

# The X-Ray Universe



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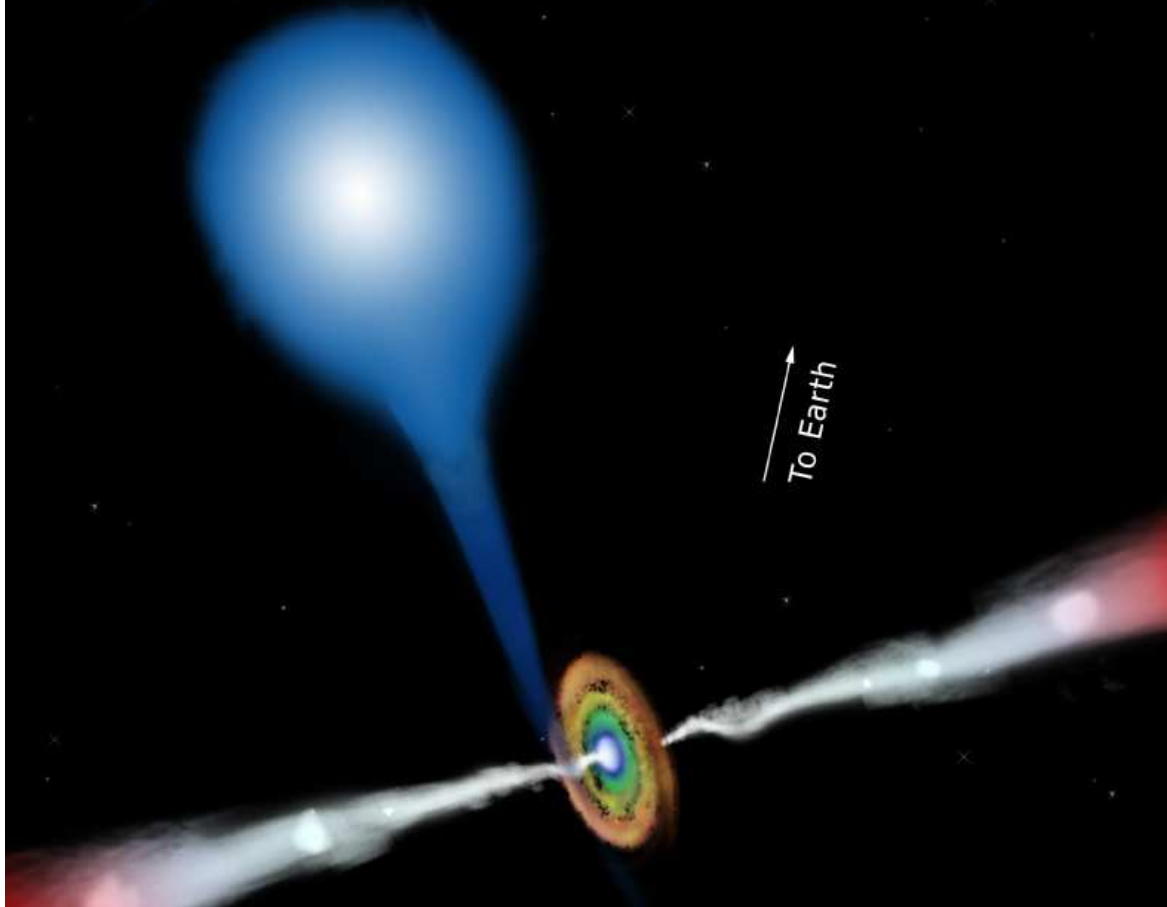
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Chandra X-ray, HST optical, Spitzer IR  
NGC602 in the SMC

d=60pc

## From $\mu$ QSO to QSO



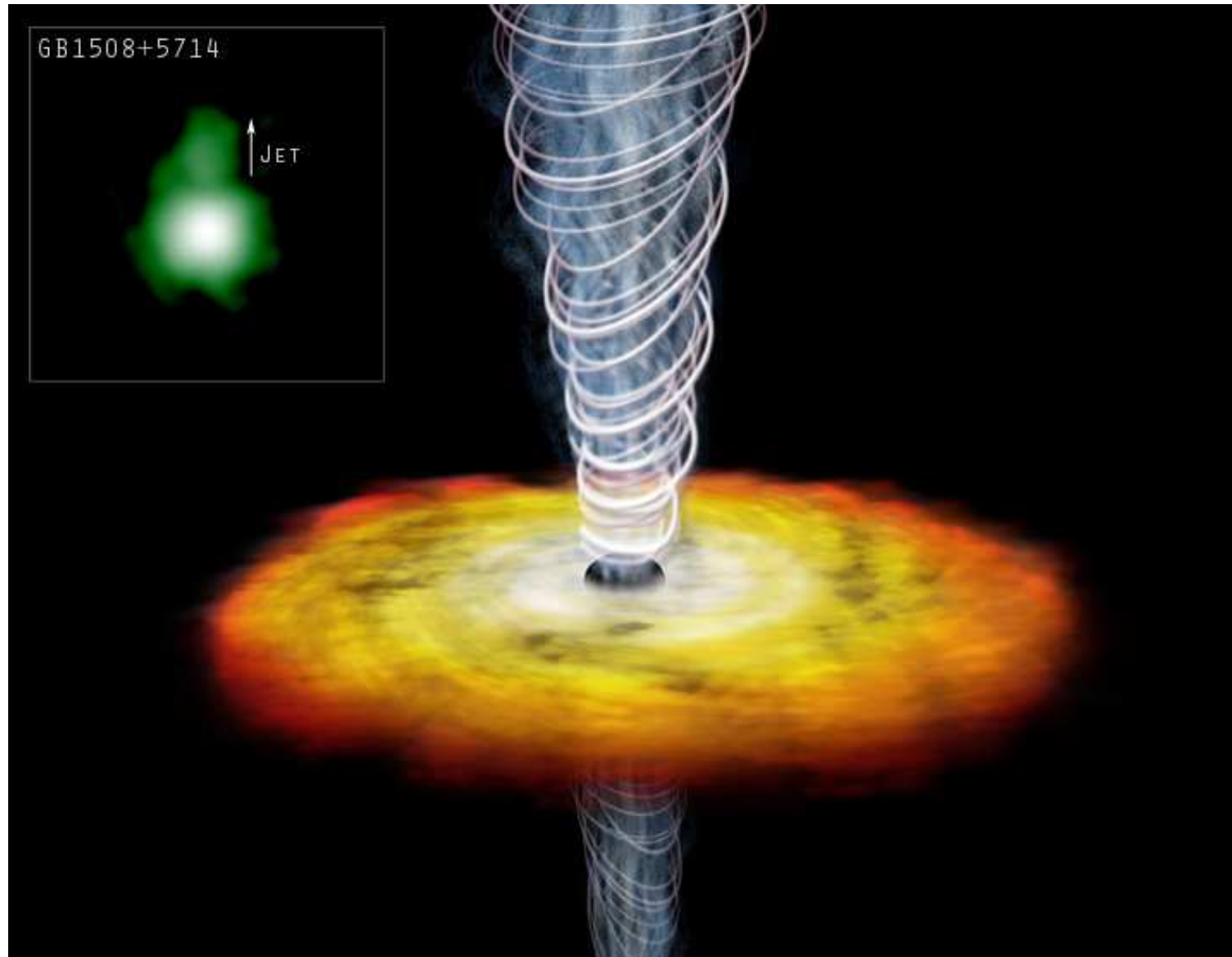
### $\mu$ QSO SS433:

- Strong emission from radio wave to X-ray
- Rapid strong variability in X-rays
- Radio jets where matter is accelerated to relativistic velocities
- Fast-spinning accretion disk

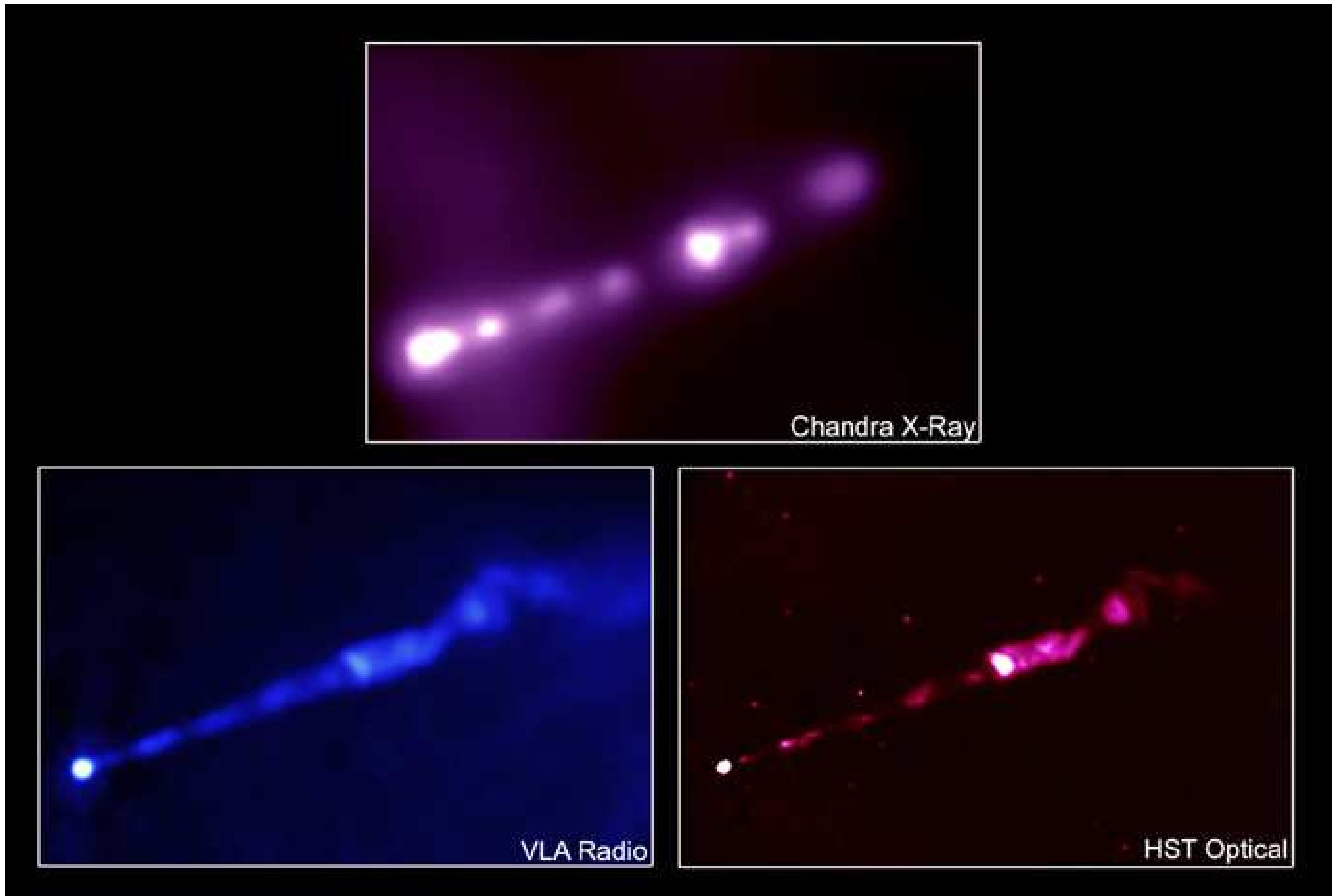
Typical properties of a QSO but contains a NS or a stellar mass BH

Object	XRB	Normal galaxy	Emission Line galaxy	Seyfert galaxy	BL Lac galaxy	QSO
$L_X \left[ \frac{\text{erg}}{\text{s}} \right]$	$10^{34} - 10^{36}$	$10^{37} - 10^{39}$	$10^{40} - 10^{43}$	$10^{43} - 10^{45}$	$10^{44} - 10^{46}$	$10^{45} - 10^{47}$

# Active Galactic Nuclei



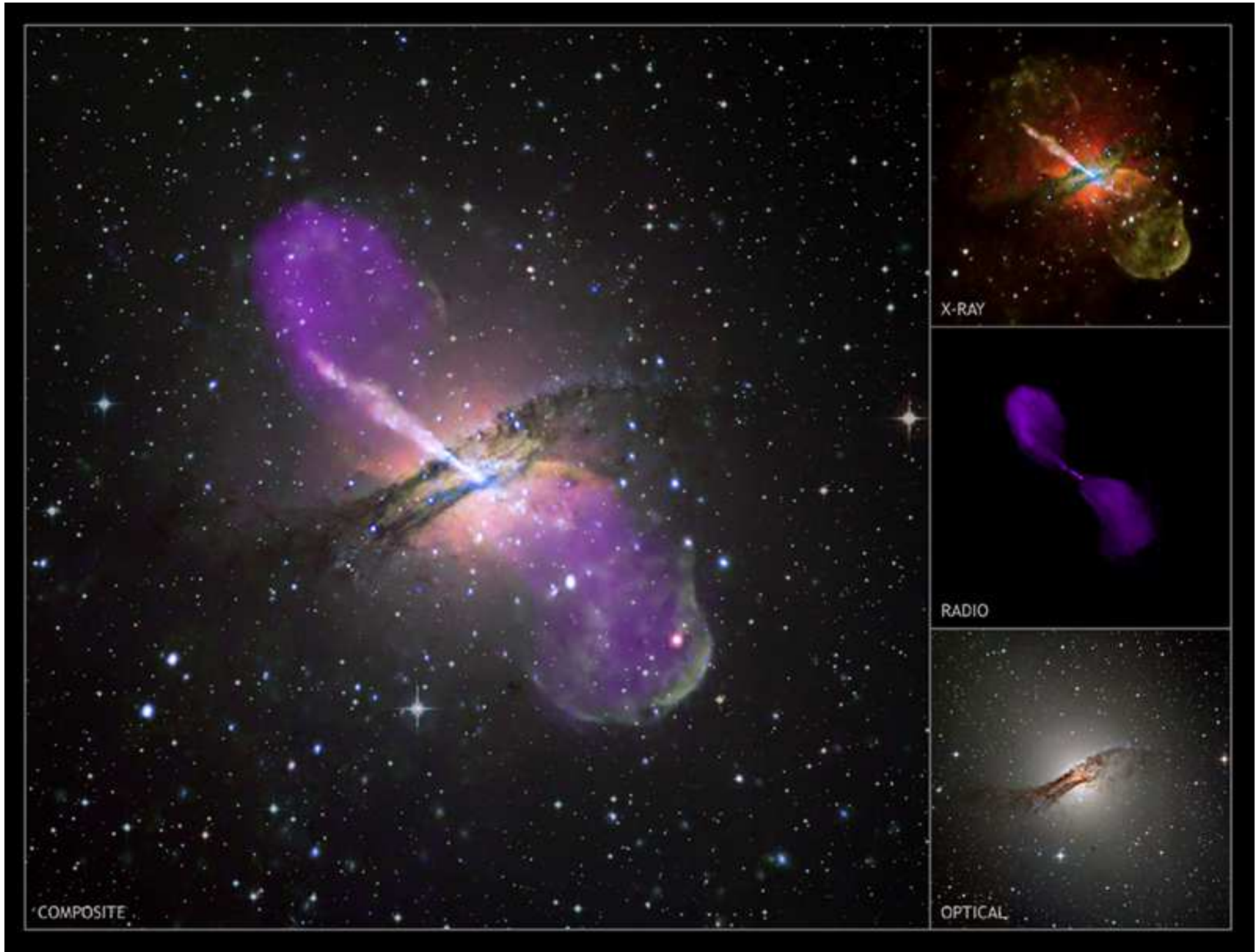
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Credit: X-ray: NASA/CXC/MIT/H.Marshall et al. Radio: F. Zhou, F.Owen (NRAO), J.Biretta (STScI) Opt



## 04 The nearest active galaxy: Centaurus A



## 05 AGNs are scaled up XRBs

$$L_X = \eta \frac{GM\dot{M}}{R} \Rightarrow$$

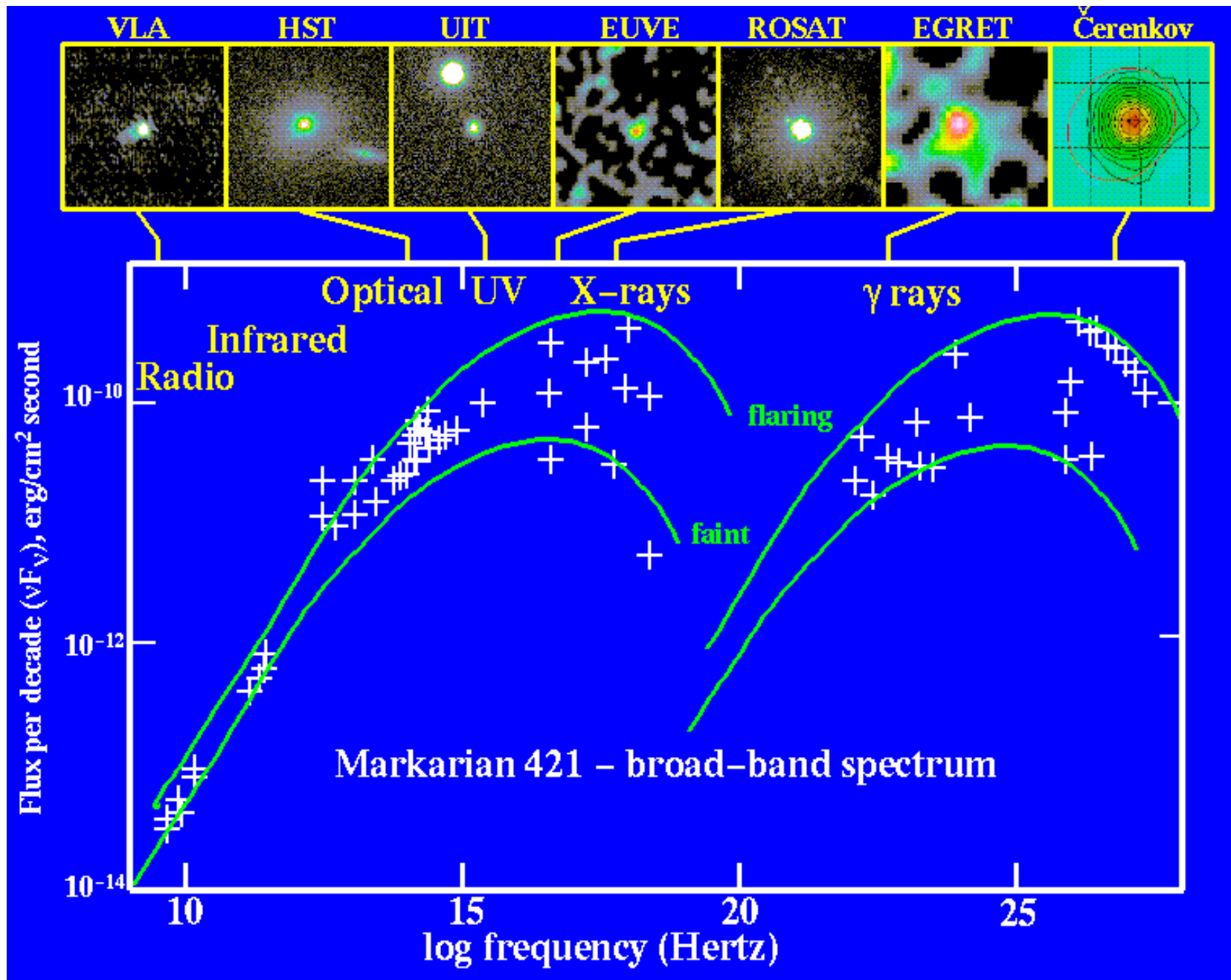
X-ray luminosity of QSO is 10 orders of magnitude higher than XRB

Eddington luminosity  $L_{\text{Edd}} \approx 1.3 \times 10^{38} \frac{M}{M_{\odot}}$  erg/s. The mass of central object should be orders of magnitude higher

XRB:  $M_{\text{BH}} \sim 10 M_{\odot} \rightarrow$  AGN:  $M_{\text{BH}} \sim 10^{6..8} M_{\odot}$

## 06 Observed properties of AGN

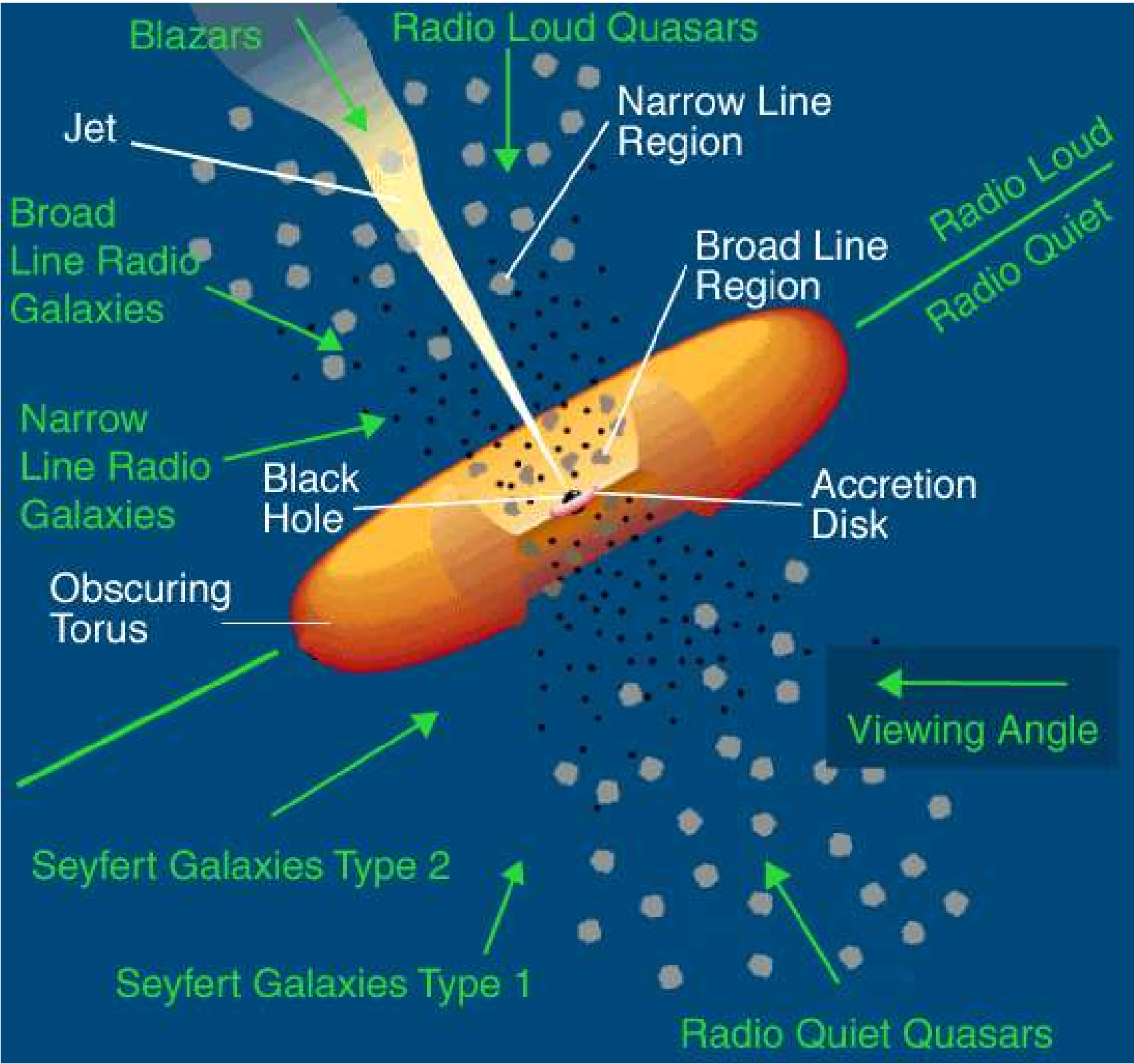
High luminosity  $L_{\text{bol}} = 10^{42} - 10^{48}$ ; Size  $\ll 1$  pc; Variability; Emission & Absorption lines



## 07 AGN is common name for:

- Quasars (quasi-stars)
- QSOs (quasi-stellar objects)
- QSRSs (quasi-stellar radio sources)
- BL Lac objects
- Blazars (BL Lac type quasars)
- OVV (Optically Violent Variables)
- Seyfert Galaxies (which may be Type 1, Type 2, Type 1.x, Narrow line type 1)
- Narrow Emission Line galaxies
- LINER s (Low ionization nuclear emission region)
- LLAGN (Low Luminosity AGN)





AGN with  
 $10^8 M_{\odot}$  BH

$R_G$   $3 \times 10^{13}$  cm

Accretion disk  
 $10^{13..14}$  cm

BLR  $10^{16..17}$  cm

Torus  $10^{17}$  cm ??

NLR  $10^{18..20}$  cm

Jets  $10^{17..24}$  cm

## 09 X-ray observations

### Time Variability

- Size of emitting region, and regions where radiation is reprocessed.
- QPOs → relativistic effects

### X-ray Spectra:

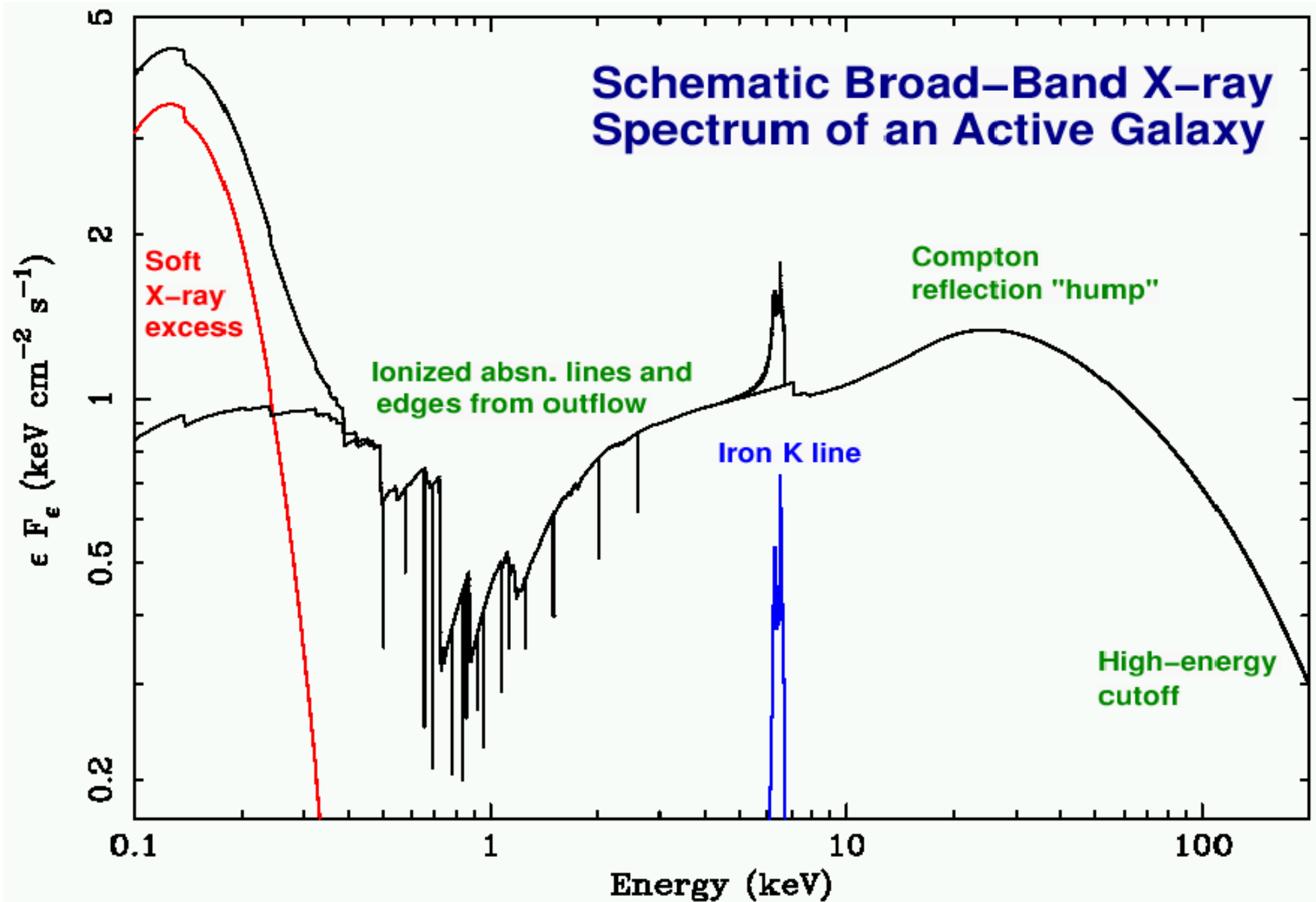
- **Absorption:** amount of absorbing material; velocity field (inflow/outflow); cold/warm absorbers; ionization state
- **Thermal emission:** from hot gas, accretion physics
- **Non-thermal emission:** synchrotron, Comptonisation, relativistic effects, acceleration, magnetic fields
- **Emission lines:** relativistic effects

### X-ray Images:

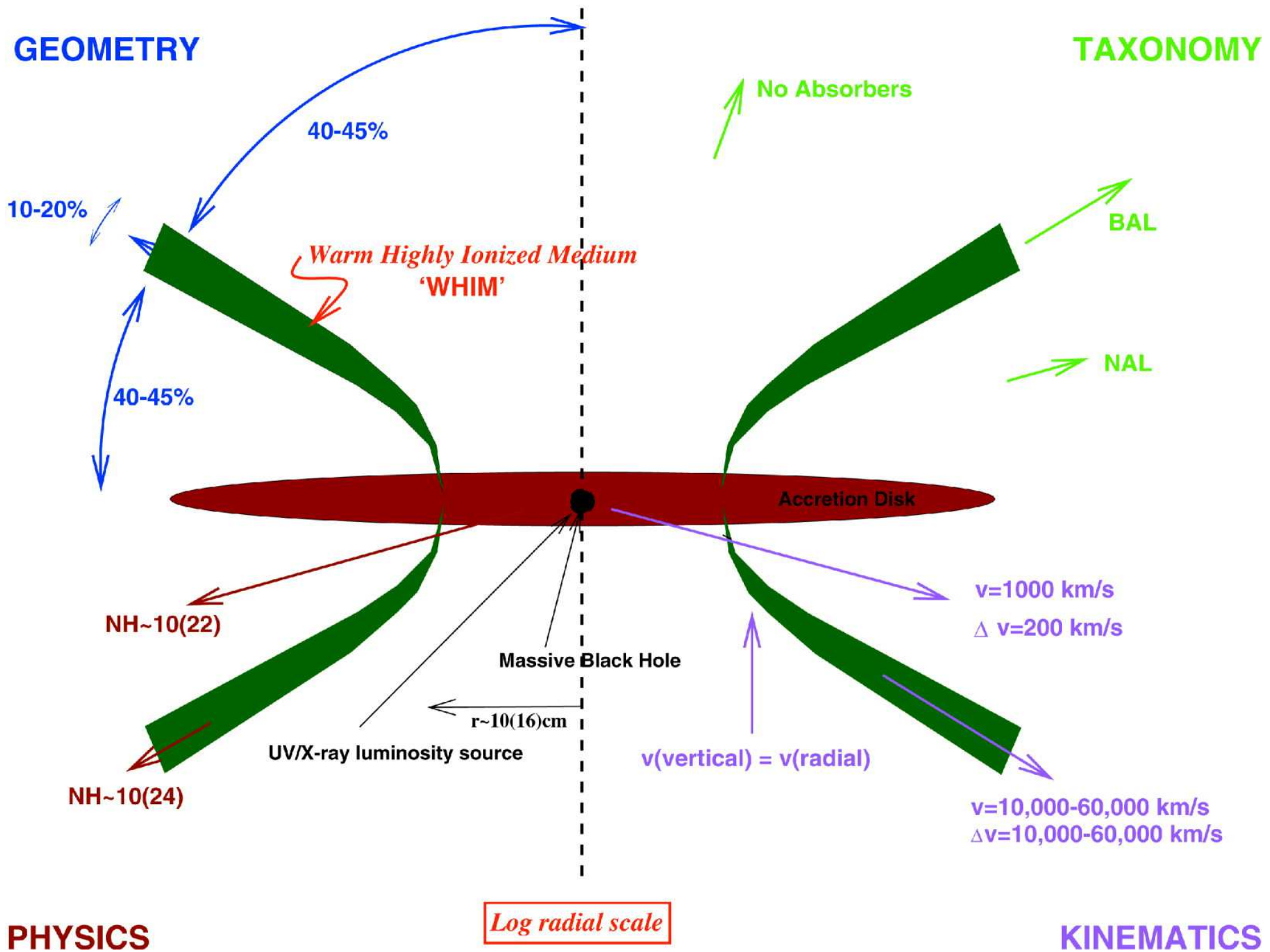
- Nucleus
- Extended emission on scale of 1 pc to 100 kpc
- Jets and radiolobes
- Correlation between different components.

## 10 Schematic X-ray spectrum of AGN

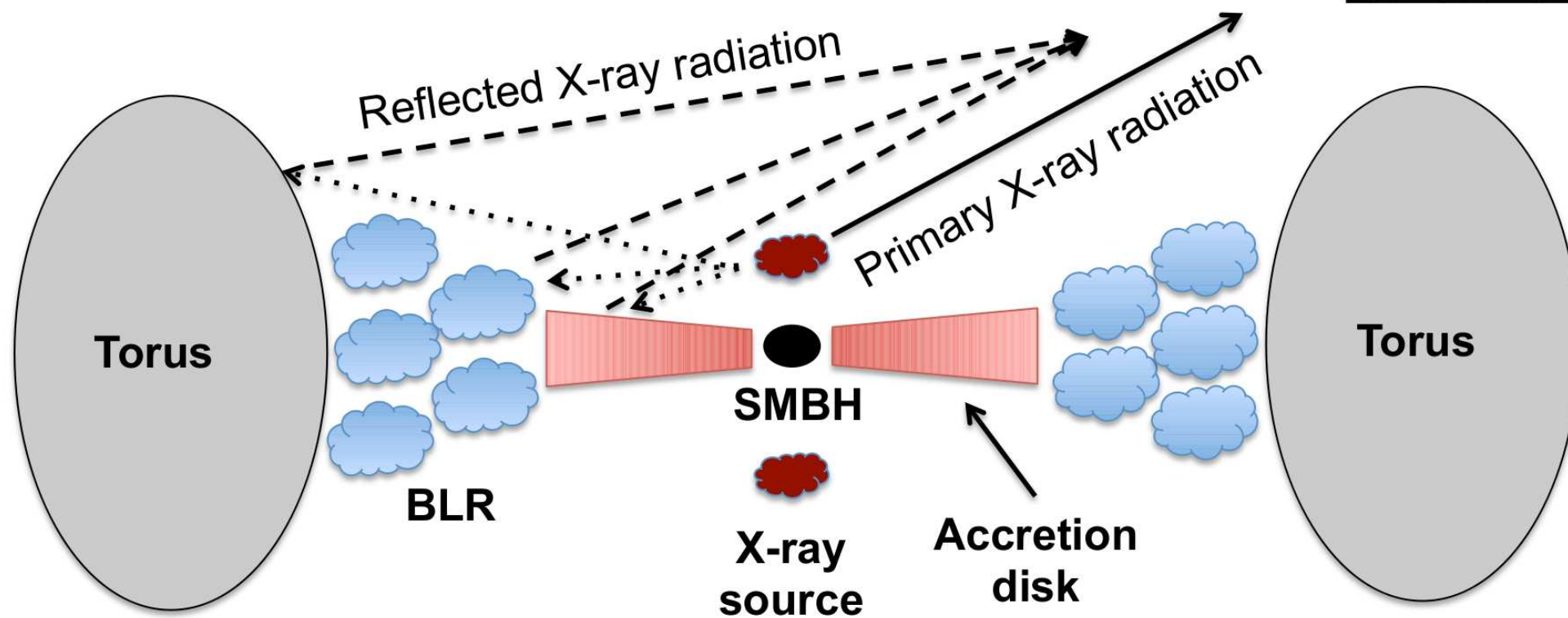
From W.N.Brandt "X-raying Active Galaxies" AAS'04



# 11 A Structure for Quasars

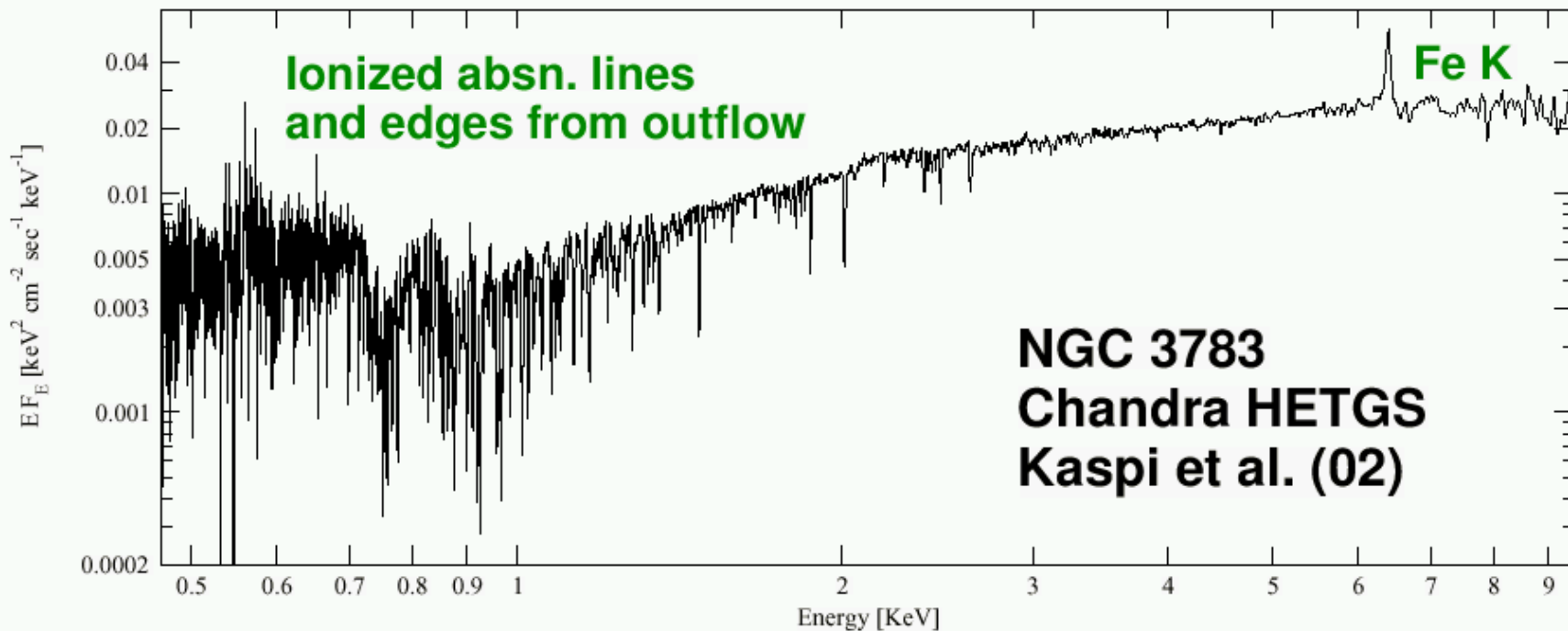
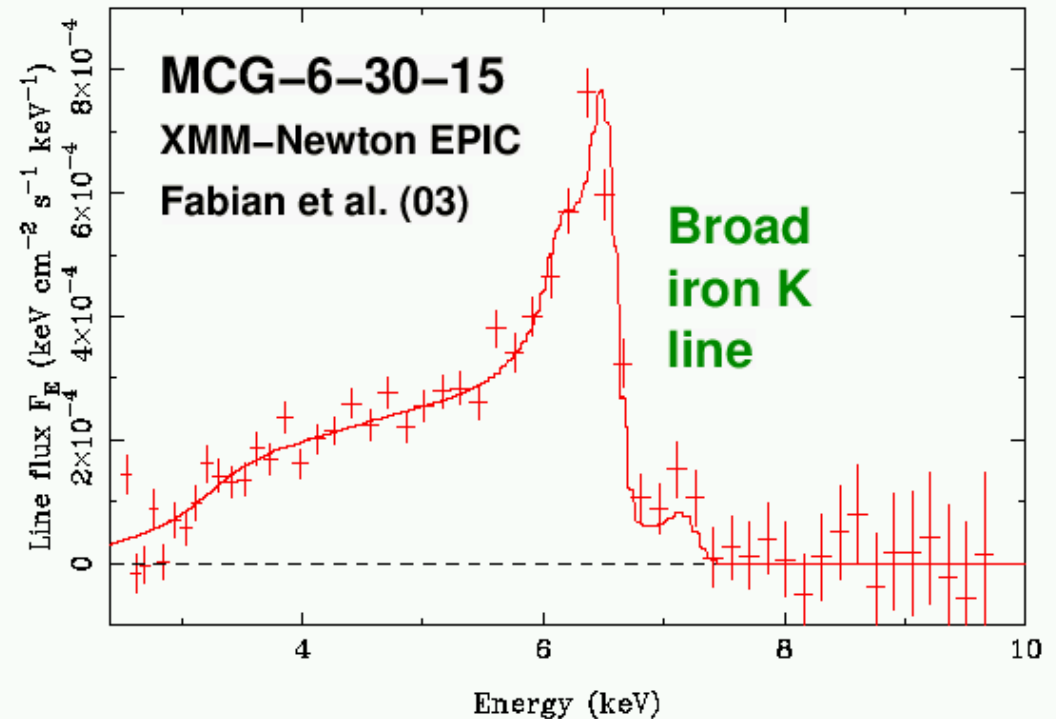
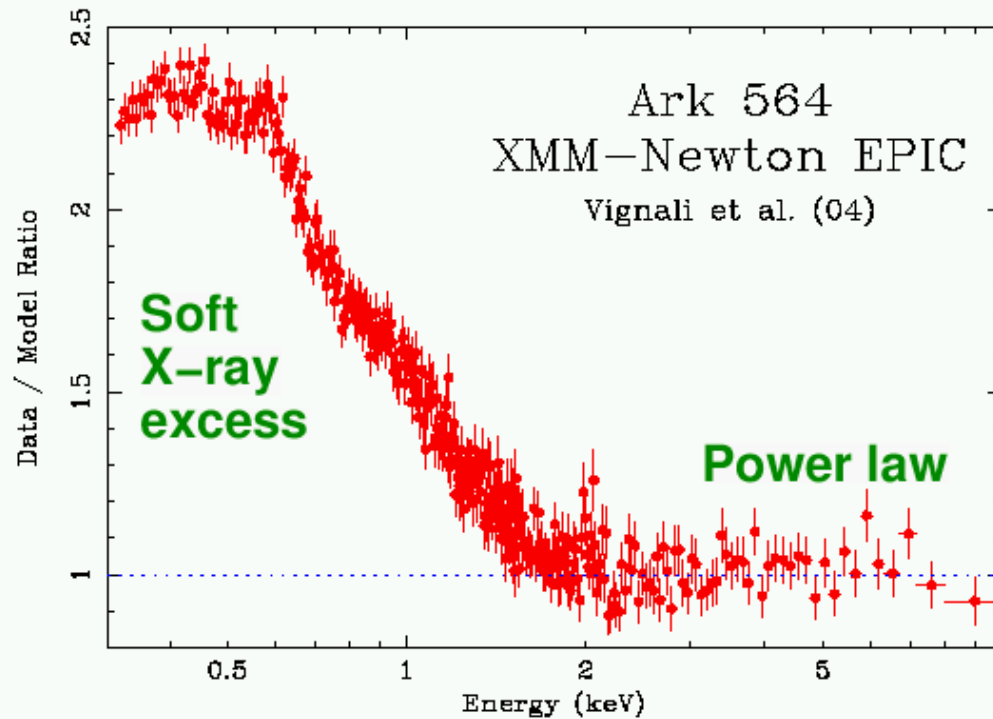


# Direct and reprocessed component of AGN spectra





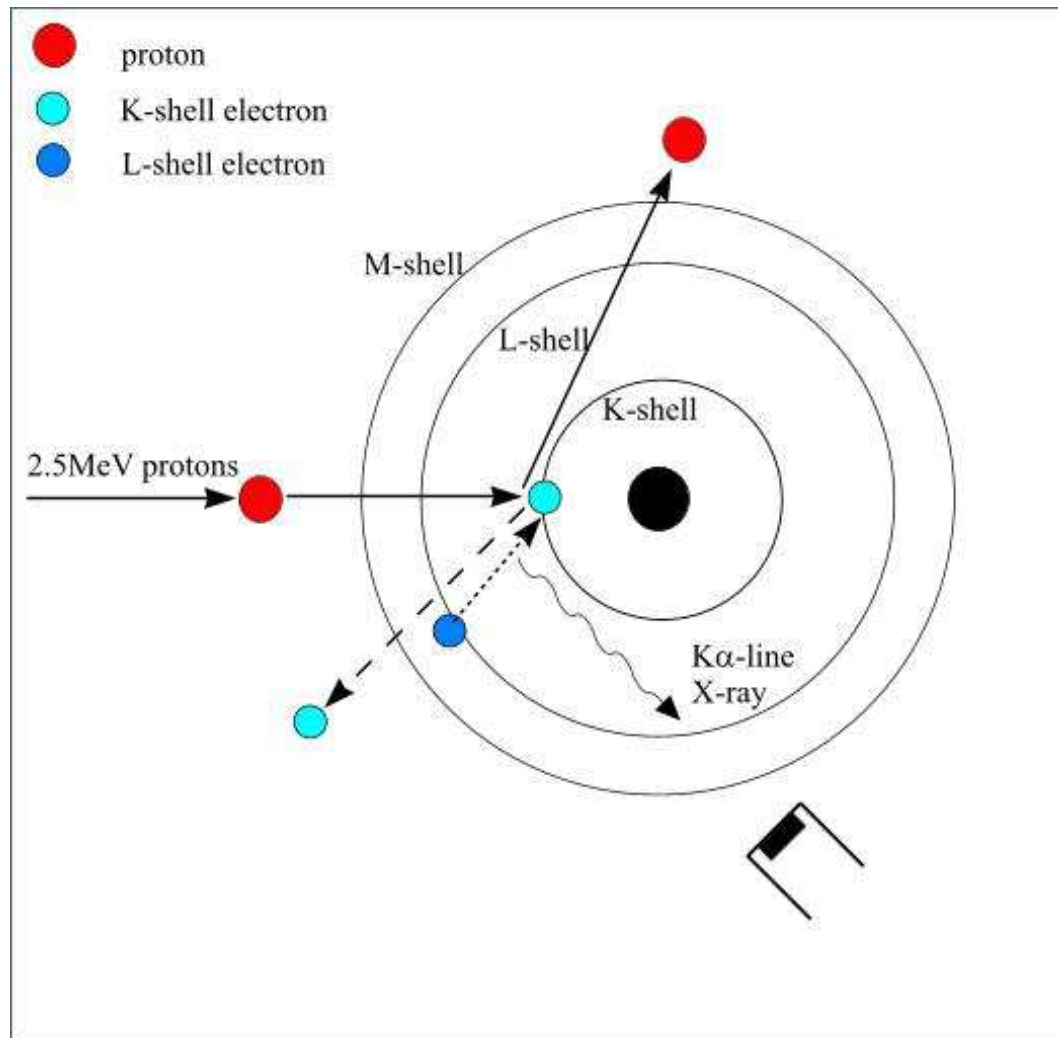
# 12 Examples of observed AGN X-ray spectra



Also unidentified features

Also substantial jet-linked X-rays in radio-loud AGN

## Inner Shell Processes



**X-ray fluorescence** An electron can be removed from inner K-shell (how many electrons are there?)

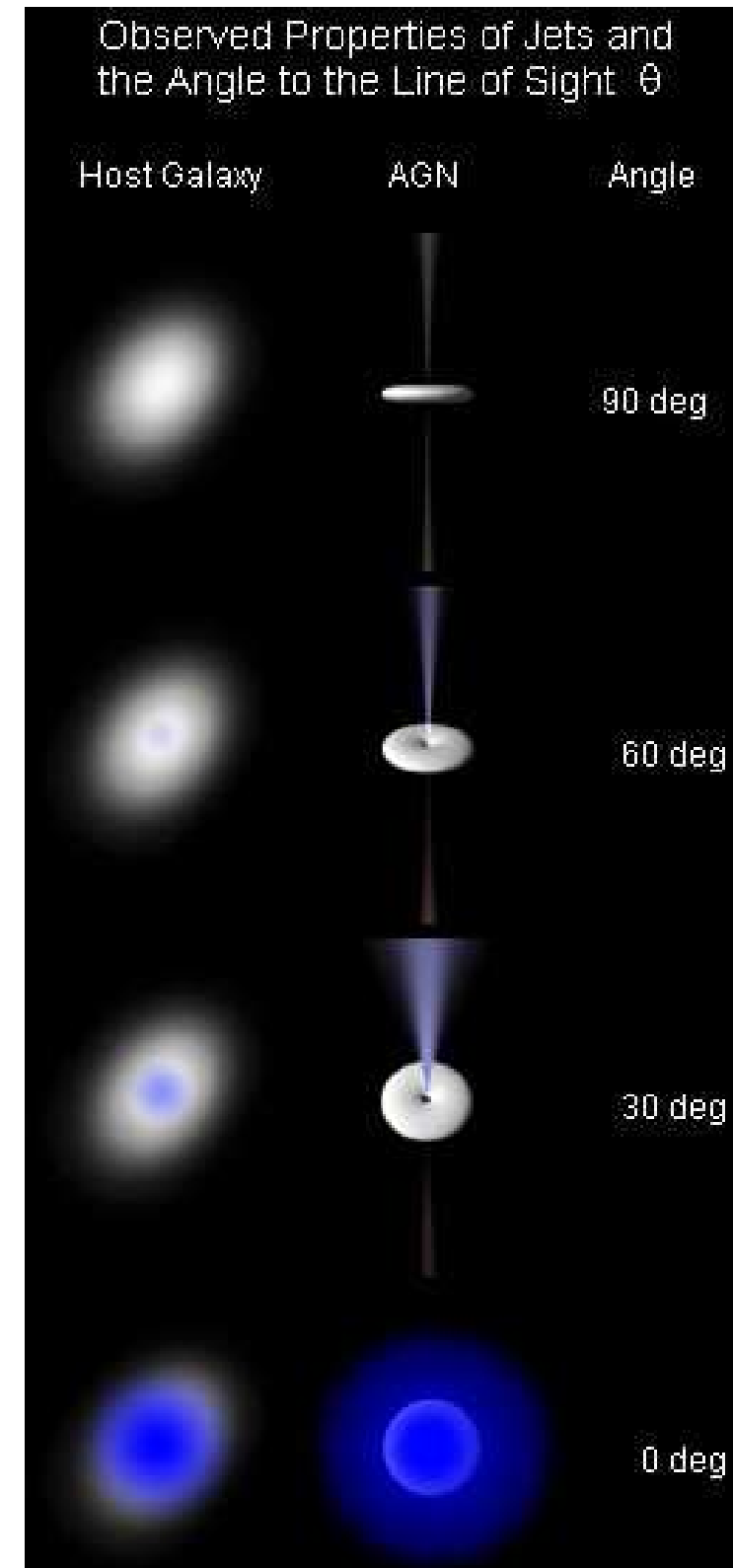
The vacancy is filled by a L-shell electron **K $\alpha$ -line**. If the vacancy is filled by M-shell electron **K $\beta$ -line**.

Iron is abundant element with relatively large cross-section for K-shell ionization: **K $\alpha$**  line at **6.4 keV** is commonly observed from astrophysical objects

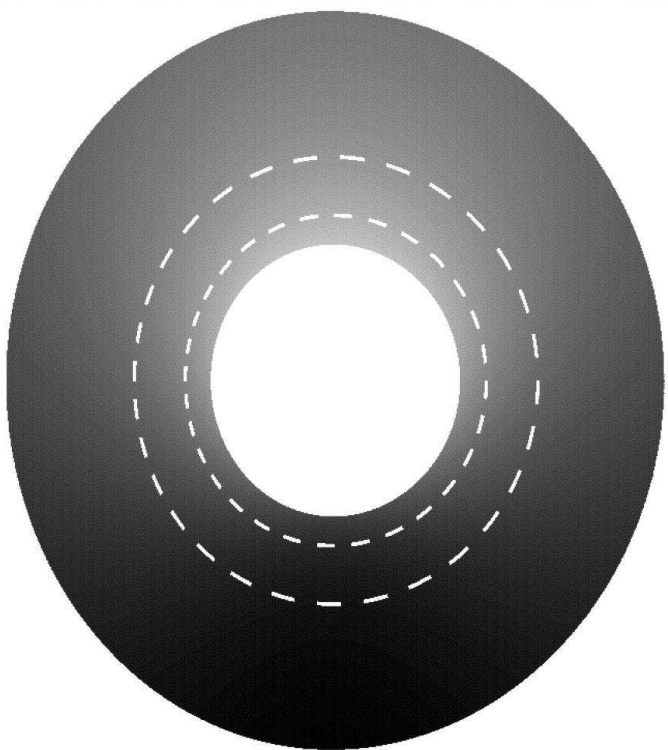
See Grotrian diagrams in Kallman+ 04, ApJSS 155, 675



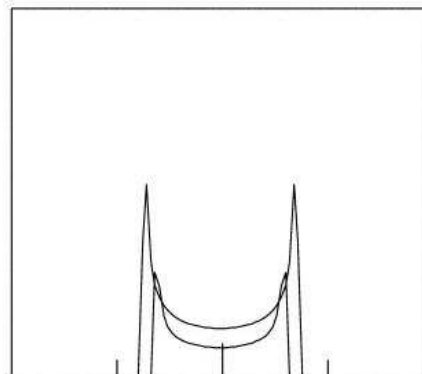
- The speed of matter within the jets is large fraction of  $c$ . SR's effects must be taken into account: relativistic beaming, relativistic Doppler effect, superluminal motion
- The inner parts of the discs are close to the BH. GR effects must be taken into account: gravitational red-shift.
- The emitted radiation interacts with the discs and the surrounding matter



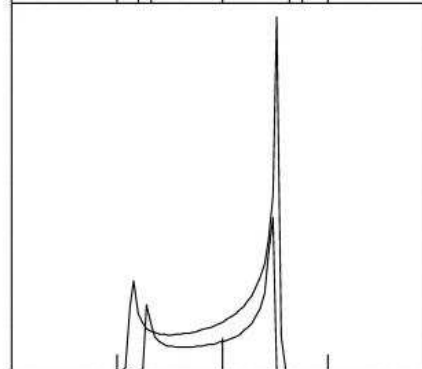
# 15 Relativistic broadening Fe-line



Newtonian

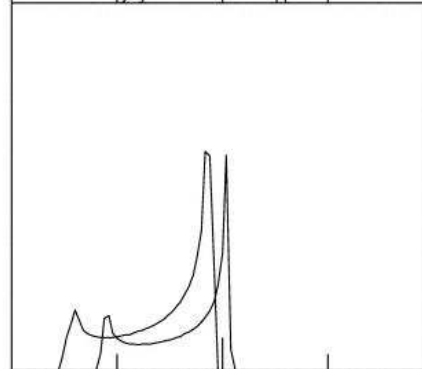


Special relativity



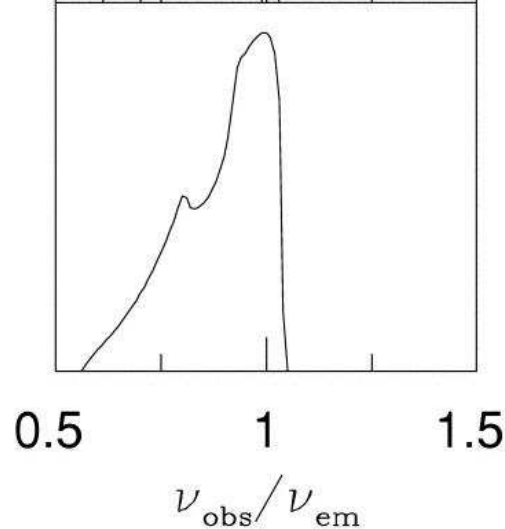
Transverse Doppler shift  
Beaming

General relativity

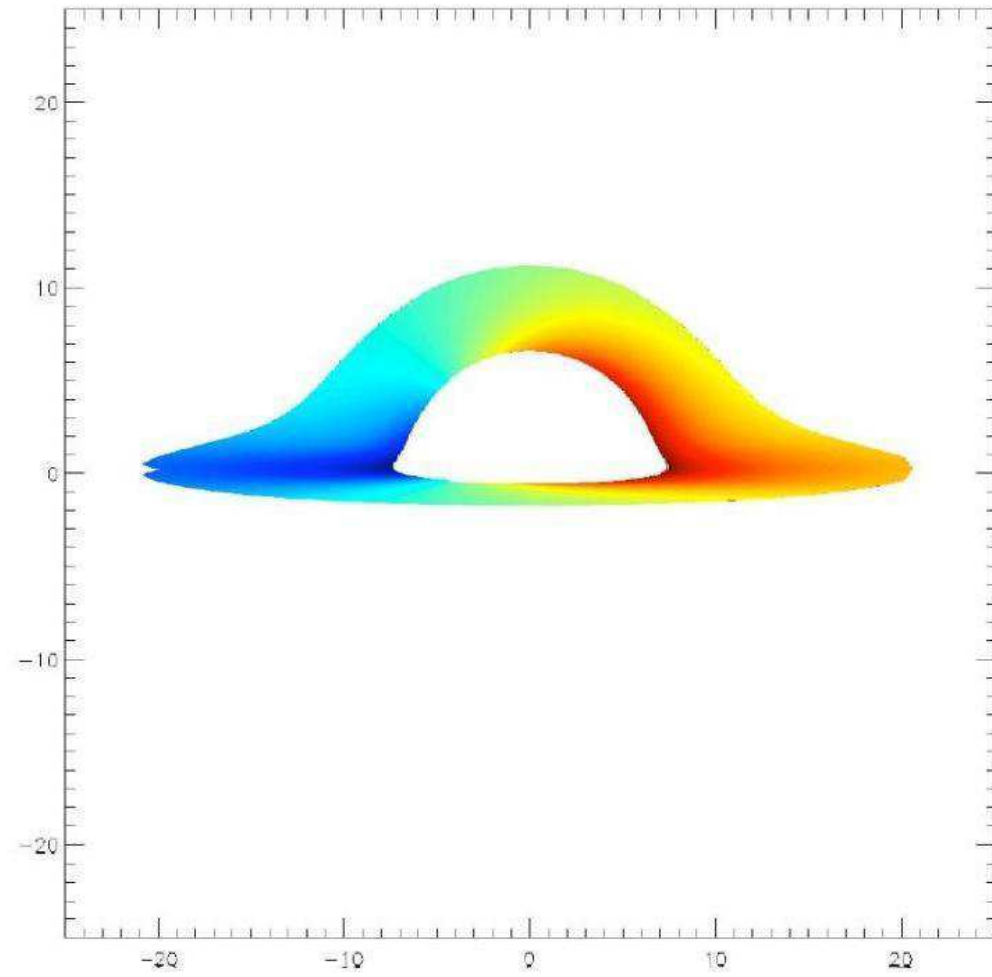
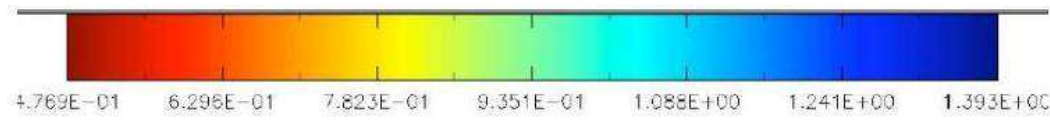


Gravitational redshift

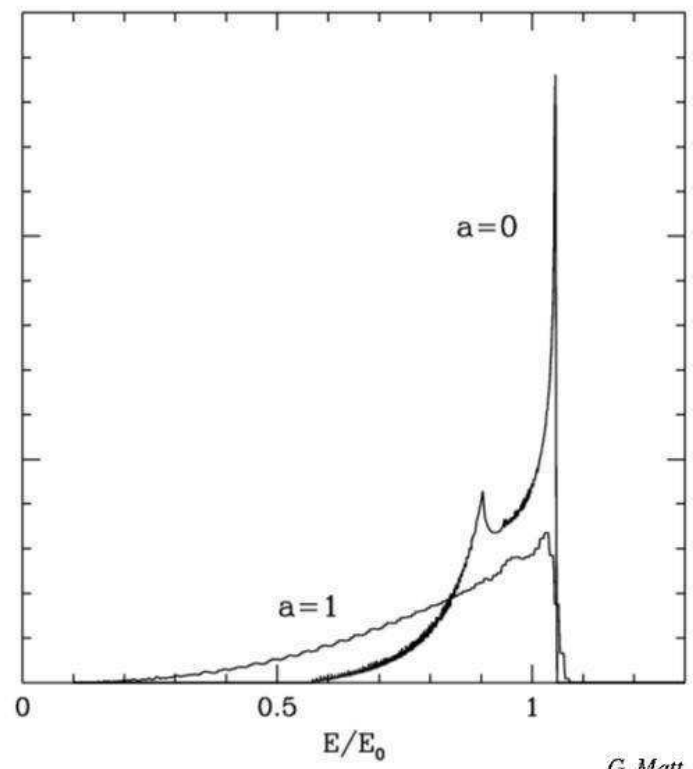
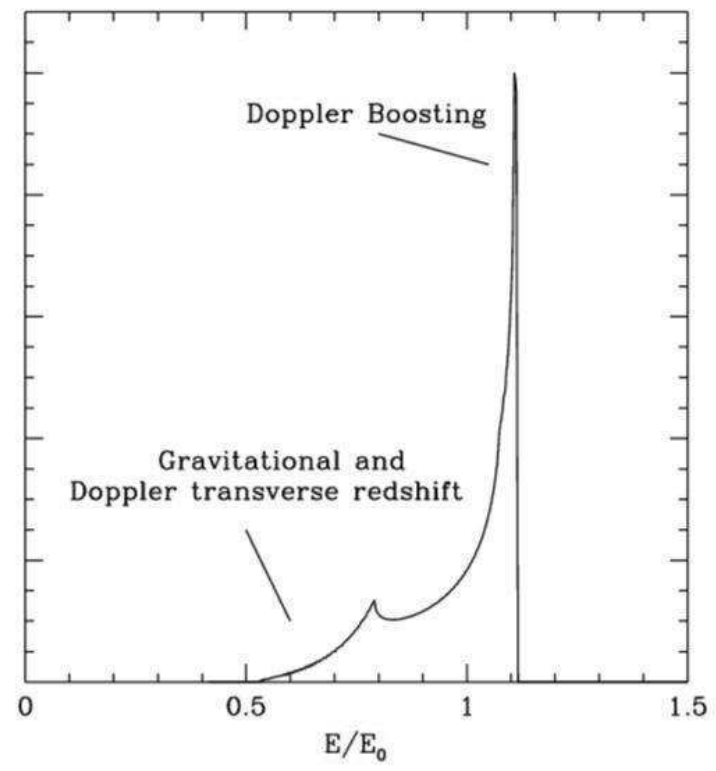
Line profile



0.5 1 1.5  
 $\nu_{\text{obs}}/\nu_{\text{em}}$



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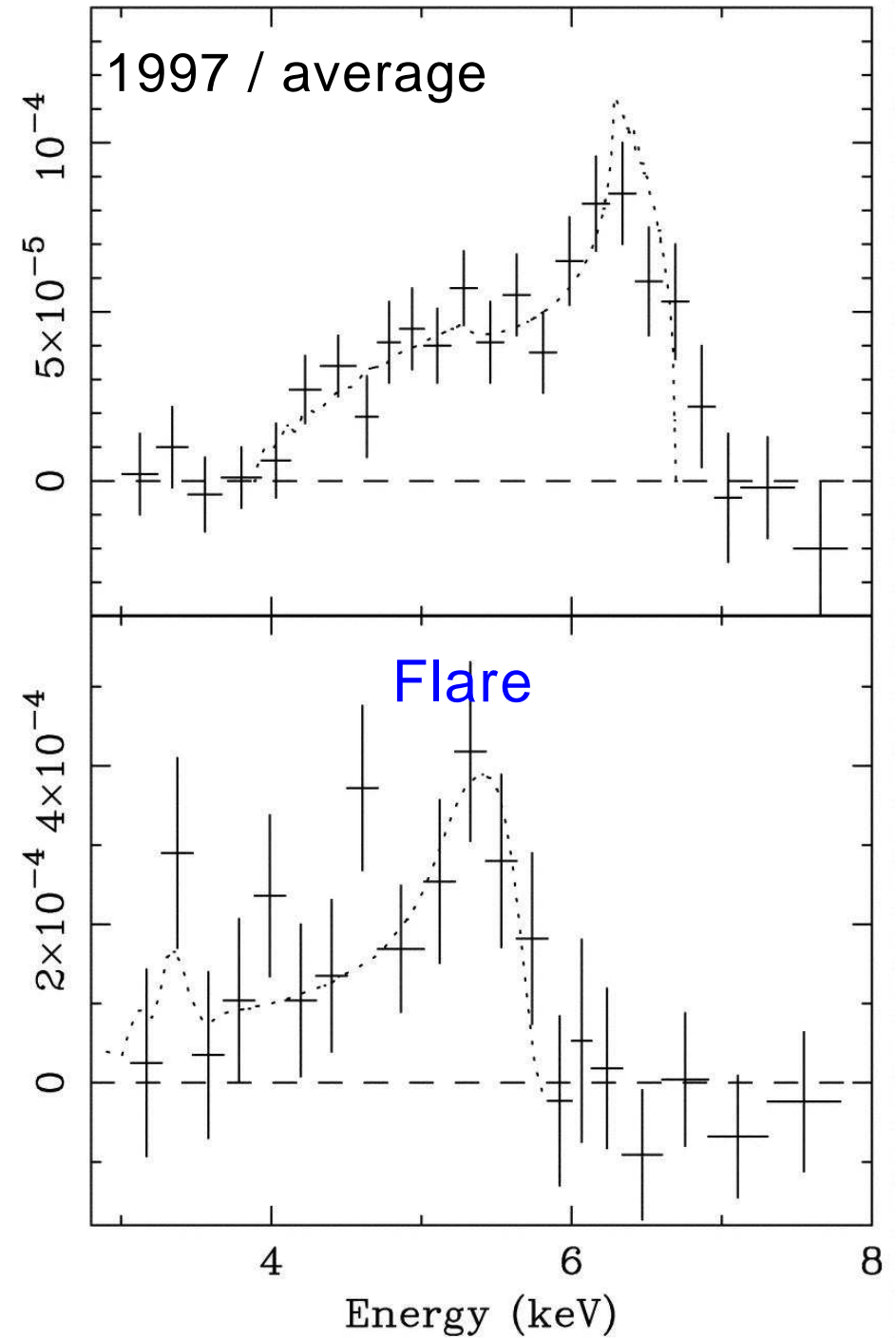
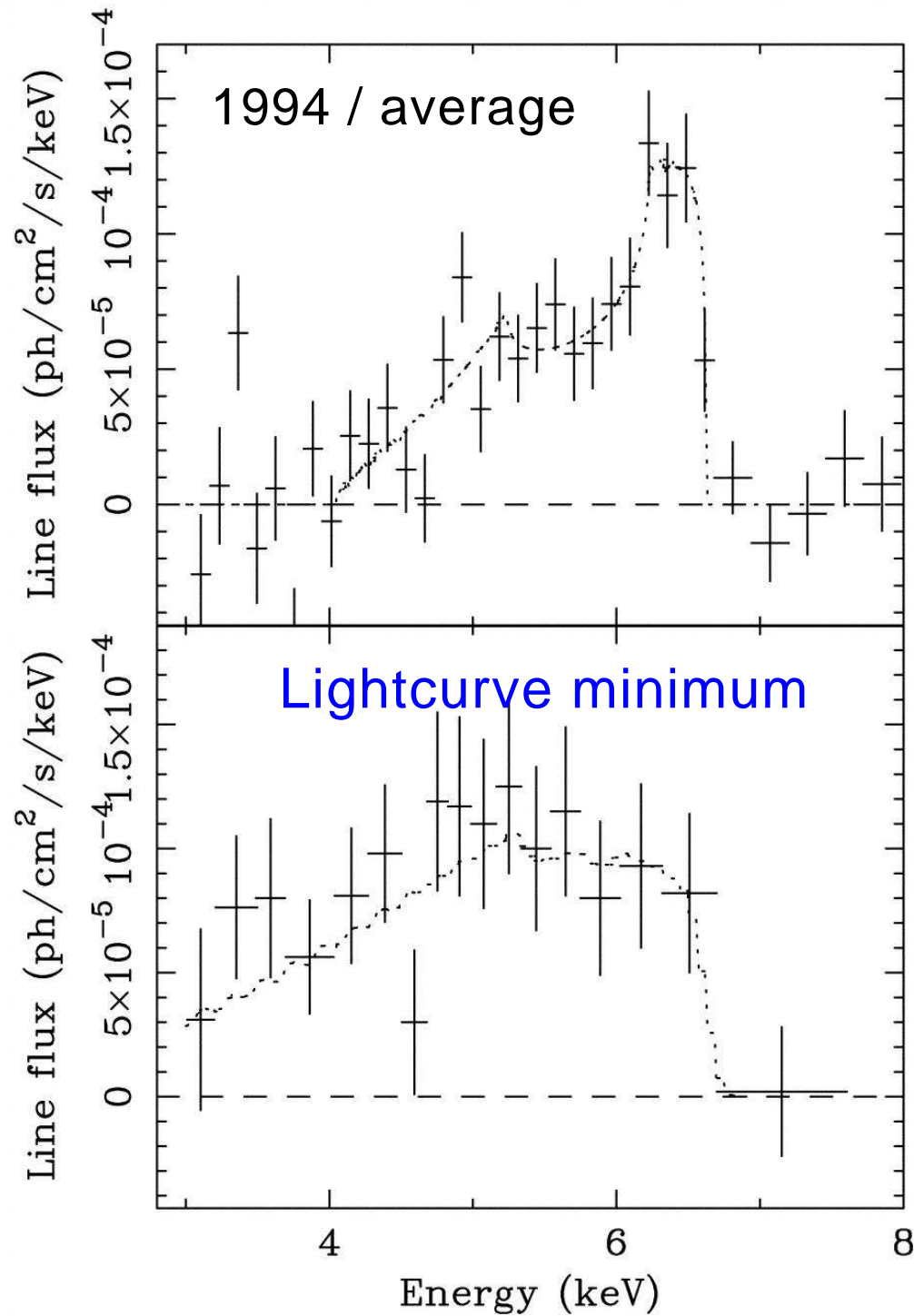
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relativistic lines from accretion disks around black holes

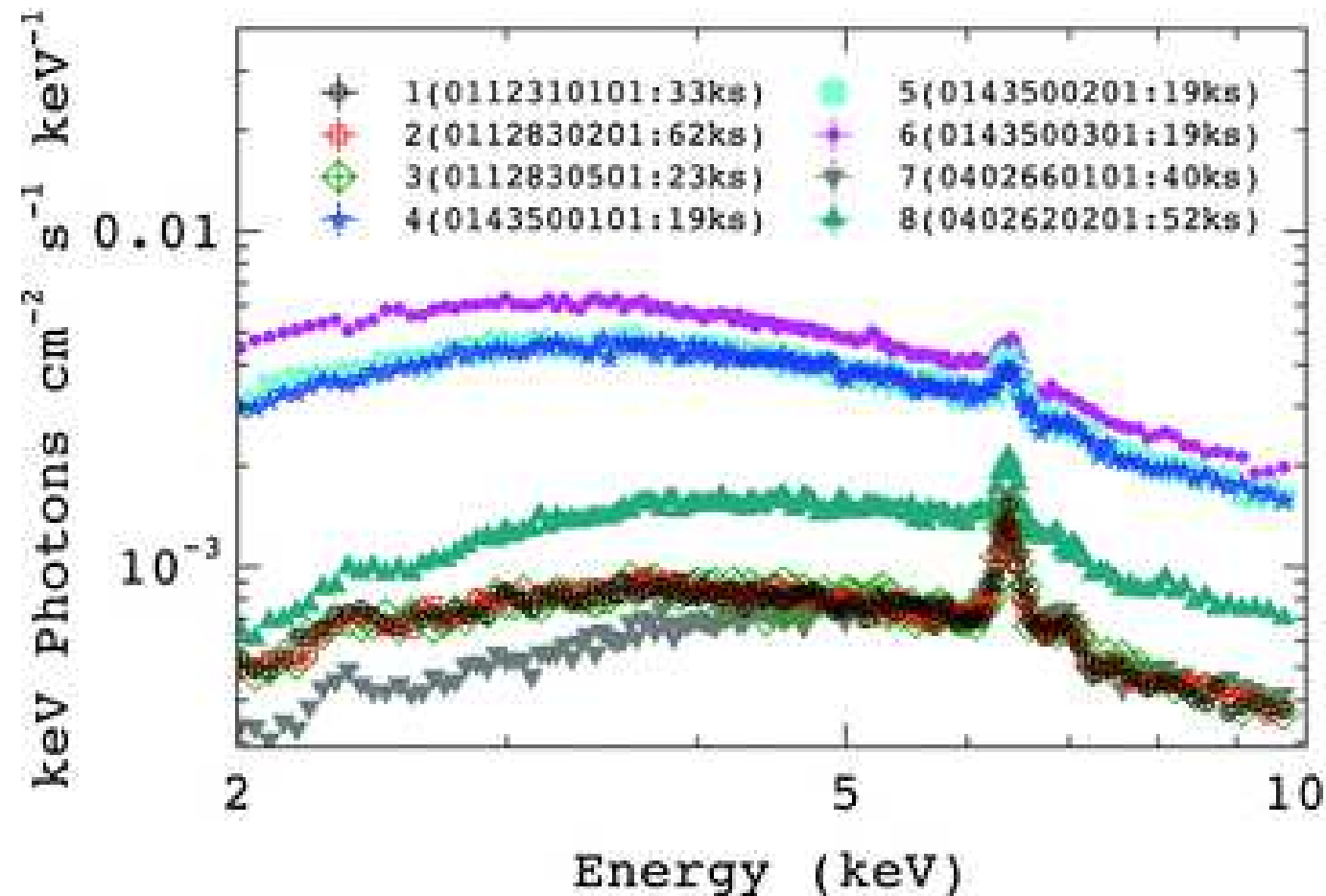
Image courtesy of G. Matt, Universita degli Studi Roma Tre, Italy, and K. Beckwith, University of Durham, UK.



# 17 Time average (ASCA) observations of AGN MGC6-30-15



# Relativistic iron K X-ray reverberation in NGC 4151



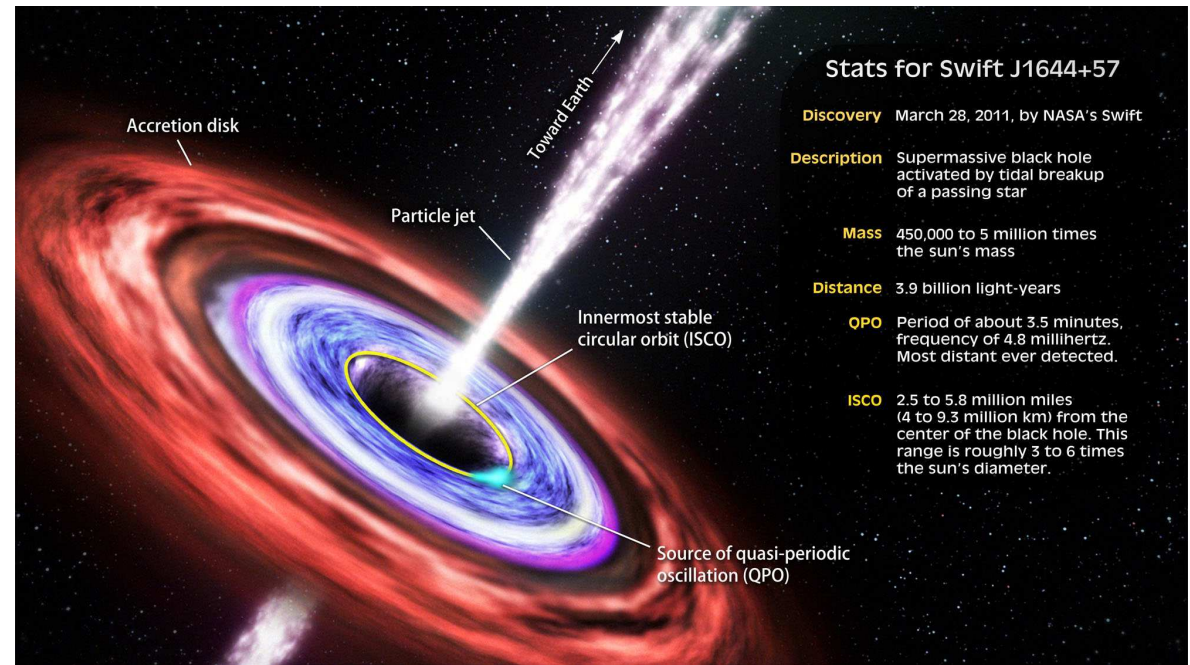
Zoghbi et al. 2012

- Lag between hard (13keV) direct continuum and the soft excess (0.51keV)
- Lag profile resembling a relativistically broadened iron line
- Red wing of the line: reflection off the inner accretion disc

## Accreting Black Holes

Oppenheimer & Snyder (1939):  
formation of a black hole.

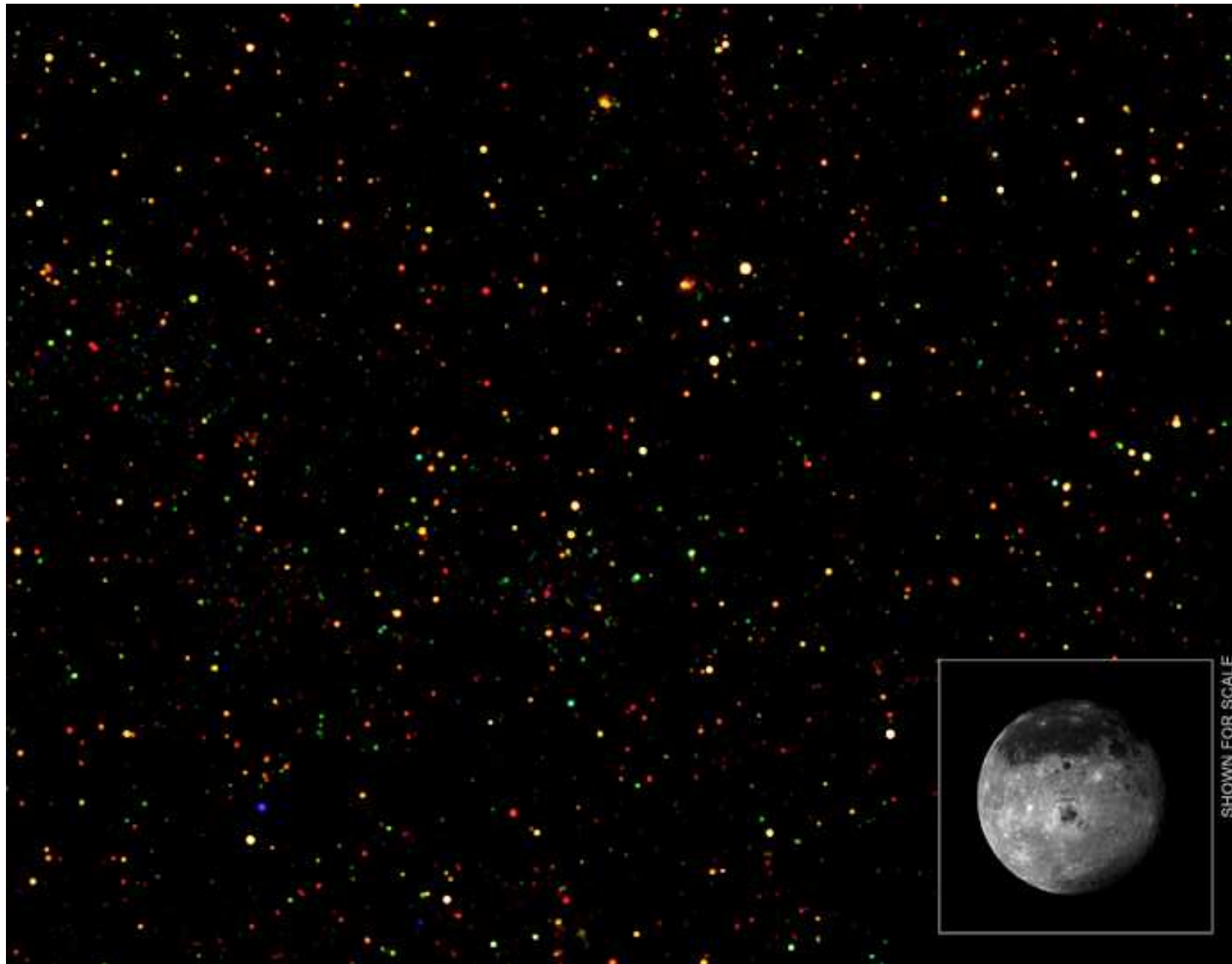
- <http://svs.gsfc.nasa.gov/10545>
- A BH is specified by M (scale) and spin  $a=J/c M$  (geometry), where J is angular momentum. Or  $a^* = a/R_G$ .  
Schwarzschild BH:  $a^* = 0$ ; Kerr BH:  $a^* = 1$ .



- Event horizon of a Schwarzschild BH  $R_S = 2R_G = 30\text{km} (M/10M_\odot)$ , the ISCO lies at  $R_{\text{ISCO}} = 6R_G$ , and the maximum orbital frequency is  $\nu_{\text{ISCO}} = 220\text{Hz}(M/10M)^{-1}$ . For Kerr BH ( $a^* = 1$ ), the  $R_S = R_{\text{ISCO}}$  and  $\nu_{\text{ISCO}} = 1615\text{Hz}(M/10M)^{-1}$ .
- Radiating gas orbiting a compact object is the steady-state, thin accretion disk model (Shakura & Sunyaev 1973)  $\rightarrow T(R) \propto R^{-3/4}$ . Luminosity of an annulus  $L_X \propto RdR\sigma_{\text{sb}}T^4 \propto R^{-2}$ . X-rays are the best window to the horizon of a BH.

## 20 Cosmic X-ray background and AGN

Black holes in centra of galaxies  $M=10^5-10^{10}$  powered by accretion.

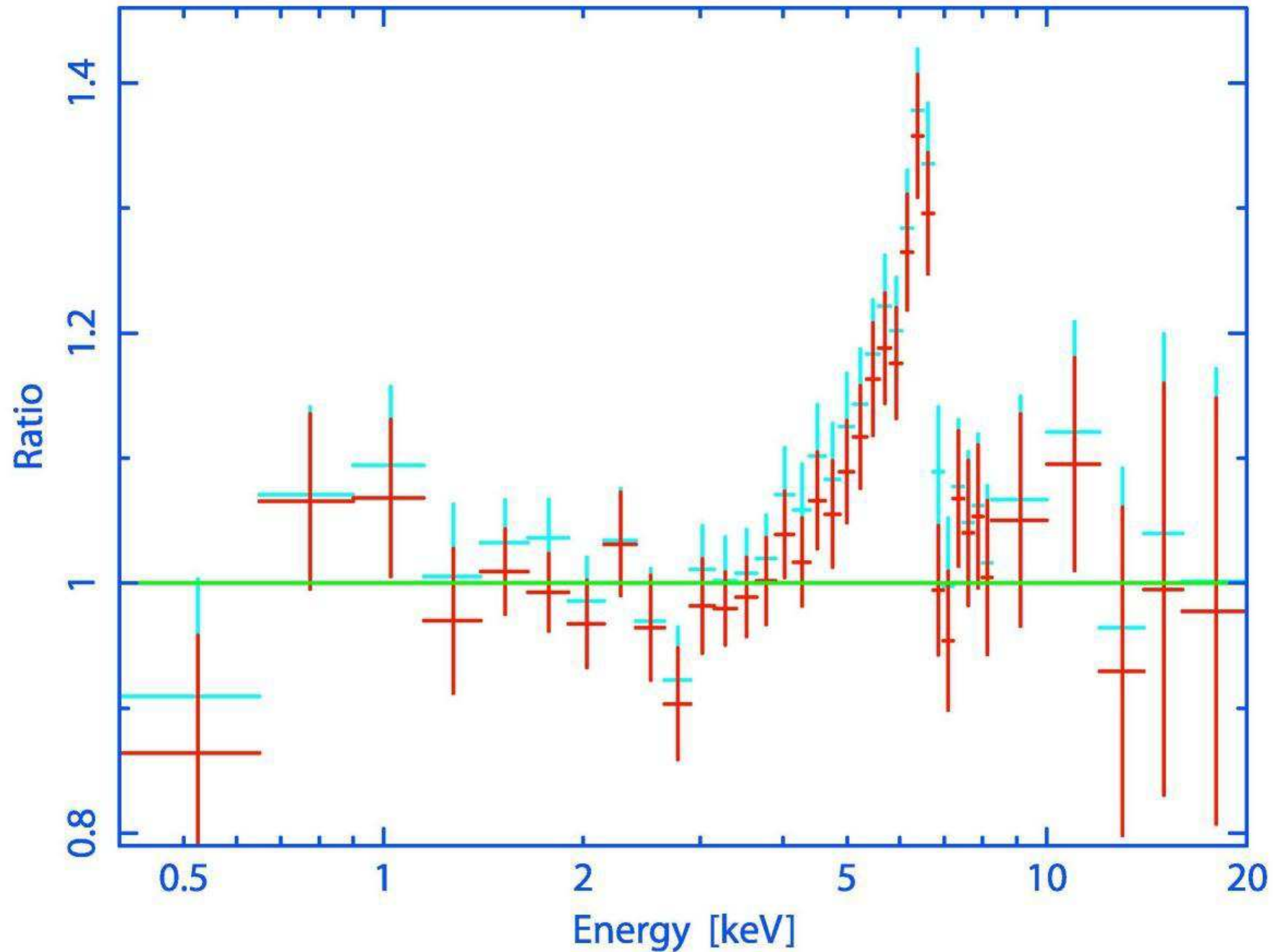


600 obscured and  
700 unobscured AGN  
agree with  
standard scheme

X-ray surveys  
deep or wide

many ongoing  
automatic  
selection

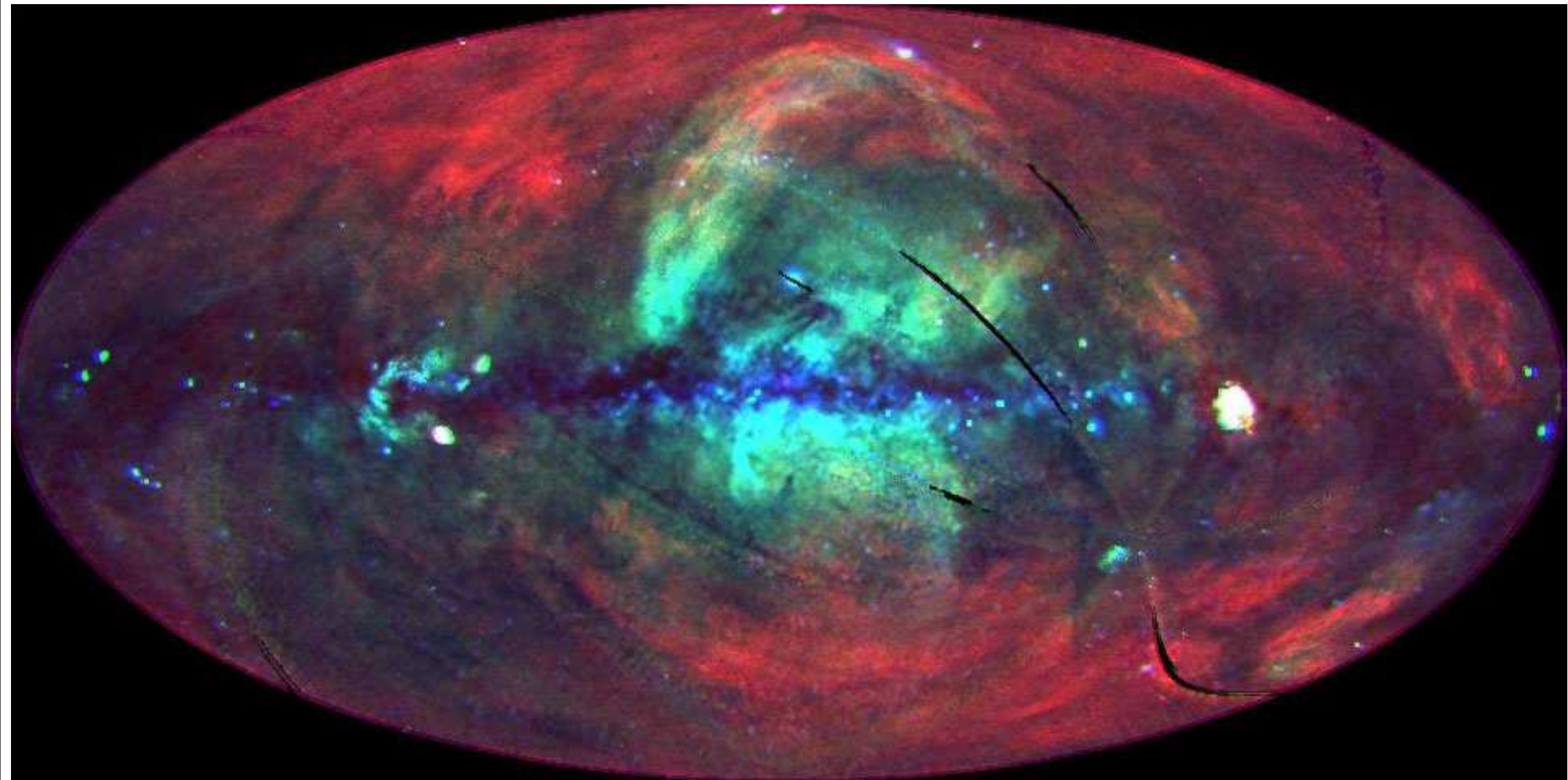
## 21 XMM spectra of the X-ray background with a relativistic iron line



XMM-Newton spectrum of the X-ray background, showing a relativistic iron line

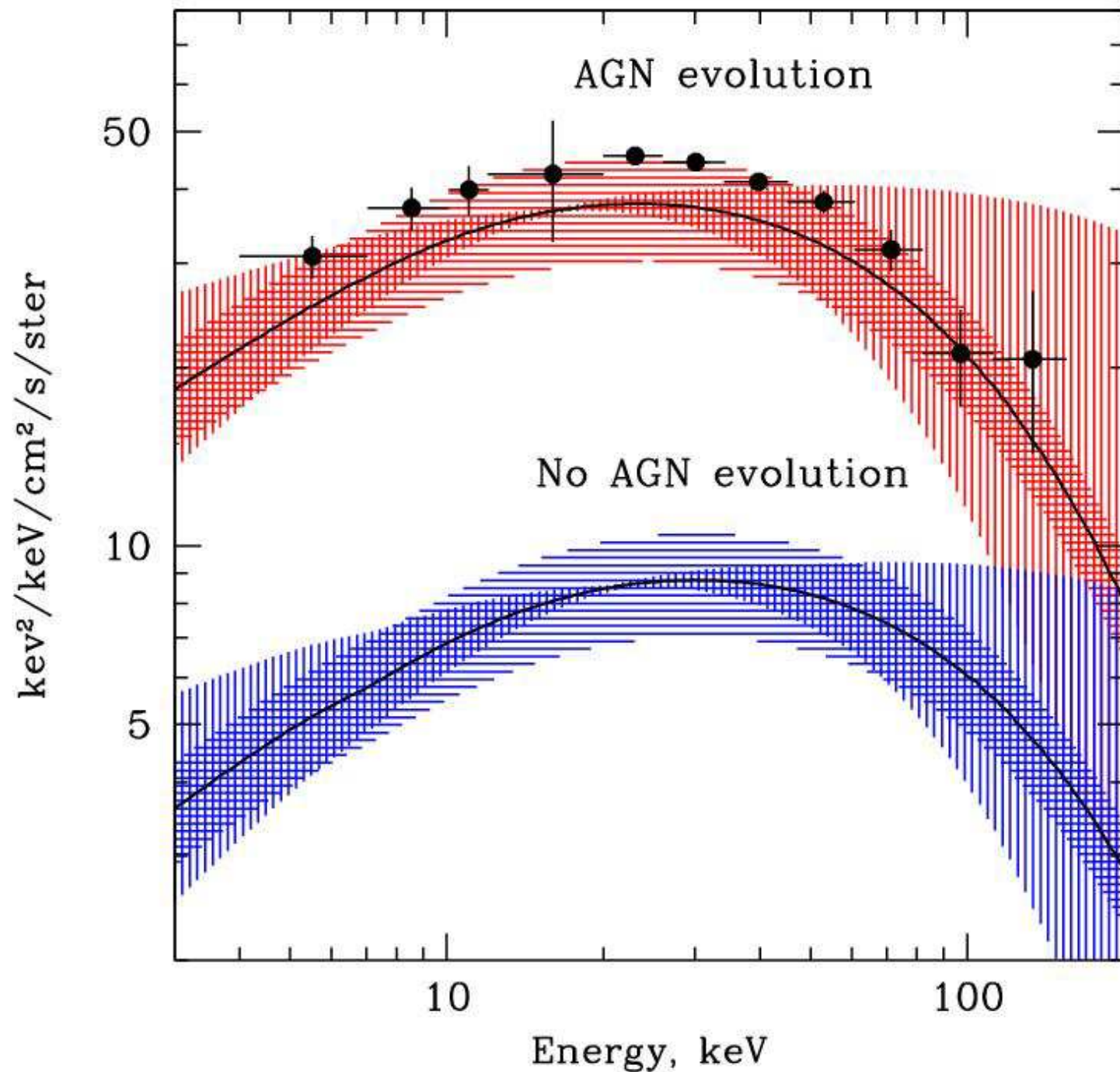
Image courtesy of Alina Streblyanska (Max-Planck-Institut fuer Extraterrestrische Physik)





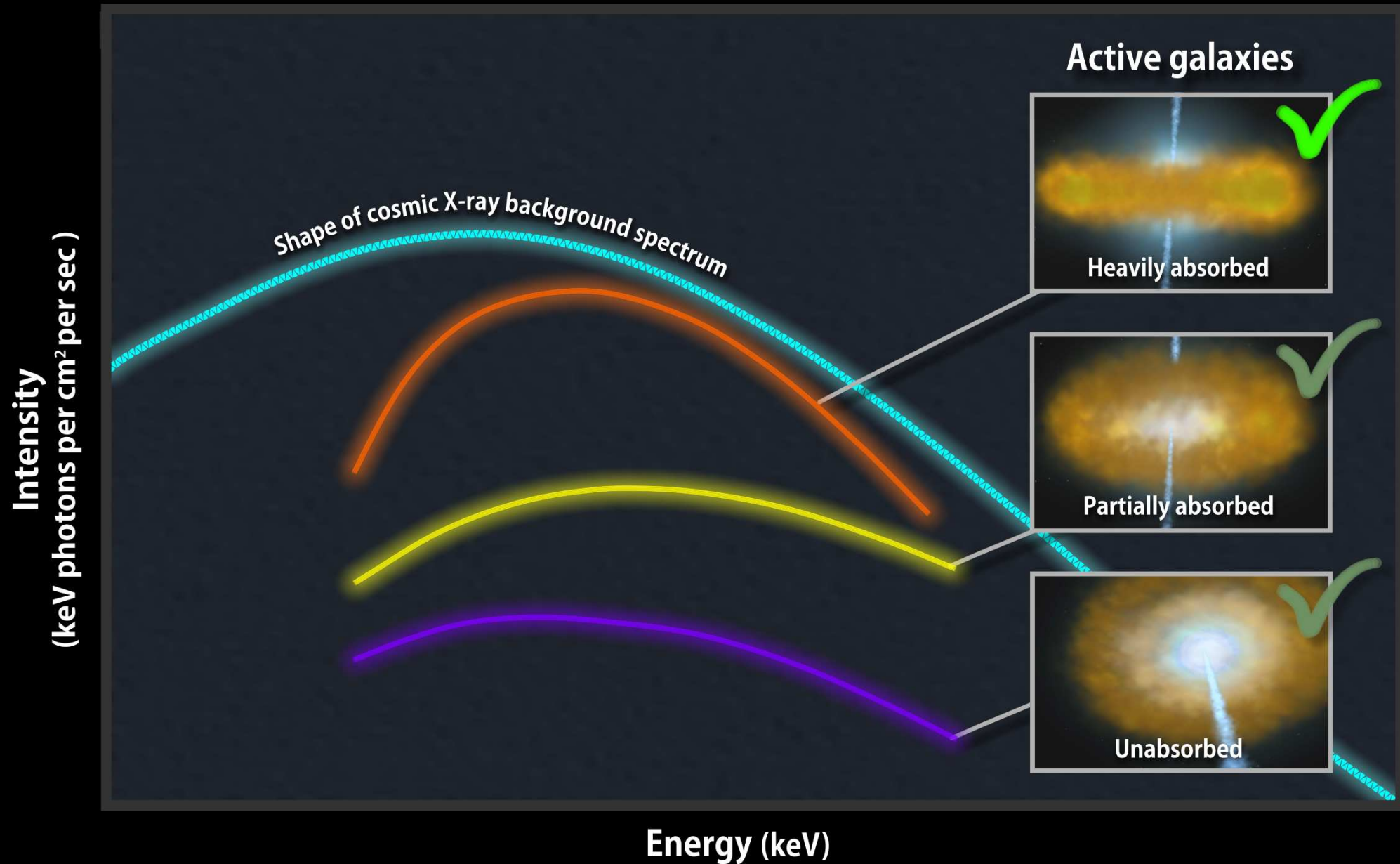
## Spectrum of Cosmic X-ray Background

- The first direct comparison between the collective hard X-ray SED of local AGN and the CXB spectrum.
- The CXB is likely a superposition of AGNs.
- The data are consistent with cosmic evolution of AGNs.

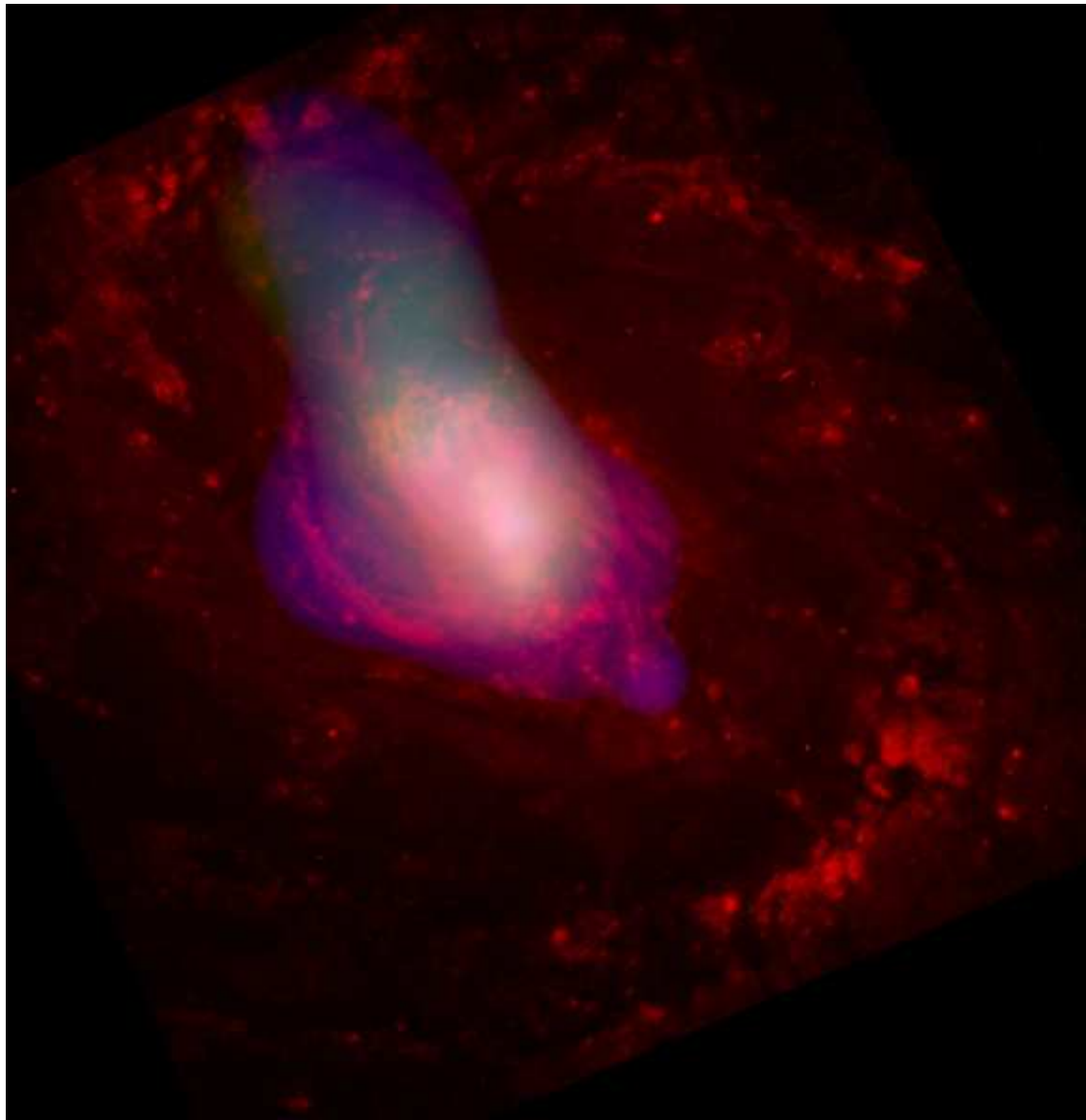




# What makes up the cosmic X-ray background?



## 25 Summary



- SMBH in center of galaxies are scaled up stellar mass BH
- AGN luminous accross the EM spectrum
- Responsible for CXB
- Unification model seems to explain obsevrations
- X-rays spectra: contribution from a varaiety of processes
- Absorption → complex geometry
- Emission → accretion, reprocessing
- Relativisitc line broadening
- Imaging: multiwavelength approach

<http://chandra.harvard.edu/ngc1068>