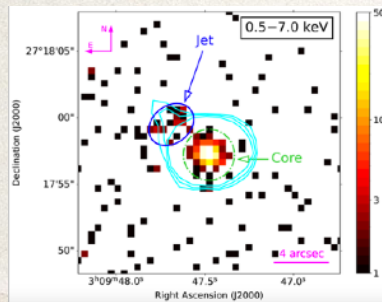
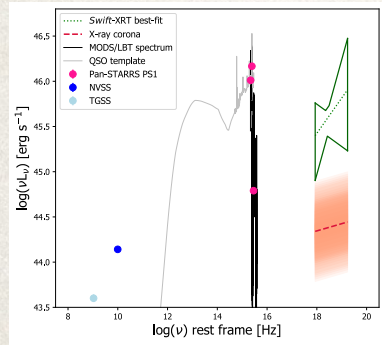
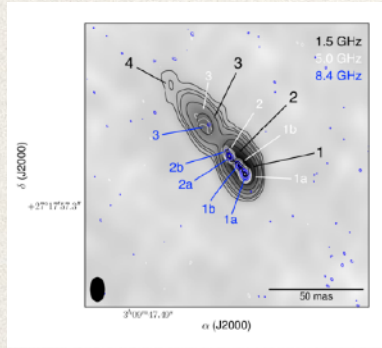
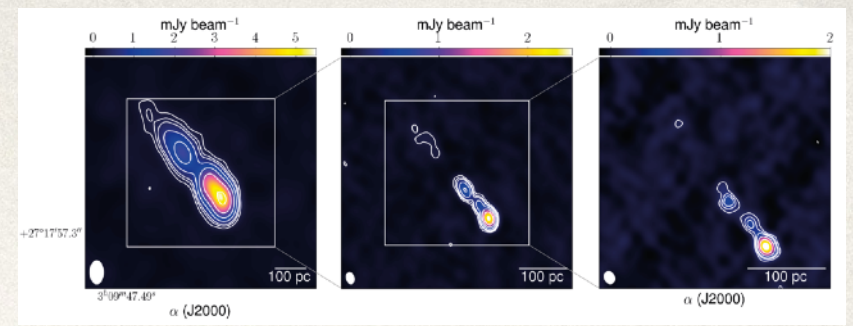
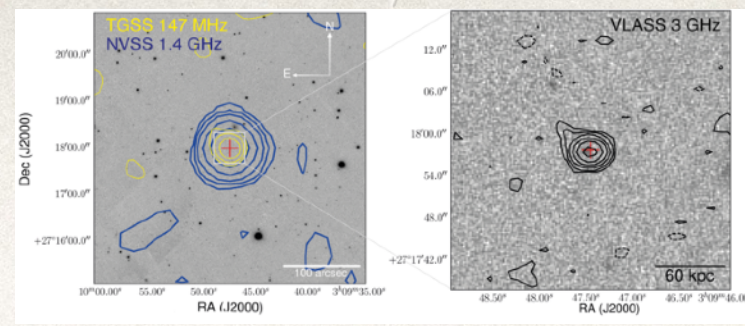
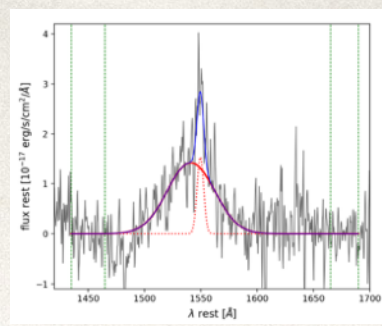
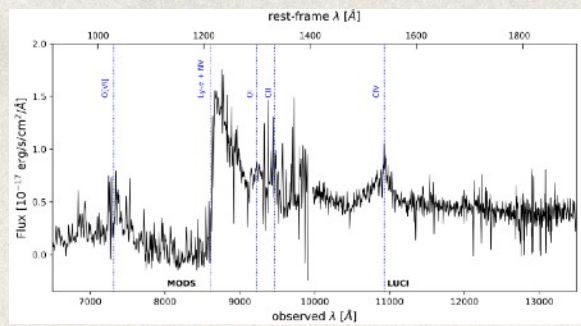
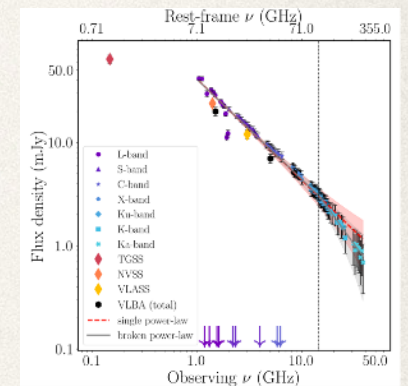
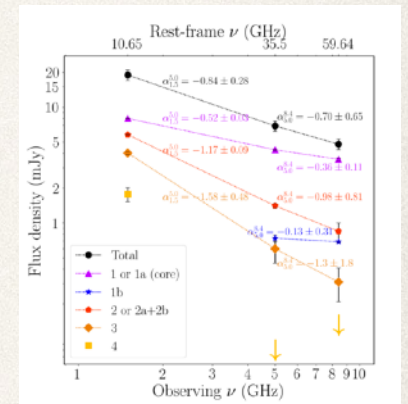
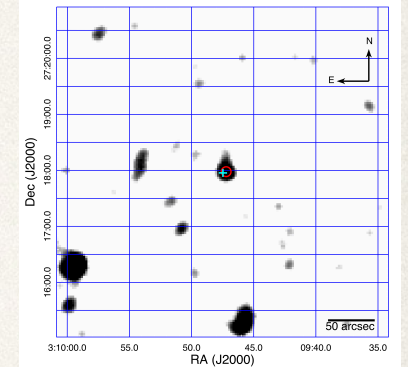


A detailed overview of PSOJ0309+27: a blazar at $z > 6$



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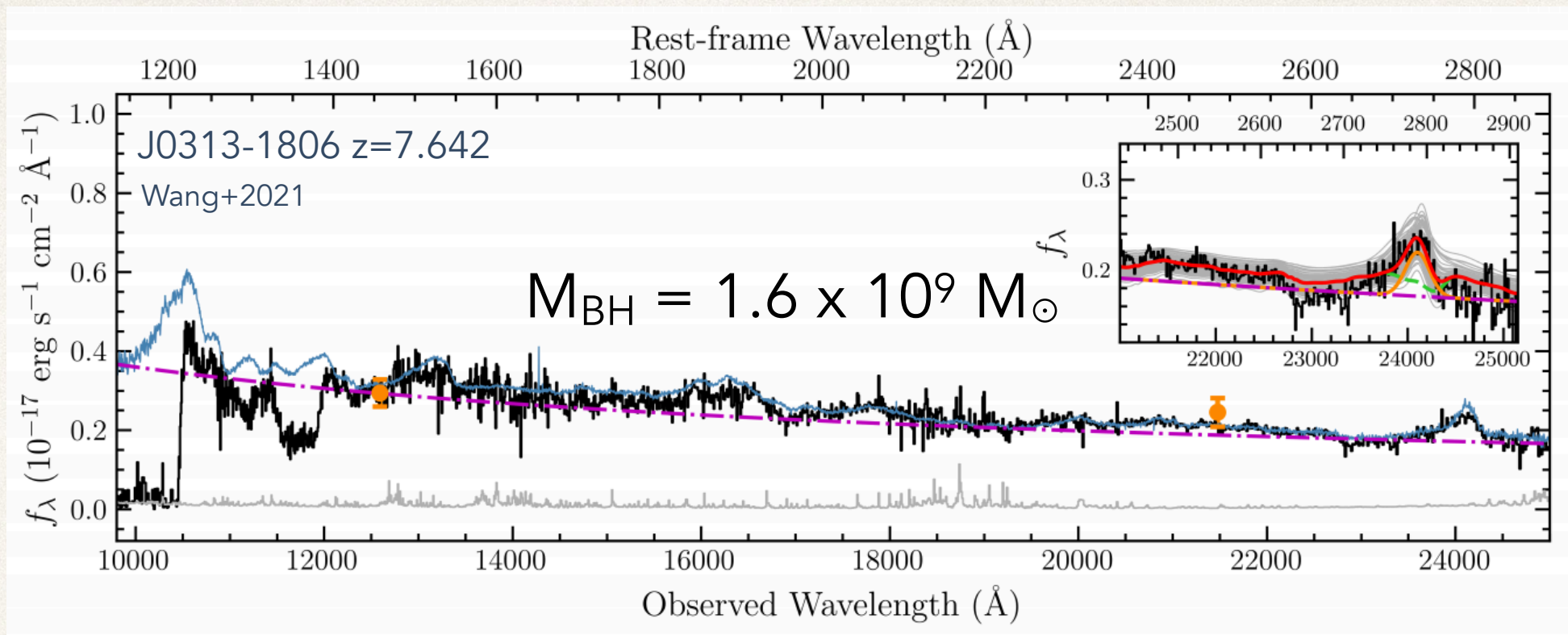
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When and how the first SMBHs formed in the Universe?



Efficient and faster accretion process



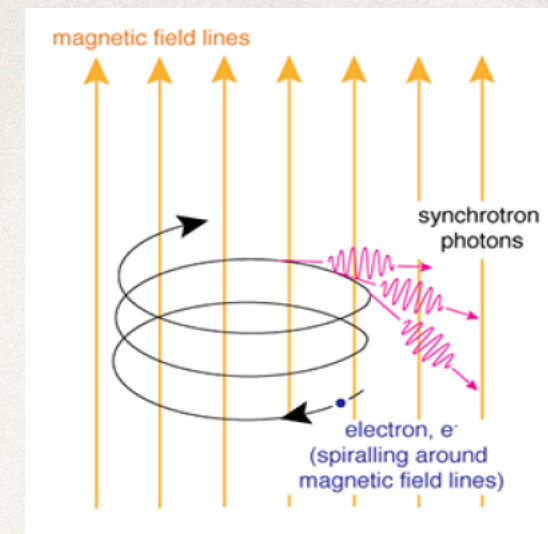
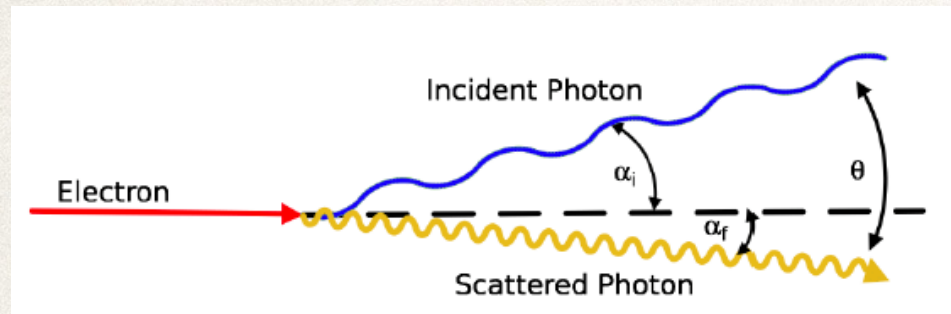
Radio-Loud Active Galactic Nuclei (RL AGNs)

10% of the total population (e.g. Bañados+15, Liu+20)

Relativistic jets launched directly from the central BH

Jet emission: non thermal processes $\longrightarrow$ synchrotron

inverse Compton



Jet formation: a combination of magnetic fields and **rotation** $\longrightarrow$ *Kerr (spinning) BH*

Blandford+77

Blandford+97; Tchekhovskoy+11

High radiation efficiency = longer growth time
 $L = \eta \dot{M} c^2$ with $\eta = 0.3$

Difficult to explain observed $10^8 - 10^9 M_\odot$ SMBHs hosted in RL AGNs at high redshift

very massive seed black holes ($M_{BH} > 10^6 M_\odot$)

not already predicted from theoretical models *e.g. Volonteri+10, Valiante+17*

A census of high-z RL AGNs $\longrightarrow$ Role of relativistic jets in BH and galaxy growth

Volonteri+15

Problem: the jet emission depends on the viewing angle (θ)

$$S_{obs} = S_{em} \times \delta^{n-\alpha}$$

$$\delta = \frac{1}{\Gamma[1 - \beta \cos(\theta)]}$$

Doppler factor

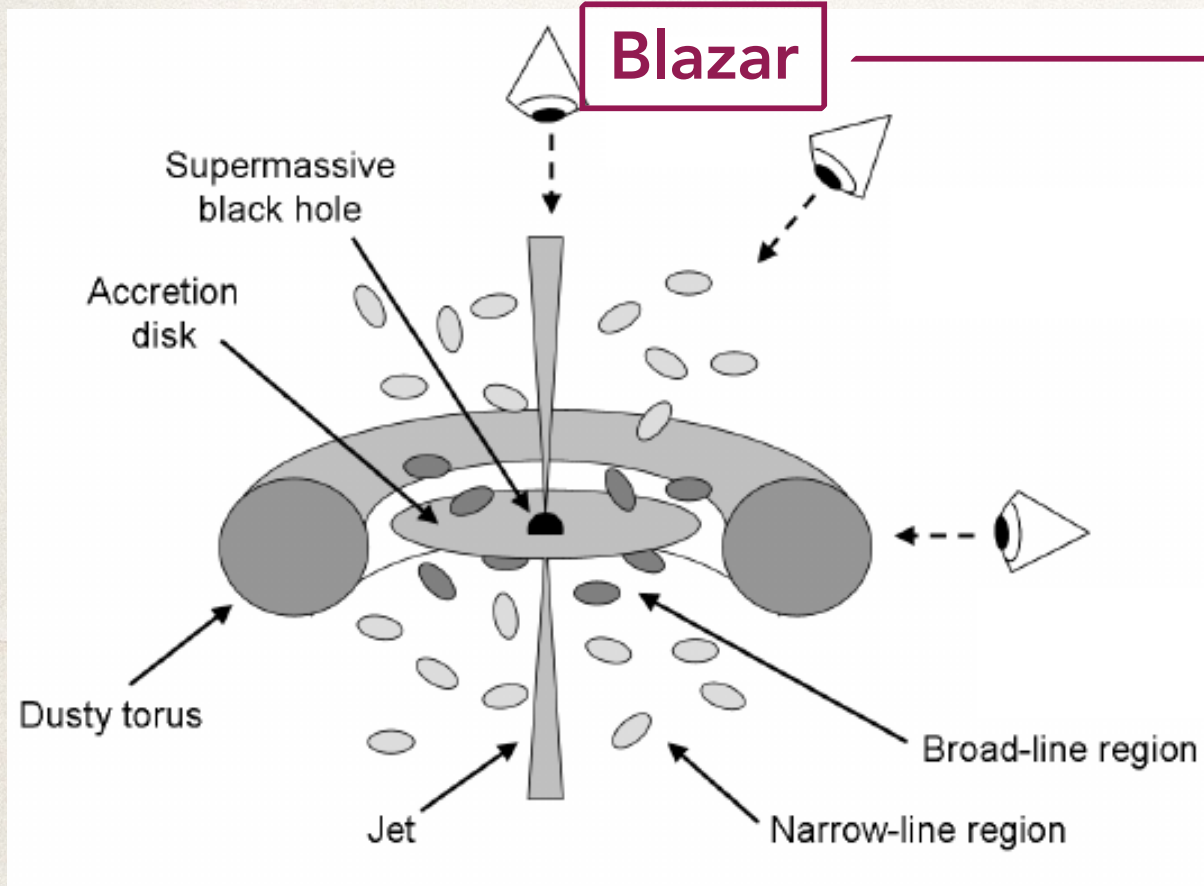
$$\Gamma = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 - \beta^2}}$$

Bulk Lorentz factor, $\Gamma \sim 5-15$

$$\theta \leq (1/\Gamma)$$

FSRQ, BL Lac

Blazar



- Relativistic beaming $\rightarrow$ amplified luminosity
- Statistical relevance

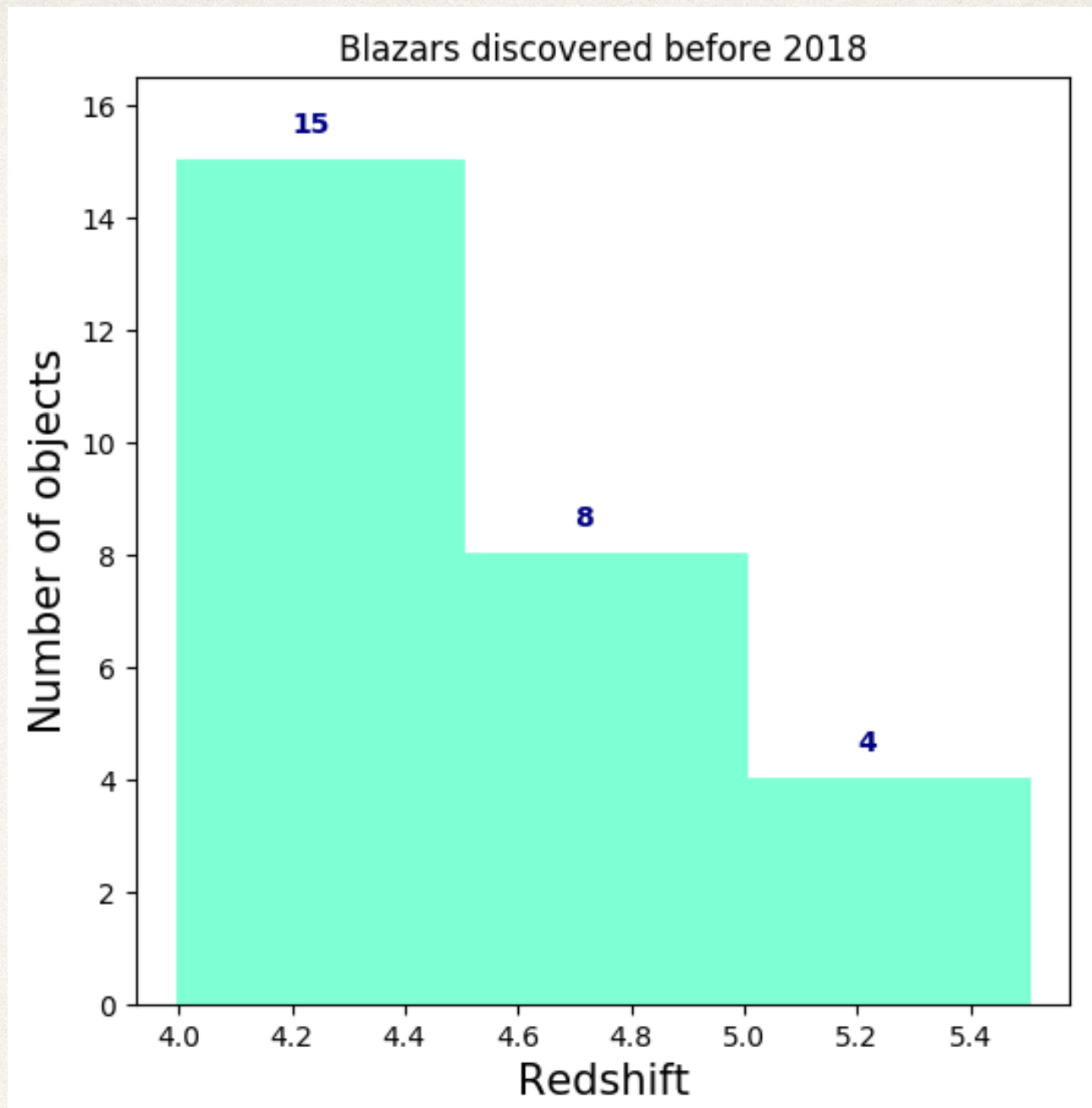
$$N_{tot} \approx N_{blazar} \times 2\Gamma^2$$

Ghisellini+10, Volonteri+11, Sbarrato+15

Census (free from orientation effects)
of the RL AGN population (and SMBHs)

“Find one to count an hundred”

The state of art:



The most distant : $z=5.47$

Romani et al. (2004)

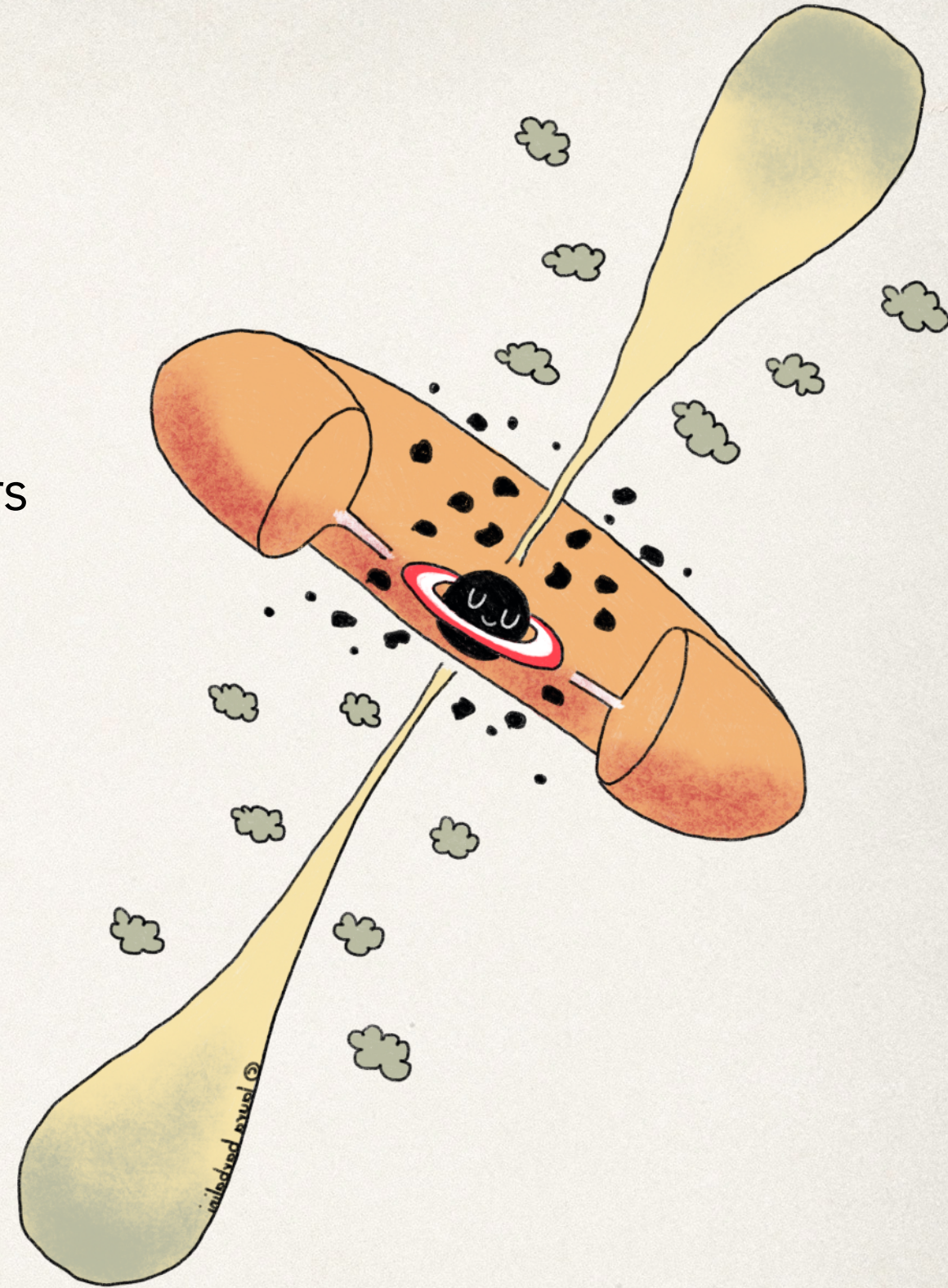
-Selection of the largest statistically complete sample of $z>4$ blazars —> Caccianiga, Moretti, SB et al. (2019)

-Discovery of new blazars at $z > 5$ —> e.g. Belladitta et al. (2019)

-Search for blazars at z between 5.5 and 6.5

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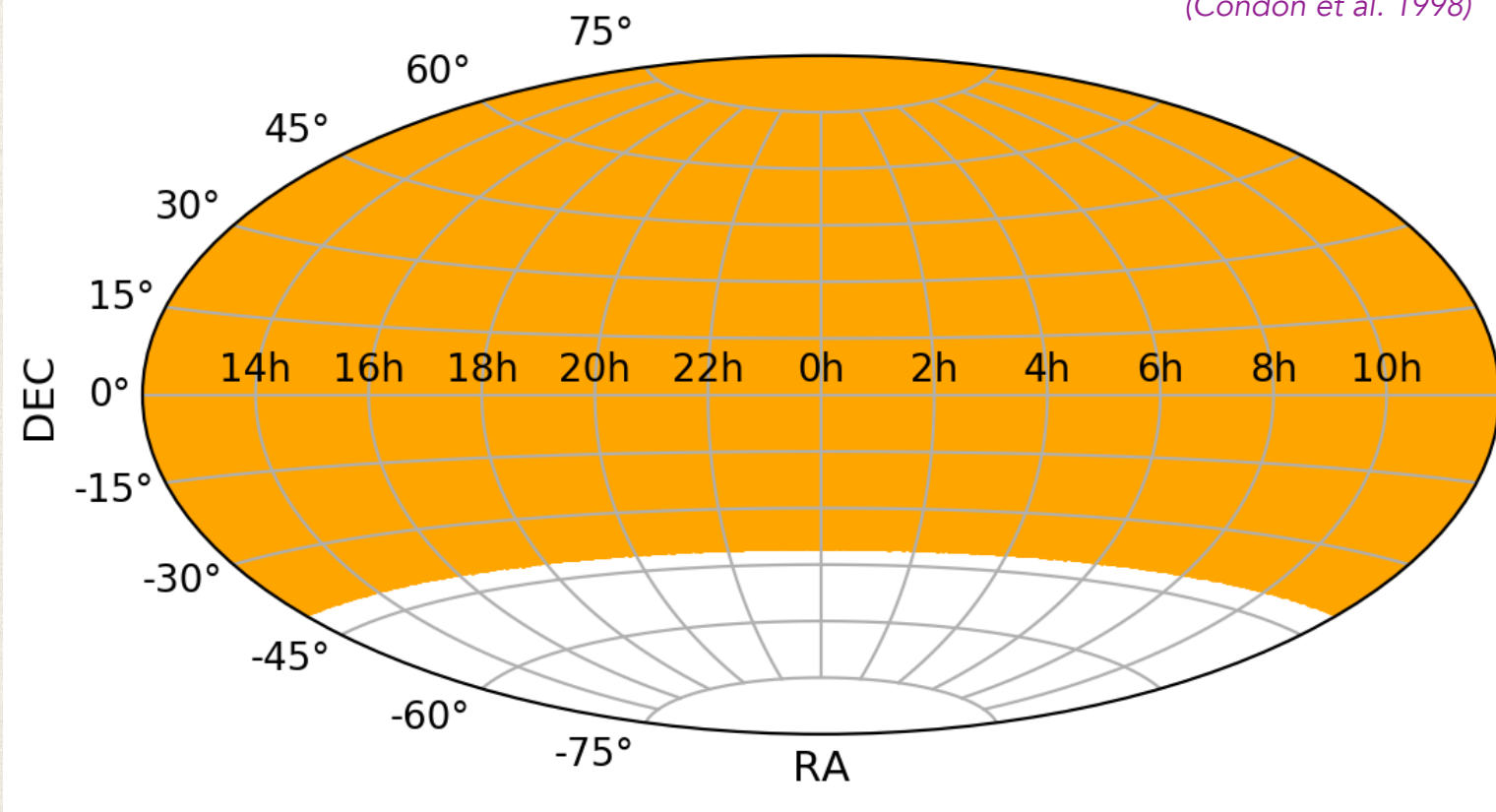
The selection method: the drop-out technique

Blazars = radio emitters —> starting point = radio catalogs

= rare sources —> wide field surveys (covering large fraction of sky)

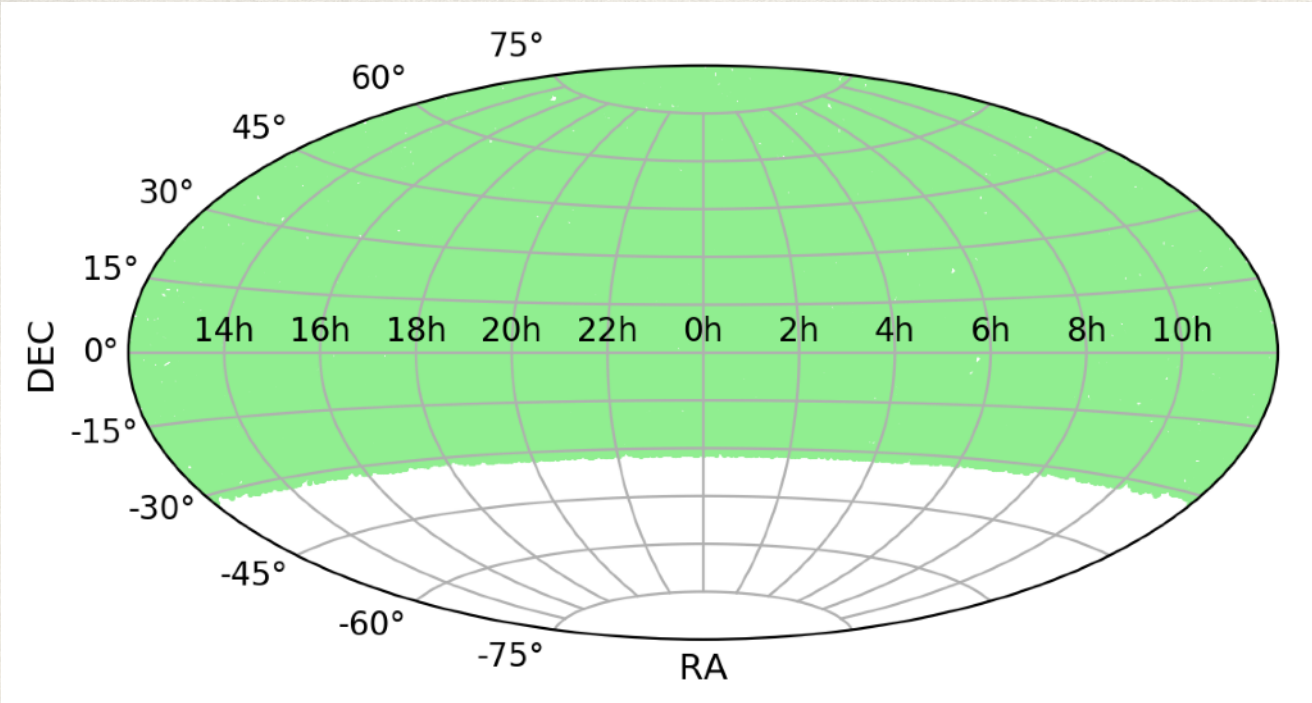
NRAO VLA Sky Survey (NVSS)

(Condon et al. 1998)



Frequency (GHz)	1.4
Area (deg ²)	33800
Flux limit (mJy)	2.3
Resolution (arcsec)	45

Cross-match with an optical/IR catalog



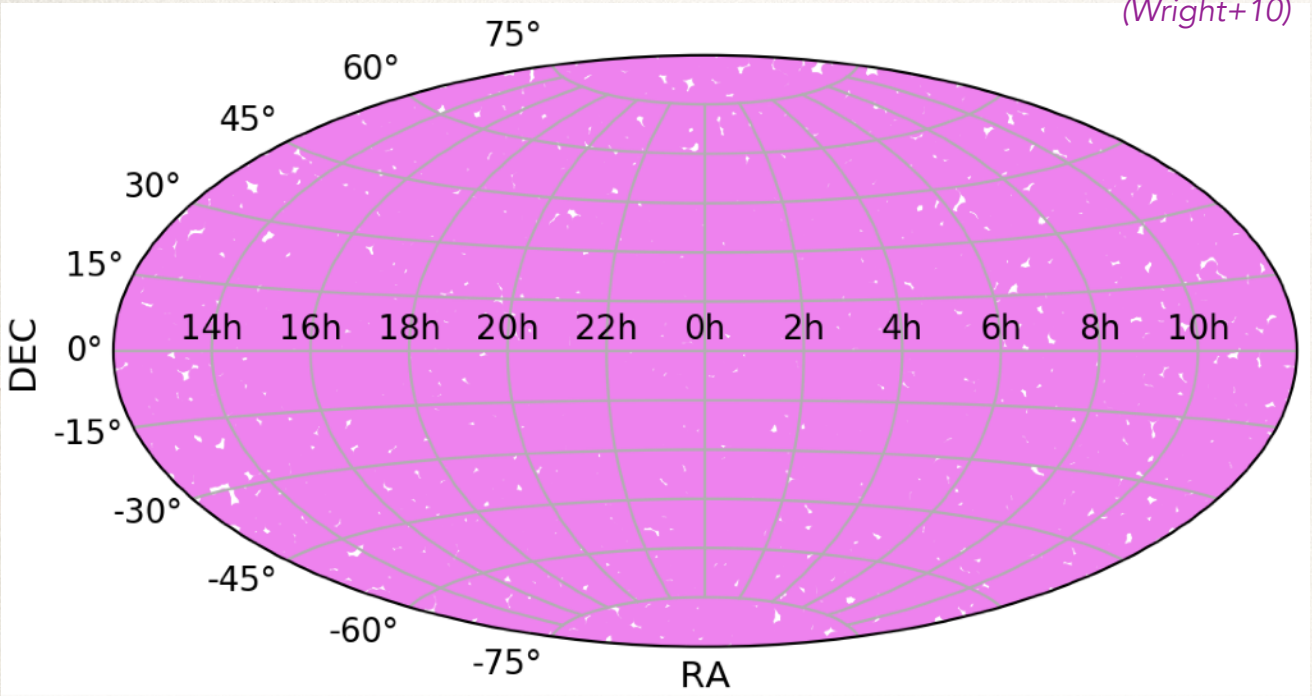
Panoramic Survey Telescope and Rapid Response System (Pan-STARRS)

(Kaiser+02, +10, Chambers+16)

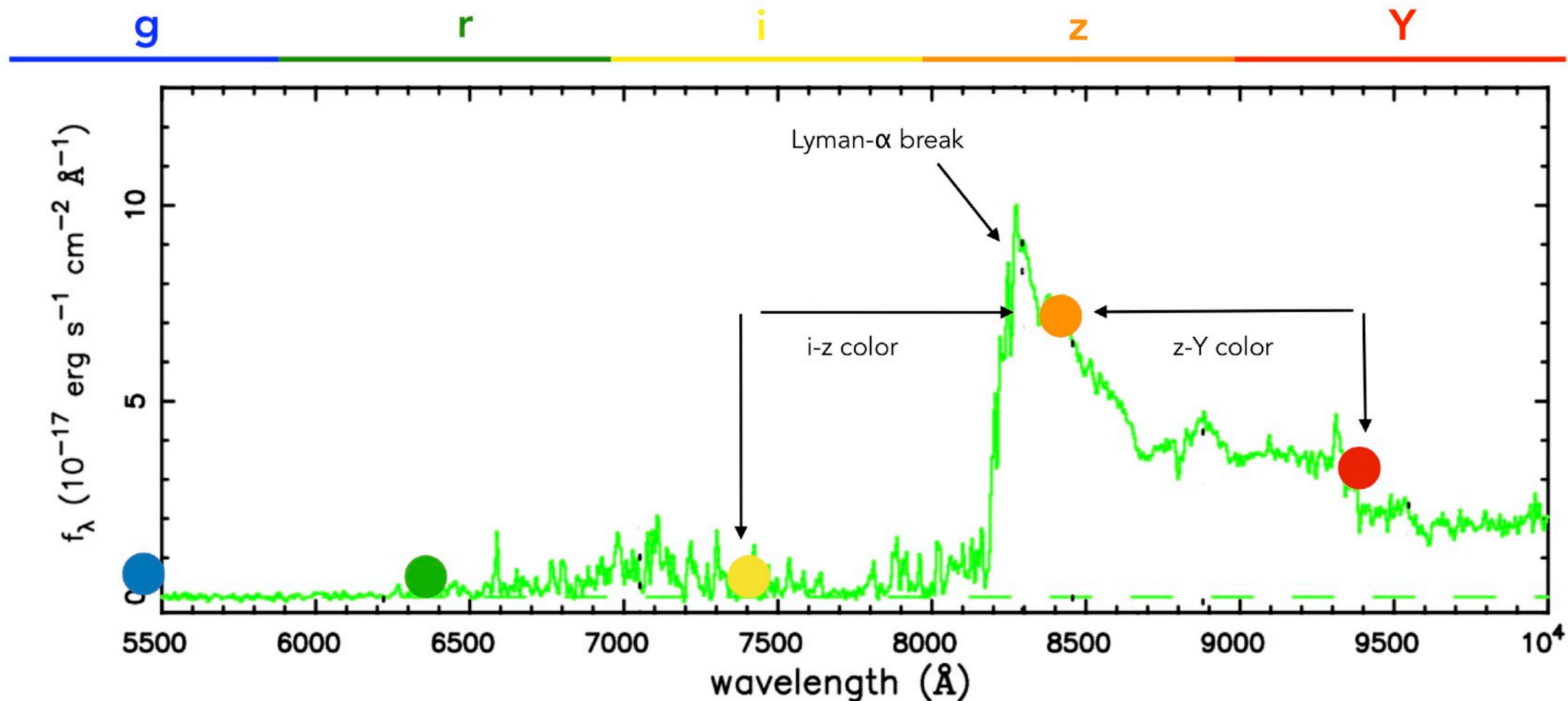
	Area (deg ²)	Filters	Mag limit
Pan-STARRS	28800	g,r,i, z,y	23.3 23.2 23.1 22.4 21.4
WISE	All sky	w1,w2, w3,w4	19.6 19.3 16.7 14.6

Wide-field Infrared Survey Explored (WISE)

(Wright+10)



Broad band photometry (mag) in different filters



Search for sources with **red color** between two filters (i-dropout)

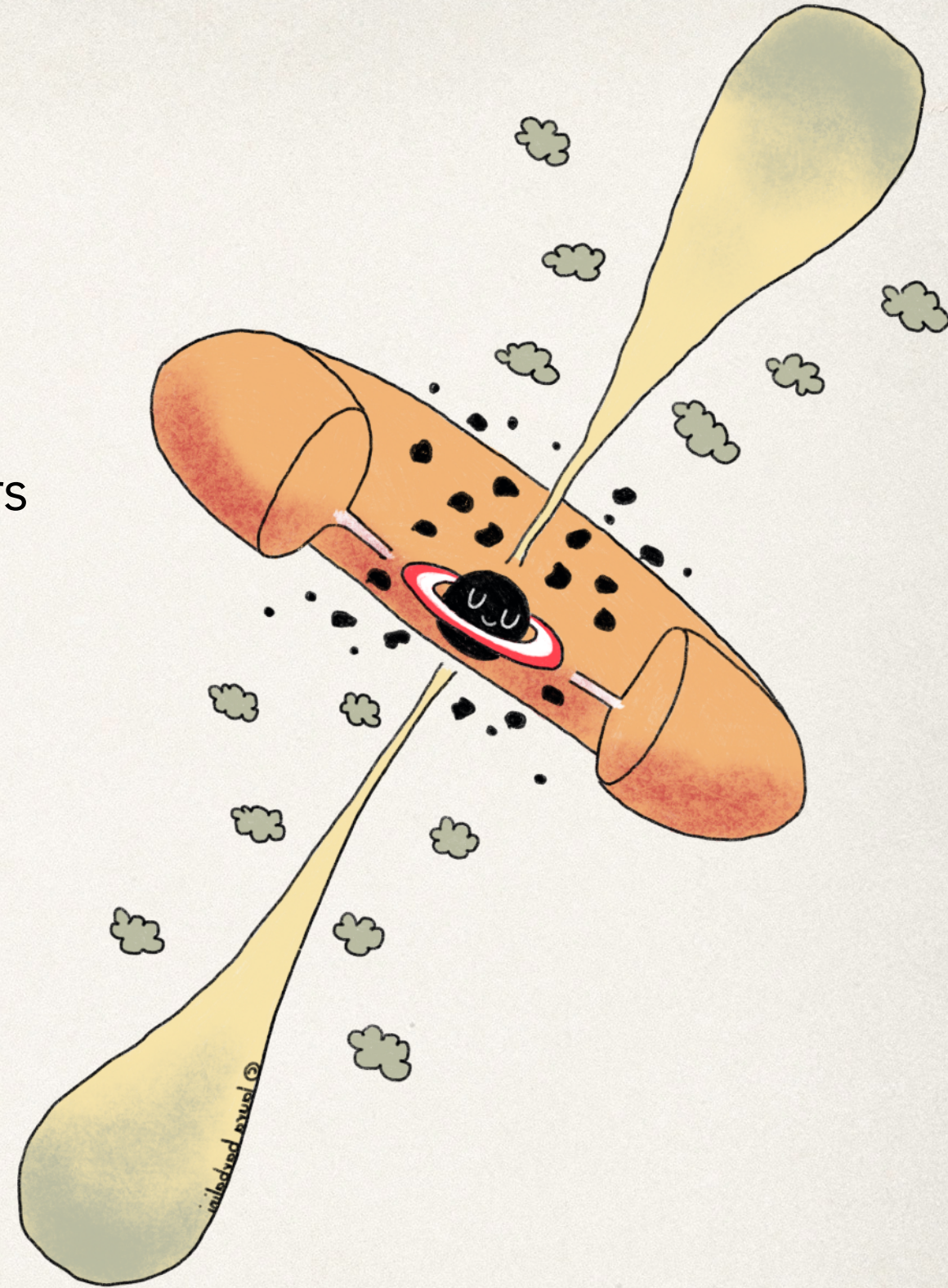
Ask for **telescope time** to spectroscopically observed the selected candidates

Contaminants

- Brown Dwarf
- Low-z (z=1-2) AGNs *Elliptical radio galaxies / Reddened AGNs*

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Searching for $5.5 < z < 6.5$ blazars in the NVSS+PS1 surveys

i-dropout
(high i-z)

Selection criteria:

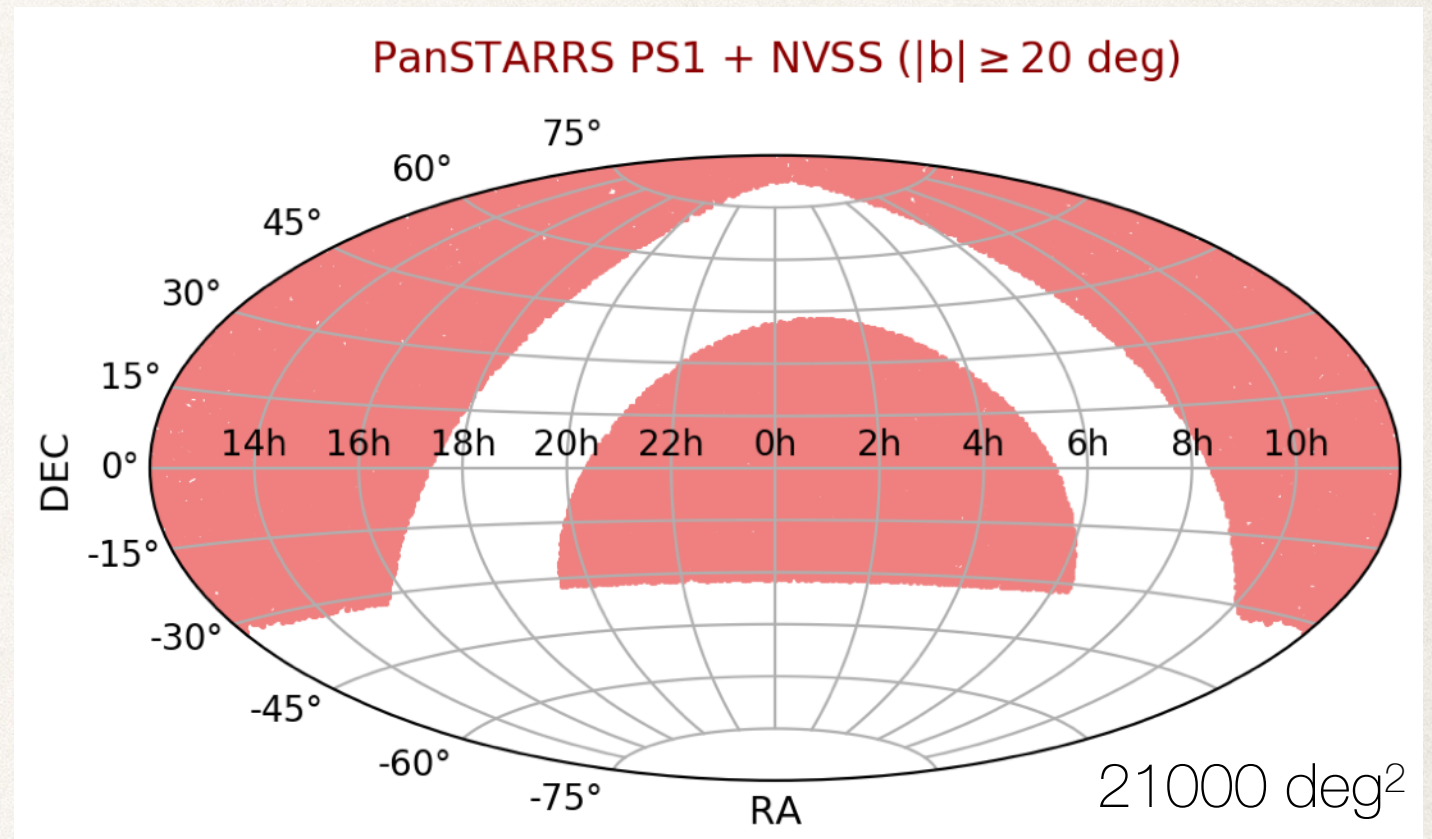
- . F radio > 9 mJy
- . Point like (both radio and optical)
- . z mag < 21.5
- . i-z > 1.1
- . z-Y < 0.5
- . z-W2 < 5
- . No detection in g and r bands
- . $|b| > 20^\circ$



7 candidates

(1 RL AGN already discovered by Bañados+18)

6 proposed for LBT observations

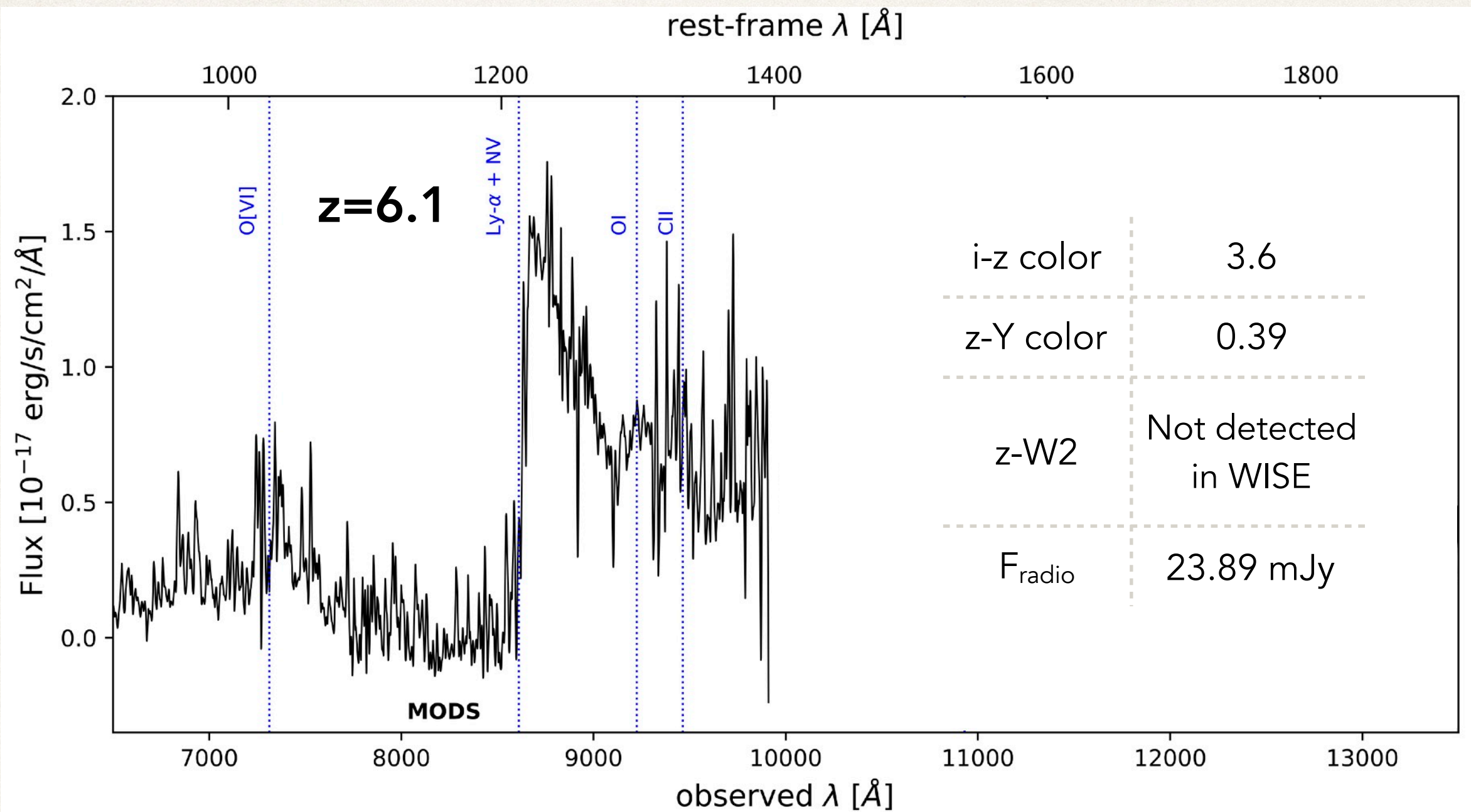


4 observed between 2019 and 2021

. 2 Stars

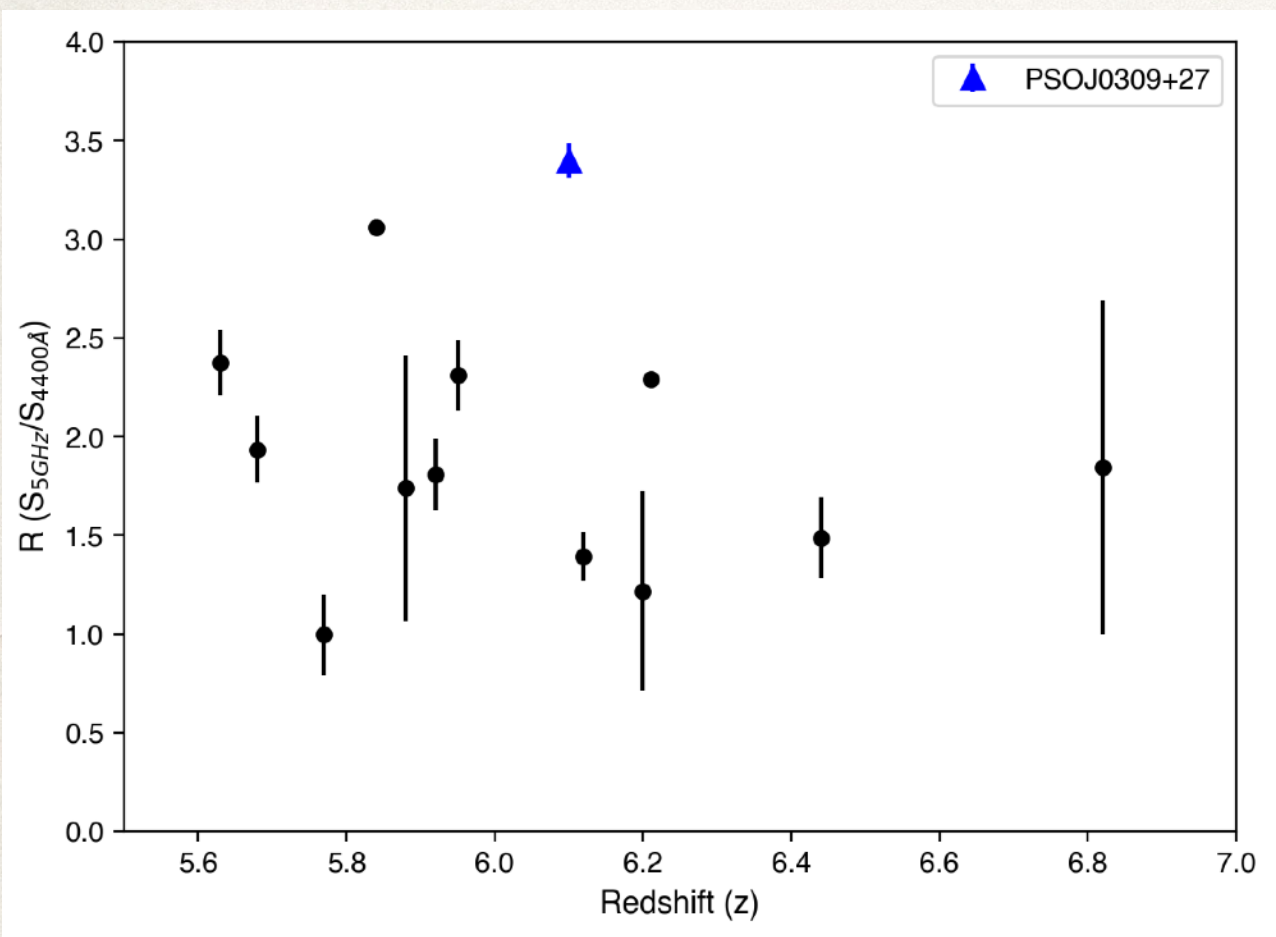
. Low-z galaxy

. **PSOJ030947.49+271757.31**



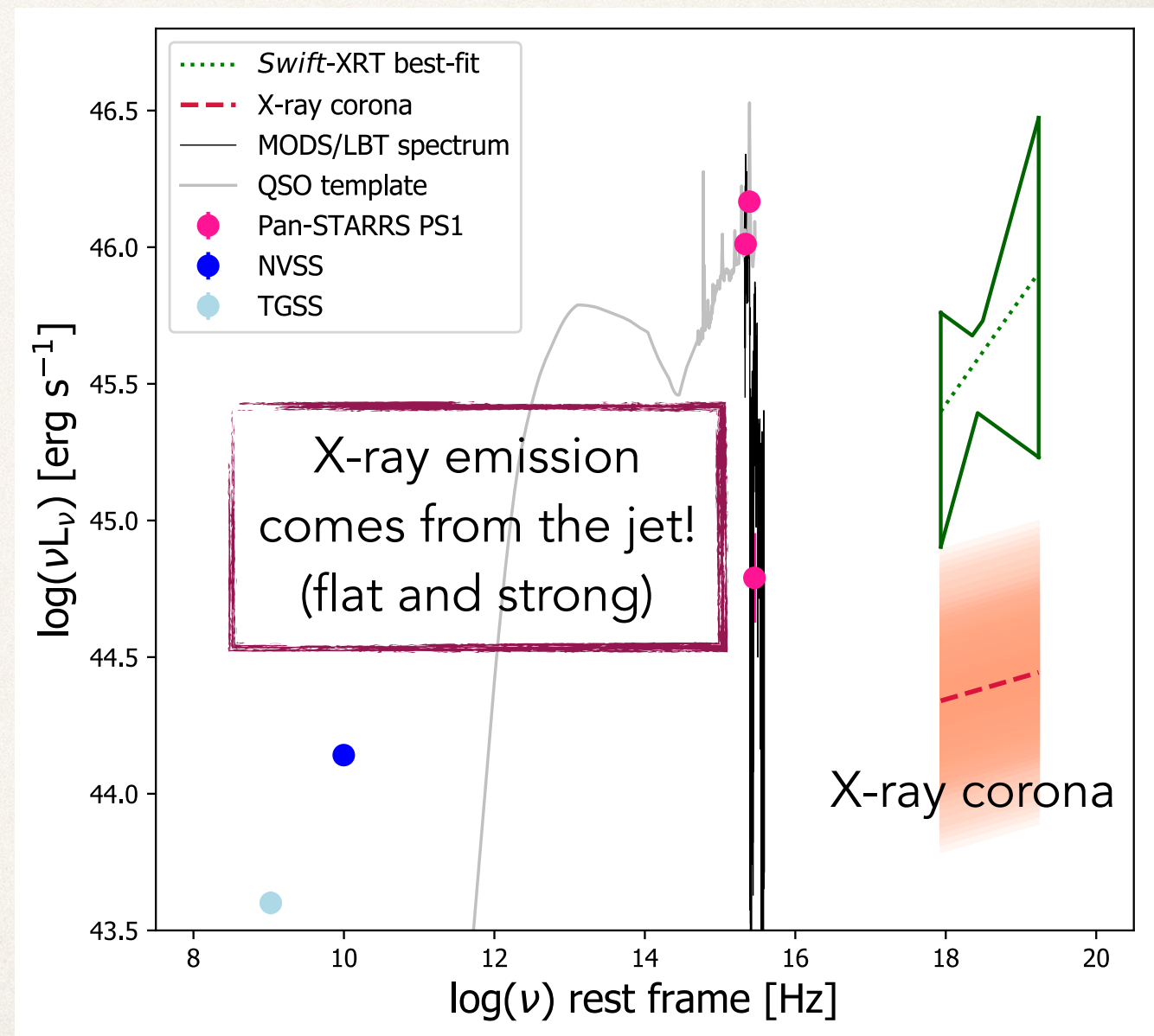
"Blazar-ness"

- flat radio spectrum : $\alpha = 0.4$ (between 0.15_(TGSS) and 1.4_(NVSS) GHz)
- very powerful in radio band : $R = 2500$
- very powerful in X-ray band : $\Gamma_x = 1.6$; Flux [0.5-10]keV = 3.4×10^{-14} erg/s/cm²



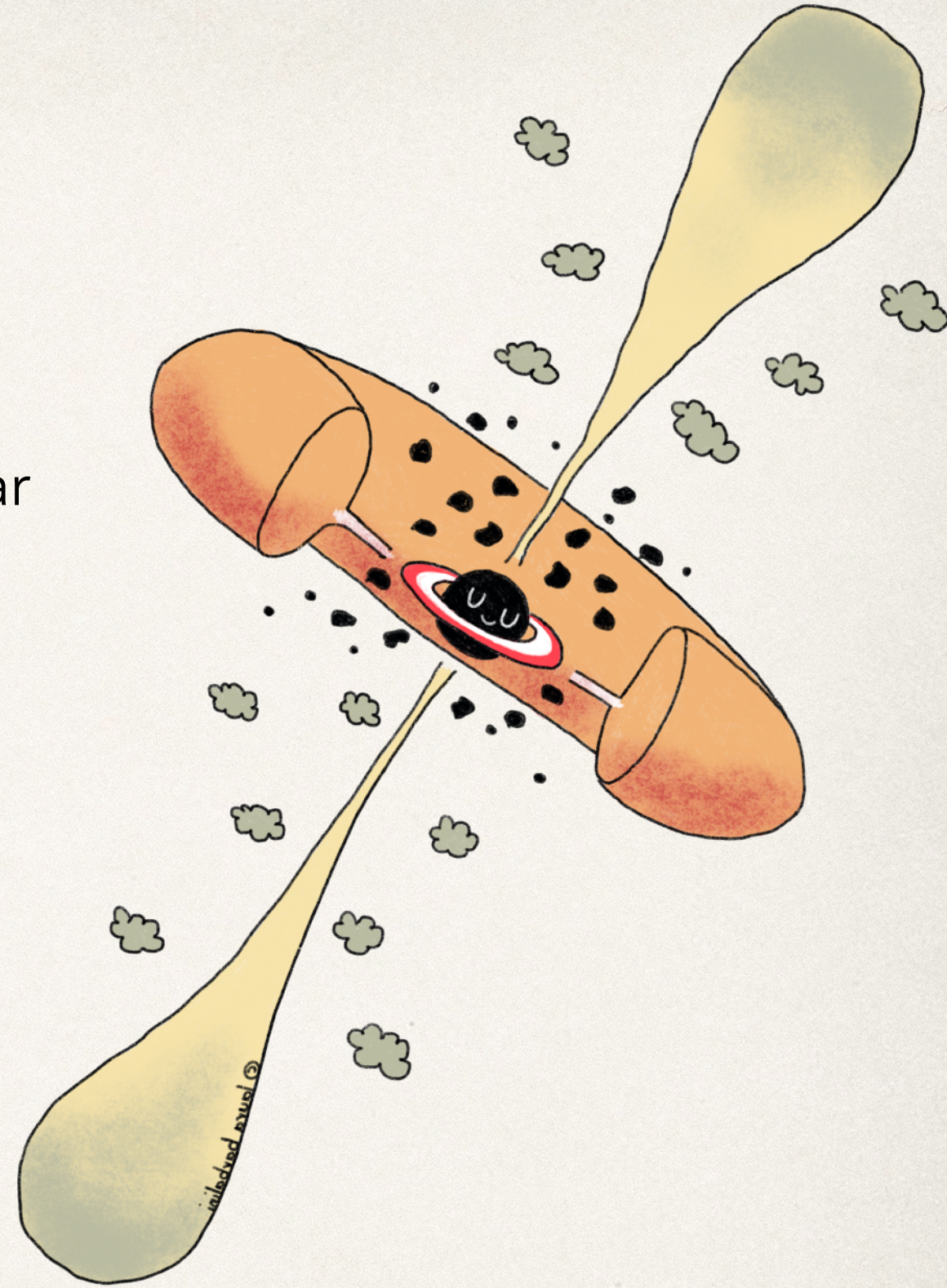
Belladitta S. et al. (2020)

LBT, Media INAF, Insubria press release



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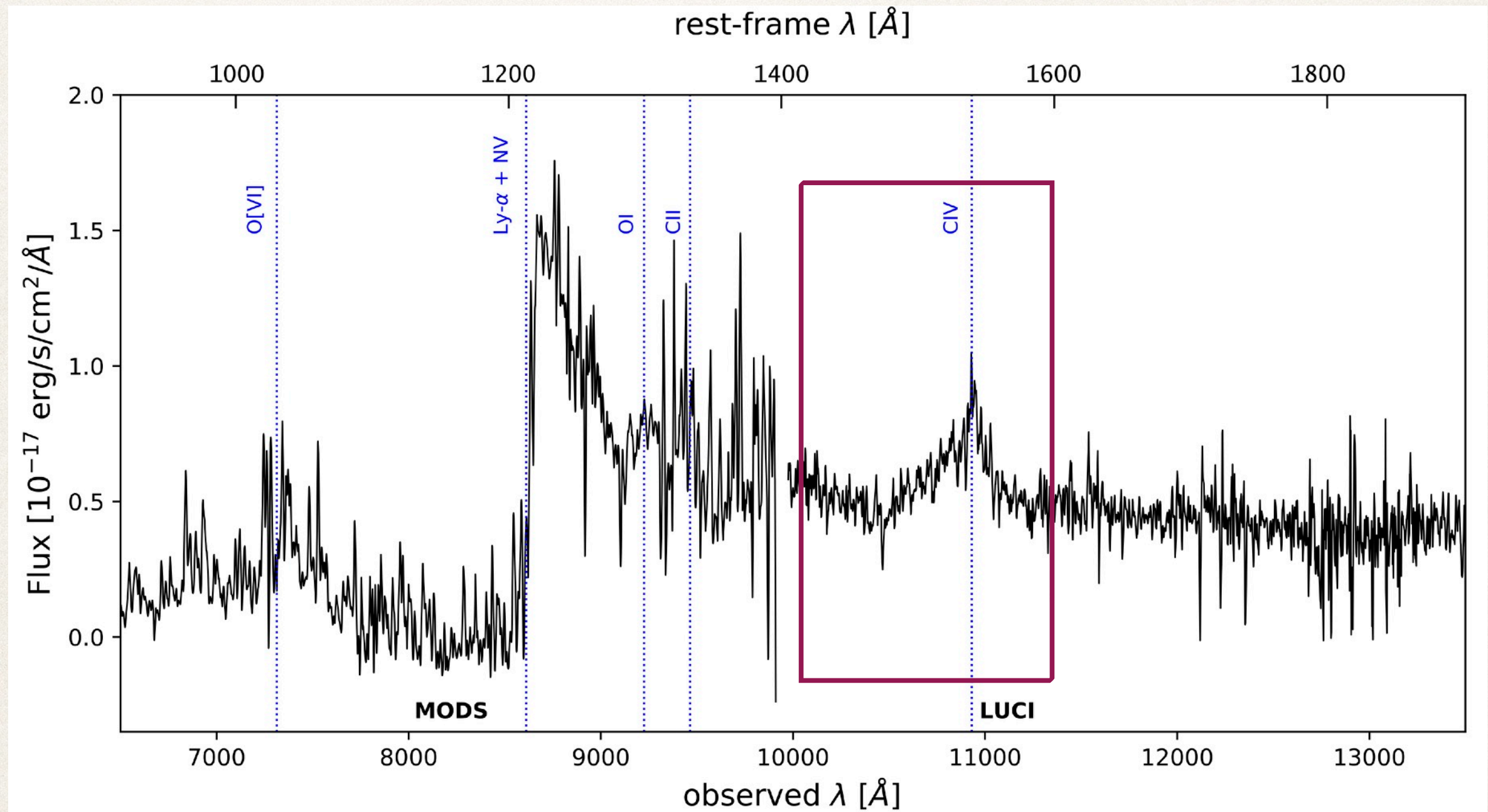
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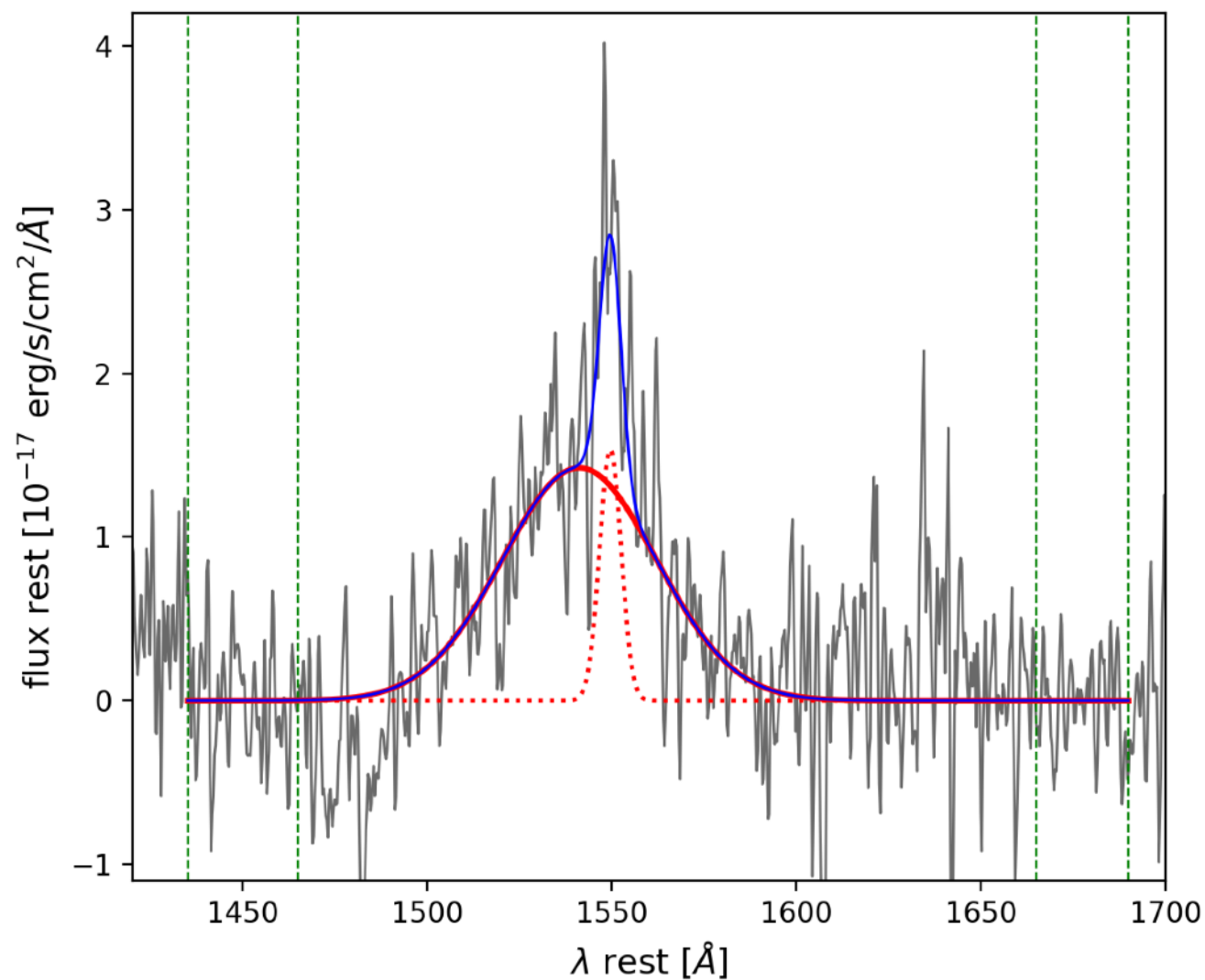
The central engine of PSO : compute its SMBH mass

Spectroscopic follow-up with LUCI/LBT

goal: detect the CIV1549Å emission line



Belladitta S. et al. (2022)



Virial /single-epoch method

e.g., Peterson+04, Vesterggard+06. Shen+11, Shen+19, Dalla Bontà+20

$$M_{\text{BH}} \sim \frac{L^{\alpha} \times (\text{line_width})^2}{G}$$

$$\sigma_{\text{line}} \sim 3800 \text{ km/s}$$

$$L_{1350\text{\AA}} = 2.5 \times 10^{46} \text{ erg/s}$$

$$M_{\text{BH}} = 1.45 \text{ (0.6-3.3) } \times 10^9 M_{\odot}$$

$$M_{\text{BH}} = 10^{6.73} \times \left(\frac{\sigma(\text{km/s})}{10^3 \text{ km/s}} \right)^2 \times \left(\frac{\lambda L_{\lambda_{1350\text{\AA}}}}{10^{44} \text{ erg/s}} \right)^{0.53}$$

Vestergaard & Peterson 2006

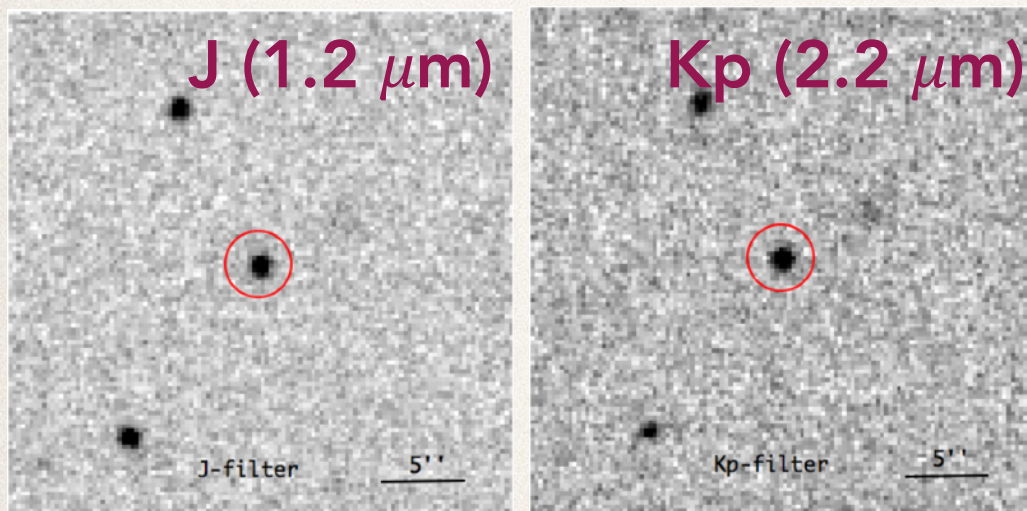
Disk modeling e.g., Sbarato+2012,+2021;Calderone+2013; Ghisellini+2015,;Palyia+2019

Optical/UV continuum emission of the AGN is produced by an optically thick, geometrically thin accretion disk that emits according to the Shakura & Sunyaev (1973, SS73) model.

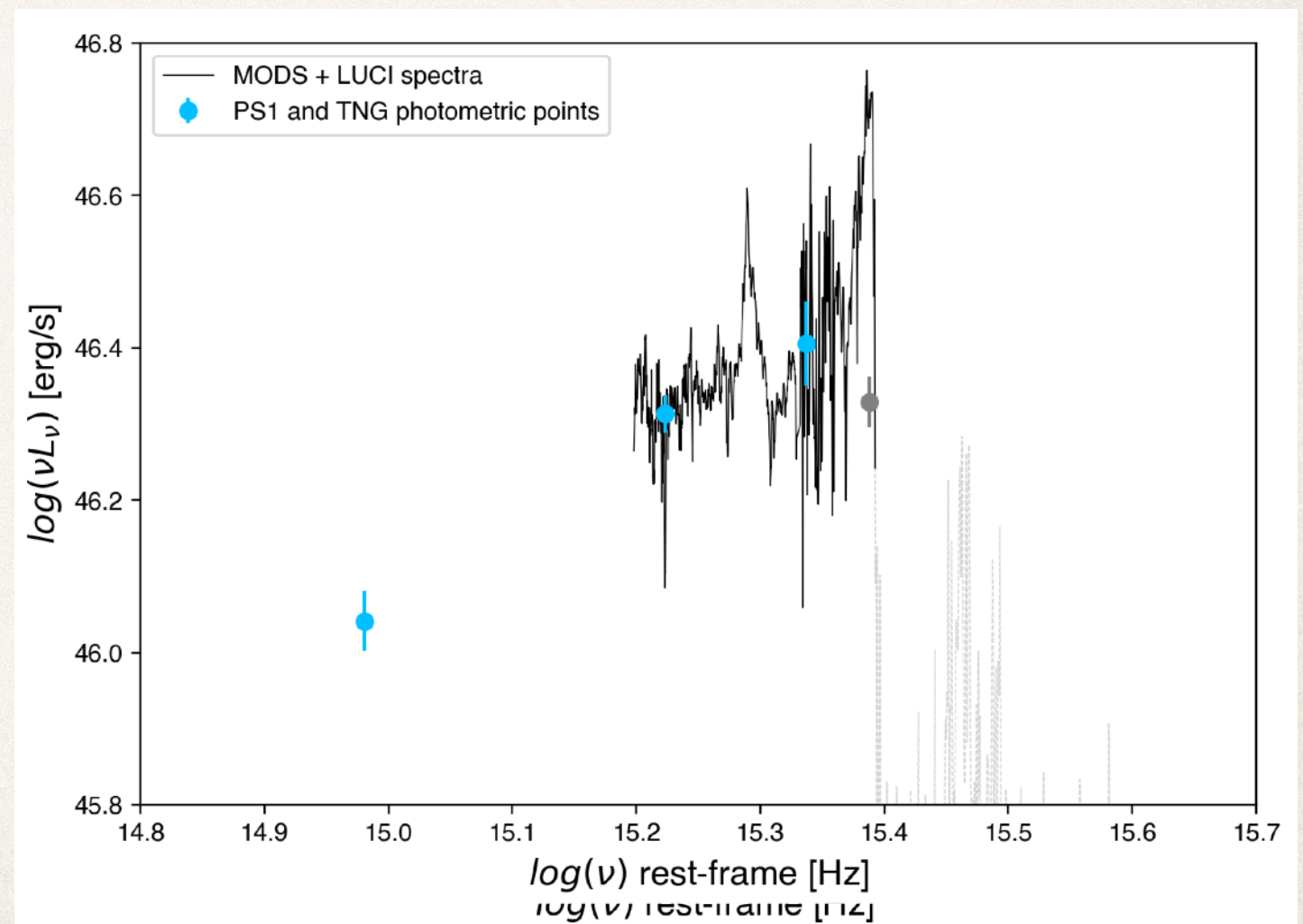
$$L(\nu, M_{BH}, \dot{M})d\nu = 4\pi^2 \int_{R_{in}}^{R_{out}} RB_{\nu}[T(R, M_{BH}, \dot{M})]d\nu dR,$$

$$M_{BH} = 6.9_{(5.2-8.8)} \times 10^8 M_{\odot}$$

TNG follow-up in Feb. 2021



http://www.tng.iac.es/news/2022/02/24/rs_blazar/



Implication for BH growth model

$$t_{growth} = \tau \times \ln\left(\frac{M_{BH}}{M_{BH,seed}}\right)$$

Shapiro 2005;
Volonteri & Rees 2005

Assumption: the BH seed grows
at a constant λ_{Edd} during the process

$$\tau = 0.45 \left(\frac{\eta}{1-\eta}\right) \left(\frac{1}{\lambda_{Edd}}\right) \left(\frac{1}{f_{act}(M, t)}\right) Gyr$$

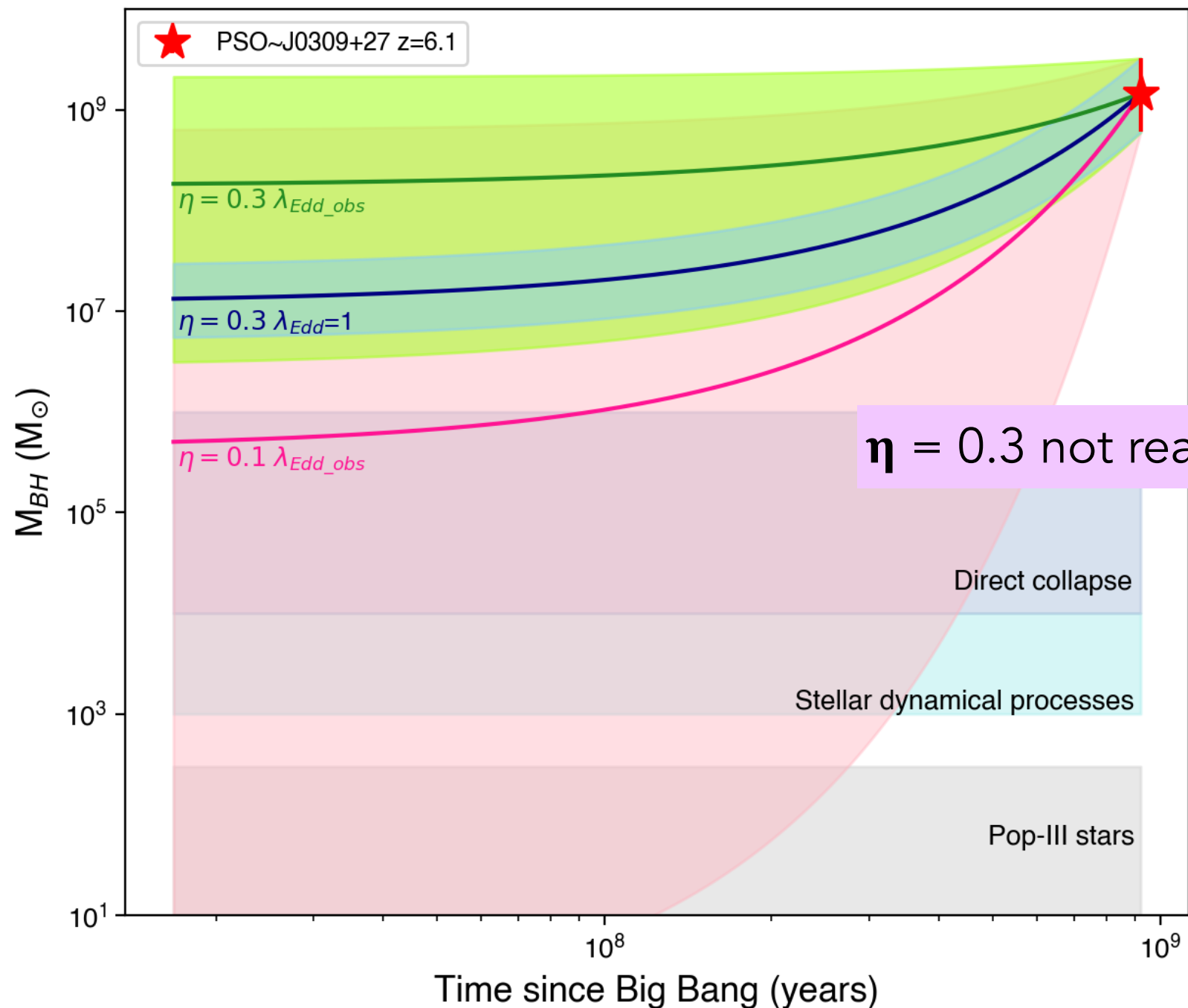
e-folding time scale

Model parameters:

- . efficiency (η) $\longrightarrow$ 0.1 (non spinning BH) ; 0.3 (Kerr BH)
- . Eddington ratio (λ_{Edd}) $\longrightarrow$ Observed and equal to 1
- . f_{act} $\longrightarrow$ Equal to 1
- . t_{start} = when the BH started to growth $\longrightarrow$ $z=30$ Bromm+04,+11

$$\lambda_{Edd} = L_{bol} / L_{Edd} \sim 0.4$$

$$L_{bol} = L_{1350\text{\AA}} \times K_{bol}$$



- Possible solutions:
- SuperEddington accretion episodes
 - η_{disk} and $(1-\eta_{disk})$ (Jolley+08, Ghisellini+15)

RL AGNs live in the most dense environment at any redshift

e.g., Hill & Lilly 1991; Kurk+2000; Pentericci+2000; Venemans+2002, 2004; Zheng+2006; Galametz+2013; Wylezalek+2013; Hatch+2014; Rigby+2014; Croston+2019; Gilli+2019

Rich of star forming galaxies

(Lyman-break galaxies, LBGs,

and Lyman-alpha Emitters, LAEs)



Trigger the radio-jet?

The environment of PSOJ0309+27

Search for galaxies over density with LBC / LBT



Tracing one of the most distant protocluster

Search of **Lyman-break galaxies**

Morselli+2014,

Balmaverde+2017

Mignoli+2020

Field of J1030 (RQ at $z=6.3$)

Images in r,i and z-bands

$i-z > 1.1-1.3$

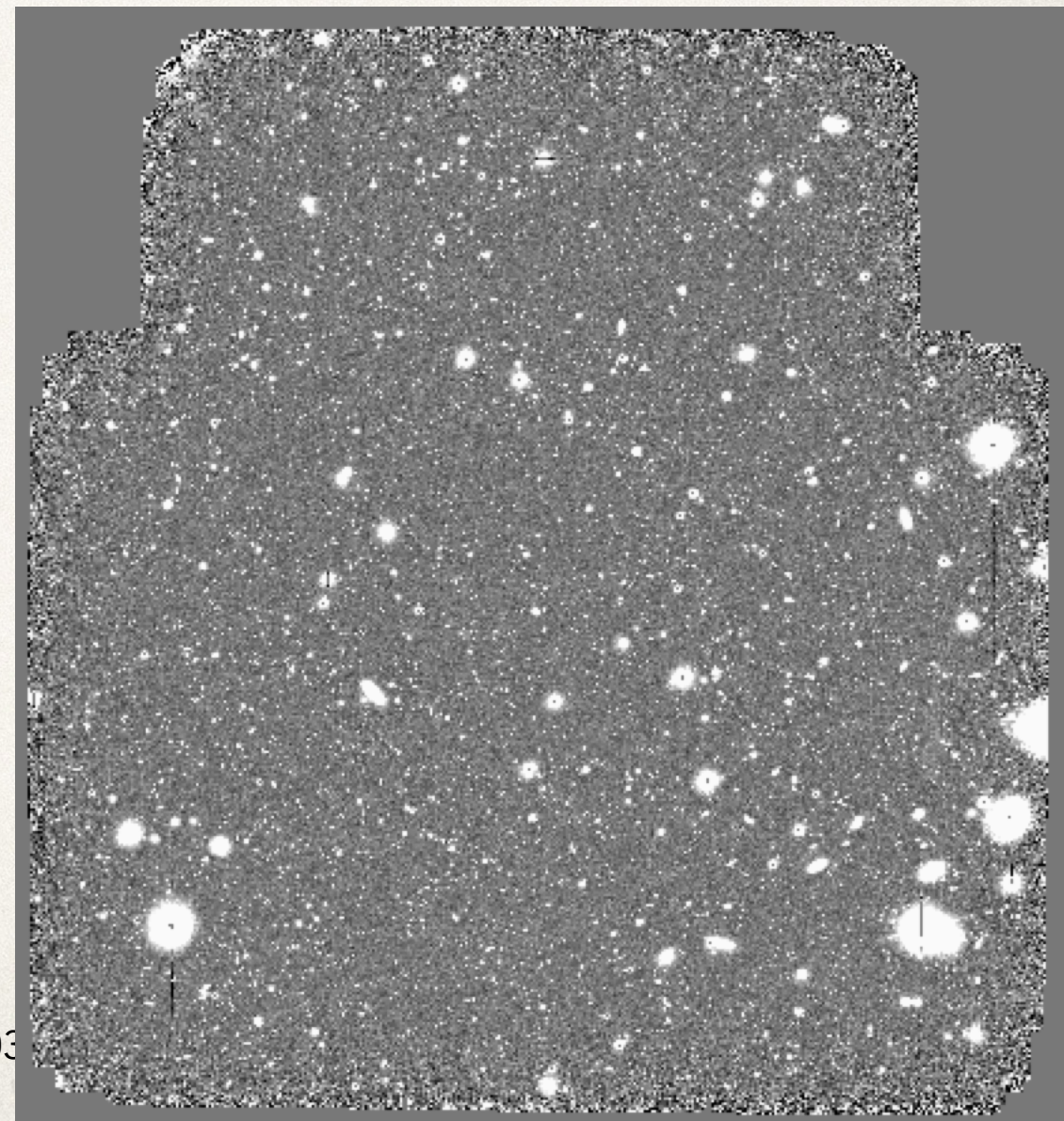
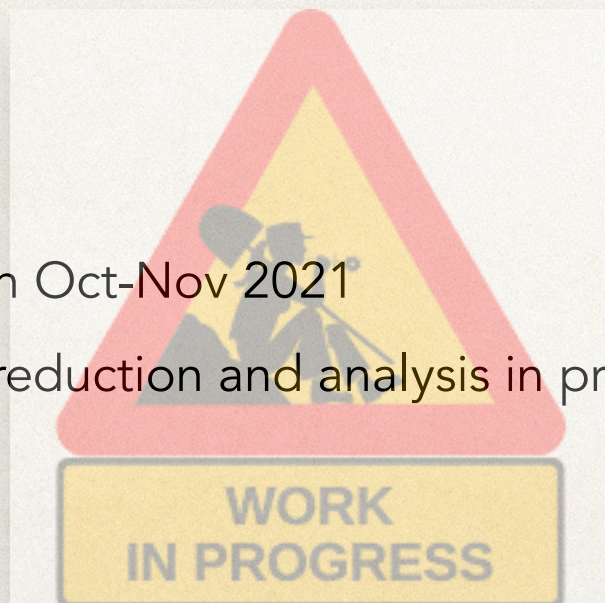
$r-z > 2$

r-band ~ 27

z-band $\sim 25-25.5$

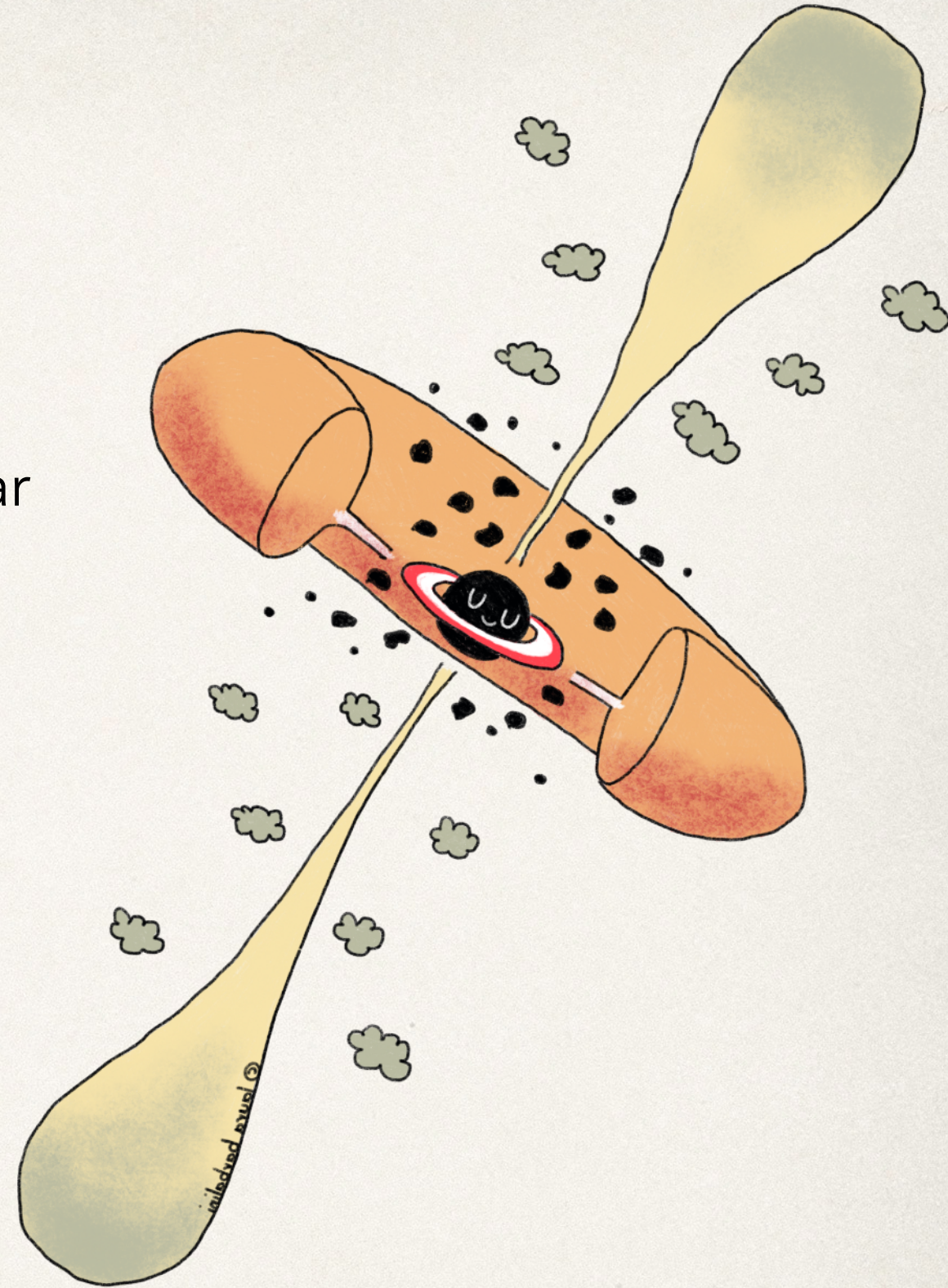
Obs in Oct-Nov 2021

Data reduction and analysis in progress

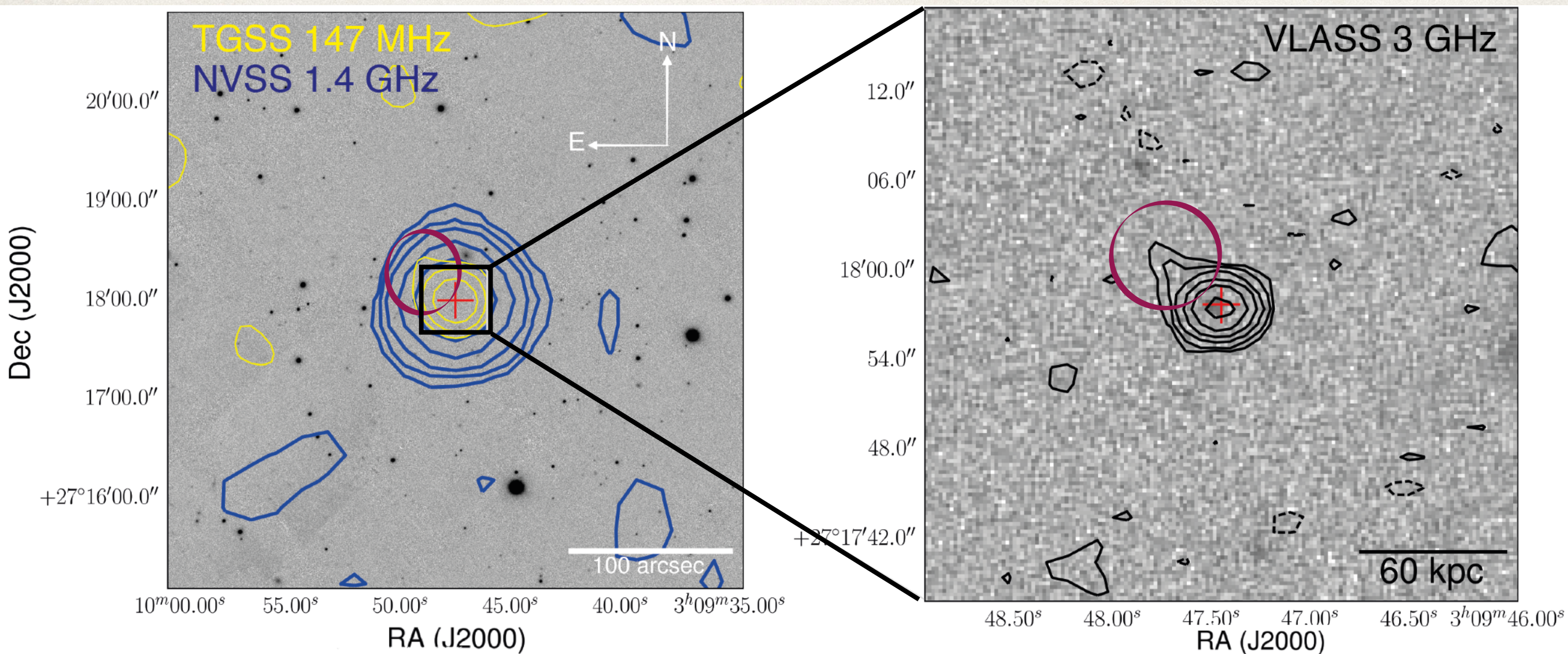


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Radio properties:



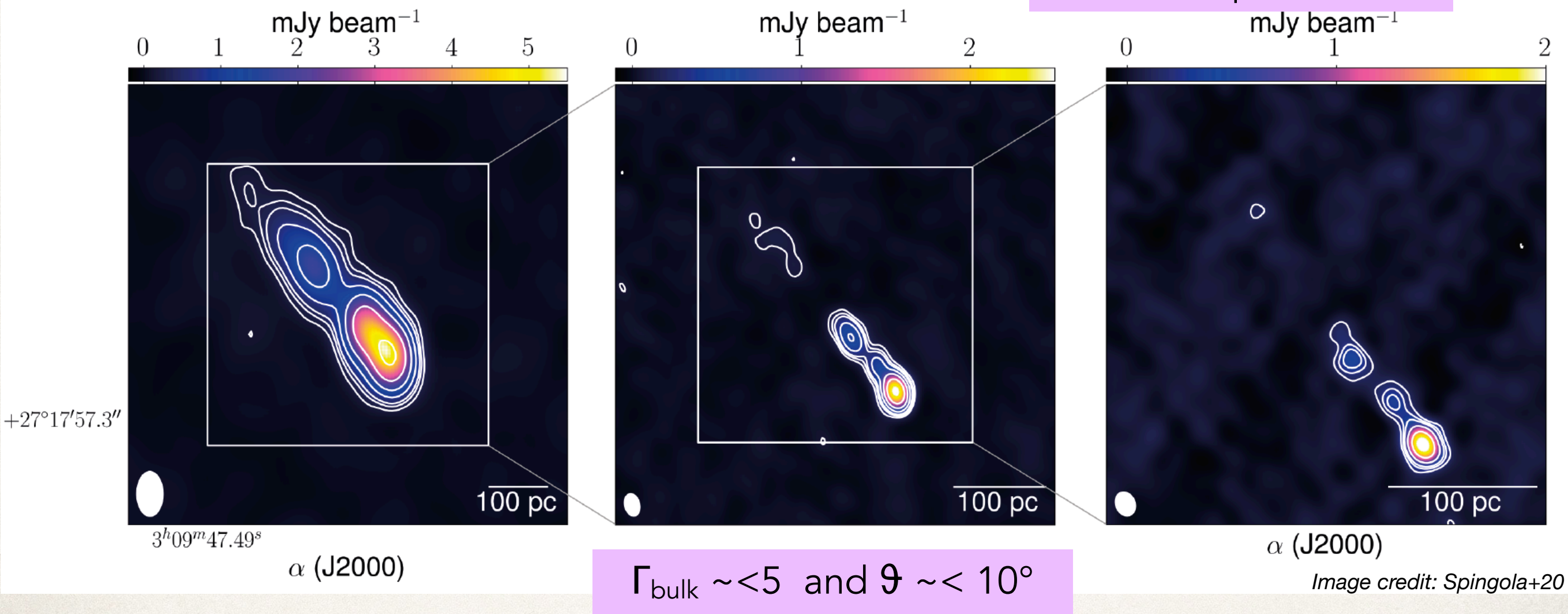
Obs. frequency (GHz)	S_ν (mJy)	survey
0.150	64.2 ± 6.2	TGSS
1.4	23.89 ± 0.87	NVSS
3	12.0 ± 1.2	VLASS

VLBA follow up at 1.4, 5 and 8.4 GHz

(April 2020, PI: Spingola, Co I: SB)

Sub-arcsecond resolution

Jet ~ 500 pc (80 mas)



Freq. (GHz)	Total flux density (mJy)	Peak surface brightness (mJy beam ⁻¹)
1.5	20 ± 2	7.2 ± 0.7
5.0	7.0 ± 0.7	4.1 ± 0.4
8.4	5.1 ± 0.5	3.2 ± 0.3

Spingola, Dallacasa, SB, et al. (2020)
(VLBA+VLA)

Media INAF, NRAO, NSF, Insubria press releases

Obtained follow-up

EVN + eMERLIN follow-up (VLBI) at 1.4 and 22 GHz

P.I. Spingola C, Co.I. SB et al.

1.4 GHz: de-blending jet and core + variability

22 GHz: better resolve the core emission

LOFAR follow-up at 54 and 150 MHz

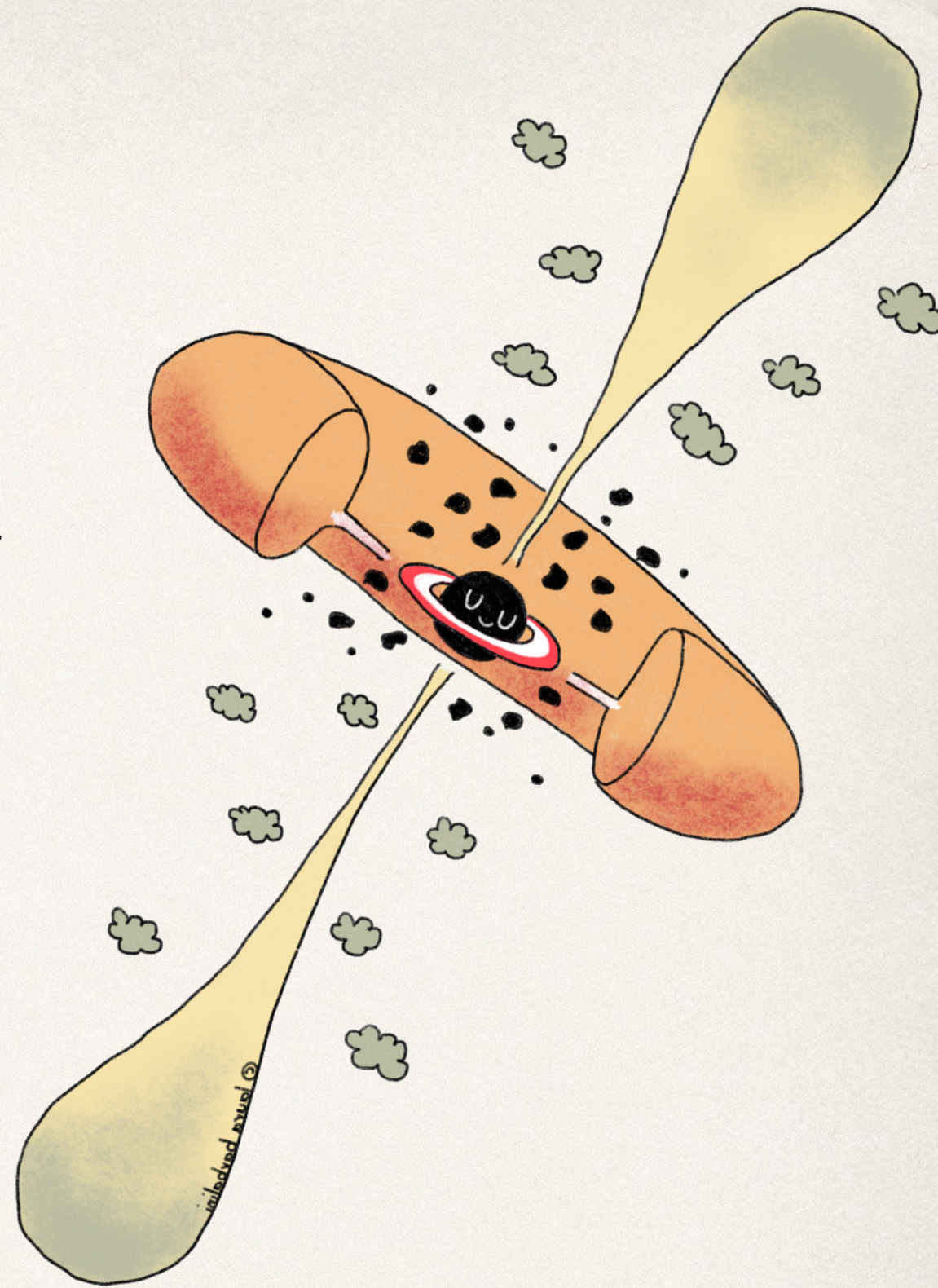
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**Trace the jet at low frequency
(resolve the TGSS jet)**



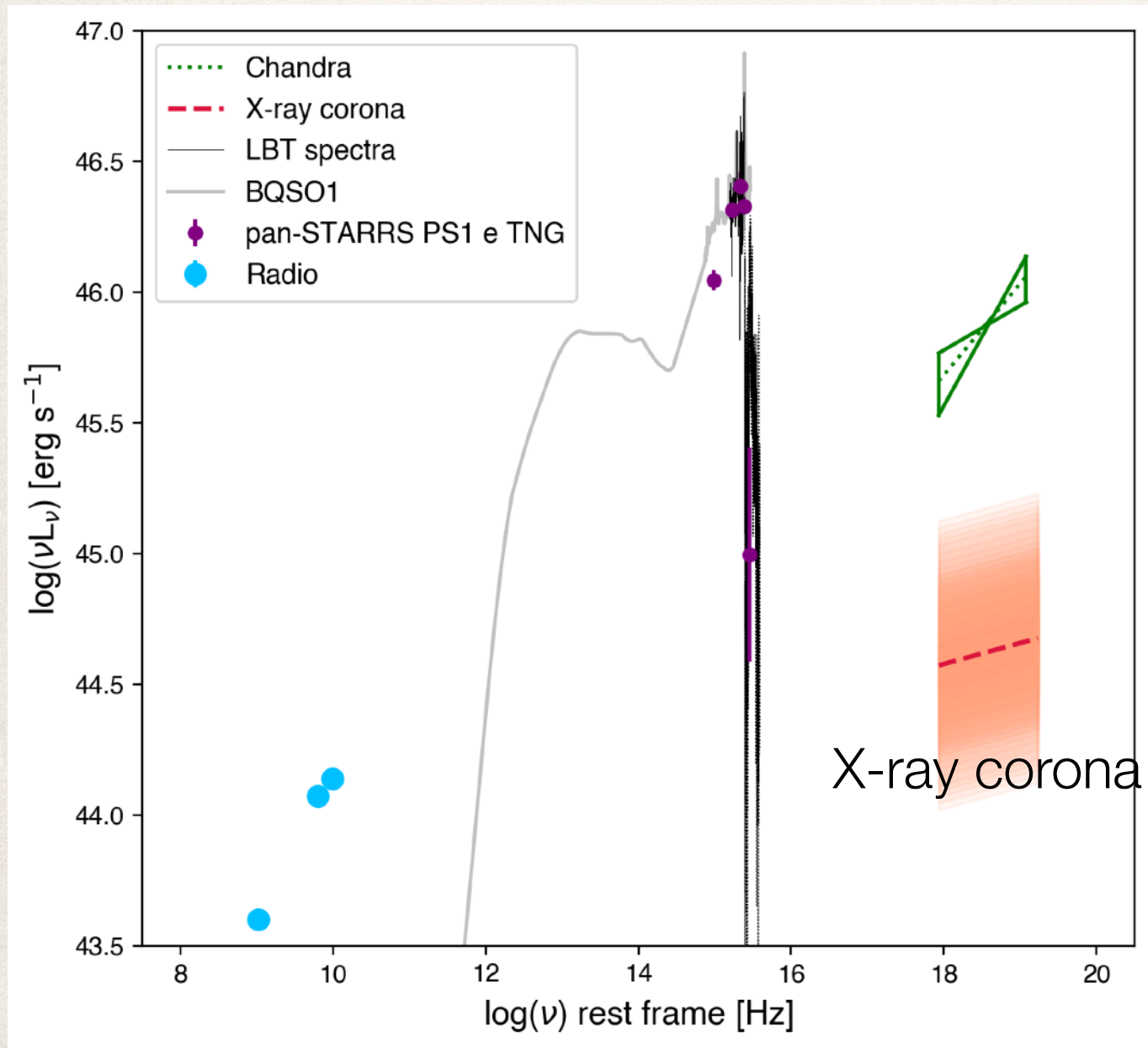
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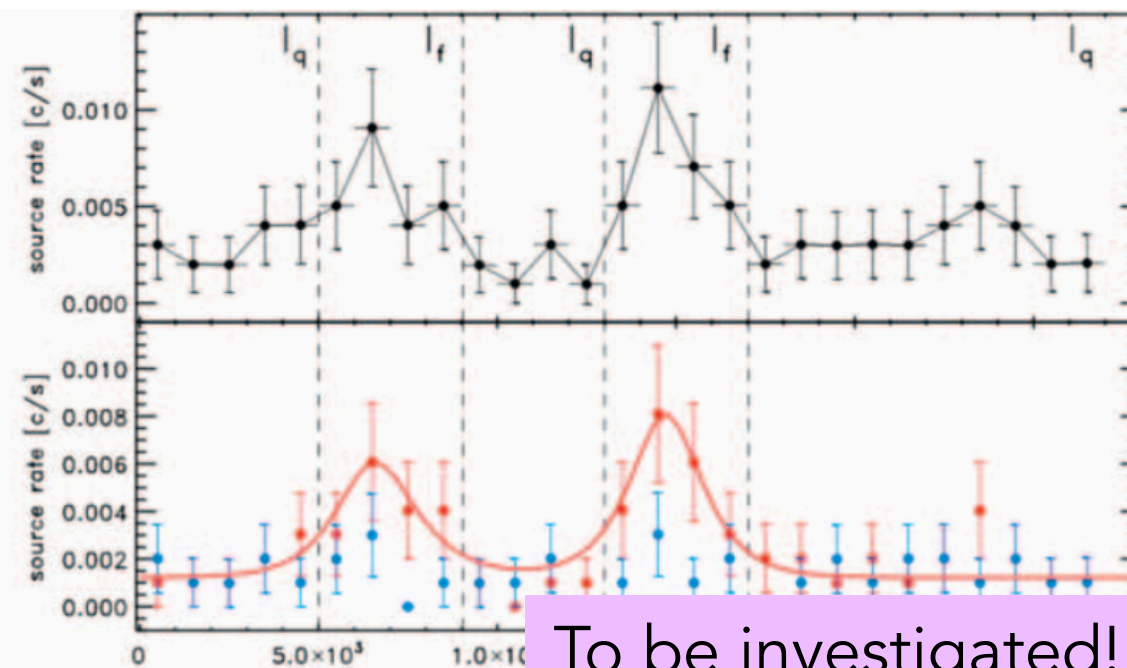
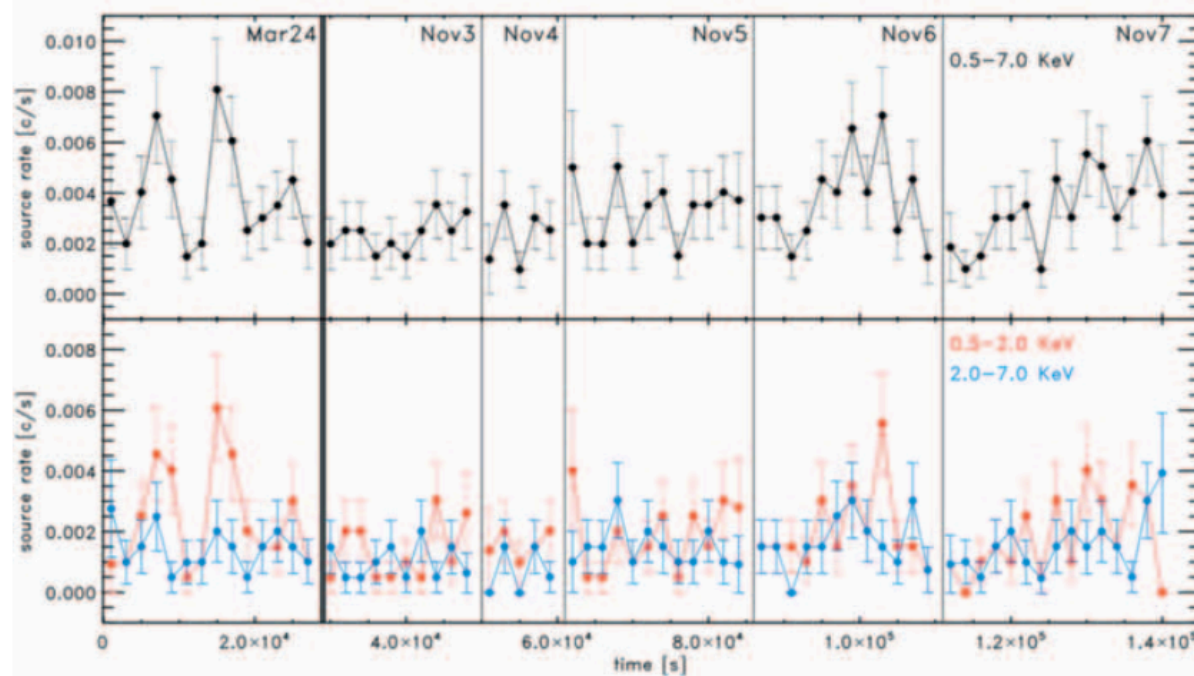
Chandra follow-up

(25 and 100 ks, March and Nov 2020, PI: Moretti, Co I: SB)



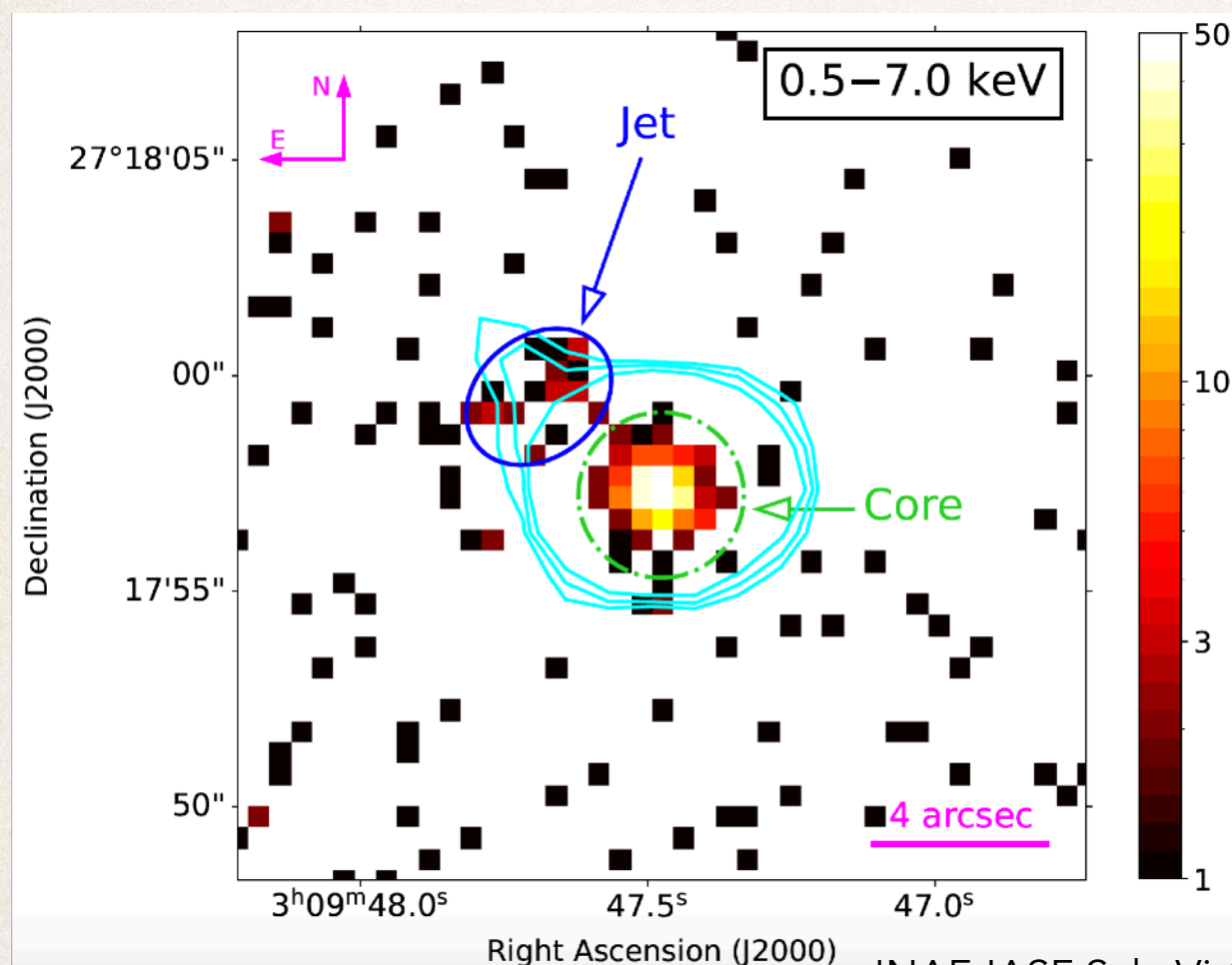
$$\Gamma_x = 1.65 \pm 0.18$$

$$\text{Flux [0.5-7]keV} = 4.8 \times 10^{-14} \text{ erg/s/cm}^2$$



To be investigated!

Variability in the soft X-ray on minute time-scale —> Bulk Comptonization?



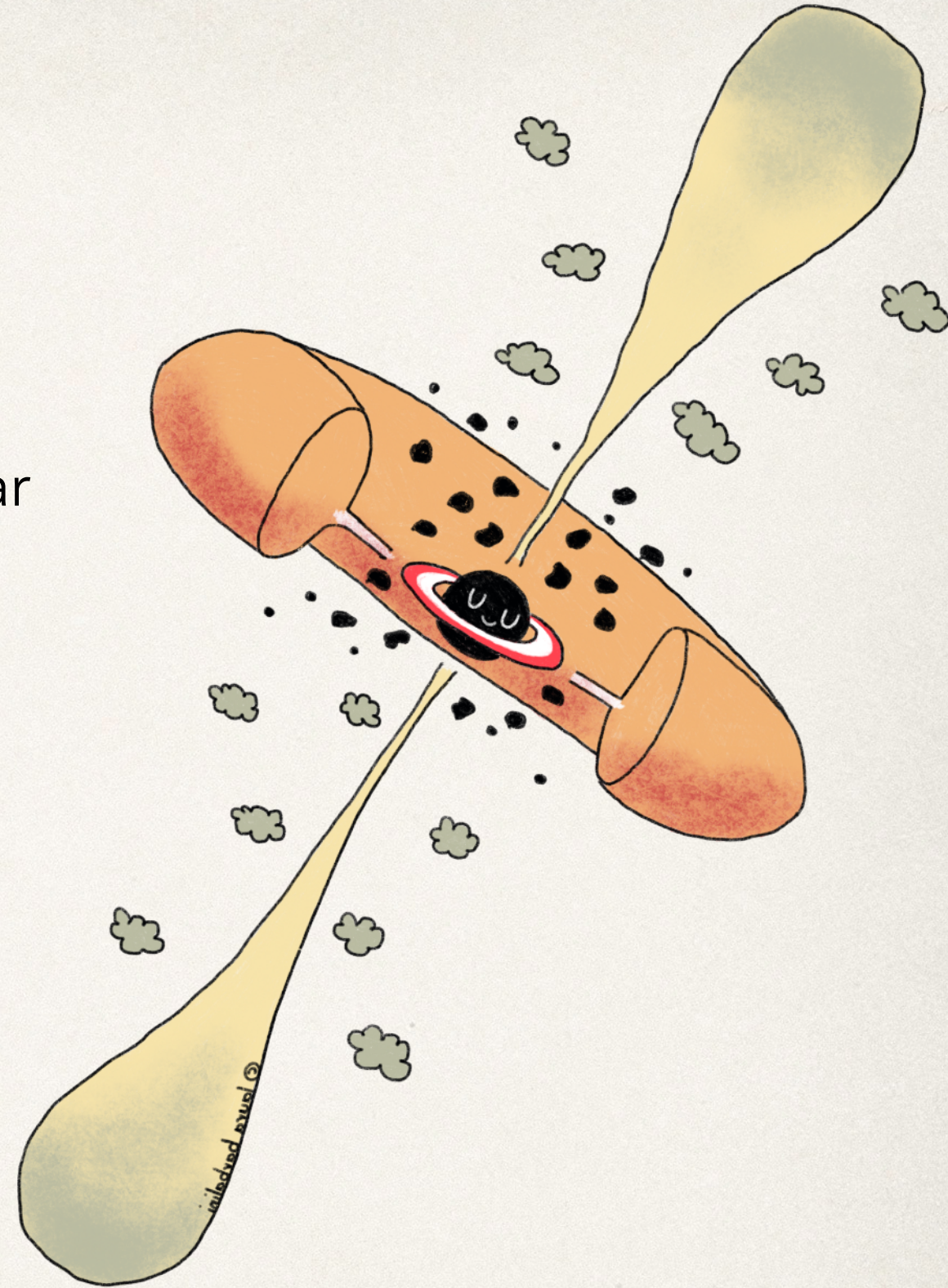
Extended X-ray jet in NE direction
(4", ~70 kpc, $\theta \sim 20^\circ$)

Interaction with CMB photons

Jet = 10%Core

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Future developments:

New generations of radio surveys:

- the Rapid Askap Continuum Survey (**RACS**) at 888 MHz (DR1 Dec 2020)
- the Evolutionary Map of the Universe (**EMU**) (ongoing pilot)
Deeper (μ Jy) and more accurate position (4'' for RACS)

>100 blazars at $z > 4$

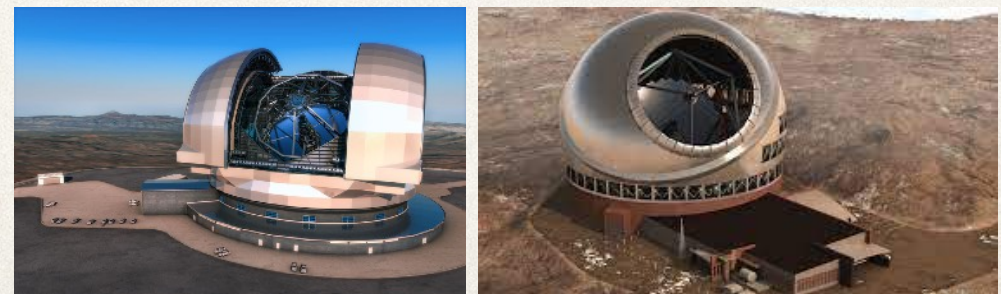
New generations of optical/infrared surveys:

- Vera Rubin Observatory / **LSST** *Deeper (mag 26)*
- Euclid



New generation of telescopes:

- Extremely Large Telescope (**ELT**)
- Thirty Meter Telescope (**TMT**)



THANK YOU!