



Feedback by active galactic nuclei in galaxy clusters

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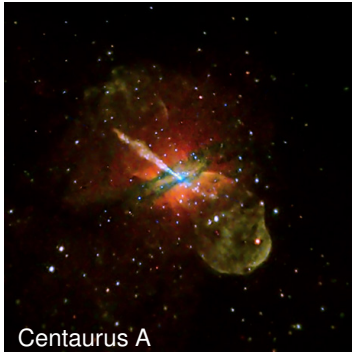
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Active galactic nucleus at a cosmological distance



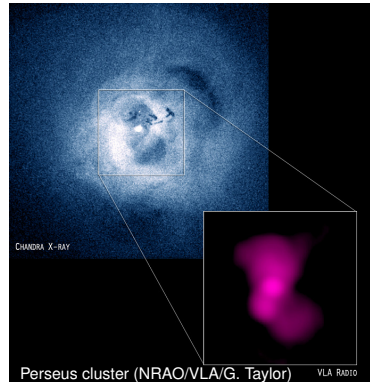
Quasar 3C175 at $z \simeq 0.8$:
jet extends 10^6 light years across

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- AGNs are among the most luminous sources in the universe
→ **discovery of distant objects**



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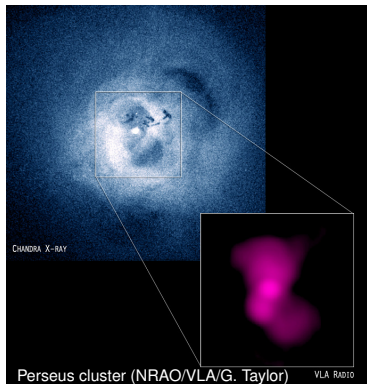
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- **energy source:** release of non-gravitational energy due to accretion on a black hole and its spin
- **jet interaction** with magnetized cluster medium \rightarrow turbulence
- **jet accelerates relativistic particles** (cosmic rays, CRs) \rightarrow release from bubbles provides source of heat
- **self-regulated heating mechanism** to avoid overcooling



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- it follows

$$\frac{E_{\text{BH}}}{E_{\text{grav}}} = 0.1 \frac{M_{\text{BH}}}{M_{\star}} \left(\frac{c}{\sigma} \right)^2 \sim 200 \left(\frac{300 \text{ km/s}}{\sigma} \right)^2$$

→ there is more than enough energy available for AGN feedback (but only a fraction is used in a single accretion event/outburst)!



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- only $1PV$ is directly available for mechanical work on the surroundings ($3PV$ is stored as internal energy); work done by 2 bubbles in one outburst

$$W = PV = 2 \frac{4}{3} \pi r_b^3 n_{\text{ICM}} kT \sim 10^{59} \text{ erg}$$

with $r_b \sim 20 \text{ kpc}$, $n_{\text{ICM}} \sim 10^{-2} \text{ cm}^{-3}$, $kT \sim 3 \text{ keV}$



AGN feedback – luminosity

- energy release time scale is of order the **sound crossing time** \sim **buoyant rise time** \sim **refill time** of displaced bubble volume $\sim 3 \times 10^7$ yr
- AGN heating rate

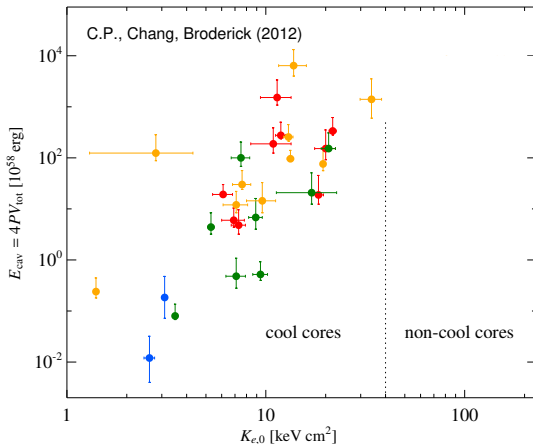
$$L_{\text{AGN}} \sim \frac{PV}{t_{\text{buoy}}} \sim \frac{10^{59} \text{ erg}}{10^{15} \text{ s}} \sim 10^{44} \frac{\text{erg}}{\text{s}} \sim L_X$$

i.e. comparable to the X-ray luminosity

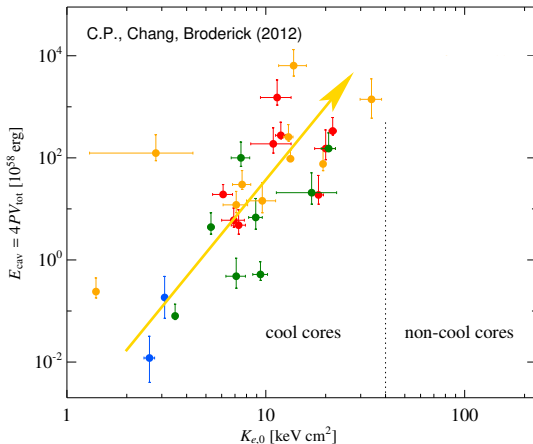
→ **necessary condition for balancing X-ray cooling losses and increasing the core entropy** $K_e = kT/n_e^{2/3}$ of the ambient ICM!



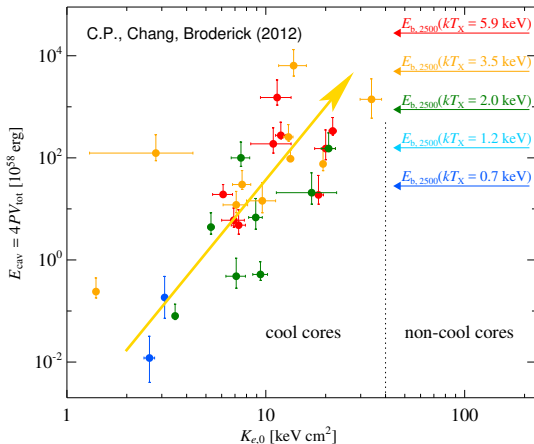
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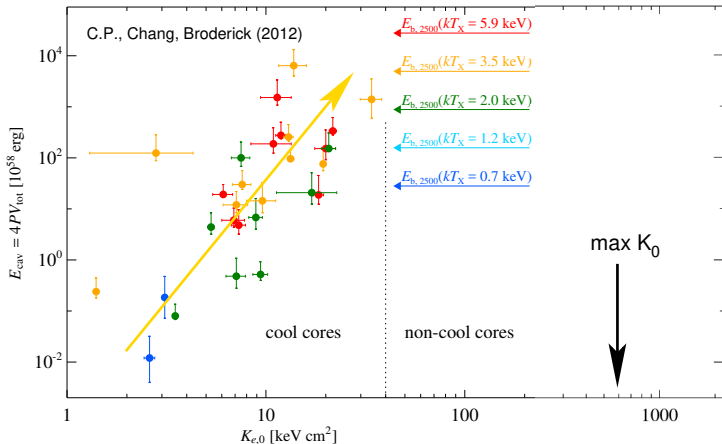
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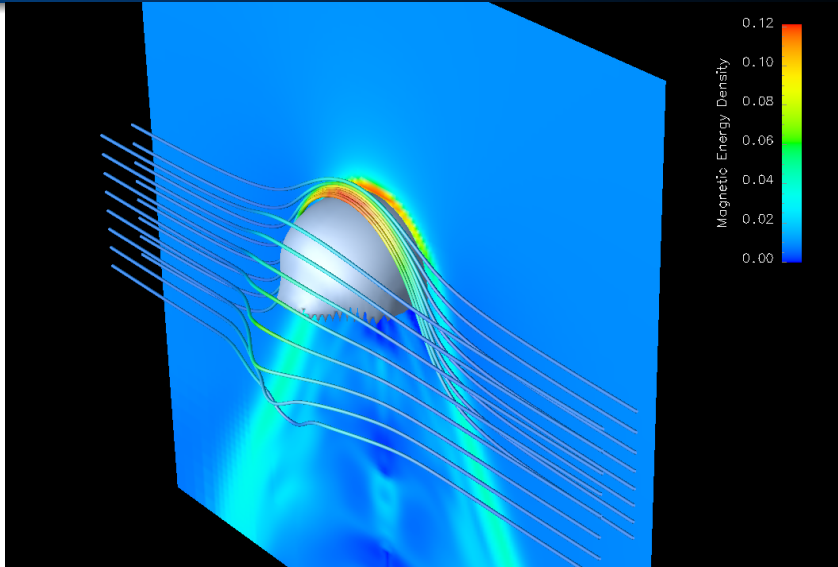
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AGNs cannot transform CC to NCC clusters (on a buoyancy timescale)

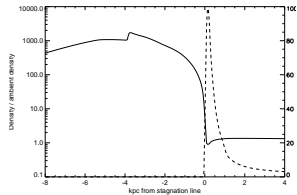


Magnetic draping around rising bubbles



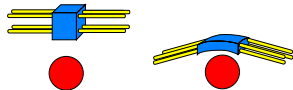
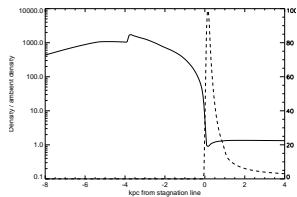
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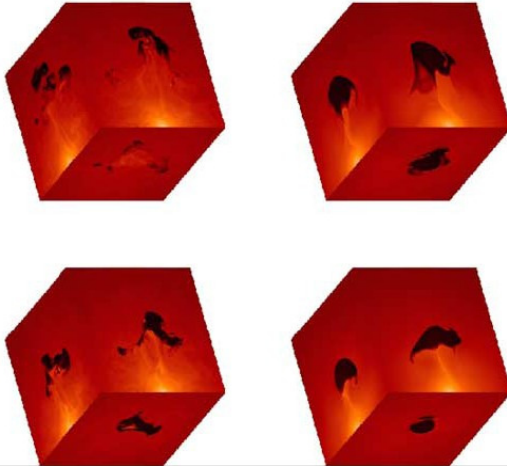


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- is magnetic flux still frozen into the plasma?
yes, but plasma is pulled into the direction of the field lines while field lines get stuck at the obstacle

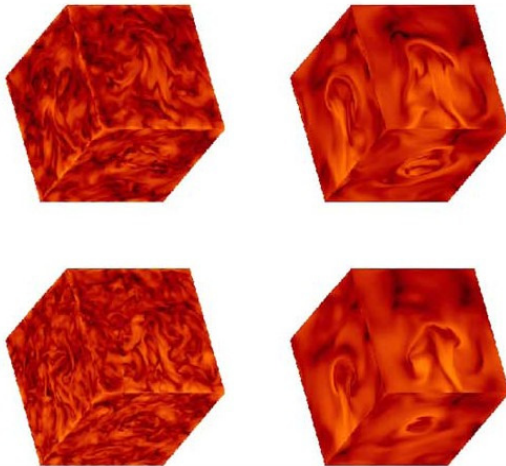


Magnetic draping at bubbles: density



$\log \rho$, non-draping versus draping case (Ruszkowski et al. 2007)

Magnetic draping at bubbles: magnetic pressure



$\log B^2$, non-draping versus draping case (Ruszkowski et al. 2007)

Magnetic draping at bubbles: X-ray emission



S_X , non-draping versus draping case (Ruszkowski et al. 2007)



Open questions on radio mode AGN feedback

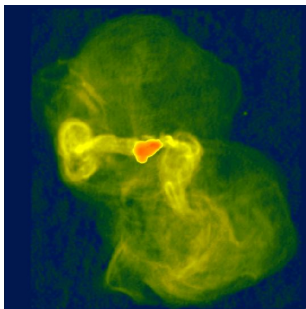
- how is accretion output **thermalized**?
 - dissipation of waves, turbulence, releasing potential energy, thermal conduction, cosmic-ray heating
- is heating/cooling balance **thermally stable**?
 - **no**: turbulence dissipation, conduction
 - **yes**: cosmic-ray heating
- how is the accretion rate **tuned**?
 - Schwarzschild radius

$$r_{\text{SMBH}} = \frac{2GM_{\text{SMBH}}}{c^2} \simeq 10^{15} \left(\frac{M_{\text{SMBH}}}{5 \times 10^9 M_{\odot}} \right) \text{ cm}$$

- **cooling radius (30 kpc) $\sim 10^8$ Schwarzschild radii**



Messier 87 at radio wavelengths

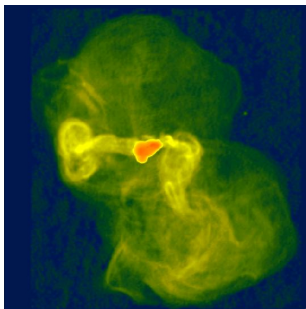


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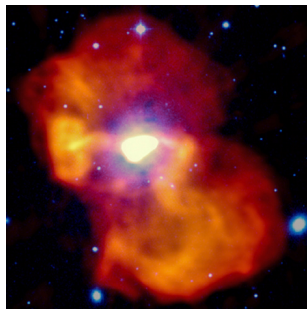
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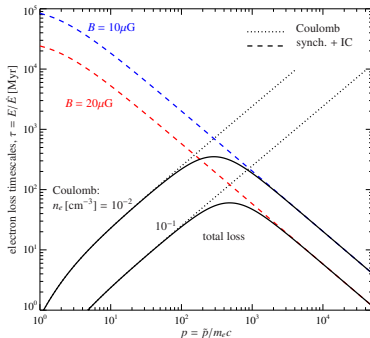
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- LOFAR: halo confined to same region at all frequencies and no low- ν spectral steepening \rightarrow puzzle of “missing fossil electrons”



Solution to the “missing fossil electrons” problem

solution:

- **Coulomb cooling removes fossil electrons**
→ efficient mixing of CR electrons and protons with dense cluster gas
→ predicts γ rays from CRp-p interactions:
 $p + p \rightarrow \pi^0 + \dots \rightarrow 2\gamma + \dots$

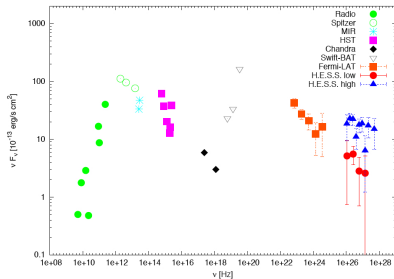


C.P. (2013)



The gamma-ray picture of M87

- high state is time variable
→ jet emission
- low state:
 - (1) steady flux
 - (2) γ -ray spectral index (2.2)
= CRp index
= CRe injection index as probed by LOFAR
 - (3) spatial extension is under investigation (?)



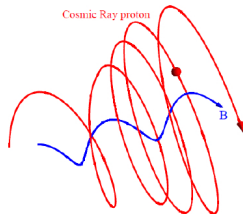
Rieger & Aharonian (2012)

→ confirming this triad would be smoking gun for first γ -ray signal from a galaxy cluster!



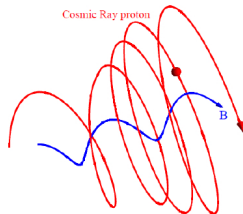
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→ **CRs exert a pressure on the thermal gas by means of scattering off of Alfvén waves**



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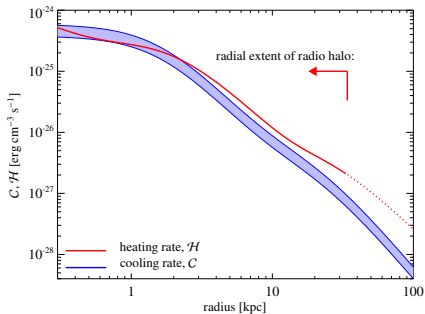
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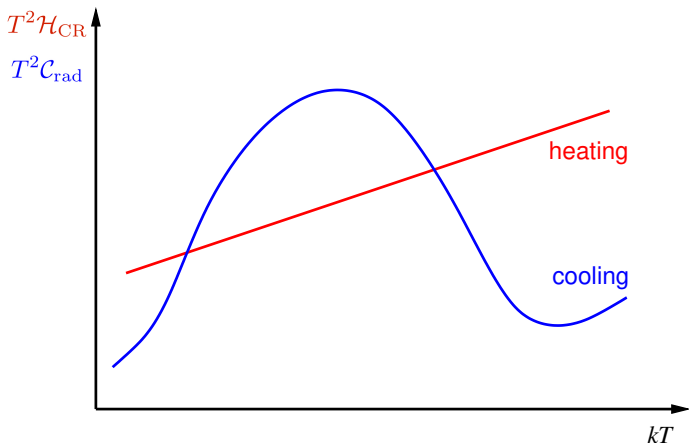


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\rightarrow cosmic-ray heating matches radiative cooling (observed in X-rays) and may solve the famous “cooling flow problem” in galaxy clusters!

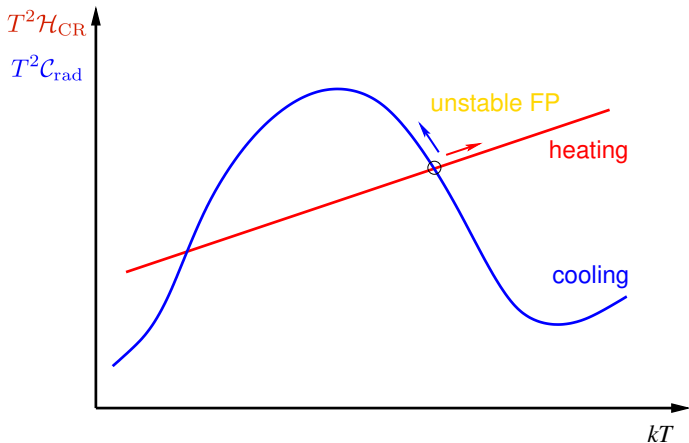


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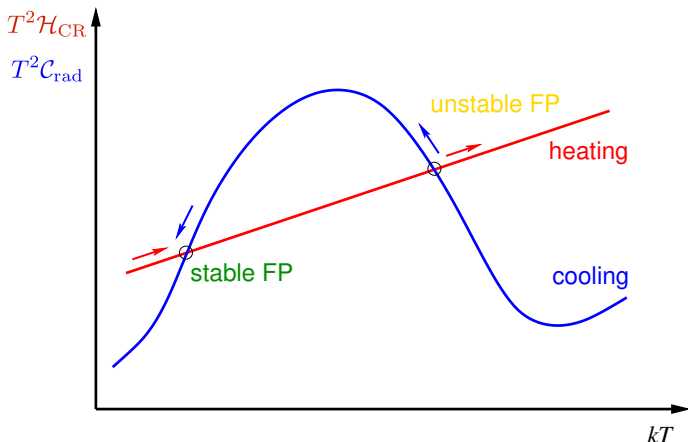
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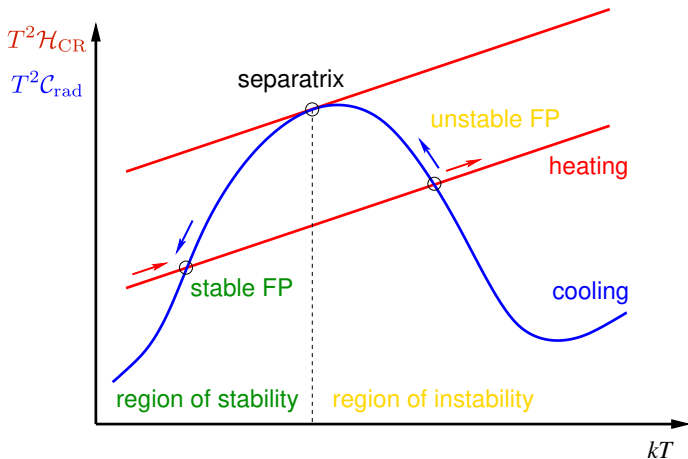
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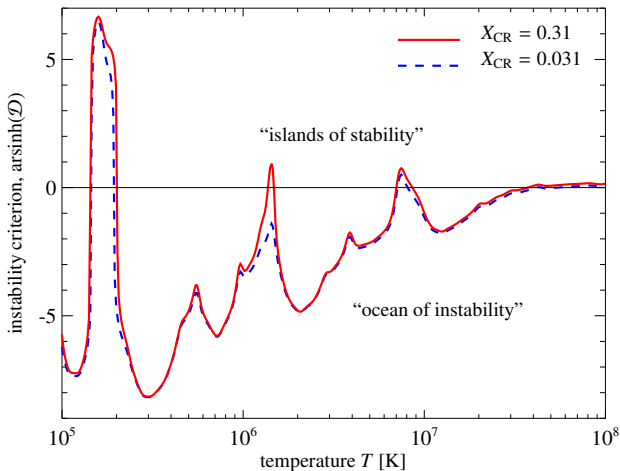


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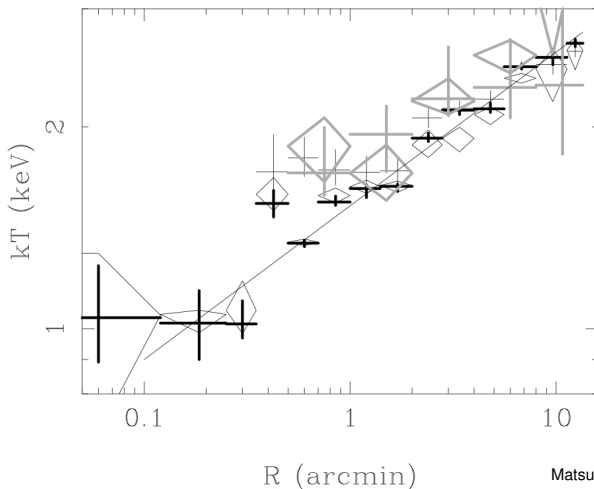
Local stability analysis (2)

Theory predicts observed temperature floor at $kT \simeq 1$ keV



Virgo cluster cooling flow: temperature profile

X-ray observations confirm temperature floor at $kT \simeq 1$ keV



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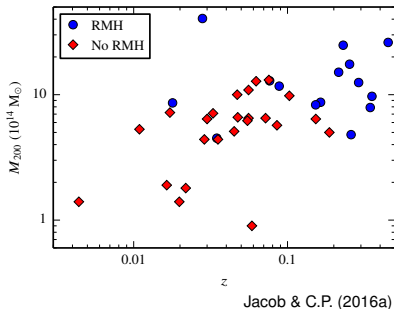
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- **consequences:**
 - \Rightarrow if $\mathcal{H}_{\text{cr}} + \mathcal{H}_{\text{th}} \approx \mathcal{C}_{\text{rad}} \forall r$ and $\mathcal{F}_{\text{had}} \leq \mathcal{F}_{\text{obs}}$:
successful CR heating model that is locally stable at 1 keV
 - \Rightarrow otherwise **CR heating ruled out** as dominant heating source



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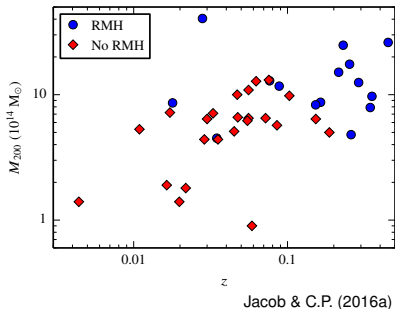


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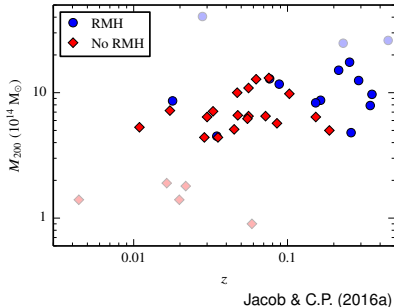
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- ⇒ study **sub-sample that is unbiased in M_{200}** and **entire sample**



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- Lagrangian derivative $d/dt = \partial/\partial t + \mathbf{v} \cdot \nabla$
- equations of state:

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- gravitational potential $\phi = -\frac{GM_s}{r} \ln\left(1 + \frac{r}{r_s}\right) + v_c^2 \ln\left(\frac{r}{r_0}\right)$

- radiative cooling $\rho \mathcal{L} = n_e^2 (\Lambda_l + \Lambda_b T^{1/2})$

- CR source $\mathcal{S}_{\text{cr}} = -\frac{\nu \epsilon_{\text{cr}} \dot{M} c^2}{4\pi r_{\text{cr}}^3} \left(\frac{r}{r_{\text{cr}}}\right)^{-3-\nu} \left(1 - e^{-(r/r_{\text{cr}})^2}\right)$



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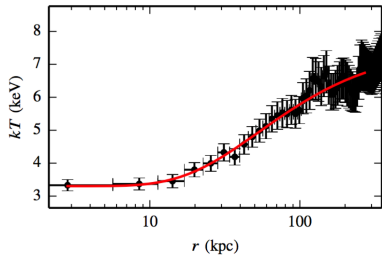
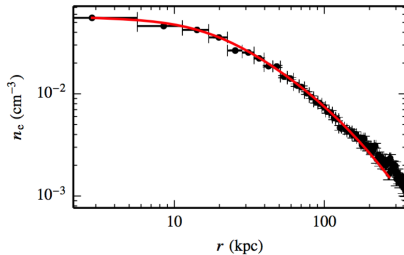
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- thermal heat flux $\mathbf{F}_{\text{th}} = -\kappa \nabla T$
- CR streaming flux $\mathbf{F}_{\text{cr}} = (e_{\text{cr}} + P_{\text{cr}}) \mathbf{v}_{\text{st}}$ with $\mathbf{v}_{\text{st}} = -v_A \frac{\nabla P_{\text{cr}}}{|\nabla P_{\text{cr}}|}$
- CR heating rate $\mathcal{H}_{\text{cr}} = -\mathbf{v}_{\text{st}} \cdot \nabla P_{\text{cr}}$



Case study A1795: density and temperature

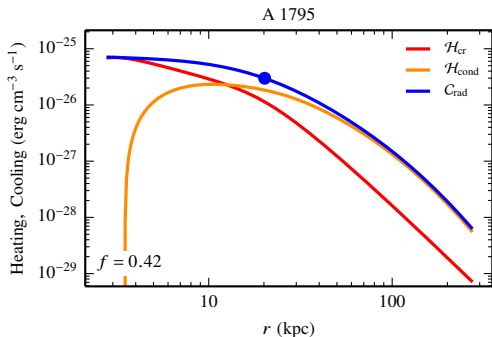


Jacob & C.P. (2016a)

- beautiful match of steady-state solutions to observed profiles
- pure NFW mass profile in A1795



Case study A1795: heating and cooling

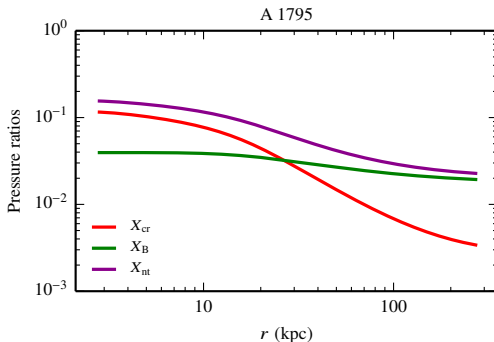


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- CR heating dominates in the center
- conductive heating takes over at larger radii, $\kappa = 0.42\kappa_{\text{Sp}}$
- $\mathcal{H}_{\text{cr}} + \mathcal{H}_{\text{th}} \approx C_{\text{rad}}$: modest mass deposition rate of $1 M_{\odot} \text{yr}^{-1}$



Case study A1795: CR and B pressure ratios

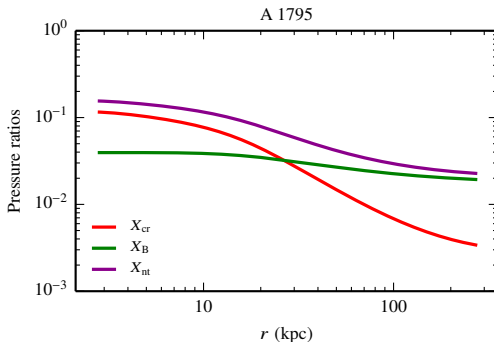


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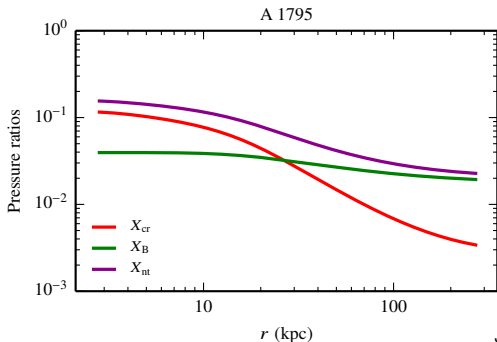


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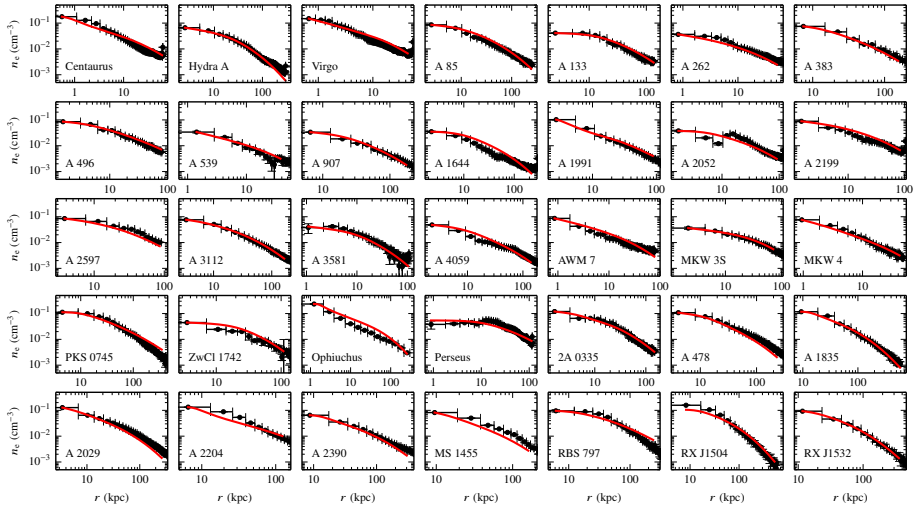
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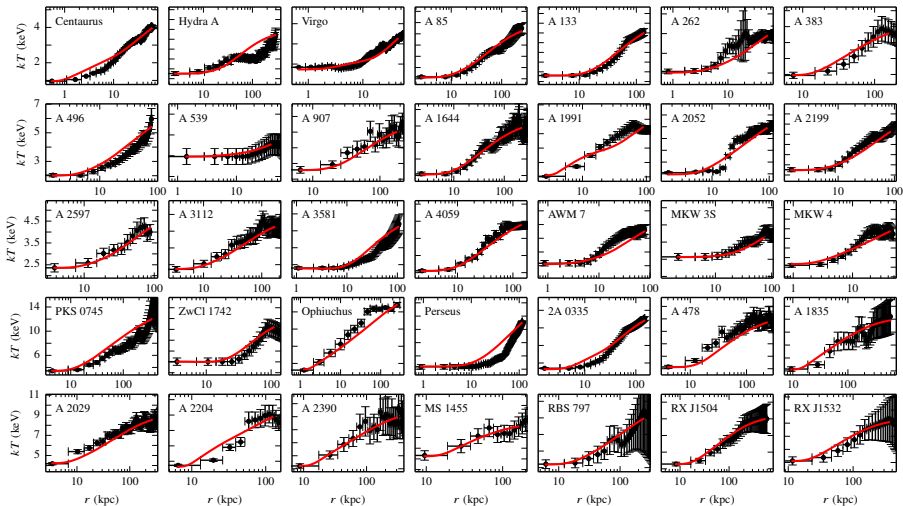
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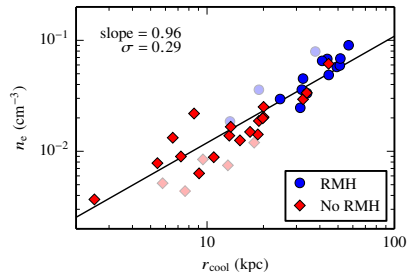
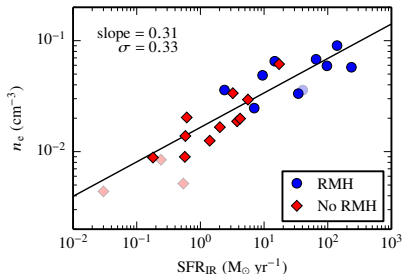
Gallery of solutions: density profiles



Gallery of solutions: temperature profiles



Steady state solutions: density correlations

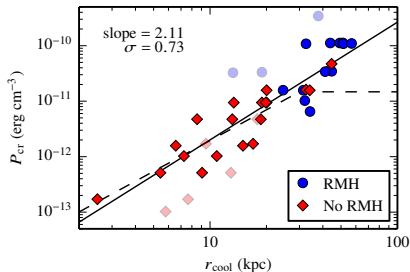
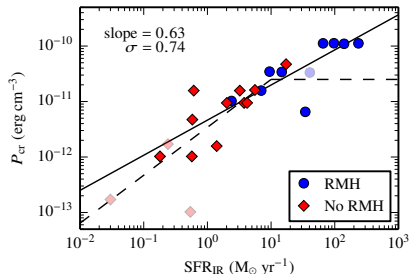


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Steady state solutions: P_{cr} correlations

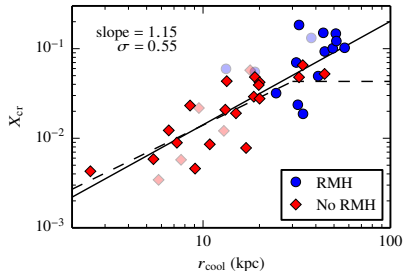
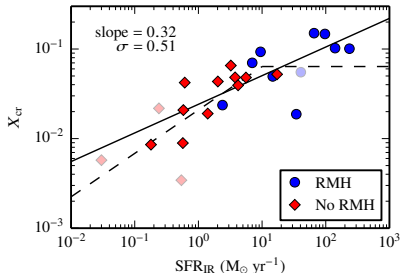


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- strong correlation of CR pressure P_{cr} with SFR and r_{cool}
- **strongly cooling RMH clusters require larger CR heating rates, $\mathcal{H}_{\text{cr}} \propto P_{\text{cr}}$, and thus CR pressure values to balance cooling**
- P_{cr} correlations significantly steeper than n_e correlations



Steady state solutions: X_{cr} correlations

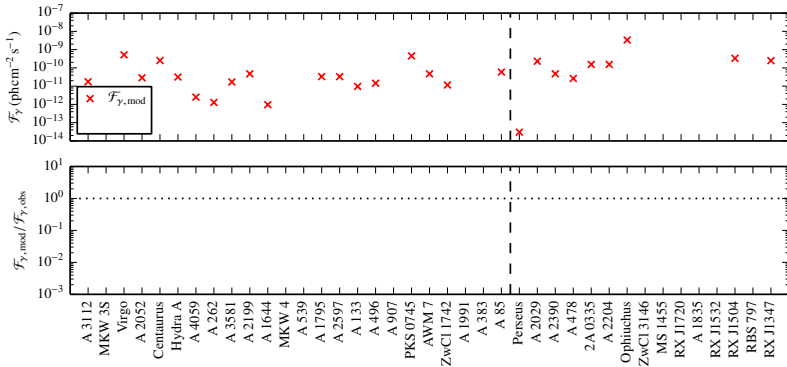


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- remainder made up by correlation of CR-to-thermal pressure ratio $X_{\text{cr}} = P_{\text{cr}}/(nkT)$ with SFR and r_{cool}
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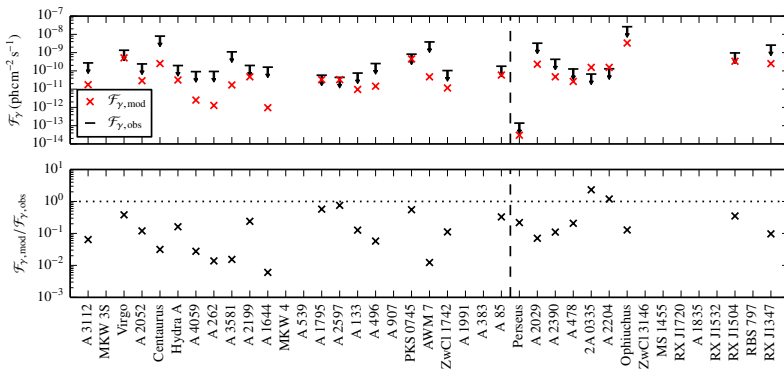
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Hadronic gamma-ray emission: observational limits

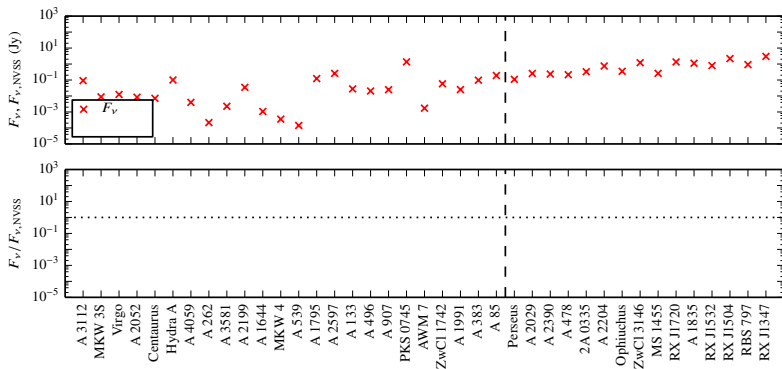


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- predictions close to observational limits
- sensitivity not sufficient to be constraining



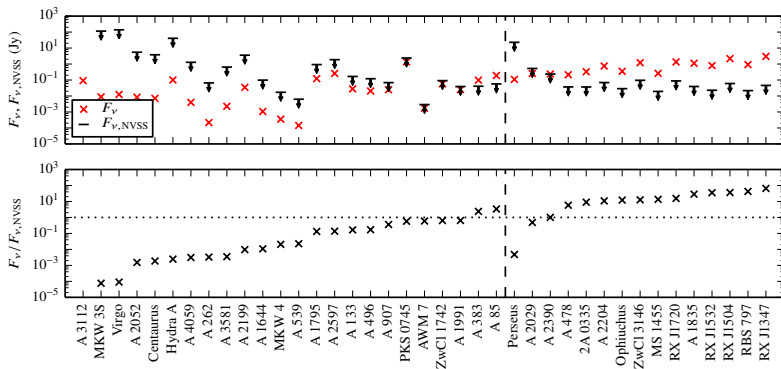
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Hadronically induced radio emission: NVSS limits

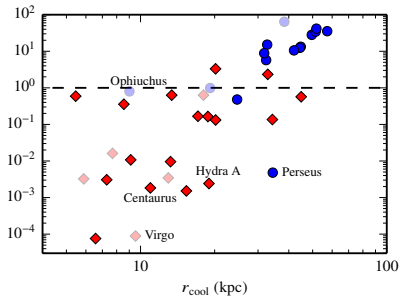
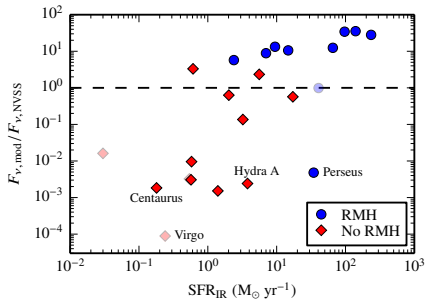


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- continuous sequence in $F_{\nu,\text{pred}}/F_{\nu,\text{NVSS}}$
- CR heating solution ruled out in radio mini halos
- CR heating viable solution for non-RMH clusters



Self-regulated heating/cooling cycle in cool cores



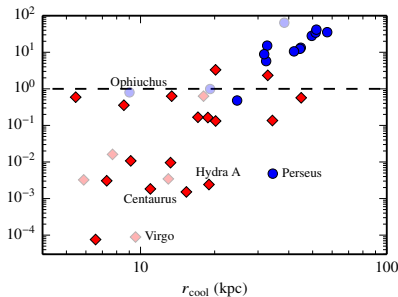
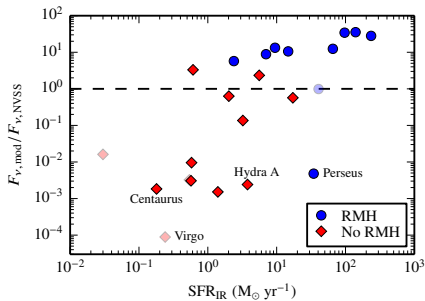
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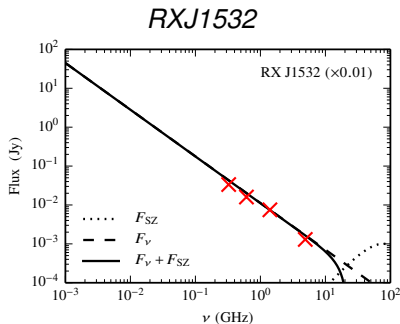
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- $F_{\nu, \text{obs}} > F_{\nu, \text{pred}}$: strong radio source = abundant injection of CRs
⇒ predicting existence of **radio micro halos** in CR heated clusters



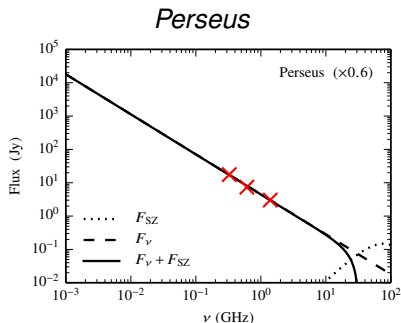
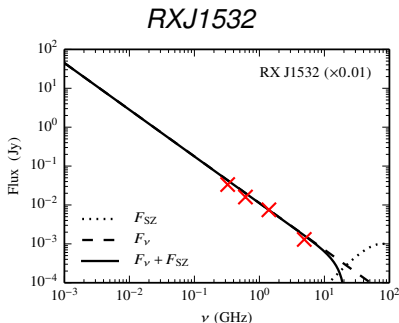
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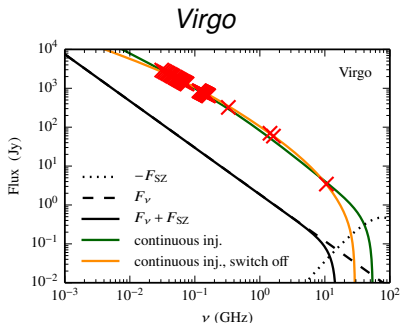
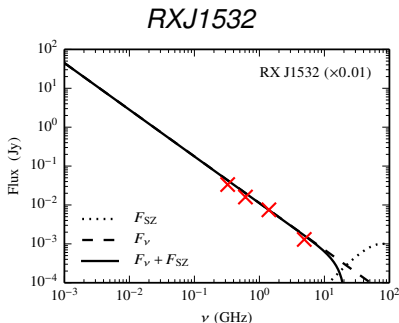


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Perseus: transitional object, was CR heated until recently



Predicting radio micro halos



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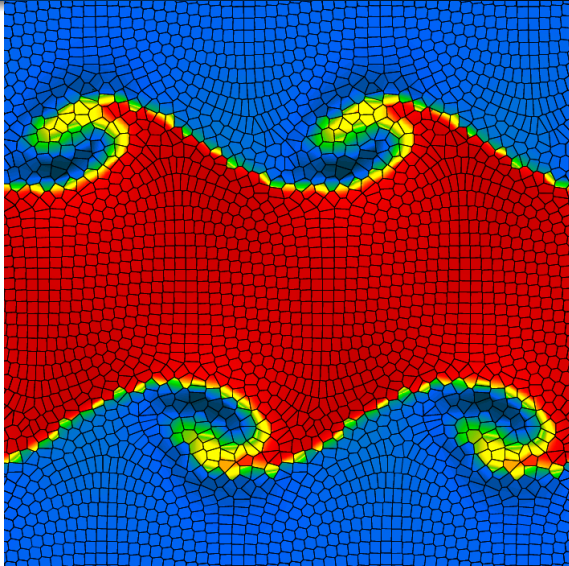
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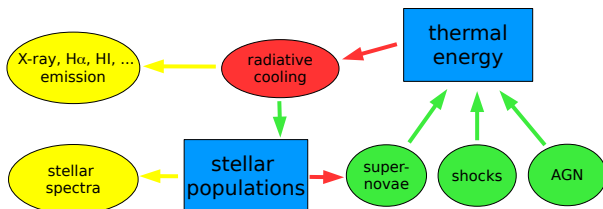
Cosmological moving-mesh code AREPO (Springel 2010)



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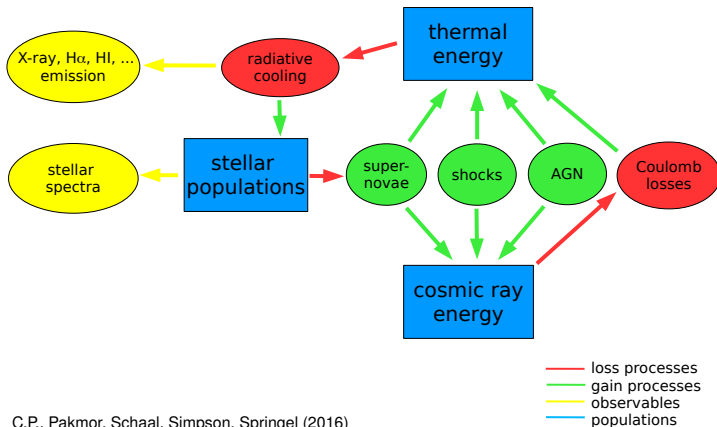
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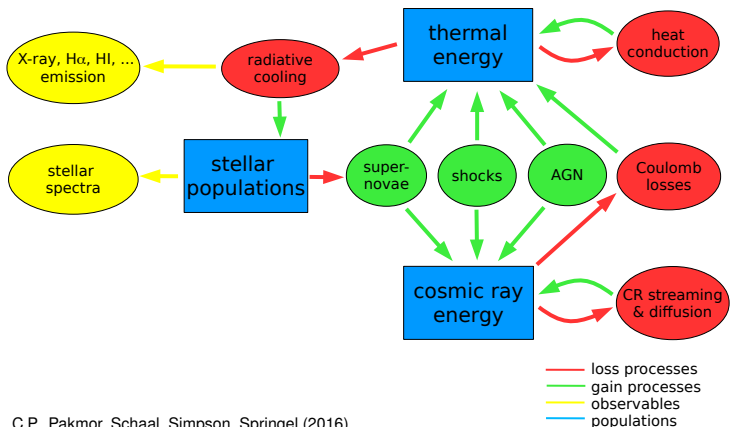


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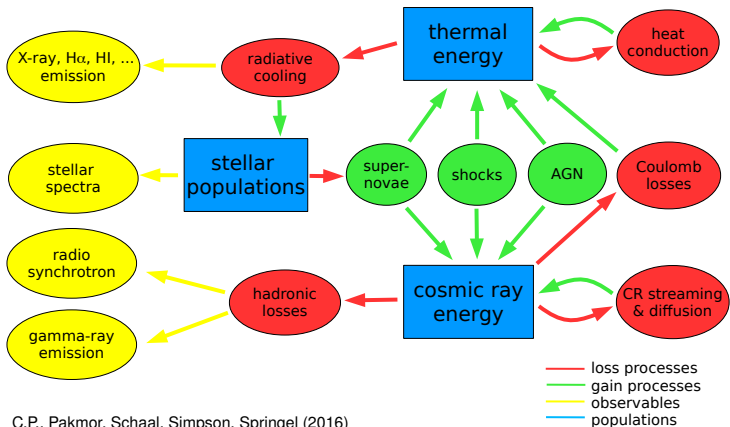
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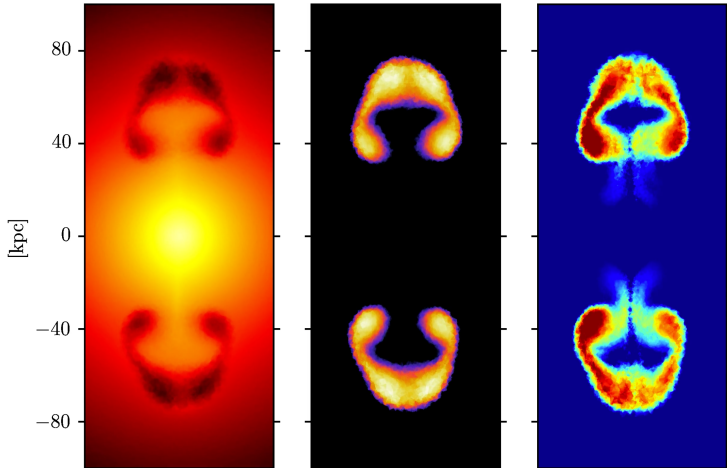
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Jet simulation: gas density, CR energy, B field



Weinberger+ in prep.

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large sample of cool cores \Rightarrow self-regulation cycle

- low-density cool cores: possibly stably heated by cosmic rays
- radio mini halo clusters: cosmic-ray heating ruled out systems are strongly cooling and form stars at large rates
- predicting continuous sequence of diffuse radio emission in all cool cores: from radio micro to mini halos



Literature for the talk

AGN feedback by cosmic rays:

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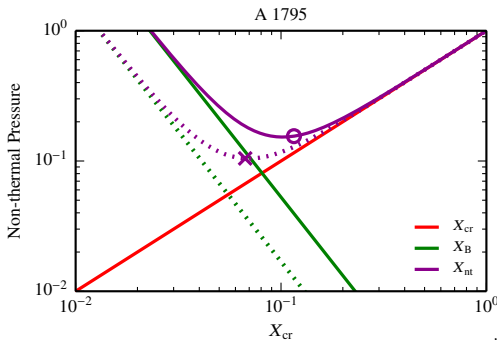
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Additional slides



Case study A1795: non-thermal pressure balance



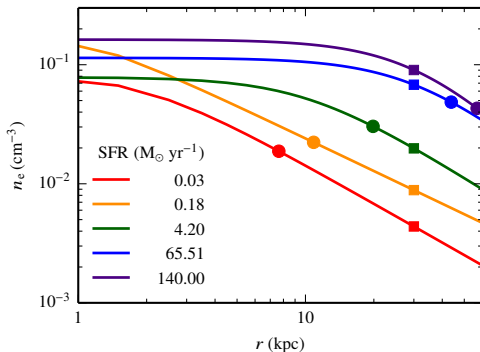
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