

# Statistical studies of diffuse radio emission in galaxy clusters with LOFAR

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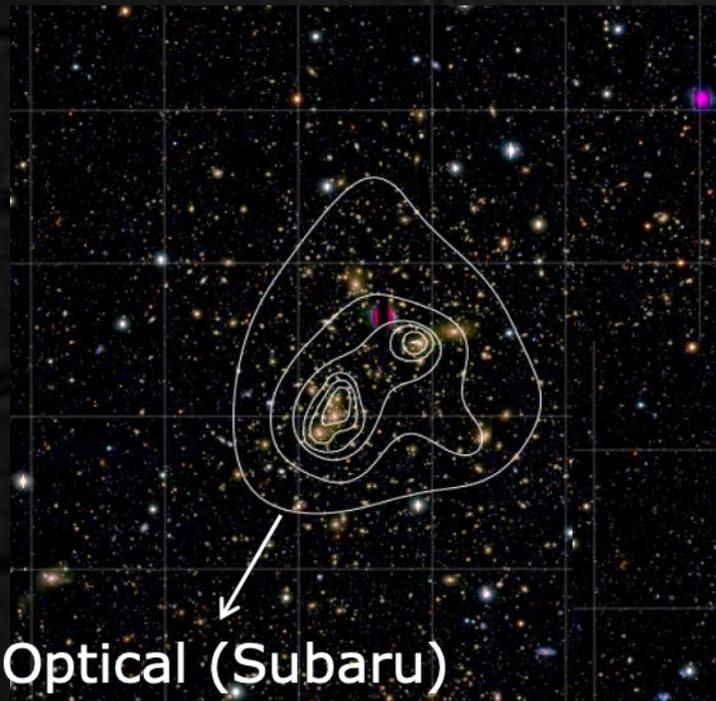
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the LOFAR Survey KSP

# Outline of the talk

- ★ Galaxy clusters and their diffuse Mpc-scale radio emissions
- ★ Present picture and importance of statistical studies
- ★ A big project: Planck clusters in LoTSS DR2
- ★ RH statistics and comparison with model expectations
- ★ Radio-power mass correlation and cluster dynamics
- ★ Summary and future prospects

# Clusters of galaxies

- ✓ Largest concentration of matter in the Universe,  
 $L \sim 2-3 \text{ Mpc}$ ,  $M \sim 10^{14}-10^{15} M_{\odot}$
- ✓ Made of : 70-80% of dark-matter, few %  
galaxies, 15-20% intra-cluster medium (ICM)

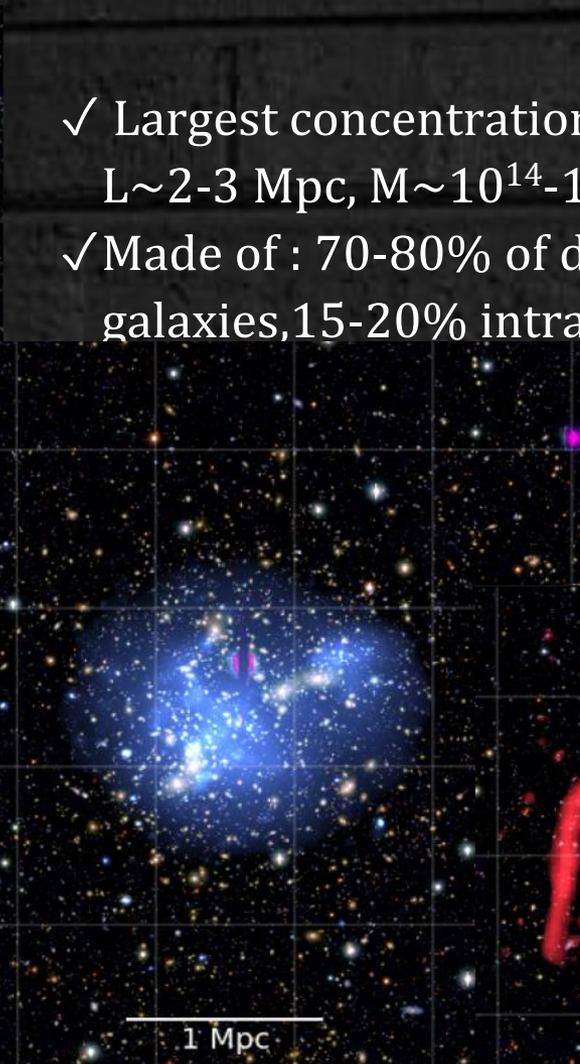


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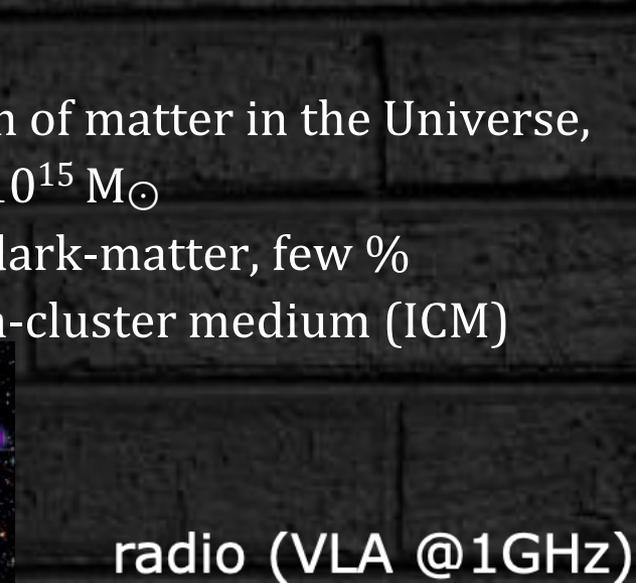
galaxies (stars)  
+  
DM (indirect)

X-rays (Chandra)

Hot ICM:  
 $n_e \sim 10^{-1}-10^{-4} \text{ cm}^{-3}$ ,  
 $T \sim 10^8 \text{ }^\circ\text{K}$

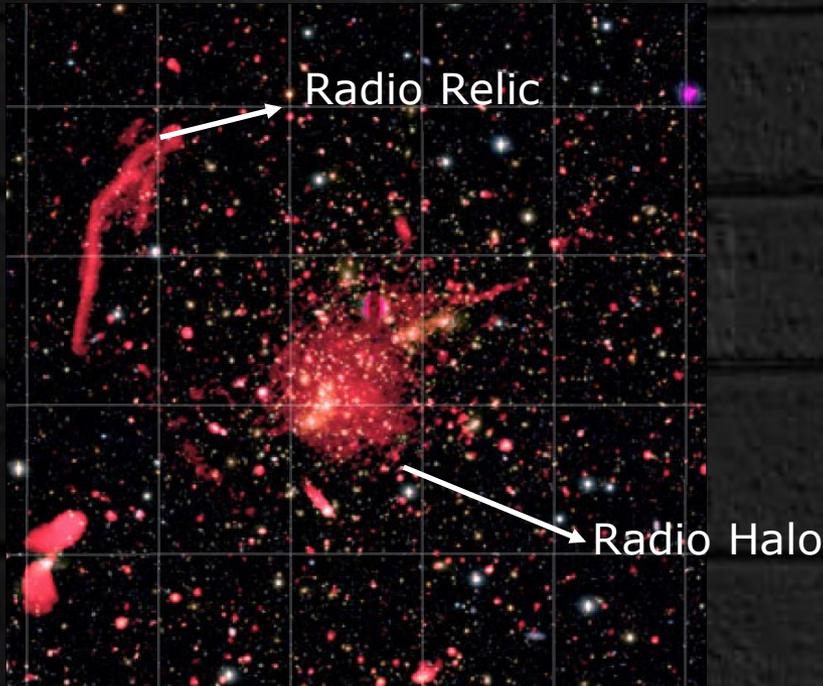


1 Mpc



radio (VLA @1GHz)

# Cluster-scale diffuse emission



van Weeren + 19

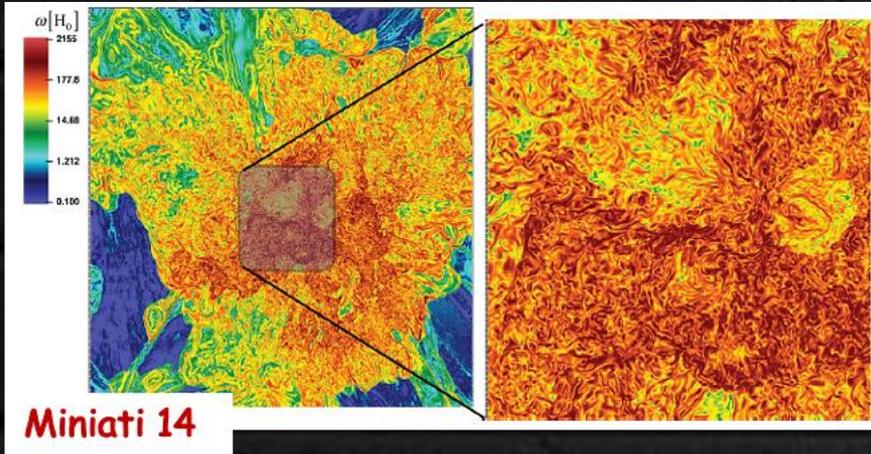
- diffuse synchrotron radio emission in the form of **Radio Halos** and **Radio Relics**
- steep spectrum sources ( $\alpha > 1$ , with  $F(\nu) \propto \nu^{-\alpha}$ )
- proof of the presence of **non-thermal components, GeV electrons ( $\gamma \sim 10^4$ )** and  **$\mu\text{G}$  magnetic field**, mixed with the thermal ICM on Mpc scales.

**Syn+IC lifetime of radio  $e^-$**

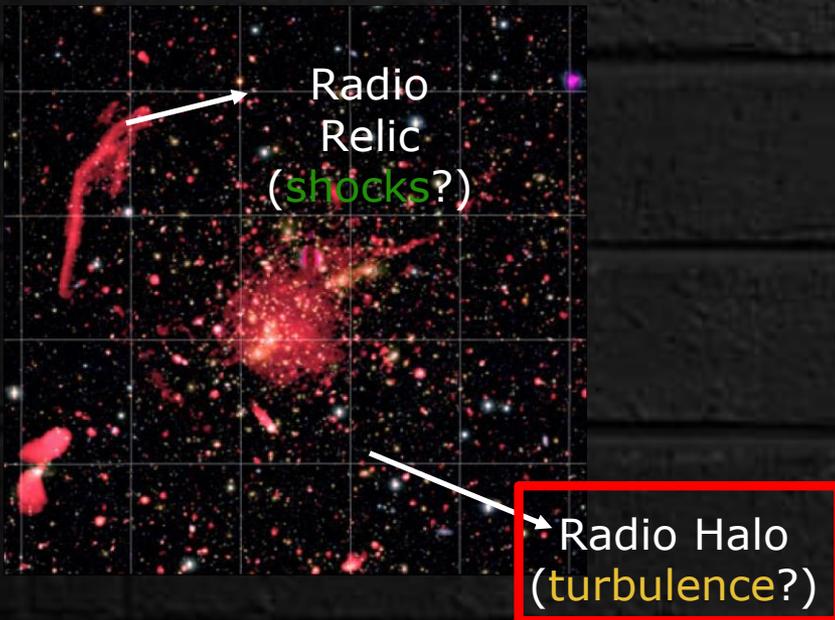
$T_{\text{rad}} \sim 100\text{-}300 \text{ Myr} \ll \text{diffusion time}$

**ICM acceleration site !**

# Cluster-scale diffuse emission

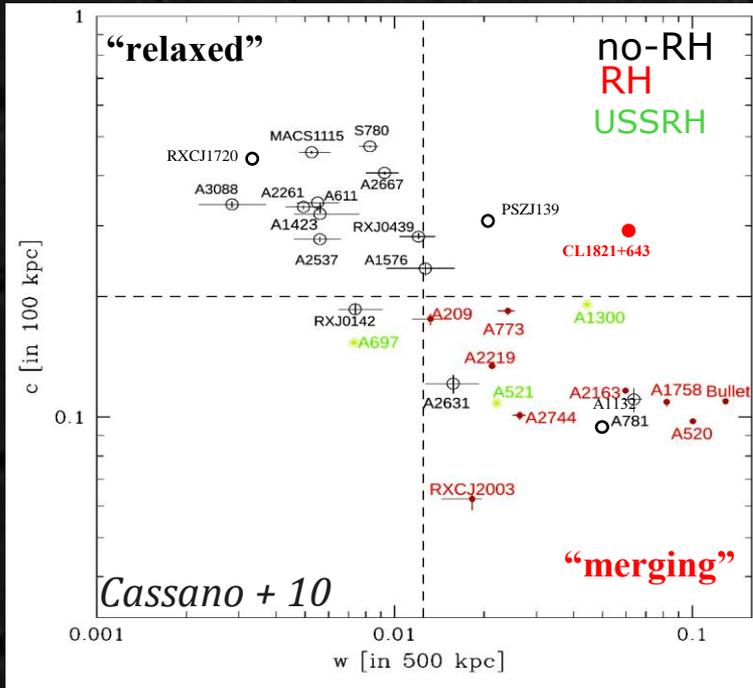


- Galaxy clusters form via a hierarchical sequence of **mergers** and accretion of smaller systems driven by DM
- Mergers drive **turbulence** and **shocks** in the ICM
- Turbulence and shock can power mechanisms of particle re-acceleration in the ICM (e.g. *Brunetti & Jones 2014*)

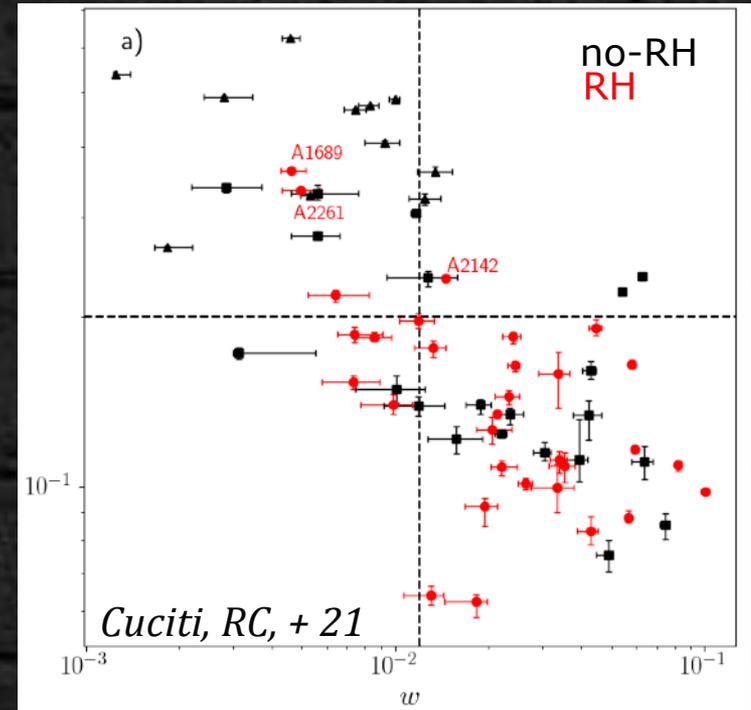


- Fundamental questions:
  - ORIGIN ??
  - IMPACT on thermal ICM ??  
(microphysics & dynamics)

# RH cluster - merger connection



see also e.g., Rossetti + 11, Wen & Han 14; Parek +15, Eckert 17, Cuciti + sub.



Cuciti, RC, + 21

Turbulence generated during cluster mergers re-accelerates relativistic  $e^-$  in the ICM to the energy necessary to produce the observed radio emission (e.g. Brunetti & Jones 2014)

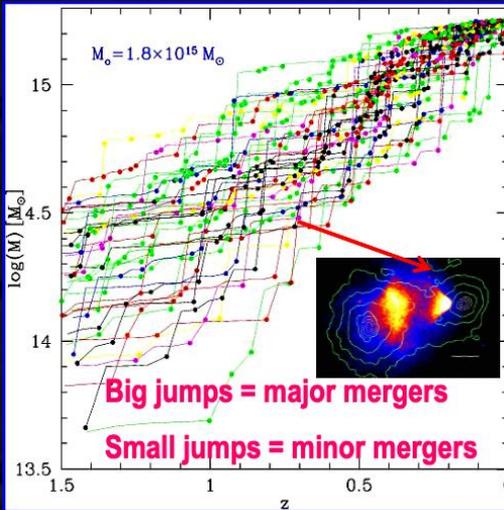


A statistical connection between RH and the clusters dynamical status: RH in the most **dynamically "disturbed" systems**, clusters without diffuse radio emission more "relaxed".

# Basic theoretical expectations (turbulence)

Cassano & Brunetti 05; Cassano et al. 2006, 2010, 2012

★ Monte-Carlo approach based on semi-analytic models (e.g. Lacey & Cole 93) to describe the formation history of GCs



★ *Turbulence* injected during cluster **mergers** ( $E_t$  derived from the PdV work of the infalling subclusters)

Turbulent energy flux

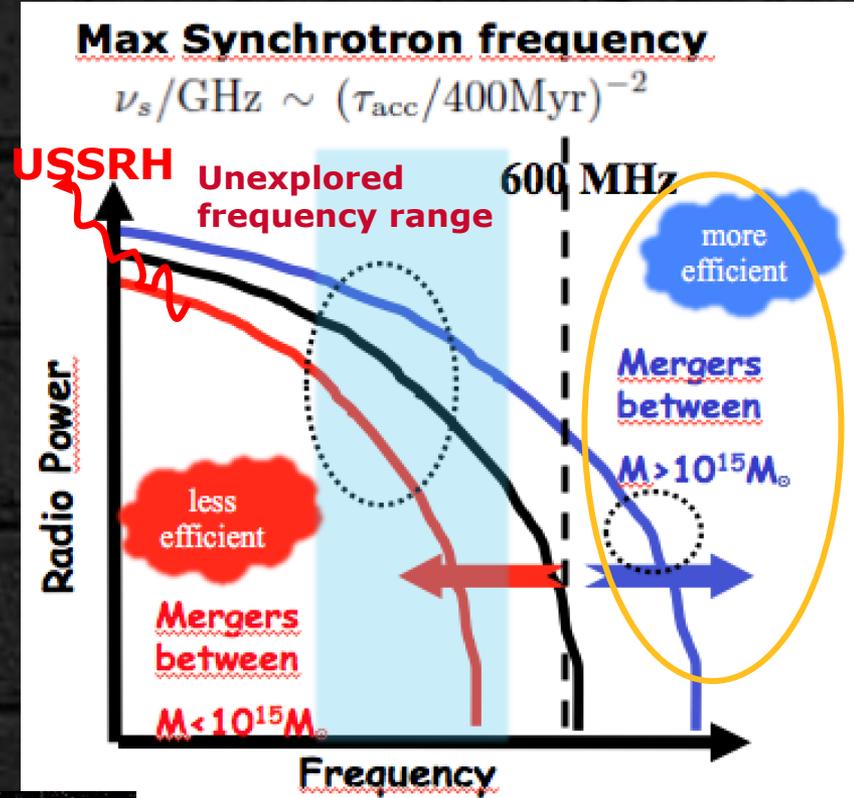
Particles heating/acceleration rate

Radiation: Syn + ICS

$$\rho_{ICM} \delta V^3 L^{-1} \eta_{CRe} \sim \int d^3 p E \frac{\partial f_e}{\partial t}$$



★ FERMI II like acceleration mechanisms not efficient! => max synchrotron  $\nu_s$



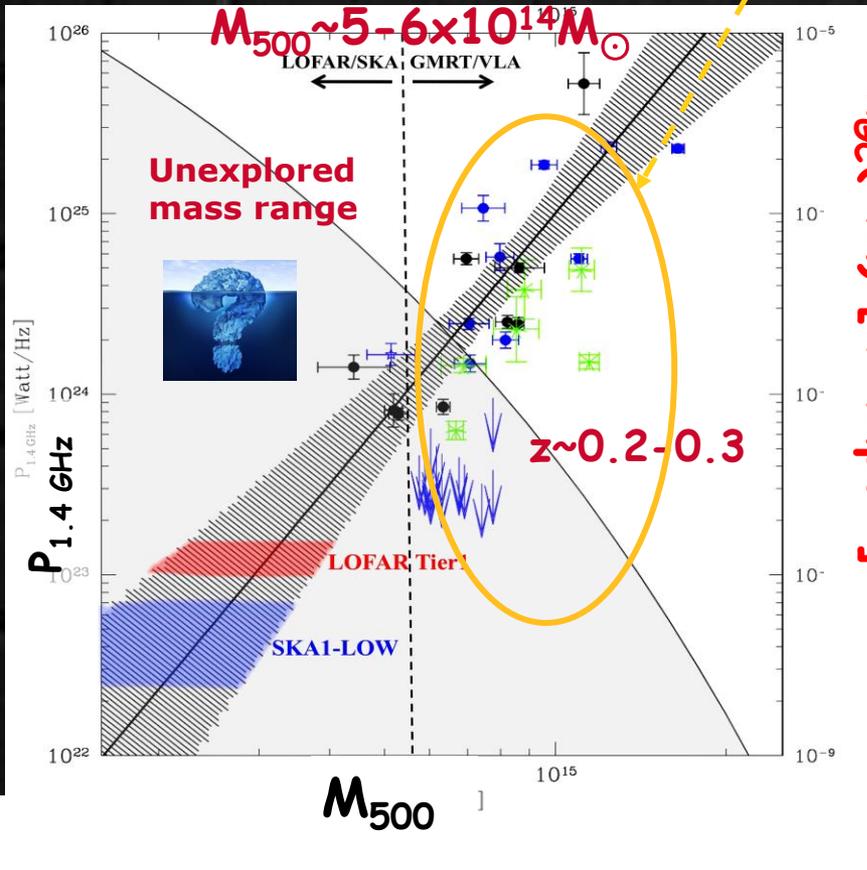
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(Cassano + 06; Brunetti+ 08 Nature)

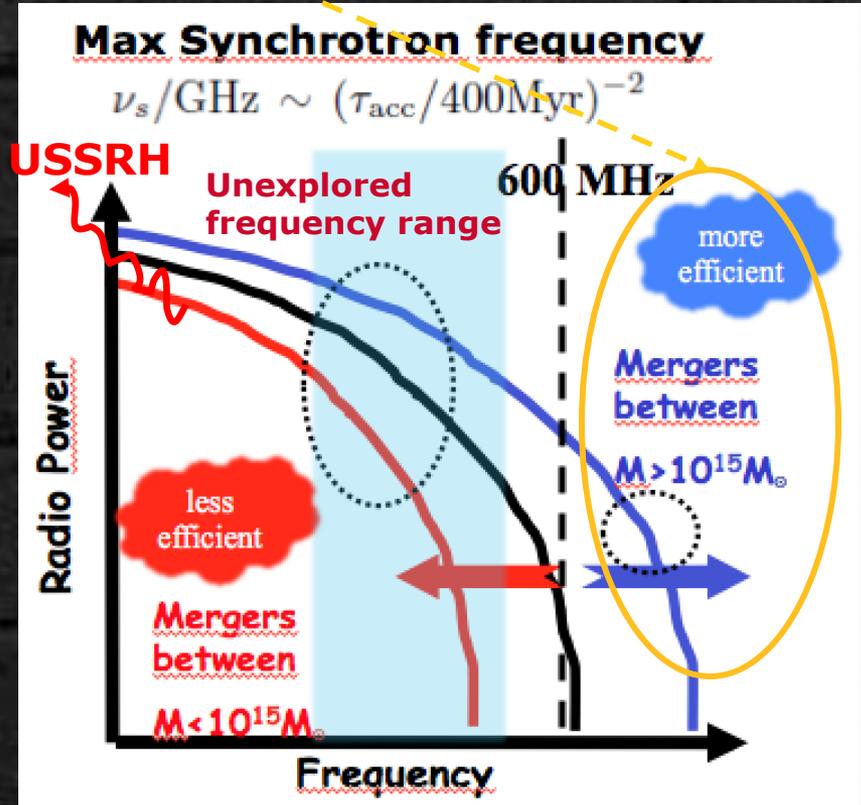
# How much the present view is biased?

pre-LOFAR era: high mass, high frequency (low-z)

Cassano + 15



$n_{\text{cl}}(>M) [\text{h}^3 \text{Mpc}^{-3}]$

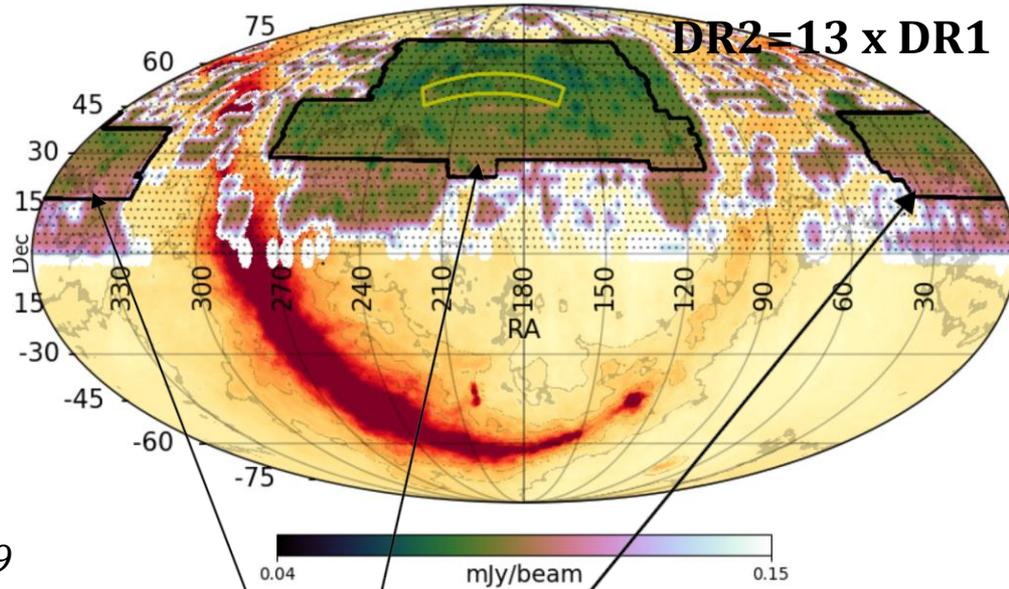
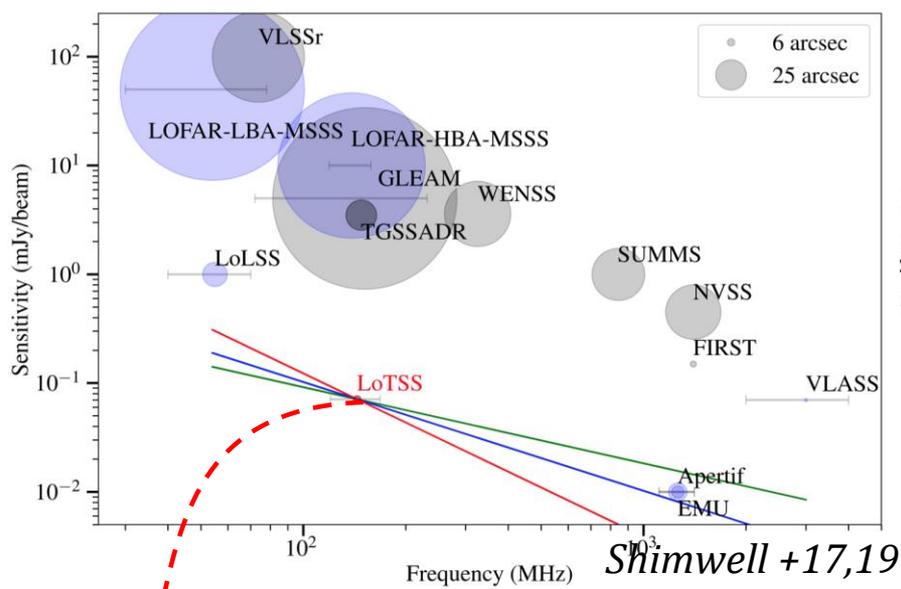


Current statistical studies limited to massive  $M_{500} \sim 5-6 \times 10^{14} M_{\odot}$  (and ~ nearby) systems which are only a small fraction of the clusters in the Universe !

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# LOFAR Two-Meter Sky Survey second data release (DR2)



## LOFAR Two-metre Sky Survey (LoTSS) (Shimwell+ 17,19):

Frequency 120-150 MHz

resolution  $\sim 5$  arcsec

sensitivity 100  $\mu$ Jy/beam

FoV 6.4 deg<sup>2</sup>

3170 pointings 8 hrs observation each

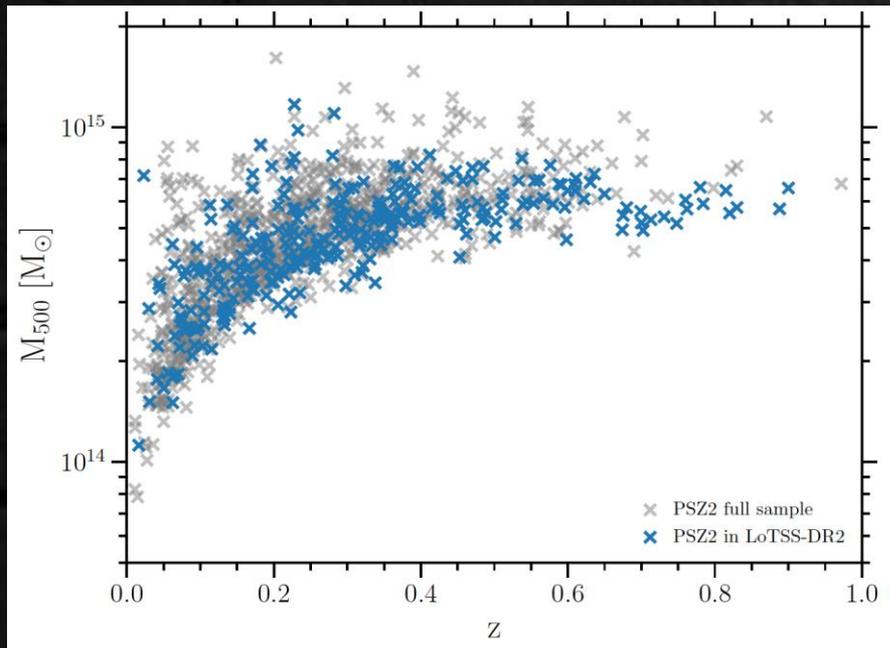
$2\pi$  str (all northern sky)

## LoTSS-DR2 (Shimwell+ 22)

new pipeline, improving source fidelity, dynamic ranges...

5634 deg<sup>2</sup> (27% of the northern sky)

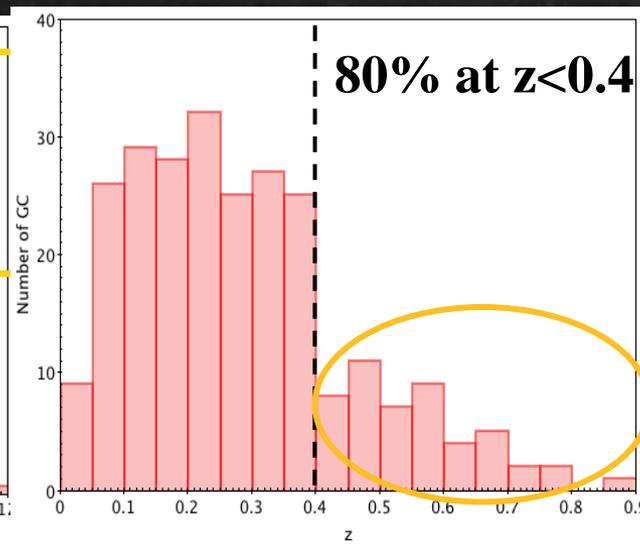
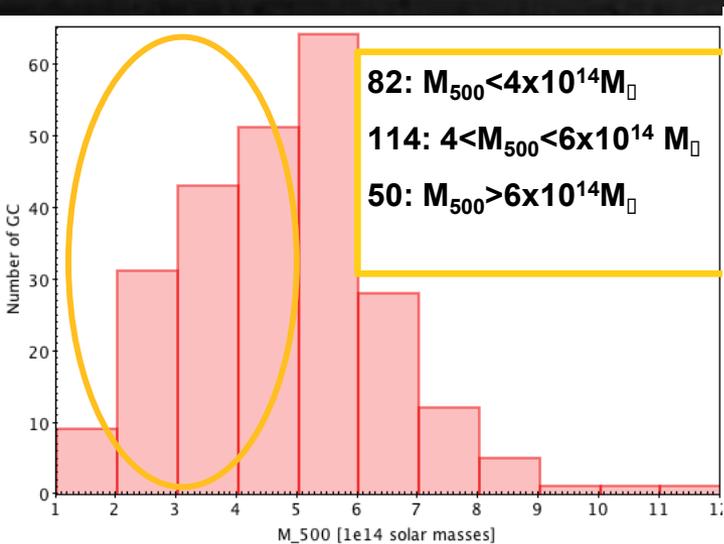
# The Planck clusters in the LOFAR SKY



LoTSS-DR2 PSZ2 sample (*Botteon + 22*)

- 309 PSZ2 clusters in DR2 (12x PSZ2 DR1)
- 280 have  $M_{500}$  and  $z$
- 70% have X-ray data (Chandra and/or XMM)
- classification of diffuse radio sources in GC

This is the **largest statistical study of diffuse radio emission** in clusters with deep low-frequency radio observations!



It allows to explore new mass and redshift ranges.

# A collaborative effort



A group spread over three countries

*Italy* (INAF-IRA Bologna+INAF-IASF Milano), *Germany* (Hamburg), *Netherlands* (Leiden+SRON)

**Paper I: New detections and sample overview (*Botteon+ 22*)**

**Paper II: Recovering diffuse extended emission with LOFAR (*Bruno+ 22*)**

**Paper III: Dynamical states and density fluctuations of the ICM (*Zhang + 23*)**

**Paper IV: Statistics of radio halos and re-acceleration models (*Cassano + 22*)**

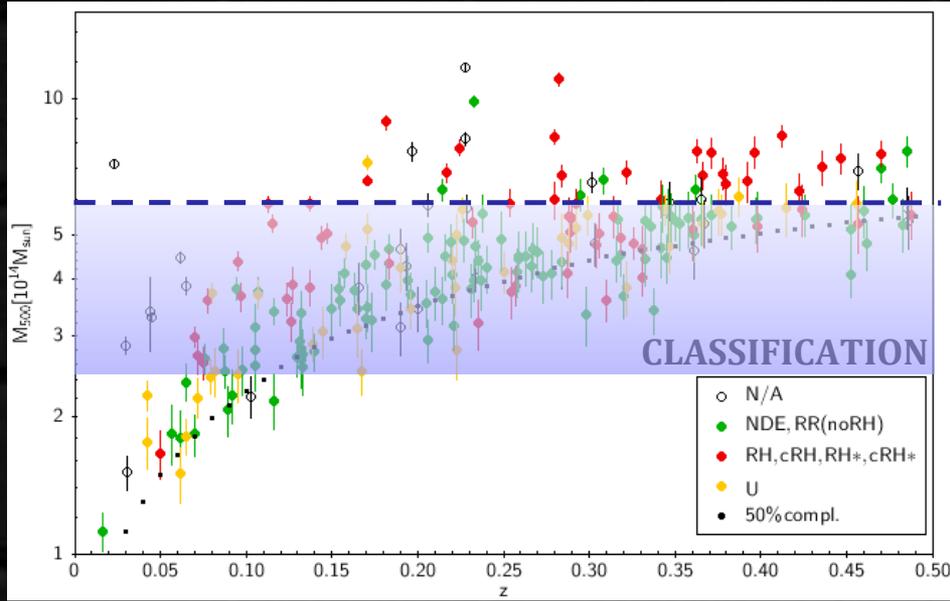
**Paper V: Mass- radio halo power correlation at low radio frequency (*Cuciti + sub*)**

**Paper VI: Properties of radio relics (*Jones+ 23*)**

[https://lofar-surveys.org/planck\\_dr2.html](https://lofar-surveys.org/planck_dr2.html)

# Statistical analysis

Cassano + 23



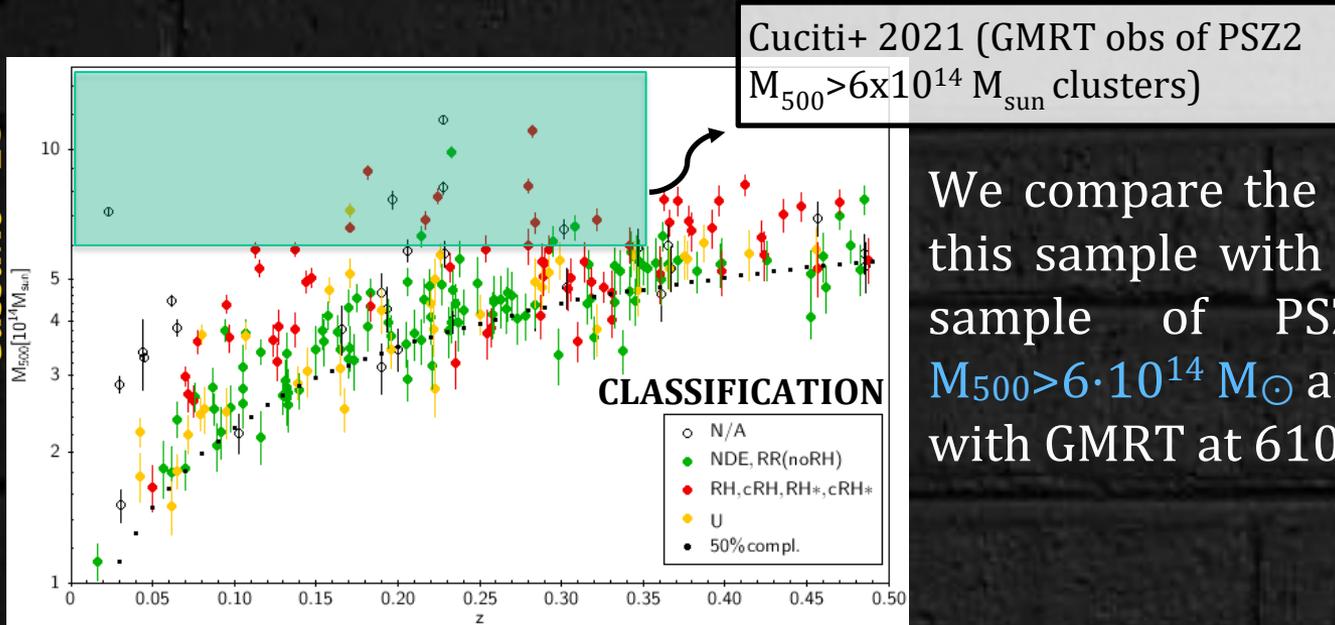
For the statistical analysis of RHs:

- sub-samples of **164** clusters with  $0.07 < z < 0.5$
  - $M_{500} > \text{Planck 50\% completeness } (M_{500}, z)$  (no significant differences between the completeness functions for regular and disturbed clusters; *Planck coll. 2016*).
  - 164 clusters:
    - 71 NDE (43%)
    - 55 RH (31%)**
    - 13 RR (8%)
    - 25 U (15%)
- Classification of the diffuse emission made in *Botteon + 22*

This sample allows, *for the first time*, to make a statistical study of RH in an unprecedented range of cluster masses, including clusters down to  $M_{500} \sim 2.5-3 \cdot 10^{14} M_{\odot}$ , breaking down the wall of  $M_{500} \sim 6 \cdot 10^{14} M_{\odot}$ , that limited previous statistical studies (e.g., Cassano+13, Cuciti+ 21).

# Statistical analysis

Cassano+23



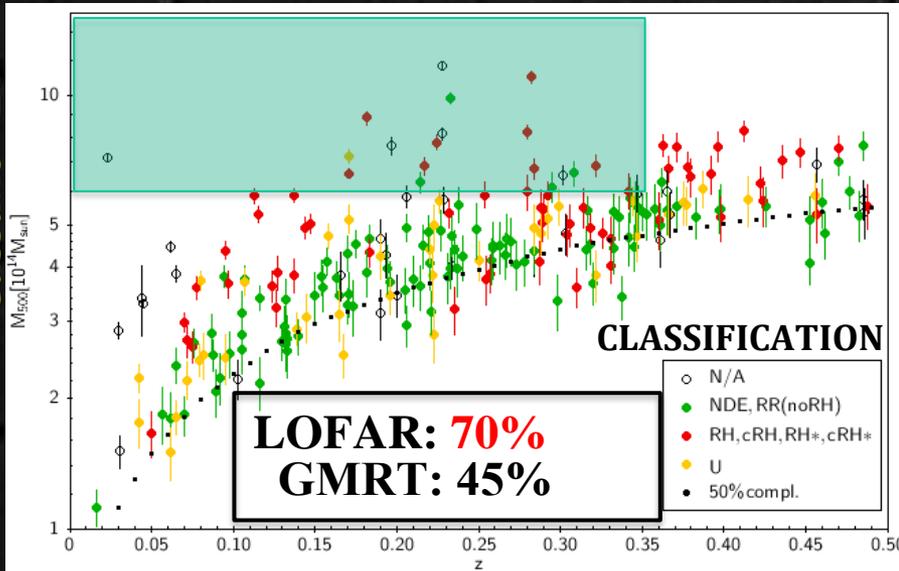
We compare the occurrence of RH in this sample with that derived from a sample of PSZ2 clusters with  $M_{500} > 6 \cdot 10^{14} M_{\odot}$  and  $z \leq 0.35$  observed with GMRT at 610 MHz (*Cuciti+21*).

**LOFAR: 70%**  
**GMRT: 45%**

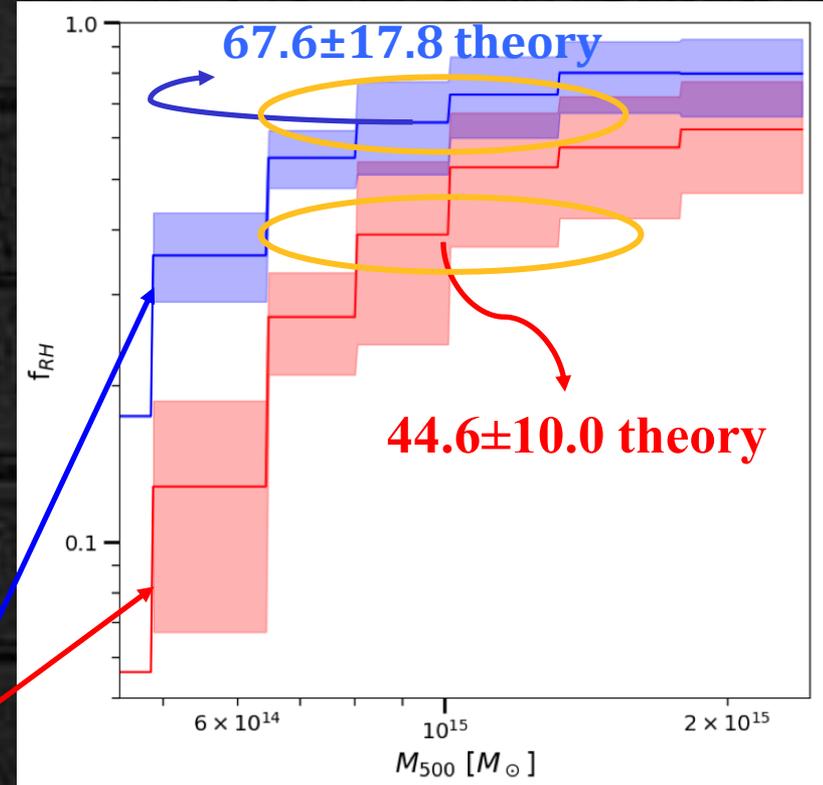
The fraction of clusters with RH increases at low radio frequency.

# Statistical analysis

Cassano + 23



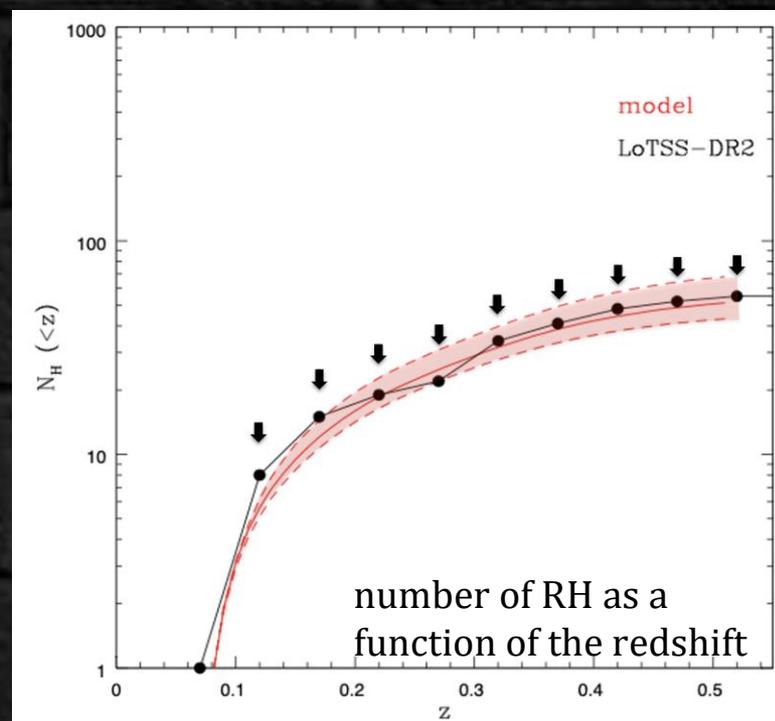
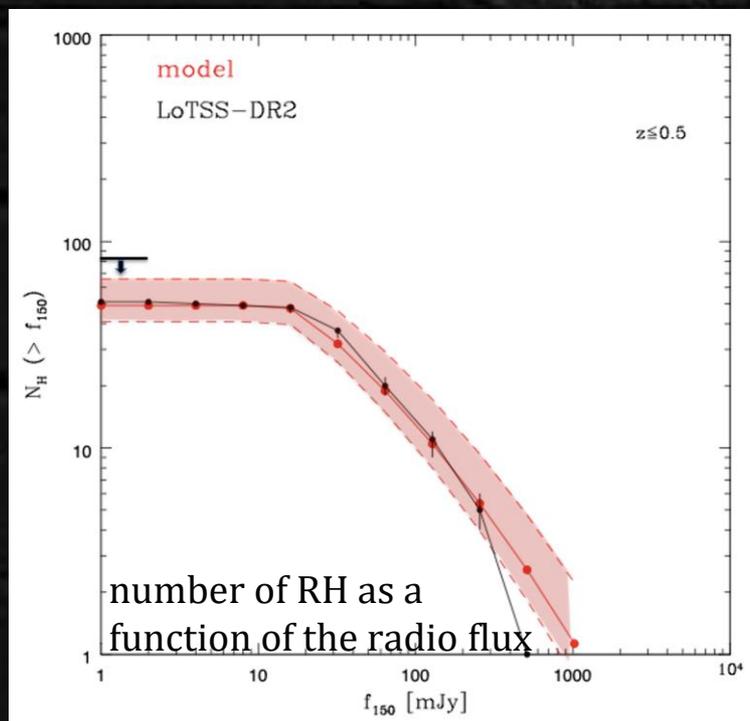
Expected fraction of clusters with Radio Halos with obs. at 600 MHz  
with obs. at 150 MHz



The observed increase of the occurrence of RH at low frequency is in line with model expectations which implies that more RHs should be visible at lower frequency because of their very steep spectra.

# Testing merger-turbulent models against statistics

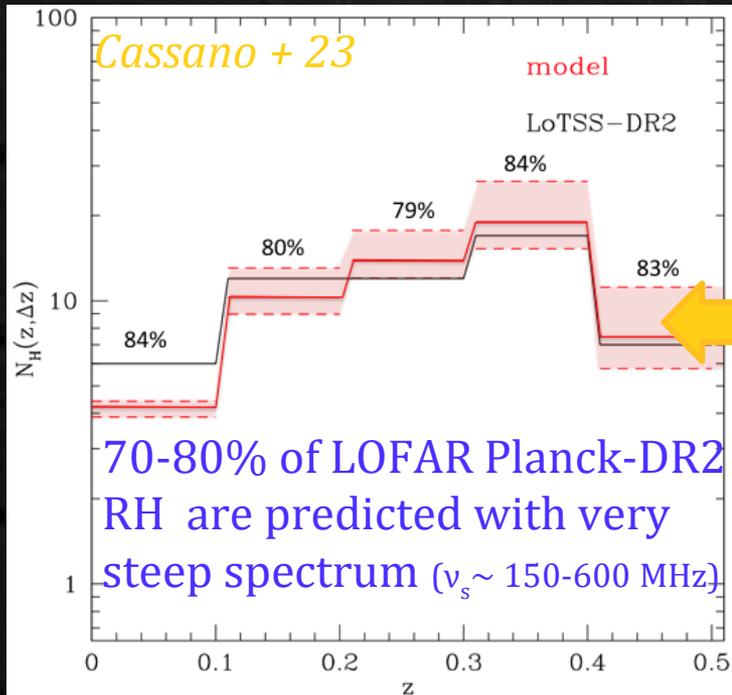
- semi-analytic **models** (statistical version of turbulent re-acceleration scenario; *Cassano & Brunetti 05, Cassano+06, Cassano+10*)
- **mass and redshift limit** of the observed sample
- **normalise** the number of clusters in the theoretical model to match the observed number of clusters



- we can reproduce the cumulative number of RHs (40-70 expected RH), their flux density and redshift distributions

-predict that 100-200 RH could be detected in PSZ2 clusters by the **full LoTSS**

# The quest of very steep spectrum halos



The same models predict a population of radio halos with different spectra, including a large number of very-steep spectrum halos (e.g. Cassano+06, Brunetti+08).

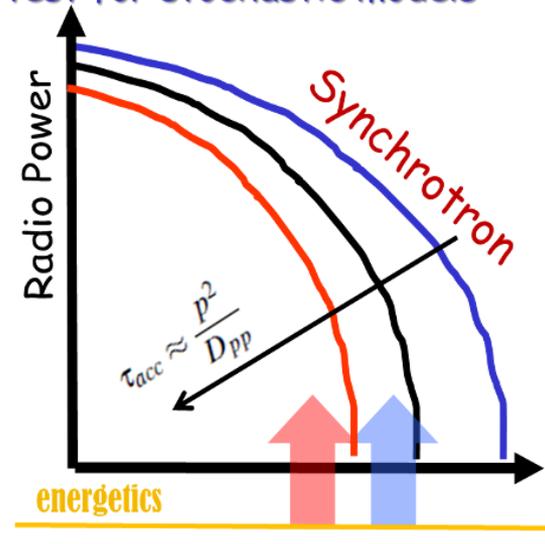
Numerous RH with very steep spectrum discovered at low radio frequencies (Brunetti+08, Macario+10, Wilbert +18, Savini+ 18, Duchesne+20 ,21, Bruno+21, di Gennaro+21, Rajpuorhit+21, Biava+21, etc..)

RH increases with mass

Caption

We are working on data at other frequencies, with **LOFAR LBA** (see **Pasini's talk**) and **uGMRT, MeerKAT** to measure RH spectrum in *unbiased* samples (from LOFAR surveys + mass selection)

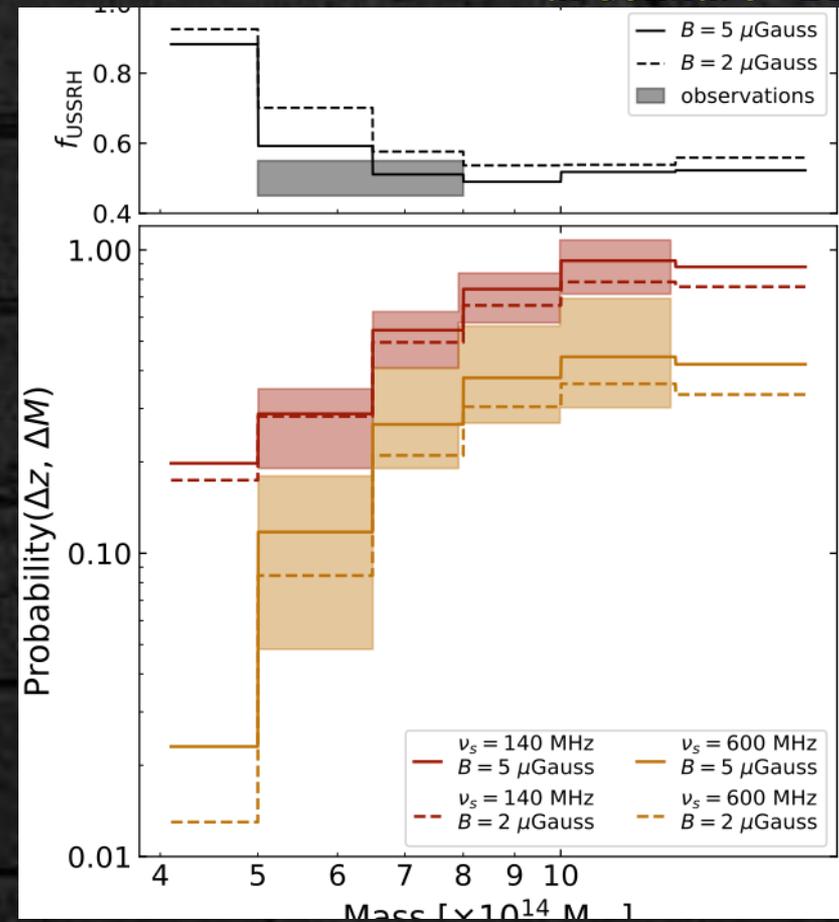
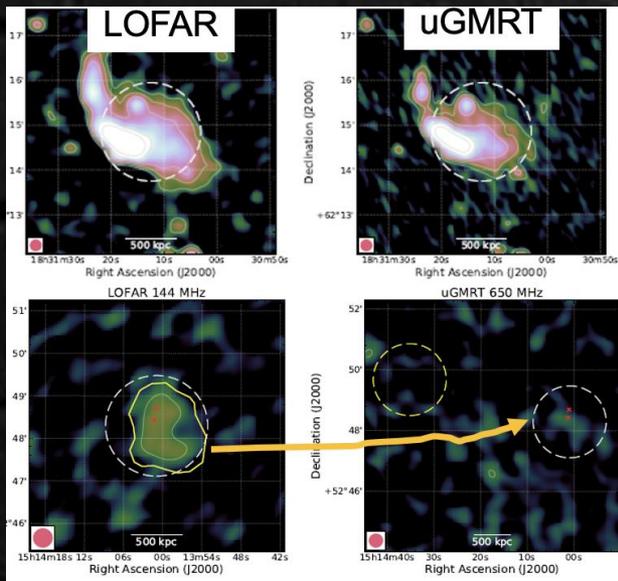
- A test for stochastic models -



# The quest of very steep spectrum halos

*di Gennaro+ 21*

The same model (and with the same parameters) explain the RH fraction measured in a sample of massive high-z clusters ( $z=0.6-0.9$ ) observed with LOFAR and followed-up at higher frequencies with the uGMRT (*di Gennaro +21*).



**50%** of the LOFAR detected RHs were found to be characterised by very steep radio spectra ( $\alpha > 1.5$ ), in line with model expectations.

# RH connection with cluster dynamics

- We investigate for the first time the RH-cluster merger connection at low radio frequencies.

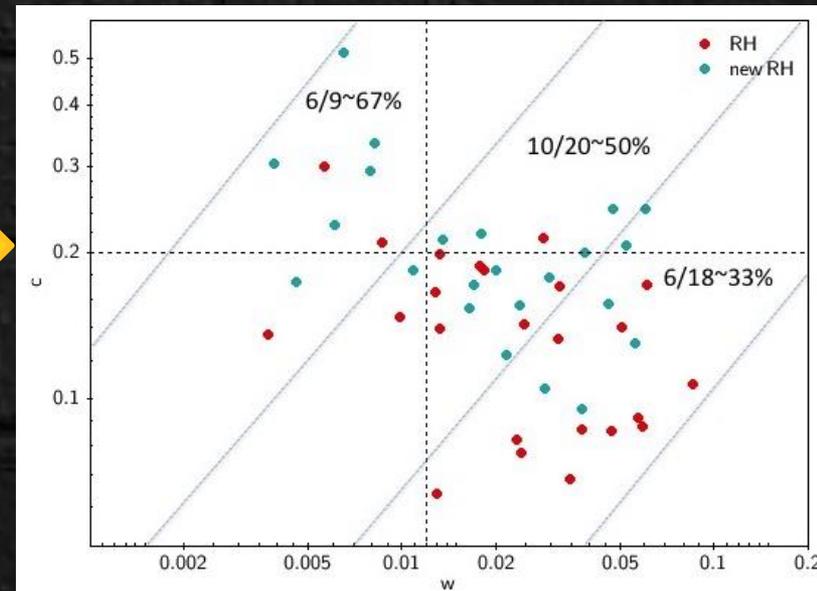
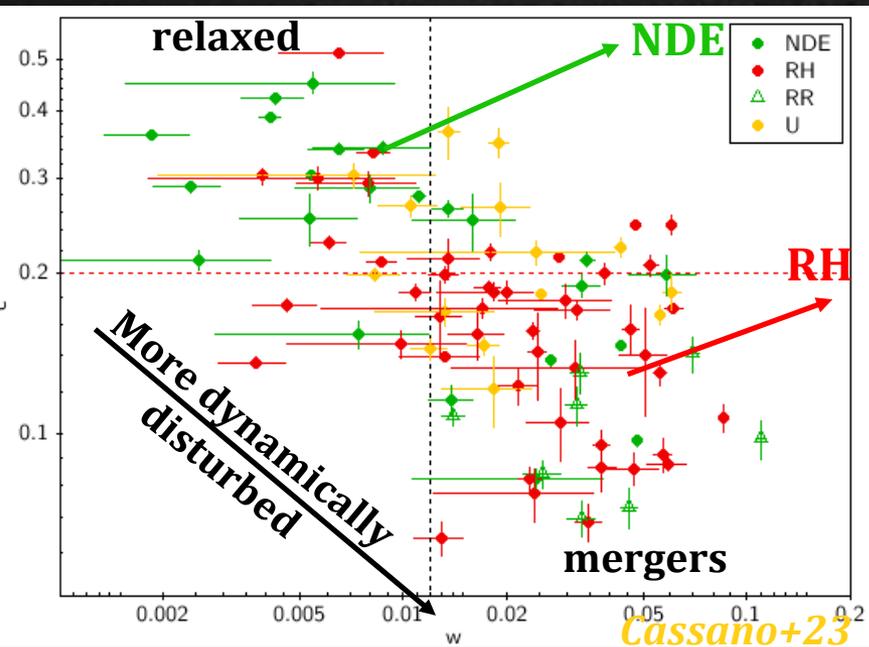
- *Observations at low radio frequency are expected to find RH also in less disturbed systems.*

☆ The fraction of clusters with **RH** increases going towards more dynamically disturbed (*merging*) systems;

☆ The fraction of newly detected RHs by LOFAR increases going from merging to more relaxed GCs.

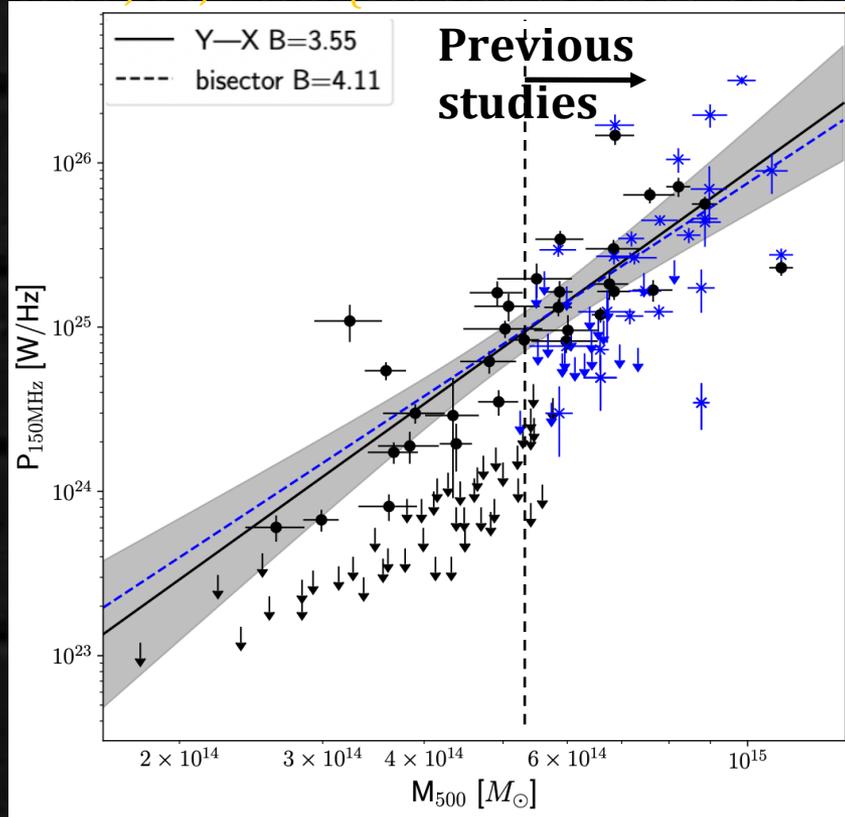
☆ LOFAR starts to observe RHs in less disturbed systems, possibly unveiling RHs with very steep radio spectra.

see also *talk by Biava*

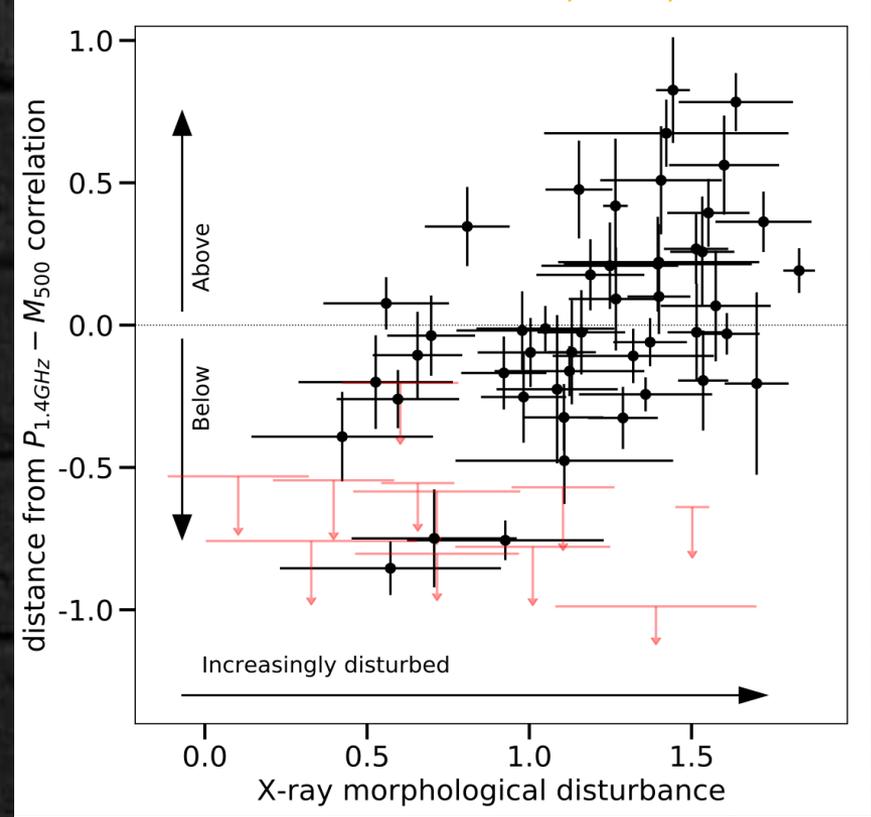


# RH power mass correlation

*Cuciti, RC, + sub. (see also van Weeren+21)*



*Cuciti, RC+, sub.*



We extend the radio-power -- cluster mass correlation towards **lower masses** with respect to previous works (*e.g.*; *Cassano+13*; *Cuciti+21*)

The **scatter** of the correlation is related to the cluster "**disturbance**": with more dynamically active clusters being scattered up in the correlations (*hints in Cuciti+21*)

# Summary

The **largest statistical** study of RH with deep ( $\sim 83 \mu\text{Jy}/\text{beam}$ ), low-frequency ( $150 \text{ MHz}$ ) observations.

A **simple version of the re-acceleration models**, that is based on homogeneous conditions in the ICM and Monte Carlo simulations of merger-turbulent connection, and that uses reference parameters already adopted in the past, **provides an excellent description of the LOFAR observations**:

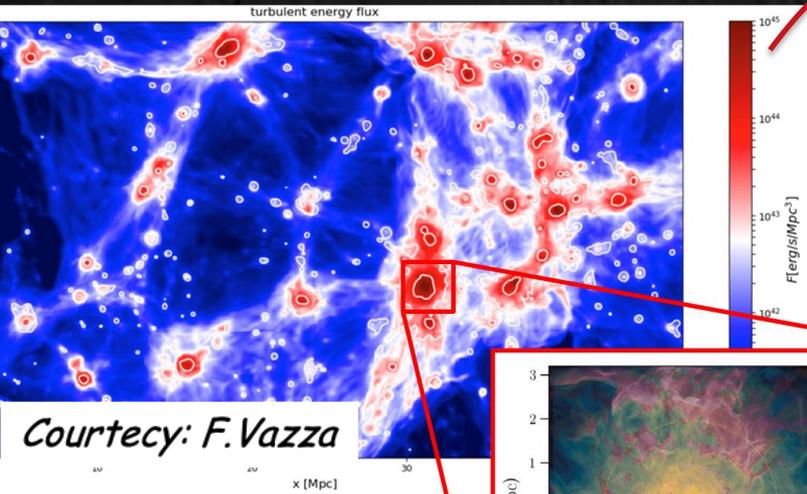
- The increase of the **occurrence** of RH at **low frequency**
- The **occurrence** of RH at **high-redshift** and the fraction of **very steep spectrum RH (50% of USSRH)**
- The number of RH and their **flux density** and **z distributions**

Radio power of halos increases with the cluster mass; the large **scatter of the correlation** is related to the **cluster dynamical status**.

**Spectral studies** are ongoing and are mandatory to complete the picture.

# TURBULENCE, SHOCKS & B IN LSS

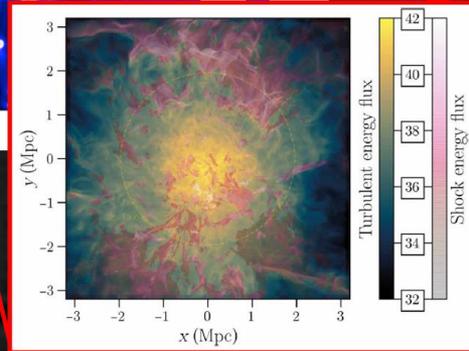
Brunetti & Vazza 2020; see also talk by Nishiwaki



turbulent energy flux

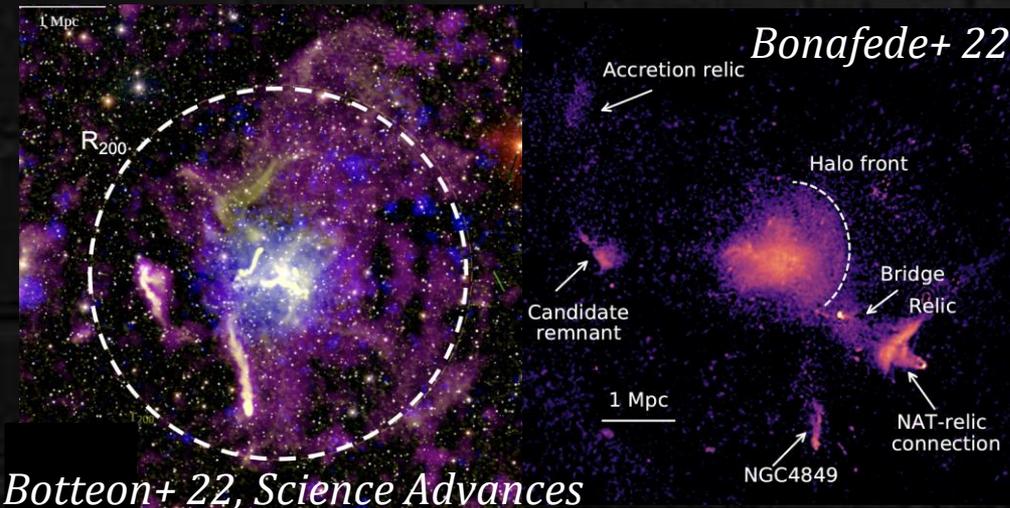
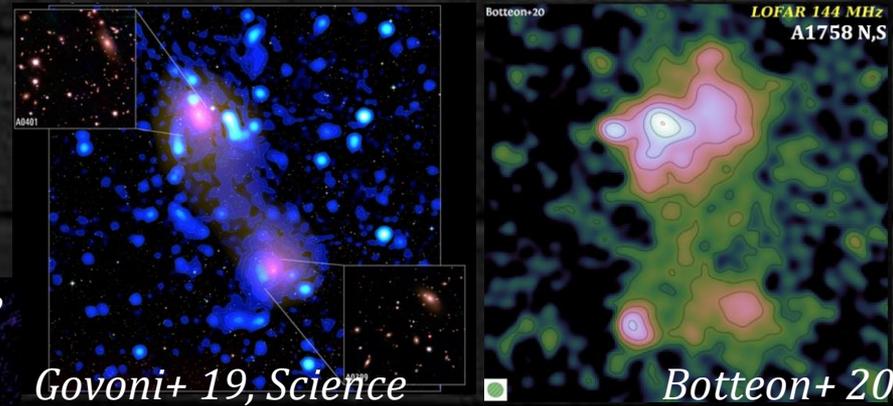
$$F = \frac{1}{2} \rho \frac{\delta V^3}{L}$$

Diffuse emission on entire cluster volume and beyond

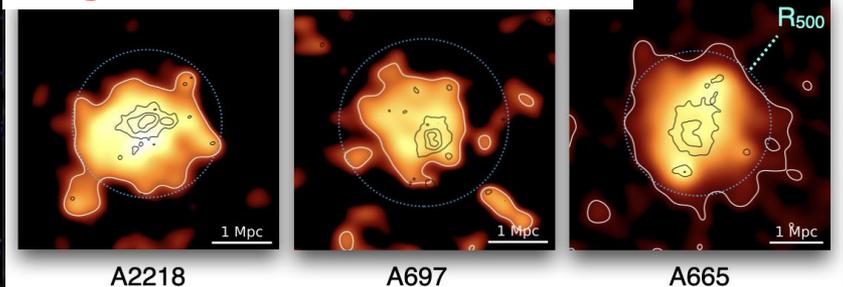


steep spectrum halos around cool-core clusters

radio bridges between pre-merging GCs



Mega-Halos: Cuciti+ 22, Nature



# Cluster-scale diffuse emission in the *LOFAR* era

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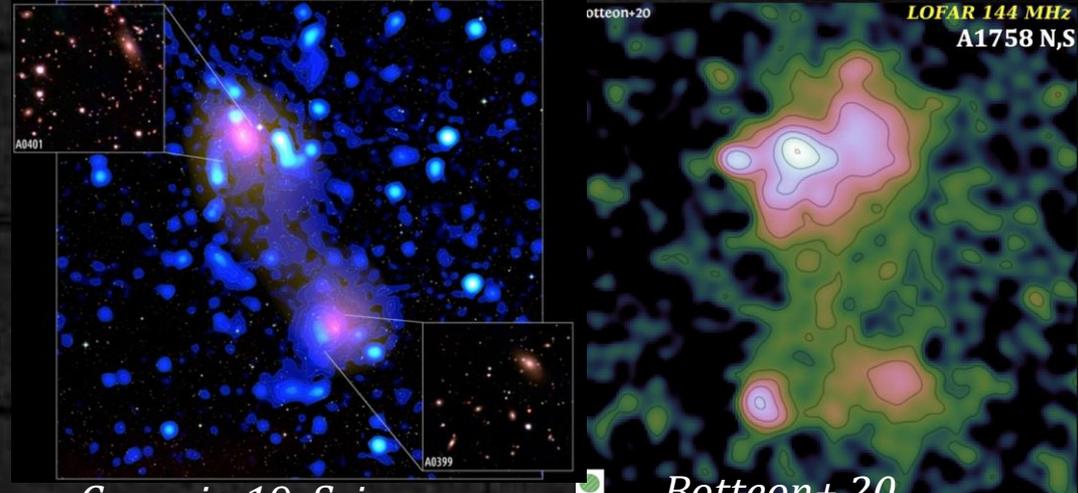
144 MHz LOFAR  
22" × 19"  
310 μJy/beam  
610 MHz GMRT  
5" × 4"  
40 μJy/beam

100 kpc

$\alpha > 1.7-2$

Savini+sub, Biava+21

steep spectrum halos  
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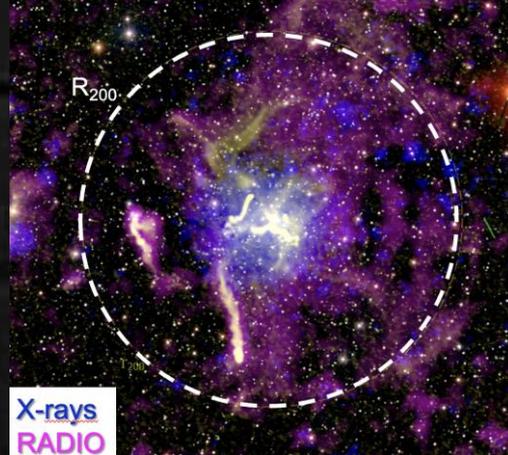
Govoni+ 19, Science

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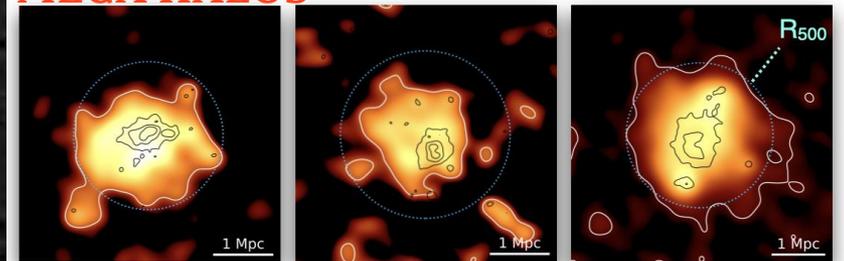
radio bridges between pre-merging clusters

Diffuse  
emission on  
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MEGA HALOS

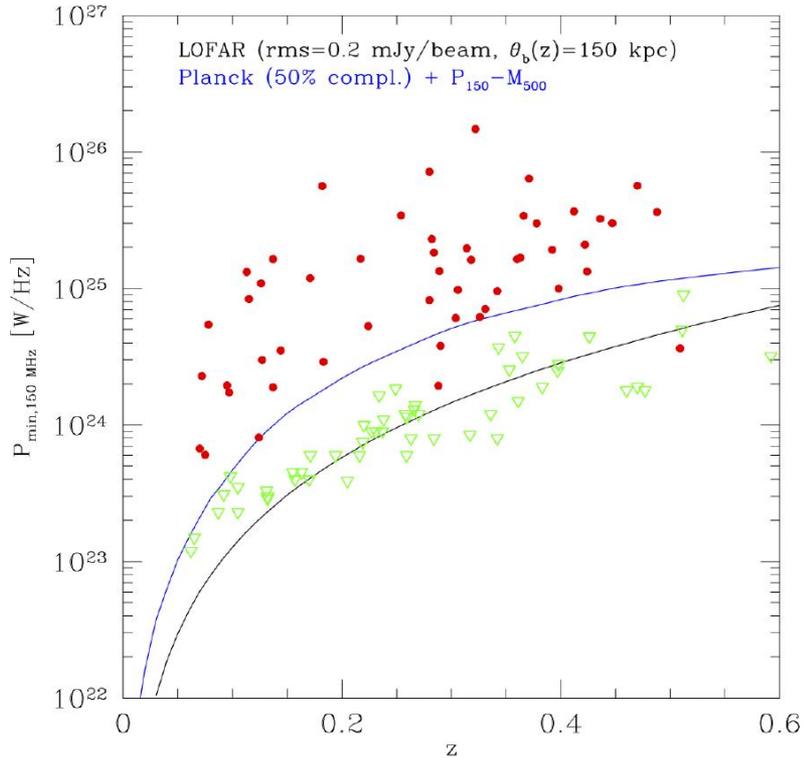


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Cuciti+ 22, Nature

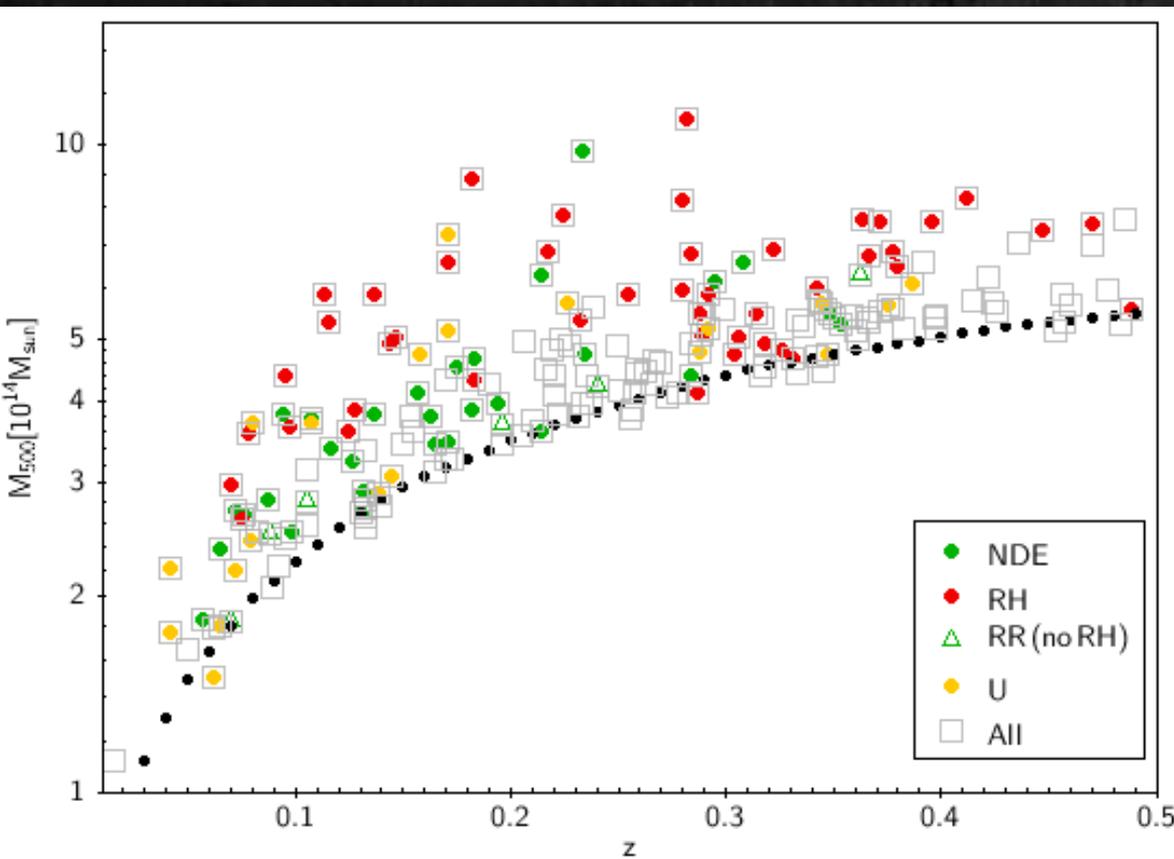


This plot allows determining the minimum power of a RH that could be detected in LoTSS-DR2. We also report an analytic expression that we used in previous papers (Cassano et al. 2010a, 2012) to estimate the minimum flux density of an RH that can be detected in a given survey by assuming that the halo is detectable when the integrated flux within  $2 \times \theta_e$  ( $\theta_e$  is the angular size corresponding to the  $e$ -folding radius  $r_e$ ) gives a signal-to-noise ratio  $\xi$ , i.e.  $f_{\min}(<2\theta_e) \simeq 0.75 f_{\min}(<3\theta_e) \simeq \xi \sqrt{N_b} \times F_{\text{rms}}$ , where  $N_b$  is the number of independent beams within  $2\theta_e$ . It follows that

$$f_{\min}(<3\theta_e, z) \simeq 4.44 \times 10^{-3} \xi \left( \frac{F_{\text{rms}}}{10 \mu\text{Jy}} \right) \left( \frac{10 \text{ arcsec}}{\theta_b} \right) \left( \frac{\theta_e(z)}{\text{arcsec}} \right) [\text{mJy}], \quad (2)$$

where  $F_{\text{rms}}$  is the rms noise in  $\mu\text{Jy}$ , and  $\theta_b$  is the beam angular size in arcsec. The corresponding minimum radio power  $P_{\min}(z)$  is reported in Fig. 2 as the black line assuming  $F_{\text{rms}} = 200 \mu\text{Jy beam}^{-1}$ ,  $\theta_b = \theta_b(z)$  depending on redshift with a fixed linear size of 150 kpc (see the data reduction strategy described in Paper I) and  $\theta_e$  corresponding to  $r_e = 170$  kpc (which is about the median values of  $r_e$  in our sample). With this parameter choice, Eq. (2) with  $\xi = 5$  roughly describes the behaviour of the upper limits as a function of redshift. The blue line in Fig. 2 was obtained by applying the  $P_{150\text{MHz}}-M_{500}$  best-fit relation to the 50% *Planck* completeness line reported in Fig. 1. It indicates the minimum power of RHs in PSZ2 clusters under the assumption that they follow the radio power-mass correlation. The fact that this line is always above the line traced by the upper limits indicates that LOFAR would be able to detect RHs in clusters with a mass above the 50% completeness line. As a consequence, to compare model expectations with observations, we used the blue line to determine the minimum power of a detectable RH in PSZ2 clusters that lie above the 50% completeness line at each redshift (see Sect. 5, for details).

# RH connection with cluster dynamics



In the total sample:

**31%** have RH

**47%** have NDE

**4%** have RR

**18%** have U

In the “morphological”  
sample:

**44%** have RH

**30%** have NDE

**6%** have RR

**20%** have U

*Cassano+, in prep.*

# How many RH await discovery in LoTSS?



By considering the **fraction** of clusters with RH in PSZ2

$$f_{\text{RH}} \sim 31\% \quad (f_{\text{U}} \sim 17\%)$$

and the number of PSZ2 clusters in the LoTSS (**835** clusters)

=> **260-400** RH in all LoTSS.

By considering the **number** of clusters with RH in PSZ2/DR2 clusters

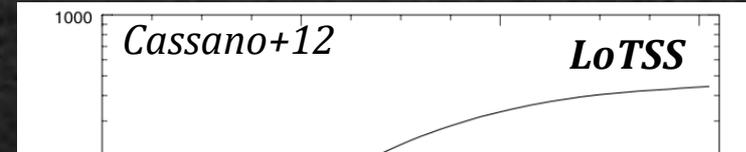
$$N_{\text{RH}} \sim 83 \quad (N_{\text{U}} \sim 43)$$

and correcting for the ratio of the sky coverage  $(5634/21000) = \mathbf{0.27}$

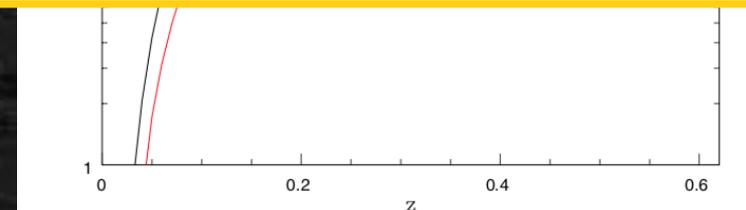
=> **300-450** RH in all LoTSS

These extrapolations are in line with model expectations which give **~350-500** RH in all LoTSS (*Cassano+10, 12, 15*).

About **half** of RH in PSZ2 clusters are new discovery. Model expectations imply that **~50% of RH** in LoTSS is expected to **have ultra-steep spectra** (*Cassano+12*).

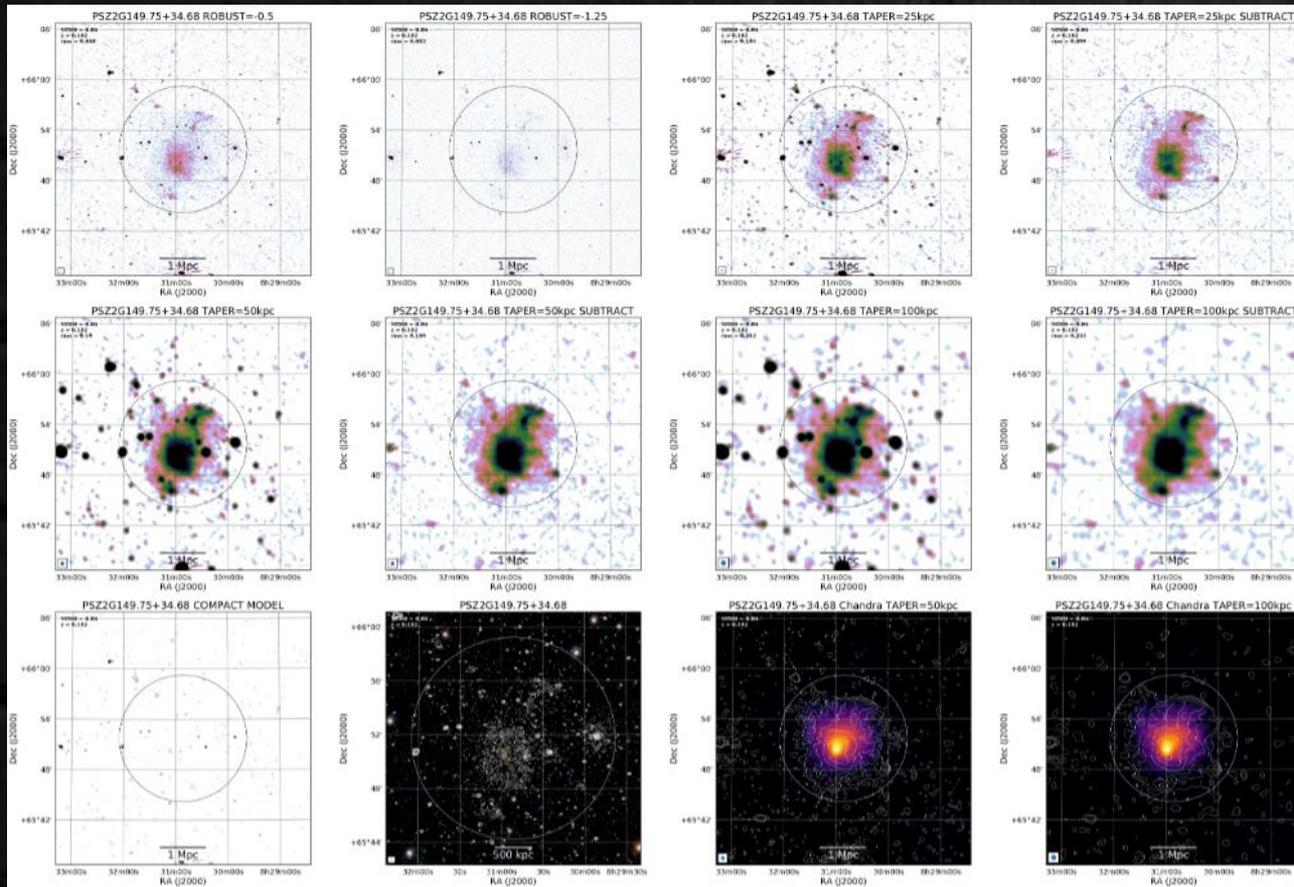


A first uGMRT follow-up of **high-z RH** discovered by LOFAR found that about **half of these halos have ultra-steep spectra** ( $\alpha > 1.5$ ; Di Gennaro+21) in line with model expectations.



# Images and classification

Botteon+ 22



The *image quality* was improved compared with that of **LoTSS-DR2**

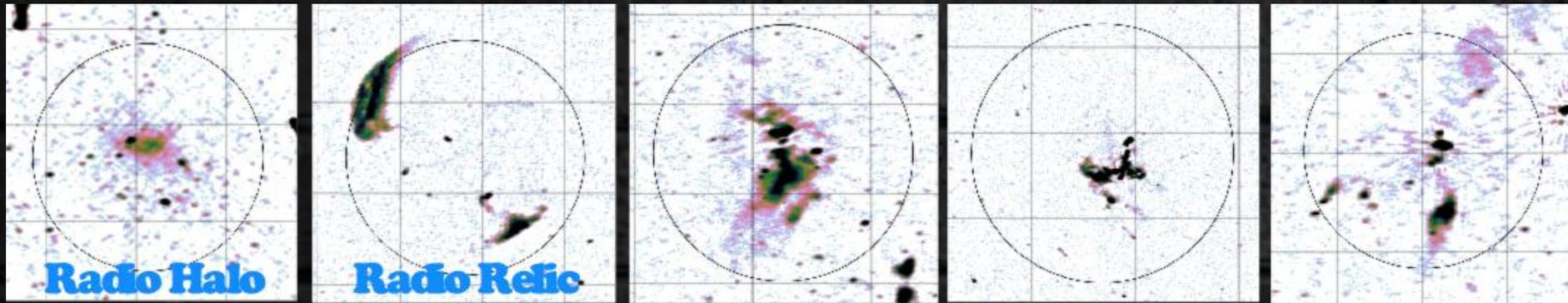
“Extraction+selfcal” method  
(vanWeeren+21)

Each cluster was re-processed to *improve* the calibration towards its direction, and a number of images were produced for *science*:

- 1) LoTSS-like image
- 2) High-resolution image
- 3) 25 kpc res images (with/without sources)
- 4) 50 kpc res images (with/without sources)
- 5) 100 kpc res images (with/without sources)
- 6) Model of compact sources
- 7) Optical overlay
- 8) Chandra/XMM overlays

# Images and classification

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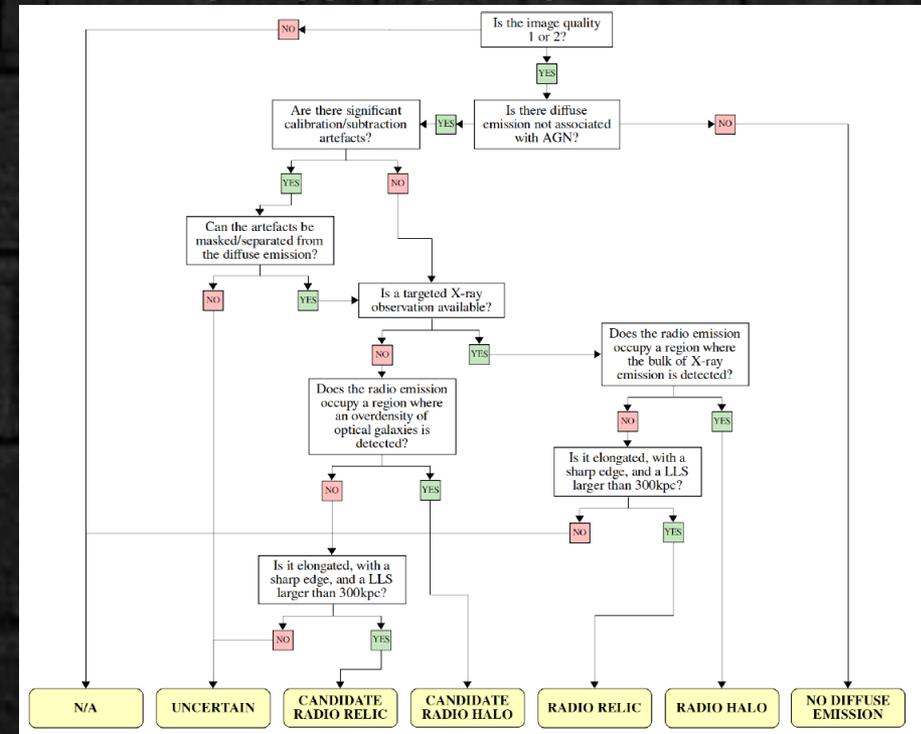


Classification was not an easy task!

Classification of sources done by 4 persons (Botteon, Cassano, Cuciti, Shimwell), using a *decision tree* to be as **objective** as possible

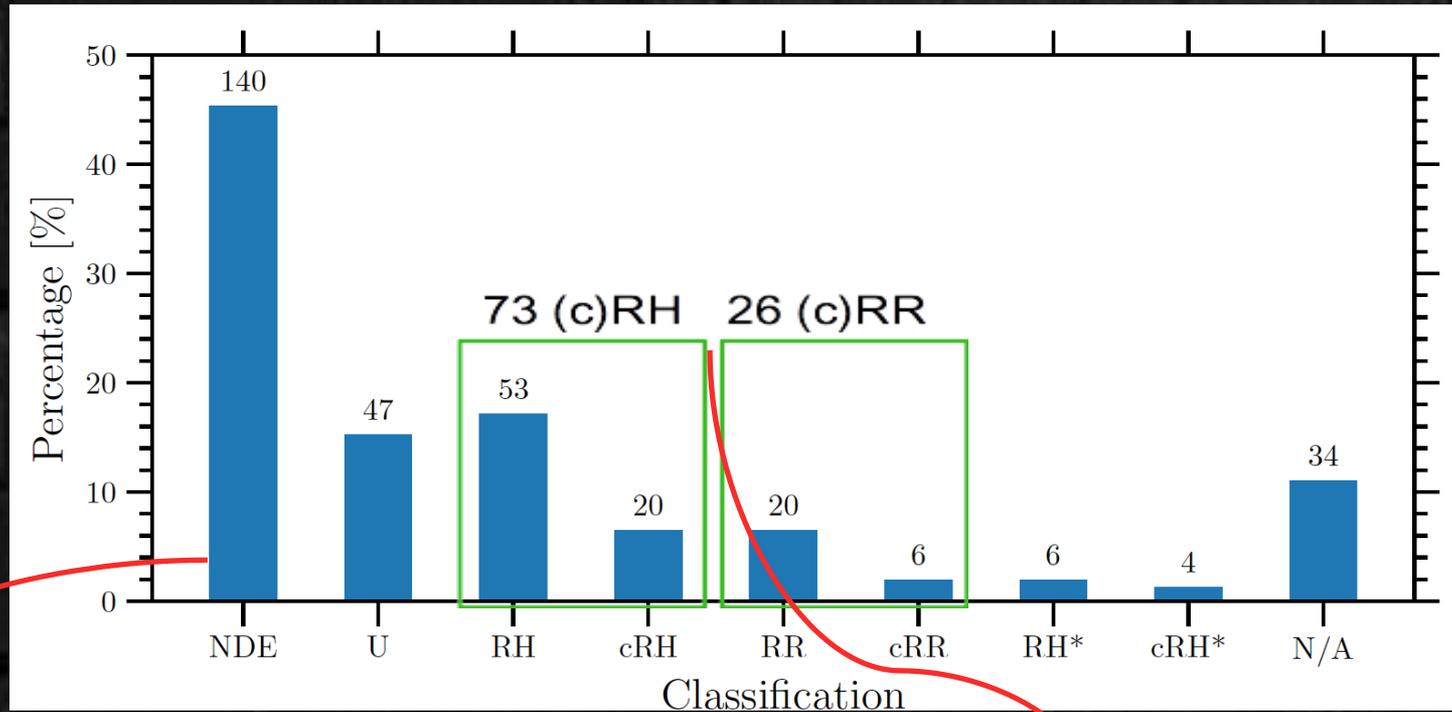
- **No diffuse emission** (NDE)
- **Radio halos** (RH) → (candidate, if X-ray is missing)
- **Radio relics** (RR) → (candidate, if X-ray is missing)
- **Uncertain** (U)
- **Not applicable** (N/A)

## CLASSIFICATION TREE



# Numbers and fractions

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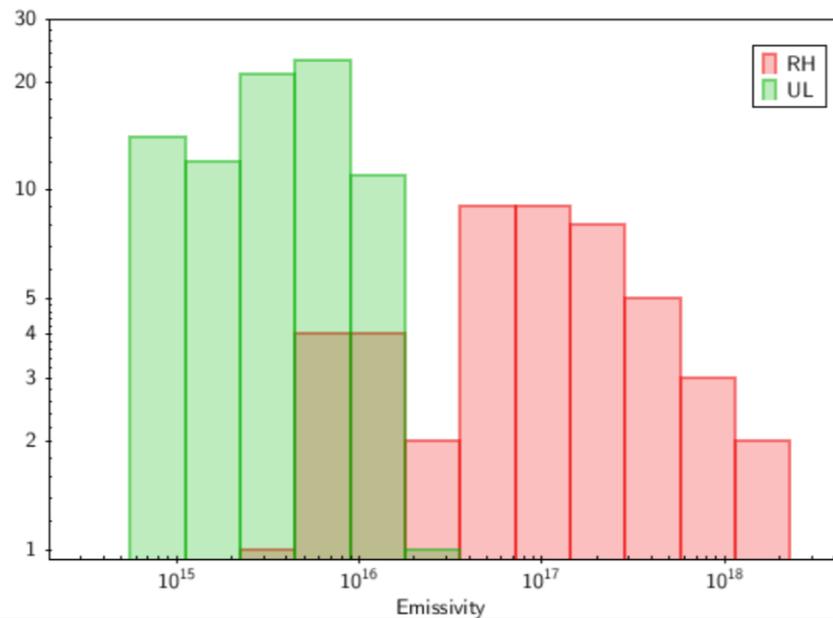
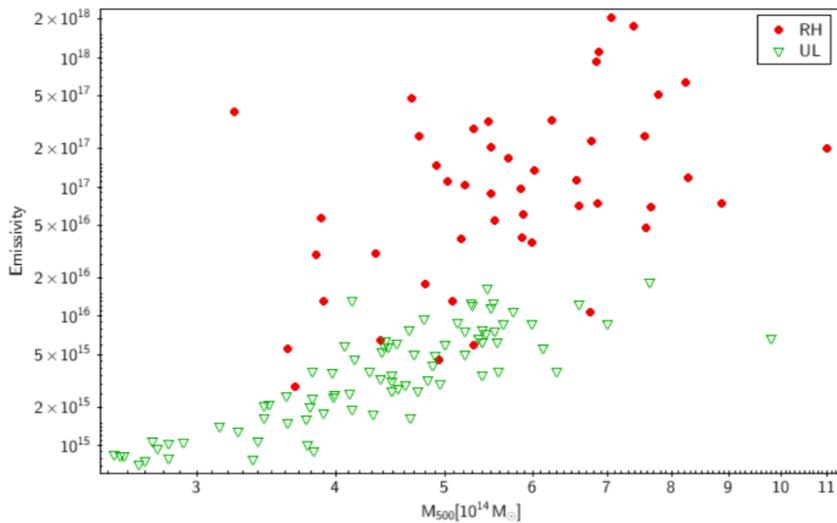
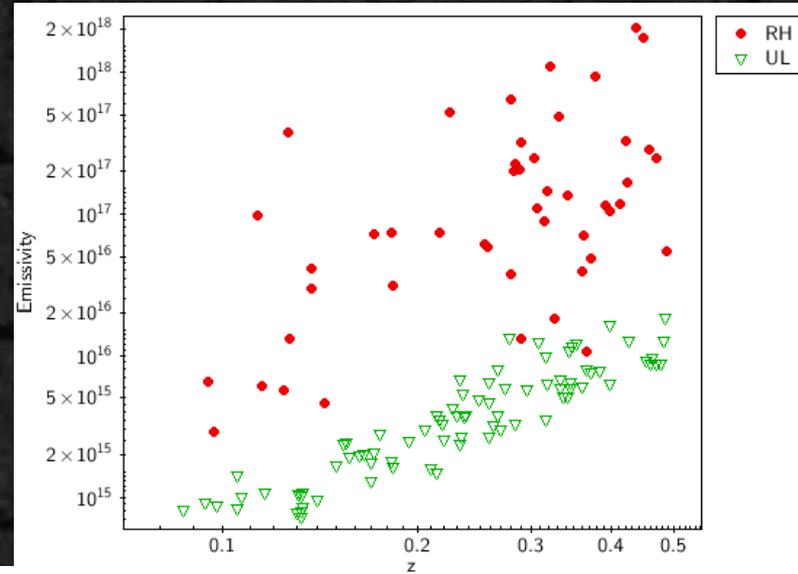
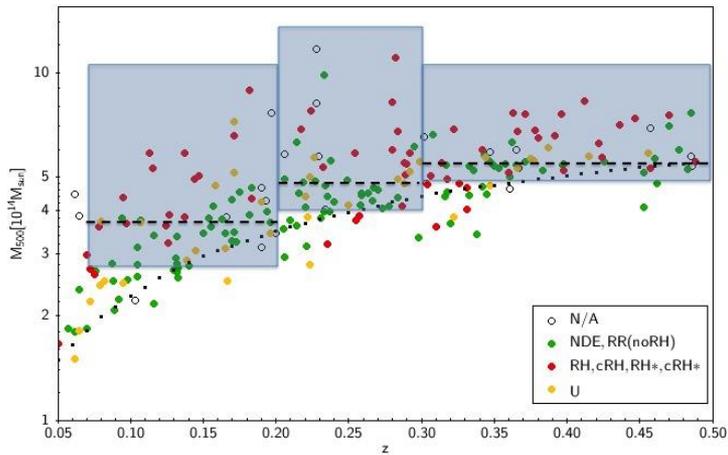


About half of the clusters in the sample does not host diffuse emission not associated with AGN

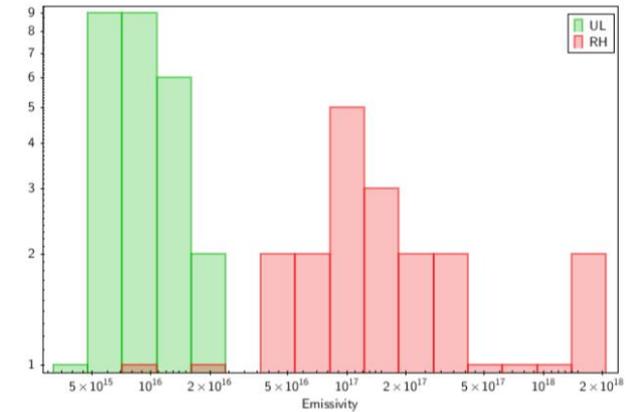
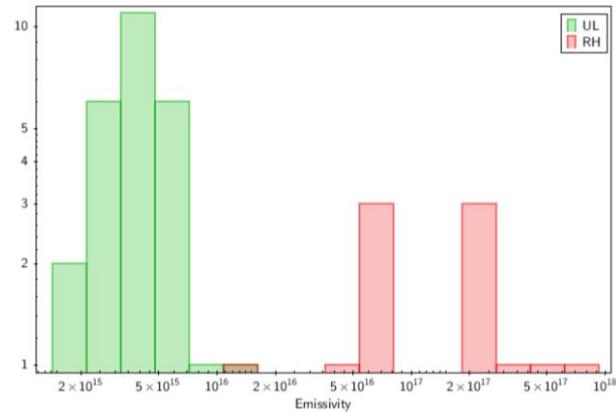
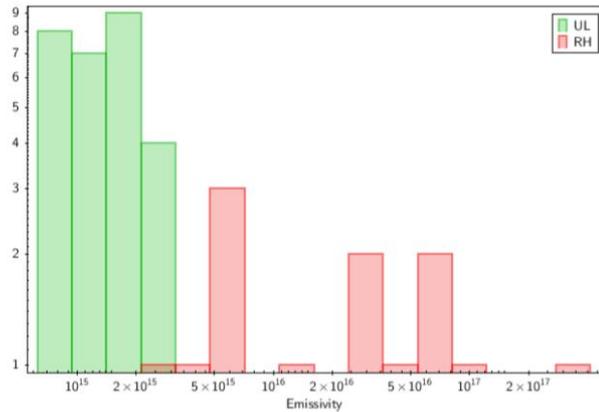
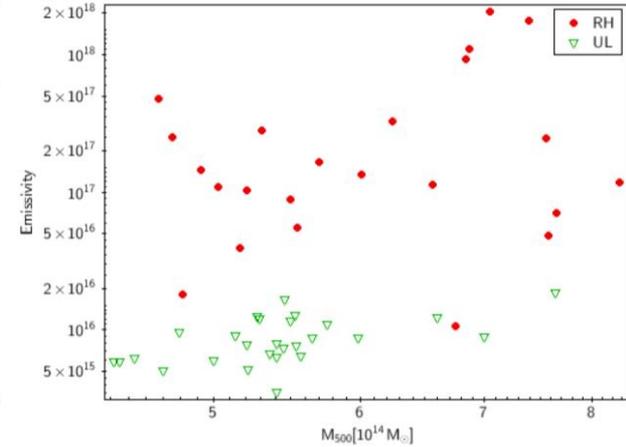
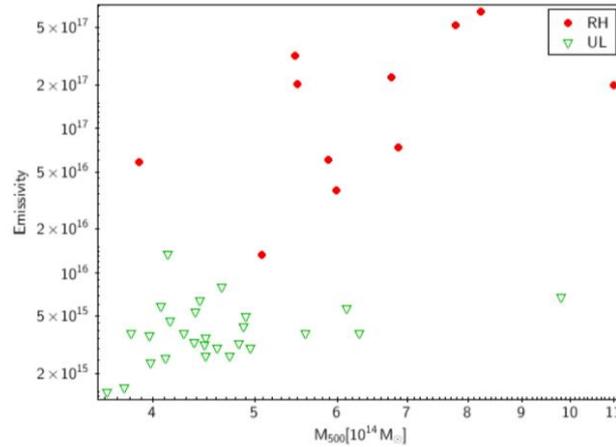
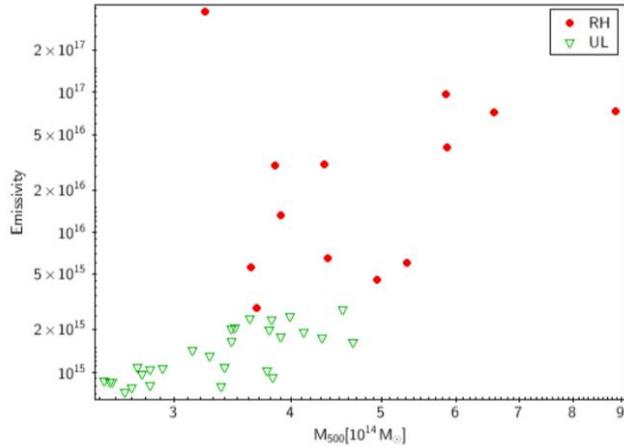
Computation of **UL** (*Bruno+, in prep.*)

About *half* of the *(c)RH* and *(c)RR* are **new discoveries!**

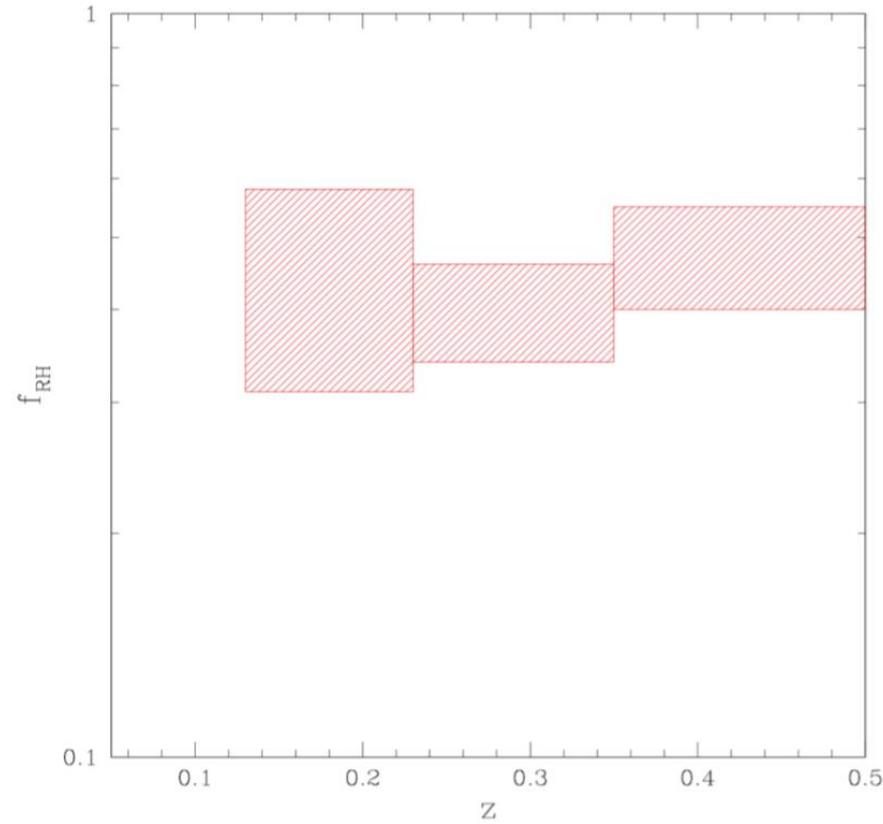
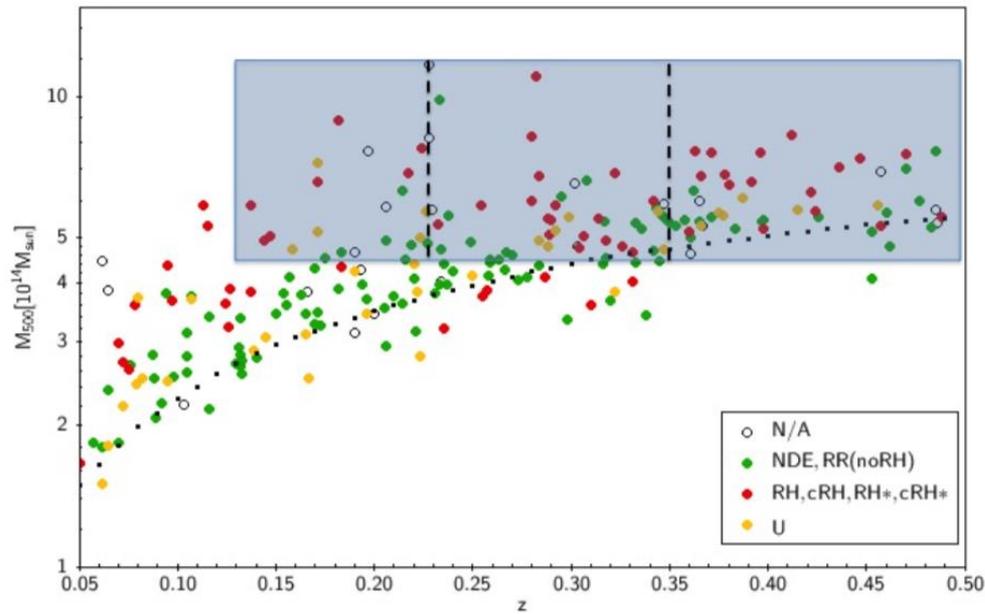
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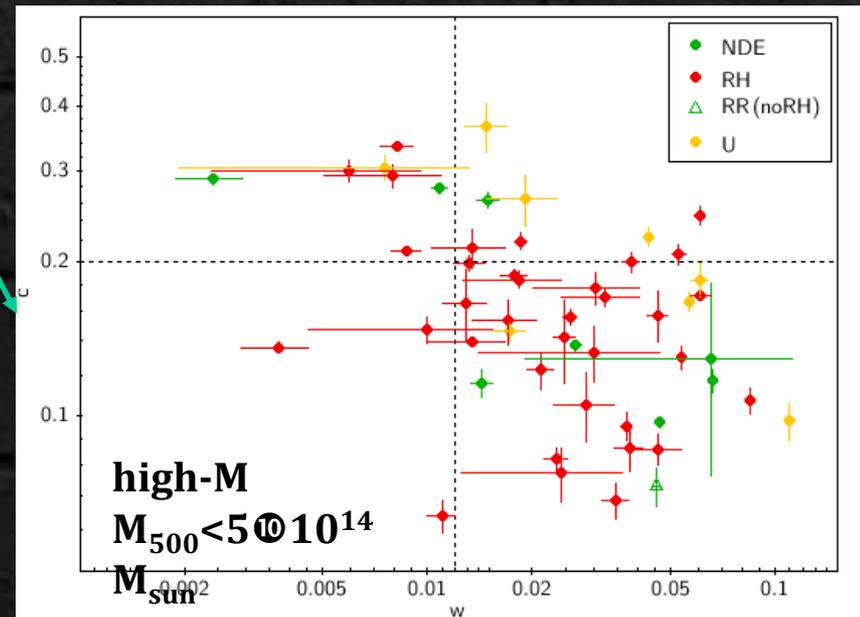
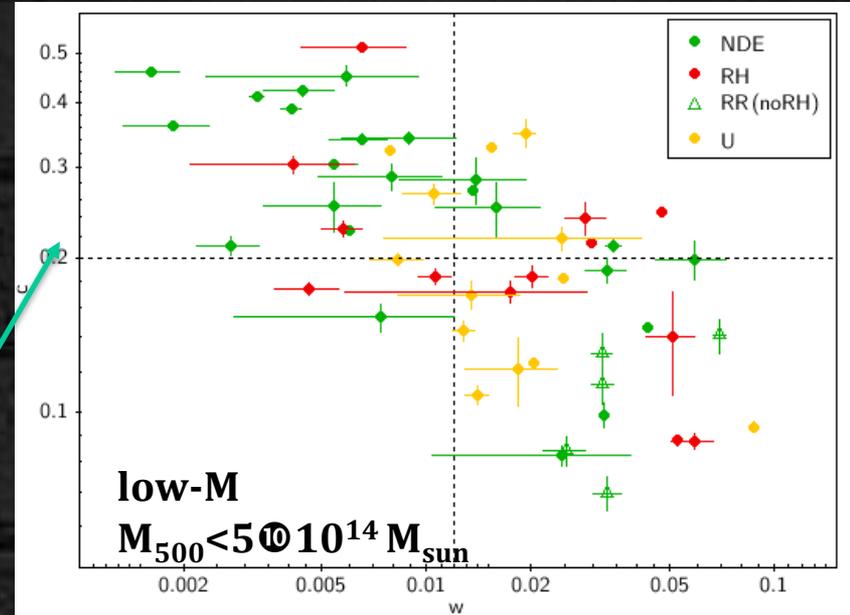
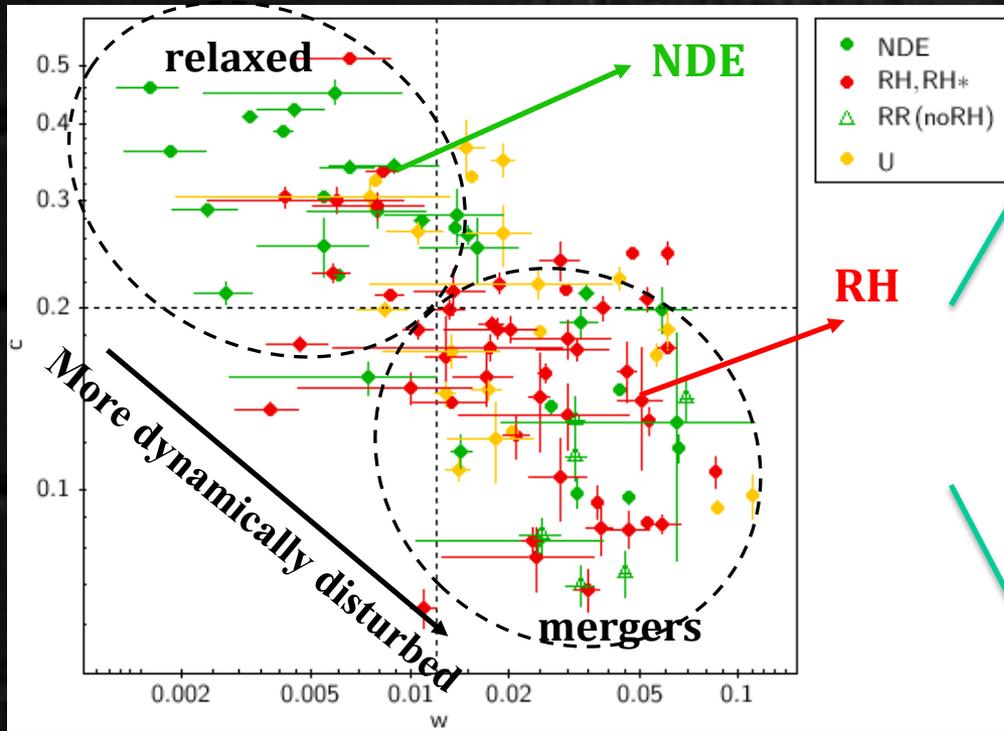
# RH emissivity



# RH occurrence with redshift



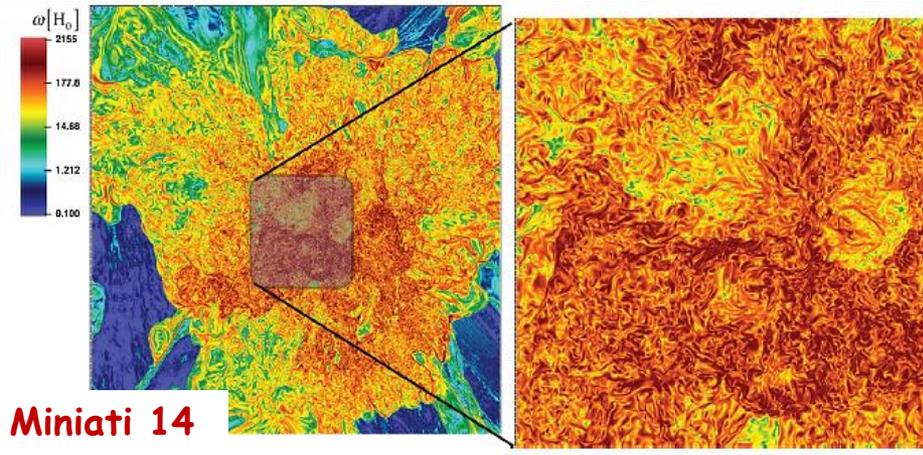
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# PRESENT PICTURE for Giant Radio Halos

Brunetti & Jones 14, van Weeren + 19, reviews

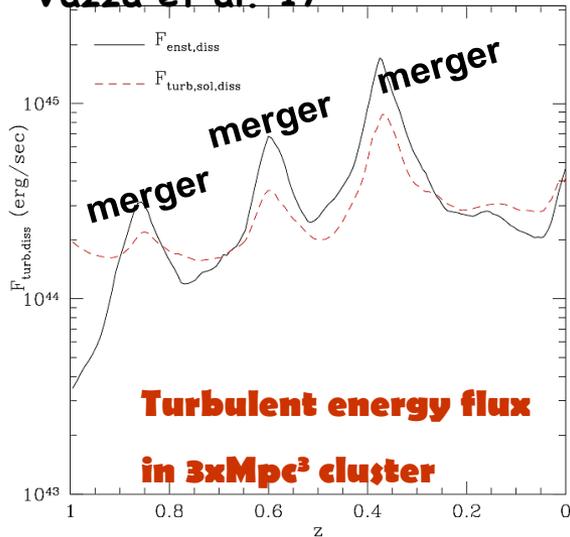
- Galaxy clusters form via a hierarchical sequence of **mergers** and accretion of smaller systems driven by DM
- Mergers drive **turbulence** and **shocks** in the ICM
- Turbulence power reacceleration mechanisms based on second-order Fermi



Miniati 14

Turbulent Luminosity  $\approx 10^5 \times$  Radio Luminosity

Vazza et al. 17



**Turbulent energy flux  
in  $3 \times \text{Mpc}^3$  cluster**

Turbulent energy flux

Particles heating/acceleration rate

$$\rho_{ICM} \delta V^3 L^{-1} \eta_{CRe} \sim \int d^3 p E \frac{\partial f_e}{\partial t}$$

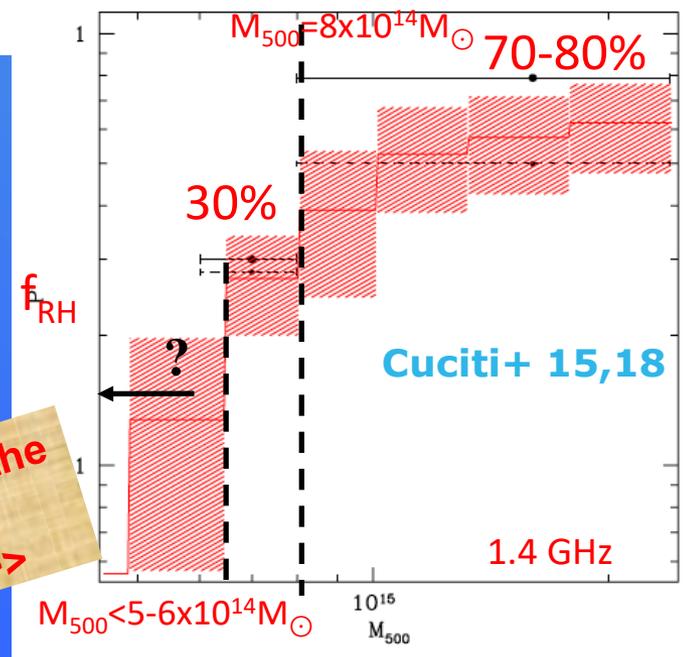
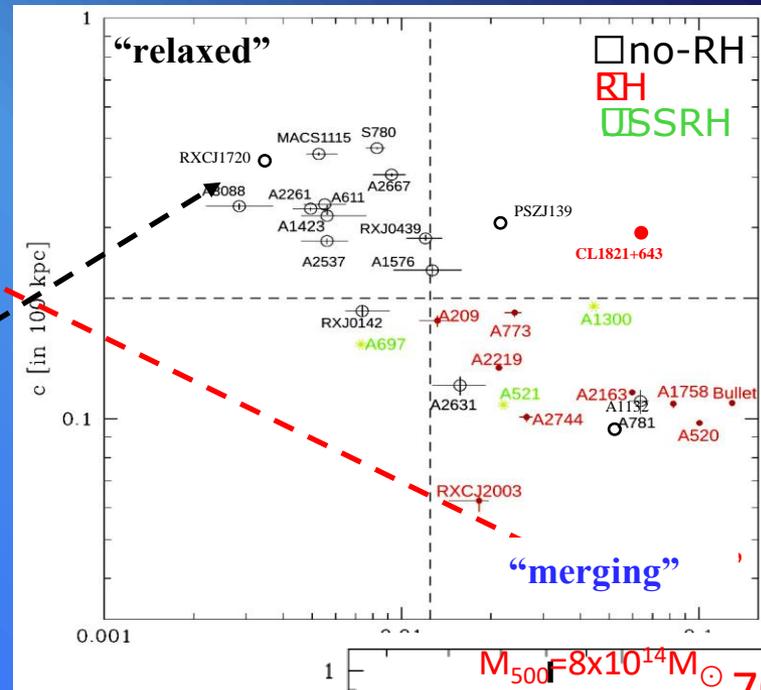
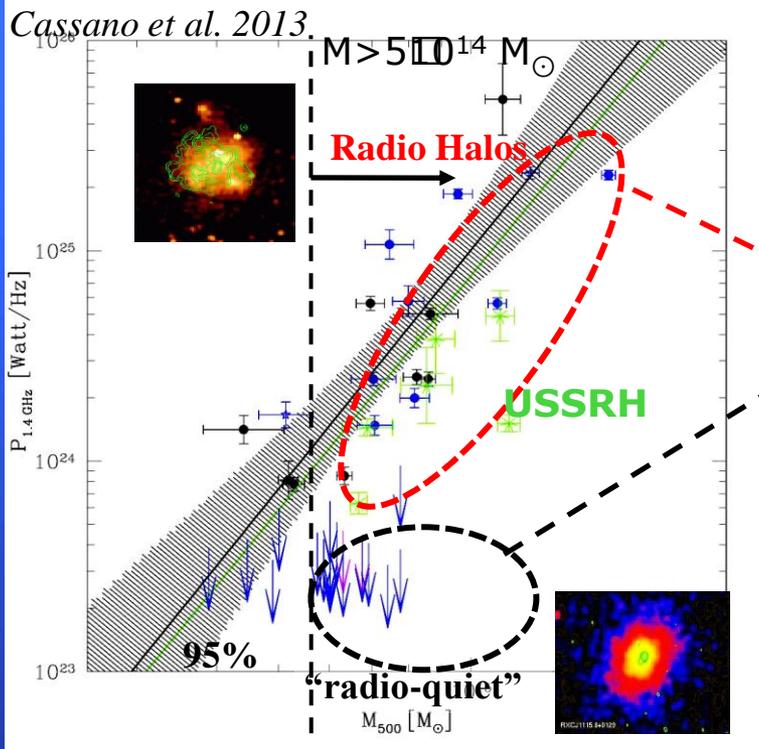


Radiation:  
Syn + ICS



**GRH in merging clusters of galaxies**

# RH – cluster merger (GHz frequency)



<<Mass sets the energy available>>

- ✓ RH in the most dynamically “disturbed” systems, clusters without diffuse radio emission more “relaxed”
- ✓ fraction of clusters with RH increases with the cluster mass:  
drop of  $f_{RH}$  at lower masses

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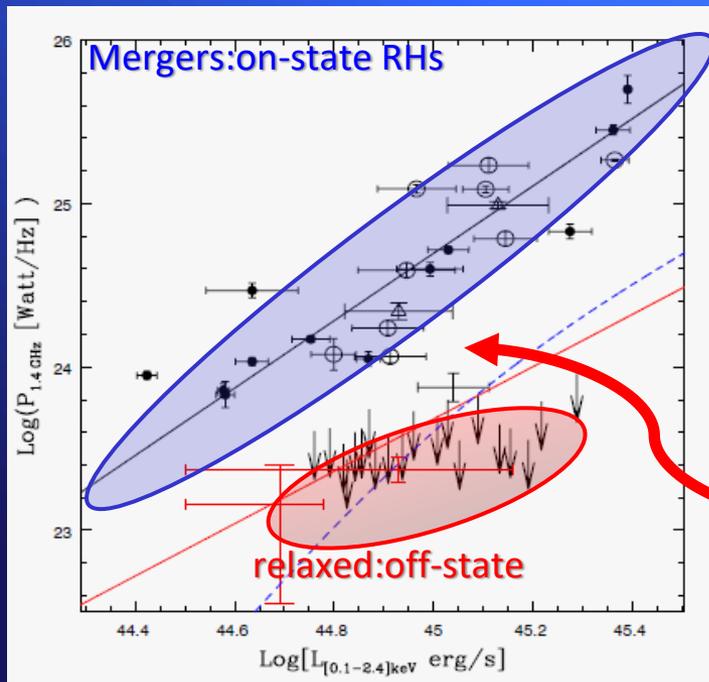
Hadronic interactions produce secondary electrons (e.g., *Dennison 80; Blasi & Colafrancesco 99*).

$p_{\text{th}} + p_{\text{CR}} \rightarrow \pi^{\pm} + \pi^0 + \dots \rightarrow \pi^0 \rightarrow \gamma\gamma \rightarrow$  **gamma ray**

$\pi^{\pm} \rightarrow e^{\pm} \rightarrow$  **synchrotron radio**

emission

Radio and gamma-rays (FERMI) studies indicate that secondaries have not a dominant role in the generation of giant radio halos (e.g., *Brunetti et al. 08; Ackermann +13, 15*)

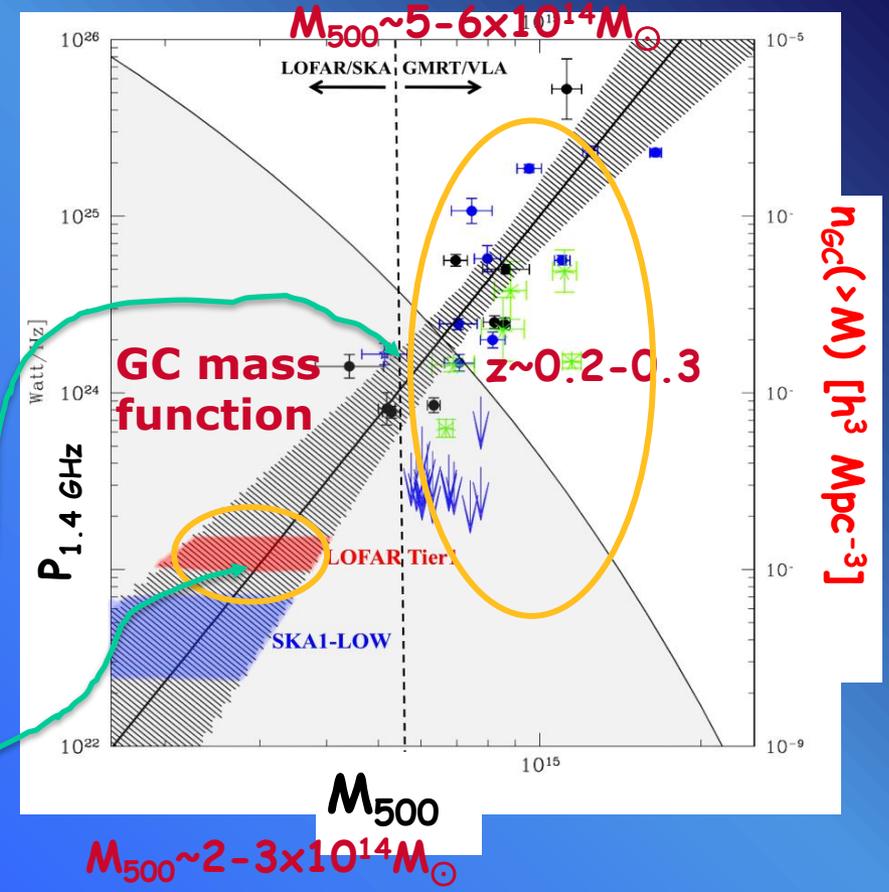
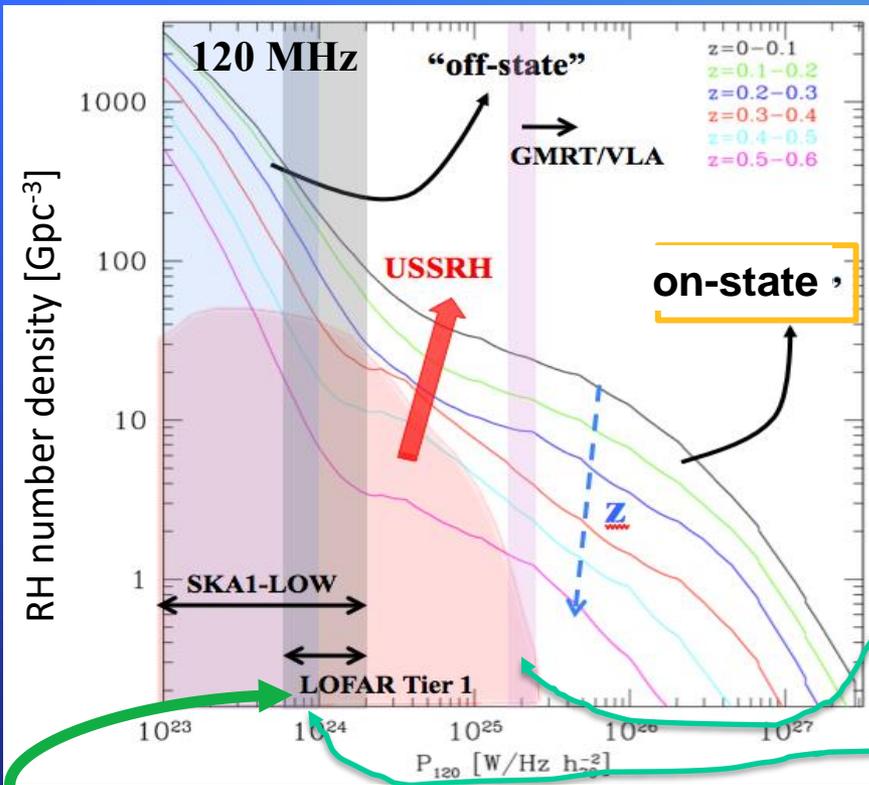


More relaxed clusters are expected to produce low power “off state” halos, fainter than classical RHs (*Brunetti & Lazarian 11; Donnert +13*).

✓ Possible detection of “**off-state**” halos from stacking analysis (*Brown + 11*) and a likely detection in CIZA J1938.3 (~8 times below the correlations; *Bonafede + 15*).

# How much the present view is biased?

from Monte Carlo simulations  
(see also Cassano et al. 10, 12, 15)



LOFAR rms sensitivity  $\approx 200 \mu\text{Jy/b}$  at 20 arcsec res. (e.g. van Weeren + 16).

**Complex** population of GRH: depending on sensitivity of the observations

High sensitivity low-frequency obs. : **USSRH** and **off-state** hadronic halos dominate low radio powers

# Statistical exploitation of GCs in LoTSS

## LOFAR Two-metre Sky Survey (LoTSS, Shimwell+17, 19)

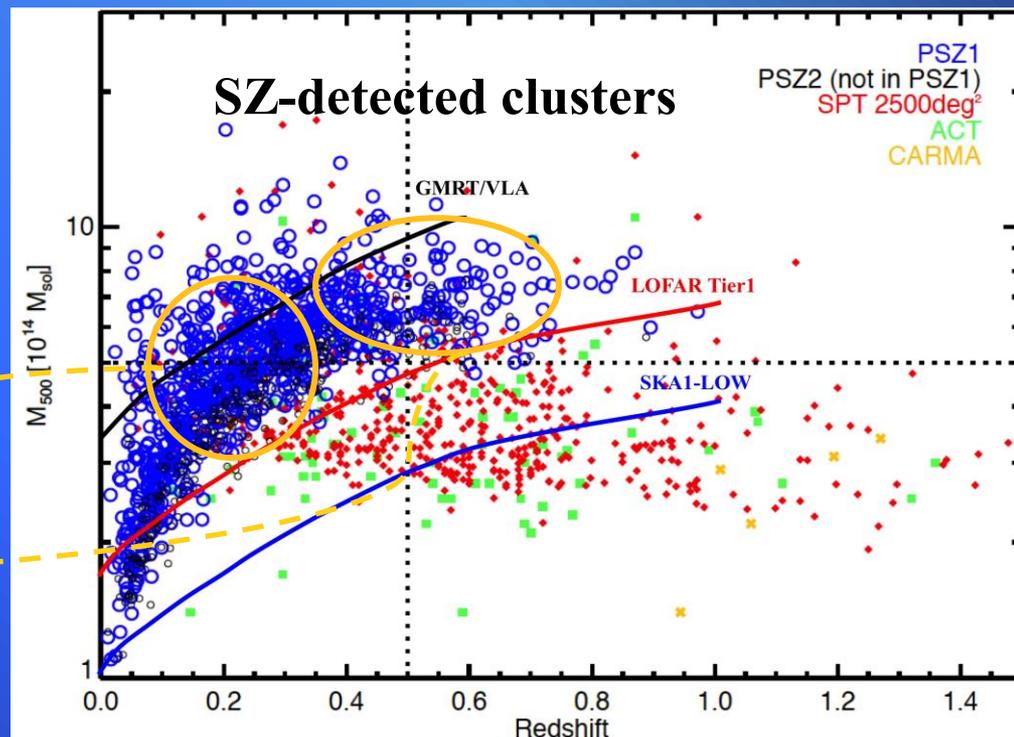
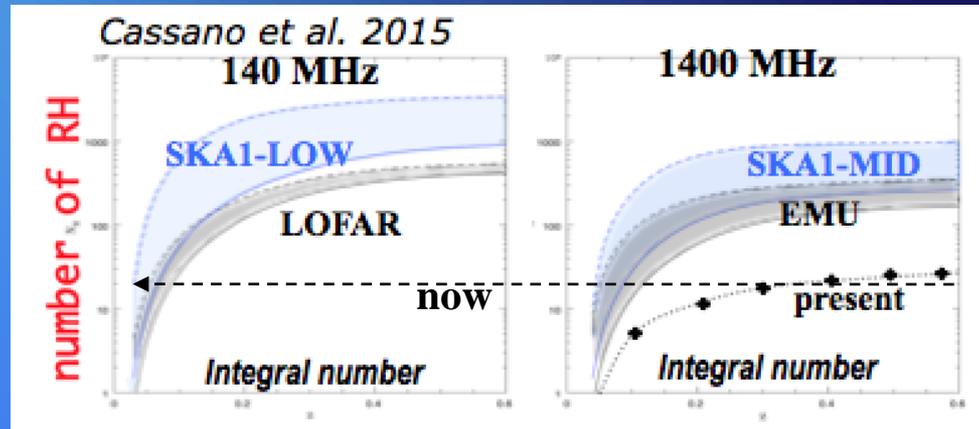
Area: all the northern sky  
( $\sim 20,627 \text{ deg}^2$ )

Frequency: 120-168 MHz,  
resolution  $\sim 6''$ ,

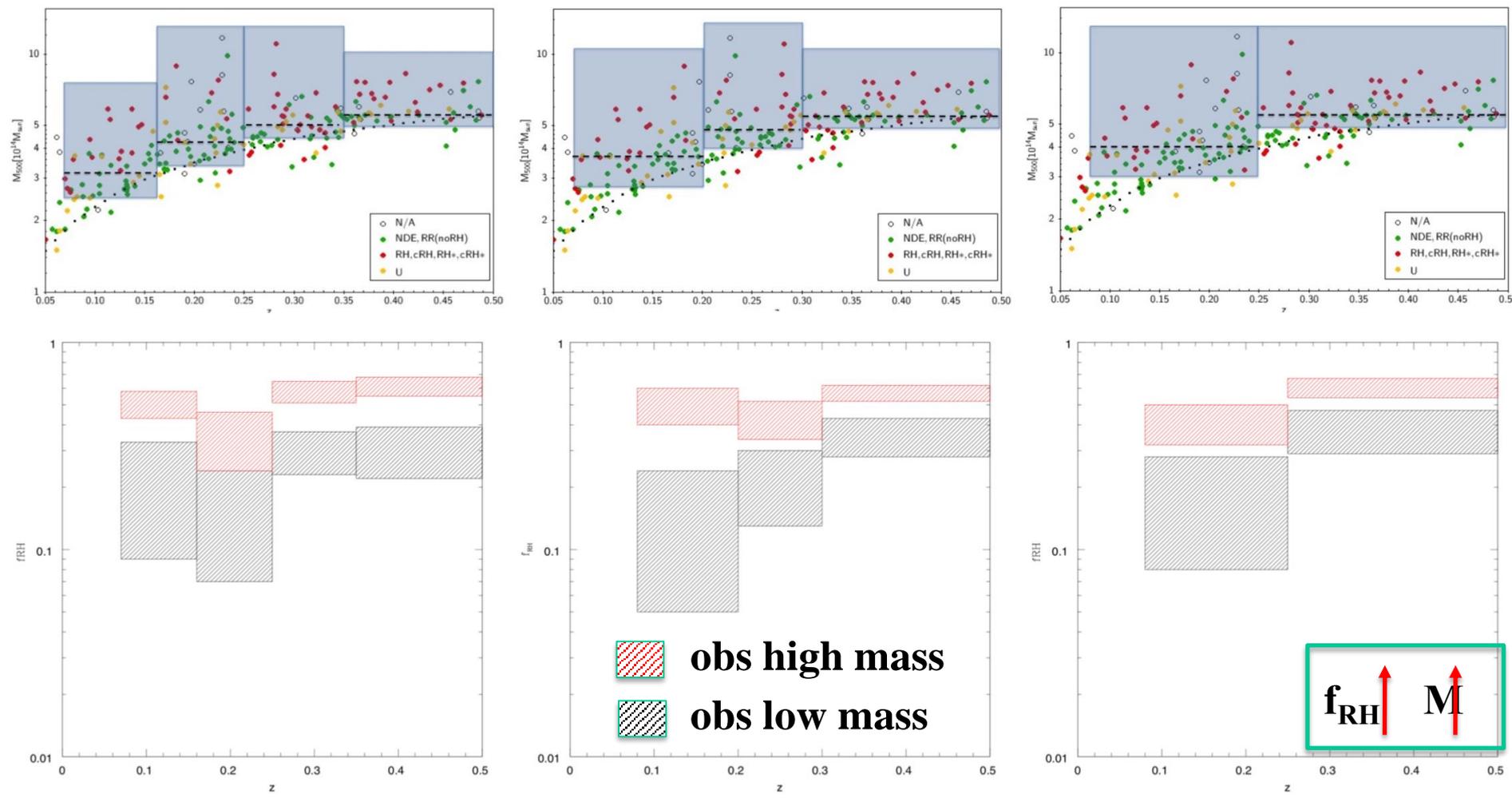
rms =  $100 \mu\text{Jy}/\text{beam}$

FoV:  $6.4 \text{ deg}^2$

LoTSS could discover up to  $\sim 500$  RH:  
 $M_{500} > 2-3 \times 10^{14} M_{\odot}$  ( $z \sim 0.2-0.3$ )  
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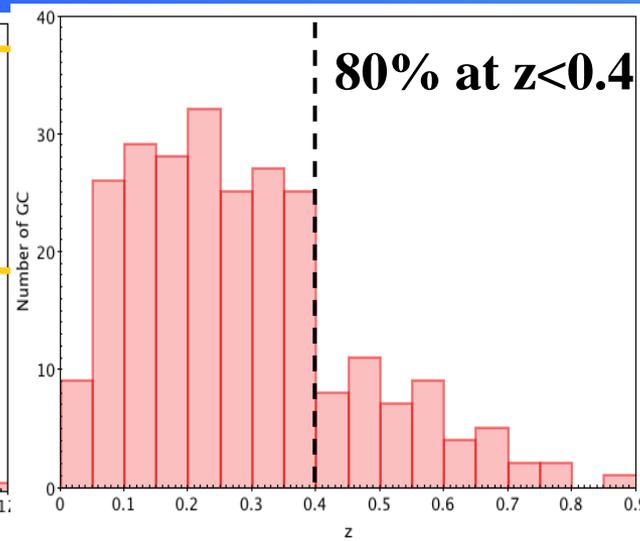
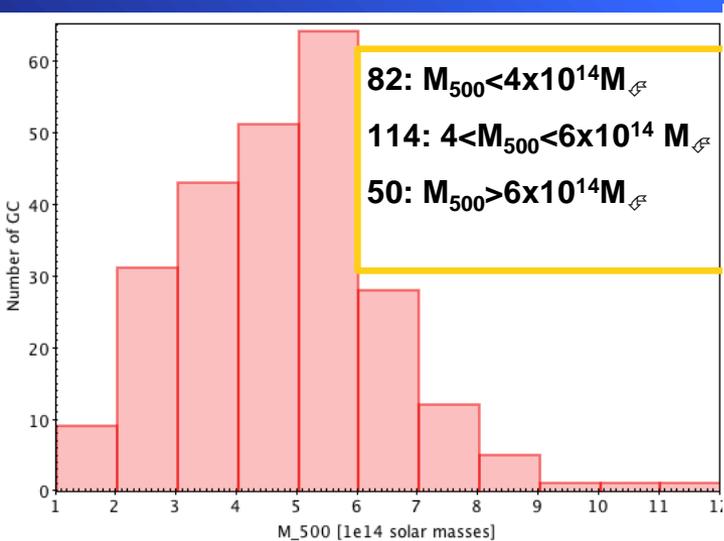
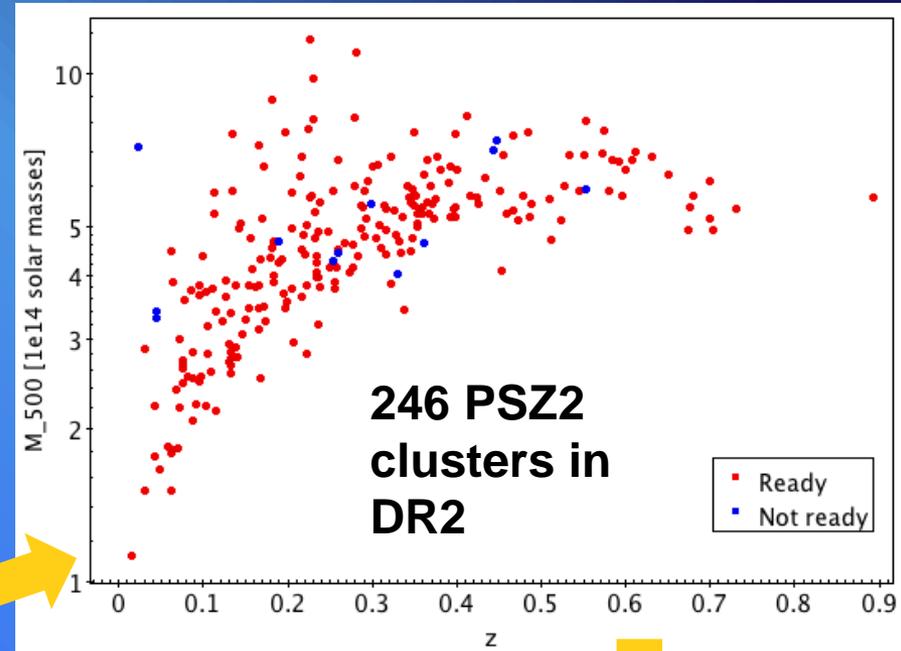
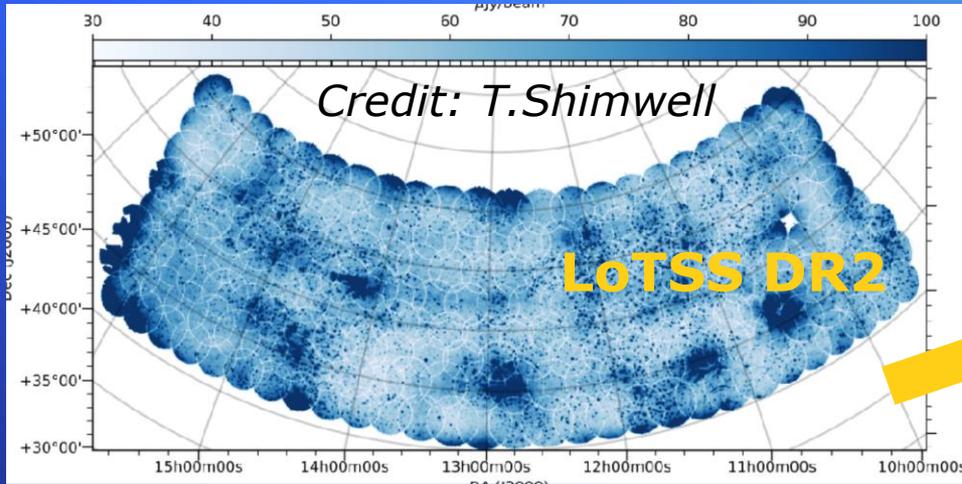


# RH occurrence with the cluster mass



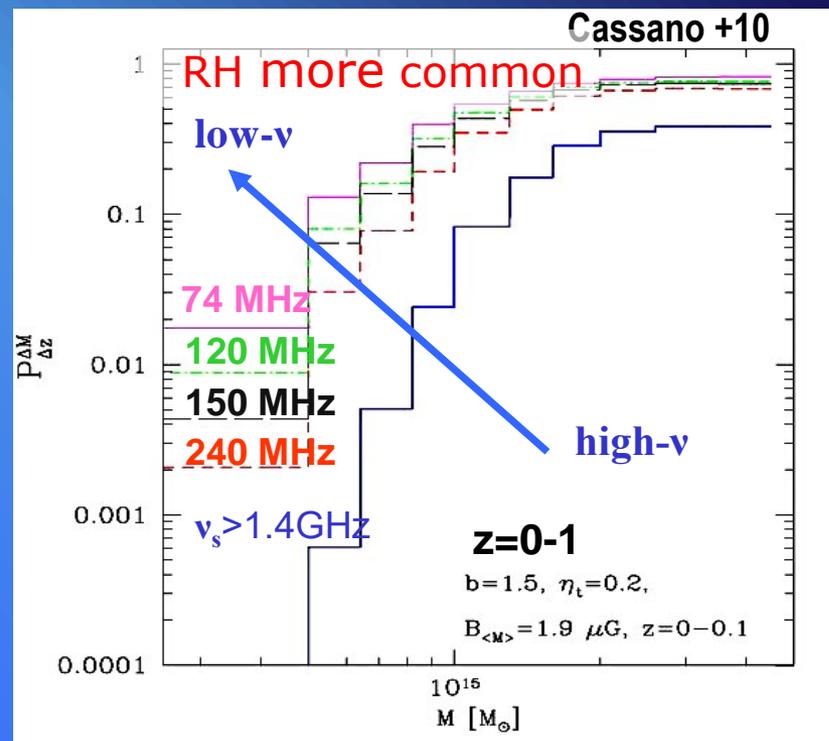
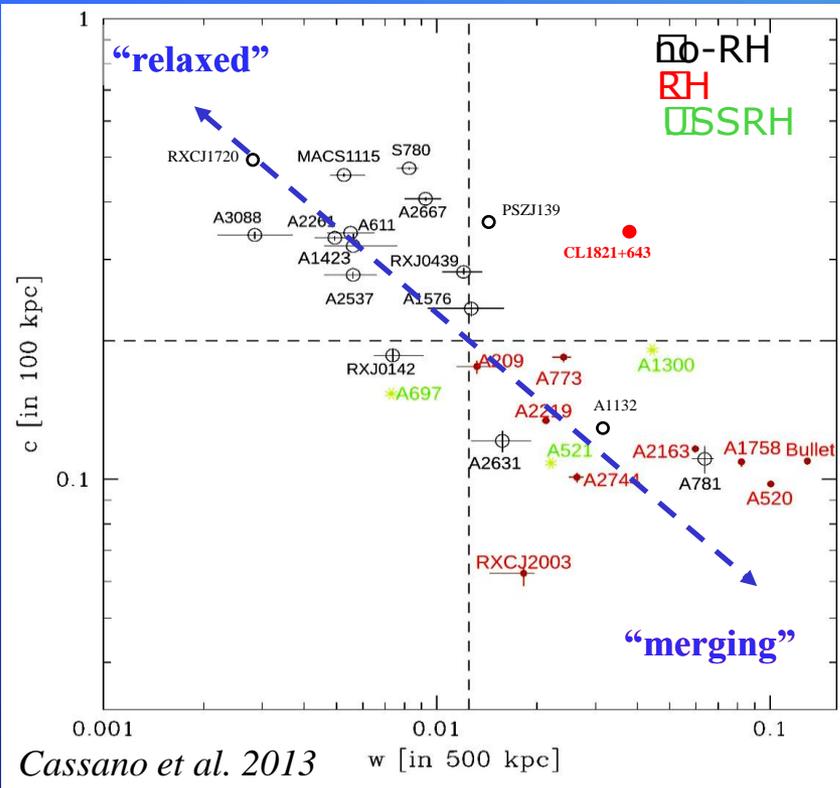
# Statistical exploitation of LoTSS DR2 area

LoTSS DR2 ~ 5720 square degrees  
(27 % of the northern sky), new pipeline,  
improving source fidelity, dynamic  
ranges, ...



308 PSZ2 clusters in DR2, of this:  
246 have  $M_{500}$  and  $z$   
~70% have X-ray data  
(mainly Chandra + XMM-Newton)

# Some immediate objectives



## RH – merger connection:

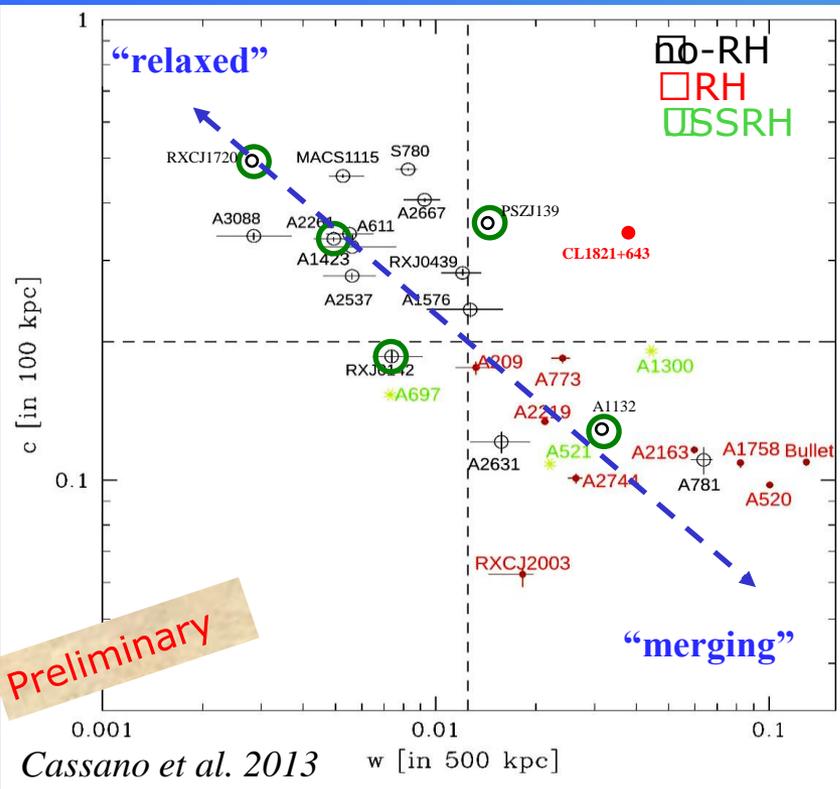
✓ RH (especially USSRH) in less "perturbed" galaxy clusters.

## Occurrence of radio halos with mass:

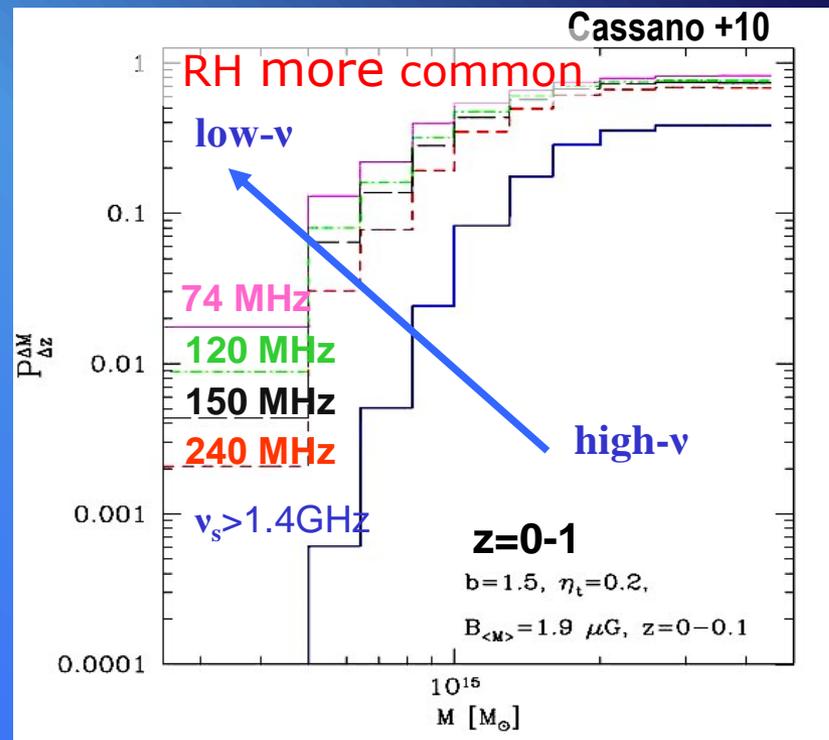
✓ increase of the occurrence with respect to high- $\nu$

✓ less pronounced mass drop

# Some immediate objectives



USSRH from *Wilber et al. 18; Savini et al. 18*



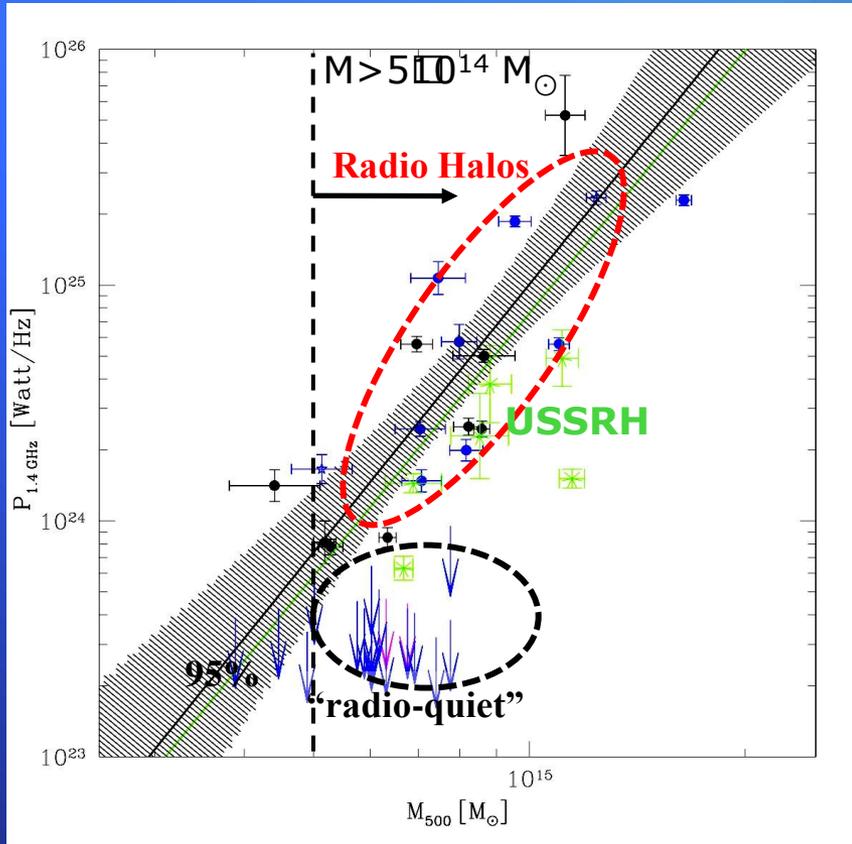
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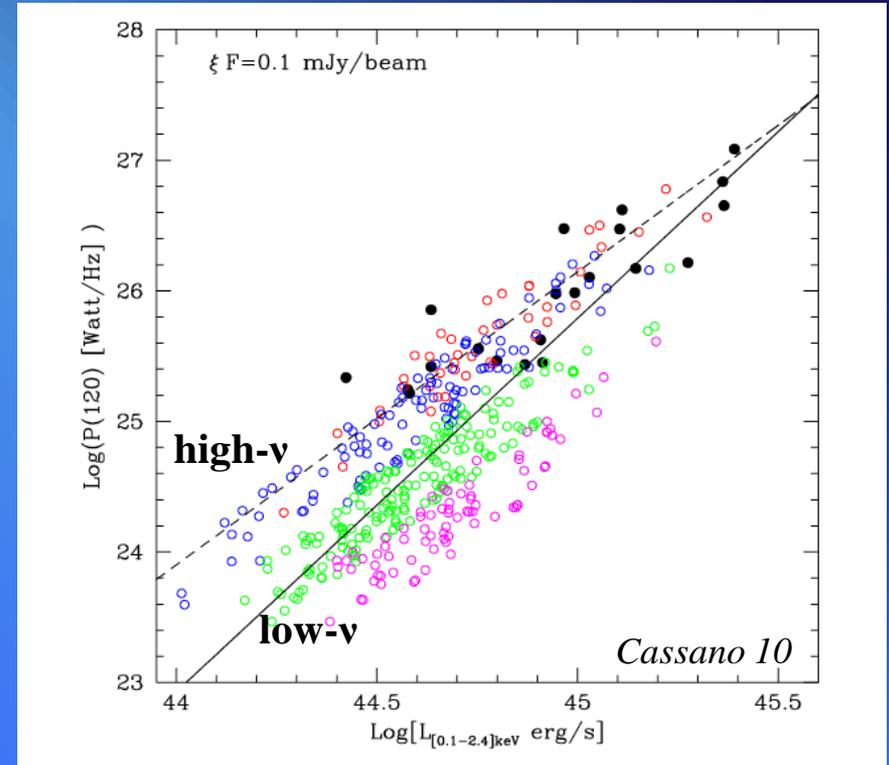
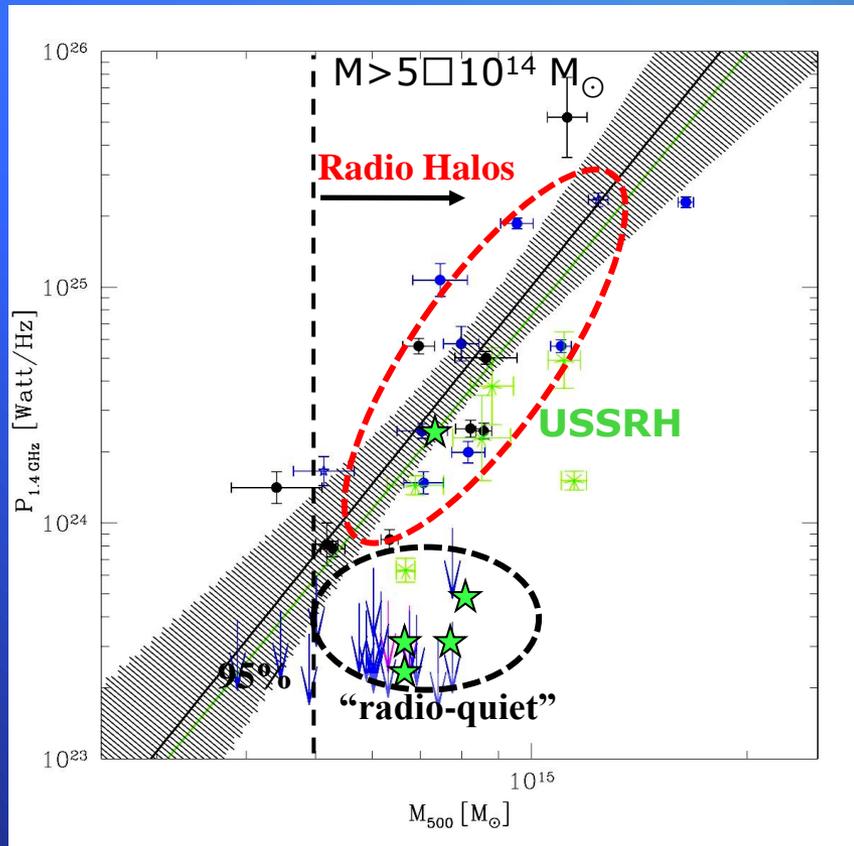
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# Conclusions

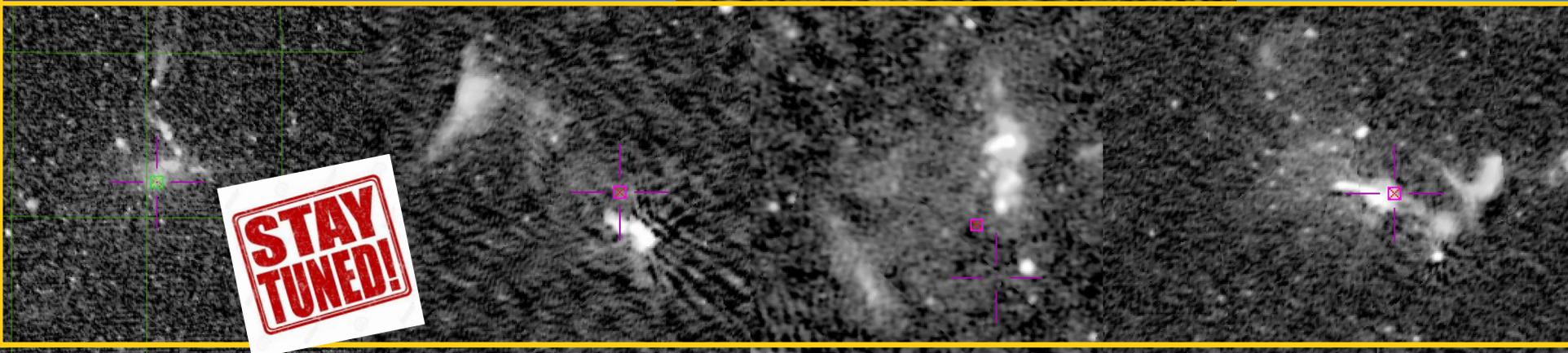
**Present scenario:** Radio Halos trace **turbulent** regions in the ICM where particles are trapped and accelerated during mergers

**Partial view:** present statistical investigation limited to massive clusters and to high- $v$  observations

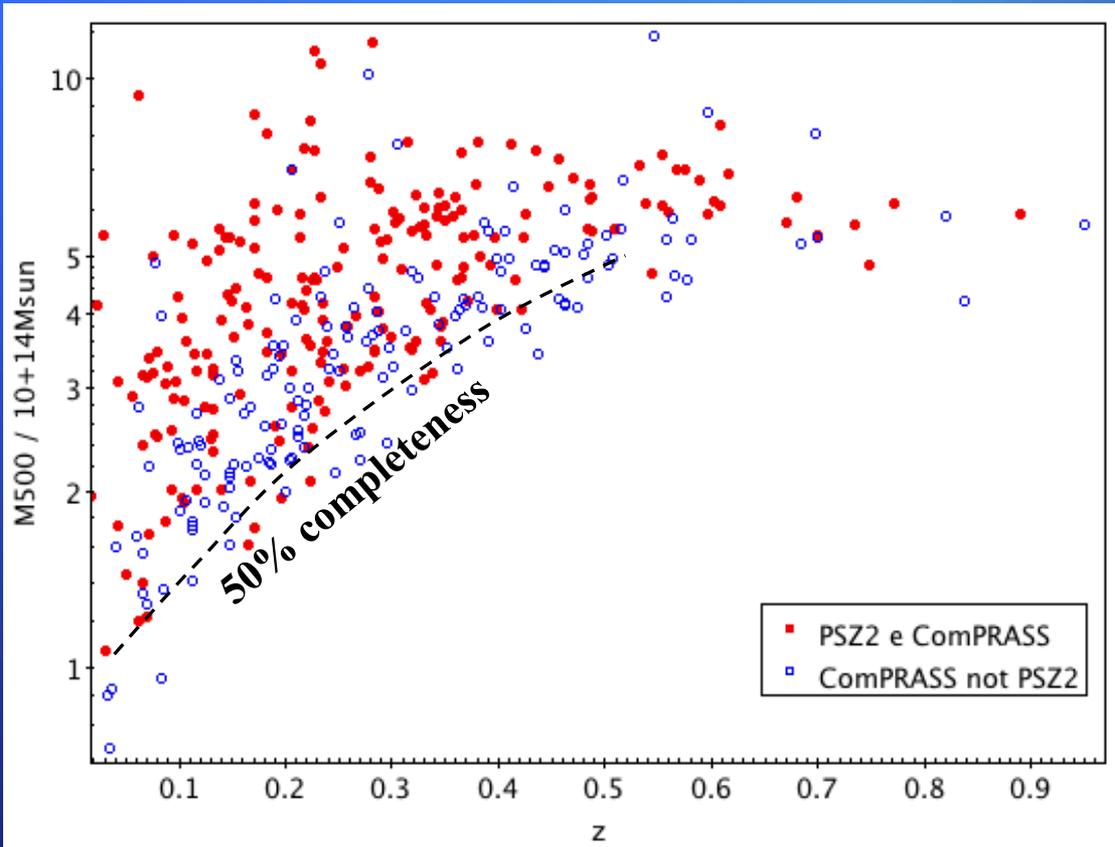
LoTSS, thanks to the combined low- and high-sensitivity, would allow to overcome present biases :

- ✓ USSRH and “off-state” (secondary) halos, RH in less perturbed systems
- ✓ increase of the occurrence with respect to high- $v$  + less pronounced mass drop
- ✓ steeper and broader RH power – cluster mass correlation

**First statistical studies are in progress and will be based on the LoTSS DR2 (~27% of LoTSS) + PSZ2 clusters.**



# Can we increase the statistics and completeness?

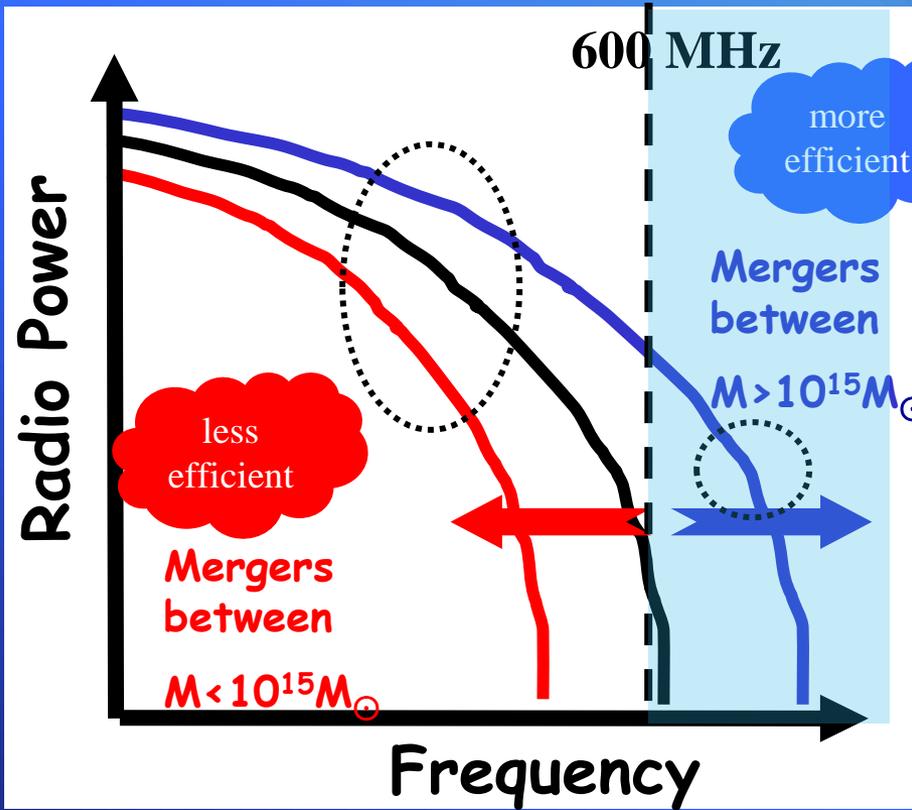


ComPRASS confirmed clusters in DR2 => total sample of 363

With respect to Planck catalogues, the ComPRASS catalogue is simultaneously more pure and more complete (Tarrío, Melin, Arnaud 2019).

# Basic statistical expectations (turbulent GRH)

Cassano & Brunetti 05; Cassano et al. 06, 10, 12



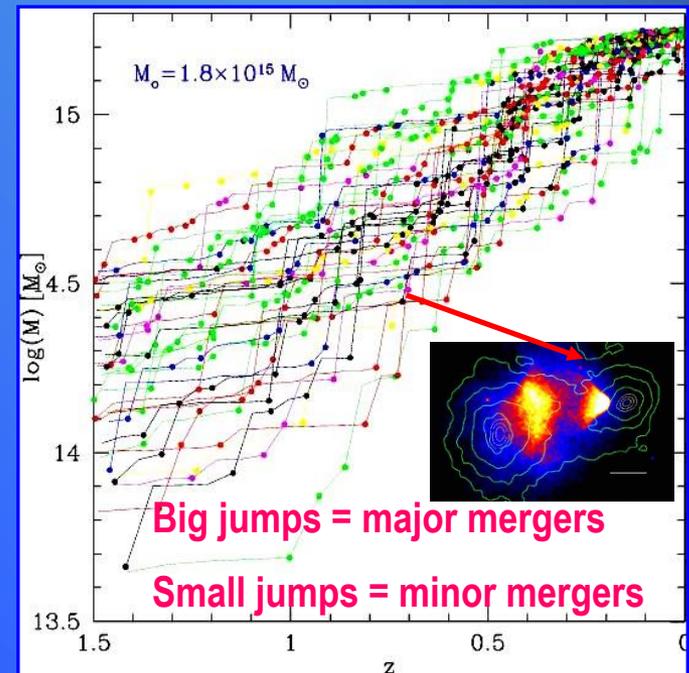
Acceleration efficiency

$$\chi \approx 1/\tau_{\text{acc}}$$

Steepening frequency

$$v_s \propto \langle B \rangle \gamma_{\text{max}}^2 \propto \frac{\langle B \rangle \chi^2}{(\langle B \rangle^2 + B_{\text{cmb}}^2)^2}$$

Semi-analytic models to describe the formation history of galaxy clusters

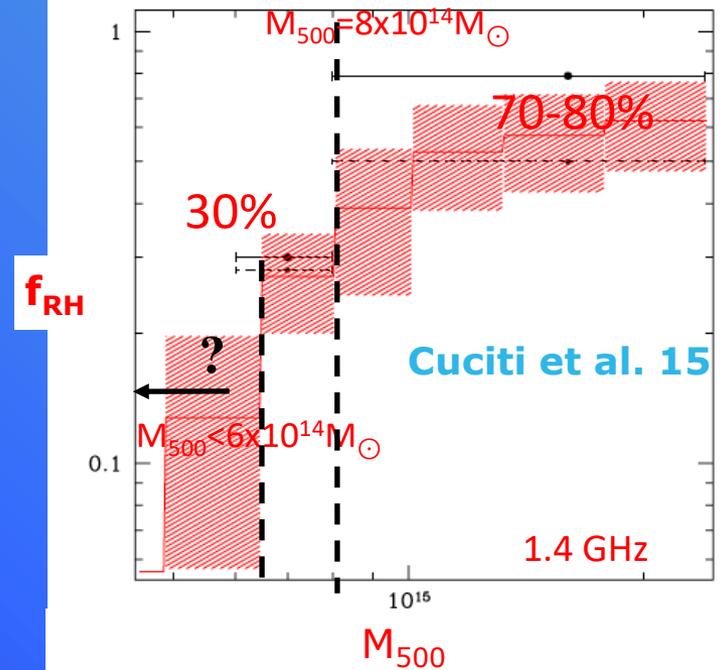
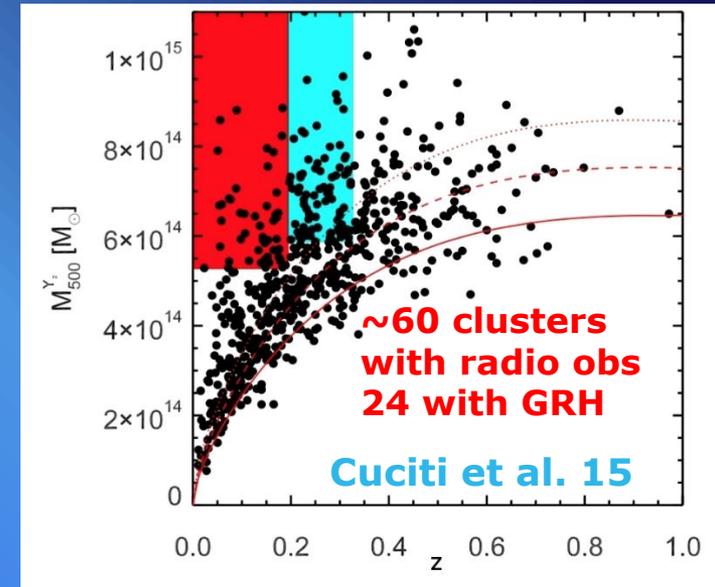
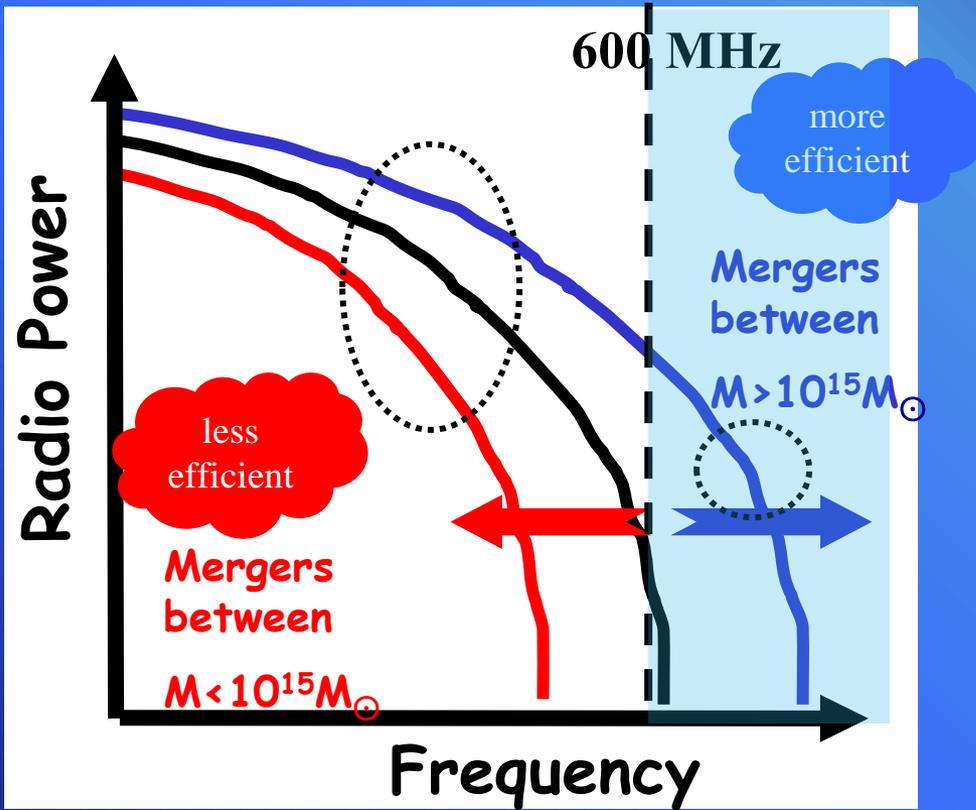


At GHz frequency:

- ✓ RH common in massive-merging GCs
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  - ✓ drop of fraction of RHs at lower masses
- «mass sets the energy available»

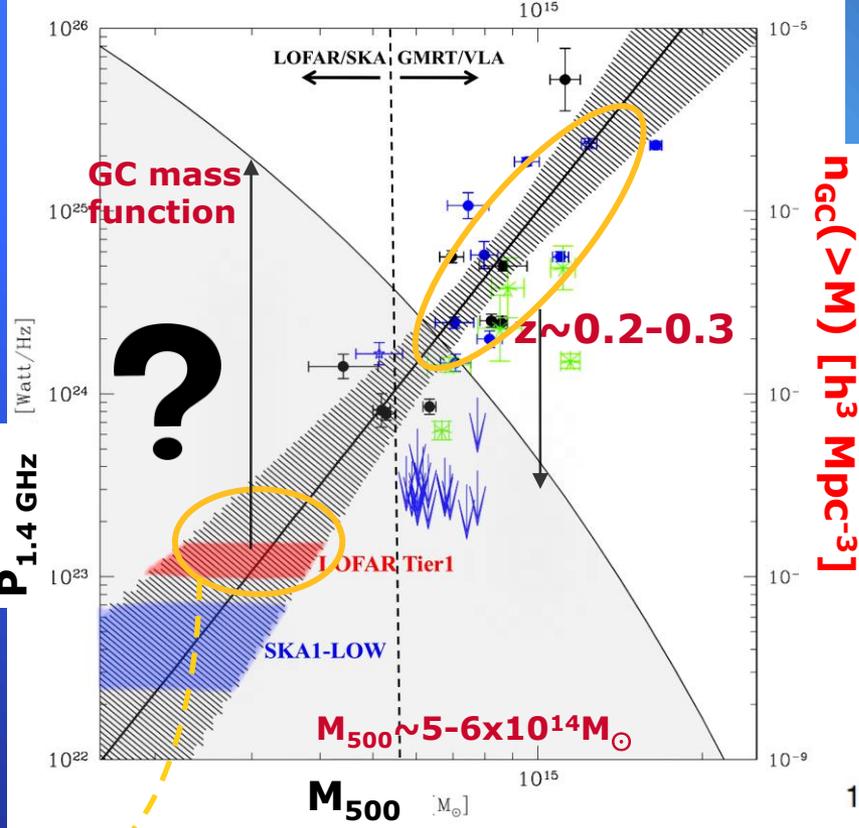
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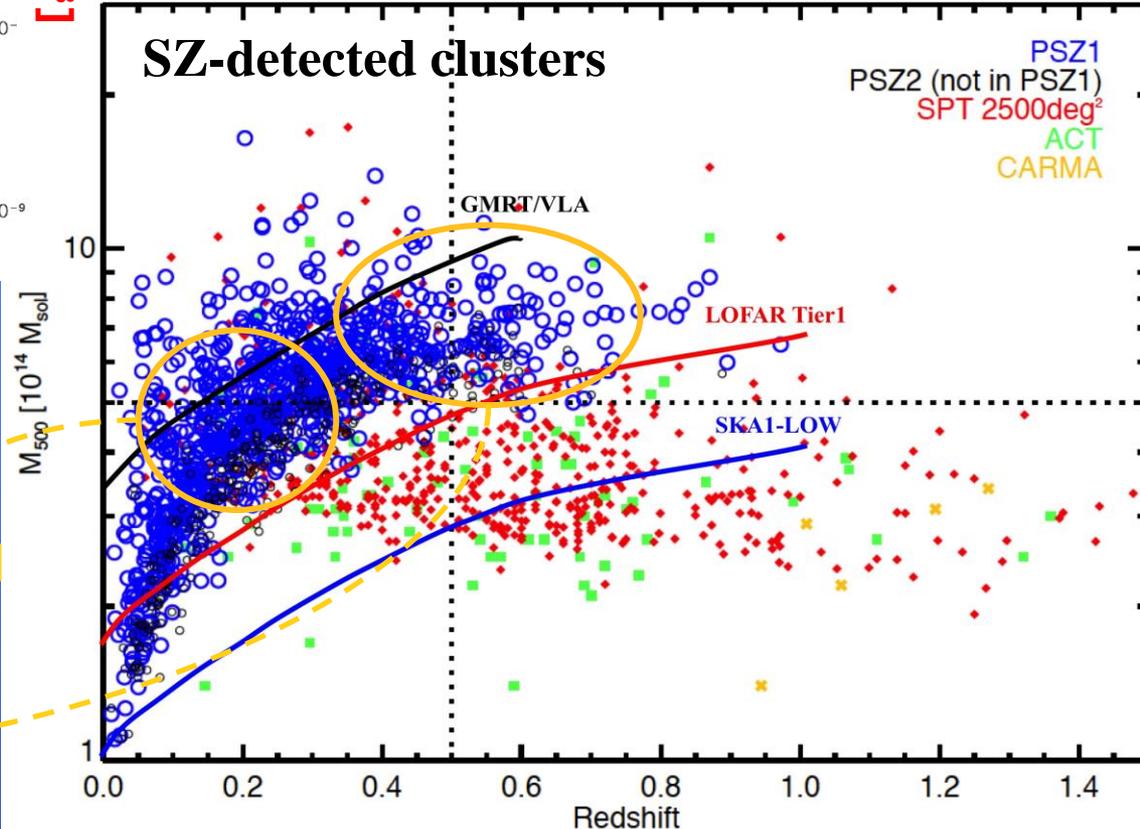
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# Where do GRH live?

## GRH in massive and merging GC (~nearby)

- How much the present view is biased ?
- Which are the typical masses and redshifts of GRH hosts?



**LOFAR should discover GRH mainly in:**

$M_{500} = 2-3 \times 10^{14} M_{\odot}$  ( $z \sim 0.2-0.3$ )

$M_{500} \geq 5 \times 10^{14} M_{\odot}$  ( $z > 0.4-0.5$ )

# Expectations from a two population scenario

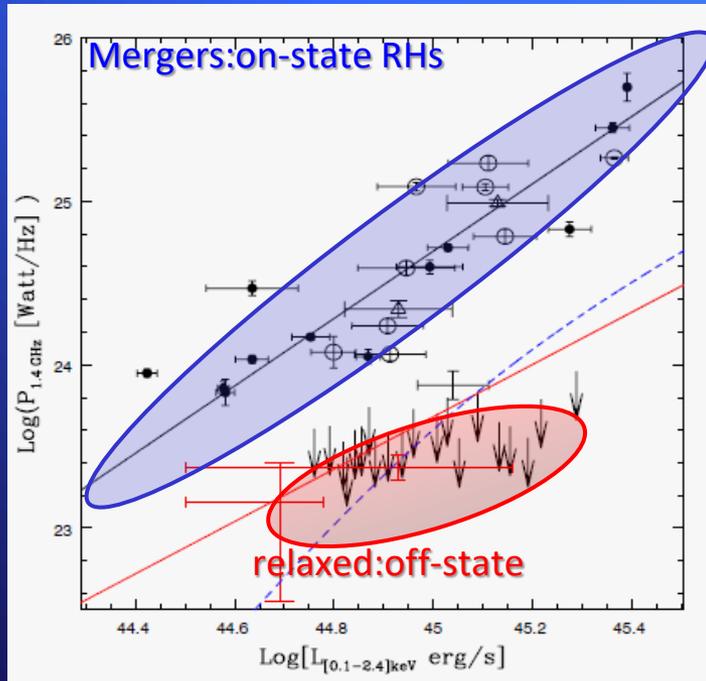
2-Population model:

- on-state RHs in **turbulent** clusters (including ultra-steep...)
- Off-state/hadronically induced emission in **relaxed** systems

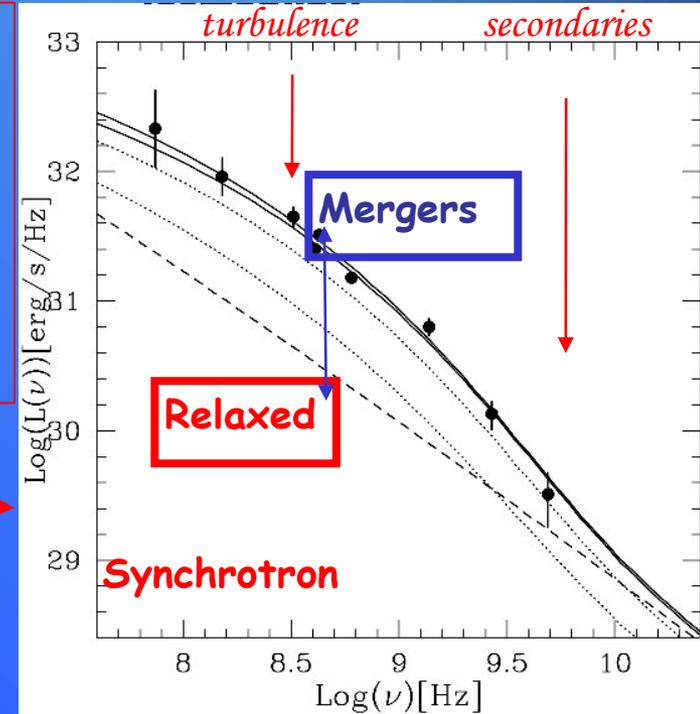
«On-state RHs»  
in merging (turbulent)  
systems



«Off-state»  
in relaxed systems

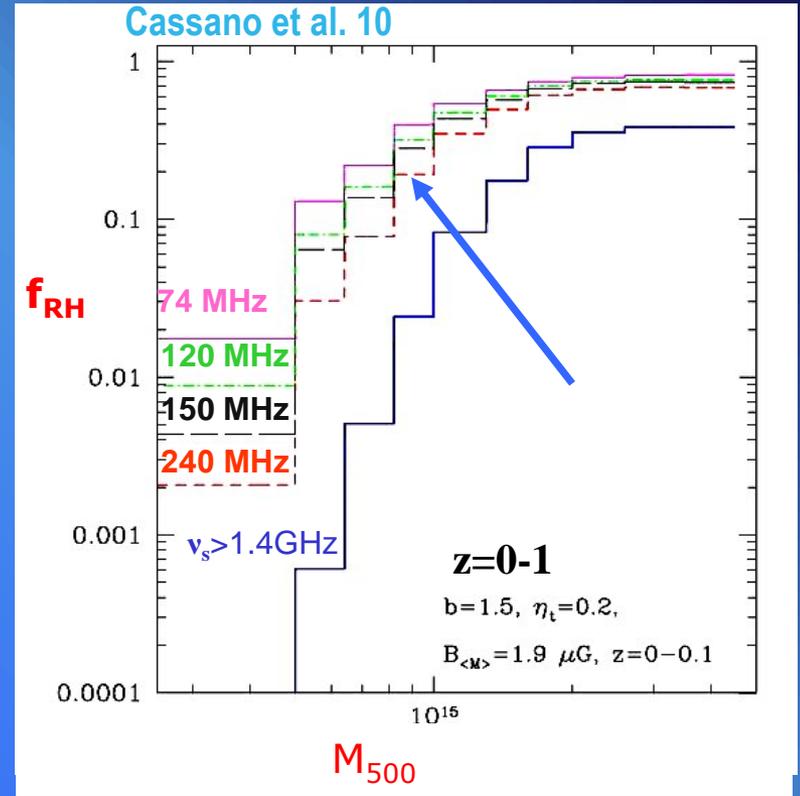
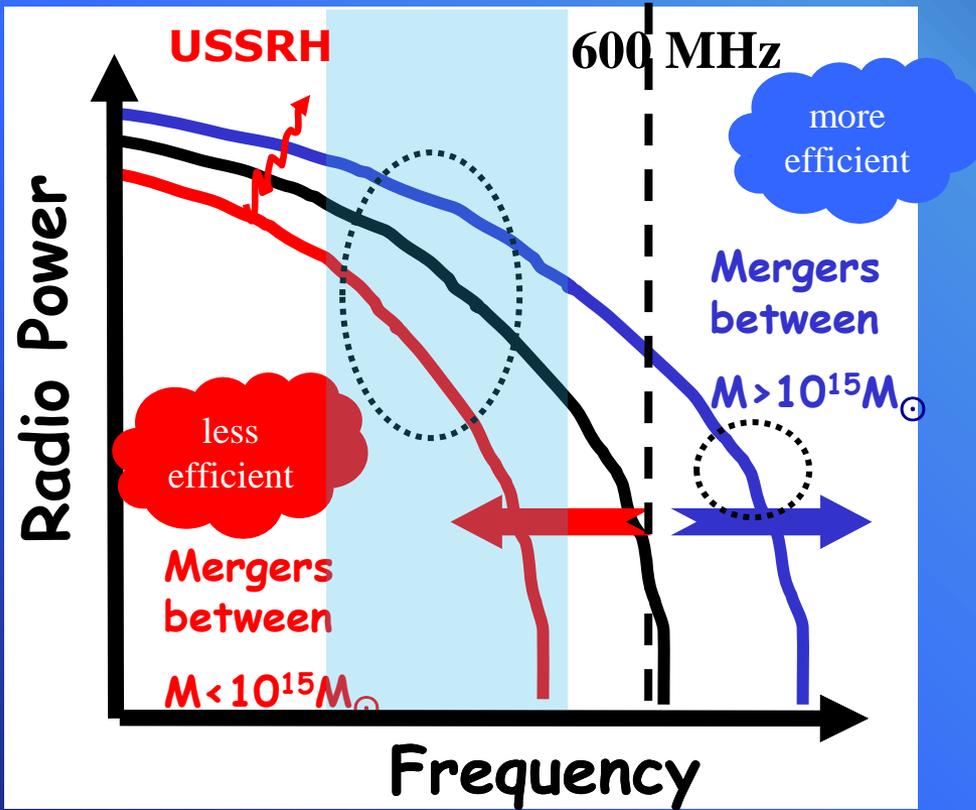


**THEORETICAL MOTIVATION**  
Calculations based on CRp + CRe + MHD turbulence (Brunetti & Blasi 05, Brunetti & Lazarian 11)



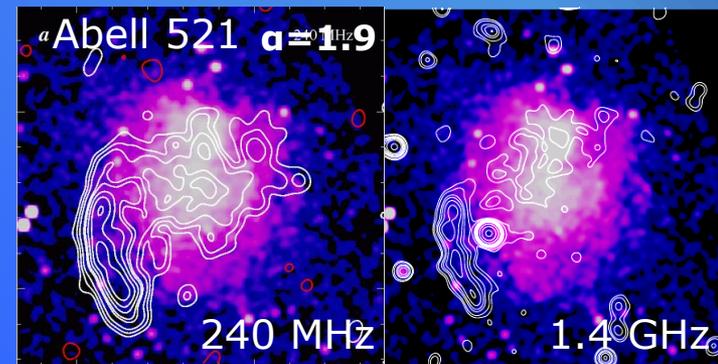
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Cassano & Brunetti 05; Cassano et al. 06, 10, 12



At low (<1 GHz) frequency:

- ✓ A complex population of RH (different spectra)
- ✓ RH more common, increase of the fraction of RH
- ✓ ultra-steep spectrum RH (USSRH,  $\alpha > 1.5$ )

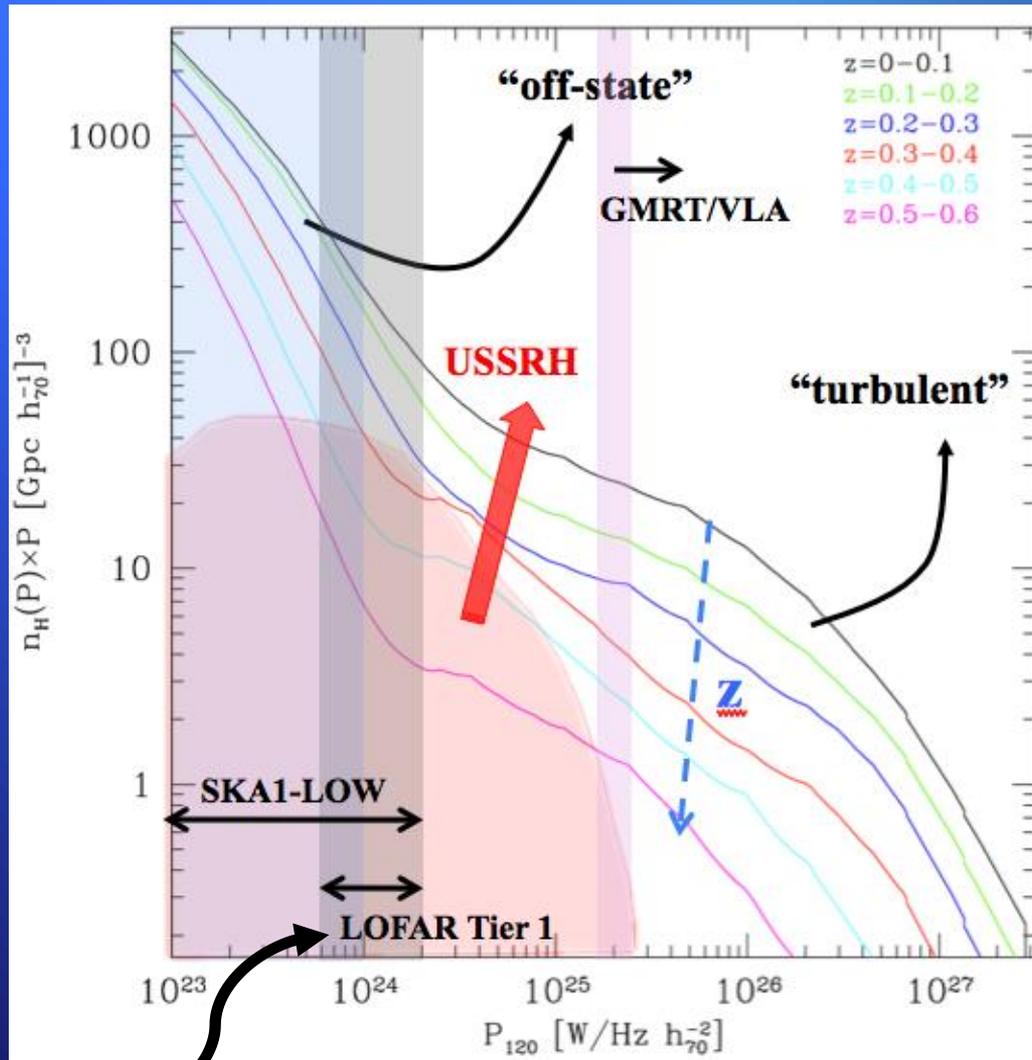


Brunetti et al. 08; Dallacasa et al. 09

# Luminosity functions of GRH+“off-state” at low- $\nu$

Cassano et al. 15,16

RH number density [ $\text{Gpc}^{-3}$ ]



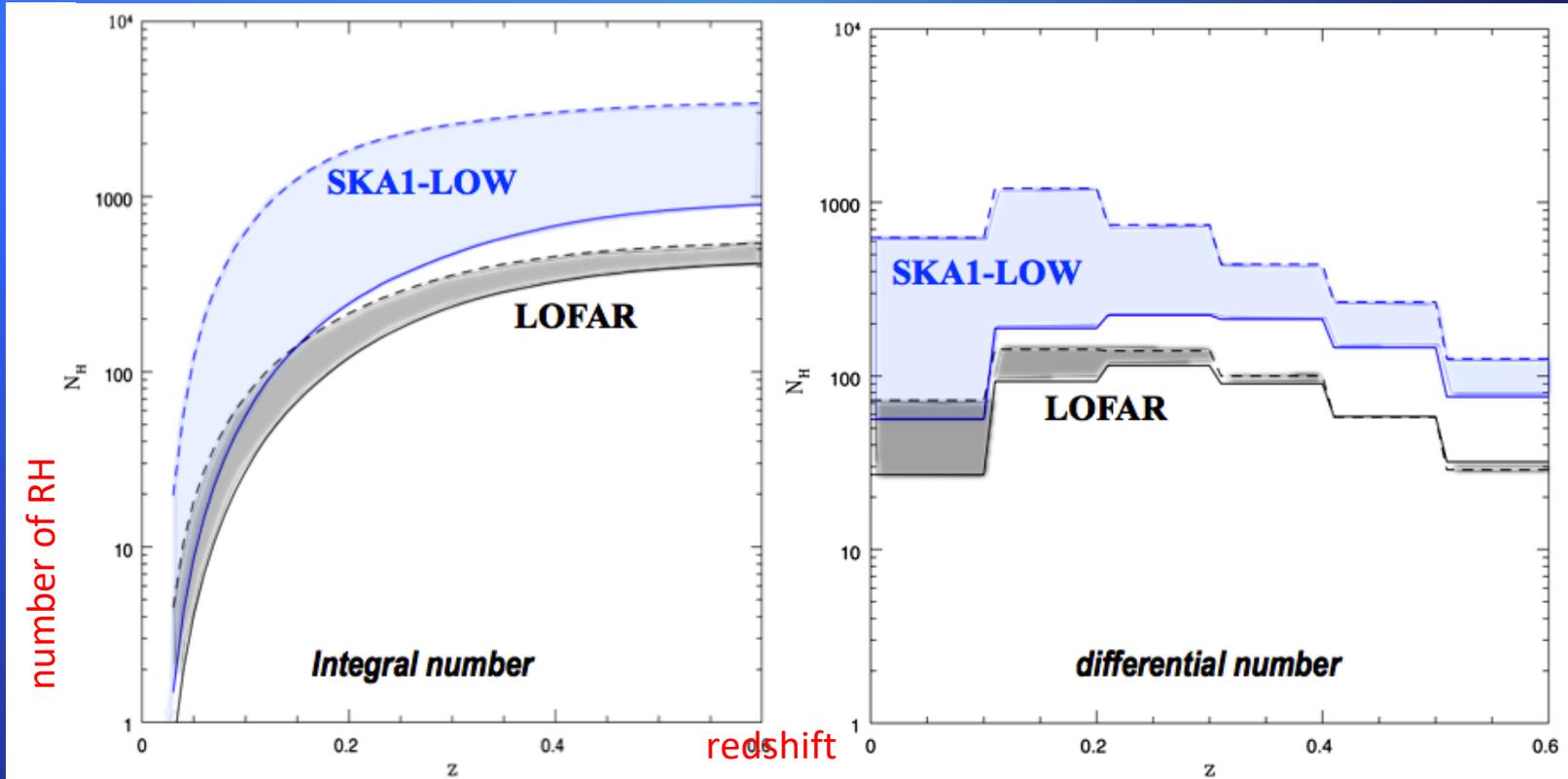
**Complex** population of GRH: depending on sensitivity of the observations

**USSRH** and **off-state** halos dominate low radio powers

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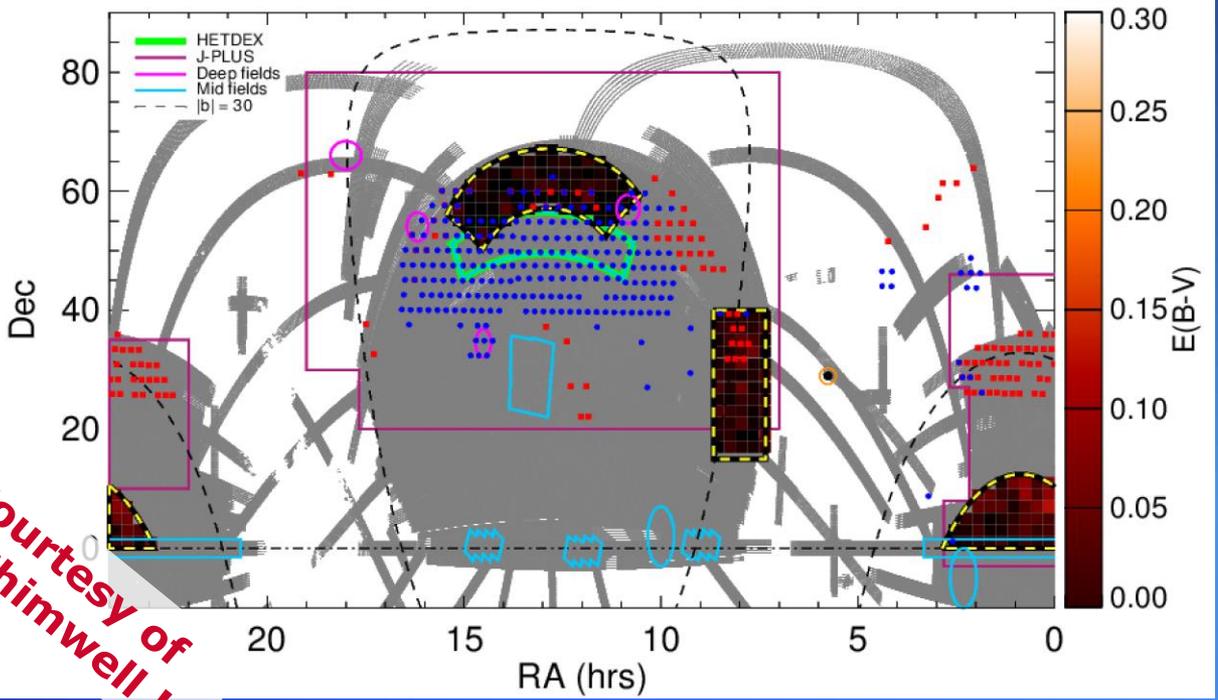
# How many RHs await discovery in LOFAR surveys?

Cassano et al. 2015



- We presently know **~30-40 GRH !**
- A LOFAR Survey on  $2\pi$  sr with **rms~0.4 mJy/beam and res~25''** => with **250 GRH on  $2\pi$  sr**

# LOFAR plan for surveys and Galaxy Clusters (see talk by Tim Shimwell)



- **HETDEX region**  
 tot. coverage  $\sim 350 \text{ deg}^2$ ,  
 with 0.5 mJy/beam and 25" res= $\Rightarrow$   
**30 massive clusters**  
 (Shimwell et al. 16)  $\Rightarrow$   
 **$\sim 3-4$  GRH**

Courtesy of  
 T. Shimwell !

- **End of 2016** (blue and red regions), tot. coverage  $\sim 2,300 \text{ deg}^2 \Rightarrow$   
 **$\sim 190$  massive clusters**  $\Rightarrow \sim 60$  RH (with 0.2 mJy/beam and  $\sim 20''$ )
- **End of 2017:** (black and yellow regions), extension to the WEAVE fields (increase of the sky coverage by 1,000-1,500  $\text{deg}^2$ ), tot. coverage  $\sim 3,800 \text{ deg}^2 \Rightarrow$   
 **$\sim 300$  massive clusters**  $\Rightarrow \sim 90$  RH (with 0.2 mJy/beam and  $\sim 20''$ )
- **LoTSS (LOFAR Two-metre Sky Survey)** will cover  $2\pi$  sr ( $\sim 20,627 \text{ deg}^2$ ),  
 with 0.1 mJy/beam and  $5'' \Rightarrow$   **$\sim 1700$  massive clusters**  $\Rightarrow$   
 **$\sim 240$  GRH** (with 0.5 mJy/beam and  $25''$ )  
 **$\sim 400-500$  GRH** (with 0.2 mJy/beam and  $\sim 20''$  or with 0.1 mJy/beam and  $\sim 10''$ )

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- statistical studies: **no**

**a)** study of interesting targets in the field by producing high sensitivity and high resolution ( $\sim 0.2$  mJy/b,  $10''$ ) images

## - End of 2016

$\sim 2,300 \text{ deg}^2$   $\Rightarrow$   $\sim 10\%$  of LoTSS  
 $\sim 190$  massive clusters  $\Rightarrow$   $\sim 60$  RH (with 0.2 mJy/beam and  $\sim 20''$ )

- statistical studies : **yes**

**b)** occurrence of RH with cluster mass  
**c)** correlations (as synchrotron power vs Mass)

**d)** GRH-cluster merger connection (needs X-ray/weak lensing data)

## - End of 2017

$\sim 3800 \text{ deg}^2$   $\Rightarrow$   $\sim 20\%$  of LoTSS  
 $\sim 300$  massive clusters  $\Rightarrow$   $\sim 90$  RH (with 0.2 mJy/beam and  $\sim 20''$ )

- statistical studies : **yes**

**b)+c)+d)**

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## - LoTSS

$\sim 20,627 \text{ deg}^2$  with 0.1 mJy/beam and  $5''$   $\Rightarrow$   
 $\sim 1700$  massive cluster  $\Rightarrow$   
 $\sim 400-500$  GRH (with 0.1 mJy/beam and  $\sim 10''$ )

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**f)** GRH as probe of cluster merging rate with cosmic time (as a function of M and z; see Cassano et al. 16, A&A in press) +g?-h?

# Statistical Modeling of cluster RH:

(Cassano & Brunetti 2005)

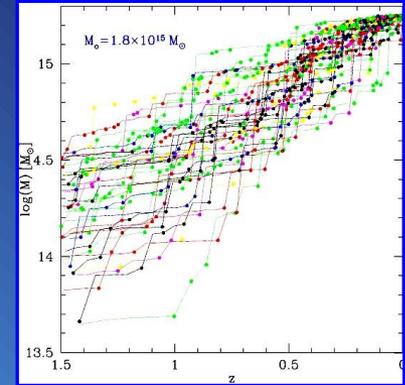
(cosmological “version” of turbulent-acceleration model)

## INGREDIENTS

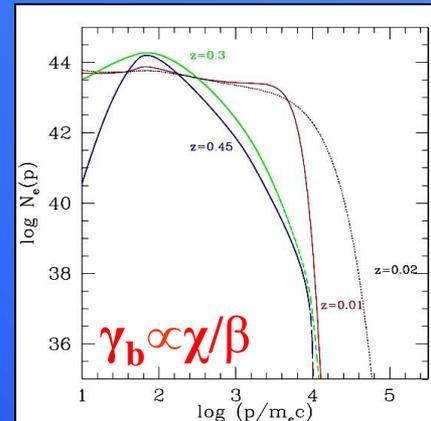
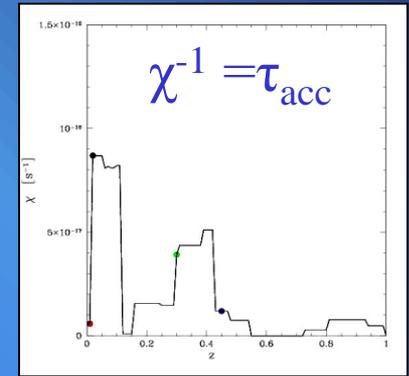
■ Semi-analytic model of cluster formation  $\Rightarrow$  merger trees  
(Press & Schechter 1974; Lacey & Cole 1993)

■ Estimate of the turbulent energy injected in the cluster volume during merger events (*Ram Pressure Stripping*) and the acceleration efficiency ( $\tau_{acc}^{-1}$ ) due to MS waves. The cosmological evolution of the magnetic field is accounted for by scaling the field with the cluster mass (cosmological MHD simulations; e.g. Dolag et al. 2002).

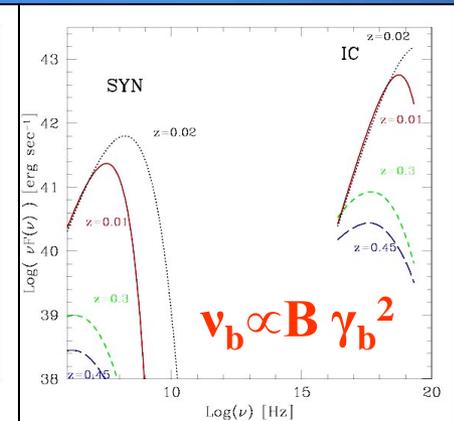
■ Calculate the acceleration of fossil  $e^\pm$  due to the interaction with the turbulent waves and the ensuing **Synchrotron** and **Inverse Compton** emission spectra from the resulting electron spectra



$\Rightarrow$

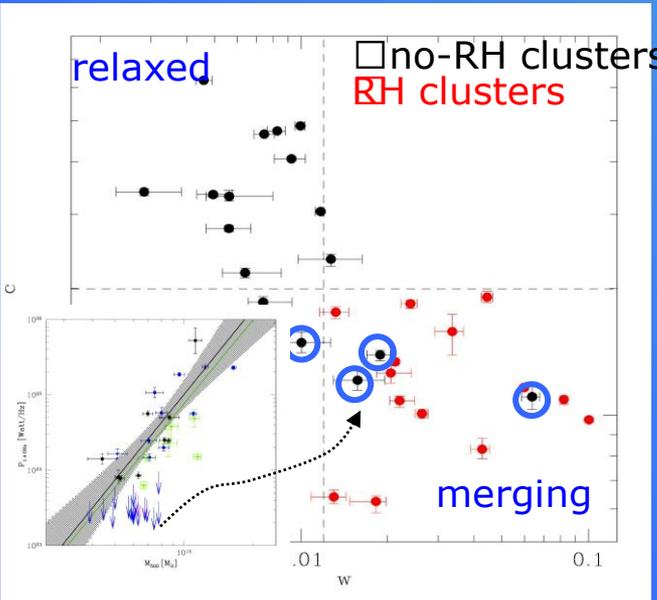


electron spectra



radiation spectra

# Merging clusters without RHs

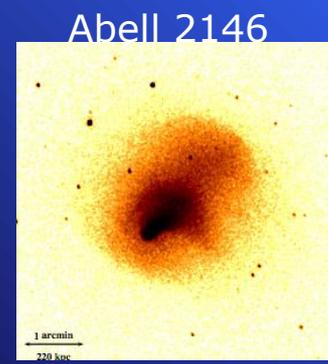


We note "radio anomalies", i.e., merging clusters that do not host RHs, on the low mass-end of the sample:  $6 \times 10^{14} M_{\odot} < M_{500} < 7 \times 10^{14} M_{\odot}$

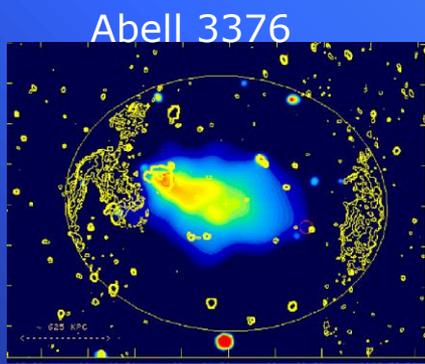
These can be explained:

- phases of merger where turbulence (and particle acceleration) is still not fully developed;
- less energetic merger => less massive systems
- mergers with lower mass ratio? } USSRH => need low  $v_0$  obs. (LOFAR)

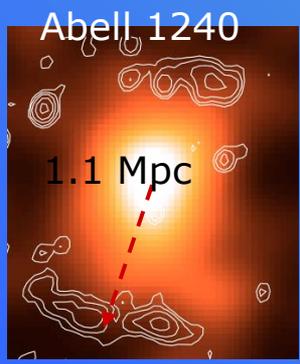
Merging clusters without RH are also found in studies of single objects:



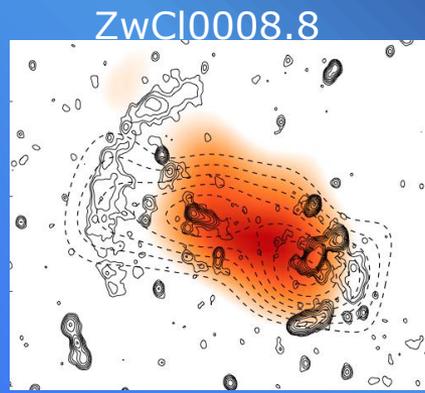
Abell 2146  
Russell et al. 11  
 $M_{500} \sim 3.9 \times 10^{14} M_{\odot}$   
 $z \sim 0.23$



Abell 3376  
Bagchi et al. 06  
 $M_{500} \sim 2.3 \times 10^{14} M_{\odot}$   
 $z \sim 0.05$



Abell 1240  
Bonafede et al. 09  
 $M_{500} \sim 3.7 \times 10^{14} M_{\odot}$   
 $z \sim 0.16$



ZwCl0008.8  
Van Weeren et al. 11  
 $M_{500} \sim 3.3 \times 10^{14} M_{\odot}$ ,  $z \sim 0.1$

...these are even less massive systems,  $M_{500} \leq 4 \times 10^{14} M_{\odot}$  !

# Detecting giant RH in galaxy clusters (Cassano et al. 10,12)

From the brightness profiles of well studied RH, we find that  $\sim 50\%$  of the total radio flux of a RH is within half radius (e.g., Brunetti et al. 2007)

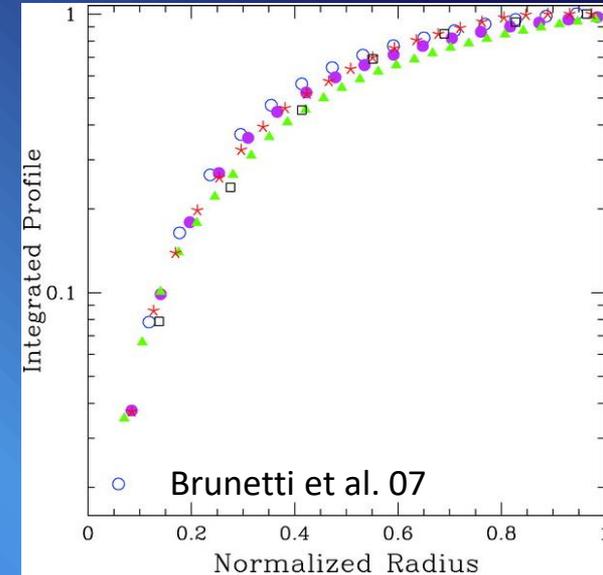
We estimated the minimum flux of a RH (over  $\sim 1$  Mpc) that can be detected detected in a survey:

★ brightness-based method

$$f_{min}(z) \simeq 1.2 \times 10^{-4} \xi_1 \left( \frac{F_{rms}}{10 \mu\text{Jy}} \right) \left( \frac{100 \text{ arcsec}^2}{\theta_b^2} \right) \left( \frac{\theta_H^2(z)}{\text{arcsec}^2} \right) [\text{mJy}]$$

★ flux based-based method

$$f_{min}(z) \simeq 1.43 \times 10^{-3} \xi_2 \left( \frac{F_{rms}}{10 \mu\text{Jy}} \right) \left( \frac{10 \text{ arcsec}}{\theta_b} \right) \left( \frac{\theta_H(z)}{\text{arcsec}} \right) [\text{mJy}]$$



configurations	rms	$\theta_b$
	$\mu\text{Jy}/\text{beam}$	arcsec
LOFAR (120 MHz)	400	25
SKA1-low (120 MHz)	20	10
EMU (1.4 GHz)	13	15
SKA1-SUR (1.4 GHz)	5	15

