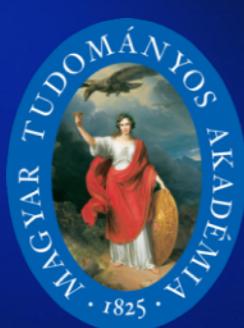


# Chemical enrichment of the atmospheric gas in clusters, groups, and massive galaxies

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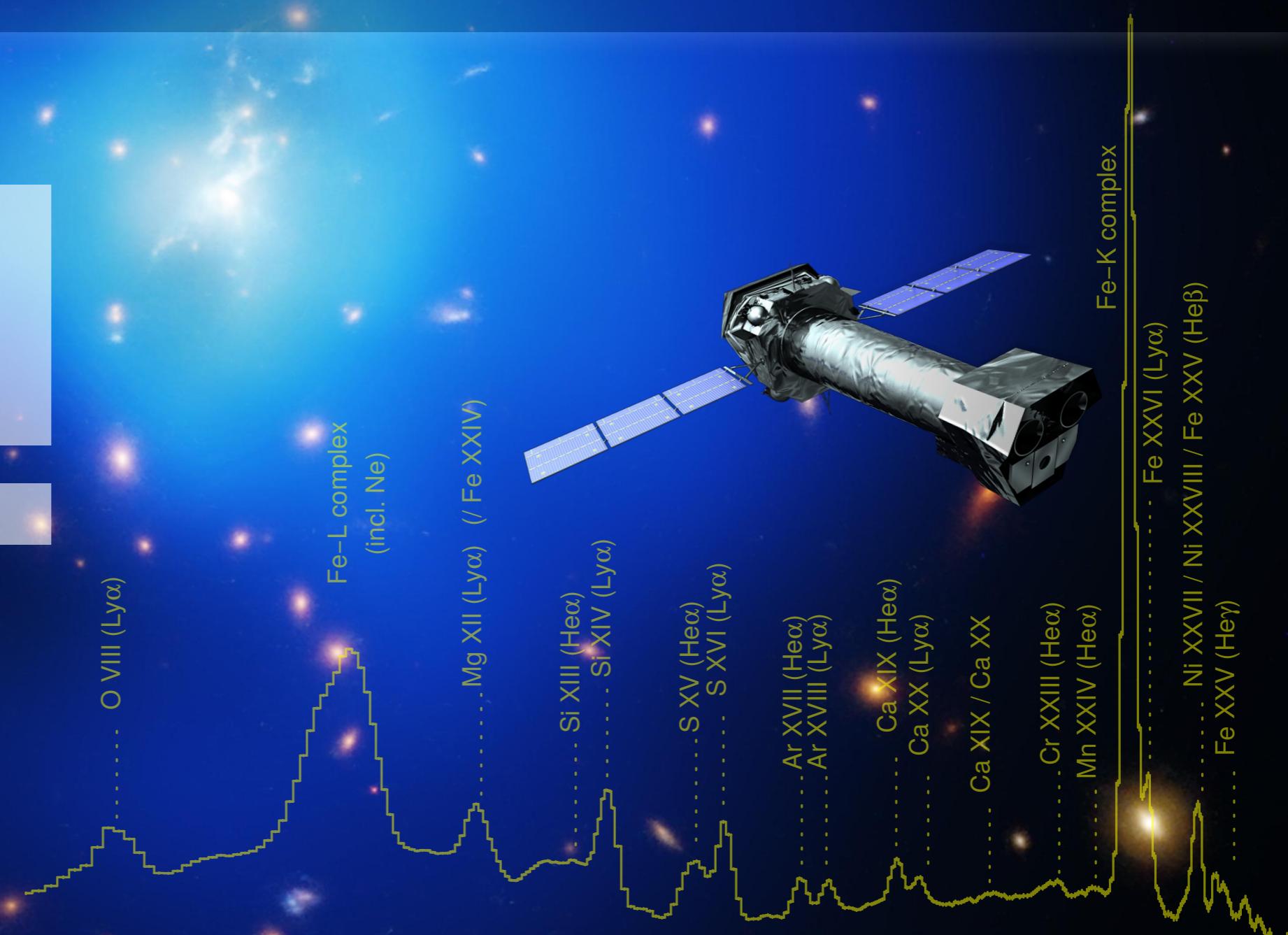
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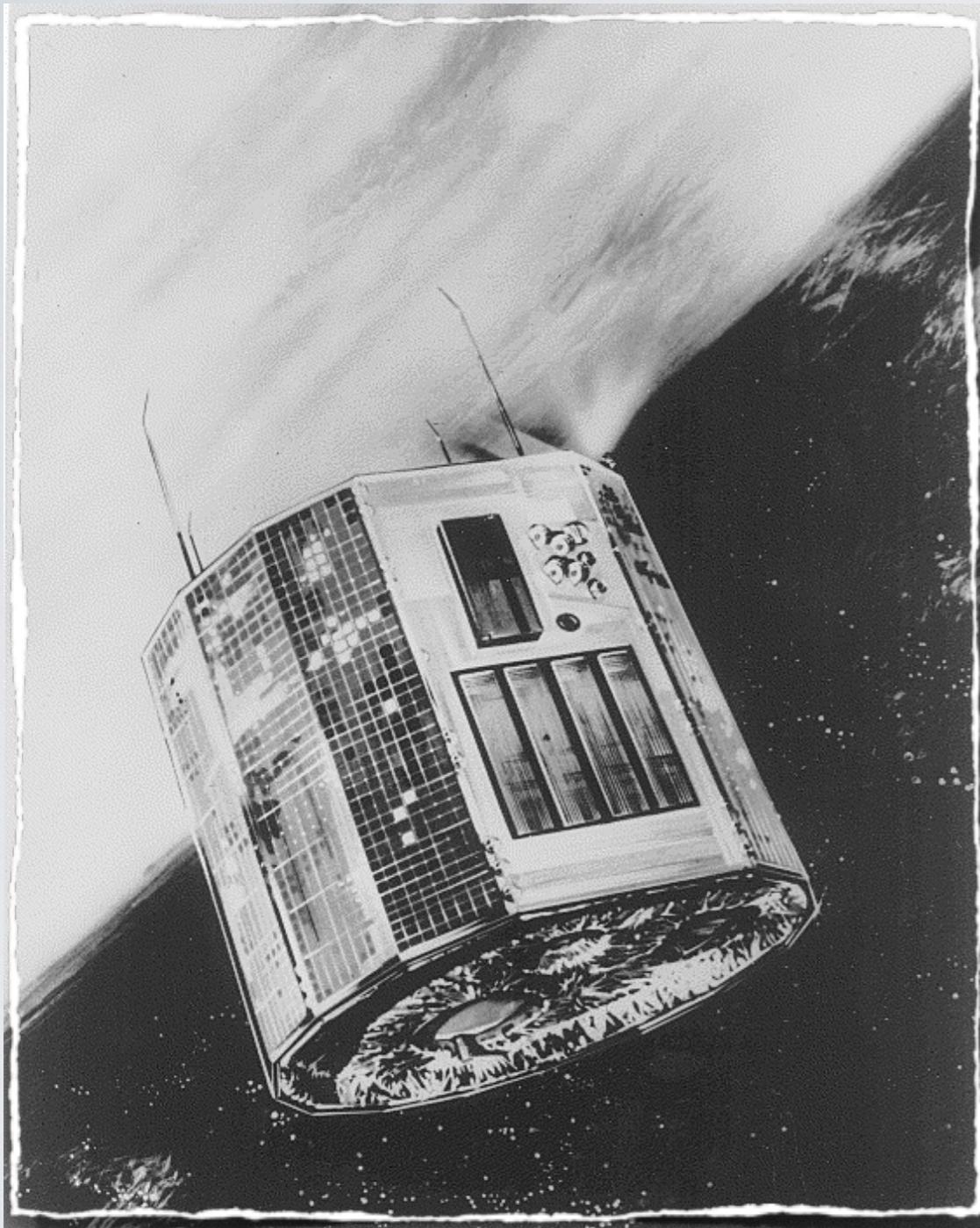


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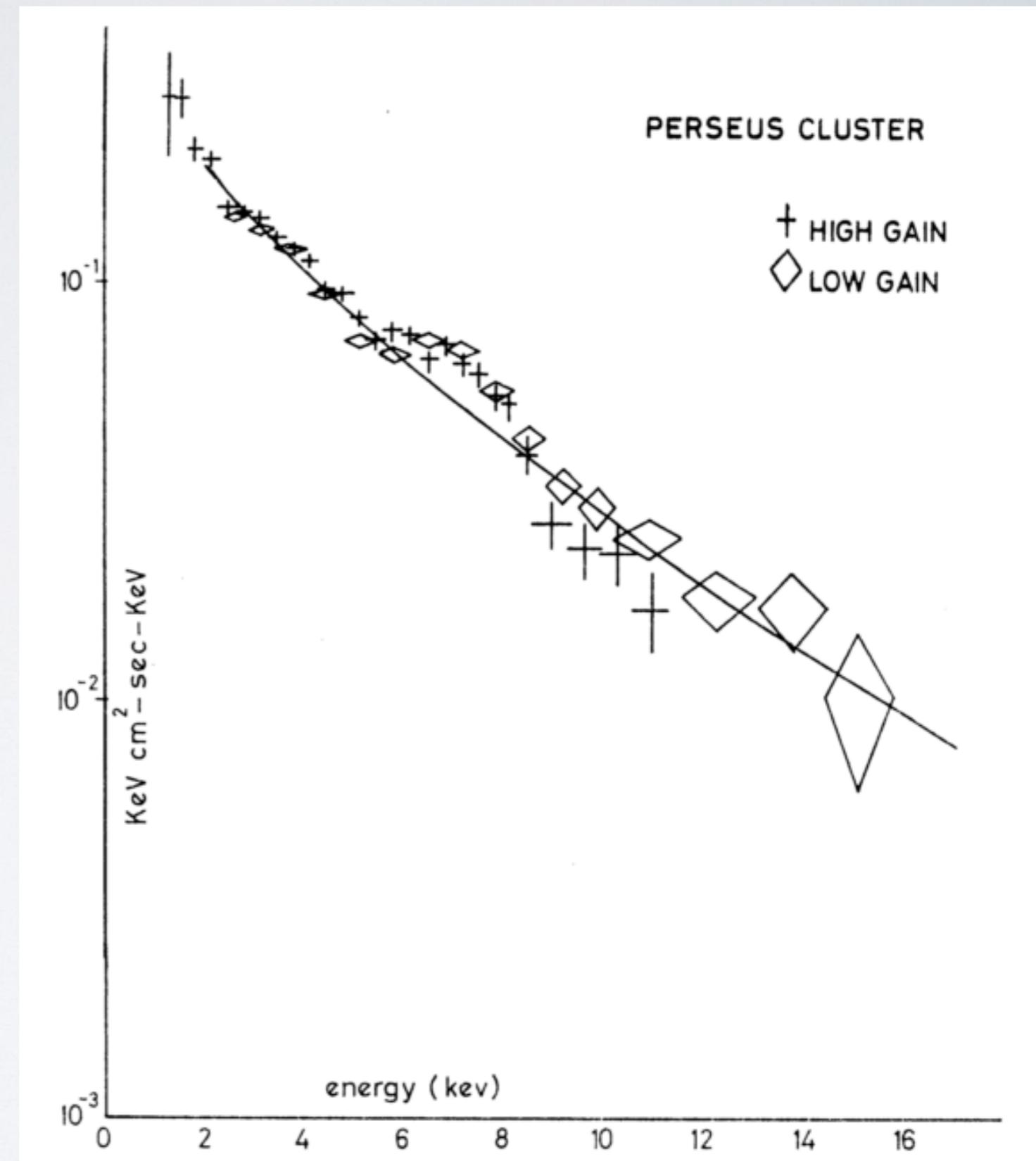
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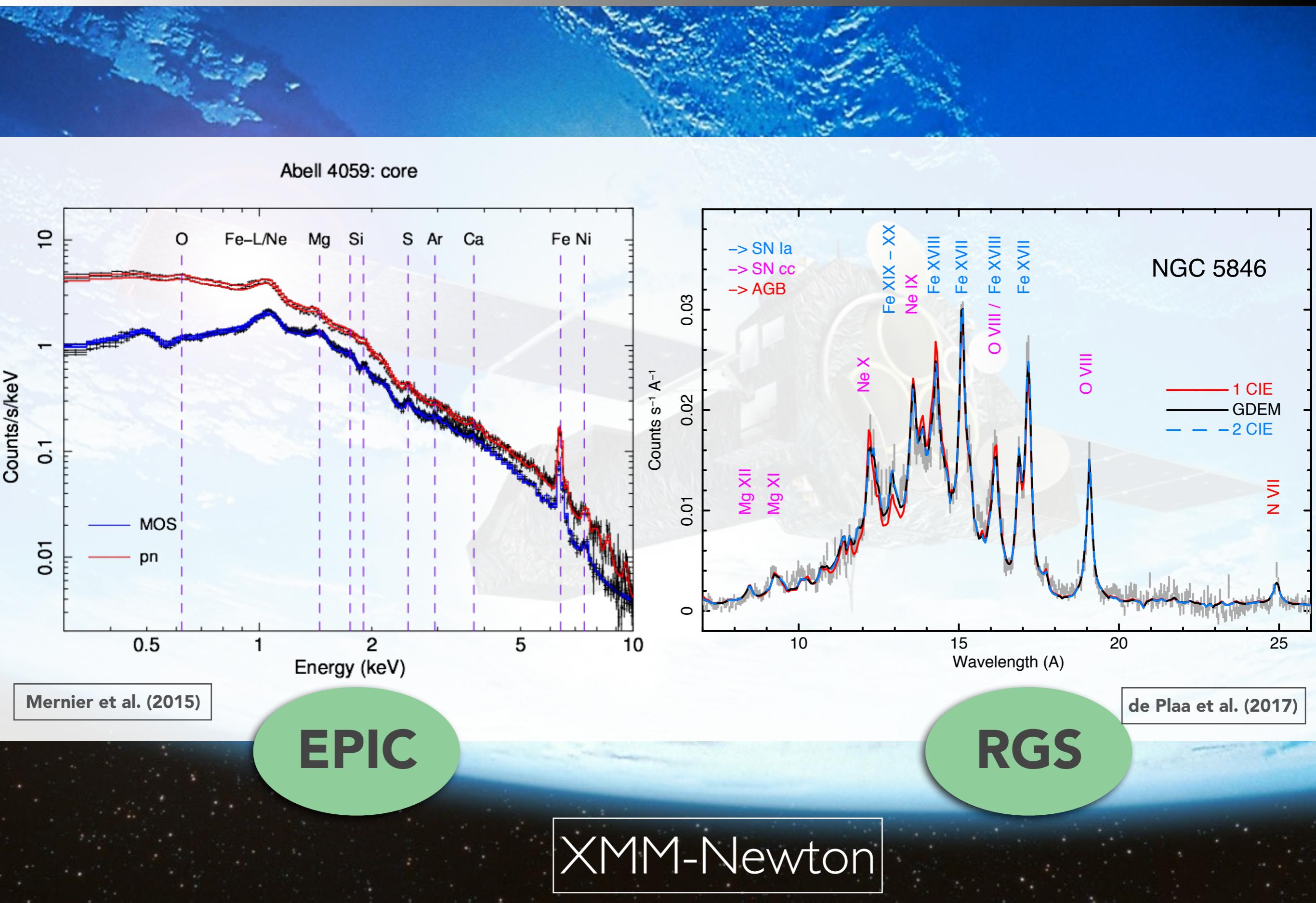
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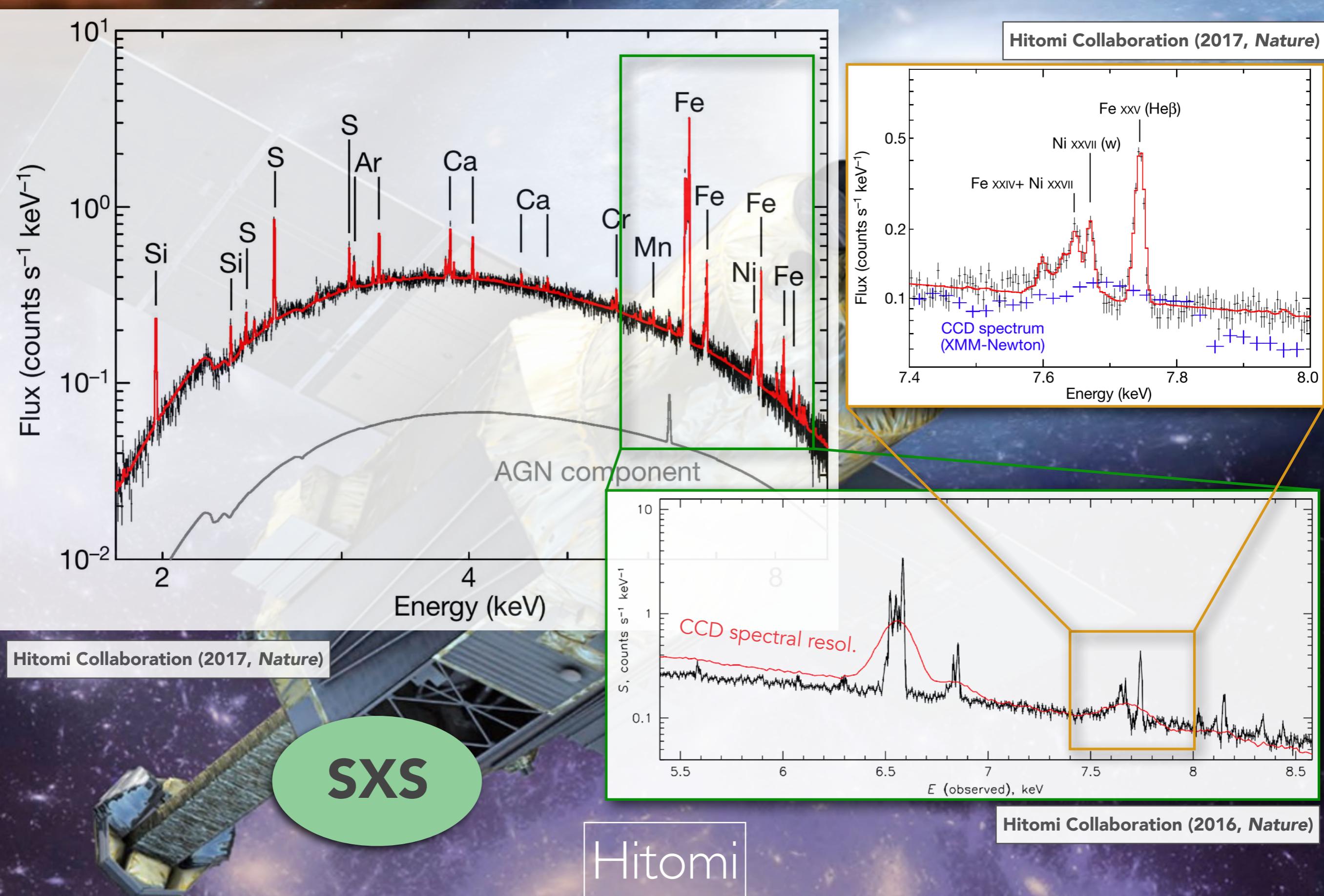
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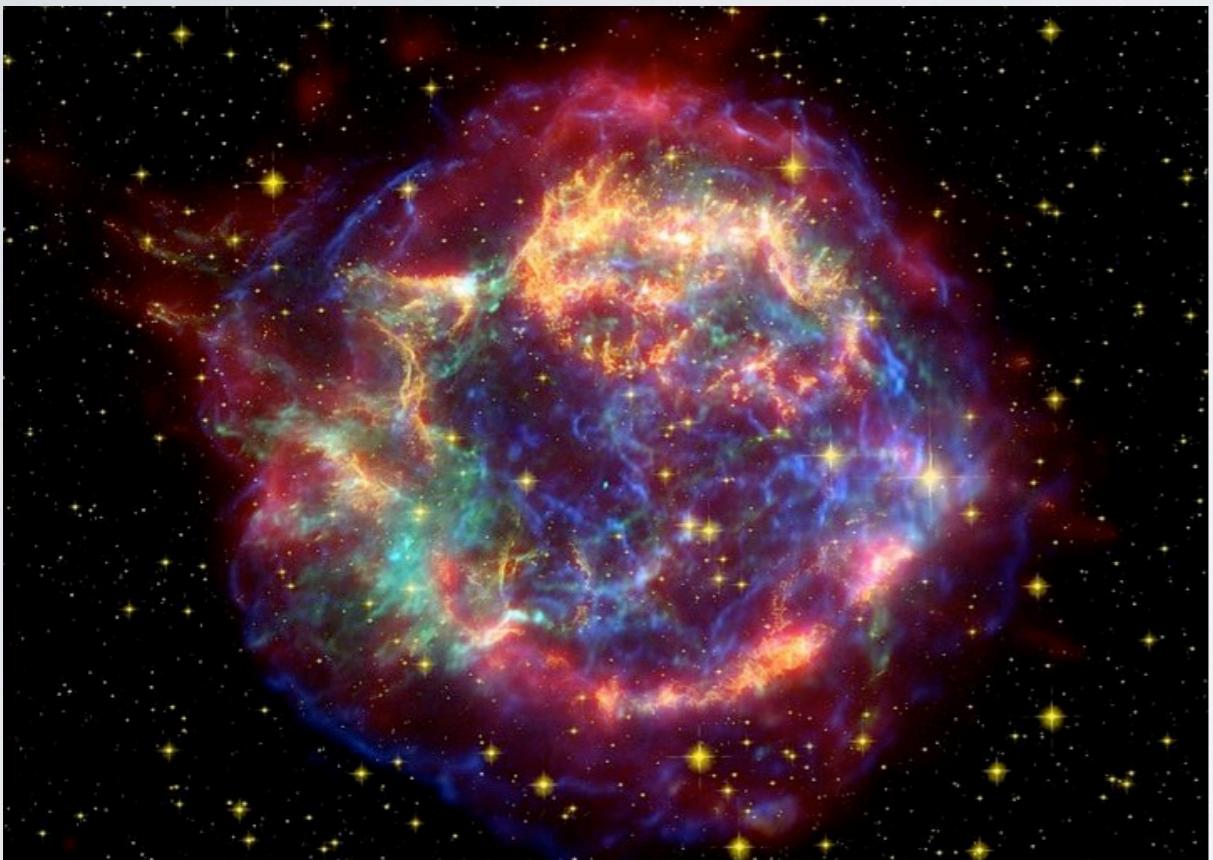


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# The origin of (heavy) chemical elements

## **Core collapse supernovae (SNcc)**

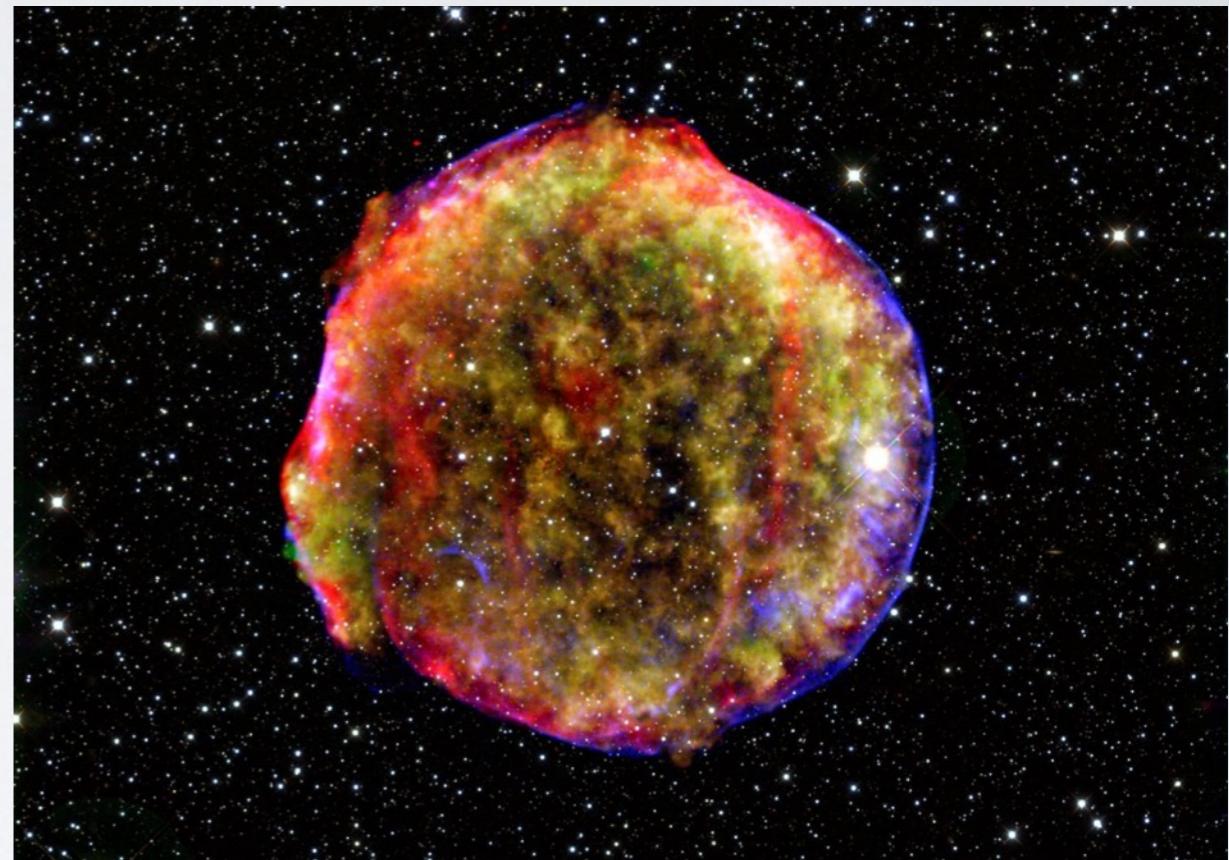


**Produce:**

→ O, Ne, Mg, Si, S

**Explode (and enrich) quite fast after  
star formation**

## **Type Ia supernovae (SNIa)**



**Produce:**

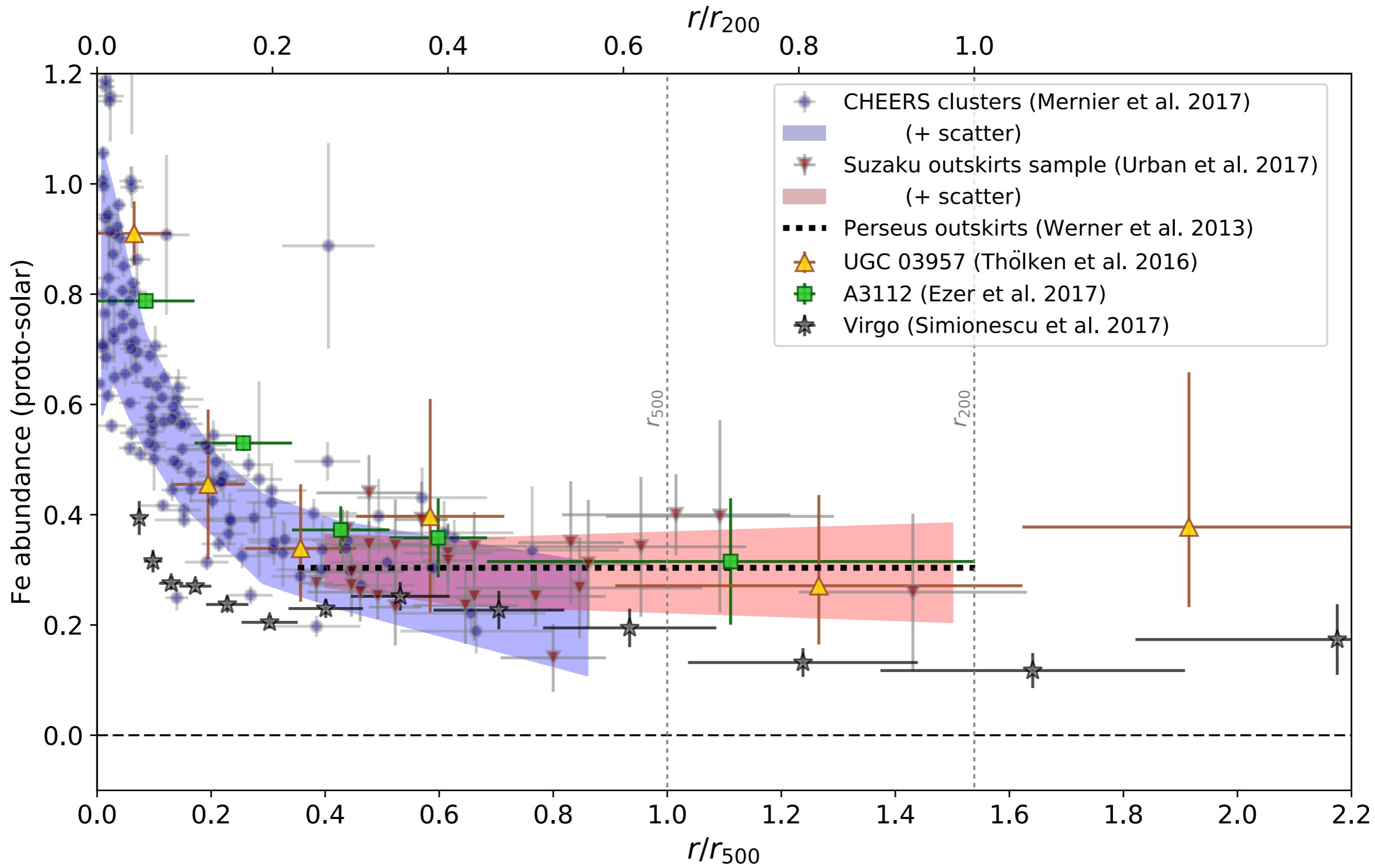
→ Si, S, Ar, Ca, Fe, Ni

**Time delay between star formation  
and SNIa explosions (?)**



The ***spatial distribution*** of metals through the ICM provides valuable information on the ***chemical enrichment history*** of galaxy clusters!

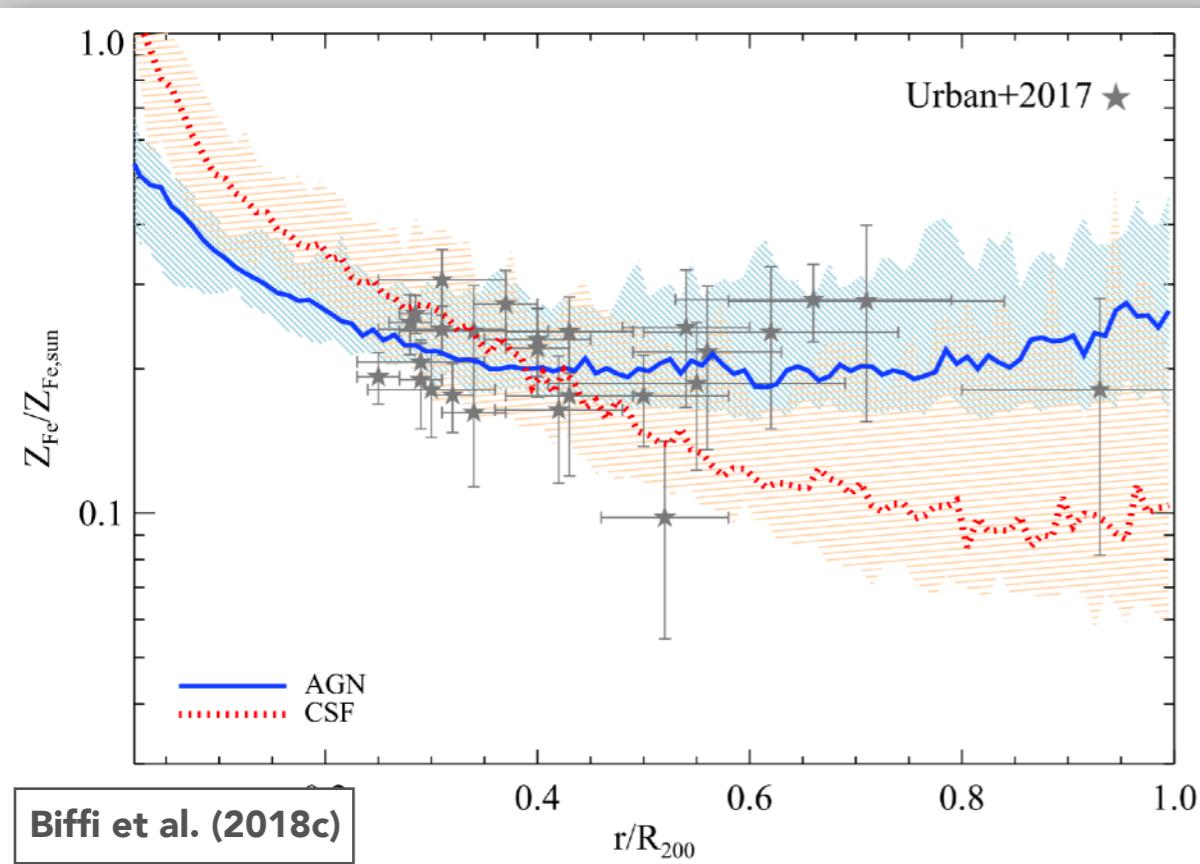
# The (average) Fe profile in cool-core clusters



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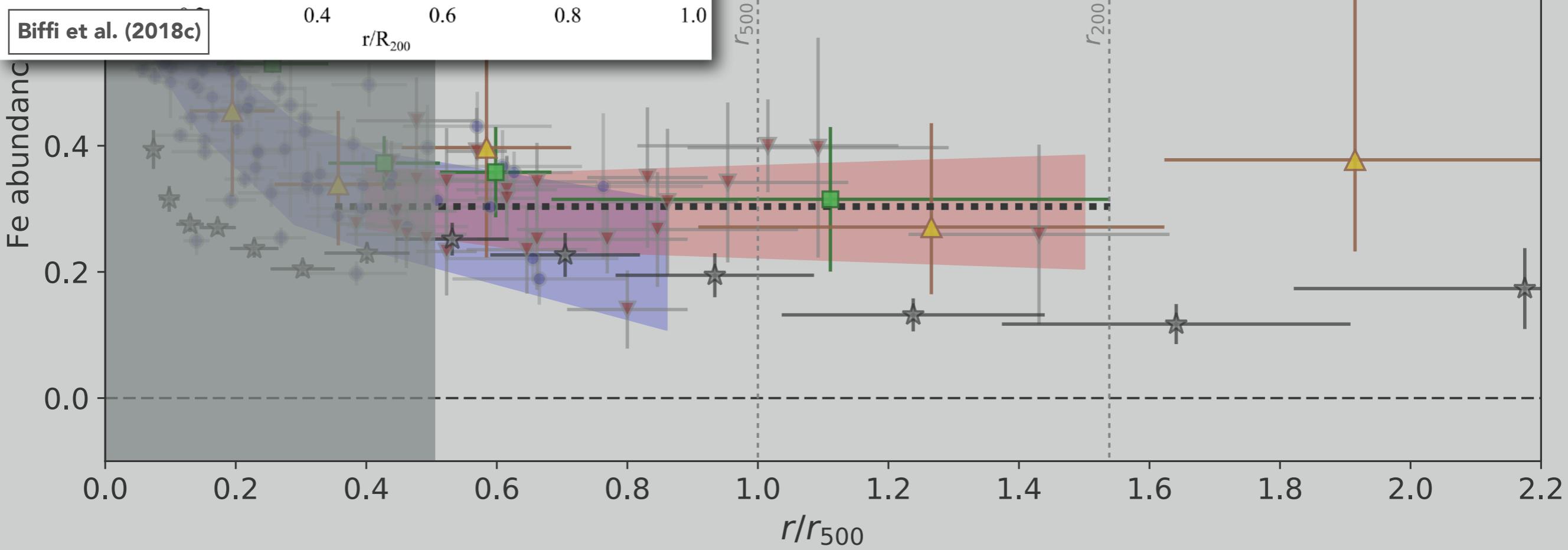


$r/r_{200}$

6 0.8 1.0

• (Indirect) evidence for an **early enrichment**

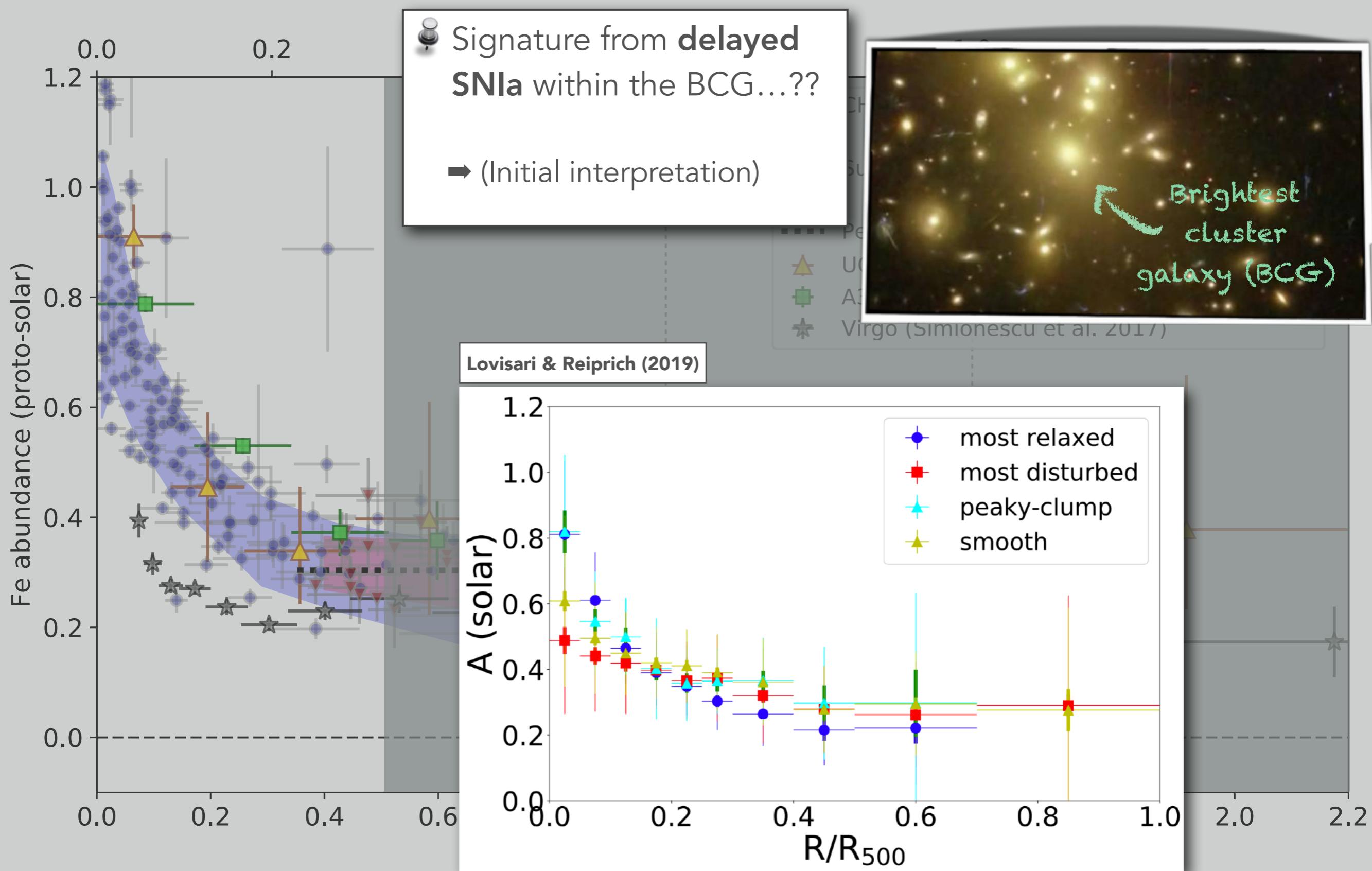
- **Before** the cluster assembled, more than ~10 Gyrs ago ( $z > 2\text{-}3$ )!
- Mostly via **AGN feedback** (and galactic winds)



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# CHEERS! (PI: J. de Plaa)

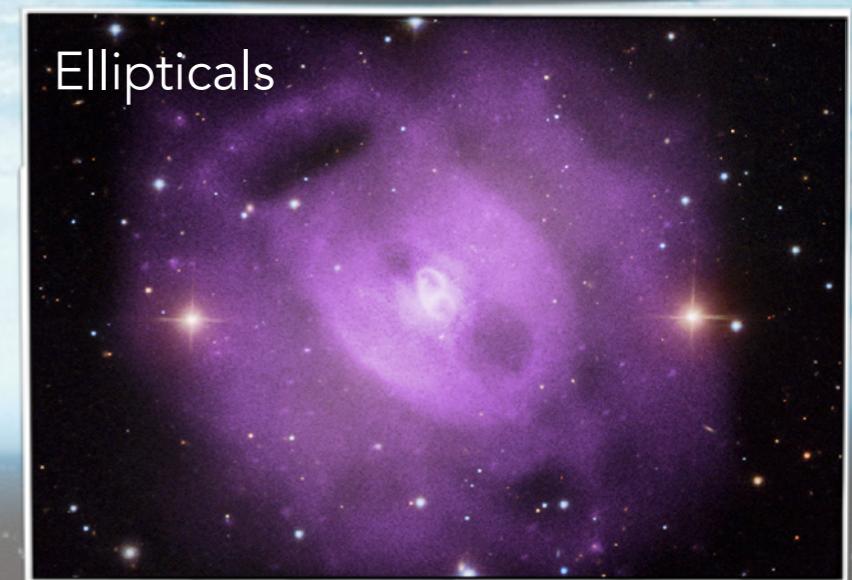


**CHEERS** stands for:  
**CHE**mical **E**nrichment **R**gs **S**ample

de Plaa et al. (2017)



- Cool-core galaxy **clusters**, **groups** & **ellipticals**
- O VIII line in RGS:  $> 5\sigma$
- **Nearby** ( $z < 0.1$ )
- New deep observations of 11 objects (1.6 Ms)
- + archival (public) data



→ 44 systems

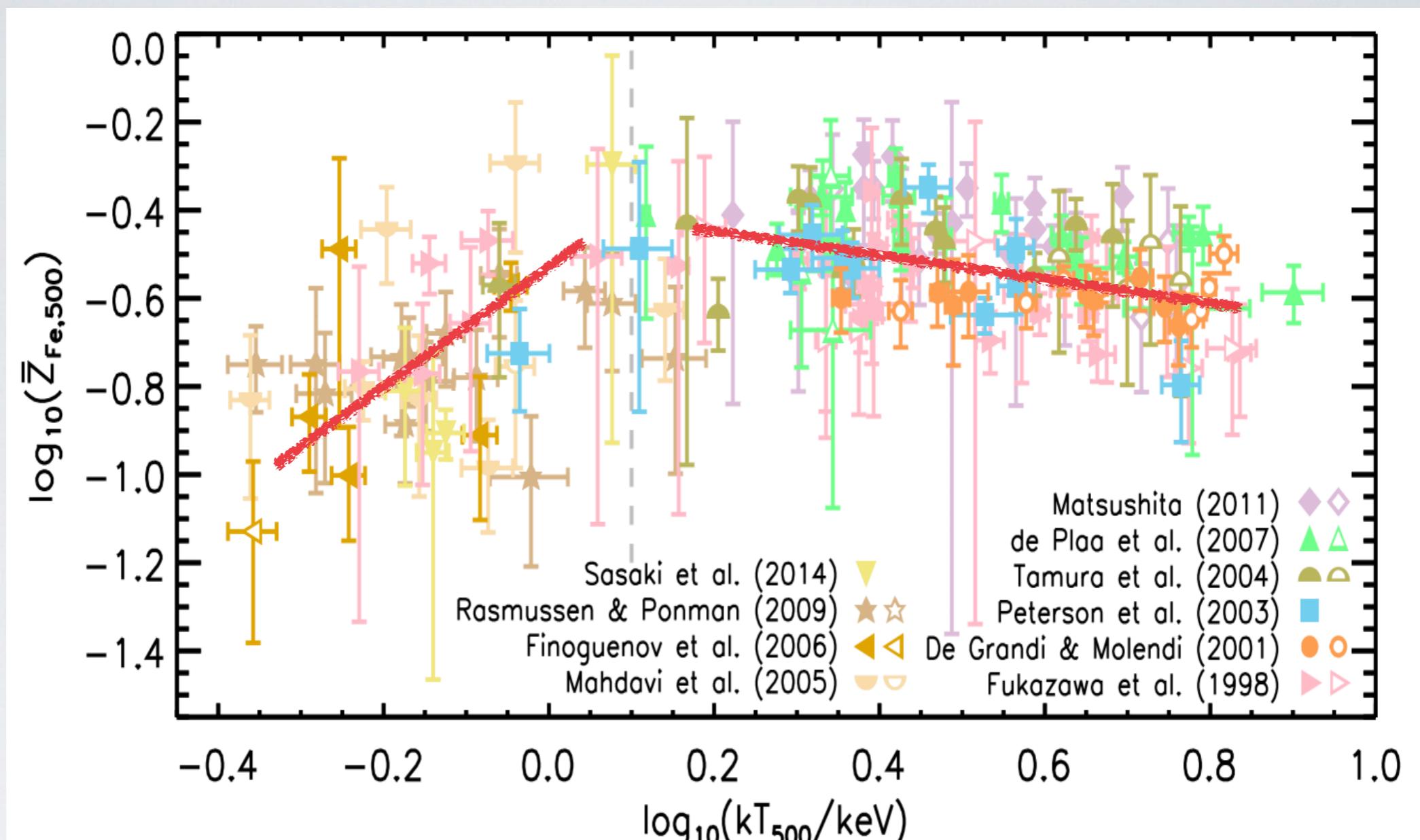
→ ~4.5 Ms  
of XMM-Newton total net exposure

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# 1. Central Fe abundance (in cool-core systems)

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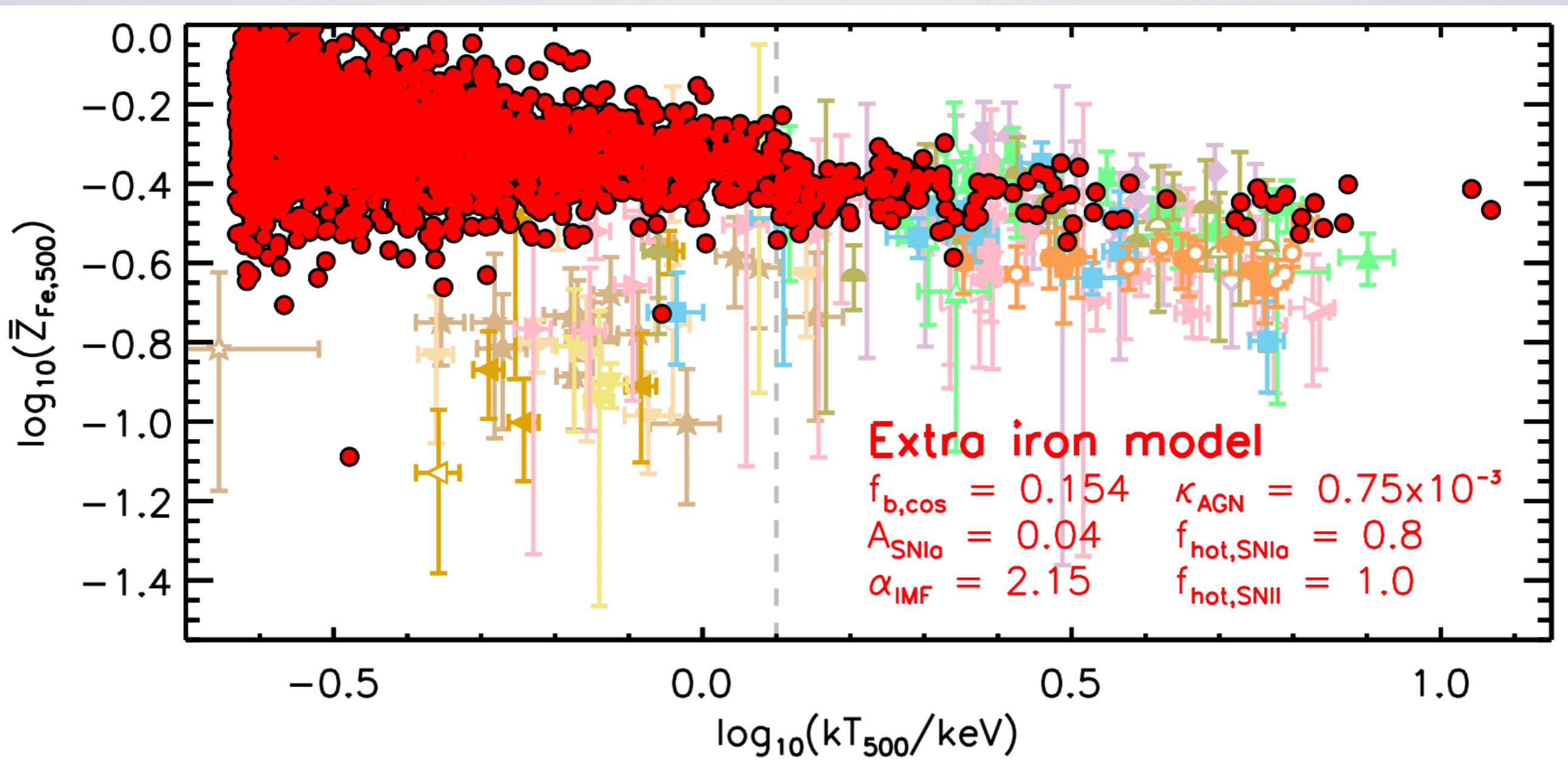
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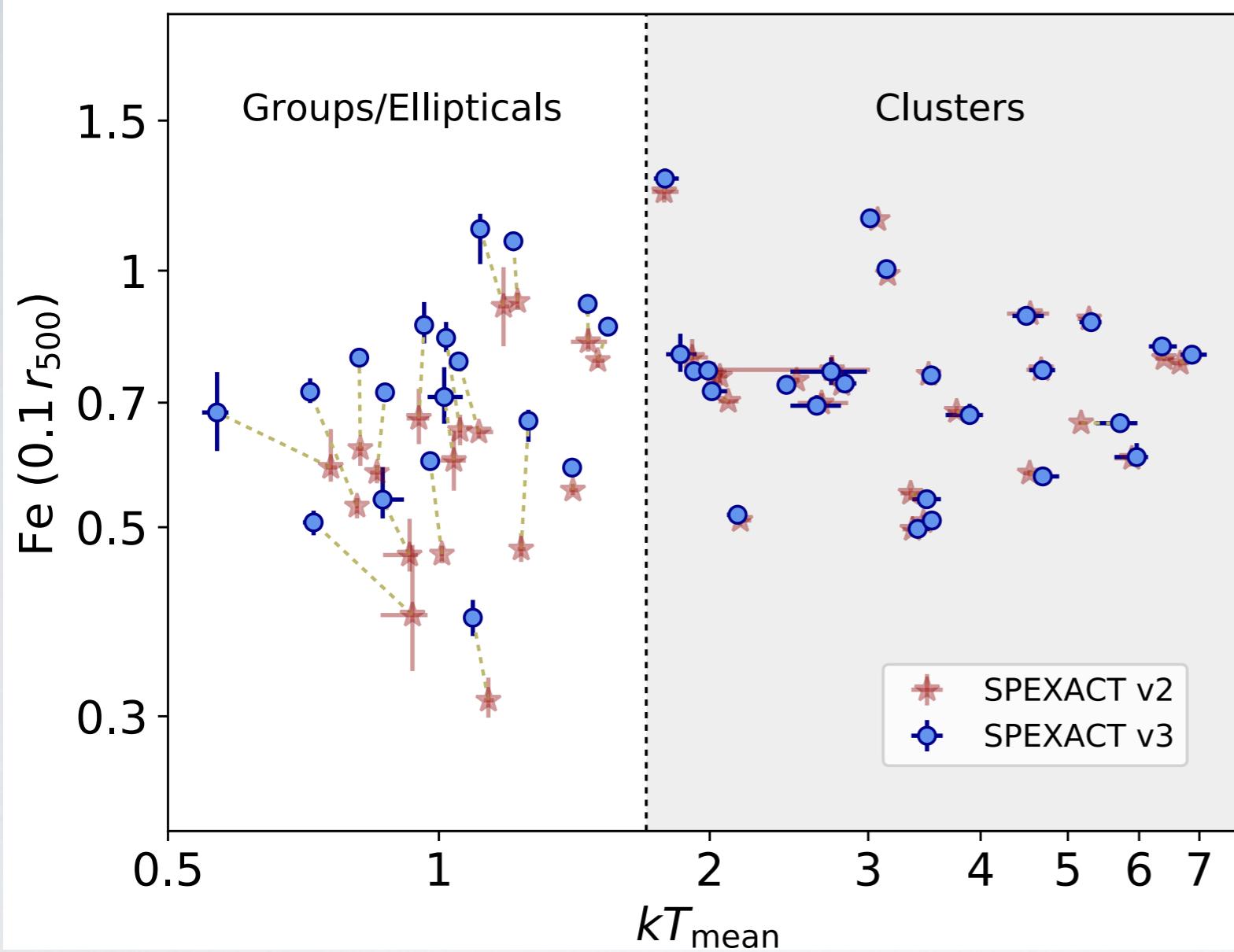
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- Inconsistent with theoretical expectations! (Yates et al. 2017)

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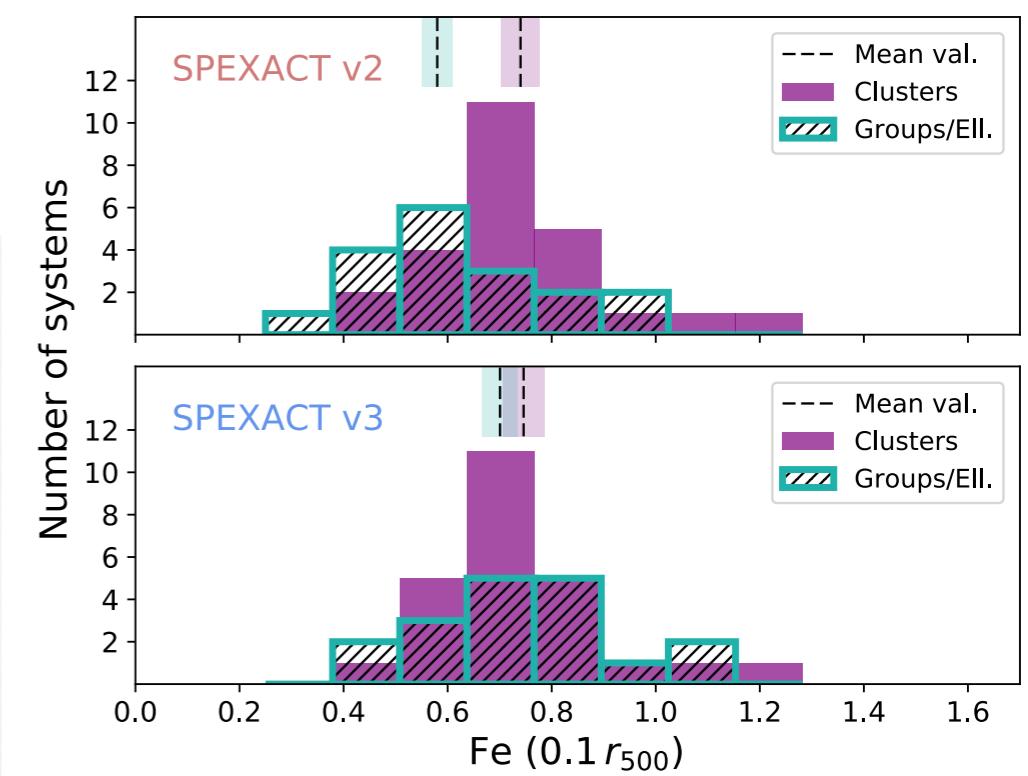
End 2016: New SPEX release!  
SPEX v2 → SPEX v3

Mernier et al. (2018a)

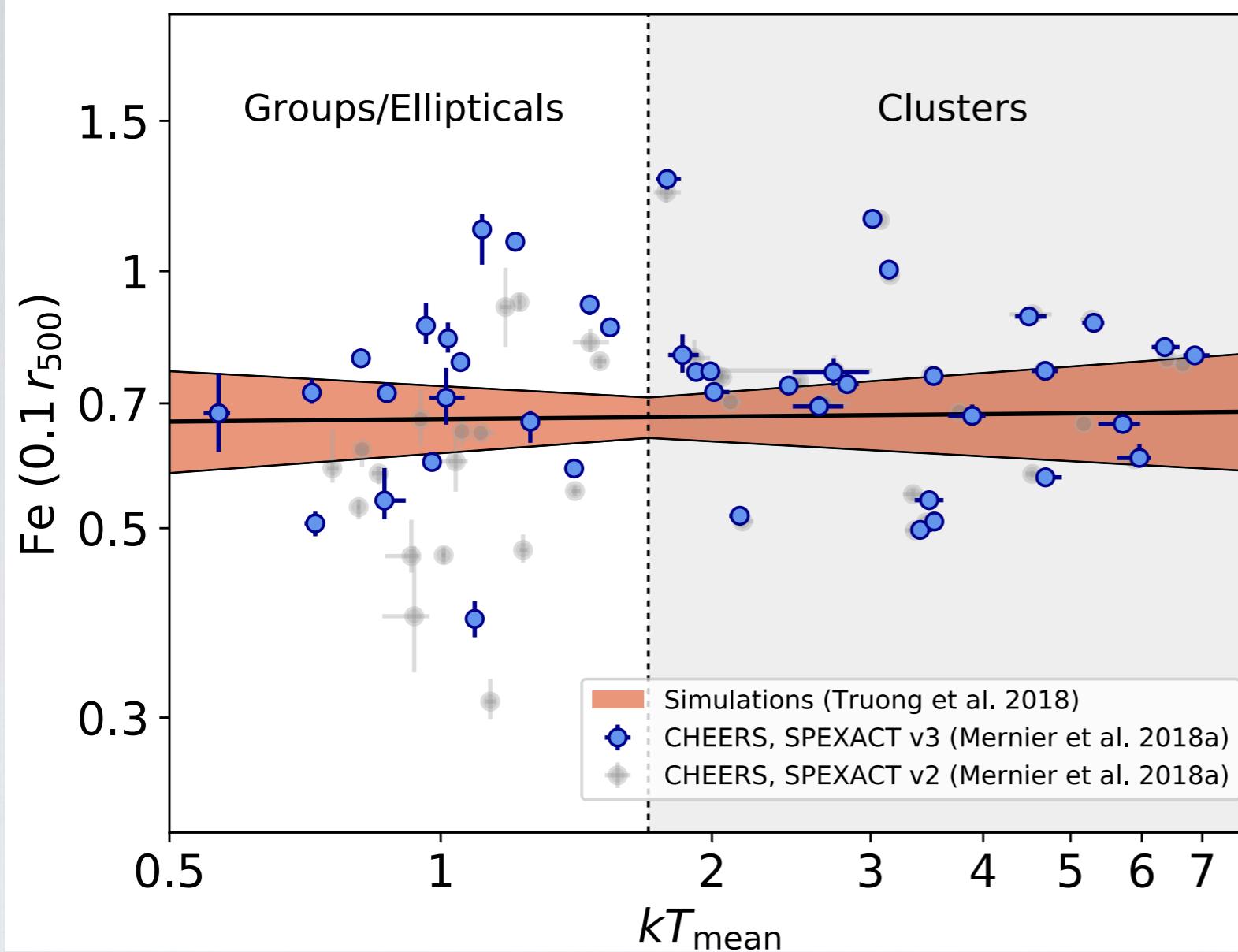
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- clusters
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- ellipticals

(2 orders of magnitude in total mass!)



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Consistent with simulations!

see: [Truong et al. \(2019\)](#)

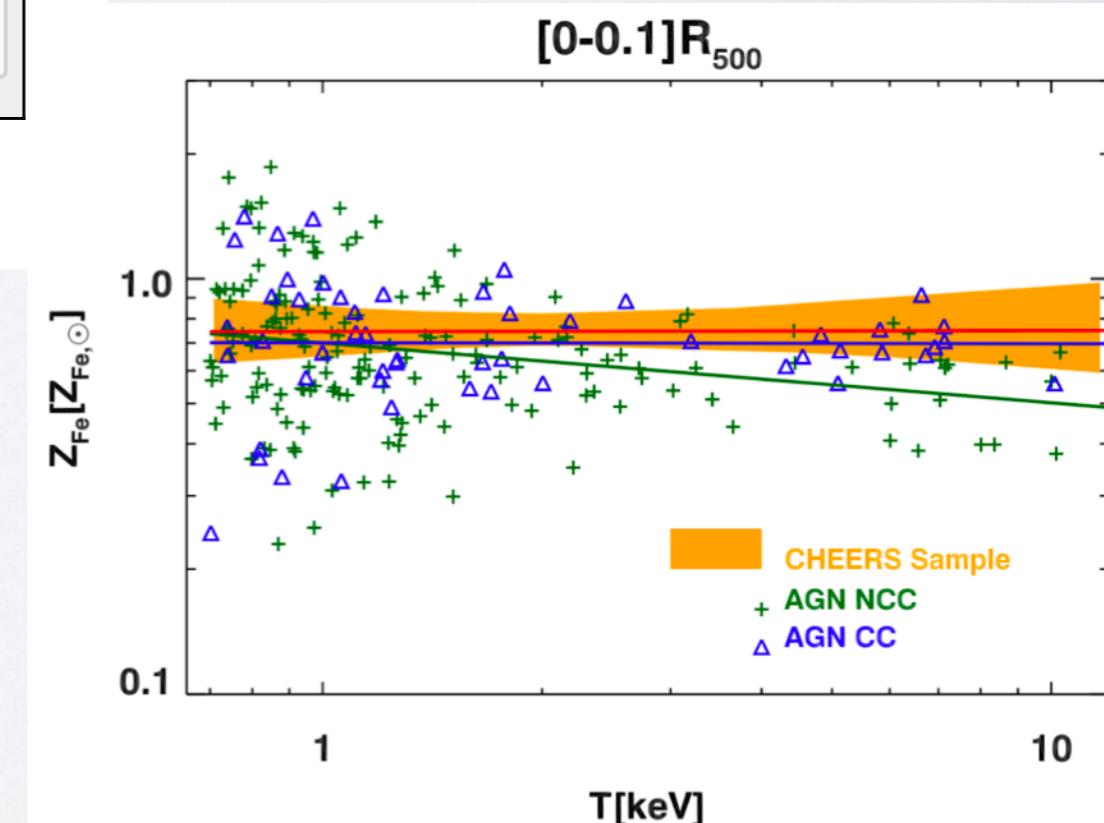
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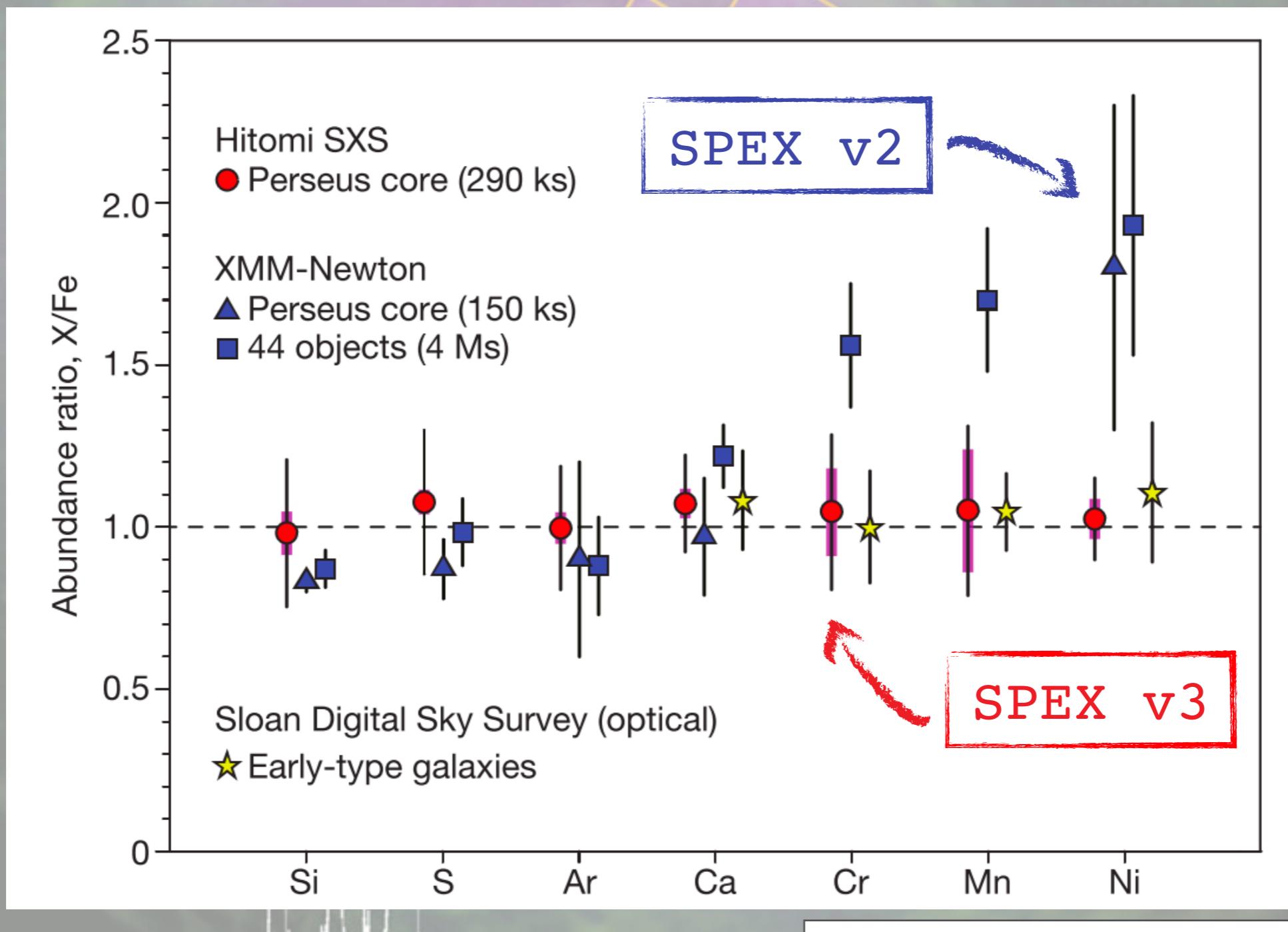


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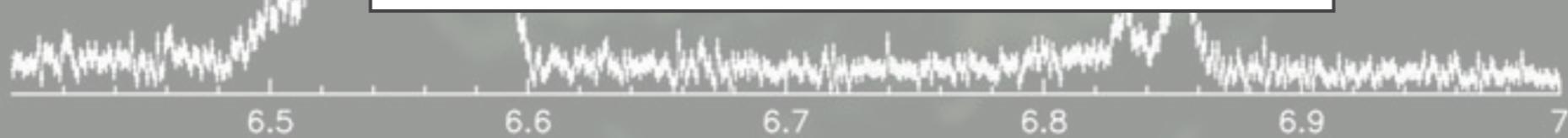
## 2. Chemical composition of the ICM

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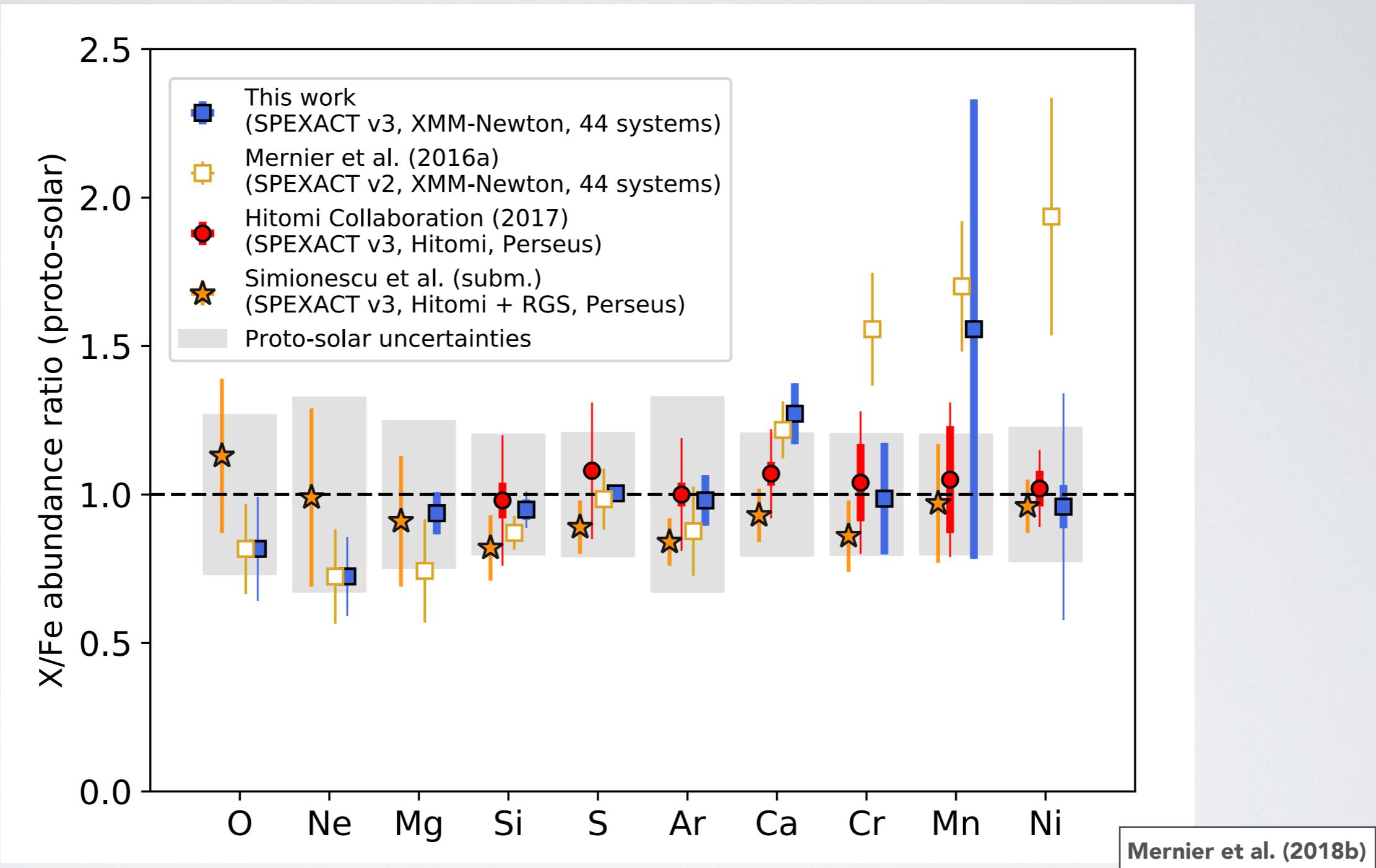
# Hitomi (February 2016 - March 2016)



see also: Simionescu et al. (2019)



# Chemical composition of the ICM



All abundance ratios measured with XMM-Newton EPIC (CHEERS sample) are **consistent** with Hitomi (Perseus)!

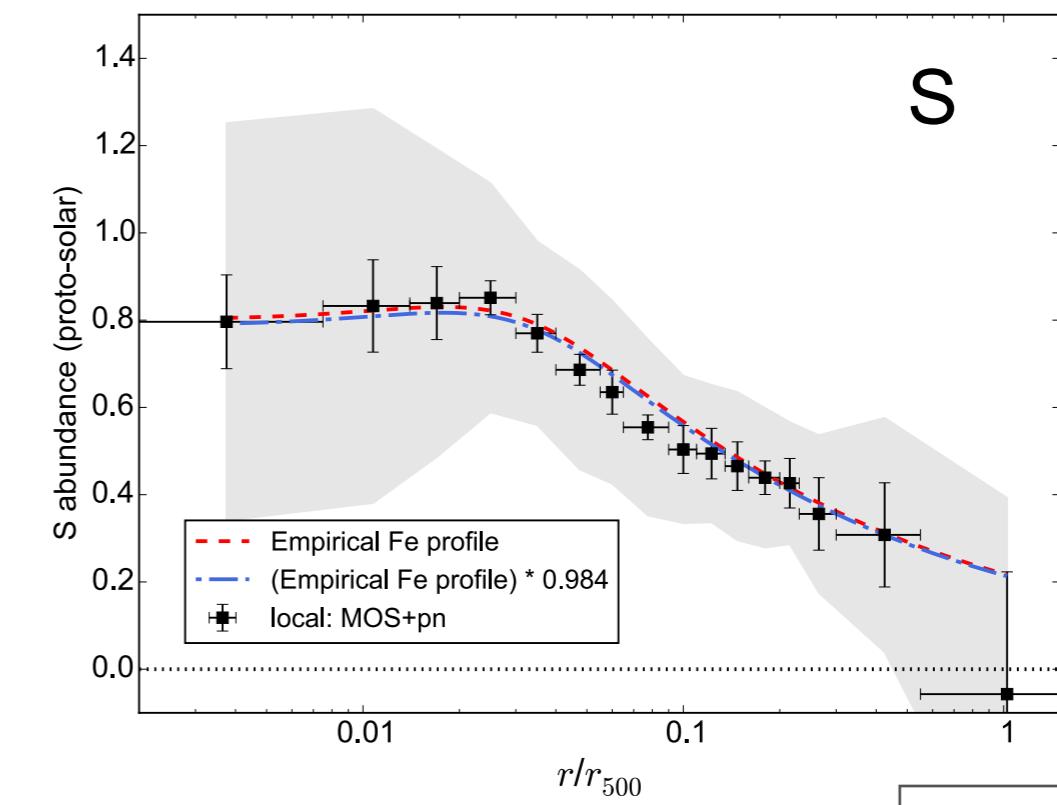
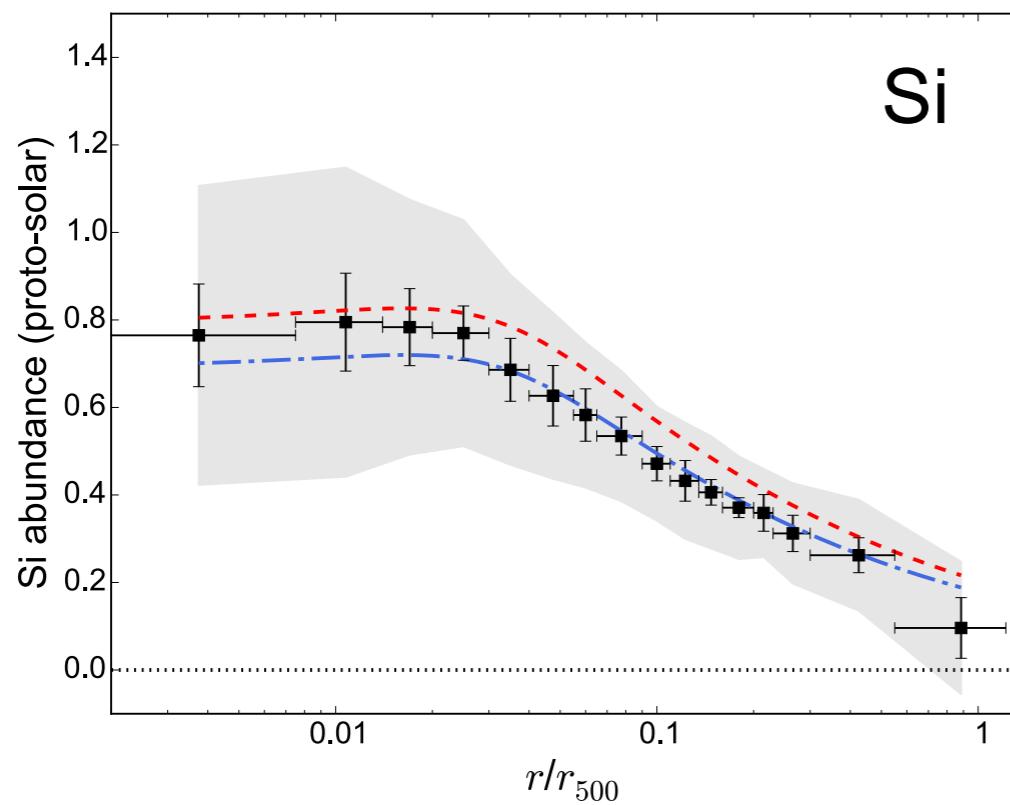
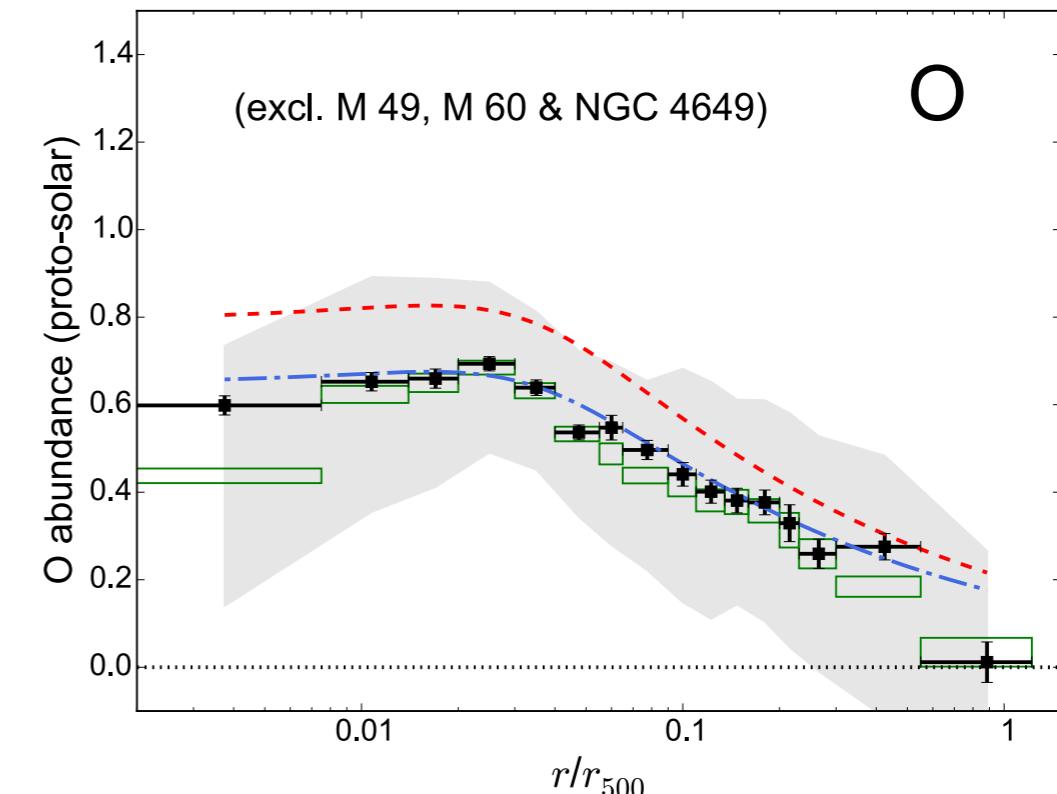
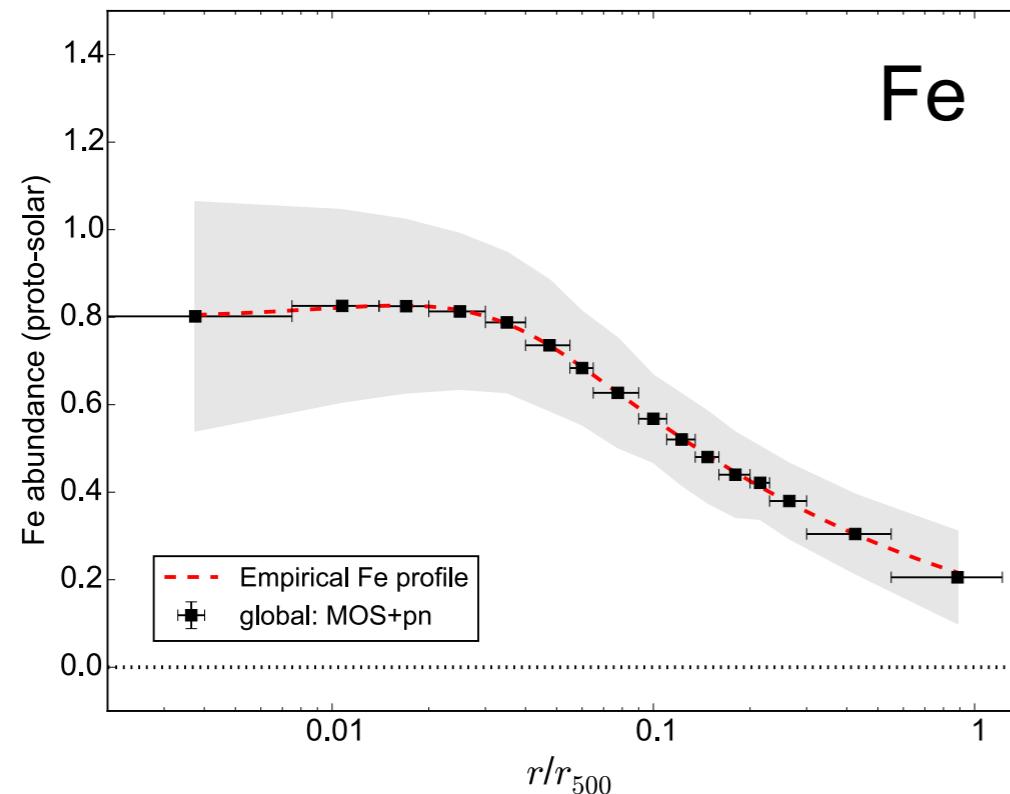
Abundances measured in clusters/groups are sensitive to **spectral codes**!

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### 3. Distribution of SNIa vs. SNcc enrichment

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# Radial distribution of the SNIa fraction



Mernier et al. (2017)

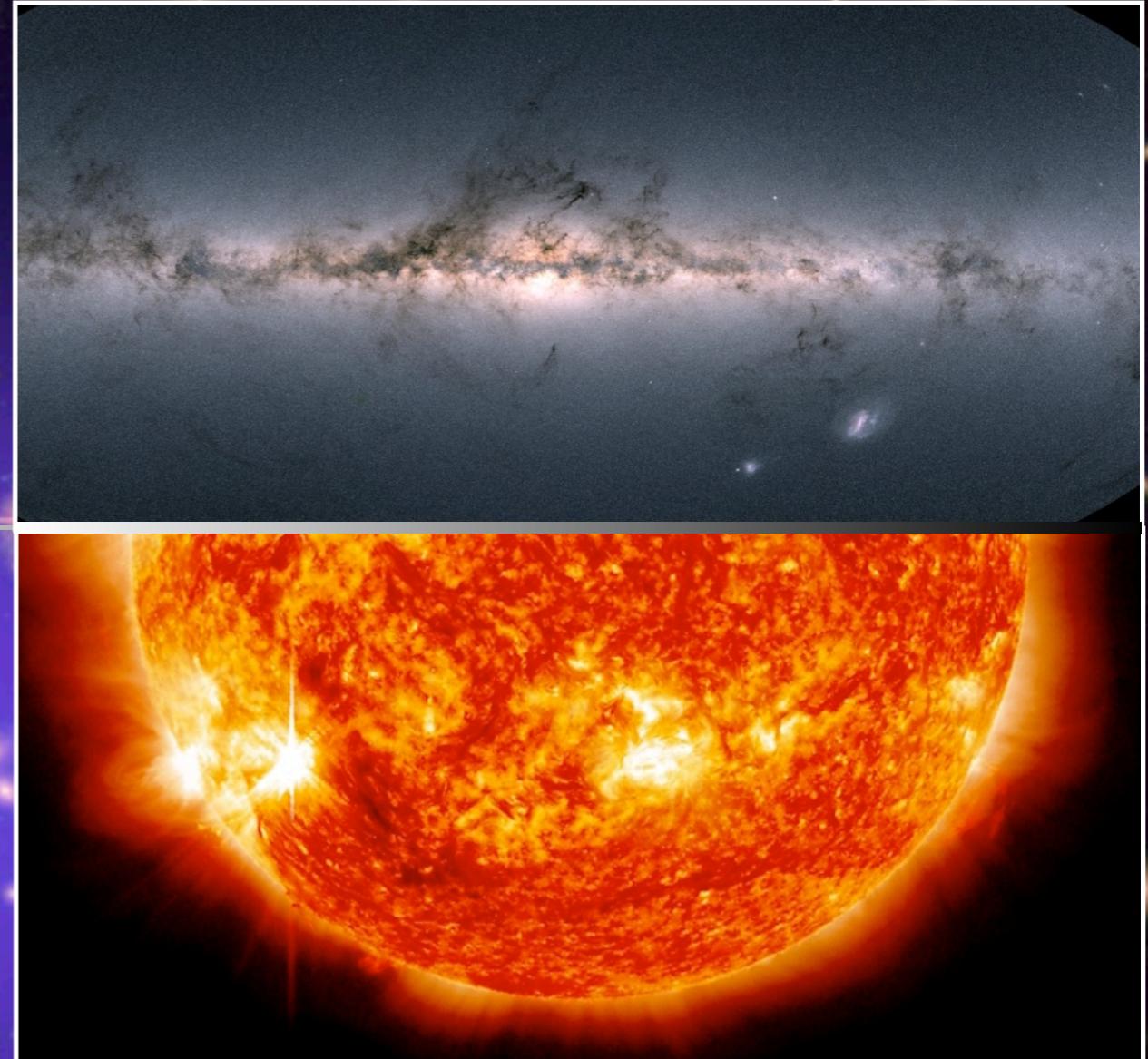
see also: Simionescu et al. (2015), Ezer et al. (2017)

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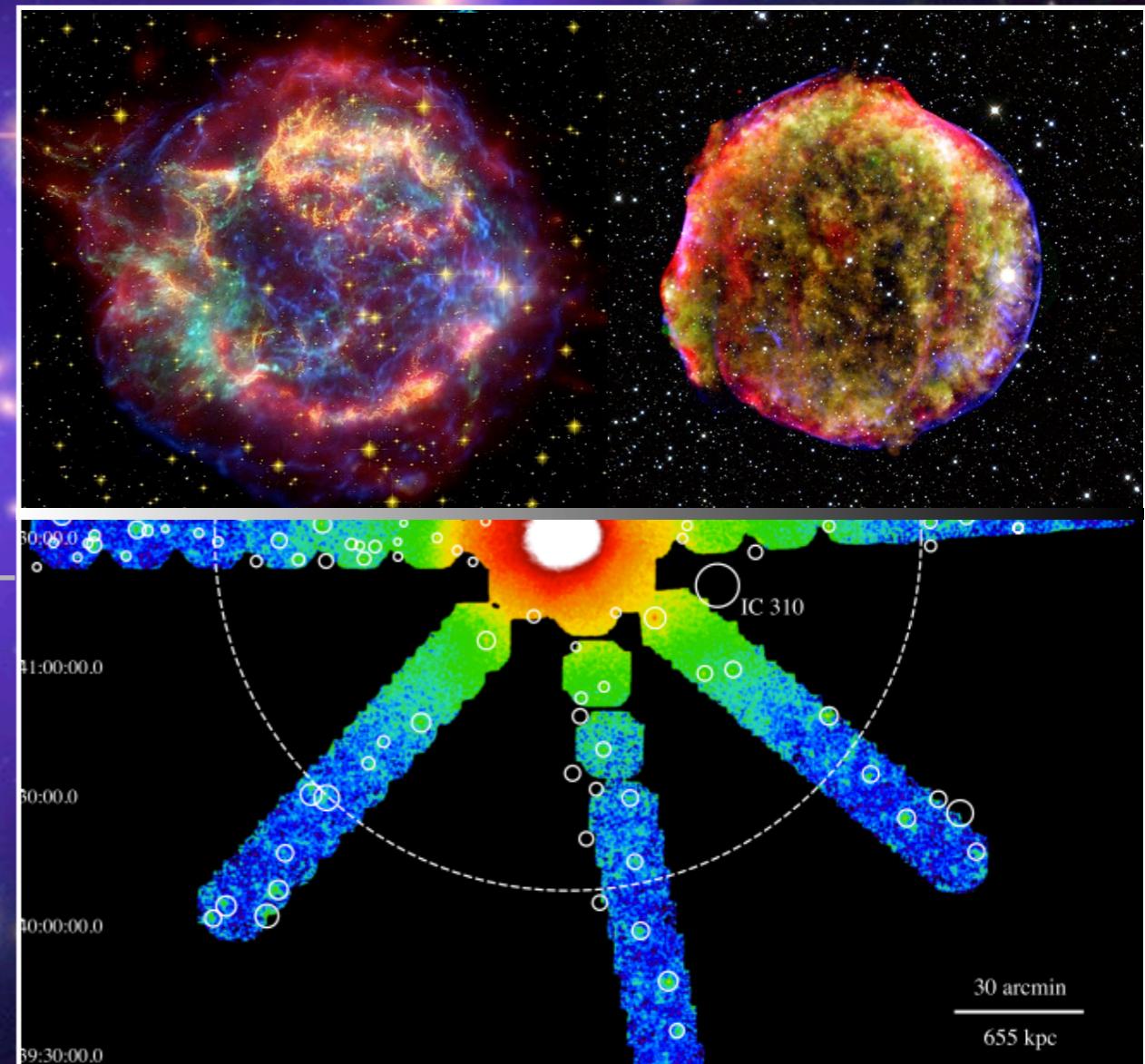
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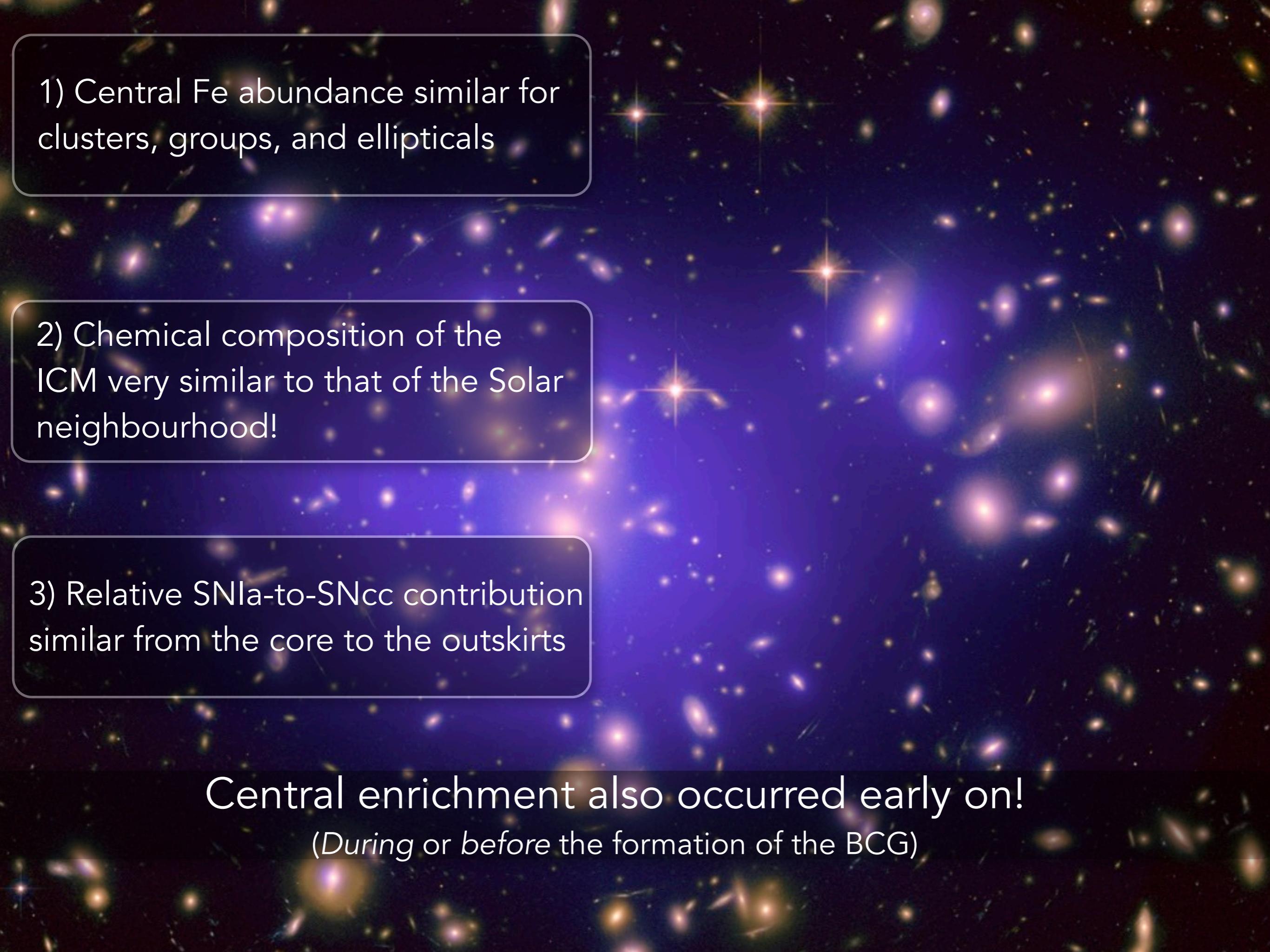


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Central enrichment also occurred early on!  
*(During or before the formation of the BCG)*

# Recent reviews...

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## Enrichment of the Hot Intracluster Medium: Numerical Simulations

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# Magnetic fields and extraordinarily bright radio emission in the X-ray faint galaxy group MRC 0116+111

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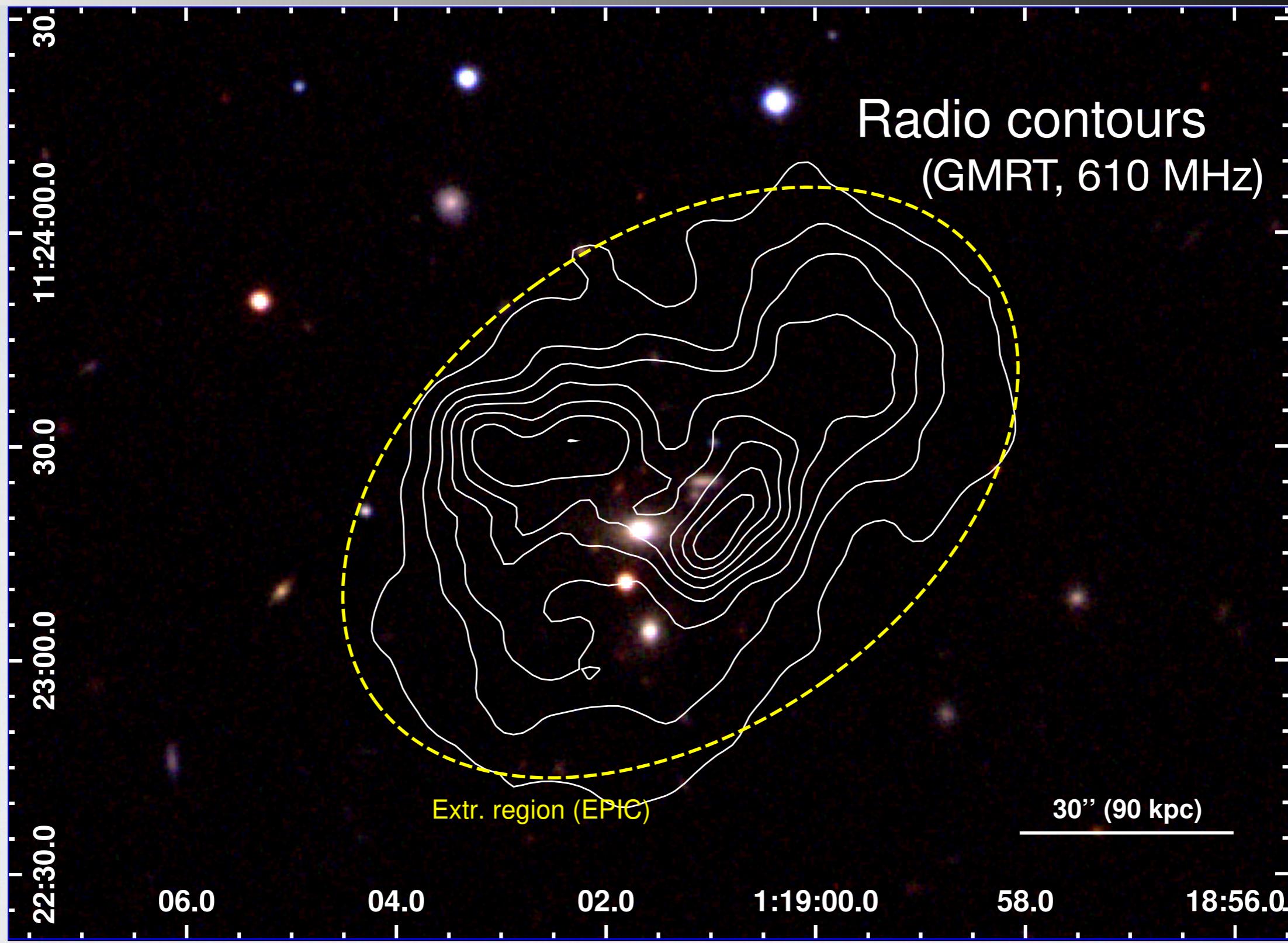
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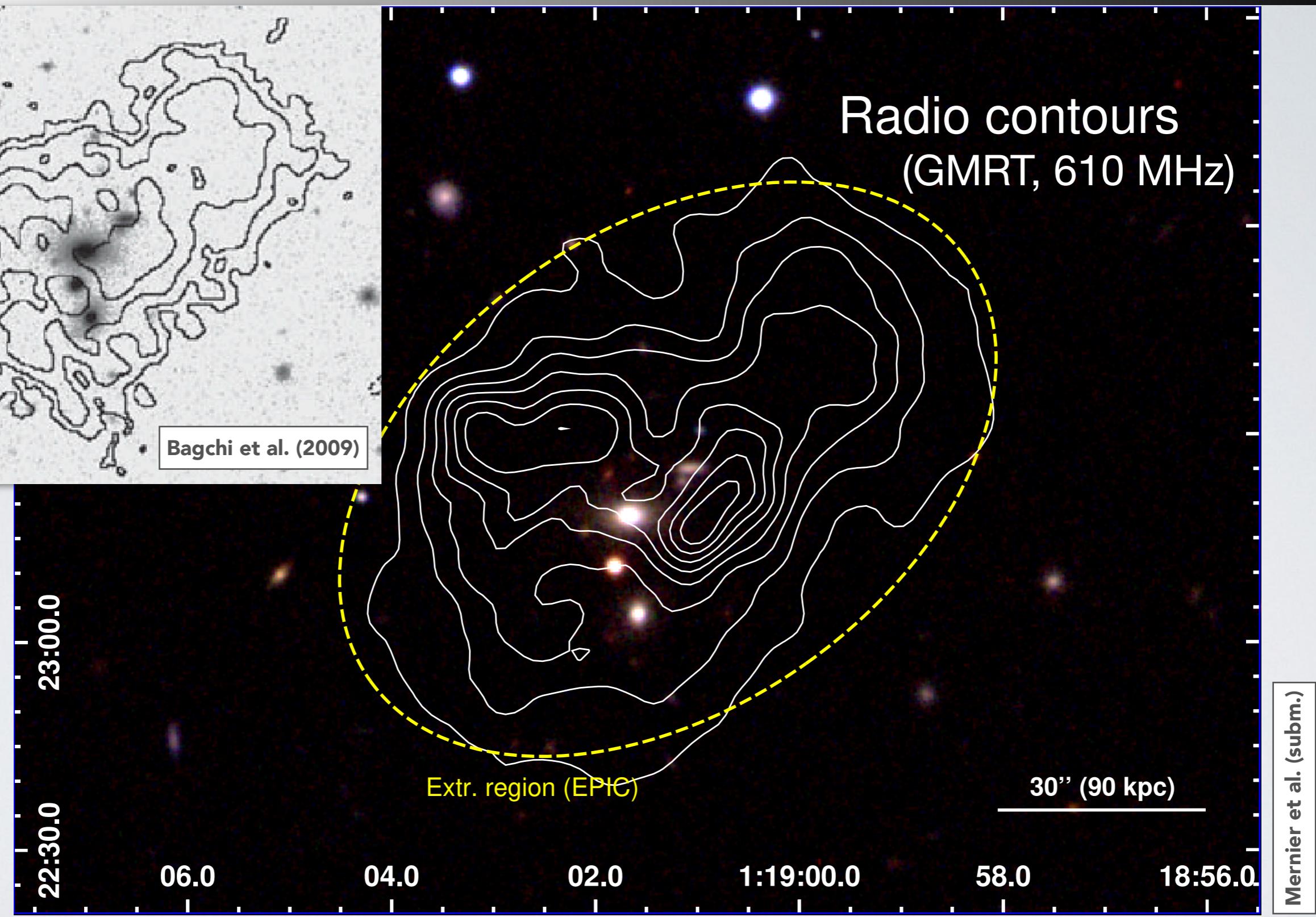


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Nearby ( $z=0.132$ ), poor galaxy group

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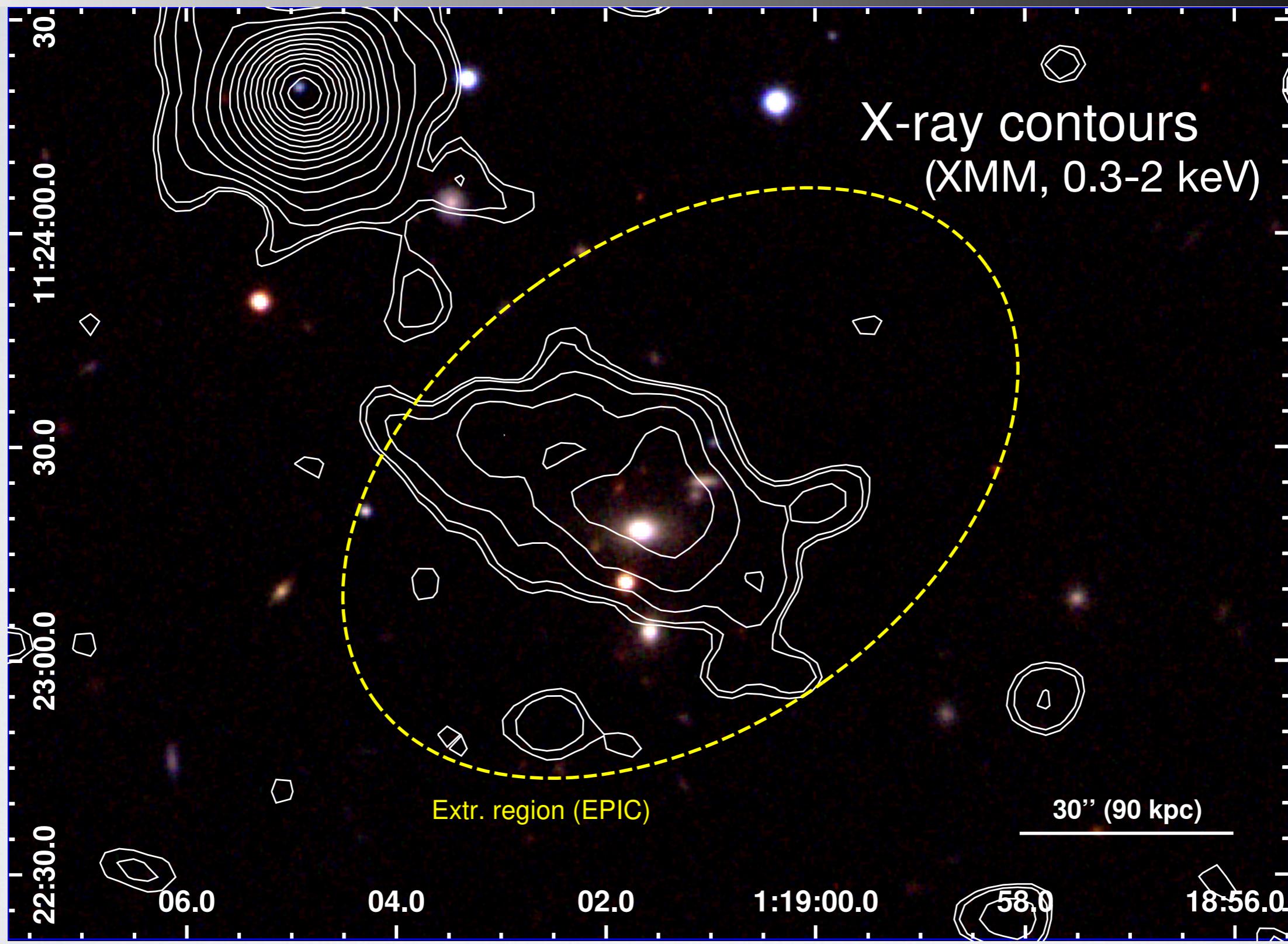
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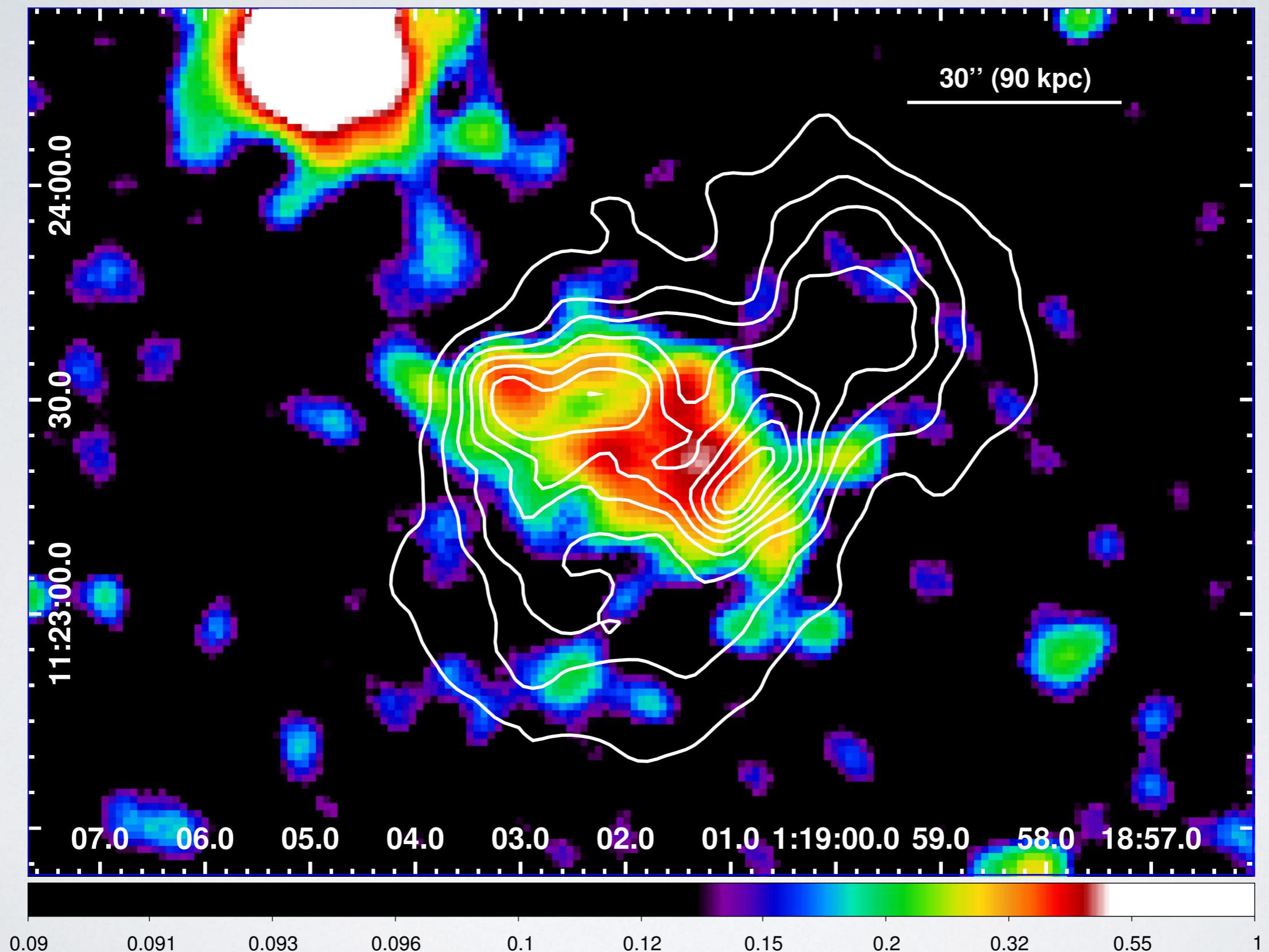
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Radio emission **3x** more extended than X-ray emission!

# Constrain the volume-averaged magnetic field

Ideal target to search for **Inverse-Compton** (IC) X-ray emission!

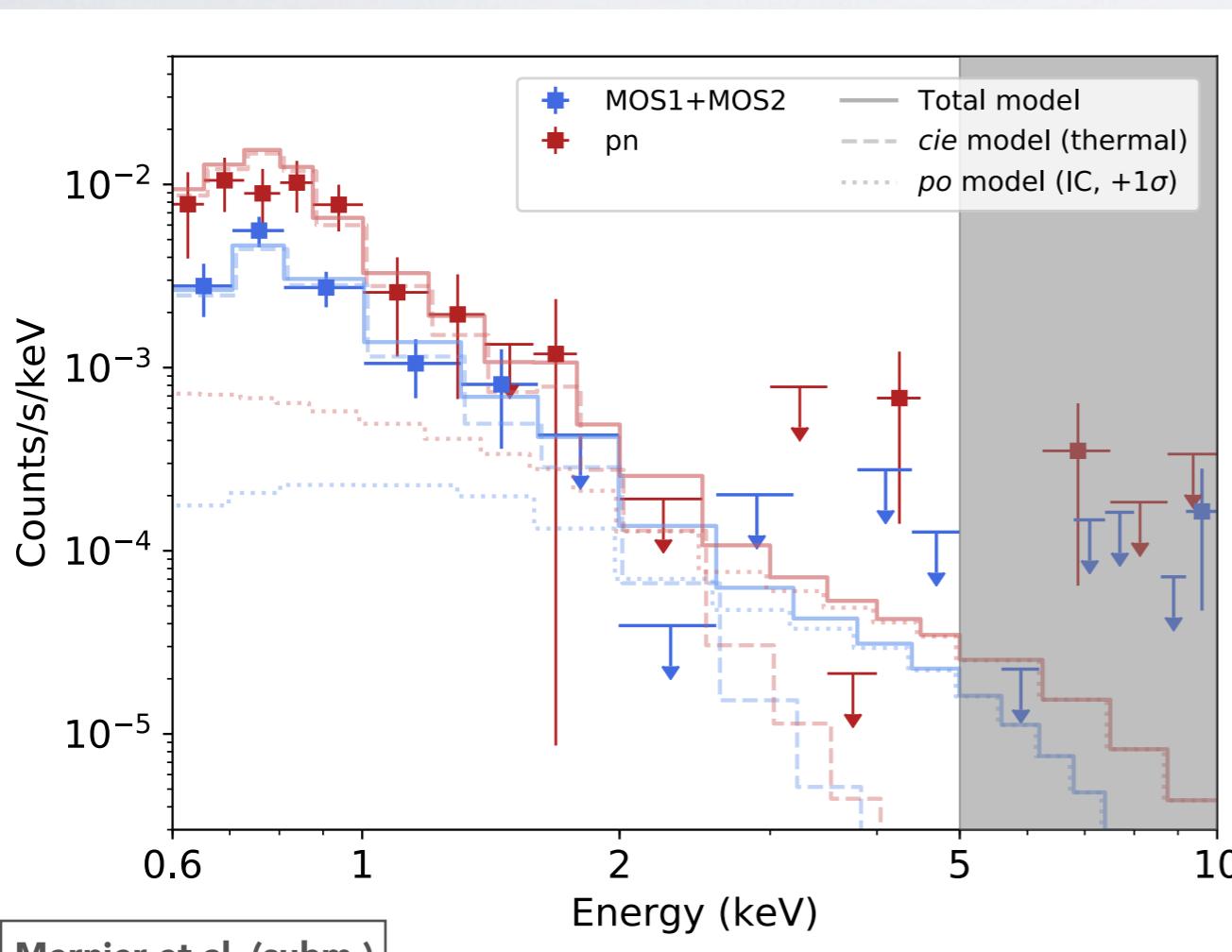
Assuming a power-law distributed electron population:

$$N(\gamma) = N_0 \gamma^{-p}$$

One gets...

$$f_r(\nu_{\text{syn}}) \equiv \frac{dW_{\text{syn}}}{d\nu_{\text{syn}} dt} = \frac{4\pi N_0 e^3 B^{\frac{p+1}{2}}}{m_e c^2} \left( \frac{3e}{4\pi m_e c} \right)^{\frac{p-1}{2}} a(p) \nu_{\text{syn}}^{-\frac{p-1}{2}}$$

$$f_x(\nu_{\text{IC}}) \equiv \frac{dW_{\text{IC}}}{d\nu_{\text{IC}} dt} = \frac{8\pi^2 N_0 r_0^2}{c^2} h^{-\frac{p+3}{2}} (kT_{\text{CMB}})^{\frac{p+5}{2}} F(p) \nu_{\text{IC}}^{-\frac{p-1}{2}}$$

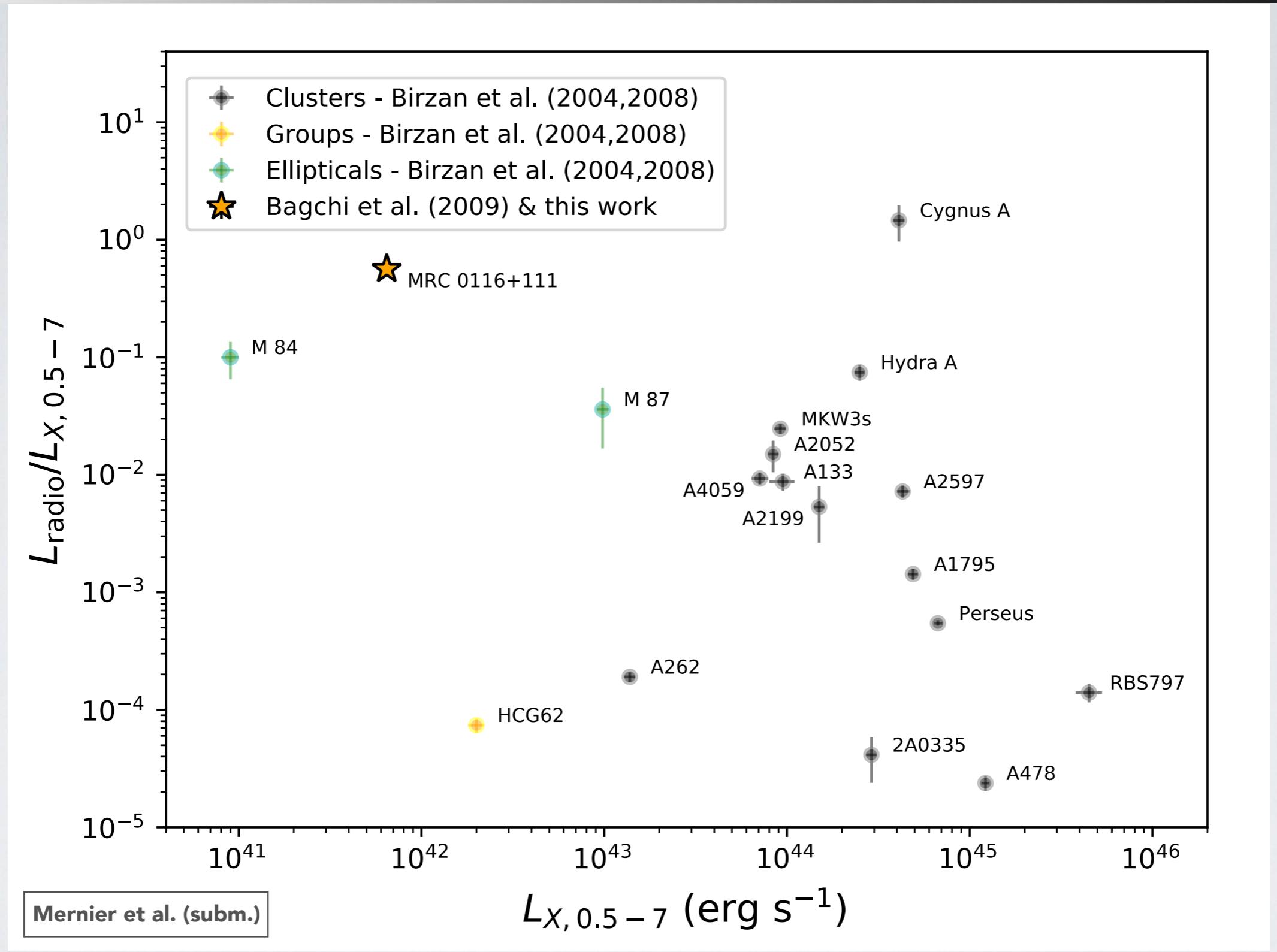


Upper limit on IC flux  
→ Lower limit on (volume-averaged) magnetic field!

→ **B > 4.3 μG**

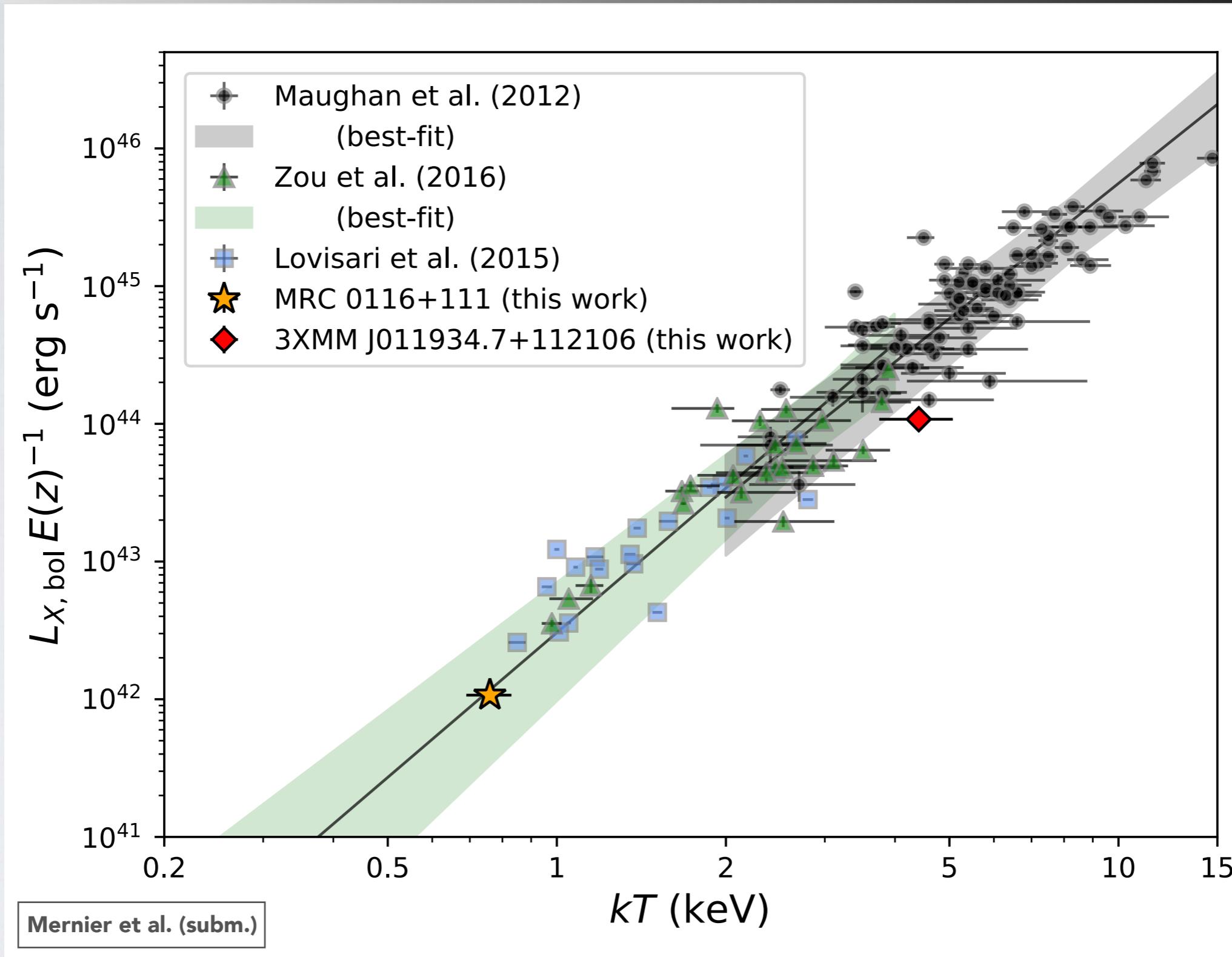
Highest B measurement with this method so far  
(Comparable to radio measurements assuming equipartition)

# An extremely bright radio-to-X-ray diffuse source(!)



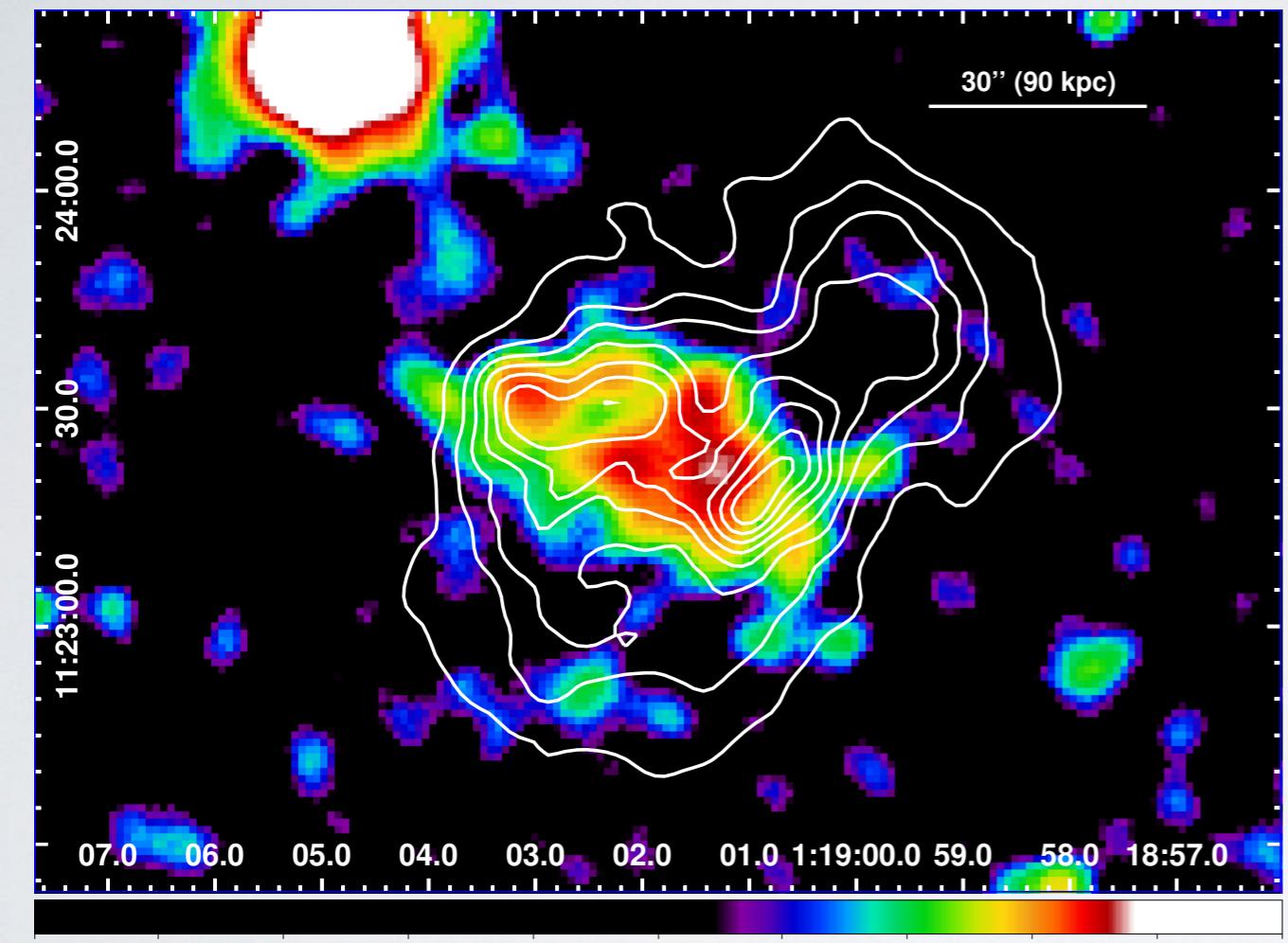
Extreme past AGN outburst(s)?

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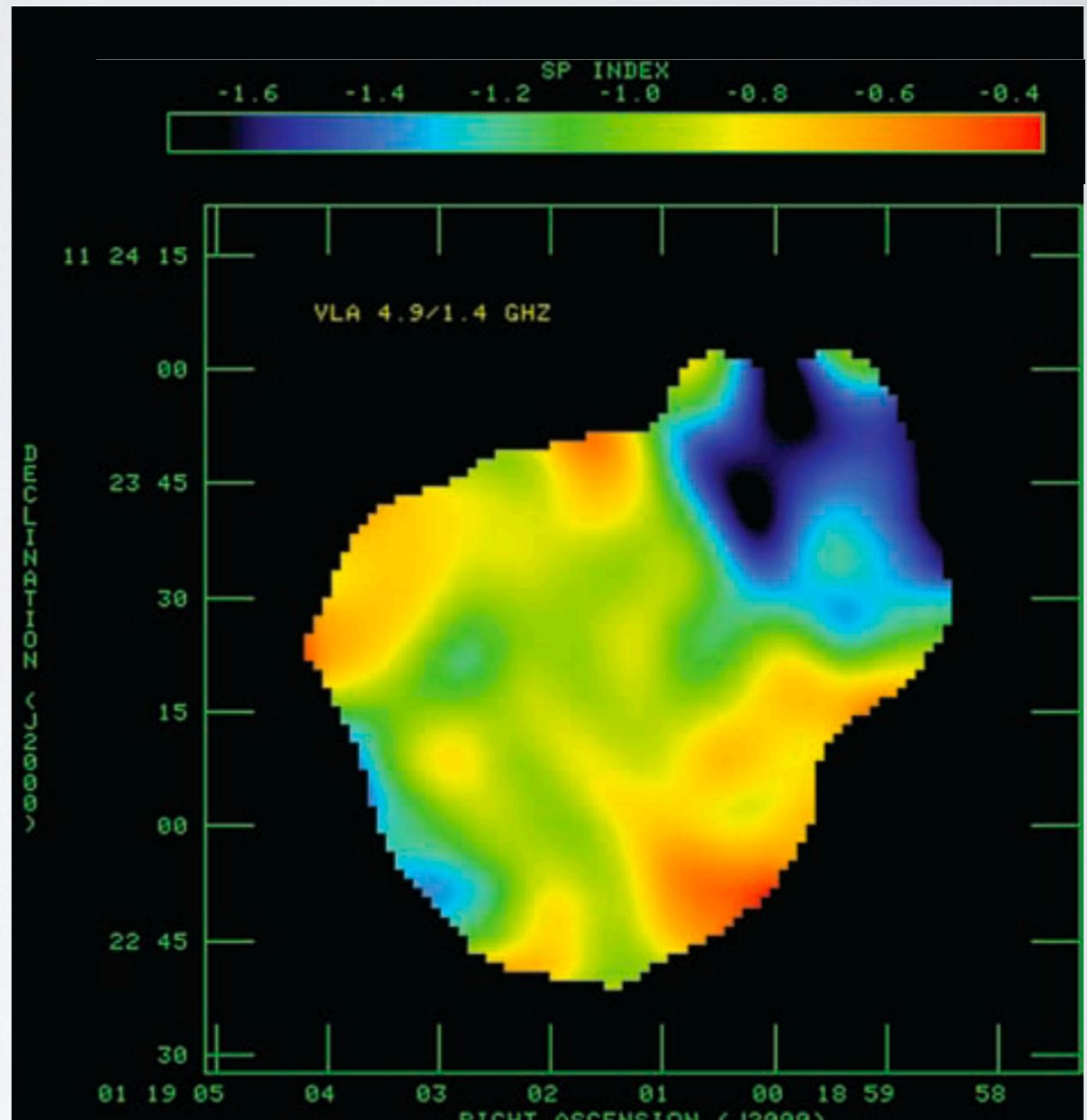


No dramatic gas heating / baryons removal

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...but turbulence re-accelerating electrons?

# Take home messages

## Chemical enrichment in the ICM

### Central enrichment...

- Invariant in **mass** of the system (clusters vs. groups vs. ellipticals)!
  - Invariant in **SNIa** vs. **SNcc** contribution
  - Similar to **Solar composition**!
- **Early central enrichment** (~BCG formation),  
unrelated to present stellar population

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MRC 0116+111

- Volume-averaged magnetic field:  $> 4.3 \mu\text{G}$
- (Among the) highest  $L_{\text{radio}}/L_x$  diffuse, extragalactic source known!
- Spectacular AGN feedback ( $L_x$  and  $kT$  unaffected, turbulence?)