

# On the Physics of Radio Halos: Scaling Relations and Luminosity Function

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## ABSTRACT

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## 1. Introduction

The presence of large scale diffuse synchrotron radio emission in clusters of galaxies proves the existence of relativistic electrons and magnetic fields permeating the intra-cluster medium (ICM) (see e.g. Feretti et al. 2004). Diffuse cluster radio emission can be separated in two classes: radio relics and radio halos (see e.g. Kempner et al. 2004; Ferrari et al. 2008). Radio (mini-)halos (RHs) are located at the center of clusters and are characterized by a regular and unpolarized morphology with clear similarities with the thermal X-ray emission. On the contrary, radio relics typically lie at the cluster outskirts, have a irregular morphology, and often show a high polarization. While relics seem to directly trace structure formation shocks (see e.g. van Weeren et al. 2010), the explanation for the RHs phenomenon is challenging and still an open question.

Two principal models have been proposed to explain RHs. In the “hadronic model” the radio emitting electrons are produced in cosmic ray (CR) proton-proton interactions with the ICM, requiring only a very modest fraction of a few percent of CR-to-thermal pressure (see e.g. Enßlin et al. 1997; Miniati et al. 2001; Pfrommer & Enßlin 2003, 2004a,b; Blasi et al. 2007; Pfrommer et al. 2008; Pfrommer 2008; Kushnir et al. 2009; Donnert et al. 2010a,b; Keshet & Loeb 2010; Keshet 2010; Enßlin et al. 2011). CR protons and heavier nuclei, like electrons, can be accelerated and injected into the ICM by structure formation shocks, active galactic nuclei (AGN) and galactic winds. Due to their higher masses with respect to electrons, CR protons are accelerated more efficiently to relativistic energies and are expected to show a ratio of the spectral energy flux of CR protons-to-electrons above 1 GeV of about 100, similarly to what is observed in our Galaxy (Schlickeiser 2002). Additionally, CR protons have radiative cooling times larger than electrons by the square of the mass ratio and therefore can accumulate in clusters for cosmological times (Völk et al. 1996). Indeed, CR electrons suffer more severe energy losses via synchrotron and inverse Compton emission at GeV energies, and Bremsstrahlung and Coulomb losses below 100 MeV. In the “re-acceleration model”,

RHs are thought to be the result of electrons accelerated during powerful states of ICM turbulence, as a consequence of a cluster merger (see e.g. Giovannini et al. 1993; Gitti et al. 2002; Brunetti & Blasi 2005; Brunetti & Lazarian 2007, 2010; Brunetti et al. 2009). This, however, requires a sufficiently long-lived CR electron population at energies around 100 MeV which might be maintained by re-acceleration at a rate faster than the cooling processes. We refer the reader to Enßlin et al. (2011) for a discussion on the strengths and weaknesses of these two models.

RHs themselves can be divided in two classes. Radio halos are typically associated with merging clusters and have very large extensions, e.g. the Coma cluster halo have an extension of about 2 Mpc. Radio mini-halos are associated with very relaxed clusters, that have a cool core harboring the halo, and have typical extension of few hundred kpc, e.g. the Perseus cluster mini-halo has an extension of about 0.2 Mpc. The observed morphological similarities with the thermal X-ray emission suggests RHs may be of hadronic origin. Indeed, the hadronic model would naturally explain the RHs generation mechanisms and, moreover, directly predict the existence of radio halos and mini-halos depending on the cluster dynamical state. In fact, cool-core clusters (CCC) are characterized by very high thermal X-ray emissivity and very peaked ICM densities with respect to the merging non cool-core clusters (NCCC) (see e.g. Croston et al. 2008). This dramatic difference in the ICM density of CCC and NCCC would reflect in the two observed classes of RHs.

The RHs luminosity seems strongly correlated also with the clusters thermal X-ray emissivity (see e.g. Brunetti et al. 2009; Enßlin et al. 2011). However, a large fraction of clusters do not exhibit significant diffuse synchrotron emission of any kind. Galaxy clusters with the same thermal X-ray luminosity show an apparent bimodality with respect to their radio luminosity. Either they harbor a RH or they do not have any detectable diffuse radio emission. This suggests the existence of a switch-on/switch-off mechanism able to change the radio luminosity by more than one order of magnitude. While such a mechanism could be easily realized in the framework of the re-acceleration model (Brunetti et al. 2009), the *classical* hadronic model predicts the presence of RHs in all clusters. The failure to reproduce the observed cluster radio-to-X-ray bimodality was one of the main criticisms

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against the hadronic model. Another criticism to the *classical* hadronic model is the fact that it does not reproduce some spectral features observed in clusters, as the total spectral curvature claimed in the Coma cluster radio halo or the spectral steepening observed at some RH edges. In a recent work, Enßlin et al. (2011) assess this problem by analyzing how the CR distribution is shaped within a cluster. While CR advection tends to result in centrally enhanced CR profiles, the propagation in form of CR streaming and diffusion tends to produce flat CR profiles. The different effects of such CR transport phenomena may account, in the hadronic model, for the observed radio-to-X-ray bimodality, as shown by Enßlin and collaborators, and can have an important impact in clusters in general. These phenomena were not considered in earlier analytical works (see e.g. Pfrommer & Enßlin 2004a,b) as well as in hydrodynamic simulations (see e.g. Pfrommer et al. 2008; Pinzke & Pfrommer 2010) for seek of simplicity, but can have indeed a dramatic impact. We note that the effect of the CR transport processes may also explain the spectral features observed in some clusters (see Enßlin et al. 2011 for details).

More recently, Basu (2012) presented the first scaling relations between RH luminosity and Sunyaev-Zel'dovich (SZ) effect measurements, using the *Planck* cluster catalogue. He found that while the correlation agrees with previous scaling measurements based on X-ray data, there is no indication for a bimodal cluster population divided into radio-loud and radio-quiet clusters.

A clear way out to disentangle between the hadronic and re-acceleration models is to search for the gamma-ray emission that results from result of the neutral pion decays, secondary product of the hadronic CR interaction with the ICM, which is not predicted to be present by the re-acceleration model. Such observational effort have been undertaken in the last few years (for space-based cluster observations in the GeV-band, see Reimer et al. 2003; Ackermann et al. 2010a,b; Zimmer et al. 2012; Han et al. 2012; for ground-based observations in the energy band  $> 100$  GeV, see Perkins et al. 2006; Perkins 2008; Aharonian et al. 2009a,b; Domainko et al. 2009; Galante et al. 2009; Kiuchi et al. 2009; Acciari et al. 2009; Aleksić et al. 2010, 2011) without being able to detect cluster gamma-ray emission<sup>1</sup>. Despite the negative detections, we have been starting to put significant constraints on the gamma-ray predictions. The long observation campaign of the Perseus galaxy cluster performed by the Major Atmospheric Gamma-ray Cherenkov (MAGIC) telescopes constrains the cluster average CR-to-thermal pressure to be less than few percents (Aleksić et al. 2010, 2011). Comparing the corresponding upper limits to predictions from simulations of Pinzke & Pfrommer (2010) constrains the maximum CR acceleration efficiency at structure formation shocks to be  $< 50\%$ . Alternatively, this may indeed suggest the presence of non-negligible CR transport processes into the outer cluster regions as explored by Enßlin et al. (2011). Constraints at the same level are confirmed also by the *Fermi*-LAT data on the Coma cluster (Zimmer et al. 2012; Han et al. 2012). This however does not allow us to make any definitive statement on the RHs generation mechanisms as the hadronic model is still far from being really probed by gamma-ray observations.

An important step forward in this scenario would come from detailed RHs population analyses. Actually, we know only about 30 clusters that harbor RHs (see Enßlin et al. 2011 for an almost up-to-date list) and only two X-ray flux-limited studies, relevant for the universality of the conclusions, have been made out of which only few clusters resulted to host a RH (Giovannini et al. 1999; Venturi et al. 2008). With such small samples, the conclusions than can be drawn on the underlying mechanisms acting in the RHs generation are not very robust. Fortunately, this is going to change thanks to the next-generation radio observatory Low Frequency Array (LOFAR) which officially started operations in 2010.<sup>2</sup> In fact, a deep cluster survey is part of the LOFAR science key projects. This will soon provide us with a large number of radio-observed galaxy clusters up to redshift  $z \approx 1$  (see e.g. Cassano et al. 2010; Röttgering et al. 2012). This would hopefully permit to clearly determine the RHs characteristics against the galaxy cluster properties investigating the relations between radio-loud/quiet, non cool-core/cool-core and non-merging/merging clusters, and exploring the role of different parameters like the magnetic field, the CR acceleration efficiency, and the CR transport properties.

In this work, we present predictions for the RHs of a complete cosmological sample of galaxy clusters up to redshift 1, obtained from the MultiDark N-body cosmological simulation (Prada et al. 2011). We construct a *phenomenological* model to assign to each halo in the MultiDark simulation a gas density profile such as it reproduce the basic observed X-ray cluster properties. We assume that the RHs are generated by secondaries of the hadronic CR interactions with the ICM. In adopting the hadronic scenario, we construct a *hybrid* model merging the result of hydrodynamic simulations by Pinzke & Pfrommer (2010) and the analytical model by Enßlin et al. (2011). As anticipated above, the inclusion of the latter is particularly important as CR transport processes have a dramatic impact on overall emission shape and normalization. In fact, thanks to this, we are able to reproduce the main RHs characteristics and both the radio-to-X-ray and radio-to-SZ scaling relations. We show, once again, that the hadronic model is a perfectly viable explanation for RHs and it is not in tension with any of current observations or constraints. We obtain RHs luminosity functions at different redshifts, and present predictions for the LOFAR cluster survey.

In section 2, we explain the methodology adopted to obtain from N-body, so dark matter (DM) only, simulated clusters the corresponding ICM gas densities. In doing this, we check that our approach is able to reproduce the main observed cluster X-ray properties. We then construct the model for CR distribution in clusters. In section 4, we apply it to some RHs in order to show how it works and adapts to different situations. We investigate the radio-to-X-ray and radio-to-SZ scaling relations and the radio luminosity function of our simulated sample with respect to current observations in section 4. We produce RHs luminosity functions at different redshifts and discuss them in view of the LOFAR cluster survey in section 5. Finally, in section 6, we present our conclusions. In this work, the cluster mass  $M_X$  and radius  $R_X$  are defined with respect to  $X = 200$  or  $X = 500$  times the Universe critical density. We adopt  $\Omega_m = 0.3$ ,  $\Omega_\Lambda = 0.7$  and  $H_0 = 100 \times h_{70} \text{ km s}^{-1} \text{ Mpc}^{-1}$  where  $h_{70} = 0.7$ .

## 2. Methodology

The two fundamental ingredients of this work are the cosmological simulation of the Universe from which we construct our

<sup>1</sup> Recently Han et al. (2012) claimed an evidence for diffuse gamma-ray emission in the *Fermi*-LAT data of the Virgo cluster which however is excluded by a more recent analysis from the *Fermi* collaboration itself (see Elliot Bloom talk at the UCLA Dark Matter 2012 conference, <https://hepconf.physics.ucla.edu/dm12/>).

<sup>2</sup> [www.lofar.org](http://www.lofar.org)

complete cluster sample, and the emission model. We use here the MultiDark simulation which characteristics, along with our final cluster sample, are described in the next section 2.1. As we will see, for any given cluster, the necessary ingredients for the emission model are mass, temperature, and gas density distribution. We construct a complete cluster sample from an N-body cosmological simulation, i.e. a *DM-only* simulation, where we assign to each object a gas density profile phenomenologically constructed from state-of-art X-ray observations, as shown in section 2.2. In doing this, we show that the approach can reproduce the known X-ray cluster characteristics, as the  $L - M$  and  $Y_X - M$  relations, the X-ray luminosity function (XLF), and the  $Y_{SZ} - M$  relation. The underlying idea is that if we can reproduce the X-ray observations, we can safely adopt our gas density profiles to predict the radio and gamma-ray emission. The model used to calculate the radio, as well as the gamma-ray, emission will be then constructed in section 2.3.

### 2.1. MultiDark Simulation and Final Cluster Sample

The MultiDark simulation<sup>3</sup> used in this work is described in detail in Prada et al. (2011) and Riebe et al. (2011). It is a N-body cosmological simulation done with the Adaptive-Refinement-Tree (ART) code (Kravtsov et al. 1997) of 2048<sup>3</sup> particles within a  $(1000 \text{ Mpc } h^{-1})^3$  cube. The latest WMAP5 and WMAP7 cosmological parameters were used. This simulation is particularly well suited for our purpose because of its large number clusters.

We used the BDMW MultiDark halo catalog, constructed with the Bound Density Maxima algorithm (Klypin & Holtzman 1997). We will mainly use  $M_{500}$  and  $R_{500}$  for comparison with existing observational works. We use the technique described in Hu & Kravtsov (2003) to convert  $M_{200}$  and  $R_{200}$  provided by the BDMW halo catalog to  $M_{500}$  and  $R_{500}$ . In creating our cluster sample we only select distinct halos, i.e. those halos that are not the sub-halos of any other halo. This is because we are going to use cluster global properties and therefore we cannot deal with substructures.

Additionally, we assume that the main emission mechanism in the ICM is the thermal bremsstrahlung, which is true only above approximately  $3 \times 10^7 \text{ K} \approx 2.6 \text{ keV}$  (Sarazin 1988). Below this temperature there could be other important emission contributes, from e.g. emission lines, with which we do not want to treat for simplicity. Therefore, we impose a cut mass cut of  $M_{200} \geq 1 \times 10^{14} h^{-1} M_{\odot} \approx 1.4 \times 10^{14} h_{70}^{-1} M_{\odot}$  which ensures us temperatures above approximately 2.6 keV assuming the  $M_{500} - T_{ci}$  relation found in Mantz et al. (2010a).

Finally, the LOFAR radio observatory is expected to detect RHs up to redshift  $z \approx 1$ . Therefore, for our predictions, we make use of different simulation snapshots up to  $z = 1$ . In table 1, we resume the total number of objects in our final cluster sample at different redshifts.

### 2.2. Gas Density Modeling and X-ray Observables

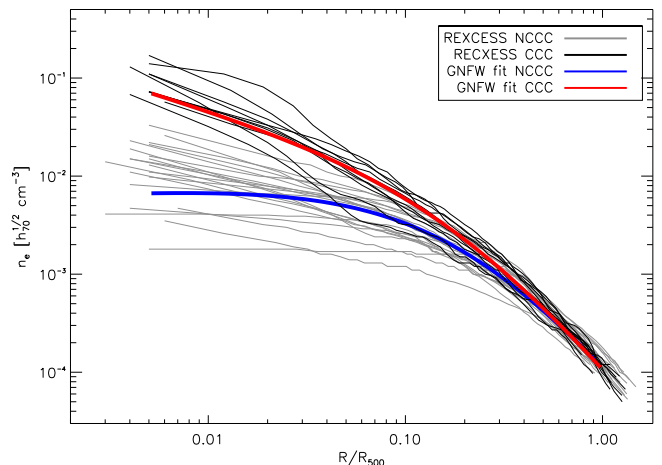
We will show in next section 2.3 that our emission model needs the ICM gas density profile as an input. Our cluster sample is based on an N-body cosmological simulation; obviously we do not have the information for the baryonic component.

We decided to use a *phenomenological* approach and to construct the gas density profiles directly from state-of-art X-ray observations. The best X-ray observations, with the available in-

**Table 1.** Number of Halos in the Final Cluster Sample

Redshift $z$	Number of Objects
0	13763
0.2	12398
0.3	10783
0.4	7789
0.61	5187
0.78	3372
1	1803

formation needed for our purposes, are given by the REXCESS cluster sample (Croston et al. 2008; Pratt et al. 2009). It is a sample of 31 galaxy cluster of different dynamical states at redshift  $0.06 < z < 0.18$  with detailed informations of the de-projected electron density profiles (Croston et al. 2008). The REXCESS gas profiles, obtained with the *XMM-Newton* satellite, represented an important step forward with respect to the commonly used  $\beta$  and double- $\beta$  profiles of elder works, as the HIFLUGCS cluster sample (Reiprich & Böhringer 2002). In figure 1, we show the 31 electron density profiles of the REXCESS sample color-coded in cool-core and non-cool-core clusters (hereafter CCC and NCCC, respectively).



**Fig. 1.** Electron density profiles of the 31 clusters in the REXCESS sample. Grey and black lines represent NCCC and CCC clusters, respectively. The blue and red lines represent our GNFw mean profile for the NCCC and CCC clusters, respectively.

In order to obtain a general electron density profile to be *plugged* onto our simulated clusters, we use a generalized Navarro-Frank-White (GNFW) profile:

$$n_e(x) = \frac{n_0}{x^\beta [1 + x^\alpha]^{\frac{\gamma-\beta}{\alpha}}} \quad (1)$$

where  $x = R/R_C$  and  $R_C$  is the cluster core radius. For simplicity we fix  $R_C = 0.2 \times R_{500}$ ,  $\alpha = 1$  and  $\gamma = 2.5$  as good values representing the whole sample. We then fit in log-log space the REXCESS profiles separating them in the two categories of NCCC and CCC as shown in grey and black, respectively, in figure 1. The resulting fits are shown in blue and red for the NCCC and CCC population, respectively. We obtain

<sup>3</sup> www.multidark.org

$n_{0,NCCC} = 1.02 \times 10^{-2} h_{70}^{1/2} \text{ cm}^{-3}$ ,  $n_{0,CCC} = 8.32 \times 10^{-3} h_{70}^{1/2} \text{ cm}^{-3}$ ,  $\beta_{NCCC} = -0.093$  and  $\beta_{CCC} = 0.592$ .

The next step is to introduce a mass-scaling in order to apply our GNFW profiles to all our clusters. We adopt  $f_{gas,500} - M_{500}$  relation of Sun et al. (2009) (their equation 8). We can express  $f_{gas,500}$  in the following way:

$$f_{gas,500} = \frac{M_{gas,500}}{M_{500}} = \frac{\int_0^{R_{500}} \tilde{\rho}_{gas} dV}{M_{500}} \quad (2)$$

with  $\tilde{\rho}_{gas} = n_e m_p / (X_H X_e)$  where  $m_p$  is the proton mass,  $X_H = 0.76$  is the primordial hydrogen mass fraction and  $X_e = 1.157$  the ratio of electron-hydrogen number densities in the fully ionized ICM (Sarazin 1988). For each cluster  $i$  of our sample, we then define a new *mass-scaled* gas profile as  $\rho_{gas,i} = C_i \times \tilde{\rho}_{gas}$  with:

$$C_i = (0.0616 \pm (0.0060 g_1)) h_{73}^{-1.5} \left( \frac{M_{500,i}}{10^{13} h_{73}^{-1} M_{\odot}} \right)^{0.135 \pm (0.030 g_2)} \times \frac{M_{500,i}}{\int_0^{R_{500,i}} \tilde{\rho}_{gas} dV} \quad (3)$$

where  $g_1$  and  $g_2$  are random Gaussian number which we use in order to simulate the natural scatter of the gas profiles<sup>4</sup> and  $h_{73} = 0.73$  is coming from the Sun et al. (2009) adopted cosmology.

In this way, for each cluster in our sample we obtain a gas density profile  $\rho_{gas,i}$  uniquely determined by its DM mass  $M_{500,i}$  and by the property of being NCCC or CCC. This latter property is assigned considering the merging history of our halos. In particular, we make use of the offset parameter  $X_{OFF}$  taken from the MultiDark BDMW catalog. This is defined as the ratio between the difference of the distance from the halo center to the center of mass and the virial radius. The parameter assesses the dynamical state of the cluster and tell us if the halo has suffered a recent merger or not. In general, we know that merging clusters are NCCC while non-merging clusters are CCC (**REF**). We observe this merging/non-merging-to-NCCC/CCC correspondence in nature, and a NCCC/CCC proportion of about 50/50% (see e.g. Chen et al. 2007; Sanderson et al. 2009). Our approach is therefore to use the median of the  $X_{OFF}$  distribution of our sample and define the halos below this value as NCM, so CCC, and the ones above this value as MC, so NCCC.

The final ingredient for our gas profiles is the redshift evolution. We decided to include it because we want to compare our results with observations at different redshifts up to  $z = 1$ . The two generalized NCCC and CCC gas profiles are virtually not dependent on the REXCESS clusters redshift itself because we are obtaining just the two profile shapes from it and we scale them to different masses with the  $f_{gas,500} - M_{500}$  relation of Sun et al. (2009). The 43 clusters used in Sun et al. (2009) have redshifts  $0.012 < z < 0.12$  with a *median* of  $z \approx 0.04$ , therefore we consider our final gas profiles correctly derived for the  $z = 0$  simulation snapshot. For the higher redshifts catalogs given in table 1, we include a *self-similar* scaling  $h(z)^2 = \Omega_m(1+z)^3 + \Omega_{\Lambda}$  in the gas density as  $\rho_{gas,z} = h(z)^2 \rho_{gas,z=0}$ .

In order to check whether our phenomenological derived gas profiles are actually reproducing the observations, we calculate the bolometric X-ray thermal bremsstrahlung luminosity  $L_{BOL}$

as in Sarazin (1988)<sup>5</sup> and compare our sample result with the observed  $L_{BOL} - M_{500}$  relation and XLF<sup>6</sup>.

The missing parameter needed to calculate  $L_{BOL}$  is the cluster temperature. We adopt the results obtained in Mantz et al. (2010a):

$$\text{Log}_{10} \left( \frac{k_B T_{ci}}{\text{keV}} \right) = a + b \text{Log}_{10} \left( \frac{h(z) M_{500}}{10^{15} h_{70}^{-1} M_{\odot}} \right) \quad (4)$$

where  $a = 0.91$ ,  $b = 0.46$ ,  $T_{ci}$  is the cluster temperature *not* centrally excised (see Mantz et al. 2010a) and  $k_B$  is the Boltzmann constant. Hereafter we will always refer to the temperature as  $T = k_B T_{ci}$  keV. As Mantz et al. (2010a) reports the proper scatter of this relation, which is  $\sigma_{lm} = 0.06$ , we apply it to our sample, using a Gaussian random number, when calculating the clusters temperature.

In figure 2 left panel, we show how our predictions for the  $L_{BOL} - M_{500}$  relation compare with the current observations. We can reproduce remarkably well the Mantz et al. (2010a) result (*all* data, see their table 7). Their sample is composed of clusters at  $0.02 < z < 0.46$  with a median of  $z \approx 0.2$ . For this reason, we compare the Mantz et al. (2010a) result to our  $z = 0.2$  sample, and we limit the comparison in the mass range covered by the observations. In table 2, we report our prediction for the  $L_{BOL} - M_{500}$  scaling relation at different redshifts along with its scatter. We find that the scatter of our samples at different redshifts are in all cases distributed as a Gaussian with  $\sigma_{lm} \approx 0.18$  correctly reproducing observations of Mantz et al. (2010a) which report a scatter of  $\sigma_{lm} = 0.185$ .

**Table 2.**  $L_{BOL} - M_{500}$  Scaling Relations.

Redshift $z$	A	B	$\sigma_{lm}$
0	$-21.41 \pm 0.11$	$1.50 \pm 0.01$	0.179
0.1	$-21.30 \pm 0.12$	$1.50 \pm 0.01$	0.179
0.2	$-21.50 \pm 0.13$	$1.51 \pm 0.01$	0.178
0.4	$-21.13 \pm 0.17$	$1.49 \pm 0.01$	0.178
0.61	$-21.59 \pm 0.22$	$1.53 \pm 0.01$	0.177
0.78	$-20.73 \pm 0.29$	$1.48 \pm 0.02$	0.177
1	$-20.45 \pm 0.42$	$1.46 \pm 0.03$	0.177

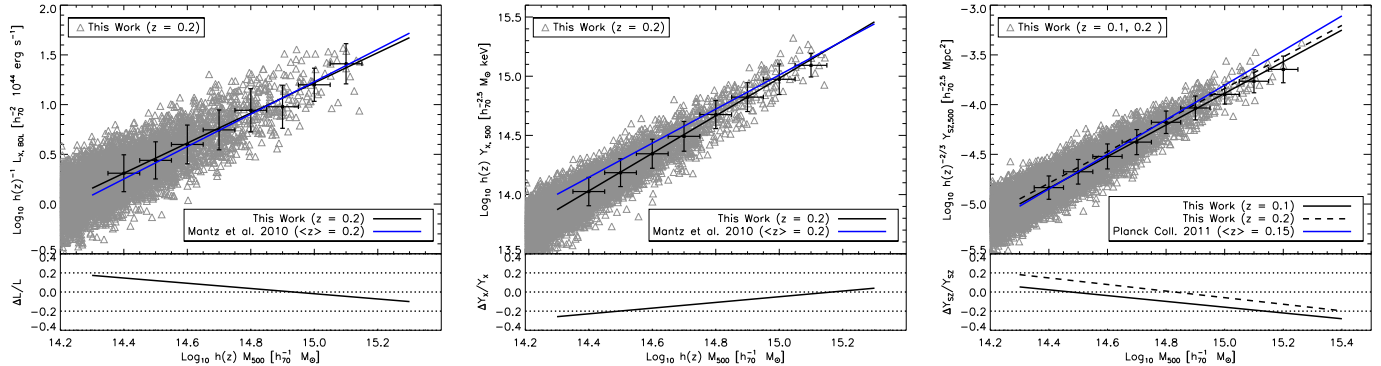
Note. Scaling relations are reported in the form of  $\text{Log}_{10} (L_{BOL} / h(z) h_{70}^{-2} 10^{44} \text{ erg s}^{-1}) = A + B \text{Log}_{10} (h(z) M_{500} / h_{70}^{-1} M_{\odot})$ .

In comparing with observations, we take as reference Mantz et al. (2010a). There are however many other works on this scaling relation, in particular we recall the HIFLUGCS (Reiprich & Böhringer 2002) and REXCESS (Pratt et al. 2009) samples, and the 115 *Chandra* clusters sample of Maughan (2007). The

<sup>5</sup> We check our procedure fitting individually each of the 31 REXCESS clusters with the formula 1 and calculating  $L_{BOL}$  using their own gas temperature. We under-produce their observed luminosity by a mean (median) of about 21% (20%) which is reasonable considering that we do not permit the parameters  $R_C$ ,  $\alpha$  and  $\gamma$  to vary between different objects. Additionally, we do not consider other processes as e.g. emission lines which may give an important contribute particularly in the cluster outskirts.

<sup>6</sup> The mean (median) difference at  $z = 0$  between calculating  $L_{BOL}$  up to  $R_{200}$  or to  $R_{500}$  is  $\approx 5\%$  ( $\approx 7\%$ ), with respect to  $R_{200}$ , therefore it is negligible. However, for consistency, in the following  $L_{BOL}$  will refer to the quantity calculated within  $R_{500}$ .

<sup>4</sup> The values 0.0060 and 0.030 quoted in equation 3 do not represent the proper scatter of the  $f_{gas,500} - M_{500}$  relation but just the parameter errors.



**Fig. 2.** X-ray and SZ scaling relations. **Left.** X-ray thermal bremsstrahlung luminosity-to-mass relation. Grey triangles show the  $z = 0.2$  sample built from the MultiDark simulation and the black line is the corresponding scaling relation. The blue line is the experimental result obtained by Mantz et al. (2010a) with a sample of clusters with a median of  $z \approx 0.2$ . **Center.**  $Y_X$ -to-mass scaling relation. Grey triangles show the  $z = 0.2$  MultiDark sample and the black line is the corresponding scaling relation. The blue line is the experimental result obtained by Mantz et al. (2010a). **Right.** Sunyaev-Zel'dovich  $Y_{SZ}$ -to-mass scaling relation. Grey triangles show both the  $z = 0.1$  and the  $z = 0.2$  samples and the black solid and dashed lines are the corresponding scaling relations. The blue line is the result obtained by Planck Collaboration et al. (2011) with a median redshift of about 0.15. In all the plots, we limit the comparison in the mass range covered by observations. The bottom panels show the difference of this work (CALC) with respect to observations (OBS) as  $\Delta Y/Y = (Y_{FIT,CALC} - Y_{FIT,OBS})/Y_{FIT,OBS}$ . Additionally shown in black are the  $Y$  medians of our halos in mass bins (horizontal error bars), where the vertical error bars represent the bin standard deviation. Note that, for  $Y_{SZ}$ , in calculating the median we considered together the  $z = 0.1$  and  $z = 0.2$  samples which may result in a bias of the medians toward the more populated  $z = 0.1$  sample. This is true also for the highest-mass median point which contains few objects, all belonging to the  $z = 0.1$  sample.

results on the slopes of the  $L - M$  relation can vary significantly between different samples. While the slope of Mantz et al. (2010a) is  $1.63 \pm 0.06$ , Reiprich & Böhringer (2002)<sup>7</sup> found values between  $1.72 \pm 0.09$  and  $1.89 \pm 0.08$  (depending on the fit procedure, which also can affect the final result), Pratt et al. (2009) found  $2.08 \pm 0.13$  and Maughan (2007) found  $1.96 \pm 0.10$ . Discrepancies can come from many different sources but likely are to be charged to the selection criteria of the different samples as recently pointed out also by Reichert et al. (2011). Samples which differ in e.g. redshift distribution, mass range, fitting procedure and biases treatment, and, of course, the used instrument, can give and actually gave different results. Therefore we decided to take as reference the Mantz et al. (2010a) work because it is very recent, their sample is composed by a high number (238) of objects, and, more importantly, their analysis takes self-consistently into account all selection effects, covariances, systematic uncertainties and the cluster mass function (see also Mantz et al. 2010b).

The XLF study has been somehow abandoned during the last years due to the difficulties of using the X-ray luminosity for cosmological purposes. This is principally due to the square dependence of  $L_{BOL}$  with  $\rho_{gas}$  which significantly varies from cluster to cluster in a way that we do not fully understand. We want however to see how the XLF looks like for our sample and take as reference the *ROSAT* brightest cluster sample (BCS) XLF (Ebeling et al. 1997), which is well in agreement with results from the REFLEX (Böhringer et al. 2002) and HIFLUGCS (Reiprich & Böhringer 2002) samples. Note that the XLF is fully determined by the clusters mass function and the  $L - M$  relation once all the biases, and the scatter, are taken into account. This means that applying the Mantz et al. (2010a)  $L - M$  relation directly to the MultiDark simulation mass function, the obtained XLF is exact assuming the Mantz et al. (2010a) result is correct. In figure 3, we show the Mantz et al. (2010a) XLF in the 0.1 – 2.4 keV and bolometric bands, the BCS 0.1 – 2.4 keV data points, 0.1 – 2.4 keV and bolometric Schechter fits, and fi-

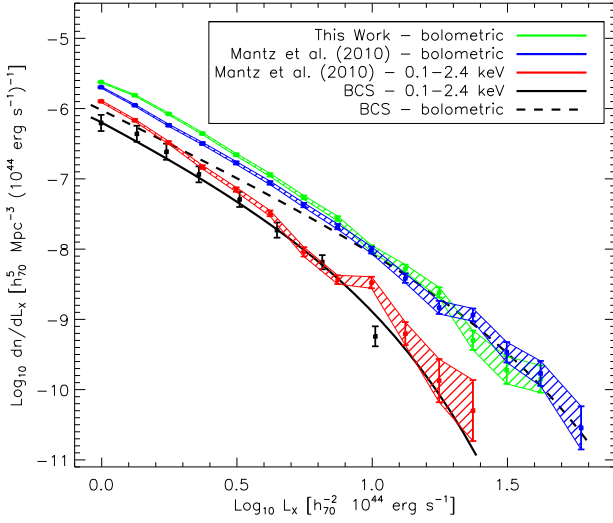
nally the bolometric prediction of our model. The 0.1 – 2.4 keV Mantz et al. (2010a) XLF is well in agreement with the BCS data points but deviates from the corresponding Schechter fit at low luminosities. This is true also in the bolometric band, for which the BCS data points are not available, where the Mantz et al. (2010a) XLF and our prediction, which well agrees between themselves, deviate from the BCS Schechter fit at low luminosities. This may be an artifact due to the use of Schechter fit instead of the data points or may point to a low luminosity incompleteness of the BCS sample. Note that the Poissonian errors of the XLF obtained from the MultiDark simulation are somehow underestimated as using just one simulation realization we are not considering the uncertainty coming from the cosmic variance. The XLF study is becoming again a hot topic with the incoming launch of the eROSITA satellite (see e.g. Cappelluti et al. 2011) and further studies in this direction are desirable. For these reasons, we do not show XLF predictions at other redshifts, leaving this for a future study (Zandanel et al., in prep.).

There are other two extremely important quantities in cluster studies, and in their cosmological applications. These are the  $Y_X$  parameter (Kravtsov et al. 2006) and the Sunyaev-Zel'dovich  $Y_{SZ}$  parameter (see e.g. Carlstrom et al. 2002). As a final check, we calculate these two parameters for our sample and compare them with observations.

In figure 2 central panel, we compare the  $Y_X = M_{gas}T$  of our sample with the Mantz et al. (2010a) result. We deviate from their scaling relation slope at low masses. This is probably due to the fact that, in the mass determination procedure, Mantz et al. (2010a) adopted a constant value for  $f_{gas}$ , while this is not our case as we are adopting the  $f_{gas,500} - M_{500}$  observed relation given by Sun et al. (2009). Another difference which may affect this comparison is the adopted temperature. In fact, while we adopt the *centrally included* Mantz et al. (2010a) temperature throughout all our work, in calculating  $Y_X$  Mantz et al. (2010a) use the *centrally excised* temperature. This impact also the scatter of the  $Y_X - M$  relation. In fact, using the *centrally included* temperature, we found a scatter of  $\sigma_{Y_{XM}} \approx 0.11$  (see table 3 where our  $Y_X$  scaling relations are reported), significantly higher than Mantz

<sup>7</sup> Note that we are quoting the  $L_{BOL} - M_{200}$  results of Reiprich & Böhringer (2002).





**Fig. 3.** Bolometric X-ray luminosity function. Shown are the 0.1 – 2.4 keV data points, the 0.1 – 2.4 keV and bolometric Schechter fits of the BCS sample from Ebeling et al. (1997). The BCS sample is composed by clusters at  $z \leq 0.3$  with a median of  $z \approx 0.08$ . We therefore compare it to our MultiDark  $z = 0.1$  snapshot. We show the Mantz et al. (2010a) 0.1 – 2.4 keV result which well compares with the BCS data points but deviate from the corresponding Schechter fit. We finally show the Mantz et al. (2010a) bolometric result and the bolometric prediction of our model. The XLFs are calculated in equally log-spaced mass bins; the reported error bars represent the Poissonian errors. Note that we limit the comparison in the luminosity range covered by our sample, where we cut the lowest part because in that range the XLF rapidly drops due to the imposed mass cut.

et al. (2010a) which report a value of  $\sigma_{yxm} = 0.052$ . We note, however, that we can reproduce observations within about 20%.

In figure 2 right panel, we compare the Sunyaev-Zel’dovich  $Y_{SZ}$  parameter, calculated as in equation 3 of Battaglia et al. (2011), of our sample with the results of Planck Collaboration et al. (2011). Their sample contains clusters up to  $z \approx 0.45$  and have a median of  $z \approx 0.15$ , therefore we compare with our sample both at  $z = 0.1$  and  $z = 0.2$ . We can reproduce remarkably well the *Planck* scaling relation in almost all the mass range covered by the observations. We deviate from the *Planck* scaling relation at very high masses, where however the small statistic present in our sample may bias our slope. In table 4, we report our Sunyaev-Zel’dovich scaling relations at different redshift along with the scatter. We found a scatter of  $\sigma_{yszm} \approx 0.11$  which compares well with the *Planck* result of  $\sigma_{yszm} \approx 0.1$ .<sup>8</sup>

In comparing our results with the observation for the  $Y_X$  and  $Y_{SZ}$  parameters, we take again two reference cases. For  $Y_X$  parameter, we take the Mantz et al. (2010a) result for the same reasons explained above, while in  $Y_{SZ}$  case we take as reference the recent Planck Collaboration et al. (2011) result. There exist however other scaling relations in literature, which may significantly differ from the ones used here for the reasons already mentioned above. We note that our scaling relations well reproduce observations in all cases, showing maximum deviations of about 20%. Most of the observational scaling relations obtained

<sup>8</sup> All the scatters reported in this paper are calculated as  $\sigma_{yx} = \sqrt{(\sum_{i=1}^N (Y_i - (A + B X_i))^2) / (N - 1)}$ , where the sum is over the data points  $X_i, Y_i$ .

**Table 3.**  $Y_{X,500} - M_{500}$  Scaling Relations.

Redshift $z$	A	B	$\sigma_{yxm}$
0	$-9.18 \pm 0.07$	$1.61 \pm 0.01$	0.109
0.1	$-8.85 \pm 0.07$	$1.59 \pm 0.01$	0.109
0.2	$-8.82 \pm 0.08$	$1.59 \pm 0.01$	0.109
0.4	$-8.79 \pm 0.10$	$1.59 \pm 0.01$	0.108
0.61	$-8.65 \pm 0.14$	$1.59 \pm 0.01$	0.109
0.78	$-8.36 \pm 0.18$	$1.57 \pm 0.01$	0.109
1	$-8.28 \pm 0.26$	$1.57 \pm 0.02$	0.109

Note. Scaling relations are reported in the form of  $\text{Log}_{10} (h(z) Y_{X,500} / h_{70}^{-2.5} \text{M}_{\odot} \text{keV}) = A + B \text{Log}_{10} (h(z) M_{500} / h_{70}^{-1} \text{M}_{\odot})$ .

**Table 4.**  $Y_{SZ,500} - M_{500}$  Scaling Relations.

Redshift $z$	A	B	$\sigma_{yszm}$
0	$-27.93 \pm 0.07$	$1.60 \pm 0.01$	0.109
0.1	$-27.74 \pm 0.07$	$1.59 \pm 0.01$	0.109
0.2	$-27.65 \pm 0.08$	$1.59 \pm 0.01$	0.109
0.4	$-27.57 \pm 0.10$	$1.59 \pm 0.01$	0.108
0.61	$-27.50 \pm 0.13$	$1.59 \pm 0.01$	0.109
0.78	$-27.15 \pm 0.18$	$1.58 \pm 0.01$	0.109
1	$-27.01 \pm 0.26$	$1.58 \pm 0.02$	0.109

Note. Scaling relations are reported in the form of  $\text{Log}_{10} (h(z)^{-2/3} Y_{SZ,500} / h_{70}^{-2.5} \text{Mpc}^2) = A + B \text{Log}_{10} (h(z) M_{500} / h_{70}^{-1} \text{M}_{\odot})$

from different samples deviate by more than this value between themselves.

Concluding, we can say that the phenomenological approach developed here provides gas densities which well reproduce the clusters observed X-ray properties, together with the adopted mass-temperature relation. Therefore, we can now safely apply it in order to model the CR population in galaxy clusters and to predict the radio and gamma-ray emission of our sample.

### 2.3. Cosmic Rays Modeling

We need a general model to calculate the cluster synchrotron (and gamma-ray) emission coming from secondaries of CR hadronic interactions with the ICM. For this purpose we need a working model for the CR distribution  $C(R)$  within clusters. Before to proceed, let us write down the formulae for calculating the radio luminosity  $L_{\nu}$  at a given frequency  $\nu$  (adapted from Pfrommer et al. 2008 and Enßlin et al. 2011):

$$L_{\nu} = 4\pi \int_0^{R_{500}} 2\pi S(R_{\perp}) R_{\perp} dR_{\perp} \quad (5)$$

where  $S(R_{\perp})$  is the surface brightness:

$$S(R_{\perp}) = 2 \int_{R_{\perp}}^{\infty} j_{\nu}(R) \frac{R}{\sqrt{R^2 - R_{\perp}^2}} dR \quad (6)$$

with  $j_{\nu}(R) = A_{\nu} \tilde{S}_{\nu}(R)$  and:

$$\tilde{S}_{\nu}(R) = C(R) \rho_{gas}(R) \frac{\epsilon_B(R)}{\epsilon_B(R) + \epsilon_{CMB}} \left( \frac{\epsilon_B(R)}{\epsilon_C} \right)^{\frac{q-2}{4}} \quad (7)$$

where  $\epsilon_B = \frac{(B_0/\mu\text{G})^2}{8\pi} \left(\frac{n_e(R)}{n_0}\right)^{2\alpha_B}$ ,  $\epsilon_{CMB} = (3.27 \mu\text{G} (1+z)^2)^2/8\pi$ ,  $\epsilon_{B_C} = B_C^2/8\pi$ ,  $B_C = 31 \frac{\nu}{\text{GHz}} \mu\text{G}$  and  $\alpha$  is the CR spectral index.  $B_0$  is the value of the cluster central magnetic field and  $\alpha_B$  is a parameter representing the rate of decline of the magnetic field strength toward the cluster outskirts. The value of  $A_\nu$  is specified in appendix A. Plugging in the gas density  $\rho_{gas}(R)$  expressed in  $[\text{g cm}^{-3}]$  and the CR distribution  $C(R)$  in  $[\text{cm}^{-3}]$ , we obtain the surface brightness  $S_\nu$  expressed in  $[\text{erg cm}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1} \text{Hz}^{-1}]$ , and the luminosity  $L_\nu$  expressed in  $[\text{erg s}^{-1} \text{Hz}^{-1}]$ . Note that with this formalism the flux is given by  $F_\nu = \frac{1}{4\pi D^2} L_\nu$  where  $D$  is the luminous distance of the considered object.

The CR distribution within galaxy clusters is governed by an interplay of propagation and advection. While the advection of CR by turbulent gas motions tends to result in centrally enhanced CR profiles, the propagation in form of CR streaming and diffusion tends to produce flat CR profiles. A full discussion of this issue is beyond the scope of this work and we remind the reader to Enßlin et al. (2011). What we propose here is to merge the result from the hydrodynamical cluster cosmological simulation of Pinzke & Pfrommer (2010), which provides a mass-scaling for the CR normalization, and the analytical result from Enßlin et al. (2011) where the above mentioned CR transport properties, neglected in the Pinzke & Pfrommer (2010) simulations for simplicity, are modeled. In this way we want to obtain a model able to predict the radio and gamma-ray emission and to reproduce the main observed RHs proprieties.

Following closely Enßlin et al. (2011), when turbulent advection completely dominates the CR profile, this can be expressed as:

$$C_{simple}(R) = C_0 \left( \frac{P(R)}{P_0} \right)^{\frac{\beta_{CR}}{\gamma_{CR}}} \quad (8)$$

where  $\beta_{CR} = (\alpha + 2)/3$ ,  $\gamma_{CR} = 5/3$  and  $P(R) = \rho_{gas}(R)T(R)$  is the pressure. However, as explained before, both propagation and advection shape the CR profile and the ratio of their transport coefficients determines the exact shape. The treatment of this case is analytically developed in Enßlin et al. (2011) by solving the continuity equation for the CR density profile  $\rho_{CR}$ . They found:

$$\rho_{CR}(R) = \rho_{CR,0} \left( \frac{P(R)}{P_0} \right)^{\gamma_{CR}} \exp\left(\frac{R}{R_*}\right) \quad (9)$$

where  $R_* = \gamma_{tu} R_C$ ,  $\gamma_{tu}$  is the turbulent parameter, and  $R_C$  is a characteristic radius where the turbulence is supposed to be injected which should be comparable to the clusters core radius. Assuming for simplicity that  $P(R)/P_0 = n_e(R)/n_0$ , so neglecting the temperature dependence, and a standard  $\beta$ -profile for the electron density as:

$$n_e = n_0 \left( 1 + \frac{R^2}{R_C^2} \right)^{-\frac{3\beta_{CL}}{2}}, \quad (10)$$

the CR density profile  $C_{transport}(R) = C_0(\rho_{CR}(R)/\rho_{CR,0})^{\beta_{CR}}$  finally results to be:

$$C_{transport}(R) = C_0 \left( 1 + \frac{R^2}{R_C^2} \right)^{-\beta_C} \exp\left(\frac{R}{R_*} \beta_{CR}\right) \quad (11)$$

for  $R_- < R < R_+$ , where  $\beta_C = 3\beta_{CL} \beta_{CR}/2\gamma_{CR}$ , while  $C_{transport}(R) = C_{transport}(R_\pm)$  for  $R < R_-$  and  $R > R_+$  respectively. The solution for these radii is:

$$R_\pm = \frac{3\beta_{CL}}{2\gamma_{CR}} R_* \left( 1 \pm \sqrt{1 - \left( \frac{2R_C \gamma_{CR}}{3\beta_{CL} R_*} \right)^2} \right) \quad (12)$$

Therefore, changing the value of the transport parameter  $\gamma_{tu}$ , we can mimic different CR transport cases in the cluster; for high  $\gamma_{tu}$  we fall in the advection-dominated *simple* case while in case  $\gamma_{tu} \approx 1$  the CR profile is flat. We show this in appendix B for the two representative NCCC Coma and CCC Perseus cases, where we also show the result in case  $C(R) = C_{semi-analytical}(R) = \tilde{C}(R)\rho_{gas}(R)/m_p$  with  $\tilde{C}(R)$  the mass-dependent universal normalization CR profile found in cosmological simulations of Pinzke & Pfrommer (2010). As expected, the CR profile driven by simulations is characterized by a more centrally peaked profile with respect to the analytical case. Note also that the Perseus profile is much more centrally peaked with respect to Coma, which reflects their CCC and NCCC classification respectively.

The following steps are to i) generalize the above approach for our GNFW gas profiles obtained in section 2.2, and ii) merge the Enßlin et al. (2011) analytical approach with the  $\tilde{C}$  universal CR normalization obtained from simulations in order to get a mass-scaling for our CR profiles. As explained in appendix B, in this case there is not an exact solution for the Enßlin et al. (2011) treatment of the problem. In fact, when trying to solve it analytically, one ends up with a 5-order equation. It is not practical to solve numerically such equation, and at the same time to discharge the unphysical solution, for our more than  $10^4$  halos. For simplicity, we will proceed with the approximation of using the Enßlin et al. (2011) formalism, after some modifications in order to adapt it to our case. Therefore, we now construct our final hybrid CR model. We have that:

$$C_{simple}(R) = C_0 \left( \frac{P(R)}{P_0} \right)^{\frac{\beta_{CR}}{\gamma_{CR}}} = C_0 (\eta(R))^{\beta_{CR}} \quad (13)$$

where we introduced the advective CR profile  $\eta(R) = (P(R)/P_0)^{1/\gamma_{CR}}$  (see Enßlin et al. 2011 for details). We can rewrite  $\rho_{CR}$  as:

$$\rho_{CR}(R) = \rho_{CR,0} \eta(R) \exp\left(\frac{R}{R_*}\right) \quad (14)$$

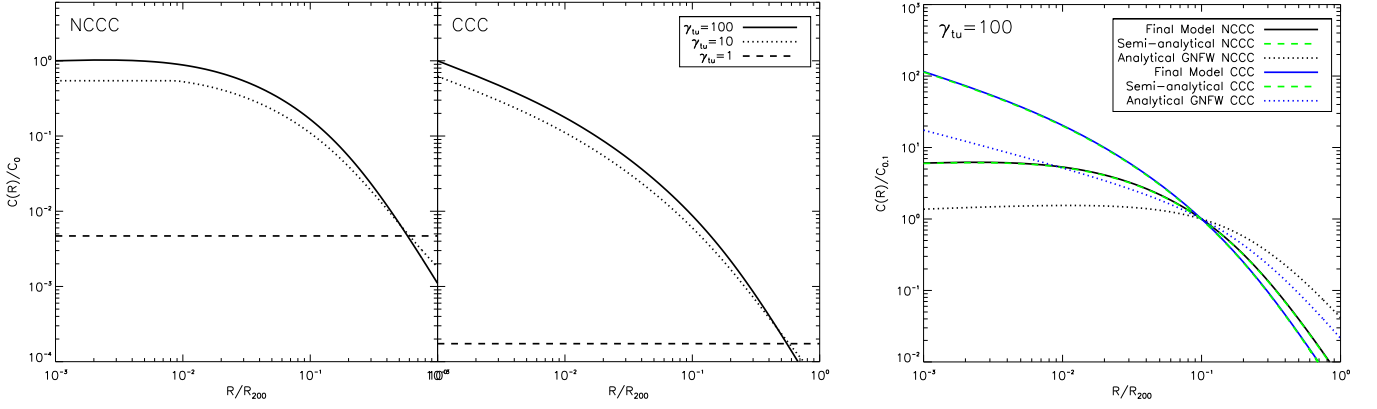
Now we introduce the *semi-analytical* mass-dependent universal normalization CR profile of Pinzke & Pfrommer (2010) in the following way:

$$\eta(R) = \left( \frac{C_{simple}(R)}{C(0)} \right)^{1/\beta_{CR}} = \left( \frac{\tilde{C}_{final}(R)}{C(0)} \right)^{1/\beta_{CR}} \quad (15)$$

where we redefine  $C_{simple}$  as  $\tilde{C}_{final}$  of our hybrid model as:

$$\tilde{C}_{final}(R) = \tilde{C}(R)\rho_{gas}(R)m_p^{-1} \quad (16)$$

where  $\tilde{C}(R)$  is the normalization CR profile of equation 22 of Pinzke & Pfrommer (2010), and  $\rho_{gas}(R)$  is the GNFW gas profile derived in section 2.2. We eventually modify  $\rho_{gas}$  in a *pseudo-pressure* profile adding the decline toward the cluster periphery expected by the fit to the universal temperature profile derived from cosmological cluster simulations (Pfrommer



**Fig. 4.** In the left plot, our final model  $C_{final}$  is showed for the NCCC and CCC cases and for different values of  $\gamma_{tu}$ . We normalize  $C_{final}$  to  $C_0 = C(0, \gamma_{tu} = 100)$  where we fix the CR populations to have a constant total CR number as in equation 36 of Enßlin et al. (2011) integrating up to  $R_{200}$ . In the right plot, we compare  $C_{final}$  with the analytical GFW case (with  $\alpha = 2.3$ ) and the pure semi-analytical case (plugging in our GFW gas profiles plus the temperature outer decrease) for  $\gamma_{tu} = 100$ . In the latter plot, the CR profiles are normalized to  $C_{0.1} = C(0.1 R_{200})$ . **add one more line to the left plots, change green in the right**

et al. 2007; Pinzke & Pfrommer 2010). The last step is to generalize the case with one CR population with spectral index  $\alpha$ , used up to here, to the case of Pinzke & Pfrommer (2010) where three different CR populations  $\alpha_i = (2.15, 2.3, 2.55)$  are adopted. The whole formalism is easily extended to the three CR populations case by using sums over the three spectral indexes (see Pinzke & Pfrommer 2010). This extension enters in the  $A_v$  calculation, the  $(\epsilon_B(R)/\epsilon_{Bc})^{(\alpha-2)/4}$  factor of equation 7, and into equation 13. While for the first two cases there are no problems, the latter would be. In fact, introducing a sum over  $\alpha_i$  in equation 13 would make impossible to analytically reverse it to get  $\eta(R)$  of equation 15. We decide to not introduce the three CR spectral indexes in this part and just use  $\alpha = 2.3$  into equation 11.<sup>9</sup> We however extend to three CR spectral indexes the  $A_v$  and  $(\epsilon_B(R)/\epsilon_{Bc})^{(\alpha-2)/4}$  factors (see appendix A). In this way, when  $\gamma_{tu}$  is high enough, e.g. 100 (1000), we recover the radial shape and normalization of the semi-analytical model of Pinzke & Pfrommer (2010) at a 1% (0.1%) level.

We therefore end up with a new  $C_{transport}$ , which now we shall call  $C_{final}$ , with all the needed ingredients, i.e. a mass-scaling CR normalization for our simulation derived cluster population, the general REXCESS derived GFW gas profiles, the universal outer temperature decline and, least but not last, the  $\gamma_{tu}$  parameter which allows us to explore different turbulent states of the clusters in our MultiDark sample.<sup>10</sup>

In figure 4, left plot, we show  $C_{final}$ , for the NCCC and CCC cases, for different values of the  $\gamma_{tu}$  parameter. Additionally, in the right plot, we compare our final model with the analytical GFW exact solution (see appendix B) and the pure semi-analytical cases for  $\gamma_{tu} = 100$  and normalized at  $0.1 \times R_{200}$ . As mentioned above, for high  $\gamma_{tu}$  values, we recover the shape and normalization of the semi-analytical model of Pinzke &

Pfrommer (2010). Note therefore the more centrally peaked profile of our final model with respect to the analytical GFW case.

### 3. Radio Surface Brightness Modeling

In this section we apply our model to reproduce the RHs characteristics of some galaxy clusters in order to show that the model adapts to different situations. In the final model we include also the *maximum CR acceleration efficiency parameter*  $g(\zeta_{p,max}) = g_{CR}$  (Pinzke & Pfrommer 2010). Note that this parameter acts just as a linear scaling for the emission and can be included in the calculation substituting  $A_v$  with  $A_{v,final} = g_{CR} A_v$  (see appendix A). We warn the reader that this parameter can be compared with the value of Pinzke & Pfrommer (2010) only when  $\gamma_{tu} \approx 100$ , for lower values it is just a normalization parameter and cannot be interpreted as the maximum CR acceleration efficiency. We will use instead the CR-to-thermal pressure  $X_{CR} = P_{CR}/P_{th}$  as an absolute comparison parameter.<sup>11</sup>

We take as example four galaxy clusters. The giant radio halos of Coma (Deiss et al. 1997) and Abell 2163 (Feretti et al. 2001; Murgia et al. 2009) both merging NCCC, and the radio-mini halos of Perseus (Pedlar et al. 1990) and Ophiuchus (Govoni et al. 2009; Murgia et al. 2009) both non-merging CCC. In table 5, we summarize the main characteristics of these halos and we detail the main parameters adopted from the model and results. In figure 5, we show the corresponding surface brightness and CR-to-thermal pressure plots. Note that we model these clusters at 1.4 GHz and within  $R_{200}$ . Let us analyze the four cases separately.

The Coma giant radio halo has a morphology remarkably similar to the extended X-ray thermal bremsstrahlung emission, although the radio peak seems to be displaced by about 0.05 deg with respect to the X-ray one and the radio emission declines more slowly going toward the cluster outskirts (Briel et al. 1992; Deiss et al. 1997). Note that it is clearly non-spherical, showing an elongation in the East-West direction.

<sup>9</sup> We check that the choice of  $\alpha$  into equation 11 does not affect the result. Varying  $\alpha$  within 2.15 – 2.55 leaves the radial shape and the normalization unchanged within 0.5%.

<sup>10</sup> In our final model,  $R_C$  of equation 12 becomes the characteristic radius of our GFW gas profile of section 2.2, i.e.  $R_C = 0.2 \times R_{500}$ , and  $\beta_{CL} = 0.8$  (changing the value of  $\beta_{CL}$  between e.g. 0.4 and 1.2 has no impact at all). We also fix  $R_{-CCC} = 10^{-3} R/R_{200}$  to avoid the break-feature of figure B.2 discussed in appendix B, noting that the total emission remains unchanged.

<sup>11</sup> We calculate the CR pressure in the following way  $P_{CR} = \frac{g_{CR} C_{final} m_p c^2}{6} \sum_{i=1}^3 \Delta_i \beta_{1/(1+q^2)} \left( \frac{\alpha_i - 1}{2}, \frac{3 - \alpha_i}{2} \right)$ , where  $c$  is the speed of light,  $q = 0.8$  (Pinzke & Pfrommer 2010) and  $\Delta_i = (0.767, 0.143, 0.0975)$  are the normalization factors found by Pinzke & Pfrommer (2010) (see also appendix A). The thermal pressure is  $P_{th} = n_{gas} k_B T$ .



**Table 5.** Radio Halos and Mini-Halos Characteristics.

Name	z	D	$\Delta d$	$L_{1.4 \text{ GHz, obs}}$	References	Fit Parameters	$L_{1.4 \text{ GHz, model}}$
		[h <sub>70</sub> <sup>-1</sup> Mpc]	[h <sub>70</sub> <sup>-1</sup> Mpc]	10 <sup>31</sup> [h <sub>70</sub> <sup>-2</sup> erg s <sup>-1</sup> Hz <sup>-1</sup> ]		$\gamma_{tu}, \alpha_B$	10 <sup>31</sup> [h <sub>70</sub> <sup>-2</sup> erg s <sup>-1</sup> Hz <sup>-1</sup> ]
Coma	0.023	101	2.15	0.72	[1, 2, 3]	1, 0.6 4, 0.3	0.86 0.90
A 2163	0.203	962	2.07	15.36	[3, 4]	1, 0.3	13.43
Perseus	0.018	78	0.15	4.40	[3, 5, 6, 7]	3, 0.4 100, 0.3	4.80 3.97
Ophiuchus	0.028	121	0.41	0.19	[3, 4]	5, 0.7 100, 0.3	0.19 0.23

Note. Top rows are giant radio halos, while the bottom are mini-halos.  $\Delta d$  represents the approximate dimension of the RH.  $L_{1.4 \text{ GHz, obs}}$  is the total luminosity at 1.4 GHz.  $M_{200}$  and  $R_{200}$  are taken, for all clusters, from reference [3]. The Coma  $\rho_{\text{gas}}$  and  $T$  are from [2], while for A 2163 and Ophiuchus they are from [3]. For Perseus, we take  $\rho_{\text{gas}}$  from [6] and the temperature central dip is modeled as in [7]. For all clusters, we also adopt the outer temperature decrease. Note that despite the fact that Ophiuchus is a CCC and has a central temperature dip, we adopt a constant temperature in the central part because the dip is important only below 30 h<sub>70</sub><sup>-1</sup> kpc (see Million et al. 2010) and therefore it is not critical for the surface brightness modeling. The Fit Parameters column indicates the best fit values and other permitted values for the modeling, and  $L_{1.4 \text{ GHz, model}}$  is the corresponding predicted total luminosity at 1.4 GHz within  $R_{200}$ . See the main text for details. References: [1] Deiss et al. (1997) [2] Briel et al. (1992) [3] Reiprich & Böhringer (2002) [4] Murgia et al. (2009) [5] Pedlar et al. (1990) [6] Churazov et al. (2003) [7] Pfrommer & Enßlin (2004a).

The Briel et al. (1992) X-ray observations were performed with the ROSAT satellite which had a resolution between 0.0028 and 0.008 deg depending on the pointing mode. The full width half maximum (FWHM) of the Deiss et al. (1997) radio observation beam was 0.156 deg, so almost two orders of magnitude larger than the X-ray observation<sup>12</sup>. This can of course have a critical impact on the modeling. We decide therefore to apply a Gaussian smoothing to our theoretical surface brightness of equation 6 with  $\sigma_{\text{smoothing}} = FWHM_{\text{radio}}/2.355$ . We investigate different values of  $\alpha_B = (0.3, 0.4, 0.5, 0.6, 0.7)$  and of the  $\gamma_{tu}$  parameter from 1 to 100.<sup>13</sup> We fix the central magnetic field  $B_0 = 5 \mu\text{G}$  (Bonafede et al. 2010) and we use  $g_{\text{CR}}$  as normalization factor to match the radio observations. The best fit to the data is obtained for  $\gamma_{tu} = 1$  and  $\alpha_B = 0.6$ , however, values as high as  $\gamma_{tu} \approx 4$  could be accommodated. We can recover the radio surface brightness shape and the total radio luminosity within about 20%. The gamma-ray flux (calculated as described in appendix C), within  $R_{200}$ , for the best fit case and for energies above 100 MeV (100 GeV) is  $F_\gamma = 4.1 \times 10^{-9} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$  ( $1.5 \times 10^{-12} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$ ). The  $\gamma_{tu} = 1$  case is therefore in tension with the limit recently set by *Fermi*-LAT (Zimmer et al. 2012) of  $F_{\gamma, \text{UL}}(> 100 \text{ MeV}) \approx 2.5 \times 10^{-9} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$ . We note that using a slightly higher  $\gamma_{tu}$  value the predictions become again in agreement with gamma-ray observations. In fact, for  $\gamma_{tu} = 4$  and  $\alpha_B = 0.3$  one obtains  $F_\gamma(> 100 \text{ MeV}) = 9.6 \times 10^{-10} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$  ( $F_\gamma(> 100 \text{ GeV}) = 3.6 \times 10^{-13} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$ ).

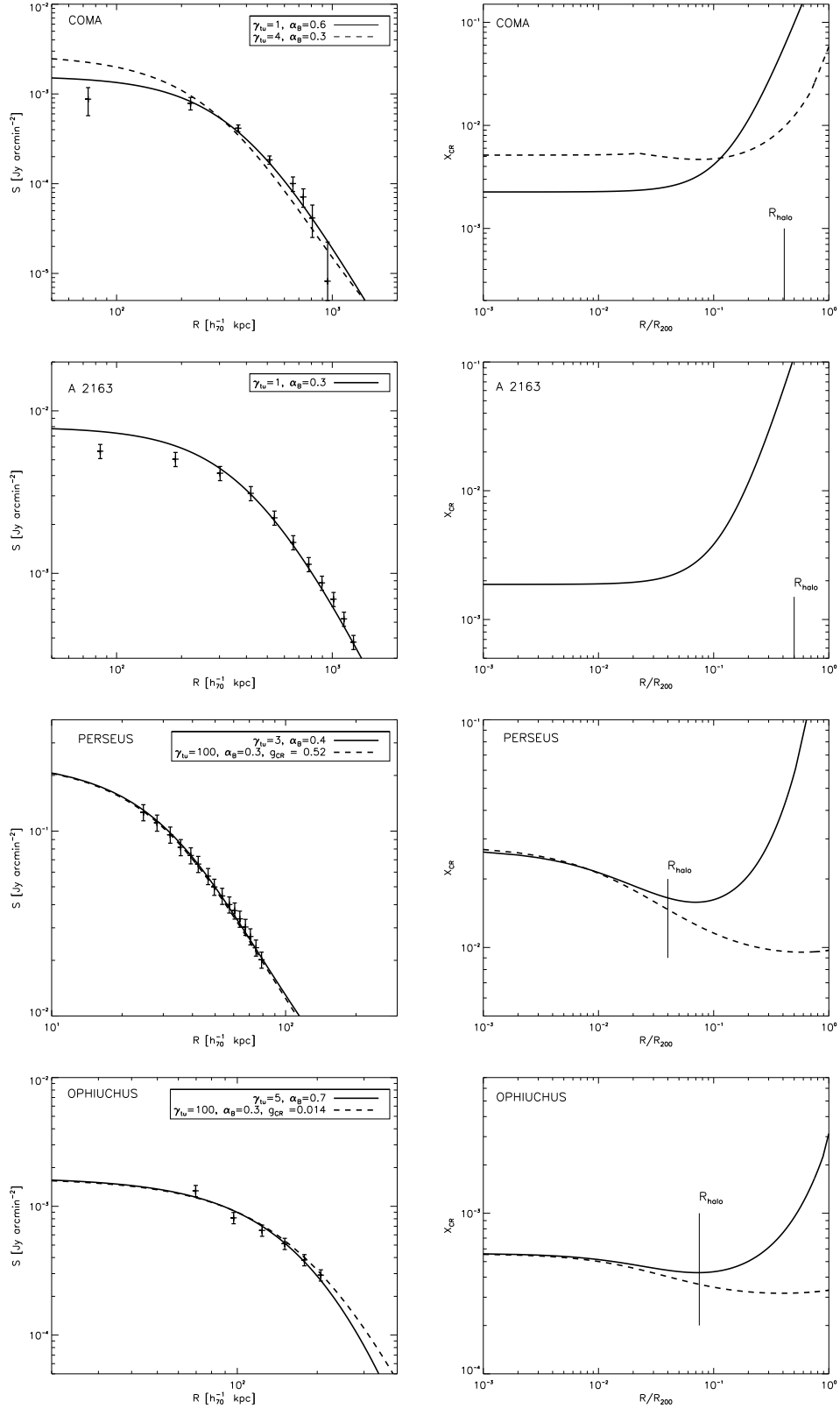
The Abell 2164 giant radio halo is also closely correlated to the cluster thermal X-ray structure showing, as in the Coma case, a slower decline going toward the cluster outskirts with respect to the bremsstrahlung emission (Feretti et al. 2001). It also appears to be non-spherical, being its shape clearly elongated in the East-West direction. The radio observations of Feretti et al. (2001) were performed with the VLA with a corresponding synthesized beam of 45''×60'' at 1.4 GHz. For our modeling we use

<sup>12</sup> Note therefore that the difference in position of the radio and X-ray peaks is negligible for the modeling.

<sup>13</sup> We fix the CR number for  $\gamma_{tu} = 100$  using equation 36 of Enßlin et al. (2011), integrating up  $R_{200}$ , and then we oblige the CR number to be the same at lower  $\gamma_{tu}$  values.

the surface brightness provided in Murgia et al. (2009) where the radio image has been convolved with a circular Gaussian beam and corrected for the primary beam attenuation, resulting in a  $FWHM_{\text{radio}} = 62'' = 0.017 \text{ deg}$ . We note that the position of radio and X-ray peaks are displaced by about 19''. Matteo Murgia has kindly provided the radio surface brightness computed with respect to the Reiprich & Böhringer (2002) X-ray position, however it is almost unchanged with respect to the original. The  $FWHM_{\text{radio}}$  is larger than the resolution of the ROSAT satellite from which we take the gas density, even if not critically like in the Coma case. However, once converted the angular sizes to physical sizes, the corresponding  $\sigma_{\text{smoothing}}$  is of the order of the Coma one because of the high distance of Abell 2163. Therefore, we apply a Gaussian smoothing also in this case. We follow the same procedure as in Coma, using again  $B_0 = 5 \mu\text{G}$ . The best fit to the data, and also the only acceptable one, is obtained for  $\gamma_{tu} = 1$  and  $\alpha_B = 0.3$ , i.e. the flattest possible surface brightness. We can recover the emission shape and the total luminosity within about 15%. The corresponding gamma-ray flux, within  $R_{200}$ , for energies above 100 MeV (100 GeV) is  $F_\gamma = 4.2 \times 10^{-10} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$  ( $1.5 \times 10^{-13} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$ ), about two orders of magnitude lower than the upper limit obtained by *Fermi*-LAT (Ackermann et al. 2010a).

The Perseus diffuse radio emission is probably the most famous example of radio-mini halo (Pedlar et al. 1990) and Perseus itself is surely the best studied cluster in X-rays (e.g. Churazov et al. 2003; Fabian et al. 2006, 2011). Also in the Perseus case, clear similarities between radio and thermal X-ray structures are found. One of the strengths of the hadronic model for RHs is that it naturally predicts mini-halos as a consequence of the more peaked gas density in CCC with respect to the radio halos found in NCCC, as we will see now. We proceed as before but now adopting  $B_0 = 10 \mu\text{G}$  (see Aleksić et al. 2010, 2011 for a discussion on the Perseus magnetic field). The best fit to the data is obtained for  $\gamma_{tu} = 3$  and  $\alpha_B = 0.4$ , however, values as high as  $\gamma_{tu} \approx 100$ , and as low as  $\gamma_{tu} = 2$ , could be easily accommodated. We can recover the surface brightness shape and the total luminosity within about 10%. The gamma-ray flux, within  $R_{200}$ , for the best fit case and for energies above 100 MeV



**Fig. 5.** Surface brightness modeling of the Coma, Abell 2163, Perseus and Ophiuchus RHs. Left plots show the RHs azimuthal average surface brightness, while right plots show the corresponding CR-to-thermal pressure  $X_{CR}$ . Note how different parameter values, giving almost the same surface brightness shape, result in very different  $X_{CR}$  profiles. In the Abell 2163 and Ophiuchus cases we take a 10% error bar instead of the errors reported by Murgia et al. (2009). This is true also for Perseus, for which Pedlar et al. (1990) do not report errors.

(100 GeV) is  $F_\gamma = 1.4 \times 10^{-8} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$  ( $5.1 \times 10^{-12} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$ ). Adopting  $\gamma_{tu} = 100$  and  $\alpha_B = 0.3$ , the corresponding gamma-

ray flux above 100 MeV (100 GeV) is  $F_\gamma = 4.9 \times 10^{-9} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$  ( $1.8 \times 10^{-12} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$ ). We can compare these predictions with

the upper limit above 1 TeV, and for a region within 0.15 deg around the cluster center, recently obtained by Aleksić et al. (2011). We predict for the  $\gamma_{tu} = 3$  ( $\gamma_{tu} = 100$ ) case a flux of  $F_\gamma(> 1 \text{ TeV}, < 0.15 \text{ deg}) = 7.3 \times 10^{-14} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$  ( $5.5 \times 10^{-14} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$ ), which is well below the MAGIC collaboration upper limit of  $F_{\gamma, \text{UL}}(> 1 \text{ TeV}, < 0.15 \text{ deg}) \approx 1.4 \times 10^{-13} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$ . Note also that, in the case of  $\gamma_{tu} = 100$ , we need a maximum CR acceleration efficiency parameter of 0.52, about half of the value adopted by Pinzke & Pfrommer (2010).<sup>14</sup>

The Ophiuchus cluster has been widely studied both in radio and X-rays in the last few years because of a claim of presence of a non-thermal hard X-ray tail (Eckert et al. 2008; Fujita et al. 2008; Govoni et al. 2009; Murgia et al. 2009; Pérez-Torres et al. 2009; Nevalainen et al. 2009; Murgia et al. 2010; Million et al. 2010). It was classified as a merging cluster by Watanabe et al. (2001), but more recently Fujita et al. (2008) did not find any evidence of merging and, on the contrary, classified it as one of the hottest clusters with a cool-core (see also Million et al. 2010). The subsequent discovery of the radio mini-halo by Govoni et al. (2009) confirmed the cool-core nature of this cluster, also founding similarities with the thermal X-ray emission. For our modeling we use the surface brightness provided by Murgia et al. (2009). The presence in Ophiuchus of a strong central cD galaxy is also typical of CCC. We note that also in this case, the position of radio and X-ray peaks seems displaced by about  $24''$ . Again, Matteo Murgia has kindly provided the radio surface brightness computed with respect to the Reiprich & Böhringer (2002) X-ray position, however the change is not very significant with respect to the original. We proceed as before, adopting a central magnetic field value of  $B_0 = 10 \mu\text{G}$ . The best fit to the data is obtained for  $\gamma_{tu} = 5$  and  $\alpha_B = 0.7$ , however, values as high as  $\gamma_{tu} \approx 100$ , and as low as  $\gamma_{tu} = 2$ , could be easily accommodated. We can recover the surface brightness shape and the total luminosity within about 20%. The gamma-ray flux, within  $R_{200}$ , for the best fit case and for energies above 100 MeV (100 GeV) is  $F_\gamma = 1.2 \times 10^{-10} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$  ( $4.3 \times 10^{-14} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$ ). Adopting  $\gamma_{tu} = 100$  and  $\alpha_B = 0.3$ , the corresponding gamma-ray flux above 100 MeV (100 GeV) is  $F_\gamma = 8.3 \times 10^{-11} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$  ( $3.1 \times 10^{-14} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$ ). The gamma-ray flux is, in both cases, about two orders of magnitude lower than the upper limit obtained by *Fermi*-LAT (Ackermann et al. 2010a). Note also that, in the case of  $\gamma_{tu} = 100$ , we obtain a maximum CR acceleration efficiency parameter of 0.014.

We want to stress the following points:

1. The giant radio halos of Coma and Abell 1263 are more difficult to reproduce than the mini-halos. We need in fact very low  $\gamma_{tu}$  values in order to get acceptable fits. We would expect higher  $\gamma_{tu}$  values for the merging NCCC cases (Enßlin et al. 2011). However, there are three main factors that render the merging NCCC fits not conclusive and can alleviate this problem. i) Primary electrons accelerated in outer shocks, which we do not consider, could have an important contribution in the RH emission. ii) Merging clusters are not spherical symmetric, and this is clearly the case both for Coma and Abell 2163. Finally, iii) adopting the simulation-driven  $\tilde{C}$  from Pinzke & Pfrommer (2010) in constructing our hybrid model, we may be adopting a too steep central CR normalization which would result in lower required  $\gamma_{tu}$  values with respect to a smoother choice. We note however that, despite

these issues, we can reproduce the Coma and Abell 2163 RHs fairly well, solving the previous problems of the *classical* hadronic model (see e.g. Donnert et al. 2010a).

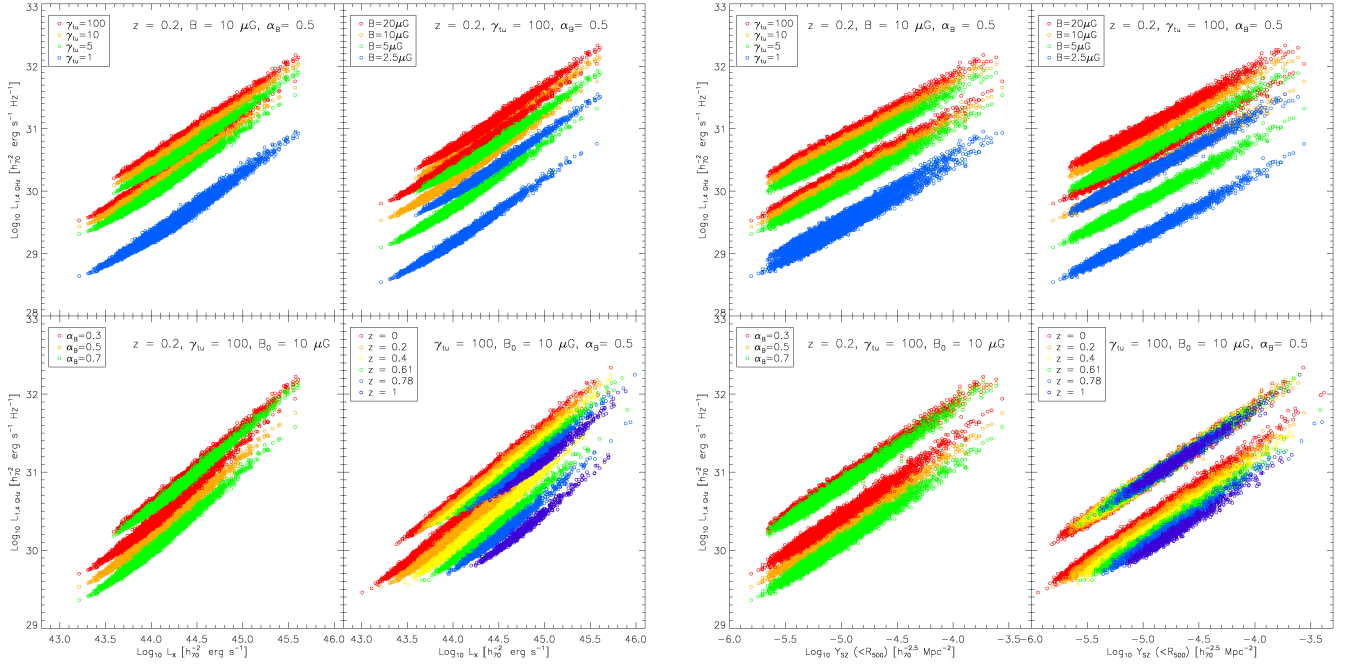
2. Generally, RHs measurements set more stringent constraints on the hadronic model than gamma-ray observations, see e.g. Perseus. This is not always true, in fact, the gamma-ray limit by *Fermi*-LAT set the stringest constraint in the Coma cluster case. We do not intend to discourage gamma-ray observations by any means. On the contrary, they are a fundamental tool in this field being independent from the choices we make here to reproduce their nature. However, previous gamma-ray predictions should be scaled down in light of the results presented here (see also Enßlin et al. 2011).
3. The magnetic field values adopted here are perfectly in agreement with other observational constraints, solving previous tensions of the *classical* hadronic model (see e.g. Jeltama & Profumo 2011). We note also that very different  $B_0$  values could be adopted without entering in tension with other observational constraints. The only exception is Coma for which a higher  $B_0$  value may be in contradiction with Bonafede et al. (2010), while a lower one could result in a higher gamma-ray emission in contrast with the Zimmer et al. (2012) limit.
4. When reducing to the  $\gamma_{tu} = 100$  case, which is plausible only for Perseus and Ophiuchus, the  $g_{CR}$  parameter can be interpreted as the maximum CR acceleration efficiency used in Pinzke & Pfrommer (2010). This value should then be universal, i.e. it should be the same in all clusters. We find  $g_{CR, \text{Perseus}} = 0.52$  and  $g_{CR, \text{Ophiuchus}} = 0.014$ , because we fixed  $B_0 = 10 \mu\text{G}$  in both cases and used  $g_{CR}$  as normalization. This discrepancy can be solved by higher/lowering the Perseus/Ophiuchus central magnetic field (e.g.  $B_{0, \text{Perseus}} = 20 \mu\text{G}$  and  $B_{0, \text{Ophiuchus}} = 1 \mu\text{G}$ ). We note however that, at this stage, this is not conclusive by any means as any  $\gamma_{tu}$  value can virtually be chosen for both clusters.
5. With this cluster sample, we cannot draw any definitive conclusion on the parameters used in the modelling as many different choices could be done on the magnetic field, the  $\gamma_{tu}$  and  $\alpha_B$  parameters. This is particularly true for the analysed mini-halos, for which almost all the  $(\gamma_{tu}, \alpha_B)$  parameter space is available (note also the  $\gamma_{tu}$  and  $\alpha_B$  variable are of course degenerate). This would probably not change using all the known RHs, however such a comprehensive work is highly derivable. This is beyond the scope of this work with which instead we want to investigate the LOFAR cluster survey potentiality in this sense.

We conclude saying that the model presented here is versatile enough to adapt to very different situations, reproducing the main characteristics of RHs and. As we will see in the next section, it can also reproduce the radio-to-X-ray, solving the previous problems of the *classical* hadronic model, and radio-to-SZ scaling relations. It therefore fully accomplishes to our initial purposes.

#### 4. Radio Scaling Relations and Luminosity Function

As anticipated in the Introduction, there exist an apparent bimodality between the radio and X-ray cluster emission. Clusters with the same X-ray luminosity both host RHs and do not show any diffuse radio emission (e.g. Brunetti et al. 2009; Enßlin et al. 2011). However, more recently, a study of the radio-to-SZ scaling relation showed the absence of any kind of strong bimodality

<sup>14</sup> Note that, even for  $\gamma_{tu} \approx 1000$  we do not obtain the same values predicted by Pinzke & Pfrommer (2010) because they do not use the temperature central dip and outer decrease to obtain their predictions. **check with Anders/Christoph**



**Fig. 6.** Radio-to-X-ray and radio-to-SZ general scaling relations as predicted by our final CR model. In the left panel, we show how the  $L_{1.4 \text{ GHz}} - L_{X,BOL}$  relation changes changing different parameters. In the right panel, we show the same but for the  $L_{1.4 \text{ GHz}} - Y_{SZ}$  relation. The text in the plots indicates the parameters which are kept fixed. We fix the  $g_{CR}$ -normalization parameter to 0.2 for all cases. See main text for details. **change colors and  $L_{X,BOL}$  and  $Y_{SZ,500}$**

dividing the cluster population into radio-loud and radio-quiet clusters (Basu 2012). In this section, we investigate these two scaling relations and subsequently the radio luminosity function (RLF).

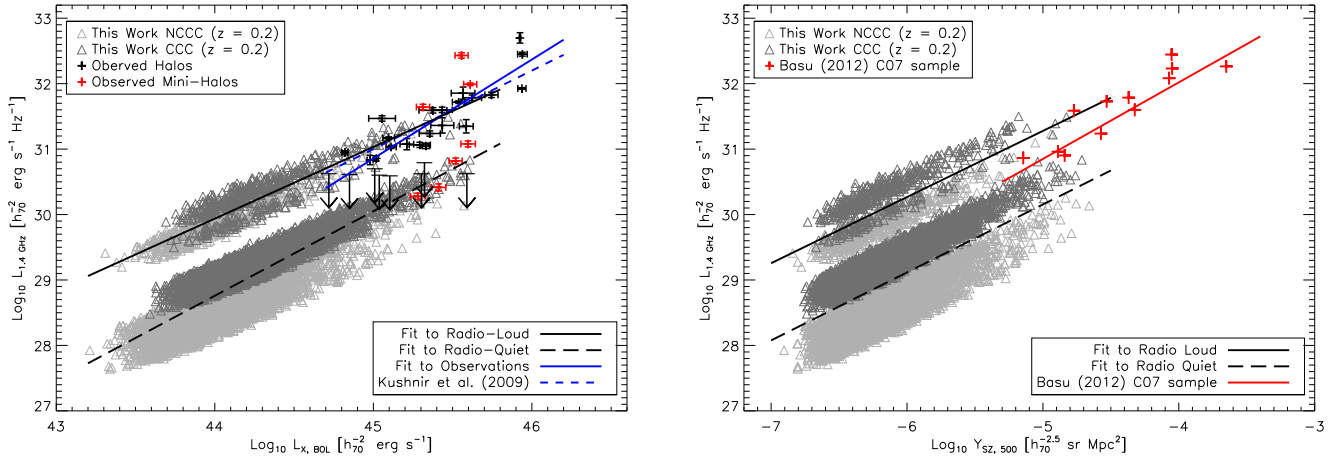
In figure 6, we show the general scaling relations of our final CR model of section 2.3 applied to the MultiDark sample. We show both the radio-to-X-ray and the radio-to-SZ scaling relations varying different parameters as  $\gamma_{tu}$ ,  $B_0$ ,  $\alpha_B$  and the redshift. We fix the  $g_{CR}$ -normalization parameter to 0.2 for all cases, ensuring an average CR-to-thermal pressures at the 1%-level (0.5%-level) value within  $R_{500}$  ( $R_{500}/2$ ) in all cases. Here, the radio luminosity is calculated within  $R_{500}$  and at 1.4 GHz and it will be in the following unless differently specified.<sup>15</sup> In our CR model, we fix the CR number for  $\gamma_{tu} = 100$  using equation 36 of Enßlin et al. (2011), integrating up  $R_{500}$ , and then we oblige the CR number to be the same at lower  $\gamma_{tu}$  values; this will be the case also in the following unless differently specified. Note in particular how the different parameters affect in different ways the NCCC and CCC populations for the  $L_{1.4 \text{ GHz}} - L_{X,BOL}$  and  $L_{1.4 \text{ GHz}} - Y_{SZ}$  relations. This is mainly the result of the different dependence on gas density of  $L_X$  and  $Y_{SZ}$ .

We want now to compare our model prediction directly with observations. For this purpose, we select a particular realization of our model as representative. We artificially, and randomly, divide our MultiDark  $z = 0.2$  sample (which well compares with the redshift of the observational samples, see below and appendix D) in radio-quiet and radio-loud clusters, with the latter being 10% of the total (as approximately found by Giovannini et al. 1999). We assign  $\gamma_{tu} = 1$  to all the radio-quiet cluster, and we assign randomly and uniformly distributed central magnetic fields  $B_0$  in the intervals  $[2.5, 5.5] \mu\text{G}$  and  $[5, 10] \mu\text{G}$  for NCCC and CCC clusters, respectively. For the radio-loud clus-

ters, we assign randomly and uniformly  $\gamma_{tu}$  values in the intervals  $[40, 80]$  and  $[1, 5]$  for NCCC and CCC clusters, respectively, and central magnetic field values in the intervals  $[4.5, 7.5] \mu\text{G}$  and  $[7.5, 12.5] \mu\text{G}$  for NCCC and CCC clusters, respectively. We fix  $\alpha_B = 0.5$ . Also here, we adopt a  $g_{CR}$ -normalization parameter value of 0.2, ensuring average CR-to-thermal pressures at the 1%-level (0.5%-level) value within  $R_{500}$  ( $R_{500}/2$ ) in all cases. We warn the reader that these choices are not driven by any consideration apart the need to reproduce observations. Indeed, we have no robust clues at all of which values should take these parameters in clusters, with possibly the only exception of the magnetic field. Indeed, it is clear the need of large population studies of radio observed clusters in order to be able to draw robust hypothesis on the interplay of the different parameters in the modeling. In figure 7, we show how our model prediction compares with the observed radio-to-X-ray and radio-to-SZ scaling relations. Let us first comment on the two observational relations.

For comparison with the observed 1.4 GHz radio-to-X-ray scaling relation, in appendix D, we construct the sample shown as black (halos) and red (mini-halos) crosses (plus some upper limits) in the left plot of figure 7. This sample is obtained mainly from Brunetti et al. (2009), Enßlin et al. (2011), and Govoni et al. (2009) and has a median redshift of  $z \approx 0.18$ . The corresponding observational scaling relation in the form of  $\text{Log}_{10} L_{1.4 \text{ GHz}} [\text{h}_{70}^{-2} \text{ erg s}^{-1} \text{ Hz}^{-1}] = A + B \text{Log}_{10} L_{X,BOL} [\text{h}_{70}^{-2} \text{ erg s}^{-1}]$  has  $A = -50.433 \pm 2.226$  and  $B = 1.803 \pm 0.049$ , and a scatter of  $\sigma \approx 0.44$  (note that we do not include upper limits in the fit). We refer the reader to Brunetti et al. (2009) and Enßlin et al. (2011) for an extensive discussion on this topic. However, before to proceed, we would like to stress that, as interestingly noted also by Murgia et al. (2009), in contrast with radio halos, mini-halos seem to span a wide range of radio luminosity. The Perseus mini-halo (Y-axis highest red cross in the left plot of figure 7), for example, has a

<sup>15</sup> The median (mean) difference between calculating  $L_{1.4 \text{ GHz}}$  within  $R_{200}$  or  $R_{500}$  is 5.6% (5.3%).



**Fig. 7.** Radio-to-X-ray and radio-to-SZ scaling relation predictions from our final CR model (see main text for the details of the chosen parameters) compared with observations. Left:  $L_{1.4 \text{ GHz}} - L_{X,BOL}$  prediction compared to the observational sample constructed in appendix D. Right:  $L_{1.4 \text{ GHz}} - Y_{SZ}$  prediction compared to the observational sample C07 from Basu (2012).

radio luminosity which is almost two order of magnitude higher than radio halos at the same X-ray luminosity. On the other hand, the Ophiuchus mini-halo (Y-axis lowest red cross in the left plot of figure 7), which is a representative of other few such examples recently detected in CCC (i.e. A2029 and A1835), has a radio luminosity which is much lower, more typical of halos in merging clusters, and actually below the shown upper limits. We also want to stress that, in our opinion, the slope of the  $L_{1.4} - L_{X,BOL}$  relation is far from being clearly determined because of the few known RHs and the uncertainties in the measurements both in the radio and X-ray domains. The recently detected mini-halos with very low luminosities are a clear example of the uncertainty and the wide scatter that this relation can have. On the other hand, e.g. X-ray luminosities from ROSAT and *Chandra* for the same objects can easily differ by a factor of 2 or more sometimes. In figure 7 left plot, we additionally show the Kushnir et al. (2009) slope prediction of  $\approx 1.2$ , arbitrarily normalized for visual purposes, from their simple analytical hadronic model.

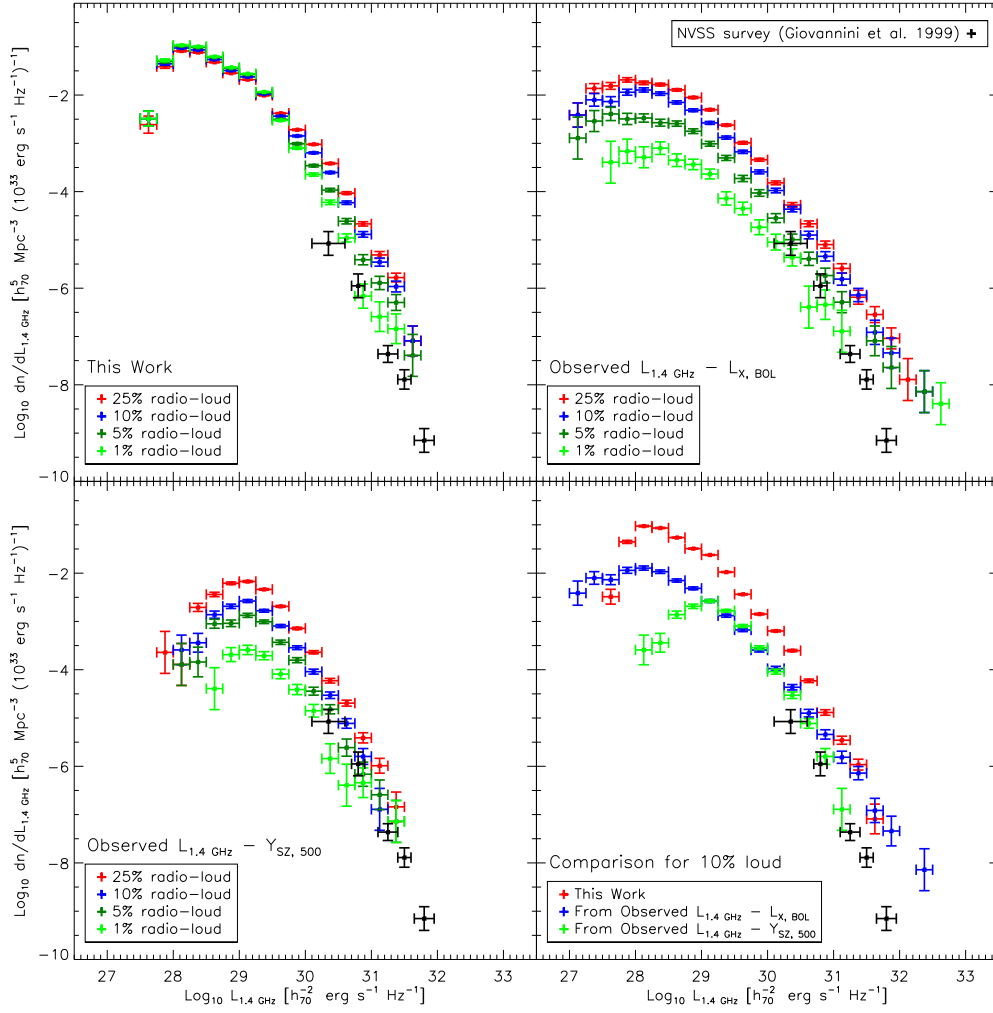
For the comparison to the observed 1.4 GHz radio-to-SZ scaling relation, we take as reference the result obtained by Basu (2012) with the sample of radio halos from Cassano et al. (2007) (hereafter C07; median redshift of  $z \approx 0.18$ ; note that no mini-halos are included). For this sample, Basu (2012) quotes  $Y_{SZ}$  within the halo radii given by Cassano et al. (2007). These radii have a median of about  $0.5 \text{ h}_{70}^{-1} \text{ Mpc}$  which well compares with our MultiDark  $z = 0.2$  snapshot median  $R_{500} \approx 0.41 \text{ h}_{70}^{-1} \text{ Mpc}$ . For the C07 sample, Basu (2012) obtains a scaling relation in the form of  $\text{Log}_{10} L_{1.4 \text{ GHz}} [\text{h}_{70}^2 \text{ erg s}^{-1} \text{ Hz}^{-1}] = A + B \text{Log}_{10} Y_{SZ} [\text{h}_{70}^{-2.5} \text{ sr Mpc}^2]$  with  $A = 29.7 \pm 0.8$  and  $B = 1.17 \pm 0.18$ , and a scatter of  $\sigma \approx 0.28$ . We want to stress however that we do not consider this definitive, as for the radio-to-X-ray case, and this scaling relation determination is likely going to be improved in the future.

We can now look at figure 7. The normalization of our model can be arbitrarily changed by changing the value of  $g_{CR}$  as long as the resulting  $X_{CR}$  respects the current observational constraints (e.g. Aleksić et al. 2011) and remains below the few percents. As explained above, our choice of  $g_{CR} = 0.2$  ensures average CR-to-thermal pressures at the 1%-level within  $R_{500}$  in all cases. It is clear therefore that there is room for changing this value and the normalization of our model can easily adapt to different situations. We note that our model can both mimic

a cluster radio bimodality or not, this depends on the parameters we decide to adopt for the two artificial radio-loud and radio-quiet populations. Apart for this consideration, we note that, at parity of conditions, the  $L_{1.4 \text{ GHz}} - L_{X,BOL}$  radio-loud and quiet population difference is larger than the  $L_{1.4 \text{ GHz}} - Y_{SZ}$  one which exhibits more a sort of continuum going from the radio-loud CCC to the radio-quiet NCCC population. This is because  $L_{X,BOL}$  depends on  $\rho_{gas}^2$  while  $Y_{SZ}$  only depends on  $\rho_{gas}$ . As a consequence, the highly peaked  $\rho_{gas}$  profiles of the CCC have a minor impact on  $Y_{SZ}$ , resulting in a lower SZ emission. This can therefore mimic the observed discrepancy of the presence of a cluster population bimodality in  $L_{1.4 \text{ GHz}} - L_{X,BOL}$  and the absence of it in  $L_{1.4 \text{ GHz}} - Y_{SZ}$ . Regarding the slope of our model with respect to the observational results, it is difficult to give a definitive determination because, again, this depends on the parameter values adopted and particularly to relative differences that these choices introduce between the NCCC/CCC populations and the radio-loud/quiet populations. However, we note that our  $L_{1.4 \text{ GHz}} - L_{X,BOL}$  is slightly shallower than the observed relation, and more similar to the Kushnir et al. (2009) prediction, and that our  $L_{1.4 \text{ GHz}} - Y_{SZ}$  slope compares quite well with the observed one. We make not any attempt to additionally fine-tune our model to match observations, mainly because of the lack of robustness of the latter in delivery definitive determinations at this stage, for the motivations already explained above.

In figure 8, we show the RLF obtained from our final CR model and we compare it with observational results. Also in this case, as for the X-ray emission, the RLF is completely determined by the cluster mass function and the radio luminosity-to-mass relation, through  $L_{1.4 \text{ GHz}} - L_{X,BOL}$  or  $L_{1.4 \text{ GHz}} - Y_{SZ}$ . In this case, the only additional uncertainty is the fraction of radio-loud clusters. Therefore, in figure 8, we also show the “true” RLFs obtained applying the  $L_{1.4 \text{ GHz}} - L_{X,BOL}$  and  $L_{1.4 \text{ GHz}} - Y_{SZ}$  to our MultiDark  $z = 0.2$  snapshot using their  $L_{X,BOL}$  and  $Y_{SZ,500}$ , as obtained from our phenomenological model, respectively. Pay attention that this is done using only the defined fraction of radio-loud clusters (**check argument and show 100%?**), not all of them, and we use 25%, 10%, 5% and 1% radio-loud clusters. As clear from figure 8, this is different from what is obtained with our model, where a fraction of radio-loud cluster is indeed defined, but the radio-quiet population is also contributing to the RLF. Additionally, in appendix D, we make an at-





**Fig. 8.** Radio Luminosity Function at 1.4 GHz. The top left plot shows the prediction of our final CR model (see main text for the details of the chosen parameters) for different percent of radio-loud clusters, 25%, 10%, 5% and 1%. The top right plot shows the result obtained applying the observed  $L_{1.4 \text{ GHz}} - L_{X, \text{BOL}}$  directly to the MultiDark mass function at  $z = 0.2$ , using the  $L_{X, \text{BOL}}$  of each halos as obtained from our phenomenological model, for different percent of radio-loud clusters. The bottom left plot shows the result obtained applying the observed  $L_{1.4 \text{ GHz}} - Y_{\text{SZ}, 500}$  directly to the MultiDark mass function at  $z = 0.2$ , using the  $Y_{\text{SZ}, 500}$  of each halos as obtained from our phenomenological model, for different percent of radio-loud clusters. The bottom right plot shows the comparison between the three approaches for 10% of radio-loud clusters. The NVSS survey RLF (Giovannini et al. 1999) is also shown in all plots. The horizontal error bars represent the mass bins while the vertical error bars are Poissonian uncertainties.

tempt to construct a RLF from existing X-ray flux-limited radio surveys. There exist two such studies, the cluster radio survey done with the NRAO VLS sky survey (NVSS) at 1.4 GHz of Giovannini et al. (1999) and the one done with GMRT at 610 MHz by Venturi et al. (2007, 2008). For the latter, one can also construct a RLF at 1.4 GHz using the corresponding RHs follow-up measurements. The fractions of radio-loud clusters, corrected for the incompleteness, are about 8%, 26% and 27% for the NVSS 1.4 GHz, GMRT 610 MHz and GMRT 1.4 GHz samples respectively. The most problematic aspect in obtaining these RLFs, apart the small samples, is the calculation of a meaningful flux limit and therefore, as explained in appendix D, we finally use the 1.4 GHz NVSS RLF (with a median redshift of  $z \approx 0.18$ ) as reference for our comparisons with observation. We want to stress that the observational RLF determination, as explained in appendix D, is extremely uncertain. Indeed, the very different percent of radio-loud clusters found in different studies is an indicator of this.

Looking in detail to figure 8, we can see that both our RLF and the “true” RLFs are not in agreement with the NVSS survey result. The only exception is maybe the RLF obtained from the  $L_{1.4 \text{ GHz}} - Y_{\text{SZ}}$ . This may be however an artifact due to the very flat slope of this relation and to the still small statistic of our MultiDark  $z = 0.2$  snapshot at very high masses. We do not give however too much importance to this apparent discrepancy because of the uncertain determination at this stage of the observational RLF as well as of the observational  $L_{1.4 \text{ GHz}} - L_{X, \text{BOL}}$  and  $L_{1.4 \text{ GHz}} - Y_{\text{SZ}}$  scaling relations. Figure 8 shows that it seems difficult that we will be able to firmly discriminate between different scenarios at high radio luminosities (or masses). Indeed, the bottom right plot of figure 8, where we compare our RLF and the “true” RLFs at 10% radio-loud cluster, suggests that the lower luminosity (mass) clusters will be the most powerful way to disentangle between different models. Therefore, it is clear the key role of the upcoming LOFAR cluster survey for which we present predictions in the next section.

## 5. Predictions for LOFAR

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## 6. Discussion and Conclusions

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## Appendix A: Radio Emission Calculation

We explicitly write down here  $A_\nu$  for the synchrotron radio luminosity calculation of formula 6:

$$A_\nu = A_{E_{synch}} \frac{16^{2-\alpha_e} \sigma_{pp} m_e c^2}{(\alpha_e - 2) \sigma_T \epsilon_{B_C} m_p} \left( \frac{m_p}{m_e} \right)^{\alpha_e - 2} \left( \frac{m_e c^2}{\text{GeV}} \right)^{\alpha_e - 1} \quad (\text{A.1})$$

with:

$$A_{E_{synch}} = \frac{\sqrt{3\pi} B_C e^3 \alpha_e + \frac{7}{3} \Gamma\left(\frac{3\alpha_e - 1}{12}\right) \Gamma\left(\frac{3\alpha_e + 7}{12}\right) \Gamma\left(\frac{\alpha_e + 5}{4}\right)}{32\pi m_e c^2 \alpha_e + 1 \Gamma\left(\frac{\alpha_e + 7}{4}\right)} \quad (\text{A.2})$$

where  $\alpha_e = \alpha + 1$  and  $\Gamma$  is the Gamma-function (Abramowitz & Stegun 1965). The dimension of  $A_{E_{synch}}$  is [erg] if the electron charge  $e$  is expressed in [ues], the electron mass  $m_e$  in [g], the speed of light  $c$  in [cm/s] and the critical magnetic field value  $B_C$  in [G]. The dimension of  $A_\nu$  is [erg cm<sup>3</sup> g<sup>-1</sup> sr<sup>-1</sup>] if the effective inelastic cross-section for proton-proton interactions  $\sigma_{pp} = 32 (0.96 + e^{4.42-2.4\alpha})$  and the Thomson cross-section  $\sigma_T$  are expressed in [mbarn], the first  $m_e$  in [g], the first  $c$  in [cm/s],  $B_C$  of  $\epsilon_{B_C}$  is expressed in [G] and  $m_p$  in [g]. Pay attention that here the  $B_C$  value must be expressed in [G] to get the correct final units while in the main text it is expressed in [ $\mu$ G] because there it cancels out with the other magnetic field values.

The generalization of  $A_\nu$  to three CR spectral indexes and the inclusion of the maximum CR acceleration efficiency parameter  $g_{CR}$ , following Pinzke & Pfrommer (2010), would give the new  $A_{\nu,final}$ :

$$A_{\nu,final} = g_{CR} \sum_{i=1}^3 \Delta_i A_{\nu,i} \quad (\text{A.3})$$

where the sum is over the three CR spectral indexes  $\alpha_i = (2.55, 2.3, 2.15)$  with the corresponding factors  $\Delta_i = (0.767, 0.143, 0.0975)$  found by Pinzke and Pfrommer in their simulations. At the same time the extension must include the factor  $(\epsilon_B(R)/\epsilon_{B_C})^{(\alpha_i-2)/4}$  of the luminosity calculation practically changing  $j_\nu(R) = A_\nu \tilde{S}_\nu(R)$  into:

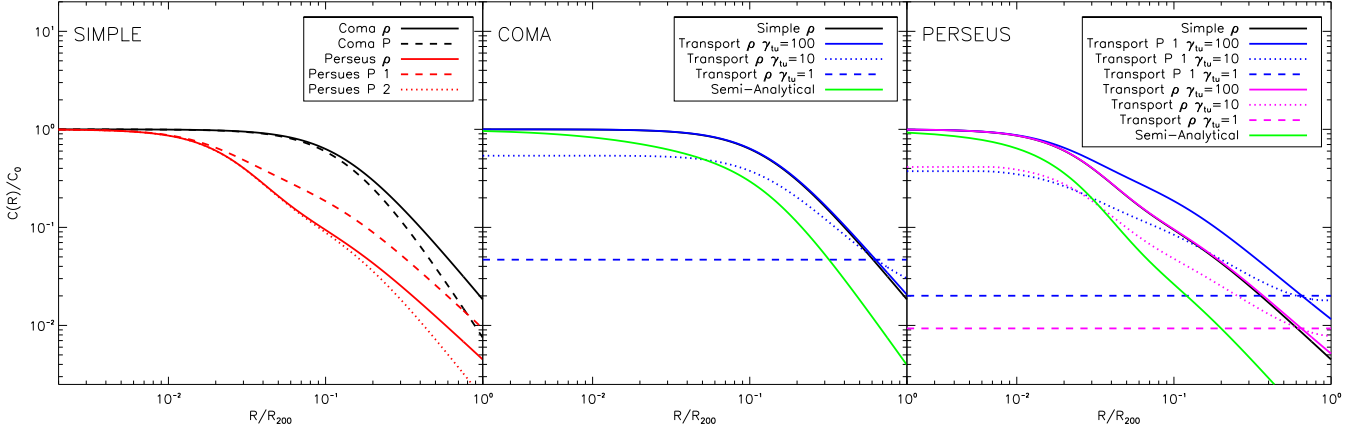
$$j_{\nu,final}(R) = g_{CR} C(R) \rho_{gas}(R) \frac{\epsilon_B(R)}{\epsilon_B(R) + \epsilon_{CMB}} \times \sum_{i=1}^3 \Delta_i A_{\nu,i} \left( \frac{\epsilon_B(R)}{\epsilon_{B_C}} \right)^{\frac{\alpha_i-2}{4}}. \quad (\text{A.4})$$

## Appendix B: Cosmic Rays Modeling Details

In order to make some comparisons between  $C_{simple}$  and  $C_{transport}$  we take as reference cases the NCCC Coma and the CCC Perseus. While for Coma the  $\beta$ -profile of formula 10 is a good approximation, and we take the Briel et al. (1992) profile for it, for Perseus we need a double- $\beta$  profile. We adopt both the approximation  $P(R)/P_0 = n_e(R)/n_0$ , with  $n_e(R)$  the double- $\beta$  profile of Churazov et al. (2003), and the proper Perseus pressure profile (for Perseus, we take  $R_C$  to be equal the outer double- $\beta$  profile core radius and we fix  $\beta_{CL} = 0.8$ ). Note that the Enßlin et al. (2011) formalism is exact only for the approximation  $P(R)/P_0 = n_e(R)/n_0$  and in the case of a  $\beta$ -profile. There is not an exact analytical solution for the case of a double- $\beta$  profile: one should use a numerical solution. In this work, we make different choices for  $P(R)/P_0$ , and we construct a model that have to be applied to all the halos of our sample. We therefore do not try to solve numerically each case. We instead just adopt the Enßlin et al. (2011) formalism as a good approximation. The relevant parameters are  $\gamma_{tu}$ , the exponential factor of equation 11, and the two radius  $R_\pm$  that in general are very small/large so that the detail of  $P(R)/P_0$  does not affect them critically. Indeed, we are dominated by other uncertainties, e.g. the assumption that the characteristic radius at which the turbulence is injected is the cluster core radius, so with this approach we are confident that we capture the main CR transport effects on the overall cluster properties despite the approximation.

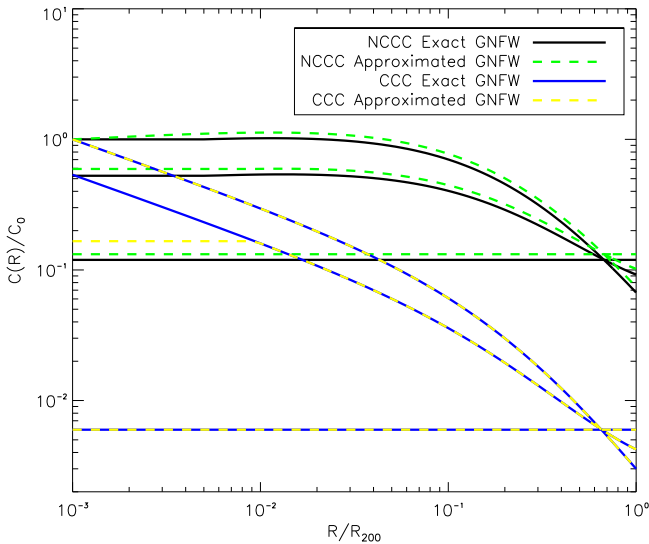
We show the comparison between  $C_{simple}$  and  $C_{transport}$  in figure B.1, where we also show the result in case  $C(R) = C_{semi-analytical}(R) = \tilde{C}(R) \rho_{gas}(R)/m_p$  where  $\tilde{C}(R)$  is the mass-dependent universal normalization CR profile found in cosmological simulations of Pinzke & Pfrommer (2010). As expected, the CR profile driven by simulations is characterized by a more centrally peaked profile with respect to the analytical case. Note also the much more centrally peaked profile of Perseus with respect to Coma, which reflects their CCC and NCCC classification respectively, and the impact that have neglecting the temperature dependence in the Perseus case. Finally, the anticipated effect of varying the turbulent cluster state by means of  $\gamma_{tu}$  can be clearly appreciated.

We want to generalize the Enßlin approach to our GNFW gas profiles obtained in section 2.2 and merge the Enßlin et al. (2011) analytical approach with the  $\tilde{C}$  universal CR normalization obtained from simulations. Also in this case there is not an exact solution for the Enßlin et al. (2011) treatment of the problem. In fact, when trying to solve it analytically, one ends up with a 5-order equation. It is not practical to solve numerically such equation, and at the same time to discharge the unphysical solution, for our more than  $10^4$  halos. For simplicity, we proceed with the approximation of using the Enßlin et al. (2011) formalism, after some modifications in order to adapt it to our case. In the case of taking just  $P(R)/P_0 = n_{e,GNFW}(R)/n_0$ , with  $n_{e,GNFW}$  the profile of equation 1, there exist an exact solution following the Enßlin et al. (2011) treatment. Therefore, in order to qualitatively have an idea of how much is the error that we are making with the above described approach, in figure B.2 we compare the  $C_{transport}(R)$  of the GNFW exact solution and the approximate case where we use the Enßlin et al. (2011) formulae but just adopting  $P(R)/P_0 = n_{e,GNFW}(R)/n_0$ . As clear from the figure, there is almost no difference between the two cases, apart for the NCCC case with  $\gamma_{tu} = 10$  where the approximated solution in the inner  $< 10^{-2} R/R_{200}$  is flat whether it is peaked for the exact solution. This is due to different values of  $R_-$  between the two approaches, however the impact of such difference is in



**Fig. B.1.** Comparison of different CR profiles. The left plot shows  $C_{\text{simple}}$  for the Coma and Perseus cases both neglecting the temperature dependence ( $\rho$ ) and considering it ( $P$ ). The temperature profile of Coma has been modified so that it follows the characteristic decline toward the cluster periphery (Pfrommer et al. 2007; Pinzke & Pfrommer 2010). Perseus is a cool-core cluster and it is characterized by a central dip in the temperature profile which may importantly affect the final CR profile, so we adopt the temperature profile as given in (Pfrommer & Enßlin 2004a) ( $P_1$ ). We also show the case where we only apply the characteristic decline toward the cluster periphery ( $P_2$ ). The other two right plots show the *transport* case of Coma and Perseus for different values of  $\gamma_{tu}$  in comparison with the *simple* case. Additionally shown is the result in case of  $C(R) = C_{\text{semi-analytical}}(R) = \tilde{C}(R)\rho_{\text{gas}}(R)/m_p$  where  $\tilde{C}(R)$  is the mass-dependent universal normalization CR profile found in cosmological simulations of Pinzke & Pfrommer (2010). The *simple* and *semi-analytical* profiles are normalized at  $C_0 = C(0)$ . The transport cases are normalized at  $C_0 = C(0, \gamma_{tu} = 100)$ , where we fix the CR populations to have a constant total CR number as in equation 36 of Enßlin et al. (2011) integrating up  $R_{200}$ . We adopt  $\alpha = 2.3$ . **check superscript P1, P2, etc**

complex negligible. Note that this  $< 10^{-2}R/R_{200}$  flat behavior can also be seen in figure B.1, rightmost plot, where however it is not so evident because the double- $\beta$  profile used there is flatter than our CCC GNFW profile. This comparison makes us confident that the approximated approach strategy can be safely followed in order to derive a fully working model with the above described characteristics.



**Fig. B.2.** Comparison of  $C_{\text{transport}}(R)$  for the GNFW exact solution and the approximate case where we use the Enßlin et al. (2011) formulae with  $P(R)/P_0 = n_{e,\text{GNFW}}(R)/n_0$ . Both the NCCC and CCC case for the respective GNFW profiles derived in section 2.2 are shown. From top to bottom:  $\gamma_{tu} = 100$ ,  $\gamma_{tu} = 10$  and  $\gamma_{tu} = 1$ . Normalization at  $C_0 = C(0, \gamma_{tu} = 100)$  where we fix the CR populations to have a constant total CR number as in equation 36 of Enßlin et al. (2011) integrating up  $R_{200}$ . We adopt  $\alpha = 2.3$ . **change green**

## Appendix C: Gamma-ray Emission Calculation

The gamma-ray flux above a certain energy  $E_\gamma$  can be written as:

$$F_\gamma(E_\gamma) = \frac{1}{4\pi D^2} L_\gamma = 4\pi \int_0^{R_{500}} 2\pi S(R_\perp) R_\perp dR_\perp \quad (\text{C.1})$$

where  $S(R_\perp)$  is the surface brightness:

$$S(R_\perp) = 2 \int_{R_\perp}^{\infty} j_\gamma(R) \frac{R}{\sqrt{R^2 - R_\perp^2}} dR \quad (\text{C.2})$$

with  $j_\gamma(R) = A_\gamma \tilde{S}_\gamma(R)$  and  $\tilde{S}_\gamma(R) = C(R)\rho_{\text{gas}}(R)$ . The parameter  $A_\gamma$  is (Pinzke & Pfrommer 2010):

$$A_\gamma = g_{CR} D_{\gamma, \text{break}} \frac{4m_\pi^0 c}{3m_p^2} \sum_{i=1}^3 \Delta_i \frac{\sigma_{pp,i}}{\alpha_i \delta_i} \left( \frac{m_p}{2m_\pi^0} \right)^{\alpha_i} \times \left[ \beta_x \left( \frac{\alpha_i + 1}{2\delta_i}, \frac{\alpha_i - 1}{2\delta_i} \right) \right]_{x_1}^{x_2} \quad (\text{C.3})$$

where  $x_j = \left[ 1 + \left( \frac{m_\pi^0 c^2}{2E_{\gamma,j}} \right)^{2\sigma_i} \right]$ ,  $[\beta_x(a, b)]_{x_1}^{x_2} = \beta_{x_2}(a, b) - \beta_{x_1}(a, b)$

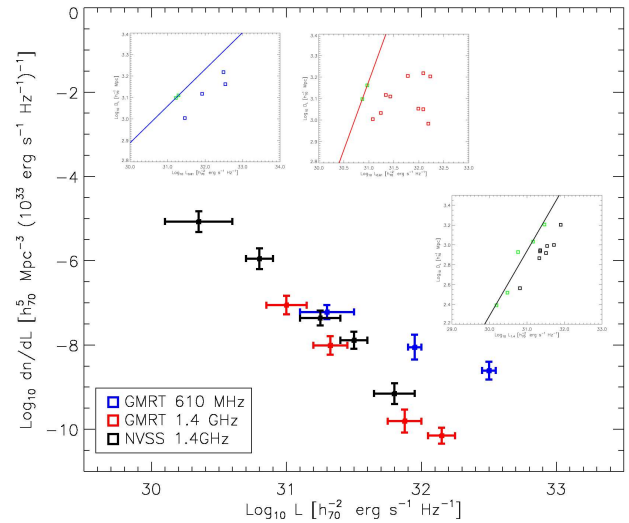
and  $\beta$  denotes the incomplete Beta-function (Abramowitz & Stegun 1965), and  $\delta_i = 0.14\alpha_i^{-1.6} + 0.44$ . The term  $D_{\gamma, \text{break}} = D_\gamma(E_\gamma, E_{\gamma, \text{break}})$  represent diffusive CR losses due to escaping protons from the cluster at the equivalent photon energy for the break  $E_{\gamma, \text{break}}$  (see Pinzke & Pfrommer 2010 for details).

The factor  $A_\gamma$  has dimensions of  $[\text{cm}^3 \text{s}^{-1} \text{g}^{-1}]$  if  $E_\gamma$  enters in  $[\text{GeV}]$ ,  $\sigma_{pp}$  is expressed in  $[\text{cm}^2]$ ,  $m_\pi^0$  and  $m_p$  are in  $[\text{g}]$  and the speed of light  $c$  is expressed in  $[\text{cm/s}]$  (the factor  $m_\pi^0 c^2$  in  $x_j$  must be therefore expressed in  $[\text{GeV}]$ ). In this way, when the gas density  $\rho_{\text{gas}}(R)$  is expressed in  $[\text{g cm}^{-3}]$  and the CR distribution  $C(R)$  in  $[\text{cm}^{-3}]$ , we obtain the gamma-ray flux above a given energy threshold  $F_\gamma(E_\gamma)$  expressed in  $[\text{photons cm}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1}]$ .

## Appendix D: Observational Radio-to-X-ray Scaling relation and Luminosity Function

For comparison with the observed 1.4 GHz radio-to-X-ray scaling relation, we use all the radio halos in the Enßlin et al. (2011) list, where we take the corresponding X-ray bolometric luminosities from Brunetti et al. (2009). We take 4 mini-halos from the Enßlin et al. (2011) list (excluding RXCJ1314.4-2515 and Z7160 because we did not find X-ray bolometric measurements for them, and A2626 because its bolometric X-ray luminosity would place it as an extreme outlier with respect to the others), and we add the Ophiuchus, A2029 and A1835 clusters (Govoni et al. 2009). We take X-ray bolometric luminosities from Reiprich & Böhringer (2002) for Perseus, A2142, A2029, PKS0745-191 and Ophiuchus, from Böhringer et al. (1998) for A2390, and from Cavagnolo et al. (2009) (ACCEPT: Archive of Chandra Cluster Entropy Profile Tables; <http://www.pa.msu.edu/astro/MC2/accept/>) for A1835. For the mini-halos we do not have the errors on the X-ray bolometric luminosity and therefore we assume a 10% error (this is true also for  $L_{1.4}$  of all mini-halos apart A2390). Our final sample of RHs has a median redshift or  $z \approx 0.18$ . Regarding the non-detected clusters in the Enßlin et al. (2011) list, we just take the 8 clusters for which we found ACCEPT bolometric X-ray luminosities. In figure 7 left plot, we show the corresponding radio-to-X-ray scaling relation  $L_{1.4} - L_X$ . The fit to observations, in the form of  $\text{Log}_{10} L_{1.4 \text{ GHz}} [h_{70}^{-2} \text{ erg s}^{-1} \text{ Hz}^{-1}] = A + B \text{Log}_{10} L_{X \text{ BOL}} [h_{70}^{-2} \text{ erg s}^{-1}]$ , results in  $A = -50.433 \pm 2.226$  and  $B = 1.803 \pm 0.049$  and has a scatter of  $\sigma \approx 0.44$ .

Additionally, in figure D.1, we make an attempt to construct a RLF from existing X-ray flux-limited radio surveys. There exist two such studies, the cluster radio survey done with the NVSS survey at 1.4 GHz of Giovannini et al. (1999) and the one done with GMRT at 610 MHz by Venturi et al. (2007, 2008). From both of them we only select RHs, i.e. we do not consider radio relics or other diffuse radio emissions of unclear classification. The 1.4 GHz NVSS survey contains 13 RHs out of 205 analyzed clusters and the 610 MHz GMRT survey contains 6 RHs out of the observed 34. The sample finally analyzed by Venturi et al. (2007, 2008) is composed by 50 clusters and we can also make a corresponding RLF at 1.4 GHz using the present RHs, which are 12, as for all of them there exist 1.4 GHz measurements. The fractions of radio-loud clusters, corrected for the incompleteness, are 8%, 26% and 27% for the NVSS 1.4 GHz, GMRT 610 MHz and GMRT 1.4 GHz samples respectively. The corresponding median redshift is 0.18, 0.26 and 0.25. We calculate the RLF using the classical  $V_{\text{max}}$  estimator (see e.g. Felten 1976) correcting it for the incompleteness and sky coverage of the surveys. The most problematic aspect in obtaining these RLFs, apart the few available objects, is the calculation of a meaningful flux limit. We calculate it fitting the upper envelope of the luminosity-distance distribution of the three populations as shown in the insets of figure D.1 following the procedure adopted by Broderick et al. (2011). Note that it is particularly hard to calculate a meaningful flux limit for the GMRT survey due to its unhappy luminosity-distance RHs distribution. We decide therefore to take the 1.4 GHz NVSS RLF as reference in our comparisons with observation. However, we want to stress that several issues can affect this result as e.g. the very reduced number of objects, and therefore the flux limit determination, and the Malmquist-Eddington biases. Indeed, the very different fraction of radio loud clusters obtained from different studies is a clear indicator of the big uncertainty in the RLF.



**Fig. D.1.** Radio luminosity function obtained from existent observations. The three insets show the luminosity-distance distribution of the three samples (see main text for details) where the solid line is the fit to the upper envelope population, indicated in green, employed to calculate the flux limit for the classical  $V_{\text{max}}$  estimator. The choice of the upper envelope population is somehow arbitrary, particularly in the GMRT cases due to the unhappy luminosity-distance distributions. The horizontal error bars represent the mass bins while the vertical error bars are Poissonian uncertainties.

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