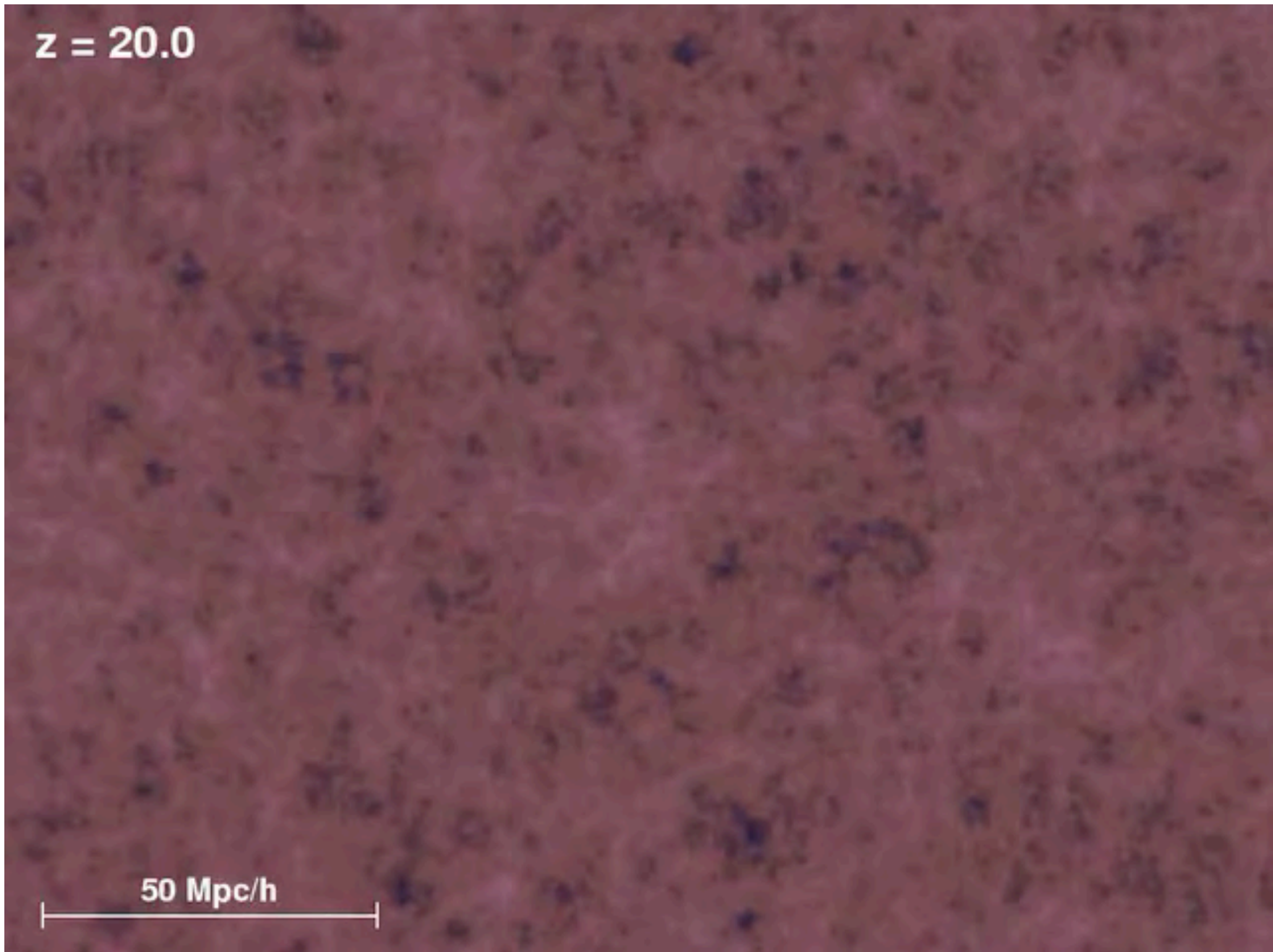
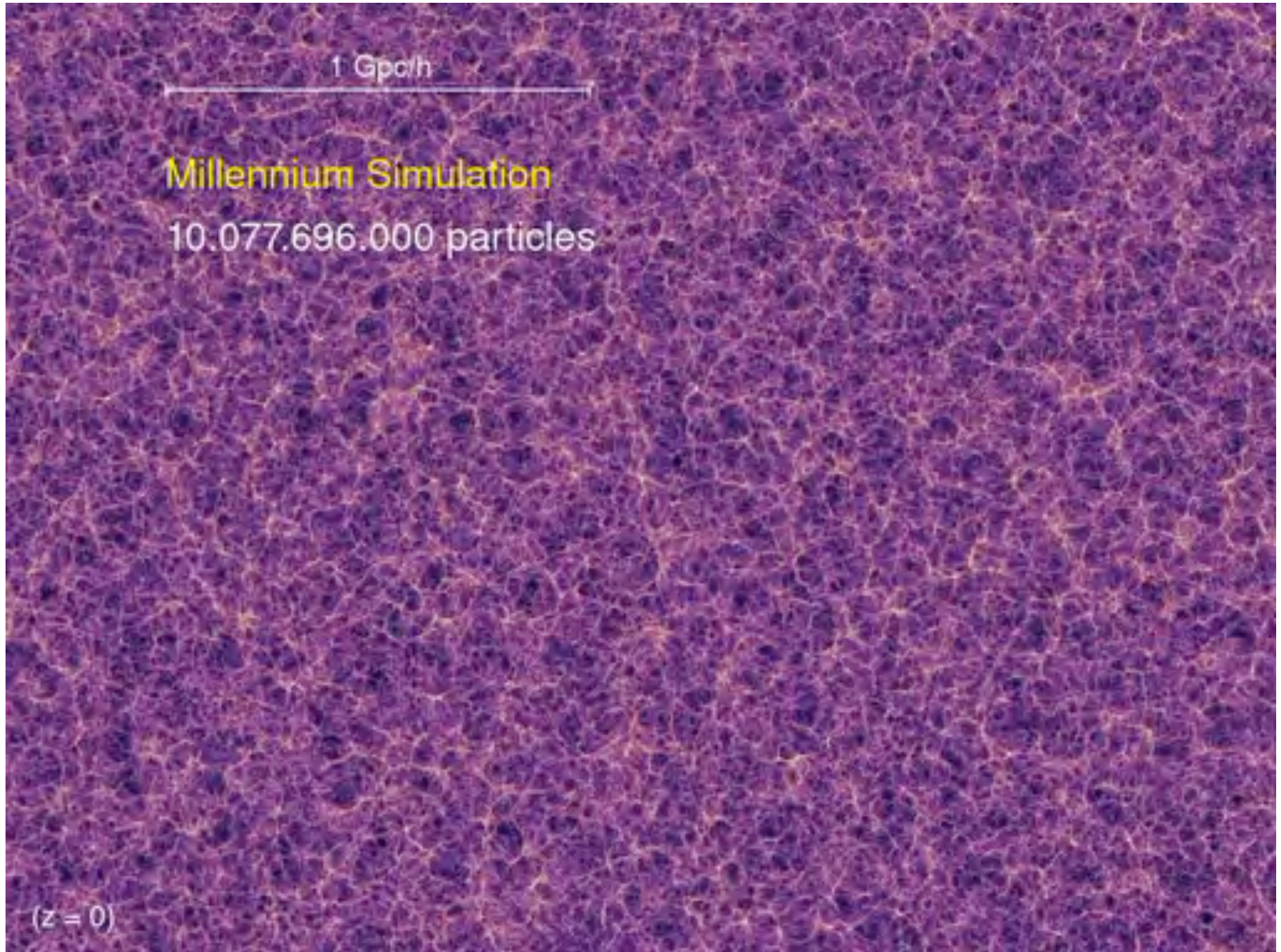


Exploring the Hot, Diffuse and Time-Domain Universe in the Millimeter/Submillimeter

Sunil Golwala/Jack Sayers AyIII Nov 21, 2025





Galaxy Cluster Primer

Most massive collapsed objects,
formed at $z < 2$

Characteristics:

$R \sim 1\text{-}3 \text{ Mpc}$ (10^{25} cm), collapsed from
 $\sim 10 \text{ Mpc}$ region
($1 \text{ Mpc} = [9, 5, 3, 2]'$ at $z = [0.1, 0.2, 0.5, 1]$)

$M \sim 10^{14} M_{\odot}$ to few $\times 10^{15} M_{\odot}$, mostly dark
matter, follows generalized Navarro, Frenk,
White (NFW) profile

Hot baryonic plasma $\sim 15\text{-}20\%$ of mass

$T \sim 10^8 \text{ K} = \text{few keV}$

$L_X = 10^{43}\text{-}10^{45} \text{ erg/sec}$

density = $0.001\text{-}0.1/\text{cm}^3$

sound crossing time $\sim 0.5 \text{ Gyr} \ll \text{age} \rightarrow$ close to hydrostatic equilibrium

gas somewhere between isothermal ($P \propto \rho$) and adiabatic ($P \propto \rho^{5/3}$)

thermal conduction substantial but not perfect

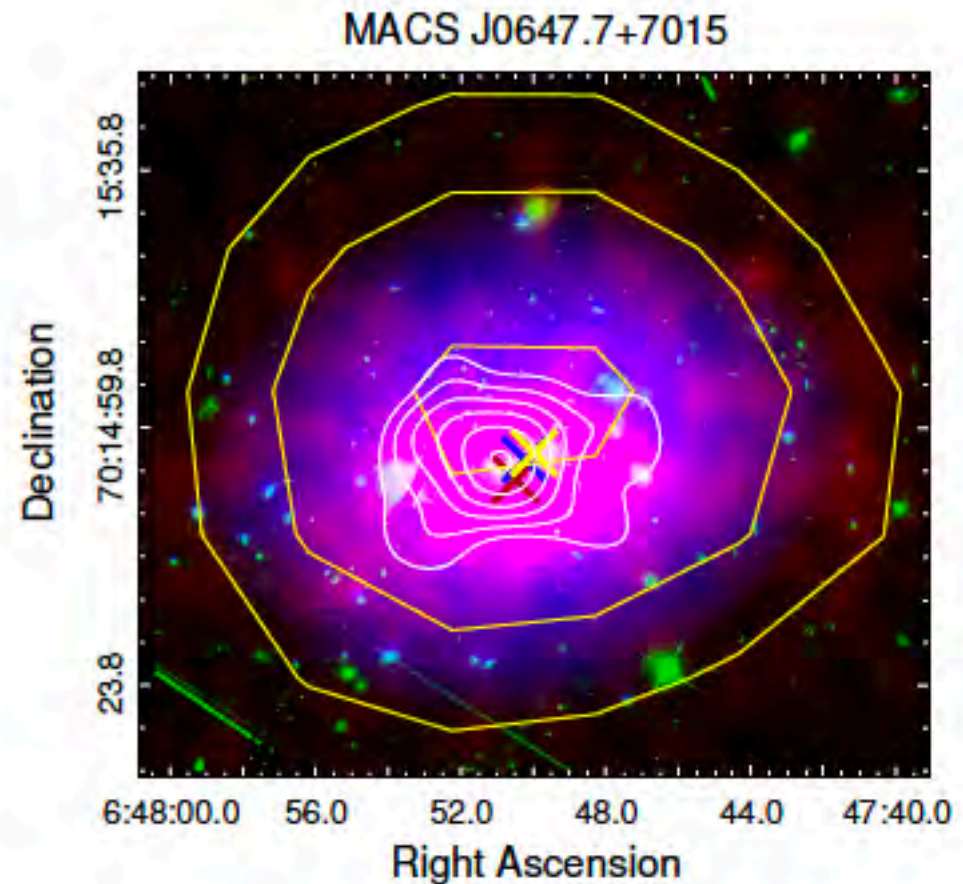
metallicity $\sim 1/3\text{-}1/2$ solar

10s to 100s of galaxies, $\sim 2\text{-}3\%$ of mass

magnetic field $\sim 1 \mu\text{G}$

Observable in O/IR via detection of member galaxies

Lensing of background galaxies in O/IR maps dark matter



Young et al 2014

green: HST image
blue: lensing mass
red: Chandra X-ray
white, yellow: SZ
Crosses: centroids
for X-ray, SZ, and BCG

Galaxy Cluster Primer

Intracluster medium “emission” mechanisms:

X-ray emission from thermal bremsstrahlung

$$S_X = \frac{1}{4\pi(1+z)^4} \int n_e^2 \Lambda_{ee} dl$$

$$\Lambda_{ee} = \text{cooling function} \propto T_e^{1/2}$$

Thermal Sunyaev-Zeldovich (tSZ) effect: Compton scattering of CMB photons

$$\Delta T_{\text{CMB}} = f_{(x, T_e)} T_{\text{CMB}} \int \sigma_T n_e \frac{k_B T_e}{m_e c^2} dl$$

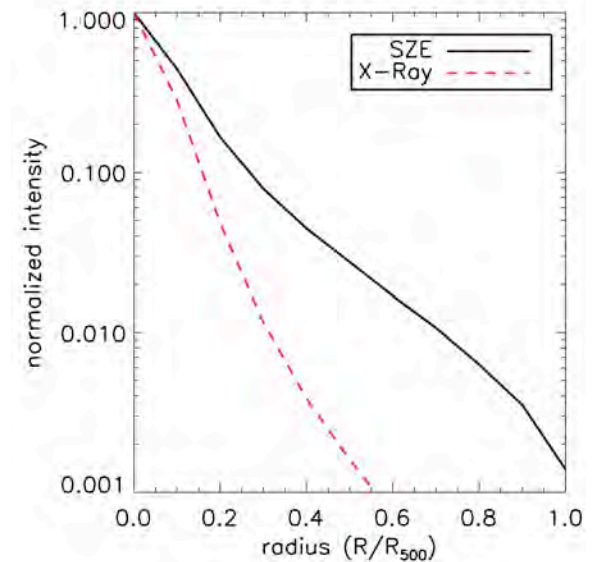
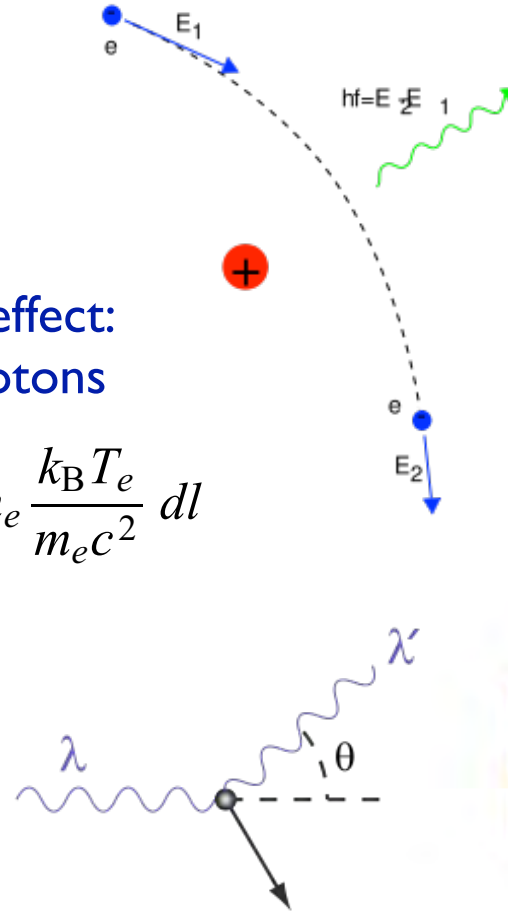
σ_T = Thomson cross-section

Relativistic SZ (rSZ) effect:

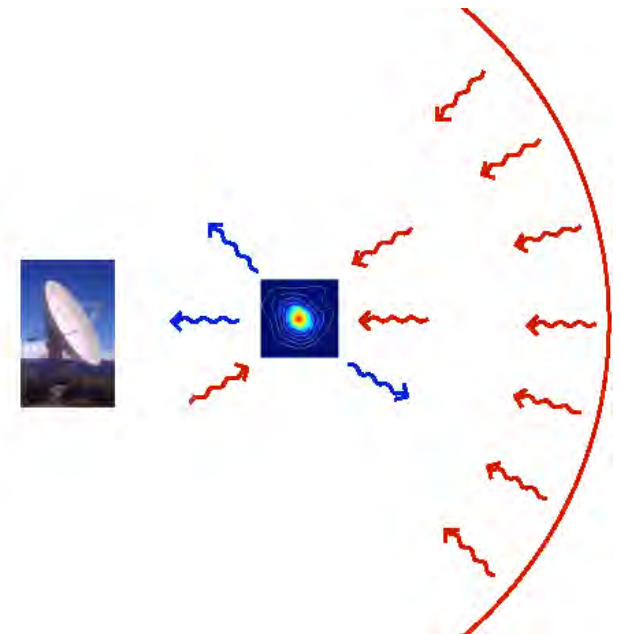
dependence of f on T_e

Kinetic SZ (kSZ) effect:

Compton scattering due to Doppler shift
(line-of-sight peculiar velocity)



Note the different
dependences on
 n_e and T_e !



Self-Similar, Universal Cluster Model

Assume gravity dominates, not baryonic physics

A spherical overdensity breaks away from expansion, collapses, and virializes; density at virialization is cosmology-dependent $\Delta_v \approx 180$. Defines virial radius (“edge of cluster”), total mass M_{tot}

$$\frac{4}{3} \pi \rho_c(z) \Delta_v(z) r_{vir}^3 = M_{tot} \quad \begin{array}{l} \rho_c(z) = \text{critical density at redshift } z \\ \propto E^2(z) = \Omega_{M0}(1+z)^3 + \Omega_{\Lambda} + \Omega_{k0}(1+z)^2 \end{array}$$

Assume isothermality of gas (virialization to logical extreme) in non-singular isothermal sphere with gas temperature related to galaxy velocities

$$n_e(\mathbf{r}) = n_{e0} \left(1 + \frac{r^2}{r_c^2} \right)^{-3\beta/2} \quad \beta = \frac{\mu m_p \sigma^2}{k T_e} \quad \begin{array}{l} \sigma = \text{1D galaxy velocity dispersion} \\ T_e = \text{gas (electron) temperature} \\ \beta = 1 \text{ for ideal gas in equipartition, no gravity} \end{array}$$

Require hydrostatic equilibrium (gas pressure provides support against gravity): relates total mass sourcing gravity to gas temperature and density profile

$$M(r) = \frac{3\beta k T_e}{G \mu m_p} \frac{r^3}{r_c^2 + r^2}$$

Clusters as Cosmological Tools

Scaling relations and universal pressure profile suggest clusters are “well-behaved” and close to self-similar expectations

What can we do with them?

Geometrical tests

Angular diameter distance as function of z :

assume X-ray and SZ derived from same spherical plasma; different dependences on D_A (n_e vs. n_e^2)
enable reconstruction of D_A (e.g., Wan et al 2021)

assume f_{gas} is independent of z and use differing dependences of estimates for M_{gas} and M_{tot} on D_A to estimate D_A (e.g., Mantz et al 2022)

Growth function + volume element tests: indirect measurements of cosmo params Ω_m , Ω_Λ , equation of state parameter w

$dN(>M)/dz$ as function of z : abundance of clusters above a mass threshold as function of z
measures combination of growth function and volume element,
present day value measures normalization of density fluct. PS, σ_8

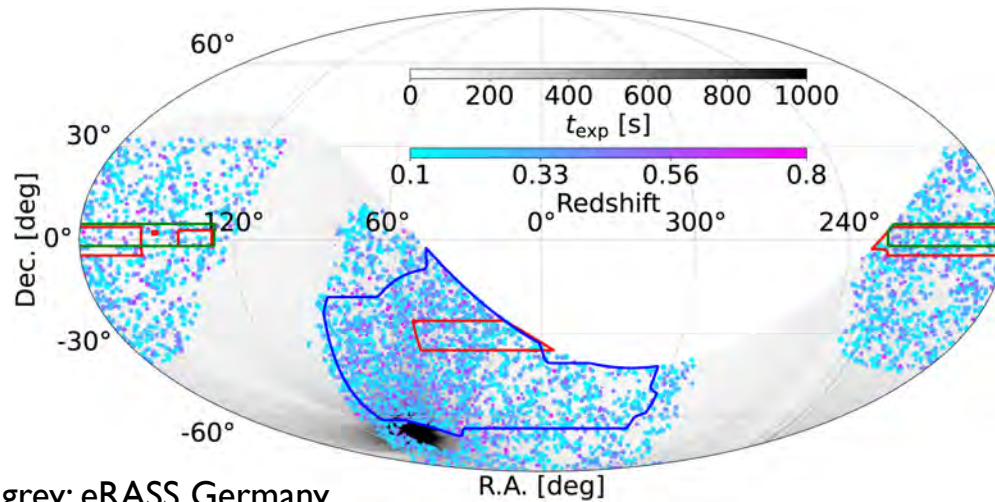
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SZ secondary anisotropy spectrum: ensemble of clusters over cosmic time

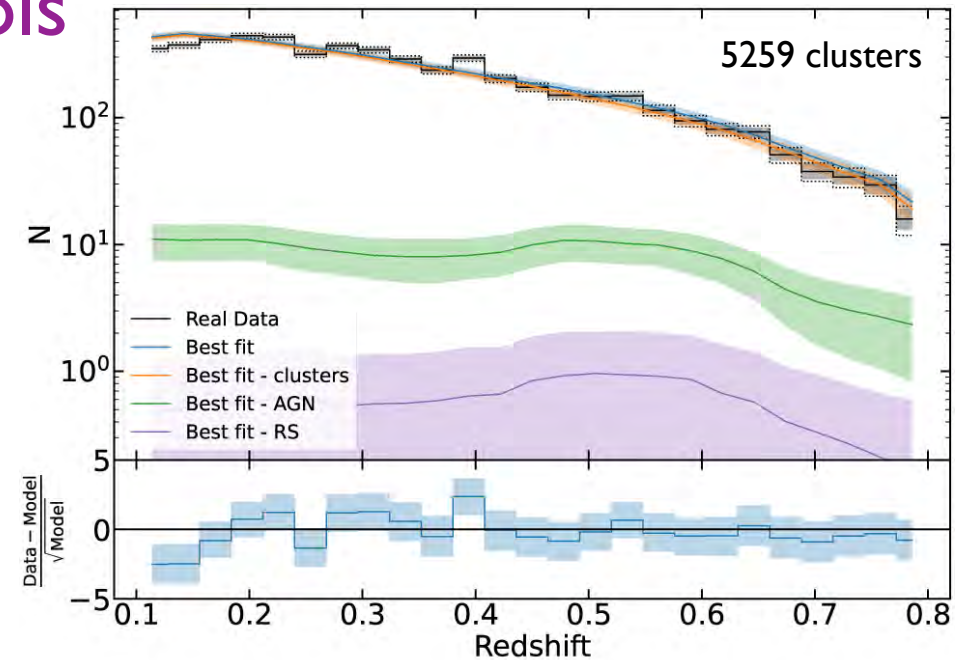
All need connection between M and an observable: scaling relations v. important

M -independent prospect: peculiar velocity field via kinetic SZ effect

Clusters as Cosmological Tools



grey: eRASS Germany
dots: optically confirmed; outlines: lensing overlap



$dN(>M)/dz$ from eROSITA

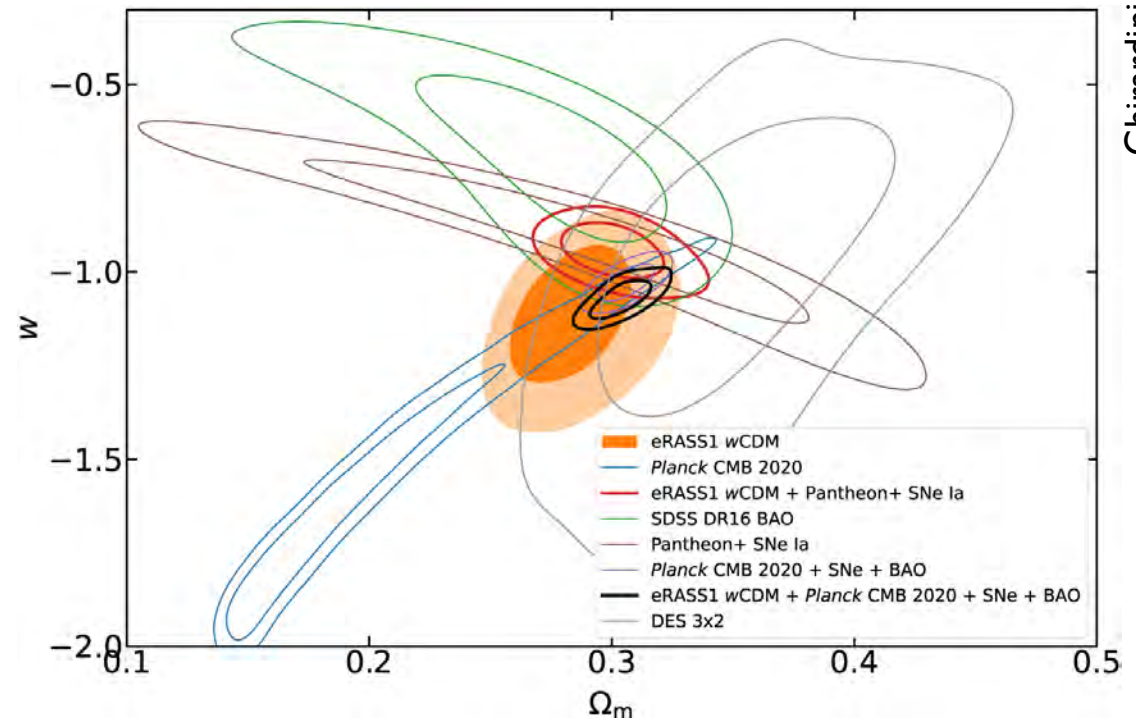
First all-sky X-ray survey since
ROSAT RASS in 1990s

(but sky split between Germany
and Russia...)

Mass calibrated using lensing

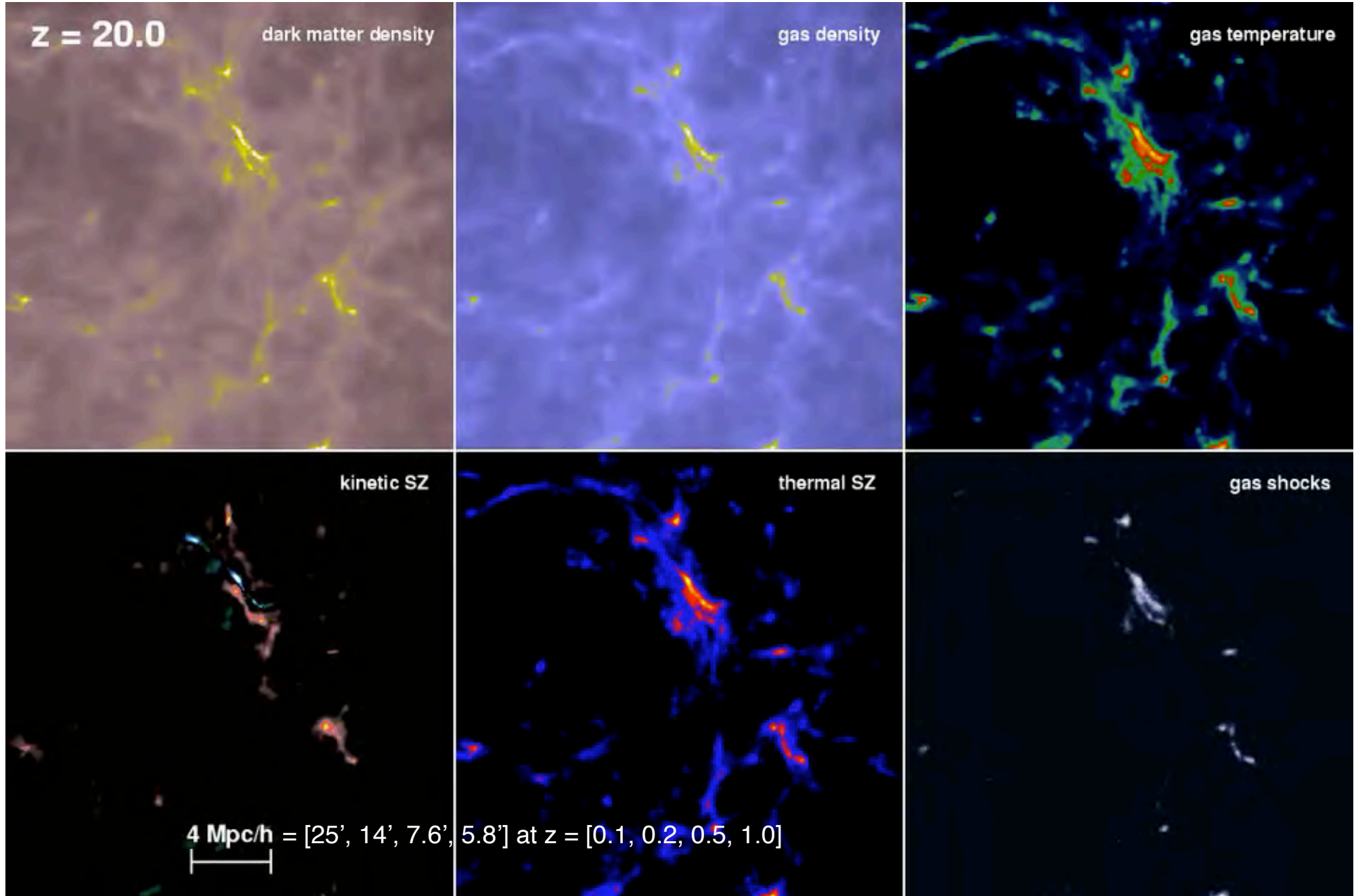
Scatter contributes to uncertainty

Consistent with other cosmo
probes, helps to tighten
constraints



Ghirardini et al 2024

It's really more complicated than that...



Questions, Questions, Questions

Underlying structure

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What is the distribution of galaxy cluster shapes?

Motivation

Shapes depend on
how/when galaxy
clusters form;

⇒ sensitive to

underlying cosmology

dark matter self-interactions

detailed properties of gravity

non-gravitational physical processes in the ICM

Clusters ~ triaxial ellipses

SZ brightness $\sim n_e T_e \Delta l$, X-ray brightness $\sim n_e^2 \Delta l$

⇒ constrain LOS cluster length $\Delta l \sim (SZ)^2 / (XR \times T_e^2)$

CLASH triaxial shape analysis w/SZ + XR

more robust concentration-mass relation than lensing alone

suggests recently formed halos less spherical

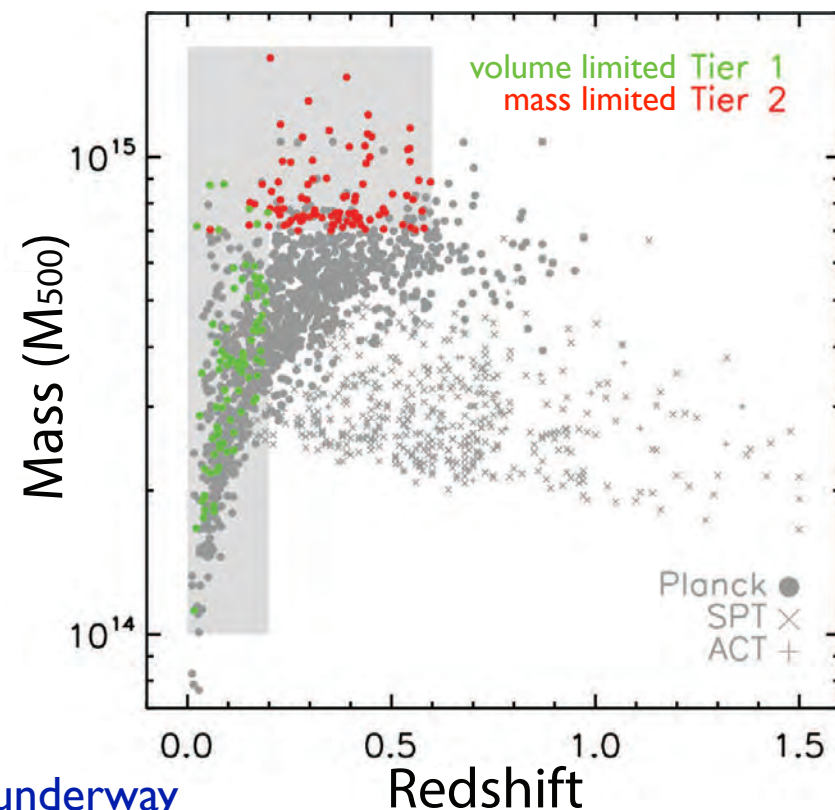
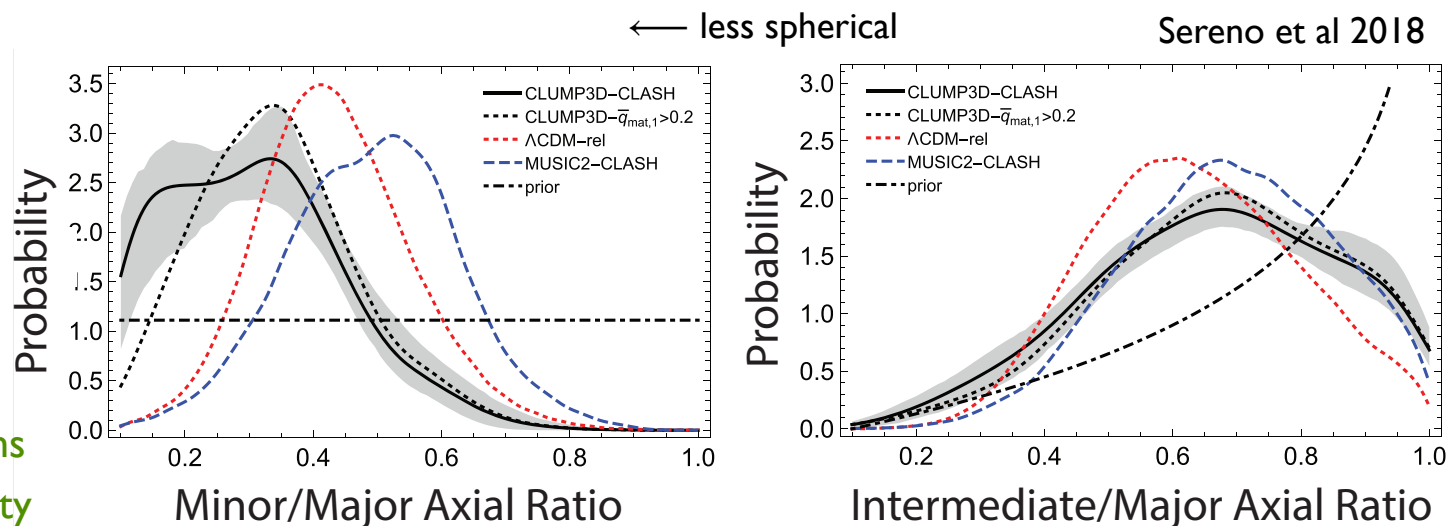
XMM-Heritage Triaxial Shape program

3 Msec for 118 SZ-selected clusters SZ WG, obs done

weak lensing via Caltech Subaru exchange time

x5 more clusters than CLASH ⇒ definitive analysis

demo projects completed, multi-year analysis of full sample underway



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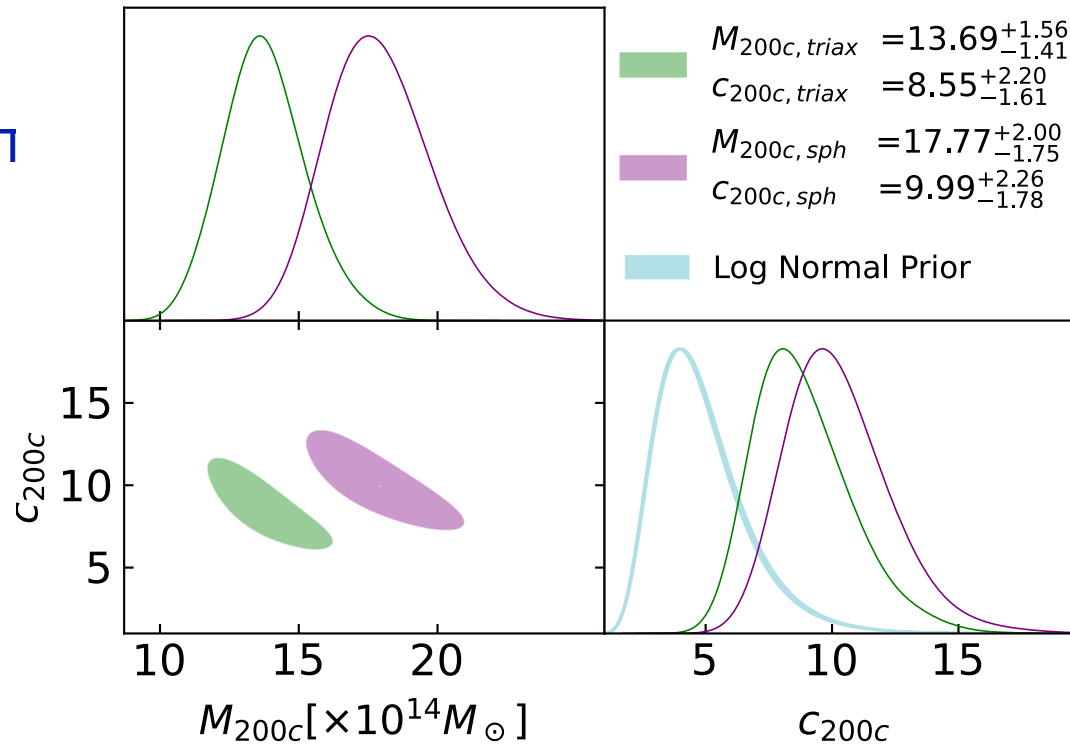
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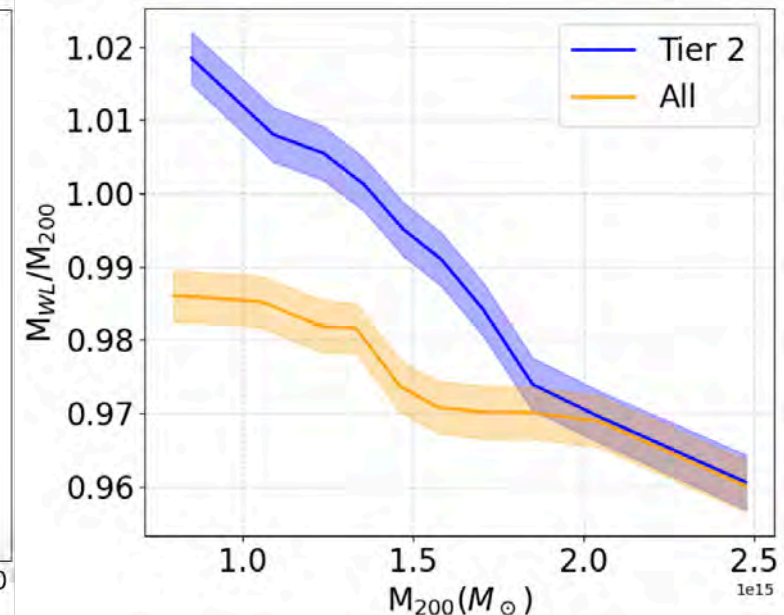
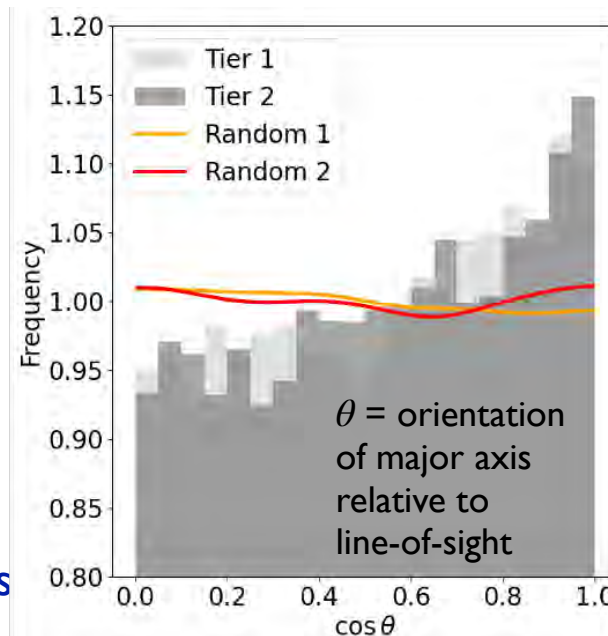
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Two papers published, third has been reviewed!

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I. Gas analysis method using X-ray and Sunyaev–Zel'dovich effect data

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CHEX-MATE: The impact of triaxiality and orientation on Planck SZ cluster selection and weak lensing mass measurements

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Analysis beginning to calibrate Euclid,
which requires 1% accuracy in WL masses!



Non-Thermal Pressure → tSZ Deficit

Prior results

Weak-lensing + X-ray + Bolocam tSZ for CLASH

Consistency with simulations observed at large radius

Non-thermal pressure at small radius lower than sims

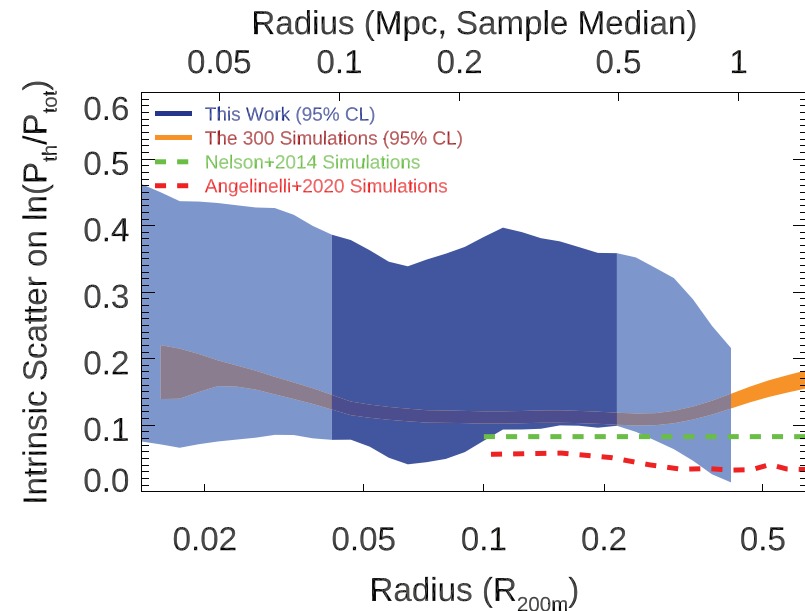
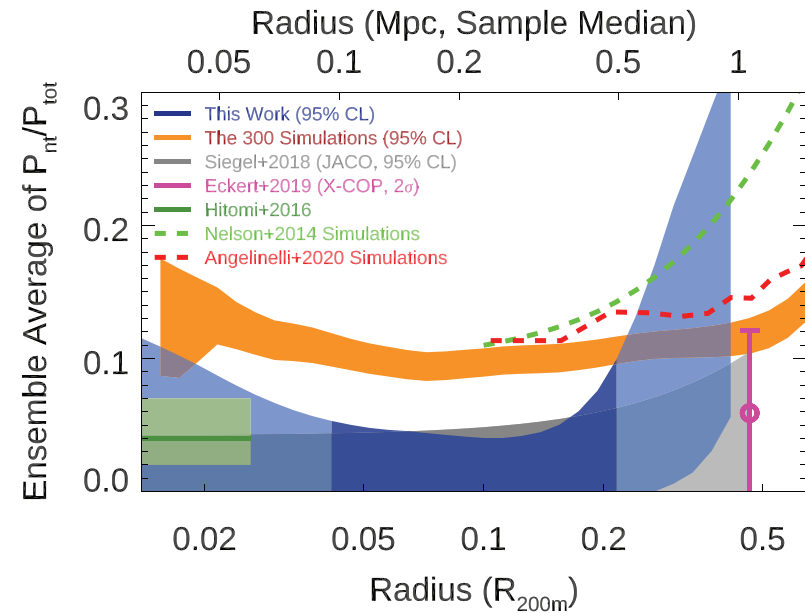
⇒ There is thermalization not accounted for by sims

CHEX-MATE will test this with more statistical precision and cleaner selection function

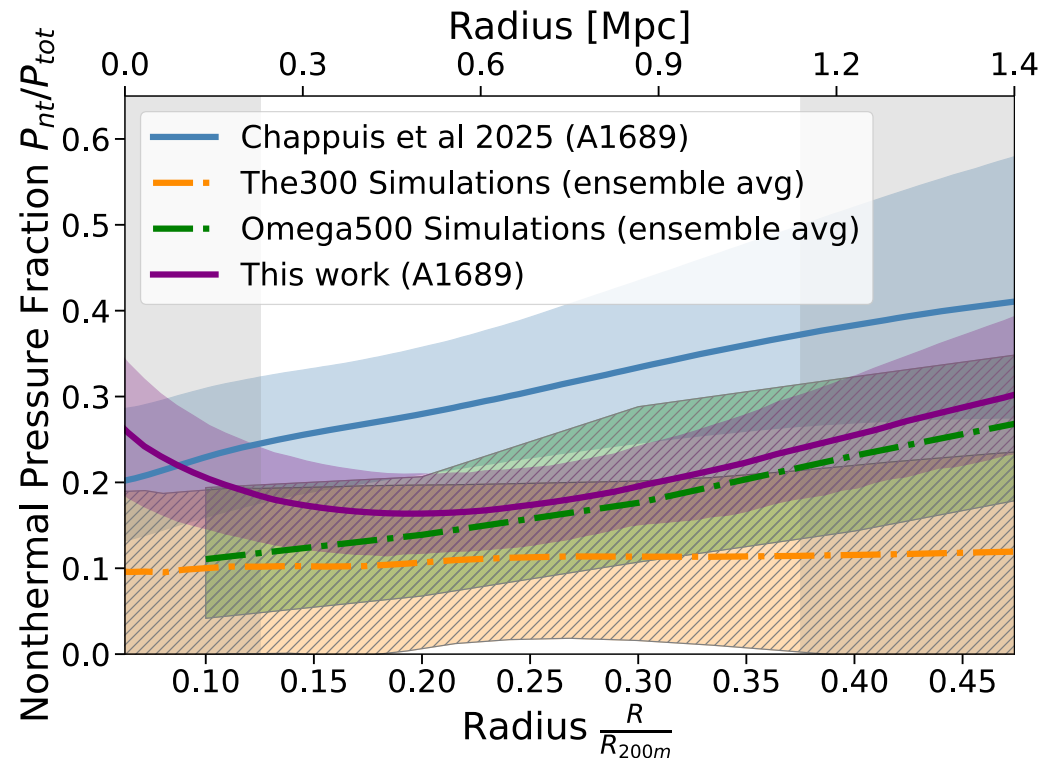
Initial CHEX-MATE results

Abell 1689 consistent with being relaxed, low P_{nt}

CLASH (16 clusters, *ad hoc* selection)



Sayers et al 2021



Bonus: Constraints on Self-Interacting DM

Halo axial ratios tests whether DM is self-interacting (SIDM)

SIDM causes rounding of halos

Could address “core-cusp” problem in dwarf galaxies

Density profiles flatter than expected for non-SIDM

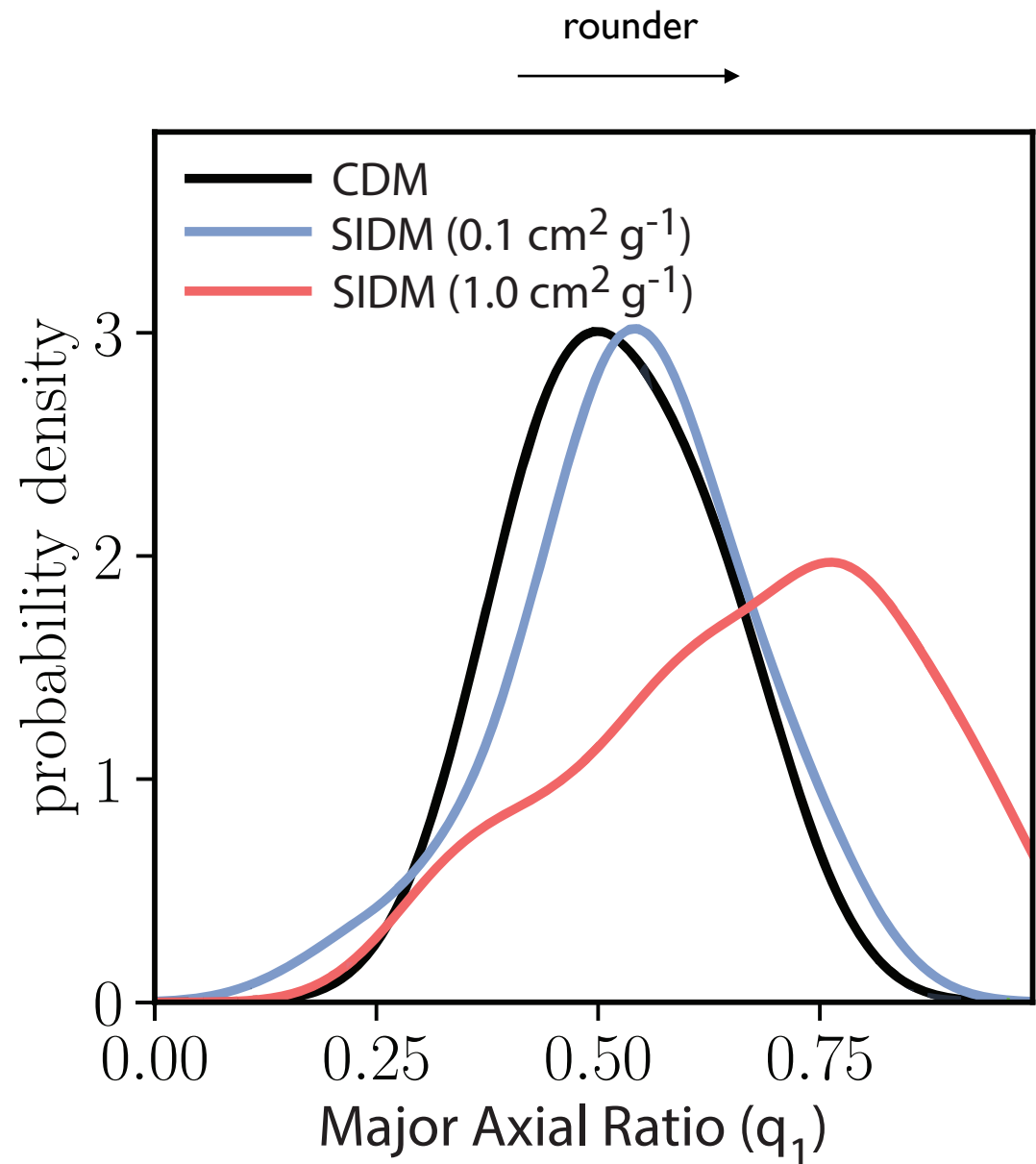
Baryonic systematic limit ability to directly measure

Bullet Cluster geometries constraining but rare

$\lesssim 1 \text{ cm}^2/\text{g}$ from Bullet

Triaxiality tests provide more statistical power

CHEX-MATE will improve constraint to $\pm 0.15 \text{ cm}^2/\text{g}$



ICM Velocity Structure in Mergers

Question:

What are the dynamics and associated physics processes in cluster mergers?

Motivation:

~ half of a typical cluster's mass is acquired from mergers

Merger velocities are sensitive to cosmology

Interesting merger-driven physics — shocks, sloshing cores, etc.

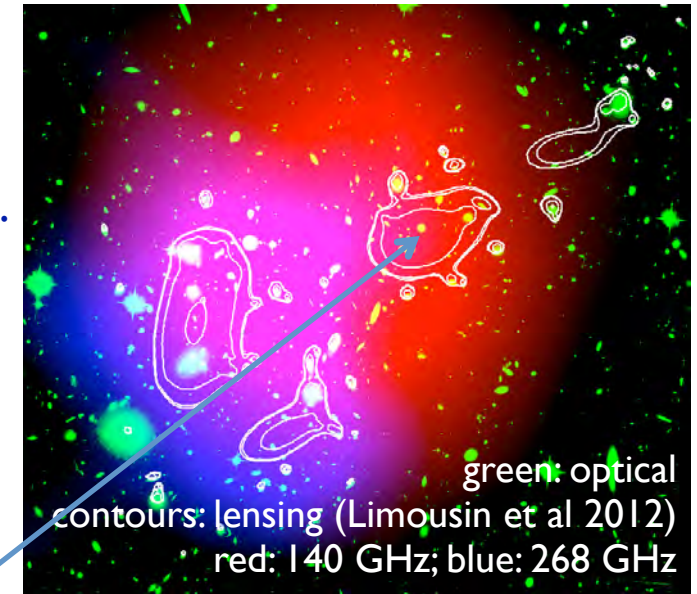
Approach

Most studies use plane-of-sky morphology (e.g., Bullet cluster)

Line-of-sight ICM velocity is now become accessible:

X-ray spectroscopy: XRISM (now), Athena (future)

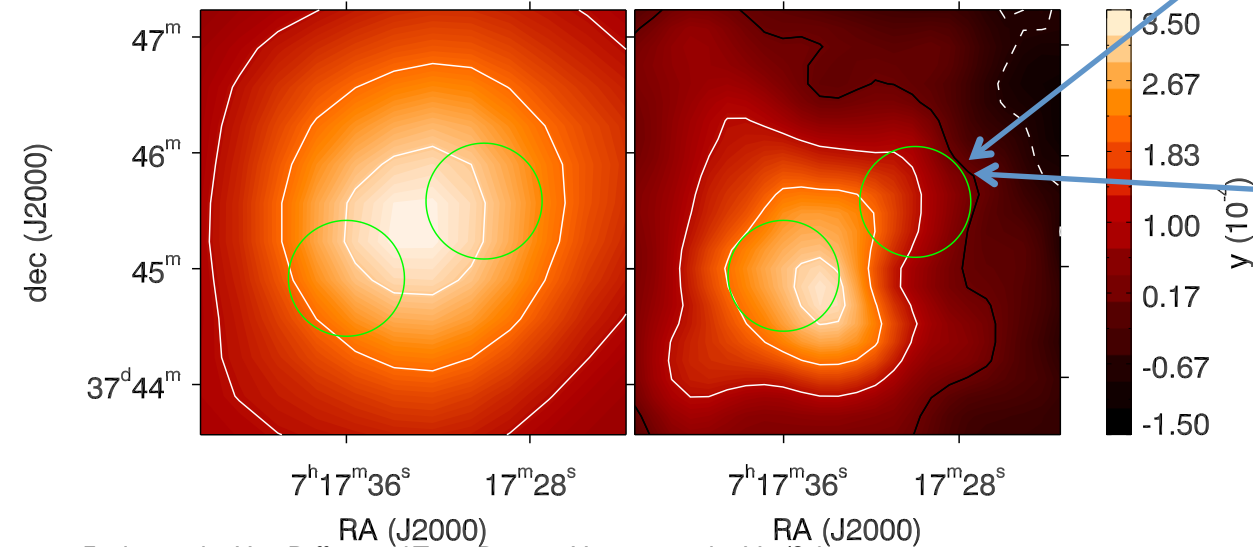
Doppler shift via kinetic SZ



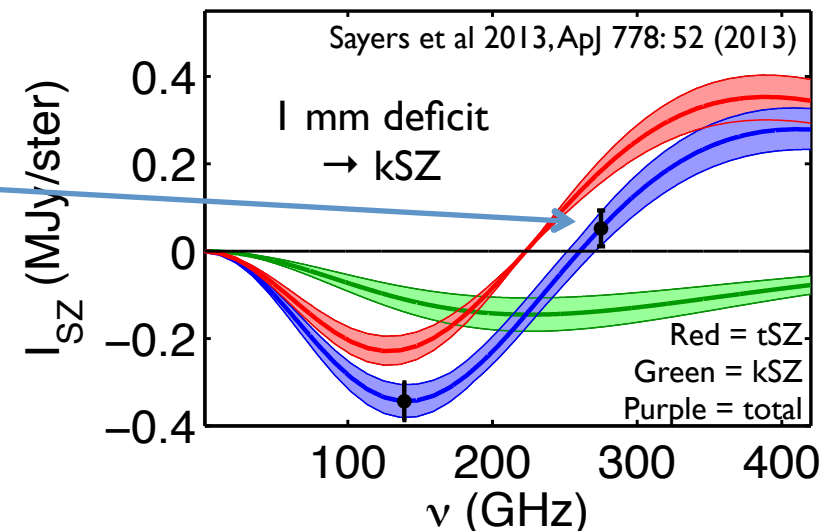
First demonstration:

Data 140 GHz

Data 268 GHz



Sub-cluster B (Model)



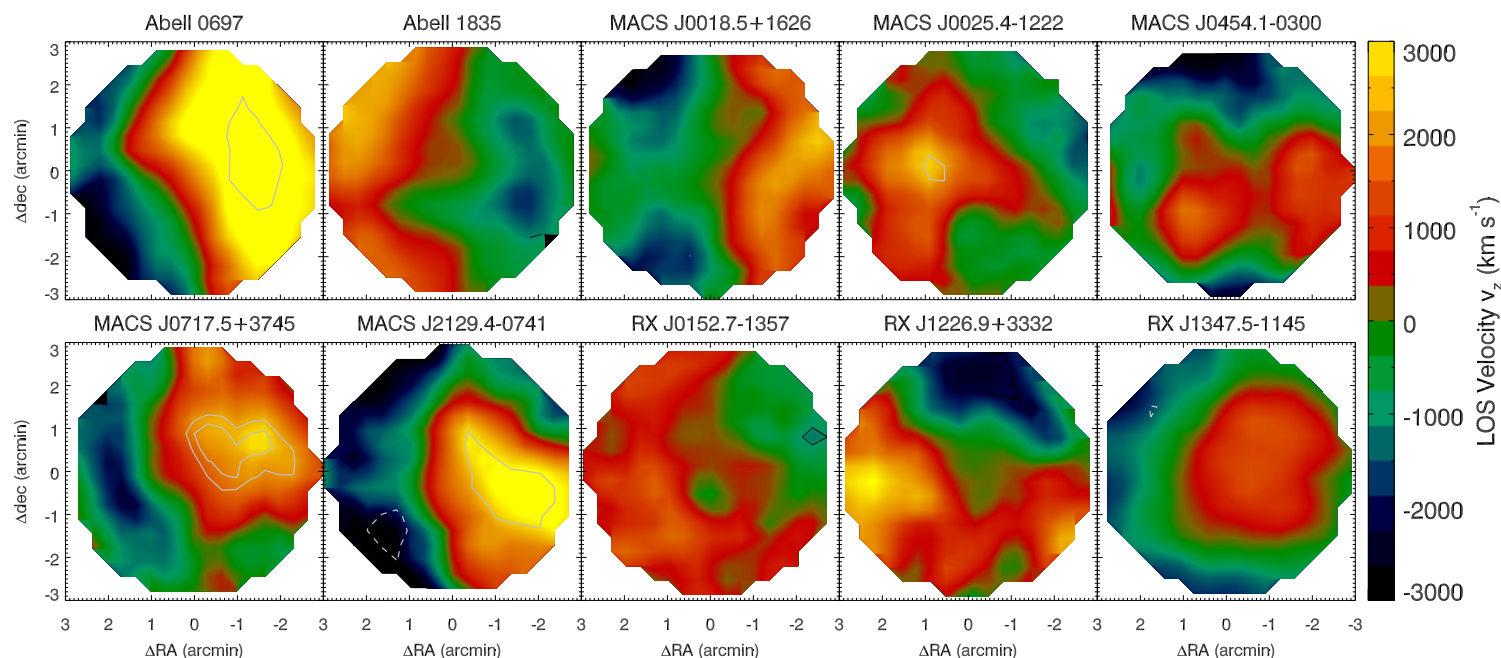
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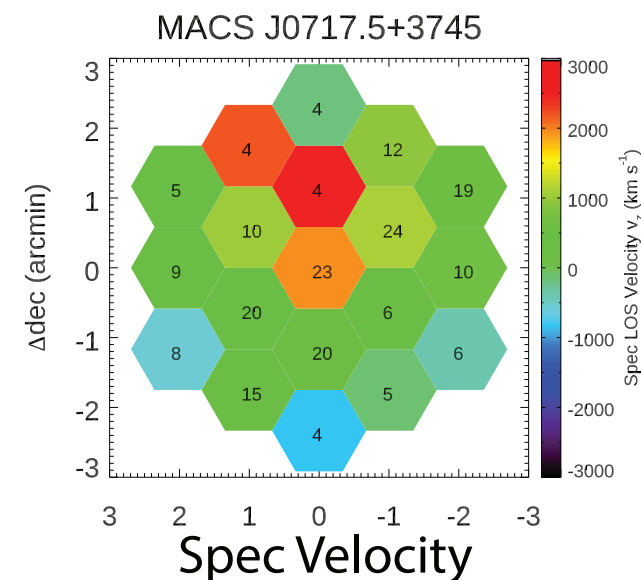
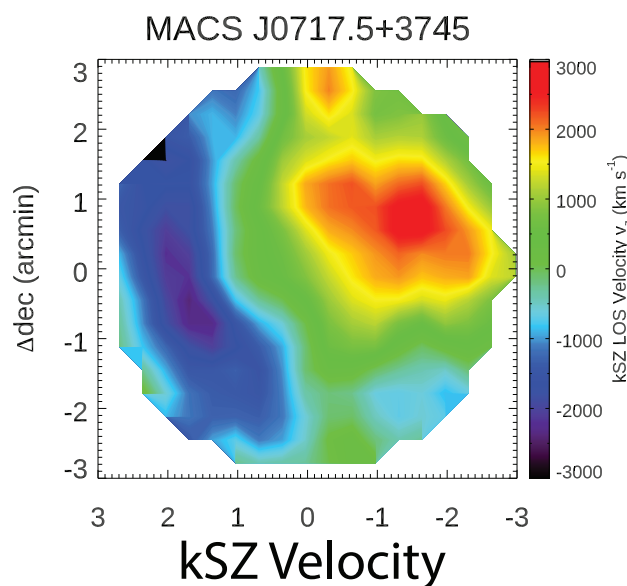
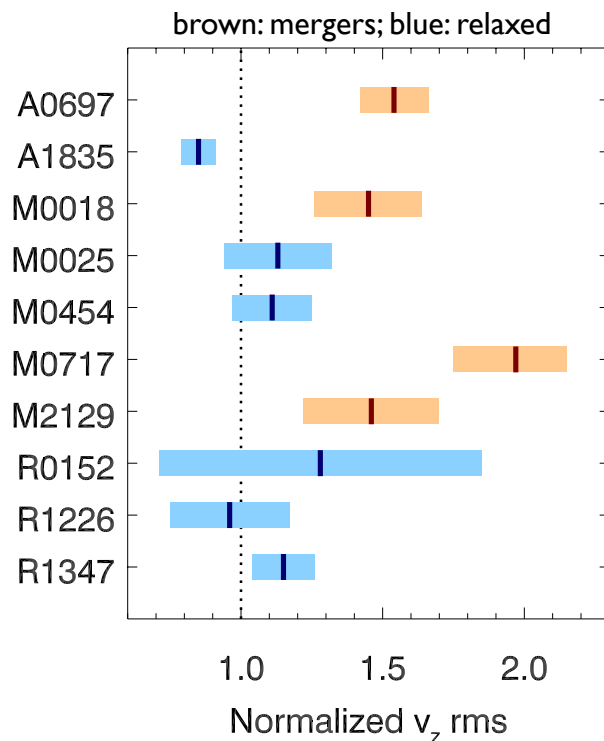
Consistent detection
of v_z rms in excess
of noise for
mergers, none for
relaxed clusters

Cluster member v_z via
Keck spectroscopy

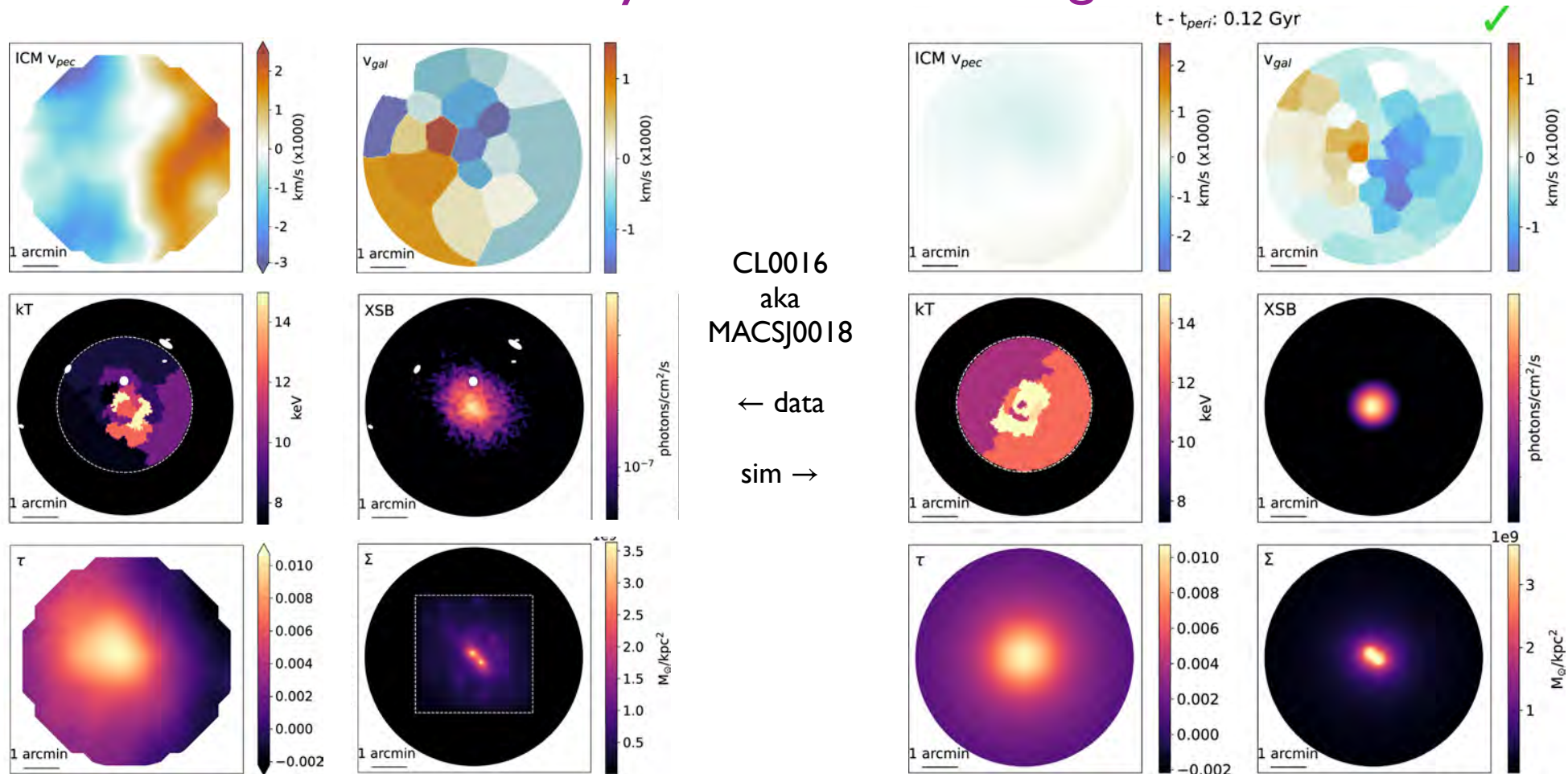
LMT/Toltec better
mm-wave data:
time allotted



Sayers et al, ApJ 880:45 (2019)



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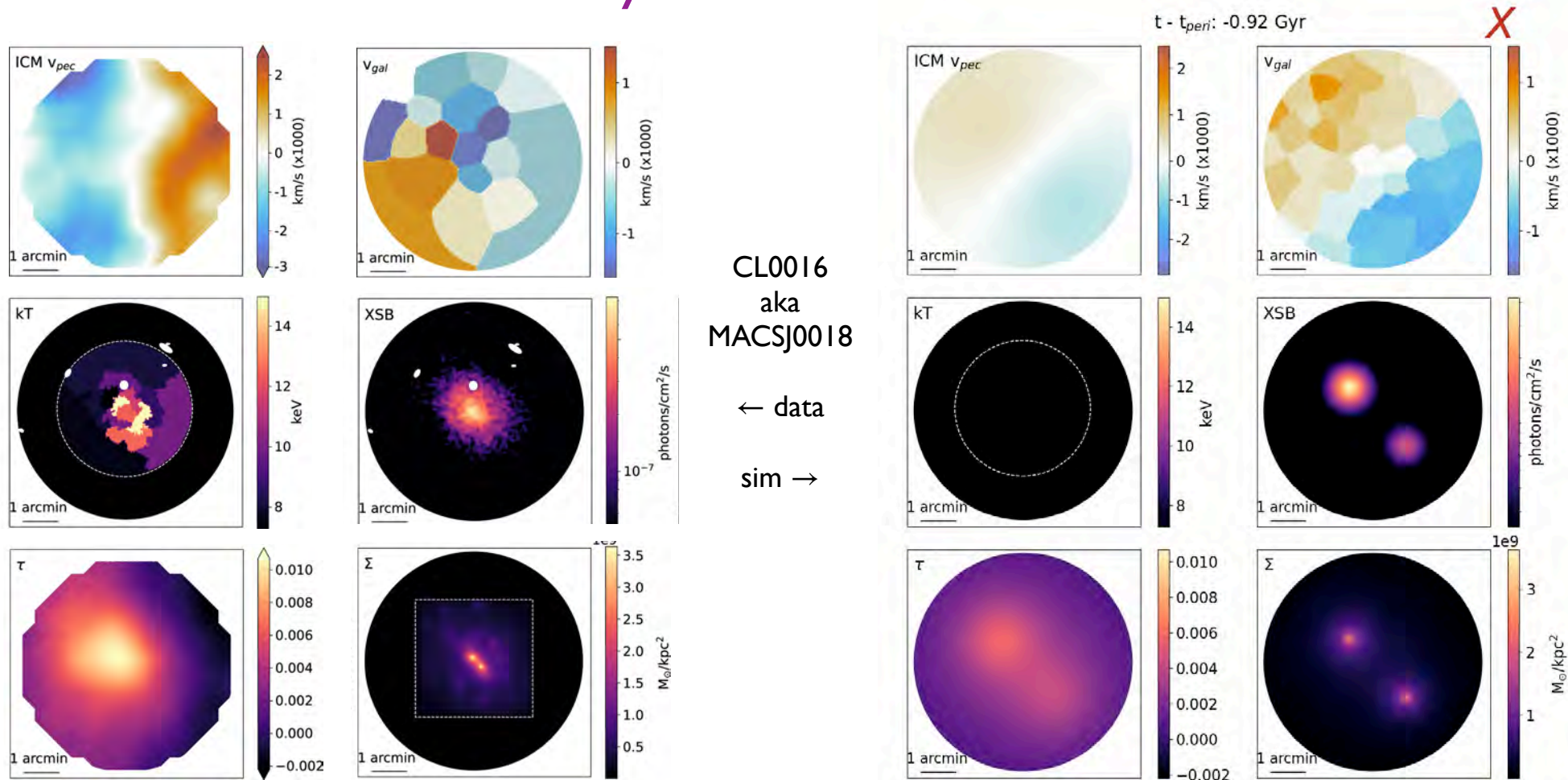
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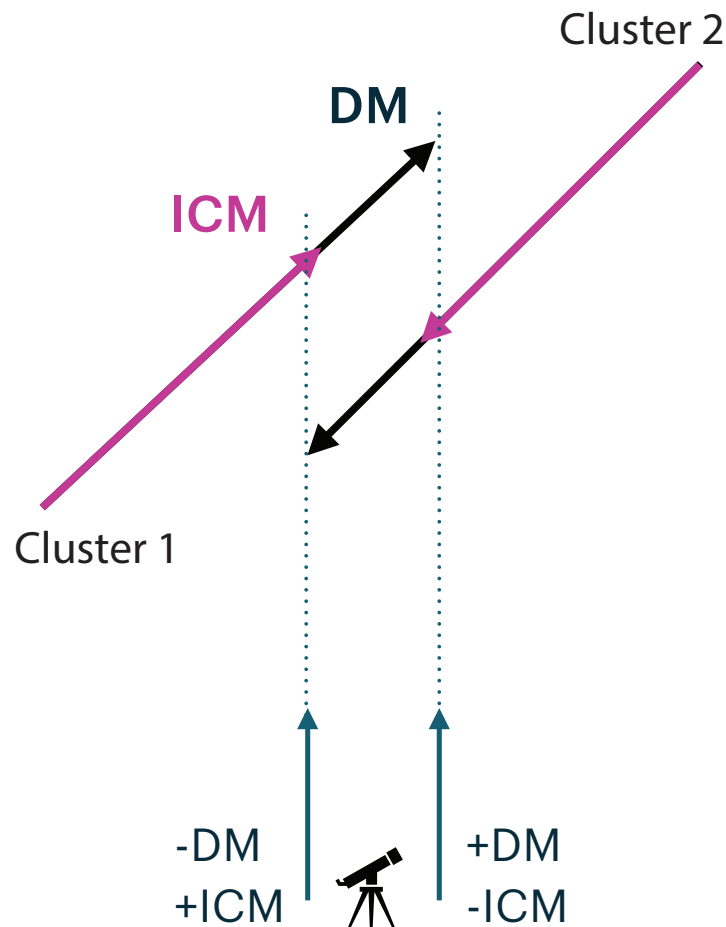
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Probing ICM Turbulence in A3366 (Merger)

ICM turbulence provides significant non-thermal pressure support (P_{nt}).
What is the physics?

Is it Kolmogorov ($k^{-1/3}$)?

What is injection scale?

Large: accretion

Small: galaxy feedback

ICM density fluctuations provide a probe

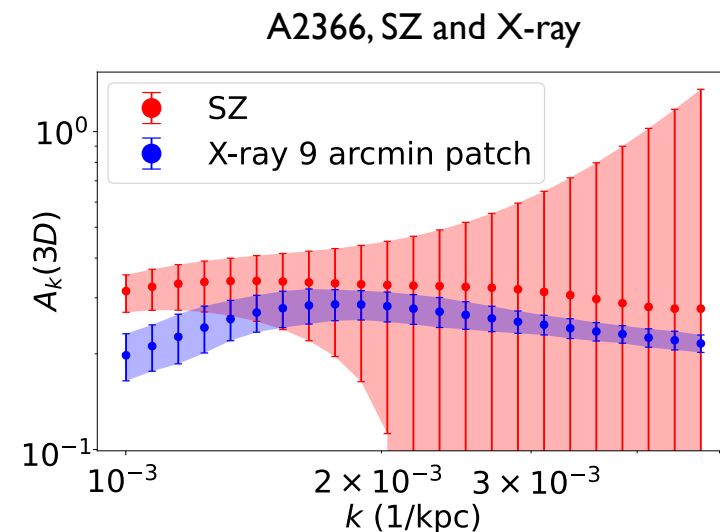
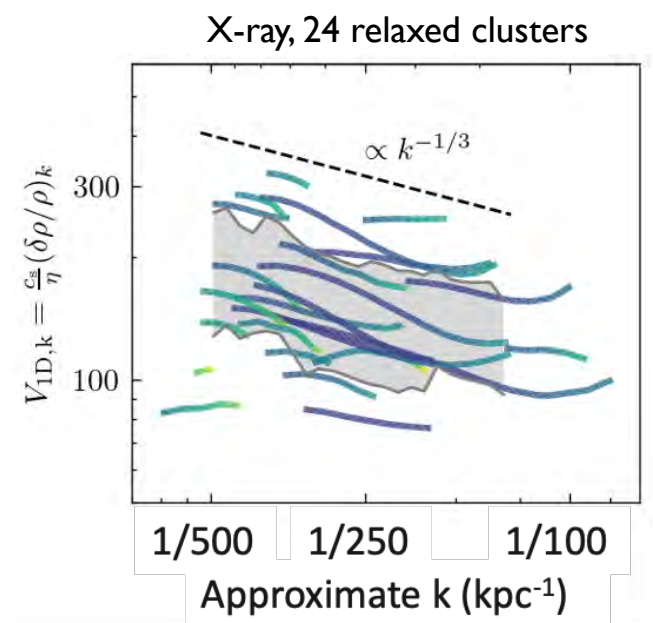
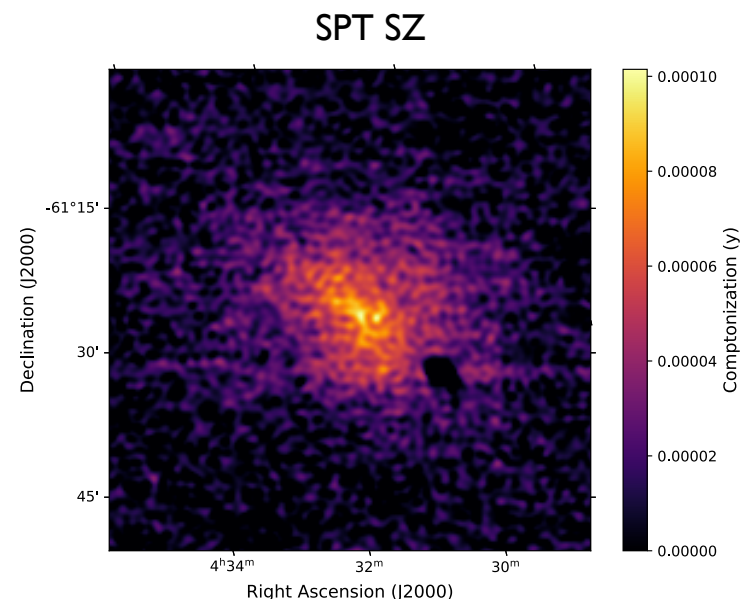
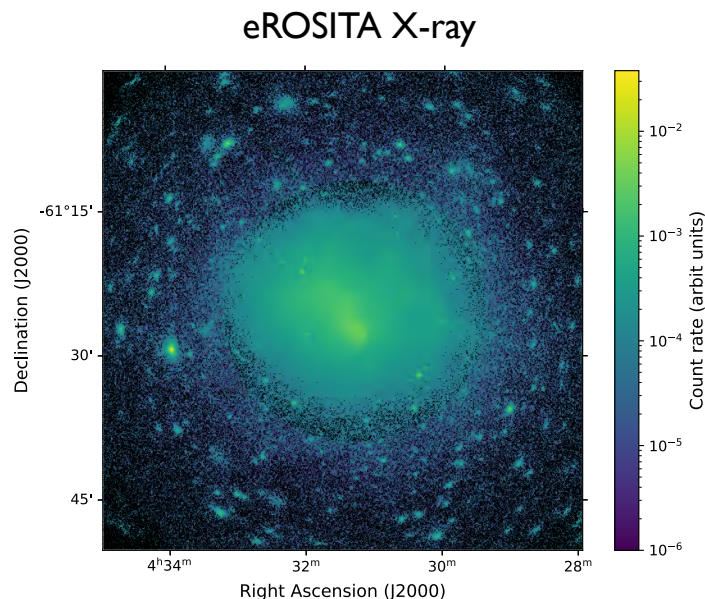
$$\text{Sims} \Rightarrow \frac{\delta v}{v} \propto \frac{\delta p}{p} \propto \frac{\delta \rho}{\rho}$$

use density (X-ray) and pressure (SZ) fluctuations to measure velocity fluctuations

SZ probes to larger radius

$$\text{SZ}/\text{X} = 1.4 \pm 0.7$$

> 1 consistent with expectations for mergers



A New Explanation for the Cooling Flow Problem: Cosmic Rays

Cooling flow problem

X-ray emission around brightest cluster galaxy at center implies high radiative cooling rate: gas should cool, collapse, and form stars

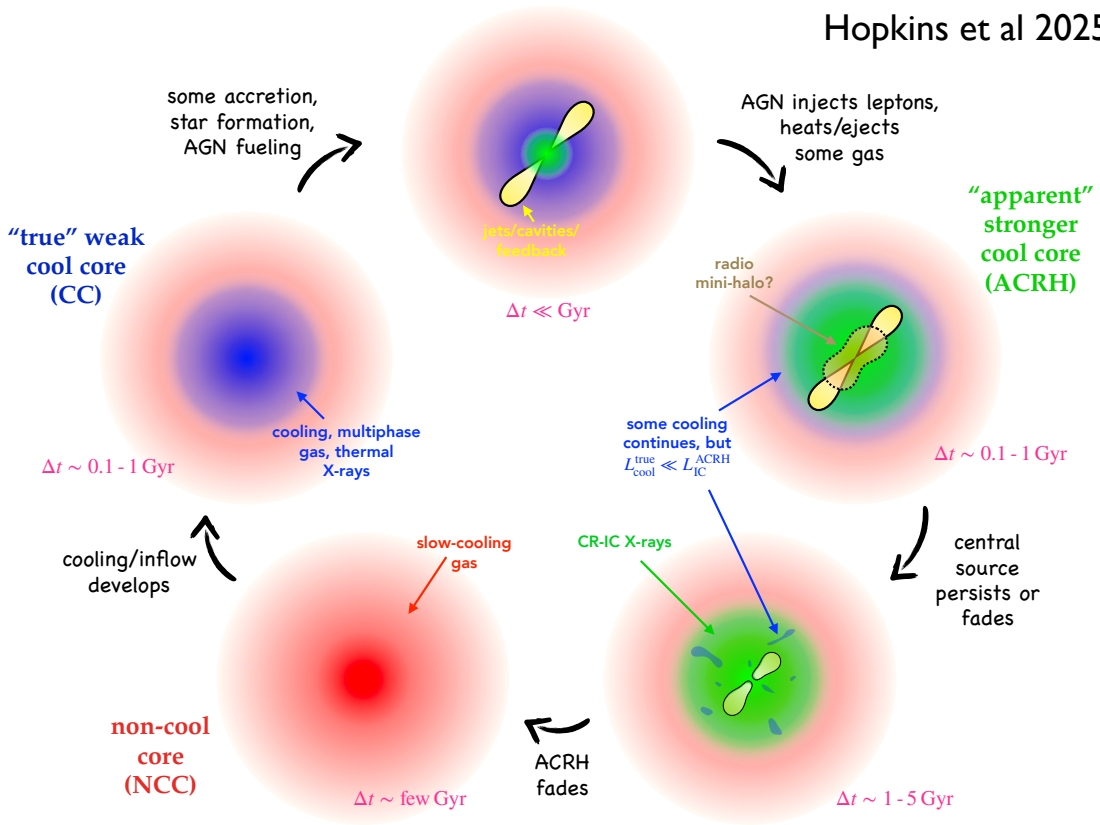
But this star formation not seen

Novel proposal by Hopkins and Quataert:

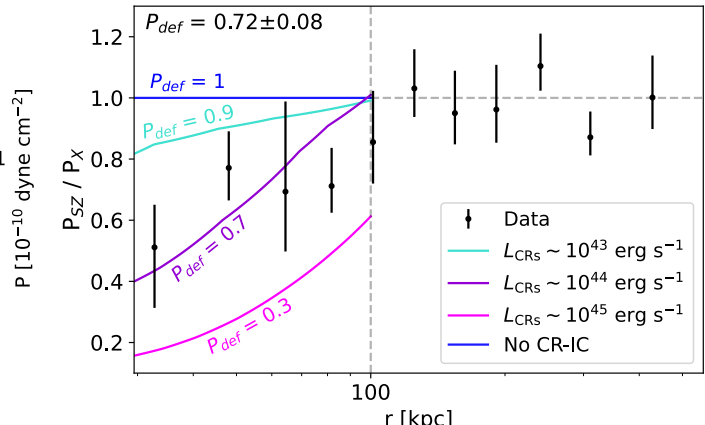
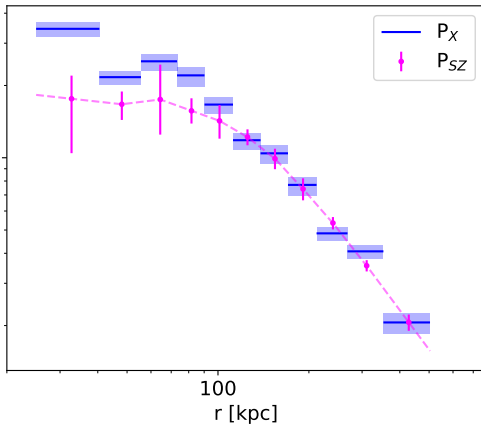
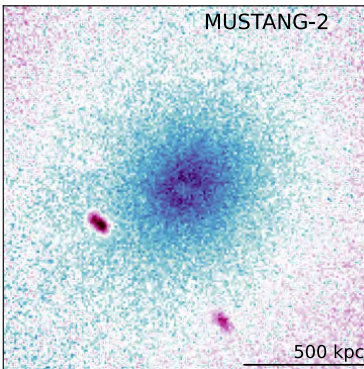
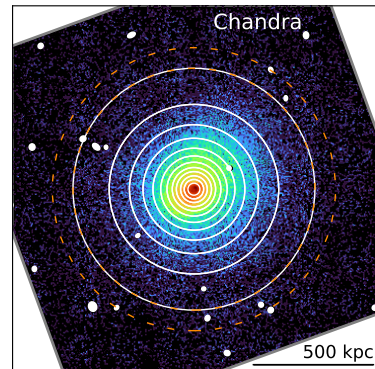
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~3 σ signal in first test on Zw Cl 3146



Silich et al 2025



A New Solution to the Cooling Flow Problem: Cosmic Rays

Cooling flow problem

X-ray emission around brightest cluster galaxy at center implies high radiative cooling rate: gas should cool, collapse, and form stars

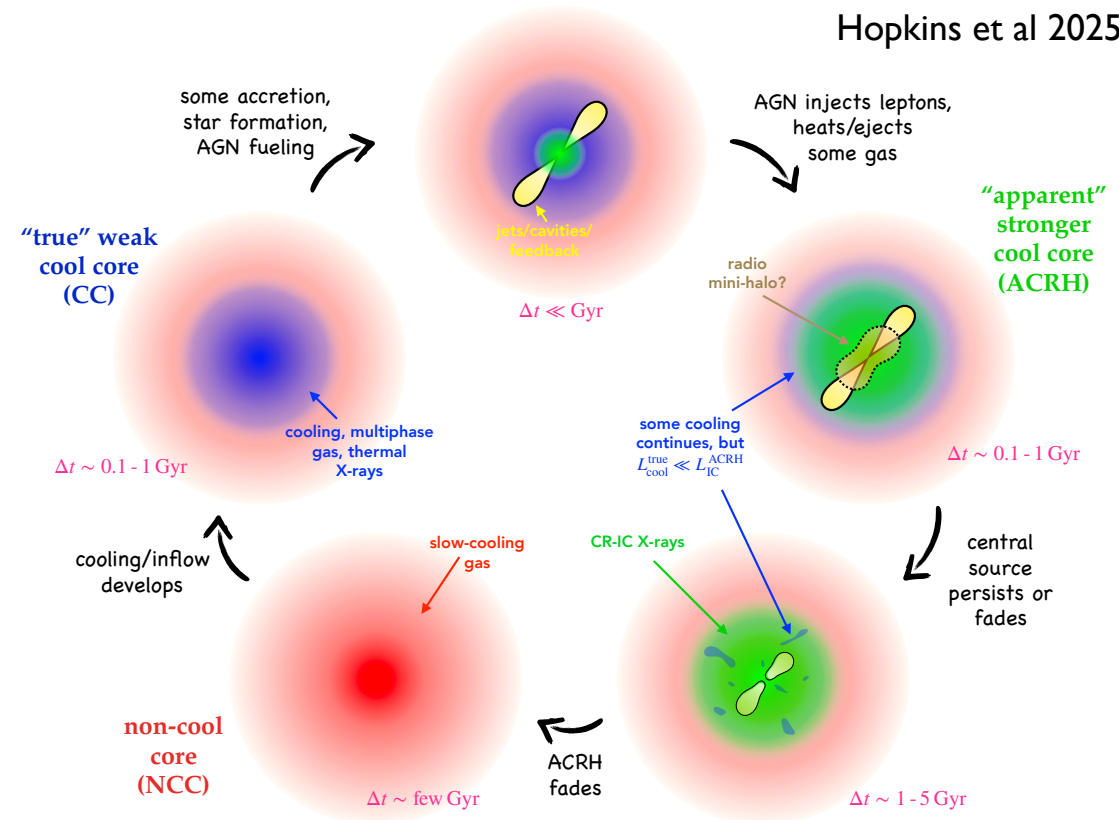
But this star formation not seen

Novel proposal by Hopkins and Quataert:

not thermal bremsstrahlung, but inverse Compton scattering of CMB off ancient 0.1-1 GeV cosmic ray electrons

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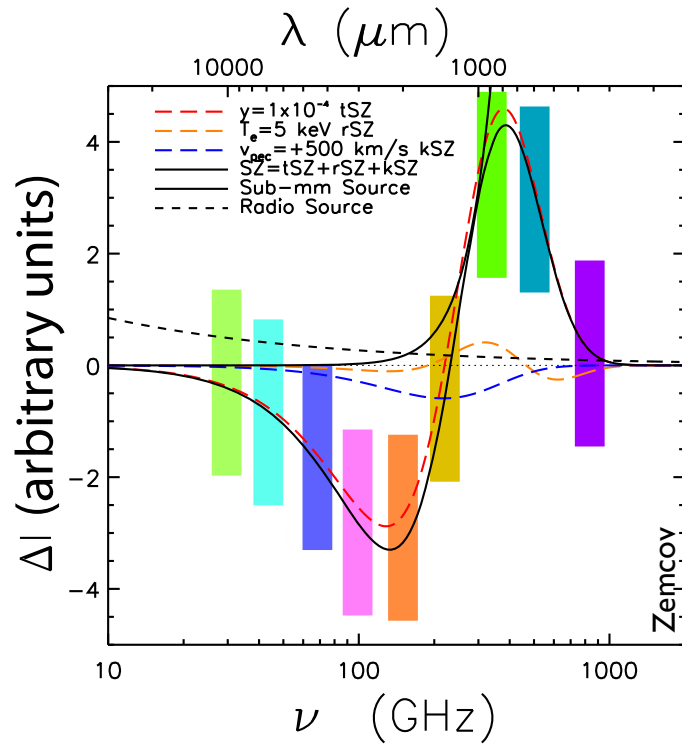
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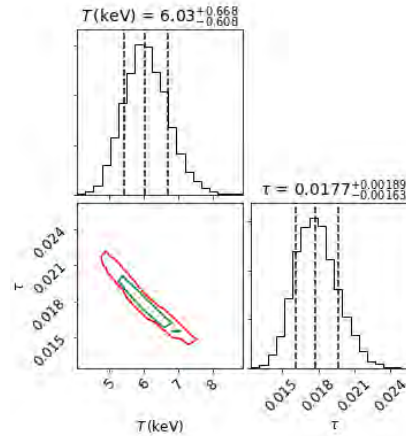
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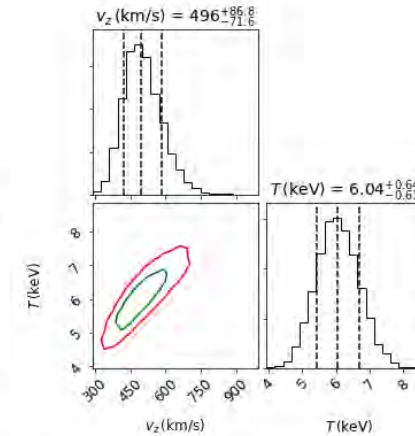
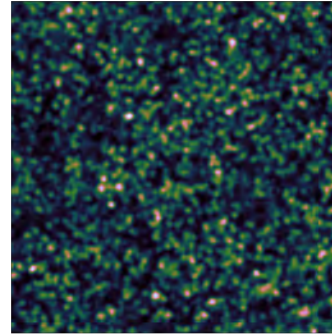
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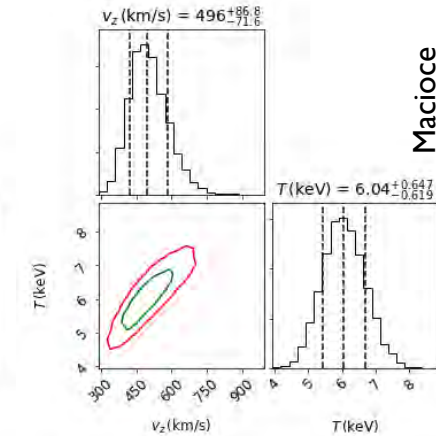
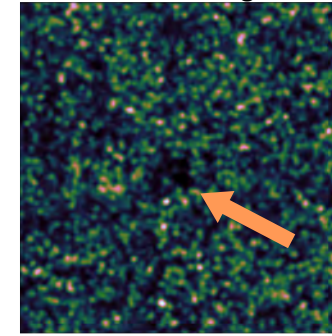
No contaminating galaxies, just tSZ + kSZ + relativistic effects, 10% prior on T_e : $\sigma_v < 100$ km/s



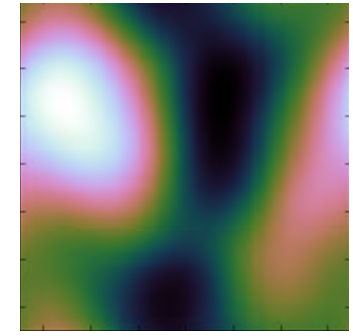
Contaminating dusty galaxies



Contaminating dusty galaxies w/lensing



Primary CMB

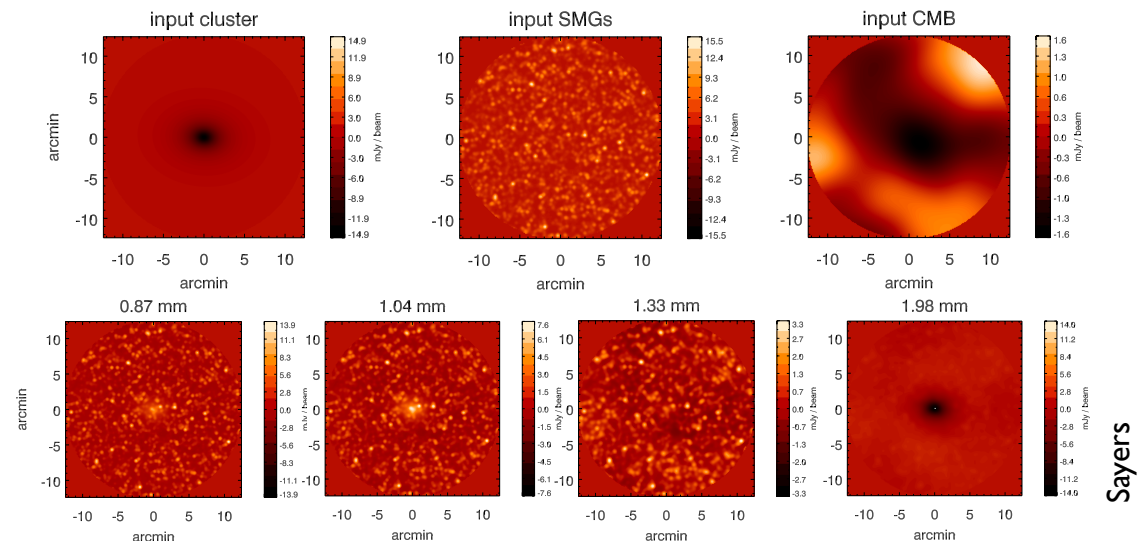


Macioce

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Multi-band coverage necessary for teasing apart SZ effects and contaminating galaxies, degeneracy between v_{pec} and T_e

Ongoing project to simulate ultimate limits to kSZ sensitivity for bulk (cosmological) and internal ICM velocities



The Galaxy-CGM-IGM Connection and the Inefficiency of Star Formation in Galaxies

Star formation remarkably inefficient

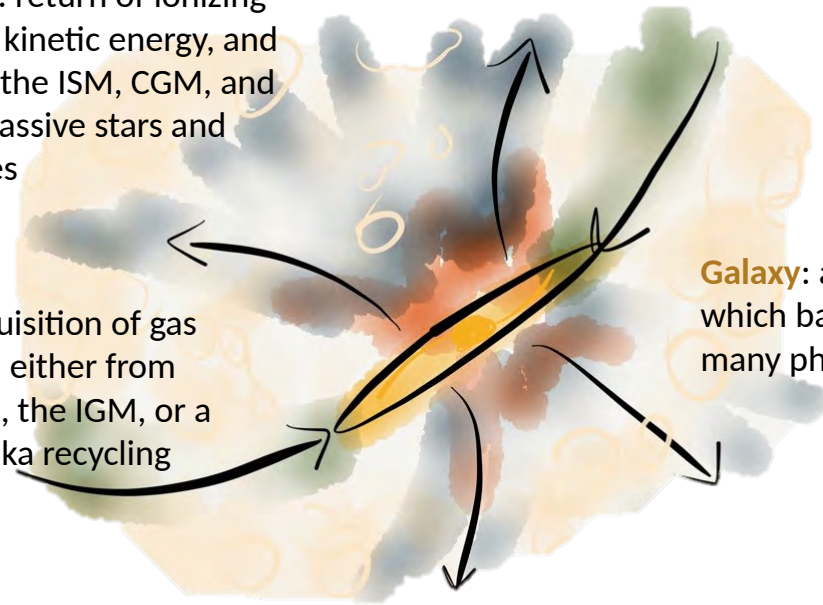
Driving of gas out to CGM, stanching of gas inflow believed to limit SF efficiency

CGM and IGM also reservoir for feeding SF

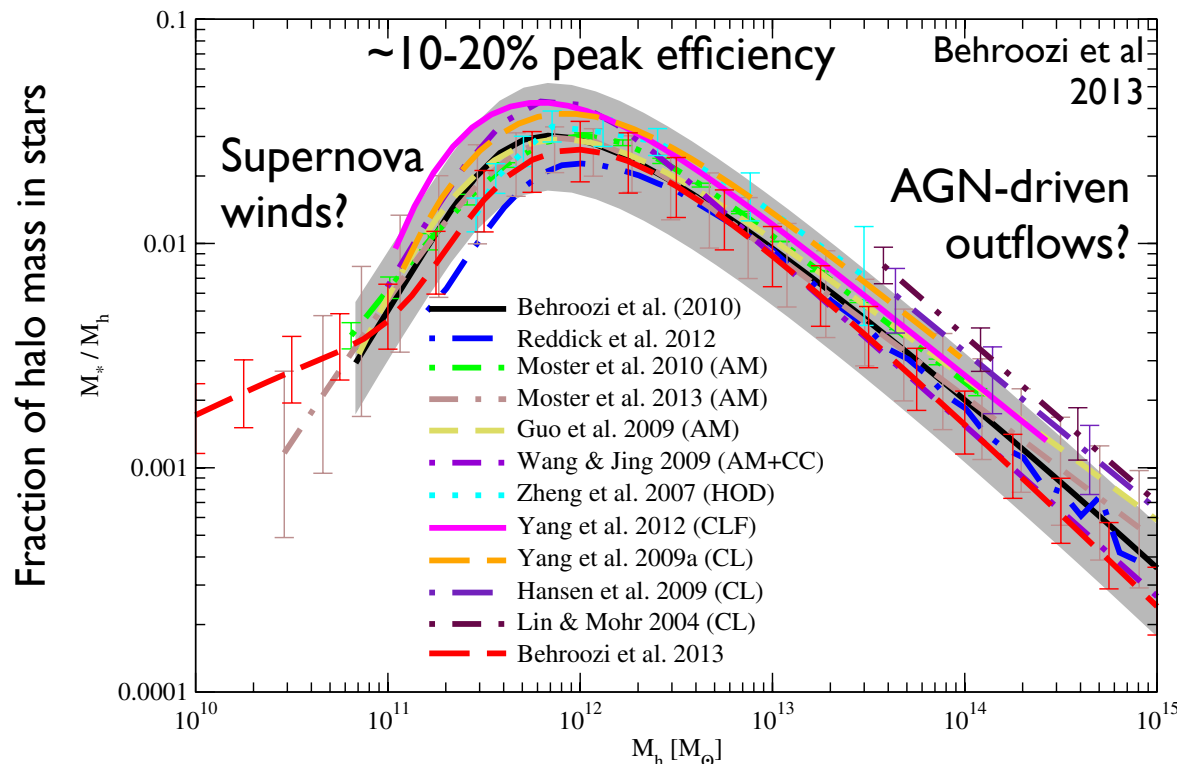
Feedback: return of ionizing radiation, kinetic energy, and metals to the ISM, CGM, and IGM by massive stars and black holes

Accretion: An acquisition of gas by the galaxy disk, either from satellites, mergers, the IGM, or a galactic fountain aka recycling

Galaxy: a complex system in which baryons cycle through many physical phases



CGM: Circumgalactic Medium where accreting gas meets feedback material perhaps extending to R_{vir}



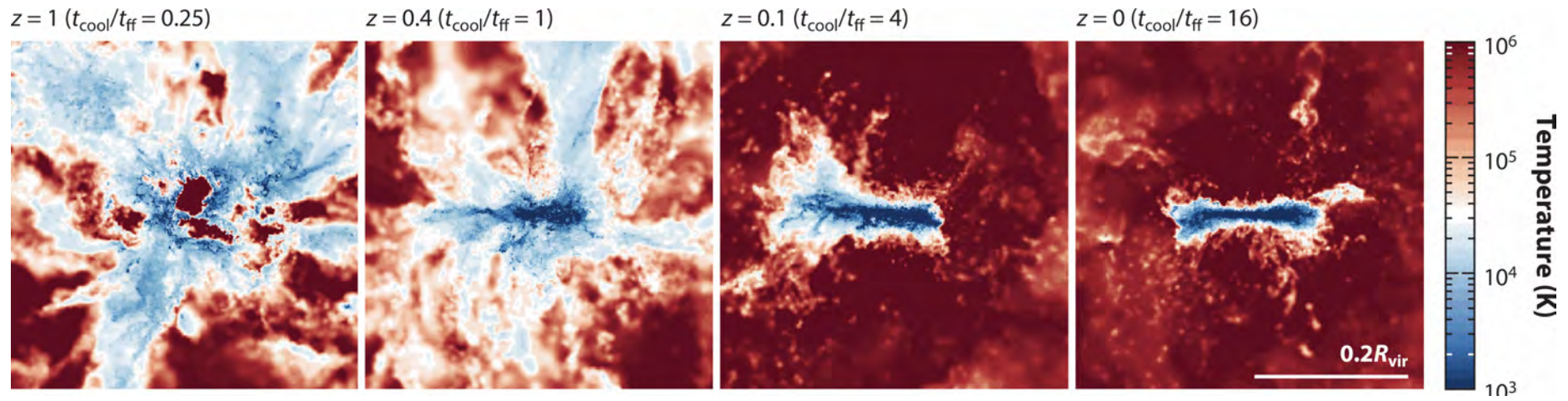
The galaxy-CGM-IGM connection in galaxies and galaxy clusters with SZ:

Thermal SZ calorimetry of hot CGM measures gas that can't form stars: the inefficiency part of the equation

Thermal SZ + X-ray + lensing indirectly measures accretion into cold degrees of freedom that provide support against G: also inefficiency

Kinetic SZ directly measures cold degrees of freedom, both circulating and infalling (efficiency and inefficiency)

CGM with the SZ Effect



 Faucher-Giguère C-A, Oh SP. 2023
 Annu. Rev. Astron. Astrophys. 61:131–95

Specific questions

How efficient is shock heating and thermalization?

What are the residual cold motions/material?

How does ejected energy heat CGM and ICM, escape to IGM?

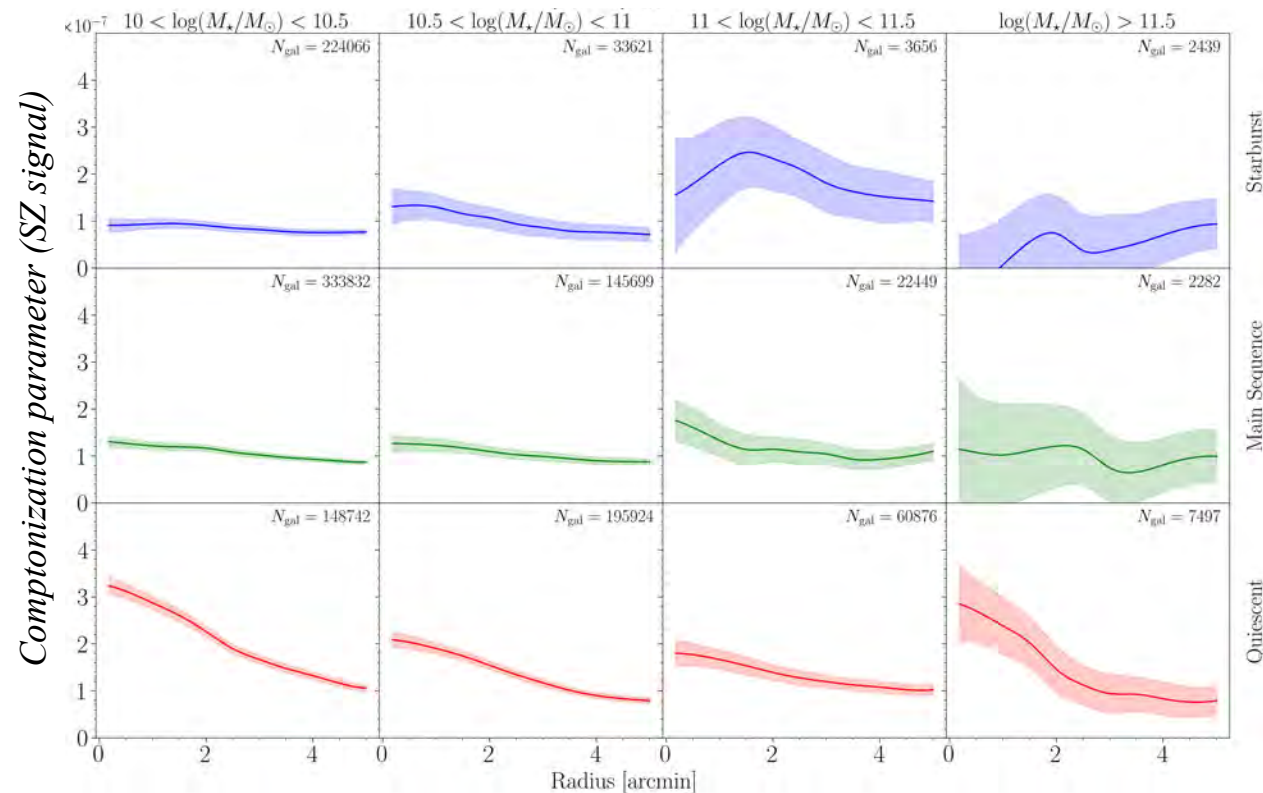
Analyses now and future:

Stacking using ACT + galaxy surveys

Y. Xie, ShNU grad student

Better statistics with Euclid/Roman/LSST + Simons Observatory

Lower masses with LMT + existing deep fields, LCT in the future



Summary of Observational and Forecasting Projects

Triaxial shapes and SIDM

Multi-yr full analysis using the XMM-Heritage CHEX-MATE sample (Saxena)

Non-thermal pressure

Multi-yr full analysis using the XMM-Heritage CHEX-MATE sample (Gavidia)

Merger studies

Multi-yr analysis using existing data, new data coming - Chandra/ALMA/LMT (Silich, White)

ICM turbulence fluctuations

Demonstrate case complete with paper soon, more cases, possible new X-ray data from Einstein Probe (Saxena)

Cosmic Ray Inverse Compton

Demonstrate case complete, more cases, new SZ data coming from GBT (Silich)

WHIM in Large Scale Structure Filaments

Project underway based on eROSITA and Planck data, plus new data coming from Einstein Probe (White)

Cluster Cosmology - AGN and SZ Detection

Pilot study complete with paper soon, more existing data, planned path forward w/ VLA/ATCA/ALMA (Saxena)

Cluster Cosmology - Triaxiality and Weak Lensing Mass Calibration

multi-yr collaborative project with UMich, now underway (Gavidia, Saxena)

Dust Within the Intra-Cluster Medium

multi-yr collaborative project with RIT, opportunities related to dust and relativistic SZ

kSZ forecasting

multi-yr project to incorporate instrumental/calibration effects

CGM studies

studies with existing samples underway, can be extended; new data coming soon

explore ALMA studies of individual galaxies or stacking using ALMA surveys

Instrumentation

Leighton Chajnantor Telescope (LCT)

Move of Caltech's 10.4 m mm/submm telescope to Chile

Ongoing developments to enable multi-band imaging of SZ and mm-wave time-domain sources on LCT

Multi-scale phased-array antennas to enable measurement of 6 spectral bands in a single focal plane

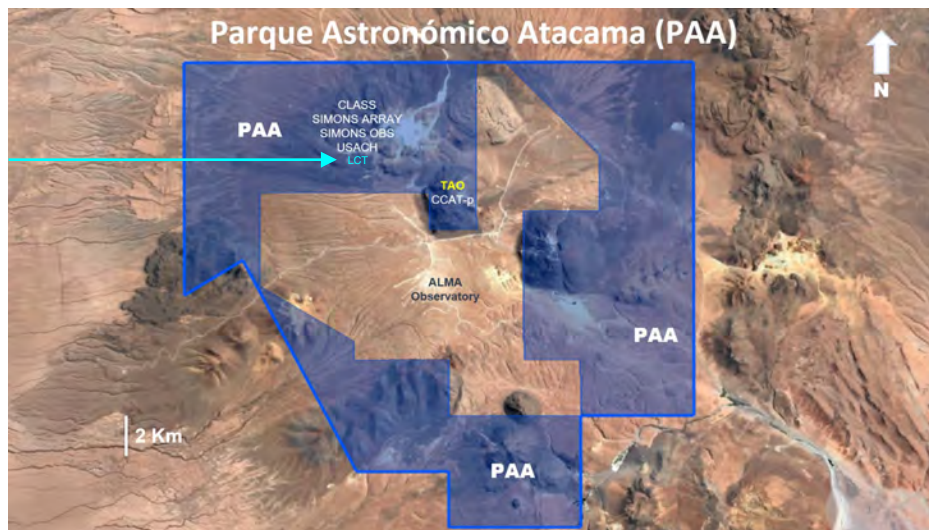
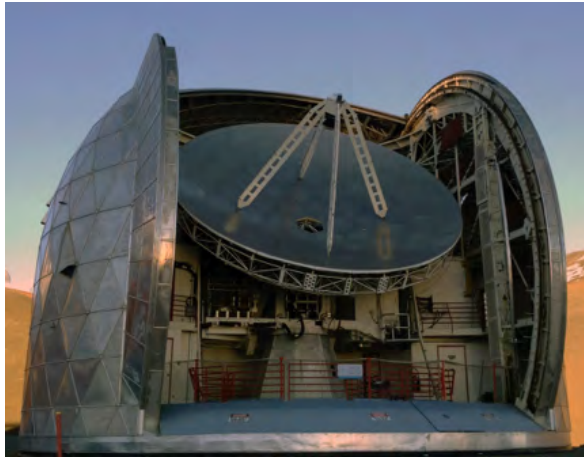
Background-limited microstrip-coupled kinetic inductance detectors (KIDs) to provide excellent sensitivity in all spectral bands

Microstripline and parallel-plate capacitors using 1 μm thick crystalline silicon to minimize KID two-level-system noise and antenna microstripline loss

Broadband, antireflection-structured, gradient-index silicon optics

Ample opportunities for instrumentation and engineering work with a range of levels of time commitment

Leighton Chajnantor Telescope



Take advantage of new technologies and the world's highest surface accuracy submm telescope to explore new scientific frontiers and build an international partnership

Move 10.4-m, 11 μm rms Leighton Telescope from Hawaii to better site in Chile

Deploy cutting-edge mm/submm instruments

Multiband cameras

“Integral field units” — 3D mappers

Focus on new scientific goals with “whole-observatory” programs

Coherent time-domain astronomy program

300-1000 hr projects focused on major goals

Technology-enabled fully remote operations

Strategic international partnership

Shanghai Normal University Key Lab for Astrophysics: C. Shu

U de Concepcion Center for Astronomical Instrumentation (CePIA): R. Reeves

Caltech

significant contributions by all partners to facility, instrumentation, and science



New Scientific Opportunities in the Sub/mm

Transient and time-domain astronomy

Stellar death — ubiquitous synchrotron emission

A veritable zoo:

- massive stars: core-collapse supernovae,
- low-luminosity and long-duration γ -ray bursts
- black holes shredding stars: tidal disruption events
- black holes and white dwarfs accreting material

from jets, outflows, and shocks interacting with circumstellar medium (CSM):
bright in mm/submm, self-absorbed in cm

Reflects mass loss prior to explosion

Stellar activity

Cyclotron emission in flaring stars, perhaps due to magnetic reconnection: Exoplanet habitability?

Episodic accretion

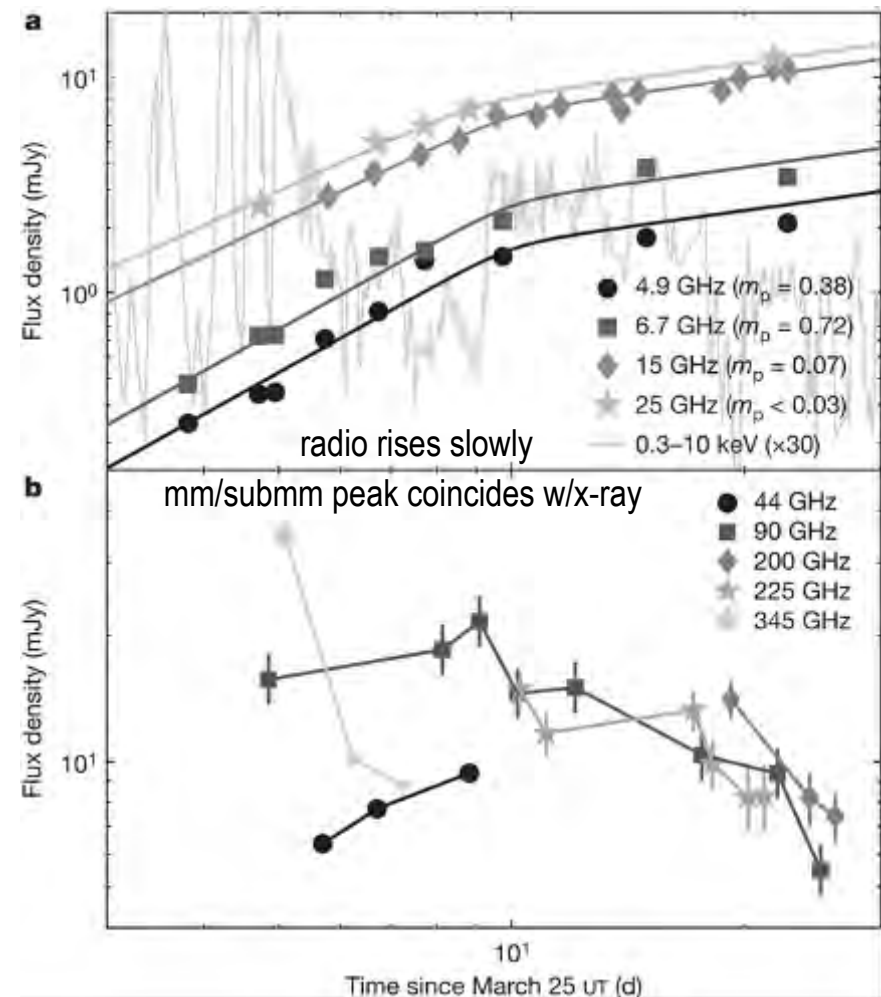
Synchrotron from active galactic nuclei (AGN: supermassive BH at centers of galaxies) jets:

$R_{\text{emission}} \sim 1/\nu$, correlated with γ -rays and neutrinos

Varying thermal dust emission from young stellar objects: explains low quiescent luminosity

Tool: multiband measurements of time-varying mm/submm emission

Tidal disruption event Swift J1644+57 (Zauderer et al 2011)



Kinetic Inductance Detectors

Superconductors have an AC inductance due to inertia of Cooper pairs
alternately, due to magnetic energy stored in screening supercurrent

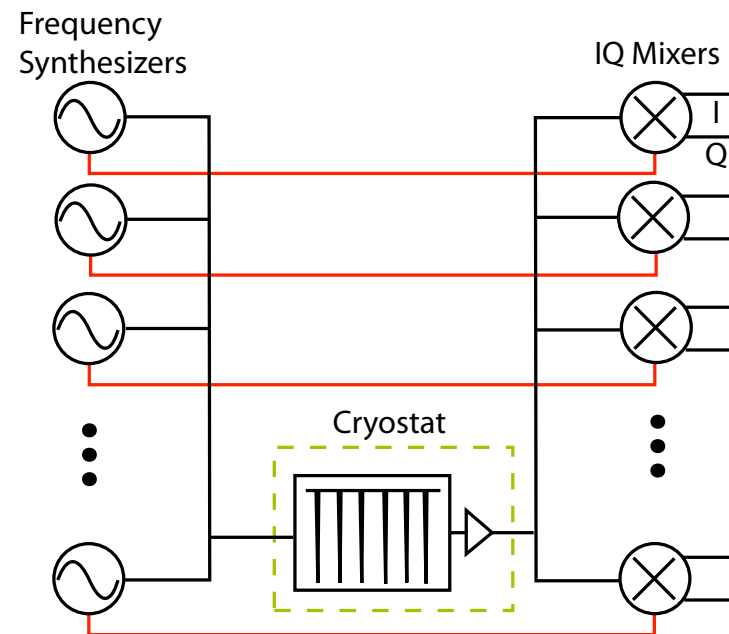
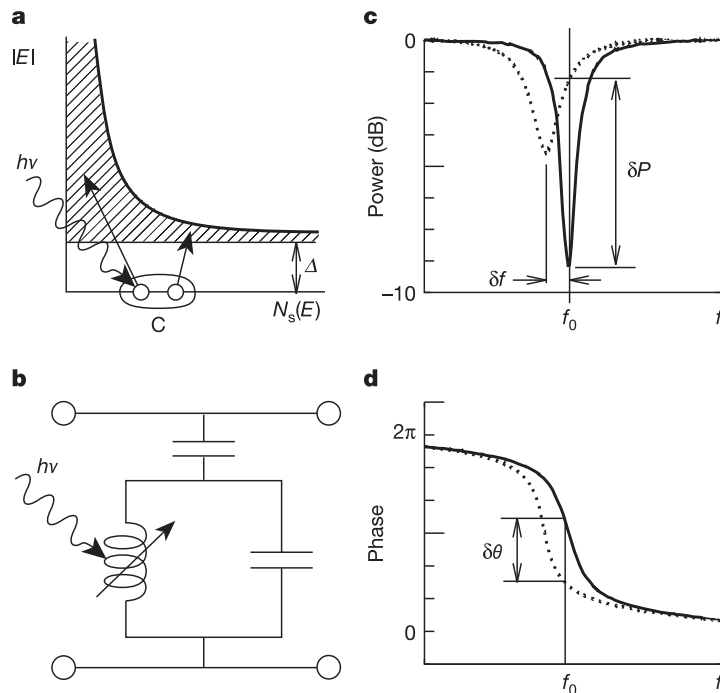
Changes when Cooper pairs are broken by energy input from light

Sense the change by monitoring a resonant circuit

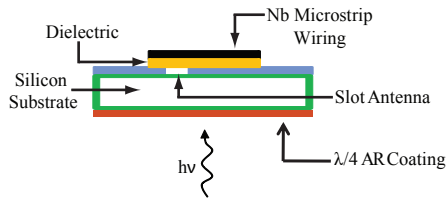
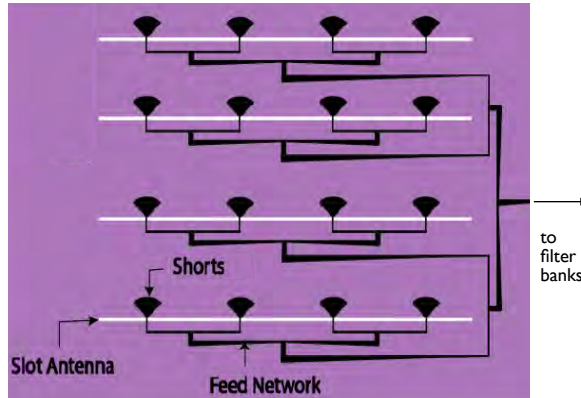
Key point: superconductors provide very high Q ($Q_i > 10^7$ achieved), so thousands of such resonators can be monitored with a single feedline

enormous cryogenic multiplex technology relative to existing ones

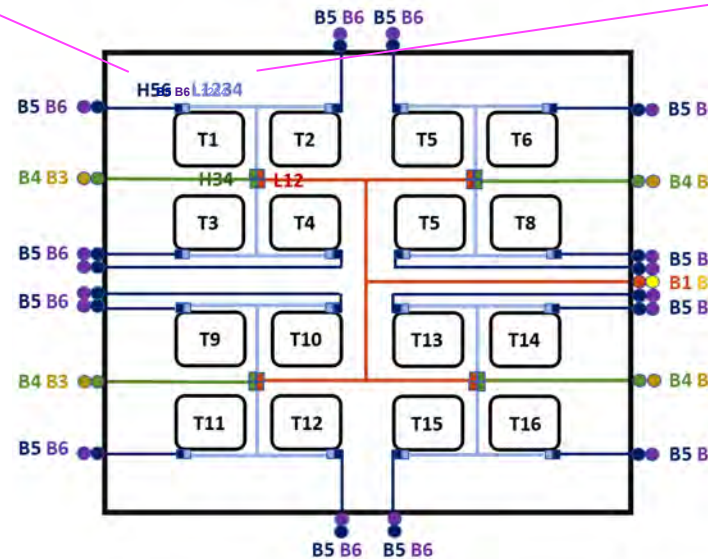
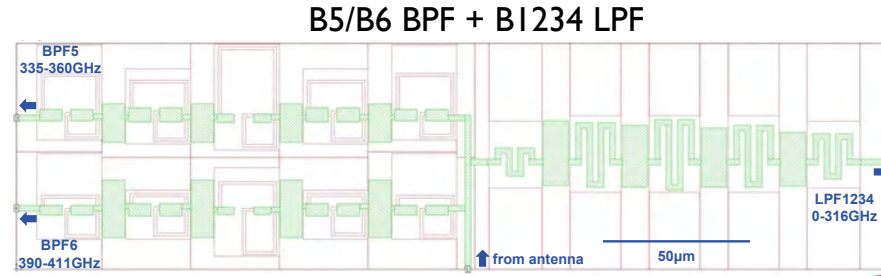
very simple cryogenic readout components



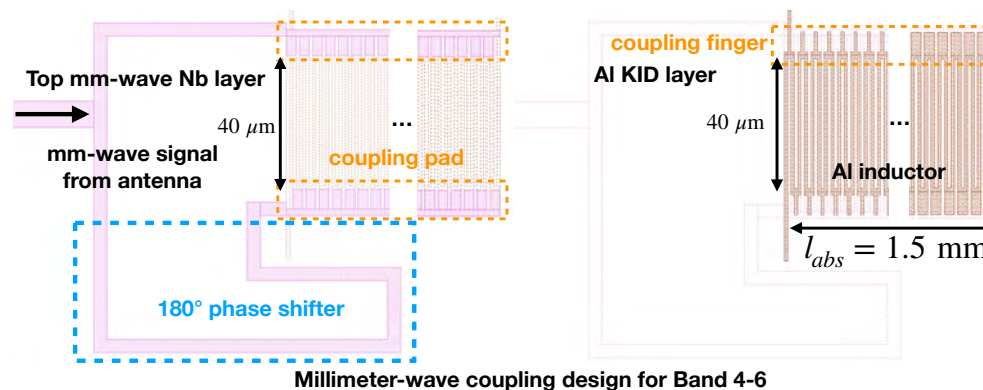
NEW-MUSIC: the Next-generation Extended Wavelength Multiband Submillimeter Inductance Camera



band	ν	$\Delta\nu$
B1	90 GHz	35 GHz
B2	150 GHz	40 GHz
B3	230 GHz	35 GHz
B4	290 GHz	40 GHz
B5	345 GHz	30 GHz
B6	405 GHz	25 GHz

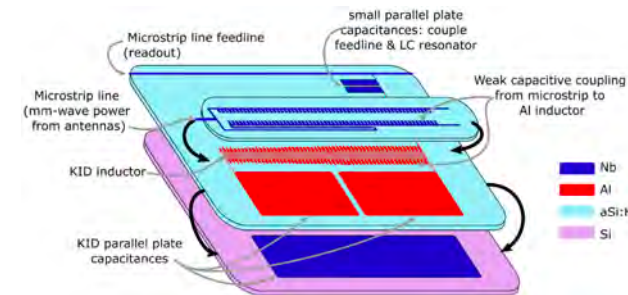
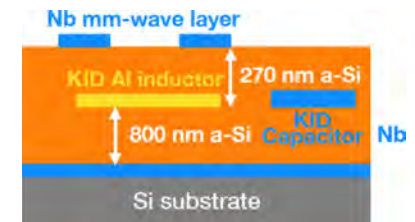


pixel scales with diffraction spot size



Millimeter-wave coupling design for Band 4-6

microstrip coupling to a-Si:H embedded KID



Large a-Si:H PPC to yield acceptable TLS noise (can reduce in size)

Golwala et al (SPIE 2012, 2024)
 Ji et al (SPIE 2014)
 Shu et al (LTD-19)
 Martin et al (LTD-20)
 Defrance et al (PRMat 2024)

Broadband Anti-Reflection-Structured Silicon Optics

Motivation

Crystalline silicon is excellent optical material:

High index

High conductivity

Low loss

But high index necessitates ARC

Need wide bandwidth ARC for applications

CMB pol: 23-130 GHz, 73-415 GHz (5.7:1)

SZ, mm time-domain: 73-415 GHz (5.7:1)

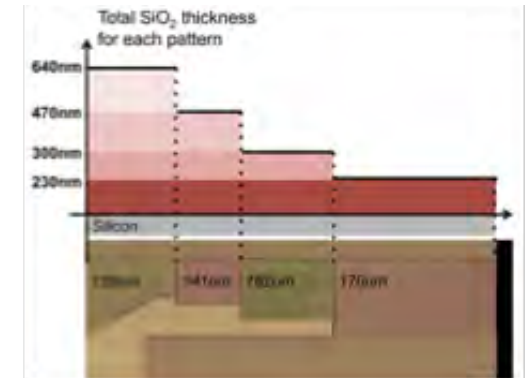
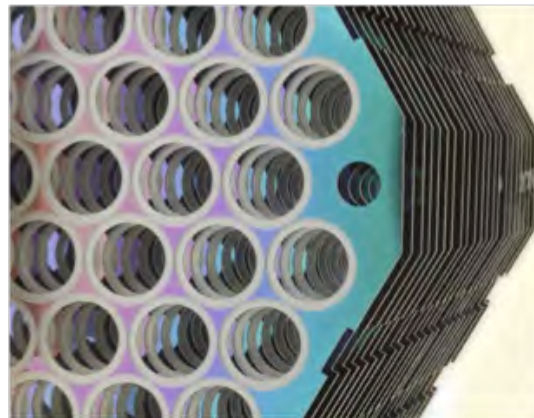
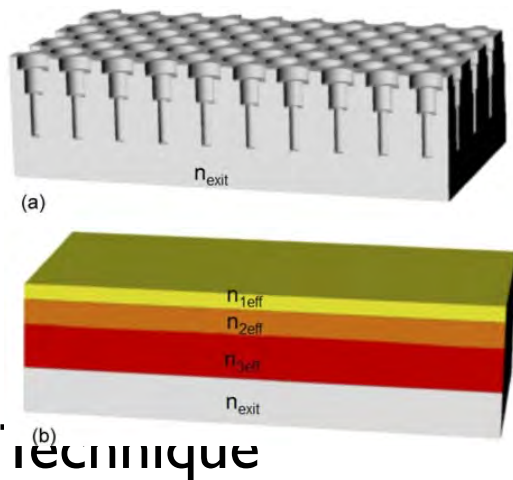
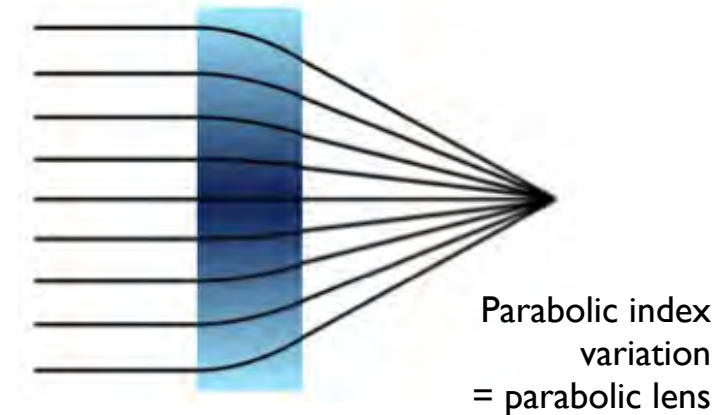
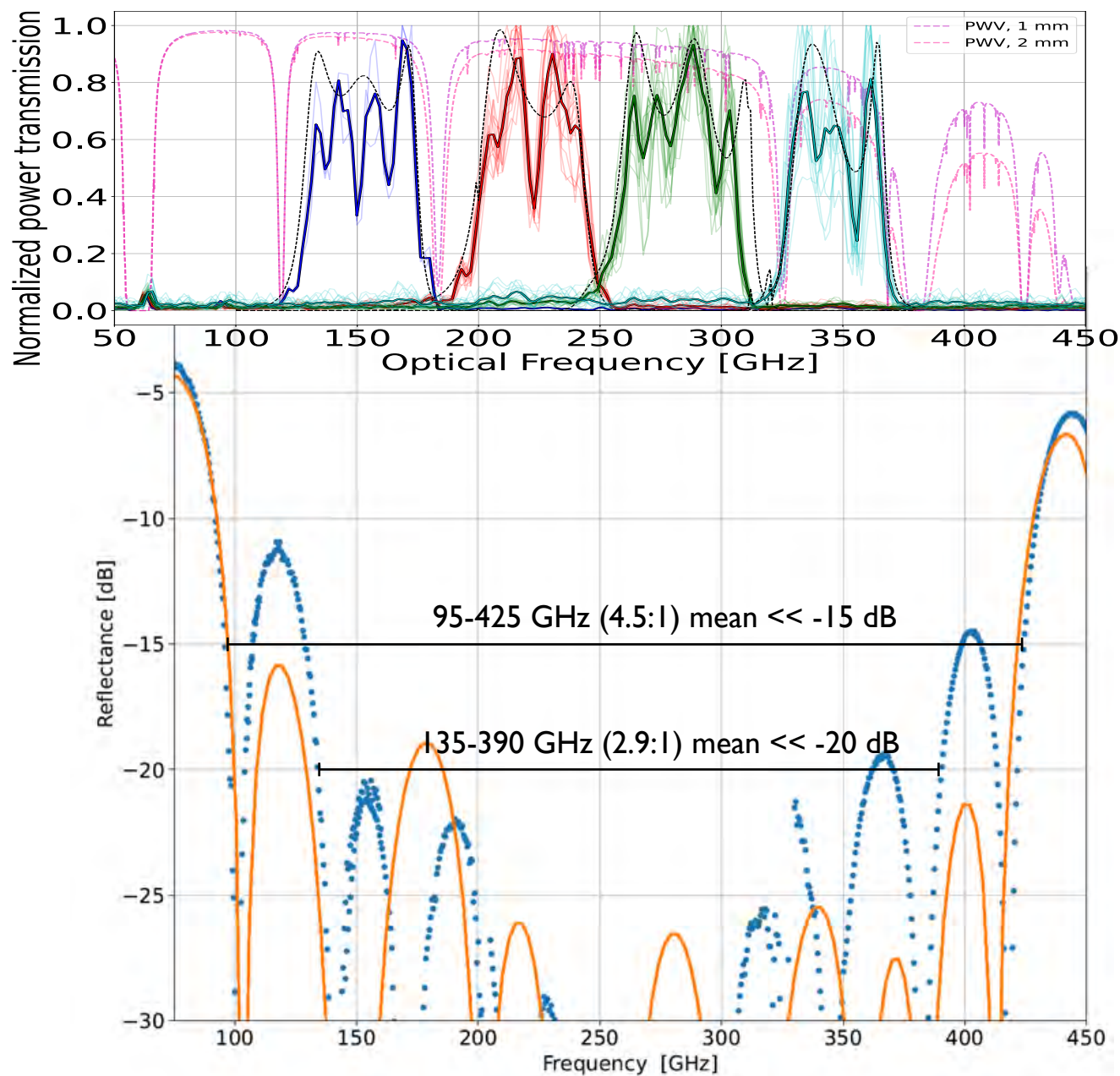


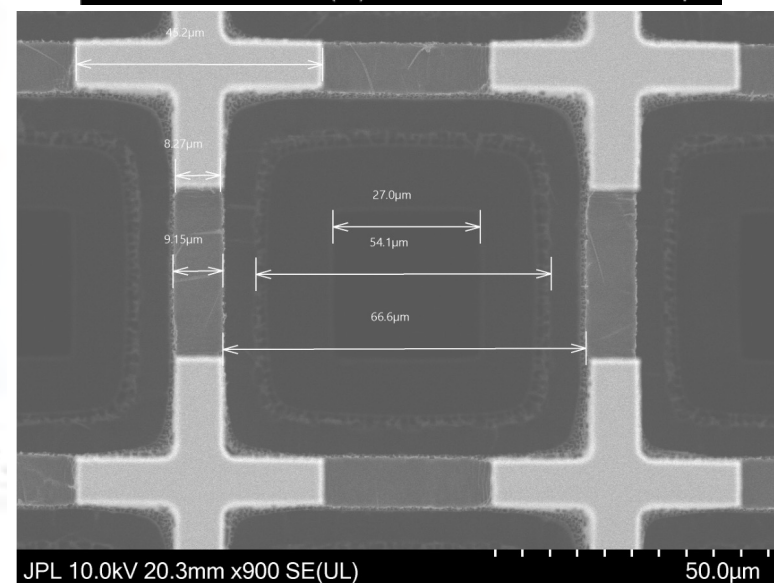
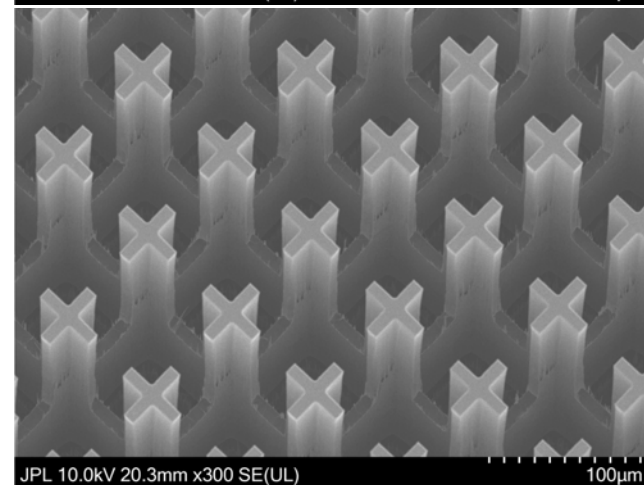
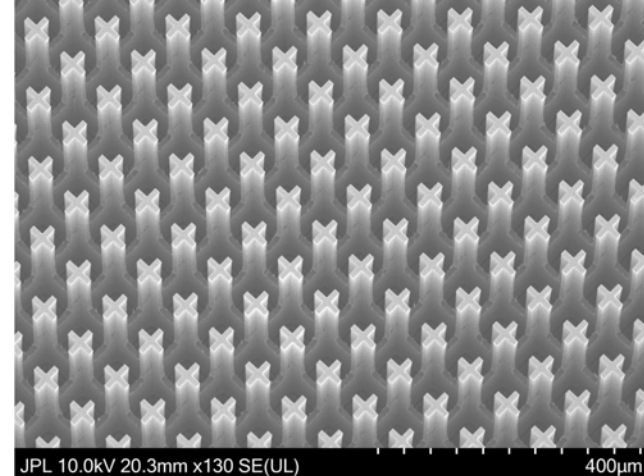
Fig. 5: Each equivalent SiO₂ thickness is calculated for every step of the pattern. Bottom diagram: Visually showing how a thicker mask is needed for shallower etches. Between etches, SiO₂ is uniformly removed over the wafer to expose each silicon etch pattern sequentially.



4-Layer AR Demonstration



Next step: 6 layers!



Gradient Index Lenses

Hexagonal hole pattern

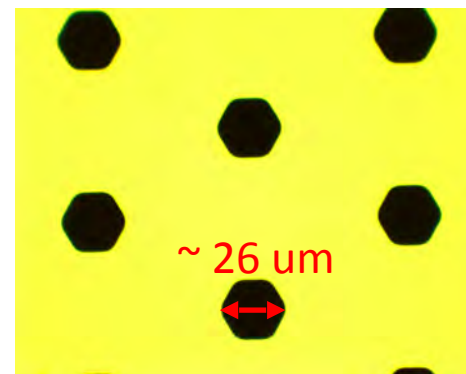
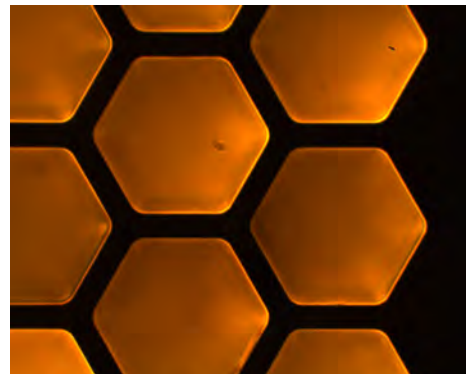
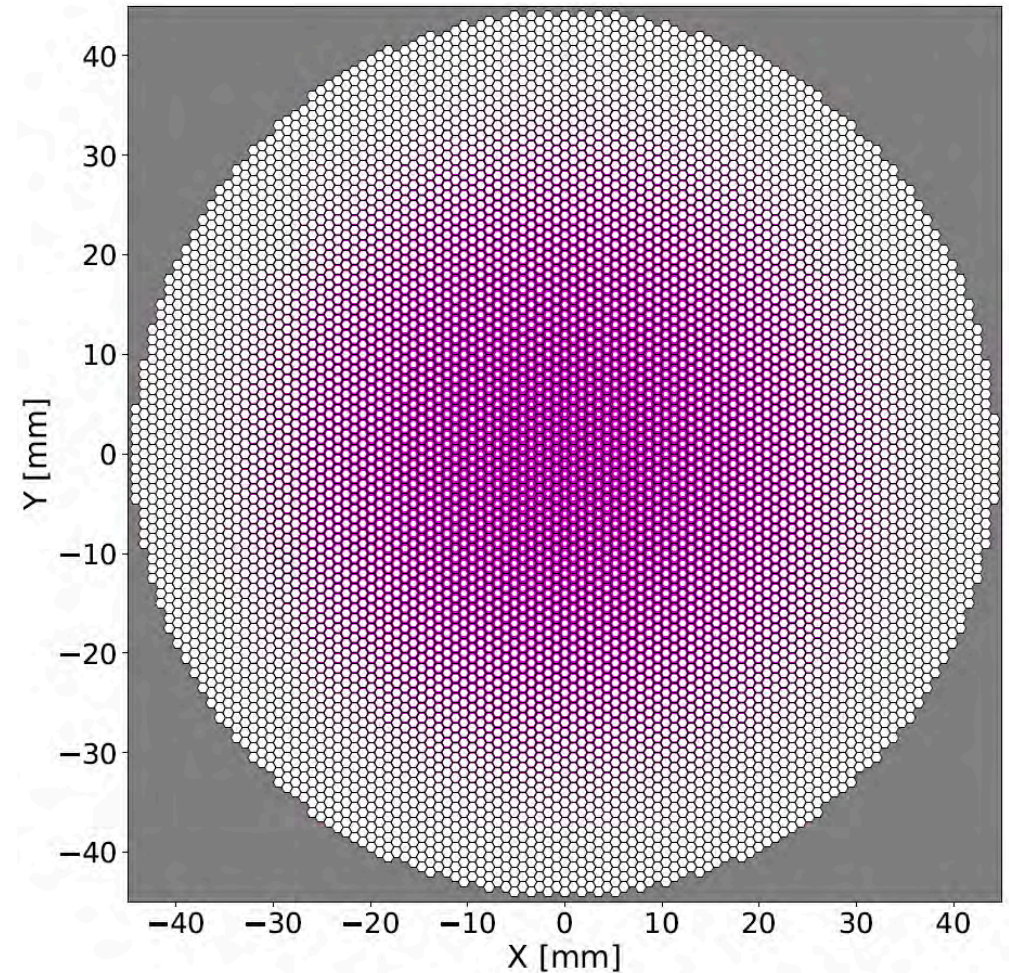
Size varying with radius to
vary index

1 mm thickness wafers

Clamp many together

Fab in process

A couple clever tricks needed...



Gradient Index Lenses

Excellent performance!

5-wafer version:

focal length: 229 mm measured, 238 mm expected

beam waist: 3.8-3.9 mm measured, 3.5 mm expected

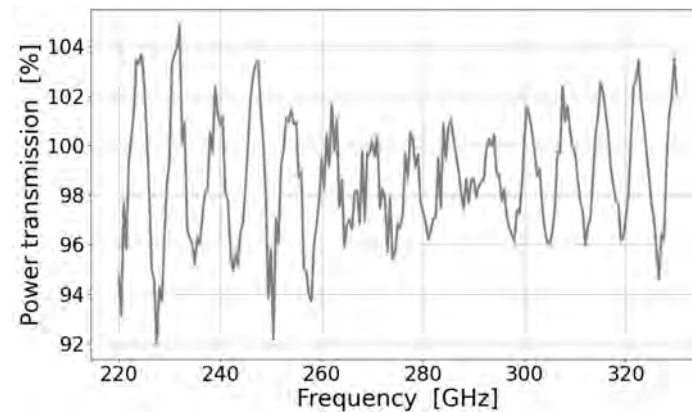
$T = I$ within 5%

18-wafer version,

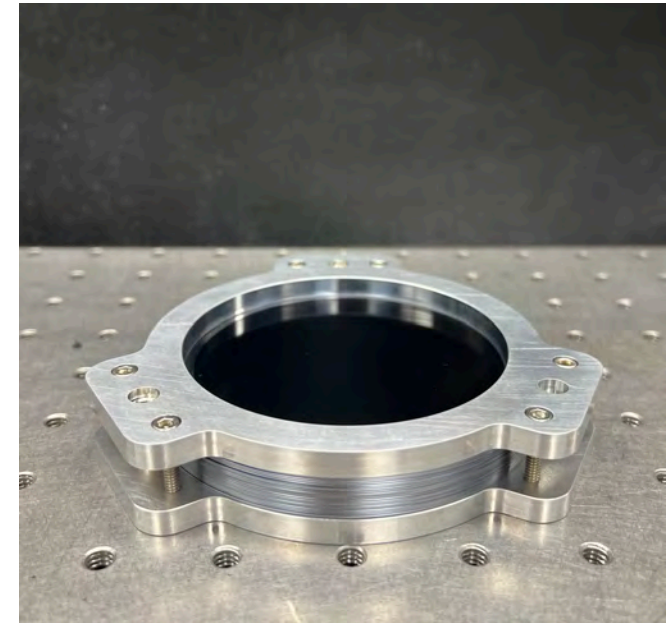
$f = 75$ mm,

waist = 1.6 mm

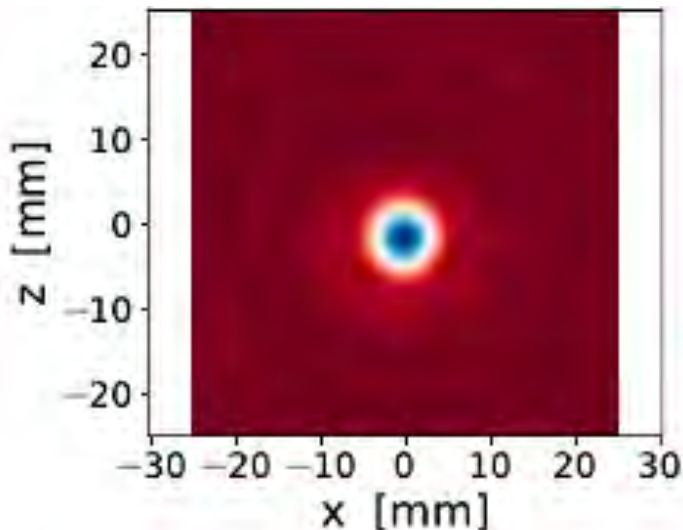
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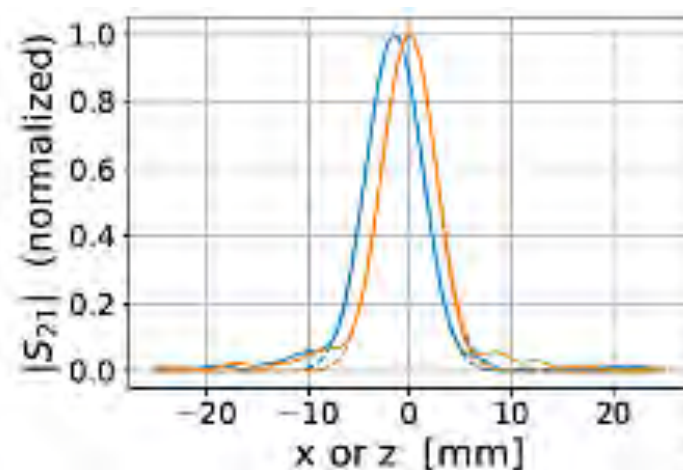
GRIN optic w/16 wafers +
3-layer AR wafers



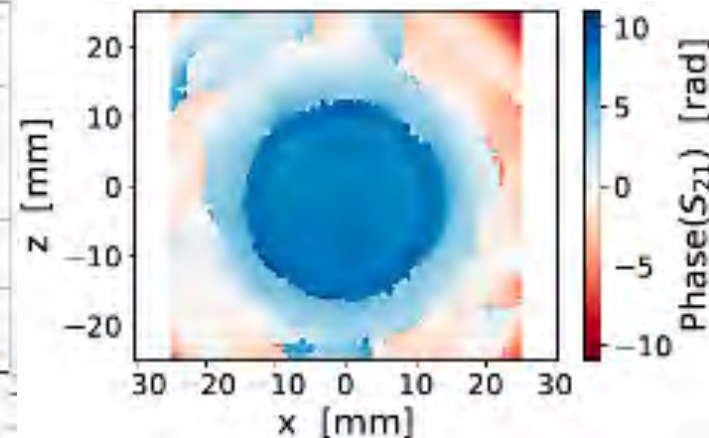
Power



E Field Magnitude



E Field Phase



Conclusion

Many exciting topics in cluster studies and instrumentation at mm/submm wavelengths:

Analyses using in-hand and in-process data sets for various cluster science topics

Simulations of ultimate kSZ sensitivity: can we do cosmology with cluster peculiar velocities?

Early efforts to use SZ to study CGM

LCT: A new facility for mm/submm time-domain astronomy, cluster and CGM SZ

Development of detectors and optics for multiple spectral bands

Many graduate opportunities, ranging from pure instrumentation to pure analysis (though a mix is typical and preferred)