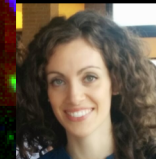




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# INSIGHTS AND PERSPECTIVES IN THE STUDY OF RADIO EMISSION IN GALAXY CLUSTERS

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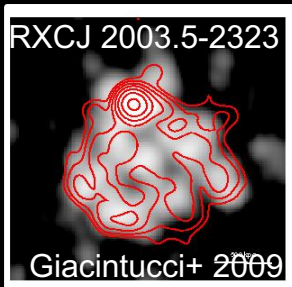


# OVERVIEW

- Very broad introduction to the field
- Problems and established results
- Very sensitive view of diffuse radio emission in galaxy clusters and new issues
- Follow-up studies of some clusters in the GMRT Radio Halo Survey
- AGN science and galaxy cluster science
- uGMRT-MeerKAT synergy in the study of galaxy clusters
- The future?

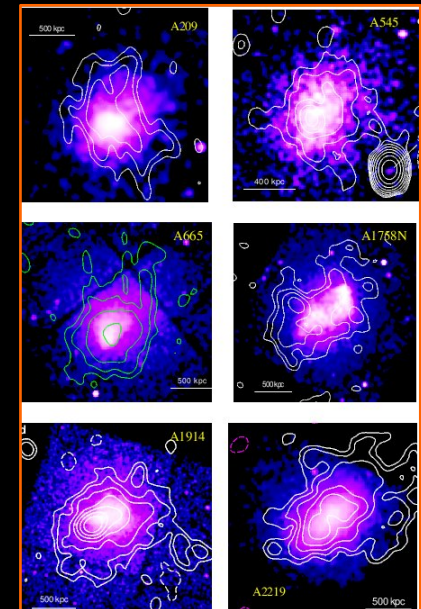
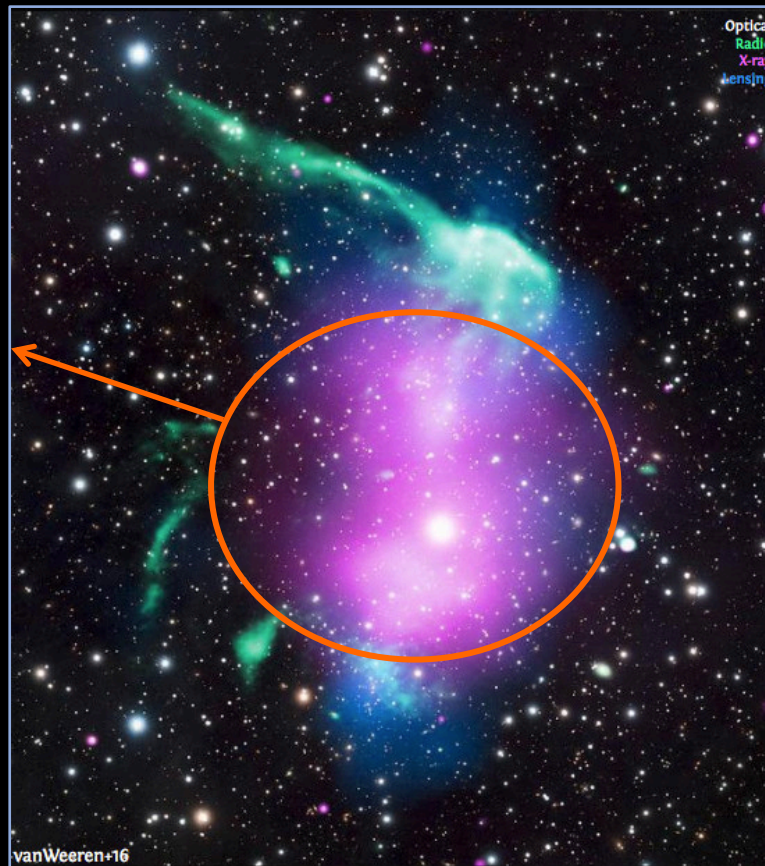
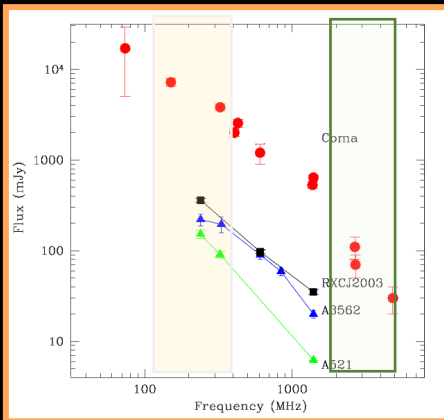
# CLUSTER SCALE: GIANT RADIO HALOS

Relativistic particles and magnetic fields spread over  
Mpc volumes



Present in few tens of  
galaxy clusters

- ~ Mpc size
- Steep spectrum ( $\alpha \sim 1.1$ - $1.4$  and steeper)
- sub  $\mu\text{Jy}/''^2$  surface brightness
- Follow X-ray emission
- **Unpolarized**

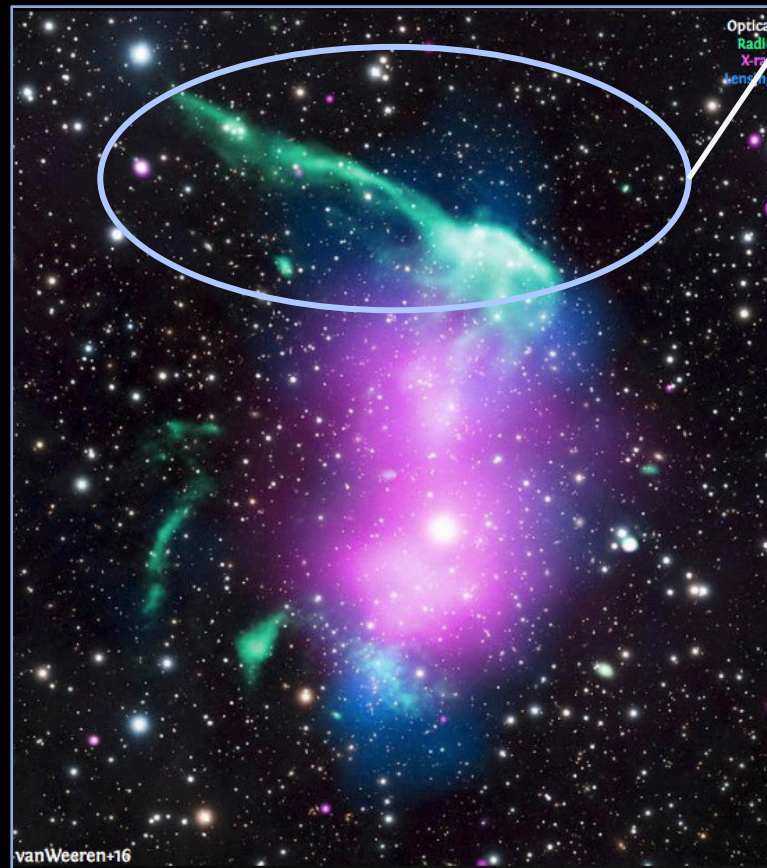
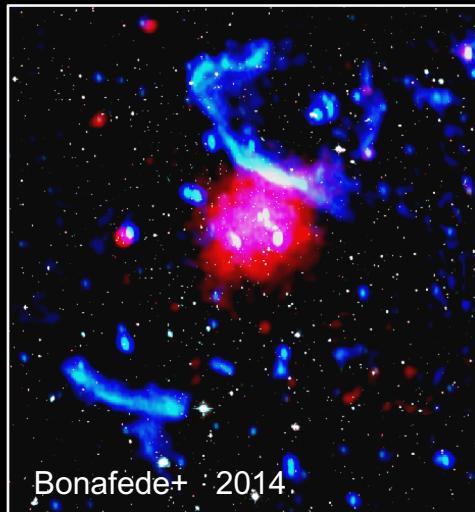
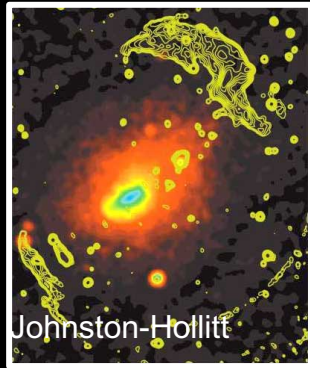


Images from S. Giacintucci

Detectability depends on  
frequency, array  
sensitivity, uv-coverage,  
multiresolution

# CLUSTER OUTSKIRTS: RELICS

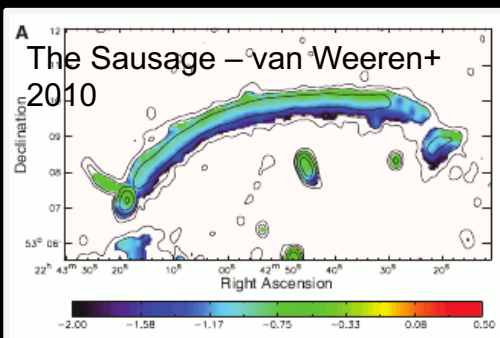
Relativistic particles and magnetic fields spread over  
Mpc volumes



- ~few tens of relics & candidates
- ~ Mpc size
- Steep spectrum
- ( $\alpha \sim 1.2-1.5$ )
- Low surface brightness
- Elongated morphology

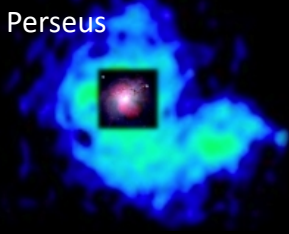
- Single & double relics
- Relics in clusters with and without radio halos

- Polarized (up to 30%)
- ↓
- Mpc scale magnetic fields with some degree of order



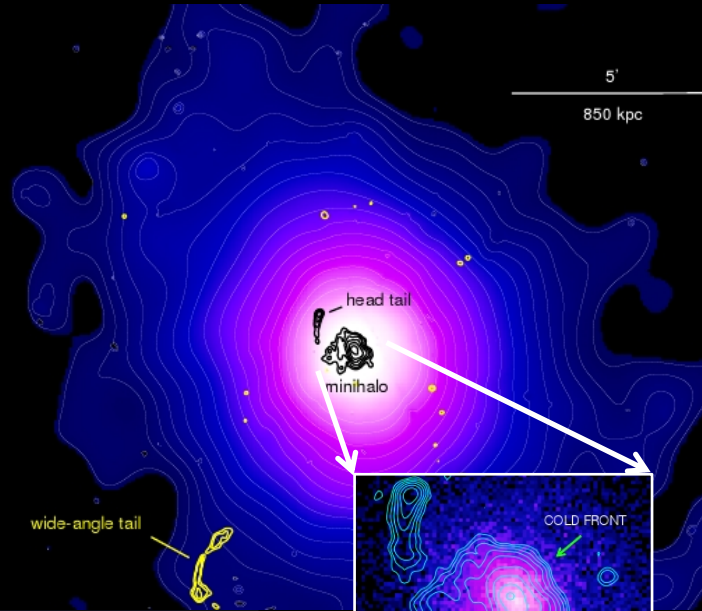
# CLUSTER CORES: RADIO MINI-HALOS

Perseus



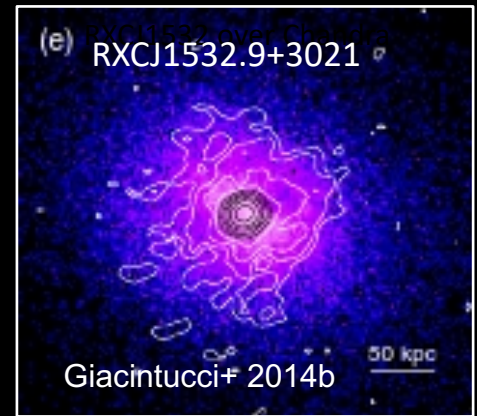
Present so far in  $\sim 20$  galaxy clusters

- 100 – 400 kpc in size
- Steep spectrum ( $\alpha \sim 1.2-1.5$  and steeper)
- (sub)  $\mu\text{Jy}/''^2$  surface brightness
- Sharp surface brightness cutoff
- Located at the peak of central X-ray brightness distribution
- Central BCG is always a radio source



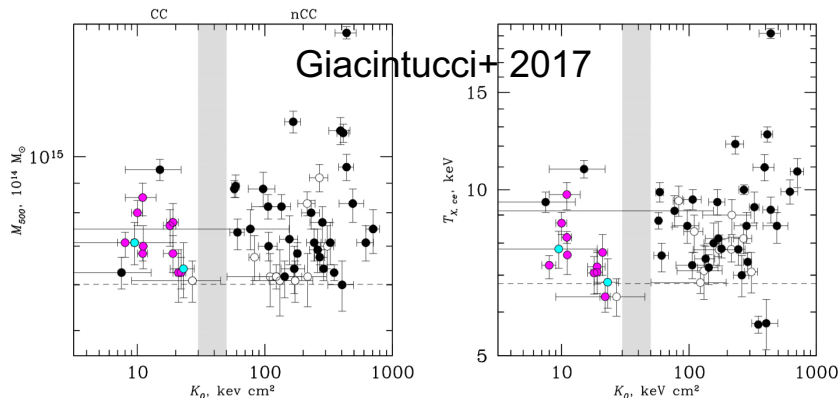
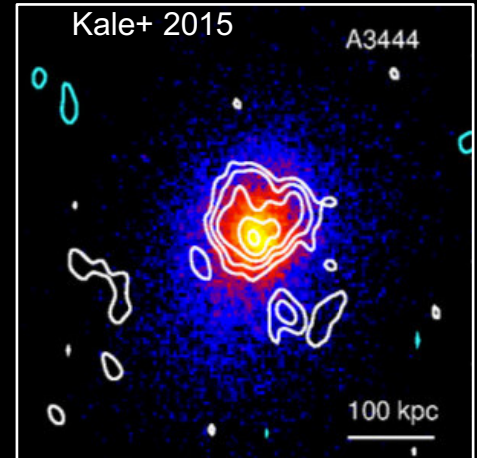
(e) RXCJ1532.9+3021

Giacintucci+ 2014b



Kale+ 2015

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RXCJ1720.1+2638  
Giacintucci+ 2014a

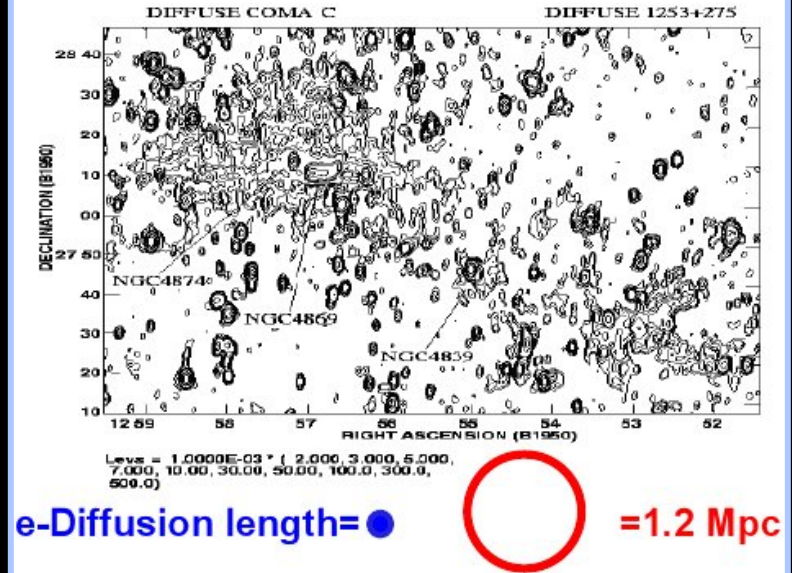
Different properties  
of clusters hosting  
mini-halos and GRH  
known for a long  
time

# Diffusion problem

Crossing time of electrons  $\sim 10$  Gyr  
but radiative lifetime  $\sim 0.1$  Gyr

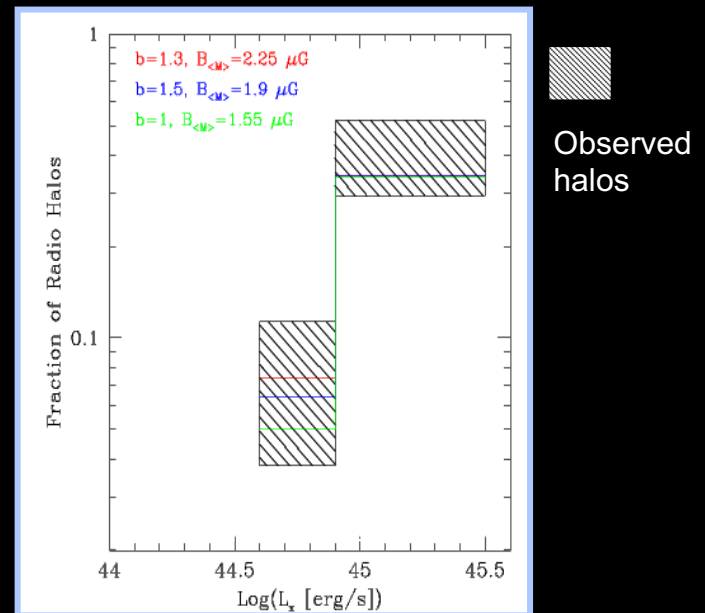
$$t_{\text{diff}} \gg t_{\text{rad}}$$

Re-acceleration needed



Diffuse cluster sources  
not ubiquitous in galaxy  
clusters: why?

Fraction of observed **radio halos**  
and dependence on mass



# Origin of relativistic electrons

**Secondary models** – relativistic electrons continuously injected in the ICM by inelastic proton-proton collisions through production and decay of charged pions in the ICM

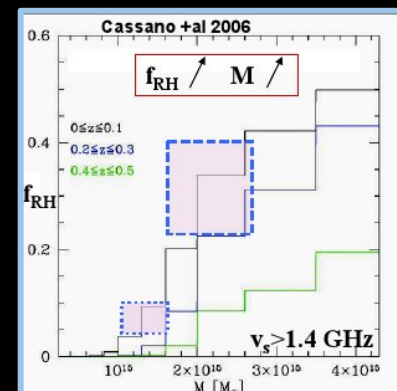
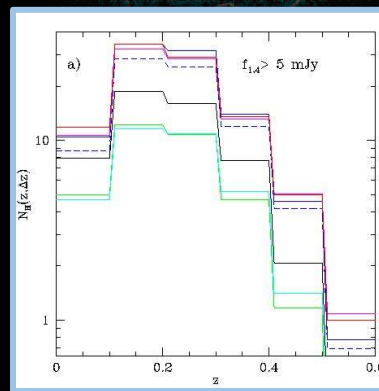
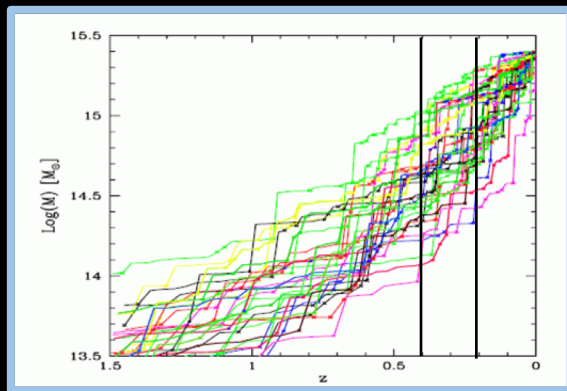
**Primary models** - in-situ re-acceleration of relativistic electrons by MHD turbulence (e.g., Brunetti et al. 2001, 2004; Petrosian 2001; Fujita et al. 2003; Petrosian & Bykov 2008...)

Cluster Merger

Shocks and turbulence

Particle acceleration

Diffuse radio emission



Background of the E-GMRT Radio Halo Survey

Venturi et al. 2007-2013; Giacintucci et al. 2005-2010; Kale et al. 2013, 2015; Brunetti et al. 2007, 2008; Cassano et al. 2008-2013; Dallacasa et al. 2009

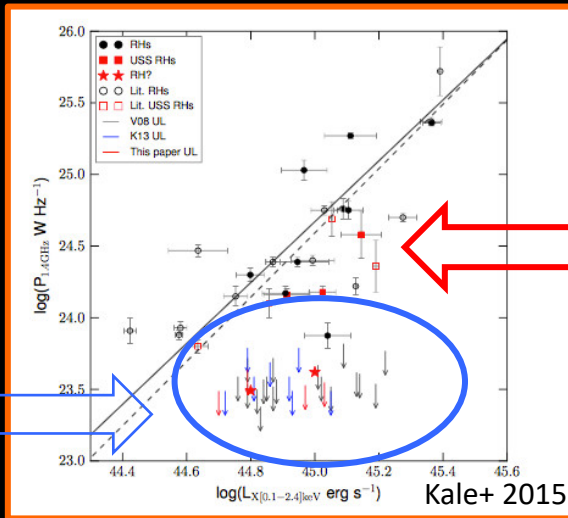
# Established results

## BIMODALITY for giant radio halos

Upper limits  
of radio halo  
power



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Radio power -  
cluster X-ray  
luminosity  
correlation



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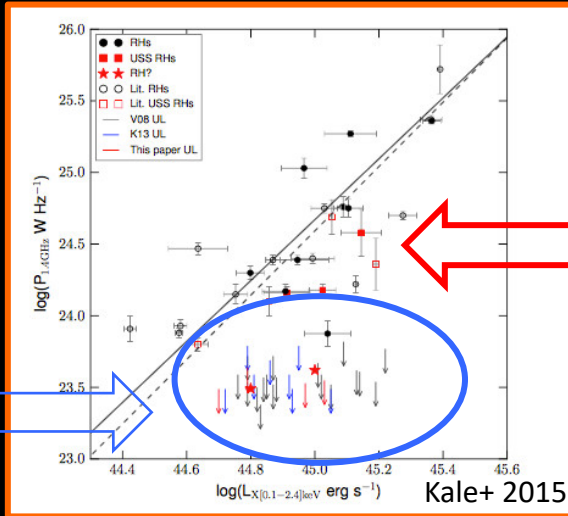
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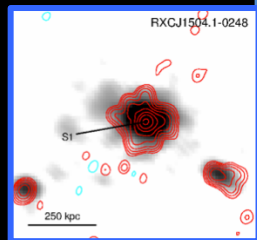


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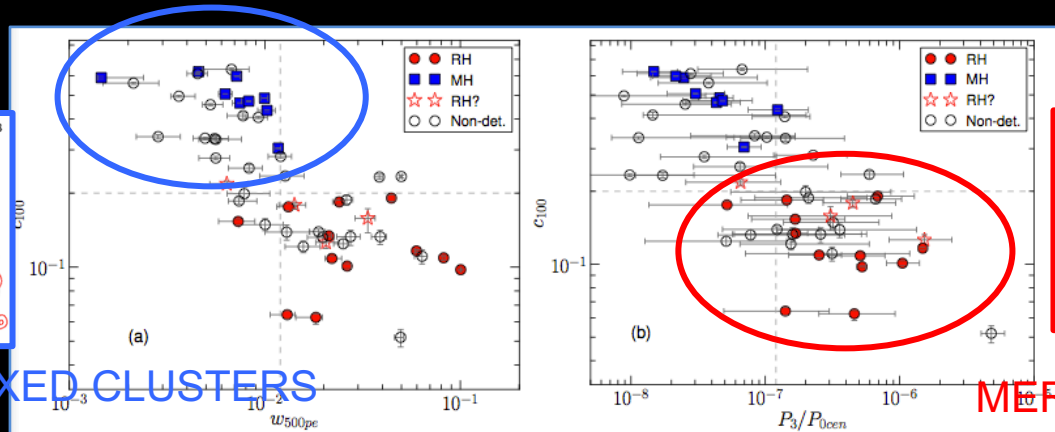


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Quantitative assessment of the **CLUSTER DYNAMICS AND** presence of **DIFFUSE EMISSION**  
in the form of giant radio halos and mini-halos



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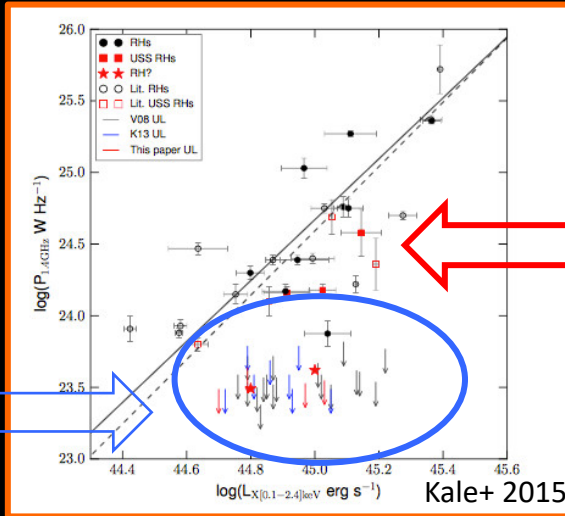
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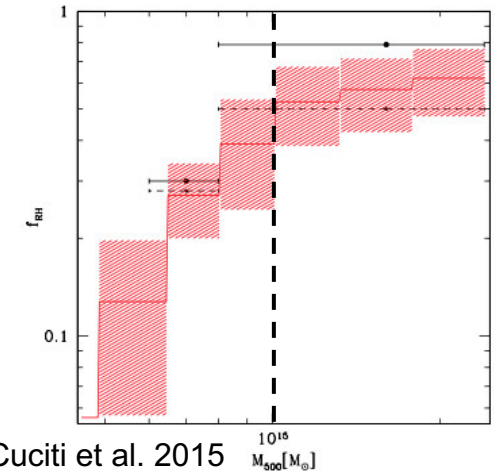


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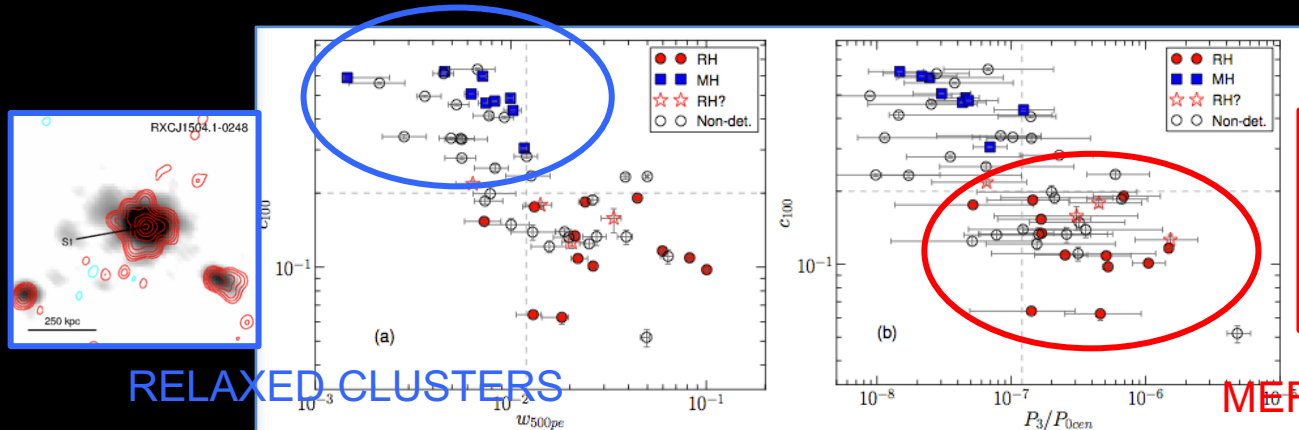
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## OCCURRENCE with cluster mass



Cuciti et al. 2015

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Cassano et al. 2010, Kale et al. 2015

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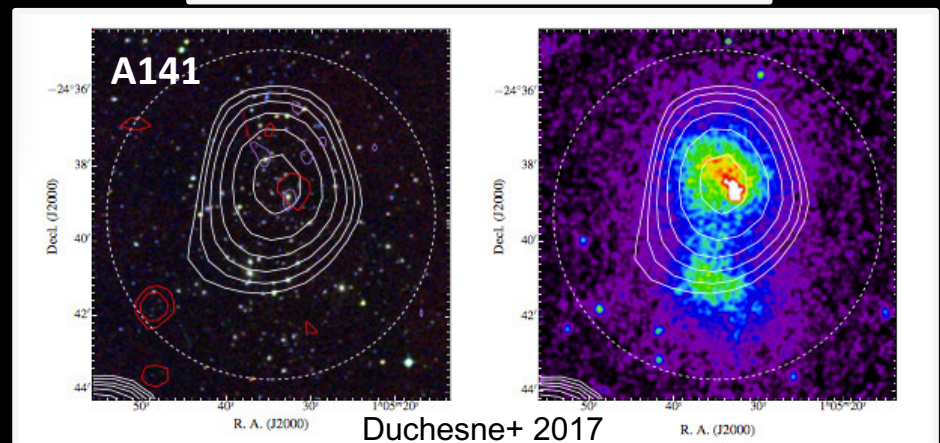
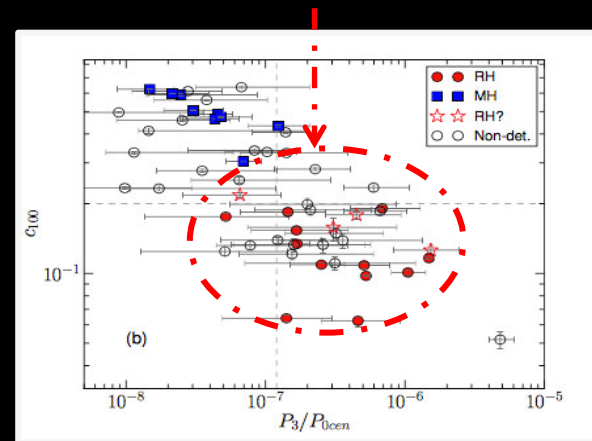
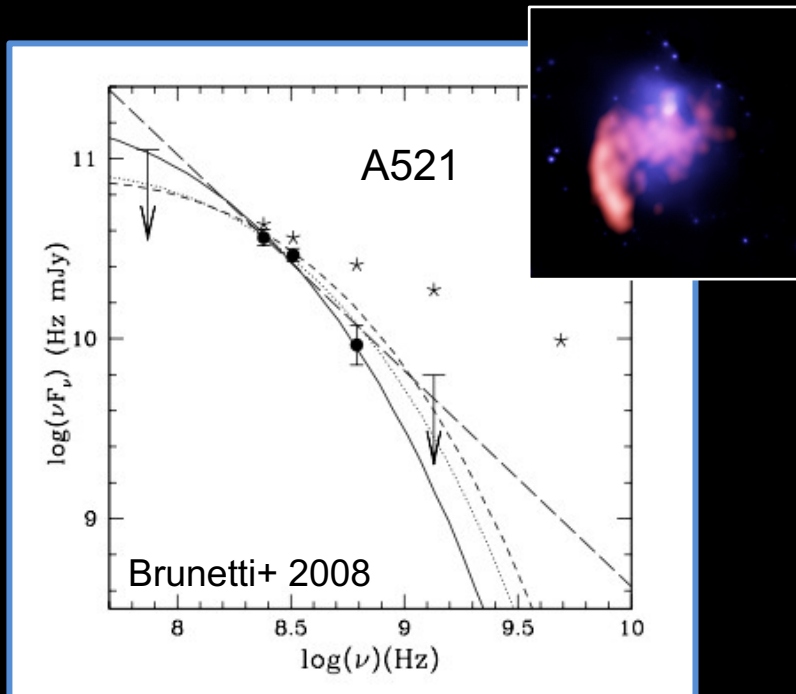
Prediction of the turbulent re-acceleration model:

From GHz radio halos to **USSS radio halos in minor/less massive merging systems**

Still few cases known, but the statistics is changing now with

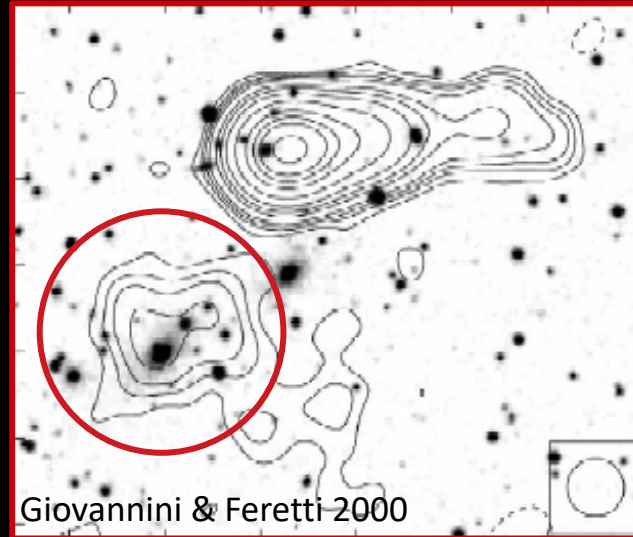
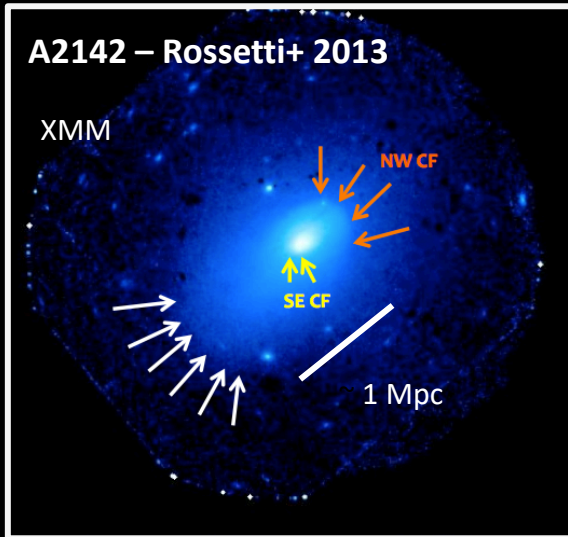
**LOFAR, uGMRT and MWA**

Cluster in the GMRT RH sample – Upper limit at 610 MHz (Venturi et al. 2007), but morphological parameters of a very disturbed cluster  $\Rightarrow$  MWA detection at 168 MHz



# Life is getting more complicated...

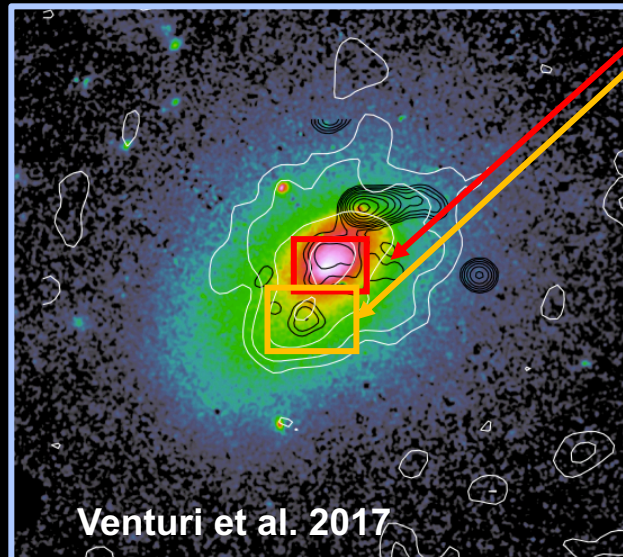
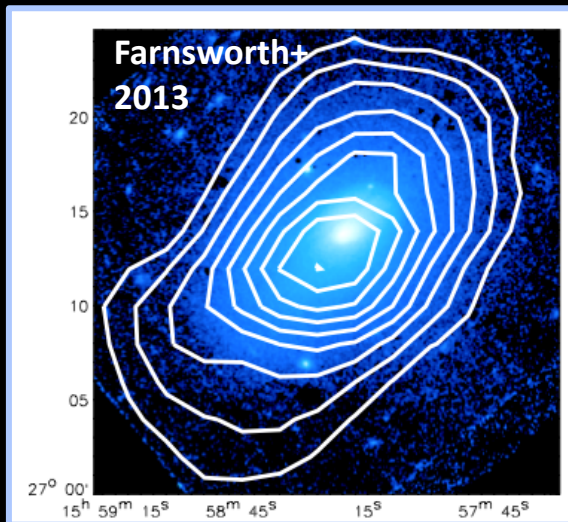
The case of A2142 - Venturi et al. 2017



Formerly classified as a mini-halo

GBT, JVLA, GMRT observations show it is a multi component Mpc-scale radio halo

A component coincident with the former “mini-halo”, and a second broader component most likely associated with the minor merger/accretion activity on the full cluster scale



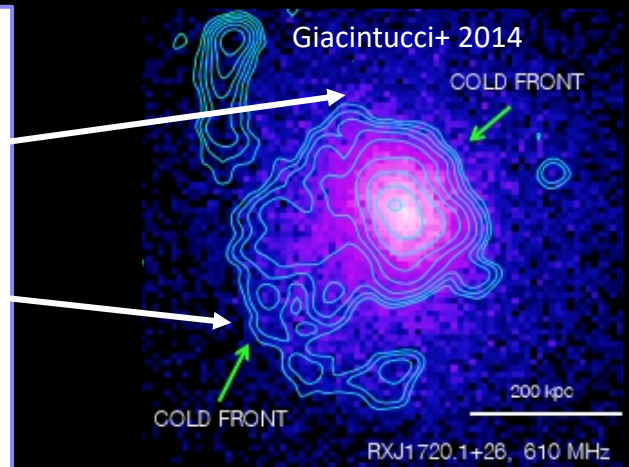
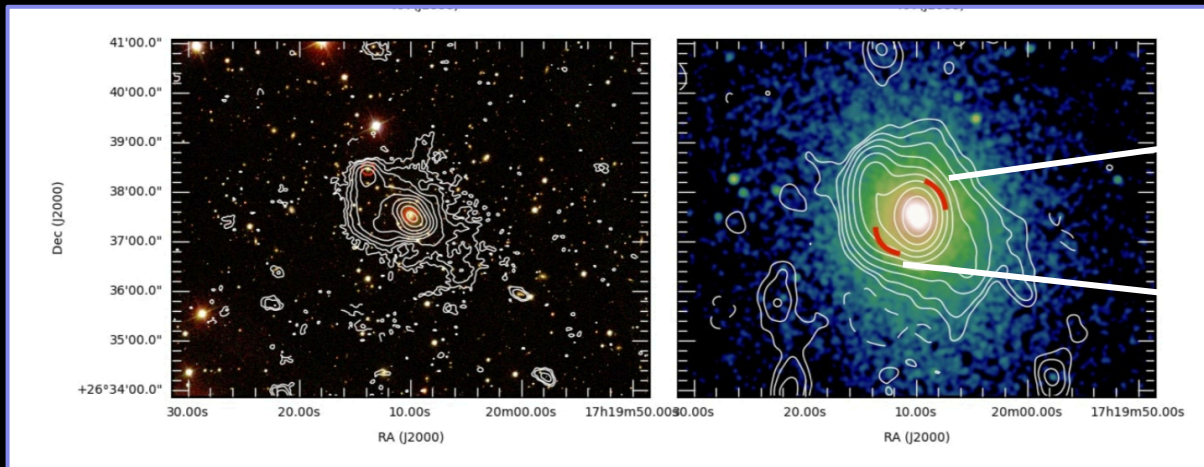
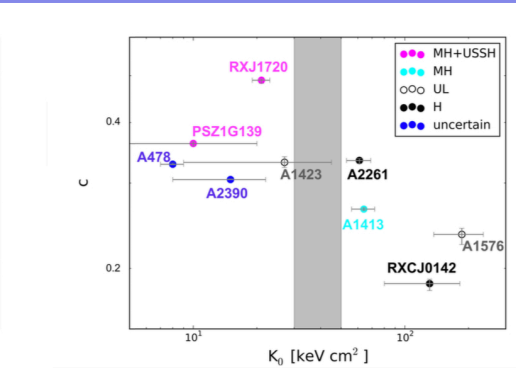
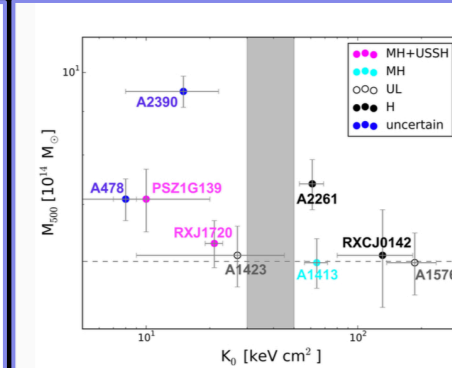
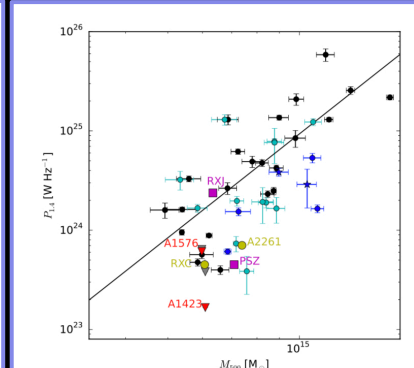
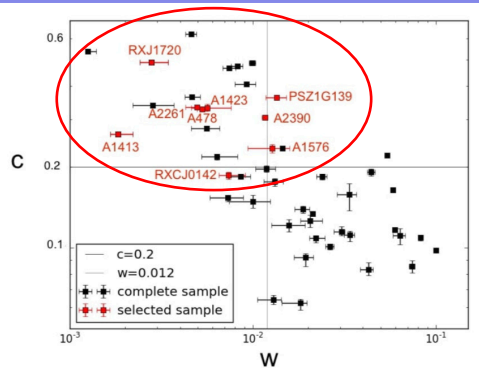
$\alpha \sim 1.5-1.6$ , slightly steeper in the second component

SLOSHING ON THE CLUSTER SCALE?

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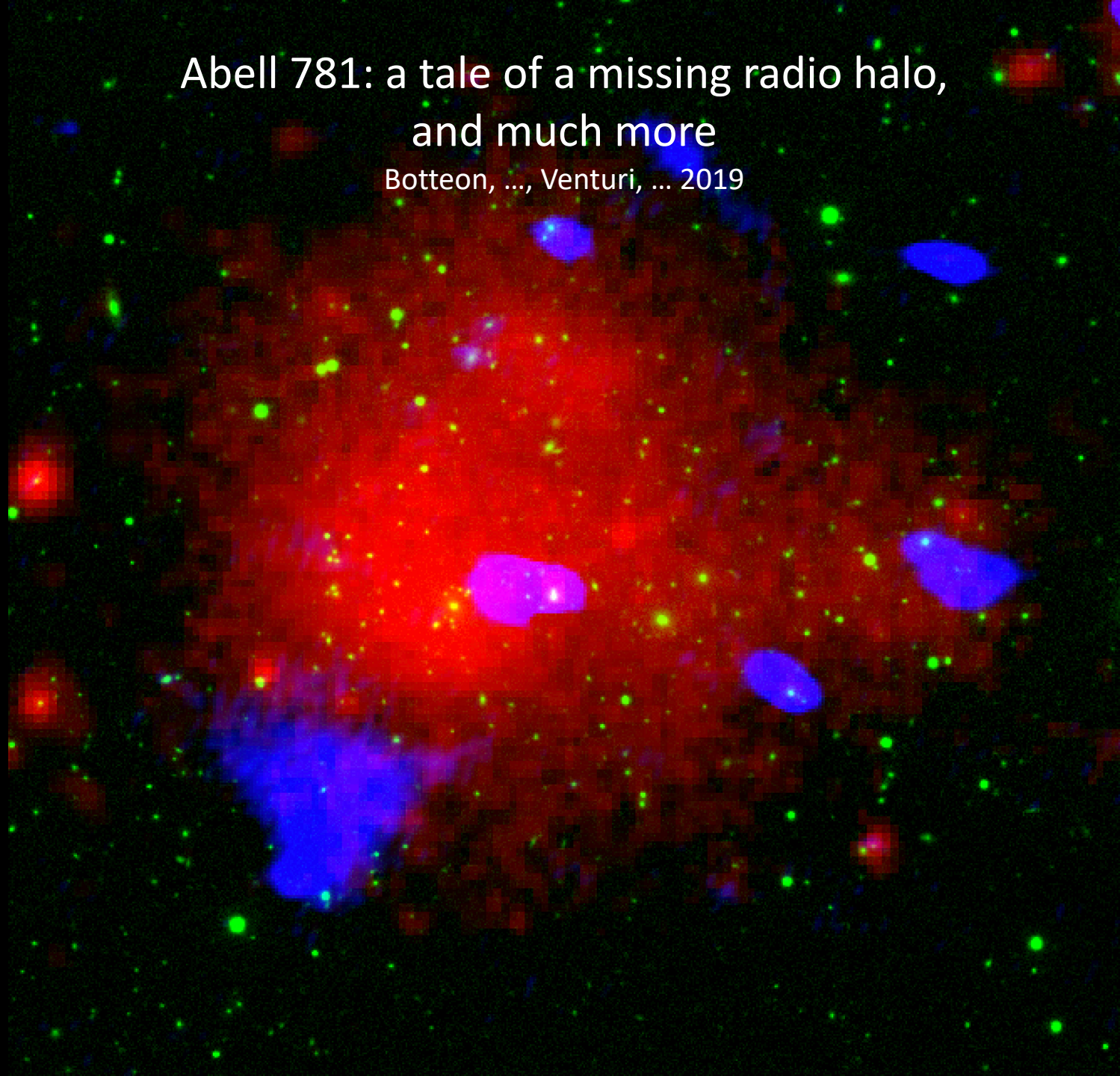
Sample of 9 non merging clusters observed at 144 MHz with LOFAR –  
Savini, Bonafede et al. 2019

- ✓ Two clusters with USS radio halo surrounding the previously known mini-halo
- ✓ Two USS radio halos in non merging non-CCC
- ✓ 1 mini-halo in a non-CCC



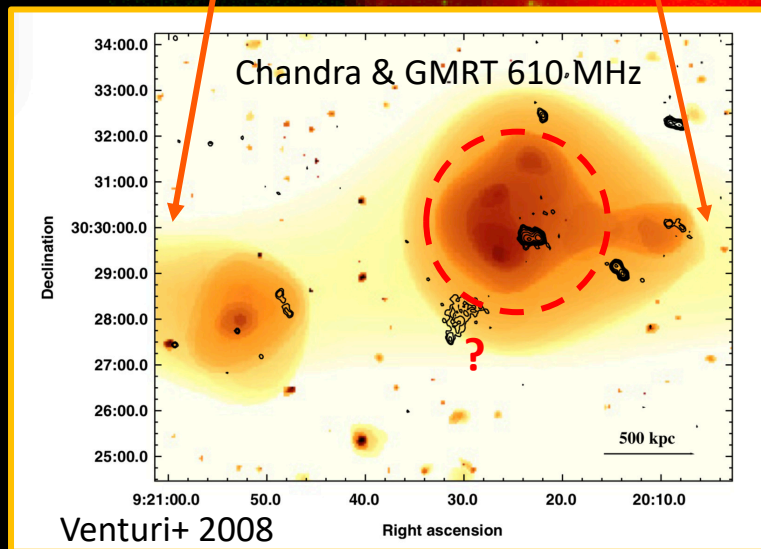
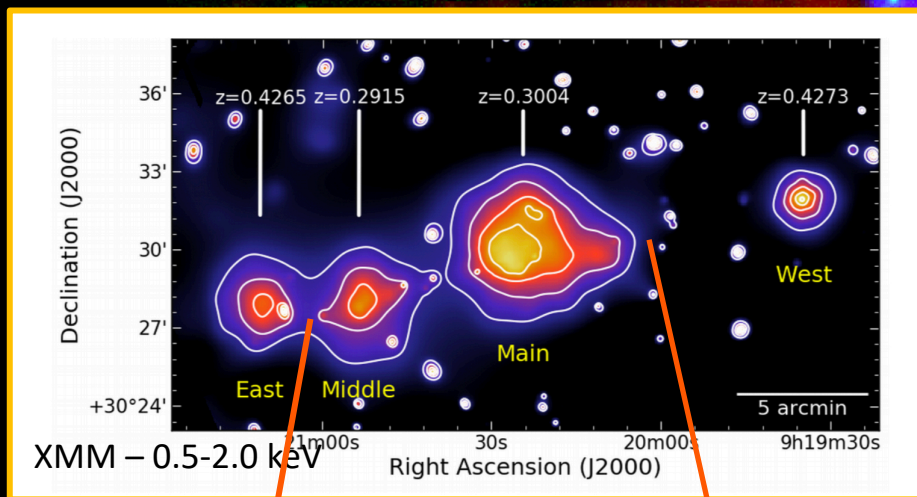
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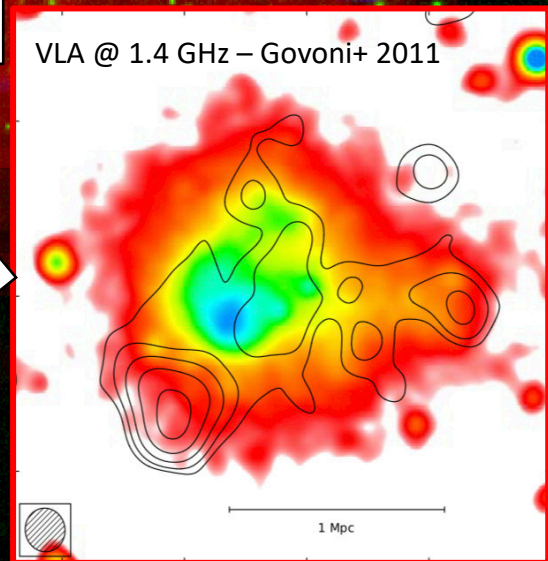
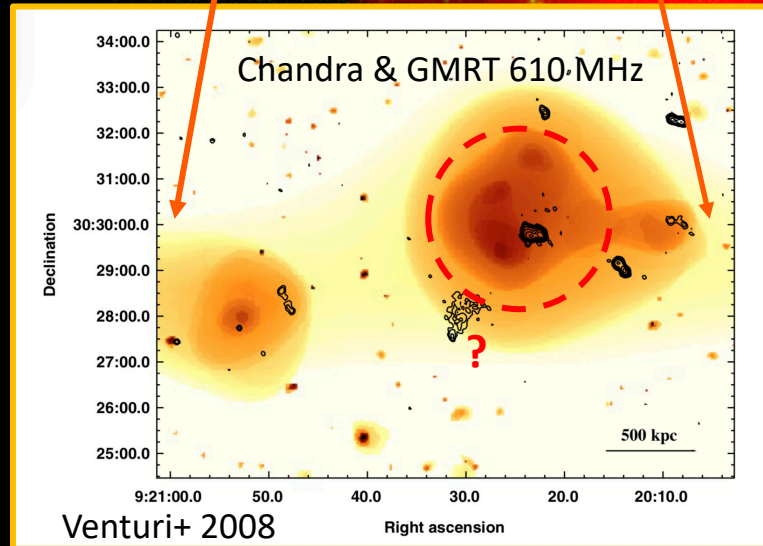
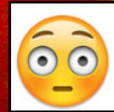
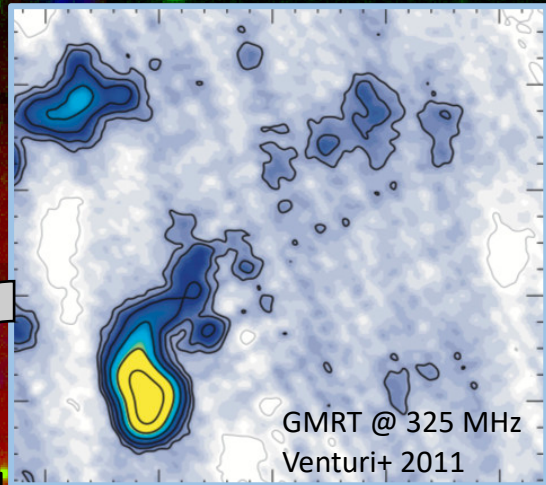
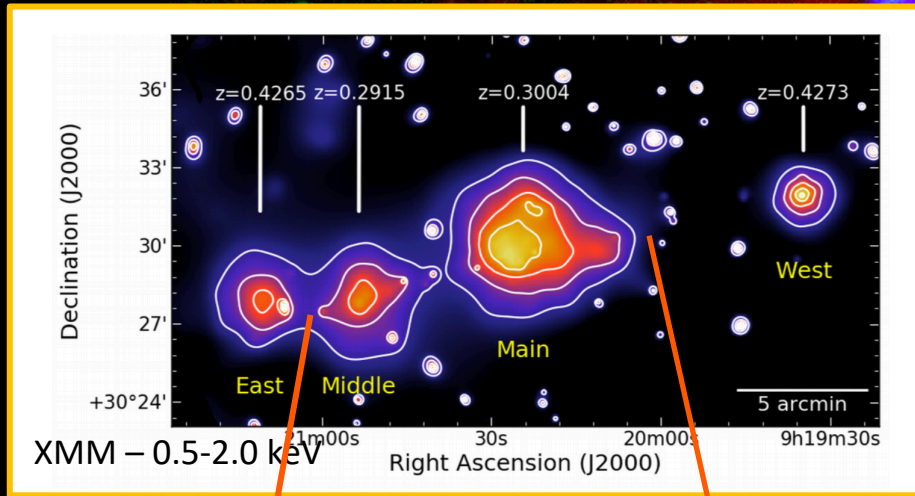
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$$L_x \sim 10^{45} \text{ erg/s}$$

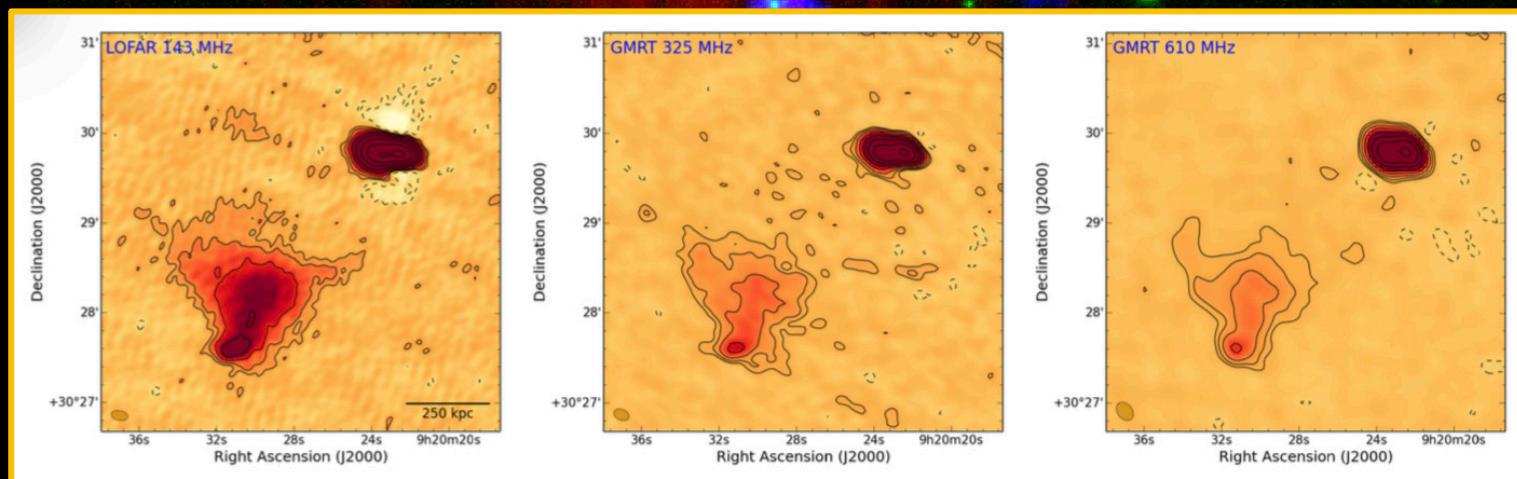
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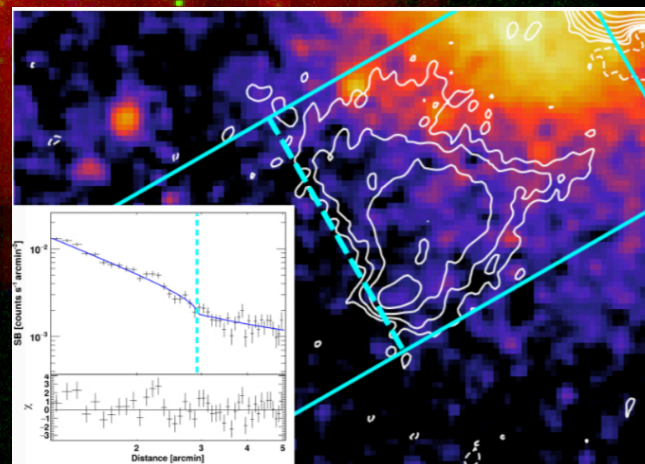
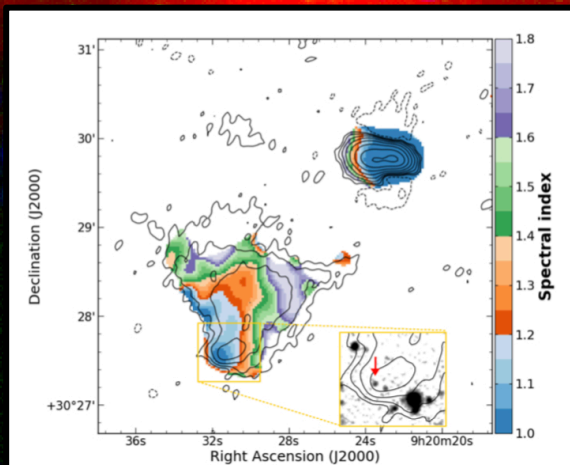
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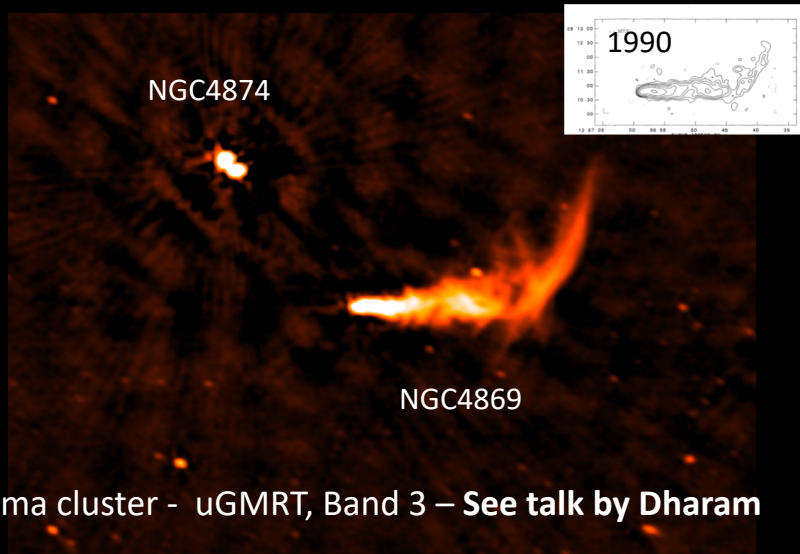
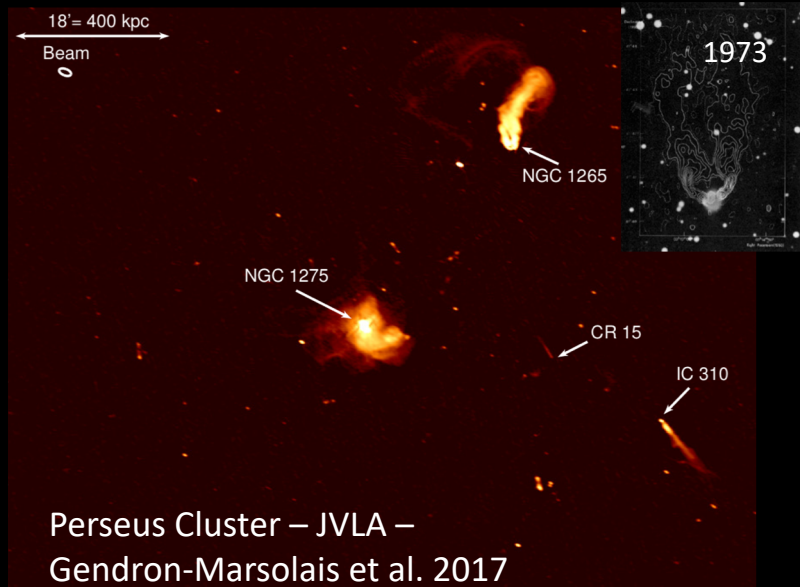


$\alpha=1.4$

- Relic?
- Interaction between a shock and radio plasma from a tailed radio galaxy?



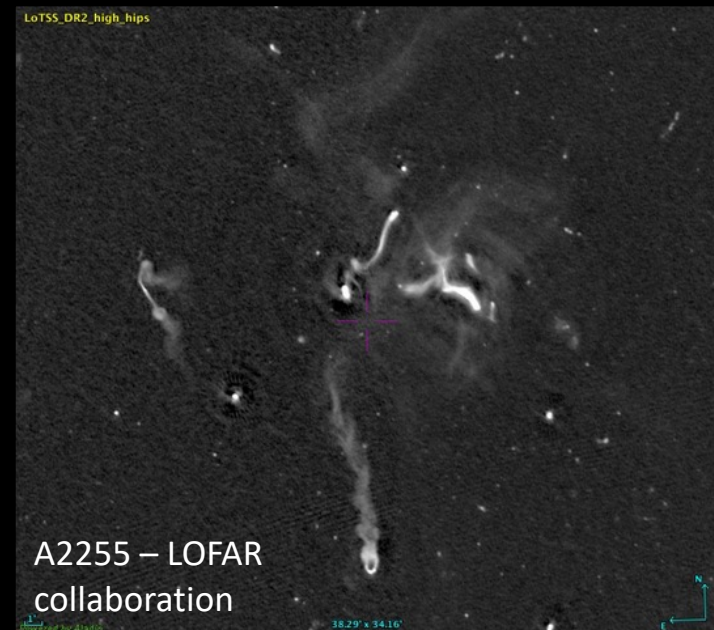
# Where AGN science and galaxy cluster science meet



The sensitivity of the present observations show impressive tails of emission from cluster radio galaxies



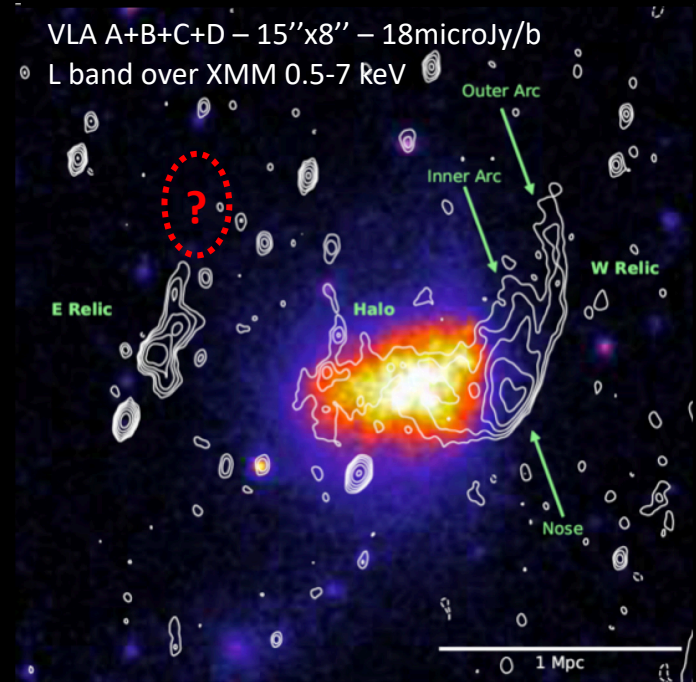
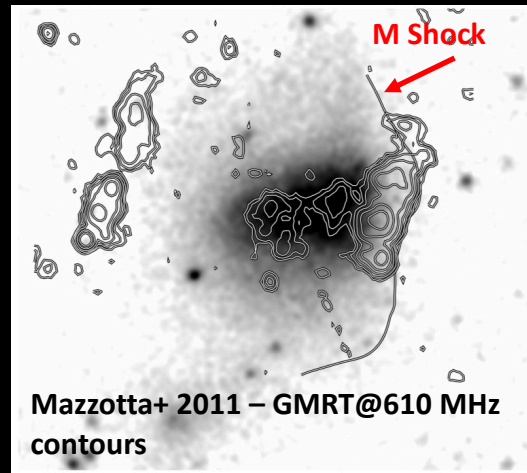
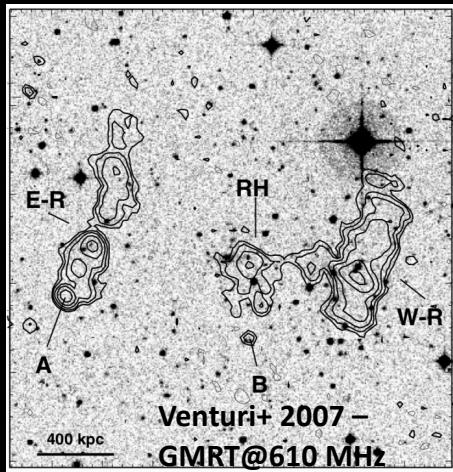
- Radio plasma and ICM interaction
- Trajectories of galaxies in their motion within the cluster
- **Reservoir of relativistic particles in the ICM**



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## The case of RXCJ1314-2515

Stuardi (PhD student), Bonafede et al. in prep.



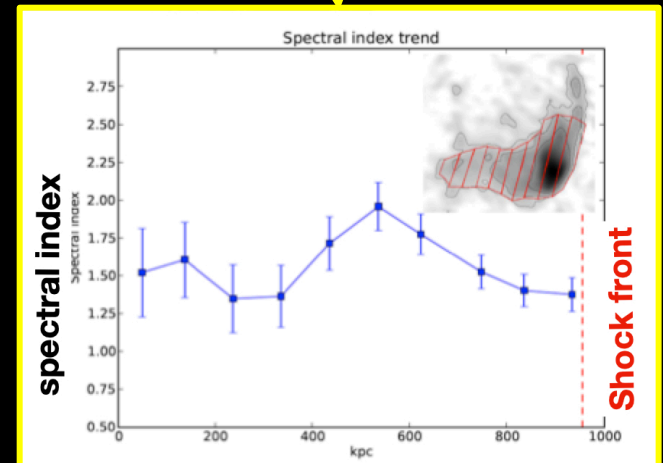
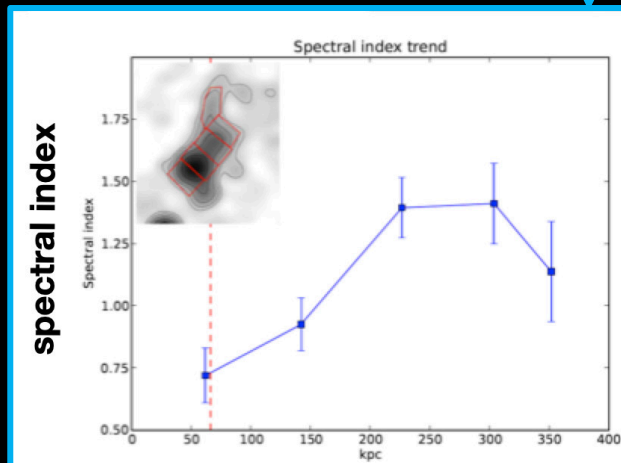
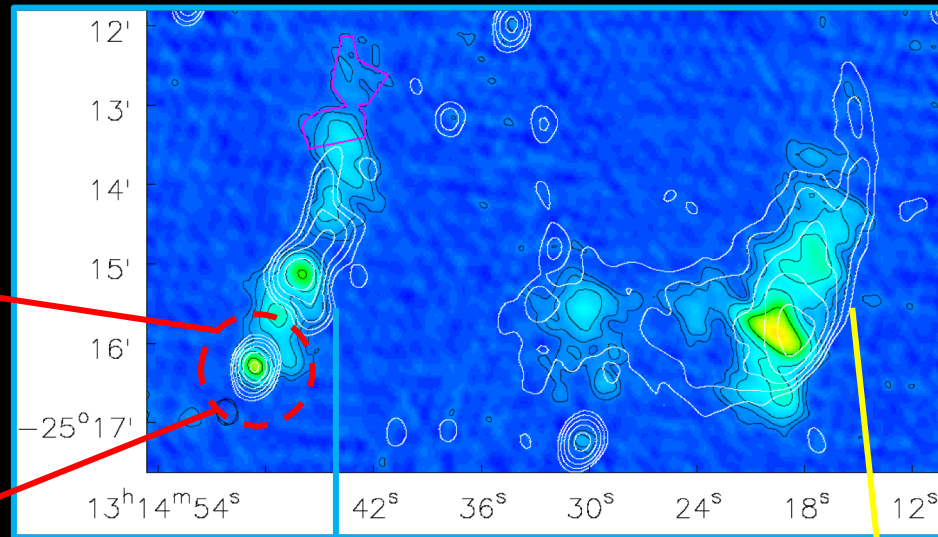
- Structure in the W relic, with two arcs
- Very steep spectrum of the northern part of the E relic ( $\alpha$  steeper than 1.7)
- Radio halo confined within the brightest X-ray central region even at the very high sensitivity of the VLA L band image

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Wide-angle tail source at  
the southern tip of the E  
relic



# uGMRT – MeerKAT

## Synergies and potentials for galaxy cluster and AGN science

RADIO-CLASH-GCAV Project – Diffuse emission and radio galaxy populations  
Terni de' Gregory (PhD student), Venturi, Nonino & collaborators

ESO Large Programme **Galaxy Clusters at VIRCAM** – CLASH and RELIC cluster samples (P.I. Nonino)

Proprietary and archival GMRT data

**Meerkat-16** and **uGMRT** data for **MACSJ1931** (CCC with mini-halo) and **A1300** (unrelaxed cluster with giant radio halo and at least one relic)

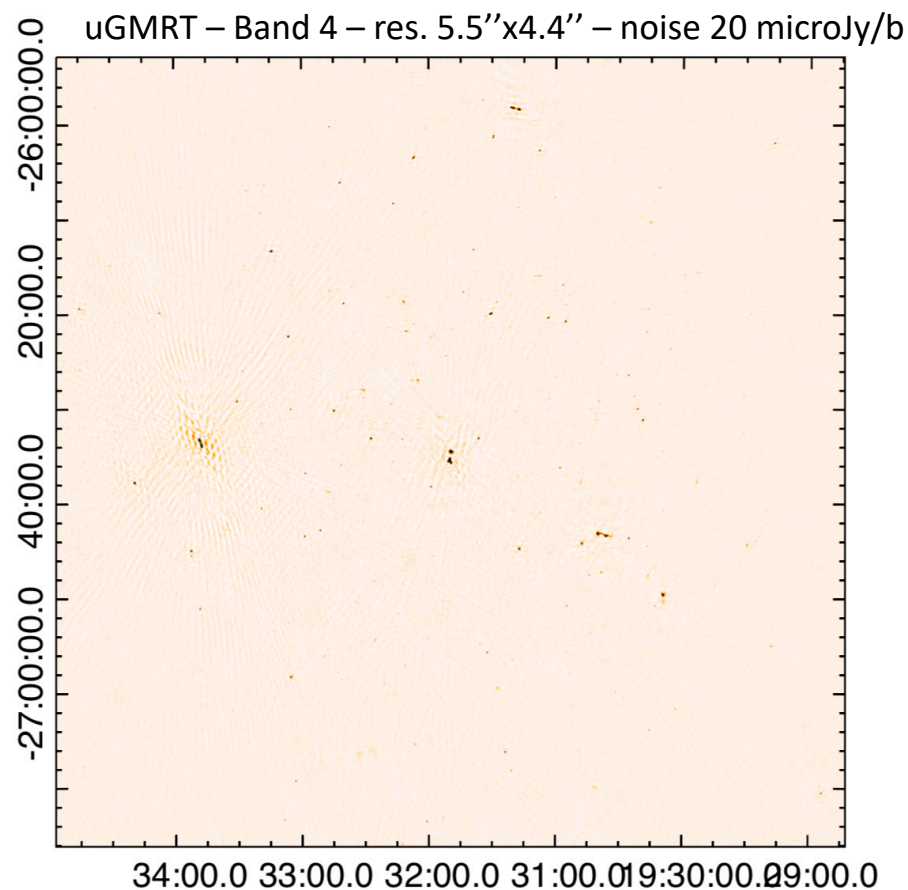
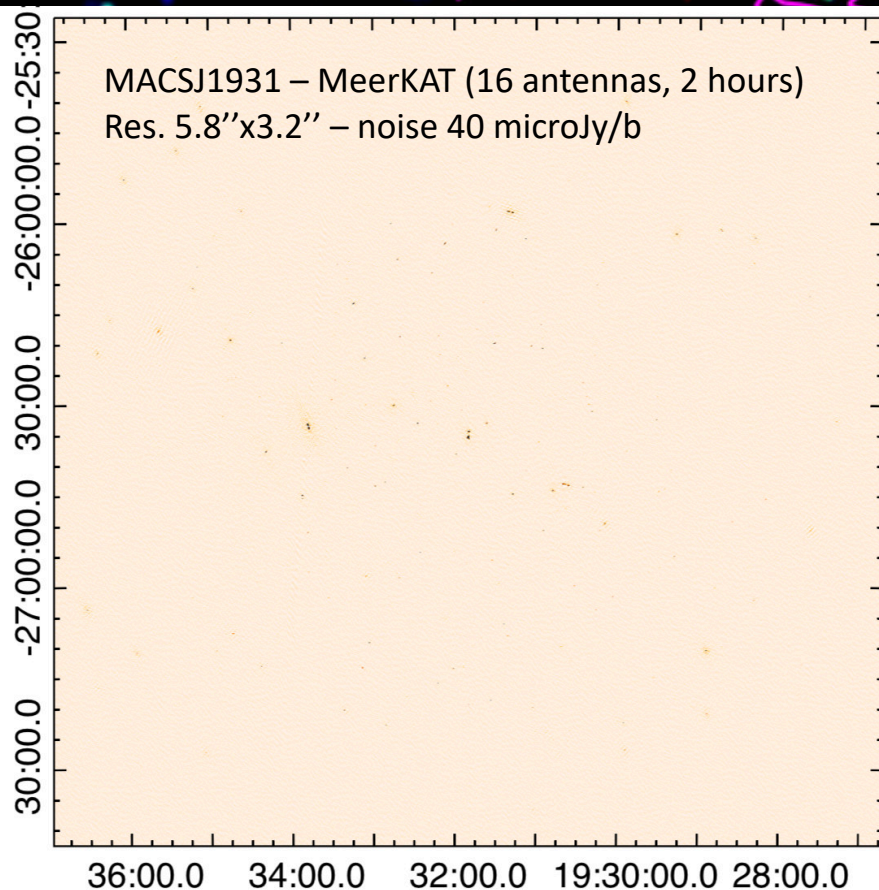
Central region of MACSJ1931 – MeerKAT-16 overlaid on VIRCAM images in filters B, RC and Z – Terni, Venturi, Nonino et al. et al. in prep

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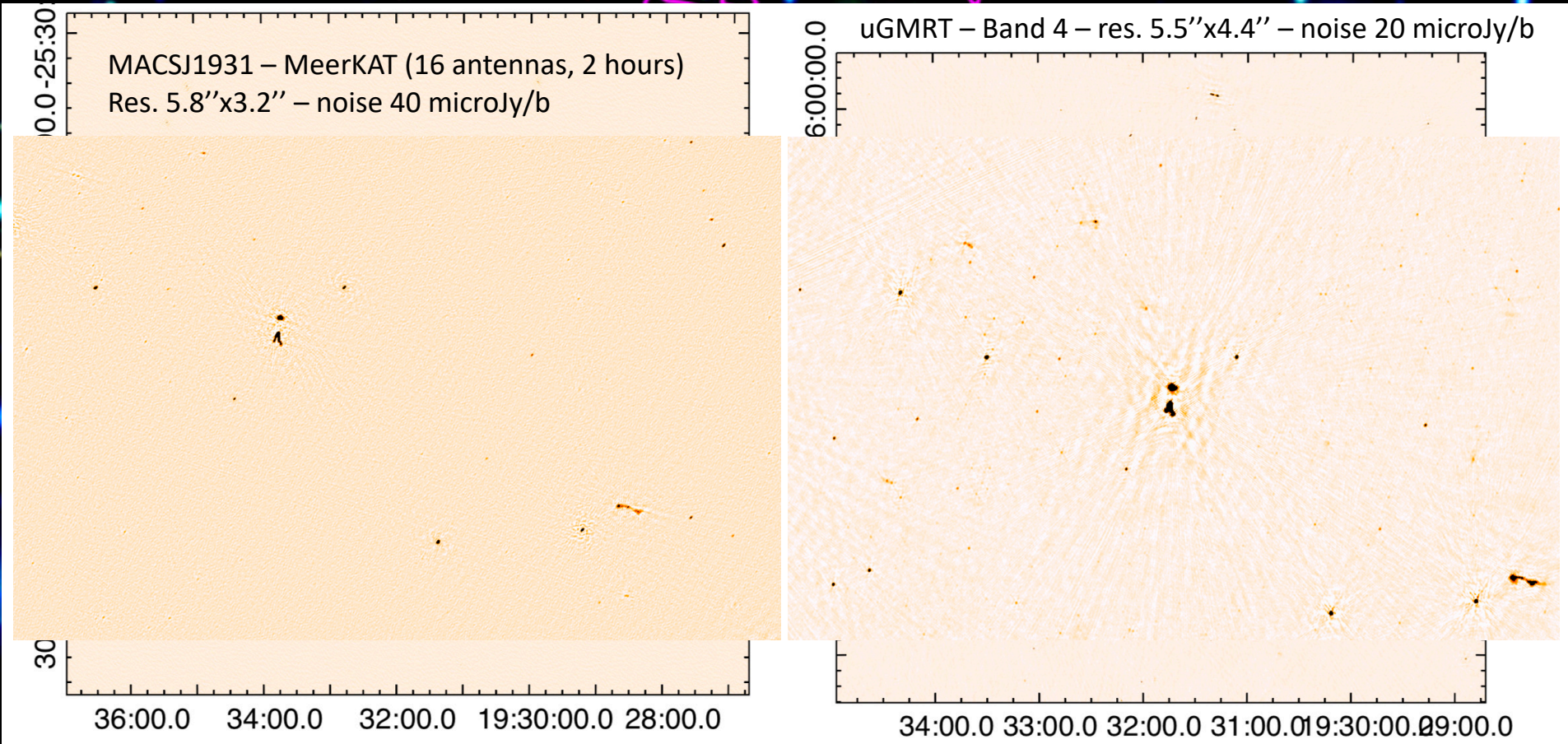
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## Some final considerations

- Our current knowledge of the origin of diffuse emission in galaxy clusters is solid but still incomplete to account for the variety of the new observational results
- New high sensitivity observations at low frequency show extended USS radio emission surrounding previously classified mini-halos in an increasing number of clusters, pointing to the role of less energetic events and minor mergers in galaxy clusters
- Cluster science and AGN science are meeting: extended/tailed radio galaxies of amazing sizes and beauty provide a direct link to the reservoir of relativistic electrons needed to form diffuse cluster-scale radio sources during cluster mergers and large scale structure formation
- ✓ The synergy between uGMRT and MeerKAT is very promising for the study of galaxy clusters over a broad range of redshifts and angular scales

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## Clusters, Relics, and Halos - Chandrasekhar Auditorium (14:15-16:00)

-Conveners: Marc Verheijen

time	title	presenter
14:15	Insight and perspectives in the study of radio emission in galaxy clusters	VENTURI, Tiziana
14:40	Exploring particle (re-)acceleration at low frequencies in merging galaxy clusters	DI GENNARO, Gabriella
14:41	Surveys at ultra-low frequencies: a first look at cosmic rays fate in galaxy clusters	DE GASPERIN, Francesco
15:01	Diffuse Radio Emission in ACTPol Clusters	SIKHOSANA, Sinenhlanhla Precious
15:21	The Corona Borealis supercluster as seen by LOFAR	DRABENT, Alexander

## Tea break - Chandrasekhar Auditorium (16:00-16:30)

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16:30	A closer look at particle acceleration in galaxy clusters with the Upgraded GMRT	KALE, Ruta
16:55	Diffuse Radio Emission in 'off-state' galaxy clusters.	DWARAKANATH, K
17:15	Searching for Ultra Steep Spectrum Radio Halos with the uGMRT and LOFAR	CUCITI, Virginia
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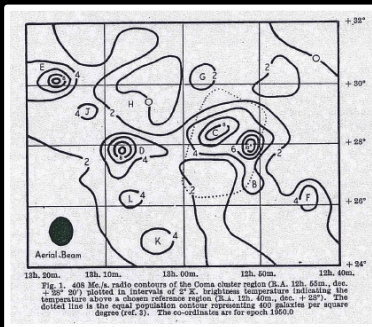
## Snacks and poster viewing - NCRA Lounge (17:55-18:00)

- ✓ The results which will be presented in this section clearly show where we are now going with the current generation of radio interferometers
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A1300 – MeerKAT 16 -2 hours – rms 25 microJy/b – 12.0''x4.6 '' – Terni, Venturi, Nonino et al. in preparation

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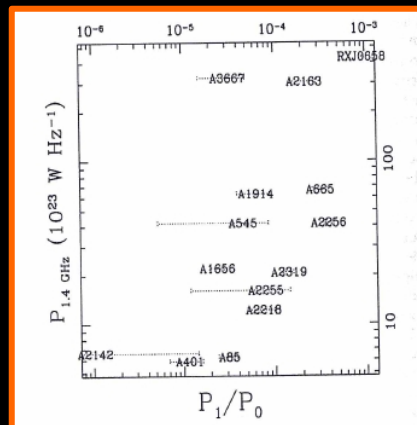
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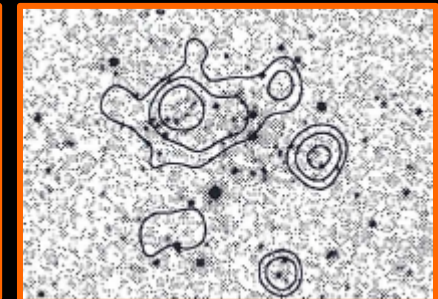
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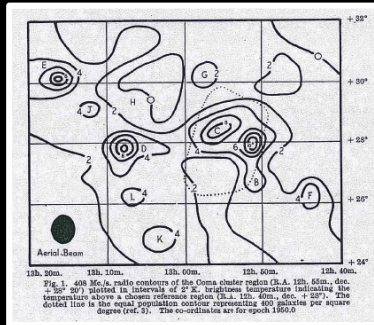
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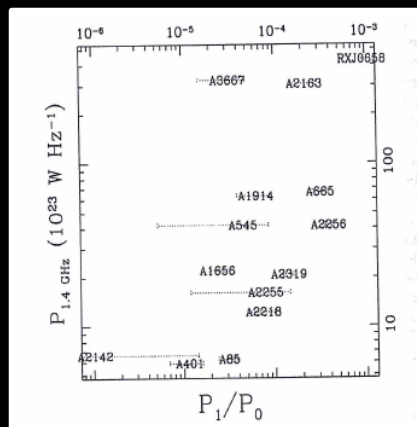
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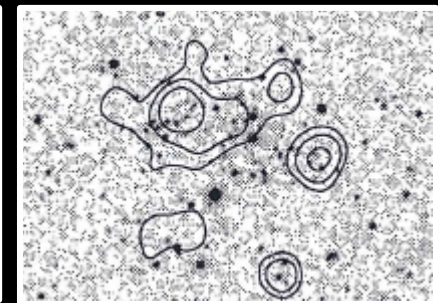
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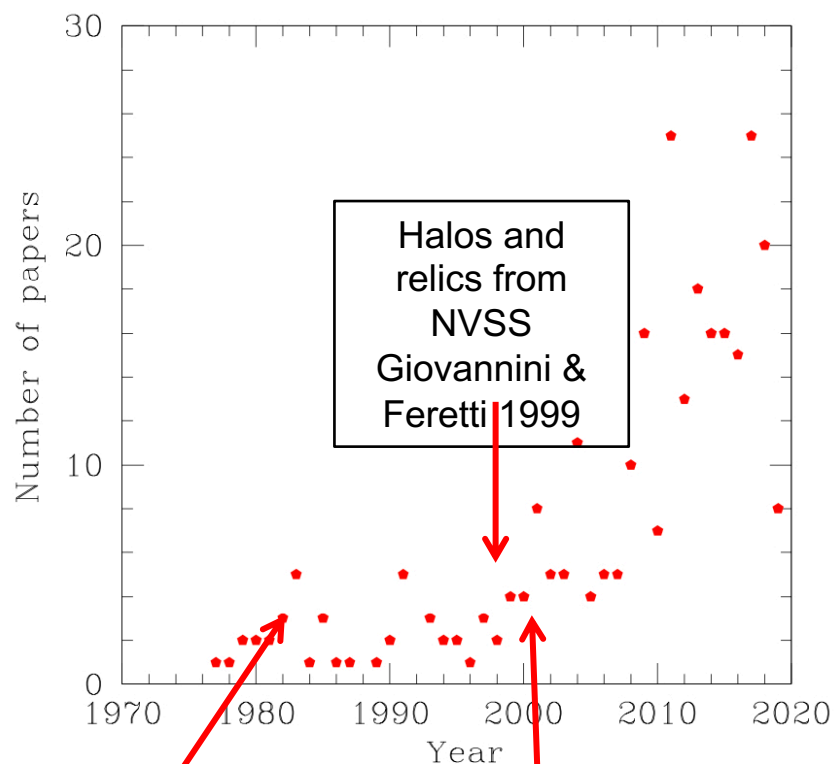
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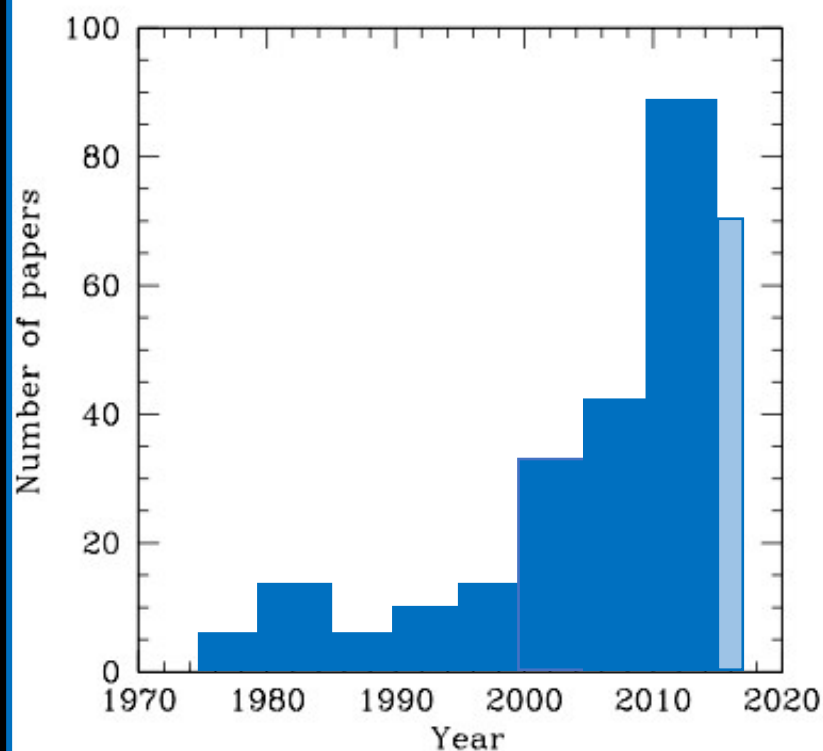
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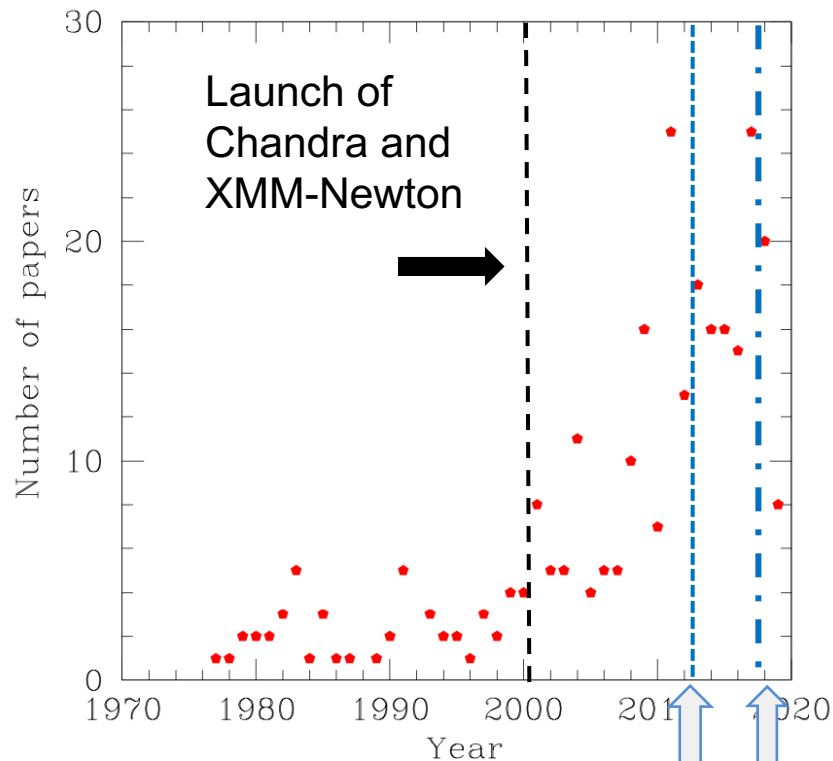


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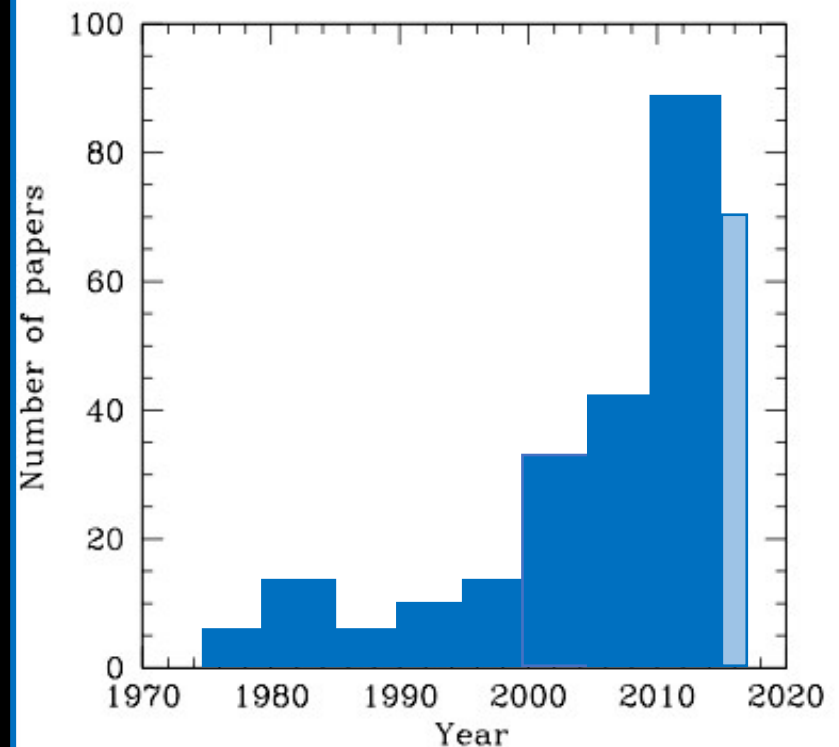


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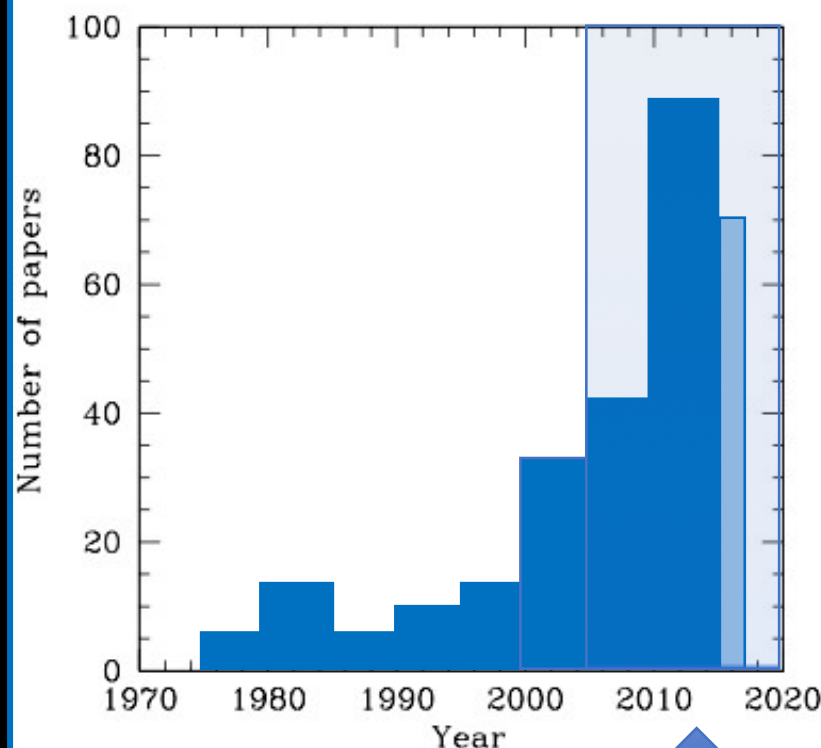
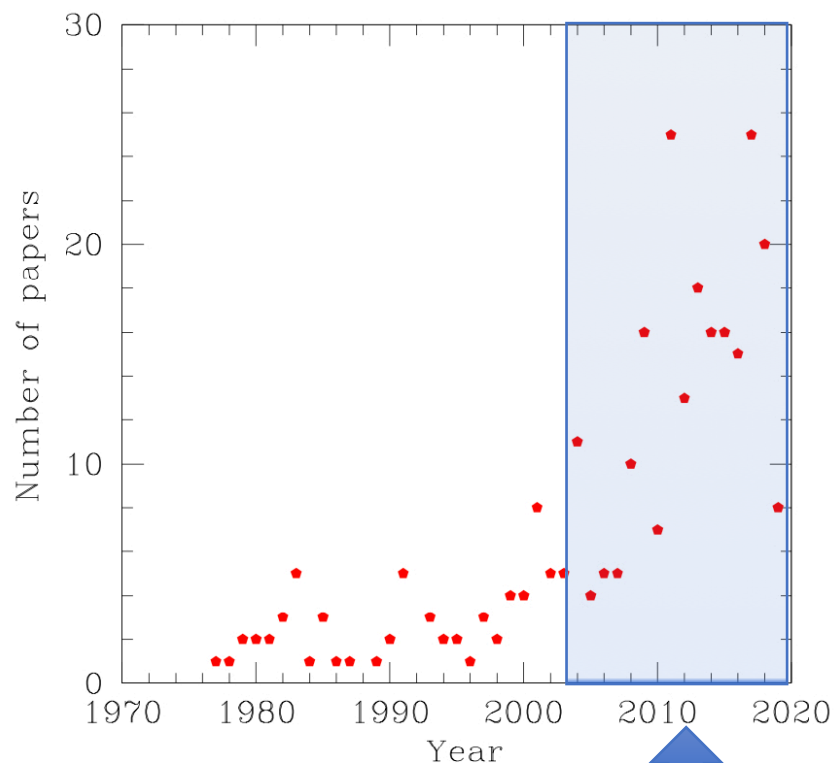


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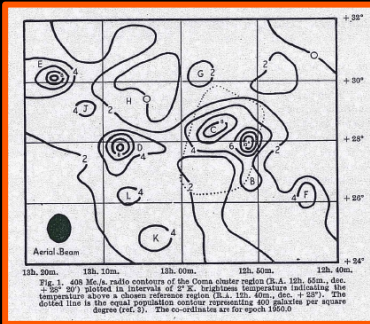
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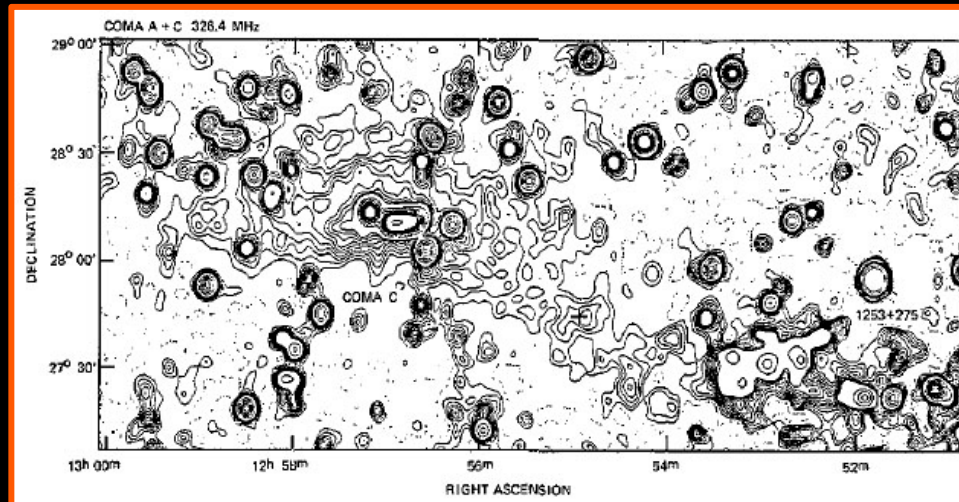
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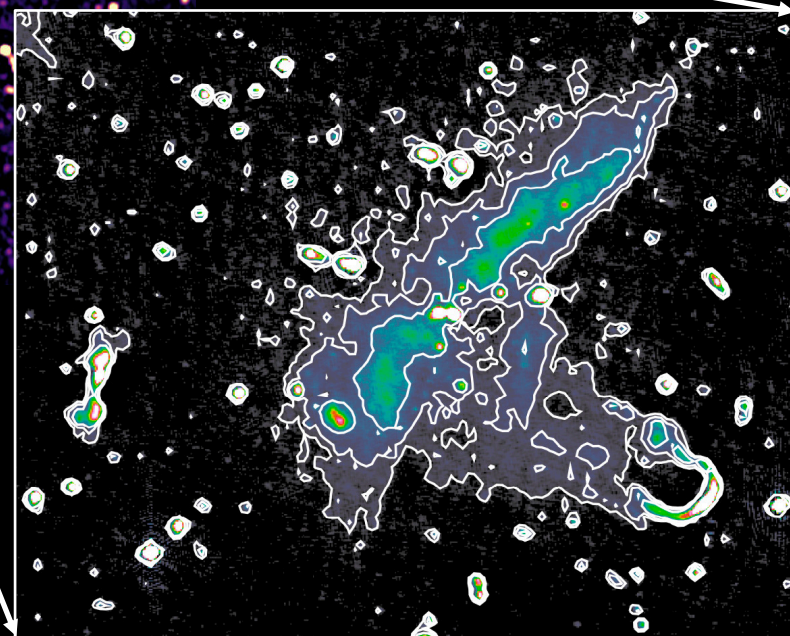
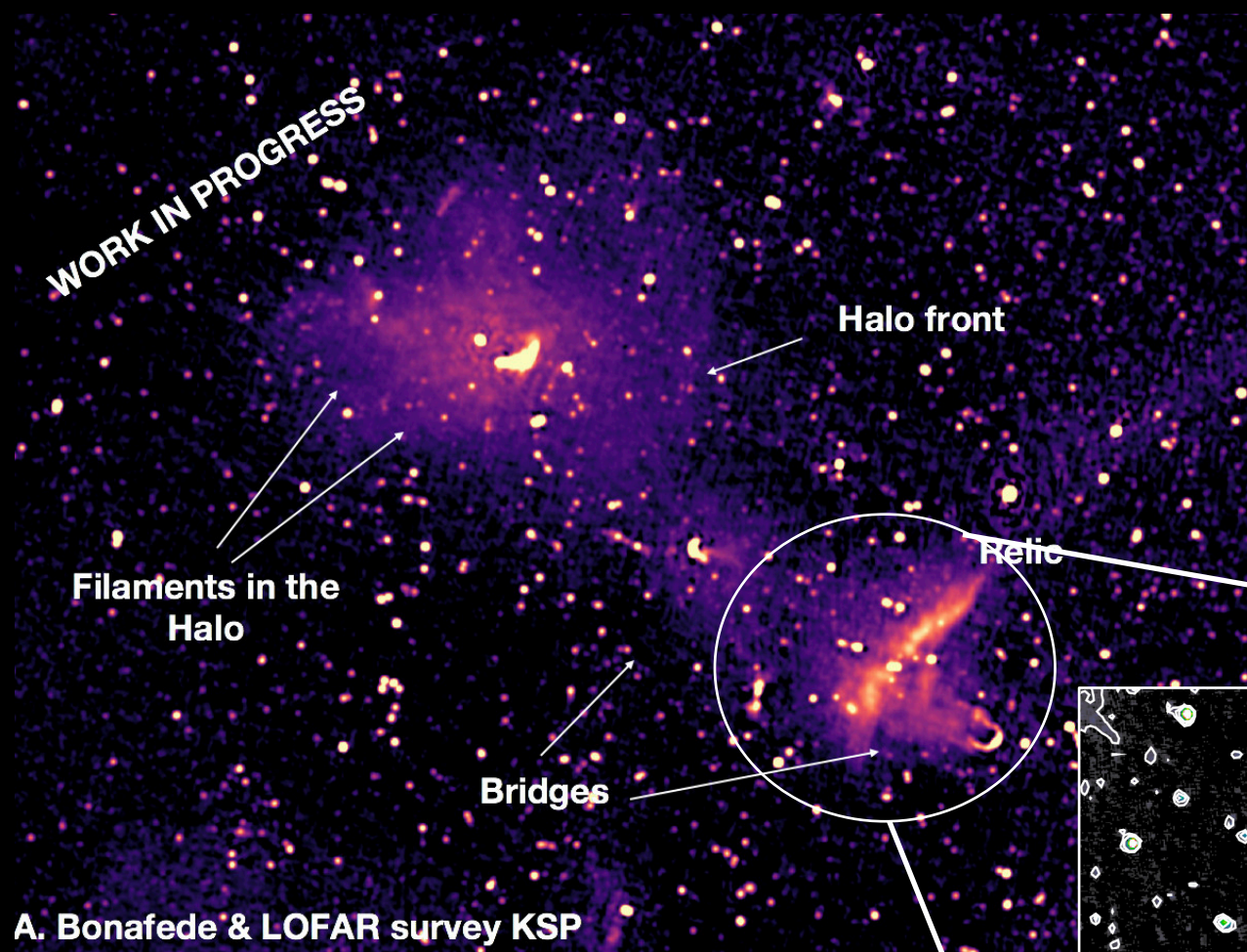
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Start of cluster  
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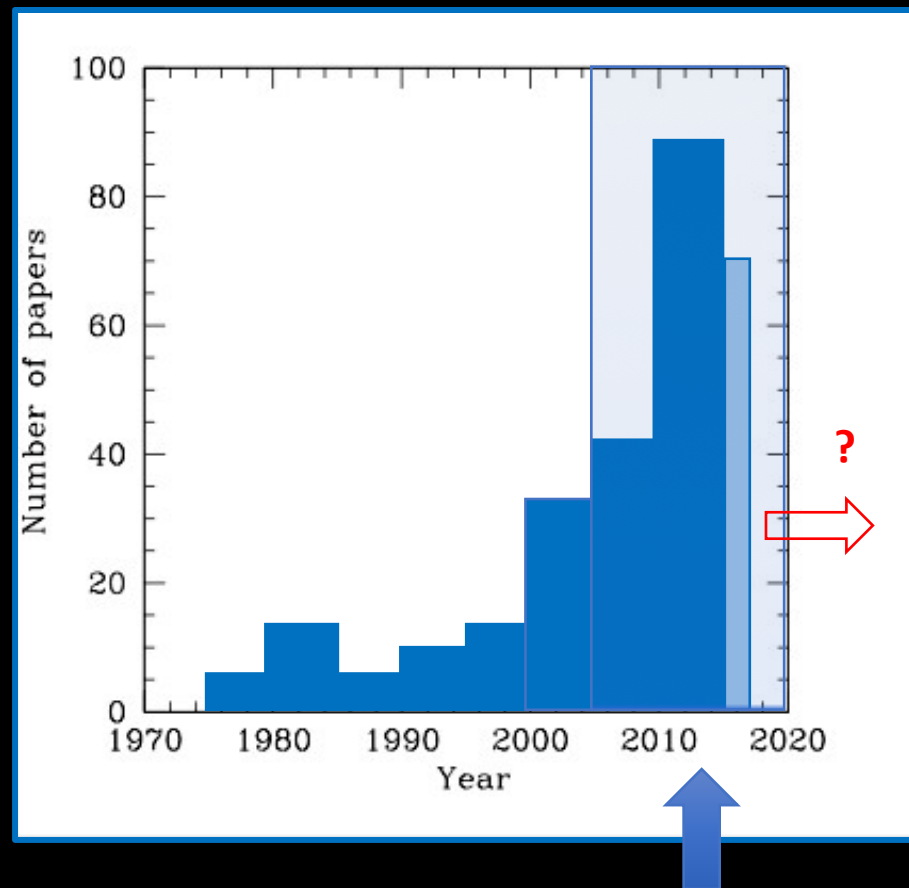
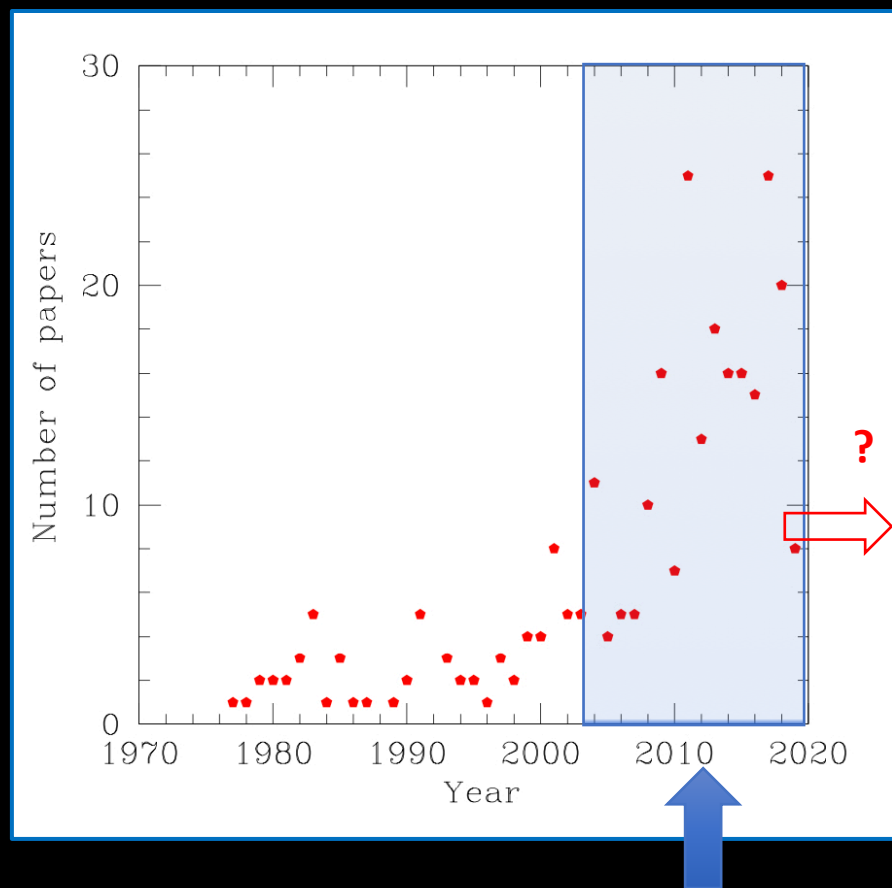
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