

The Magnetic Cosmic Web

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- WHAT'S INTERESTING IN THE COSMIC WEB?
 - MYSTERIES & PUZZLES
 - RECENT AND FUTURE OBSERVATIONS
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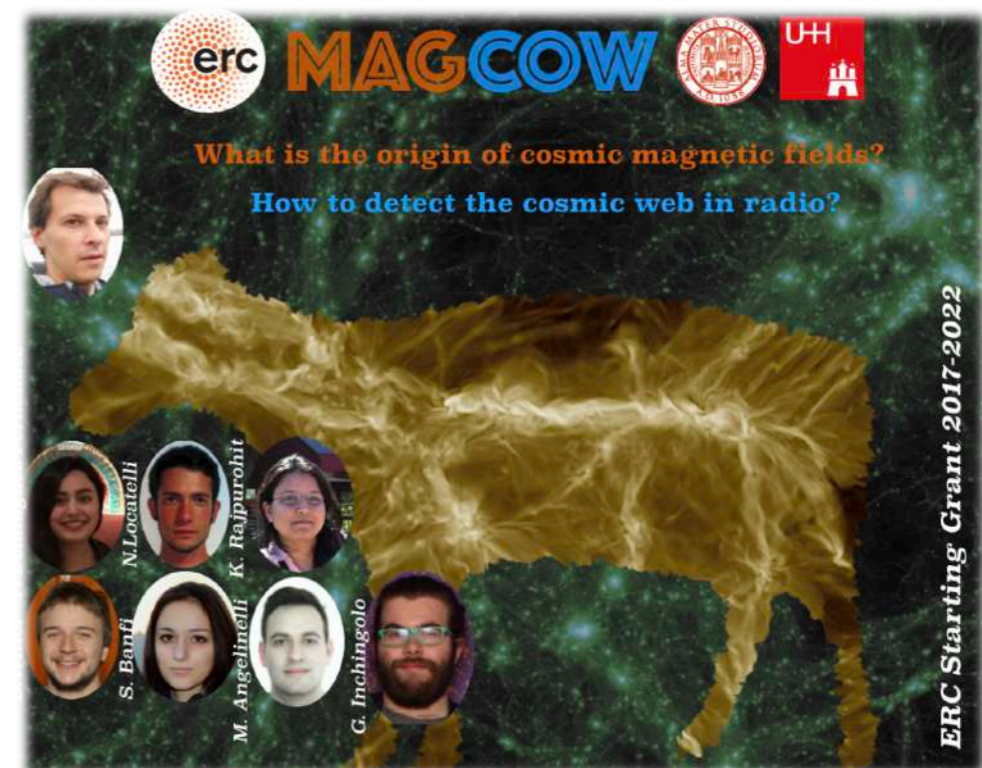
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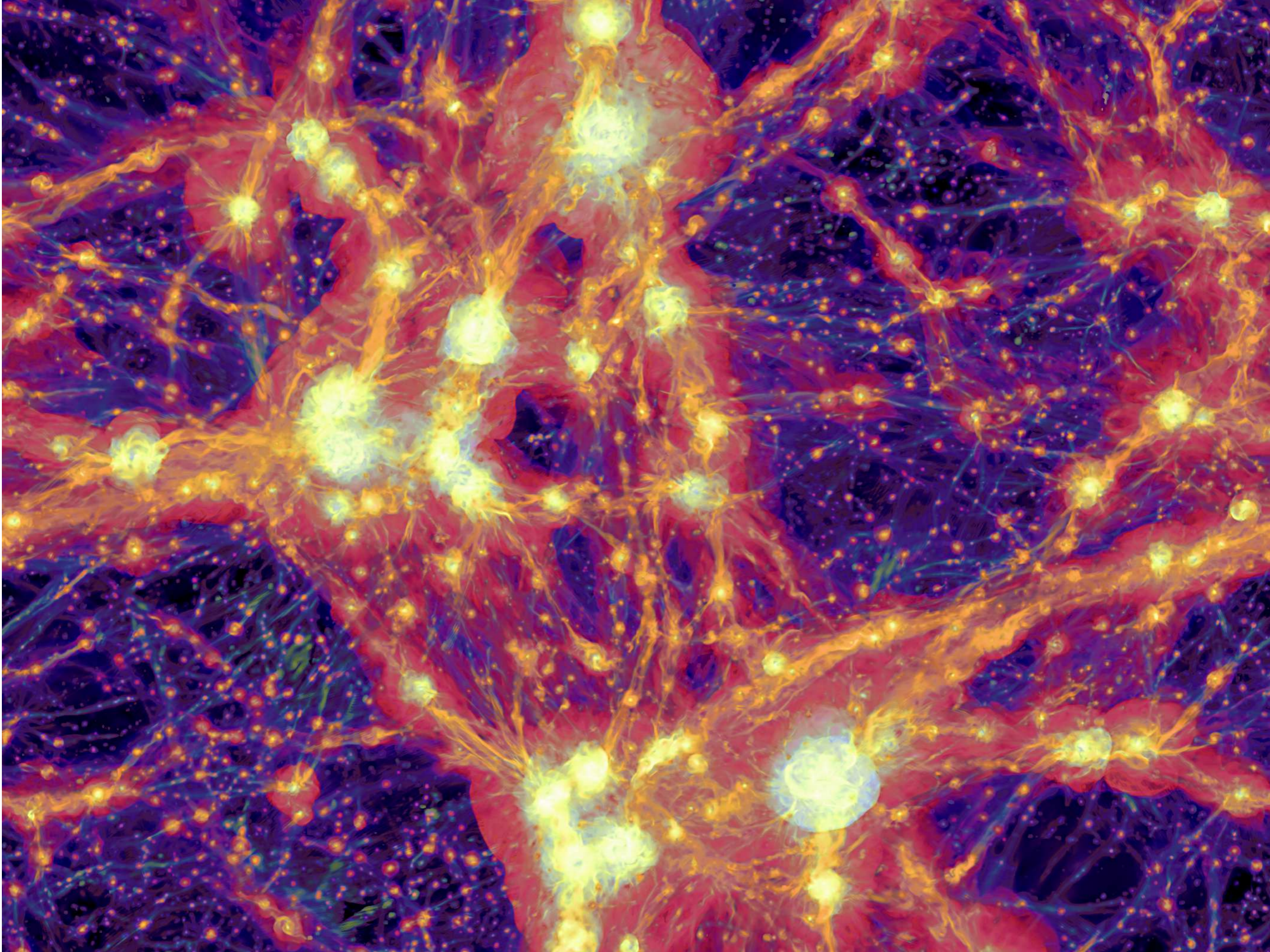
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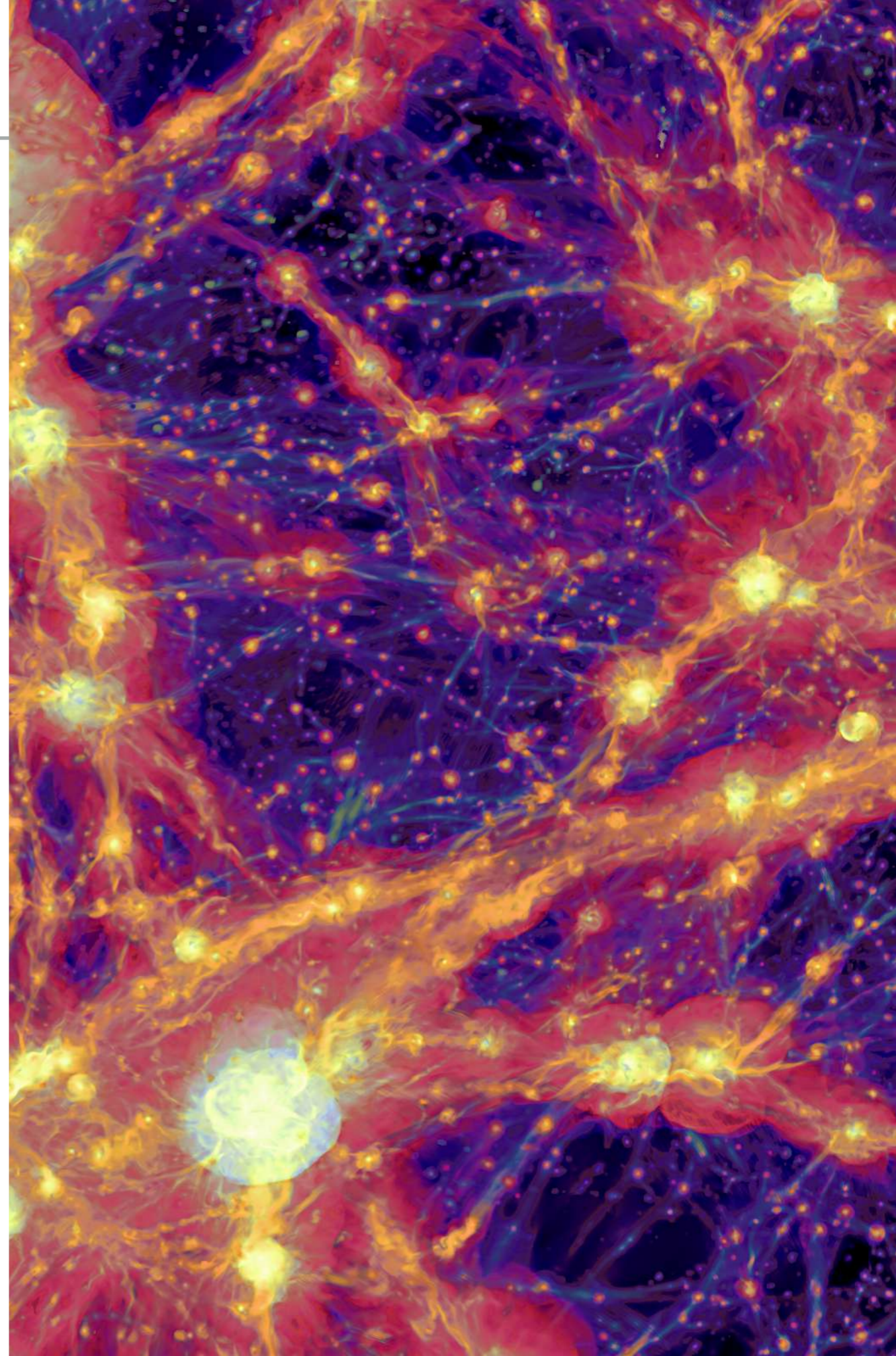
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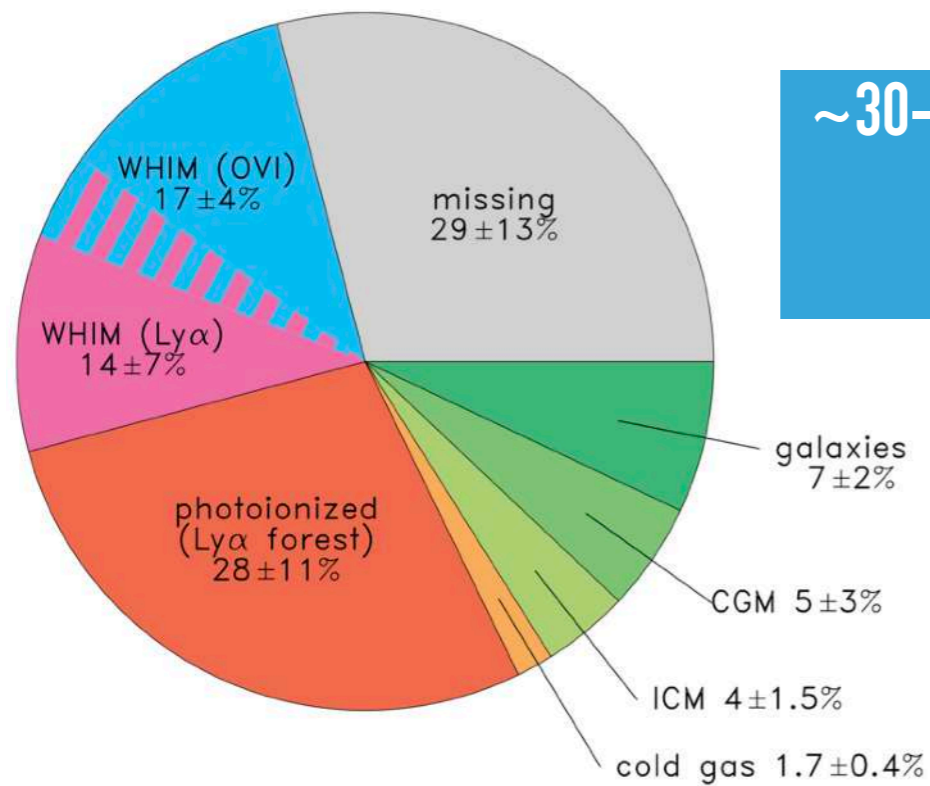


- ▶ missing baryons
- ▶ chemical evolution
- ▶ fuelling of galaxies
- ▶ link between spin of galaxies and large-scale structures
- ▶ out of equilibrium plasmas
- ▶ non-thermal phenomena
- ▶ magnetic fields amplification
- ▶ ...



WHY DO WE CARE?

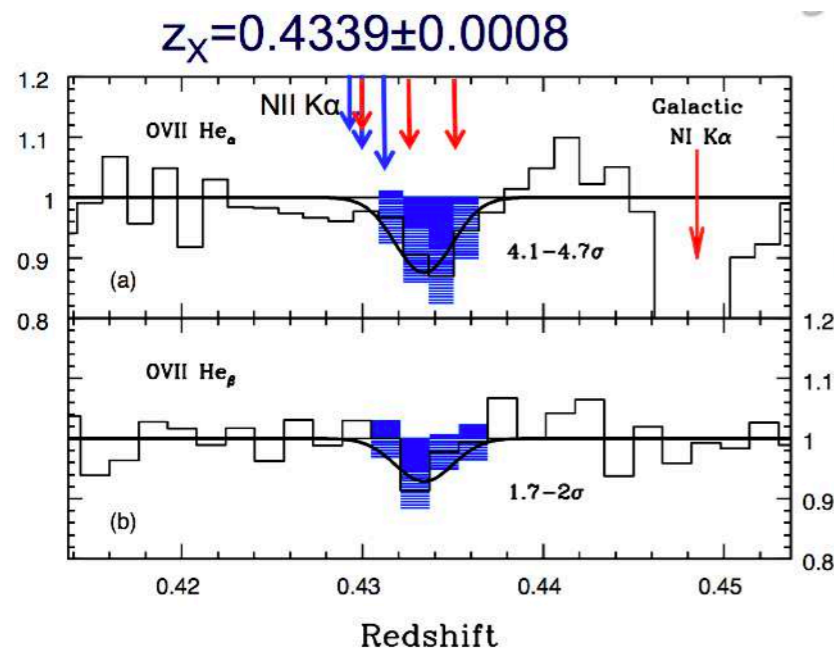
1. A GREAT PORTION OF COSMIC MATTER IS MISSING



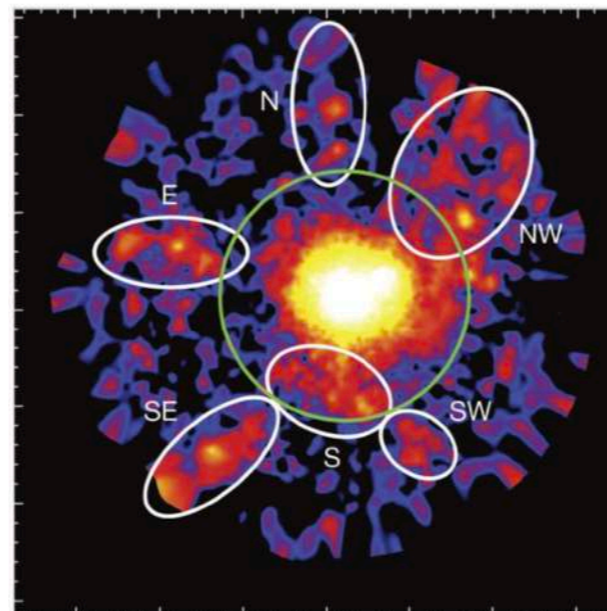
~30-50 % OF BARYONS PREDICTED TO BE IN FILAMENTS

(Cen & Ostriker 99, Davè+01...)

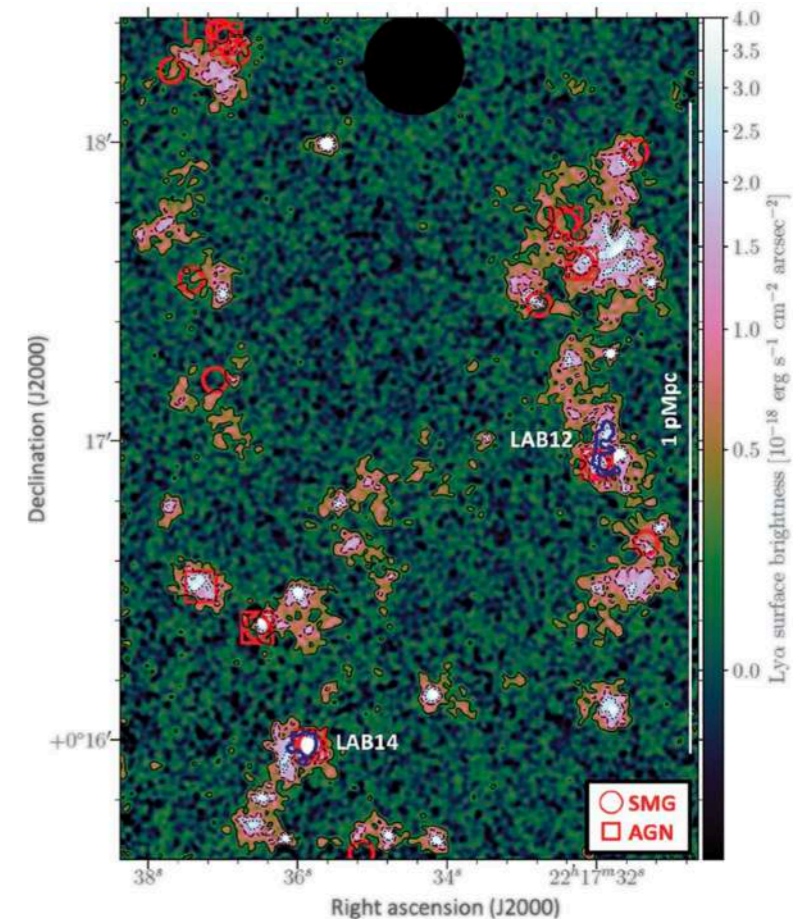
RECENT DETECTIONS:



Nicastro+ 2018 Nature
(see also Kovacs+2019)



Eckert +. 2015 Nature



Umehata +. 2019 Science

Shull+2012

Data / Model

2. THE COSMIC WEB: NOT SO QUIET, NOT SO SIMPLE

- ▶ **Ongoing accretions** across the entire cosmic history
- ▶ **Violent energy transitions** (from potential to kinetic/thermal/magnetic/turbulent/CR energy)

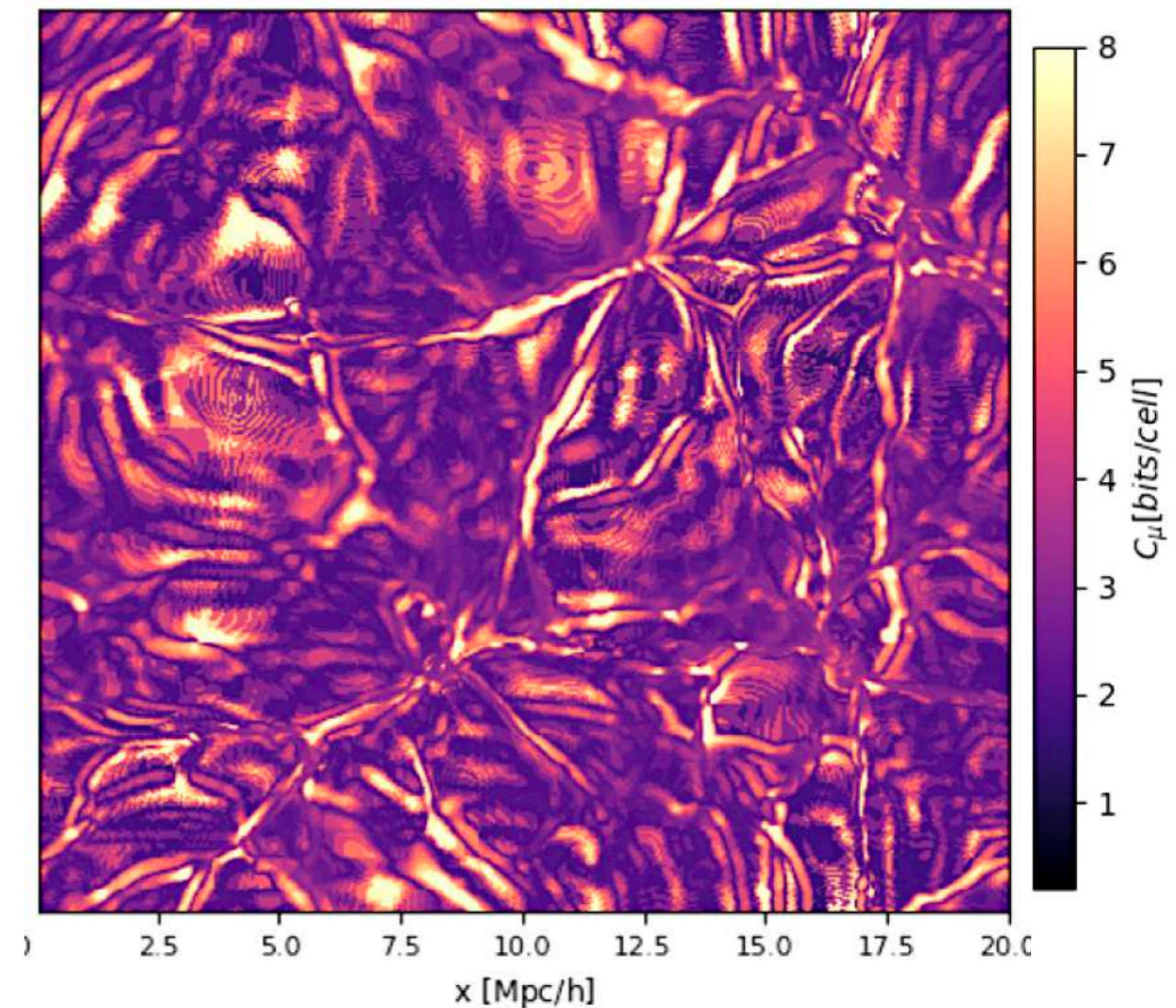
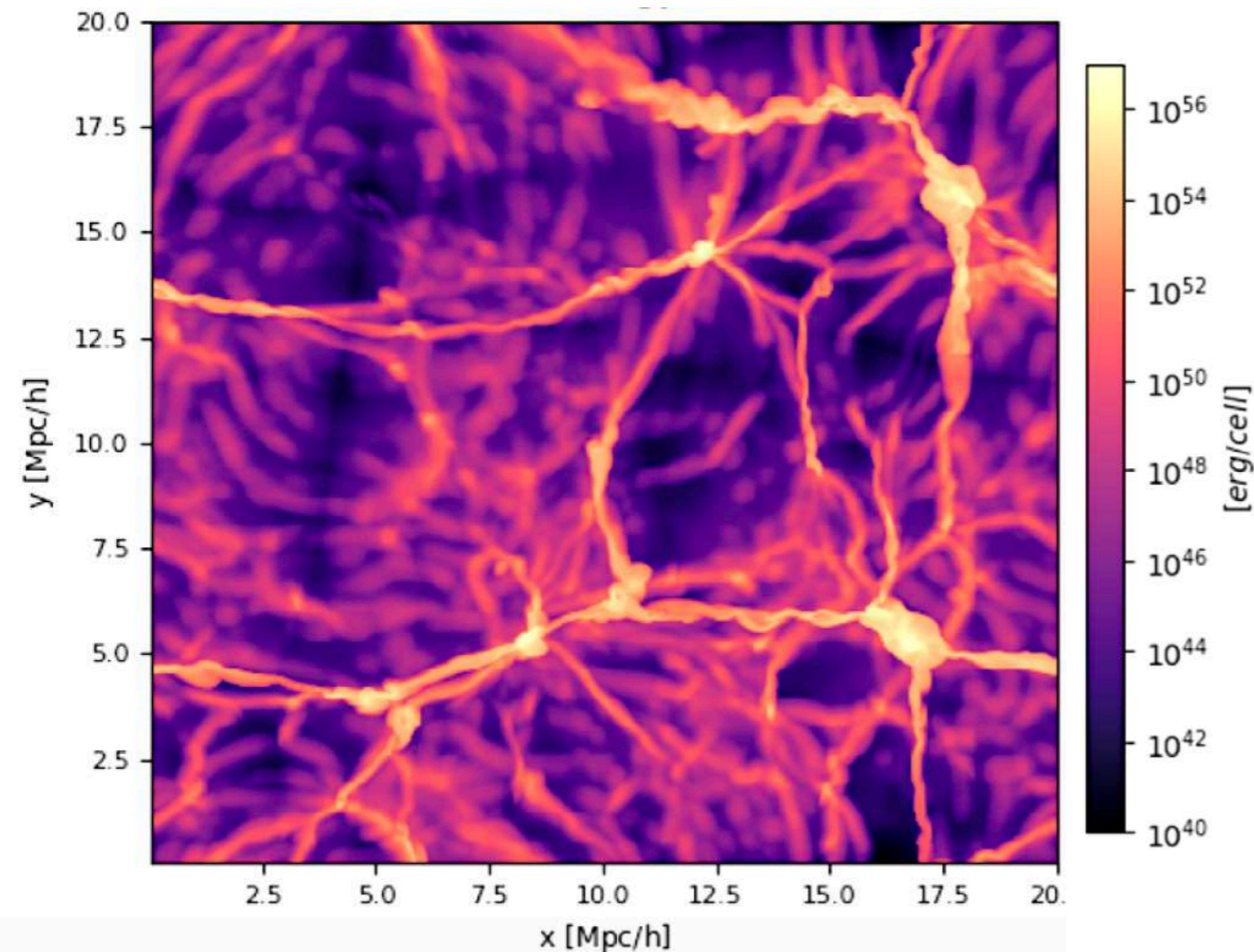
gas density

gas entropy

3-dimensional rendering by T.Jones

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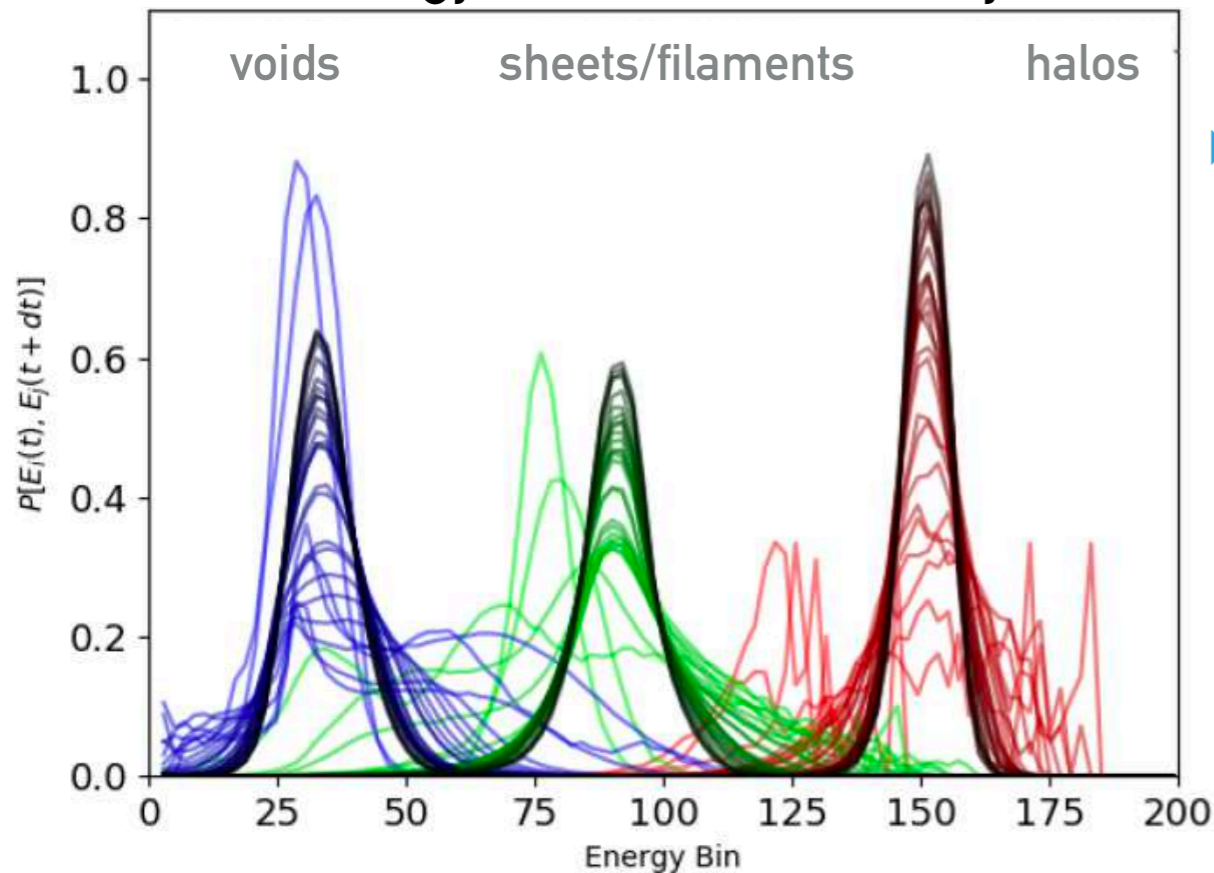
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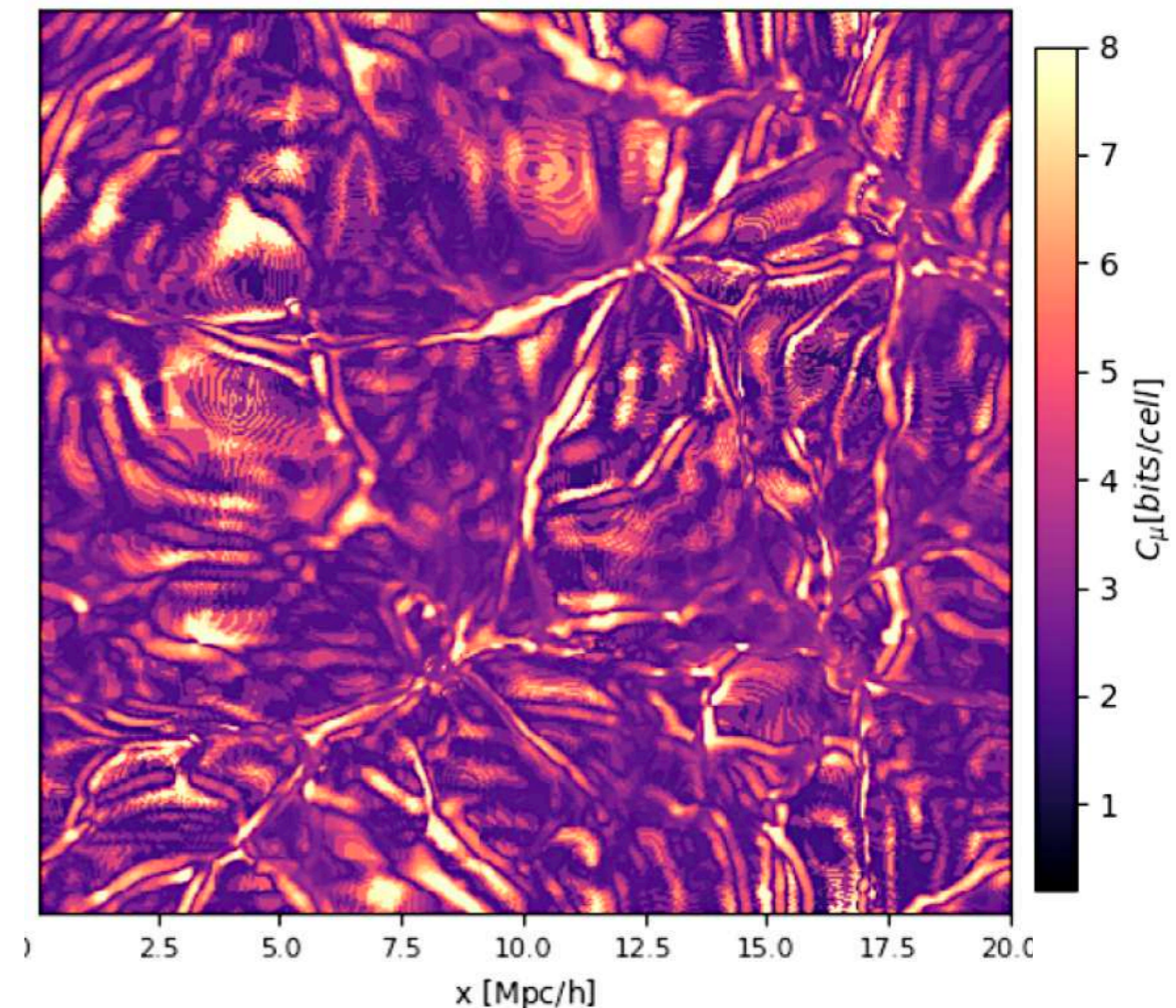
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Energy Transition Probability



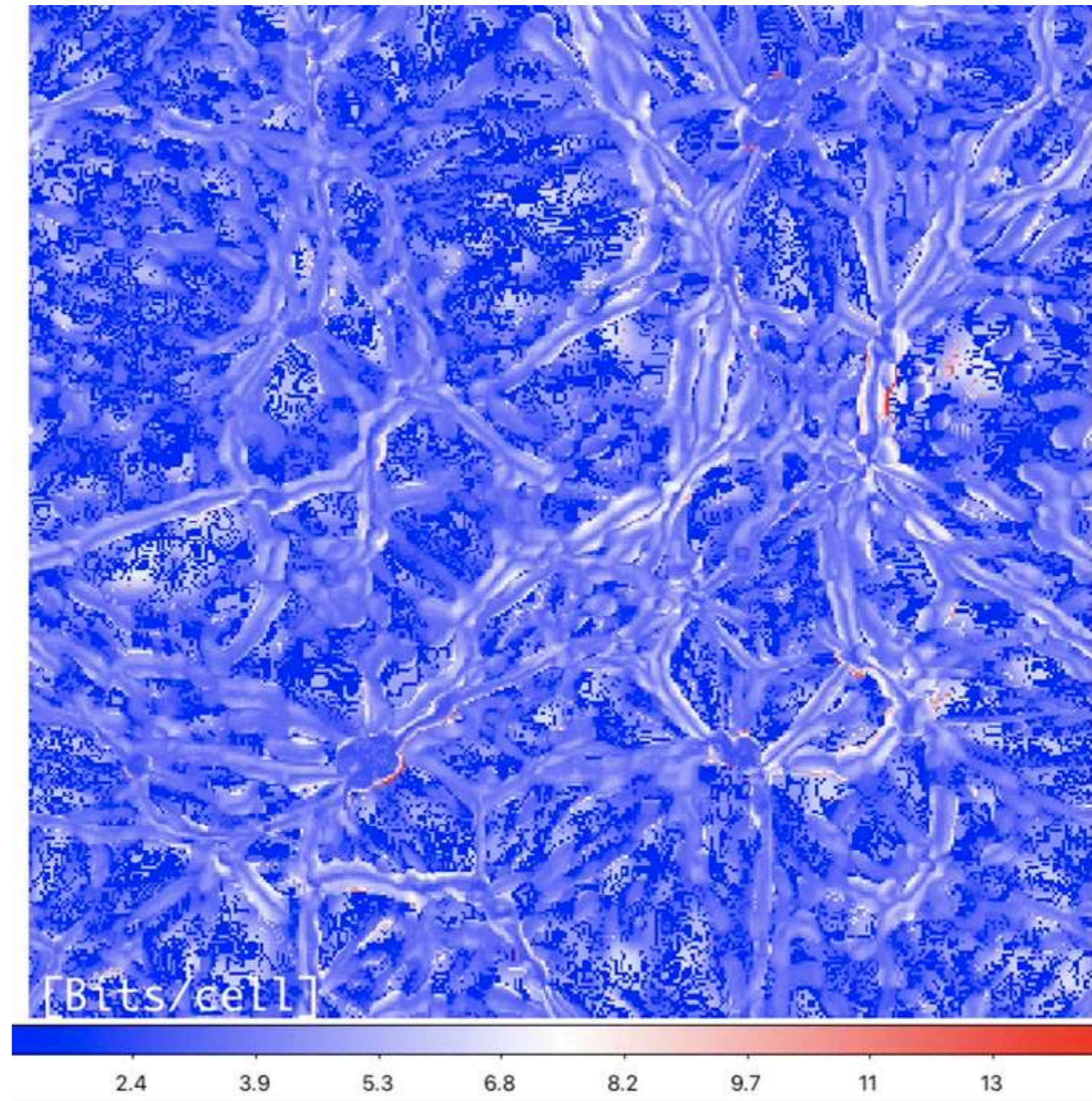
$$C_{\mu,xyz} = -P_{xyz} \log_2 P_{xyz}$$

- ▶ Statistical complexity measures how many bits of information are needed to predict the evolution of a system/object/environment.
- ▶ This can be measured from the datastream of the simulation



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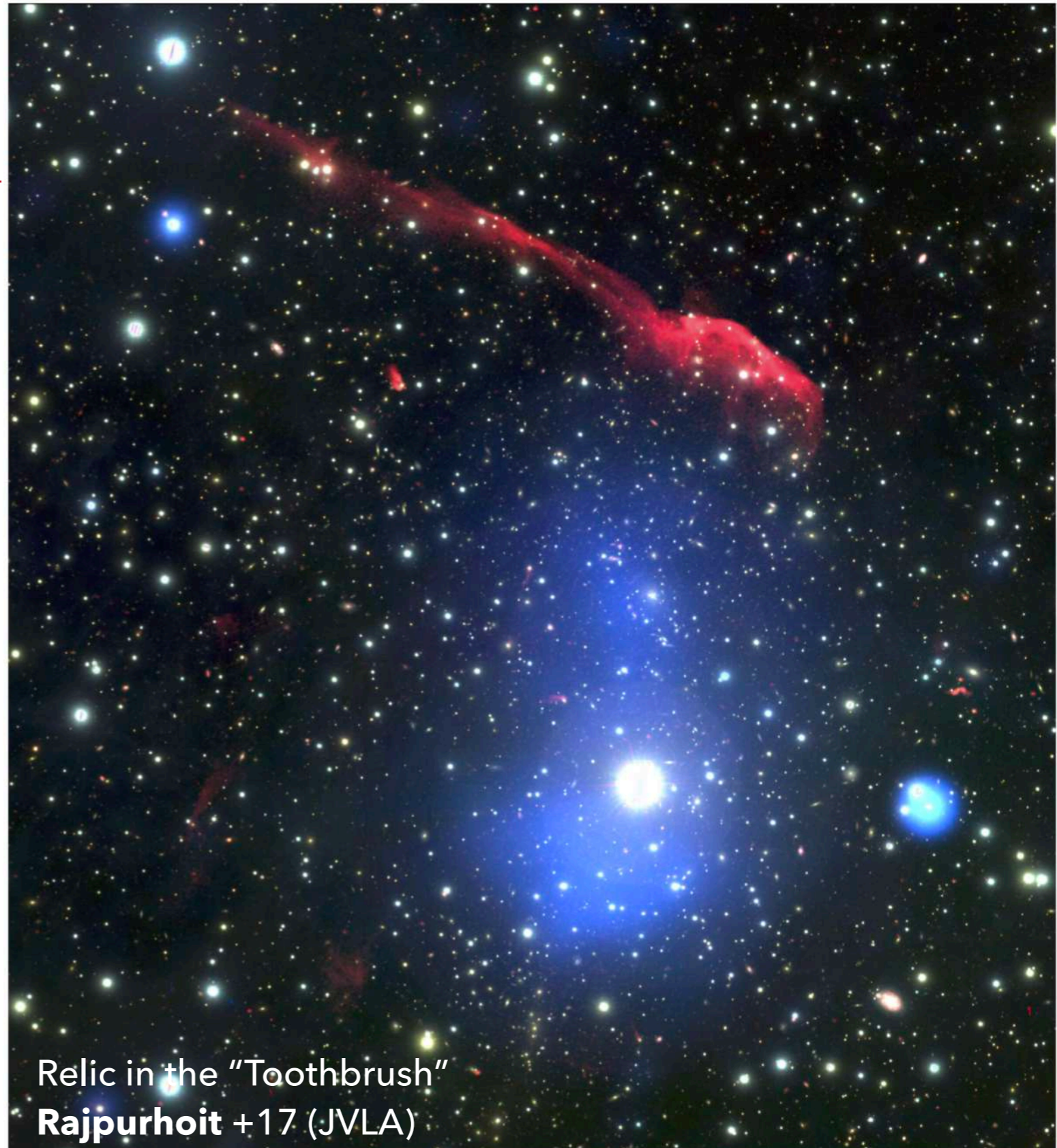
WHY DO WE CARE?

3. WHAT'S THE ORIGIN OF COSMIC MAGNETISM?

RADIO EMISSION

Optical emission

X-RAY EMISSION



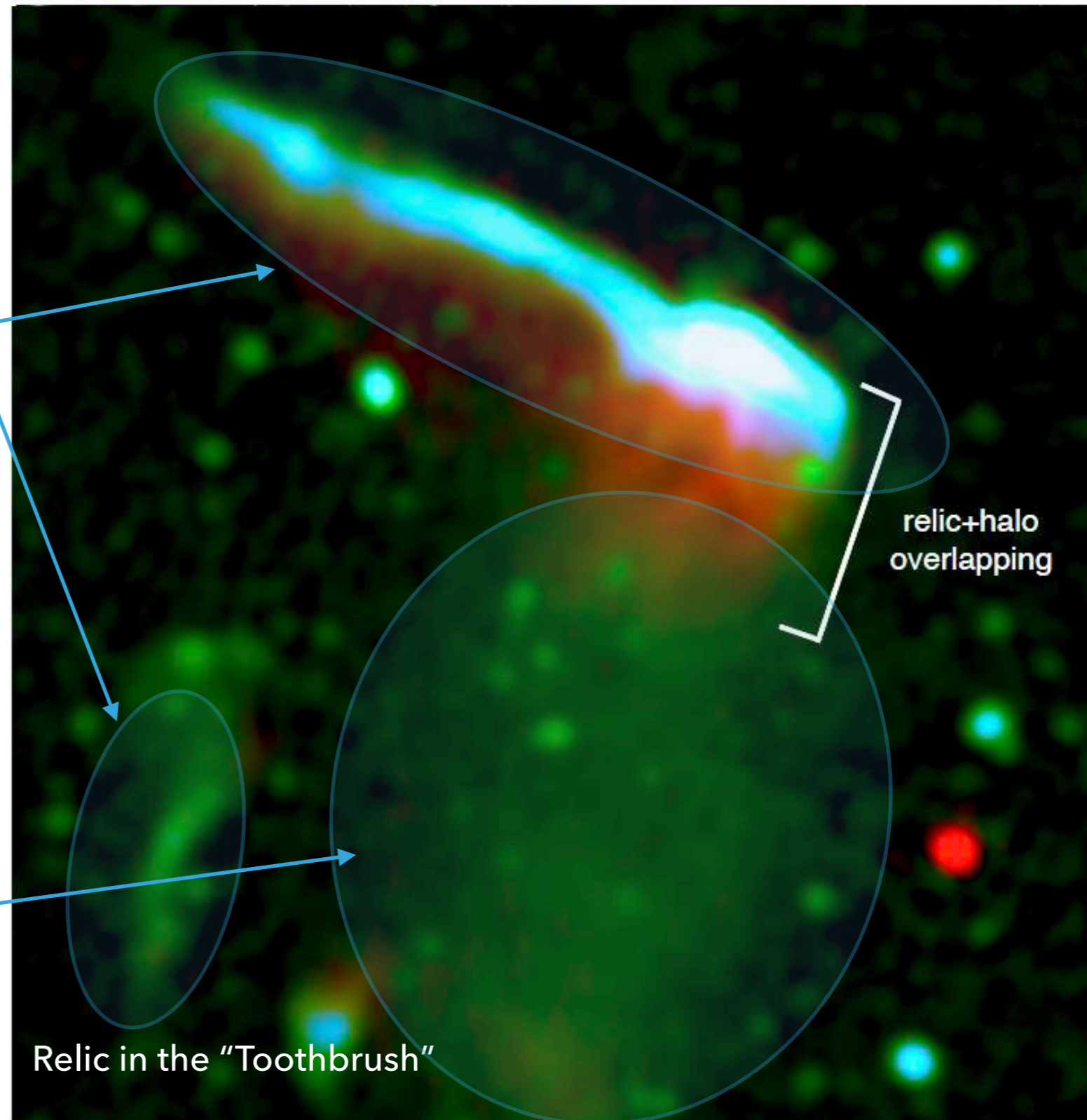
3. WHAT'S THE ORIGIN OF COSMIC MAGNETISM?

"RADIO RELICS"

- ▶ Magnetic fields: $B \sim \mu\text{G}$ over $\sim 1\text{-}2\text{Mpc}$
- ▶ 2-3 Mpc from the cluster centre
- ▶ associated with mergers/shocks
- ▶ polarized

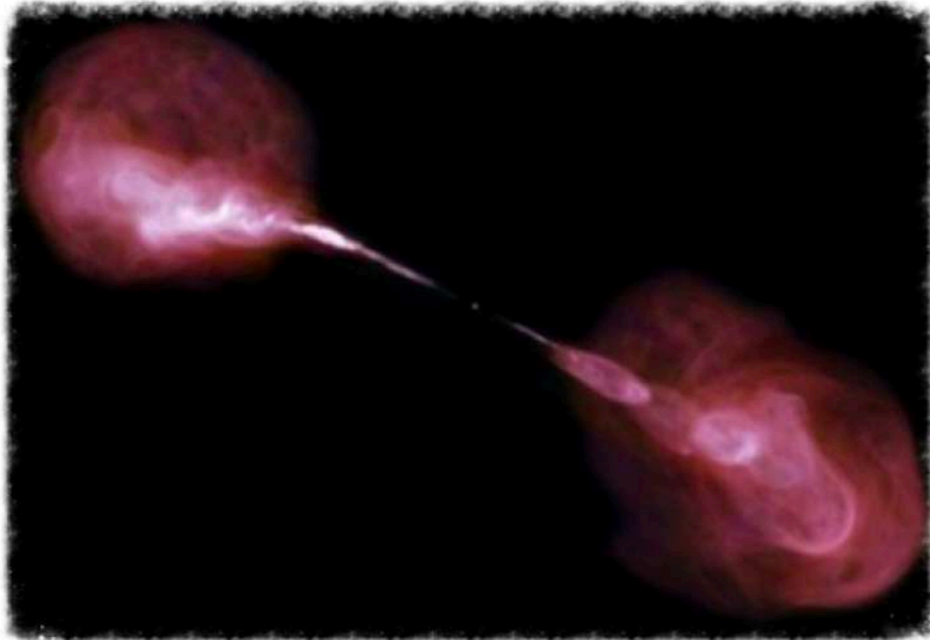
"RADIO HALOS"

- ▶ Magnetic fields: $B \sim \mu\text{G}$ over $\sim 1\text{-}2\text{Mpc}$
- ▶ centrally located
- ▶ associated with mergers/turbulence
- ▶ unpolarized



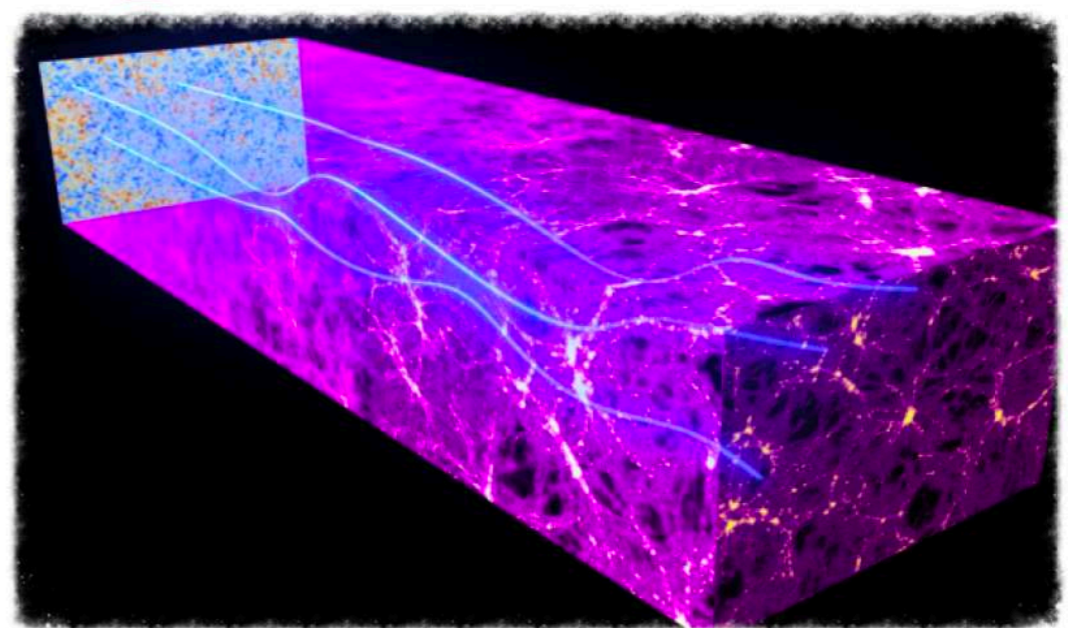
WHAT'S THE ORIGIN OF COSMIC MAGNETISM?

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origin**



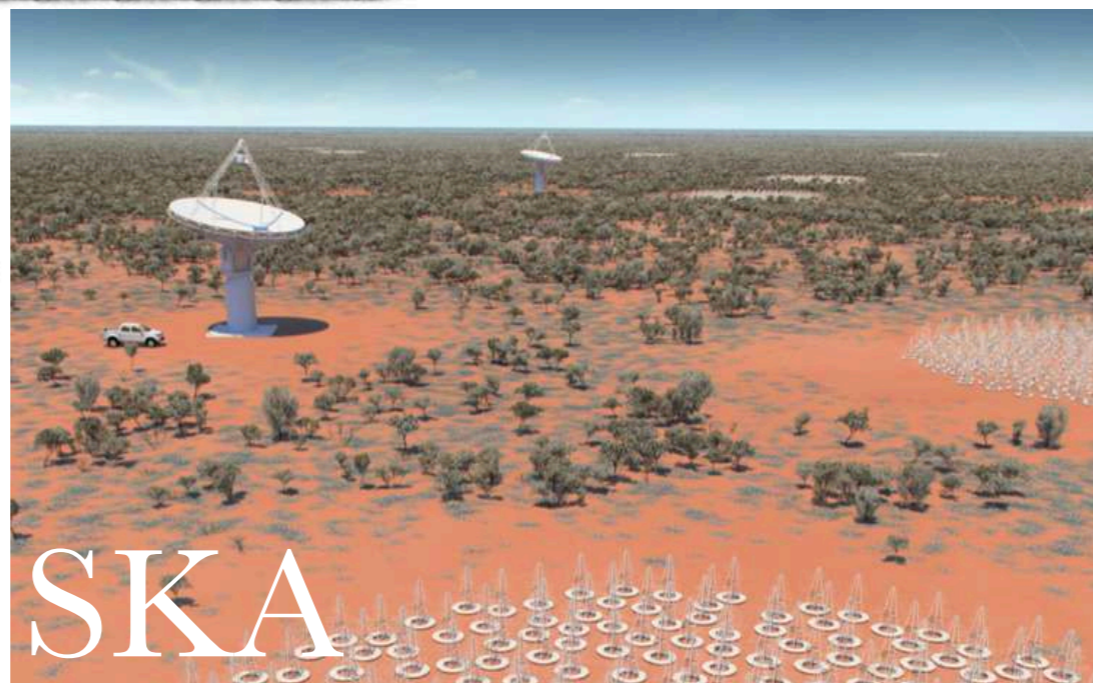
VS

primordial origin



**galaxy evolution &
compact objects**

(e.g. Donnert+08, Xu+09,
Marinacci+15)

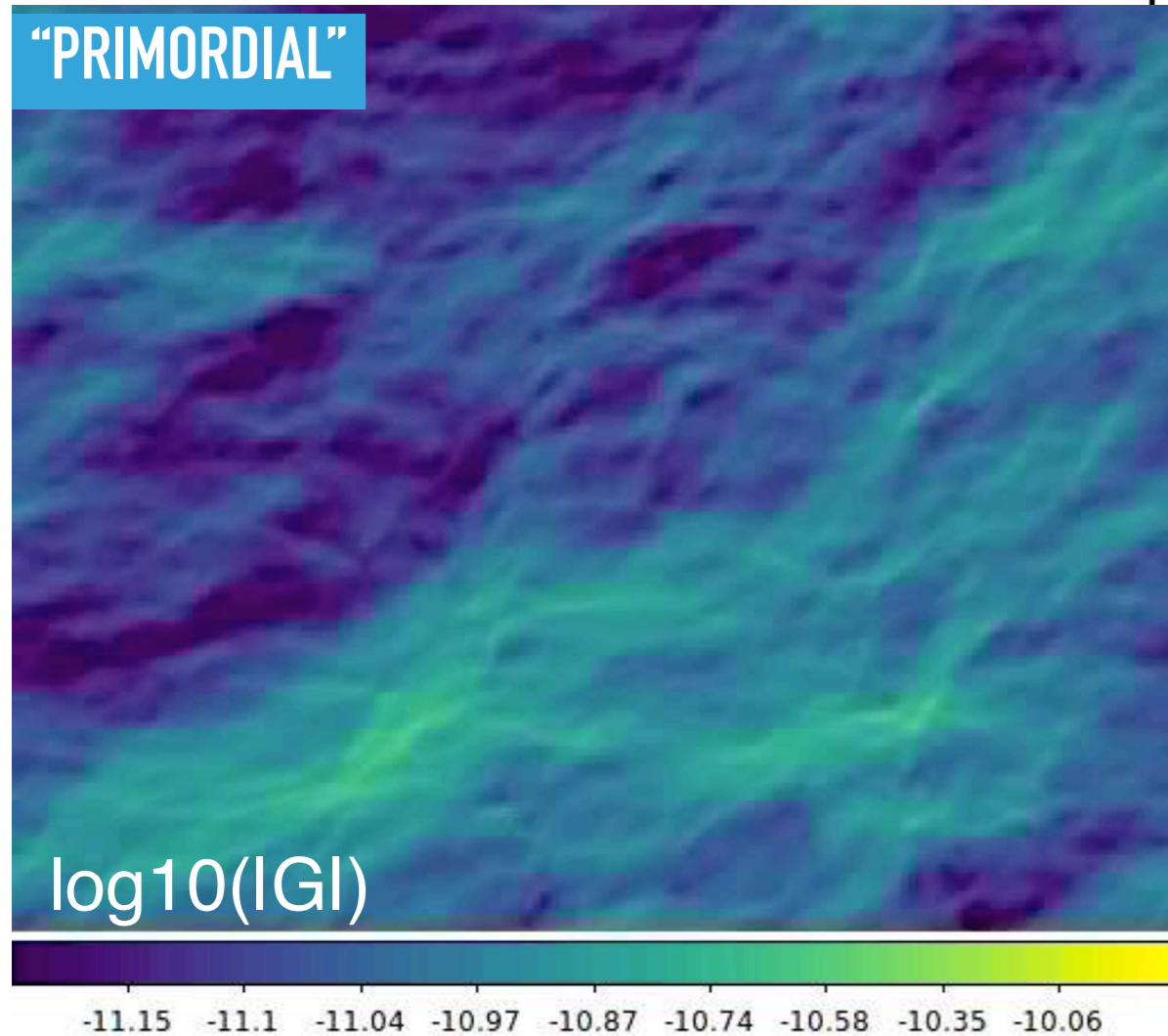


**cosmology &
particle physics**

(e.g. Ryu+08,
Subramanian+14)

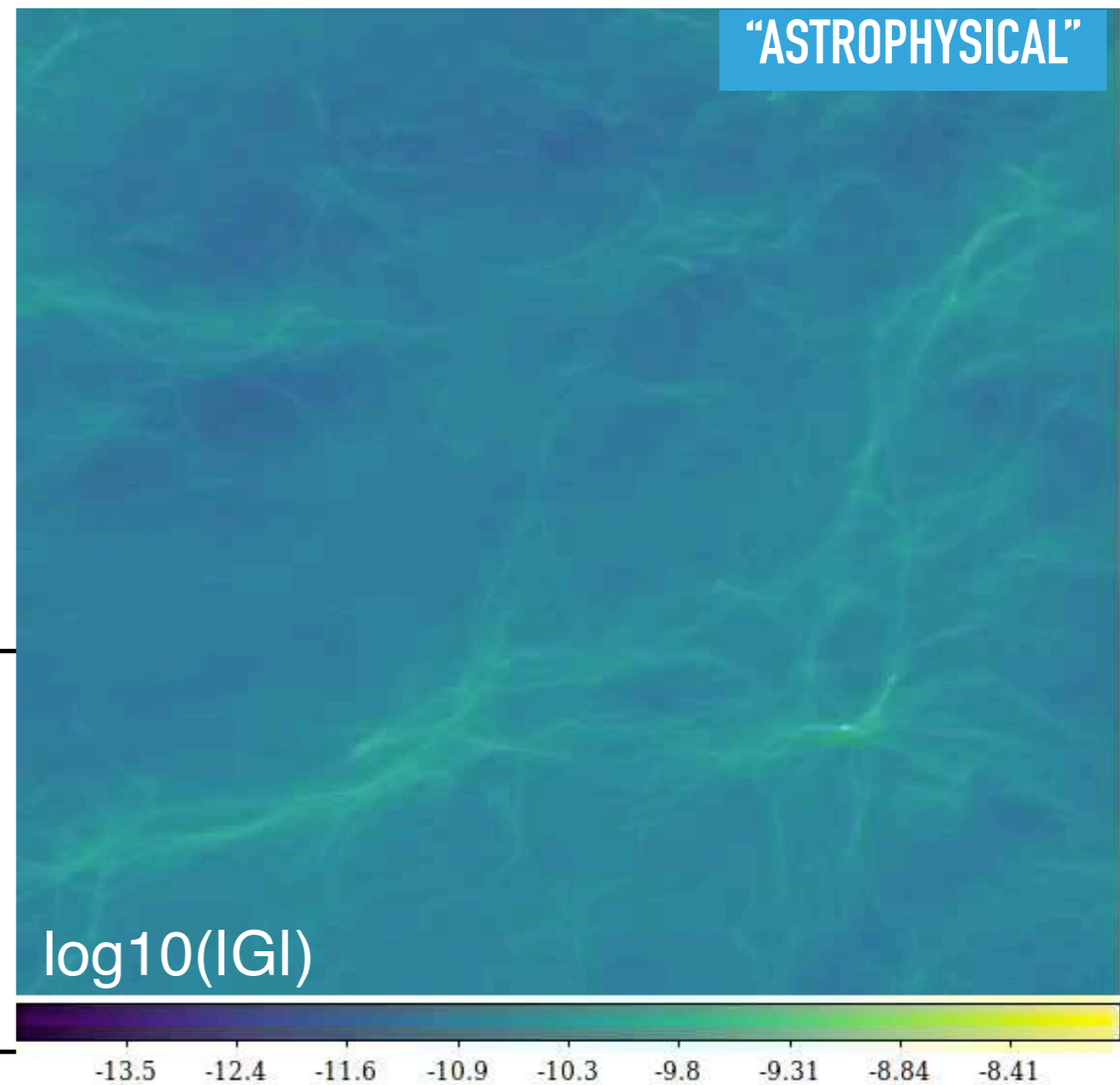
MYSTERIES & PUZZLES

“PRIMORDIAL”



- **Weak** ($< \text{nG}$) B-fields in place at $z > 10^3$
- Growth by: **compression, dynamo** (depending on Reynolds number)
- **Volume filling**

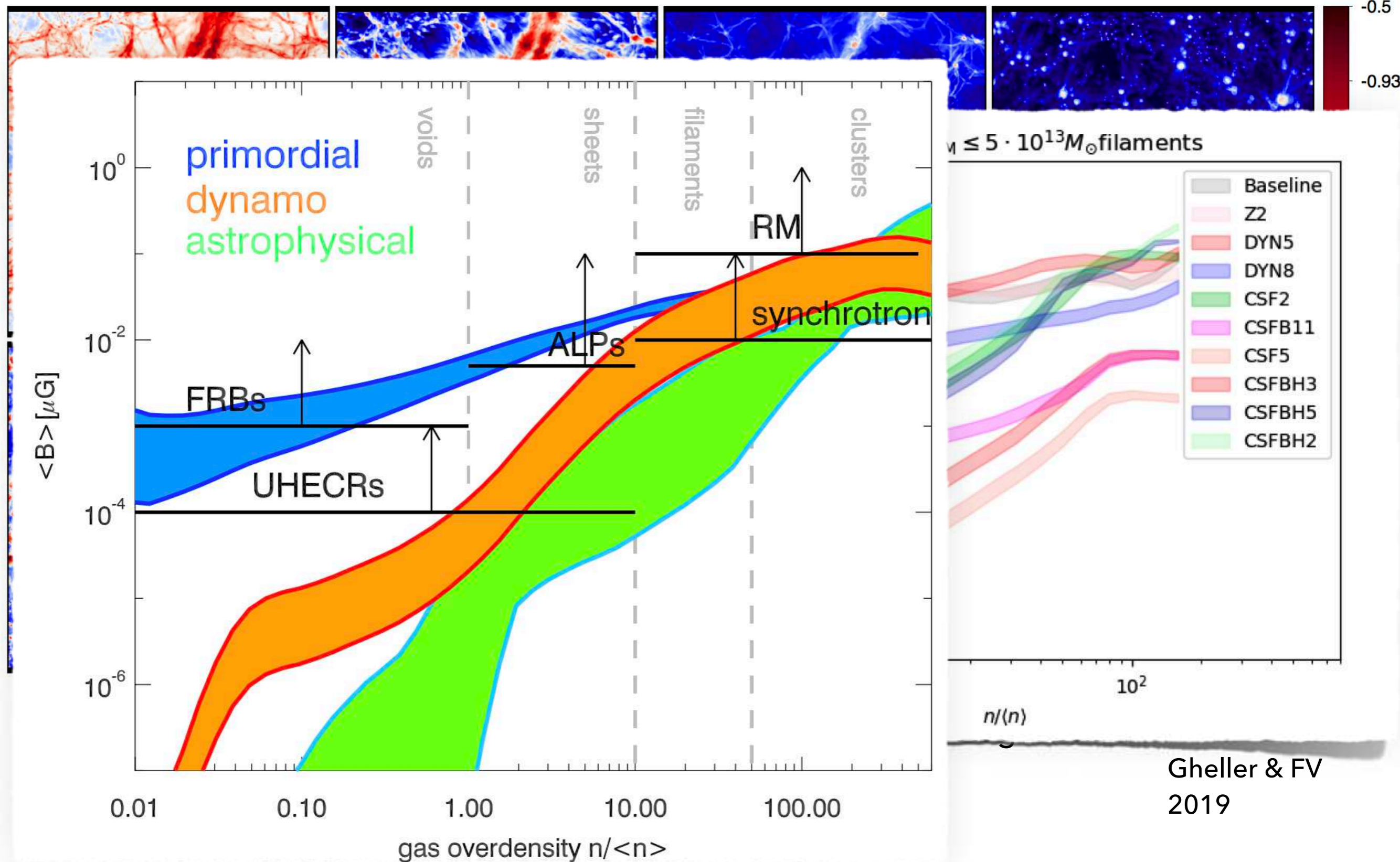
“ASTROPHYSICAL”



- **Strong** ($> \mu\text{G}$) B-fields in place at $z < 10$
- Evolve by: **compression/rarefaction, dynamo**
- **Little volume filling**

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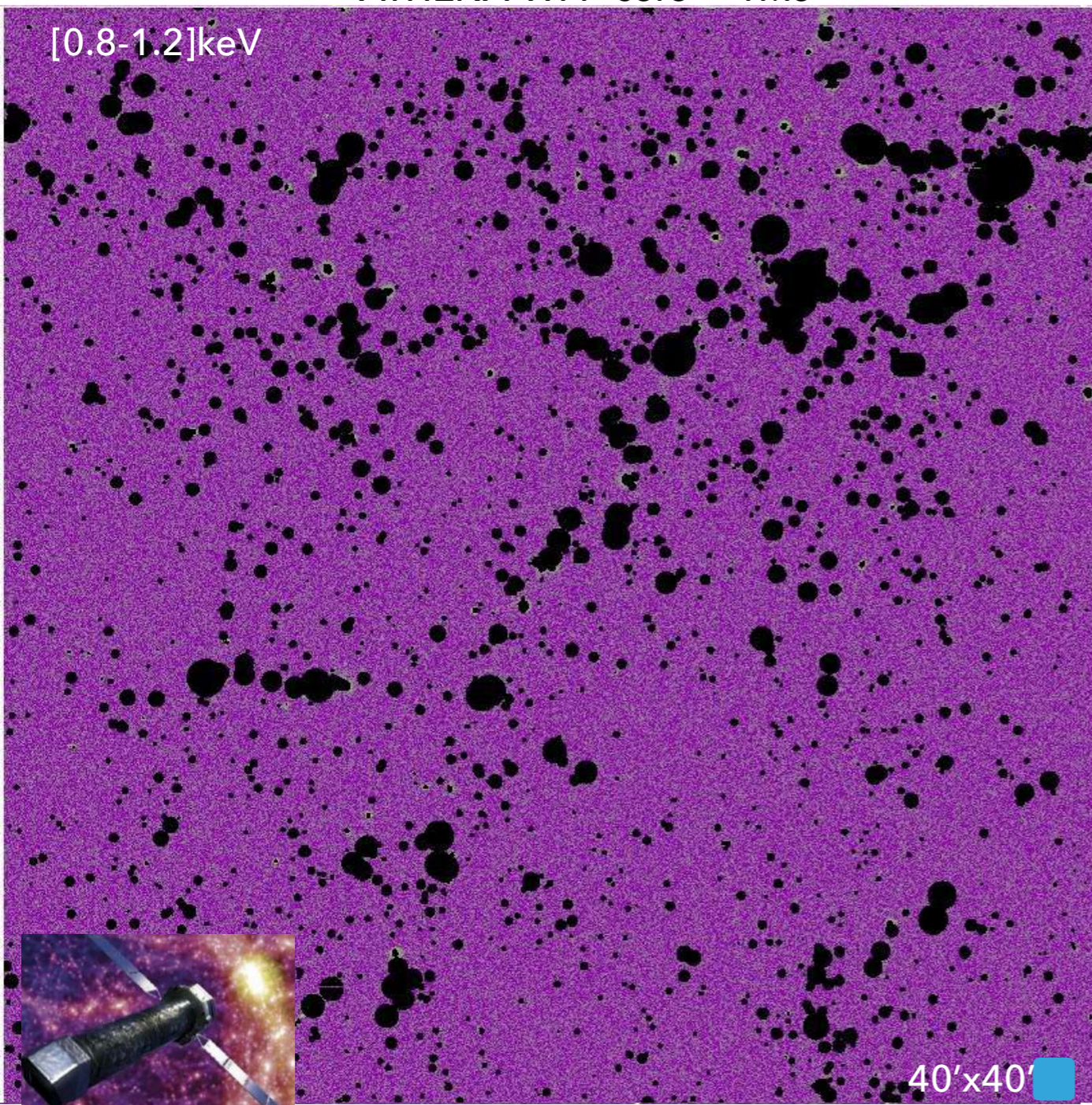
The CHRONOS++ suite: 20 models of magnetism



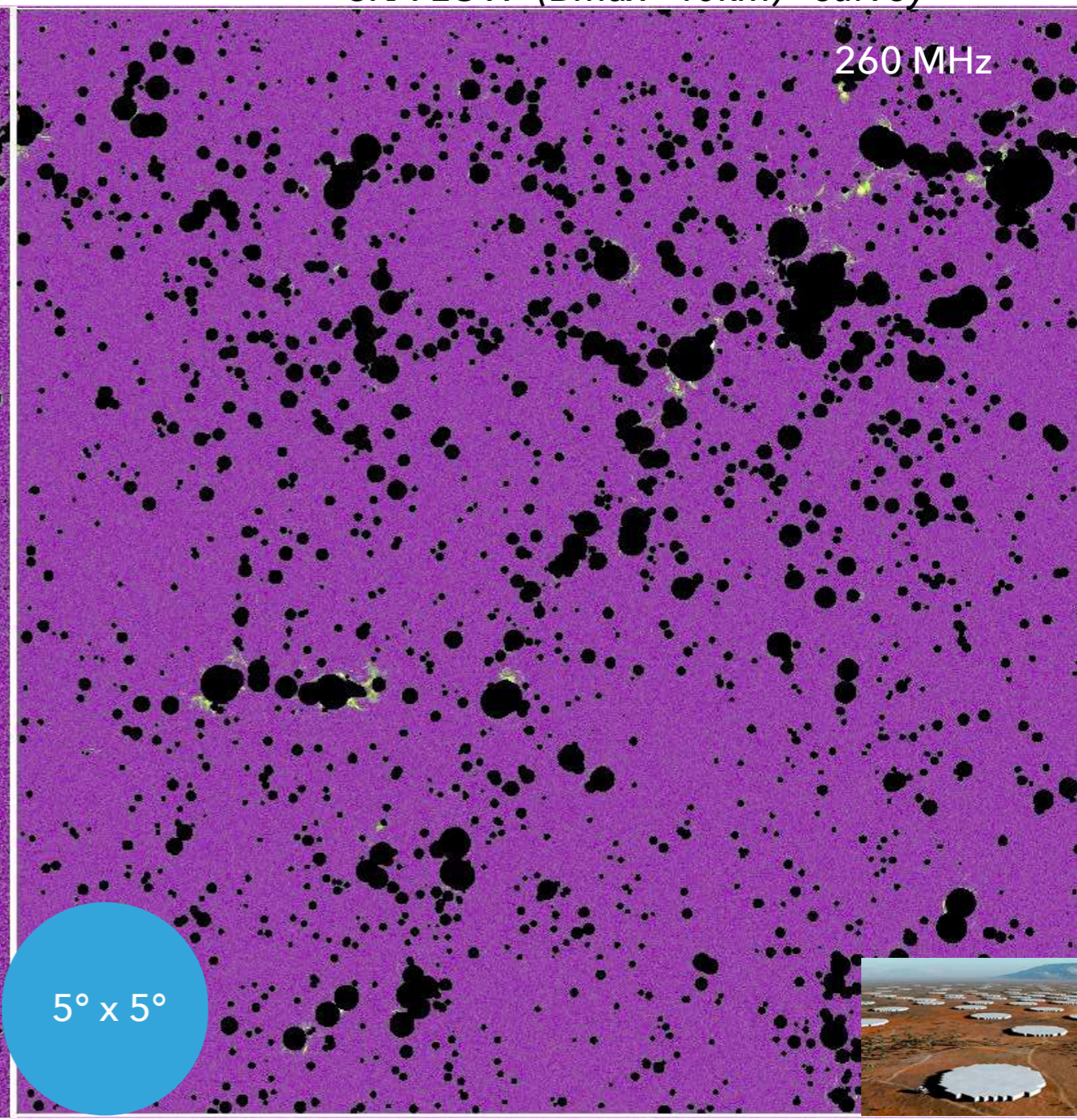
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FV,Ettori,Roncarelli,Angelinelli,Bruggen,Gheller A&A 2019

ATHENA-WFI “core” - 1Ms



SKA-LOW ($B_{\text{max}}=40\text{km}$) - survey



mock X-ray observation (Athena-WFI 0.8-1.2keV)

$t=1\text{Ms}$, instr.+ sky BG (3100 cnt/Ms arcmin²)

$n\text{H}=2 \cdot 10^{20} \text{ cm}^2$, $A_{\text{eff}} = 12139 \text{ cm}^2$

mock radio observation (SKA-LOW 260MHz)

$t=10\text{hr}$, thermal+confusion noise ($\sigma=4.8\mu\text{Jy}/\text{beam}$)

beam=7.3" , UV sampling

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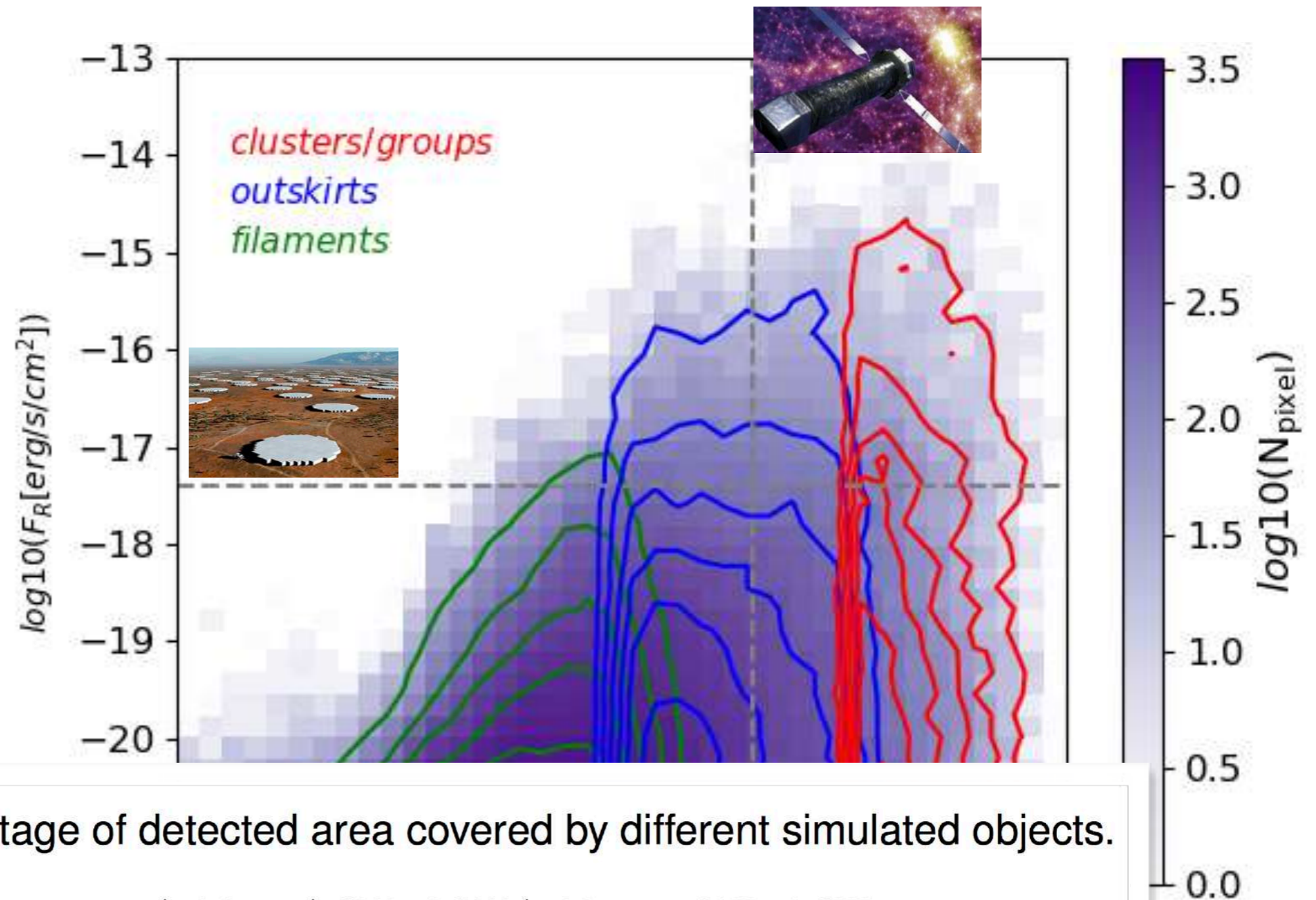
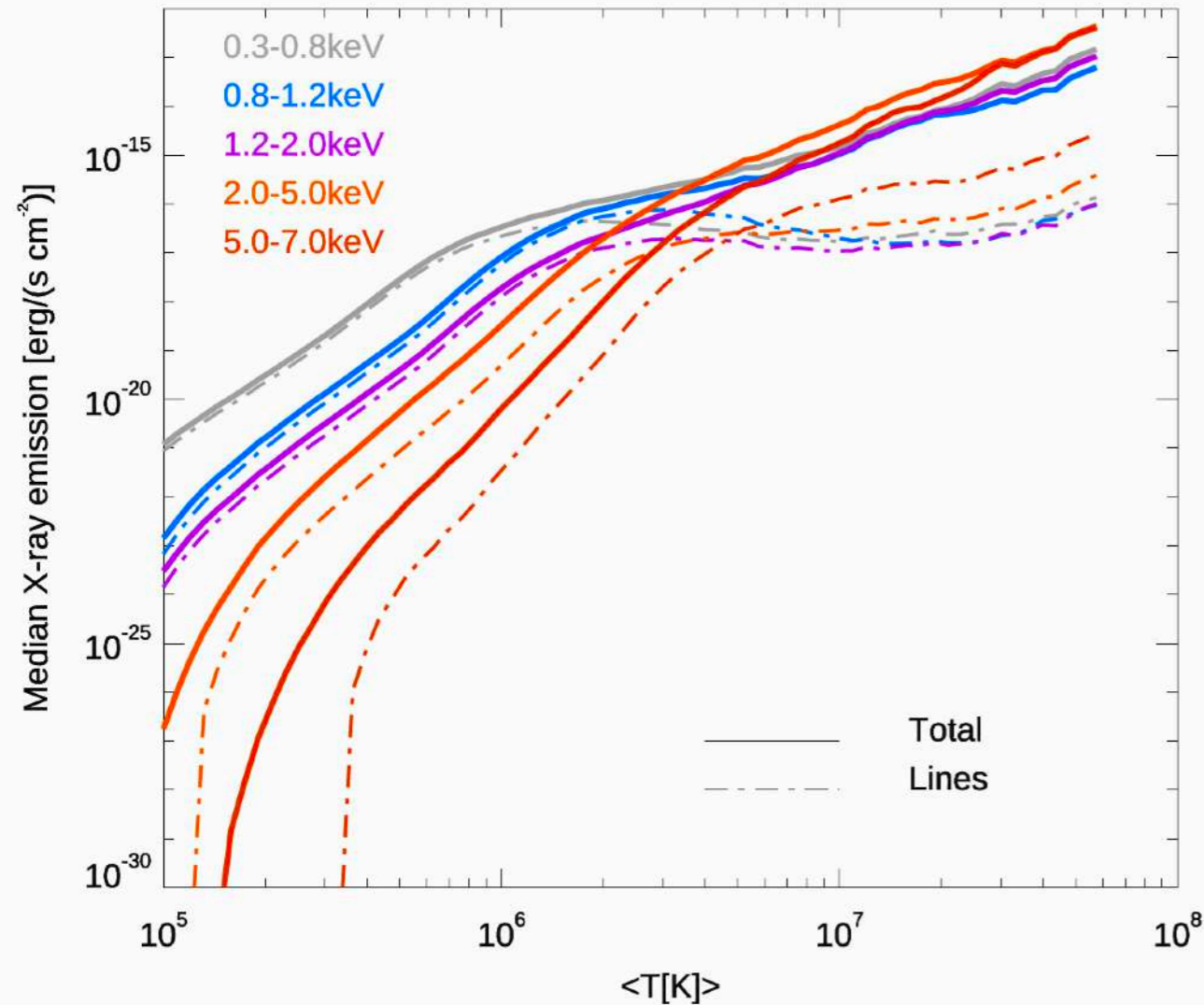


Table 5.1: Percentage of detected area covered by different simulated objects.

	<i>Athena</i>	SKA1-LOW	<i>Athena</i> \cap SKA1-LOW
galaxy clusters	50%	19%	11%
outskirts	10%	19%	1.4%
filaments	0.1 %	1.8%	0.01%

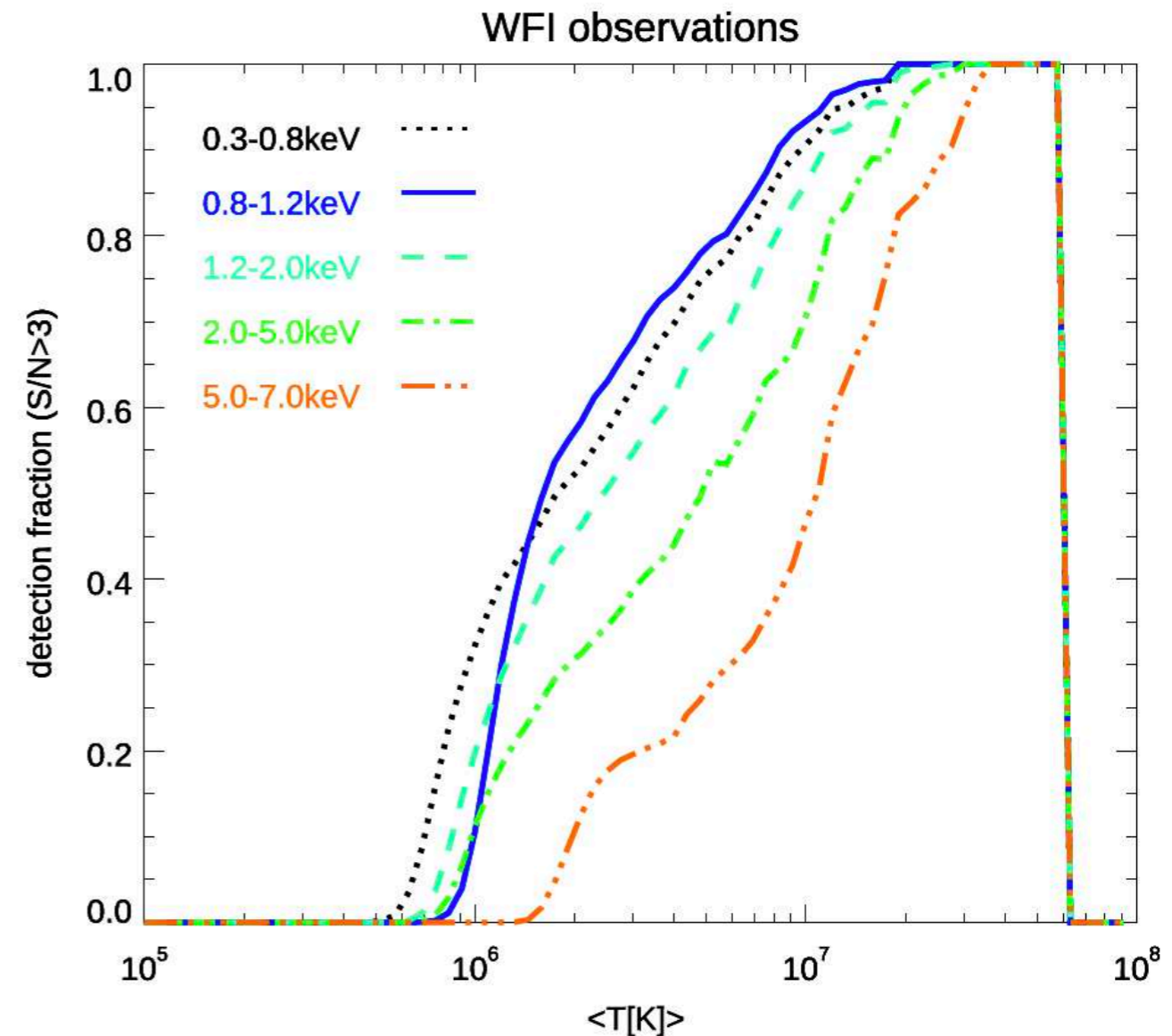
PERFORMANCES OF DIFFERENT X-RAY/RADIO INSTRUMENTS



- More photons from the WHIM in the **0.3-0.8keV**

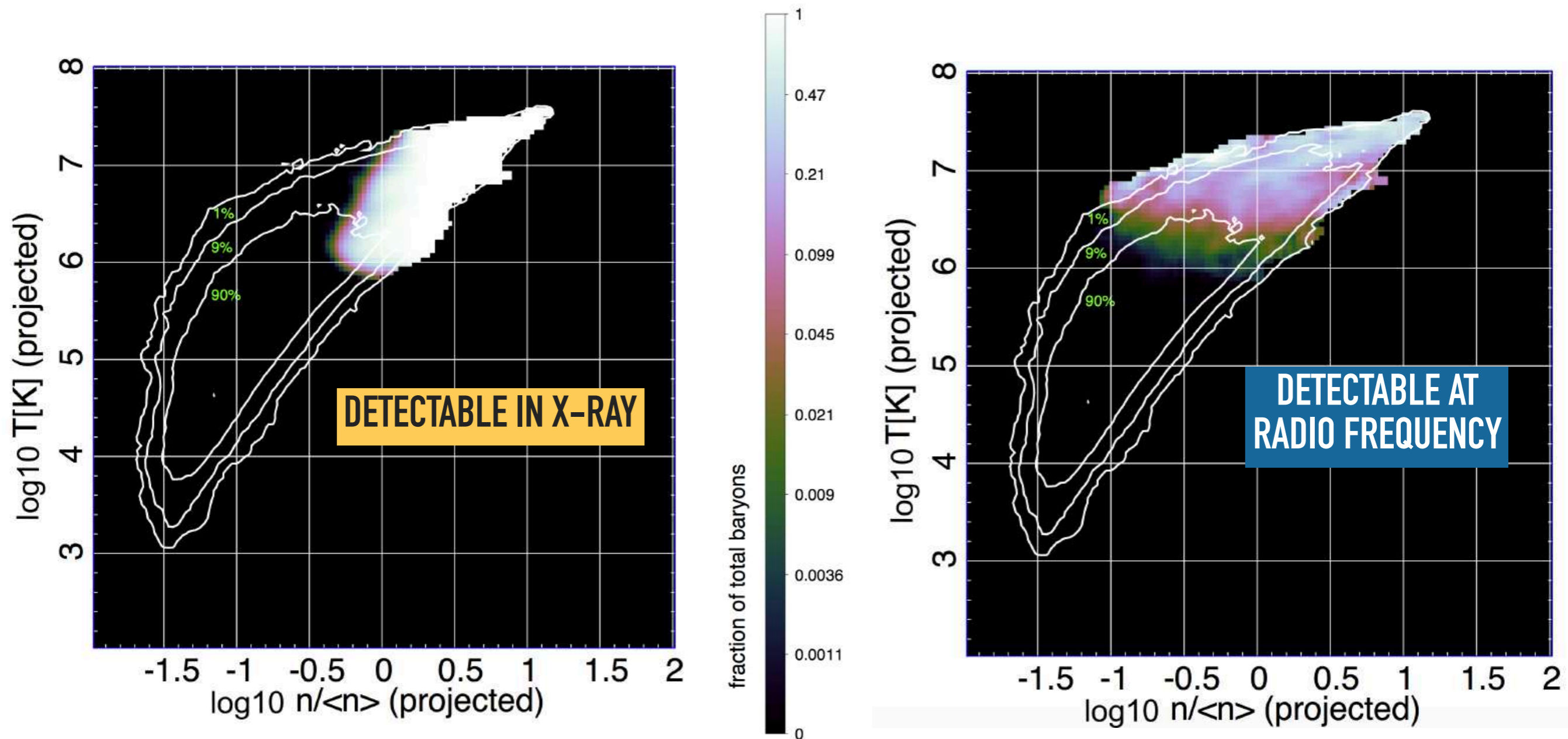
- More chances of detection in the **0.8-1.2keV** band (S/N>3)

$$S/N = \frac{f_{\text{abs}} \cdot S}{\sqrt{f_{\text{abs}}(S + 2B_{\text{bg}})}}$$

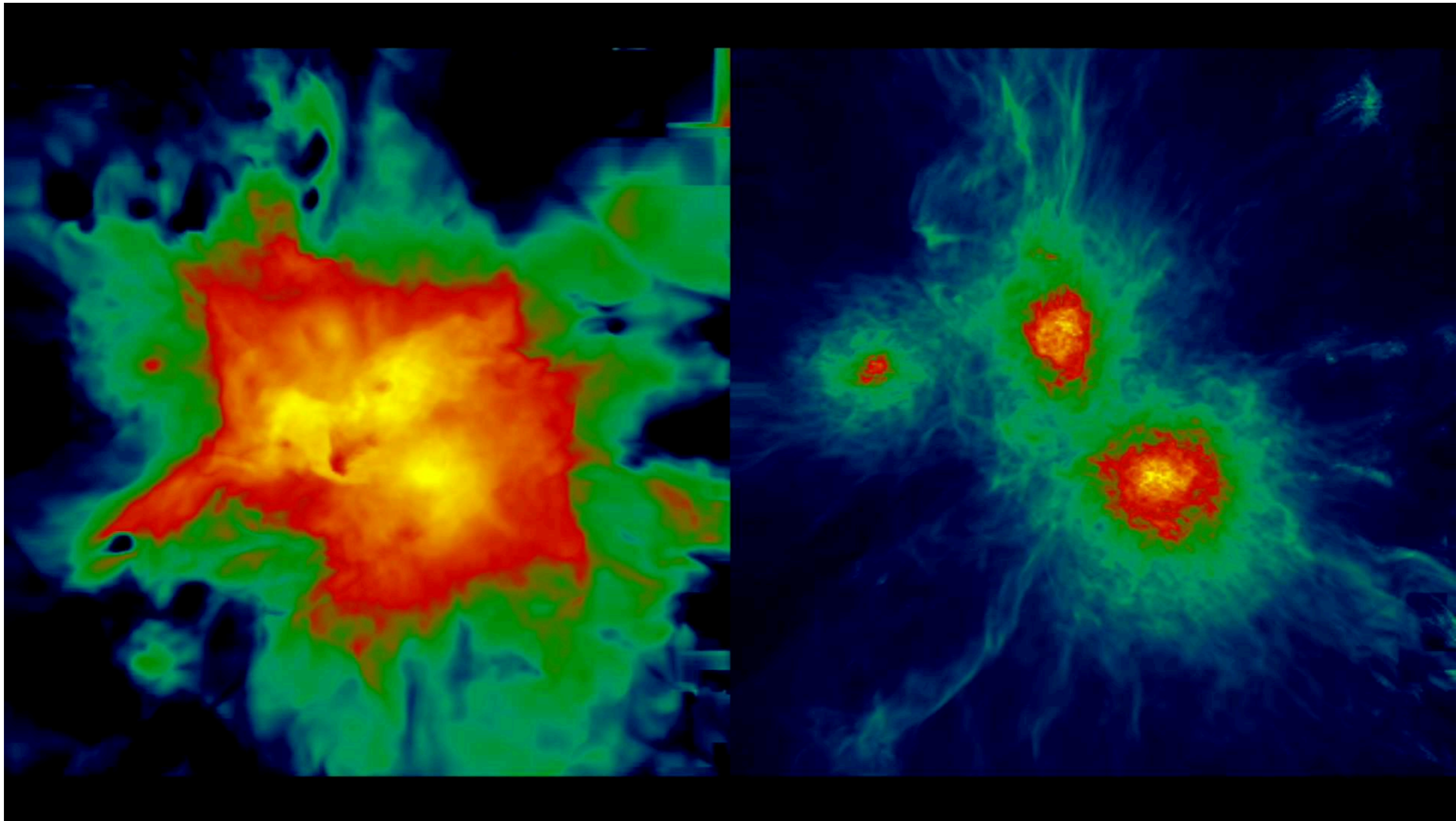


WHICH TECHNIQUE WILL DETECT MOST BARYONS?

- ▶ **X-ray** will detect most of the hot plasma in clusters. This where only $\sim 10\%$ of baryons are.
- ▶ **Radio observation** will detect a fraction (shock filling factors) of baryons.
- ▶ This is the phase where $\sim 90\%$ of baryons are

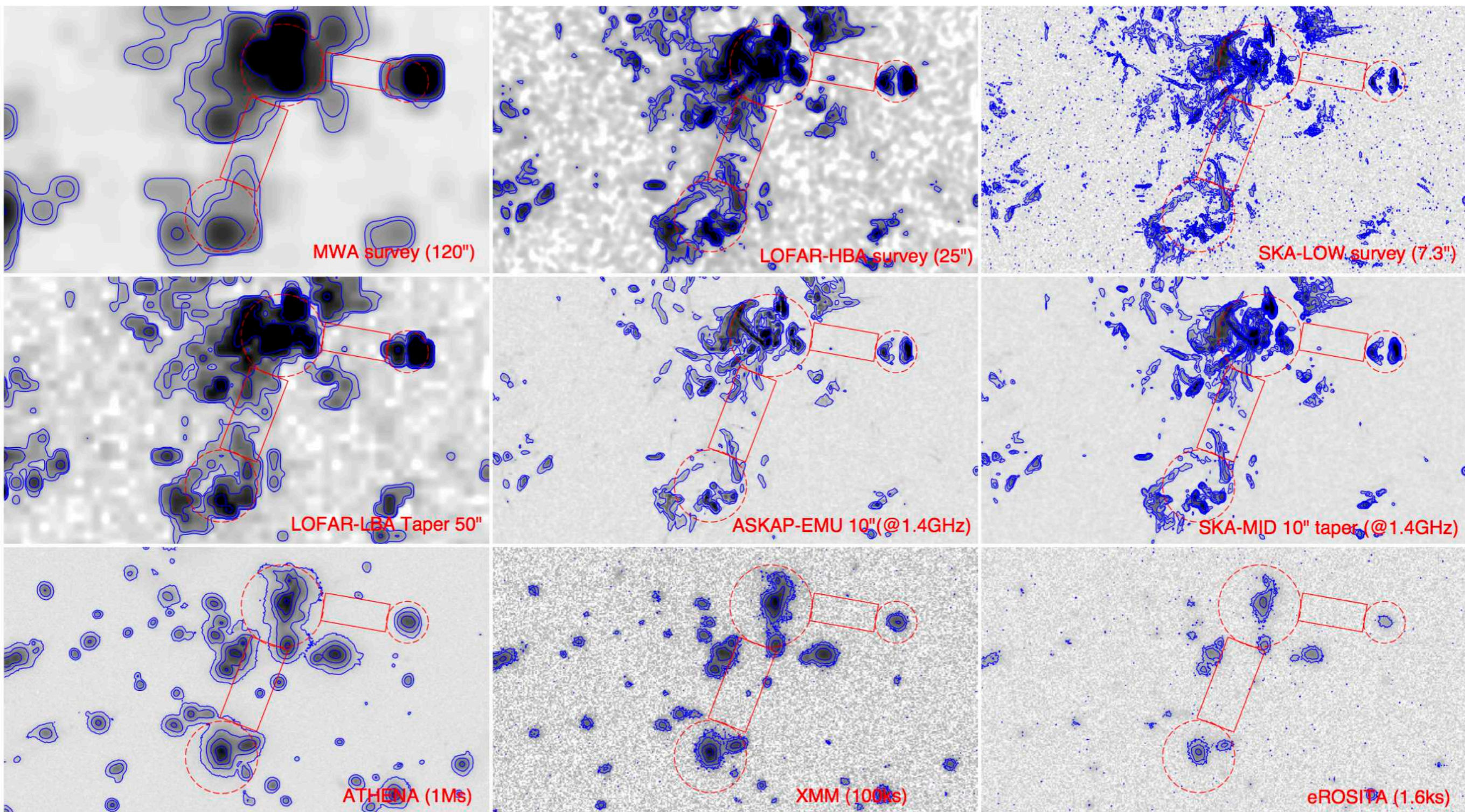


WHERE ARE “DOUBLE DETECTIONS” (X-RAY + RADIO) POSSIBLE?



- cluster pairs in pre-merger condition “boost” the WHIM between them (transient $< \text{Gyr}$ stage) to $T \sim \text{keV}$

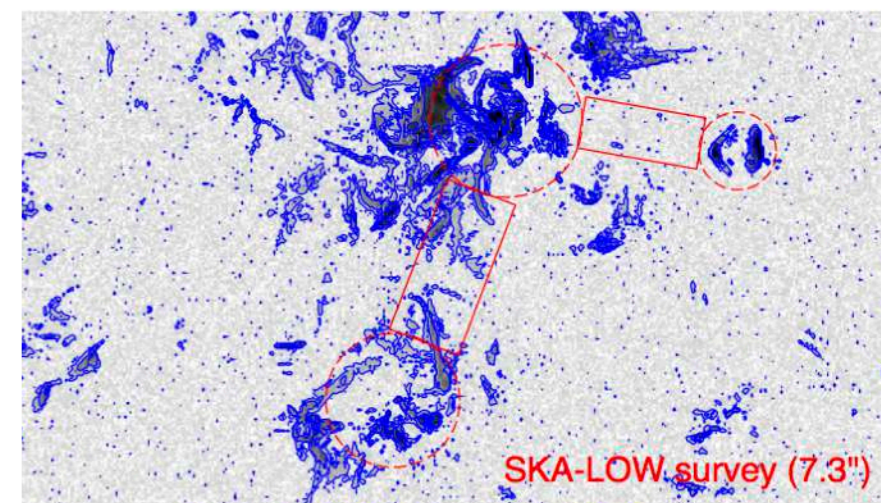
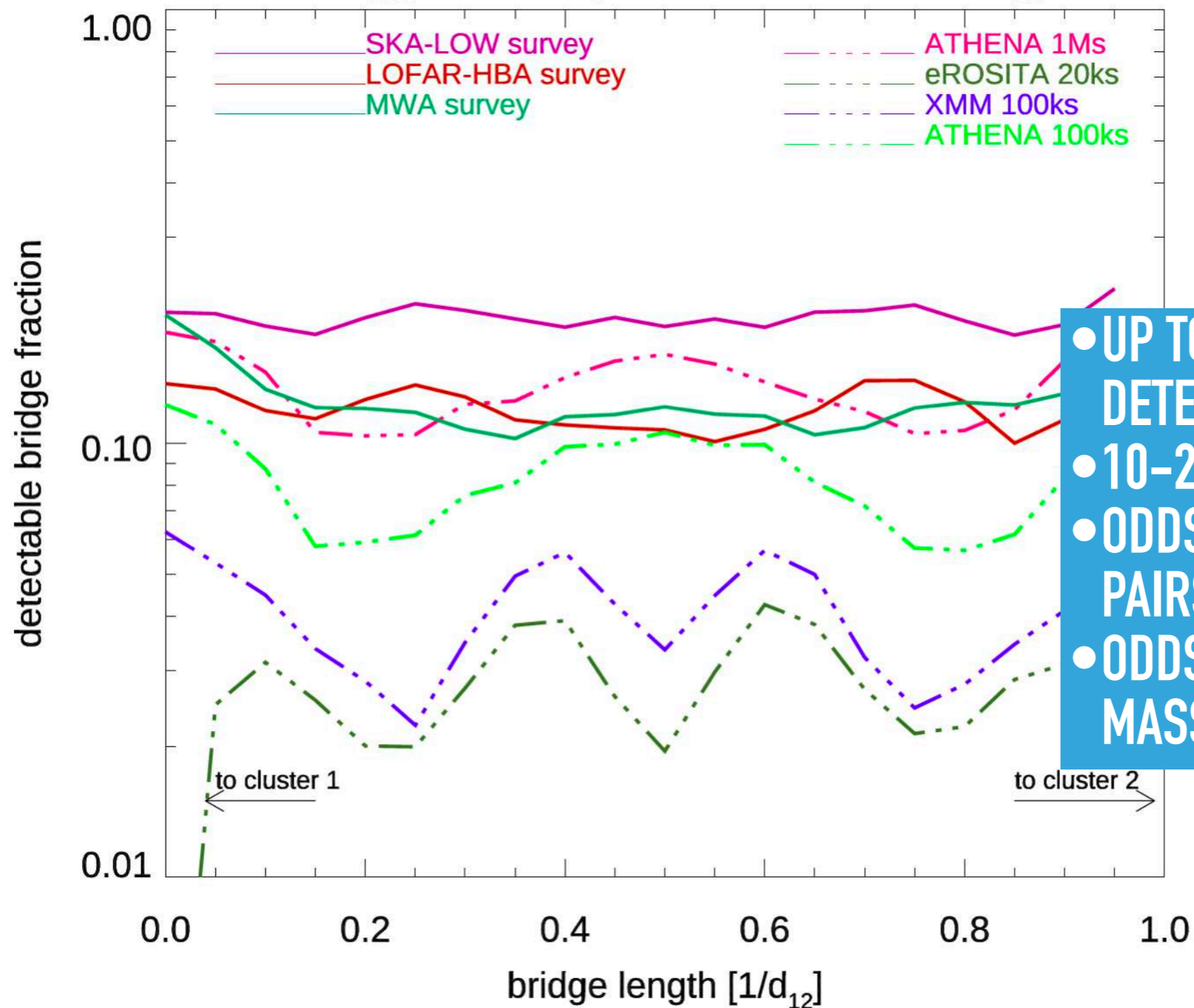
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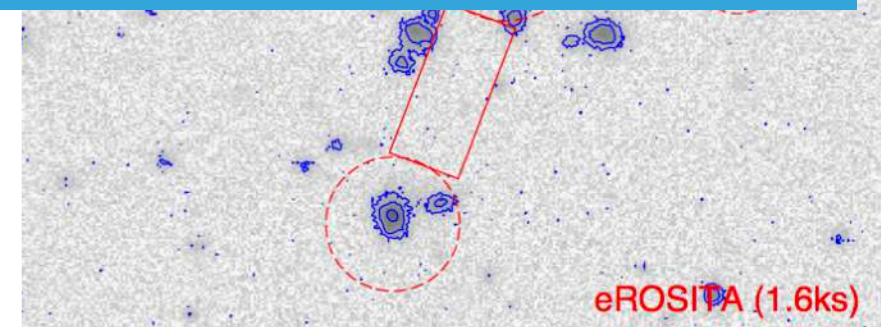
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- scan of ~5' wide bridges connecting their R100

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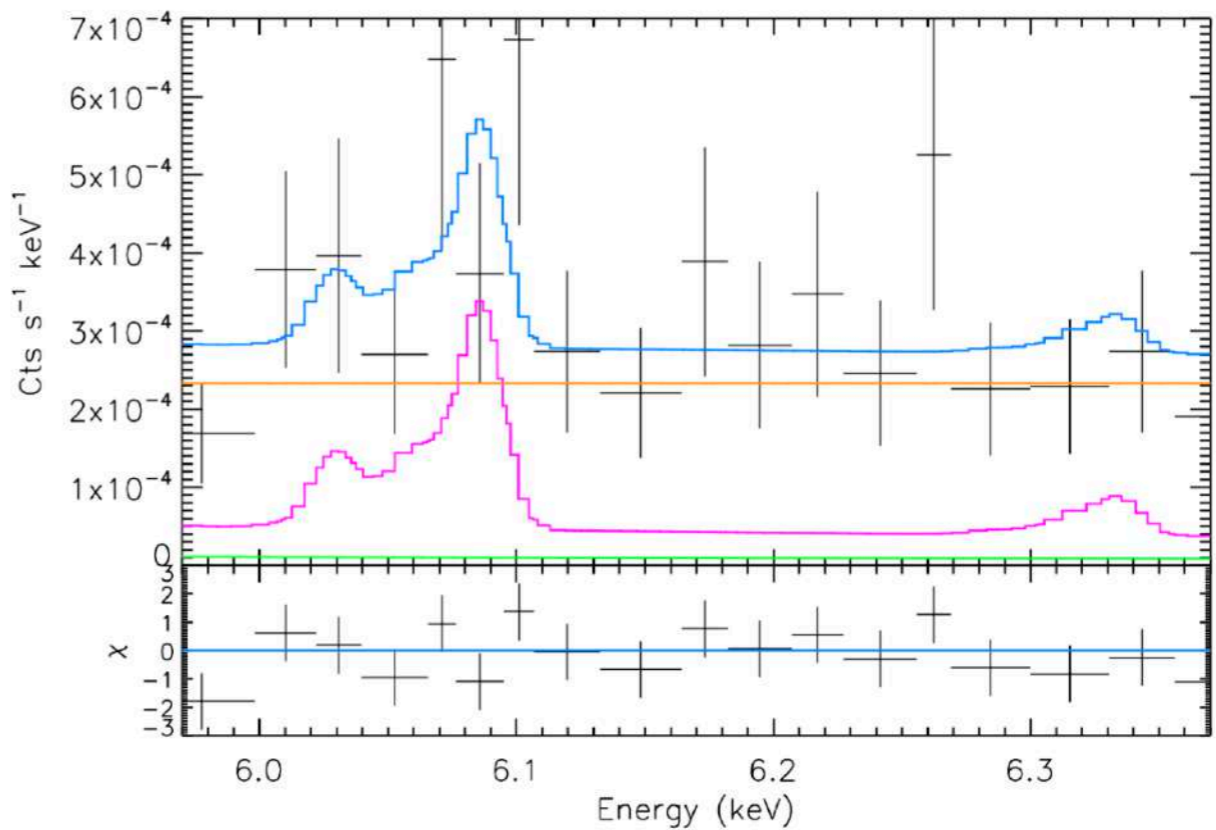
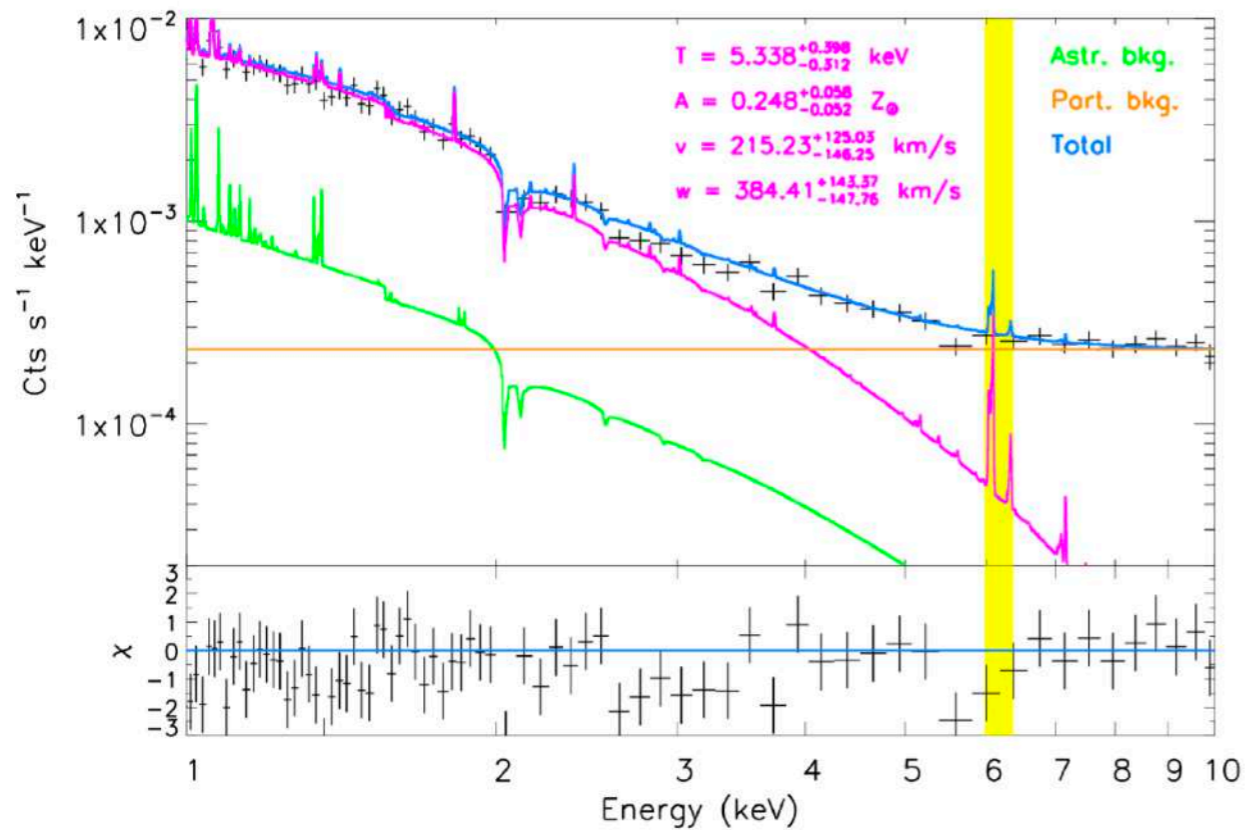
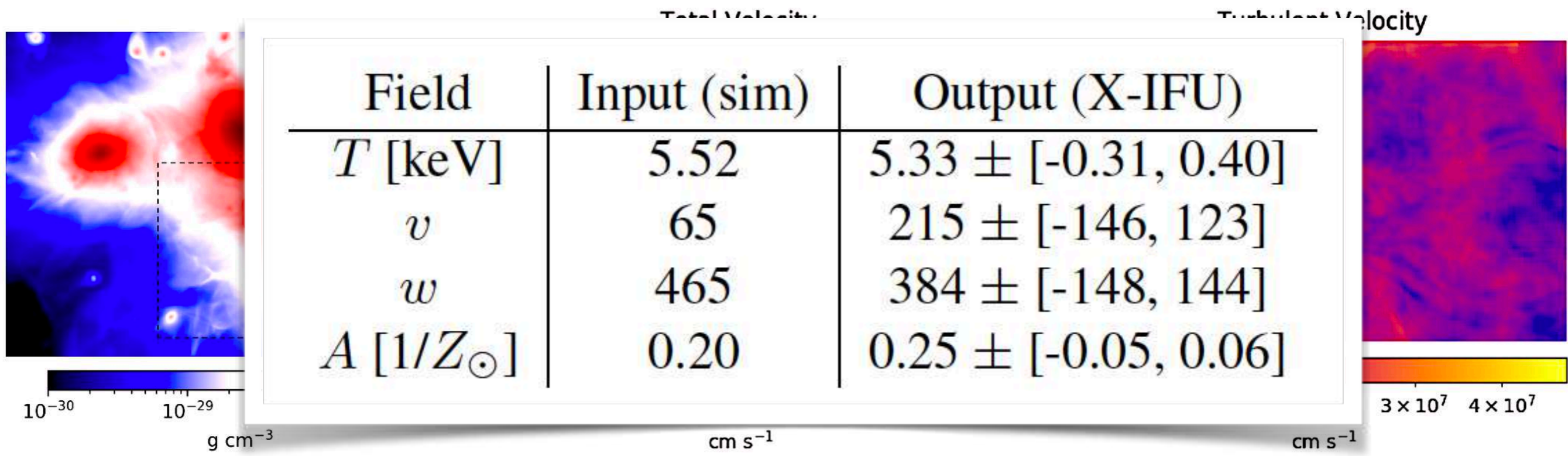


- UP TO 30% OF BRIDGE SURFACE DETECTABLE IN RADIO
- 10–20% WITH ATHENA (1MS)
- ODDS INCREASE FOR PHYSICAL PAIRS
- ODDS INCREASE FOR MORE MASSIVE SYSTEMS



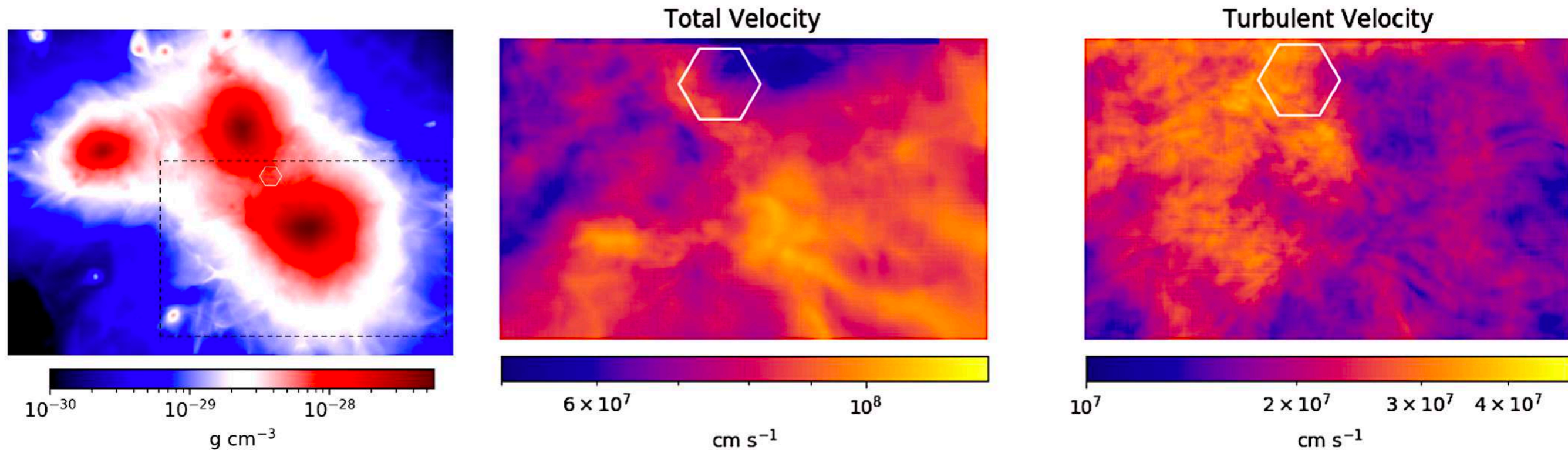
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SIXTE simulation of a 1Ms integration

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If $w \sim \sigma_v$, and shock normal is $\sim 0-45^\circ$ along the LOS:

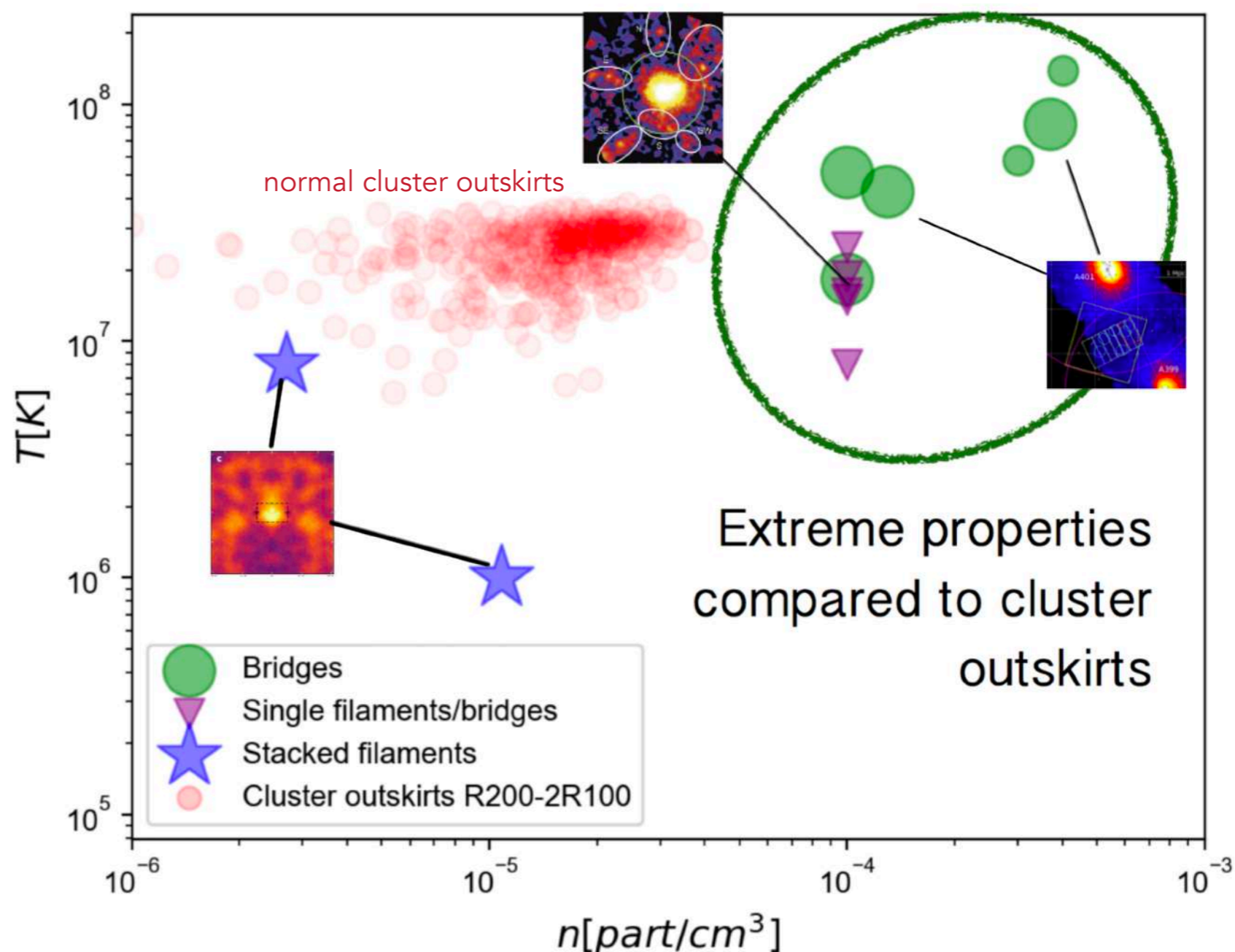
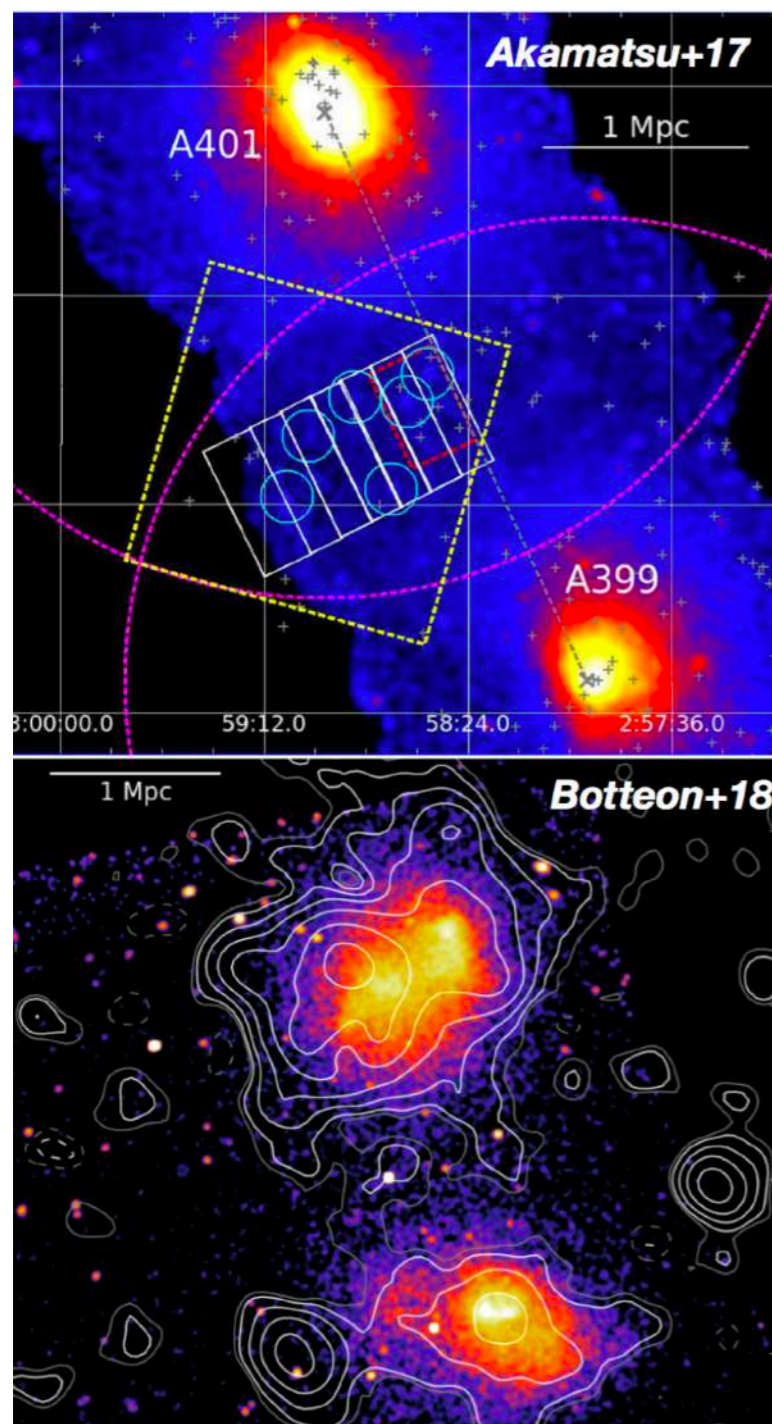
$$\text{"Velocity Jump": } \mathcal{M}_{\text{spec}} = \frac{2}{3} \left(\frac{\sigma_v}{c_s} + \sqrt{\frac{4\sigma_v}{c_s} + 9} \right)$$

$$\mathcal{M}_{\text{spec}} \approx 2.3 \sim \mathcal{M}_{3\text{D}} = 2.5 - 3$$

**X-RAY SPECTROSCOPIC MEASUREMENTS OF MACH NUMBERS WILL
ALLOW CONSTRAINING SHOCK ACCELERATION PHYSICS**

THE “BOOSTED” WHIM

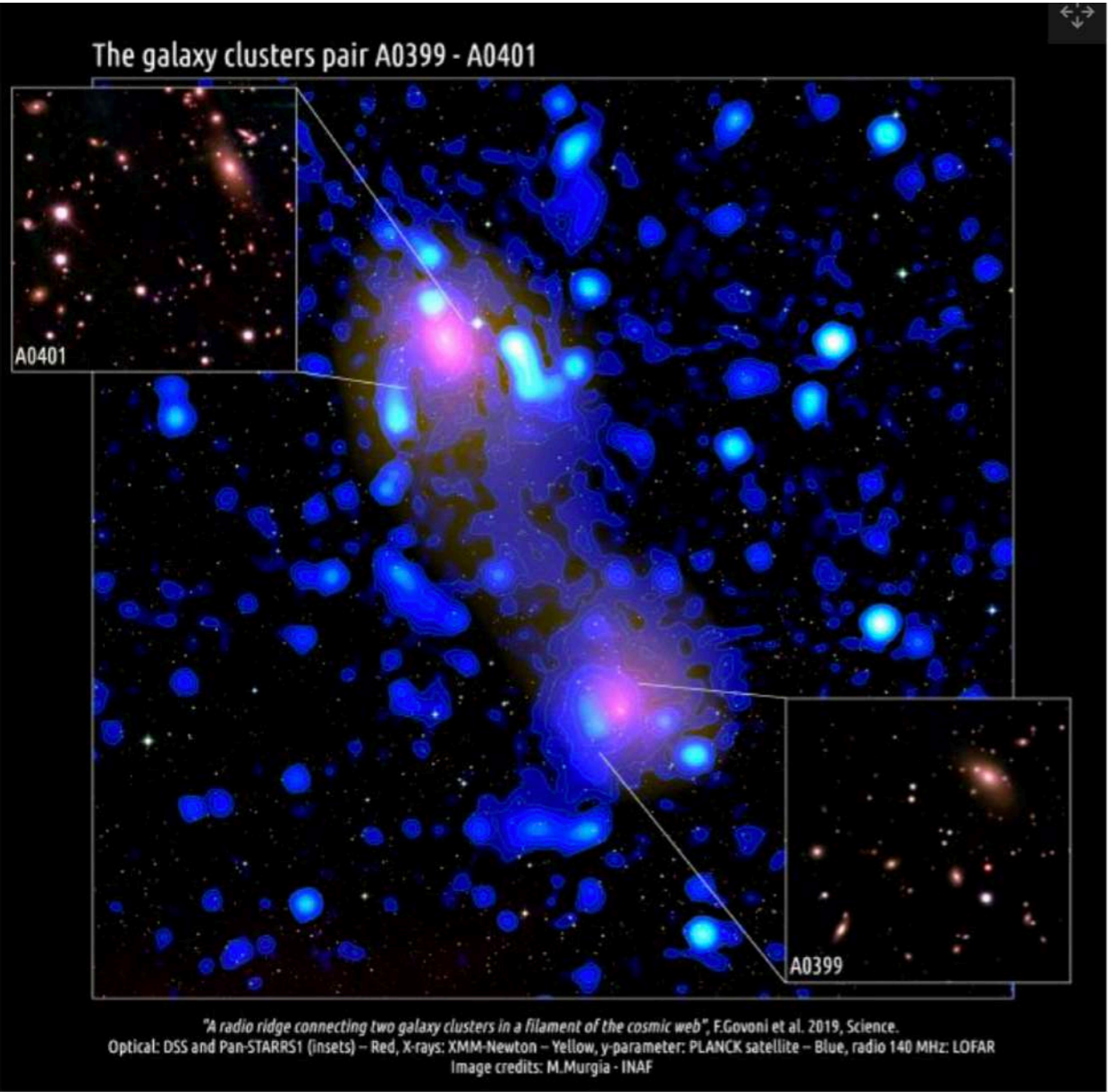
- ▶ standard WHIM gas that used to be in filaments $\sim 1\text{-}2\text{Gyr}$ ago. Now squeezed and compressed.
- ▶ X-ray emission boosted as $L_{WHIM,boost} \sim L_{WHIM} \cdot \left(\frac{\rho_2}{\rho_1}\right)^{11/4}$
- ▶ transonic regime, short dynamical time, volume filling $M < 4$ shocks, uncertain composition



RECENT AND FUTURE OBSERVATIONS: SURPRISES!

A vast magnetic ridge illuminated by fossil electrons in a filament of the cosmic web

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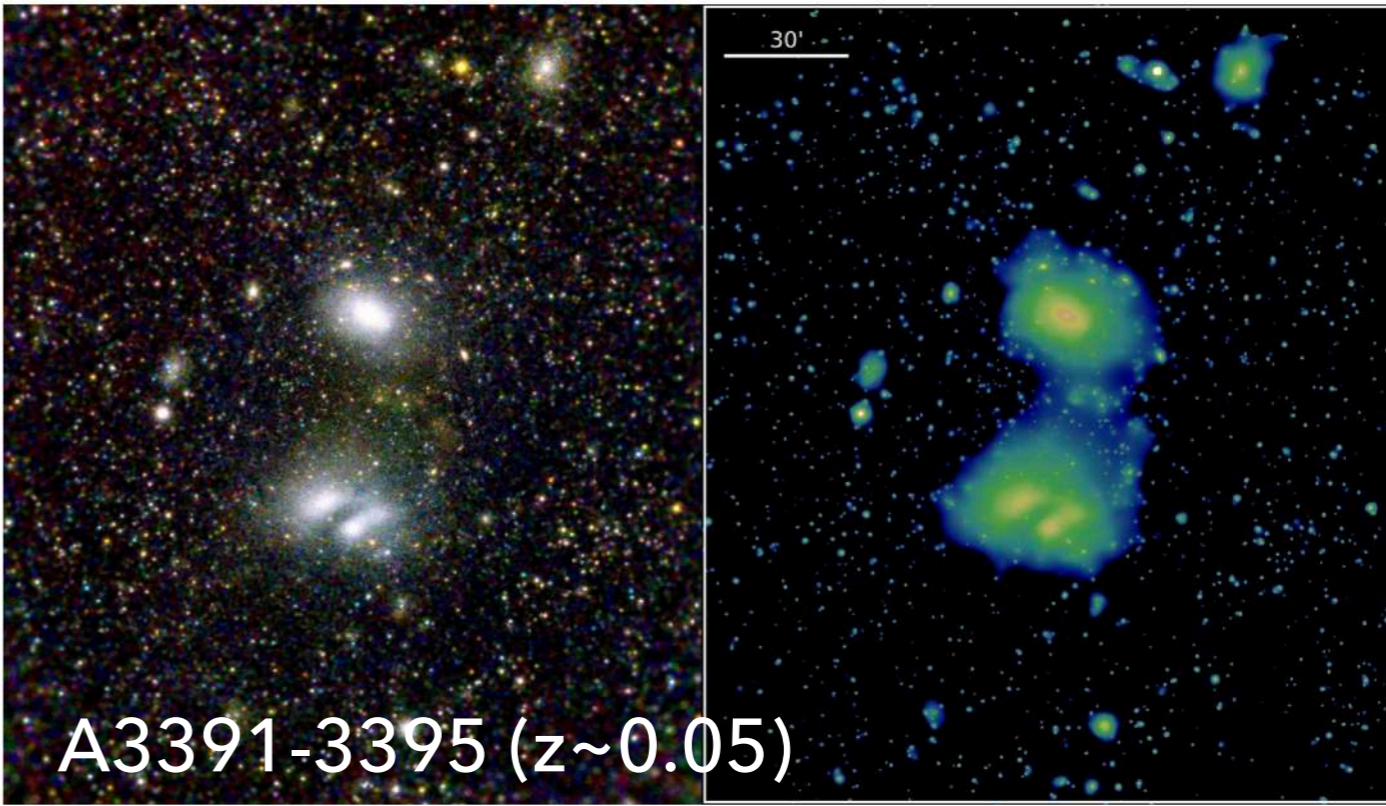
X-ray scout sees first light

Observations with eRosita promise a breakthrough in our understanding of the energetic universe

OCTOBER 22, 2019

Astronomy Astrophysics Cosmology Galaxies

Astronomers are excited: the first images of the eRosita telescope launched in July reveal an impressive performance. After an extended commissioning phase, all seven X-ray telescope modules with their custom-designed CCD cameras have been observing the sky simultaneously since 13 October. The first composite images show our neighbouring galaxy, the Large Magellanic Cloud, and two interacting clusters of galaxies at a distance of about 800 million light years in remarkable detail.

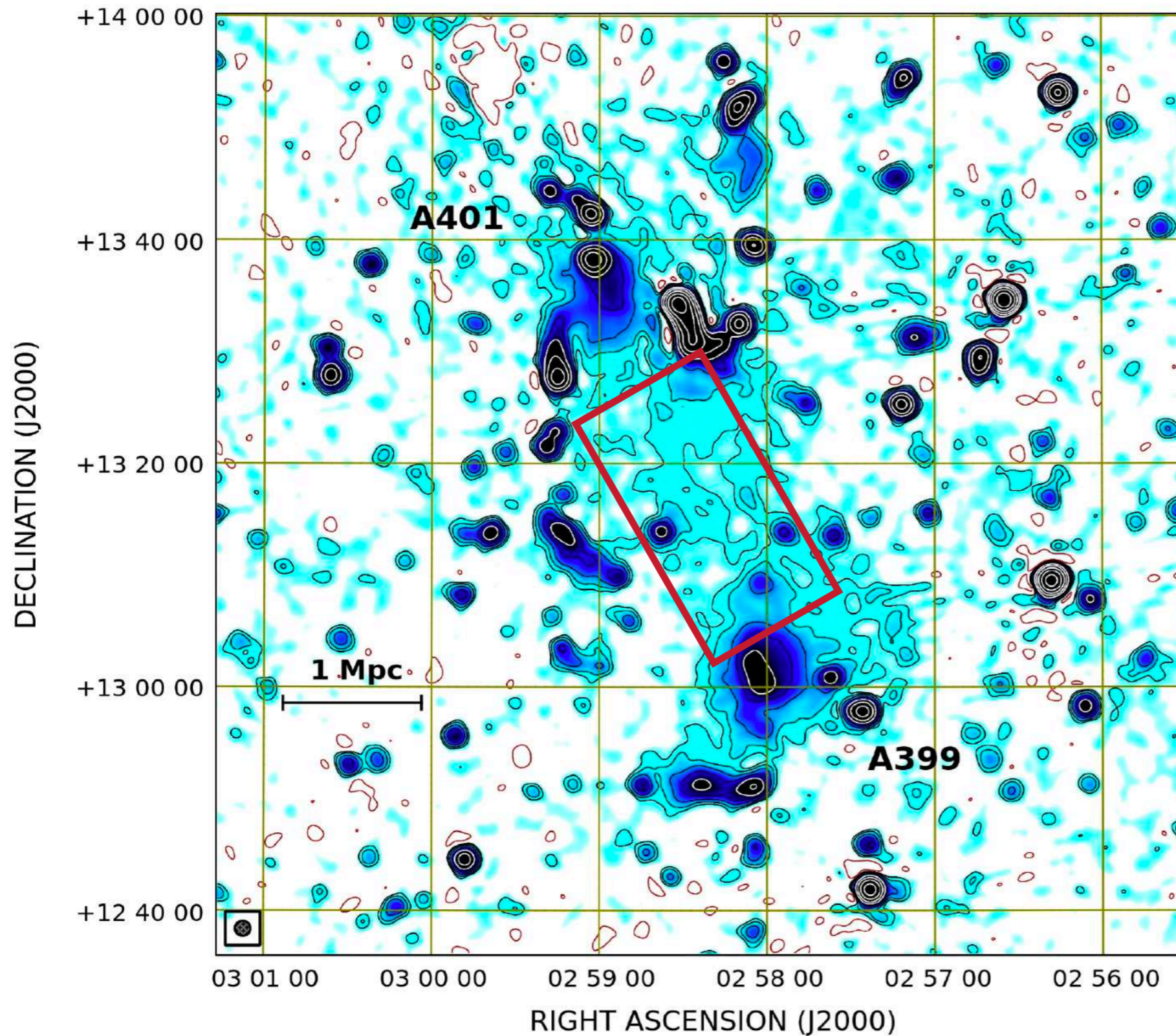


A399-A401 WITH LOFAR HBA (140 MHz)

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$\sigma_{\text{rms}} \sim 1 \text{ mJy/beam}$

$t \sim 10 \text{ hours}$



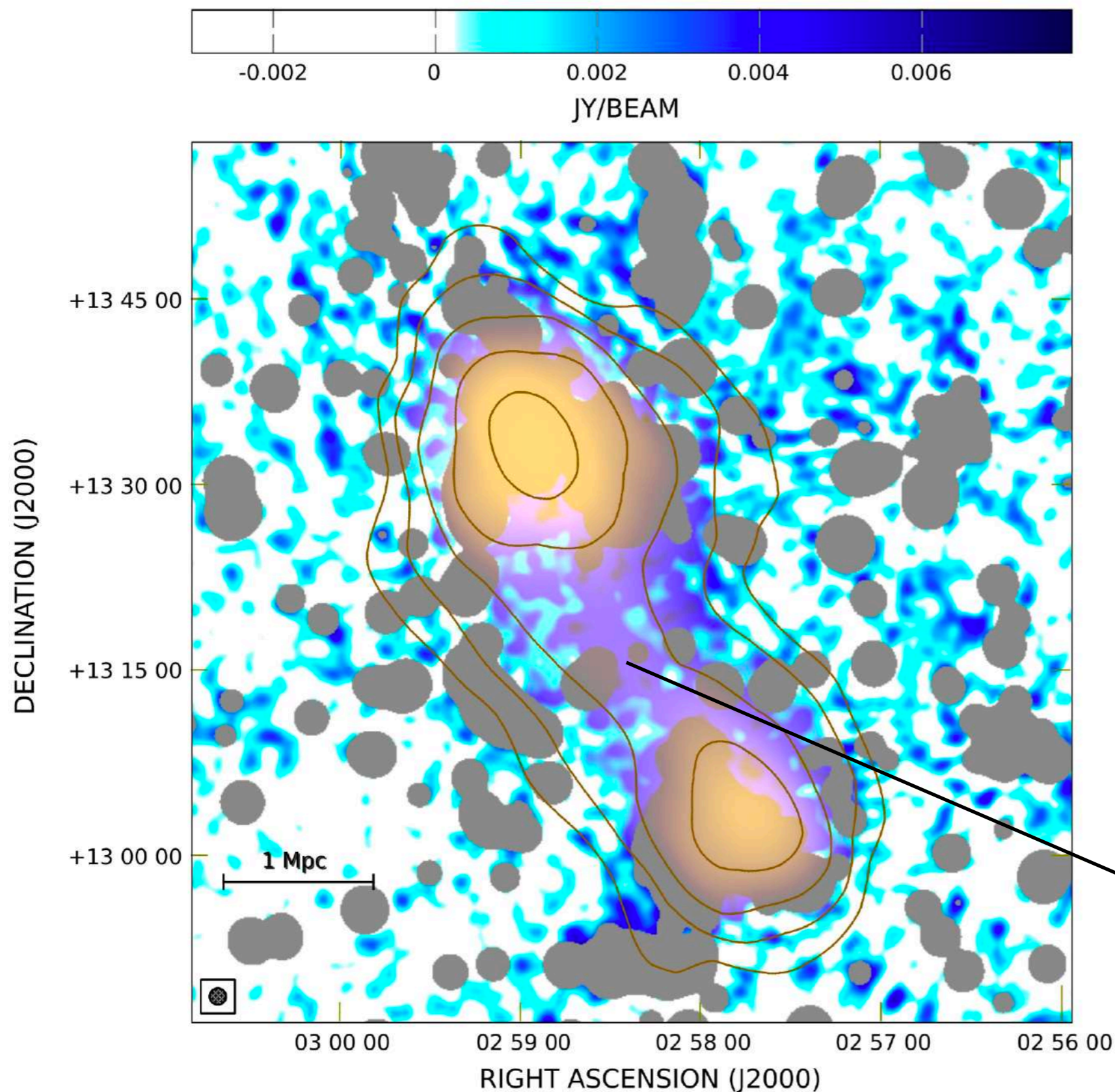
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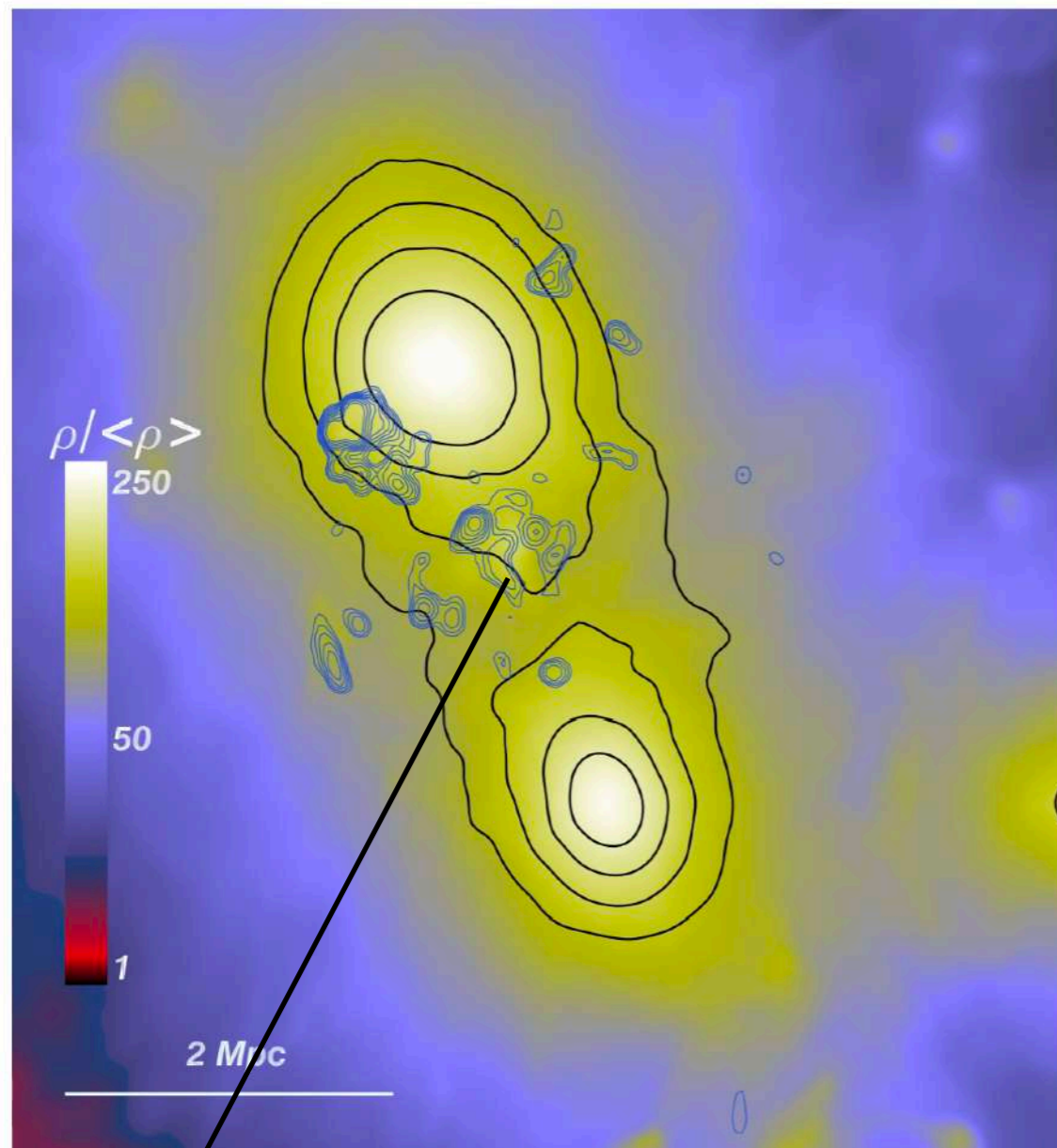
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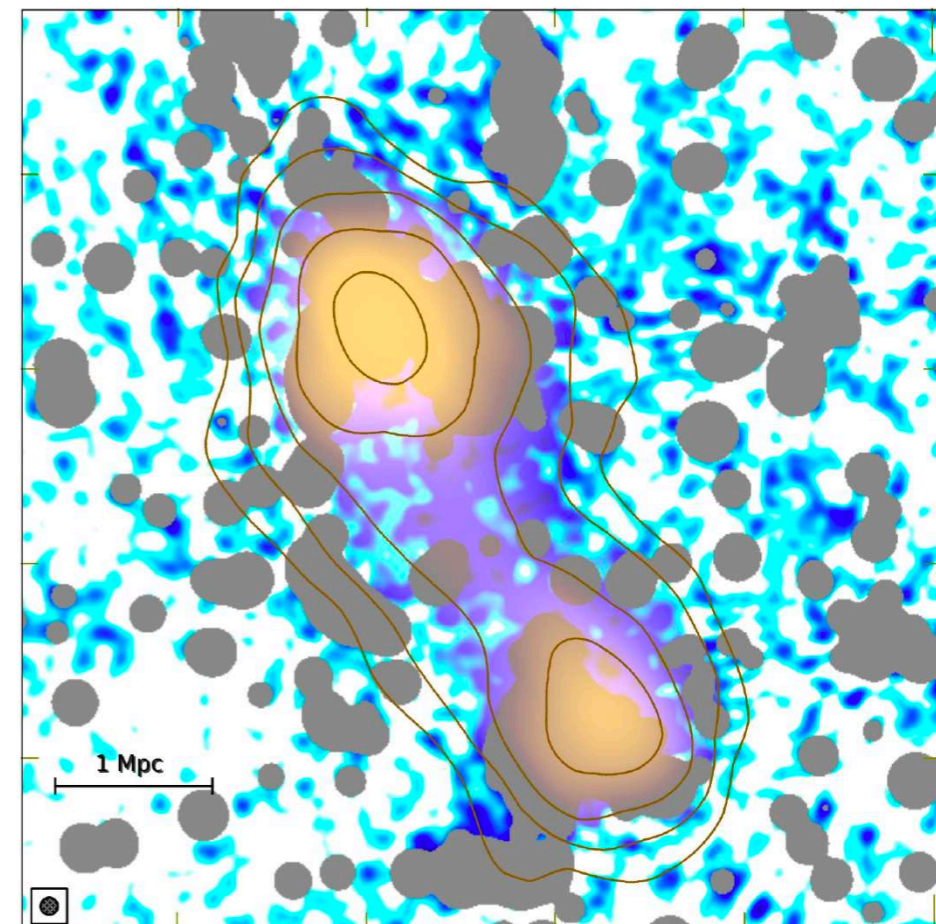
$n \sim 3 \times 10^{-4}$

$T \sim 6 \text{ keV}$

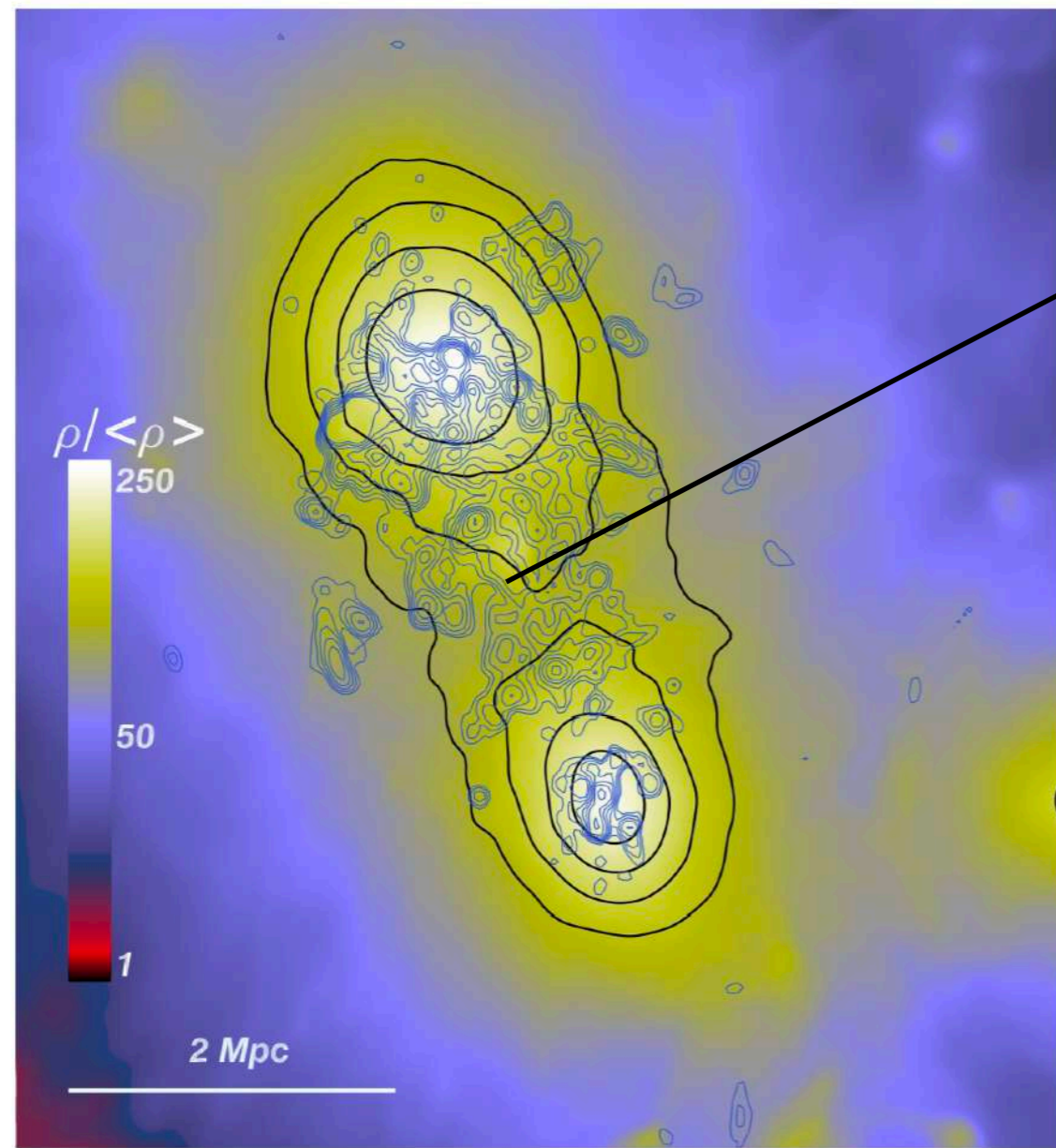
DSA acceleration



Diffusive Shock Acceleration by $M \sim 2-4$ shocks: not efficient enough ($\xi_e < 10^{-5}$)
for $B \sim 0.2 \mu\text{G}$: cannot explain LOFAR obs.



DSA (re)acceleration of fossil electrons



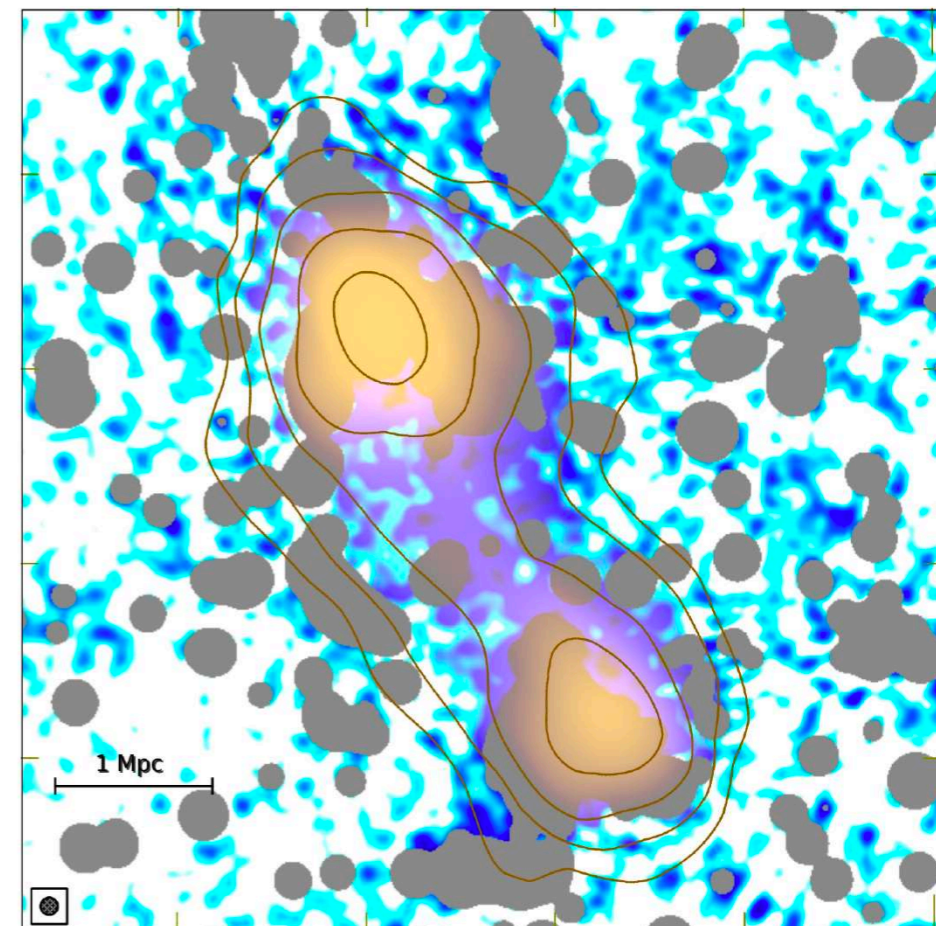
if we assume "fossil electrons"+DSA

$$\xi_e \sim 10^{-5} \text{ for } M \sim 2.5$$

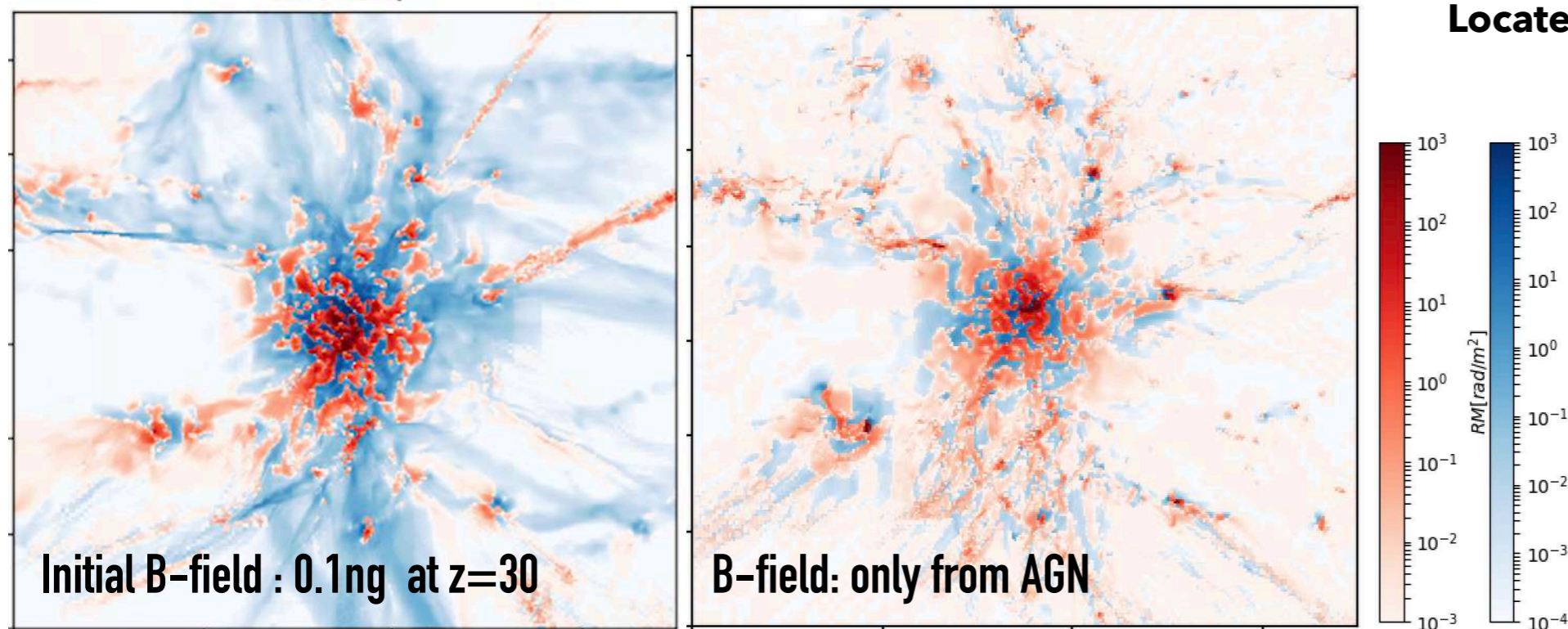
can match LOFAR observation

However, this scenario requires some fine tuning on timing ($< \text{Gyr}$) and volume filling

Diffusive Shock Acceleration by $M \sim 2.5$ shocks: not efficient enough ($\xi_e < 10^{-7}$)
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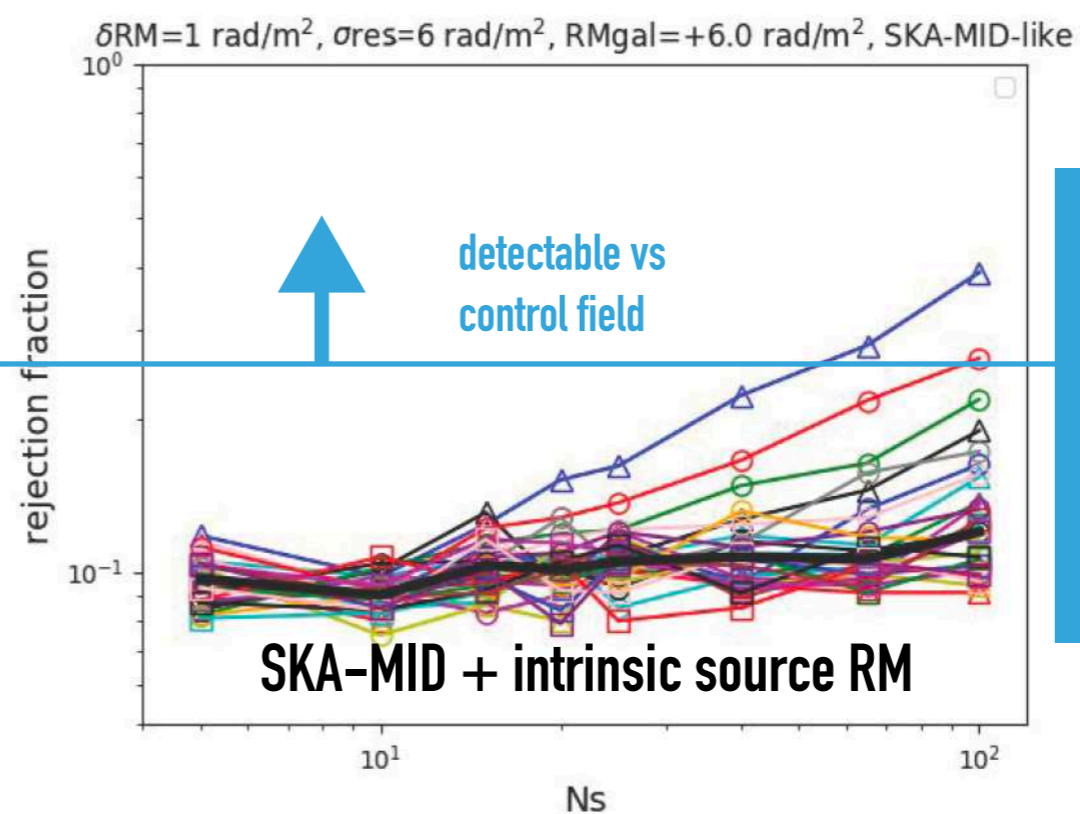
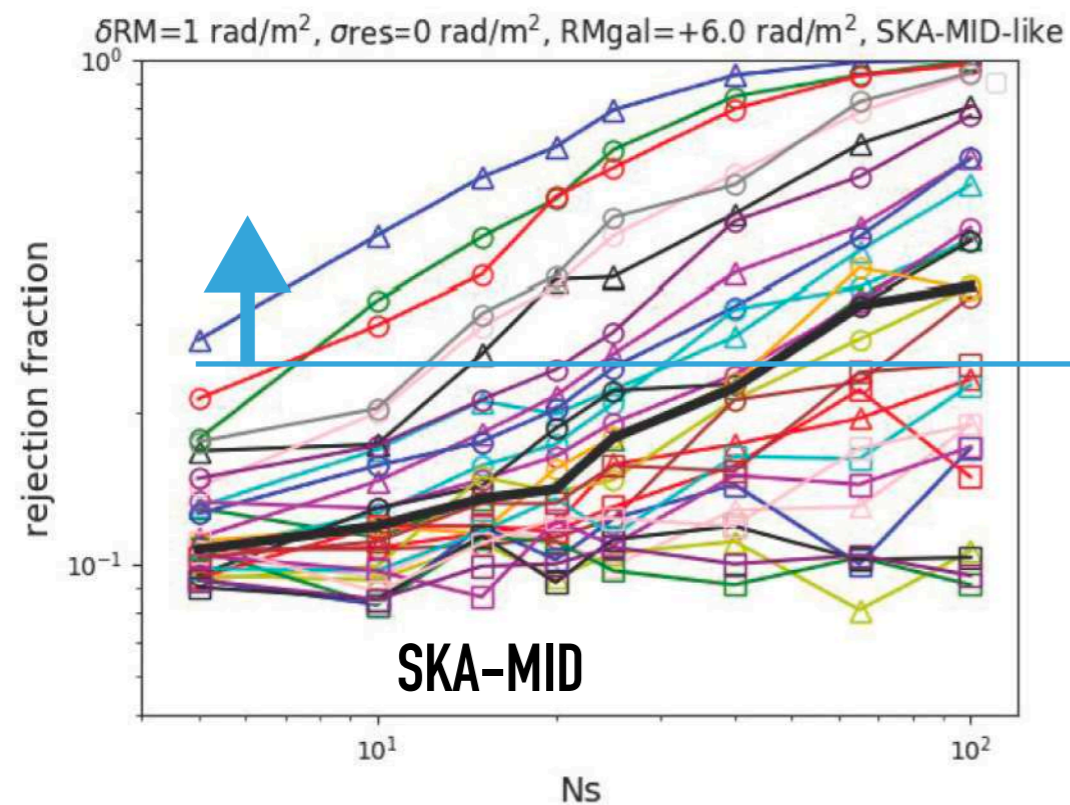
FUTURE CHALLENGES: SEEING THE COSMIC WEB THROUGH FARADAY ROTATION



Locatelli, FV, Dominguez-Fernandez 2018

(see also Akahori+2014)

**FARADAY ROTATION
FROM INTRACLUSTER
FILAMENTS DEPENDS
ON MAGNETOGENESIS**

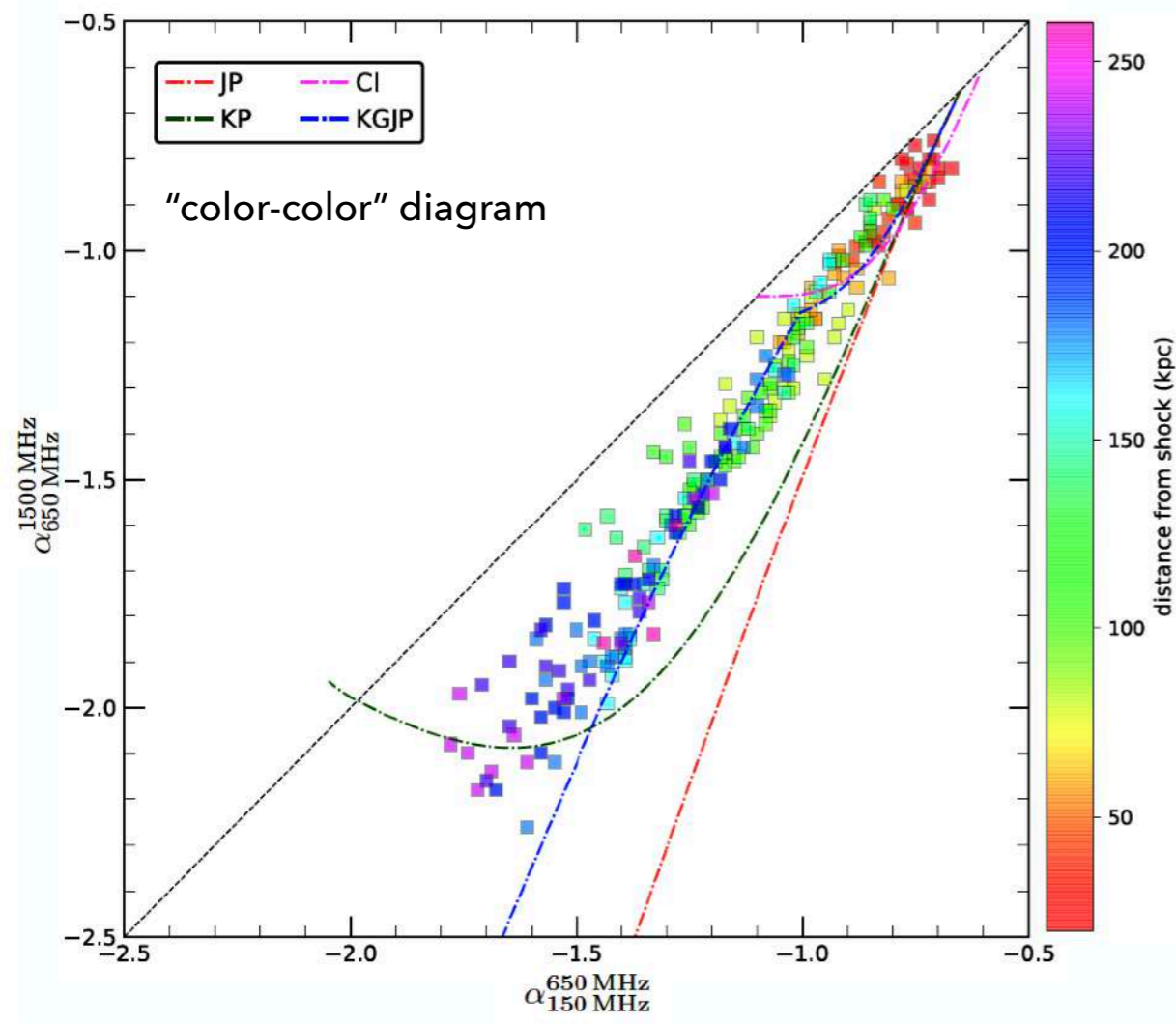


**AT LEAST ~100 RM
SOURCES ARE NEEDED
FOR A DETECTION
INTRINSIC RM FROM
SOURCES IS A BIG
LIMITER**

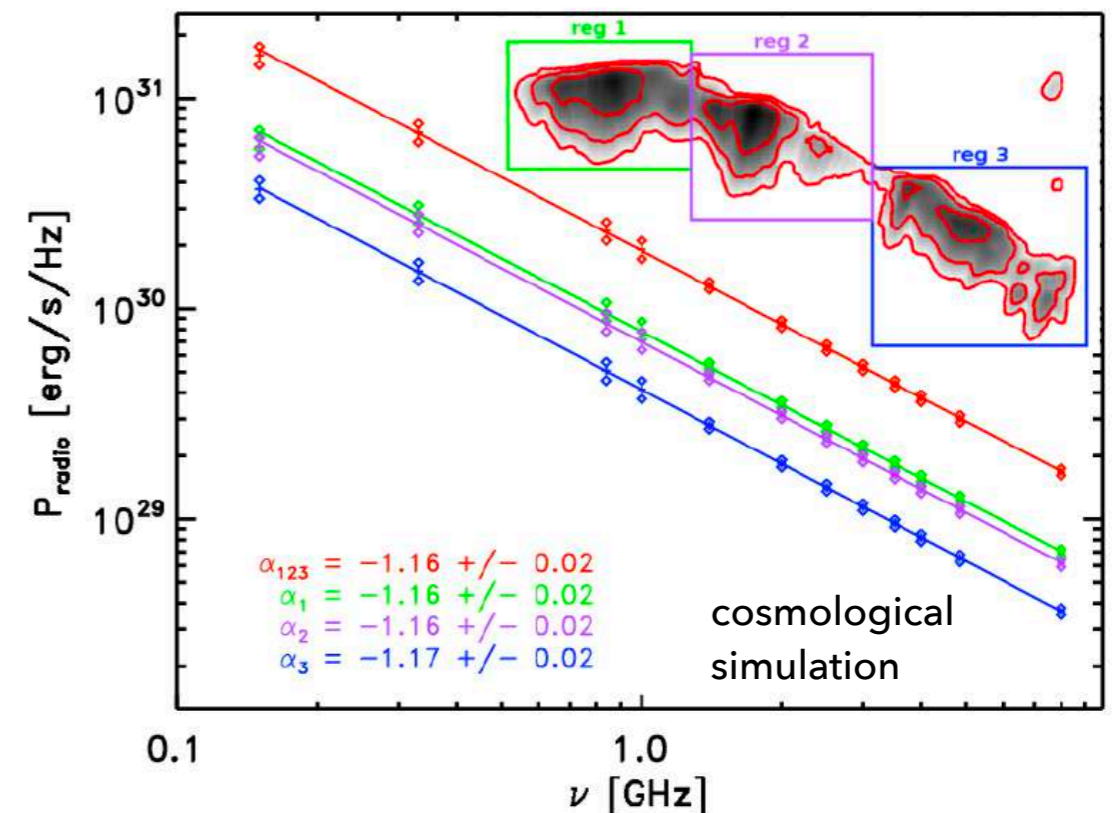
FUTURE CHALLENGES: UNDERSTANDING HOW ELECTRONS GET ACCELERATED

New mysteries and challenges from the Toothbrush relic: wideband observations from 550 MHz to 8 GHz

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- *Perfect power law spectrum* ($\alpha=-1.16$) across 2 frequency decades, 2Mpc in size and despite complex morphology.
- observed power requires *higher accel. efficiency* than DSA ($\sim 1\%$) and *$B \sim 1-2 \mu\text{G}$*
- downstream *cooling not fitted* by any simple model



THE FAR FUTURE (>2050): X-RAY

VOYAGE THROUGH THE HIDDEN PHYSICS OF THE COSMIC WEB

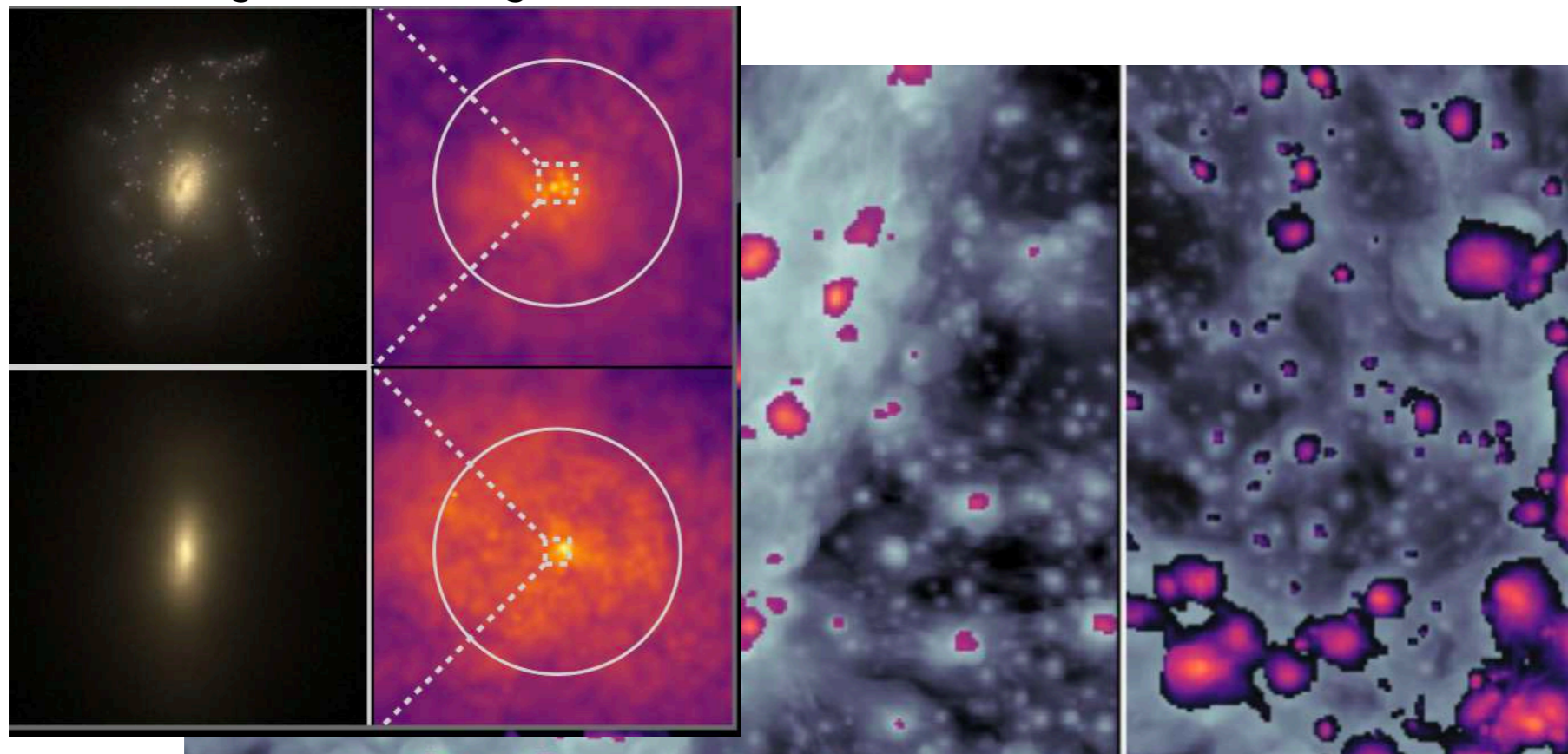
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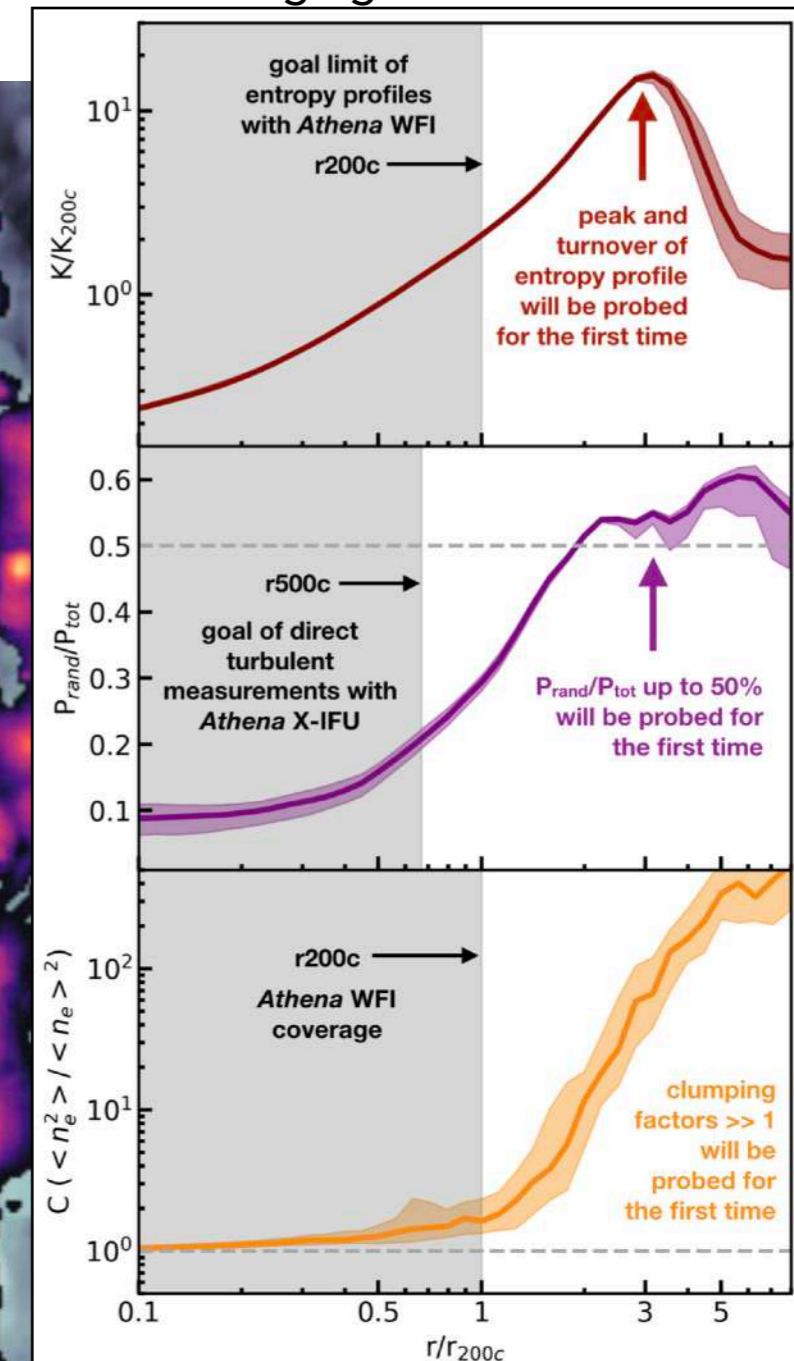
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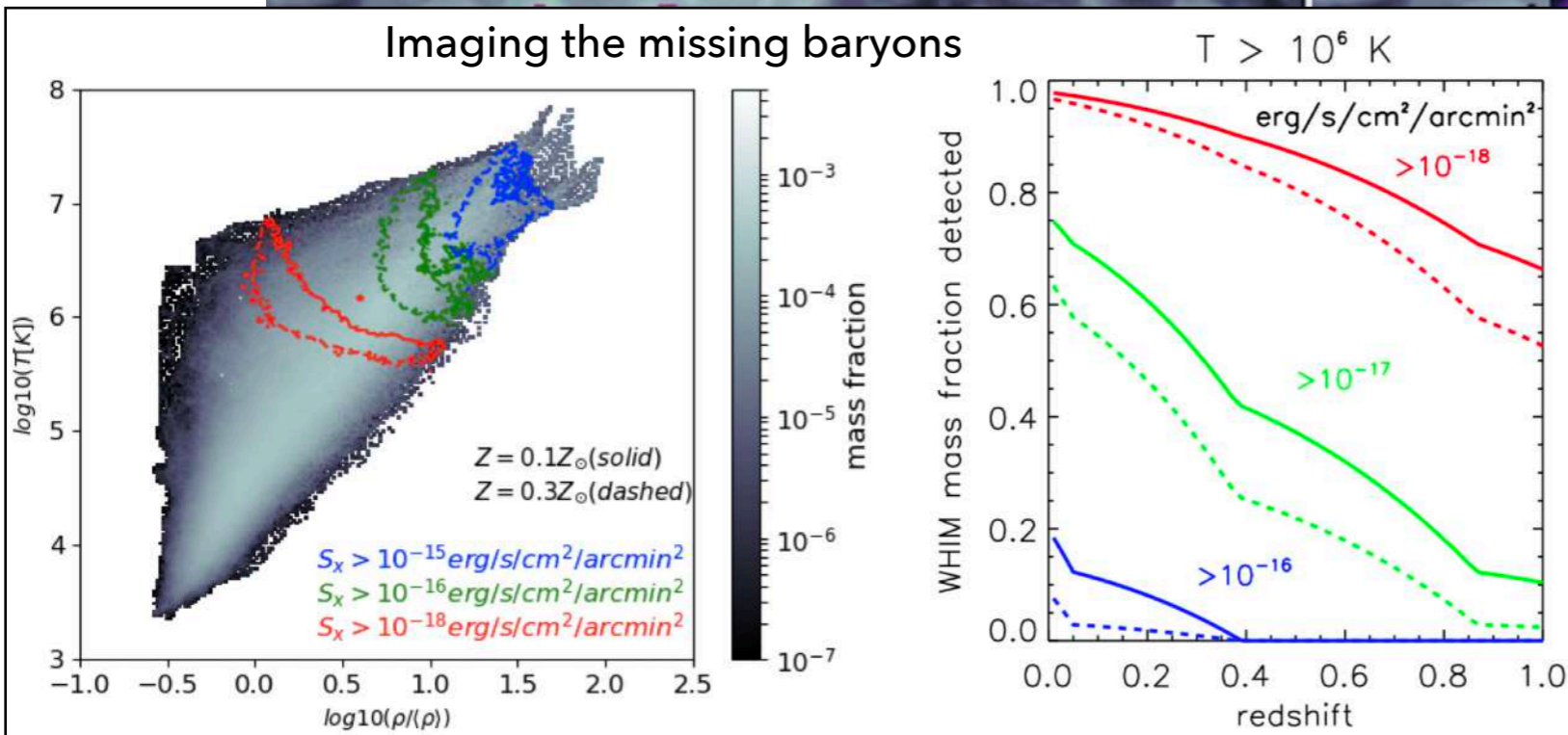
Hot gas halos of L^* galaxies



Imaging accretion shocks



Imaging the missing baryons



60' (proposed mission)

CONCLUSIONS:

- ▶ The cosmic web is a **dynamic environment** where drastic changes happen in the life of baryons
- ▶ Only **future X-ray** satellite will probe thermal baryons of the CW. Radio observations can help.
- ▶ Radio observations will constrain the **origin of cosmic magnetism**
- ▶ In this challenge, we are also learning about how diluted plasmas can accelerate **cosmic rays**

