

50 kpc

10^{-27} 10^{-26} 10^{-25} 10^{-24}
density [g/cm³]

The impact of jets on galaxy clusters

a simulation perspective

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The cooling flow problem

Basic problem

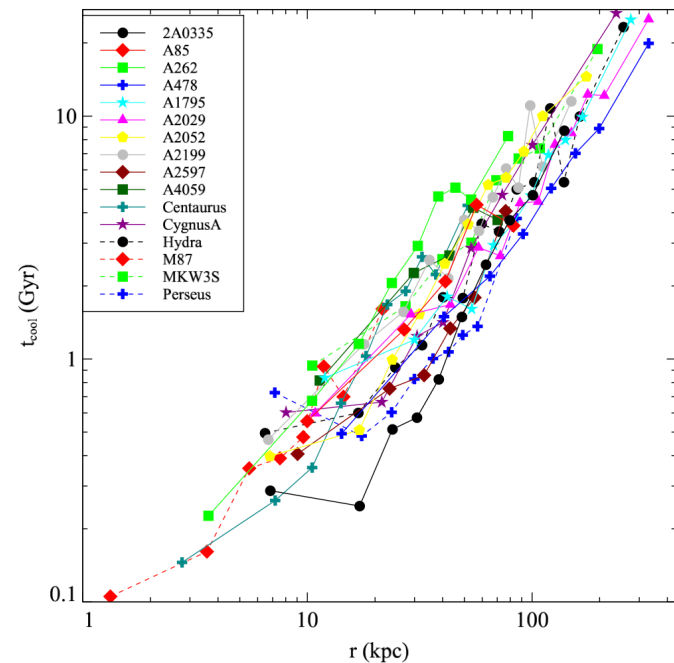
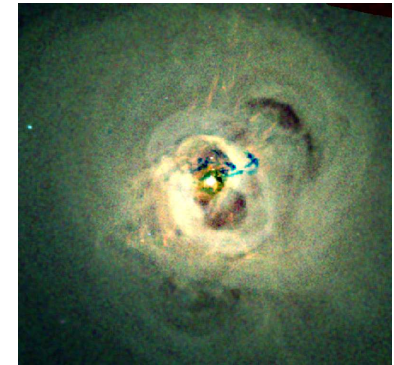
The star formation rate in cool-core galaxy clusters is smaller than expected from their temperature and cooling luminosity

cooling flow:

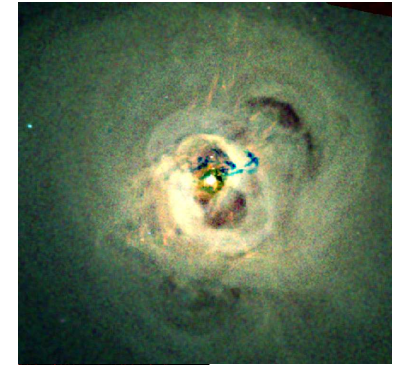
$$\frac{L_{\text{cool}}}{u_{\text{th}}} = \frac{10^{44} \text{ erg s}^{-1}}{10^{15} \text{ erg g}^{-1}} \sim 10^3 M_{\odot} \text{ yr}^{-1}$$

star formation:

$$\text{SFR} \sim 10 M_{\odot} \text{ yr}^{-1}$$



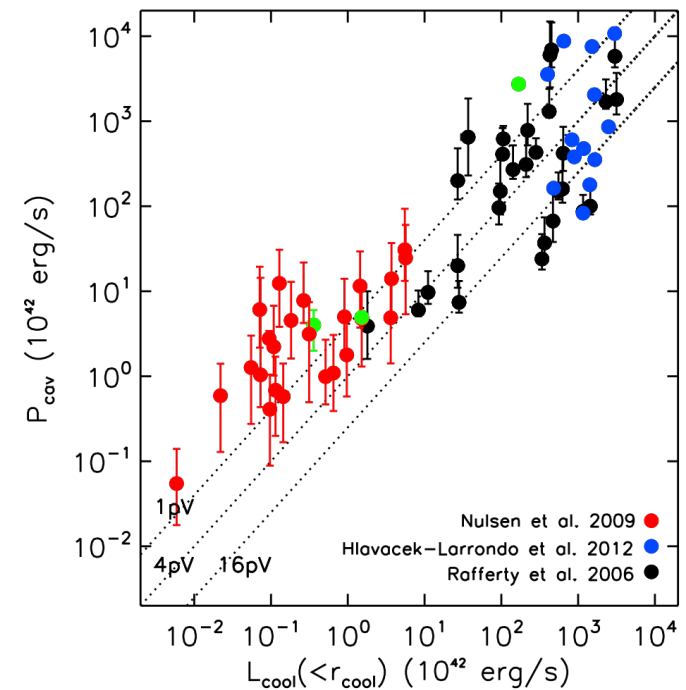
Dunn & Fabian (2006)



The cooling flow problem

Heating source

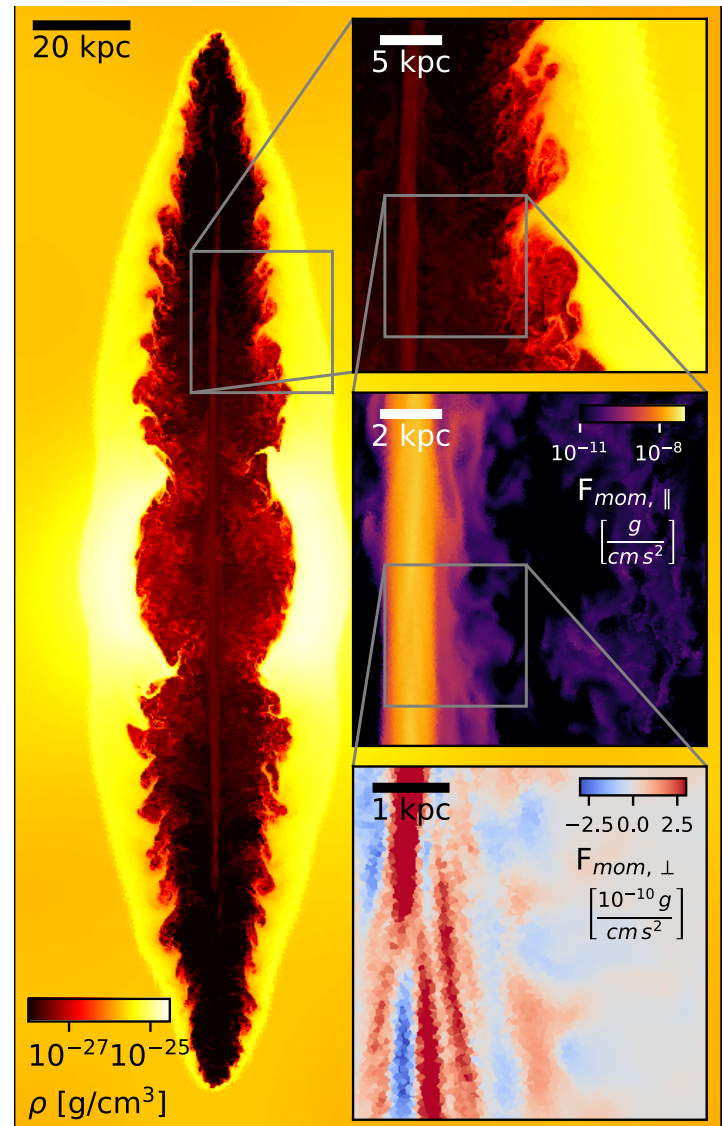
- Lobes inflated by AGN jets
- Energy correlates with cooling luminosity
- Energetically, jets can offset the cooling
- Can this work locally?
- How is the energy distributed?



Fabian (2012)

Jet propagation through the ICM

- Collimated, light, hydrodynamic jet
- Pressure equilibrium with the surrounding
- 0° opening angle, no precession
- Propagation numerically converged.
- Momentum flux resolved

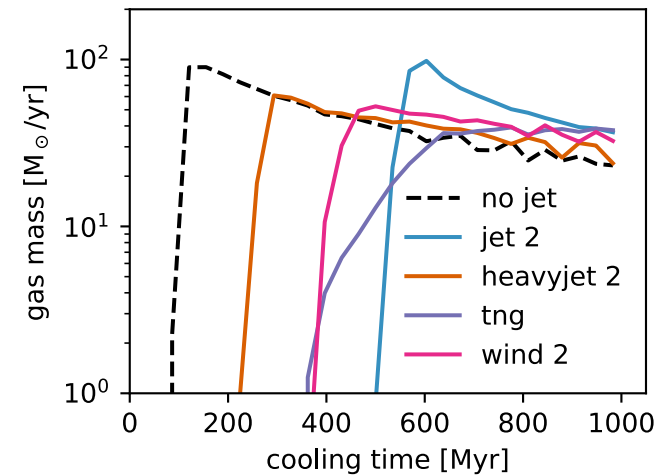
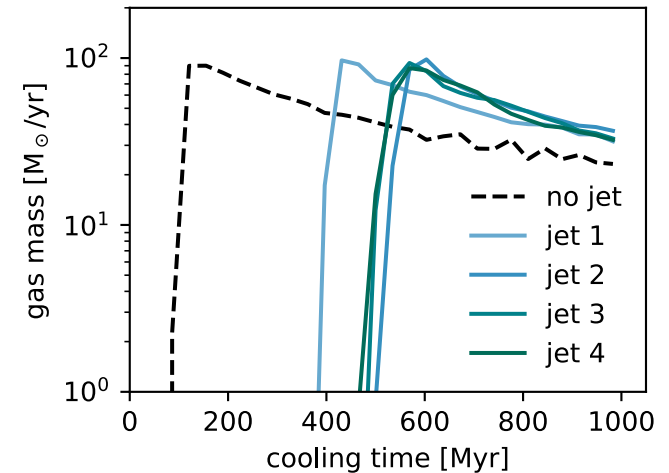


RW et al. (in prep)

Response to jet

in the ICM

- Fixed power jet in cooling halo
- Histogram of cooling times after 50 Myr
 - The onset of the cooling flow
- Jet delays the cooling flow
- Dependent on jet properties
 - Density
 - Opening angle (jet vs wind)

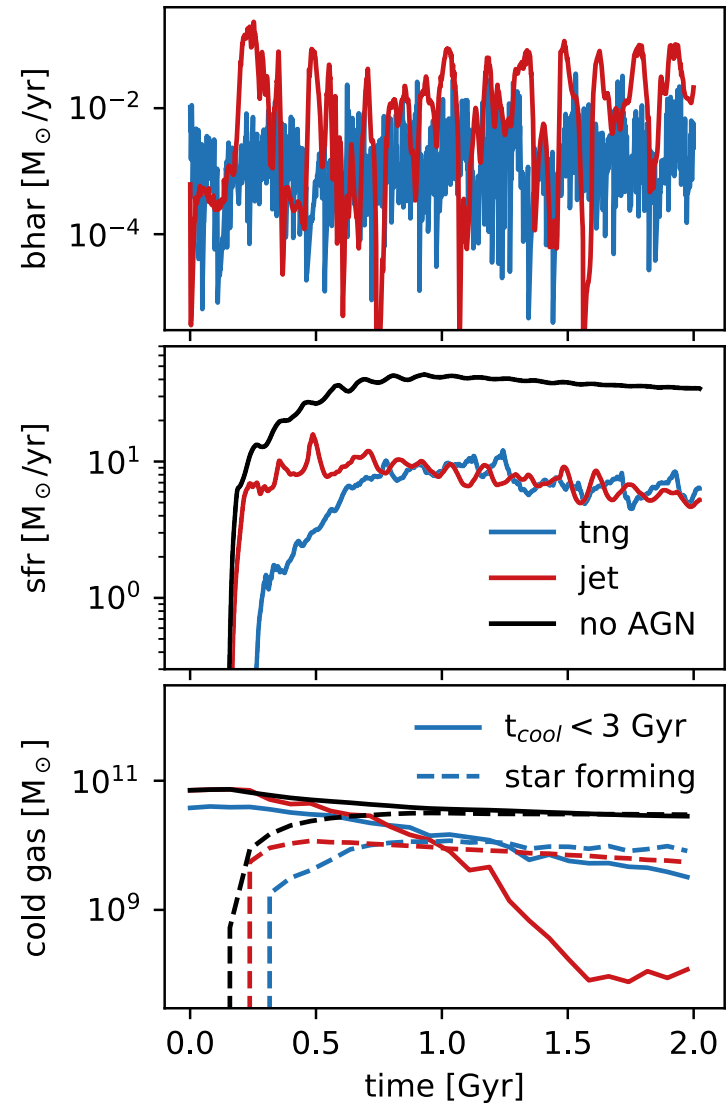


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Self-regulation

with the ICM

- Comparison with established kinetic wind AGN feedback model from IllustrisTNG
- Jet able to suppress star formation to a similar degree
- Acting on the non-star-forming component
- Different time-variability



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Conclusion

- Light hydrodynamic jets reduce cooling flows
- No precession, opening-angle or similar effects required
- Feedback effects in cosmological simulations are not unique

