



Extended gamma ray and radio synchrotron
emission in clusters of galaxies

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Outline of the Talk

A) Introduction and motivation

- 1.) Cosmic rays (CR) in galaxy clusters
- 2.) Acceleration mechanism of CRp
- 3.) Hadronic CRp interactions in the ICM

B) CRp in nearby clusters of galaxies

- 1.) Gamma-ray emission induced by CRp (e.g. in M 87)
- 2.) Hadronic origin of radio (mini-)halos
- 3.) Determination of the magnetic field

C) Conclusions

Cosmic rays in clusters of galaxies:

Typical lifetimes and losses of CR:

- escape of CR: \longrightarrow impossible due to magnetic fields

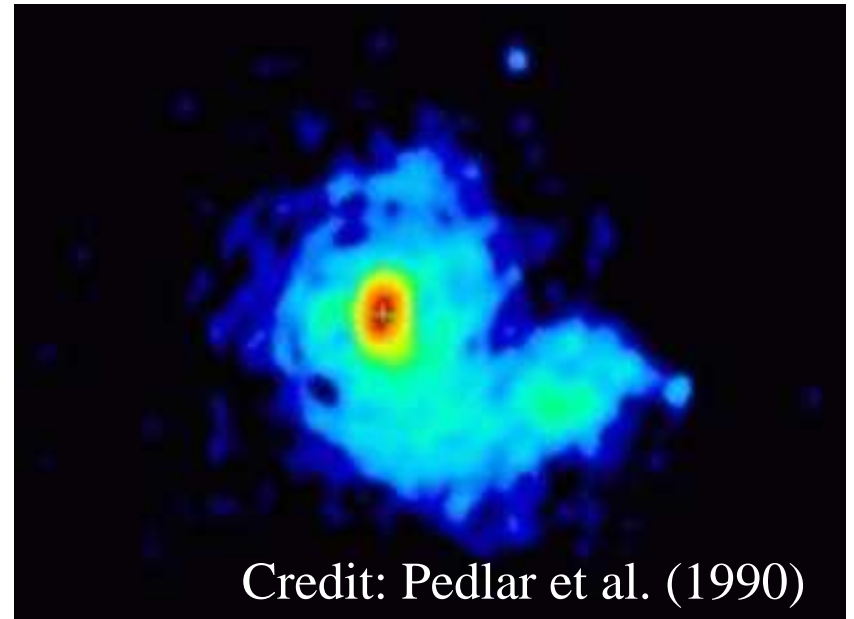
- Energy losses: $E \sim 10 \text{ GeV}$

CRe: synchrotron, IC: $\tau \sim 10^8 \text{ yr}$

CRp: inelastic collisions, Coulomb:

$\tau \sim 10^{10} \text{ yr} \sim \text{Hubble time}$

\longrightarrow CRp can maintain a clusterwide distribution through diffusion



CRe are observed in clusters of galaxies!

CRp?

- Do they exist there?
- How many are there?
- Which implications would a significant population have?

Cosmological implications of CRp

- modification of the energy budget of clusters
- pressure balance \longrightarrow change of the ICM evolution
- modification of hydrostatic mass estimates
- ICM heating (cooling flow problem)

Main injection mechanisms of CRp into the ICM:

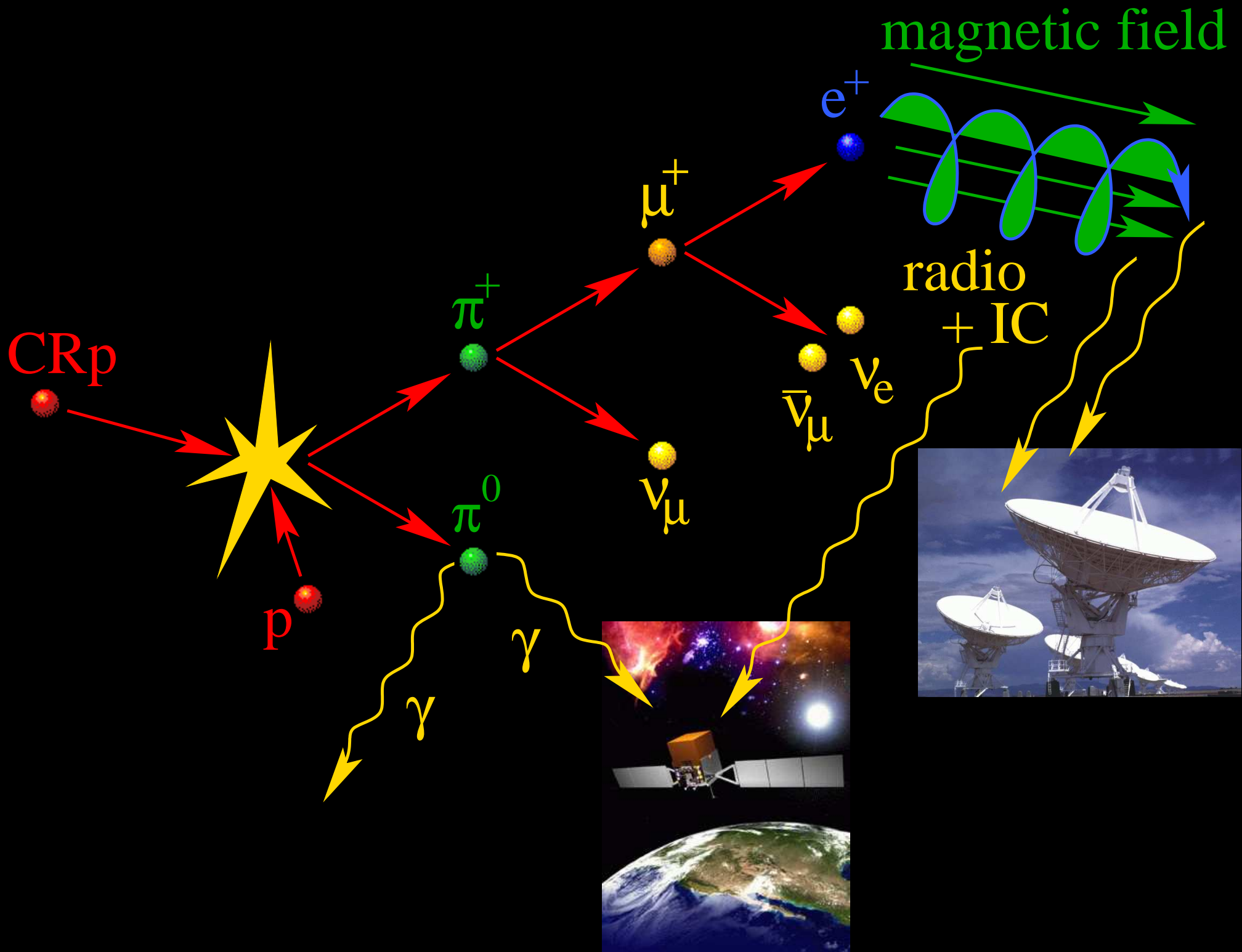
- CRp acceleration at structure formation and accretion shocks:



- Supernova driven galactic winds advect and inject CRp into the ICM
- CRp diffusion away from an AGN/radio galaxy into the ICM

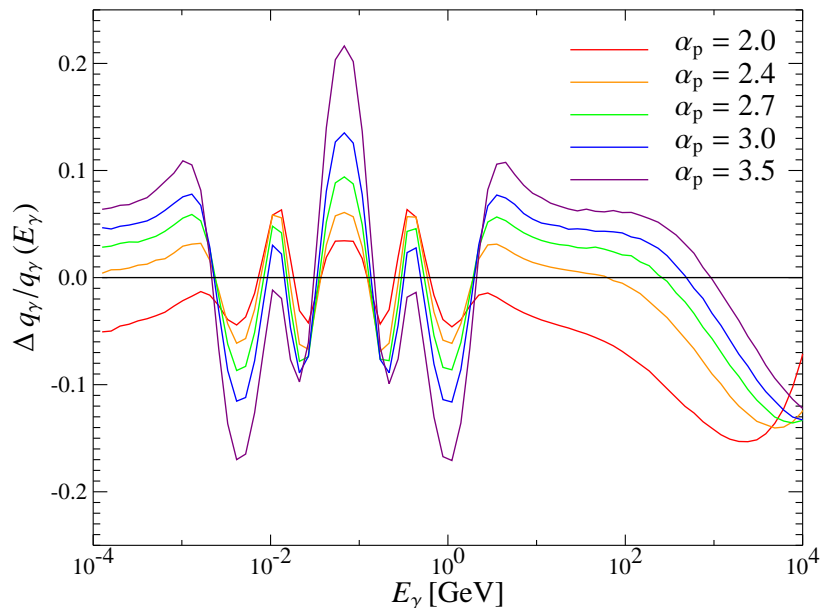
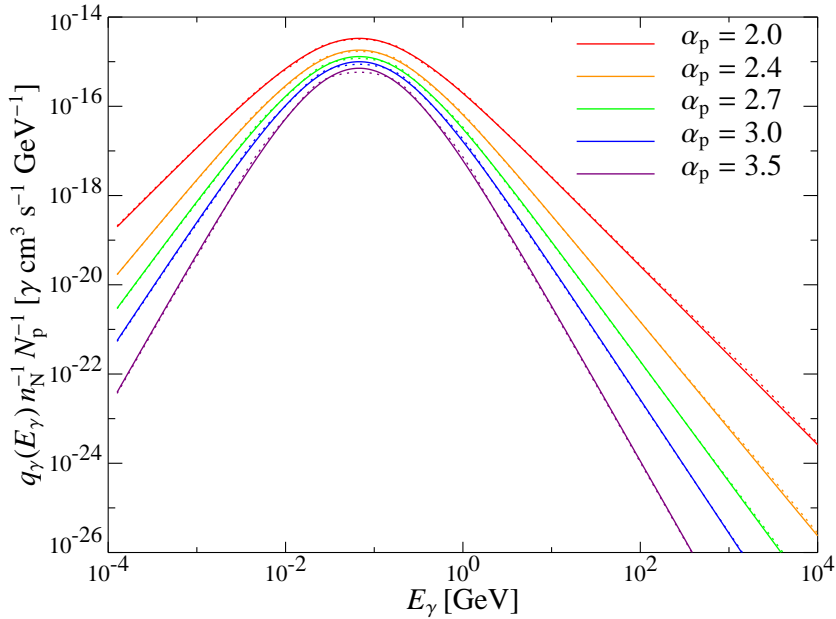
How can we observe CRp in clusters of galaxies?

→ How many CRp are there?



Gamma ray source function

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- CRp population:

$$f_p(\mathbf{r}, p_p) = \frac{\tilde{n}_{\text{CRp}}(\mathbf{r}) c}{\text{GeV}} \left(\frac{p_p c}{\text{GeV}} \right)^{-\alpha_p}$$

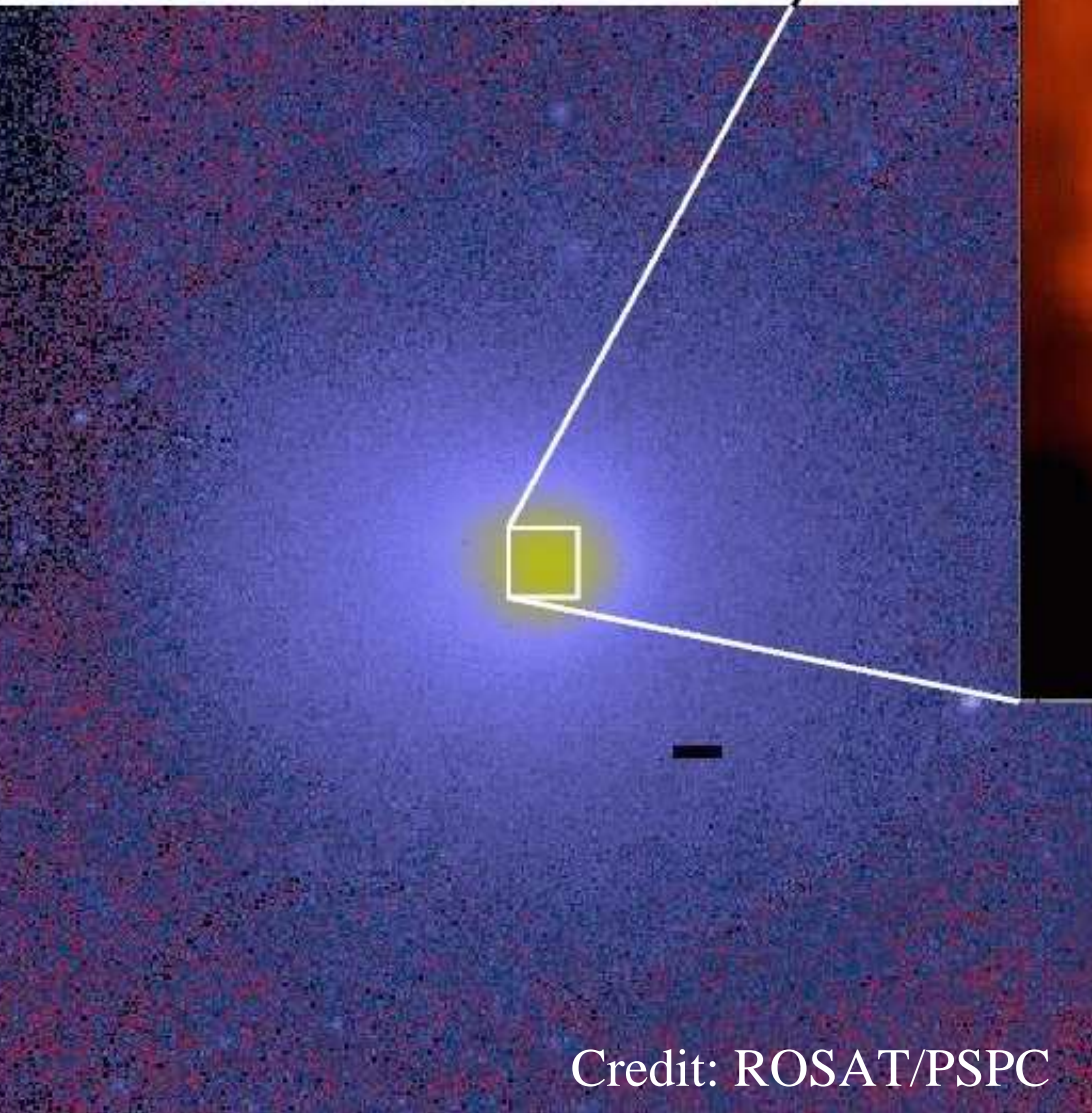
- Pion decay induced differential gamma-ray source function:

$$q_\gamma(\mathbf{r}, E_\gamma) \simeq \sigma_{pp} c n_N(\mathbf{r}) 2^{2-\alpha_\gamma} \frac{\tilde{n}_{\text{CRp}}(\mathbf{r})}{\text{GeV}} \times \frac{4}{3 \alpha_\gamma} \left(\frac{m_{\pi^0} c^2}{\text{GeV}} \right)^{-\alpha_\gamma} \left[\left(\frac{2 E_\gamma}{m_{\pi^0} c^2} \right)^{\delta_\gamma} + \left(\frac{2 E_\gamma}{m_{\pi^0} c^2} \right)^{-\delta_\gamma} \right]^{-\alpha_\gamma/\delta_\gamma}$$

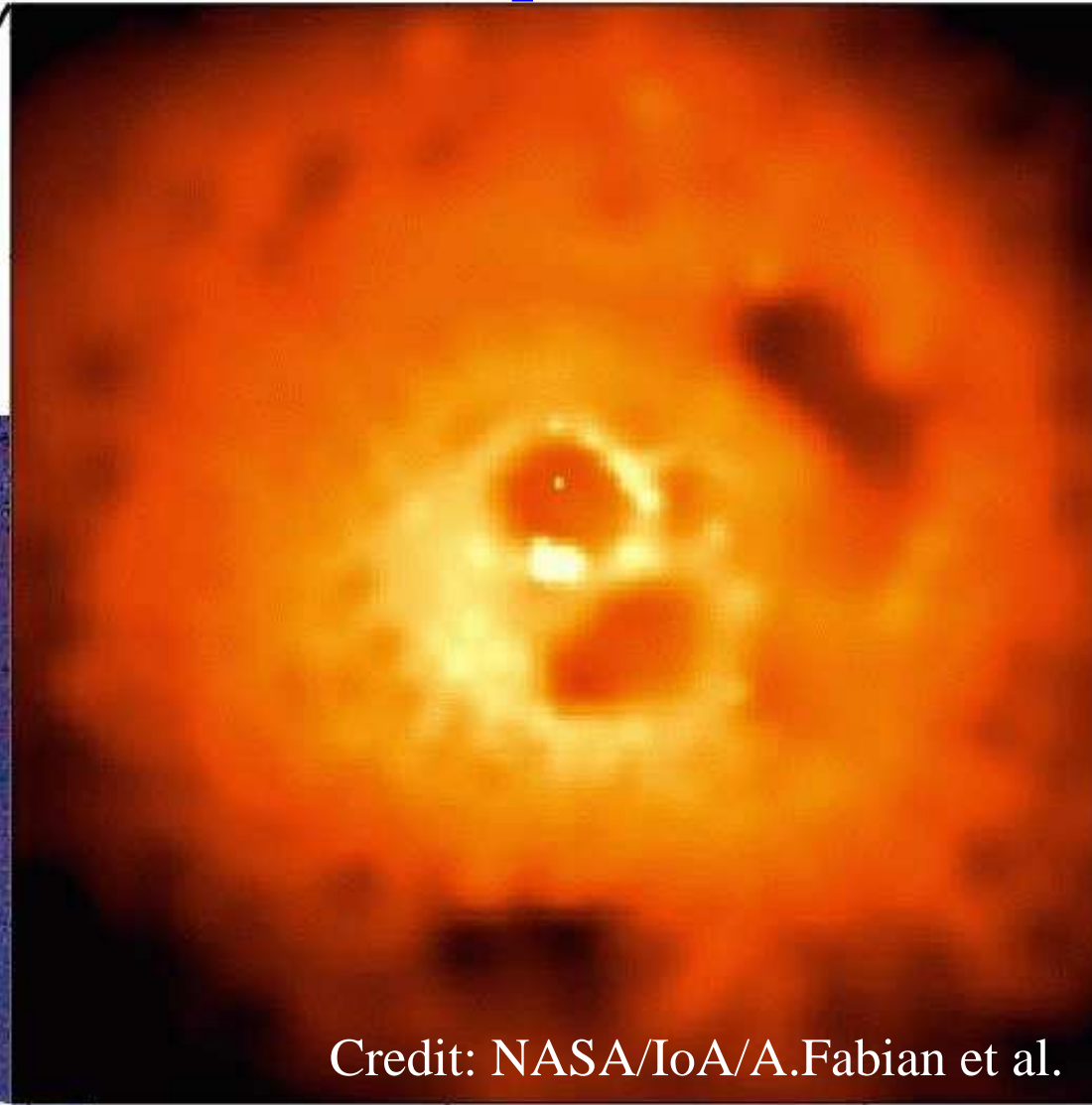
- Relative deviation of our analytic approach to simulated gamma-ray spectra.

Cooling flow clusters are efficient CRp detectors!

ROSAT observation:
Perseus galaxy cluster



Credit: ROSAT/PSPC



Credit: NASA/IOA/A.Fabian et al.

Chandra observation:
central region of Perseus

Cooling flow cluster model of CRp detection:

Perseus galaxy cluster

$$\varepsilon_{\text{CRp}} = X_{\text{CRp}} \varepsilon_{\text{th}}$$

CRp

p

π^0

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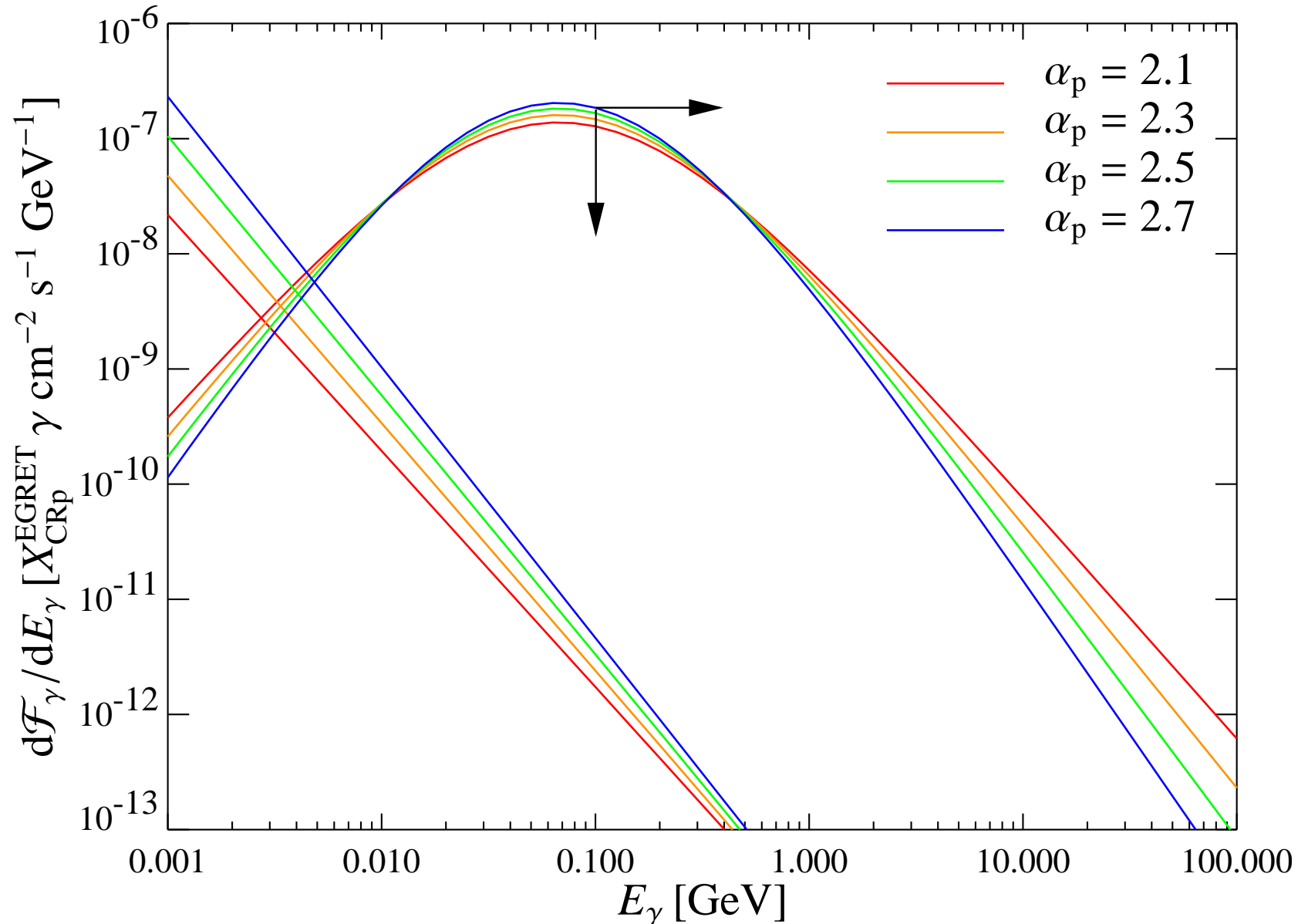
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Gamma ray flux of Perseus galaxy cluster:

Inverse Compton emission of secondary CRe ($B = 0$),
pion decay induced gamma ray emission

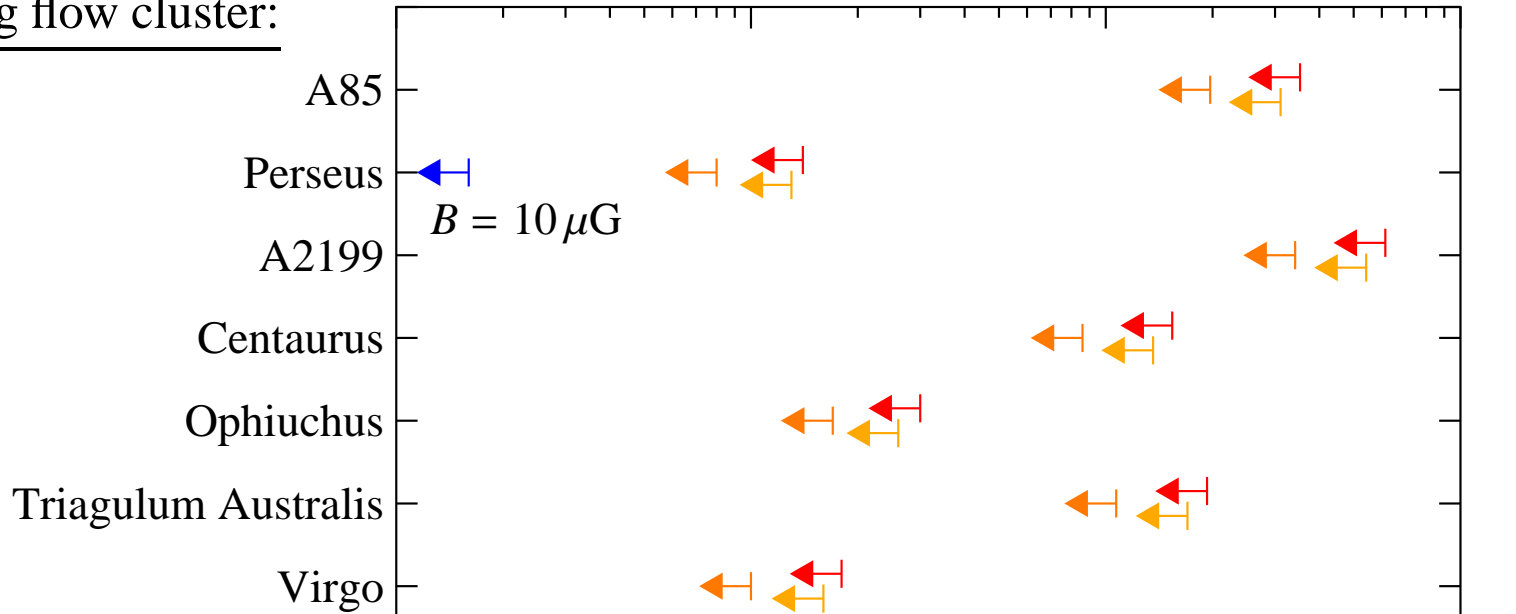
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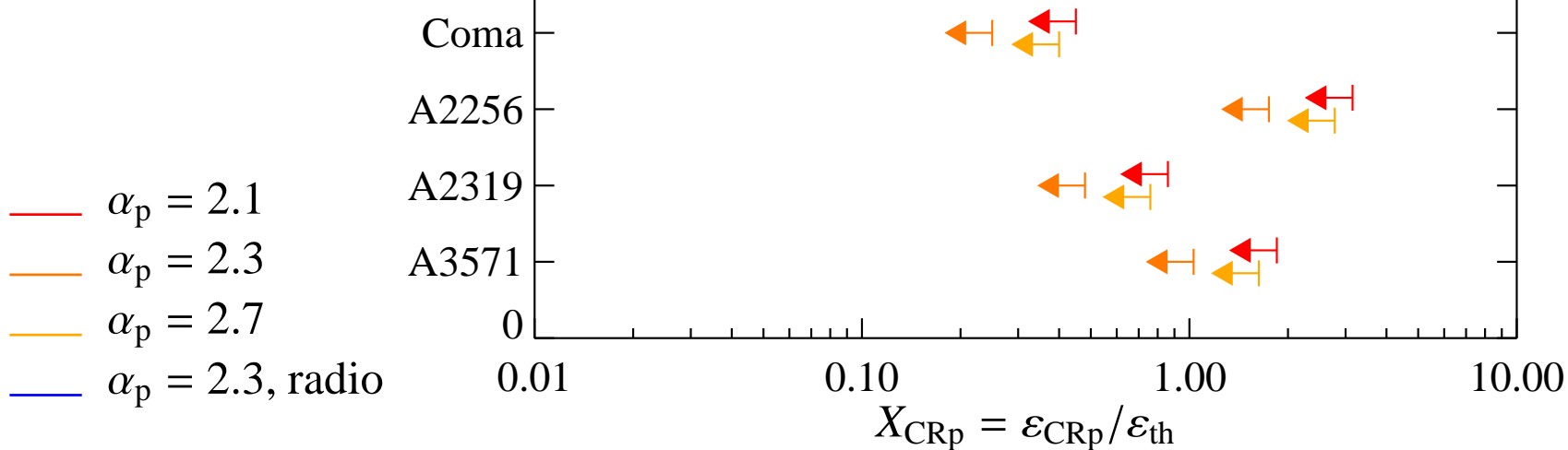
Upper limits on X_{CRp} using EGRET limits:

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Cooling flow cluster:



Non-cooling flow cluster:

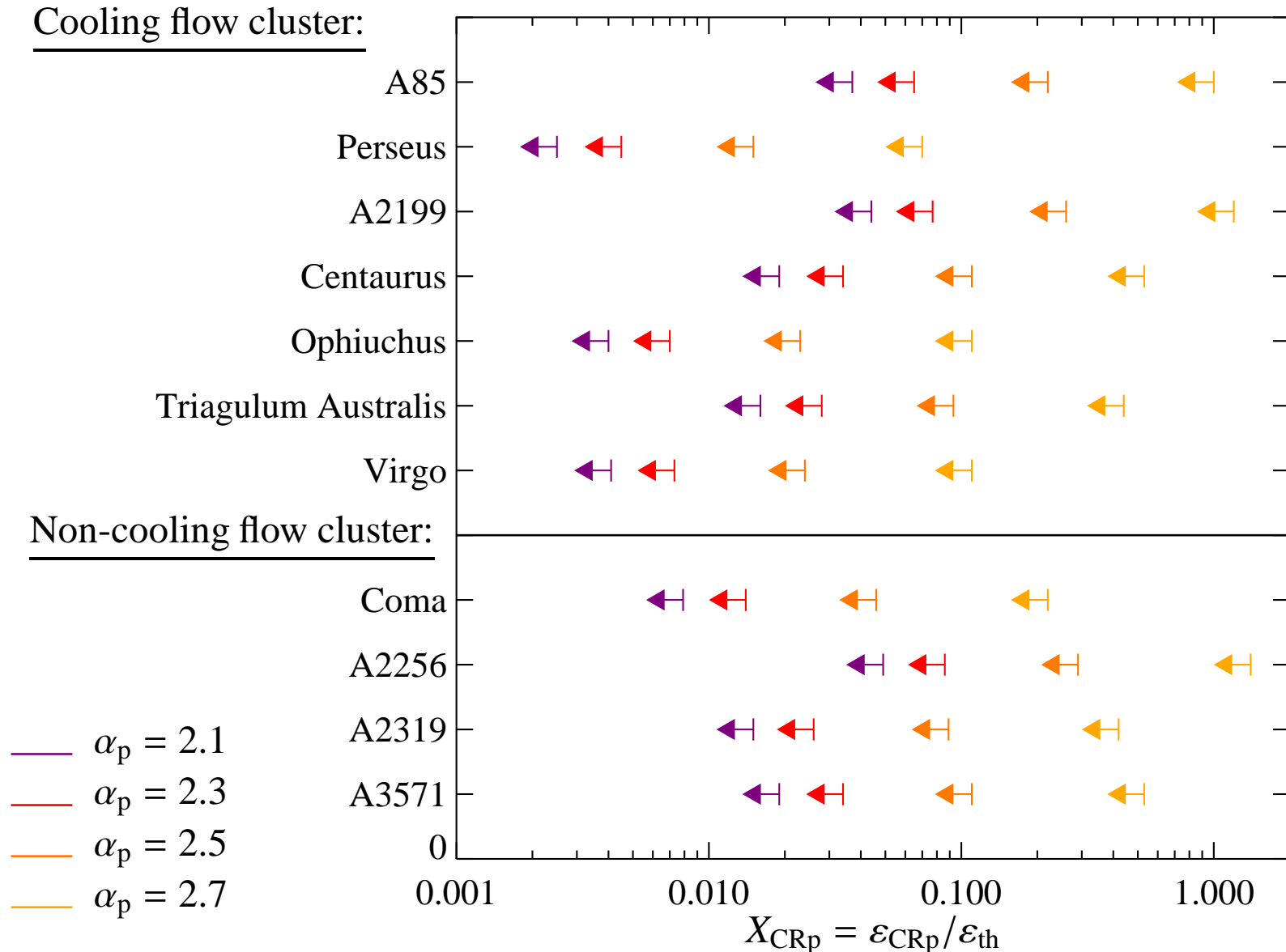


- $\alpha_p = 2.1$
- $\alpha_p = 2.3$
- $\alpha_p = 2.7$
- $\alpha_p = 2.3, \text{ radio}$

Expected limits on X_{CRp} using Cerenkov telescopes:

Sensitivity: $\mathcal{F}_{\gamma, \text{exp}}(E > E_{\text{thr}}) = 10^{-12} \gamma \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1} (E_{\text{thr}}/100 \text{ GeV})^{1-\alpha_\gamma}$

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HEGRA – M87: TeV–CoG position

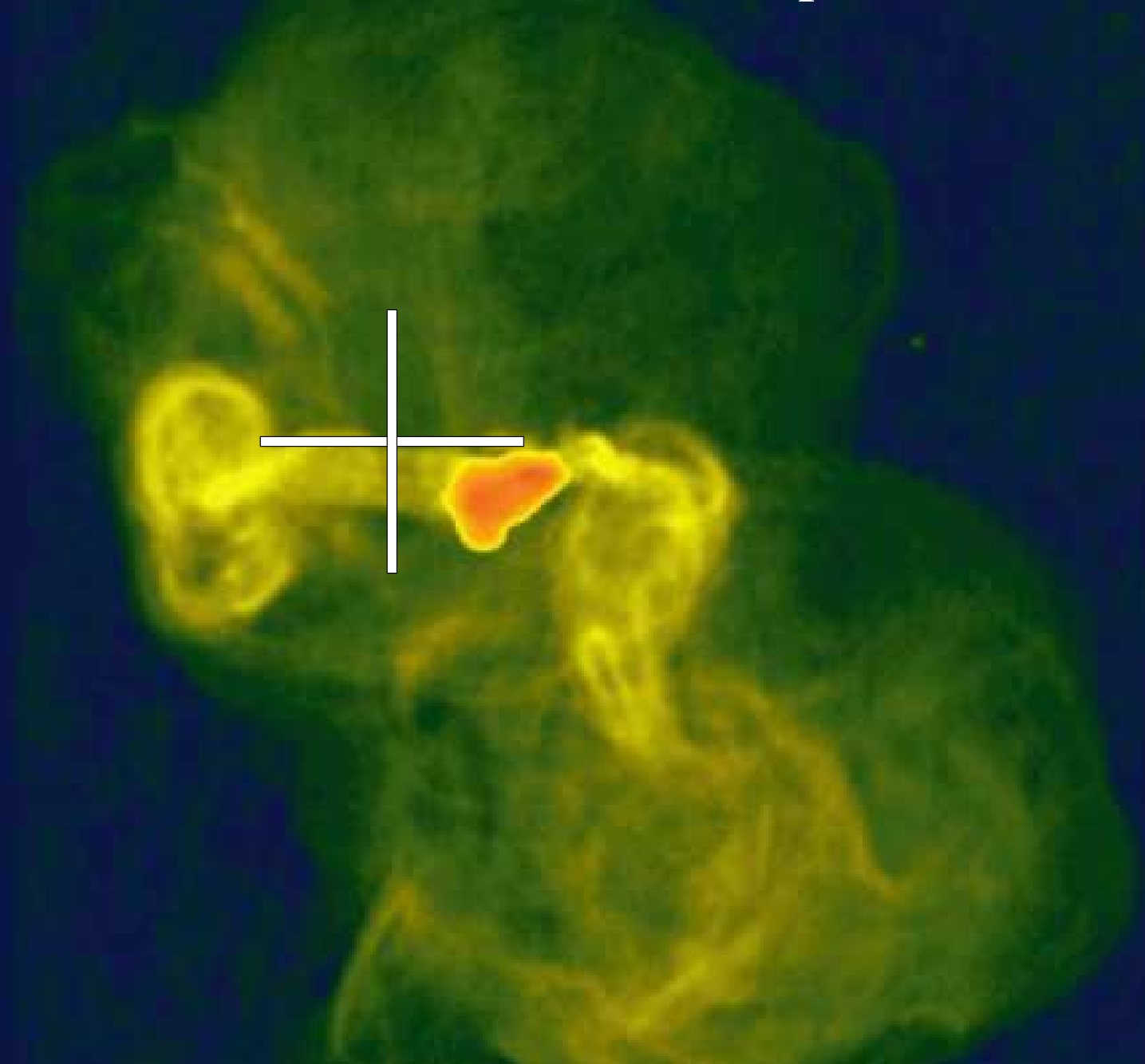


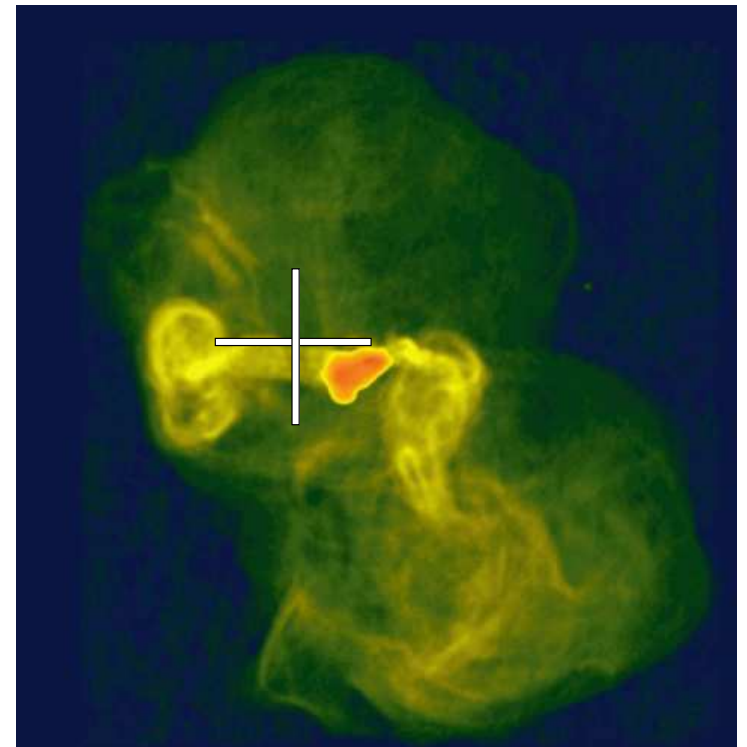
Image courtesy of NRAO/AUI and Owen et al.

What is the origin of the M 87 gamma-ray emission?

- **Processed radiation of the relativistic outflow (jet):**
e.g. IC upscattering of CMB photons by CRe (jet), SSC scenario
- **Dark matter annihilation or decay processes**
- **Hadronically originating gamma-rays:**

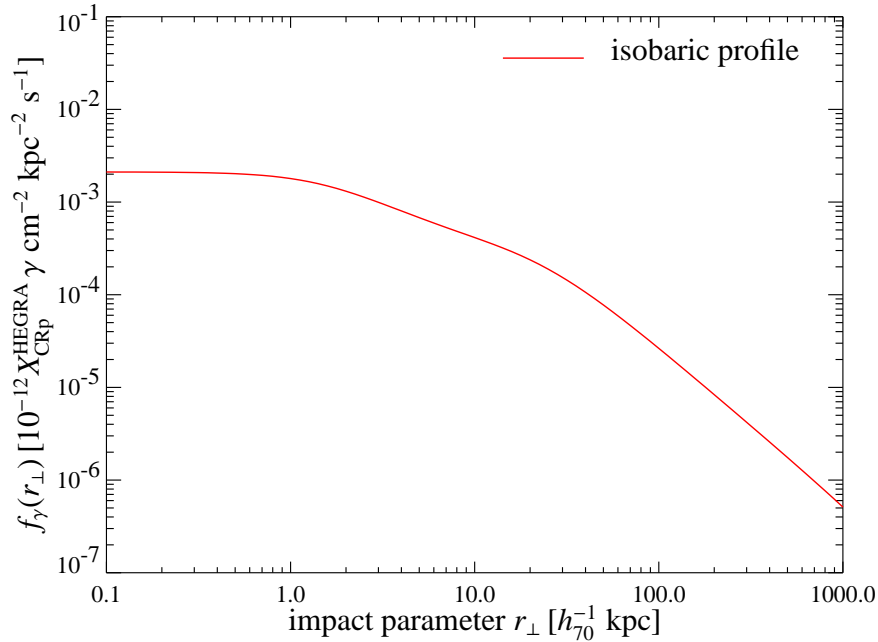
Assuming CRp power-law distribution
and a model for the CRp spatial distrib.

→ measurement of the CRp
population in ICM/ISM of M 87!



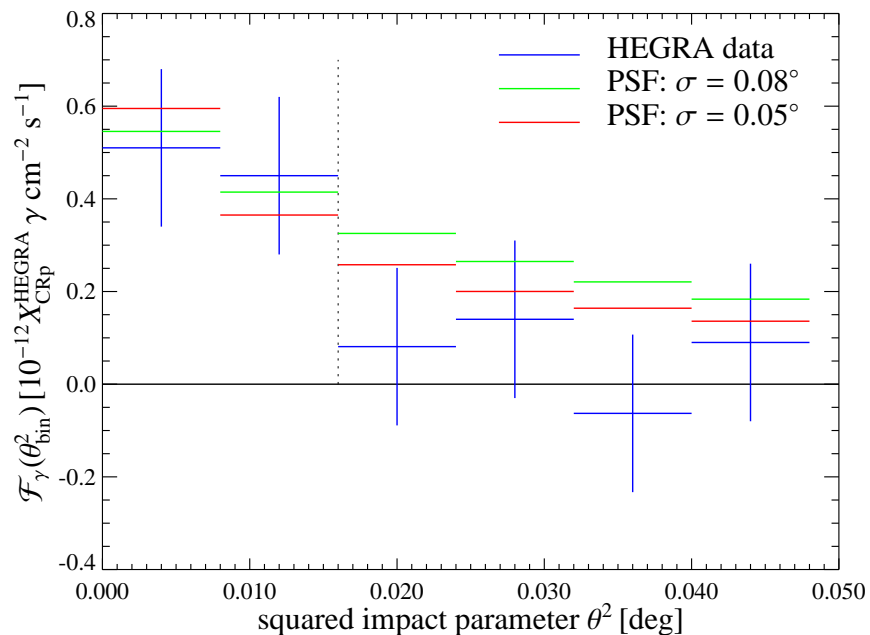
Gamma ray flux profile of M 87 (Virgo):

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Top:

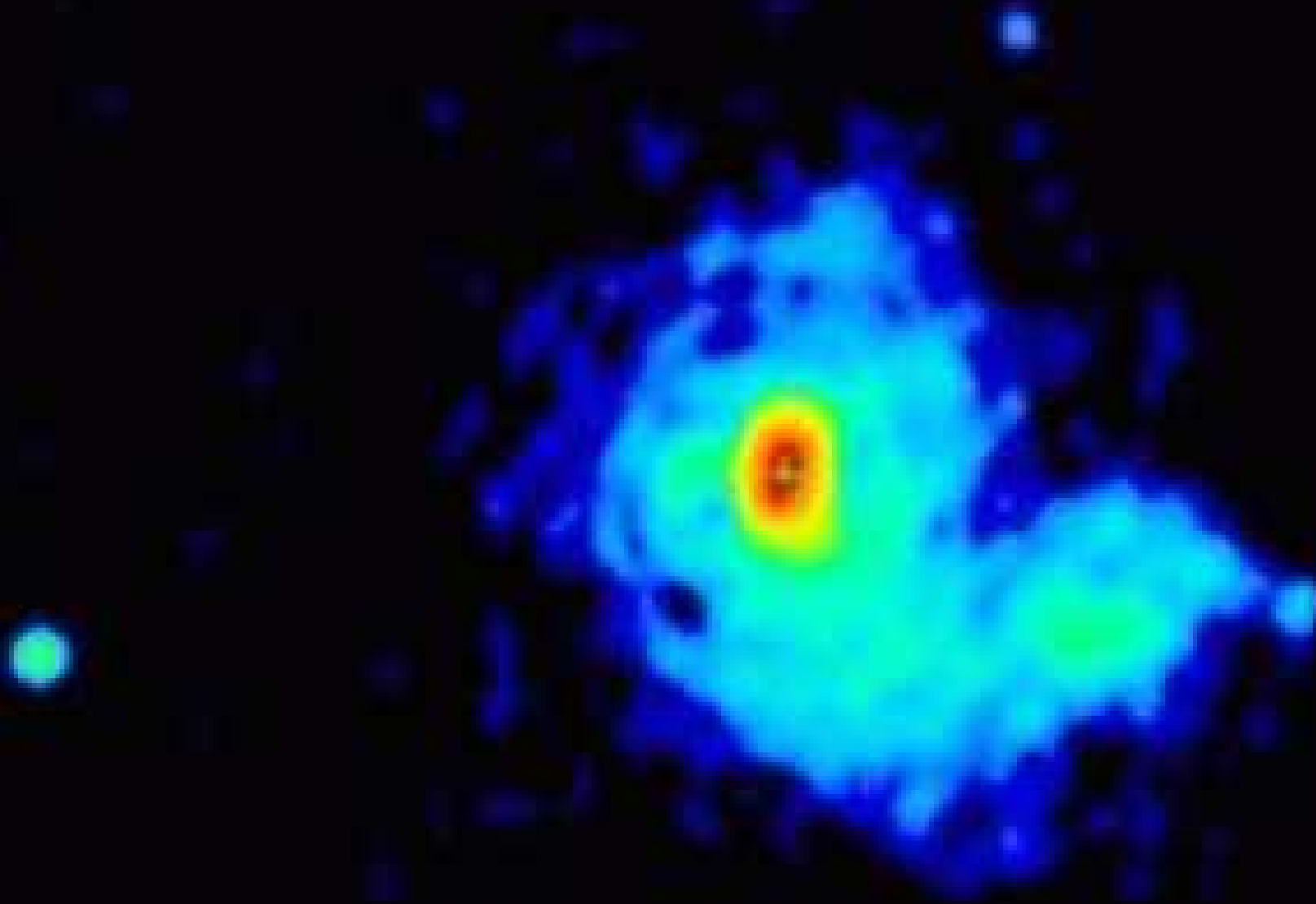
- modeled gamma-ray surface flux profile
- normalized to the HEGRA flux ($>730 \text{ GeV}$) within the two innermost datapoints



Bottom:

- comparison of detected to simulated gamma-ray flux profiles which are convolved with two different widths of the PSF

Perseus Radio Mini-Halo @ 1.4 GHz



Credit: Pedlar et al. (1990)

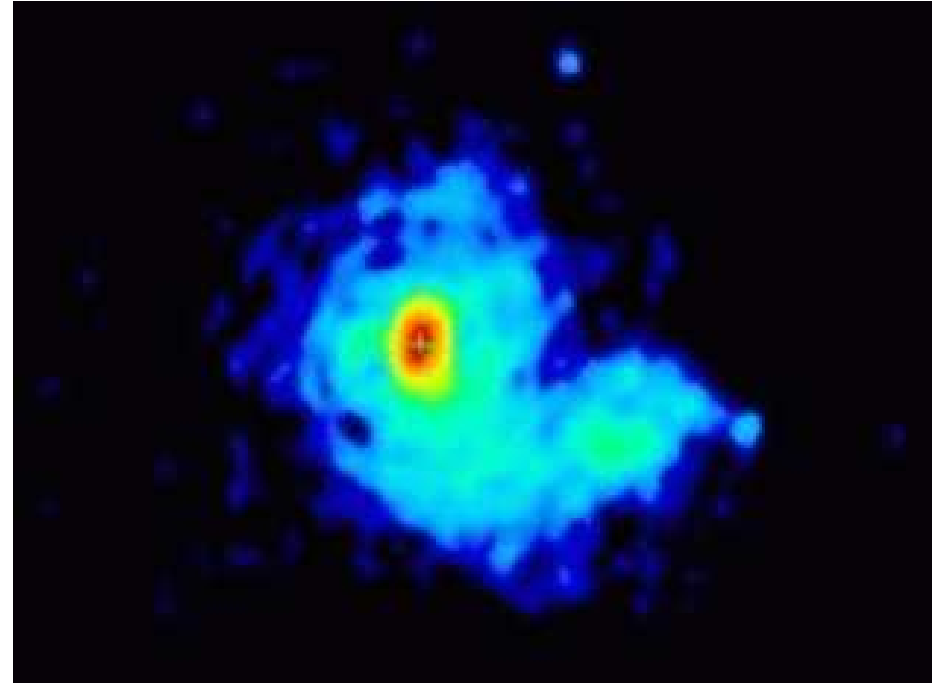
What is the origin of radio mini-halos?

Synchrotron emission by CRe, but which population?

- Directly accelerated CRe at structure formation or merger shocks → diffusion length scales too short!
- Reaccelerated CRe (in situ) by magnetic turbulence in the ICM
- Hadronically originating CRe:

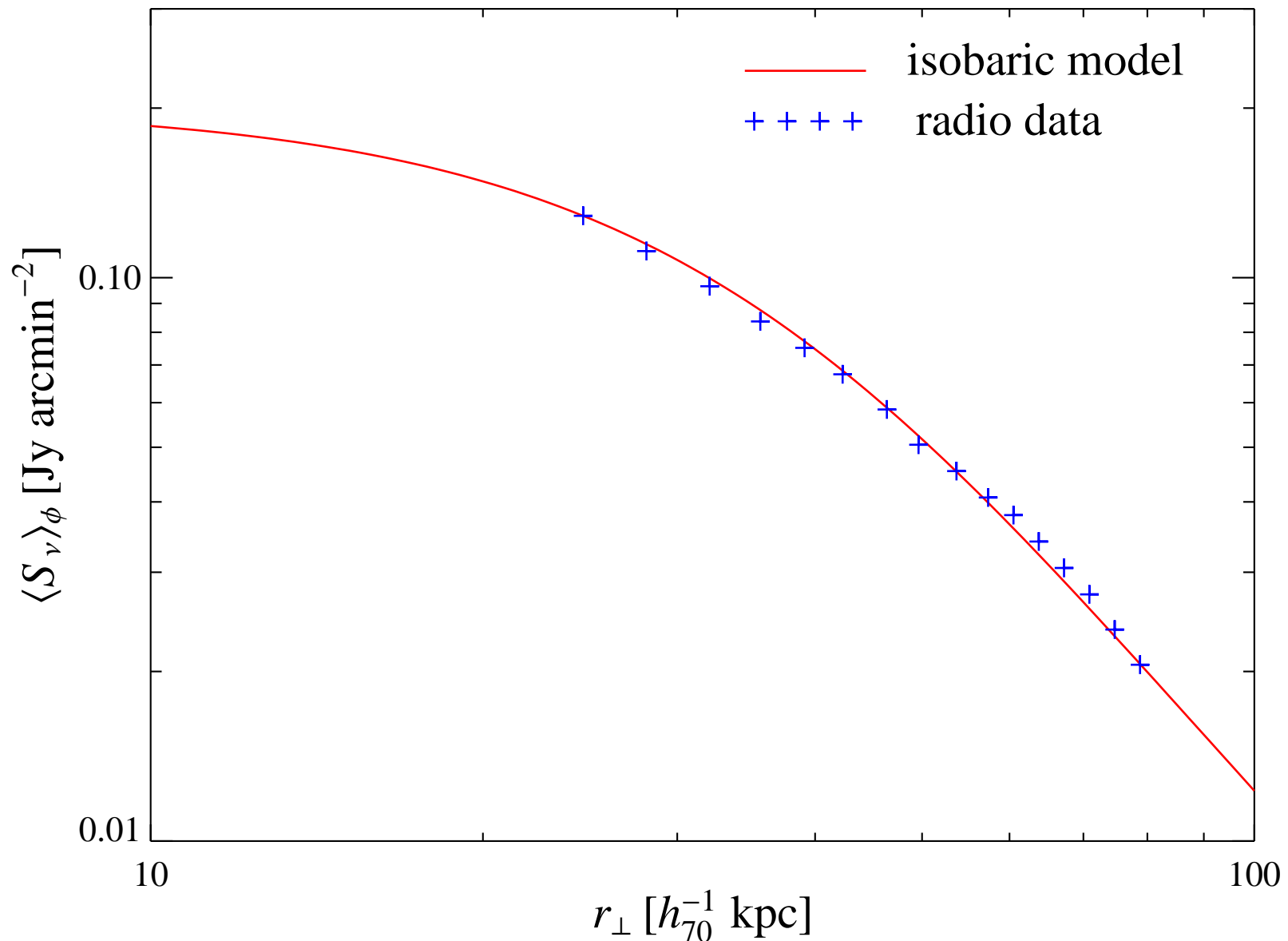
Assuming a mag. field strength

→ measure/upper limit of
CRp population in ICM



Brightness profile of Perseus radio mini-halo: Synchrotron radiation of hadronically originating CRe

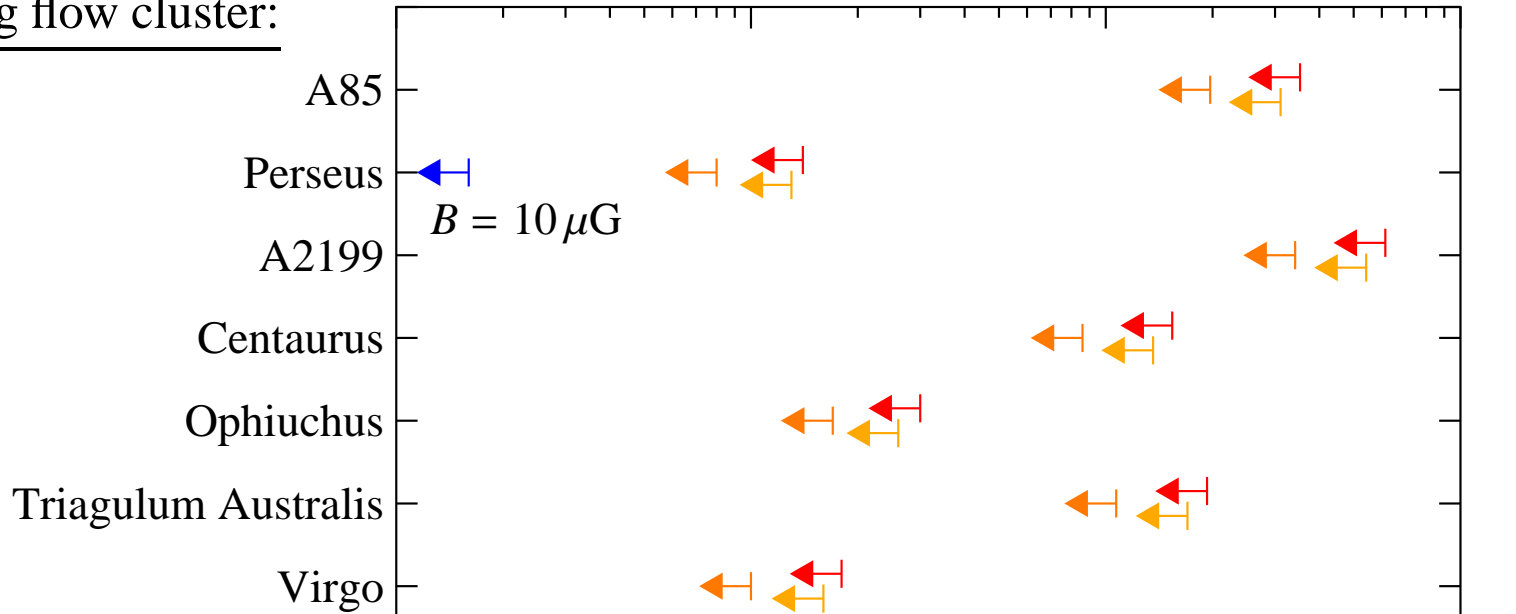
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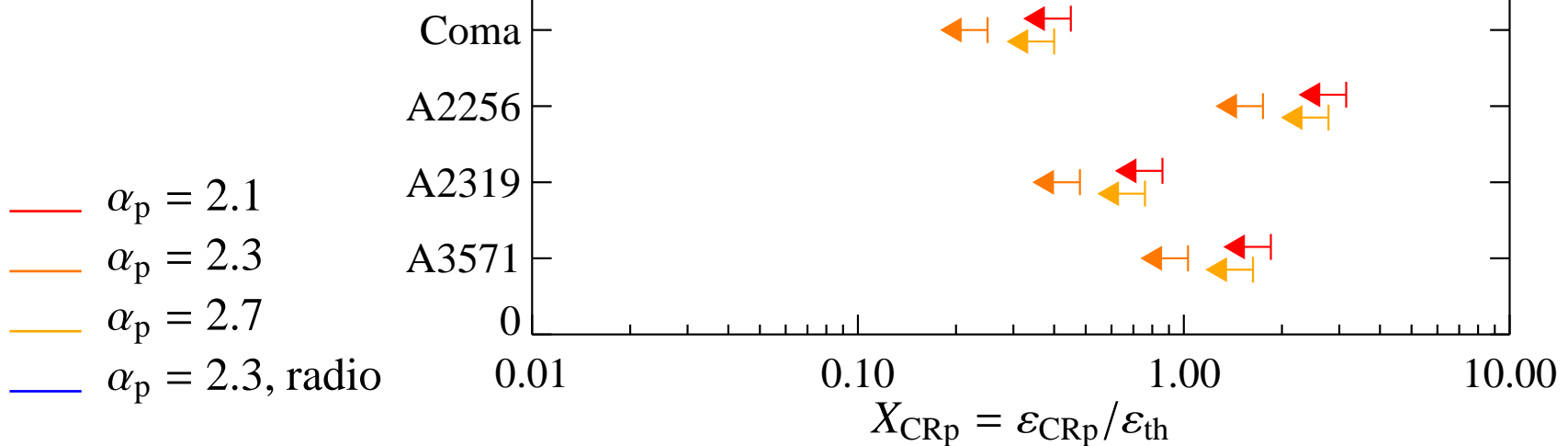
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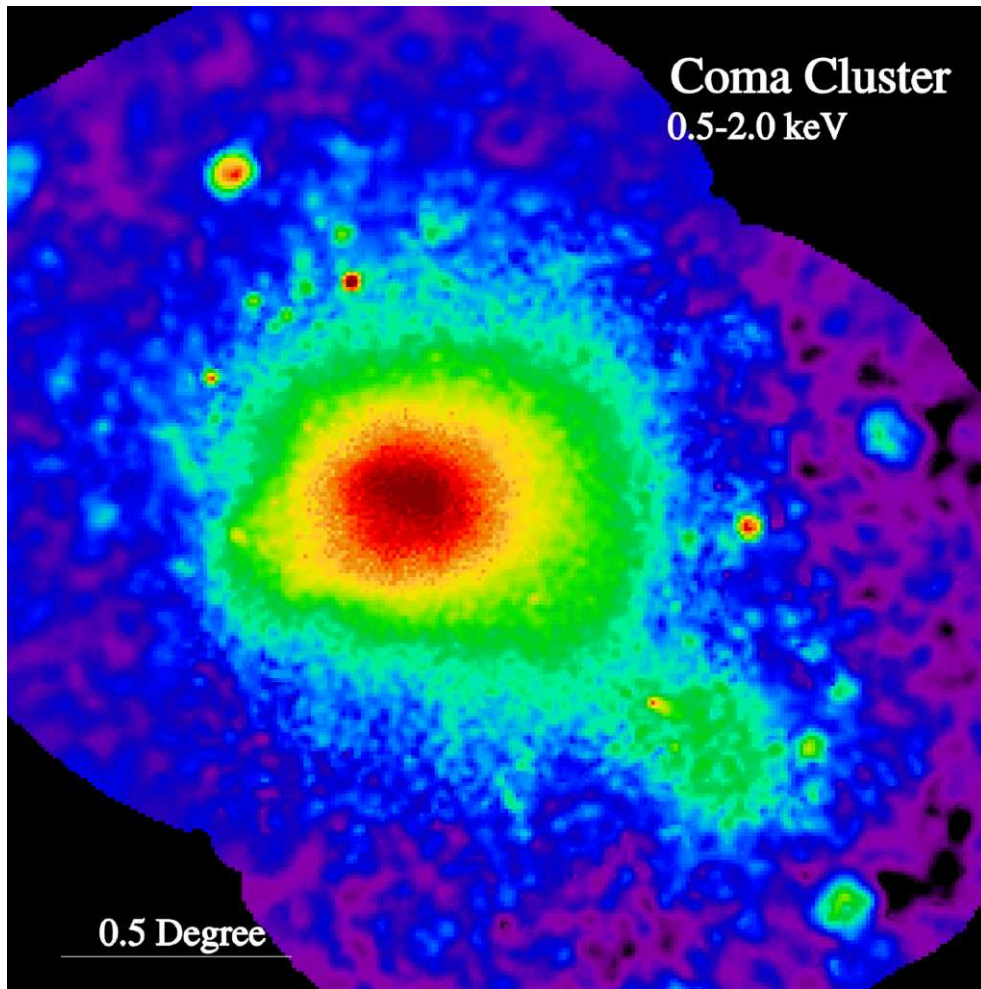


Non-cooling flow cluster:



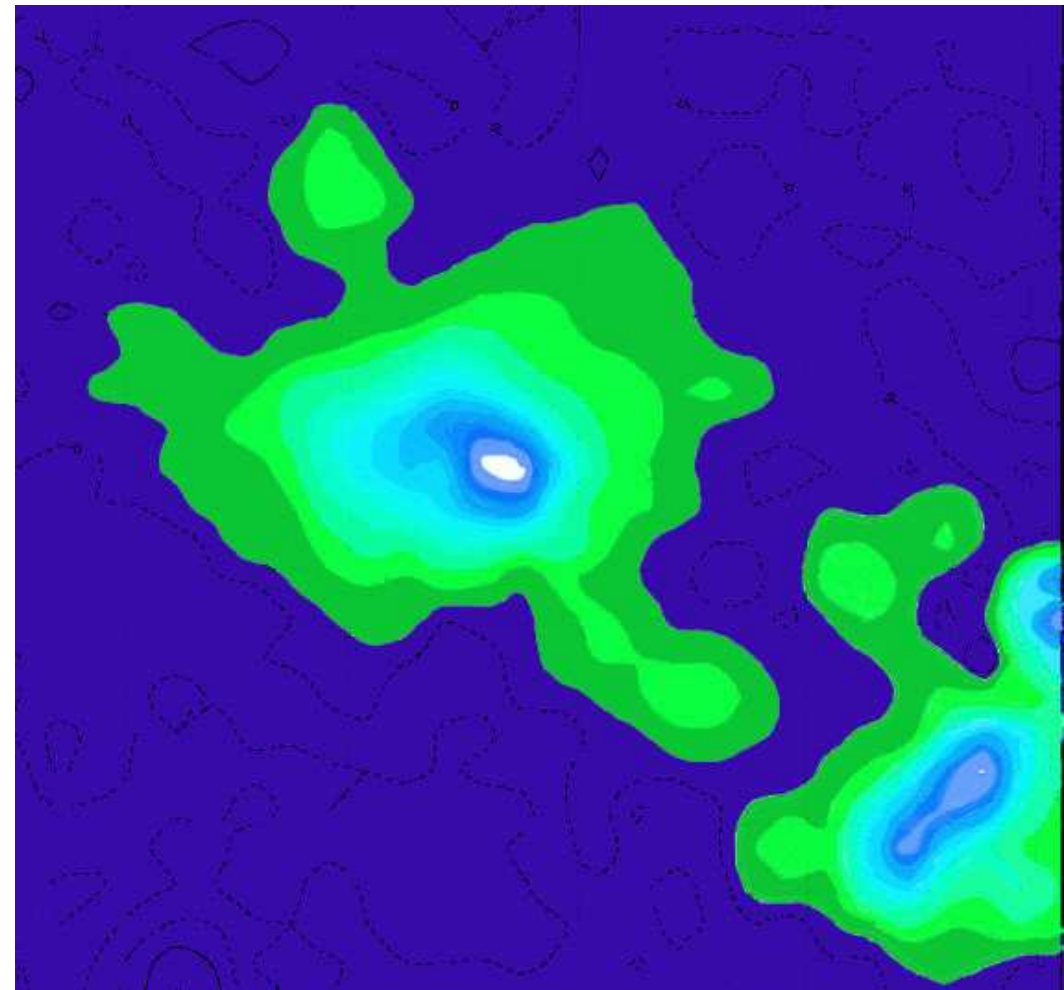
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Coma galaxy cluster



ROSAT-PSPC: $2.7^\circ \times 2.5^\circ$

Credit: ROSAT/MPE/Snowden

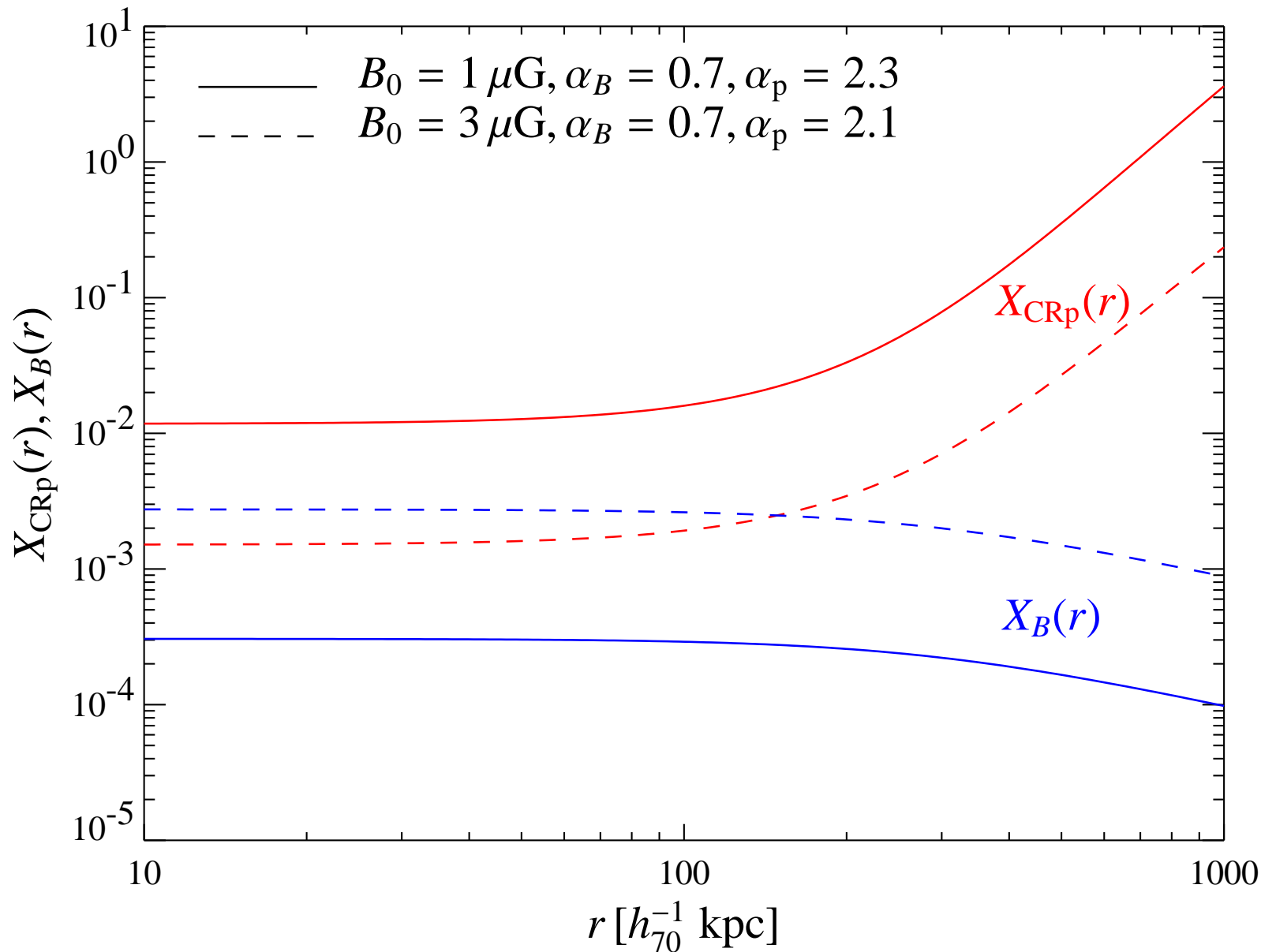


Radio halo, 1.4 GHz: $2.5^\circ \times 2.0^\circ$

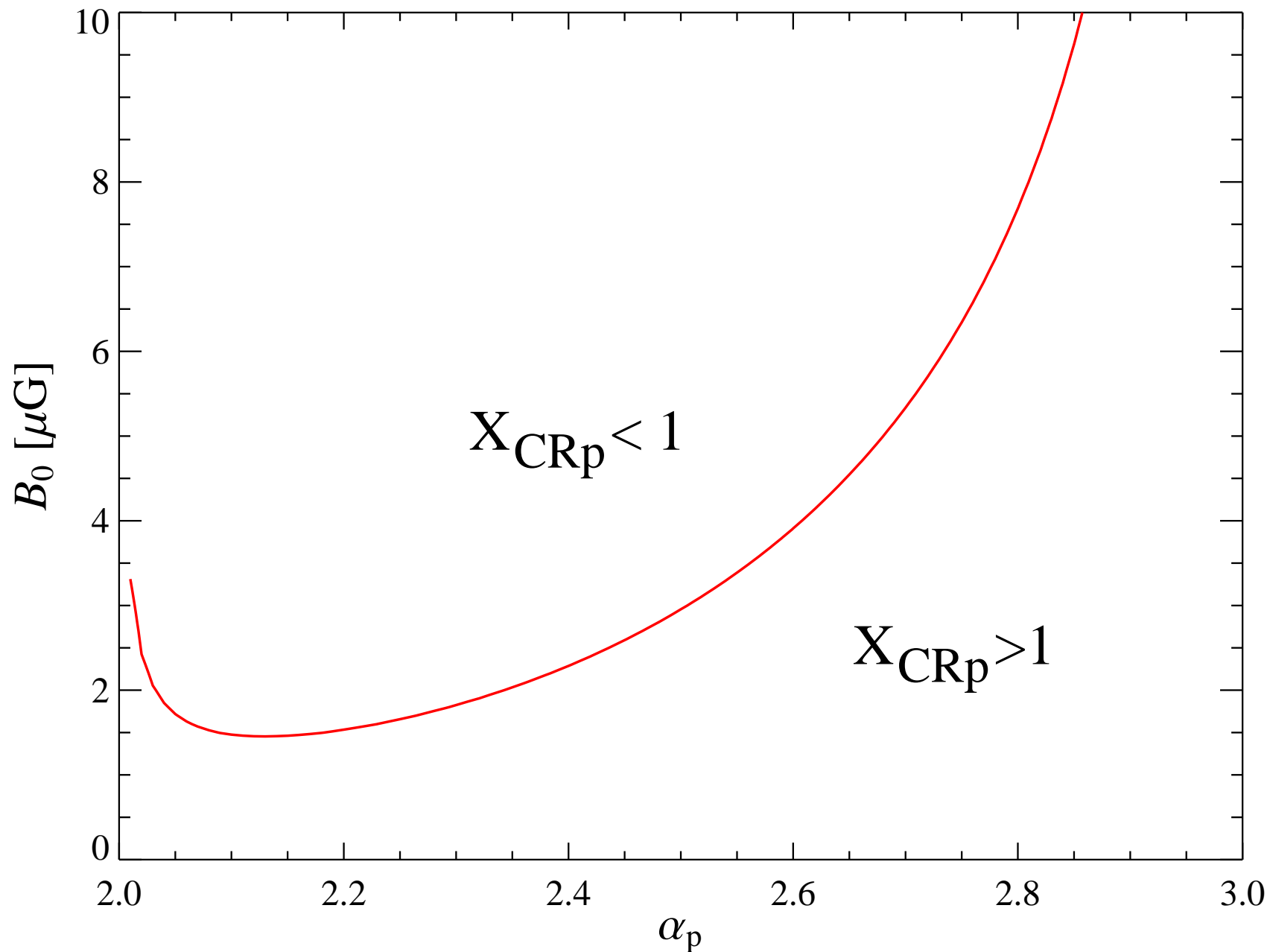
Credit: B.Deiss/Effelsberg

Radio halo in Coma galaxy cluster

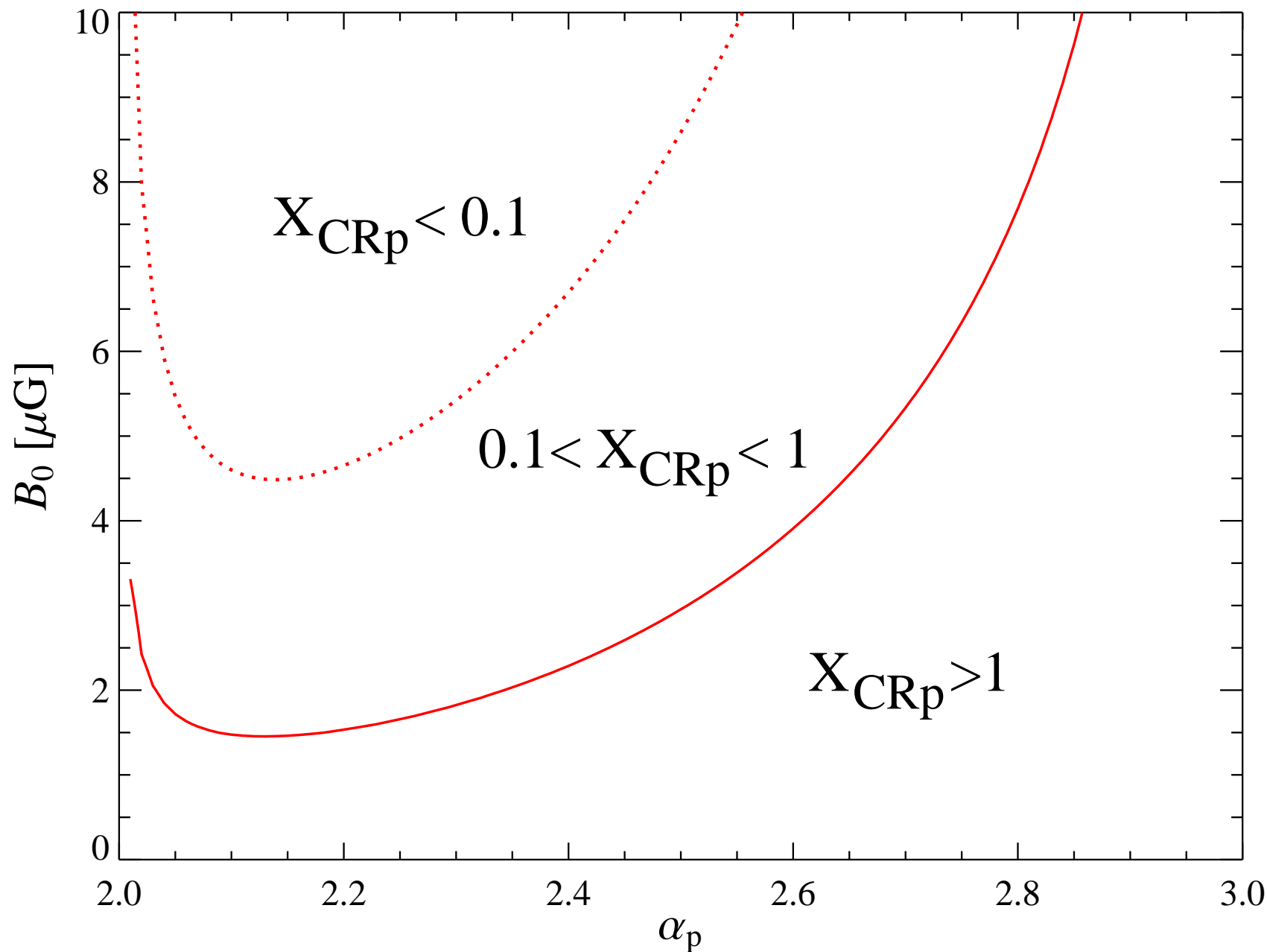
$$f_p(r, p_p) \propto p_p^{-\alpha_p}, \quad B(r) = B_0 \left[\frac{n_e(r)}{n_e(0)} \right]^{\alpha_B}, \quad X_{\text{CRp}}(r) = \frac{\varepsilon_{\text{CRp}}}{\varepsilon_{\text{th}}}(r), \quad X_B(r) = \frac{\varepsilon_B}{\varepsilon_{\text{th}}}(r)$$



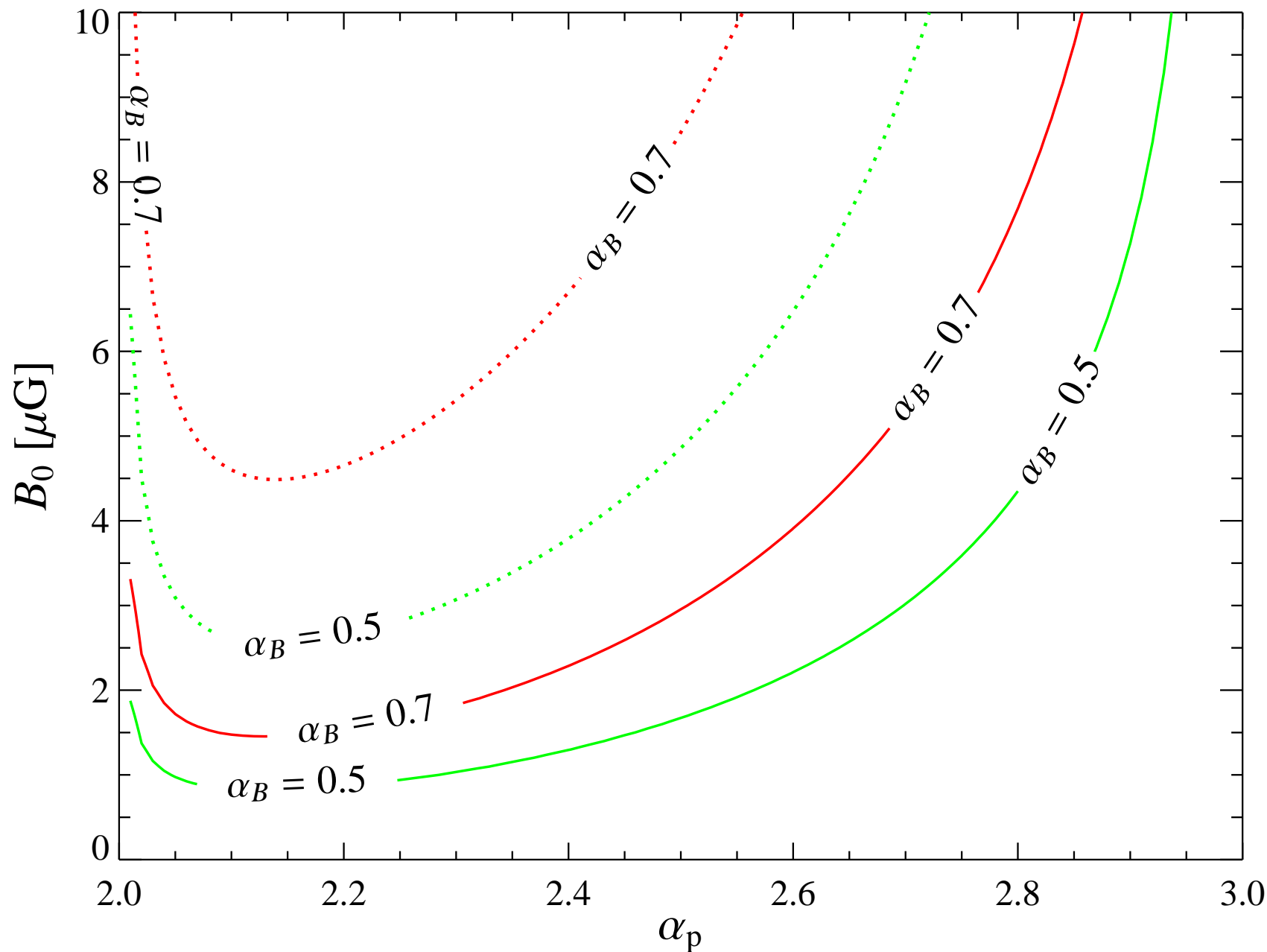
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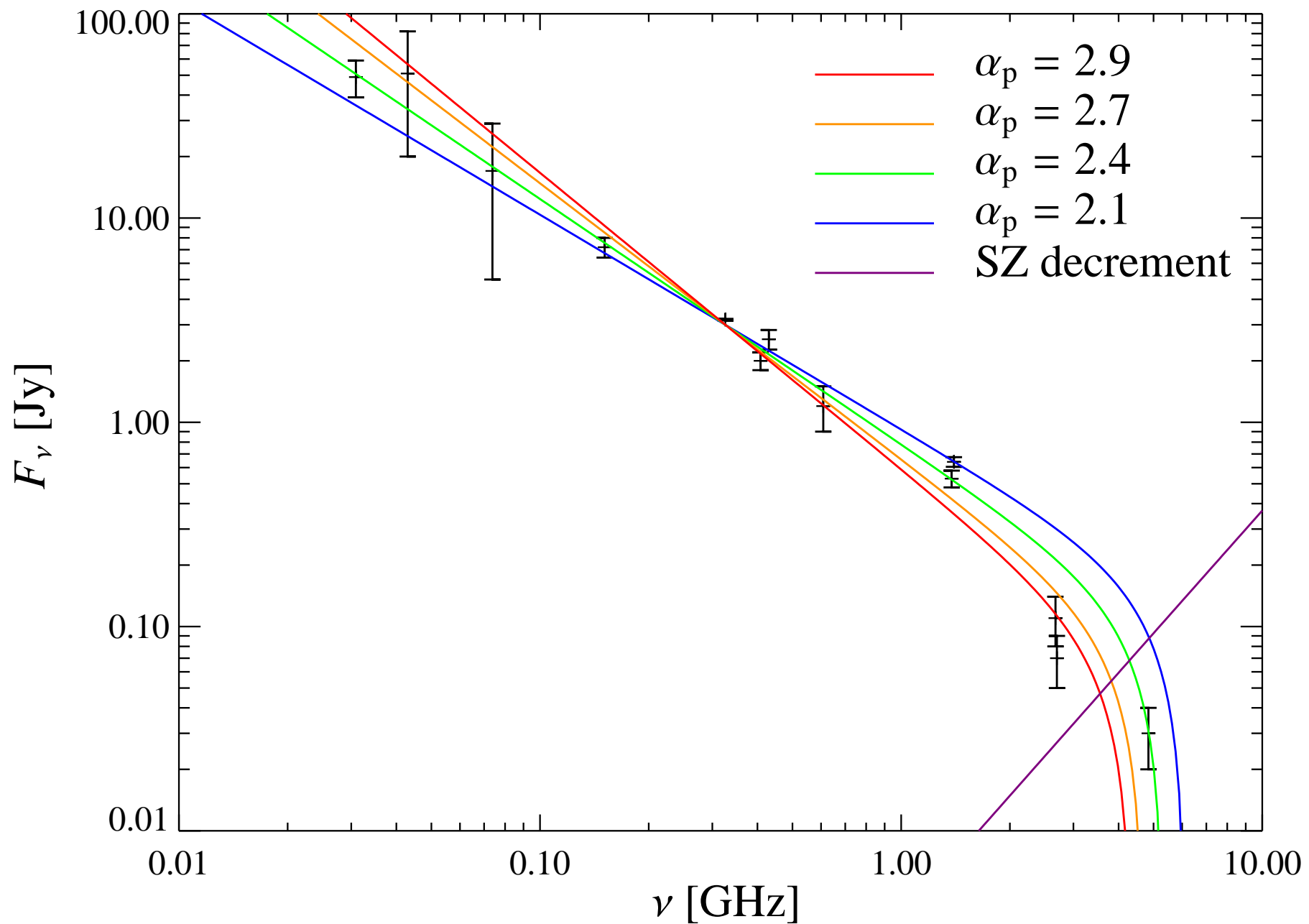
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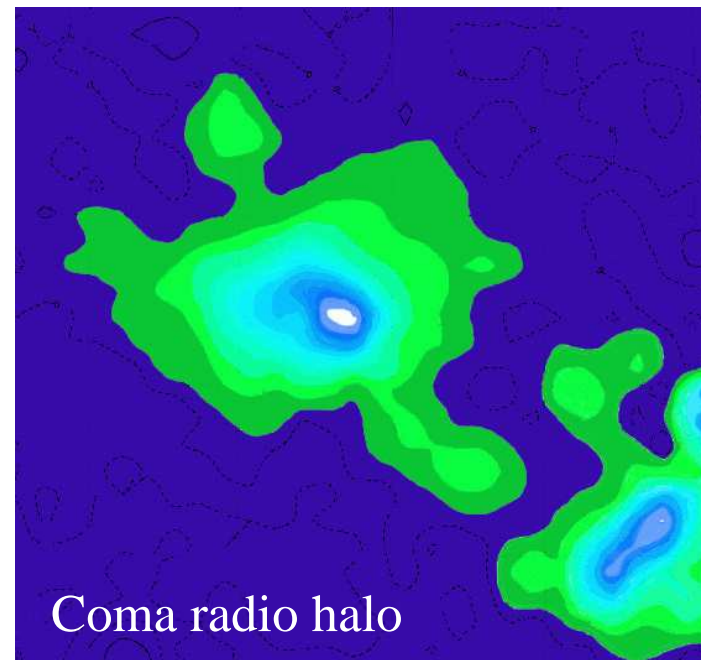
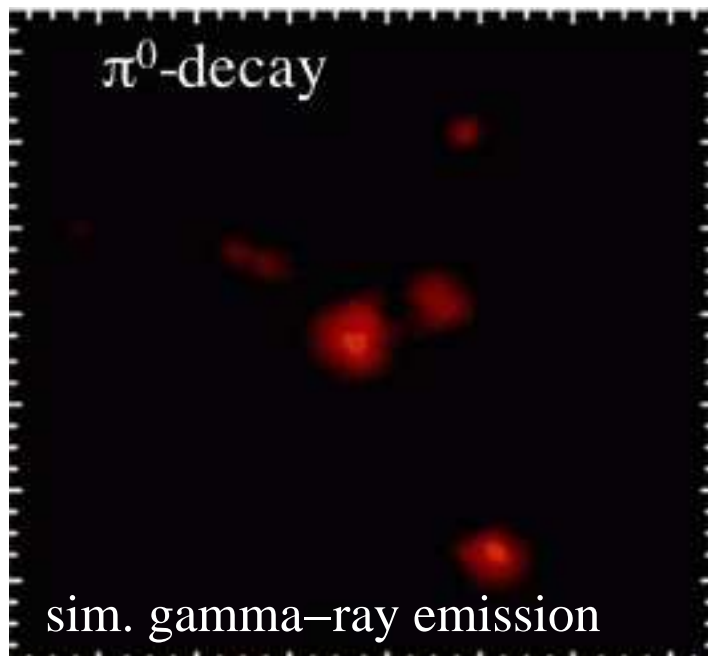
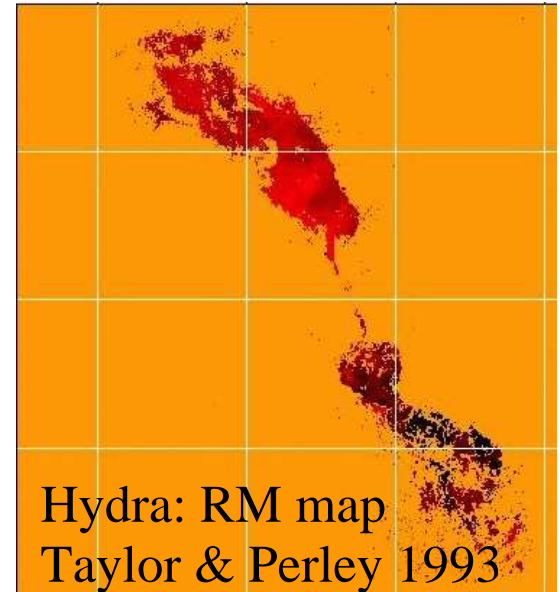


Observed radio halo fluxes of the Coma cluster



Magnetic fields in clusters

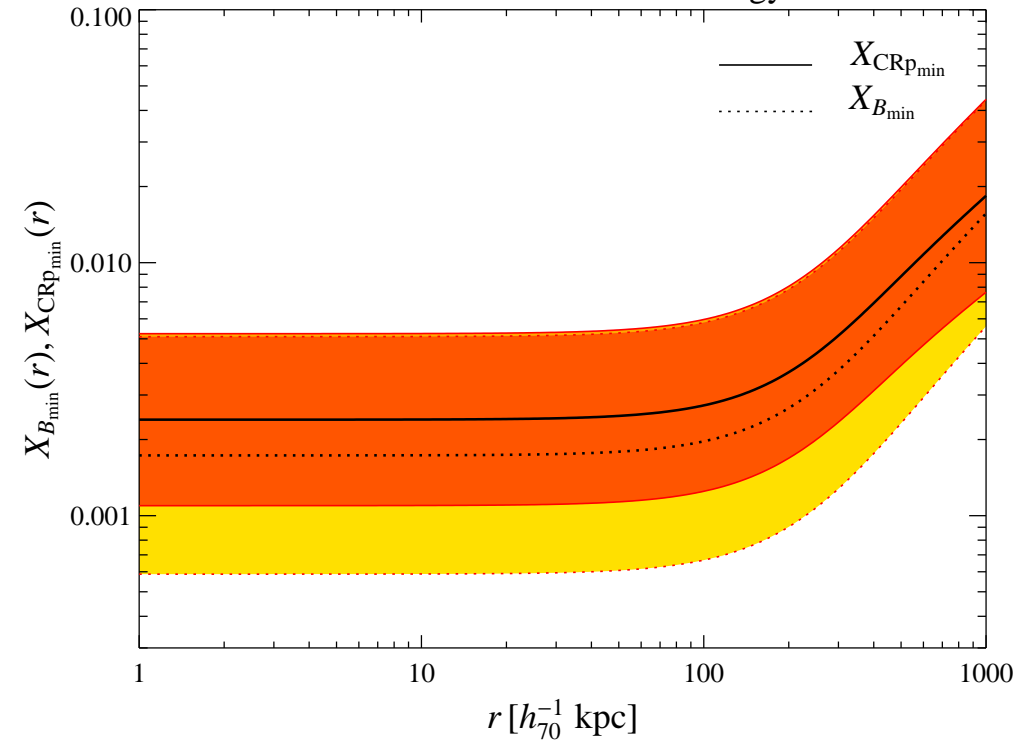
- Rotation measure of polarised radio sources behind cluster magnetic fields:
 - only finite window accessible
- Idea: combine hadronically induced gamma-ray and synchrotron emission
 - upper limit on magnetic field strength



Hadronic minimum energy condition

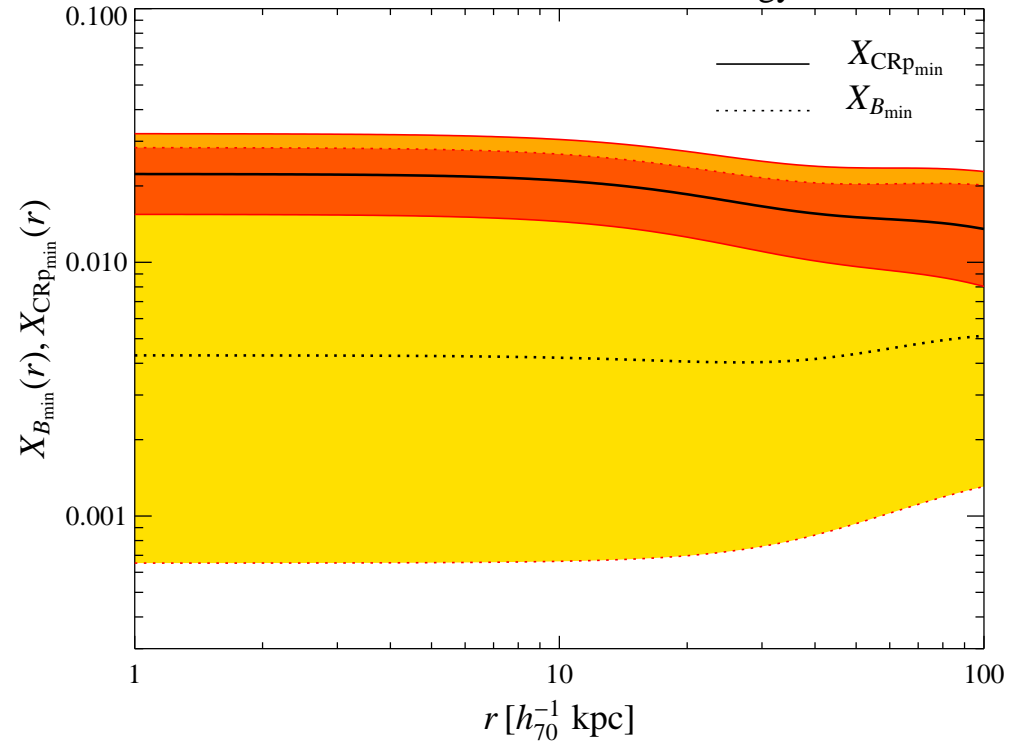
$$X_{\text{CRp}}(r) = \frac{\mathcal{E}_{\text{CRp}}}{\mathcal{E}_{\text{th}}}(r), \quad X_B(r) = \frac{\mathcal{E}_B}{\mathcal{E}_{\text{th}}}(r)$$

Coma cluster: hadronic minimum energy condition



$$B_{\text{Coma}} = 2.4_{-1.0}^{+1.7} \mu\text{G}$$

Perseus cluster: hadronic minimum energy condition



$$B_{\text{Perseus}} = 8.8_{-5.4}^{+13.8} \mu\text{G}$$

Conclusions

Cosmic ray protons:
$$X_{\text{CRp}}(r) = \frac{\mathcal{E}_{\text{CRp}}}{\mathcal{E}_{\text{th}}}(r)$$

- M 87 gamma-ray emission is consistent with hadronic scenario!
- Limits from γ -rays (EGRET): $X_{\text{CRp}} < 20\%$
- Radio emission of Perseus: $X_{\text{CRp}} \sim 2\%$
- Radio mini-halos (Perseus) seem to be of hadronic origin!
- Hadronic origin of radio halos (Coma) can not be excluded

Simulation of CR emission processes in galaxy clusters

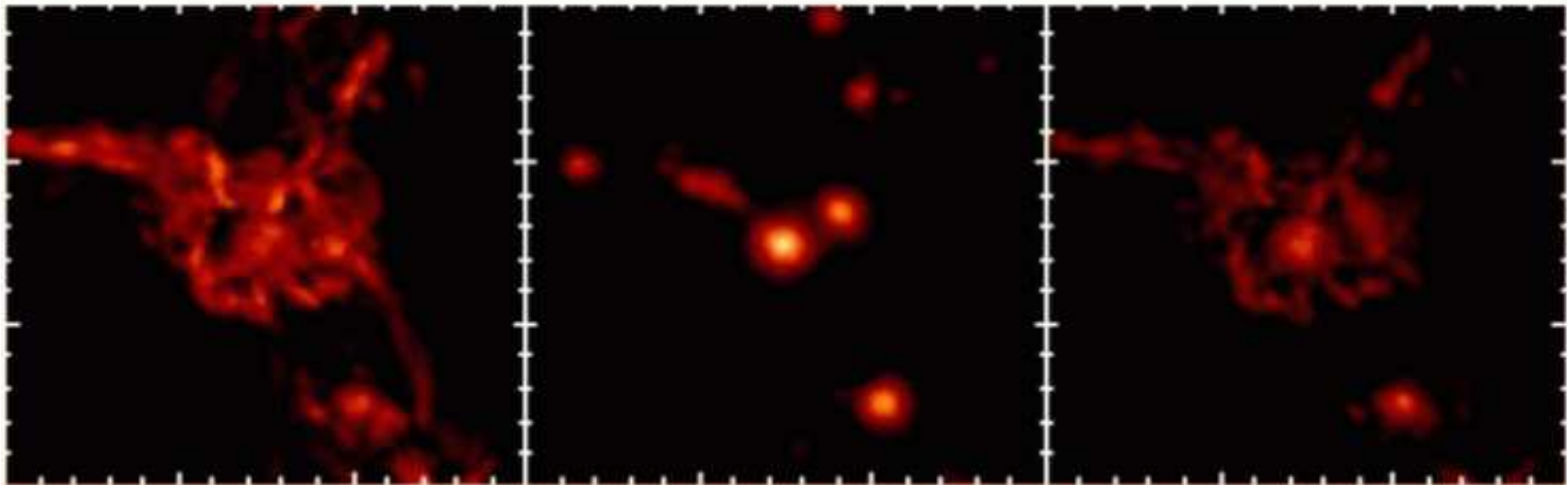
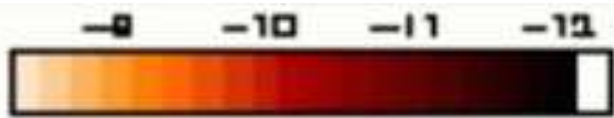
Hard X-ray:

$F(> 100 \text{ keV})$

Thermal X-ray:

γ -ray:

$F(> 100 \text{ MeV})$

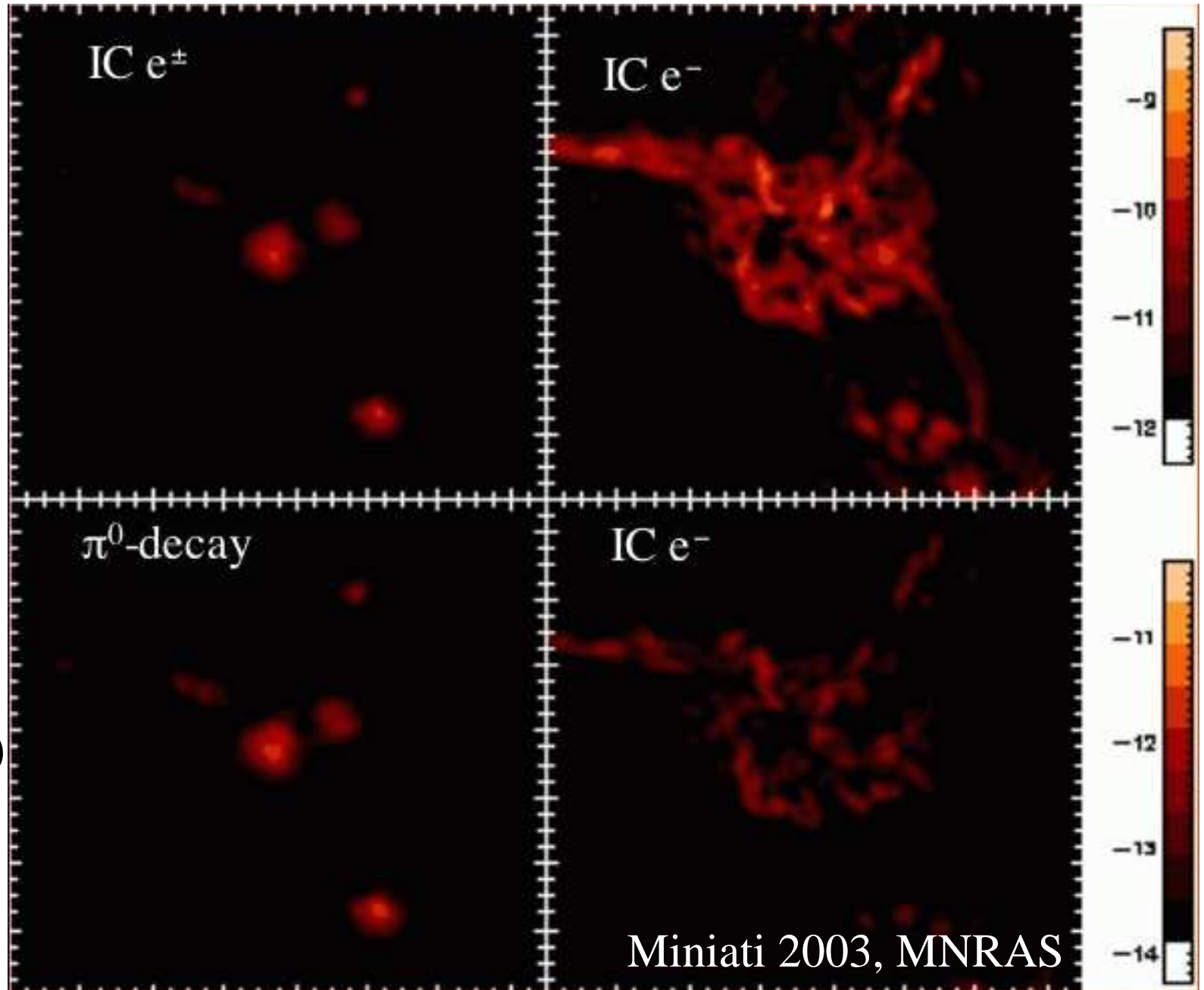


Simulation of CR emission processes

Secondary emission:

Primary emission:

$F(>100 \text{ keV})$



$F(>100 \text{ MeV})$

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