



ABELL 2146

The colossal system Abell 2146 is the result of a collision and merger between two galaxy clusters. This composite image shows hot gas revealed by Chandra (purple) and a Hubble image of the stars and galaxies in the field of view. Astronomers think that galaxy clusters, the largest structures in the Universe held together by gravity, grow by colliding and merging with one another. Chandra has observed many galaxy cluster mergers, giving scientists insight into how these mega-structures came to be.

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