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*Restarting activity  
in the nucleus of  
PBC J2333.9-2343*

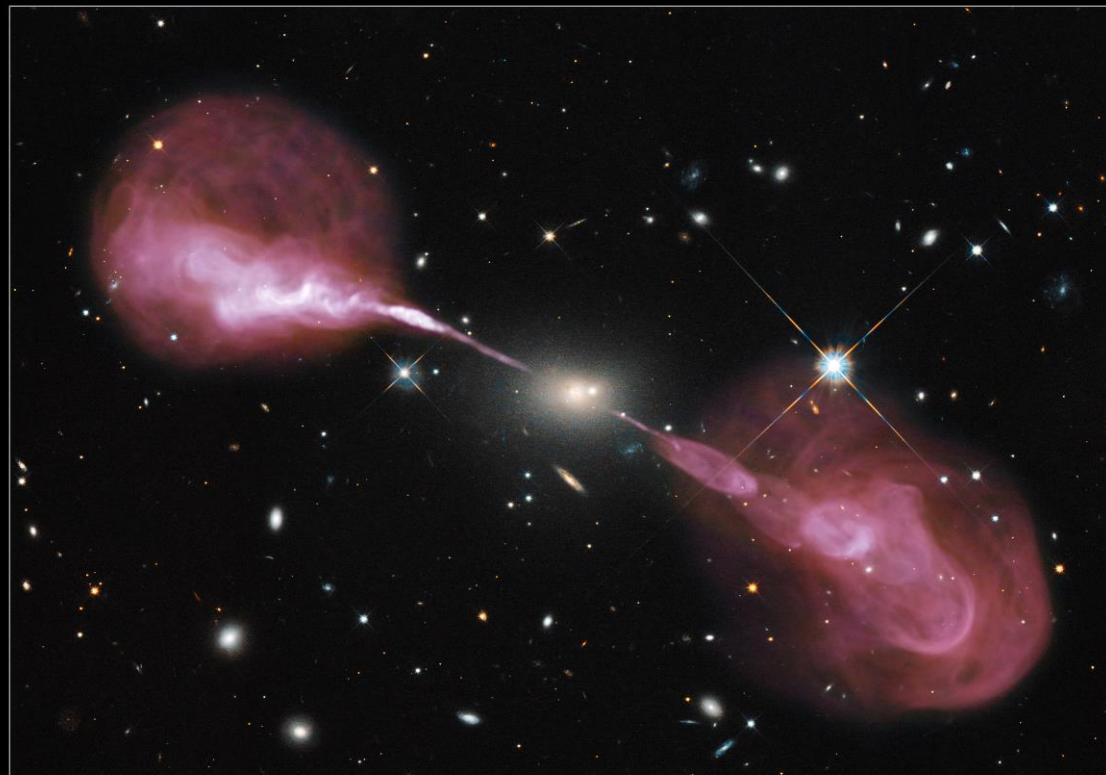
*The X-ray Universe 2017  
Rome, 6-9 June*



# Giant radio galaxies (GRG)

## Introduction

Radio Galaxy Hercules A

Hubble  
Heritage

NASA, ESA, NRAO • HST WFC3/UVIS • VLA • STScI-PRC12-47

- Extended emission  $> 0.7 \text{ Mpc}$   
(Ishwara-Chandra & Saikia 1999)
- Spectral ages can be  $10^7$ - $10^8$  yr (Alexander & Leahy 1987)
- Perfect laboratories to study intermittent activity and AGN evolution

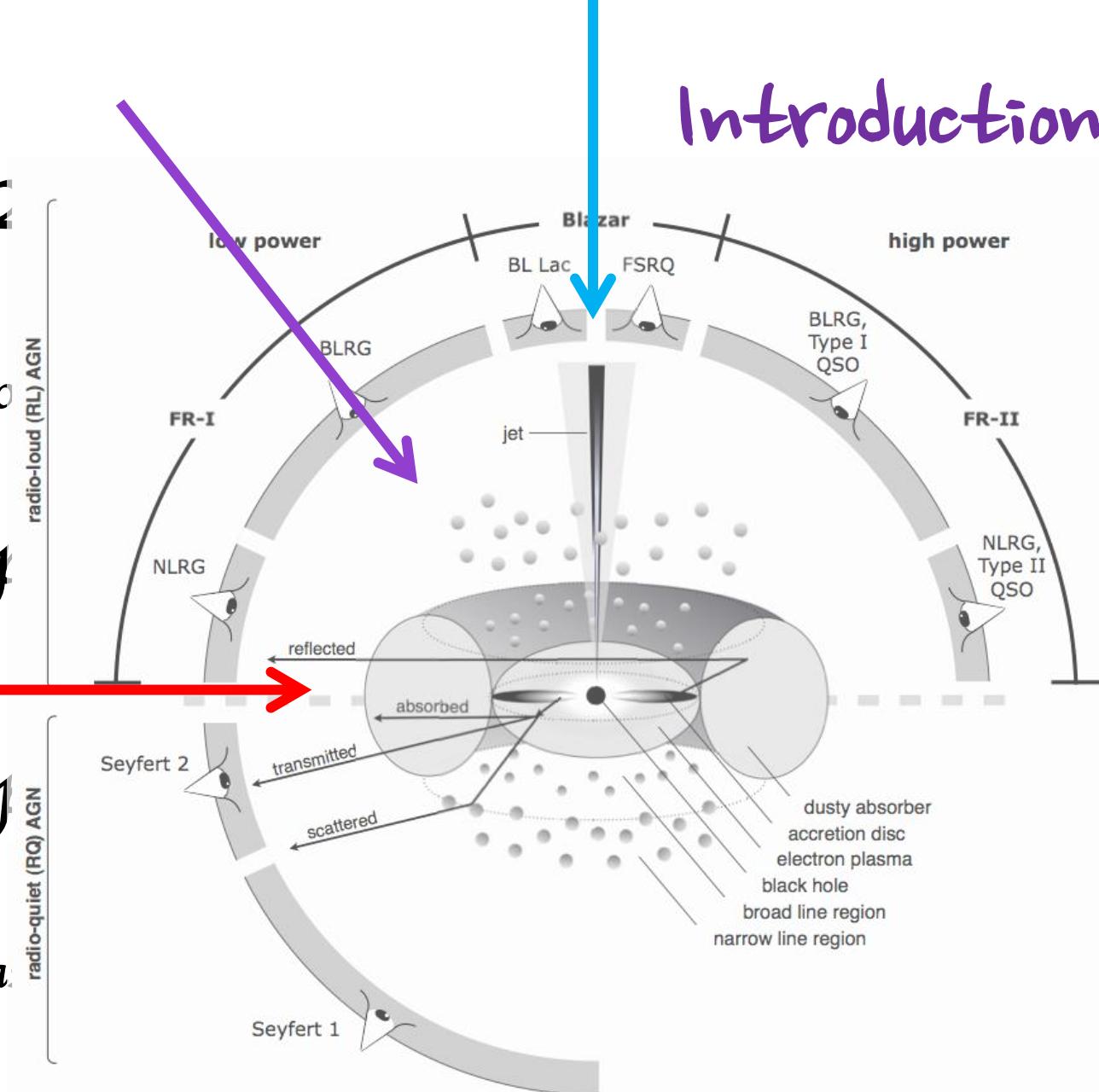
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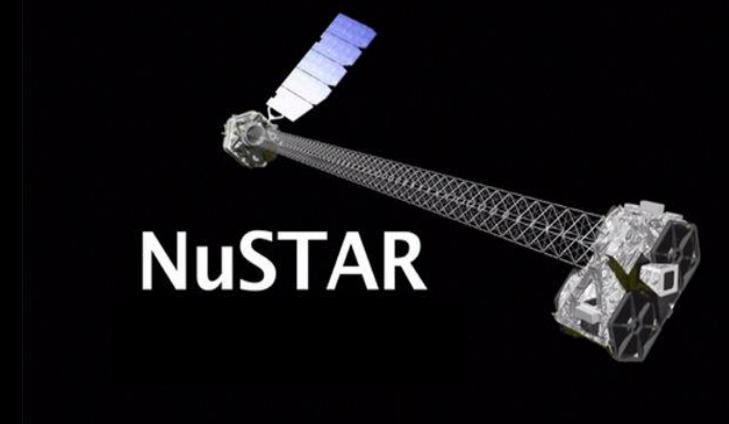
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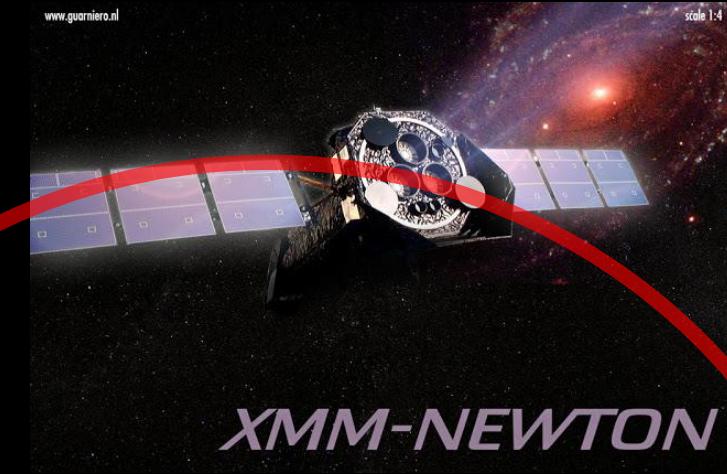
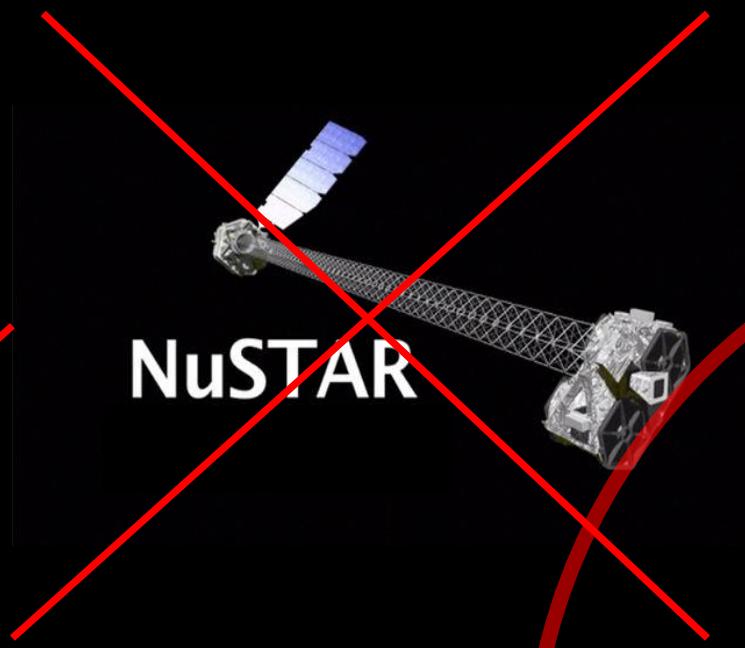
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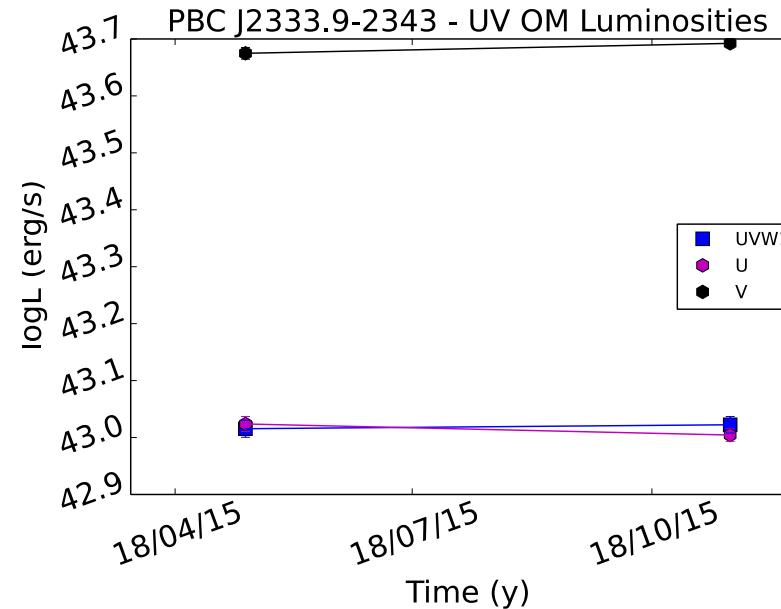






# XMM-Newton

- Proprietary data (PI. Parísí)
- Two observations:
  - 2015-05-15 (23 ksec)
  - 2015-11-17 (25 ksec)



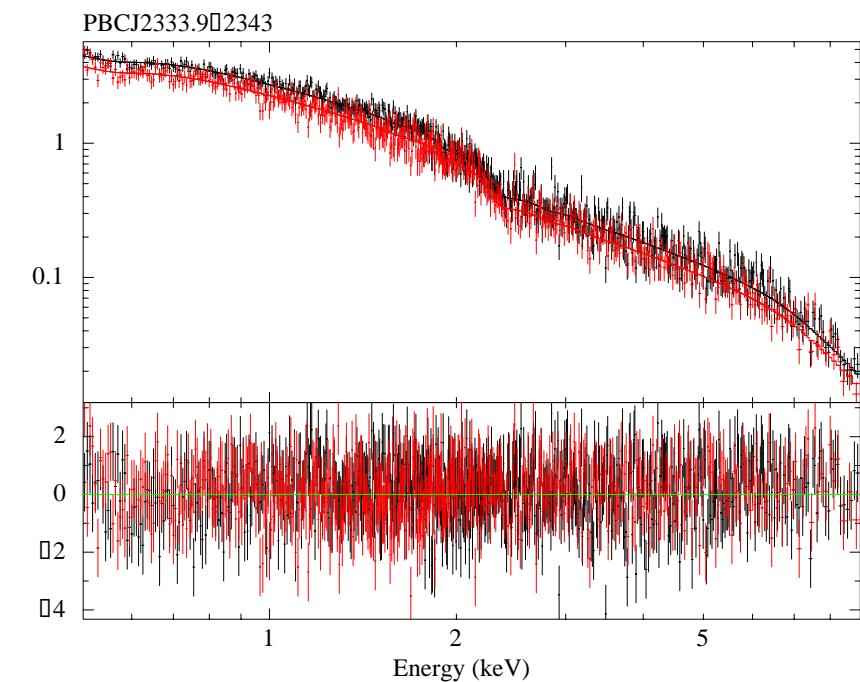
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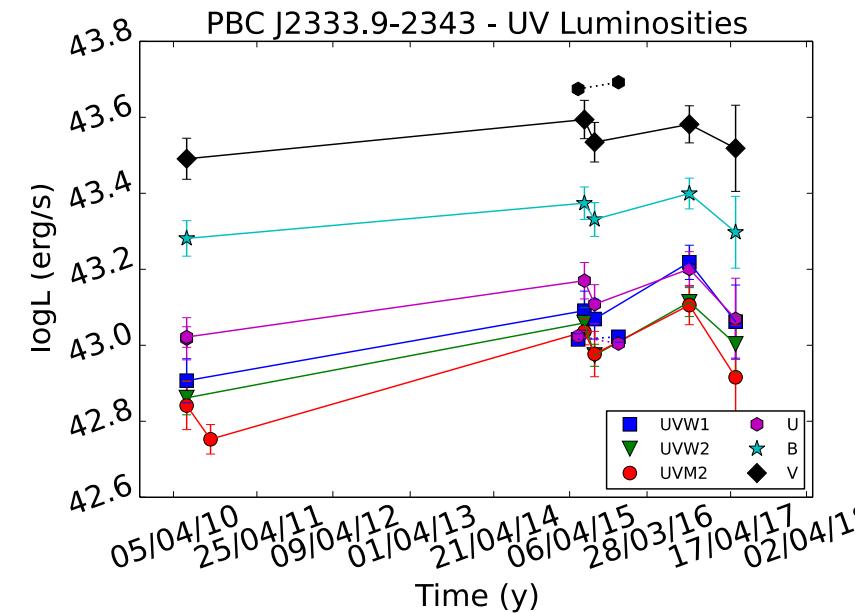
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# Swift

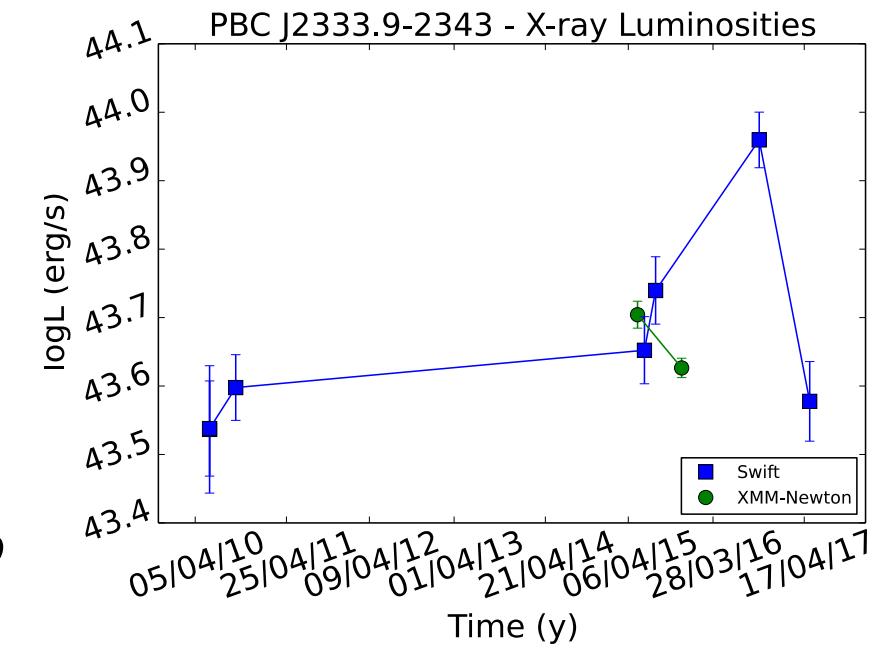
- Public data
- Seven observations:
  - 2010-06-05 (2 ksec)
  - 2010-06-05 (4 ksec)
  - 2010-09-23 (9 ksec)
  - 2015-06-13 (7 ksec)
  - 2015-07-30 (6 ksec)
  - 2016-09-10 (6 ksec)
  - 2017-05-10 (3 ksec)



Power law model with varying normalization (62%):

$$\Gamma = 1.65 [1.58-1.75]$$

$$\log L(2-10 \text{ keV}) \sim 43.5-44.0$$



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UV variations from UVOT are detected (~19-56%)

# NuSTAR (+ Swift)

- Public data
- One observation:
  - 2015-07-30 (21 ksec) simultaneous with a Swift observation

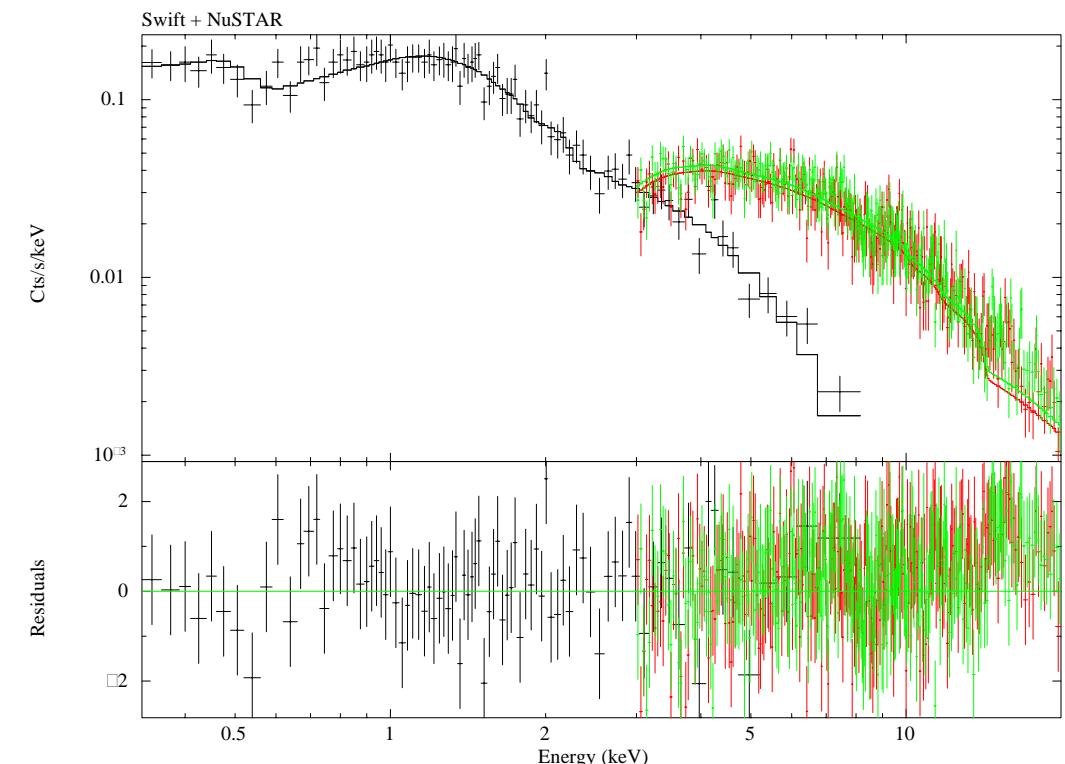
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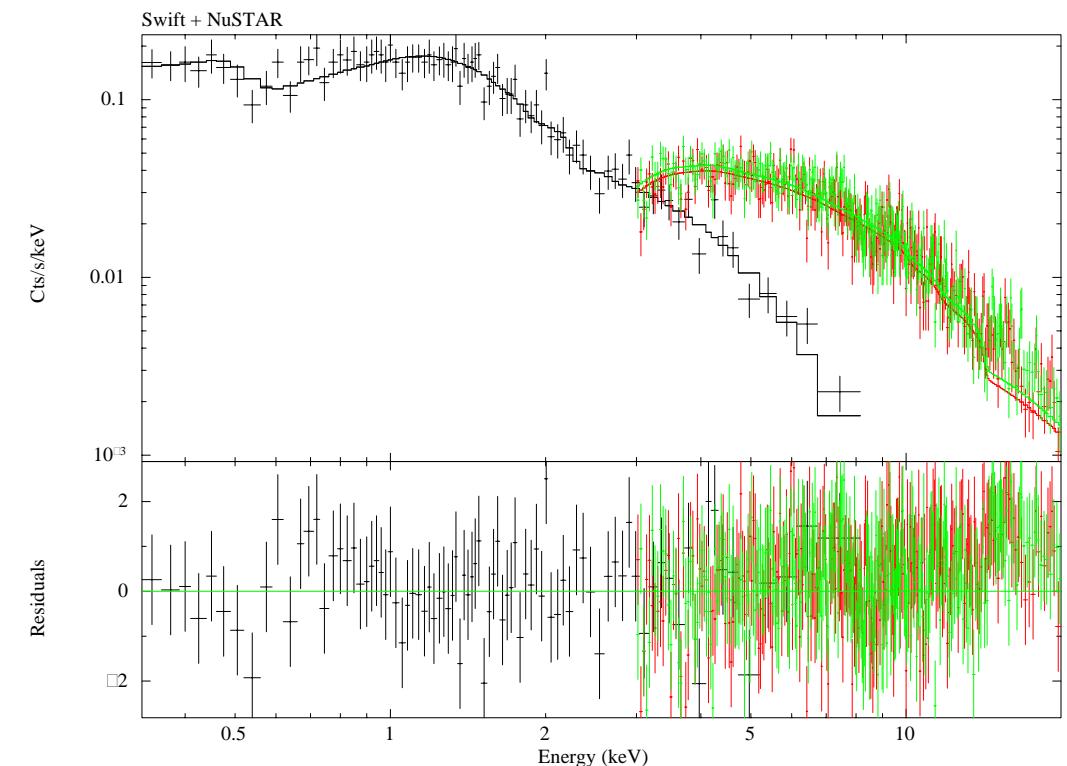
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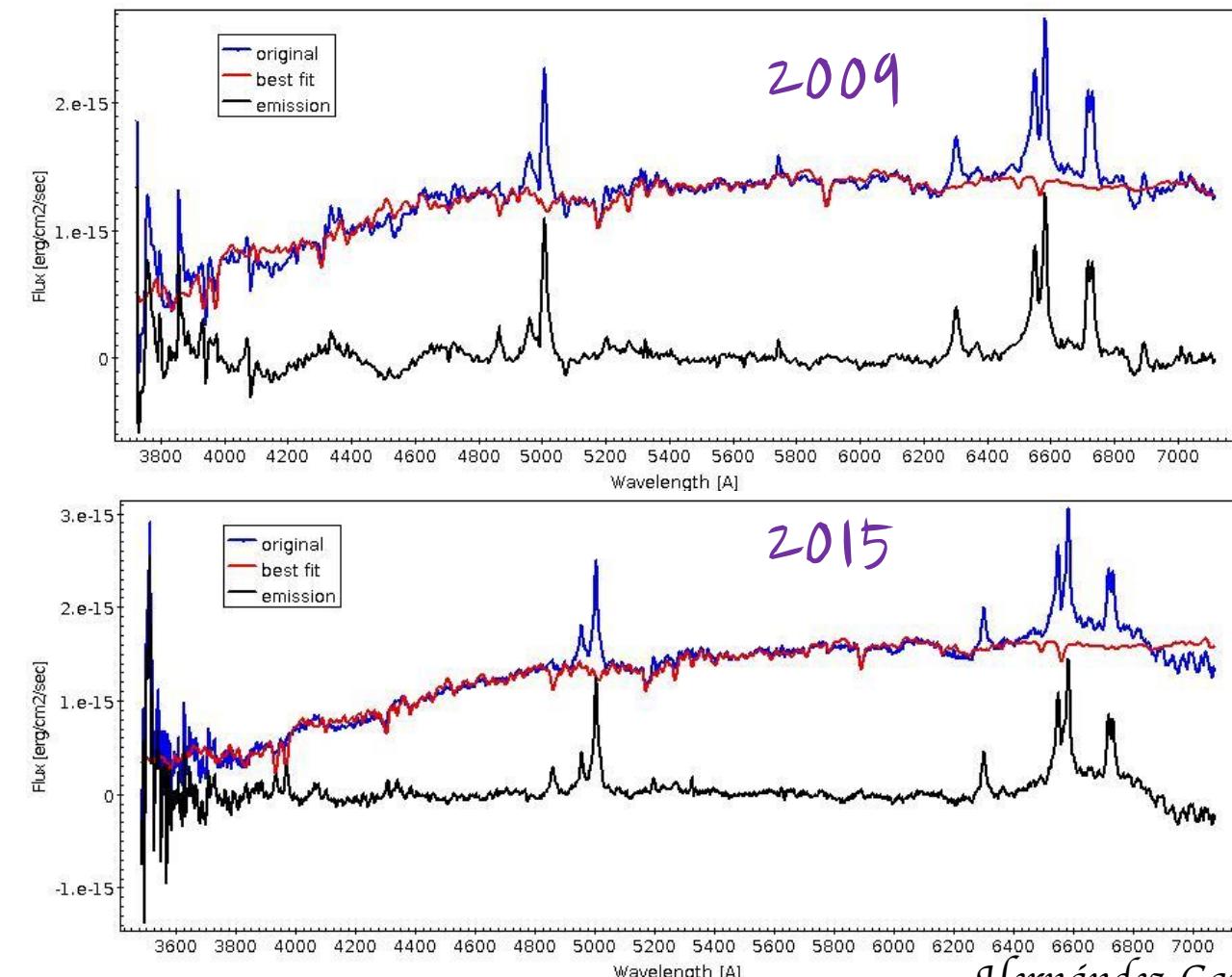
$N_H$  is circled in red and an arrow points from it to the word "Unobscured" in red.



# San Pedro Martír Telescope

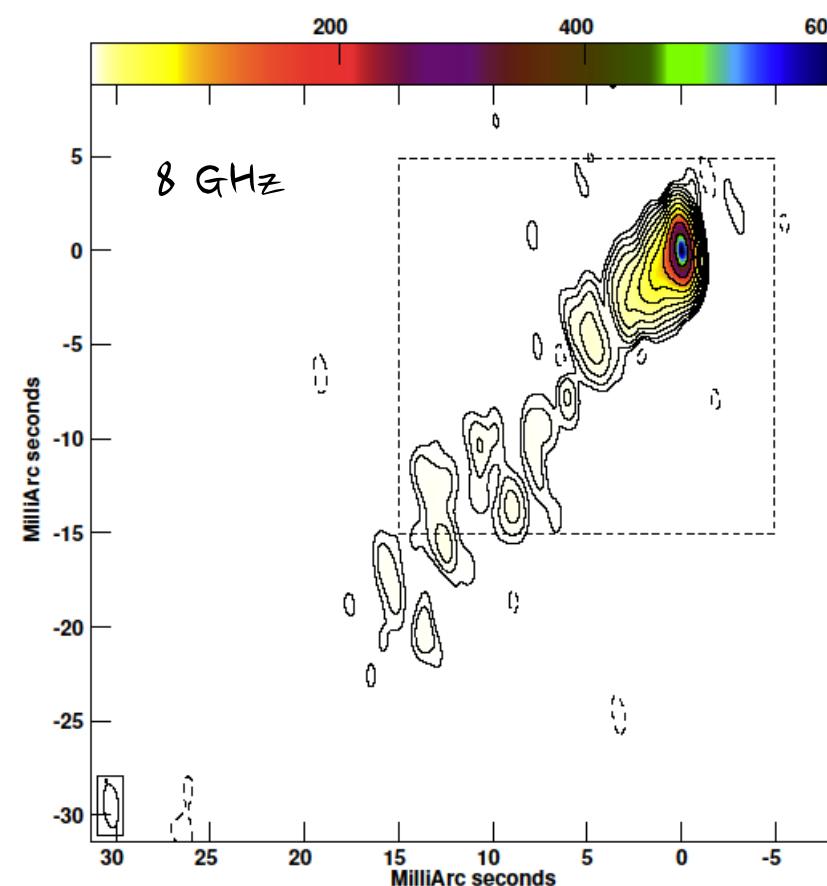
- Proprietary data
- Two observations:
  - 2009-09-18 (3.6 ksec)
  - 2015-11-07 (5.4 ksec)
- Subtraction of the stellar population for the first time

Broad H <sub>$\alpha$</sub>  component -> Seyfert 1.9  
(Osterbrock 1981)



# VLBA

- Proprietary data
- One observation (16/11/2015):
  - 8.4 GHz (72 ksec)
  - 15 GHz (119 ksec)
  - 24 GHz (162 ksec)



Hernández-García et al. (2017)

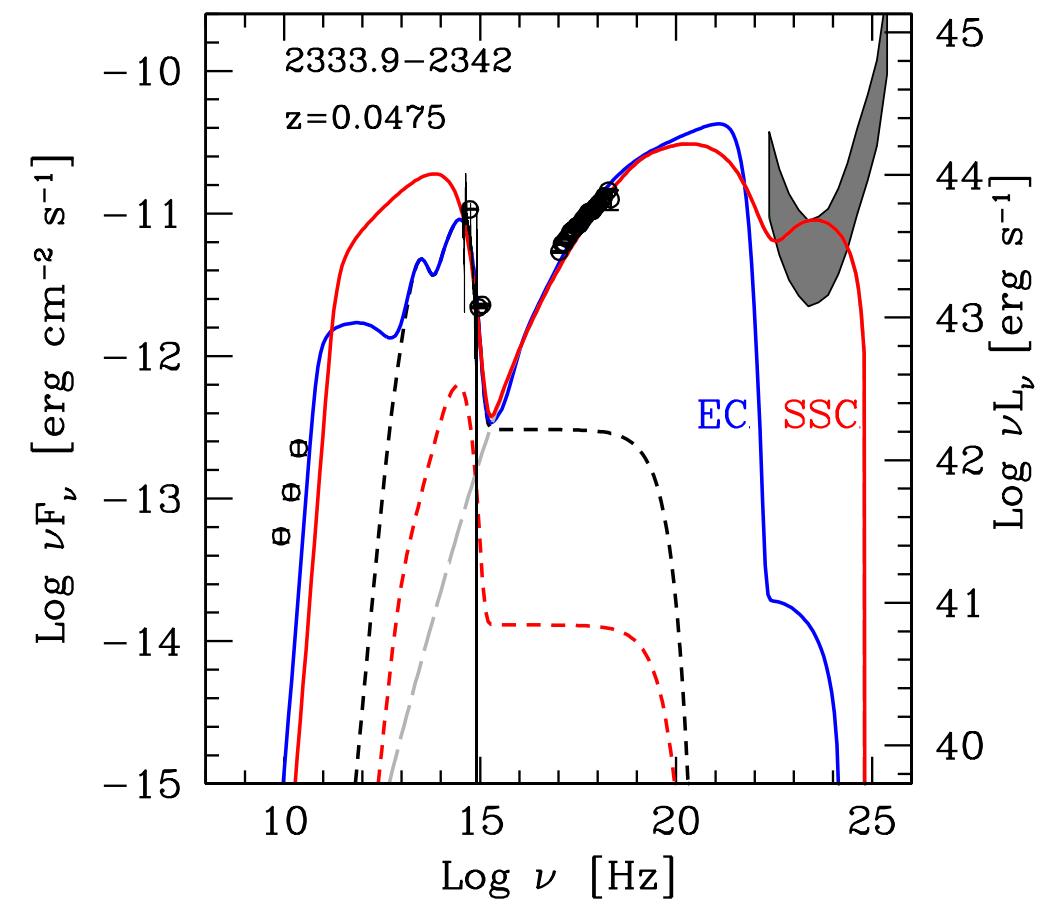
- Compact bright core
  - $\alpha_c = 0.40$  ( $S(v) \sim v^{+\alpha}$ )
- One sided jet:
  - $\alpha_{j,8-15} = -0.5$
  - $\Theta < 40^\circ$
- Variability at 8 GHz (Ojha et al. 2004)

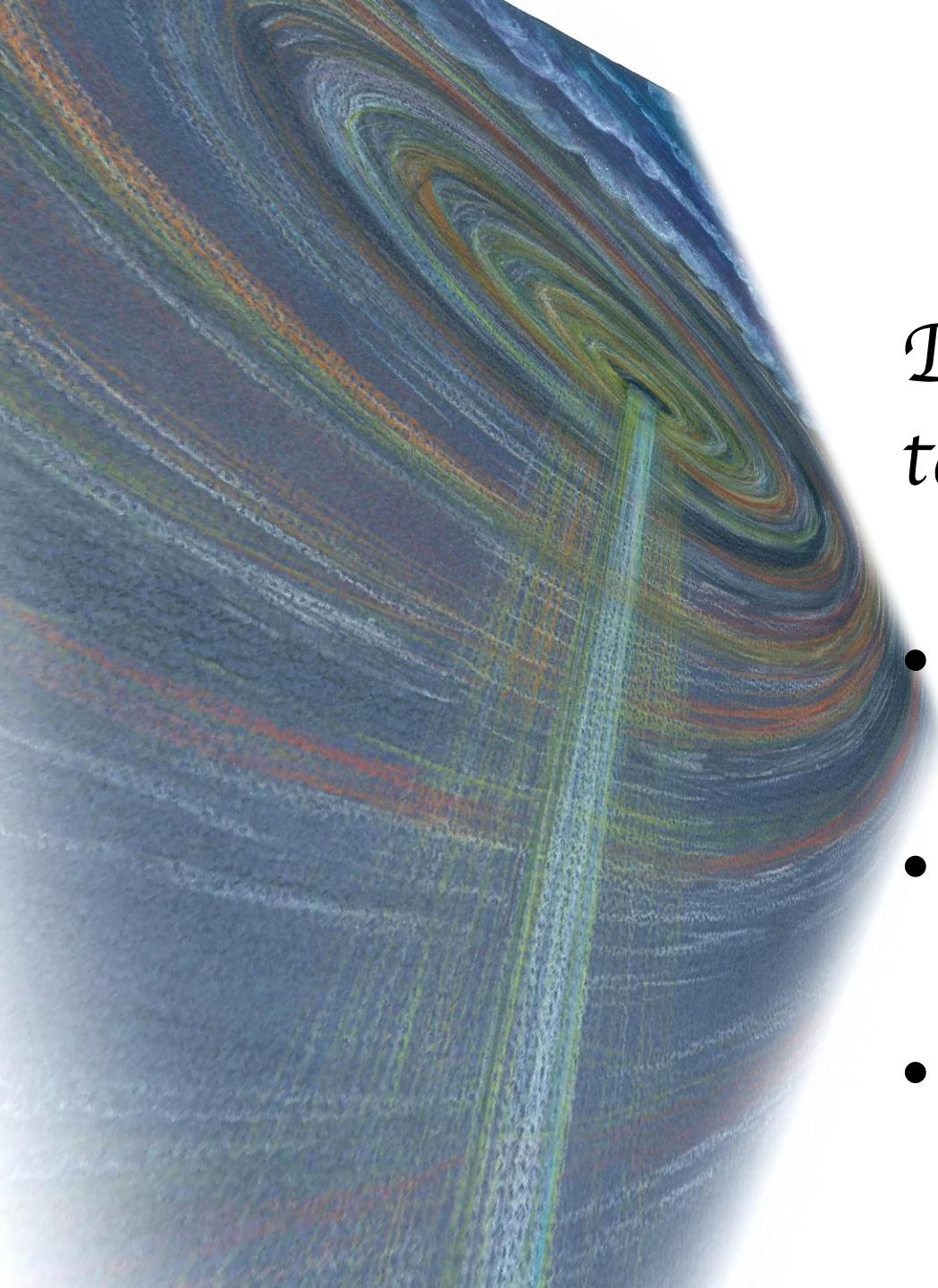
- Blazar template (Ghisellini & Tavecchio 2009)
- Jet observed at small angles:  $\Theta = 3\text{--}6^\circ$

*SED*  
*fitting*

*External  
Compton  
(EC)  
is preferred*

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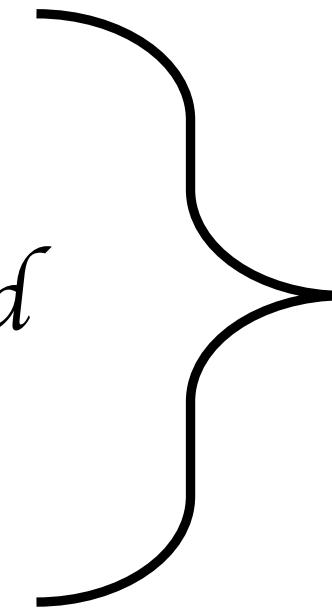




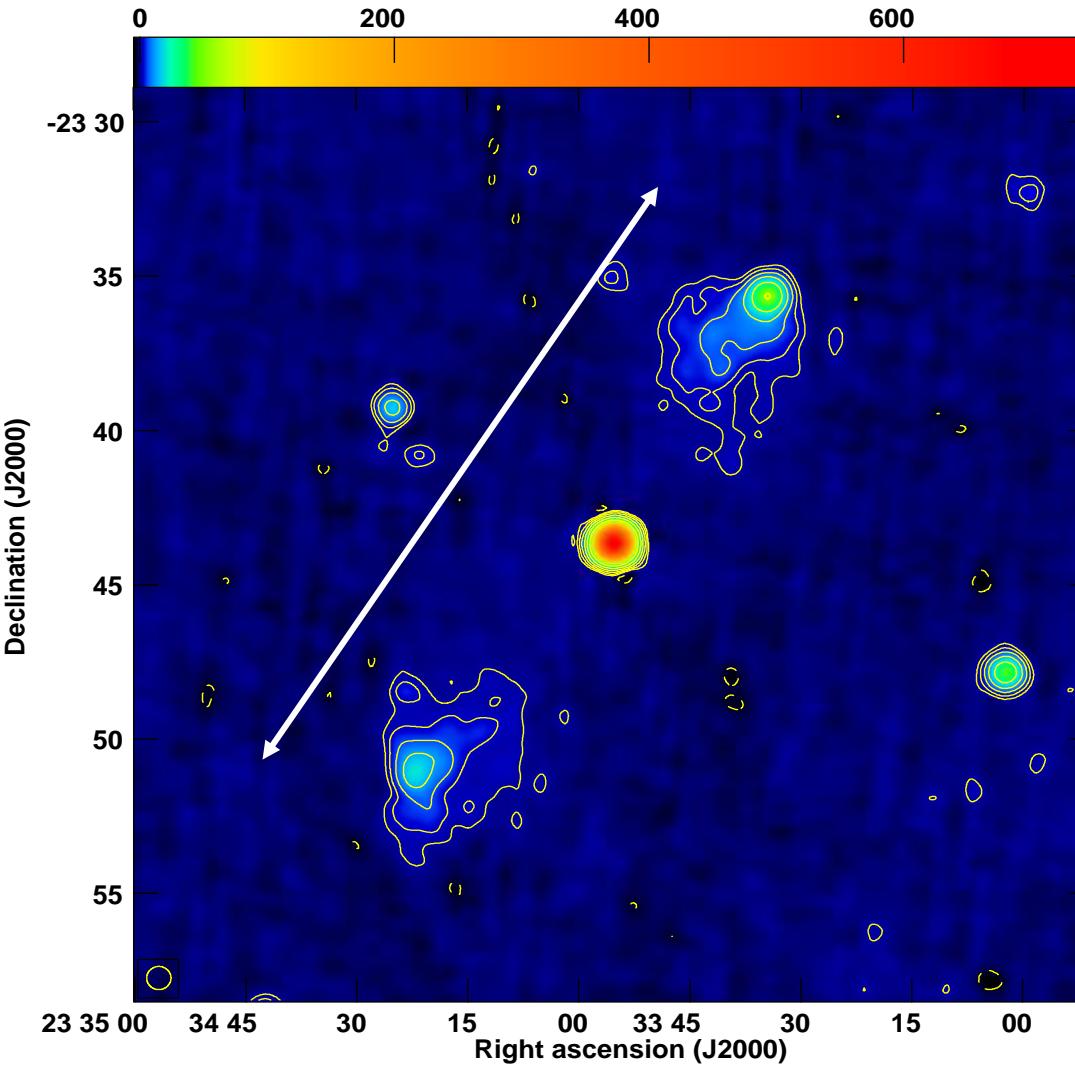
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Different classifications are **not** due to variability:

- Seyfert 1.9
- Unobscured
- Blazar



Blazar

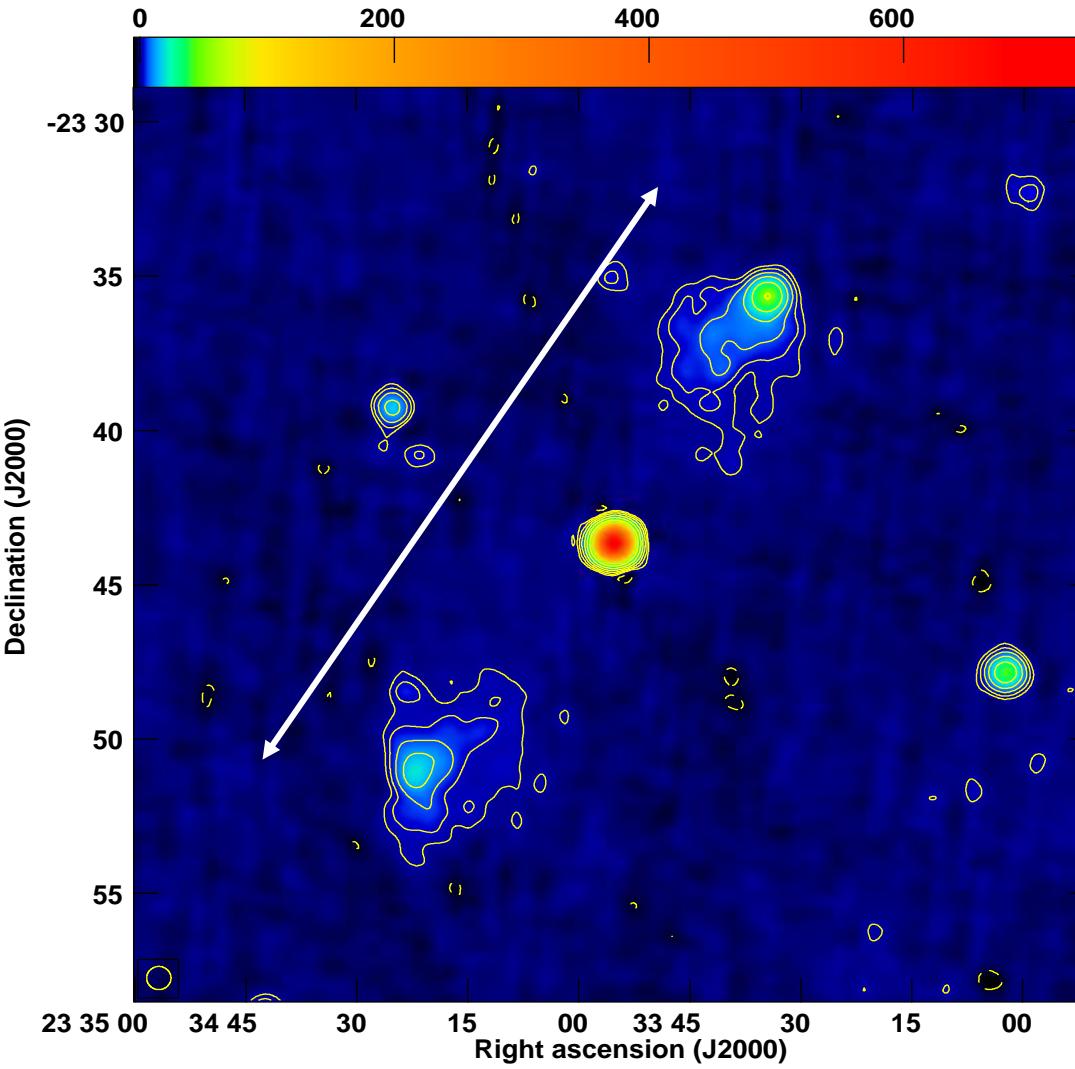


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13 Mpc!!!!!!

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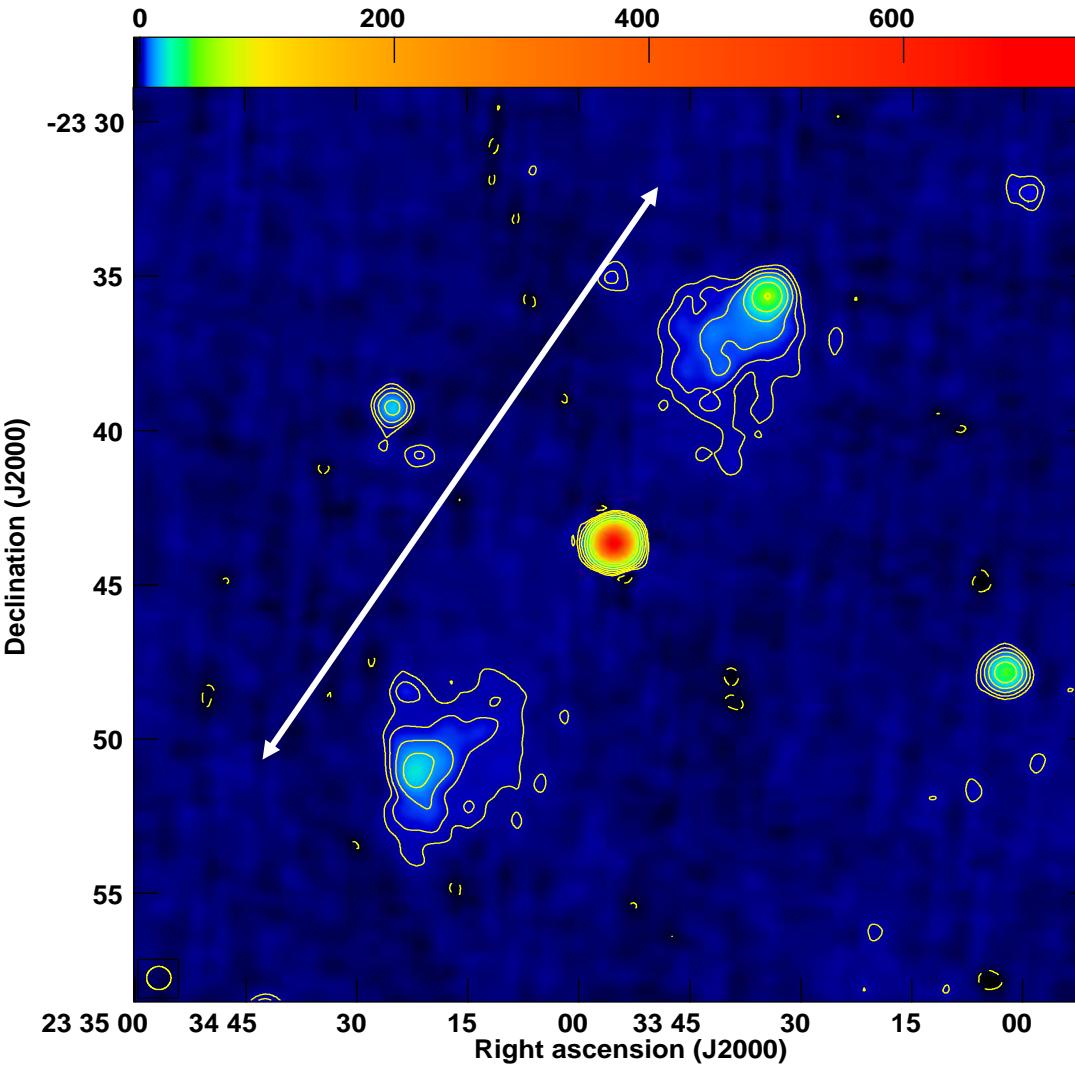


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Largest giant radio galaxy 4.69 Mpc

(Machalski et al. 2008)



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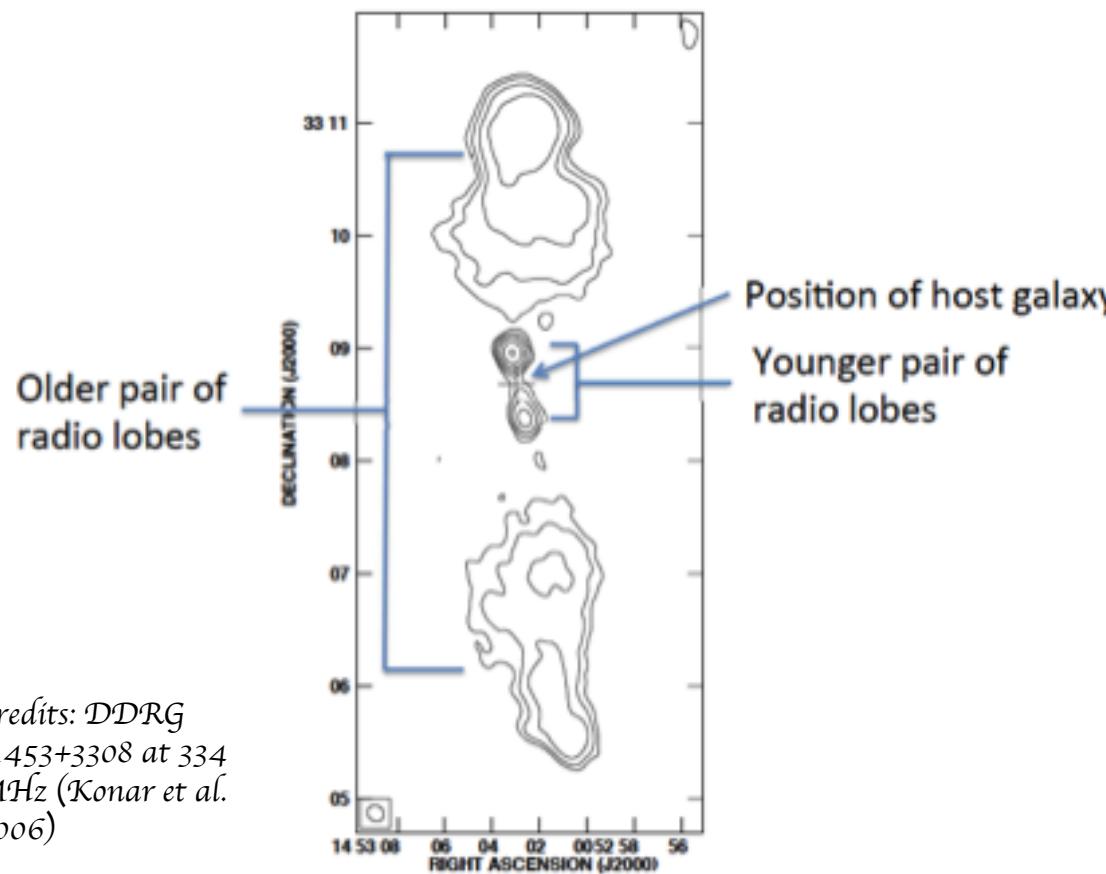
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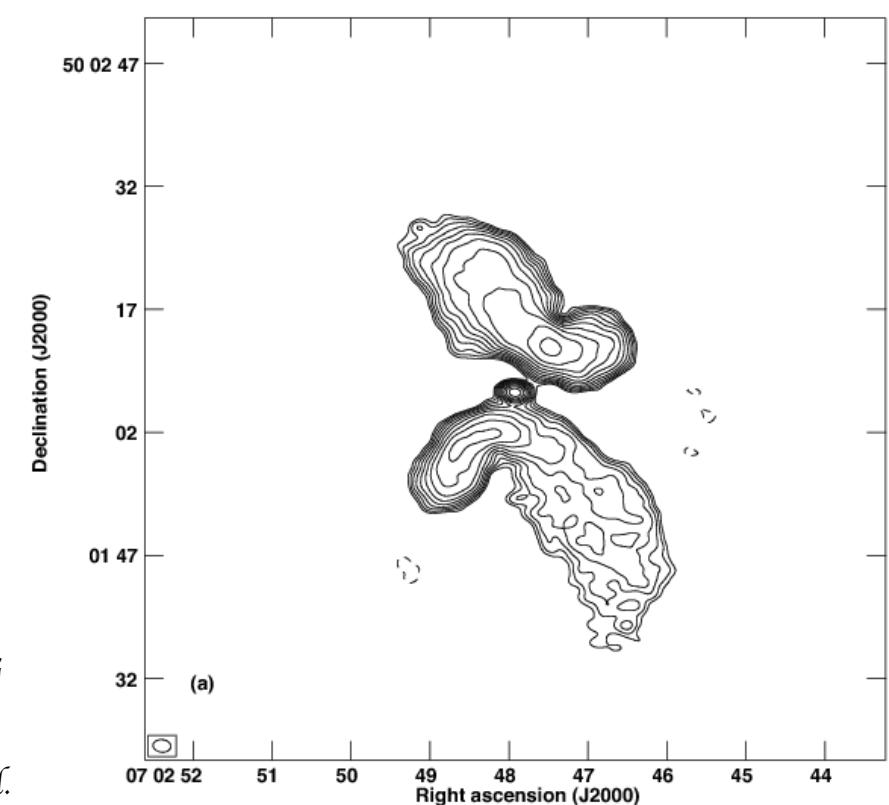
## Double-double radio galaxies (DDRG)

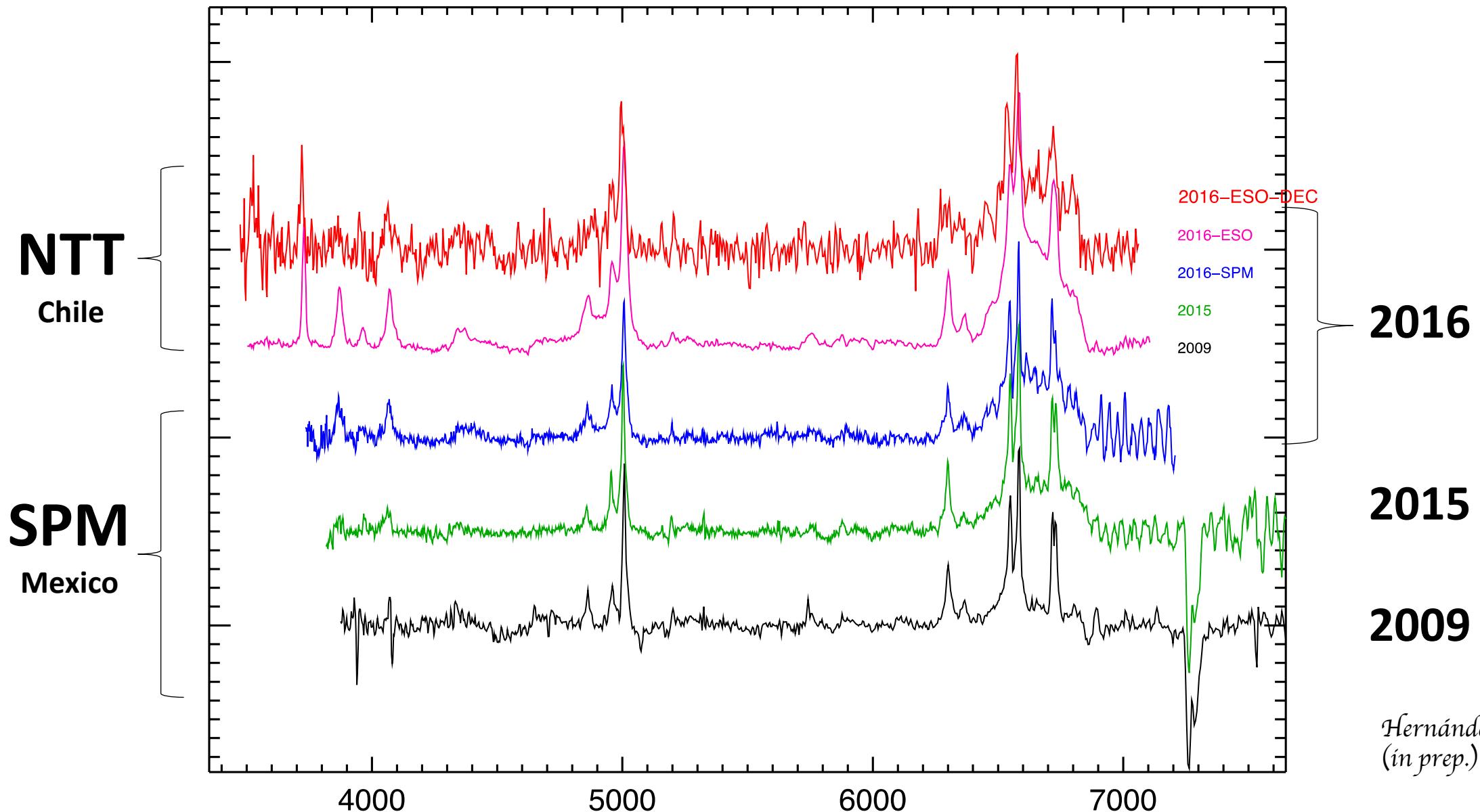
(Lara et al. 1999, Schoenmakers et al 2000)



## X-shaped radio galaxies (XRG)

(Rottmann et al. 2001, Gopal-Krishna et al. 2012)



Work in progress

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