

“El Gordo,” Multi-wavelength Observations



Menanteau et al. (2012)

- Detected in 2008 ACT maps of Southern Strip (Menanteau et al. 2010, Marriage et al. 2011)
 - Strongest SZ decrement over 755 deg^2 (South + Equator)
- Optical follow-up: **89 redshifts!**
 - Imaged (*griz*) at SOAR/SOI (9-12 Dec 2009)
 - VLT/FORS2 MOS (10-hrs) + Imaging (2 hrs) in Jan 2011

- *Chandra* X-ray Observations
 - ACIS-I, 60 ks, observed 27 Jan 2011
- Spitzer IRAC warm-phase follow-up
 - Imaged at $3.6 \mu\text{m}$ and $4.5 \mu\text{m}$

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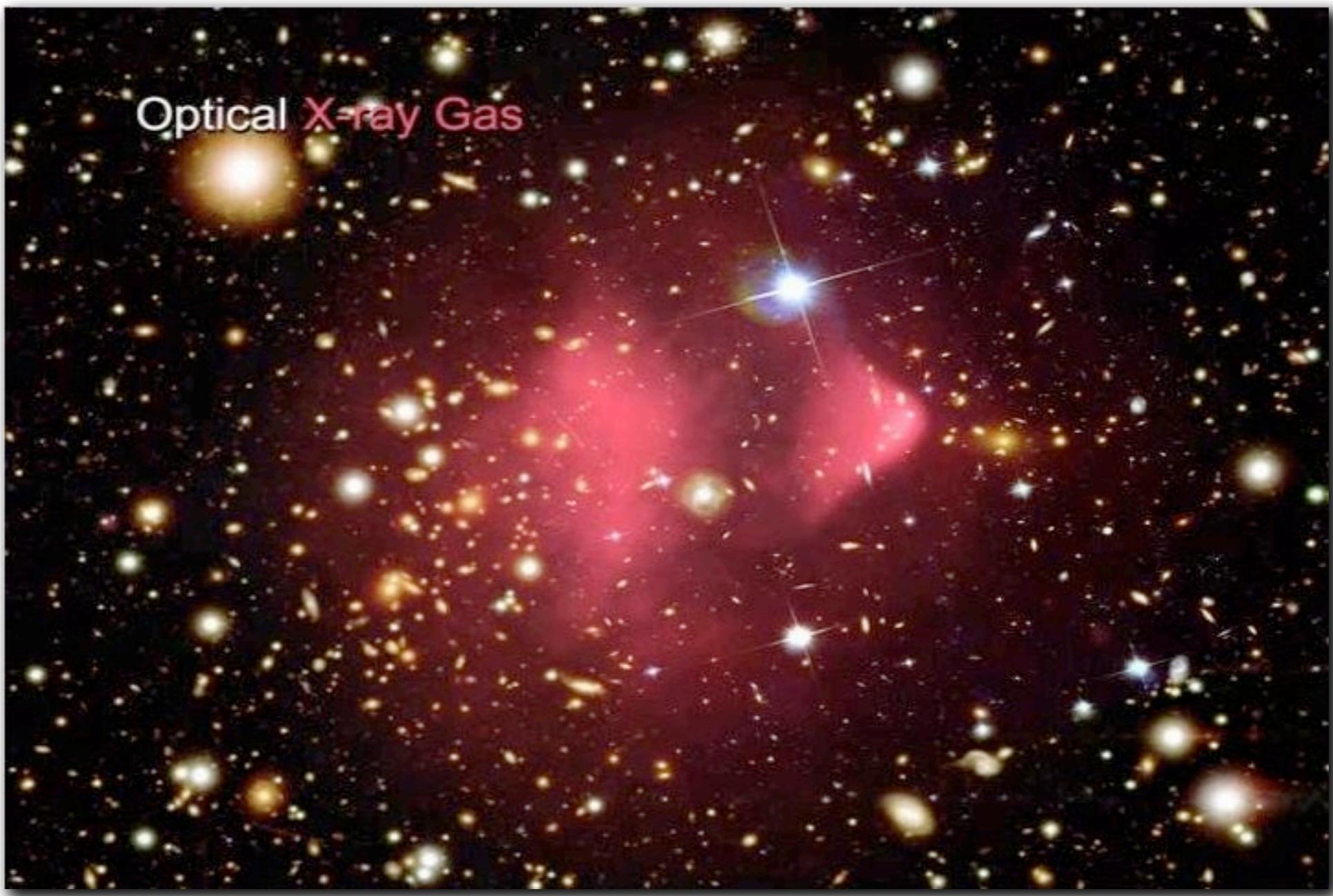
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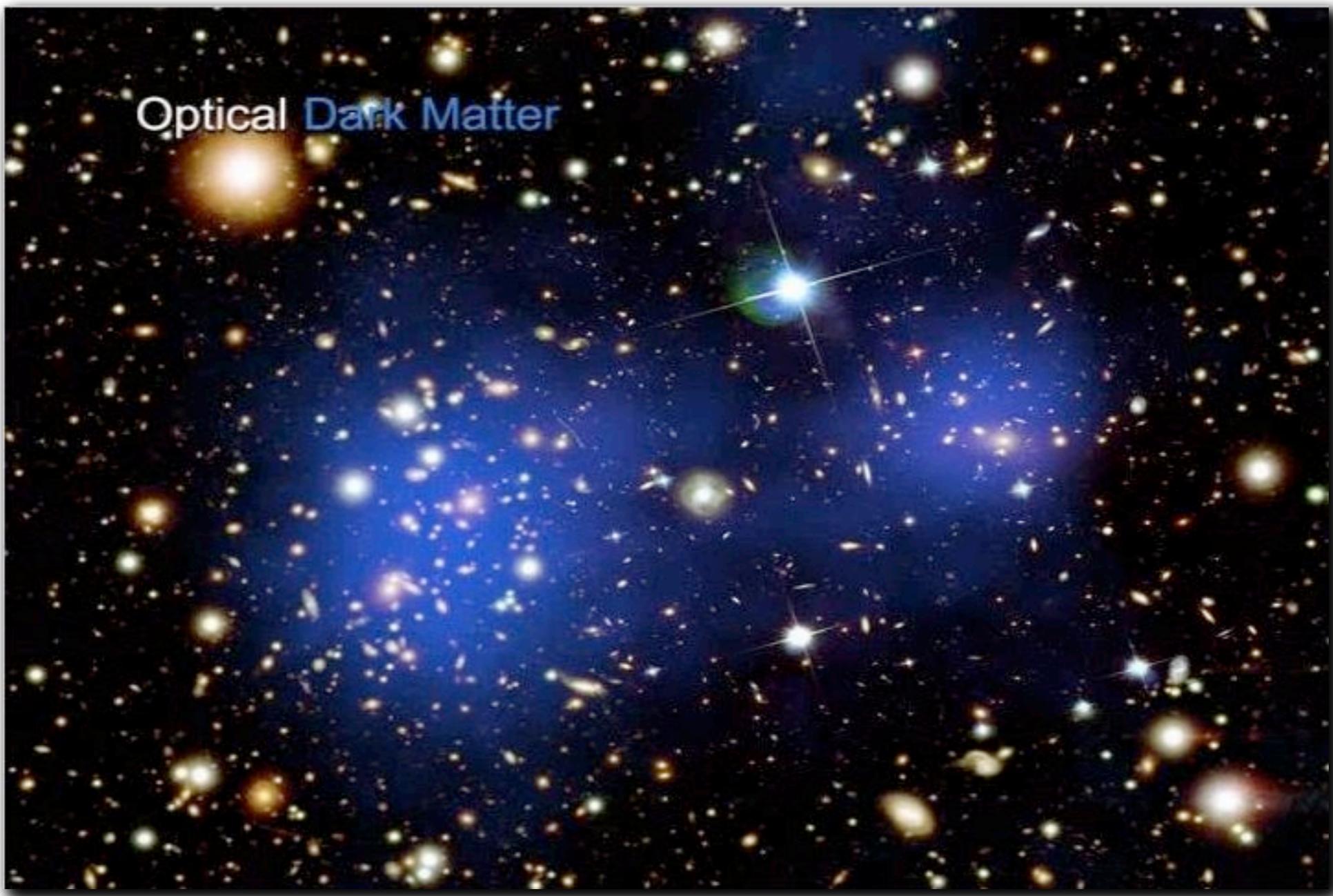
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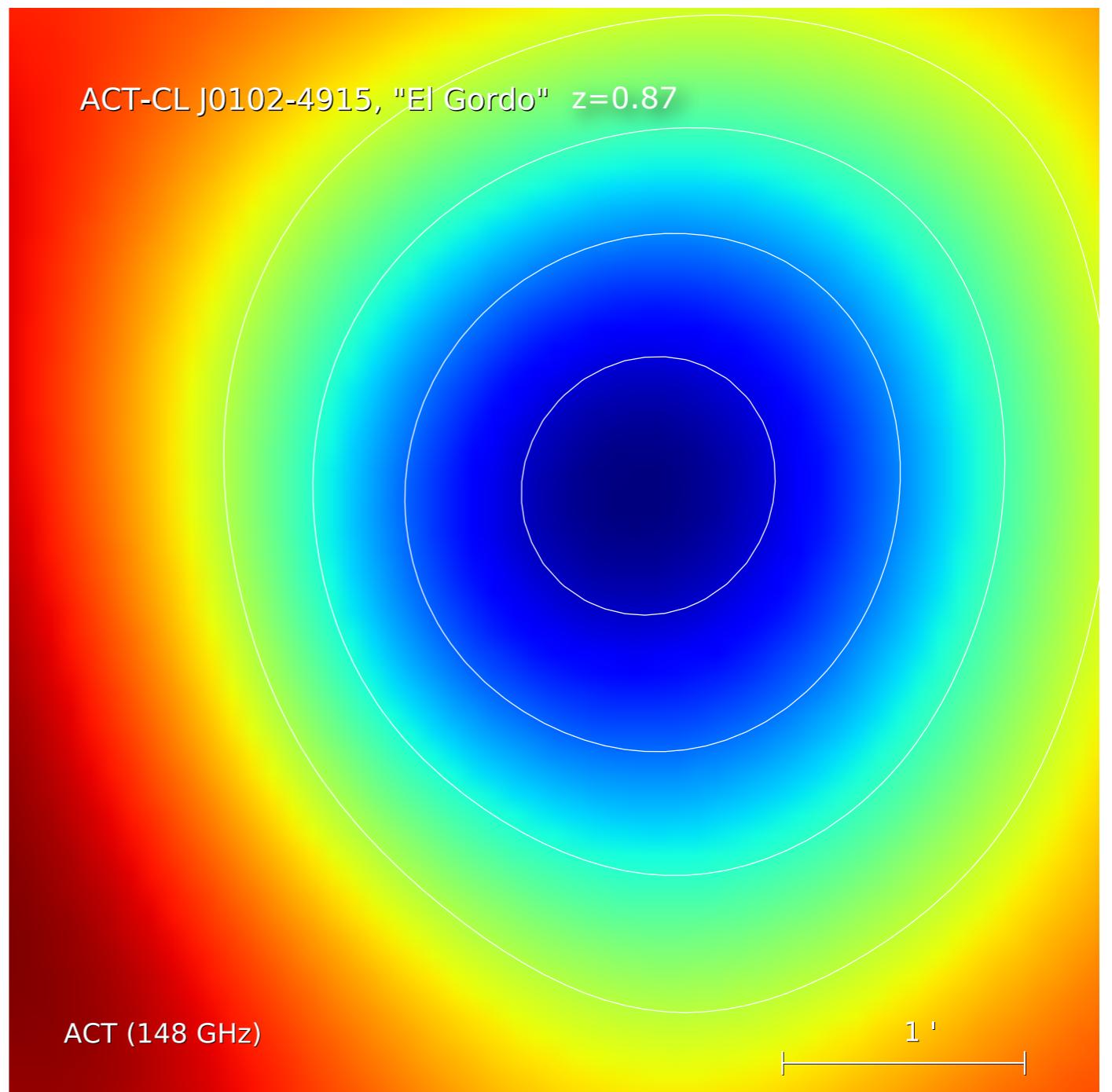
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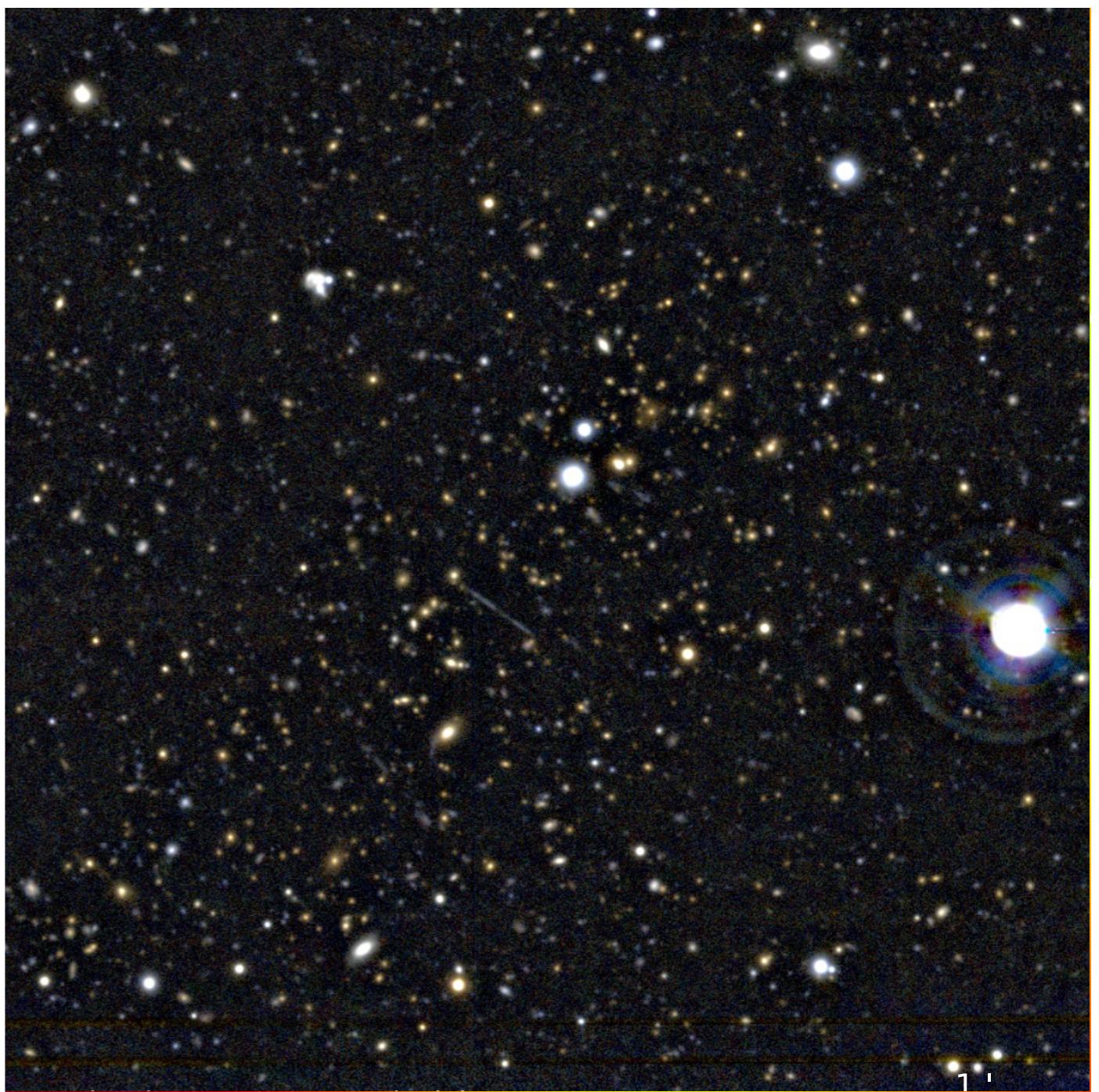
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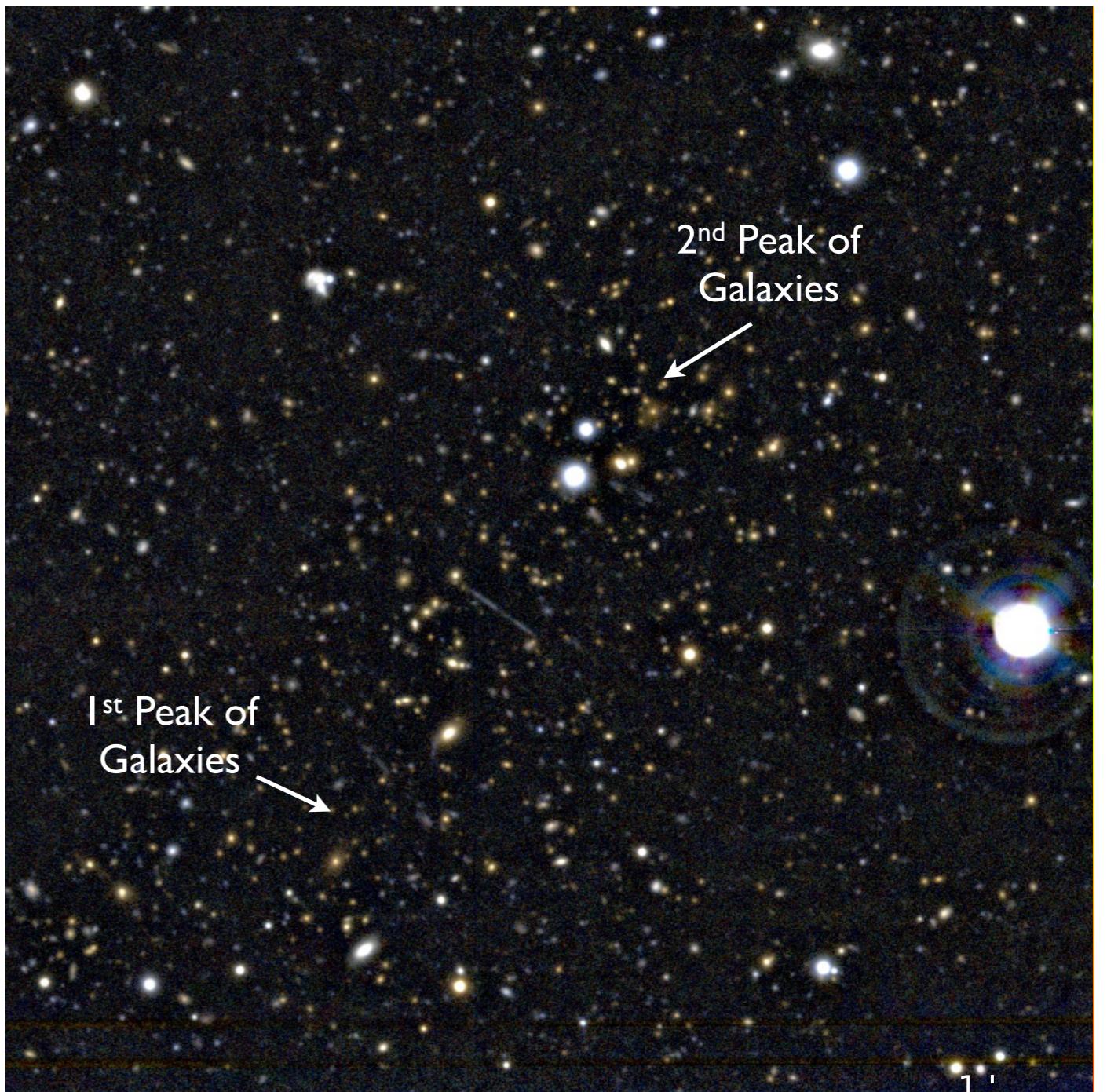
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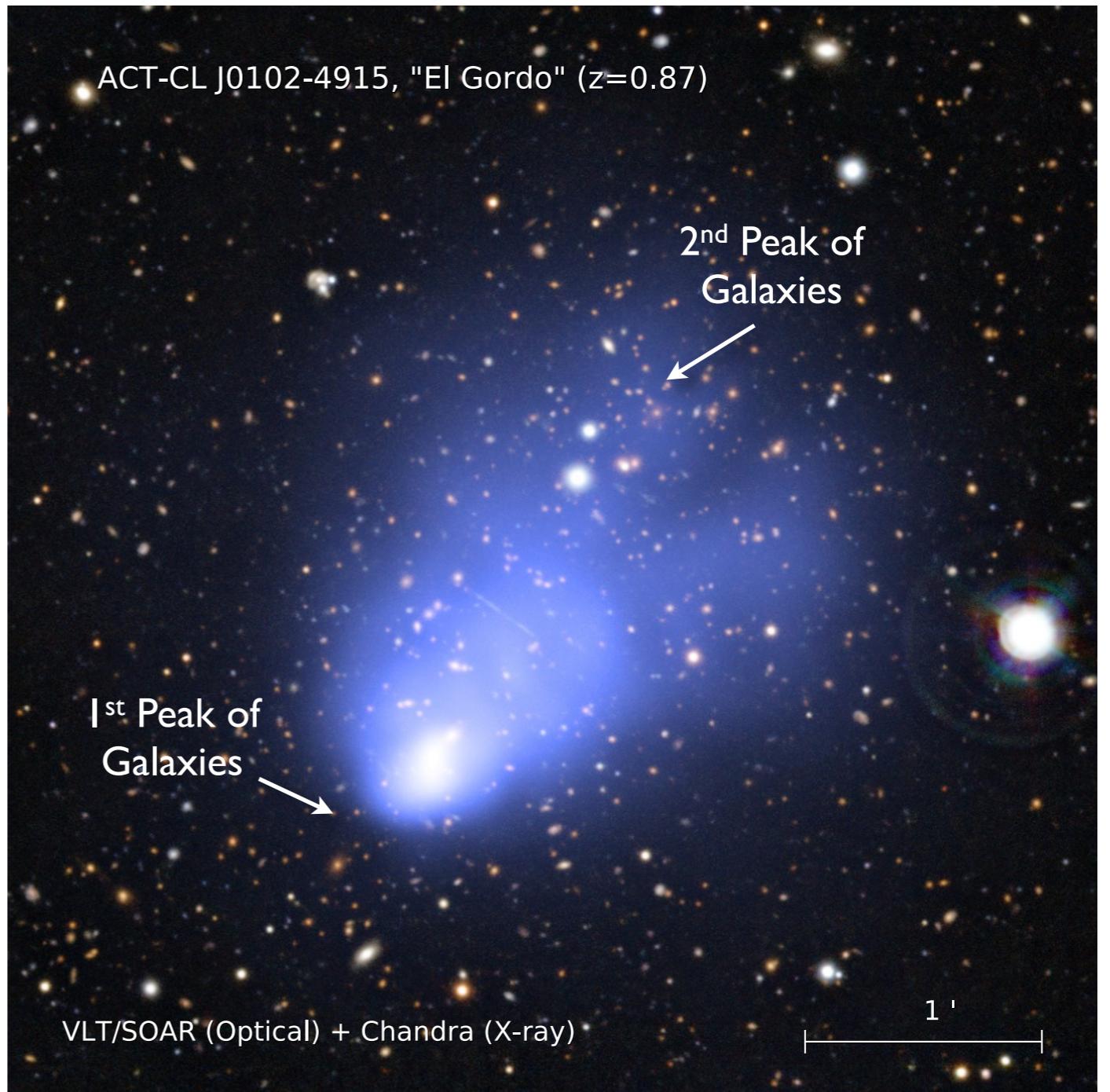


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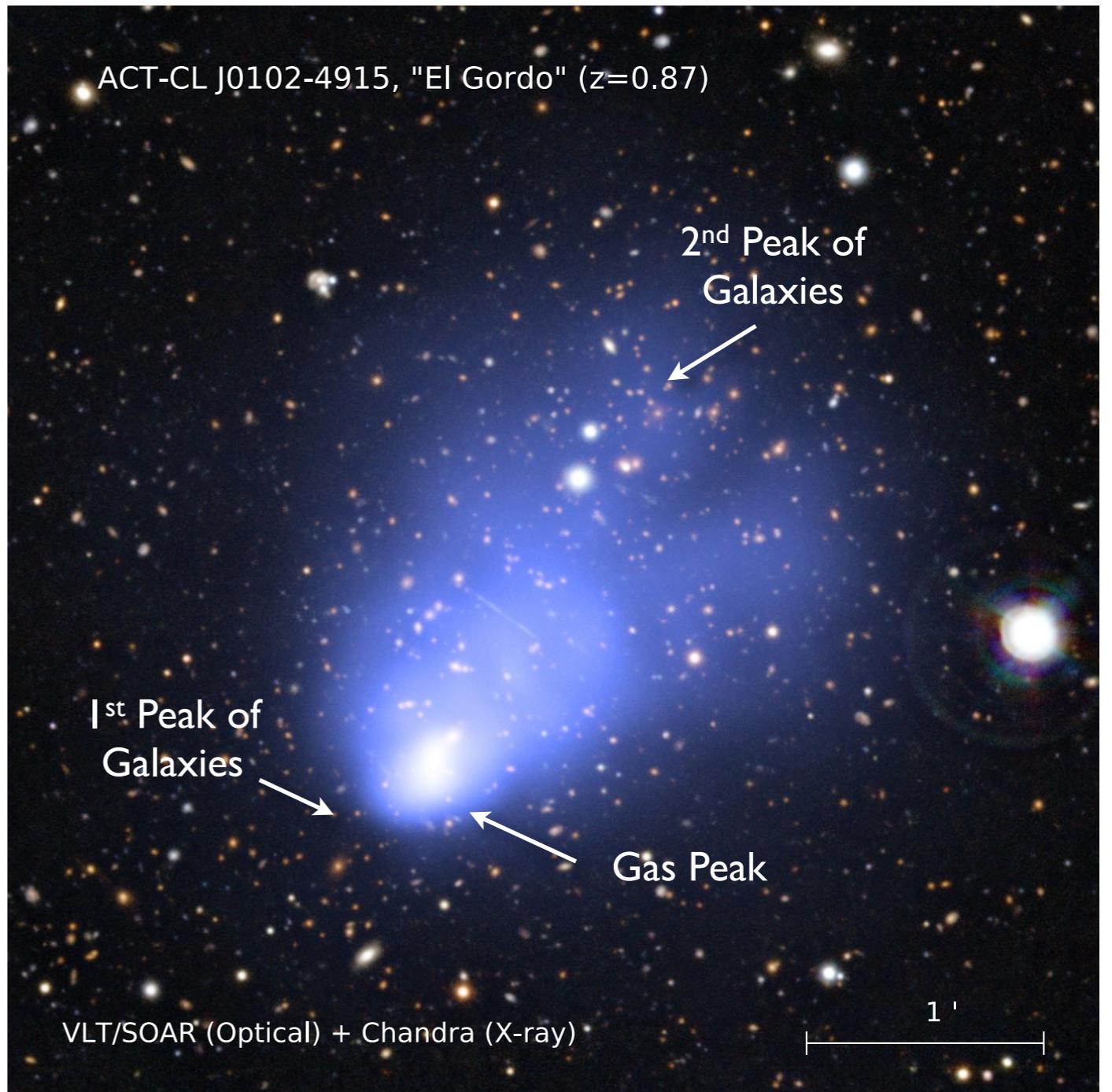


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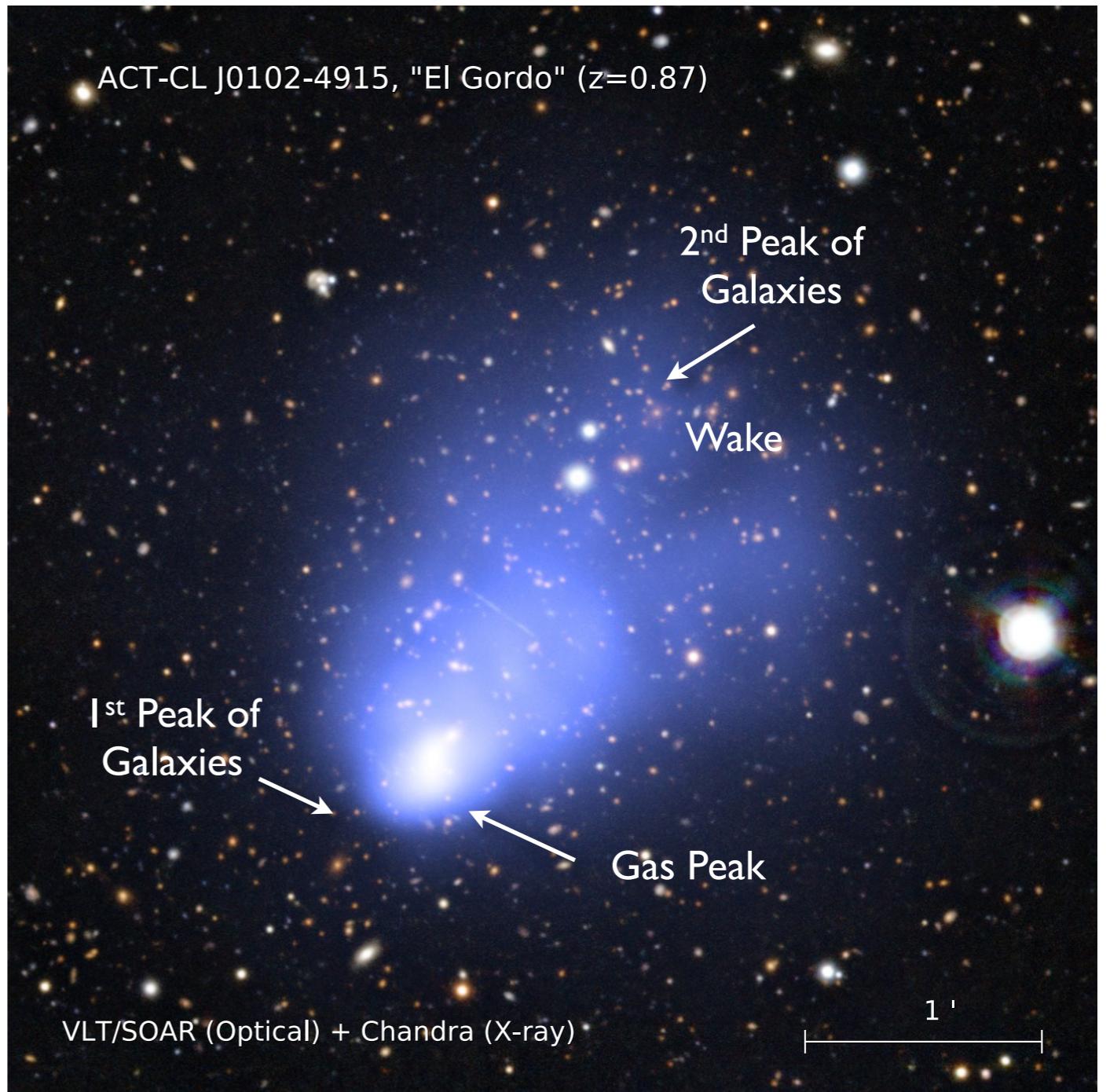


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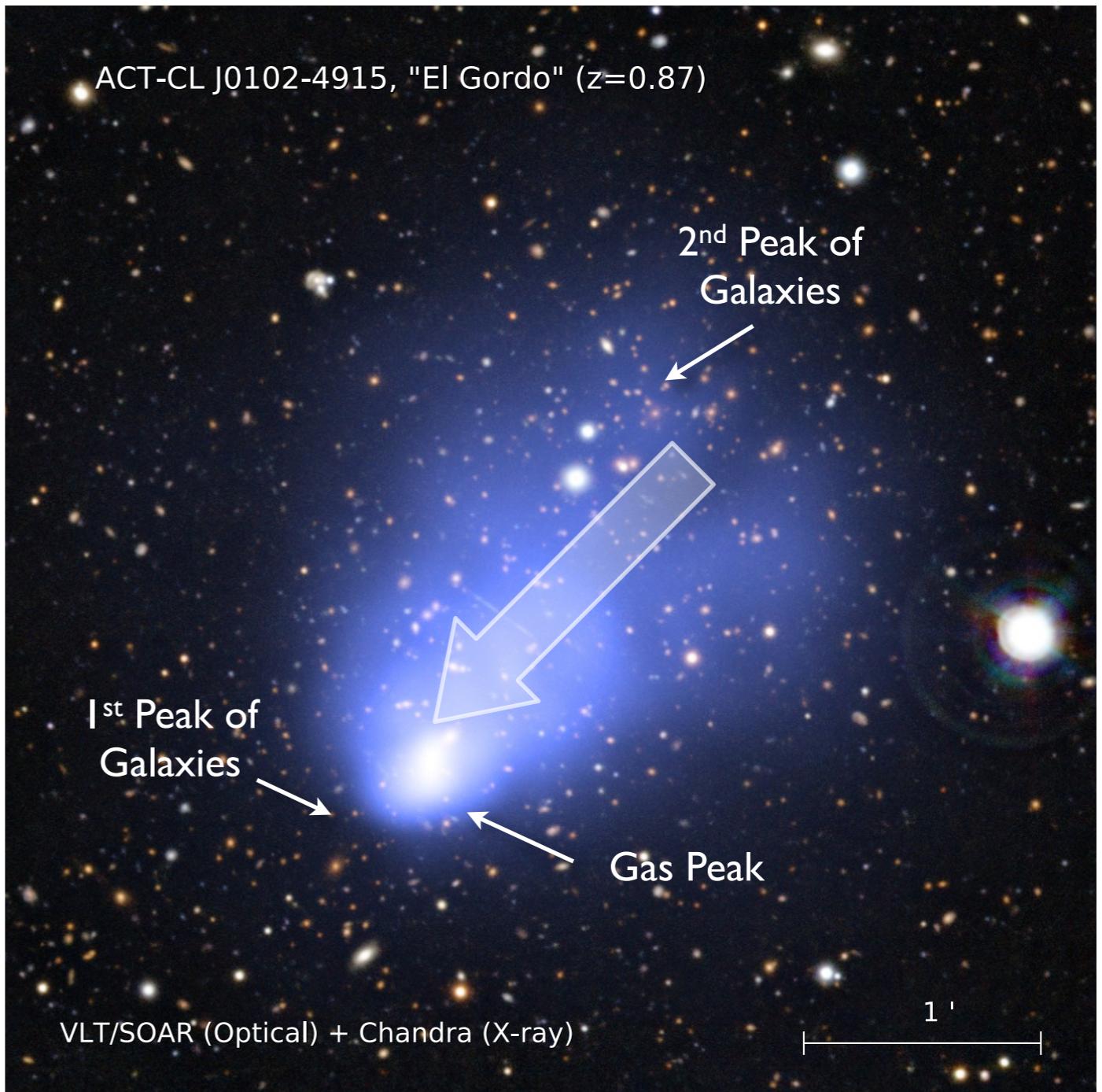
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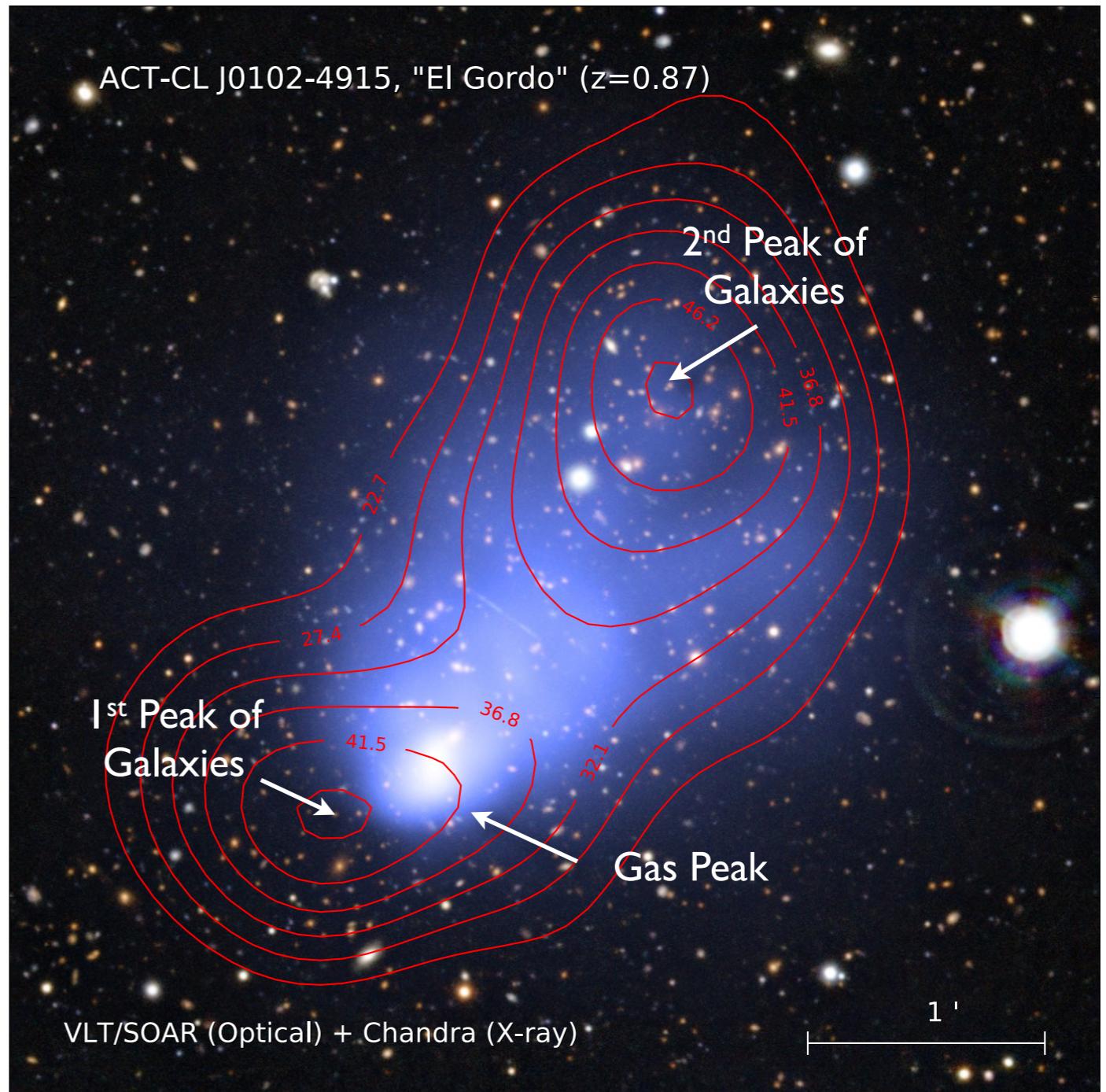
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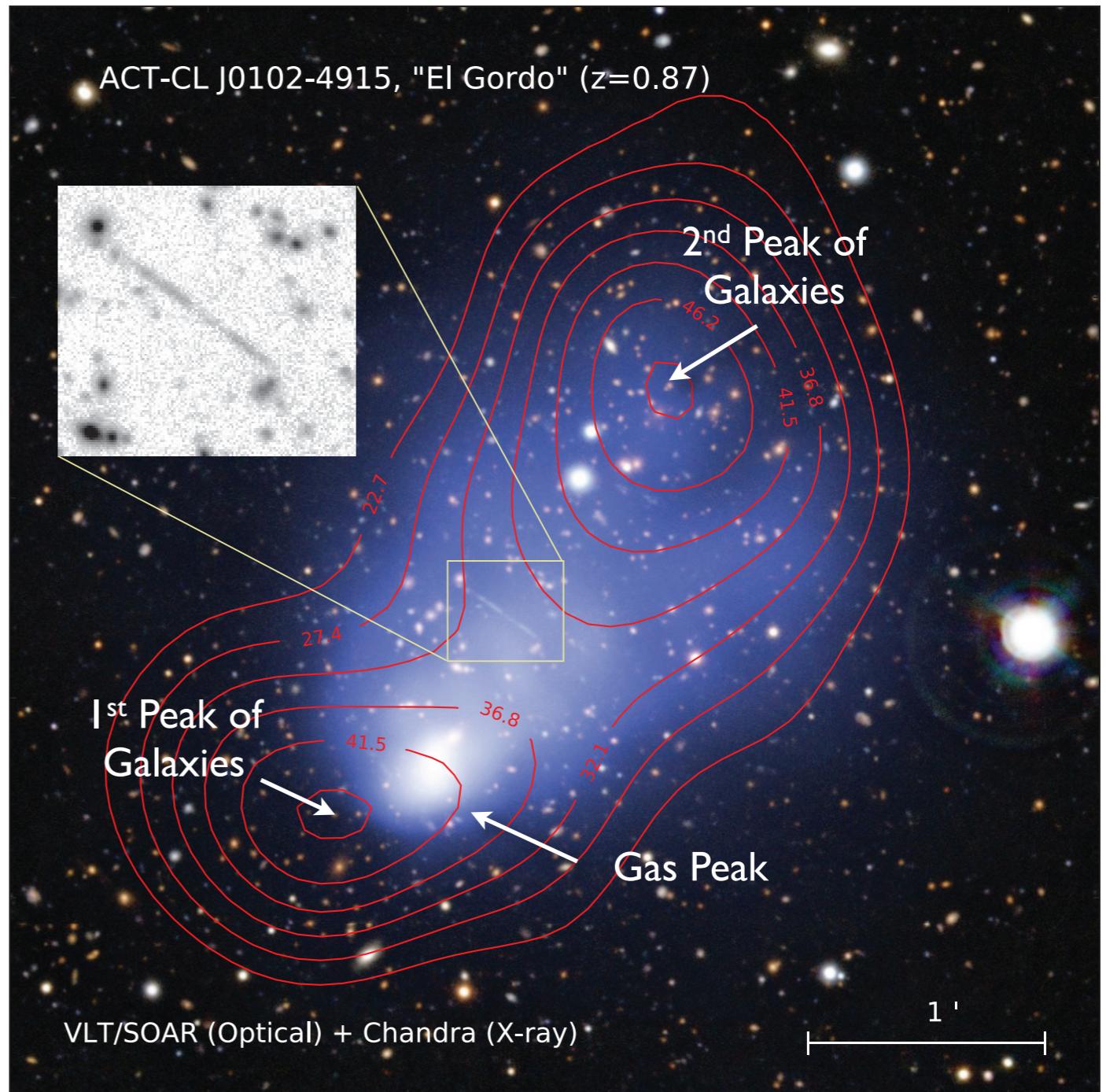
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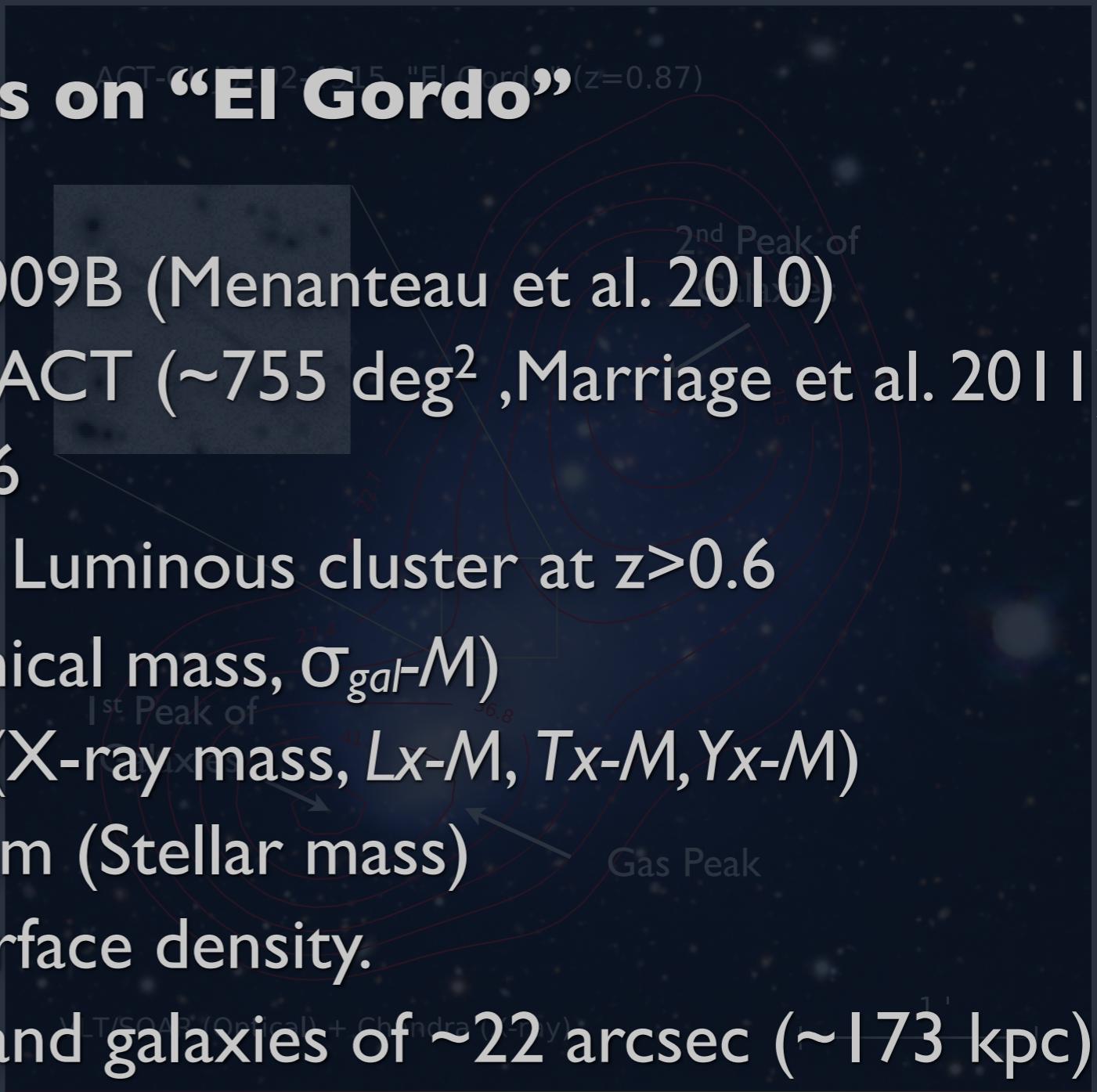
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Highlights on “El Gordo”

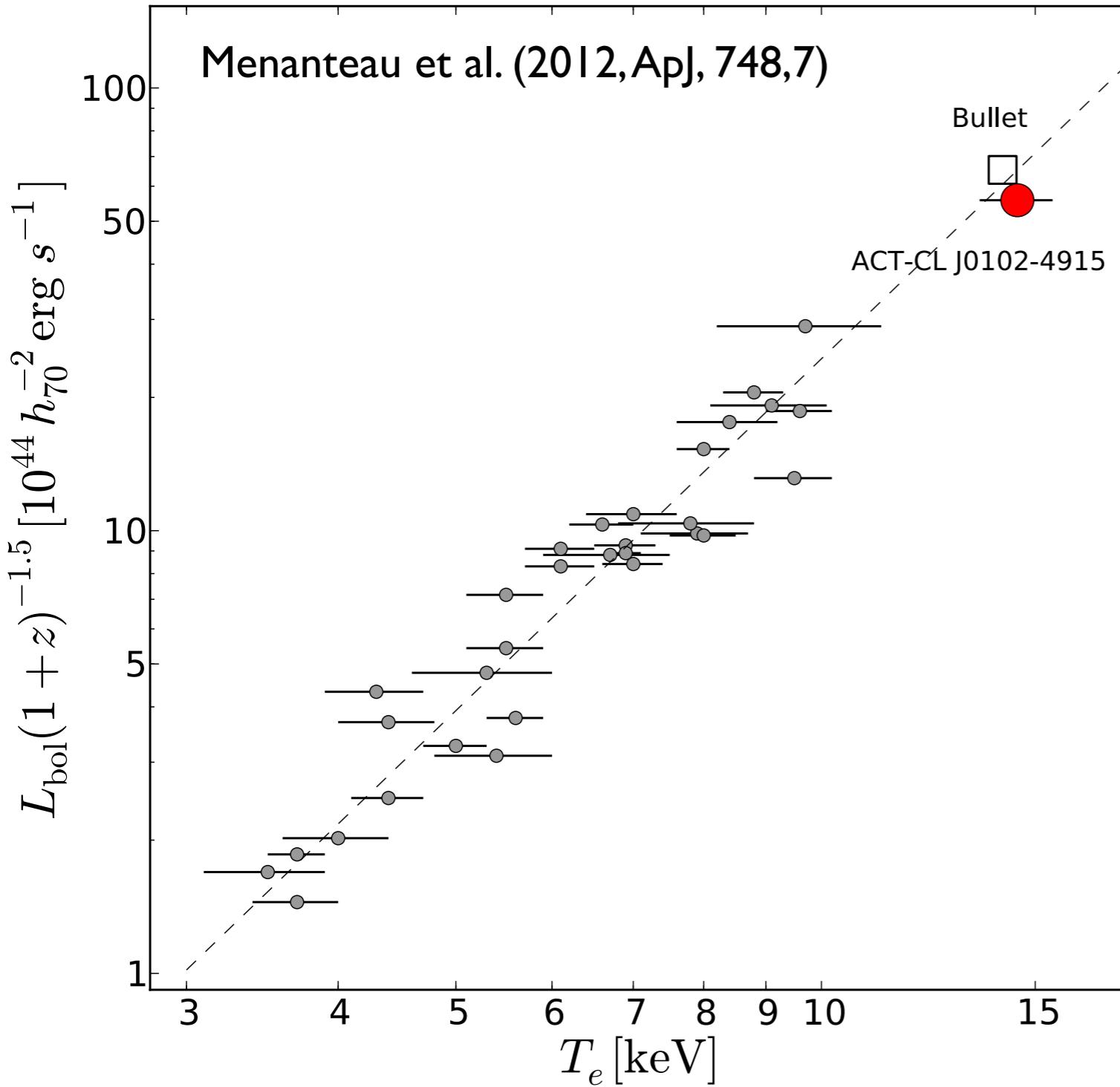
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- **Optically confirmed** in the 2009B (Menanteau et al. 2010)
- **The highest SZ signal** from ACT ($\sim 755 \text{ deg}^2$, Marriage et al. 2011)
- **The hottest cluster** at $z > 0.6$
The offset peak is likely the core
- **The most massive and X-ray Luminous cluster** at $z > 0.6$
- **89 redshifts** from VLT (dynamical mass, $\sigma_{\text{gal}} - M$)
approximate direction of merger.
- **Chandra/ACIS observations** (X-ray mass, $L_x - M$, $T_x - M$, $Y_x - M$)
- **Spitzer/IRAC 3.6um and 4.5um** (Stellar mass)
distribution precedes the Gas
- **Clear “wake” in the X-ray surface density.**
Peak in the direction of the
- **Separation between hot gas and galaxies of $\sim 22 \text{ arcsec}$ ($\sim 173 \text{ kpc}$)**
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“El Gordo” is Hot and Luminous!!



**Core-excised
Integrated spectrum**

$$kT = 14.5 \pm 0.1 \text{ keV}$$

$$L_X = 2.19 \times 10^{45} \text{ erg s}^{-1}$$

$$L_{\text{bol}} = 1.36 \times 10^{46} \text{ erg s}^{-1}$$

Compared with Markevitch et al. (1998)

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CL J1226+3332 (z=0.89)
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SPT-CL J2106-5844 (z=1.14)
 $M_{200} = (1.27 \pm 0.21) \times 10^{15} h_{70}^{-1} M_{\odot}$

Rarity of “El Gordo” (Based on its exceptional mass)

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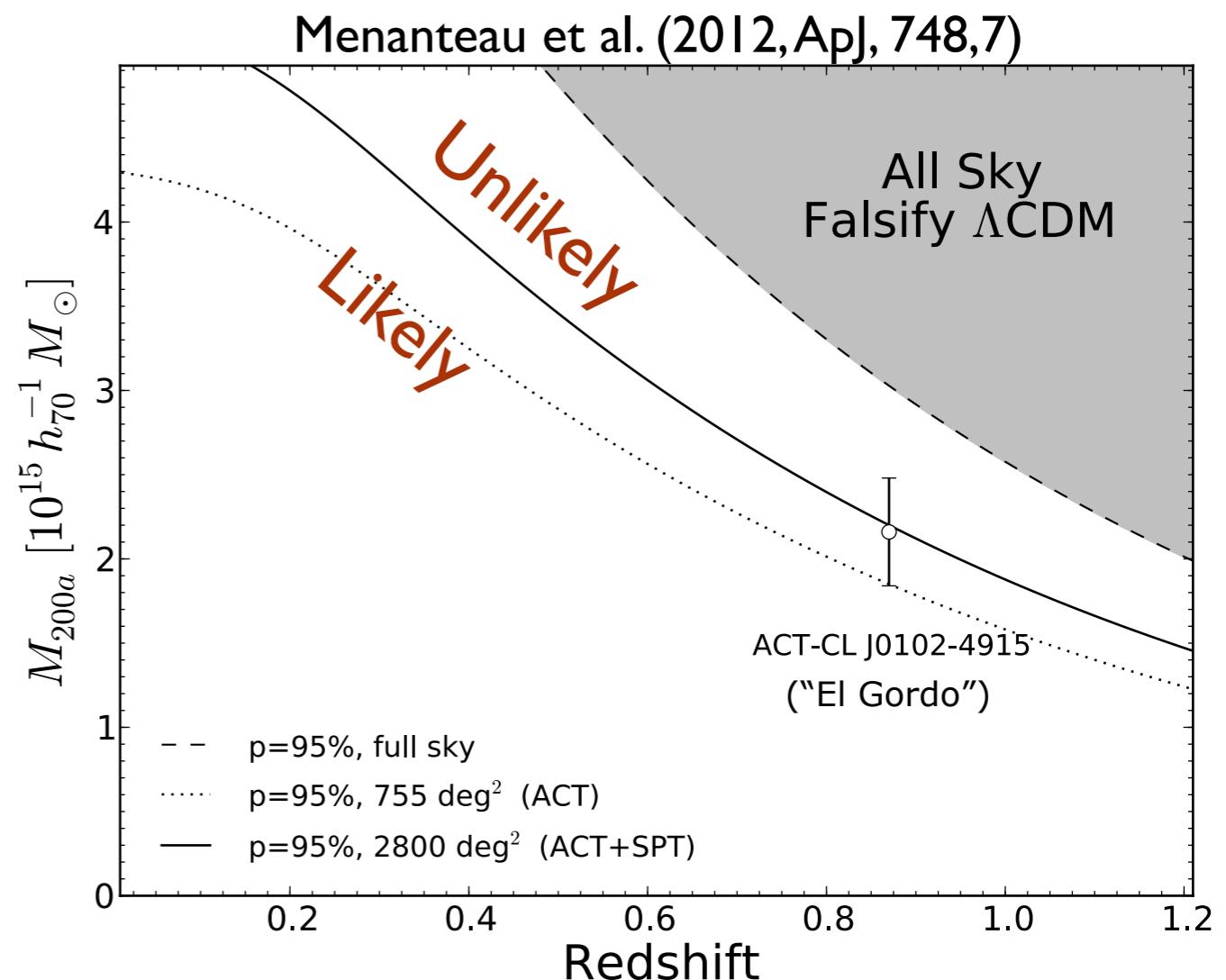
- Area of survey:

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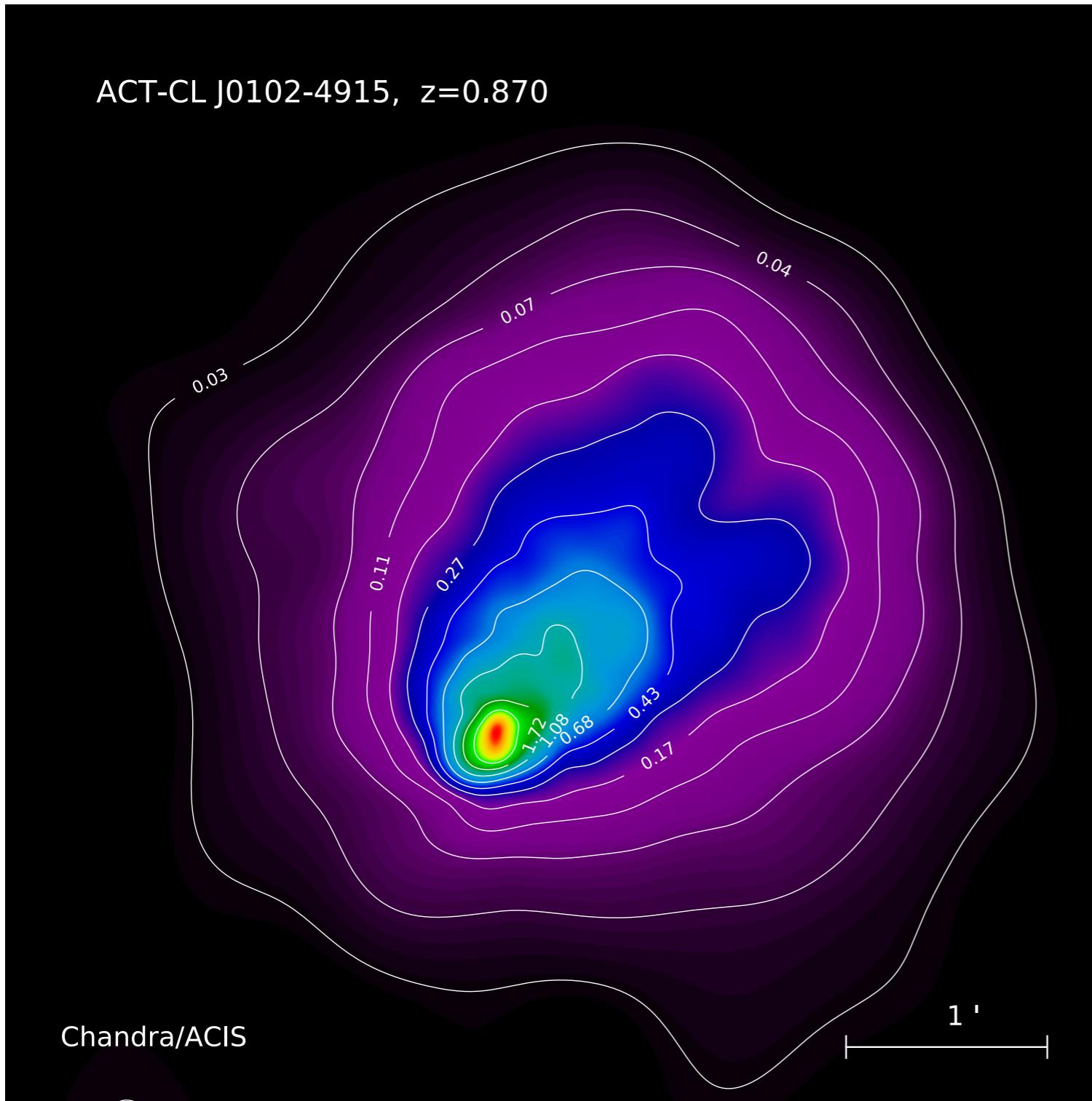
ACT+SPT: 2800 deg²

- Mortonson et al. (2011) exclusion curves for Λ CDM and quintessence parameter distribution.

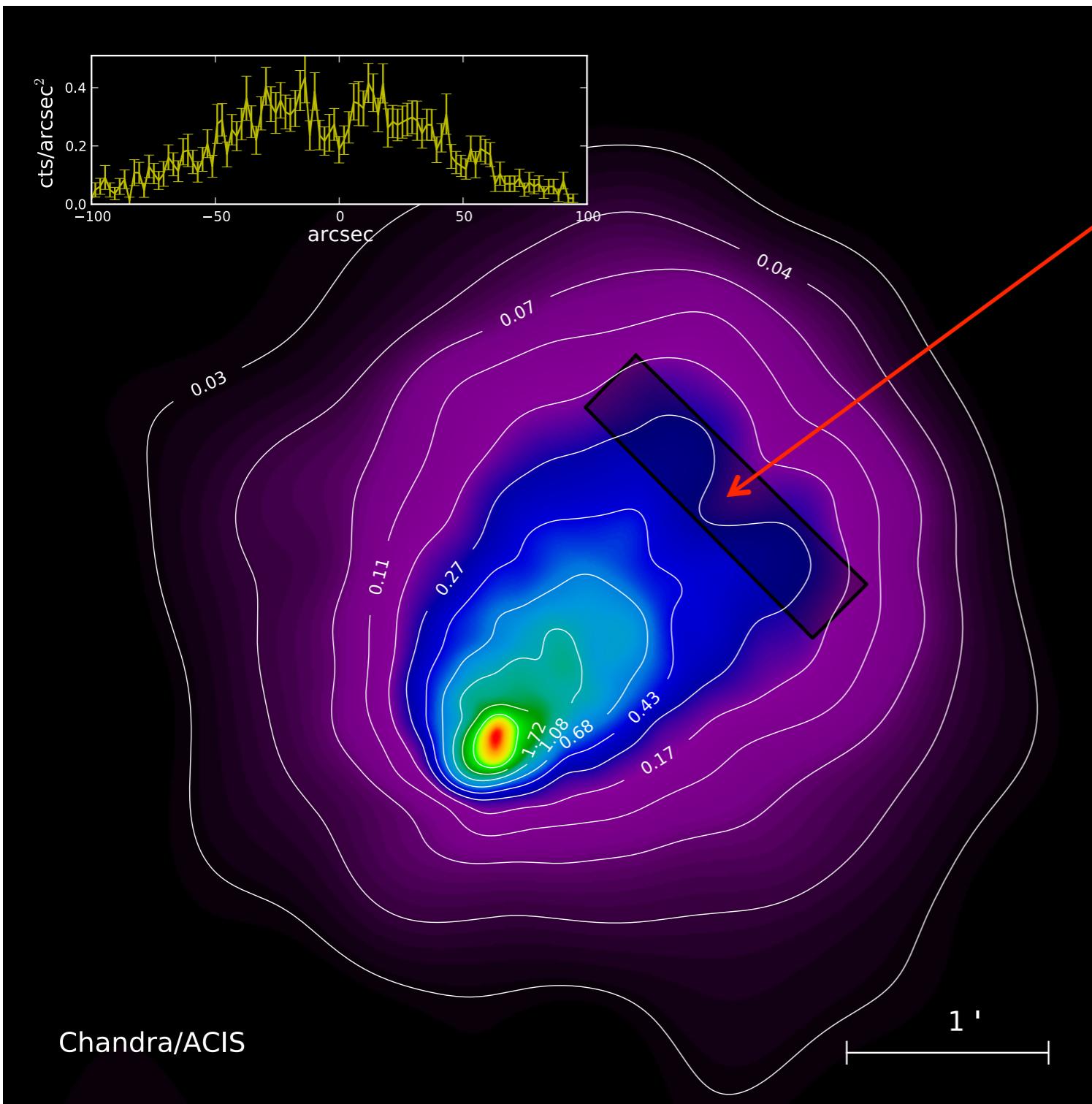
- Cluster is very unlikely in the ACT survey area alone (3σ), but still allowed in the ACT+SPT sky region if its mass is $1-\sigma$ or more below the nominal mass.



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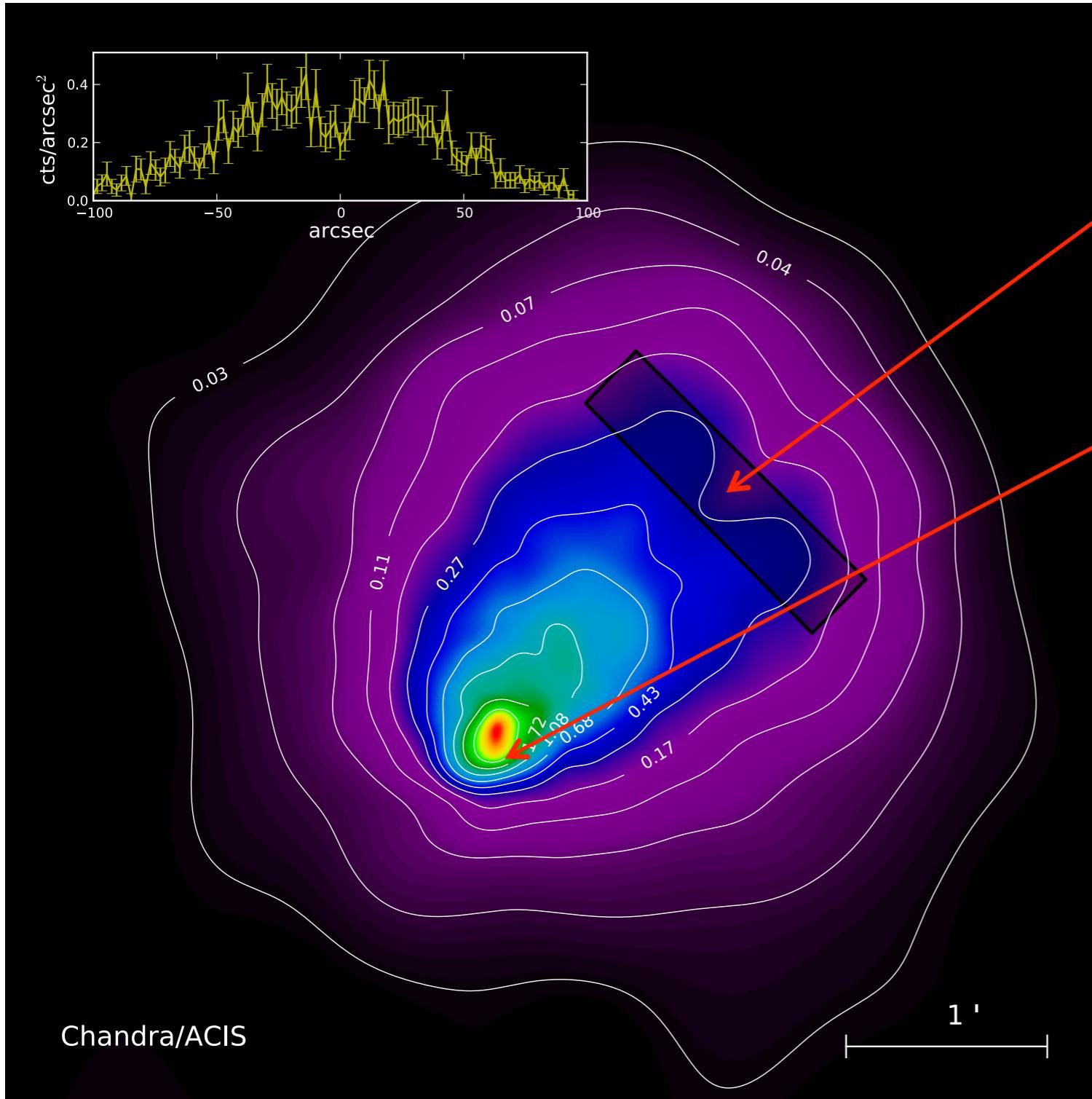


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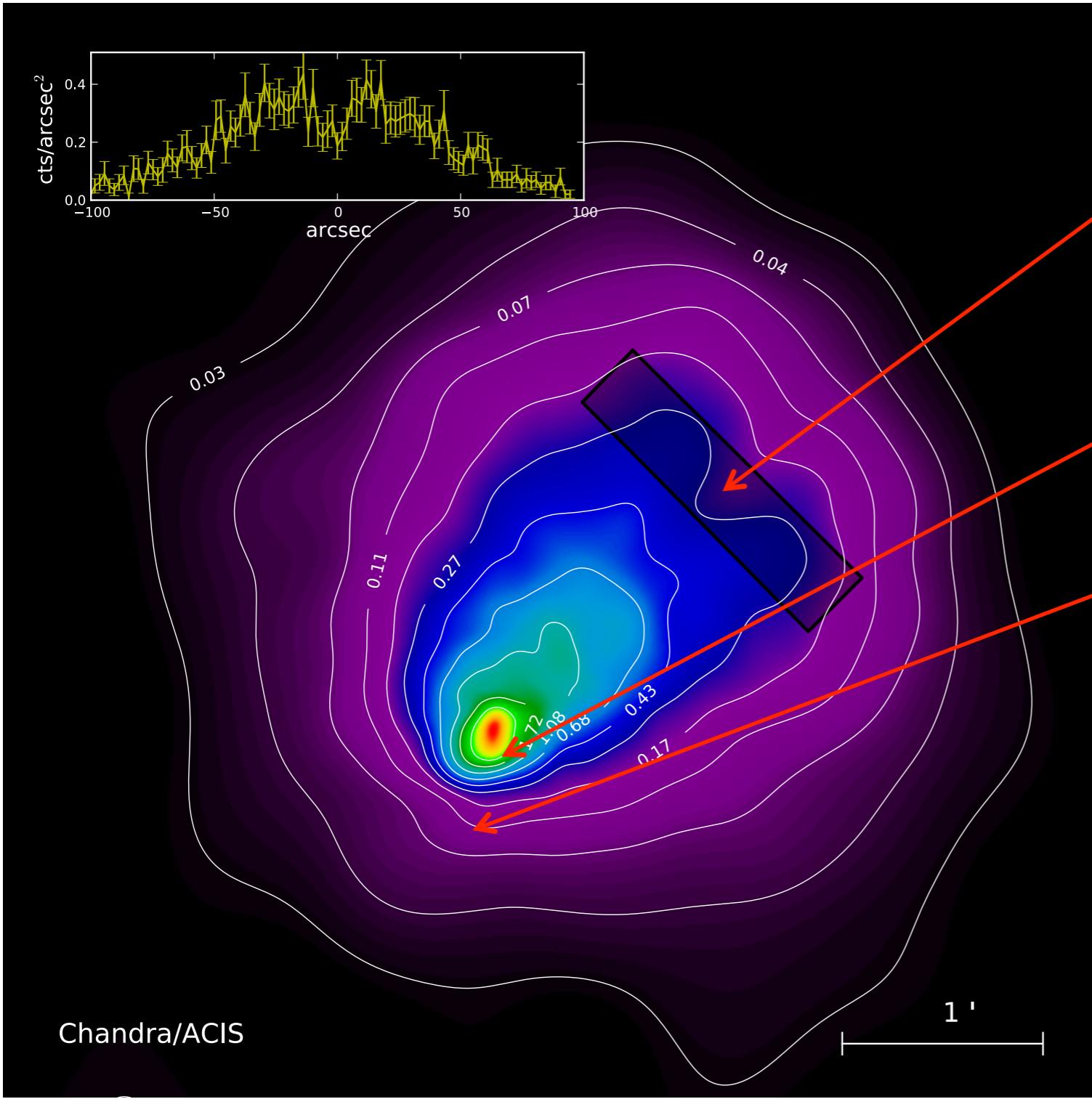
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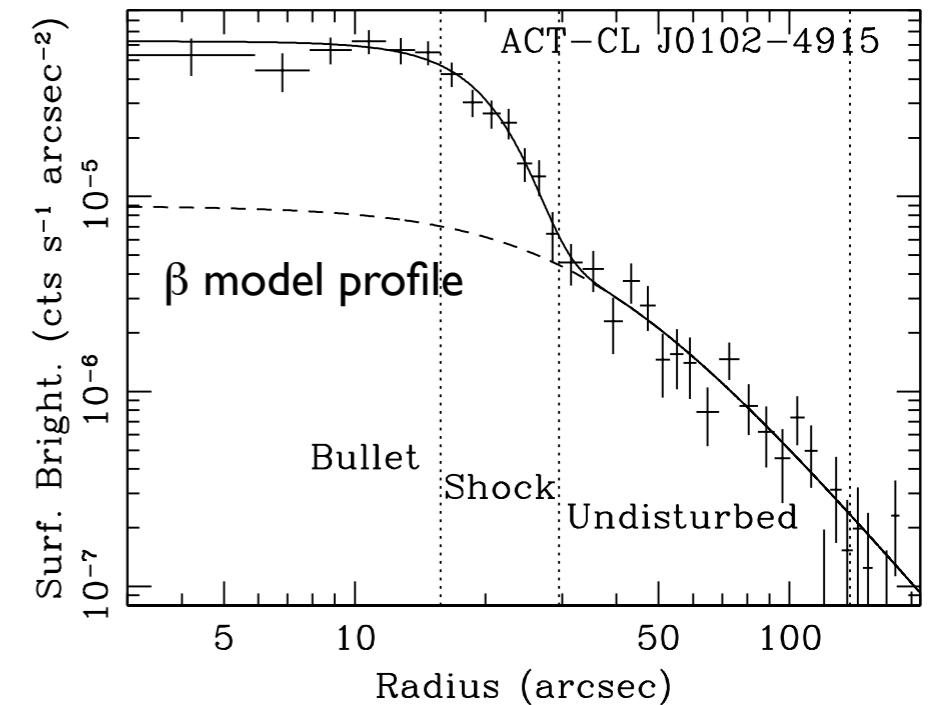
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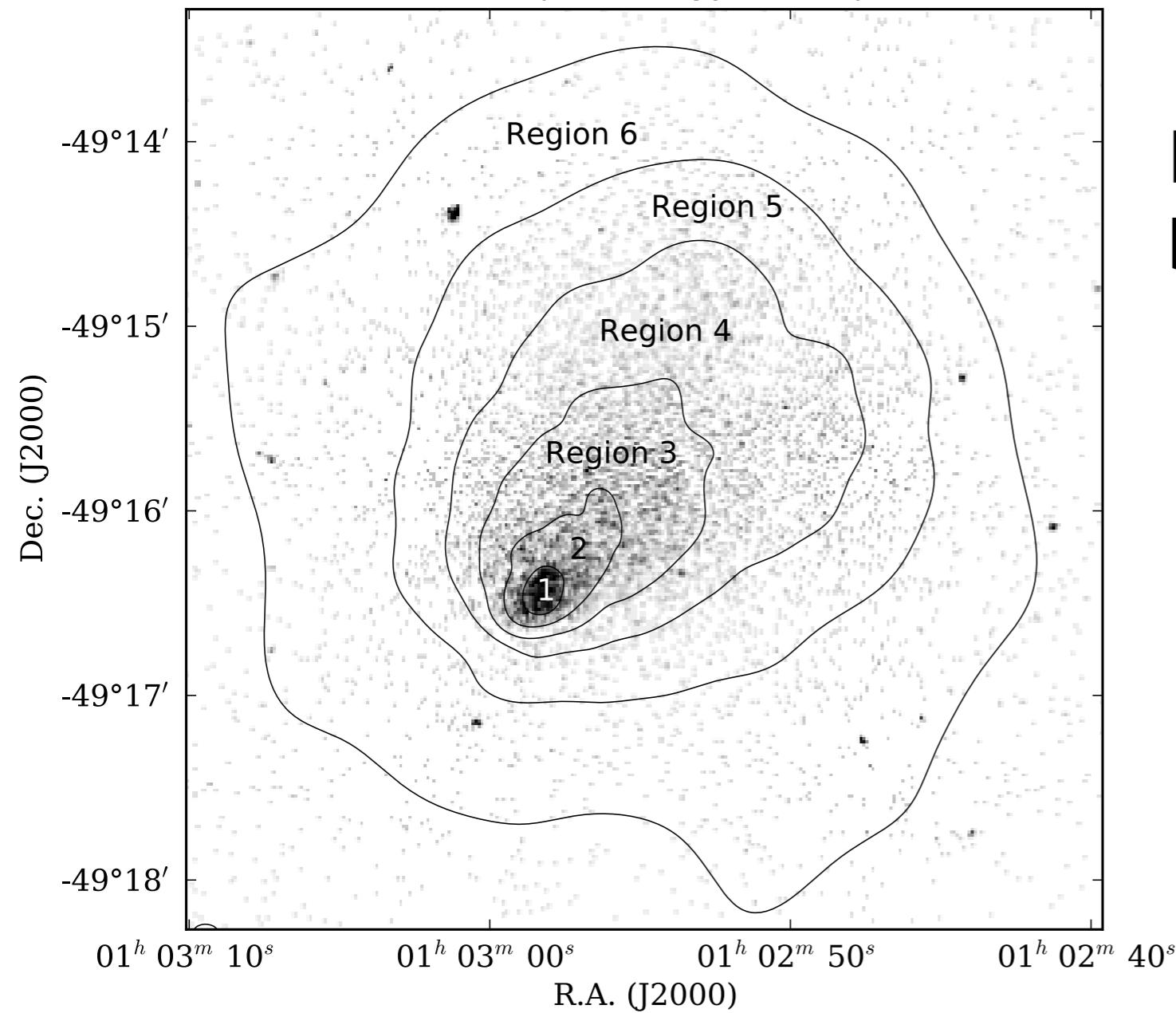
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Steep brightness gradient



Chandra Spectro-Imaging Analysis

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Divide cluster in six regions
based on surface brightness

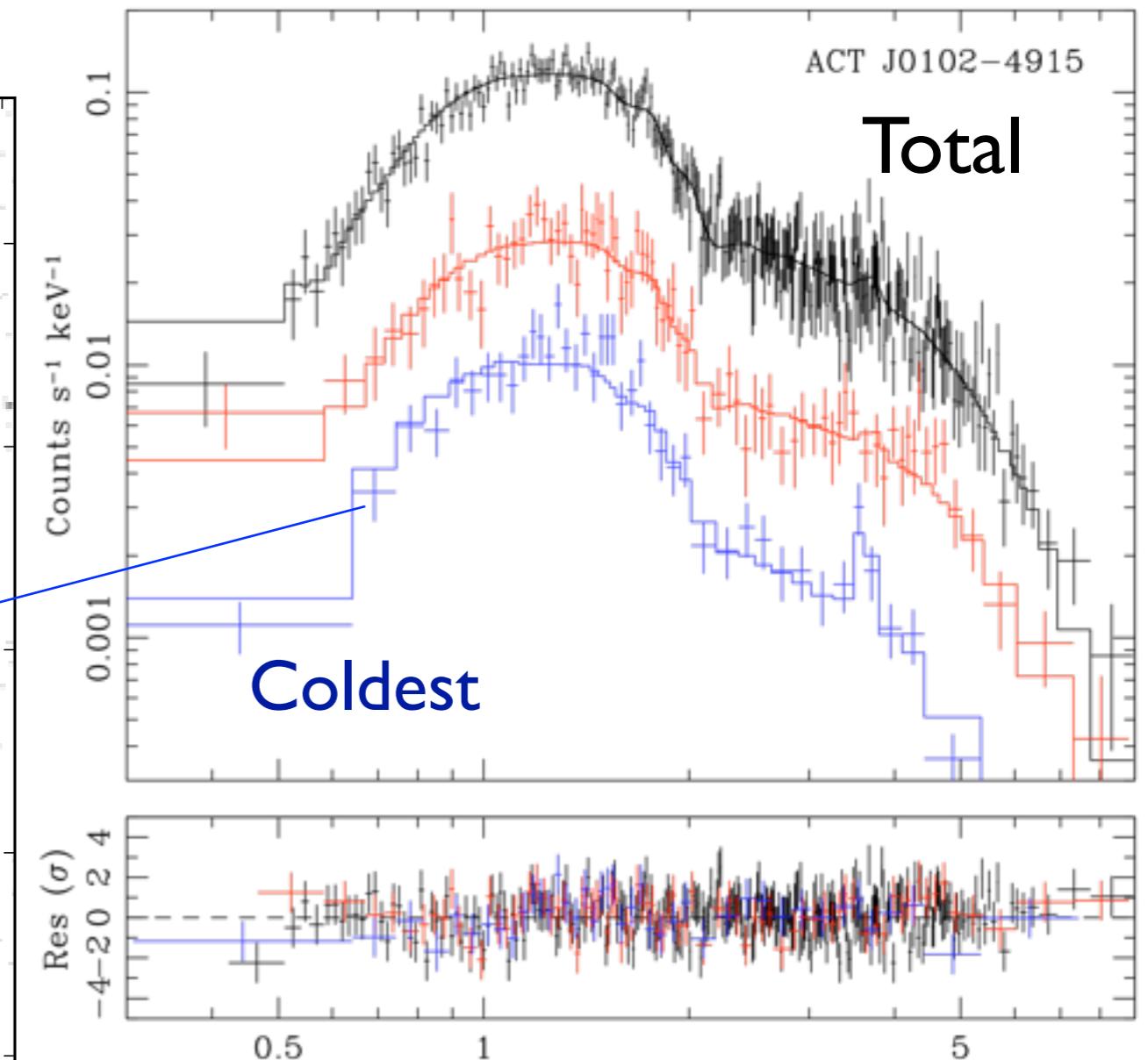
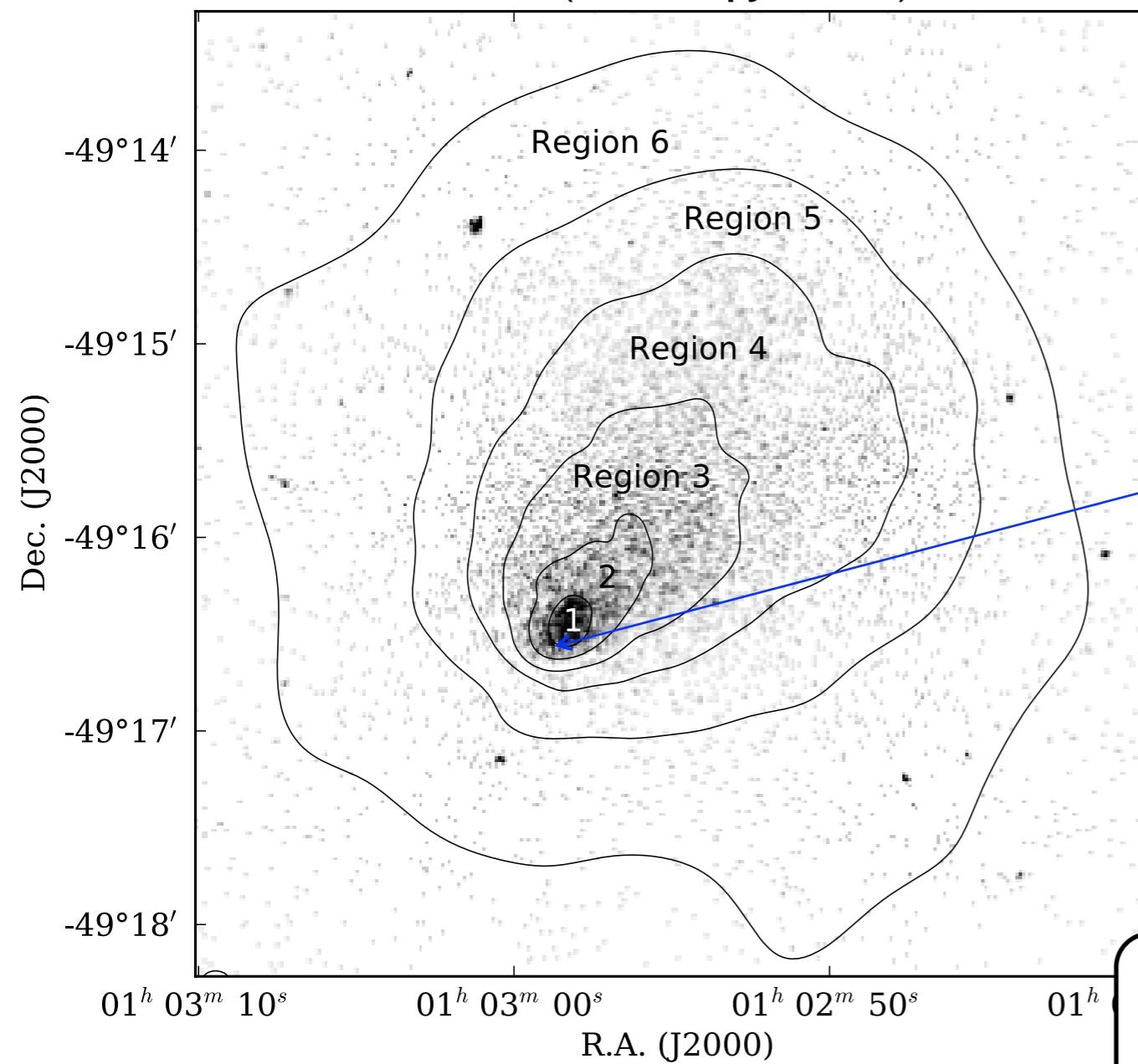
Region 1 : 1000 cts

Region 4 : 4300 cts

Others : 2000 – 3600 cts

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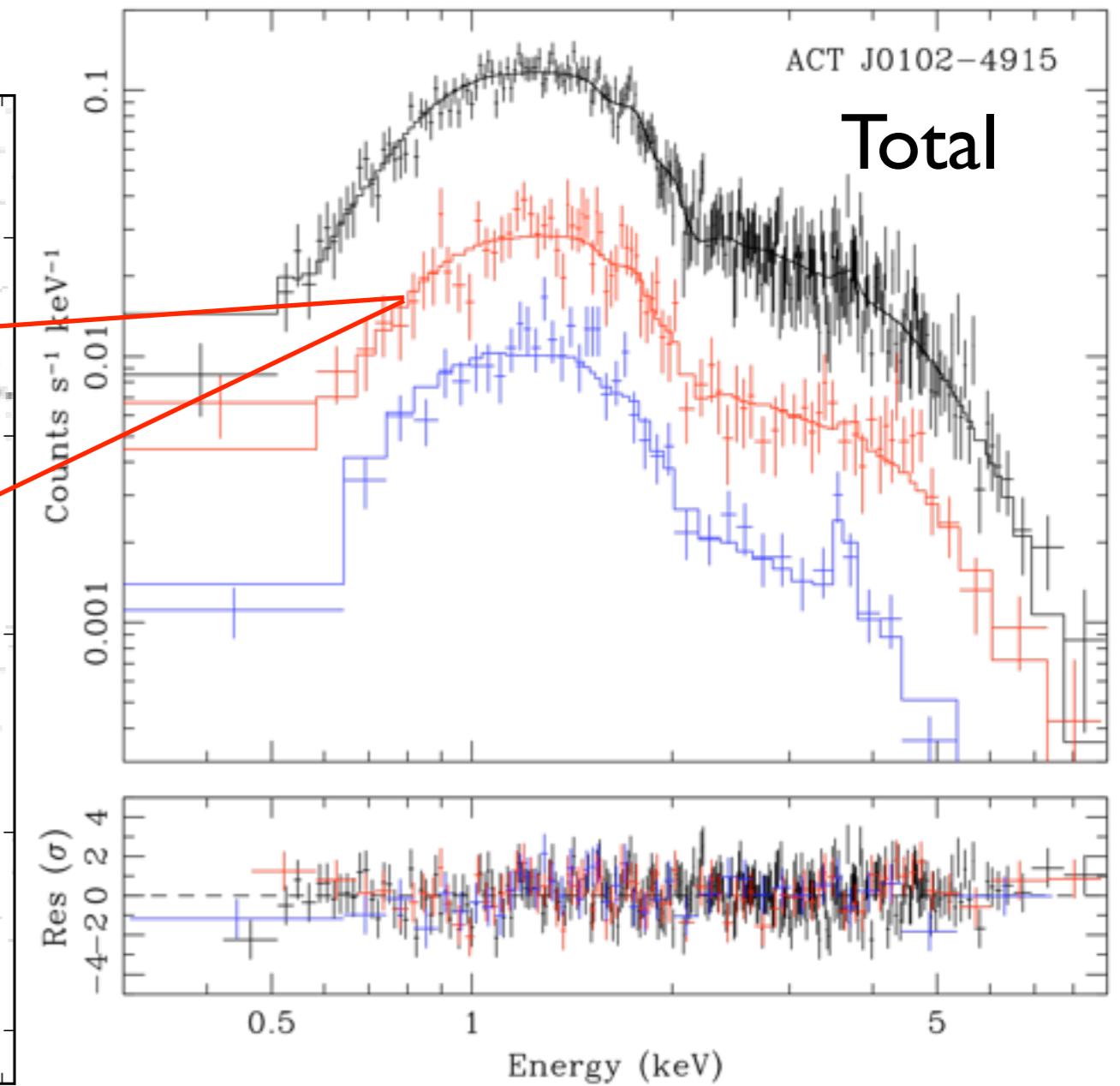
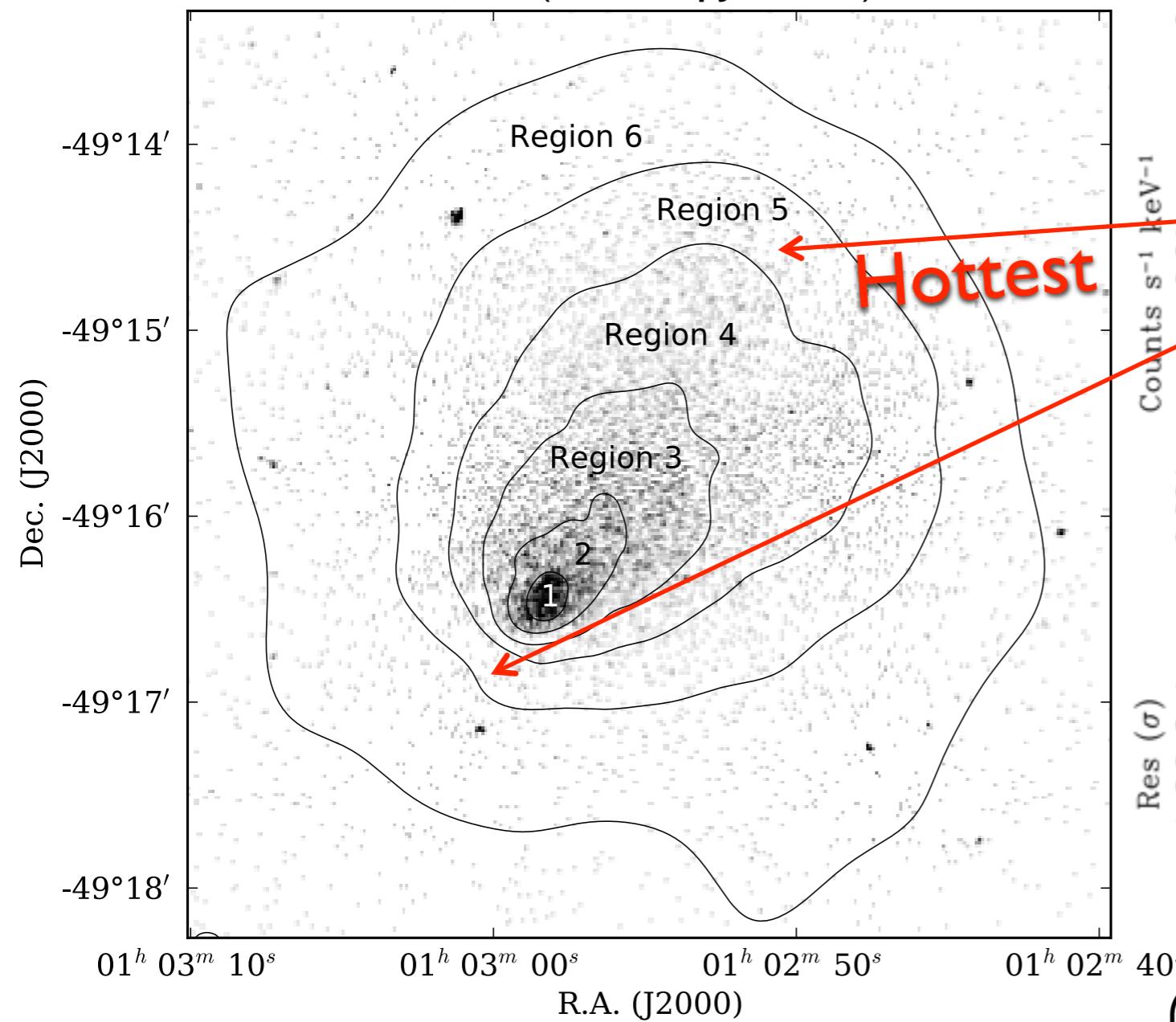
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- X-ray peak is cold ($kT=6.6\pm0.7$ keV)
- Highest Fe abundance ($Z=0.57\pm0.20$)
- low entropy bullet, i.e., the cool core of a merging cluster

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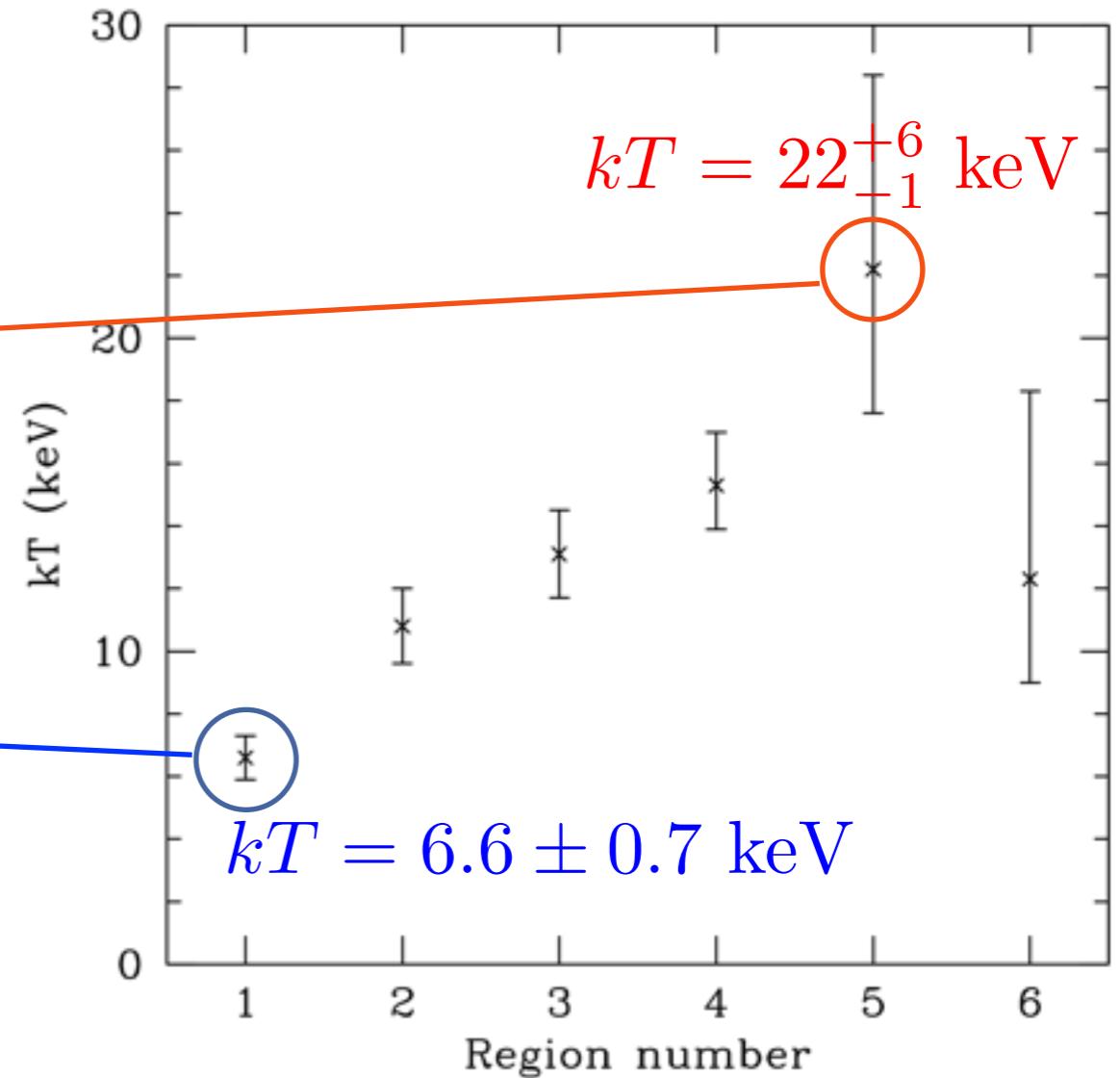
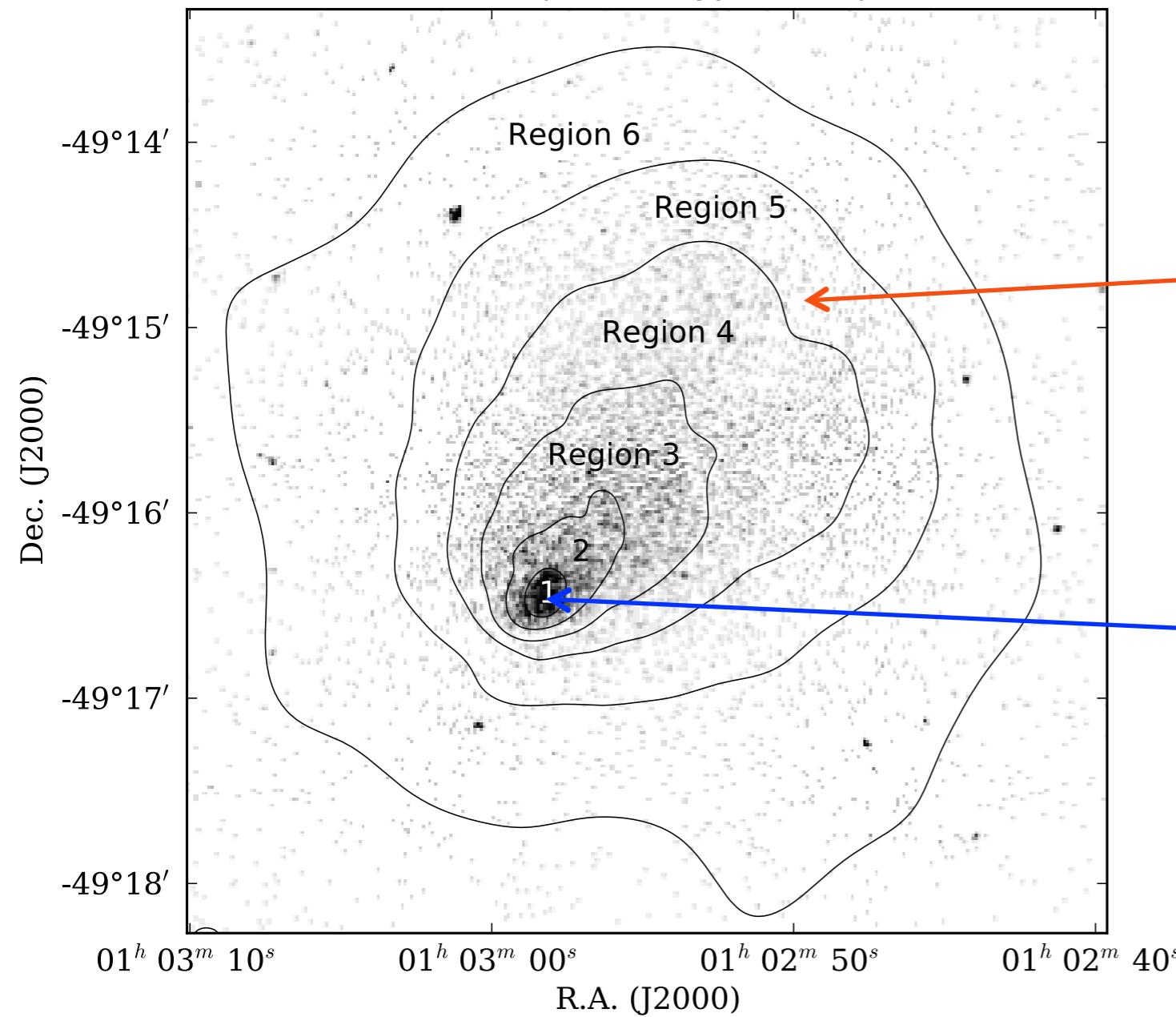
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Hottest region is $kT = 22(+6, -5)$ keV
(source frame) – shock heating?

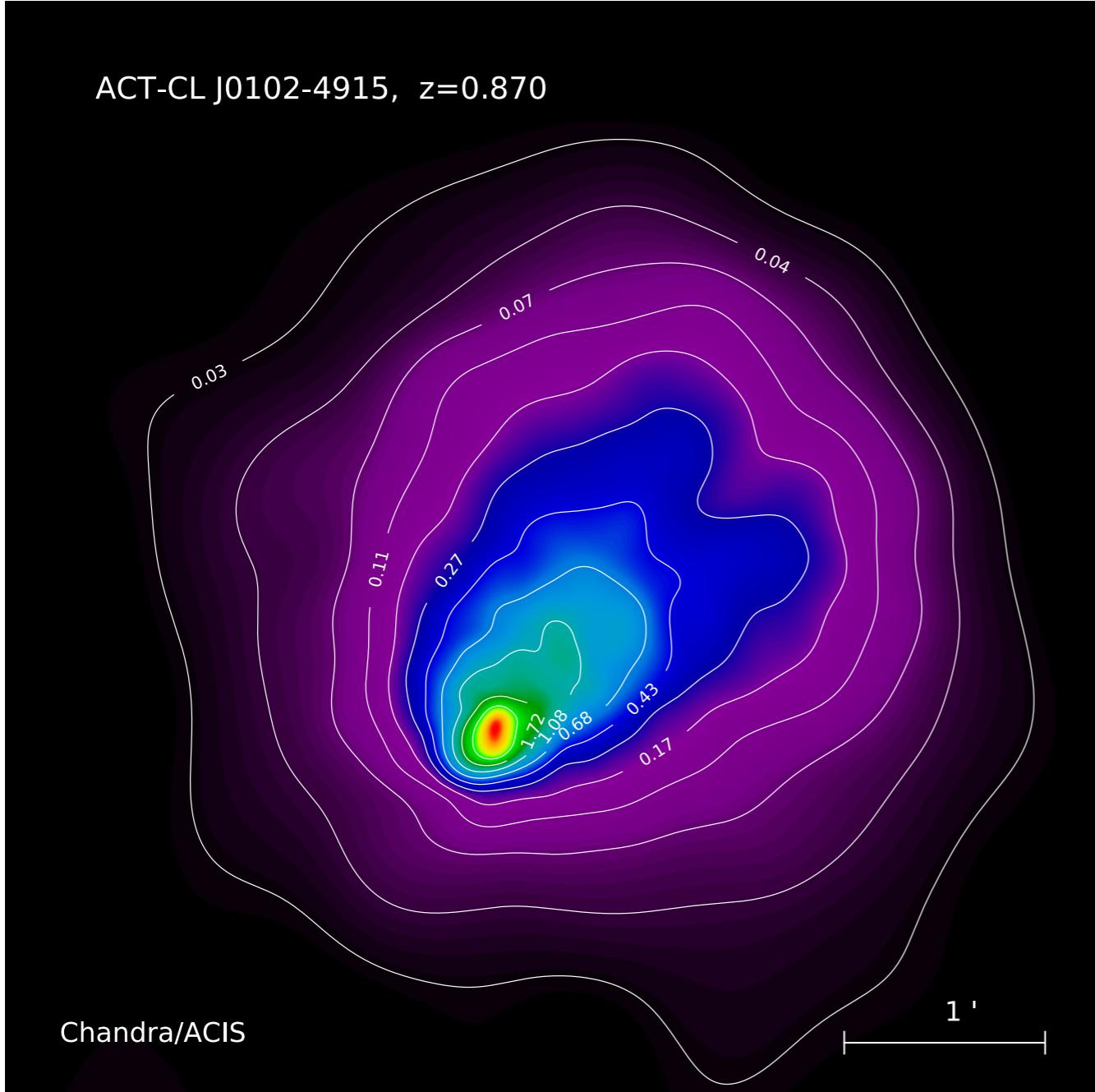
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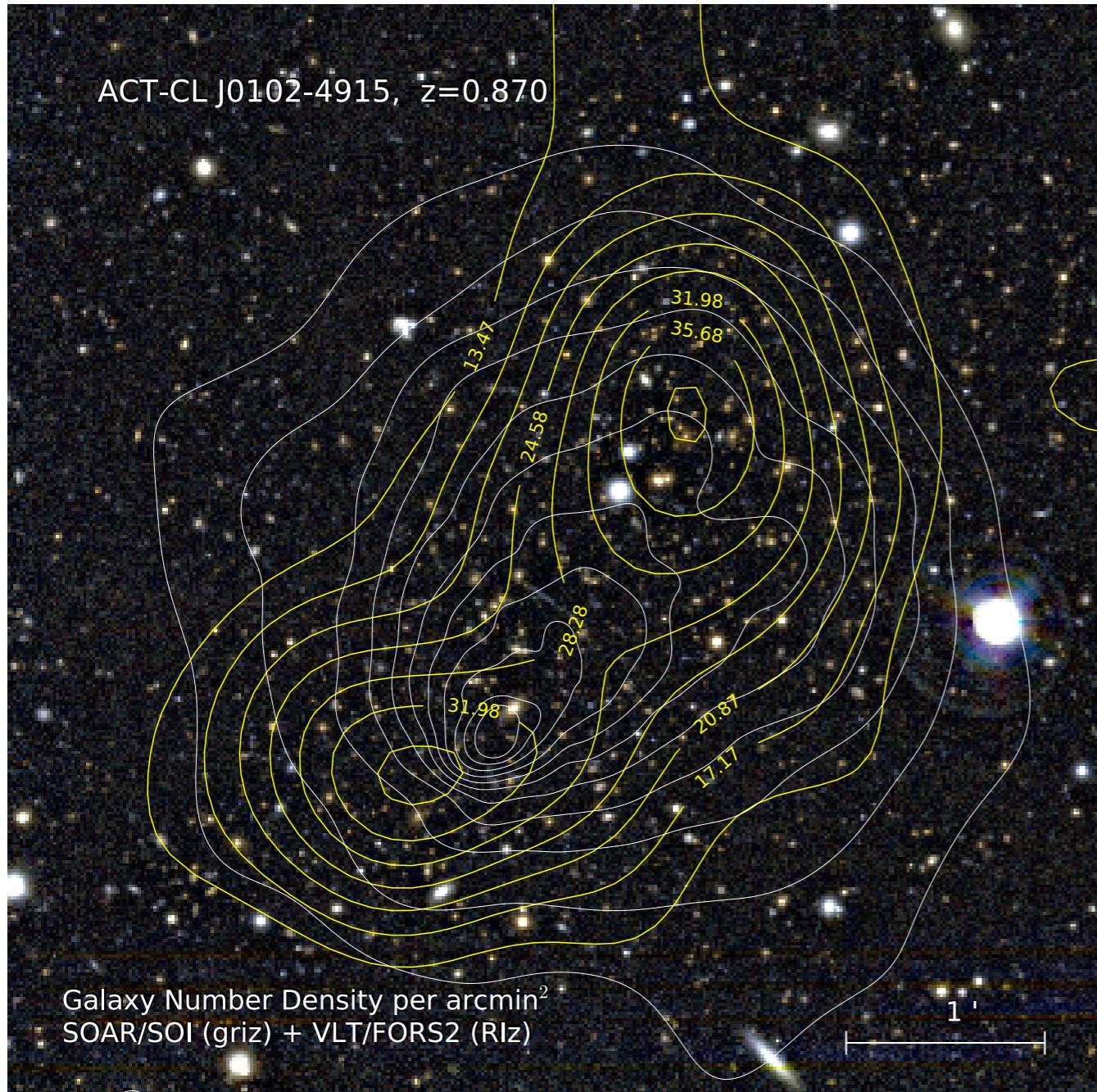
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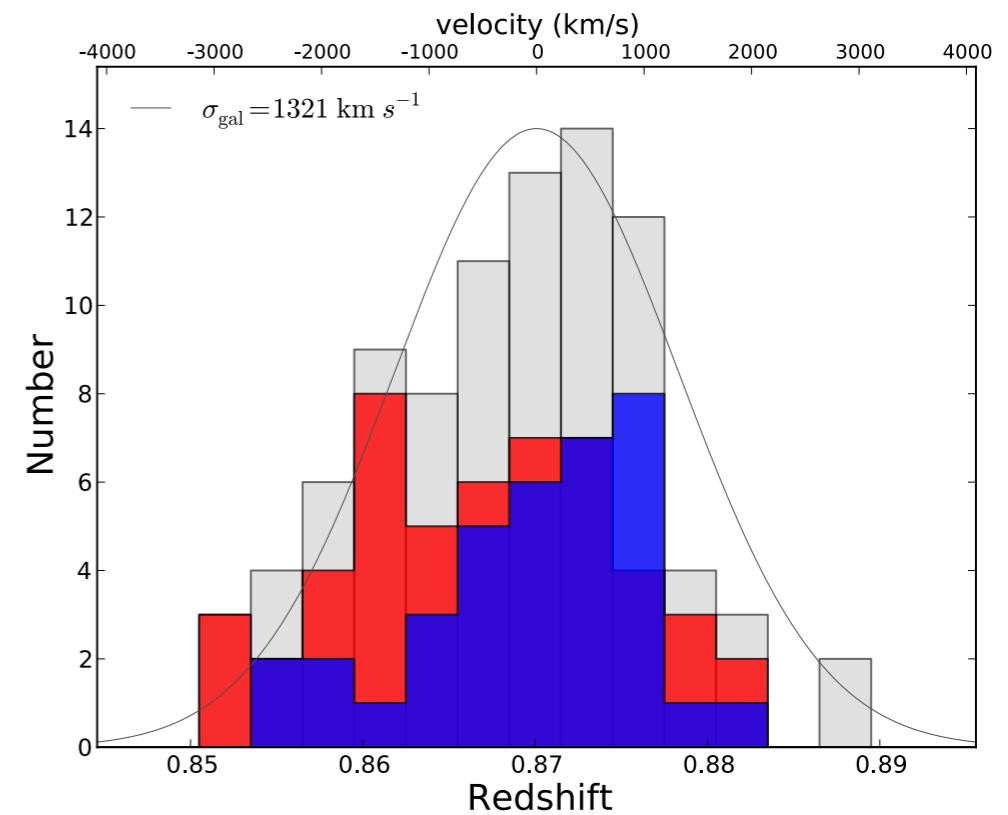
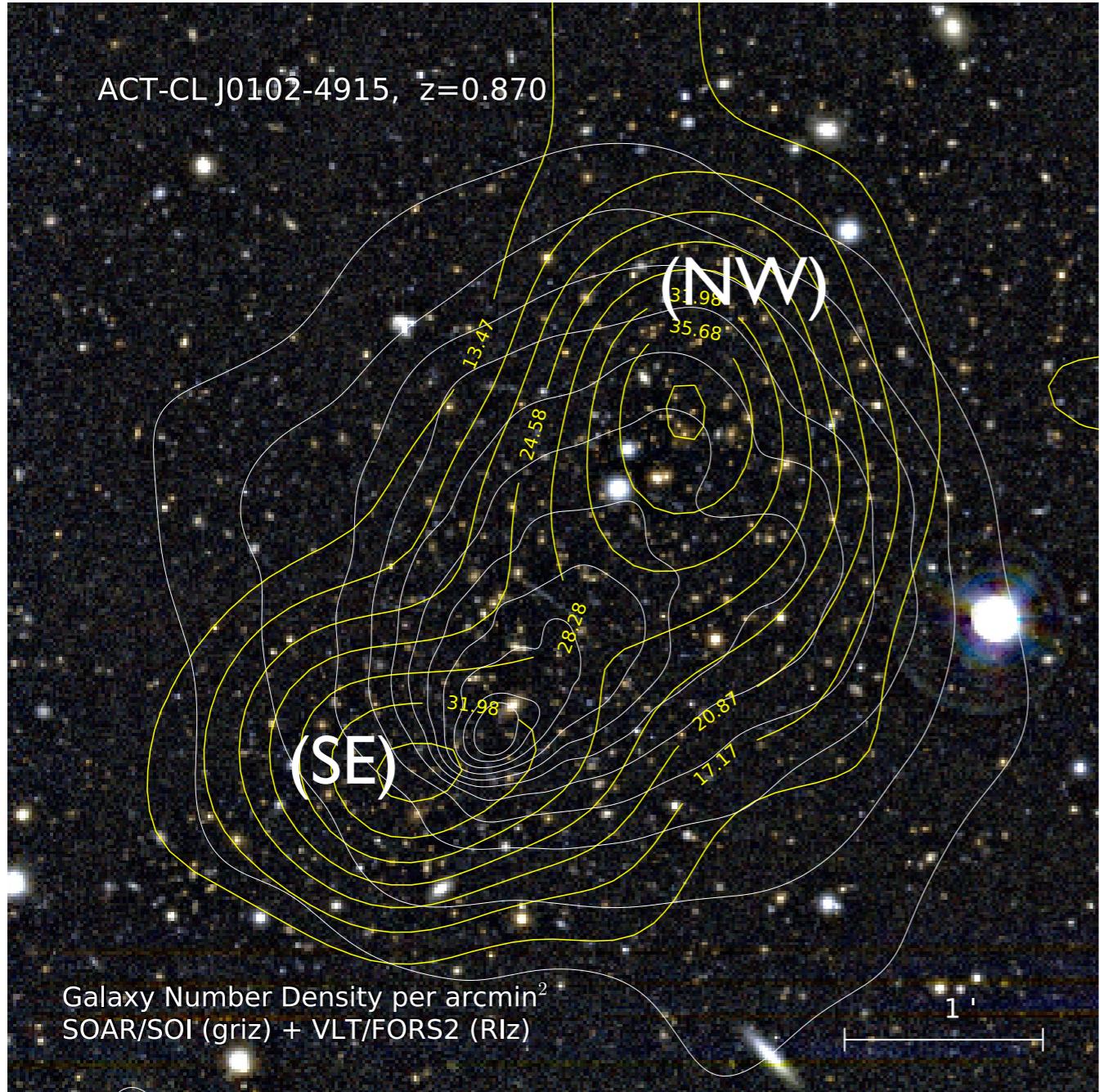
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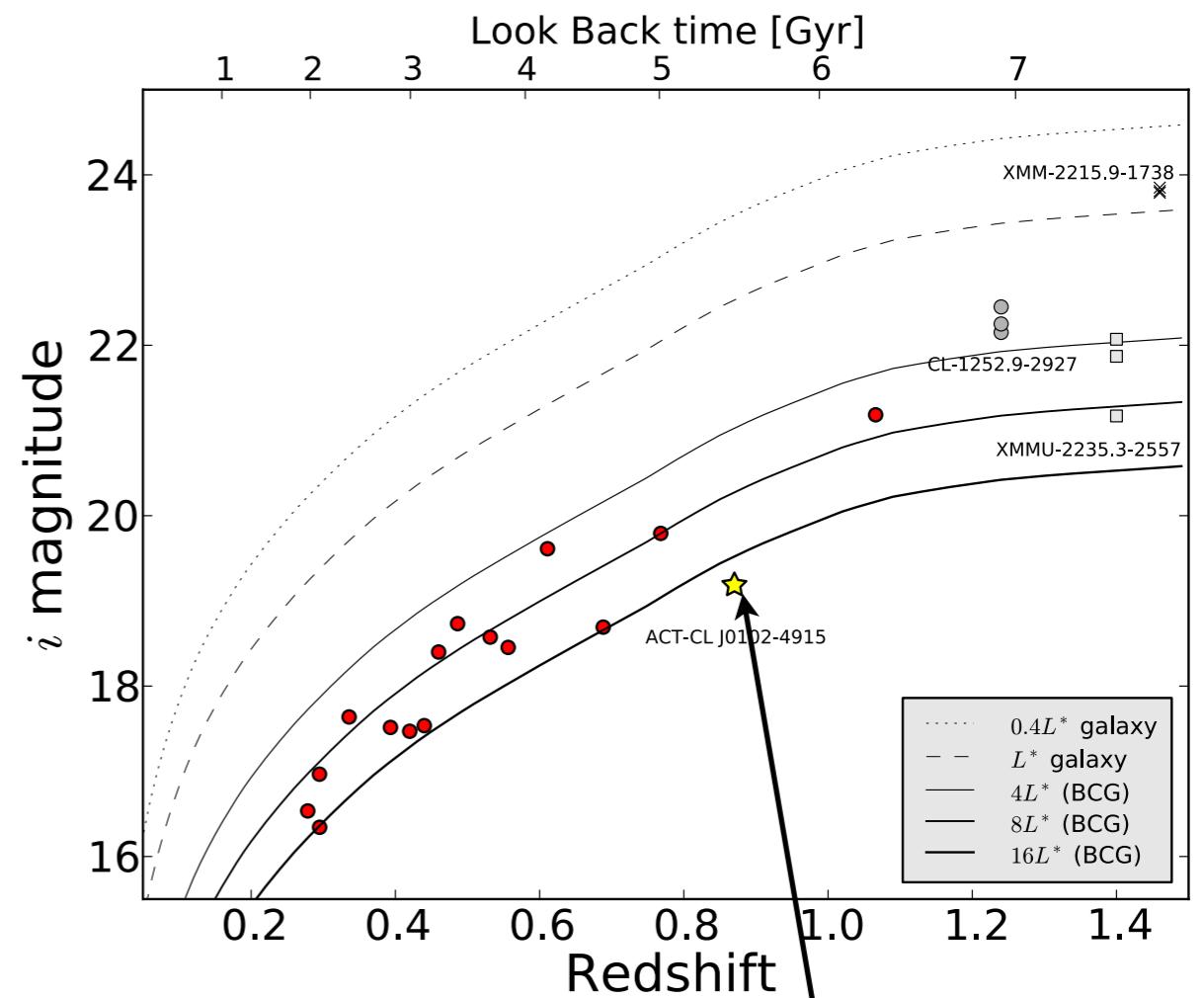
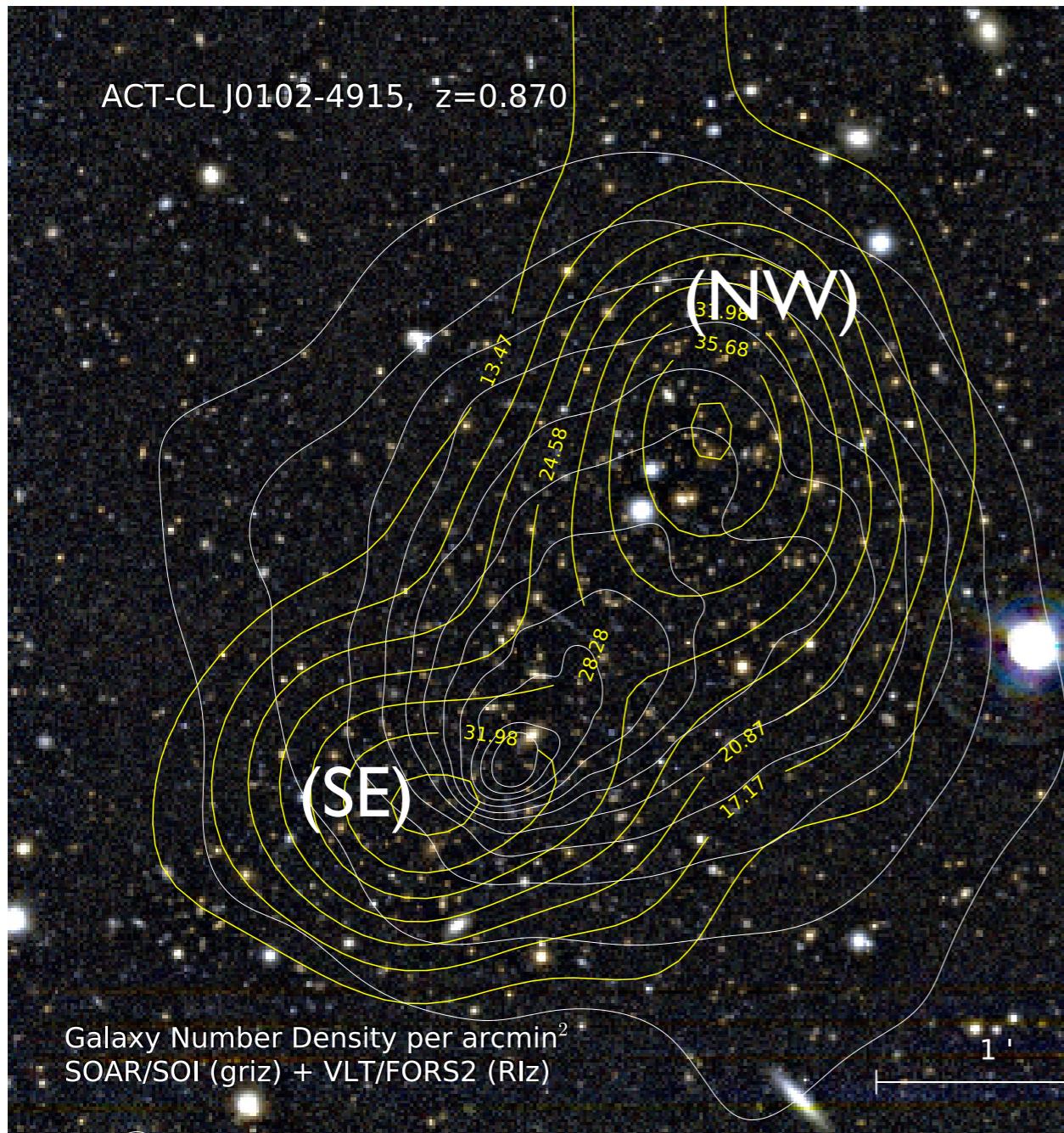


Mass ratio ~ 2 to 1

**No such high-z mergers find
in current large N-body
Simulations (Cube3pm)**

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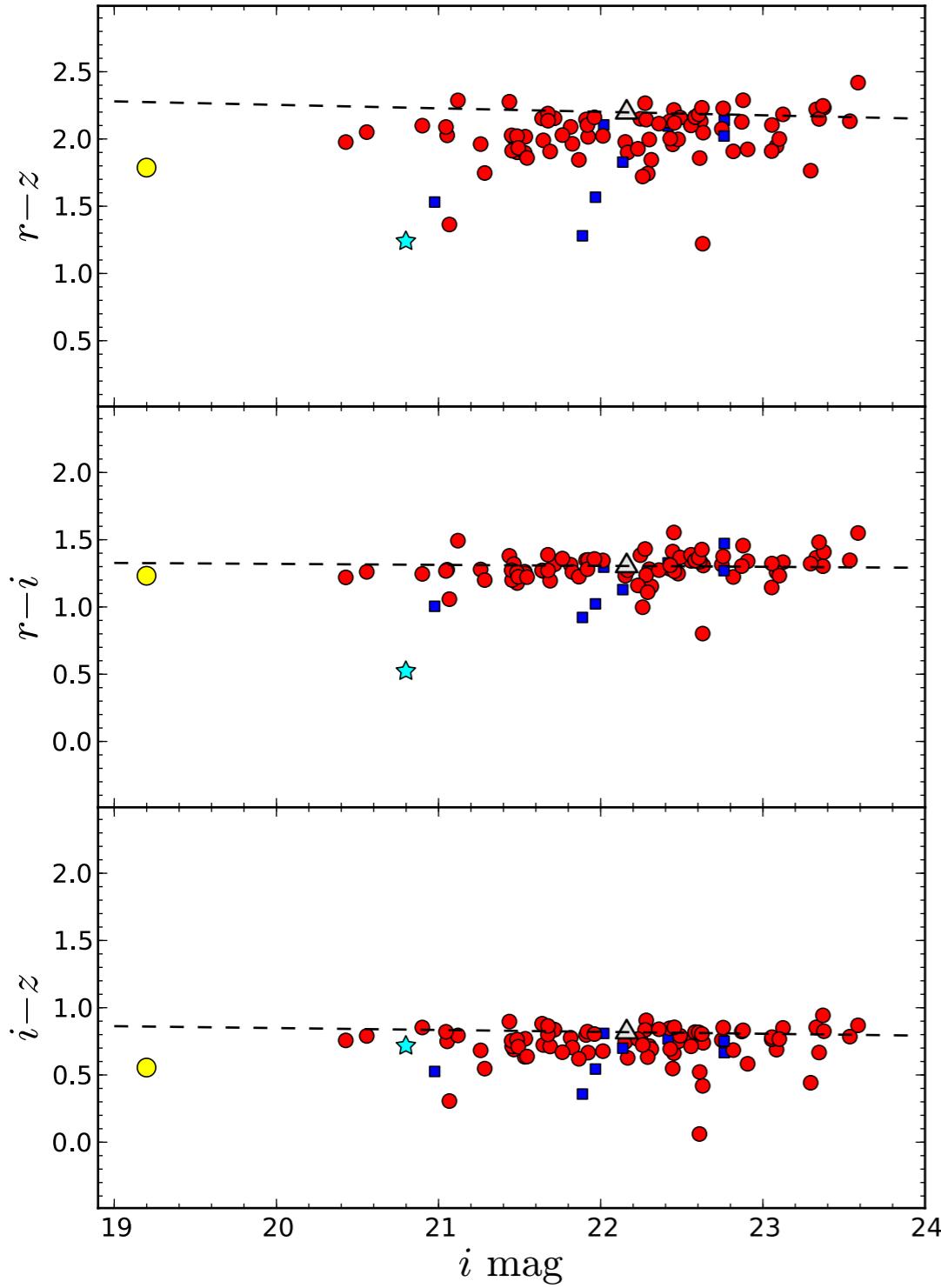
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Very luminous BCG

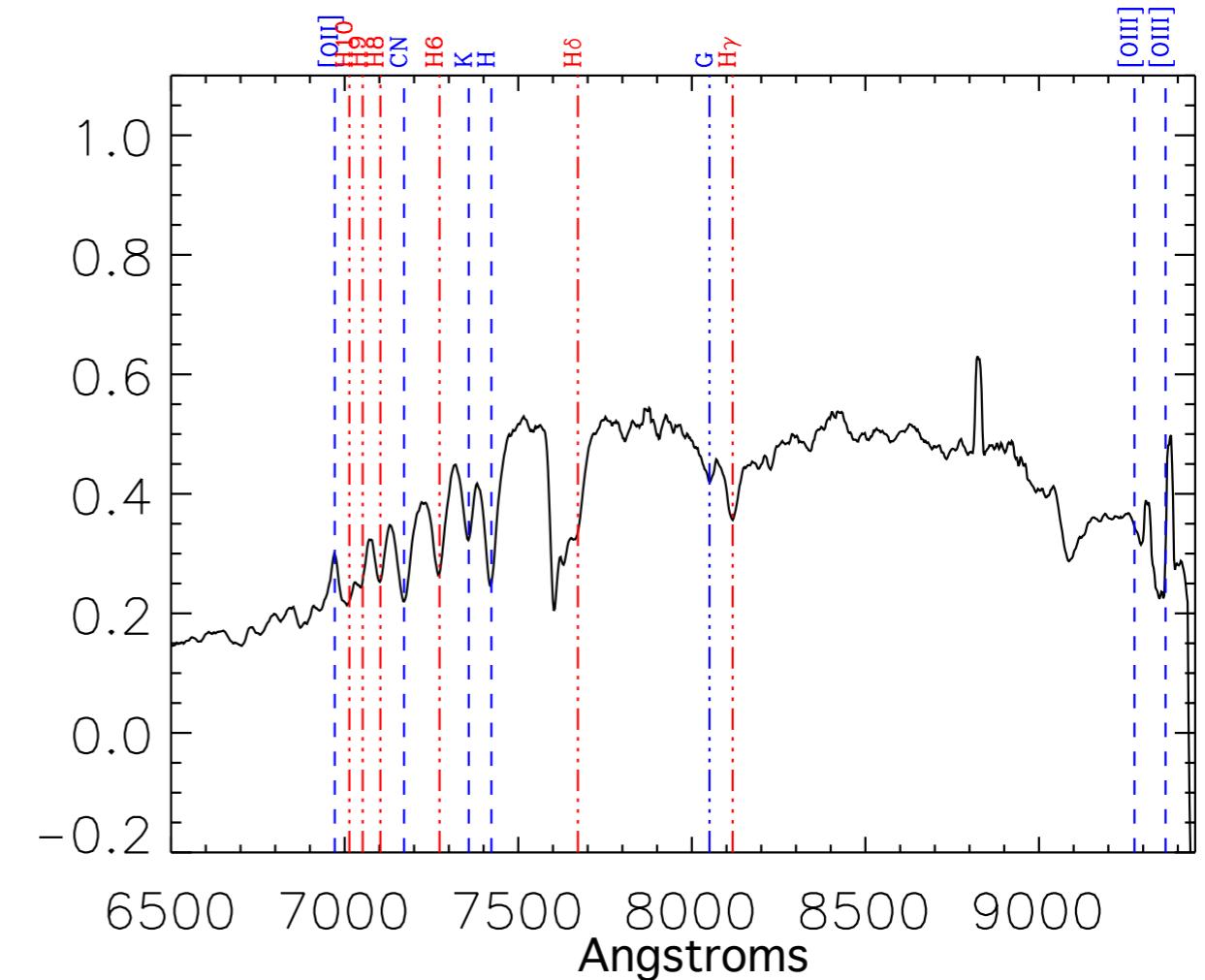
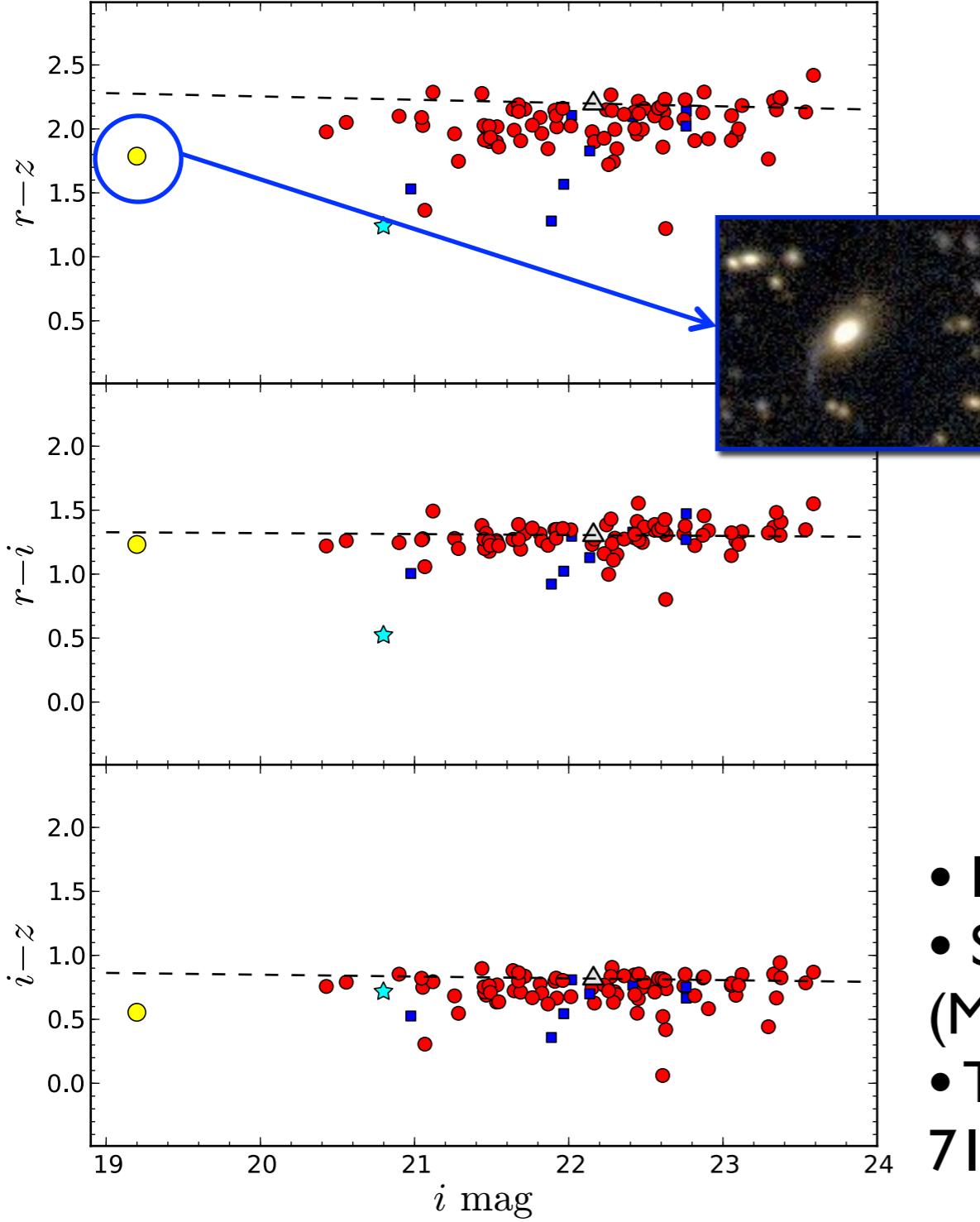
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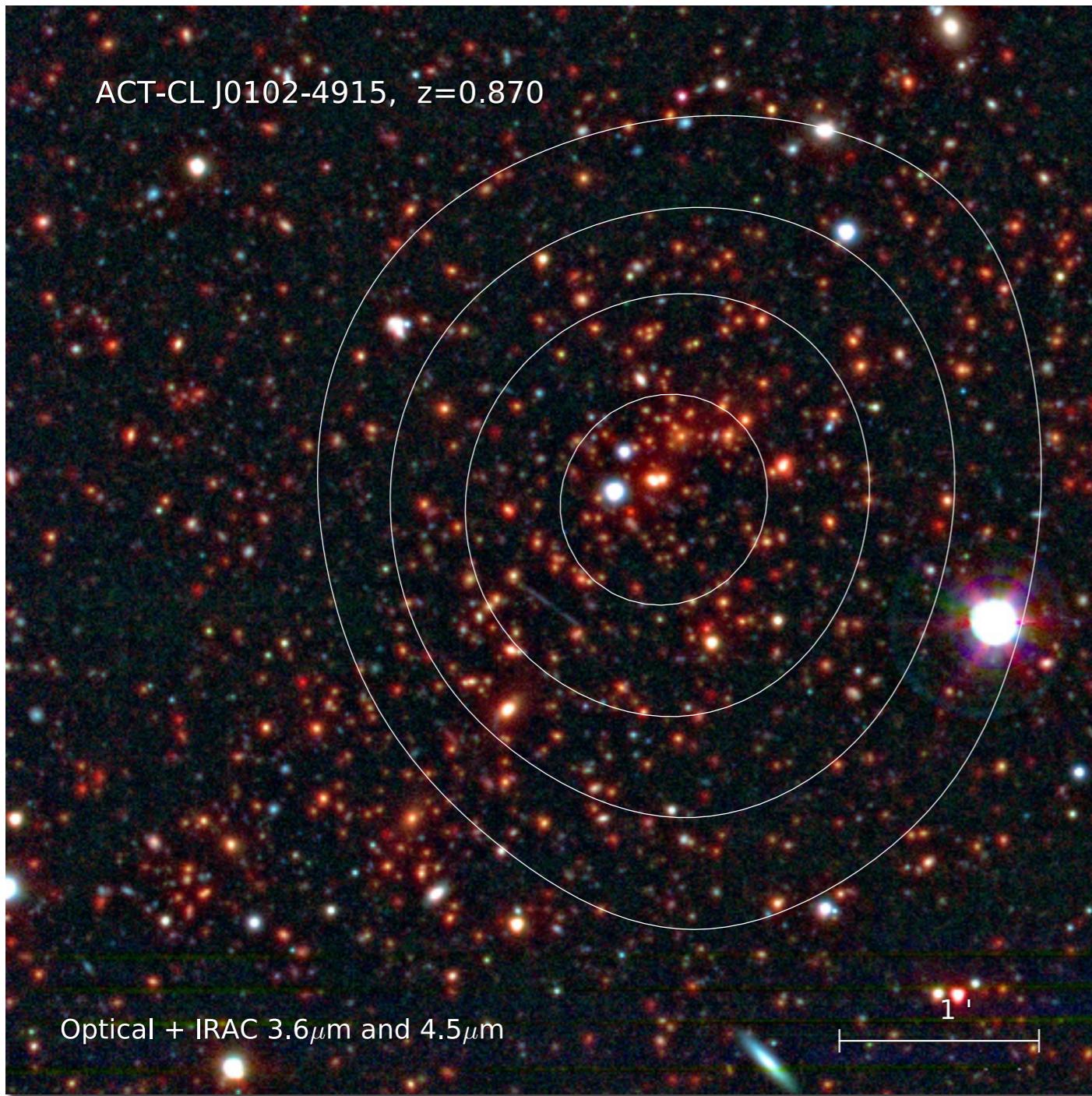
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- BCG is an E+A+[OII] galaxy (not red and dead)
- Similar to NGC 1275 in Perseus Clusters (McNamara 1996) and RXJ 1347 ($z=0.45$)
- The BCG sample in Donahue et al.(2010), ApJ 715, 881

Spitzer/Stellar Mass Content

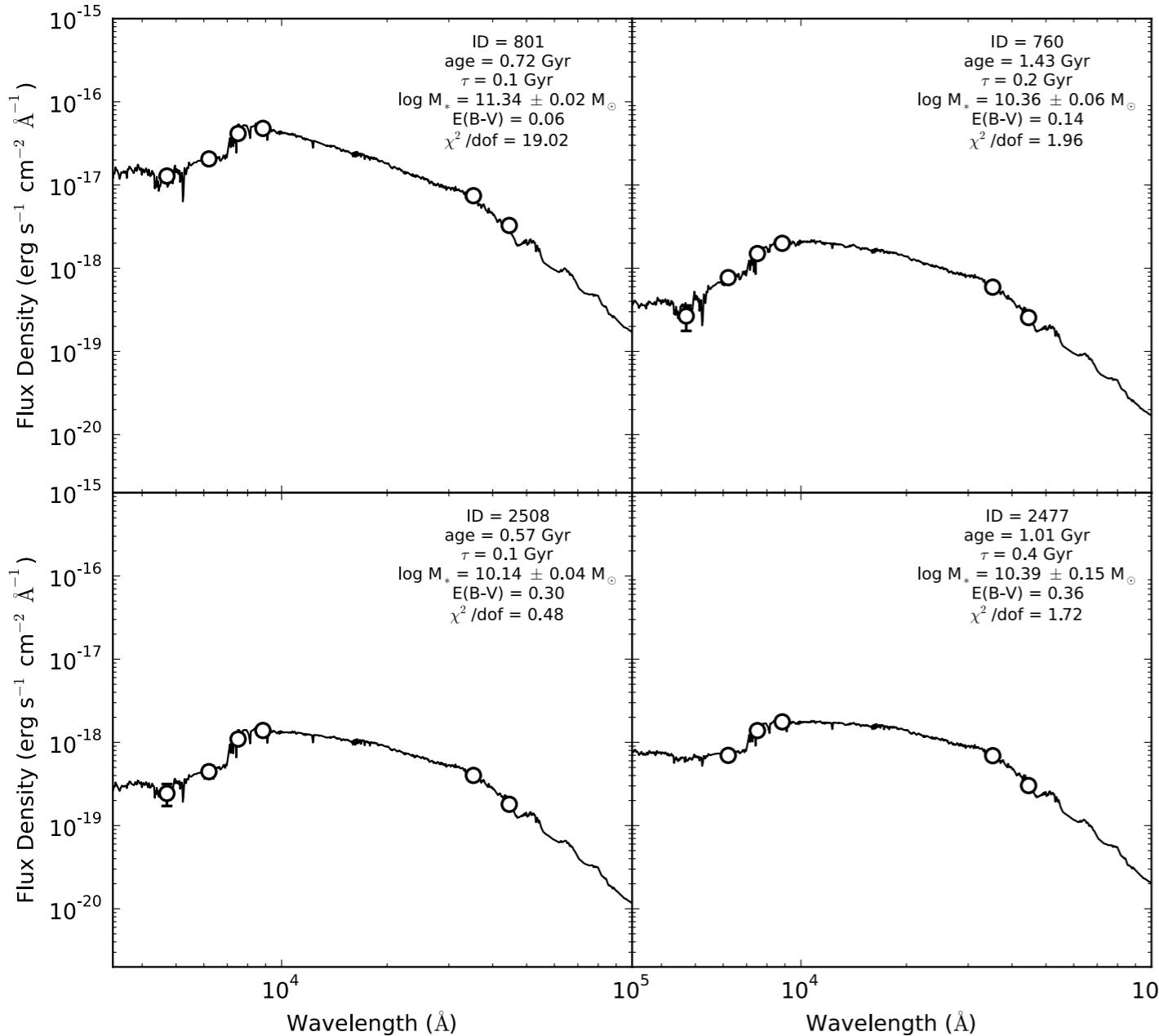


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