## A Multiwavelength View of the HST Frontier Cluster MACS J0416.1-2403

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The ratio:  $R_{S} = S_{0,1}/S_{0,2}$ is closest to 1 in the direction of the "hidden" subcluster.











C1 is undergoing a merger with a less massive cluster not immediately visible in the X-ray map.

## Is C2 a relaxed cluster?

**C2** 

















C2 is also undergoing a merger with a smaller cluster not immediately visible in the X-ray map.



## **Provisional Summary**

## C1 is merging

- strongly elongated
- hot core
- high central entropy
- ICM substructure
- C1 = multiple subclusters

### C2 is merging

- flat X-ray brightness
- poor/unphysical  $\beta$ -model fit
- density discontinuity in the ICM



Are C1 and C2 interacting with each other?



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VLA low resolution Chandra 0.5-3 keV

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C1 and C2 have not yet merged with each other



# Summary

- The HST Frontier cluster MACS J0416.1-2403 is a hot (T ~ 10 keV), massive (M ~ 1e15  $M_{\star}$ ) merging cluster.
- The main subclusters are interacting with less massive galaxy groups, as evidenced by substructure and weak density discontinuities in the ICM.
- However, no clear evidence of interaction between the two main subclusters.
- **Likely scenario:** MACS J0416.1-2403 is a place of active cosmic structure growth. We are witnessing a pre-merging system.

