

100-m Effelsberg



30-m IRAM



12-m APEX

# F-GAMMA program - review and recent findings: Unification and physical interpretation of the radio spectra variability patterns in Fermi blazars and jet emission from NLSy1s

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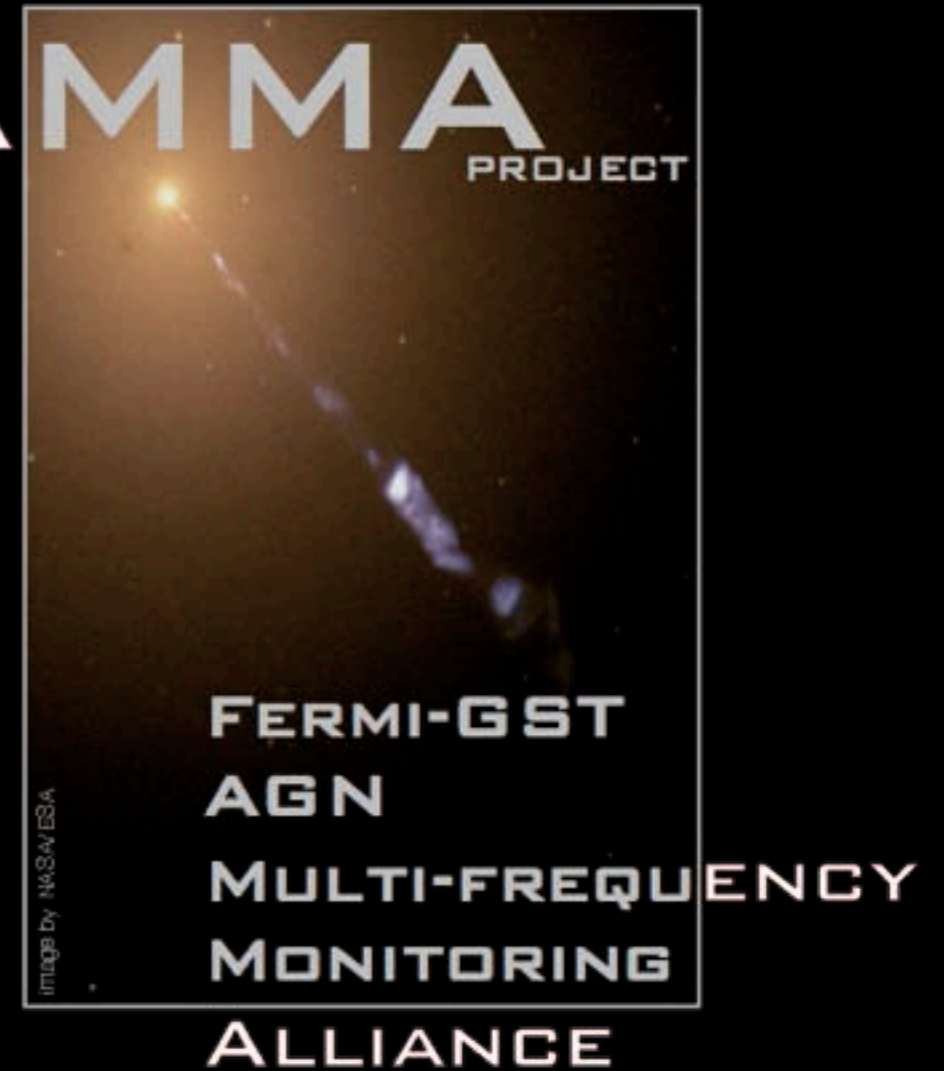
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# F-GAMMA PROJECT

- monthly monitoring program for ~60 Fermi-GST blazars since January 2007
- all light curves and spectra available online
- at 2.6 - 345 GHz at 12 frequencies, optical and gamma-rays
- optical polarimetry (expected 2012)
- **Linear** and **Circular** Polarization of the Effelsberg data:
  - ▶ e.g. 3C454.3 at 4.85 GHz:  
we detect ~ 0.82 % CP  
*(Miserlis, Angelakis, Kraus)*



[www.mpifr.de/div/vlbi/fgamma](http://www.mpifr.de/div/vlbi/fgamma)



100-m Effelsberg

- ▶ Monthly monitoring of ~60 sources
- ▶ 2.64 - 43 GHz at 8 frequency steps
- ▶ Simultaneous spectra within 40 minutes

L. Furhmann, E. Angelakis, I. Nestoras, J. A. Zensus, N. Marchili, T. P. Krichbaum



30-m IRAM

- ▶ Monthly monitoring of ~60 sources
- ▶ 86, 142 and 228 GHz
- ▶ Simultaneous spectra within 2 minutes

H. Ungerechts, A. Sievers, D. Riquelme



12-m APEX

- ▶ Irregular "filler" monitoring
- ▶ 345 GHz
- ▶ accuracy <15%

S. Larson, A. Weiss





70-cm meniscus and 125-cm  
Ritchey-Chretien telescopes.  
Abastumani Observatory

- ▶ Monthly monitoring of ~90 sources

Omar Kurtanidze, Maria Nikolashvili, Givi  
Kimeridze, Lorand Sigua, Revaz Chigladze



1.3 m Skinakas telescope, Greece

- ▶ polarimetry (Expected Spring 2012)

I. Papadakis, Papamastorakis, Caltech,  
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40-m OVRO telescope (Caltech)

- ▶ ~1200 blazars at least 2–3 times per week (Richards et al. in prep.)
- ▶ 15 GHz

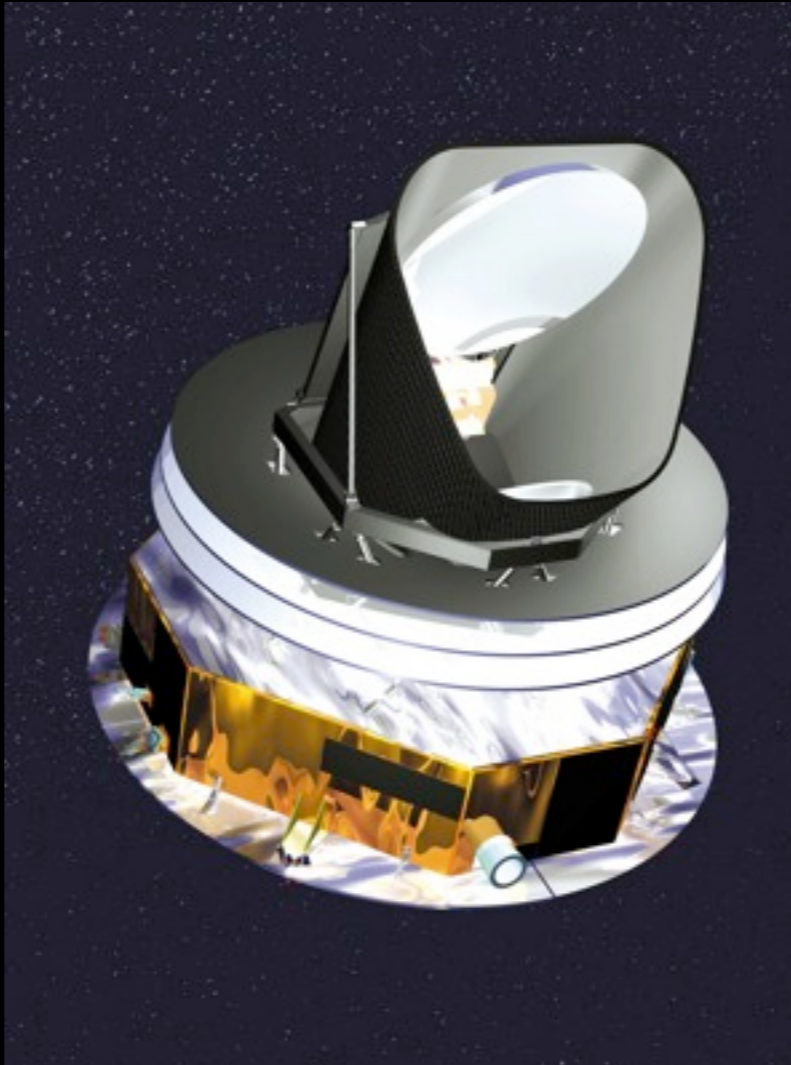
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Korean VLBI Network 21-m radio telescope Korea Astronomy and Space Science Institute

- ▶ Monthly monitoring of ~90 sources
- ▶ 13 , 7 mm

Bong Won Sohn, Pulun Park, Sang-Sung Lee, Do-Young Byun, Jee Won Lee, Jung Hwan Oh



The Planck satellite

- ▶ Occasional monitoring of ~20 sources
- ▶ 30-857 GHz

J. P. Rachen et al.

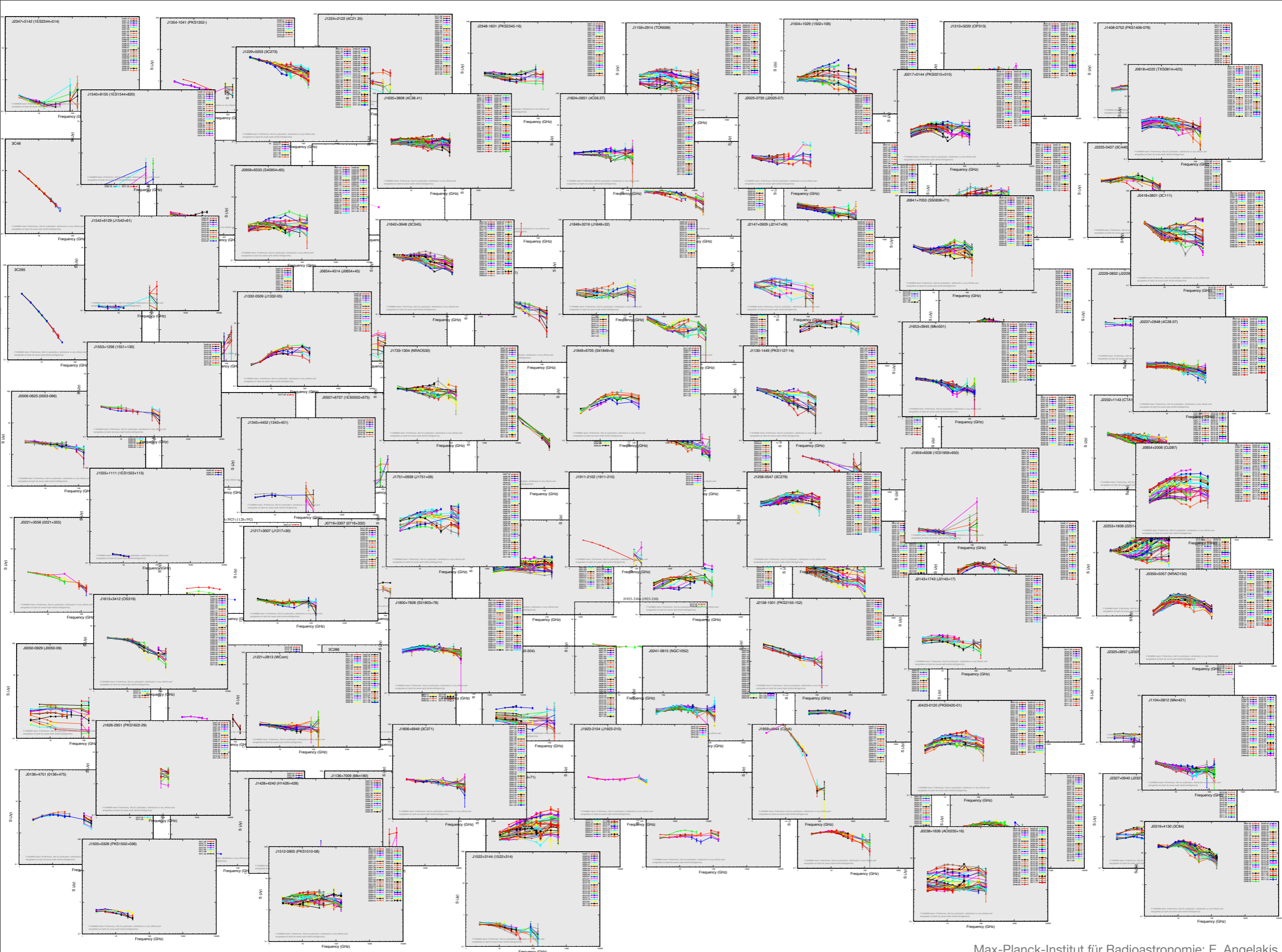


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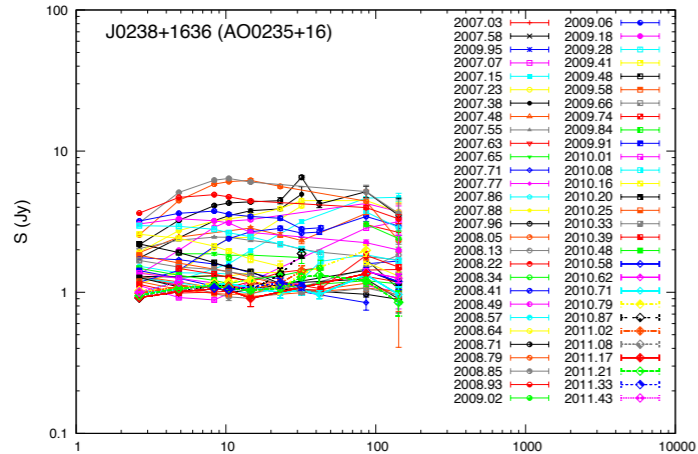
- ▶  $4\pi$  / 3 hours
- ▶ 20 MeV to 300 GeV

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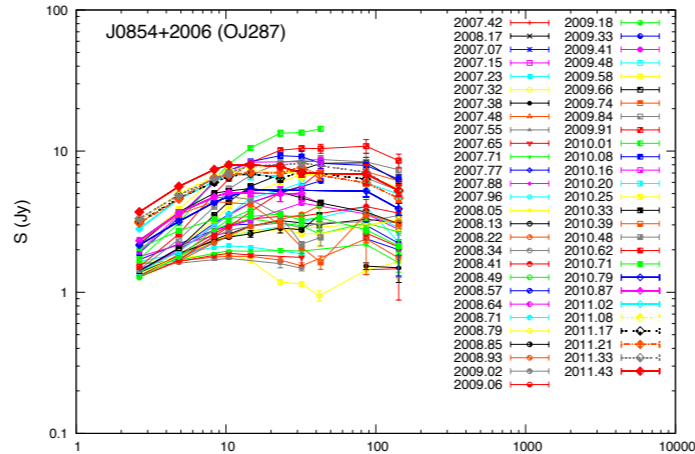




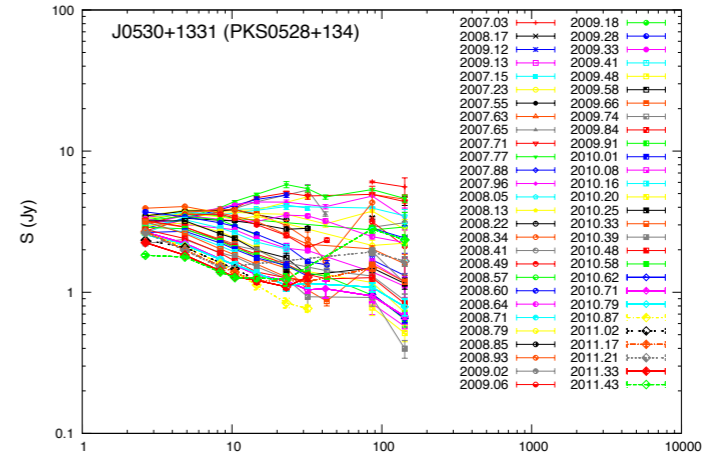




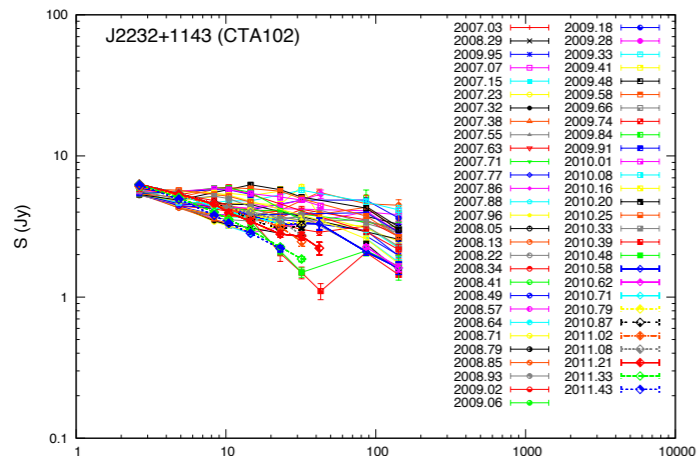
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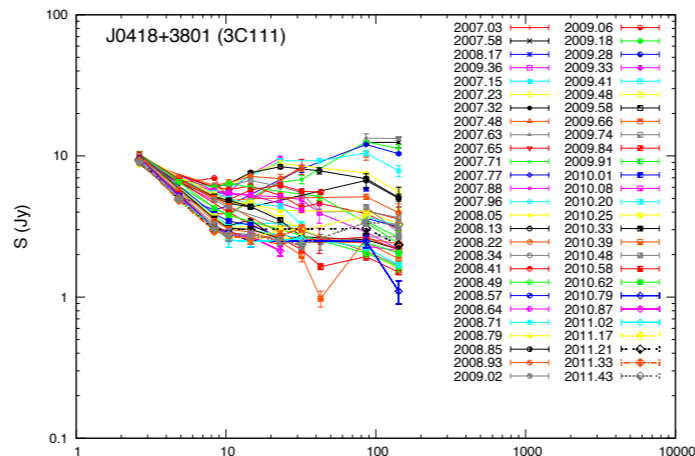
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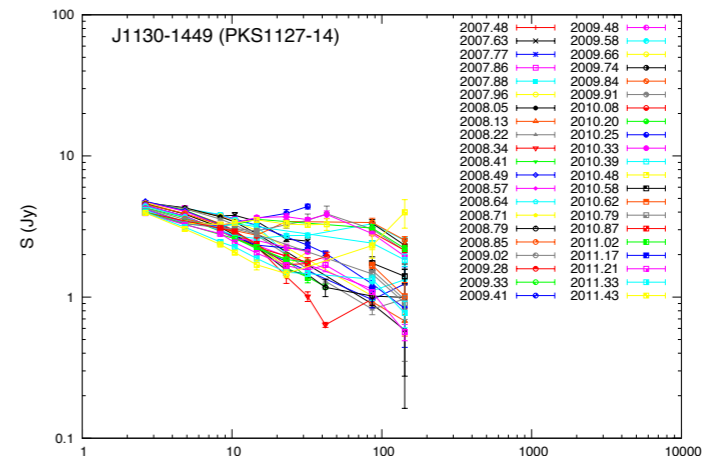
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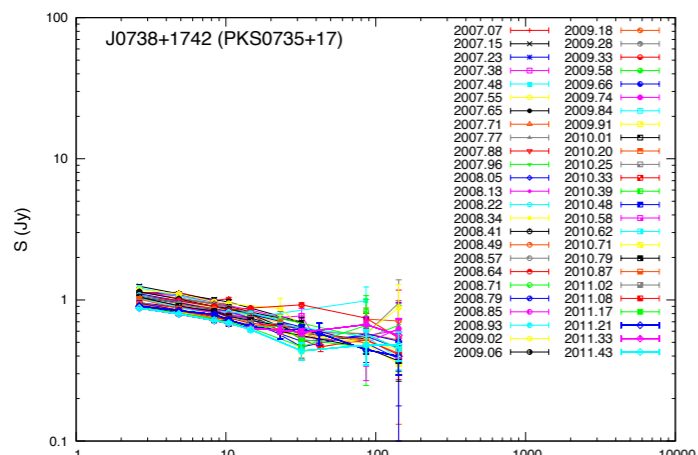
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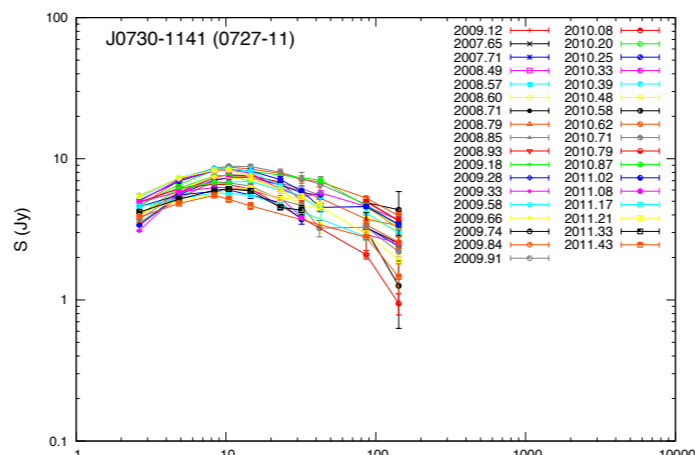
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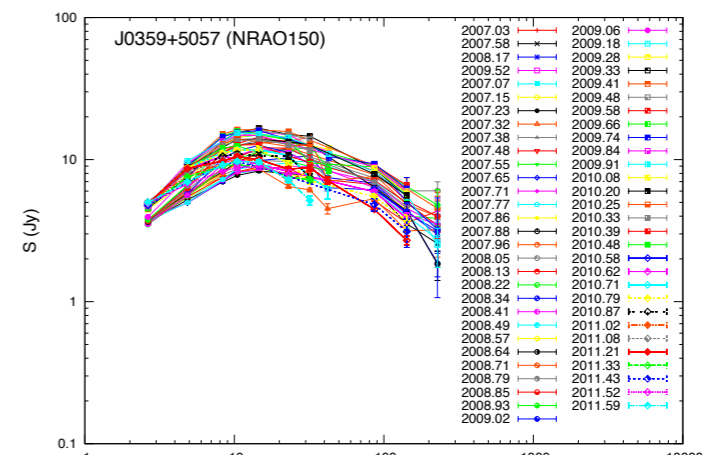
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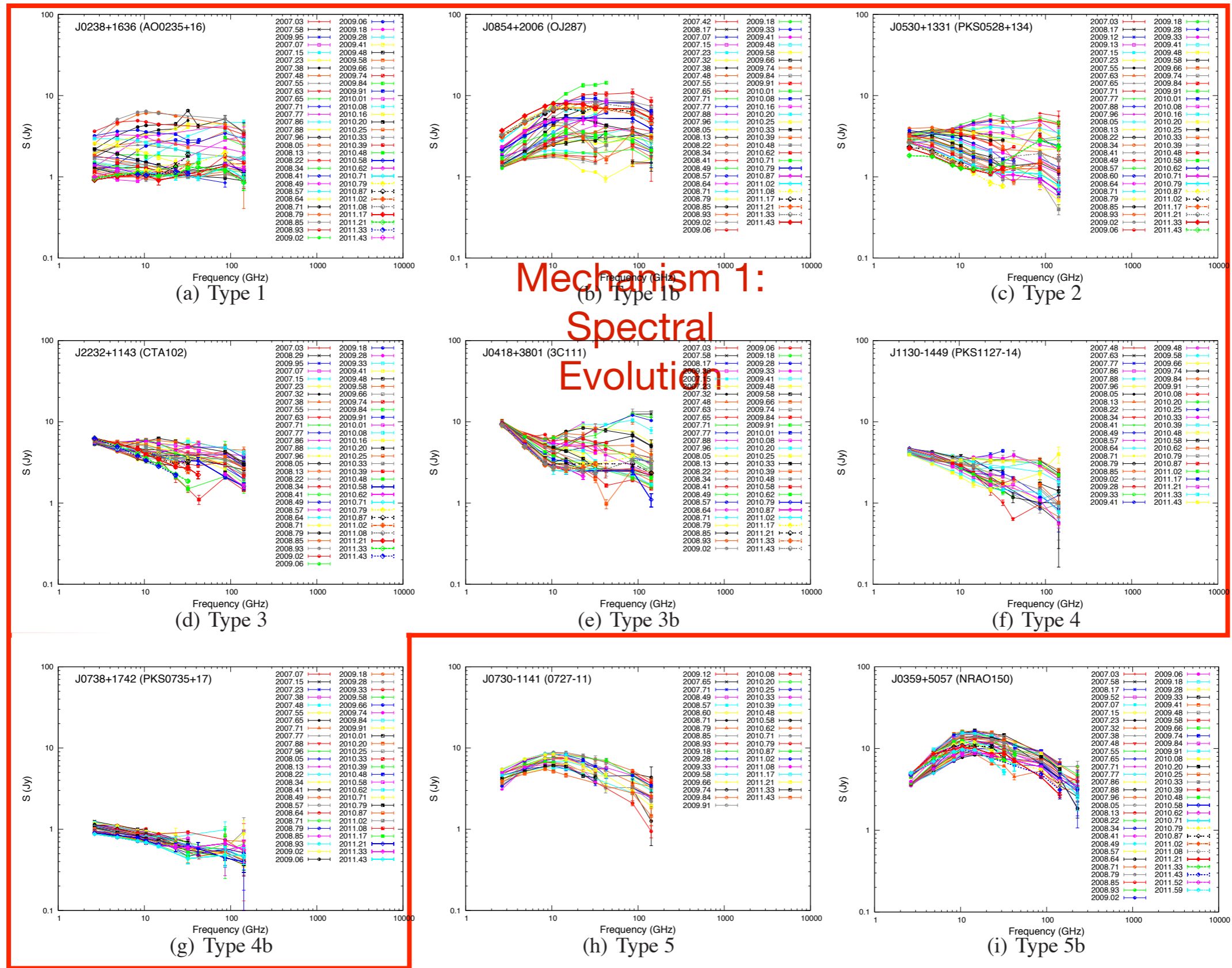
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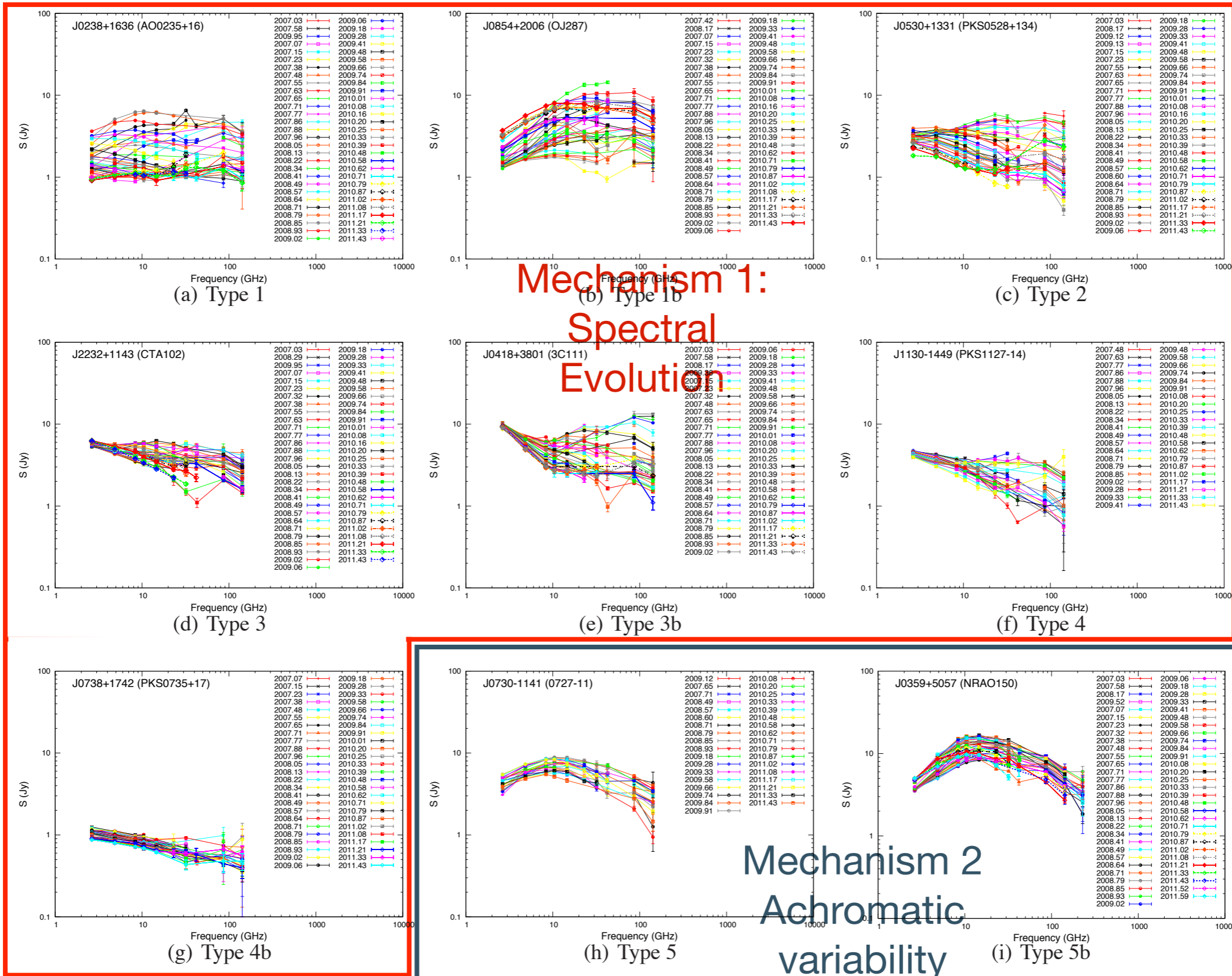


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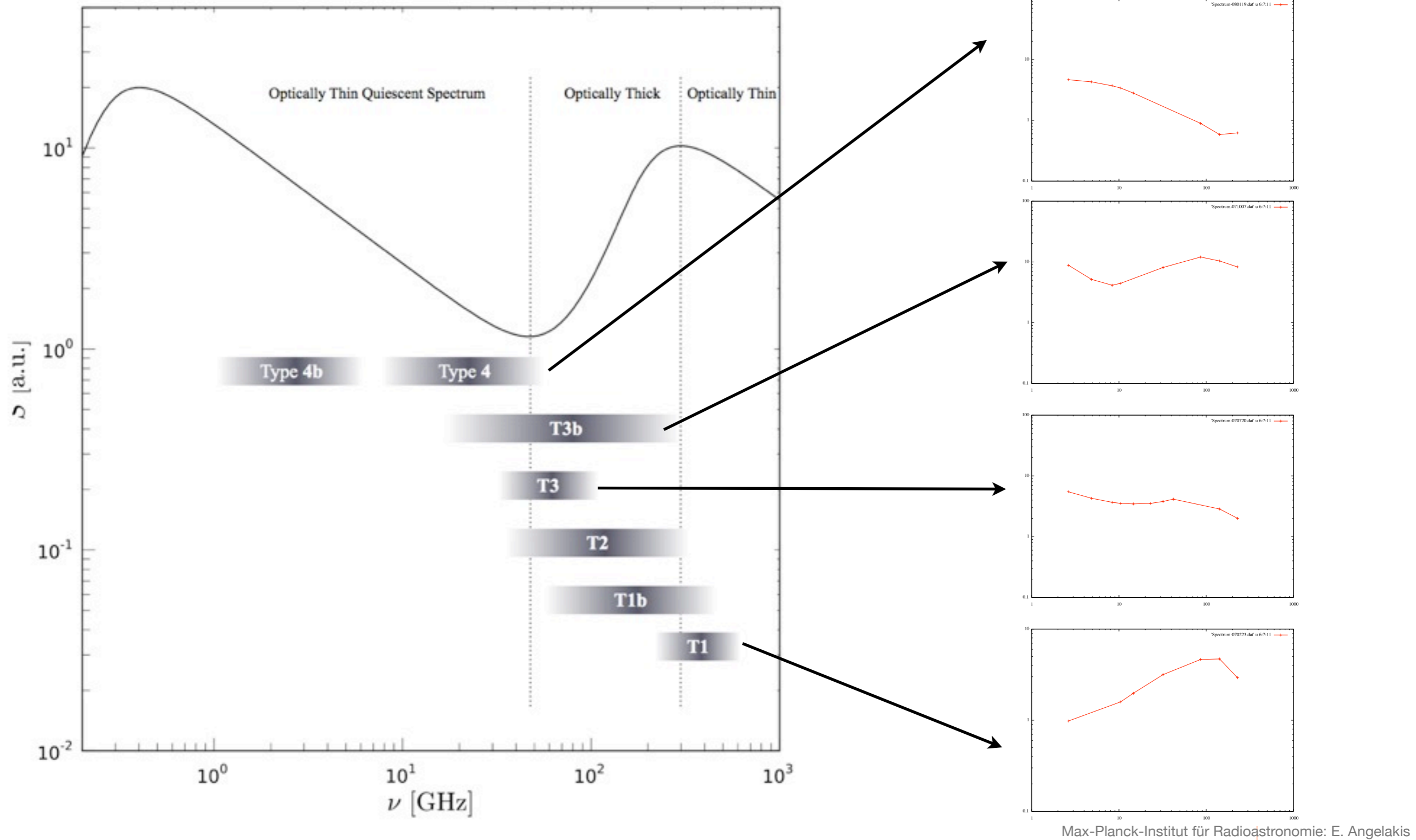
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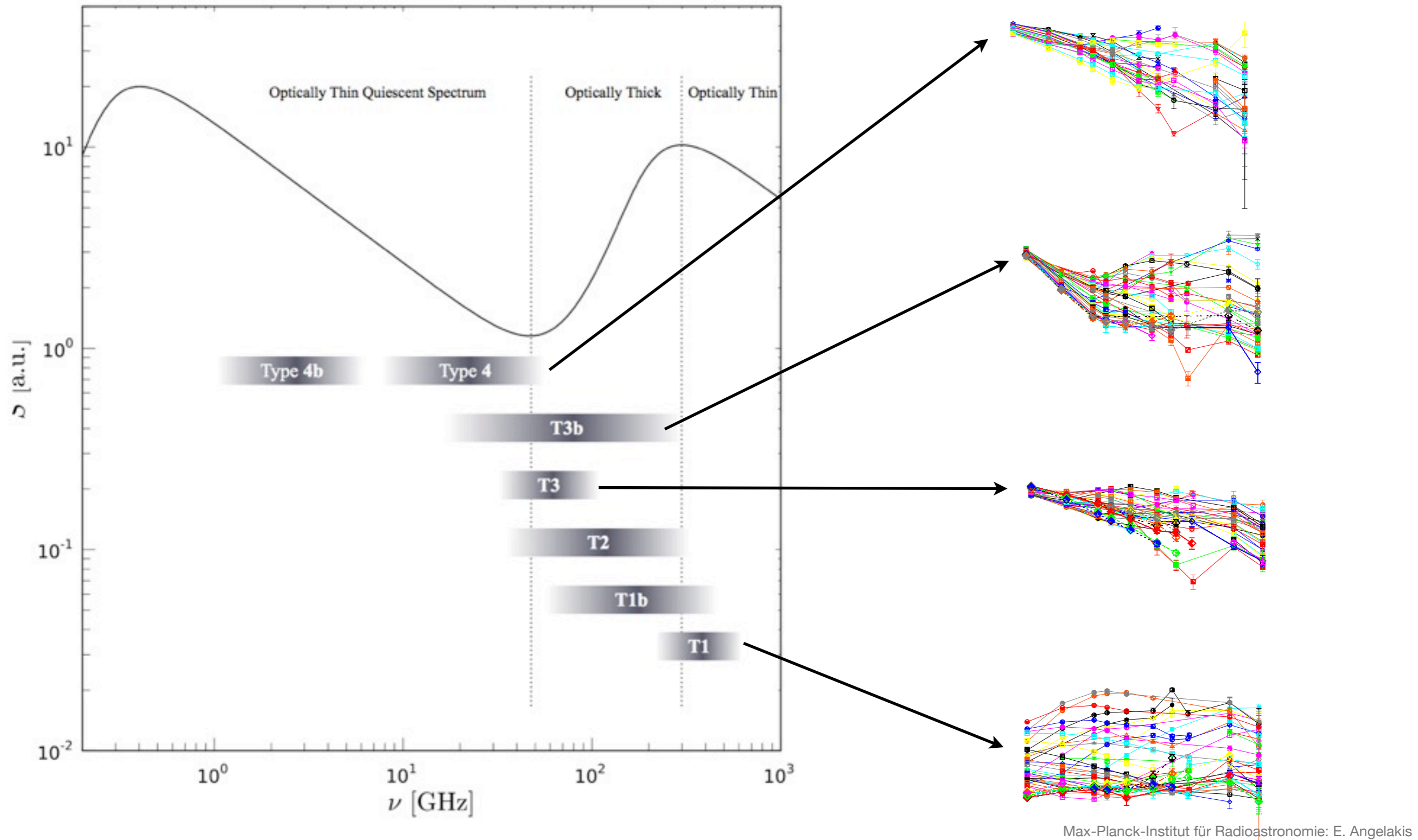




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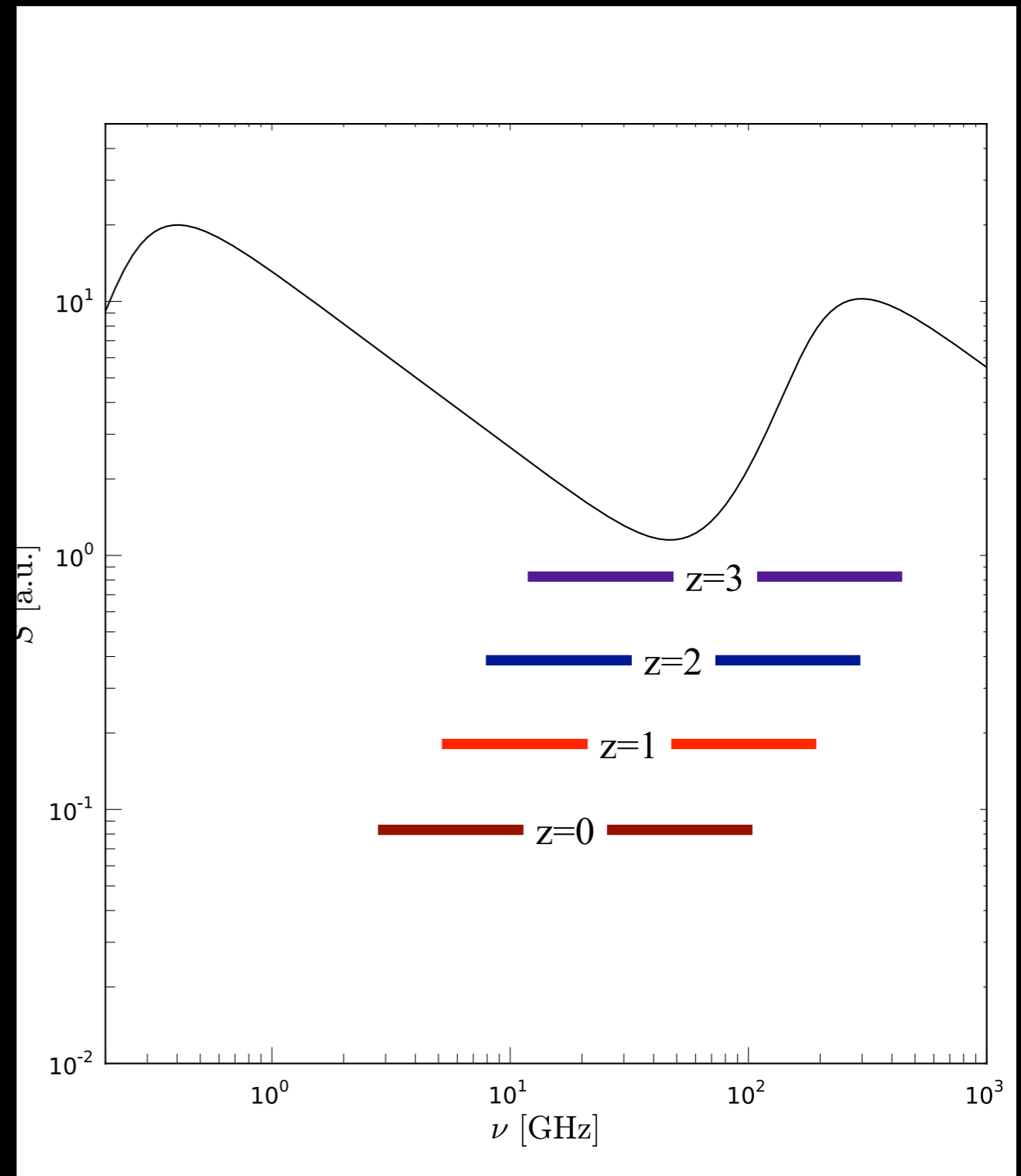
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the toy model accounts for:

- source redshift
- source intrinsic properties:
  - ▶ peak frequency of the SSA spectrum
  - ▶ outburst excess relative to the quiescence spectrum
  - ▶ broadness of the SSA spectrum of the outburst and
  - ▶ broadness of the valley
- spectral evolution

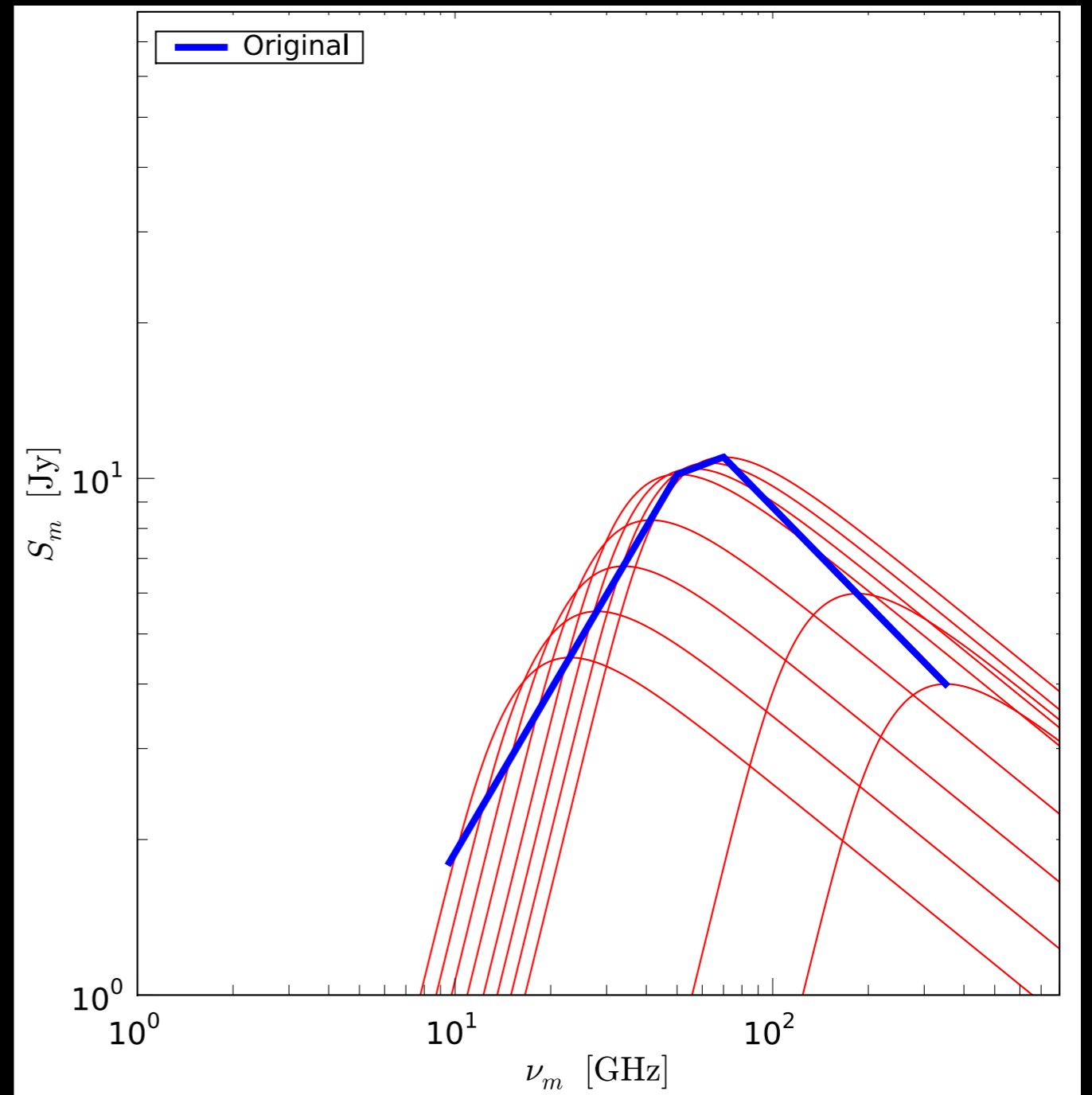




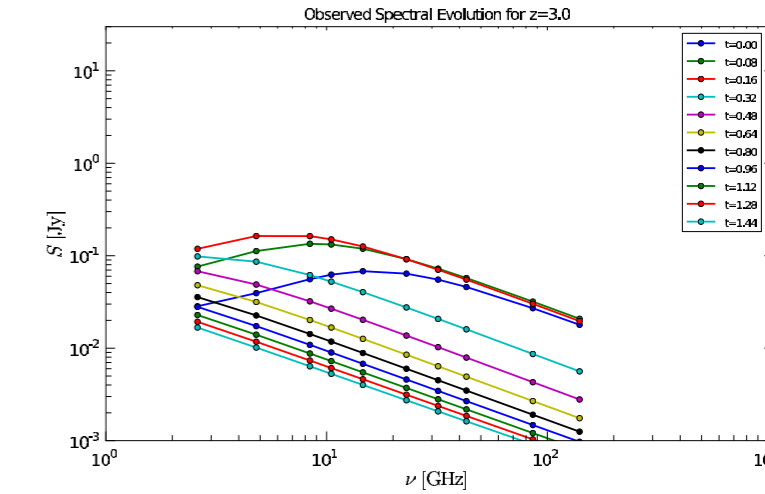
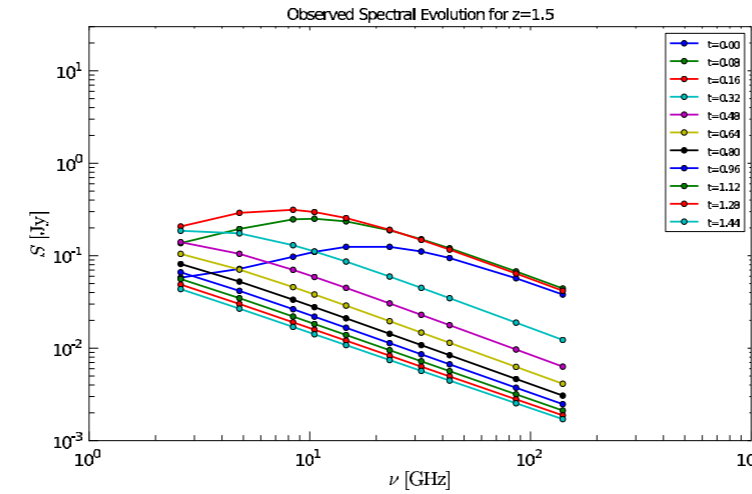
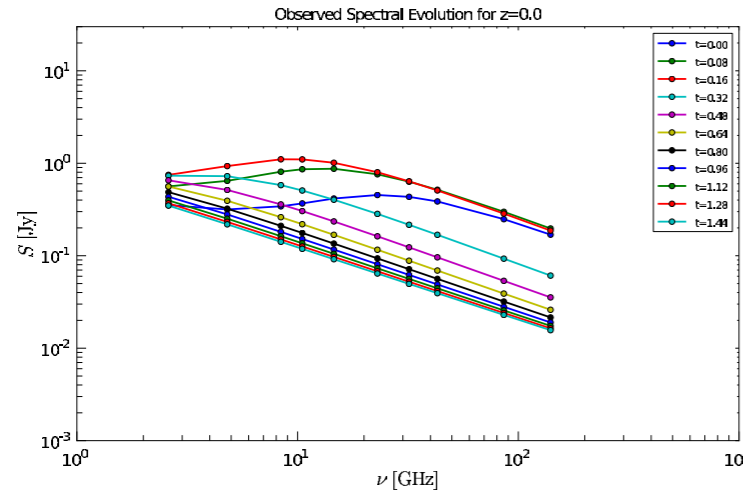
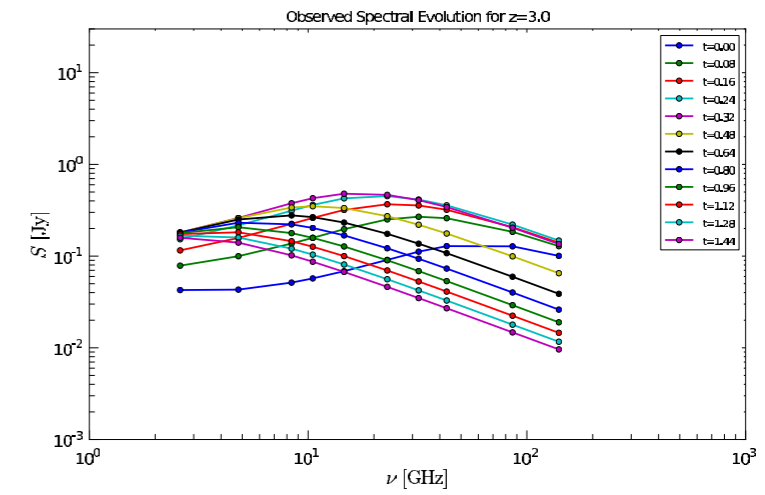
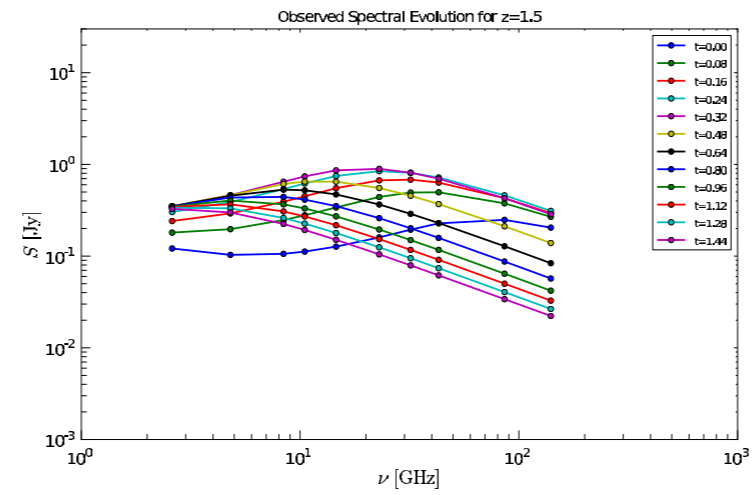
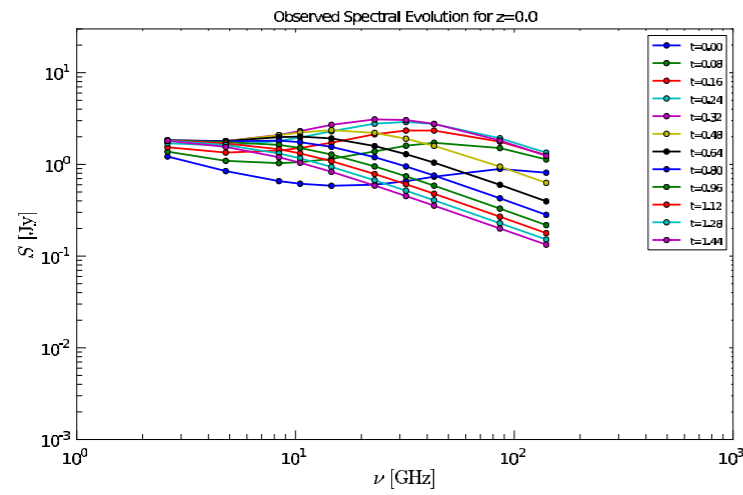
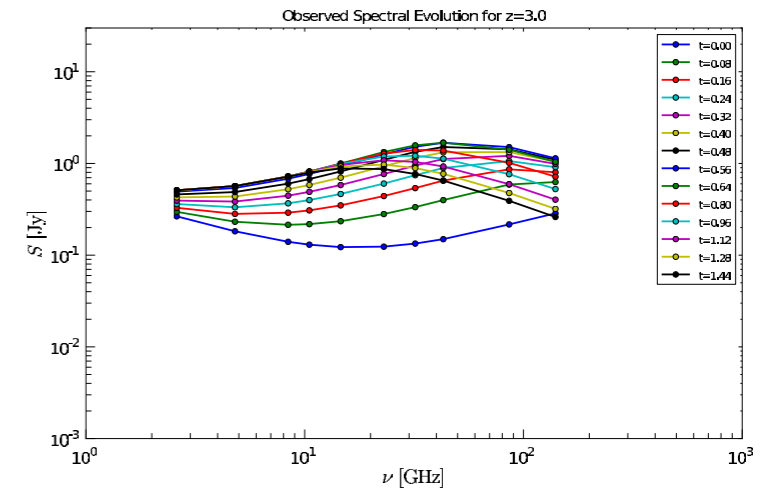
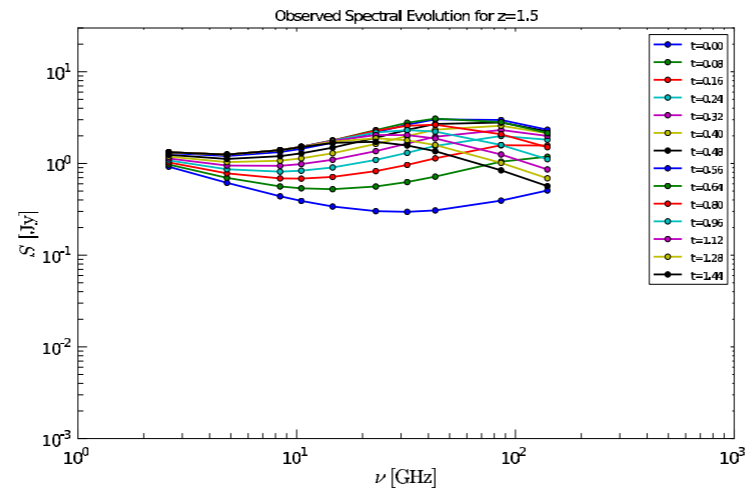
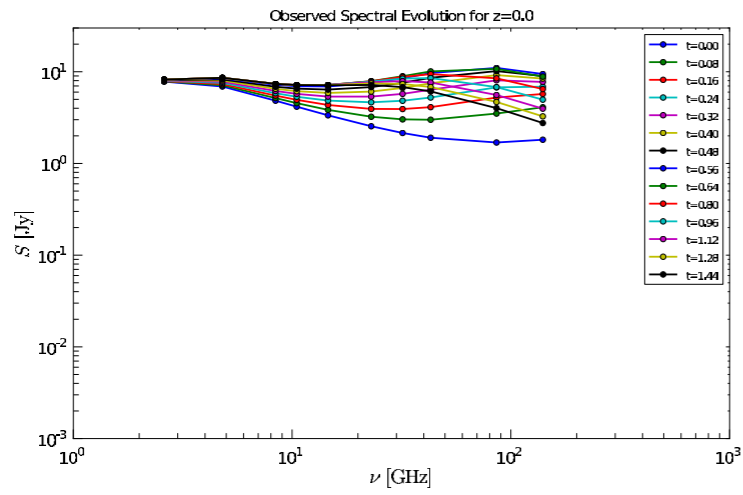
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- parameter “b”: evolution of the magnetic field
- parameter “d”: evolution of the Doppler factor
- parameter “r”: jet opening angle
- parameter “s”: spectral index (estimated from quiescent spec.)
- parameter “k”: normalization parameter

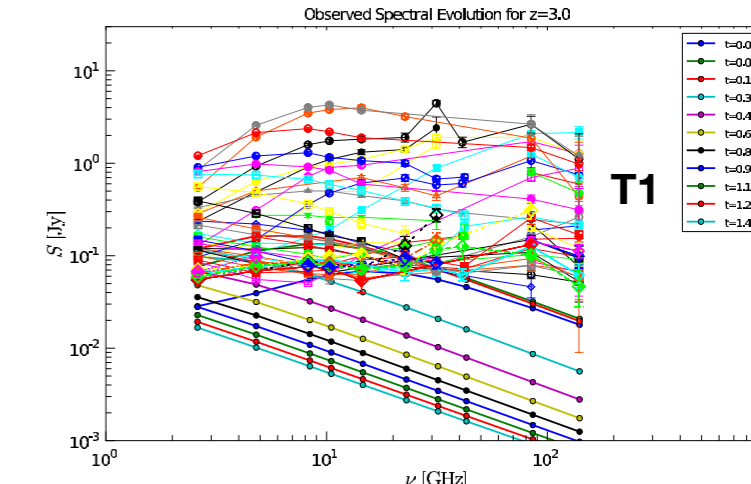
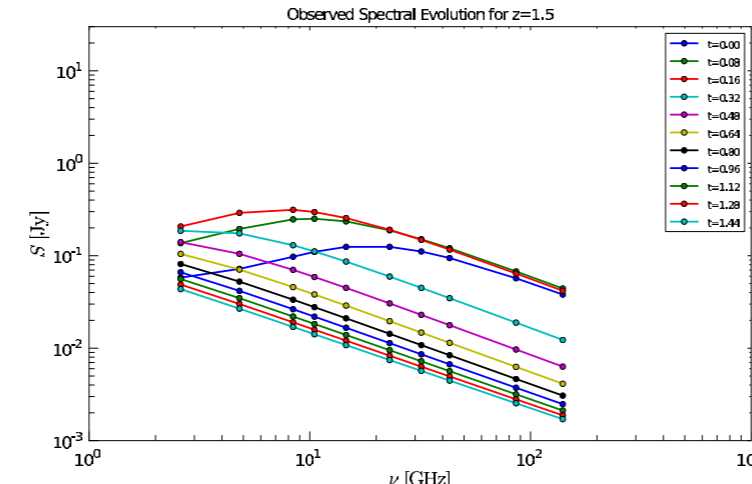
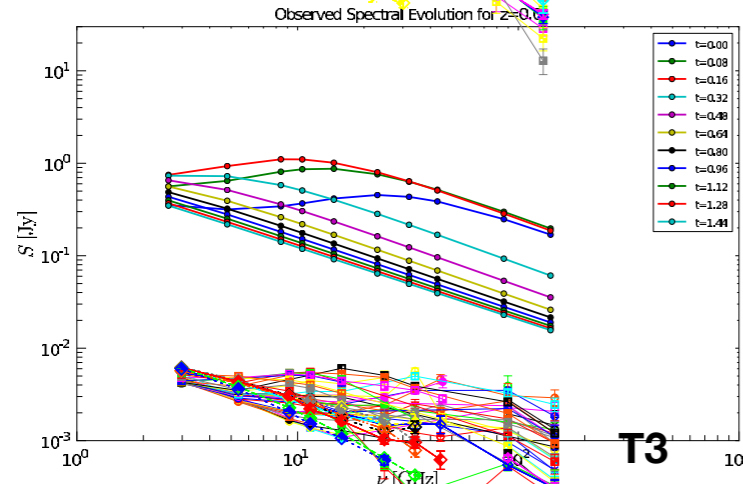
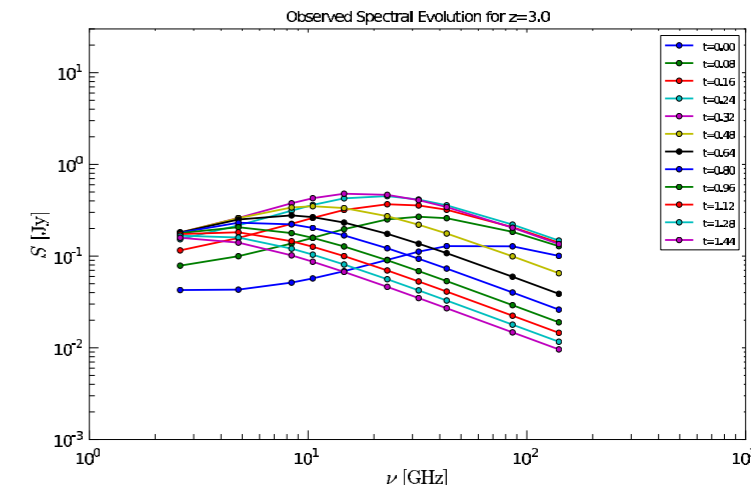
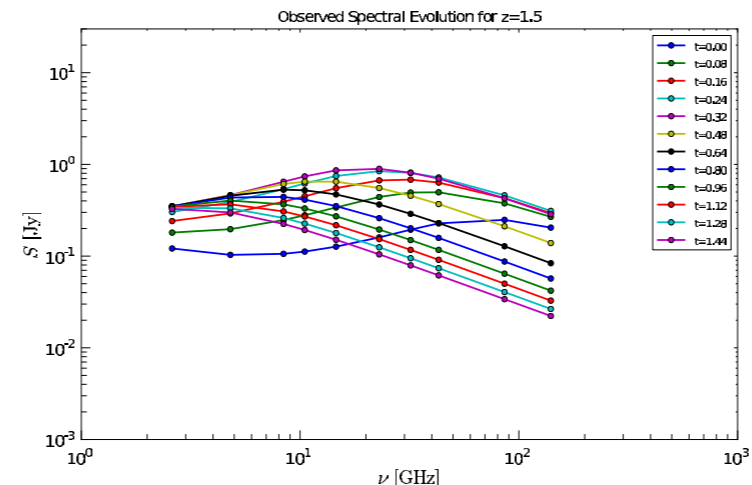
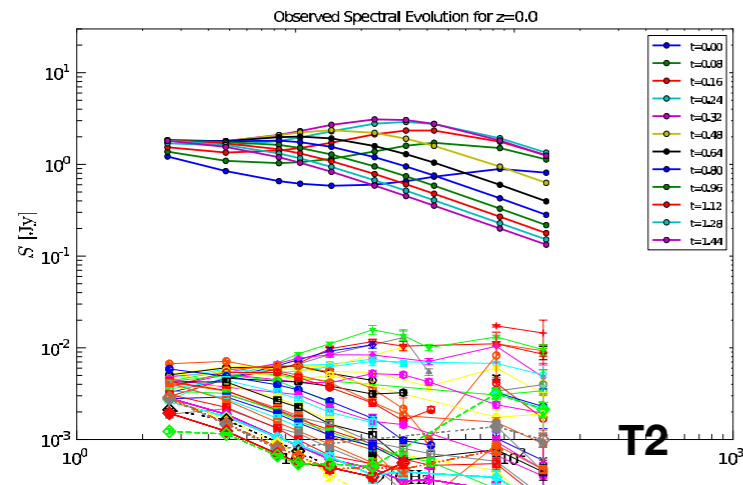
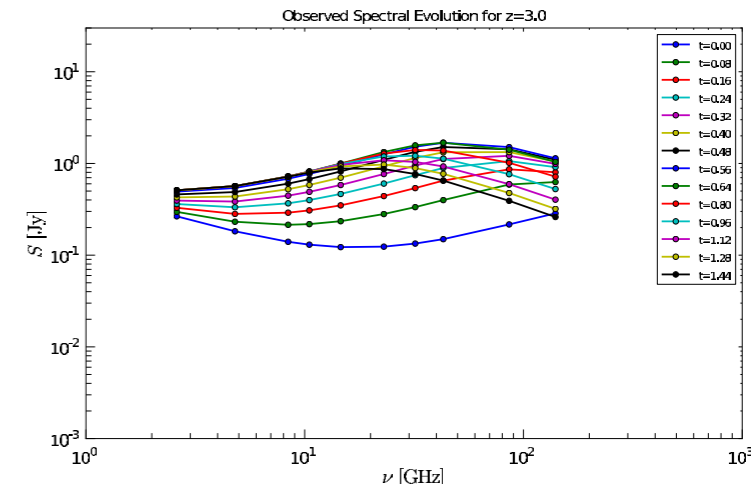
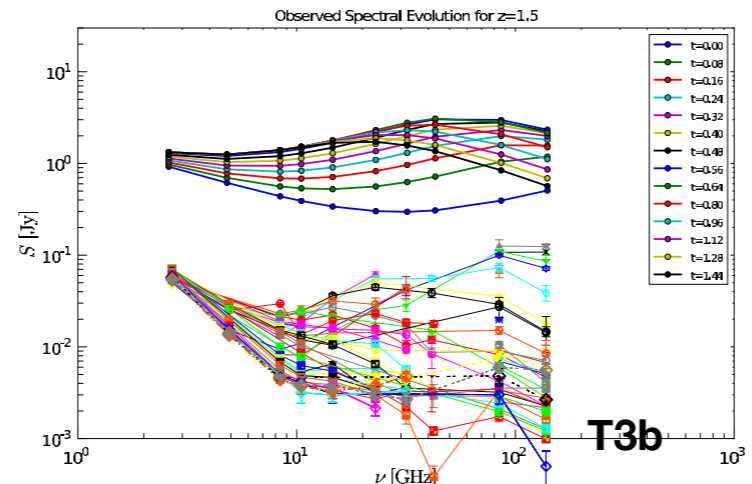
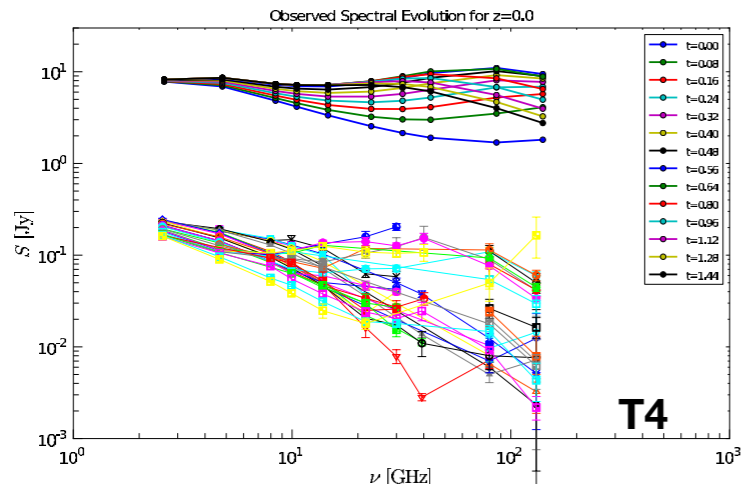


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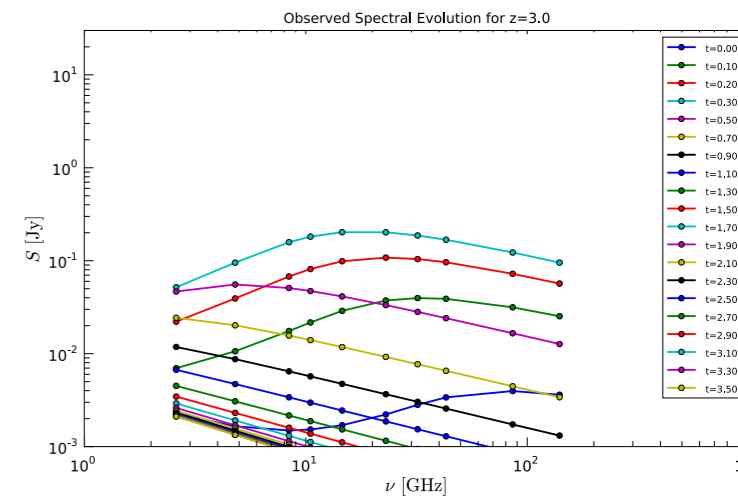
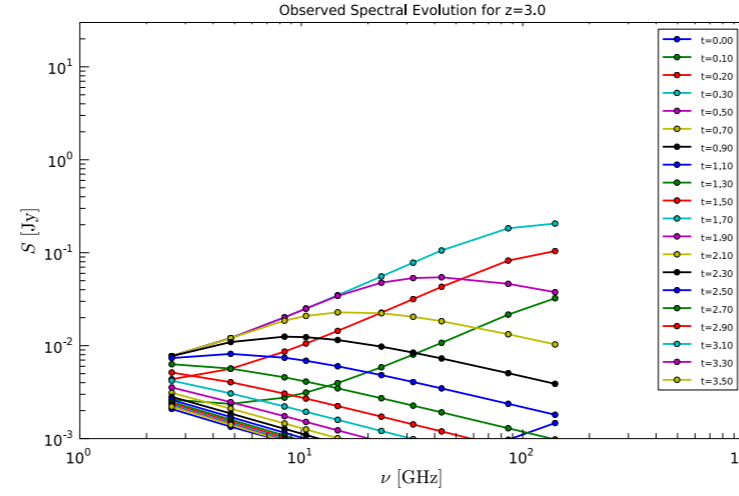
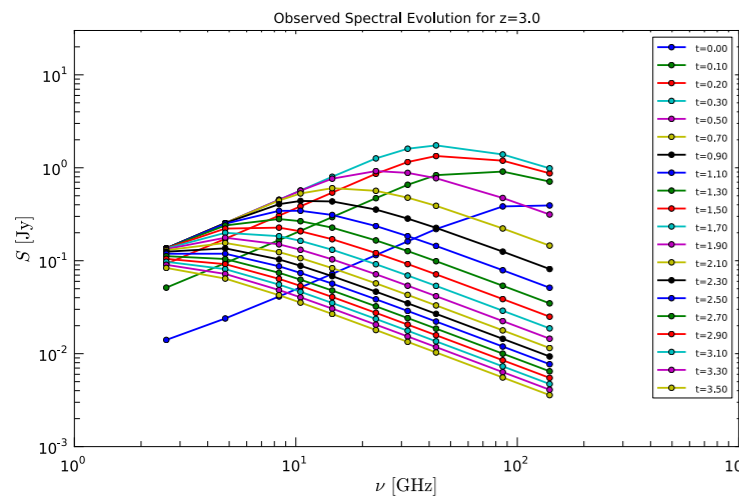
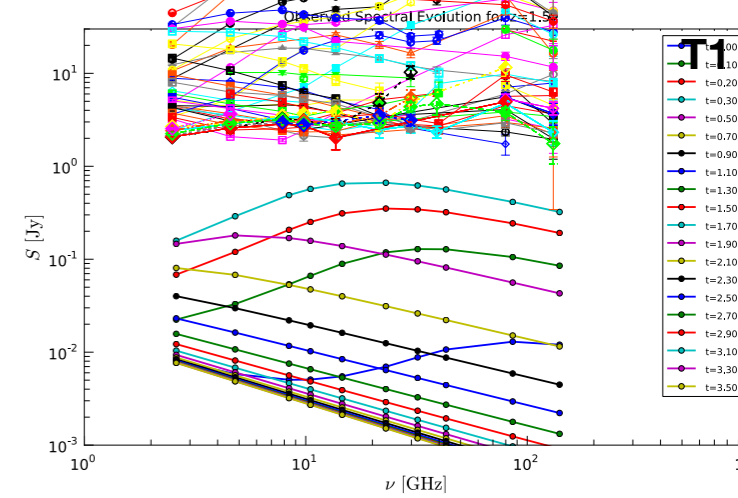
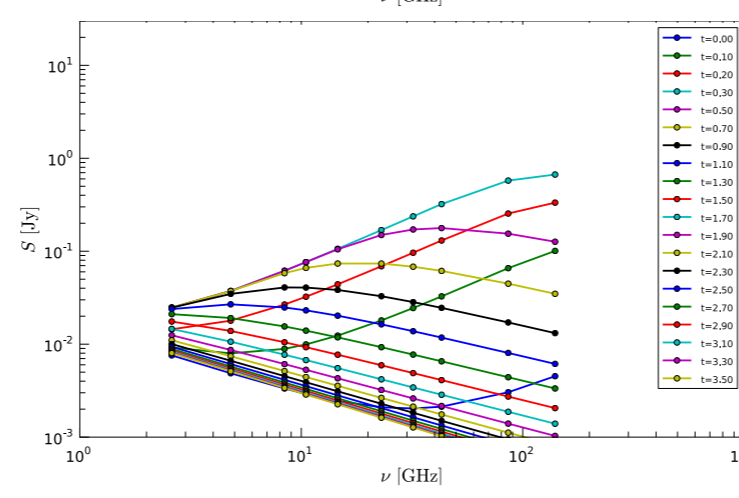
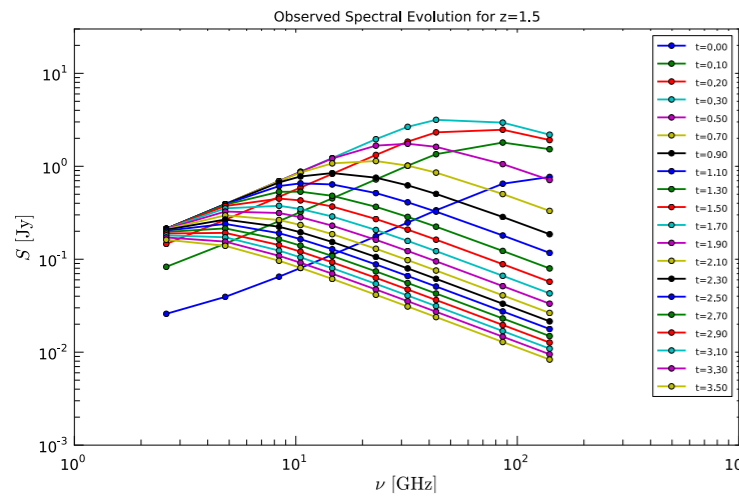
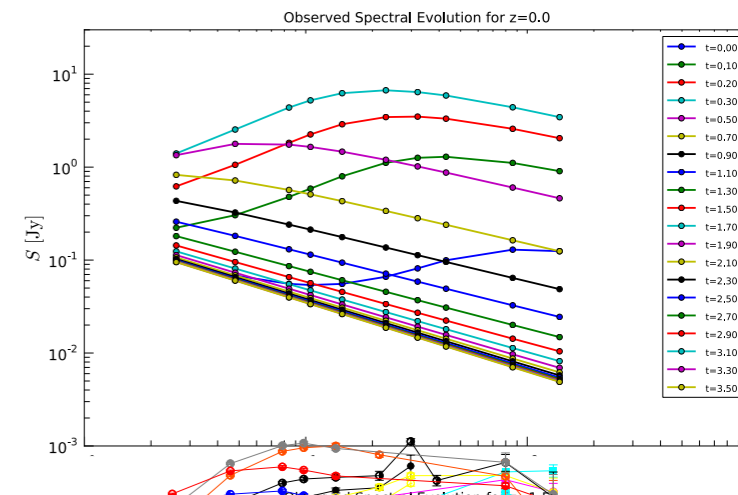
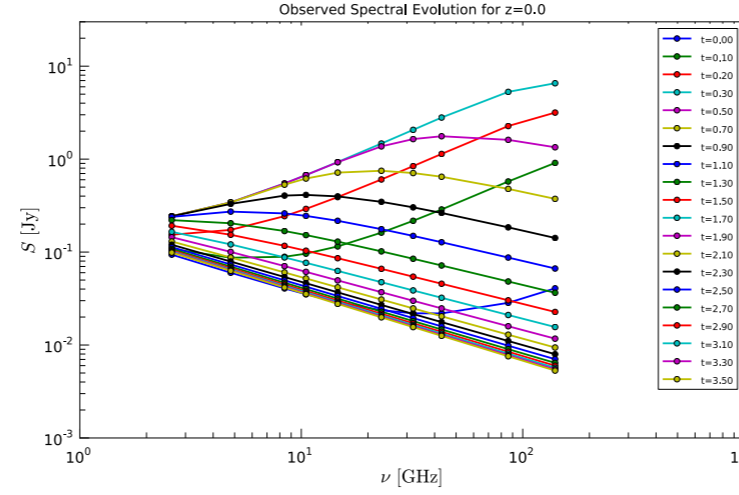
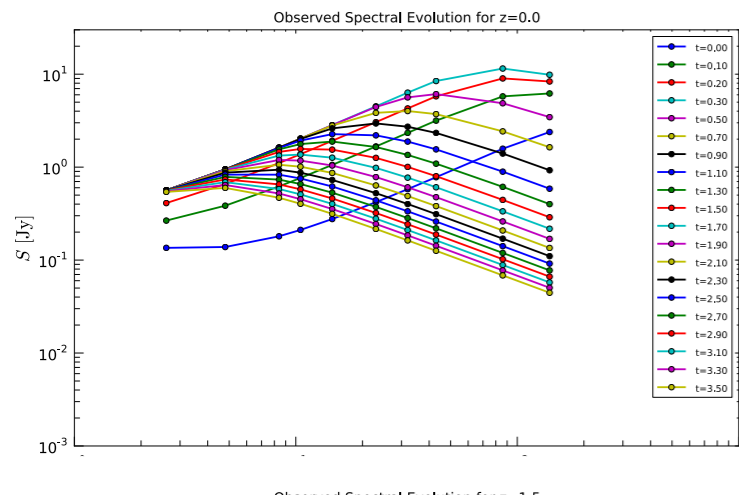
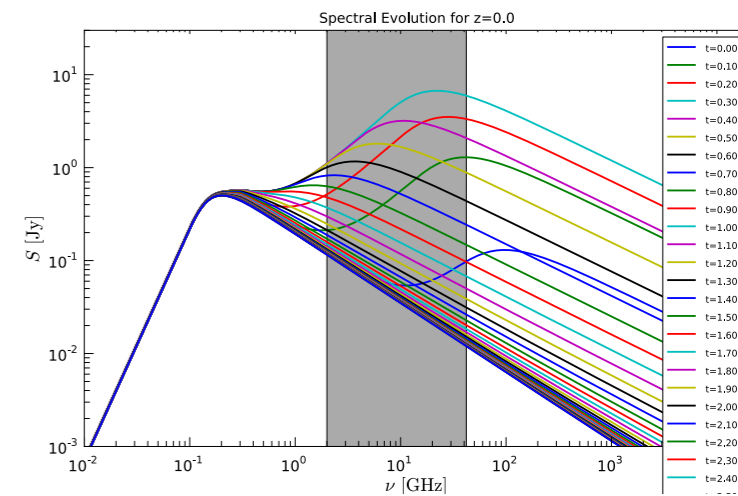
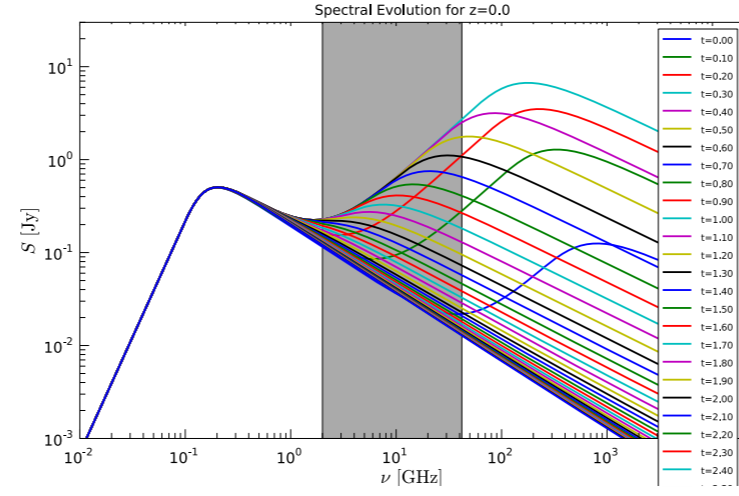
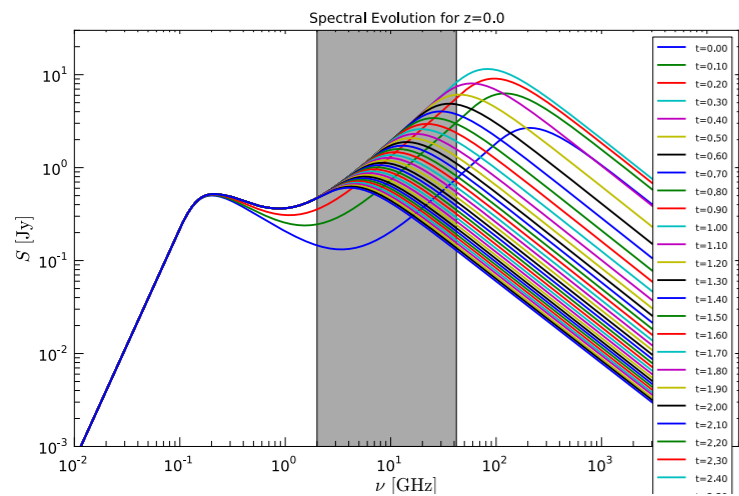


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# Achromatic variability

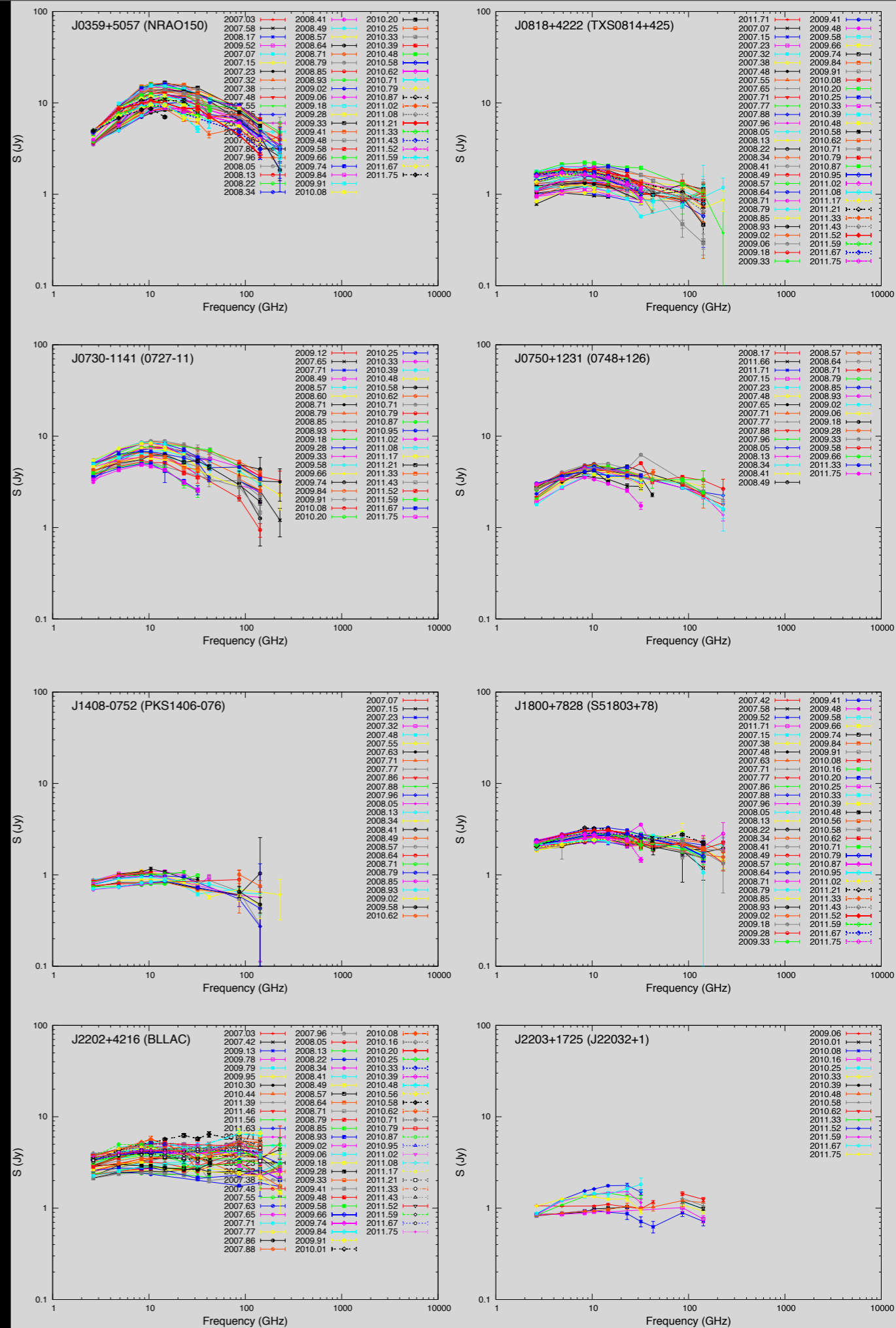
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- ▶ geometry?

- ▶ changes in the B topology?

- ▶ changes in D?

- ▶ opacity effects?



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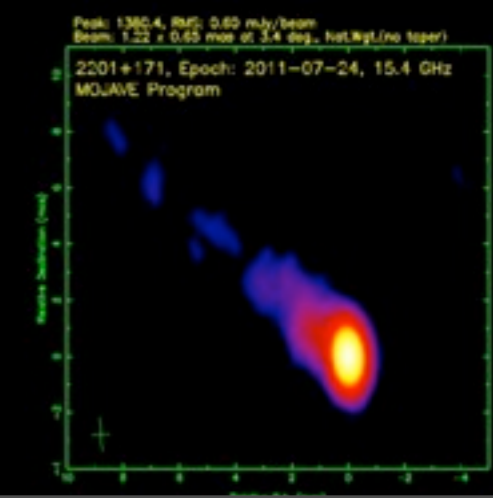
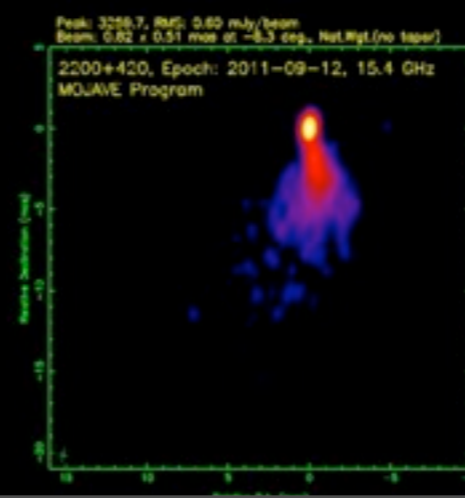
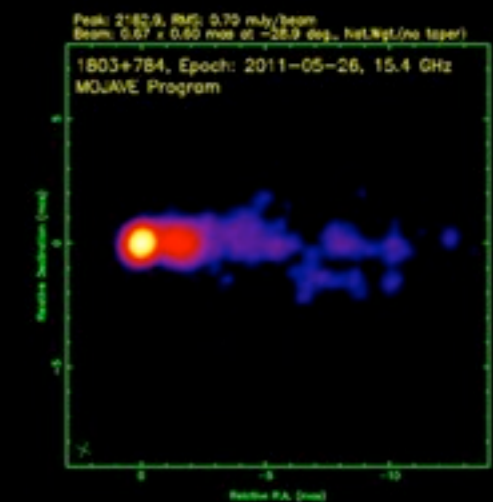
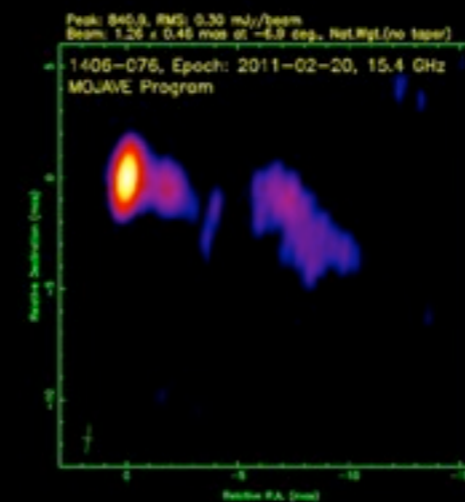
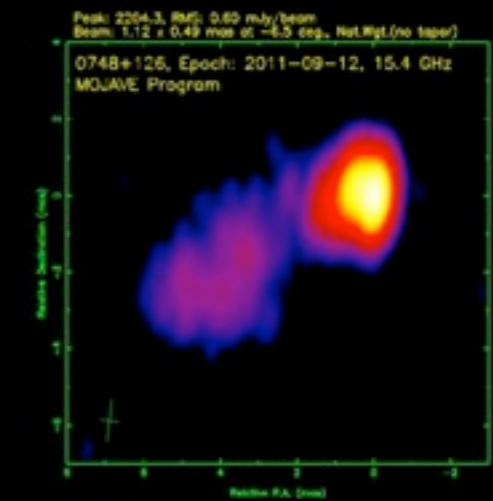
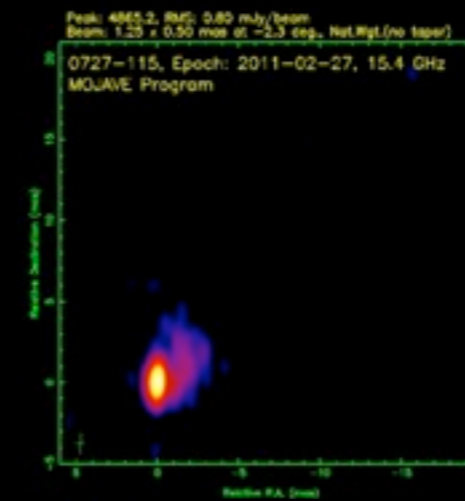
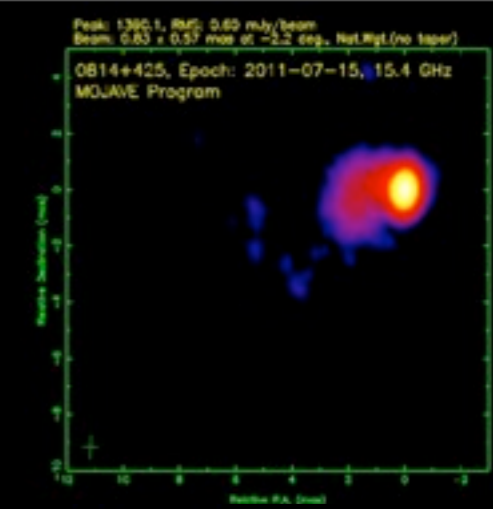
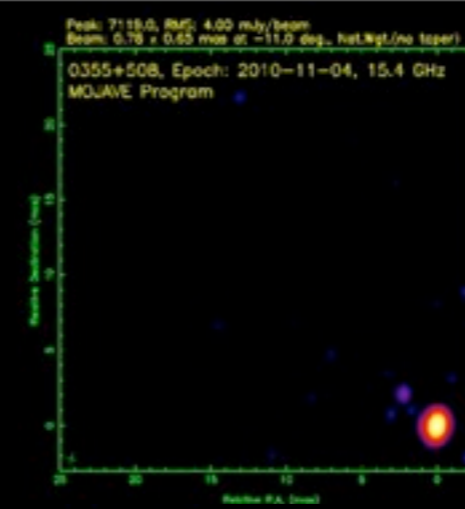
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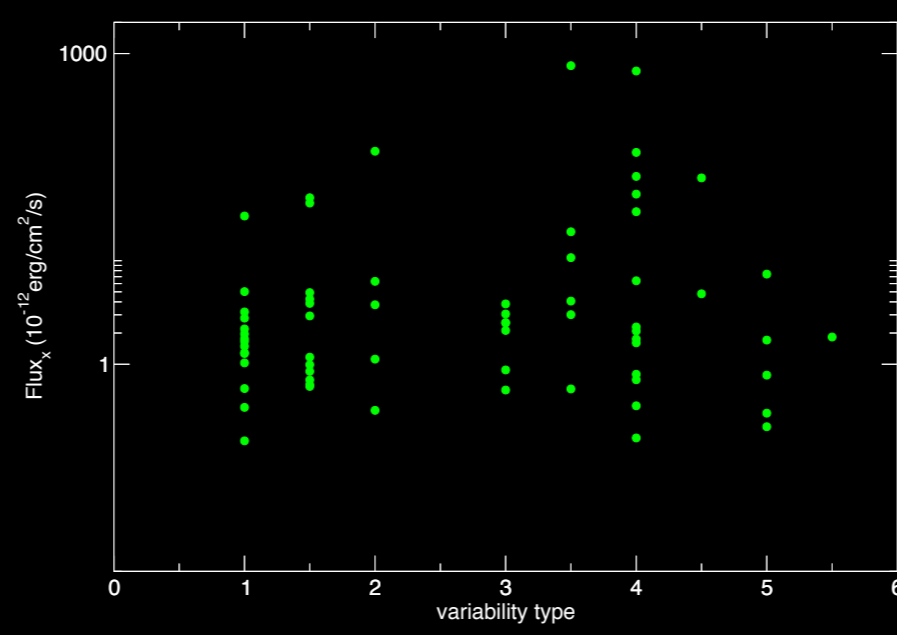
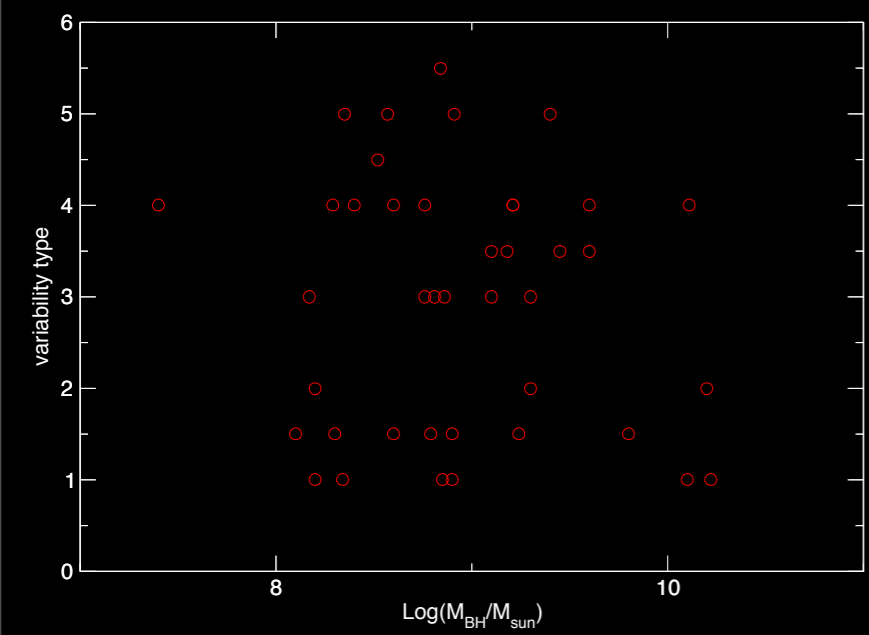
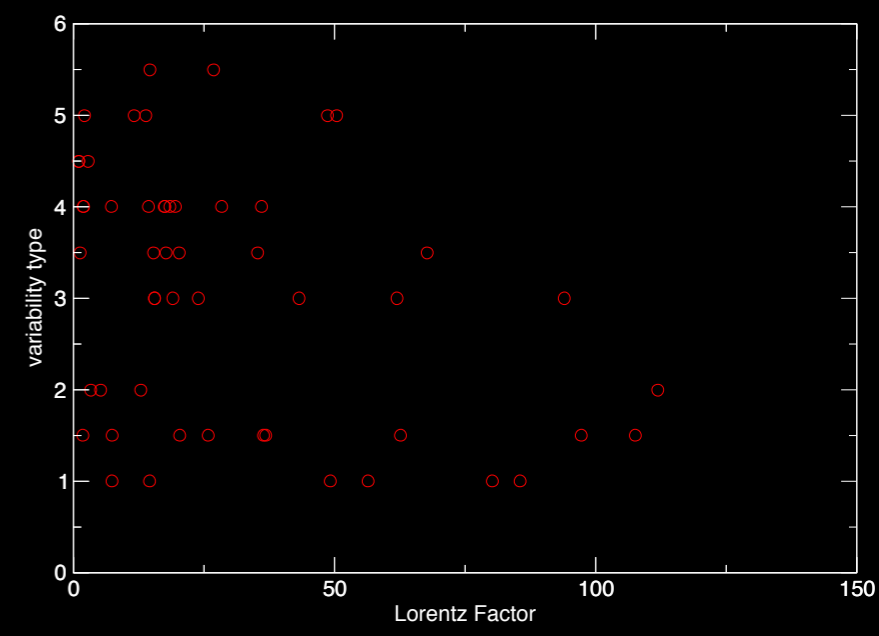
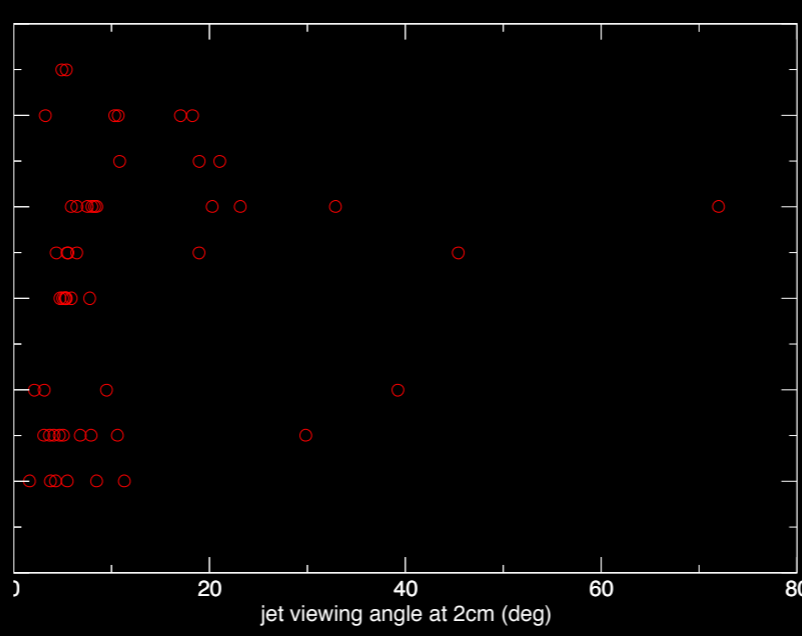
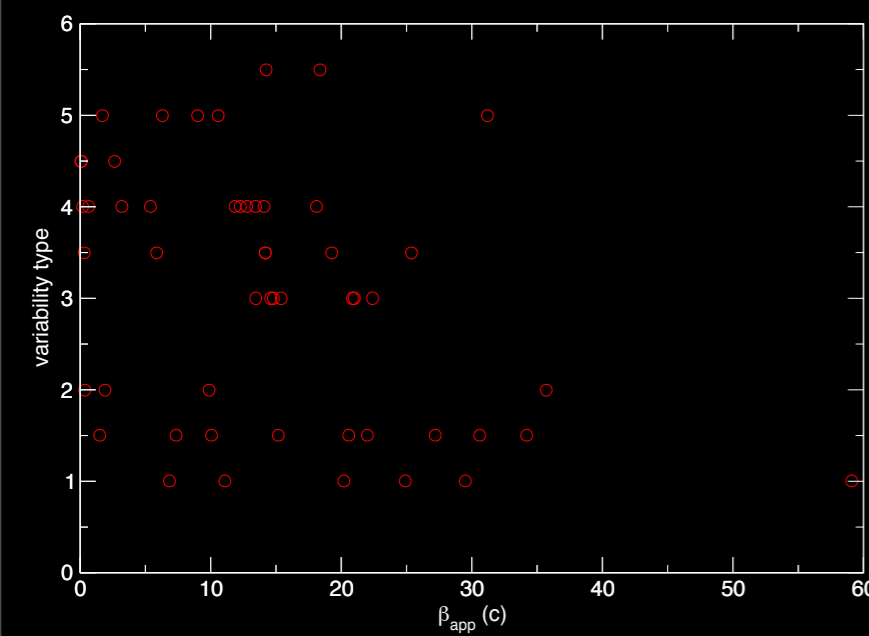
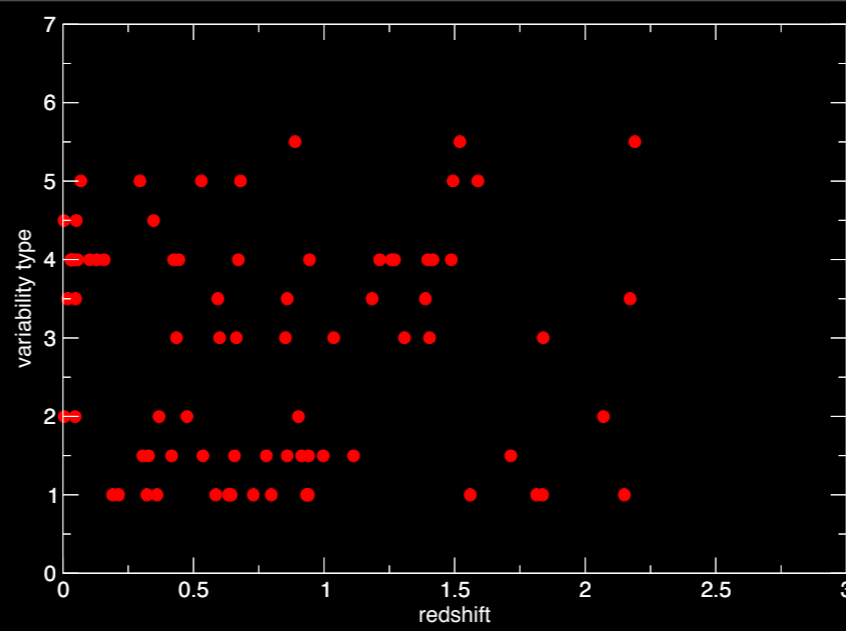
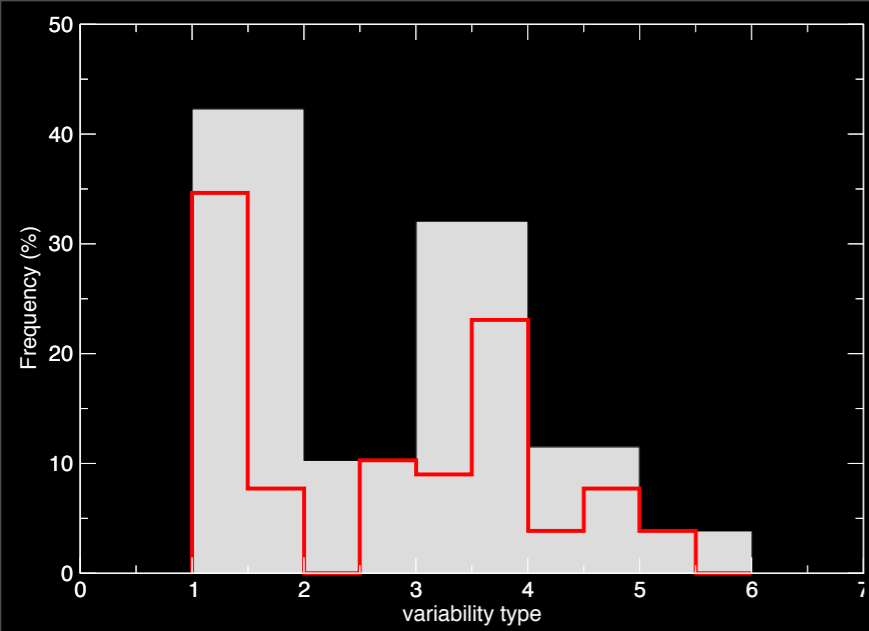
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# Conclusions

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- it seems that only two distinct mechanisms produce variability:
  - ▶ achromatic variability
  - ▶ spectral evolution dominated
- no type switch observed, suggesting that:
  - ▶ either the mechanism is a source fingerprint
  - ▶ determined by source intrinsic properties that stay invariant or change with pace slower than we can sample

# Conclusions

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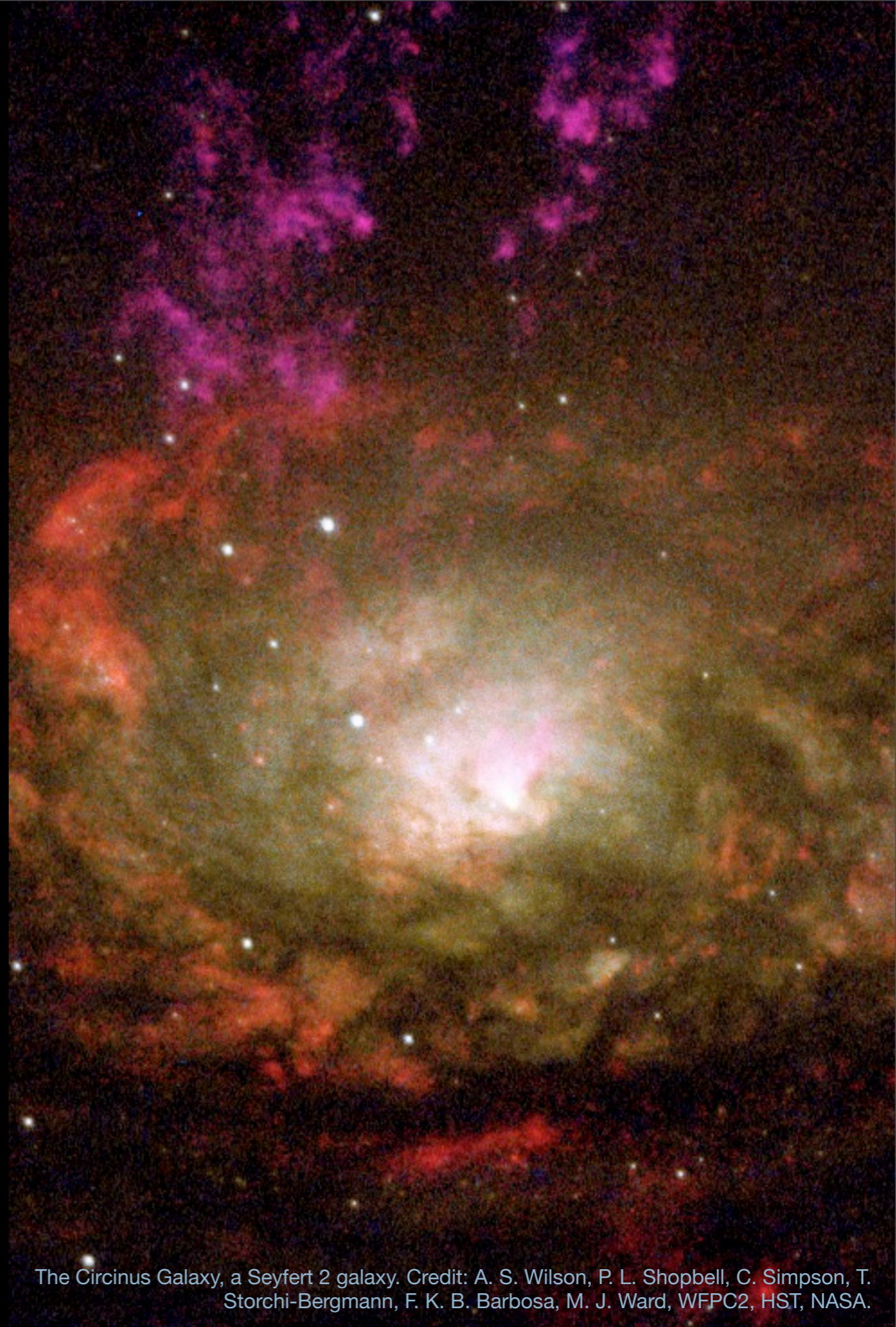
- the spectral evolution monitoring method is probing smallest spatial scales (uniform clouds of emitting particles), otherwise inaccessible to current observing apparatus
- our toy model provides a tool to calculate the physical parameters
- it is very unclear what mechanism produces achromatic variability: changes in the topology of B that would imply changes in the doppler factor  $D$ , do not seem to be the case. further investigation needed



# Narrow Line Seyfert 1

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- permitted lines from the BLR, BUT much narrower than typically those seen in Seyfert 1 or blazars ( $\text{FWHM}(\text{H}\beta) < 2000 \text{ km s}^{-1}$ )
- in spiral galaxies
- appear to accrete with high Eddington ratios having low black-hole masses (*e.g. Grupe & Mathur, 2004*)
- typically RQ (*Komossa, S., et al. 2006, AJ, 132, 531*)



The Circinus Galaxy, a Seyfert 2 galaxy. Credit: A. S. Wilson, P. L. Shopbell, C. Simpson, T. Storchi-Bergmann, F. K. B. Barbosa, M. J. Ward, WFPC2, HST, NASA.



# Fermi-GST detection of NLSy1s

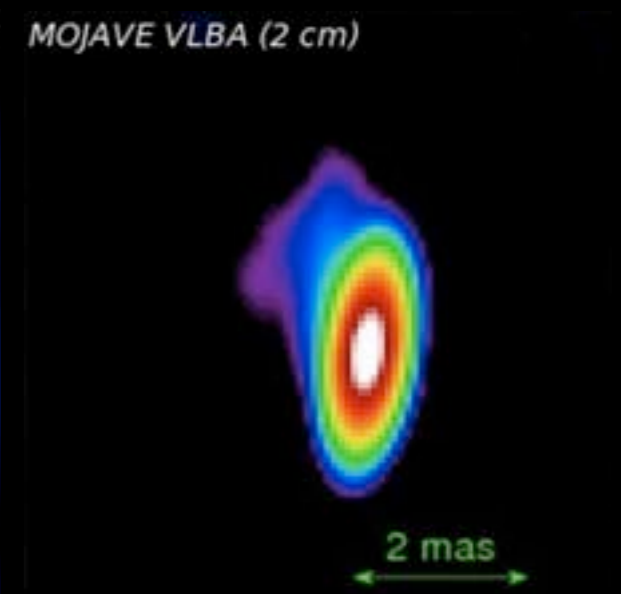
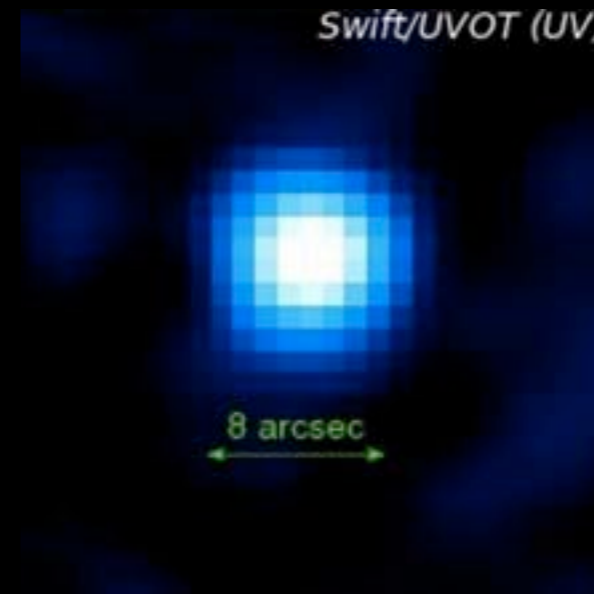
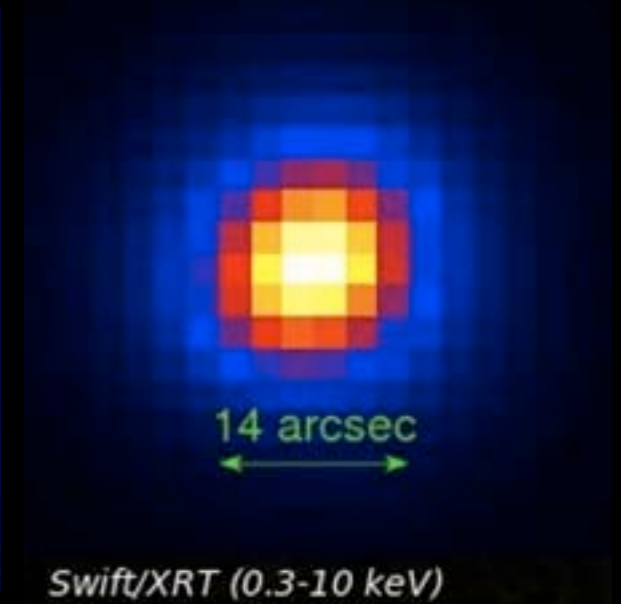
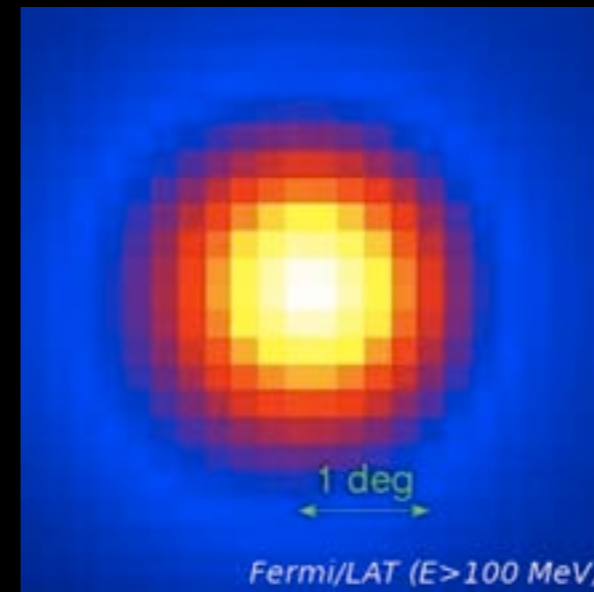
- Fermi-GST detects 4 radio loud NLSy1 galaxies (*Abdo et al. 2009*):

- ▶ PKS1502+036 ( $z = 0.409$ )

- ▶ 1H0323+342 ( $z = 0.061$ )

- ▶ PKS2004-447 ( $z = 0.24$ )

- ▶ PMNJ0948+0022 ( $z = 0.585$ )

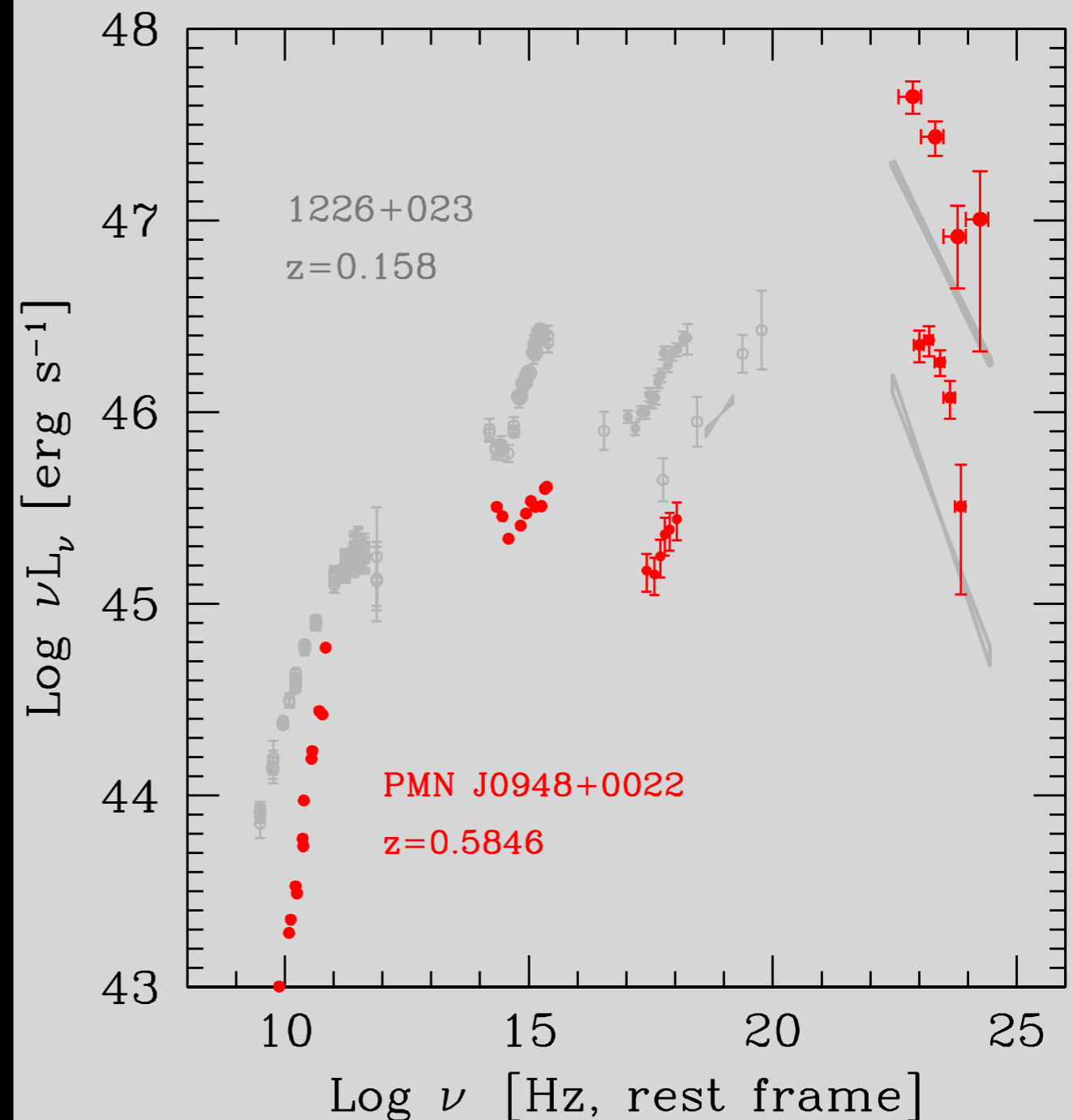


PMNJ0948+0022 for the July 2010 outburst, image compilation by L. Foschini

*Foschini et al. 2010*

# PMN J0948+0022

- $L_\gamma \sim 10^{48} \text{ erg s}^{-1}$  at 0.1–100 GeV (first time that such a power is measured from a NLS1)
- confirms, that NLS1s can host relativistic jets as powerful as those in blazars and radio galaxies, despite the relatively low mass ( $1.5 \times 10^8 M_\odot$ )



# gamma-ray loud NLSy1s in radio

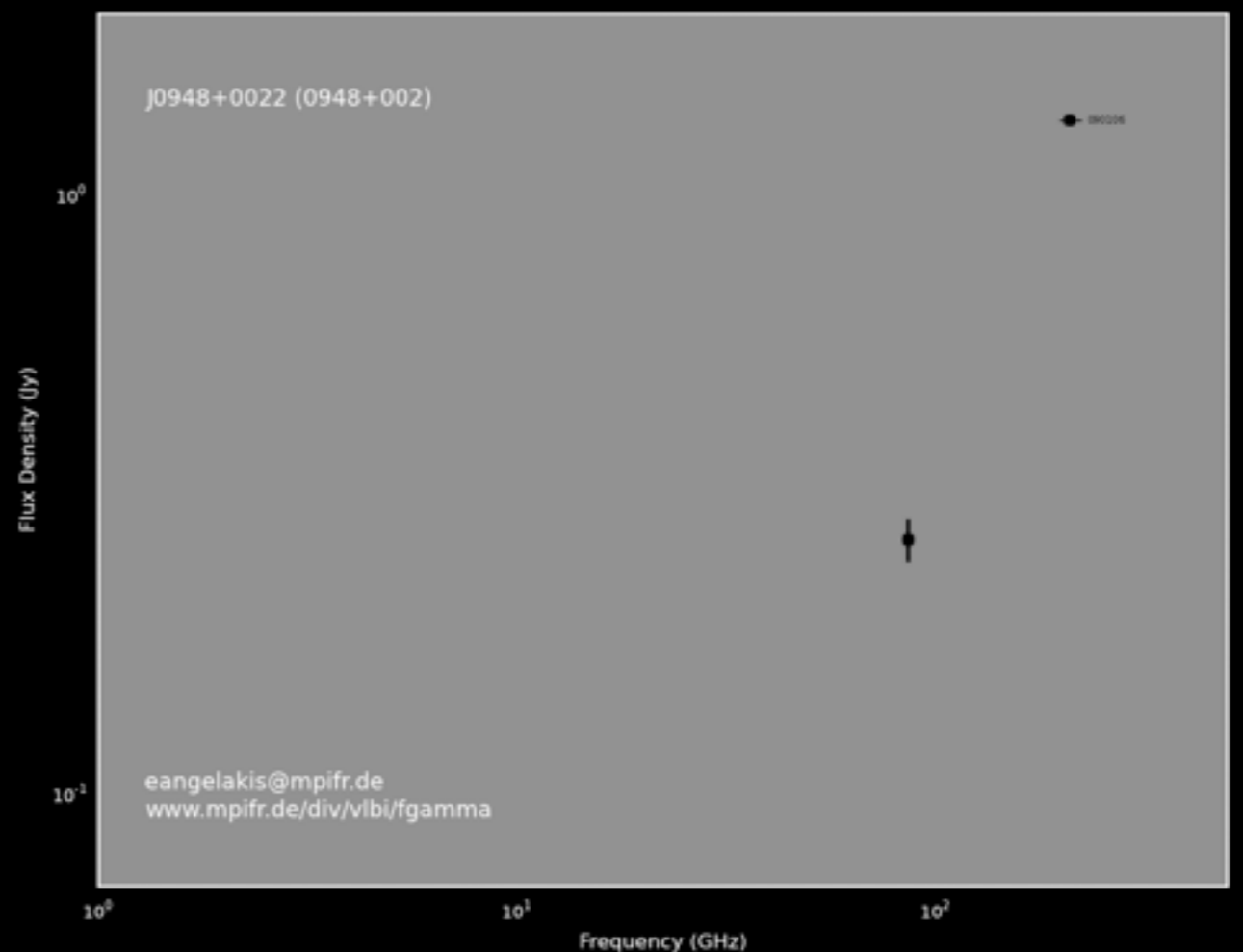
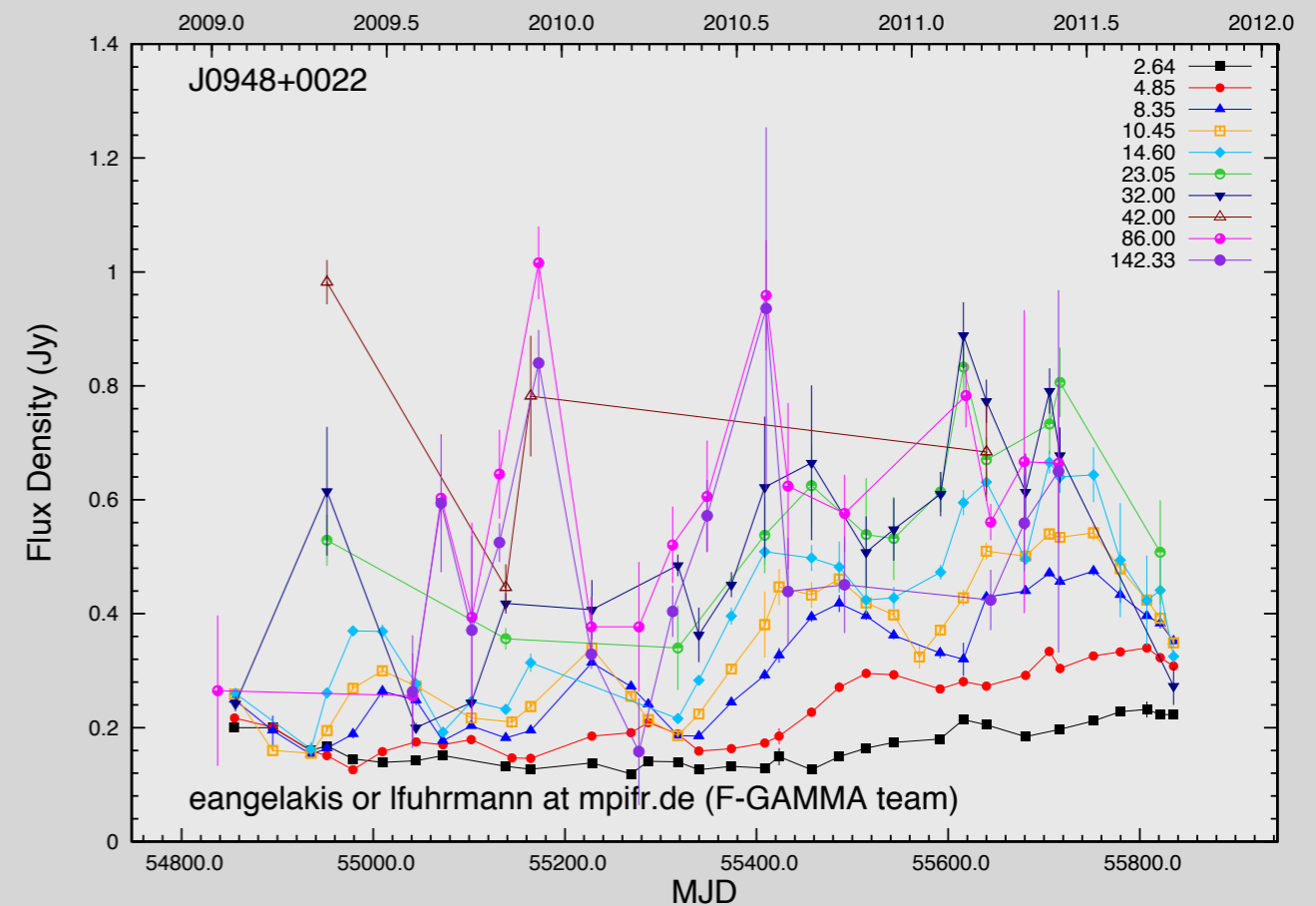
- J0948+0022:

- ▶ blazar-like, relativistic-jet-like behavior, rapid spectral variability (weeks to month)!

- ▶ intense spectral evolution present

- ▶ SF analysis:

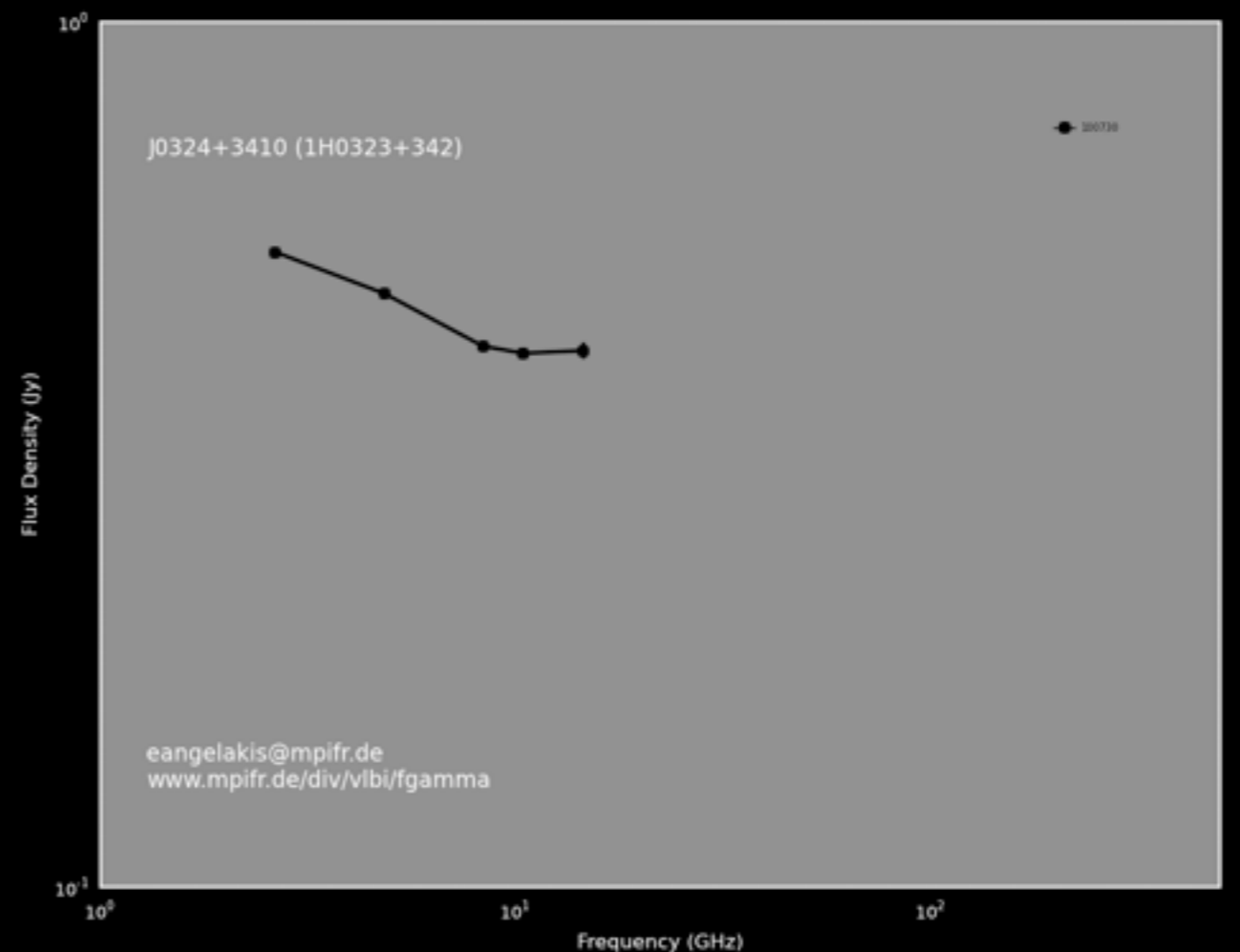
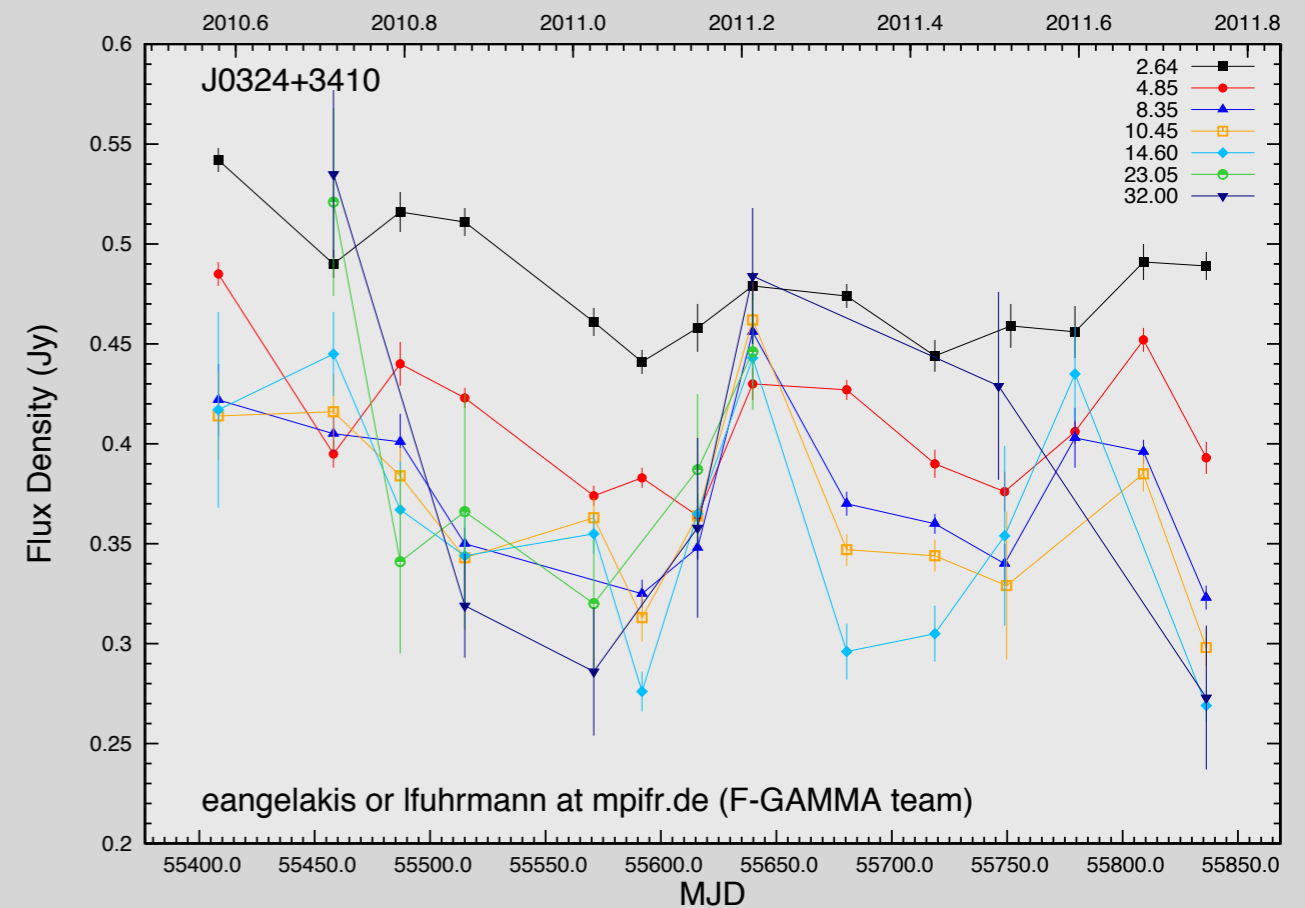
- **15 GHz:**  $\text{Log}(T_B) \sim 2 \cdot 10^{11} \Rightarrow \delta \sim 2$





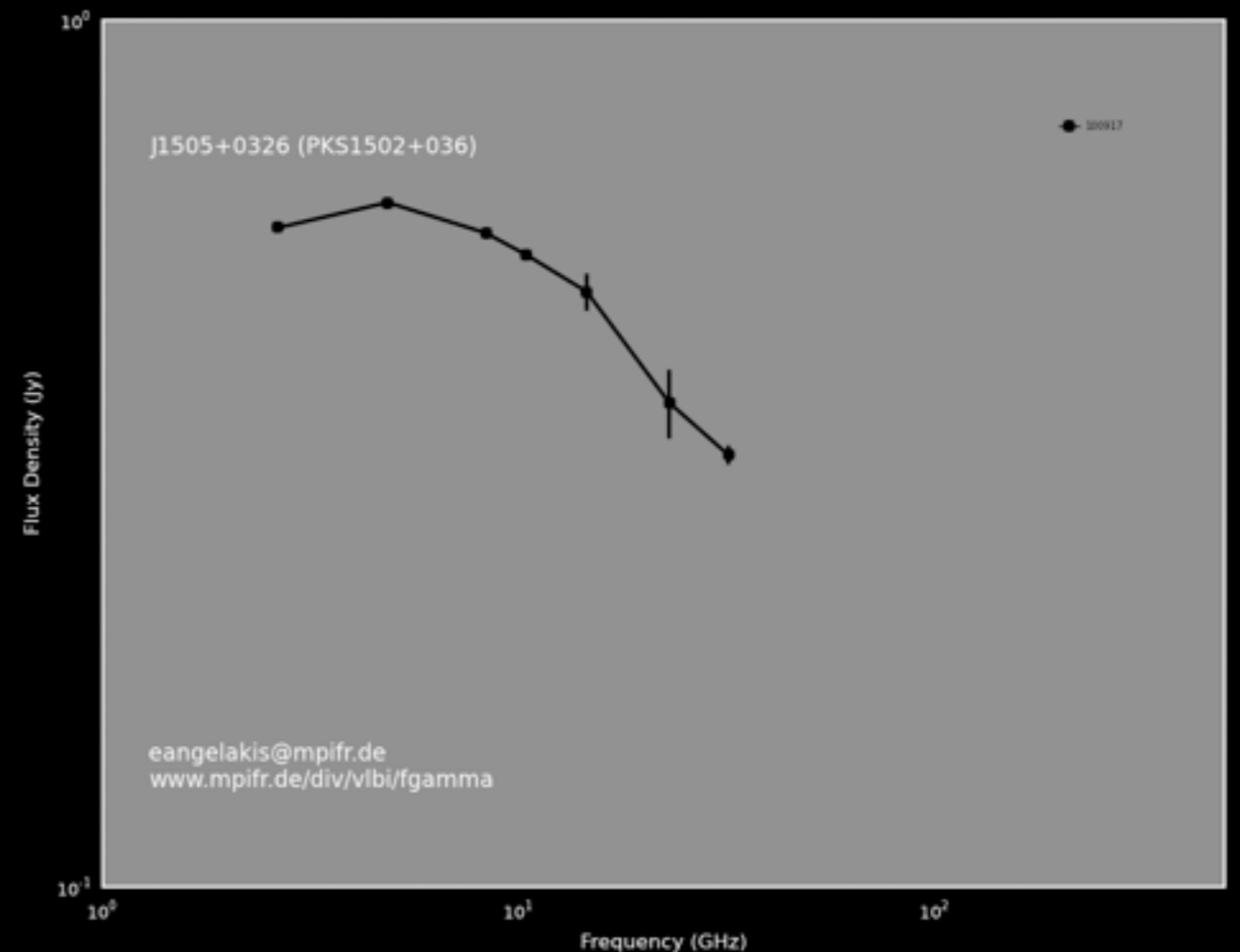
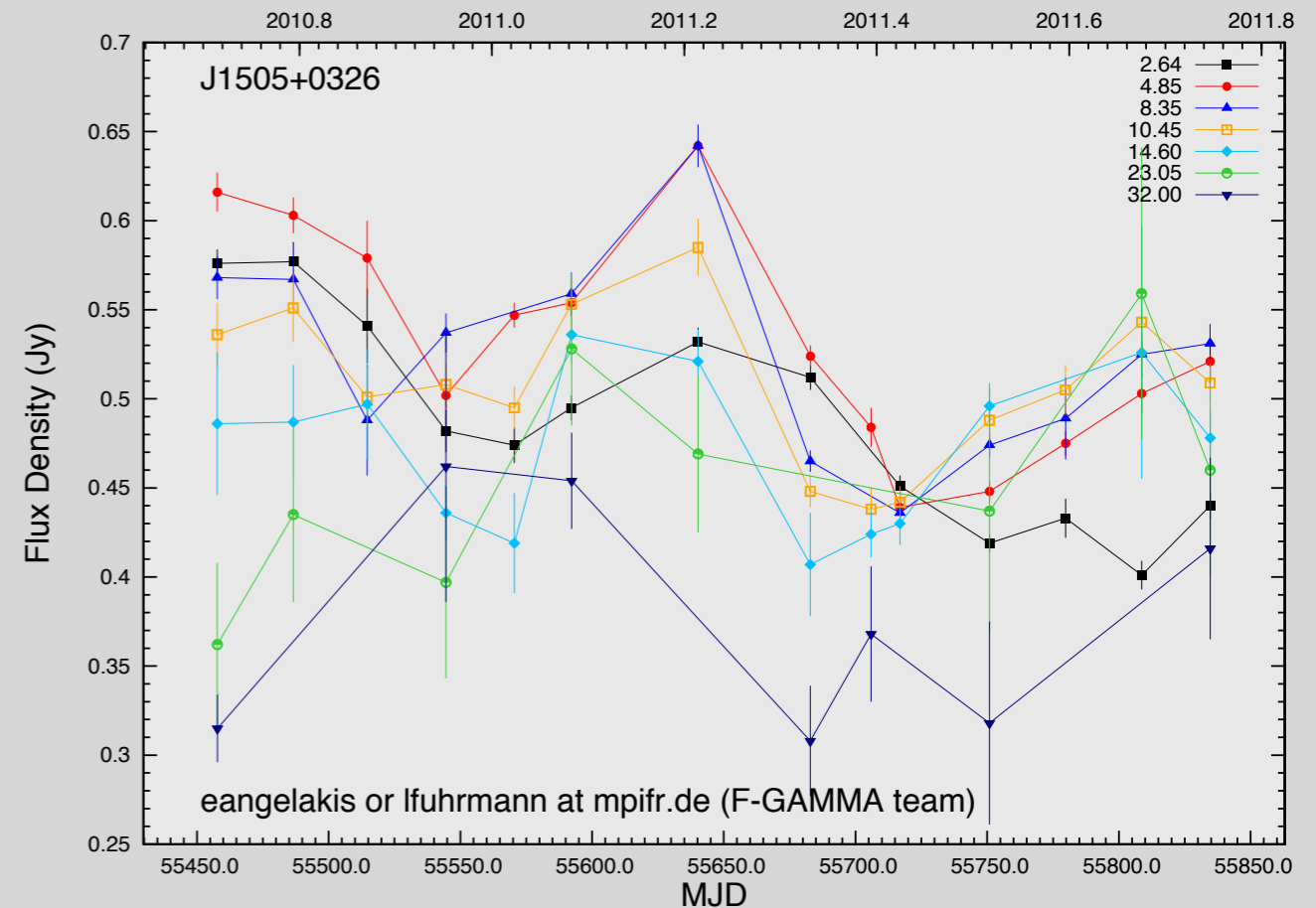
# gamma-ray loud NLSy1s in radio

- J0324+3410:
  - ▶ blazar-like, relativistic-jet-like
  - ▶ intense spectral evolution present
  - ▶ rapid spectral variability
  - ▶ SF analysis:
    - $t_{\text{var},15\text{GHz}} \sim 210$  days,  $\Delta S \sim 25\%$
    - $t_{\text{var},15\text{GHz}} \sim 60$  days,  $\Delta S \sim 60\%$
    - **15 GHz:**  $\text{Log}(T_B) \sim 2 \cdot 10^{11} \Rightarrow \delta \sim 2$



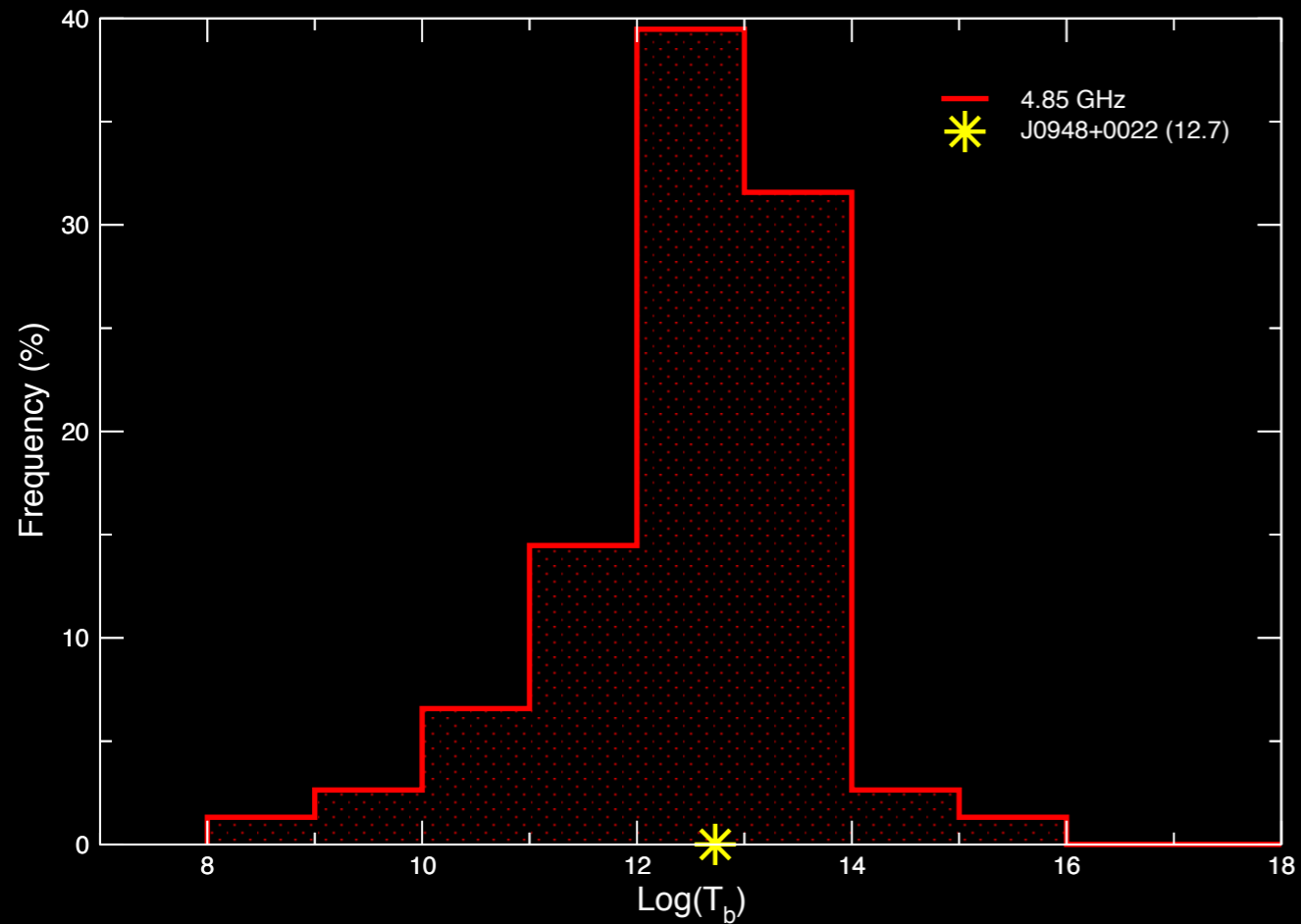
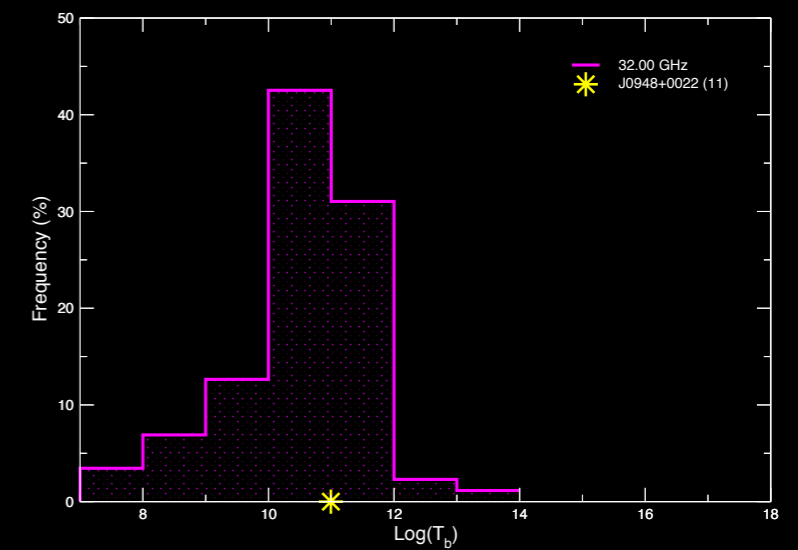
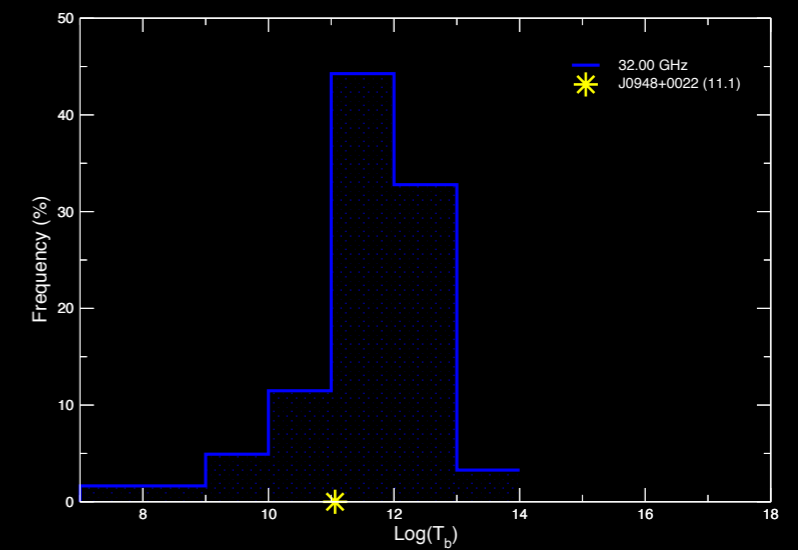
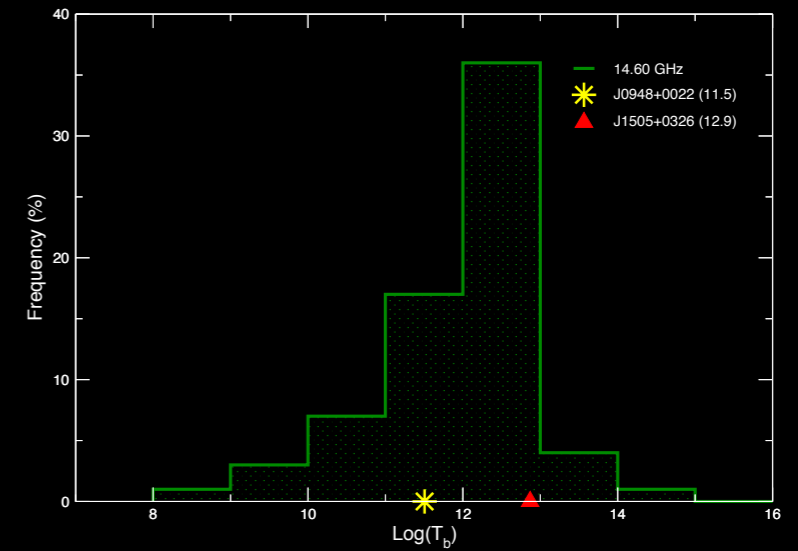
# gamma-ray loud NLSy1s in radio

- J1505+0326:
  - ▶ similarly, blazar-like, relativistic-jet-like, intense spectral evolution present, rapid spectral variability
  - ▶ SF analysis:
    - **15 GHz:**  $\text{Log}(T_B) \sim 7.4 \cdot 10^{12}$   
 $\Rightarrow \delta \sim 5.4$



# Brightness Temperatures

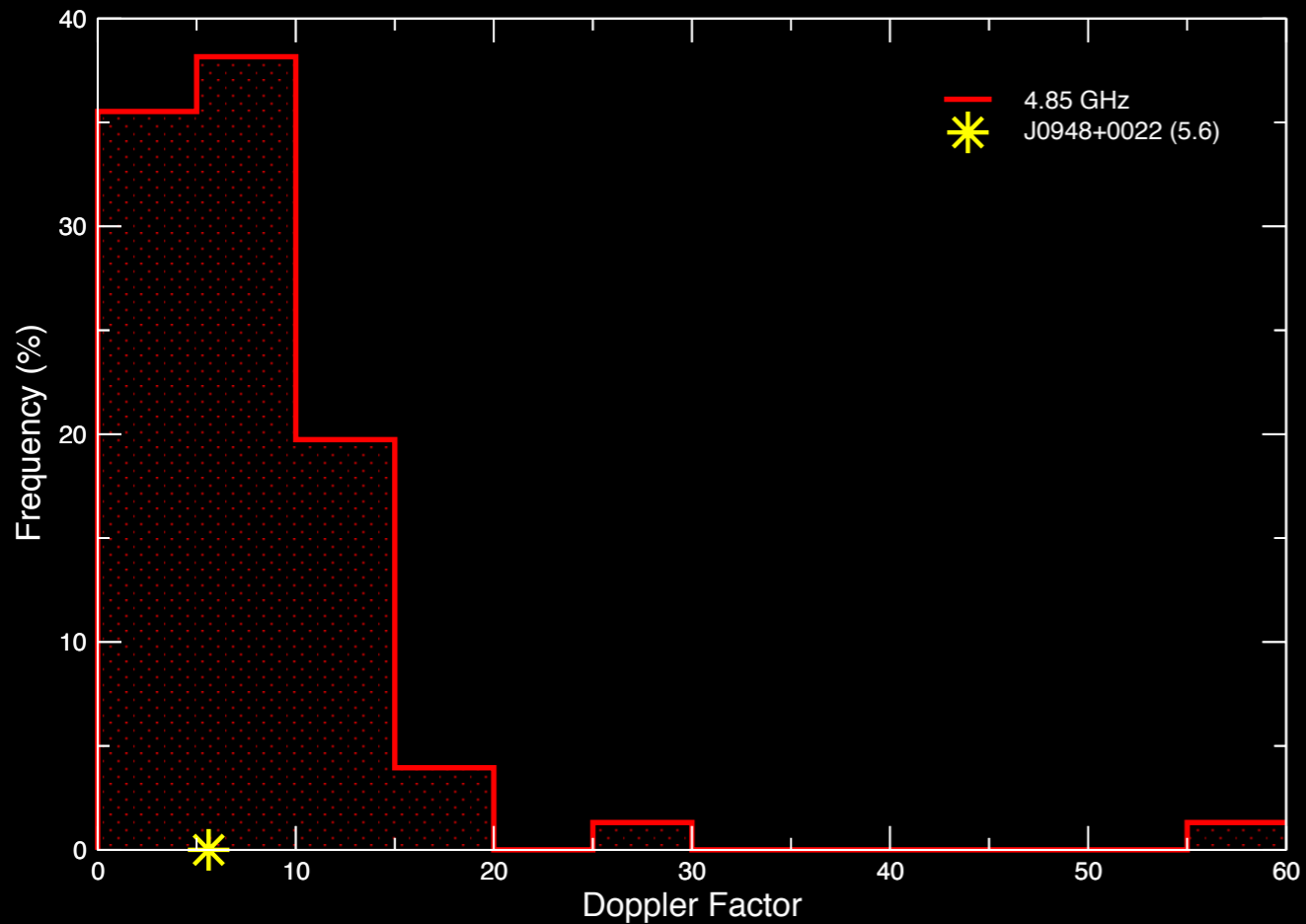
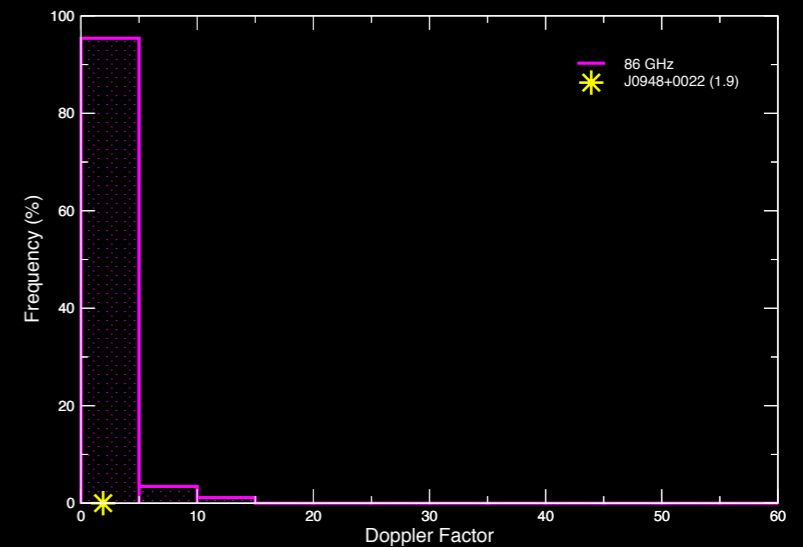
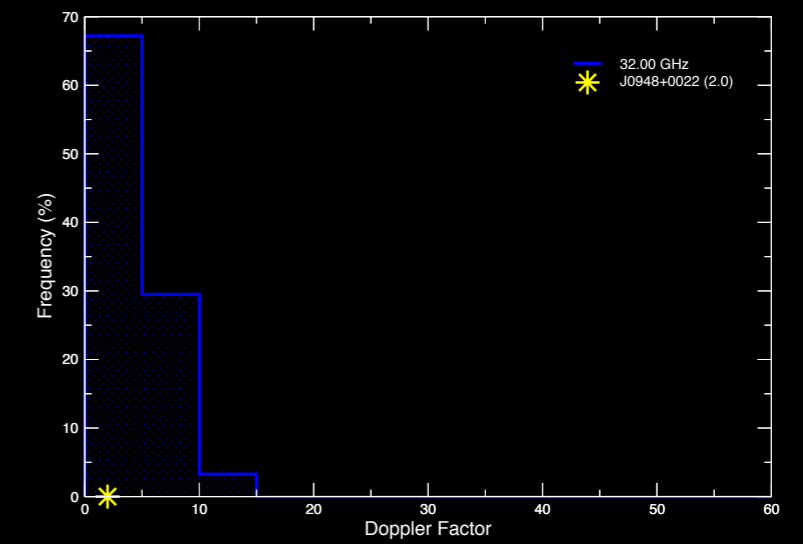
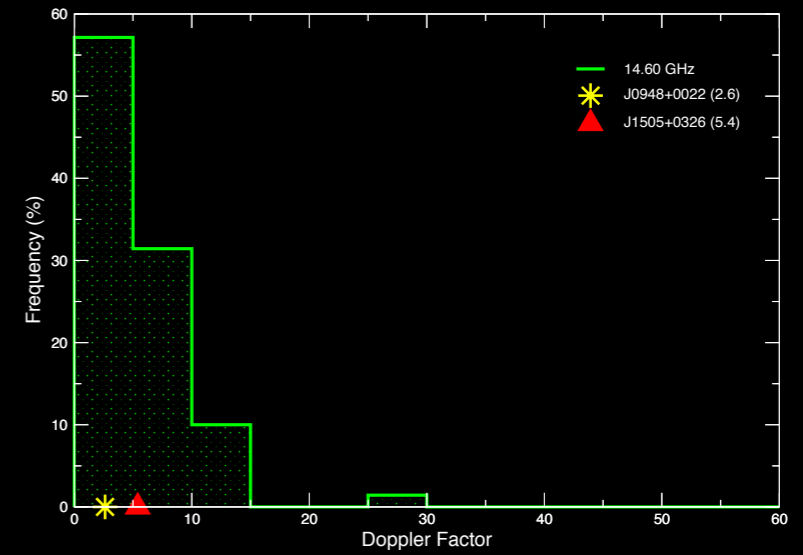
$$T_B = 4.5 \cdot 10^{10} \cdot \Delta S \left( \frac{\lambda \cdot d_L}{t_{\text{var}, \lambda \cdot (1+z)^2}} \right)^2$$





# Doppler Factors

$$\delta = (1 + z) \cdot \sqrt[3+\alpha]{T_B / 5 \cdot 10^{10}}$$



# Conclusions

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- particularly fast variability at radio bands
- intense spectral evolution: with peculiar characteristics (e.g. very inverted or very steep spectra)
- blazar like behavior
- J0948 and J0324 show low Doppler factors while J1505 appears at the high end tail of the distribution
- MW campaigns (e.g. Foschini et al.) are in progress and 3 Effelsberg proposals



Thank you!

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