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# AGN FEEDBACK IN CLUSTERS OF GALAXIES:

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# IMPACT OF BLACK HOLES ON COSMIC STRUCTURE

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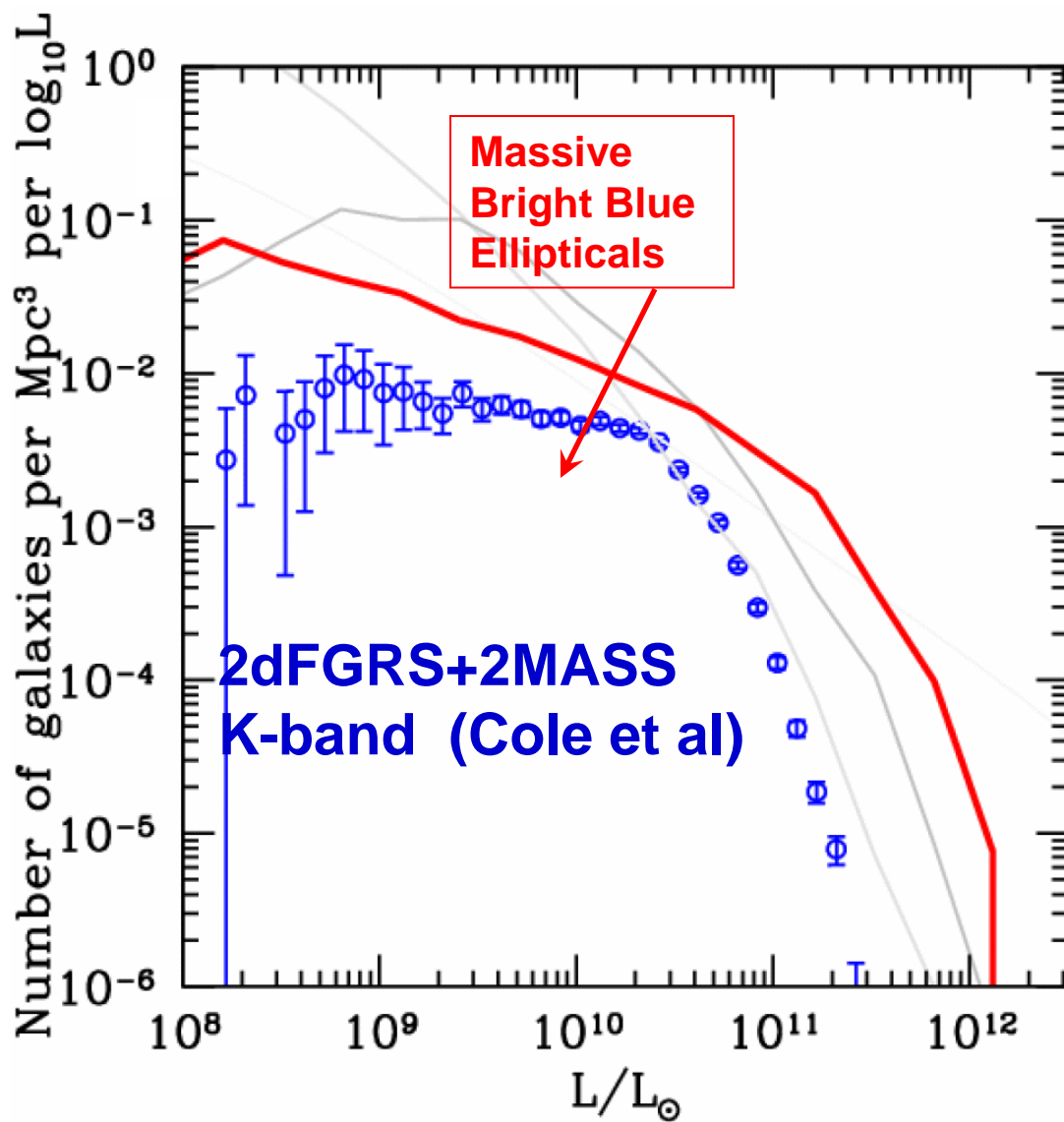
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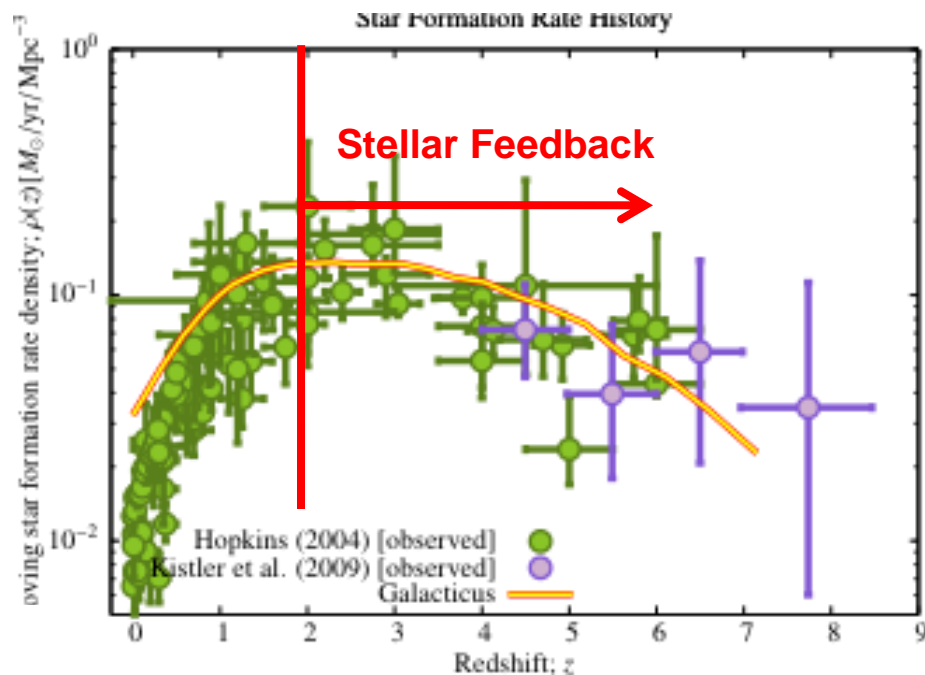
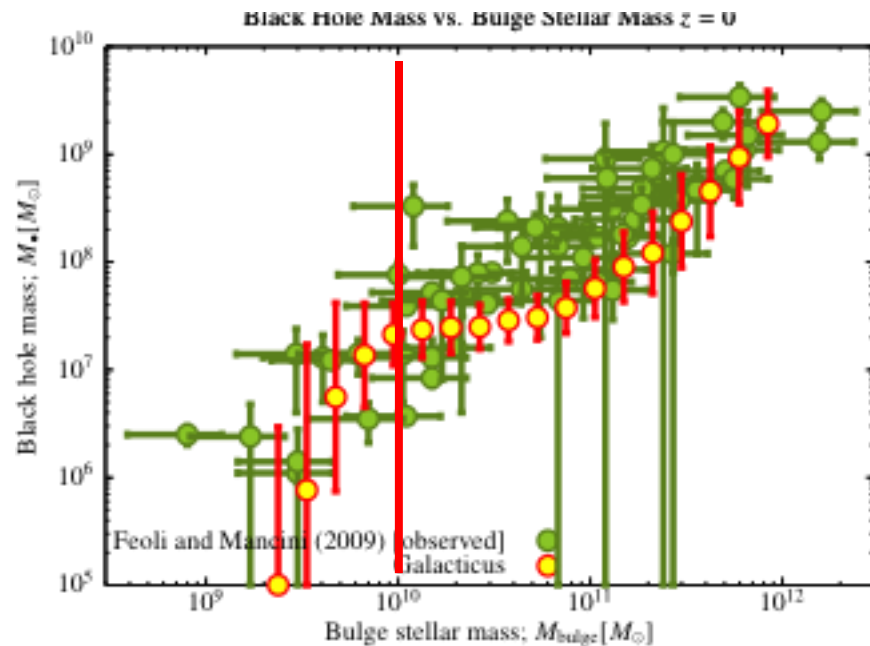
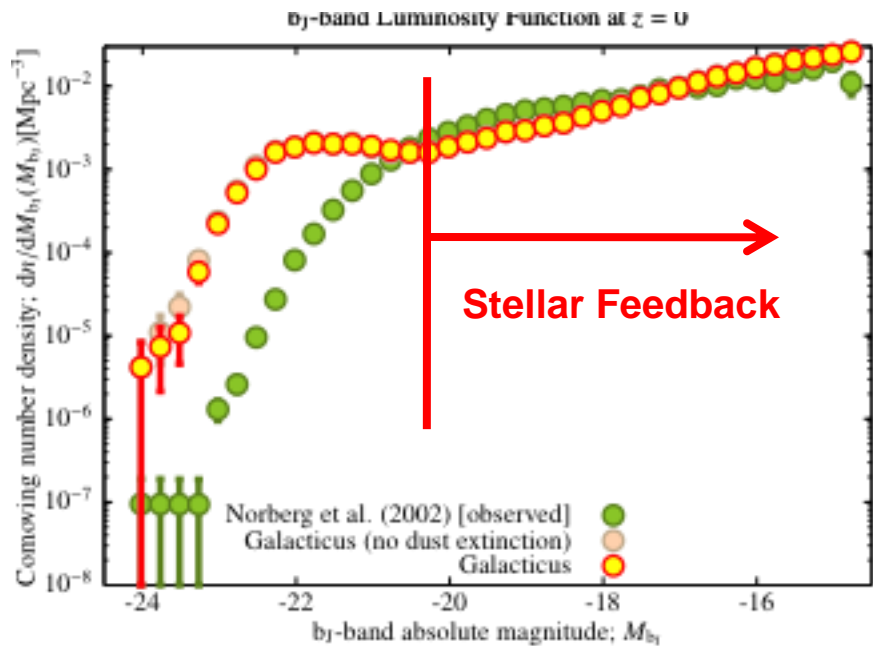
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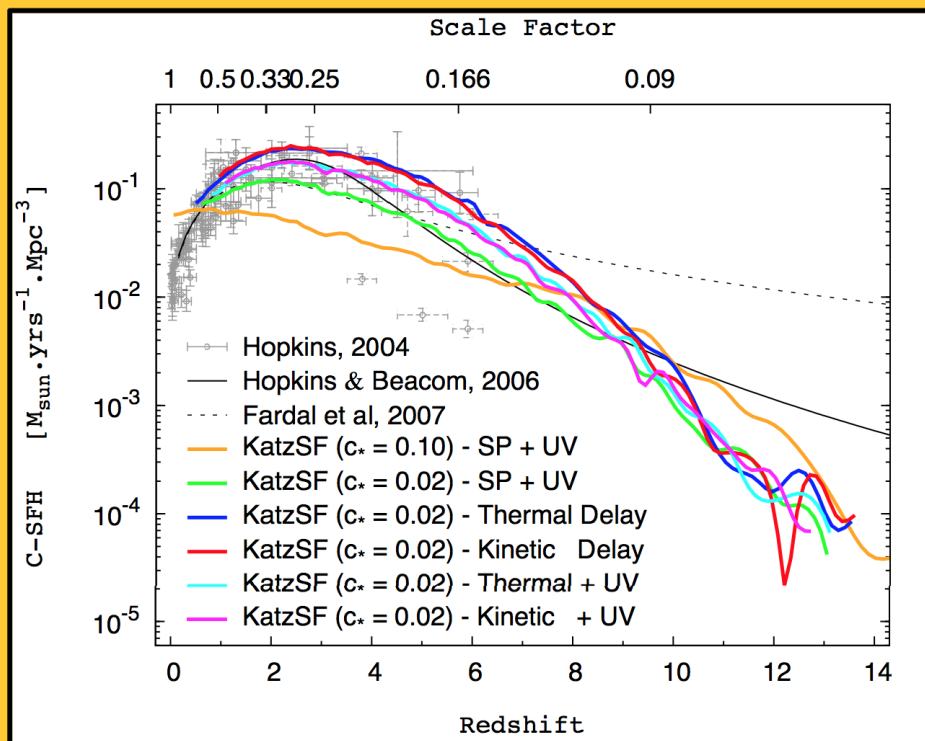
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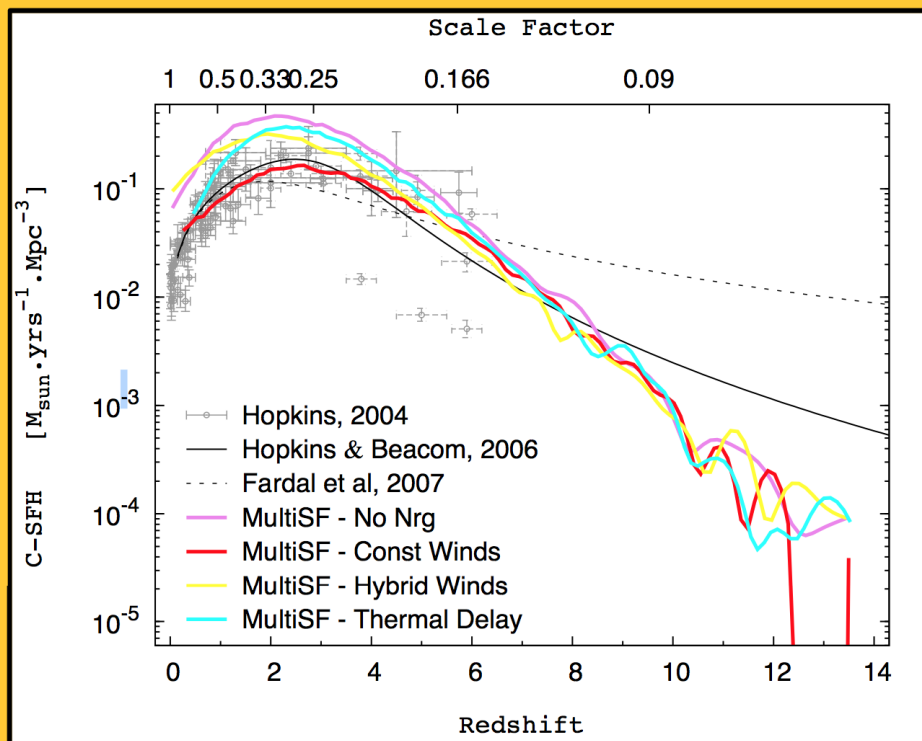
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# Cosmic Star Formation History

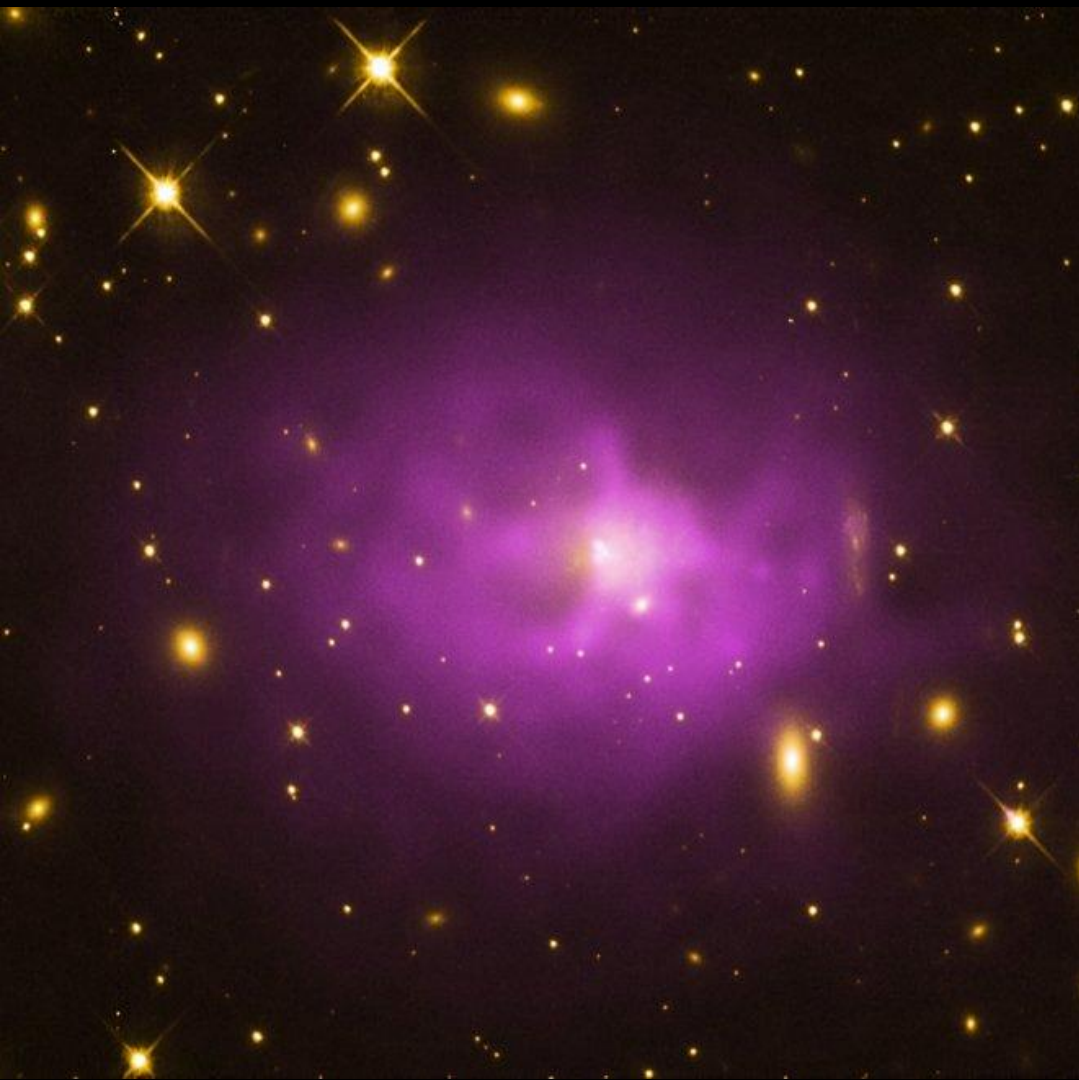
## Katz Star Formation



## Multiphase Star Formation

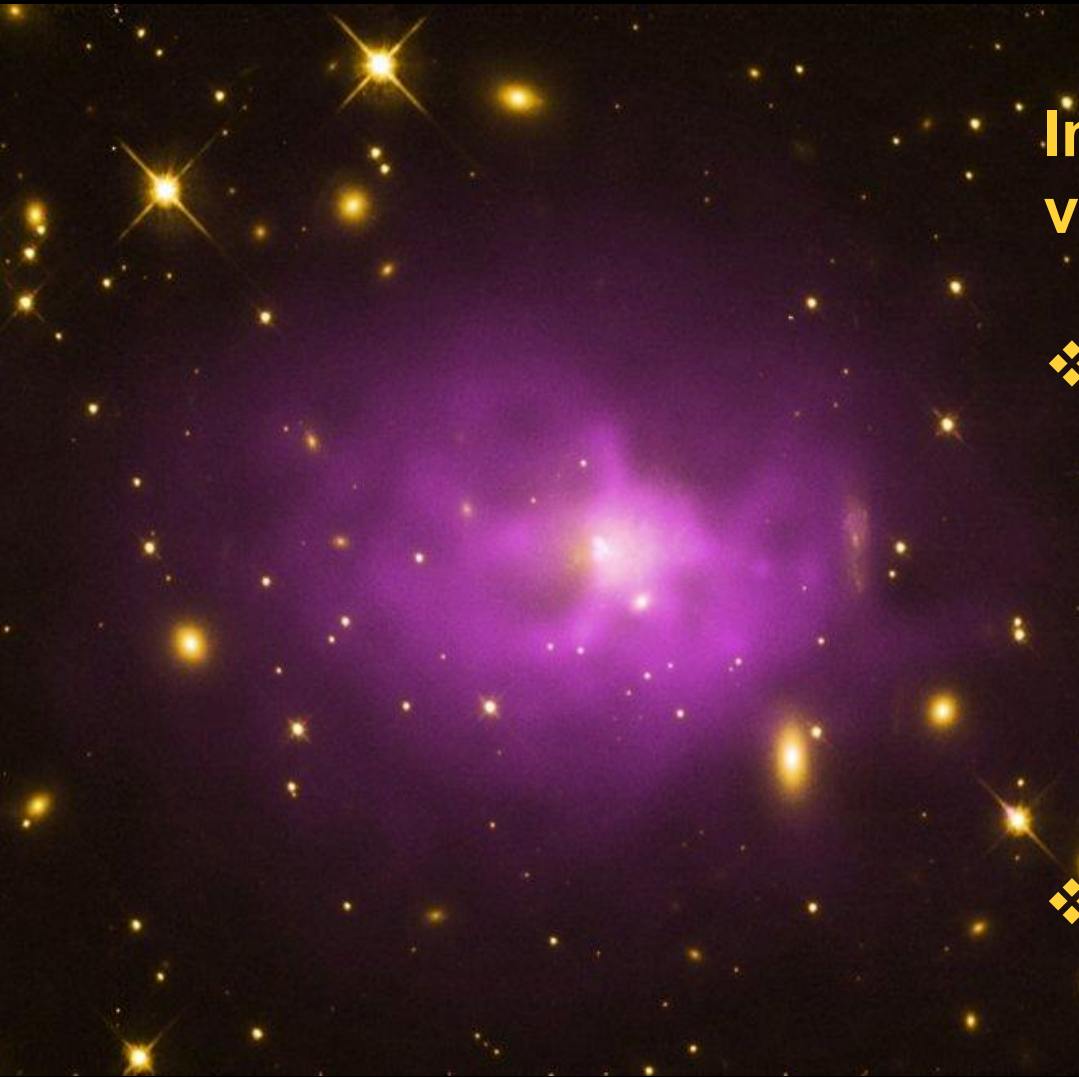


# THE HOT DIFFUSE HALO GAS



- ❖ For galaxies like MW and M31, stellar feedback is sufficient to moderate SF, with feedback acting to disrupt and/or disperse the ISM
- ❖ But in progressively larger systems (massive ellipticals, groups and clusters), another baryonic component emerges and grows to play an important role...

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## AGN Feedback!

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# HOT HALOS IN GALAXY CLUSTERS

## OPEN QUESTIONS & CHALLENGES

### ❖ COOL CORE & NON-COOL CORE SYSTEMS

- WHAT ROLE (IF ANY) DO AGNS PLAY IN SETTING UP THIS DICHOTOMY?
- WHEN? HOW?

### ❖ TEMPERING COOLING FLOW IN CC SYSTEMS

- ISOTROPY PROBLEM

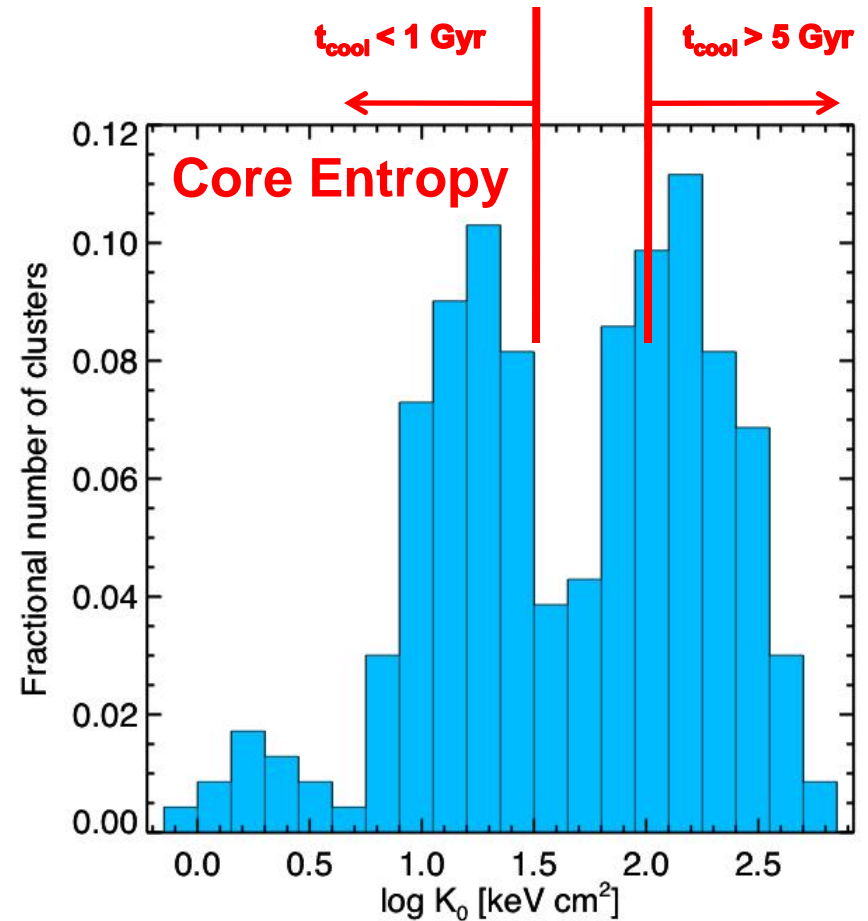
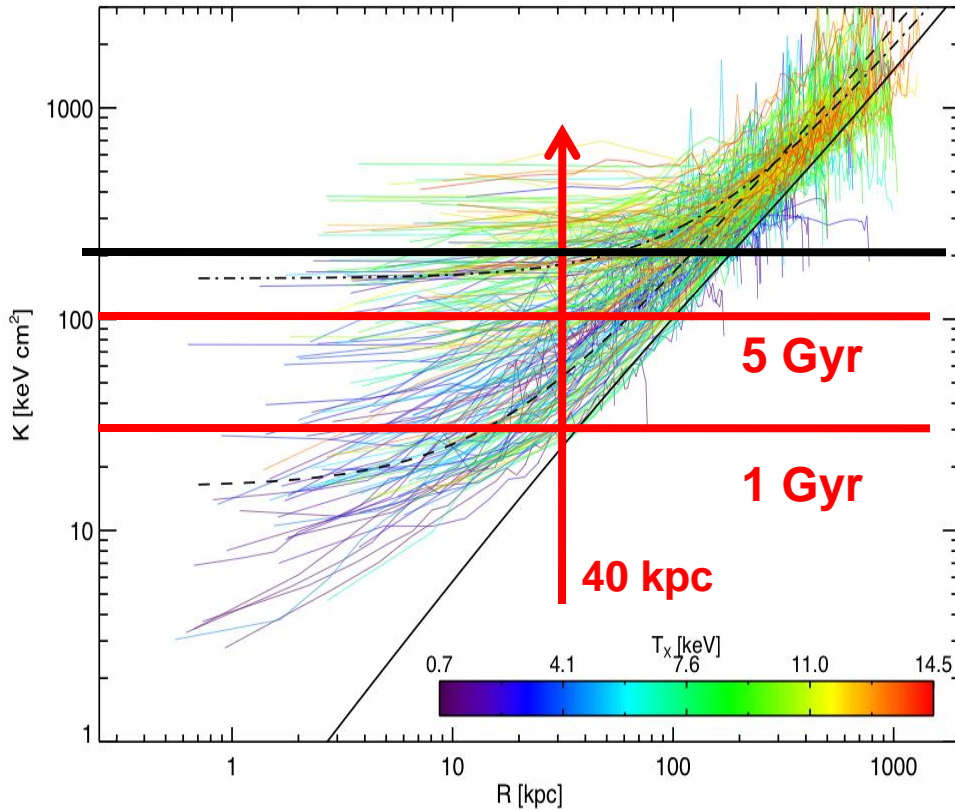
### ❖ RAD EFFICIENT VS. RAD INEFFICIENT MODES (WEAK JETS; $L > 0.03 L_{\text{edd}}$ ) (STRONG JETS; $L < 0.03 L_{\text{edd}}$ )

- DOES THE QSO MODE ACTUALLY DO ANYTHING

### ❖ AGN ACTIVITY IN NON-CENTRAL GALAXIES

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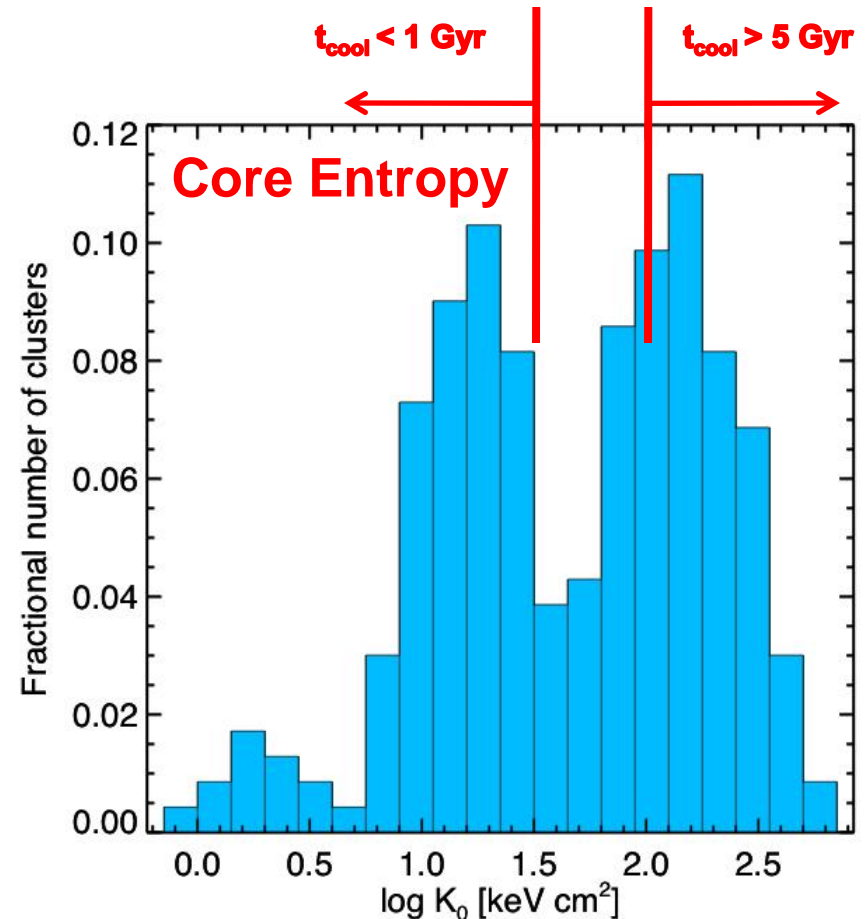
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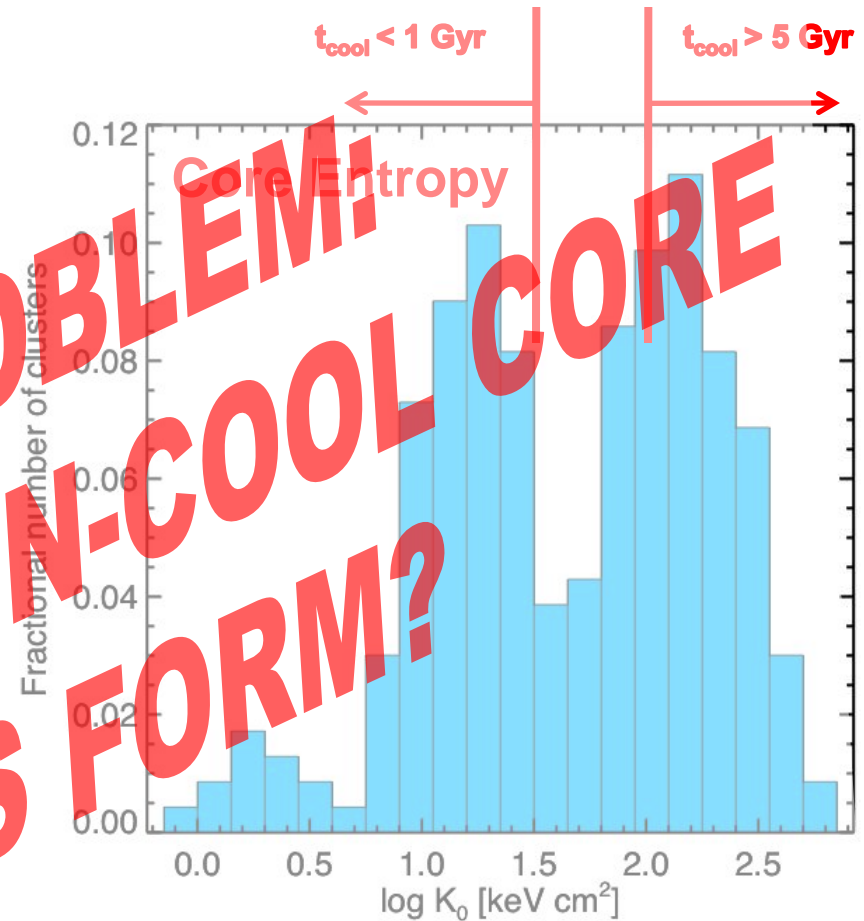
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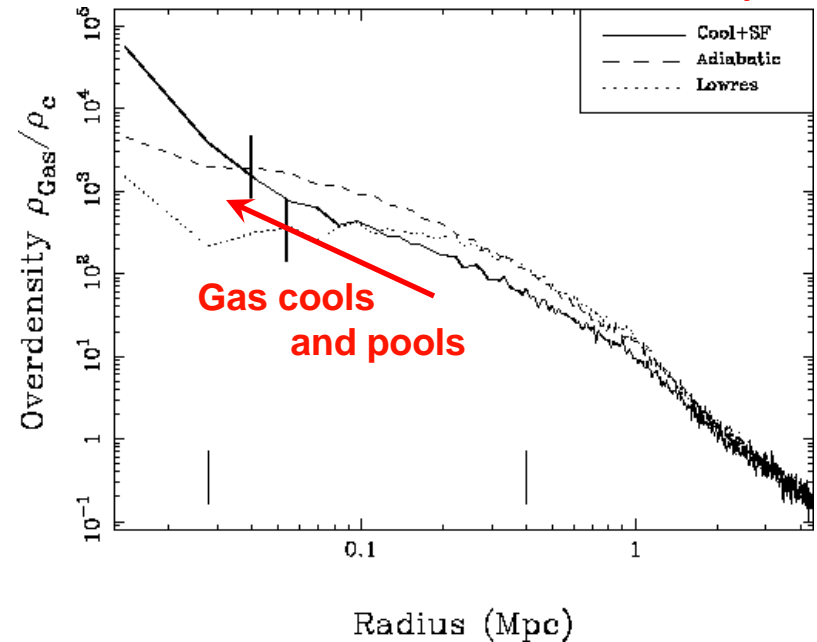
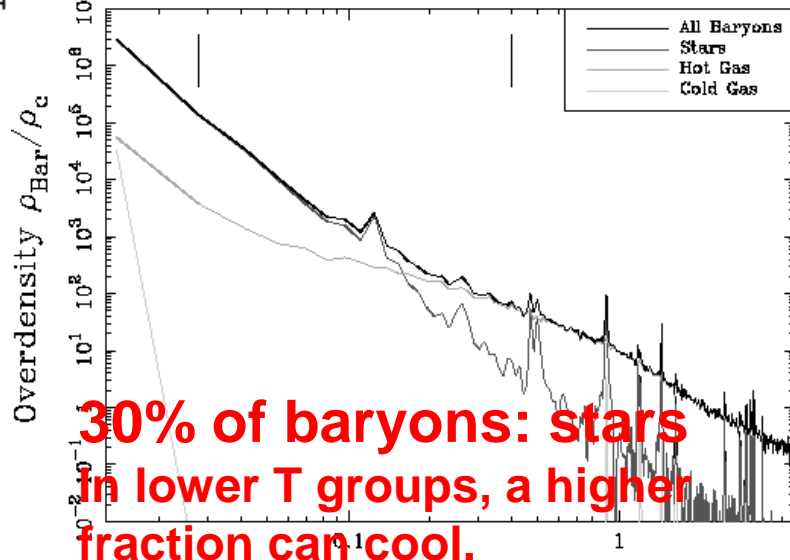
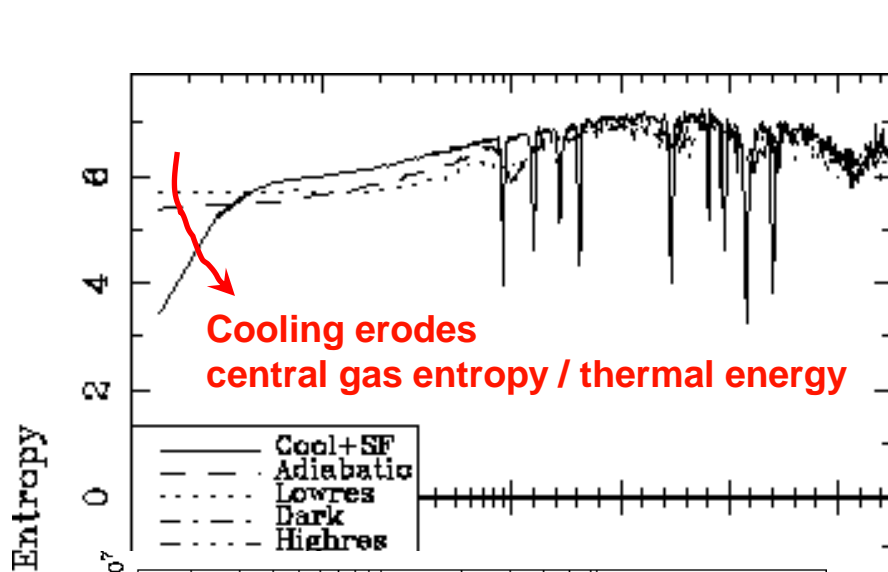


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# WITH ONLY STELLAR FEEDBACK

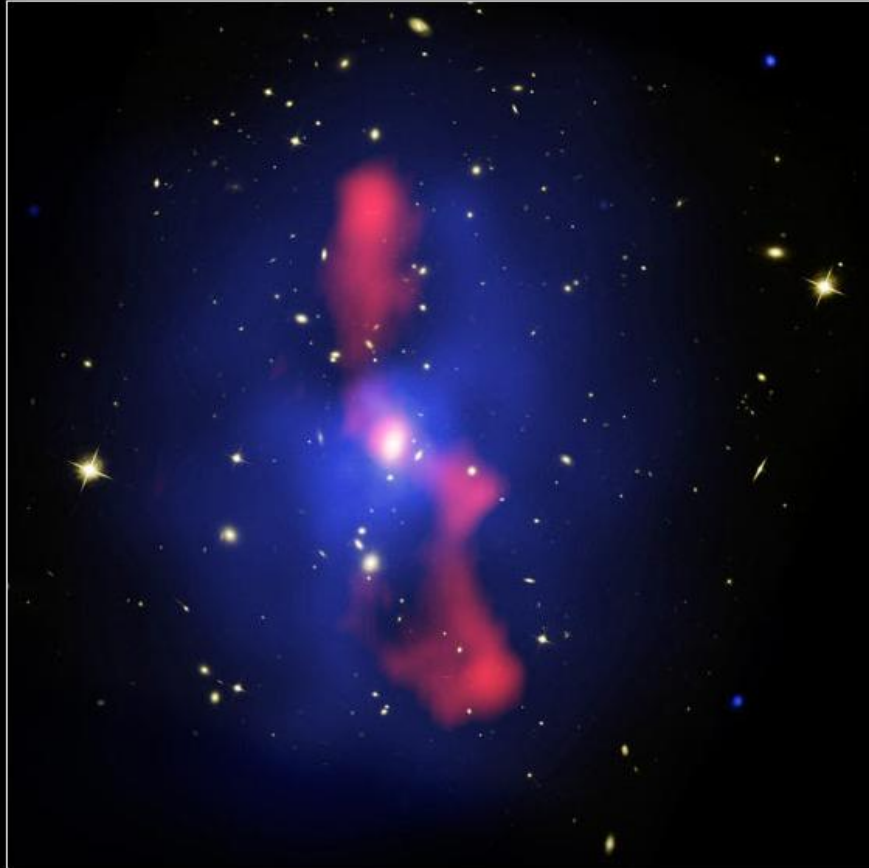
CENTRAL GAS COOLING TIMESCALES IS VERY SHORT: < 1 Gyrs



- ❖ central entropy structure in the simulated clusters does not vary very much!
- ❖ Simulations incorporate merging, etc. → AGNS!

# CAN POWERFUL AGN OUTBURSTS CHANGE CCs INTO NCCs?

Galaxy Cluster MS 0735.6+7421



NASA, ESA, CXC/NRAO/STScI, B. McNamara (University of Waterloo and Ohio Un

McNamara and collaborators

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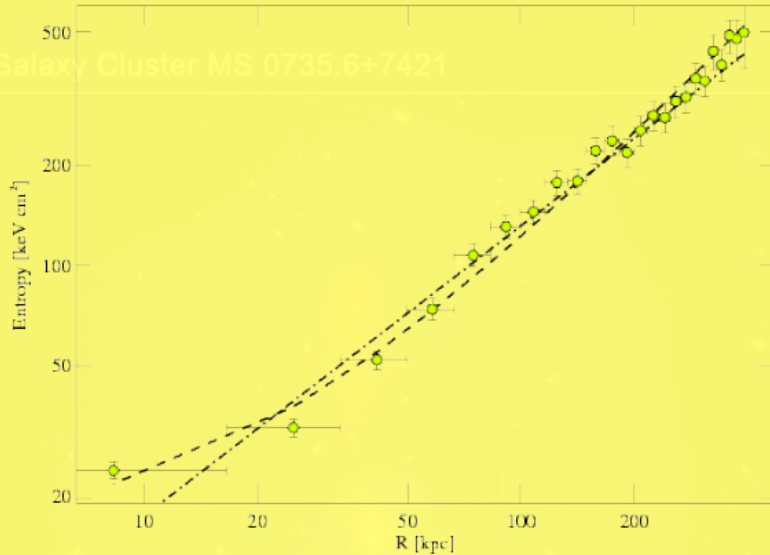
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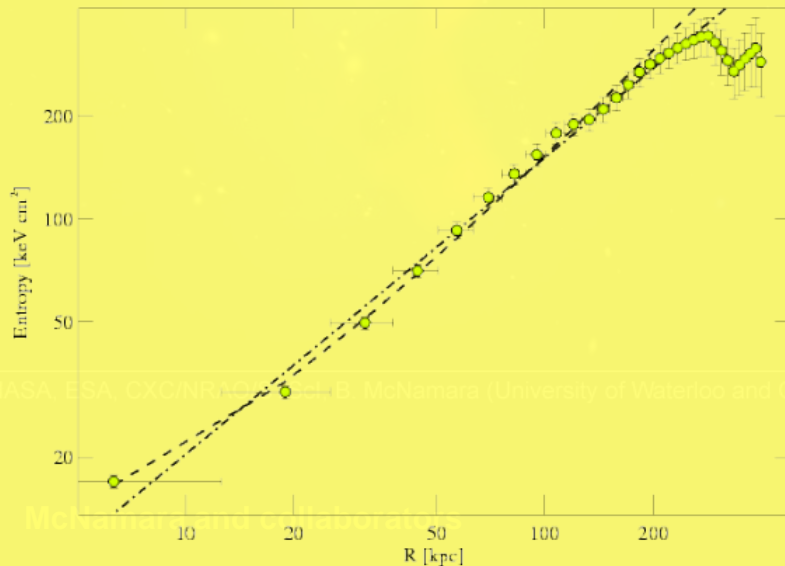
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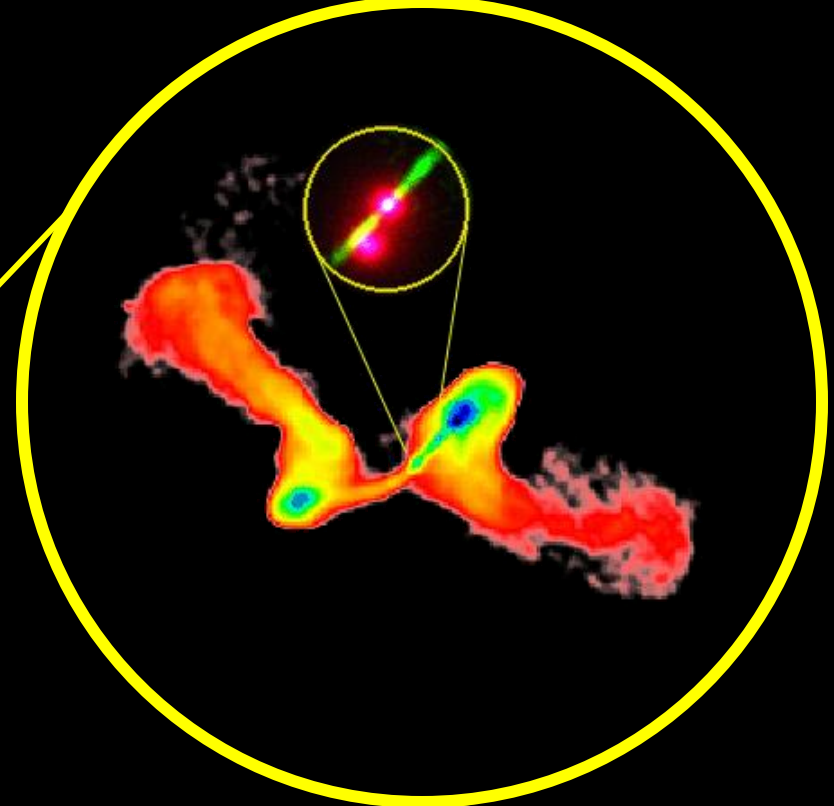
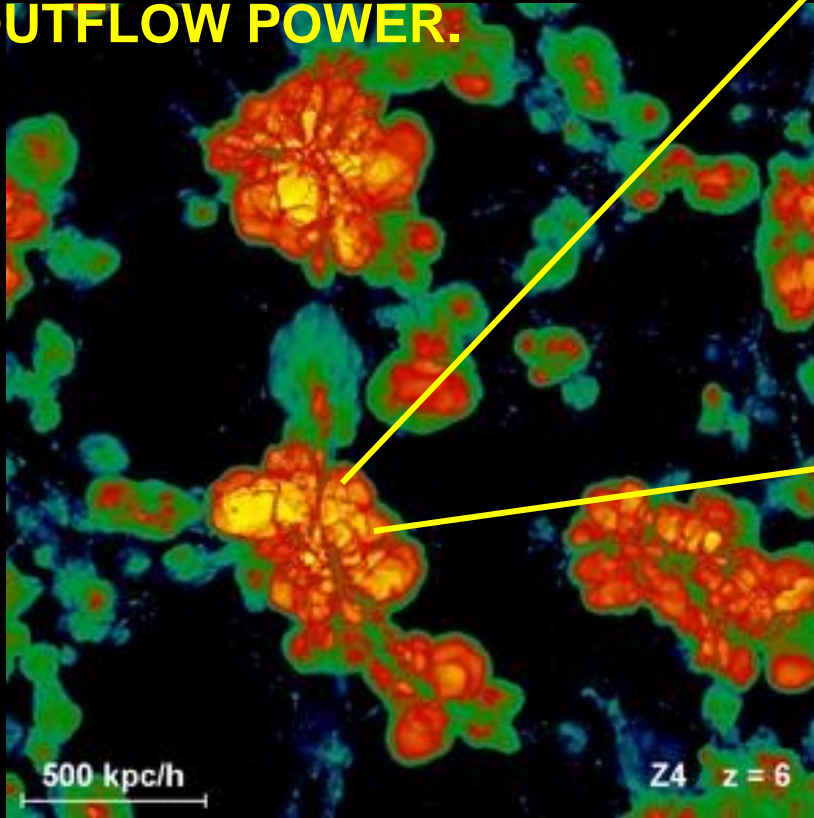
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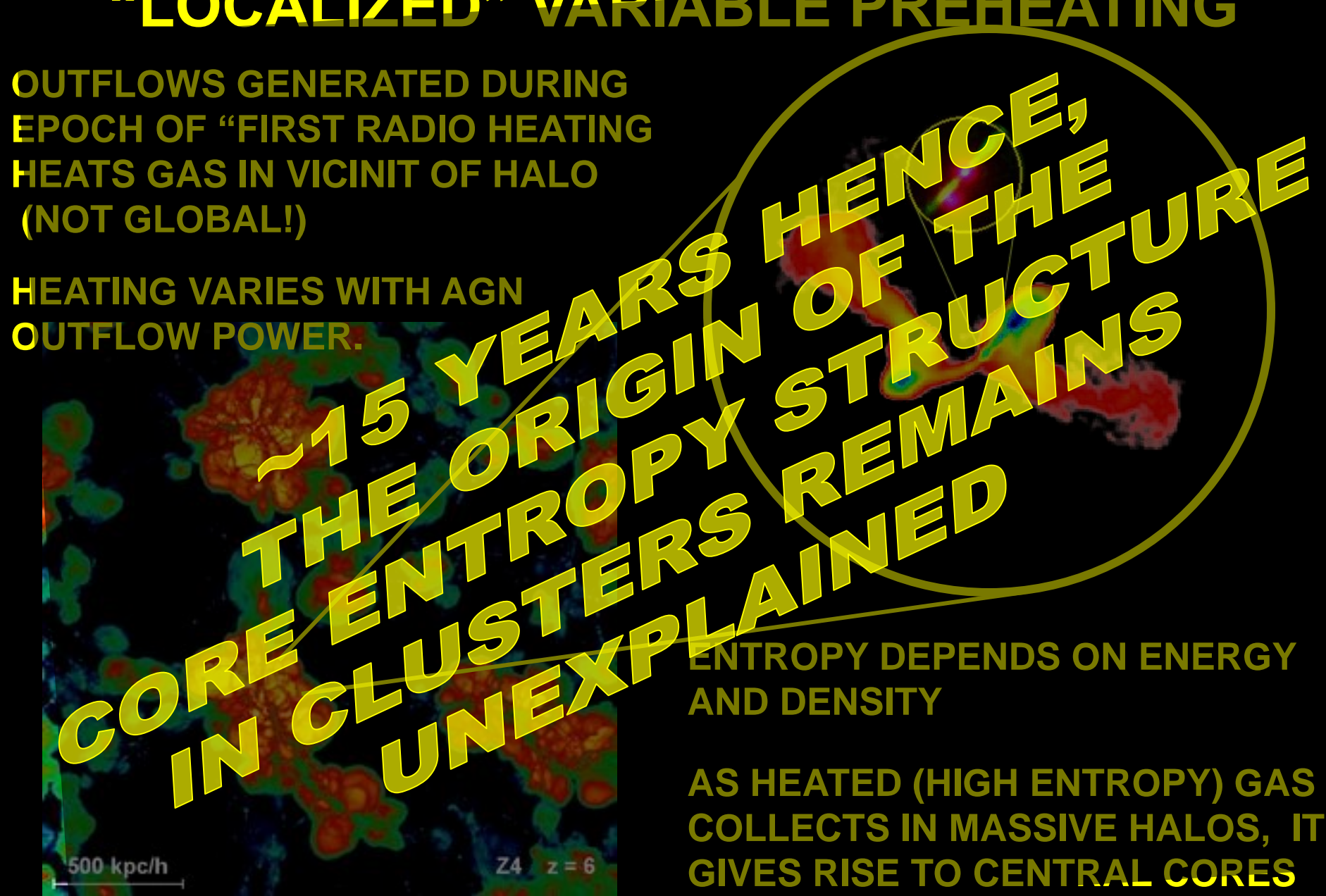
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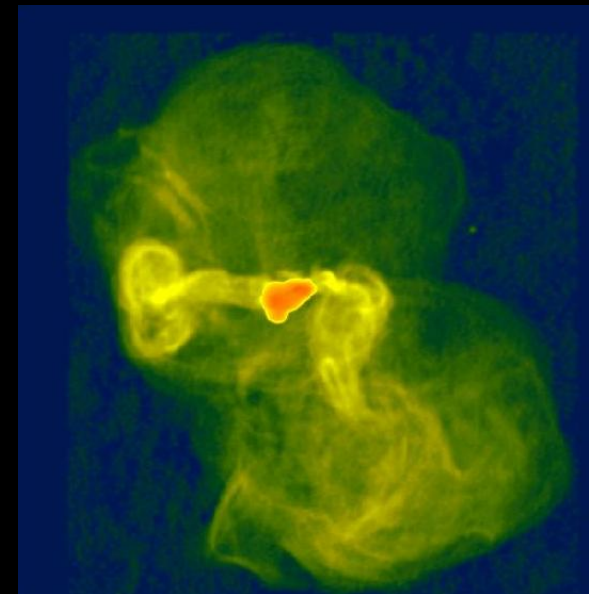
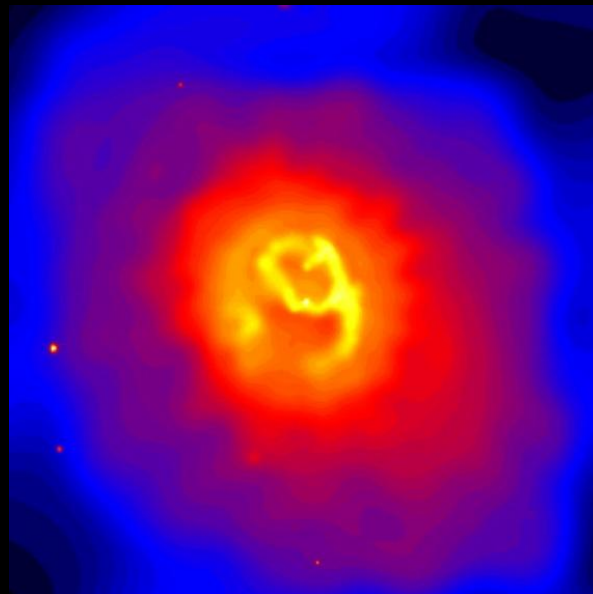
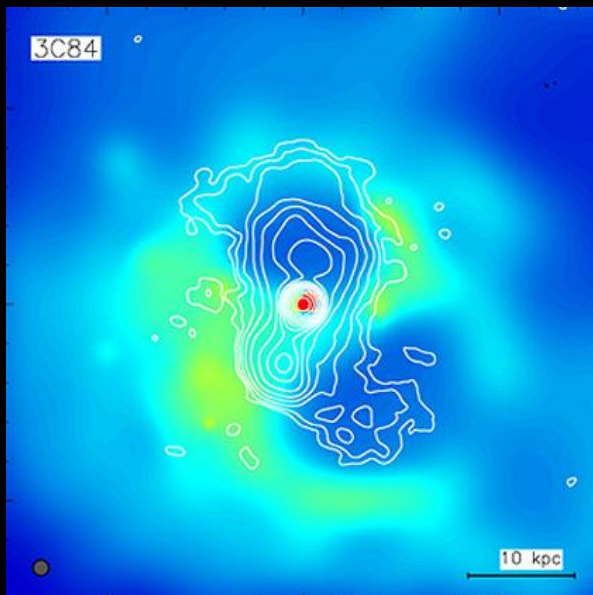
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# COOL CORE CLUSTERS

**Gas in CCs is not cooling as efficiently as expected**

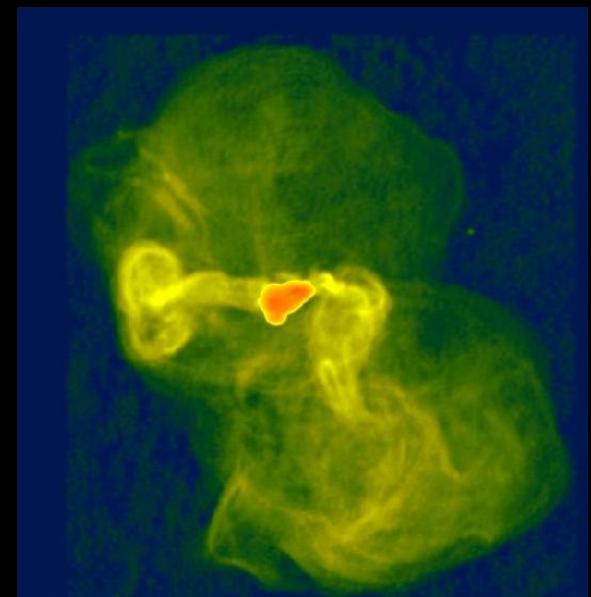
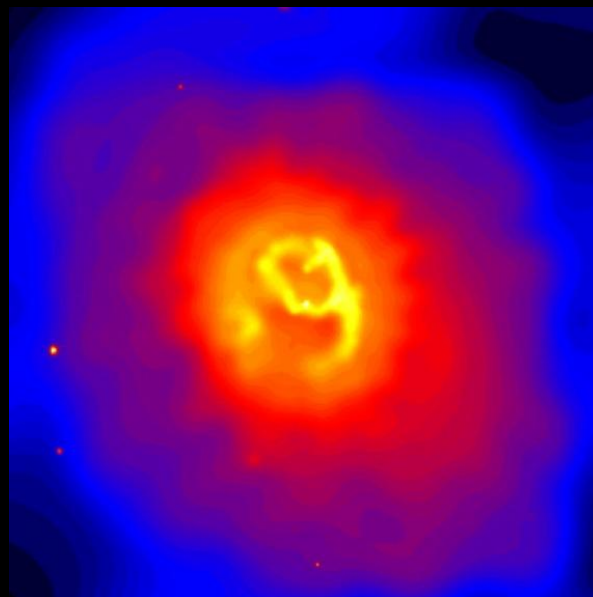
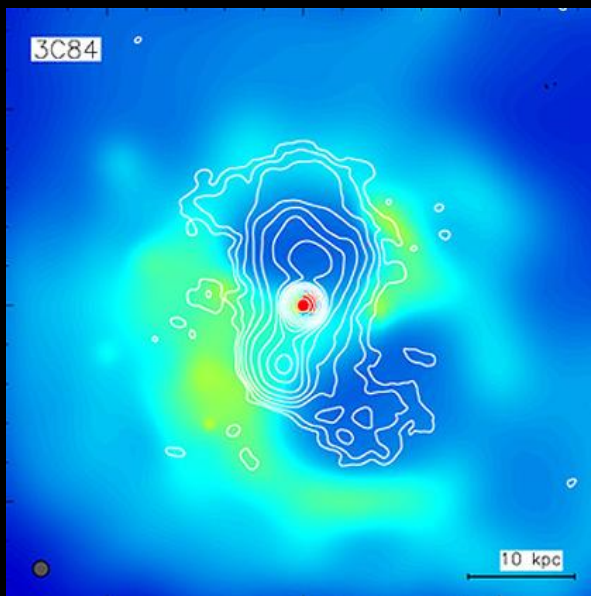
- ❖ Here, we can see the reason why:
  - ❖ >80% of BCGs in CCs (Birzan et al. 2012) and >90% of X-ray bright ellipticals (Dunn/Fabian 2012) host “radio-loud” AGNs → jets
  - ❖ Jets physically impact (heat) the ICM → updrafts, wakes, cavities and weak shocks.



# SOME CAVEATS

Cooling is **NOT QUENCHED** but **TEMPERED**

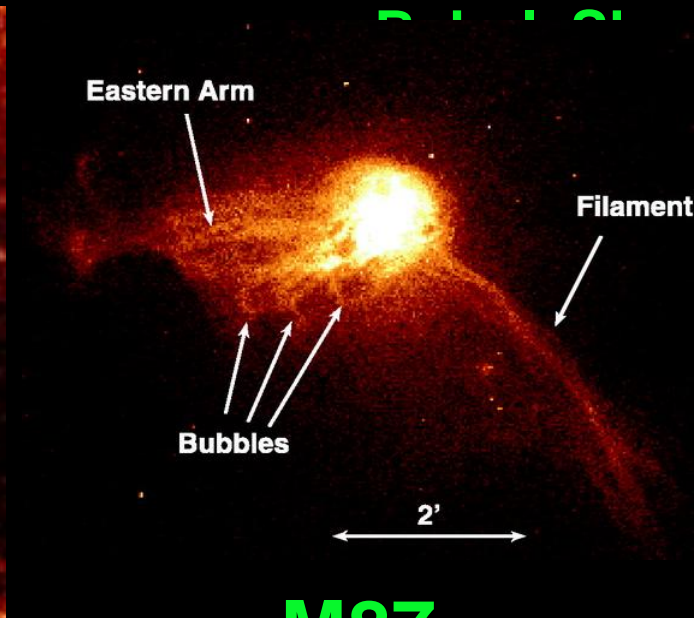
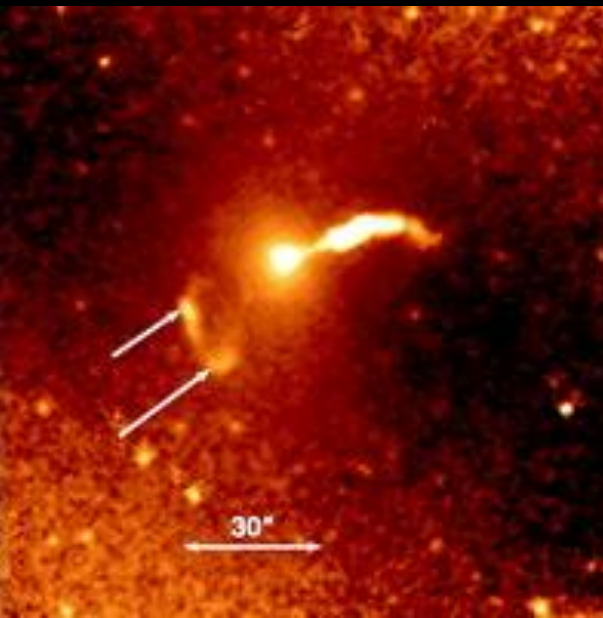
- ❖ BCGs are **NOT “red & dead”** but forming stars  $\sim 10\text{-}100 M_{\odot}/\text{yr}$  (Bildfell et al. 2008).
- ❖ SF is not episodic but continuous on  $\sim 100$  Myr time.



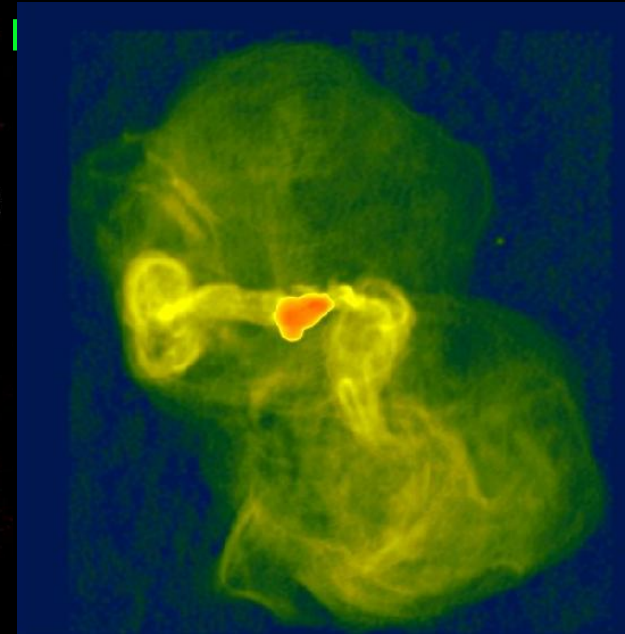
The most vexing problem is the “isotropy puzzle”.

**NATURE HAS (OBVIOUSLY) SOLVED THE PROBLEM  
...AND OBSERVATIONS OFFER  
CLUES**

**JETS CHANGE DIRECTIONS EVERY ~20 Myrs**



**M87**

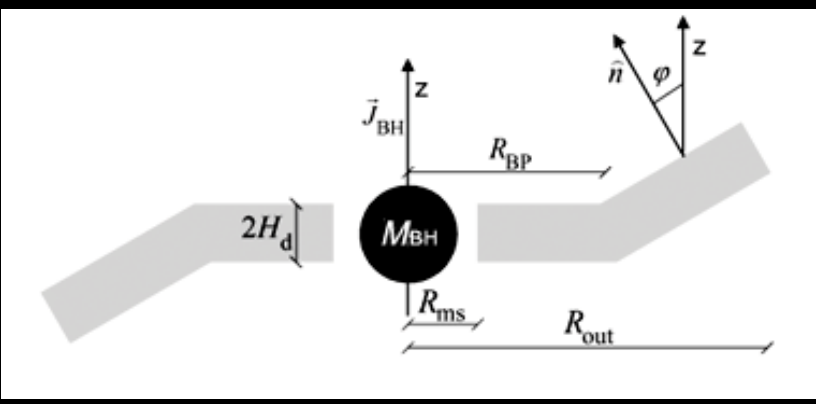


**5 (8) directional changes: small-scale jet to radio bubbles .  
 $\Delta\theta$  between features: ~20-60° in plane of the sky  
 $\Delta t$  between changes: ~20 Myrs (mean)**

**PERSEUS, CL0910, ETC.**

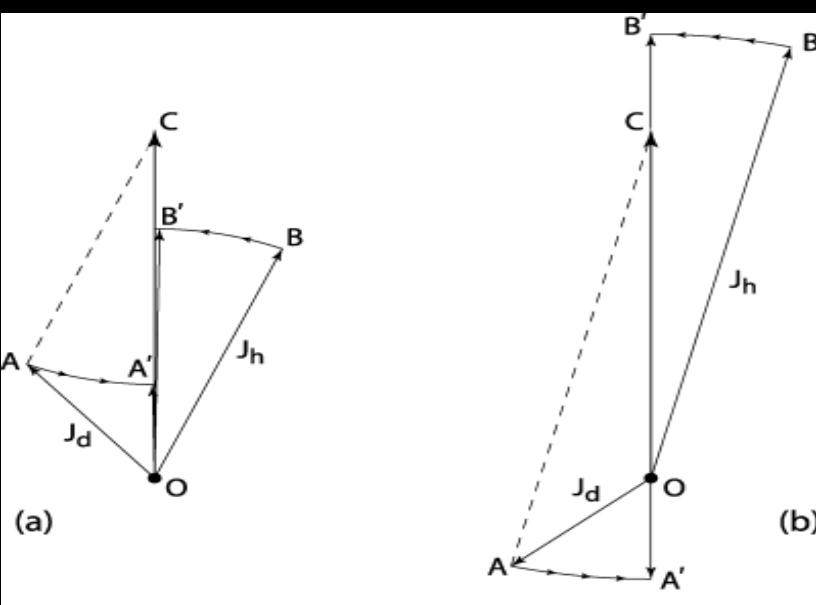
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# RECURRENT (RANDOM) TILTING OF THE JET AXIS VIA OCCASIONAL MISALIGNED DISKS



❖ BH accretes hot gas at a low rate  
 ( $< 0.01 M_{\text{edd}} = 0.2 (M_9) M_{\odot}/\text{yr}$ )  
 ➡ JETS

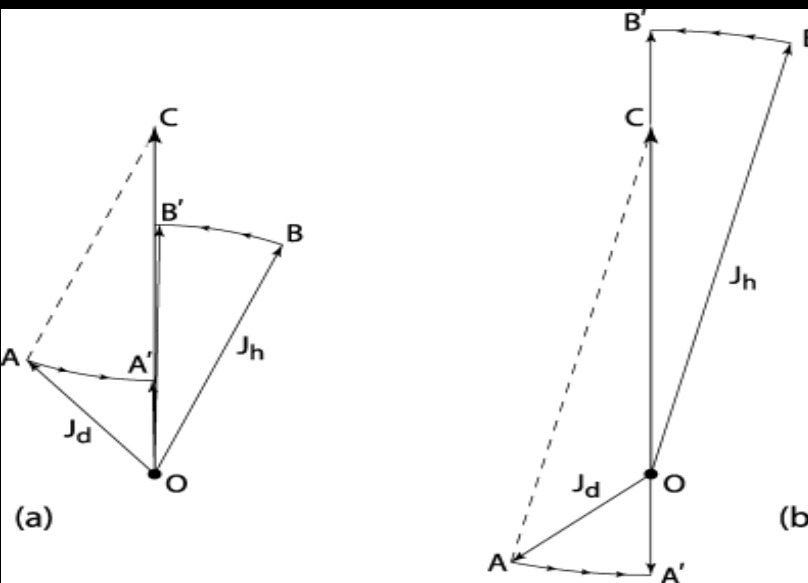
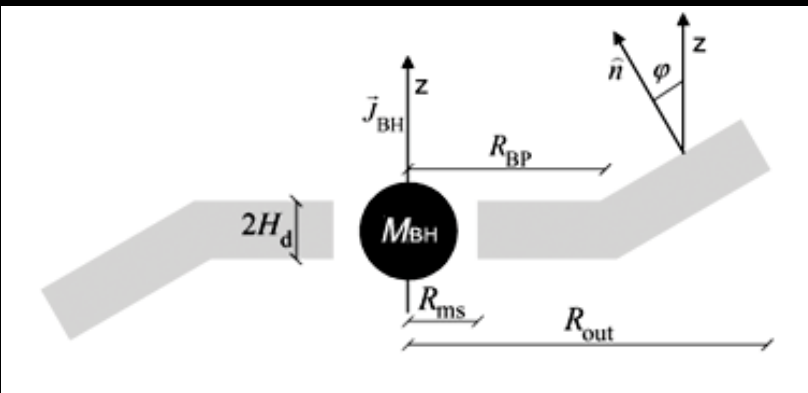
❖ Occasionally the accretion rate will spike due to cloud/stream of cold dense gas (Francoise Combes)  
 ➡ thin accretion disk  
 ➡ short-lived quasar



❖ Since gas expected to come in from any direction, accretion disks will be misaligned – with random orientation – relative to the BH spin axis.

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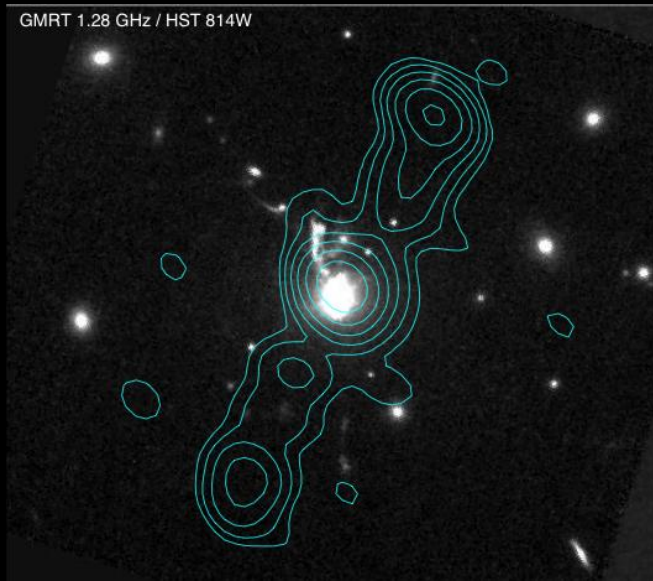
- ❖ Jets carry energy into the ICM.
- ❖ Occasional tilts allows this energy to be distributed isotropically; also explains misaligned bubbles.

- ❖ We have started numerical experiments to explore model in detail.

### IMPLICATIONS:

- ❖ BH Spin:  $J/J_{\max} \sim 0.1$
- ❖ ~5% duty cycle  $\rightarrow$  1-2  $z < 0.5$  CC AGNs should be quasars

# QUASAR MODE VS. RIAF MODE



Popular Imaginings:

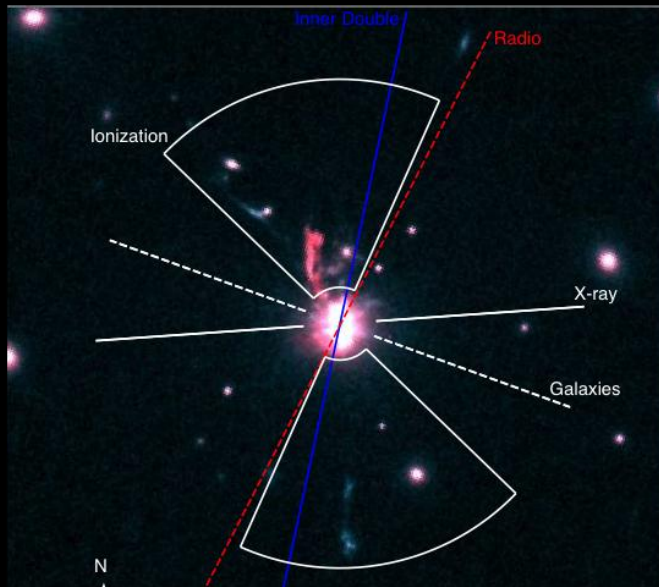
Radio Mode → Maintenance

Quasar Mode → Explosive

[modeled as such in sims]

IS THIS REALLY SO? DOES QUASAR-MODE LIVE UP TO ITS BILLING?

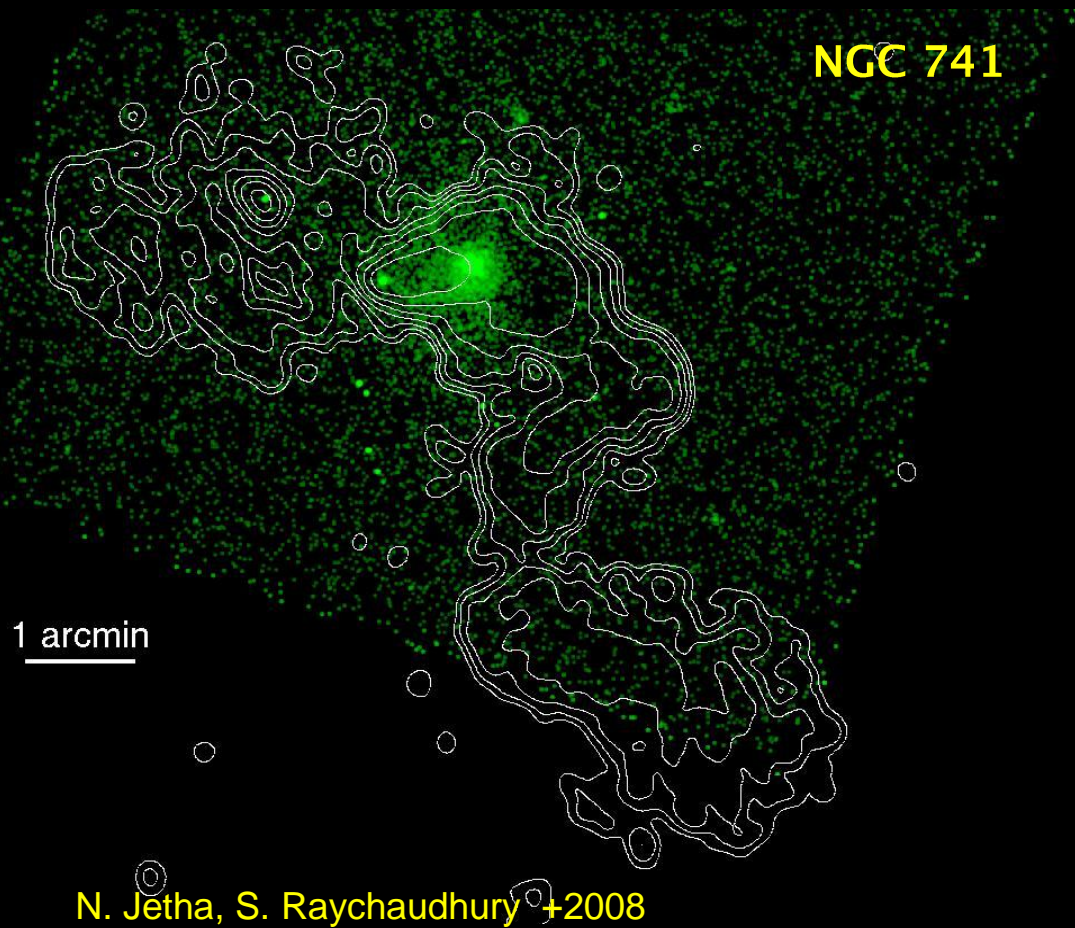
IS QUASAR MODE FEEDBACK (IN CONTEXT OF GALAXY FORMATION) ESSENTIAL OR RELEVANT?



CL0910 (IRAS 0910): O'Sullivan et al 2012



# AGN ACTIVITY IN NON-CENTRAL GALAXIES



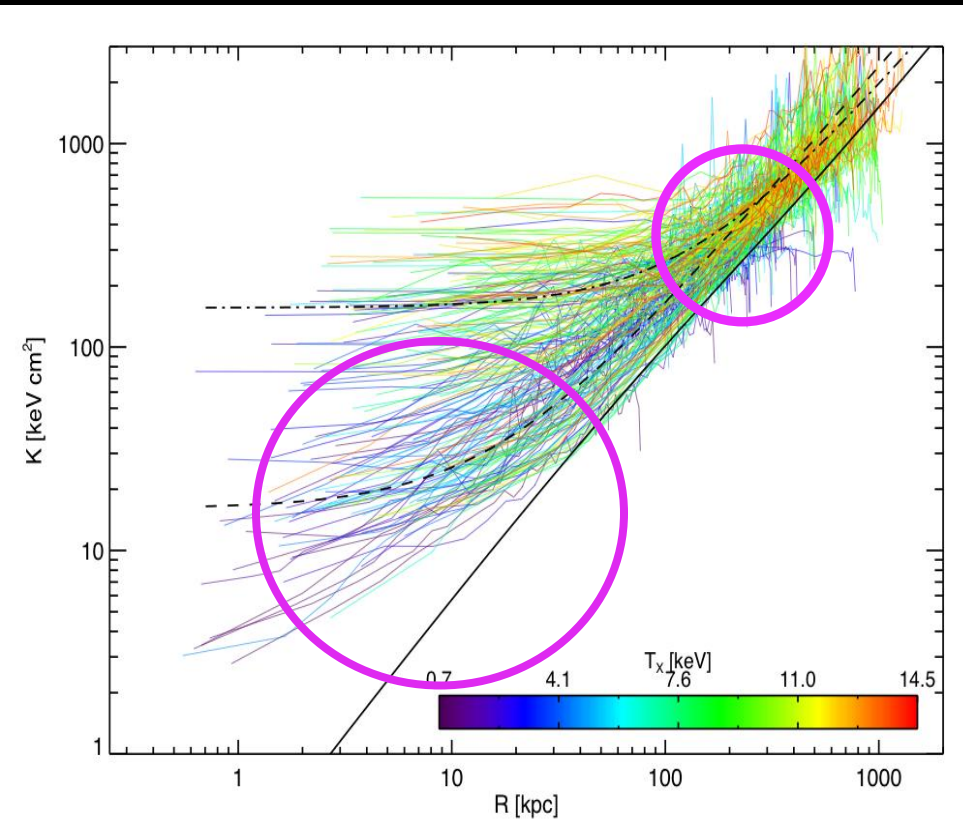
Has been observed but is relatively rare.

Example by N. Jetha (NGC 741)

X-ray AGNs by Martini+2006; Martini+ 2007; Haines+2013

Radio AGNs by Best +2005

# DISTRIBUTED HEATING



Heating in the very center is not enough.

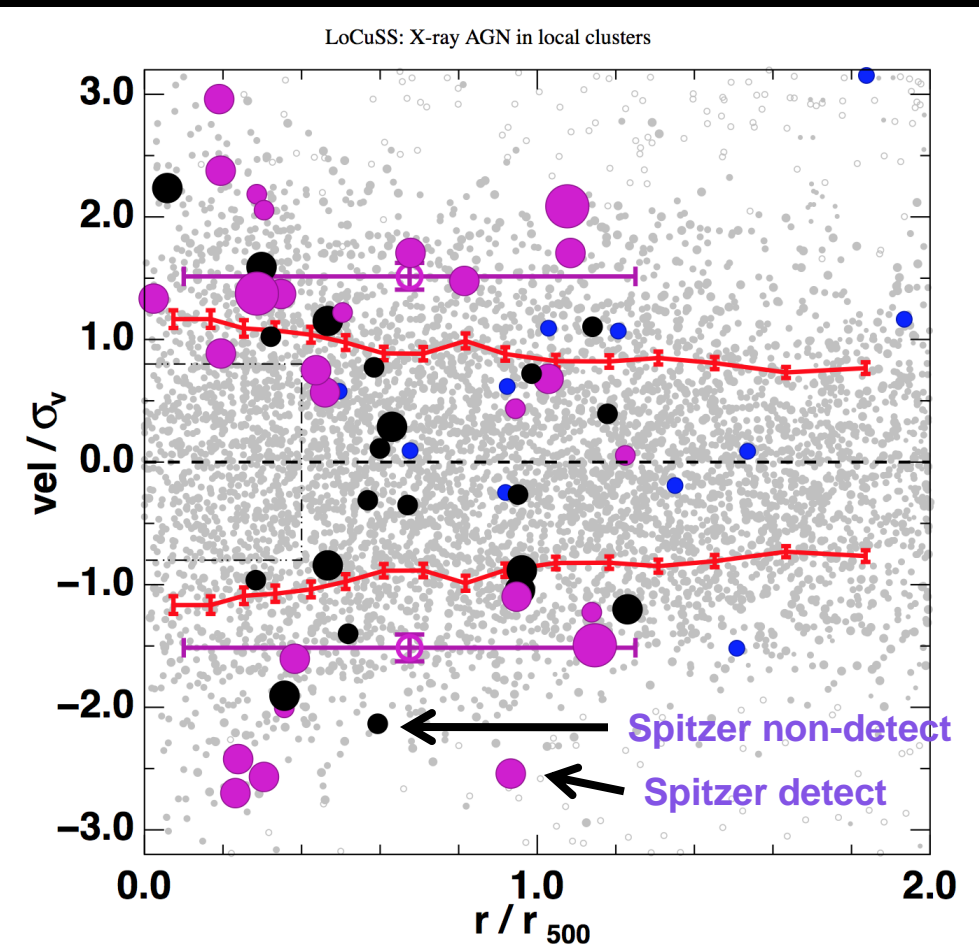
Gas at  $\sim 100$ -300 kpc needs to be “maintained” as well.

Nusser, Silk, Babul (2006)  
→ distributed heating by non-central AGNs.

McCarthy et al. 2008

# LoCuSS AGN SURVEY

Haines et al. 2013



- ❖ 26 of 30 LoCuSS Clusters ( $0.15 < z < 0.3$ ) observed in X-ray and have 200-400 spec/cluster.
- ❖ Redshift space density of X-ray AGNs is  $\sim 10x$  higher than field BUT increase in galaxy density is  $\sim 25x \rightarrow$  suppression.
- ❖ Trace caustic  $\rightarrow$  X-ray AGNs infalling (first pass through cluster)
- ❖ Low freq radio data (Raychaudhury/O'Sullivan)

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