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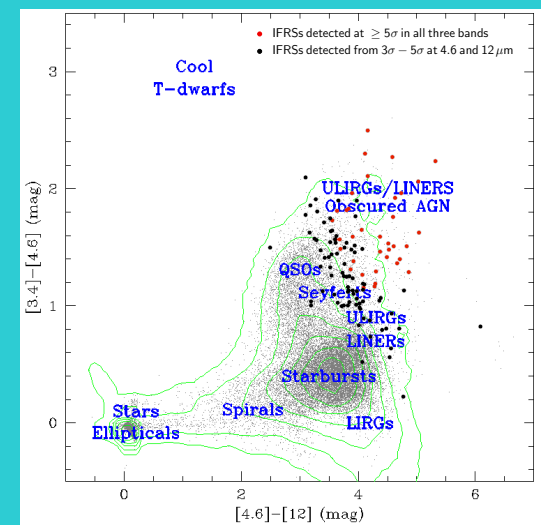
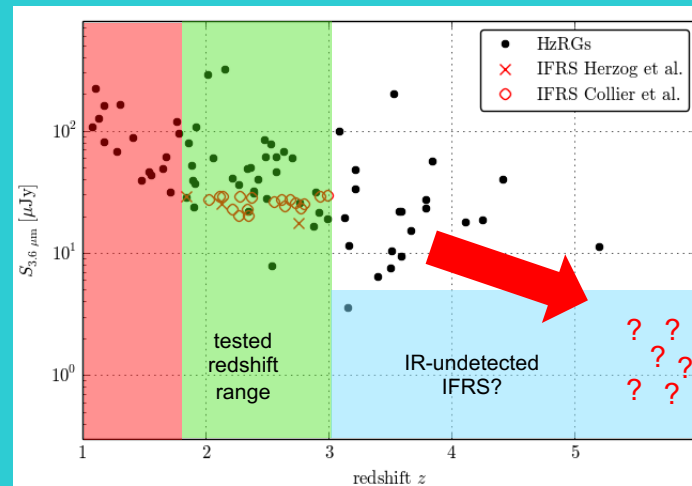
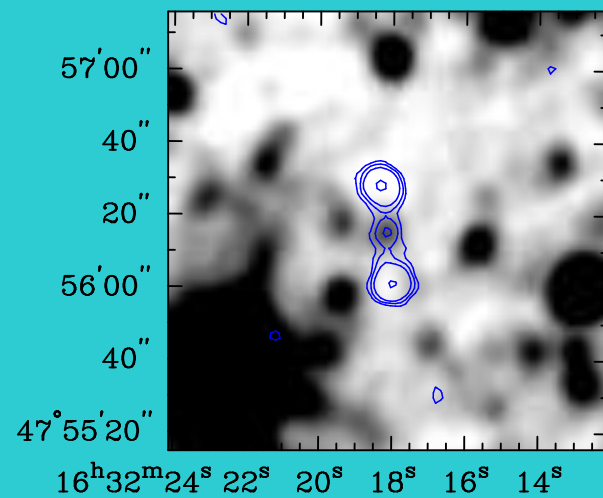
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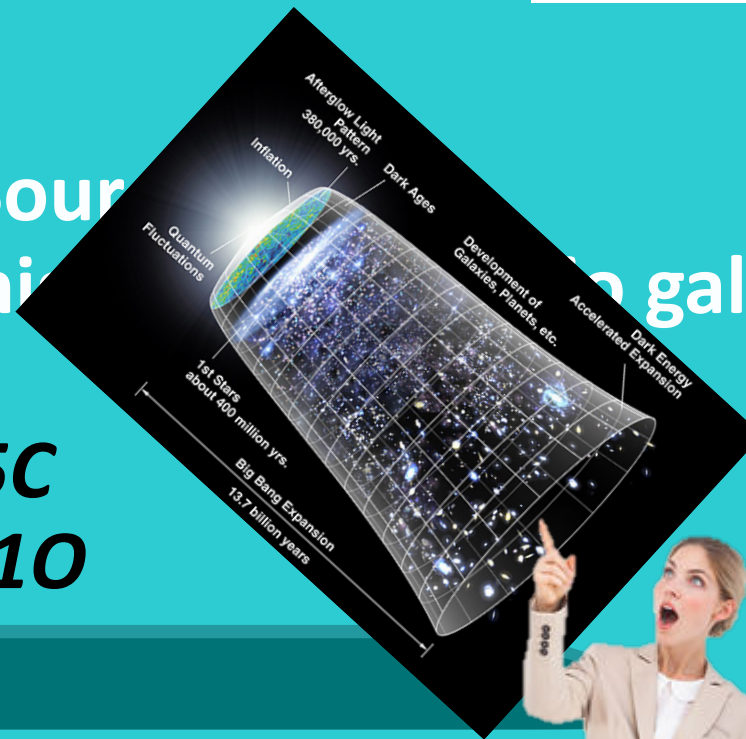
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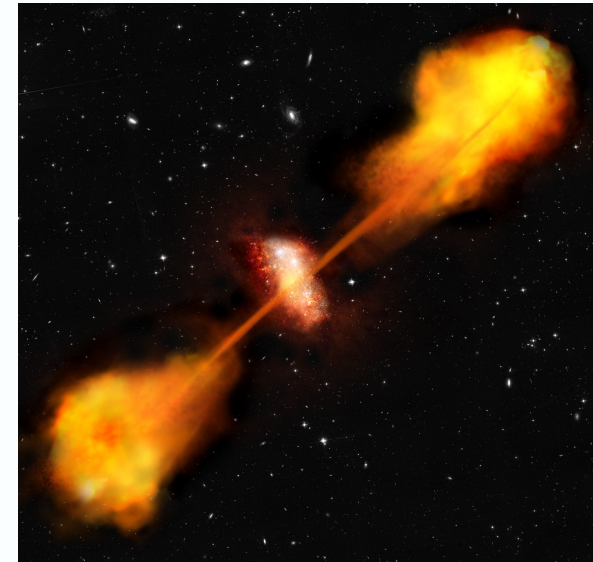
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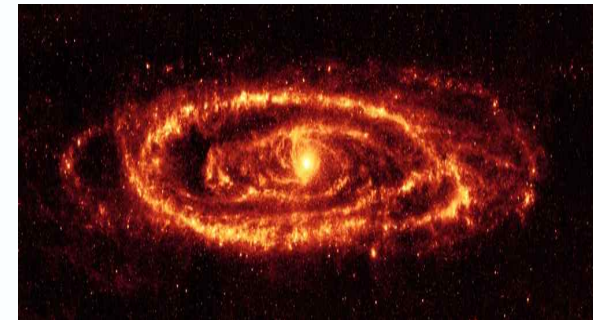
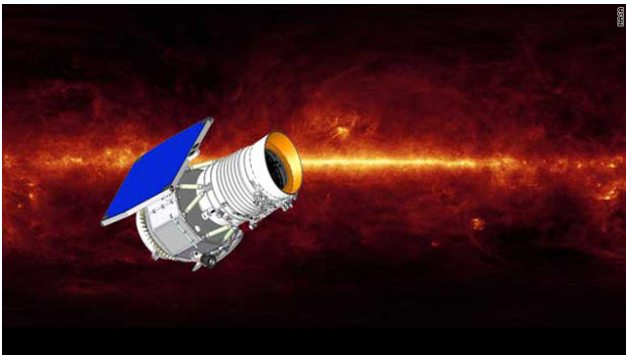
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Introduction

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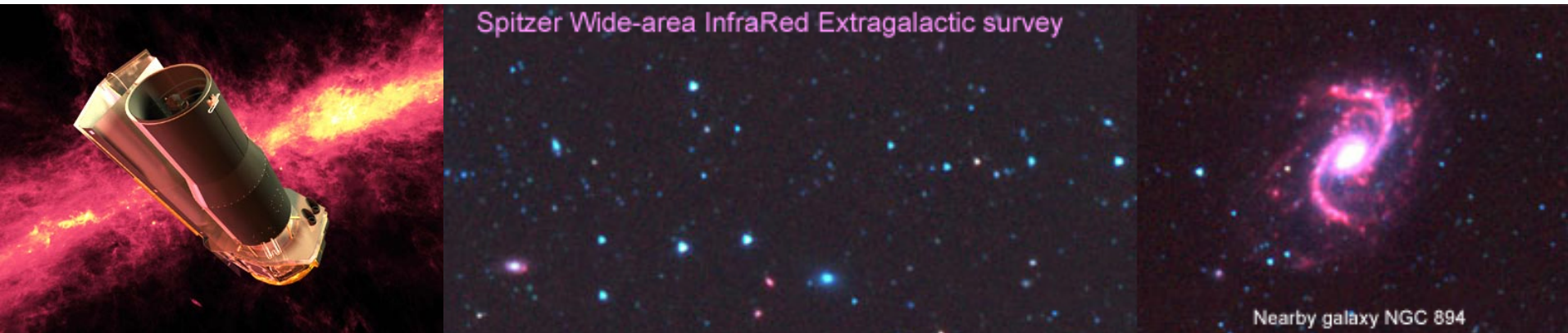
Infrared Faint Radio Sources (IFRSs)

- Rare type of object discovered by Norris+ (2006) in deep radio observations that didn't meet this expectation
 - From Australia Telescope Large Area Survey (ATLAS; Norris+ 2006)
 - Wavelength of $\lambda = 20$ cm ($\nu = 1.4$ GHz)
 - Using Australia Telescope Compact Array (ATCA)



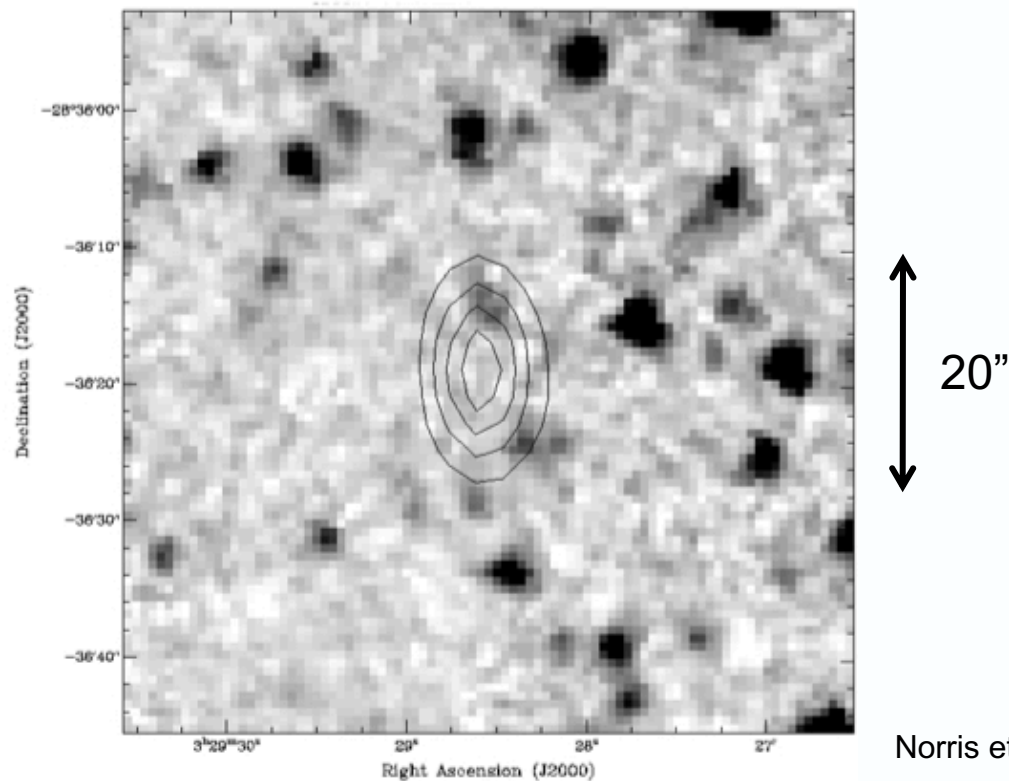
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- Radio sources with no detectable counterpart in infrared (IR) observations
 - From *Spitzer* Space Telescope's SWIRE survey (Lonsdale+ 2003)
 - Wavelength of $\lambda = 3.6 \mu\text{m}$
 - Undetected down to 3σ level of $3 \mu\text{Jy}$ or $\sim 0.2 \mu\text{Jy}$ in stacked images!
 - Also not detected at 4.5, 5.8, 8 & 24 μm , nor in optical light



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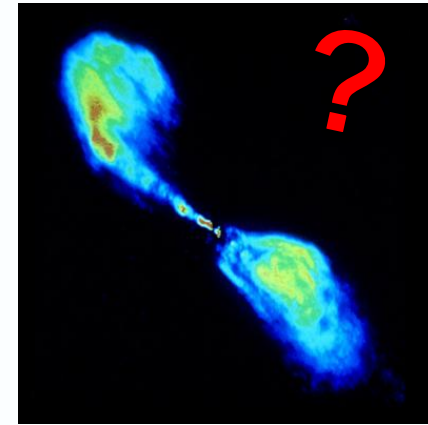
- Unexpected at time, since ATLAS radio sources thought to have detectable IR emission from host galaxy
- 53 identified by Norris+ (2006) & Middelberg+ (2008) in CDFS and ELAIS-S1 fields



Norris et al. (2011)

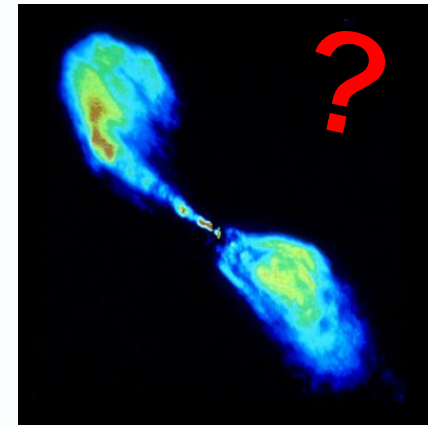
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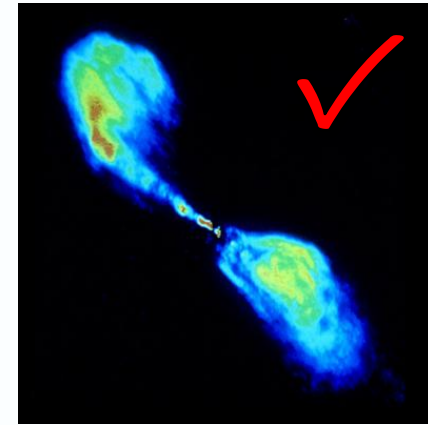
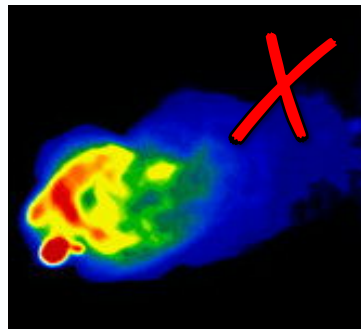
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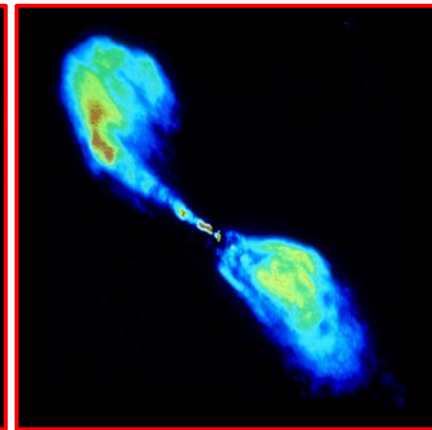
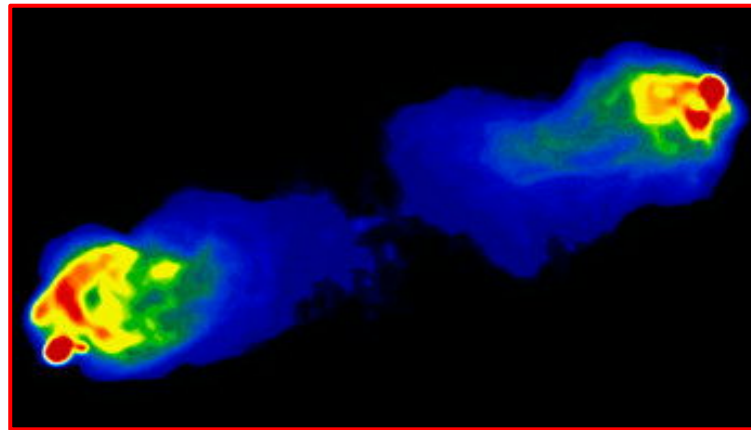
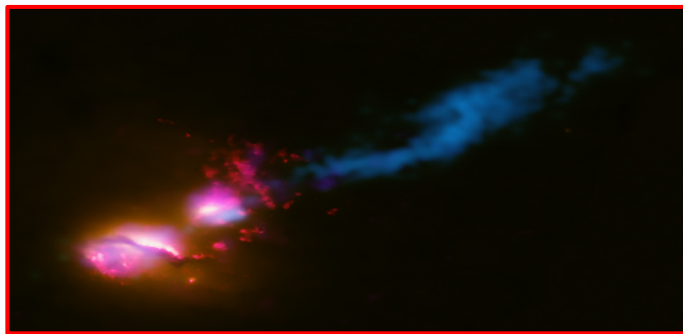
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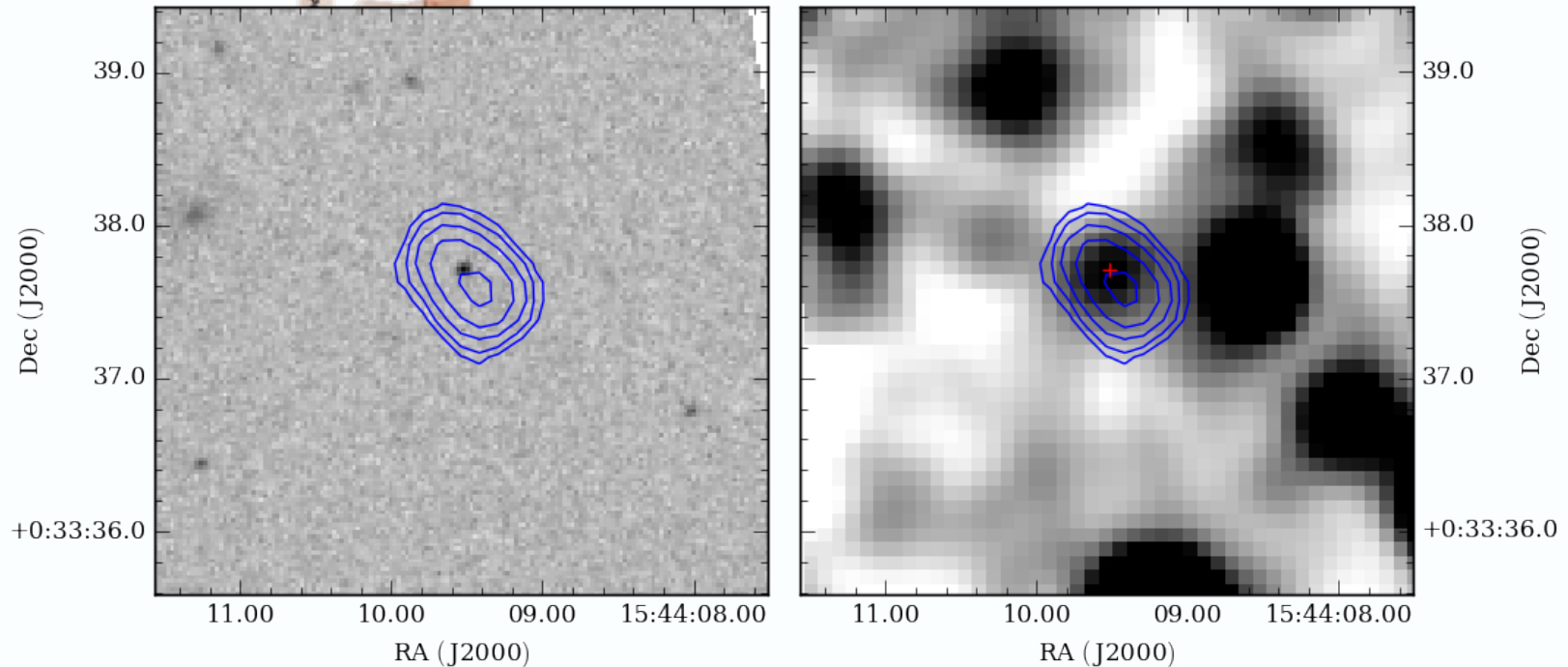
WISE IFRSs

- From WISE, NVSS & FIRST (radio from Kimball & Ivezić 2008/14 URC)
 - NVSS for measure of total flux and polarised flux density
 - FIRST for accurate ($< 1''$) positional information
 - WISE for “deep” IR detections (in strips towards poles)
- Meet Zinn+ (2011) selection criteria plus:
 - NVSS flux density > 7.5 mJy (max. completeness and min. polarisation bias)
 - 1+ FIRST counterpart within NVSS beam
 - WISE counterpart within $5''$ of FIRST position
 - SNR at $3.4 \mu\text{m} \geq 5$
 - Visually don't appear as radio lobe match to IR source



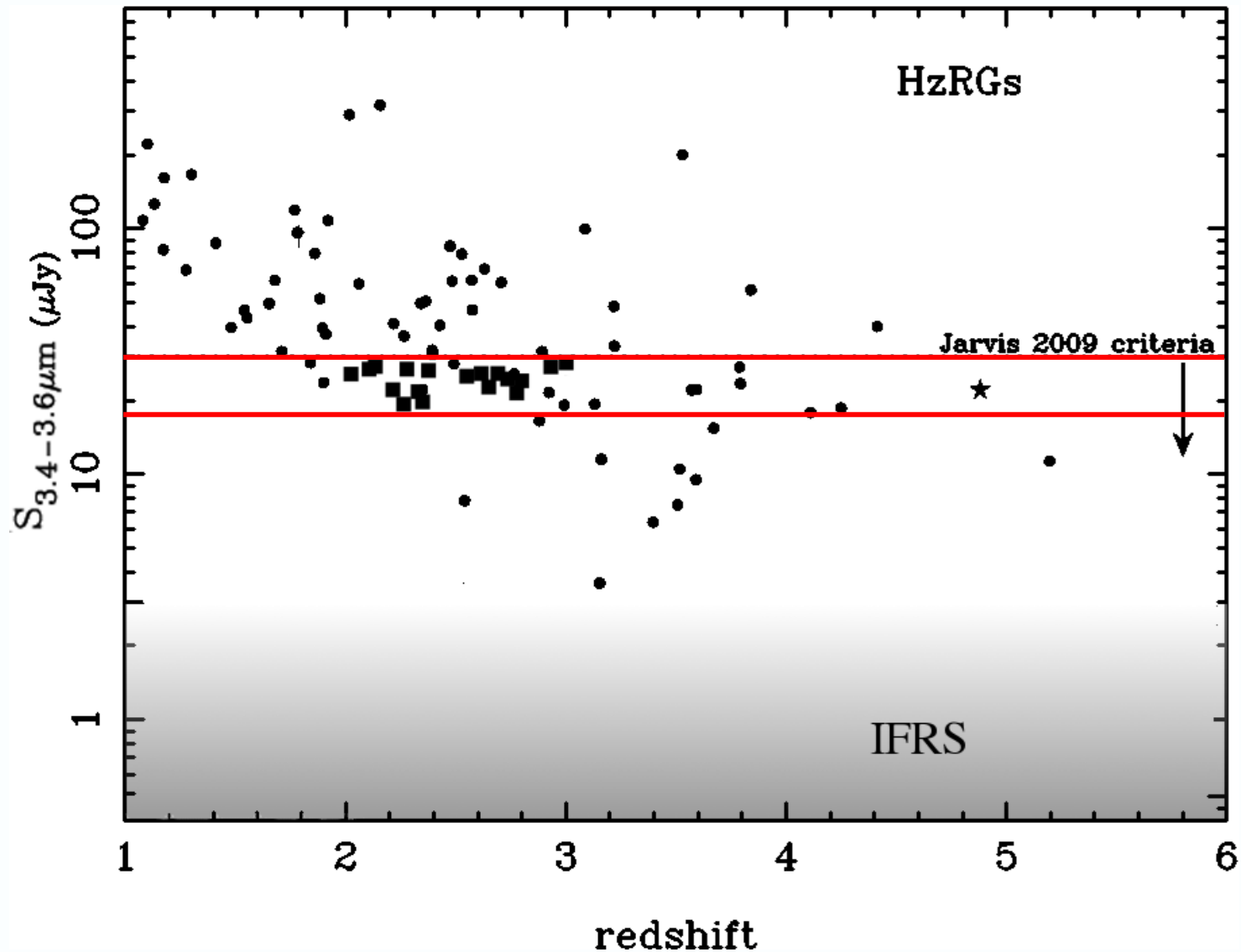
Results

- We find **1317** IFRSs!!!! – *compiled into cross-matched catalogue*



- We find **41** (3%) polarised IFRSs from Taylor+ 2009 RM catalogue
- First population of IFRSs reliably detected in the IR

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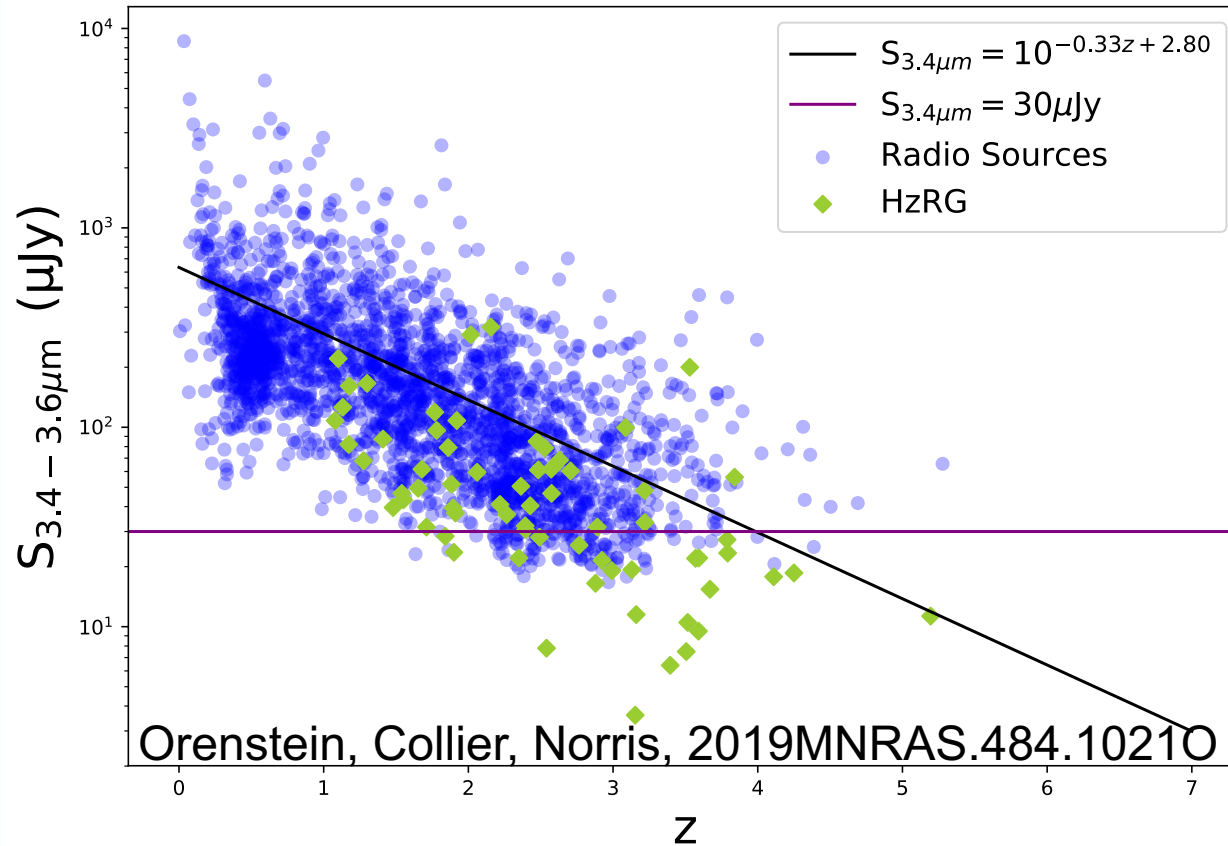
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- Orenstein, Collier, Norris, 2019MNRAS.484.1021O
 - Apply IR-faintness criterion last, giving large parent sample of sources similar to IFRSs, giving many more redshifts

No.	Selection Criterion	Sources
0	Total Unified Radio Catalog	2,866,856
1	NVSS flux density $S_{20\text{cm}} > 7.5\text{ mJy}$	1,139,132
2	At least one FIRST counterpart	621,316
3	AllWISE match within $5''$ of FIRST	303,043
4	$S_{20\text{cm}}/S_{3.4\mu\text{m}} > 500$	64826
5	$S_{3.4\mu\text{m}} \text{ SNR} \geq 5$	63998
6	SDSS match within $1''$ of AllWISE	46490
7	SDSS source with Spectroscopic Redshift	5761
8	Remove SDSS duplicates	2798
9	Not a star	2747
10	No zWarning flag	2566
11	Positive z Error	2551
12	Good quality observation	2521
13	$S_{3.4\mu\text{m}} < 30\mu\text{Jy}$	108
14	Visual Inspection of images and spectra	108

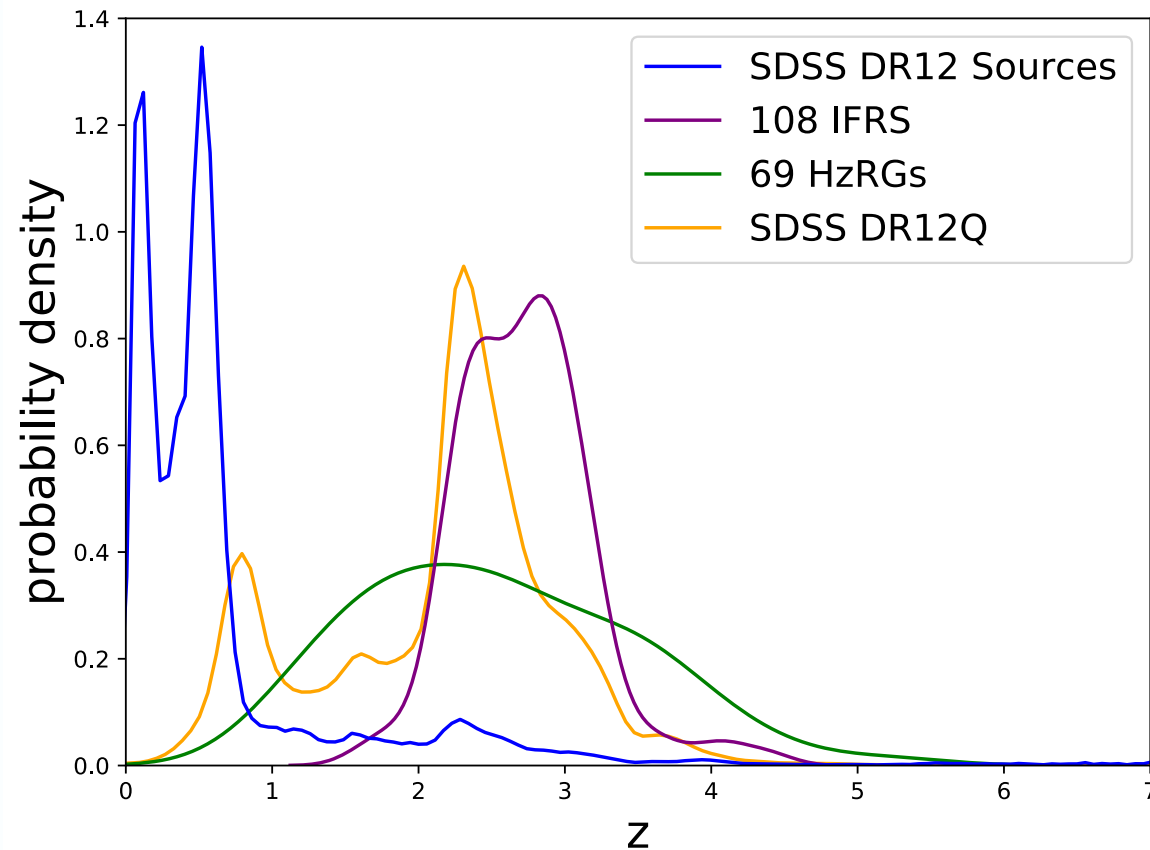
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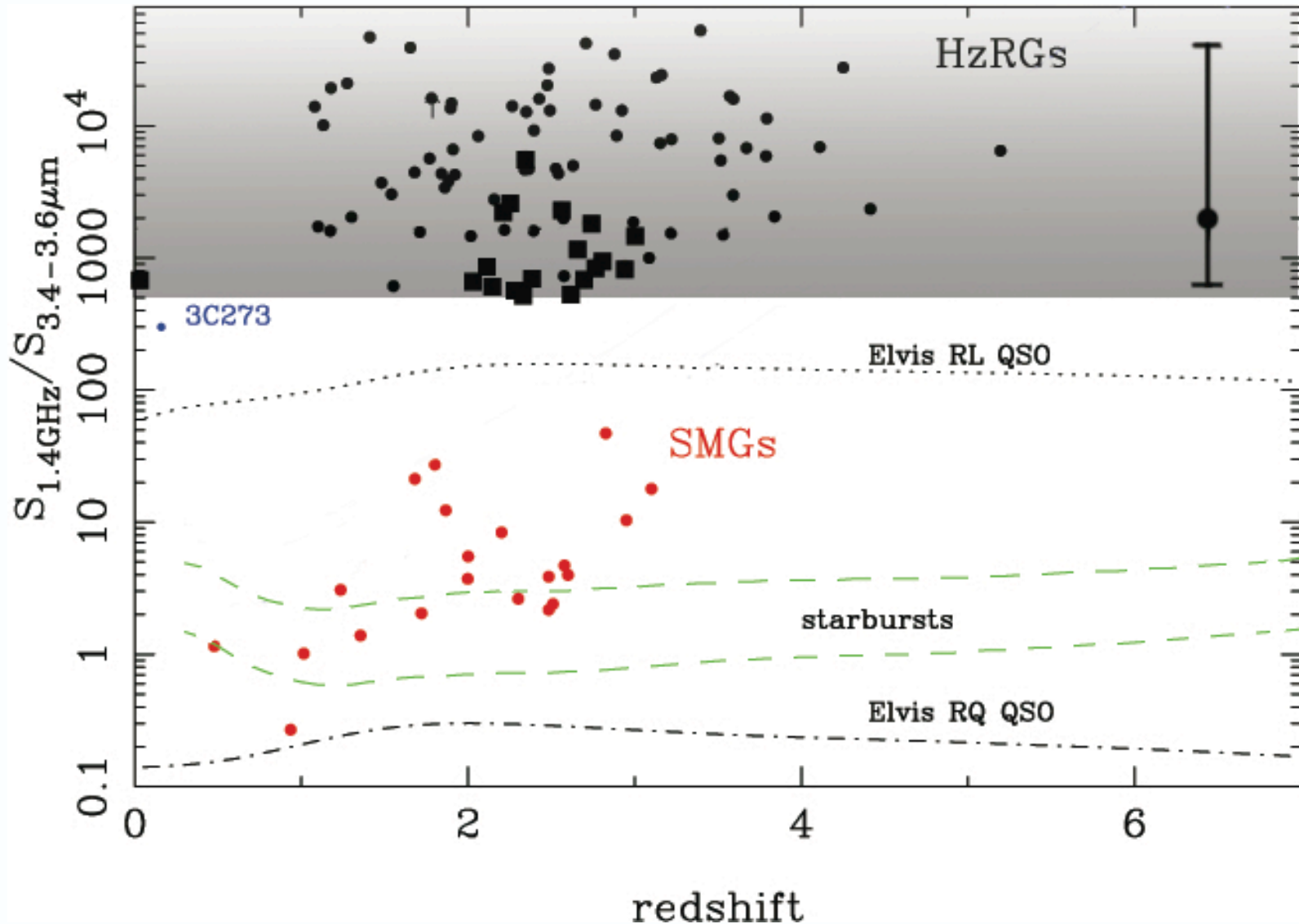
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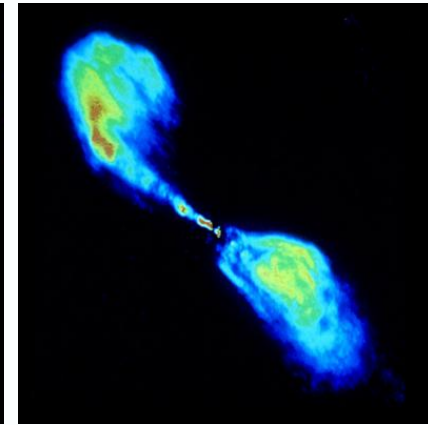
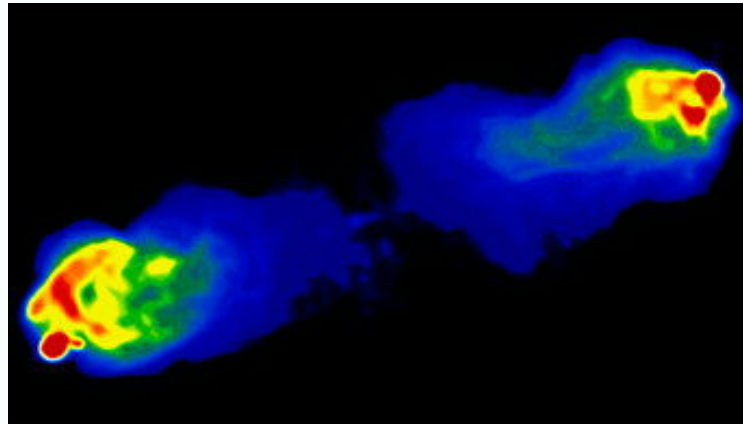
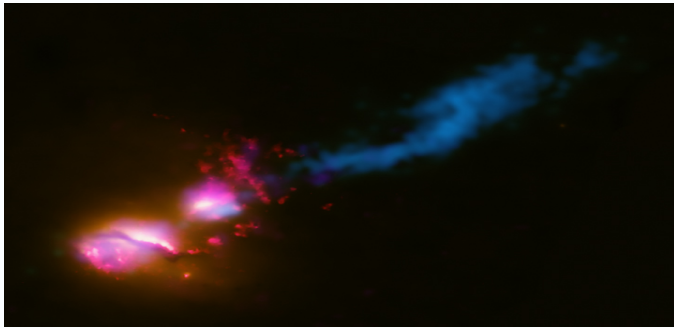
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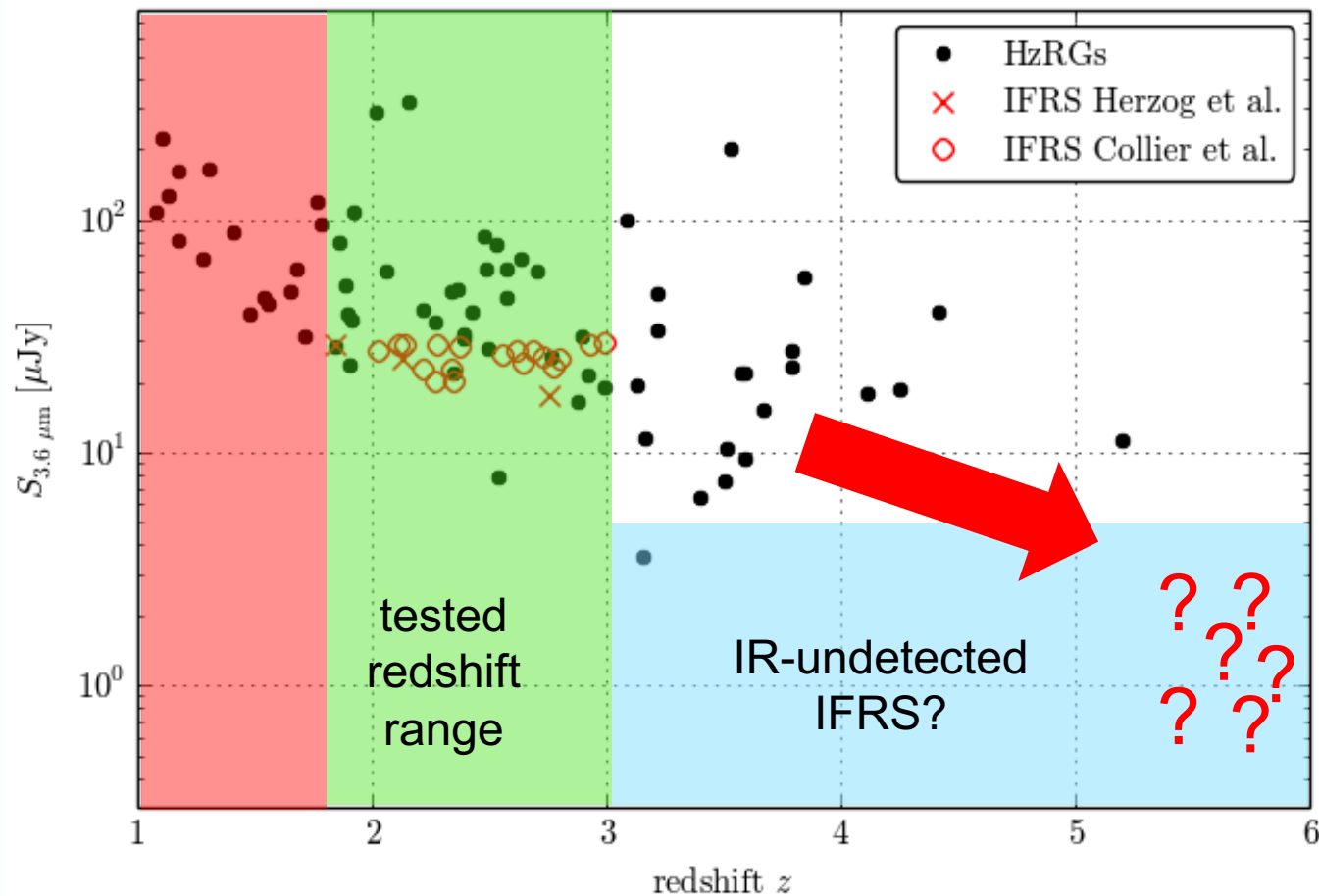


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- Link between IFRSs and HzRGs
 - HzRGs amongst most luminous and massive galaxies in early universe
 - High SFRs and host powerful AGN – key probes of SFG / AGN relationship
 - Significant similarity, but only about ~ 200 HzRGs currently known
 - IFRSs have sky density of $\sim 7 / \text{deg}^2$
 - A few hundred thousand across sub-mJy 1.4 GHz sky!
 - If expected redshift range correct, IFRSs are cosmologically significant
 - Overlooked population of high- z AGN influencing evolution of universe!
 - Number of AGN in early universe much higher!
 - Much worse problems with cosmological model for structure formation and growth of SMBHs after Big Bang!

Future Work

- #1 = measure redshift range ($z \sim 7??$) using CO with ALMA



EMU IFRSs

- EMU pilot data: $\sim 270 \text{ deg}^2$ / $\sim 30 \text{ uJy}$
- IR data
 - DECam $\sim 1 \text{ um}$ data: $\sim 270 \text{ deg}^2$ / $\sim 10 \text{ uJy}$ (pilot)
 - NEOWISE 3.4 um data: $\sim 270 \text{ deg}$ / $\sim 20 \text{ uJy}$ (at best – all sky)
 - $\sim 1,900$ “no-IR” IFRSs at ~ 7 per deg^2 (Norris+) & hundred+ IR-detected
- IFRSs seem to span continuous population of RGs extending to high z
- EMU + NEOWISE should find a few 100 000 IFRSs across the sky
- We have an effective technique of finding HzRGs
 - Valuable in studying cosmic AGN evolution (radio properties of distant AGN)

THANK YOU

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