



Multiple AGN Activity in galaxy mergers: the remarkable case of SDSS J0959+1259

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INTRO

Multiple supermassive black holes systems are of wide astrophysical relevance

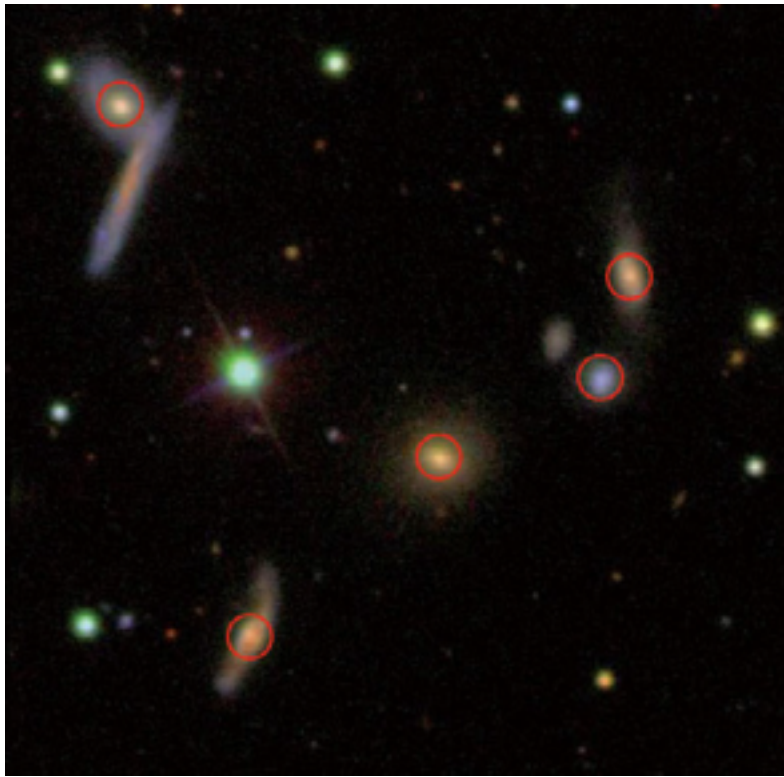
- Their detection and number estimates provide important constraints on models for galaxy formation and BHs evolution (feedback).
- formation of the torus-like structure in the environment of the SMBHs
- differences between different classes of radio-loud AGN
- the distortions and the bending in radio jets
- coalescing binary SMBHs are strong emitters of gravitational waves detectable with eLISA.

Selection methods

- Spectroscopic measurements of offset AGN broad emission-lines (double peaked systems) separated each other and the host galaxy's stellar continuum light
- image of a binary AGN which forms a gravitationally bound system. Requires high spatial resolution \sim mas (VLBI, e.g. 0402+379)
- nearly periodic variability on a time scale associated with the orbital period of the binary (OJ 287)
- ***High penetrative X-ray emission***

MAGNA goal is the first systematic study of a well defined sample of multiple SMBHs using multiband information

The quintet group SDSS 0959+1259

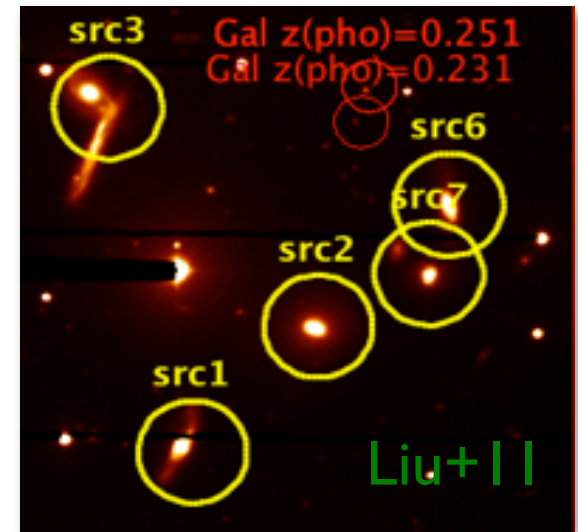


Composite gri SDSS image (100''x100'')
z=0.03

- ✓ The only Quintet group in the huge optical sample (Liu+11)
- ✓ XMM 20 ks exposure
- ✓ Follow-up 2.2 m telescope in Calar Alto BUSCA optical image

The crowded field

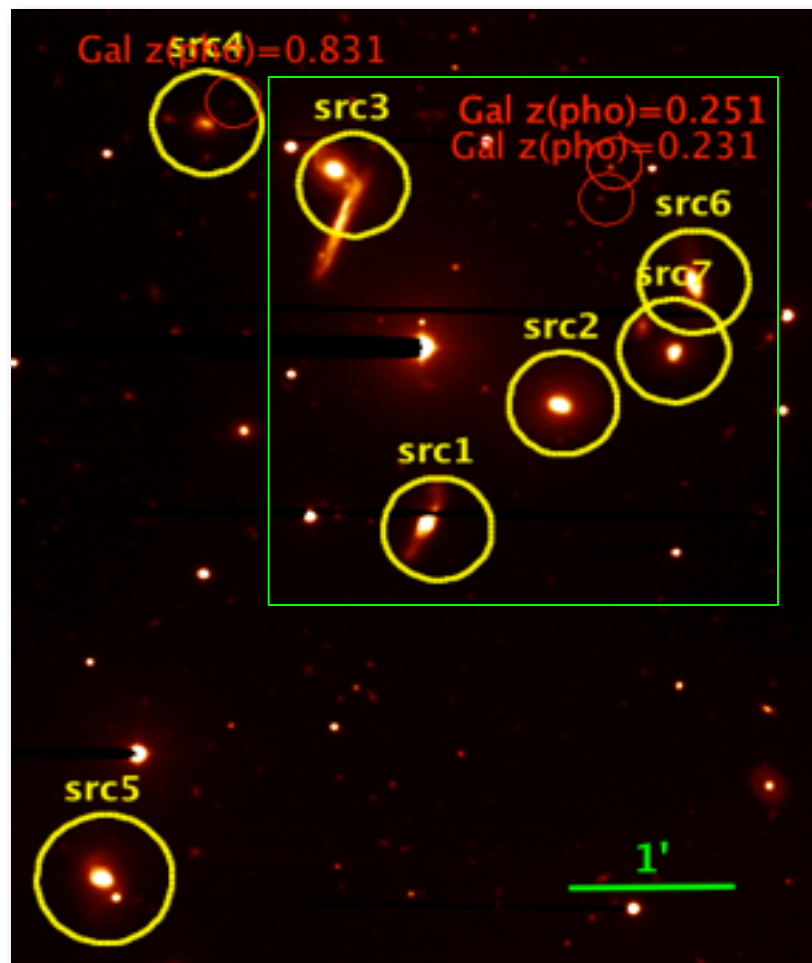
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~70 kpc (1.5 arcmin)

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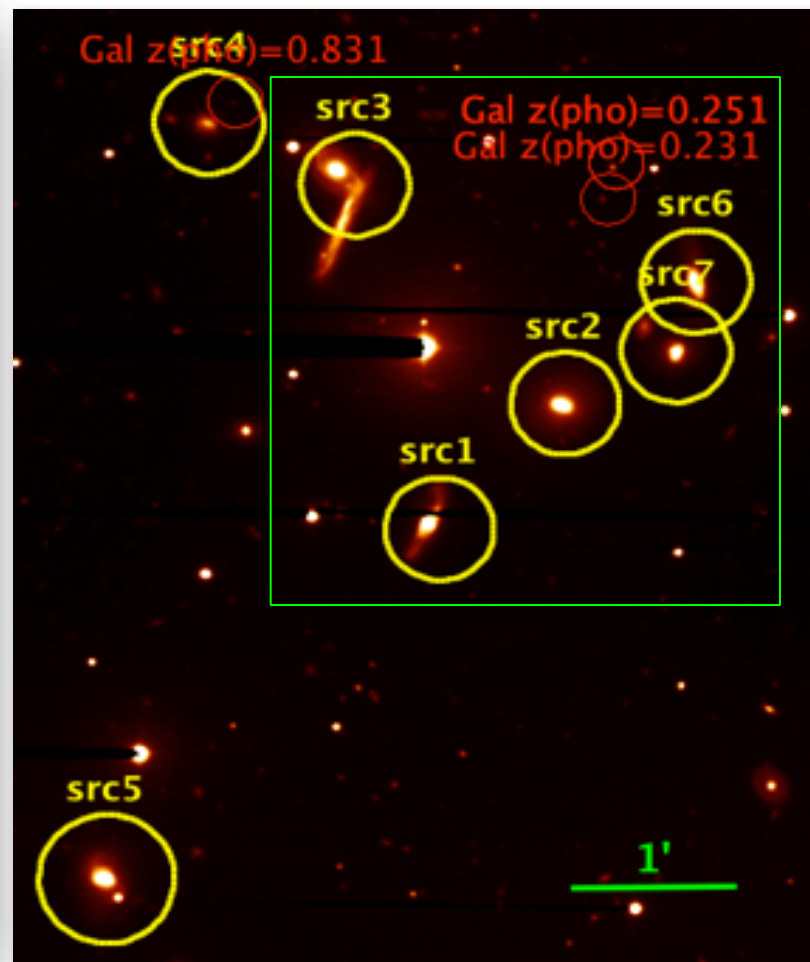
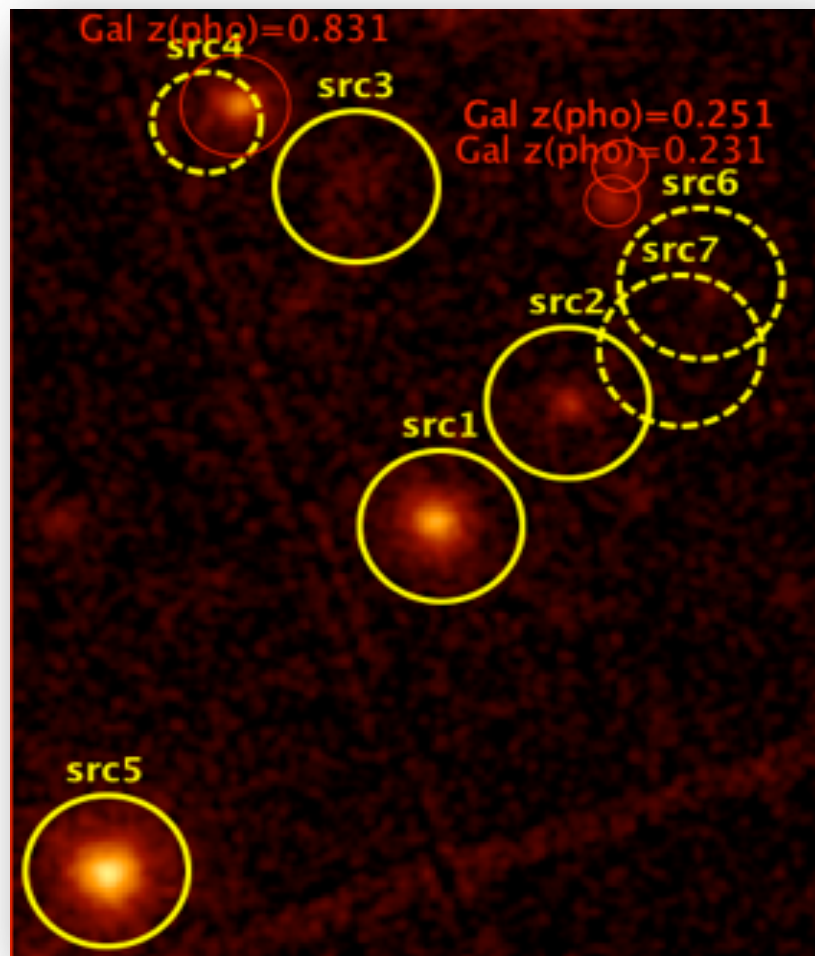
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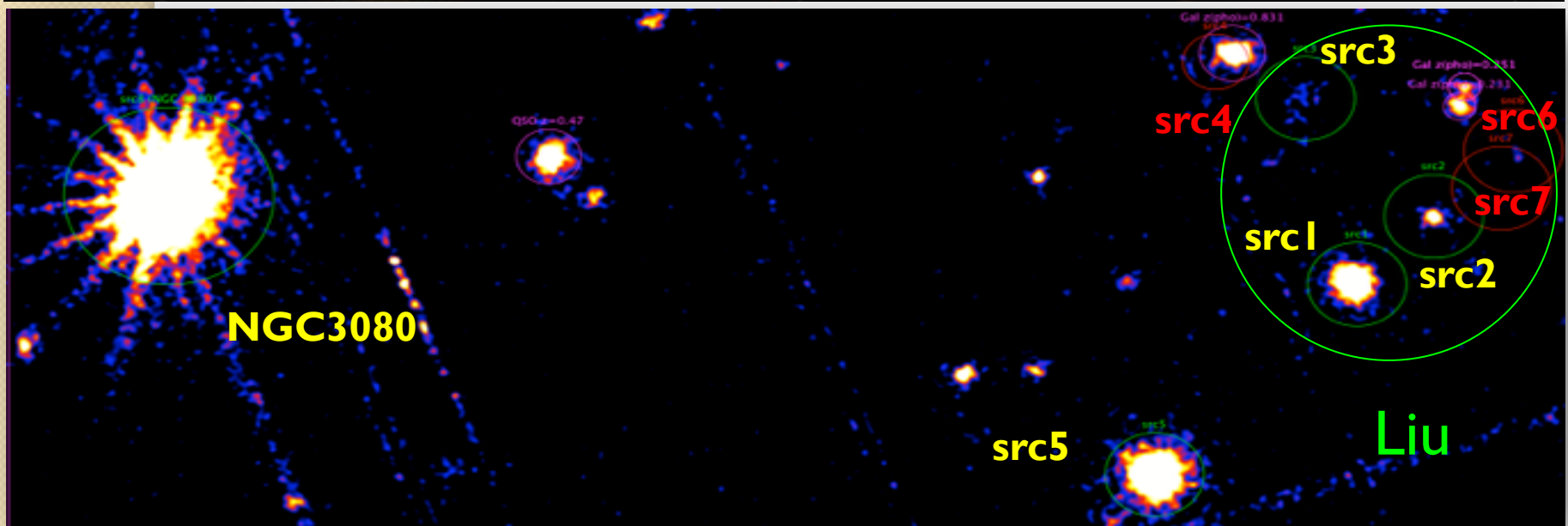
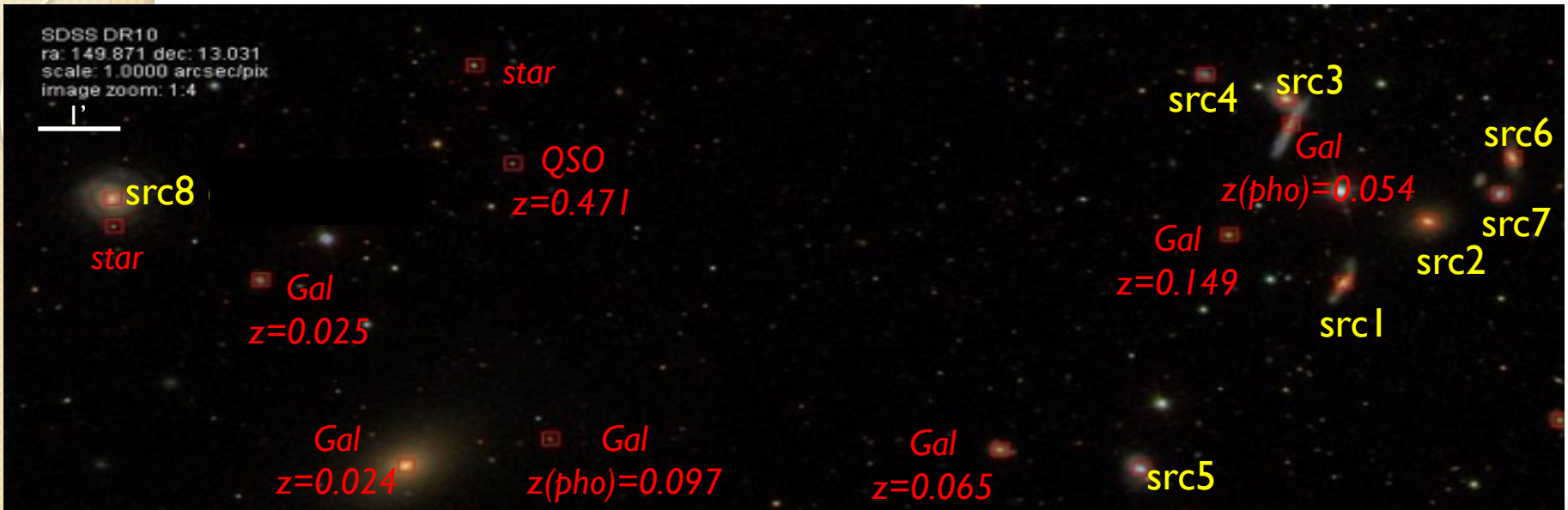
XMM pn+MOS12

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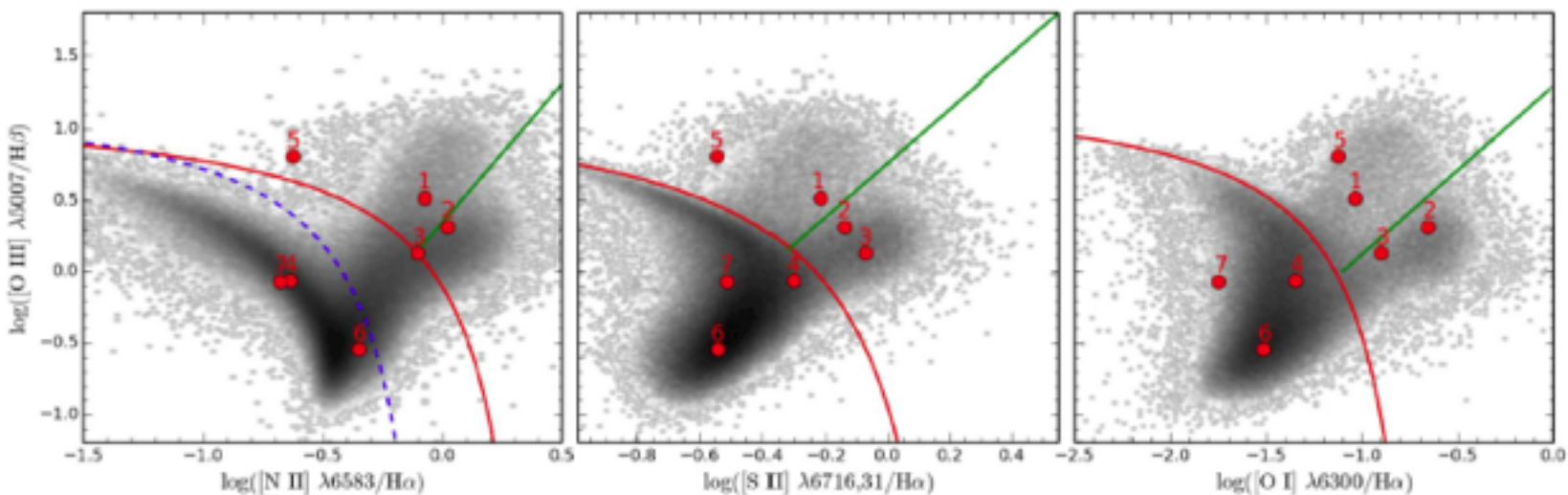
De Rosa+ 2015

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600 kpc (15 arcmin)

The galaxy compact group



The selection

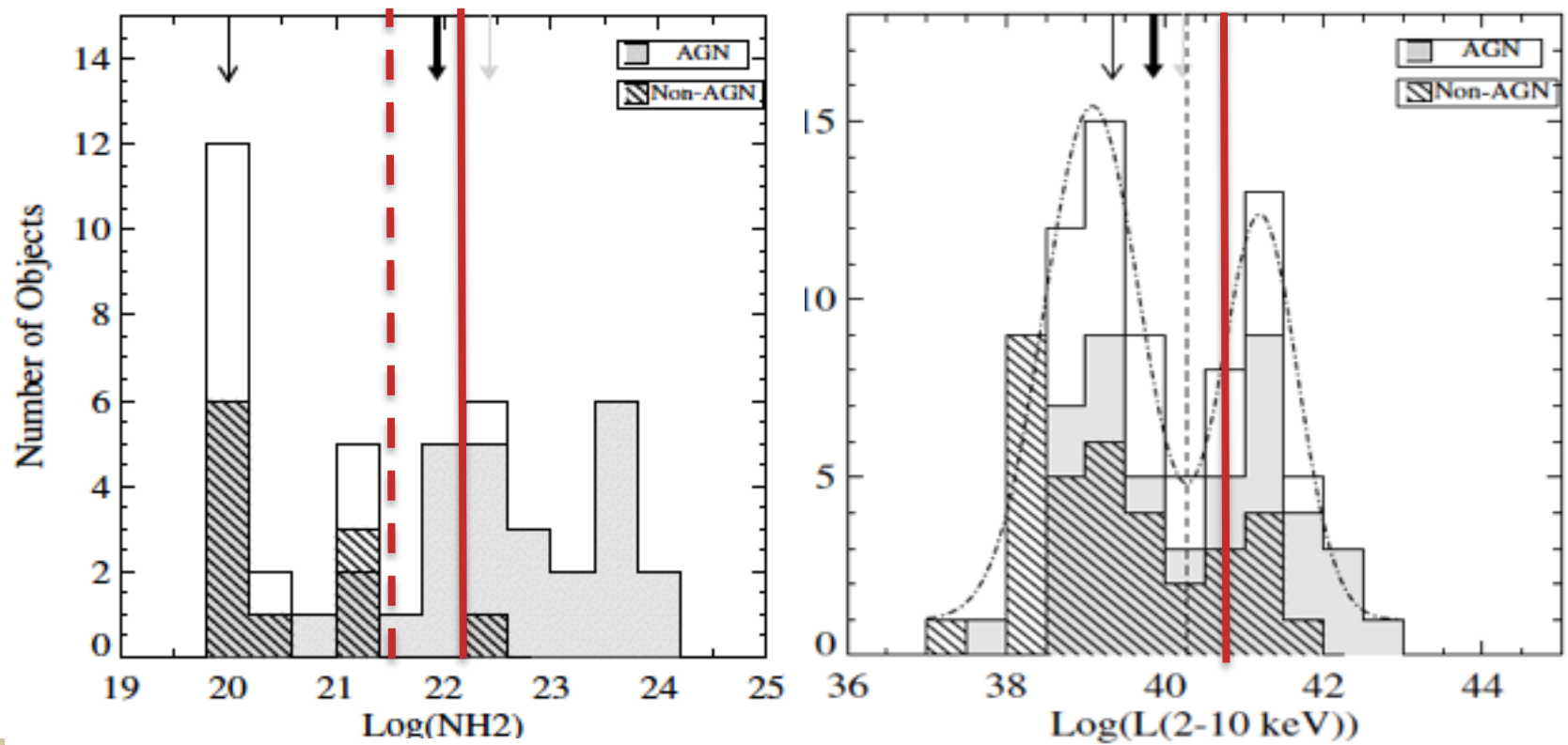
- I. Concordant redshift, 0.033-0.037,
- II. $D_v < 500$ km/s or less
- III. Proj. dist $d < 300 h^{-1}$ kpc

The CG

1. **Type 2 AGN -- X-ray**
2. **LINER - X-Ray**
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4. **SFG - X ray UL**
5. **Type 2 AGN - X- ray**
6. **SFG - X ray UL**
7. **SFG - X ray UL**
8. **Type I AGN - X-ray**

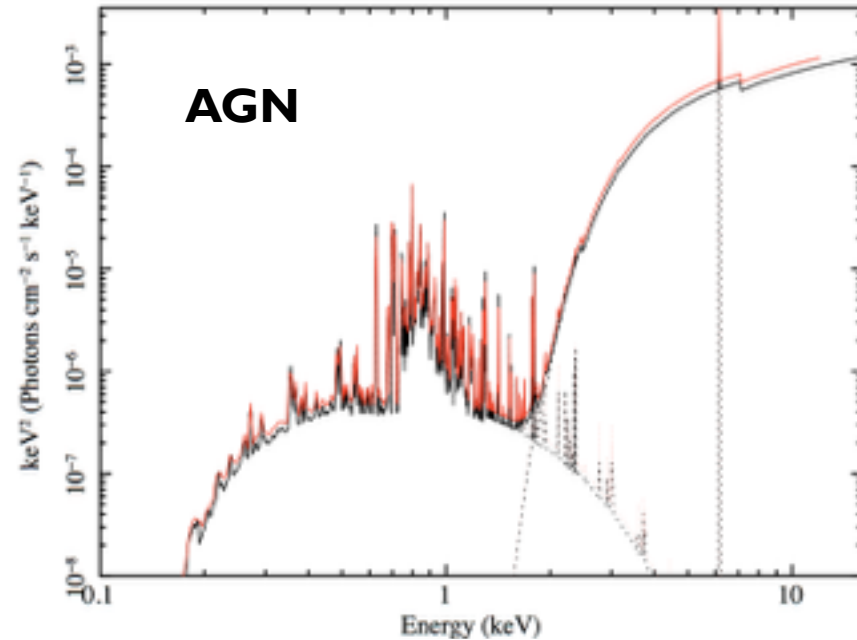
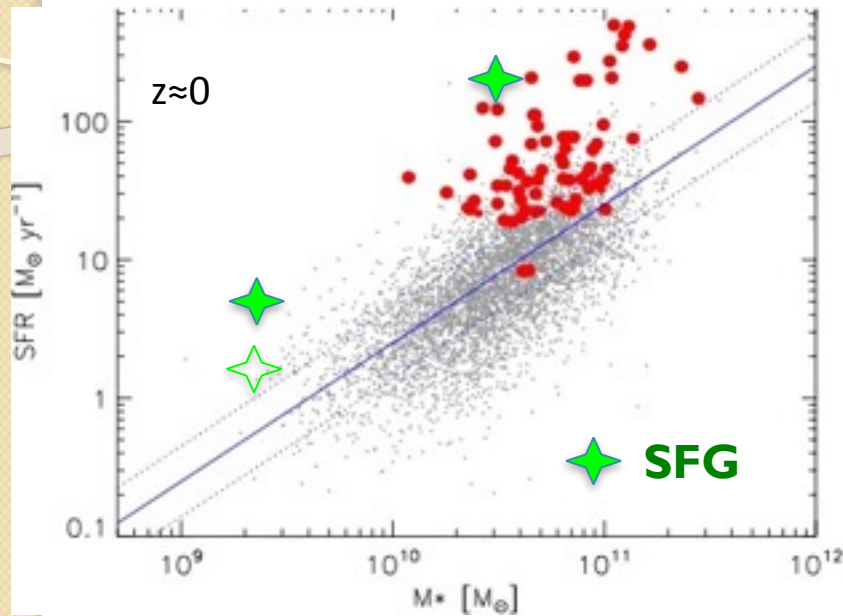
LINERs in our CG are likely accretion driven

X-ray view of LINERs with XMM and Chandra



Gonzales-Martin+2009

Enhanced star forming rate

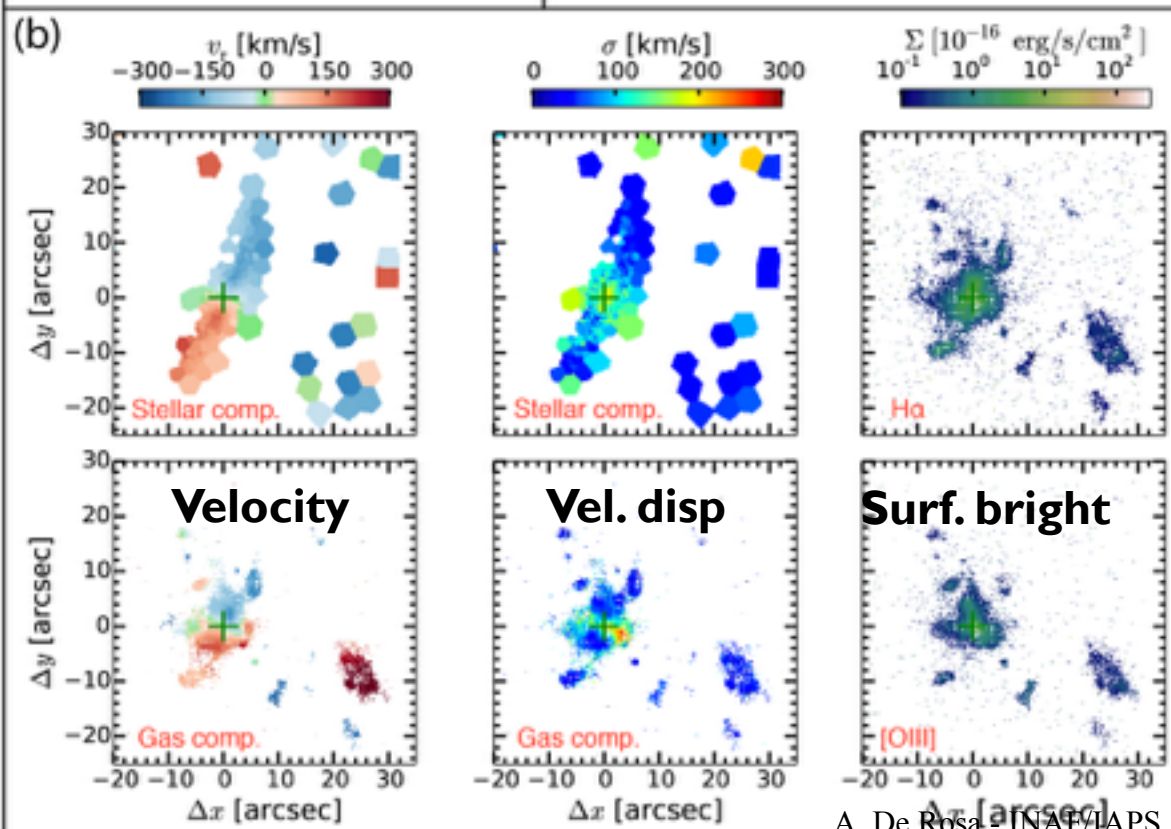
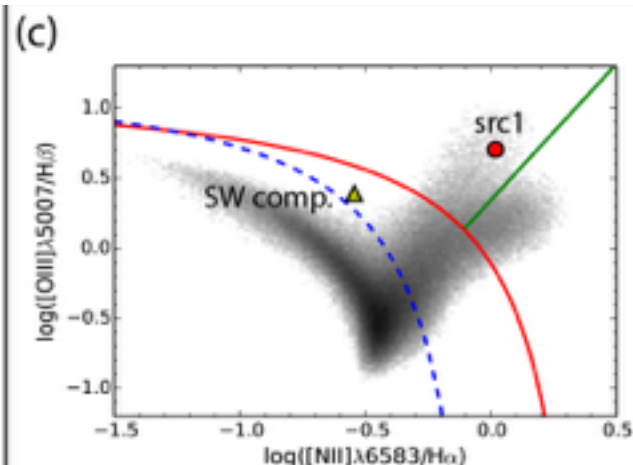
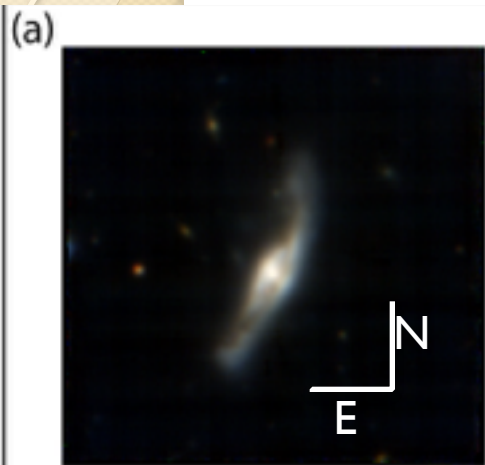


- Enhanced Star formation rate if compared to the local universe (Elbaz+11).
- high fraction of SFG (~40%) in our CG
- thermal component in the Sey2 is highly significant, 1–2% L_x in 0.5–2 keV.
- From Ranalli+03: SFR < 20 M_{sun}/yr (BUT NLR emission can contribute)

CG J0959+1259 a case study

- High Fraction of AGN/LINERs: 60% (5 over 8)
- X-ray study of 18 CG ($L_x > 10^{40}$ erg/s, B mag < 18) showed less than 1 AGN/group (Silverman+14)
- SFR enhanced
- Richness HI gas – tidal signature/distortion
- very low $[NII]/H\alpha$ possibly due to recent interaction

All these properties allow detailed, spatially resolved mapping of the distribution and kinematics of the stellar and gaseous components



VLT MUSE

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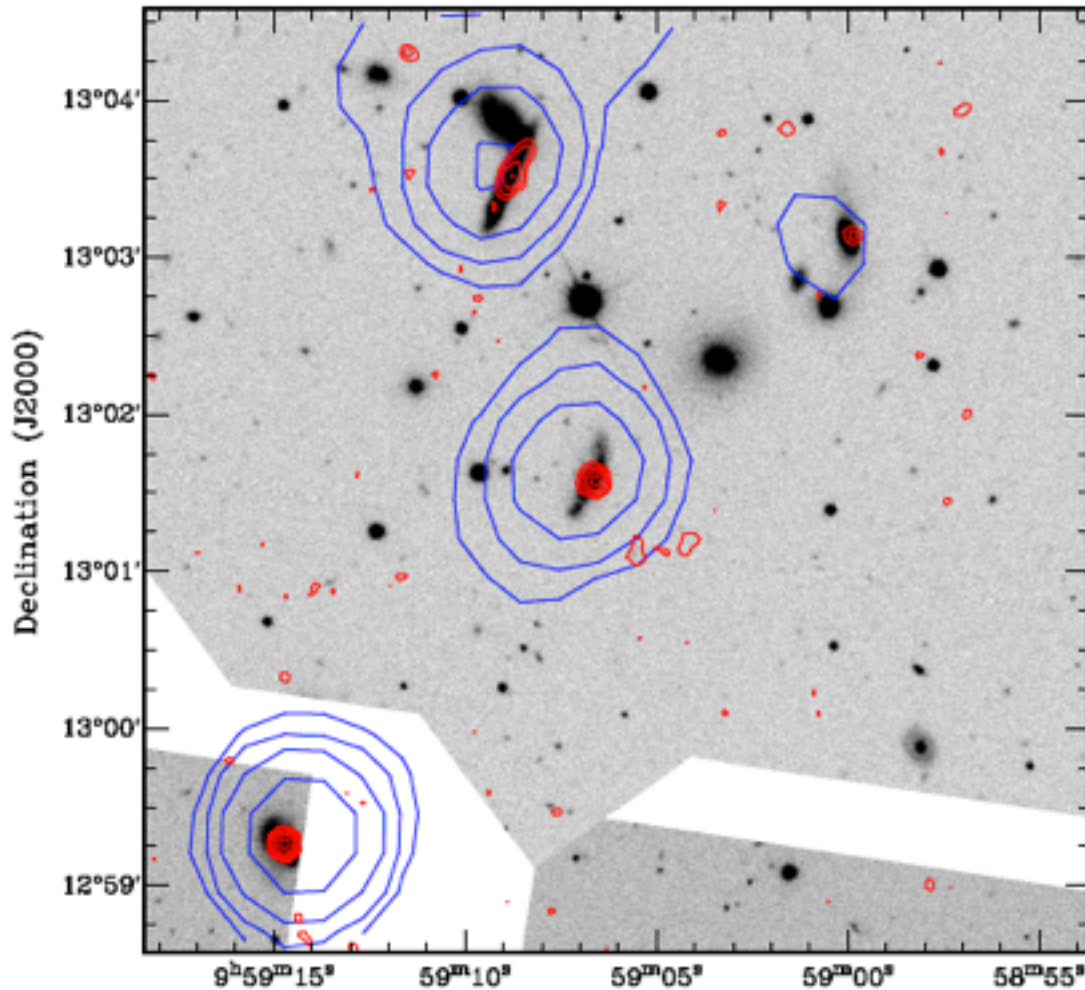
- A strong galactic wind in the ionized gas perpendicular to the disc seen as a rise in the gas velocity dispersion.
- A prominent ionized gas region to the SW, and the lack of a counterpart in the broad-band image, possibly indicative of a gas outflow.
- BPT: AGN-dominated region and the SW component in the star-forming dominated region.

Credit B. Husemann

VLA - PI R. Herrero-Hellana

- The distribution and kinematics of neutral atomic gas will unveil the link among the galaxies in the group and the origin for the enhanced nuclear activity
- The HI content concentrated in group members and in the form of intragroup medium, and how this is linked to their AGN and SF
- The amounts of both neutral (VLA HI) and ionized (MUSE Ha & [O iii]) in order to understand how effective and spatially distributed is the AGN feedback within this CG

eEVN - PI. Z. Paragi



- AGN jets on 1--100 pc scales
- LLAGN in the LINERS
- LLAGN activity in some of the SF galaxies.
- impact of the jet on the kinematics
- of the ionized gas and compare the H-based star formation rates locally (jet-induced star formation) and globally

Credit Z. Paragi

MAGNA-Master Sample (MMS)

- AGN systems optically classified (Liu+11)
- Sy-Sy systems through BPT diagram
- Max proj. dist = 60 kpc (only interacting systems)

Final sample of 16 Systems

- Proj. disc \approx 10-60 kpc and $z \approx 0.03-0.17$
- **XMM AO15 (PI De Rosa) approved the 6 systems with ang sep. $> 10''$ (~ 200 ks)**
- **XMM Campaign just started May 5th first observation!**
- Chandra proposal for the systems with ang sep. $< 10''$
- All systems observed with VLA



In our case the MW approach is mandatory!

The scientific objective is optimized by performing short X-ray observations of small samples of systems

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