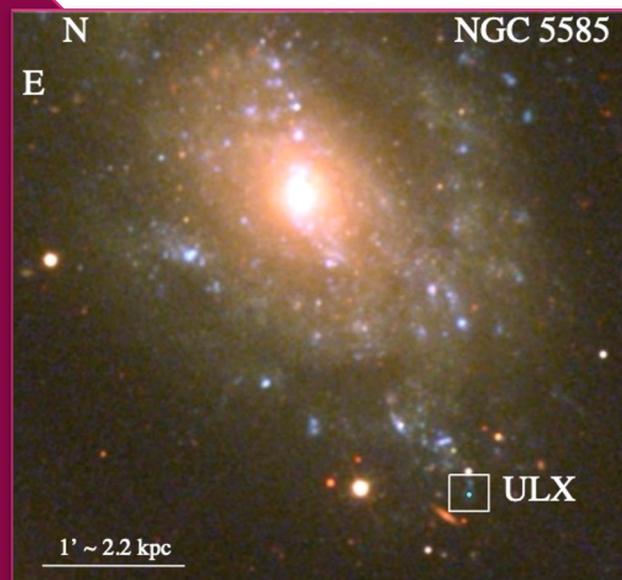




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Christian Motch is emeritus Directeur of Research at CNRS working at the astronomical Observatory Strasbourg. He is co-investigator of the XMM-Newton Survey Science Centre. He took part into the blooming of X-ray astronomy starting from SAS-3, EXOSAT, ROSAT and now XMM-Newton.

Christian's main scientific interests are in binary X-ray sources powered by accretion onto white dwarfs, neutron stars or black holes, together with isolated neutron stars. Recently, he attempted to unravel the X-ray secrets of the star Gamma-Cas located at the centre of the W-shaped Cassiopeia constellation. Most of these studies involve multi-wavelength observations.

Within the XMM2ATHENA project Christian spent time building X-ray to radio spectral energy distributions for XMM-Newton X-ray sources. He also proposed an algorithm to improve XMM-Newton astrometry.