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This composite image from the Chandra X-ray
Observatory (blue) and the Hubble Space Telescope
(red, green, and blue) captures this galaxy on its way
as it zooms toward the upper left of this image. The
intergalactic gas in the Norma cluster is sparse, but
so hot at 180 million degrees Fahrenheit that it glows
in X-rays detected by Chandra. The spiral moves
through the seething intra-cluster gas so rapidly—
at nearly 4.5 million miles per hour—much of its own
gas is caught and torn away. The galaxy's stars
remain intact due to the binding force of their gravity.
Credit: X-ray: NASA/CXC/UAH/M.Sun et al; Optical: NASA, ESA,
& the Hubble Heritage Team (STSCI/AURA)

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