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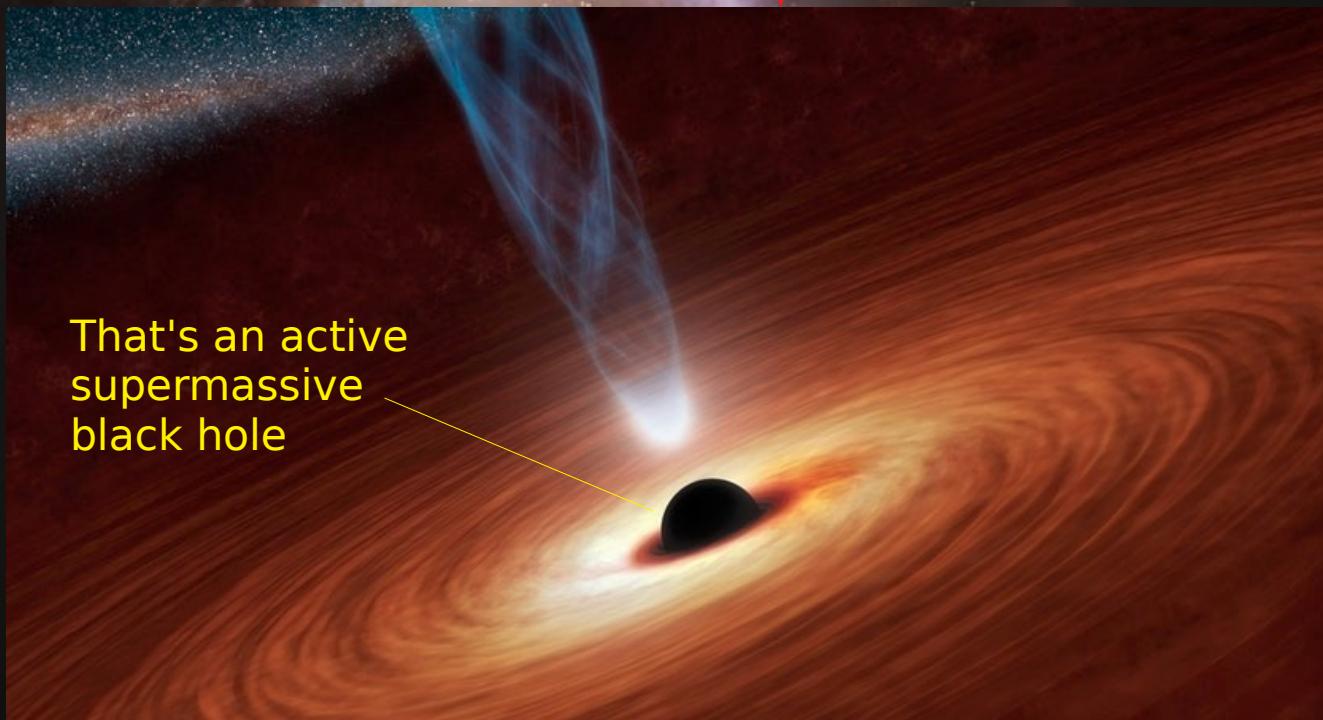
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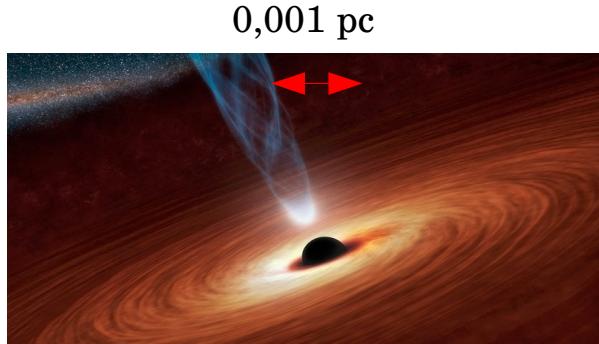
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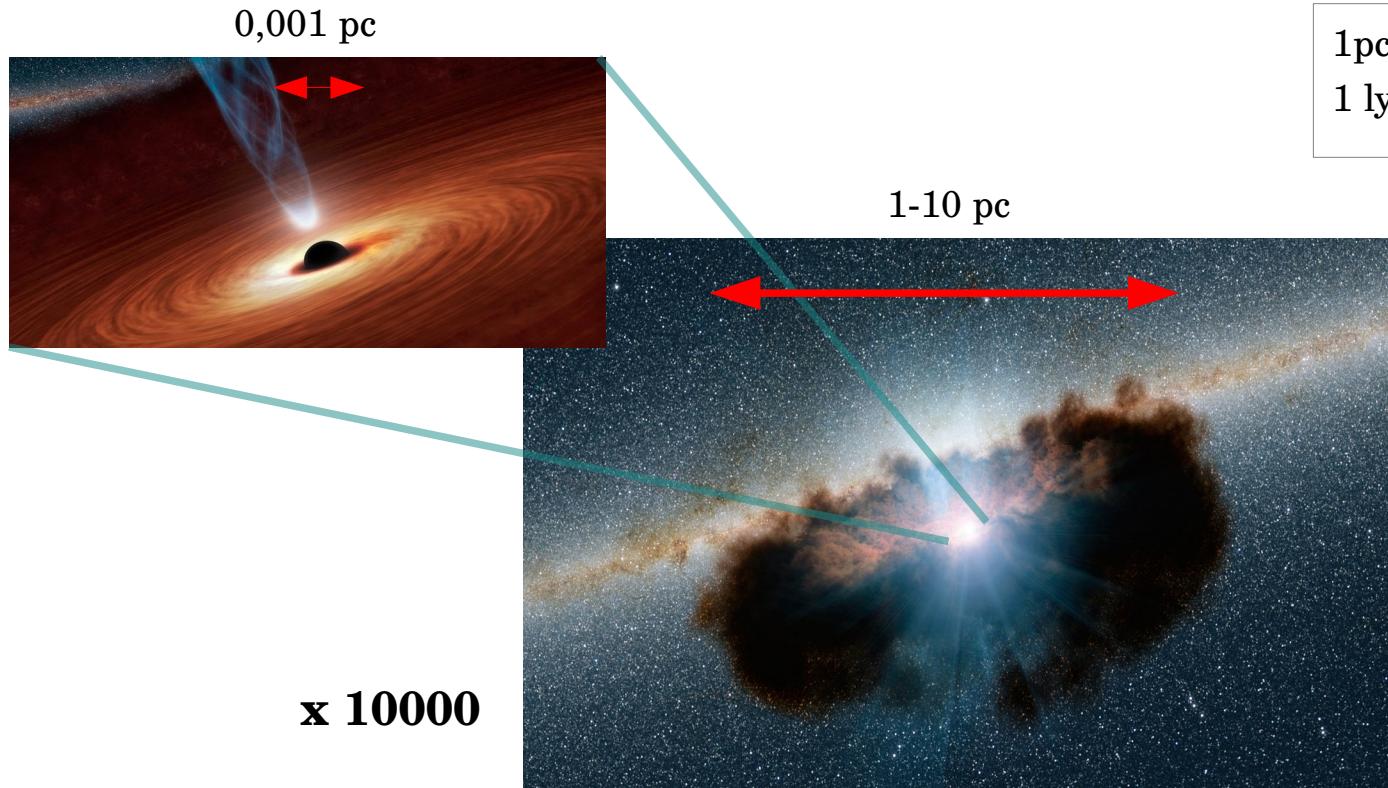
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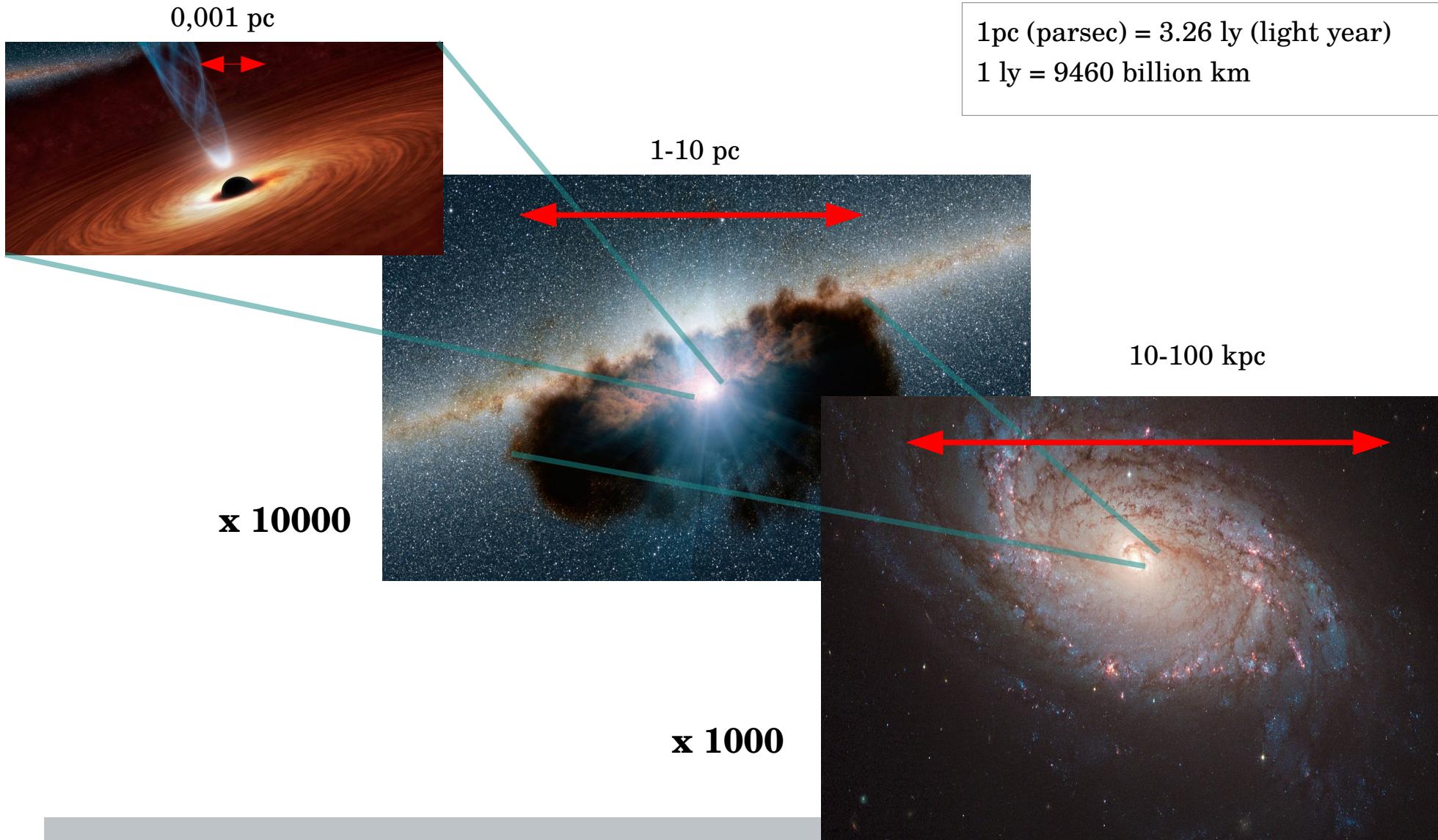
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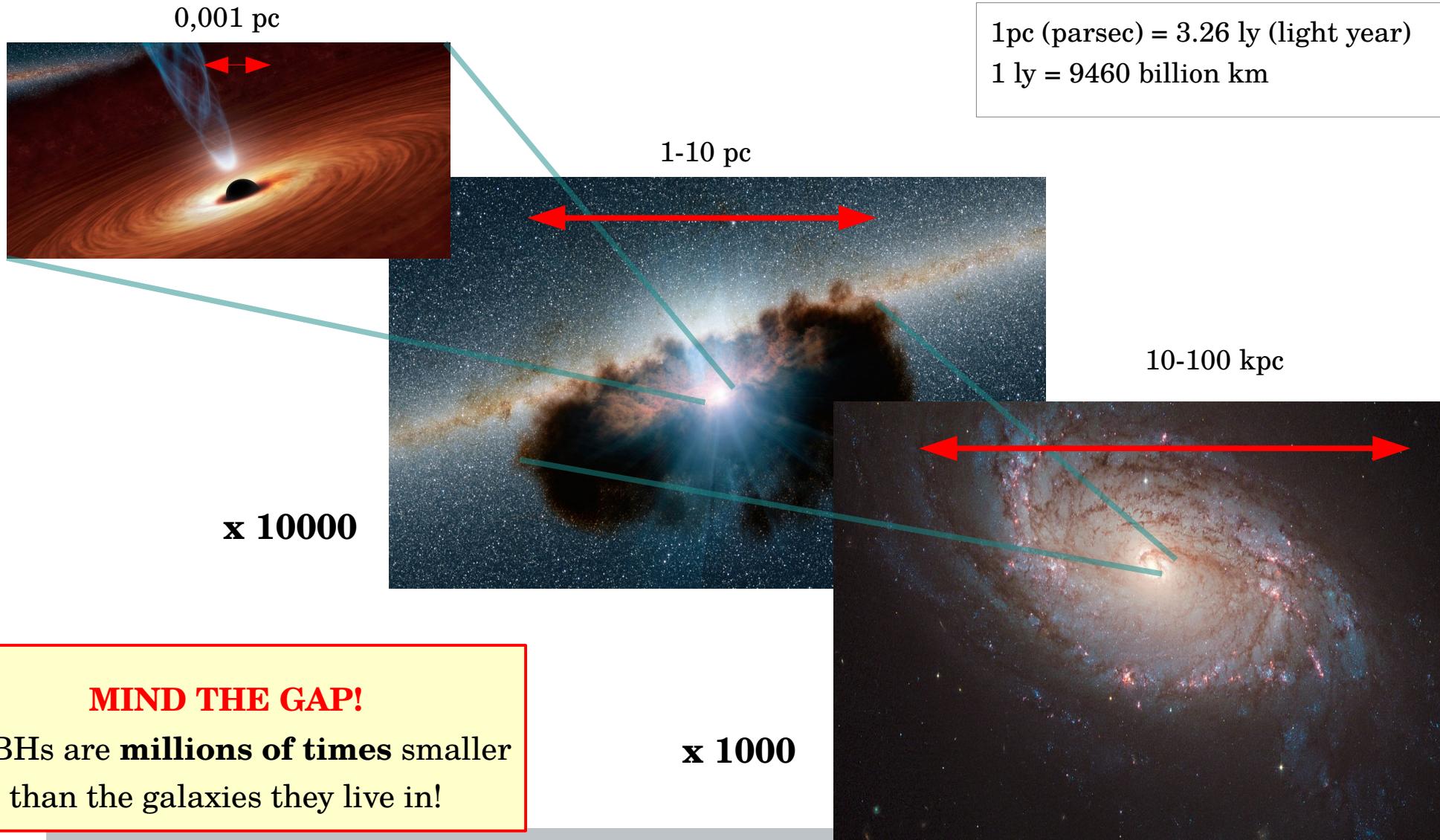


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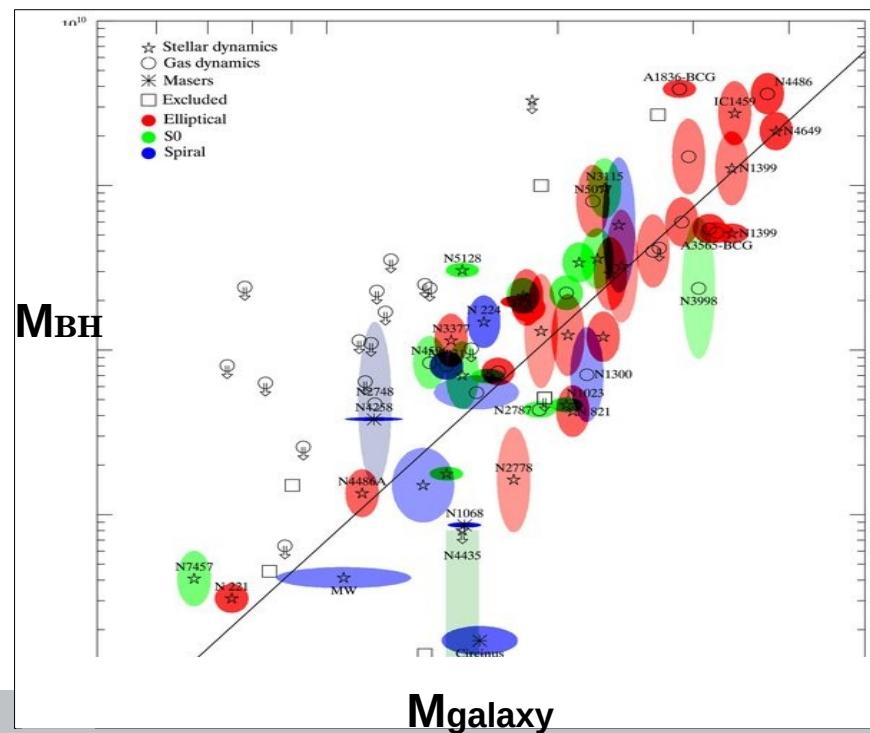


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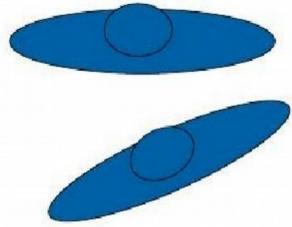
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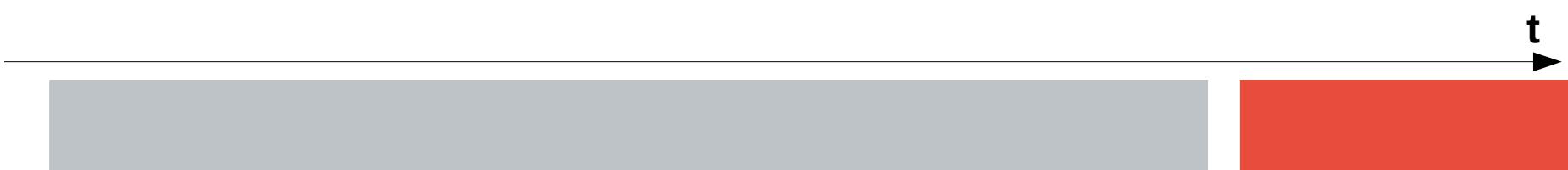
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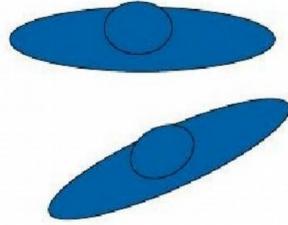
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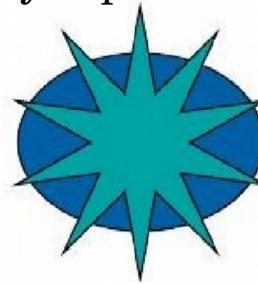
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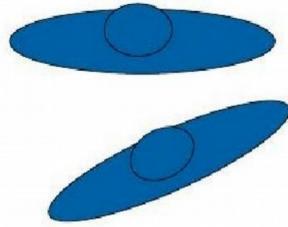


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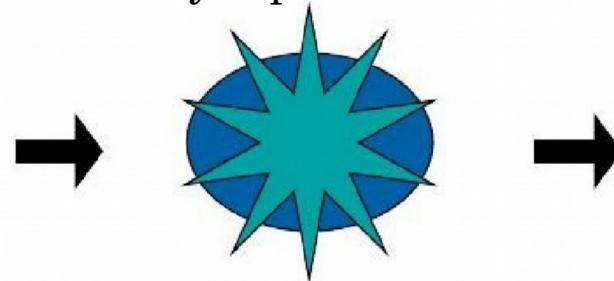
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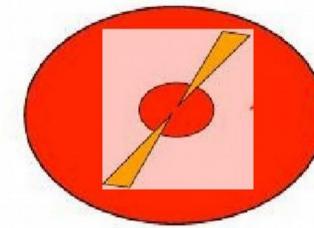
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- Red and passive galaxy
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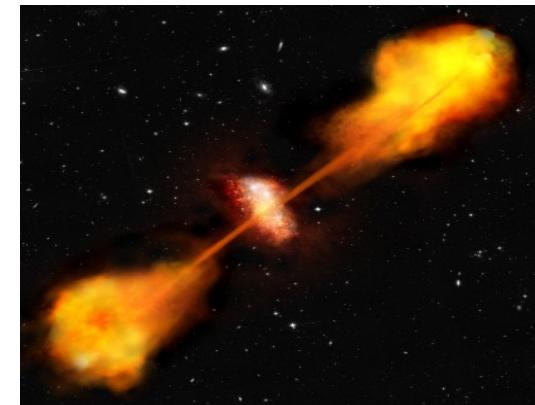


AGN feedback hampers  
galaxy star formation

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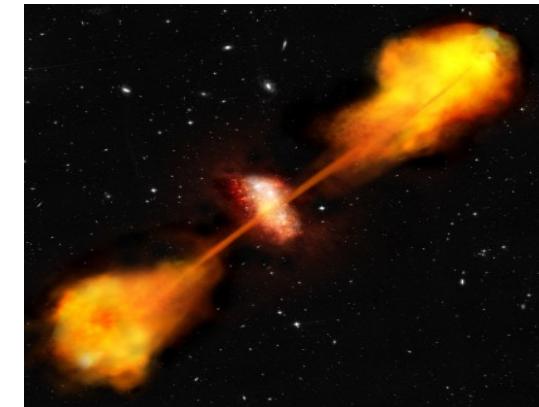
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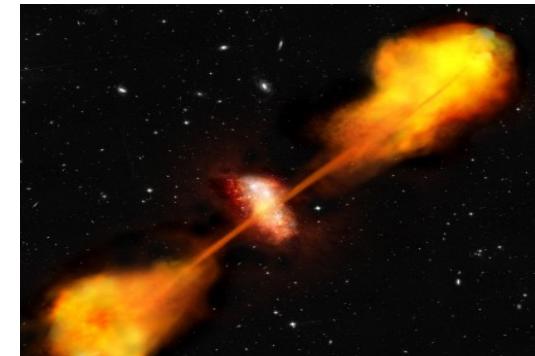
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Testing this picture is crucial for understanding how AGN feedback has shaped the evolution of galaxies



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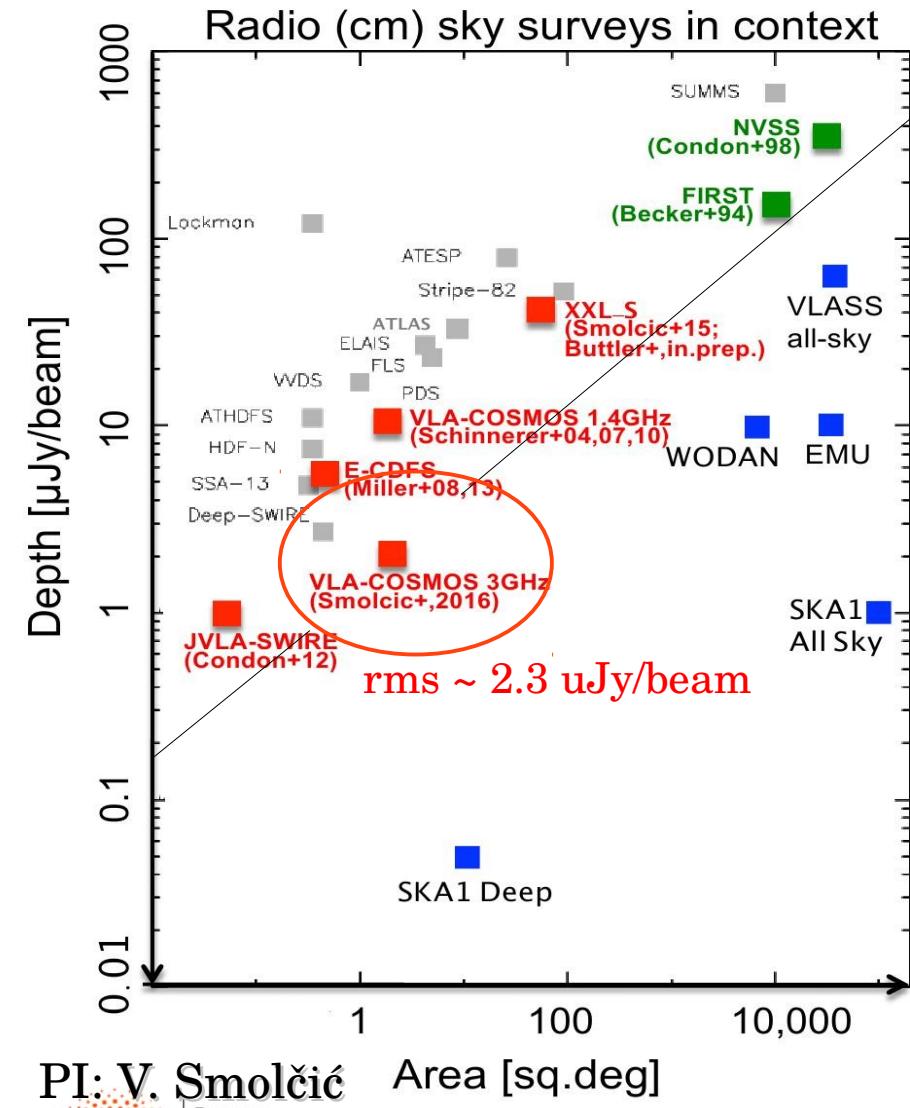
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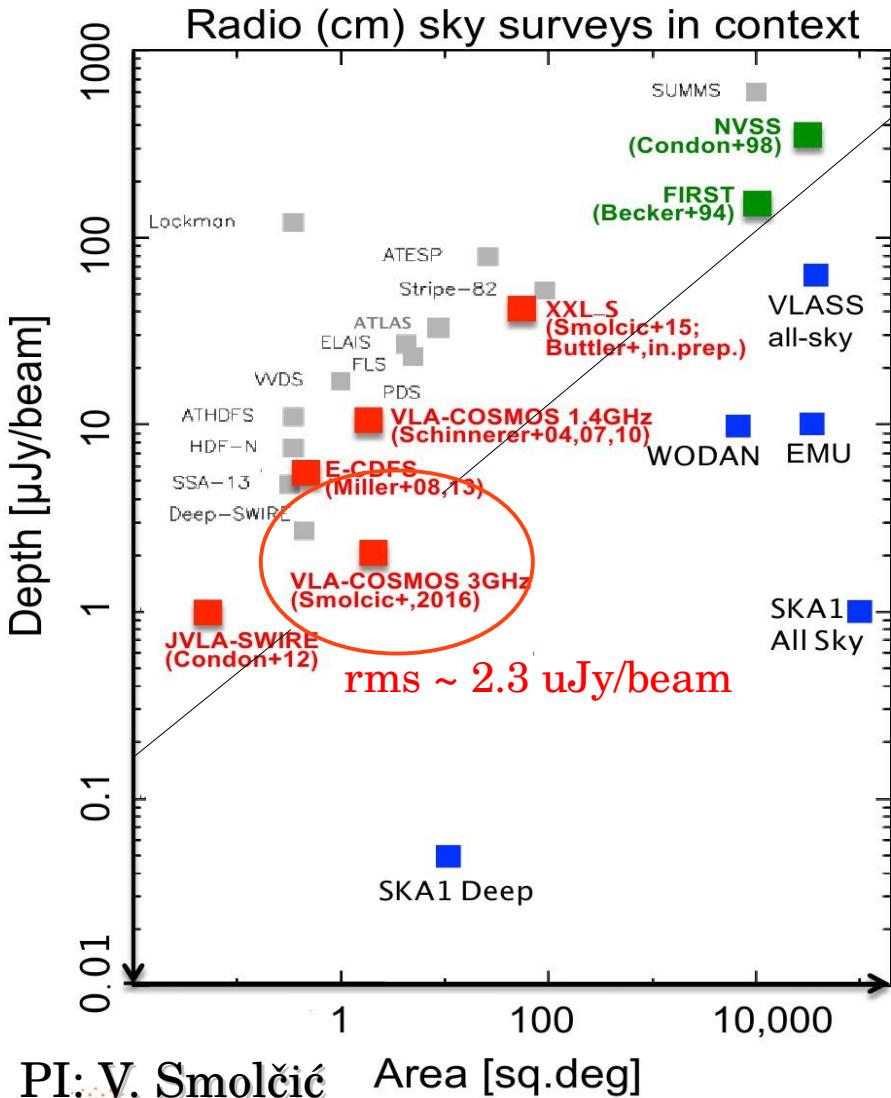
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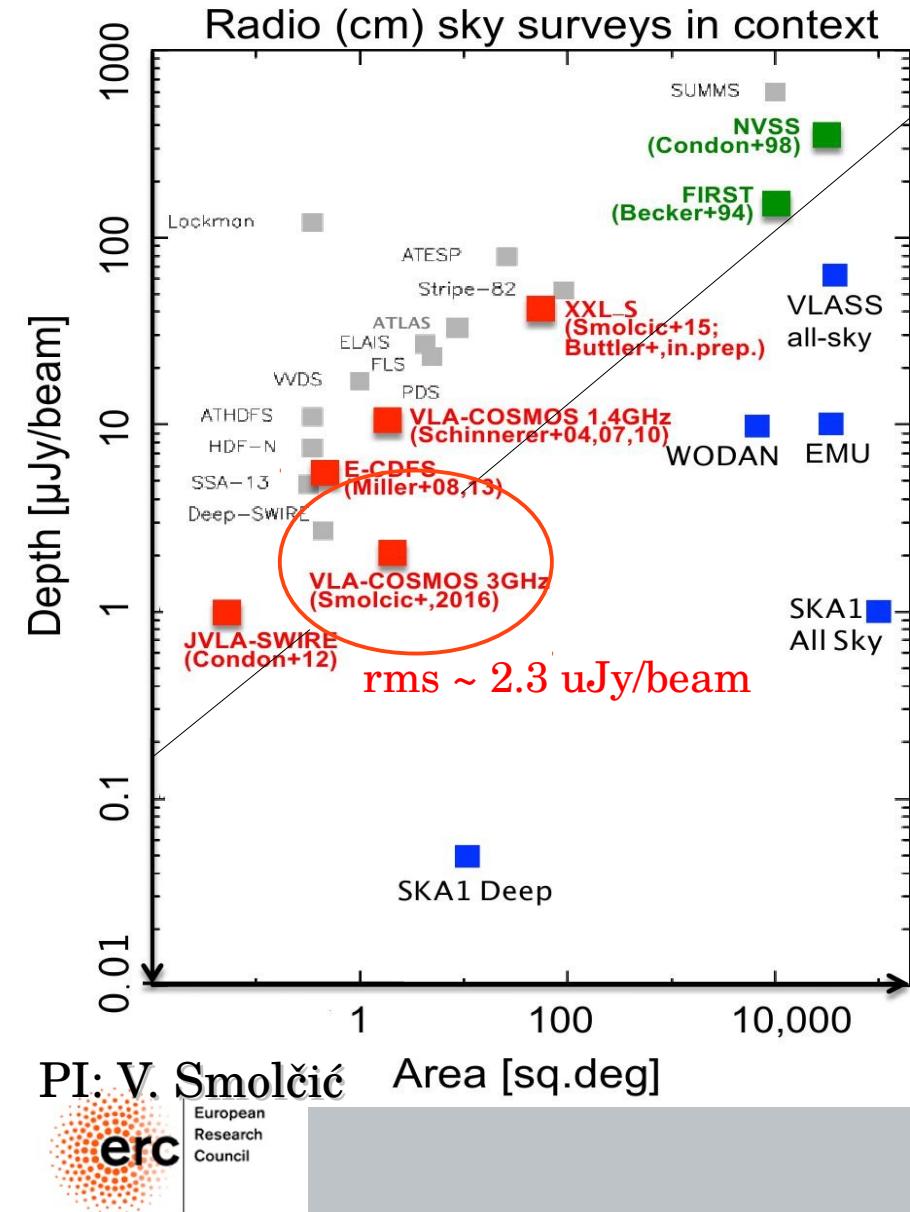
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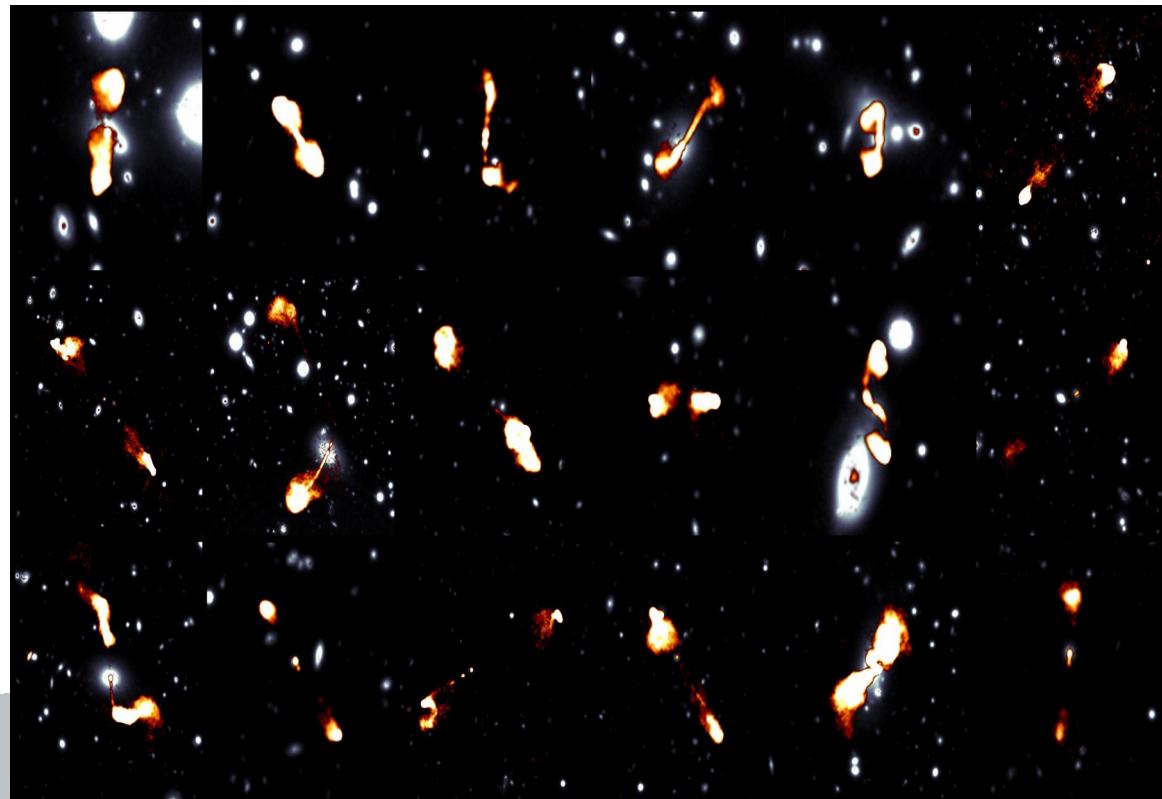
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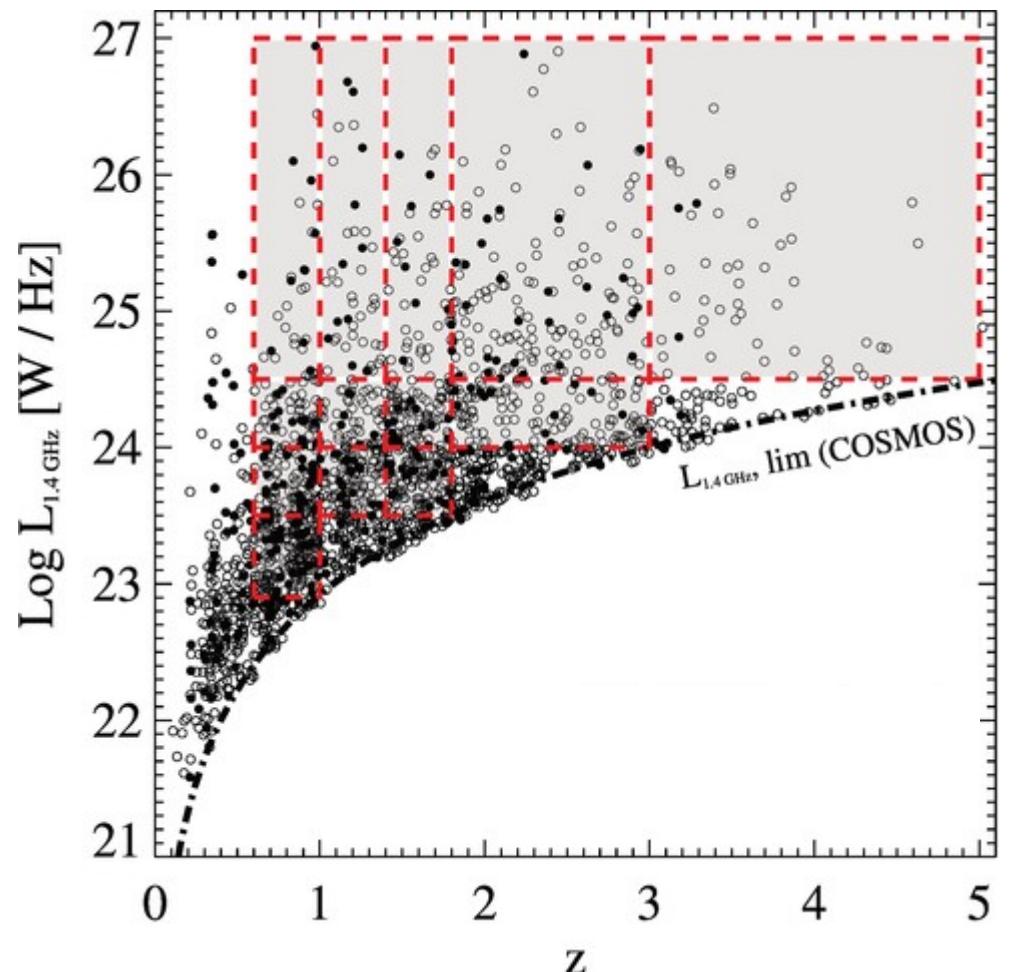
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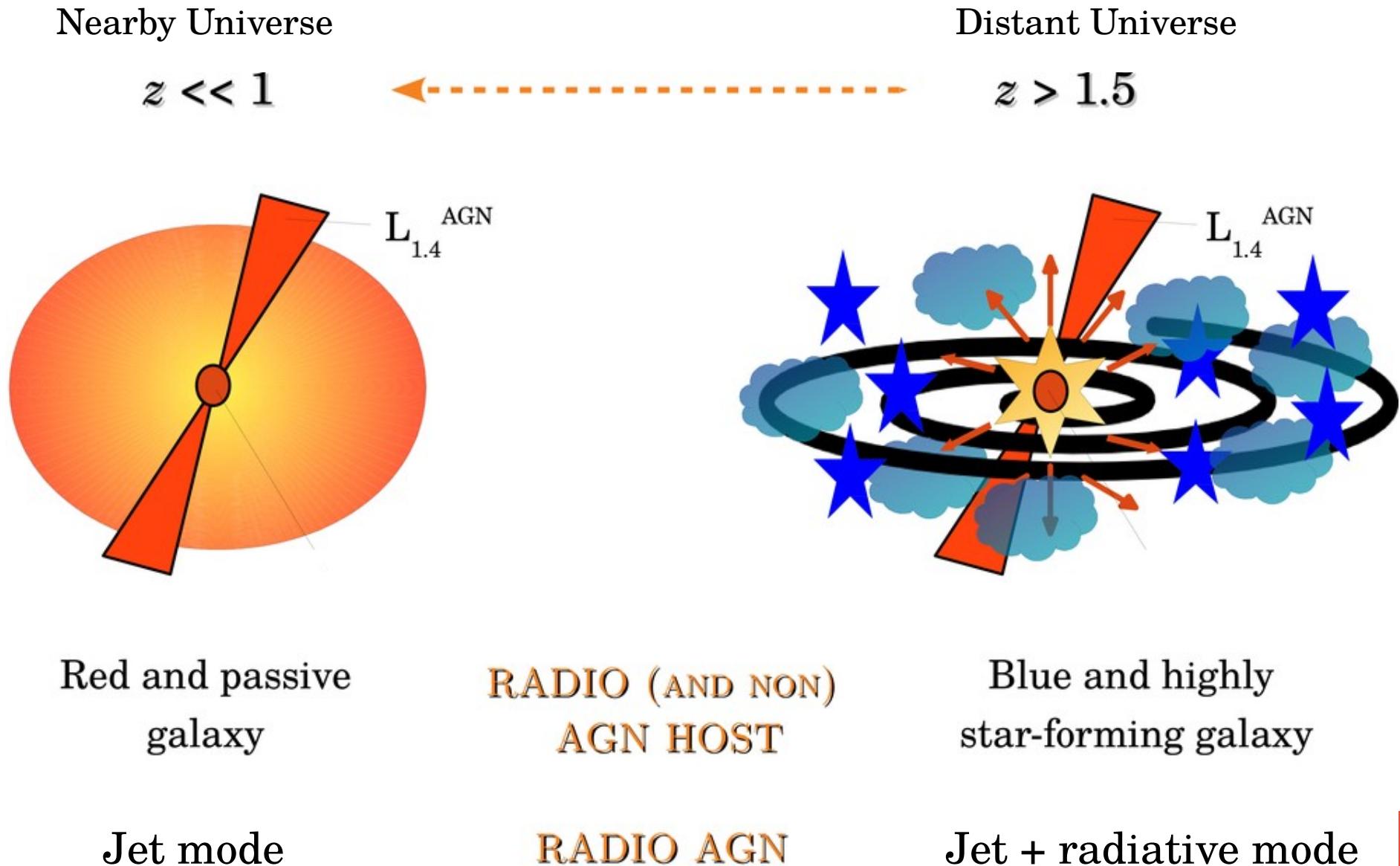


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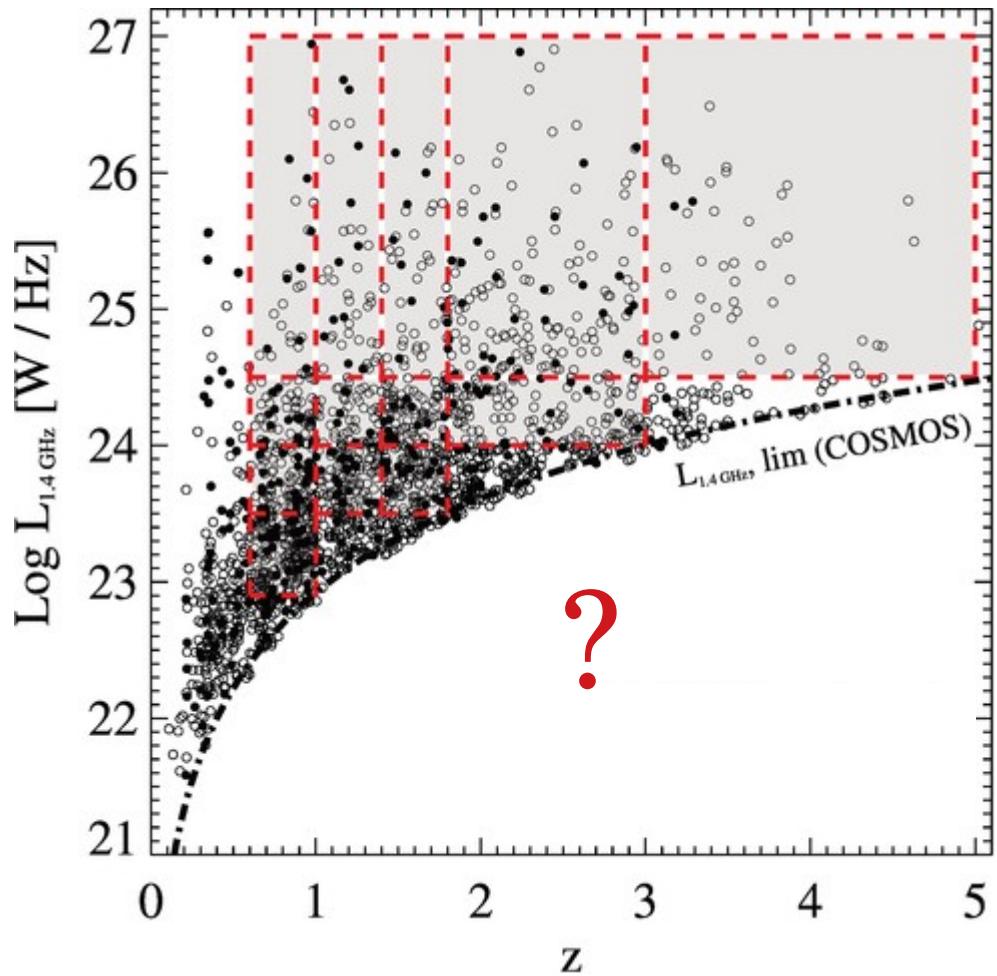
← Cosmic time

# AGN feedback: a simplistic cartoon

Delvecchio et al. (2018)



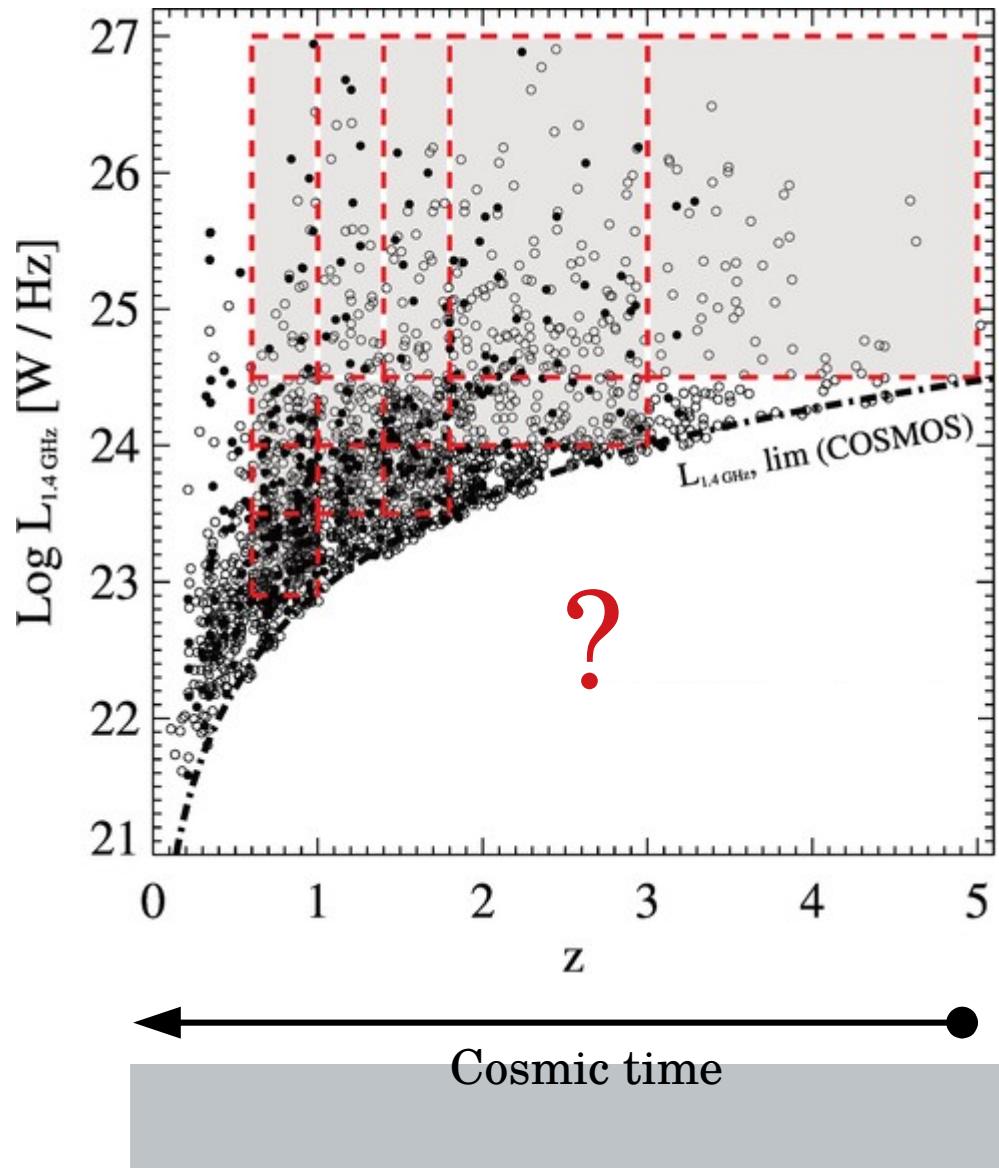
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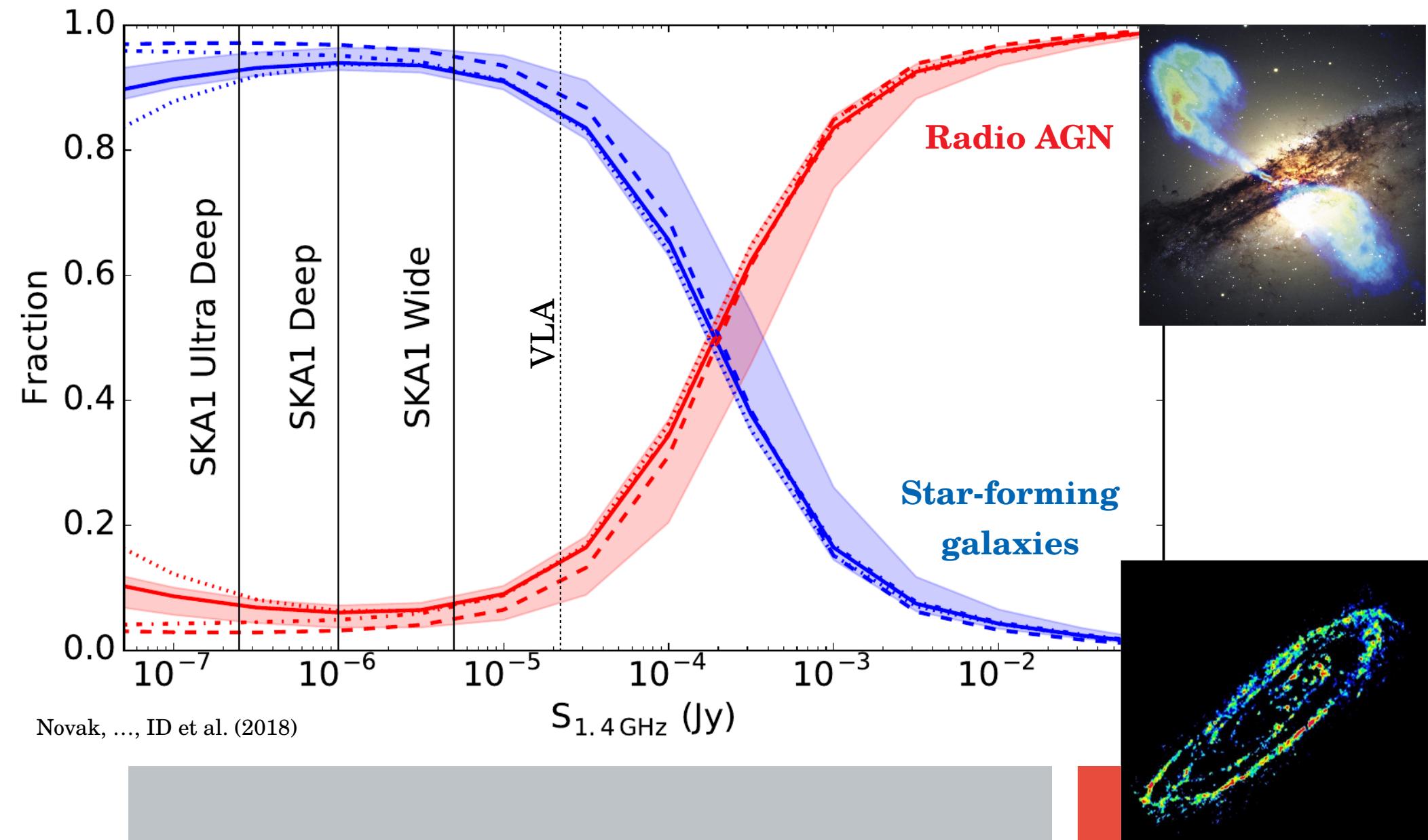
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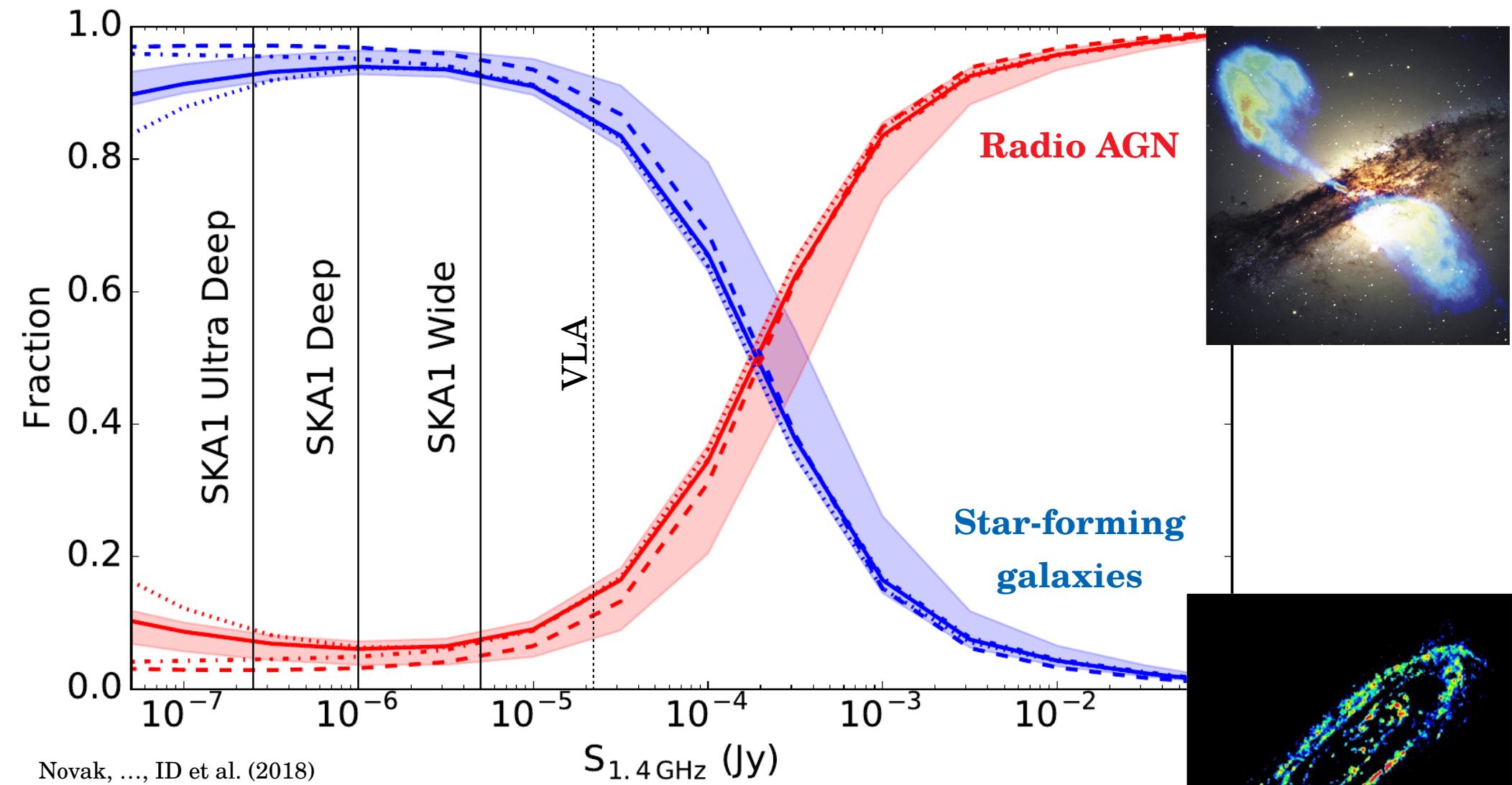


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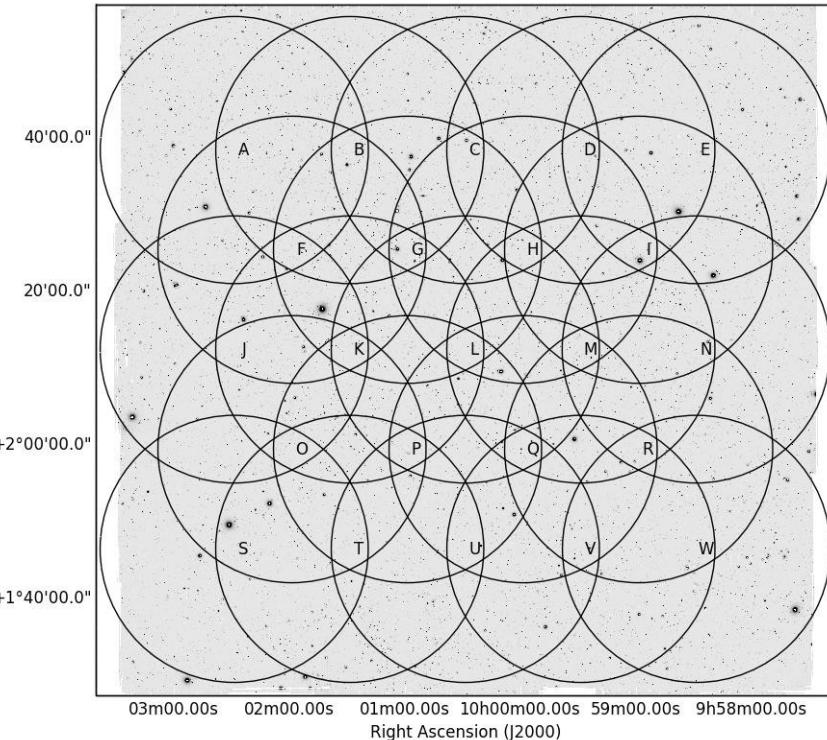


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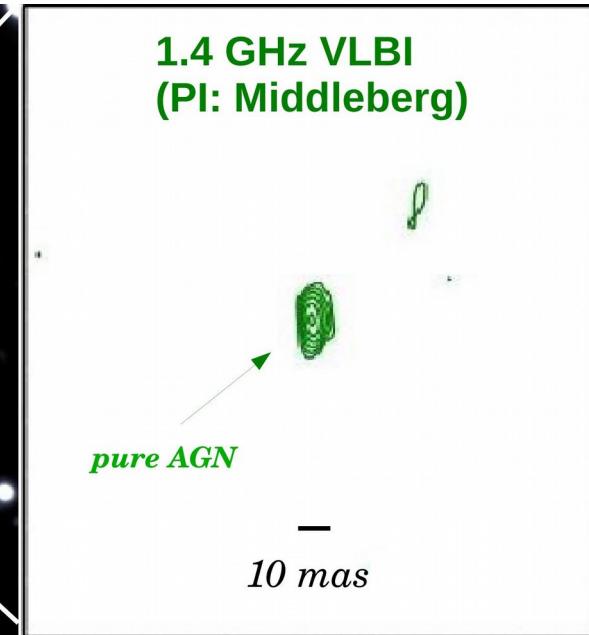
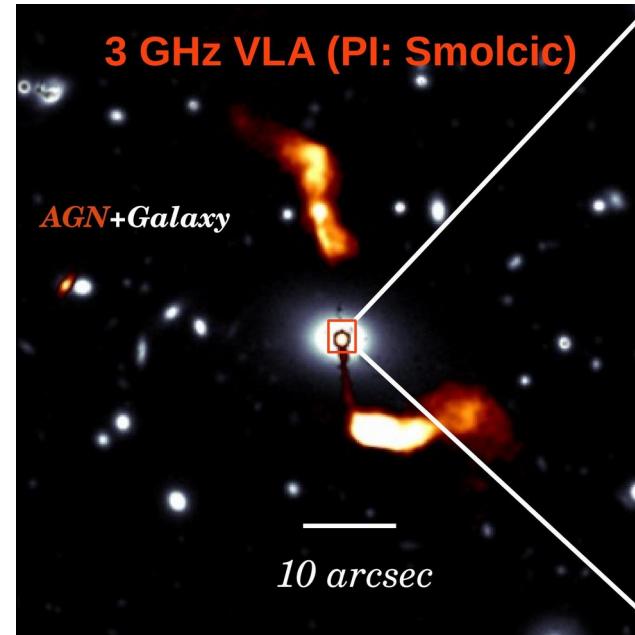


Radio AGN may be washed out by star formation !

# Unveiling radio AGN with VLBA

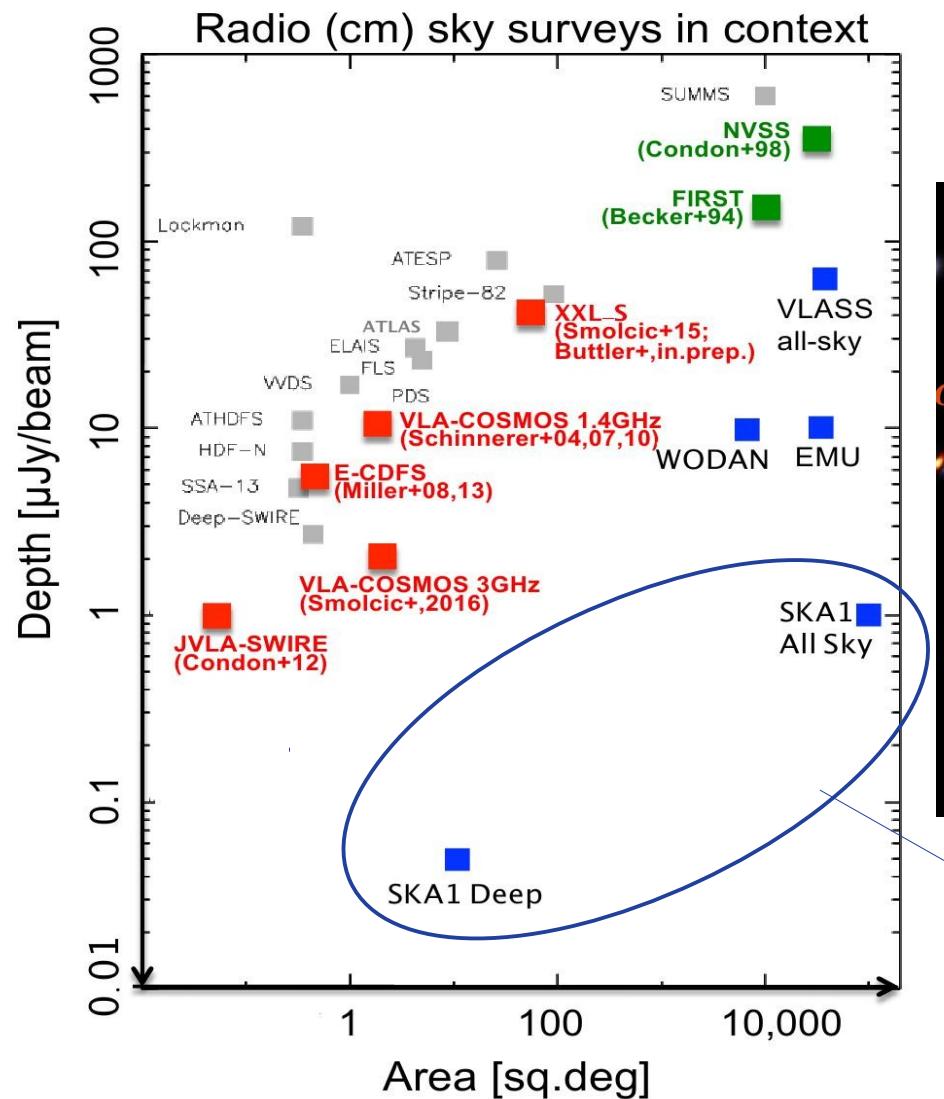


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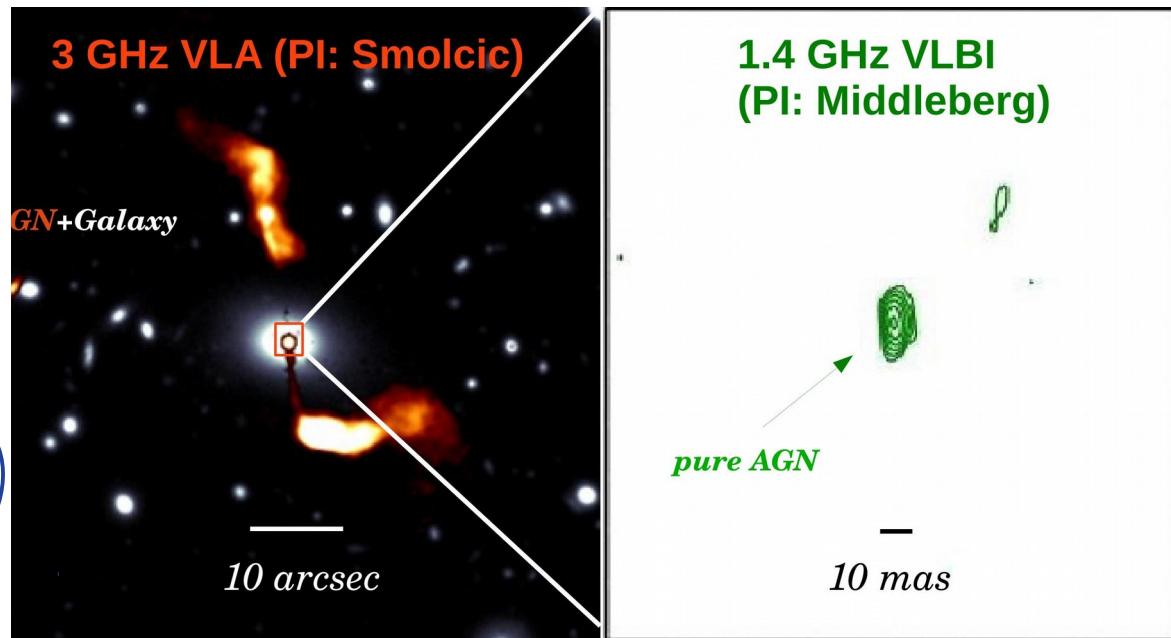


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- Taking a full radio AGN census over cosmic time
- Constraining radio AGN feedback and its impact on galaxy evolution

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