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- \Rightarrow what are the correct descriptions/transport coefficients for CRs, heat, viscosity, . . . ?





mainly posed by observations:

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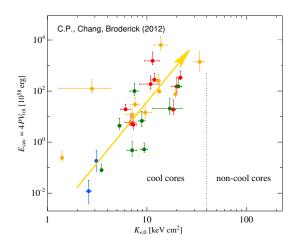


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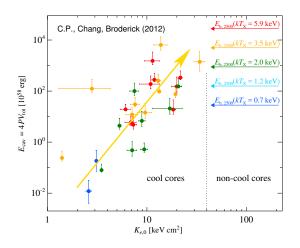
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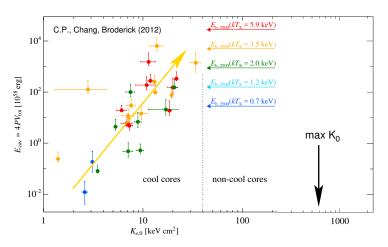
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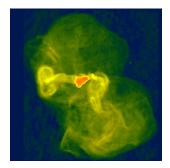
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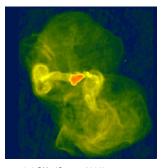
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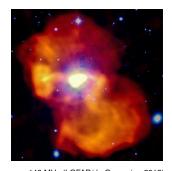




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- LOFAR: same picture → puzzle of "missing fossil electrons"
- solution: electrons are fully mixed with the dense cluster gas and cooled through Coulomb interactions $\Rightarrow \gamma$ -ray emission





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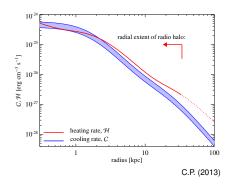
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