.14	0.43	0.02	1.23×10^{-12}
Galaxy	0.22 ± 0.06	0.85 ± 0.04	0.19	0.21	~ 0
FRI&II

Table 5 Comparison of Statistical Results Among Fan et al. (2011), Pei et al. (2019a) and This Work

Sample	N			$\langle \log R \rangle$			$\langle \alpha_R \rangle$			α_{core}			α_{ext}		
	Fan11	Pei19	TW	Fan11	Pei19	TW	Fan11	Pei19	TW	Fan11	Pei19	TW	Fan11	Pei19	TW
Total	1223	2400	966	-0.35	-0.34	-0.06	0.51	0.41	0.41	-0.07	-0.08	-0.01	0.92	1.04	0.83
BL Lac	77	250	83	0.87	0.55	0.80	0.16	0.22	0.19	-0.01	-0.02	-0.09	0.65	0.70	0.66
FSRQ	495	520	473	0.13	0.24	0.15	0.36	0.15	0.21	-0.09	-0.34	-0.09	0.89	0.60	0.60
Seyfert	180	175	101	-0.39	-0.37	-0.09	0.53	0.43	0.77	-0.01	...	0.55	0.91	...	0.98
Galaxy	280	1178	245	-0.93	-0.67	-0.35	0.73	0.57	0.60	-0.01	-0.05	0.22	0.91	0.88	0.85
FRI&II	119	153	52	-1.99	-1.26	-1.85	0.94	0.63	1.03	0.34	-0.12	...	0.97	1.04	...

Notes: Here, ‘Fan11’, ‘Pei19’ and ‘TW’ refer to Fan et al. (2011), Pei et al. (2019a) and this work, respectively.

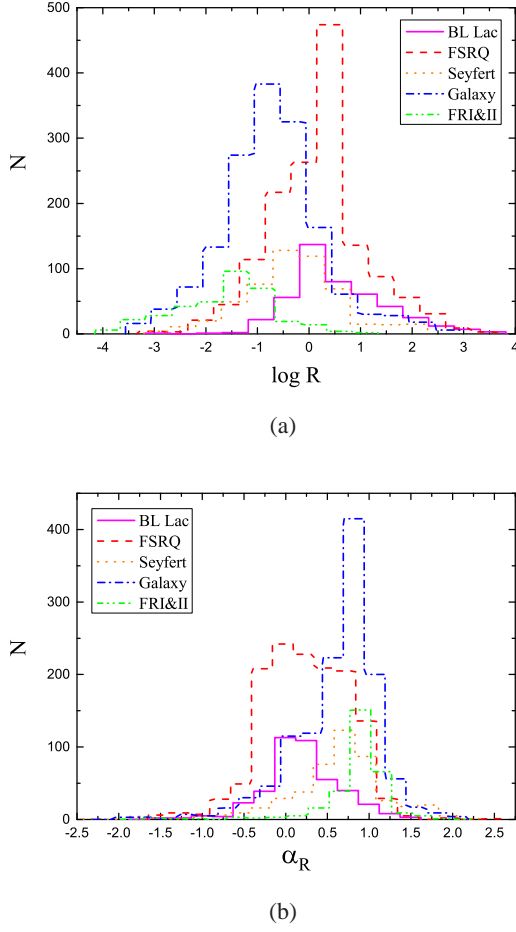


Fig. 7 Distributions of core-dominance parameter, $\log R$ (a) and radio spectral index, α_R (b) for all the sample combined with Fan et al. (2011), Pei et al. (2019a) and this work. In this plot, the representations for all sources are the same as Fig. 1.

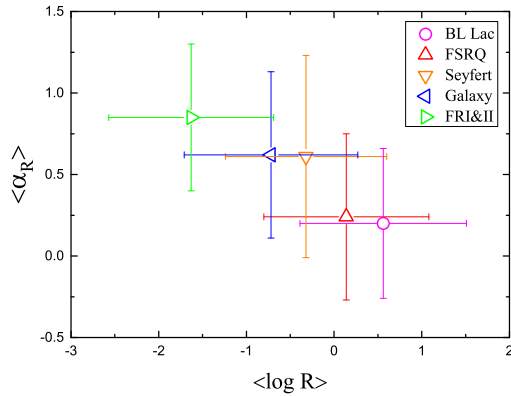


Fig. 8 Plot of the average values of radio spectral indices ($\langle \alpha_R \rangle$) against core-dominance parameters ($\langle \log R \rangle$) with error bar for this work together with the previous two samples (Fan et al. 2011; Pei et al. 2019a). In this plot, all representations of labels are the same as Fig. 3.

of the core regarding to the extended emission defined as the ratio of core-to-extended-flux density measured in the rest frame of the source $\log R$ has become a suitable statistical measure of orientation and a good indicator of the beaming effect.

In our previous work (Fan et al. 2011; Pei et al. 2019a), we collected 1223 and 2400 AGNs, respectively. In this paper, we enlarge the AGNs sample and 966 sources are included. They are 83 BL Lacs, 473 FSRQs, 101 Seyferts, 245 galaxies, 52 FRIs & FRIIs and 12 unidentified sources (including 7 BCUs). We also discuss the relation between core-dominance parameter ($\log R$) and radio spectral index (α_R) by adopting Equation (7), and we obtain a similar relation and gain the derived fitting values for α_{core} and α_{ext} as well. The comparison of previous work and this paper is presented in Table 5.

When we combine all the sources listed in Fan et al. (2011), Pei et al. (2019a) and this work, we obtain a large catalog with 4589 sources including relative to available $\log R$, and we have that $\langle \log R \rangle|_{\text{BL Lac}} = 0.56 \pm 0.95$ for BL Lacs; $\langle \log R \rangle|_{\text{FSRQ}} = 0.14 \pm 0.94$ for FSRQs; $\langle \log R \rangle|_{\text{Seyfert}} = -0.32 \pm 0.92$ for Seyferts; $\langle \log R \rangle|_{\text{Galaxy}} = -0.72 \pm 0.99$ for galaxies and $\langle \log R \rangle|_{\text{FRI\&II}} = -1.63 \pm 0.94$ for FRIs&FRIIs (see Table 6). The K-S test demonstrates that $p = 3.08 \times 10^{-12}$ ($d_{\text{max}} = 0.20$) for BL Lacs and FSRQs; $p = 1.09 \times 10^{-26}$ ($d_{\text{max}} = 0.28$) for FSRQs and Seyferts; $p = 6.46 \times 10^{-25}$ ($d_{\text{max}} = 0.27$) for Seyferts and galaxies; $p = 5.30 \times 10^{-41}$ ($d_{\text{max}} = 0.40$) for galaxies and FRIs&FRIIs. Therefore, we can draw our conclusion that there is a sequence for core-dominance parameter in the subclasses of AGNs: $\log R|_{\text{BL Lac}} > \log R|_{\text{FSRQ}} > \log R|_{\text{Seyfert}} > \log R|_{\text{Galaxy}} > \log R|_{\text{FRI\&II}}$, averagely, which is associated with the beaming model.

For α_R , we also obtain that $\langle \alpha_R \rangle|_{\text{BL Lac}} = 0.20 \pm 0.46$ for BL Lacs; $\langle \alpha_R \rangle|_{\text{FSRQ}} = 0.24 \pm 0.51$ for FSRQs; $\langle \alpha_R \rangle|_{\text{Seyfert}} = 0.61 \pm 0.62$ for Seyferts; $\langle \alpha_R \rangle|_{\text{Galaxy}} = 0.62 \pm 0.51$ for galaxies and $\langle \alpha_R \rangle|_{\text{FRI\&II}} = 0.85 \pm 0.45$ for FRIs&FRIIs (also see Table 6). The K-S test shows that $p = 3.79 \times 10^{-4}$ ($d_{\text{max}} = 0.11$) for BL Lacs and FSRQs; $p = 5.79 \times 10^{-94}$ ($d_{\text{max}} = 0.38$) for FSRQs and Seyferts/galaxies; $p = 6.60 \times 10^{-25}$ ($d_{\text{max}} = 0.33$) for Seyferts/galaxies and FRIs&FRIIs. We also reveal a sequence of radio spectral index in the subclasses: on average, $\alpha_R|_{\text{BL Lac}} < \alpha_R|_{\text{FSRQ}} < \alpha_R|_{\text{Seyfert/Galaxy}} < \alpha_R|_{\text{FRI\&II}}$. These two sequences elucidate the relationship between $\log R$ and α_R extends over all the sources in the larger sample combined with Fan et al. (2011), Pei et al. (2019a) and this work. Figure 8 displays the plot of the averaged of radio spectral indices ($\langle \alpha_R \rangle$) against core-dominance parameters ($\langle \log R \rangle$) for all the sources combined together with the previous two samples.

Table 6 Statistical Results Combined With Fan et al. (2011), Pei et al. (2019a) and This Work

Sample	N	$\langle \log R \rangle$	$\langle \alpha_R \rangle$
BL Lac	410	0.56 ± 0.95	0.20 ± 0.46
FSRQ	1488	0.14 ± 0.94	0.24 ± 0.51
Seyfert	456	-0.32 ± 0.92	0.61 ± 0.62
Galaxy	1703	-0.72 ± 0.99	0.62 ± 0.51
FRI&II	324	-1.63 ± 0.94	0.85 ± 0.45

According to Equation (7), in the relativistic beaming scenario for highly beamed sources, we have $\log R \gg 0$, which leads to $\alpha_{\text{total}} \approx \alpha_{\text{core}} \cdot \alpha_R$ is dominated by α_{ext} for the case $\log R \ll 0$. Therefore, we can consider that the association between core-dominance parameters and spectral indices may suggest that relativistic beaming could influence the spectral characteristics of this extreme class of objects.

5 CONCLUSIONS

From our discussions, given the core-dominance parameters, $\log R$ and radio spectral indices, α_R , the α_{core} and α_{ext} can be obtained. In this paper, we compile 966 objects with the relevant data to calculate the core-dominance parameters. We enlarge the AGN sample with the available core-dominance parameters and we also make a further statistical analysis. A larger catalog has been generated, combined with our previous papers (Fan et al. 2011; Pei et al. 2019a). These samples with core-dominance parameters provide us a significant implementation to shed new light on the fascinating aspects of AGNs, such as blazars. Now we draw the following conclusions:

1. Core-dominance parameters ($\log R$) are quite different for different subclasses of AGNs: on average, the following sequence holds: $\log R|_{\text{BL Lac}} > \log R|_{\text{FSRQ}} > \log R|_{\text{Seyfert}} > \log R|_{\text{Galaxy}} > \log R|_{\text{FRI\&II}}$.

2. A theoretical correlation fitting between core-dominance parameter ($\log R$) and radio spectral index (α_R) is adopted and also obtained for all subclasses, which indicates the radio spectral index is dependent on the core-dominance parameter, probably from the relativistic beaming effect. $\alpha_{\text{core}} = -0.01$ and $\alpha_{\text{ext}} = 0.83$ are achieved in this work.

3. There is an anti-correlation between extended-luminosity ($\log L_{\text{ext}}$) and core-dominance parameter in different kinds of objects.

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