Double-double radio galaxies from the FIRST survey

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\textbf{Abstract.} The radio structures and optical identifications of a sample of 242 sources classified as double-double radio sources by Proctor (2011) from a morphological study of sources in the FIRST (Faint Images of the Radio Sky at Twenty centimeters) survey (2003 April release, 811,117 entries) have been examined. We have been able to confirm only 23 of these as likely to be double-double radio galaxies (DDRGs), whose structures could be attributed to episodic nuclear activity in their host galaxies. A further 63 require either higher-resolution radio observations or optical identifications to determine whether these are DDRGs. The remaining sources are unlikely to be DDRGs. We have examined the luminosities, sizes and symmetry parameters of the DDRGs and the constraints these place on our understanding of these sources.

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\section{Introduction}

An important and interesting question in our understanding of active galactic nuclei (AGN) is whether their nuclear activity is usually episodic in nature. There have been suggestions that black holes grow during AGN phases with the total life time of the active phases ranging from $\sim 1.5 \times 10^8$ to $10^9$ yr (e.g. Marconi et al. 2004). Recurrent activity could also have significant implications in feedback processes in active galaxies and on the evolution of galaxies themselves. Although there has been increasing evidence of recurrent activity in AGN from both radio and X-ray observations (see Saikia & Jamrozy 2009 for a review), it is not clear how ubiquitous

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this phenomenon might be. For example from deep low-frequency observations Sirothia et al. (2009) did not find any unambiguous evidence of recurrent activity in a sample of 374 small-sized sources. Marecki (2012) has interpreted the structure of the highly asymmetric giant radio galaxy J1211+743 (Pirya et al. 2011) to be due to recurrent nuclear activity. To understand these varied aspects as well as the range of time scales of episodic activity and possible reasons for it (see Kaiser, Schoenmakers & Röttgering 2000; Czerny et al. 2009; Brocksopp et al. 2011), it is necessary to significantly increase the number of sources with evidence of recurrent activity beyond the couple of dozen or so that are presently known (see Saikia & Jamrozy 2009). At present, there appears to be a reasonably wide range of time scales of episodic activity which has been estimated from spectral and dynamical ages of the outer and inner lobes of a few DDRGs. These range from $\sim 10^5$ yr for 3C293 (Joshi et al. 2011) to $\sim 10^8$ yr for the largest Mpc-scale DDRGs (e.g. Schoenmakers et al. 2000; Konar et al. 2006).

Approximately 10 per cent of AGN are luminous at radio wavelengths, referred to as radio-loud objects. Drawing an analogy with X-ray binary systems in our Galaxy, a number of authors have suggested that radio activity in AGN could itself be episodic in nature (Nipoti, Blundell & Binney 2005; Körding, Jester & Fender 2006). One of the clearest signs of episodic activity is seen in radio-loud objects where there are more than one pair of distinct outer lobes, which can be unambiguously ascribed to different cycles of activity. Although most of these sources exhibit two cycles of activity, and are referred to as DDRGs, there are two examples of sources which appear to possibly exhibit three cycles of activity, namely B0925+420 (Brocksopp et al. 2007) and J140948.85−030232.5 (Hota et al. 2011), the latter being associated with a spiral host galaxy. Almost all the sources exhibiting evidence of a double-double structure are associated with galaxies, with the possible exception of 4C02.27 which is associated with a quasar (Jamrozy, Saikia & Konar 2009). Evidence of episodic activity has also been reported from a combination of X-ray and radio observations, where inverse-Compton scattered X-ray emission from old electrons in the relic lobes are seen along with synchrotron emission from the recent cycle of activity. Sources where this has been reported include 3C191 and 3C294 (Erlund et al. 2006), as well as the well-studied object Cygnus A (Steenbrugge, Blundell & Duffy 2008; Steenbrugge, Heywood & Blundell 2010).

To understand the nature of these sources and possible reasons for their episodic activity, we need to enlarge the sample of objects. As a first step we have focused on the FIRST survey (Becker, White & Helfand 1995), where Proctor (2011) has done a classification of the structures of sources into different categories. Of interest here are the 242 sources Proctor (2011) has classified as DDRGs based on the identification of at least four different components in the radio images. Since the mere existence of four components does not guarantee the source to be a DDRG, we have examined the radio structure as well as the optical identifications of all the 242 sources to identify those we believe to be good examples of DDRGs, possible examples which require further observations and also sources which do not appear to be DDRGs. We describe briefly the methodology we have adopted in Section 2, describe the DDRGs identified from this survey in Section 3, and discuss the nature of these sources in Section 4.
2. Methodology of classification of the DDRGs

As mentioned earlier, we have examined the radio structures and optical identifications of each of the 242 sources listed by Proctor (2011) as DDRGs. To identify the optical objects we have used the Sloan Digital Sky Survey (SDSS) Data Release 8 (DR8)\(^1\). If the source is not covered in DR8 we have examined the Digital Sky Survey DSS R-band images to find the optical identifications. We consider the optical object to be identified with the radio core component if the optical position is within an arcsec of the radio peak position of an unresolved or slightly resolved compact component. Normally the difference is within \(\sim 0.5\) arcsec. However, in some cases the presence of extended emission near the core at 1400 MHz may shift the centroid and higher frequency observations are required to locate the core more accurately. In sources without a radio core we consider the optical object to be identified with the radio source if it lies close to the axis defined by the inner lobes. The extended lobe-like emission in the source J1158+2625 is not visible in the NRAO VLA Sky Survey (NVSS) image and is likely to be spurious. This source has not been considered further.

Sources where radio emission from two cycles of activity are clearly distinguishable with the inner structures being more compact, and with an optical identification located between the inner doubles have been classified as DDRGs. Such sources without an optical identification have been classified as candidate DDRGs, as illustrated in the Appendix. In these cases deep optical imaging is required to examine whether one of the inner compact components may be co-incident with an optical identification. Deep multi-frequency radio observations would also help determine whether the radio spectrum is flat, as is usually the case for radio cores. Alternatively it could help detect possible backflow in the form of tails if these compact inner components are hot-spots.

A source where the optical object is co-incident with one of the inner compact components is clearly not a DDRG, and is listed as a non-DDRG in this study. For example the sources J0759+4051 and J1434+0441 discussed in the Appendix belong to this category.

A DDRG is expected to have diffuse outer lobes due to the an earlier cycle of activity and more compact hot-spots in the inner lobes which are due to a more recent cycle of AGN activity. With inadequate resolution the components of radio emission on either side of the host galaxy may not be resolved clearly to reveal the detailed structure. These components may be due to either two cycles of activity or the secondary inner peaks may be caused by backflow from the outer hot-spot. We have fitted two dimensional gaussians to all such sources. Those where the inner components are clearly resolved and more extended than the outer ones are likely to be due to peaks of emission caused by back-flowing plasma and have been classified as non-DDRGs; those where the inner components are more compact but higher resolution observations are required to determine their structure more reliably are referred to as candidate DDRGs in

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\(^1\)The SDSS Web Site is \texttt{http://www.sdss.org/}
Table 1. DDRGs from the FIRST survey

| Source name | Opt. Id. | $z$ | RA$_{optical}$ | Dec$_{optical}$ | RA$_{core}$ | Dec$_{core}$ | Notes |
|-------------|---------|----|---------------|----------------|-------------|--------------|-------|
|             |         |    | (hh:mm:ss.ss) | (dd:mm:ss.ss) | (hh:mm:ss.ss) | (dd:mm:ss.ss) |       |
| J0746+4526  | G       | 0.517 | 07:46:17.92   | +45:26:34.47  |             |              |       |
| J0804+5809  |         |      | 08:04:42.79   | +58:09:34.94  |             |              |       |
| J0855+4204  | G       | 0.279 | 08:55:49.15   | +42:04:20.12  |             |              |       |
| J0910+0345  | G       | 0.588 | 09:10:59.10   | +03:45:31.68  |             |              |       |
| J1039+0536  | G       | 0.0908 | 10:39:28.21   | +05:36:13.61  |             |              |       |
| J1103+0636  | G       | 0.449 | 11:03:13.29   | +06:36:16.00  |             |              |       |
| J1158+2621  | G       | 0.1120 | 11:58:20.13   | +26:21:12.08  | 11:58:20.12 | +26:21:12.04 |       |
| J1208+0821  | (0.600) |      | 12:08:56.78   | +08:21:38.57  | 12:08:56.78 | +08:21:38.44 |       |
| J1238+1602  | S       |      | 12:38:21.20   | +16:02:41.43  |             |              |       |
| J1240+2122  | G       | 0.357 | 12:40:13.48   | +21:22:33.04  |             |              |       |
| J1326+1924  | G       | 0.1762 | 13:26:13.67   | +19:24:23.75  |             |              |       |
| J1328+2752  | G       | 0.0911 | 13:28:48.45   | +27:52:27.81  | 13:28:48.43 | +27:52:27.55 |       |
| J1344−0030  | G       | 0.579 | 13:44:46.92   | −00:30:09.28  |             |              |       |
| J1407+5132  | G       | 0.324 | 14:07:18.49   | +51:32:04.88  |             |              |       |
| J1500+1542  | G       | 0.456 | 15:00:55.18   | +15:42:40.64  |             |              |       |
| J1521+5214  | G       | 0.537 | 15:21:05.90   | +52:14:40.15  |             |              |       |
| J1538−0242  | G       | 0.575 | 15:38:41.31   | −02:42:05.52  |             |              |       |
| J1545+5047  | G       | 0.4309 | 15:45:17.21   | +50:47:54.18  |             |              |       |
| J1605+0711  | G       | 0.268 | 16:05:13.74   | +07:11:52.56  |             |              |       |
| J1627+2906  | G       | 0.272 | 16:27:54.63   | +29:06:20.00  |             |              |       |
| J1649+4133  | S       |      | 16:49:28.32   | +41:33:41.58  |             |              |       |
| J1705+3940  | G       | 0.701 | 17:05:17.83   | +39:40:29.25  |             |              |       |
| J1706+4340  | S       |      | 17:06:25.43   | +43:40:40.41  |             |              |       |

1: separation of optical position from nearest radio peak, $\Delta_{radio-opt}$ is $\sim 2.5$ arcsec; 2: known DDRG (Owen & Ledlow 1997; Saikia & Jamrozy 2009); 3: misaligned DDRG. In all the Tables the photometric redshifts, taken from SDSS, are enclosed within parentheses.

* In the second Column G and S represent galaxy and star respectively, as classified in SDSS. Spectroscopic observations are required to determine whether the stellar objects are quasars.

our study. J0032−0019, shown in the Appendix, represents the kind of sources where the inner components are due to backflowing plasma from the hot-spots.

The wide-angle tailed sources (WATs) often have more compact emission closer to the host galaxy with more diffuse tails of emission extending from these features (e.g. Blanton et al. 2003; Mao et al. 2010). Detailed spectral studies are required to establish the episodic nature of these sources. These WATs are listed separately in this paper and will not be discussed here.

This leaves us with a sample of 23 DDRGs and 63 candidate DDRGs, where further observations are required to establish whether these might be DDRGs. The list of DDRGs are presented in Table 1, some of its properties in Table 2, while the list of candidate DDRGS are presented in Table 3. The list of non-DDRGs and the WAT sources are presented in the Appendix (Tables 4
Figure 1. FIRST images of the DDRGs listed in Table 1. In all the Figures the + sign when shown denotes the position of the optical object.
| Source        | Peak Flux (JY/BEAM) | Levels                        |
|--------------|---------------------|-------------------------------|
| J1344-0030   | 8.6657E-03          | 4.000E-04 * (-1, 1, 2, 4, 8, 16, 32, 64) |
| J1407+5132   | 1.4652E-02          | 4.000E-04 * (-1, 1, 2, 4, 8, 16, 32, 64) |
| J1500+1542   | 5.7980E-03          | 4.000E-04 * (-1, 1, 2, 4, 8, 16, 32, 64) |
| J1521+5214   | 3.7233E-03          | 4.000E-04 * (-1, 1, 2, 4, 8, 16, 32, 64) |
| J1538-0242   | 8.0249E-03          | 4.000E-04 * (-1, 1, 2, 4, 8, 16, 32, 64) |
| J1545+5047   | 7.8260E-03          | 4.000E-04 * (-1, 1, 2, 4, 8, 16, 32, 64) |
| J1605+0711   | 1.5743E-02          | 4.000E-04 * (-1, 1, 2, 4, 8, 16, 32, 64) |
| J1627+2906   | 1.4034E-02          | 4.000E-04 * (-1, 1, 2, 4, 8, 16, 32, 64) |
| J1649+4133   | 5.4144E-03          | 4.000E-04 * (-1, 1, 2, 4, 8, 16, 32, 64) |
| J1705+3940   | 1.7788E-02          | 4.000E-04 * (-1, 1, 2, 4, 8, 16, 32, 64) |
| J1706+4340   | 5.7409E-02          | 4.000E-04 * (-1, 1, 2, 4, 8, 16, 32, 64) |
Table 2. Some of the observed properties of the sample of DDRGs

| Source     | Opt. Id. | Red-shift | $l_{in}$ kpc | $l_{o}$ kpc | Cmp. | $R_{(in)}$ | $R_{(o)}$ | $R_{(in)}$ | $R_{(o)}$ | $P_{m}$ | $P_{o}$ |
|------------|----------|-----------|--------------|-------------|------|------------|------------|------------|------------|---------|---------|
| J0746+4526 | (0.517)  | 95        | 630          | N/S         | 1.86 | 1.35       | 0.79       | 0.19       | 25.41      | 26.17   |
| J0804+5809 |          |           |              |             |      |            |            |            |            |         |         |
| J0855+4204 | (0.279)  | 40        | 516          | N/S         | 1.17 | 0.86       | 1.34       | 0.87       | 24.64      | 25.30   |
| J0910+0345 | (0.588)  | 34        | 225          | E/W         | 2.17 | 0.73       | 0.84       | 0.99       | 25.85      | 25.66   |
| J1039+0536 | 0.0908   | 29        | 163          | W/E         | 1.25 | 0.74       | 1.03       | 1.29       | 24.05      | 24.97   |
| J1103+0636 | (0.449)  | 71        | 652          | E/W         | 1.28 | 0.93       | 1.51       | 0.72       | 24.99      | 25.56   |
| J1158+2621 | 0.1120   | 143       | 503          | N/S         | 1.70 | 1.01       | 1.81       | 1.31       | 24.33      | 24.80   |
| J1208+0821 | (0.600)  | 121       | 687          | W/E         | 1.07 | 1.04       | 0.93       | 0.96       | 24.49      | 25.76   |
| J1238+1602 | S        |           |              |             |      |            |            |            |            |         |         |
| J1240+2122 | (0.357)  | 68        | 584          | S/N         | 2.00 | 1.07       | 4.40       | 0.72       | 25.10      | 25.42   |
| J1326+1924 | 0.1762   | 27        | 149          | E/W         | 1.20 | 1.25       | 1.06       | 0.65       | 23.68      | 24.56   |
| J1328+2752 | 0.0911   | 95        | 355          | N/S         | 1.53 | 1.61       | 1.85       | 0.63       | 23.76      | 24.39   |
| J1344–0030 | (0.579)  | 86        | 643          | N/S         | 1.25 | 1.06       | 1.30       | 0.35       | 24.56      | 25.60   |
| J1407+5132 | (0.324)  | 87        | 613          | W/E         | 1.40 | 0.84       | 1.51       | 0.62       | 24.43      | 26.15   |
| J1500+1542 | (0.456)  | 128       | 485          | S/N         | 1.54 | 0.76       | 1.68       | 1.27       | 24.93      | 24.92   |
| J1521+5214 | (0.537)  | 64        | 391          | S/N         | 1.50 | 0.74       | 2.09       | 0.81       | 24.99      | 25.28   |
| J1538–0242 | (0.575)  | 59        | 534          | N/S         | 1.16 | 0.93       | 0.73       | 1.24       | 25.05      | 26.30   |
| J1545+5047 | 0.4309   | 66        | 483          | E/W         | 1.12 | 0.84       | 0.67       | 1.23       | 24.95      | 25.69   |
| J1605+0711 | (0.268)  | 311       | 576          | S/N         | 1.30 | 1.06       | 0.54       | 0.69       | 25.05      | 25.38   |
| J1627+2906 | (0.722)  | 74        | 702          | N/S         | 2.20 | 0.98       | 0.80       | 1.46       | 25.40      | 26.30   |
| J1649+4133 | S        |           |              |             |      |            |            |            |            |         |         |
| J1705+3940 | (0.701)  | 130       | 528          | S/N         | 1.70 | 0.96       | 2.52       | 1.27       | 25.84      | 26.07   |
| J1706+4340 | S        |           |              |             |      |            |            |            |            |         |         |

and 5 respectively). These tables are arranged as follows. Column 1: source name; Column 2: optical identification; Column 3: redshift; Columns 4 and 5: The right ascension (hh:mm:ss.ss) and declination (dd:mm:ss.ss) of the optical objects in J2000 co-ordinates; Columns 6 and 7: The right ascension (hh:mm:ss.ss) and declination (dd:mm:ss.ss) of the radio core positions; Column 8: Notes on individual sources. Since we are not discussing the WAT sources in detail, notes are not provided for Table 5.

Some of the observed properties of the FIRST DDRGs are listed in Table 2 which is arranged as follows. Column 1: source name; Column 2: optical identification; Column 3: redshift; Columns 4 and 5: projected linear size of the inner and outer double-lobed sources in kpc; Column 6: the locations of the components farther/closer from the core for the inner double. The symmetry parameters mentioned in Columns 7–10 are all in the same sense as given in Column 6. Columns 7 and 8 represent respectively the arm length or separation ratio for the inner and outer doubles; Columns 9 and 10: flux density ratios for the inner and outer doubles; and Columns 11 and 12: log of radio luminosity at an emitted frequency of 1400 MHz for the inner and outer doubles. The FIRST images of all the DDRGs are shown in Fig. 1.
3. Results and discussions

3.1 Linear sizes

A comparison of the sizes of the DDRGs selected from the FIRST survey (Table 1) with the sample compiled by Saikia, Konar & Kulkarni (2006) shows that the median sizes of both the inner and outer doubles are smaller for the FIRST sources. Most of the sources in the Saikia et al. (2006) compilation were from lower-resolution surveys such as the NVSS, and there was a natural bias against selecting DDRGs with small inner and outer doubles. The median values of the inner and outer doubles in the FIRST DDRGs are $\sim$75 and 530 kpc respectively, compared with $\sim$165 and 1100 kpc from the Saikia et al. compilation. Studies of specific smaller sources such as 3C293 (Joshi et al. 2011) and 4C02.27 (Jamrozy, Saikia & Konar 2009) suggest that time scales of episodic activity could be as small as $\sim10^5$ yr, compared with time scales of $\sim10^8$ yr for Mpc-scale objects (e.g. Schoenmakers et al. 2000; Konar et al. 2006), making it difficult to understand episodic activity in terms of periodic supply of fuel by an interacting companion. The smaller sizes of FIRST DDRGs demonstrate clearly that a wide range of time scales of episodic activity are possible, which may extend to even CSS and GPS scale objects as has been speculated for the archetypal GPS object CTA21 (Salter et al. 2010).

In Fig. 2 we plot the ratio of the luminosities of the outer double to that of the inner one versus the projected linear size of the inner double. Schoenmakers et al. (2000) suggested an inverse correlation between these two parameters with the outer lobes being more luminous than the inner ones, while Saikia et al. (2006) found the inner ones to be more luminous in the smallest inner doubles and the overall correlation to have a reduced level of significance. Considering the FIRST DDRGs along with the Saikia et al. sample, we find that while there may be an upper envelope to this diagram suggesting an inverse relation, the correlation is not statistically significant. The
range of the ratio of luminosities appears large for sources $\lesssim 200$ kpc, varying by a factor of over 100. Note that the only source in the new sample where the inner double is much more luminous than the outer one has a size of only 34 kpc, the second smallest in the sample. The evolution of the smallest sources could be affected by the dense interstellar medium of the host galaxy leading to more luminous components due to a more efficient dissipation of energy as well as better confinement by the medium (e.g. Jeyakumar et al. 2005, and references therein).

### 3.2 Arm-length and brightness ratios

We have re-examined the trend for the inner doubles to be more asymmetric in both brightness and location compared with the outer ones for the sample compiled by Saikia et al. Such studies might provide clues towards understanding the environments in which these sources are evolving.
as well as any possible asymmetries in the oppositely-directed radio jets. For the FIRST sample the estimates of arm-length ratios have been made from the positions of the optical objects and it would be useful to make these estimates from higher frequency images with higher resolution where the cores are likely to be identified. Considering both the samples together there is a marginal trend for the inner double to be more asymmetric in the location of the outer lobes, but the two distributions are not significantly different (Fig. 3). However, the asymmetries in the outer and inner lobes are often not in the same sense, suggesting that these are not likely to be due to the effects of orientation and relativistic motion.

A comparison of the flux density ratios of the inner and outer doubles also shows this to be not significantly different. There is also no significant trend for the farther component to be brighter for either the inner or outer doubles. A closer brighter component is expected when the jet on this side is interacting with denser material as it propagates outwards (Fig. 3).

4. Concluding remarks

Early studies of DDRGs suggested that these are likely to be associated with giant radio sources, yielding time scales of episodic activity of $\sim 10^8$ yr or so (e.g. Schoenmakers et al. 2001; Saikia, Konar & Kulkarni 2006; Saikia & Jamrozy 2009 and references therein). Identification of 23 DDRGs from the FIRST survey has shown that these often occur in sources with overall projected sizes of hundreds of kpc as is seen in the misaligned DDRG 3C293 (Joshi et al. 2011). Salter et al. (2010) also speculated that radio emission from the archetypal GPS source CTA21 may be episodic. Examples of DDRGs appear to occur over a wide range of size scales, and surveys of different resolutions are required to be able to identify these objects. Detailed spectral and dynamical age studies will help us explore the range of time scales of episodic nuclear activity. In this paper we also list the candidate DDRGs which require further observations to determine whether it is a DDRG, and also the ones we classify as non-DDRGs and WATs in the Appendix.

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Appendix

In the Appendix, we list the candidate DDRGs from the FIRST survey which require further observations to determine whether these might be DDRGs, the ones we classify as non-DDRGs.
Figure 4. Examples of candidate DDRGs which require an optical identification to determine whether the inner structure is due to either an inner double or a radio core and part/knot of a jet.

Figure 5. Examples of sources which we have classified as non-DDRGs. The inner emission in J0032−0019 is likely to be due to backflow from the hot-spots, while in the case of J0759+4051 and J1434+0441, the optical identification is co-incident with one of the components of the inner double which is likely to be the radio core. The other feature is possibly a knot in the jet.

from the list given by Proctor (2011), and the wide-angle tailed sources. Examples of sources which we classify as candidate DDRGs or non-DDRGs are shown in Figs. 4 and 5 respectively.
Table 3: Candidate DDRGs from the FIRST survey.

| Source name   | Opt. Id. | $z$     | RA$_\text{optical}$   | Dec$_\text{optical}$ | RA$_\text{core}$   | Dec$_\text{core}$ | Notes |
|---------------|----------|---------|-----------------------|----------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------|
| J0012−1050    | G (0.322)| 00:12:08.59 | −10:50:43.68          | 00:12:08.64          | −10:50:43.11      | 1                 |
| J0040−1001    | G (0.646)| 00:40:31.07 | −10:01:29.19          |                      |                   | 1                 |
| J0142−0000    | G (0.478)| 01:42:48.84 | −00:00:34.84          |                      |                   | 1                 |
| J0202+0015    |          |          |                       |                      |                   | 1,2               |
| J0251+0039    |          |          |                       |                      |                   | 1,2               |
| J0848+2925    |          |          |                       |                      |                   | 1,2               |
| J0901+1212    | G (0.473)| 09:01:31.55 | +12:12:12.91          |                      |                   | 1                 |
| J0927+2932    | G (0.728)| 09:27:44.00 | +29:32:34.43          | 09:27:43.88          | +29:32:32.37      | 1,3               |
| J1009+3608    |          |          |                       |                      |                   | 2                 |
| J1044+1442    | G 0.1547 | 10:44:34.63 | +14:42:04.06          |                      |                   | 2                 |
| J1057+5326    |          |          |                       |                      |                   | 2                 |
| J1107+1216    | G        |          |                       |                      |                   | 3                 |
| J1114+3658    |          |          |                       |                      |                   | 2                 |
| J1120+1611    |          |          |                       |                      |                   | 2                 |
| J1123+4757    | G (0.816)| 11:23:18.74 | +47:57:59.26          |                      |                   | 1                 |
| J1154+3021    | S        |          |                       |                      |                   | 2                 |
| J1204+0756    |          |          |                       |                      |                   | 2                 |
| J1233−0412    |          |          |                       |                      |                   | 2                 |
| J1246+3848    | G (0.814)| 12:46:08.23 | +38:48:37.42          |                      |                   | 1                 |
| J1248+2022    |          |          |                       |                      |                   | 1,2               |
| J1306+1922    | G (0.573)| 13:06:00.63 | +19:22:48.74          |                      |                   | 1                 |
| J1308+3955    | G (0.104)| 13:08:10.19 | +39:55:05.42          |                      |                   | 1                 |
| J1327+4946    |          |          |                       |                      |                   | 1,2               |
| J1332+1821    | G 0.5049 | 13:32:24.76 | +18:21:00.49          |                      |                   | 1                 |
| J1335+2042    |          |          |                       |                      |                   | 2                 |
| J1339+3756    | G 0.3750 | 13:39:47.28 | +37:56:52.82          | 13:39:47.26          | +37:56:52.10      | 1                 |
| J1342+0225    |          |          |                       |                      |                   | 1,2               |
| J1342+0642    | G (0.052)| 13:42:51.27 | +06:42:31.05          |                      |                   | 1                 |
| J1343+6306    | S        |          |                       |                      |                   | 2                 |
| J1351+2519    |          |          |                       |                      |                   | 1,2               |
| J1352−0325    |          |          |                       |                      |                   | 2                 |
| J1355+3525    | G 0.1078 | 13:55:26.19 | +35:25:44.12          |                      |                   | 1                 |
| J1357+3407    |          |          |                       |                      |                   | 2                 |
| J1404+5622    |          |          |                       |                      |                   | 2                 |
| J1417+2508    |          |          |                       |                      |                   | 2                 |
| J1428+2410    |          |          |                       |                      |                   | 2                 |
| J1432−0507    |          |          |                       |                      |                   | 2                 |
| J1432+2634    | G (0.648)| 14:32:40.76 | +26:34:53.37          |                      |                   | 1                 |
| J1434+2046    | S        | 14:34:13.70 | +20:46:13.74          | 14:34:13.57          | +20:46:11.44      | 1                 |
| J1446+0047    | S        | 14:46:36.92 | +00:47:04.67          |                      |                   | 1                 |
| J1448+0357    |          |          |                       |                      |                   | 2                 |
| Source name | Opt. Id. | \( \zeta \) | RA\(_{\text{optical}}\) | Dec\(_{\text{optical}}\) | RA\(_{\text{core}}\) | Dec\(_{\text{core}}\) | Notes |
|-------------|----------|------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|-------|
| J1450−0607  |          |            |                 |                |                |                |       |
| J1459+3836  |          |            |                 |                |                |                |       |
| J1503+1154  | S        |            |                 |                |                |                |       |
| J1503+1154  | S        |            |                 |                |                |                |       |
| J1511+5650  | G        | 0.6319     | 15:03:11.75     | +11:54:40.83   | 15:11:09.19    | +56:50:51.71   |       |
| J1511+3633  | G        | 0.1638     | 15:11:09.21     | +56:33:36.03   | 15:11:09.19    | +56:50:51.71   |       |
| J1540+3121  | S        |            |                 |                |                |                |       |
| J1540+6344  | G        |            |                 |                |                |                |       |
| J1546+0844  | G        | 0.1849     | 15:46:35.78     | +08:44:24.63   | 15:46:35.78    | +08:44:24.63   |       |
| J1551+2654  |          |            |                 |                |                |                |       |
| J1554+3233  |          |            |                 |                |                |                |       |
| J1604+2703  |          |            |                 |                |                |                |       |
| J1607+0625  | G        | (0.612)    | 16:07:19.46     | +06:25:46.90   | 16:07:19.46    | +06:25:46.90   |       |
| J1611+1017  | G        | (0.737)    | 16:11:14.84     | +10:17:12.81   | 16:11:14.84    | +10:17:12.81   |       |
| J1613+2929  |          |            |                 |                |                |                |       |
| J1613+5203  | S        |            |                 |                |                |                |       |
| J1642+4501  | G        | 0.1862     | 16:42:22.78     | +45:01:04.21   | 16:42:22.78    | +45:01:04.21   |       |
| J1706+3816  |          |            |                 |                |                |                |       |
| J1716+5023  |          |            |                 |                |                |                |       |
| J1720+3015  | G        | (0.634)    | 17:20:50.99     | +30:15:39.29   | 17:20:50.99    | +30:15:39.29   |       |
| J1727+3727  |          |            |                 |                |                |                |       |
| J1733+4342  |          |            |                 |                |                |                |       |

Notes 1: higher-resolution images required to clarify the structure; 2: optical identification is either unavailable or uncertain; 3: separation of optical position from possible core ∼2 arcsec.

* In the second column G and S represent a galaxy and star respectively, as listed in SDSS.
Table 4: Sources classified as non-DDRGs.

| Source name | Opt. Id. | $z$ | RA$_{optical}$ | Dec$_{optical}$ | RA$_{core}$ | Dec$_{core}$ | Notes |
|-------------|---------|-----|---------------|----------------|-------------|--------------|-------|
| J0013−0919 | G (0.477) | 00:13:57.23 | −09:19:49.29 | | | | |
| J0032−0019 | G (0.625) | 00:32:47.93 | −00:19:36.96 | | | | |
| J0056−1051 | G 0.1959 | 00:56:41.46 | −10:52:03.11 | 00:56:41.46 | −10:52:03.44 | 1 |
| J0118+0114 | | | | | | | |
| J0729+3226 | G (0.423) | 07:29:06.37 | +32:26:40.39 | | | | |
| J0758+1617 | G (0.626) | 07:58:30.23 | +16:17:36.26 | | | | 3 |
| J0759+4051 | G (0.602) | 07:59:12.22 | +40:51:54.79 | 07:59:12.22 | +40:51:54.42 | 1 |
| J0838+2404 | S | 08:38:18.39 | +24:04:49.65 | 08:38:18.40 | +24:04:49.26 | 1 |
| J0902+5707 | S 1.5963 | 09:02:07.20 | +57:07:38.09 | 09:02:07.22 | +57:07:37.95 | 1 |
| J0911+1255 | G 0.0495 | 09:11:34.75 | +12:55:38.12 | | | | 1 |
| J0912+0810 | G (0.736) | 09:12:20.19 | +08:10:43.24 | | | | |
| J0914+1006 | | | | | | | 4 |
| J0928−0319 | | 09:28:41.93 | −03:19:50.27 | 09:28:41.91 | −03:19:51.04 | 1 |
| J0942+2710 | S | 09:42:20.04 | +27:10:31.72 | 09:42:20.04 | +27:10:31.58 | 1 |
| J0948+5758 | G (0.337) | 09:48:07.56 | +57:58:53.24 | 09:48:07.69 | +57:58:53.86 | 1 |
| J0949+2444 | G (0.345) | 09:49:12.21 | +20:44:14.50 | | | | |
| J0953+1403 | G 0.2376 | 09:53:42.42 | +14:03:58.01 | | | | |
| J0959+1558 | G (0.767) | 09:59:08.01 | +15:58:30.32 | | | | |
| J1026+3639 | G (0.816) | 10:26:07.98 | +36:40:01.21 | 10:26:07.99 | +36:40:01.47 | 1 |
| J1028+4306 | S | 10:28:33.11 | +43:06:26.93 | 10:28:33.14 | +43:06:26.94 | 1 |
| J1033+0755 | S | 10:33:40.07 | +07:55:57.7 | 10:33:40.06 | +07:55:58.10 | 1 |
| J1041+5233 | | | | | | | 5 |
| J1049+0059 | G 0.1064 | 10:49:14.08 | +00:59:45.26 | 10:49:14.07 | +00:59:45.18 | 1 |
| J1053+3125 | G (0.647) | 10:53:04.71 | +31:26:01.34 | 10:53:04.70 | +31:26:01.13 | 1 |
| J1054+0740 | G 0.0968 | 10:54:52.10 | +07:40:06.37 | 10:54:52.08 | +07:40:06.74 | 1 |
| J1103+0249 | G (0.316) | 11:03:38.13 | +02:49:28.81 | | | | |
| J1105+2317 | | | | | | | |
| J1139+6030 | G (0.707) | 11:39:31.52 | +60:33:15.18 | | | | |
| J1141+0802 | G 0.2282 | 11:41:25.98 | +08:02:16.51 | 11:41:26.01 | +08:02:16.90 | 1 |
| J1150+4046 | G (0.380) | 11:50:55.10 | +40:46:32.09 | 11:50:55.11 | +40:46:31.31 | 1 |
| J1201+2256 | G 0.2594 | 12:01:41.70 | +22:56:46.41 | 12:01:41.68 | +22:56:46.05 | 1 |
| J1206+1626 | G 0.3036 | 12:06:03.54 | +16:26:34.92 | | | | 2 |
| J1208+2220 | G (0.636) | 12:08:21.81 | +22:20:03.89 | 12:08:21.99 | +22:19:58.37 | |
| J1213+1343 | G 0.1743 | 12:13:06.68 | +13:43:17.79 | | | | |
| J1214+5107 | G (0.718) | 12:14:46.64 | +51:07:04.30 | | | | |
| J1224+0203 | S 0.4492 | 12:24:25.61 | +02:03:09.68 | 12:24:25.54 | +02:03:10.82 | 1 |
| J1224+2358 | G (0.612) | 12:24:39.31 | +23:58:56.69 | | | | |
| J1230+1046 | | | | | | | |
| J1234+5753 | G 0.1529 | 12:34:24.35 | +57:53:27.33 | 12:34:24.26 | +57:53:26.08 | |
| J1240+5334 | G (0.267) | 12:40:12.46 | +53:34:37.37 | 12:40:12.49 | +53:34:37.55 | |
| J1242+4244 | G (0.388) | 12:42:37.95 | +42:44:03.09 | | | | |
Table 4 –(continued)

| Source name (1) | Opt. Id. (2) | \( \zeta \) (3) | RA\(_{\text{optical}}\) (4) | Dec\(_{\text{optical}}\) (5) | RA\(_{\text{core}}\) (6) | Dec\(_{\text{core}}\) (7) | Notes (8) |
|----------------|-------------|----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|--------|
| J1243+1308 S   | G (0.581)   | 12:48:40:08   | +17:25:50.56    | 12:48:40.11     | -03:01:13.27    | 1               |
| J1248+1725 Q   | 1.0337      | 12:48:04:09   | -03:01:14.54    | 12:48:04.11     | -03:01:13.27    | 1               |
| J1248+5942 G   | G (0.557)   | 12:48:35.68   | +59:42:22.37    |                 |                 |                 |        |
| J1255+4405 G   | G (0.211)   | 12:55:54.59   | +44:05:21.82    |                 |                 |                 |        |
| J1319+0502 S   | G (0.139)   | 13:25:11.17   | +57:36:01.58    | 13:19:43.54     | -05:02:43.02    | 1               |
| J1325+5736 G   | G (0.209)   | 13:49:18.71   | -01:49:21.40    | 13:49:18.76     | -01:49:20.22    | 2               |
| J1339-0637 S   | 13:39:04:29 | 28:12:41.19   | 13:39:04.29     | 28:12:41.18     | 13:39:03:35     | 1               |
| J1339+1024 G   | G (0.464)   | 13:39:13.64   | +10:24:47.88    | 13:39:13.42     | +10:24:46.44    | 1               |
| J1343+4627 G   | G (0.2248)  | 13:43:00:36   | +46:27:19.99    | 13:43:03:36     | +46:27:19.87    | 1               |
| J1344+3317 Q   | G (0.6862)  | 13:44:15.75   | +33:17:19.13    | 13:44:15.72     | +33:17:18.74    | 1               |
| J1349-0149 G   | G (0.209)   | 13:49:18.71   | -01:49:21.40    | 13:49:18.76     | -01:49:20.22    | 2               |
| J1351+0728 G   | G (0.078)   | 13:51:10.81   | +07:28:46.07    | 13:51:10.81     | +07:28:46.78    | 1               |
| J1400+0736 G   | (0.718)     | 14:00:06:93   | +07:37:00.48    |                 |                 |                 |        |
| J1402+6105 G   | G (0.735)   | 14:02:14.73   | +01:05:31.35    |                 |                 |                 |        |
| J1410+3749 G   | (0.486)     | 14:12:50.38   | +23:01:16.61    |                 |                 |                 |        |
| J1412+2301 G   | G (0.539)   | 14:13:15.25   | +07:41:43.63    |                 |                 |                 |        |
| J1413+0741 G   | (0.549)     | 14:20:37.55   | +35:52:51.18    |                 |                 |                 |        |
| J1420+3552 G   | (0.885)     | 14:23:21.33   | +24:48:15.05    | 14:23:21.24     | +24:48:15.07    | 1               |
| J1425-0456 G   | (0.2136)    | 14:39:14.14   | +19:23:00.12    | 14:31:49.15     | +19:23:59.83    | 1               |
| J1434+0441 S   | G (0.0862)  | 14:39:21.56   | +04:41:37.21    | 14:34:21.57     | +04:41:38.23    | 1               |
| J1437+2445 G   | G (0.266)   | 14:39:34.48   | +53:14:37.44    | 14:39:34.47     | +53:14:39.65    | 1               |
| J1439+5314 G   | (0.367)     | 14:39:58.41   | +28:24:22.66    | 14:39:58.44     | +28:24:22.89    | 1               |
| J1444+3817 G   | (0.494)     | 14:48:59.59   | +49:23:40.84    |                 |                 |                 |        |
| J1449+4923 G   | G (1.061)   | 14:50:49.93   | +00:01:44.34    | 14:50:49.94     | +00:01:44.25    |                 |        |
| J1450+0001 G   | Q (0.2571)  | 15:25:11.68   | +12:52:58.03    | 15:25:11.68     | +12:52:57.83    | 1               |
| J1450-0315 S   | G (0.3388)  | 15:01:17.98   | +54:55:18.37    | 15:01:17.95     | +54:55:18.02    | 1               |
| J1459+1655 G   | G (0.209)   | 15:01:21.53   | +40:12:19.88    | 15:01:21.57     | +40:12:20.04    | 1               |
| J1500+1327 G   | G (0.2571)  | 15:25:11.68   | +12:52:58.03    | 15:25:11.68     | +12:52:57.83    | 1               |
| J1501+5455 G   | G (0.472)   | 15:27:37.11   | +18:22:51.31    | 15:27:37.10     | +18:22:50.80    | 1               |
| J1530+2316 G   | G (0.899)   | 15:30:07.96   | +23:16:16.02    | 15:30:07.94     | +23:16:15.74    | 1               |
Table 4 – (continued)

| Source name | Opt. Id. | $\zeta$ | RA$_{\text{optical}}$ (hh:mm:ss.ss) | Dec$_{\text{optical}}$ (dd:mm:ss.ss) | RA$_{\text{core}}$ (hh:mm:ss.ss) | Dec$_{\text{core}}$ (dd:mm:ss.ss) | Notes |
|-------------|----------|---------|----------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|-------|
| J1530+0703  | G (0.472)| 15:30:58.81 | -07:03:31.74 | 15:30:58.90 | -07:03:32.40 | 1 |
| J1540+4925  | G        | 15:40:28.65 | +49:25:14.72 | 15:40:28.67 | +49:25:14.55 | 1 |
| J1540+0132  | Q        | 15:40:47.88 | +01:32:07.17 | 15:40:47.88 | +01:32:06.84 | 1 |
| J1545+0330  | G        | 15:45:37.96 | -03:30:46.63 | 15:45:37.96 | -03:30:47.89 | 1 |
| J1548+3633  | G        | 15:48:05.70 | +36:33:40.57 | 15:48:05.74 | +36:33:40.72 | 1 |
| J1550+2246  | G (0.435)| 15:50:05.00 | +22:46:03.46 | 15:50:04.97 | +22:46:05.82 | 1 |
| J1557+1618  | G        | 15:57:49.61 | +16:18:36.59 | 15:57:49.61 | +16:18:36.94 | 1 |
| J1558+0759  | G (0.227)| 15:58:34.46 | +07:59:46.13 | 15:58:34.46 | +07:59:46.83 | 2 |
| J1600+1306  | S        | 16:00:58.77 | +13:06:59.59 | 16:00:58.79 | +13:06:59.64 | 1 |
| J1601+3423  | G (0.669)| 16:01:30.46 | +34:23:12.42 | 16:01:30.46 | +34:23:12.75 | 1 |
| J1608+2828  | G (0.200)| 16:08:21.14 | +28:28:43.29 | 16:08:21.15 | +28:28:43.54 | 1,2 |
| J1614+3210  | G (0.663)| 16:14:49.71 | +32:10:54.46 | 16:14:49.71 | +32:10:54.78 | 2 |
| J1616+2809  | S        | 16:17:56.89 | +54:51:13.80 | 16:17:56.94 | +54:51:13.90 | 1,2 |
| J1618+2809  | G (0.3934)| 16:18:03.56 | +12:11:32.62 | 16:18:03.60 | +12:11:33.70 | 1 |
| J1620+2017  | G (0.056)| 16:20:21.74 | +20:17:07.32 | 16:20:21.74 | +20:17:07.70 | 1 |
| J1623+4318  | G (0.687)| 16:24:00.24 | +67:18:41.14 | 16:24:00.28 | +43:18:41.65 | 1 |
| J1627+5019  | G (0.450)| 16:27:24.54 | +50:19:40.92 | 16:27:24.56 | +50:19:40.98 | 1 |
| J1628+3906  | G (0.499)| 16:28:11.44 | +39:06:36.70 | 16:28:11.42 | +39:06:36.65 | 1 |
| J1628+5750  | G (0.262)| 16:28:57.46 | +57:50:44.77 | 16:28:57.46 | +57:50:44.87 | 1 |
| J1631+1855  | G (0.607)| 16:31:04.91 | +18:55:22.77 | 16:31:04.95 | +18:55:22.76 | 1 |
| J1633+0847  | G (0.191)| 16:33:00.85 | +08:47:36.44 | 16:33:00.83 | +08:47:36.61 | 1,7 |
| J1637+4430  | S        | 16:37:02.20 | +41:30:22.22 | 16:37:02.20 | +41:30:22.22 | 6 |
| J1643+2642  | S        | 16:46:19.05 | +55:49:58.13 | 16:46:19.19 | +55:49:58.54 | 1 |
| J1646+5549  | G (0.303)| 16:47:05.21 | +51:54:11.47 | 16:47:05.21 | +51:54:11.67 | 2 |
| J1647+5154  | G (0.563)| 16:49:48.74 | +16:51:47.14 | 16:49:48.74 | +16:51:47.34 | 1 |
| J1658+3408  | G        | 16:59:52.81 | +26:02:38.69 | 16:59:52.80 | +26:02:38.92 | 4 |
| J1700+4851  | G (0.204)| 17:00:35.32 | +48:51:03.95 | 17:00:35.32 | +48:51:03.95 | 1,7 |
| J1702+5312  | G        | 17:02:01.36 | +53:12:19.02 | 17:02:01.38 | +53:12:34.37 | 1 |
| J1703+5533  | G (0.300)| 17:05:02.05 | +28:39:06.94 | 17:05:02.05 | +28:39:06.94 | 1 |
| J1705+2839  | G (0.759)| 17:10:36.66 | +46:11:11.75 | 17:10:36.66 | +46:11:11.75 | 1 |
| J1710+4239  | G (0.176)| 17:10:40.73 | +42:39:45.08 | 17:10:40.75 | +42:39:45.08 | 1 |
| J1713+5812  | G        | 17:23:08.07 | +30:17:16.32 | 17:23:08.04 | +30:17:15.79 | 6 |
| J1723+3017  | G (0.645)| 17:25:07.68 | +34:52:15.97 | 17:25:07.68 | +34:52:15.97 | 9 |
| J1728+4855  | S        | 17:28:56.98 | +44:21:37.30 | 17:28:56.98 | +44:21:37.30 | 9 |

Double-double radio galaxies from the FIRST survey
Table 4 –(continued)

| Source name | Opt. Id. | Opt. RA | Opt. Dec | Core RA | Core Dec | Notes |
|-------------|----------|---------|----------|---------|----------|-------|
| J1732+5634  | G 0.3330 | 17:32:50.22 | +56:34:26.61 | 17:32:50.18 | +56:34:27.07 | 1,2   |
| J2143–0858  | G (0.650) | 21:49:01.07 | –00:04:22.19 |         |          |       |
| J2149–0004  | G 0.0909 | 23:15:42.11 | –00:26:07.05 | 23:15:42.09 | –00:26:07.34 | 1     |
| J2259–0925  | G 0.273  | 23:22:08.21 | –09:41:58.00 | 23:22:08.25 | –09:41:58.67 | 1     |
| J2315–0026  | G 0.1663 | 23:53:55.59 | +00:12:56.40 | 23:53:55.65 | +00:12:56.12 |       |

Notes: 1: optical identification is associated with one of the inner objects; 2: FRI type structure; 3: although inner lobe appears larger, high-resolution observations would be helpful to confirm its classification; 4: optical identification unclear (there are two possible candidates); 5: northern compact component possibly unrelated; 6: X-shaped source; 7: two independent sources nearby; 8: optical object associated with westernmost component; 9: two optical objects along the radio axis with the western one being the likely identification; 10: optical object associated with the northernmost component.

* In the second column G, S and Q represent galaxy, star and quasi stellar object (QSO), as listed in SDSS.
Table 5. Candidate DDRGs from the FIRST survey classified as WATs.

| Source name | Opt. | $z$   | RA$_{\text{optical}}$ | Dec$_{\text{optical}}$ | RA$_{\text{core}}$ | Dec$_{\text{core}}$ |
|-------------|------|-------|------------------------|------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
|             |      |       | hh:mm:ss:ss            | dd:mm:ss:ss            | hh:mm:ss:ss         | dd:mm:ss:ss         |
| J0041−0925  | G    | 0.0579| 00:41:50.17            | −09:25:47.43           | 00:41:50.12         | −09:25:47.99        |
| J0123−1025  | G    | 0.1537| 01:23:12.52            | −10:25:10.38           |                     |                     |
| J0930+5930  | G    | 0.6180| 09:30:06.88            | +59:30:32.82           | 09:30:06.86         | +59:30:32.44        |
| J0948+4218  | G    | 0.3720| 09:48:42.95            | +42:18:31.35           | 09:48:42.98         | +42:18:31.33        |
| J1028+0345  | G    | 0.1080| 10:28:23.47            | +03:45:31.51           |                     |                     |
| J1035+4255  | G    | 0.1360| 10:35:02.61            | +42:55:48.34           | 10:35:02.59         | +42:55:47.68        |
| J1046+1210  |      |      |                        |                        |                     |                     |
| J1151+0422  | G    | 0.1500| 11:51:46.90            | +04:22:22.73           |                     |                     |
| J1153+2341  | S    |       | 11:53:18.07            | +23:41:13.22           | 11:53:18.15         | +23:41:13.22        |
| J1258+1110  | G    | 0.6990| 12:58:22.78            | +11:10:39.56           |                     |                     |
| J1335+5352  | S    |       | 13:35:40.85            | +53:52:24.40           |                     |                     |
| J1342+0643  | G    | 0.6190| 13:42:38.95            | +06:43:25.33           |                     |                     |
| J1406+5504  | G    | 0.2500| 14:06:55.11            | +55:04:02.87           | 14:06:54.72         | +55:04:01.72        |
| J1421−0743  |      |       |                        |                        |                     |                     |
| J1432−4436  | G    | 0.1815| 14:32:43.85            | +44:36:14.21           | 14:32:43.87         | +44:36:14.75        |
| J1453+2108  | G    | 0.6340| 14:53:05.17            | +21:08:31.64           | 14:53:05.18         | +21:08:31.50        |
| J1458+2754  | G    | 0.2288| 14:58:00.23            | +27:54:00.78           | 14:59:00.20         | +27:54:00.10        |
| J1510+0544  | G    | 0.1460| 15:10:56.10            | +05:44:41.19           |                     |                     |
| J1534+0556  | G    | 0.2570| 15:34:39.92            | +05:56:17.45           |                     |                     |
| J1547−0046  |      |       |                        |                        |                     |                     |
| J1706+2006  | G    | 0.3050| 17:06:16.33            | +20:06:48.98           |                     |                     |
| J2151−0005  | G    | 0.8100| 21:51:27.90            | −00:05:07.87           |                     |                     |

* In the second column G and S represent galaxy and star respectively, as listed in SDSS.