

Non-thermal processes in galaxy clusters (2)

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Properties of magnetic fields

The plasma within and between galaxies is magnetized.

- B fields couple collisionless charged particles to a single but complex fluid; they **trace dynamical processes in the Universe**.
- Magnetic pressure and tension \rightarrow **additional macroscopic degrees of freedom** (Alfvénic and magnetosonic waves).
- Turbulent cascade becomes anisotropic on smaller scales \rightarrow **suppression of transport processes** such as heat conduction and cosmic ray diffusion across the local $\langle B \rangle$.
- B fields are essential for **accelerating cosmic rays** (CRs):
diffusive shock acceleration (1st order Fermi),
turbulent MHD interactions with CRs (2nd order Fermi).
- They illuminate distant CR electron populations by enabling synchrotron emission \rightarrow **trace violent high-energy astrophysical processes** (structure formation shocks, γ -ray bursts, ...).



Generation of magnetic fields

The magnetic fields in spiral galaxies are highly regular, showing alignment with the spiral arms. They are believed to **arise from weak seed fields, amplified by dynamo processes, driven by differential rotation** in galactic disks. The seed fields could have been produced by many sources:

- stellar winds and jets of active galactic nuclei,
- **plasma instabilities**,
- **battery effects** in shock waves, in ionization fronts, and in neutral gas-plasma interactions.
- other ideas for the seed field origins invoke primordial generation in early universe processes, such as **phase transitions** during the epoch of inflation.



The Biermann battery

Faraday's Law,

$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{B}}{\partial t} = -c \nabla \times \mathbf{E},$$

combined with the Lorentz equation for steady state with $t > \omega_{\text{pl}}^{-1}$,

$$m_e \frac{d\mathbf{v}_e}{dt} = e \left(\mathbf{E} + \frac{\mathbf{v}_e}{c} \times \mathbf{B} + \frac{1}{en_e} \nabla P_e \right) \simeq 0, \text{ since } m_e/m_p \simeq 0,$$

gives the battery equation:

$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{B}}{\partial t} = \nabla \times (\mathbf{v}_e \times \mathbf{B}) - \frac{ck}{en_e} \nabla n_e \times \nabla T_e.$$

A baroclinic flow generates a magnetic field from “nothing”!



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$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{B}}{\partial t} = \nabla \times (\mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{B}) - \nabla \times (c \eta \mathbf{j}).$$

- Using Ampère's Law, $\nabla \times \mathbf{B} = 4\pi \mathbf{j}$, we get

$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{B}}{\partial t} = \nabla \times (\mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{B}) - \frac{c}{4\pi} \nabla \times (\eta \nabla \times \mathbf{B}).$$

- Using the solenoidal condition, $\nabla \cdot \mathbf{B} = 0$, and assuming $\eta = \text{const}$, we arrive at the **induction equation**:

$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{B}}{\partial t} = \nabla \times (\mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{B}) + D \nabla^2 \mathbf{B}, \quad \text{where } D = \frac{c \eta}{4\pi}.$$



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- 1st term: the “convective term” states that the field is frozen into the flow; important property for astrophysical plasmas!
- 2nd term: the “diffusive term” represents the diffusive leakage of magnetic field lines across the conducting field.
- The “diffusive term” can be neglected for infinite conductivity $\sigma = \eta^{-1}$ or for large magnetic Reynolds numbers $R_M \rightarrow \infty$:

$$R_M = \frac{|\text{convective term}|}{|\text{diffusive term}|} = \frac{L^{-1} v B}{D L^{-2} B} = \frac{L v}{D}$$



Flux frozen magnetic field lines (1)

$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{B}}{\partial t} = \nabla \times (\mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{B})$$

- Using $\nabla \cdot \mathbf{B} = 0$ we obtain

$$\frac{d\mathbf{B}}{dt} = \frac{\partial \mathbf{B}}{\partial t} + (\mathbf{v} \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{B} = (\mathbf{B} \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{v} - (\nabla \cdot \mathbf{v}) \mathbf{B}.$$

- Using the continuity equation, $\frac{d\rho}{dt} = -(\nabla \cdot \mathbf{v}) \rho$, we get

$$\frac{d\mathbf{B}}{dt} = (\mathbf{B} \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{v} + \frac{\mathbf{B}}{\rho} \frac{d\rho}{dt}.$$

- This can be rewritten to yield the equation for flux freezing:

$$\frac{d}{dt} \left(\frac{\mathbf{B}}{\rho} \right) = \left(\frac{\mathbf{B}}{\rho} \cdot \nabla \right) \mathbf{v}$$

Flux frozen magnetic field lines (2)

$$\text{Flux freezing: } \frac{d}{dt} \left(\frac{\mathbf{B}}{\rho} \right) = \left(\frac{\mathbf{B}}{\rho} \cdot \nabla \right) \mathbf{v}$$

- Consider the evolution of $\delta \mathbf{x}$ which connects two neighboring points in the fluid:

$$\begin{aligned}\Delta \mathbf{x}(t) &= \delta \mathbf{x} \\ \Delta \mathbf{x}(t + \Delta t) &= \delta \mathbf{x} + (\delta \mathbf{x} \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{v} \Delta t + \mathcal{O}(\Delta t^2) \\ \frac{d\delta \mathbf{x}}{dt} &= \frac{\Delta \mathbf{x}(t + \Delta t) - \Delta \mathbf{x}(t)}{\Delta t} = (\delta \mathbf{x} \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{v}\end{aligned}$$

- \mathbf{B}/ρ and $\delta \mathbf{x}$ satisfy the same ODE, hence if initially $\delta \mathbf{x} = \varepsilon \mathbf{B}/\rho$, the same relation will hold for all times. If $\delta \mathbf{x}$ connects two particles on the same field line then they remain on the same field line.
- Hence $B/R^2 = \text{const} \rightarrow B \propto n^{2/3}$ for flux freezing: flux freezing predicts a tight correlation of B and n !



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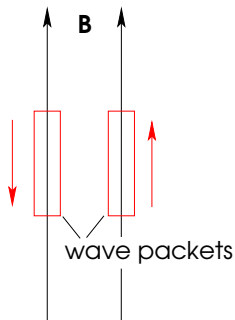
Waves in magneto-hydrodynamics (MHD)

In a magnetized plasma, there are seven different wave modes:

- The 2 polarization states of **Alfvén modes** are polarized transverse to the unperturbed magnetic field, the group velocity is along the mean magnetic field with $v_{ph} = v_A = B/\sqrt{4\pi\rho}$.
- 2 polarization states of **fast magnetosonic modes**; equivalent to sound waves in high- β plasmas, where $\beta = P_{th}/P_B = 2c_s/v_A$; don't interact with Alfvén waves.
- 2 polarization states of **slow magnetosonic modes**.
- The **entropy mode**: zero-frequency wave with fluctuations in n and T such that $P_{th} = \text{const}$.



Alfvénic turbulence - the picture



Interacting Alfvén wave packets.

Alfvénic turbulence is incompressible:

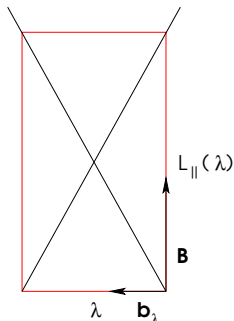
$$\frac{\delta v_A}{v_A} = \frac{\delta B}{B}$$

- What happens when the two wave packets are interacting?
- The down-going packet causes field line wandering such that the upward going packet is broken apart after a distance $L_{\parallel}(\lambda)$.

→ **critical balance condition of Alfvénic turbulence** (Goldreich & Shridhar 95, 97, Lithwick & Goldreich 01)



Alfvénic turbulence - the scaling



Geometrical interpretation of the “critical balance” condition.

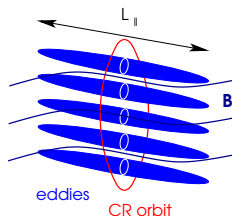
- Critical balance: $L_{\parallel} = \frac{\lambda B}{b_{\lambda}}$.
- In Kolmogorov turbulence, the energy flux of the fluctuating field at scale λ is constant, $b_{\lambda}^2/t_{\lambda} = \text{const.}$
- $t_{\lambda} = \frac{L_{\parallel}}{v_A} = \frac{\lambda B}{v_A b_{\lambda}} \propto b_{\lambda}^2$, and $B \propto v_A = \text{const.}$
- We obtain the scaling of Alfvénic turbulence:
 $b_{\lambda} \propto \lambda^{1/3}$ or $L_{\parallel} \propto \lambda^{2/3} L_{\text{MHD}}^{1/3}$

→ the smaller the scale λ , the more anisotropic is the turbulent scaling and the more elongated are the eddies ($L_{\parallel}/\lambda \propto \lambda^{1/3}$) whose long axis is aligned with the local $\langle B \rangle$!



CR interactions with Alfvénic turbulence

Alfvén modes contribute only marginally to particle acceleration due to the anisotropic cascade:



Sketch of turbulent eddies in the Goldreich Shridhar picture of Alfvénic turbulence.

- Gyro-radius of a CR encloses many eddies that are not aligned:

$$L_{\perp} \ll L_{\parallel} \sim r_L = \frac{\rho_{\perp} c}{ZeB}.$$

This causes a **random walk**, broadens the gyro-resonance and **reduces the scattering efficiency!**

- Same argument in k -space where parallel modes decay faster:

$$E(k_{\perp}) \propto k_{\perp}^{-5/3}, k_{\perp} \propto L_{\text{MHD}}^{1/2} k_{\parallel}^{3/2}$$

$\rightarrow E(k_{\parallel}) \propto k_{\parallel}^{-2}$, less energy on resonant scale, **steeper spectrum** than Kolmogorov!

CR interactions with fast modes

Can CRs be accelerated at all by interacting with MHD plasma waves?

Yes, the **compressible fast modes** dominate the CR scattering in spite of damping (Yan & Lazarian 04, 07):

- Gyro-resonance:

$$\omega - k_{\parallel} v_{\parallel} = n\Omega, \quad n = \pm 1, \pm 2, \dots$$

which states that the Doppler shifted MHD wave frequency is a multiple of the particle's gyro-frequency, $\Omega = eB/(\gamma mc)$. Hence $k_{\parallel, \text{res}} \sim \Omega/v_{\parallel} = 1/r_L$.

- Non-resonant interactions with transit time damping:

$$\omega = k_{\parallel} v_{\parallel} \quad (\text{Landau resonance})$$

The electron is trapped by a mirror force, surfs the wave and gains energy (head-on collisions are more frequent than tail-on's) → stochastic acceleration.



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Essentials of radiative processes

$$\nu_{\text{synch}} = \frac{3eB}{2\pi m_e c} \gamma^2 \simeq 1 \text{ GHz} \frac{B}{\mu\text{G}} \left(\frac{\gamma}{10^4}\right)^2,$$
$$h\nu_{\text{IC}} = \frac{4}{3} h\nu_{\text{init}} \gamma^2 \simeq 90 \text{ keV} \frac{\nu_{\text{init}}}{\nu_{\text{CMB}}} \left(\frac{\gamma}{10^4}\right)^2,$$

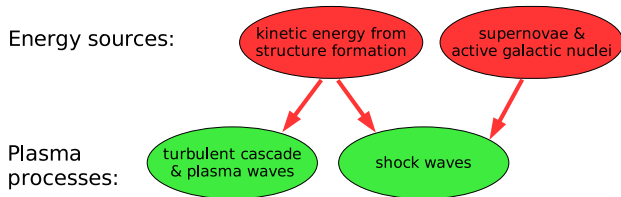
with $h\nu_{\text{init}} \simeq 0.66 \text{ meV}$ for CMB photons.

→ the **same CR electron population seen in the radio band** via synchrotron emission can be observed in the **hard X-ray regime** through the IC process.



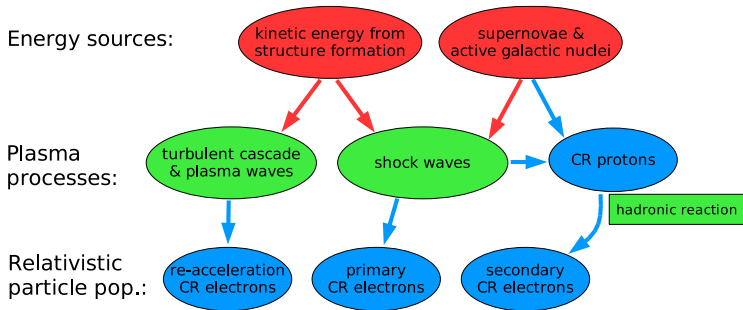
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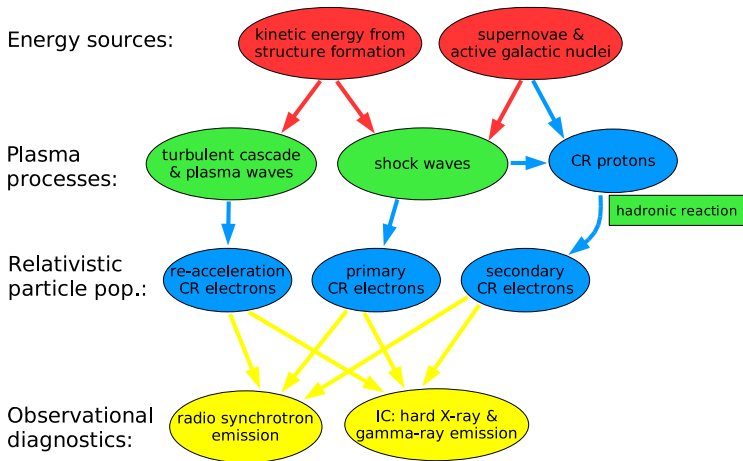
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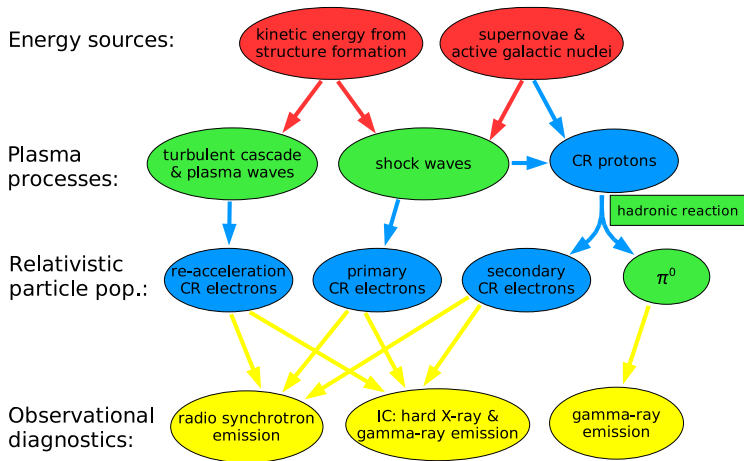
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Previous models for giant radio halos in clusters

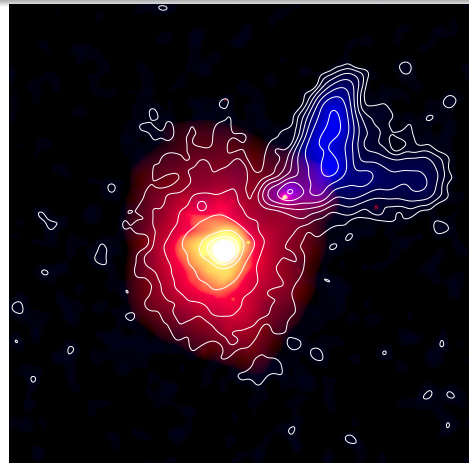
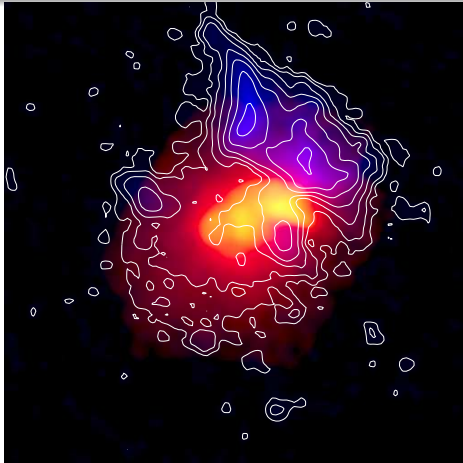
Radio halos show a smooth unpolarized radio emission at Mpc-scales. How are they generated?

- **Primary accelerated CR electrons:** synchrotron/IC cooling times too short to account for extended diffuse emission.
- **Continuous in-situ acceleration** of pre-existing CR electrons either via interactions with magneto-hydrodynamic waves, or through turbulent spectra (Jaffe 1977, Schlickeiser 1987, Brunetti 2001, Brunetti & Lazarian 2007).
- **Hadronically produced CR electrons** in inelastic collisions of CR protons with the ambient gas (Dennison 1980, Vestrad 1982, Miniati 2001, Pfrommer 2004).

All of these models face theoretical short-comings when comparing to observations.

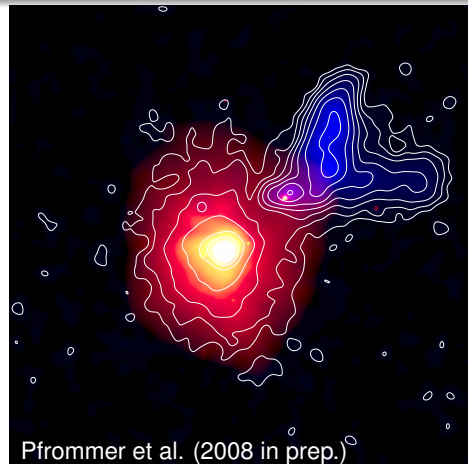
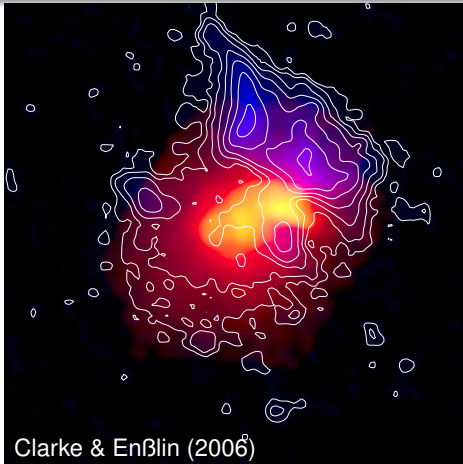


Which one is the simulation/observation of A2256?



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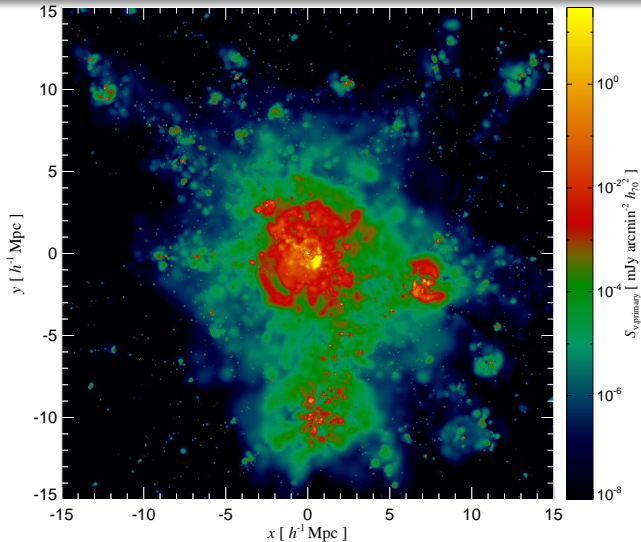
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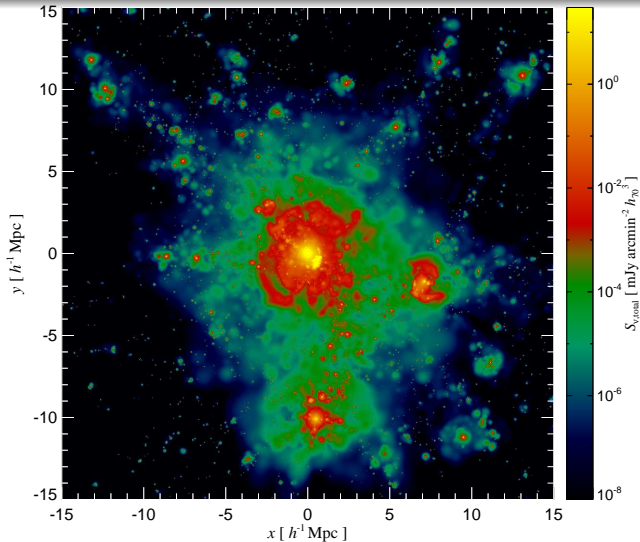
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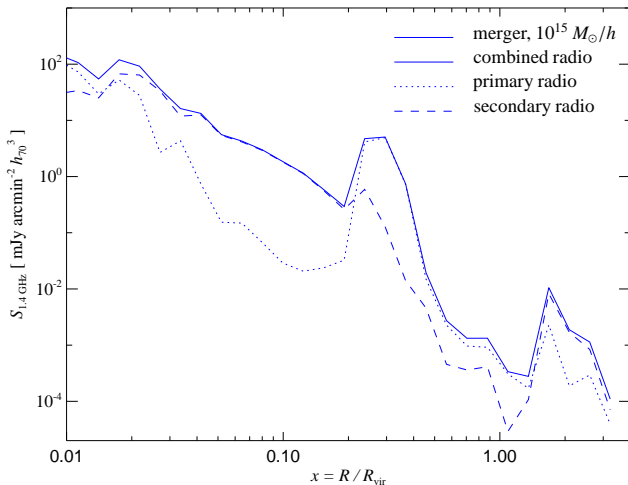
Radio gischt: primary CRe (150 MHz)



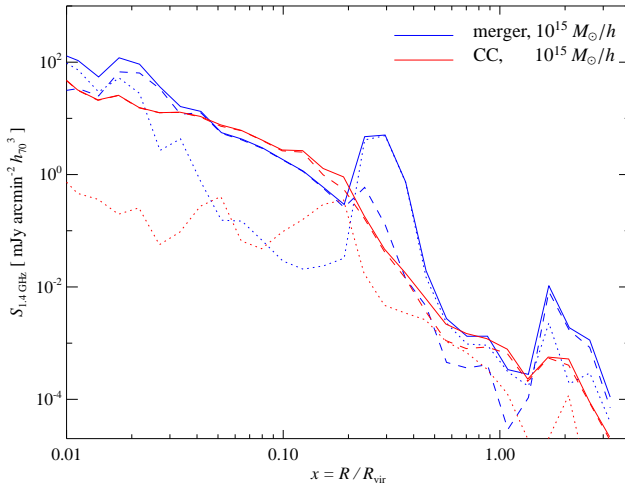
Radio gischt + central hadronic halo = giant radio halo



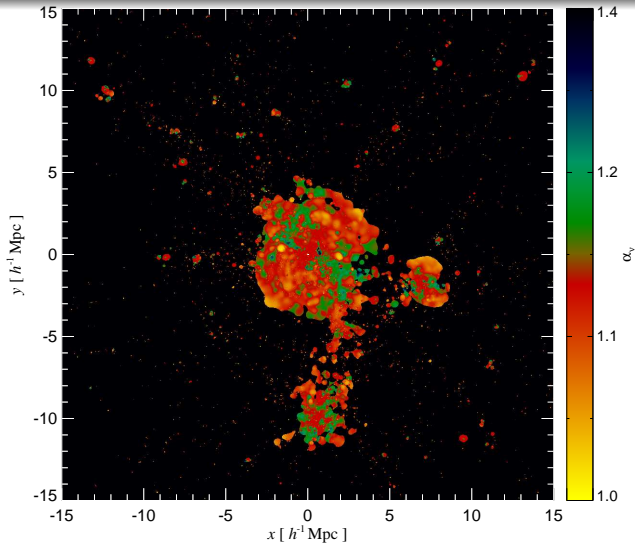
Giant radio halo profile



Giant radio halo vs. mini-halo



Radio relics + halos: spectral index



Observational properties of diffuse radio emission

What cluster radio observations demand:

- **Giant radio halos**: homogeneous spherical morphology (similar to X-ray emission), larger variation of the spectral index in the peripheral regions, steep radio spectrum ($\alpha_\nu \simeq 1.3$), Faraday depolarized synchrotron emission
- **Radio mini-halos**: occur in cooling core clusters, homogeneous spherical morphology in the cooling region, Faraday depolarized synchrotron emission, steep radio spectrum
- **Radio relics**: occur in merging clusters, inhomogeneous morphology, peripheral cluster regions, flat radio spectrum ($\alpha_\nu \simeq 1.1$), polarized synchrotron emission



Low-frequency radio emission from clusters

Window into current and past structure formation

Our unified model accounts for ...

- **correlation between merging clusters and giant halos**, occurrence of mini-halos in cool core clusters
- observed luminosities of halos/relics for magnetic fields derived from Faraday rotation measurements
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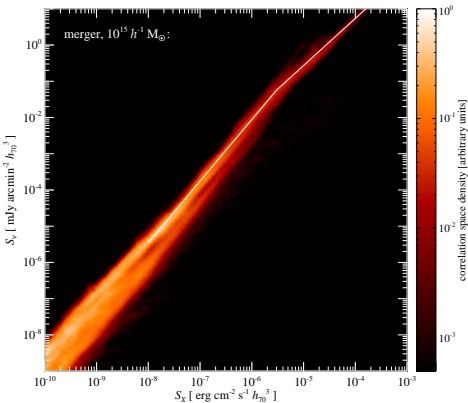
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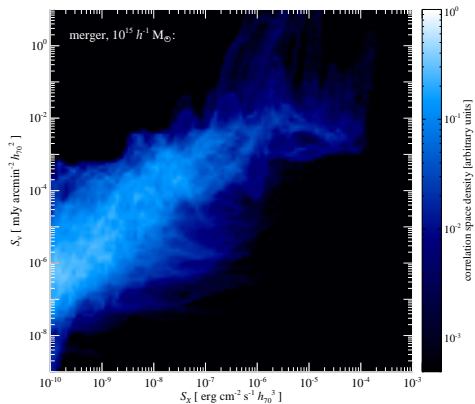
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Correlation between X-ray and synchrotron emission



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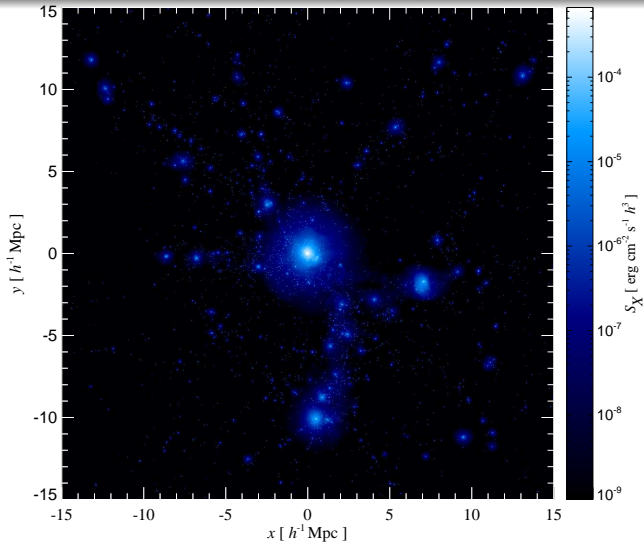
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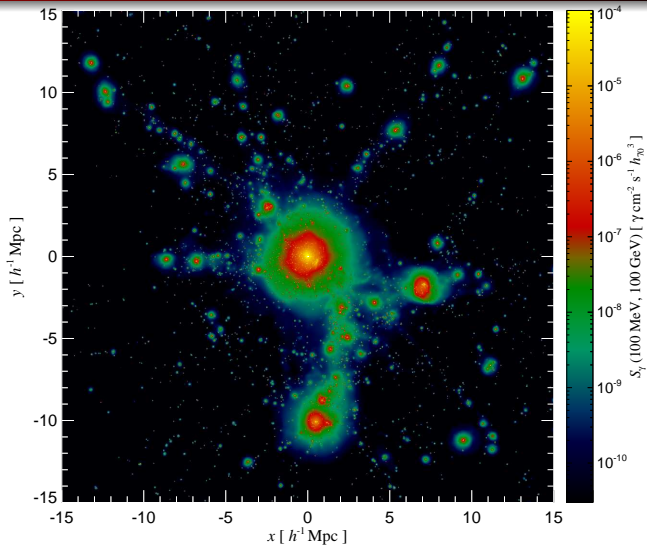
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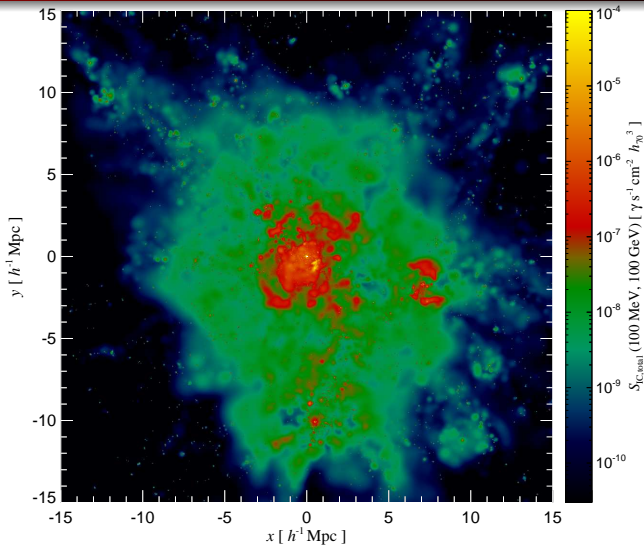
Thermal X-ray emission



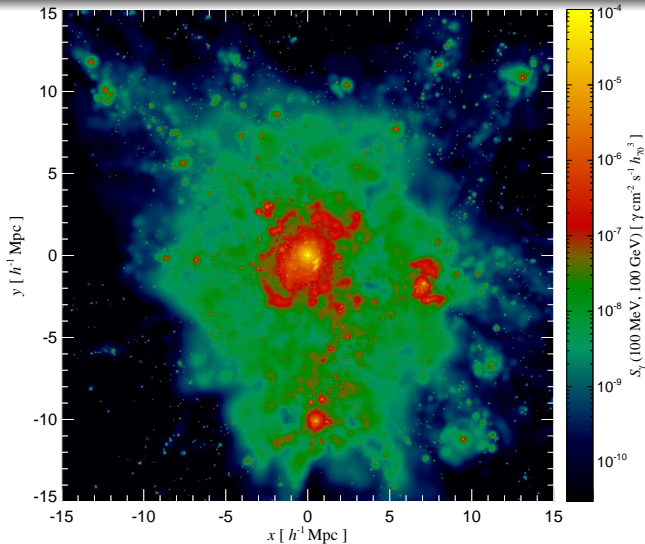
Hadronic γ -ray emission, $E_\gamma > 100$ MeV



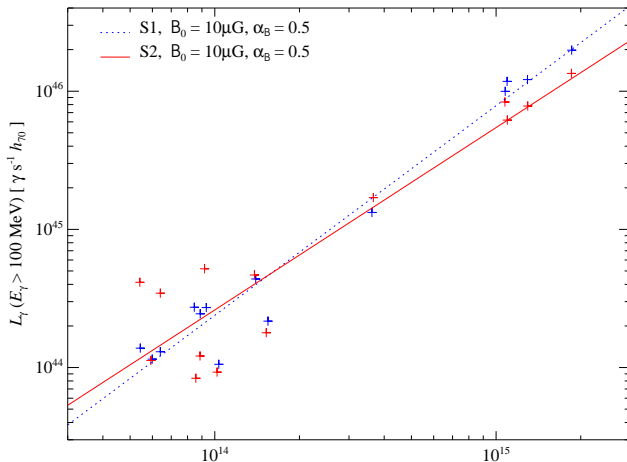
Inverse Compton emission, $E_{IC} > 100$ MeV



Total γ -ray emission, $E_\gamma > 100$ MeV

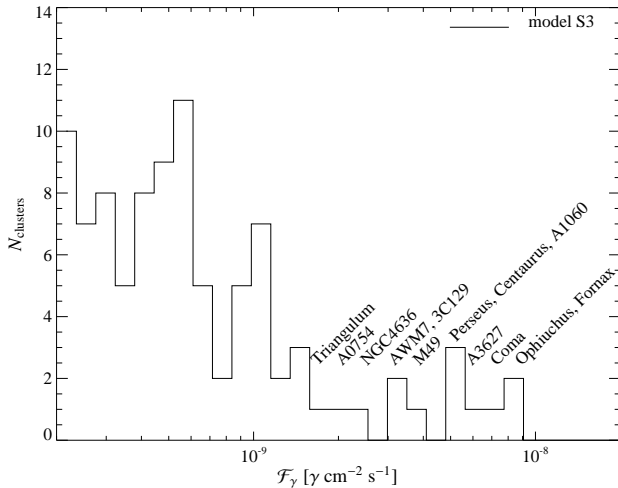


Gamma-ray scaling relations

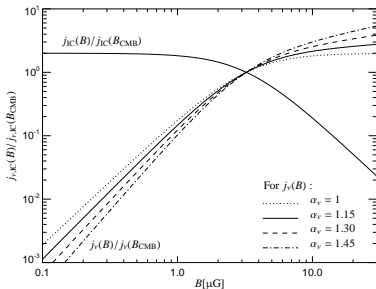


Scaling relation + complete sample of the brightest X-ray clusters (HIFLUCGS) → predictions for GLAST

Predicted cluster sample for GLAST



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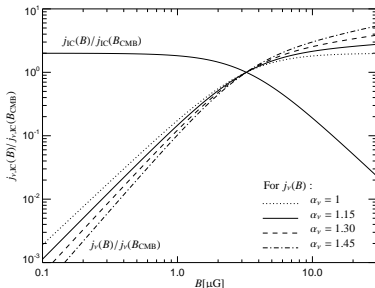
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Minimum γ -ray flux in the hadronic model (2)

Minimum γ -ray flux ($E_\gamma > 100$ MeV) for the Coma cluster:

CR spectral index	2.0	2.3	2.6	2.9
$\mathcal{F}_\gamma [10^{-10} \gamma \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}]$	0.8	1.6	3.4	7.1

- These limits can be made even tighter when considering energy constraints, $P_B < P_{\text{gas}}/20$ and B -fields derived from Faraday rotation studies, $B_0 = 3 \mu\text{G}$:

$$\mathcal{F}_{\gamma, \text{COMA}} \gtrsim 2 \times 10^{-9} \gamma \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1} = \mathcal{F}_{\text{GLAST}, 2\text{yr}}$$

- Non-detection by GLAST seriously challenges the hadronic model.
- Potential of measuring the CR acceleration efficiency for diffusive shock acceleration.

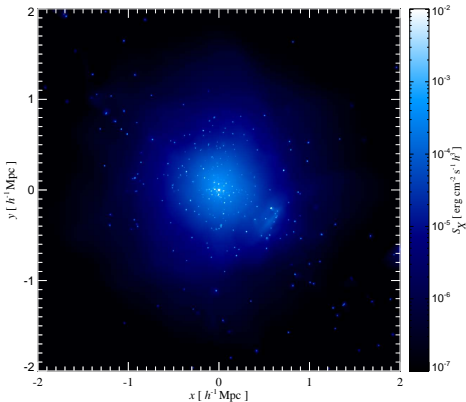


Conclusions

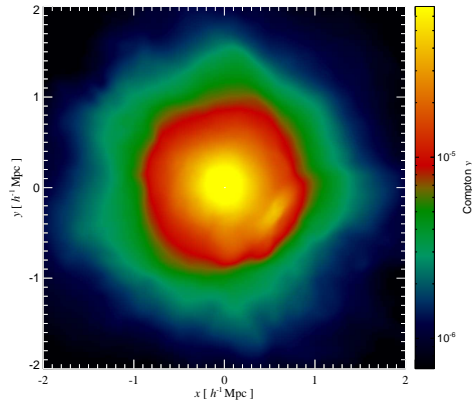
In contrast to the thermal plasma, the non-equilibrium distributions of CRs preserve the information about their injection and transport processes and provide thus a unique window of current and past structure formation processes!

- 1 **Cosmological hydrodynamical simulations** are indispensable for understanding non-thermal processes in galaxy clusters
→ illuminating the **process of structure formation**
- 2 **Multi-messenger approach** including radio synchrotron, hard X-ray IC, and HE γ -ray emission:
 - **fundamental plasma physics**: diffusive shock acceleration, large scale magnetic fields, and turbulence
 - **nature of dark matter**
 - **gold sample** of cluster for precision cosmology

Thermal cluster observables (1)

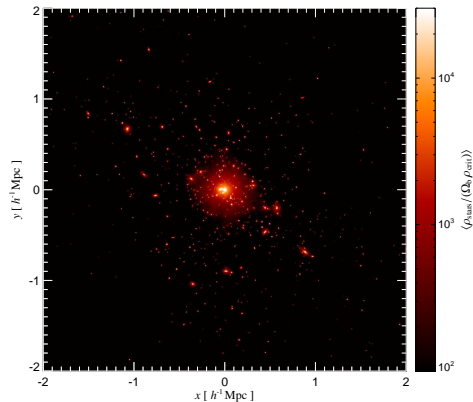


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merging cluster, $M_{\text{vir}} \simeq 10^{15} M_{\odot} / h$

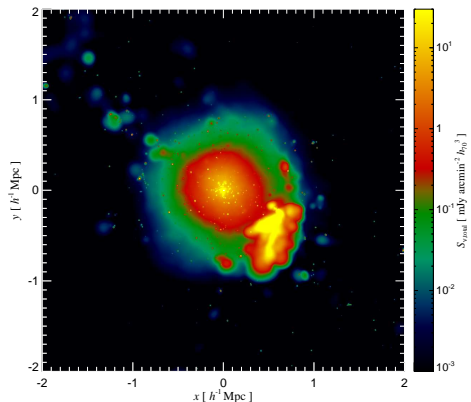


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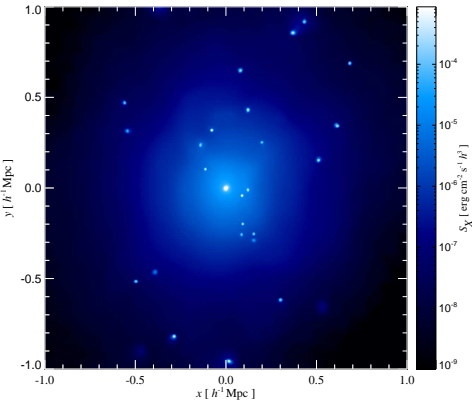


Stellar mass density (“cluster galaxies”),
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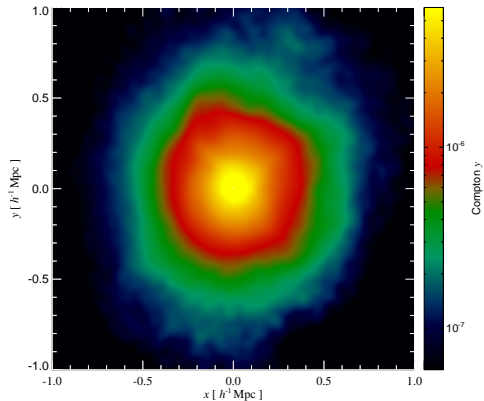


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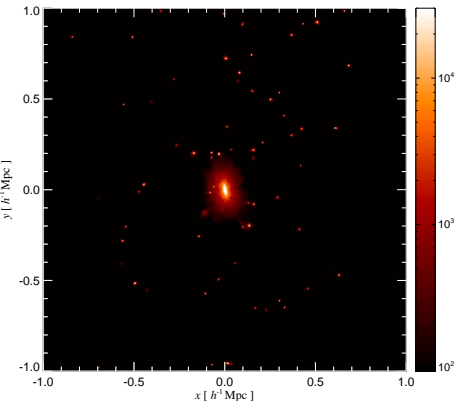


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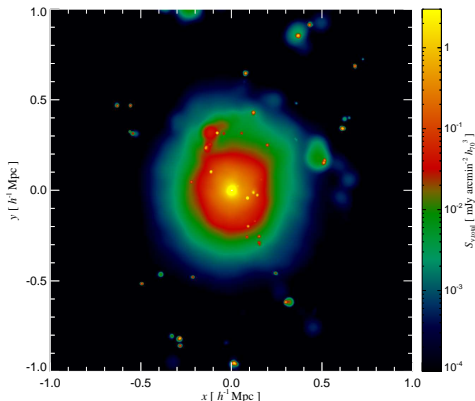


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