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**Theoretical Astroparticle Physics**

**IGR J17361-4441, a puzzling source.**

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## SOME MISSING HIGH-ENERGY SOURCES

Among the high-energy astrophysical sources there are the intriguing Black Holes that can be classified, via their mass, in:

$$3 M_{\odot} < \text{StMBH} < 20 M_{\odot}$$

$$10^6 M_{\odot} < \text{SMBH} < 10^9 M_{\odot}$$

The gap between the previous classes could be filled up by the so called **IMBH**. They may be linked to the latter stage of a super-massive star or may be due to the normal ones merging. If they don't interact to form SMBH may remain as isolated primordial seeds of the Universe.

$$10^2 M_{\odot} < \text{IMBH} < 10^5 M_{\odot}$$

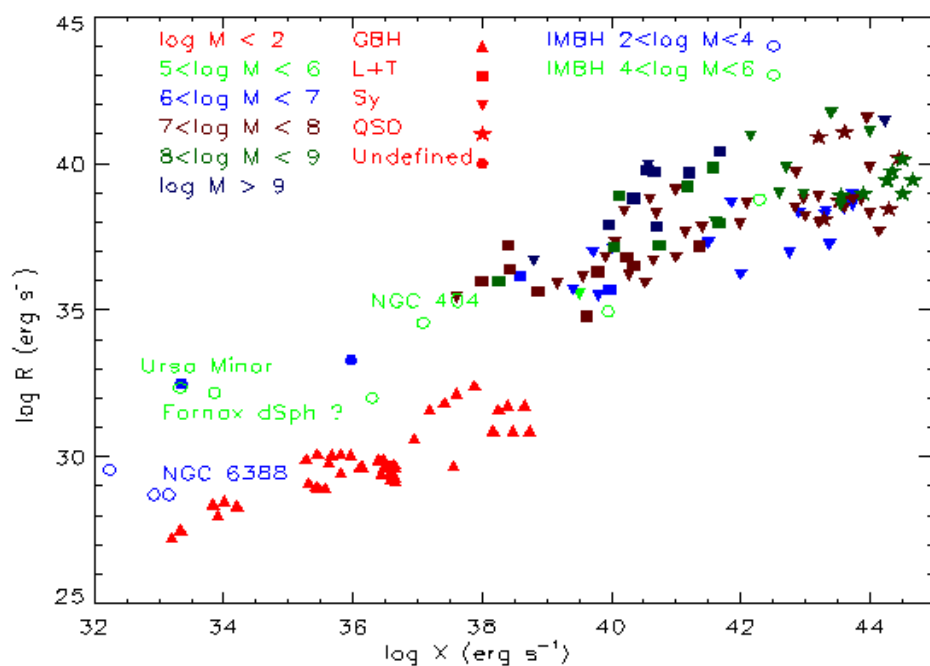
Just in the 2011-2012, through a coincidence of the central X-ray source with a radio one, it was possible to obtain the  $10^5 - 10^6 M_{\odot}$  constraint on the mass of the BH in **Henize2-10** (dSph) and **NGC 404** (GC).

Therefore, the research on IMBHs, dSphs and GCs is recent and rapidly growing up.

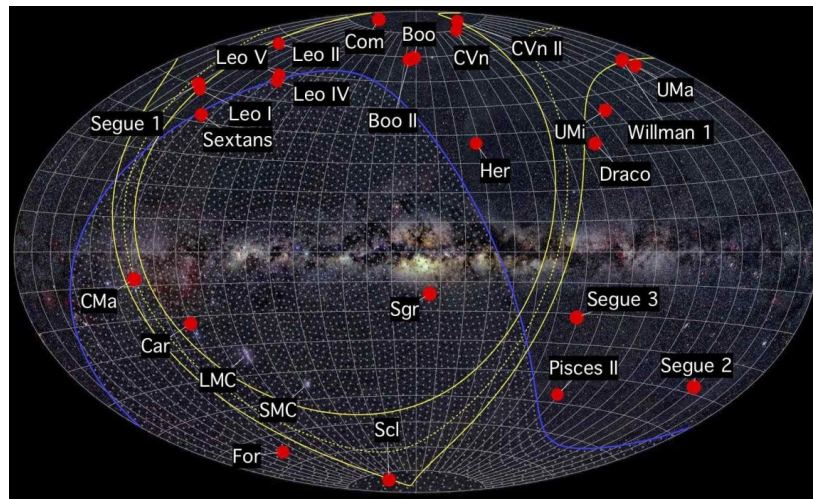
# AN EMPIRICAL LINK

The Fundamental Plane Relation proposed by Merloni

$$\log(L_R) = \xi_{RX} \log(L_X) + \xi_{RM} \log(M_{BH}) + b_R$$



# POSSIBLE ENVIRONMENTS FOR IMBH: dSPHS

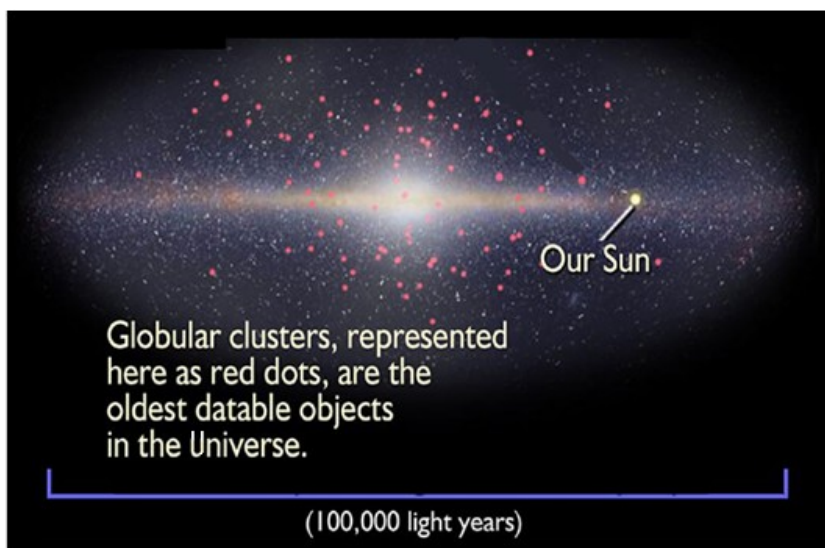


The dwarf spheroidal galaxies (**dSphs**) are low luminosity star systems which seem to be characterized by structural parameters (luminosity, stellar scale length) fundamentally different with respect to those found in spiral and elliptical galaxies. They show a large value of mass-to-light ratio, probably due to the presence of dark matter.

$$3 \cdot 10^3 M_{\odot} < M_{\text{dSph}} < 2 \cdot 10^7 M_{\odot}$$

# POSSIBLE ENVIRONMENTS FOR IMBH: GCs

**GCs** can be considered as a scaled version of galaxy bulges with spherical shapes and relatively high stellar densities toward their centers.



$$10^4 M_{\odot} < M_{\text{GC}} < 10^5 M_{\odot}$$

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mass =  $2.6 \times 10^6 M_{\odot}$

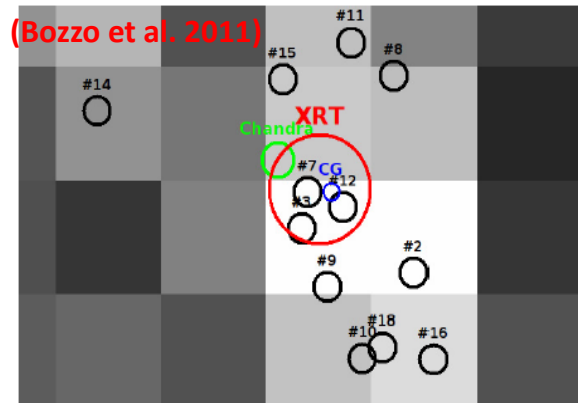
**2005** Claim of an IMBH in this GC

**2007**  $M_{\text{BH}} \approx 5700 M_{\odot}$

**2008** Some X-ray unresolved sources in the galaxy centre

**2010** It's possible to consider only source # 12 and obtain  $M_{\text{BH}} \approx 1500 M_{\odot}$

**2010** With update ATCA data,  $M_{\text{BH}} \approx 600 M_{\odot}$  for #12 source  
If the IMBH is on #7,  $M_{\text{BH}} \approx 1200 M_{\odot}$



**August 11, 2011** A new hard X-ray source close to NGC 6388 centre

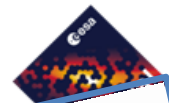


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## The puzzling source IGR J17361–4441 in NGC 6388: a possible planetary tidal disruption event

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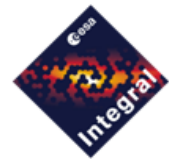
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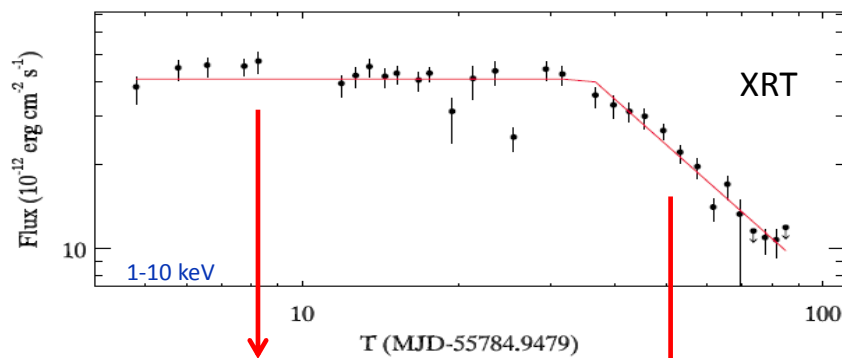


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We studied further **IGR 17361-4441** by Swift and INTEGRAL satellites to improve the quality of the fit representing source behaviour after the flare.

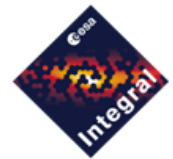


$$F_{\text{max}} = (4.1 \pm 0.1) \times 10^{-11} \text{ erg cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$$

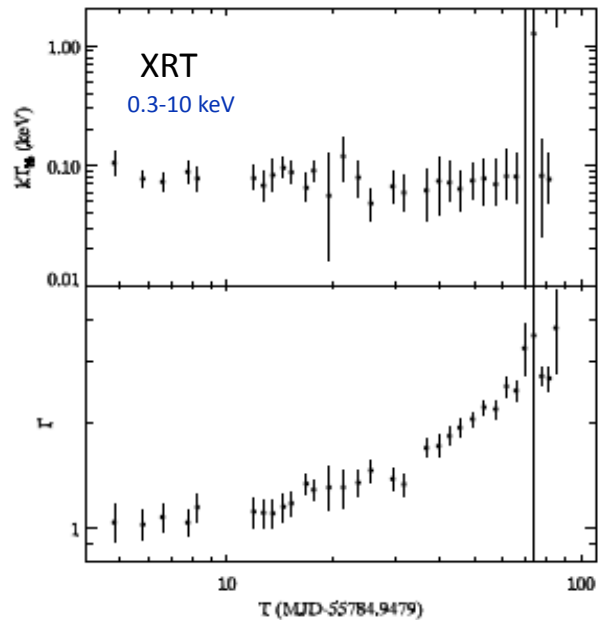
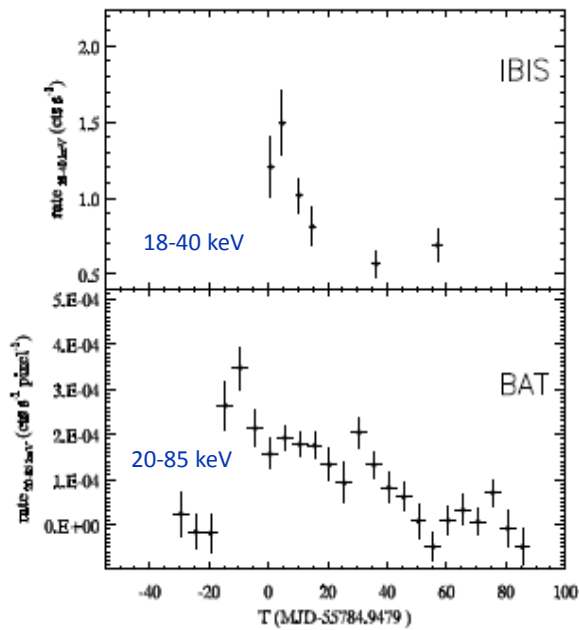
High-energy data show a sharp decrease



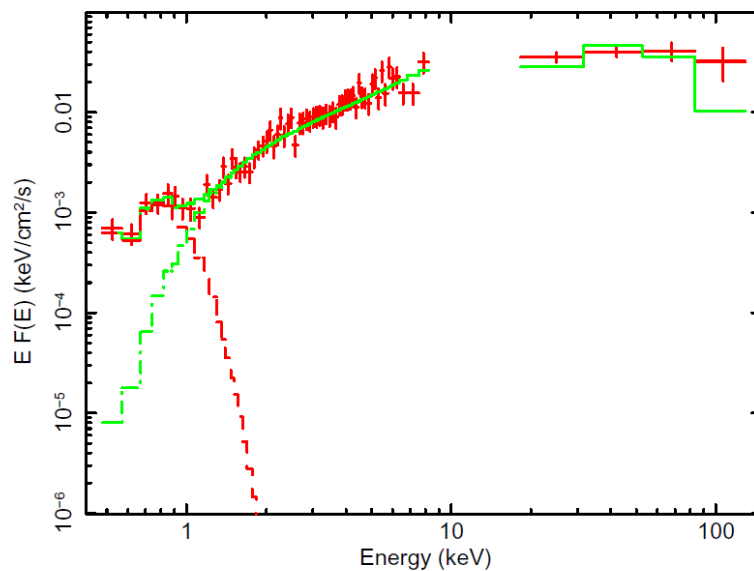
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SPL + DISKBB



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$$N_H \simeq 0.7 \times 10^{22} \text{ cm}^{-2}$$

$$\Gamma_0 = 0.8$$

$$kT_{bb} \simeq 0.089 \text{ keV}$$

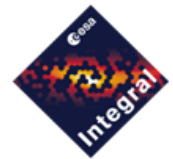
$$E_c \simeq 41 \text{ keV}$$

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$$N_H \simeq 0.7 \times 10^{22} \text{ cm}^{-2} \quad F_{bol} = 1.7 \times 10^{-9} \text{ erg cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$$

$$kT_{bb} \simeq 0.087 \text{ keV} \quad kT_e \simeq 12 \text{ keV}$$

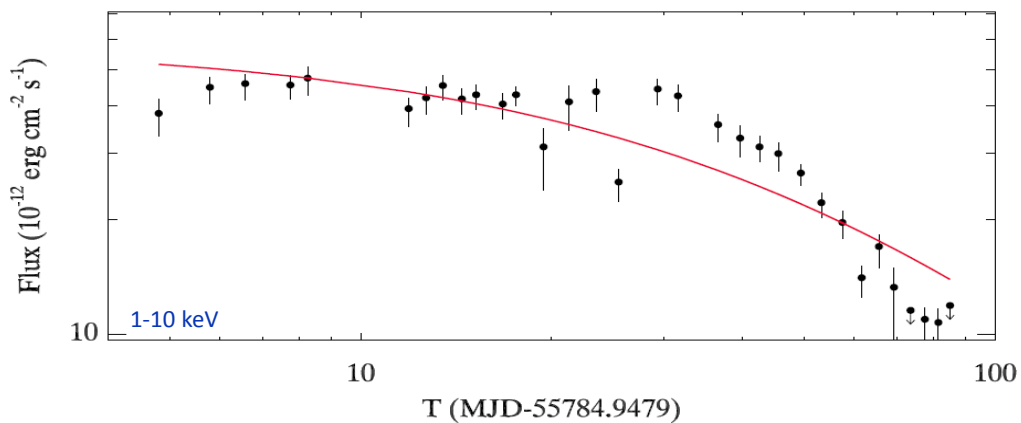
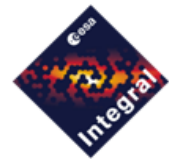
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Some hypotheses for the nature of this astronomical object:

- VFXT => LMXB;   $L_{2-10 \text{ keV}} = 8.5 \times 10^{35} \text{ erg s}^{-1}$  unusual  $\Gamma_0$
- (pulsar) NS;  lack of pulsations and unusual  $L_{\text{quiescent}}$
- BH;  no QPO and radio emission

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- local/extra-galactic tidal disruption.


$$M_{\text{mb}} \approx 1.9 \times 10^{27} \left( \frac{M}{M_{\text{Ch}}} \right) \text{ g}$$

with  $\dot{N}_{\text{TE}} \simeq 3 \times 10^{-5} \text{ yr}^{-1}$

$$\dot{M}_{\text{mb}} = \dot{M}_{\text{p}} \left( \frac{t + t_{\text{min}}}{t_{\text{min}}} \right)^{-5/3}$$

$$N_{\text{AGN}} = 10^{-4}$$

$$D \approx 160 \text{ Mpc}$$

 no extended source



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