

# AGN in Clusters of Galaxies



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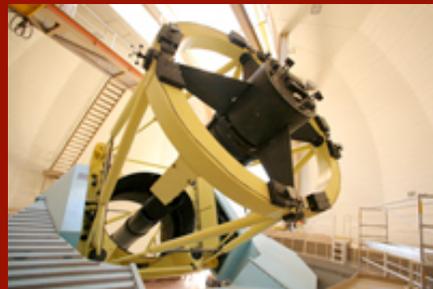
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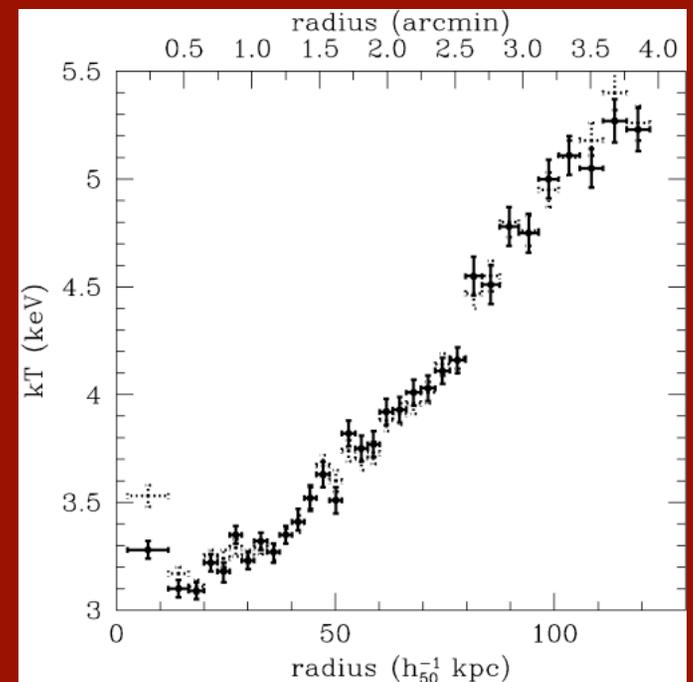
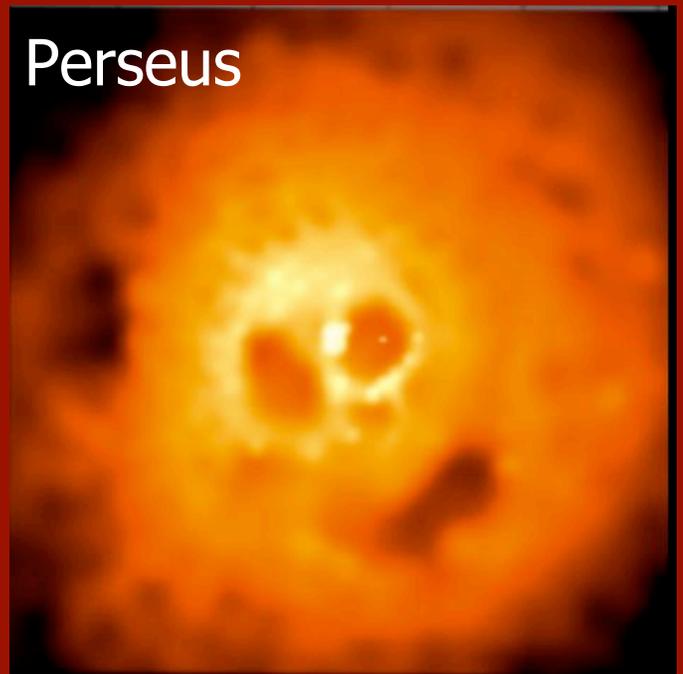
# Cluster Physics & the Cool Core Problem

Clusters of galaxies are filled with hot ( $T \sim 10^8$  K) and diffuse ( $n \sim 10^{-3} \text{ cm}^{-3}$ ) gas

The gas in the core should radiatively cool in less than a Hubble time, but not enough cool gas is observed

Burns (1990) noted most cool cores harbor powerful AGN

Fabian et al. (2005); Schmidt et al. (2002)



# AGN Feedback Observed

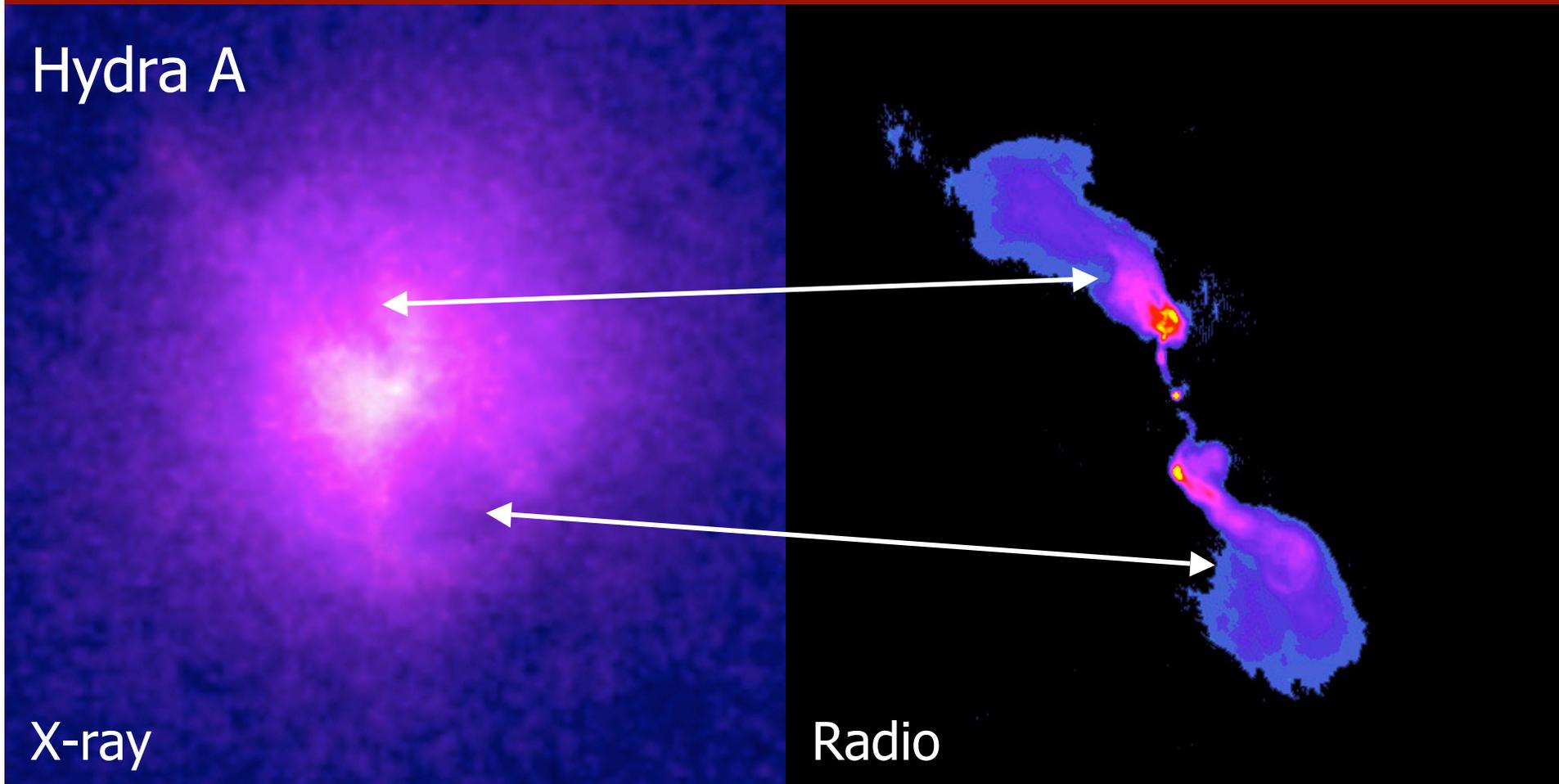
Hydra A

X-ray

Radio

Cavities in the hot intracluster gas formed by radio jets

McNamara et al. (2000)



# Black Hole Evolution

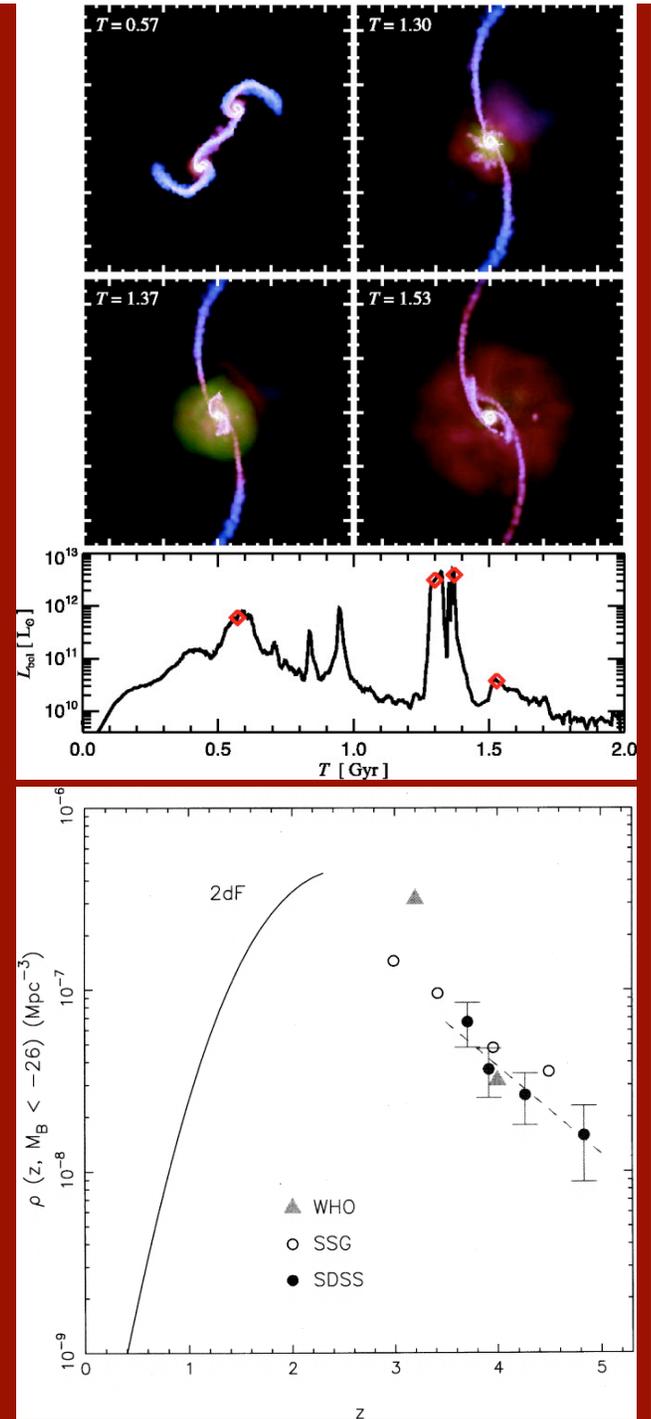
Rapid black hole growth produces an AGN

An AGN requires:

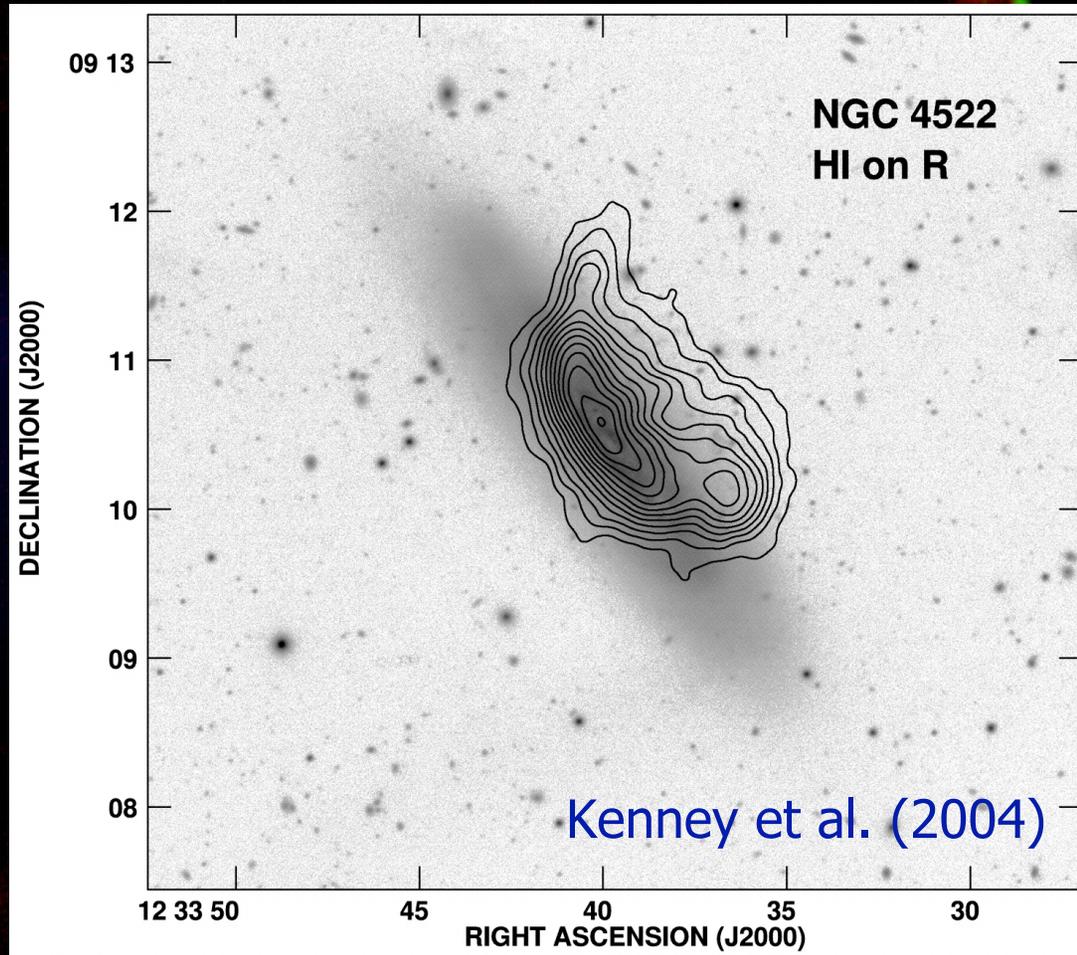
- triggering
- fuel supply

The cluster environment offers an opportunity to test this picture in the context of galaxy evolution

Hopkins et al. (2005); Fan et al. (2001)



# Galaxy Evolution in Clusters



ICM pressure:

$$P_r \sim r_e v^2$$

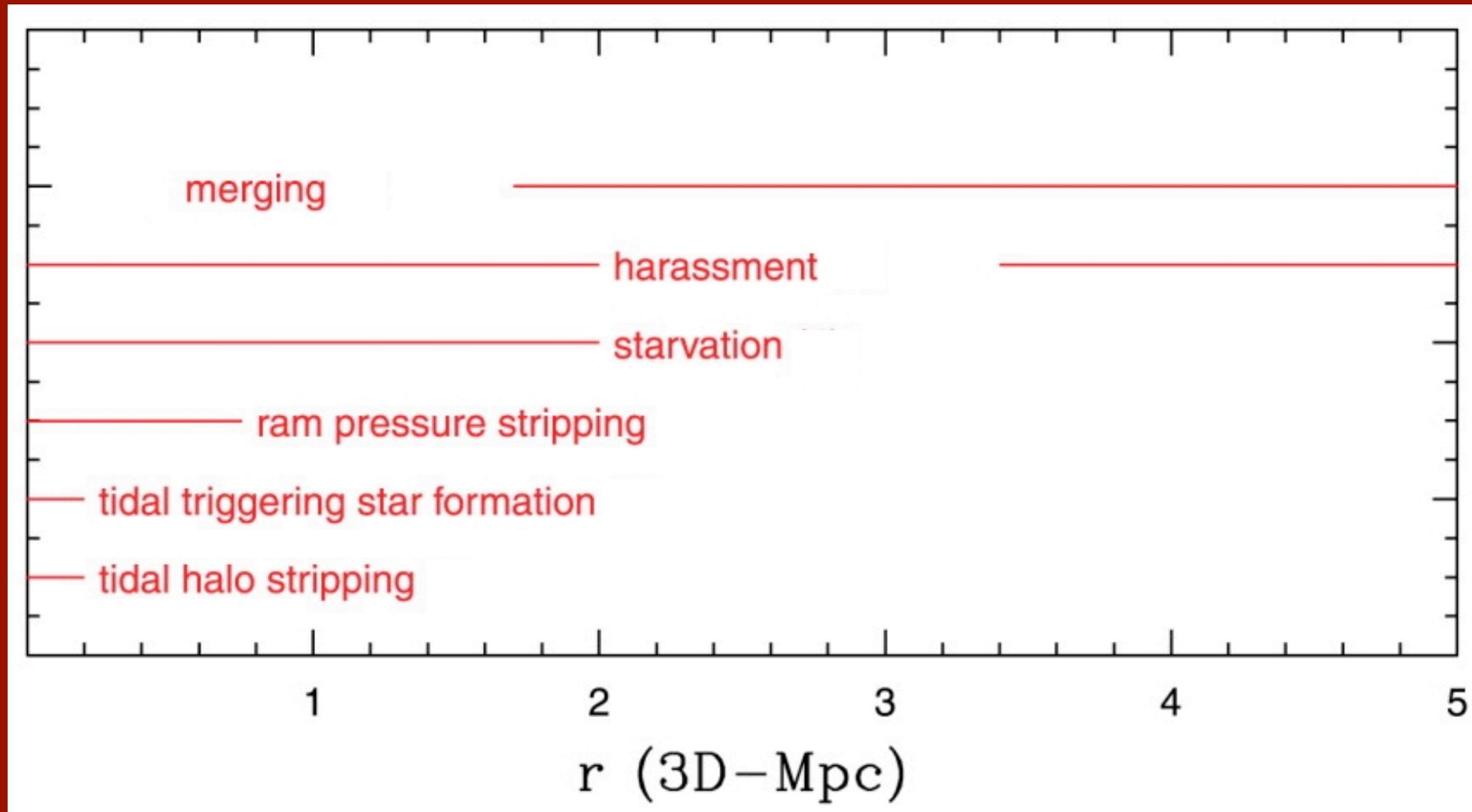
Restoring force:

$$F/A = 2\pi G \sigma_s \sigma_g$$

For typical galaxies,  
 $v \sim 1000$  km/s can  
strip their cold gas

Sun et al. (2004)

# Galaxy Evolution in Clusters



*Do these processes similarly affect AGN evolution?*

From Treu et al. (2003)

# **Lifetime of Radio AGN in Groups & Clusters**

# Demographics

Berlind et al. (2006)  
SDSS catalog

$3945.1 \square^\circ$

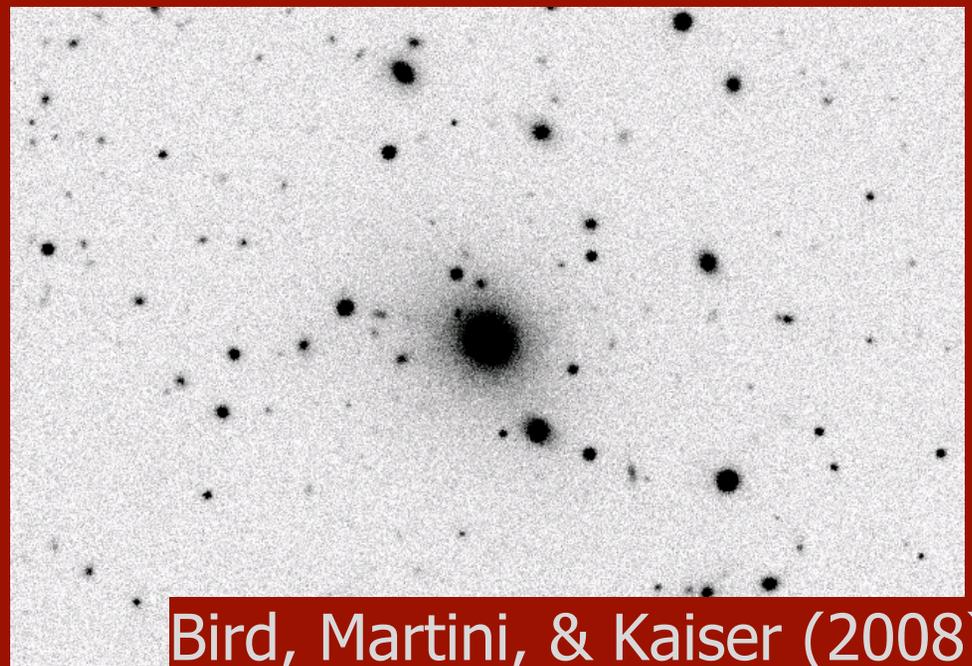
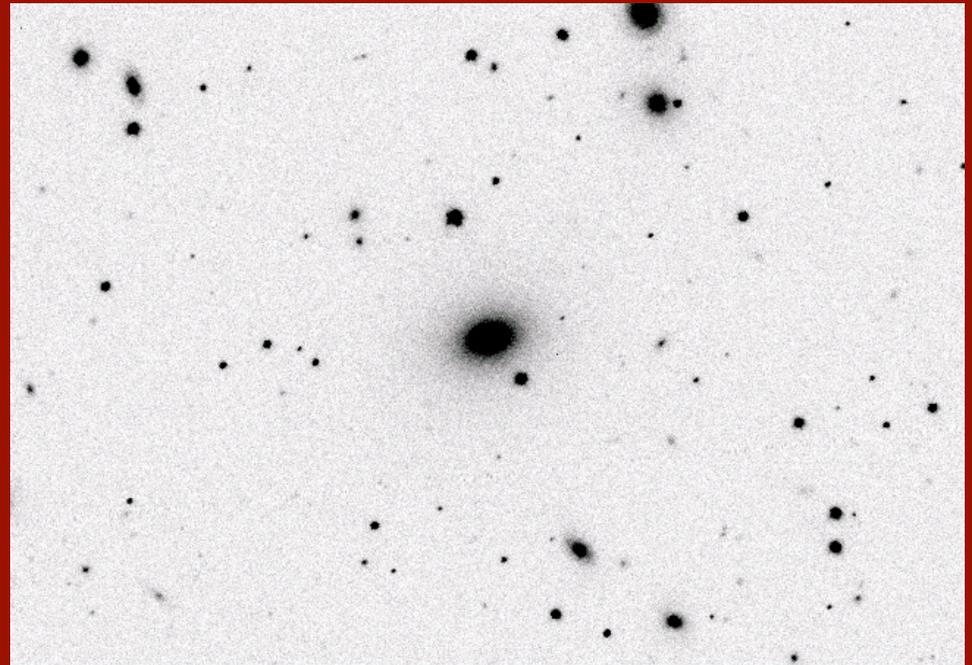
57,138 galaxies to  $z=0.1$

Complete to  $M_r = -19.9$

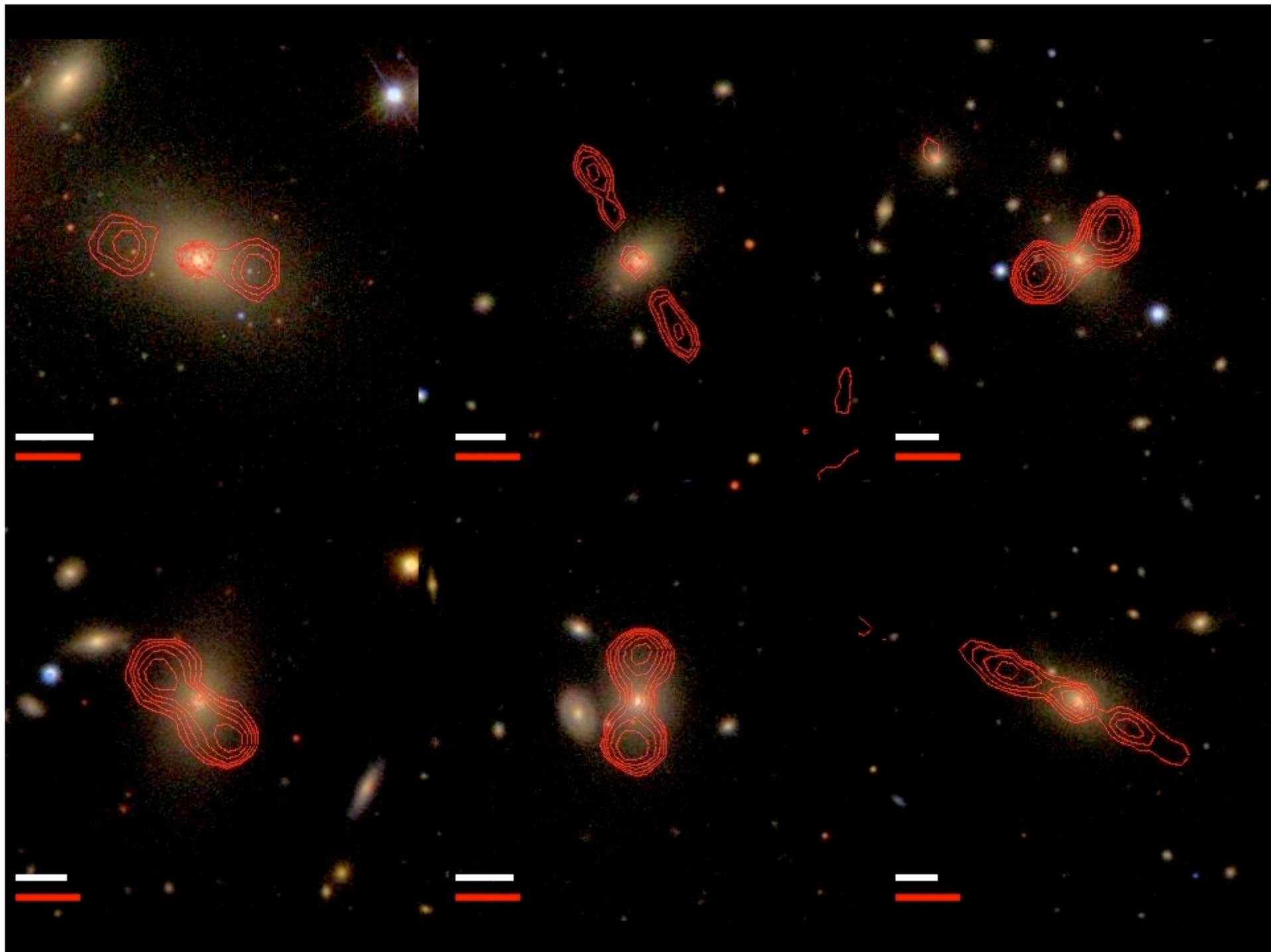
Magnitude cut:

$M_r \leq -22.0$   $\sim 2000$  groups

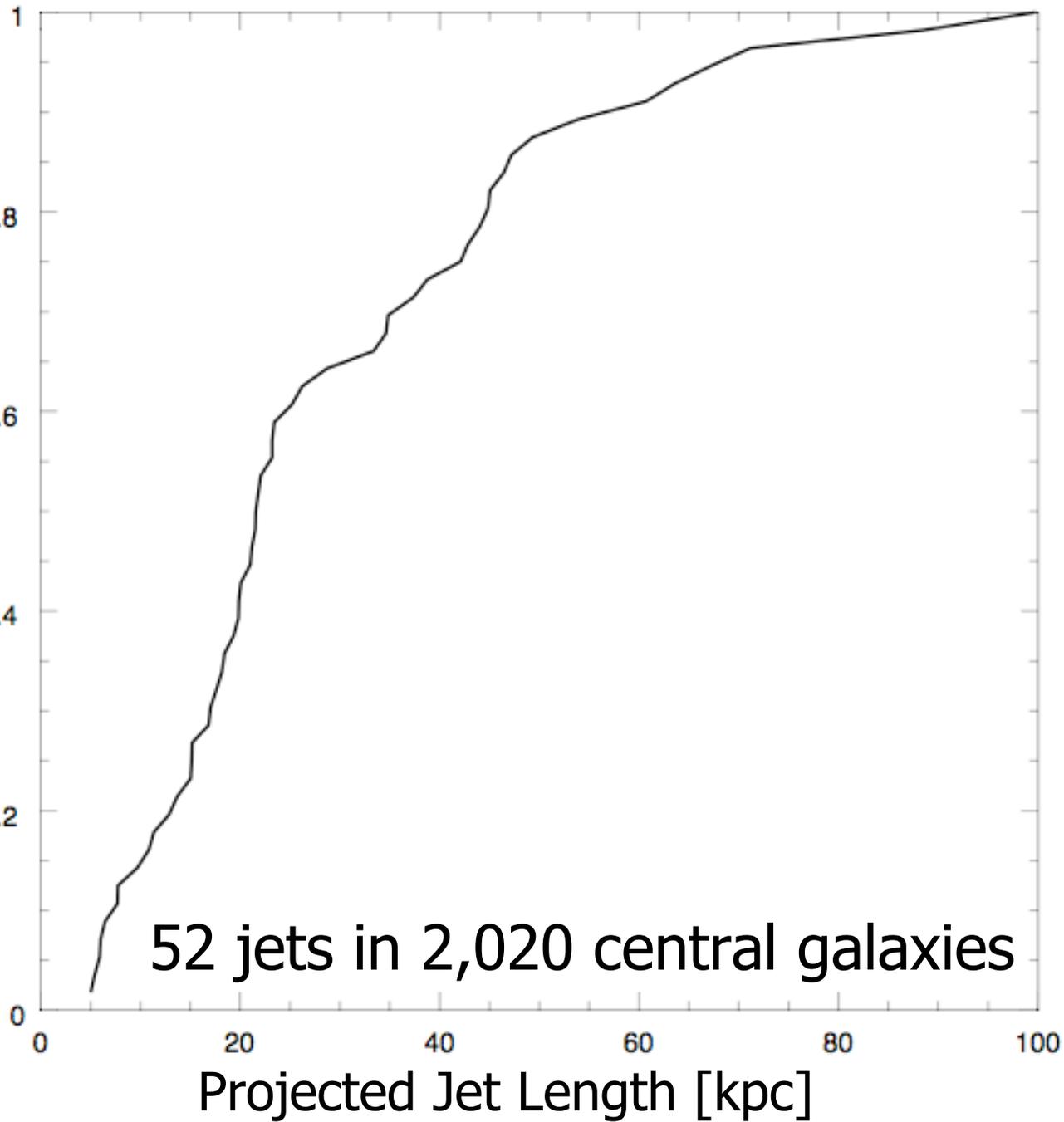
Cross-correlate central  
group/cluster galaxy  
with FIRST



Bird, Martini, & Kaiser (2008)



Fraction of Sources < Projected Jet Length



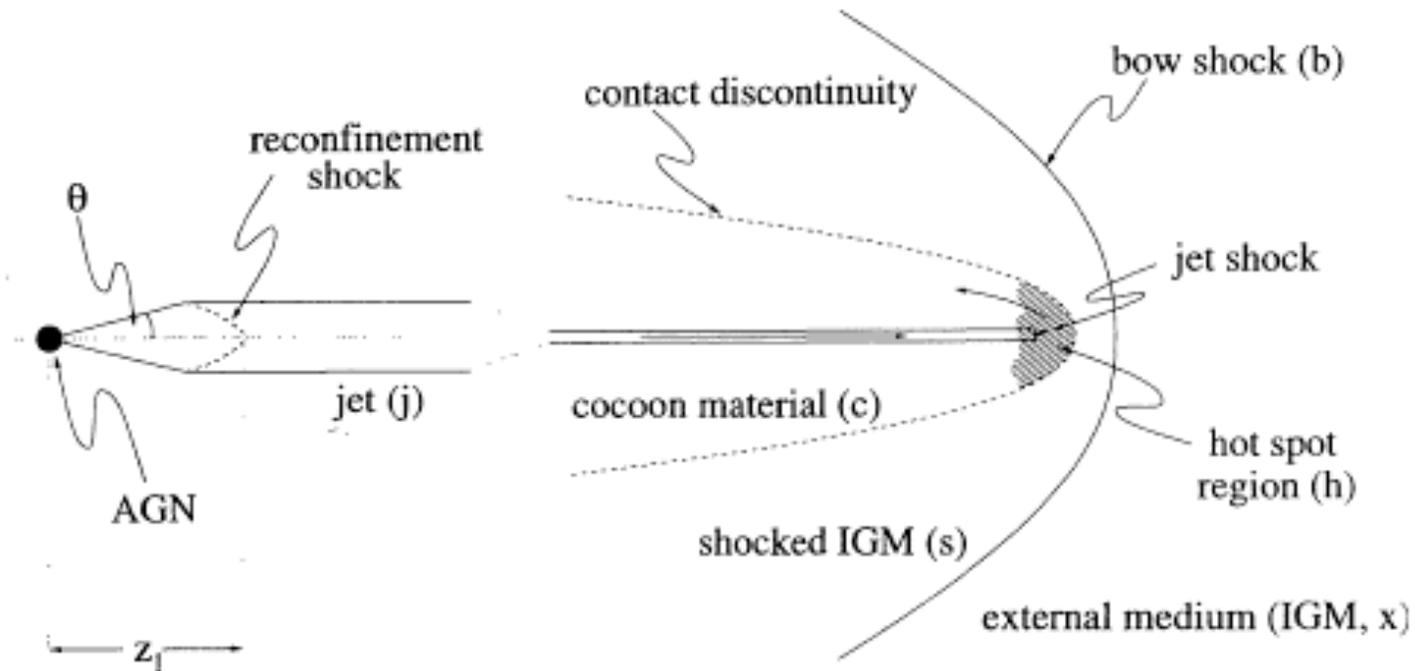
# Mock Catalogs

Create a mock catalog of 100,000 jets

Assign each a random age up to  $t_{\max}$

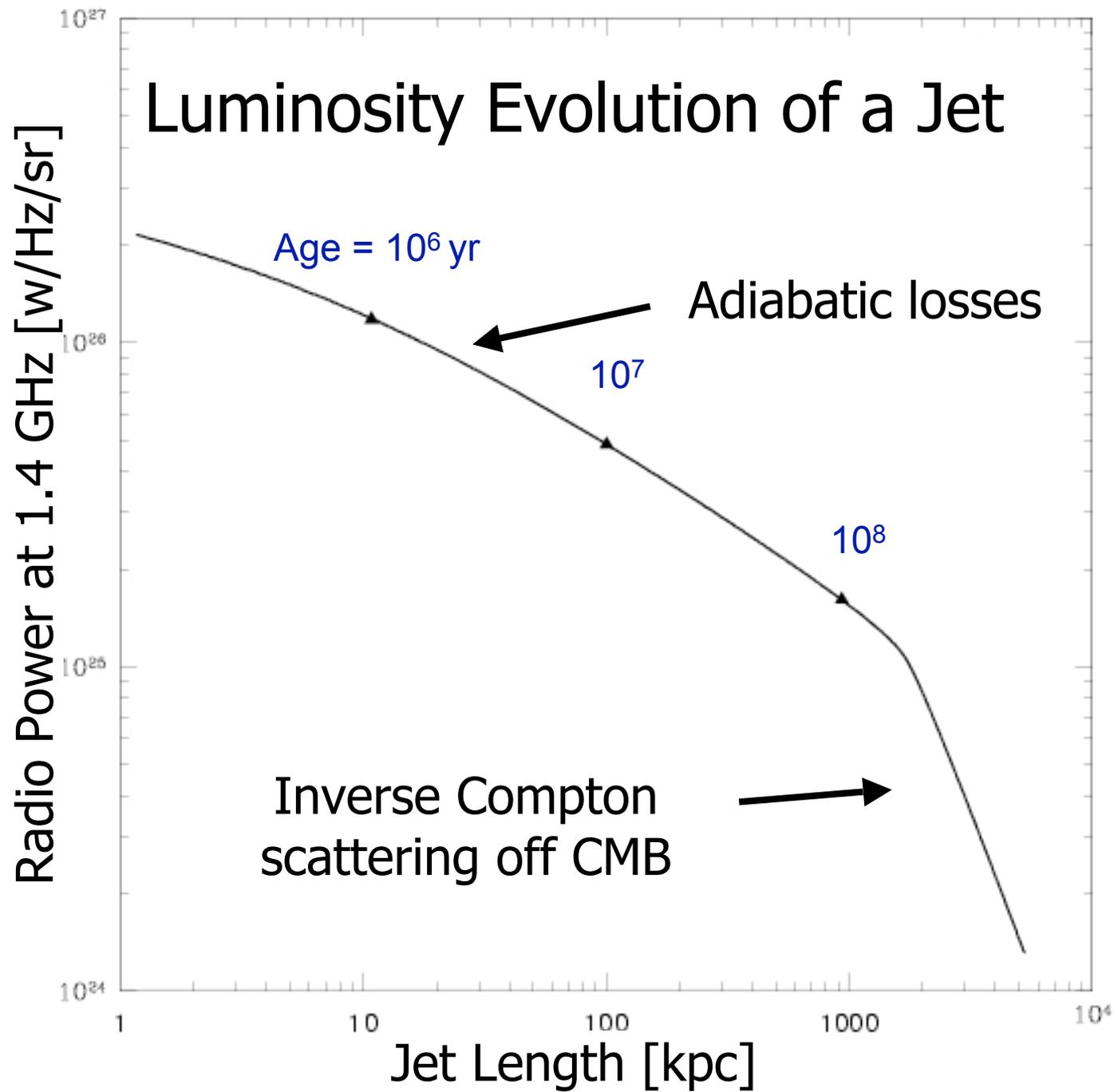
Calculate how much they have faded as they age with the Kaiser et al. (1997) self-similar analytic model for jet evolution (FRIIs)

# Model Jet Structure



Jet of relativistic fluid from the AGN  
Strong magnetic field in cocoon around jet shock  
produces synchrotron emission

Kaiser & Alexander (1997)



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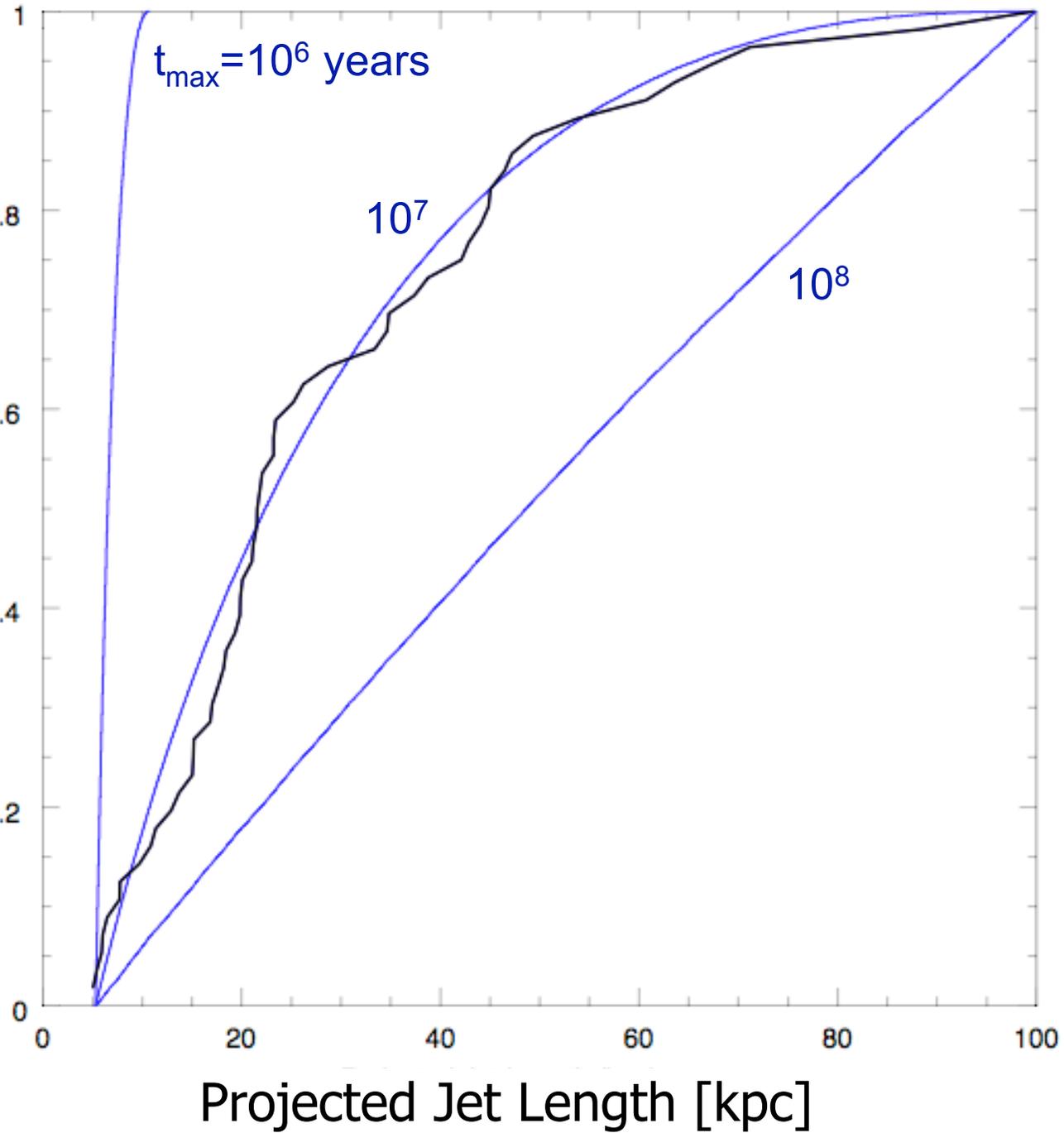
Constrain the initial power distribution to match the local RLF (Sadler et. al 2006)

Redshift distribution matches the groups

Random projection on the sky

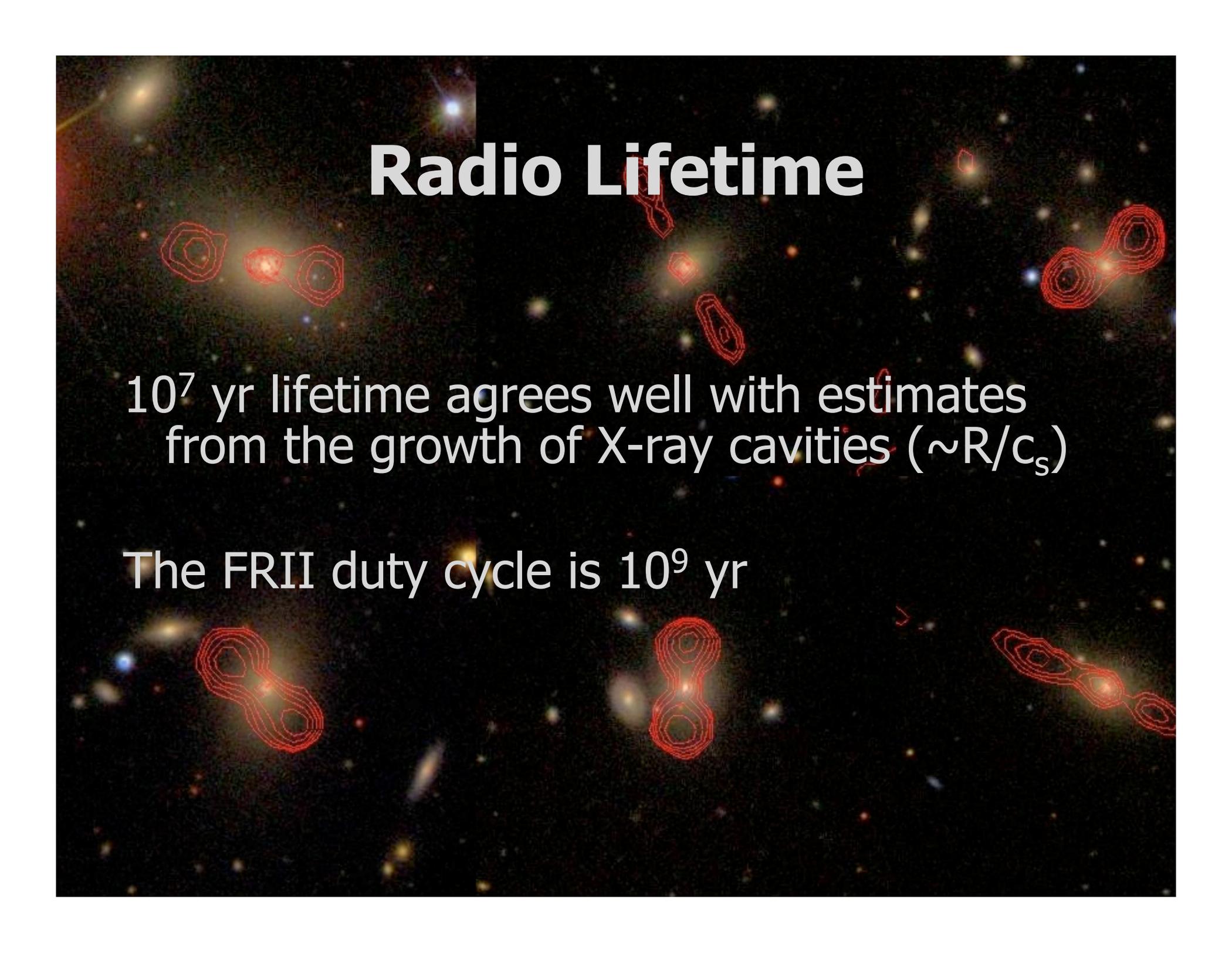
Flux, size must meet FIRST selection

Fraction of Sources < Projected Jet Length



Bird, Martini, & Kaiser (2008)

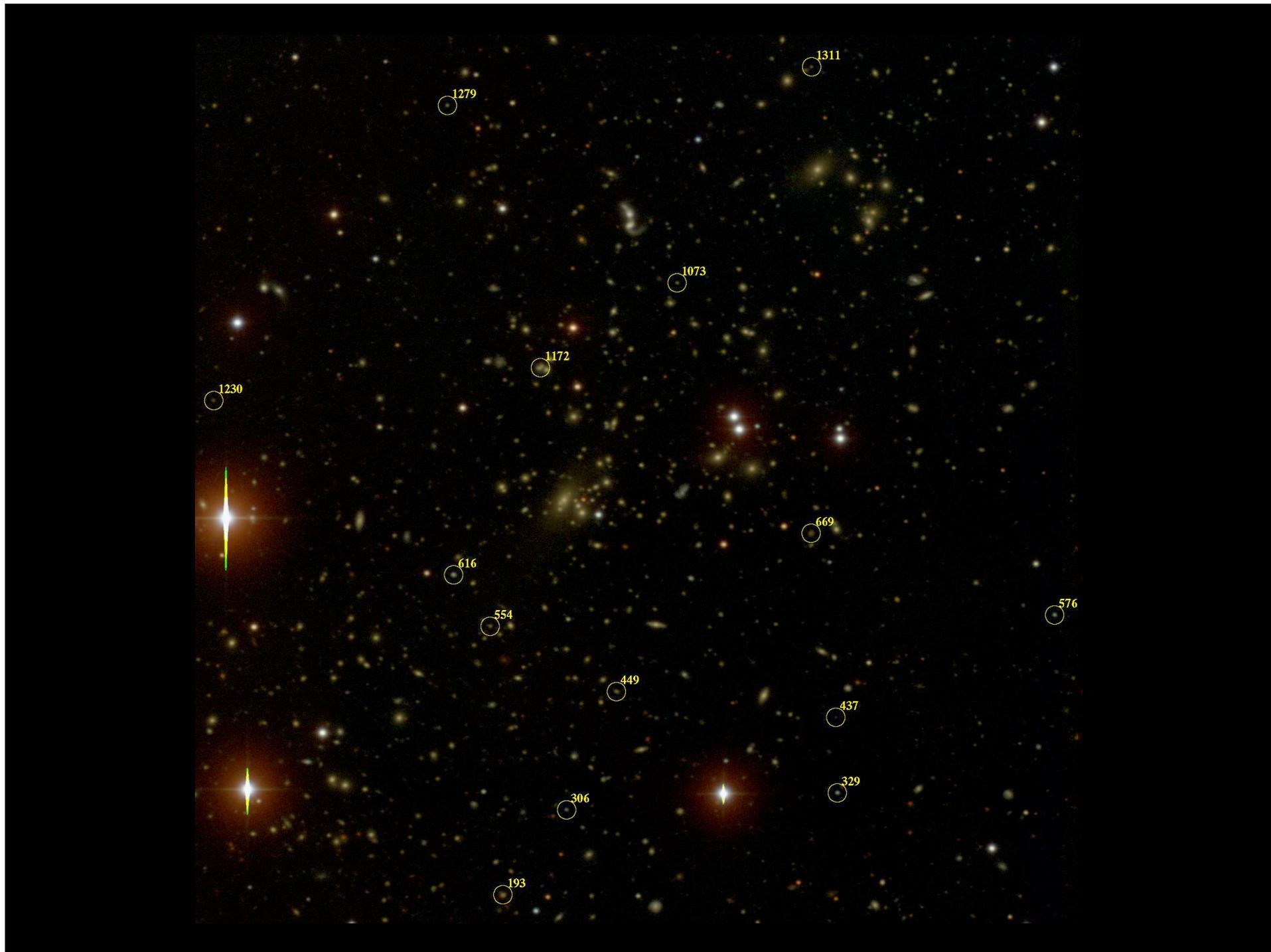
# Radio Lifetime

The background of the slide is a multi-color astronomical image of a galaxy cluster. It features numerous galaxies in shades of yellow, orange, and blue. Overlaid on this image are several sets of red contour lines, which represent radio emission from the cluster. These contours are concentrated in specific regions, likely corresponding to the locations of radio galaxies or active galactic nuclei.

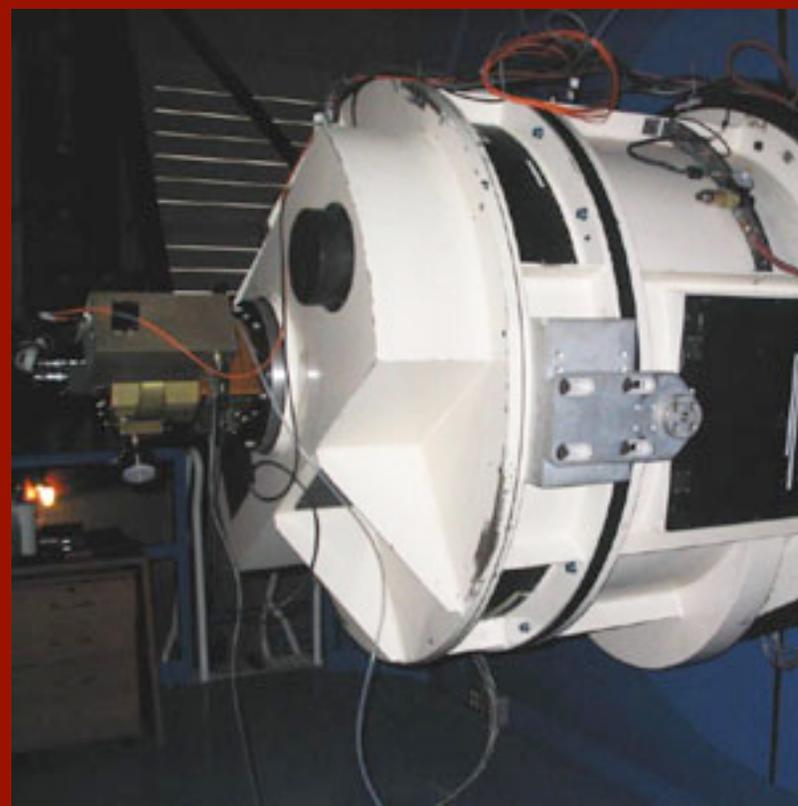
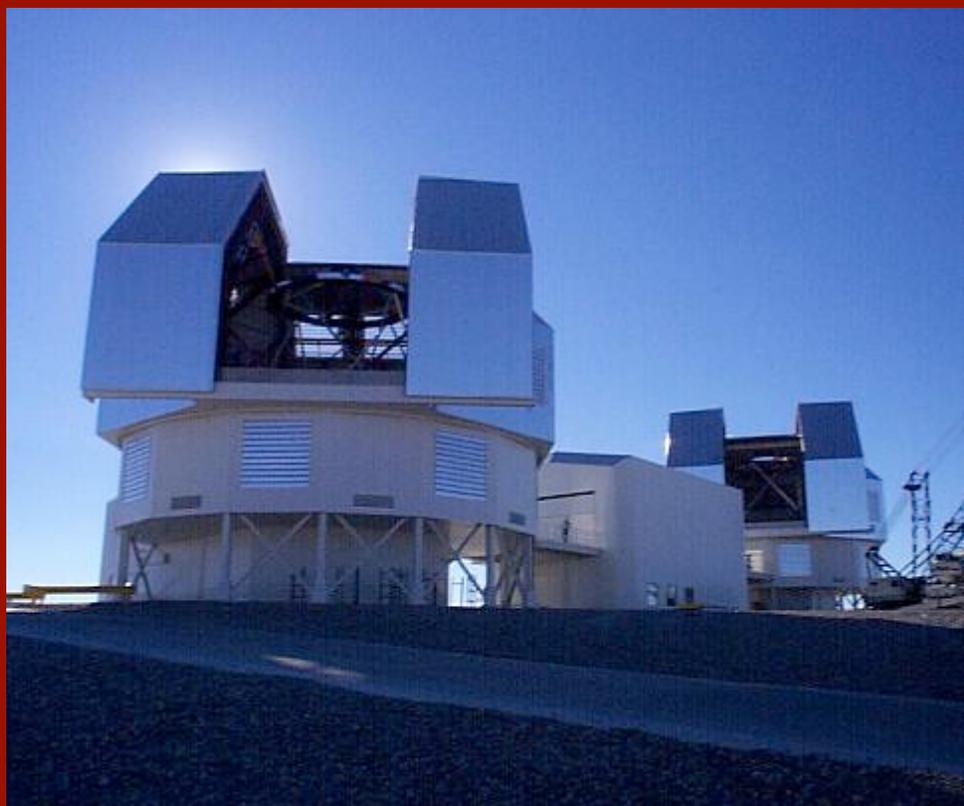
$10^7$  yr lifetime agrees well with estimates  
from the growth of X-ray cavities ( $\sim R/c_s$ )

The FR II duty cycle is  $10^9$  yr

# **Distribution of AGN within Clusters**



# Spectroscopy of Candidates



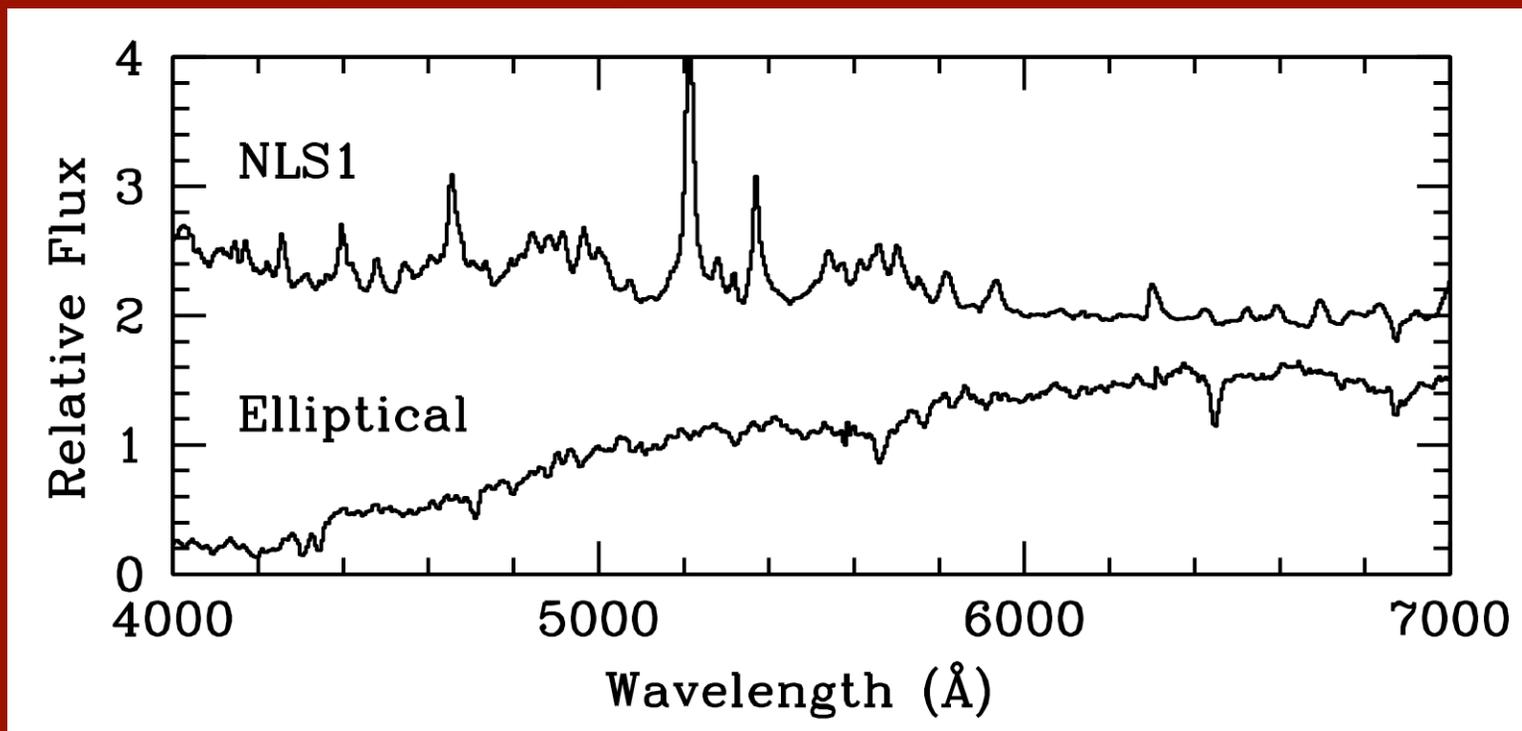
Magellan 6.5m Telescopes    LDSS Multi-Object Spectrograph

Las Campanas Observatory, Chile

# Spectroscopic Confirmation

Identified a total of 57 cluster members with X-ray emission in eleven clusters of galaxies.

Only 6/57 have AGN spectral signatures – *almost all would not be classified as AGN in a purely spectroscopic survey*



# Sources of X-ray Emission

## 1. Accretion onto supermassive black holes

- evidence that galaxies retain cold gas
- can easily produce  $L_x > 10^{42}$  erg/s

## 2. Low mass X-ray binaries

- can produce  $L_x < 10^{41}$  erg/s in massive galaxies

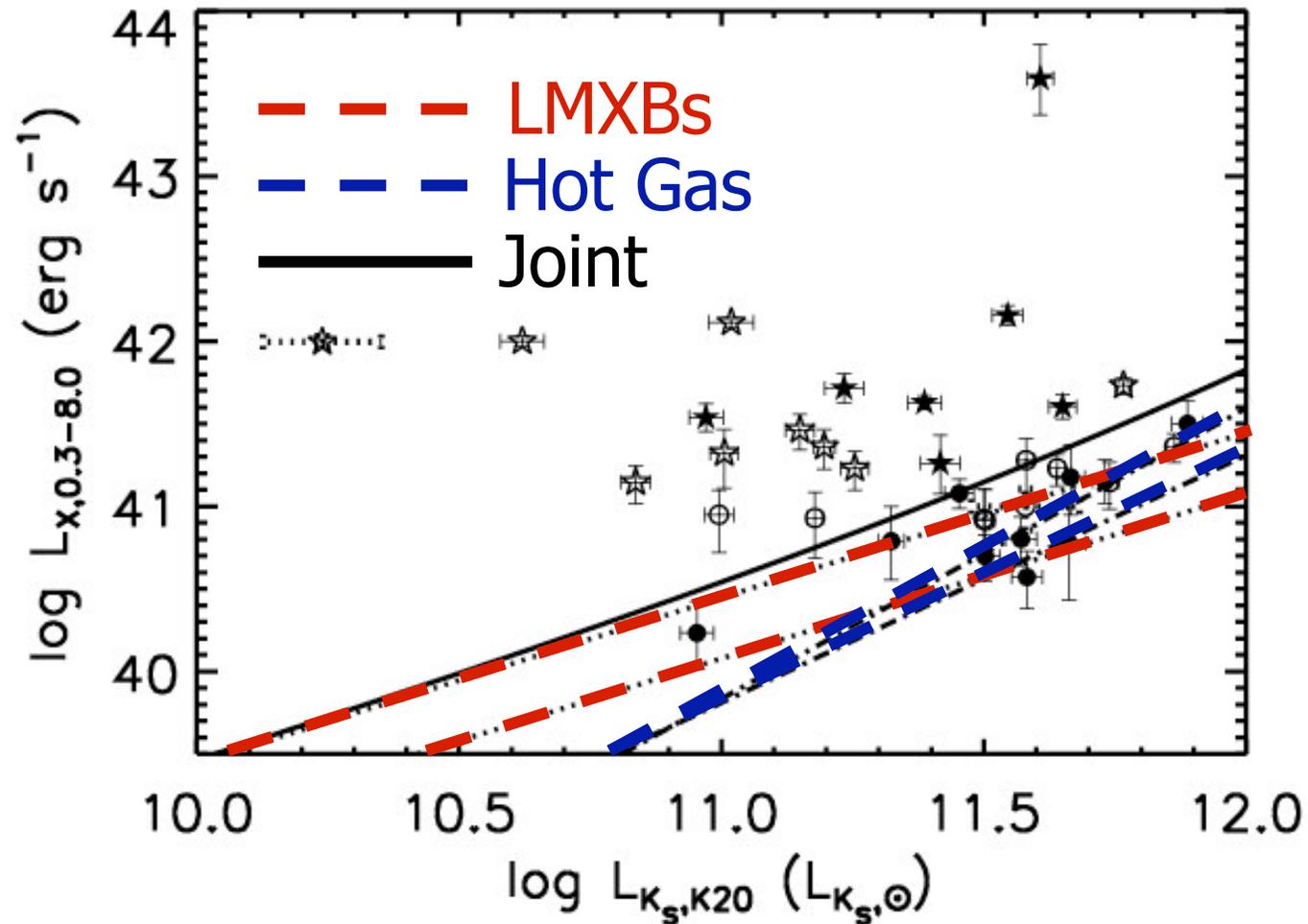
## 3. Hot X-ray halos

- interesting if still present in cluster ellipticals
- may be as luminous as  $L_x \sim 10^{41}$  erg/s

## 4. Starbursts

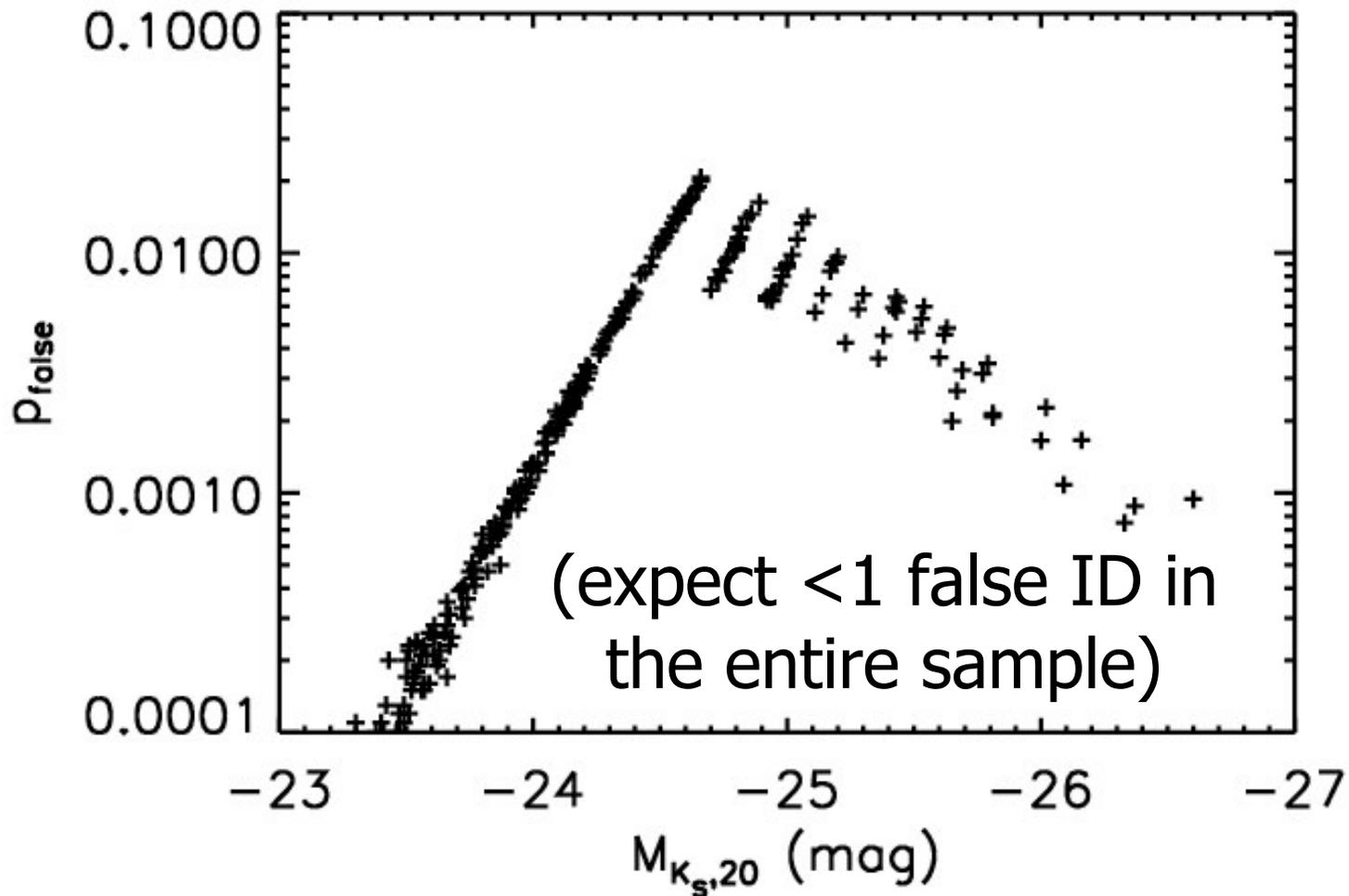
- rare in clusters and would exhibit strong [OII], etc.
- the most extreme local starbursts have  $L_x \sim 10^{41}$  erg/s

# AGN Identification



Sivakoff et al. (2008)

# Probability of False ID



Sivakoff et al. (2008)

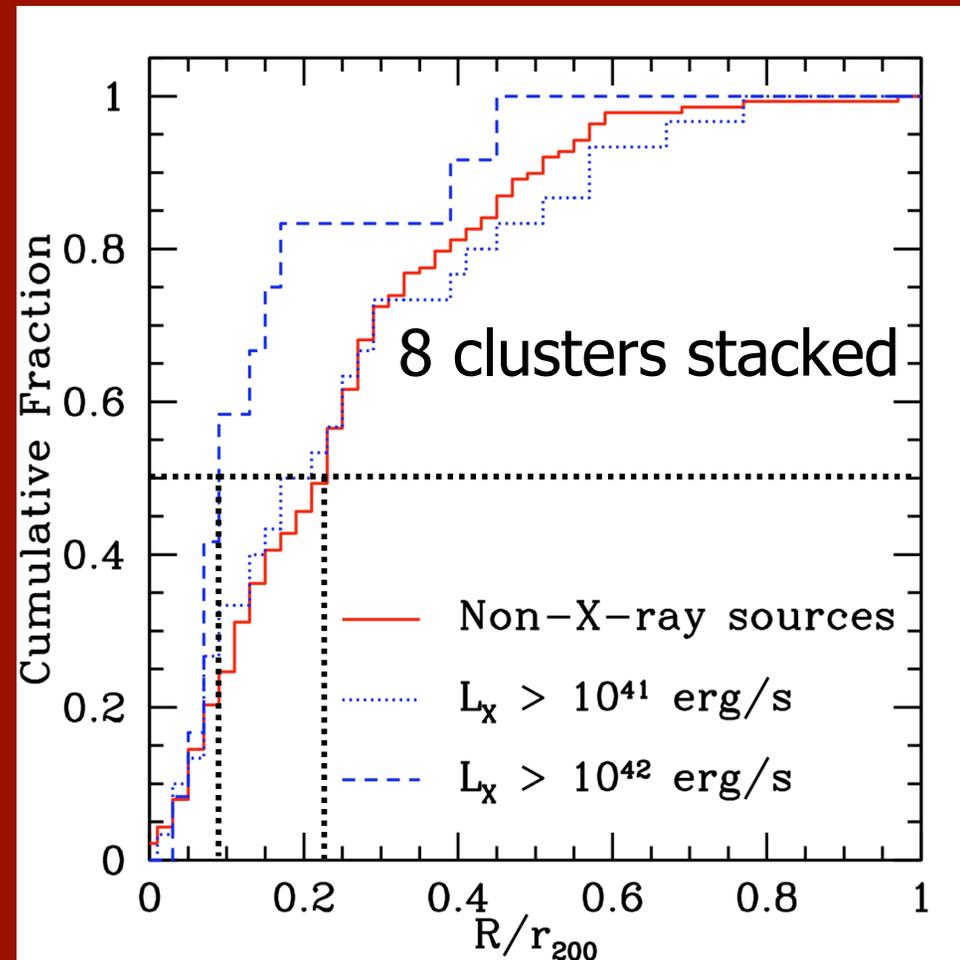
# Centrally Concentrated AGN

Luminous AGN are more centrally concentrated  
**50% within  $0.1 r_{200}$**

Non-X-ray sources are all galaxies with  $M_R < -20$

*Does not include BCGs*

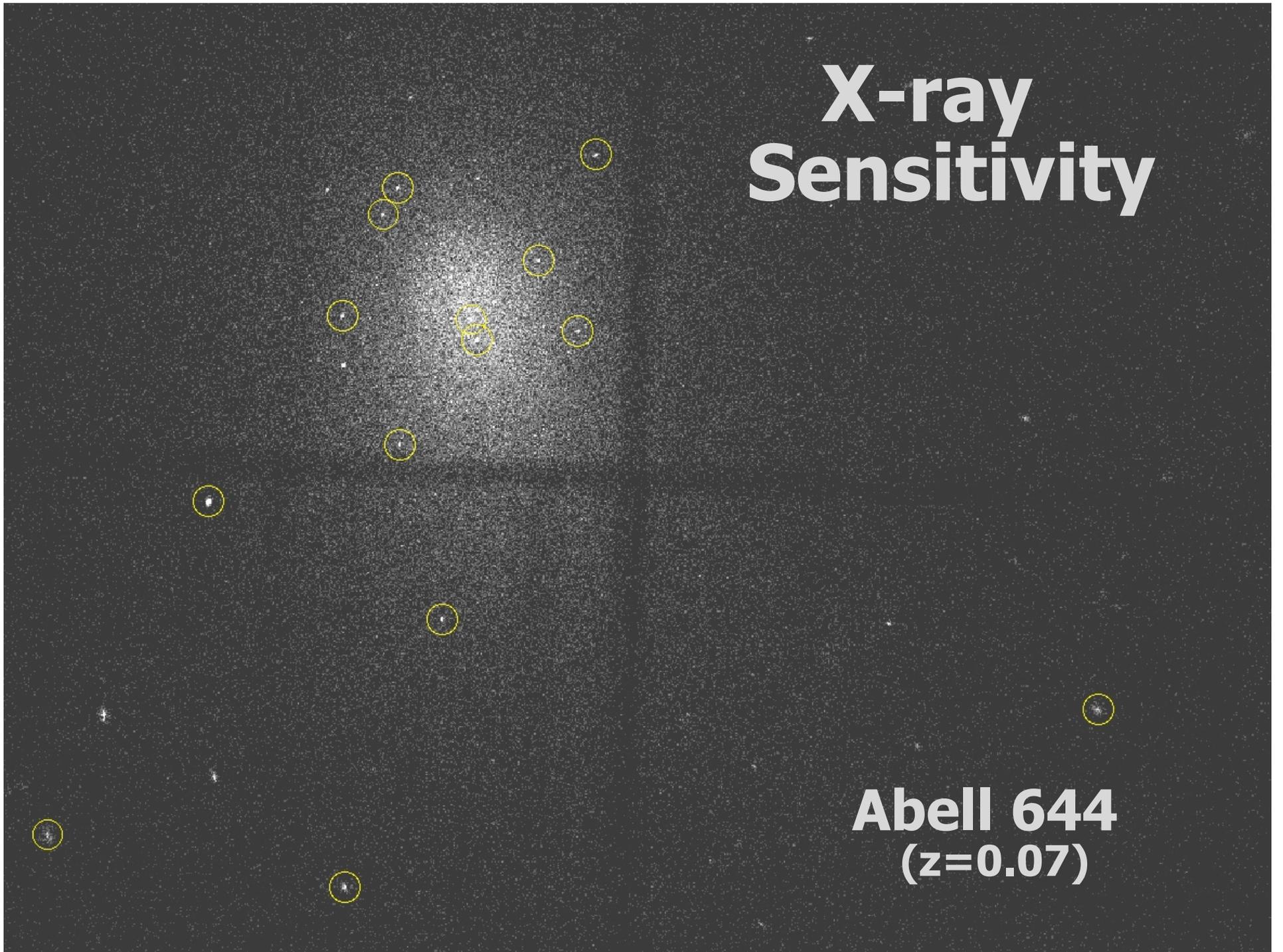
*Most data only extend to  $0.5 r_{200}$*



Martini et al. (2007)

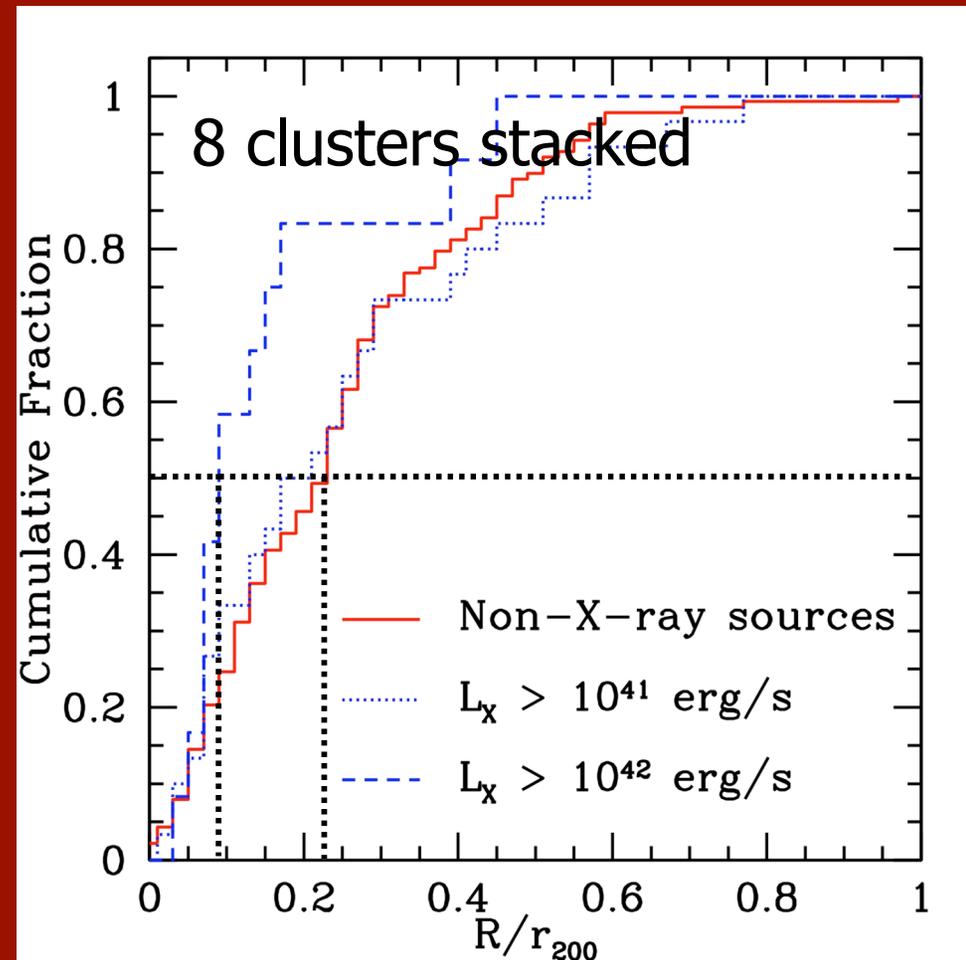
# X-ray Sensitivity

**Abell 644**  
( $z=0.07$ )



# Centrally Concentrated AGN

*Implication: the most luminous cluster AGN have been re-triggered, rather than are newly infallen, gas-rich galaxies*



Martini et al. (2007)

# AGN Fraction Measurement

Abell 3128 ( $z=0.06$ )

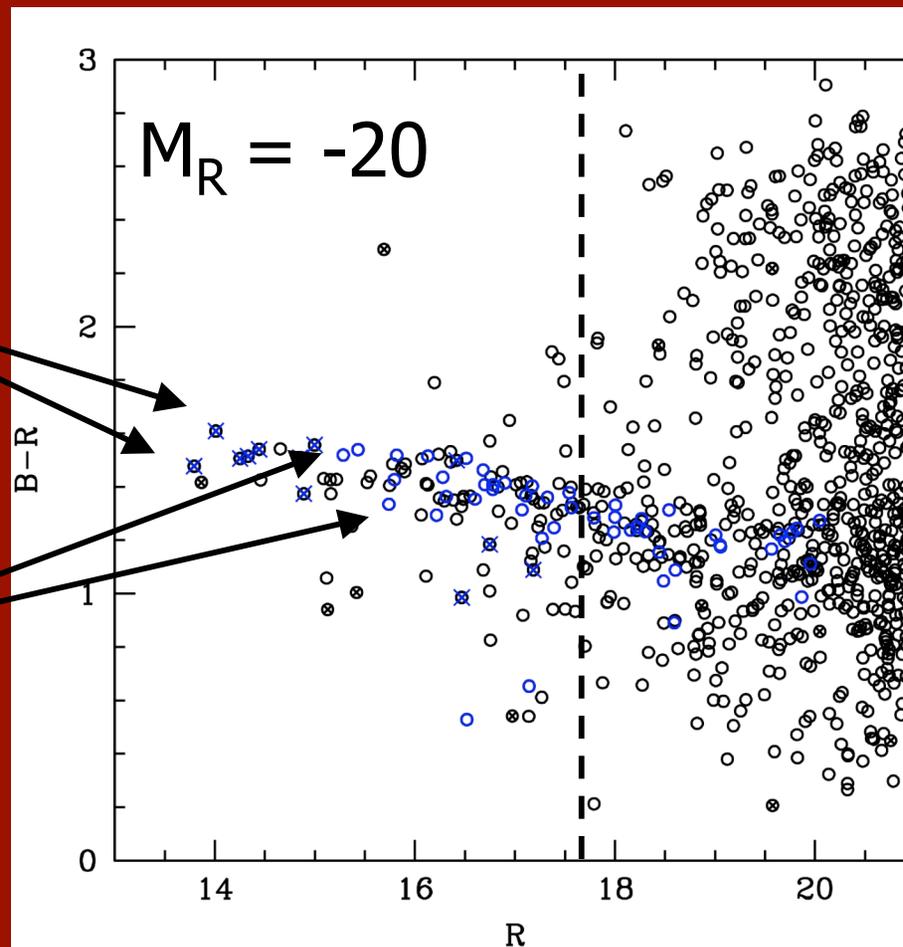
$$f_A = \frac{N_X (L > L_X; M_R < -20)}{N_{\text{gal}} (M_R < -20)}$$

**$f_A = 5\%$  for  $L_X > 10^{41}$**   
(8 clusters with  $z < 0.3$ )

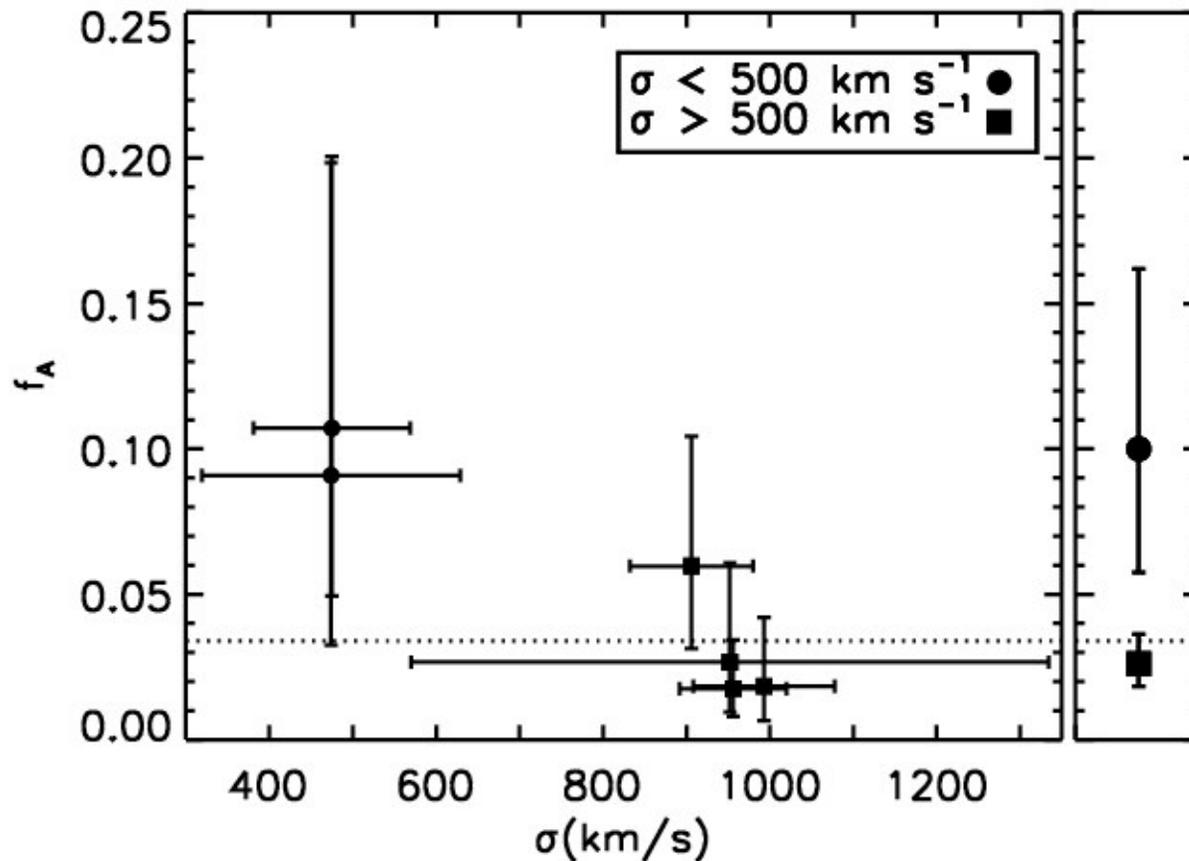
$N_X$

$N_{\text{gal}}$

*This is 5x the Dressler  
et al. (1985) value*



# AGN Fraction vs. Environment

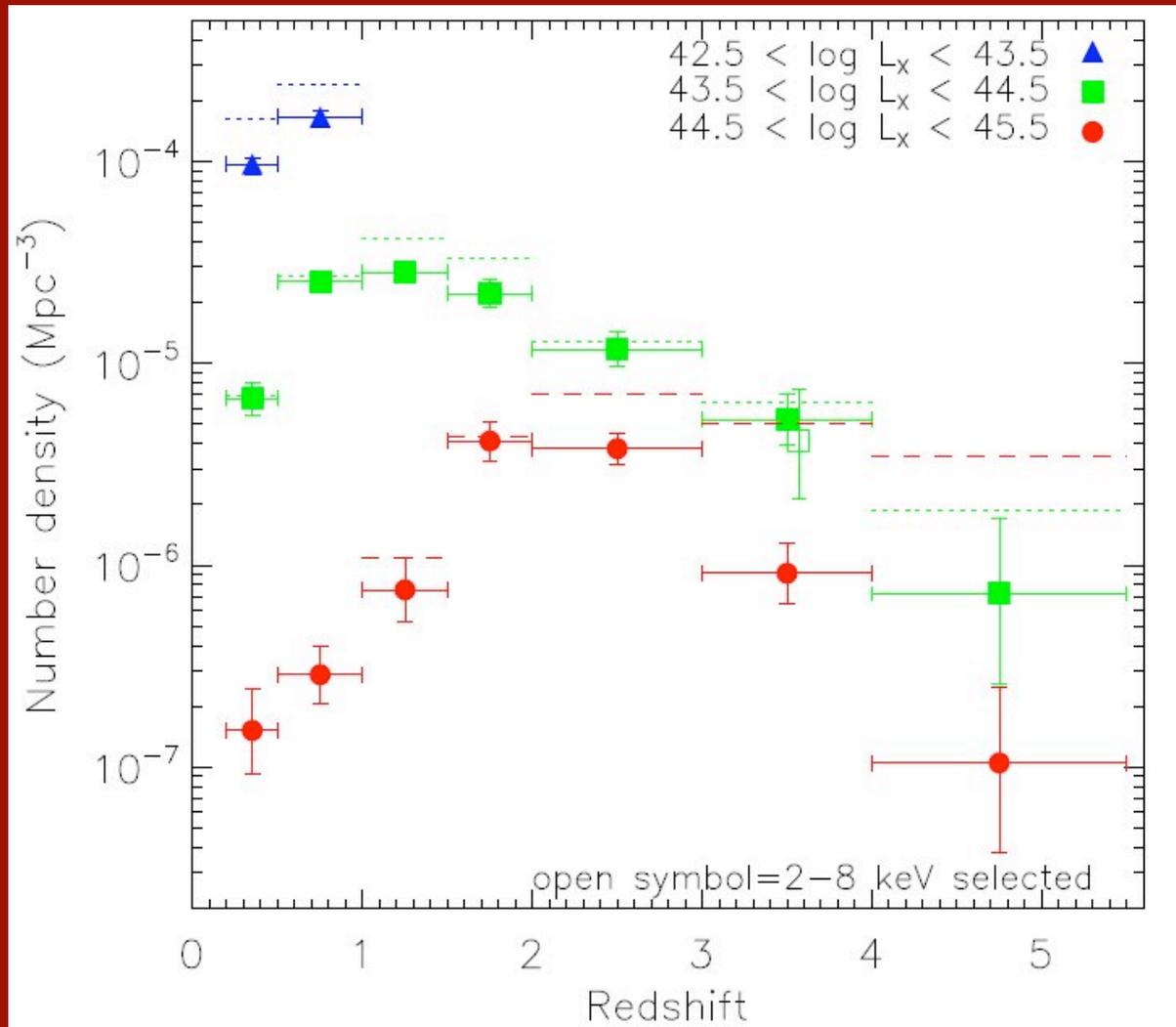


*>95% probability they are different*

Sivakoff et al. (2008)

# **Environment-Dependent AGN Evolution**

# Field AGN Downsizing



Silverman et al. (2008)

# The Butcher-Oemler Effect

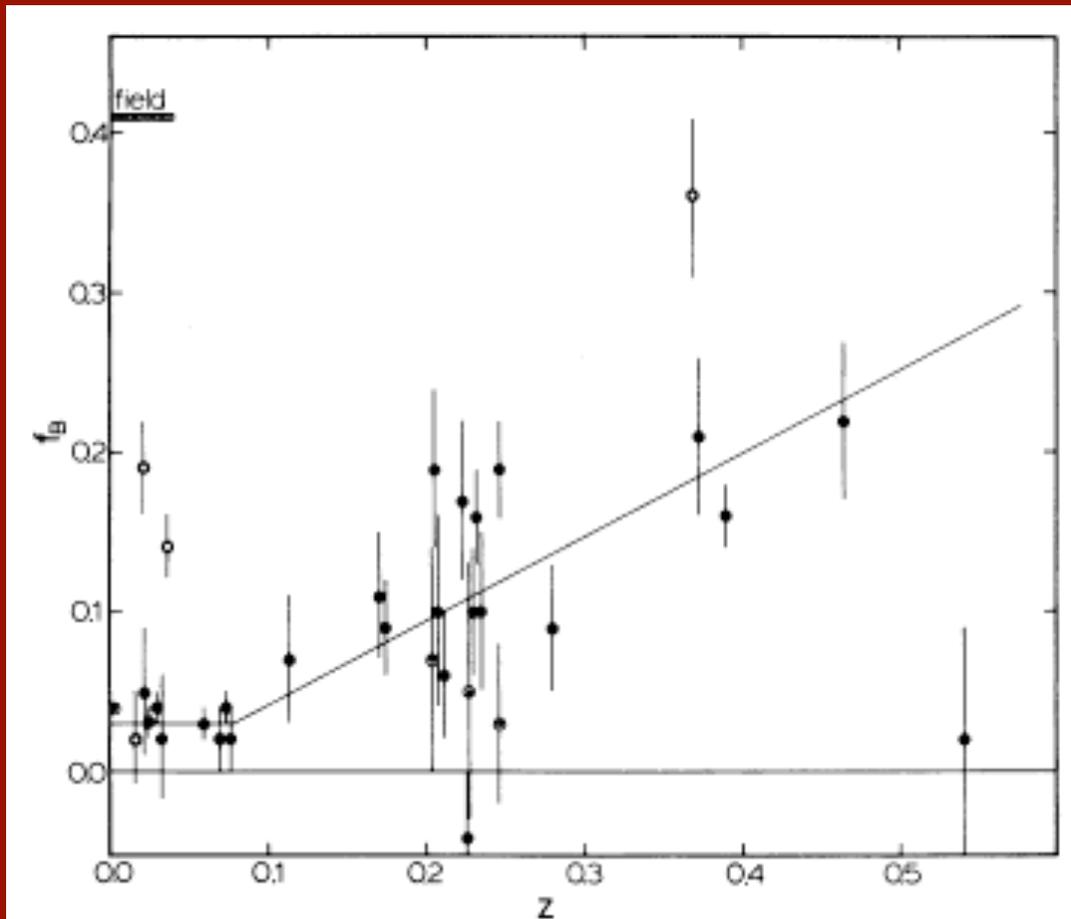


FIG. 3.—Blue galaxy fraction versus redshift. *Filled circles*, compact clusters ( $C \geq 0.40$ ); *open circles*, irregular clusters ( $C < 0.35$ ); *dotted circles*, intermediate clusters ( $0.35 \leq C < 0.40$ ).

Butcher & Oemler (1984)

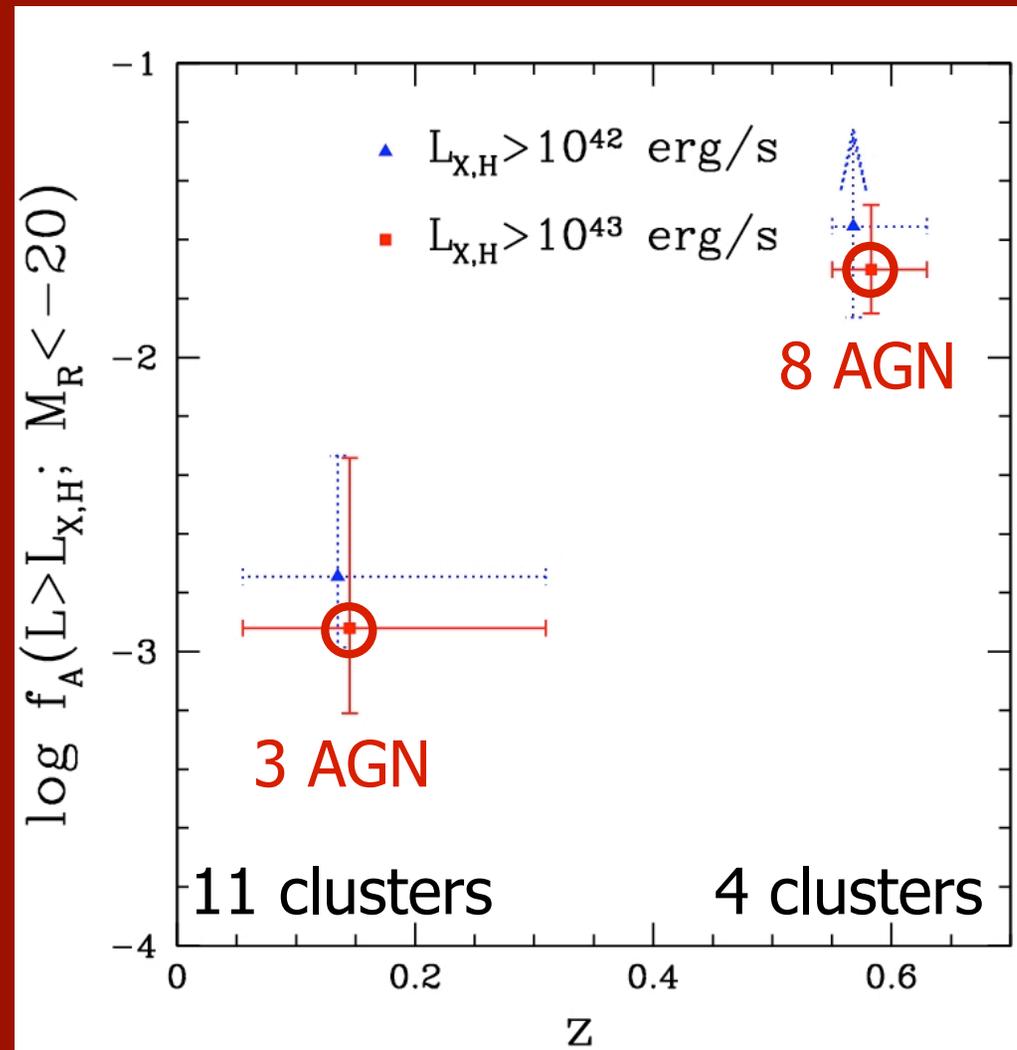
# AGN in $z > 0.5$ clusters



# An AGN Butcher-Oemler Effect

Factor of  $\sim 15$  increase  
in the cluster AGN  
fraction

Due to systematics,  
this is likely an  
underestimate

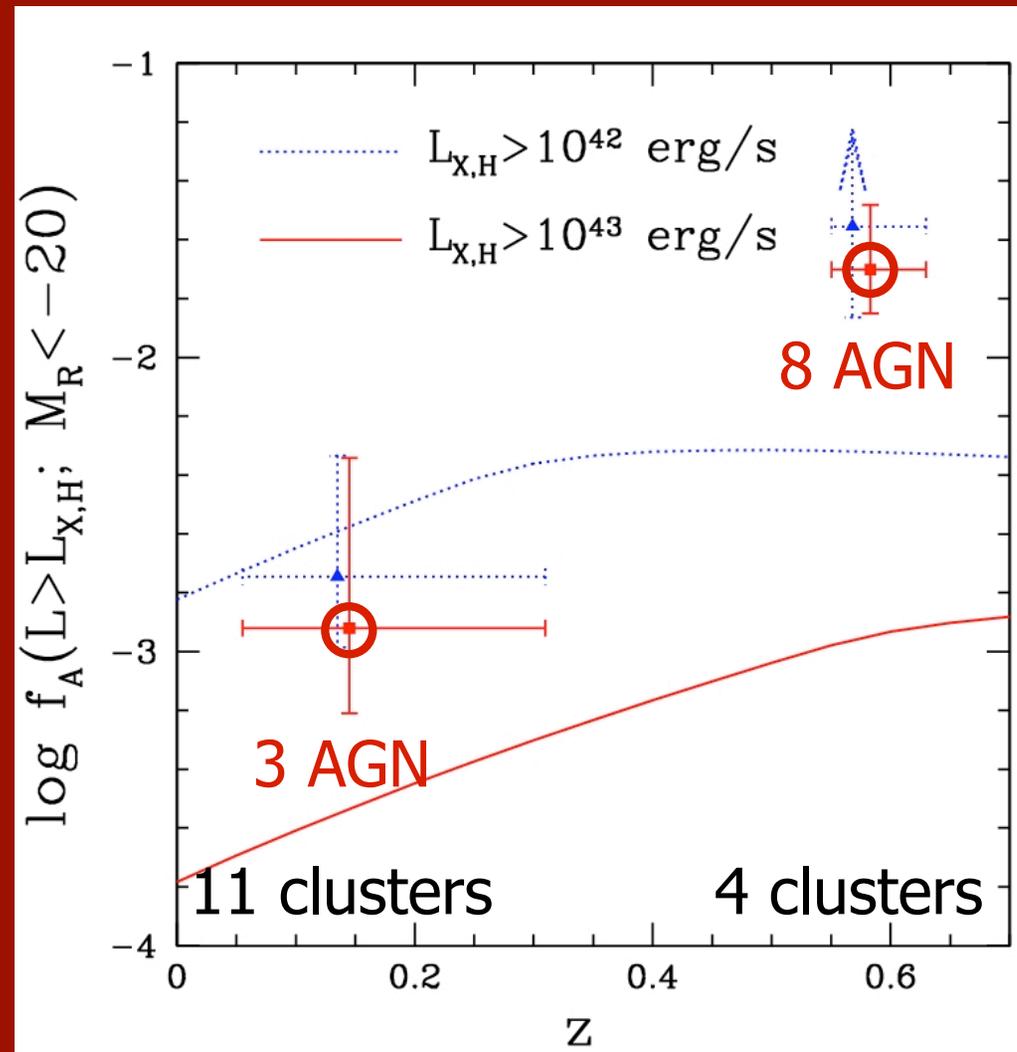


Eastman et al. (2007) + Sivakoff et al. (2008)

# Comparison to Field AGN

More pronounced than  
the field evolution  
(Ueda et al. 2003)

Evidence for  
environment-  
dependent AGN  
downsizing



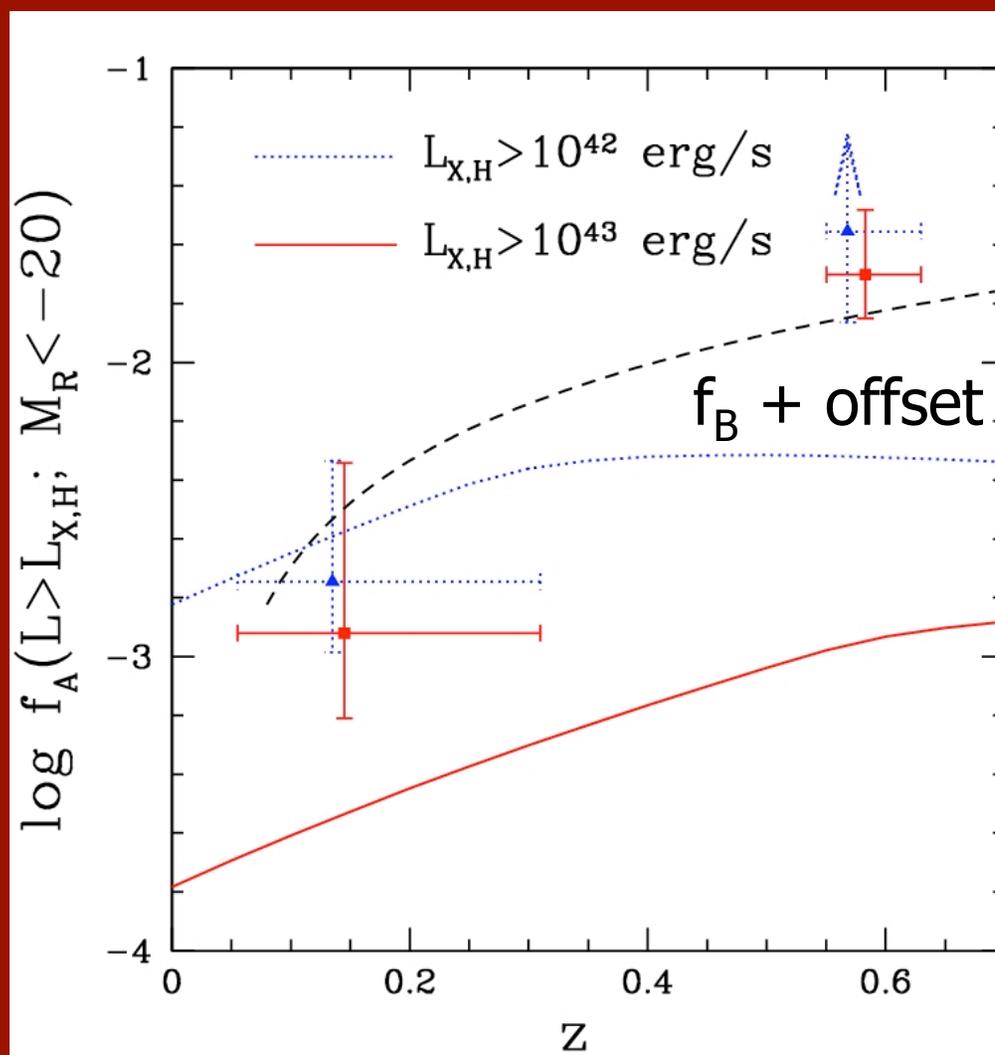
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# AGN and SFR Coevolution?

Rate of evolution is consistent with blue galaxy fraction

Do AGN quench star formation?

Does star formation quench AGN?



Eastman et al. (2007) + Sivakoff et al. (2008)

# Summary

The FR II lifetime is  $\sim 10^7$  yr, duty cycle is  $\sim 10^9$  yr

More luminous AGN ( $> 10^{42}$  erg/s) are more centrally concentrated, suggestive of retriggering

The AGN fraction in clusters is higher than expected:

$$f_A(L_x > 10^{41} \text{ erg/s}, M_R < -20) \sim 5\%$$

AGN fraction is higher at lower velocity dispersion

There is an AGN Butcher-Oemler Effect

Environment-dependent AGN downsizing