

**What is a galaxy cluster?**



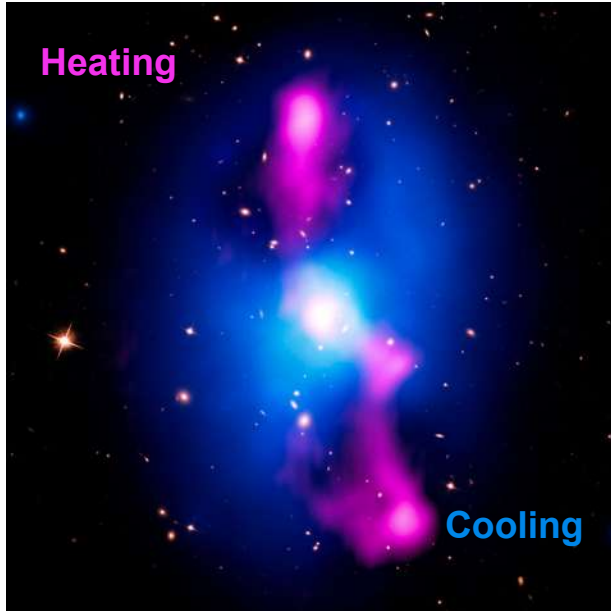
# What do you use a galaxy cluster for?

1. Astrophysics
  - a. Galaxy Evolution
  - b. Hot Gas Physics
2. Cosmology
  - a. Cosmological Parameters
  - b. Study Dark Matter
3. Test GR



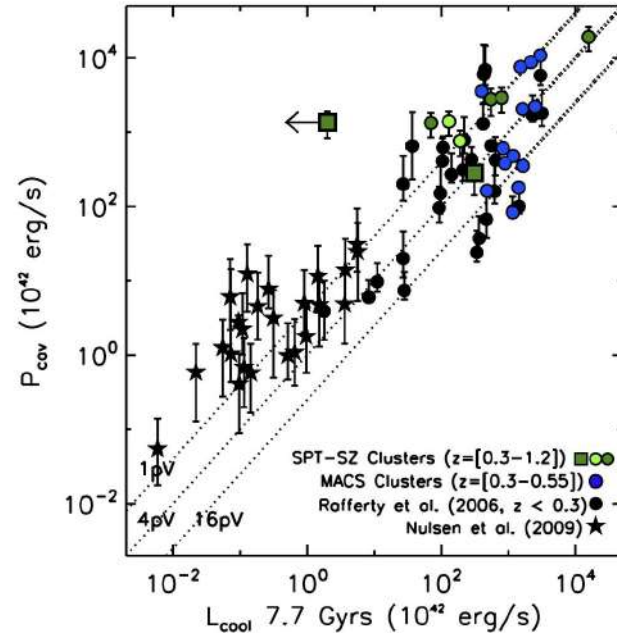
# 1. Feedback Physics in Clusters

## AGN Heating and Cooling

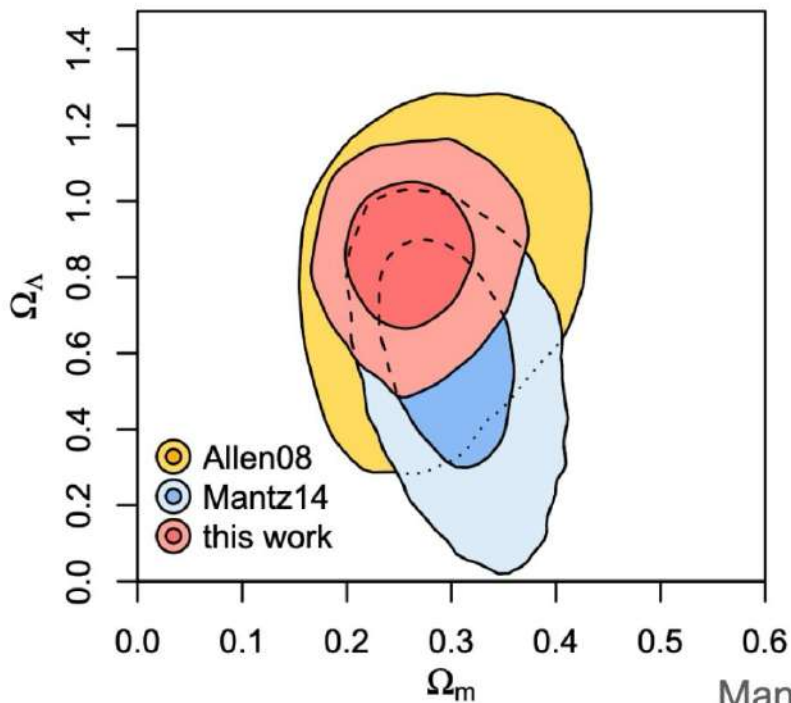
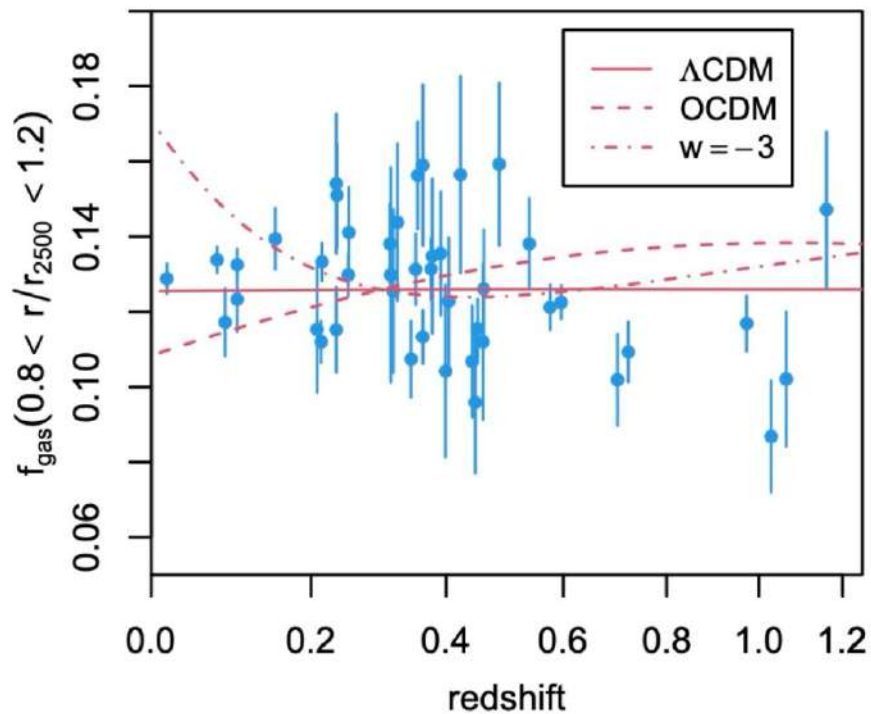


MS 0735.6+7421 ( $z=0.216$ )

## Evolution of Clusters from Feedback Study



# Current Constraint on Cosmology



Mantz+2022

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# SPT-CL J0417-4748: A Case of a Relaxed Galaxy Cluster Lacking Central Star Formation

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# Euclid Deep Field South

A deep-field astronomical image showing a dense cluster of galaxies. The galaxies are mostly yellowish-white, with some appearing as blue or purple streaks. A bright, multi-pointed star is visible in the upper right corner. The background is a dark, grainy space.

SPT-CL J0417-4748



# Our conventional wisdom of galaxy clusters

- All member galaxies are **red-and-dead** ellipticals
- BCGs are especially massive, red, and quiescent
- Clusters host extremely hot intracluster medium (ICM)
  - Seen as extended X-ray emission

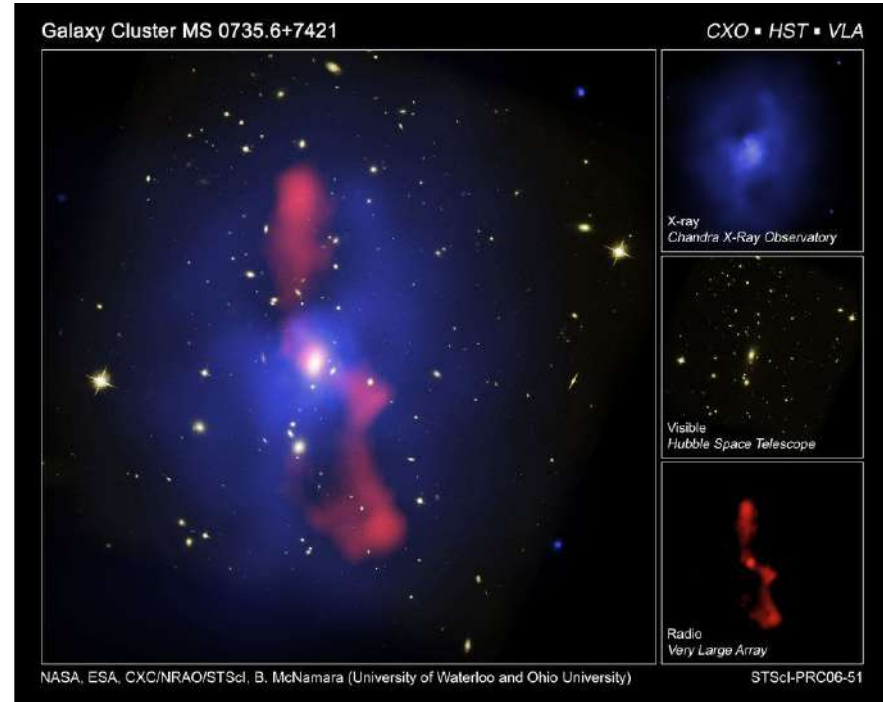


Images of Abell 1835 ( $z = 0.25$ ) at X-ray, optical and mm wavelengths. All three images are centered on the X-ray peak position and have the same spatial scale, 5.2 arcmin or  $\sim 1.2$  Mpc on a side

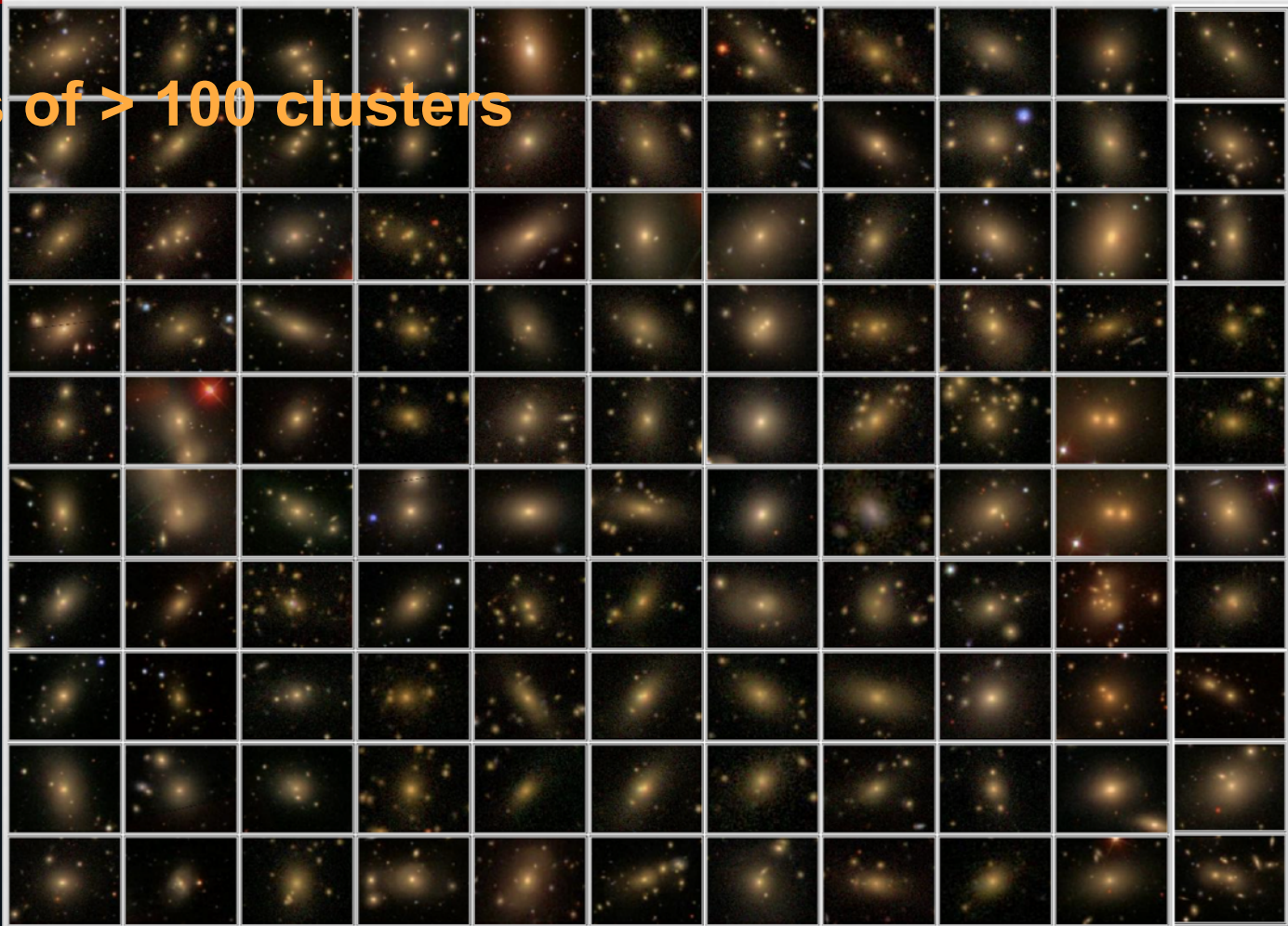


# Our conventional wisdom of galaxy clusters

- Matches our current understanding of cluster formation
- BCG sits at the center of the gravitational potential well
  - Grows via mergers with member galaxies
  - Experiences AGN feedback
  - Gas depleted → Star formation quenched



# BCGs of > 100 clusters



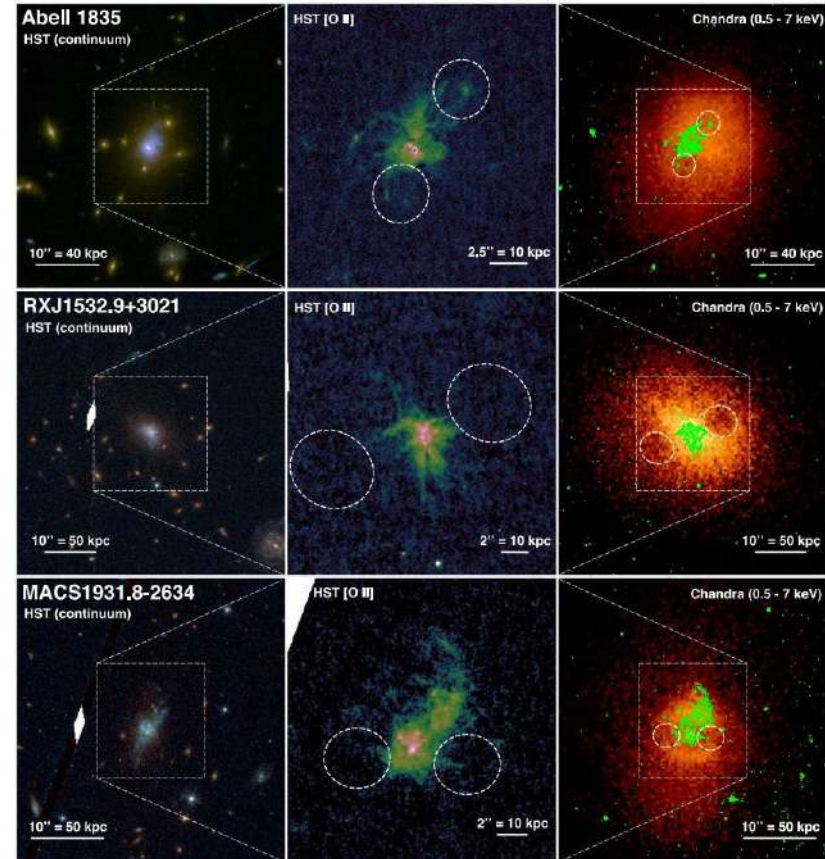


**BUT!**

# BUT! Clusters with unconventional properties

Detailed observations reveal that our simple models fail to capture the diversity of galaxy clusters. Some striking examples include:

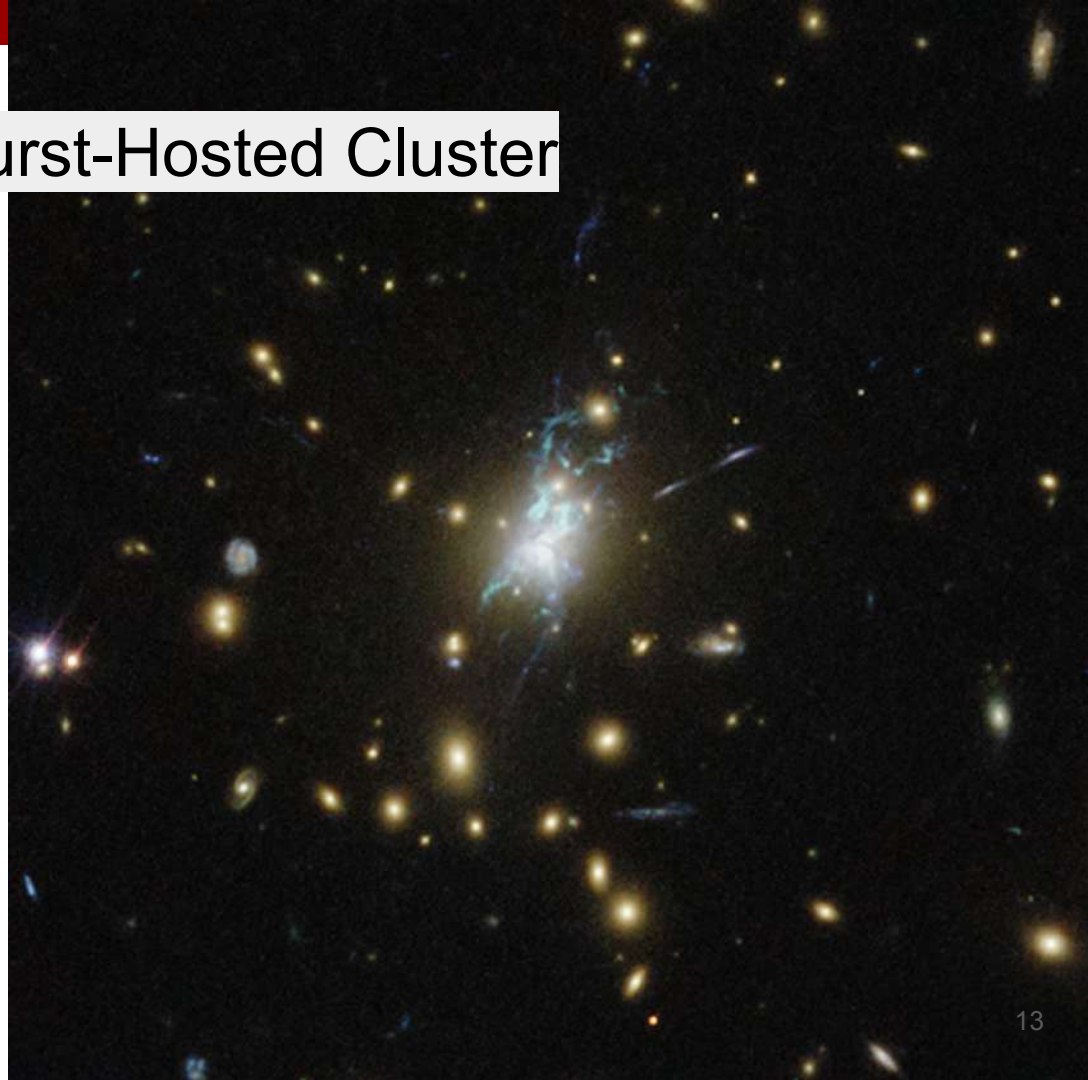
- Phoenix clusters
- H1821+643
- IRAS 09104+4109
- Abell 1835
- RX J1532.9+3021
- MACS 1931.8-2634
- RBS 797





# Phoenix Cluster: A Starburst-Hosted Cluster

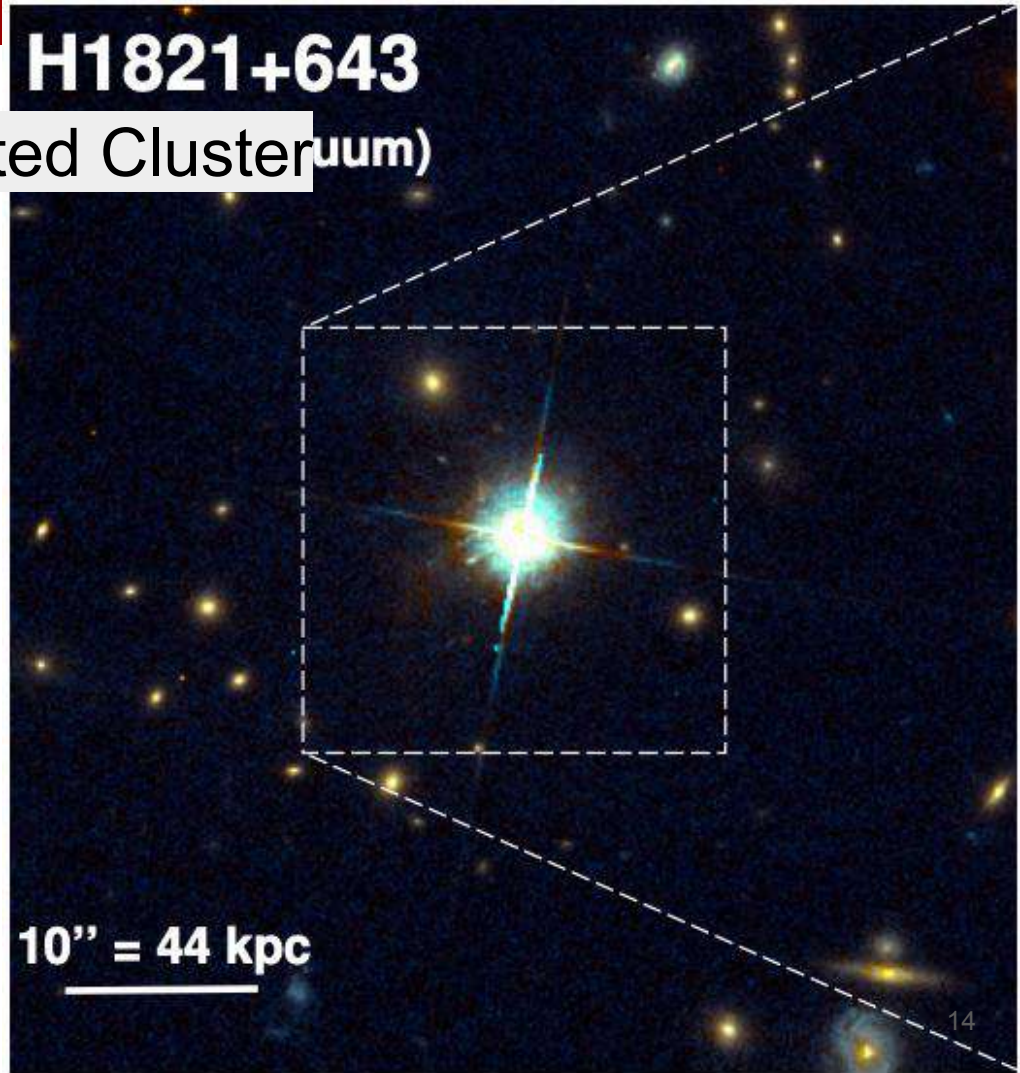
- **Star Formation Rate:**  $\sim 600$   $M_{\odot}/\text{yr}$  (extremely high)
- **Strong Cool Core:** Core X-ray density  $> 0.1 \text{ cm}^{-3}$
- **Relaxed ICM Morphology:** Smooth and symmetric



# H1821+643

## H1821+643: A Quasar-Hosted Cluster (X-ray)

- **BCG hosts a luminous quasar** with powerful **radio jets**
- **AGN accretion rate:**  $\sim 40$   $M_{\odot}/\text{yr}$  (Russell+2010)
- **Starburst phase:**  $\text{SFR} = \sim 120$   $M_{\odot}/\text{yr}$  (Calzadilla+2022)
- **Mass deposition rate:** Up to  $3000 M_{\odot}/\text{yr}$  (Russell+2024)



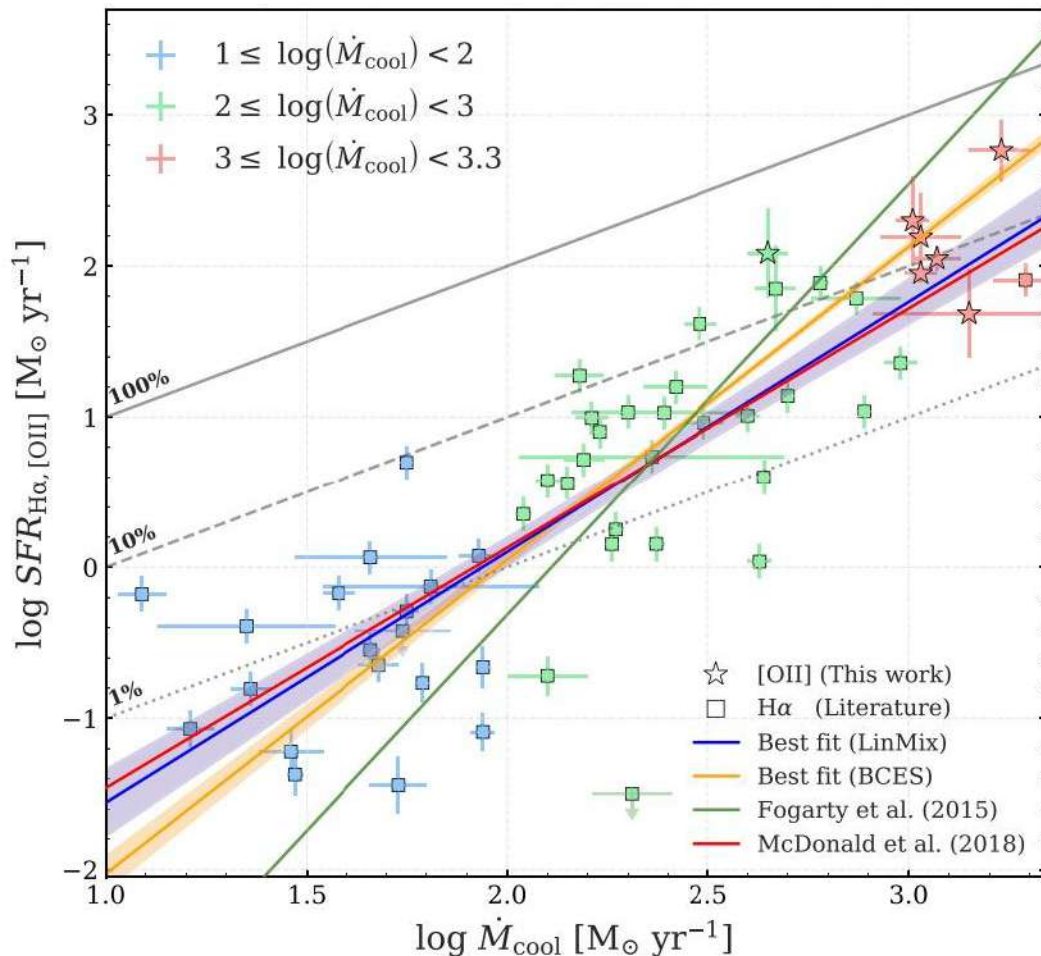


Starburst

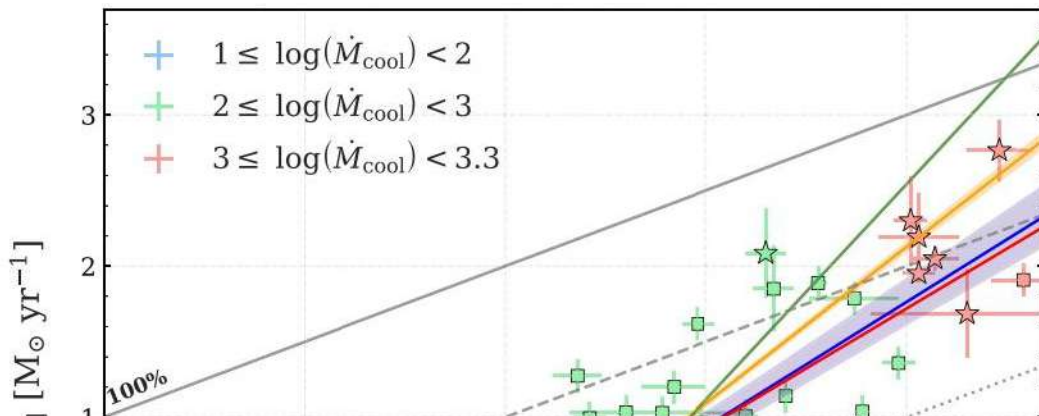


Red Elliptical

Small

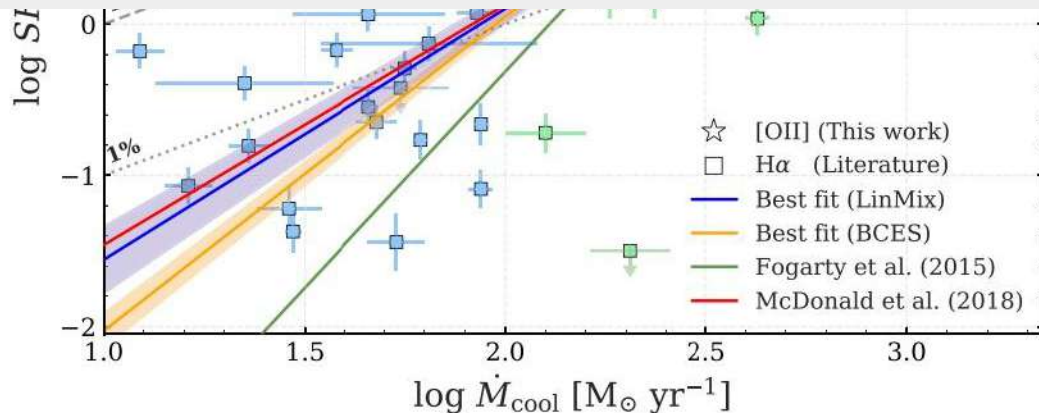


Starburst



# Our Current Understanding of the AGN Feedback

Red Elliptical



**BUT... (the 2nd time)**



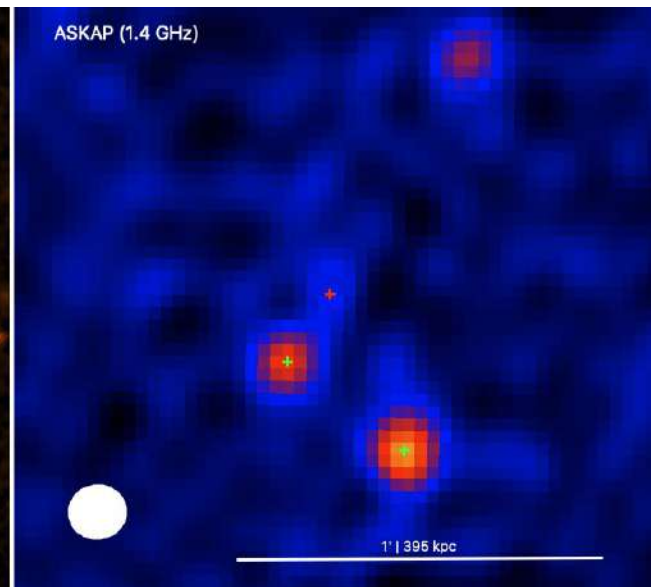
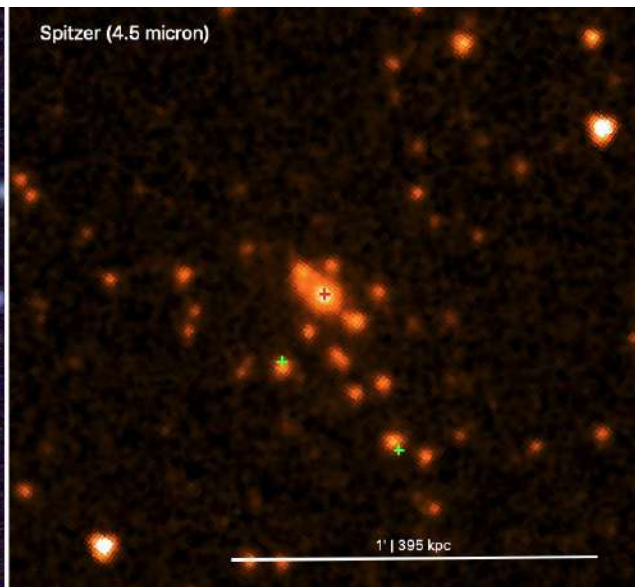
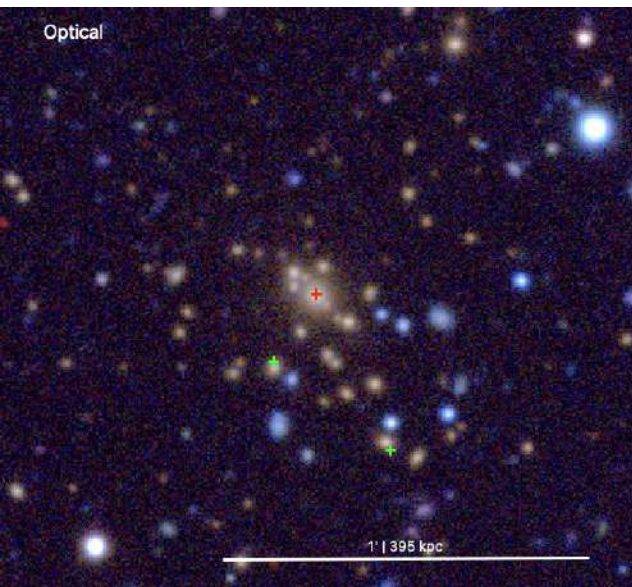
## **BUT...** a New Puzzle: SPT-CL J0417–4748

- A massive galaxy cluster at  $z=0.58$
- Yet shows no detectable star formation
- What's going on here?

*SPT-CL J0417-4748: A Deep Chandra Study of a Relaxed Galaxy Cluster Without Central Star Formation*

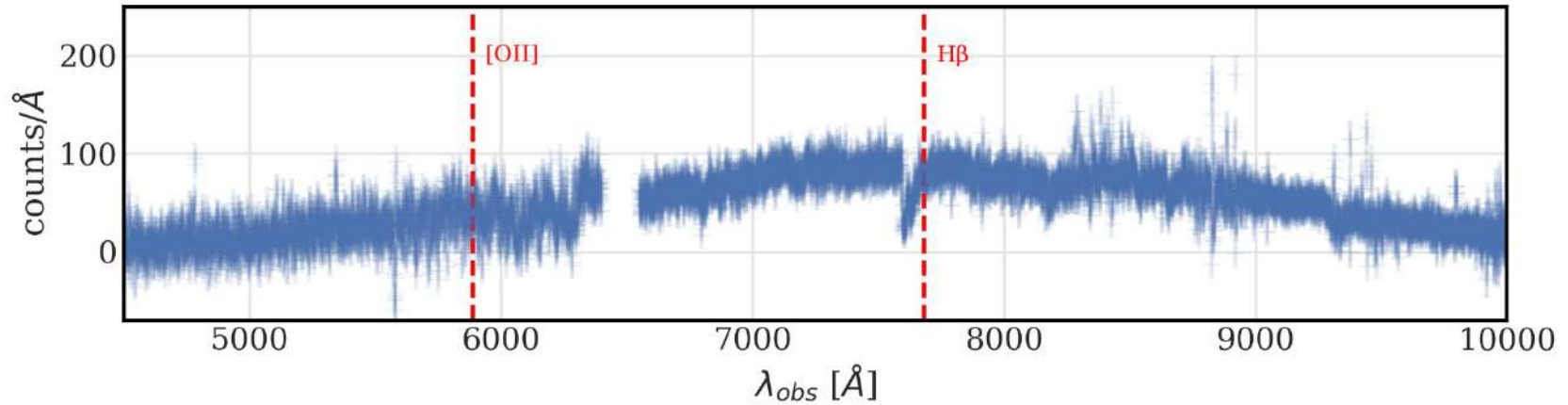
*Taweewat Somboonpanyakul et al. (in prep.)*

# No Signs of AGN Activity in the BCG



- **Radio (ASKAP):** No radio detection at BCG location → Suggests **no strong AGN activity or jets.**
- **Infrared (Spitzer):** BCG and nearby sources do not meet **IR-AGN color criteria.**

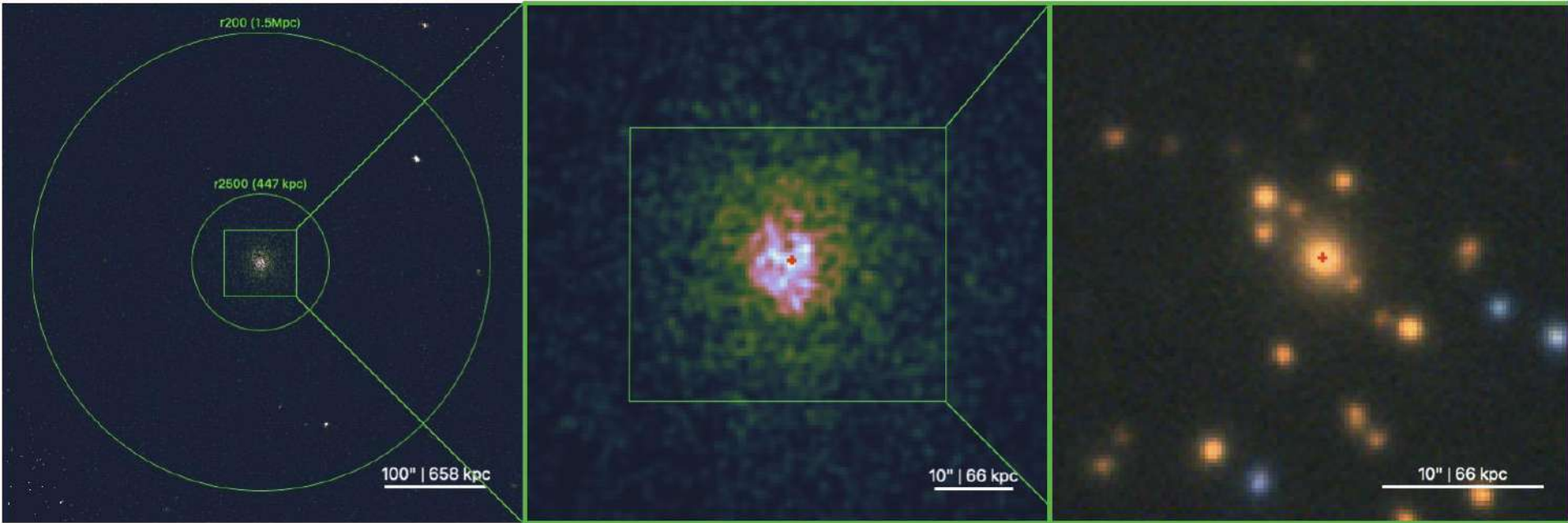
# No Signs of Star Formation in the BCG



- Unbinned spectrum shows **no emission lines** → Including [O II] and Hβ
- Using [O II] non-detection → **SFR < 3.8 M $\odot$ /yr** (McDonald+2016)
- Confirms **very low star formation** in the BCG.



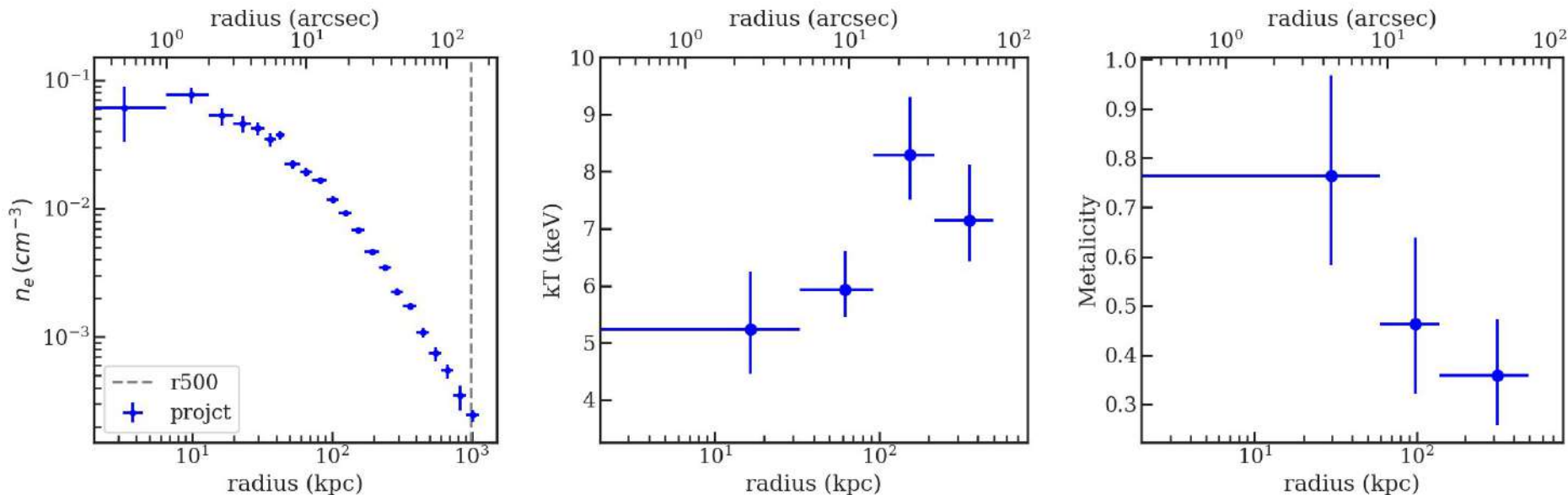
# X-ray View of SPT-CL J0417–4748



**Core shows a moderately peaked, slightly asymmetric X-ray morphology**

Exposure time: 18+85 ks,  $M_{500} = 5e14 \text{ Msun}$ ,

# Electron Density, Temperature, and Metallicity Profiles



**Electron Density:** Peaked X-ray core, typical for strong cool-core clusters

**Temperature:** Strong cool-core with **temperature rise** from 5 - 9 keV

**Metallicity:** Core Enhancement  $\rightarrow$  Suggests past cooling or star formation enriched the center

# Entropy and Cooling Time: Probing ICM thermal history

**Entropy:** (heat content of the gas)  $K(r) = kT(r) \times n_e(r)^{-2/3}$

→ Flat core:

→ Outer profile follows typical

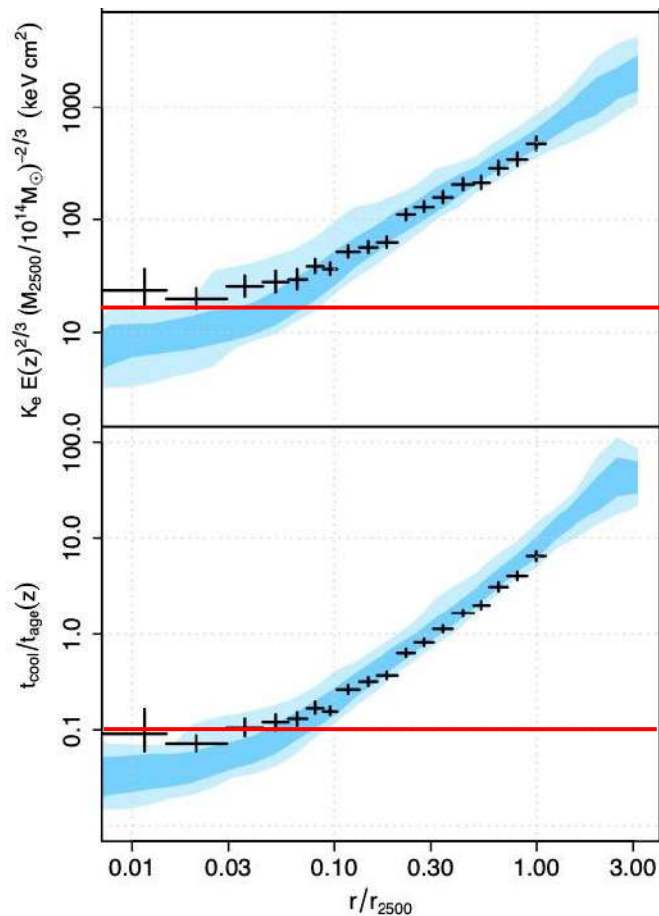
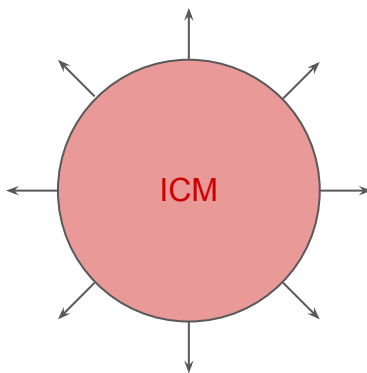
relaxed cool-core behavior

→ **Note:** Center offset by 0.76" may affect inner-bin accuracy

**Cooling Time:**

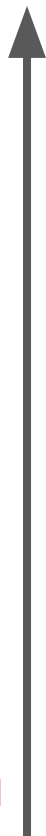
→  $t_{\text{cool}} \sim 640$  Myr at  $r < 6$  kpc

→ Falls below **1 Gyr threshold** → indicates *strong cool-core!*



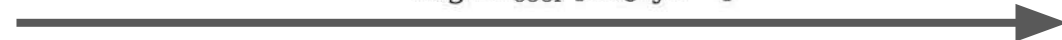


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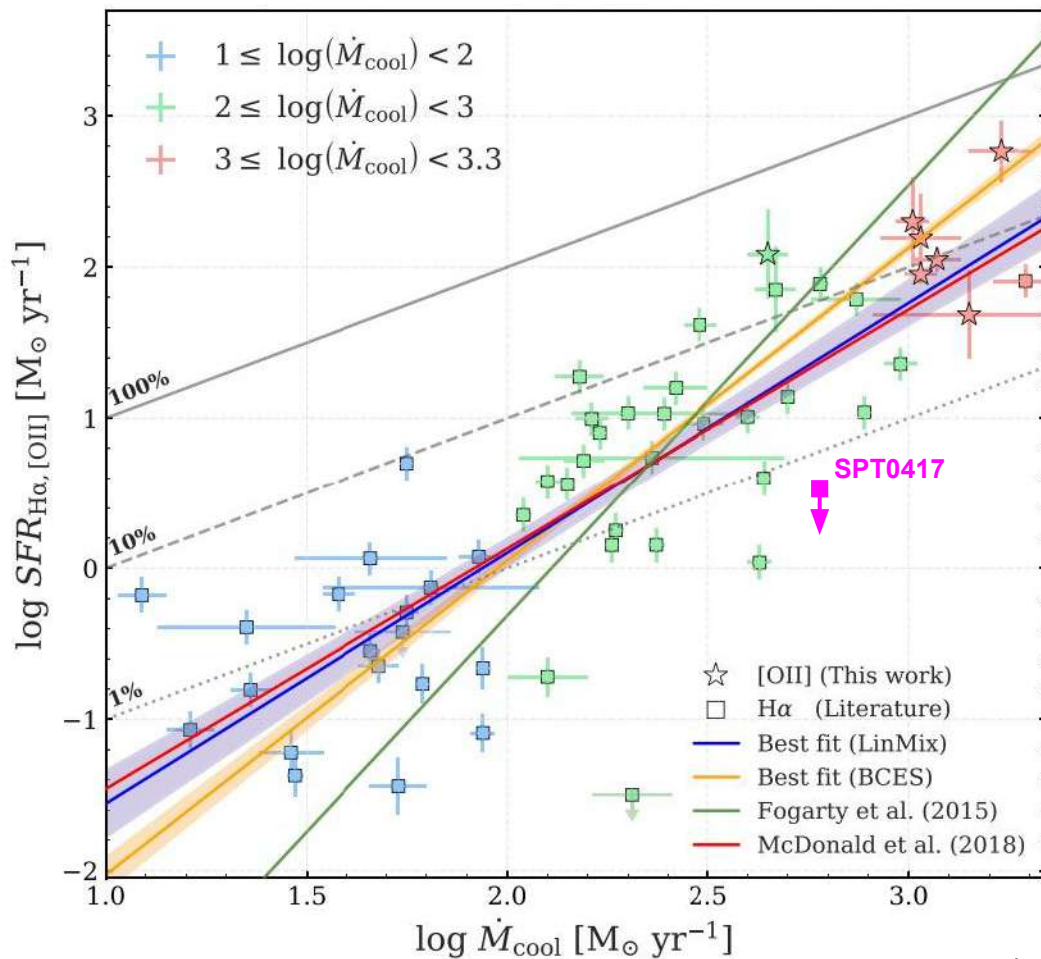


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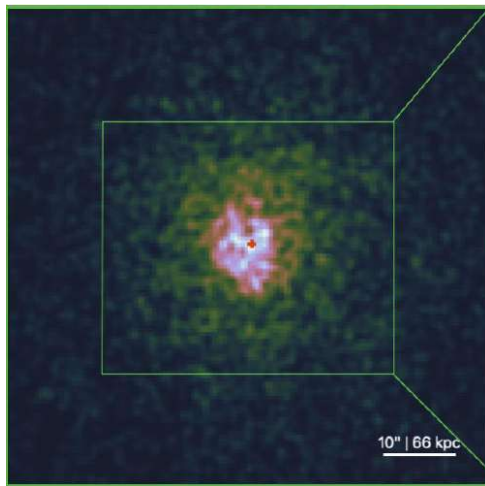


Massive

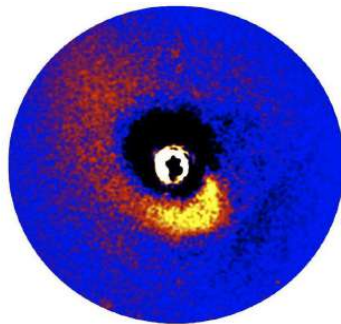
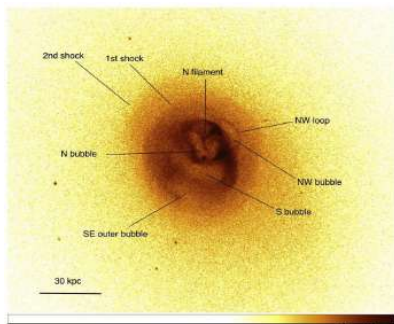


# Possible Scenarios for This Cluster

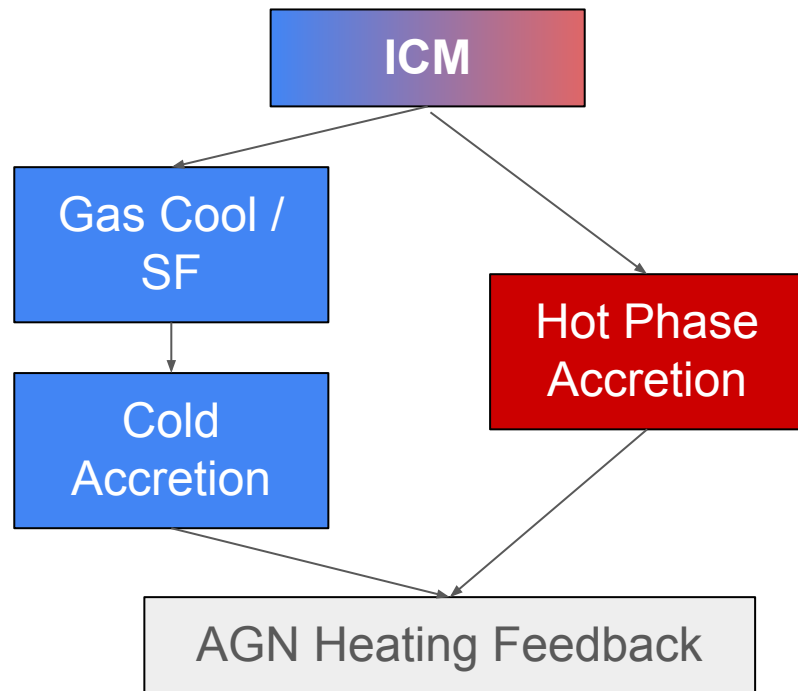
## Sloshing Feature



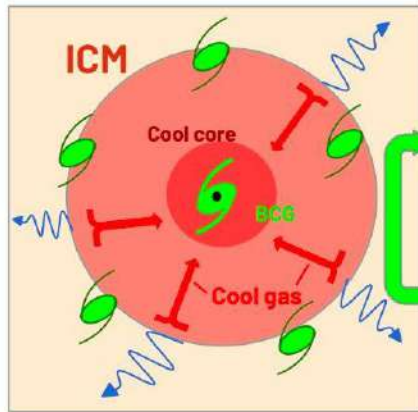
Abell 2029 (SFR = 0.6 Msun/yr)



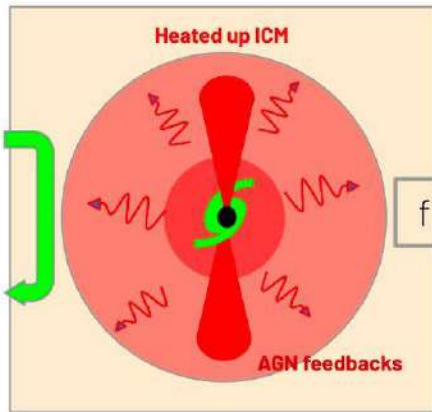
## Accretion from the Hot Phase



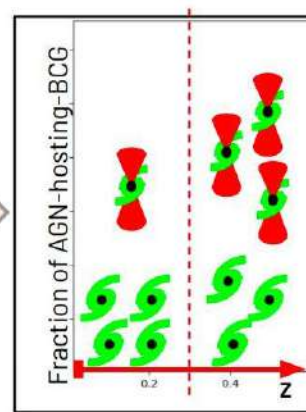
# The Evolution of Radio AGN Activity in Brightest Cluster Galaxies



Simplify diagram for BCG with no "cooling flow"



Simplify diagram for AGN feedback



Evolution map of radio (loud) AGN-hosting-BCG



O-S2-22: 11.00-11.15am

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Background

- Radio-loud-AGN is a potential answer to cooling flow problem in BCG.

Challenge

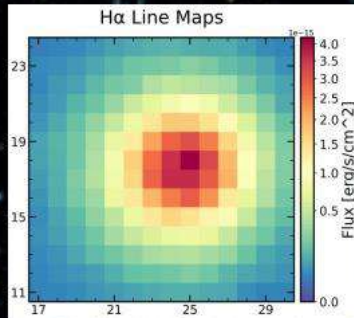
- Difficulties in obtaining radio-loud AGNs in BCGs at high redshift due to inherent limitations of radio astronomy.

Objective

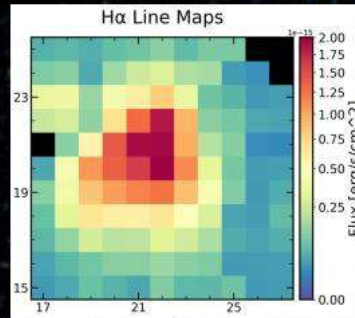
- Find the radio-loud AGNs' influence on the evolution of cooling flow in BGCs.



# Integral Field Unit Observations of Low-Redshift Compact HII Galaxies



**LEDA 2816114**  
( $z = 0.136495$ )



**SDSS J161245.52+081701.0**  
( $z = 0.149143$ )



O-S2-16: 9.15-9.30am

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## Characteristics

high SFR, strong emission lines, low metallicity

## Importance

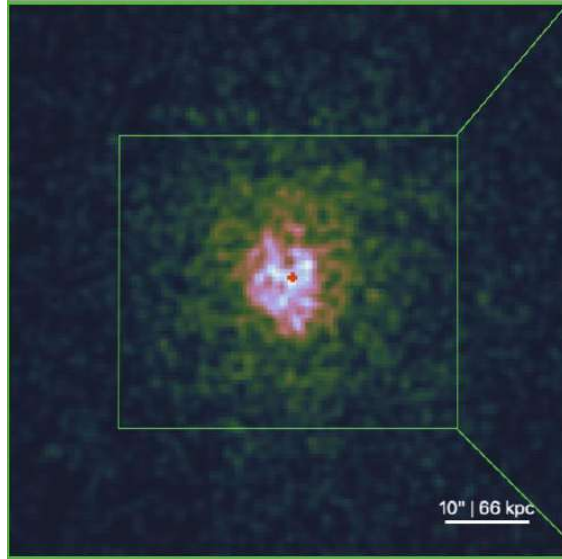
low- $z$  analogs of high- $z$  SFGs in the early Universe

## Objectives

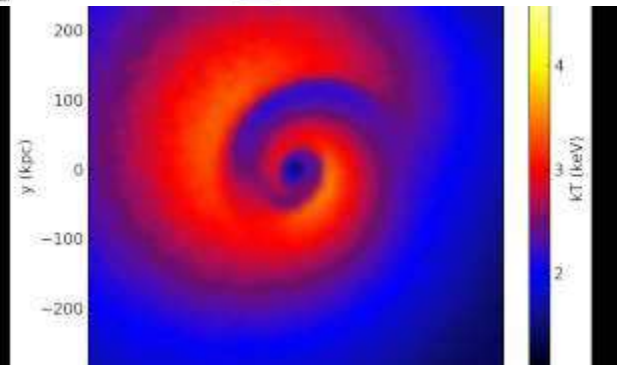
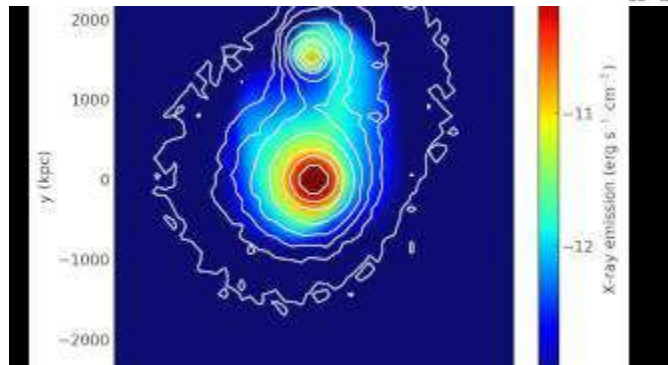
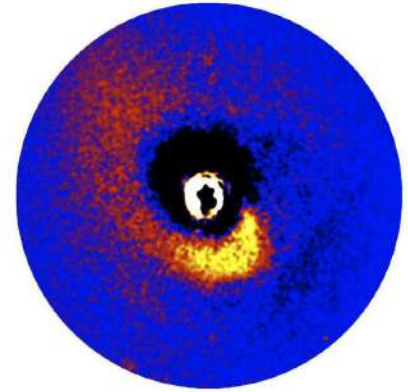
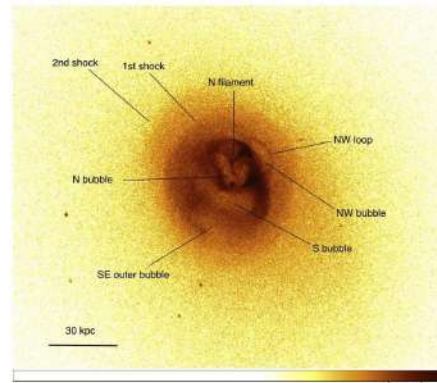
- To study emission lines, kinematics, dust extinction, and SFR with the GTC/MEGARA IFU instrument.
- To study the star formation and galaxy evolution in the early Universe.



# A Possible Scenario for This Cluster (?)



Abell 2029 - Sloshing Feature (SFR = 0.6 Msun/yr)



# Galaxy Cluster Evolution: A Story Still Unfolding

- Questions in galaxy cluster studies: **How do cooling and AGN feedback shape cluster evolution over cosmic time?**
- Over the past decade, we've realized:
  - The cooling-feedback cycle is **far more complex** than we once thought.
- Conventional view:
  - **Galaxy clusters** don't form stars
  - **Massive clusters** often do
  - Yet, **some massive clusters** show **no** star formation
- This talk highlights one such case:
  - **SPT-CL J0417-4748** — a massive, relaxed cluster **without** star formation
- This exception reminds us:  
**The story is far from over — and that's what makes science exciting!**