

# Premessa (i/ii)

## “The Little X-ray Astronomer” or practicing X-ray astronomy

### OUTLINE

1. General (theory)
  - AGN/QSOs evolution.....CV
  - (RQ) AGN astrophysics.....MC
  - (RL) AGN astrophysics.....PG+ET
  - HE Telescopes and detectors.....AB+VF
2. Telescopes + Statistics + s/w.....CV+MD+VF
3. Laboratori (misura).....NA
4. Esercitazioni
  - RL AGN (nucleus+jet).....
  - RL AGN (jet+lobes).....
  - RL AGN (nucleus+lobe).....
  - RQ AGN (broad lines).....
  - RQ AGN (AGN evolution).....

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## PREMESSA (ii/ii): OUR DUTY IS....

- i) Starting point (fundamental!) :  
What is the (open) astrophysical question/problem?  
(i.e. read a lot of literature!)
- ii) Best Instrument?
- iii) Best Observation? Archival data?
- iv) Propose, (hopefully) get it approved, and perform the observation
- v) Data reduction:
  - i) Evt
  - ii) S/w and attitude
  - iii) Scientific data
- vi) Extraction of science information (images, lc, spectra)
- vii) Scientific analysis (xspec, etc...)
- viii) Physical interpretation
- ix) Publish your results
  - i) In english
  - ii) Go through referee peer review
  - iii) And “advertise” with, e.g., PPT at conference + outreach

# (RQ) AGN Astrophysics

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## Plan of this Lecture:

- Paradigm(s) (BH & AGN)
- The “Unknowns” (open issues)
- The “Knowns” (models + basic physics)
- Reflection(s) vs ejection(s); this is the question...

These lectures are “complementary” to the others on (RL) AGN astrophysics and AGN/QSO evolution, and on high energy detectors as well.

Goal of the lectures: Give introductory informations on general “models” of AGNs,  
With more emphasis on RQAGNs, and address the reflection(s) vs ejection(s) “controversy”

## Bibliography:

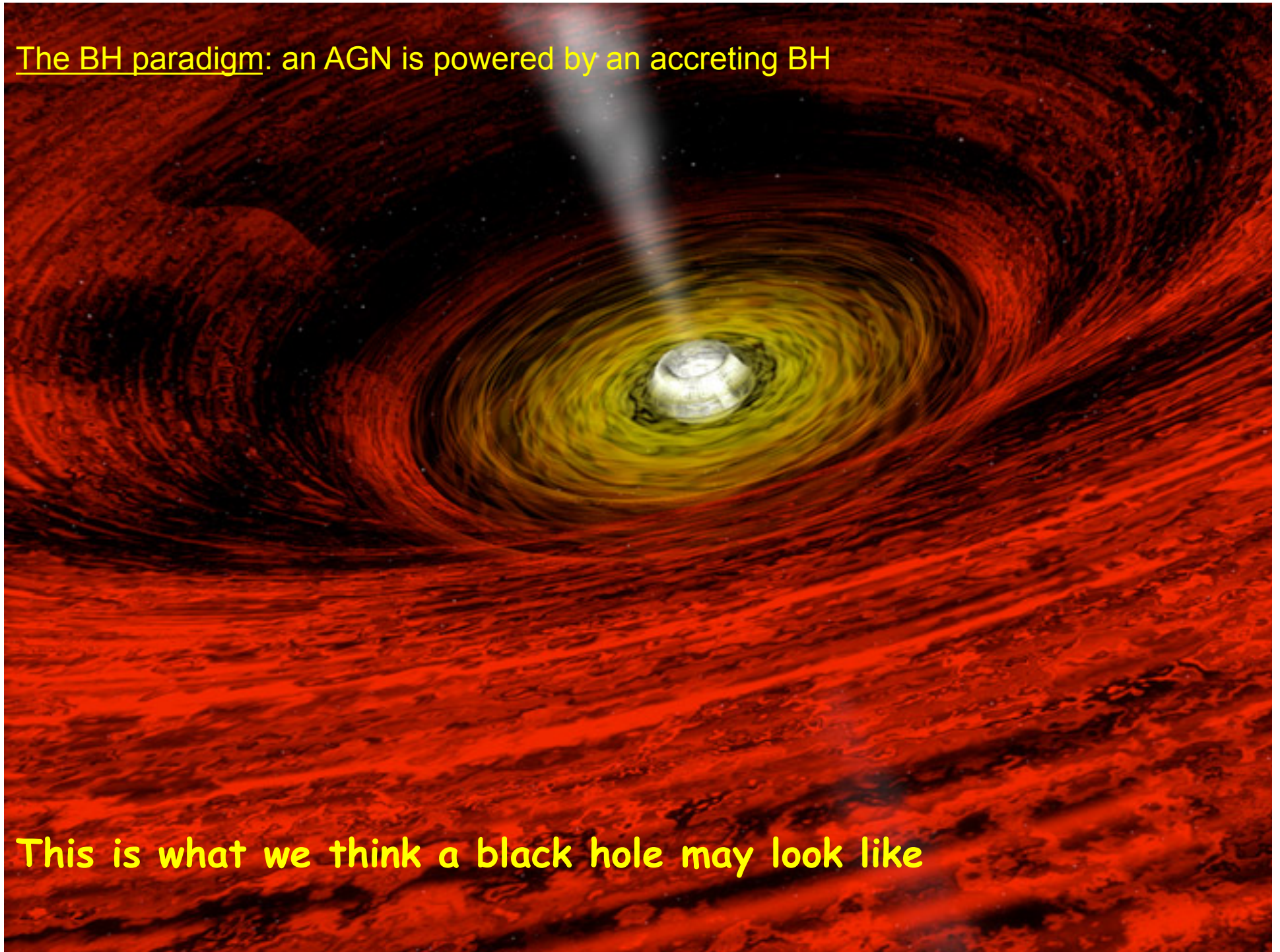
A. Mueller, PhD Thesis, Heidelberg, 2004

C. Done, Lectures, August 2010, arXiv:1008.2287v1

Give a panorama on theoretical models+spectral physics for AGNs&BHs

The BH paradigm: an AGN is powered by an accreting BH

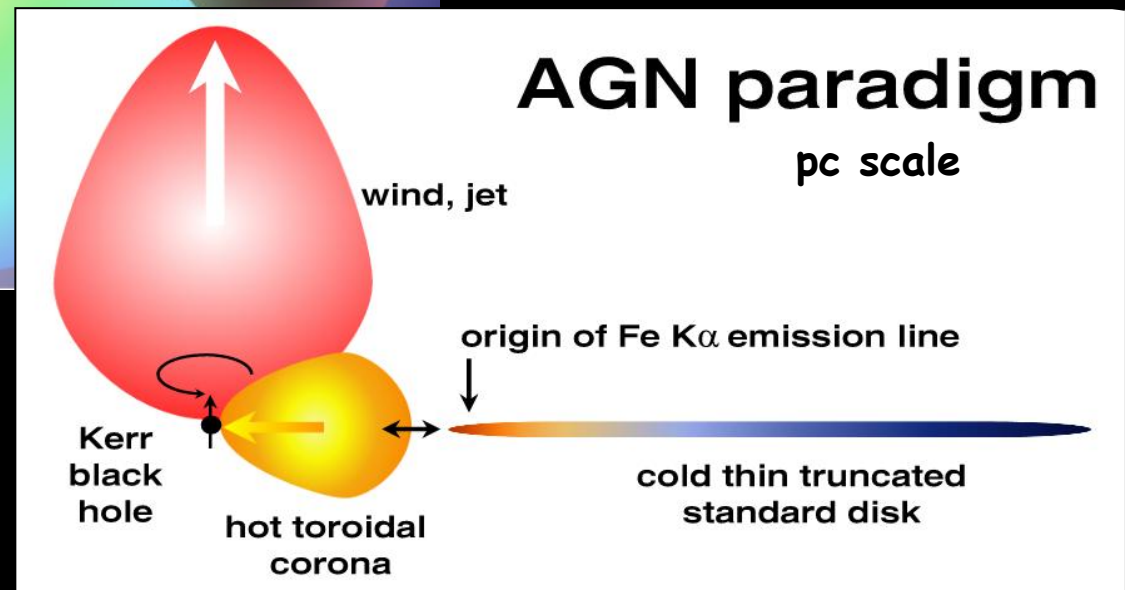
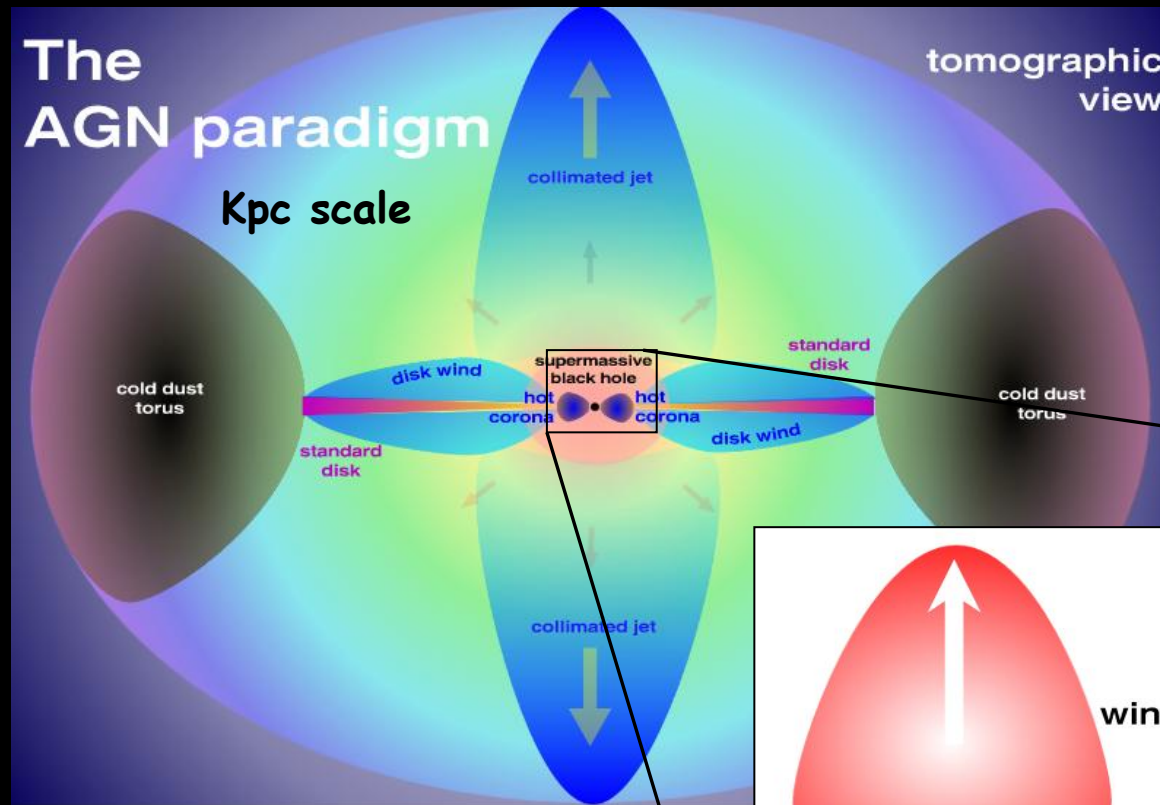
This is what we think a black hole may look like





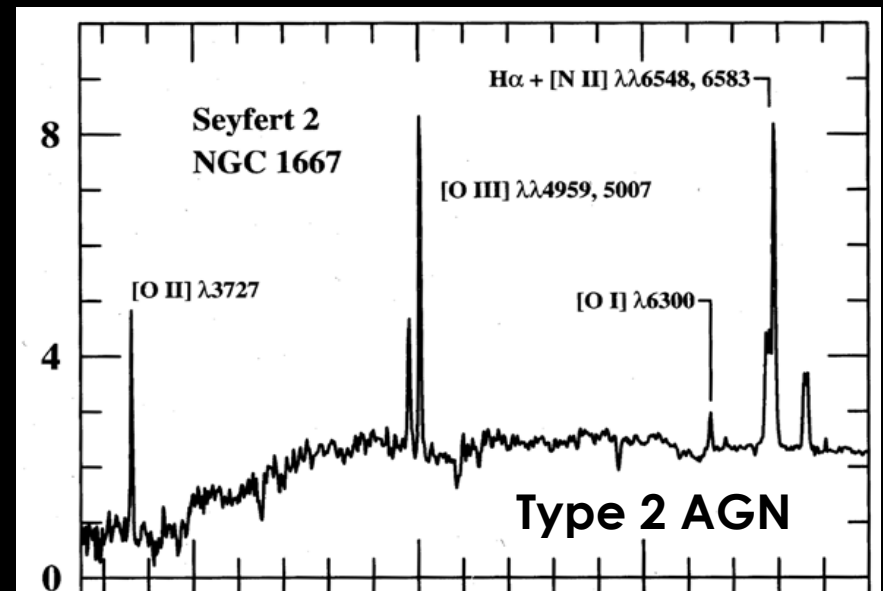
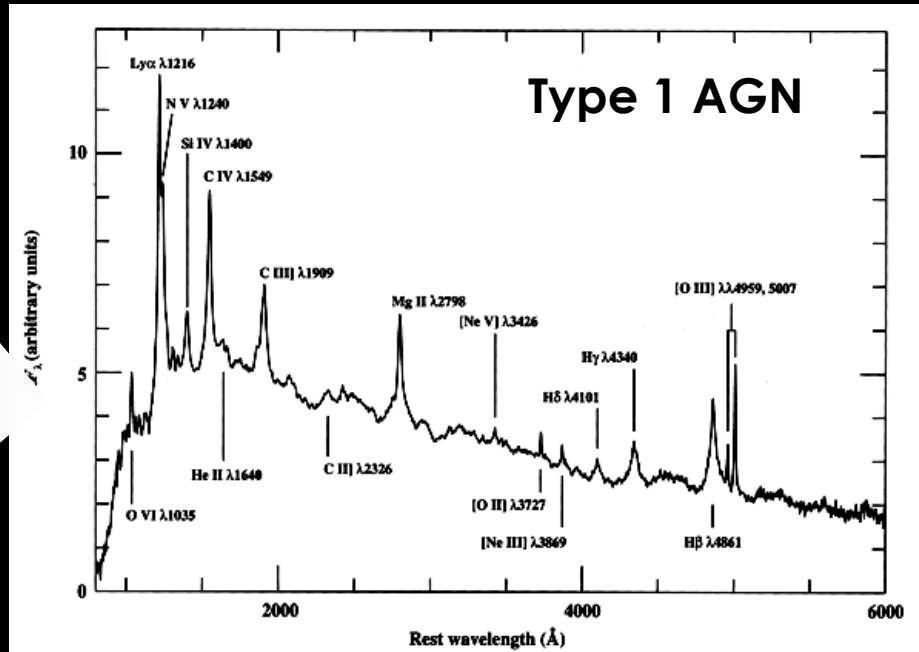
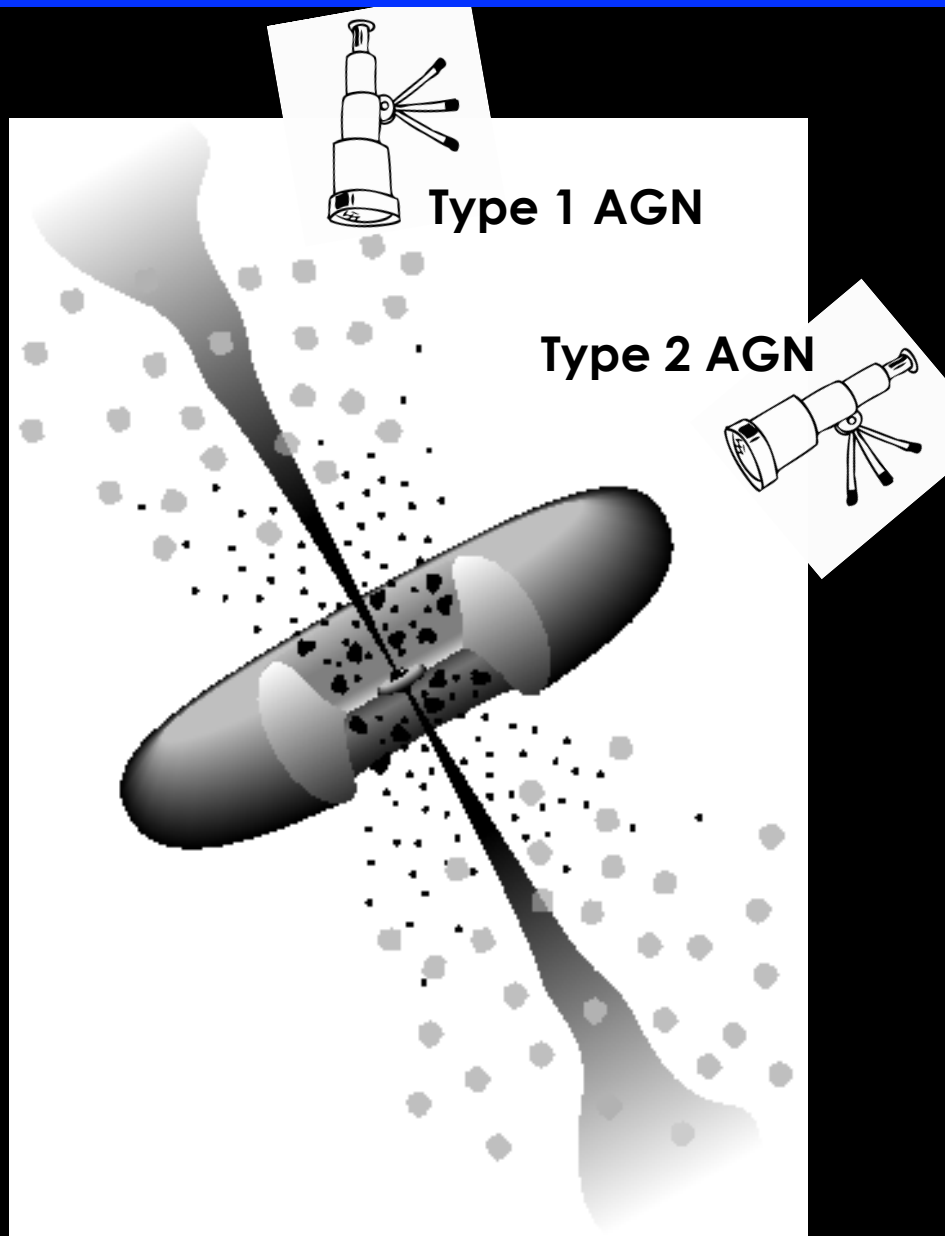
# The AGN paradigm: Accretion onto a SMBH

We know (more or less) the ingredients: The AGN paradigm

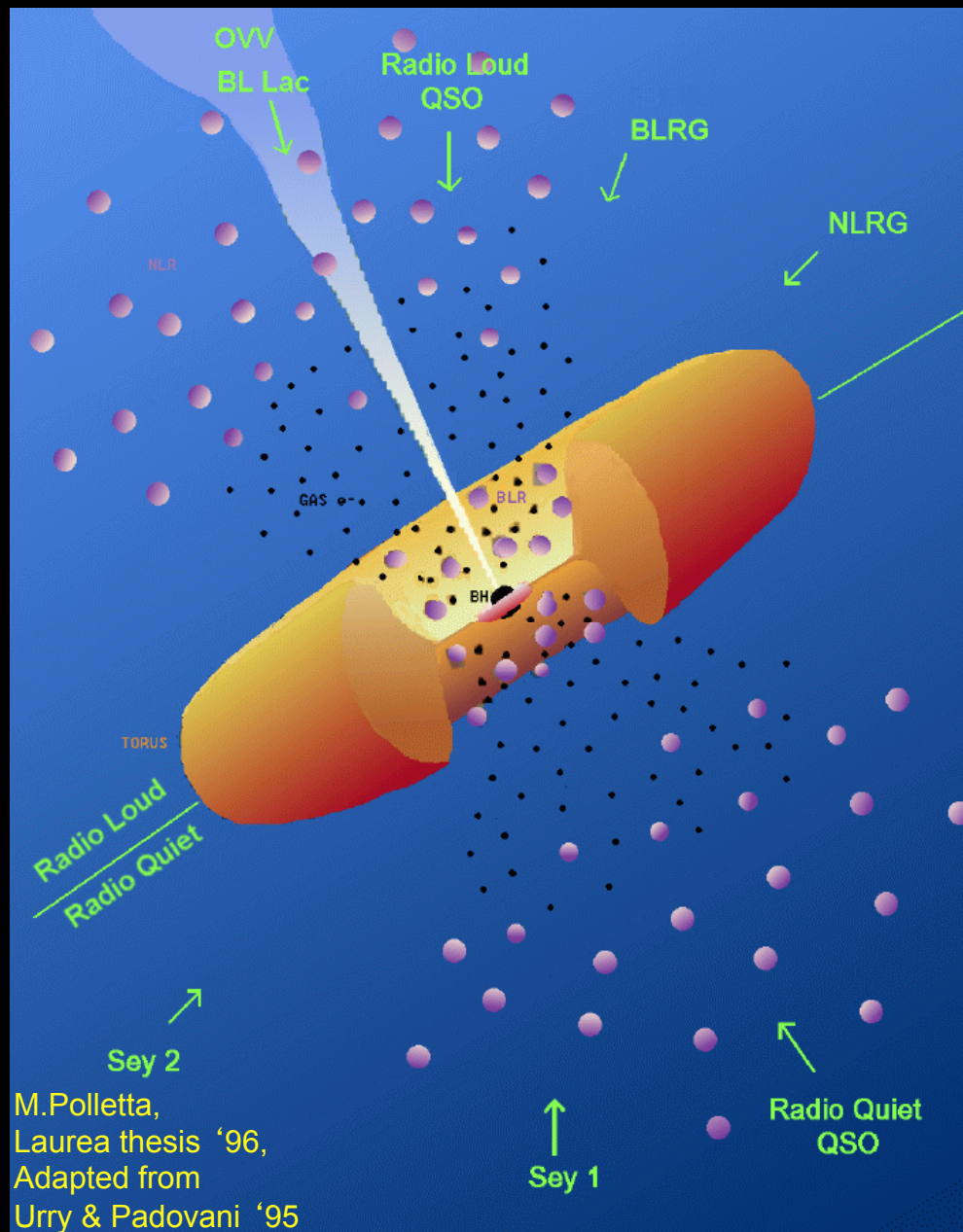


Credit: A. Muller

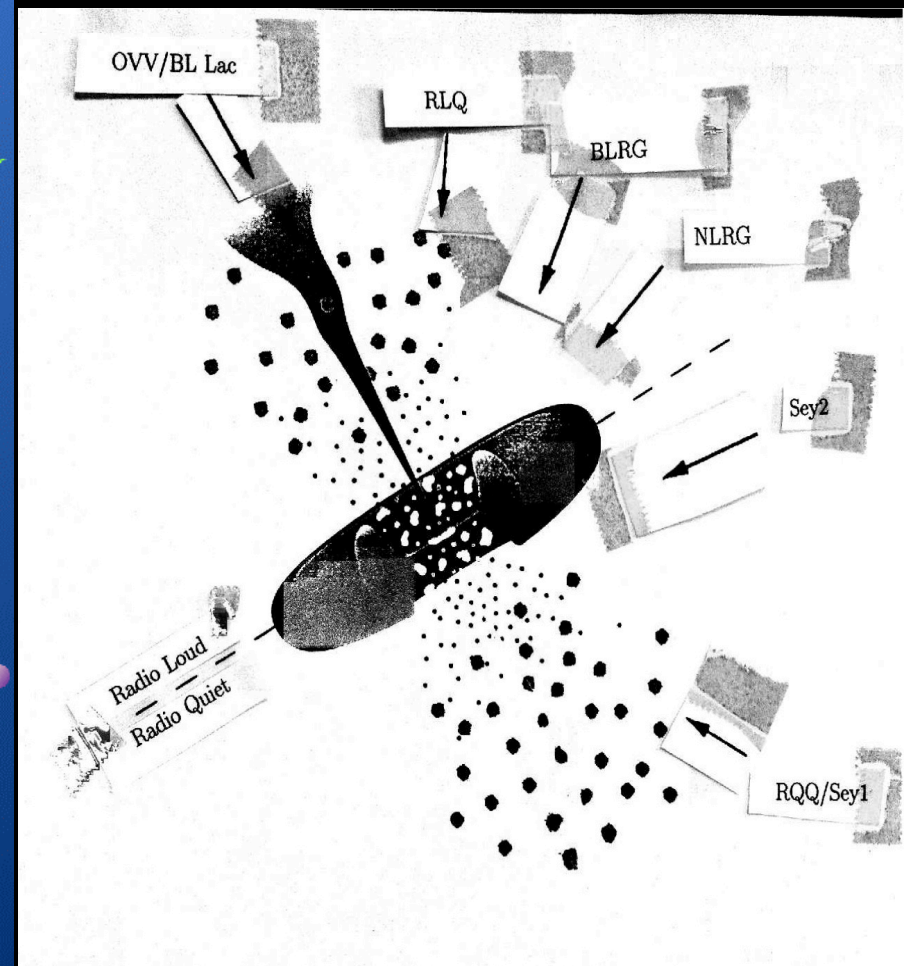
# AGN classification in a nutshell



# AGN TAXONOMY/CLASSIFICATION

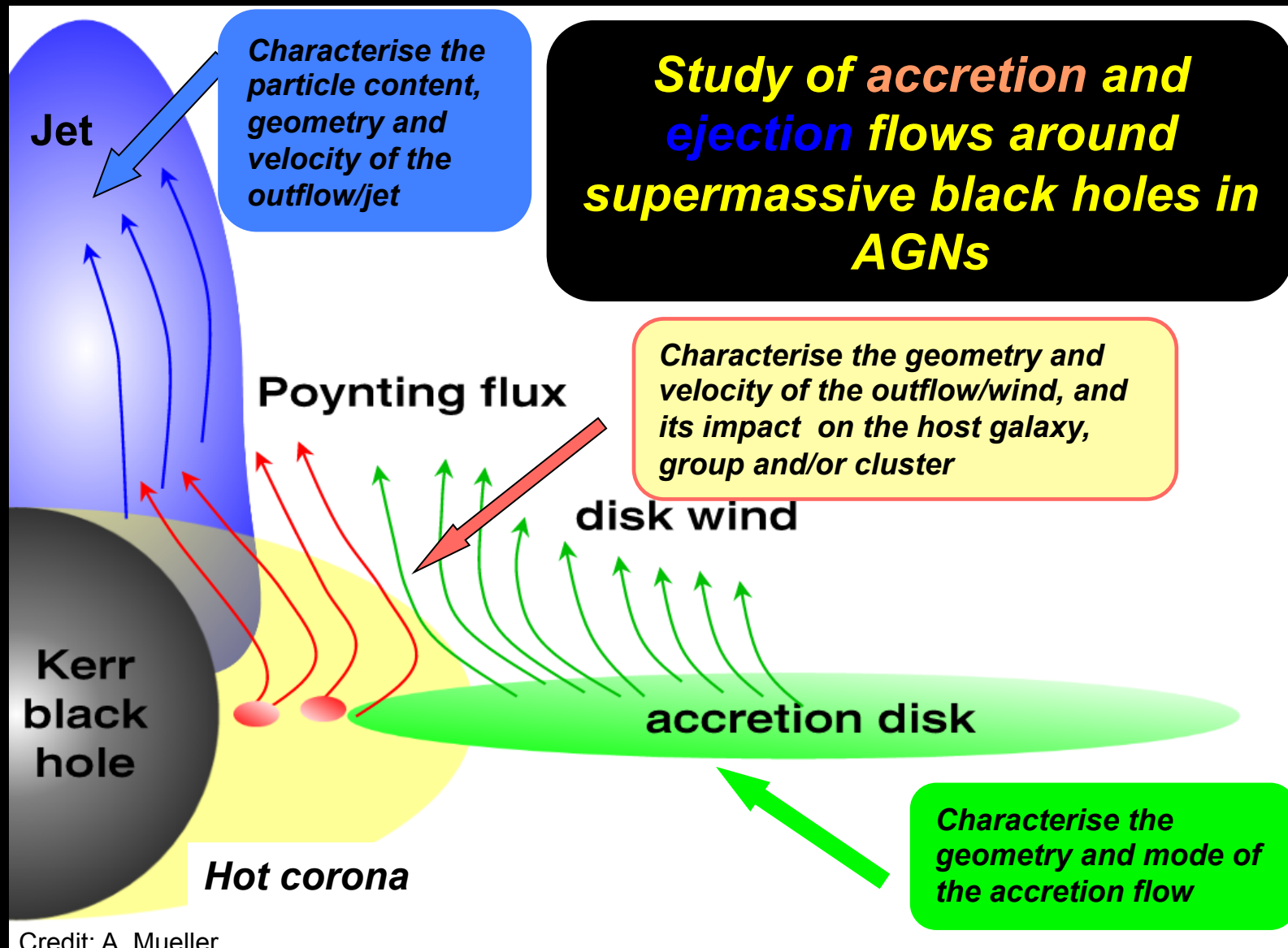


M. Polletta,  
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Adapted from  
Urry & Padovani '95



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# Open issues/Unknowns





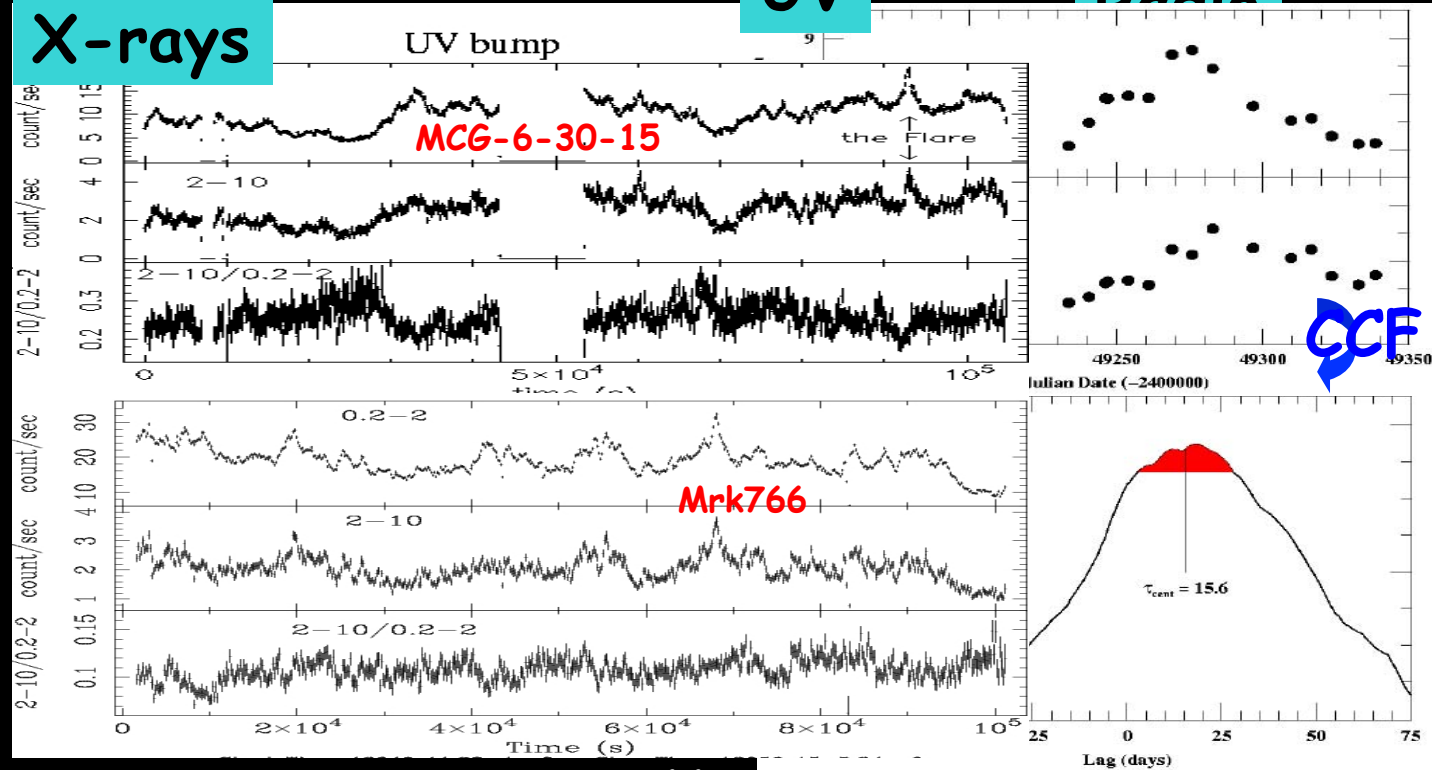
# Why studying AGNs in X-rays?

Optical/IR

UV

Radio

X-rays



$\Delta L \sim L \sim \text{up to } 10^{44} \text{ erg/s}$

Disklines reverberation mapping (X-rays)



$M_{\bullet} a$   
(Probe GR within 10  $R_s$ ,  
i.e. strong field)

BLR reverberation mapping (optical)  
( $v \sim \text{FWHM} \propto \text{delay} \sim \text{dist.}$ )



$M_{\bullet}$

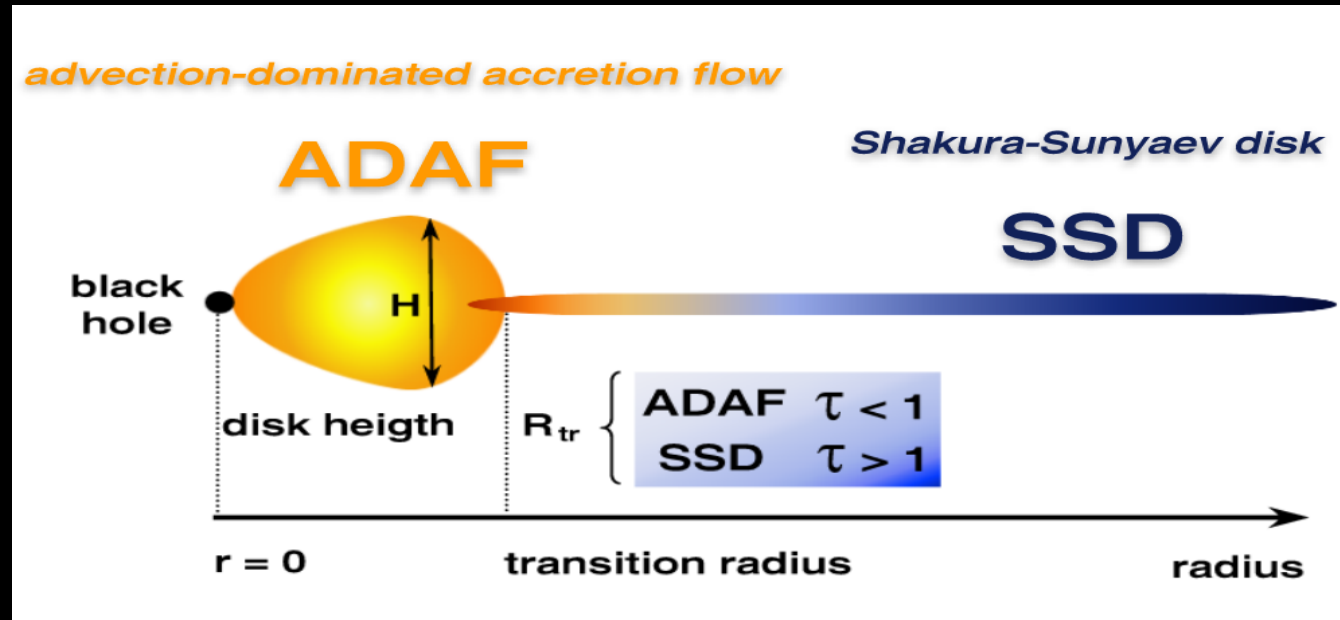
Stellar motions dynamics (rot. Curves) + water masers  
( $v$  and  $\sigma \propto \text{dist.}$ )



$M_{\bullet}$

# Accretion

Still, we don't know exactly the accretion mode/type (SAD, ADAF, RIAF, CDAF, etc.)...

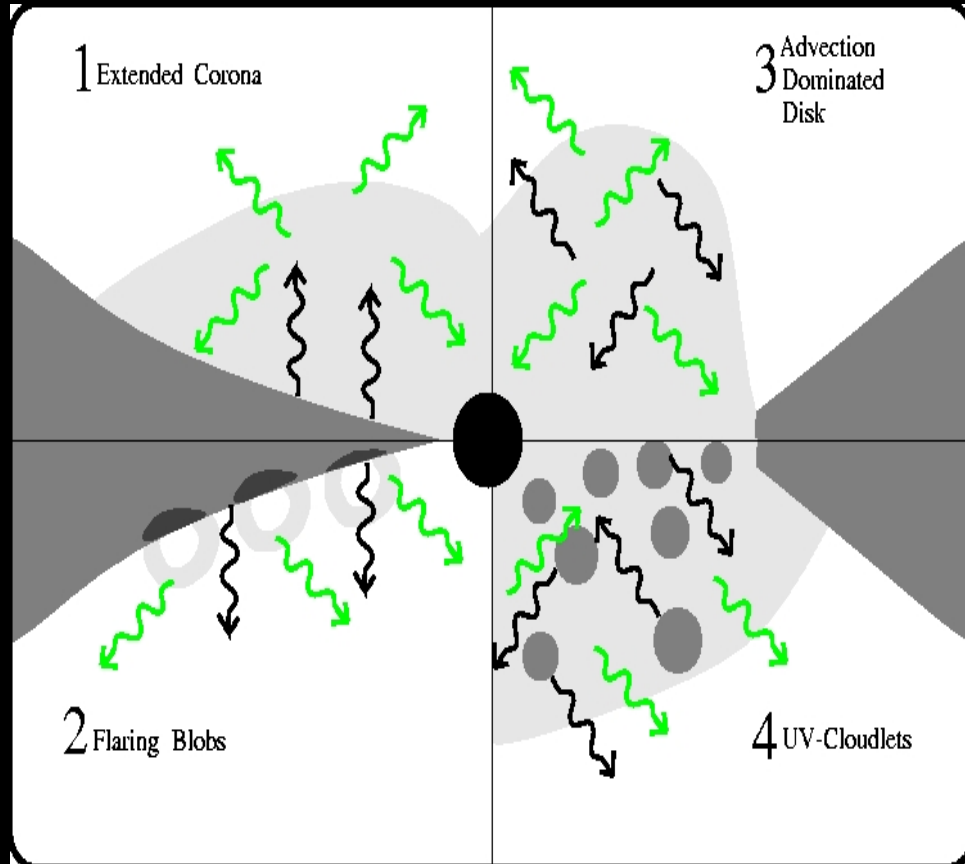


(Müller, '04)

- Shakura-Sunyaev disk (SSD) or equivalently standard accretion disk (SAD)
- advection-dominated accretion flow (ADAF)
- radiatively-inefficient accretion flow (RIAF)
- convection-dominated accretion flow (CDAF)
- slim disk
- truncated disk – advective tori (TDAT)
- non-radiative accretion flow (NRAF)

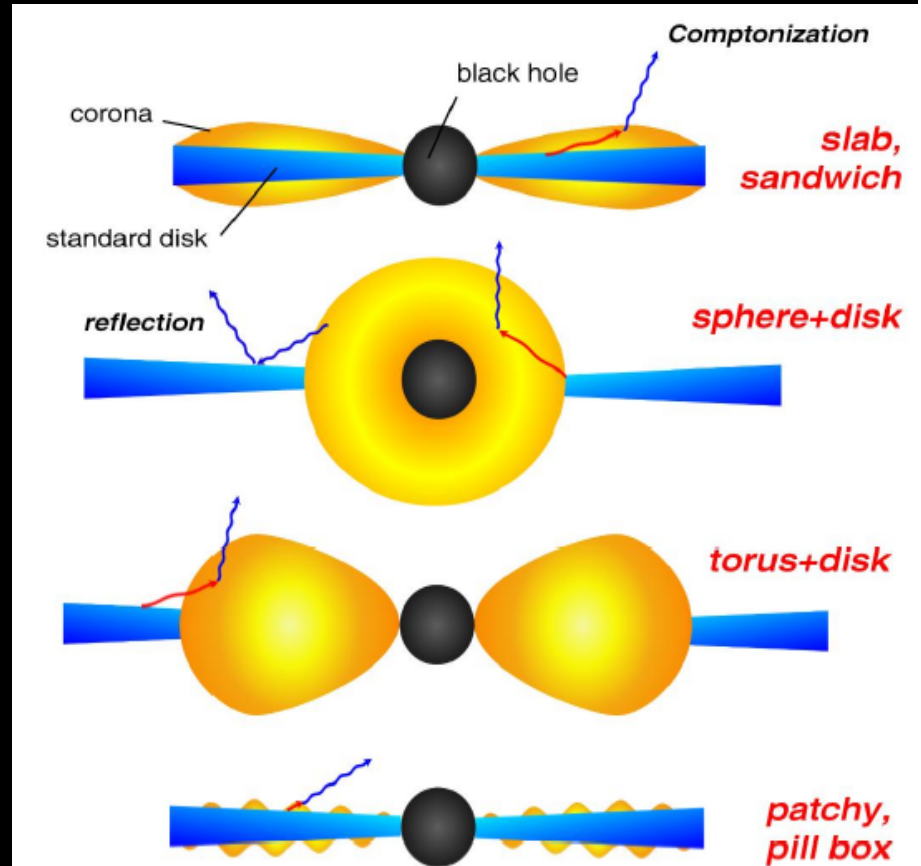
# Accretion

... nor the disk-corona geometry



Lamp-post model

Patchy corona model



(Haardt '96)

## The 3 “Knowns” ...or the AGN “Models”

BH paradigm + assumptions on geometry + emission  
mechanisms (physics) + Multi- $\nu$  observations  
**= AGN “Model”**

The three major AGN models are:

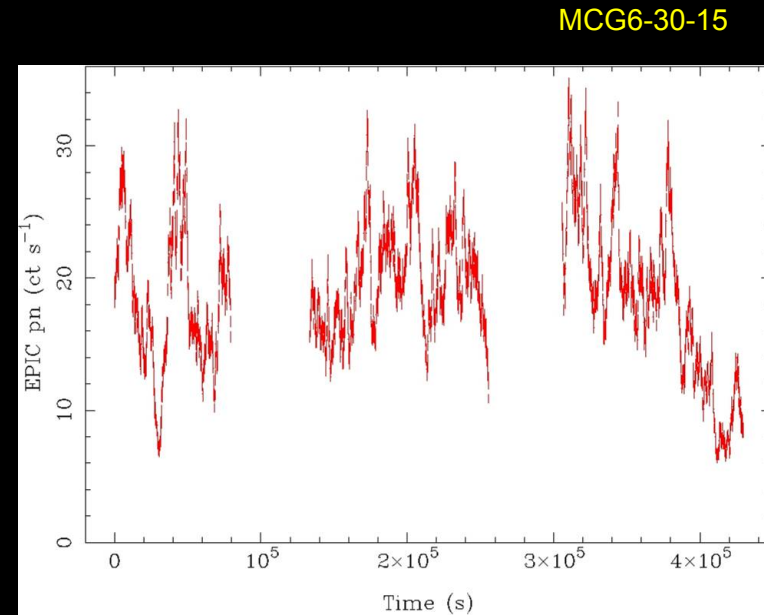
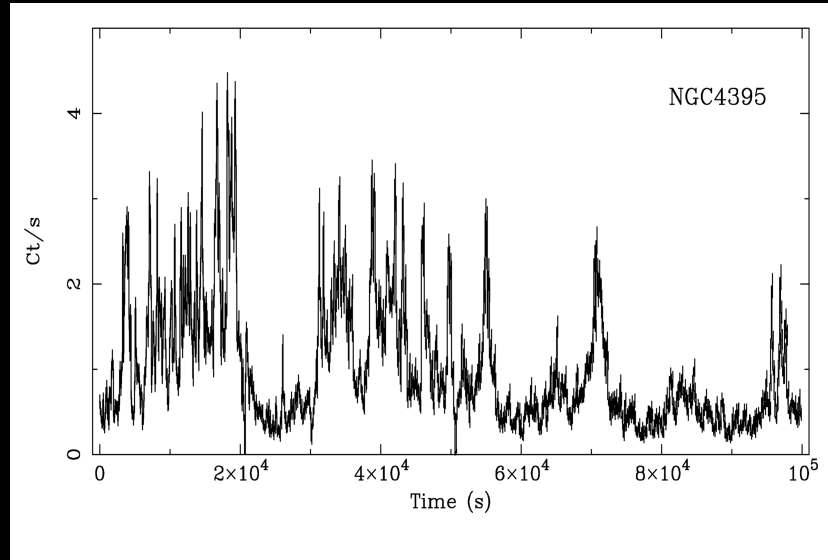
- 1: **2-Phases model** (for Radio Quiet AGNs)
- 2: **“Inefficient” model** (for Low Luminosity AGNs)
- 3: **Jet model** (for radio-loud AGNs)



# Model 1

The 2-phases  
(or efficient) model  
(RQAGNs)

## Model I (RQ AGN): X-ray observations - Lightcurves



$\Delta L \sim L \sim \text{up to } 10^{44} \text{ erg/s}$

Light curves

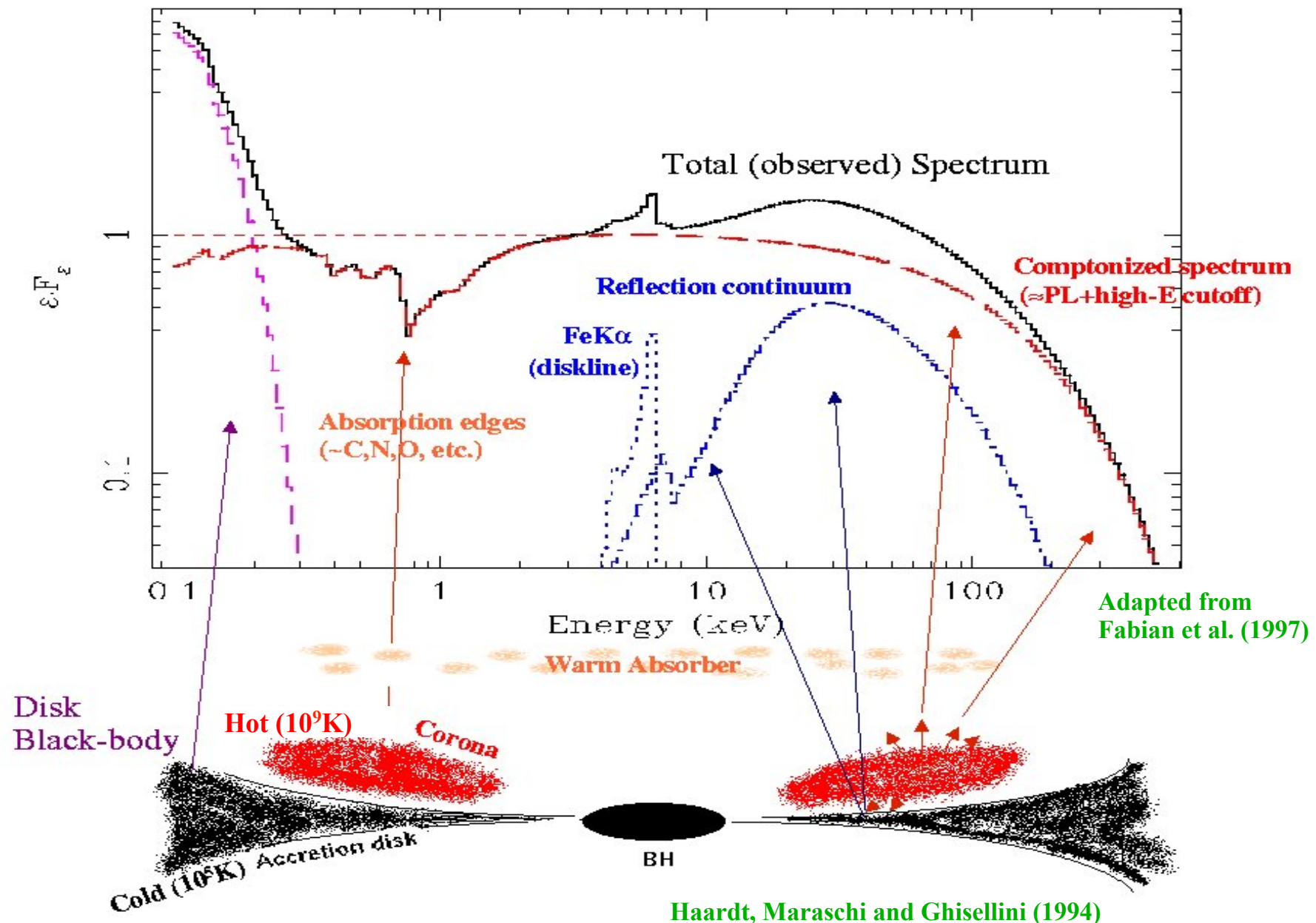


N.B:  $\Delta t \sim 50 \text{ s}$  corresponds to  $1 R_g$  for  $M = 10^7 M_{\odot}$   
( $\tau \sim R_g/c \sim GM/c^3 \sim 50 M_7 \text{ s}$ )

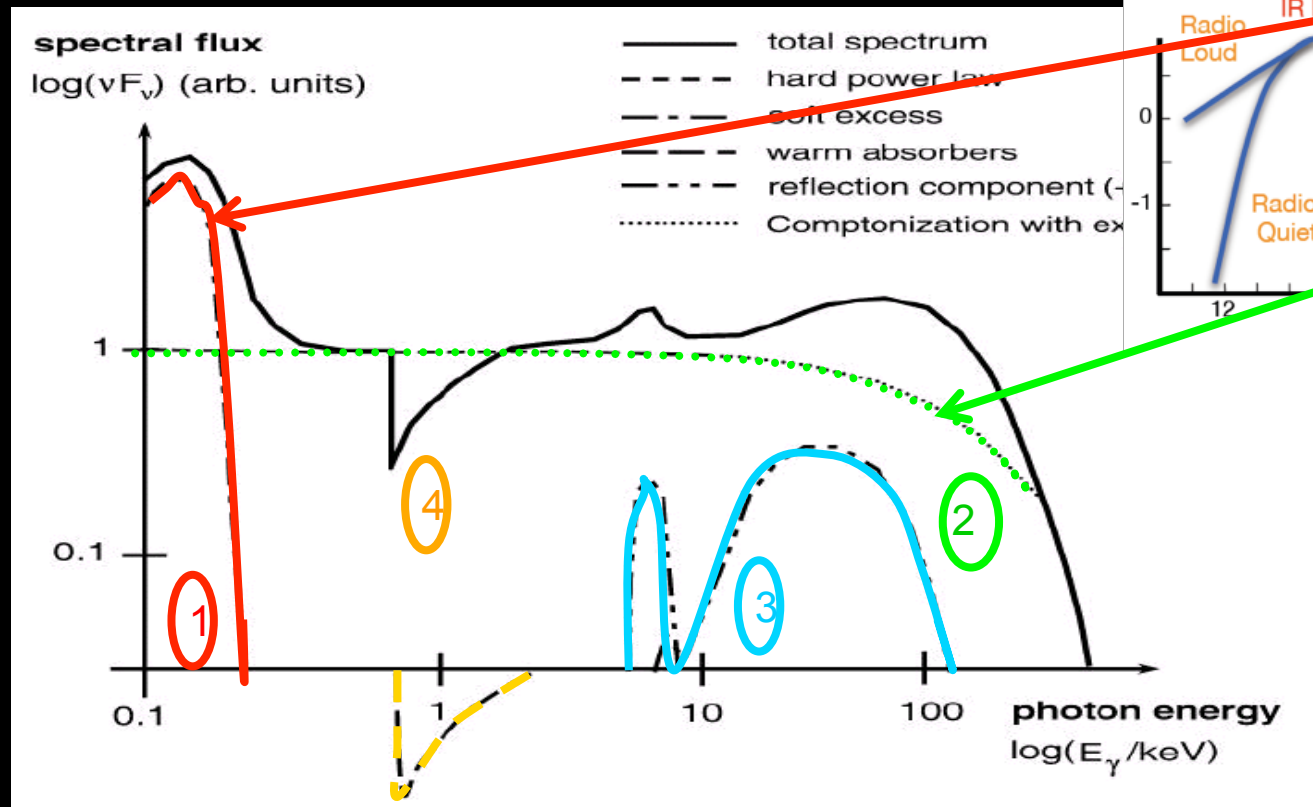
Implies most of radiation from innermost regions

# Typical X-ray Spectrum of a Seyfert 1 Galaxy

↔ Standard two-phase Comptonization model



## Model I (RQ AGN): X-ray observations - typical spectra



➔ (At least) 4 major spectral components:

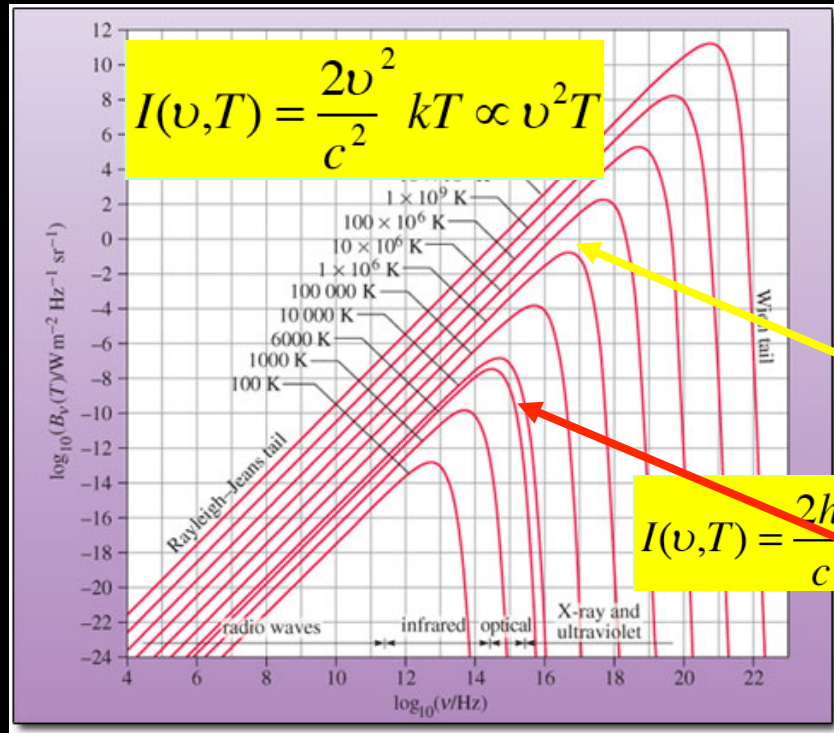
1. Soft excess (Black body)
2. Power-law Component (Thermal Comptonization)
3. Reflection component (Fluorescence Lines + Compton hump)
4. Warm absorber (photoelectric absorption)



# 1- Black Body emission from accretion disk

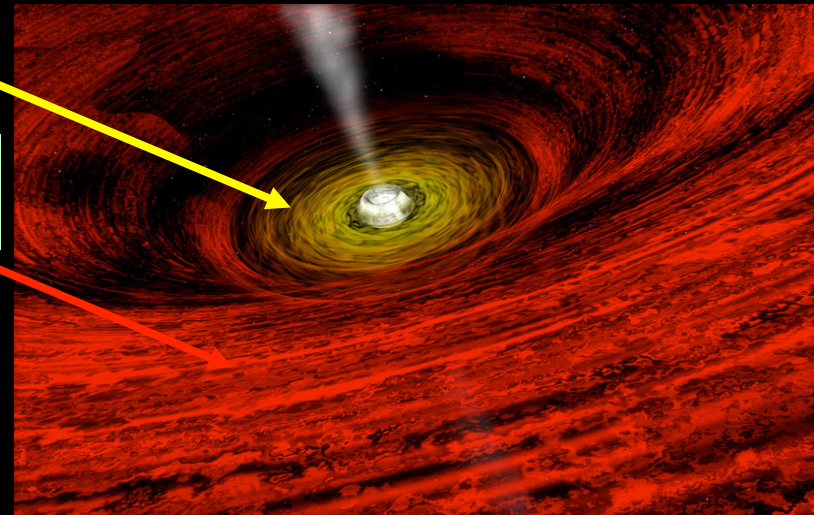
Planck radiation law:

$$I(\nu, T) = \frac{2h\nu^3}{c^2} \frac{1}{e^{h\nu/kT} - 1}$$

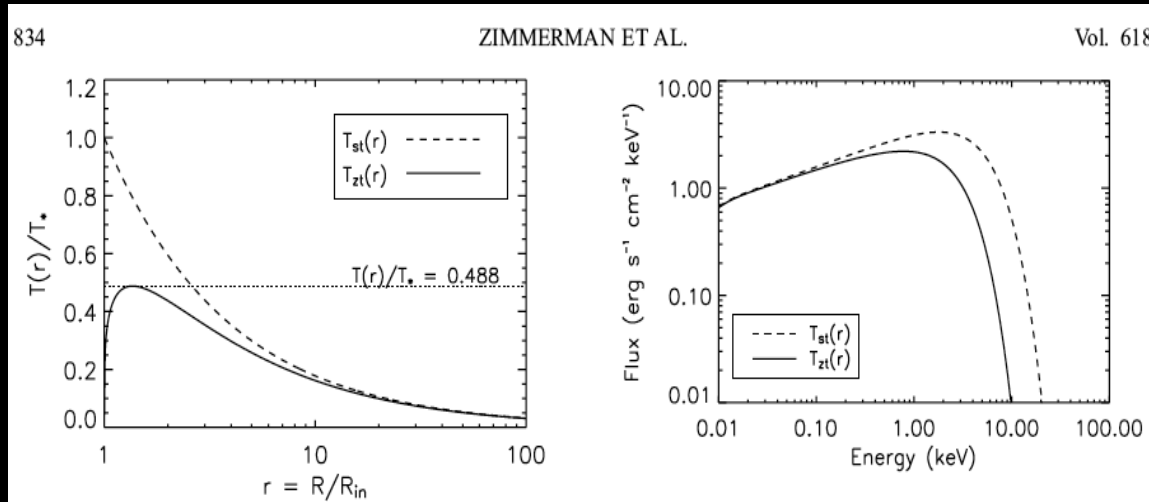


$$I(\nu, T) = \frac{2\nu^2}{c^2} kT \propto \nu^2 T$$

$$I(\nu, T) = \frac{2h\nu^3}{c^2} e^{-h\nu/kT}$$



# 1- Black Body emission from accretion disk



Multi-temperature disk black-body emission (see also “big blue bump”)

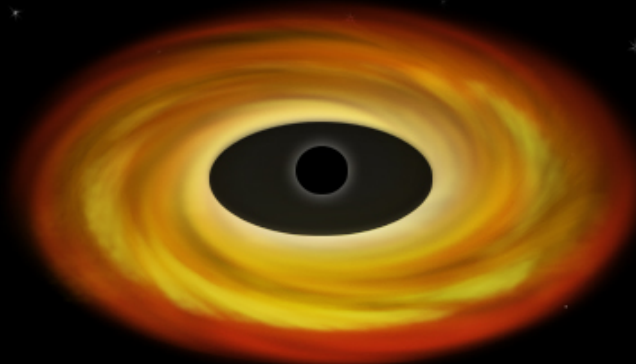
N.B.: in SADthin disk:

$$L_{\text{acc}} \sim 0.1 \dot{M} c^2$$

$$kT \sim 10 \left( \frac{M_{\text{BH}}}{10^8 M_{\odot}} \right)^{-1/4} \left( \frac{\dot{M}}{\dot{M}_{\text{Edd}}} \right)^{1/4} \text{ eV}$$

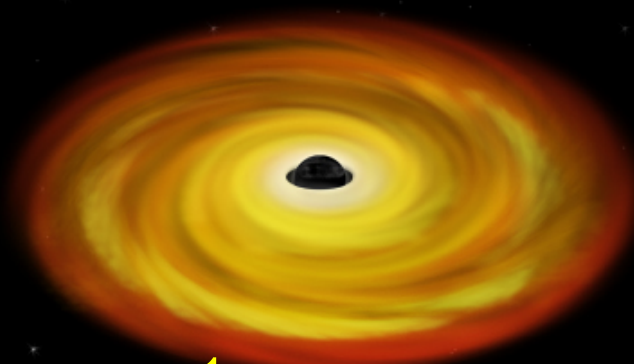
N.B: Another important consequence/application:

Innermost Stable Circular Orbit (ISCO) depends on BH spin ( $a_*$ )



$$a_* = 0$$

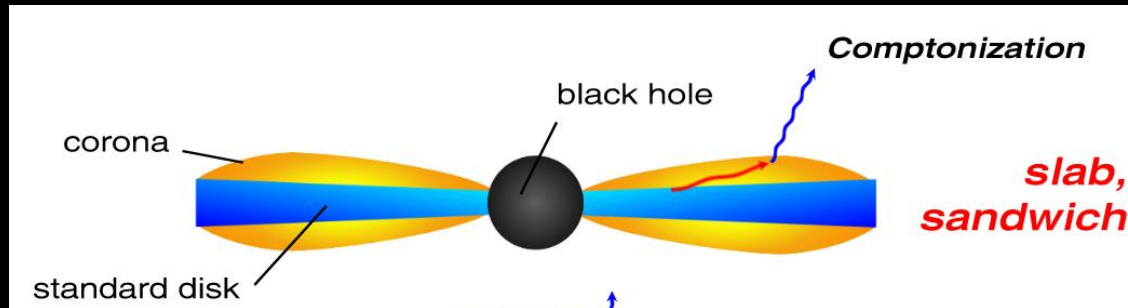
$$R_{\text{ISCO}} = 6MG/c^2 = 90 \text{ km}$$



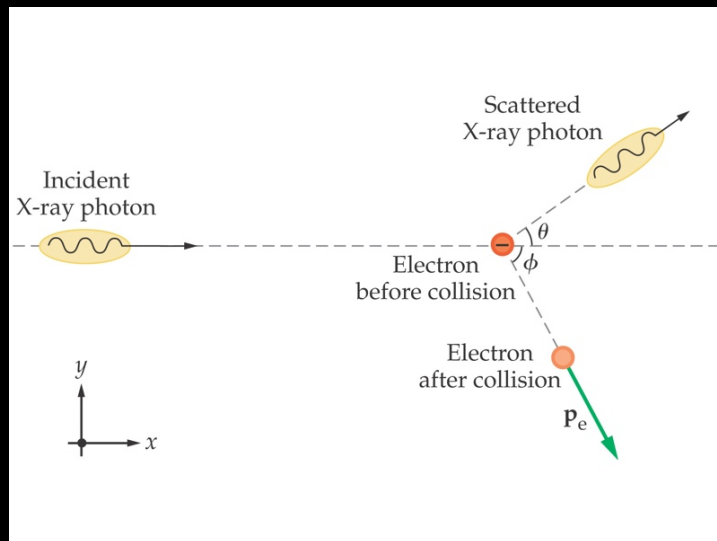
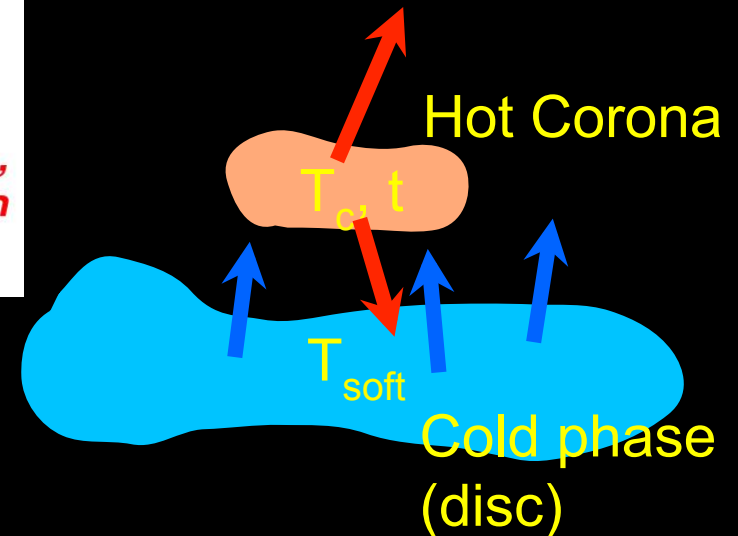
$$a_* = 1$$

$$R_{\text{ISCO}} = 1MG/c^2 = 15 \text{ km} \quad (\text{for } M = 10 M_{\odot})$$

## II - Power-law (Thermal Comptonization from the corona)



Thermal comptonization from thermal electrons plasma with  $kT$  and optical depth  $\tau$



If electron at rest:

$$\Delta E = E' - E$$

$$\simeq -\frac{E^2}{m_e c^2} (1 - \cos \theta)$$

For non-stationnary electron:

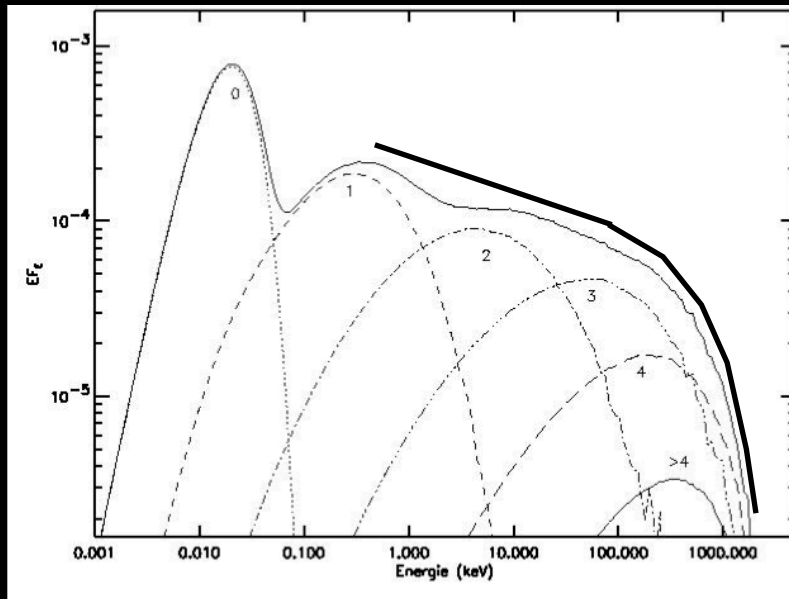
$$\Delta E < 0 \rightarrow \text{Compton}$$

$$\Delta E > 0 \rightarrow \text{Inverse Compton}$$

## II - Power-law (Thermal Comptonization from the corona)

$$f_e(\epsilon) d\epsilon = \sqrt{\frac{1}{\pi \epsilon kT}} \exp\left[\frac{-\epsilon}{kT}\right] d\epsilon$$

Maxwellian Distribution of electron energies  
 $\Rightarrow$  produce power-law + high energy cut-off



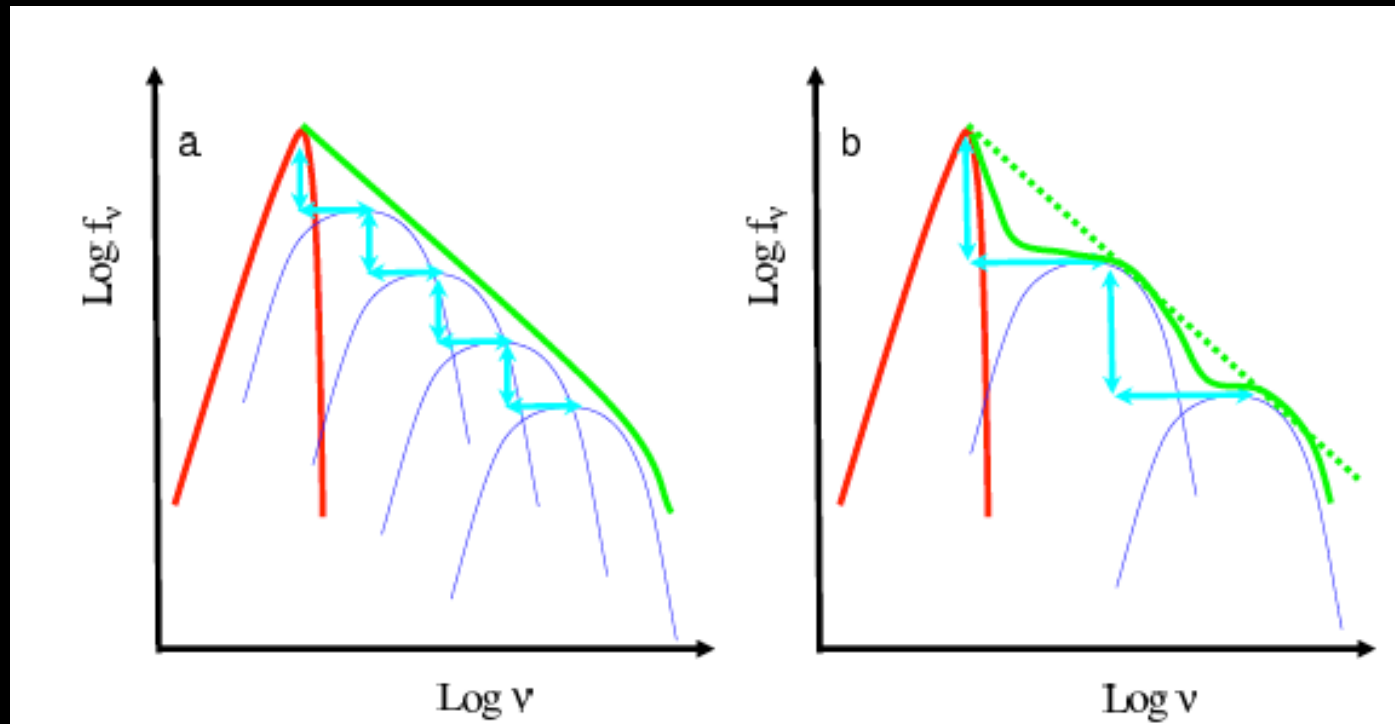
$$F_E \propto E^{-\Gamma(kT, \tau)} \exp\left(-\frac{E}{E_c(kT, \tau)}\right)$$

$$\begin{cases} \Gamma \propto \left(\frac{L_{heat}}{L_{cool}}\right)^{-\delta} \propto f(kT, \tau) \\ E_c \simeq kT \end{cases}$$

$\Gamma(kT, \tau) \rightarrow$  Spectral degeneration since different  $(kT, \tau)$   
 can yield same  $\Gamma$



## II - Power-law (Thermal Comptonization from the corona)

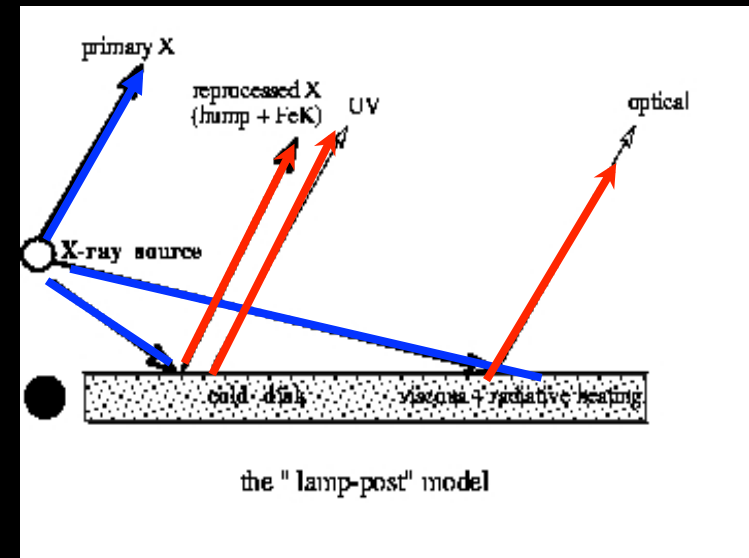
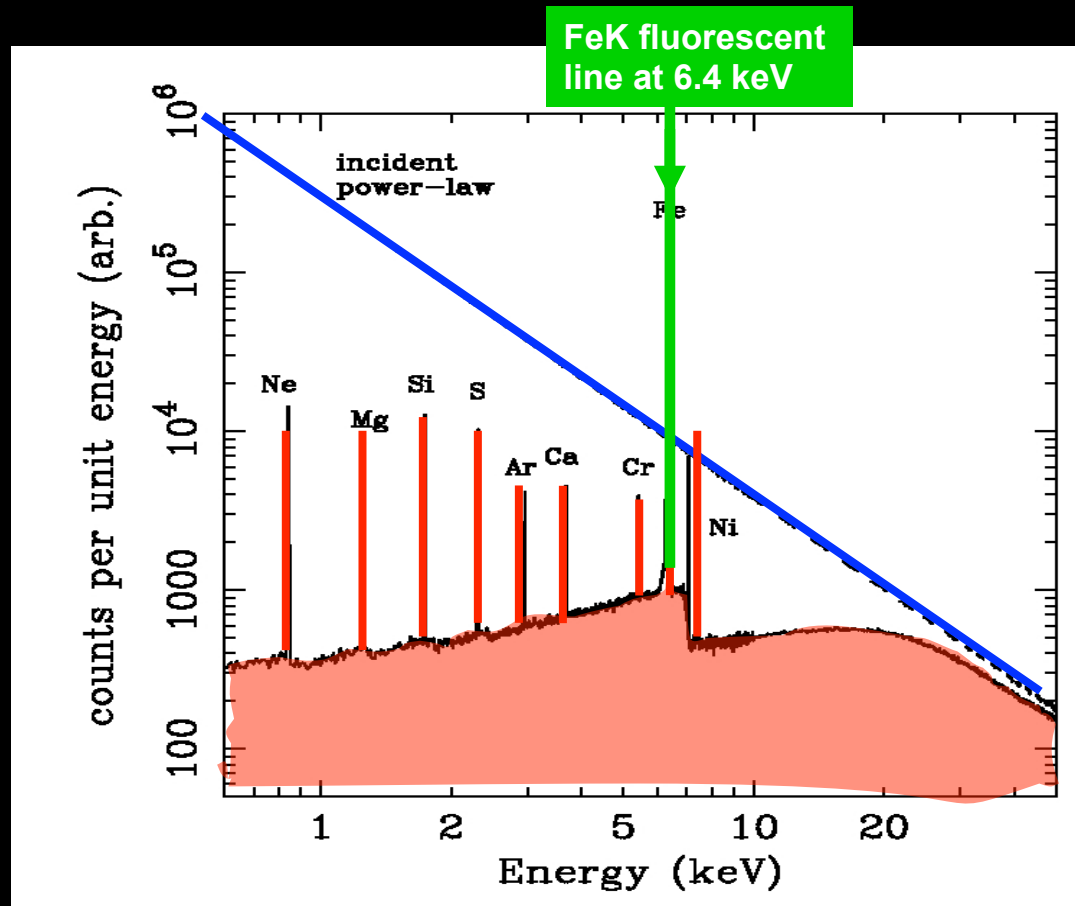


$$\Theta = kT_e/m_e c^2$$

$$\epsilon_{out,1} = (1 + 4\Theta)\epsilon_{in}$$

$$\log f(\epsilon) \propto \ln(1/\tau)/\ln(1 + 4\Theta) \text{ i.e. } f(\epsilon) \propto \epsilon^{-\alpha} \text{ with } \alpha = \ln \tau / \ln(1 + 4\Theta)$$

### III - Reflection component (line + continuum)



(e.g. Reynolds et al. '94)

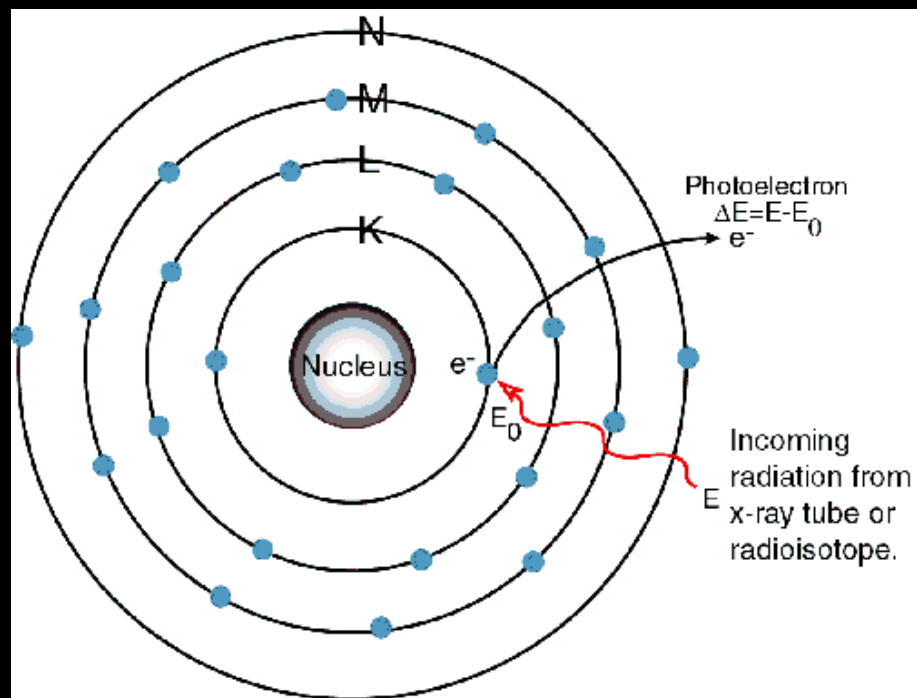
- i) Inclination
- ii)  $\Omega/2\pi$  (coverage, isotropy)
- iii) Ab

Major modifications expected:

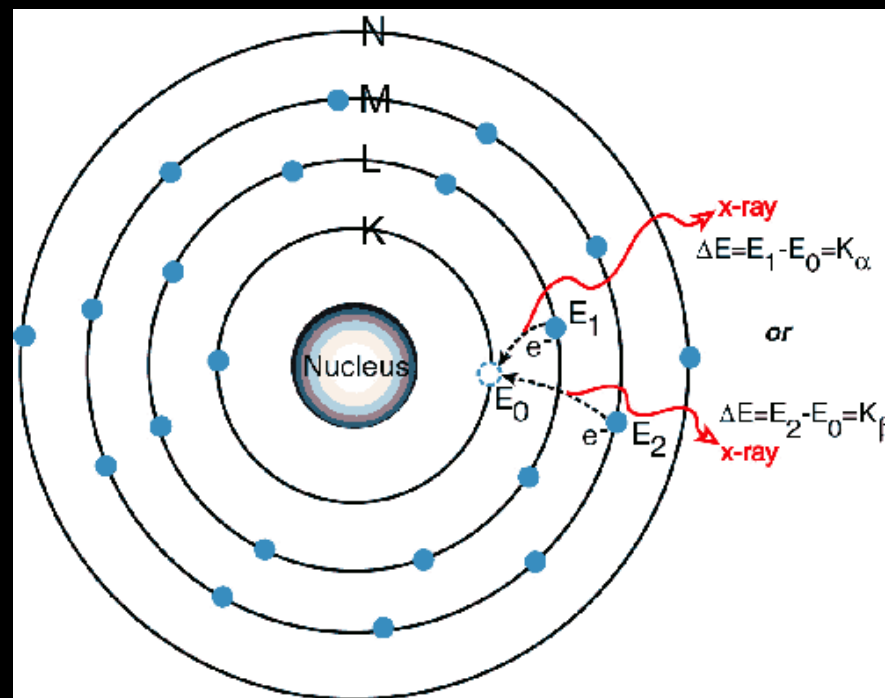
- a) Ionization effects
- b) Relativistic effects
- or a combination of both...

# (Fe) Fluorescence Emission Line

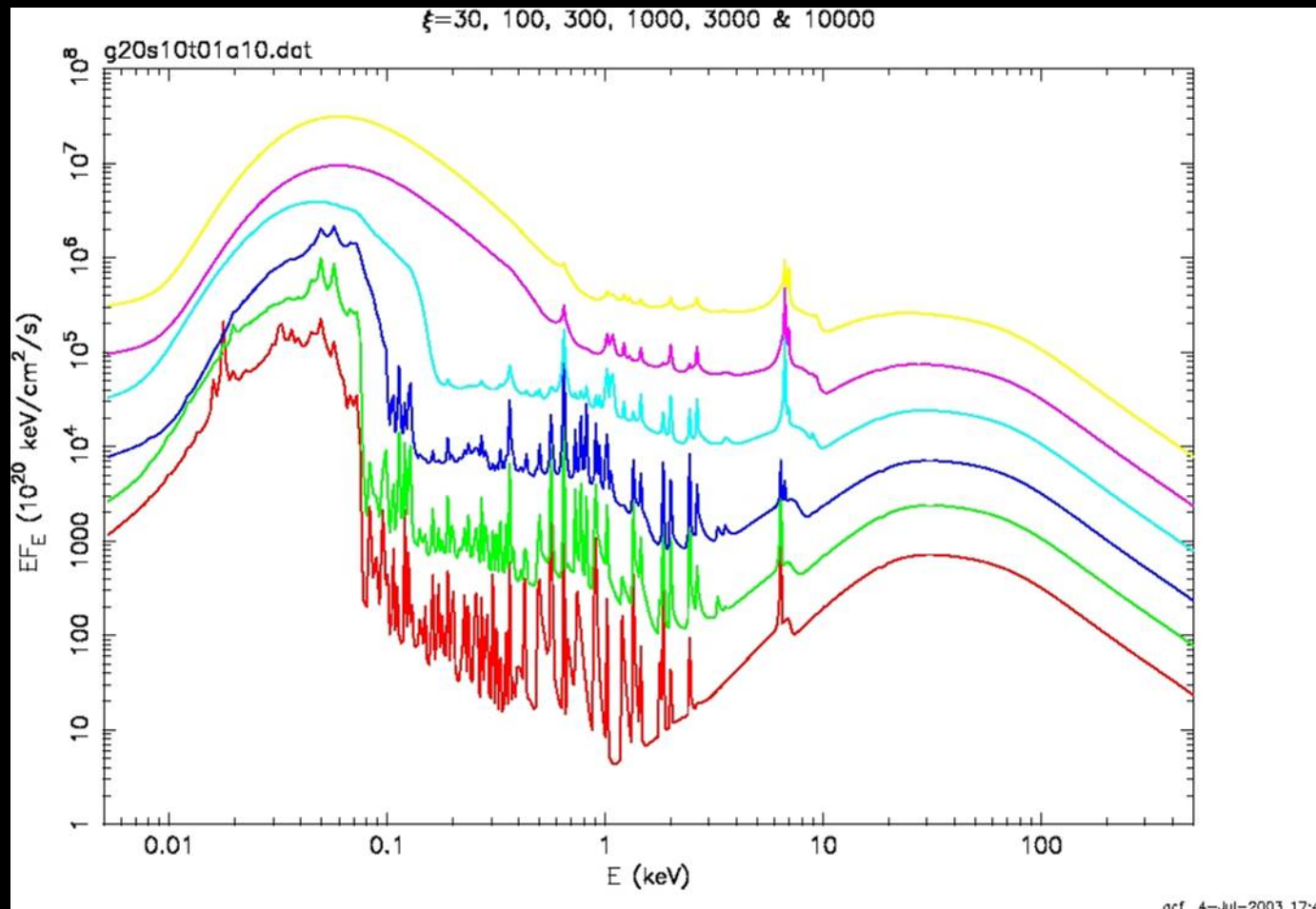
## Photoelectric Absorption



## Fluorescence (+ Auger for 60%)



## A- Ionization effects



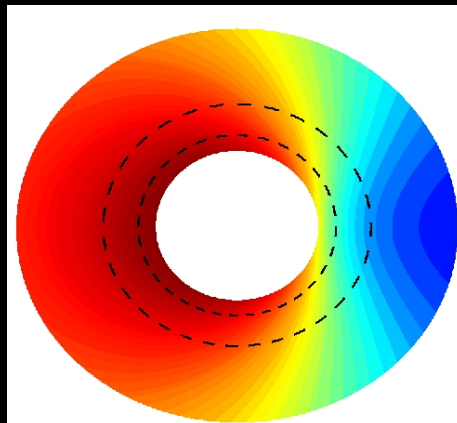
$$\xi=L/nR^2$$

Major variations:

- 1) FeK energy ( $\uparrow$ )
- 2) FeK intensity ( $\downarrow, \uparrow, \downarrow$ )
- 3) Soft lines intensity/energy ( $\uparrow, \downarrow$ )

Ballantyne & Fabian '02, Ross & Fabian '93, '05,  
Young+, Nayakshin+, Ballantyne+, Rozanska+, Dumont+

## B - Relativistic effects

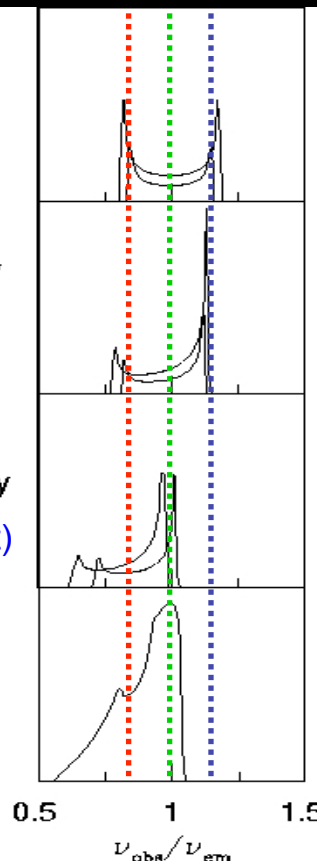


Newtonian  
(Doppler)

Special relativity  
(Beaming +  
Transverse  
Doppler shift)

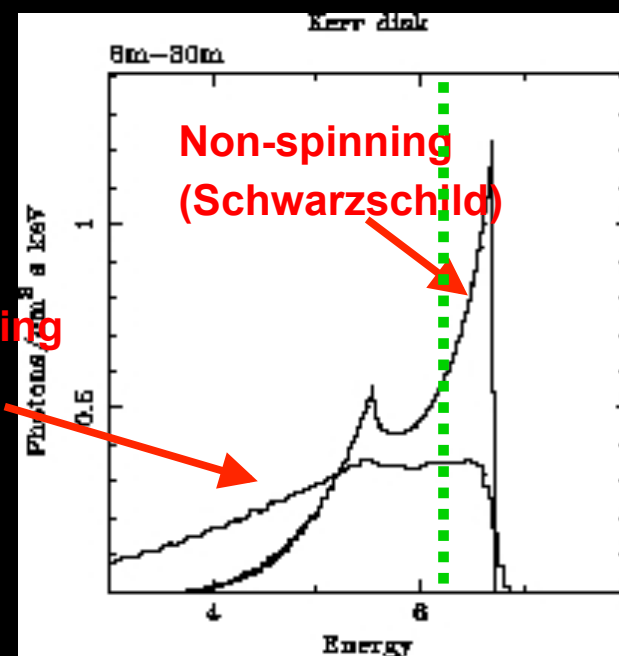
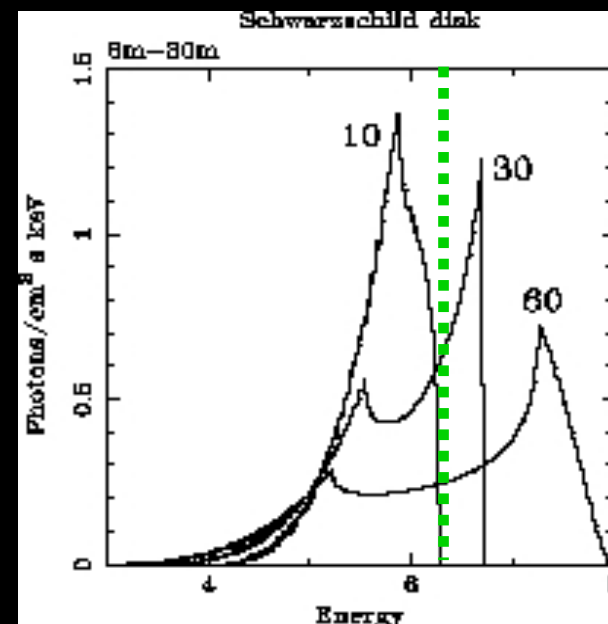
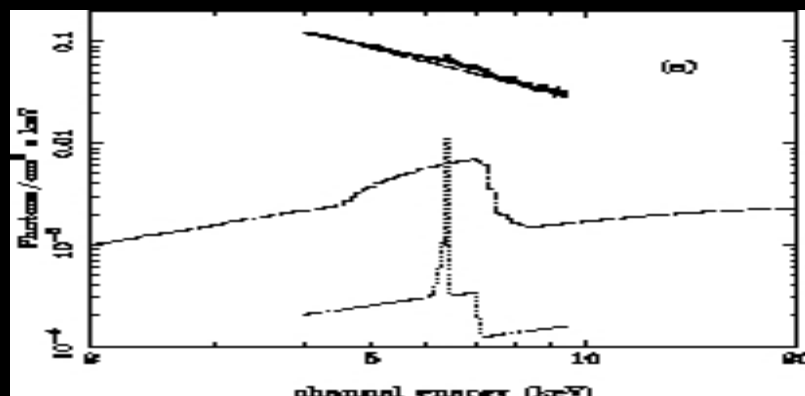
General relativity  
(Gravita. Redshift)

Line profile



(e.g., Fabian et al. '89)

N.B: Not only relativistic lines, but also reflection continuum...



(Done & Zycki, '98)

(Fabian et al. '00)

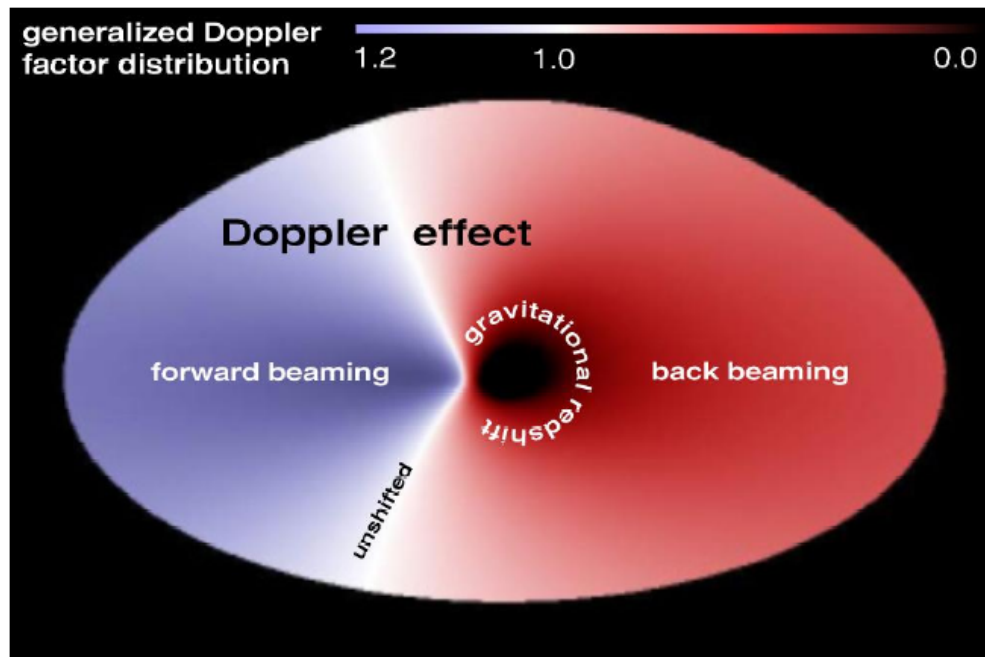


Figure 6.2: Simulated disk image around a central Kerr black hole color-coded in the generalized Doppler factor  $g$ . The distribution illustrates redshift  $g < 1$  (*black to red*), no shift  $g = 1$  (*white*) and blueshift  $g > 1$  (*blue*). Regions of Doppler effect, beaming and gravitational redshift are marked. The inclination angle amounts  $i = 60^\circ$ .

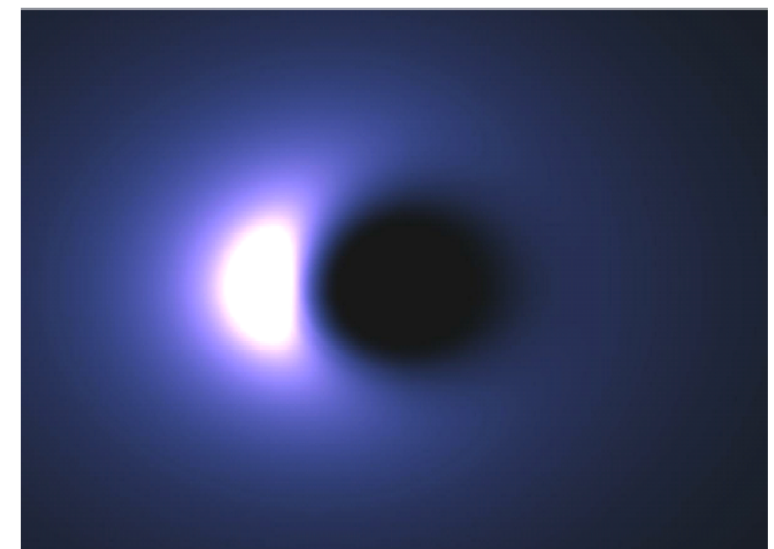
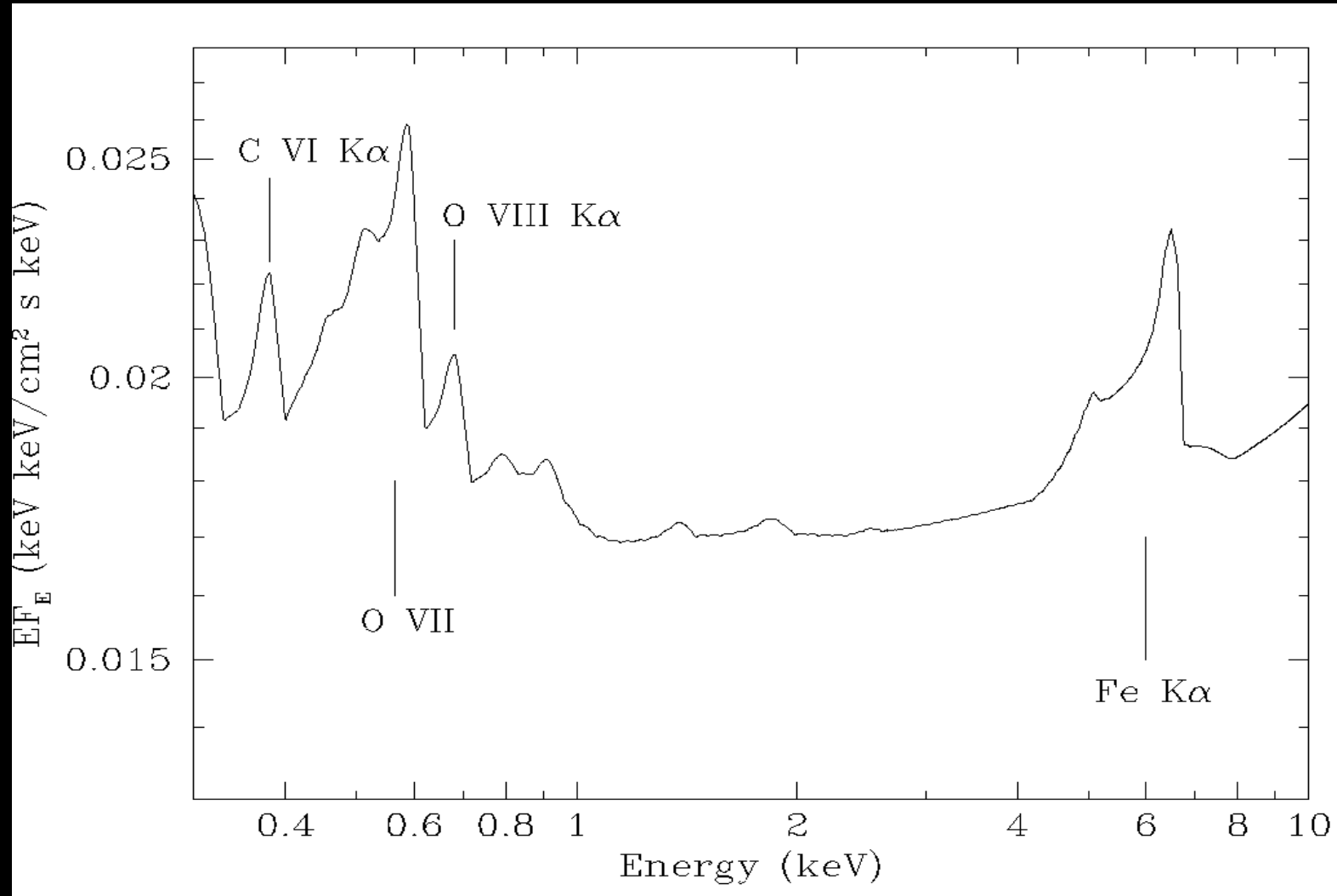


Figure 6.3: Simulated appearance of a uniformly luminous standard disk around a central Kerr black hole,  $a \simeq 1$ . The emission is color-coded and scaled to its maximum value (*white*). The disk is intermediately inclined to  $i = 40^\circ$ . The forward beaming spot of the counterclockwise rotating disk is clearly seen on the left whereas the right side exhibits suppressed emission due to back beaming. The black hole is hidden at the Great Black Spot in the center of the image.



## C - Ionization + relativistic effects

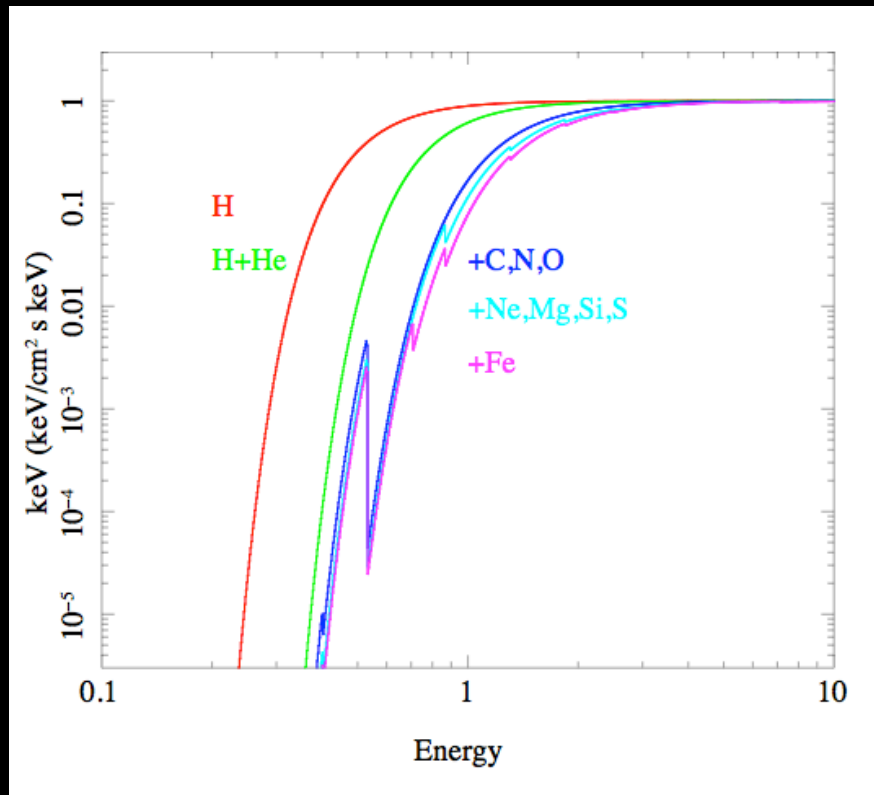


(e.g., Ballantyne & Fabian '02,  
Matt et al. '93)

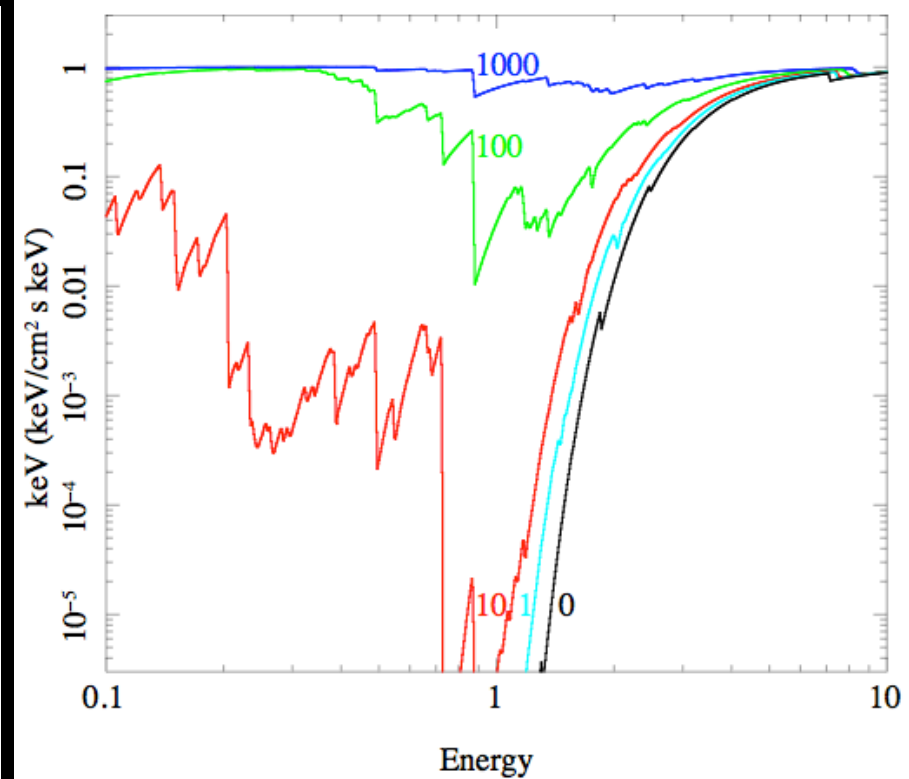
## IV - Ionized absorption along the line of sight

Photoelectric absorption

Neutral

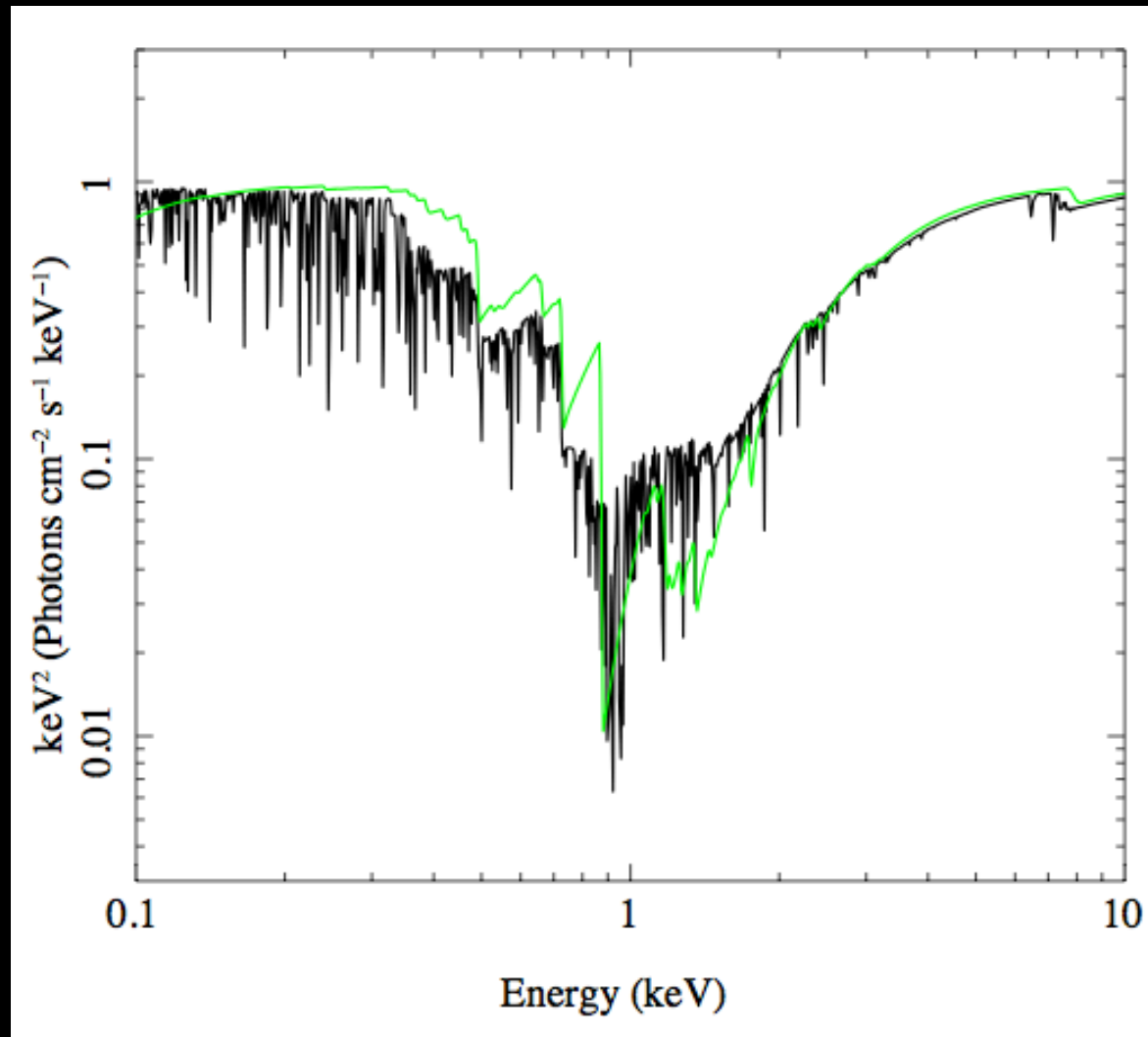


Ionized ( $X_i = L/nR^{**2}$ )



## IV - Ionized absorption along the line of sight

XSTAR warm absorber model

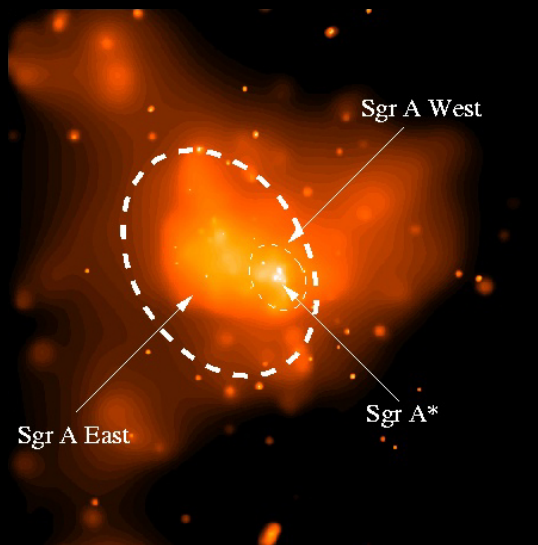


## Model 2

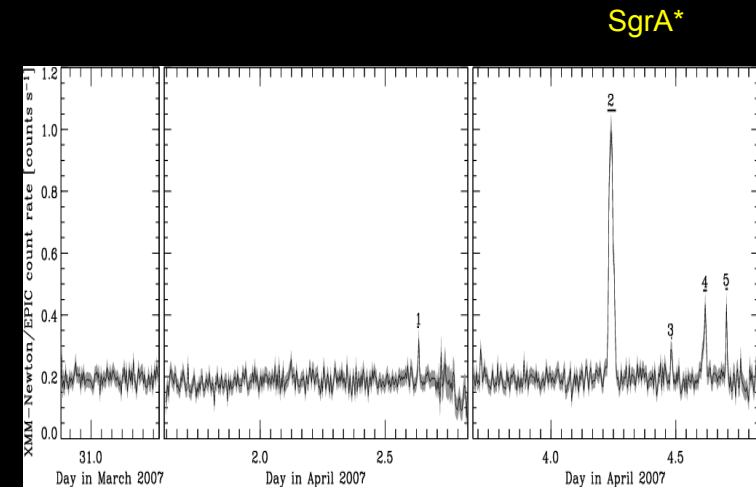
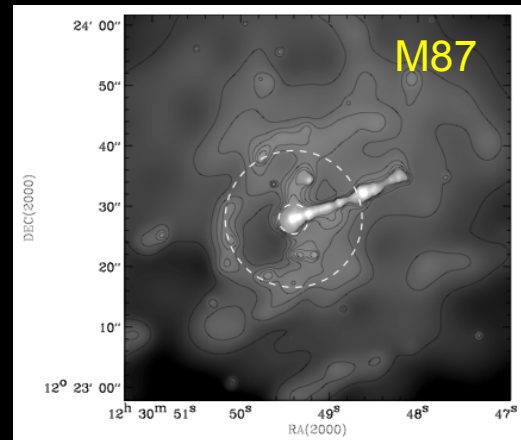
The radiatively  
inefficient model  
(LLAGNs)

## Modello II (LL AGN): X-ray observations - Images and Lightcurves

SgrA\*



### Images + Lightcurves



Low-L and diffuse X-ray source



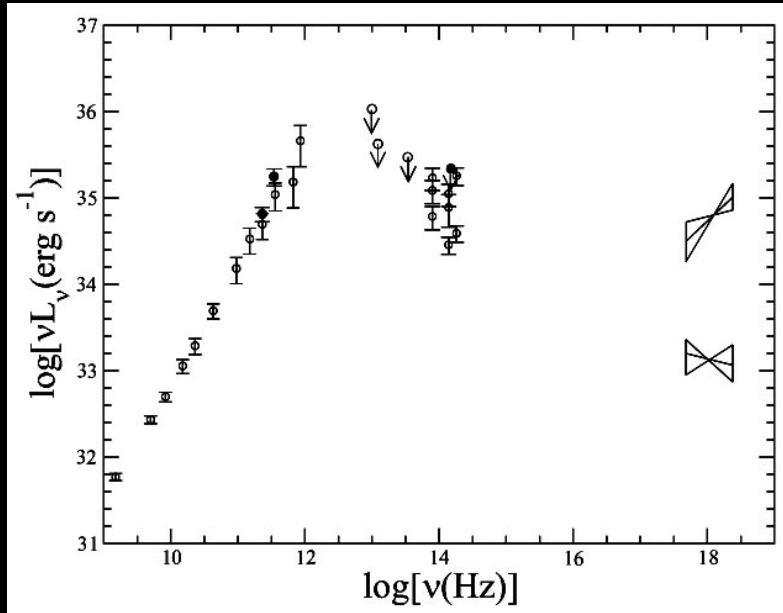
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( $\tau \sim R_g/c \sim GM/c^3 \sim 50 M_7$  s)

Low-L, likely diffused emission  
+ isolated flares (otherwise quiescent)

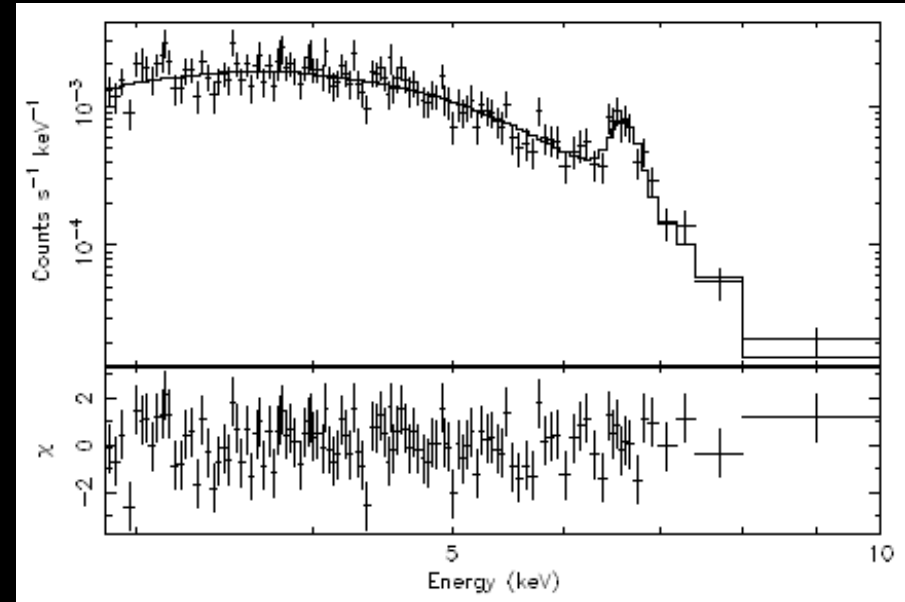


## Model II (LL AGN): X-ray observations - Typical Spectra

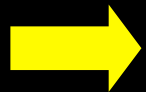
### Spectra:



$L_x \sim 2 \times 10^{33} \text{ erg/s} < 10^{-11} L_{\text{Edd}}$



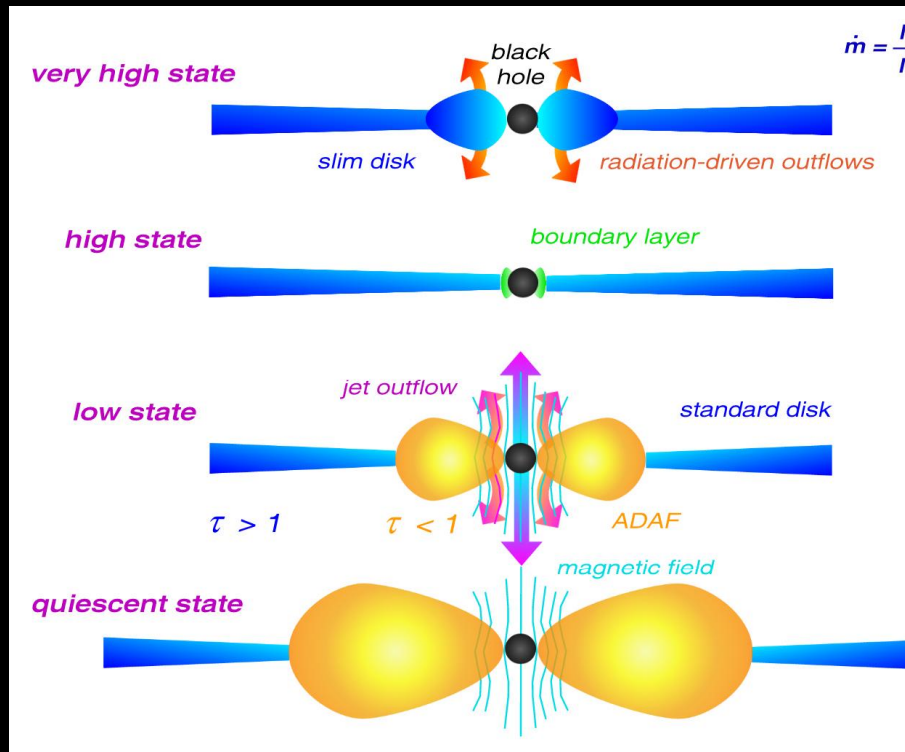
Bremsstrahlung Thermal-like quiescent spectrum



(At least) 2 major spectral components:

1. Synchrotron emission
2. Bremsstrahlung (+ power-laws during flares)

## Model II (LL AGN):



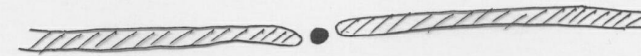
### Simil-ADAFs:

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Two types of accretion flows onto a black hole

Normal thin disk – for high mass accretion rate

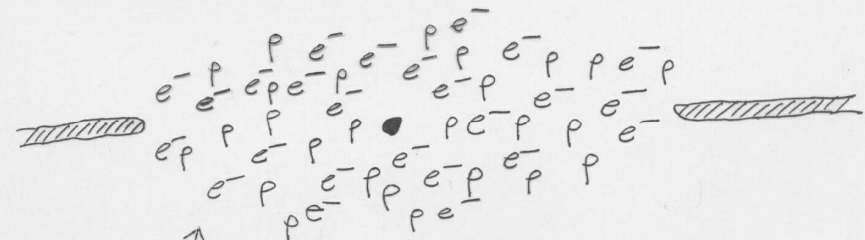
(side view)



- geometrically thin, optically thick accretion disk
- disk efficiently radiates the gravitational potential energy lost as matter spirals inward

ADAF – for low mass accretion rate

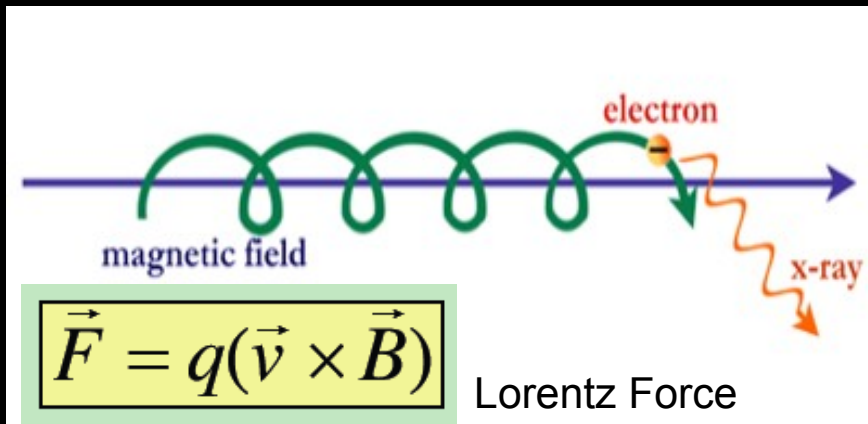
(side view)



- geometrically thick, optically thin ADAF
- $p$  Temperature much higher than  $e^-$  temperature
- matter inefficient at radiating the lost grav. pot. energy – it appears as thermal motions and is advected into black hole

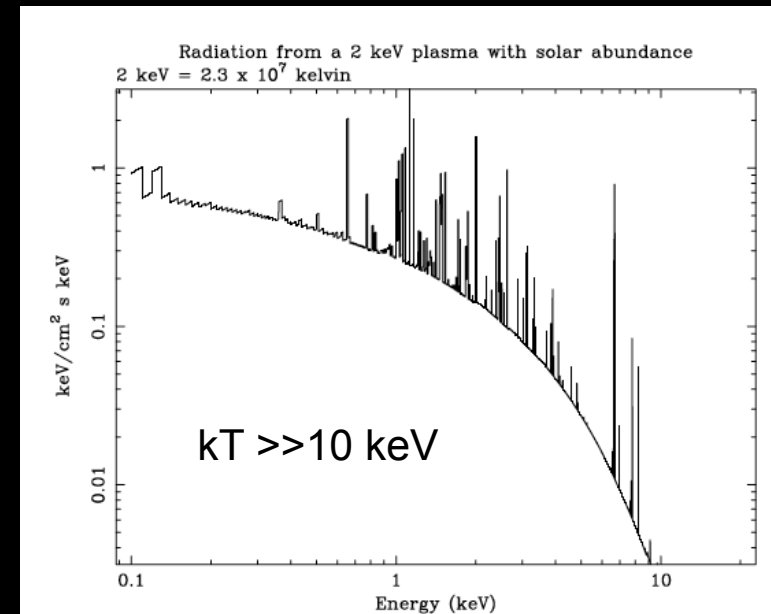
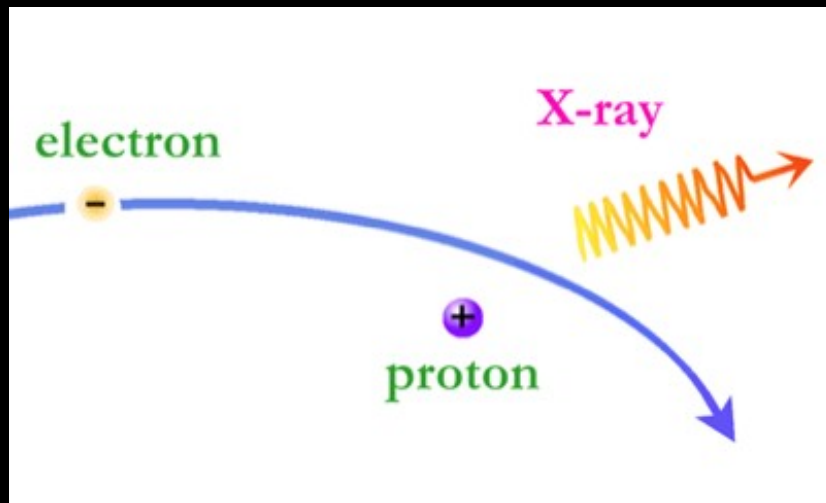
From N. Brandt (I think)

## Modello II (LL AGN): ADAFs model



**Synchrotron**  
(non-thermal emission)

**+** Thermal Bremsstrahlung from  
a very hot, optically thin,  
geometrically thick flow

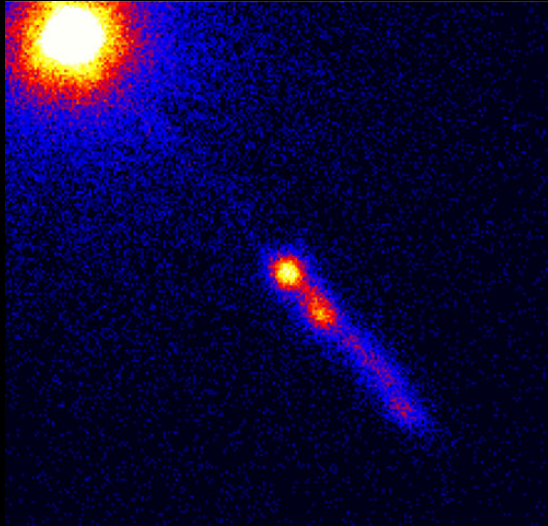


## Model 3

The relativistic Jet model  
(RLAGNs)

## Modello III (RL AGNs): X-ray observations - Images + lightcurves

Images

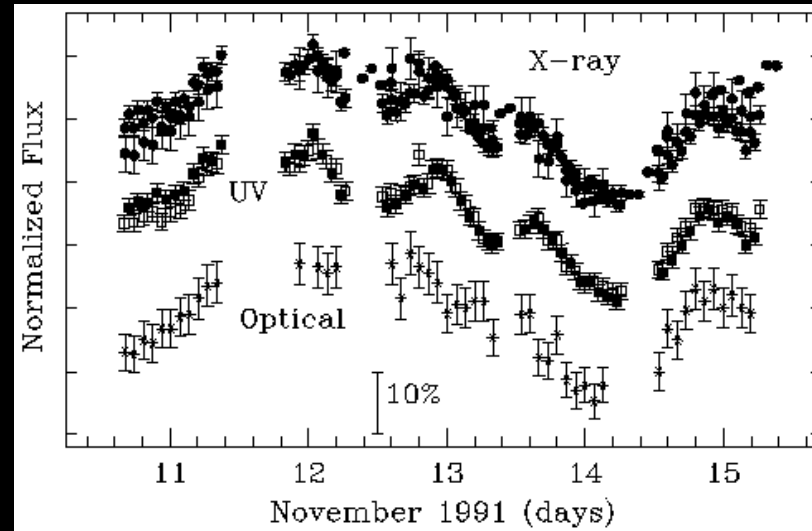


X-ray jets

+

Light curves

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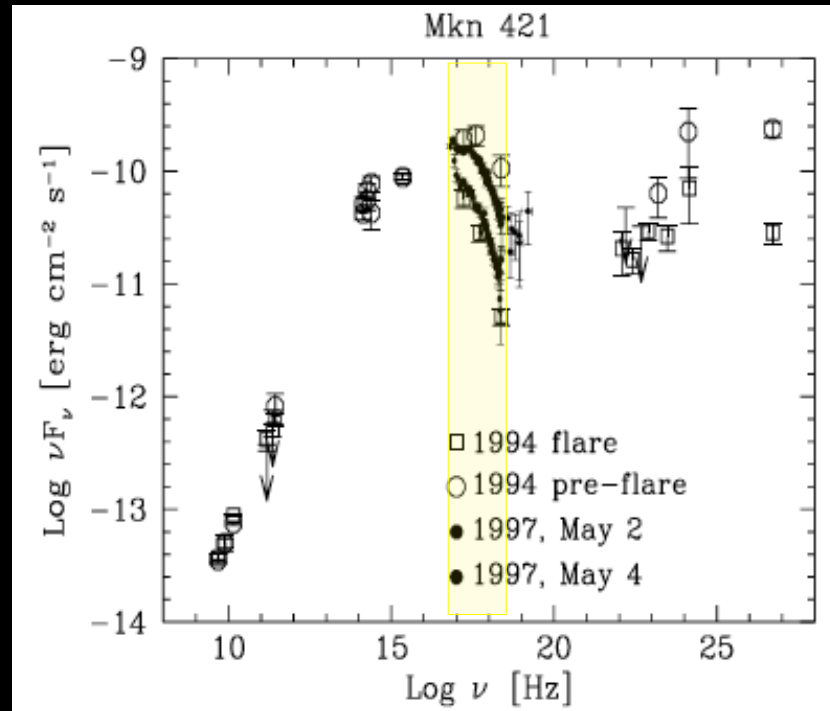


Most of radiation produced  
in a relativistic jet

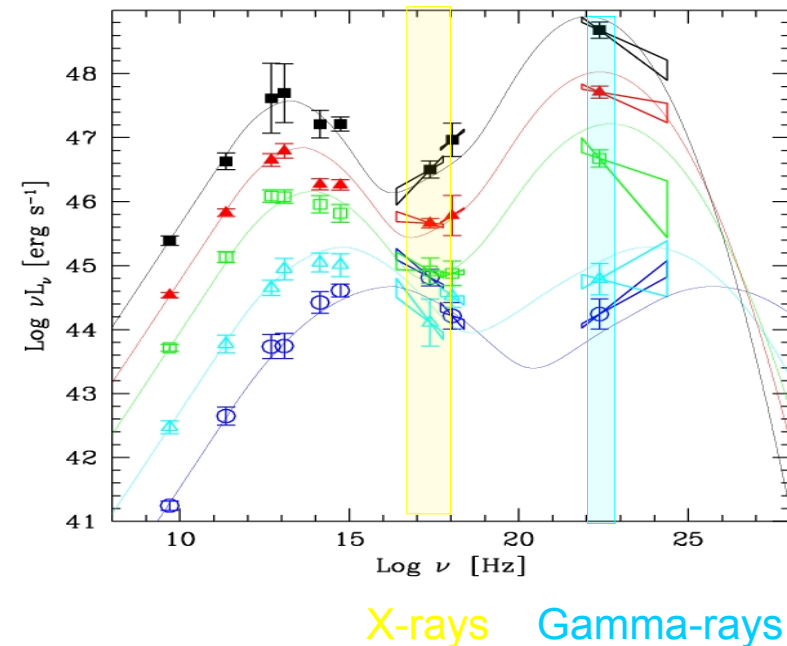


## Modello II (RL AGNs): X-ray Observations - Spectra

### Spectra:



### The Blazars “Sequence”



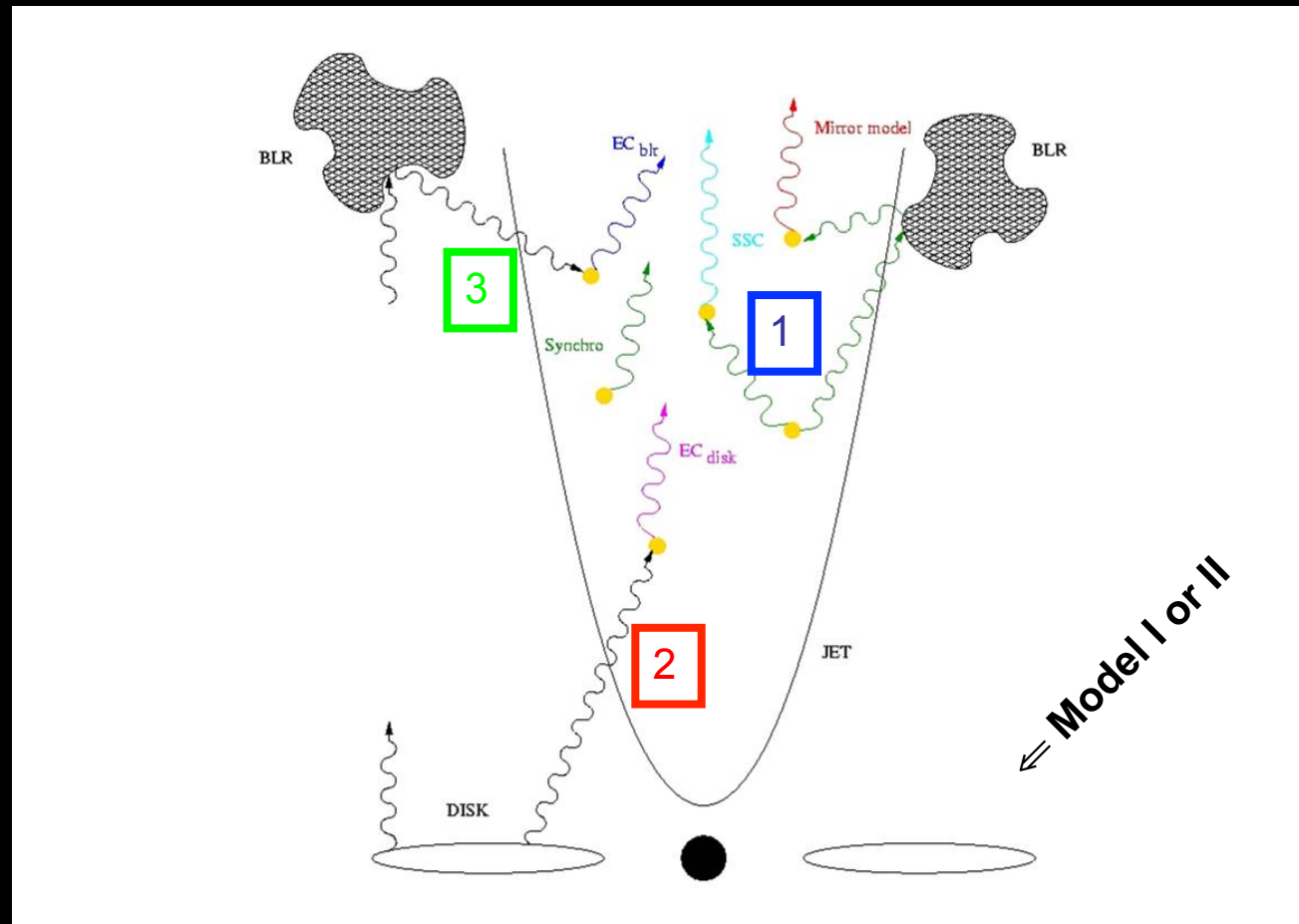
Fossati et al. 1998



(At least) 2 major spectral components:

1. Low frequency peak (Synchrotron)
2. High frequency peak (Compton inverso)

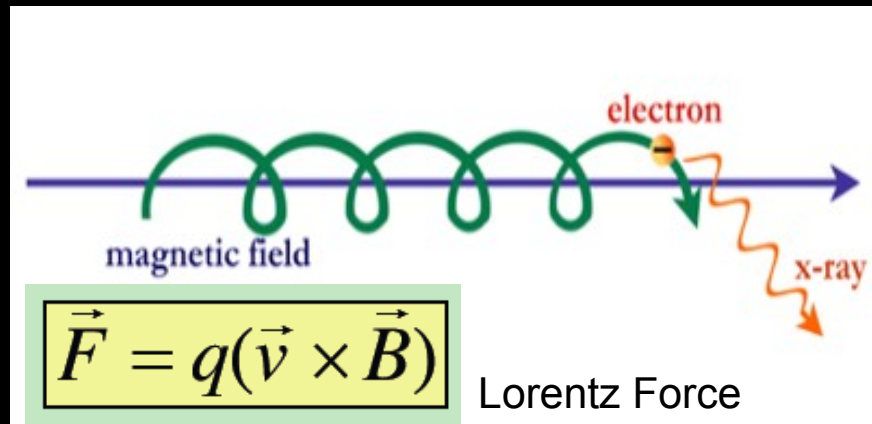
## Modello III (RL AGNs) = Model I or II + Relativistic Jet



3 likely possibilities:

1. Synchrotron + Self Compton
2. Synchrotron + External Compton (disk)
3. Synchrotron + External Compton (BLR)

## Modello III (RL AGNs) = Model I or II + Relativistic Jet



## Synchrotron (non-thermal emission)

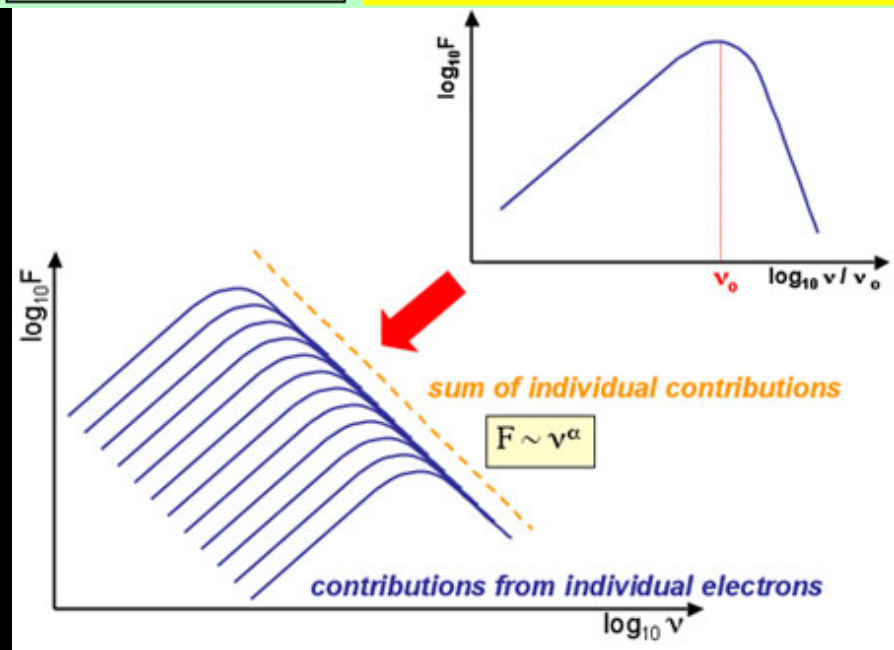
Multiple electrons:

$$N(E) = N_0 E^{-\delta}$$

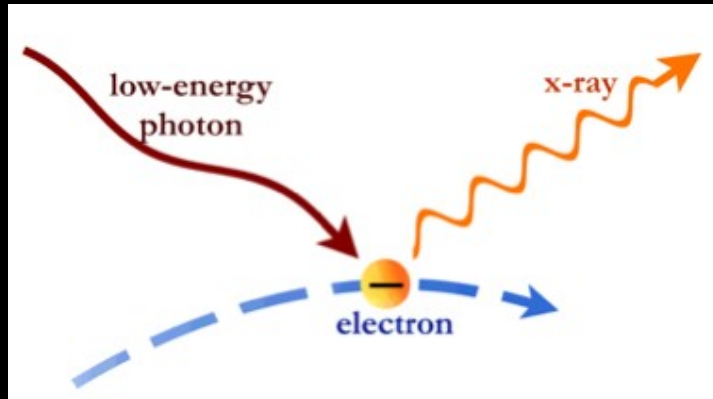
$$F(\nu) = A(\delta) K B^{(\delta+1)/2} \nu^{-\alpha}$$

Emission from one electron

$$-dE/dt = \frac{4}{3} c \sigma_T \beta^2 \gamma^2 U_B \propto E^2 B^2$$



## Modello III (RL AGNs) = Model I or II + Relativistic Jet



## Inverse Compton Scattering:

SSC if IC onto Synchrotron radiation  
SEC if IC onto BLR or disc photons

### Inverse Compton scattering: volume emissivity

Population of relativistic electrons, each of energy  $\gamma m_e c^2$ , with  $\gamma \gg 1$ , in a sea of photons with energy density  $U_{ph}$ , and photon energies negligible compared with the IC upscattered energies

$$j_{IC} = \frac{4}{3} \sigma_T c \gamma^2 \beta^2 n_e U_{ph}$$

Integrated volume  
emissivity [W/m<sup>3</sup>]

$$(\gamma h\nu \ll m_e c^2, \\ h\nu_{av} \ll h\nu_{S,iso})$$

$$N(E) = N_0 E^{-\delta} \longrightarrow j_{IC}(\nu) \propto \nu^{-(\delta-1)/2} = \nu^{-\alpha}$$

# Summary

After introducing the BH and AGN paradigm, we have reviewed 3 major “models” of AGN:

## Model I: 2-phase model (radio-quiet AGNs)

1. Multi-T black-body emission (soft-excess)
2. Thermal Comptonization (power-law)
3. Reflection (FeK line + Compton hump)
4. Absorption (ionized, partially covering, etc.)

## Model II: Inefficient model (LLAGNs)

1. Synchrotron
2. Bremsstrahlung (thermal)

## Model III: Jet Model (radio-loud AGNs)

1. Synchrotron
2. Inverse Compton (non-thermal)



Questions



# Reflection(s) VS Ejections(s)

Andy Fabian

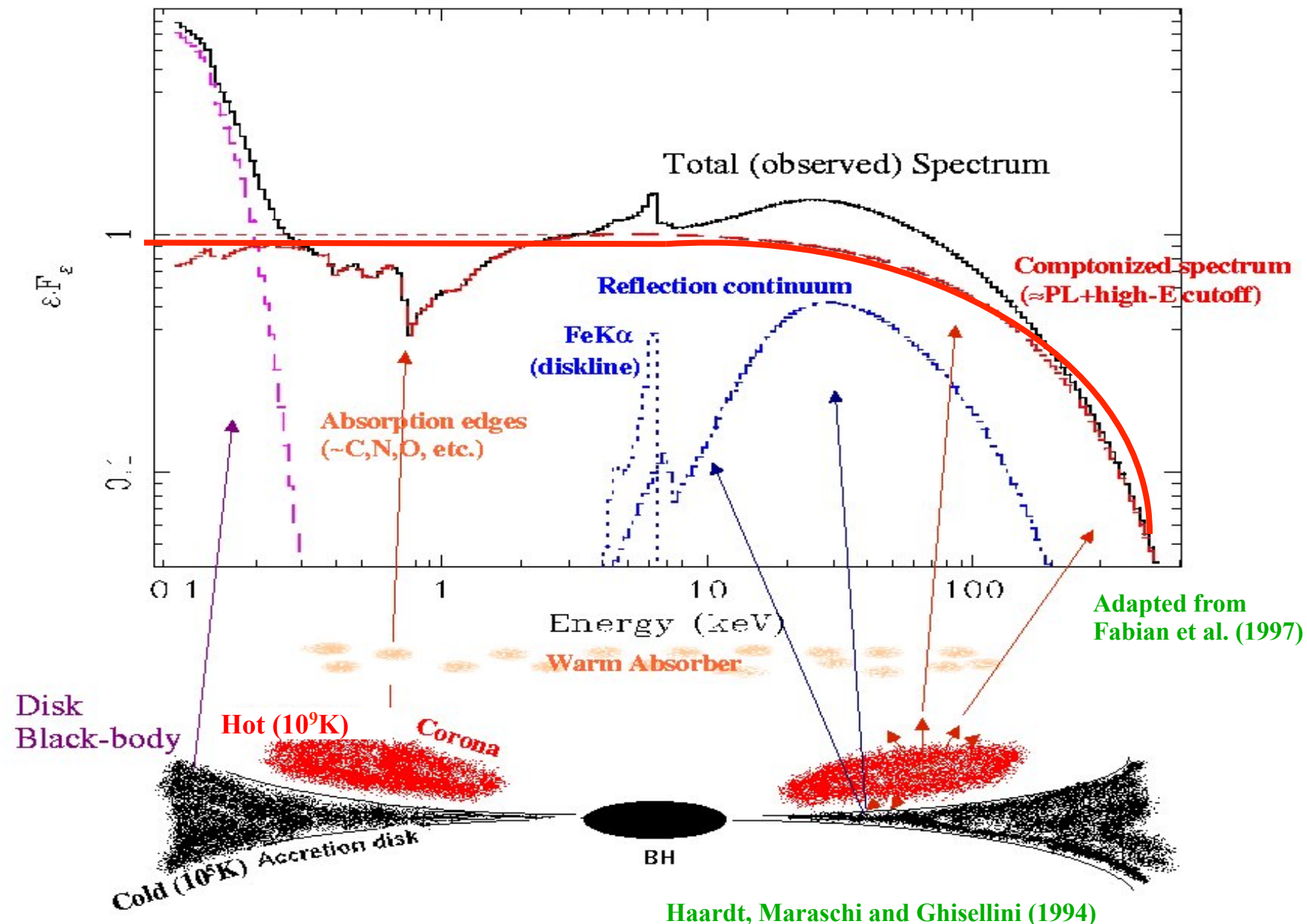
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Jane Turner

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# Typical X-ray Spectrum of a Seyfert 1 Galaxy $\Leftrightarrow$ Standard two-phase Comptonization model



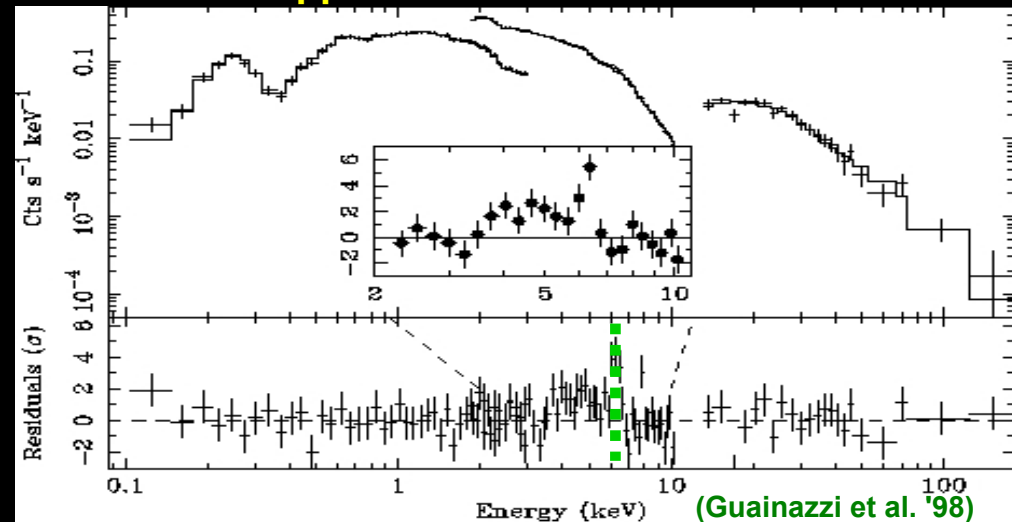
# Reflection(s) (i.e. accretion)



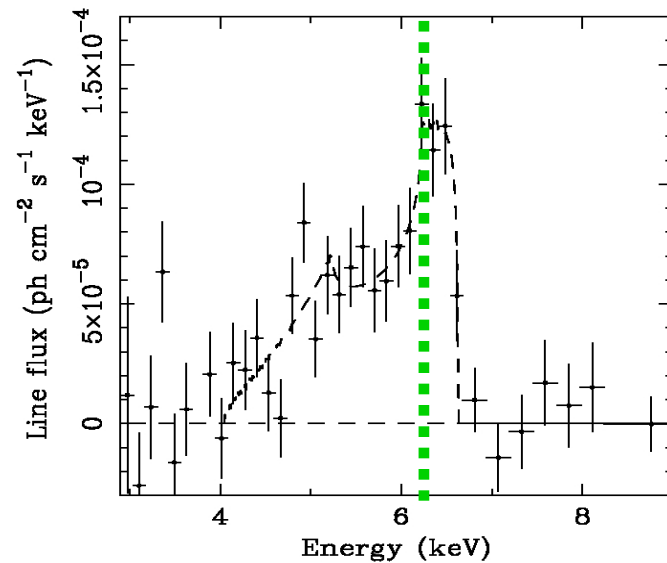
## Reflection: Observations

Pre-Chandra & XMM-Newton

BeppoSAX obs. of MCG-6-30-15

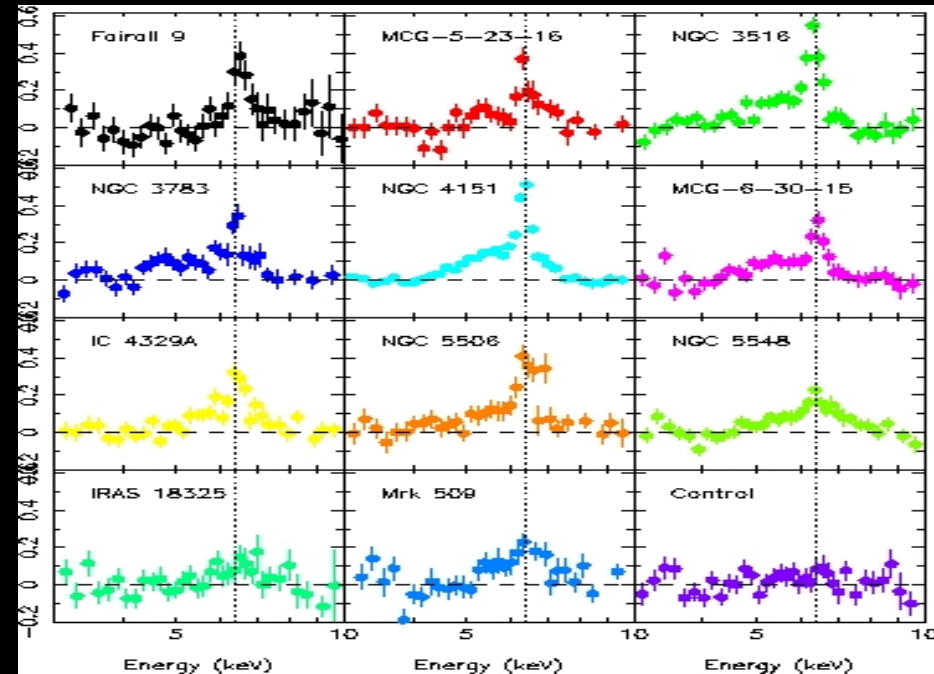


(Guainazzi et al. '98)



(Tanaka et al. '95)

ASCA ---> Broad (relativistic) lines are common, and ubiquitous (?) in Seyfert1s!

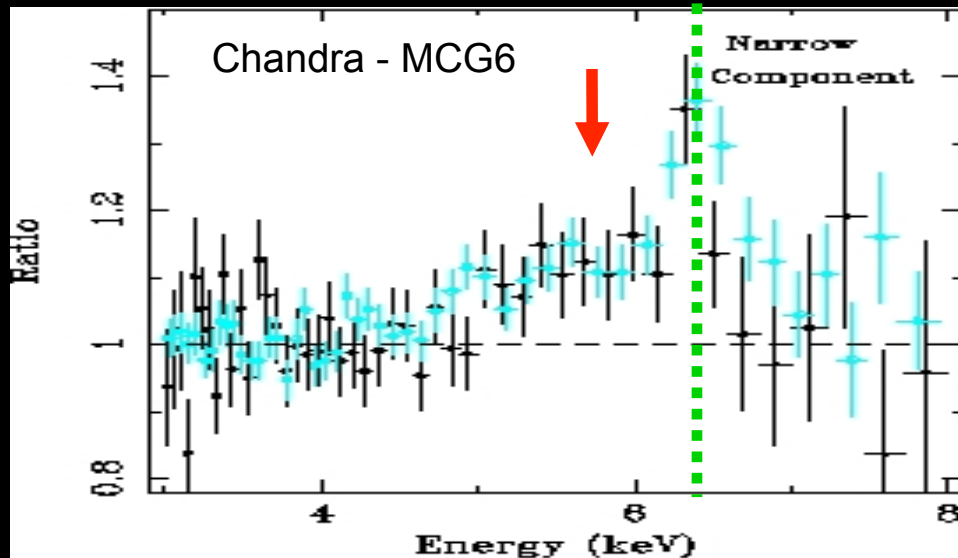


(Nandra et al. '98)

## Reflection: Observations

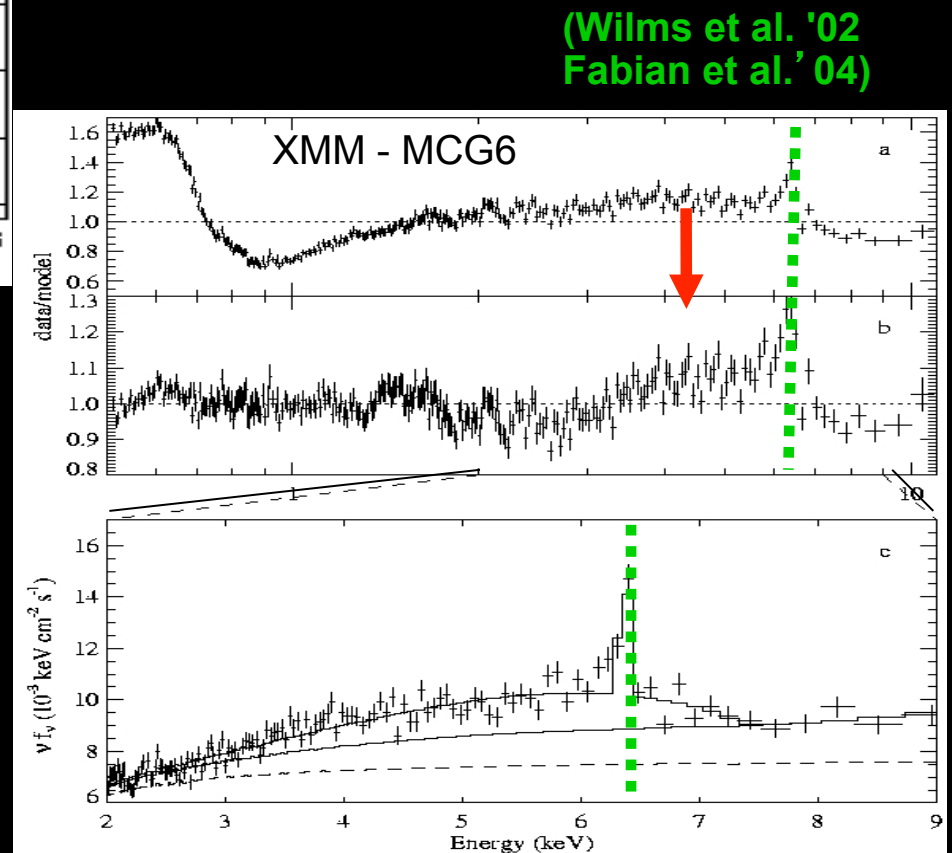
Post-Chandra & XMM-Newton

Yes, we see broad lines indeed!



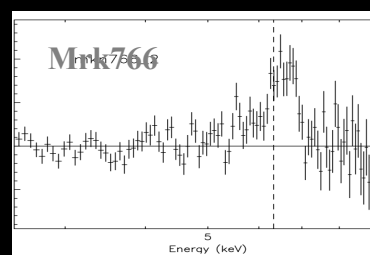
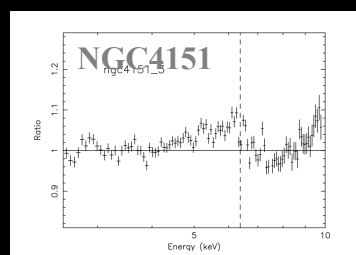
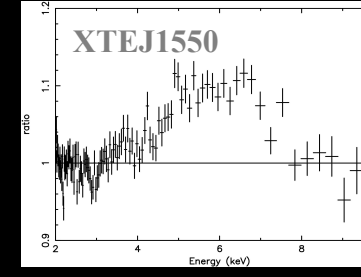
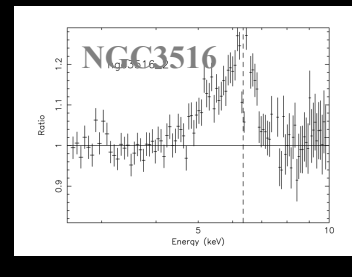
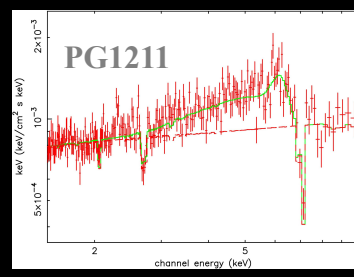
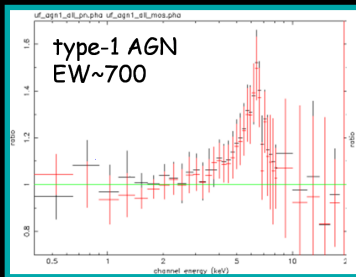
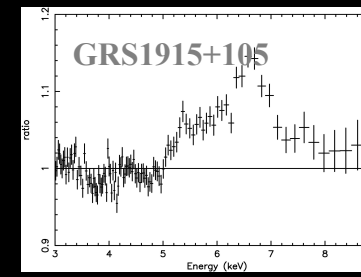
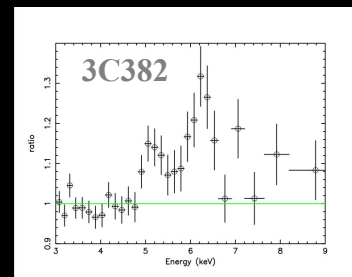
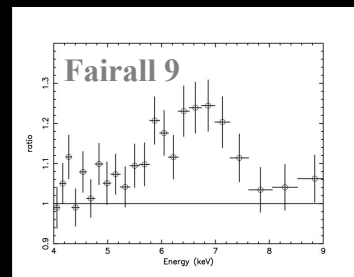
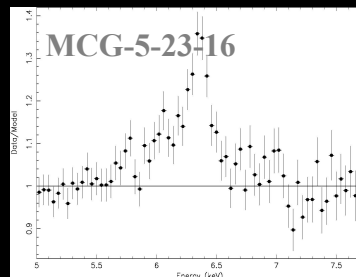
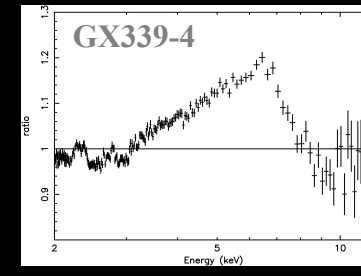
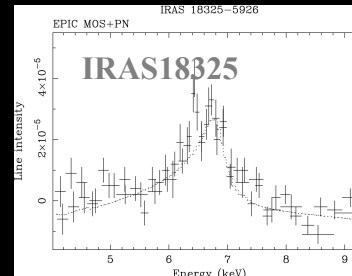
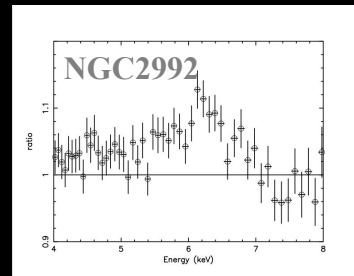
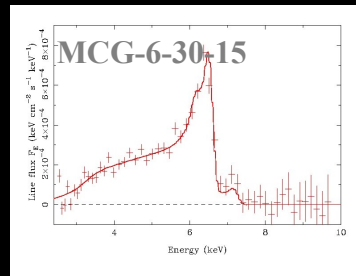
(Lee et al. '02)

➔ Origin in innermost regions of accretion disk

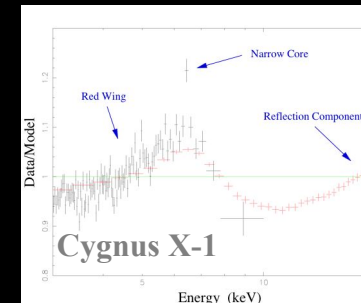




# Reflection: Re-affirmed importance of broad iron lines

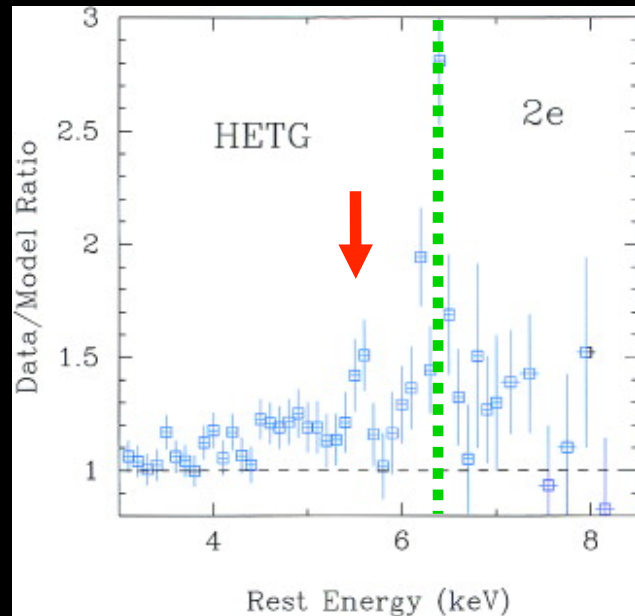


**Similar line profiles from stellar-mass and super-massive black hole systems... demonstrates insensitivity of line profile to mass**

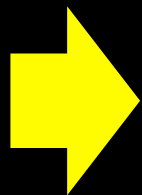


**Nandra et al., 2007,  
De La Calle et al., 2010**

Also some narrow redshifted lines...

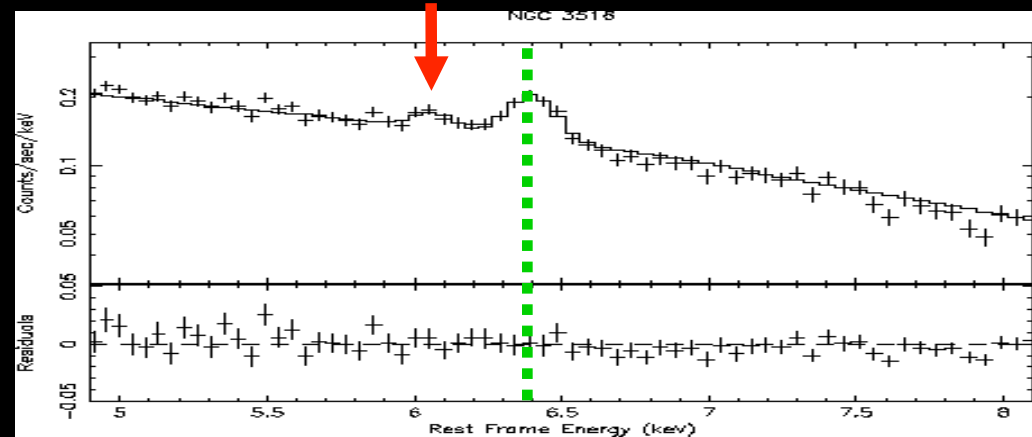


(Turner et al. '02)

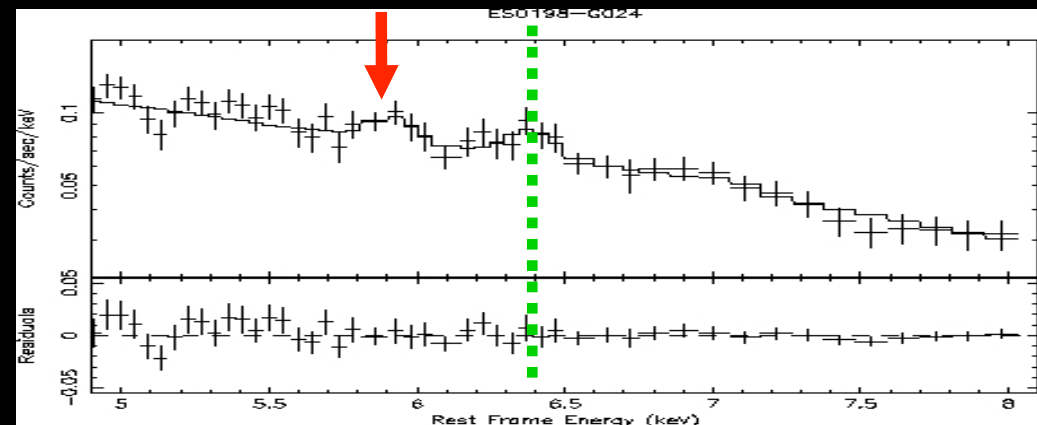


Origin in innermost regions of accretion disk+ blob-like structure (or inflowing blobs?)

Dovciak et al., 2004



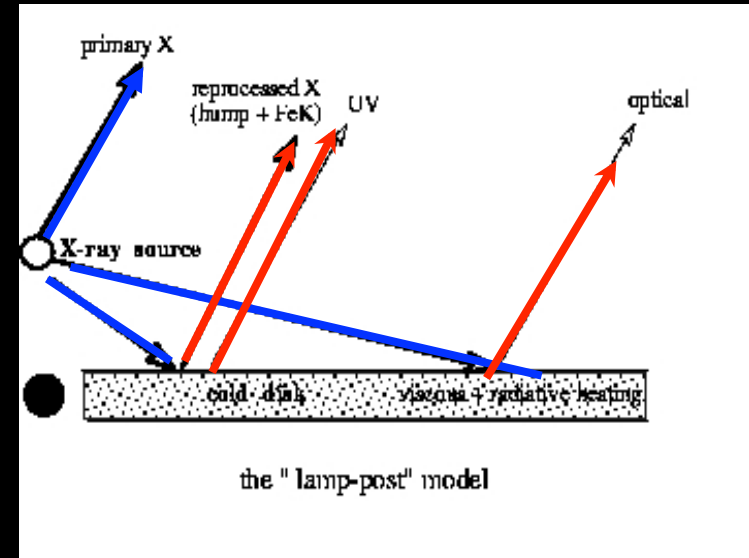
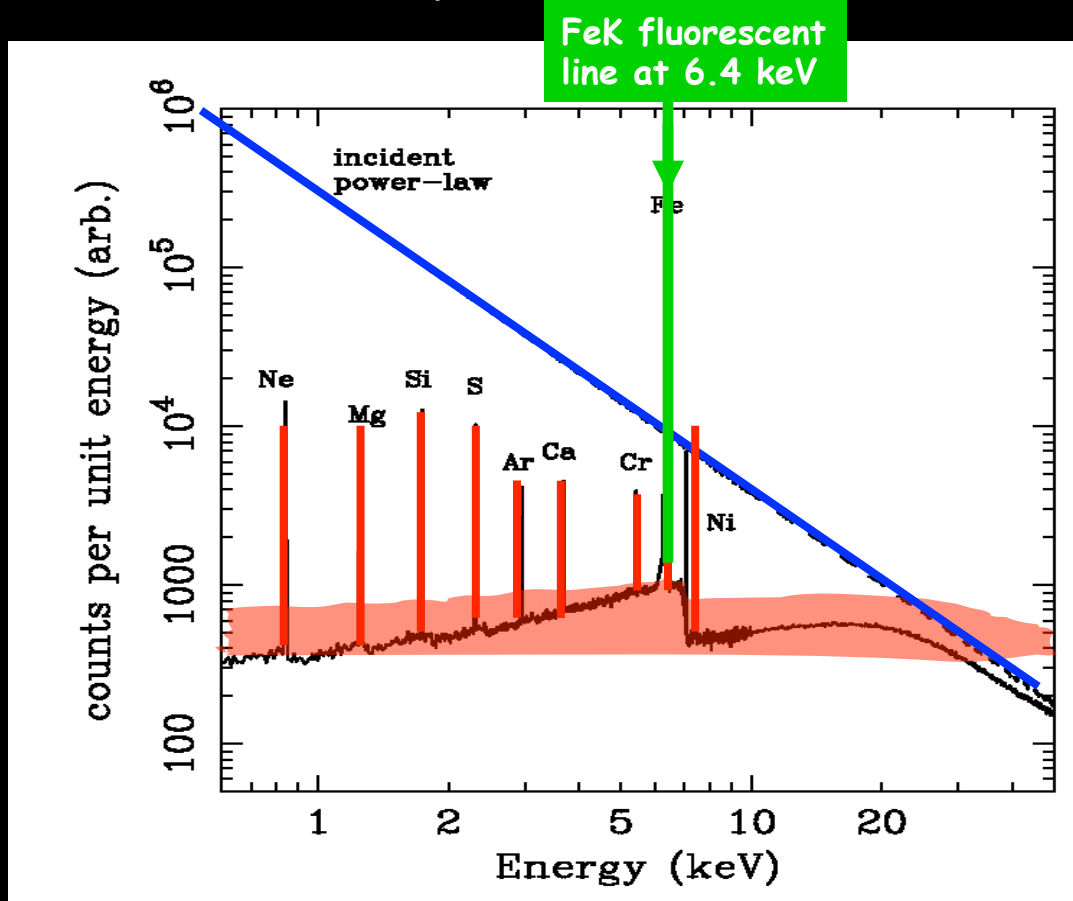
Bianchi et al., 2004



Guainazzi et al., 2003

## Reflection: Interpretation

We understand (theoretical) reflection models... don't we? ;-)



(e.g. Reynolds et al. '94)

$\propto$  Inclination

$\propto \Omega/2\pi$  (coverage, isotropic)

$\propto Ab$

Major modifications expected:

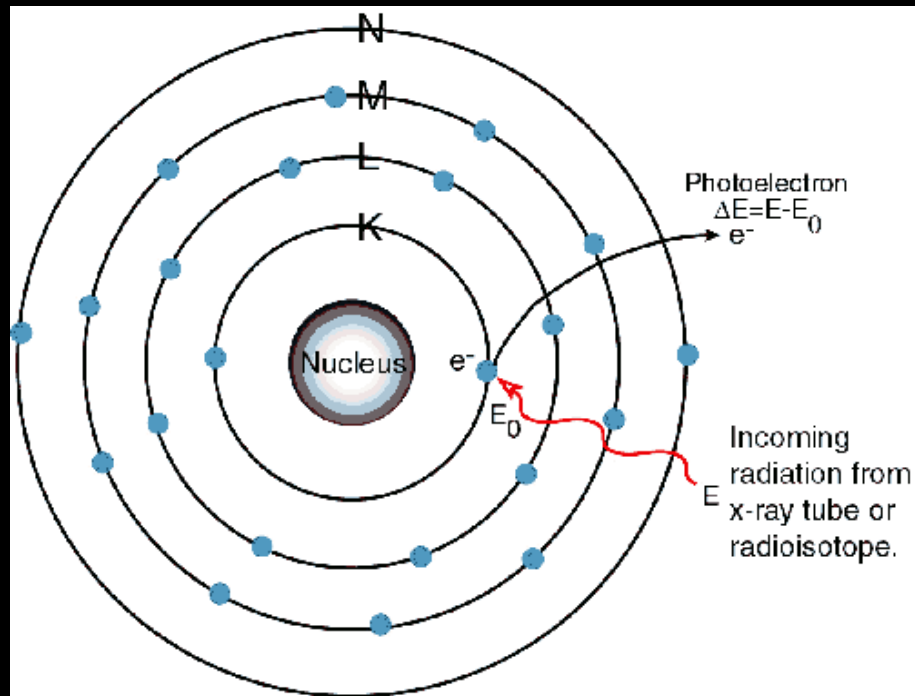
a) Ionization effects

b) Relativistic effects

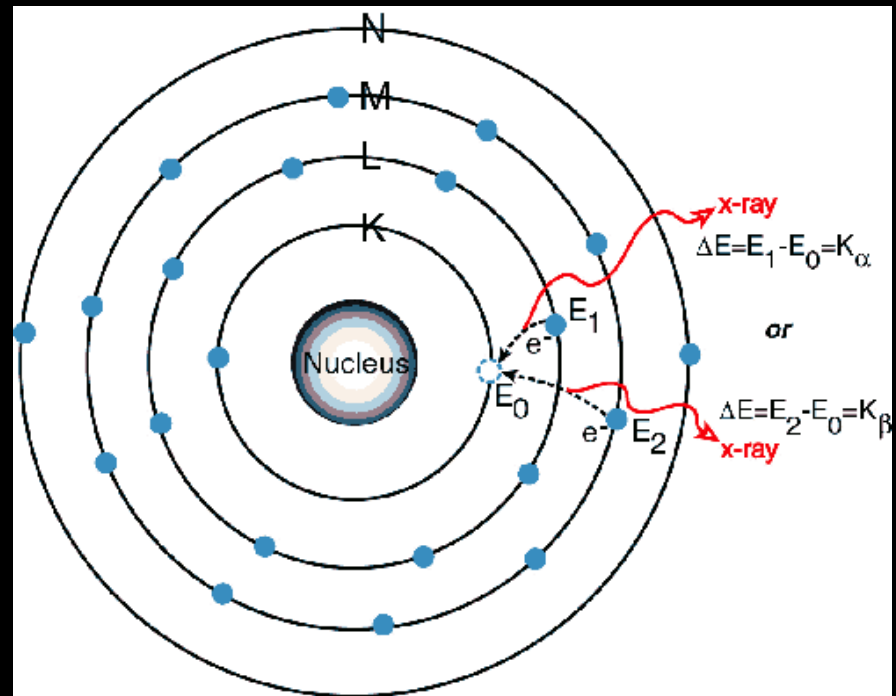
or a combination of both...

## Reflection: (Fe) Fluorescence Line

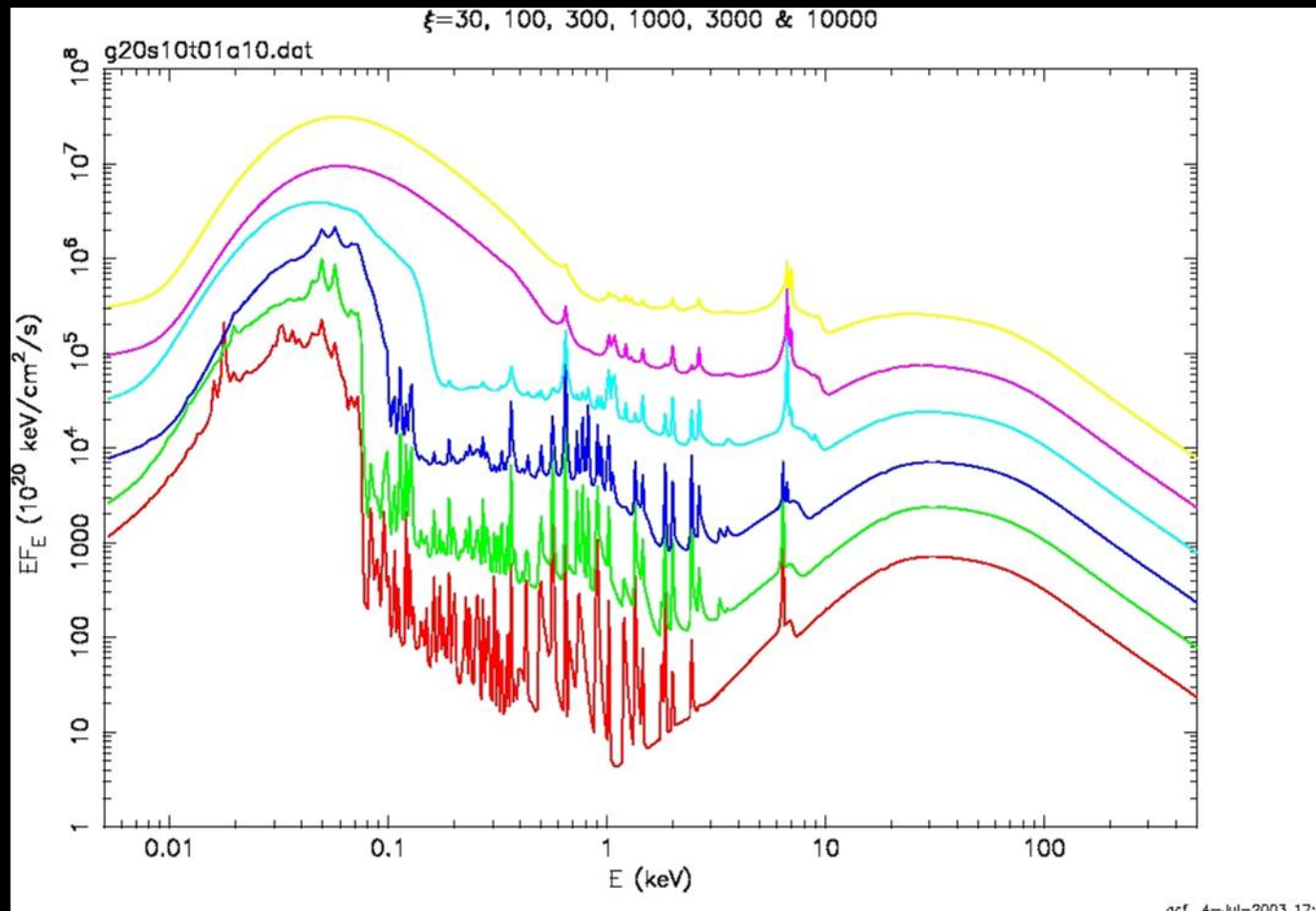
### Photoelectric Absorption



### Fluorescence (+ Auger for 60%)



## Reflection: A- Ionization effects



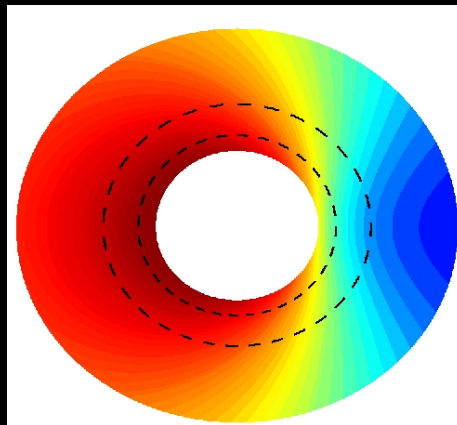
$$\xi = L / nR^2$$

Major variations:

- 1) FeK energy ( $\uparrow$ )
- 2) FeK intensity ( $\downarrow, \uparrow, \downarrow$ )
- 3) Soft lines intensity/energy ( $\uparrow, \downarrow$ )

Ballantyne & Fabian '02, Ross & Fabian '93, '05,  
Young+, Nayakshin+, Ballantyne+, Rozanska+, Dumont+

# Reflection: B - Relativistic effects

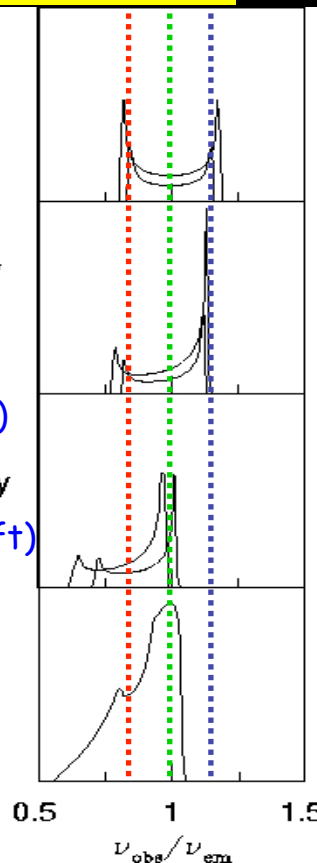


Newtonian  
(Doppler)

Special relativity  
(Beaming +  
Transverse  
Doppler shift)

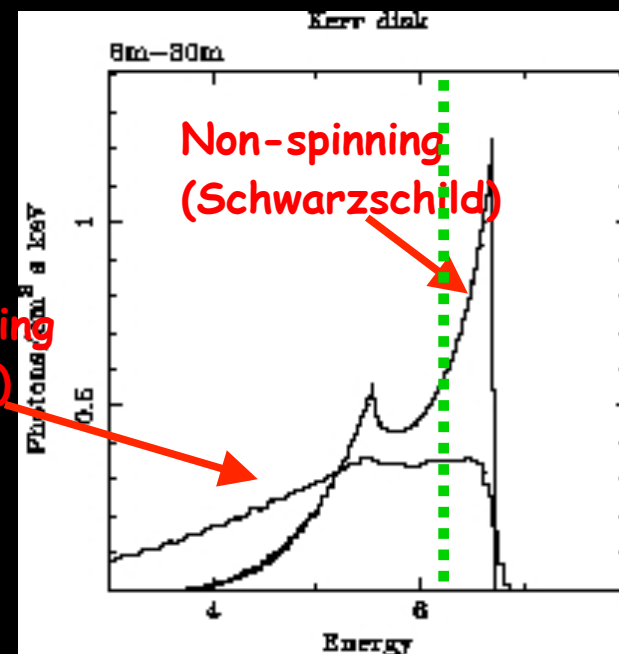
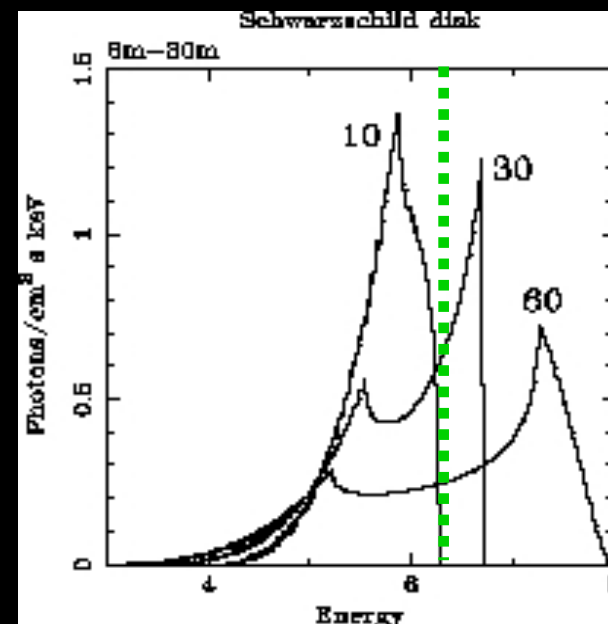
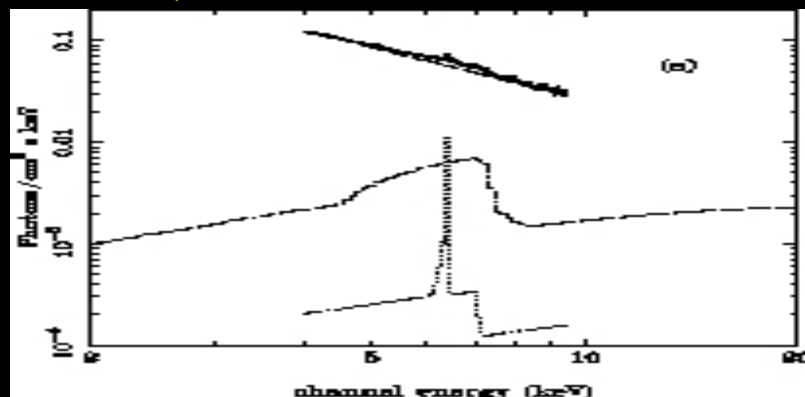
General relativity  
(Gravita. Redshift)

Line profile



(e.g., Fabian et al. '89)

N.B: Not only relativistic lines, but also reflection continuum...



(Done & Zycki, '98)

(Fabian et al. '00)



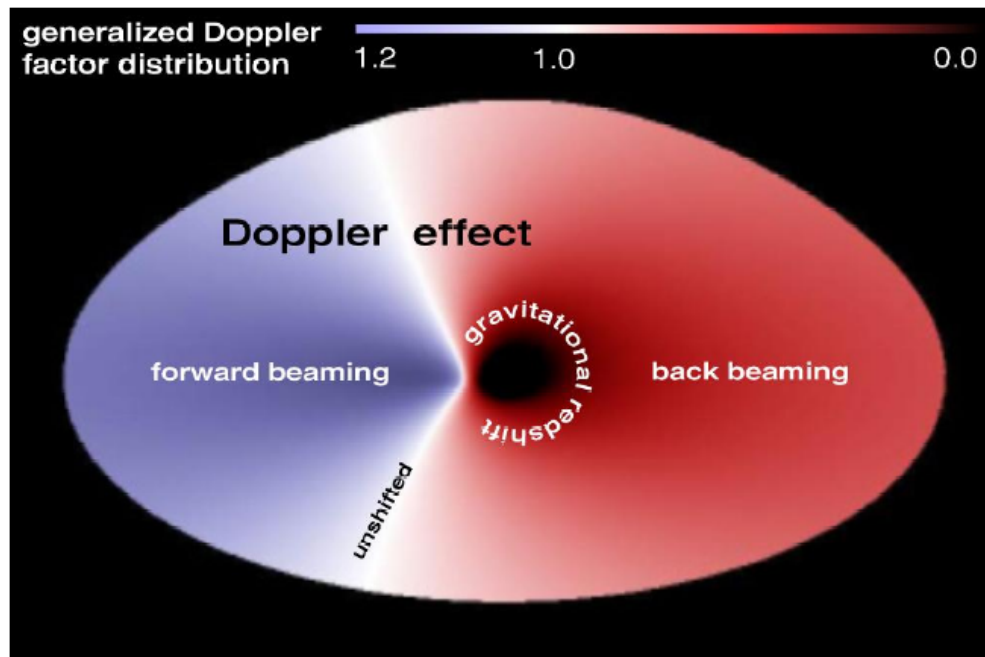


Figure 6.2: Simulated disk image around a central Kerr black hole color-coded in the generalized Doppler factor  $g$ . The distribution illustrates redshift  $g < 1$  (black to red), no shift  $g = 1$  (white) and blueshift  $g > 1$  (blue). Regions of Doppler effect, beaming and gravitational redshift are marked. The inclination angle amounts  $i = 60^\circ$ .

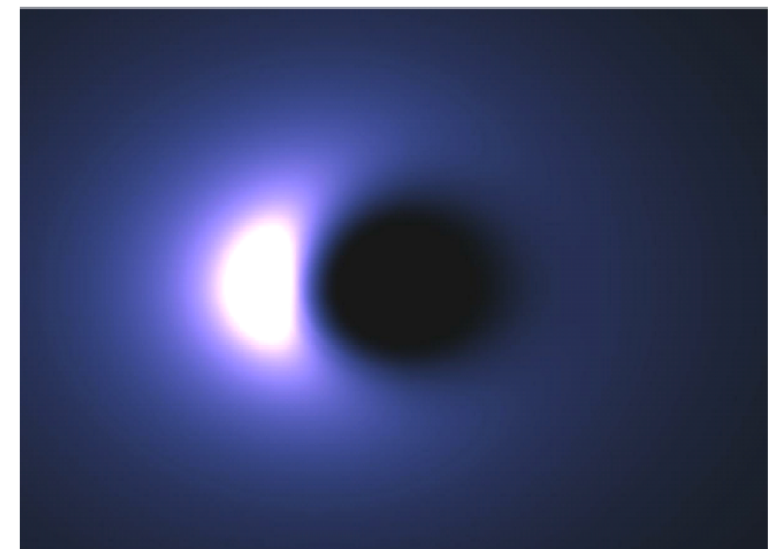
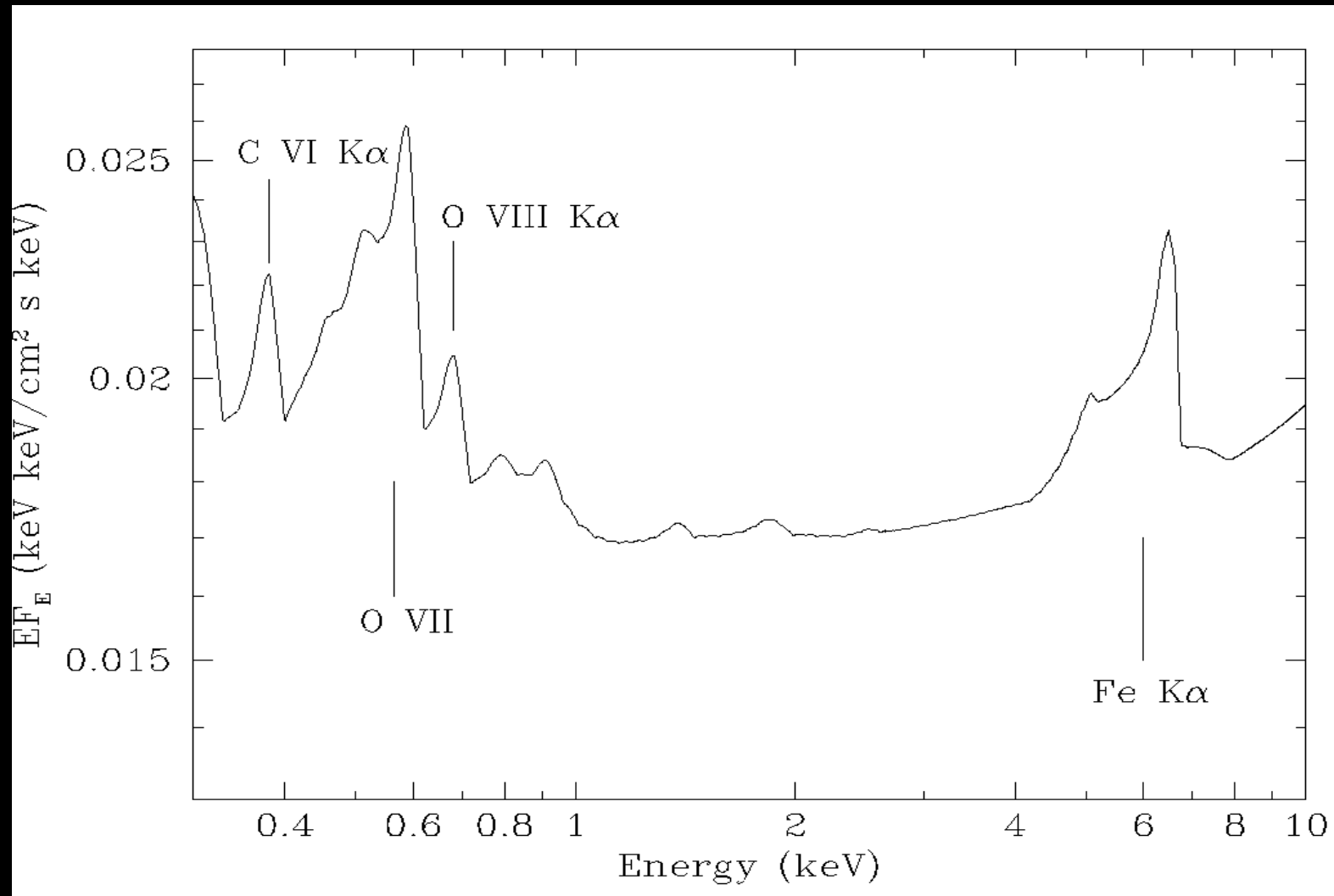


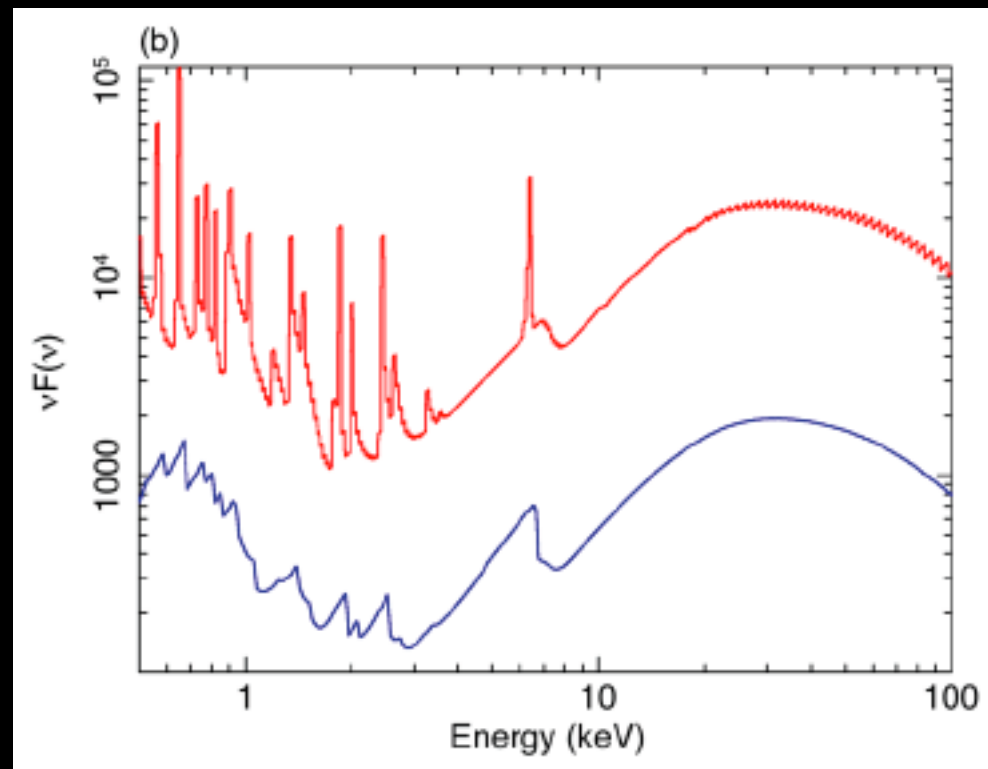
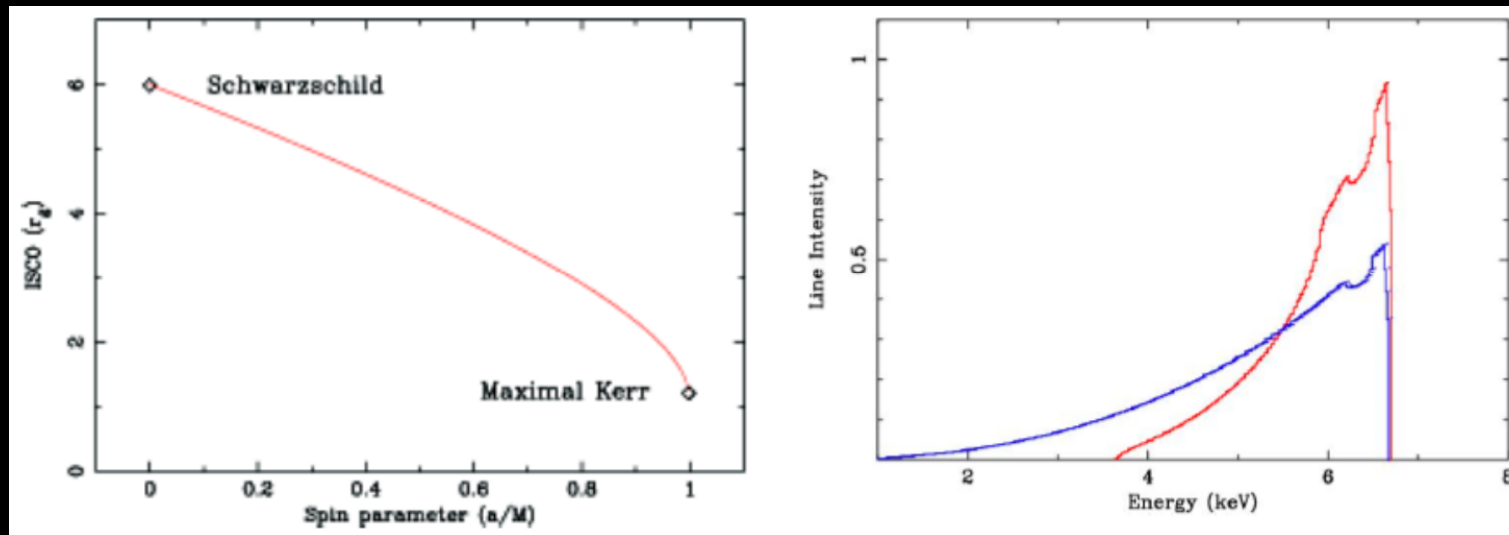
Figure 6.3: Simulated appearance of a uniformly luminous standard disk around a central Kerr black hole,  $a \simeq 1$ . The emission is color-coded and scaled to its maximum value (white). The disk is intermediately inclined to  $i = 40^\circ$ . The forward beaming spot of the counterclockwise rotating disk is clearly seen on the left whereas the right side exhibits suppressed emission due to back beaming. The black hole is hidden at the Great Black Spot in the center of the image.

## Reflection: C - Ionization + relativistic effects

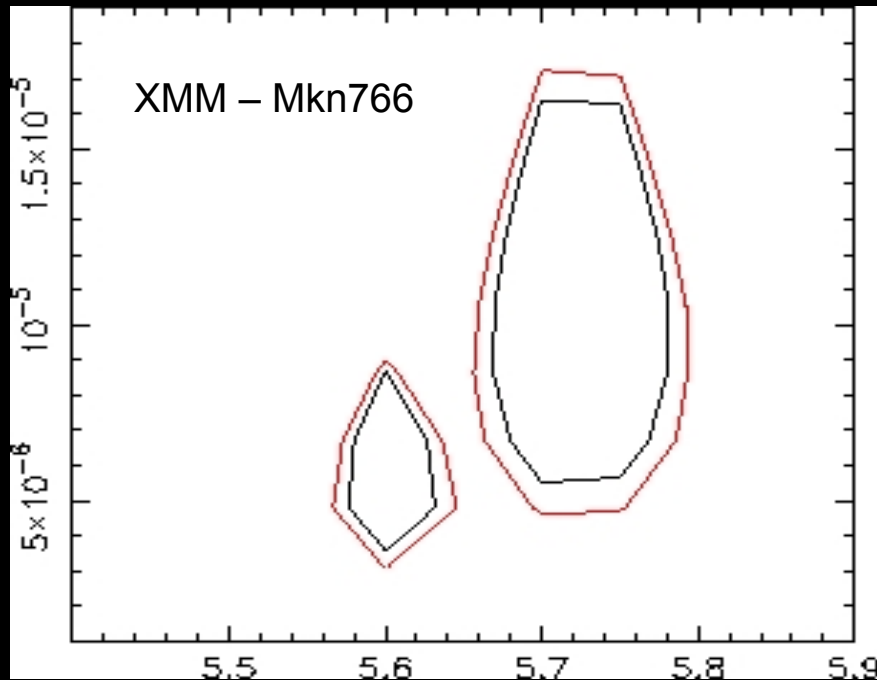


(e.g., Ballantyne & Fabian '02,  
Matt et al. '93)

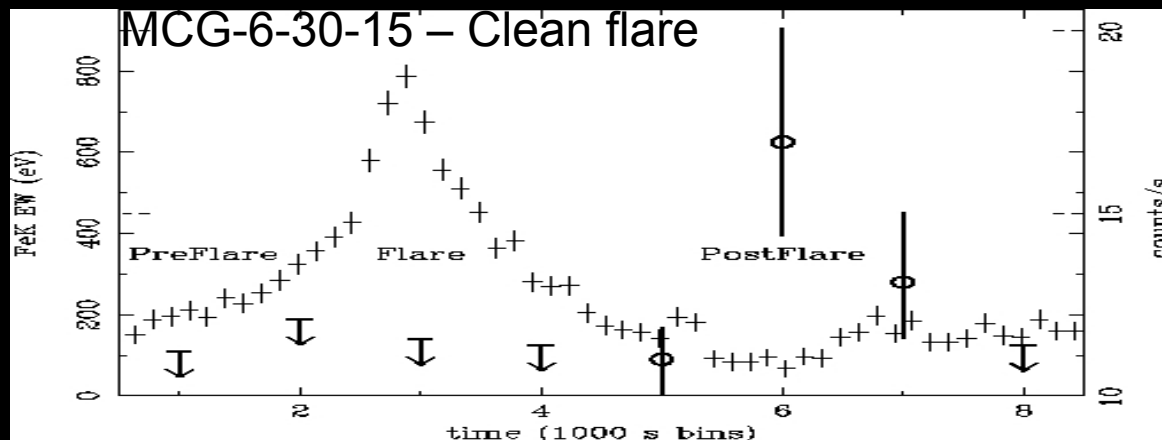
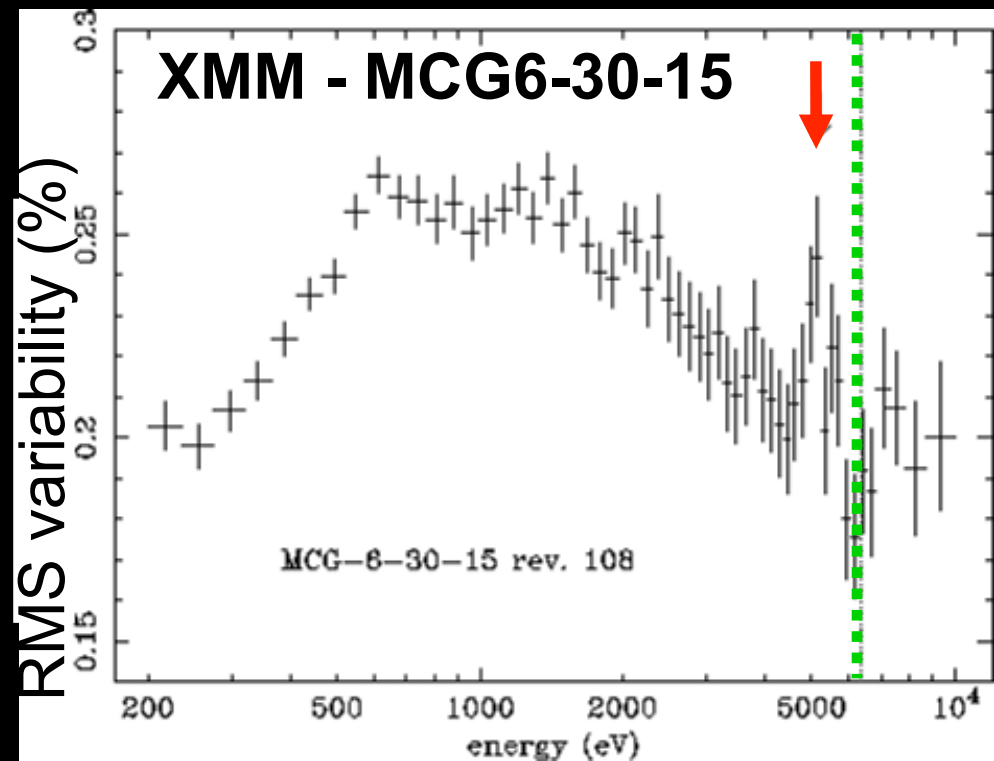
## Reflection: C - Ionization + relativistic effects



...other independent evidence of FeK line variability...



Turner et al., 2003



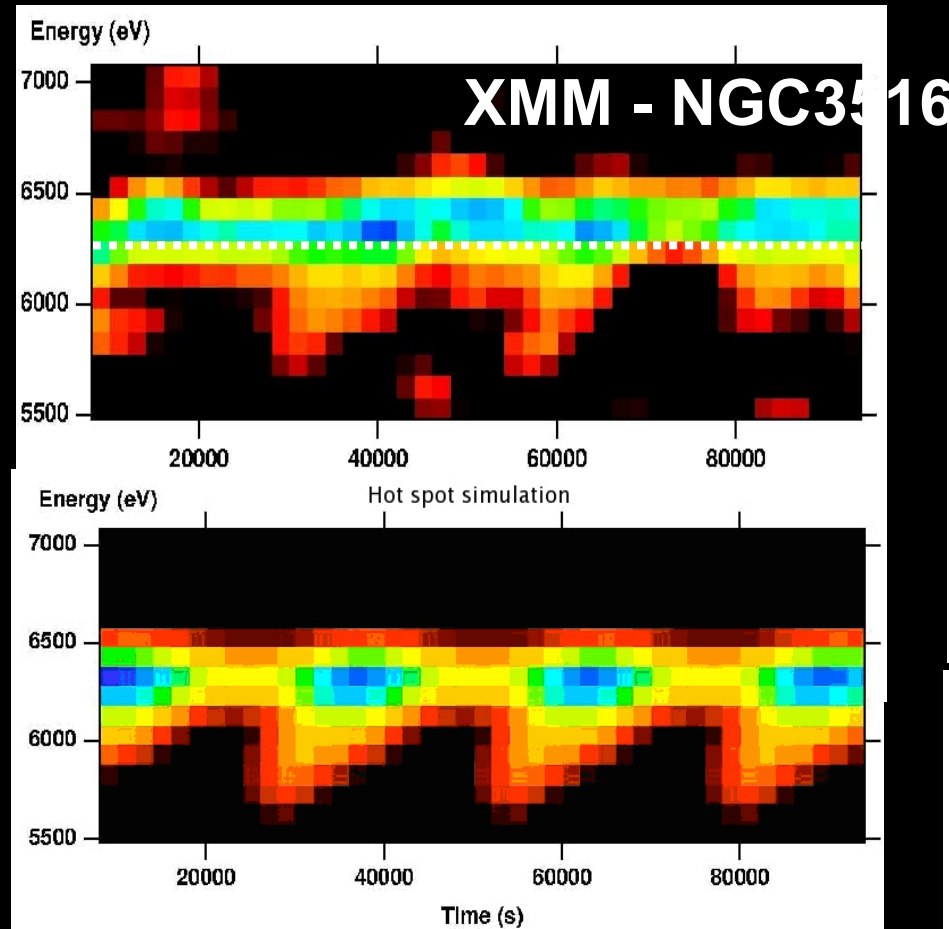
Ponti et al., 2004,  
(and INAF press-  
release)

Origin in innermost  
regions of accretion disk

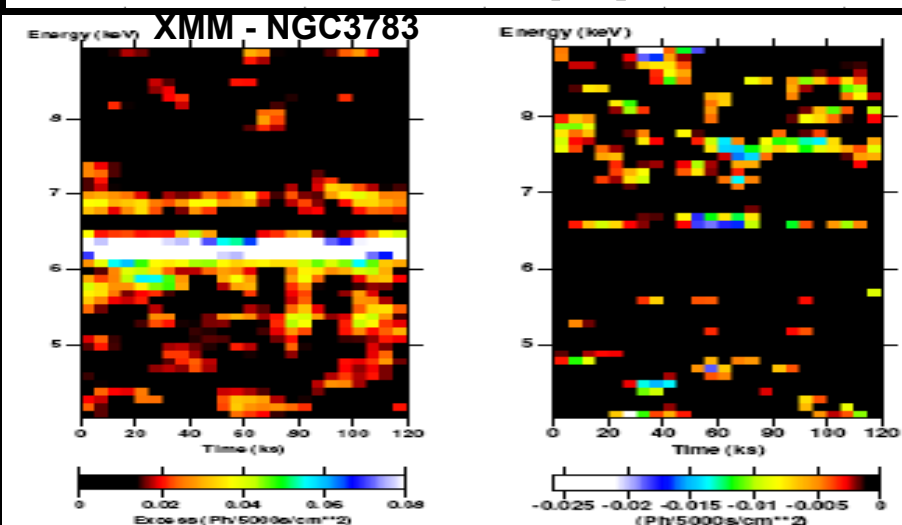
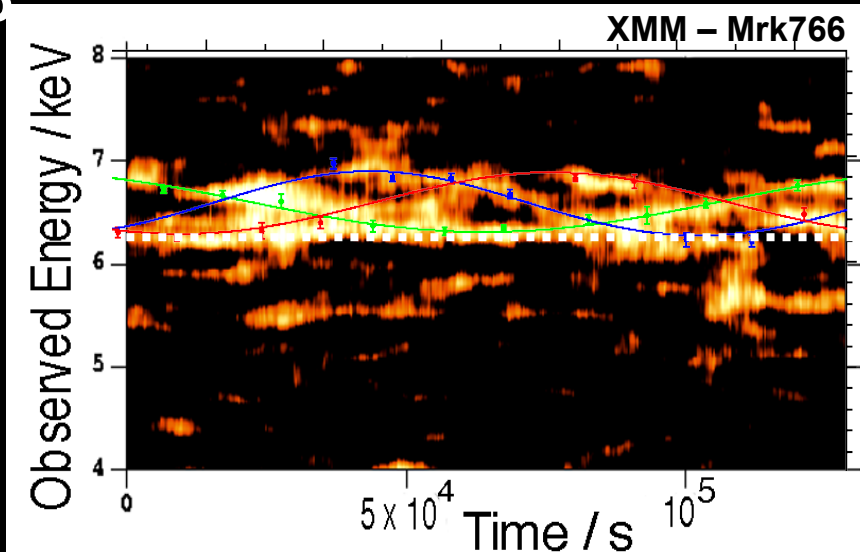
## Reflection: Variability

**Post-Chandra & XMM-Newton**

Everything is getting more complex, but key point is that Fe lines DO show fast time variations and redshifted energies!!



Can fit line maxima by three Keplerian orbits with *same* inclination & central mass !! (Turner et al. 2005)



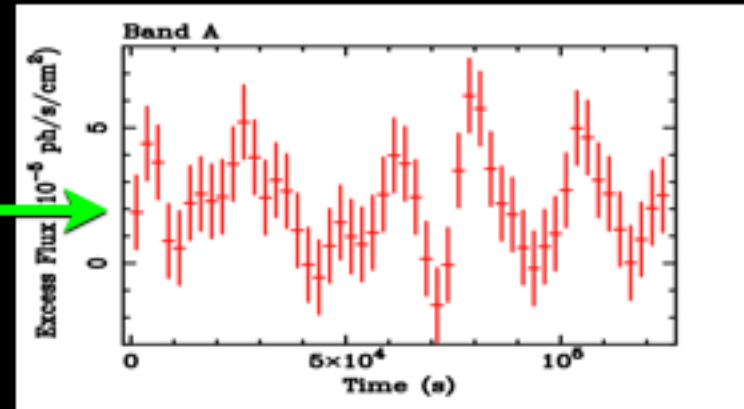
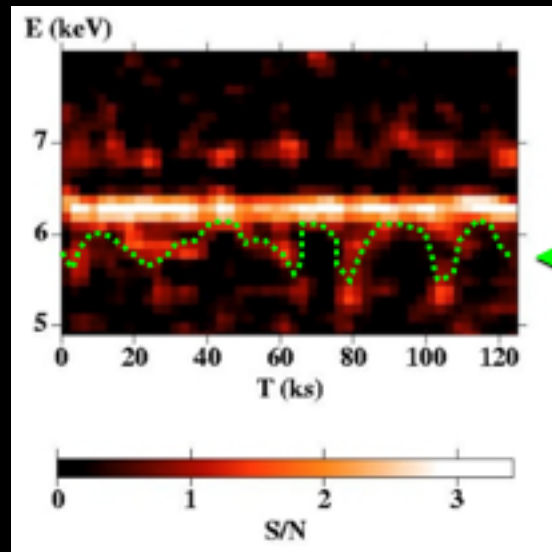
Origin from hot spots in innermost regions of accretion disk?

De Marco et al., 2009, PhD Thesis

## Reflection: Variability

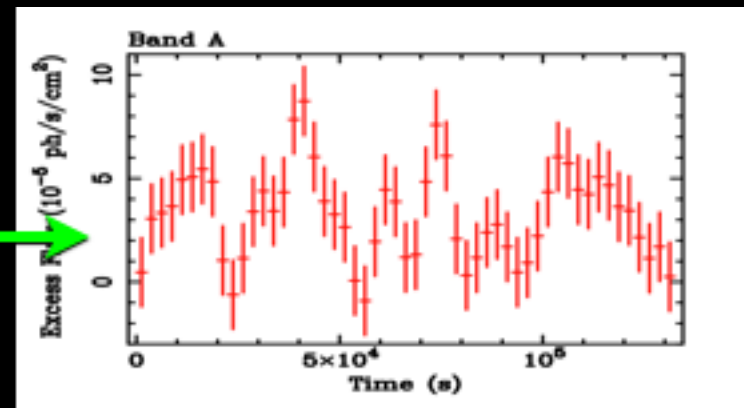
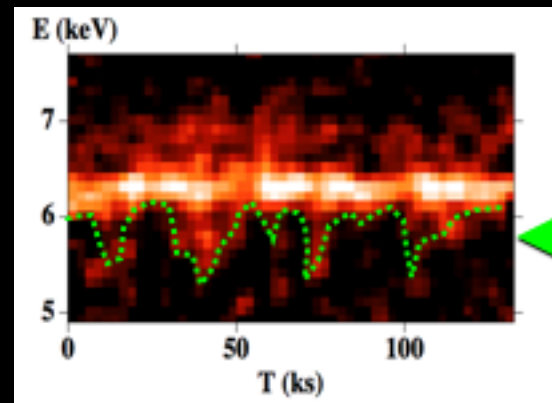
NGC3783

Tombesi et al. 2007



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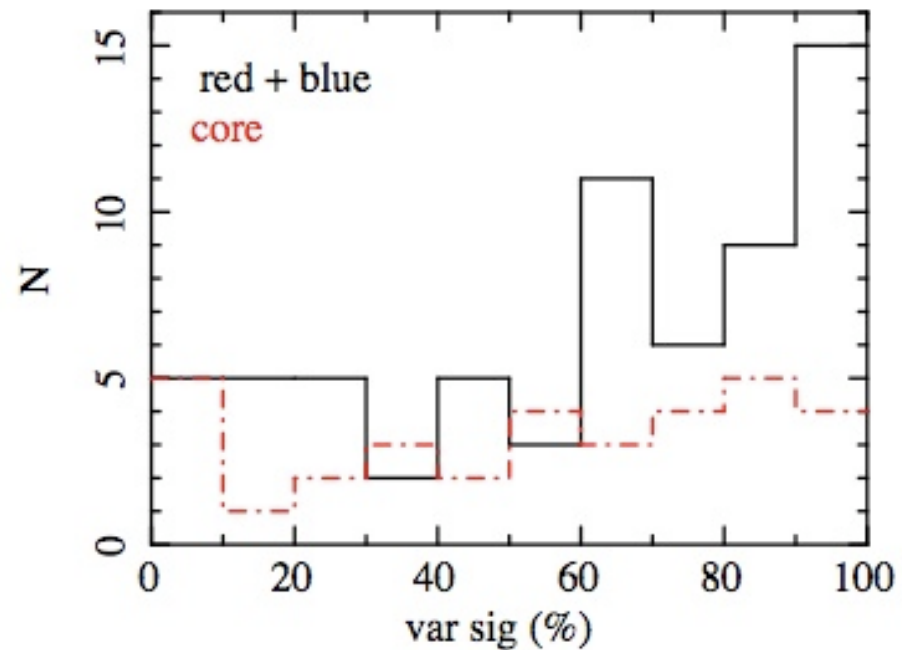
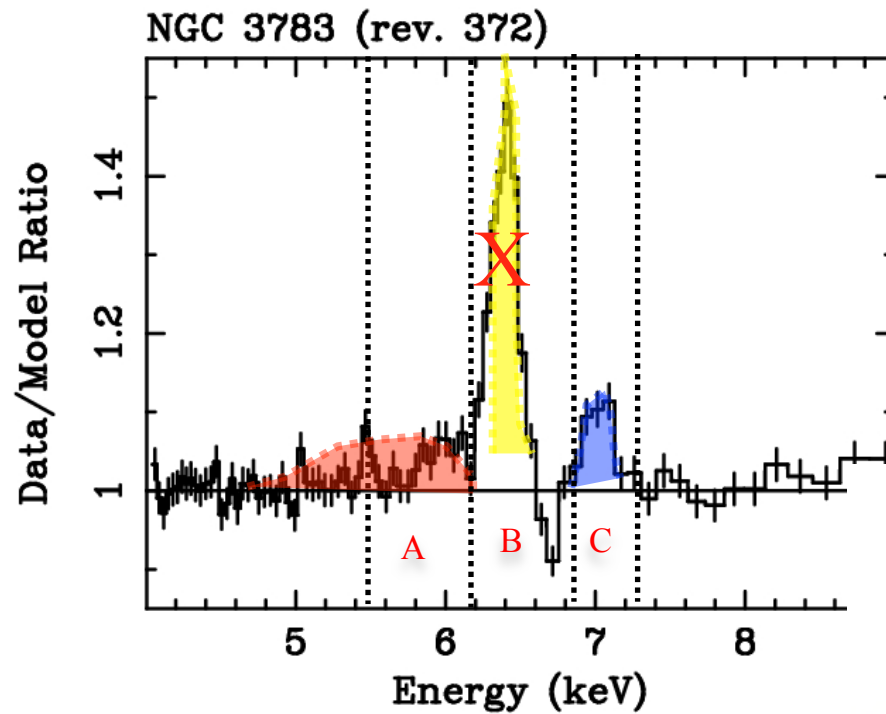
DeMarco et al. 2010b



⇒ Consistent with origin from hot spots, or spiral waves, in inner regions of accretion disk?

## Reflection: Variability

Systematic analysis on a large, complete, sample of 33 sources (>70 XMM obs.)



DeMarco et al., 2009, PhD Thesis



Questions



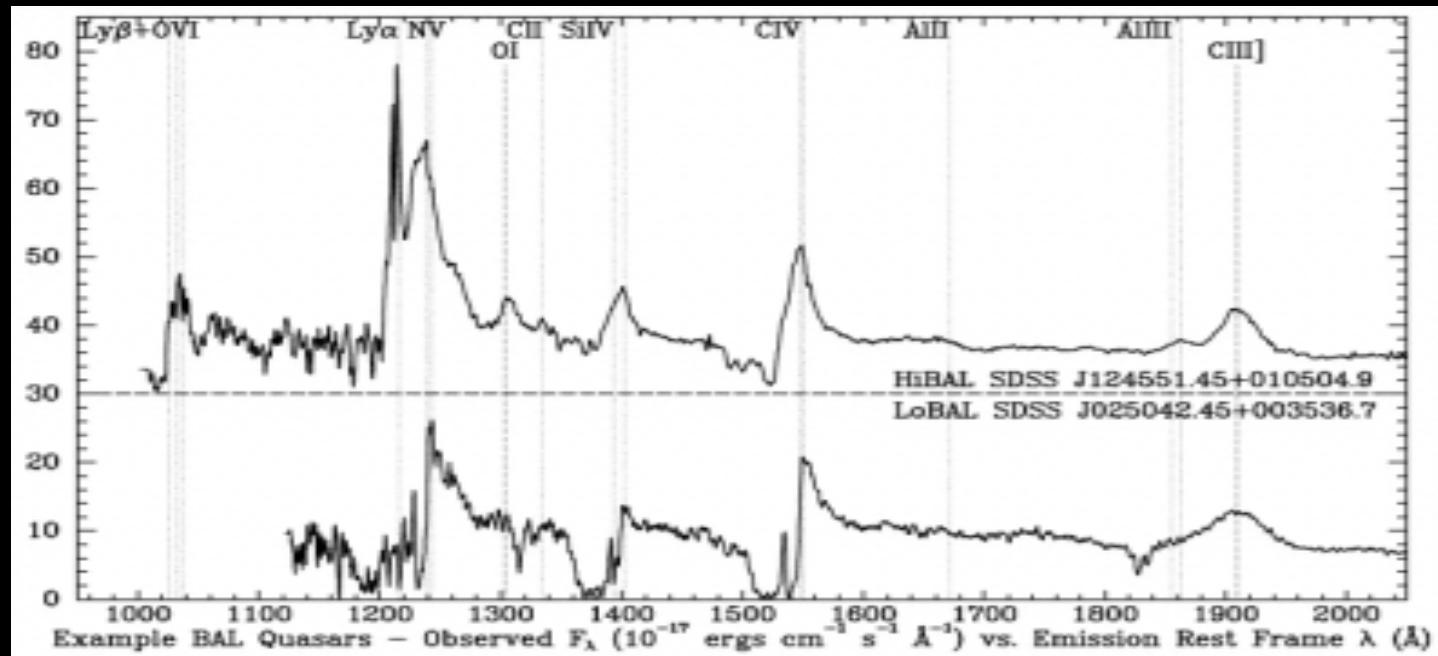
# Absorption(s) (i.e. ejection(s))



## Absorption: BAL QSOs

...known/seen since long ago

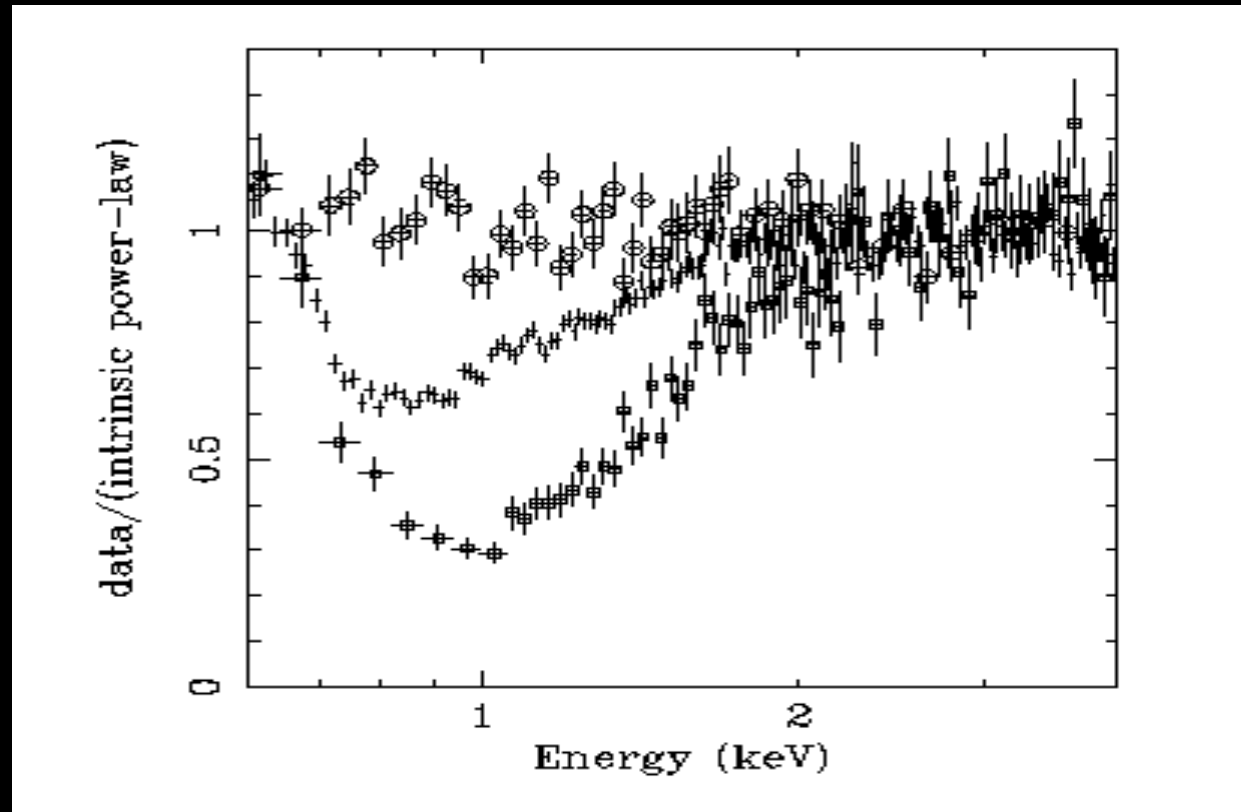
Fast ( $v$  up to  $\sim 50000$  km/s) winds in  
BAL QSOs ( $\sim 20\%$  of all QSOs)



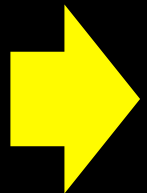
Weymann et al., '91;  
Reichards et al., '03

## Absorption: Warm absorbers

Pre-Chandra & XMM-Newton



Reynolds et al. '97  
Georges et al. '97



Clear since years that warm absorbers must be dynamically important (radiatively driven outflow located in BLR and NLR)

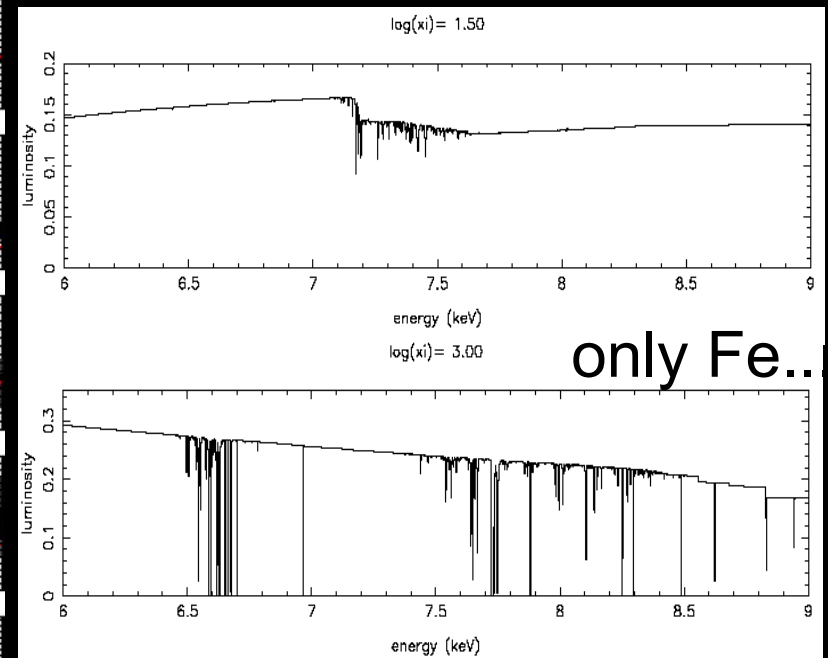
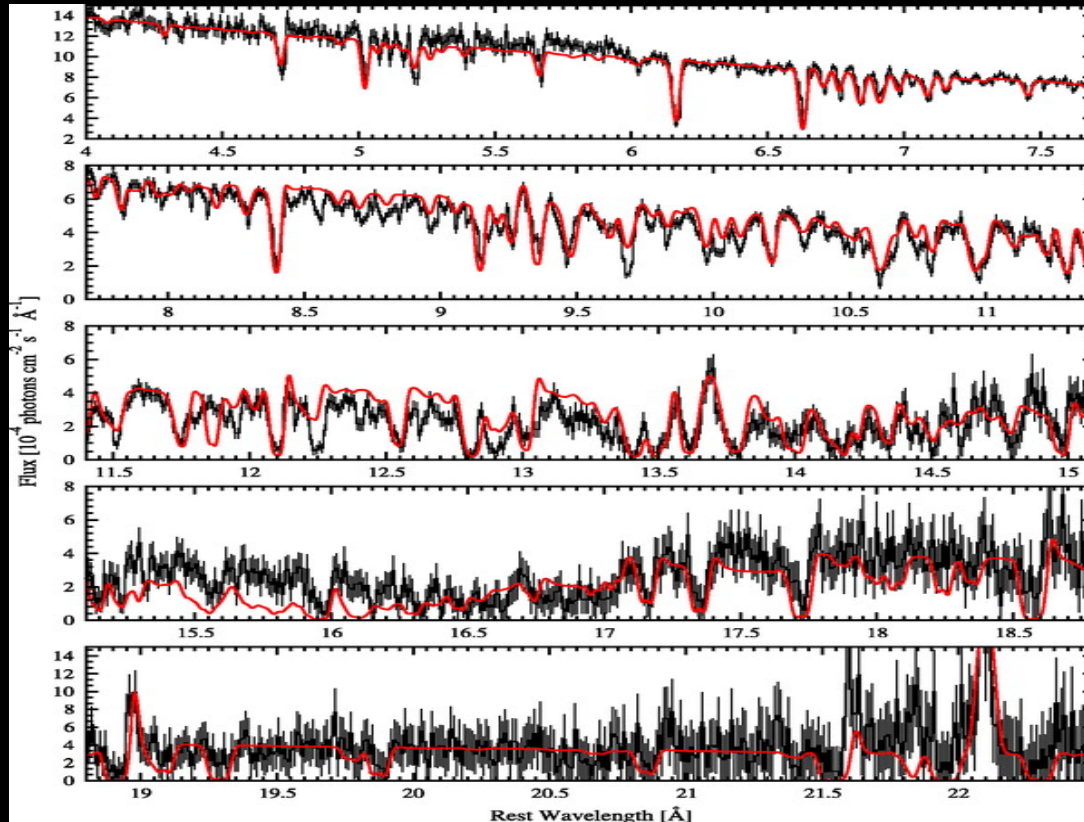
Open Problem: Characterisation of warm absorber? (cov. Factor, ion. state, mass/energy outflow, etc. )

## Absorption: warm absorbers

Post-Chandra & XMM-Newton

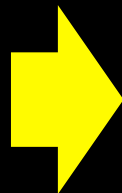
Many more details from Chandra gratings  
NGC3783 Exp=900 ks

Consistent with models which  
predict many absorption features



Kallman et al. '05

Kaspi et al. '01  
Netzer et al. '02  
Georges et al. '03

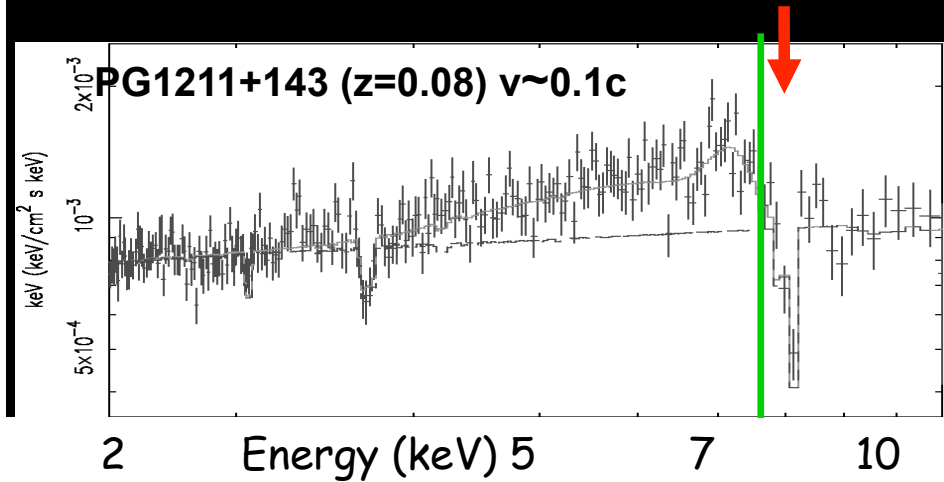


Clear now that often multiple ionization & kinetic  
components: outflows with  $\sim 100$ - $1000$  km/s

## Absorption: UFOs

Post-Chandra & XMM-Newton

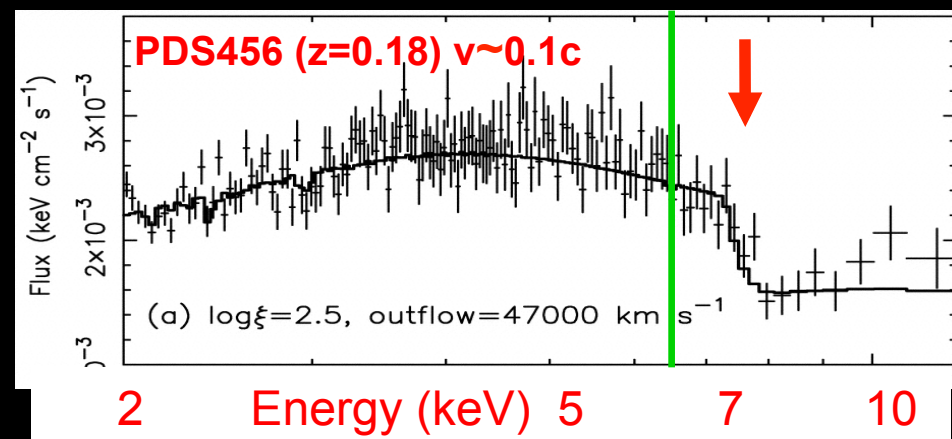
New and unexpected results from Chandra and XMM-Newton observations



Blue-shifted absorption lines/edges – **High- $v$**

**Pounds et al. 2003a,b**

(If) interpreted as K $\alpha$  resonant absorption by Fe XXV (6.70 keV) or FeXXVI (6.96 keV)

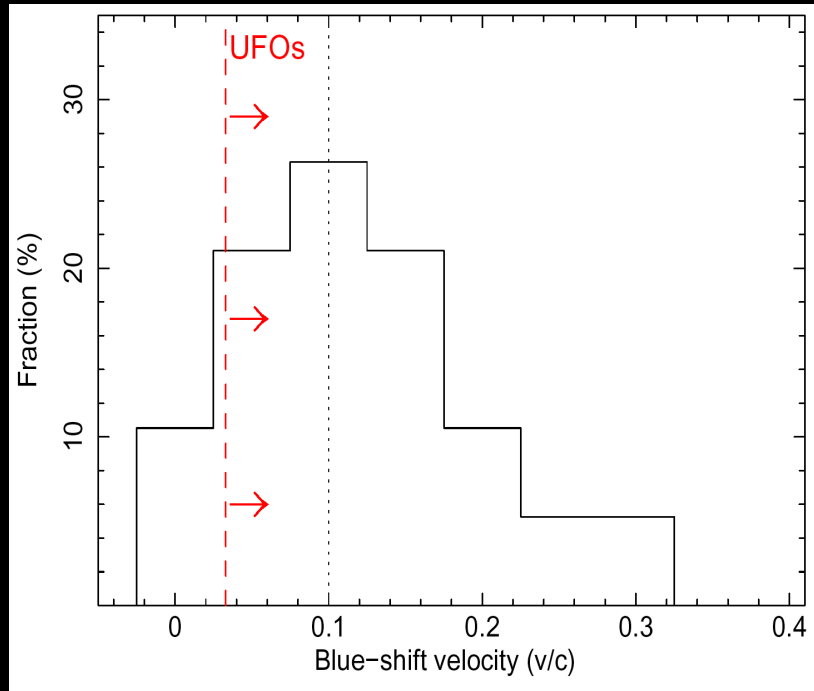


**Reeves et al. 2003**

⇒ massive, **high velocity** and highly ionized outflows in several RQ AGNs/QSOs  
Mass outflow rate: comparable to Edd. Acc. rate ( $\sim \dot{M}_E$ /yr); velocity  $\sim 0.1$ - $0.2 c$

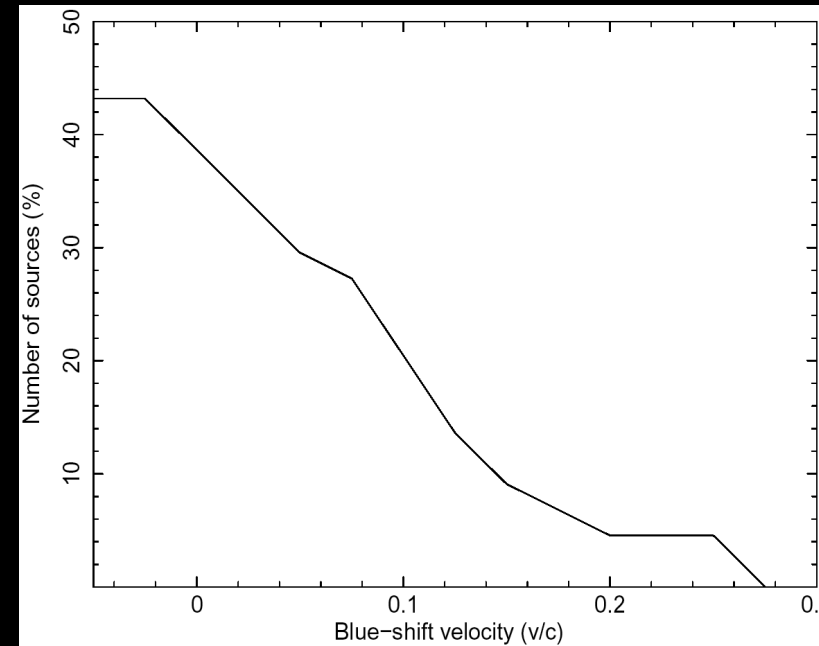
## Absorption: UFOs

**Main result:** UFOs (Ultra-Fast Outflows) are confirmed and are quite common



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- Blue-shift velocity distribution  $\sim 0-0.3c$ , peak  $\sim 0.1c$
- Average outflow velocity  $0.110 \pm 0.004 c$



**Cumulative velocity distribution**

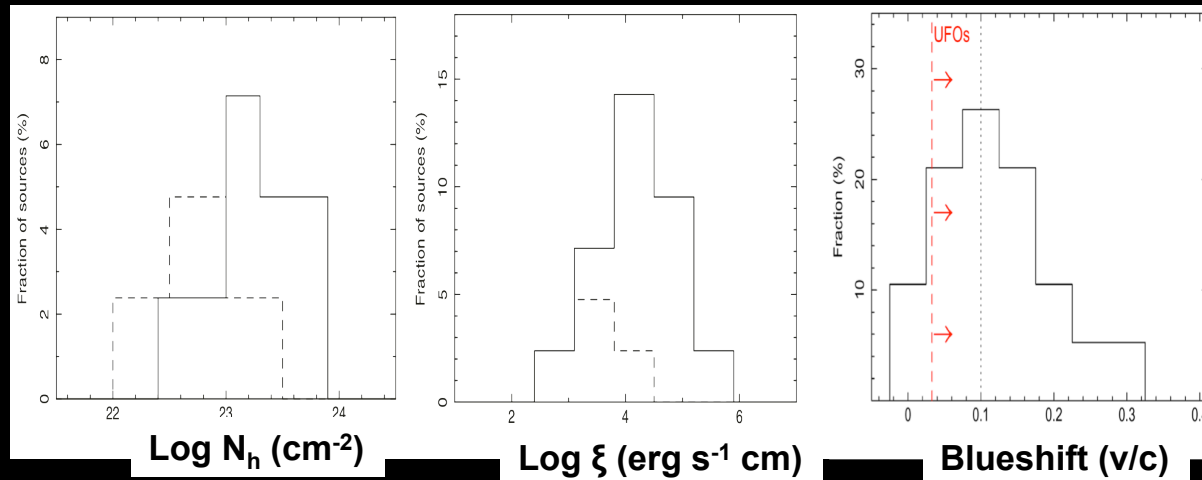
**Tombesi et al. 2010a**  
**(The UFO's hunters**  
**commander in chief)**





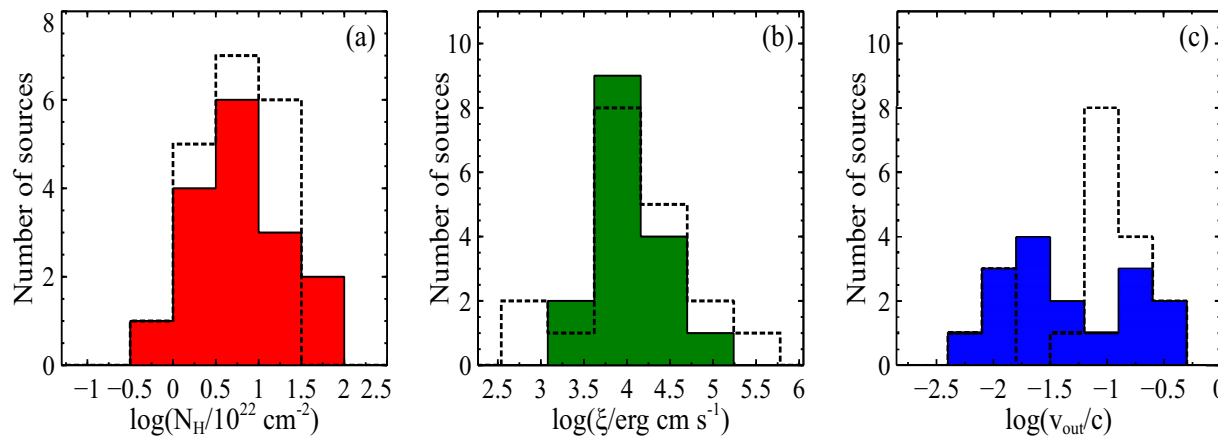
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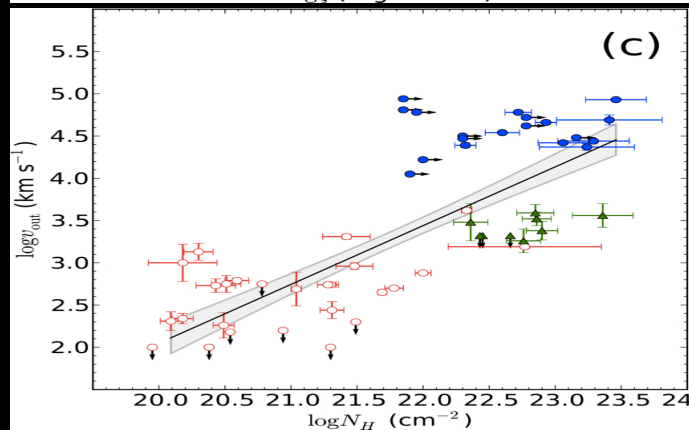
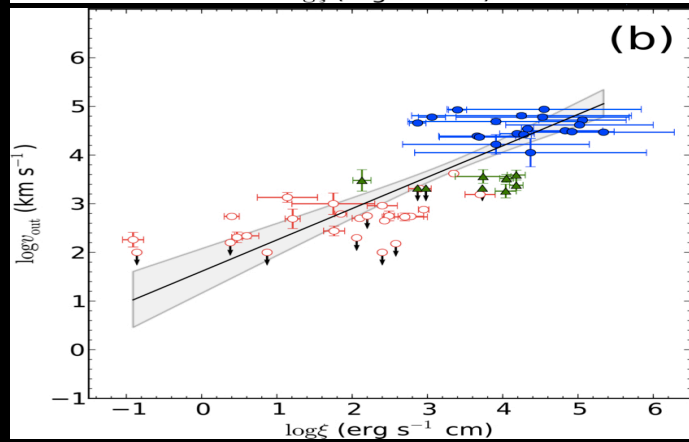
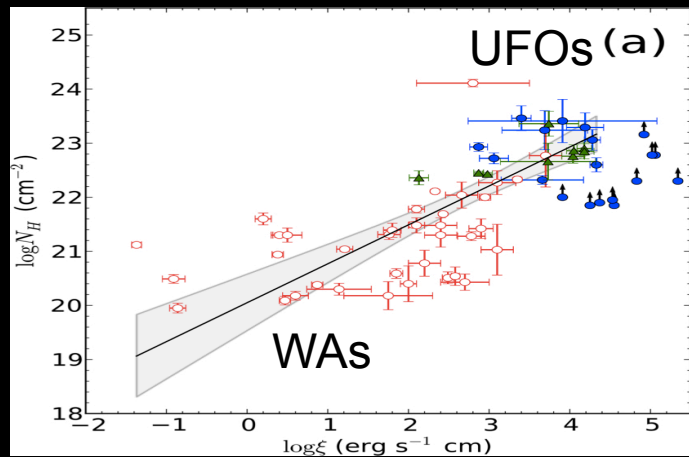


Gofford et al. 2012

**Table 5.** Outflow velocity comparison

Velocity ( $\text{km s}^{-1}$ )	<i>Suzaku</i>	<i>XMM-Newton</i>
No outflow	3/20	2/19
$0 < v_{\text{out}} \leq 10,000$	5/20	2/19
$v_{\text{out}} > 10,000$	11/20	15/19
$v_{\text{out}} \geq 30,000 c$	8/20	9/19

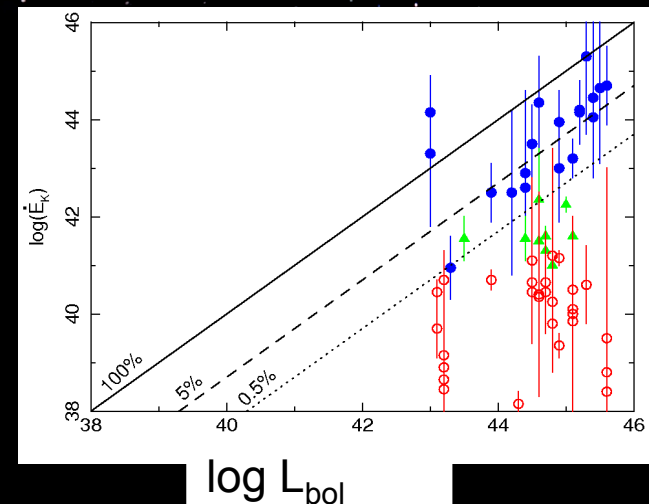
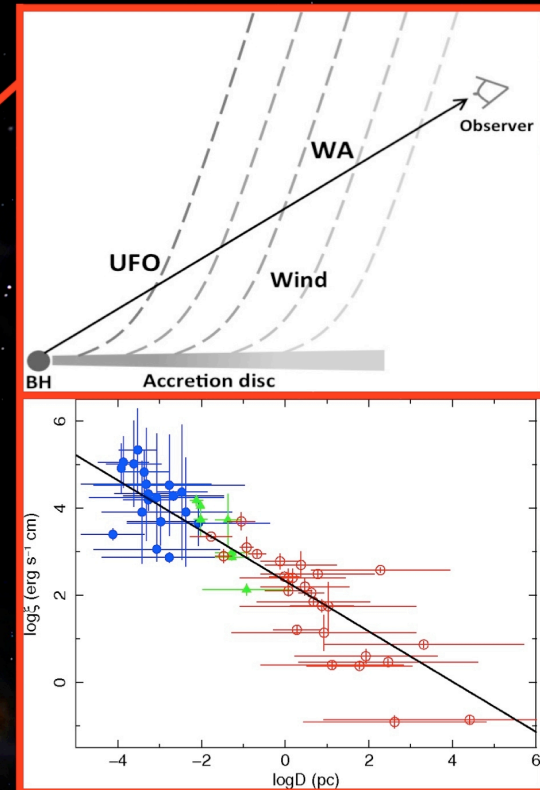
# A (unifying) X-ray view of UFOs and non-UFOs (WAs)



INAF Press releases  
in '10, '12, '13, plus NASA  
and ESA in 2012

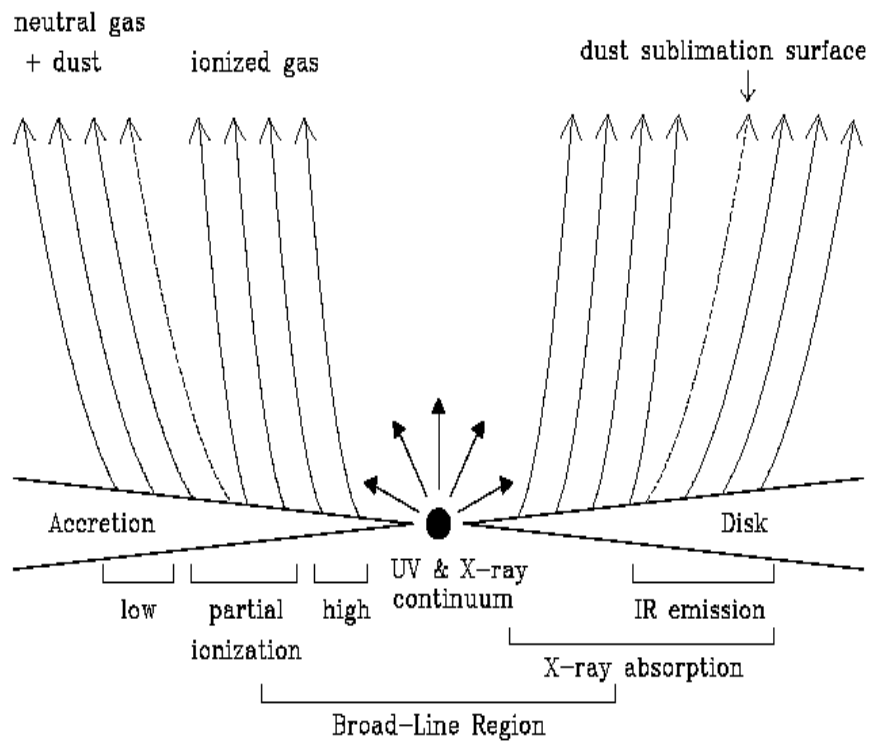
Tombesi, MC  
et al., '12a,b, '13

$\log \dot{E}_{\text{out}}$



## Absorption: Interpretation - Three main wind dynamical models

### i) Thermally driven winds from BLR or torus

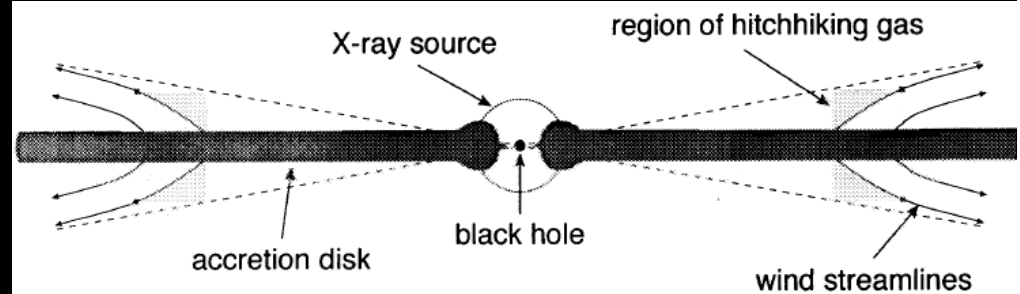


Balsara & Krolik, 93; Woods et al. '96

i)  $\Rightarrow$  Large  $R$ , low  $v$

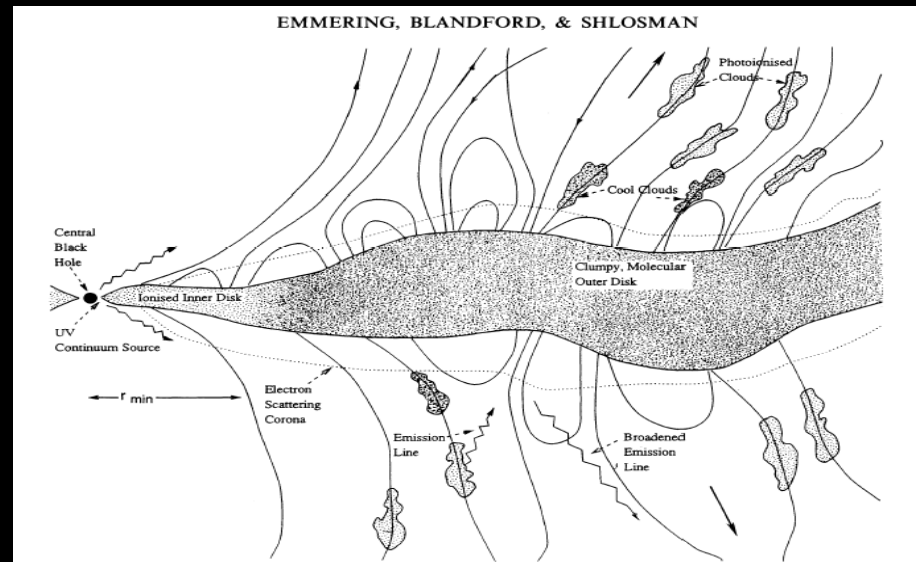
ii) and iii)  $\Rightarrow$  Low  $R$  and large  $v$

### ii) Radiative-driven wind from accretion disk



Murray et al. '95, Proga et al. '00

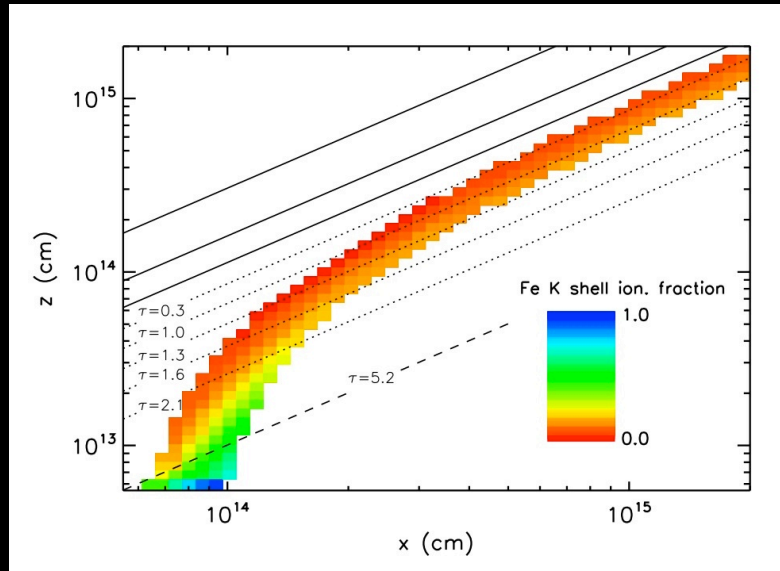
### iii) Magnetically driven winds from accretion disk



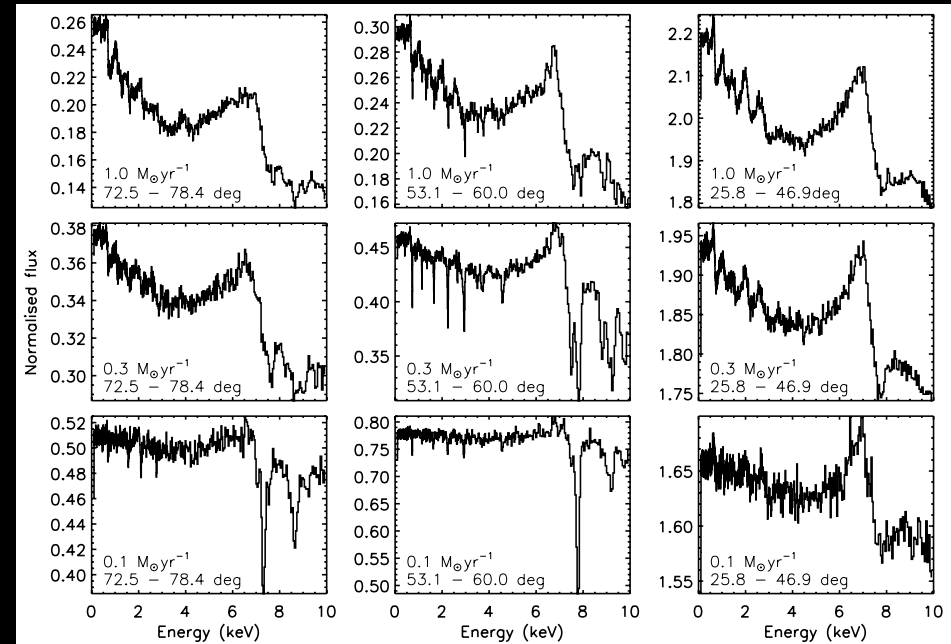
Emmering, Blandford & Shlosman, '92; Kato et al. '03

# UFOs/outflows/winds in AGNs & QSOs: Possible models

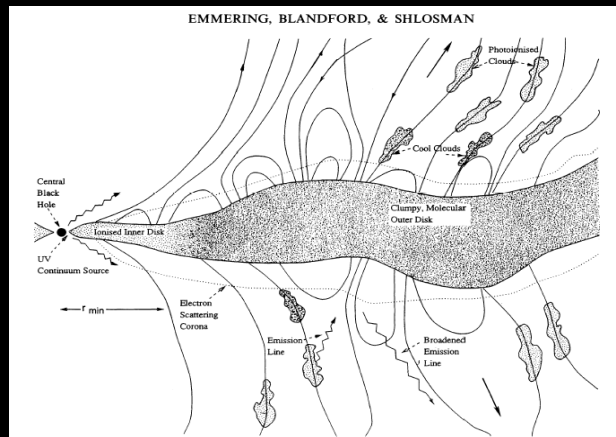
## Radiatively driven accretion disc winds



Sim et al., '08, '10ab Murray et al. '95,



## Magnetically driven winds from accretion disk



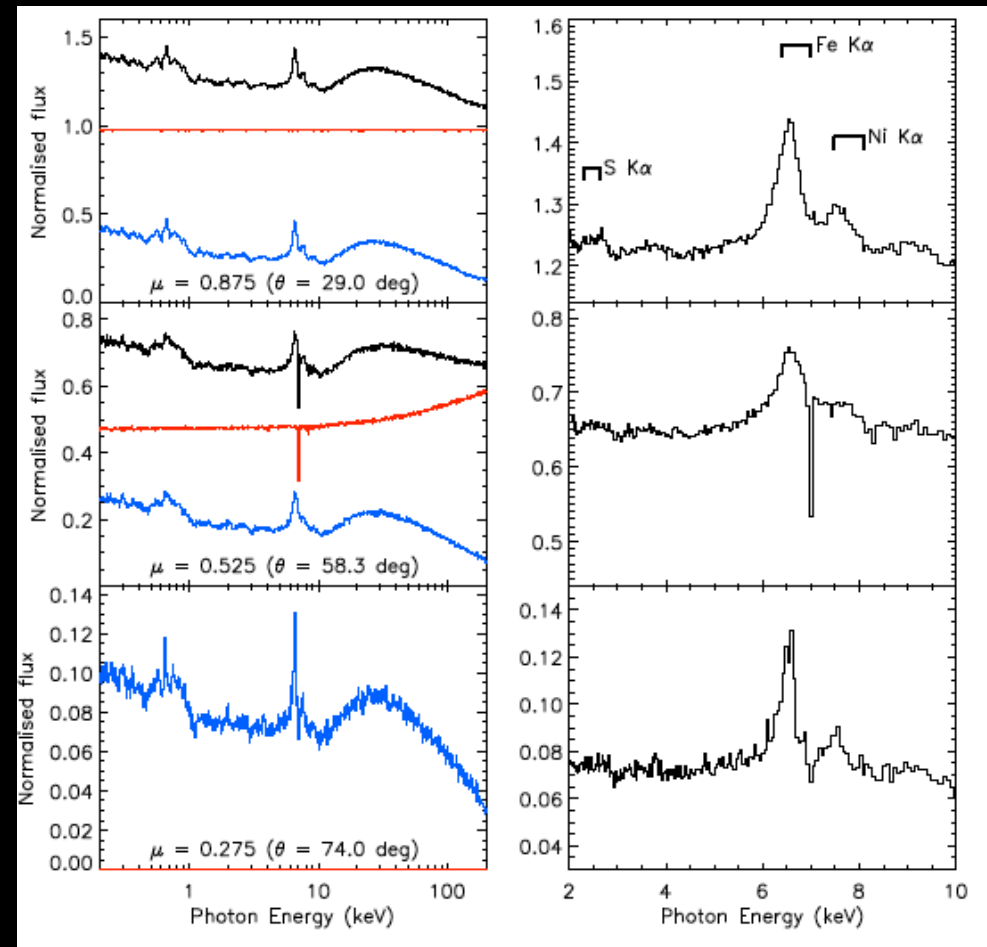
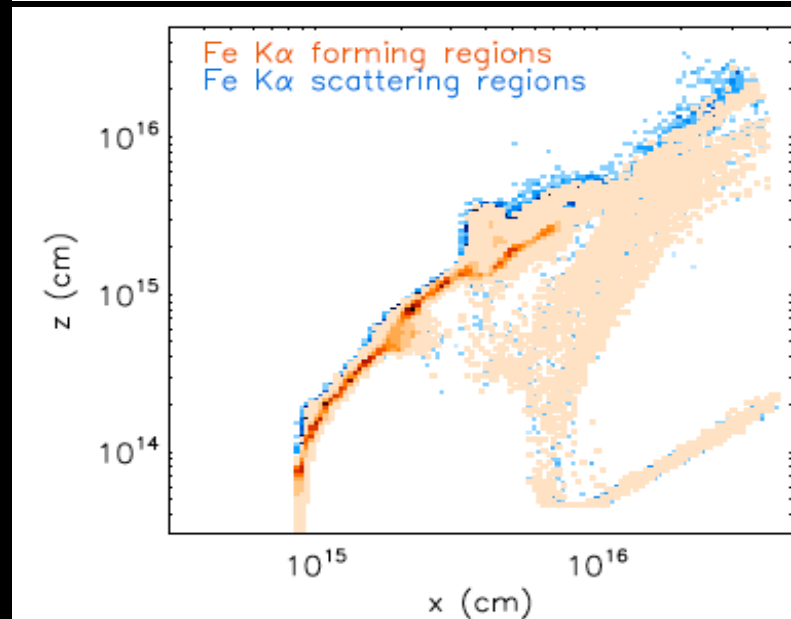
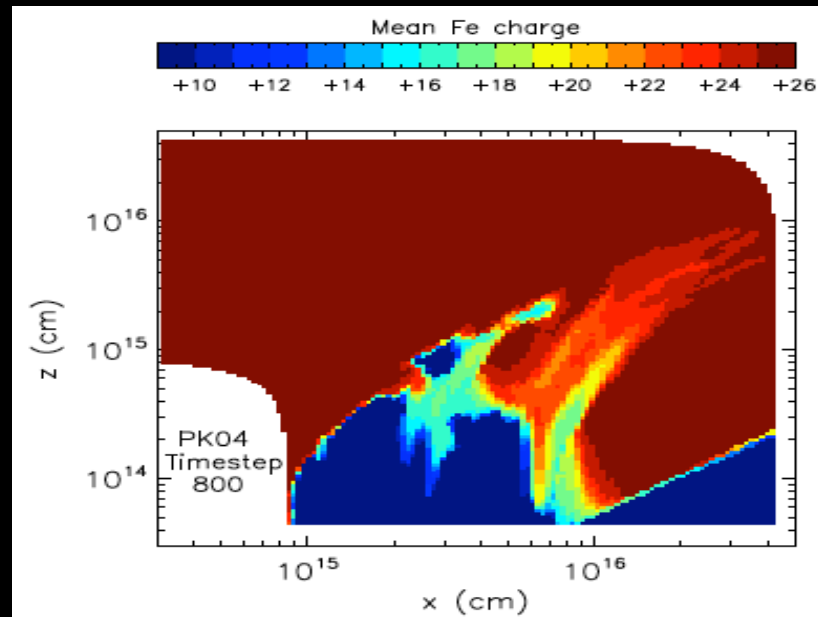
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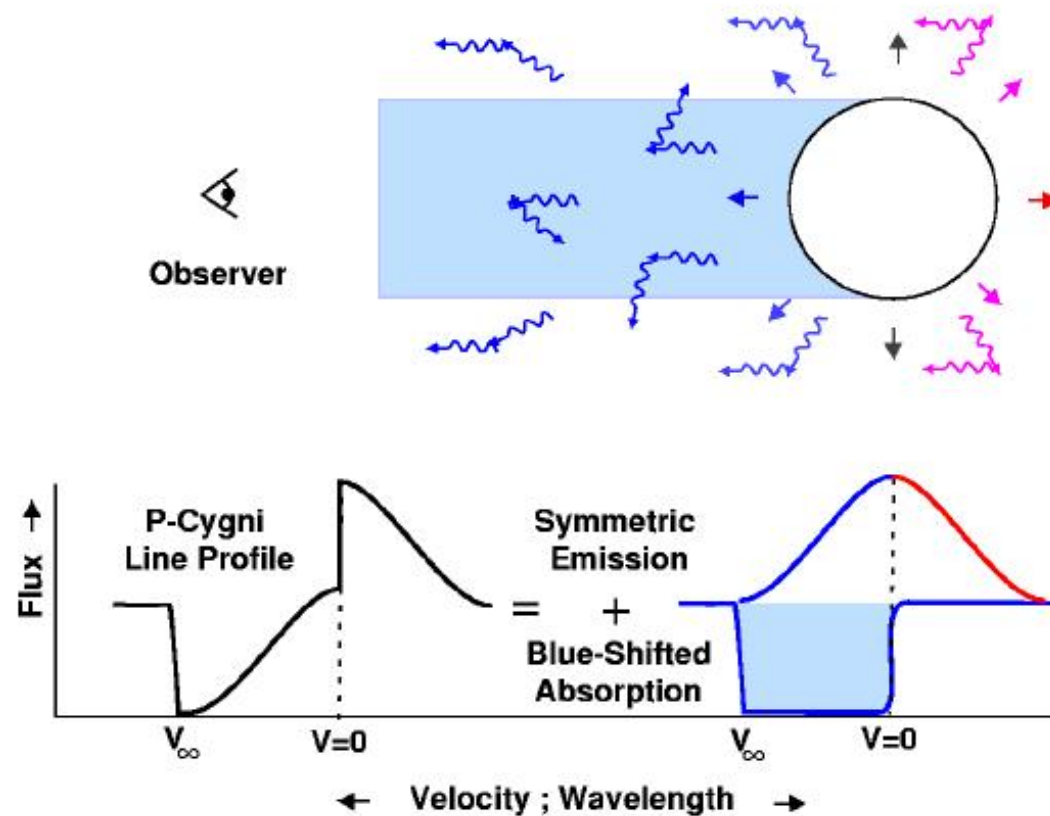
Proga et al. '00; '10

# Absorption: Data Interpretation



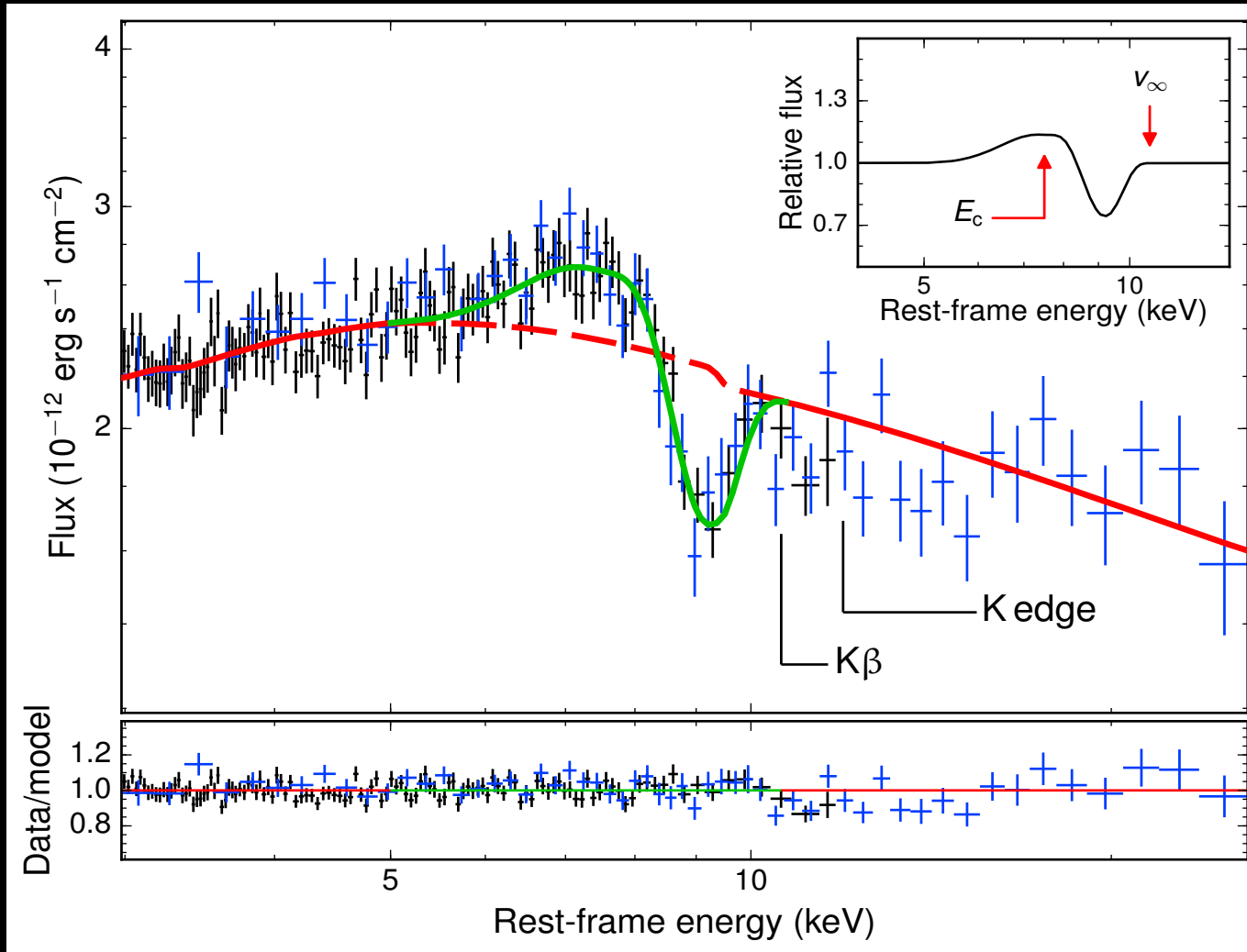
# X-ray spectra of winds/outflows

## Formation of a P-Cygni Line- Profile



# Covering factor measured DIRECTLY from P-Cygni profile

PDS456 ( $z=0.18$ )

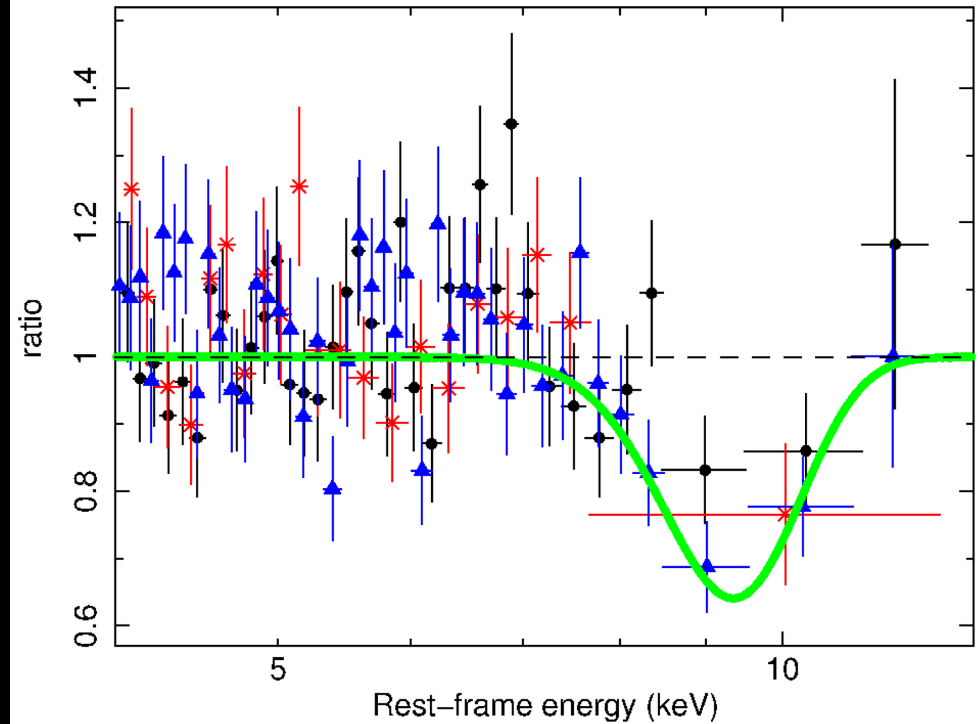
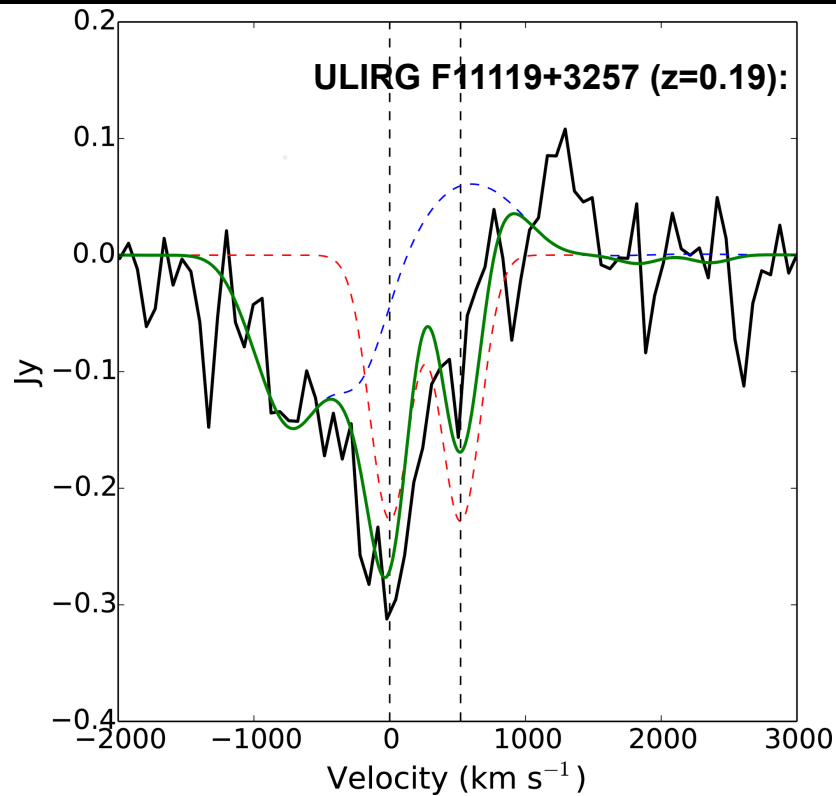


$V_{\text{out}} \sim 0.3c$  and  $\Omega > 2\pi \text{ sr}$

Nardini, Reeves et al., Science '15



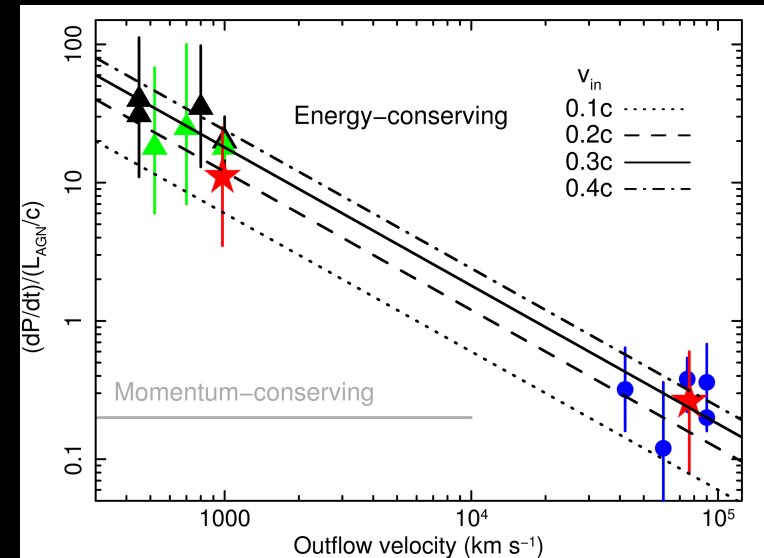
## Are galaxy-scale massive molecular outflows energized by UFOs?



Veilleux et al. 2013

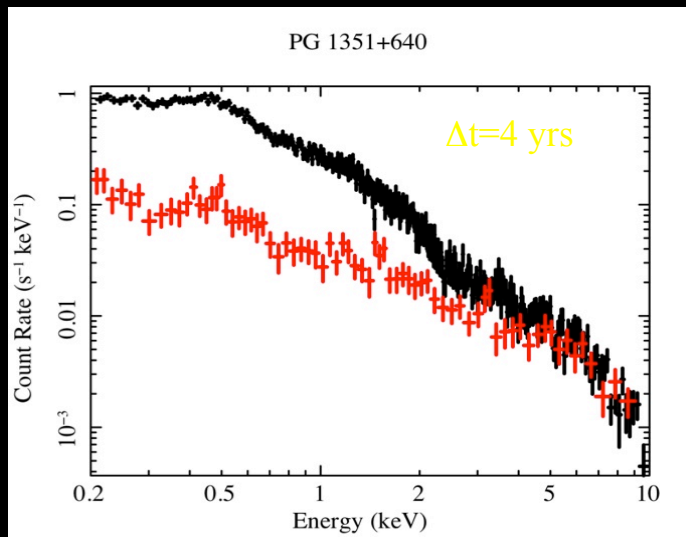
UFO detection ( $v \sim 0.3c$ ) consistent with energy-conserving outflow from Inner X-rays to outer molecular outflow

Tombesi et al. 2015, Nature

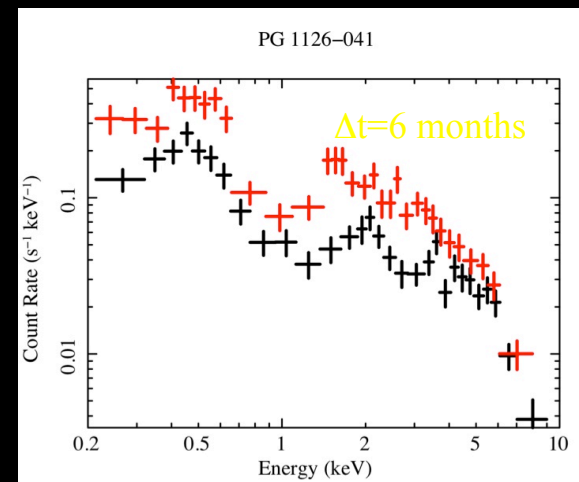


# The “new” X-ray view: Variability in (nearby) PG QSOs

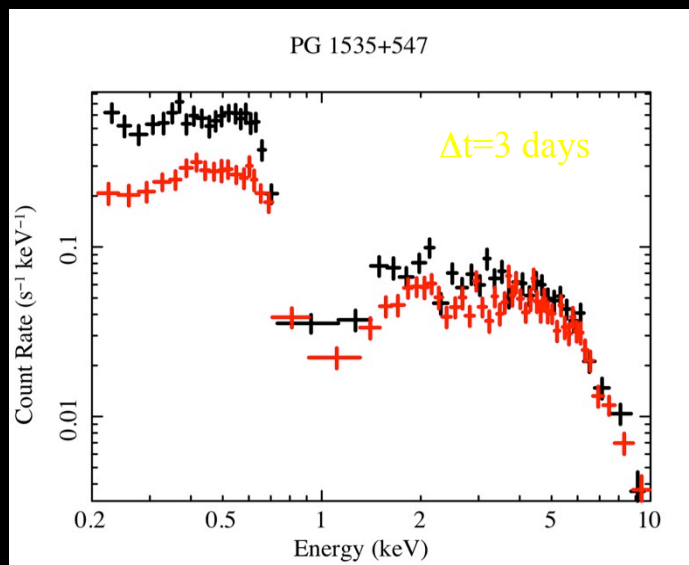
Sample: 15 UV \*AL QSOs with 32 XMM exposures



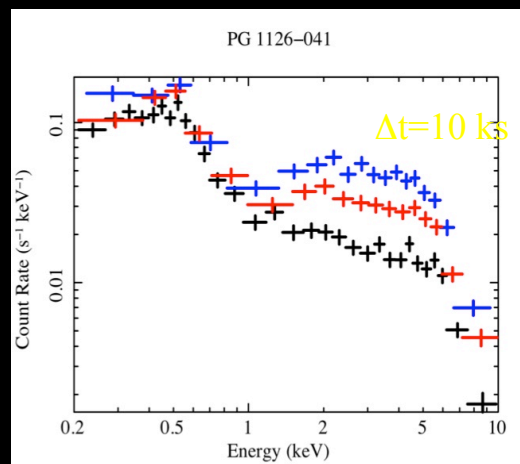
on time scales of years



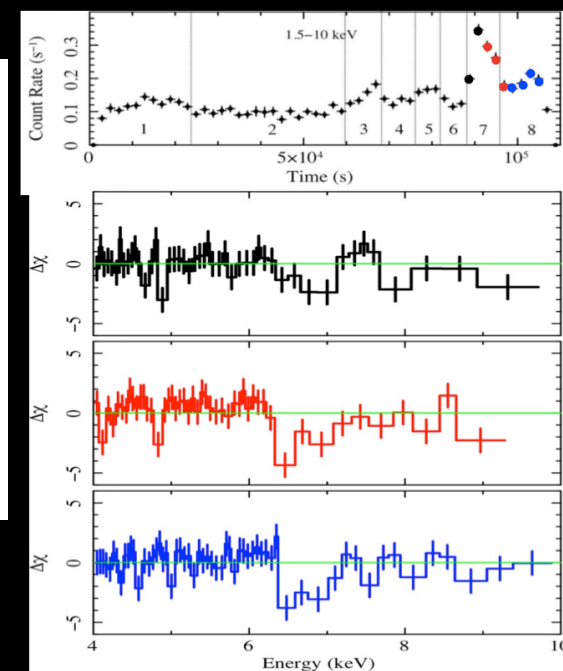
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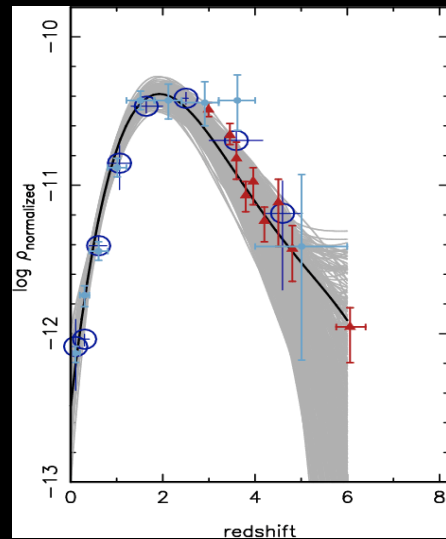


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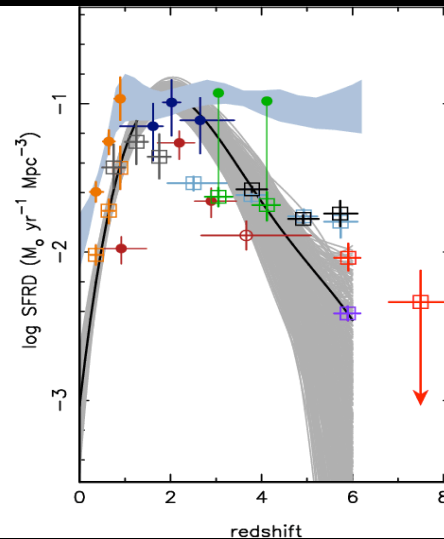
Giustini, MC, et al. 2012

# UFOs and/or FeK complex features seen also (no, always!) in lensed high-z QSOs



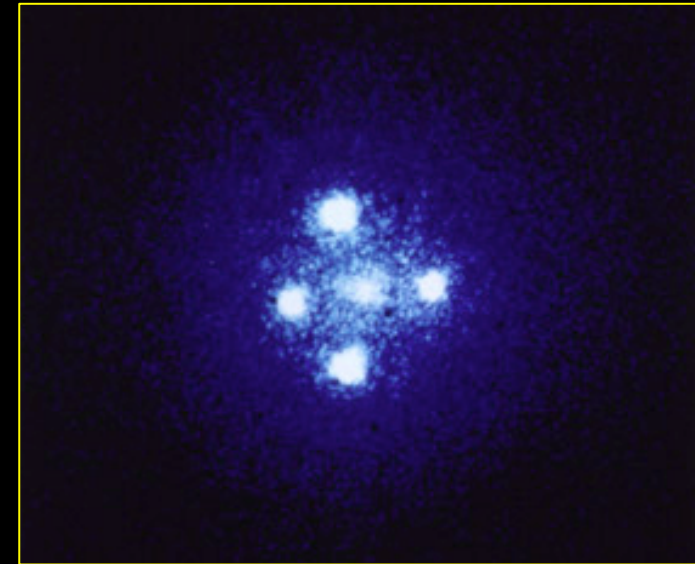
QSO space density

Madau et al. '96;



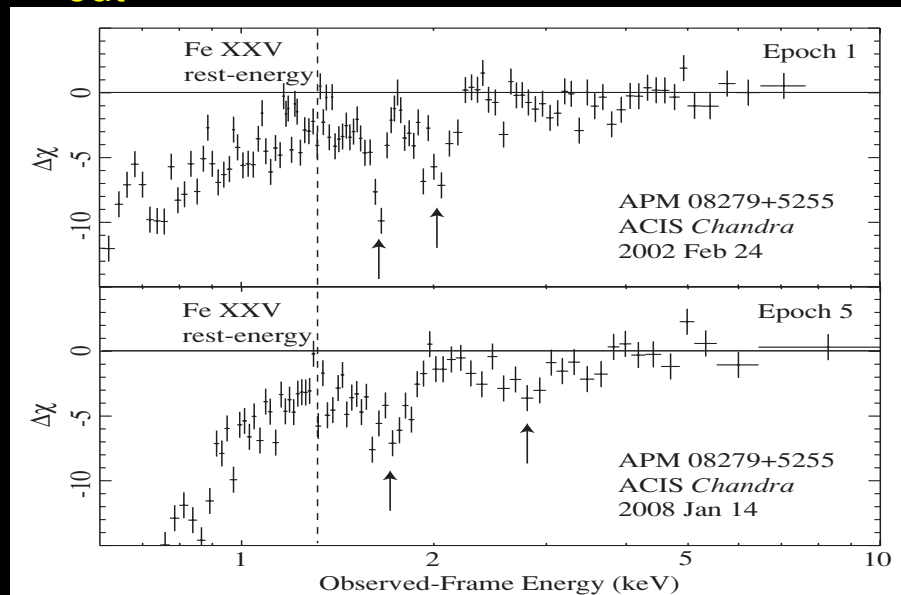
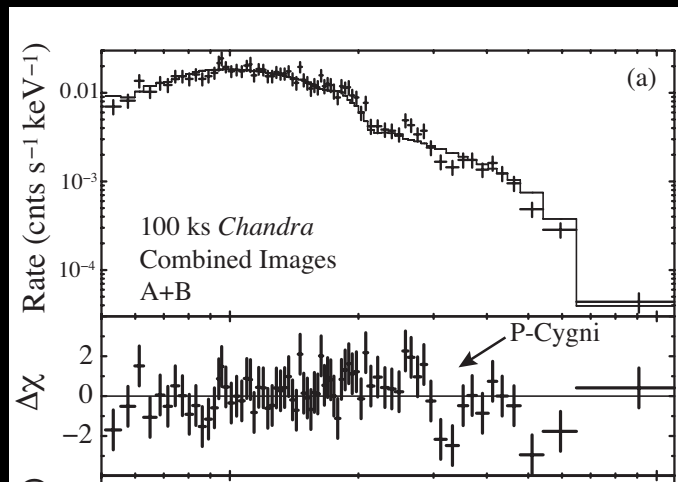
SFR space density

Wall et al. '05



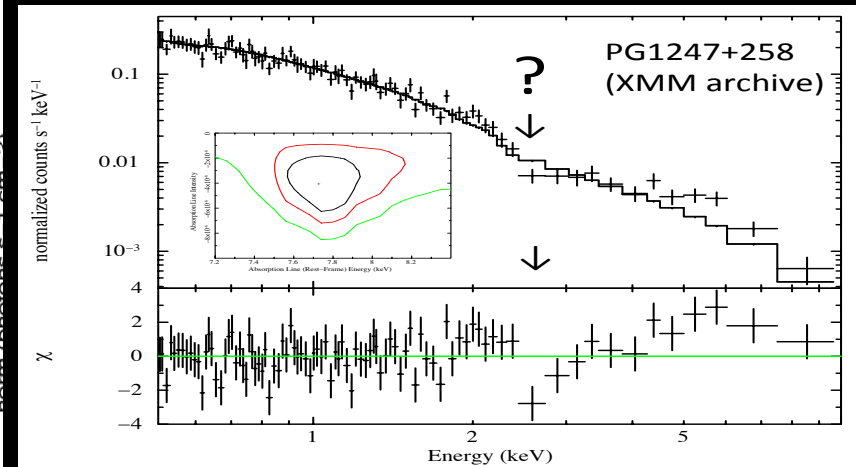
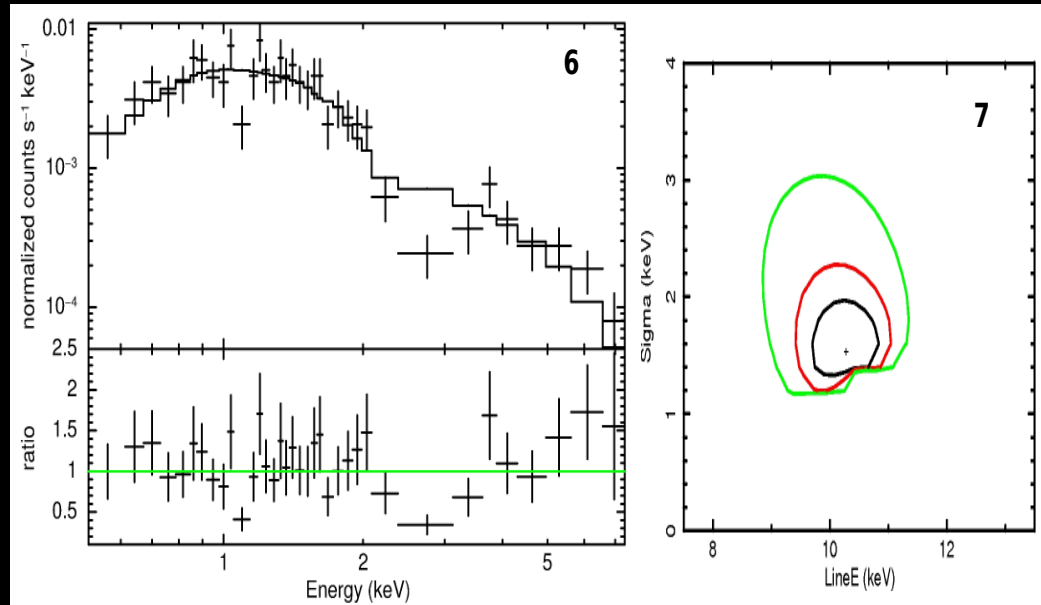
$V_{\text{out}} \sim 0.2-0.76 c$  Chartas et al. 2009

Chartas et al. 2014



# UFOs seen also (no, always!) in high-z QSOs

( $z=2.73$ ) high-z RQ (NAL) QSO HS1700+6416



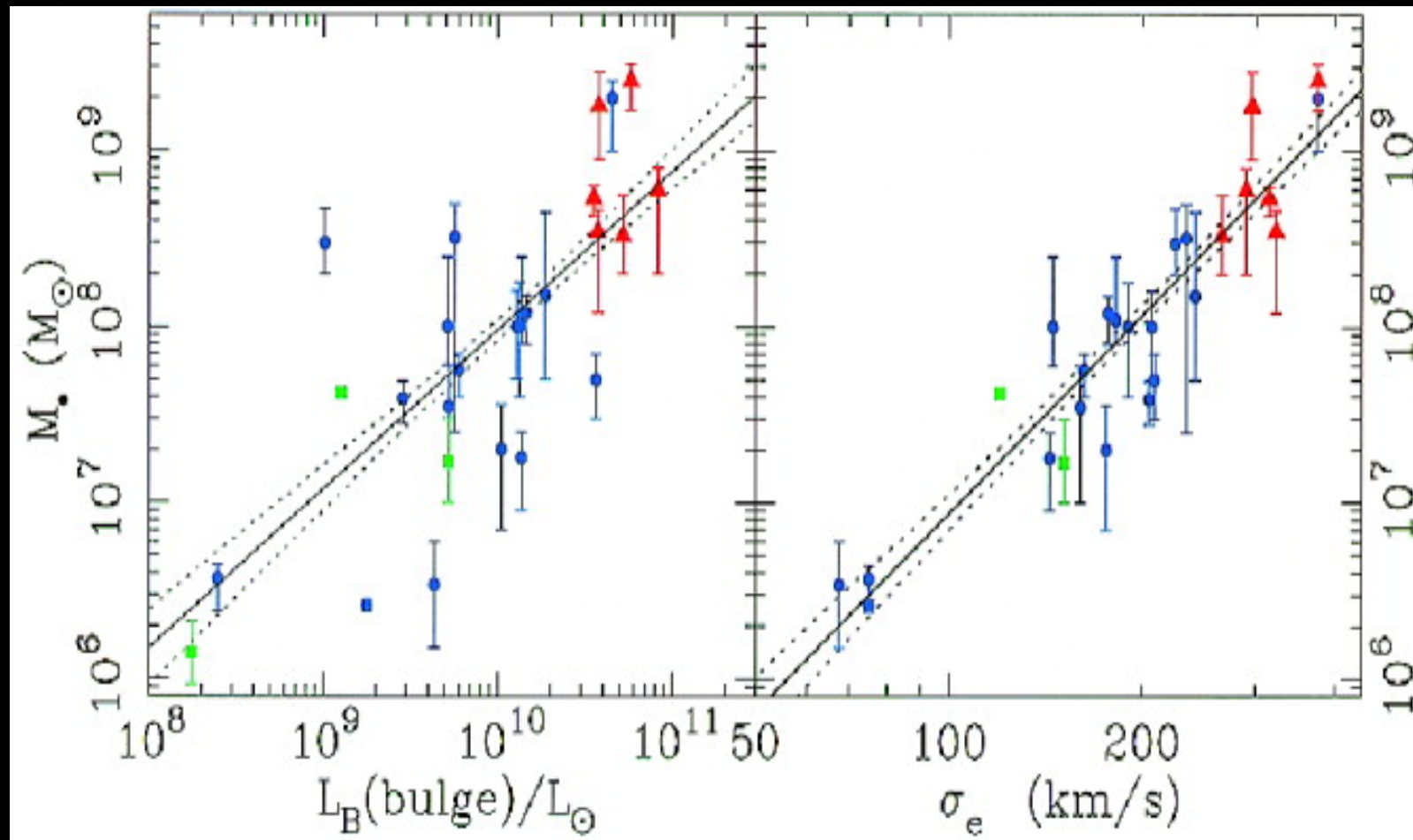
Lanzuisi et al., '12

HS1700: The 4° high-z QSO to show variable, high- $v$ , high- $\Xi$  absorbers, but the 1° non-lensed

N.B.: Would be very important also to confirm on other non-lensed, high-z QSOs  
→ Desperately need more and longer XMM observations

## Absorption: Cosmological impact - I

First unexpected “revolution” in extragal. astrophysics: not only most (all?) galaxies have SMBHs in their centers, but these correlate with bulge properties  
⇒ evidence for feedback mechanism between SMBH(AGN) and its' host galaxy?



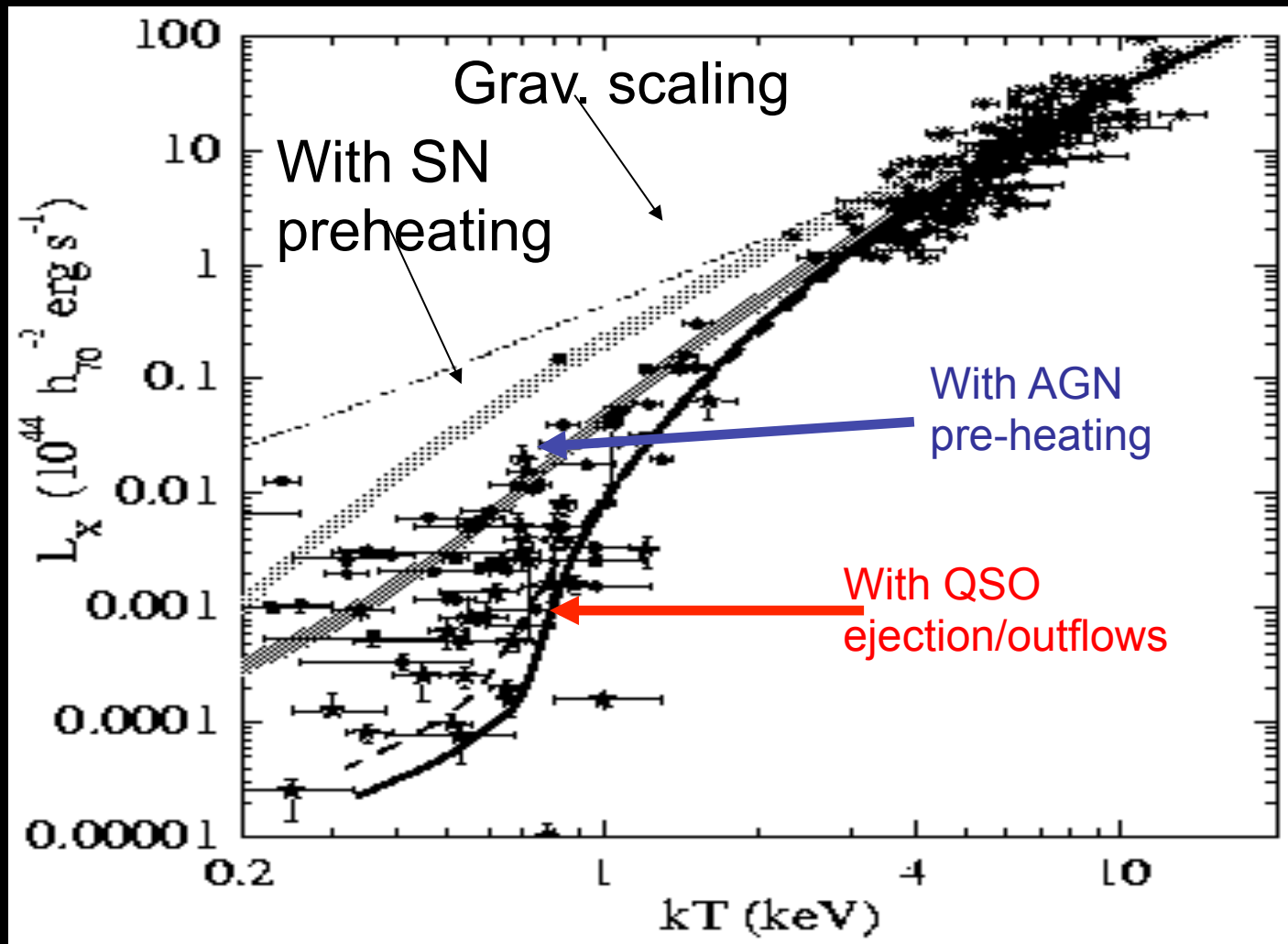
Magorrian et al. '98

Tremaine '02; Gebhardt '02...etc

(see e.g. King and Pounds '03, Crenshaw, Kraemer & George '03, ARA&A)

## Absorption: Cosmological impact - II

Second unexpected “revolution” in extragal. astrophysics: need preheating to recover L-T relations & cooling flows extra-heating  $\Rightarrow$  Energy feedback from AGNs/QSOs and groups&clusters?



Lapi, Cavaliere & Menci, 2005, astro-ph/0410028



## Goal of the lectures: Give introductory informations on general “models” of AGNs, and in particular on reflection vs absorption hypothesis in RQAGNs

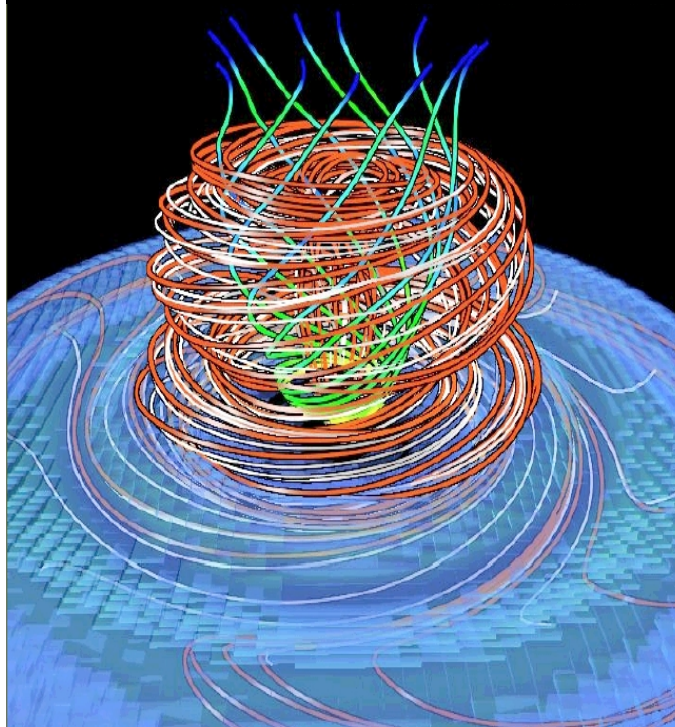
We have reviewed basic physics with basic assumptions for 3 major “models” of AGN

- 1- **The 2-Phases model (RQAGNs)**
- 2- The Inficient model (LLAGNs)
- 3- The Jet model (RLAGNs)

We have focused on 1, and address the reflection vs. absorption hypothesis to explain the X-ray spectra of RQAGNs

Not a “mere” fitting exercise but major physical differences in the two hypothesis:

- ✓ **Relativistic Reflection:** Produced within few ( $<10$ )  $R_g$  and carries information on BH spin and mass
- ✓ **(Very) Complex Absorption:** Produced farther at  $100s R_g$  and carries information on wind/jet base/feedback





Questions

