

RADIO OBSERVATIONS OF GALAXY CLUSTERS



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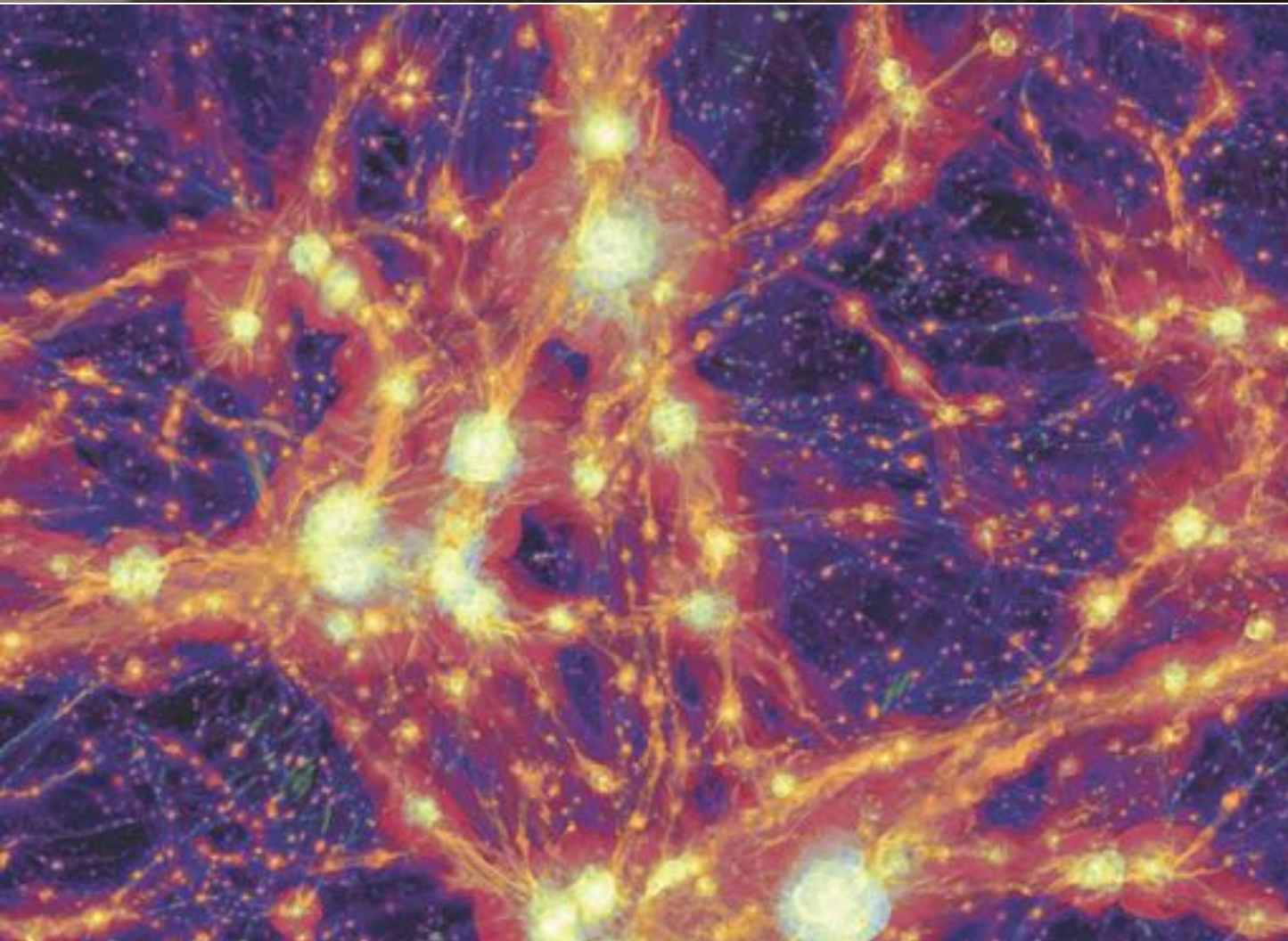
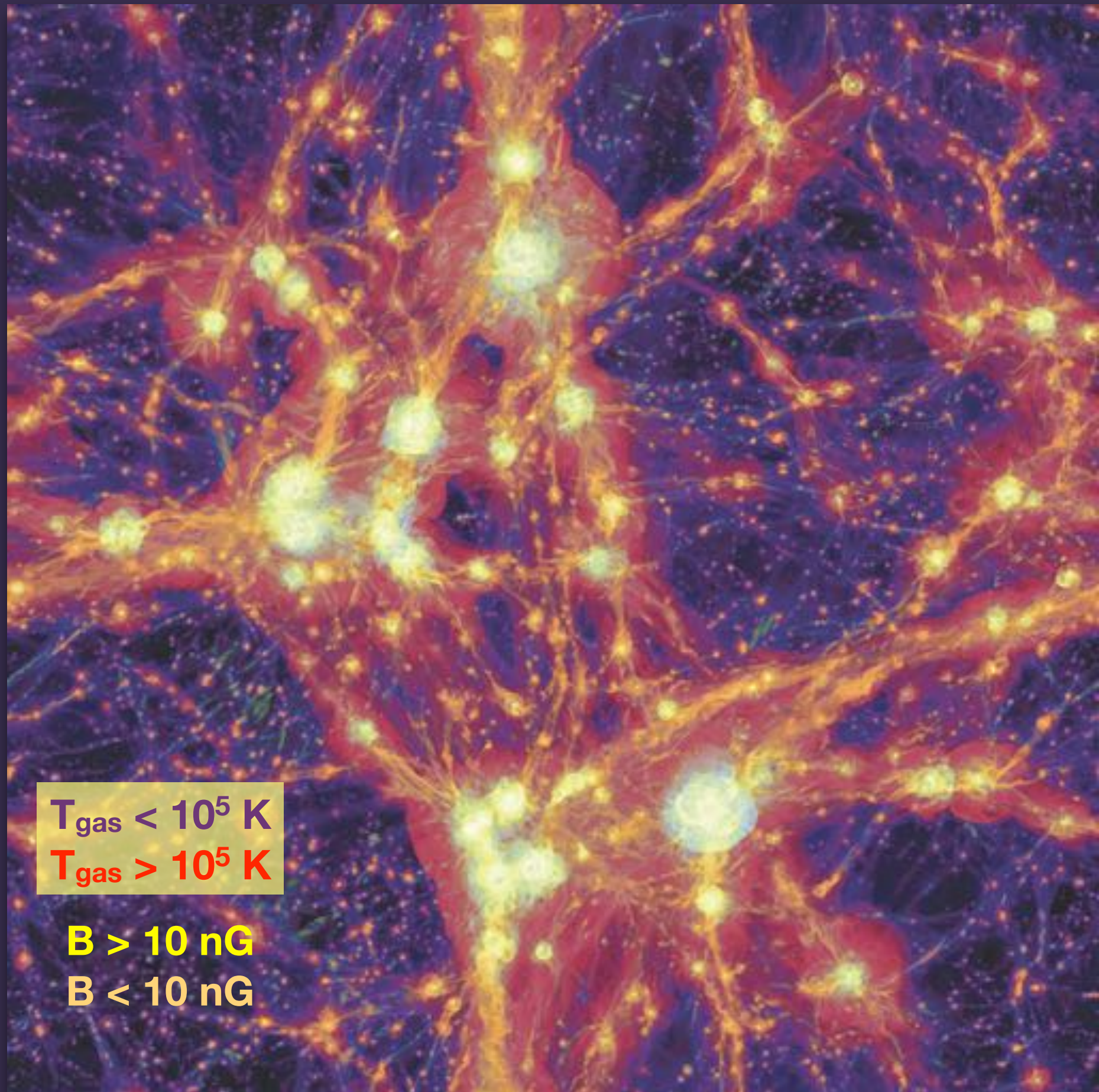


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Bonafede et al. 14

X-ray + Radio

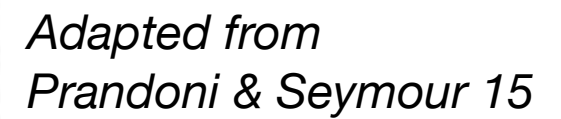
- Can we use radio observations to detect clusters ?
- Can we get hints of their dynamical state & merging scenario ?

- What is the origin of relativistic particles ?
- What is the intensity & structure of magnetic fields ?
- How is the non-thermal component affecting heating transport & energy feedback in cluster cores ?

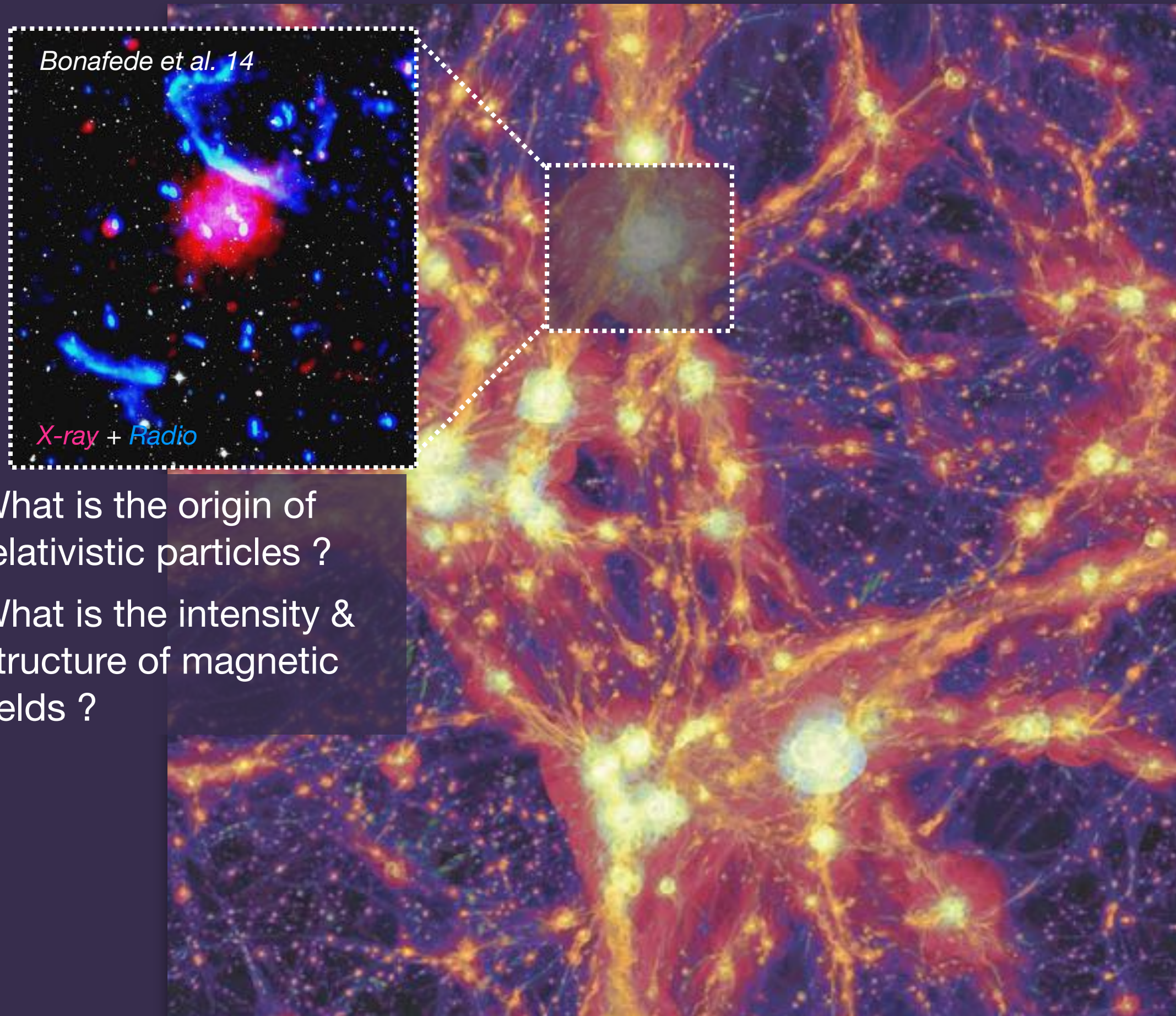
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100 kpc

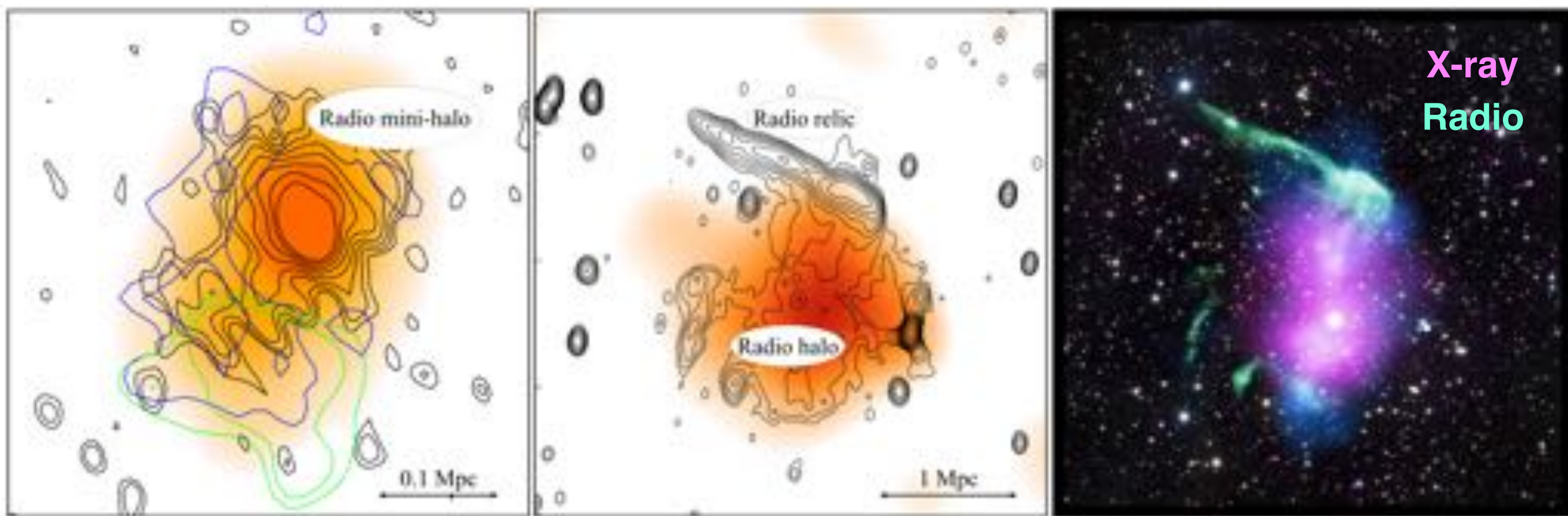
Vazza et al. 15



*Adapted from
Prandoni & Seymour 15*

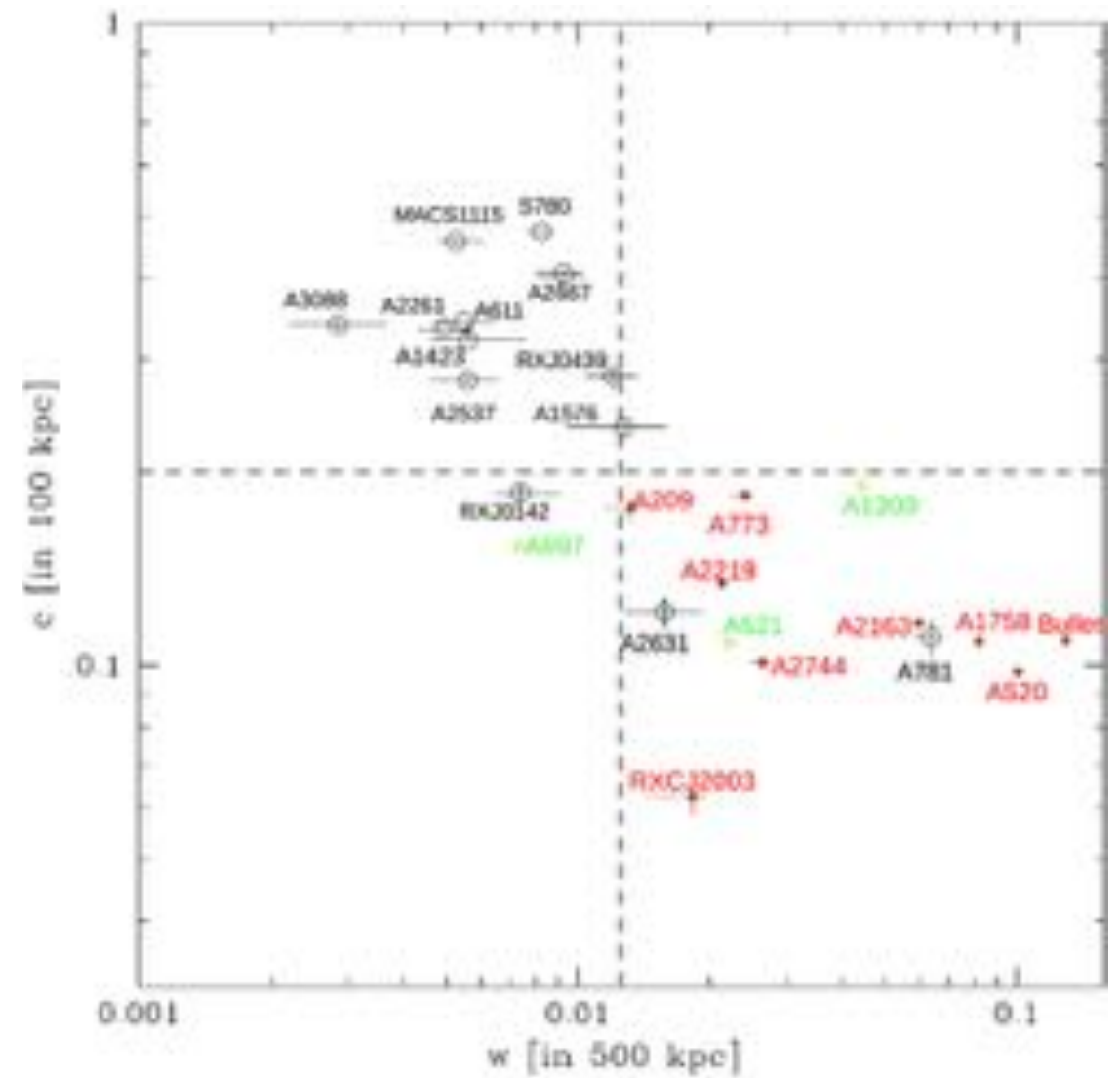
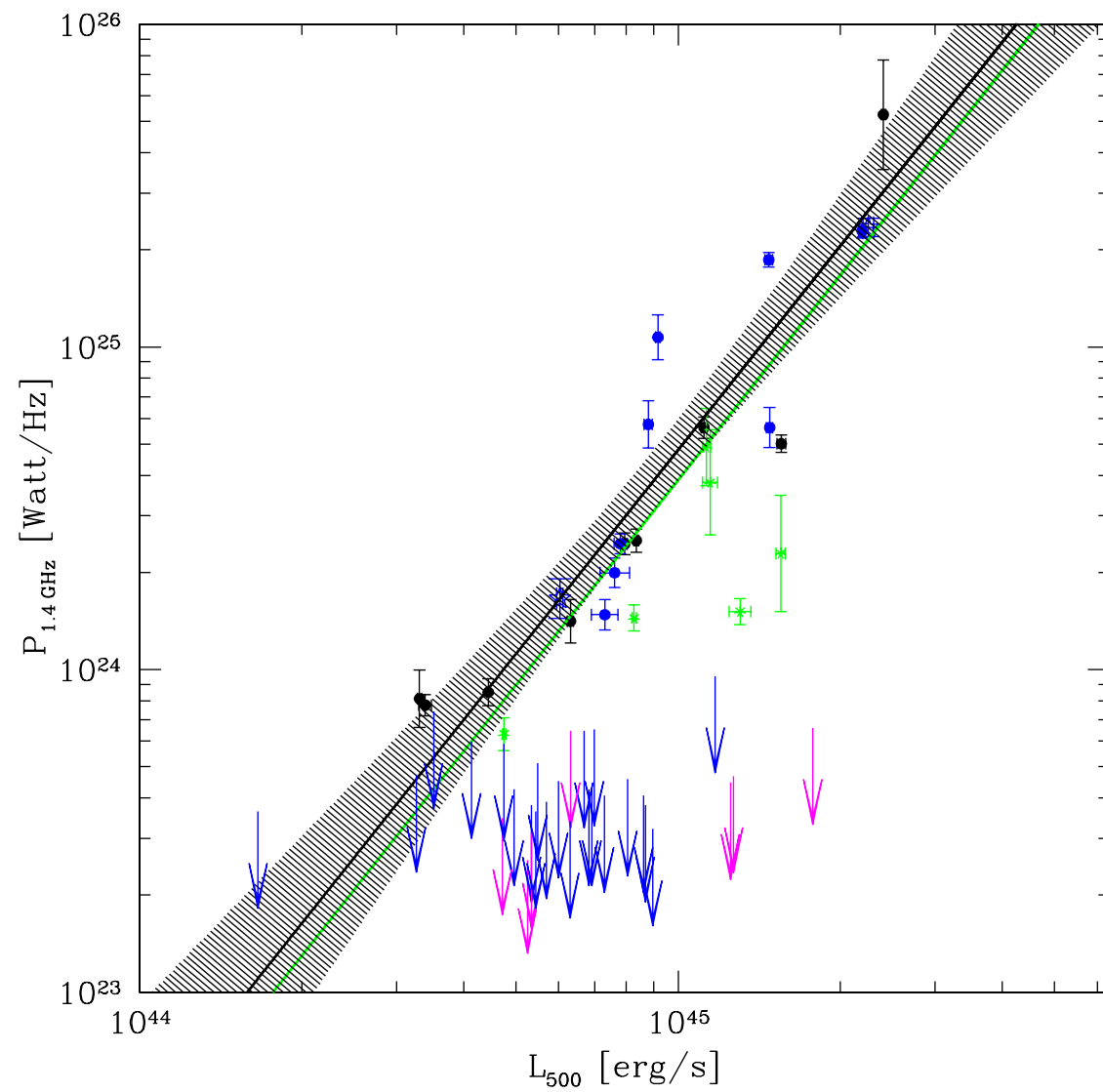


Diffuse radio emission in galaxy clusters

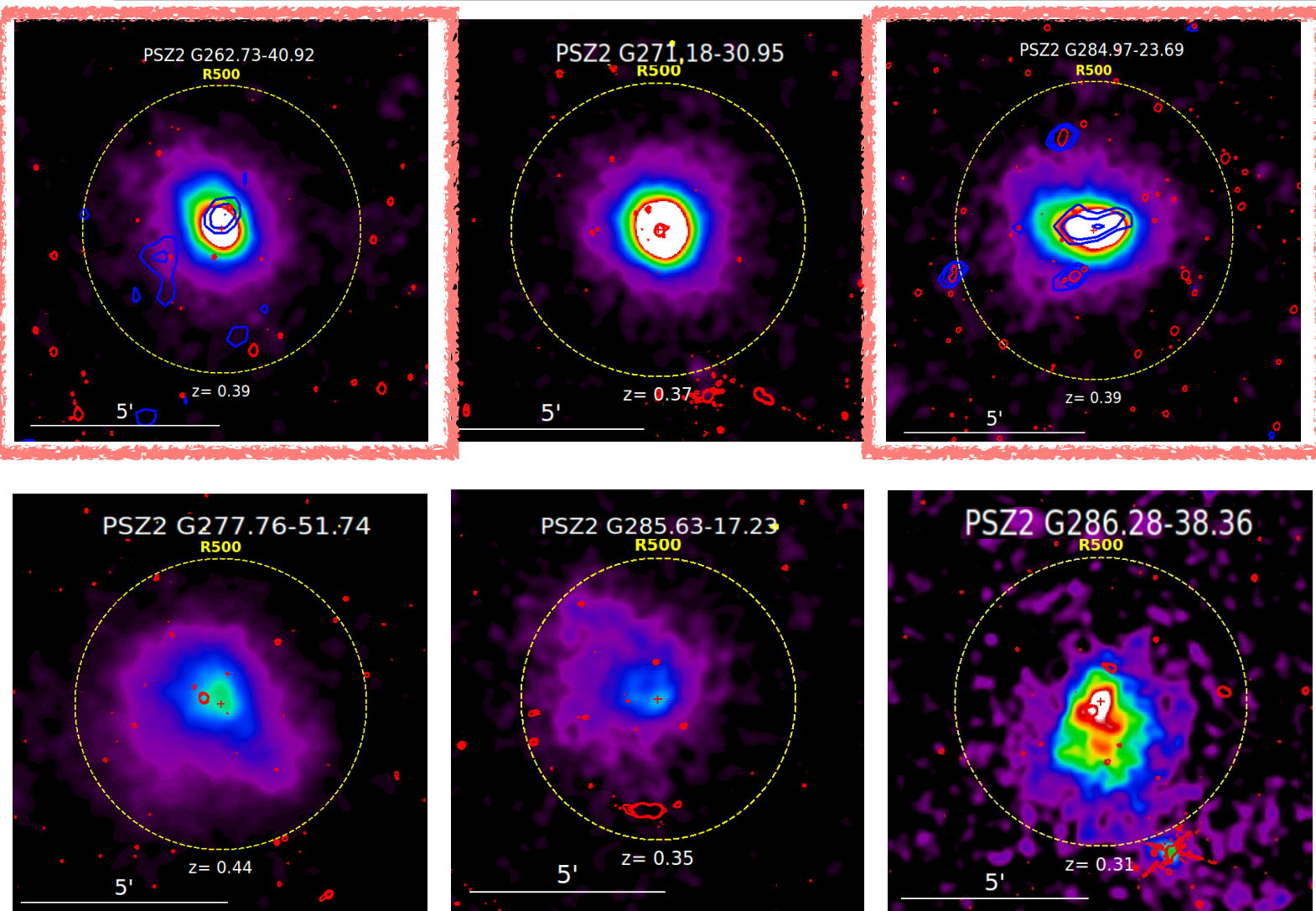


Contours of radio emission
on X-ray thermal emission

What is the origin of relativistic particles ?

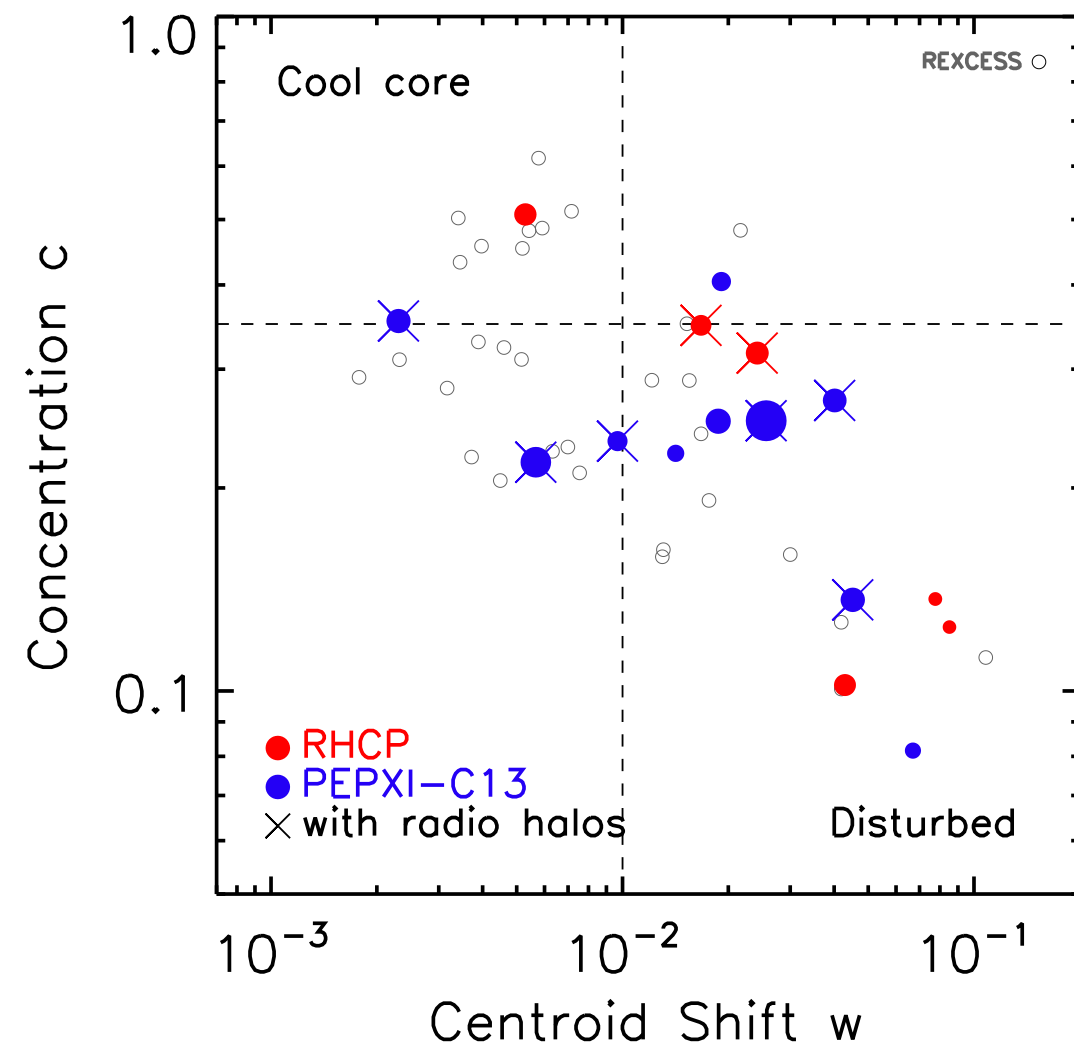


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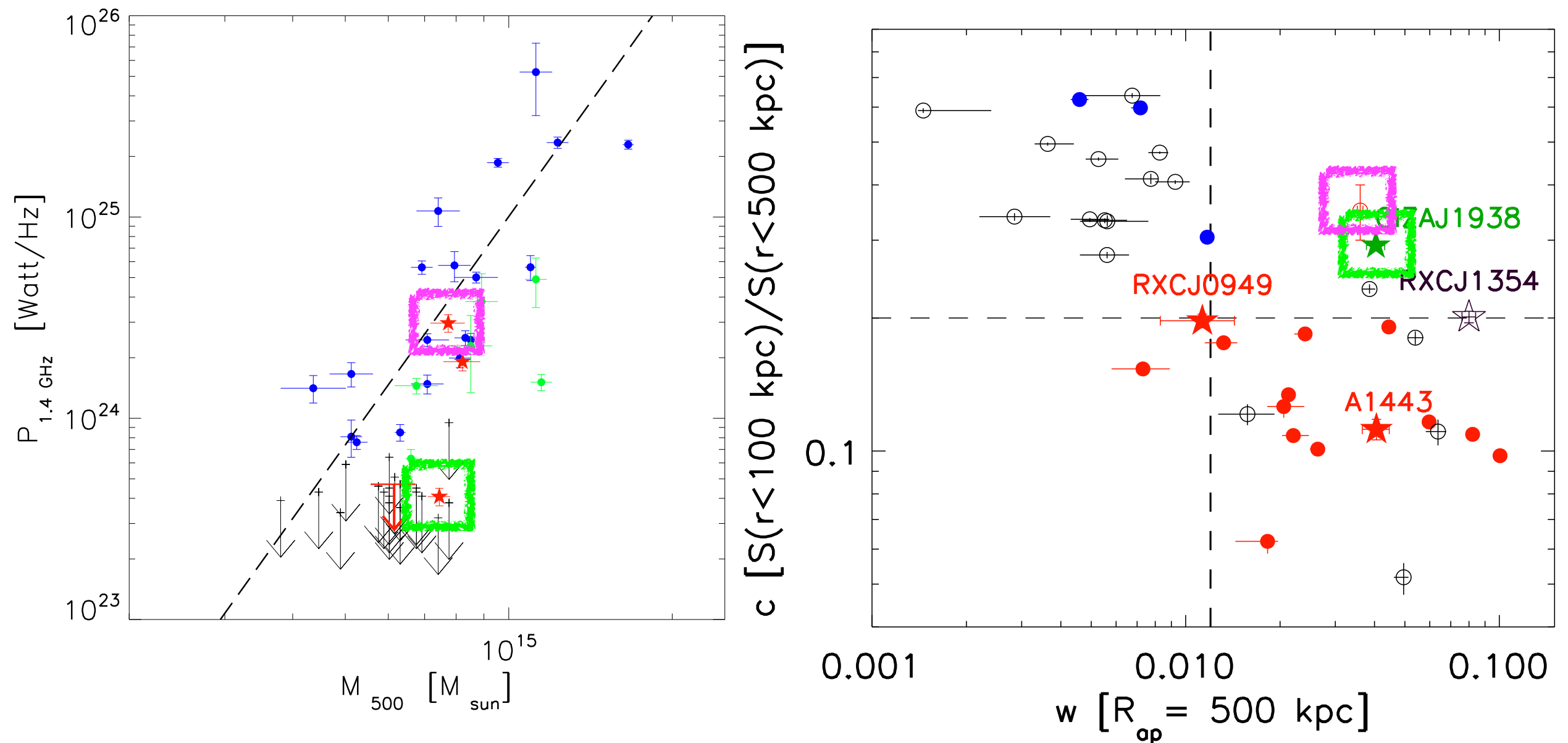


Martinez-Aviles et al. 16, 17
ATCA observations
(1.1 - 3.1 GHz)

Southern Sky Telescope



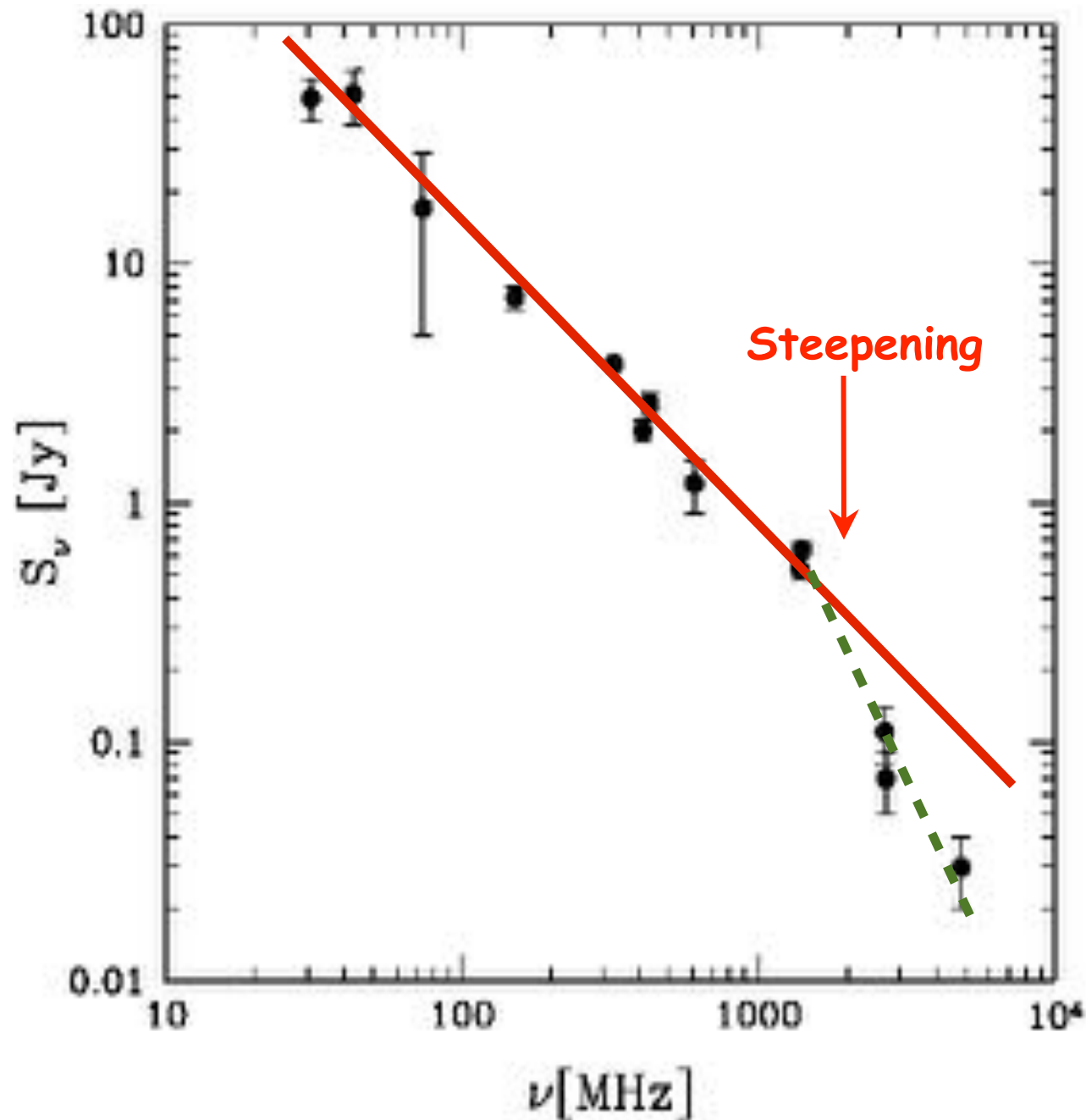
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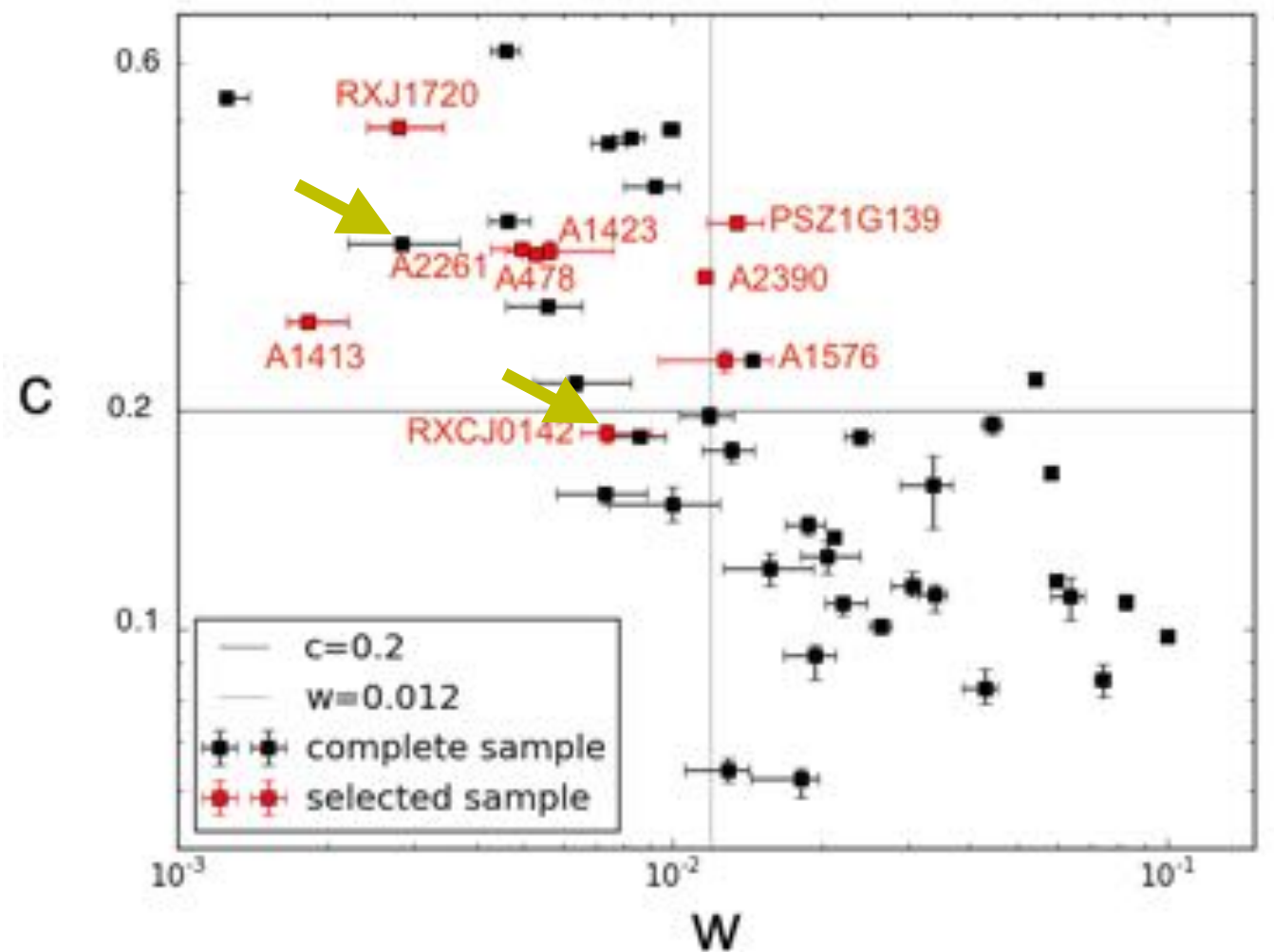
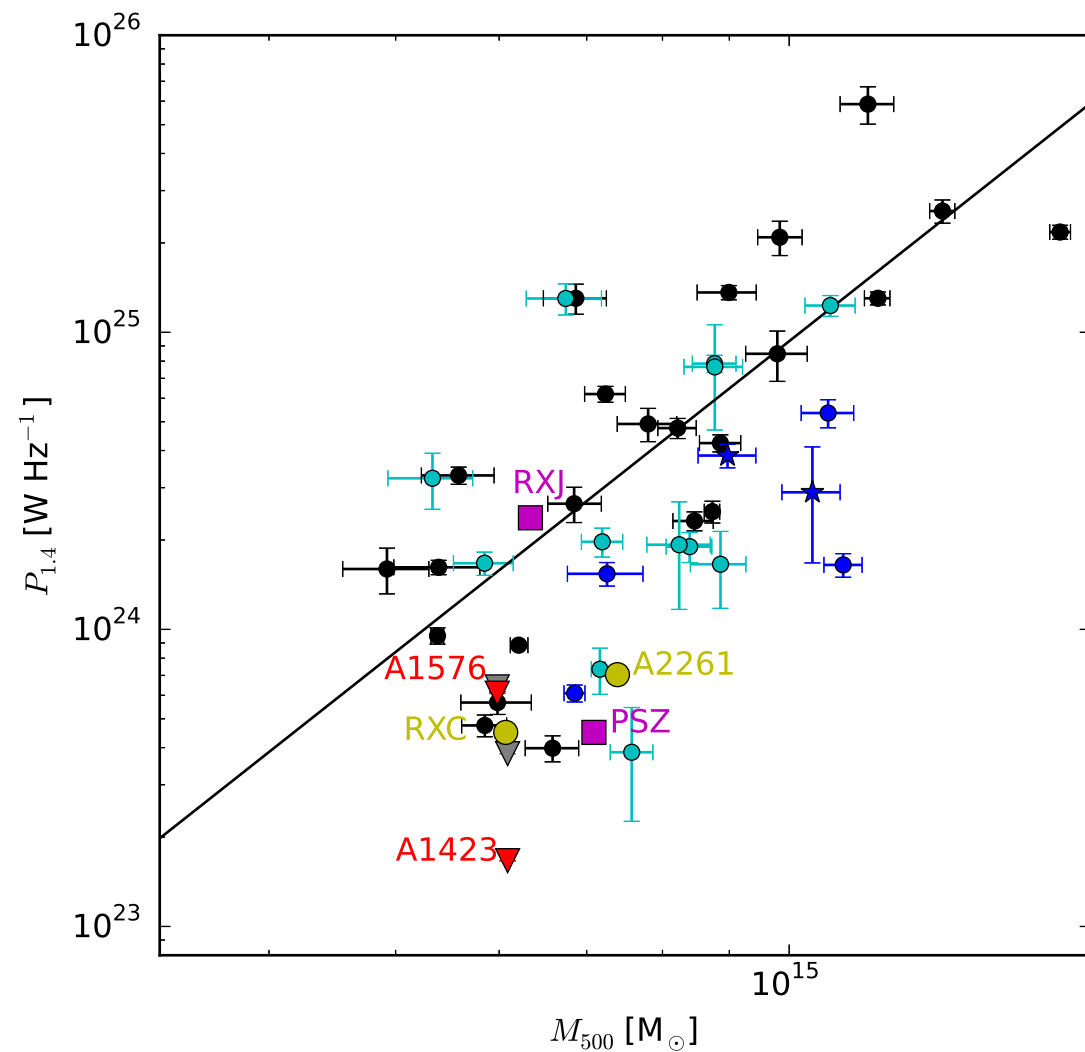
GMRT observations ($\sim 300 / 600$ MHz)

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Adapted from Ferrari et al. 08

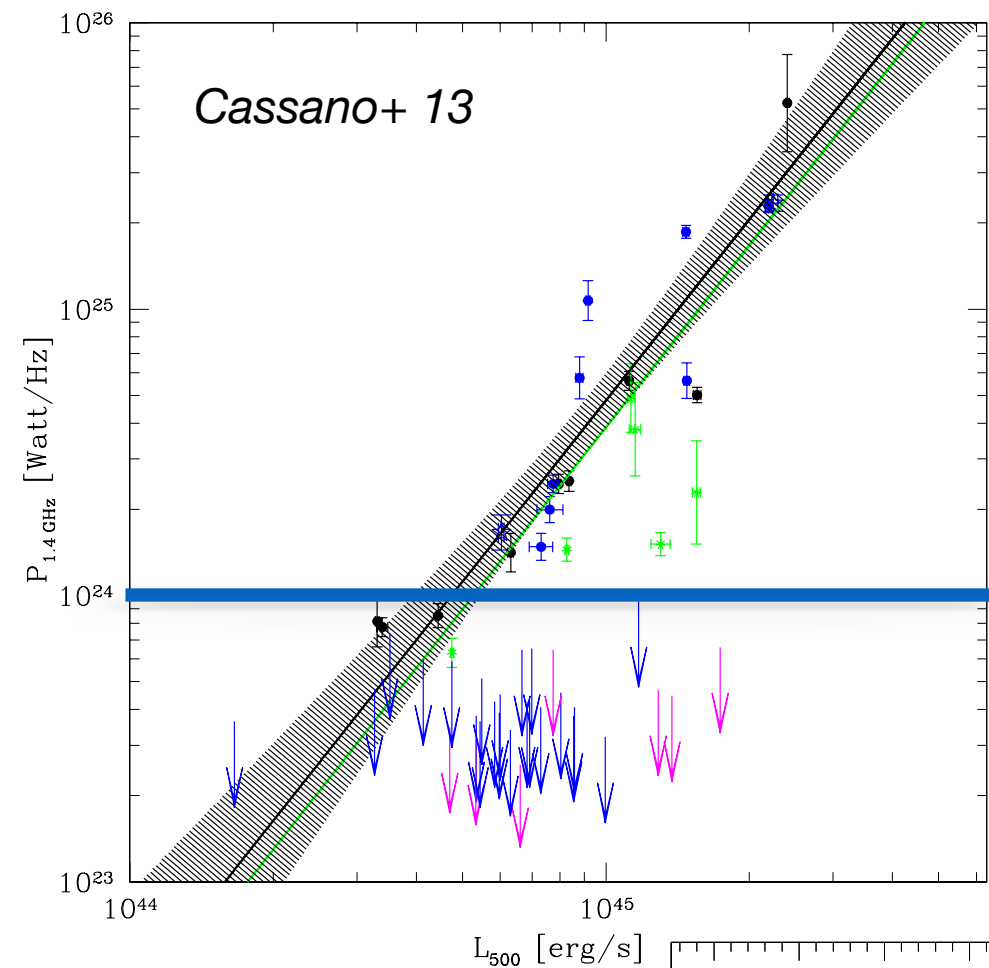
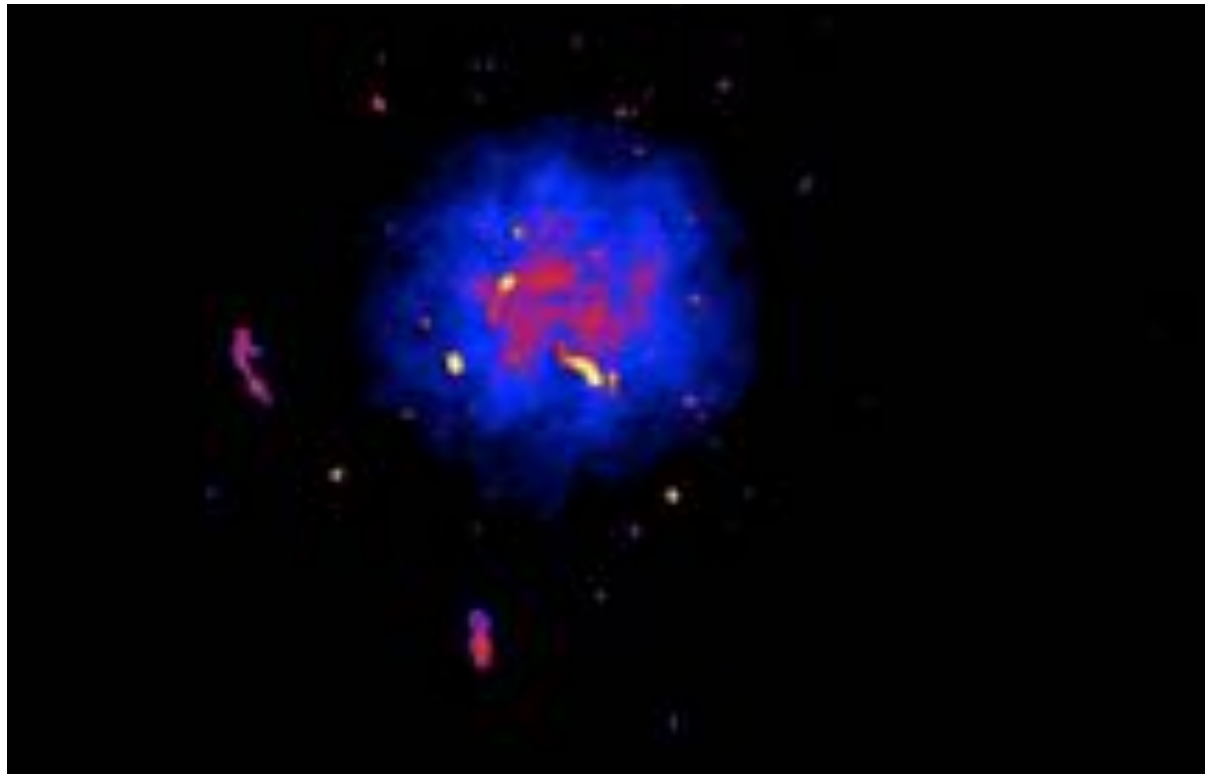
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Courtesy: Salvini et al. - to be submitted
LOFAR observations
(120-168 MHz)

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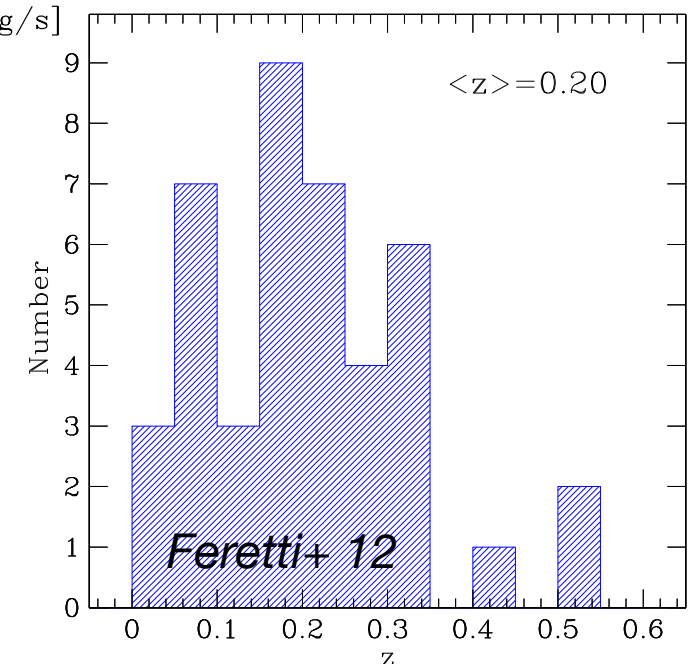
Radio galaxies +
Radio halo ($P_{1.4 \text{ GHz}} \sim 1 \times 10^{24} \text{ W/Hz}$)
@ $z \geq 0.5$



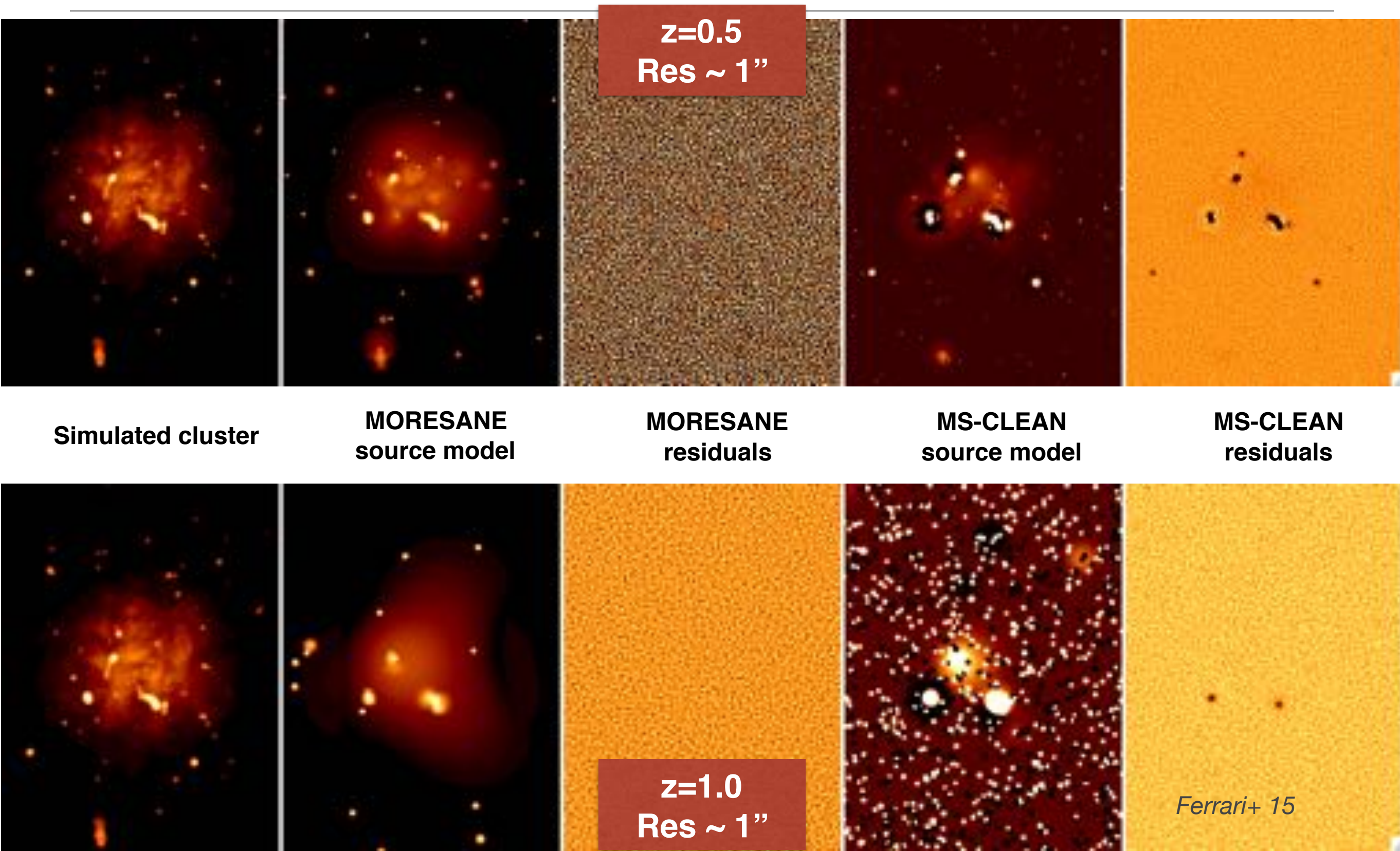
Relativistic electron population

+ Magnetic field model

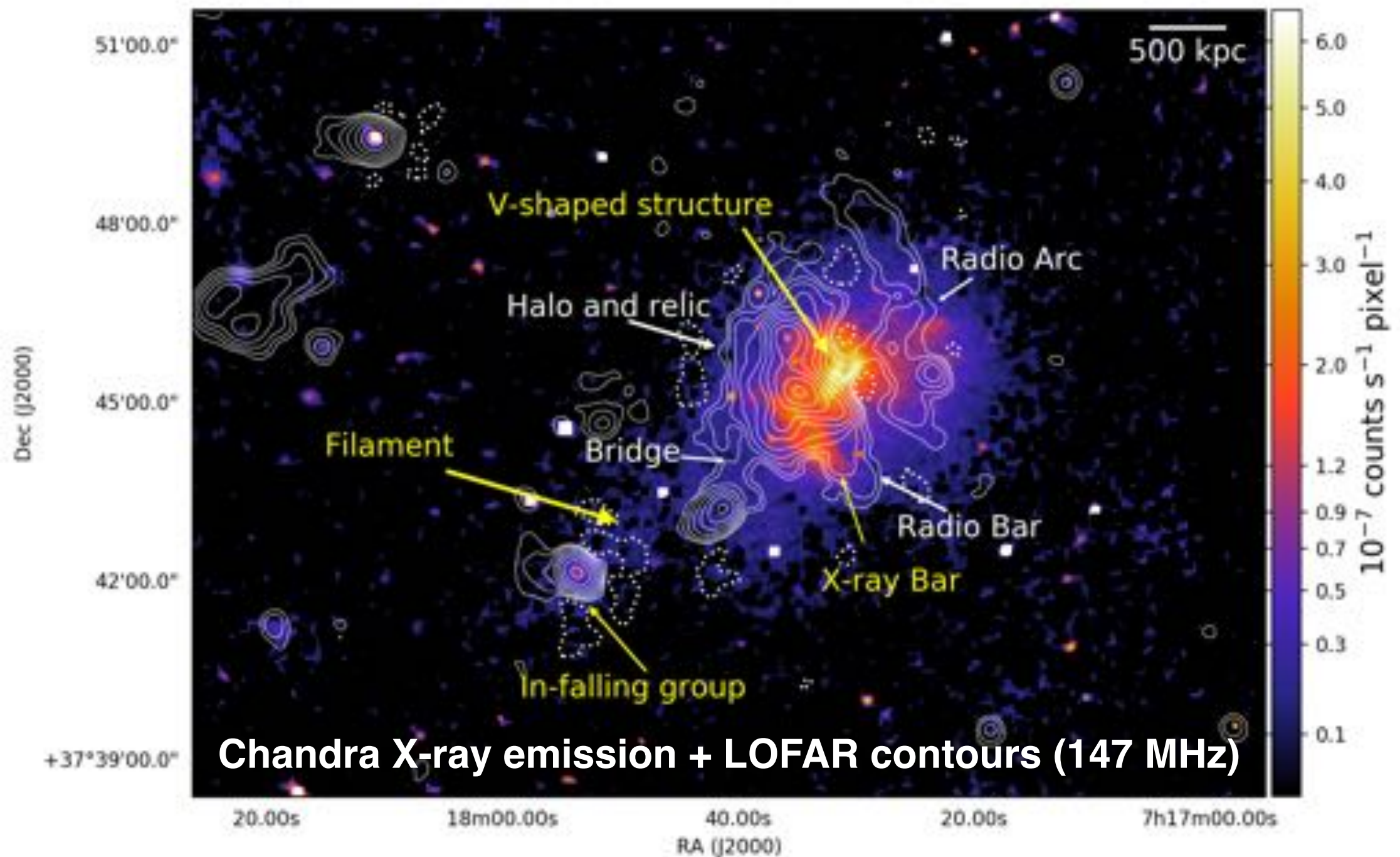
Faraday tool (Murgia+ 04)



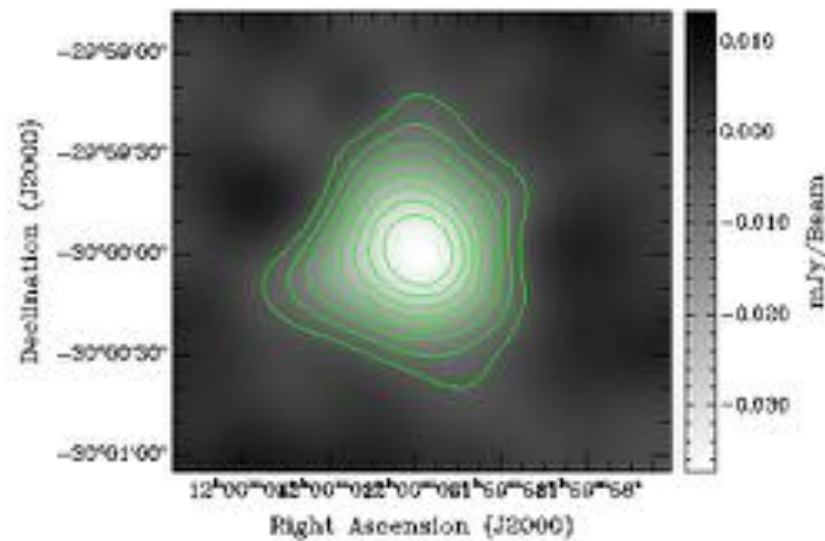
Up to which redshift can we detect clusters with SKA1-MID ?



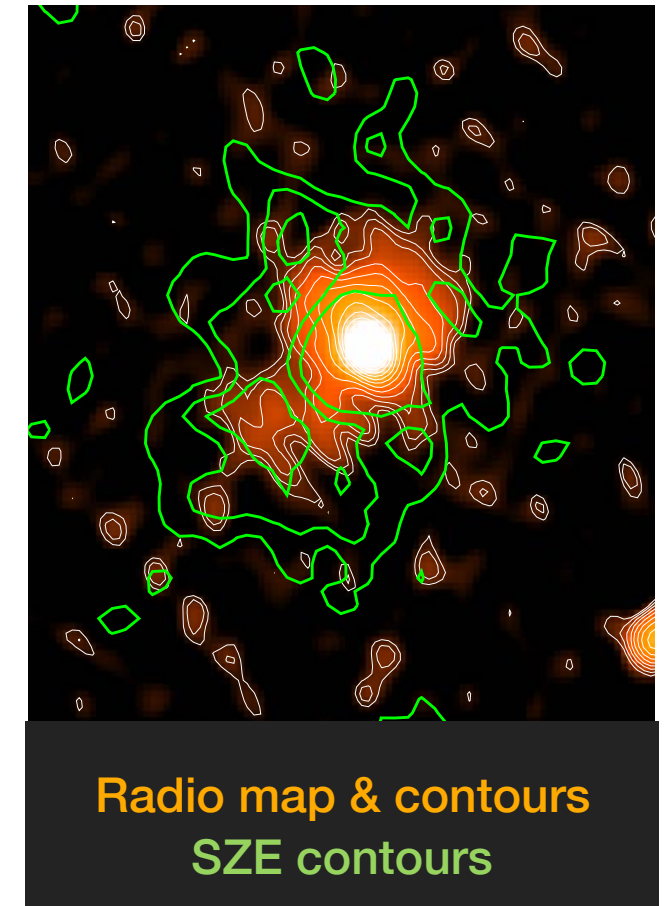
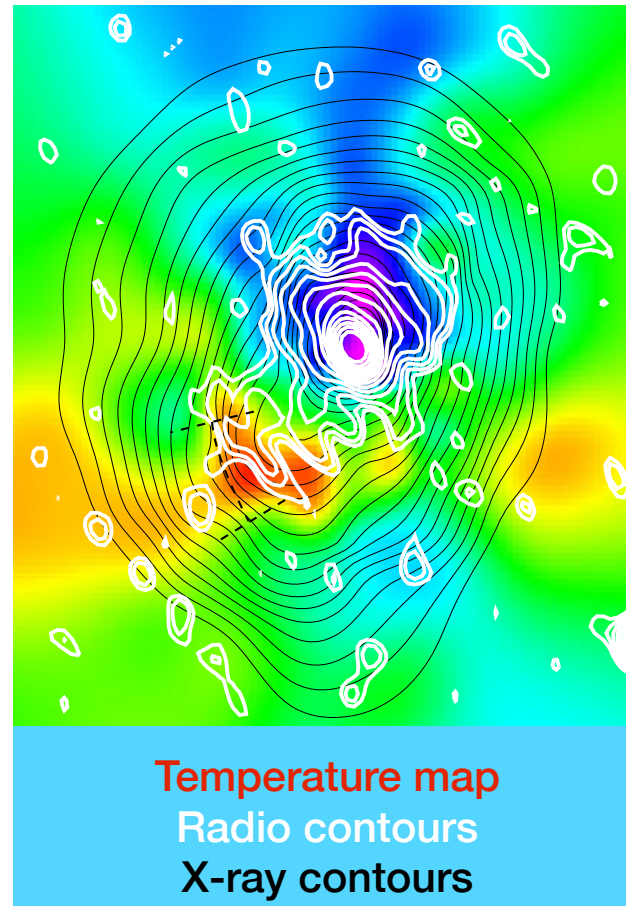
The non-thermal ICM



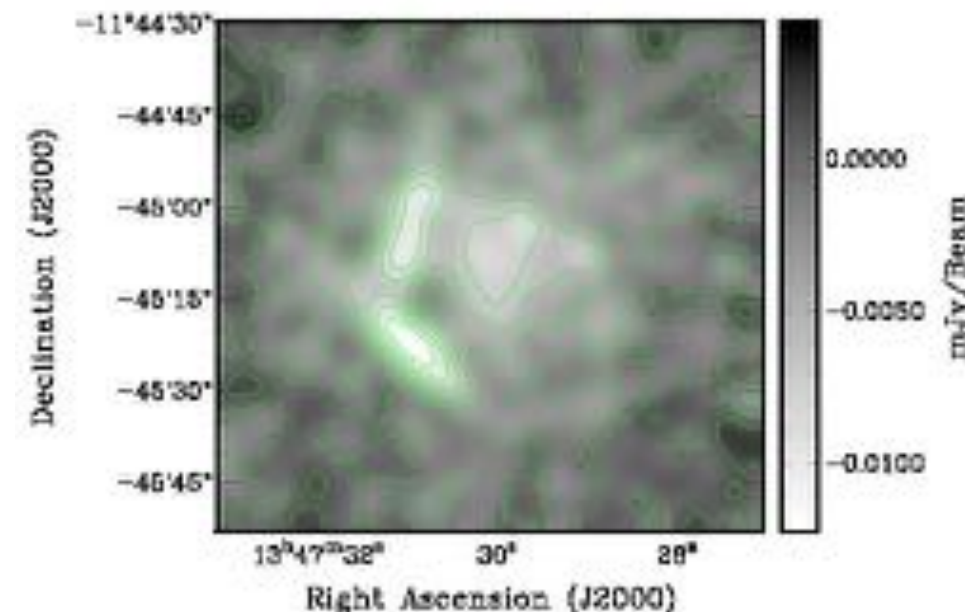
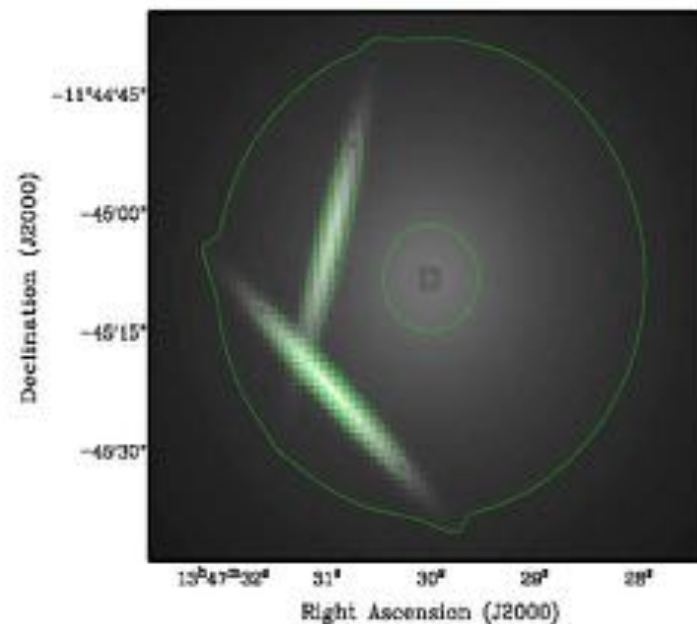
Synchrotron vs. SZ signal from galaxy clusters



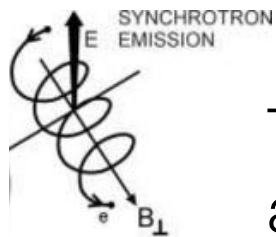
Simulated SZ observations:
1-hour with SKA1-MID
 $M_{200} = 4 \times 10^{14} M_{\text{Sun}} @ z = 1.83$



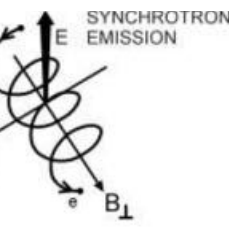
Ferrari et al. 11
Grainge et al. 15



What is the intensity & structure of magnetic fields ?

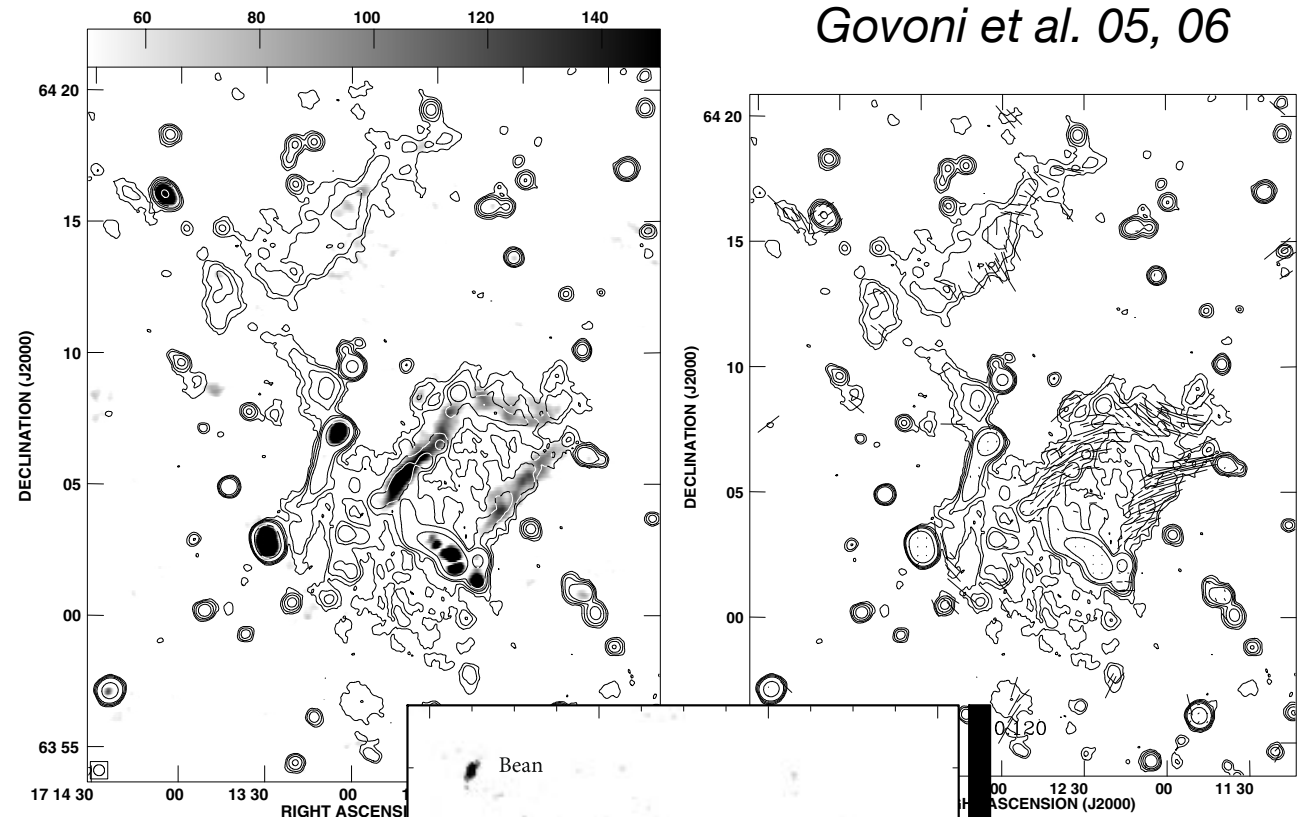


Total intensity
and polarisation
of synchrotron
radiation



Faraday
Rotation

Govoni et al. 05, 06



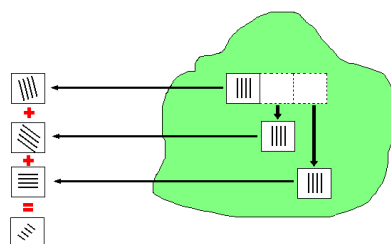
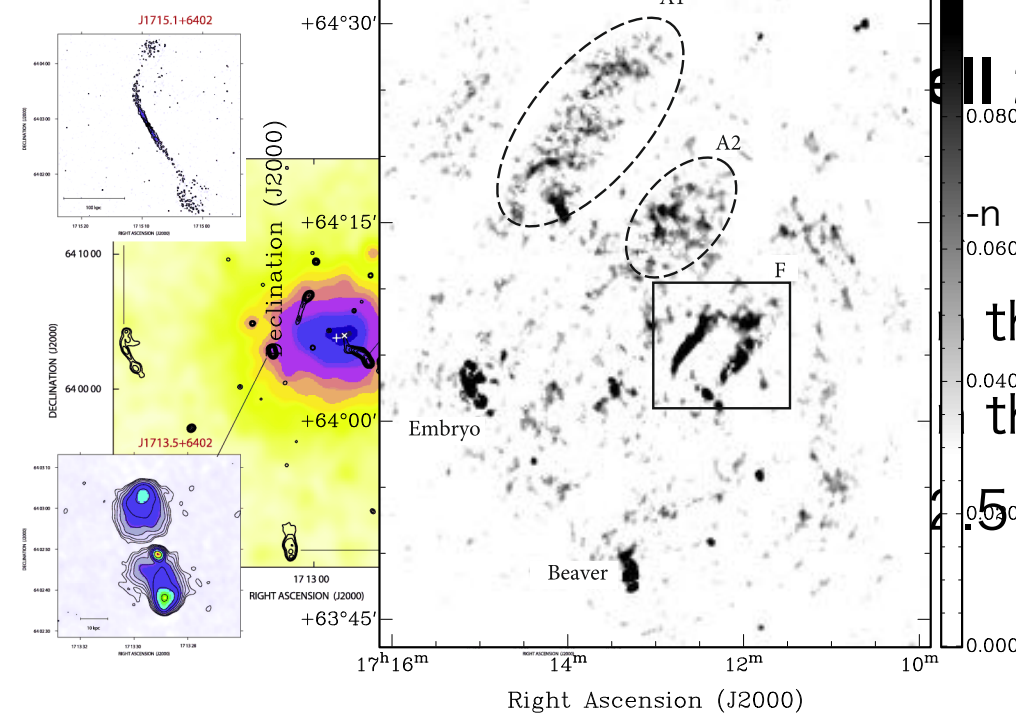
2255

with:

the centre
the periphery

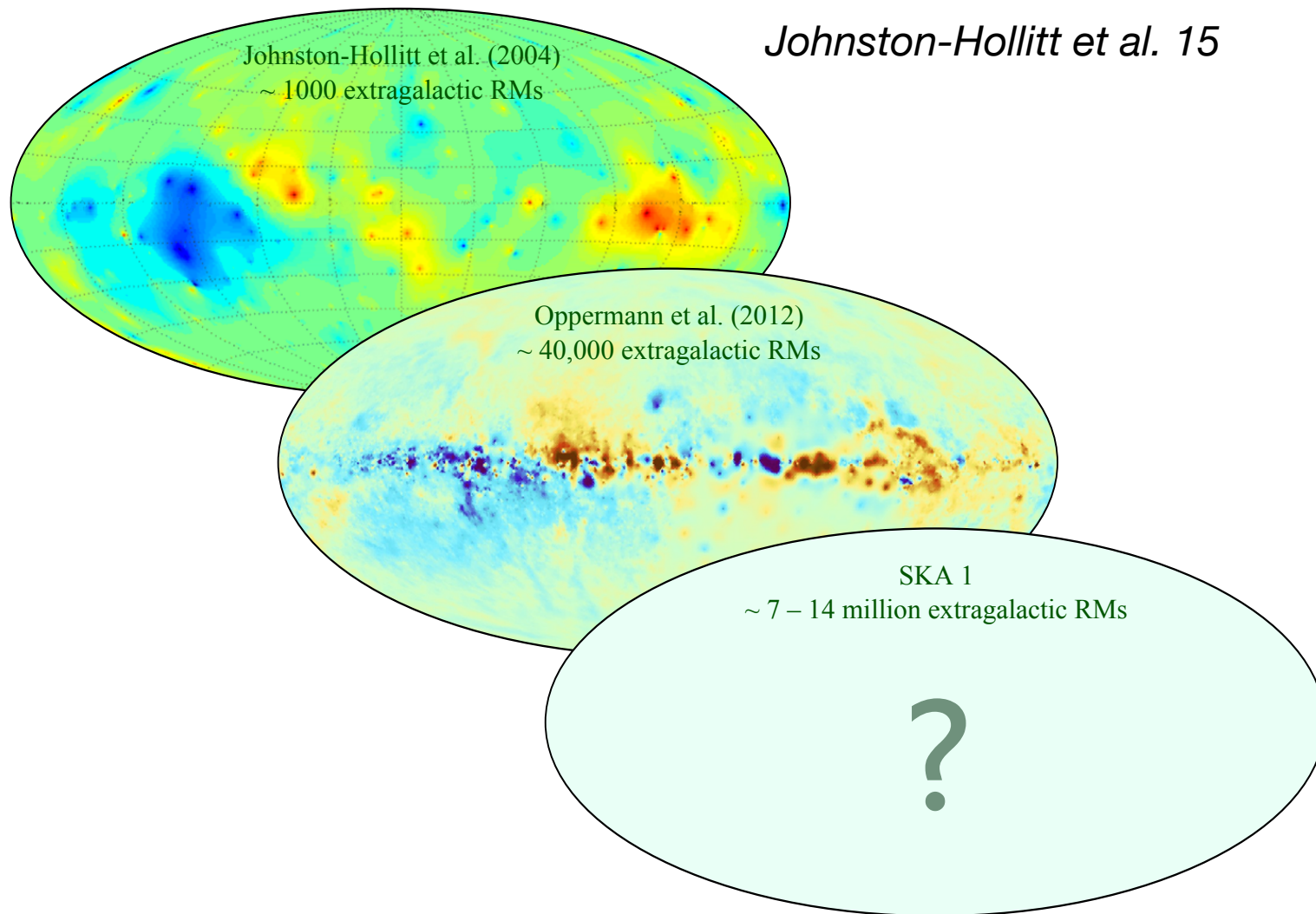
1.5 μG

Pizzo et al. 11



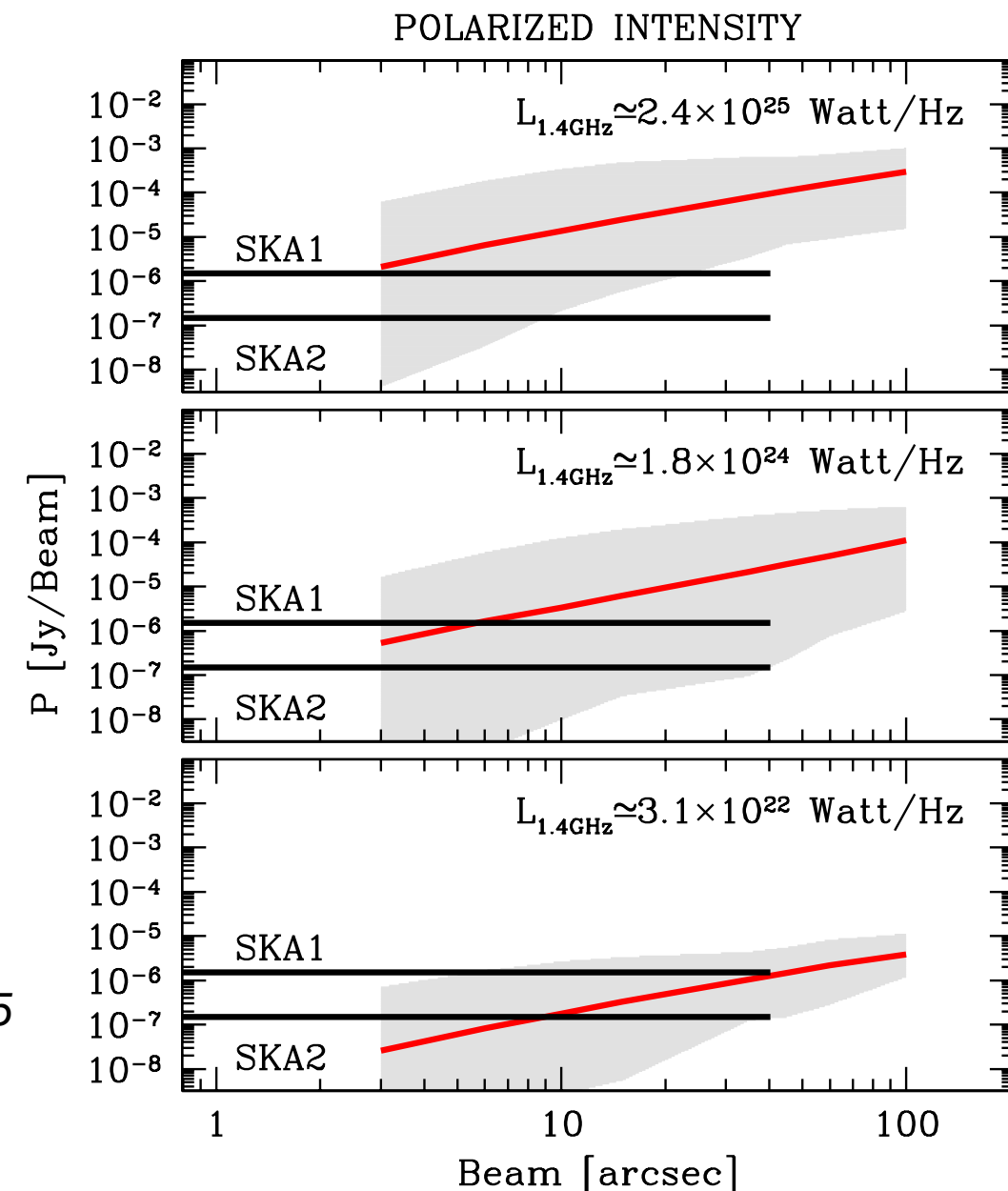
Faraday
Tomography

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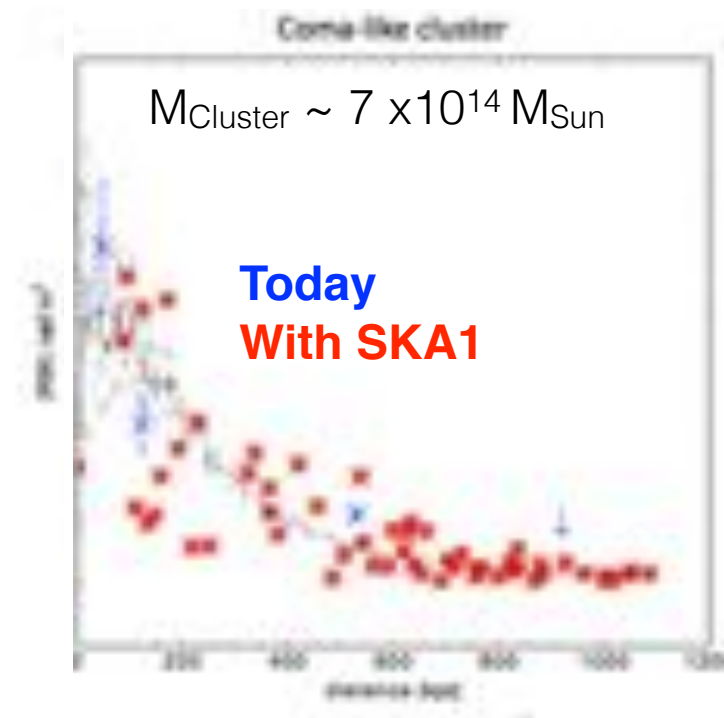
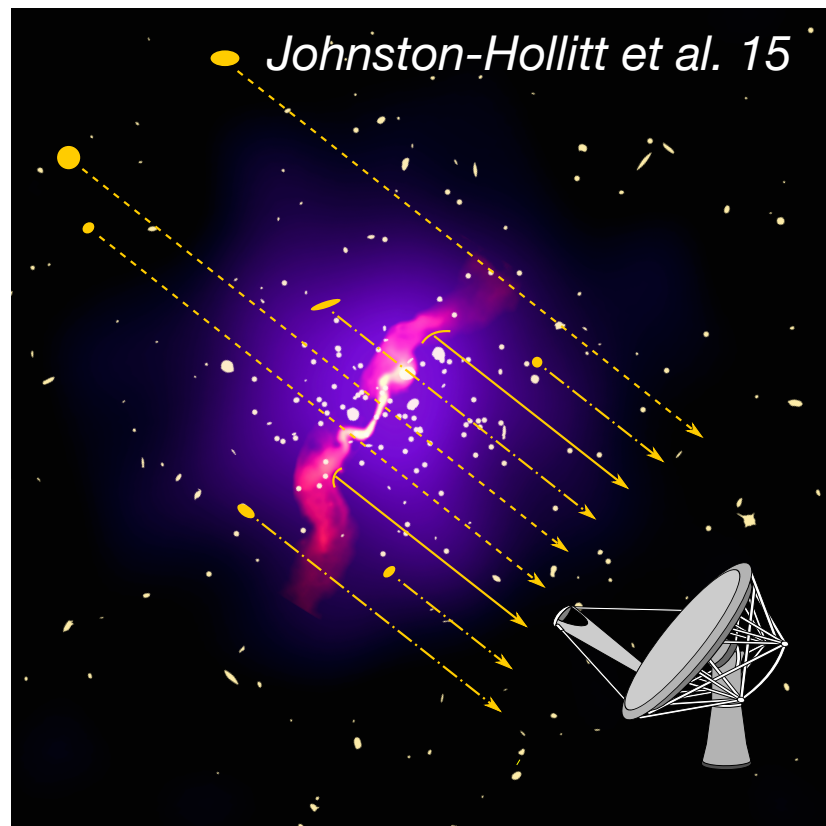


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Govoni et al. 13, 15



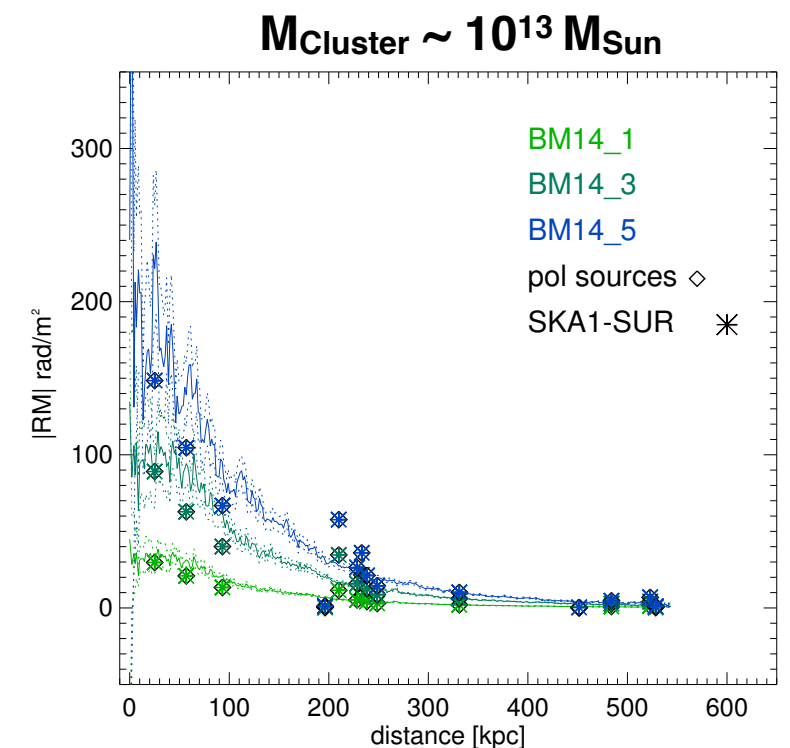
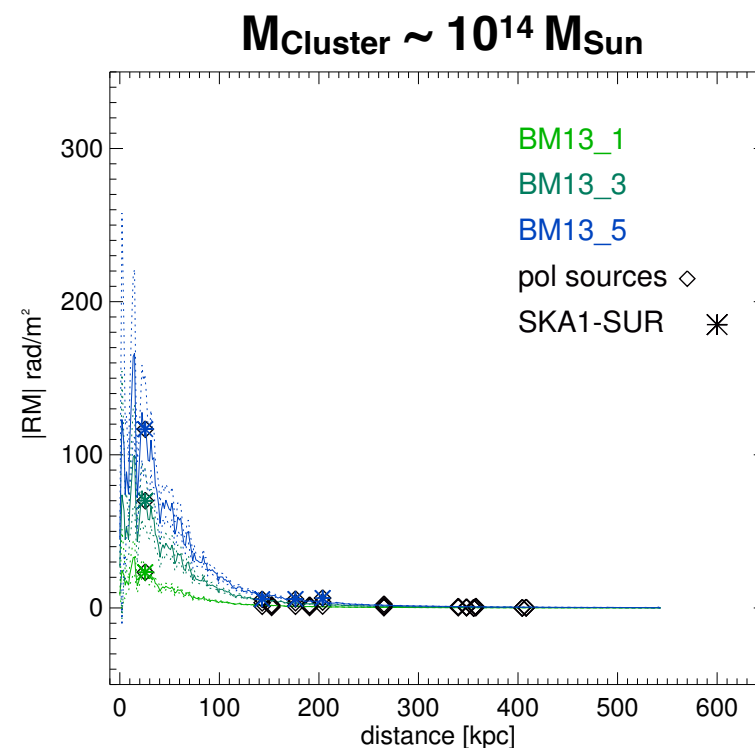
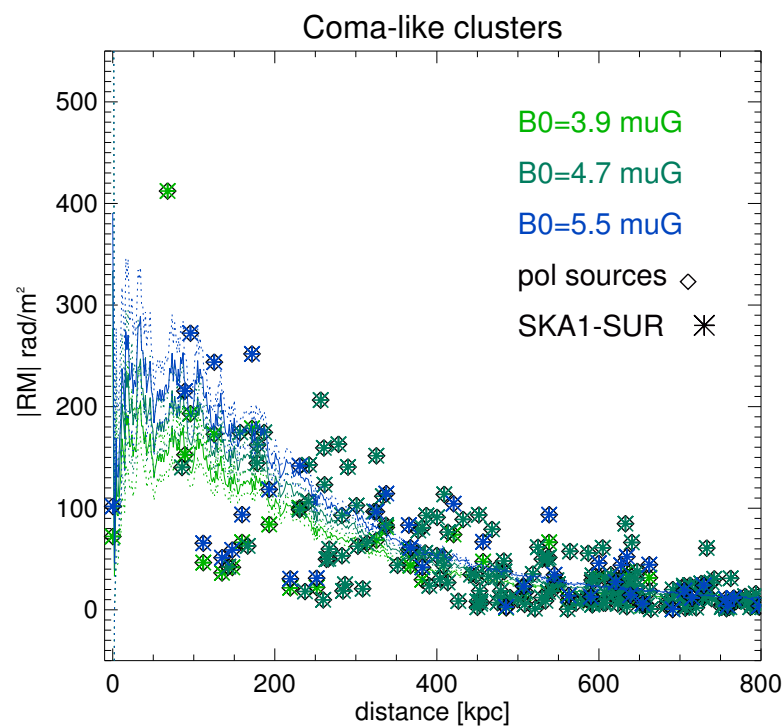
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Mock RM observations by modelling:

- strength & structure of magnetic fields
- gas density (β -model)



Conclusions

- The SKA will change dramatically our view of the radio sky, including galaxy clusters
- We will be able to assess the presence of a non-thermal component in thousands of clusters, up to $z > 1$
- Major signal processing developments are particularly crucial for the detection of cluster diffuse radio sources
- A wide scientific community is expected to collaborate in the development of the SKA project