

Chandra's view of local optically “dull” X-ray bright galaxies

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ROSAT



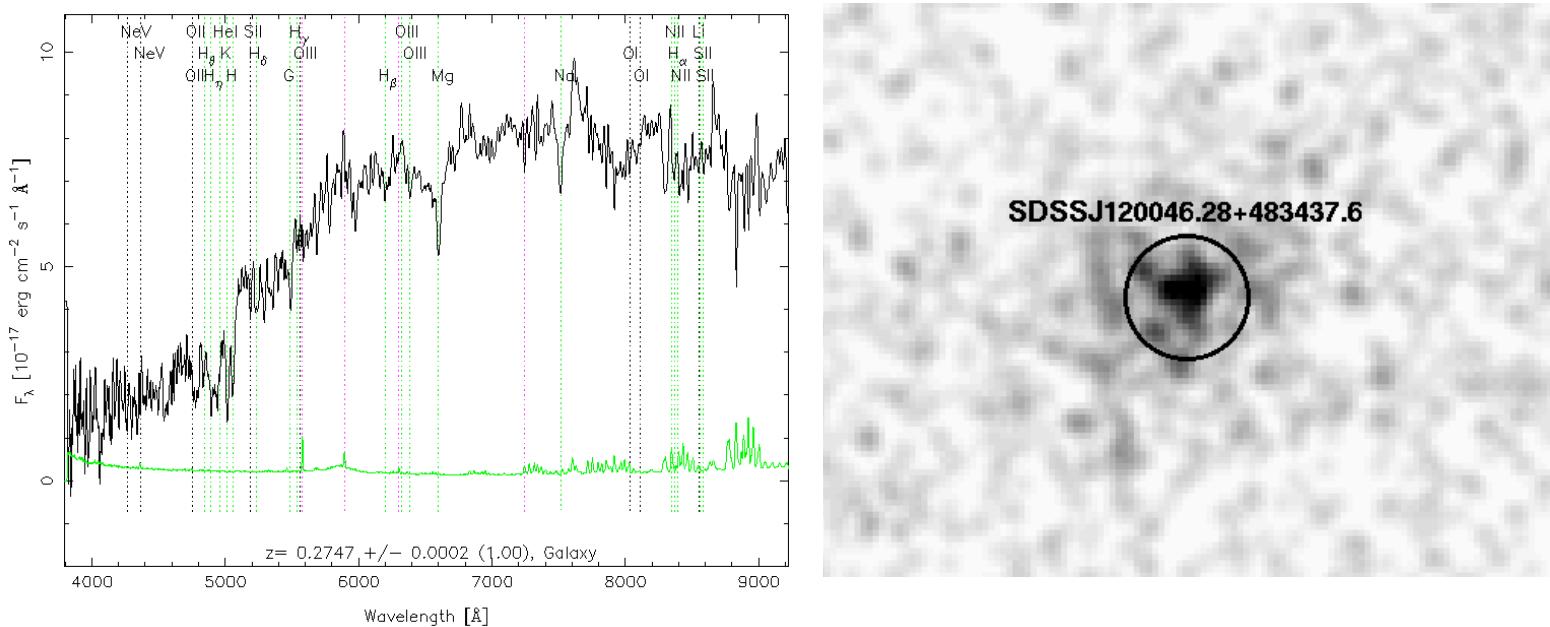
SDSS



Chandra

X-ray Bright, Optically Normal Galaxies

- XBONG (a.k.a. optically “dull” X-ray bright gals)
 - Substantial (AGN-like) X-ray luminosity *e.g., Elvis et al. 1981*
 - No narrow or broad optical emission lines



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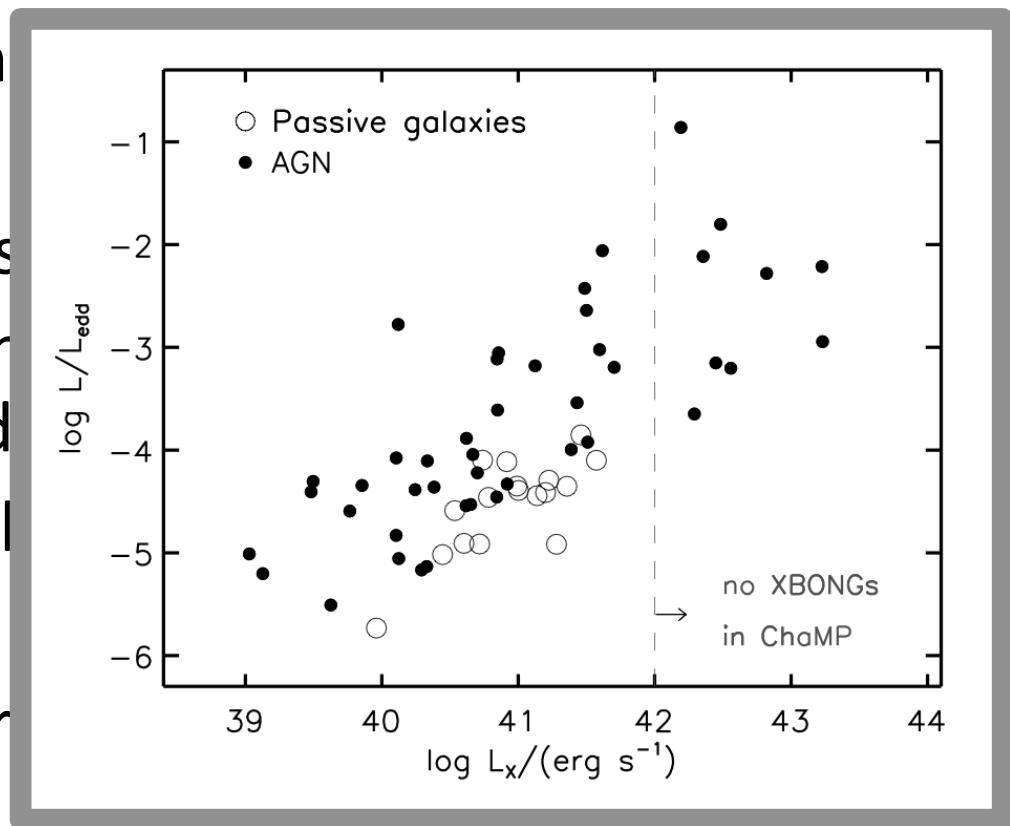
- Why no AGN-like optical emission lines?
 - **Dilution**: AGN emission diluted by host starlight
Moran et al. 2002; Caccianiga et al. 2007; Trump et al. 2009
 - **Obscuration**: Both broad & narrow line regions obscured
Comastri et al. 2002; Rigby et al. 2006
 - **Inefficient Accretion**: RIAFs with truncated disks (little optical/UV)
Yuan & Narayan et al. 2004; Trump et al. 2009
 - **Variability**: data not coeval; tidal disruptions
Komossa et al. 2004; Gezari et al. 2006
 - **Extended hot gas**: poor or “fossil” galaxy groups
Jones et al. 2003; Georgantopoulos & Georgakakis et al. 2005

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 - X-ray spectral constraints and spatial modeling
 - High S/N
 - H α in the optical spectrum
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Sample Selection

8 local targets selected for Chandra follow-up:

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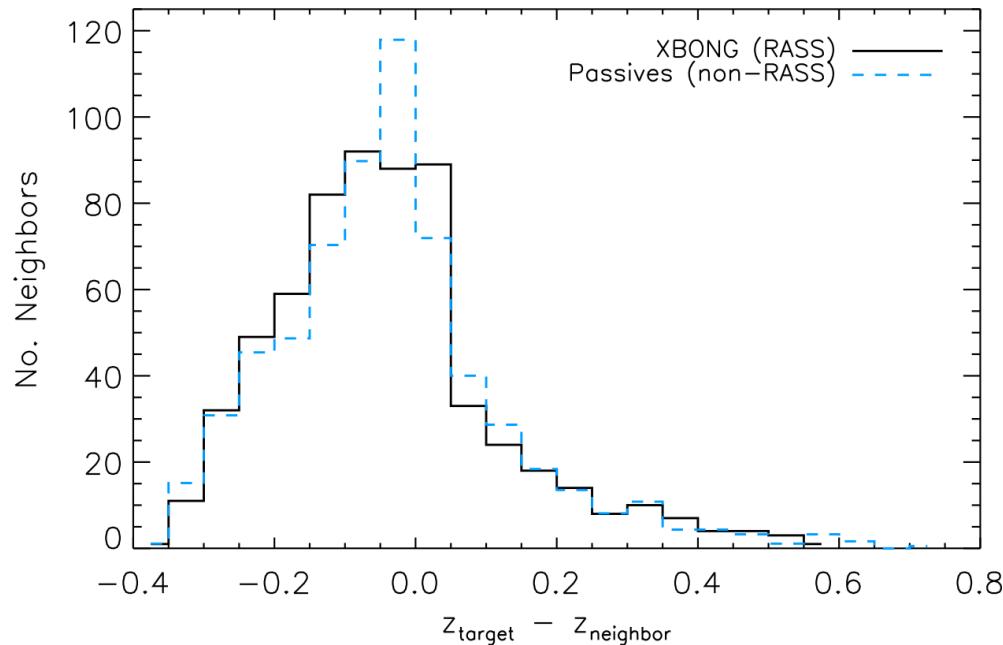
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No Measurable Clustering

- Association with groups and clusters possible
- RASS sources not reliably extended until 1', but 97% of sources above 20" extent excluded

Bohringer *et al.* 2000



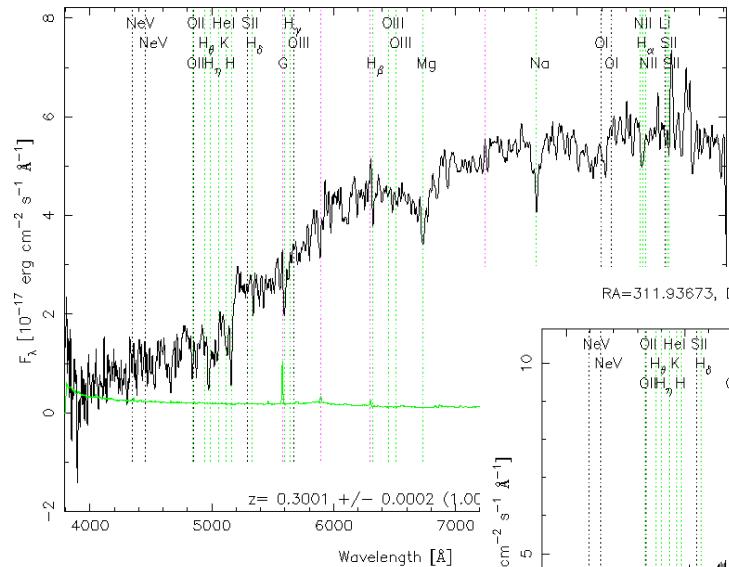
- Eliminate catalog matches
- RASS XBONG cands no more clustered than non-RASS passives

SDSS Imaging

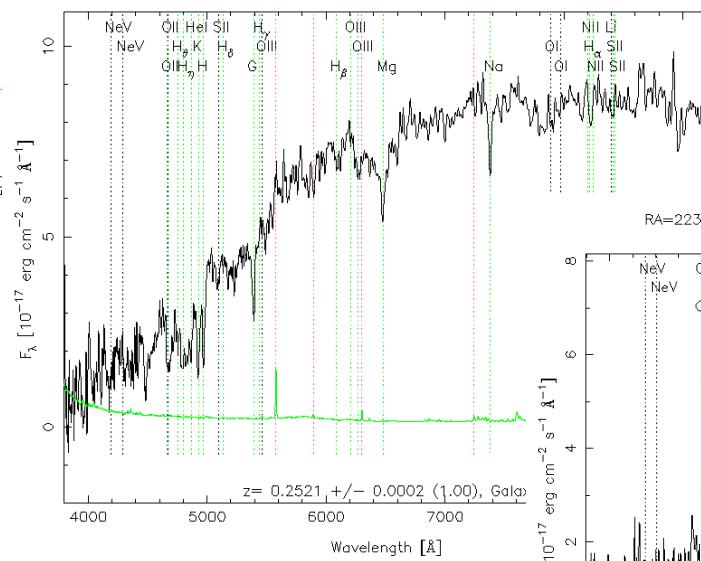


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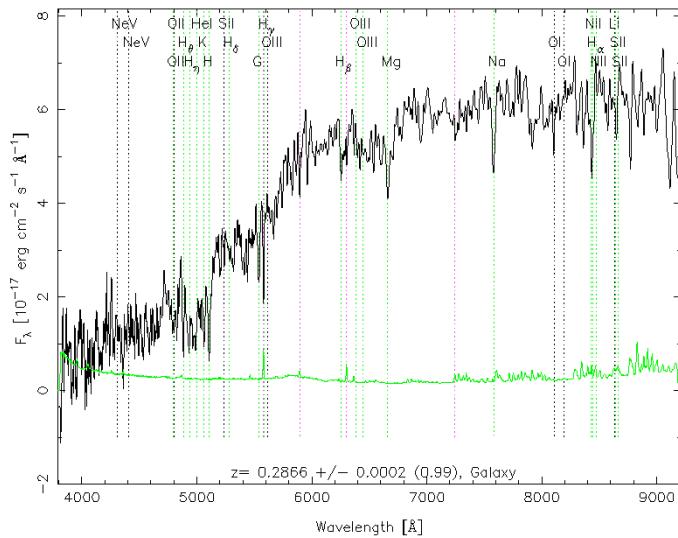
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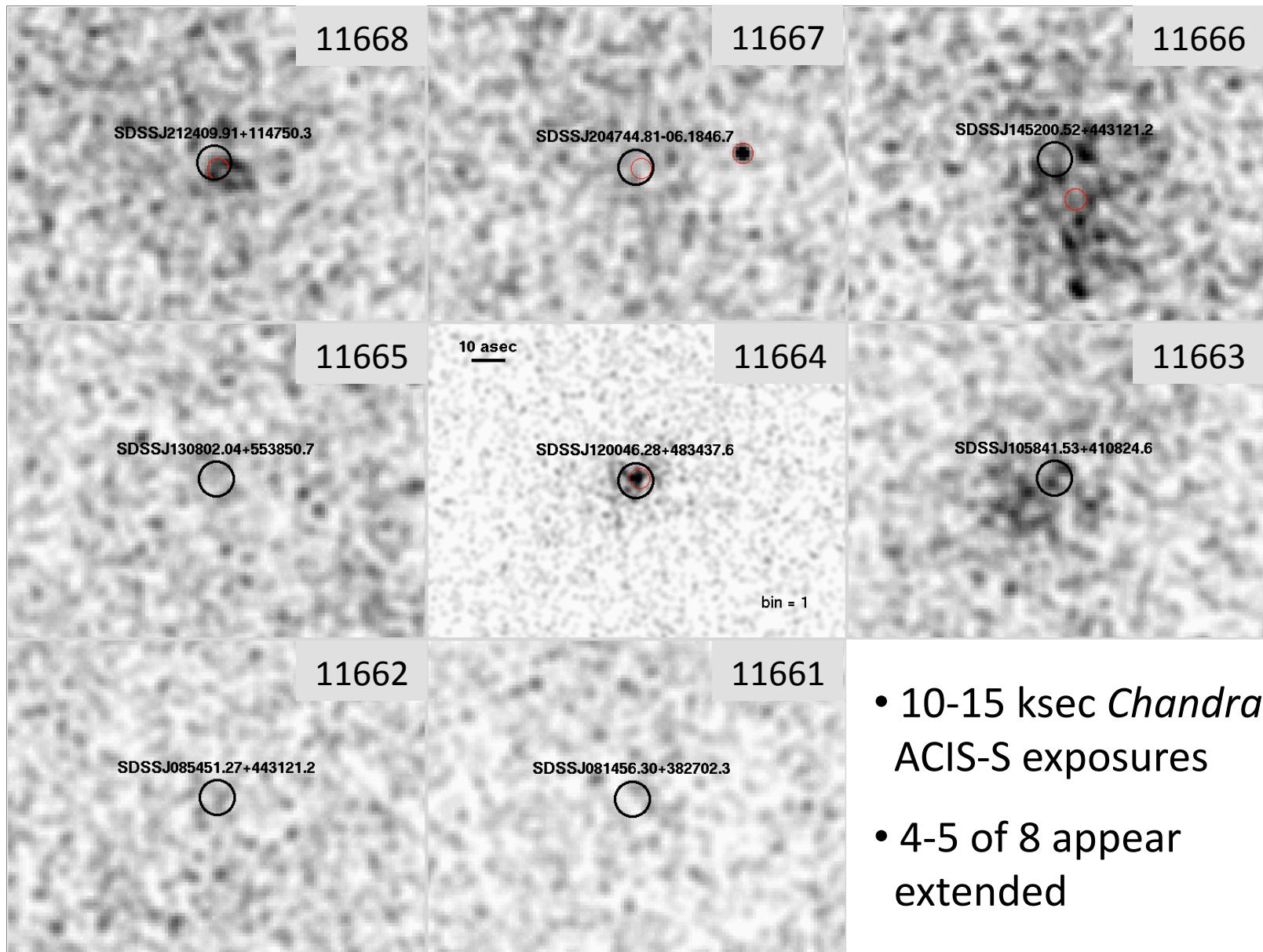


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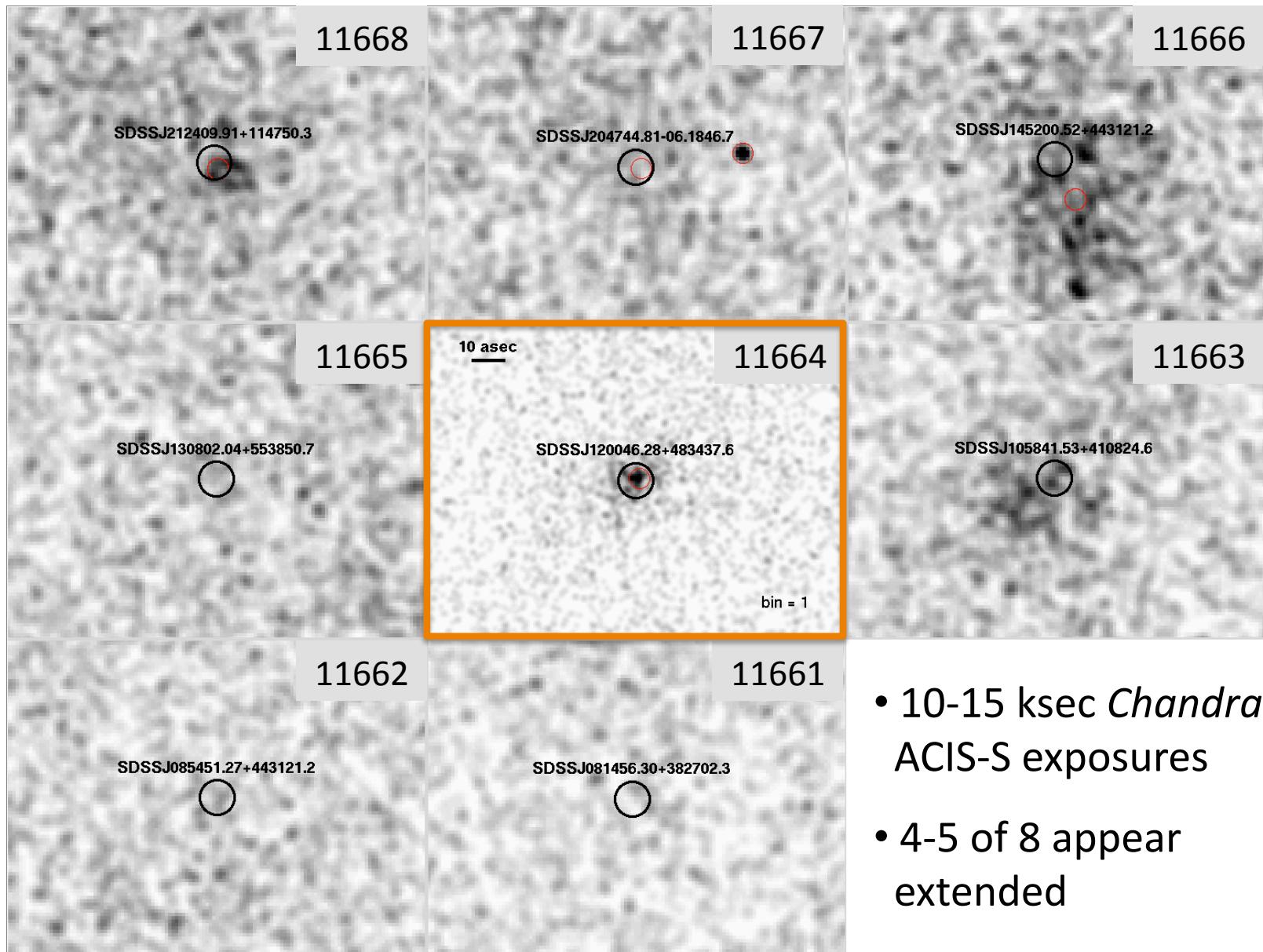


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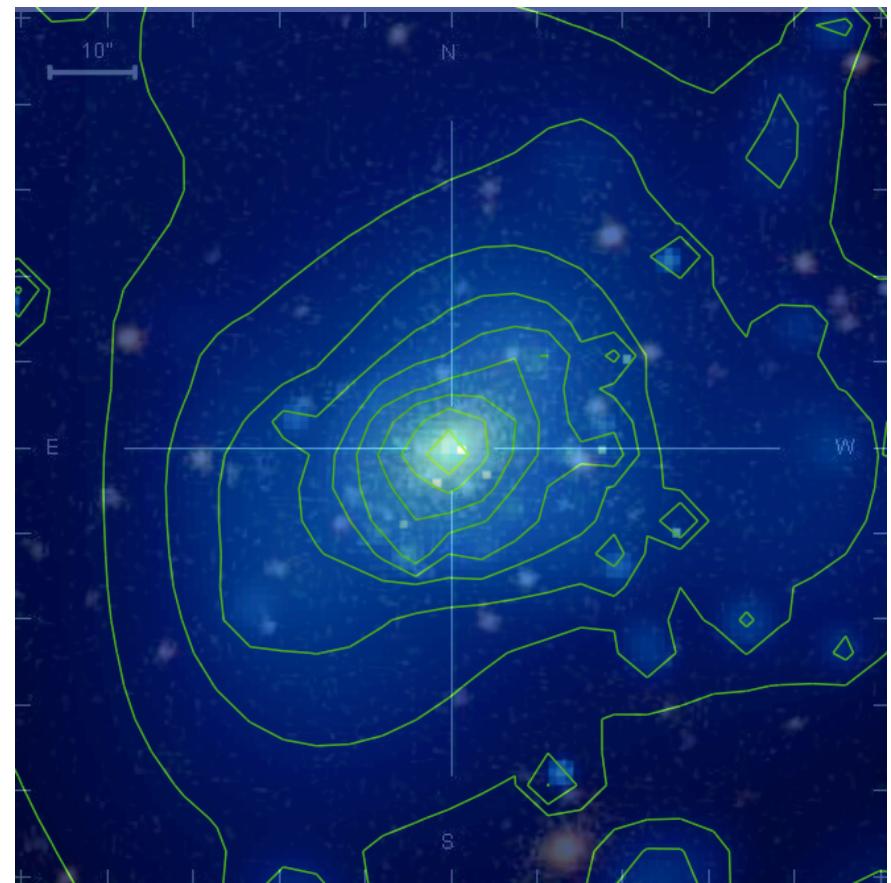
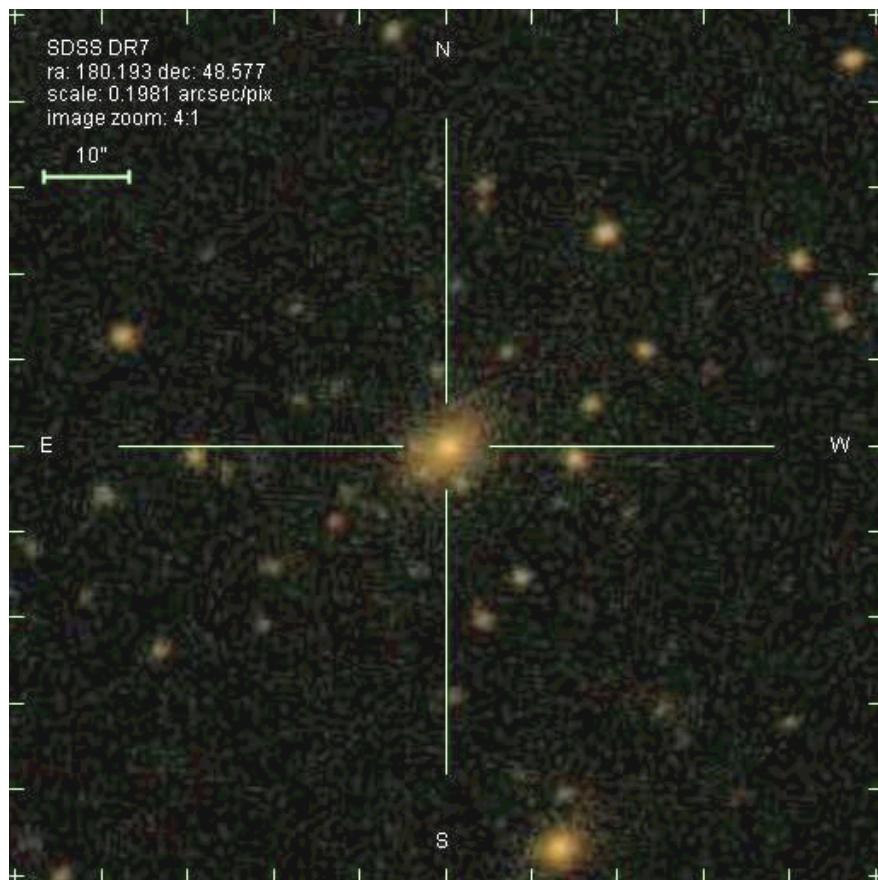
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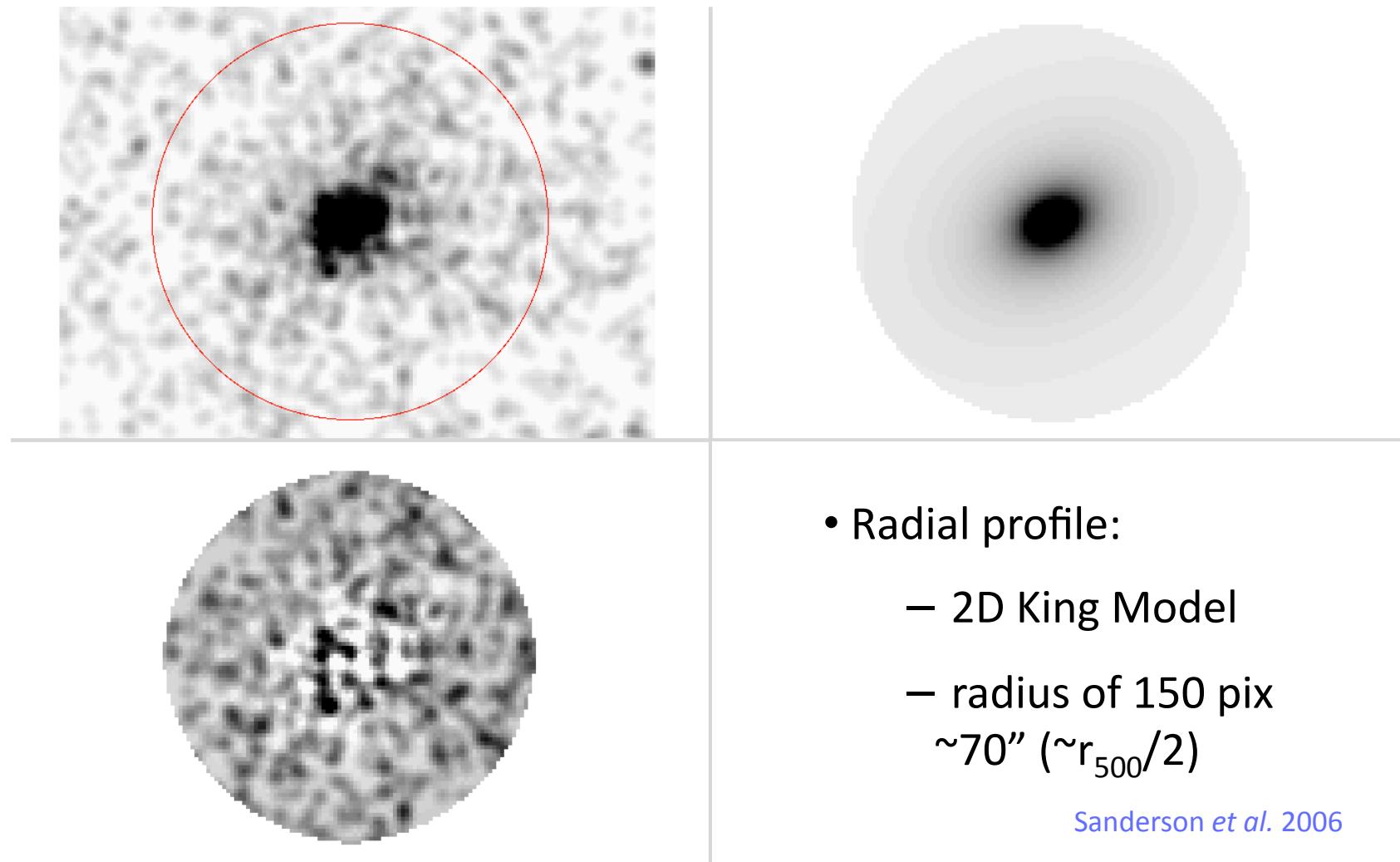
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SDSS J1200+4834

Extended hot gas!?

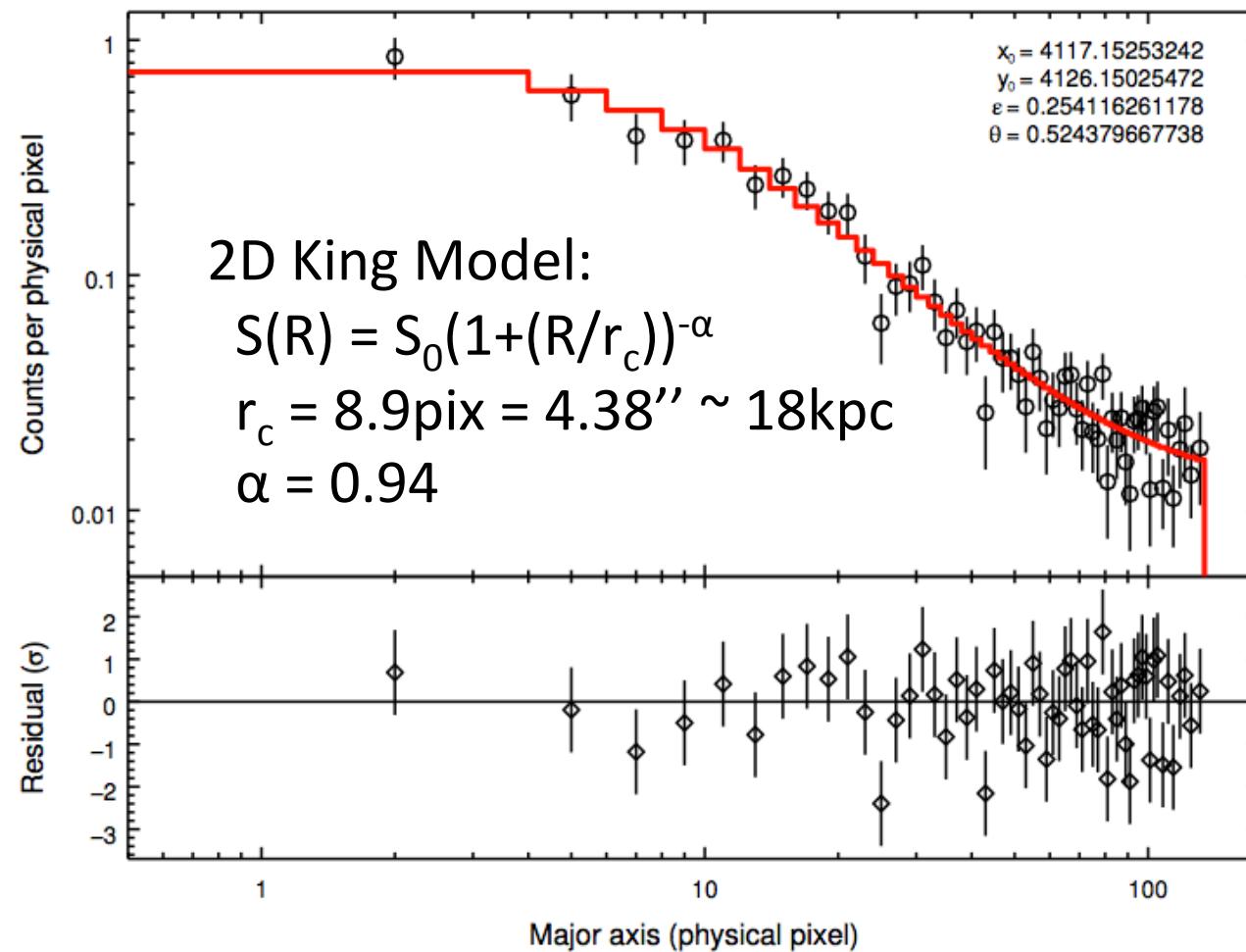


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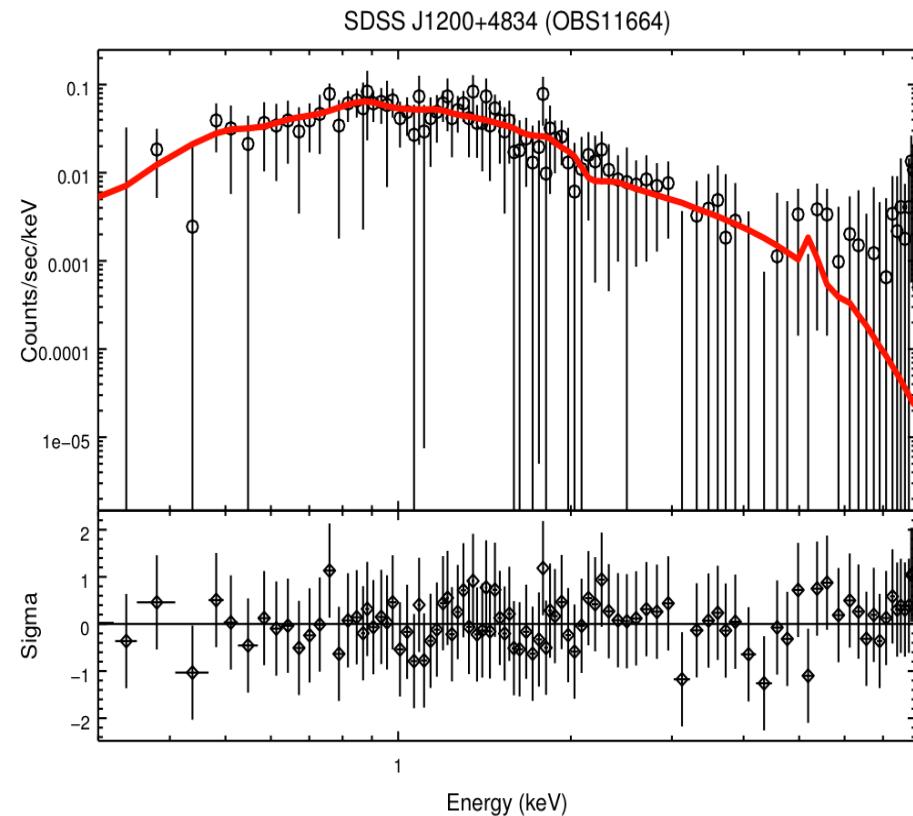


Sanderson *et al.* 2006

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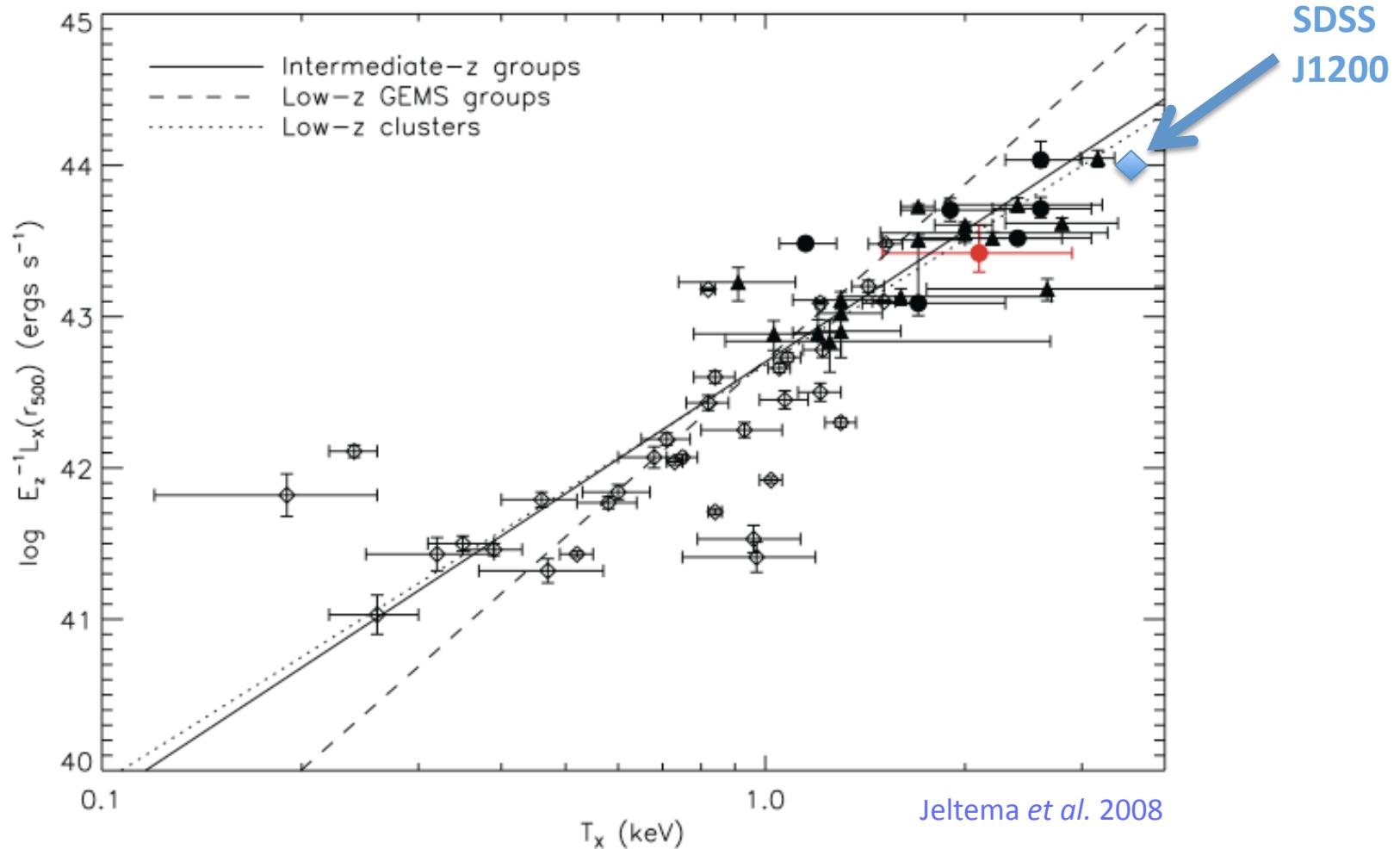


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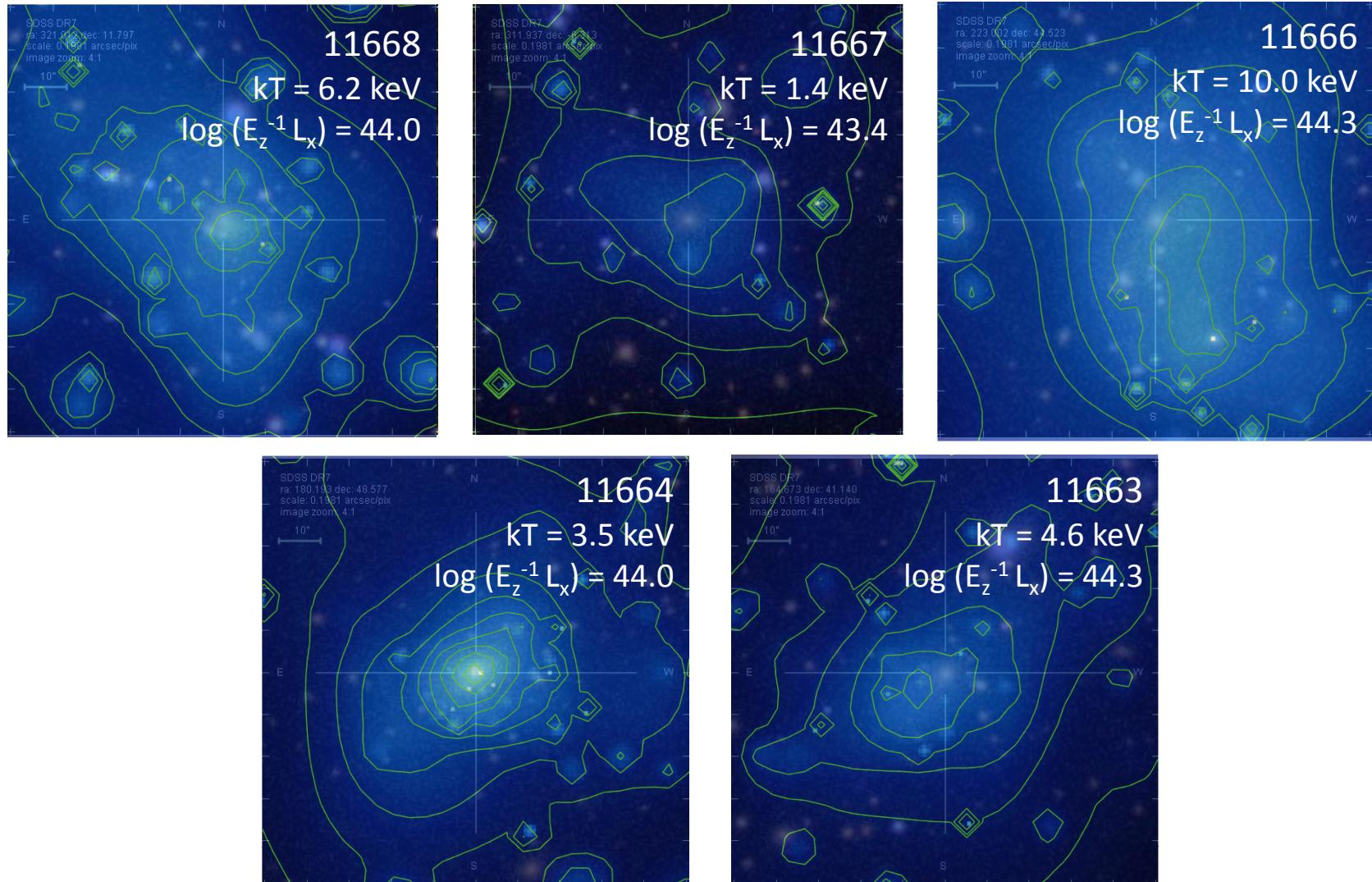
$nH = 0.0256 \times 10^{22} \text{ atm/cm}^2$

- Fit MEKAL model to X-ray spectrum
 - ~ 1100 counts
 - $kT = 3.45 \text{ keV}$
 - Abund = 0.3174 solar
 - $f_{0.3-8\text{keV}} = 4.81 \times 10^{-13} \text{ erg/s/cm}^2$
 - $L_{0.3-8\text{keV}} = 1.14 \times 10^{44} \text{ erg/s}$

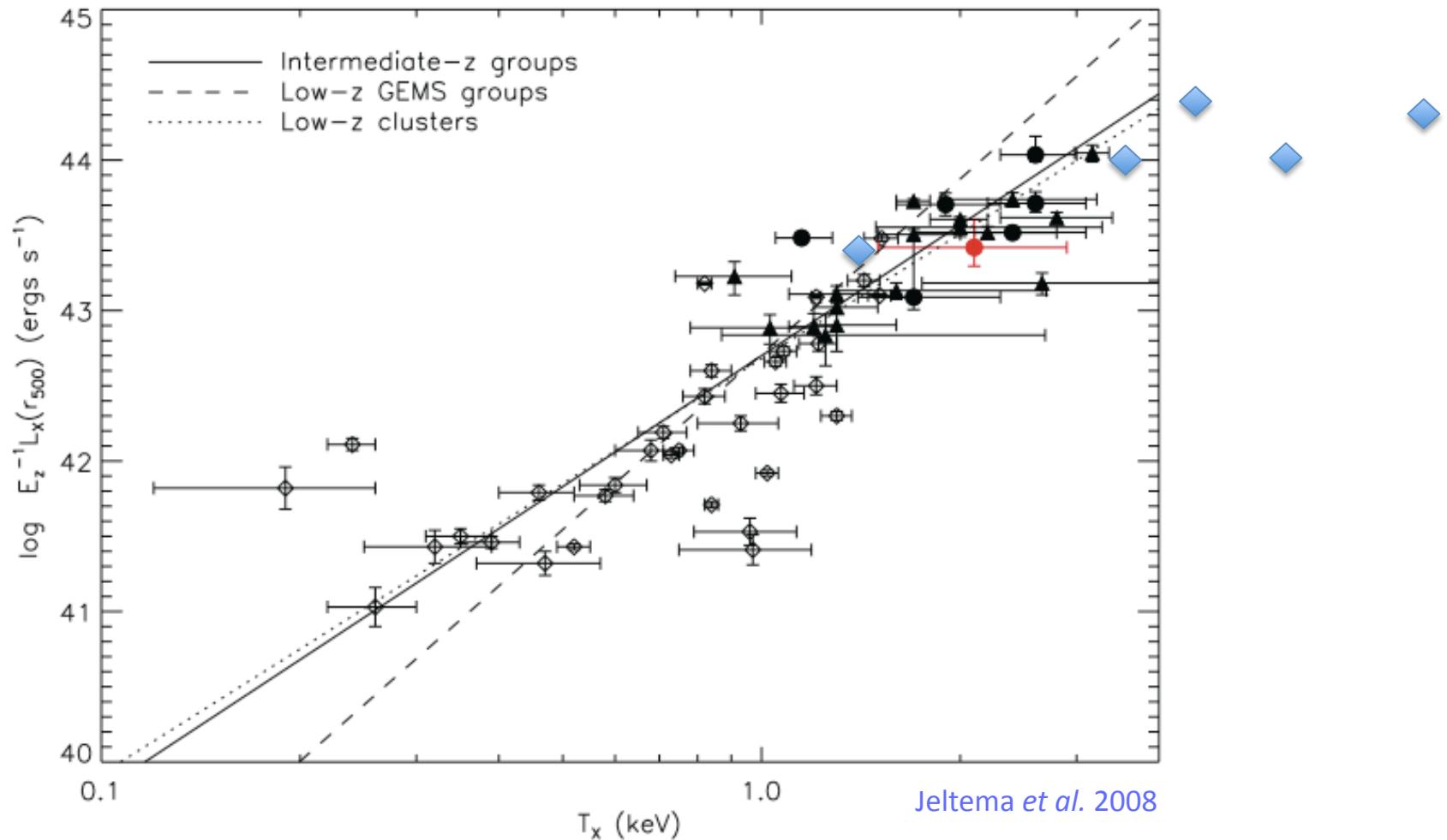
L_x - T_x Relation for Clusters/Groups



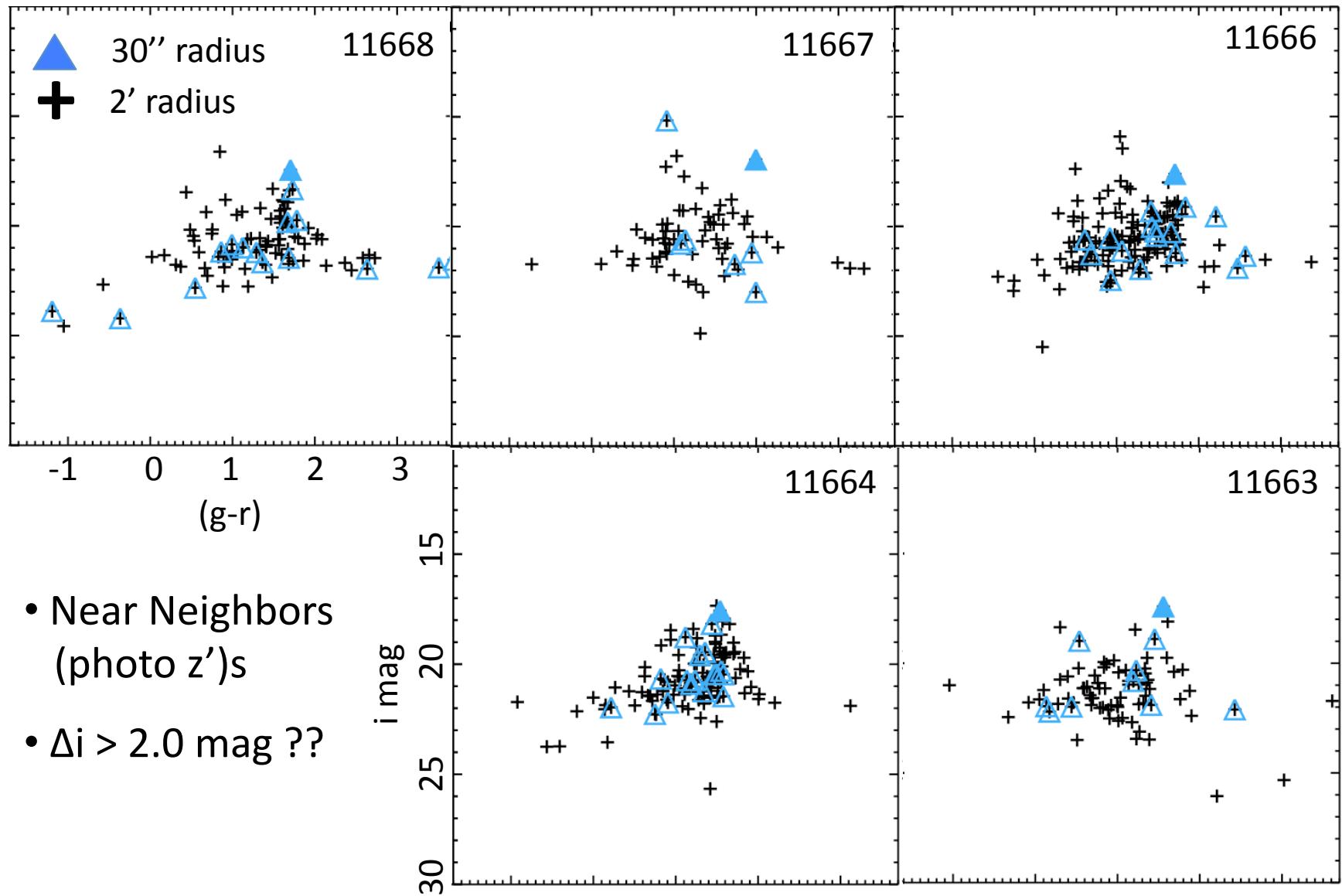
Extended X-ray Emission



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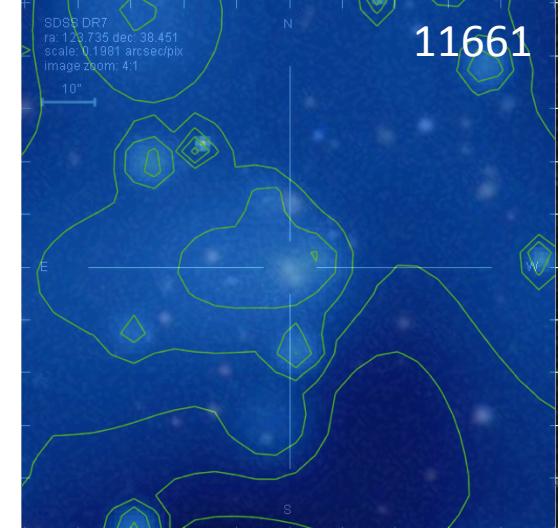
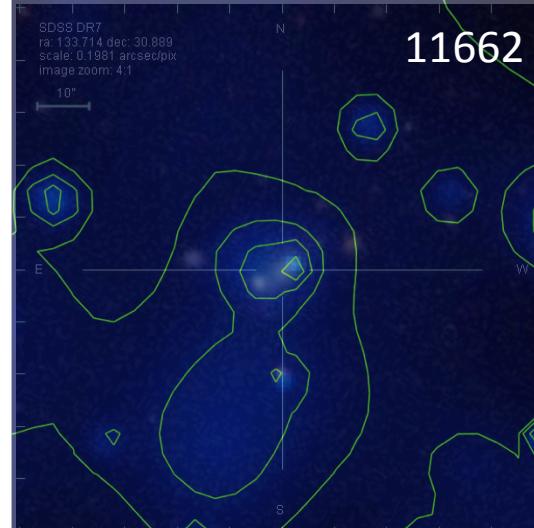
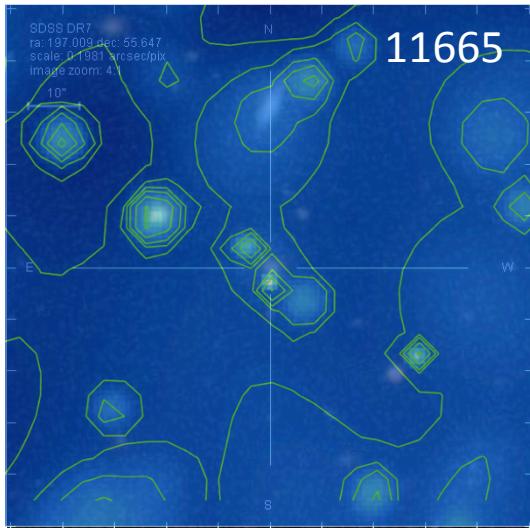


SDSS (g-r) vs. I CMD



Point Sources/Marginal Detections

Radiatively Inefficient Accretion and/or X-ray Variables



... host dilution also possible.

Summary

- At higher- z ($0 < z < 1$) XBONGS are a heterogeneous population
 - COSMOS (48): 70% diluted by host; 30% likely RIAFs
Trump *et al.* 2009
 - Xbootes (~ 250): dilution at low- z (< 0.3); some obscuration; RIAF likely ($z > 0.3$); some BL Lac
Forman *et al.* 2006; Hickox *et al.* 2009
- We perform one of the first low- z (< 0.37) *Chandra* surveys of XBONG candidates

Summary

- 8 low-z XBONGs:
 - 4 or 5 extended in the X-ray
 - SDSS J1200+4834: radial profile and X-ray spectrum consistent with a (fossil?) group
 - 1 with point-like X-ray emission may be explained by RIAF or host dilution
 - 2 or 3 show no strong X-ray emission, possibly due to X-ray variability (tidal disruption events?)
- Need larger X-ray sample at low-z + high-quality redshifts to study environment