

# An X-ray study of two Green Pea galaxies

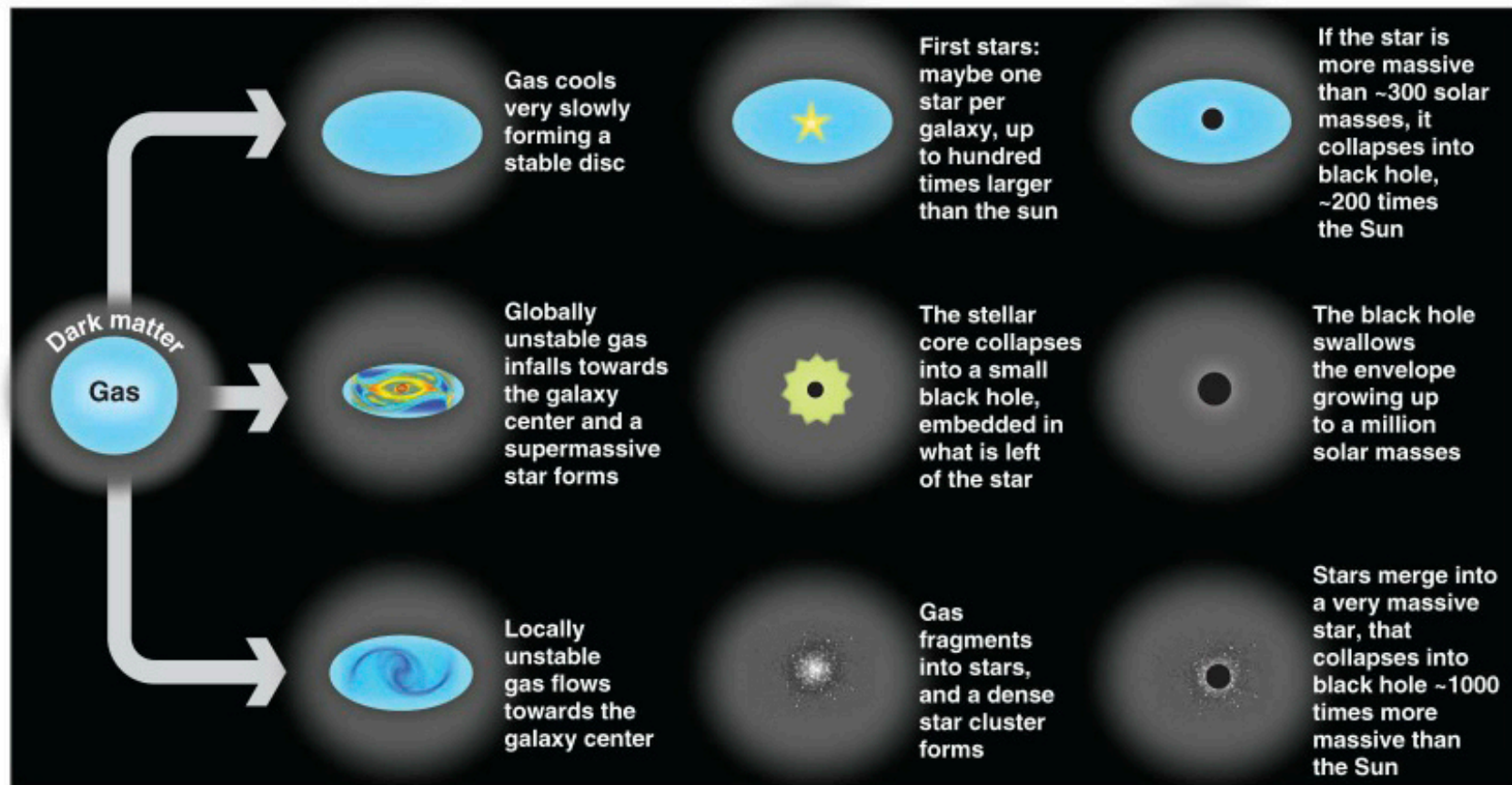
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# Science BG: Seed black holes for SMBHs

*What is the main process that forms seed black holes?*

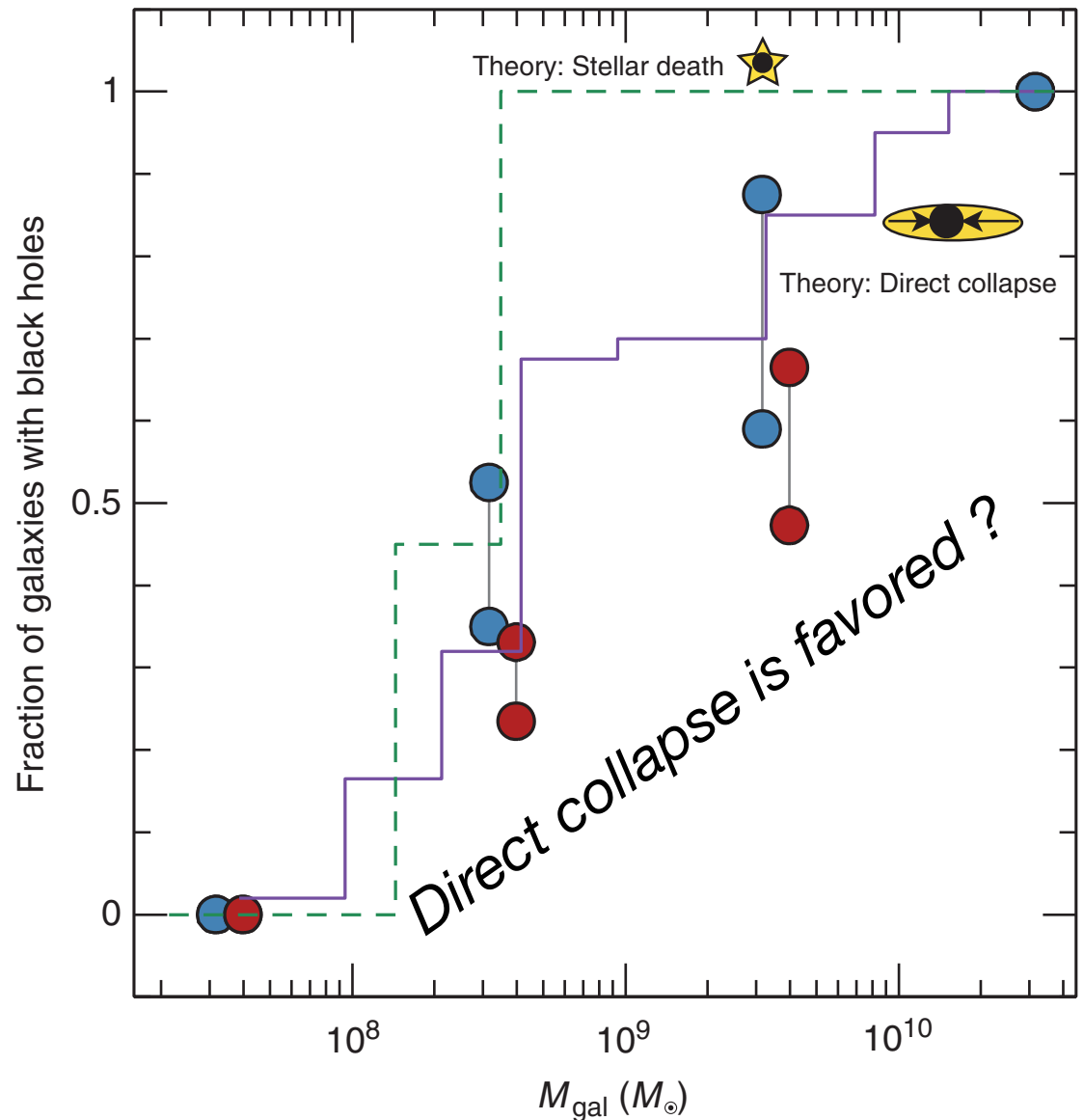
- + The remnant of massive Population III stars
- + The result of the direct collapse of primordial dense gas
- + The end-product of very massive stars formed through stellar mergers in dense star clusters



(<http://www2.iap.fr/users/volonter/BHformation.html>)

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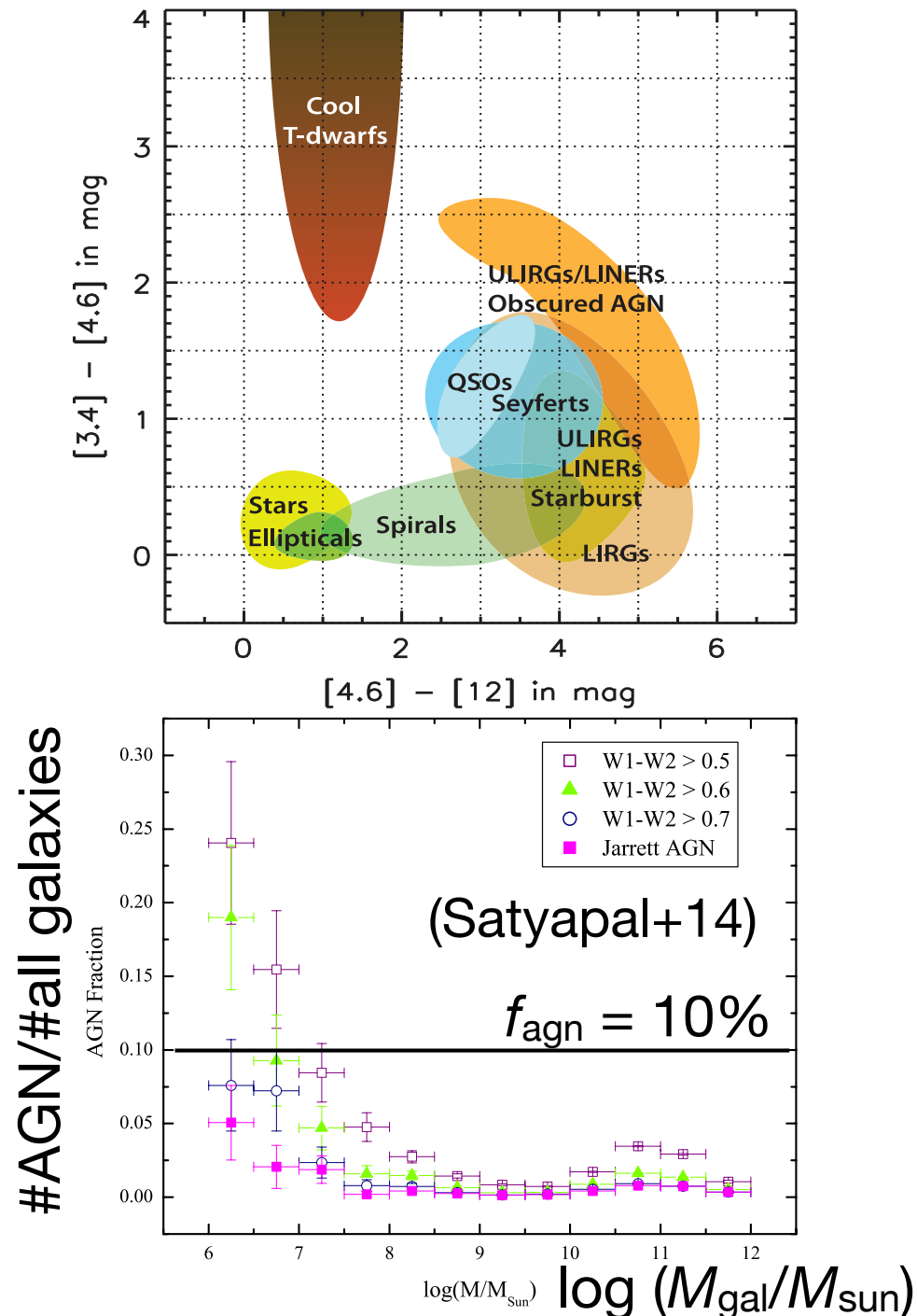


(soft X-ray study by Greene 12)



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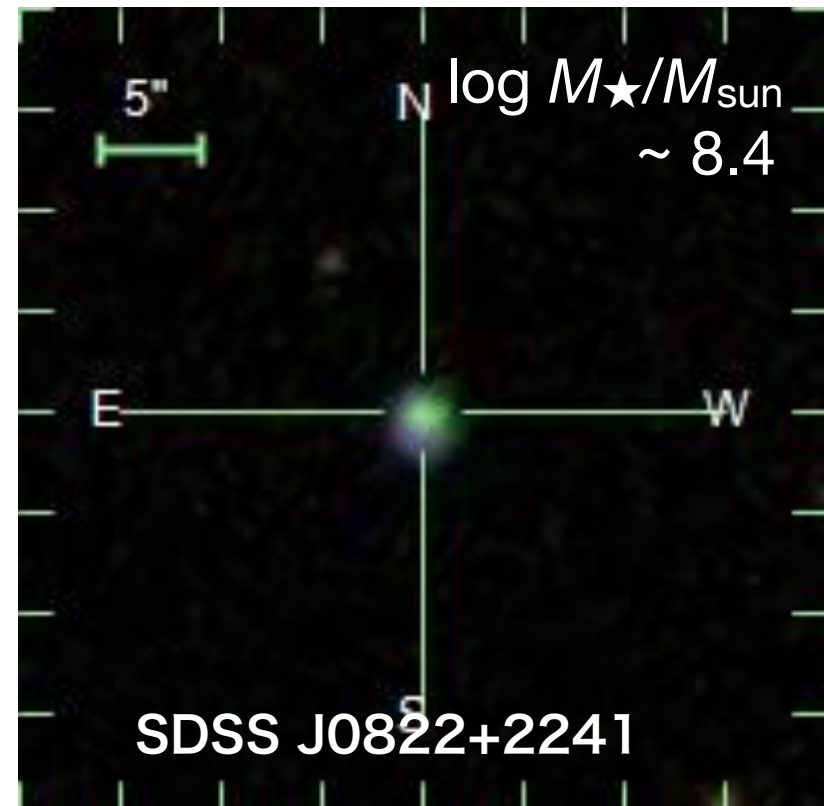
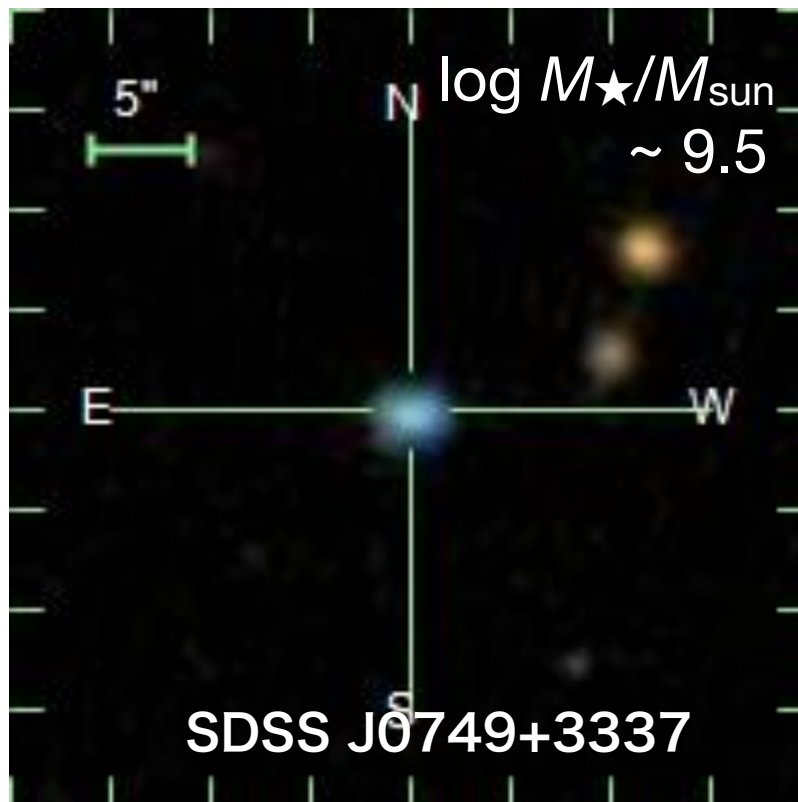
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- + MIR diagnostics studies suggest high AGN fractions of  $> 10\%$ , thus the occupation fraction  $> 100\%!$ ?
- + Hard X-ray observations are crucial for drawing a robust conclusion.



# Green Pea galaxies

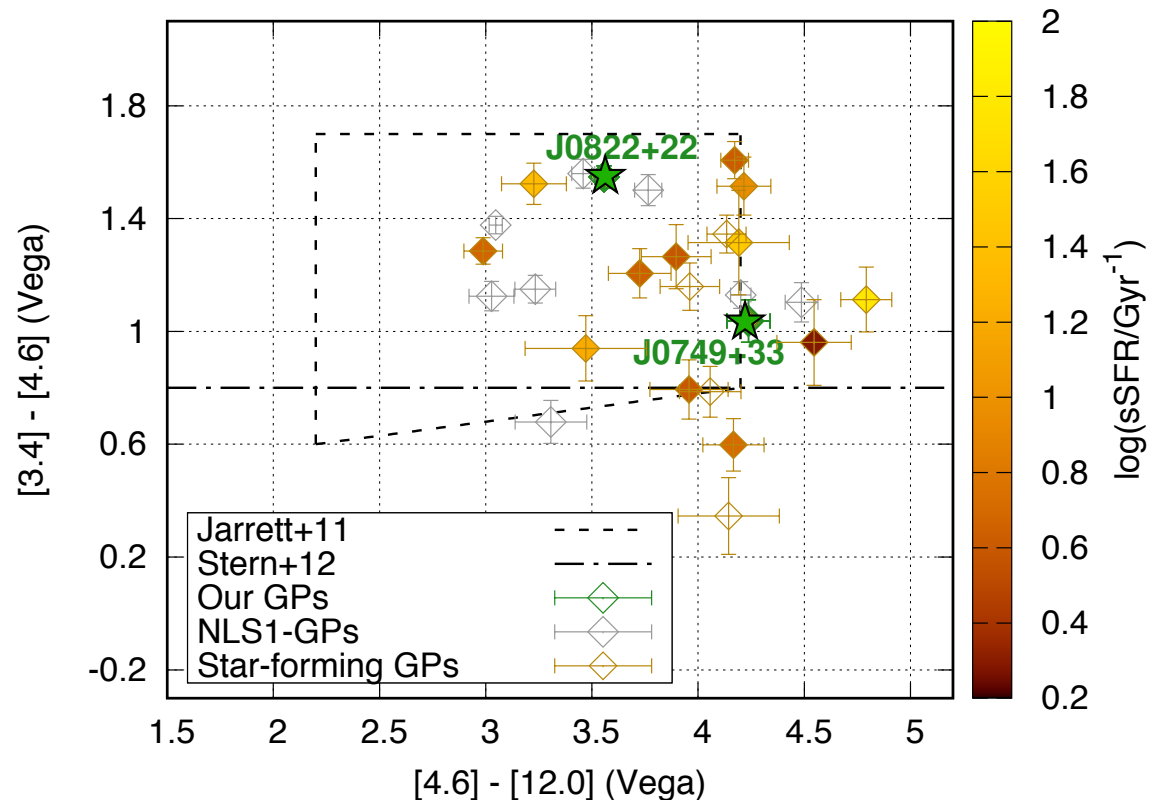
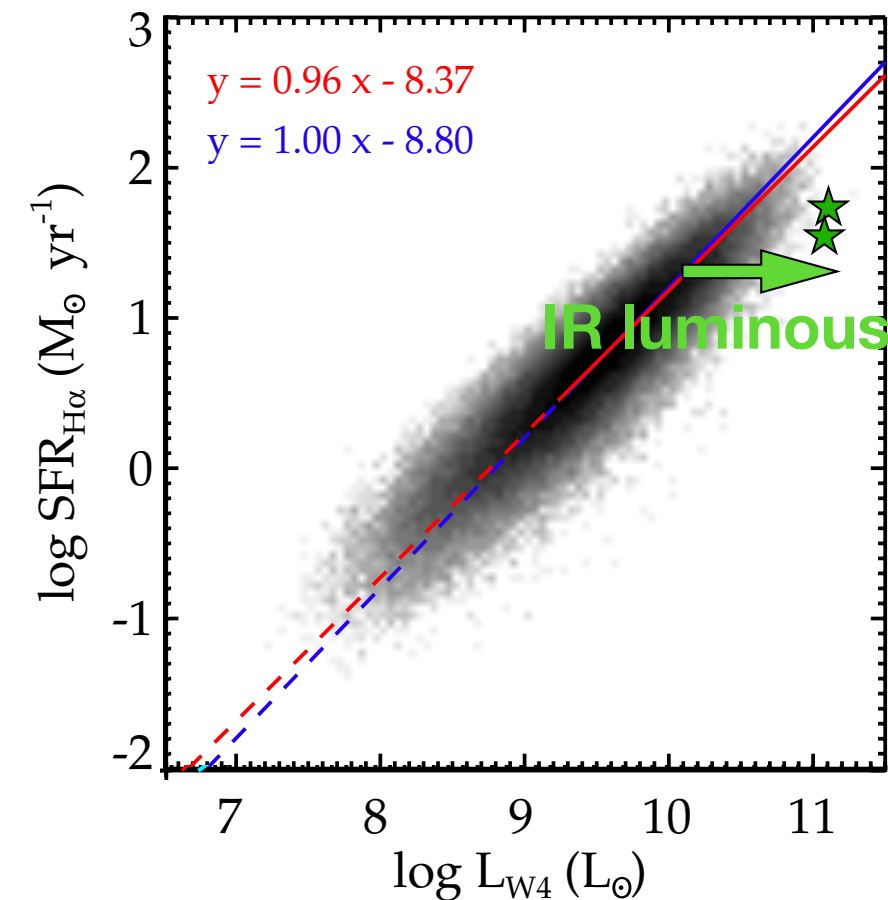
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- + Green Pea galaxies were identified in an SDSS catalog, and their appearances are interpreted as strong [O III] emission w/ high EWs. (Cardamone+09).
- + They are low stellar-mass and metallicity species, and regarded as those resemble to galaxies in an early phase of the galaxy formation.



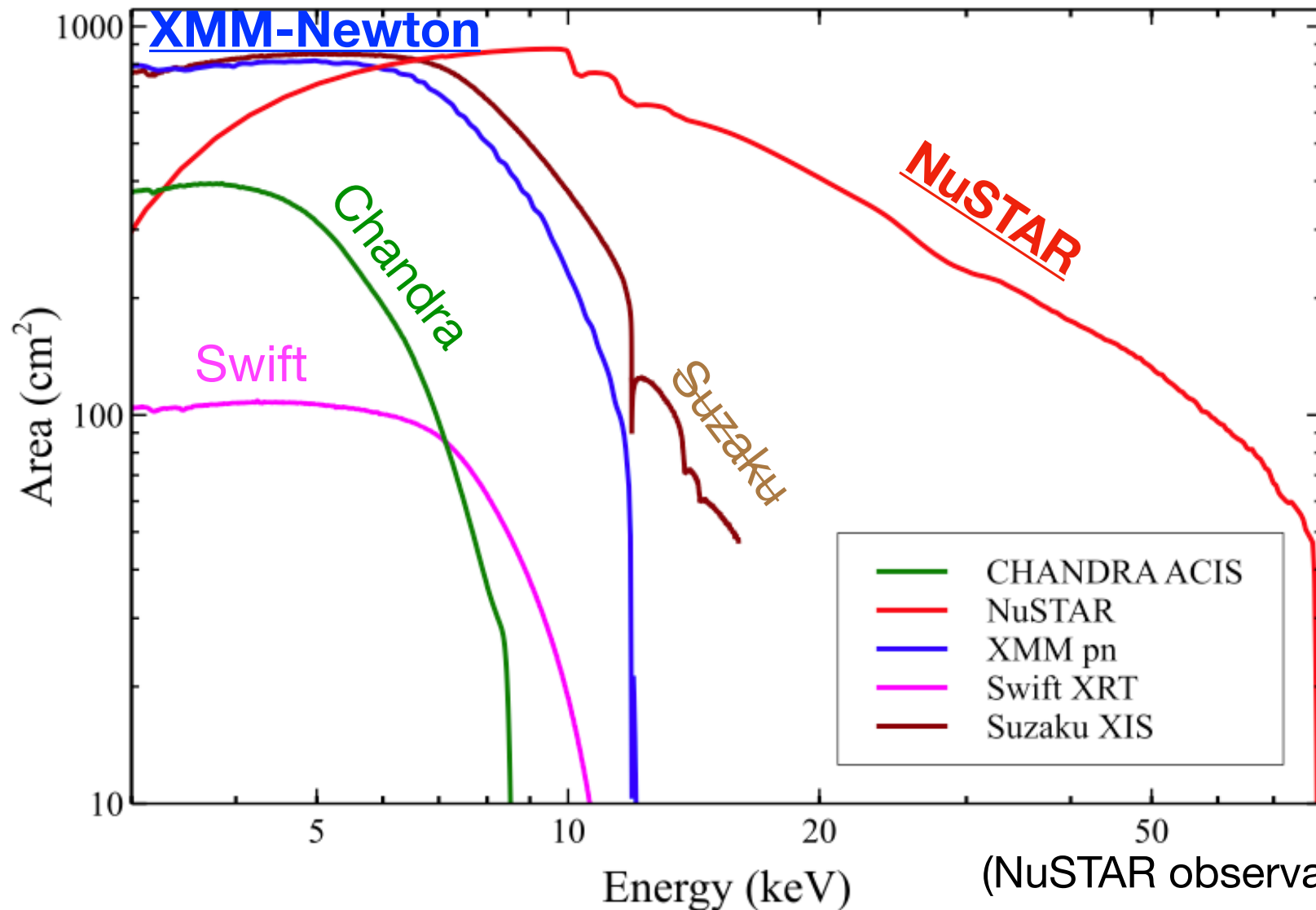
# AGN-like MIR properties

- + The two GPs are consistent with having AGNs in the MIR band.
- MIR luminosities are higher than expected from the SFRs
  - A further energy source, or AGN?
- Red colors
  - Hotter dust emission from the AGN torus?



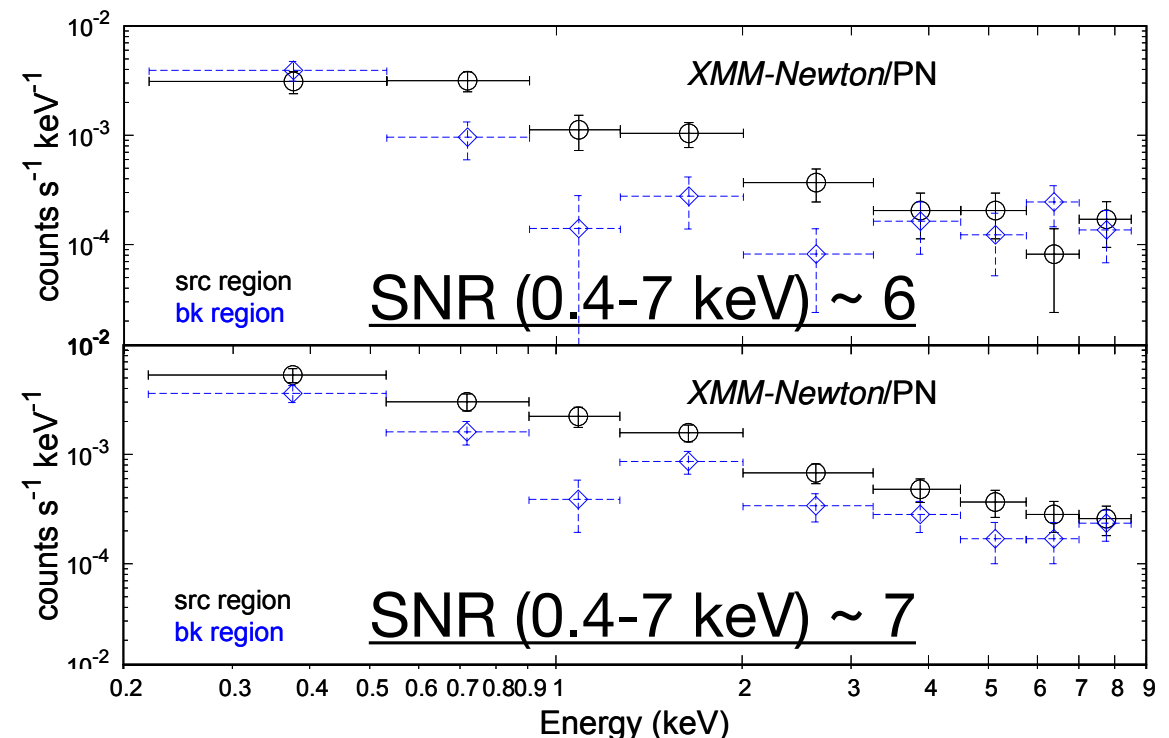
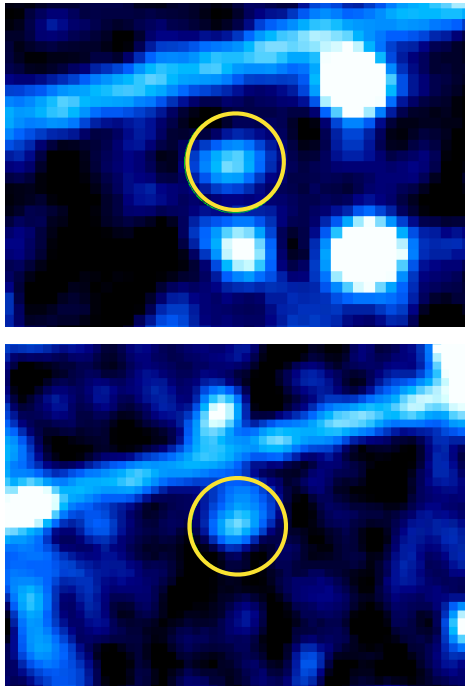
# X-ray observatories

- + Currently, XMM-Newton ( $< 10$  keV) and NuSTAR ( $> 10$  keV) provide high-quality broadband X-ray spectra.
- + We obtained and analyzed NuSTAR and XMM-Newton data for the GPs.



# Soft X-ray emission from XMM-Newton

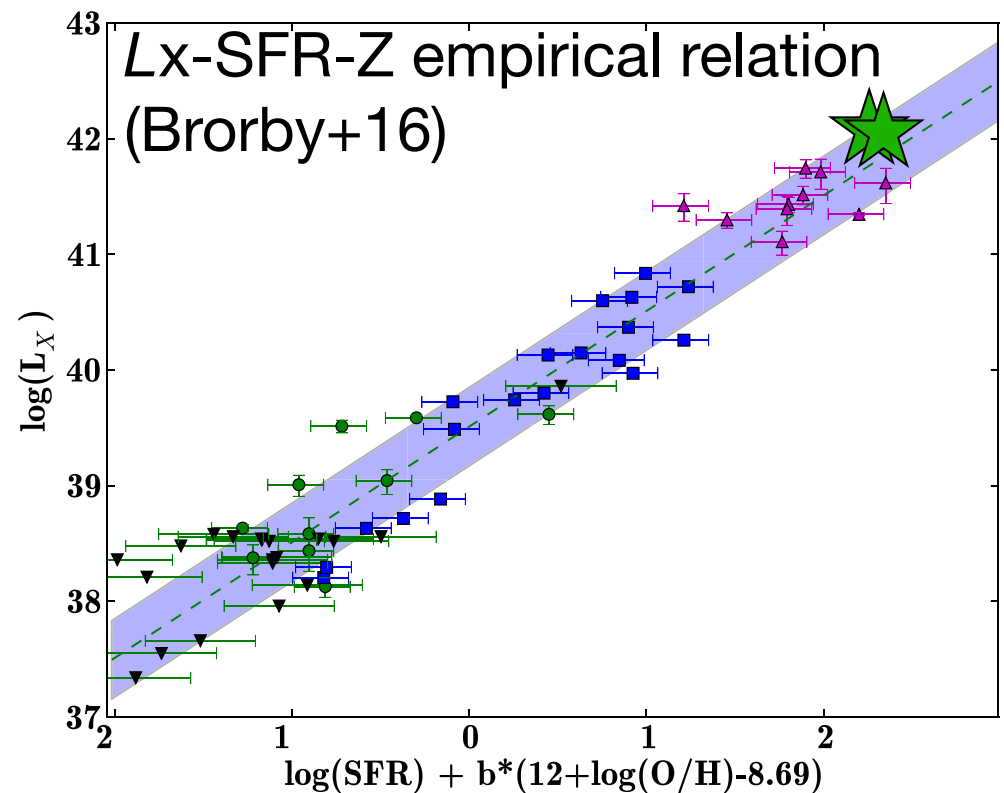
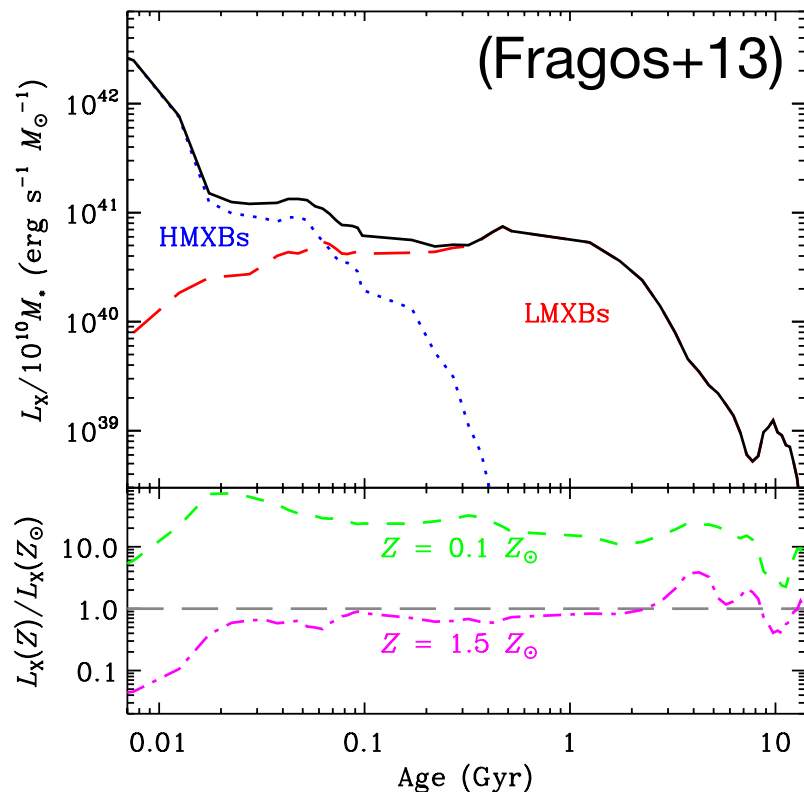
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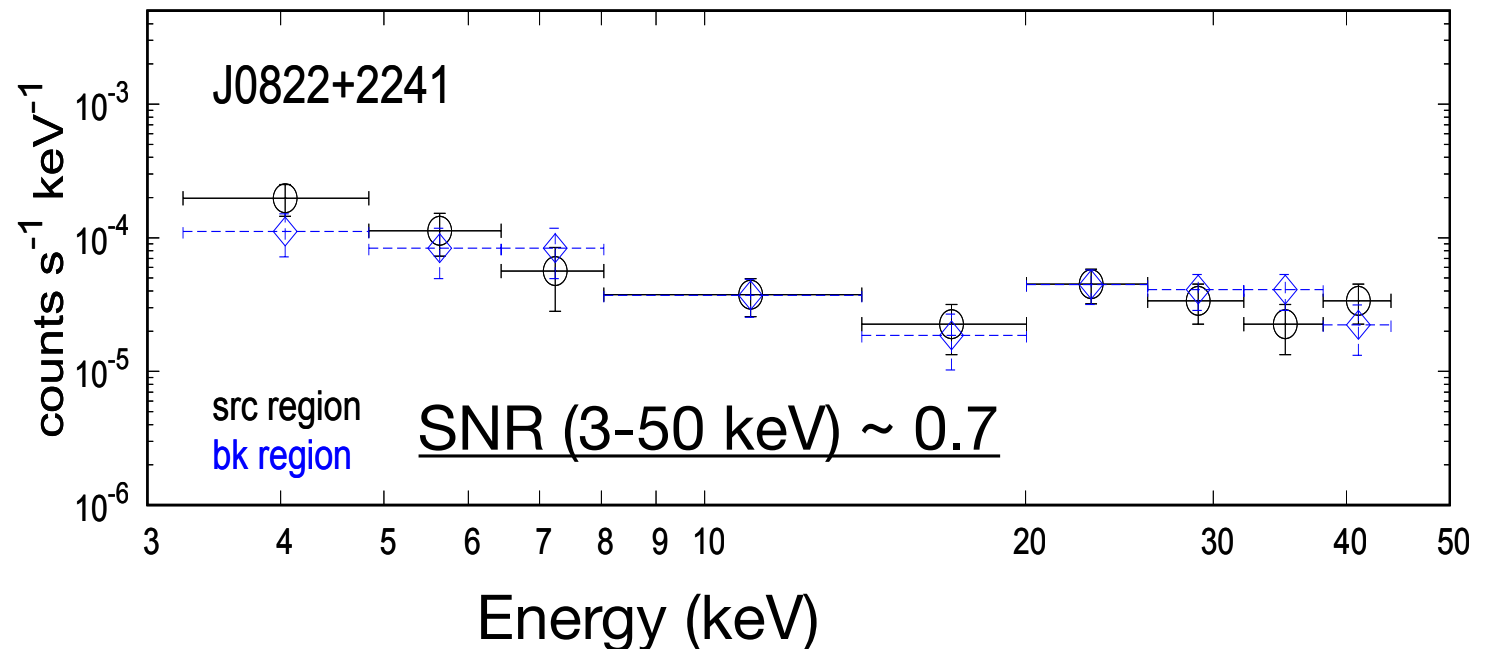
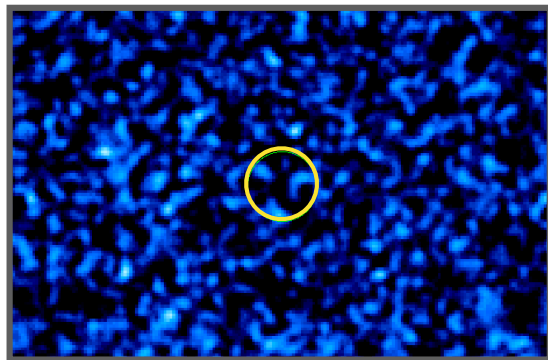
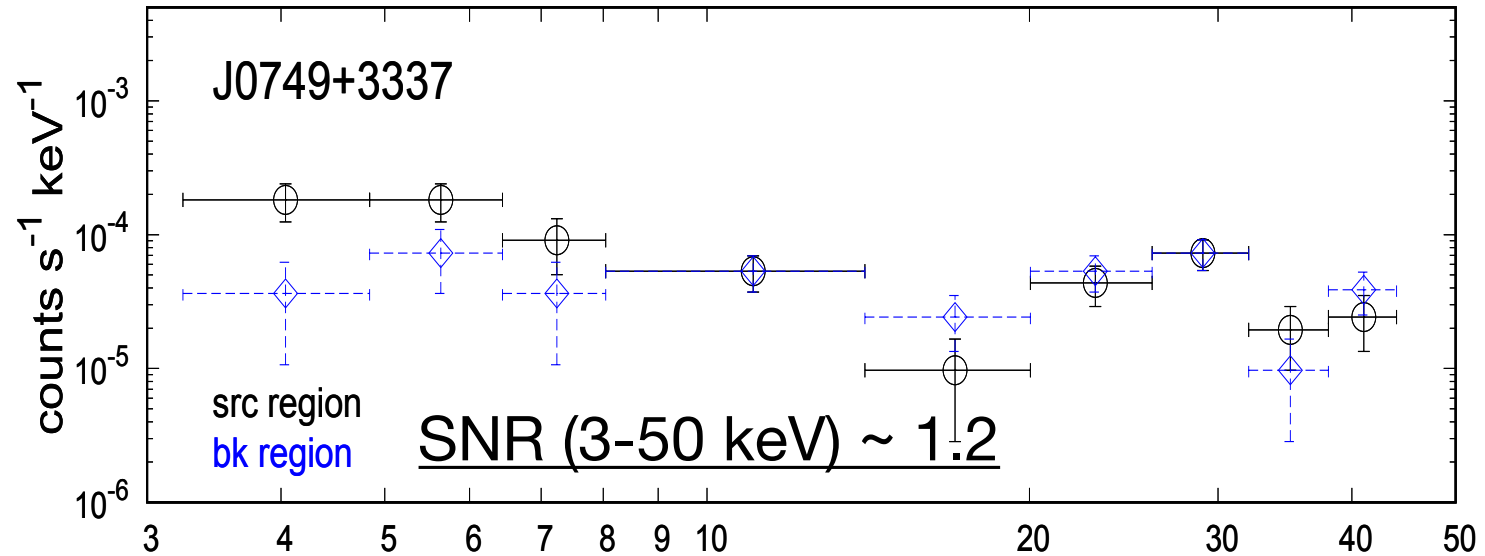
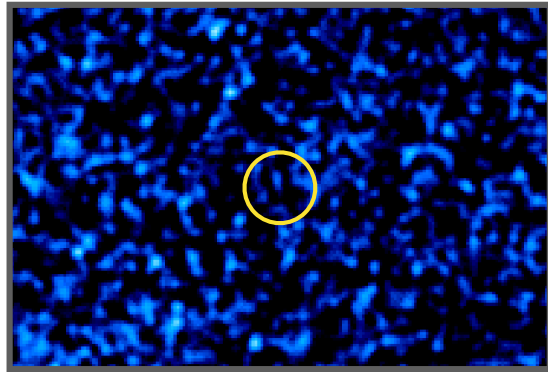
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- + **However**, it may be ascribed to emission from the SF.
  - low metallicity and young galaxies may have enhanced soft X-ray emission from HMXBs.
  - Because of low metal, inefficient outflow leads to the massive XRBs, or X-ray luminous populations (e.g., Fragos+13)



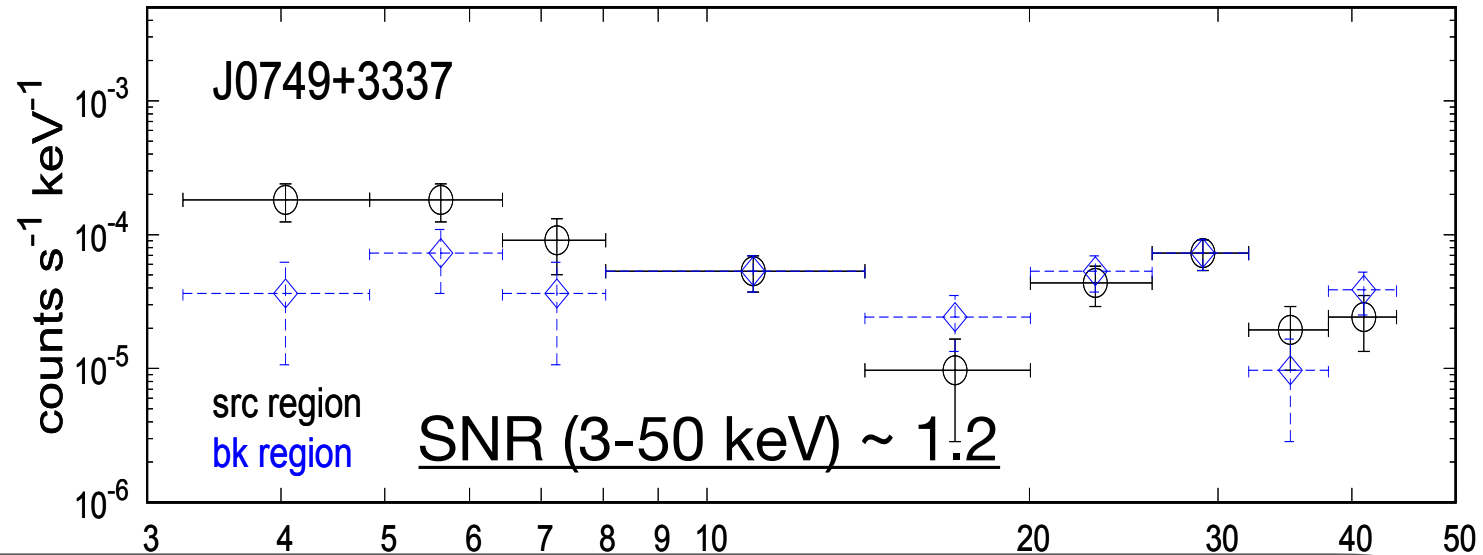
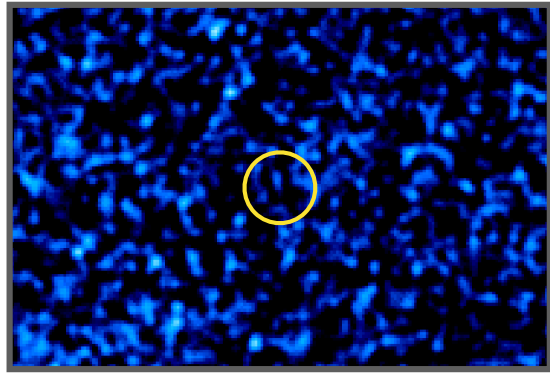
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Energy (keV)

# Summary

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- + The BH fraction is a clue to distinguish b/w the BH seed scenarios. → Need to built an unbiased AGN sample.
- + IR and optical data of representative low stellar-mass GPs are controversial for the presence of an AGN.  
→ X-ray observations !
- + We analyzed the first broadband X-ray data of two GPs by using XMM-Newton and NuSTAR.
  - *Soft X-ray emission was found but may be ascribed to SF.*
  - *Hard X-ray emission was not found.*
- + Indeed, two possibilities still remain unfortunately...
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*We may need to care about this fact in studying such objects.*
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