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Identification of 4876 Bent-tail Radio Galaxies in the FIRST Survey Using Deep Learning Combined with Visual Inspection

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Abstract

Bent-tail radio galaxies (BTRGs) are characterized by bent radio lobes. This unique shape is mainly caused by the movement of the galaxy within a cluster, during which the radio jets are deflected by the intracluster medium. A combined method, which involves a deep learning-based radio source finder along with visual inspection, has been utilized to search for BTRGs from the Faint Images of the Radio Sky at Twenty cm survey images. Consequently, a catalog of 4876 BTRGs has been constructed, among which 3871 are newly discovered. Based on the classification scheme of the opening angle between the two jets of the galaxy, BTRGs are typically classified as either wide-angle-tail (WAT) sources or narrow-angle-tail (NAT) sources. Our catalog comprises 4424 WATs and 652 NATs. Among these, optical counterparts are identified for 4193 BTRGs. This catalog covers luminosities in the range of $1.91 \times 10^{20} \leqslant L_{1.4\,\mathrm{GHz}} \leqslant 1.45 \times 10^{28}\,\mathrm{W\,Hz^{-1}}$ and redshifts from z=0.0023 to z=3.43. Various physical properties of these BTRGs and their statistics are presented. Particularly, by the nearest neighbor method, we found that 1825 BTRGs in this catalog belong to galaxy clusters reported in literature.

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1. Introduction

Bent-tail radio galaxies (BTRGs; e.g., M. Ryle & M. D. Windram 1968; F. N. Owen & L. Rudnick 1976) are a subclass of radio galaxy that showcases a distinctive morphology primarily influenced by their radio jets. The jet tails of the BTRG are bent away from the straight 180° alignment on a radio map and typically make the BTRG a "C," "V," or "U"-shaped source. Radio galaxies with jets that are not bent in the common direction are not included in this study, such as S-shaped and Z-shaped sources, as they are bent due to different effects caused by jet precession (C. Nolting et al. 2023). IC 310 and NGC 1265 were the first two BTRGs discovered by M. Ryle & M. D. Windram (1968). The prototypical BTRG IC 310 (e.g., L. Feretti et al. 1998) was later discovered to be a hard gamma-ray source and was believed to be a one-sided BL Lac object-type object for some time (M. Kadler et al. 2012) until it was reestablished as a BTRG with improved resolution observation (M. Gendron-Marsolais et al. 2020). Subsequently, the subclass of BTRG was first coined by L. Rudnick & F. N. Owen (1976), who identified six BTRGs within rich clusters of galaxies, as observed by the National Radio Astronomy Observatory (NRAO) three-element interferometer.

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BTRGs are commonly divided into wide-angle-tail (WAT; e.g., F. N. Owen & L. Rudnick 1976; J. O. Burns et al. 1986) and narrow-angle-tail (NAT) or head-tail (HT) radio galaxies (e.g., L. Rudnick & F. N. Owen 1976; C. P. O'Dea 1985), based on the opening angle (OA) between the two opposing jets that originate from the nucleus of the optical galaxy, where the supermassive black hole is presumed to be actively ejecting these jets. A source with an OA of 180° implies a "straightline" morphology, while a source with an OA of 0° means that both jets of the source are pointing in the same direction, and the source appears one sided or single jet. WATs have a larger OA and typically have a "C-shaped" morphology, and NATs have a smaller OA and generally have a "V-/U-shaped" morphology (L. Rudnick & F.N. Owen 1977). Nonetheless, the differentiation between WATs and NATs is heavily influenced by the angular resolution and/or the distance to the radio source. For instance, the first HT source NGC 1265 (M. Ryle & M. D. Windram 1968) can be considered a WAT when its core region is observed at sufficiently high resolution, as seen in the left panel of Figure 1 of L. Rudnick (2021), while the right panel shows its NAT morphology on larger scales. Extended radio galaxies are traditionally classified into Fanaroff-Riley (FR) FR Type I (FR-I) and FR Type II (FR-II), where sources with an "edge-darkened" feature and which were mostly found to have a radio luminosity $< 10^{25} \,\mathrm{W \, Hz^{-1}}$ at 1.4 GHz are defined as FR-Is, while those dominated by "edge-brightened" features which were mostly at radio luminosities $> 10^{25} \text{ W Hz}^{-1}$ at 1.4 GHz are called FR-IIs (B. L. Fanaroff & J. M. Riley 1974; A. H. Bridle & R. A. Perley 1984). However, some later studies

have found that the classical luminosity break is not a distinct diagnostic characteristic (e.g., A. Capetti et al. 2017; B. Mingo et al. 2019). They discovered that radio luminosities of FR-IIs existed below it, indicating that FR morphology is generally more significant than the luminosity break. NATs generally are consistent with the FR-I definition (D. D. Proctor 2011), and the WATs can be detected in either FR-Is or FR-IIs (V. Missaglia et al. 2019). However, not all BTRGs can satisfy the definition of FR classification. Thus, treating BTRGs as a third and independent FR class is also beneficial for research on the morphological classification of radio galaxies (e.g., A. K. Aniyan & K. Thorat 2017; F. Griese et al. 2023).

The bent morphology of BTRGs is a direct result of the interaction between the relativistic jets emitted by the active galactic nuclei and the surrounding interstellar medium. Studying these jets helps astrophysicists understand the mechanisms of jet launching, collimation, and propagation, as well as the effects of relativistic motion on the observed properties of these jets (J. McBride & M. McCourt 2014). These structures within BTRGs can provide valuable insights into the magnetic fields both within and surrounding these galaxies (L. Pratley et al. 2013). Additionally, BTRGs are generally found in dense environments, such as galaxy clusters (L. Rudnick & F. N. Owen 1976; J. P. Vallee & A. S. Wilson 1976; P. A. Jones & W. B. McAdam 1996; S. Giacintucci & T. Venturi 2009; W. Lee et al. 2023). Their presence and characteristics can shed light on the effects of environmental factors such as ram pressure, tidal forces, and interactions with the intracluster medium (ICM) on galaxy evolution (E. Freeland et al. 2008; H. Chen et al. 2020).

Over the 50 yr since the initial discovery of BTRG, BTRG research has been consistently enriched and expanded upon. The BTRGs discovered during these 50 yr were selected from individual observations that enabled a significant number of discoveries due to their high resolution and high sensitivity. Examples of such observations include those at a frequency of 1.4 GHz using the Very Large Array (VLA; A. A. O'Donoghue et al. 1990), the VLA Faint Images of the Radio Sky at Twenty cm (FIRST) survey (E. L. Blanton 2000; J. D. Wing & E. L. Blanton 2011; D. D. Proctor 2011; R. Paterno-Mahler et al. 2017), and the 1.4 GHz Australia Telescope Large Area Survey observations (S. Dehghan et al. 2014; A. N. O'Brien et al. 2018). These studies have focused on the radio properties, morphological characteristics, optical environments, and spatial correlations with galaxy clusters of BTRGs. In recent years, BTRGs selected from the FIRST survey have been the subject of continuous research (V. Missaglia et al. 2019; T. Pan et al. 2021; T. K. Sasmal et al. 2022), with T. K. Sasmal et al. (2022) notably reporting 717 BTRGs. Furthermore, the identification of BTRGs has expanded to encompass lower frequency bands, with significant contributions from the Tata Institute of Fundamental Research Giant Metrewave Radio Telescope Sky Survey (TGSS) Alternative Data Release 1 (N. Bhukta et al. 2022) and the first data release of the Low Frequency Array Two-meter Sky Survey (LoTSS; S. Pal & S. Kumari 2023).

The BTRG samples from the previous work mentioned above were all acquired via visual inspection. Using this labor-intensive approach alone results in a limited number of BTRG samples, and the subsequent statistical analysis of their physical properties cannot be automated, thereby consuming substantial manpower and time resources. Furthermore, to achieve a more profound understanding of the physical properties of BTRGs and their evolutionary processes, it is imperative to amass a

significantly larger collection of BTRG samples. Recently, deep learning techniques have been increasingly applied to the automated morphological classification and detection of radio galaxies, as exemplified by studies such as those by V. Lukic et al. (2018, 2019), W. Alhassan et al. (2018), H. Tang et al. (2019), C. Wu et al. (2019), B. Lao et al. (2021, 2023), M. Bowles et al. (2021), B. Becker et al. (2021), Z. Zhang et al. (2022), S. Riggi et al. (2023), and N. Gupta et al. (2024a, 2024b). Notably, the deep learning network described in B. Lao et al. (2023) has been successfully applied to the FIRST survey, resulting in the compilation of a catalog comprising 45,241 straight FR-II (sFR-II) radio galaxies (B.-Q. Lao et al. 2024). However, it is important to note that, until now and in the foreseeable future, achieving 100% accuracy in object identification remains a challenge for artificial intelligence methods, including deep learning. Therefore, deep learning methods can quickly identify interesting candidates from massive data sets, saving us time. Visual inspection may then be used to evaluate those candidates in complex structure categories and eliminate those suspected of being misclassified, thus enhancing the reliability of the final results.

In this paper, we present the results of a thorough search employing a combination of deep learning and visual inspection methods for the identification of BTRGs from the latest release of the FIRST catalog. This paper is structured in the following sequence. In Section 2, we provide a detailed description of the deep learning-based methodology and visual inspection process used to search and select BTRGs from the FIRST survey. In Section 3, we present the methods of identifying host galaxies for our BTRGs and determining the redshifts of the corresponding host galaxies. The outcomes of our BTRG catalog, along with the calculations and result discussions pertaining to the physical properties, are detailed in Section 4. The conclusion is presented in Section 5.

We adopt the ΛCDM cosmological model throughout this paper, with parameters specified as follows: $H_0 = 67.4 \, \text{km s}^{-1} \, \text{Mpc}^{-1}$, $\Omega_m = 0.315$, and $\Omega_{\text{vac}} = 0.685$ (N. Aghanim et al. 2020).

2. Identifying BTRGs from the FIRST Survey Images

2.1. The FIRST Survey Data

The FIRST survey is a 1.4 GHz continuum survey that utilized the NRAO Karl G. Jansky VLA B configuration to carry out survey observations over 18 yr (1993-2011), accumulating a total observation time of more than 4000 hr (5.5 months; R. H. Becker et al. 1995). With an angular resolution of 5'' and an average rms noise level of 0.15 mJy, the FIRST survey covers 25% of the entire sky, encompassing a total sky area of 10,575 deg². This area is divided into 8444 deg² in the north Galactic cap range of R.A. 7.0^{h} to 17.5^{h} and decl. -8.0 to +57.6, and 2131 deg² in the south Galactic cap range of R.A. 20.4^h to 4.0^h, decl. -11.5 to +15.4. In our BTRG identification, we used the 2014 December 17, version of the catalog (FIRST-14dec17) and accompanying images. The FIRST-14dec17 catalog contains approximately 946,432 components, generated by an Astronomical Image Processing System source extraction program HAPPY (R. L. White et al. 1997) in the final FIRST images (D. J. Helfand et al. 2015).

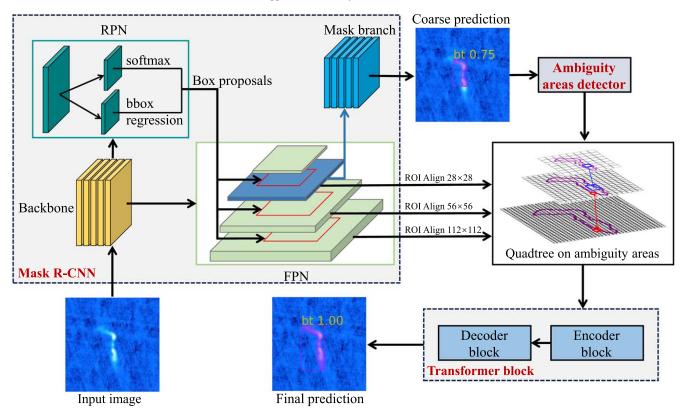


Figure 1. A simple schematic of the RGCMT network for BTRG detection, modified from L. Ke et al. (2022). For a given image, Mask R-CNN first generates an initial coarse mask prediction. Then, the ambiguity areas detector identifies ambiguity areas using three levels of region of interest (RoI) align features. Finally, the transformer block is used to correct the ambiguity areas and produce the final refined mask prediction.

2.2. RGCMT: A Deep Learning Based Radio Source Finder

We use a deep learning based radio source finder called Radio Galaxies Classification with Mask Transfiner (RGCMT; B. Lao et al. 2023), which builds on the pioneering works of Mask Transfiner (L. Ke et al. 2022) and detectron2 (Y. Wu et al. 2019), to search for BTRGs from FIRST images. The overall architecture of RGCMT, as illustrated in Figure 1, includes three primary parts: the Mask Region with Convolutional Neural Networks (CNN; Mask R-CNN; K. He et al. 2017), the ambiguity areas detector (L. Ke et al. 2022), and the transformer block (N. Carion et al. 2020). For each detected object in an input image, RGCMT provides a predicted mask, bounding box, and score.

The Mask R-CNN serves as the base source detector. Initially, it utilizes the Residual Network (K. He et al. 2016) backbone in conjunction with the Feature Pyramid Network (FPN; T.-Y. Lin et al. 2017) to extract multiscale feature maps from the input image. The Region Proposal Network (S. Ren et al. 2015) then predicts bounding boxes as source proposals (box proposals). Subsequently, the multiscale feature maps and box proposals are used to generate the region of interest (RoI) features' pyramid. Finally, a coarse initial mask prediction is generated via the mask branch using a single-level aligned RoI (RoI Align) feature.

The quality of mask prediction results directly impacts the positioning accuracy and morphology identification of radio sources (S. Riggi et al. 2016; C. L. Hale et al. 2019). Additionally, it also affects the statistical accuracy of subsequent physical properties of radio sources. In the initial mask predicted by Mask R-CNN, some pixel points in the object's boundary area are misclassified. This is because a

single high-level feature obtained via the down-sampling in FPN is used, which results in the loss of the object's detailed information. We define these misclassified pixel points as ambiguity areas. To refine the mask prediction quality, a quadtree structure of ambiguity areas detector is first used to identify the ambiguity areas across multiscale RoI Align features. This ambiguity areas detector initially predicts ambiguity areas on a high-level (low-resolution) RoI feature, and then, the detected low-resolution masks are up-sampled and fused with a lower-level (higher-resolution) feature in adjacent scales to make finer predictions of ambiguity areas. One of the high-level feature points has four quadrant points in its adjacent low-level feature map, forming a quadtree structure. Here, we use three levels of features: 28 × 28, 56×56 , and 112×112 pixels. Finally, we refine the mask predictions in ambiguity areas using a transformer-based block comprising an encoder block and a decoder block (N. Carion et al. 2020). The use of multilevel features in fusion during mask prediction enables the retention of higher-resolution and more detailed local information about the object. As a result, the RGCMT network achieves a more refined mask prediction result for the object.

To distinguish BTRGs from other morphologies of radio galaxies in FIRST images, RGCMT classifies radio galaxies into two main categories and five classes. One category is bent jet sources, i.e., BT, while the other encompasses nonbent jets sources: nonextended diffuse emission sources or pointlike sources, i.e., compact sources (CS), straight FR-I (sFR-I), sFR-II, and one-sided straight extended (OSE) diffuse sources. Example images of these five classes are shown in Figure 2.

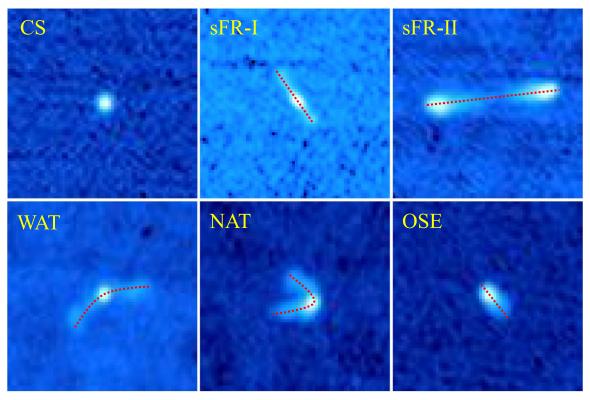


Figure 2. Examples of five classes (CS, sFR-I, sFR-II, BT, and OSE) in this work. The BT class is a combination of WAT and NAT. The red dotted line represents the straight or bent jets of a radio source.

We trained the RGCMT model using 3172 FIRST images, which contain 3601 sources. These sources consist of 1673 CSs, 326 sFR-Is, 738 sFR-IIs, 406 BTs, and 458 OSEs. Each image initially extracts its FITS file from the FIRST Cutout Server⁸ with an image size of 3'.96 (132 \times 132 pixels), and subsequently utilizes SAOImage DS9 (W. A. Joye & E. Mandel 2003) to convert it to a three-channel (red, green, and blue) image in PNG format employing the cool color-map and the logarithmic min-max scale. The trained RGCMT model was evaluated on a labeled data set consisting of 1946 images, including 894 CSs, 217 sFR-Is, 479 sFR-IIs, 270 BTs, and 304 OSEs. The data selection and labeling for the training and evaluation sets were mainly done by visual inspection according to the classification scheme in Figure 2 using the annotation tool Labelme (B. C. Russell et al. 2008). During this process, the class label of each source was determined by the consensus of three individuals. It was observed that the mean average precision (mAP) for the five classes, with an intersection over union (IoU) threshold of 0.5, is 98.4% on the evaluation data set. Here, the IoU represents the ratio of the area of intersection between the predicted mask and the ground truth mask of the detected source to the area of their union. The mAP and IoU, along with their related metrics, were calculated according to the Common Objects in Context evaluation metrics. The average precision at the same IoU value for the CS, sFR-I, sFR-II, BT, and OSE classes is 97.3%, 97.4%, 99.9%, 98.4%, and 98.9% respectively. This indicates that the RGCMT model exhibits high accuracy in detecting BTRG. For more details, please refer to B. Lao et al. (2023).

2.3. BTRG Identification Using RGCMT

We utilized the trained RGCMT model to identify BTRGs in all unlabeled FIRST images. Each FITS image was obtained from the FIRST Cutout Server, with the image center positioned on the component as listed in the FIRST-14dec17 catalog. The same image size and preprocessing techniques described in Section 2.2 were applied. After traversing and processing all components, a total of 946,432 images in FITS and PNG formats were obtained. The RGCMT model was used to sequentially process all images for the BTRG search. For each BTRG detection, the centroid and peak flux density positions (R.A. and decl.) in J2000, total flux density, and local rms noise were calculated based on its predicted mask. After removing duplicate detections and excluding those with a confidence threshold (predicted score) less than 0.5 and a total flux density lower than 1.64 mJy, a total of 11,473 BTRG candidates were identified.

2.4. Filtering Out Noninteresting Candidates Using Visual Inspection

The RGCMT model completed the detection of 946,432 images in 17.5 hr using three GPUs, achieving an average detection rate of 66.6 ms per image. This method significantly reduces the time required to find BTRGs compared to visually inspecting all images. Although the RGCMT model's BTRG detection boasts high accuracy, the results include candidates that are false positives and not real BTRGs (noninteresting candidates) due to the inherent limitations of artificial intelligence methods and the complex extended structure of BTRG. The information provided by the RGCMT model for each detected BTRG, such as bounding boxes, masks, and centroid positions, can accelerate or even automate

⁸ https://third.ucllnl.org/cgi-bin/firstcutout

https://cocodata_set.org/#detection-eval

postprocessing tasks such as multiband cross-identification and radio property statistics for BTRGs. Details can be found in Section 3 and Section 4. To compile a highly reliable BTRG catalog, it is essential to meticulously filter out noninteresting candidates. Therefore, we visually inspected the FIRST contour images of each BTRG candidate detected by the RGCMT model and removed those candidates that belong to the following cases: (1) candidates that are not bent in the common direction, including X-/S-/Z-/W-shaped radio galaxies; (2) candidates that are lobes of large radio galaxies; (3) candidates that are actually artifacts arising from observation effects; (4) candidates that have $OA > 170^{\circ}$ and do not have sufficient jet bending. Finally, 4876 out of 11,473 candidates have been retained to construct our final BTRG catalog.

3. Finding Host Galaxies for BTRGs

3.1. Host Galaxy Candidates

To comprehend the formation and evolution of BTRGs, it is imperative to systematically gather and analyze the physical properties of BTRG samples. However, radio sources, including BTRGs, typically lack detailed information beyond the spectral index in radio spectra. The most essential information (e.g., redshift, mass, and optical morphology) about radio sources needs to be obtained from observations at other wavelengths, such as optical and infrared (IR). From this information, we can also determine other physical properties of the radio sources. For example, if the redshift is known, the radio luminosity can be determined. Therefore, the primary task is to search for the counterparts of BTRGs, namely, host galaxies, in optical or IR wavelengths. Generally, the host galaxy of a BTRG is located close to the peak of brightness or the regional center of the radio galaxy (N. Bhukta et al. 2022; T. K. Sasmal et al. 2022). We identify potential host galaxy candidates for our BTRGs from the Dark Energy Spectroscopic Instrument (DESI) Legacy Surveys (LS; DESI LS; A. Dev et al. 2019) using the finding-all-match method.

The DESI LS provides superior multicolor imaging with improved depth and resolution compared to earlier surveys like the Sloan Digital Sky Survey (SDSS; D. G. York et al. 2000; Abdurro'uf et al. 2022) or the first part of the Panoramic Survey Telescope & Rapid Response System (H.A. Flewelling et al. 2020). The sky area containing all BTRG samples in this study is included in the DESI LS's 10th data release (DR10). This release extends photometric coverage to over 20,000 deg² and features new i-band images from Dark Energy Camera (DECam) data by the National Optical-Infrared Astronomy Research Laboratory (NOIRLab). It also integrates grz images from three initial surveys (the Beijing-Arizona Sky Survey; H. Zou et al. 2017; the DECam Legacy Survey; A. Dey et al. 2019; and the Mayall z-band Legacy Survey; A. Dey et al. 2019) and four IR bands from Wide-field Infrared Survey Explorer (WISE) and Near-Earth Object WISE. Hence, we utilize the DESI LS DR10, querying sources from it within 30" of the BTRGs' peak flux density coordinates and centroid coordinates using the X-Match Service at Astro Data Lab (M. J. Fitzpatrick et al. 2014; R. Nikutta et al. 2020).

The method described above identifies one or more potential host galaxy candidates for each BTRG. A total of 211,910 optical candidates were identified for our BTRGs. Generally, the candidate with the smallest separation from the location of the peak brightness or the centroid positions of the BTRG is

considered the actual host for a BTRG with a simple structure and well aligned in radio and optical wavelengths. However, BTRGs often exhibit complex extended structures, and the candidate with the smallest separation may not always be the true host. The host candidates require further verification. Many alternative automated methods, such as the likelihood ratio (W. Sutherland & W. Saunders 1992; K. McAlpine et al. 2012), have been introduced. Nevertheless, these methods are limited to pointlike sources or simple extended sources, such as double radio sources (S. D. Weston et al. 2018; Y. A. Gordon et al. 2023). Additionally, a multiwavelength cross-identification method for extended radio sources utilizing machine learning has also been proposed (M. J. Alger et al. 2018; L. Alegre et al. 2022), but the accuracy of this method is not as high as desired and thus needs to be further improved. Therefore, this work employs visual inspection to further validate the identified candidates.

3.2. Identifications from Visual Inspection

We overlay FIRST contours of BTRGs onto their corresponding optical r-band images from DESI LS DR10, marking the potential host candidates' coordinates on the images with an " \times ." The pixel size of each image is slightly larger in width and height than that of the predicted bounding box of the BTRG sample. We then use visual inspection to check these images one by one to determine the final correct host, if any. An example of an FIRST and DESI LS map of a BTRG sample is shown in Figure 3.

Figure 3 shows that this BTRG has 36 host candidates identified by the method described in Section 3.1 and marked with an " × ." Through a discerning visual examination, we initially dismissed the 33 host candidates indicated by red " × " markers, as they either did not reside within the radio-emitting region pertaining to this BTRG or exhibited a lower signal-tonoise ratio in the r band. Next, despite the host candidate adorned with two blue " × " being spatially proximate to the peak flux and centroid coordinates, respectively, its alignment with the radio core proved to be incongruous. In contrast, the host candidate distinguished by a green "x" coincides with the radio core. Consequently, we confidently designate this candidate as the true host. Additionally, after obtaining the hosts through visual observation, we further examined their types carefully and excluded those not of the "Galaxy" or quasi-stellar object types. Utilizing this meticulous approach, we have successfully identified host galaxies for 4193 out of 4876 BTRGs. For the remaining BTRGs, no hosts were found because there were no reasonable candidates from DESI LS DR10.

3.3. Redshifts

Redshift assumes a critical role in the statistical analysis of radio galaxies, serving as a gateway to a wealth of physical data. Upon the precise determination of a radio galaxy's redshift, a trove of physical information is unveiled, such as luminosity distance, radio luminosity, projected largest linear size (LLS), etc. Using the host positions identified from DESI LS DR10, we first find spectroscopic redshifts from the NASA/IPAC Extragalactic Database ¹⁰ for our BTRGs with a search radius of 1". We select the spectroscopic redshifts that are nearest to the host positions of the BTRGs.

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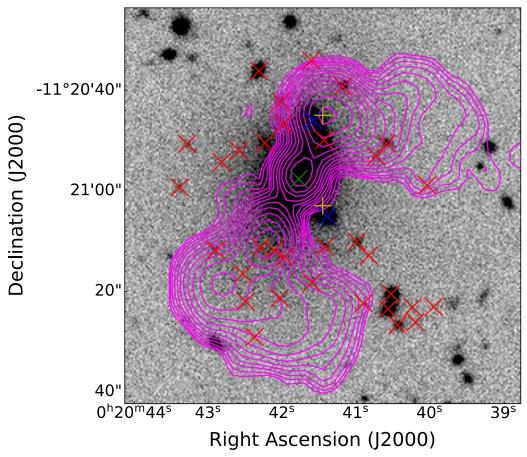


Figure 3. An example demonstrating the identification of a host galaxy through visual inspection of a FIRST image (magenta contours) overlaid on a DESI LS r-band image (background image). Contour levels begin at 3 times the local rms noise ($1\sigma = 0.14 \text{ mJy/beam}$) and increase by a factor of $\sqrt{2}$. The peak flux density and centroid coordinates are marked with a yellow "+." Potential host candidates are indicated with an "×," where a green "×" represents the true host galaxy identified by visual inspection, and two blue "×" signs indicate the nearest host candidates to the peak flux density and centroid coordinates, respectively.

For hosts with no spectroscopic redshift found in the NED, we then queried spectroscopic redshifts for them from a number of catalogs rich in spectroscopic data within a 1" radius. The spectroscopic catalogs used are the 16th Data Release of the Sloan Digital Sky Surveys (SDSS DR16; R. Ahumada et al. 2020), the data release 4 (DR4) of the Galaxy And Mass Assembly (GAMA) survey (GAMA DR4; S. P. Driver et al. 2022), the 2dF Galaxy Redshift Survey (2dFGRS; M. Colless et al. 2001), the 6dF Galaxy Survey (6dFGS; D. H. Jones et al. 2009), the WiggleZ Dark Energy Survey (M. J. Drinkwater et al. 2018), and the Two Micron All Sky Survey (2MASS; M. F. Skrutskie et al. 2006) Redshift Survey (2MRS; J. P. Huchra et al. 2012).

Not all BTRGs have spectroscopic redshifts. As a result, photometric redshift measurements often act as a supplementary means to enrich the redshift data set. For the remaining hosts with an absence of redshift identifications, we searched for photometric redshifts within the DESI LS DR10 using the query interface provided by the Astro Data Lab (M. J. Fitzpatrick et al. 2014; R. Nikutta et al. 2020). Finally, our meticulous search yielded redshifts for 4171 BTRGs, comprising 2357 spectroscopic redshifts (2151 from NED, 152 from SDSS DR16, 3 from GAMA DR4, 6 from 2dFGRS, 9 from 6dFGS, 15 from WiggleZ, and 21 from 2MRS) and 1814 photometric redshifts (all from DESI LS DR10).

4. Results and Discussion

4.1. The New BTRG Catalog

We report a new BTRG catalog (BTRGcat) compiled from the FIRST survey, which contains a total of 4876 BTRGs, as listed in Table 1. Column (1) gives the names of the BTRGs derived from their radio centroid positions in the FIRST image provided by the RGCMT model. Column (2) lists the host names of BTRGs. For those BTRGs with available spectroscopic redshifts, we used the exact optical or IR names from NED, SDSS DR16, GAMA DR4, 2dFGRS, 6dFGS, WiggleZ Dark Energy Survey, or 2MRS; for the remaining BTRGs, we used the DESI names. Columns (3) and (4) provide the coordinates of the host galaxies. For those without hosts, the coordinates of the radio name in column (1) are given. Column (5) presents the redshift values, accompanied by a flag type to indicate whether they are photometric or spectroscopic redshifts. The redshifts of all BTRGs with measured values span a range from 0.0023 to 3.43.

Column (6) lists the 1.4 GHz flux densities of BTRGs, which were measured from NVSS maps instead of FIRST maps, with values ranging from 3.81 mJy to 140.82 Jy. This choice is due to the superior accuracy of NVSS data in measuring fluxes for extended sources and its ability to detect low-surface-brightness objects that may be overlooked by FIRST data (T. K. Sasmal et al. 2022; B.-Q. Lao et al. 2024). Column (7) lists the 3 GHz flux densities of BTRGs calculated from

Table 1
A Catalog of 4876 BTRGs Identified from VLA FIRST Survey

Radio Name	Host Name	R.A. (deg) (3)	Decl. (deg) (4)	Redshift (z) (5)	F _{1.4 GHz} (mJy) (6)	F _{3 GHz} (mJy) (7)	α ^{3 GHz} _{1.4 GHz} (8)	$\log_{10}(L_{1.4 \text{ GHz}})$ (W Hz ⁻¹) (9)	OA (deg) (10)	R _c (arcsec) (11)	LAS (arcsec) (12)	LLS (kpc) (13)	M _r (mag) (14)	$\log_{10}(M_{\rm BH})$ (M_{\odot}) (15)	g-r (mag) (16)	Type (17)
J000111.57 – 002012.0	DESI J000111.20 – 002011.6	0.29668	-0.33655	0.52 ^s	66.89	54.34	0.27	25.74	133.0	33.4	41	263			0.12	FR- I,
J000115.37 - 082639.6 ^{b,f}	SDSS J000115.11 - 082646.2	0.31298	-8.44618	0.33 ^s	154.89	75.44	0.94	25.76	48.2	7.9	40	196	-23.17	8.60	1.68	WAT FR- II,
J000121.53+010147.4	WISEA J000121.52 +010149.3	0.3397	1.03037	0.55 ^s	17.27	13.91	0.28	25.21	161.9	30.8	34	225	-23.60	8.12	1.85	NAT -, WAT
J000122.13 - 001135.4	DESI J000121.47 - 001140.3	0.33959	-0.19445	0.46 ^s	118.45	70.76	0.68	25.95	72.8	12.7	36	217	-22.09	8.35	0.62	FR- I,
J000331.85+002812.0 ^j	WISEA J000330.70 +002756.8	0.87794	0.46578	0.19 ^s	43.38	18.48	1.12	24.70	112.8	38.4	76	251	-22.95	9.06	1.28	NAT FR- I,
J000353.42+121031.1	WISEA J000353.27 +121024.0	0.97197	12.17334	0.76 ^s	241.04	132.36	0.79	26.79	98.1	21.1	34	258	-23.15	8.45	0.95	WAT FR- I,
J000436.48+104724.0	DESI J000436.75 +104717.1	1.15311	10.78809	0.58 ^p	27.01	9.53	1.37	25.67	168.4	269.2	58	393			2.12	WAT FR- I,
J000443.77+062411.4	WISEA J000443.72 +062404.7	1.18221	6.40131	0.55 ^s	23.31	11.96	0.88	25.46	89.3	8.7	21	139	-23.75	8.75	1.93	WAT FR- I,
J000511.32 - 075556.9	DESI J000511.53 - 075558.6	1.29805	-7.93294	0.35 ^p	104.93	57.3	0.79	25.64	138	37.4	34	174	-23.88	8.57	1.69	NAT FR- II,
J000533.71 - 032416.7	DESI J000533.71 - 032416.5	1.39048	-3.40459	0.68 ^p	43.98	17.37	1.22	26.03	163.6	40.5	30	218			0.35	WAT FR- I, WAT

Note. Column (1): source name (JHHMMSS.ss+DDMMSS.s) in the FIRST image provided by RGCMT model, flags a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, and j denote the sources present in J. D. Wing & E. L. Blanton (2011), D. D. Proctor (2011), R. Paterno-Mahler et al. (2017), V. Missaglia et al. (2019), T. Pan et al. (2021), T. K. Sasmal et al. (2022), A. K. Aniyan & K. Thorat (2017), H. Miraghaei & P. N. Best (2017), and F. Griese et al. (2023), respectively. Column (2): name of the host galaxy if available (JHHMMSS.ss+DDMMSS.s). Column (3): R.A. (J2000, deg). Column (4): decl. (J2000, deg). Column (5): redshift, P represents photometric redshift, *represents spectroscopic redshift. Column (6): total flux density at 1.4 GHz in mJy. Column (7): total flux density at 3 GHz in mJy. Column (8): spectral index between 1.4 and 3 GHz. Column (9): logarithmic luminosity at 1.4 GHz in W Hz⁻¹. Column (10): opening angle. Column (11): radius of curvature of the radio jets. Column (12): largest angular size. Column (13): largest linear size. Column (14): absolute r-band magnitude. Column (15): logarithmic mass of the black hole. Column (16): g-r color values in magnitudes. Column (17): morphological type of the source (FR-I/-II,WAT/NAT). The full table is available via doi:10.5281/zenodo.14271760.

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available VLASS data. Column (8) presents the two-point spectral indexes ($\alpha_{1.4\text{GHz}}^{3\text{GHz}}$) between 1.4 and 3 GHz for sources with available VLASS flux densities (see more details in Section 4.2). In column (9), we have also calculated the radio luminosity of the BTRGs at 1.4 GHz for those with known redshifts. For further details, please refer to Section 4.3. Columns (10) and (11) list the *OA* and radius of curvature of the radio jets (R_c), respectively. For a comprehensive discussion on the calculation of *OA* and R_c , refer to Section 4.4.

Columns (12) and (13) list the largest angular size (LAS) and LLS of our BTRG samples. The LAS was determined by measuring the largest distance between any two points of the predicted polygon of the BTRG detected in the FIRST map. Columns (14) and (15) present the absolute r-band magnitude (M_r) and the logarithm of the black hole mass $(M_{\rm BH})$, which were estimated from the SDSS DR16 database. The M_r values were directly queried as "absMagR" from the Photoz table. For $M_{\rm BH}$ values, we first queried the stellar velocity dispersion (σ) from the spectral data in SDSS DR16, and then computed them using the well-established $M_{\rm BH}$ – σ relation (S. Tremaine et al. 2002). Columns (16) and (17) list the g-r color values and the morphological types of the BTRGs. The BTRGs were determined to be either FR-I or FR-II by visual inspection according to the standard FR classification scheme (B. L. Fanaroff & J. M. Riley 1974). For those BTRGs not conforming to the FR class definition, they were not classified as FR-I or FR-II. Among all BTRGs, 1221 (25%) are FR-I type, and 1799 (37%) are FR-II type. Subsequently, according to the value of the OA, BTRGs with an OA larger than 90° are determined to be WAT, while those with an OA smaller than 90° are determined to be NAT.

Among the 4876 BTRGs in our catalog, 156 belong to the sample of J. D. Wing & E. L. Blanton (2011; marked as "a"), 29 are included in the sample of D. D. Proctor (2011; marked as "b"), 193 are part of the sample from R. Paterno-Mahler et al. (2017; marked as "c"), 36 are within the sample of V. Missaglia et al. (2019; marked as "d"), 1 is in the sample of T. Pan et al. (2021; marked as "e"), 506 are included in the sample of T. K. Sasmal et al. (2022; marked as "f"), 73 belong to the sample of A. K. Aniyan & K. Thorat (2017; marked as "g"), 37 are in the sample of H. Miraghaei & P. N. Best (2017; marked as "h"), and 241 are included in the sample of F. Griese et al. (2023; marked as "j", as detailed in Table 1. These nine samples have many BTRGs in common. After deduplication, there are 1005 known BTRGs in all. Consequently, a total of 3871 BTRGs are newly discovered in our catalog. Figure 4 shows radio-optical overlays of 12 examples of newly discovered BTRGs. We investigated possible reasons why our BTRG catalog does not fully contain all BTRGs in the latest BTRG catalog from T. K. Sasmal et al. (2022). We found that the sources are present in T. K. Sasmal et al. (2022) but absent from our catalog because they are excluded by our selection criteria. First of all, sources with an OA greater than 170° were screened out. For instance, source J0044+1026 in T. K. Sasmal et al. (2022) is an sFR-II. Second, straight one-sided extended sources were eliminated, like sources J1321 - 0637 and J1521 +5104 in T. K. Sasmal et al. (2022). Third, sources with bends in different directions were also excluded; for example, J1138 +2039 in T. K. Sasmal et al. (2022) is an S-shaped source.

4.2. Spectral Index

The two-point spectral indexes $(\alpha_{\rm l.4\,GHz}^{\rm 3\,GHz})$ of the BTRGs are calculated using the formula $S_{\nu} \propto \nu^{-\alpha}$, where S_{ν} represents the

radiative flux density at a specified frequency, ν , and α denotes the spectral index. The final spectral index in the BTRGcat is provided for 4852 entries, with 24 BTRGs remaining undetected at 3 GHz within the VLASS data. The distribution of the spectral index ($\alpha_{1.4\,\text{GHz}}^{3\,\text{GHz}}$) values for all BTRGs is shown in Figure 5. The average and median spectral indexes of the full BTRGs are 0.83 ± 0.01 and 0.85, respectively, with a standard deviation of 0.32. This is steeper than those reported in previous research, which typically find a spectral index of around 0.71 across these frequencies (P. C. Zinn et al. 2012; Y. A. Gordon et al. 2021; F. An et al. 2021). However, the range can extend from 0.67 (O. Miettinen et al. 2017) to 0.85 (T. Vernstrom et al. 2016). We note that due to the lower sensitivity of VLASS to extended emission the spectral indices should be taken as upper limits, i.e., the radio spectra may actually be flatter.

Based on the spectral indices measured between 1.4 and 3 GHz, BTRGs can be categorized into three distinct groups: flat-spectrum sources, which have an index $\alpha_{1.4\,\mathrm{GHz}}^{3\,\mathrm{GHz}} < 0.5$ and constitute 14.8% of the sample; steep-spectrum sources, characterized by an index within the range $0.5 < \alpha_{1.4\,\mathrm{GHz}}^{3\,\mathrm{GHz}} < 1.2$ and representing 67.0% of the sample; and ultra-steep-spectrum sources, with indexes $\alpha_{1.4\,\mathrm{GHz}}^{3\,\mathrm{GHz}} > 1.2$, accounting for 18.2% of the sample. This indicates that the source population of BTRGs is very diverse in their source properties.

4.3. Radio Luminosity

We quantified the 1.4 GHz luminosity for all BTRGs, utilizing the standard formula (e.g., E. Donoso et al. 2009), when both the spectral index ($\alpha_{1.4\,\mathrm{GHz}}^{3\,\mathrm{GHz}}$) and redshift (z) were available. Figure 6 left panel shows the distribution of logarithmic 1.4 GHz luminosity $(\log_{10}(L_{1.4\text{GHz}}))$ for full BTRGs. The range of $\log_{10}(L_{1.4 \text{ GHz}}/W Hz^{-1})$ in the BTRG sample is 20.28 to 28.16. The mean and median values of 1.4 GHz luminosity for our BTRGs are $\log_{10}(L_{1.4 \text{ GHz}}/W Hz^{-1}) = 25.38$ and $\log_{10}(L_{1.4 \text{ GHz}}/W Hz^{-1}) = 25.33$, respectively. The mean and median values of $log_{10}(L/W\ Hz^{-1})$ for BTRGs, as reported in V. Missaglia et al. (2019), are 25.40 and 25.35, respectively. In N. Bhukta et al. (2022), these values are 25.72 and 25.73, and in S. Pal & S. Kumari (2023), they are 25.59 and 25.60. These findings suggest that our BTRGs exhibit comparable luminosities to those found in the FIRST, TGSS, and LoTSS catalogs. In our BTRG catalog, 1107 out of 1221 FR-Is and 1421 out of 1799 FR-IIs have been successfully computed for $L_{1.4\text{GHz}}$. Figure 6 right panel presents the distribution of $\log_{10}(L_{1.4\mathrm{GHz}})$ for these FR-Is and FR-IIs. Among them, there are 677 FR-I sources with $\log_{10}(L_{1.4 \text{ GHz}}/\text{W Hz}^{-1}) > 25$, and 330 FR-II sources with $\log_{10}(L_{1.4 \text{ GHz}}/\text{W Hz}^{-1}) < 25$. This implies that the radio luminosity break between FR classes $(\log_{10}(L_{1.4\text{GHz}}/\text{W Hz}^{-1}) = 25)$ does not match their visual classifications as FR-I or FR-II. This finding is consistent with recent results (e.g., A. Capetti et al. 2017; B. Mingo et al. 2019) suggesting that the classical luminosity break by B. L. Fanaroff & J. M. Riley (1974) is not necessarily a true FR class divider. This result also reinforces the idea that the luminosity break is not always valid, especially in cases where bent morphology adds ambiguity to classification efforts. Moreover, the distribution of the two classes in the right panel of Figure 6 shows that the FR-I distribution reaches its peak at lower luminosities compared with the FR-II distribution and declines much more steeply at high luminosity. This indicates

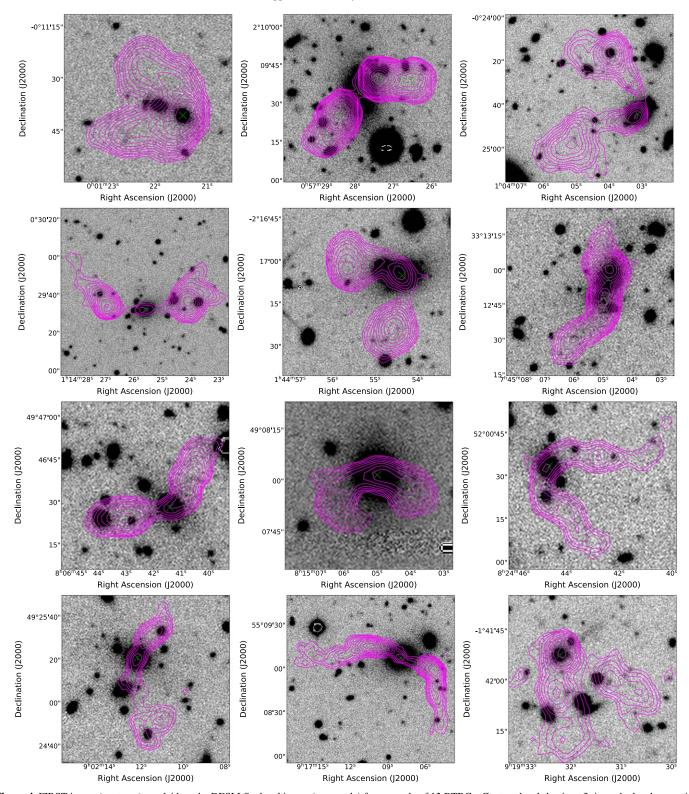


Figure 4. FIRST image (contours) overlaid on the DESI LS r-band image (gray scale) for a sample of 12 BTRGs. Contour levels begin at 3 times the local rms noise and increase by a factor of $\sqrt{2}$. The green " \times " represents the host galaxy.

that some evidence of the "standard" model regarding the luminosity of the two classes still exists. Finally, it should be noted that uncertainties in identifying the appropriate hosts, which affect the redshifts of the candidates, as well as inaccuracies in their redshift measurements (particularly for photometric redshifts), also contribute to the variation in the luminosity distributions of the two FR classes.

4.4. Opening Angle and Radius of Curvature of the Radio Jets

As shown in Figure 7, the measurement of the *OA* for our BTRGs was conducted in three stages. Initially, the predicted mask of each BTRG was transformed into polygon points. Subsequently, a Voronoi diagram (F. Aurenhammer 1991) was generated for the polygon points of each BTRG, which was then

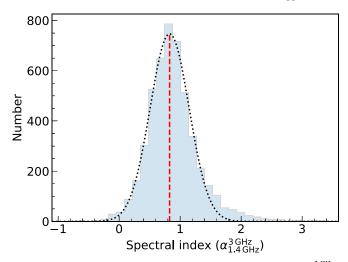


Figure 5. A histogram depicting the distribution of the spectral index $(\alpha_{1.4\,\mathrm{GHz}}^{3\,\mathrm{GHz}})$ for all BTRGs is presented. The black dotted curve represents a Gaussian fit to the histogram, characterized by a mean of 0.83 ± 0.01 and a standard deviation of 0.32. The red dashed line indicates the mean spectral index value.

employed to determine a center-line after applying a Gaussian smoothing filter. The initial and terminal points were designated as the two tail end positions (T_1 and T_2) of the BTRG. We opted to utilize either the host position or the center position of the center-line as the core position (C). In the event of a host galaxy, we selected the host position; conversely, if no host galaxy is present, we selected the center position of the center-line. Finally, the OA was calculated using Equation (1) as follows:

$$OA = \arccos\left(\frac{L_{CT_1}^2 + L_{CT_2}^2 - L_{T_1T_2}^2}{2L_{CT_1} \cdot L_{CT_2}}\right),\tag{1}$$

where L_{CT_1} represents the length of the straight line connecting points C and T_1 , L_{CT_2} denotes the length of the line segment joining points C and T_2 , and $L_{T_1T_2}$ is the length of the straight line that connects points T_2 and T_1 . The term "arccos" denotes the inverse cosine function. Through the calculation based on Equation (1), the OA of the BTRG in Figure 7 is obtained, which is approximately 120° .

Figure 8 illustrates the distribution of the *OA* for all BTRG candidates. We selected as BTRGs only sources with an *OA* less than 170°. The mean and median values of *OA* are 129.6 and 138.2, respectively. Notably, 652 of these BTRGs have *OA* values less than 90° and are thus classified as NATs, while 4224 BTRGs have *OA* values greater than 90° and are thus classified as WATs.

For the R_c of each BTRG sample, we initially fit an optimal circle through the data points of the center-line using the linear least squares fitting method. This fitting process yielded the center point of the fitted circle; see the point C in Figure 7. We then calculate the algebraic distance between the center-line data points and the fitted circle centered at point C, and the mean of these distances as R_c . As shown in Figure 7, the gray dashed line and solid line respectively indicate the optimal circle and the radius of this circle fitted to the radio jets of the BTRG. The radius of curvature of the radio jets for this BTRG is $R_c = 40''$.

4.5. Host Properties

We retrieved the values of $M_{\rm r}$ and derived the values of $M_{\rm BH}$ for our BTRGs from the spectral data in SDSS DR16. The $M_{\rm r}$

values of 1241 BTRGs were obtained successfully, while, for the remaining ones, they were not obtained because there were no $M_{\rm r}$ values in the SDSS DR16 database. The distribution of the $M_{\rm r}$ of these BTRGs is shown in the left panel of Figure 9, given that the hosts cover a range of $-18.25 \gtrsim M_{\rm r} \gtrsim -24.61$. Among them, the mean and median of $M_{\rm r}$ are -22.96 and -23.01 respectively. Almost all of them (99.3%) have $-21 \gtrsim M_{\rm r} \gtrsim -25$. The $M_{\rm BH}$ were successfully computed for 1203 BTRGs. For the remaining BTRGs, due to the absence of their stellar velocity dispersion values in the SDSS DR16 database, their $M_{\rm BH}$ values were not estimated. The distribution of $M_{\rm BH}$ for these BTRGs is displayed in the right panel of Figure 9. The mean and median of $\log_{10}(M_{\rm BH})$ are 8.60 and 8.58 respectively. Almost all of them (97.8%) have $9.8 \gtrsim \log_{10}(M_{\rm BH}) \gtrsim 7.5 M_{\odot}$. Figure 10 presents the distribution of the g-r color with

respect to the M_r for the hosts of BTRGs. The g-r color values were measured from DESI LS DR10. The g-r values were obtained for 1201 hosts. The remaining BTRGs did not have their g-r color values retrieved because of a lack of relevant DESI LS DR10 data for them. The blue dashed line in Figure 10 is utilized to classify the host galaxies into red and blue galaxies. This classification method is from S. M. Weinmann et al. (2006). The hosts above the line are classified as red galaxies, while those below the line are classified as blue galaxies. Most of the hosts (98.6%) appear to have high g-rvalues and are above the blue dashed line; they are, therefore, red galaxies. This is in agreement with the results in V. Missaglia et al. (2019), which showed that the BTRGs are typically associated with red galaxies. Based on the same classification scheme, the remaining 17 BTRG hosts (14 WATs and 3 NATs) are classified as blue galaxies. We have not found any common properties among these blue galaxies in the information of our catalog in Table 1.

4.6. Association of BTRGs with Clusters

BTRGs have been demonstrated to be associated with massive clusters (Z. Mguda et al. 2015). Galaxy clusters, the largest known gravitationally bound structures in the Universe, comprise hundreds to thousands of galaxies held together by gravity (e.g., A. V. Kravtsov & S. Borgani 2012). Dark matter makes up about 80% of the total mass in galaxy clusters and plays a significant role in their formation (E. Rasia et al. 2004). As a quintessential tool for cosmologists, galaxy clusters facilitate the exploration of the Universe's composition and evolutionary history on a grand scale (S. W. Allen et al. 2011; A. R. Wetzel et al. 2012). A deep understanding of galaxy clusters is instrumental in mapping the large-scale structure of the cosmos (K. Shi et al. 2019; H. Böhringer et al. 2020; R. Seppi et al. 2024).

To this end, we initiate the process by crossmatching our BTRGs that have hosts with the galaxy cluster catalog as presented in Z. L. Wen & J. L. Han (2024), aiming to identify clusters associated with each BTRG within a search radius of 3'. We then select the nearest match within the search radius between these two catalogs. For the remaining unmatched BTRGs, we proceed to utilize NED to search for galaxy clusters associated with each BTRG, also within a search radius of 3'. From the search outcomes, we select the clusters that are nearest to the BTRGs.

Finally, a total of 3286 BTRGs have been identified as corresponding to known galaxy clusters, as listed in Table 2.

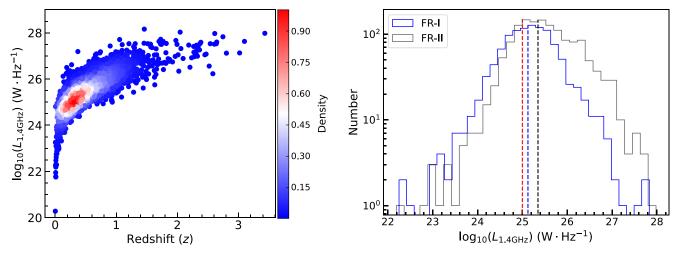


Figure 6. Left: the distribution of logarithmic 1.4 GHz luminosity ($\log_{10}(L_{1.4\text{GHz}})$) for all BTRGs with redshift (z) is depicted, where the color of each circle corresponds to the BTRG number, reflecting their respective redshift and 1.4 GHz luminosity values. Right: the distribution of logarithmic 1.4 GHz luminosity ($\log_{10}(L_{1.4\text{GHz}})$) for FR-I and FR-II sources in our BTRG catalog. The red dashed line represents the classical luminosity break value $\log_{10}(L_{1.4\text{GHz}}/\text{W Hz}^{-1}) = 25$. The blue and black dashed lines denote luminosities at peaks of the distribution for FR-I and FR-II, respectively.

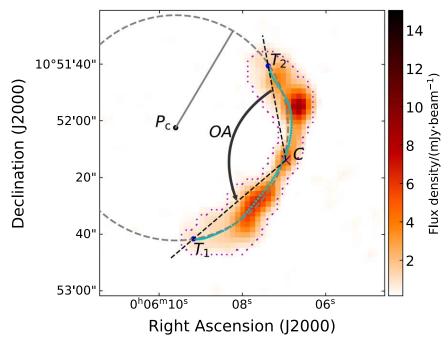


Figure 7. Definition example of opening angle (OA) for a BTRG. The magenta dotted line represents the predicted polygon points of the BTRG, derived from the transformation of its prediction mask. The green dotted line indicates the center-line of the predicted polygon points. The core position (C) of the BTRG is denoted by a blue " \times ." The tail end positions $(T_1 \text{ and } T_2)$ are indicated by blue filled circles. The gray dashed line illustrates the circle of curvature of the radio jets. The black point P_c is the center of the fitted circle, and the gray solid line represents the radius of curvature.

Columns (1) and (2) list the radio names of the BTRGs and the names of their associated clusters. Column (3) gives the redshift values of the associated clusters. Columns (4) and (5) list the comoving distance $D_{\rm c}$ (in Mpc) at the cluster's redshift and the angular separation (in arcseconds) between the positions of BTRG hosts and the centers of their associated clusters. Column (6) represents the linear distance D_l (in kiloparsecs) of the BTRG host from the cluster center. The radius r_{500} (in Mpc) of the associated clusters is given in column (7). This radius represents the radius enclosing a volume with a mean density that is 500 times the critical density at that redshift. Columns (8) and (9) provide the

richness and mass of clusters. Column (10) presents the number of member galaxy candidates within r_{500} . A total of 3100 associated clusters were retrieved from the catalog presented in Z. L. Wen & J. L. Han (2024), of which 582 do not list any previous detection of their cluster by other catalogs and were marked with a "WH." Additionally, 151 associated clusters were identified from NED. The associated clusters have been identified in 41 known cluster catalogs, with their details summarized in Table 3. A total of 3087 BTRGs are found within 1 Mpc of associated clusters. Among these, 1793 BTRGs are situated within a linear distance of 30 kpc, corresponding to the typical size of elliptical galaxies (P. Das

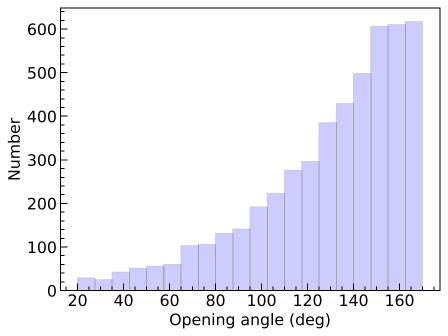


Figure 8. The distribution of OA for all BTRG candidates.

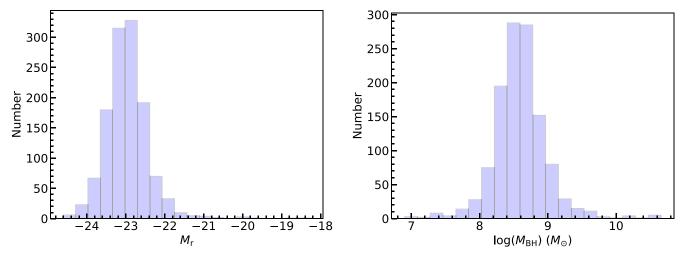


Figure 9. Distributions of the absolute r-band magnitude (M_r) (left panel), and mass of the black hole $(M_{\rm BH})$ (right panel).

et al. 2010). Importantly, we discovered that a total of 1825 are within their associated cluster, with D_l being less than r_{500} , and the redshift differences between the hosts of BTRG and their associated clusters are less than 0.01. Among them, the positions of 1619 BTRG hosts are coincident with the centers of their associated galaxy clusters, with their separations being less than 1". Furthermore, for 94 BTRG hosts, it remains undetermined whether they are within the associated galaxy clusters because there is no r_{500} information for the associated galaxy clusters. This indicates that below half (43.5%) of our BTRGs that have hosts belong to their associated galaxy clusters. Most BTRGs are not associated with known clusters, which may be due to the selection effects of our BTRGs (A. N. O'Brien et al. 2018).

The bending of the jet is influenced by the mass of the parent cluster through two mechanisms. First, the density of the ICM is directly proportional to the cluster mass, with more massive clusters possessing a denser ICM. Second, the velocity

dispersion of BTRGs is likewise correlated with the cluster mass. It is postulated that BTRGs display accelerated motion within high-mass clusters (M. Y. Mao et al. 2010; Z. Mguda et al. 2015). The cluster mass M_{500} (in units of $10^{14}M_{\odot}$) for the majority of associated clusters (3100 out of a total of 3286) was derived from the catalog by Z. L. Wen & J. L. Han (2024). In contrast, the M_{500} for 186 associated clusters was estimated using the cluster richness ($R_{L*,500}$), a parameter that exhibits a strong correlation, as suggested by Z. L. Wen & J. L. Han (2015):

$$\log_{10}(M_{500}) = 1.08\log_{10}(R_{L*,500}) - 1.37. \tag{2}$$

A comparison of redshifts and masses of associated clusters is shown in Figure 11. The optical mass (M_{500}) of associated clusters spans from $0.30 \times 10^{14} M_{\odot}$ to $12.95 \times 10^{14} M_{\odot}$, with only one cluster having masses less than $0.32 \times 10^{14} M_{\odot}$. This finding aligns with the conclusion drawn by Z. Mguda et al. (2015) that no BTRGs are found in clusters with masses less

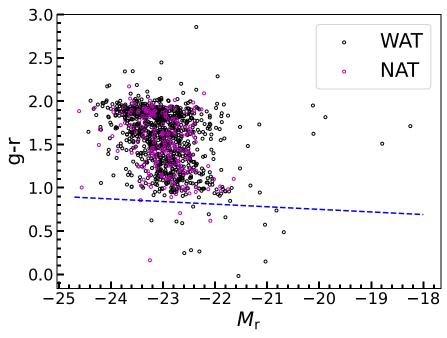


Figure 10. g-r color vs. absolute r-band magnitude (M_r) for the BTRGs hosts. The blue dashed line represents the relation from S. M. Weinmann et al. (2006) that separates the galaxies into red and blue ones.

Table 2Cluster Details for BTRGs

Name	Cluster	$z_{\rm cl}$	D _c (Mpc)	Sep (arcsec)	D_l (kpc)	(Mpc)	$R_{L*,500}$	$M_{500} \ (\times 10^{14} M_{\odot})$	N ₅₀₀
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)
J000115.37 - 082639.6	AMF J000115.1 - 082646	0.3287 ^s	1344	0	0	0.639	23.35	1.06	13
J000121.53+010147.4	WHL J000121.5+010149	0.552^{s}	2124	0	0	0.662	32.52	1.47	21
J000122.13 - 001135.4	WHL J000121.9 - 001138	0.4641^{s}	1829	7	42	0.47	7.22	0.36	4
J000331.85+002812.0	maxBCG J000330.7+002757	0.1951^{s}	827	0	0	0.791	40.09	1.8	17
J000353.42+121031.1	WH J000344.8+120949	0.7438 ^p	2713	129	973	0.436	12.34	0.57	6
J000443.77+062411.4	WHL J000441.9+062135	0.5725 ^p	2190	152	1026	0.895	74.21	3.27	29
J000511.32 - 075556.9	WHL J000511.5 - 075559	0.33^{s}	1349	0	0	0.826	50.31	2.24	16
J000533.71 - 032416.7	WH22 J000527.1 - 032354	0.6562^{p}	2453	102	732	0.501	19.47	0.89	12
J000605.20+011009.5	WH J000604.9+011001	1.0397 ^p	3499	0	0	0.42	16.1	0.74	8
J000607.55-103028.1	WHL J000615.3 - 103043	0.5476^{s}	2109	115	760	0.957	89.53	3.92	56

Note. Column (1): source name (JHHMMSS.ss+DDMMSS.s) of the BTRGs. Column (2): cluster name with J2000 coordinates. Column (3): cluster redshift, p represents photometric redshift, s represents spectroscopic redshift. Column (4): comoving distance. Column (5): angular separation between BTRGs and their associated cluster centers. Column (6): linear distances between the positions of BTRG hosts and the centers of their associated clusters. Column (7): cluster radius. Column (8): cluster richness. Column (9): cluster mass. Column (10): number of member galaxy candidates within r_{500} . The complete table is available via doi:10.5281/zenodo.14271760.

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than $10^{13}M_{\odot}$, and only a few are found in clusters with masses below $10^{13.5}M_{\odot}$. The mean and median values of M_{500} for the associated clusters are $1.54\times10^{14}M_{\odot}$ and $1.27\times10^{14}M_{\odot}$, respectively. Only 198 (6%) of BTRGs reside in clusters with a mass M_{500} exceeding $10^{14.5}M_{\odot}$, suggesting that our BTRGs are predominantly located in host clusters of lower mass than anticipated by Z. Mguda et al. (2015). However, this finding is in agreement with the measurements reported by A. N. O'Brien et al. (2018).

The velocity dispersion of galaxies within a cluster is proportional to the square root of the cluster mass through the gas temperature (Z. Mguda et al. 2015; A. F. Garon et al. 2019); hence, M_{500} acts as a proxy for the relative velocity between the source and the ICM. In our sample of associated galaxy clusters, we determined that the mean and median values of the logarithmic ratio between $\log_{10}(M_{500})$ and $\log_{10}(r_{500})$ both equal $2.43 \times 10^{14} M_{\odot} \,\mathrm{Mpc}^{-1}$. Consequently, we posit that the ICM density remains constant to a first-order approximation with respect to cluster mass and does not have a significant influence on our BTRGs. This conclusion agrees with the findings regarding BTRGs presented in A. F. Garon et al. (2019).

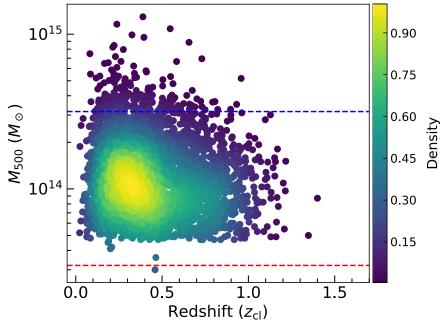


Figure 11. Mass vs. redshift distribution of associated clusters. The red and blue lines correspond to the values of $M_{500} = 0.32 \times 10^{14} M_{\odot}$ and $M_{500} = 10^{14.5} M_{\odot}$, respectively. Only the values of M_{500} provided in Table 2 are shown.

5. Conclusions

In this paper, we searched for BTRGs with a method that combines a deep learning-based source finder (RGCMT) with visual inspection and constructed a catalog of 4876 BTRGs from the FIRST survey, 3871 of which were newly discovered. These newly discovered BTRGs will significantly increase the number of sources of this type and thus help expand the understanding of such sources. We found the optical counterparts of 4193 BTRGs by using the combined crossmatch and visual inspection methods. The BTRGs in the present catalog have radio luminosities in the range of 1.91 \times $10^{20} \le L_{1.4 \text{ GHz}} \le 1.45 \times 10^{28} \text{W Hz}^{-1}$, and redshifts up to 3.43. Based on the OA of the two jets, we divided our BTRGs into the WAT and the NAT. Among them, 652 were NATs, and 4424 were WATs. According to the radio morphology, we classified our BTRGs into two types: FR-I and FR-II. Among all BTRGs, 1221 sources were of FR-I type, and 1799 sources were of FR-II type. A steep-spectral index between 1.4 and 3 GHz was found for 67% of the BTRGs.

The hosts of BTRGs were found to have M_r concentrated in the range from -25 to -21 mag, and $M_{\rm BH}$ spanning from $10^{7.5}$ to $10^{9.5} M_{\odot}$. Most of the hosts (98.6%) were red galaxies. By crossmatching with the existing galaxy cluster catalogs, a total of 3286 hosts of BTRGs were found to be associated with galaxy clusters within 3'. Among them, 1825 BTRGs (43.5%) resided in galaxy clusters. All of the associated clusters had a mass lower than the theoretical values. These findings will be of great help in the studies of the environment of BTRGs.

The BTRG catalog presented in this paper is obtained from all FIRST data through deep learning acceleration and meticulous visual inspection, representing the largest and most comprehensive BTRG catalog to date. This catalog will be helpful for future statistical and scientific studies. We also found that the results provided by the RGCMT model enable key physical properties, such as total flux density, OA, and R_c , to be calculated automatically. This automated approach is

expected to play an important role in the statistical analysis of a large number of radio galaxies.

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Note added in proof. Upon further inspection of the 17 BTRGs with color indices g-r below the blue dashed line in Figure 10, we found that 12 of them are spectroscopic QSOs in SDSS, another 3 are blazars, 1 is a z 1 galaxy, and 1 (J125648.57+481749.8) is a merger of two late-type galaxies that should be removed from the sample of BTRGs.

Appendix Details of Associated Galaxy Cluster Catalogs

The associated clusters of our BTRGs have been identified within 41 previously published cluster catalogs. The details are summarized in Table 3.

 Table 3

 Details of Various Cluster Catalogs Used in This Work

Catalog Name (1)	Observation Band (2)	No. of Clusters (3)	Reference(s) (4)
Wen&Han 2024 (WH)	Optical, SZ, X-ray	582	Z. L. Wen & J. L. Han (2024)
Wen&Han 2022 (WH22)	Optical, SZ, IR, X-ray	12	Z. L. Wen & J. L. Han (2022)
Wen&Han 2021 (WH21)	Optical, IR	25	Z. L. Wen & J. L. Han (2021)
Wen+Han+Yang (WHY18)	Optical, IR	58	Z. L. Wen et al. (2018)
Wen+Han+Liu (WHL) or Wen&Han 2015 ([WH2015])	Optical, X-ray	954	Z. L. Wen et al. (2009, 2012); Z. L. Wen & J. L. Han (2015)
Max Brightest Cluster Galaxy (MaxBCG)	Optical	480	B. P. Koester et al. (2007)
Gaussian Mixture BCG (GMBCG)	Optical	164	J. Hao et al. (2010)
Fast Search and Find of Density Peaks (CFSFDP)	Optical	177	H. Zou et al. (2021, 2022)
Cluster Finding Algorithm Based on Multiband Identification of Red Sequence Galaxies (CAMIRA)	Optical	35	M. Oguri (2014)
Adaptive Matched Filter (AMF)	Optical	277	T. Szabo et al. (2011)
Zwicky Cluster (ZwCl)	Optical	2	F. Zwicky et al. (1961, 1963, 1965, 1966); F. Zwicky & C.T. Kowal (1968)
Yang 2021 (Y21)	Optical	394	X. Yang et al. (2021)
Northern Sky Optical Cluster Survey (NSCS) or Northern Sky optical Cluster (NSC)	Optical	19	R. R. Gal et al. (2003); P. A. A. Lopes (2004);
			R.R. Gal et al. (2009)
Spectroscopic Identification of eROSITA Sources (SPIDERS)	X-ray	6	C. C. Kirkpatrick et al. (2021)
XMM X-Ray Cluster Survey (XMMXCS)	X-ray	1	Y. Zhang et al. (2016)
Wavelet Z Photometric (WaZP)	Optical, IR	2	M. Aguena et al. (2021)
Virgo Cluster (VIRGO)	X-ray	1	N. Werner et al. (2016); E. J. Chung et al. (2017)
Volume-limited Sample 1 Compact Group (V1CG)	IR	1	GH. Lee et al. (2017)
Sloan Digital Sky Survey C4 Cluster (SDSS-C4)	Optical	1	C. J. Miller et al. (2005)
SDSS-C4 Based on Data Release 3 (SDSS-C4-DR3)	Optical	1	A. Von Der Linden et al. (2007)
Sloan Digital Sky Survey (SDSS)	Optical	6	S. Alam et al. (2015); M. Hilton et al. (2021); J. Estrada et al. (2007)
Red-sequence Matched-filter Probabilistic Percolation (RedMapper)	Optical, IR	5	J. Sohn et al. (2018)
RedMapper Cluster (RM)	Optical, IR	8	E. Rozo et al. (2015b)
RASS-CFHTLS X-Ray Selected Galaxy Clusters (RCC)	X-ray	1	M. Mirkazemi et al. (2015)
Planck Sunyaev-Zel'dovich Cluster Second Release (PSZ2)	SZ	1	E. Rozo et al. (2015a); Planck Collaboration et al. (2016)

Table 3 (Continued)

		No. of	
Catalog Name (1)	Observation Band	Clusters	Reference(s)
· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	(2)	(3)	(4)
Multiscale Probability Mapping (MSPM)	Optical	12	A. G. Smith et al. (2012)
Meta-catalog of X-Ray Detected Clusters of Galaxies (MCXC)	X-ray	1	R. Piffaretti et al. (2011)
Kilo Degree Survey DR2 (KDR2)	Optical	1	M. Radovich et al. (2017)
KPNO/Deeprange Distant Cluster Survey (KDCS)	Optical	2	M. Postman et al. (2002)
Gunn+Hoessel+Oke Clusters of Galaxies (GHO)	Optical	1	J. E. Gunn et al. (1986)
Galaxy Clusters with Masses (GCwM)	X-ray, SZ	1	S. Andreon (2016)
eROSITA Final Equatorial-Depth Survey (eFEDS)	X-ray	1	H. Brunner et al. (2022)
Clusters from Masses and Photometric Redshifts (CLuMPR)	Optical, IR	42	M. J. Yantovski-Barth et al. (2024)
Chandra Deep Group Survey (CDGS)	X-ray	1	A. Pascut & T. J. Ponman (2015)
Abell Clusters of Galaxies (ABELL)	Optical	3	G. O. Abell (1958); G. O. Abell et al. (1989)
Estrada+Annis+Diehl ([EAD2007])	Optical	1	J. Estrada et al. (2007)
Donahue+Scharf+Mack ([DSM2002])	Optical, X-ray	1	M. Donahue et al. (2002)
Canada–France–Hawaii Telescope Legacy Survey (CFHTLS)	Optical	3	F. Sarron et al. (2018)
Li+Yee+Hsieh ([LYH2012])	Optical, IR	1	I. H. Li et al. (2012)
Massive and Distant Clusters of WISE Survey Overdense Object (MOO)	IR	1	A. H. Gonzalez et al. (2019)
ROSAT All-Sky Survey X-Ray Galaxy Cluster Catalog (RXGCC)	X-ray	1	W. Xu et al. (2022)
Total		3286	

Note. Column (1): the name of the cluster catalog (full name (short name of catalog for column (2) in Table 2)). Column (2): the observation band of the cluster catalog (SZ: Sunyaev–Zel'dovich, IR: infrared). Column (3): the number of clusters from each catalog that coincide with one of our BTRGs. Column (4): reference. Brightest cluster galaxy (BCG).

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