

# Recurrent Radio Activity in Active Galactic Nuclei

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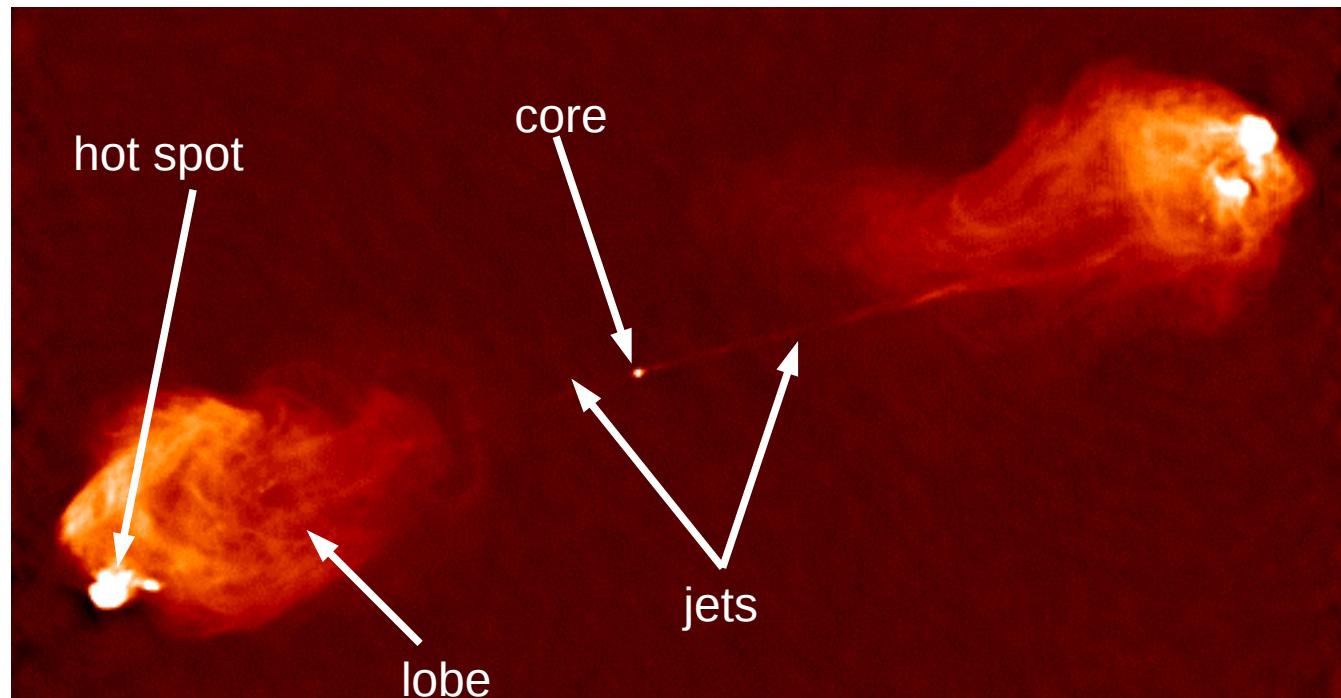
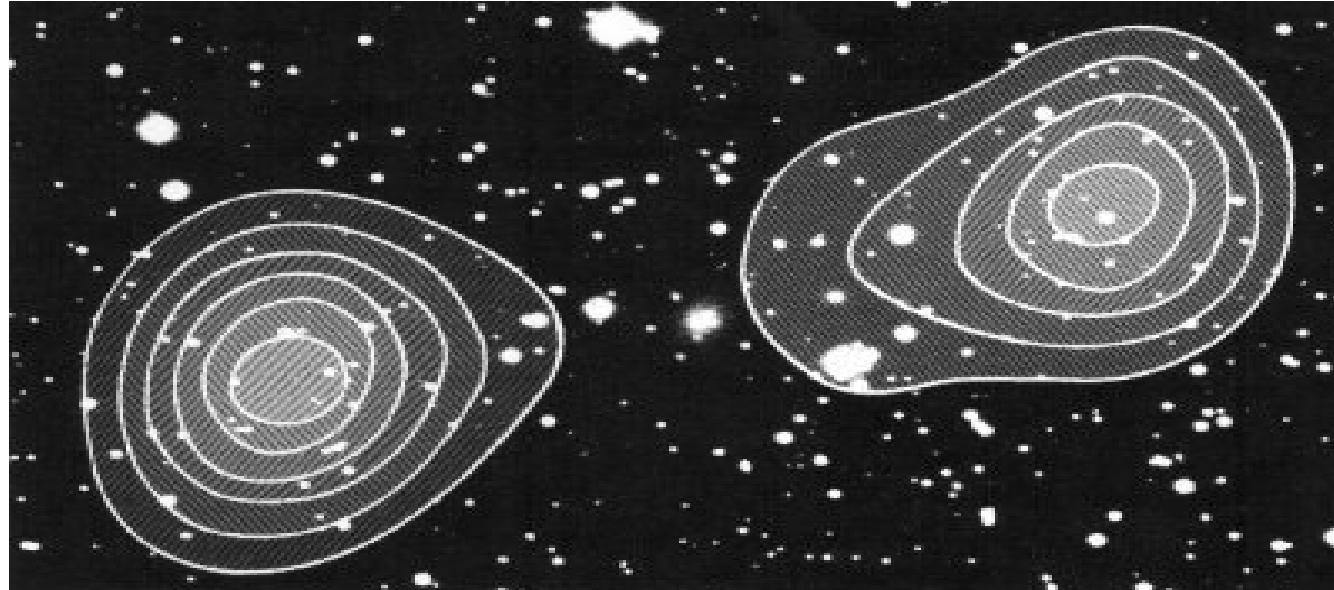
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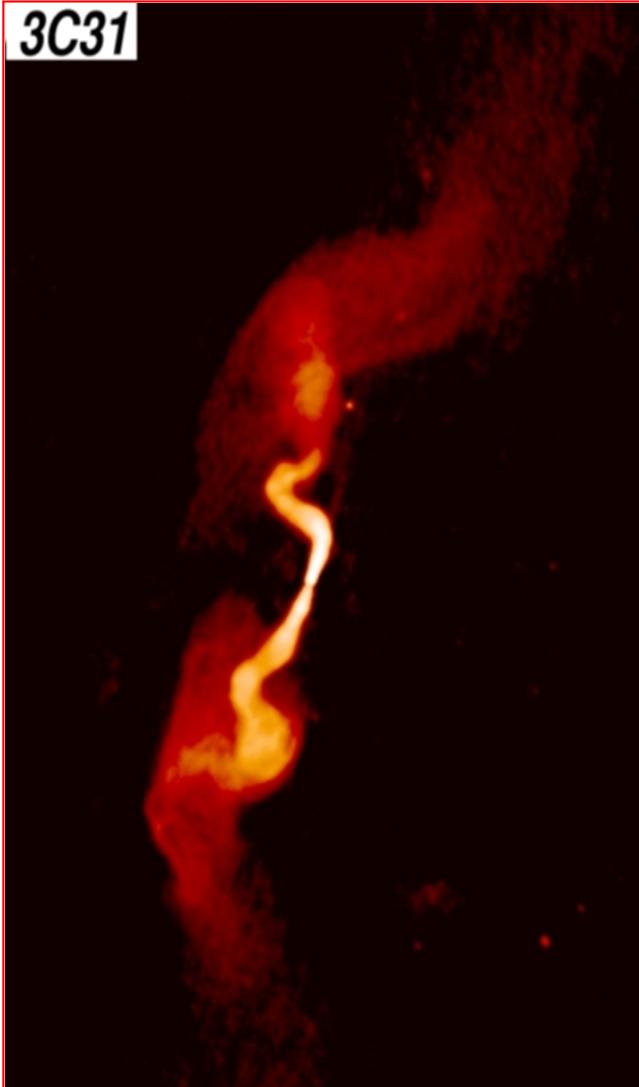
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# Cygnus A



$z=0.0561$   
size  
2'  
100 kpc

**3C31**



**FRI**

Fanaroff& Riley 1974

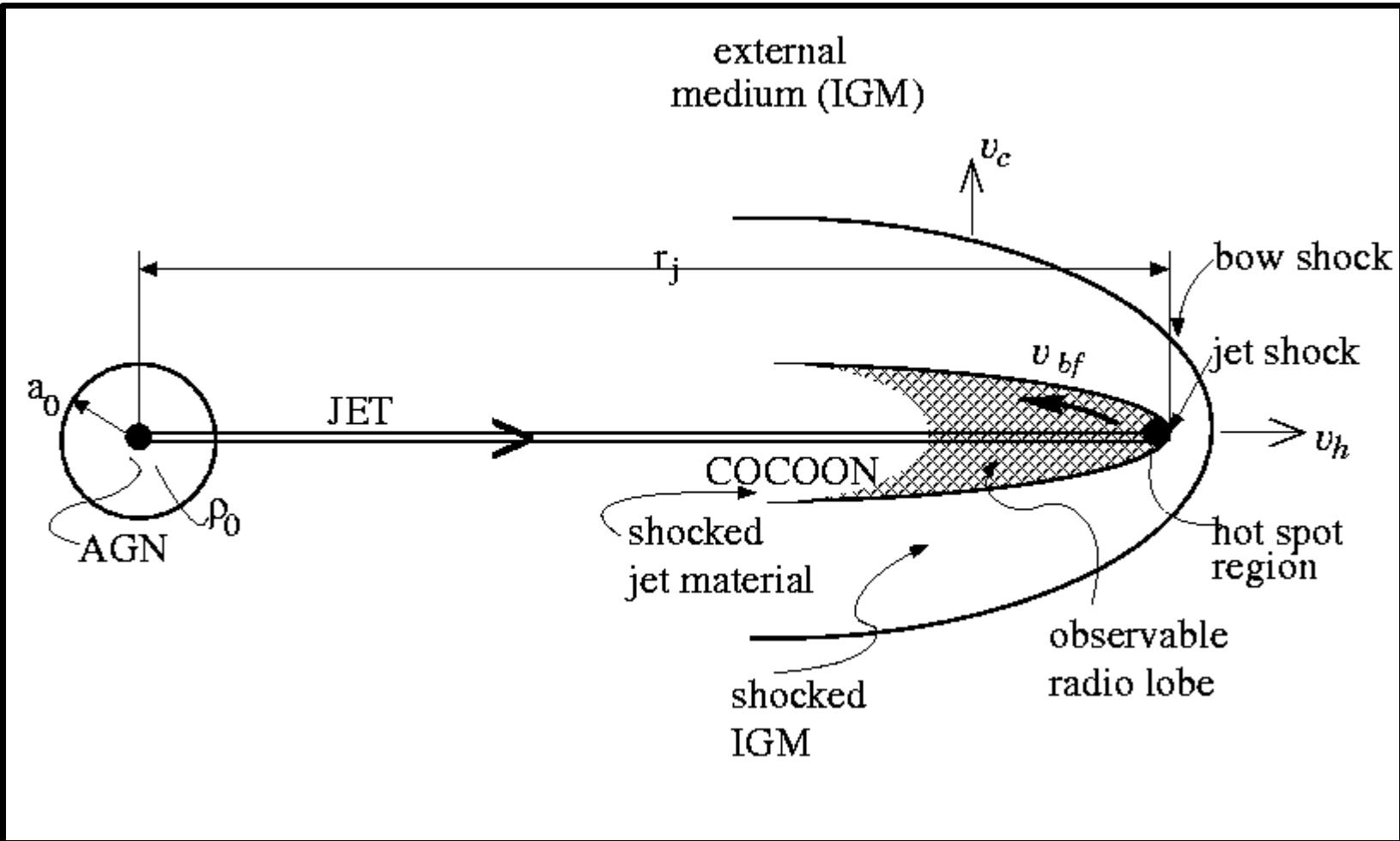
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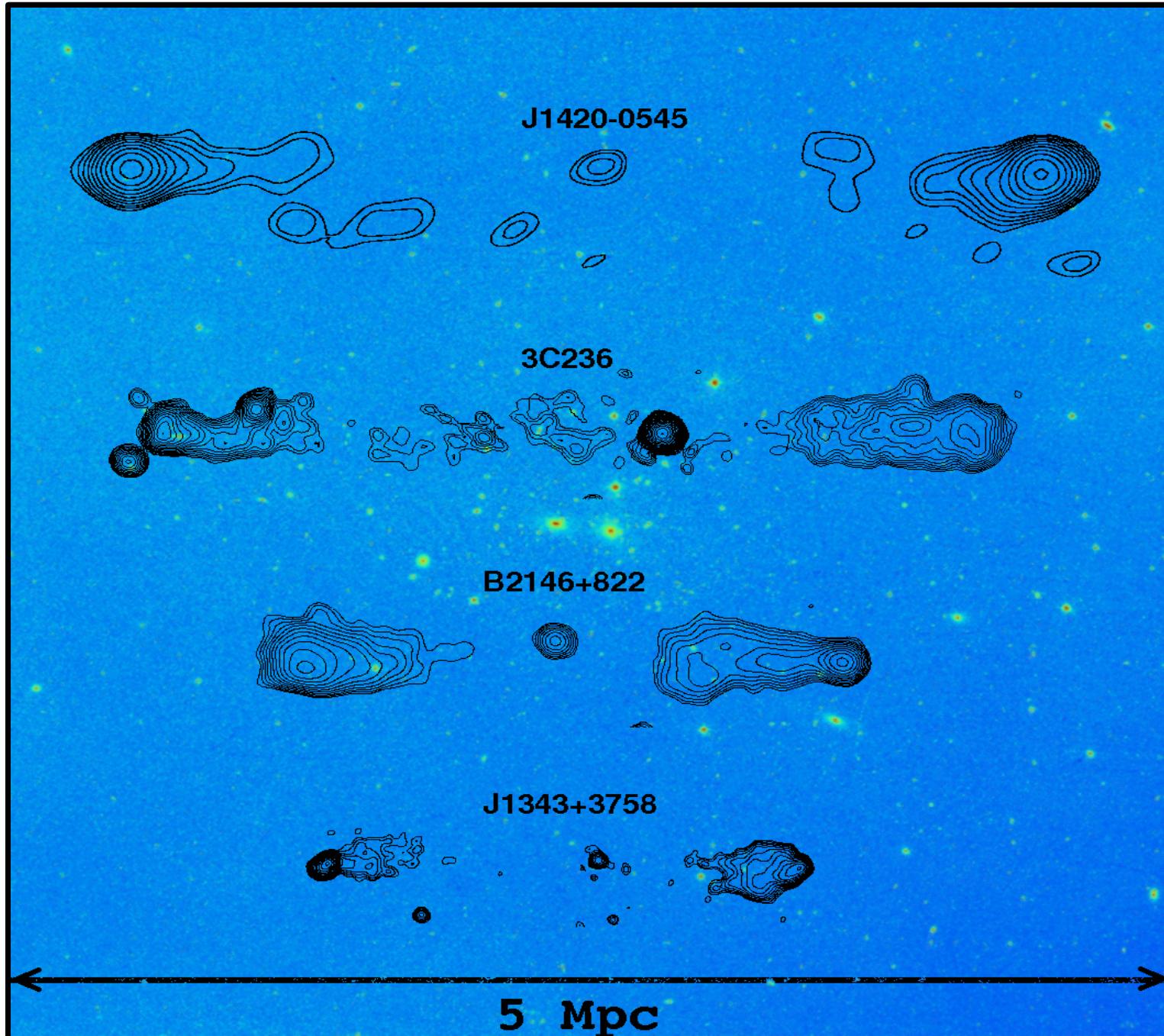
**FRII**



## Time evolution

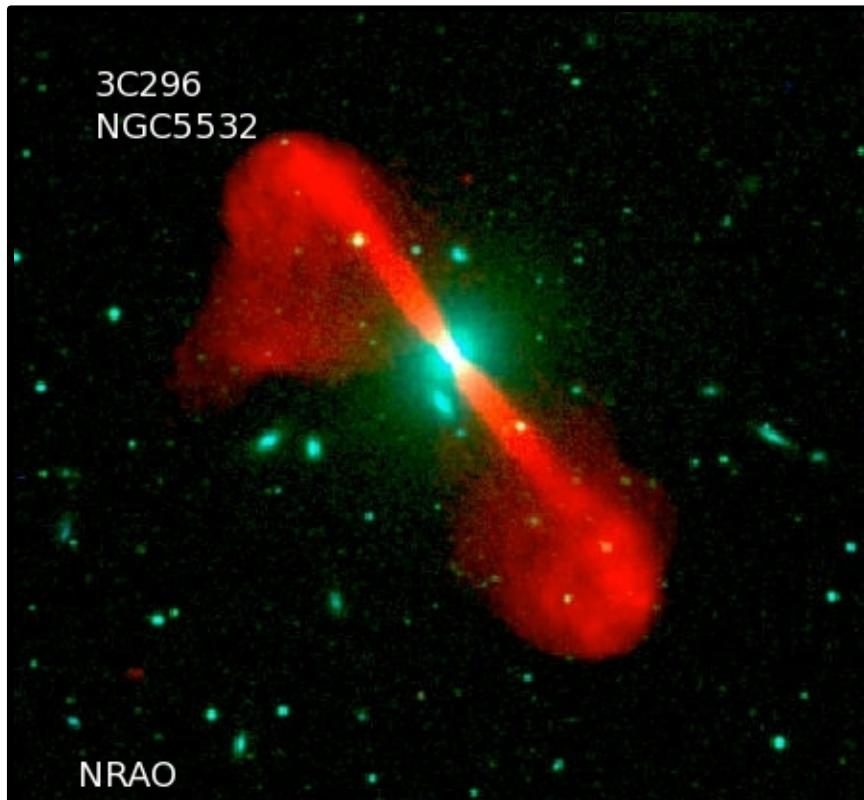


# The largest radio galaxies

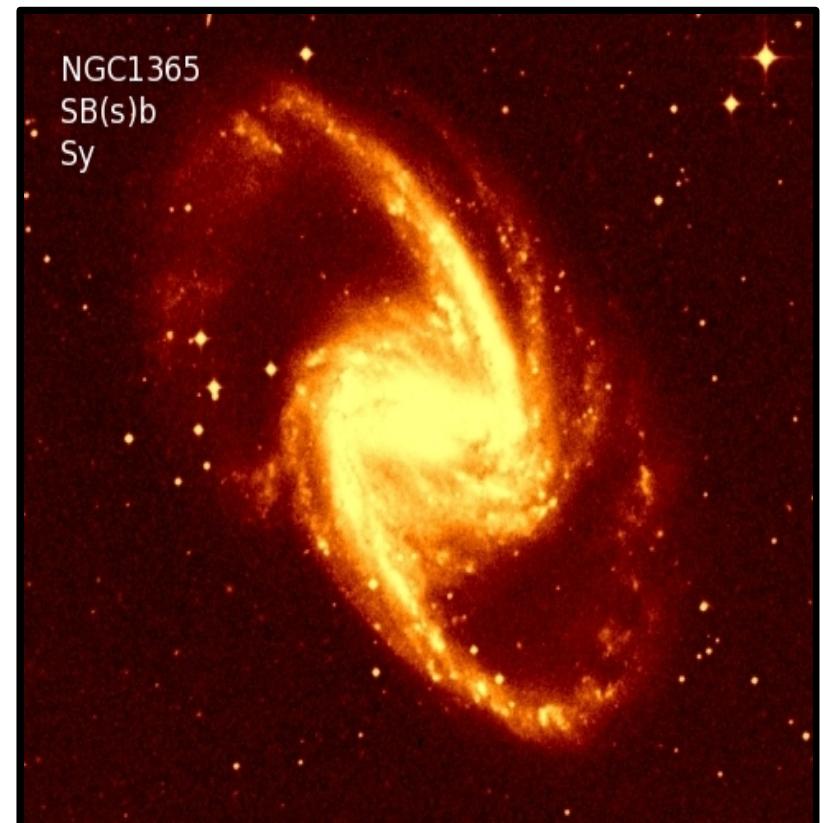


# AGN host galaxies

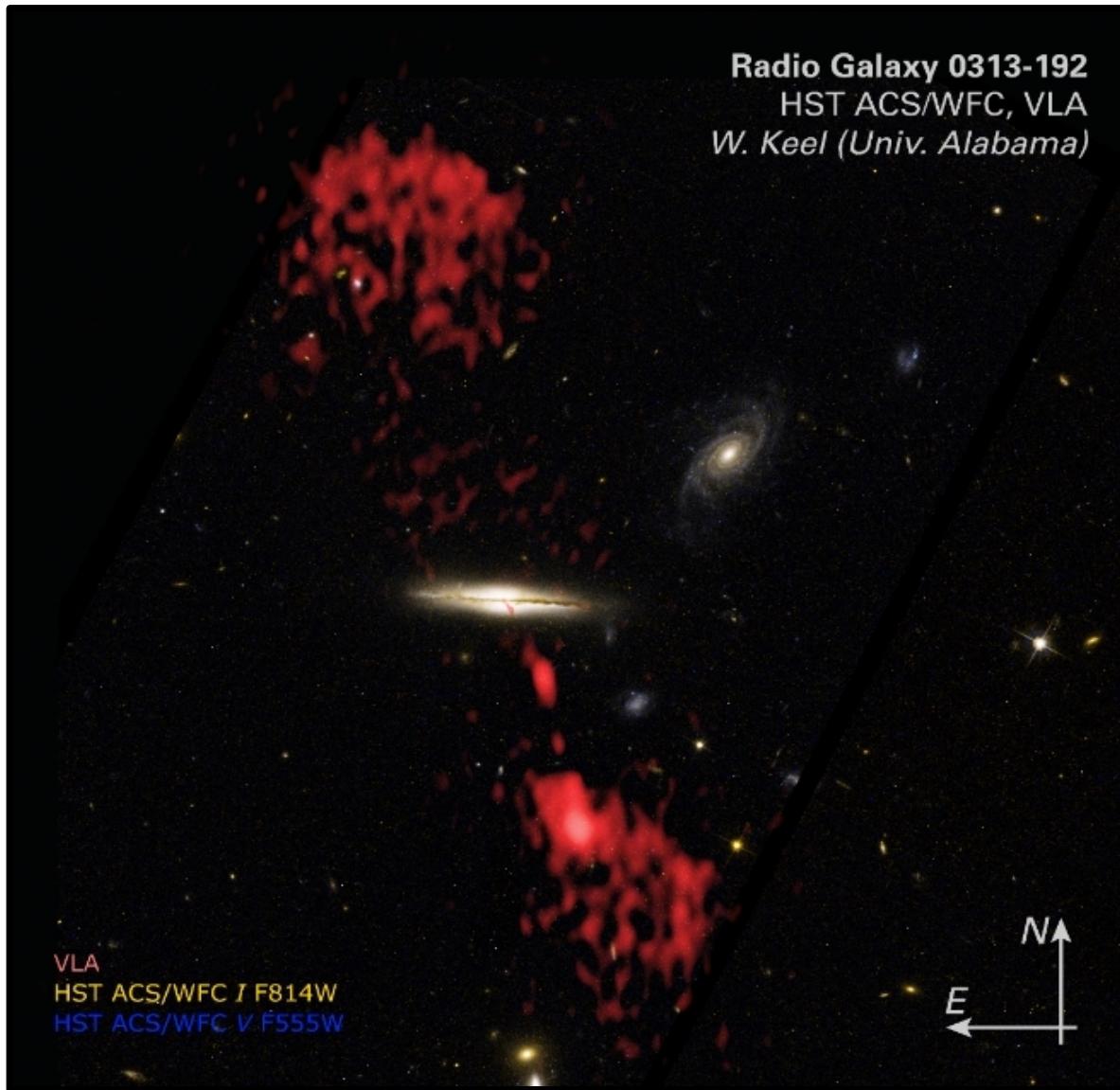
Early type galaxy AGN hosts have strong radio emission and large-scale jets



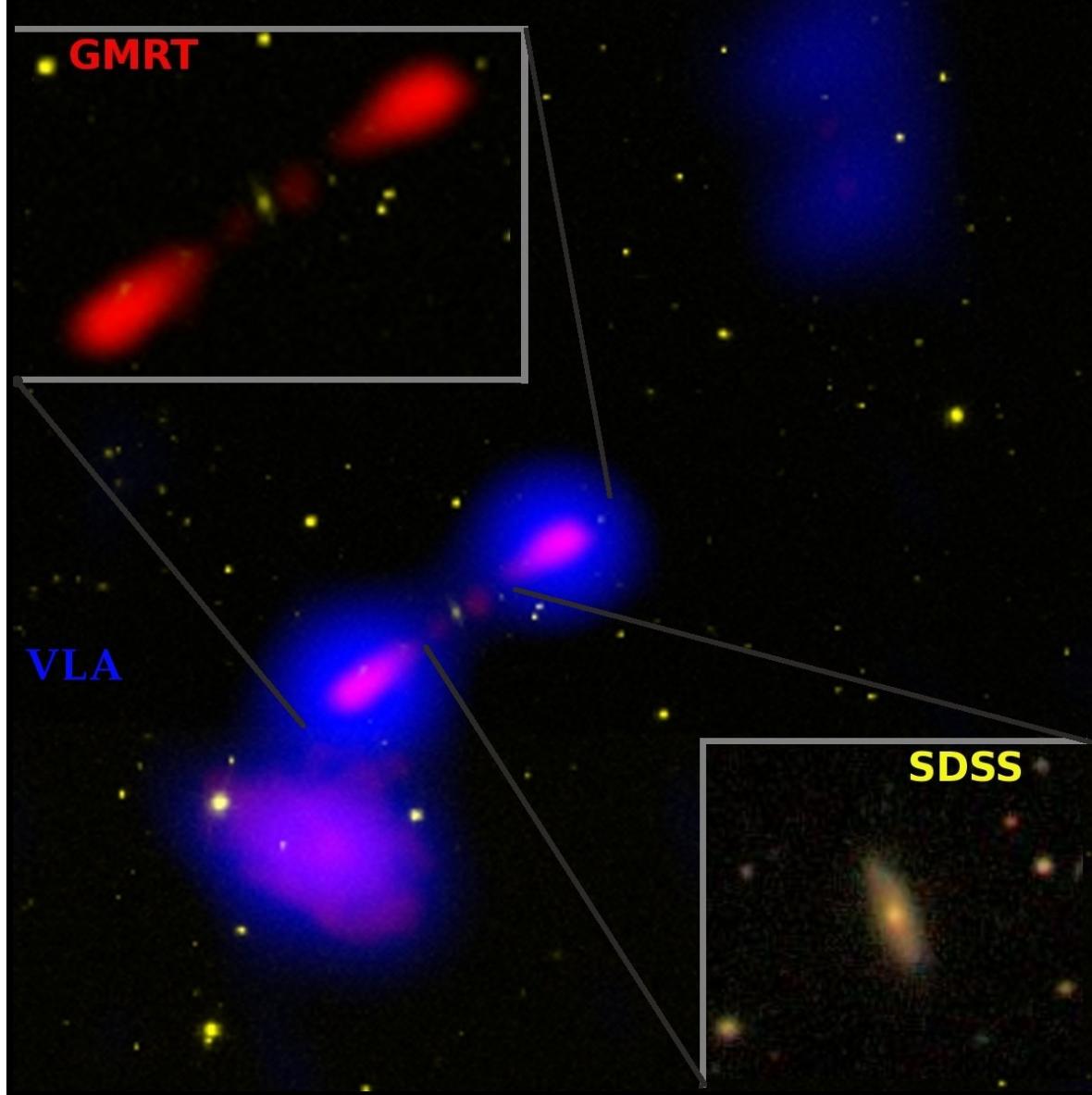
Late type galaxy AGN hosts have weak radio emission and small-scale jets



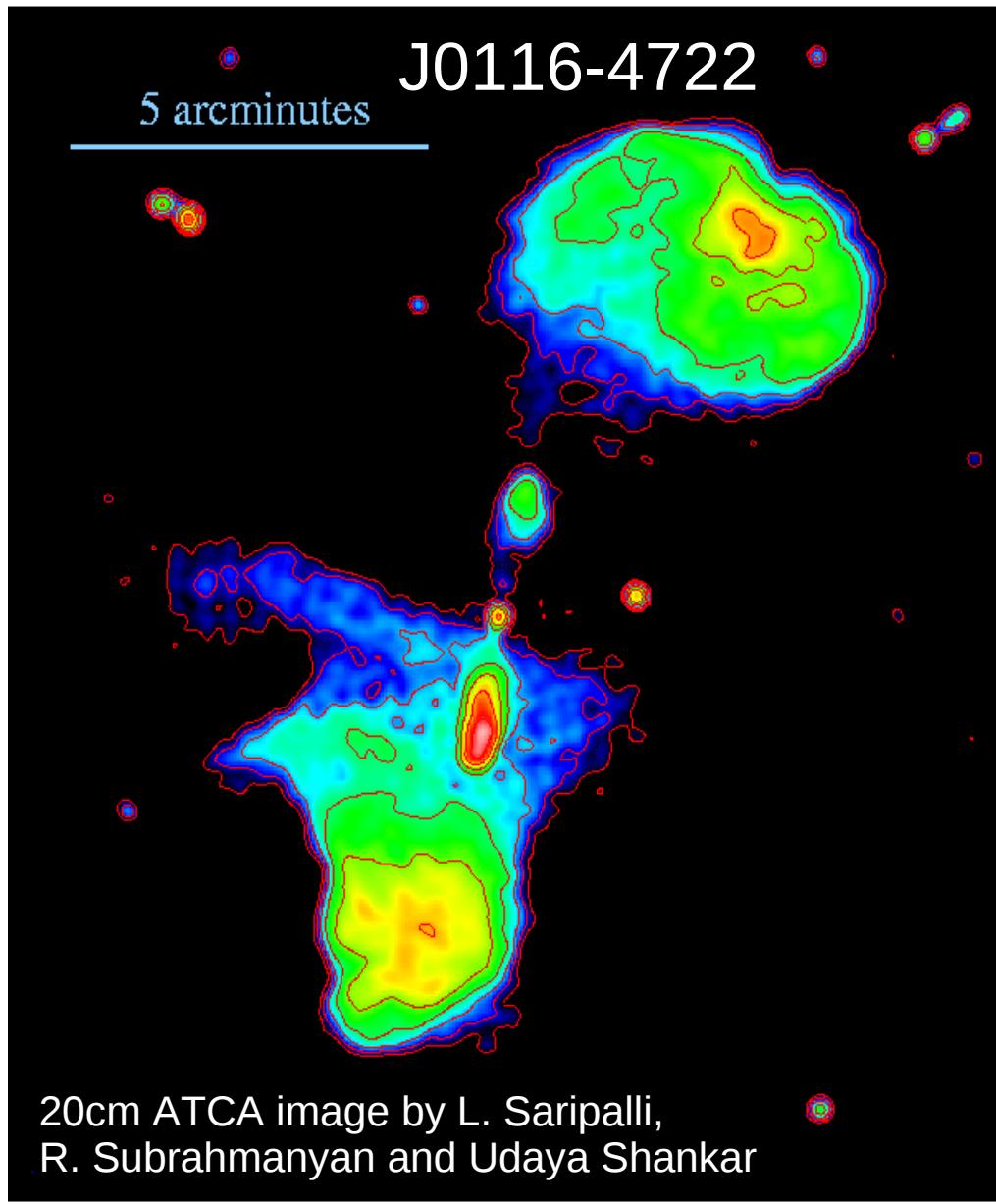
.... there are few exceptions



## *Discovery of an exotic galaxy, Speca*



$z = 0.137$ ,  
spiral-host  
triple-double radio galaxy



## Double-Double Radio Galaxies

**DDRG** – two unequal sized , two sided, double lobed, edge-brightened (FRII) radio sources from two different cycles of activity  
(Schoenmakers, 2000, MNRAS, 315, 371)

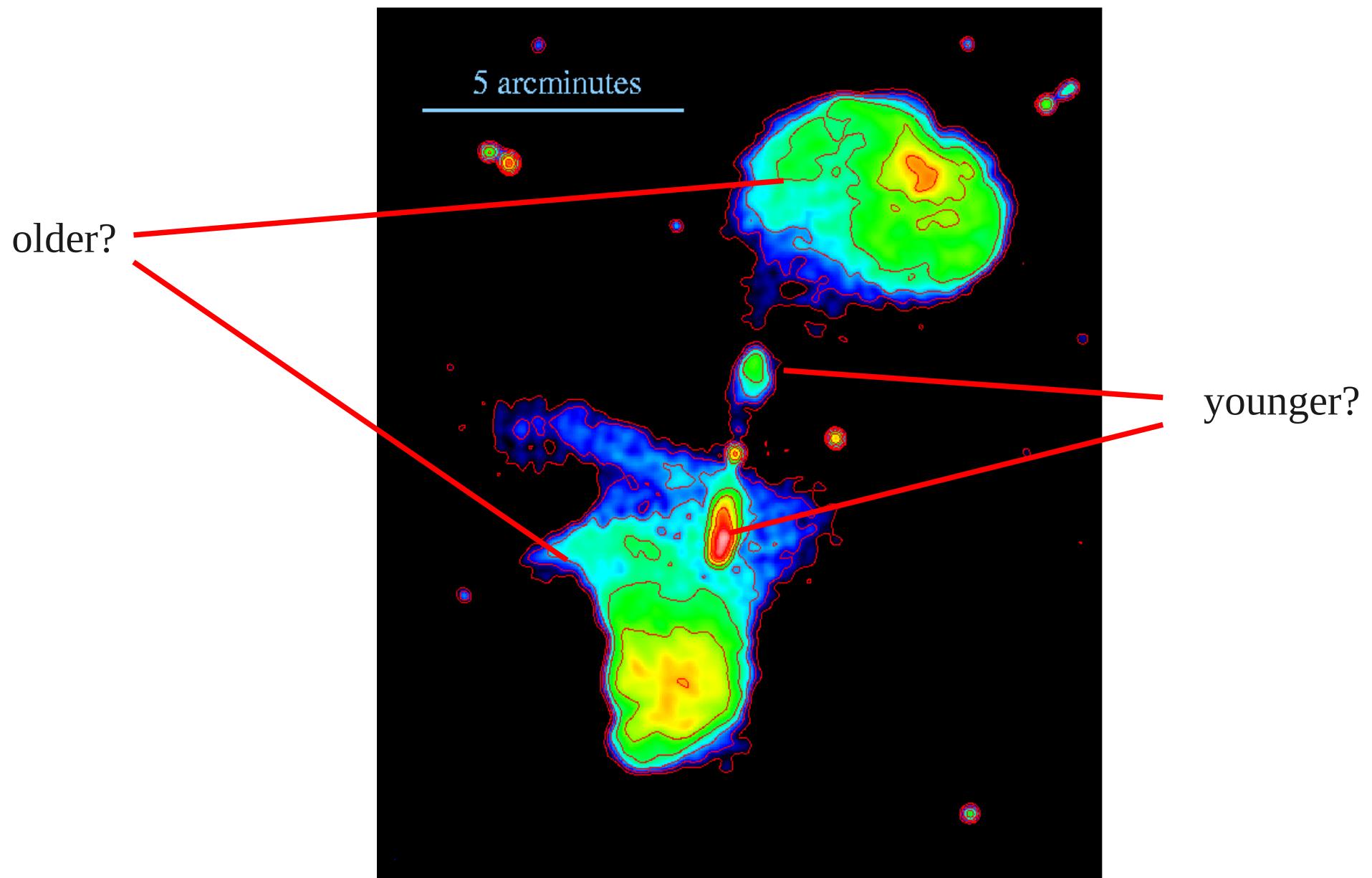
### interruptions related to:

- refueling of the central engine
- instabilities in the accretion disk
- jet production mechanism

~20 objects known (Saikia, & Jamrozy 2009)

Saripalli, Subrahmanyam, Udaya Shankar, 2003, ApJ, 590, 181

# Age determination



# Synchrotron Radiation

Synchrotron emission results from relativistic electrons spiraling in weak magnetic fields

$$\text{Energy distribution } N(E) \sim E^p$$

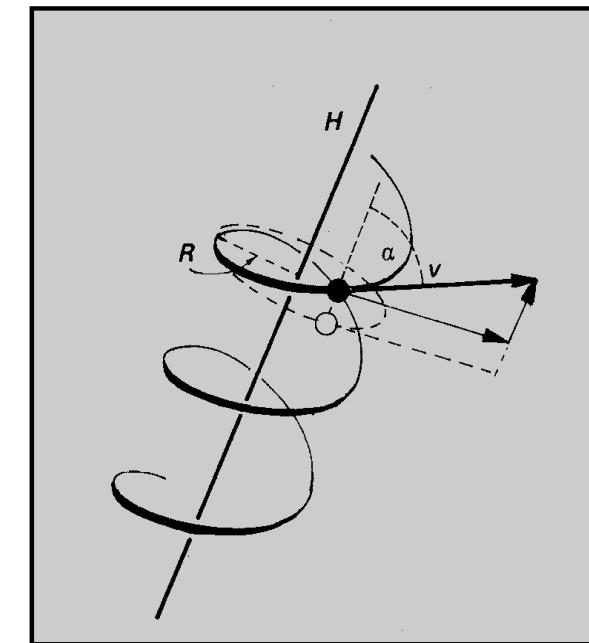
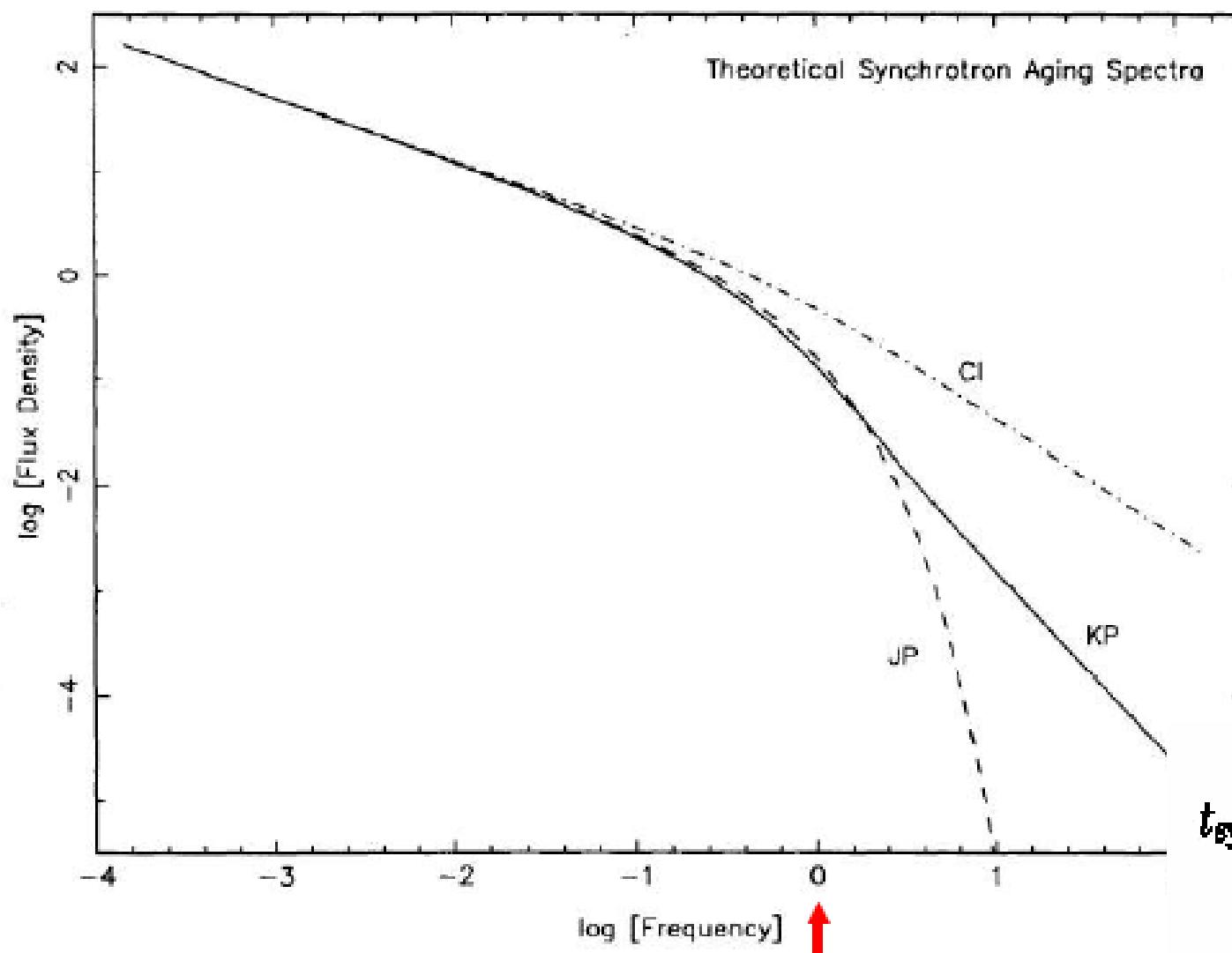
$$\text{Spectrum shape } S_\nu \sim \nu^{-\alpha} \text{ (for radio galaxies } p=-2.5, \alpha=0.75)$$

Evolution of radio spectrum with time:  
steepening of the spectrum at high frequencies results from  
the radiative losses of electrons with the highest energy

Spectral model parameters:

- $\alpha_{\text{inj}}$ : power law index at frequencies lower than the break frequency
- $\nu_{\text{br}}$ : break frequency after which the spectrum steepens
- behavior of the spectrum after the break frequency

## Spectral models

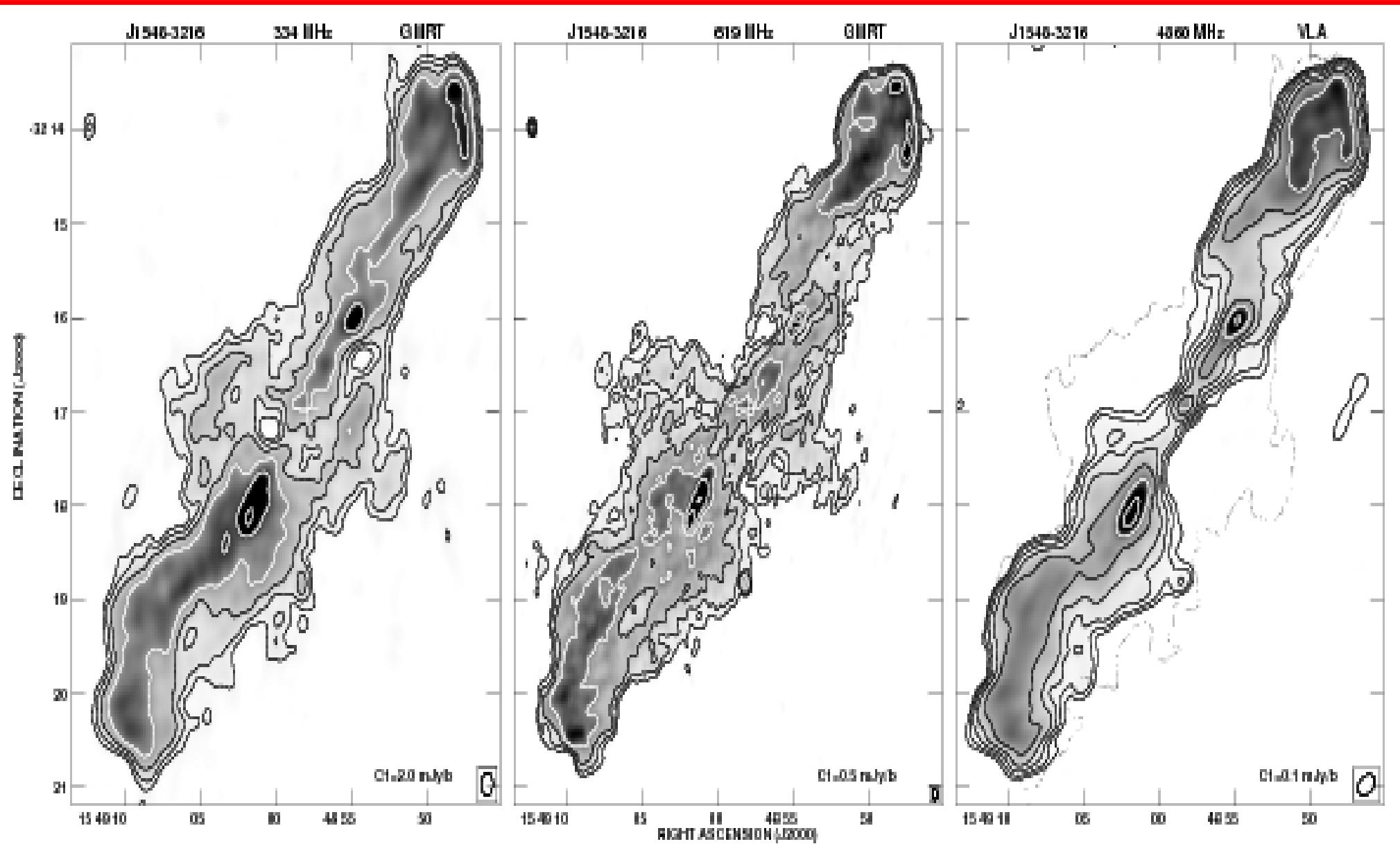


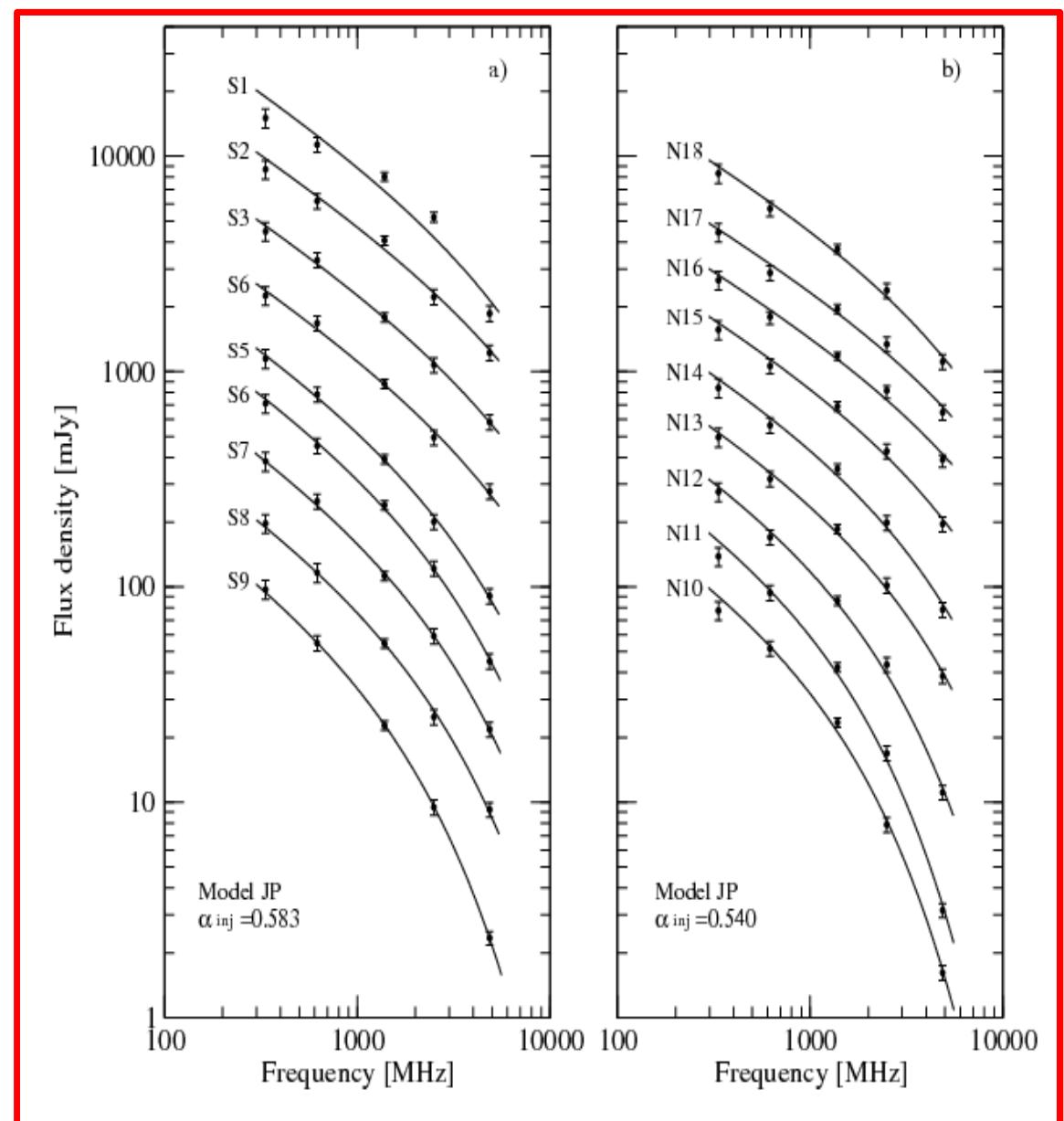
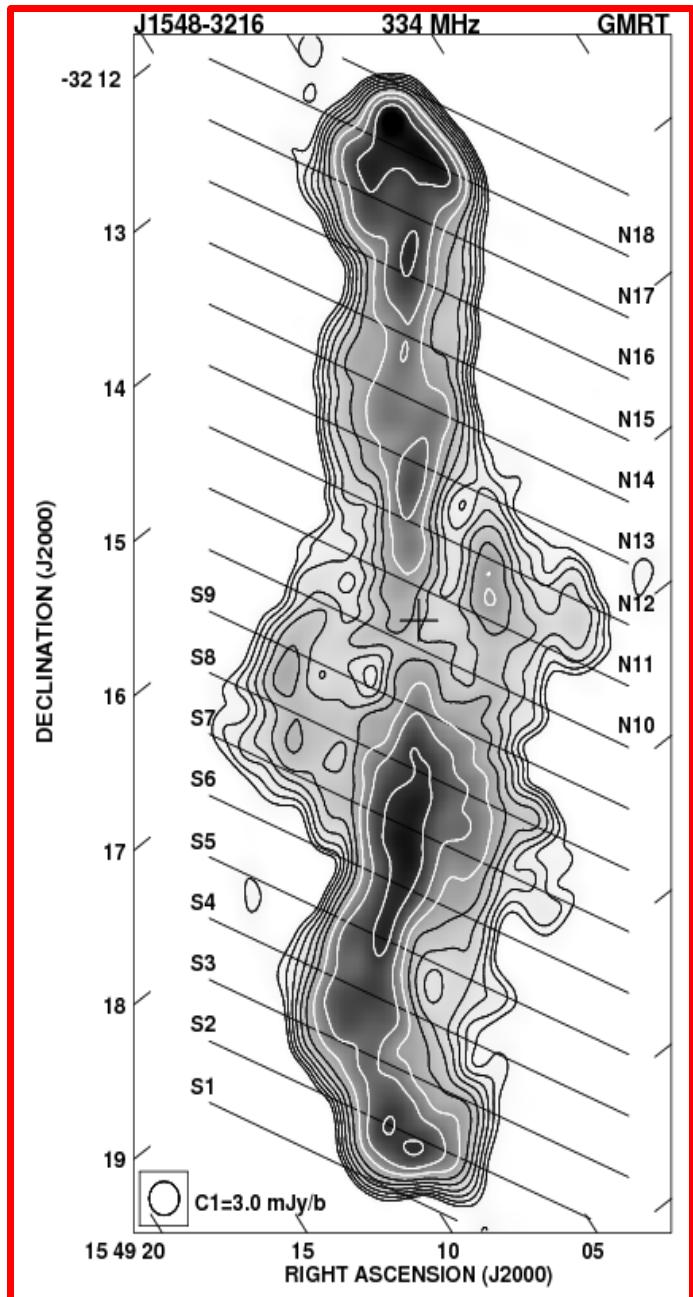
$$t_{\text{syn}} \propto \frac{B^{1/2}}{(B^2 + B_{IC}^2)} [\nu_{\text{br}}(1+z)]^{-1/2}$$

$$B_{IC} = 0.32(1+z)^2 \text{ [nT]}$$

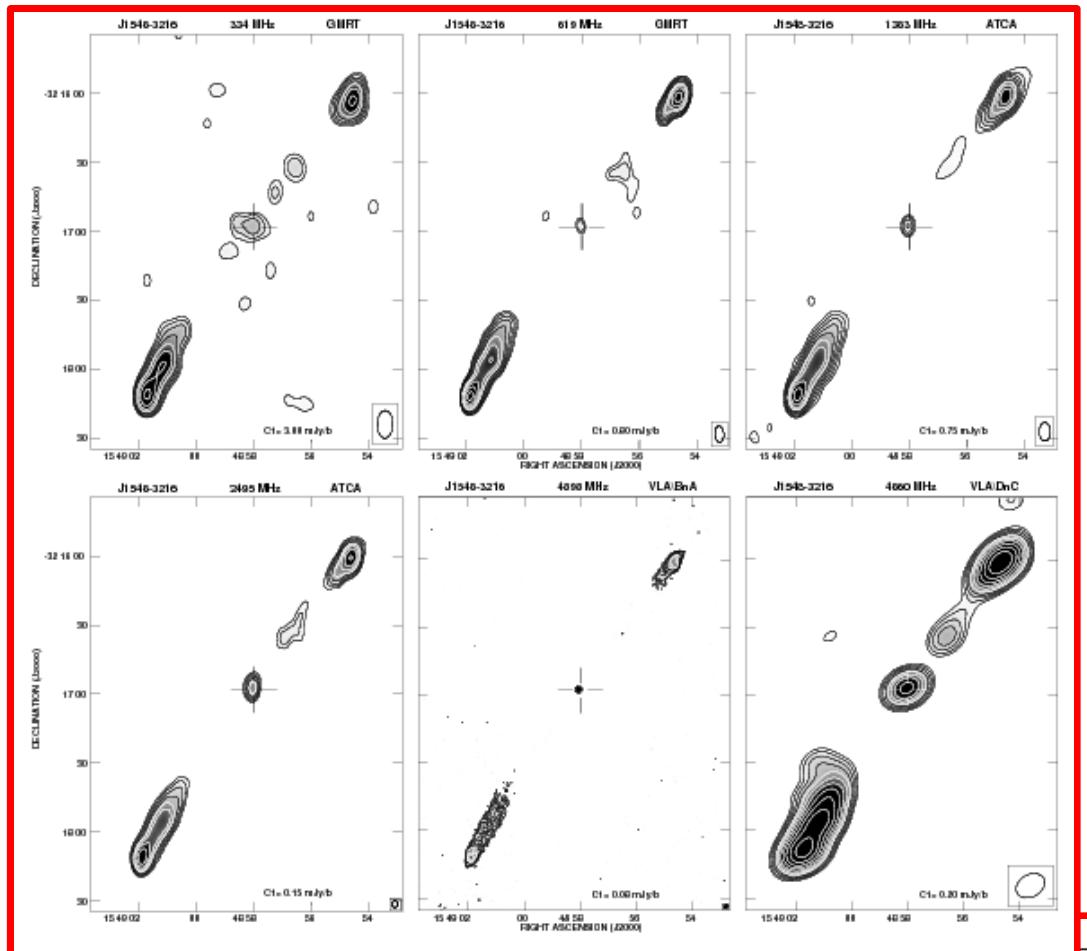
$$B \sim B_{\text{eqv}} \propto \frac{1+\kappa}{\eta} \left(\frac{L}{V}\right)^{2/7}$$

# J1548-3216 multifrequency radio maps: GMRT , VLA

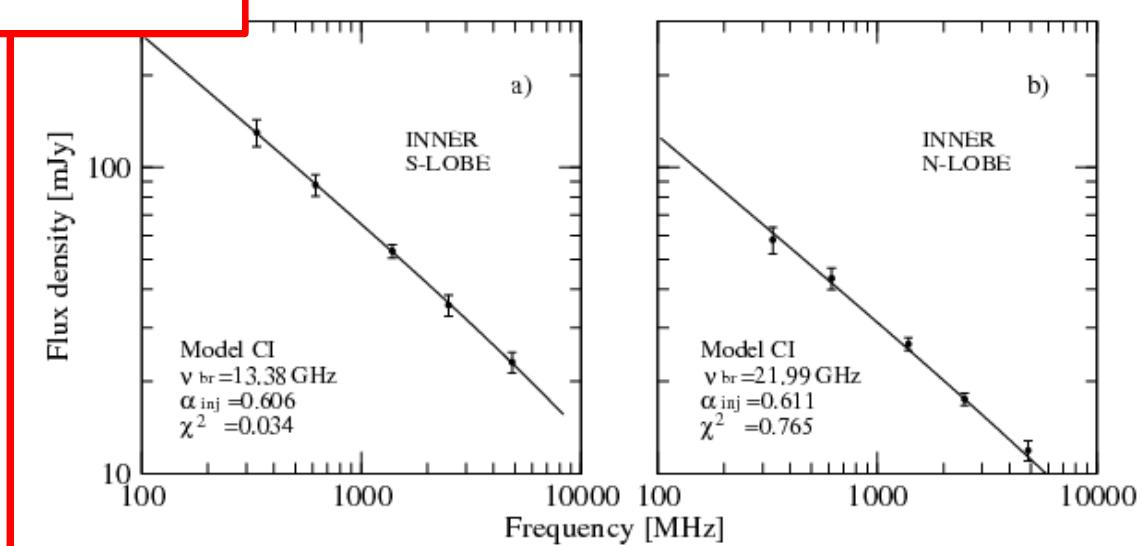


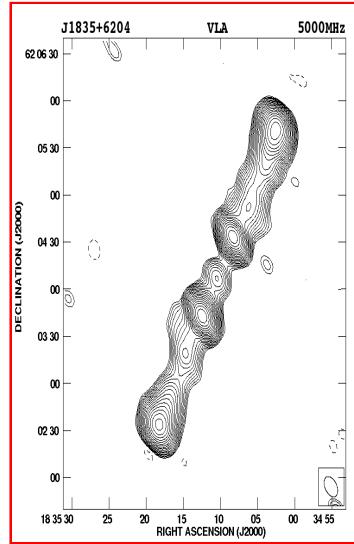


Spectral age 75 Myr

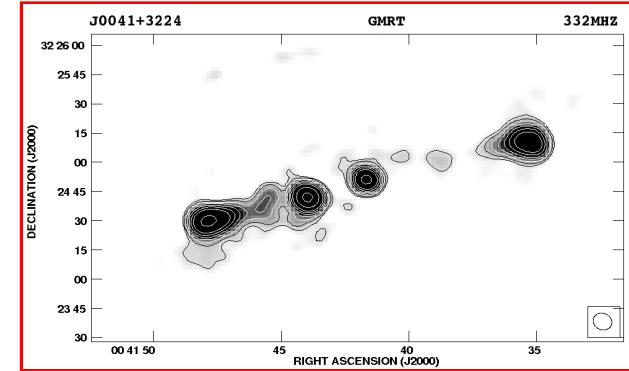


Spectral age 9 Myr





**J1835+6204**



**J0041+3224**

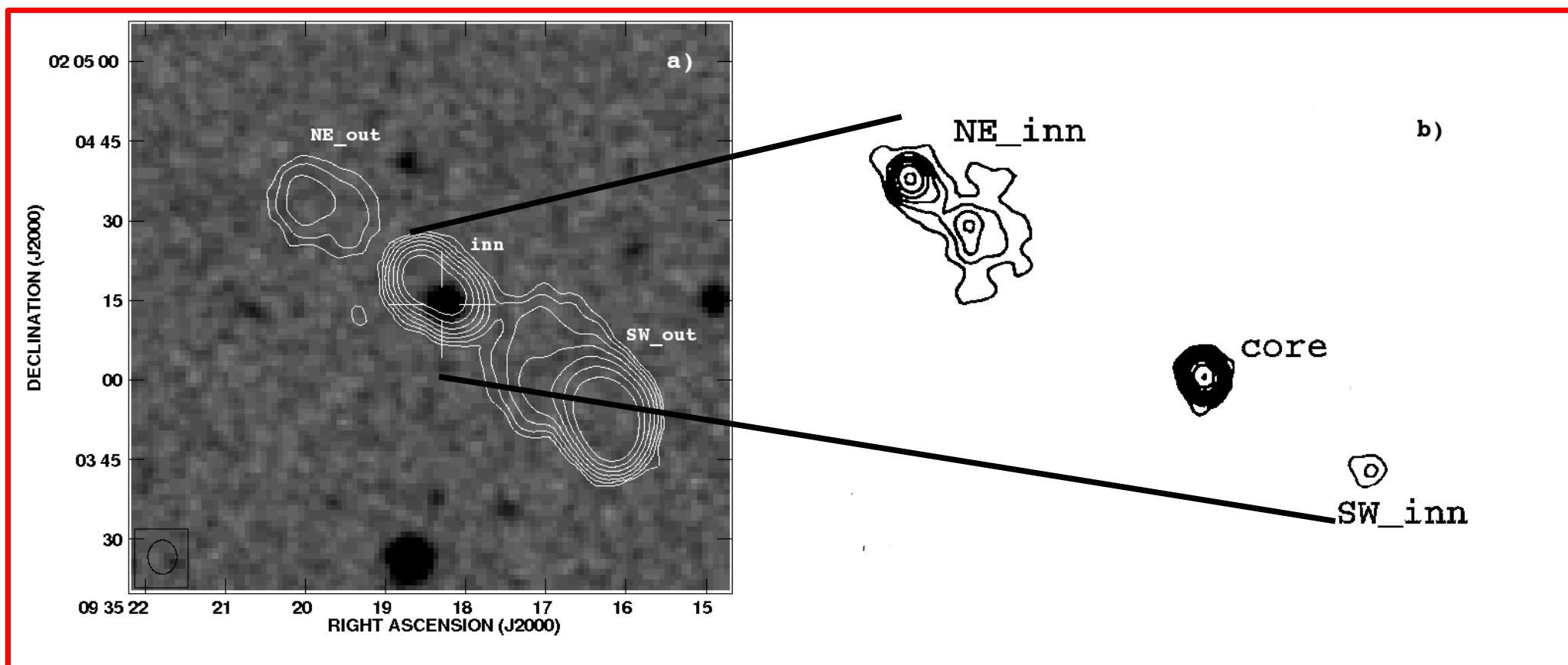
<b>synch. age [Myr]</b>	22	26
<b>quiescent phase [%]</b>	<5	4-28

Konar et al. 2012, MNRAS, in print

Table 1: Sources with evidence of recurrent activity

Source	Alt. name	Opt. Id.	Red- shift	$l_{in}$ kpc	$l_o$ kpc	Notes	References
J0041+3224	B2 0039+32	G	(0.45)	171	969	DDRG	1
J0116–4722	PKS 0114–47	G	0.1461	460	1447	DDRG	2
J0821+2117	TXS 0818+214	G	(1.0)	5.4	547	DDRG	19,20
J0840+2949	4C29.30	G	0.0647	36	639	DDRG	18
J0921+4538	3C219	G	0.1744	69	433	DDRG	3,4,5
J0929+4146		G	0.3650	~30, 652	1875	TDRG	6,39
J0935+0204	4C02.27	Q	0.6491	70	470	DDRQ	16
J1006+3454	3C236	G	0.1005	1.7	4249	DDRG	7,8,9
J1158+2621	4C26.35	G	0.1121	138	483	DDRG	10
J1242+3838		G	0.3000	251	602	DDRG	6
J1247+6723	VII Zw 485	G	0.1073	0.014	1195	DDRG	11,12
J1325–4301	Cen A	G	0.0018	~12	~600	DDRG	28,29,30,31,32,40
J1352+3126	3C293	G	0.0450	1.6	190	misaligned DDRG	36,37,38
J1406+3411	3C294	G	1.7790		126	relic X-ray	45,46
J1453+3308	4C33.33	G	0.2481	159	1297	DDRG	6,17
J1504+2600	3C310	G	0.0538	~90	320	Flatter- $\alpha$ bubbles	25,26
J1548–3216	PKS 1545–321	G	0.1082	313	961	DDRG	13,35,41,43
J1651+0459	Her A	G	0.1540		513	Steep- $\alpha$ relic	23,24
J1835+6204	8C 1834+620	G	0.5194	369	1379	DDRG	6,27,44
J1844+4533	3C388	G	0.0917		~70	Steep- $\alpha$ relic	21,22
J1959+4044	Cyg A	G	0.0561		136	relic X-ray jet	33,34,42
J2223–0206	3C445	G	0.0562	130	612	DDRG	14,15

# 4C02.27 DDRQ



SDSS QUASAR

RA: 12 44 47.3 DEC 59 41 07

at z=0.565

GREY: DSS

CONT: FIRST and NVSS

DECLINATION (J2000)

59 42 30

00

41 30

00

40 30

00

39 30

12 44 55

50

45

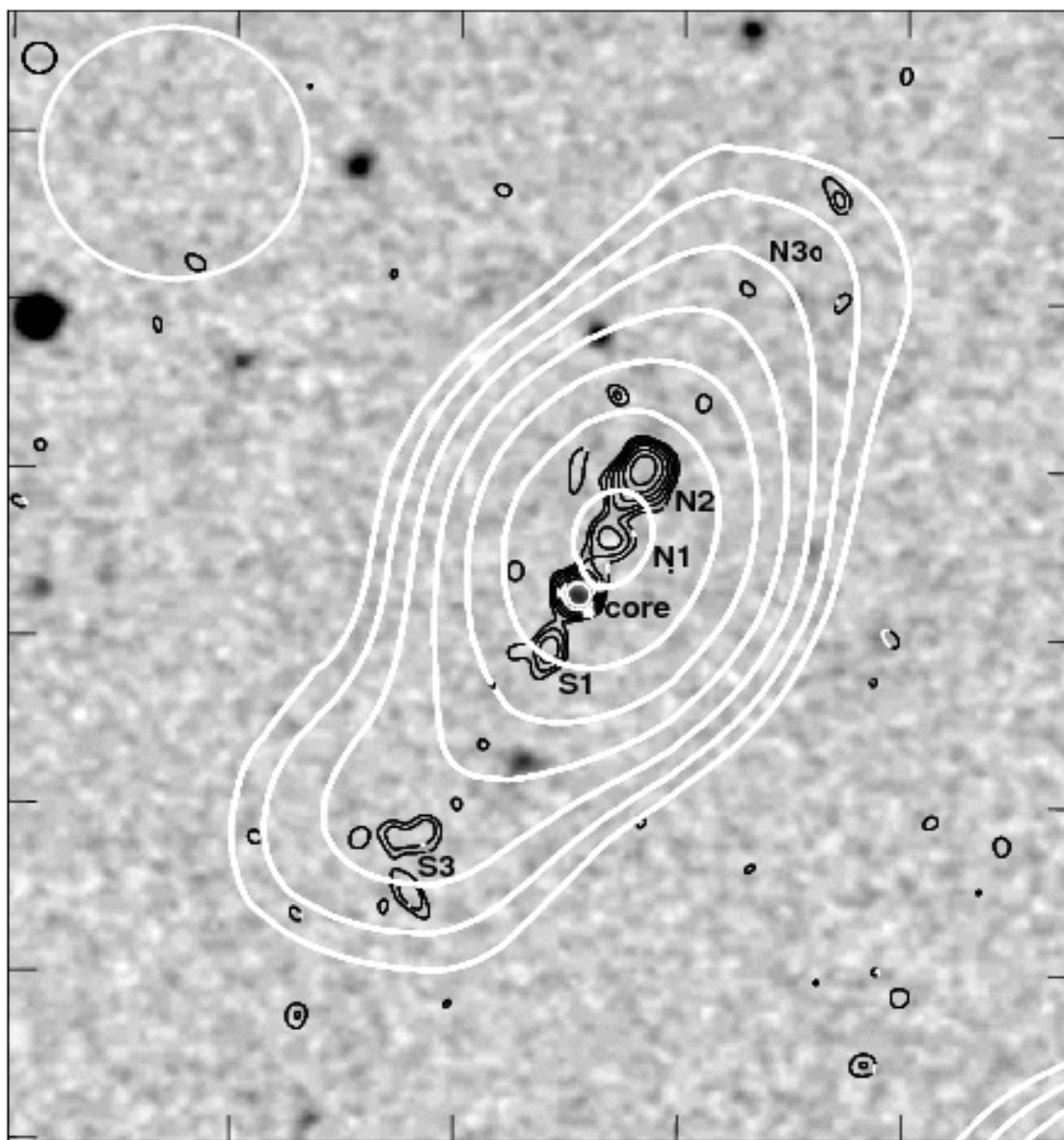
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RIGHT ASCENSION (J2000)

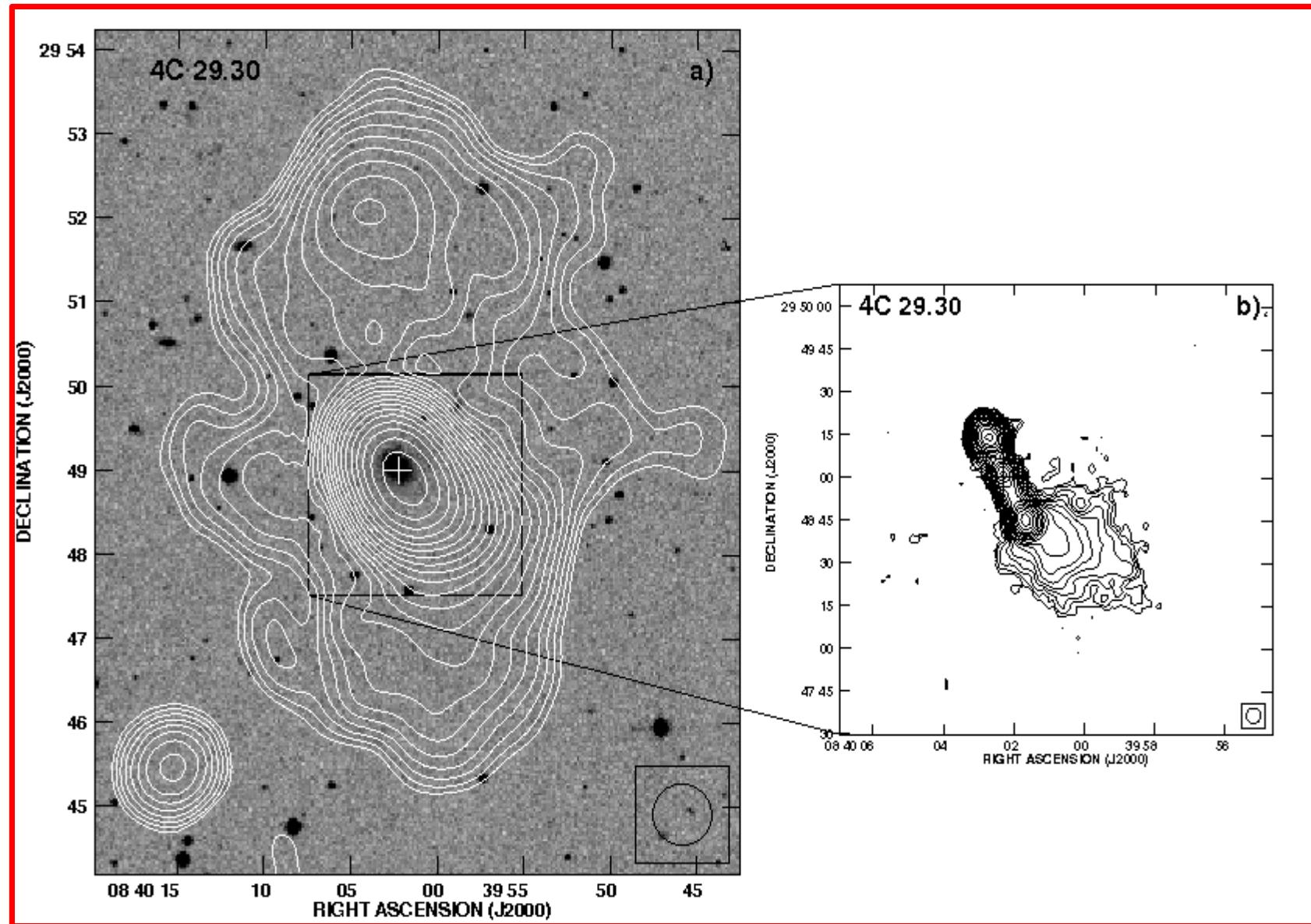
FIRST Cont peak flux = 2.798E-03 JY/BEAM

NVSS Cont peak flux = 11.436E-02 JY/BEAM

Levs = 3.5/13.5E-04 \* (1, 1.410, 2, 2.830, 4, 5.660, 8, ...)



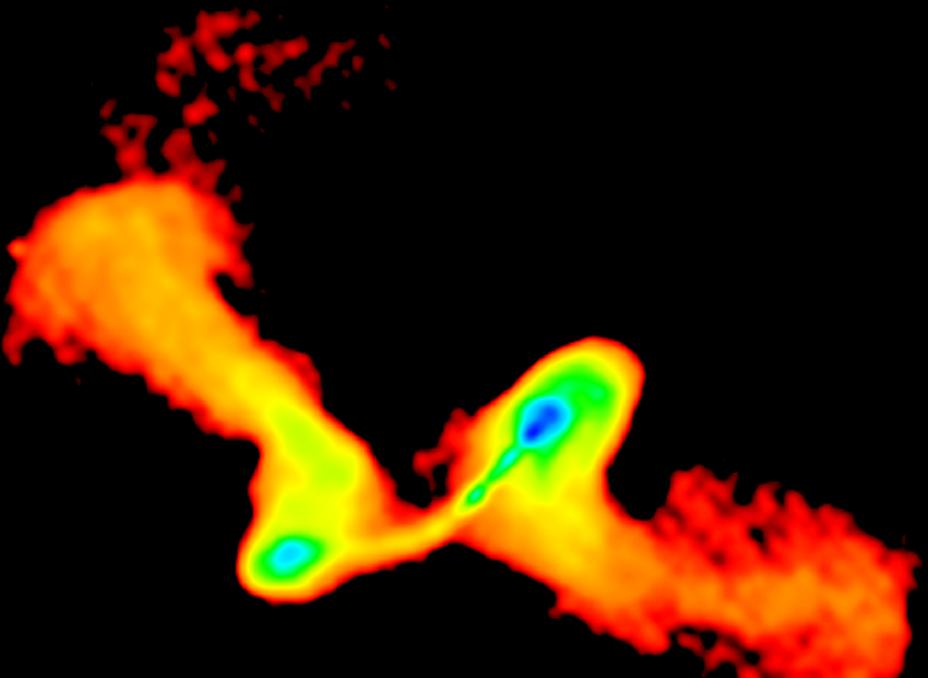
Saikia & Jamrozy, 2009



Jamrozy, Konar, Saikia, Stawarz, Mack, Siemiginowska, 2007, MNRAS, 378, 581

Siemiginowska, et al. 2012, ApJ, 750, 124

NGC 326



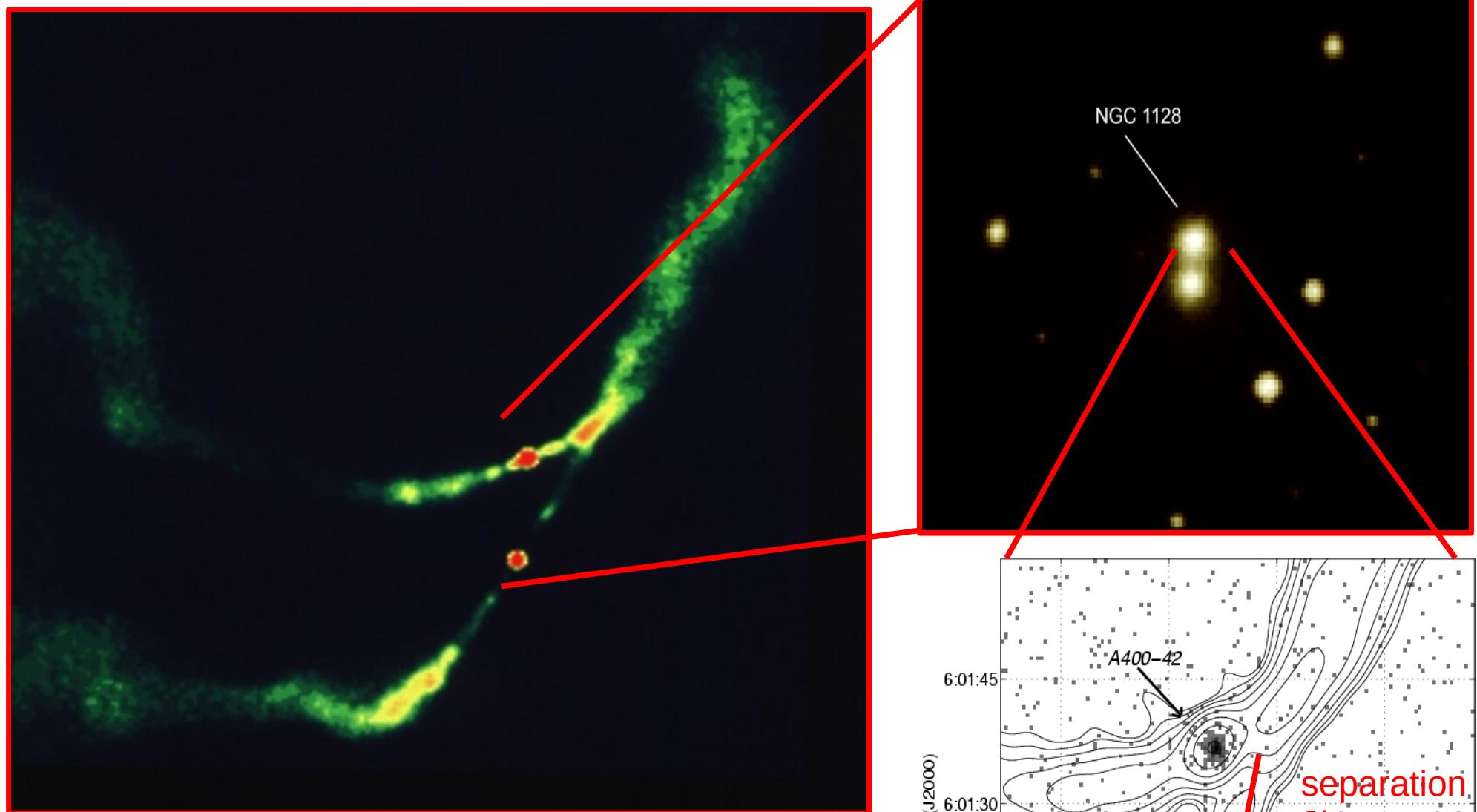
Murgia et. al. 2001; A&A, 380, 102

- backflow (Leahy and Williams 1984),
- buoyancy (Worrall, et al. 1995),
- conical precession (Parma, et al. 1985),
- reorientation of the jet axis (e.g. Dennett-Thorpe et al. 2002),
- **existence of an unresolved binary AGN system with two pairs of jets (Lal, Rao 2007).**

## X-shaped sources

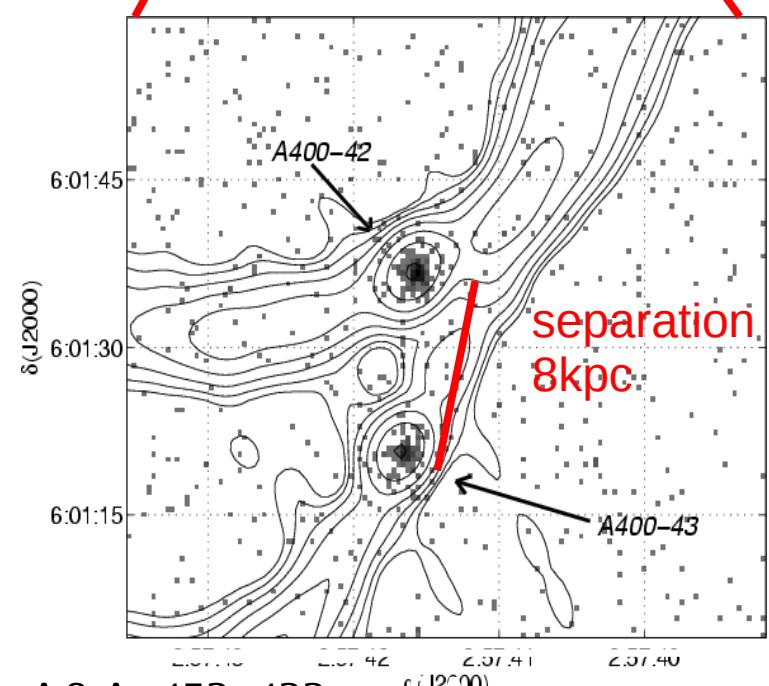
two low-surface-brightness lobes oriented at an angle to the high-surface-brightness radio lobes, giving the total source an 'X' shape.

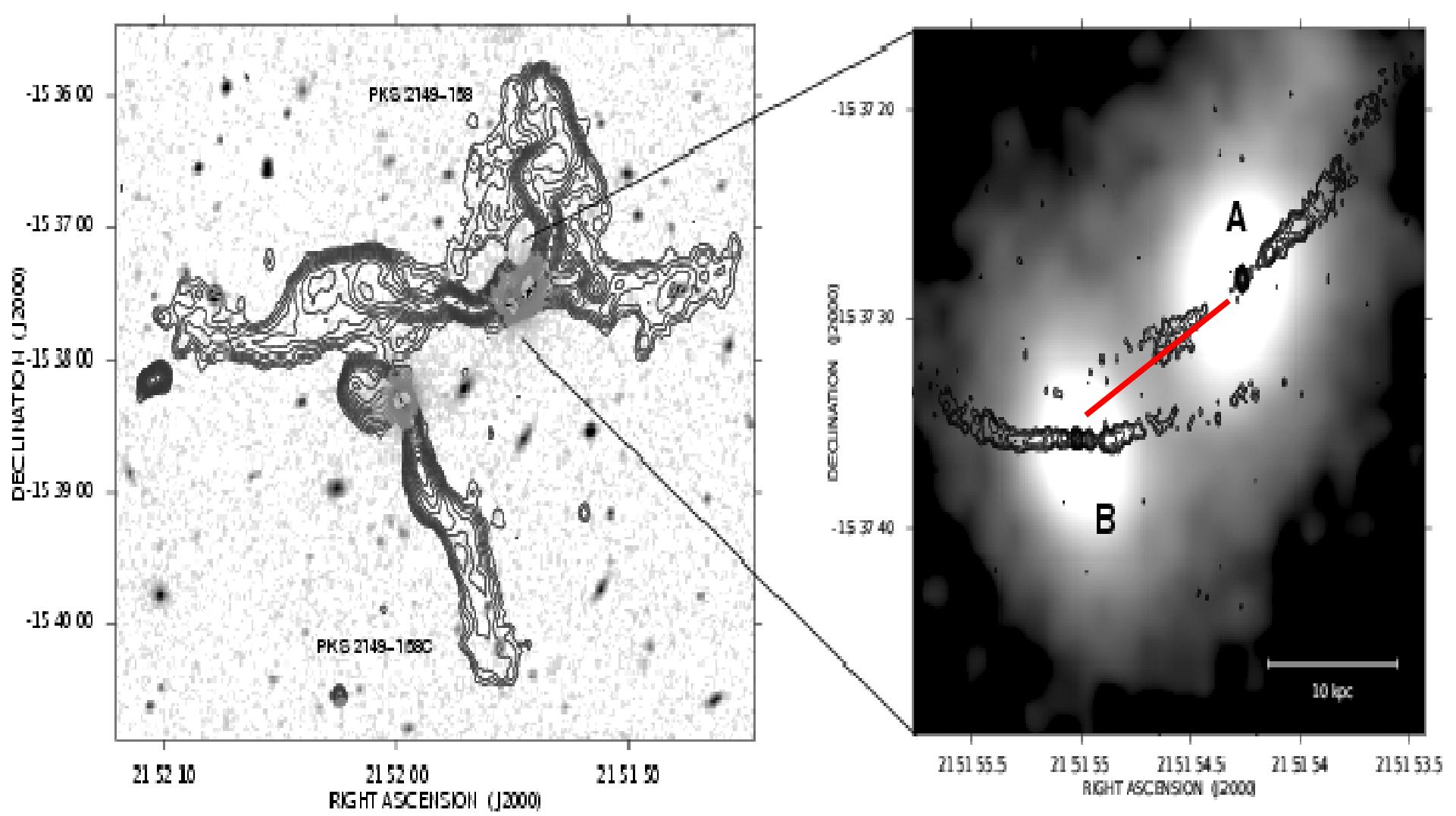
the two pairs of lobes pass symmetrically through the location of the host galaxy.



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Hudson et al., 2006, A&A, 453, 433





**PKS 2149-158**

**separation  $13.5'' = 15.8\text{kpc}$**

All in one

- FRII/FRI
- DDRG
- X-shape
- Recent merger

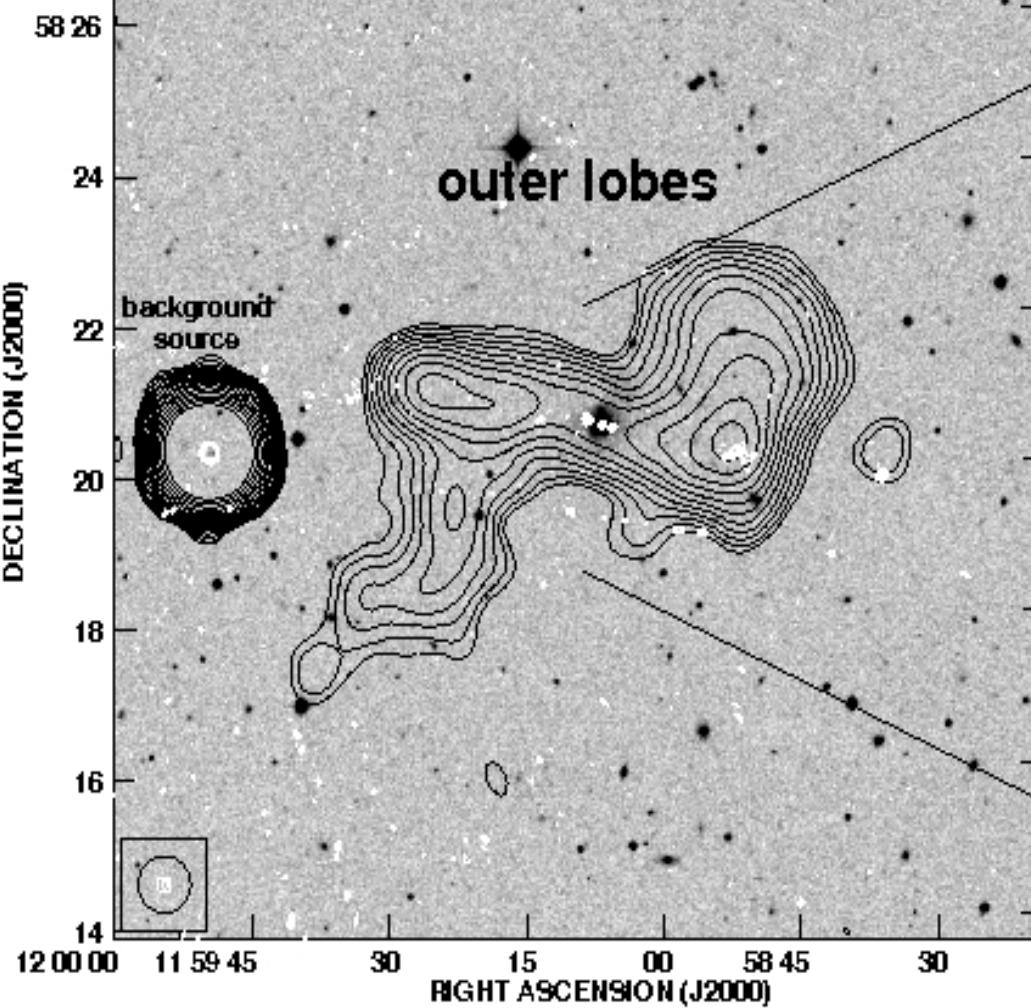


# CGCG292-057

J1158+5820

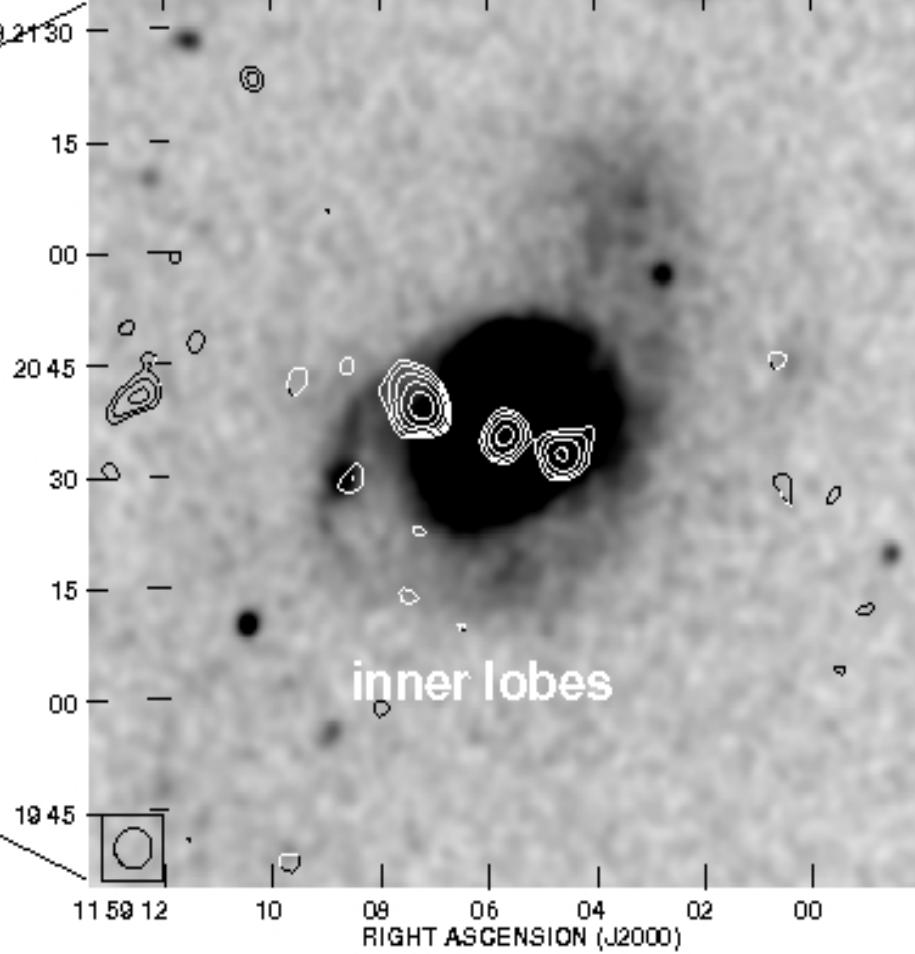
1400 MHz

DECLINATION (J2000)



CGCG292-057

DSS

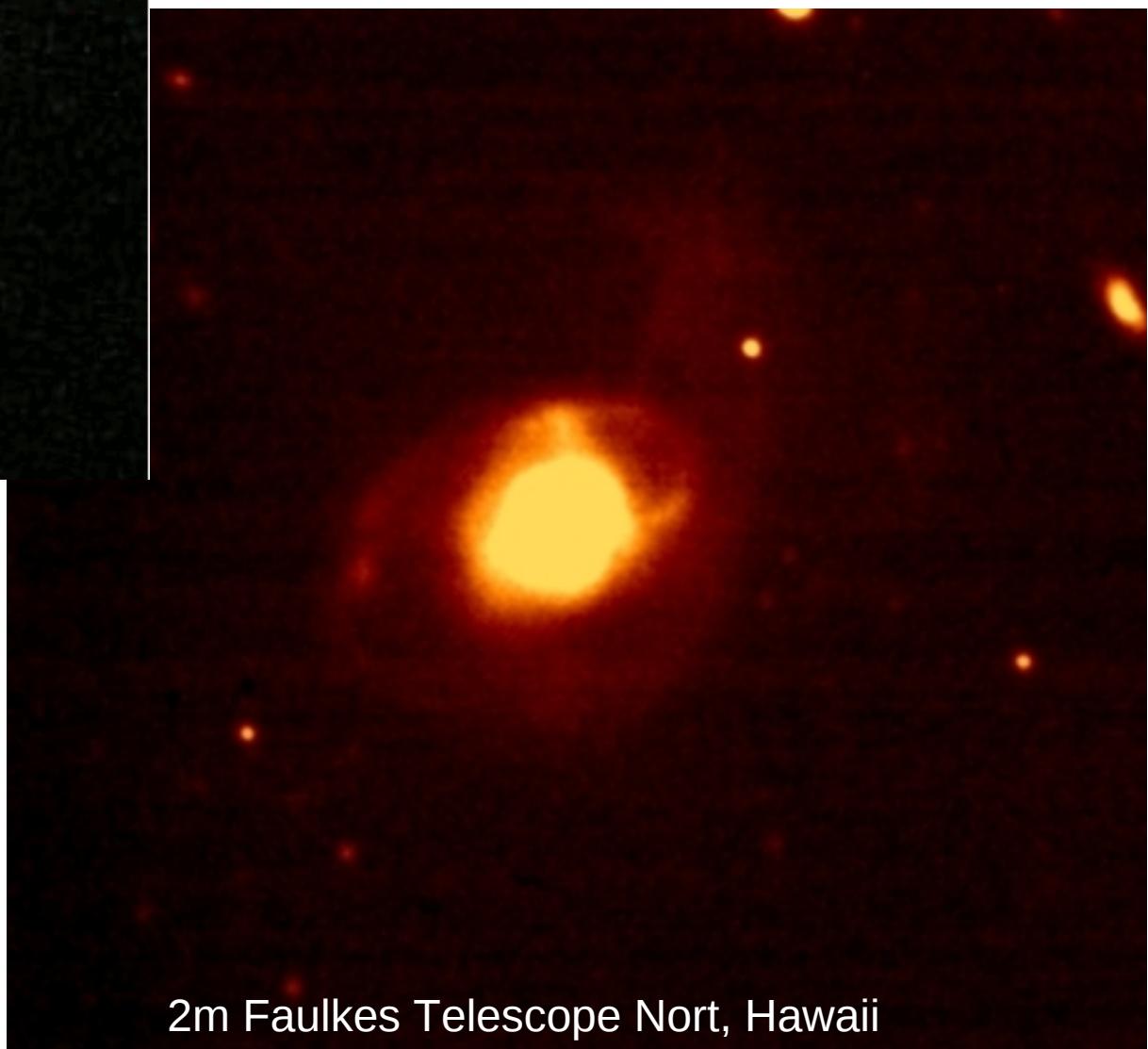




SDSS

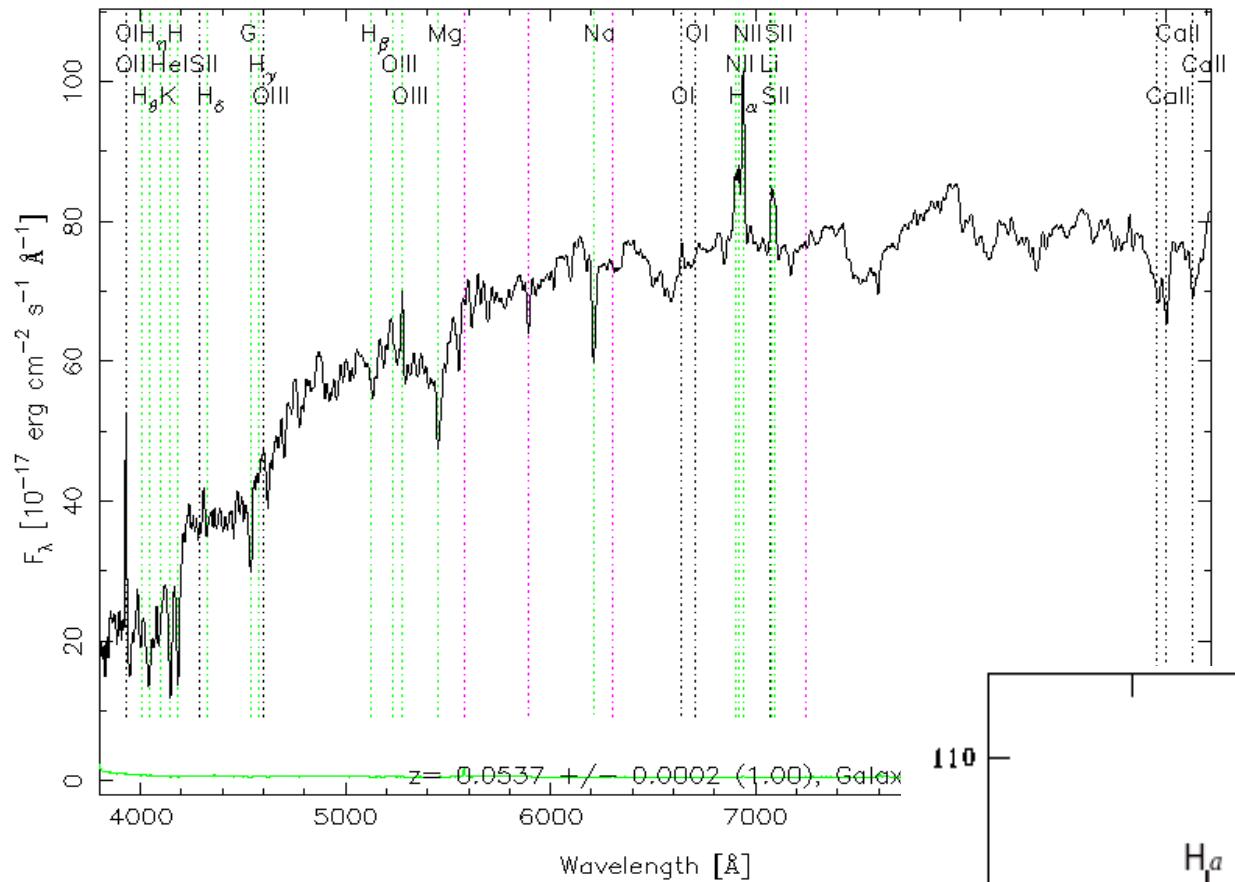
u 16.85  
g 14.97  
r 14.13  
i 13.68  
z 13.38

concentration index 2.814  
early type gal.  $< 2.83 <$  late type gal.



2m Faulkes Telescope Nort, Hawaii

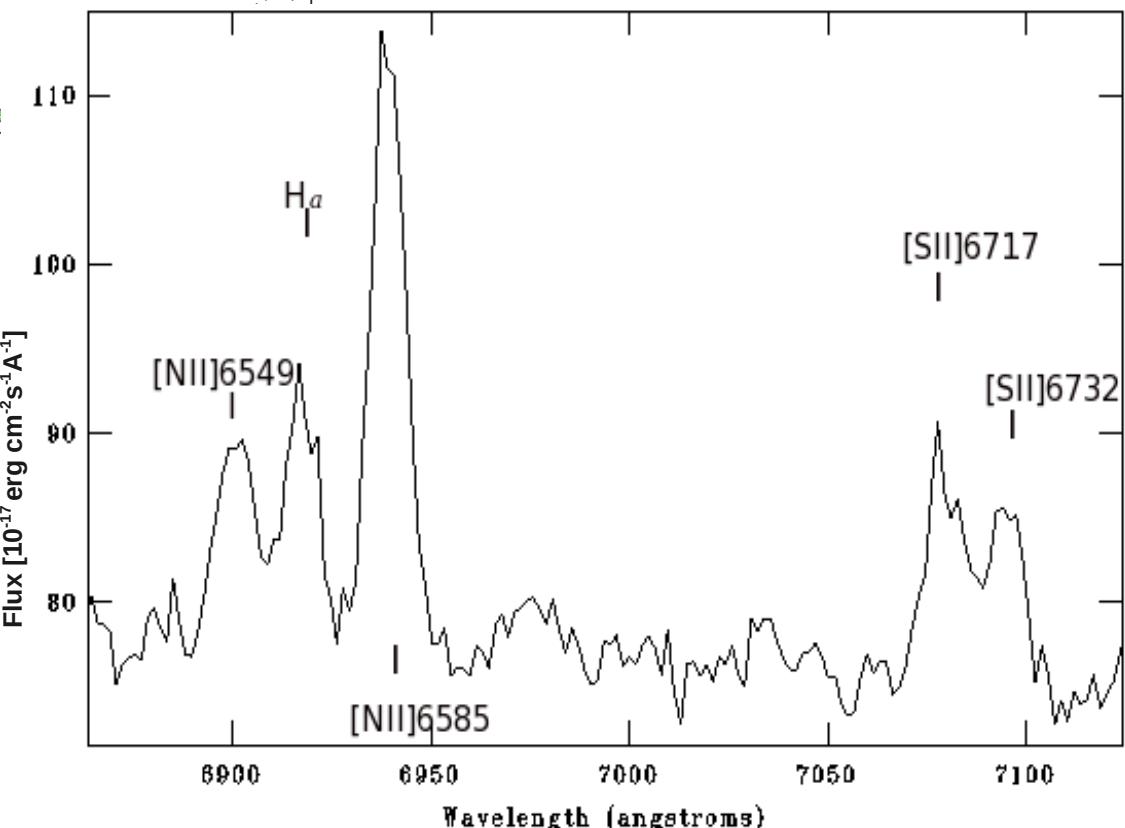
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$$z = 0.053716$$

AGN of LINER type

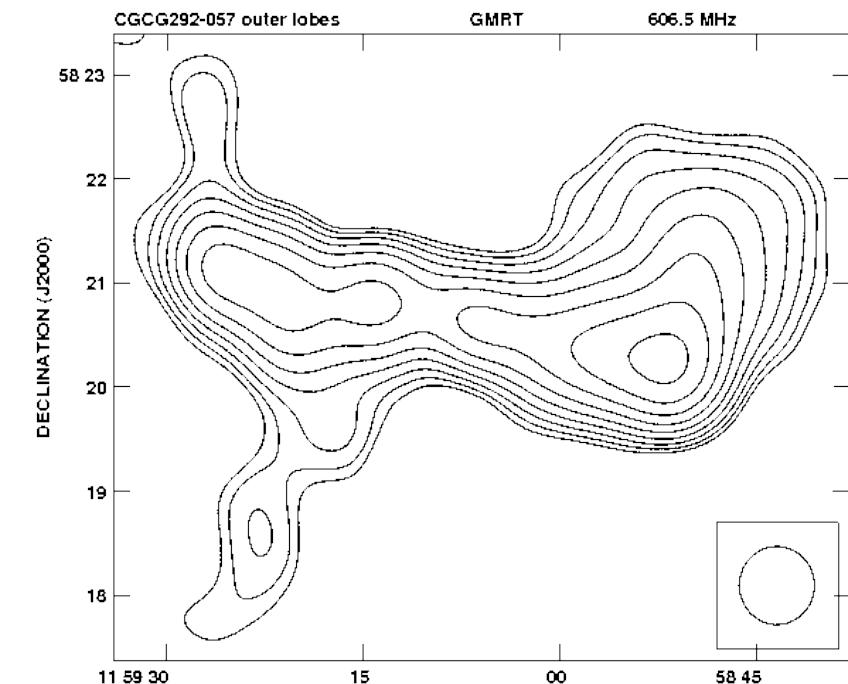
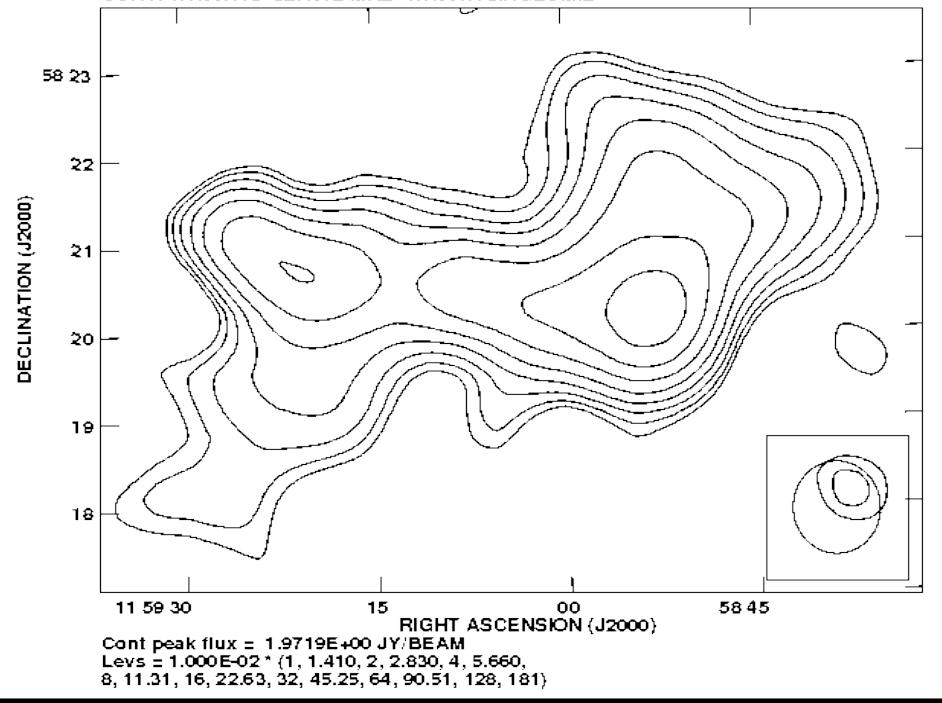
$$\log(\text{BH mass}/M_\odot) = 8.47 \pm 0.32$$



The goal of our study is to understand the relationship between the central AGN and the environment of the galaxy.

CGCG292-057 provides a unique opportunity to measure both the age of the radio source and the star formation history of the galaxy, both of which are connected to the merger history of the galaxy.

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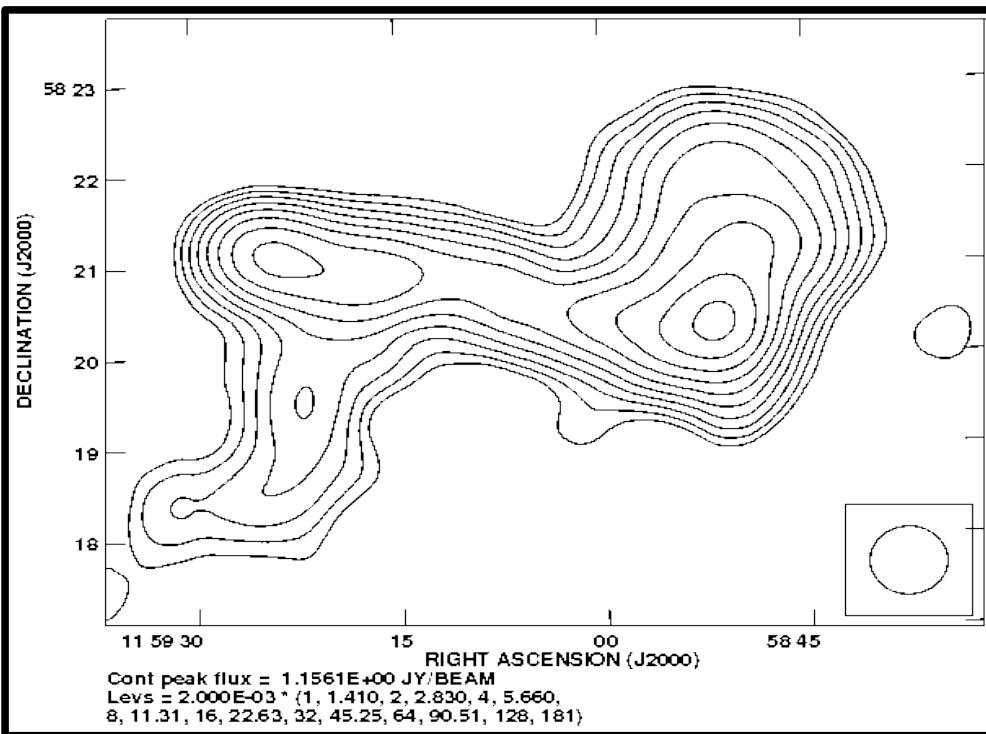


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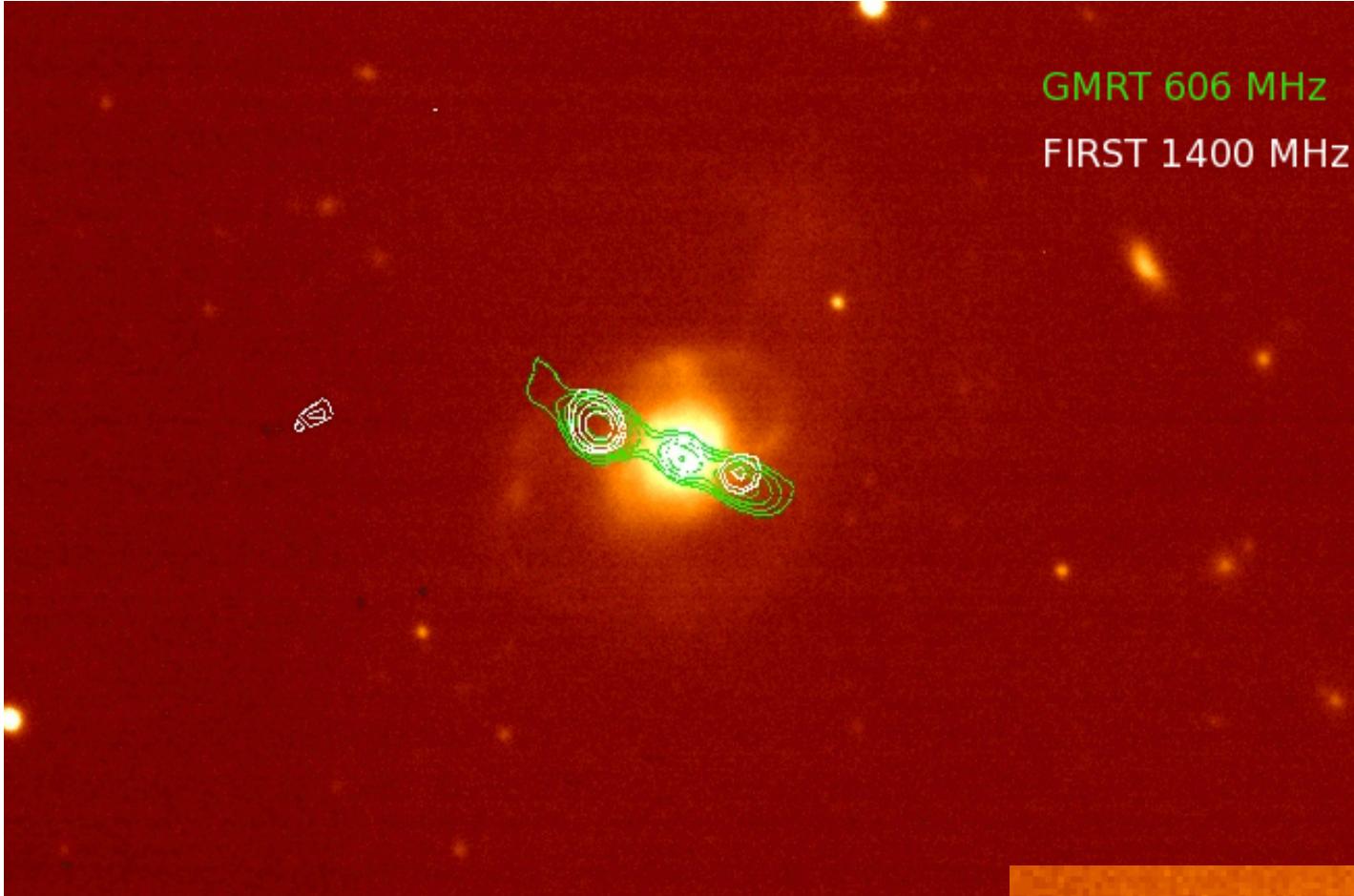
arm-length ratio = 1.17

logP<sub>1.4GHz</sub> = 24.33 W/Hz

(below the FRI/FRII luminosity break)



GMRT 606 MHz  
FIRST 1400 MHz



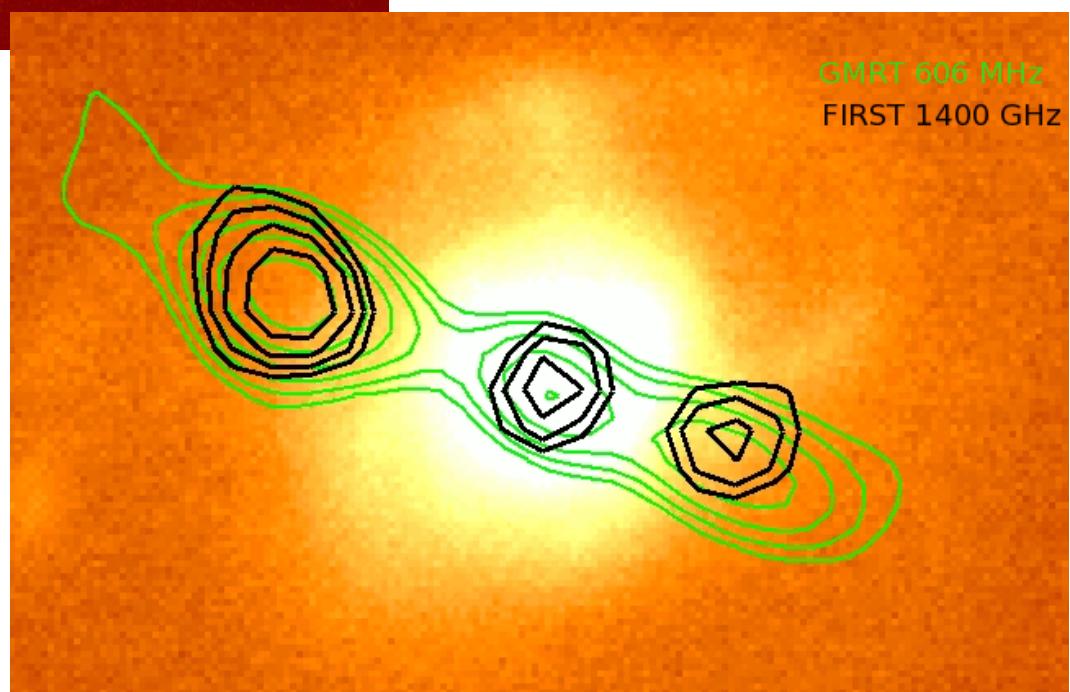
size 23.1 kpc

arm-length ratio 1.54

peak-flux ratio 1.50

inclination angle ~79 degr

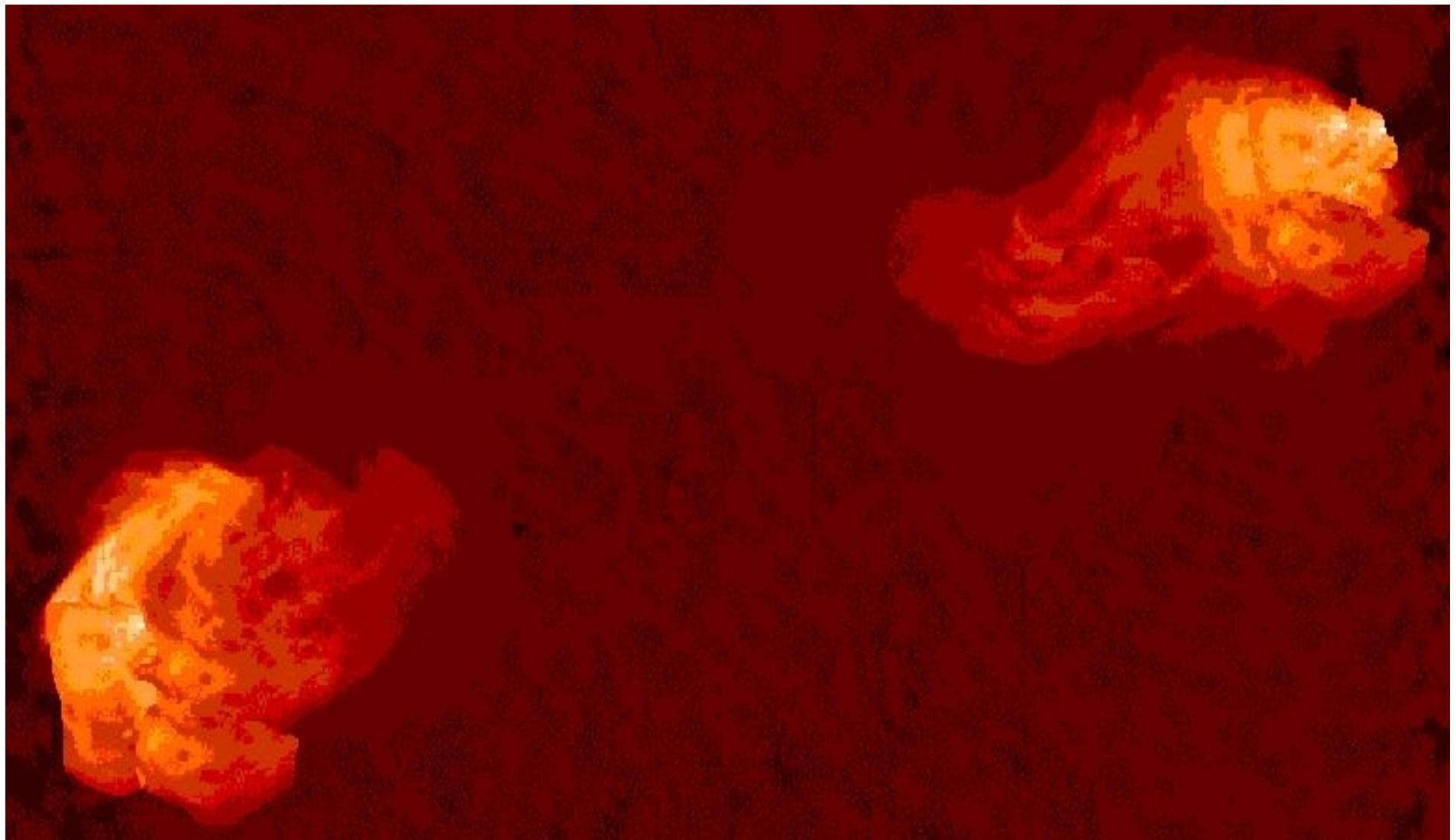
GMRT 606 MHz  
FIRST 1400 GHz



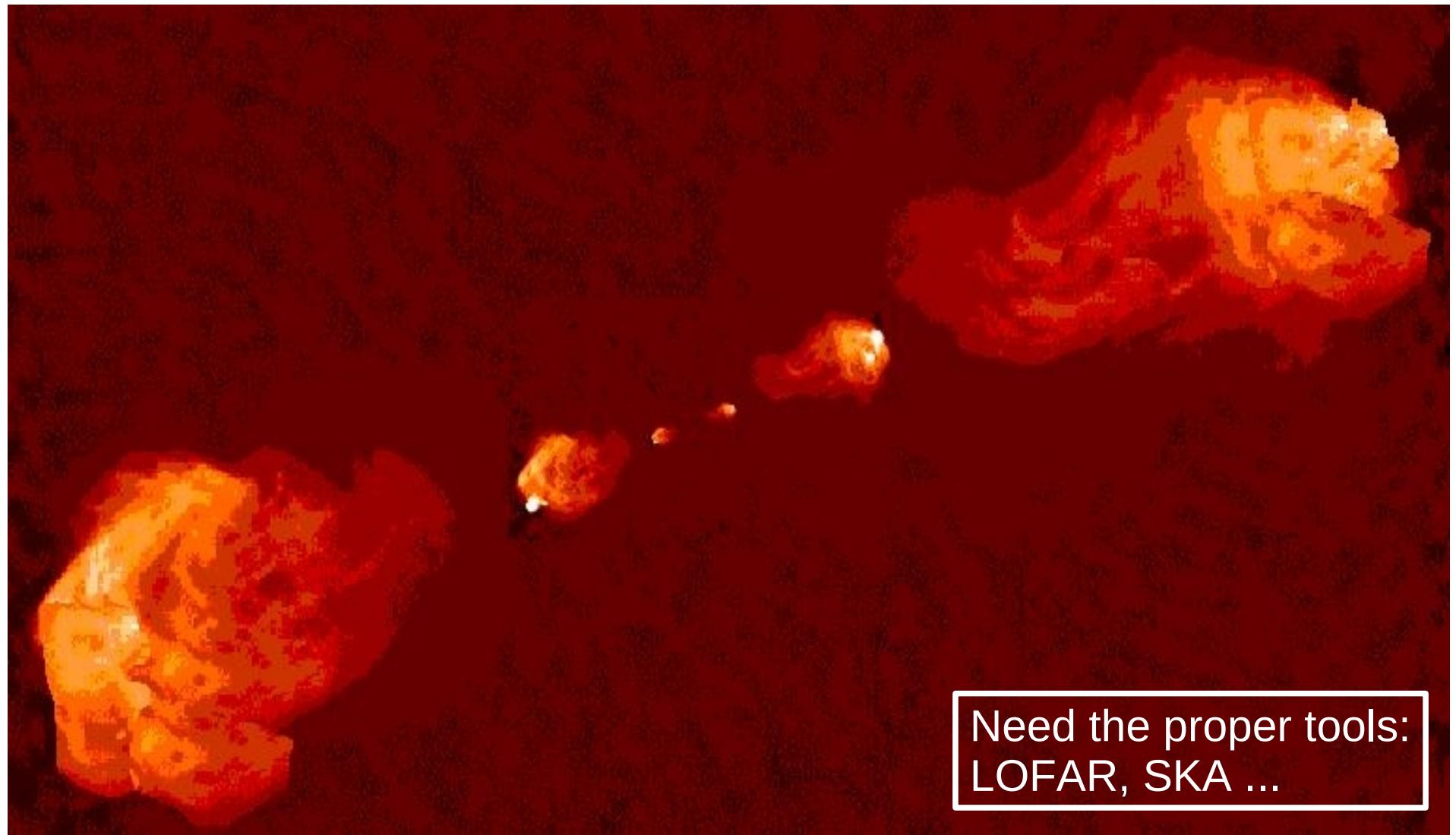
The **aim** of our work **in the radio domain** is to obtain physical **parameters** of the **outer** an the **inner lobes** of CGCG292-057 on the basis of a wide range **multifrequency radio observations** (GMRT and VLA)

- spectra of the outer and inner lobes
- spectral and dynamical age
- injection spectra of each cycle of activity
- time scales of activity and relation to the host galaxy
- interaction of the inner lobes with the ISM

# Dying Cygnus A



# Reincarnated Cygnus A



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