

**The MicroJy Radio Source Population: the VLA-CDFS View**

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**Abstract**

We present a detailed analysis of the  $\sim 270$  sources in our deep ( $8.5 \mu\text{Jy rms}$ ) Chandra Deep Field South (CDFS) 1.4 (and 5 GHz) VLA survey. The radio population is studied by using a wealth of multi-wavelength information, including morphology and spectral types, in the radio, optical, and X-ray bands. The availability of redshifts for  $\sim 2/3$  of our sources allows us to derive reliable luminosity estimates for the majority of the objects. Contrary to some previous results, we find that the bulk ( $\sim 2/3$ ) of our sources are faint radio galaxies, mostly of the Fanaroff-Riley I type, with star-forming galaxies making up only a minority ( $\sim 1/3$ ) of the sample. The issue of the presence of heavily absorbed, Compton-thick sources in faint radio samples is also briefly addressed.