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Hot gas and magnetic fields in Virgo Cluster spiral galaxies

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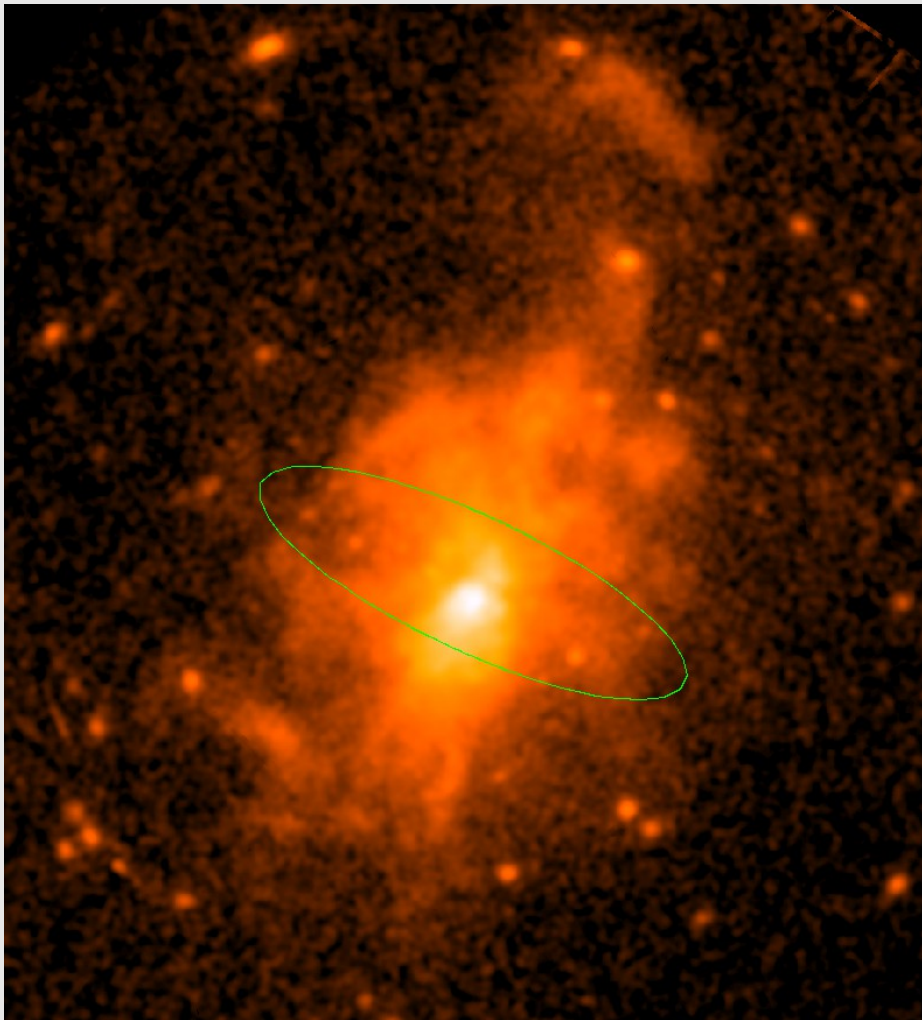
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X-ray diffuse emission

Distribution and properties

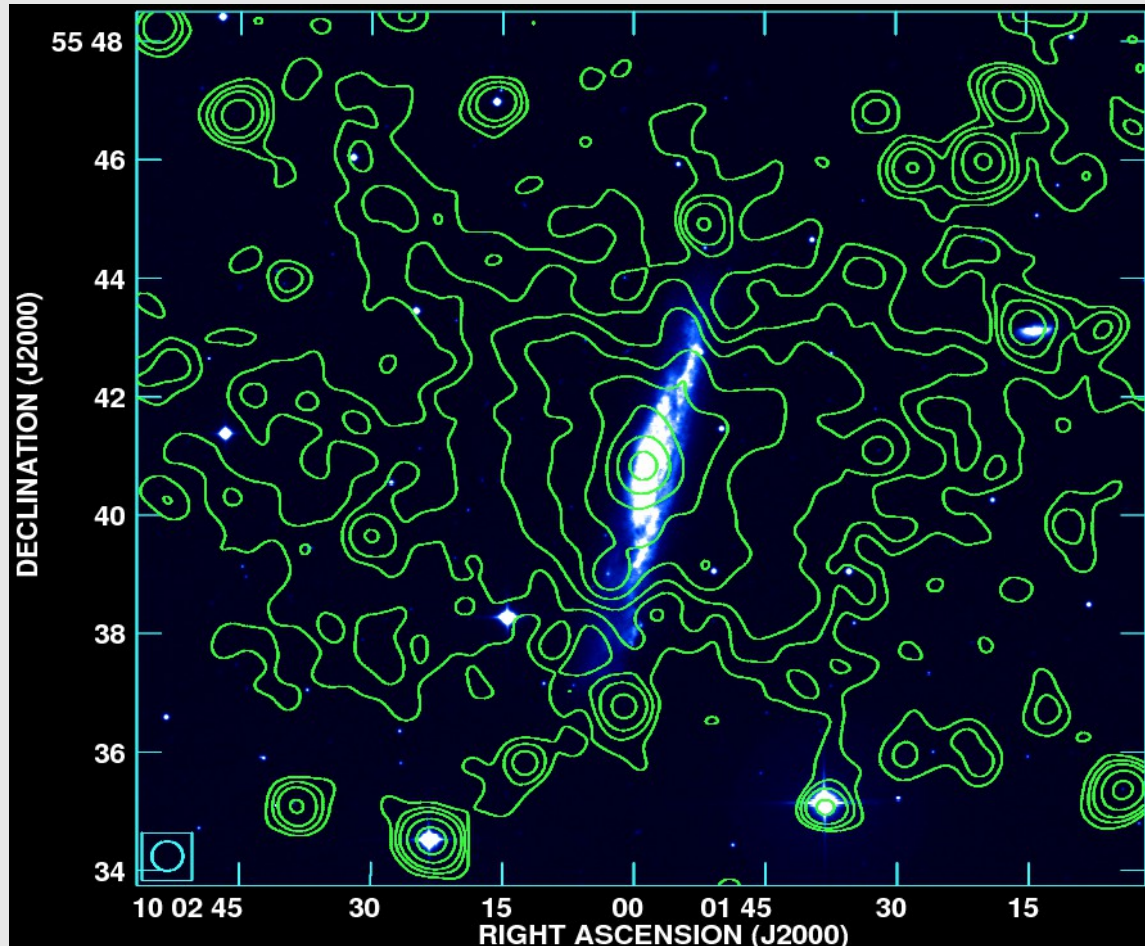


- Diffuse X-ray emission traces hot gas
- XMM-Newton provides currently the best sensitivity to such emission
- The XMM-Newton Science Archive is already full of interesting (often unpublished!) data
- Check your object!

M82 soft X-ray image based on XMM-Newton archives

X-ray diffuse emission

Distribution and properties: pros

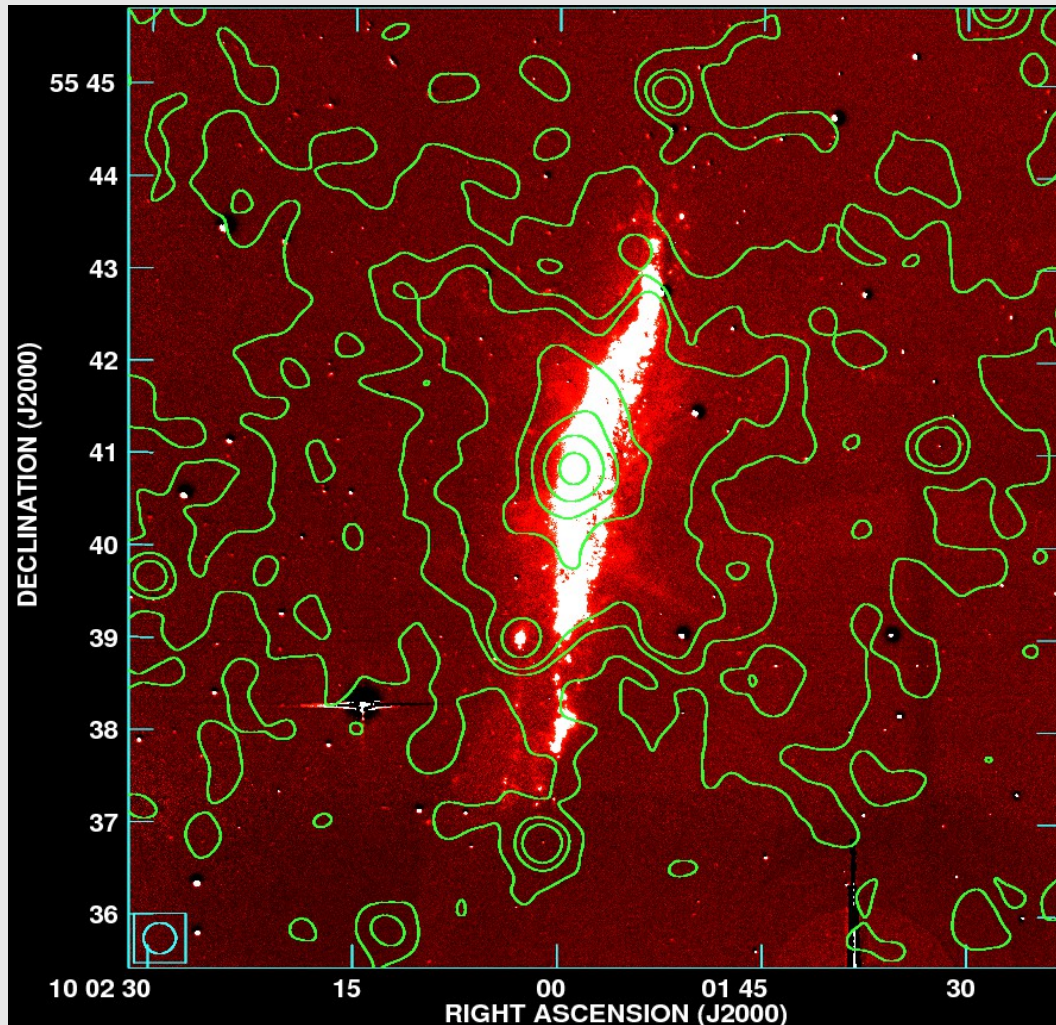


- Provides important parameters of the galactic/halo medium
- Supports well PI studies
- Is often a “by-product” of AGN/ULX observations (archives!)
- You can “choose” your resolution

NGC 3079 soft X-ray image based on XMM-Newton archives
(Weżgowiec et al. in prep)

X-ray emission

...and cons

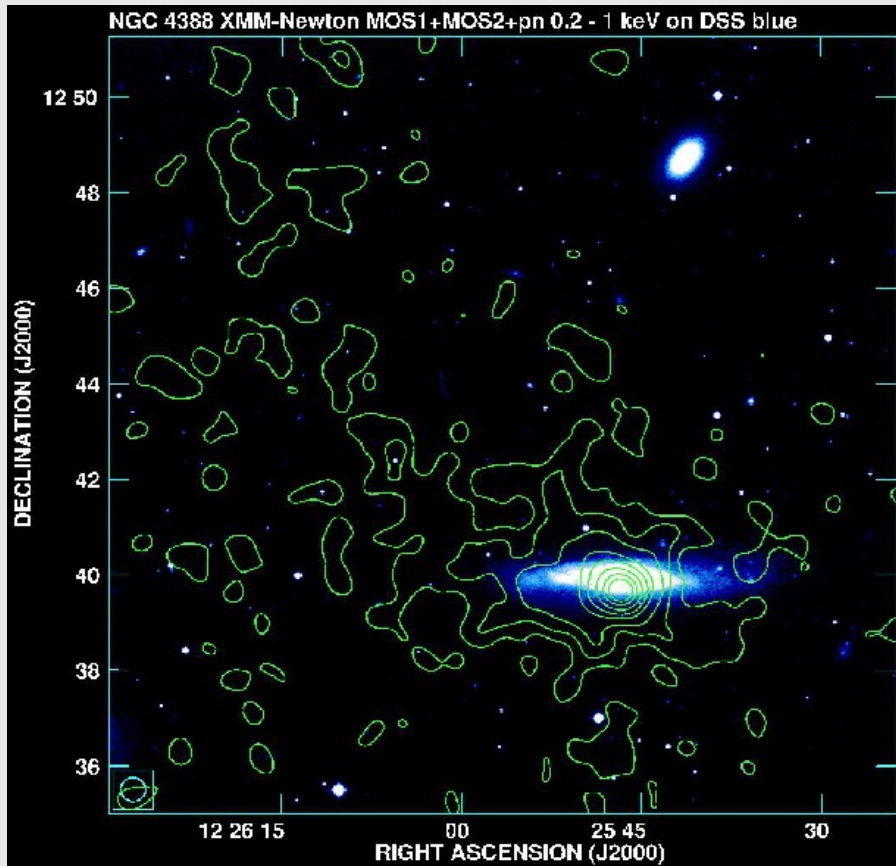


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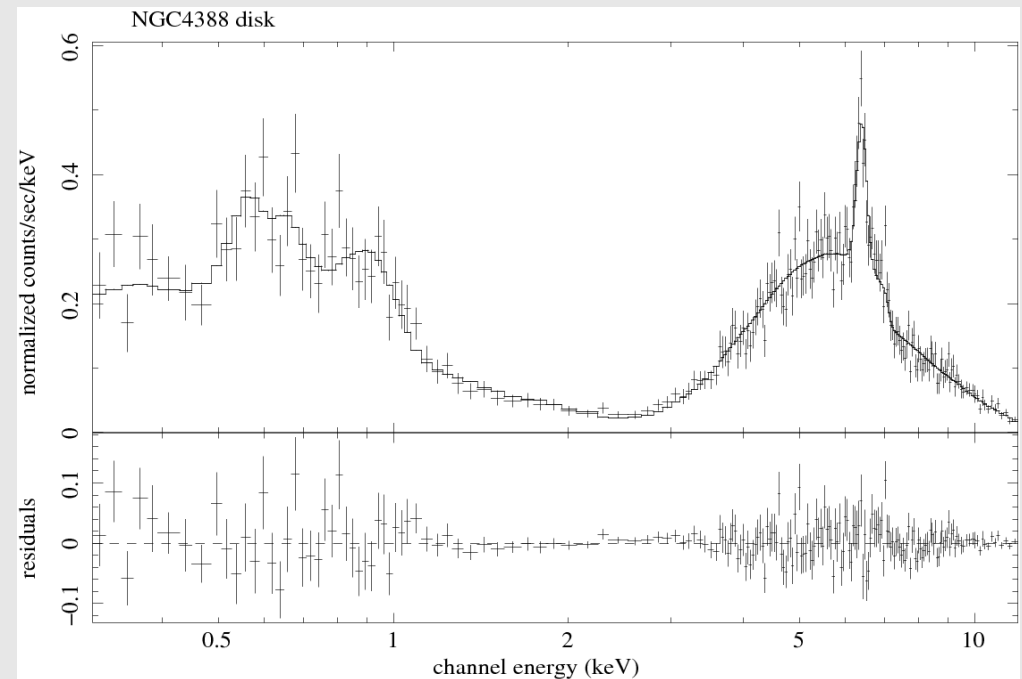
- Hard to get sensitive/long observations
- Accurate background subtraction is difficult but crucial for good spectra, especially for low surface-brightness emission
- In the end we have not too many photons in our spectra

X-ray emission

Spectral analysis



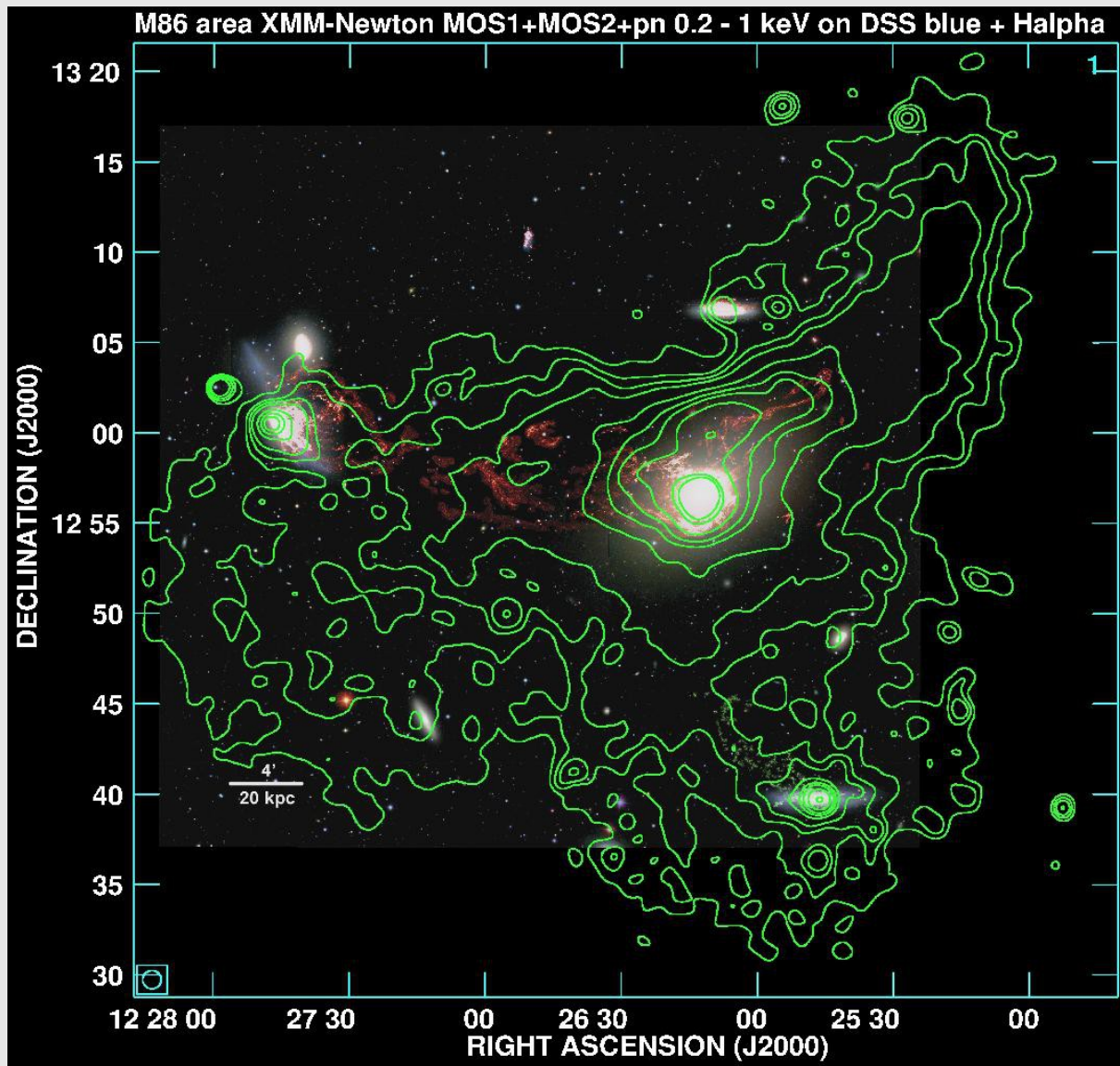
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- Even with low statistics we are not helpless
- Above: a complex model (two temperature component + power-law + absorbed power-law with an iron line) fits the data quite well

Virgo Cluster

M86 group

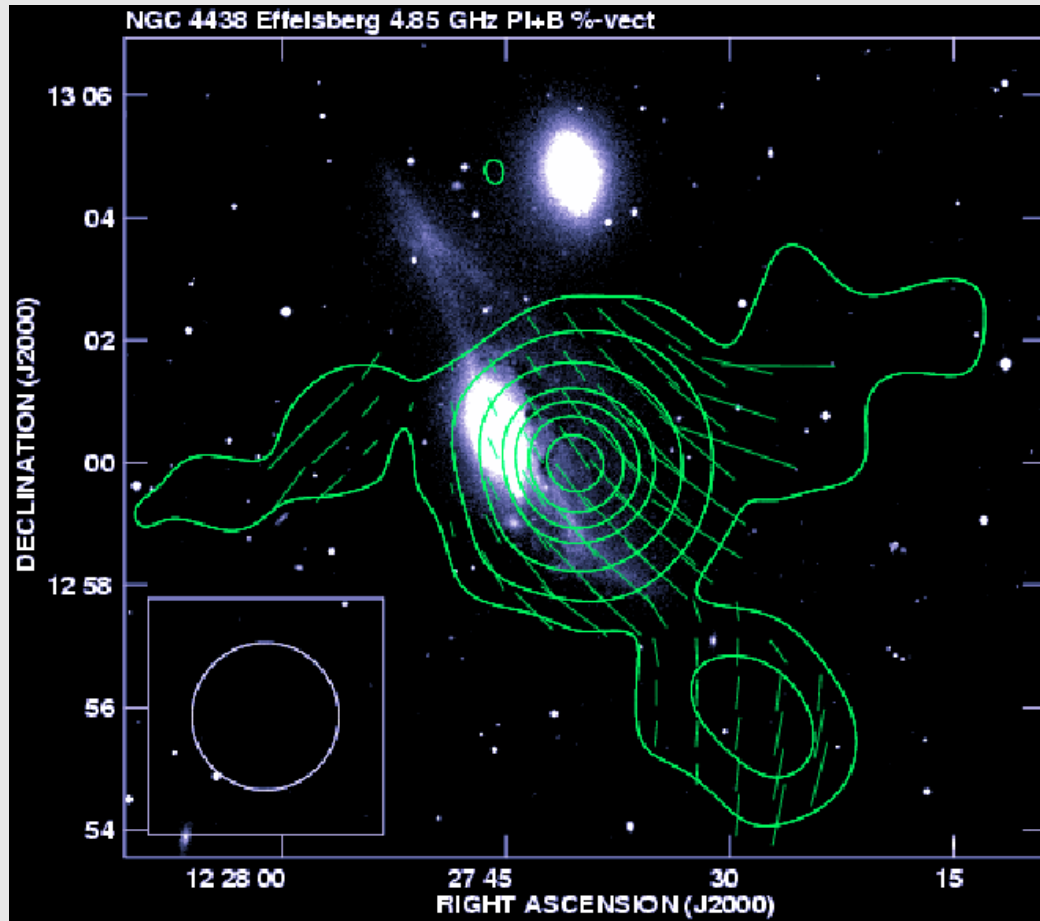


- Hot gas nicely follows H α filaments and traces the cluster interactions
- We see hot gas tails and temperature gradients throughout the scene

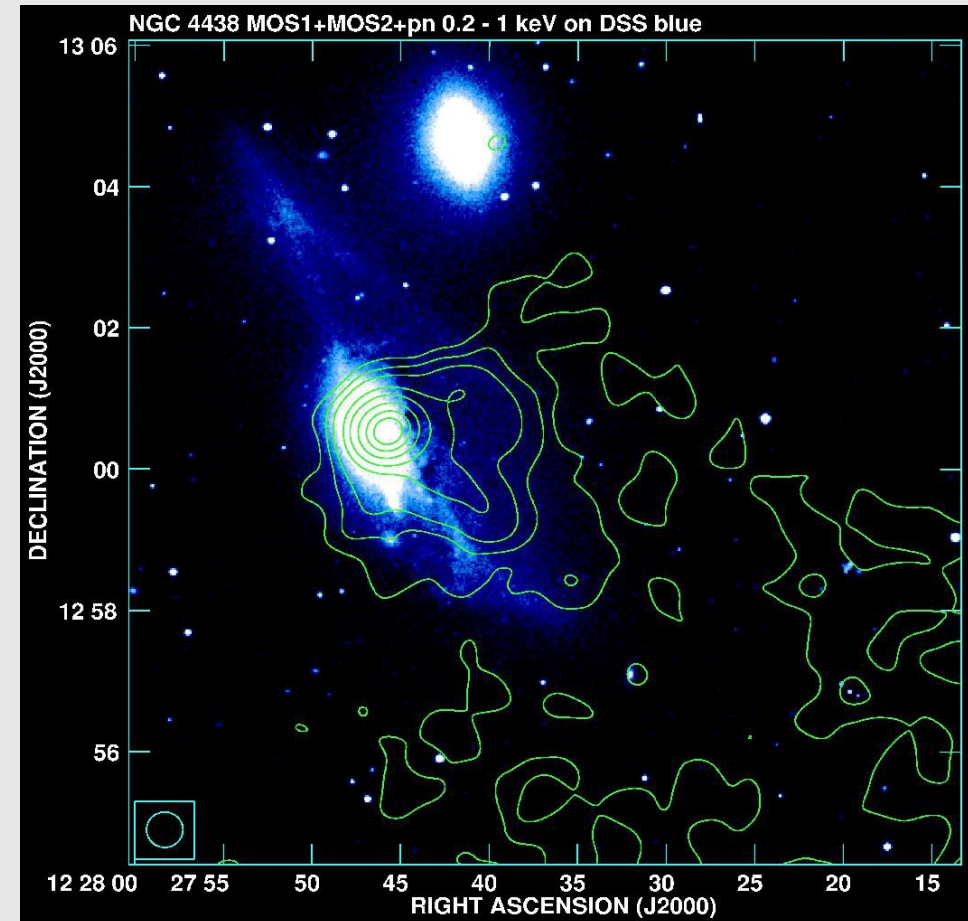
M86 group in the Virgo Cluster. X-ray contours: Weżgowiec et al. in prep., DSS + H α : Kenney et al. 2008, ApJ, 687, L69

Virgo Cluster

M86 group: NGC 4438



Weżgowiec et al. 2007, A&A, 471, 93

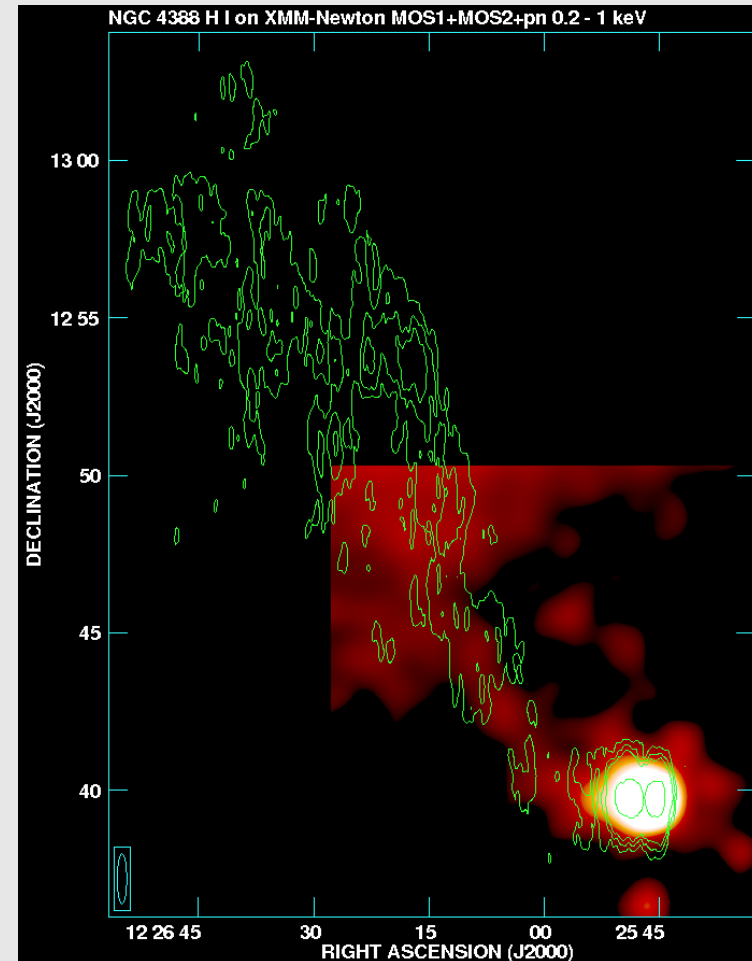
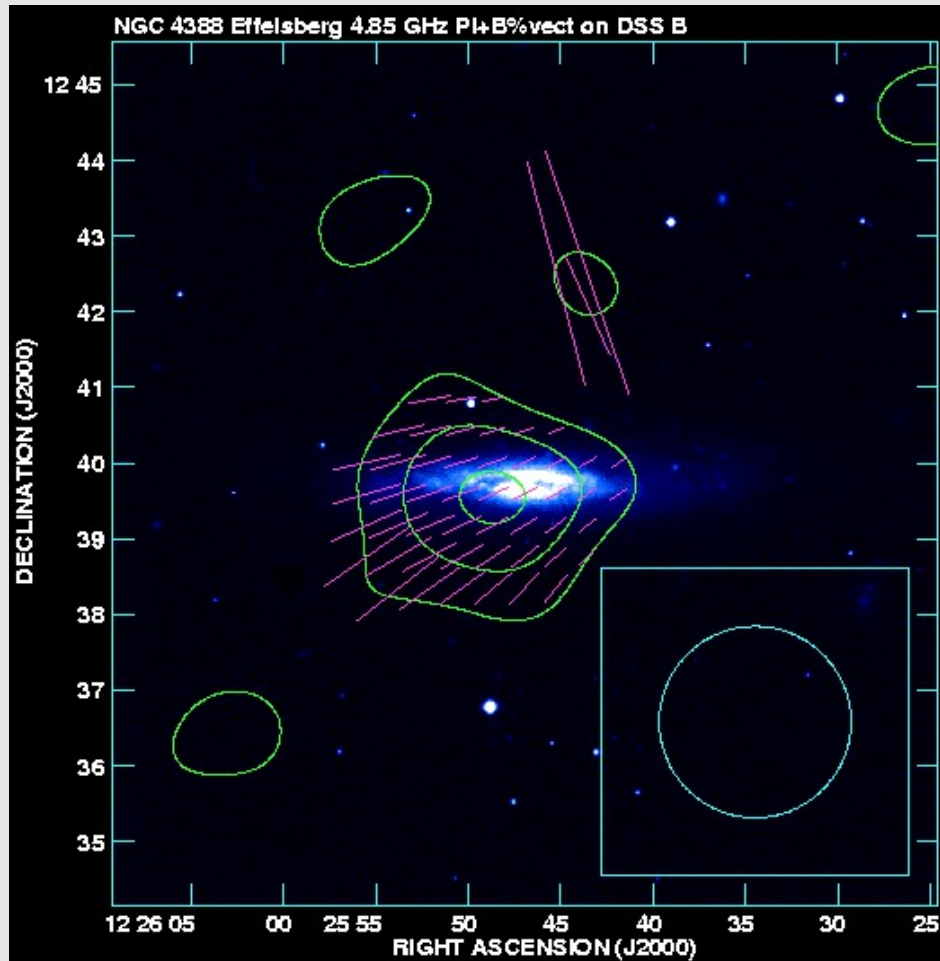


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- Tidally induced gas compressions

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M86 group: NGC 4388



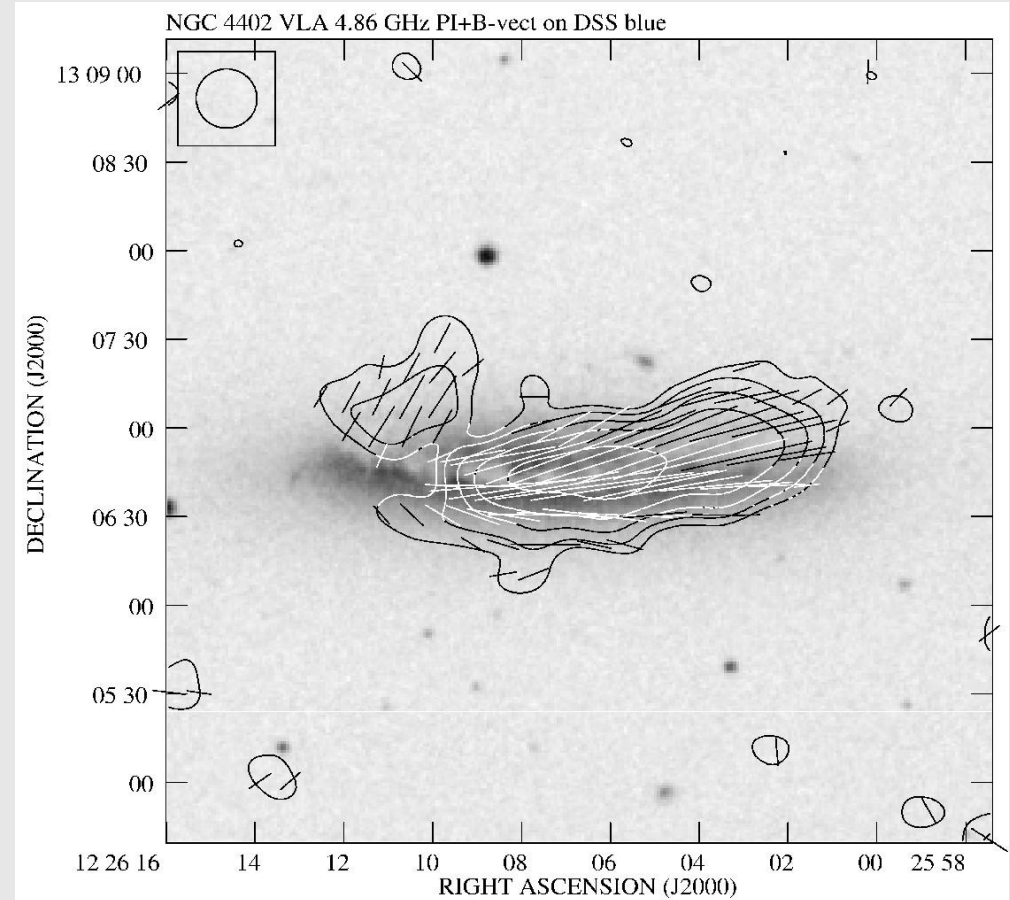
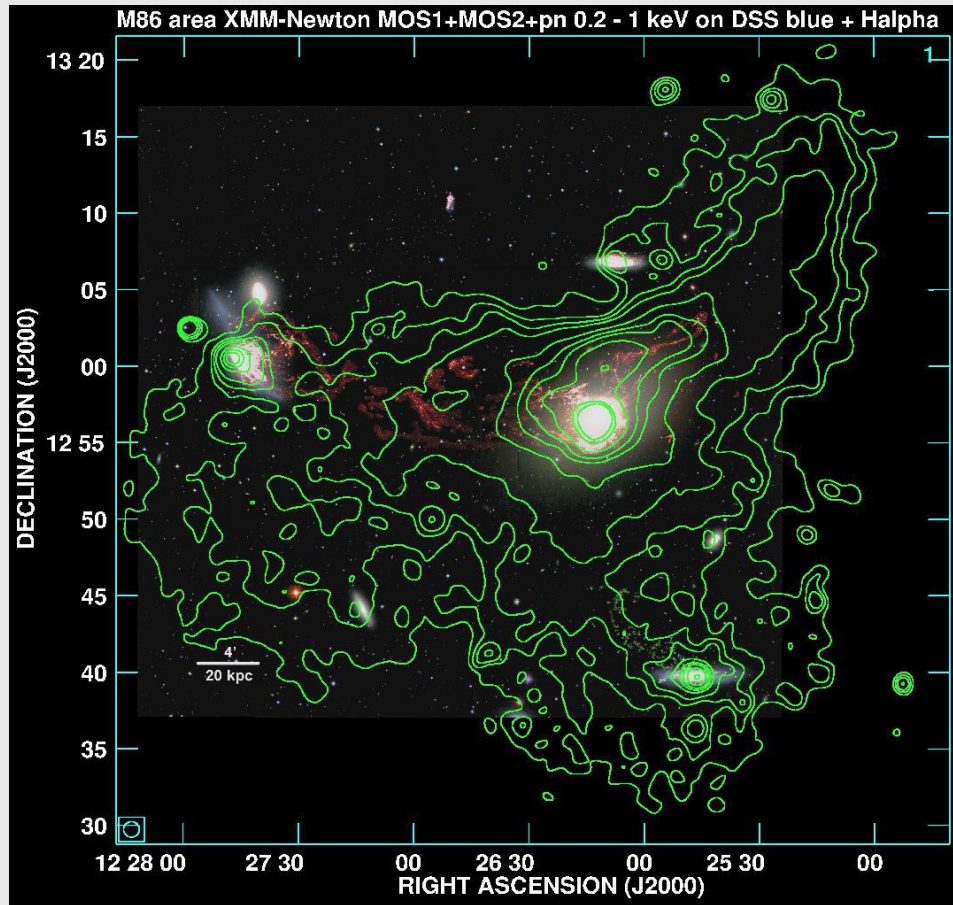
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- Large scale ordered magnetic field and impressive tails

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M86 group: NGC 4402

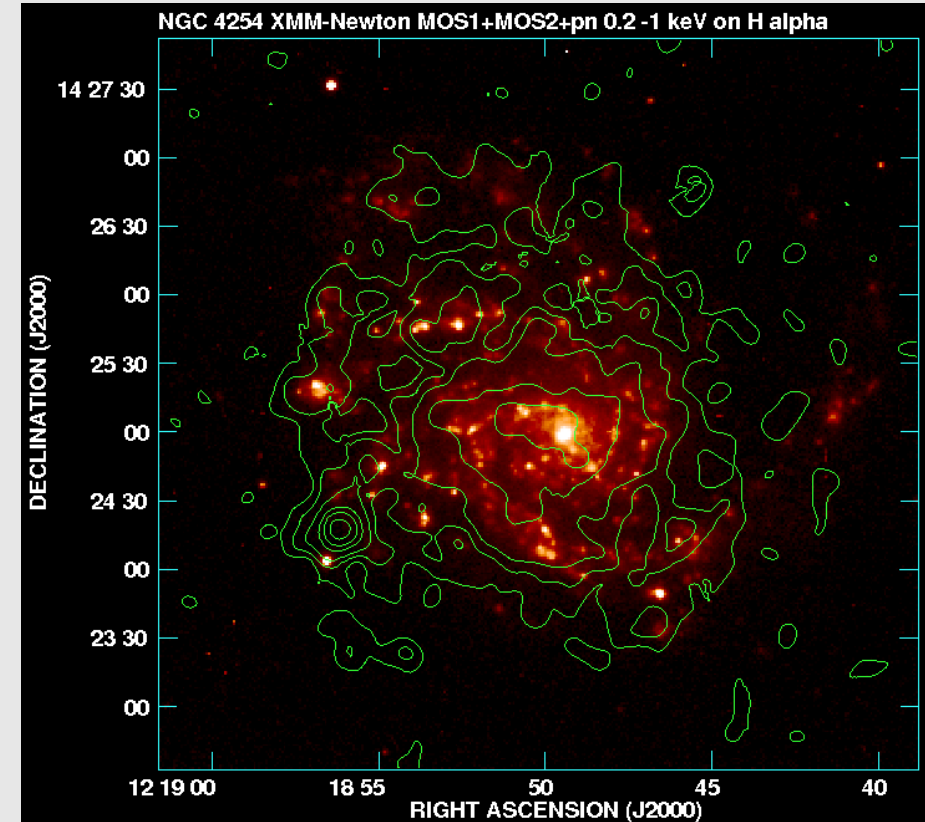
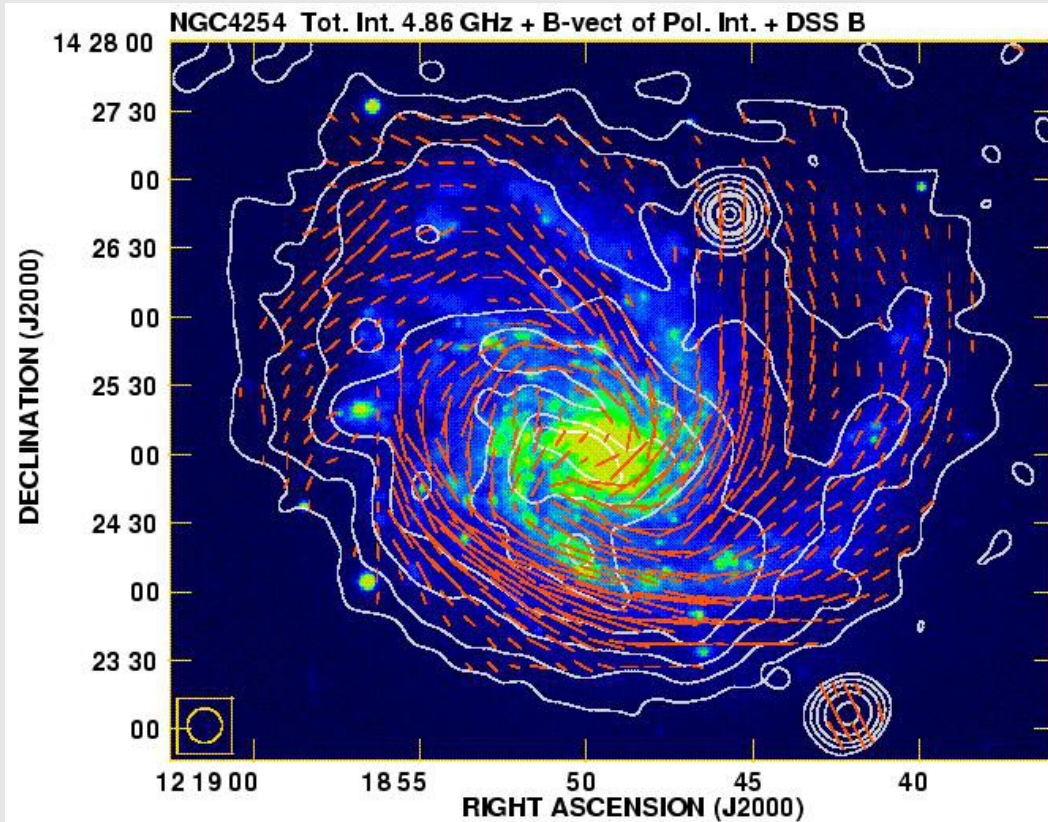


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- Distortions of the magnetic field often find confirmations in X-ray emission
- X-rays can even help to trace the origin of the distortions...

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NGC 4254



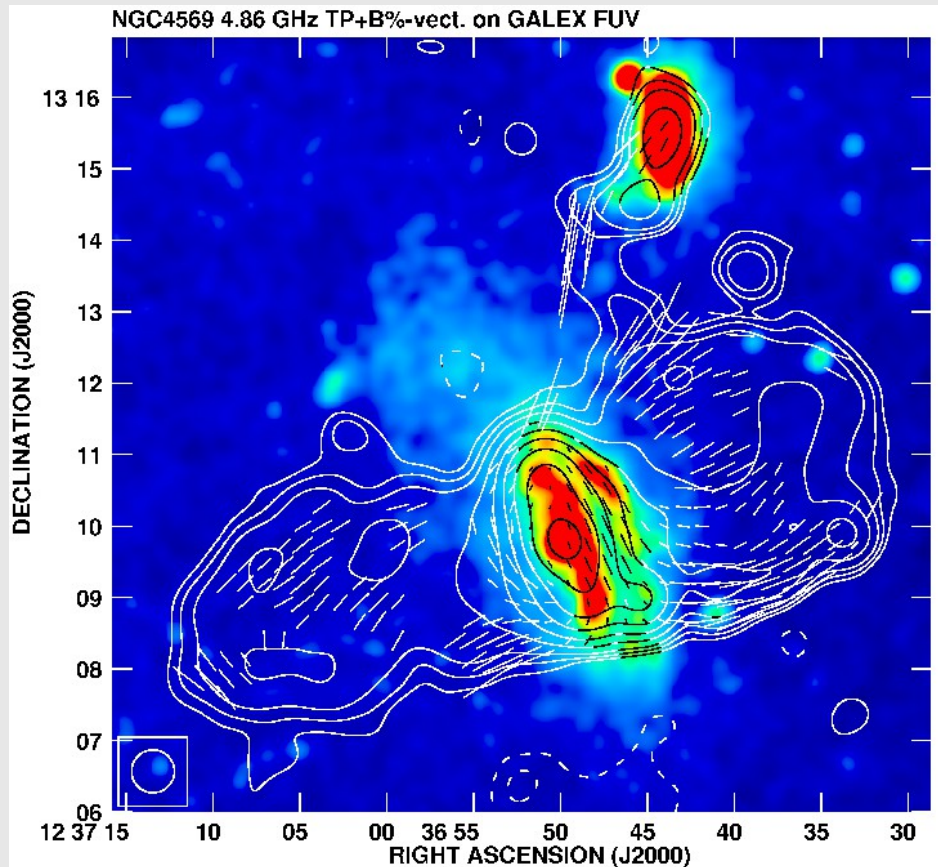
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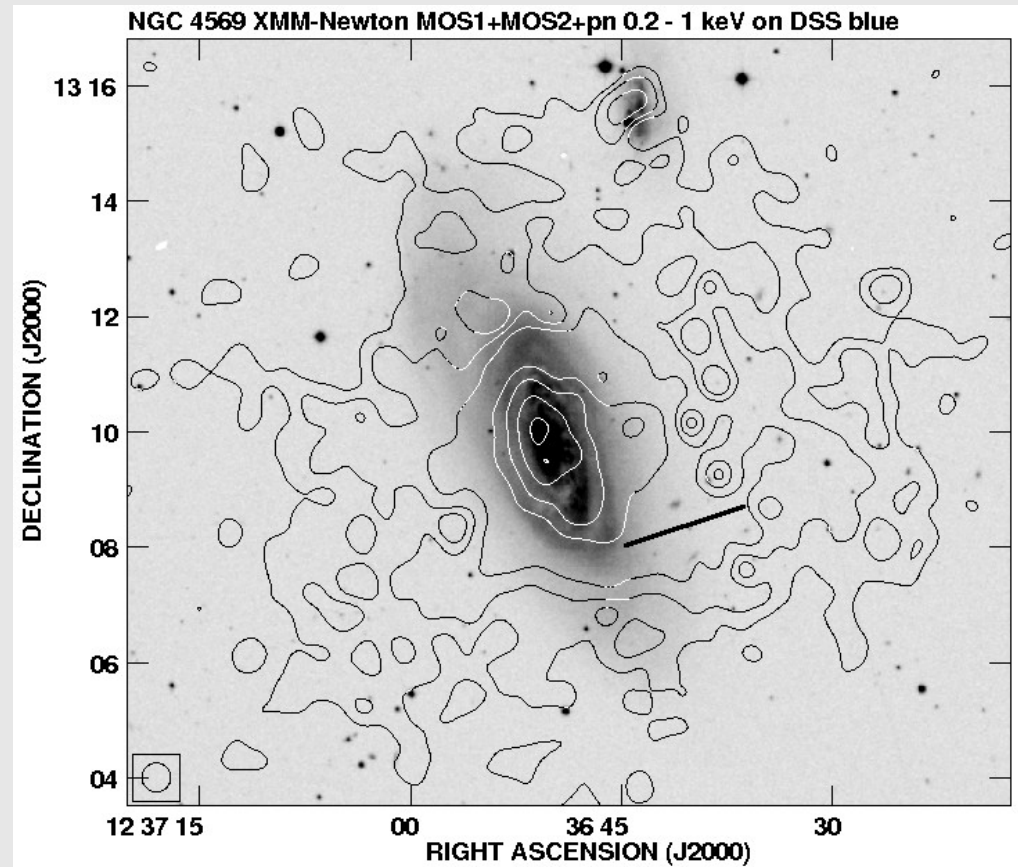
- No increase in the hot gas temperature in and outside the polarized radio ridge suggests enhancements of the magnetic fields caused by shearing forces → tidal interactions

Virgo Cluster

NGC 4569



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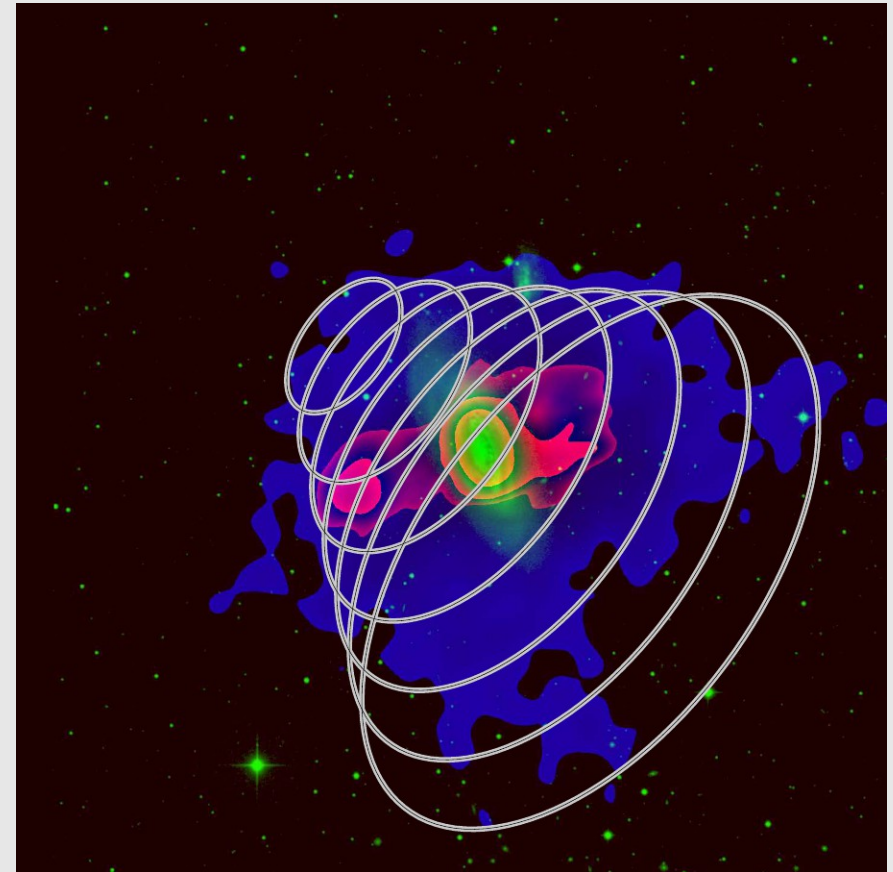
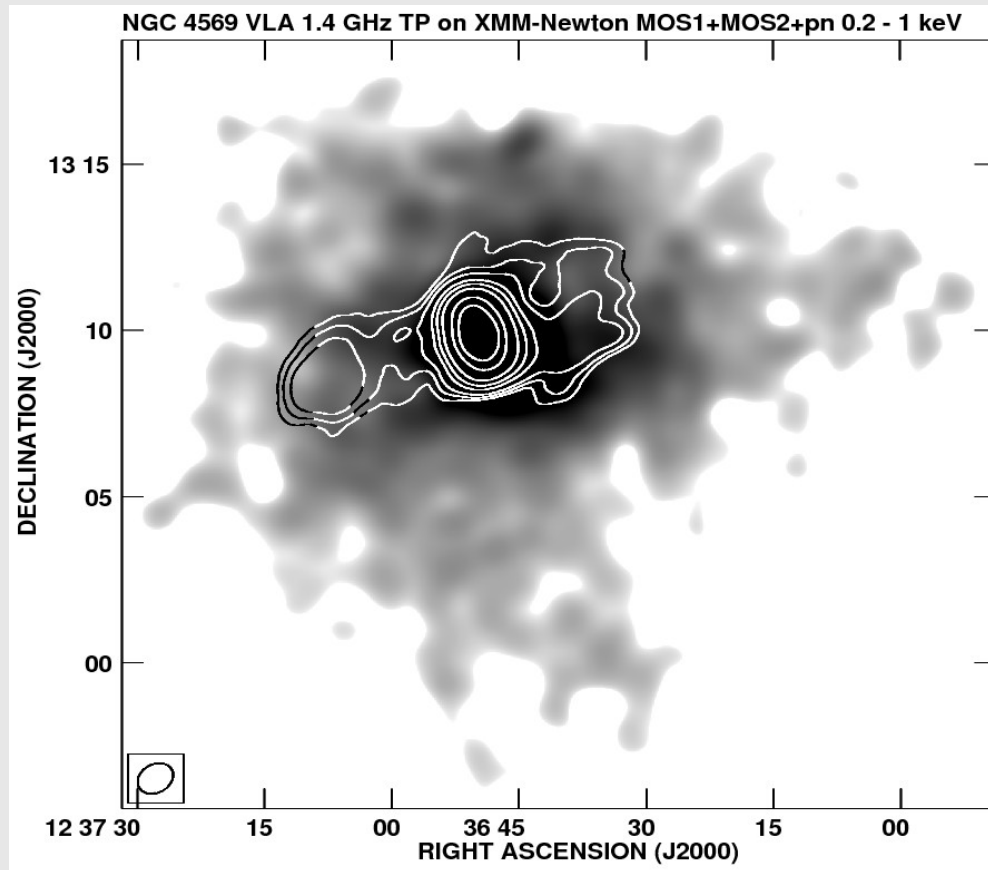


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- When the temperature increases, we see a compression by a shock

NGC 4569

The Mach cone

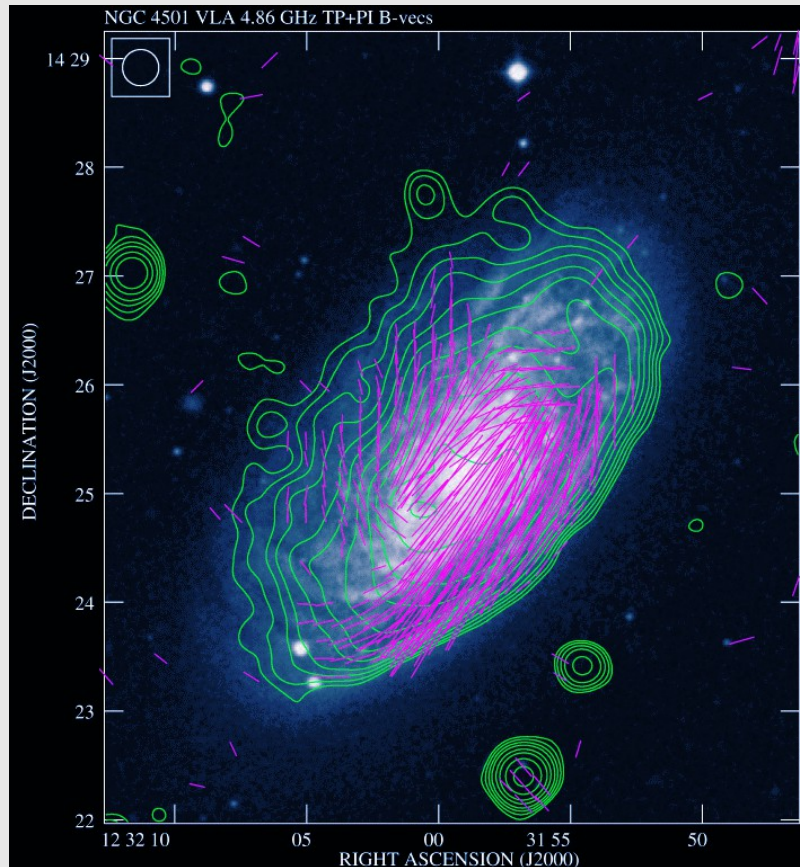


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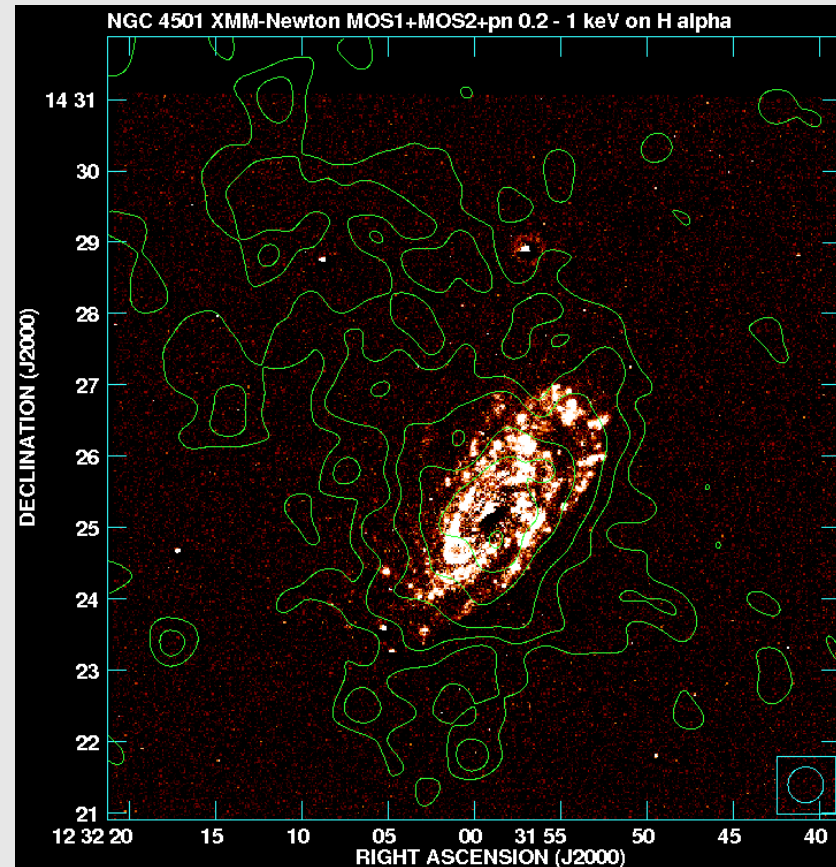
- Detection of a large scale halo shaped possibly filling a Mach cone (galactic velocity of almost Mach 3)

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NGC 4501



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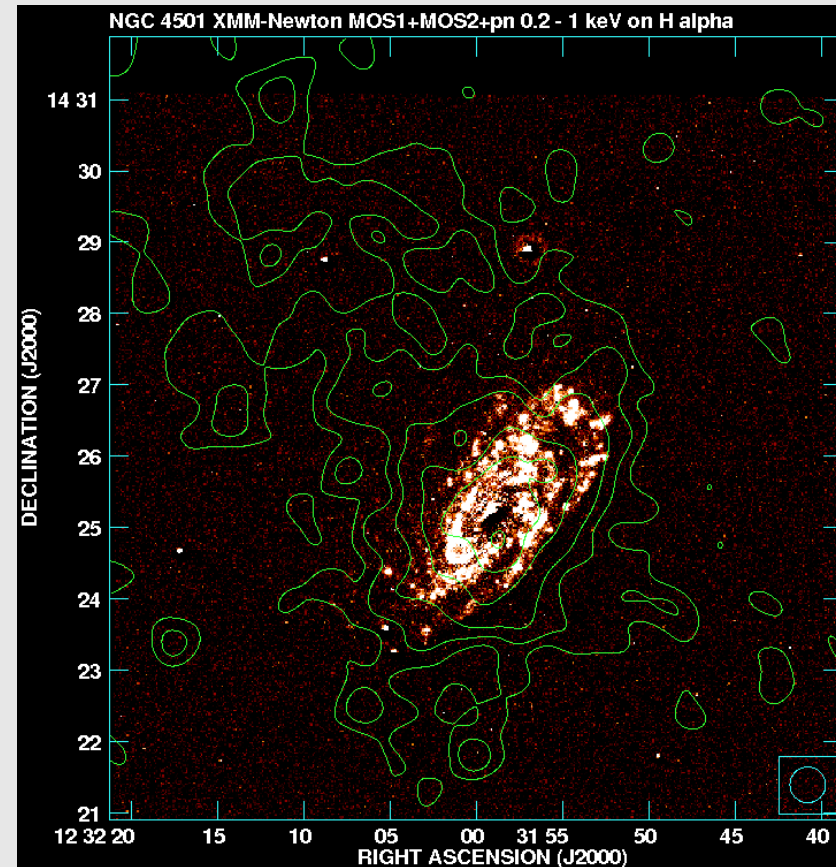
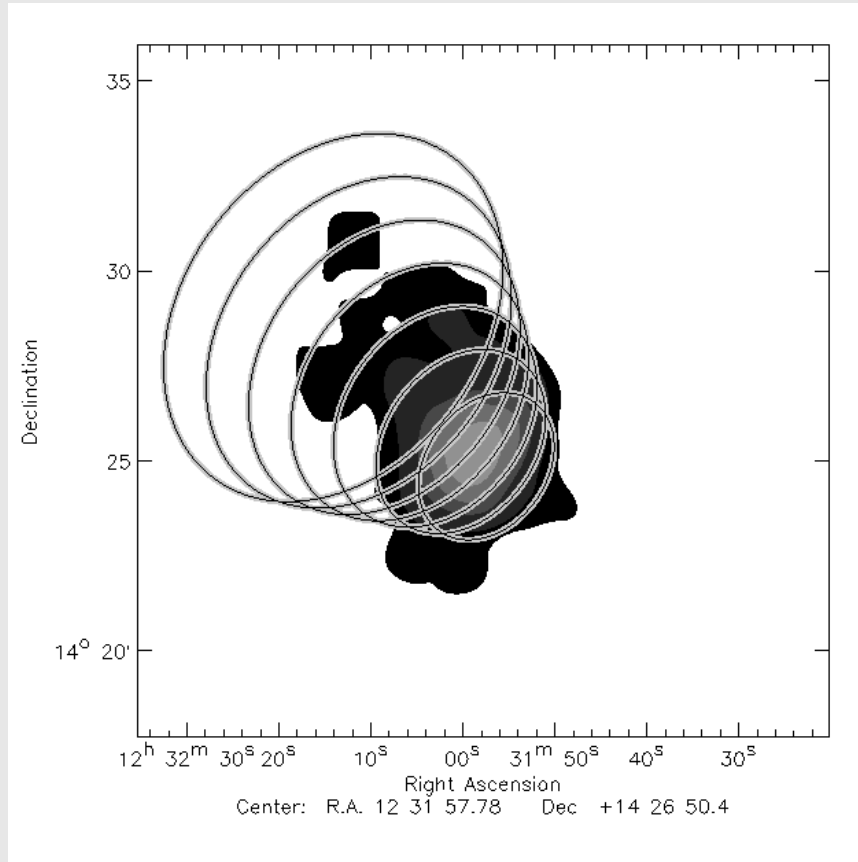


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- But note that gas compressions are not always obvious
- In X-rays, hot gas tails are easier to detect than shock fronts/compressions

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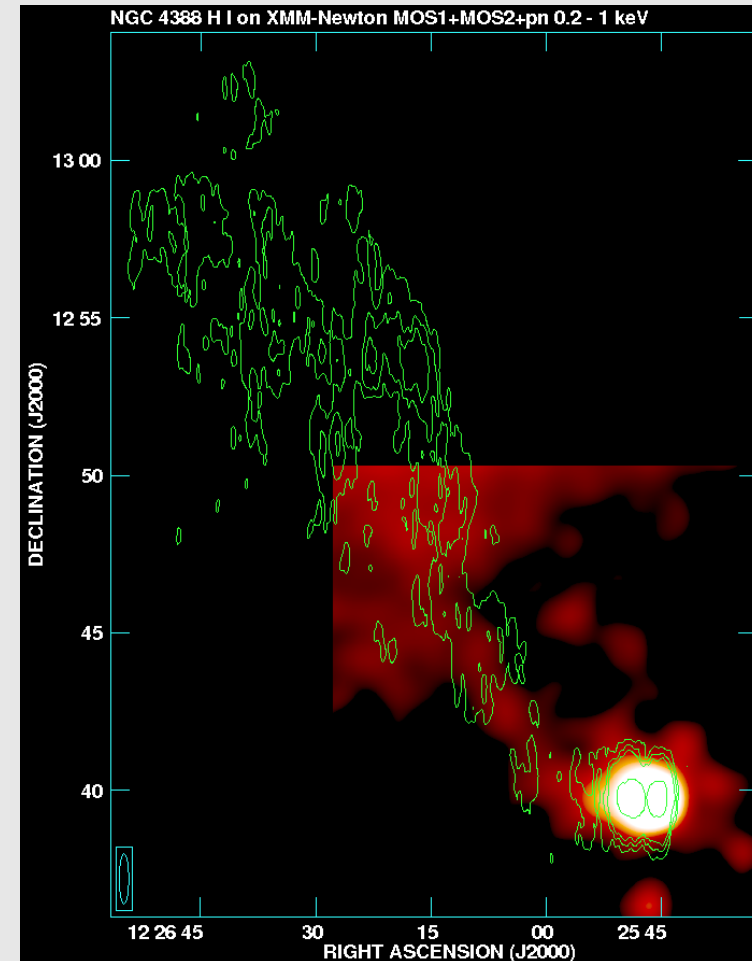
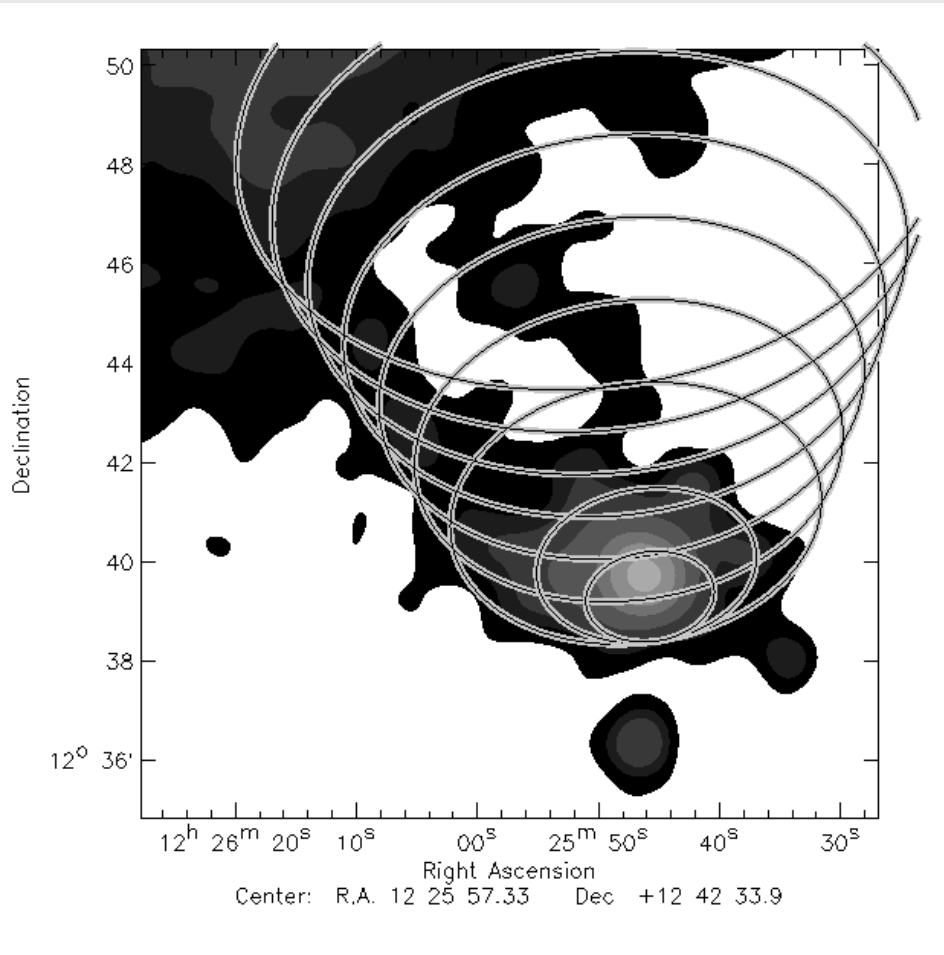
NGC 4501: Mach cone



- A Mach cone is not obvious, but the hot gas stays within the structure

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NGC 4388: Mach cone

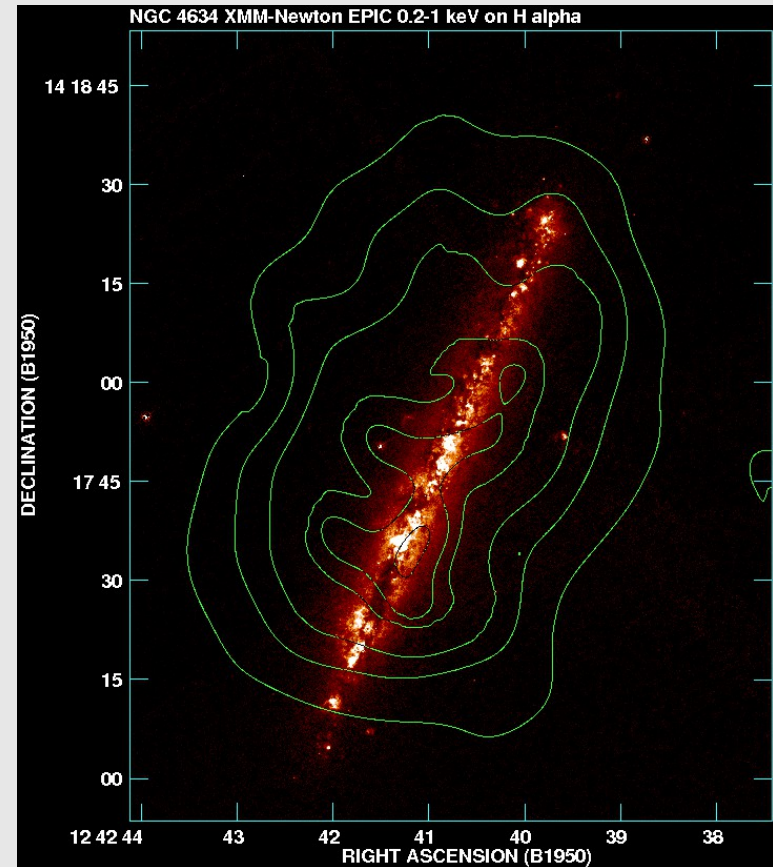
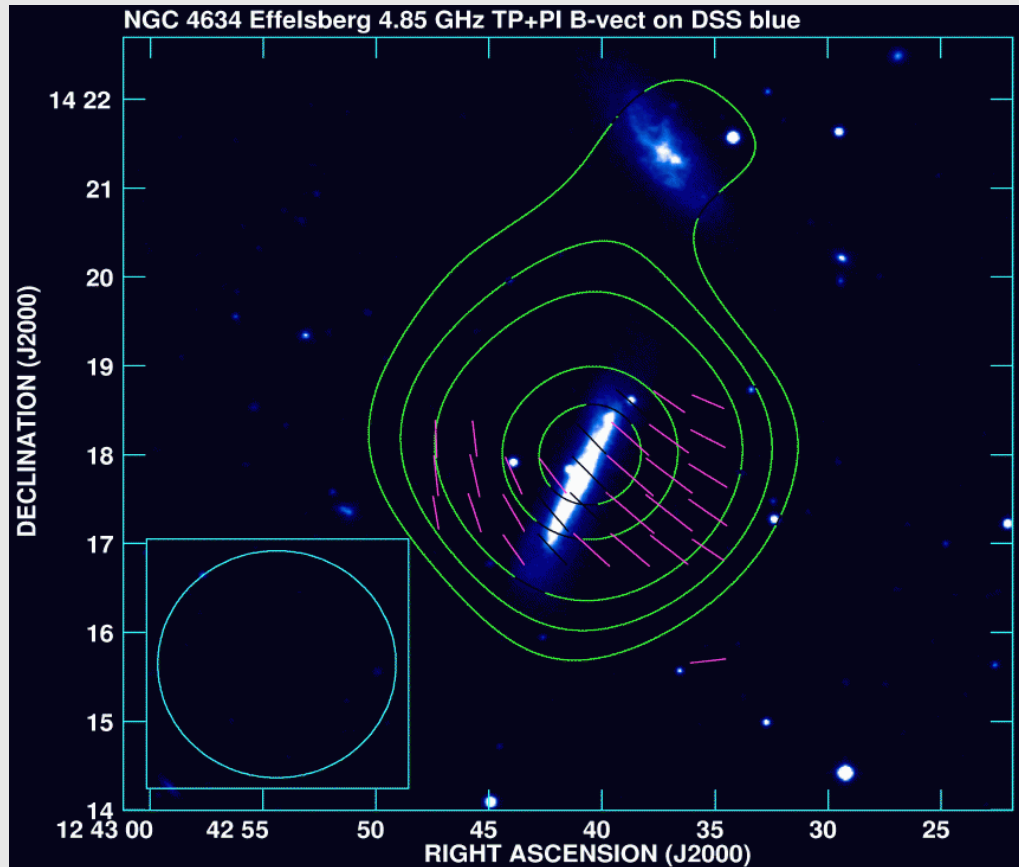


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- Hot gas along the surface of the Mach cone?

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NGC 4634



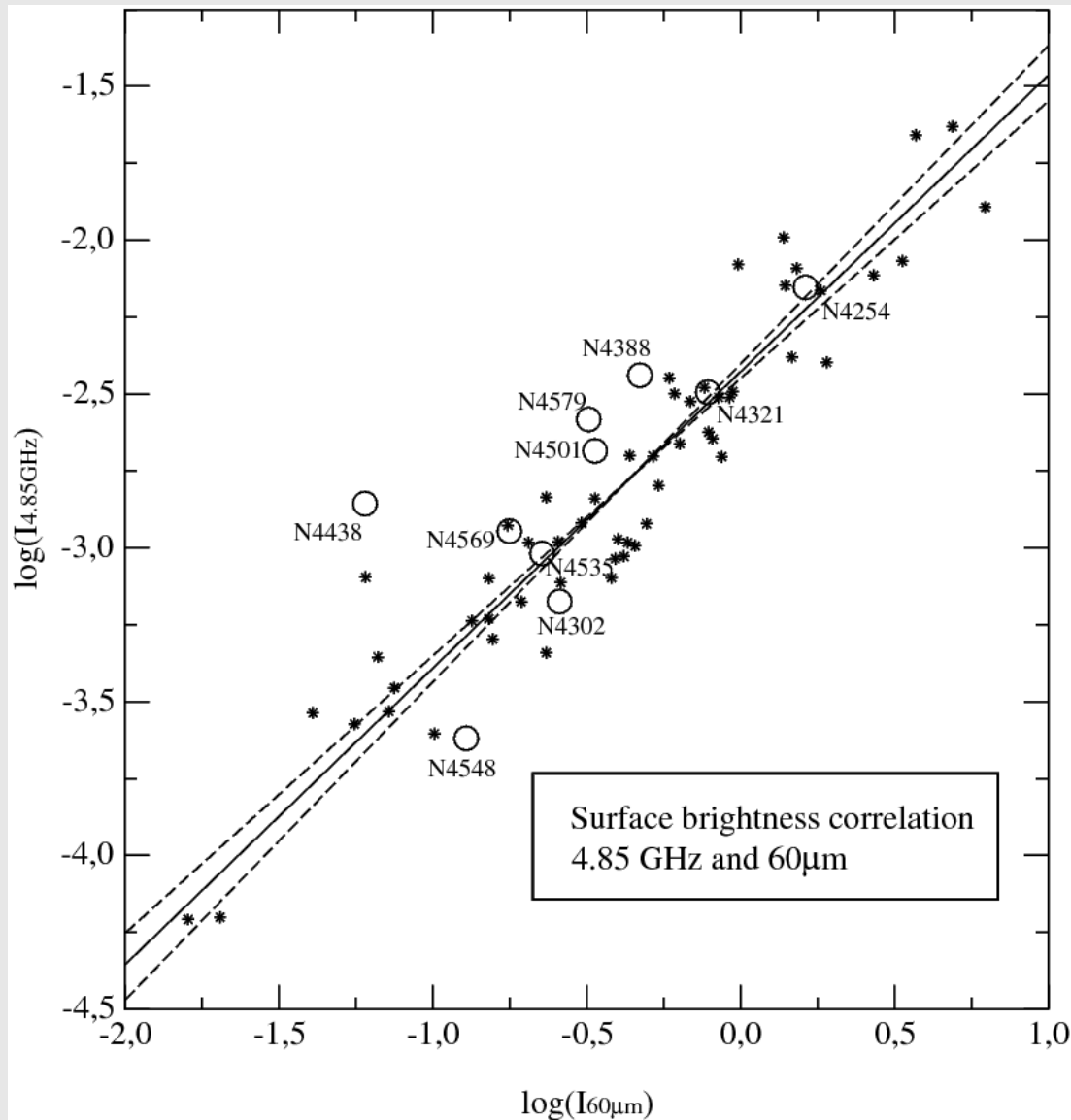
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- NGC 4634: magnetic field geometry contradicting (?) ram-pressure scenario?

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Virgo Cluster

Radio-FIR correlation



- Even disturbed galaxies follow well the correlation
- Only central non-thermal sources can cause deviations

Weżgowiec et al. 2012, A&A, submitted

Summary

Combining X-ray with PI studies

- X-rays add important information to radio polarized intensity studies
- Many (all?) Virgo Cluster spirals show signs of interaction both in the magnetic field and hot halo morphologies
- With X-rays we can investigate origins of magnetic field enhancements
- We detected a cone-like-shaped hot halo around NGC 4569, which most likely entirely fills its Mach cone
- For NGC 4388 and NGC 4501 we do not have direct detections of Mach cones but the observations match well the derived geometries
- While hot gas tails are “easily” visible, to see a shock front in X-rays we probably need velocities above \sim Mach 3
- Milder shocks, however, can be traced via spectral analysis of the hot gas and the PI observations