
Physical processes in merging galaxy clusters

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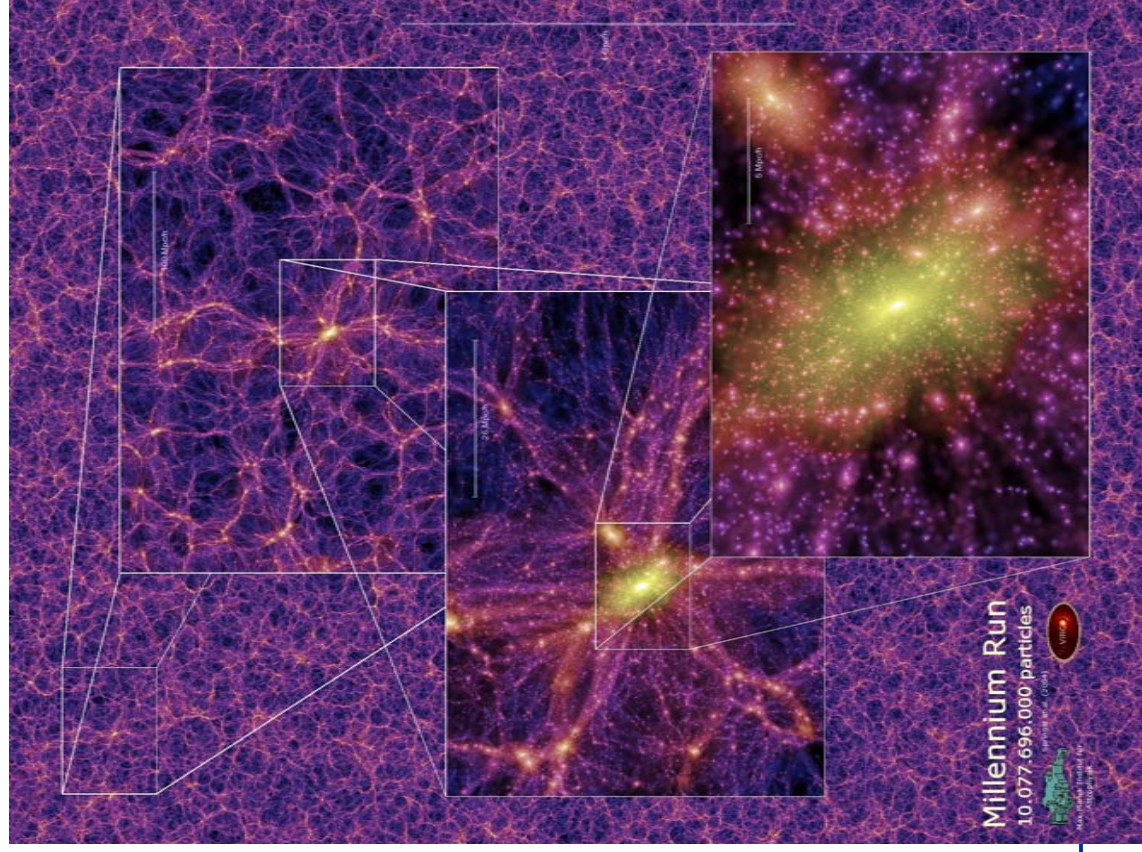
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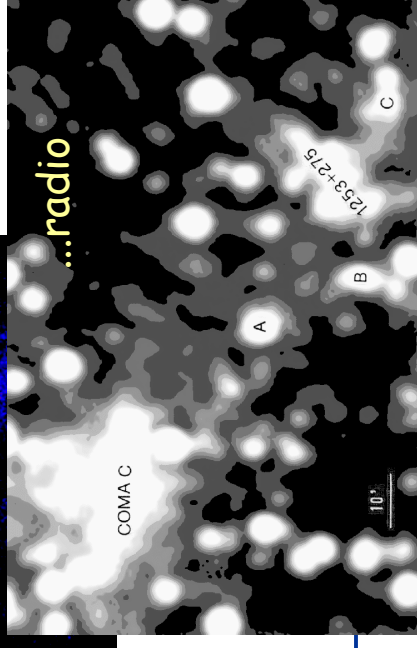
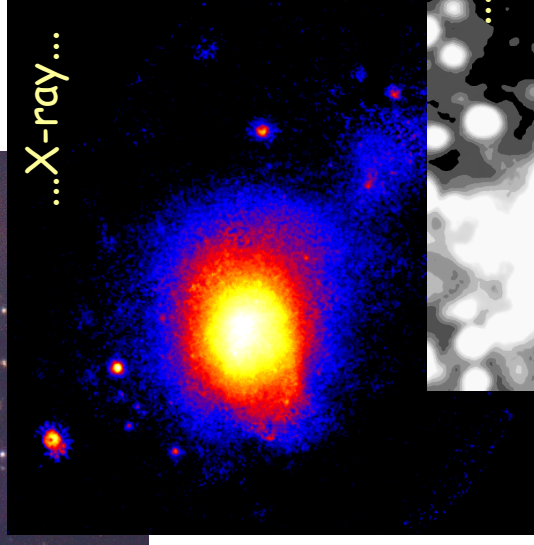
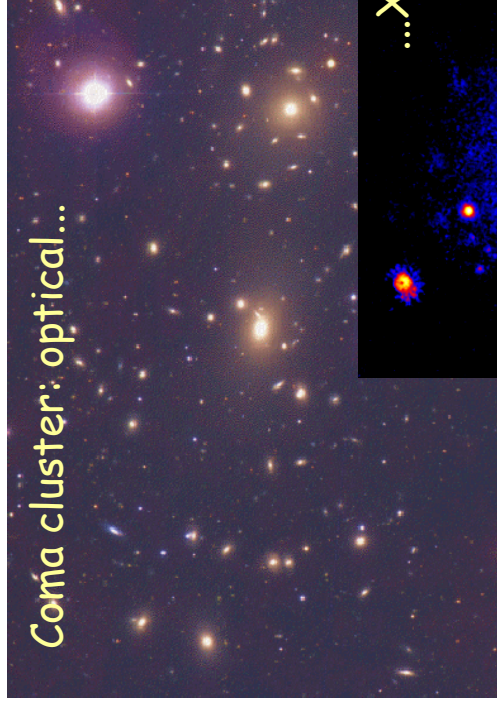
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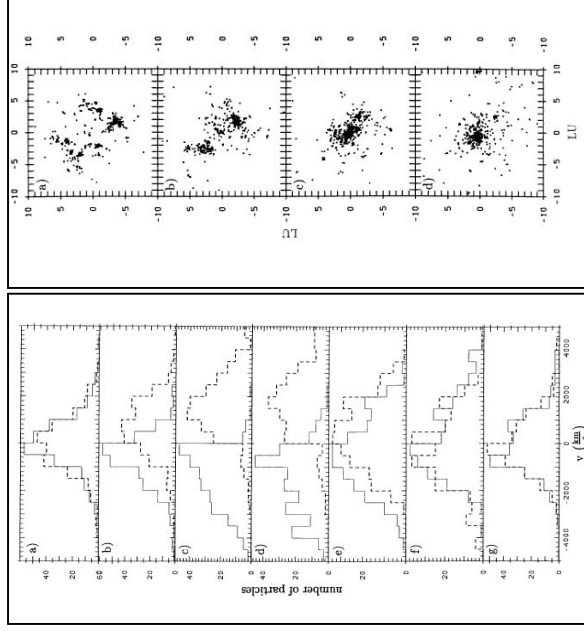


- ✓ 3% M_{cluster} : galaxies → optical
- ✓ 16% M_{cluster} : hot and diffuse gas (ICM) → X
- ✓ ~0% M_{cluster} : relativistic particles + magnetic fields → radio
- ✓ >80% M_{cluster} : dark matter → ?

Physics of merging clusters

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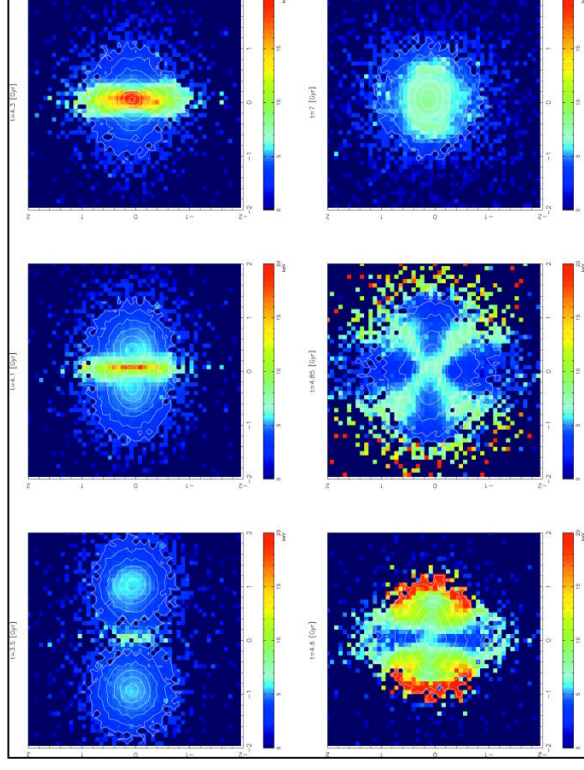
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Numerical simulations:

spatial and velocity distribution of cluster galaxies

Schindler & Müller 1993



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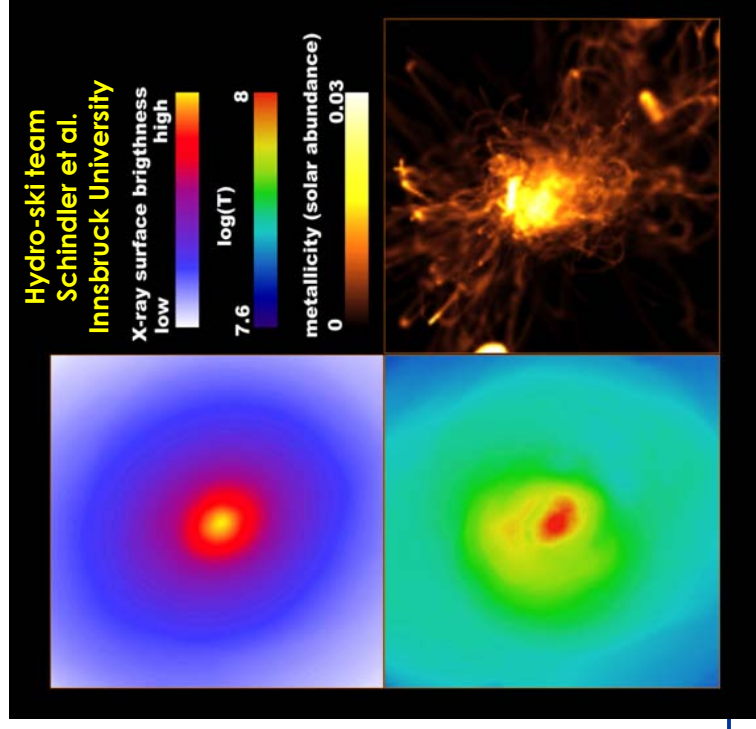
ICM temperature maps & density contours

Takizawa et al. 1999

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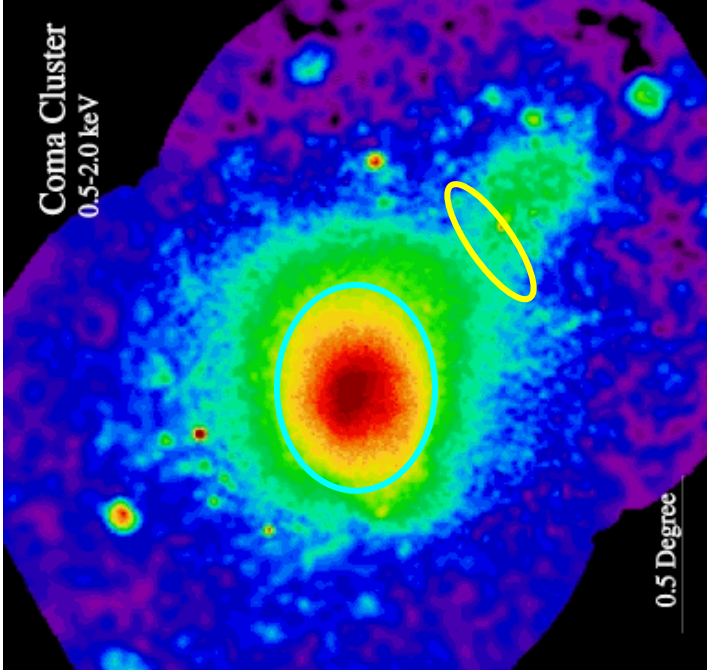


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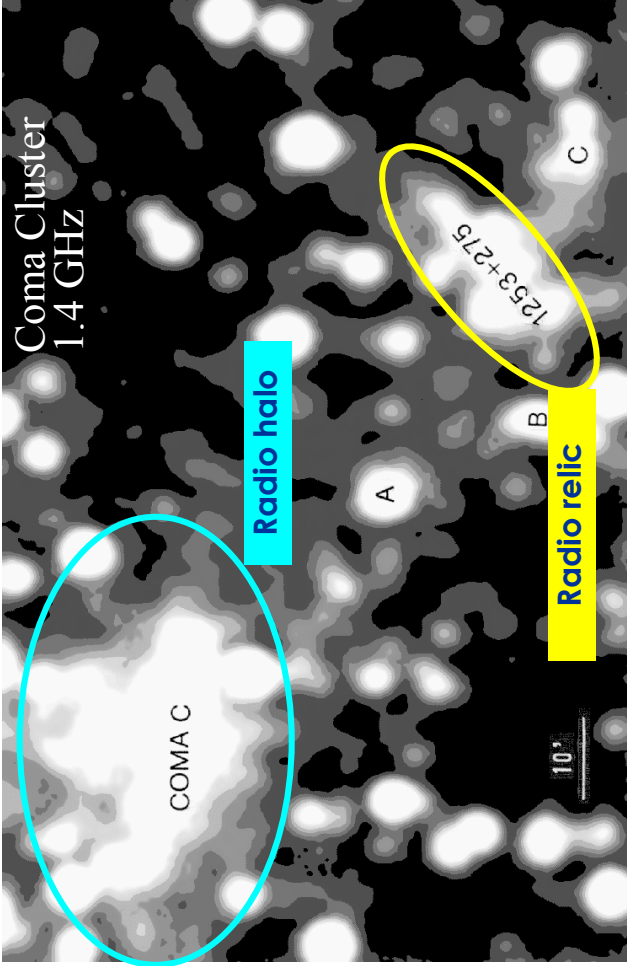
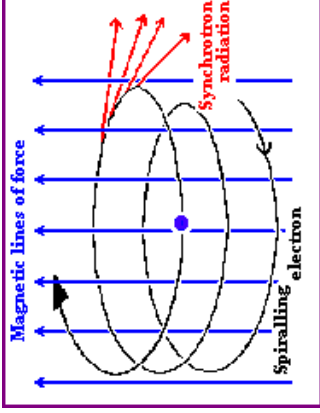
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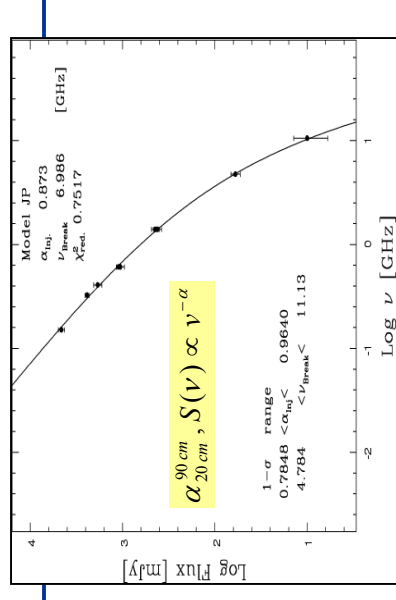
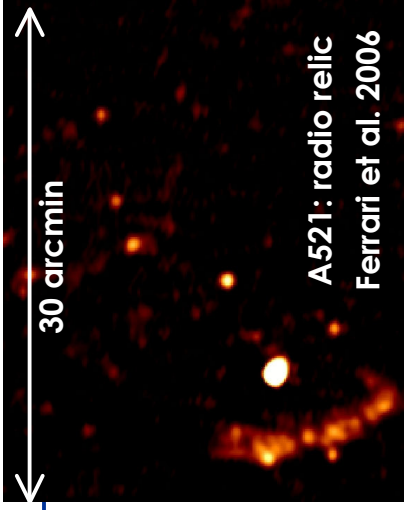
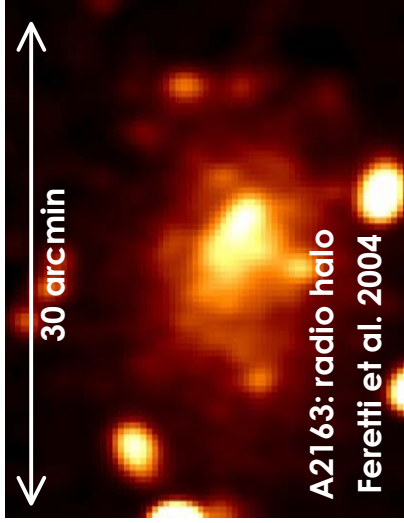
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Extended and diffuse radio emission in galaxy clusters



- ✓ magnetic field (μGauss)
- ✓ relativistic electrons (GeV)





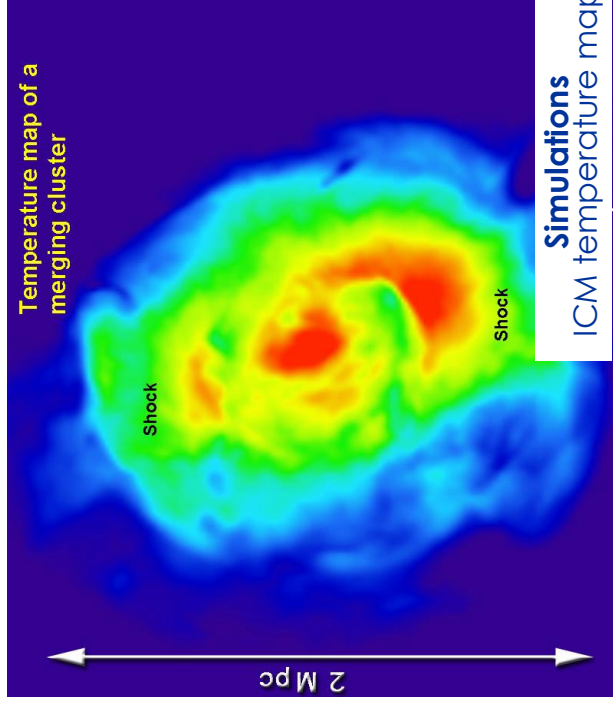
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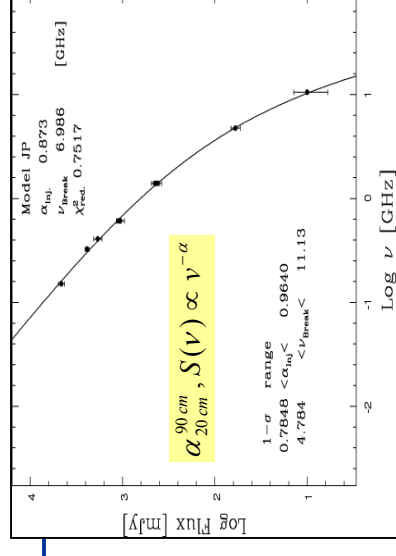
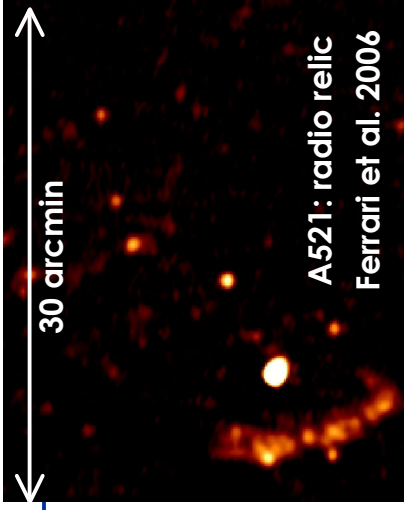
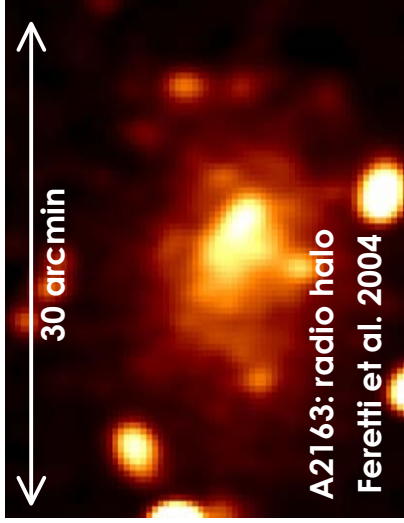
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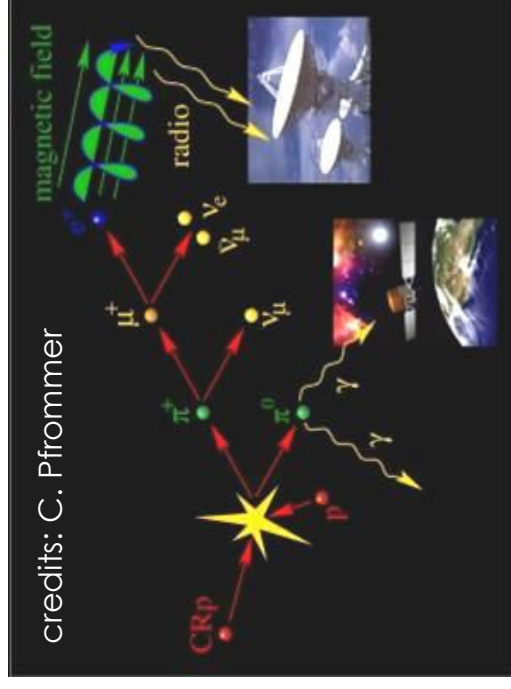
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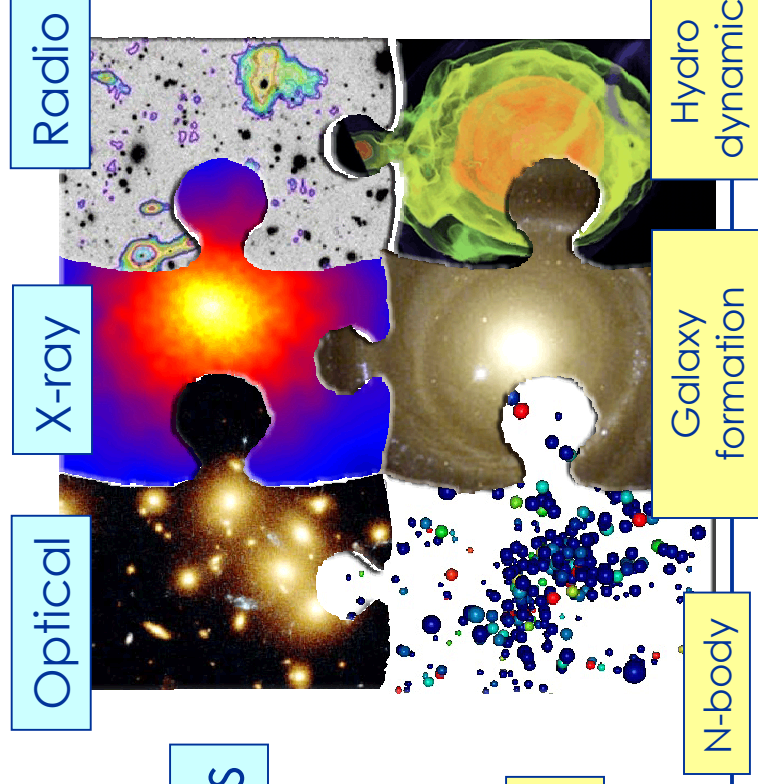


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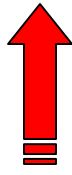
Observations



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characterisation of the merging process

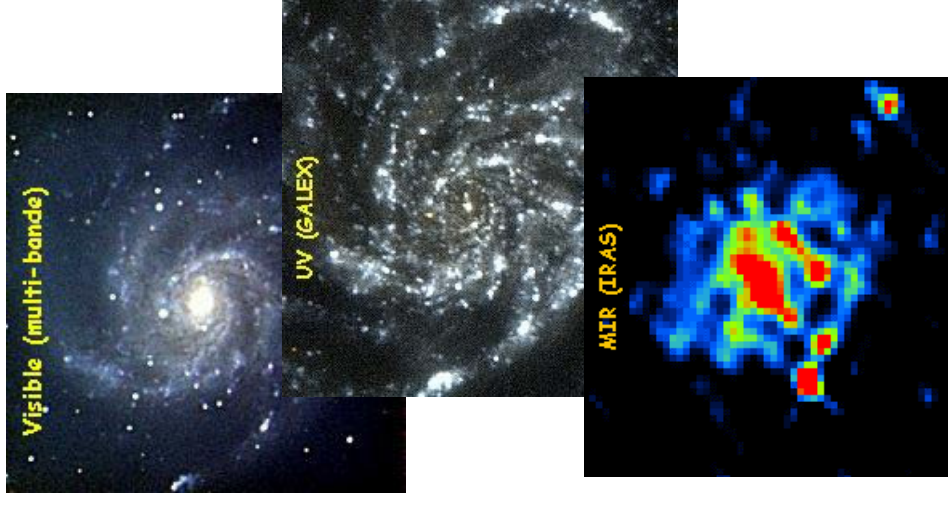
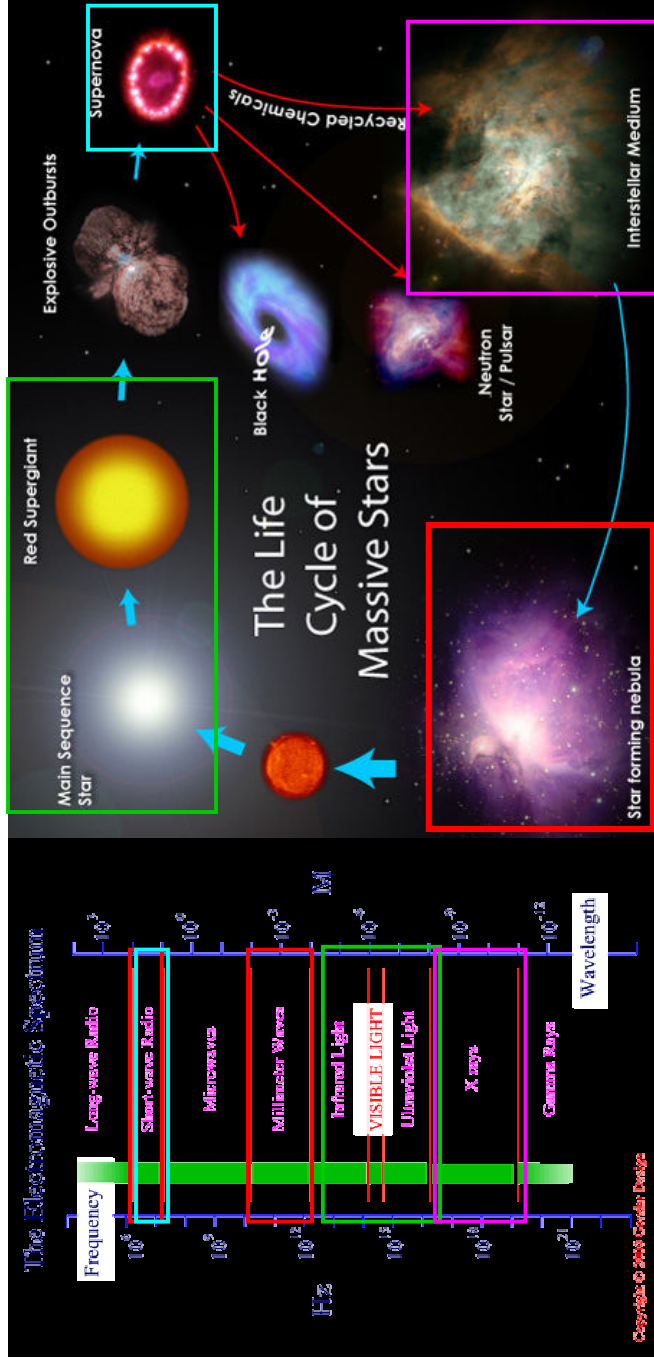


- ✓ Evolution of the internal properties of galaxies: colour, star-formation rate (SFR), morphology...

Evolution of cluster galaxies with z: connection with cluster mergers ?

- ✓ Increasing fraction of star-forming (SF) / post-star-forming (PSF) cluster galaxies with z
 - ✓ Increasing population of blue galaxies in clusters with z (Butcher-Oemler effect)
 - ✓ Both observations and simulations suggest that cluster mergers can either weaken or trigger SF (e.g. Gavazzi et al. 2003; Venturi et al. 2003; Giacintucci et al. 2004; Evrard 1991; Fujita 1999; Bekki 1999)
 - ✓ Some of the possible physical mechanisms (see Boselli & Gavazzi 2006 for a review):
 - ram-pressure of the ICM on the ISM ($\propto \rho_{\text{ICM}} \times v_{\text{Gal}}^2$): compression or stripping (Evrard 1991; Fujita et al. 1999)
 - interactions, collisions and merging between galaxies (e.g. Combes 2004 for a recent review)
 - tidal effects due to rapid changes in the gravitational field of merging clusters (Bekki 1999)
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Evolution of cluster galaxies: star-formation

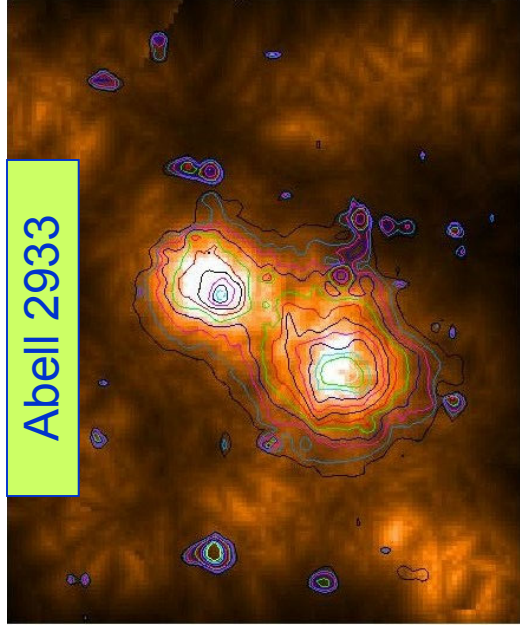


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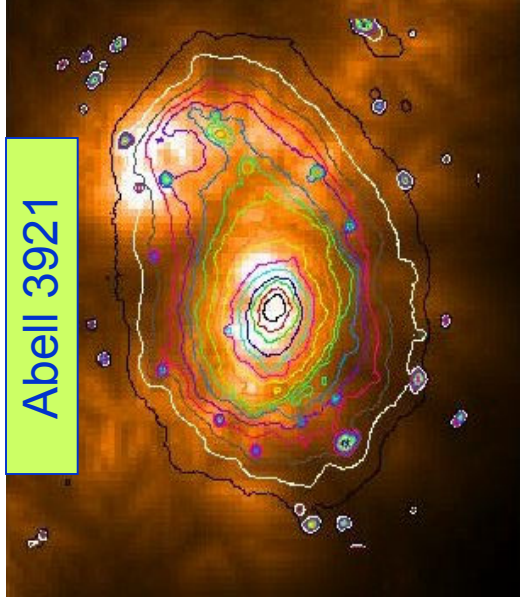
Multi-wavelength Sample of Interacting Clusters

In collaboration with:

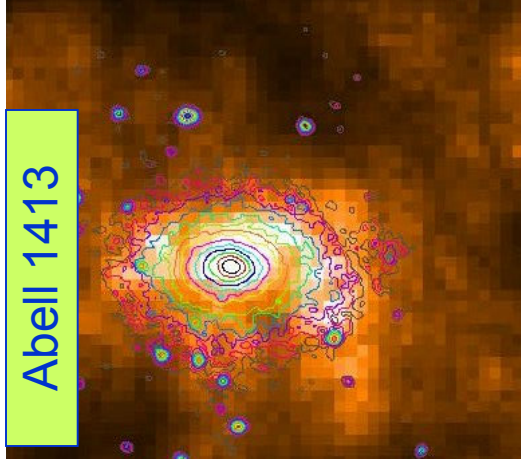
OCA (optical) + Saclay (X-ray) + IRA/Un.Sydney (radio) + Innsbruck (numerical simulations)



Pre-merging



Merging



Post-merging

Optical iso-density maps + X-ray contours

X-ray:

- Sauvageot, Arnaud (SAP, F)
- Belsole (Uni.Cambridge, UK)
- Bourdin (Uni.Roma, I)
- Pratt (MPE, D)
- Ferrari (Uni.Innsbruck, A)

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- XMM
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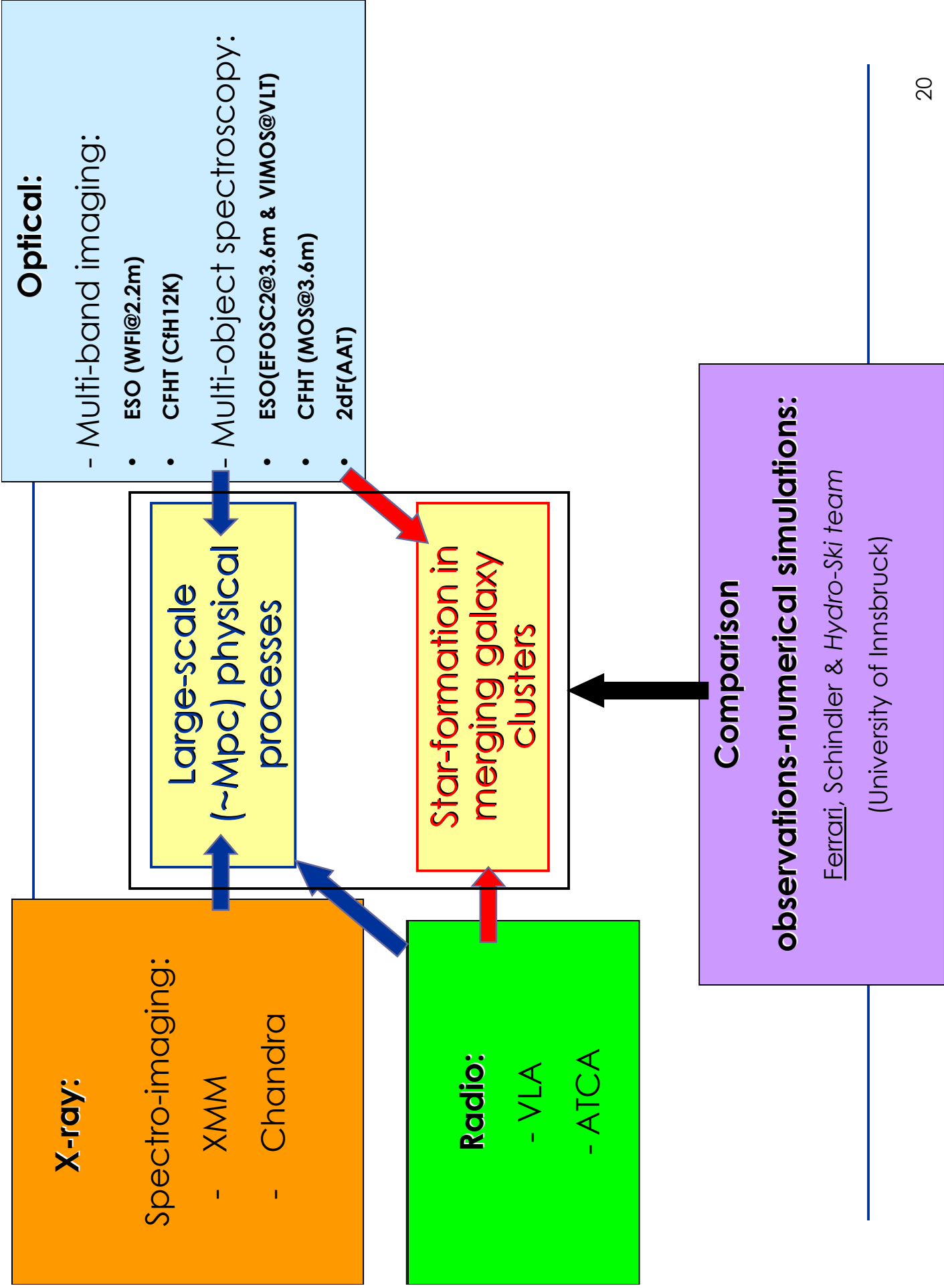
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- VLA
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MUSIC: observations

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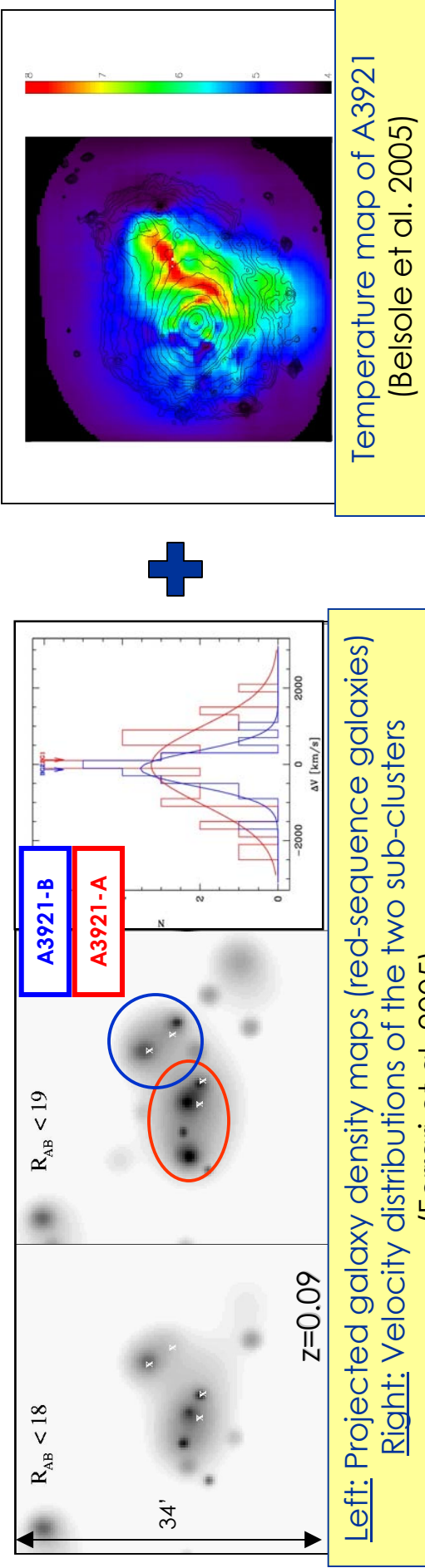
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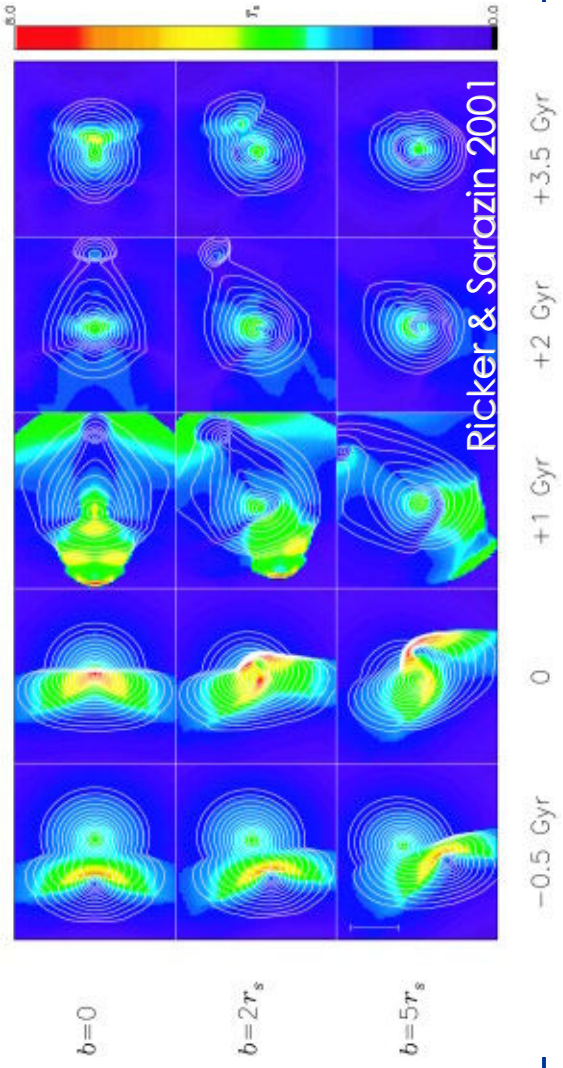
Abell 3921: the effect of cluster collisions on star formation

- ✓ **Optical (ESO)** : Ferrari, Benoist et al., 2005, A&A, 430, 19
- ✓ **X-ray (XMM)** : Belsole, Sauvageot et al., 2005, A&A, 430, 385
 - ✓ **X-ray (Chandra)** : Ferrari et al., in prep.
- ✓ **Radio (ATCA)** : Ferrari, Hunstead et al., 2006 A&A, 457, 21
- ✓ **Simulations** : Kapferer, Ferrari et al., 2006, A&A, 447, 827

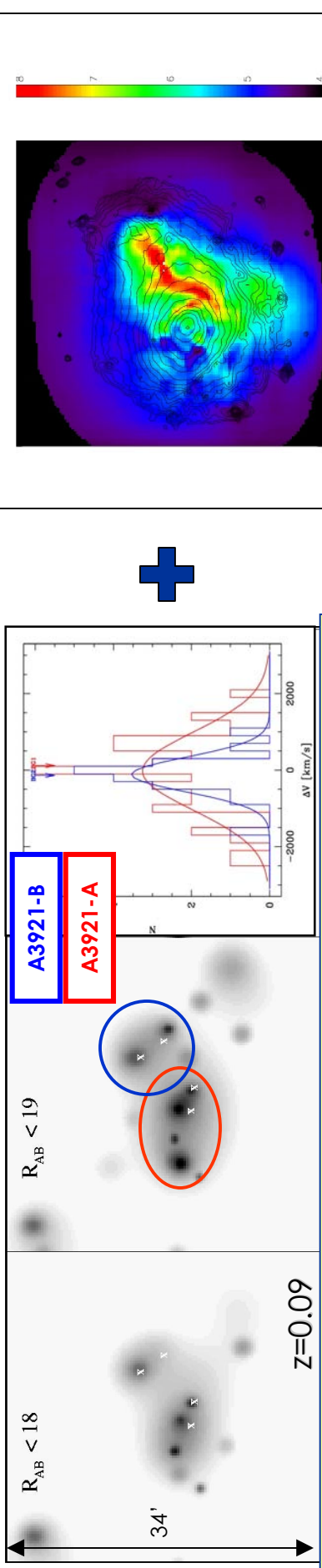
Dynamical state of A3921



Temperature map of A3921
 (Belsole et al. 2005)

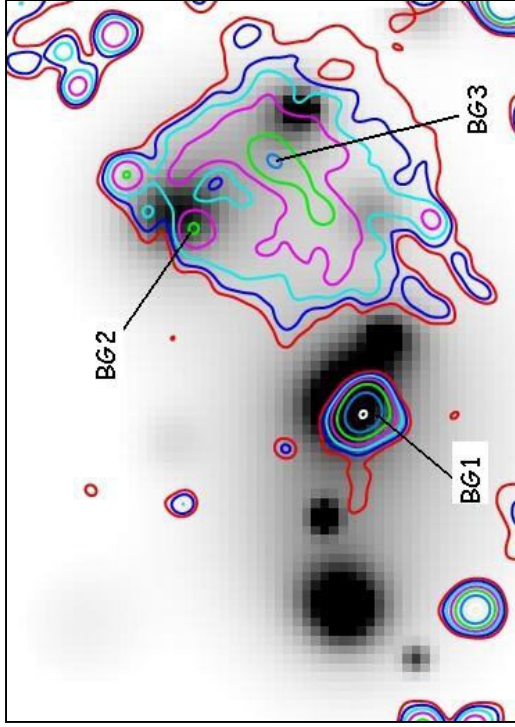


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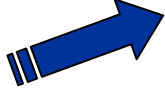


Left: Projected galaxy density maps (red-sequence galaxies)
 Right: Velocity distributions of the two sub-clusters
 (Ferrari et al. 2005)

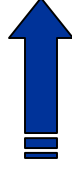
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Projected galaxy density map (Ferrari et al. 2005) + X-ray residuals after subtraction of a 2D- β model
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- ✓ The merger is in its **central phase**
 (0.0 ± 0.3 Gyr)
- ✓ Off-axis collision **on the plane of the sky**

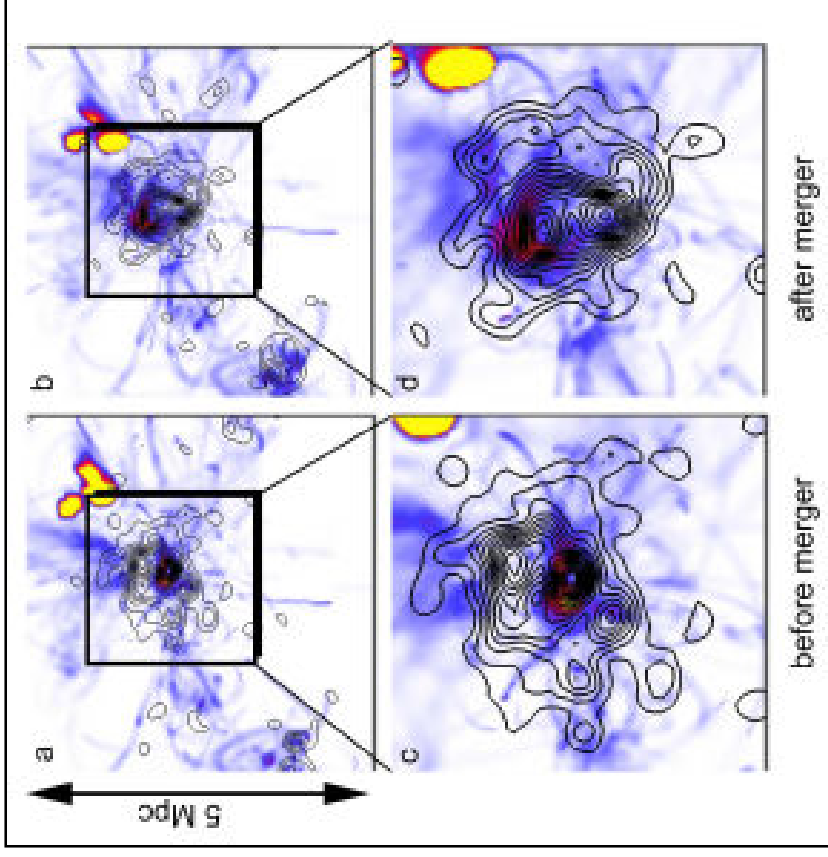


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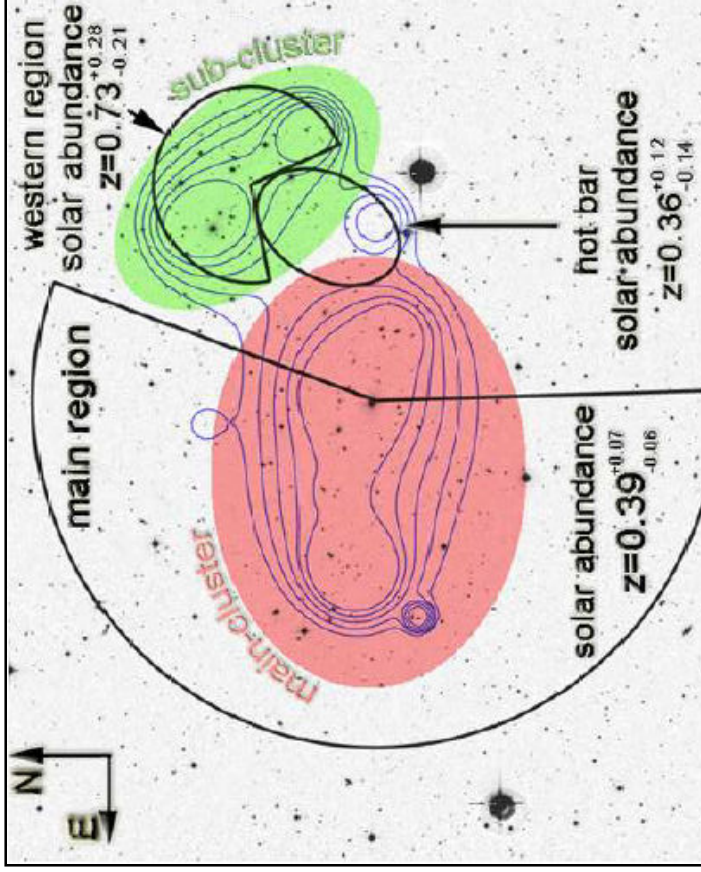
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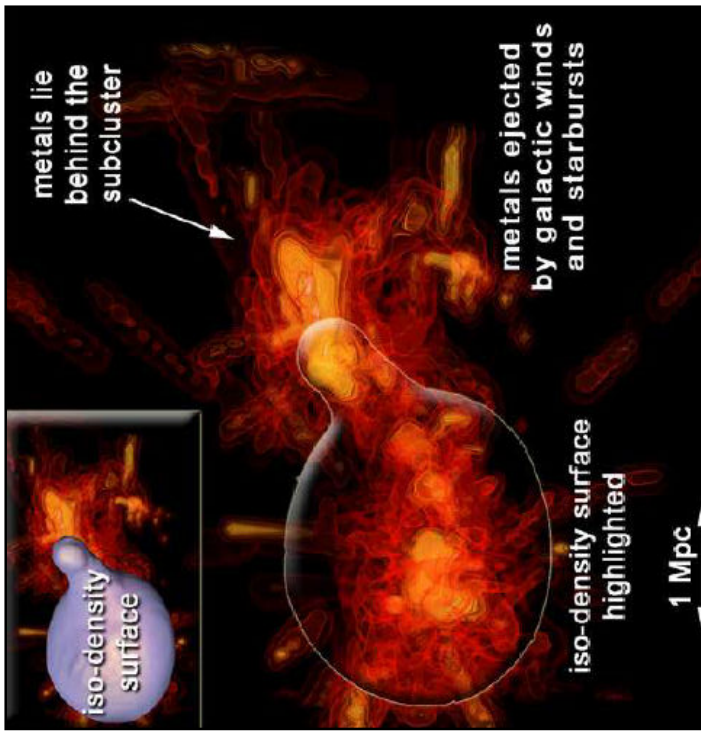
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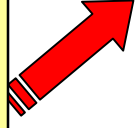
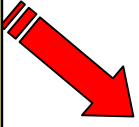
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Observations of A3921:
 R-band image + optical iso-density contours (Ferrari et al. 2005)
 + metallicity distribution (Belsole et al. 2005)



Simulations of A3921:
 Metallicity distribution + ICM density iso-surface
 (Kapferer, Ferrari et al. 2006)



The closest core encounter has not yet happened

Merging & star formation in A3921

optical observations (EFOSC2@3.6m ESO)

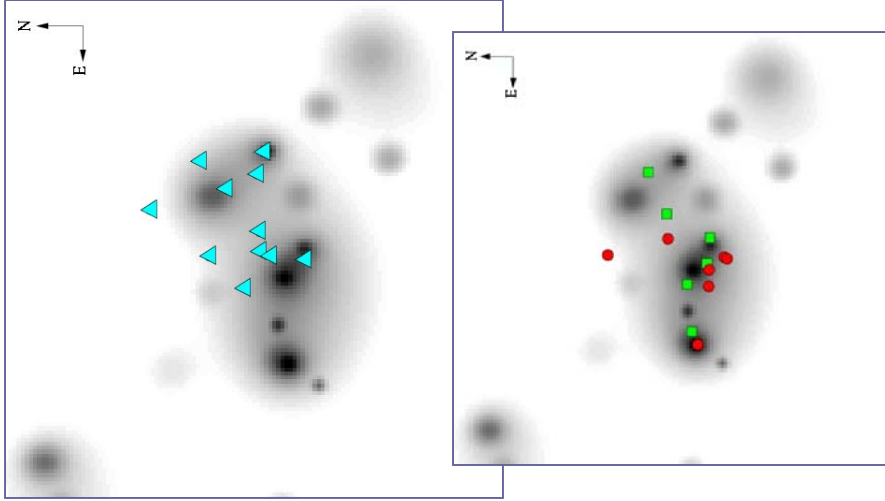
A3921 galaxies divided in different spectral types based
[OII] and H δ equivalent widths

(following Dressler et al. 1999 & Poggianti et al. 1999):

- 1) k (passive, old population of stars) – 71 %
 - 2) k+a (recent star formation) – 16 %
 - 3) e (ongoing star formation) – 13 %
- Comparable to
higher z clusters!
($z_{A3921}=0.09$)

Emission-line galaxies

(on-going star formation)



- share neither the kinematics nor the projected distribution than passive cluster members
- they are concentrated in the collision region

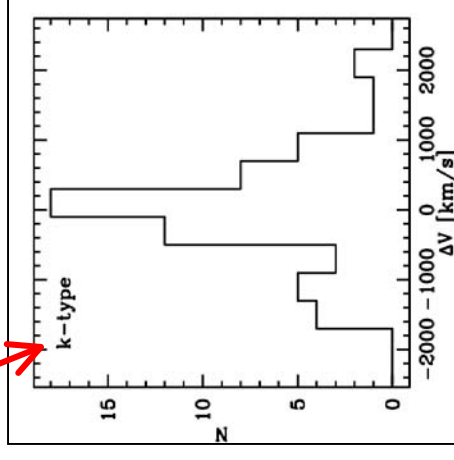
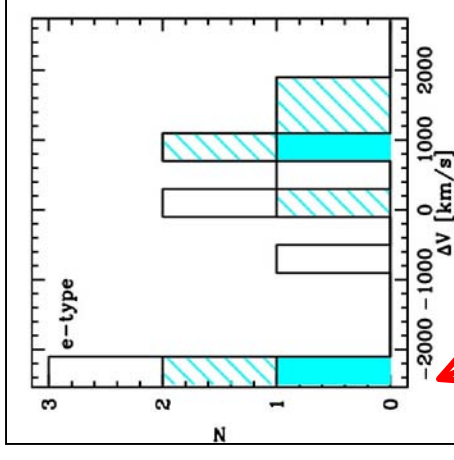
Star formation ↔ merging event

However:

[OII] is not the best estimator of star formation...

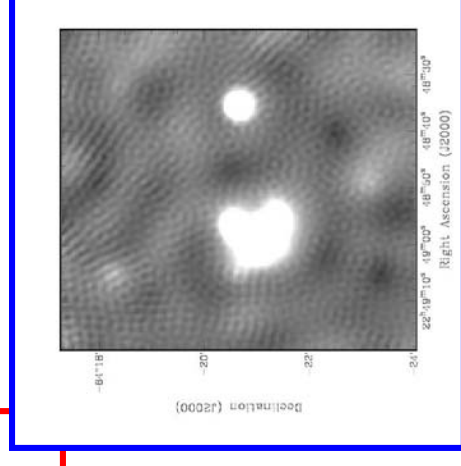
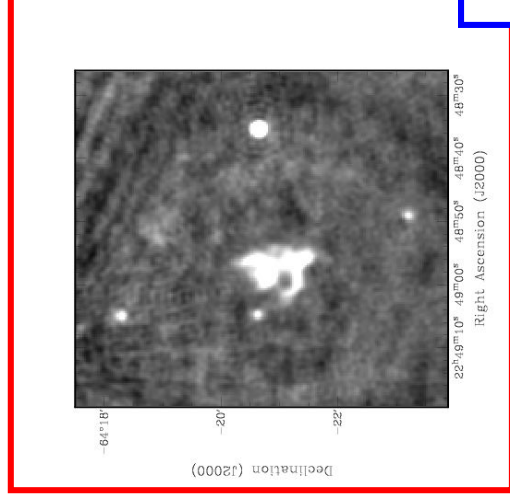
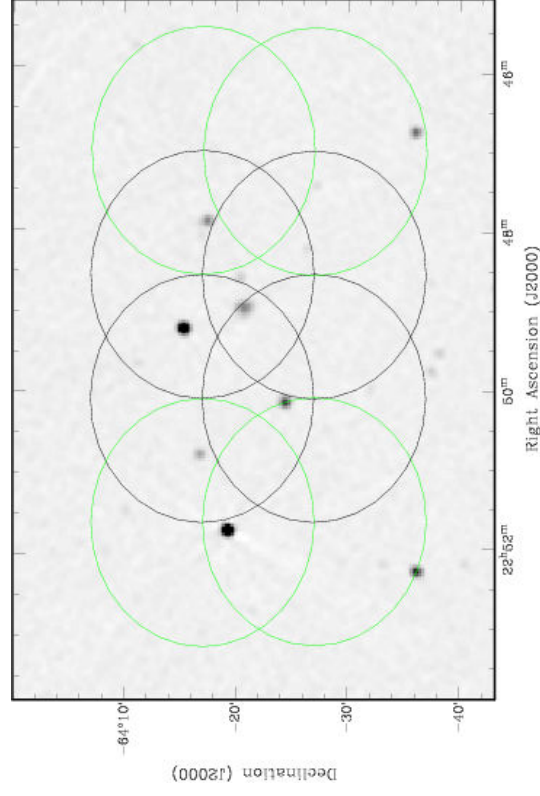


Radio observations
(no dust extinction)



ATCA observations

(22 & 13 cm - 4x12 h)

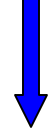


Highest spacing
between antennas!



- ✓ May 2004: 6C configuration
- ✓ July 2004: 6A configuration
- ✓ November 2004: 750C configuration

- ✓ December 2004: 1.5 D configuration

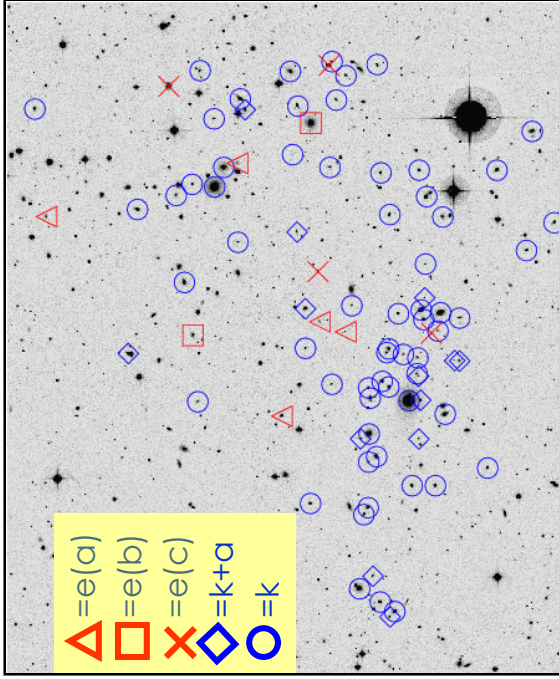


Most compact configuration!

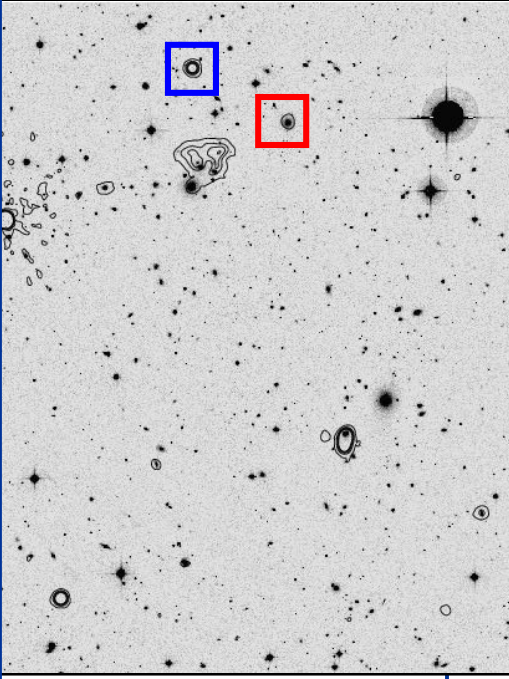
Merging & star formation in A3921

$$\left[\frac{\text{SFR}(M \geq M_{\text{Sun}})}{M_{\text{Sun}} \text{ yr}^{-1}} \right] = 1.4 \times 10^{-34} \left(\frac{L_{\text{[OII]}}}{W} \right) \approx 2.0 \times 10^{-12} \frac{L_B}{L_{B_{\text{Sun}}}} \text{EW}([\text{OII}]) E(H_{\alpha})$$

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R-band image + cluster members

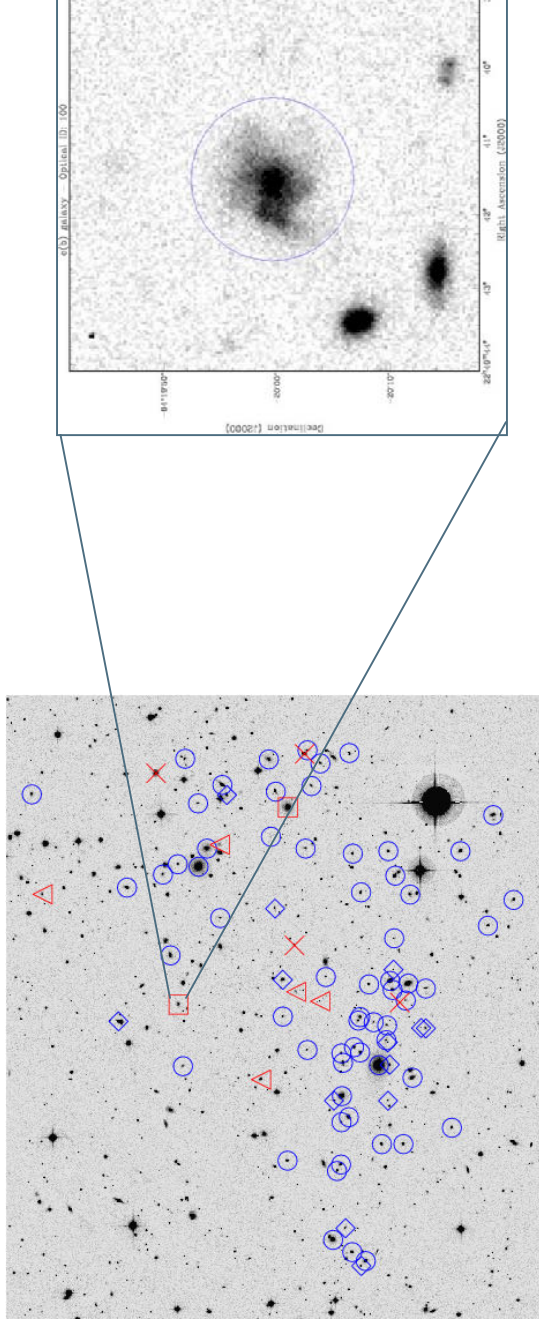


R-band image + 5σ radio contours (22 cm)

Spectral Type	SFR([OII])	SFR(1.4 GHz)
e(a)	0.28	< 3.68
e(a)	0.05	< 3.93
e(a)	0.16	< 4.11
e(a)	0.12	< 2.98
e(a)	0.17	< 4.20
e(b)	0.70	< 3.05
e(c)	0.04	< 2.98
e(c)	0.26	< 3.76
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e(b)	5.64	50.35
e(c)	0.25	7.85

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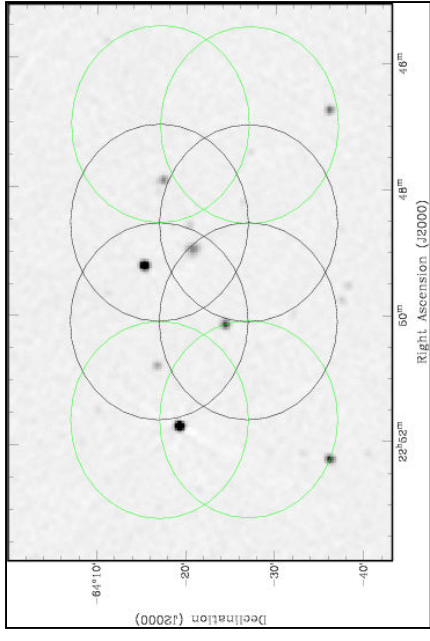
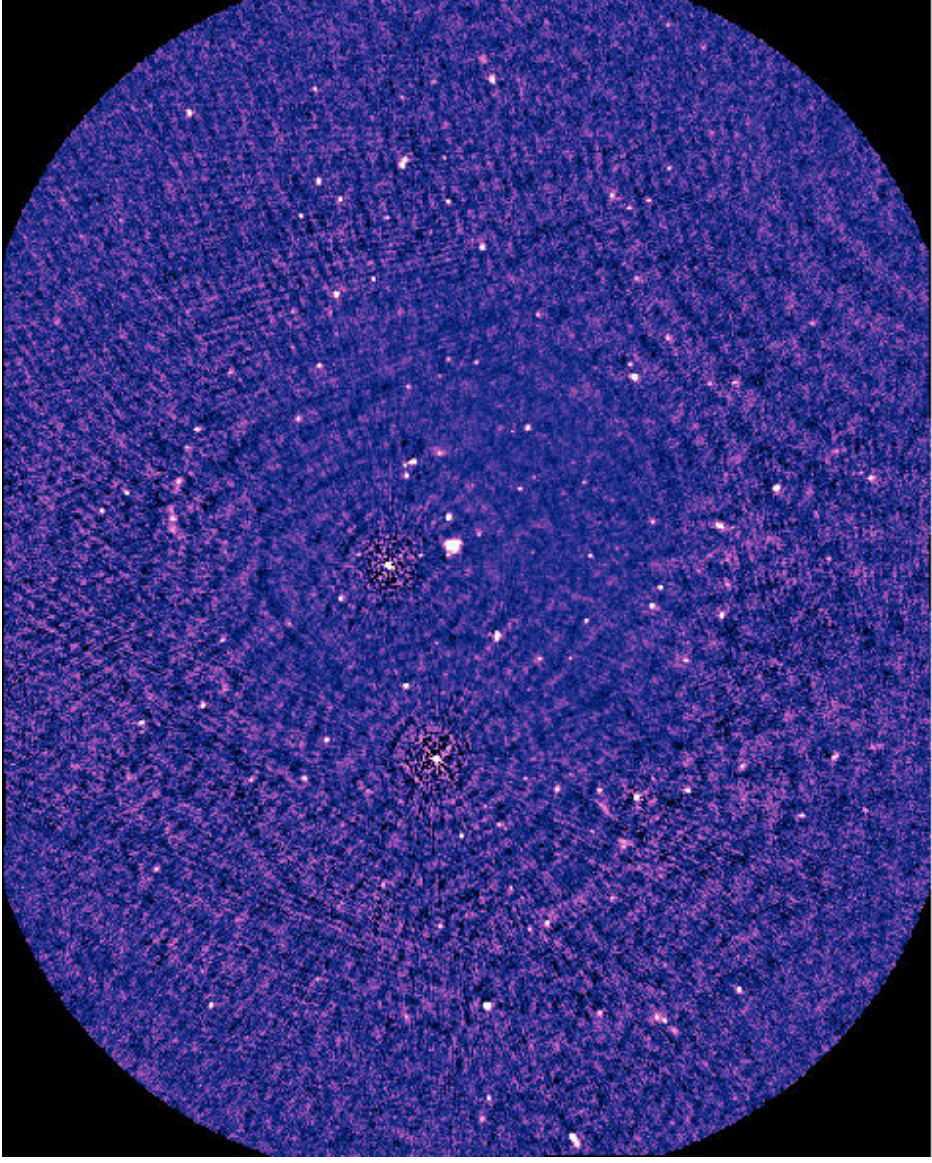
Conclusions



- ✓ **k+a** not detected at radio wavelengths → galaxies with recent, and not on-going, star formation (Poggianti et al. 1999, Duc et al. 2002)
- ✓ **Emission-line** galaxies:
 - One (BG3) is a **starburst** (high $SFR_{\text{Radio}} \sim 50 M_{\text{Sun}}/\text{yr}$), wide [OII] emission, thermal X-ray spectrum)
 - One is a **spiral** (spectral properties, SFR_{Radio} , morphology, colour)
 - The other (9) have not been detected at 1.4 GHz → $SFR < 3 M_{\text{Sun}} \text{ yr}^{-1}$
 - These galaxies are located between the two sub-clusters of A3921

Large scale optical and radio analyses

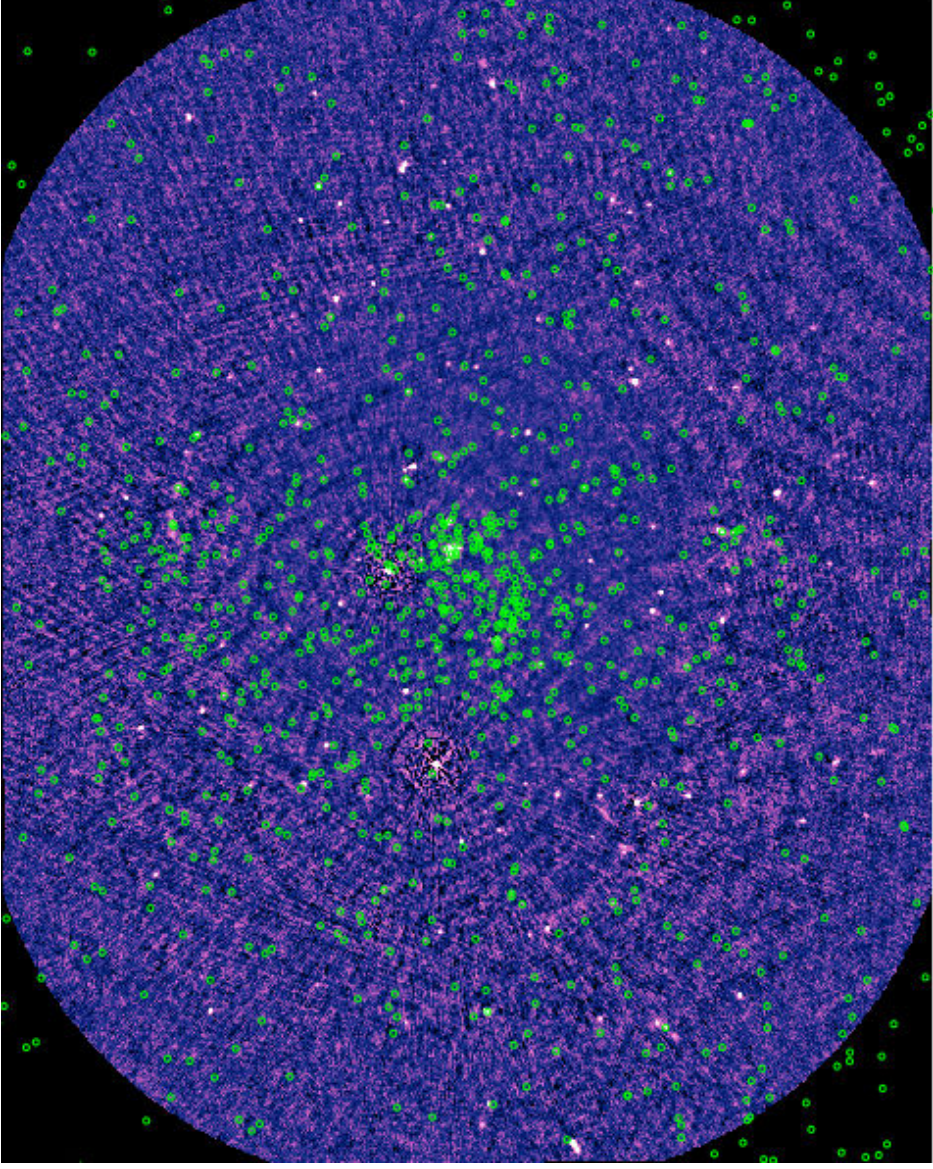
2dF@AAT and ATCA observations



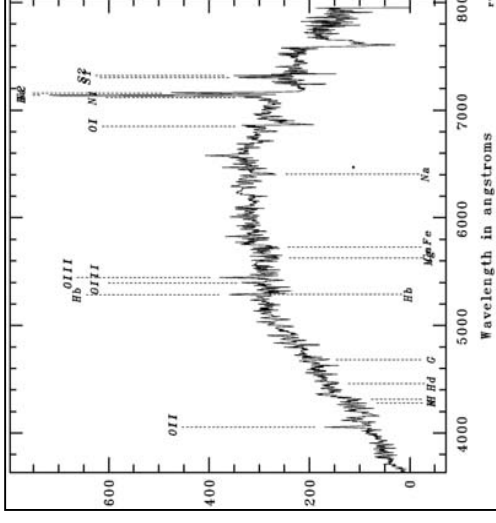
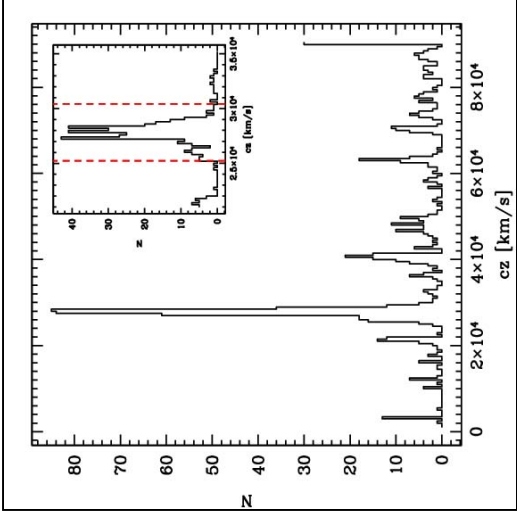
1.4 GHz map of the central $1.8 \times 1.5 \text{ deg}^2$ of A3921

Large scale optical and radio analyses

2dF@AAT and ATCA observations



1.4 GHz map of the central $1.8 \times 1.5 \text{ deg}^2$ of A3921 + available redshifts (1160)



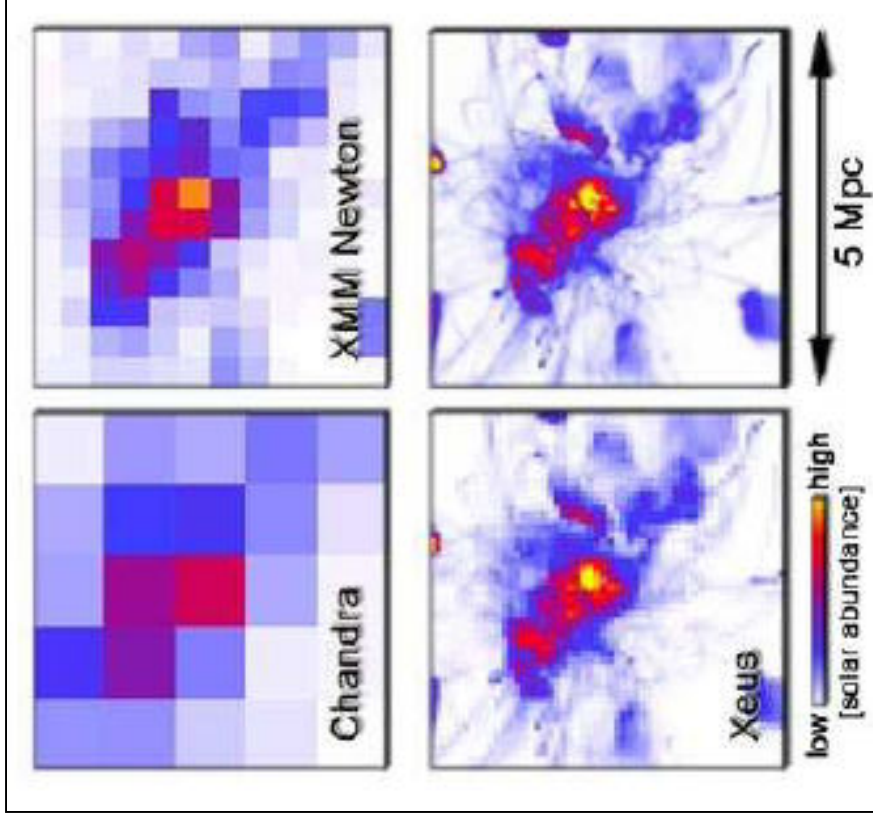
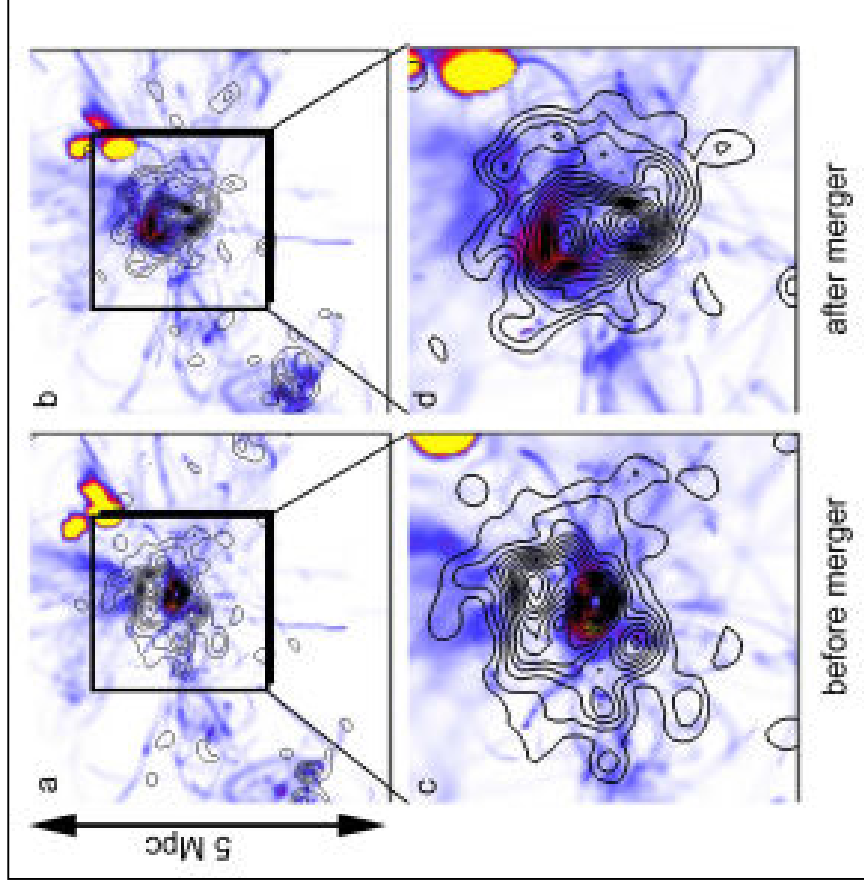
Conclusions and Perspectives

Formation and evolution of clusters and their galaxies

✓ Multi-wavelength analysis + numerical simulations

→ precise characterisation of the dynamical state of galaxy clusters:

- **Geometry** and **phase** of cluster collisions
- **Mass ratio** of the merging sub-structures
- **New tracers** of the **dynamical state** of clusters and corresponding **physical processes** (e.g. ICM metallicity maps: Kapferer, Ferrari et al.)
 - ✓ **Merging process** ↔ **star formation**
- **SFR increased** during the **central phases** of cluster mergers
- **Why? How long?** (ICM compression of the ISM, tidal effects related to cluster collisions, galaxy-galaxy interactions... ?)
- Need of complementary **multi-wavelength analyses** (UV, FIR, mm et sub-mm)
- **Next generation IR, sub-mm, radio telescopes** (Herschel, ALMA, LOFAR, SKA...) : SFH unhindered by dust obscuration



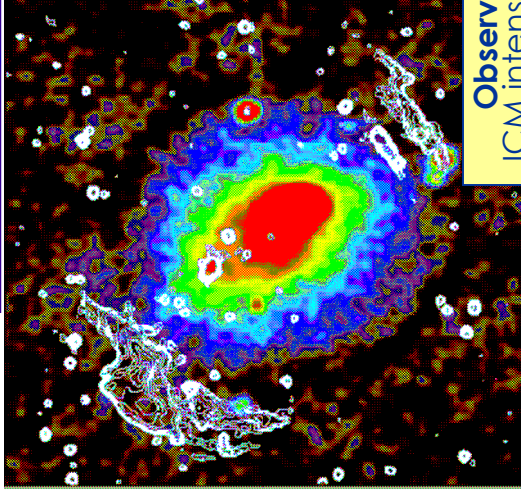
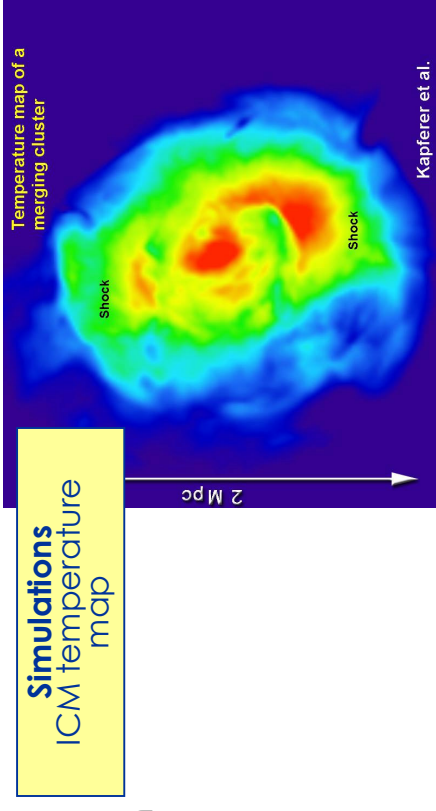
Kapferer, Ferrari et al., A&A, 2006, 447, 827

Main topics of the talk

- ✓ Formation and evolution of clusters and their galaxies
 - Study of the complex physics of cluster formation and evolution
In collaborations with: OCA (FR), INAF (IT), MPE (DE), University of Cambridge (UK), Saip/CEA (FR)
 - New tracers of structure formation: metallicity maps
In collaborations with: Max-Planck Universität (AT)
 - Cluster merging and star formation
In collaborations with: OCA (FR), INAF (IT), University of Sydney (AU)
- ✓ Diffuse and extended radio emission in galaxy clusters
 - Radio halos and relics
In collaborations with: INAF (IT), OCA (FR), University of Copenhagen (DK), University of Sydney (AU)

Physics of galaxy clusters: non-thermal component

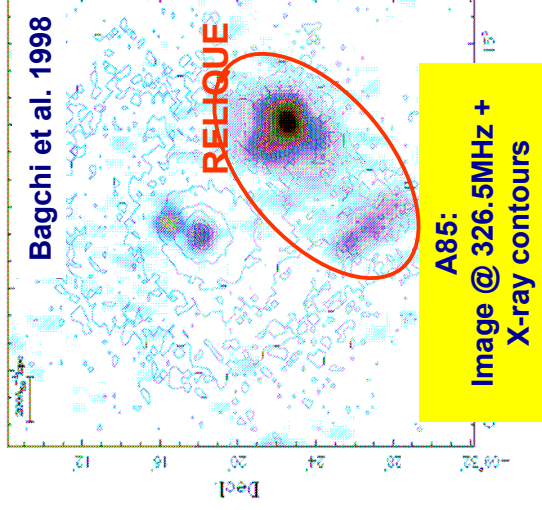
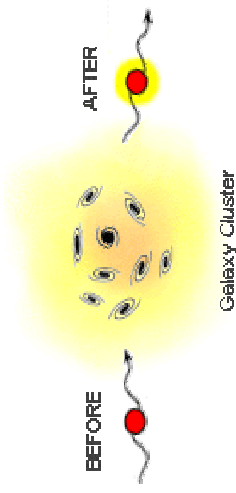
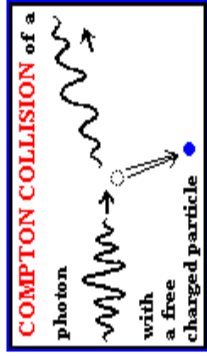
- ✓ Acceleration mechanisms:
 - **Secondary:** hadronic collision of relativistic p^+ with the ICM
 - **Primary:** (re-)acceleration due to shocks/turbulences
- ✓ Tracers of structure formation
- ✓ Non-thermal component & complex physics of clusters:
 - cluster merger \leftrightarrow non-thermal component
 - inter-connection between the thermal and relativistic plasma
- ✓ Intra-cluster magnetic fields



Observations
ICM intensity map +
radio contours
(relics)

Intra-cluster magnetic fields

- ✓ Inverse Compton scattering of CMB photons
- ✓ Rotation measure
- ✓ Morphology and polarization maps of halos



Inverse Compton scattering of CMB photons

$$f_s = 1.64 \times 10^{-14} \frac{N_0 V}{4\pi D^3} B^2 a(3) \quad (10 - 100 \text{ MHz})$$

$$f_{IC} = 1.36 \times 10^{-29} \frac{N_0 V}{4\pi D^3} T^4 b(3) \quad (0.5 - 2.4 \text{ keV}).$$

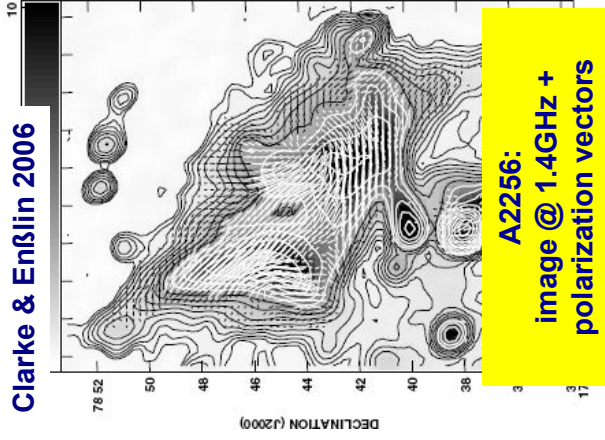
Radio emission (synchrotron)

$$B = 2.97 \times 10^{-6} \left(\frac{f_s}{f_{IC}} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} G = (0.95 \pm 0.10) \times 10^{-6} G.$$

X-ray emission (Inverse Compton)

Intra-cluster magnetic fields

- ✓ Inverse Compton scattering of CMB photons
- ✓ Rotation measure
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$$\Psi_\lambda = \Psi_{\text{int}} + RM\lambda^2$$

$$RM = 812 \int_0^L n_e H_{\parallel} dl \quad \text{rad/m}^2$$

$$\sigma_{RM} = \frac{441 H n_0 r_c^{1/2} l^{1/2}}{(1 + r^2/r_c^2)^{(6\beta-1)/4}} \sqrt{\frac{\Gamma(3\beta - 0.5)}{\Gamma(3\beta)}}$$

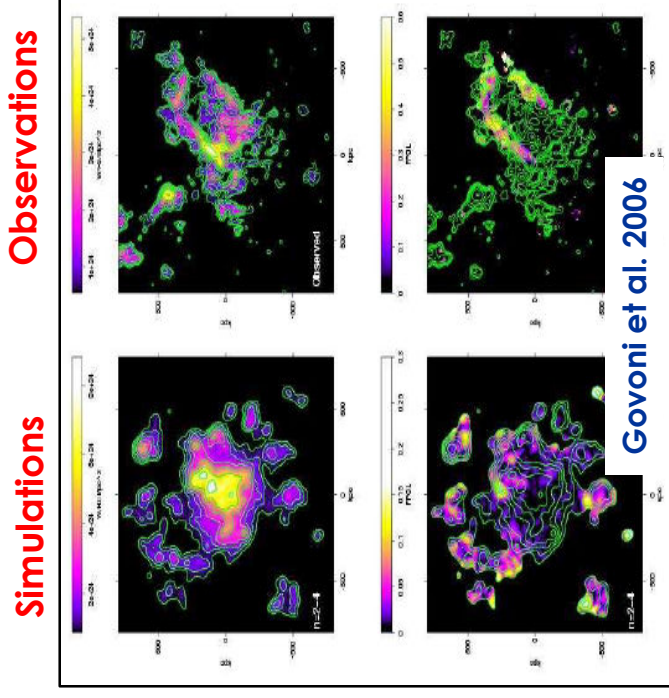
- Γ : Gamma function
- r_c : core radius of the cluster
- l : dimension of magnetic field cells
- n_0 : ICM central density
- H : magnetic field intensity

Intra-cluster magnetic fields

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Radio surface
brightness

Fraction of polarization +
radio surface brightness
(contours)



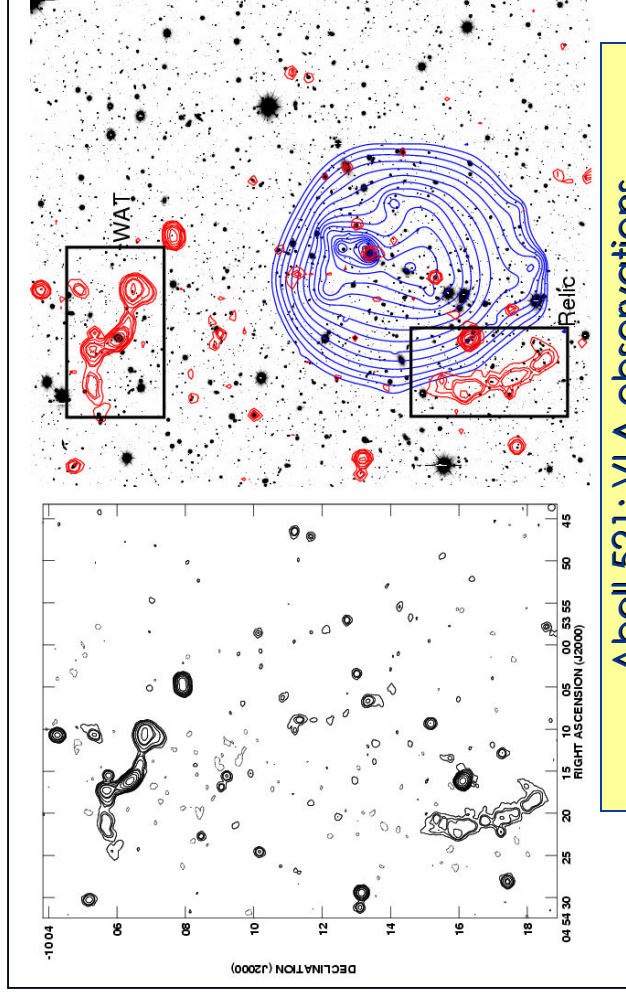
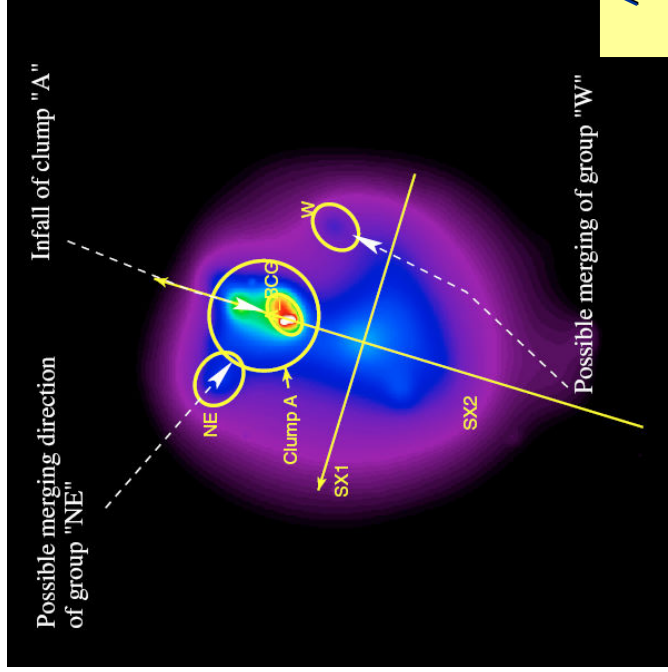
$$|B_k|^2 \propto k^{-n}$$

$$n=2-4$$

First results of the radio follow-up of MUSIC

Abell 521:
a multiple merging cluster

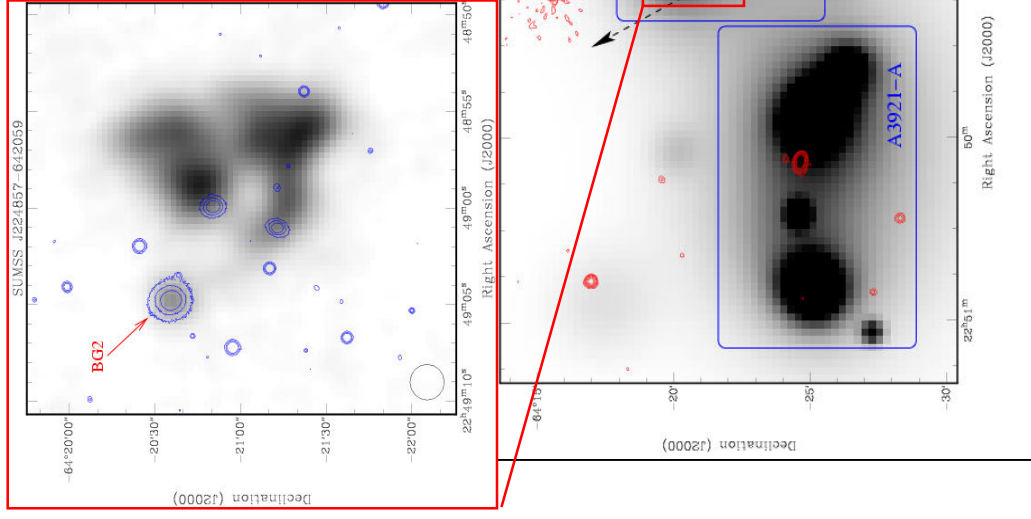
- ✓ Optical (ESO) : Ferrari et al., 2003
- ✓ X-ray (Chandra) : Ferrari et al., 2006a
- ✓ Radio (VLA) : Ferrari et al., in prep.



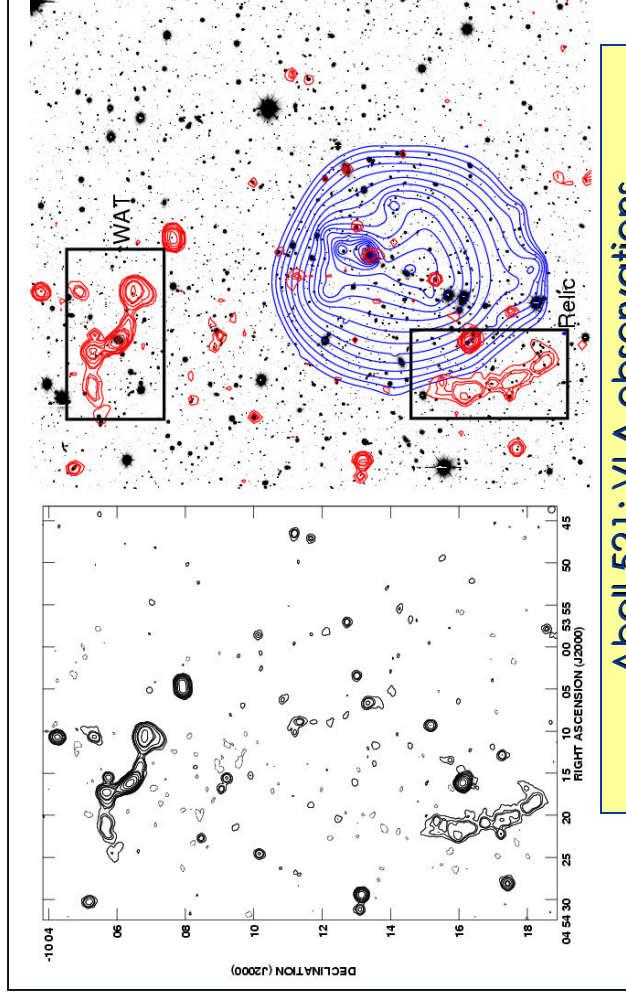
Abell 521: VLA observations
Discovery of a radio relic
Ferrari, Arnaud et al., 2006a

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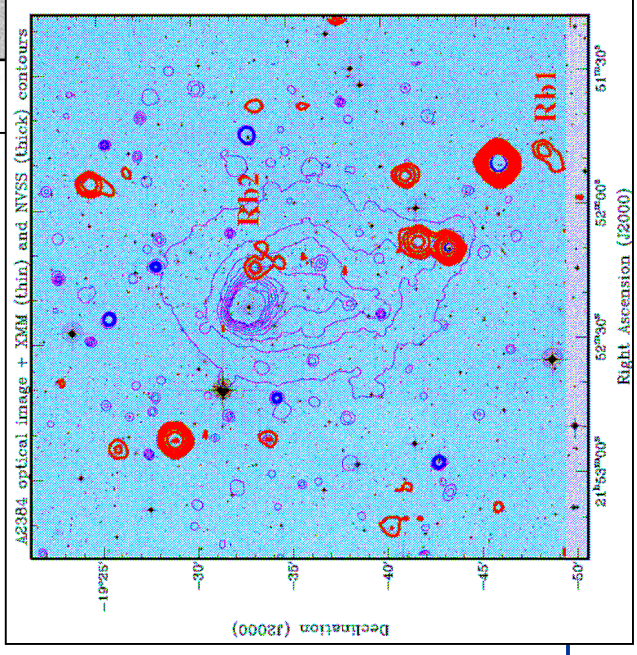
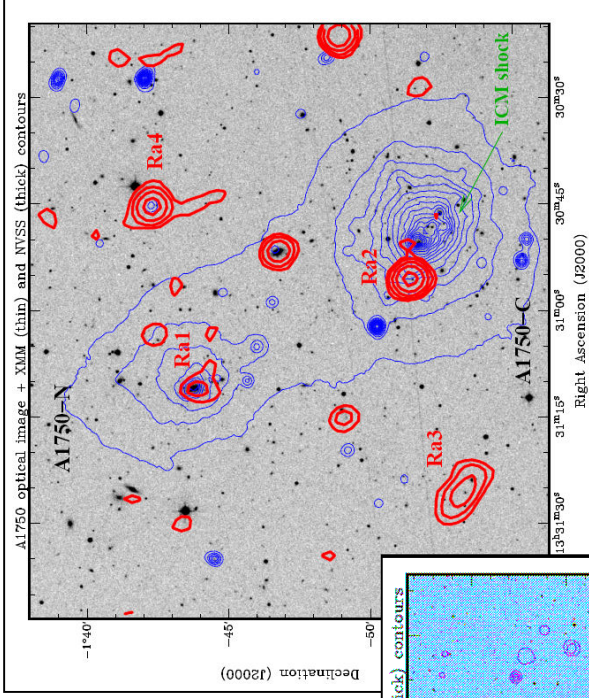
Abell 3921: ATCA observations
Dying tail of a Narrow Angle Tail radio source
Ferrari, Hunstead et al., 2006b



Abell 521: VLA observations
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Diffuse emission in A1750 and A2384: a pre- and a post-merging cluster

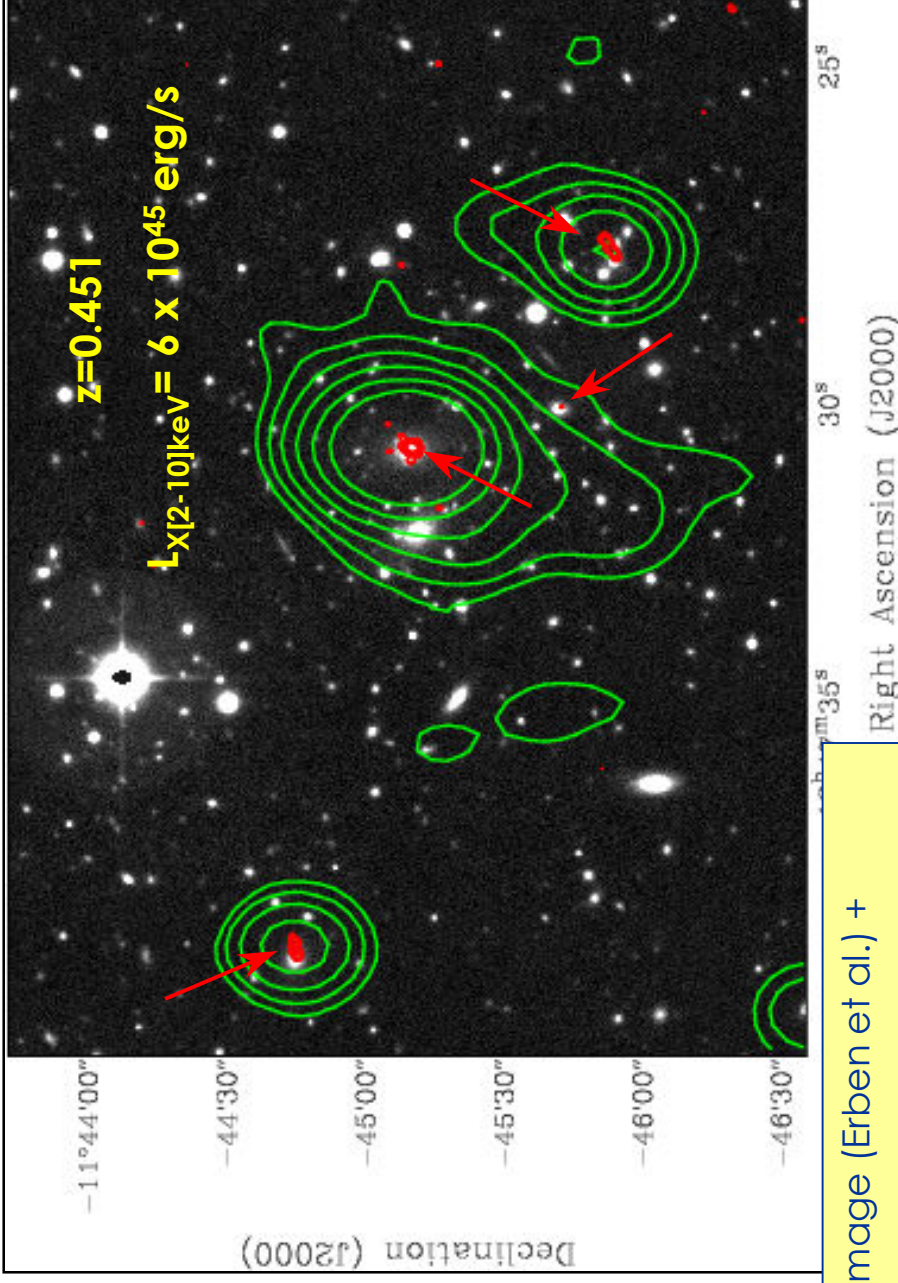
VLA – 7 h in D configuration @ 1.4 GHz
Ferrari, Feretti et al. 2007



Optical image +
X-ray contours (XMM) +
radio contours (NVSS)

VLA observations of RXJ 1347-1145

Discovery of diffuse radio emission at the centre of the most X-ray luminous cluster



I-band image (Erben et al.) +

5 σ radio contours (1.4 GHz) at **high** (~1.5") and **low** (~18") resolution

Gitti, Ferrari et al., in prep.

Perspectives: LOFAR & SKA



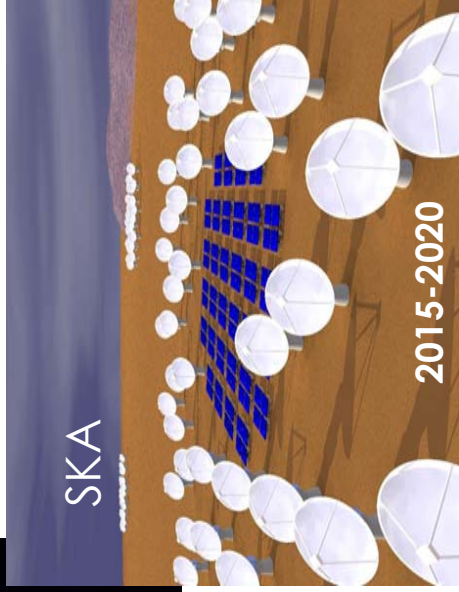
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Argumentaire Scientifique
pour une participation française à LOFAR

Science Case
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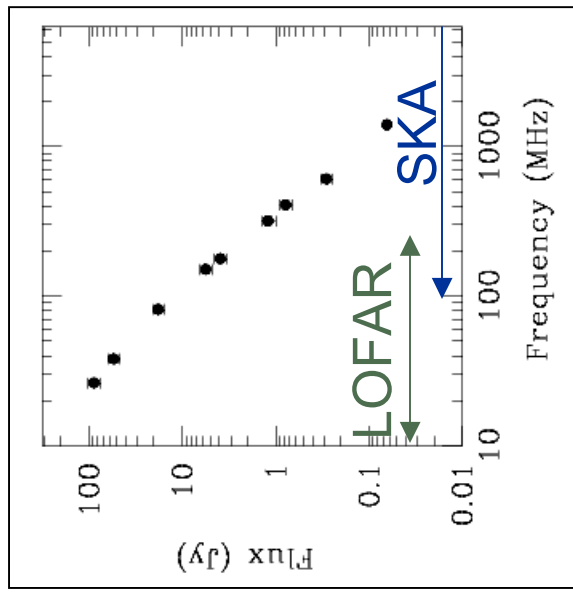
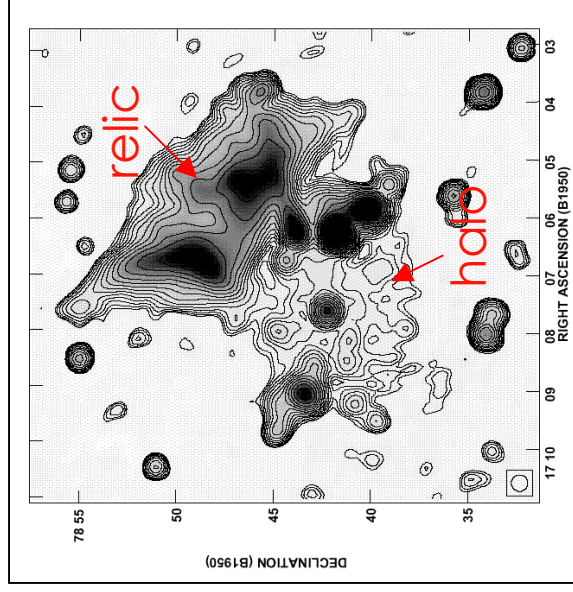
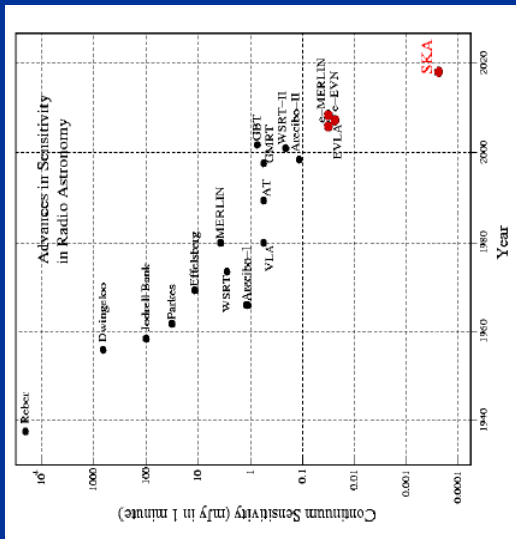
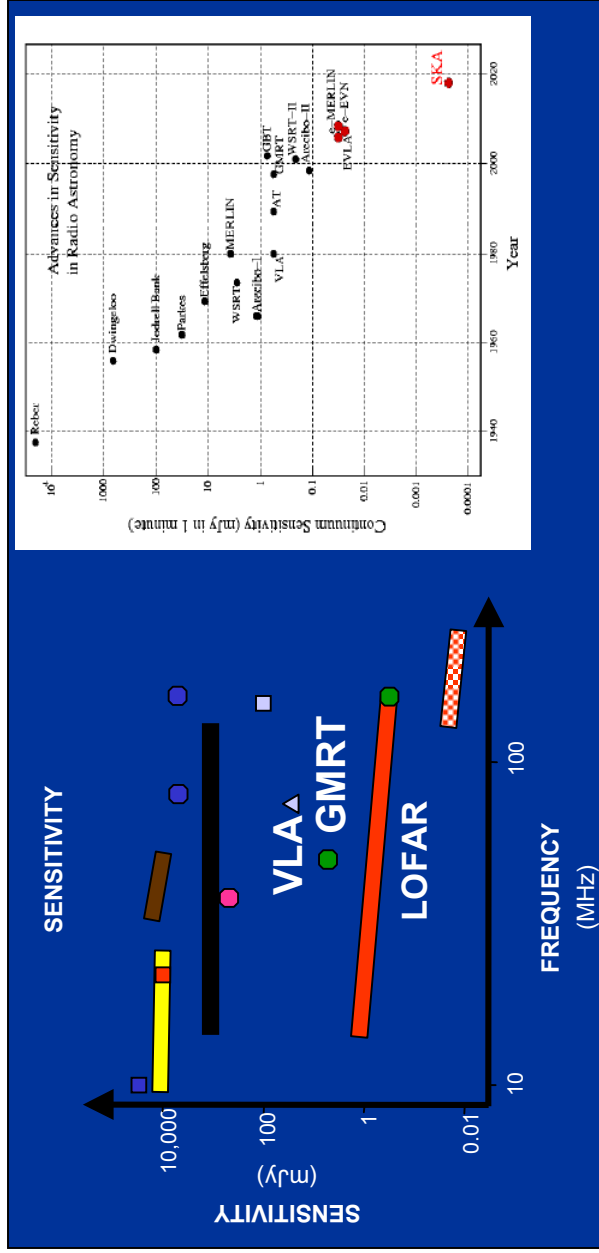
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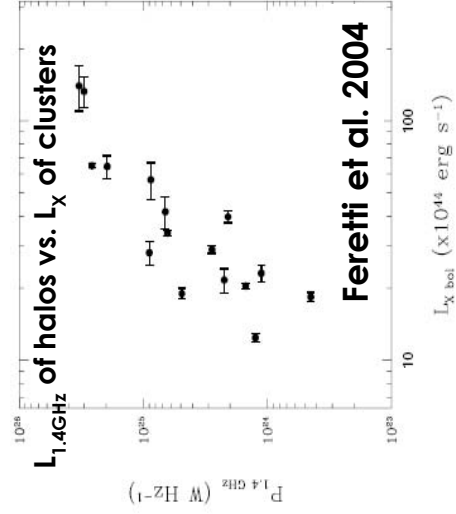
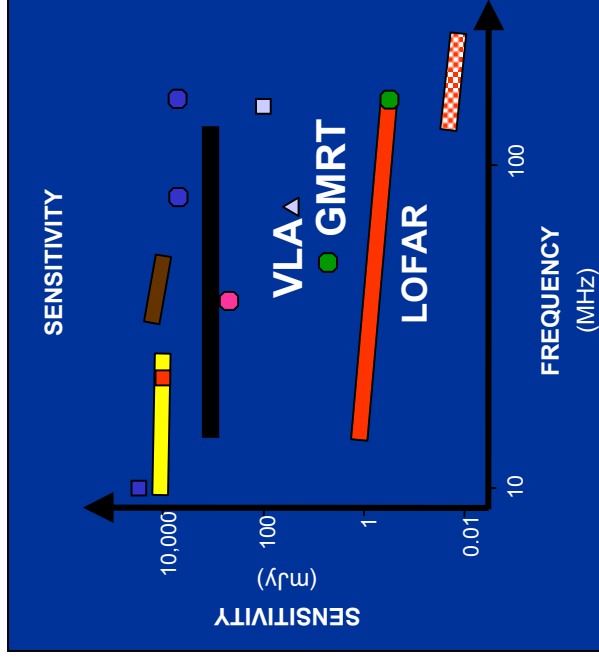
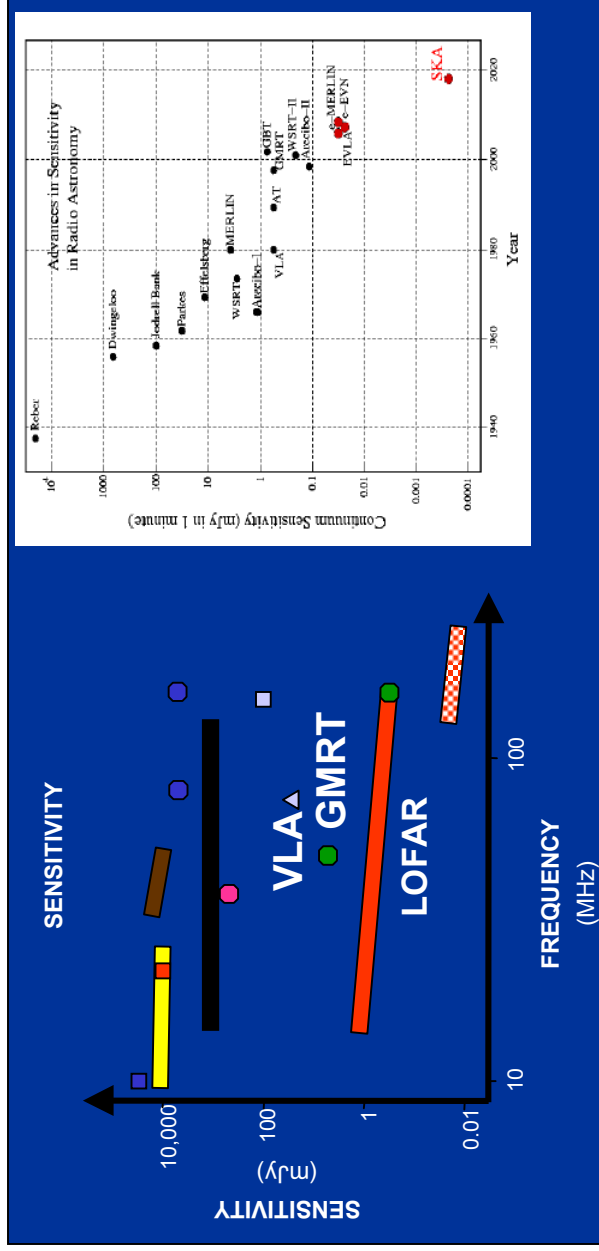


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	Frequency Coverage	Sensitivity Improvement	Resolution Improvement	Polarization Purity
LOFAR	20-200 MHz	~100-1000	~100	≥30 dB
SKA	0.1-20 GHz	~100	~10	~40 dB



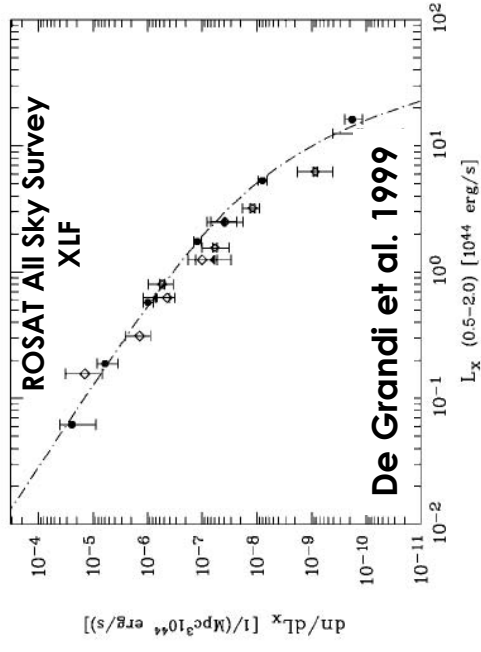


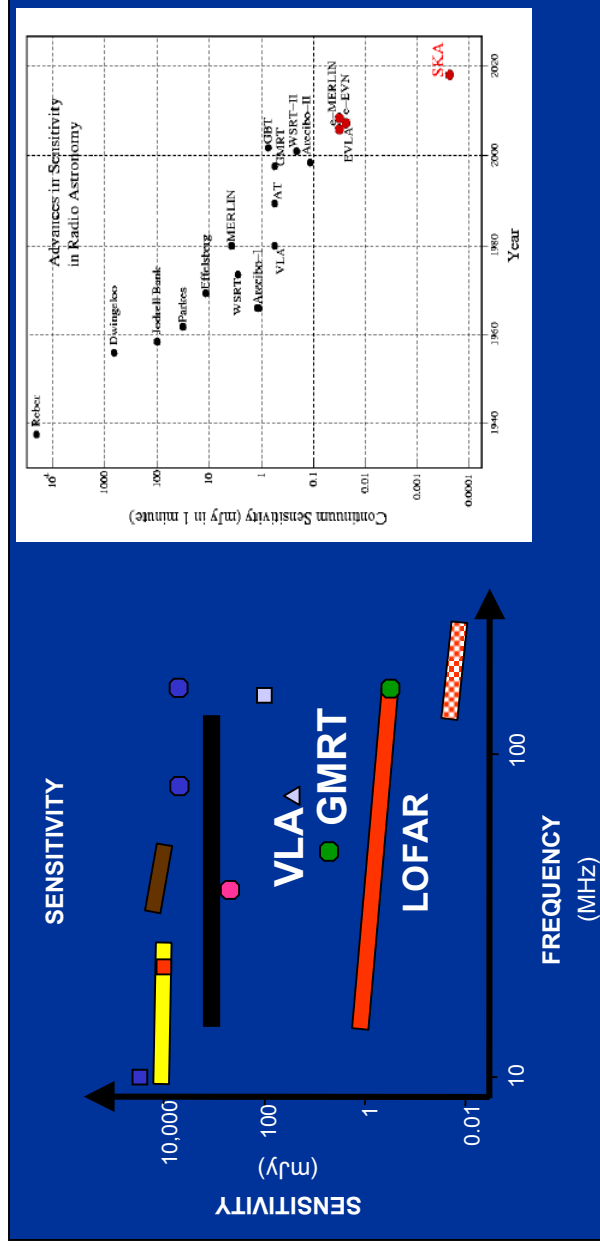
Relics and Halos:

$$L_X < 10^{45} \text{ erg/s}$$

$$\rightarrow P_{1.4\text{GHz}} < 10^{23} \text{ W/Hz}$$

$$\rightarrow S_{1.4\text{GHz}} < 0.4 \text{ mJy } (z \geq 0.3)$$





Luminosity function of halos/relics

LOFAR survey @ 120 MHz:

~10000 halos & relics ($z \leq 2$)
 ~100 halos & relics ($0.8 < z < 1.2$)

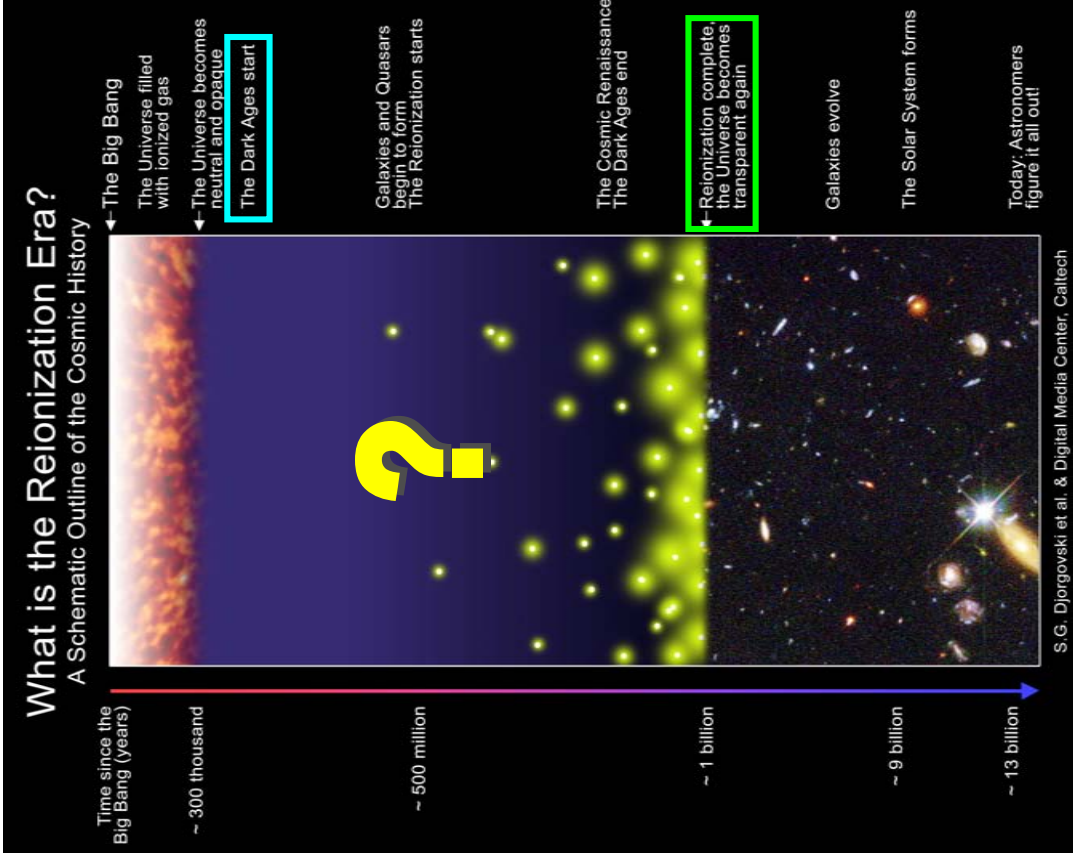
(Feretti et al. 2004; Röttgering et al. 2007)

S_{tot}	N	$N(z > 0.3)$
1 μ Jy	23759	10785
10 μ Jy	6812	2123
0.1 mJy	1654	281
1 mJy	326	21
10 mJy	50	1

A new window for cosmology: diffuse and extended radio emission in galaxy cluster

- ✓ complex physics of cluster formation and evolution
- ✓ cosmological parameters
- ✓ intra-cluster magnetic field
- ✓ implication for other cosmological studies (e.g. epoch of re-ionization)

Epoch of Reionization (EoR)



$z \sim 1000$

$z \sim 6$

Reionization:

- ✓ Transition from neutral to ionized “intergalactic” medium ($z \sim 1000$ à $z \sim 6$)
- ✓ Second of two major phase changes of hydrogen gas in the Universe (first: **recombination - CMB**)
- ✓ **21 cm transition of HI:** it allows to trace the neutral gas before and after the reionization

$z = 1000 - 6$

1.4 - 200 MHz

Epoch of Reionization (EoR)

