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# Addressing the challenges of deep LOFAR observations of the Coma galaxy cluster

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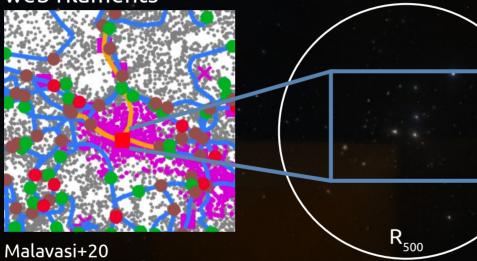


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# Cross-road of cosmic web filaments

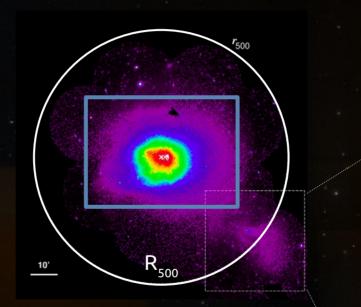


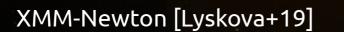
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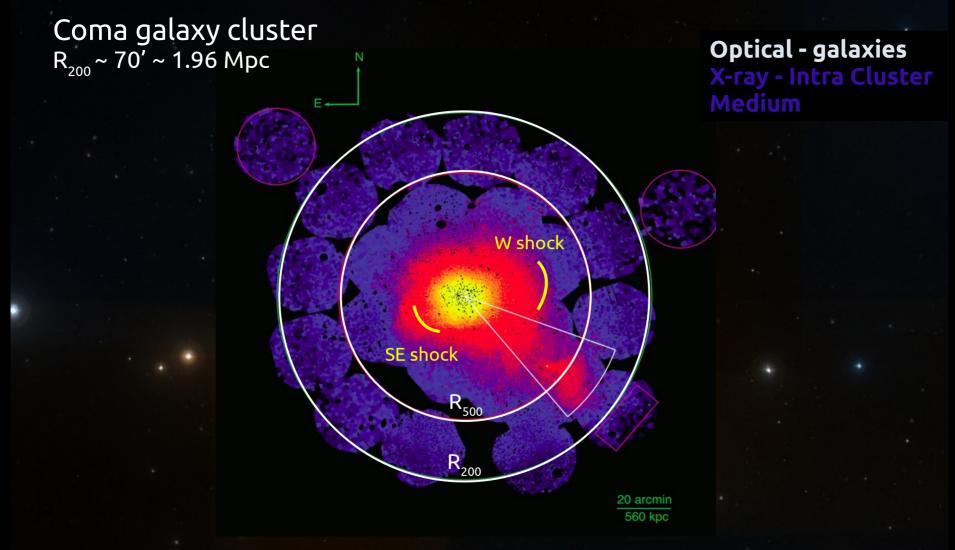
### Coma galaxy cluster M~6x10<sup>14</sup> M<sub>o</sub>

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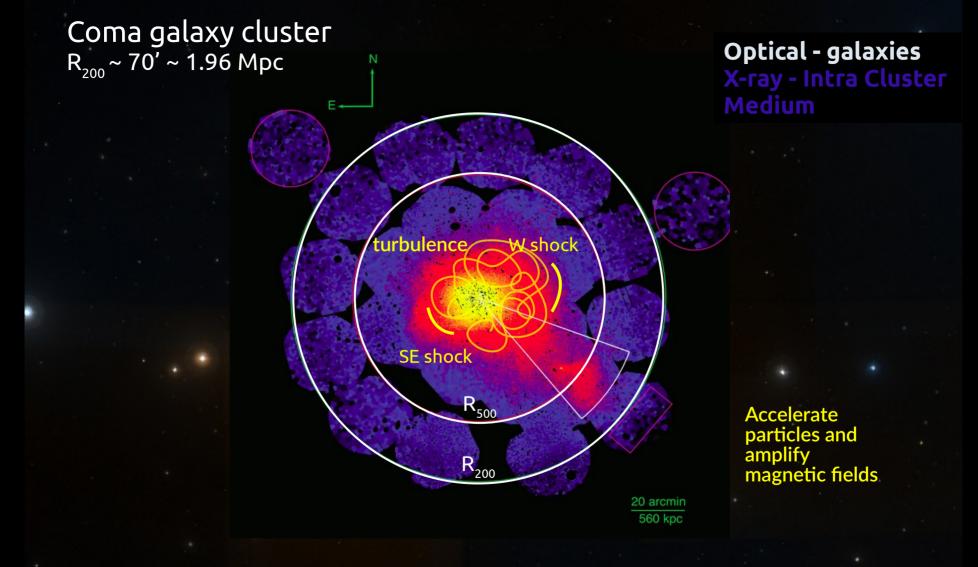
10'







XMM-Newton [Mirakhor+20]



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Optical - galaxies X-ray - Intra Cluster Medium Radio - cosmic-rays and magnetic field

Halo front

 $\mathsf{R}_{200}$ 

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Bridge Relic

NAT-relic connection

Candidate remnant

1 Mpc

LOFAR @ 144MHz [Bonafede+CS,21&22]

Coma galaxy cluster

Accretion relic

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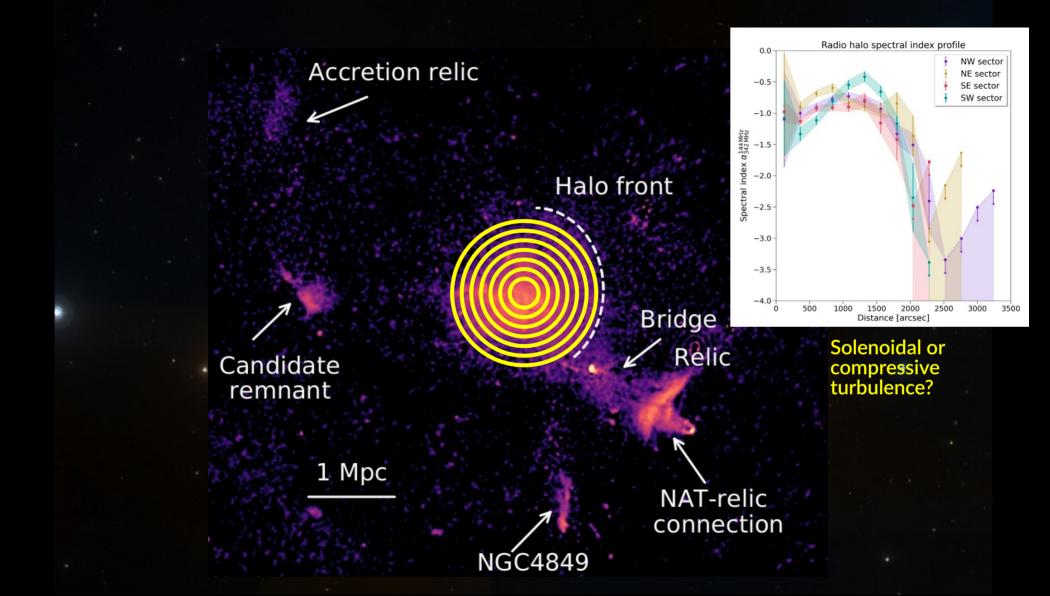
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Shock re-acceleration or adiabatic compression?

Candidate remnant

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Bridge Turbulent re-acceleration or weak shocks?

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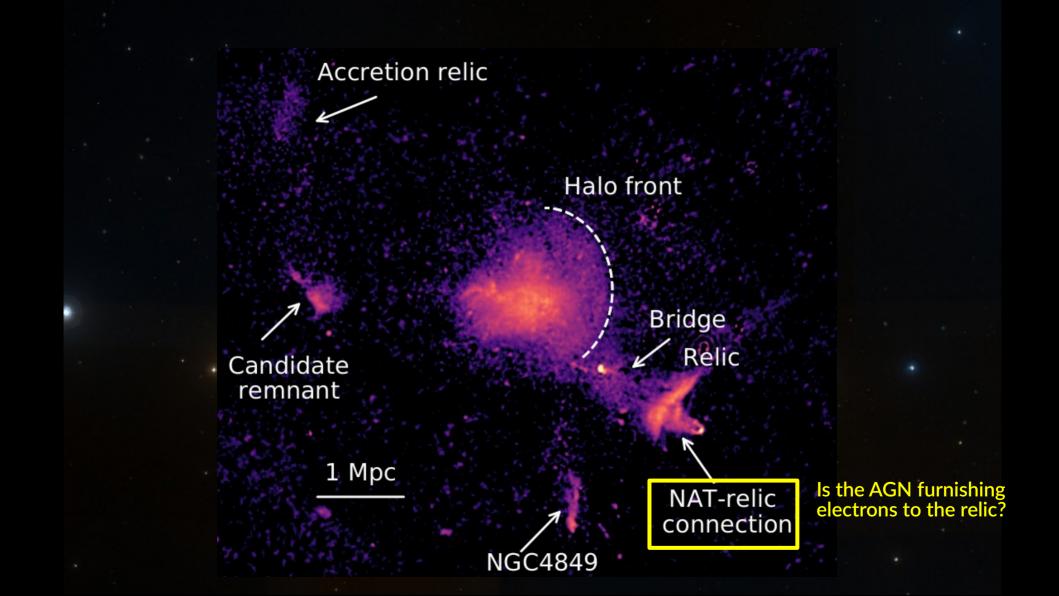
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Bridge Relic

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Candidate remnant

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### The starting point: LOFAR LBA Sky Survey [De Gasperin+, 21&23]

LOFAR LBA from LoLSS (1 deg from pointing center)

Data processing with LiLF (https://github.com/ revoltek/LiLF)

On a LOFAR dedicated node with 512 GB RAM and 2x64 cores

3 hours beam: 60 arcsec rms: 12 mJy/beam

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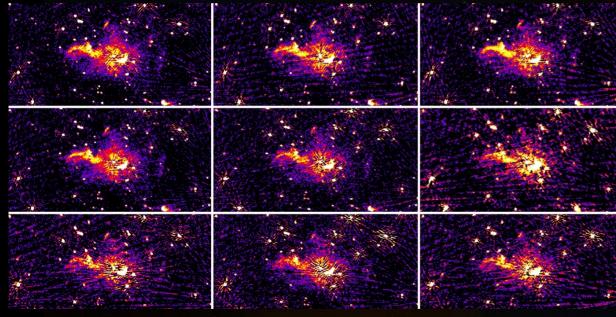
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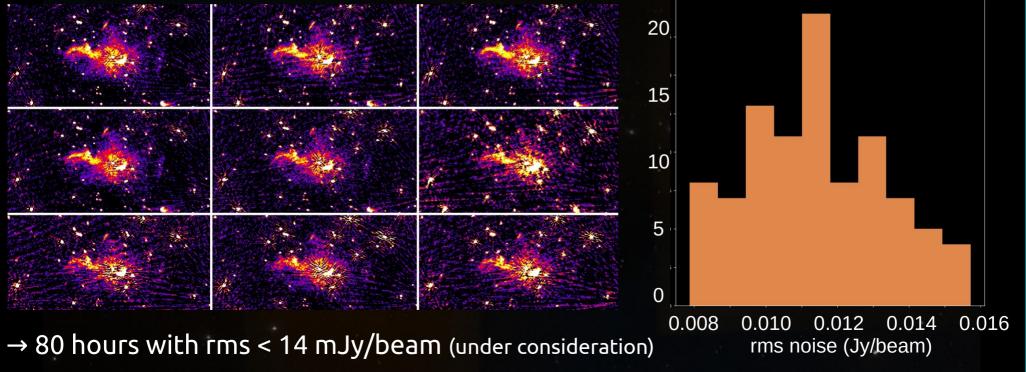
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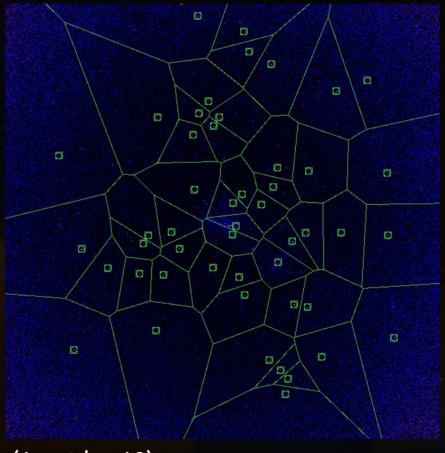
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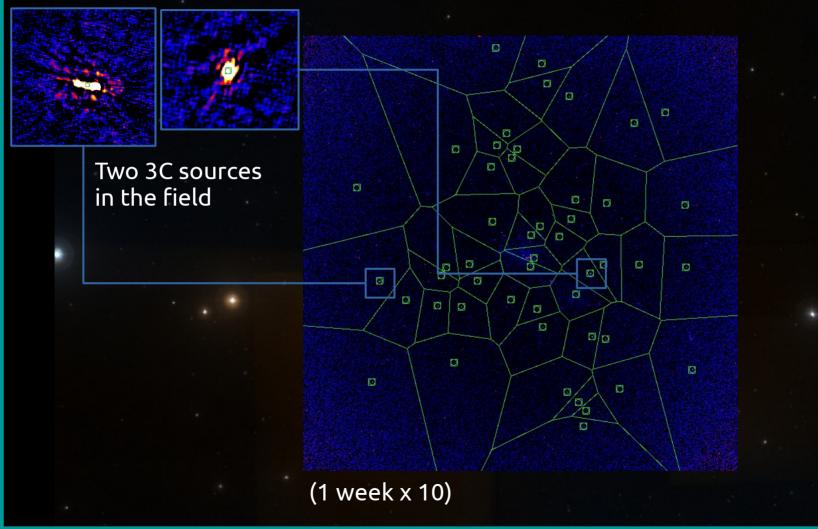


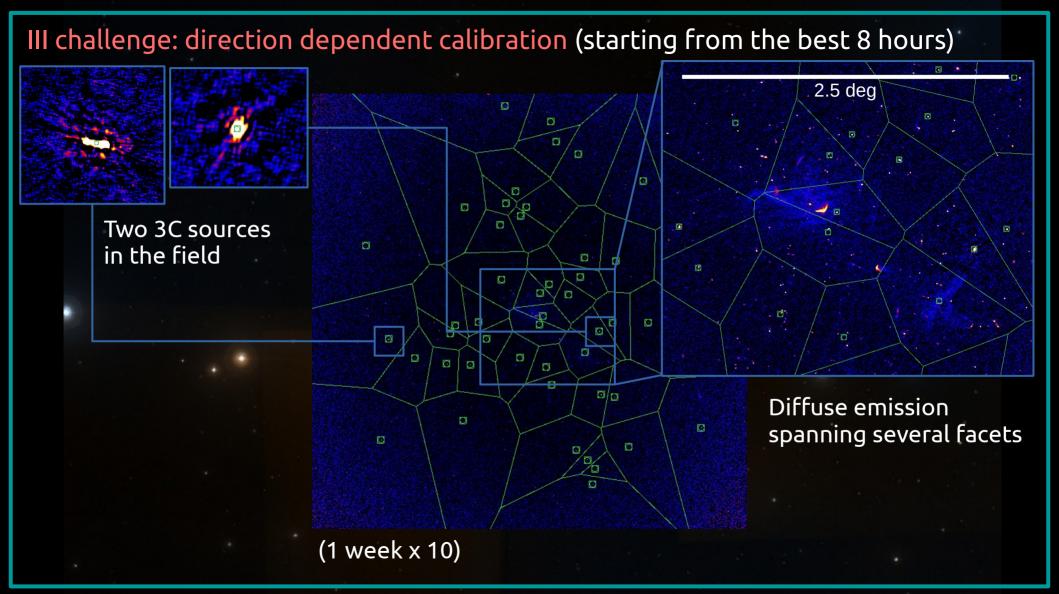
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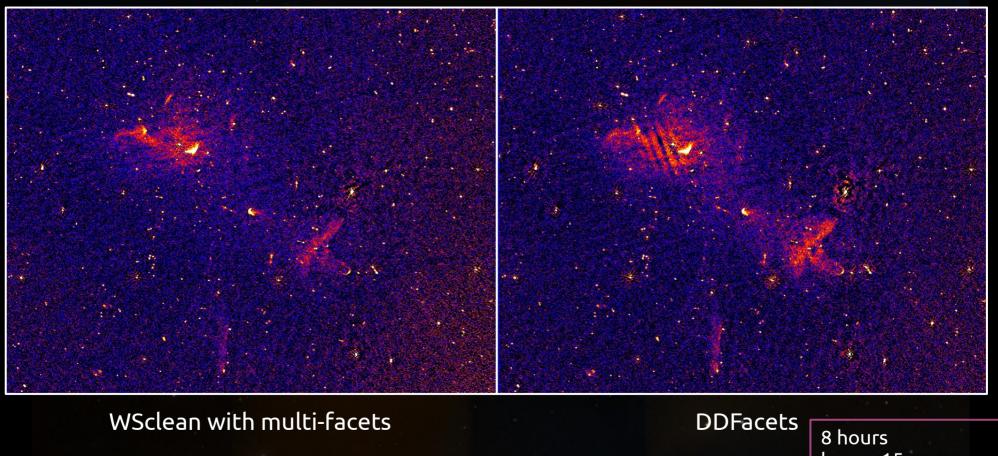
(1 week x 10)

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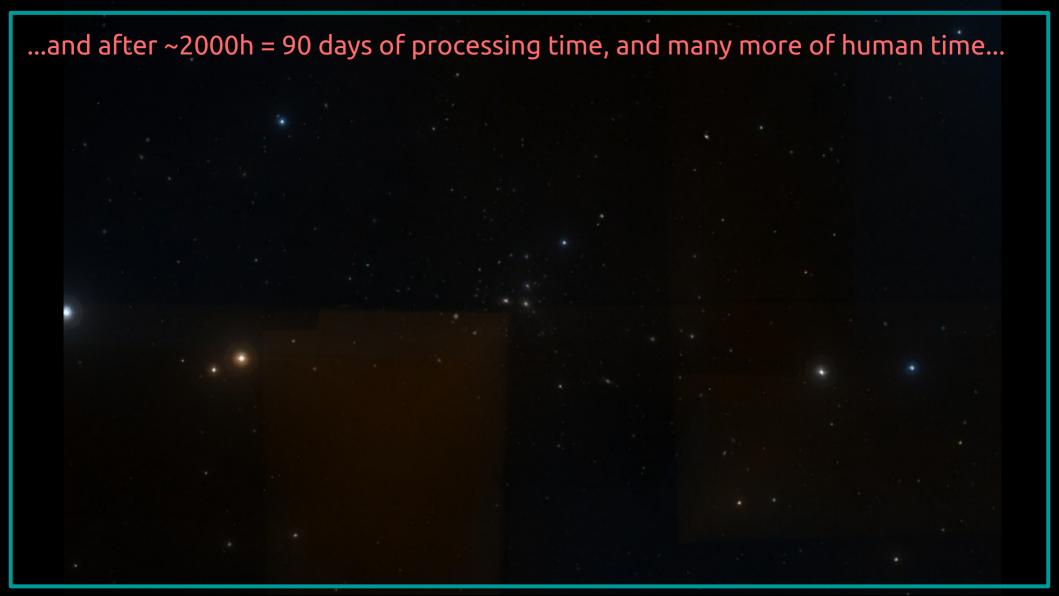


# IV challenge: imaging



>2 days for 8h (7000x7000), >9 days for 30h (5000x5000)

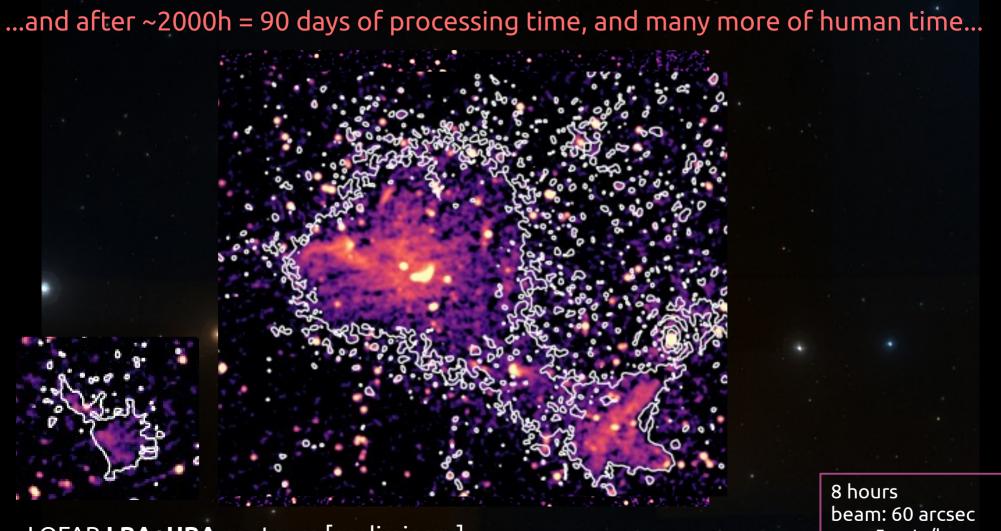
8 hours beam: 15 arcsec rms: 1.6 mJy/beam



# ...and after ~2000h = 90 days of processing time, and many more of human time...

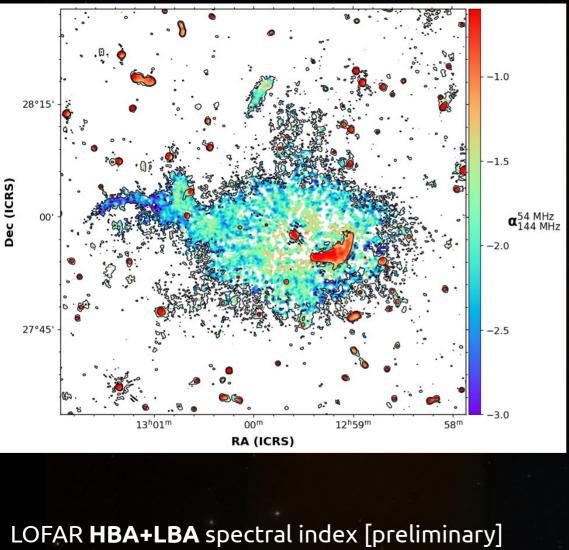
LOFAR **LBA, 8h** [preliminary]

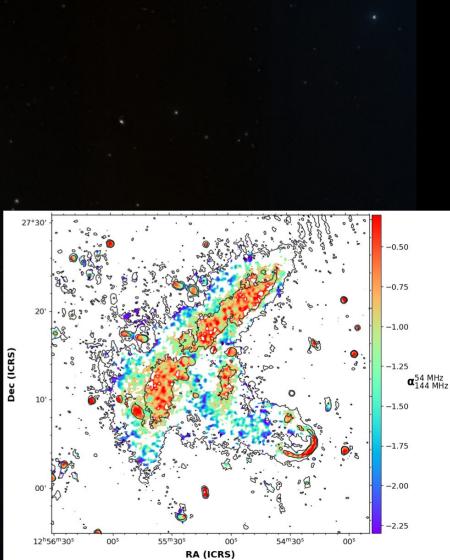
8 hours beam: 60 arcsec rms: 5 mJy/beam



LOFAR LBA+HBA contours [preliminary]

rms: 5 mJy/beam





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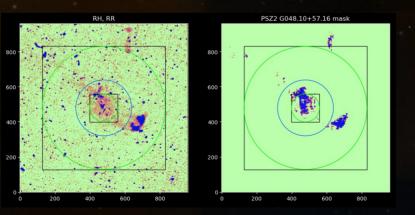
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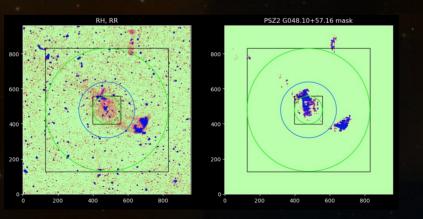


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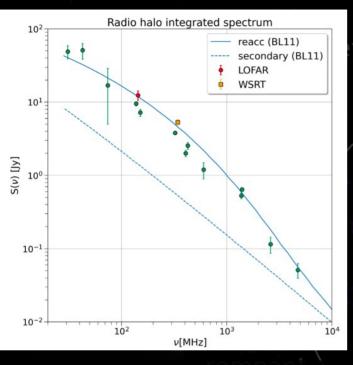
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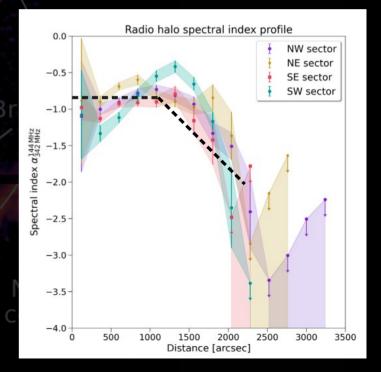


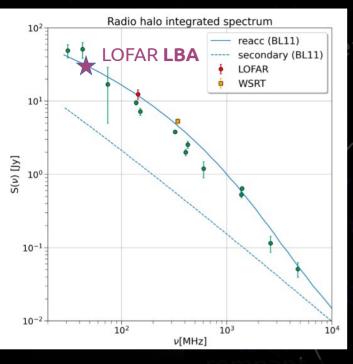


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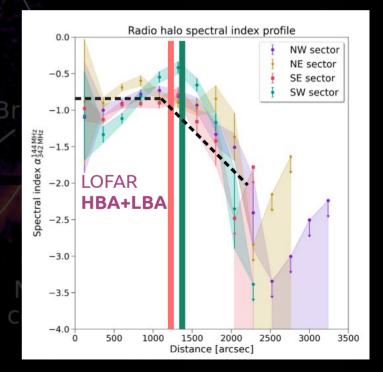


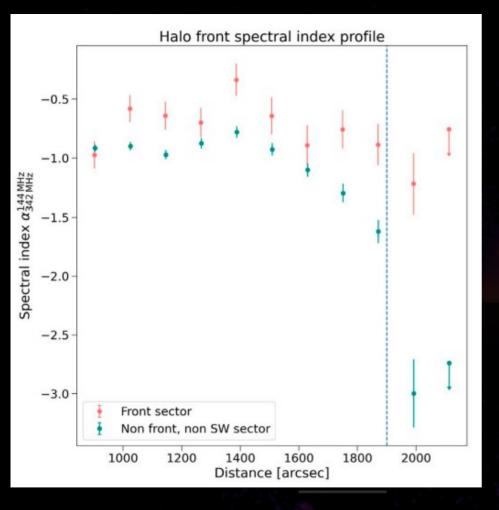


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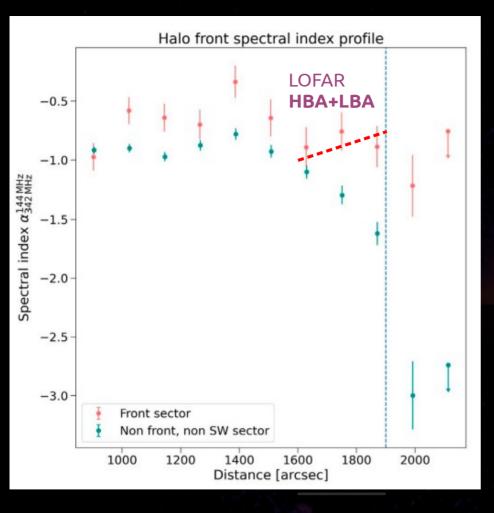


# Bridge

Halo front

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NAT-relic connection

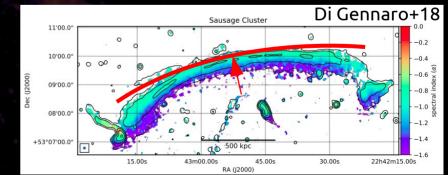


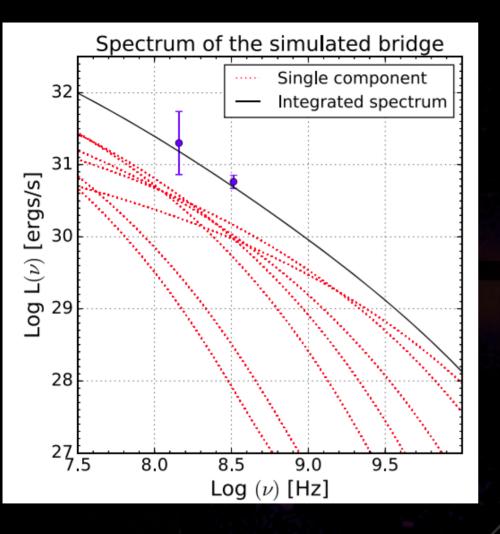
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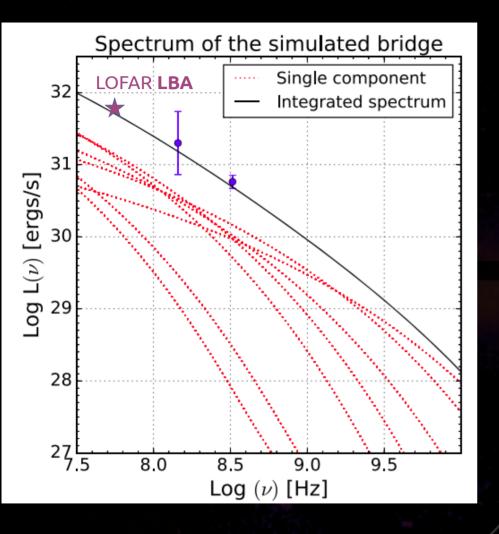


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R<sub>200</sub>

4849

1 Mpc

R<sub>100</sub>

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Which is the acceleration mechanism? Shock acceleration predicts spectral gradient and  $\alpha$ ~-1 at the edge

Candidate

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