

# Cosmic telescopes

Using strong lenses to study radio quiet quasars

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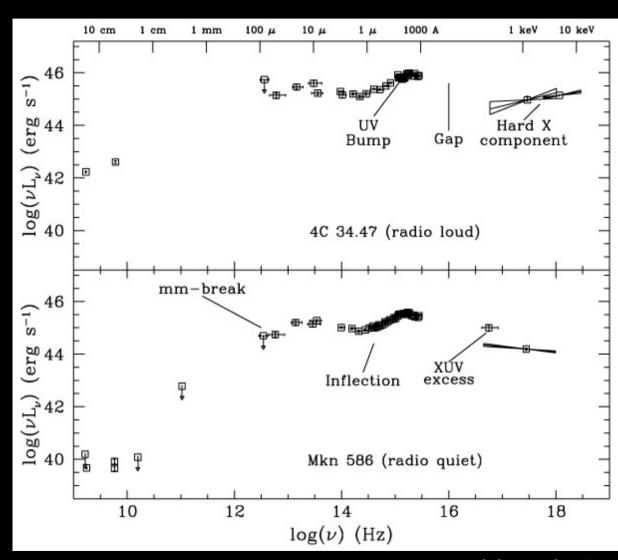


3C175 VLA 6cm NRAO 1996



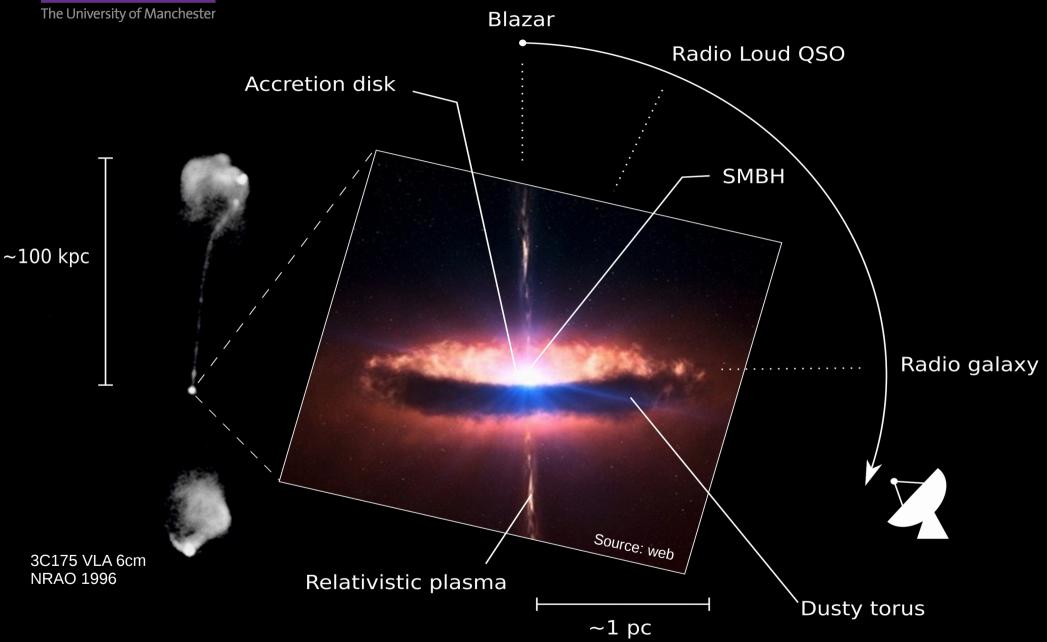
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Elvis et al. 1994

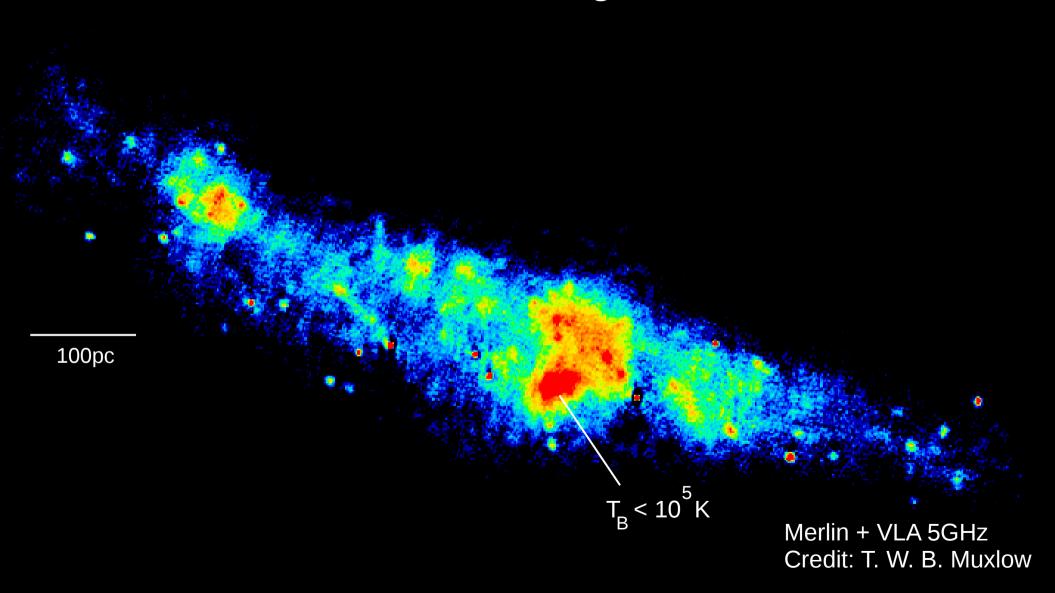




e-Merlin and EVN in the SKA era 12<sup>th</sup> Sept 2017

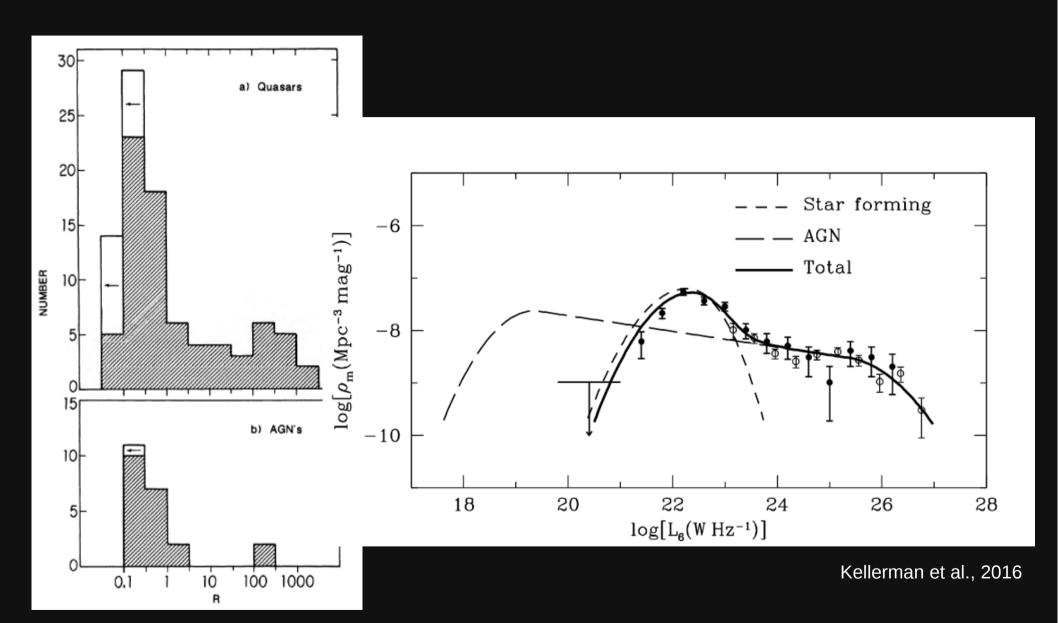


# Starburst regions





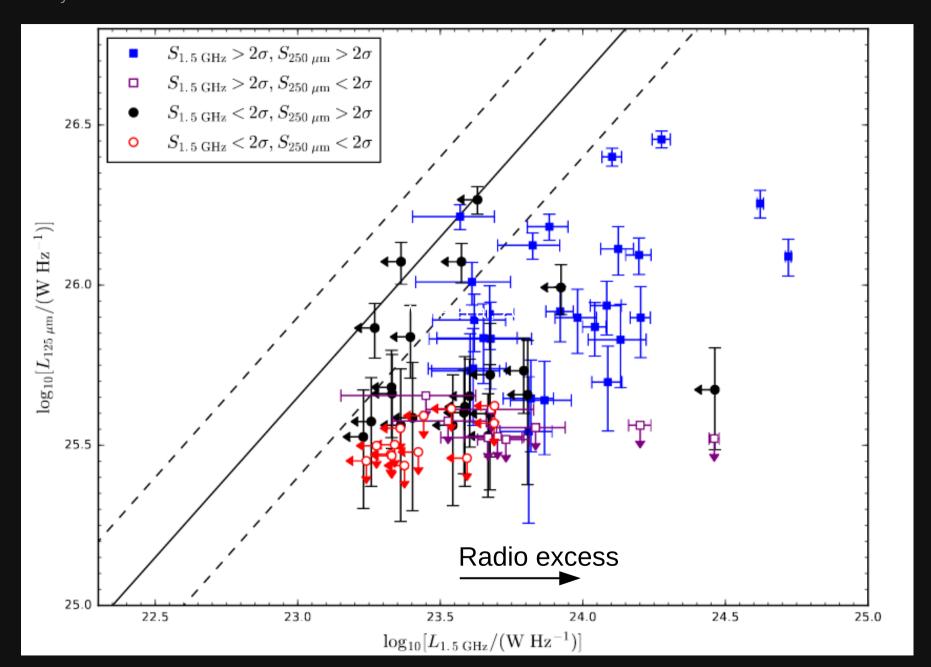
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Kellerman et al, 1990

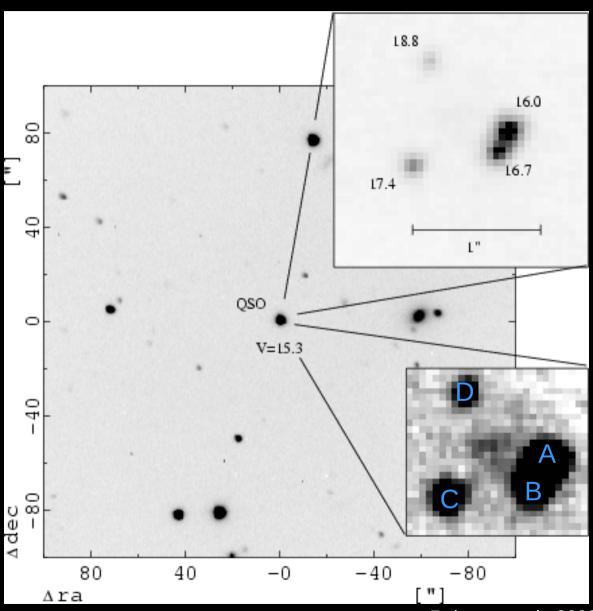


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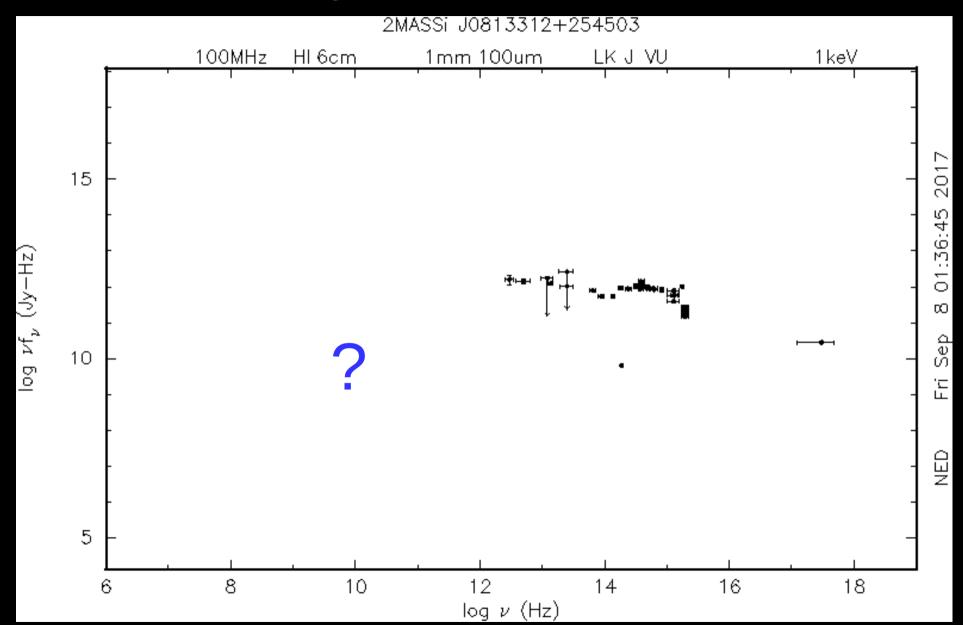


#### Hubble V band



mag = 16.0 max

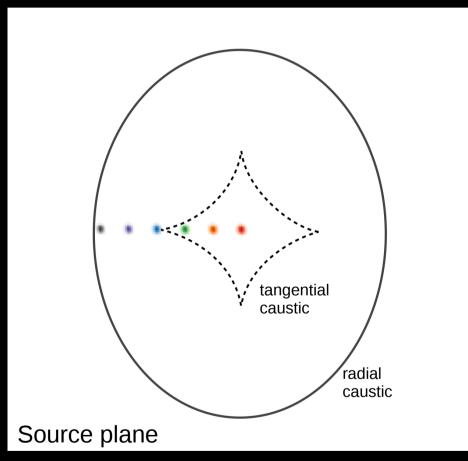


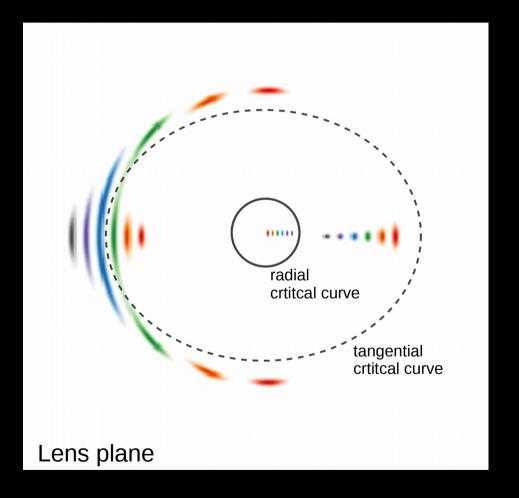




# Lensing geometry

#### Cusp configuration

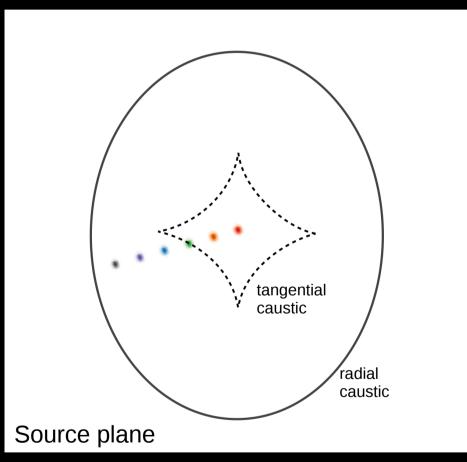


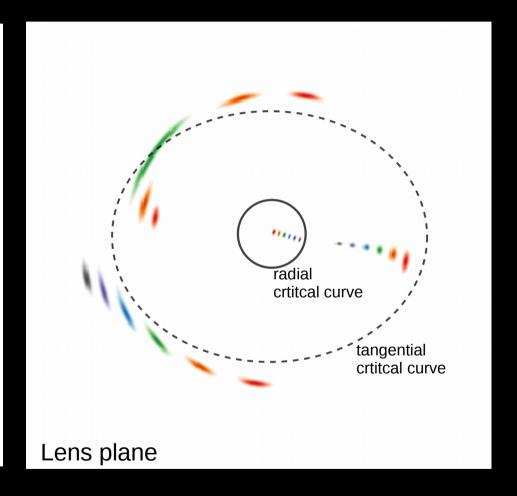




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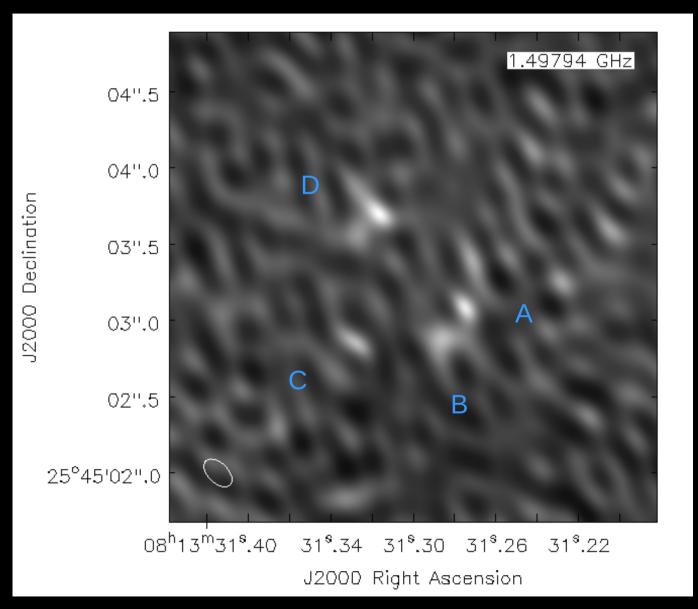
#### Fold configuration







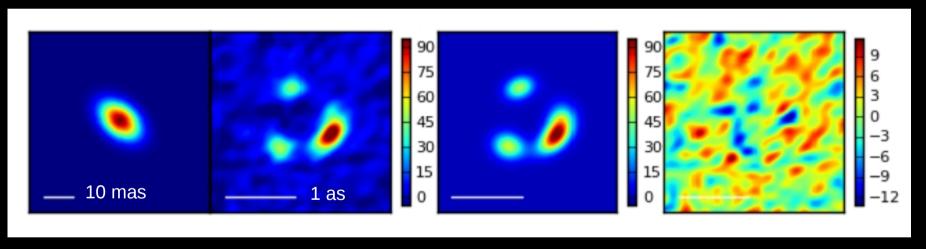
e-Merlin 1.4GHz



A = 161 uJy $\alpha = -0.55$ 

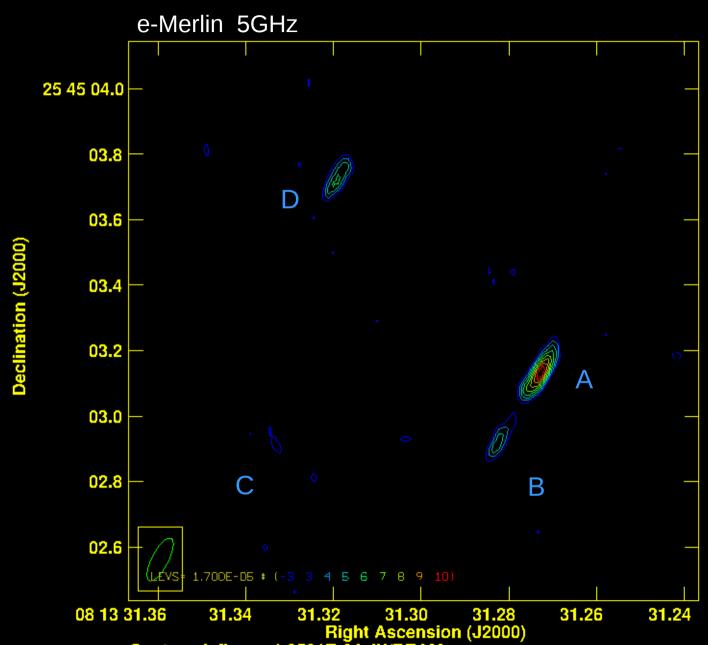


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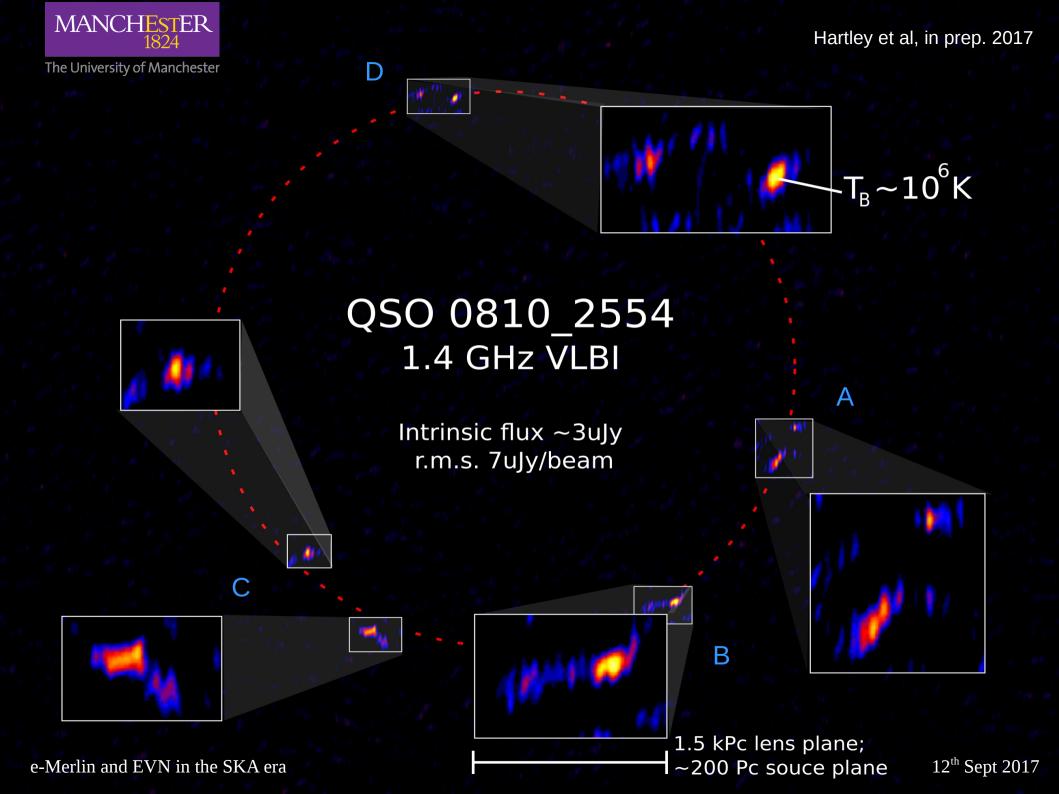
Jackson et al., 2015

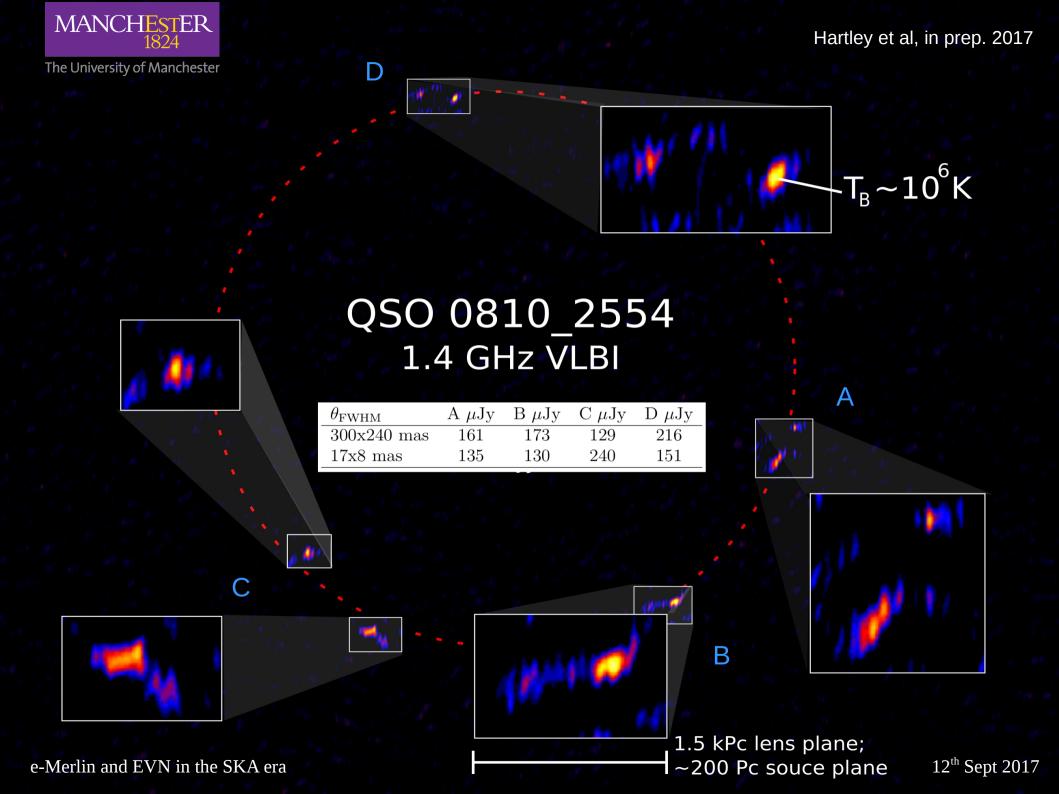




Hartley et al, in prep. 2017

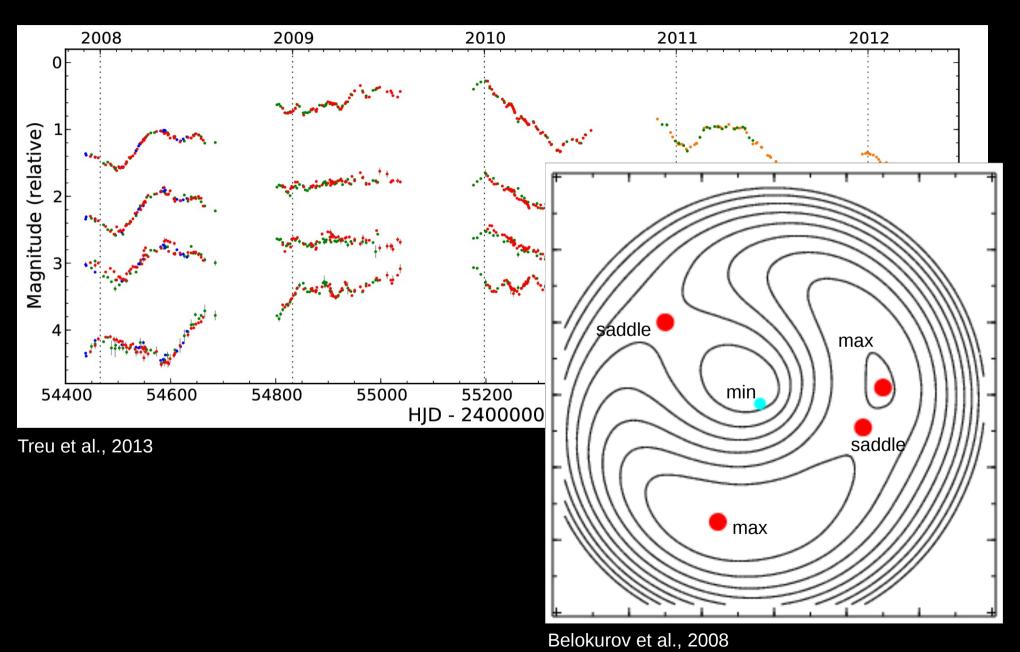
Cont peak flux = 1.8581E-04 JY/BEAM





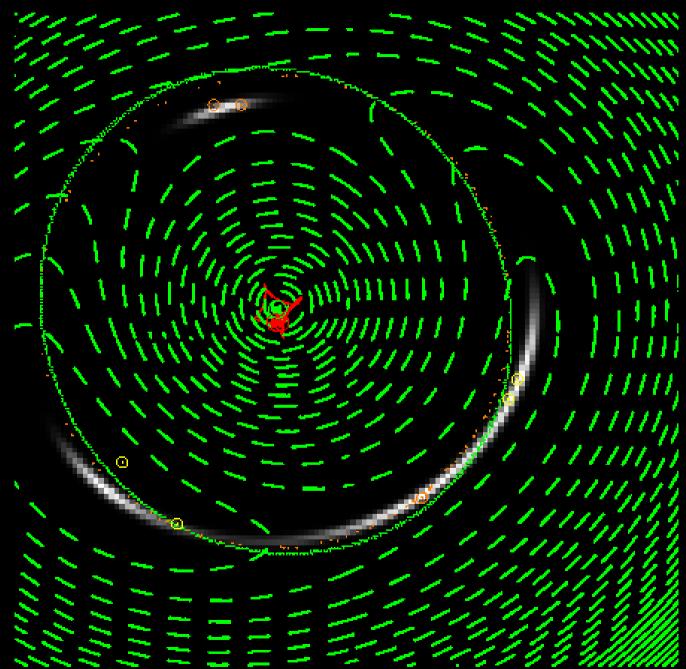


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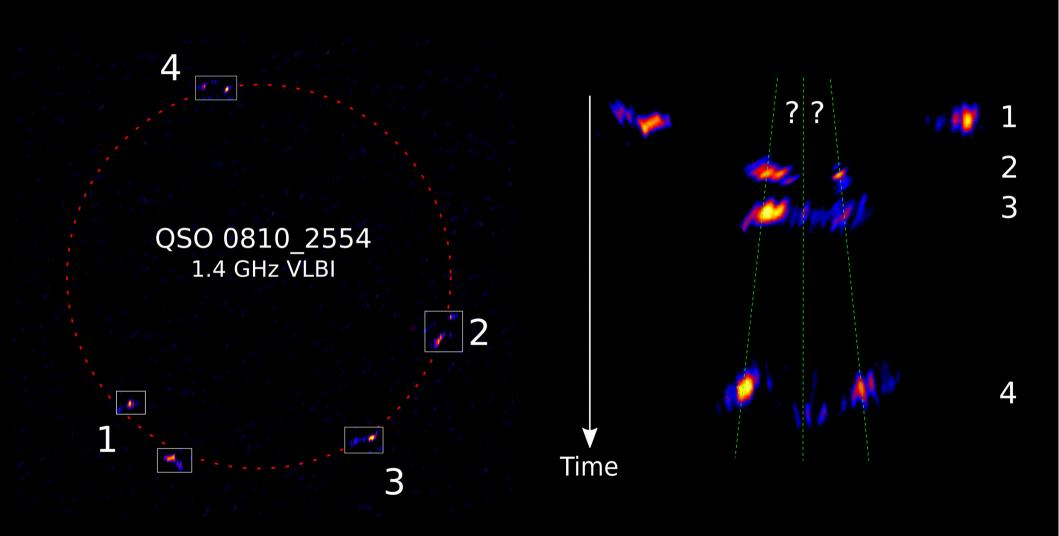


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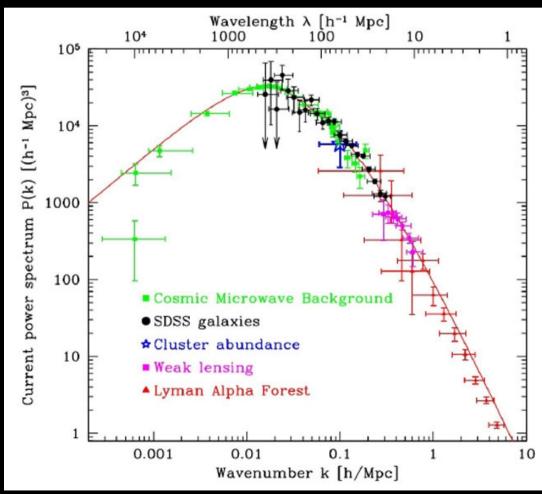


### CDM substructure?

#### Sub-galactic structure gives rise to image anomalies



Moore at al. 1999





### Summary

Most QSOs are 'radio quiet'

Dominated by starburst activity or AGN?

Strong lensing allows us to see the faintest intrinsic radio emissions

High resolution and sensitivity of e-Merlin and VLBI reveal jet structure and temperatures exceeding starburst limit

**Unification model?** 

VLBI maps of 0810+2554 hint at substructure in the lens

Exciting results and more to investigate!