## THREE LITTLE RADIO GALAXIES IN THE EARLY UNIVERSE

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#### MISSING POPULATION OF HIGH-REDSHIFT NON-BEAMED RADIO-AGN?

- Number of radio-loud AGN at  $z \ge 4$  calculated from Swift/BAT luminosity function  $\ll$  estimated from the known  $z \ge 4$  blazars for every blazar there are  $\sim 2 \Gamma^2$  non-beamed (Volonteri et al. 2011)
  - **Observational bias**? (SDSS + FIRST sample was considered)
  - Strong evolution of Lorentz factor by cosmic age?
  - Dark bubbles: off-axis obscuration hinders redshift estimation?
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#### EVN OBSERVATIONS

- Targets: four z>4 blazar candidates
- e-VLBI observations at
  I.7 GHz and 5 GHz
- 2015 Sept, Oct, 2016
  Jan, Feb (EC054)
- Results: two beamed sources with high T<sub>B</sub>



+ Out of ten z>4.5 five showed definite blazar-like characteristics. One is a double with 800 mas separation (EC052)

## J2220+0025(z=4.21)

- SWIFT measurements
  - 0.3-10 keV: 10<sup>-13</sup> erg/cm<sup>2</sup>/s
  - v band: 21.16±0.18 mag
- Archival data (e.g. WISE, FIRST)

- M<sub>BH</sub>=2x10<sup>9</sup> M<sub>☉</sub>
- $R_{BLR} = 671 \times 10^{15} \text{ cm}$
- Lorentz factor: I3-I0
- Viewing angle: 3°-8°



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- SWIFT measurements
  - 0.3-10 keV: 1.7x10<sup>-13</sup> erg/cm<sup>2</sup>/s
  - v band: 20.43±0.1 mag
- Archival data (e.g. WISE, FIRST)

- $M_{BH} = 2 \times 10^9 M_{\odot}$
- $R_{BLR} = 725 \times 10^{15} \text{ cm}$
- Lorentz factor: 13-10
- Viewing angle: 3°-8°



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#### JI420 + I205 (z=4.03)



JI548+3335 (z=4.68)



#### E-MERLIN OBSERVATIONS

- L band: 8 spectral windows,
  I.25 I.77 GHz
- C band: 4 spectral windows, 4.82- 5.33 GHz
- Antennas: Mk2, Pi, De, Da, Kn, Cm
- 2017.05.13,15
- 2017.06.26, 27, 30



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An & Baan, 2012 ApJ 760, 77

## SUMMARY AND FUTURE WORK

- VLBI can confirm or falsify the blazar nature of candidates
- e-MERLIN to map hot spots, lobes and jets
- Can the X-ray emission originate from the hot spots?

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