

Illuminating cosmological formation shocks

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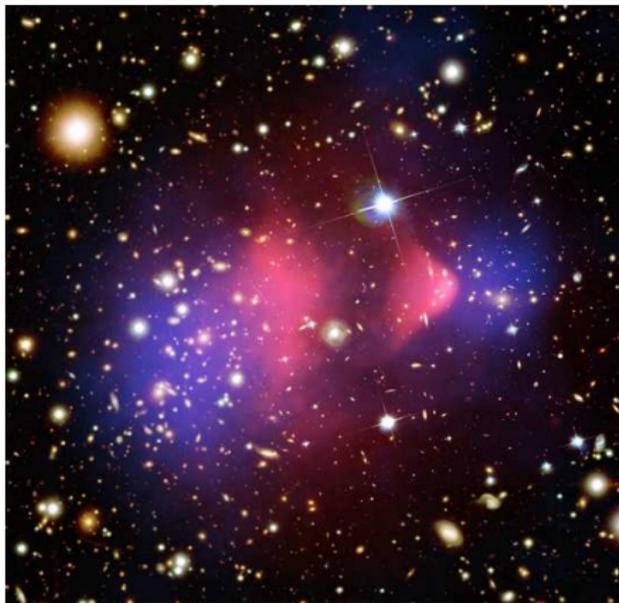
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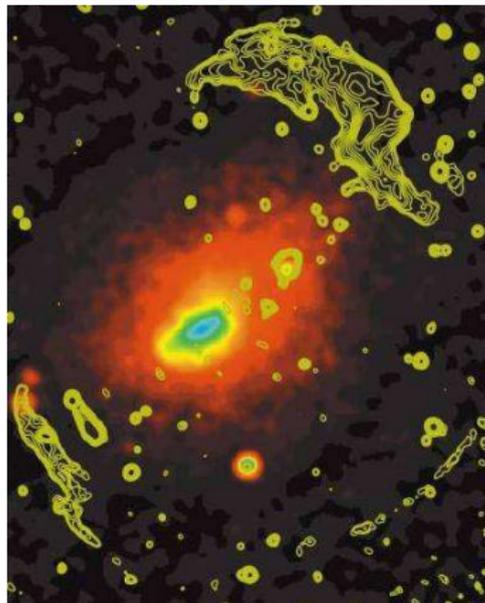
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Shocks in galaxy clusters



1E 0657-56 (“Bullet cluster”)

(X-ray: NASA/CXC/CfA/M.Markevitch et al.; Optical: NASA/STScI; Magellan/U.Arizona/D.Clowe et al.; Lensing: NASA/STScI; ESO WFI; Magellan/U.Arizona/D.Clowe et al.)



Abell 3667

(radio: Johnston-Hollitt. X-ray: ROSAT/PSPC.)

Topics of interest

Multi-messenger approach of galaxy clusters:

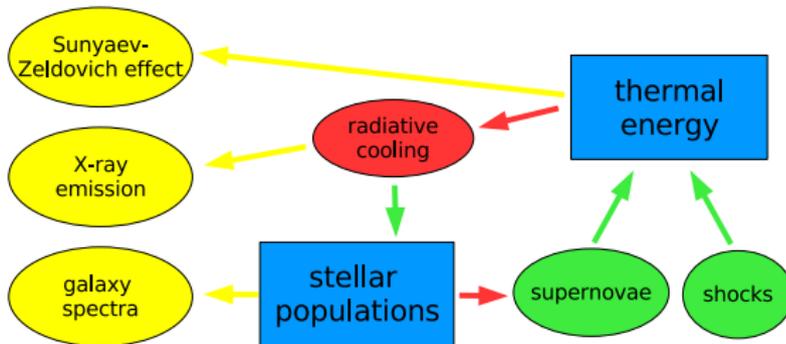
- consistent picture of non-thermal processes in galaxy clusters (radio, soft/hard X-ray, γ -ray emission)
 - illuminating the **process of structure formation**
 - history of individual clusters: **cluster archeology**
- **nature of dark matter**: annihilation signal vs. CR induced γ -rays
- **gold sample** of cluster for precision cosmology: gauging non-thermal observables
- **fundamental plasma physics**:
 - diffusive shock acceleration for high- β plasmas
 - origin and evolution of large scale magnetic fields
 - nature of turbulent models



Radiative simulations – flowchart

Cluster observables:

Physical processes in clusters:

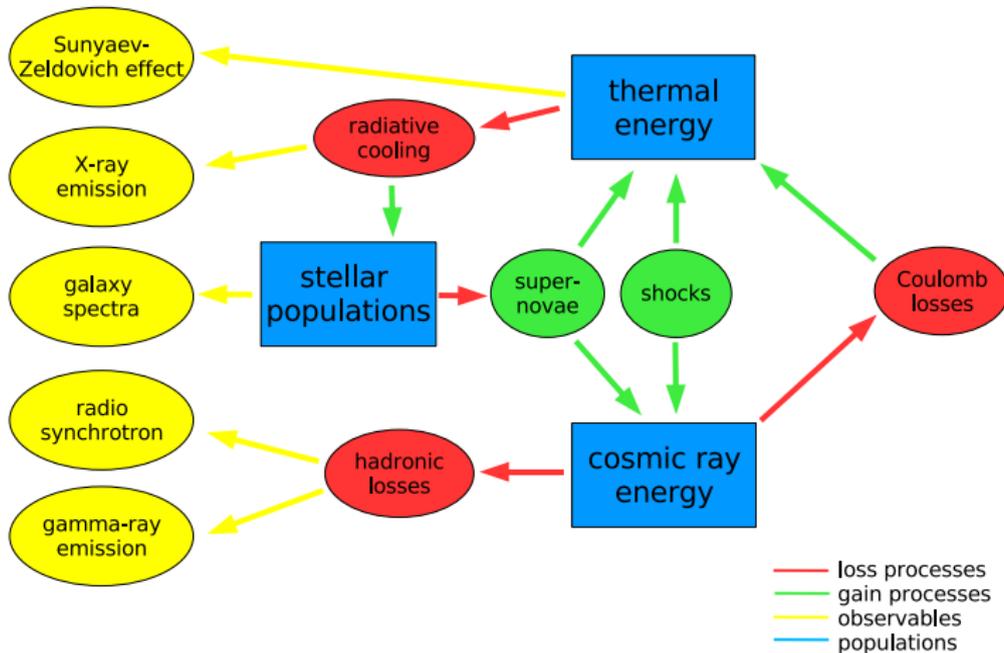


— loss processes
— gain processes
— observables
— populations

Radiative simulations with cosmic ray (CR) physics

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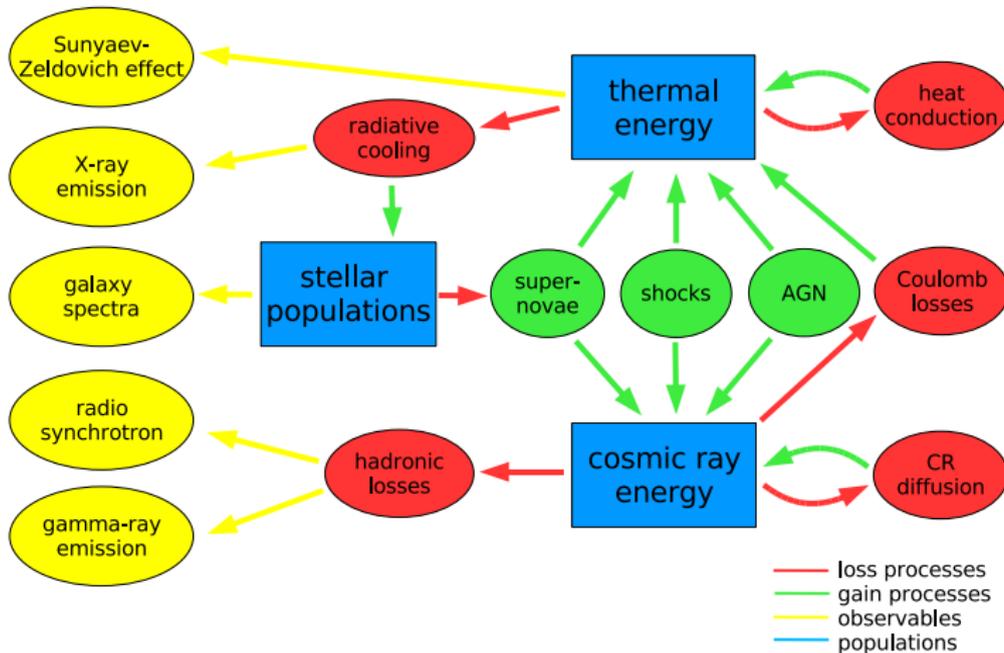
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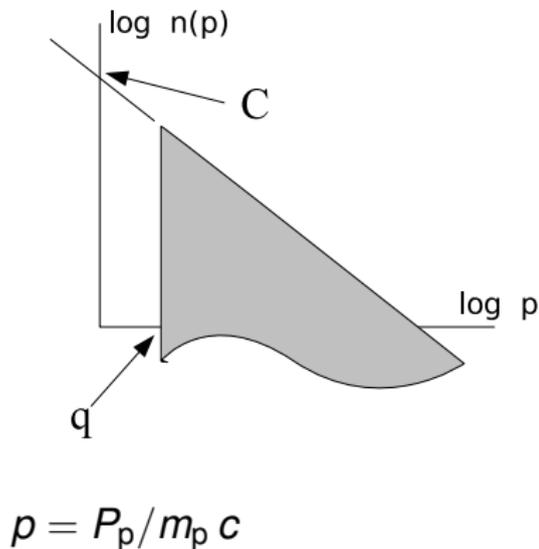
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CR spectral description



$$f(p) = \frac{dN}{dp dV} = C p^{-\alpha} \theta(p - q)$$

$$q(\rho) = \left(\frac{\rho}{\rho_0} \right)^{\frac{1}{3}} q_0$$

$$C(\rho) = \left(\frac{\rho}{\rho_0} \right)^{\frac{\alpha+2}{3}} C_0$$

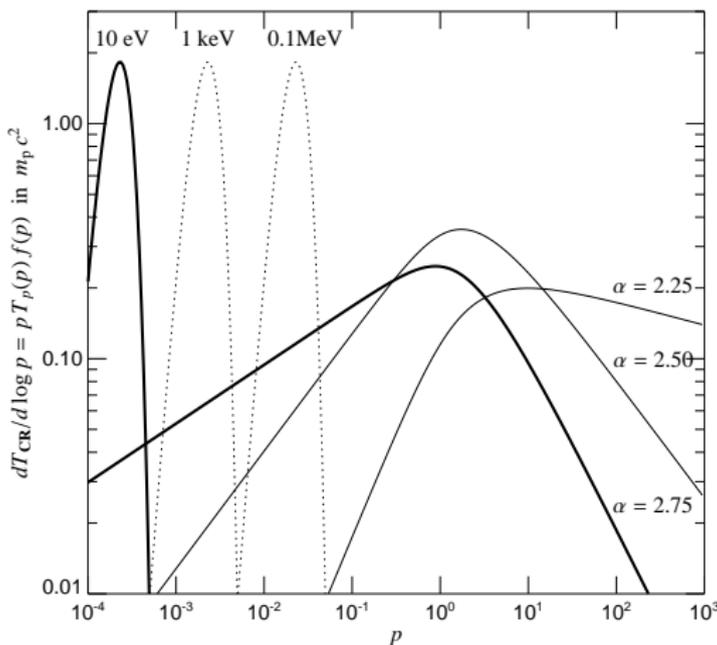
$$n_{\text{CR}} = \int_0^{\infty} dp f(p) = \frac{C q^{1-\alpha}}{\alpha-1}$$

$$P_{\text{CR}} = \frac{m_p c^2}{3} \int_0^{\infty} dp f(p) \beta(p) p$$

$$= \frac{C m_p c^2}{6} \mathcal{B}_{\frac{1}{1+q^2}} \left(\frac{\alpha-2}{2}, \frac{3-\alpha}{2} \right)$$

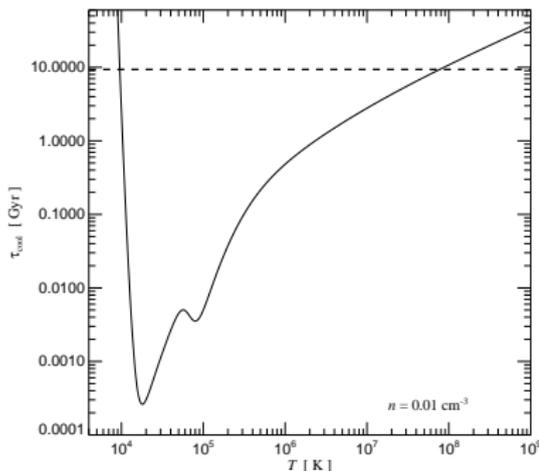
Thermal & CR energy spectra

Kinetic energy per logarithmic momentum interval:

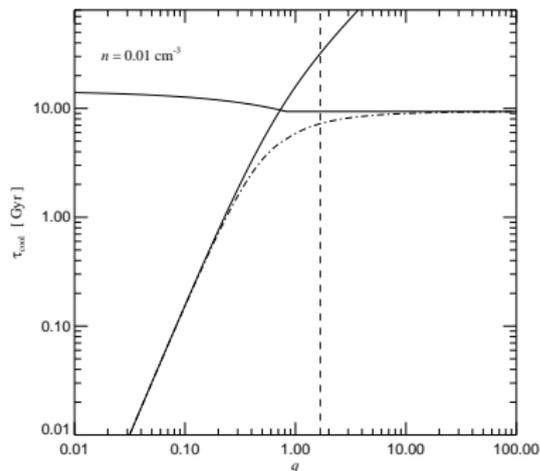


Cooling time scales of CR protons

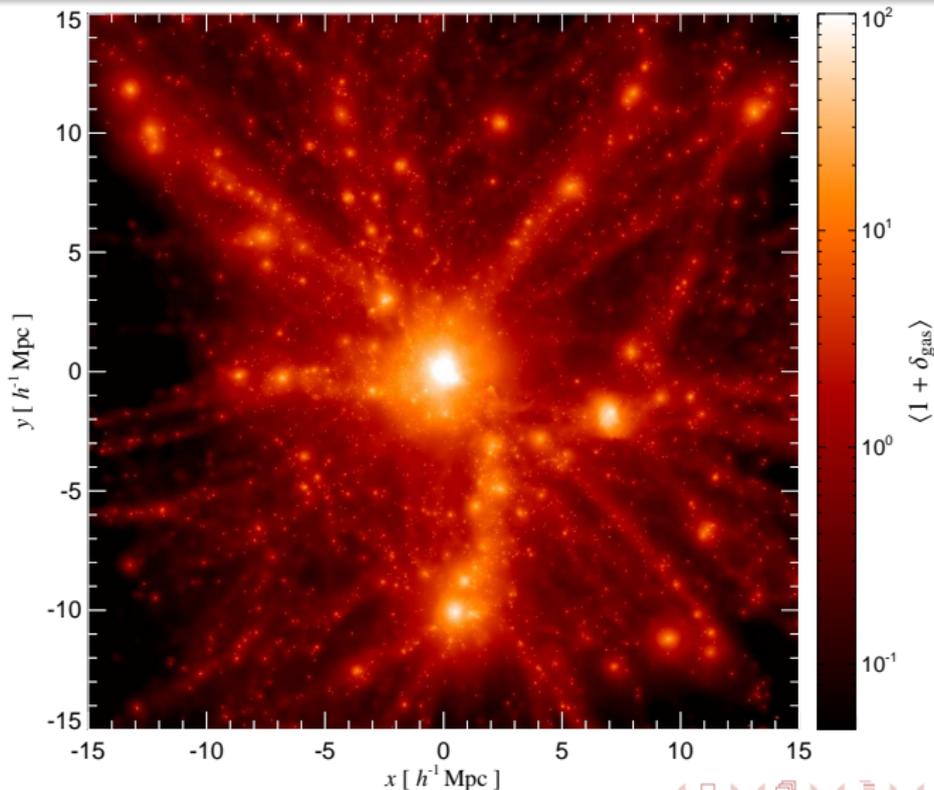
Cooling of primordial gas:



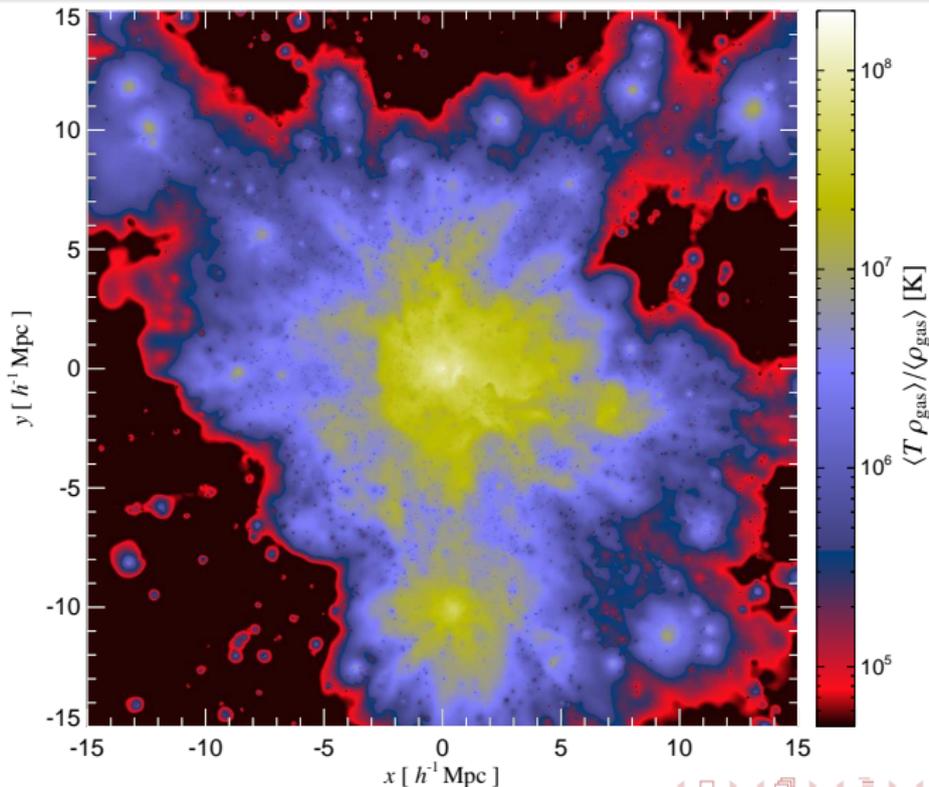
Cooling of cosmic rays:



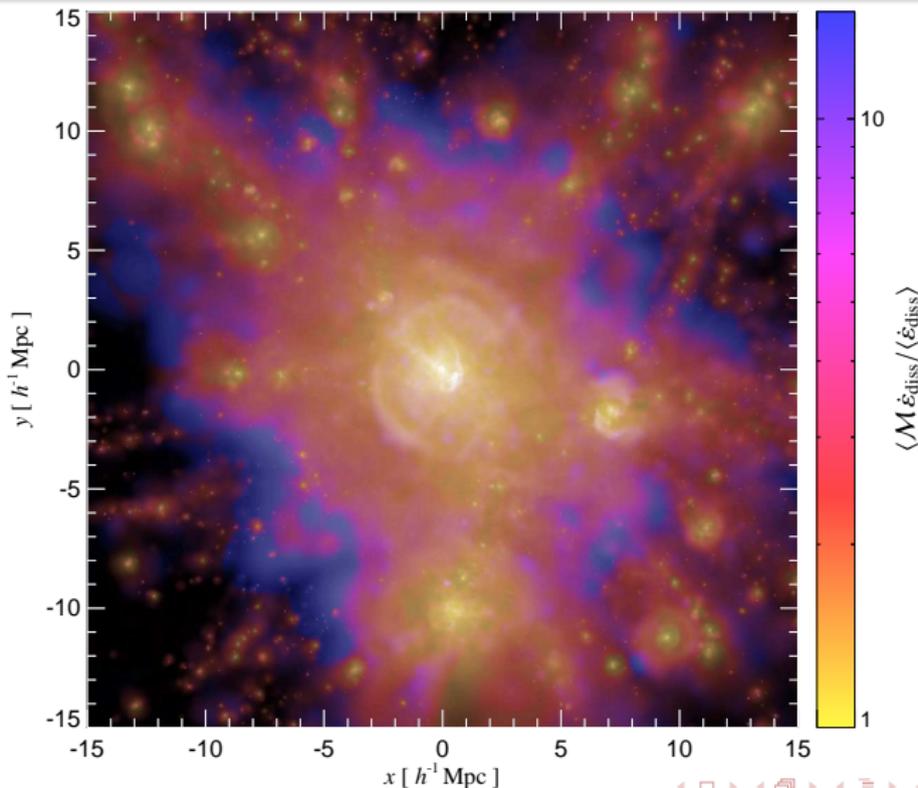
Radiative cool core cluster simulation: gas density



Mass weighted temperature



Mach number distribution weighted by ϵ_{diss}

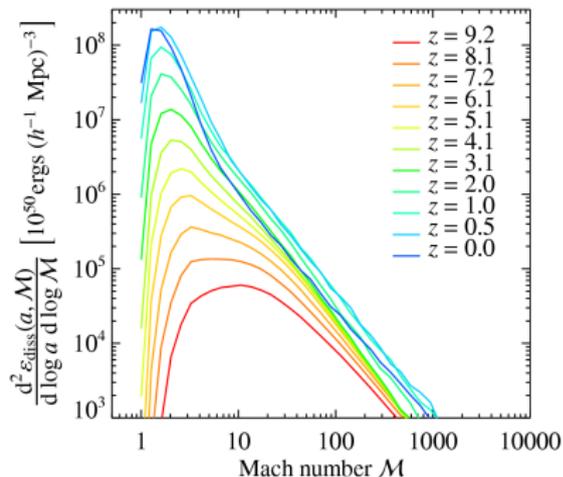


Previous numerical work on Mach number statistics

- Miniati et al. (2000, 01, 02, 03): Eulerian approach, coarse resolution, passive CR evolution, NT cluster emission
- Ryu et al. (2003, 07, 08), Kang et al. 2005: Eulerian Mach number statistics (post-proc.), vorticity and magnetic field generation
- Pfrommer et al. (2006, 07, 08): Lagrangian approach, Mach number statistics (on the fly), self-consistent CR evolution, NT cluster emission
- Skillman et al. 2008: Eulerian AMR, Mach number statistics (post-proc.)
- Hoeft et al. 2008: Lagrangian approach, Mach number statistics (post-proc.)
- Vazza et al. 2008: Eulerian approach, coarse resolution, Mach number statistics (post-proc.)

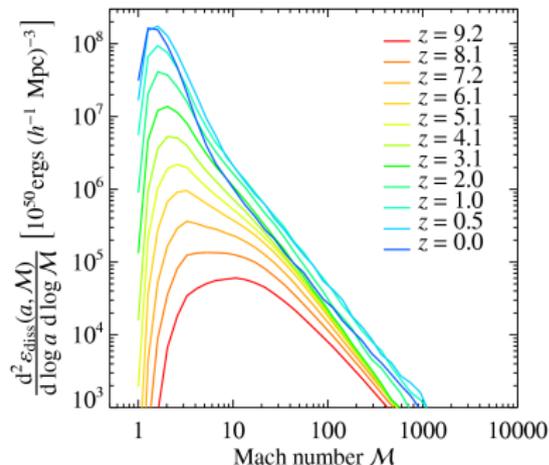
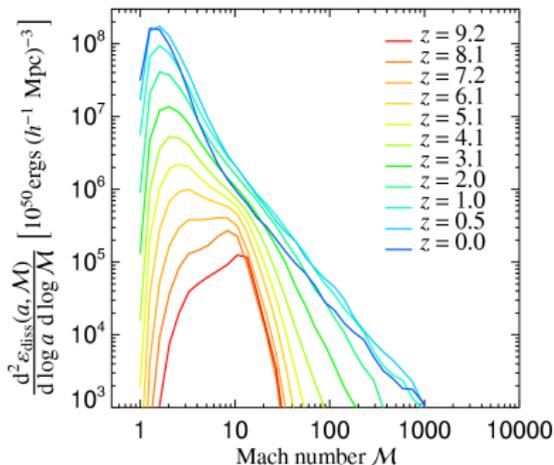
→ increasing number of papers recently, with more expected to come that focus on the non-thermal emission from clusters and topics related to UHECRs (as we enter a new era of multi-frequency experiments).

Cosmological shock statistics



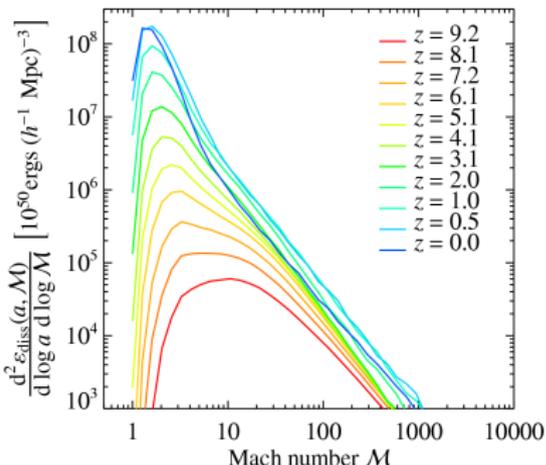
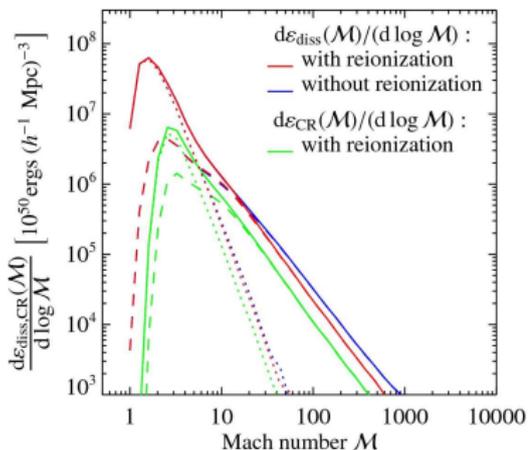
- more energy is dissipated at later times
- mean Mach number decreases with time

Cosmological shock statistics: influence of reionization



- reionization epoch at $z_{\text{reion}} = 10$ suppresses efficiently strong shocks at $z < z_{\text{reion}}$ due to jump in sound velocity
- cosmological constant causes structure formation to cease

Cosmological shock statistics: CR injection



- Mach number dependent injection efficiency of CRs favors medium Mach number shocks ($\mathcal{M} \gtrsim 3$) for the injection, and even stronger shocks when accounting for Coulomb interactions
- more energy is dissipated in weak shocks internal to collapsed structures than in external strong shocks



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- plasma waves to scatter energetic particles → particle diffusion
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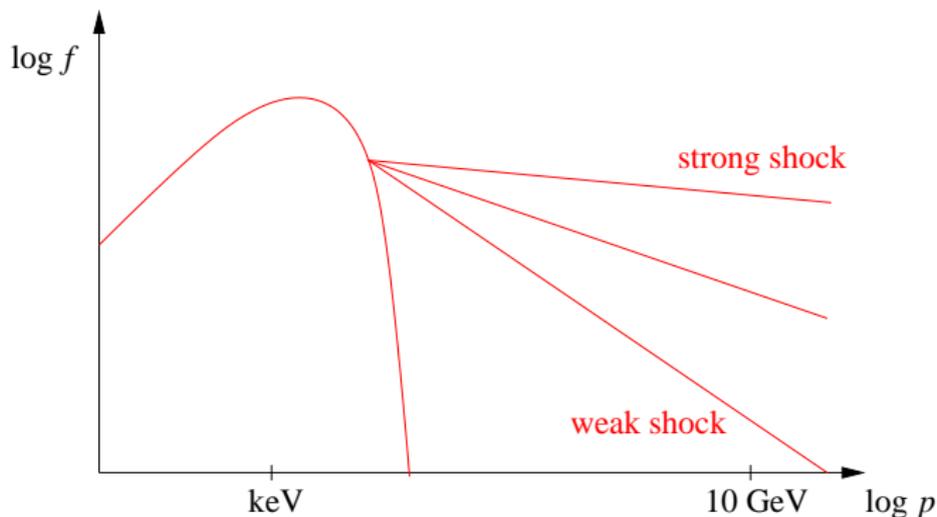
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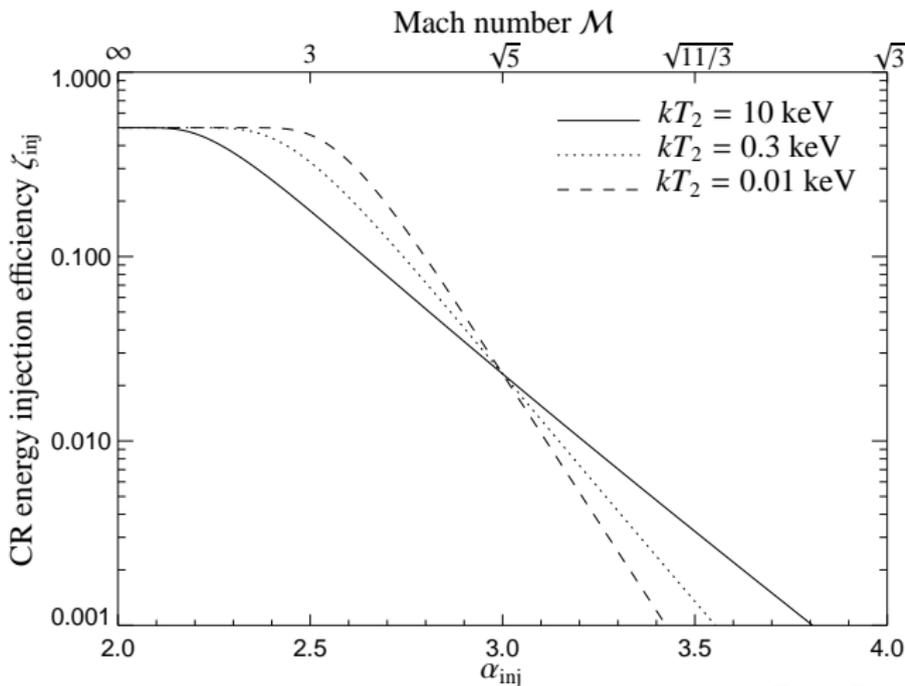
Diffusive shock acceleration – Fermi 1 mechanism (2)

Spectral index depends on the Mach number of the shock,
 $\mathcal{M} = v_{\text{shock}}/c_s$:

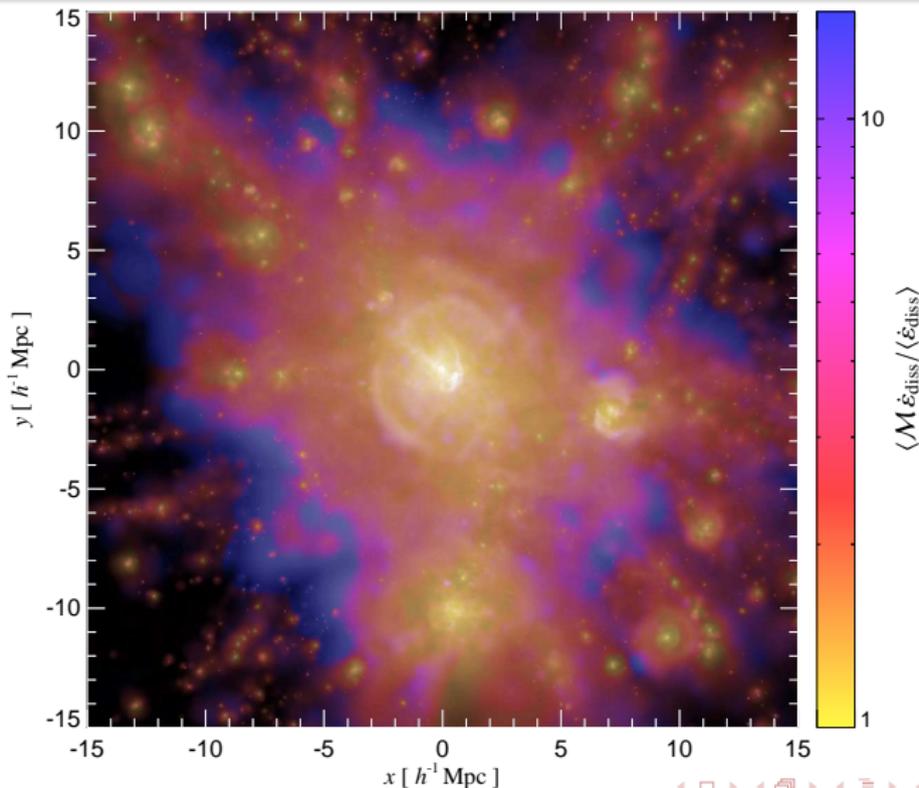


Diffusive shock acceleration – efficiency (3)

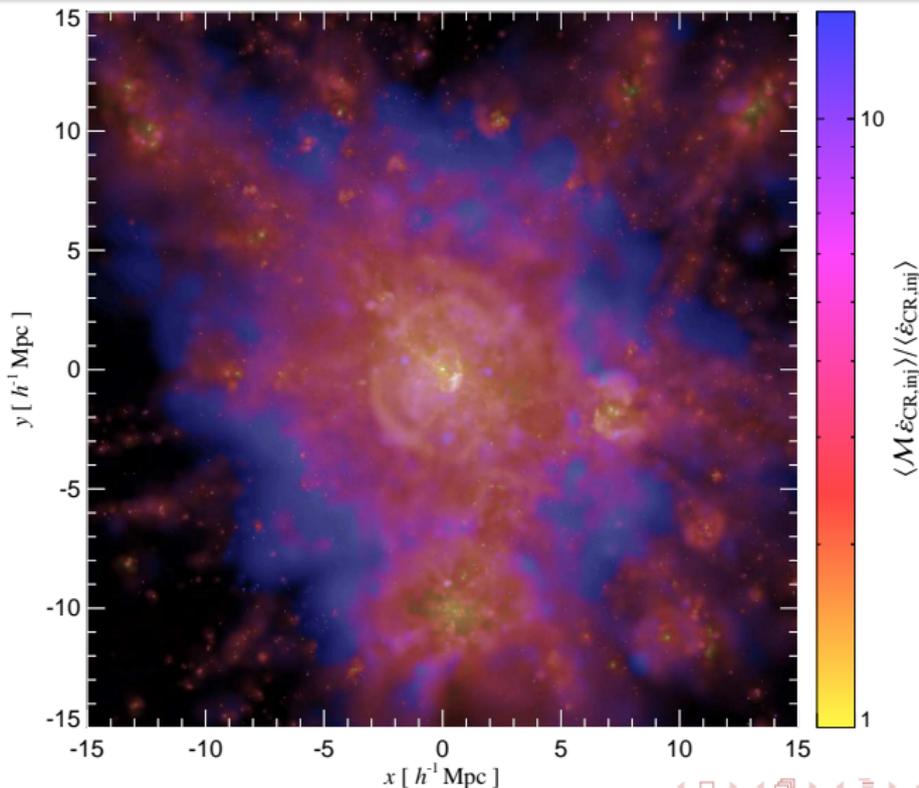
CR proton energy injection efficiency, $\zeta_{\text{inj}} = \varepsilon_{\text{CR}}/\varepsilon_{\text{diss}}$:



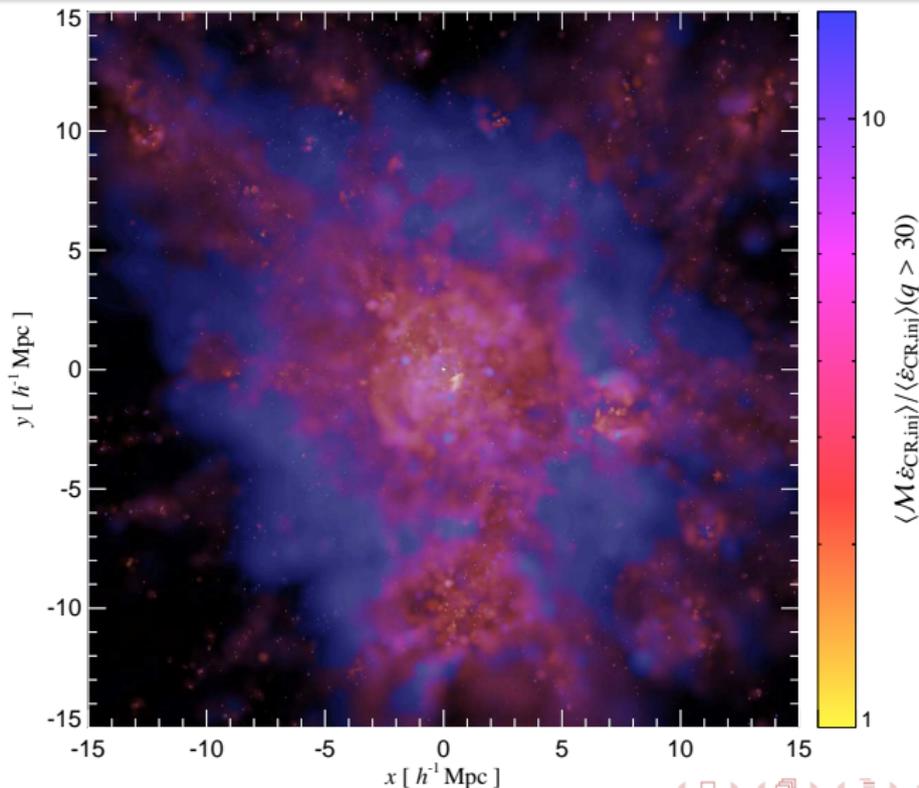
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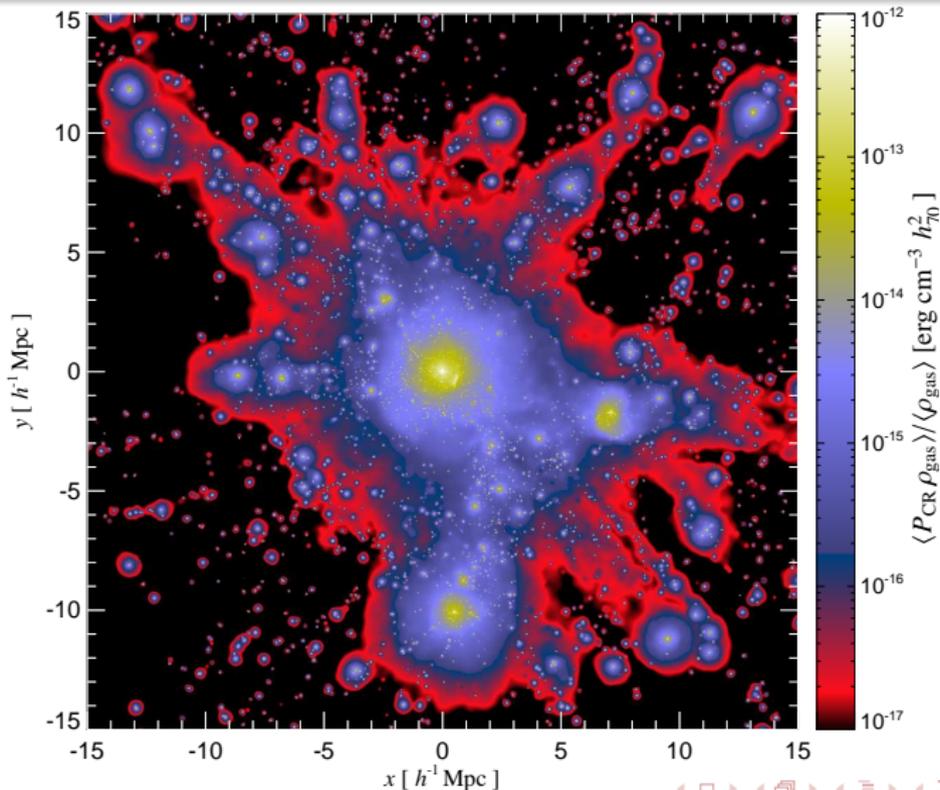
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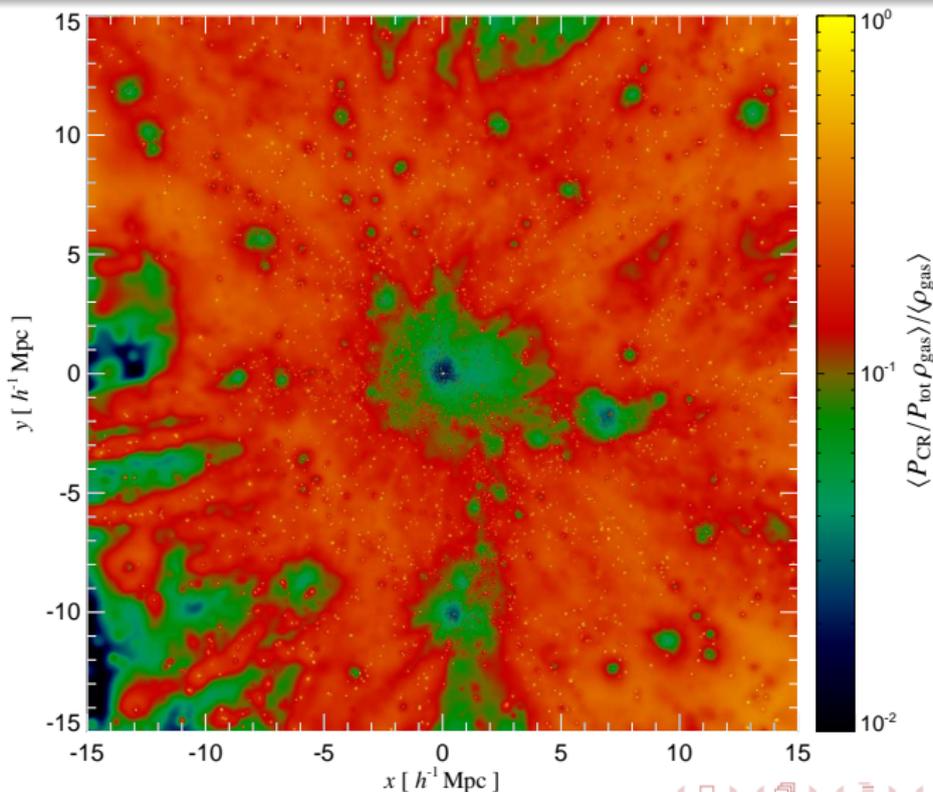
Mach number distribution weighted by $\varepsilon_{\text{CR,inj}}(q > 30)$



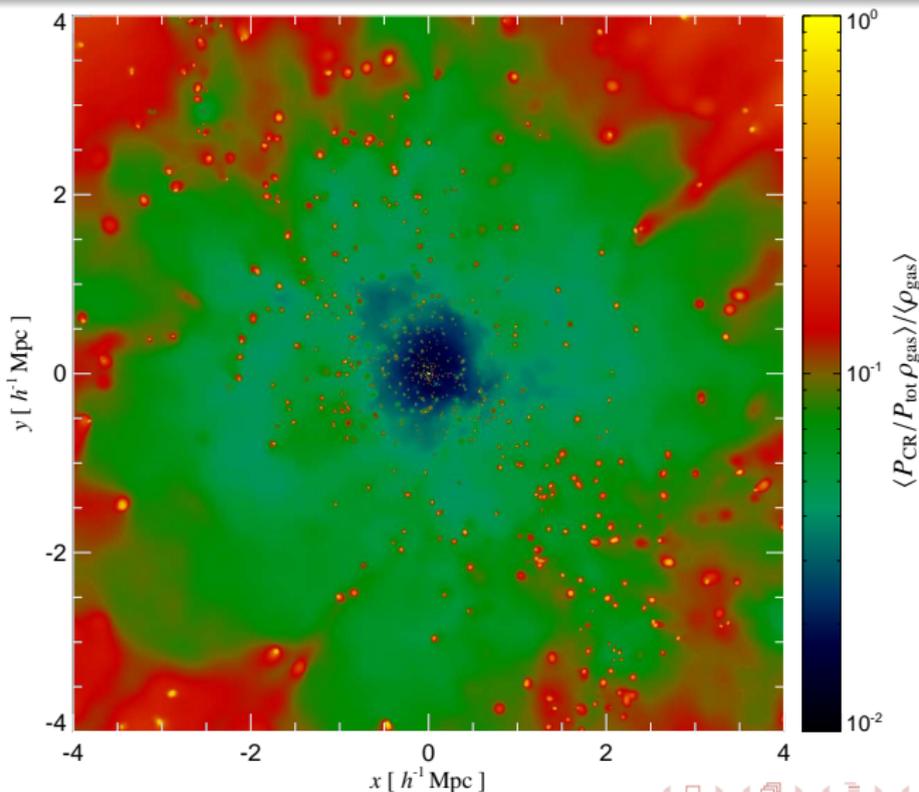
CR pressure P_{CR}



Relative CR pressure $P_{\text{CR}}/P_{\text{total}}$

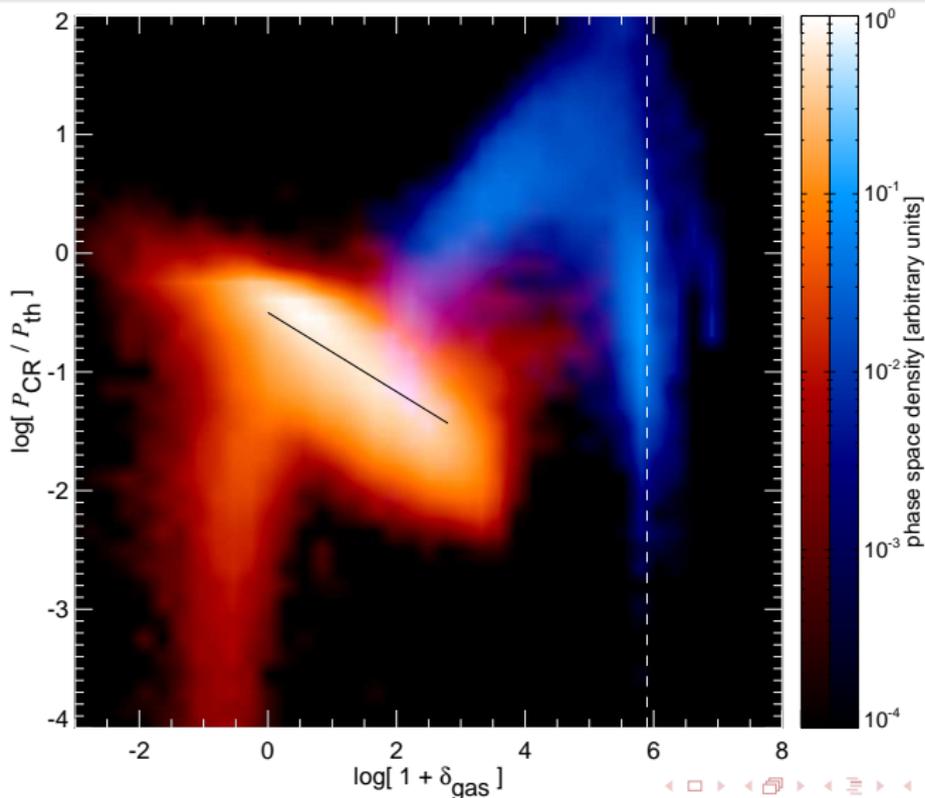


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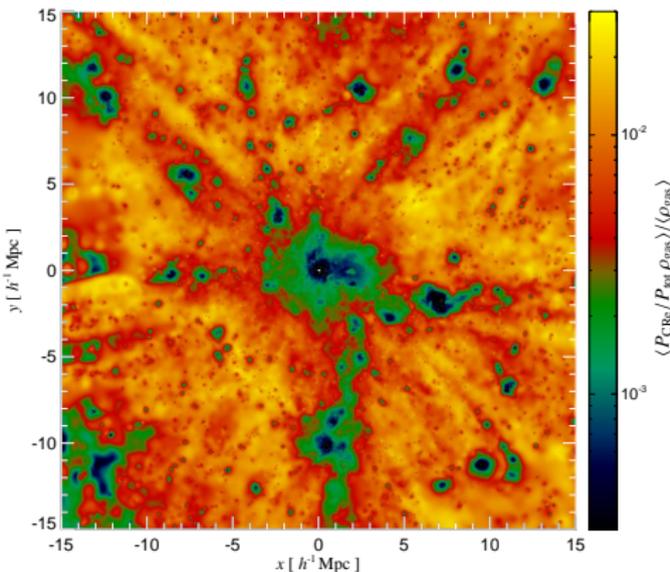


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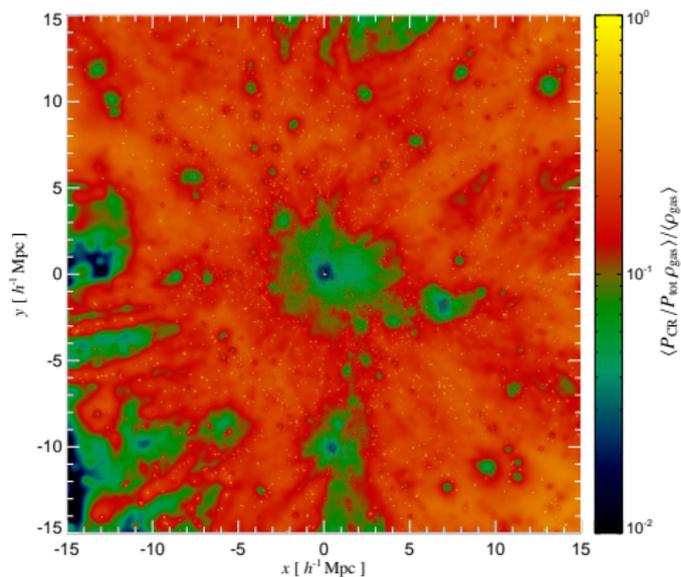
CR phase-space diagram: final distribution @ $z = 0$



CR electron versus CR proton pressure

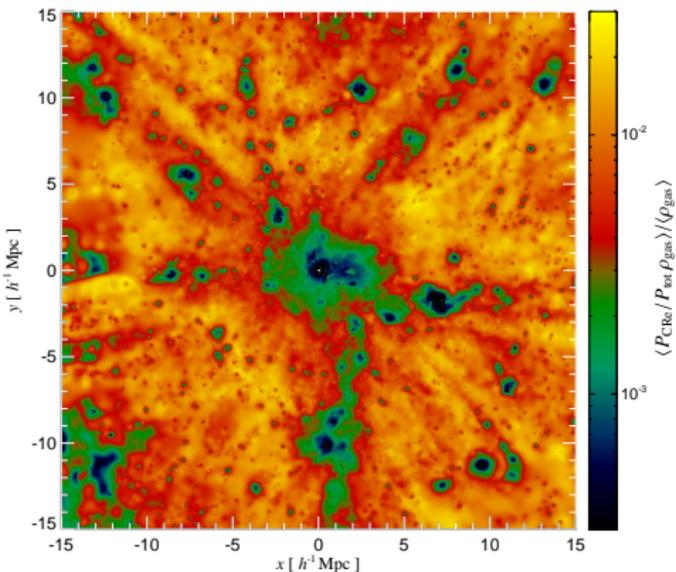


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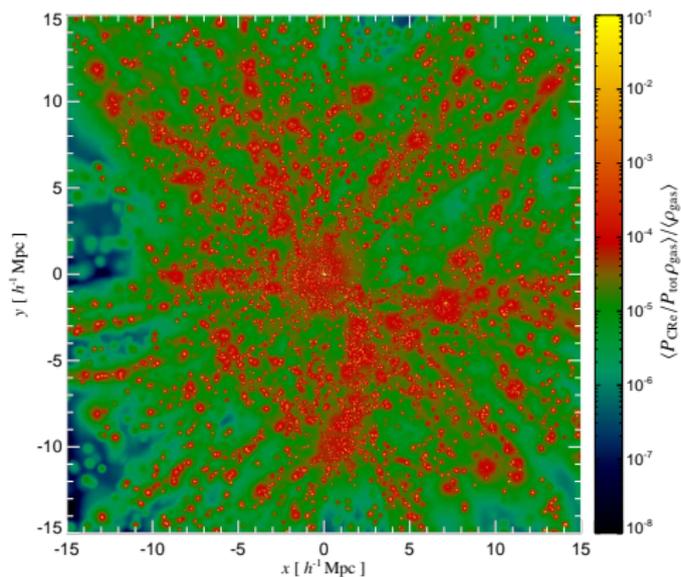


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Primary versus secondary CR electrons



Relative pressure of *primary* CR electrons.



Rel. pressure of *secondary* CR electrons.

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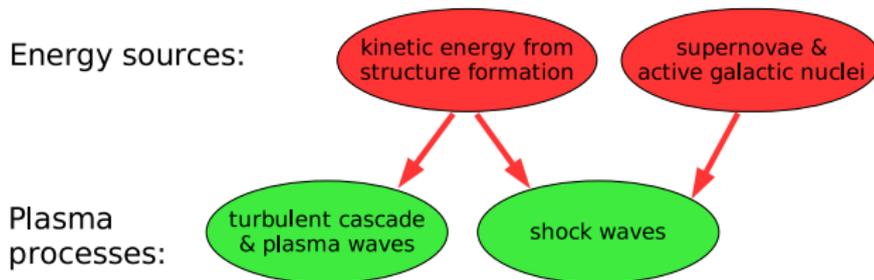
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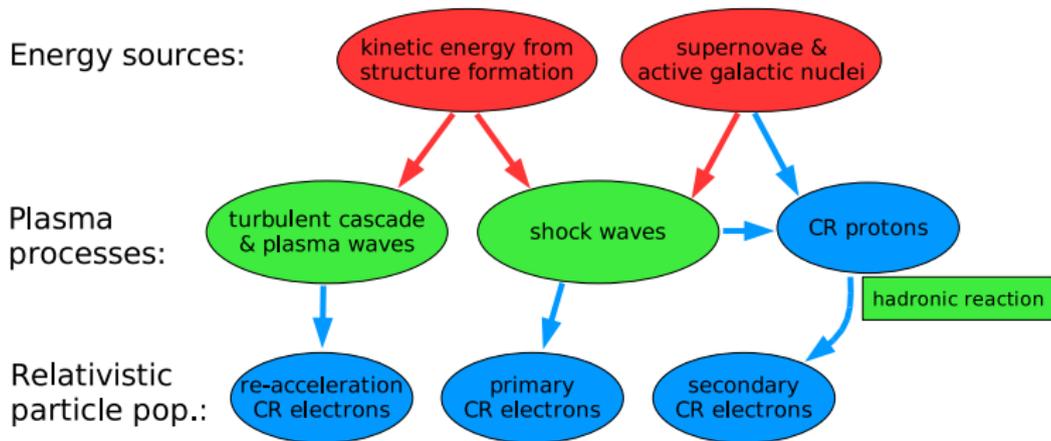
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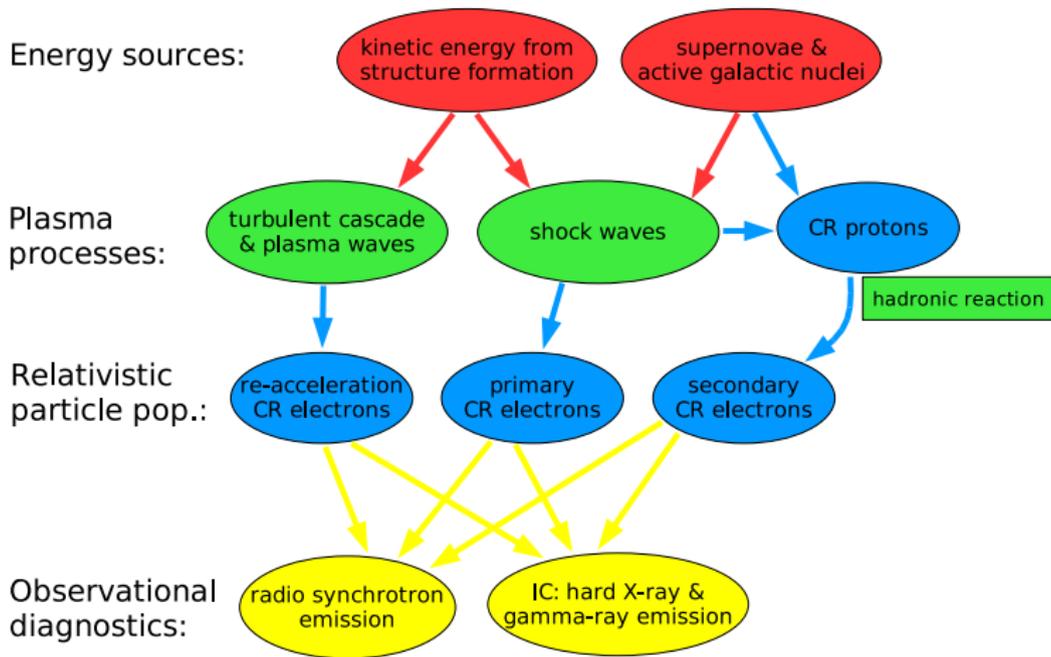
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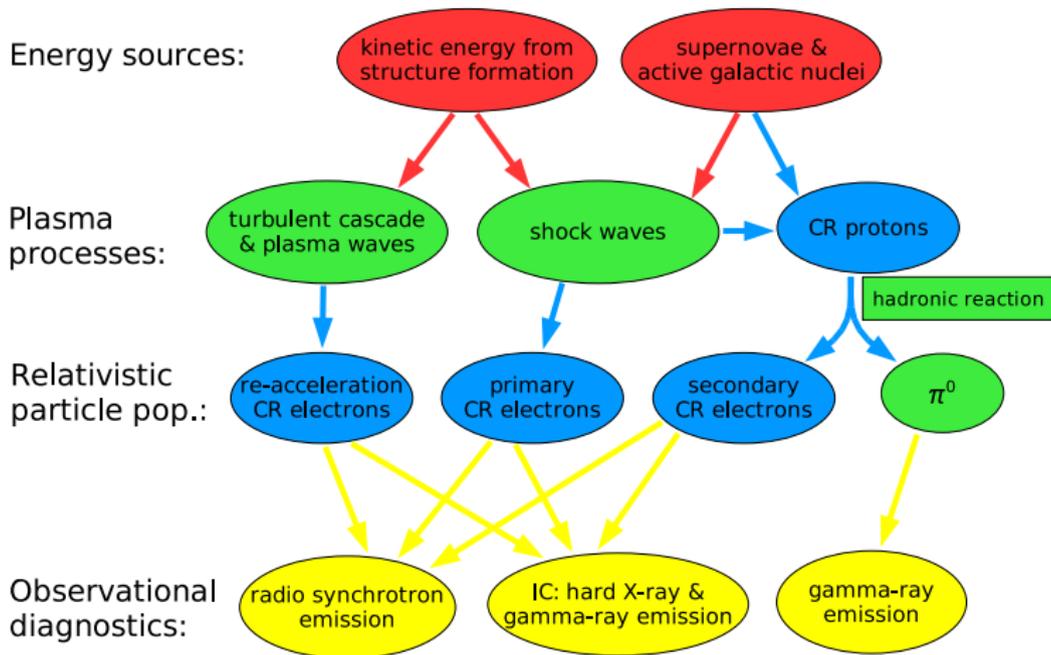
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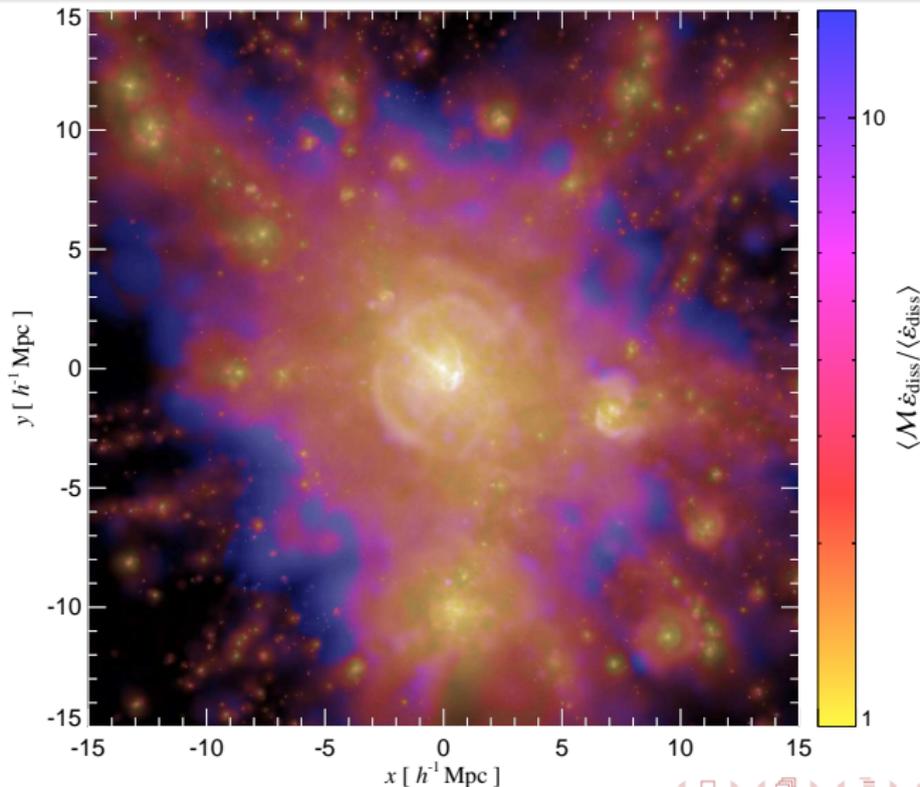
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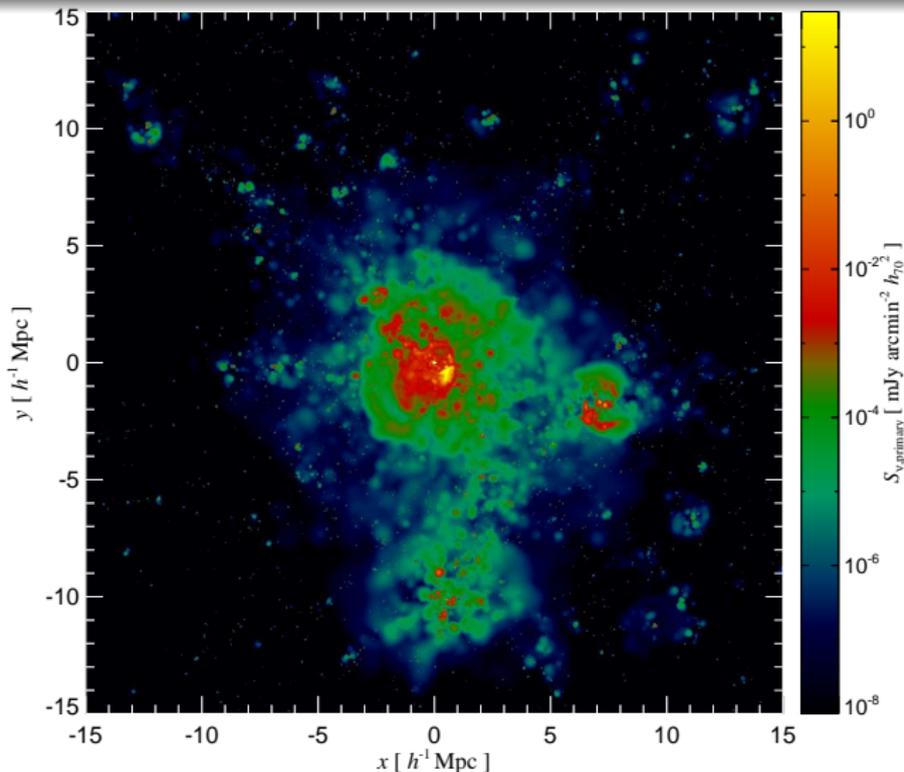


Observational diagnostics:

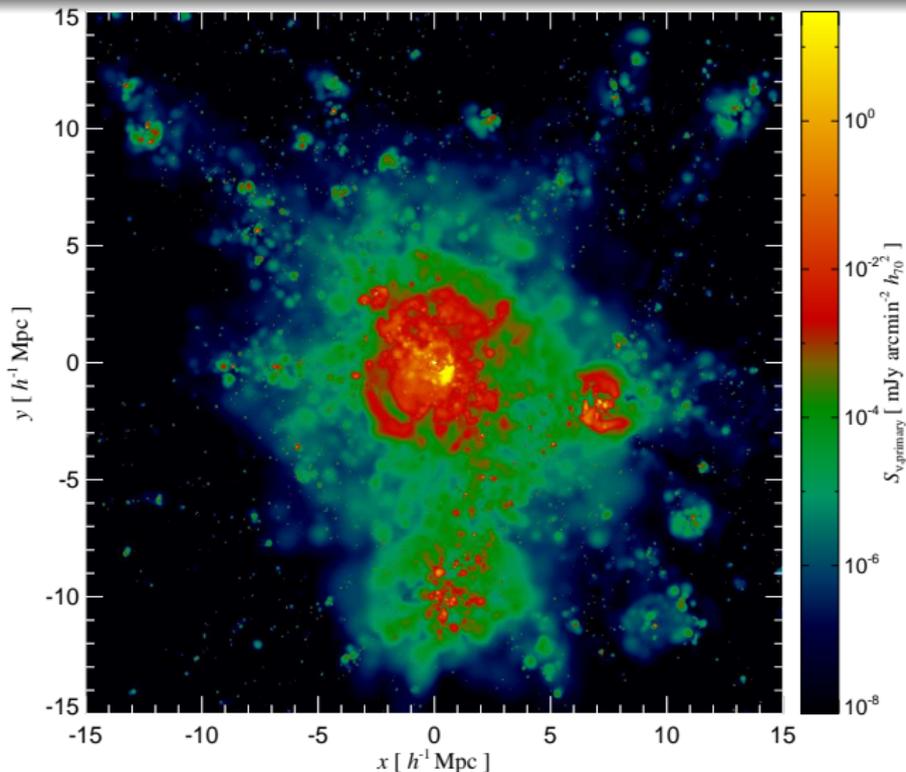
Cosmic web: Mach number



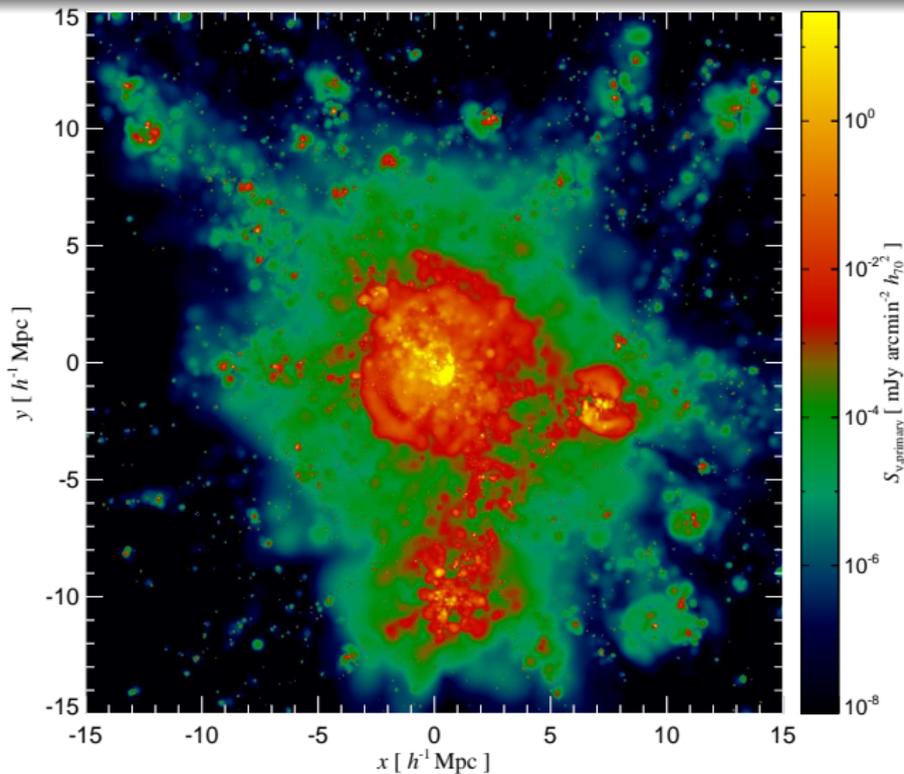
Radio gischt (relics): primary CRe (1.4 GHz)



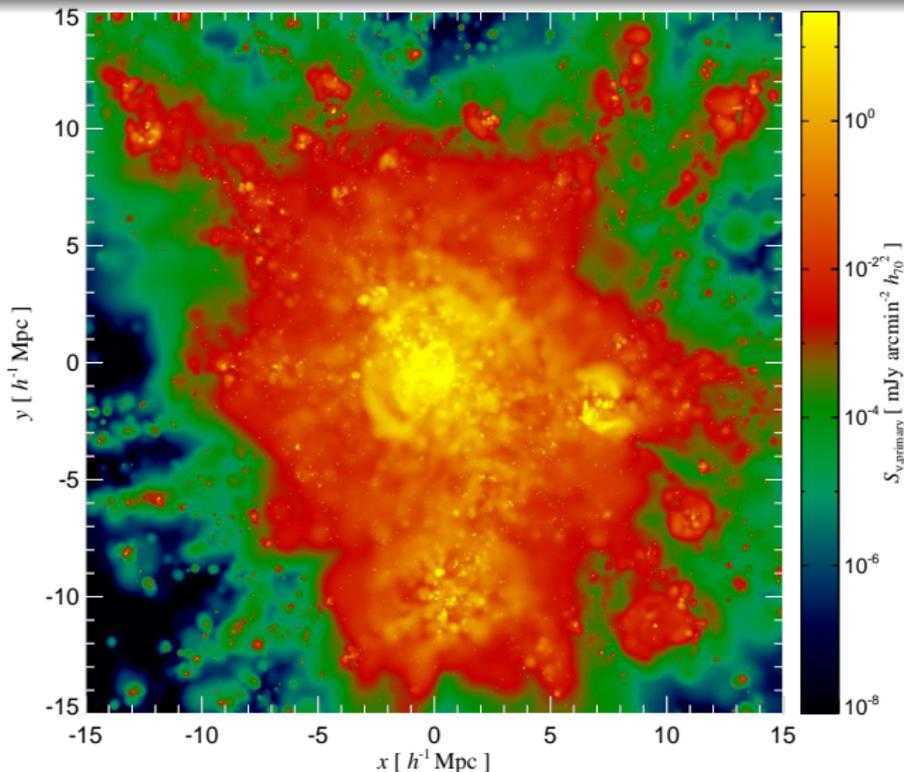
Radio gischt: primary CRE (150 MHz)



Radio gischt: primary CRE (15 MHz)



Radio gischt: primary CRE (15 MHz), slower magnetic decline



Particle reactions

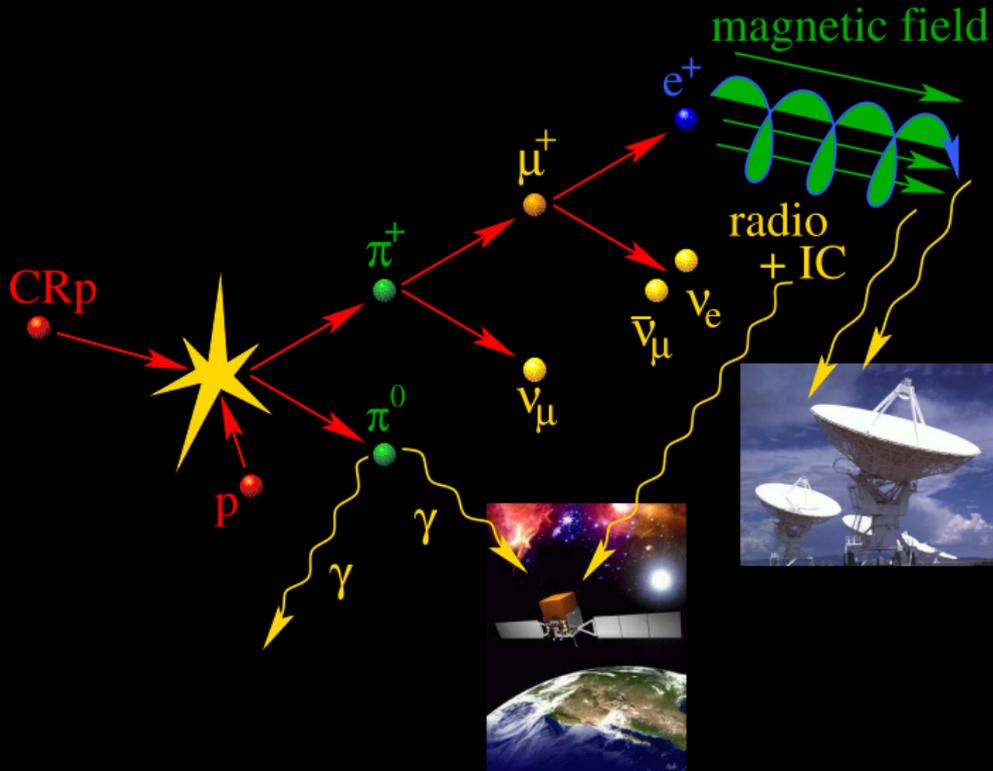
relativistic **proton** populations can often be expected, since

- acceleration mechanisms work for protons ...
 - ... as efficient as for electrons (adiabatic compression) or
 - ... more efficient than for electrons (DSA, stochastic acc.)
- galactic CR protons are observed to have 100 times higher energy density than electrons
- CR protons are very inert against radiative losses and therefore long-lived (\sim Hubble time in galaxy clusters, longer outside)

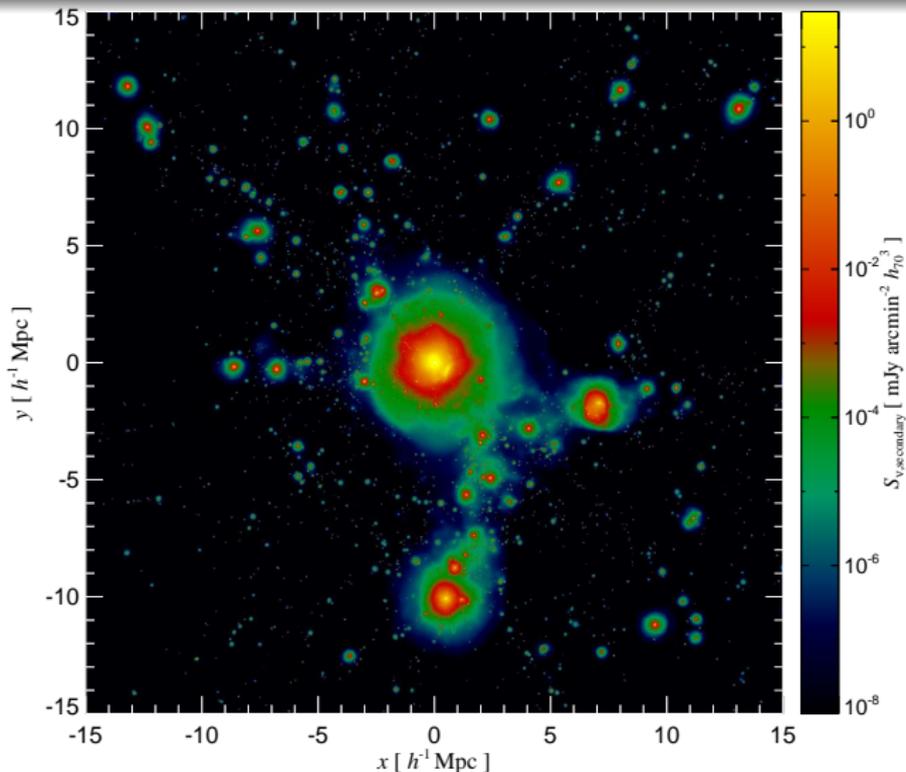
→ **an energetic CR proton population should exist in clusters**



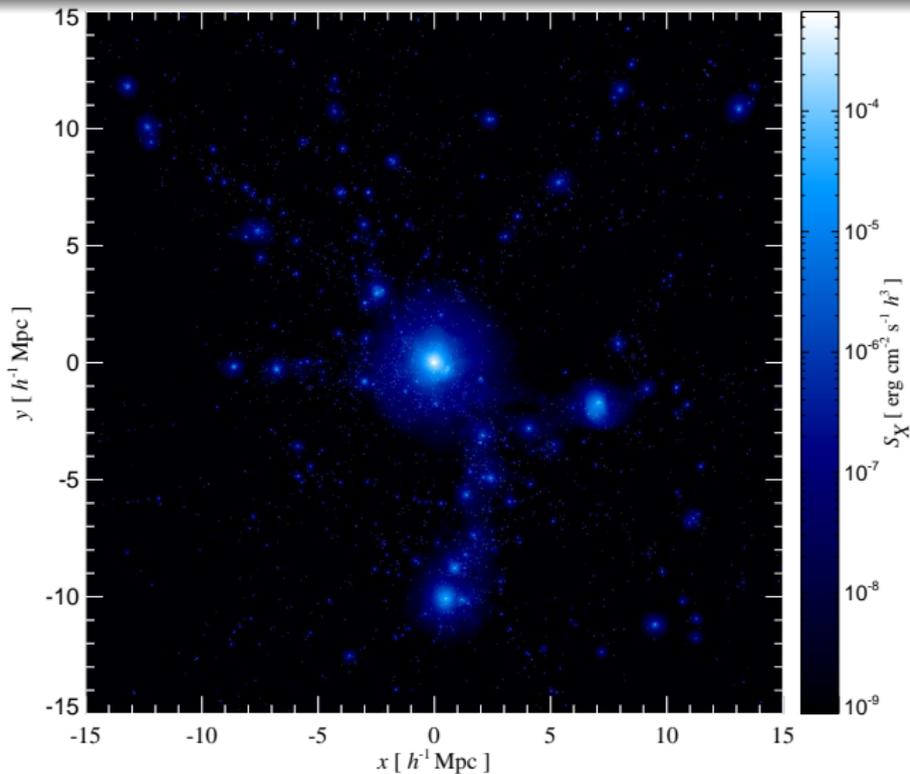
Hadronic cosmic ray proton interaction



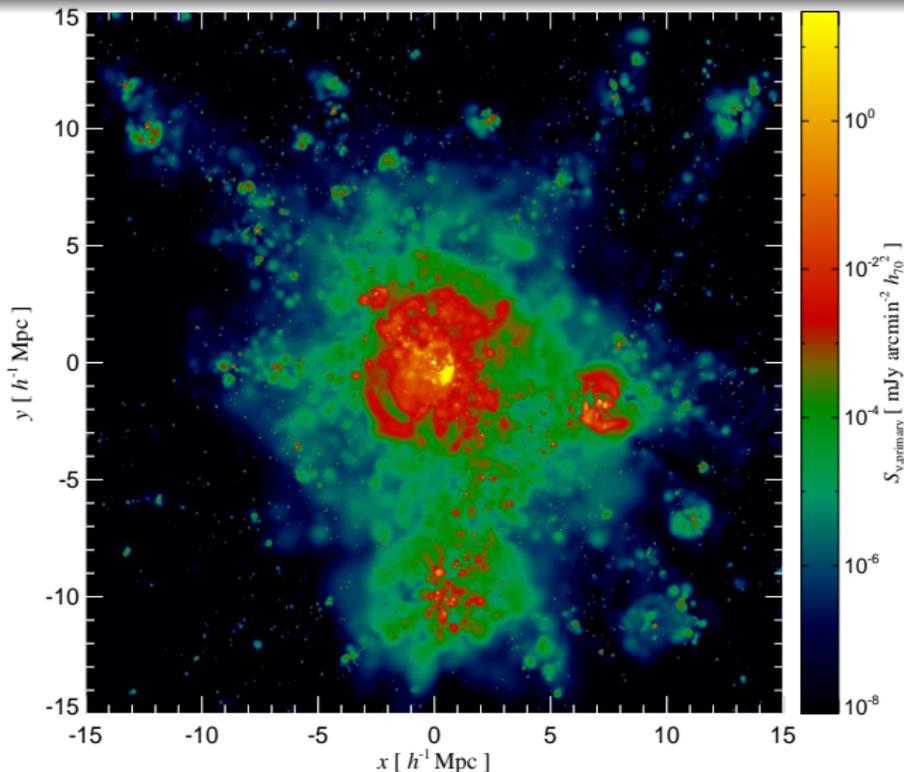
Cluster radio emission by hadronically produced CRe



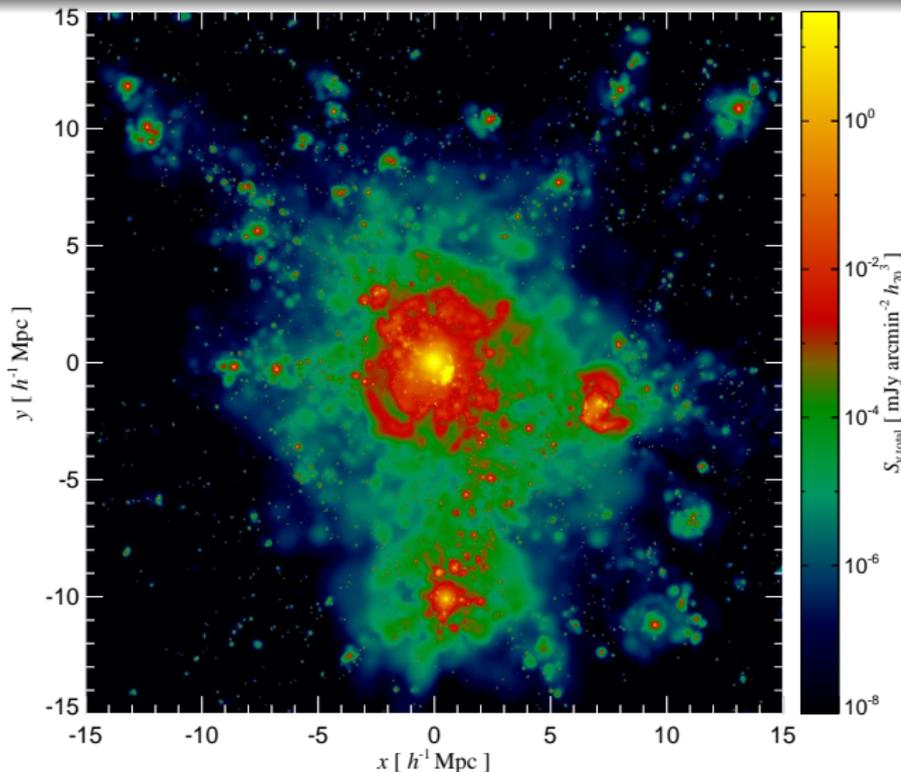
Thermal X-ray emission



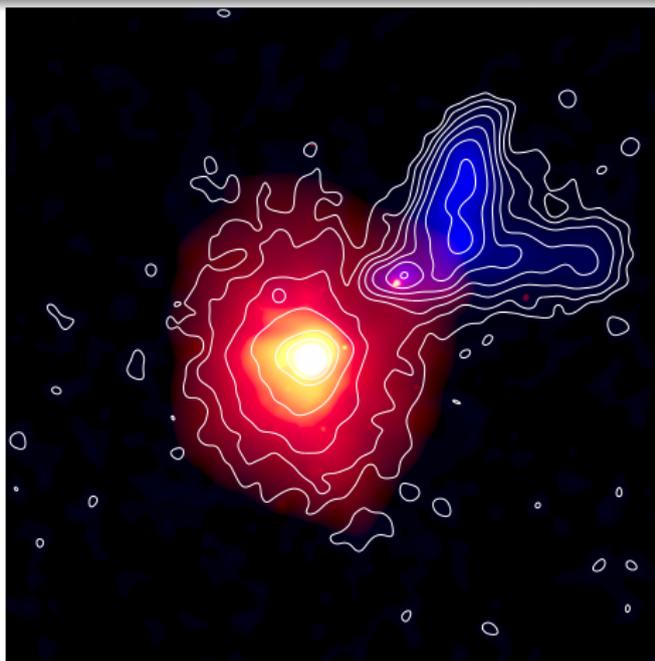
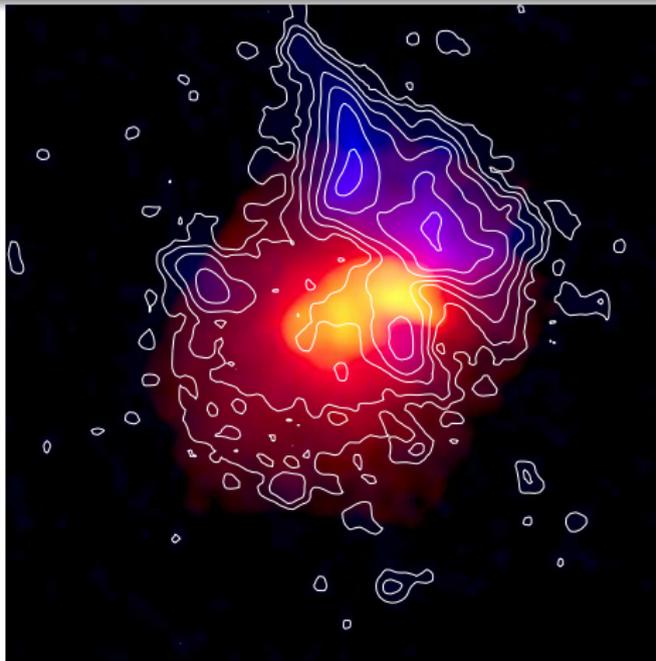
Radio gischt: primary CRE (150 MHz)



Radio gischt + central hadronic halo = giant radio halo

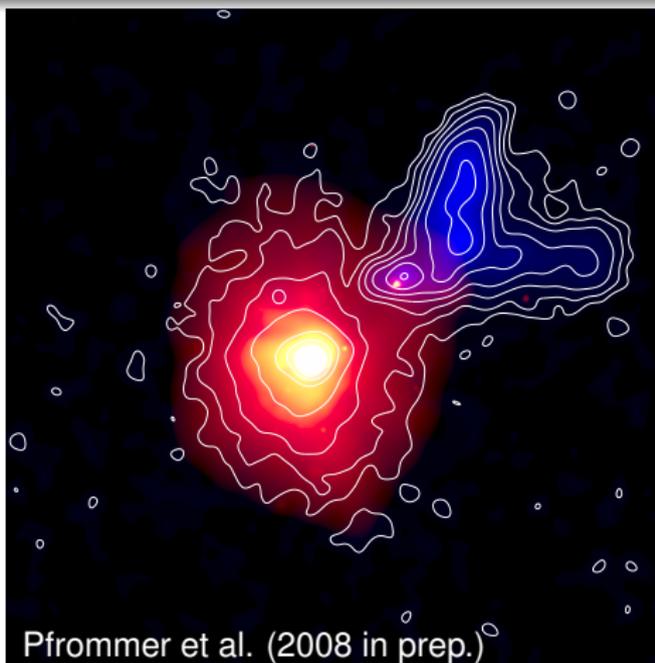
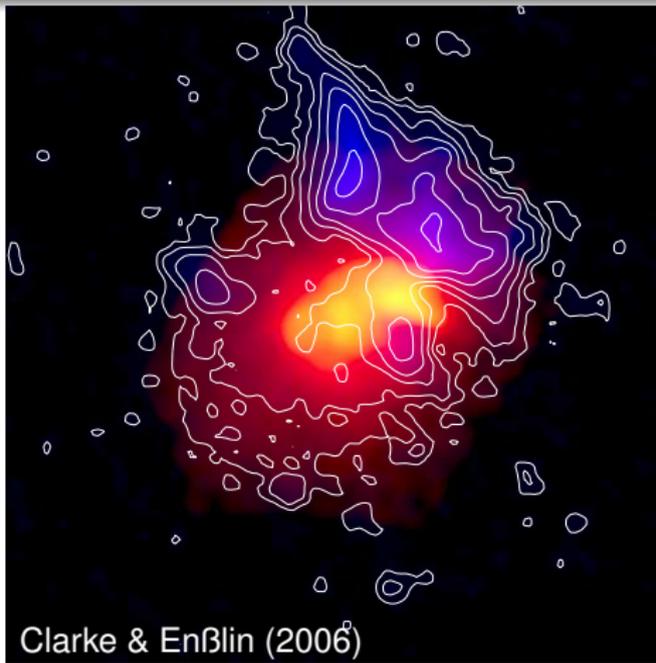


Which one is the simulation/observation of A2256?



red/yellow: thermal X-ray emission,
blue/contours: 1.4 GHz radio emission with giant radio halo and relic

Observation – simulation of A2256



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Unified model of radio halos and relics

Cluster radio emission varies with dynamical stage of a cluster:

- Cluster relaxes and develops cool core: **radio mini-halo develops** due to hadronically produced CR electrons, magnetic fields are adiabatically compressed (cooling gas triggers **radio mode feedback of AGN** that outshines mini-halo → selection effect).
- Cluster experiences **major merger**: two leading shock waves are produced that become stronger as they break at the shallow peripheral cluster potential → shock-acceleration of primary electrons and **development of radio relics**.
- Generation of morphologically **complex network of virializing shock waves**. Lower sound speed in the cluster outskirts lead to strong shocks → irregular distribution of primary electrons, MHD turbulence amplifies magnetic fields.
- **Giant radio halo develops** due to (1) boost of the hadronically generated radio emission in the center (2) irregular radio 'gischt' emission in the cluster outskirts.

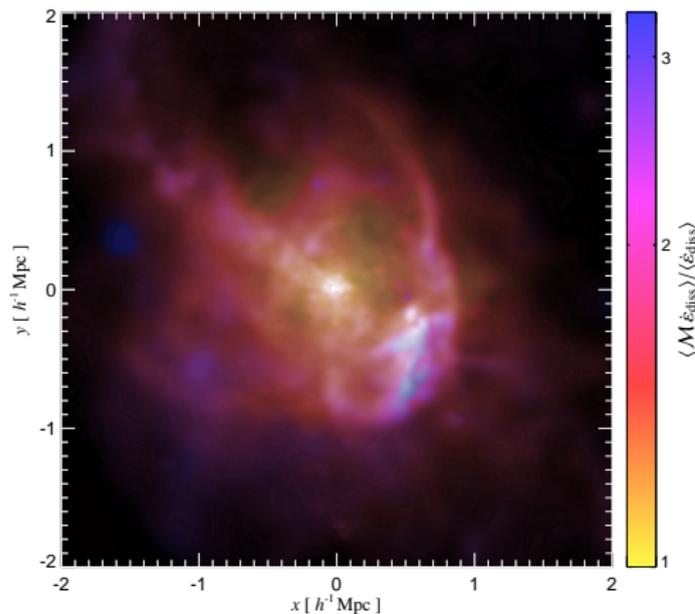


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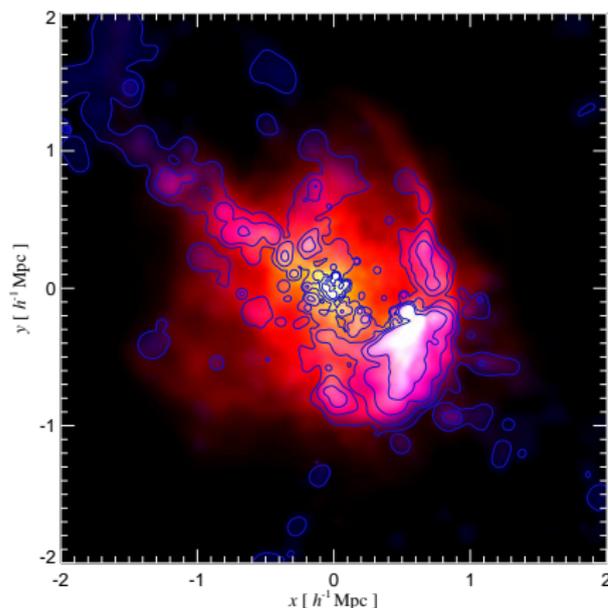
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Radio gischt illuminates cosmic magnetic fields



Structure formation shocks triggered by a recent merger of a large galaxy cluster.



red/yellow: shock-dissipated energy,
blue/contours: 150 MHz radio gischt
emission from shock-accelerated CR



Diffuse cluster radio emission – an inverse problem

Exploring the magnetized cosmic web

Battaglia, Pfrommer, Sievers, Bond, EnBlin (2008):

By suitably combining the observables associated with **polarized low frequency radio emission*** from galaxy clusters, we can probe

- the **strength and coherence scale of magnetic fields** on scales of galaxy clusters,
- the process of **diffusive shock acceleration of electrons**,
- the **existence and properties of the WHIM**,
- the observables beyond the thermal cluster emission which are sensitive to the **dynamical state of the cluster**.

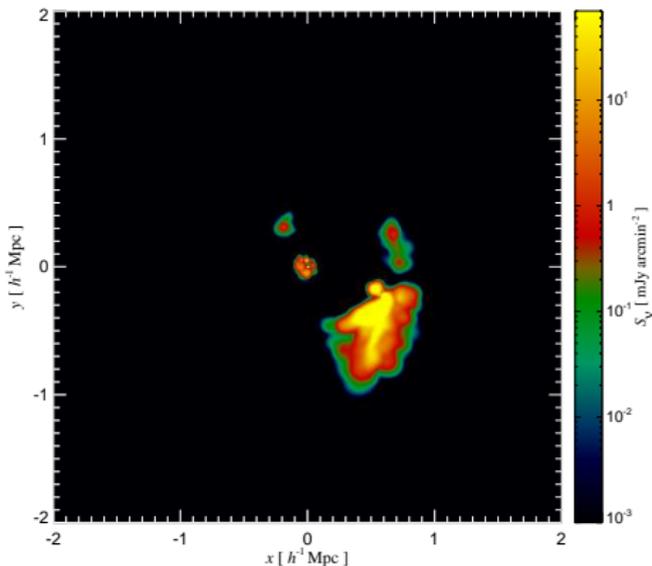
* future radio interferometers @ $\nu \sim 150$ MHz: GMRT, LOFAR, MWA, LWA



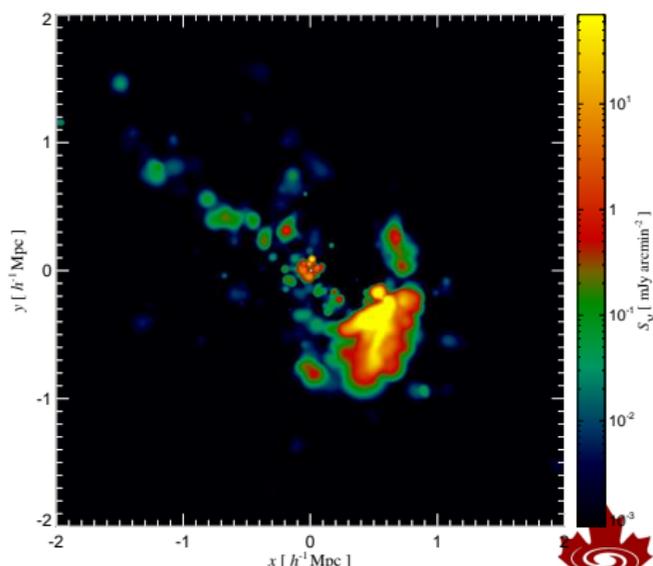
Population of faint radio relics in merging clusters

Probing the large scale magnetic fields

Finding radio relics in 3D cluster simulations using a friends-of-friends finder with an emission threshold \rightarrow relic luminosity function



radio map with GMRT emissivity threshold

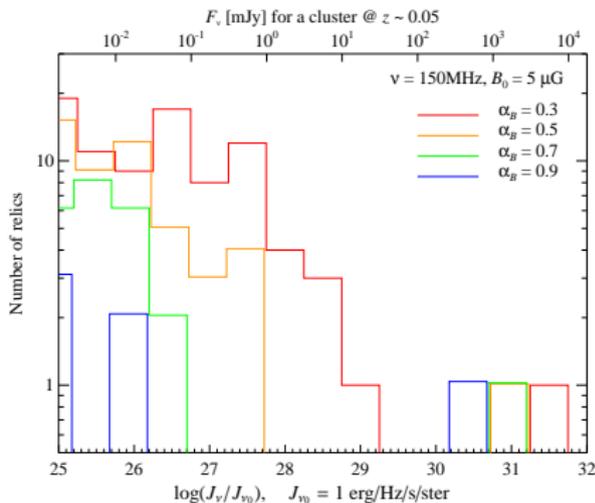


"theoretical" threshold (towards SKA)

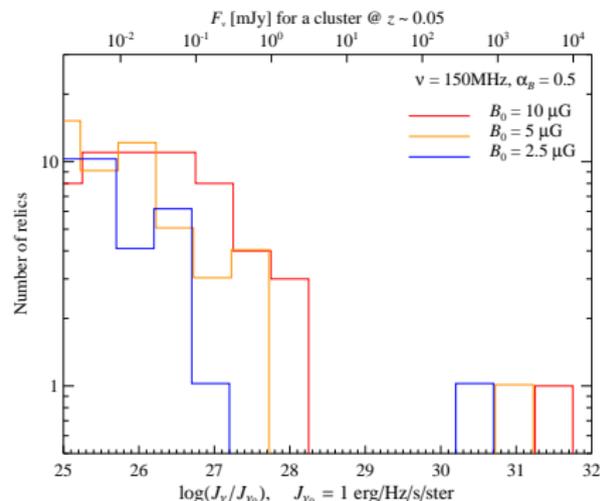


Relic luminosity function – theory

Relic luminosity function is very sensitive to **large scale behavior of the magnetic field** and dynamical state of cluster:



varying magnetic decline with radius



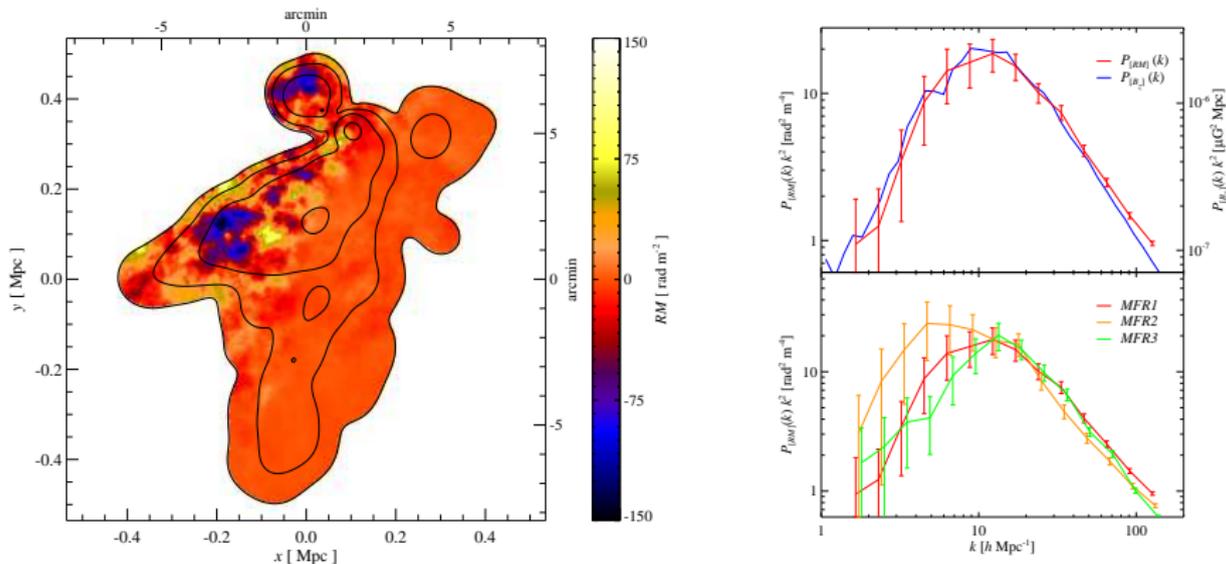
varying overall normalization of the magnetic field



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Rotation measure (RM)

RM maps and power spectra have the potential to infer the magnetic pressure support and discriminate the nature of MHD turbulence in clusters:



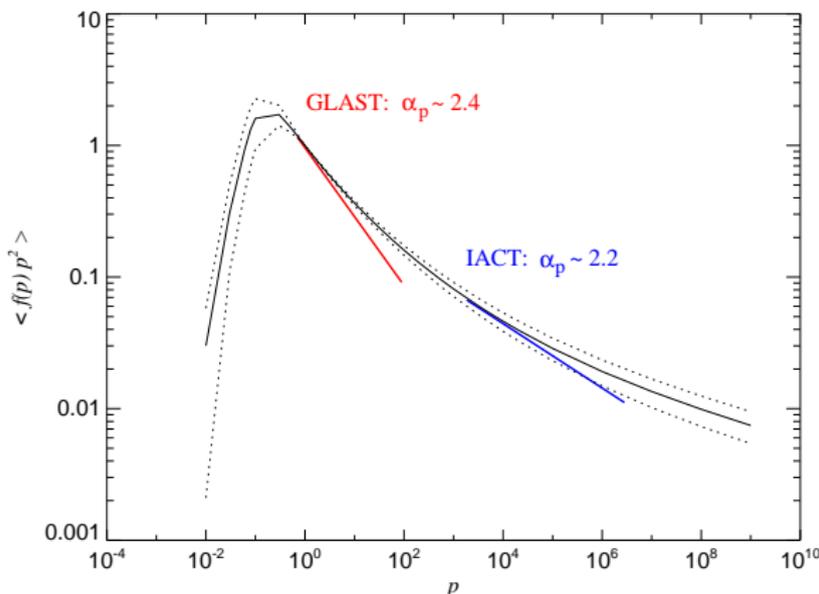
Left: RM map of the largest relic, right: Magnetic and RM power spectrum comparing Kolmogorow and Burgers turbulence models.

The quest for high-energy γ -ray emission from clusters

Multi-messenger approach towards fundamental astrophysics

- 1 complements **current non-thermal observations** of galaxy clusters in radio and hard X-rays:
 - identifying the **nature of emission processes**
 - unveiling the **contribution of cosmic ray protons**
- 2 elucidates the **nature of dark matter**:
 - disentangling **annihilation signal** vs. CR induced γ -rays
 - spectral and morphological γ -ray signatures \rightarrow **DM properties**
- 3 probes **plasma astrophysics**:
 - macroscopic parameters for **diffusive shock acceleration**
 - combination of inverse Compton and radio emission sensitive to **magnetic fields**

Universal CR spectrum in clusters

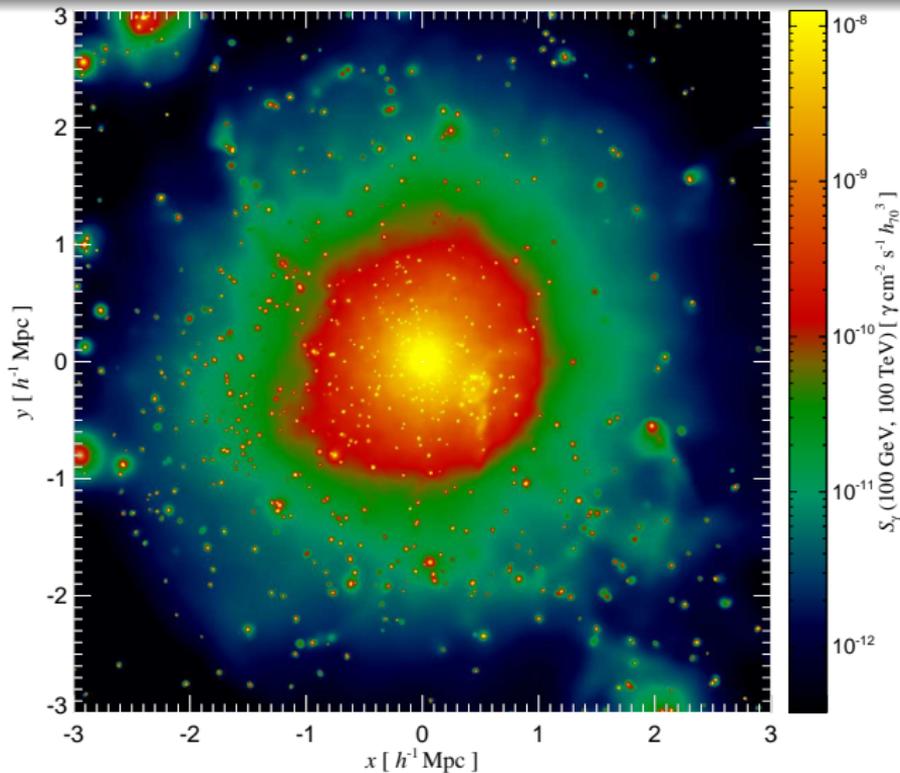


Preliminary: normalized CR spectrum shows **universal concave shape** \rightarrow
governed mainly by hierarchical structure formation and adiabatic CR
transport processes. (Pinzke & Pfrommer, in prep.)

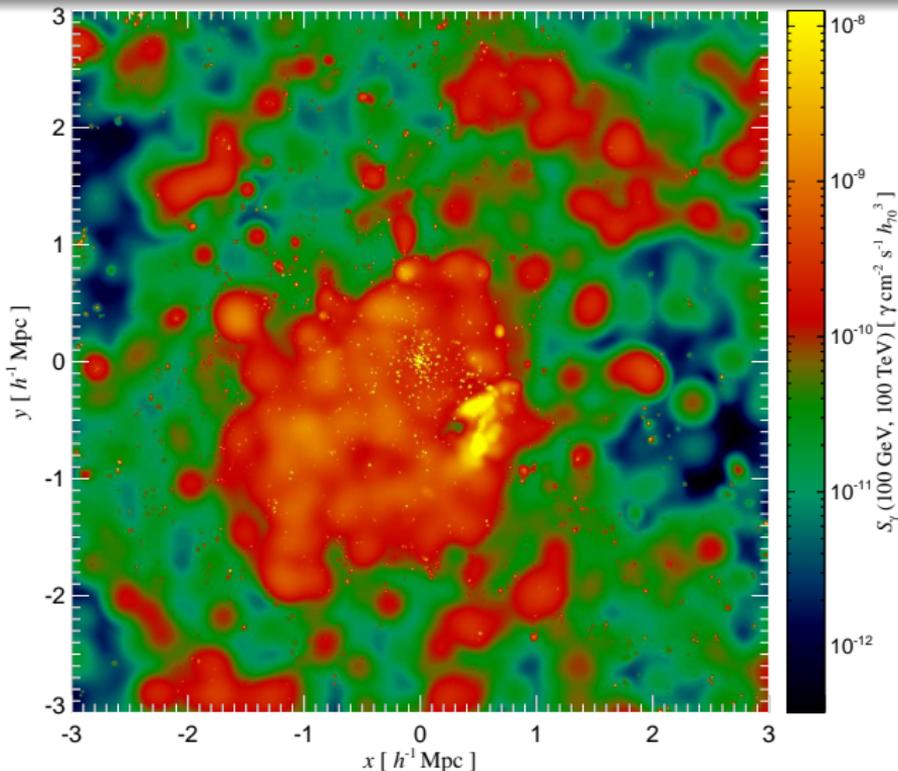


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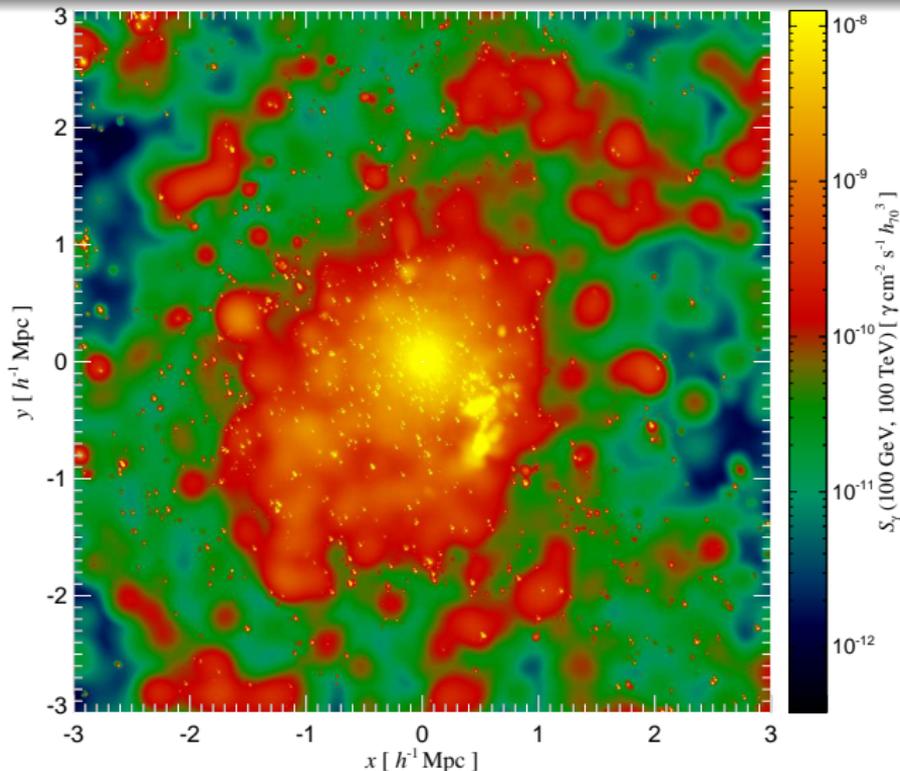
Hadronic γ -ray emission, $E_\gamma > 100$ GeV



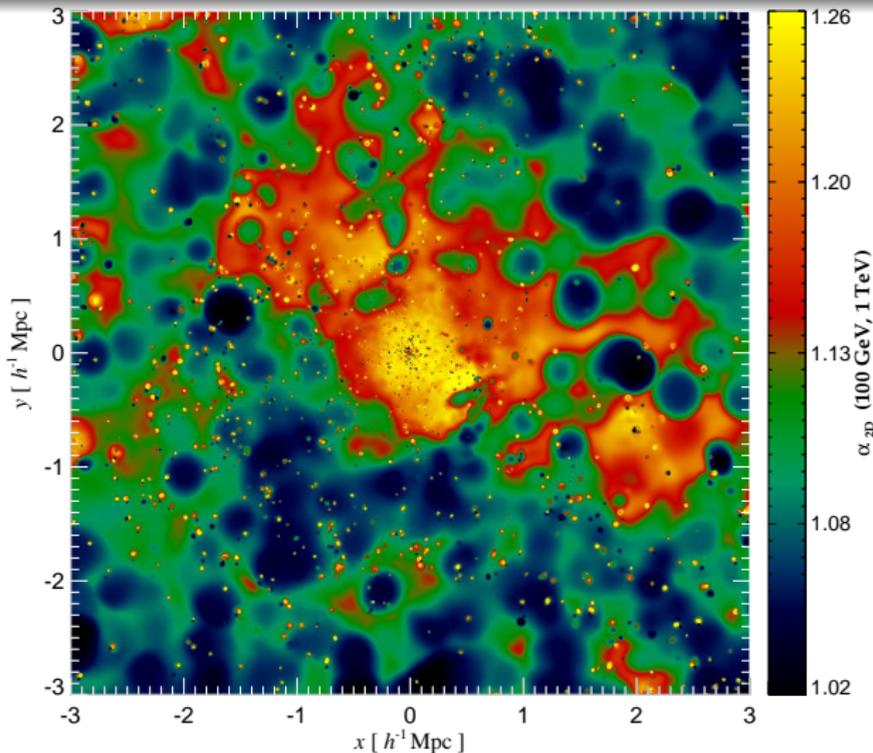
Inverse Compton emission, $E_{IC} > 100$ GeV



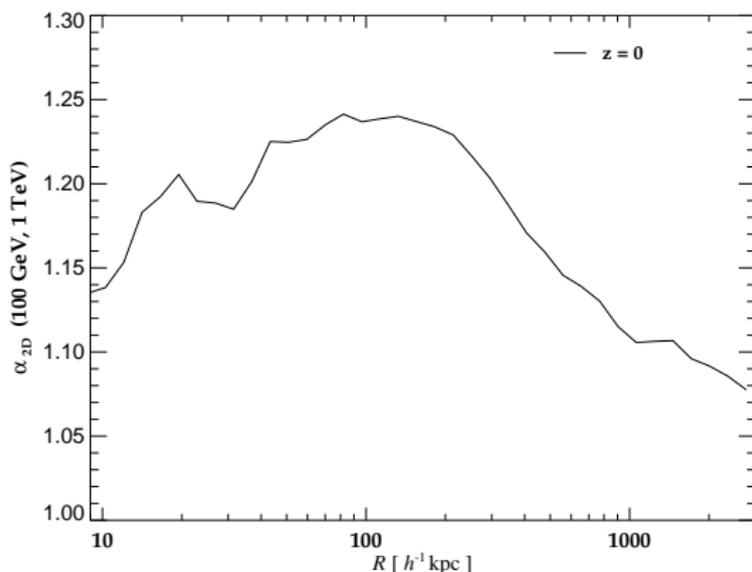
Total γ -ray emission, $E_\gamma > 100$ GeV



Photon index $\Gamma_{100 \text{ GeV}}^{1 \text{ TeV}}$



Profile of photon index $\Gamma_{100 \text{ GeV}}^1$

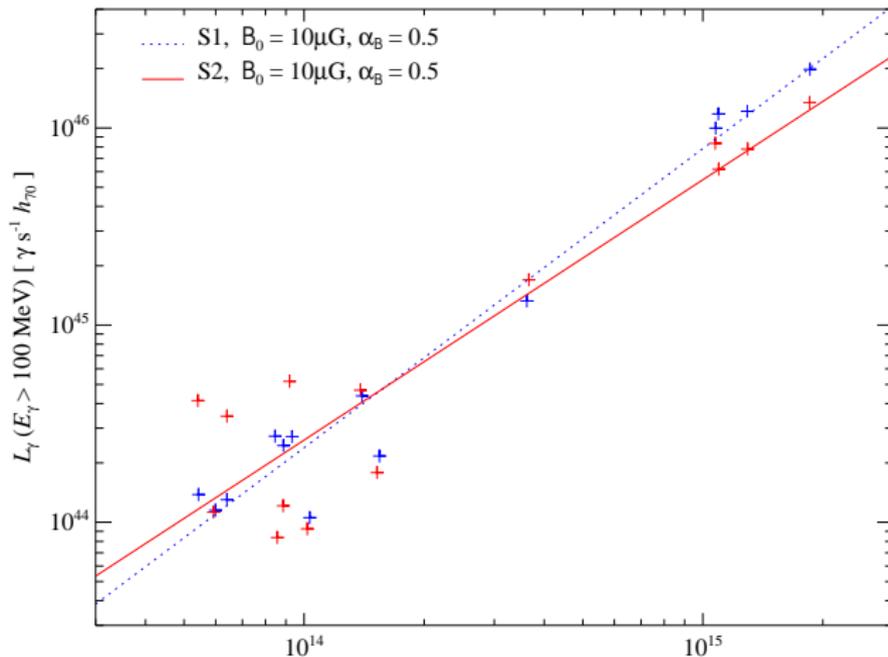


Smooth variation of Γ : inner parts dominated by pion decay, transition to primary IC from formation shocks at cluster periphery and WHIM

→ **bright prospects for DM annihilation!** (Pinzke & Pfrommer, in prep.)



Gamma-ray scaling relations

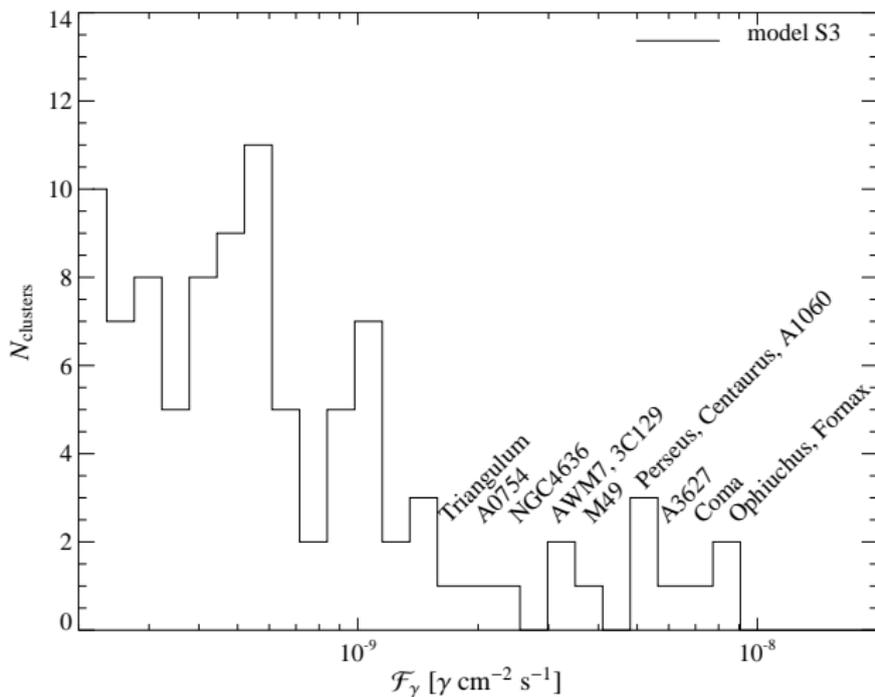


Scaling relation + complete sample of the brightest X-ray clusters (HIFLUCGS) \rightarrow predictions for GLAST

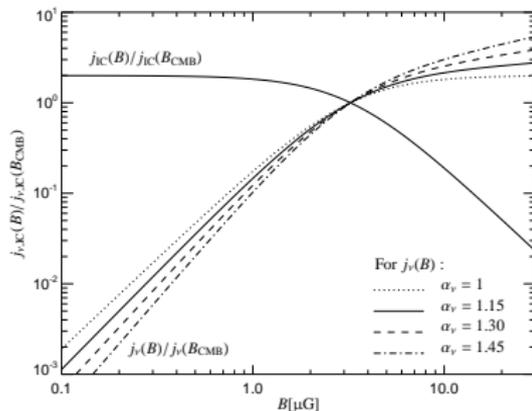


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Predicted cluster sample for GLAST



Minimum γ -ray flux in the hadronic model (1)



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γ -ray luminosity:

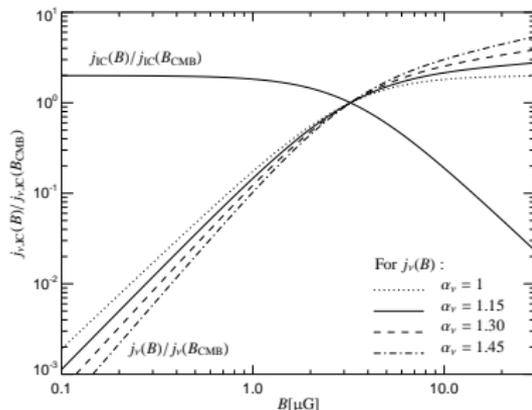
$$L_\gamma = A_\gamma \int dV n_{\text{CR}} n_{\text{gas}}$$

\rightarrow minimum γ -ray flux:

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Minimum γ -ray flux in the hadronic model (2)

Minimum γ -ray flux ($E_\gamma > 100$ MeV) for the Coma cluster:

CR spectral index	2.0	2.3	2.6	2.9
$\mathcal{F}_\gamma [10^{-10} \gamma \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}]$	0.8	1.6	3.4	7.1

- These limits can be made even tighter when considering energy constraints, $P_B < P_{\text{gas}}/20$ and B -fields derived from Faraday rotation studies, $B_0 = 3 \mu\text{G}$:

$$\mathcal{F}_{\gamma, \text{COMA}} \gtrsim 2 \times 10^{-9} \gamma \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1} = \mathcal{F}_{\text{GLAST}, 2\text{yr}}$$

- Non-detection by GLAST seriously challenges the hadronic model.
- Potential of measuring the CR acceleration efficiency for diffusive shock acceleration.



Conclusions

In contrast to the thermal plasma, the non-equilibrium distributions of CRs preserve the information about their injection and transport processes and provide thus a unique window of current and past structure formation processes!

- 1 **Cosmological hydrodynamical simulations** are indispensable for understanding non-thermal processes in galaxy clusters
→ illuminating the **process of structure formation**
- 2 **Multi-messenger approach** including radio synchrotron, hard X-ray IC, and HE γ -ray emission:
 - **fundamental plasma physics**: diffusive shock acceleration, large scale magnetic fields, and turbulence
 - **nature of dark matter**
 - **gold sample** of cluster for precision cosmology



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