010 Hz - FR 325 MHz - FR 325 MHz - LR

Diffuse Radio Emission in ACTPol Clusters

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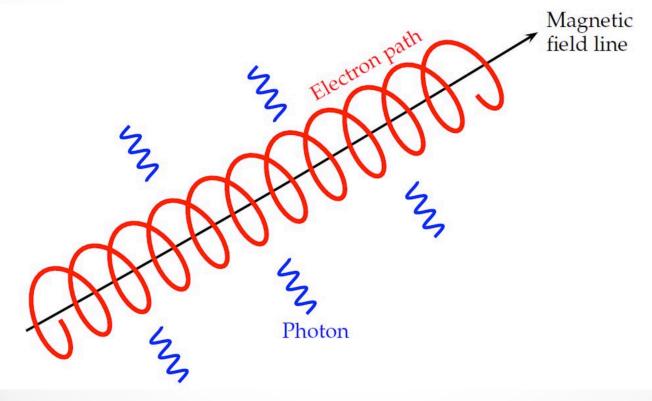
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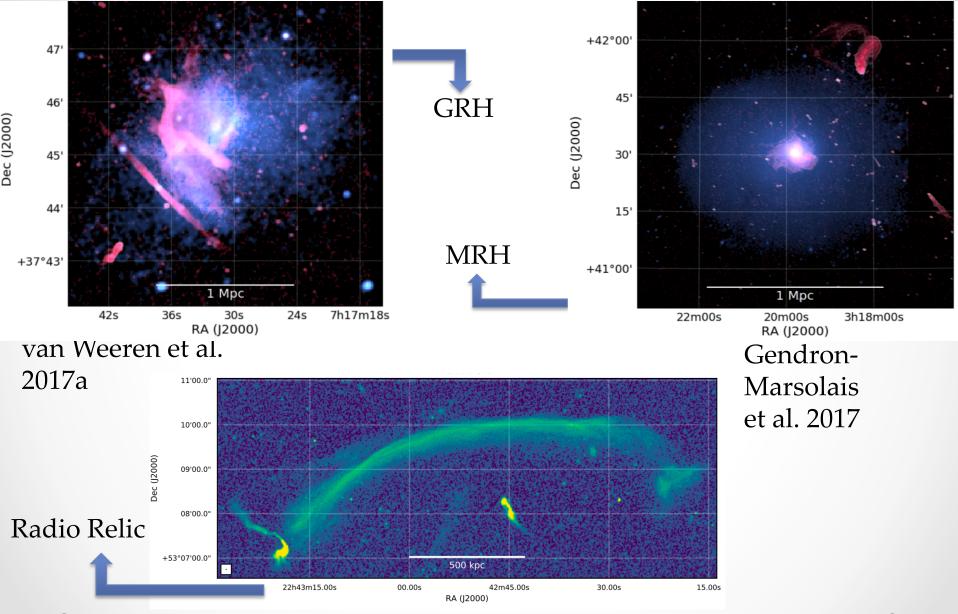


Diffuse Radio Emission in Clusters

- Magnetic fields across the ICM
- Cosmic Rays
- Diffuse radio emission



Diffuse Radio Emission in Clusters



Di Gennaro et al. 2018

Current Questions

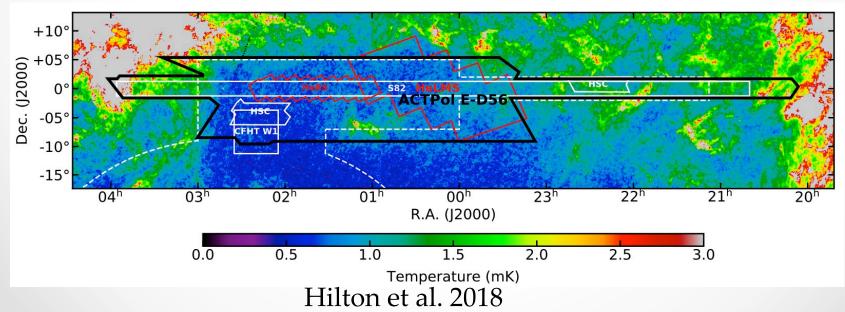
- Cosmological evolution
- Formation impact of cluster mass/merger properties
- Cosmic ray transport & (re)energizing mechanisms

ACTPol Sample: uGMRT Study

• Mass and redshift cut : M_{500} > 4x10^{14} M_{sol} & 0.1 < z \leq 0.8

• 40 clusters:

- > 13 with archival 610/325 MHz GMRT data
- Only 10 overlap with Planck
- uGMRT Band 3 (250-500 MHz)

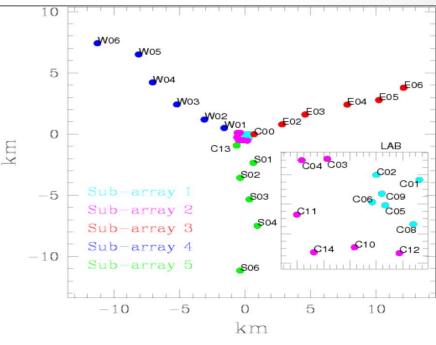


uGMRT Observations

- 375 MHz continuum, ~250 MHz bandwidth
- RR, LL, RL & LR polarization
- ~5-7.5 hours per cluster. Currently observed 14 clusters.



GMRT

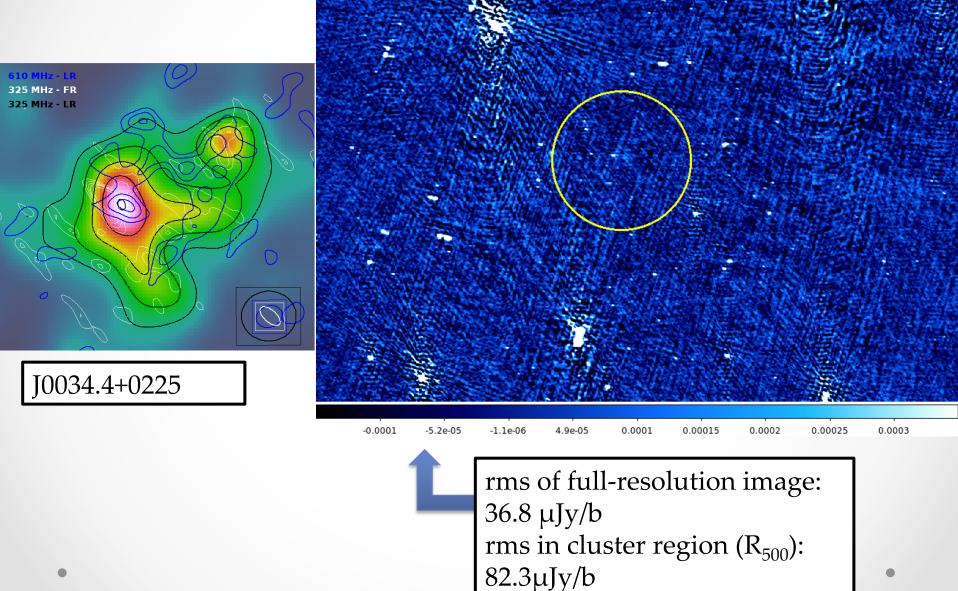


Data Reduction Techniques

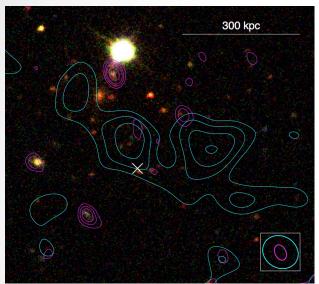
- IDIA (Inter-University Institute for Data Intensive Astronomy) pipeline:
 - Automated Flagging
 - Main calibration (primary & secondary calibrator)
 - Self-calibration (phase & amplitude)
- Directional Dependent Effects (DDEs) calibration
- Low-resolution imaging
- Stimela

(https://github.com/SpheMakh/Stimela)

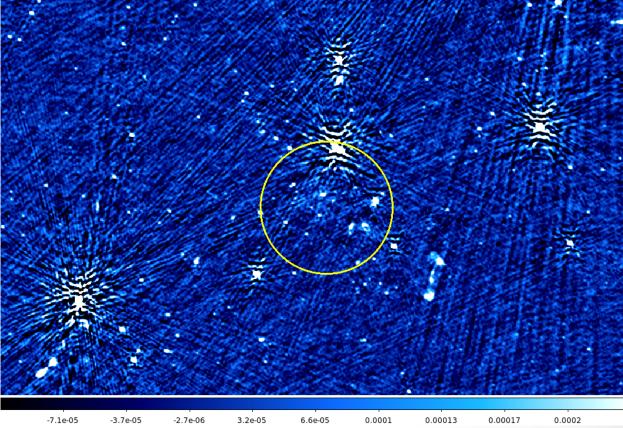
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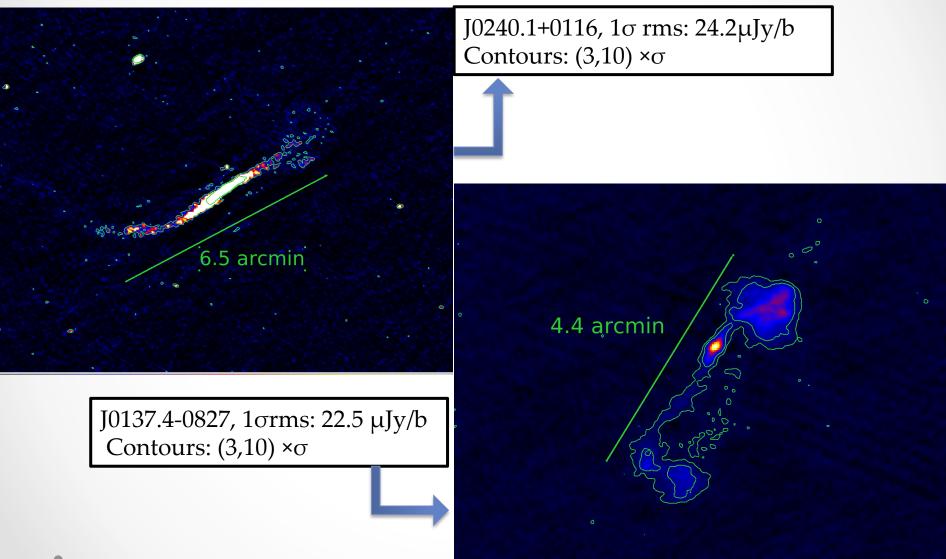


J0137.4-0827 1σrms is 40 μJy/b Contours: (3,4,6,8)×σ



rms of full-resolution image: 22.5 μ Jy/b rms in cluster region (R₅₀₀): 42.0 μ Jy/b

Extended Diffuse Sources



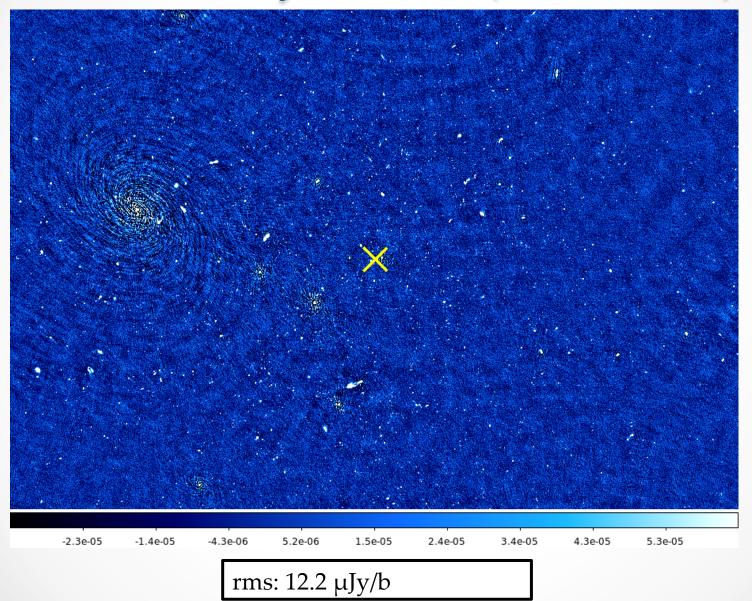
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ACTPol cluster name	RMS in Final Image	Beam	Flagged
	$\mu Jy/beam$	$('' \times '', P.A^{\circ})$	%
ACT-CL J0027.2-0456	53.8	$19.8 \times 6.2, -87.1$	77.7
ACT-CL J0034.4+0225	36.8	$7.9{ imes}5.0{,}60.3$	61.1
ACT-CL J0130.1-0305	66.5	$6.8 { imes} 5.4,\!43.8$	55.1
ACT-CL J0137.4-0827	22.5	$6.6 \times 5.7,\!47.8$	46.8
ACT-CL J0146.1-0316	60.3	$9.4 \times 7.2, -31.8$	68.5
ACT-CL J0154.0-0316	40.4	$6.8{ imes}6.0{,}76.3$	55.4
ACT-CL J0154.3-0736	29.5	$6.5 { imes} 6.1, -43.9$	54.2
ACT-CL J0240.1+0238	24.2	$6.8 { imes} 5.0, 61.8$	56.8
ACT-CL J0248.1+0238	17.2	$6.5 \times 5.4,\!66.6$	40.3

Table 1: uGMRT Analysis Statistics Summary

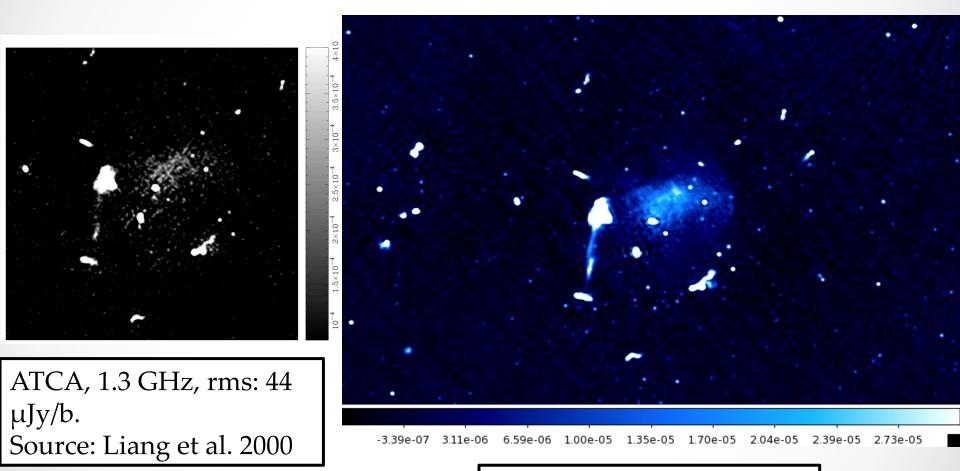
MeerKAT Commissioning Data

- NOT part of the ACTPol Sample
- Four Clusters:
 - Abell3558
 - J131-333 (AC03562)
 - RXCJ1314 (PKS1308-220)
 - 1E 0657-55.8 (Bullet Cluster)
- 2-12 hours per cluster

Preliminary Results (Abell 3558)



Preliminary Results (Bullet Cluster)



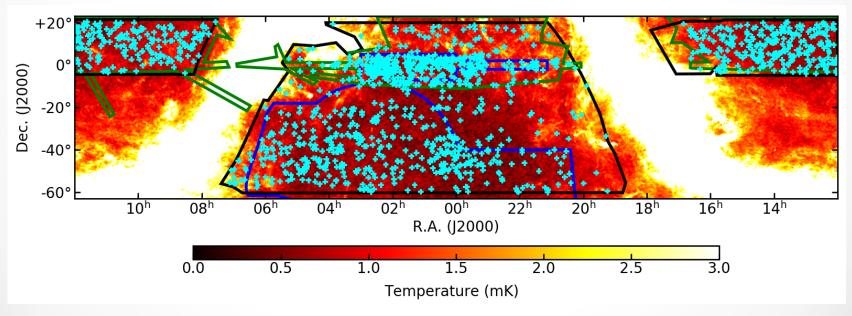
MeerKAT, 0.9-1.67 GHz, rms: 7.3 μJy/b

Ongoing Work

- ACTPol Sample:
 - DDEs calibration using CubiCal/DDfacet
 - Multi-wavelength study of clusters with diffuse emission:
 - X-ray follow-up using ChandraOptical spectroscopy using SALT
 - Scaling relations
- MeerKAT data Analysis

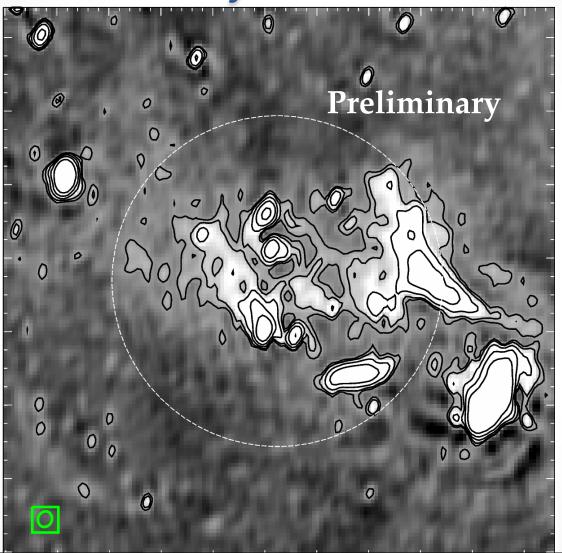
Future Work

- uGMRT project serves as precursor study for a larger program with MeerKAT
 - MERGHERS (MeerKAT Exploration of Relics, Giant Halos, and Extragalactic Radio Sources): targeted cluster survey
 - MALS & MIGHTEE: blind cluster survey



Preliminary positions of AdvACT clusters on the sky, over-laid on the Planck 353 GHz dust map. Source: Matt Hilton.

MeerKAT Early Science Detection



1 sigma central rms of 20 μ Jy/beam and black contours show the 3, 5, 10, 20, 50 sigma levels. Source: Kenda Knowles.

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THANK YOU!