

The Complete Local-Volume Groups Sample

AGN feedback in nearby groups



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Background: why do we need another group sample?

- Groups are a key environment for galaxy evolution and AGN feedback
 - >50% of all galaxies reside in groups
 - Galaxy mergers and tidal interactions are common
 - Shallow potential well \Rightarrow AGN, mergers have greater impact
- But we lack representative, unbiased samples
 - *Optically-selected* catalogs include false groups (chance associations, uncollapsed groups)
 - *X-ray selection* guarantees bound groups but:
 - RASS-based surveys biased toward cool core systems (e.g., Eckert et al. 2011)
 - Samples from deeper surveys tend to be at moderate redshift where detailed morphology, AGN / cool core, interactions are tough to resolve
- **CLOGS: a statistically complete sample of nearby, optically-selected groups with high-quality X-ray and radio data.**

CLoGS: Goals

- Physical properties of the nearby group population:
 - What fraction of optically-selected groups contain a hot IGM?
 - What fraction have cool cores?
~50% of clusters are CC (Sanderson et al 2006)
archival samples of groups have up to 85% CC (e.g., Dong et al 2010)
 - What fraction and what types of groups are missed by RASS?
- Central AGN as a group-scale feedback mechanism:
 - Do group-central AGN balance cooling?
 - How are central AGN affected by environment?
- Impact of group environment on member galaxies:
 - Is star formation rate affected by group environment?
 - What fraction of member galaxies host AGN?

Sample selection

Begin with Lyon Galaxy Groups (Garcia 1993)

- All-sky, optically-selected, $cz < 5500 \text{ km s}^{-1}$ ($D < 80 \text{ Mpc}$)

485 groups

Select from LGG list: systems with

- ≥ 4 members
- ≥ 1 early-type member with $L_B \geq 3 \times 10^{10} L_\odot$
- Declination $> -30^\circ$ (visible from GMRT and VLA)

67 groups

Expand and refine membership

- Update membership from HyperLEDA
- Use isodensity maps to reject problem cases

Filter on richness ($R = N_{\text{gal}}$ with $L_B \geq 1.6 \times 10^{10} L_\odot$)

- Exclude known clusters: $R \geq 10$
- Exclude groups too small to characterize: $R = 1$

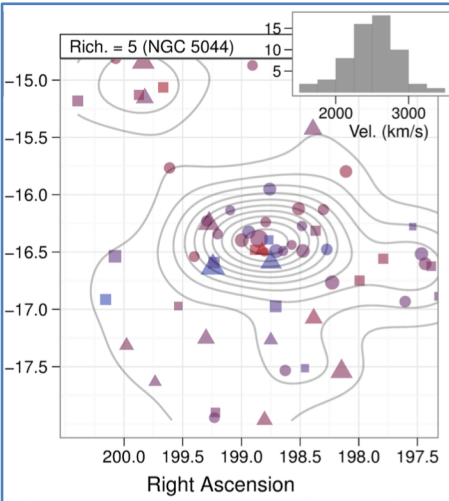
53 groups

26 groups

High-richness subsample ($R=4-8$)

27 groups

Low-richness subsample ($R=2-3$)



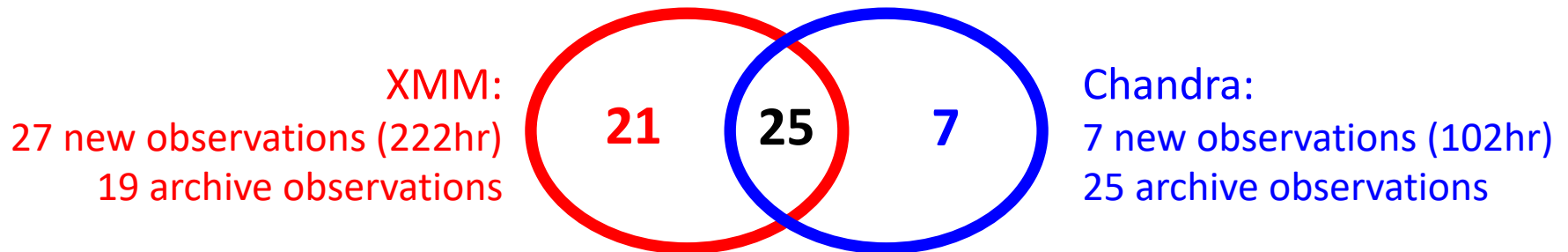
Observational data

◆ Radio: (Kolokythas et al. 2018 + in prep.)

- GMRT 235+610 MHz for all groups (192hr + archival data)
- ~4hrs/target, rms ~0.1mJy/bm @610 MHz, ~0.6mJy/bm @ 235 MHz
- GMRT field of view well suited to groups, diameters >1°

◆ X-ray: (O’Sullivan et al. 2017)

- XMM-Newton and/or Chandra for all groups (just completed!)



- Minimum sensitivity goal for new observations:

$$L_x \geq 1.2 \times 10^{42} \text{ erg s}^{-1} \text{ within } R_{500}$$

$$L_x \geq 3.9 \times 10^{41} \text{ erg s}^{-1} \text{ within } 65 \text{ kpc}$$

◆ CO: IRAM 30m/APEX for all dominant galaxies (O’Sullivan et al. 2018b,2015)

◆ 70% H α imaging (Bok 2.3m or WIYN 0.9m), long-slit spectra, etc.

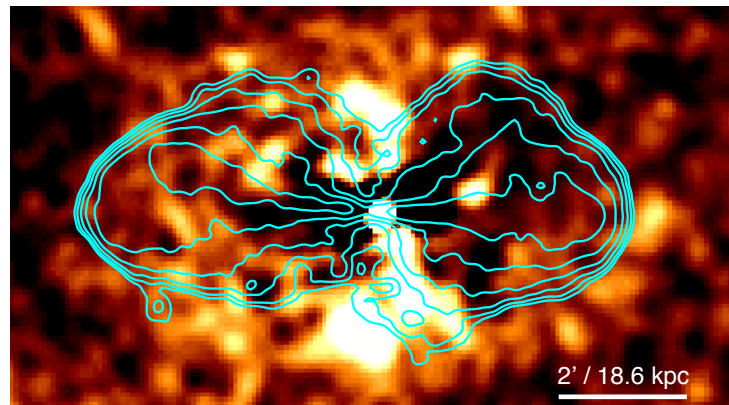
CLoGS: Radio/X-ray overview

Group-central galaxies:

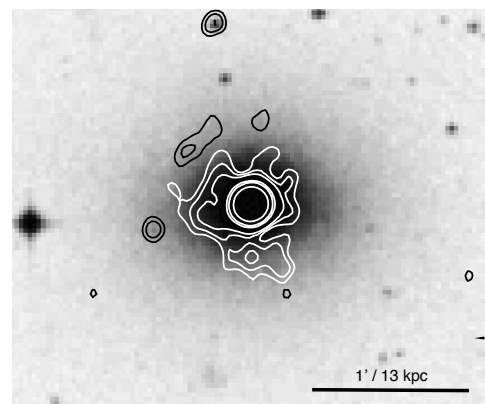
- 46/53 (87%) detected at 610, 235 or 1400 MHz
- 13 host jet sources
- 5 are diffuse, 28 point-like
- $L_{235} = 10^{20} - 10^{25}$ W/Hz
- + 100s non-central galaxies

X-ray properties of high-richness sample:

- 14/26 (54%) have an X-ray bright IGM (extent >65 kpc, $L_x > 10^{41}$ erg/s)
 - 1/3 dynamically active (sloshing/mergers)
 - Cool Core fraction = 65%
- 3/26 (12%) have a galaxy-scale X-ray halo (extent < 65kpc, $L_x = 10^{40} - 10^{41}$ erg/s)

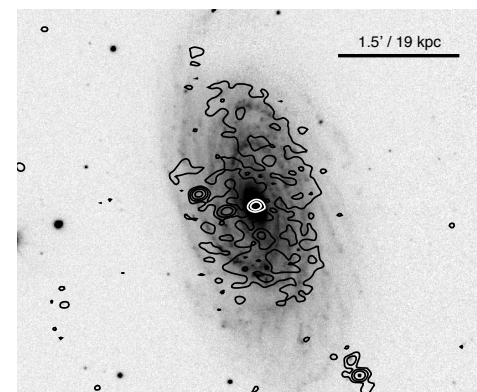


NGC 4261 (O'S 2011, Kolokythas 2015)



← ESO507-25:
Diffuse source
610 MHz
contours at
(0.4,0.8,1.6,...
mJy/bm)

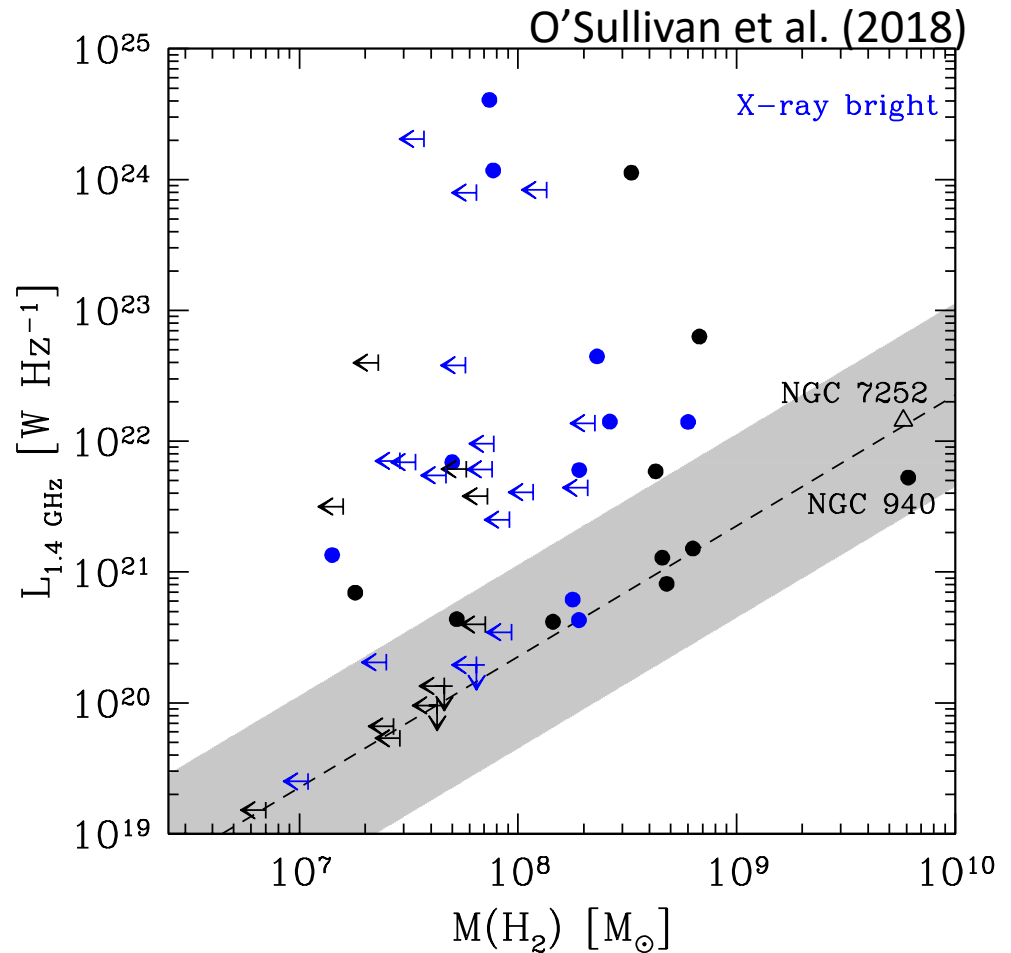
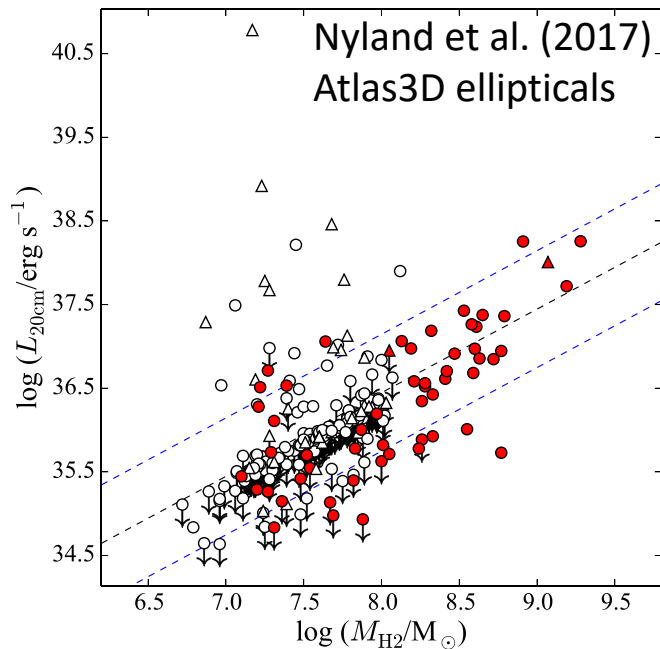
NGC 5985 →
AGN+SF disk
610 MHz
contours at
(0.8,1.6,3.2,...
mJy/bm)



Molecular gas

CO Detection rate in group-dominant galaxies: $40 \pm 9\%$

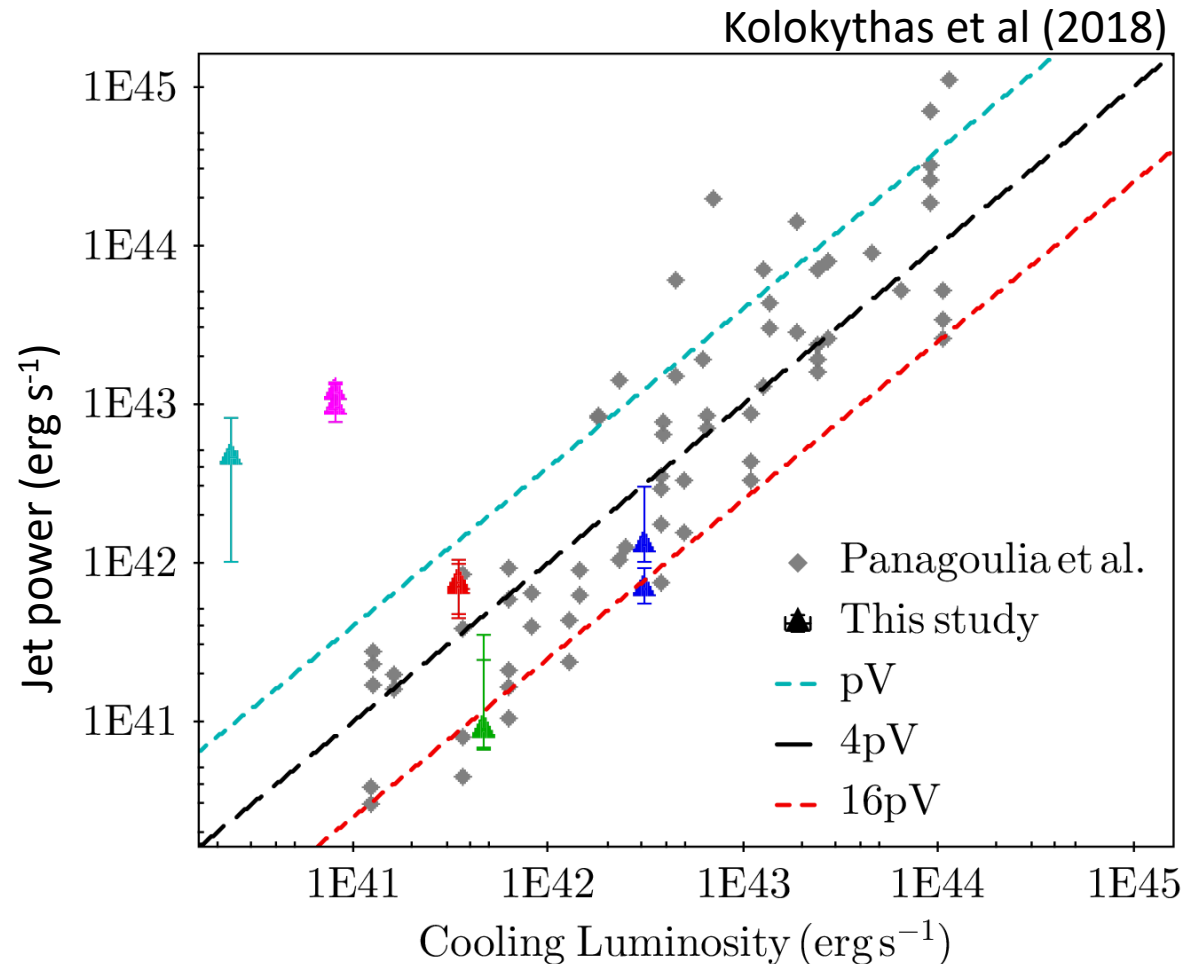
- Compare with $22 \pm 3\%$ in Atlas3D ellipticals (Young et al 2013)
- $>50\%$ have HI



- CO in both X-ray bright and X-ray faint systems \Rightarrow cooling and merger origins?
- Low SFR $< 1 M_{\odot}/\text{yr}$, short depletion time $< 10^8$ yr
- Large CO mass not required for AGN outburst

AGN Feedback: Jet Power

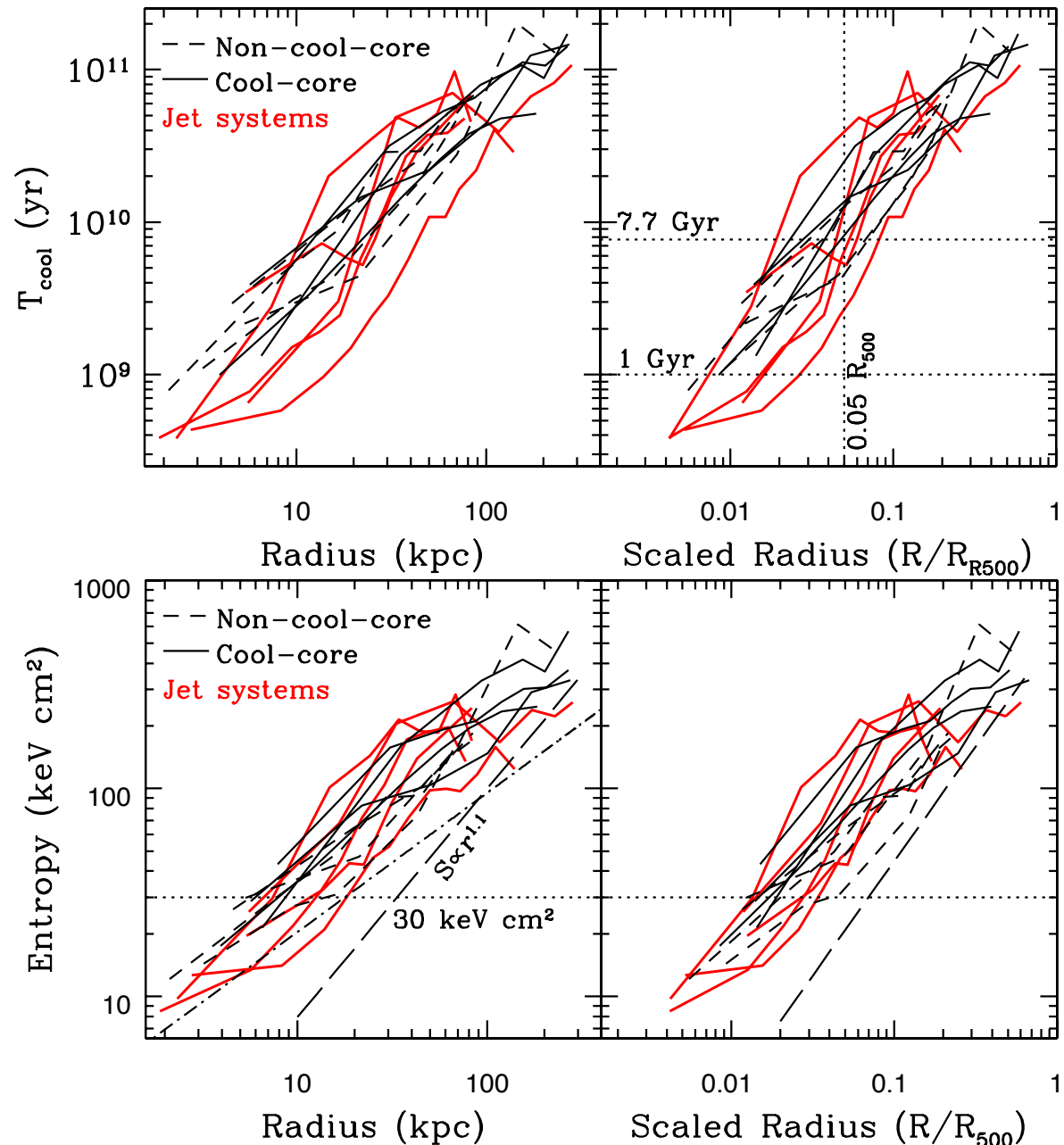
- 11/13 jet sources reside in X-ray bright groups
- 5 in high-Richness subsample
- Jet sizes: 12-80 kpc
- $P_{\text{jet}} \sim 10^{41}-10^{43}$ erg/s
- $P_{\text{jet}} = 0.1-100 \times L_{\text{cool}}$ (c.f. models showing variation in jet power, e.g., Li, Ruszkowski & Bryan 2016)



AGN feedback: Entropy and cooling time

Group-scale halos:

- Central jet sources only seen in systems with central temperature decline.
- Entropy or t_{cool} at fixed radius is poor predictor of jet activity
- Jet sources have $\min(t_{\text{cool}}/t_{\text{ff}}) < 15$
- All have short core $t_{\text{cool}} < 7.7 \text{ Gyr}$ – by cluster standards, all groups are cool cores!

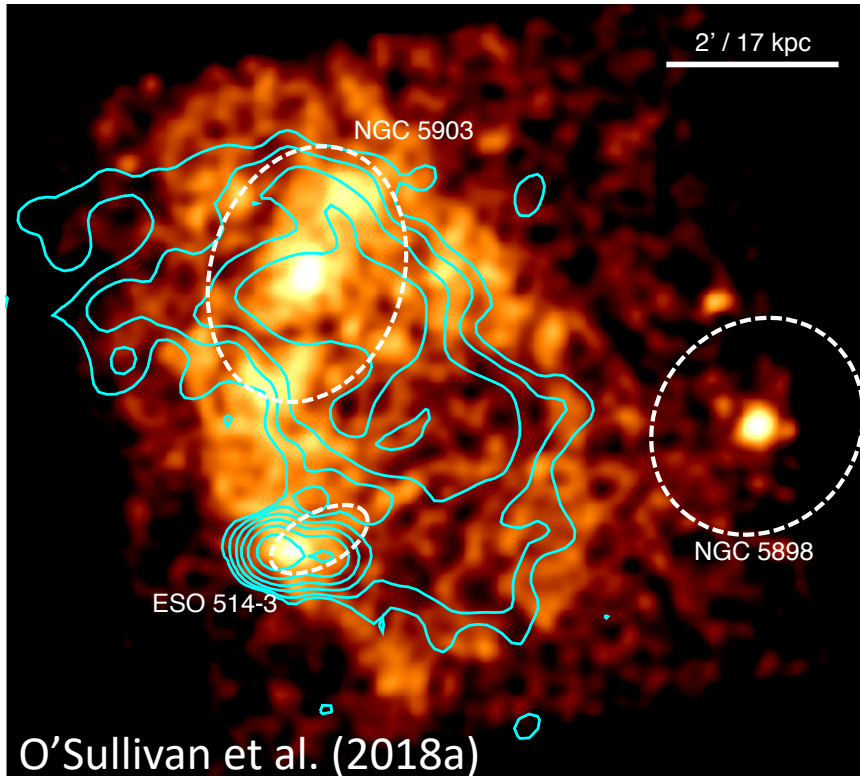


Groups missed by RASS

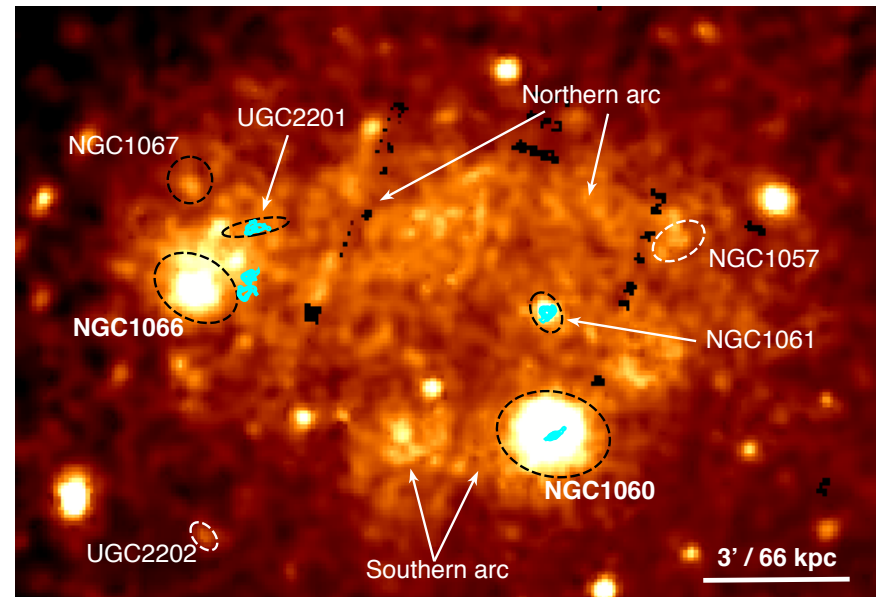
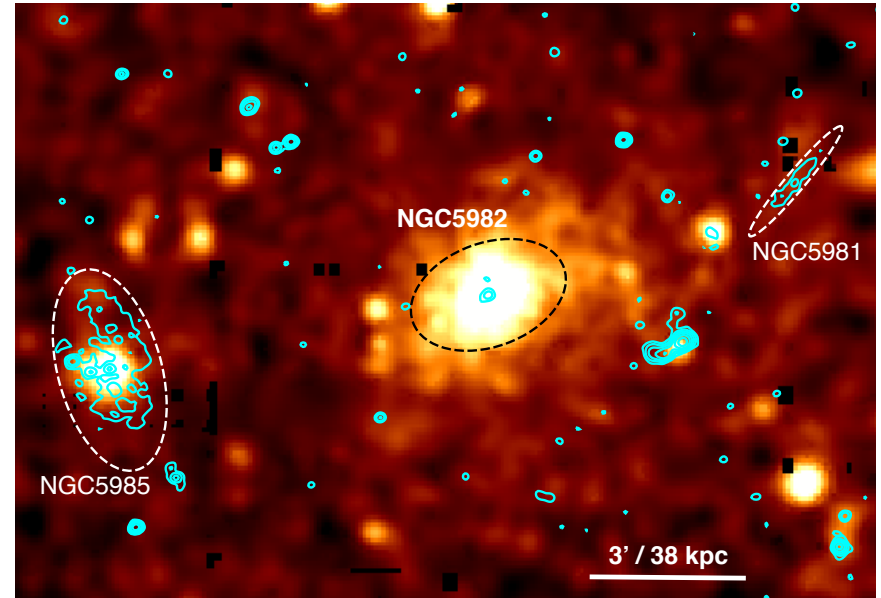
3/14 in high-R sample (+7 in low-R!)

- Faint, non-cool core
- Mergers
- AGN disrupted

>20% of X-ray bright groups as yet unidentified?



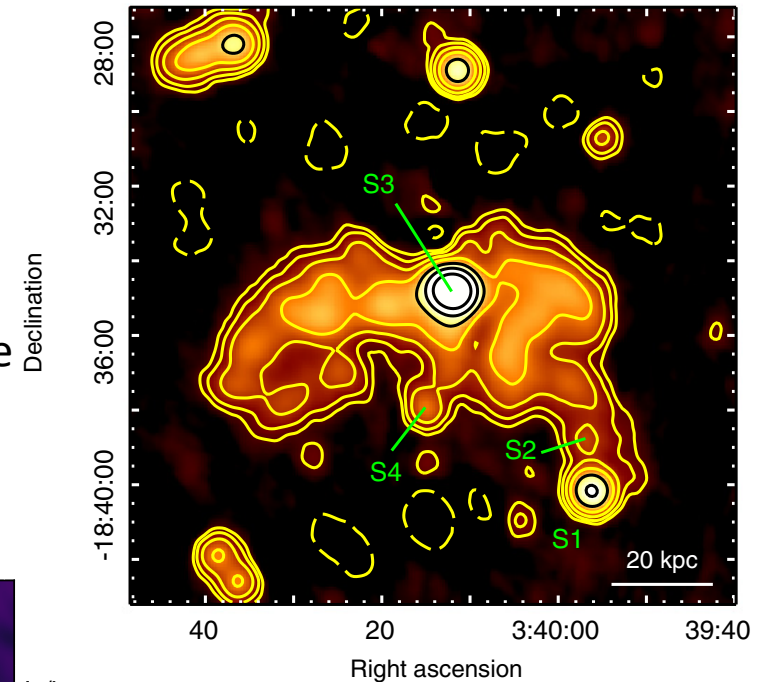
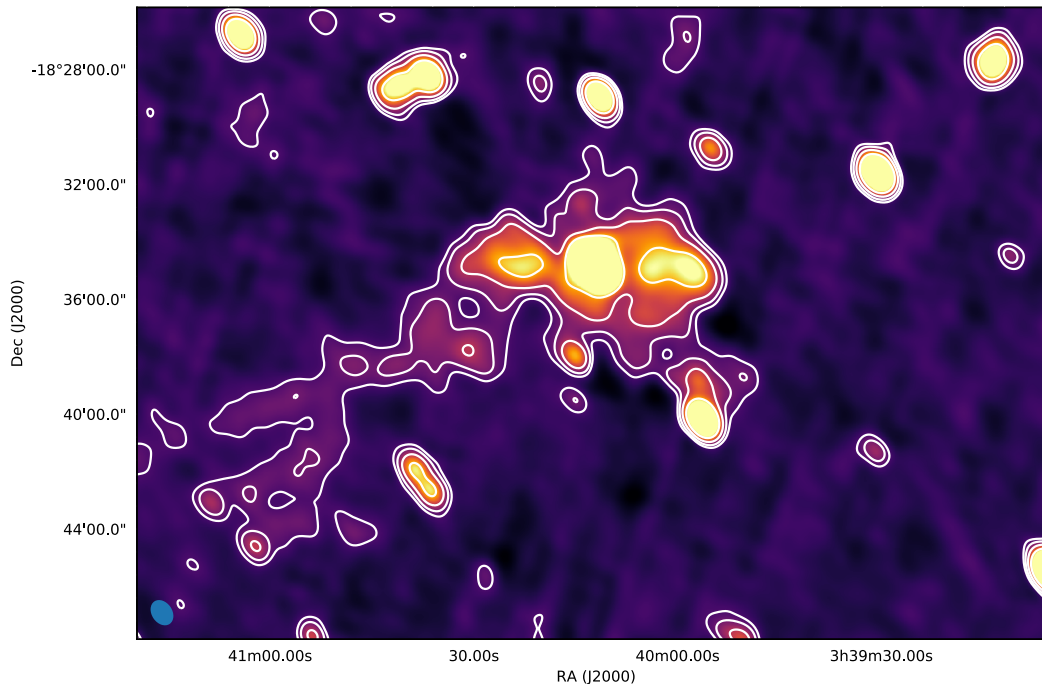
0.5-2 keV X-ray 610 or 235 MHz radio



uGMRT follow-up: NGC 1407

See Gerrit Schellenberger's poster

GMRT 330MHz, Giacintucci et al. (2012) →
rms=160 μ Jy/bm, BW=32MHz, 5.5hr on source
45" x 45" beam, contours=3 σ , 6 σ , 12 σ , 24 σ , ...



← uGMRT band 3
300-500MHz, rms=80 μ Jy/bm,
~2.3hr on source,
57" x 43" beam, contours=3 σ , 6 σ , 12 σ , ...

poor ionospheric conditions, bright
sources in the field.

Summary

CLoGS is a statistically complete, optically-selected sample of 53 nearby groups with high-quality radio + X-ray coverage (+ CO for BGGs).

- 87% of group-dominant galaxies host radio sources, 25% have jets.
- 14/26 high-richness groups have X-ray bright IGM +3 galaxy-scale halos.
- ~35% of X-ray bright groups host currently or recently active central radio jet sources → duty cycle 1/3.
- In X-ray bright systems, active jets found in cool cores. Jet power can exceed cooling luminosity by a factor of 100.
- CO detection rate in group-dominant galaxies 40%, roughly double that in general population of ellipticals.
- 3/14 X-ray bright groups previously unknown → ~20% of X-ray bright groups in local volume may be as yet unidentified.
- See Konstantinos Kolokythas and Gerrit Schellenberger's posters for more details of our GMRT and uGMRT work!