The eROSITA view of the Abell 3391/95 field: The Northern Clump

The largest infalling structure in the longest known gas filament observed with eROSITA, XMM-Newton, and Chandra

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ABSTRACT

Context. Galaxy clusters grow through mergers and the accretion of substructures along large-scale filaments. Many of the missing baryons in the local Universe may reside in such filaments as the warm-hot intergalactic medium (WHIM).

Aims. SRG/eROSITA performance verification (PV) observations revealed that the binary cluster Abell 3391/3395 and the Northern Clump (the MCXC J0621.7-5242 galaxy cluster) are aligning along a cosmic filament in soft X-rays, similarly to what has been seen in simulations before. We aim to understand the dynamical state of the Northern Clump as it enters the atmosphere (3 × R200) of Abell 3391.

Methods. We analyzed joint eROSITA, XMM-Newton, and Chandra observations to probe the morphological, thermal, and chemical properties of the Northern Clump from its center out to a radius of 988 kpc (R200). We utilized the ASKAP/EMU radio data, the DECam optical image, and the Planck y-map to study the influence of the wide-angle tail (WAT) radio source on the Northern Clump’s central intracluster medium (ICM). Using eROSITA data, we also analyzed the gas properties of the Northern Filament, the region between the virial radii of the Northern Clump and the A3391 cluster. From the Magneticum simulation, we identified an analog of the A3391/95 system along with an infalling group resembling the Northern Clump.

Results. The Northern Clump is a weak cool-core cluster (WCC) centered on a WAT radio galaxy. The gas temperature over 0.2 – 0.5R200 is kBT200 = 1.99 ± 0.04 keV. We employed the mass-temperature (M – T) scaling relation and obtained a mass estimate of M200 = (7.68±0.43)×10¹⁴M☉ and T200 = (636±12) kpc. Its X-ray atmosphere has a boxy shape and deviates from spherical symmetry. We identify a southern surface brightness edge, likely caused by subsonic motion relative to the filament gas in the southern direction. At ~R200, the southern atmosphere (infalling head) appears to be 42% hotter than its northern atmosphere. We detect a downstream tail pointing toward the north with a projected length of ~ 318 kpc, plausibly the result of ram pressure stripping. Through a two-temperature fit, we identify a cooler component in the Northern Filament with kBT = 0.08⁺₀.₀₆₋₀.₀₄ keV and nₑ = 1.99⁺₁⁴₋₁⁷ × 10⁻⁵ cm⁻³ which are consistent within the expected ranges of WHIM properties. The analog group in the Magneticum simulation is experiencing changes in its gas properties and a shift between the position of the halo center and that of the bound gas, while approaching the main cluster pair.

Conclusions. The Northern Clump is a dynamically active system and far from being relaxed. Its atmosphere is affected by an interaction with the WAT and by gas sloshing or its infall toward Abell 3391 along the filament, consistent with the analog group-size halo in the Magneticum simulation.

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1. Introduction

Clusters of galaxies are formed by the gravitational infall and mergers of smaller structures (Sarazin 2002; Springel et al. 2006; Markevitch & Vikhlinin 2007). They have the high density nodes of the so-called Cosmic Web, connected by cosmic filaments (Bond et al. 1996). These cosmic filaments are of importance, such that they are the passages for matter being accreted onto galaxy clusters (West et al. 1995; Bond et al. 2010), as well as where the warm-hot intergalactic medium (WHIM) can be found (Rost et al. 2021). The large-scale cosmological simulations of a Λ-dominated cold dark matter (ACDM) model (Cen & Ostriker 1999; Davé et al. 2001) predict that about 30 − 40% of the total baryons in the Universe reside in the WHIM, and thus it is believed that the WHIM might be a solution to the missing baryon problem. However, with electron densities falling between \( n_e \approx 10^{-6} − 10^{-4} \text{ cm}^{-3} \) and temperatures in the range of \( T = 10^6 − 10^7 \text{ K} \) (Nicastro et al. 2017), detecting the WHIM is rather difficult (Werner et al. 2008). Bond et al. (1996) predicted that the presence of the filaments are expected to be the strongest between highly clustered and aligned clusters of galaxies. Based on this prediction, it is sensible to conduct the search for the WHIM between a pair of galaxy clusters (e.g., Kull & Böhringer 1999; Werner et al. 2008; Fujita et al. 2008), and also in the outskirts of galaxy clusters (e.g., Reiprich et al. 2013; Bulbul et al. 2016; Nicastro et al. 2018). The binary galaxy cluster system Abell 3391 and Abell 3395 (A3391/95) is amongst the best candidates to conduct this search.

The A3391/95 system has been observed by numerous instruments of different wavelengths. Earlier studies of the system using ROSAT and ASCA show that the gas from the region between the northern cluster (A3391) and the double-peaked southern cluster (A3395/S) is consistent with a filament (Tittley & Henriksen 2001). Meanwhile, more recent studies using XMM-Newton, Chandra, and Suzaku show that the properties of the gas are more in agreement with tidally stripped intracluster medium (ICM) gas that originated from A3391 and A3395, indicating an early phase of the cluster merger (Sugawara et al. 2017; Alvarez et al. 2018).

The A3391/95 system is also one of the performance verification (PV) targets of the newly launched German X-ray telescope on board the Spectrum-Roentgen-Gamma (SRG) mission, the extended ROentgen Survey with an Imaging Telescope Array (eROSITA). With large field-of-view (FoV) of \( \sim 1 \text{ degree} \) in diameter, the scan-mode observation, and superior soft X-ray effective area (the effective area of the combined seven eROSITA telescope modules (TM)s) is slightly higher than the one of XMM-Newton (MOS1+MOS2+pn) in the 0.5 − 2.0 keV energy band (Merloni et al. 2012; Predichl et al. 2021). eROSITA allows us to capture the A3391/95 system beyond \( R_{100} \) with a good spectral resolution.

In total, four eROSITA PV observations were performed on the A3391/95 system, including three raster scans and one pointed observation. By combining all the available observations, an area of \( \sim 15 \text{ deg}^2 \) is covered. This reveals a breathtaking view of the A3391/95 system that has only been seen in simulations before, such as the discovery of a long continuous filament (~15 Mpc) from the projected north toward the south of the A3391/95 system. This indicates that the system is part of a large structure. eROSITA also found that the bridge gas consists of not only the hot gas, which further confirms the tidally stripped originated gas scenario, but also of warm gas from a filament (Reiprich et al. 2021). A detailed eROSITA study focusing on the bridge will be discussed in Ota et al. (in prep.). Additionally, some clumps that seem to fall into the system have also been discovered, two of which reside in the Northern and the Southern Filaments, namely the Northern Clump\(^1\) (MCXC J0621.7-5242 cluster, Piffaretti et al. 2011) and also referred to as MS 0620.6-5239 cluster, De Grandi et al. 1999; Tittley & Henriksen 2001) and the Little Southern Clump, respectively (Reiprich et al. 2021).

After eROSITA’s discovery, follow-up observations were performed by XMM-Newton and Chandra on the Northern Clump. This biggest infalling clump in the A3391/95 field is a galaxy cluster, located at redshift \( z = 0.0511 \) (Tritton 1972; Piffaretti et al. 2011). It hosts a Fanaroff-Riley type I (FRI) radio source, PKS 0620-52 (Trussoni et al. 1999; Venturi et al. 2000). This source is associated with the cluster’s brightest galaxy (BCG), 2MASX J06214330-5241333 (Brüggen et al. 2021). This source is featured with a pair of asymmetric wide-angle tail (WAT) radio lobes (Morganti et al. 1993; Trussoni et al. 1999; Venturi et al. 2000), with the northeast lobe extending up to 4′ (240 kpc), while the northwestern lobe up to 2.5′ (150 kpc) (Brüggen et al. 2021).

In this work, we investigate the morphology, thermal, and chemical properties of the Northern Clump utilizing all available eROSITA, XMM-Newton, and Chandra observations of the cluster. The cluster core is probed further with the help of the ASKAP/EMU radio data (Norris et al. 2011), the Planck-\( y \)-map, and the DECam optical data. Furthermore, we identify an infalling galaxy group, resembling the observed Northern Clump, in the analog A3391/95 system from the Magneticum Simulation (Bifi et al. 2021) and discuss its properties in comparison to observations to support their interpretation.

This paper is organized as follows: in Sect. 2, we describe the observations, the data reduction steps, and the analysis strategy. In Sect. 3, we present and discuss the analysis results. In Sect. 4, we provide some insights about the analog A3391/95 system and the infalling group from the Magneticum Simulation. In Sect. 5, we summarize our findings and conclude the results.

Unless stated otherwise, all uncertainties are at the 68.3% confidence interval. The assumed cosmology in this work is a flat ACDM cosmology, where \( \Omega_m = 0.3, \Omega_{\Lambda} = 0.7, \text{and} H_0 = 70 \text{ km/s/Mpc} \). At the Northern Clump redshift \( z = 0.0511 \), 1′ corresponds to 0.998 kpc.

2. Data reduction and analysis

We list all eROSITA, XMM-Newton, and Chandra observations used for imaging and spectral analysis in Table 1.

2.1. eROSITA

The A3391/95 PV observations are listed in Table 1. In this work we used eROSITA data processing of configuration c001. The data reduction of all 16 eROSITA data sets were realized using the extended Science Analysis Software (eSASS, Brunner et al. 2021) version eSASSusers_201009. The eROSITA data reduction and image correction steps are described in great detail in Sect. 2.1 of Reiprich et al. (2021). The image correction includes particle-induced background (PIB) subtraction, exposure correction, and Galactic absorption correction across the FoV.

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\(^1\) As the extended objects detected in the A3391/95 field are called "clumps", we refer this specific galaxy cluster found in the north of the main system as the Northern Clump.
2.1.1. Imaging analysis

The energy band for the imaging analysis was restricted to 0.5 – 2 keV, with the lower energy limit used for the telescope modules (TMs) with on-chip filter (TM1, 2, 3, 4, 6; the combination of these TMs is referred to as TM8) set to 0.5 keV, while for the TMs without on-chip filter (TM5 and 7; the combination of these TMs is referred to as TM9) it was set to 0.8 keV due to the optical light leak contamination (Predehl et al. 2021). The count rates of the final combined image correspond to an effective area given by one TM with on-chip filter in the energy band 0.5 – 2 keV. The final PIB subtracted, exposure corrected, and Galactic absorption corrected image is shown in Fig. 1. The image has been adaptively-smoothed to enhance low surface brightness emission and large scale features, with signal-to-noise ratio (S/N) was set to 15. We note that the Northern Clump appears boxy, which could be the result of ram-pressure stripping as it interacts with the atmosphere of the A3391 cluster or the filament, or both. In this work, we focus on studying the properties of the Northern Clump out to its \( R_{200} \), while a more detailed study about the filaments observed by eROSITA around the A3391/95 system will be carried out by Veronica et al. (in prep).

The large eROSITA FoV and the SRG scan mode, in which most of the observations were taken, the cosmic X-ray background (CXB) could be modeled from an annulus with an inner and outer radius of 25’ and 35’ respectively. The annulus is centered at the X-ray emission peak of the cluster determined by Chandra at \((\alpha, \delta) = (6:21:43.34, -52:41:33.0)\). Since

| Observing Date | ObsID | Exposure [ks] | R.A. (J2000) | Dec. (J2000) |
|----------------|-------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| October 2019   | 300005 (scan) | 55 | 06h 26m 49.44s | -54d 04' 19.20'' |
| October 2019   | 300006 (scan) | 54 | 06h 26m 49.44s | -54d 04' 19.20'' |
| October 2019   | 300016 (scan) | 58 | 06h 26m 49.44s | -54d 04' 19.20'' |
| October 2019   | 300014 (pointed) | 35 | 06h 26m 49.44s | -54d 04' 19.20'' |
| March 2020     | 0852980601 | 73, 77, 65 | 06h 21m 42.55s | -52d 41' 47.4'' |
| April 2020     | 22723   | 20 | 06h 21m 43.30s | -52d 41' 33.3'' |
| April 2020     | 22724   | 30 | 06h 21m 25.05s | -52d 43' 09.9'' |
| May 2020       | 22725   | 30 | 06h 21m 42.53s | -52d 45' 24.7'' |
| May 2020       | 22727   | 30 | 06h 21m 22.30s | -52d 42' 10.7'' |

The exposure times listed for eROSITA are the average filtered exposure time across the available TMs of each observation. The listed XMM-Newton exposure times are the values after the SPF filtering for MOS1, MOS2, and pn cameras, respectively. The exposure times listed for Chandra are also the filtered exposure time.
the CXB region is at $1.5 - 2.1 R_{200}$, it ensures minimum cluster emission in the CXB region. This region also stays beyond $R_{100}$ of A3391. Within the 13.5' radius, we utilized the XMM-Newton point source catalog and beyond this radius we used eROSITA detected point source catalog, which was generated following the same procedure as XMM-Newton (see Sect. 2.2). The point sources are excluded both in imaging and spectral analyses.

2.1.2. Spectral analysis

All eROSITA spectra, the Ancillary Response Files (ARFs), and the Response Matrix Files (RMFs) for the source and background region were extracted using the eSASS task srctool. Unless stated otherwise, the spectral fitting for all eROSITA spectra was performed with XSPEC (Arnaud 1996) version: 12.10.1.

We use the third eROSITA scan observation (ObsID: 300016), where all seven eROSITA TMs are available, for the spectral analysis of the Northern Clump. Due to the contamination by the nearby bright star, Canopus, some of the portions were rejected from the analysis (see Reiprich et al. 2021), which further reduces the number of photons for the Northern Clump. To ensure enough photon counts, the only eROSITA spectral analysis done for the Northern Clump in this work is to constrain the $kT_{500}$ from an annulus with inner and outer radii of 2.4' and 6' (corresponding to 0.2 – 0.5R_{500}, see Subsect. 2.2.2). The same definition of CXB region as in the imaging analysis was used.

Spectral analysis was also performed for the filament region between the $R_{200}$ of the Northern Clump and the A3391 cluster, the Northern Filament. The filament region was chosen as a box centered at $(\alpha, \delta) = (6:23:54.654, -53:05:26.637)$ with height and width of 25' and 50', respectively. The configuration of the Northern Filament box is shown in Fig. 1 (yellow box). The CXB region for this analysis is a circular region with a radius of 30' centered at $(\alpha, \delta) = (6:18:18.275, -54:33:37.880)$. The average hydrogen column density at the box and its corresponding CXB region is $N_H = 0.048 \times 10^{22}$ atoms cm$^{-2}$.

We followed the X-ray spectral fitting procedure described in Ghirardini et al. (2021) and Liu et al. (2021) with some modifications for consistency with the XMM-Newton and Chandra spectral fitting. The total eROSITA model includes the absorbed thermal emission for the cluster, which is modeled using phabs$apec$, two absorbed thermal models for the Milky Way Halo (MWH) and the Local Group (LG), an unabsorbed thermal model for the Local Hot Bubble (LHB), and an absorbed power-law for the unresolved AGN. The parameters of the eROSITA CXB components are listed in Table 2. The instrumental background was modeled based on the results of the eROSITA Filter Wheel Closed (FWC) data analysis. The normalizations of the instrumental background components were thawed during the fit. The fitting was restricted to the 0.7 – 9.0 keV band, with the lower energy limit set to 0.8 keV for TM5 and TM7 and to 0.7 keV for the other TMs. Source and CXB spectra for the individual TMs were fitted simultaneously. An example of eROSITA spectrum and its fitted model is shown in Fig. 2.

The solar abundance table from Asplund et al. (2009) was adopted and the C-statistic (Cash 1979) was implemented.

Table 2: Information of the parameters and their starting fitting values of the eROSITA CXB components for the Northern Clump $R_{500}$ analysis.

| Component   | Parameter | Value | Comment |
|-------------|-----------|-------|---------|
| phabs       | $N_H$     | 0.04  | fix     |
| apec (LHB)  | $kT$ [keV] | 0.099 | fix     |
|             | $Z [Z_\odot]$ | 1     | fix     |
|             | $z$       | 0     | fix     |
|             | norm$^*$  | $1.0 \times 10^{-8}$ | vary   |
| apec (MWH)  | $kT$ [keV] | 0.225 | fix     |
|             | $Z [Z_\odot]$ | 1     | fix     |
|             | $z$       | 0     | fix     |
|             | norm$^*$  | $1.0 \times 10^{-8}$ | vary   |
| apec (LG)   | $kT$ [keV] | 0.5   | vary    |
|             | $Z [Z_\odot]$ | 1     | fix     |
|             | $z$       | 0     | fix     |
|             | norm$^*$  | $1.0 \times 10^{-8}$ | vary   |
| pow (unresolved AGN) | $T$ | 1.4  | fix |

Fig. 2: eROSITA spectrum of the Northern Clump from an annulus of 2.4' – 6', fitted in the energy range 0.7 – 9.0 keV. The spectra and the corresponding response files of TM3 and TM4 are merged for a better visualization. The black points are the eROSITA spectral data, while the black, red, green, and blue lines represent the total model, the cluster model, the instrumental background model, and the CXB model, respectively.

2.2. XMM-Newton

The data reduction steps of the XMM-Newton data sets of the Northern Clump observation were realized using HEASoft version 6.25 and the Science Analysis Software (SAS) version 18.0.0 (xmmmsas_20190531_1155). For all XMM-Newton instruments, we filtered out the time intervals contaminated by soft proton flares (SPF) (e.g., De Luca & Molendi 2004; Kuntz & Snowden 2008; Snowden et al. 2008). The procedure started by constructing the light curve in the energy band 0.3 – 10.0 keV from the entire FoV. The mean value of the counts was estimated by fitting a Poisson law to the counts histogram. Then a $\pm 3\sigma$ clipping was applied, such that any time intervals above and be-

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$^2$ All the cluster radii in this work are calculated using the relations stated in Reiprich et al. (2013), e.g., $r_{500} = 0.65r_{200}$, $r_{100} = 1.36r_{200}$, and $r_{250} = 0.28r_{200}$.
low the 3σ threshold were considered contaminated by the SPF and rejected from further steps.

Light curves from each of XMM-Newton’s detectors are shown in Appendix A. To check whether there was still any persisting soft proton background in our data, we calculated the ratio of count rates within the FoV (IN) to those of the unexposed region of the MOS detectors (OUT) (De Luca & Molendi 2004). The obtained IN/OUT ratios for each detector are around unity, which implies that the retained data are not contaminated by soft protons. After this SPF filtering, we are left with ~73 ks, ~77 ks, and ~65 ks for MOS1, MOS2, and pn, respectively.

We checked for “anomalous state” in the detectors’ chips. This is usually indicated by a low hardness ratio and high total background rate (Kuntz & Snowden 2008). Since, in such cases, there is not a robust method yet to model the spectral distribution of the low energy background, any CCD affected by this anomalous state was rejected in further analysis. This resulted in the conservative exclusion of MOS1-CCD4 and MOS2-CCD5. In addition, MOS1-CCD6 and MOS1-CCD3 were not operational during this observation, due to the previous micro-meteorite impacts (ESA: XMM-Newton SOC 2020).

Utilizing the FWC data, the quiescent particle background (QPB) (Kuntz & Snowden 2008) was modeled and then subtracted from the observation. We followed the procedure described in Ramos-Ceja et al. (2019). First, the cleaned observation data were matched with the suitable FWC data and then this FWC template was re-projected to the sky position. Afterwards, rescaling factors were calculated to renormalize the FWC template to a level comparable with that of the observation. This renormalization was calculated separately for each MOS CCD and pn quadrant based on their individual count rates in unexposed regions. The renormalization of the central MOS CCD chips that do not have any unexposed regions relies on the unexposed regions of the best correlated surrounding CCD chips as determined by Kuntz & Snowden (2008). For spectroscopic analysis, global renormalization factors were calculated in the energy bands 2.5 – 5.0 keV and 8.0 – 9.0 keV for MOS cameras, and 2.5 – 5.0 keV for pn camera. This energy selection aims to include the bands where the instrumental background would have the most impact on the spectral analysis, while avoiding the fluorescence X-ray (FX) emission lines present for the EPIC cameras. For imaging analysis, on the other hand, the template renormalization process relies on the exact same band that was used for the science analysis.

Another contamination when studying the ICM gas might come from the point sources that are distributed across the FoV. Therefore, it is required to detect and excise the point sources, for example, in the calculation of surface brightness profiles and spectral analysis. To detect the point sources in the observation, we implemented the procedure described in Pacaud et al. (2006) and Ramos-Ceja et al. (2019). Firstly, wavelet filtering was applied on the combined detector image in the soft energy band (0.5 – 2.0 keV). Afterwards, an automatic detection of point sources and catalog generation were performed on the wavelet-filtered image by the Source Extractor software (SExtractor, Bertin & Arnouts 1996). Lastly, we carried out a manual inspection on the soft and hard energy band images (2.0 – 10.0 keV) to list any point sources that were missed by the automatic detection. To generate a surface brightness image, the areas where the point sources were removed were refilled with random background photons, that is the ghosting procedure. The ghosted surface brightness images were used only for visual inspection.

2.2.1. Imaging analysis

Fig. 3: XMM-Newton count rate image of the Northern Clump in the energy band 0.5 – 2.0 keV, overlaid with the ASKAP/EMU radio contour (black). The anomalous CCD chips are removed and the QPB is subtracted from the image. The sectors are south (S), west (W), northwest (NW), north (N), northeast (NE), and east (E). The white circle and cyan square depict the outermost annuli of corresponding setups. The radius of the circle is 10′ and the half-width of the square is 7.5′. Gaussian smoothing with kernel radius of 7 pixels is applied to the image.

We constructed XMM-Newton’s X-ray surface brightness (S_X) profiles using the combined photon image and exposure map from the XMM-Newton detectors (MOS1, MOS2, and pn) in the energy band 0.5 – 2.0 keV. Since the ghosting procedure used for generating surface brightness images does not represent the exact true counts from the ICM gas, we preferred to mask these point source regions in the calculation of the S_X profile. The first S_X profile was calculated from 60 concentric annuli placed around the Chandra X-ray emission peak at (α, δ) = (6 : 21 : 43.344, −52 : 41 : 33.0). With 10″ increments between each annulus, the whole arrangement covers radial distance of 10′ from the center. While the QPB was subtracted from the data, the CXB was estimated from an annulus with an inner radius of 12′ and an outer radius of 13.25′, respectively. Then, the estimated S_X from this background region was subtracted from the source regions.

A second S_X profile was also constructed. The setup consists of 45 concentric box-shaped “annuli” centered at the same peak coordinates. Between each annulus there is a 20″ width increment. This implies that the width of each box-shaped annulus corresponds to the diameter of each circular annulus. The half-width of the outermost box annulus is 7.5″. The setup was angled at 173°, which was chosen visually to follow the shape of the Northern Clump. The same X-ray background region as in the circular annuli setup was used. To investigate, whether the boxiness could be an artifact originating from the MOS detec-
tors’ central chips, a $S_X$ profile from pn-only data and using the box annuli setup was calculated as well.

We fit each of the setups with a single $\beta$-model (Cavaliere & Fusco-Femiano 1976), which is written as

$$S_X(R) = S_X(0) \left(1 + \frac{R^2}{r_i^2}\right)^{-3\beta/2},$$

where $R$ is the projected distance from the center, $S_X(0)$ is the normalization factor, $r_i$ is the estimated core radius, and $\beta$ is the surface brightness slope.

To better address the features in any particular direction, the $S_X$ profiles in the projected south, west, northwest, north, northeast, and east directions were constructed, as well. For these sectorized $S_X$ profiles, all XMM-Newton detectors were employed in both circular and box annuli setups. The configuration of the sectors is displayed in Fig. 3.

### 2.2.2. Spectral analysis

Unless stated otherwise, the spectral fitting for all XMM-Newton spectra was performed using XSPEC (Arnaud 1996) version: 12.10.1 using the following model,

$$\text{Model}_{X_{\text{spec}}} = \text{constant} \times (\text{apec}_1 + \text{phabs} \times \text{apec}_2 + \text{powerlaw}) + \text{gauss}_1 + \text{gauss}_2 + \text{gauss}_3 + \text{gauss}_4 \times \text{apec}_3,$$

where the first term consists of the CXB and XMM-Newton’s known instrumental lines, scaled to the areas of the source regions (constant, specified in units of arcmin$^{-2}$). The absorption parametrized by the hydrogen column density, $N_H$, along the line of sight is represented by phabs. The $N_H$ values used in this work are taken from the $N_{\text{H}}$ map described in Sect. 2.5 of Reiprich et al. (2021). The X-ray emission components to account for the LHB and the MWH are represented in Sect. 2.5 of Reiprich et al. (2021). The X-ray emission components to account for the LHB and the MWH are represented in Sect. 2.5 of Reiprich et al. (2021). The X-ray emission components to account for the LHB and the MWH are represented in Sect. 2.5 of Reiprich et al. (2021).

For parameter estimation, after ensuring that each bin contains more than 50 counts, we used the Cash statistic for parameter estimation.

### Table 3: Information of the parameters and their starting fitting values of the XMM-Newton CXB components.

| Component    | Parameter | Value | Comment |
|--------------|-----------|-------|---------|
| phabs        | $N_H$     | 0.046 | fix     |
| apec (LHB)   | $k_B T$   | 0.909 | fix     |
|              | $Z [Z_0]$ | 1     | fix     |
|              | $z$       | 0     | fix     |
| norm$^*$     |           |       |         |
| apec (MWH)   | $k_B T$   | 0.225 | fix     |
|              | $Z [Z_0]$ | 1     | fix     |
|              | $z$       | 0     | fix     |
| norm$^*$     |           |       |         |
| pow          | $\Gamma$  | 1.4   | fix     |
| (unresolved AGN) | norm$^*$ | 5 $\times$ 10^{-7} | vary |

$^*$ Gaussian normalization factor, $R$ is the projected distance from the center, $S_X(0)$ is the normalization factor, $r_i$ is the estimated core radius, and $\beta$ is the surface brightness slope. To ensure a cluster-emission-free background region, the RASS data were utilized to constrain all of the sky background components, in particular the MWH as well as CXB normalization. The RASS data were extracted using the X-ray background tool\(^3\). The specified background region is an annulus centered at the Chandra center, with an inner radius of 0.58$'$ and an outer radius of 0.9$'$. To avoid having cluster emission from A3391, we manually removed some of the RASS background region that is within $R_{100}$ of the A3391 cluster. This reduces the number of detected pixels from 38 to 34.

The variety of overlap area between each annulus and each individual camera and CCD combination can result in some very low S/N spectra being extracted, for which a background model can not always be robustly constrained. For this reason, we opted to combine the spectra of all CCDs for a given annulus, and statistically subtract the rescaled FWC spectrum rather than modeling their spectra. The co-addition of rescaled spectra for the different CCDs implies that our background spectra no longer follow Poisson statistics and therefore we used the $\chi^2$-statistic for parameter estimation, after ensuring that each bin contains enough photons ($>25$). Additionally, since we use the RASS background, which is Gaussian data, to estimate the CXB normalizations, the choice is believed to be sensible. However, we also performed several tests using pgstat statistic from XSPEC, where the source data were treated as Poisson data (C-statistic) and the background as Gaussian. The resulting cluster parameters of these tests are always consistent within the 1$\sigma$ error bars of the $\chi^2$-statistic fitting results.

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where $a = 1.65 \pm 0.07$, $b = 0.19 \pm 0.02$, $C_1 = 5 \times 10^{13} h_{70}^{-1} M_\odot$, and $C_2 = 2.0$ keV. Assuming spherical symmetry and taking 500 times the critical density of the Universe at the Northern Clump redshift as $\rho_{500}(z = 0.0511) = 4.82 \times 10^{-27}$ g cm$^{-3}$, we obtain $M_{500} = (7.68 \pm 0.43) \times 10^{13} M_\odot$ and $R_{500} = (10.62 \pm 0.20) \approx (636.03 \pm 12.03) \text{kpc}$. These values are 19% and 7% lower than the reported values in Piffaretti et al. (2011) ($M_{500} = 9.47 \times 10^{13} M_\odot$ and $R_{500} = 682 \text{kpc}$), which are determined using the $L - M$ relation, instead.

We also analyzed the spectra in three different directions of the cluster, such as the south, west, and north with position angle (P.A.) from $250^\circ$ to $305^\circ$, $20^\circ$ to $305^\circ$, and $70^\circ$ to $100^\circ$, respectively. At larger radii, i.e., $4 - 12.5'$, due to the removed MOS1-CCD chips we used pn-only spectra in the north, and MOS2+pn spectra in the south and west.

We always keep the first bin as a full annulus, instead of a sector in any specific directions. We conducted a more detailed analysis to take into account the emission originated from the AGN of the BCG, such that we implemented three different fitting methods for this particular bin. The first method is to mask the AGN with a circle of 15" radius. This is the method that is implemented to the central bin during the simultaneous fitting described above. The second method involves constraining the AGN photon index and normalization from Chandra observation. Here, the masking was lifted out. Since XMM-Newton and Chandra observations of the Northern Clump were performed almost simultaneously, little to no temporal variation from the AGN can be expected (e.g., Maughan & Reiprich 2019). The method and the resulting AGN parameter values from the spectral fitting are discussed in Subsect. 2.3.3. We froze Chandra’s parameter values during the XMM-Newton spectral fitting of the first bin. Lastly, to account for the expected multi-temperature structure in this region, we performed a two-temperature structure fit in addition to the AGN component. Due to the statistics, the normalization and the metallicity of the multi-temperature components were linked, while the second temperature were set to be half of the first.

2.3. Chandra

We analyzed a total of 110 ks Chandra observations on the Northern Clump as listed in Table 1, including three ACIS-I observations taken in 2020 and one ACIS-S observation in 2010. CIAO 4.12 and CALDB 4.9.3 were used for the Chandra data reduction. All the observations were reprocessed from level 1 events using the CIAO tool chandra_repro to guarantee the latest and consistent calibrations. Readout artifacts from the central bright AGN were removed from the reprocessed events using acisreadcorr. We filtered background flares beyond $3\sigma$ using the light curve filtering script lc_clean; clean exposure times are listed in Table 1. We combined all the observations to resolve faint point sources. The Chandra PSF varies significantly across the FoV. For each observation, we produced a PSF map for an energy of 2.3 keV and an enclosed count fraction of 0.393. We obtain an exposure-time weighted average PSF map from these four observations. Point sources were detected in a $0.3 - 7.0 \text{keV}$ mosaic image with wavdetect, supplied with this exposure-time weighted PSF map. The detection threshold was set to $10^{-6}$. The scales ranged from 1 to 8 pixels, increasing in steps of a factor of 2. We adopted the blank sky background for the imaging and spectral analyses. A compatible blank sky background file was customized to each of the event file using the blanksky script. As shown in Subsect. 3.2, the surface bright-
ness of our blank sky background is consistent with the sum of the stowed background and the astrophysical background.

2.3.1. Imaging analysis

We only include the three ACIS-I observations taken in 2020 for the imaging analysis due to the different backgrounds, responses, FoVs, and calibrations between these observations and the ACIS-S observation taken in 2010. All the observations were reprojected to a common tangent point using reproject_obs. Images in the 0.5 – 2.0 keV energy band and their exposure maps were produced using flux_obs. Point sources identified by wavdetect were replaced with the surface brightness from the immediate surrounding regions using dmfillth. Scaled blanksky images were produced using blanksky_image. A final background subtracted and exposure corrected mosaic image of the Northern Clump is shown in Figure 4.

2.3.2. Spectral analysis

We include all four existing Chandra observations for the spectral analysis. Spectra were extracted using specextract from point-source excised event files for regions of consecutive sections, ranging from $\delta r = 0.5$ at the cluster center to $\delta r = 1.67$ at $r = 6.68$. The corresponding response files and matrices were produced for each spectrum using specextract. Blanksky background normalized to the count rate in the 9.5 – 12.0 keV energy band of each observation was applied. All the spectra were grouped to have at least one count per energy bin and restricted to the 0.7 – 7.0 keV range. The spectral fitting was performed with PyXspec 2.0.3. Our spectral model takes the form of $N \times I$, where $N$ is the column density and $I$ is the absorption. The total $N_H$ value of $4 \times 10^{20}$ cm$^{-2}$ is taken from the A3391/95 total $N_H$ map described in Reiprich et al. (2021). C-statistics (Cash 1979) was used for parameter estimation. The solar abundance table of Asplund et al. (2009) was adopted. Due to low photon counts, we found it necessary to fix the metallicity at 0.3Z$_\odot$.

2.3.3. Central AGN

We characterize the property of the central AGN detected at equatorial coordinates of $(\alpha, \delta) = (6 : 21 : 43.304, -52 : 41 : 33.153)$. Spectra of the central $r = 2''$ were extracted from clean events files with point sources included. Spectra from the surrounding $r = 2 - 5''$ were used as the local background. We fit the spectrum to a simple absorbed power-law model and fixed the column density $N_H = 4 \times 10^{20}$ cm$^{-2}$. We obtain a steep photon index of $2.5 \pm 0.07$ and a best-fit luminosity of $5.7 \pm 0.3 \times 10^{41}$ erg/s in the 2.0 – 10.0 keV when using the observation taken in 2020, which is used for the AGN modelling in the XMM-Newton analysis.

2.4. ASKAP/EMU, DECam, and Planck Data

We use the ASKAP/EMU radio image and DECam images, as well as the Planck y-map for overlays generated as described in detail in Reiprich et al. (2021).

3. Results

3.1. Boxiness, tail, and X-ray cavity in images

As observed in the clean images shown in Fig. B.1, the main body of the Northern Clump is well-embedded in the central chips of MOS1 (top left) and MOS2 (top right) cameras. A question arises, whether the boxyness of the system is intrinsic to the cluster itself, or rather an artifact caused by the central MOS chips. The boxy shape of the cluster can still be recognized in the pn image (bottom left), although not as prominent. To further investigate this question, we generated exposure corrected images, as well as adaptively-smoothed images using MOS1+2+pn data and pn-only data, where the latter should not be affected by the CCD chips placement. The adaptive smoothing procedure was realized using the SAS task, assmooth, smoothstyle='adaptive'. We set the S/N of the adaptively smoothed to 15. Through adaptive smoothing we also aim to enhance any soft emission, especially in the cluster outskirts. The resulting images are displayed in Fig. 5. We observe similarity in the morphology of the cluster in the two types of images, such that the boxy shape and indication of tail-like emission projected northward.

We present a composite X-ray+radio+optical image in Fig. 12 (left), focusing on the central region of the Northern Clump. We utilized the XMM-Newton count rate image in soft band (blue color and white contour), the ASKAP/EMU radio image (red color and yellow contour), and DECam Sloan g-band image (green). The denser X-ray emission of the Northern Clump shows an asymmetrical morphology and has a sharp edge pointing at the projected southwest direction – towards the A3391 center. We notice that the opening angle of the WAT radio source indicates movement towards the south. While looking
at the bent direction of both radio lobes towards the northeast, the central radio source seems to move towards the southwest. We speculate that the radio lobes might have “escaped” from hot gas confinement and the change in direction is due to motion through a lower density medium, as indicated by the contours. The central radio source may be moving locally within the Northern Clump towards the southwest as a result of, for example, sloshing, while globally, the Northern Clump moves towards the southeast.

We used unsharp masks in the Chandra image to highlight substructures in the ICM. The original image was smoothed using two different scales and one smoothed image was subtracted from the other to make the edges more visually appealing. This technique can be mathematically expressed as

$$\hat{U} = I \ast g - I \ast h$$

where $I$ stands for the original image and $g$ and $h$ are the two smoothing scales, for which we chose $g = 30$ and $h = 100$ pixels. As shown in Fig. 6 (left), the unsharp masked image reveals regions with a possible deficient surface brightness $r \approx 2.09' (125 \text{ kpc})$ to the east and west of the cluster center. We further overlaid the ASKAP/EMU radio continuum emission of the cluster center. A seeming picture of X-ray cavities filled with radio lobes starts to emerge, as observed for other clusters (e.g., Birzan et al. 2004; McNamara & Nulsen 2007).

From the presented XMM-Newton and Chandra images, and with the help from ASKAP/EMU radio image, as well as the DECam optical image, we identify clear indications of Northern Clump’s boxyness, tail-like emission in the north, and hint of X-ray cavities that coincide with the radio lobes.

### 3.2. X-ray surface brightness ($S_X$) profiles

#### 3.2.1. XMM-Newton

The full azimuthal $S_X$ profiles of the three different setups can be found in Appendix C. In all three profiles we observe a steep drop at around $5' < r < 6' (299.4 \text{ kpc} < r < 359.28 \text{ kpc})$. Moreover, the overall shapes and residuals seen in the $S_X$ profiles of the box annuli setups using all XMM-Newton detectors and pn-only data support the case that the boxy appearance of the cluster is not an artifact caused by the placement of the central MOS chip.

We present the sectorized $S_X$ profiles (using the box annuli setup) in Fig. 7 (right, top plot). The bottom plot of the Figure shows the relative differences with respect to the corresponding $S_X$ of the full azimuthal setups, which is to examine any excess or deficit of the surface brightness. The $1\sigma$ confidence region of the full azimuthal $S_X$ is plotted in gray. Hereafter, the full azimuthal $S_X$ profile will be referred to as the average $S_X$ profile. The sectorized $S_X$ profiles using the circular annuli setup can be found in Appendix C.

Some noticeable features among the different directions are present, such as the $S_X$ depression in the northeast, excess of the $S_X$ in the south, and the enhancement towards the north. These features are seen in both setups, but they are more pronounced in the box annuli setup.

The depression in the northeast is at $1' < r < 3' (59.88 \text{ kpc} < r < 179.64 \text{ kpc})$. The $S_X$ gets closer to the average at around $4' (239.52 \text{ kpc})$ and drops rapidly beyond this point. The largest fractional decrement in this direction, of 36%, occurs at 1.67' (100 kpc).
In the southern sector, $S_X$ enhancement is observed at around $2' < r < 6'$ (119.76 kpc $< r < 359.28$ kpc). The peak is at 4.33' (259.20 kpc) with a 66% enhancement. We suggest that the origin of the surface brightness excess in this specific direction is either from compressed gas caused by ram pressure or an accreted clump of cold gas from the Northern Filament, where the cluster resides. In both scenarios, the Northern Clump should be falling towards the A3391 cluster along with the filament and cluster resides. In both directions, the Northern Clump should be falling towards the A3391 cluster along with the filament and within the region where its mean density dominates, collapses from the filament will continue onto the system.

We observe significant enhancement at larger radii in the north direction consistent with the observed tail feature in the image. A relative difference of 170% occurs at 7.5' (449.1 kpc).

The features seen in the sectorized $S_X$ profiles are present in the residual image (Fig. 6, right). The residual image is the result of dividing the surface brightness image by the spherically symmetric model. We overlaid the residual image with the ASKAP/EMU radio contour (white contour). Surface brightness depression at around $r \approx 2.05'$ (122.75 kpc) to the northeast and northwest of the center are observed. They coincide with the lobes of the WAT radio source and also in agreement with what is found in Chandra unsharp masked image (Fig. 6, left). In the south, a density enhancement relative to other directions is revealed at predominantly around $2' < r < 5'$ (119.76 kpc $< r < 229.40$ kpc). Furthermore, we detect a clear tail of emission north of the Northern Clump, $\sim 7'$ (419.16 kpc) away from the center. This tail has a projected length of $\sim 5.3'$ (317.4 kpc), as indicated by the northern yellow arrow in Fig. 6 (right).

### 3.2.2. Chandra

We derived the X-ray surface brightness profiles in south, west, and northwest directions, ranging from the cluster center to radii of 11.70' (700 kpc) as shown in Fig. 8. We note a region of enhanced brightness at around $r = 5.84'$ (350 kpc) in the south direction relative to other directions. We fit the profile to a broken power law profile with a density jump projected along the line of sight

$$ S(r) = \text{norm} \int F(\omega)^2 d\omega, \quad \text{where} \quad \omega^2 = r^2 + l^2. \quad (6) $$

$F(\omega)$ is the deprojected density profile:

$$ F(\omega) = \begin{cases} \omega^{-\alpha_1} & \text{if } \omega < \omega_{\text{break}} \\ \frac{1}{\text{jump}} \omega^{-\alpha_2} & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases} \quad (7) $$

where $\alpha_1$, $\alpha_2$, $\text{jump}$, and $\omega_{\text{break}}$ are free parameters. We obtain a best-fit density jump of $1.45 \pm 0.32$ at $r = 5.74 \pm 0.17'$ (344 $\pm 10$ kpc). As the ICM temperature appears to be uniform across the edge (Fig. 9), we assume that the pressure discontinuity equals the density jump and calculate the associated Mach number (Landau & Lifshitz 1959):

$$ \frac{p_0}{p_1} = \left(1 + \frac{\gamma - 1}{2} M^2\right)^{\frac{\gamma}{(\gamma - 1)}} \quad (8) $$

![Image](image_url)
for which we obtain $M = 0.48^{+0.30}_{-0.34}$. Given a sound speed of 802 km/s for a 2.5 keV ICM, the central region of the Northern Clump is moving towards south at a speed of $386_{-279}^{+239}$ km/s relative to the motion of the gas in the southern direction.

3.2.3. eROSITA, XMM-Newton, and Chandra

We present $S_X$ profiles of all the used X-ray instruments in the energy band $0.5 - 2.0$ keV in Fig. 7 (left). To correct for the effective area of different instruments and absorption, each of the three profiles had been multiplied by a conversion factor. For eROSITA and XMM-Newton, this conversion factor was calculated by taking the ratio of the unabsorbed energy flux to the absorbed count rates in the $0.5 - 2.0$ keV band. We supplied the best-fit cluster parameters in the 2.4 - 6.0, $(kT_{500})$ region and the on-axis response files of an on-chip TM and MOS camera. To account for possible temperature changes across the radial ranges, we computed the conversion factor for 3 keV and 1.5 keV cluster emission, as well. The variation is found to be less than 3%. For Chandra, whose exposure maps already include a correction for the telescope effective area in addition to vignetting, the conversion factor is simply the ratio of the unabsorbed energy flux to the absorbed photon flux. The factor is $9.87 \times 10^{-12}$ ergs/cm$^2$/counts for eROSITA, $7.55 \times 10^{-12}$ ergs/cm$^2$/counts for XMM-Newton, and $1.72 \times 10^{-9}$ ergs/photons for Chandra.

The annulus used to estimate the XMM-Newton CXB level ($12.0 - 13.25''$ ($1.13 - 1.24R_{500}$), shown as the horizontal blue line) may still contain some cluster emission. In order to correct for this, we calculated the surface brightness of this same background region using eROSITA data (horizontal black dashed lines) and estimated the excess cluster surface brightness as the difference between the two background estimate (horizontal red dashed line). We added back this excess surface brightness to obtain the corrected XMM-Newton data points (plotted in black). The CXB correction results in better agreement between XMM-Newton and eROSITA, especially in the 7.0 - 10.0'' radial range. The CXB subtracted surface brightness profile is nearly flat beyond the $R_{500}$ and out to the $R_{500}$. This may imply that at this regime, there is still some emission either from the cluster or the filament in which the Northern Clump resides, or both.

Through this exercise, we show the complementary nature of the three instruments. For instance, Chandra (green points) with the best on-axis spatial resolution can cover as far as 3'' from the center, XMM-Newton (blue and black points) covers the intermediate radial range with good statistics, and eROSITA (red points) with its wide FoV and scan mode delivers the cluster surface brightness out to $R_{500}$. The discrepancies in the center can be well-explained by the PSF effect. Moreover, although masked, the bright point source in the cluster center is likely to contribute some of its emission to the central bins of eROSITA and XMM-Newton profiles. Other causes, such as point source detection and different background treatment could also play a role in the observed differences among the profiles.

3.3. Spectral analysis

3.3.1. eROSITA cluster parameters

We list the eROSITA cluster parameters for the $kT_{500}$ region (an annulus of 2.4 - 6.0'') in Table 4. The metallicity returned by eROSITA is consistent with the one returned by XMM-Newton, both in the wide and the small soft energy band, while the normalizations and temperatures are lower. Fitting in the soft...
band does improve the consistency between eROSITA and XMM-Newton temperatures while not fully solving the discrepancies. While this could be an effect of instrumental calibration uncertainties, it could also be caused by multi-temperature structure. As predicted by simulations, in the case of multi-temperature plasma eROSITA has superior soft response was shown to return lower temperatures in comparison to other instruments (Reiprich et al. 2013). Fitting in the soft band only should minimize such effects as the relative effective areas are similar in this range for eROSITA and XMM-Newton. This issue will be addressed further in the future, employing also eROSITA mock observations based on hydrodynamical simulations, and dividing methodologies similar to the algorithm suggested by Vikhlinin (2006) to predict the temperature in the case of multi-temperature plasma.

3.3.2. Inner of south and west

We plot the results of the spectral analysis of XMM-Newton and Chandra in the south and west directions of the Northern Clump in Fig. 9 left and right panel, respectively. The top, middle, and bottom panels are the normalization per area, temperature, and metallicity profiles. Due to modest photon counts, the metallicities in Chandra could only be constrained using bins of full azimuthal direction. The profile can be found in Appendix D, Fig. D.2. The information regarding the source regions and their best-fit parameter values are listed in Table D.2.

| Instrument          | norm\(^{\dagger}\) | \(k_{B}T\) [keV] | \(Z\) [Z\(\odot\)] |
|---------------------|--------------------|------------------|------------------|
| eROSITA             | 1.59 \(^{+0.17}_{-0.19}\) | 1.67 \(^{+0.20}_{-0.11}\) | 0.36 \(^{+0.11}_{-0.12}\) |
| XMM-Newton          | 2.35 \(^{+0.046}_{-0.045}\) | 1.99 \(\pm 0.04\) | 0.31 \(^{+0.025}_{-0.026}\) |
| \(0.8 – 2.0\) keV   |                    |                  |                  |
| eROSITA             | 1.62 \(^{+0.026}_{-0.023}\) | 1.70 \(^{+0.22}_{-0.11}\) | 0.36 \(^{+0.19}_{-0.14}\) |
| XMM-Newton          | 2.45 \(^{+0.053}_{-0.052}\) | 1.99 \(^{+0.050}_{-0.054}\) | 0.27 \(^{+0.027}_{-0.025}\) |

\(^{\dagger}\) \(10^{-5} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{arcmin}^{-2}\)

\(^{\ast}\) 0.7/0.8 – 9.0 keV for eROSITA TM8/TM9.

0.7 – 7.0 keV for XMM-Newton.

In both directions, we observe a flattening towards the central region of the cluster. The temperature profile towards the south indicates an elevated temperature around \(2^\circ < r < 3^\circ\) (119.76 kpc < \(r\) < 179.64 kpc). The metallicity also appears enhanced in this region. Beyond the fourth bin, the temperature profile flattens at an average temperature of 1.94 keV.
3.3.3. Outskirts of north, south, and west

We compare spectral properties of the north, south, and west directions over $R_{2500}$ to $R_{500}$ ($r = 4 - 12.5' = 239.52 - 733.53$ kpc) as shown in Fig. 10. We compare only XMM-Newton values since, unfortunately, the outer north of the Northern Clump is not covered by the Chandra observations. We found it necessary to fix the metallicity in the last two bins of the south and west to 0.3$Z_{\odot}$. The best-fit temperatures and normalizations vary within 1$\sigma$ when we fixed the metallicity of south and west to the best-fit value of the north or fixed the metallicity of the north to 0.3$Z_{\odot}$. In general, our treatment of metallicity does not change the following results.

We note a higher normalization per area in the last two bins of the north region. In comparison to the south (west) third and fourth data points, the normalization per area in the north are 56 (75)% and 83 (97)% higher, respectively, from XMM-Newton residual image (Fig. 6, right), we estimated that the excess emission in the north associated with the tail feature is located at $\sim 7'$ (419.16 kpc) from the center and stretched out to $12.5'$ (733.53 kpc). Therefore, we see an agreement between the imaging and spectral analyses results. This tail feature is often found it necessary to fix the metallicity in the last two bins of the cluster, the x-axis error bars are not the 1$\sigma$ error range, but the full width of the bins. The metallicity in the last two bins of the south and west has been frozen to 0.3$Z_{\odot}$.

The properties of the outskirts of the Northern Clump are similar to those systems listed above, particularly the case of the M49 group residing beyond the virial radius of the Virgo Cluster (Su et al. 2019). In addition to the stripped tail, a temperature enhancement is noted in front of the cold front in M49, resembling the temperature elevation and surface brightness edge (see Subsect. 3.2.2) observed at $\sim 11.25'$ (673.65 kpc) and 5$'$ (299.4 kpc), respectively, in the south of the Northern Clump. Our findings indicate that the Northern Clump may be undergoing the same infalling process with M49.

3.3.4. Central AGN

We notice a metallicity drop in the core of the Northern Clump. While it is commonly believed that this phenomena, which is often observed in galaxy groups and clusters with X-ray cavities, is the result of the AGN mechanical feedback and/or depletion of Fe into cold dust grains (Panagoulia et al. 2015; Lakhchaura et al. 2019; Liu et al. 2019), it could also be an artifact that surfaces as the central AGN is not accounted properly in the spectral fitting (Mernier et al. 2017). To investigate this, we therefore implemented the second and third fitting methods (Subsect. 2.2.2). We present the best-fit parameter values of the three methods in Table D.1 and the spectra with their best-fit model are displayed in Fig. D.3.

Since the on-axis encircled energy fraction (EEF) for MOS1 camera is 68% at a 15$'$ radius, this indicates that there might be some AGN emission left in the source region while performing the fit using the first method. While 92% of the total energy are encircled within a 60$''$ radius, having a mask of this size in the core region is undesirable. The second and third methods are a better solution to this problem. However, as noticed from the metallicity profiles, the low metallicity persists even when the AGN component is added.

The apparent low core metallicity is better explained by the above-mentioned mechanical processes, for instance by the AGN feedback, through which a fraction of the core metal-rich ICM gas is distributed outwards (Sanders et al. 2016; Mernier et al. 2017) and/or depletion of core Fe into dust grains (Panagoulia et al. 2015; Lakhchaura et al. 2019; Liu et al. 2019).

Additionally, we also observe lower Sunyaev-Zel’dovich (SZ) signal at the center of the cluster, as shown in Fig. 12. The decrease of the SZ signal at this region is likely due to the core of the radio AGN, and similarly seen at the center of the Perseus Cluster (Figure 5 in Erler et al. 2019). For more detailed review on AGN contamination of SZ clusters see Lin et al. 2009; Gupta 4

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4 XMM-Newton Science Analysis System: Encircled energy function
Fig. 11: Left: Profiles of apec normalization per area measured with XMM-Newton (blue solid) and Chandra (red solid). Red dashed lines indicate the best-fit 3D density profiles for an empirical density profile of Equation 9 through a joint-fit of XMM-Newton and Chandra normalization profile. The corresponding normalization per area profiles derived with the best-fit 3D density profiles are shown in the cyan line, displaying good agreement with the measurements. Black dashed line is the deprojected density profile derived from Chandra surface brightness profile and the Chandra spectral analysis of the innermost bin. Right: Projected temperature profile measured with XMM-Newton (blue solid line). The best-fit deprojected temperature profile is shown in cyan. The corresponding projected temperature profile derived from Equation 16 is shown in yellow, in good consistent with the measurement.

et al. 2017). Unless special effort is done, such clusters may be missed in SZ surveys.

3.3.5. Deprojection analysis and central entropy

We obtain the best-fit apec normalization profiles for Chandra spectra extracted from concentric annuli ranging from \( r = 20 \) kpc to \( r = 200 \) kpc and for XMM-Newton ranging from \( r = 20 \) kpc to \( r = 400 \) kpc as shown in Fig. 11 (left). We assume the deprojected density profile takes the form of

\[
n(r) = \sqrt{n_0^2 \left( 1 + \frac{r^2}{r_{cl}^2} \right)^{-\beta_0} + n_{02}^2 \left( 1 + \frac{r^2}{r_{cl}^2} \right)^{-\beta_{02}}}.
\]

A normalization profile can be derived by substituting the 3D density profile (Equation 9) into Eq. 3. We can obtain the best-fit parameters for the deprojected density profiles by fitting the normalization profiles measured with Chandra and XMM-Newton to Equation 3, as shown in Fig. 11 (left). We use the \( R^2 \)-score to evaluate the goodness of the fit, defined as

\[
R^2(y, \hat{y}) = 1 - \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{n} (y_i - \hat{y}_i)^2}{\sum_{i=1}^{n} (y_i - \bar{y})^2}.
\]

where \( \hat{y}_i \) is the best-fit value of the \( i \)-th data point and \( y_i \) is the measured value for total \( n \) data points, and \( \bar{y} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^{n} y_i \). We obtain a \( R^2 \)-score of 0.95 for the deprojected density analysis.

We also derived the deprojected density profiles using the Chandra surface brightness profile following Hudson et al. (2010). We fit the surface brightness profile of the west direction to a double-\( \beta \) model, which takes the form of

\[
S(r) = S_{01} \left( 1 + \frac{r^2}{r_{cl1}^2} \right)^{(-\beta_0 + 0.5)} + S_{02} \left( 1 + \frac{r^2}{r_{cl2}^2} \right)^{(-\beta_0 + 0.5)},
\]

corresponding to a density profile of Eq. 9. The central density \( n_0 = \sqrt{n_{01}^2 + n_{02}^2} \) can be estimated from

\[
n_0 = \left[ 10^{14} \frac{4\pi(\Sigma_{02}\Sigma_{12} + LI_1)D_A D_L \zeta N}{\Sigma_{12}LI_2 LI_1} \right]^{\frac{1}{3}},
\]

where \( \Sigma_{02} = S_{01}/S_{02} \) is the ratio of the central surface brightness as in Eq. 11 and \( N \) is the normalization of the apec model for the innermost bin of Chandra projected spectral analysis. Additionally, \( D_A \) and \( D_L \) are the angular diameter distance and the luminosity distance, respectively, and \( \zeta = 1.2 \) is the ratio of electrons to protons. \( E_i \) is the emission integral divided by the central density for component \( i \):

\[
E_i \equiv \int \left( \frac{n}{n_0} \right)^2 dV = 2\pi \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{0}^{R} x \left( 1 + \frac{x^2 + \beta_i^2}{r_{cli}^2} \right)^{-\beta_i} dx dl,
\]

where \( R \) is the outer radius of the spectrum extraction region. The line emission measure for component \( i, LI_i \), is defined as

\[
LI_i \equiv \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \left( 1 + \frac{r^2}{r_{cli}^2} \right)^{-\beta_i} dl,
\]

and \( n_{01} \) and \( n_{02} \) can be further related by

\[
\frac{n_{01}^2}{n_{02}^2} = \frac{\Sigma_{02}LI_2}{LI_1}.
\]

We can solve these equations using the surface brightness parameters to obtain a density profile of Eq. 9 as shown in Fig. 11 (left).
We adopted an empirical formula to model the deprojected temperature profile (Andrade-Santos et al. 2017; Su et al. 2019)

$$T_{3D}(r) = T_0 \left[1 + \left(r/r_t\right)^2\right]^{1.9} \times \left[r/(0.075r_t)\right]^{1.9} + T_m/T_0 \left[r/(0.075r_t)\right]^{1.9} + 1.15.$$  

The corresponding projected temperature can be obtained by projecting the gas density weighted $T_{3D}$ along the line of sight.

$$T_{2D} = \frac{\int \rho e_2^2 T_{3D}^{3/4} dz}{\int \rho e^2 T_{3D}^{3/4} dz},$$

for which the density profile derived with XMM-Newton is applied. We fit the azimuthally averaged projected temperature profile measured with XMM-Newton to the 2D formula,

$$T_{2D} = \frac{\int \rho e_2^2 T_{3D}^{3/4} dz}{\int \rho e^2 T_{3D}^{3/4} dz},$$

for which the density profile derived with XMM-Newton is applied. The best-fit 2D and 3D temperature profiles are plotted in Fig. 11 (right). The 2D temperature model and the measured projected temperature profile give a $R^2$-score of 0.88. The discrepancies between XMM-Newton and Chandra normalizations may be caused by, such as, different bin size, scattering, point source detection, as well as instrumental calibration uncertainties.

The Northern Clump has an extrapolated central electron density of $\gtrsim 7 \times 10^{-3}$ cm$^{-3}$, falling short of $\sim 1.5 \times 10^{-2}$ cm$^{-3}$, a conventional threshold for cool-core clusters (Andrade-Santos et al. 2017; Su et al. 2020). Based on the deprojected density and temperature profiles, we extrapolate an entropy ($K \equiv k_B T_{gas}/n_e^{2/3}$) of 30 keV cm$^2$ for the central $r < 0.004R_{500}$. According to Hudson et al. (2010), the Northern Clump can be best described as a weak cool-core (WCC) cluster.

3.3.6. Northern Filament

We consider the region between the virial radii of the Northern Clump and the A3391 cluster as an inter-cluster filament as shown in Fig. 1. We used the measured apec normalization to derive the electron density, $n_e$, of the filament. We assume a simple geometry, such that the filament is a cylinder with its axis in the plane of the sky and located at the mean redshift of both clusters, $z = 0.0533$, such that Eq. 3 can be rewritten as,

$$n_e = \left[1.52 \times 10^{-10} \, \text{cm}^{-1} \times \text{norm}(1+z)^2 \times \left(\frac{D_A}{\text{Mpc}}\right)^{-2} \times \left(\frac{r}{\text{Mpc}}\right)^{-2} \times \left(\frac{h}{\text{Mpc}}\right)^{-1}\right],$$

where $D_A(z = 0.0533) = 214.09$ Mpc, radius of the cylinder $r = 1.56$ Mpc, and its height $h = 1.81$ Mpc. The Hydrogen density is taken to be $n_H \approx n_e/1.17$.

We present the results of the eROSITA spectral analysis for the Northern Filament in Table 5. Comparing our results to the WHIM properties predicted by the cosmological hydrodynamic
4. Insights from the Magneticum Simulation

In the 20 cMpc/h-scale region extracted from the Magneticum Simulation volume, that comprises an analog of the A3391/95 system (see Reiprich et al. 2021) at $z = 0.07$, we also identify various structures with the size of galaxy groups (Biffi et al. 2021). Among these additional structures, we consider in particular a small halo (hereafter, “group B”), in order to better interpret the history of the observed Northern Clump. Group B is a group-size object that has entered the atmosphere of the upper pair member (marked as “GC1”; Biffi et al. 2021) at about $z = 0.16$, and has reached its outskirts (at $d_{\text{proj}} \sim 1.5 \times R_{200}^\text{GC1}$) by $z = 0.07$. The configuration at redshift $z = 0.07$ of the simulated pair and the group B is shown in Figure 13. The Figure shows the gas density map projected along the $z$ axis of the simulation box, and comprises a volume of 10 cMpc/h per side, centered on the pair center of mass. One of the two components (GC1 and GC2, and of group B. Furthermore, we mark cluster radii that are of interest for the present discussion.

Group B has a mass of $M_{500} \sim 3.6 \times 10^{13} M_\odot$ at redshift $z \sim 0.16$, just before the merging starts. At lower redshifts, $(0.07 < z \leq 0.16)$ the group is identified as a gravitationally bound substructure of the GC1 cluster. By tracking the history of its most-massive progenitor, we investigate its properties along the trajectory towards the node of the Cosmic Web where the cluster pair is finally settling by $z = 0.07$.

In the simulation analog, we find that the group movement towards the GC1 cluster is well defined below $z \leq 1$, according to several indicators. In Fig. 14 (upper inset) we show the redshift evolution of the alignment between the subhalo velocity and the infall direction, quantified by the cosine of the angle defined by those two directions. Different colors refer to the direction towards the final positions at $z = 0.07$ of the pair center of mass (c.m.; blue) and the center of GC1 (red), as in the legend. We note that values of the cosine below $z \sim 1$ are always comprised between $-0.8$ and $-0.95$, indicating a preferential alignment towards the GC1 final position: this confirms that group B is actually moving towards the GC1 cluster. This result holds for the gas (either bound or not) located within $R_{200}$ (dotted lines). While the total bound gas follows more closely the DM trend, the gas within $R_{500}$ is more subject to oscillations due to the fact that the selection is purely geometrical and can therefore comprise matter not yet gravitationally bound to the main halo potential. At redshift $z \lesssim 0.2$ the cosine absolute value decreases and marks a weaker alignment, and is also accompanied by a decrease of the total mass of the DM and gas that are gravitationally bound to group B (lower inset). This indicates a stripping process occurring while the group enters the cluster virial radius: the bound gas mass, in particular, decreases by a factor of $\sim 3$ between $z \sim 0.16$ and $z = 0.07$.

The infall of group B towards GC1 is furthermore characterized by an increasing difference between the radial components of gas and subhalo bulk velocities below redshift $z \sim 0.25$. This is shown in Fig. 15, where we report the radial components of bulk (solid) and bound gas (dashed) velocity, as a function of the distance (comoving units) between the position of group B at each redshift and the final position of GC1 (upper inset) — here larger radial distances correspond to earlier times. From the Figure, one can note the slowing down of the gas component with respect to the DM (traced by the halo bulk velocity) at the smaller distances, corresponding to the redshifts $0.07 < z < 0.25$. This is better quantified in the lower inset of Fig. 15, where we report the relative difference between gas and bulk radial velocities at each point. We note a monotonic increase of such difference, while group B is getting closer than $\sim 2.5$ cMpc/h from the final position of GC1, which corresponds to $z \lesssim 0.25$. At $z = 0.25$, the actual distance between the center of group B and the GC1 progenitor corresponds to
d_{3D} \sim 3.5 \, \text{cMpc}/h, \text{ namely } d_{3D} \sim 1.7 \times (R_{200}^{\text{GC1}} + R_{200}^{\text{GC1}}) \sim 4 \times R_{200}^{\text{GC1}}.

In the reference projection (xy plane; see Reiprich et al. 2021 and Biffi et al. 2021, for more details), this corresponds to a distance of $\sim 3 \times R_{200}^{\text{GC1}}$ from GC1. The projected configuration and distance relative to the GC1 cluster found at $z = 0.25$ are similar to the observed Northern Clump case, supporting the possibility for the bigger accreting cluster (A3391 in the observed system) and the infall movement to leave an observable signature on the Northern Clump properties (such as the emission tail — see Subsect. 3.1). At such distances, we indeed expect to observe the effects of the closeness to the GC1 cluster. In fact, this is also the typical distance from clusters at which simulations predict to observe changes in the gas properties of main filaments connected to them (namely at three to four times the cluster virial radius; e.g., Dolag et al. 2006). A zoom-in onto the group is shown in Fig. 17 by the simulated map of the projected gas density within a 4 cMpc/h-side FoV centered on group B at redshift $z = 0.25$ (left) and $z = 0.07$ (right). In the maps, the movement of the group occurs roughly in the top-right to bottom-left direction and the dot-dashed circle indicates the radius corresponding to $\sim 3 \times R_{200}^{\text{GC1}}$ from the GC1 progenitor at $z = 0.25$. The black circles approximate the $R_{200}$ radius of group B at $z = 0.25$ (solid line), and the $R_{500}$ radius of GC1 at $z = 0.07$ (dot-dashed line), when group B is no more identified as a separate halo by our substructure-finding algorithm (SUBFIND, Springel et al. 2001; Dolag et al. 2009).

We also find indications of halo sloshing throughout its evolution. This can be inferred from the oscillations described in the radial velocity cosine (upper inset in Fig. 14), when all the gas within $R_{500}$ is considered (dotted curve) in comparison to the corresponding DM trend. This effect is further confirmed by Fig. 16, where we report the redshift evolution of the center shift for group B at $z \sim 1$ and $z = 0.07$. The center shift is computed as the three-dimensional difference between the halo center$^5$ and the bound gas center of mass, in units of the group $R_{500}$. In the Figure, we also report the separate components along the major axes of the simulation volume, from which we note an oscillating feature, especially between the $x$ and $y$ components — i.e. in the plane perpendicular to the chosen l.o.s. This effect is likely connected to the merging and accretion of smaller galaxy-size substructures (such as between $z \sim 1$ and $z \sim 0.8$), which perturb the gas component in the group and also produces elongated density contours.

5 The halo center is identified with the position corresponding to the minimum of the potential well.

5. Discussion and conclusions

We presented results of the X-ray imaging and spectral analyses of the MCXC J0621.7-5242 galaxy cluster, also known as the Northern Clump of the A3391/95 system, utilizing eROSITA, XMM-Newton, and Chandra observations. We used the ASKAP/EMU radio data, Planck y-map, and DECam data to study the influence of the wide-angle tail (WAT) radio source to the central intracluster medium (ICM) gas. We compared the observations with an analog of the A3391/95 system found in the Magneticum simulation. Our findings include:

- The Northern Clump is not a relaxed system and its morphology deviates from the common spherical or elliptical shapes.
- In fact, it has an interesting pronounced boxy shape.
- We identified a southern density enhancement, which indicates motion of the filament gas relative to the Northern

Fig. 14: Redshift evolution of the cosine of the angle between the radial direction towards the pair (center of mass, blue; GC1, red) and the velocity of the subhalo (bulk, solid; bound gas, dashed; all gas within $R_{500}$—dotted). The gas velocity alignment is reported only for the infall direction towards GC1. Data points for all the gas within $R_{500}$ are only defined for the redshifts when the clump is an independent group from GC1 ($z \geq 0.16$). We also report the redshift evolution of the subhalo DM (solid lines) and gas (dashed lines) bound mass in the lower inset of the figure.

Fig. 15: Top: radial component of the bulk (solid lines) and bound-gas velocity (dashed lines) as a function of the radial distance from the final position of GC1. Bottom: relative difference between bound-gas and bulk radial velocity, as a function of the radial distance.

Clump resulting in compression, e.g., by filament gas being accreted towards the Northern Clump while the whole system, filament and the Northern Clump is being accreted towards A3391. The temperature and density enhancement at around the same distance support this.

- We detected a tail of emission north of the Northern Clump that supports the relative motion as well. The tail starts at $\sim 7' (419.16 \, \text{kpc})$ from the center with a projected length of $\sim 5.3' (317.4 \, \text{kpc})$. We speculate that the gas is either stripped from the Northern Clump and lagging behind, or infalling gas from a possible continuation of the filament north of the Northern Clump. While a more detailed analysis is required, the first picture is nevertheless consistent with findings from the analog system identified in the Magneticum simulations, where the gas in the clump start to lag behind with its in-
fall velocity reduced compared to dark matter, while getting closer than $3 \times R_{200}$ from the accreting cluster.

- A bright WAT radio galaxy occupies the center of the Northern Clump. A weak hint of X-ray surface brightness depressions coincident with the radio lobes is found, suggesting interaction of the radio plasma with the Northern Clump ICM.

- We note that the morphology of the denser X-ray gas is asymmetric with a sharp edge that points towards the A3391 center, in the southeast direction. The lower density gas at around $z \approx 5'$ appears boxy, which may be the result of ram pressure stripping as it enters the atmosphere of A3391 and/or sloshing. However, the northeast bend of both lobes is not quite consistent with them being “swept back” by that global motion. We speculate that the lobes might have “escaped” some hot-gas confinement and the change of direction is due to motion through a lower-density ambient medium. The central radio source may be moving locally within the cluster toward the southwest as a result of sloshing, while the Northern Clump is moving toward the southeast.

- The electron density and entropy derived for the central region of the Northern Clump indicates that the Northern Clump is a weak cool-core (WCC) cluster. The temperature flattening towards the center further supports this indication. The WCC nature could indicate some disturbance of the core either through effects caused by entering the sphere of influence of A3391, through infalling filament gas, or through the central radio AGN.

- The low core metallicity derived for the core using three different methods signifies AGN feedback blowing the metal-rich ICM gas outwards the central region. This is consistent with the strong radio emission of the central galaxy and with the fact that the cooling flow in this cluster is suppressed, which as a result only forming a weak cool-core.

- We performed spectral analyses in the region between the $R_{200}$ of the Northern Clump and the A3391 cluster, the Northern Filament, where we assumed a simple cylindrical geometry on the plane of the sky. Through a 2T fit, we identified a cooler component whose temperature ($kT = 0.68^{+0.38}_{-0.64}$ keV) and electron density ($n_e = (1.99^{+0.88}_{-1.24}) \times 10^5$ cm$^{-3}$) are consistent with the expected ranges of WHIM properties.

- Analysis of a similar system found in the Magneticum simulation reveals that an infalling clump (equivalent to the observed Northern Clump) starts to “feel” the influence of the main accreting system (equivalent to the observed A3391) at around $3 \times R_{200}$, possibly related to accretion shocks expected to be present at such distance. For instance, the infall velocity of the gas component starts to decrease compared to the radial velocity of the dark matter. Once the group approaches the cluster virial radius, it undergoes further stripping processes with a decrease by a factor of $\sim 3$ in the gravitationally-bound gas mass between $z = 0.16$ and $z = 0.07$. Throughout its redshift evolution, we find evidence for halo sloshing marked by oscillations of the infall velocity and the center shift of the gas component compared to dark matter. In general, the findings in the Magneticum simulation are consistent with the properties of the observed system.

Thanks to the wide eROSITA FoV and its superior soft response, significant emission was observed in the A3391/95 system beyond the virial radii, $R_{200}$, with good resolution. This has allowed us to discover the soft X-ray emission from filaments connected to the system, as well as some infalling clumps residing in these filaments, one of which is the Northern Clump. This infalling galaxy cluster appears to have just entered the atmosphere, or sphere of influence, of the A3391 cluster.

In this work, we demonstrated how eROSITA is complementary not only to other X-ray instruments, e.g., XMM-Newton and Chandra, but also instruments from other wavelengths, e.g., the ASKAP radio telescope, the DECam optical survey, and the Planck microwave satellite. We also found that the eROSITA image of the A3391/95 system and the results of our Northern Clump analysis are consistent with each other, as well as with the analog simulated system from the Magneticum simulations.

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Fig. 17: Simulated projected maps of gas surface density, centered on the infalling group B (black diamond marking its center), at $z = 0.25$ (left) and $z = 0.07$ (right). The gas surface density map encloses a comoving volume of $(4 \, \text{cMpc/h})^3$. In both panels, we mark the circles corresponding to three times the GC1 cluster virial radius $(3 R_{200}^{\text{GC1}})$ and $R_{200}$ of the group at $z = 0.25$ (solid) and of the GC1 cluster at $z = 0.07$ (dot-dashed; when group B is a substructure of GC1).

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Appendix A: XMM-Newton – Lightcurves

Fig. A.1: Top panels show the lightcurves of MOS1 (top left), MOS2 (top right), and pn (bottom) of the Northern Clump observation (ObsID: 0852980601). The red line depicts the accepted portion of the observation, while the grey is the rejected portion due to SPF. The dashed lines mark the 3σ. The bottom panels show the histograms of the associated lightcurves, fitted with Gaussian (red curve). The red vertical lines mark the 3σ.
Appendix B: XMM-Newton – Images

![XMM-Newton images](image)

Fig. B.1: XMM-Newton cleaned photon images, i.e., SPF filtered, QPB subtracted, anomalous CCDs removed, in the energy band 0.5 – 2 keV. Top left: MOS1 image. Top right: MOS2 image. Bottom left: pn image. Bottom right: MOS1+2+pn image.

Appendix C: XMM-Newton – Surface brightness profile

The $S_X$ profiles of the three setups are compared in Fig. C.1 (left). The blue, green, and red solid lines are the $S_X$ profiles for circular annuli, box annuli, and pn-only box annuli setup. The dotted lines of the respective colors are their $\beta$-model fits. The $\beta$-model best-fit parameters can be found in Table C.1. In the bottom panel, their residuals are plotted in the unit of $\sigma$.

Table C.1: The $\beta$-model best-fit parameters.

| Setups   | $S_X(0)$ [cts/s/arcmin$^2$] | $\beta$          | $r_c$ ['] |
|----------|-----------------------------|------------------|----------|
| circular | 0.05 ± 0.004                | 0.368 ± 0.007    | 0.310 ± 0.04 |
| box      | 0.0218 ± 0.001              | 0.396 ± 0.010    | 0.660 ± 0.053 |
| pn box   | 0.0715 ± 0.002              | 0.404 ± 0.011    | 0.718 ± 0.053 |

Fig. C.1: XMM-Newton $S_X$ profiles calculated from XMM-Newton data in the energy band 0.5 – 2.0 keV. Top: The full azimuthal $S_X$ profiles. The top panel shows the $S_X$ profiles (solid lines) and the corresponding $\beta$-model fits (dotted lines) of all XMM-Newton detectors with circular annuli setup (blue) and box annuli setup (green), as well as the pn-only box annuli setup (red). The bottom panel shows the residuals in unit of $\sigma$. Bottom: XMM-Newton $S_X$ profiles of different sectors top and their relative differences bottom from circular annuli setup. The grey shaded areas are the 1$\sigma$ confidence regions of the full azimuthal $S_X$. The brown vertical lines indicate the various radii.
Appendix D: Spectral analysis

We performed several tests using pgstat statistic provided in XSPEC, where the XMM-Newton source data were treated as Poisson data (C-statistic) and the background as Gaussian. Initially, we fit spectra that are grouped to have a minimum of 5 counts (grouping5) and 25 counts (grouping25) per bin. Then, we grouped the source spectra based on the background spectra, as such we would have 25 counts per bin for the background spectra (bgdGrouping25). This ensures the background spectra to be Gaussian. These tests were carried out for all the Northern Clump spectral analysis regions. We show the results from the full azimuthal region in Fig. D.1 as a representative. In the plots we compare the fitting results using $\chi^2$-statistic (blue points, stat/dof=0.97), pgstat grouping5 (red, stat/dof=1.06), pgstat grouping25 (green, stat/dof=1.09), and pgstat bgdGrouping25 (orange, stat/dof=1.12). The resulting cluster parameters of these tests in various regions are always consistent within the 1σ error bars of the $\chi^2$-statistic fitting results.

Fig. D.1: Normalization (top), temperature (middle), and metallicity (bottom) profiles of the Northern Clump derived in the energy band 0.7 – 7.0 keV. Blue points are estimated using $\chi^2$-statistics, while the red, green, and orange points are estimated using pgstat statistic with source spectrum grouping 5, 25, and background spectrum grouping 25.

Fig. D.2: Metallicity profiles of various regions in the Northern Clump cluster in the energy band 0.7 – 7.0 keV. The blue and red shaded areas represent XMM-Newton and Chandra metallicity in full azimuthal direction. Due to modest photon counts, Chandra cannot constrain the metallicity. The dark blue, cyan, and magenta data points represent XMM-Newton metallicity profiles in the south, west, and north directions, respectively. The grey dashed lines indicate the $R_{2500}$ of the Northern Clump. The x-axis error bars are not the 1σ error range, but the full width of the bins.

Table D.1: XMM-Newton best-fit values of central bin with different methods in energy 0.7 – 7.0 keV.

| AGN method | norm$^1$ | $k_B T$ [keV] | $Z$ [$Z_\odot$] |
|------------|---------|--------------|----------------|
| 1          | 2.535$^{+0.096}_{-0.095}$ | 2.532 ± 0.105 | 0.217$^{+0.084}_{-0.056}$ |
| 2          | 2.651$^{+0.12}_{-0.118}$ | 2.411$^{+0.118}_{-0.116}$ | 0.16$^{+0.065}_{-0.057}$ |
| 3          | 1.682$^{+0.268}_{-0.277}$ | 3.05$^{+0.208}_{-0.221}$ | 0.155$^{+0.06}_{-0.05}$ |
| 4          | 0.969$^{+0.344}_{-0.308}$ | 1.528 & - |

$^1$ the presented values have been normalized by their respective source areas [$10^{-4}$ cm$^{-5}$/arcmin$^2$]
Table D.2: **XMM-Newton** and **Chandra** best-fit spectral fitting values in the south, west, and north in the energy band 0.7 – 7.0 keV.

| annulus         | XMM-Newton       | Chandra       |
|-----------------|------------------|---------------|
|                 | \( \text{norm} \) \( \times 10^{-4} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ arcmin}^{-2} \) | \( k_B T \) [keV] | \( Z \) | \( \text{norm} \) \( \times 10^{-4} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ arcmin}^{-2} \) | \( k_B T \) [keV] |
| South           |                  |               |     |                  |                  |
| 0.0 – 0.55      | 2.539 \( \pm \) 0.094 | 2.524 \( \pm \) 0.100 | 0.214 \( \pm \) 0.085 | 2.787 \( \pm \) 0.112 | 2.748 \( \pm \) 0.135 |
| 0.55 – 1.65     | 1.212 \( \pm \) 0.051 | 2.593 \( \pm \) 0.125 | 0.254 \( \pm \) 0.082 | 1.137 \( \pm \) 0.046 | 3.356 \( \pm \) 0.043 |
| 1.65 – 2.2      | 0.662 \( \pm \) 0.046 | 2.791 \( \pm \) 0.25 | 0.528 \( \pm \) 0.179 | 0.911 \( \pm \) 0.073 | 1.871 \( \pm \) 0.32 |
| 2.2 – 2.75      | 0.536 \( \pm \) 0.034 | 2.732 \( \pm \) 0.256 | 0.371 \( \pm \) 0.152 | 0.636 \( \pm \) 0.041 | 2.716 \( \pm \) 0.34 |
| 2.75 – 3.3      | 0.482 \( \pm \) 0.033 | 1.933 \( \pm \) 0.131 | 0.227 \( \pm \) 0.088 | 0.467 \( \pm \) 0.033 | 1.866 \( \pm \) 0.23 |
| 3.3 – 3.85      | 0.385 \( \pm \) 0.031 | 1.756 \( \pm \) 0.148 | 0.280 \( \pm \) 0.075 | 0.395 \( \pm \) 0.023 | 2.245 \( \pm \) 0.24 |
| 3.85 – 4.4      | 0.295 \( \pm \) 0.026 | 1.845 \( \pm \) 0.131 | 0.477 \( \pm \) 0.146 | 0.323 \( \pm \) 0.024 | 1.891 \( \pm \) 0.25 |
| 4.4 – 4.95      | 0.251 \( \pm \) 0.024 | 1.970 \( \pm \) 0.154 | 0.479 \( \pm \) 0.125 | 0.324 \( \pm \) 0.022 | 2.153 \( \pm \) 0.24 |
| 4.95 – 6.0      | 0.157 \( \pm \) 0.014 | 1.631 \( \pm \) 0.067 | 0.291 \( \pm \) 0.066 | 0.185 \( \pm \) 0.013 | 2.177 \( \pm \) 0.41 |
| 6.05 – 8.45     | 0.059 \( \pm \) 0.008 | 1.732 \( \pm \) 0.279 | 0.279 \( \pm \) 0.171 | 0.047 \( \pm \) 0.004 | 2.174 \( \pm \) 0.26 |
| 4.0 – 6.0       | 0.211 \( \pm \) 0.011 | 1.703 \( \pm \) 0.103 | 0.344 \( \pm \) 0.044 | * | * |
| 6.0 – 8.0       | 0.069 \( \pm \) 0.009 | 1.756 \( \pm \) 0.261 | 0.309 \( \pm \) 0.181 | * | * |
| 8.0 – 10.0      | 0.024 \( \pm \) 0.003 | 1.726 \( \pm \) 0.326 | 0.3 | * | * |
| 10.0 – 12.5     | 0.011 \( \pm \) 0.003 | 1.709 \( \pm \) 0.663 | 0.3 | * | * |
| West            |                  |               |     |                  |                  |
| 0.0 – 0.55      | 2.536 \( \pm \) 0.096 | 2.531 \( \pm \) 0.105 | 0.217 \( \pm \) 0.084 | 1.990 \( \pm \) 0.108 | 3.554 \( \pm \) 0.171 |
| 0.55 – 1.65     | 1.015 \( \pm \) 0.041 | 2.811 \( \pm \) 0.151 | 0.503 \( \pm \) 0.104 | 1.129 \( \pm \) 0.041 | 3.433 \( \pm \) 0.3 |
| 1.65 – 2.75     | 0.531 \( \pm \) 0.023 | 2.622 \( \pm \) 0.153 | 0.299 \( \pm \) 0.093 | 0.518 \( \pm \) 0.034 | 3.51 \( \pm \) 0.27 |
| 2.75 – 3.85     | 0.269 \( \pm \) 0.016 | 2.548 \( \pm \) 0.159 | 0.497 \( \pm \) 0.138 | 0.291 \( \pm \) 0.013 | 2.711 \( \pm \) 0.30 |
| 3.85 – 8.45     | 0.081 \( \pm \) 0.006 | 1.861 \( \pm \) 0.142 | 0.369 \( \pm \) 0.105 | 0.064 \( \pm \) 0.005 | 2.793 \( \pm \) 0.67 |
| 4.0 – 6.0       | 0.133 \( \pm \) 0.006 | 1.958 \( \pm \) 0.099 | 0.396 \( \pm \) 0.082 | * | * |
| 6.0 – 8.0       | 0.058 \( \pm \) 0.005 | 1.666 \( \pm \) 0.196 | 0.241 \( \pm \) 0.08 | * | * |
| 8.0 – 10.0      | 0.014 \( \pm \) 0.003 | 1.363 \( \pm \) 0.152 | 0.3 | * | * |
| 10.0 – 12.5     | 0.002 \( \pm \) 0.002 | 1.365 \( \pm \) 0.607 | 0.3 | * | * |
| North           |                  |               |     |                  |                  |
| 0.0 – 0.55      | 2.537 \( \pm \) 0.096 | 2.537 \( \pm \) 0.11 | 0.22 \( \pm \) 0.08 | * | * |
| 0.55 – 2.0      | 0.989 \( \pm \) 0.056 | 2.951 \( \pm \) 0.21 | 0.6 \( \pm \) 0.17 | * | * |
| 2.0 – 4.0       | 0.363 \( \pm \) 0.023 | 2.21 \( \pm \) 0.19 | 0.42 \( \pm \) 0.13 | * | * |
| 4.0 – 6.0       | 0.150 \( \pm \) 0.016 | 2.01 \( \pm \) 0.29 | 0.18 \( \pm \) 0.14 | * | * |
| 6.0 – 8.0       | 0.069 \( \pm \) 0.019 | 1.53 \( \pm \) 0.38 | 0.12 \( \pm \) 0.21 | * | * |
| 8.0 – 10.0      | 0.056 \( \pm \) 0.015 | 1.87 \( \pm \) 0.71 | 0.22 \( \pm \) 0.59 | * | * |
| 10.0 – 12.5     | 0.063 \( \pm \) 0.025 | 0.99 \( \pm \) 0.08 | 0.11 \( \pm \) 0.12 | * | * |

* the presented values have been normalized by their respective source areas

* Chandra observations do not cover these regions
Fig. D.3: XMM-Newton and RASS background spectra (black) of the central bin fitted with the three different central AGN models in the energy range of 0.7 – 7.0 keV. Top: Method 1 – with 15″ mask to mask the central AGN. Middle: Method 2 – AGN component is modeled from Chandra best fit values. Bottom: Method 3 – AGN is modeled and additional thermal component is added.