A Wide and Deep Exploration of Radio Galaxies with Subaru HSC (WERGS). VI. Distant Filamentary Structures Pointed Out by High-z Radio Galaxies at $z \sim 4$

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Abstract

We present the environmental properties around high-z radio galaxies (HzRGs) at $z \sim 4$, which have been poorly investigated because of their rarity. We use the largest samples of HzRGs and g-dropout galaxy overdense regions at $z \sim 4$, which were constructed from the Hyper Suprime-Cam Subaru Strategic Program, to characterize the HzRG environments statistically. We measure the g-dropout galaxy overdensities around 21 HzRGs whose rest-frame 1.4 GHz radio luminosities ($L_{1.4\,\text{GHz}}$) are $10^{26.5-26.9}\,\text{W}\,\text{Hz}^{-1}$. We find that the overdensities around the faint HzRGs with $L_{1.4\,\text{GHz}} \sim 10^{26.0-26.5}\,\text{W}\,\text{Hz}^{-1}$ tend to be higher than those of the g-dropout galaxies. On the other hand, no significant difference of density environments is found between the luminous HzRGs with $L_{1.4\,\text{GHz}} \sim 10^{26.5-27.0}\,\text{W}\,\text{Hz}^{-1}$ and the g-dropout galaxies. The HzRGs are found to occupy more massive halos than g-dropout galaxies through a cross-correlation between the HzRGs and g-dropout galaxies. This trend is more pronounced in the faint HzRGs. These results are consistent with a scenario where HzRGs get older and more massive as the radio luminosity decreases. The HzRGs are expected to trace the progenitors of Local Cluster halos from their calculated halo mass. In addition, we find that surrounding galaxies tend to distribute along the radio jet major axis of the HzRGs at angular distances of $\lesssim 500$ physical kpc. Our findings imply the onset of the filamentary structures around the HzRGs at $z \sim 4$.

Unified Astronomy Thesaurus concepts: Radio galaxies (1343); Active galaxies (17); High-redshift galaxies (734); Lyman-break galaxies (979); Protoclusters (1297)

1. Introduction

The formation and evolution of radio galaxies, which host supermassive black holes (SMBHs) launching radio jets/lobes, have a strong dependence on their surrounding environments (e.g., Best et al. 2005). According to the Blandford–Znajek process (Blandford & Znajek 1977), the power of a radio jet/lobe monotonically increases with the black hole mass and spin. These physical quantities are built up by gas accretion and/or SMBH mergers, which are mostly induced by galaxy mergers (e.g., Fanidakis et al. 2011). Thus, radio galaxies are believed to reside in the galaxy overdense regions (massive halos) where galaxy mergers are expected to occur more often (e.g., Hatch et al. 2014; Chiaberge et al. 2015; Overzier 2016). On the other hand, a radio galaxy is an energy dissipation system; the propagation of a radio jet/lobe can extend beyond the host galaxy halo (e.g., Jamrozy et al. 2014; Lan & Prochaska 2021). It can mechanically blow off substantial baryons and suppress star formation in the host and/or surrounding halos (Morganti et al. 2005; McNamara & Nulsen 2007; Birzan et al. 2008; Shabala et al. 2011; Fabian 2012; Yuan et al. 2016; Nesvadba et al. 2017; Izquierdo-Villalba et al. 2018). This large-scale negative feedback could disturb such close relations between radio galaxies and their environments. Therefore, characterizing the environments of radio galaxies as a function of their properties at different redshifts is key to revealing the underlying baryonic physics in the coevolution of radio galaxies and surrounding galaxies.

There have been considerable studies to examine radio galaxy environments by direct imaging/spectroscopic observations of their surrounding galaxies at $z < 3$ (for details, see the comprehensive review by Overzier 2016). Most of the radio galaxies tend to exist in the overdense regions (e.g., Gendre et al. 2013; Ramos Almeida et al. 2013; Hatch et al. 2014; Karouzos et al. 2014; Pace & Salim 2014; Jones et al. 2015; Malavasi et al. 2015; Croston et al. 2018; Magliocchetti et al. 2018; Kolwa et al. 2019; Massaro et al. 2019; Moravec et al. 2019; Penney et al. 2019; Shen et al. 2019). Additionally, the dark matter halo mass of radio galaxies is estimated to be $\gtrsim 10^{13} M_\odot$ (Peacock & Nicholson 1991; Magliocchetti et al. 2004;
implying that radio galaxies could be associated with cluster progenitors.

The clustering strength of local radio galaxies tends to depend on their radio luminosities; the sign of the correlation coefficient can be positive or negative according to the luminosity range (e.g., Donoso et al. 2010; Falder et al. 2010; Husband et al. 2016). In some cases, a dependency of the clustering strength of radio galaxies on the radio luminosities can be explained by the abundance ratio of high-/low-excitation radio galaxies (HERGs/LERGs) in radio galaxies (Donoso et al. 2010). Several studies showed that LERGs tend to reside in higher-density regions than HERGs (e.g., Ramos Almeida et al. 2013; Ching et al. 2017). HERGs have radiatively efficient accretion disks dominated by cold- (quasar-) mode accretion (Bower et al. 2006; Croton et al. 2006). In this accretion channel, due to the strong radio jets, the cooling of the hot gas would be suppressed (e.g., Ichikawa & Inayoshi 2017). Hence, the formation of a magnetically choked accretion flow is suggested to be caused by cold-mode accretion followed by hot-mode accretion (Sikora & Begelman 2013). This channel occurs predominantly in dark matter halos with a mass of \( \sim 10^{12} h^{-1} \, M_\odot \) (Orsi et al. 2016). LERGs, on the other hand, are hosted by more massive halos with hot halo-mode accretion (Turner & Shabala 2015; Orsi et al. 2016). In this massive system, it may be more difficult for major mergers or cold streams to occur (Kereš et al. 2005; Dekel & Birnboim 2006). The HERGs and LERGs are essentially different objects that cannot be unified in the active galactic nucleus (AGN) unification model; HERGs are unified with radio-loud quasars (RLQSOs), broad-line radio galaxies, and narrow-line radio galaxies, while LERGs are identical with BL Lac objects with no conspicuous emission lines (e.g., Ching et al. 2017).

Even beyond \( z \sim 4 \), galaxies are found to be strongly clustered around high-z radio galaxies (HzRGs; Overzier et al. 2006; Venemans et al. 2007; Kuiper et al. 2011). The HzRGs are considered to be progenitors of the brightest cluster galaxies (proto-BCGs; e.g., West 1994; Ito et al. 2019). On the other hand, Zeballos et al. (2018) found that the submillimeter galaxies (SMGs) are not densely distributed around the HzRGs at \( z \sim 4 \), although the overdensity regions around the HzRGs may be buried due to the sample variance. So far, the number of HzRGs whose environments have been studied is critically small (\( z \leq 3 \) at \( z \sim 4 \); see Chiang et al. 2013; Overzier 2016). In particular, the HzRGs are limited to being the brightest ones with a rest-frame 1.4 GHz luminosity, \( L_{1.4 \, \text{GHz}} > 10^{27} \, \text{W} \, \text{Hz}^{-1} \), meaning a lack of generality of the HzRG environments at the epoch. This is due to the deficiency of deep and wide radio/optical surveys, which do not allow the detection of rare, very bright HzRGs, as well as faint ones, and sufficient surrounding galaxies to characterize their environments. The small sample size also limits the estimation of the mean halo masses of the HzRGs. Constructing a statistical sample of fainter HzRGs and examining a possible correlation between the properties of HzRGs and galaxy overdense regions are essential to obtain the general picture of the system.

Investigating a relation between the jet orientation of HzRGs and the surrounding galaxy spatial distribution is also crucial to give insight into the HzRG–galaxy coevolution physics. Some studies show that the surrounding galaxies around radio galaxies are distributed along the radio major axis (“companion alignment”; e.g., Venemans et al. 2007). One of the possible causes of the alignment is the anisotropic merging of galaxies (e.g., West 1994). Galaxy mergers are thought to occur anisotropically following the surrounding large-scale environments (e.g., West 1994). Radial-orbit galaxy mergers along filamentary structure (e.g., González & Padilla 2016) can lead to remnants with mass distributions similar to prolate spheroids (e.g., Ebrová & Lokas 2017; Li et al. 2018; Drakos et al. 2019). The major axes of the spheroids tend to be aligned with the separation orientation of the two premerger objects (e.g., West 1994; Kirk et al. 2015). The spin axes of the SMBHs in the remnants are expected to be aligned with the orientation of the angular momentum vector of the accreting material (that is, the major axes of the prolate spheroids) through the Lens–Thirring effect (Scheuer & Feiler 1996; Natarajan & Pringle 1998; King et al. 2005). Consequently, the radio jets launched from the SMBHs are expected to be oriented along the ridge of the galaxy overdense regions (e.g., West 1994; Bornancini et al. 2006). In other words, galaxies are expected to be preferentially distributed along the radio jet orientation.

Several cosmological N-body simulations, on the other hand, show that the spin flip with respect to the halo masses; the spin of the low-/high-mass halos tends to be parallel/perpendicular to the surrounding filamentary structures (e.g., Aragon-Calvo et al. 2007; Zhang et al. 2009; Codis et al. 2012). This spin flip could be explained by nonlinear effects, such as mergers or the constrained tidal torque theory (e.g., Codis et al. 2012, 2015). Based on these simulations, the jets launched from the most massive radio galaxies are likely to be antialigned with the ridge of the surrounding galaxy distribution.

The companion alignments around radio galaxies at \( z \lesssim 2 \) are reported (West 1994; Roettgering et al. 1996; Pentericci et al. 2000; Croft et al. 2005; Bornancini et al. 2006). At higher \( z \), radio galaxies would be biased toward radio-luminous and massive ones due to observational limits. This would cause an antialignment of galaxies to the direction of the radio jets. In fact, Zeballos et al. (2018) found that the surrounding massive SMGs around radio galaxies tend to be antialigned with the jet axes. On the other hand, Stevens et al. (2003) found the normal companion alignment signal of the surrounding massive SMGs. The Stevens et al. (2003) sample had a small field of view, so they looked at companion galaxies close to the HzRGs. Zeballos et al. (2018) looked at much wider maps, further away from the HzRGs. Venemans et al. (2007) found no clear alignment feature for Lyα emitters around radio galaxies. At \( z \sim 4 \), the number of samples studied about companion alignment is \( \sim \)three. The small sample size at high \( z \) prevents us from capturing the general picture of companion alignment.

The Hyper Suprime-Cam (HSC; Miyazaki et al. 2012, 2018), which is an unprecedented wide-field imaging instrument mounted on the 8.2 m Subaru telescope, allows us to build the largest sample of galaxy overdense regions and HzRGs beyond \( z \sim 4 \). The Wide and Deep Exploration of Radio Galaxies with Subaru HSC (WERSG; Yamashita et al. 2018; Toba et al. 2019; T. Yamashita et al. 2020, in preparation; Ichikawa et al. 2021) is one of the largest surveys for radio galaxies using the extremely wide imaging data produced by the HSC Subaru Strategic Program (HSC-SSP), supplemented by the 1.4 GHz radio continuum catalog of the Faint Images of the Radio Sky at Twenty cm (FIRST; Becker et al. 1995; Helfand et al. 2015) survey. The Lyman-break galaxies at \( z \geq 4 \) extracted from HSC-SSP data (Ono et al. 2018) are matched with the FIRST sources, leading to the construction of a uniform HzRG sample at \( z \geq 4 \) (T. Yamashita et al. 2021, in preparation). One HzRG at \( z = 4.72 \) has been spectroscopically confirmed (Yamashita et al. 2020). The
$L_{1.4\,\text{GHz}}$ of the HzRGs at $z\sim 4$ are estimated to be $\sim 10^{26-27}$ W Hz$^{-1}$ (T. Yamashita et al. 2021, in preparation), which is $\geq 1$ dex fainter than what is mentioned in previous studies (Overzier et al. 2006; Venemans et al. 2007; Kuiper et al. 2011). The largest overdense region (protocluster candidate) sample at $z\sim 4$ has been constructed based on the surface number density measurement (Toshikawa et al. 2018). These effective methods have extended the sample size by a factor of $\geq 10$ for both the HzRGs and the protocluster candidates at $z\sim 4$.

In this paper, we use both of the HzRG and galaxy overdense region samples based on the early data release of HSC-SSP to characterize the HzRG environments at $z\sim 4$ statistically. In particular, we investigate whether the HzRGs are good tracers of protoclusters and examine a possible dependency of the overdensities around HzRGs on the radio luminosity or jet orientation. Moreover, we estimate the dark matter halo mass of the HzRGs from a cross-correlation between the HzRGs and the g-dropout galaxies. This could, for the first time, give new insights and perspective on the general overview of HzRG environments at $z\sim 4$.

The paper is organized as follows. In Section 2, we describe the HSC-SSP survey and the construction of the overdense region and HzRG sample. In Section 3, we examine a possible correlation between the HzRGs and their surrounding densities. It includes the investigation of the galaxy density environment of each HzRG, whether the HzRGs reside in the galaxy overdense regions or not, the overdensity significance distribution around HzRGs as a function of their radio luminosities, and the relation between the surrounding galaxy distribution and the radio major axis of the HzRGs. We also estimate the HzRG halo mass by clustering analysis. The implications of our results are discussed in Section 4. Finally, in Section 5, we conclude and summarize our findings. We assume the following cosmological parameters: $\Omega_m = 0.3$, $\Omega_\Lambda = 0.7$, and $H_0 = 70$ km s$^{-1}$ Mpc$^{-1} = 100$ h km s$^{-1}$ Mpc$^{-1}$, and magnitudes are given in the AB system. The normalization of the matter power spectrum, $\sigma_8$, is settled to be 0.84.

2. Data and Sample Selection

2.1. Subaru HSC-SSP

The Subaru HSC-SSP survey is an unprecedented deep and wide optical survey using the HSC with 116 2K×4K Hamamatsu fully depleted CCDs and a field of view of 1°5 diameter. In the present study, we use the “Wide layer” data of DR S16A (Aihara et al. 2018a), which consist of wide-field images of $>200$ deg$^2$ with a median seeing of $0''6-0''8$ taken by the five optical filters g, r, i, z, and y. The Wide layer data consist of five independent fields (i.e., W-XMMLLS, W-Wide12H, W-GAMA15H, W-HECTOMAP, and W-VVDS). The survey design and filter information are given in Aihara et al. (2018b) and Kawamomoto et al. (2018), respectively. Komiyama et al. (2018) should be the reference for the camera system and CCD dewar designs. Among the HSC-SSP observations, the on-site quality assurance system for the HSC (OSQAH; Furusawa et al. 2018) was used in order to instantly provide feedback to the running observation. The dedicated pipeline hspPipe (version 4.0.2; Bosch et al. 2018), which is a modified version of the Large Synoptic Survey Telescope software stack (Ivezic et al. 2008; Axelrod et al. 2010; Juric et al. 2017), was used for data reduction. The astrometric and photometric calibrations are associated with the Pan-STARRS1 system (Schlafly et al. 2012; Tonry et al. 2012; Magnier et al. 2013). To estimate the fluxes and colors of sources, we use cModel magnitude, which is measured by fitting two components that are point-spread function (PSF)-convolved galaxy models (de Vaucouleurs and exponential) to the source profile (Abazajian et al. 2004).

2.2. Definition of Overdense Regions and Protocluster Candidates

We use the catalogs of protocluster candidates and overdensity maps at $z\sim 4$ that are described in Toshikawa et al. (2018). We enumerate the key steps of their construction below.

First, $z \sim 3.8$ galaxy candidates called g-dropout galaxies are selected by using the Lyman-break technique. The g-dropout galaxies are selected from the five independent fields of the Wide layer data using the following criteria (van der Burg et al. 2010):

$$1.0 < g - r,$$
$$r - i < 1.0,$$
$$1.5(r - i) < (g - r) - 0.80,$$
$$r \leq m_{\text{lim},3\sigma},$$
$$i \leq m_{\text{lim},5\sigma},$$

where $m_{\text{lim},3\sigma}$ and $m_{\text{lim},5\sigma}$ are the limiting magnitudes of $3\sigma$ and $5\sigma$, respectively. If the objects are not detected in the g-band filter at $3\sigma$, their g-band magnitudes are replaced by the corresponding $3\sigma$ limiting magnitudes. All but the homogeneous depth regions, where the $5\sigma$ limiting magnitudes in the g, r, and i bands are $>26.0$, $>25.5$, and $>25.5$, respectively, are masked. The regions around bright objects are also masked (Coupon et al. 2018). As a result, the total effective area used for this study is 121 deg$^2$. In this area, 259,755 g-dropout galaxies down to $i < 25.0$ are obtained. However, red galaxies at intermediate redshifts and dwarf stars could satisfy the g-dropout color selection criteria. We find that the rate of contamination from these objects is $\sim 5\%$ at $i < 25.0$, which is estimated by using the same method$^{14}$ as Ono et al. (2018). The number count is consistent with that of van der Burg et al. (2010). The average redshift of the g-dropout galaxies is $z = 3.8^{+0.5}_{-0.5}$, whose error is the FWHM of the g-dropout selection function (Ono et al. 2018; Toshikawa et al. 2018). The ultraviolet (UV) absolute magnitudes ($M_{\text{UV}}$) of the g-dropout galaxies are derived from the following relation given by Ono et al. (2018):

$$M_{\text{UV}} = i + 2.5 \log(1 + z) - 5 \log\left(\frac{d_L(z)}{10\text{pc}}\right) + (m_{\text{UV}} - i),$$

where $d_L(z)$ pc is the luminosity distance at $z$, and $m_{\text{UV}}$ is the apparent magnitude at rest-frame UV wavelength. The term $(m_{\text{UV}} - i)$ represents the $k$ correction between $m_{\text{UV}}$ and $i$. It is settled to be zero by assuming that the UV continua of g-dropout galaxies are flat (Ono et al. 2018).

Sources that do not satisfy the g-dropout selection criteria are selected from the UD-COSMOS catalog in the Ultra-deep layer of the HSC-SSP. Among them, those that satisfy the g-dropout selection criteria in the Wide layer depth are considered as foreground interlopers. Then, we can estimate the contamination rate by comparing the surface densities of those interlopers and g-dropout galaxies.

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Next, the fixed aperture method is applied to determine the surface density contour maps of g-dropout galaxies. Apertures with a radius of 1′, which corresponds to 0.75 physical Mpc (pMpc) at z \sim 3.8, are uniformly distributed in the sky area of the Wide layer images in a 1′ grid spacing. This aperture size is comparable with the typical protocluster size at this epoch with a descendant halo mass of \( \gtrsim 10^{14} M_\odot \) at \( z = 0 \) (Chiang et al. 2013). To determine the overdensity significance quantitatively, the local surface number density is estimated by counting the g-dropout galaxies with \( i < 25.0 \) within the fixed aperture. When a 1′-aperture falls on a masked region, the surface density is estimated by replacing the masked area with the average density. When more than 50% of the area is masked in an aperture, the sky position is excluded in the protocluster search. Then, the overdensity significance, \( \Sigma \), is defined by \( (N-\bar{N})/\sigma \), where \( N \) is the number of g-dropout galaxies in an aperture, and \( \bar{N} \) and \( \sigma \) are the average and standard deviation of \( N \), respectively. We define the regions with \( \Sigma > 1.5\sigma \) as overdense regions.

Finally, the protocluster candidates are defined by the overdense regions with a prominently large significance of \( \Sigma > 4\sigma \). This definition allows us to obtain good protocluster candidates with low completeness (\( \sim 6\% \)) but high purity (\( > 76\% \)). Actually, Toshikawa et al. (2016) showed that \( > 76\% \) of the \( > 4\sigma \) overdense regions of g-dropouts are expected to evolve into dark matter halos with masses of \( > 10^{14} M_\odot \) at \( z = 0 \). Each \( > 4\sigma \) overdense region is carefully checked, and 22 fake detections of mainly spiral arms of local galaxies are removed. As a result, 179 protocluster candidates are obtained in the Wide layer data, which have \( z \sim 3.8 \) and overdensity significances ranging from 4\( \sigma \) to 10\( \sigma \).

According to Toshikawa et al. (2018), as a result of the projection effect, the protocluster candidates are biased to the richest structure, expecting an average descendant halo mass of \( \sim 5 \times 10^{14} M_\odot \). Via clustering analysis, their mean halo mass at \( z \sim 4 \) is estimated to be \( 2.3^{+0.5}_{-0.3} \times 10^{13} h^{-1} M_\odot \), which is comparable to the galaxy group halo mass (Toshikawa et al. 2018). It should be noted that the success rate of this technique has already been established (\( \sim 75\% \)) by the previous study of the \( \sim 4 \) deg\(^2 \) of the CFHTLS Deep Fields (Toshikawa et al. 2016).

### 2.3. HzRGs

We use the \( z \sim 4 \) HzRG sample constructed by T. Yamashita et al. (2021, in preparation). We briefly summarize the essence of the HzRG selection as follows.

First, Yamashita et al. extracted FIRST sources with \( > 1 \) mJy 1.4 GHz radio peak flux and the spurious detection probability of \( < 0.05 \) from the final release of the FIRST catalog (Helfand et al. 2015). The angular resolution of the FIRST survey is 5″/4. Then, they matched them with the g-dropout galaxy catalog of HSC-SSP (Ono et al. 2018), in which essentially the same g-dropout selection criteria as those of the protocluster search are used, with a search radius of 1″0 and obtained 35 matches in a 100 deg\(^2 \) field. Among the 35 matches, five are removed from the HzRG sample because they are considered to be low-z red galaxies by detections in the Sloan Digital Sky Survey (SDSS) rather than \( > 2\sigma \) significance (\( < 23.1 \) mag) and their optical appearances. Actually, two of the five low-z red galaxies have archival spectroscopic redshifts of \( \sim 0.4 \). Out of remaining 30 matches, four are spectroscopically confirmed high-z quasars at \( z \sim 4 \), namely, RLQSOs. These four RLQSOs are found in the SDSS quasar catalog (Páris et al. 2017). The other two sources are also considered to be RLQSOs, despite no spectroscopic confirmation, because these two sources are stellar-like objects with \( i < 24 \) in the HSC i-band images (Akiyama et al. 2018). Thus, the two objects are good candidates of RLQSOs. Consequently, 24 matches are g-dropout HzRGs. In addition, 11 out of 24 HzRGs have no radio companions within a projected radius of 3′ from each HzRG (“isolated HzRGs”; T. Yamashita et al. 2021, in preparation). This isolated sample is constructed for the purpose of avoiding a possible case in which the position of a Lyman-break galaxy coincides with part of a radio source at low-z (e.g., widely separated radio lobes). Finally, we restrict the sample to sources that only reside in the effective area defined in the protocluster search. Twenty-one HzRGs (hereafter the “full HzRG sample”), 10 of which are isolated HzRGs, as well as five RLQSOs (two RLQSO candidates + three spectroscopic confirmed RLQSOs), are found in the effective area. This sample is listed in Table 1.

The rest-frame 1.4 GHz luminosities, \( L_{1.4 \text{ GHz}} \), of the HzRGs and RLQSOs are calculated to be \( \sim 10^{25.8-27.2} \text{ W Hz}^{-1} \) by using the total integrated radio flux density with an assumption of the radio spectrum index of \( \alpha = -0.7 \), which is a representative value of the parent sample of the HzRGs in this study (T. Yamashita et al. 2021, in preparation), and a redshift \( z = 3.8^{+0.5}_{-0.3} \) corresponding to the redshift of the g-dropout galaxies. These radio luminosities are much higher than \( 10^{23.5} \text{ W Hz}^{-1} \), corresponding to the dichotomy between radioactive AGNs and star-forming galaxies at \( z \sim 3.8 \) (e.g., Magliocchetti et al. 2002; Mauch & Sadler 2007). Thus, the radio emission from the HzRGs is expected to be of AGN origin. The position angles (degrees east of north) of the FIRST emission were derived by fitting an elliptical Gaussian model to the sources (Helfand et al. 2015). Here the position angles are estimated after deconvolution to remove the blurring effect of the elliptical Gaussian PSF. These quantities are also summarized in Table 1. The \( M_{\text{UV}} \) of the HzRGs were also estimated through Equation (6), assuming that the \( k \) correction term is zero. Figure 1 shows a relation between the radio and UV luminosities of the HzRGs. The HzRG \( M_{\text{UV}} \) values are almost consistent with those of the g-dropout galaxies with \( i < 25 \). In addition, we find no dependency of the HzRG \( M_{\text{UV}} \) values on their radio luminosities. The overdensity significance map around each HzRG/RLQSO is shown in Figure 2. The J1150–0150 field is heavily masked, as it resides near the survey boundary, where limiting magnitudes are shallow.

### 3. Analysis and Results

#### 3.1. Spatial Correlation between HzRGs and Protocluster Candidates

In order to examine the spatial correlation between the HzRGs and the protocluster candidates, we estimate the minimum projected distances from each HzRG to the peaks of the overdensity significance maps in the protocluster candidate regions (Uchiyama et al. 2018). As a result, one of the 21 HzRGs, HSC J0230–0554, is found to spatially associate with the protocluster candidates within a 1/8 angular separation that corresponds to the radial size of the typical protocluster at \( z \sim 4 \) (Chiang et al. 2013). The peak overdensity significance of the protocluster candidate region is 4.1\( \sigma \). The proportion of the HzRGs associated with the protocluster candidates is \( 4.8^{+5.0}_{-3.8} \%), whose error is assumed to be a binomial distribution (Gehrels 1986). The typical protocluster radial size could extend to at most \( \sim 3′0 \) at \( z \sim 4 \) (Chiang et al. 2013). The
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Table 1

| ID          | log $L_{\text{1.4 GHz}}$ (W Hz$^{-1}$) | $\sigma$ (r) | P.A. (deg) |
|-------------|--------------------------------------|--------------|------------|
| HSC J020343.79–055556.6**         | 26.48$^{+0.12}_{-0.13}$          | 0.37         | 113.4      |
| HSC J020612.23–031615.2†          | 26.30$^{+0.12}_{-0.13}$          | 0.61         | 142.7      |
| HSC J020630.47–032847.1*         | 26.66$^{+0.11}_{-0.13}$          | 0.84         | 155.8      |
| HSC J021353.67–045818.0†         | 26.78$^{+0.11}_{-0.13}$          | $-0.41$      | 96.7       |
| HSC J021803.39–053825.3          | 26.90$^{+0.11}_{-0.13}$          | $-0.43$      | 87.7       |
| HSC J021952.75–053324.1†         | 26.12$^{+0.14}_{-0.12}$          | 1.94         | 144.4      |
| HSC J022320.70–031824.2*         | 27.01$^{+0.11}_{-0.13}$          | $-0.33$      | 89.9       |
| HSC J022454.95–032905.5**        | 25.86$^{+0.13}_{-0.11}$          | 1.31         | 89.3       |
| HSC J023030.67–055440.8†         | 26.43$^{+0.12}_{-0.13}$          | 2.99         | 85.7       |
| HSC J023032.41–040302.3†         | 27.03$^{+0.11}_{-0.13}$          | 0.49         | 87.4       |
| HSC J023303.17–051100.9          | 26.43$^{+0.12}_{-0.13}$          | 2.20         | 69.8       |
| HSC J115038.16–015028.6          | 25.86$^{+0.13}_{-0.16}$          | 2.85         | 125.5      |
| HSC J115208.95–005736.5†        | 26.49$^{+0.12}_{-0.16}$          | $-0.67$      | 130.2      |
| HSC J120258.99–001543.8          | 26.61$^{+0.11}_{-0.13}$          | 0.58         | 175.8      |
| HSC J120343.34+000313.1†        | 26.11$^{+0.14}_{-0.12}$          | 0.70         | 128.0      |
| HSC J142815.62–002130.9†        | 26.42$^{+0.12}_{-0.13}$          | $-0.43$      | 66.4       |
| HSC J142949.68–003616.5          | 27.08$^{+0.11}_{-0.13}$          | 1.20         | 105.4      |
| HSC J143513.55–01244.8          | 26.37$^{+0.12}_{-0.14}$          | 0.01         | 85.8       |
| HSC J143618.45+004309.1†        | 26.63$^{+0.11}_{-0.14}$          | 1.26         | 41.9       |
| HSC J143634.50+005111.9*        | 26.24$^{+0.12}_{-0.14}$          | 0.71         | 44.4       |
| HSC J144422.78+000700.0          | 26.88$^{+0.15}_{-0.13}$          | $-0.34$      | 67.5       |
| HSC J162040.42+356624.2         | 25.97$^{+0.12}_{-0.13}$          | 0.89         | ...        |
| HSC J162713.96+343258.0          | 26.40$^{+0.13}_{-0.15}$          | 3.37         | ...        |
| HSC J221828.11+004301.6†        | 26.28$^{+0.12}_{-0.13}$          | 0.16         | 66.5       |
| HSC J221959.44+013124.2         | 26.48$^{+0.12}_{-0.13}$          | $-0.77$      | 70.6       |
| HSC J222252.11+003806.1          | 26.08$^{+0.13}_{-0.12}$          | 3.71         | 116.7      |

Notes.

* Object ID. The † symbol shows isolated HzRGs; IDs that are not given a symbol represent HzRGs that are not isolated. A single asterisk shows spectroscopic confirmed RLQSOs, and double asterisks show RLQSO candidates.

b Logarithmic scale of the rest-frame 1.4 GHz radio luminosity. Here it is assumed that each HzRG exists at $z = 3.8^{+0.5}_{-0.4}$ and has a radio slope of $\alpha = -0.7$. The error is estimated by convolving the photometric error with the redshift error.

c Overdensity significance at the grid point closest to the HzRG.

d Position angle (degrees east of north) derived from the elliptical Gaussian model of the source. This has been deconvolved to remove the blurring effect caused by the elliptical Gaussian PSF. An ellipse indicates that the P.A. is not measured correctly because the sizes of the major and minor axes determined before deconvolution are smaller than the beam size. This could be due to noise (White et al. 1997).

3.2. Radio Luminosity Dependence of Overdensity Significances around HzRGs

We measure the overdensity significances at the grid points, where the apertures in the fixed aperture method are placed (Section 2.2), closest to the HzRGs to examine the relation between the overdensity significances and their $L_{\text{1.4 GHz}}$. In the left panel of Figure 3, at a regime of a high luminosity of log $L_{\text{1.4 GHz}} \geq 26.5$, the overdensity significance distribution of the HzRGs is almost comparable with that of the g-dropout galaxies. In particular, at this high-luminosity regime, no HzRGs reside in the denser regions compared to the g-dropout galaxies. On the other hand, at low radio luminosities, log $L_{\text{1.4 GHz}} \lesssim 26.5$, some of the HzRGs reside in the overdense regions with $\Sigma \sim 2\sigma$–$3\sigma$. The discussion of this result is given in Section 4.2. The overdensity significances around the RLQSOs are also measured and found to be consistent with those around the g-dropout galaxies within a $1\sigma$ error. We also examine a local maximum value of the overdensity significances around each HzRG/RLQSO with a search radius of 3′, and we use this value as their environmental measures. Even if we use the local maximum overdensity significances to examine the dependency of the number density environments on their radio luminosity, their trends are nearly unchanged (right panel of Figure 3). The isolated HzRGs also have the same tendency as the full HzRG sample.
Figure 2. Overdensity map around each HαRG and RLQSO. Color contours show the overdensity significance, black stars indicate the HαRG/RLQSO positions, and the masked regions are shown in white. Black lines show the position angle of the radio morphology for each HαRG/RLQSO. The spatial resolution of the overdensity significance map is 1 × 1 arcmin². Both the HαRG/RLQSO 1.4 GHz luminosity and the overdensity significance at the grid point closest to the HαRG/RLQSO are indicated at the bottom of each panel.
Table 2

| Radius (arcmin) | Full HzRG\(^a\) (\%) | Full g-dropout HzRG\(^b\) (\%) | Isolated HzRG\(^c\) (\%) | Isolated g-dropout HzRG\(^d\) (\%) |
|----------------|------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------|
| <1.8           | 4.8±5.0                | 0.6±3.8                      | 10.0±10.7               | 0.6±2.4                      |
| <3.0           | 4.8±5.0                | 4.5±4.5                      | 10.0±10.7               | 4.5±5.7                      |

Notes.

\(^a\) Radius to search protocluster candidates from HzRGs/g-dropout galaxies.

\(^b\) The proportion of the full HzRG sample associated with protocluster candidates within a given radius.

\(^c\) Among the randomly selected g-dropout galaxies whose number is the same (21) as the full HzRG sample, the proportion of the g-dropout galaxies associated with protocluster candidates within a given radius.

\(^d\) The proportion of isolated HzRGs associated with protocluster candidates within a given radius.

\(^e\) Among the randomly selected g-dropout galaxies whose number is the same (10) as the isolated HzRGs, the proportion of the g-dropout galaxies associated with protocluster candidates within the given radius.

3.3. Halo Mass from Clustering Analysis

We estimate the halo masses of HzRGs from a cross-correlation between the full/isolated HzRG sample and g-dropout galaxies with \(i < 25.0\). We also examine the clustering strength of the low-luminosity HzRGs with \(\log L_{1.4\text{ GHz}} < 26.5\), which tend to reside in the >1.5\(\sigma\) overdense regions (Section 3.2). The g-dropout galaxies and mask regions used in this clustering analysis are identical to those used in the protocluster search. The details of the calculations are provided in the Appendix.

Panel (d) of Figure 4 shows the true autocorrelation function (ACF), \(\omega_{\text{true}}(\cdot)\), of the g-dropout galaxies, given in Equation (A4). We fit \(\omega_{\text{true}}(\cdot)\) with the model function, \(\omega_{\text{model}}(\theta) = A_{\omega} \theta^{-\beta}\), provided in Equation (A6) through the \(\chi^2\) minimization. As a result, \(A_{\omega}\) and \(\beta\) are estimated to be 1.83\(^\pm\)0.22 and 0.66\(^\pm\)0.03, respectively. Panels (a), (b), and (c) of Figure 4 show the true cross-correlation function (CCF), \(\omega_{\text{true}}(\cdot)\), of the full HzRG sample, the faint HzRGs with \(\log L_{1.4\text{ GHz}} < 26.5\), and the isolated HzRGs, respectively, given in Equation (A4). The uncertainties in \(\omega_{\text{true}}(\cdot)\) are relatively large due to the small sample size. We also fit \(\omega_{\text{true}}(\cdot)\) to a model, \(\omega_{\text{model}}(\theta) = A_{\omega} \theta^{-\beta}\), assuming that the index, \(\beta\), of the HzRGs is the same as that of the g-dropout galaxies (\(\beta = 0.66\)) according to He et al. (2018). We find that \(A_{\omega}\) is 4.2\(^\pm\)1.7 in the full HzRG sample, 6.9\(^\pm\)3.2 in the HzRGs with \(\log L_{1.4\text{ GHz}} < 26.5\), and 3.8\(^\pm\)0.3 in the isolated ones.\(^{15}\)

Here we focus only on the two-halo term of the ACF/CCF to examine the large-scale clustering. As the one-halo term of the g-dropout galaxies with \(i < 25.0\) can extend to <20\(''\) at \(z = 3.8\) (e.g., Ouchi et al. 2005; Harikane et al. 2018), we used only a range of \(\theta = 20''-1000''\) to fit to the model, \(\omega_{\text{model}}(\cdot)\). In addition, the contamination correction of the ACF and CCF should be performed, but we do not apply the correction because the contamination rate is quite small (∼0.05; see Section 2.1).

We numerically solve Equations (A7)–(A19) to estimate the clustering length, bias, and typical halo mass of the HzRGs and g-dropout galaxies. The correlation length of the HzRGs is estimated by using the shooting method to their bias parameters numerically. The estimated values are summarized in Table 3.

\(^{15}\) We cannot estimate \(A_{\omega}\) for the luminous HzRGs with \(\log L_{1.4\text{ GHz}} > 26.5\) due to their small sample size and weak clustering strength.

Figure 5 shows the radio galaxy halo masses as a function of redshift. The halo masses at \(z < 3\) are numerically computed from Equations (A7)–(A19) using the correlation lengths estimated by previous studies (Peacock & Nicholson 1991; Magliocchetti et al. 2004; Brand et al. 2005; Lindsay et al. 2014; Magliocchetti et al. 2017; Lindsay et al. 2014). We do not find a redshift dependence of the clustering strengths of radio galaxies (open and filled circles) from \(z = 1\) to 4 when considering the errors. This is consistent with the GALFORM simulation (e.g., Orsi et al. 2016), which shows that the average halo masses of the radio galaxies at \(z \sim 2-4\) are independent of redshift and approximately equal to 10\(^{13}\) \(M_\odot\). Less redshift-dependent evolution of the radio galaxy clustering properties at \(z < 3\) has already been found by Magliocchetti et al. (2017). We also find that HzRGs tend to reside in more massive halos compared to the g-dropout galaxies. The difference in halo mass between the faint HzRGs with \(\log L_{1.4\text{ GHz}} < 26.5\) and the g-dropout galaxies is found to be about six times larger with higher significance (2.3\(\sigma\)).

It is worth comparing the estimated HzRG halo masses to those of the other AGN populations at \(z \sim 4\). He et al. (2018) evaluated the quasar halo masses using a cross-correlation between the quasars and g-dropout galaxies. Their quasar sample is composed of two types: luminous (\(M_{1600} < -29\) to \(-26\)) quasars detected by SDSS and less luminous (\(M_{1600} \sim -26\) to \(-22\)) ones detected by HSC (Akiyama et al. 2018). We find that the halo masses of the HzRGs tend to be more massive than those of both quasar samples, as shown in Figure 5. On the other hand, the SDSS quasar halo masses estimated through ACF (Shen et al. 2007) are comparable to the HzRG ones. According to He et al. (2018) and Uchiyama et al. (2018), the halo mass segregation between the SDSS quasar halo masses estimated from ACF and CCF is thought to be due to the strong feedback from the luminous quasars (photoevaporation; e.g., Uchiyama et al. 2019). This effect could yield the deficit of g-dropout galaxies in the vicinity of the quasars, leading to the lower amplitude of the CCF. In fact, the SDSS-detected quasars tend to reside in halos with number densities similar to g-dropout galaxies (Uchiyama et al. 2018). Our results suggest that HzRGs are better tracers of the galaxy overdense regions than quasars.

3.4. Companion Alignment

To quantify the dependency of the galaxy distribution on the radio major axes of the HzRGs, we define the isotropy, \(f(r) \equiv \rho_{r < 30}(r)/\rho_{r > 60}(r)\) (e.g., Bornancini et al. 2006), where \(\rho_{r < 30}(r)\) and \(\rho_{r > 60}(r)\) are the number densities of the g-dropout galaxies with \(\Delta \phi < 30^\circ\) and >60\(^\circ\), respectively, in the effective area enclosed by a projected radius of \(r\) centered on the HzRGs. Here \(\Delta \phi\) is the angle between the radio major axis of an HzRG and the direction from the HzRG to each g-dropout galaxy. The spatial distributions of the g-dropout galaxies around each HzRG are stacked into one, where each HzRG is centered and the radio major axes are aligned with each other. The isotropy of the surrounding g-dropout galaxies is calculated in the stacked distribution as a function of a radius from the center.

We estimate \(\Delta \phi\) for each g-dropout galaxy around the full and isolated HzRGs and evaluate \(\rho_{r < 30}(r)\) and \(\rho_{r > 60}(r)\) by counting the number of g-dropout galaxies lying in the given range of \(\Delta \phi\) in their HzRG fields. The errors of the isotropy are measured by performing 1000 iterations of bootstrap resampling of the g-dropout galaxies. If \(\rho_{r > 60}(r) = 0\), that is, the
number of g-dropout galaxies with $\Delta \phi > 60^\circ$, $N_{\Delta \phi > 60}$, is zero, then we give the upper limit, $N_{\Delta \phi > 60} = 1.841$, corresponding to the 1σ Poisson single-sided upper limit (Gehrels 1986).

Figure 6 shows the isotropy as a function of the projected radii of $r$. We find that at $r \gtrsim 1.5$, the value of the isotropy is close to 1 for both the full and isolated samples, meaning that the surrounding galaxies are randomly distributed far from the HzRGs. The isotropy gradually increases as the projected distance from the HzRGs decreases. The isotropy is $2.6^{+1.5}_{-1.3} (6.3^{+2.4}_{-1.9})$ at $r \sim 0.3$ (0′9) for the full (isolated) sample. This means that in the vicinity of HzRGs, the rotational symmetry tends to be broken down in the projection space, and the g-dropout galaxies tend to distribute along their radio major axes. Bornancini et al. (2006) examined the distribution of the K-band massive galaxies around 70 HzRGs at $z \sim 0.1$–3.8 and found an isotropy of $f = 1.8^{+0.15}_{-0.13}$ at $\lesssim$100 pkpc, which is consistent with our result within a 1σ error, as shown in Figure 6.

In order to examine if the distribution depends on the radio luminosities of the HzRGs, we divide the full/isolated HzRG samples into faint and luminous ones whose radio luminosities are fainter and brighter than the median ($10^{26.5}$ erg s$^{-1}$) of the radio luminosities, respectively. Figure 6 also shows the isotropies of the faint and luminous HzRGs in both the full and isolated samples. We find that the isotropy is almost consistent with one across all distance scales for the luminous sample, while the isotropy estimated in the faint HzRG fields tends to be higher at $r \lesssim 0.5$ pMpc in both the full and isolated samples. The maximum values of the isotropy functions are $6.8^{+2.3}_{-2.8}$ and $5.5^{+2.5}_{-2.4}$ at $r \sim 1′0$ and $1′3$ for the faint HzRGs of the...
full and isolated samples, respectively. If the g-dropout galaxies are uniformly distributed around the faint HzRGs, the isotropy is estimated as \( L_{1.4 \, \text{GHz}} - 0.5 \) at \( r \sim 1.0 \) (1.3) for the full (isolated) sample. Here the error is assumed to follow a binomial distribution. Thus, the isotropy obtained from the observation is significantly higher, even if we take into account the error from the uniform distribution. This means that the surrounding galaxies tend to distribute along the radio galaxies’ major axes with faint HzRGs in their vicinities. The physical interpretation of this result is discussed in Section 4.3.

4. Discussion

4.1. Consistency with Halo Masses of HzRGs

We found that \( 4.8_{-3.8}^{+5.0} \% \) (10.0_{-8.0}^{+10.7} \%) of the full (isolated) HzRG sample could be associated with a protocluster candidate (Section 3.1). We examine whether this result can be confirmed in terms of halo masses of HzRGs. The full and isolated HzRG samples have average halo masses, \( 1.3_{-0.3}^{+0.3} \times 10^{13} \) and \( 1.0_{-0.3}^{+0.3} \times 10^{13} \) \( h^{-1} M_{\odot} \), respectively (Section 3.4). The extended Press–Schechter model (Press & Schechter 1974; Bower 1991; Bond et al. 1991; Lacey & Cole 1993) allows us to estimate the descendant halo masses of the HzRGs at \( z = 0 \) (Uchiyama et al. 2018, 2020). By following the exact same procedure as Uchiyama et al. (2020), \( 94_{-34}^{+14} \% \) of the halos of the full (isolated) HzRG sample at \( z = 3.8_{-0.3}^{+0.5} \) are found to evolve into the halos with a mass of \( >10^{14} \) \( M_{\odot} \) at \( z = 0 \). Note that the completeness of the protocluster candidates we use is \(-6\%\) (see Section 2.1). Since \(-6\%\) of such halos that evolve into clusters at \( z = 0 \) are expected to show an overdensity of g-dropout galaxies at \( 4\sigma \) significance (Section 2.1), the expected proportion of HzRGs associated with the protocluster candidates could be estimated to be \( 5.6_{-5.4}^{+5.4} \% \) (5.1_{-2.0}^{+0.8} \%) for the full (isolated) sample. This proportion is consistent with our observational result, \( 4.8_{-3.8}^{+5.0} \% \) (10.0_{-8.0}^{+10.7} \%) within a 1σ error. This result means that HzRGs can trace the progenitors of cluster halos, but the protocluster search using surface number density is incomplete. Selection bias of the protocluster search may also prevent HzRGs from existing in \( >4\sigma \) overdense regions of g-dropout star-forming galaxies; the quenching process might be starting to work for surrounding galaxies around HzRGs hosted by massive halos.

4.2. The HzRG Environments as a Function of Radio Luminosity

We found that only fainter HzRGs with log \( L_{1.4 \, \text{GHz}} < 26.5 \) tend to reside in the galaxy denser regions/more massive halos compared to the g-dropout galaxies (Sections 3.2 and 3.4). In this subsection, the implication and validity of this radio luminosity dependence are qualitatively discussed by comparing with previous studies at lower z.

Donoso et al. (2010) examined the clustering strengths of radio galaxies (=HERGs ⊕LERGs) and RLQSOs with log \( L_{1.4 \, \text{GHz}} \sim 24.0–26.5 \) at \( z \sim 0.4–0.8 \). They found that the clustering strength of the radio galaxies is negatively correlated with the radio luminosity at log \( L_{1.4 \, \text{GHz}} \gtrsim 25.3 \), as shown by arrow \( \Delta \) in Figure 7. They suggested that this negative correlation is caused by an increase in the proportion of HERGs as the radio luminosity increases (e.g., Laing et al. 1994; Jackson & Wall 1999; Best & Heckman 2012). According to Jackson & Wall (1999) and Best & Heckman (2012), HERGs account for \(-50\%\) of radio galaxies at log \( L_{1.4 \, \text{GHz}} \sim 26 \) but \(-100\%\) at log \( L_{1.4 \, \text{GHz}} \sim 27 \). HERGs tend to reside in less dense regions (less massive halos) than LERGs (e.g., Ching et al. 2017). In fact, Donoso et al. (2010) confirmed that the clustering strength of the RLQSOs, which are unified with HERGs (e.g., Urry & Padovani 1995), is relatively lower than that of the radio galaxies at log \( L_{1.4 \, \text{GHz}} \sim 25 \) (Figure 7). If their low-z relations are assumed to also hold at high z, the negative dependency of the local densities around our HzRGs (its luminosity range is shown with a hatched region in Figure 7) on the radio luminosity is expected to be caused by the change in the proportion of HERGs/LERGs among the HzRGs. In other words, most of the HzRGs would be classified into HERGs/RLQSOs at log \( L_{1.4 \, \text{GHz}} \sim 26.5–27.0 \), while a nonnegligible proportion of LERGs would populate in the HzRGs in the regime of log \( L_{1.4 \, \text{GHz}} \sim 26.0–26.5 \). It is known that HERG host galaxies tend to have younger stellar populations with higher star formation rates than LERGs in the low-z universe (Smolčić 2009; Best & Heckman 2012; Miraghaei & Best 2017). We find a consistent result in our sample; when examining the relation between the \( M_{\text{UV}} \) and on-source overdensity significances of our HzRGs, we find that they are positively correlated with a P-value of 0.01 in the Spearman rank correlation test.

Note that the negative correlation of HzRG clustering strength with the radio luminosity (arrow \( \Delta \) in Figure 7) is also consistent with a relation between the jet luminosity of the radio galaxy and the ambient matter density, which is expected to be higher in the galaxy overdense regions; if the matter density at the core radius (\( \sim 1 \) kpc) of the host galaxy is high, the radio jets cannot spread beyond \( \sim 10 \) kpc, resulting in FR I–like, that is, LERG-like, radio galaxies with relatively low luminosity (Kawakatu et al. 2009).

The clustering strengths of the RLQSOs/HERGs were also found to monotonically increase with the radio luminosity (Donoso et al. 2010), as shown by arrow \( \beta \) in Figure 7. This could be explained by a scenario where the radio jetlobe luminosities are thought to monotonically increase with the black hole mass and spin built up by galaxy mergers (e.g., Fanidakis et al. 2011) that preferentially occur in the galaxy overdense regions (Hatch et al. 2014; Chiaberge et al. 2015; Overzier 2016), so that the radio luminosity could be positively correlated with the overdensity (hereafter, this relation is called
the \(L_\text{jet} - \Sigma\) relation\). Donoso et al. (2010) suggested that the clustering strength of the radio galaxies should be consistent with that of RLQSOs at the high radio-luminous end. In fact, in our sample, we confirmed that at the radio-luminous regime of \(\log L_{1.4\, \text{GHz}} \sim 26.5-27.0\), the HzRGs reside in density environments similar to those of RLQSOs (Section 3.2).

We should examine whether our picture is consistent with previous studies at a higher radio luminosity regime, \(\log L_{1.4\, \text{GHz}} > 27\). It is natural to assume that the unification between radio galaxies (HzRGs) and RLQSOs works at this regime. Actually, observational evidence for the unification has been found in this luminosity regime (Wylezalek et al. 2013). Hyperluminous radio galaxies/RLQSOs with \(\log L_{1.4\, \text{GHz}} > 27\) are expected to reside in the galaxy denser regions according to the \(L_\text{jet} - \Sigma\) relation,\(^{16}\) as shown by arrow C in Figure 7. There is definitive evidence that hyperluminous radio galaxies exist in the rich galaxy overdense regions (Venemans et al. 2007; Falder et al. 2010; Wylezalek et al. 2013; Hatch et al. 2014; Husband et al. 2016). For instance, Venemans et al. (2007) examined the environments of eight radio galaxies with \(\log L_{1.4\, \text{GHz}} \geq 27.3\) at \(z \sim 2-5\) and found six of them in overdense regions. These radio galaxies with available optical spectra are classified as either HERGs, RLQSOs, or dust-obscured RLQSOs (Eales & Rawlings 1993; Venemans et al. 2007; Drouart et al. 2016; Nesvadba et al. 2017). Hatch et al. (2014) also found that radio-loud AGNs with \(\log L_{1.4\, \text{GHz}} > 27.2\) are significantly more present in high-density regions than radio-quiet AGNs at \(z \sim 1-3\). Falder et al. (2010) found that there is a positive correlation between the radio luminosities and the ambient environments of HzRGs and RLQSOs with \(L_{1.4\, \text{GHz}} = 26.65-28.65\) at \(z \sim 1\). A similar trend is also found for seven luminous radio galaxies at \(z \sim 2.2\) (Husband et al. 2016). The faintest radio galaxy with \(\log L_{1.4\, \text{GHz}} = 26.6\) in Husband et al. (2016) resides in the lowest-density region, which is comparable to that of blank fields (Figure 3), and the others with \(\log L_{1.4\, \text{GHz}} > 27\) reside in the denser regions. On the other hand, Zeballos et al. (2018) found that some of the HzRGs with \(\log L_{1.4\, \text{GHz}} > 27\) do not reside in the overdense regions of SMGs. However, Zeballos et al. (2018) could not deny the possibility that the overdense regions around those radio galaxies are buried due to the sample variance. In future, we could assess hyperluminous radio galaxy environments at \(z \sim \frac{4}{3}\); as the survey area of the HSC-SSP will reach \(\sim 1000\) deg\(^2\), about 10 hyperluminous radio galaxies are expected to be found, assuming the radio galaxy luminosity function of Dunlop & Peacock (1990).

The HzRGs that have fainter radio luminosities than those of our sample are also expected to reside in high-density regions (inverse of arrow A in Figure 7). In fact, the low-luminosity radio galaxies with \(\log L_{1.4\, \text{GHz}} \lesssim 25.8\) W Hz\(^{-1}\) are strongly clustered (Auger et al. 2008; Donoso et al. 2010; Mawatari et al. 2012; Karouzos et al. 2014; Kolwa et al. 2019). Deeper radio observations could shed light on the HzRG environments in the fainter radio regime.

So far, our discussion has been based on the assumption that HzRG properties such as clustering strength and proportion of HERGs and LERGs do not change significantly with respect to redshift. Williams et al. (2018) reported that the proportion of LERGs in a HERG \(\oplus\) LERG sample decreases with redshift at \(z = 0.5-2.0\). On the other hand, we found that the HzRG halo mass is almost independent of redshift at \(z \sim 0.5-4.0\) (Section 3.4). Thus, the effect of redshift on reducing LERGs might not be large enough to change the negative correlation feature (arrow A in Figure 7). We need to statistically characterize HzRG environments on different redshift slices.

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\(^{16}\) The \(L_\text{jet} - \Sigma\) relation would break down in the extremely high-density regions, as a very large velocity dispersion of galaxies in the massive structures reduces the merger frequency; thus, SMBH spin and mass growth would be slow.
In order to confirm the redshift independency. Spectroscopic observations are also needed, as our analysis is only based on the photometric HzRG sample.

4.3. Radio Jets Point Out Large-scale Structures

We detected a companion alignment feature of g-dropout galaxies around faint HzRGs (Section 3.3). This result means that the filamentary structures are formed around HzRGs (e.g., West 1994). Such high-z structures are expected to induce high star formation activity (e.g., Hayashi et al. 2010). On the other hand, the radio jet AGN feedback can suppress the star formation activity of the surrounding galaxies. In order to examine their possible features, we compare the stellar populations of g-dropout galaxies existing along the radio major axis with those in the vertical direction for the radio major axis of the faint/luminous HzRGs.

The left (right) panels of Figure 8 show the average distributions of the $M_{UV}$ and $i-z$ colors of the g-dropout galaxies with $\Delta\phi < 30^\circ$ and $>60^\circ$ at a given projected distance from the full (isolated) HzRG sample. The error bars of $M_{UV}$ and $i-z$ in each bin are the standard errors including the photometric and redshift errors. We also estimate the averages of $M_{UV}$ and $i-z$ of the g-dropout galaxies in fields, defined by the effective area excluding the regions enclosed by the circles with the $3^\prime$ projected radii centered on the full HzRG sample. Note that the standard errors of the g-dropout galaxies are negligible (about $10^{-4}$), as the number of the g-dropout galaxies is critically large. Almost no dependency of their $i-z$ colors on the projected distances is found for both the full and isolated samples. On the other hand, the $M_{UV}$ of the g-dropout galaxies existing along the radio major axis tend to be slightly lower than those in blank fields at $\lesssim 0.2$ pMpc scale with $\gtrsim 2\sigma$ significance only for the faint HzRG sample with $L_{1.4\ GHz} \sim 10^{26.0-26.5} \ W \ Hz^{-1}$. According to a relation between UV luminosity and star formation rate (Kennicutt 1998), the star formation rates of the g-dropout galaxies with $\Delta\phi < 30^\circ$ at the projected distance of $\sim 0.2$ pMpc are estimated to be $26_{-3}^{+3}$ and $25_{-2}^{+2} \ M_{\odot} \ yr^{-1}$ for the full and isolated faint samples, respectively, while the star formation rates of the g-dropout galaxies in the fields are estimated to be $20 \ M_{\odot} \ yr^{-1}$ with an error of about $10^{-3} \ M_{\odot} \ yr^{-1}$. This result would support a scenario where enhanced star formation occurs in the filamentary structures around the HzRGs.
If large-scale radio-mode AGN feedback is effective, star formation in the surrounding galaxies around HzRGs could be quenched (e.g., Shabala et al. 2011). As a result, the $M_{UV}$ of the $g$-dropout galaxies existing along the radio major axis would be larger than that of the fields. However, such a trend is not found, as shown in Figure 8. The radio jets might have not yet affected the surrounding galaxies, as they have just appeared, or the dense gas around the radio galaxy may prevent the jet from spreading far enough (Kawakatu et al. 2009). Perhaps the radio-mode feedback feature is obscured due to the environmental study using only star-forming galaxies. Follow-up observation targeting the possible quenching galaxies is needed to confirm these scenarios.

4.4. HzRGs as Merger Remnants

If $z \sim 4$ HzRGs are merger remnants, they are thought to preferentially appear in the $>4\sigma$ overdense regions, where the galaxy merger rate is expected to be higher compared to the fields (e.g., Uchiyama et al. 2020). We, however, found that the proportion of HzRGs associated with the $>4\sigma$ overdense regions is consistent with that of $g$-dropout galaxies within a $1\sigma$ error (Section 3.1). This result could be explained if the merger rate in the highest overdense regions is relatively lower than that in normal overdense regions, or some HzRGs in the dust-obscured phase are actually missing even in deep optical-band surveys down to $i \sim 26$ (optically dark galaxies; Wang et al. 2016; Kubo et al. 2019; Toba et al. 2020). The former might be explained due to a large velocity dispersion of galaxies in the most overdense regions, which reduces the frequency of mergers (Jian et al. 2012). The latter is supported by Kubo et al. (2019), who suggested that some proportion of optically dark galaxies hosting active AGNs exists in our protocluster candidate regions. Toba et al. (2017) also reported that dust-obscured AGNs tend to show strong clustering signals. Follow-up IR observations of the protocluster candidates could resolve the underlying physical processes.

5. Conclusion

We statistically examined the environments of $z \sim 4$ HzRGs using the wide and deep imaging data of HSC-SSP. The galaxy overdense regions are constructed through the surface density measurement of $g$-dropout galaxies (Toshikawa et al. 2018). The protocluster candidates are defined by $g$-dropout galaxy overdensities with $>4\sigma$ overdensity significance, which are selected from the effective area of $\sim$121 deg$^2$ in HSC Wide regions (Toshikawa et al. 2018). The HzRG sample is constructed by matching $g$-dropout galaxies to the FIRST radio survey data (T. Yamashita et al. 2021, in preparation). The isolated HzRGs that avoid contaminants of low $z$ are also selected. The possible correlation between galaxy overdense regions and properties of HzRGs was examined. In particular, we examined whether the HzRGs can reside in protocluster candidate regions and investigated the dependency of the HzRG density environments on their radio emission properties, such as the radio luminosity and radio axis orientation. The typical halo mass of the HzRGs was also estimated by clustering analysis.

Our findings were as follows.

1. No HzRGs reside in the denser regions compared to the $g$-dropout galaxies at $L_{1.4\, \text{GHz}} \sim 26.5$–27.0. On the other hand, the overdensity significances around faint HzRGs with $L_{1.4\, \text{GHz}} \sim 26.0$–26.5 tend to be higher than those around the $g$-dropout galaxies. By clustering analysis, the typical HzRG halo mass is estimated to be $\sim 10^{13.1} M_{\odot}$, which is relatively massive compared to $g$-dropout galaxies. The difference in halo mass between the faint HzRGs and the $g$-dropout galaxies is found to be larger with higher significance. These findings are consistent with the scenario where HzRGs get older and more massive as the radio luminosity decreases.

2. Only one out of the full/isolated HzRG sample is found to be associated with a protocluster candidate within a distance of 1′8. On the other hand, the HzRG halos are expected to evolve into cluster halos with high probability according to the EPS model, meaning that a
nonnegligible proportion of HzRGs should be associated with protoclusters. This disagreement can be explained by taking into account the incompleteness and/or selection bias of the protocluster candidates. Spectroscopic follow-up observations for the HzRGs and their surrounding galaxies would lead to the discovery of protoclusters that are missed by overdense region surveys of Lyman-break galaxies.

3. The g-dropout galaxies within \( \lesssim 500 \) pkpc radius centered on the faint HzRGs with \( L_{\nu} \) Hz \( \sim 10^{26.0} \)–\( 26.5 \) W Hz\(^{-1}\) tend to distribute along their radio major axes. The UV luminosities of the g-dropout galaxies existing along the radio major axes tend to be higher than those in the field. These results imply that filamentary structures might start to form around the HzRGs.

4. The HzRGs do not preferentially appear in protocluster candidate regions compared to the g-dropout galaxies; the proportion of HzRGs associated with the protocluster candidates within the 1.8 and 3/0 angular separation are consistent with those of the g-dropout galaxies associated with the protocluster candidates within their separations. If the HzRGs are merger remnants, these results imply that the merger rate in the highest overdense regions is relatively lower than that in the normal overdense regions, or some HzRGs in the dust-obscured phase are missing in the overdense regions.

For the first time, we have statistically characterized the HzRG environments at \( z \sim 4 \). However, our analysis is based only on photometric information. Spectroscopic observations for the HzRGs and their surrounding g-dropout galaxies are needed. We are going to proceed to analyses at \( z < 4 \) and \( z > 4 \) once the HSC-SSP survey is complete. These studies will reveal the evolution history of HzRGs and the surrounding galaxies.

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**Appendix**

**Calculation of Correlation Length, Bias, and Halo Mass by Cross-correlation**

We describe the detailed calculations of the correlation length, bias, and halo mass of HzRGs through a cross-correlation between HzRGs and g-dropout galaxies.

A two-point ACF of g-dropout galaxies is given by the following equation (Landy & Szalay 1993):

\[
\omega_{\text{obs}}^{\text{gg}}(\theta_i) = \frac{DD(\theta_i) - 2DR(\theta_i) + RR(\theta_i)}{RR(\theta_i)},
\]

where \( DD(\theta_i), DR(\theta_i), \) and \( RR(\theta_i) \) are the normalized numbers of galaxy–galaxy, galaxy–random point, and random–random point pairs within an angular separation range of \( [\theta_i - \delta \theta, \theta_i + \delta \theta] \) for \( i = 1, 2, ..., n \) respectively. Here an angular separation space of \( [1^\circ, 1000^\circ] \) is divided into \( n \) half-open intervals with a width of \( \delta \theta \) in logarithmic space. The random points are given by a random catalog of Coupon et al. (2018) in which their points are randomly distributed in the survey area with a surface density of 100 arcmin\(^{-2}\).

A two-point CCF between HzRGs and g-dropout galaxies is calculated as follows (e.g., Wilkinson et al. 2017):

\[
\omega_{\text{ccf}}^{\text{obs}}(\theta_i) = \frac{D_sD_t(\theta_i) - D_sR(\theta_i) - D_tR(\theta_i) + RR(\theta_i)}{RR(\theta_i)},
\]

where \( D_sD_t(\theta_i), D_tR(\theta_i), \) and \( D_sR(\theta_i) \) are the normalized numbers of the HzRG–galaxy, HzRG–random point, and galaxy–random point pairs within a range of angular separation of \( [\theta_i, \theta_i + \delta \theta] \) respectively.

Jackknife resampling is used to estimate the statistical errors of the ACF and CCF (e.g., Ishikawa et al. 2020). The effective survey area is equally divided into \( N = 26 \) subregions. The standard deviation of the ACF/CCF for \( N \) jackknife resamplings in a given angular separation of \( [\theta_i, \theta_i + \delta \theta] \) is given as follows (e.g., Zehavi et al. 2005):

\[
\sigma[\omega(\theta_i)] = \sqrt{\frac{N - 1}{N} \sum_{k=1}^{N} (\omega^k(\theta_i) - \bar{\omega}(\theta_i))^2},
\]

where \( \omega^k(\cdot) \) is the ACF/CCF for the \( k \)th jackknife sample, and \( \bar{\omega}(\cdot) \) is an average of the ACF/CCF for \( N \) jackknife resamplings.
The true ACF/CCF is obtained by shifting the observed ACF/CCF by an integral constraint (IC_{ACF/CCF}: Groth & Peebles 1977):
\[ \omega_{\text{true}}^{\text{ACF/CCF}}(\theta) = \omega_{\text{obs}}^{\text{ACF/CCF}}(\theta) + \text{IC}_{\text{ACF/CCF}}, \quad \forall \theta. \quad (A4) \]

Here IC_{ACF/CCF} can be calculated by the following equation (e.g., He et al. 2018):
\[ IC_{\text{ACF/CCF}} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{n} RR(\theta_i) \omega_{\text{model}}^{\text{ACF/CCF}}(\theta_i)}{\sum_{i=1}^{n} RR(\theta_i)}, \quad (A5) \]

where \( \omega_{\text{model}}^{\text{ACF/CCF}}(\theta) \) expresses a single power-law model,
\[ \omega_{\text{model}}^{\text{ACF/CCF}}(\theta) \equiv A_{\alpha} \theta^{-\beta}, \quad (A6) \]

with \( (A_{\alpha}, \beta) \in (R, R) \).

The spatial correlation length, \( r_0 \) (h^{-1} Mpc), is estimated through Limber’s equation (Limber 1953), assuming that the spatial correlation function at \( z \), \( \xi_{\text{ACF/CCF}}(r, z) \), is expressed as \( (r/r_0)^{1-\beta} \) for the ACF/CCF,
\[ r_0 = \left[ \frac{c_0 \omega_{\text{model}}^{\text{ACF/CCF}}(\theta)|_{\theta=1\text{rad}}}{H_0 H_v} \left( \int dz \frac{Q(z)^2}{dz(z)^2(\chi(z) - 1)} E(z) \right) \right]^{1/2}, \quad (A7) \]

where \( H_v = \Gamma(1/2)\Gamma((1 + \beta)/2)/\Gamma((1 + \beta)/2, 2) \), \( E(z) = \{\Omega_m(1 + z)^3 + \Omega_{\Lambda}\}^{1/2} \), \( \chi(z) = c_0 / H_0 \int_z^\infty dz \{1 / E(z)\} \), \( c_0 \) is the speed of light, \( Q(z) \) is the redshift distribution of the sample, and \( \Gamma(\cdot) \) is the gamma function (e.g., Toba et al. 2017; He et al. 2018). The redshift distribution, \( Q(z) \), of the g-dropout galaxies has already been estimated using the same HSC catalog and sample selection criteria as this work by Ono et al. (2018). We assume that the redshift distribution of the HzRGs is the same as that of the g-dropout galaxies, because the HSC counterparts of the HzRGs are selected identically to the g-dropout galaxies. Then, the correlation lengths are estimated through Equation (A7) for both the ACF and CCF (e.g., Croon & Shanks 1999).

The spatial correlation function, \( \xi_{\text{ACF/CCF}}(r, z) \), for the ACF/CCF is associated with that of the underlying dark matter halo, \( \xi_{\text{dm}}(r, z) \), via the bias factor \( b_{\text{ACF/CCF}}(z) \):
\[ \xi_{\text{ACF/CCF}}(r, z)|_{r=8h^{-1}\text{Mpc}} = b_{\text{ACF/CCF}}(z)^2 \xi_{\text{dm}}(r, z)|_{r=8h^{-1}\text{Mpc}}. \quad (A8) \]

The \( \xi_{\text{dm}}(8, z)|_{r=8h^{-1}\text{Mpc}} \) can be estimated from the cold dark matter model (Myers et al. 2006) through the following equations:
\[ \xi_{\text{dm}}(8, z) = \frac{(2 - \beta)(3 - \beta)(5 - \beta)2^{+\beta}}{72} \left[ \sigma_s \left( \frac{1}{g(0)} \right) z + 1 \right]^2, \quad (A9) \]
\[ g(z) = \frac{5\Omega_m(z)}{2} \left( \frac{\Omega_m(z)^{3/7} - \Omega_{\Lambda}(z)}{2} + 1 + \frac{\Omega_{\Lambda}(z)}{2} \right)^{-1}, \quad (A10) \]
\[ \Omega_m(z) = \frac{\Omega_m(1 + z)^3}{E(z)^2}, \quad (A11) \]

\[ \Omega_{\Lambda}(z) = \frac{\Omega_{\Lambda}}{E(z)^2}. \quad (A12) \]

The bias factors of the HzRGs, \( b_{\text{HzRG}}(z) \), and the g-dropout galaxies, \( b_g(z) \), are expressed as
\[ b_{\text{HzRG}}(z) = \frac{b_{\text{ACF}}(z)^2}{b_{\text{ACF}}(z)}, \quad (A13) \]
\[ b_g(z) = b_{\text{ACF}}(z). \quad (A14) \]

The typical underlying dark matter halo mass of the HzRGs/g-dropout galaxies, \( M_{\text{HzRG/g}} \), can be expressed as an inverse function of its bias factor, according to the N-body simulation of Sheth et al. (2001),
\[ b_{\text{HzRG/g}}(z) = 1 + \frac{1}{\sqrt{a}(av^2)} \left[ \sqrt{a}(av^2) + \sqrt{a}b_{g}(av^2)^{1-c} \right], \quad (A15) \]
where
\[ \nu = \frac{\delta_c}{\sigma(M_{\text{HzRG/g}})}, \quad (A16) \]
\[ \sigma(M_{\text{HzRG/g}}) = \sqrt{\int dk \Delta(k)^2 W(kR)^2}, \quad (A17) \]
\[ W(kR) = \frac{3 \sin(kR) - kR \cos(kR)}{(kR)^3}, \quad (A18) \]
\[ R = \left( \frac{3M_{\text{HzRG/g}}}{4\pi \rho_0} \right)^{1/3}. \quad (A19) \]

The critical density, \( \delta_c \), is 1.686, and \( (a, b, c) = (0.707, 0.5, 0.6) \) (Tinker et al. 2010). The growth factor, \( D(z) \), is approximately equal to \( g(z)/(1 + z) \) (Carroll et al. 1992). The linear power spectrum, \( P = \Delta(k)^2 \), is calculated by the \textsc{CAMB} package (Lewis et al. 2000; Challinor & Lewis 2011).

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