

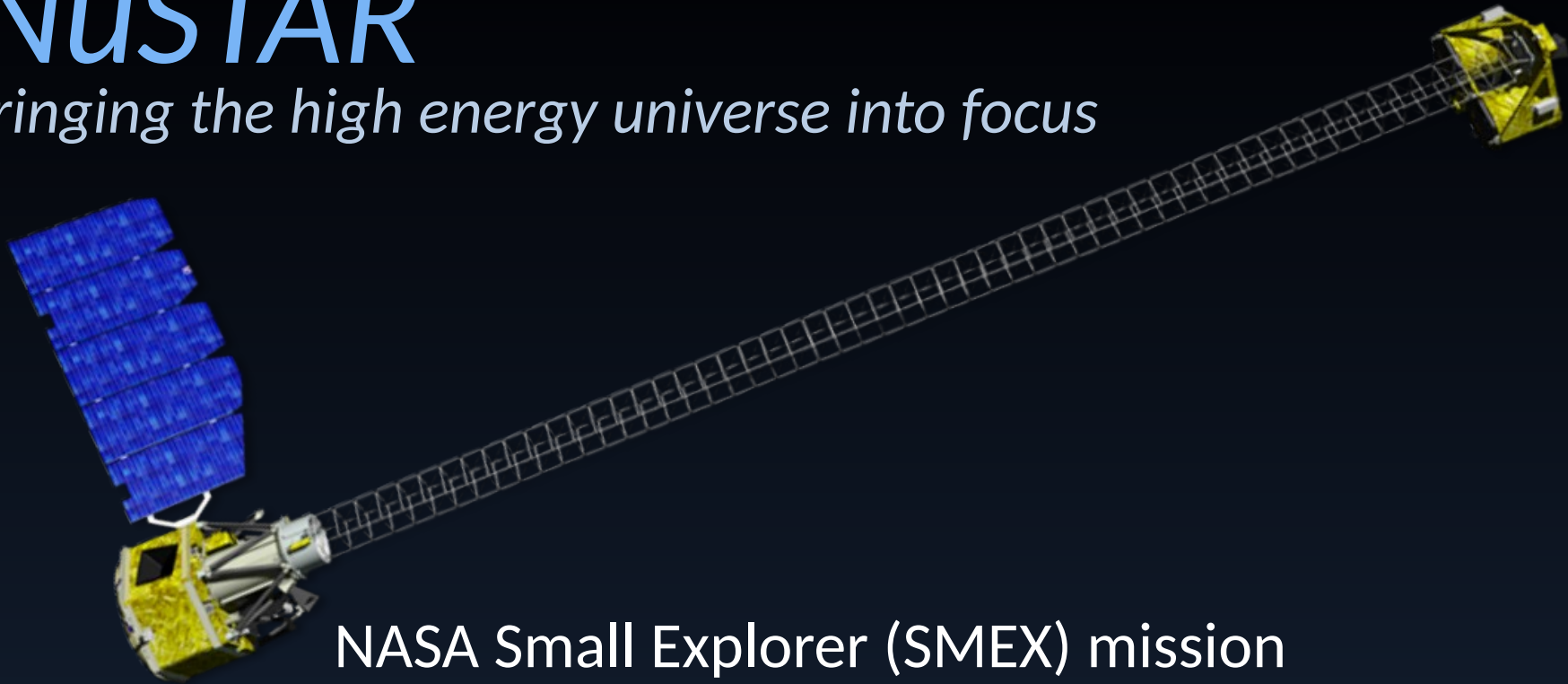
NuSTAR

The Nuclear Spectroscopic Telescope Array Extragalactic Program

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NuSTAR

bringing the high energy universe into focus



NASA Small Explorer (SMEX) mission

Launch Date: June 13, 2012

Phase E (science operations) Start Date: August 1, 2012

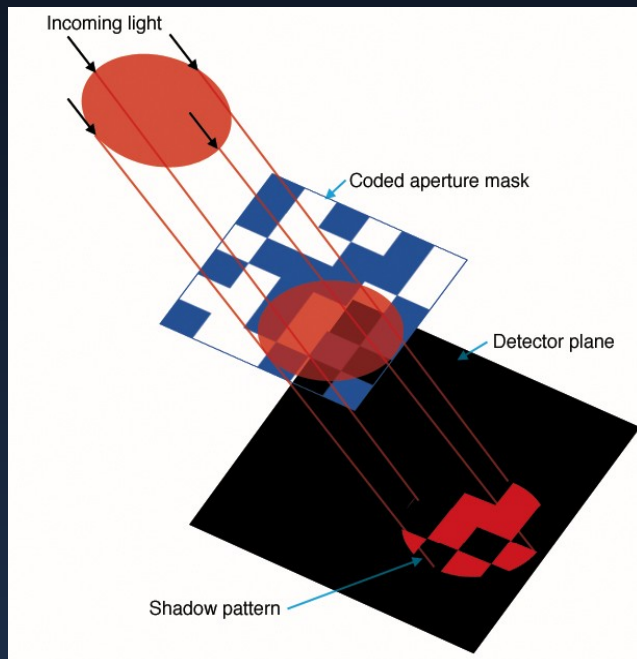
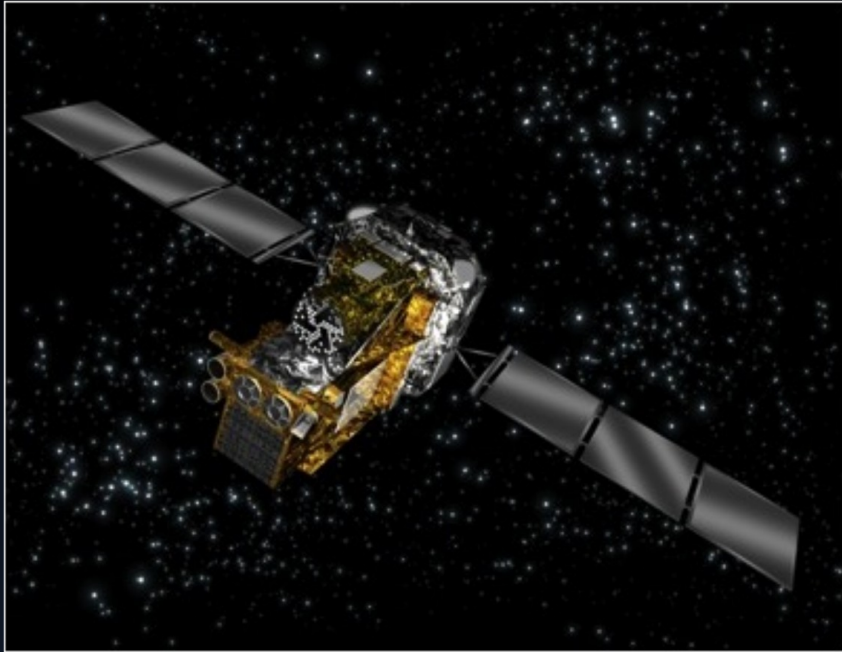
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<http://nustar.caltech.edu>

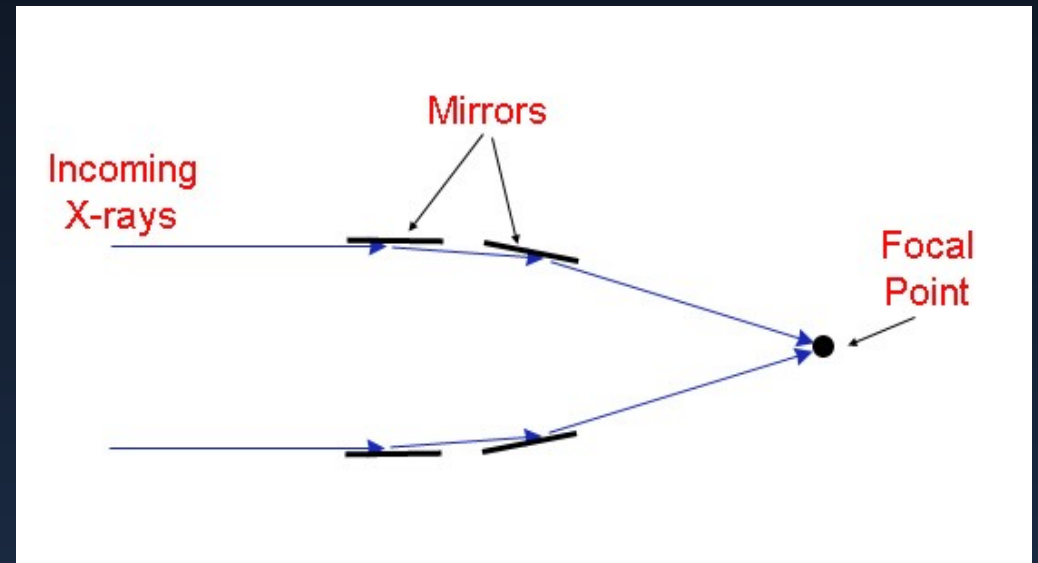
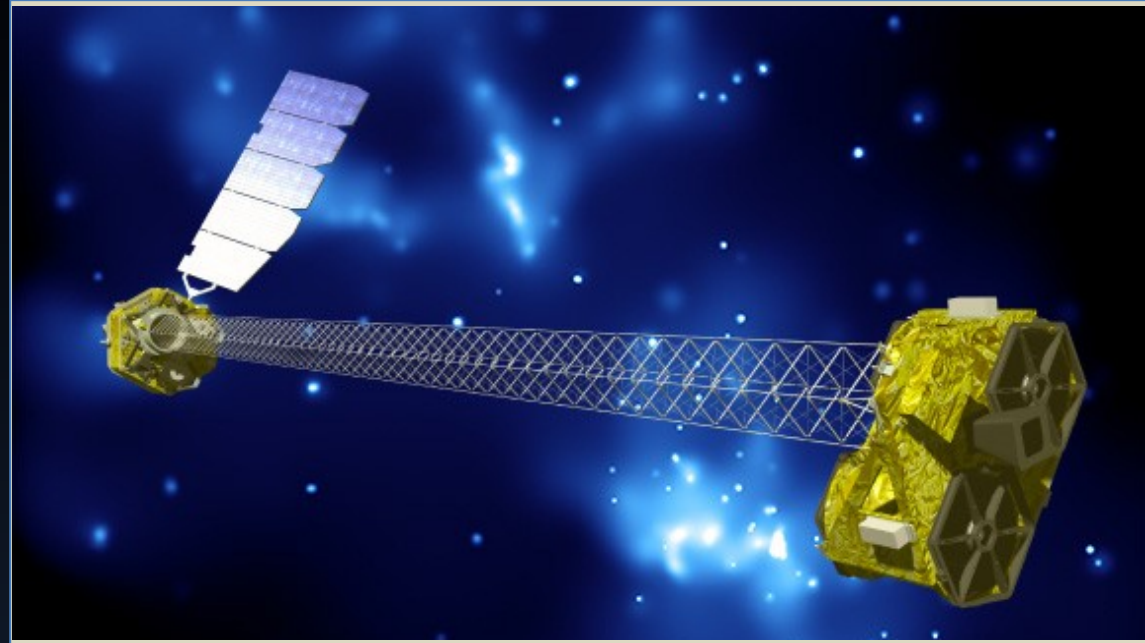


INTEGRAL, Swift BAT

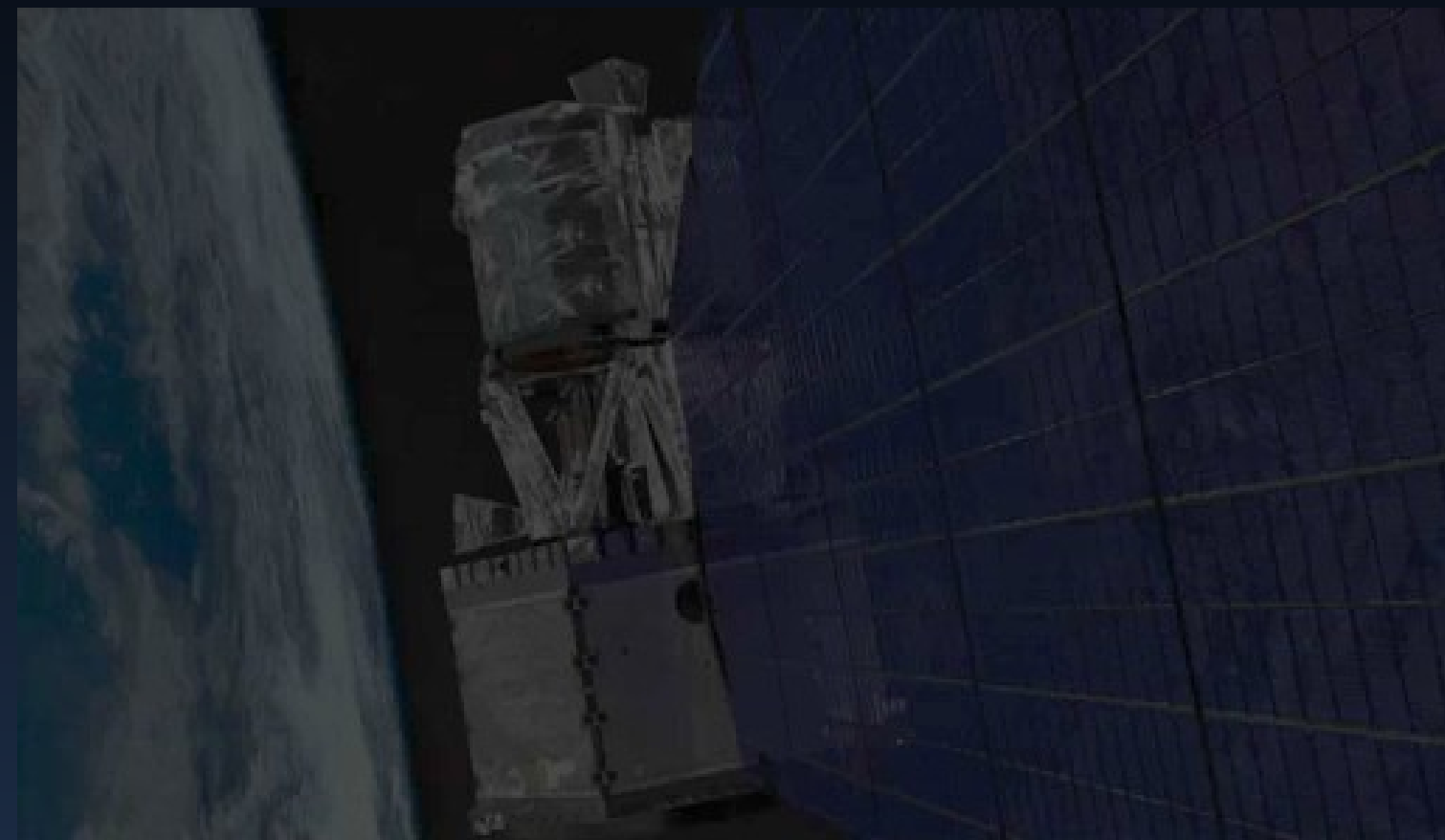
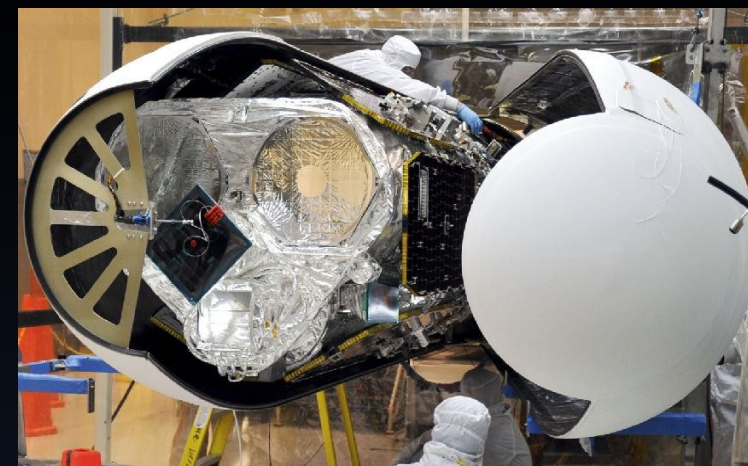


high background, large detector

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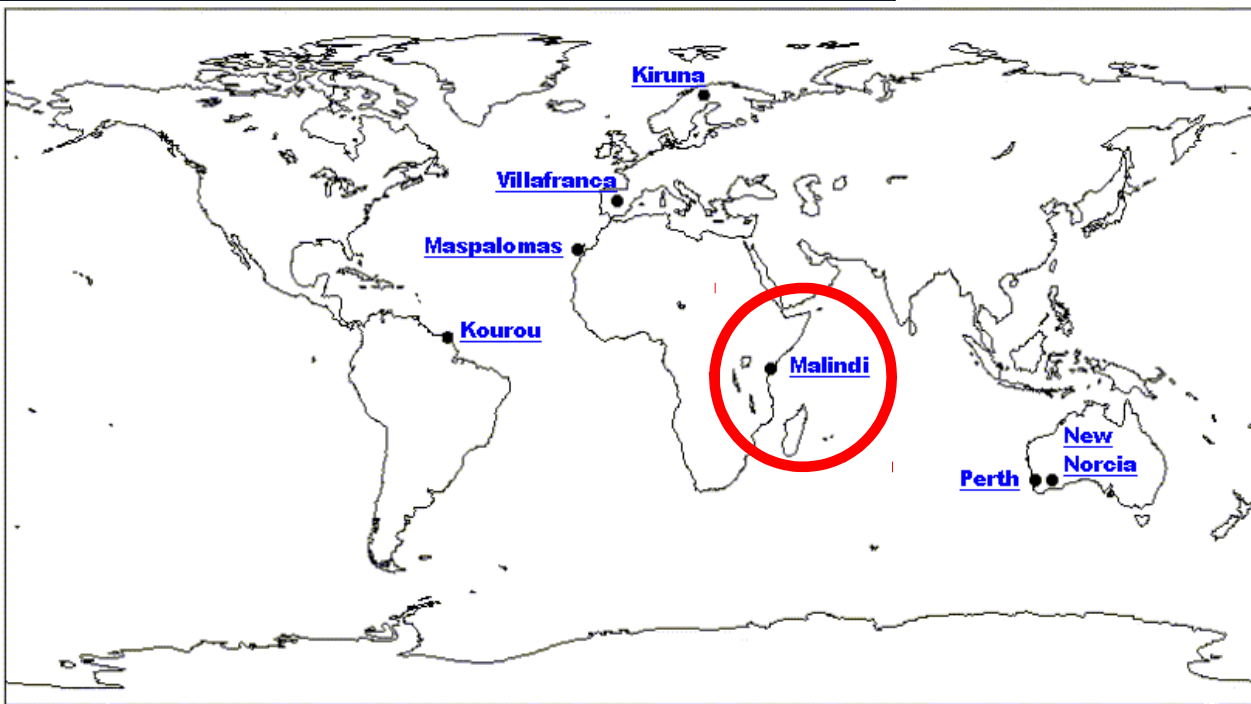


low background, compact detector

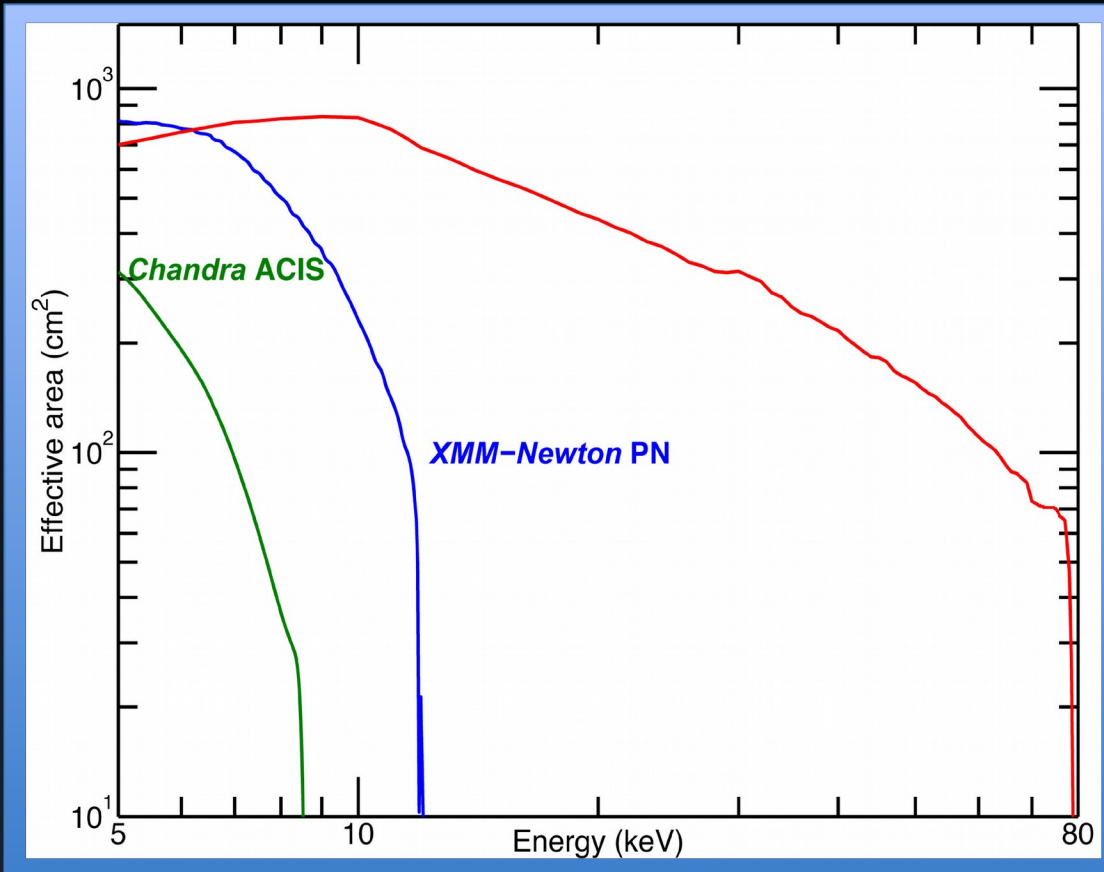


Pegasus launch
from Kwajalein
(June 13 2012):
low earth orbit,
550x600 km
low inclination, 6°

Ground Station: Malindi, Kenya (thanks!)



Collecting Area



NuSTAR two-telescope total collecting area

Satellite (instrument)	Sensitivity
INTEGRAL (ISGRI)	~0.5 mCrab (20-100 keV) with >Ms exposures
Swift (BAT)	~0.8 mCrab (15-150 keV) with >Ms exposures
NuSTAR	~0.8 μ Crab (10-40 keV) in 1 Ms

Sensitivity comparison

1 Ms Sensitivity

3.2×10^{-15} erg/cm²/s (6 – 10 keV)

1.4×10^{-14} (10 – 30 keV)
Imaging

HPD 58"

FWHM 18"

Localization 2" (1-sigma)

Field of View

FWZI 12.5' x 12.5'

FWHI 10' @ 10 keV

8' @ 40 keV

6' @ 68 keV

Timing

relative 100 microsec

absolute 3 msec

Spectral response

energy range 3-79 keV

threshold 2.0 keV

ΔE @ 6 keV 0.4 keV FWHM

ΔE @ 60 keV 1.0 keV FWHM

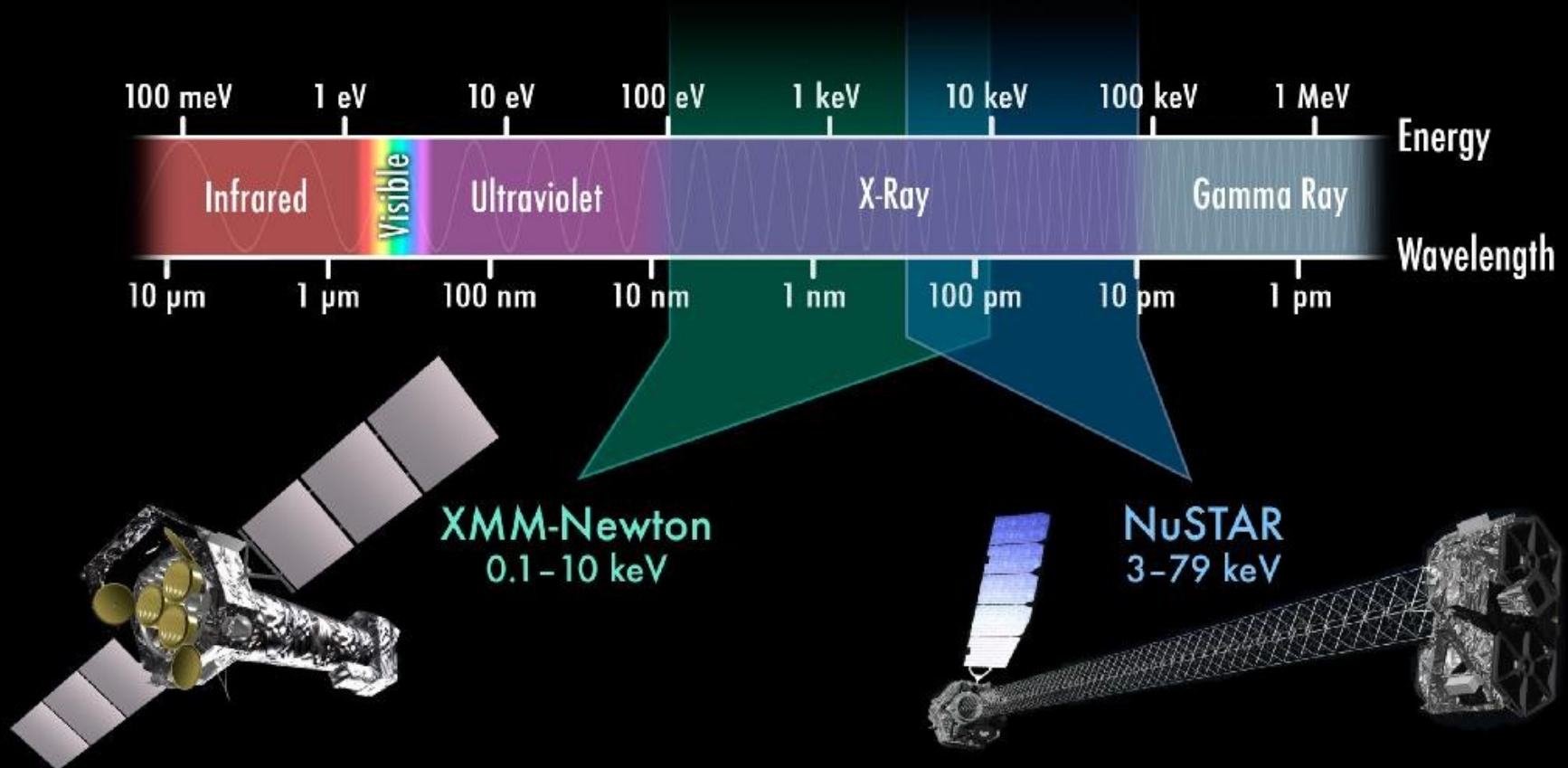
Target of Opportunity

response <24 hr (reqmt)

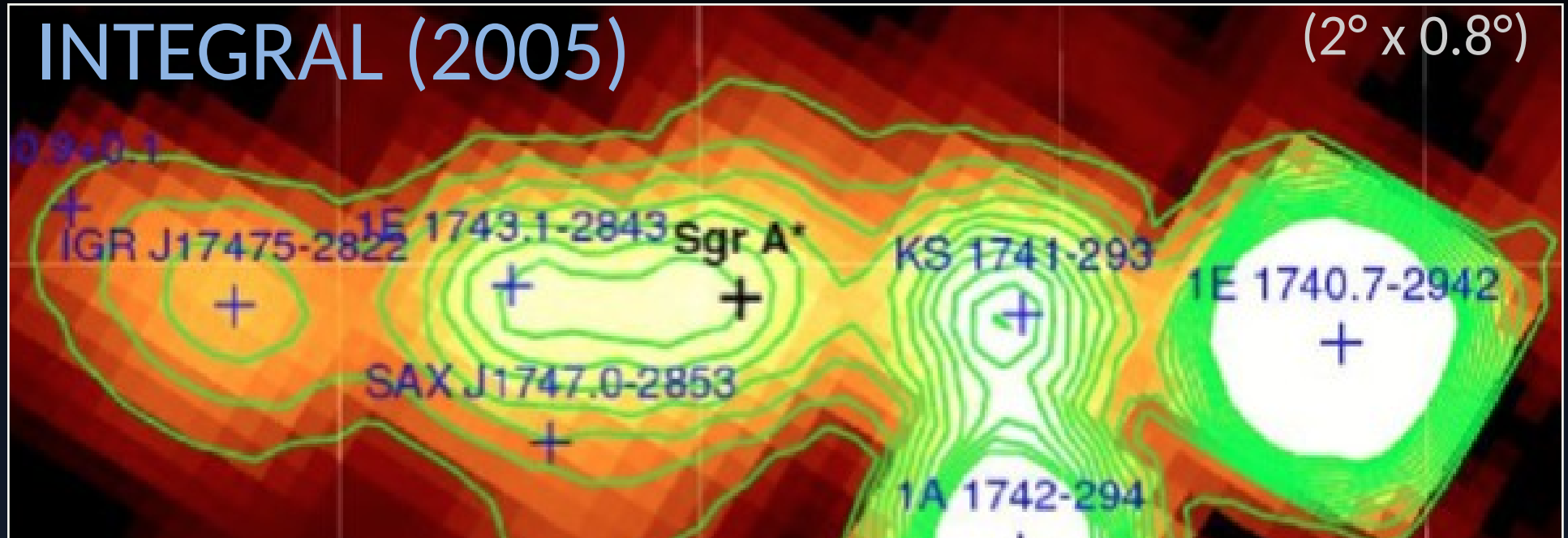
typical 6-8 hours

80% sky accessibility

X-Ray Telescopes & the Electromagnetic Spectrum



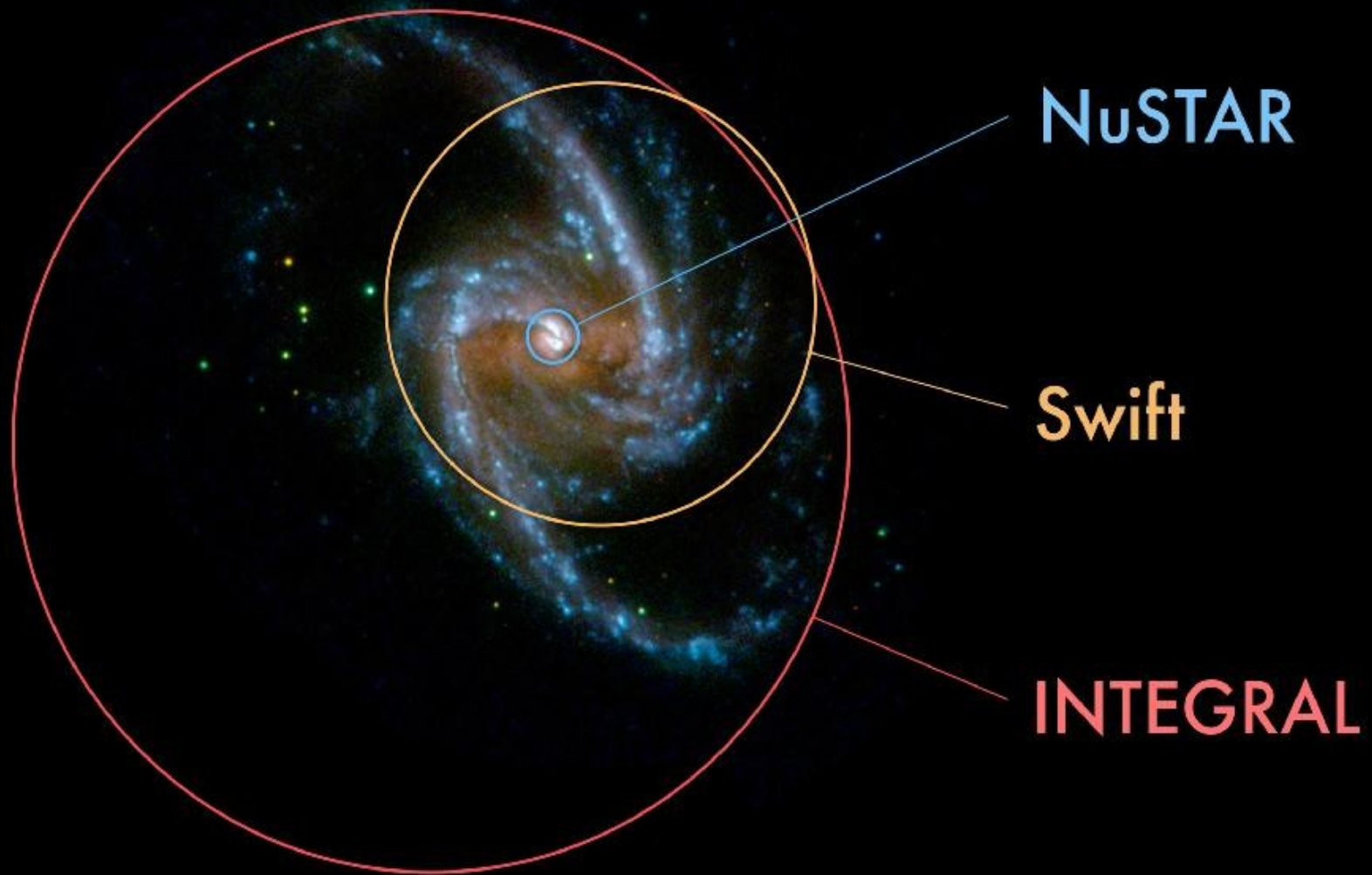
The Galactic Center



NuSTAR simulation (2012)

Galactic surveys: *locate remnants of collapsed stars (white dwarfs, neutron stars, black holes) to study the endpoints of stellar evolution*

Resolving the Core of NGC 1365 in High Energy X-Rays

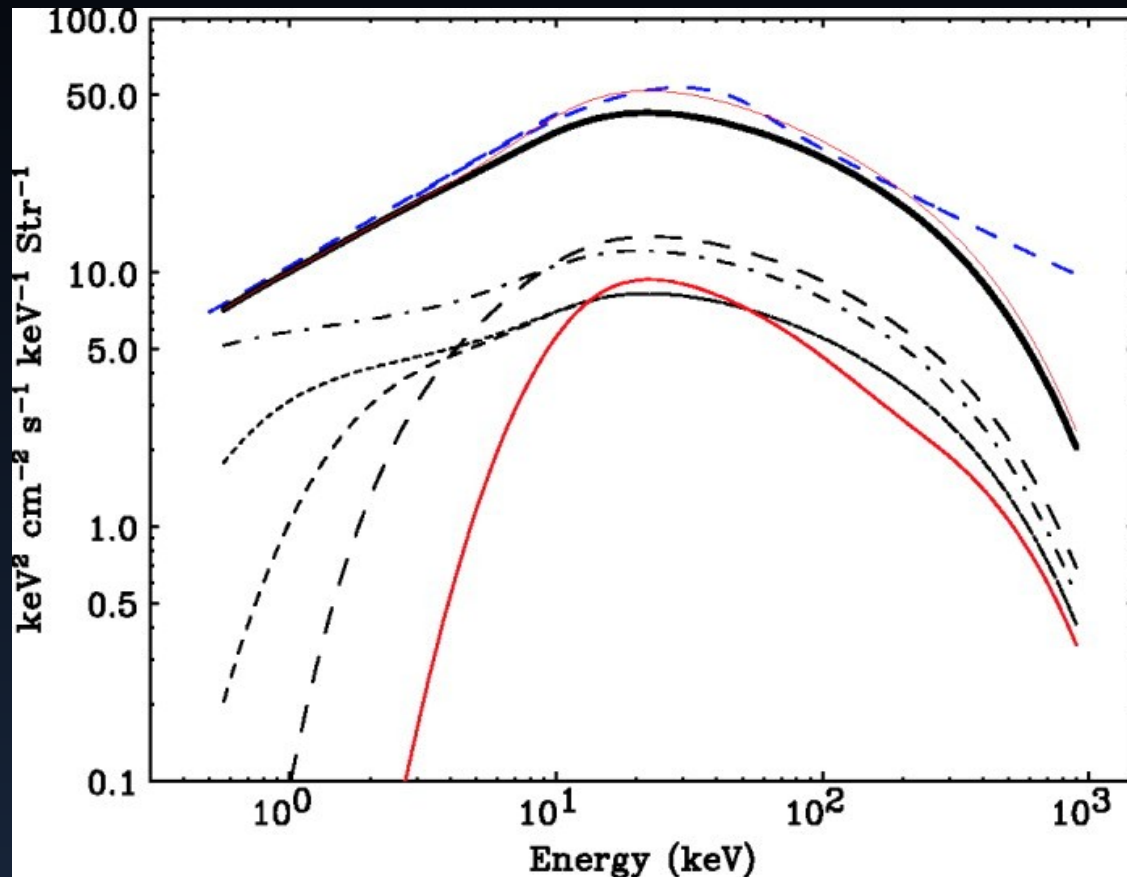


Imaging - IC342



The galaxy IC 342, ULX-1/2 resolved for the first time above 10 keV

NuSTAR Extragalactic Surveys: Resolving the Hard X-Ray Background



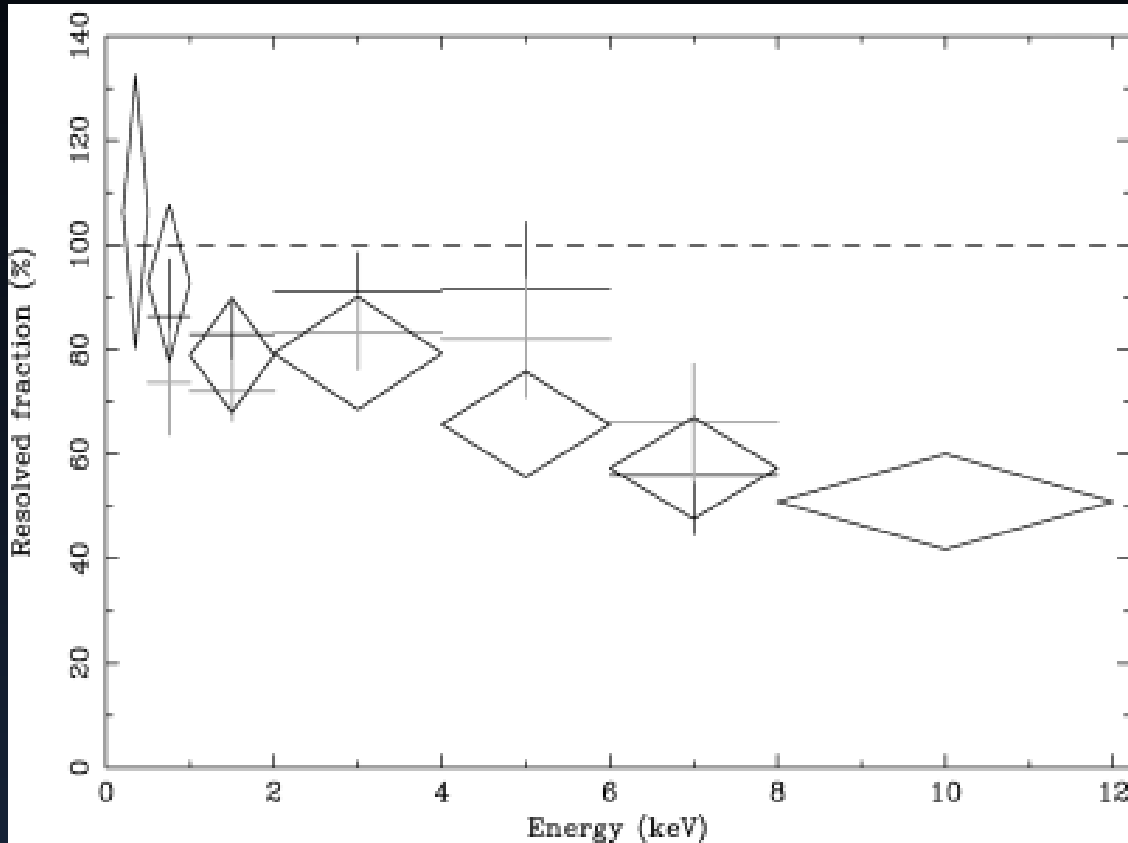
peaks at ~ 30 keV

constrains the accretion history
of the universe, e.g., the
formation history of
supermassive black holes

requires a population of
heavily obscured AGN

Ueda et al. 2003, ApJ, 598, 886

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pluses = Chandra Deep Fields/GOODS
diamond = XMM Lockman Hole

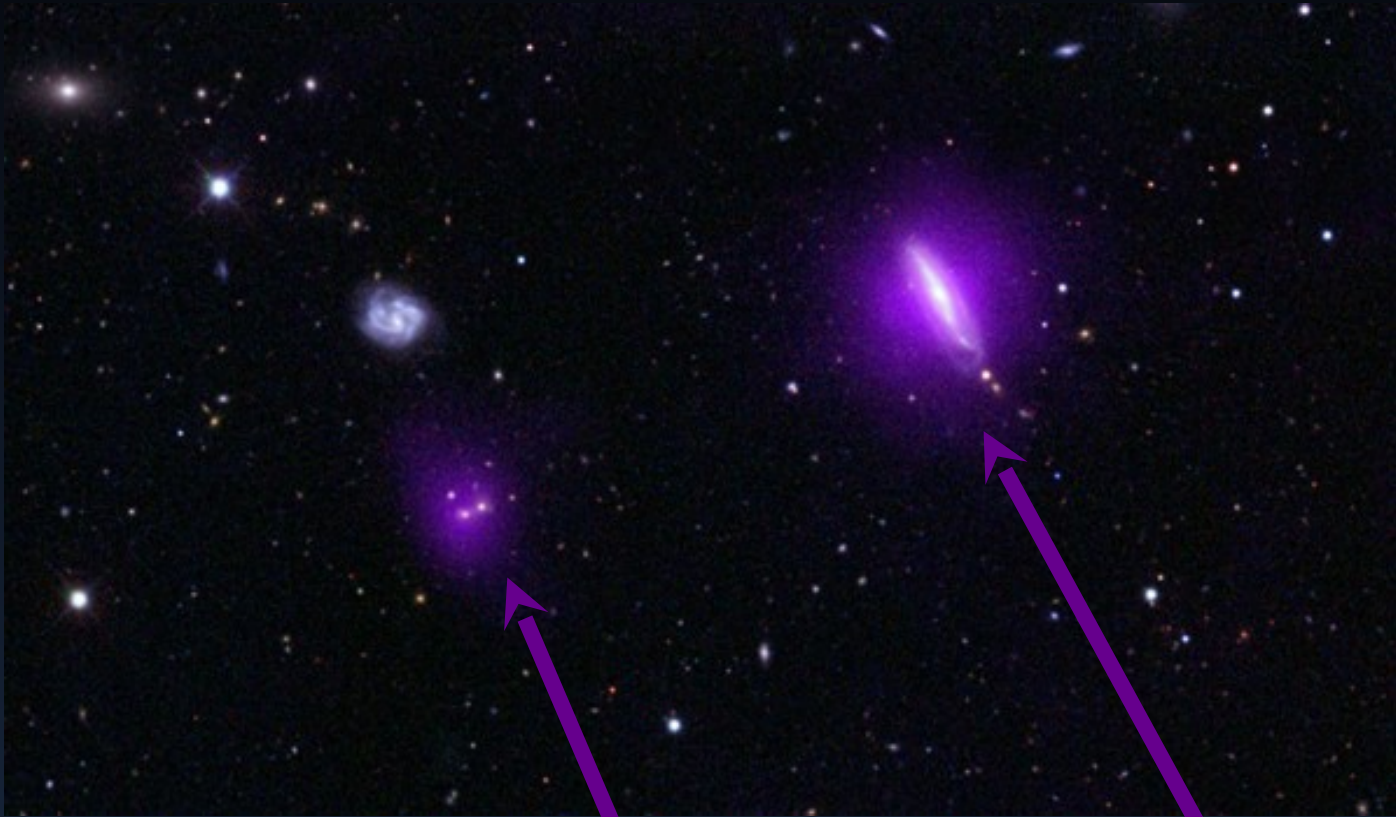
INTEGRAL/Swift

1-2 %

30 keV

Worsley et al. 2005, MNRAS, 357, 1281

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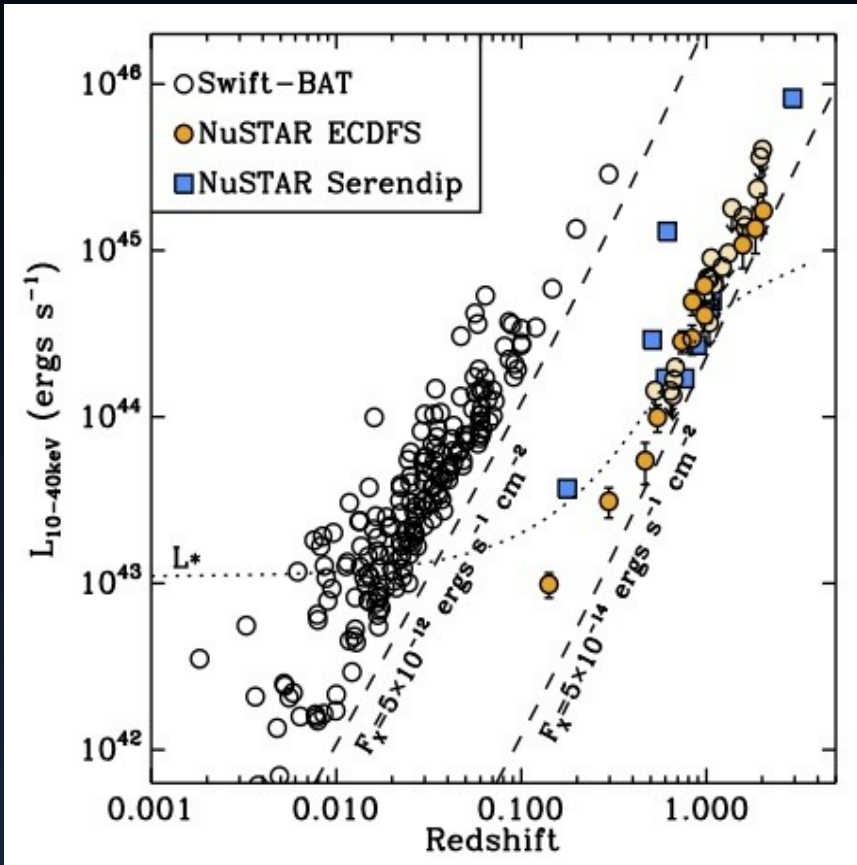


Alexander, Stern et al. 2013 ApJ, 773, 125

NuSTAR's "first born"

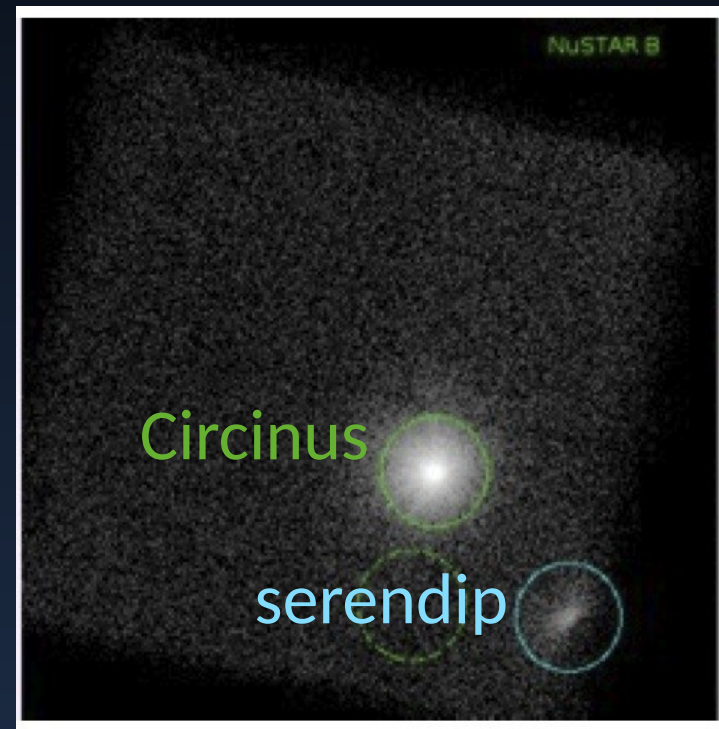
- NuSTAR (in purple) serendipitous source in field of IC751

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Alexander et al. 2013, ApJ, 773, 125
Mullaney et al., in prep.

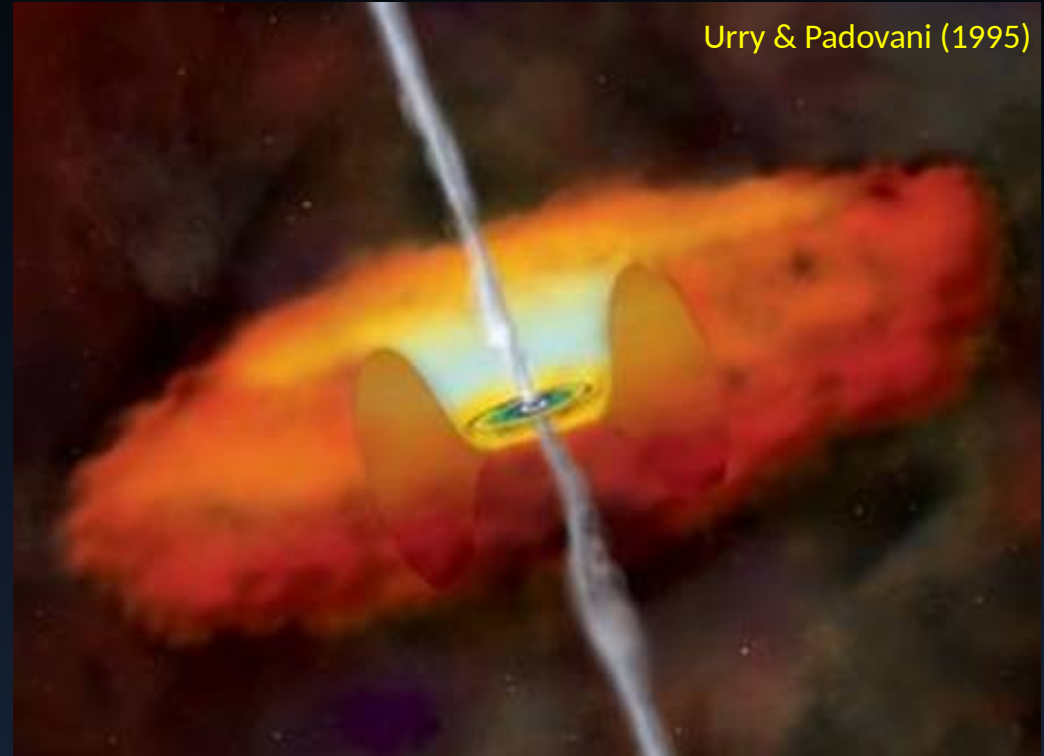
- 3-tiered survey:
- ECDFS - deep
- COSMOS - medium
- Swift/BAT serendipitous survey (+ all NuSTAR fields) - “shallow”

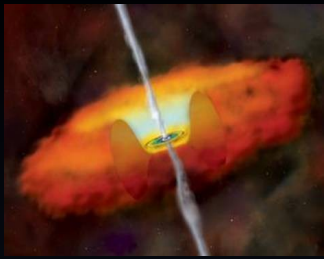


- median redshift for Swift/BAT: $z \sim 0.03$
- median redshift for NuSTAR: $z \sim 0.7$

NuSTAR AGN Physics: fundamental questions

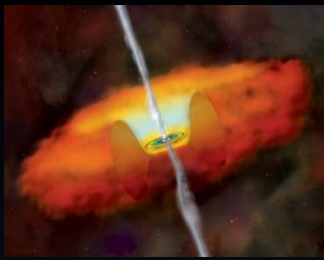
- What are the physical properties of the so-called corona?
- What is the distribution of SMBH spins?
- What is the nature of the soft X-ray excess?
- How are jets triggered?
What is their role in feedback?
- What physical processes create the absorbing structures in AGN?





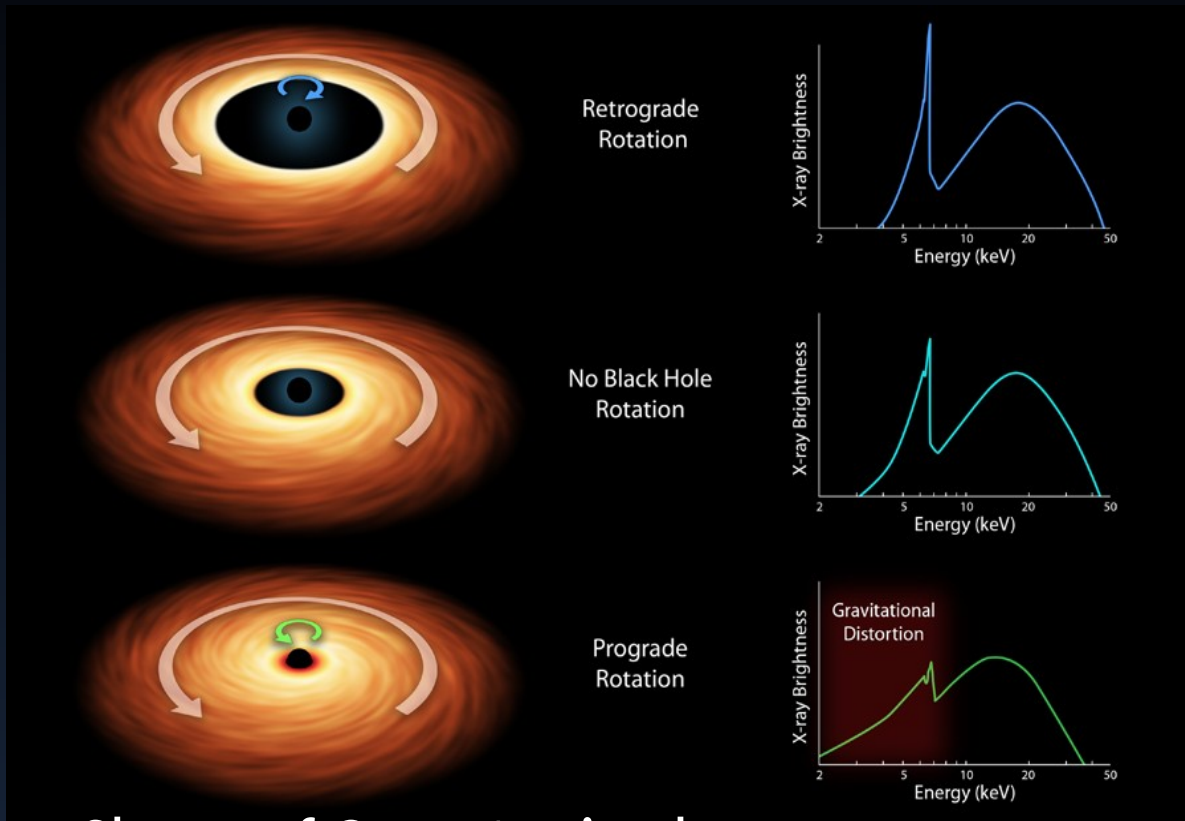
NuSTAR AGN Physics: simultaneous XMM & Suzaku campaigns

- Science goals: SMBH spin, coronal properties
- **Suzaku AO-7: 3 sources, ~310 ks, focus on corona**
 - ✓ 3C 273*
 - ✓ NGC 4151
 - ✓ IC 4329A
- **XMM AO-11: 6 sources, ~1.5 Ms, focus on SMBH spin**
 - ✓ 3C 273*
 - ✓ NGC 1365
 - ✓ MCG—6-30-15
 - ✓ Ark 120
 - ✓ 3C 120 (also *Swift* to check for inner disk disruption)
 - ✓ SWIFT J2127.4+5654



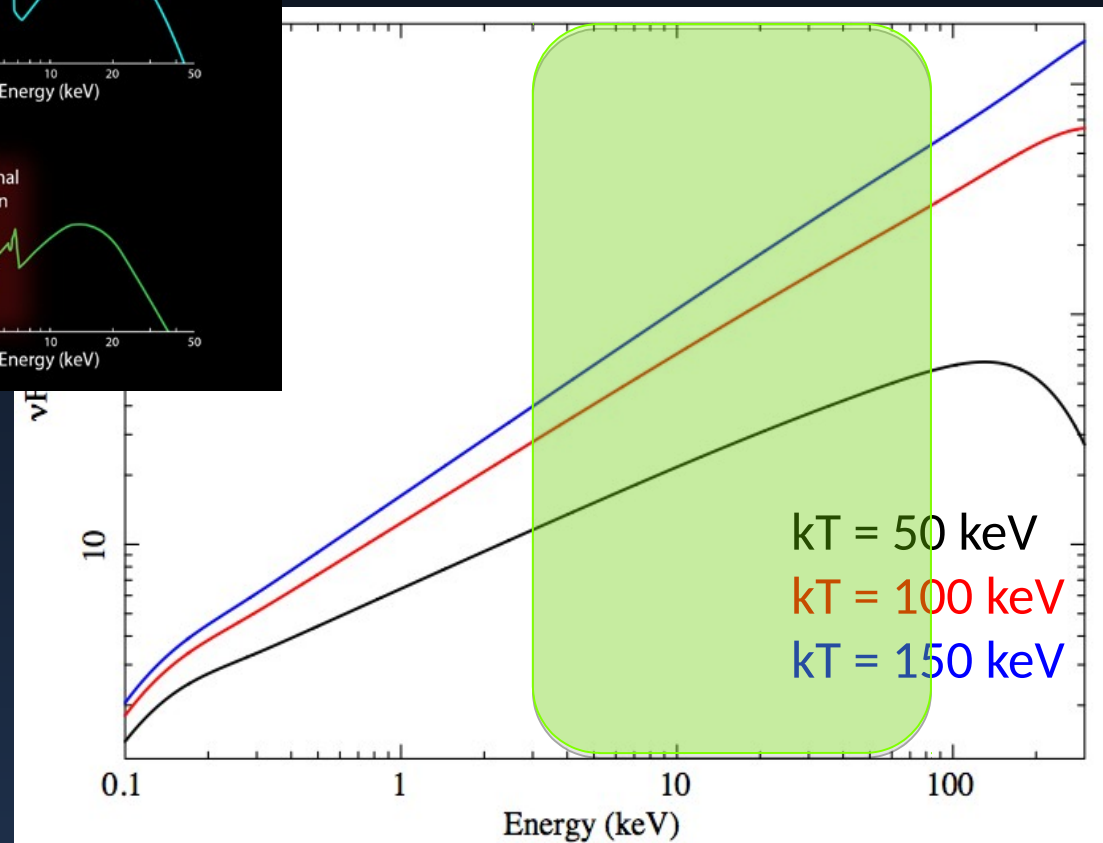
NuSTAR AGN Physics: the importance of spectral shape

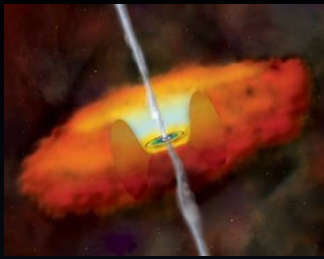
- Spin alters shape of Fe K line and Compton hump in predictable, measurable ways.



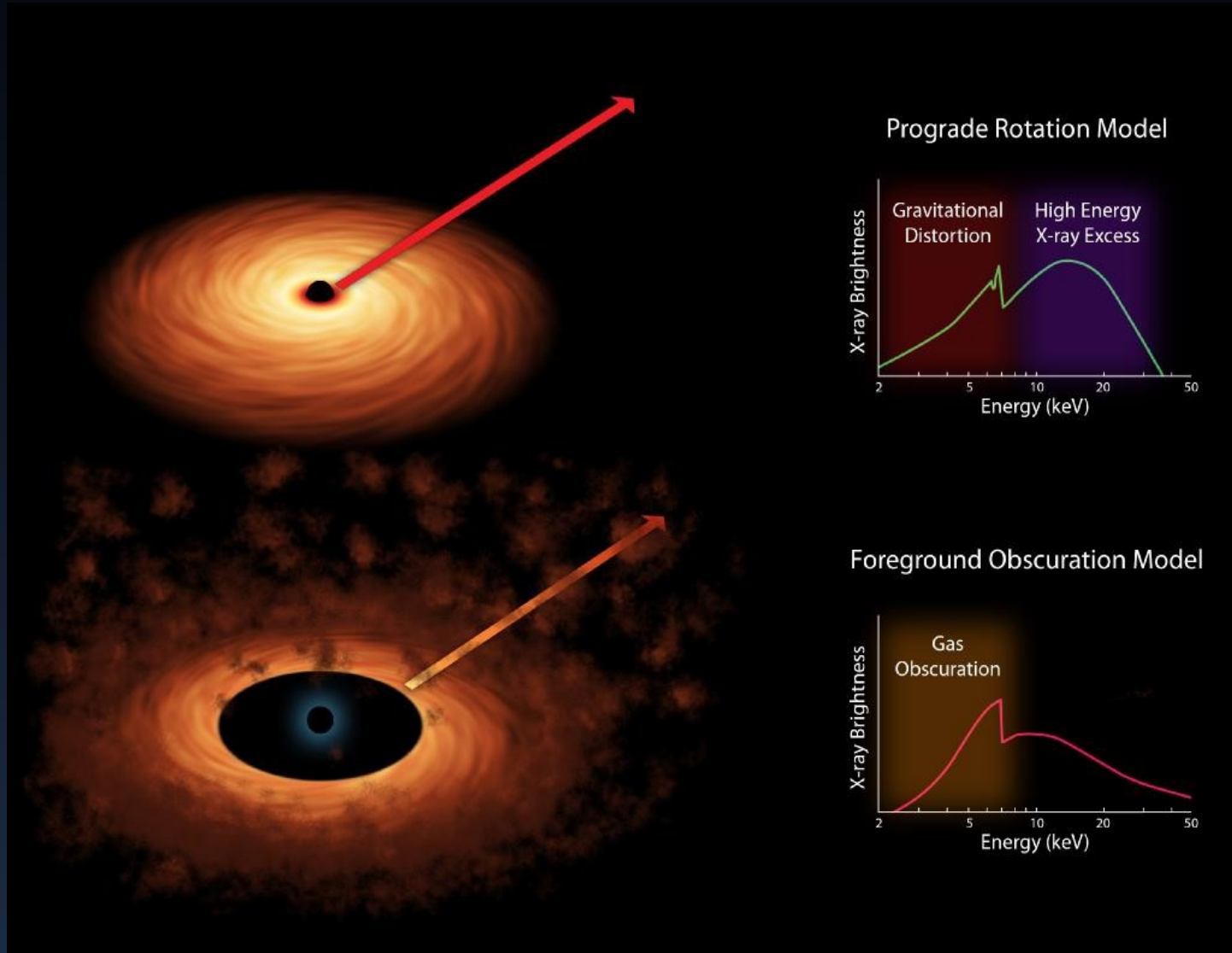
- Shape of Comptonized continuum determined by kT , τ of coronal plasma.

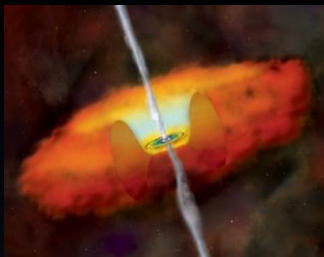
- We know that $E_{\text{cut}} \sim 3kT$, so measuring E_{cut} helps break



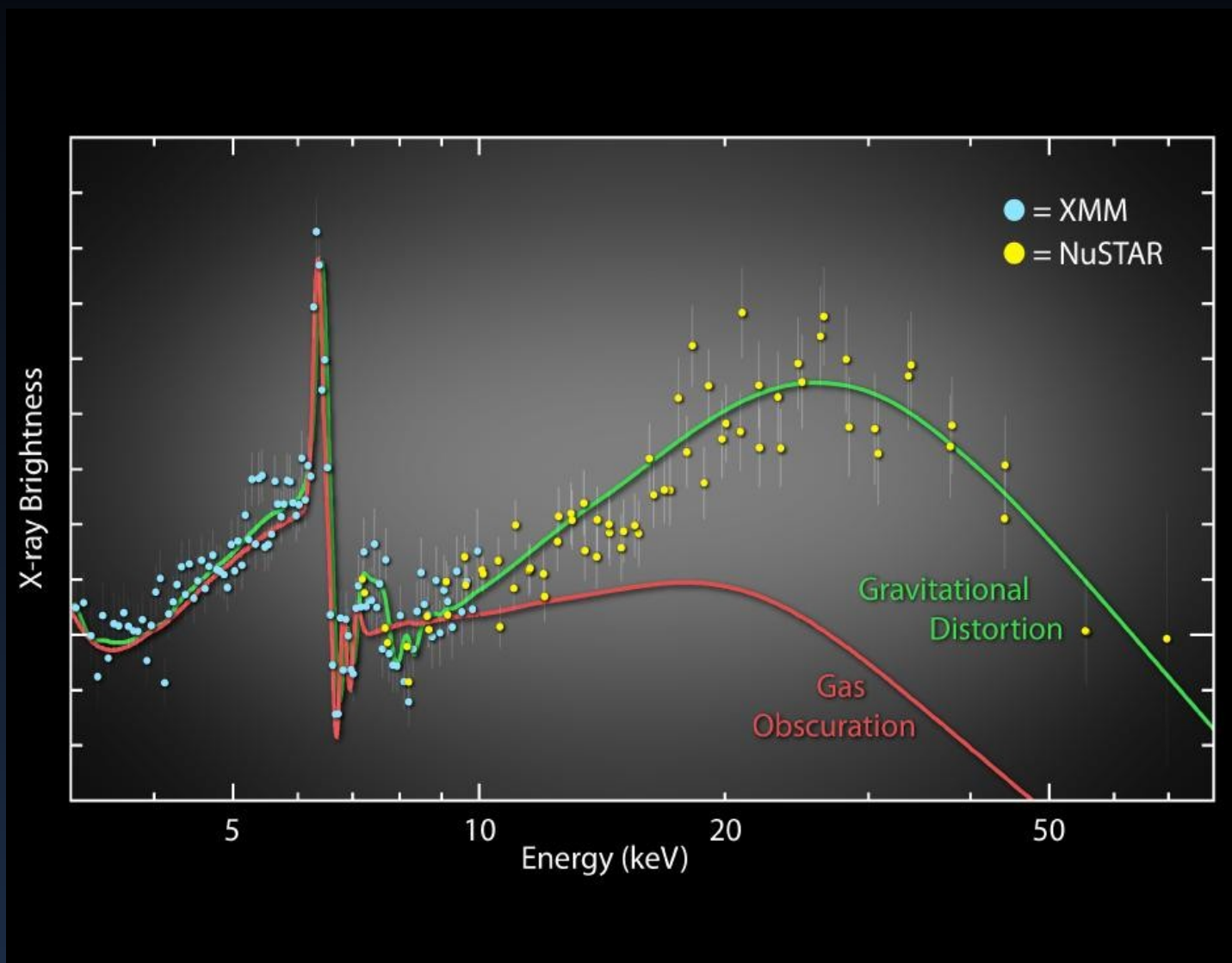


NuSTAR AGN Physics: first result on the BH spin in NGC 1365

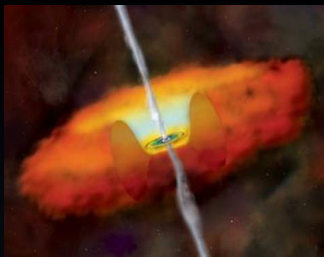




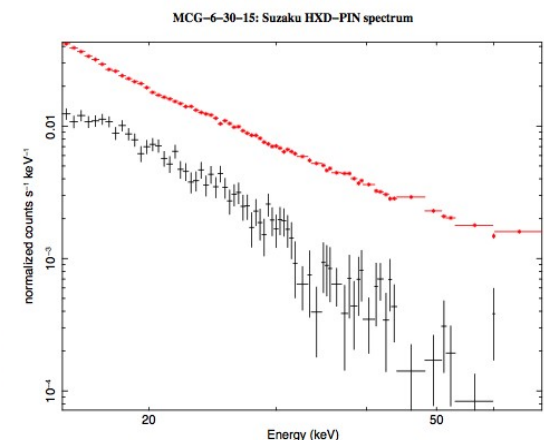
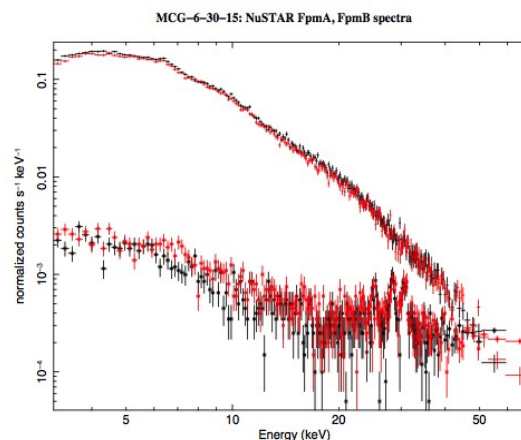
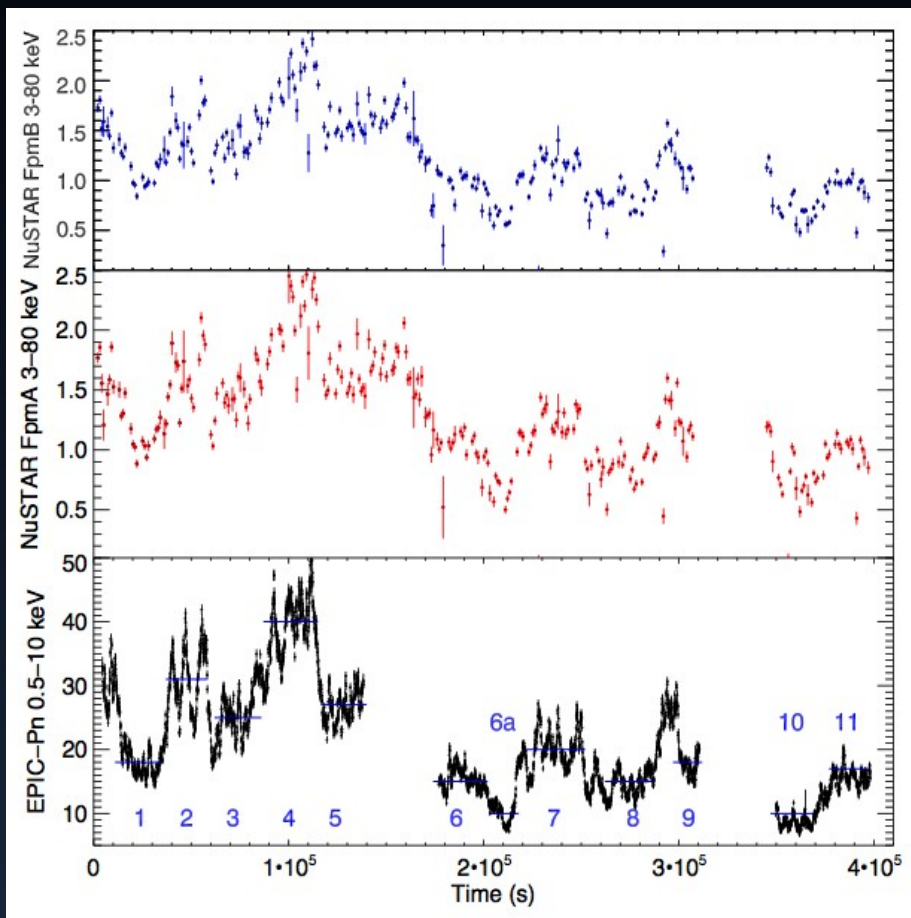
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Risaliti et al. 2013, Nature

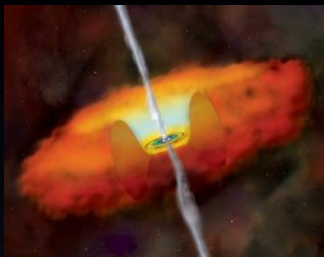


NuSTAR AGN Physics: a long look to MCG-6-30-15

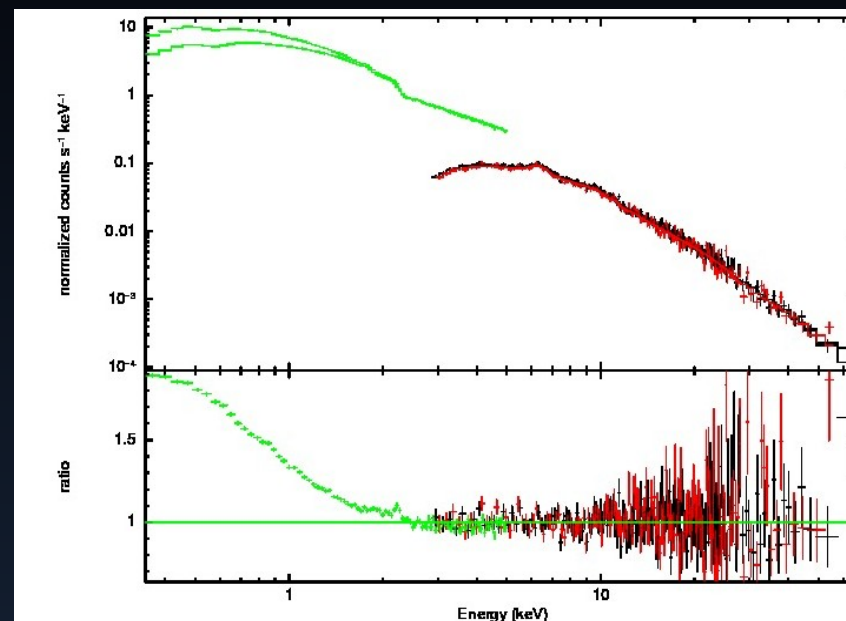
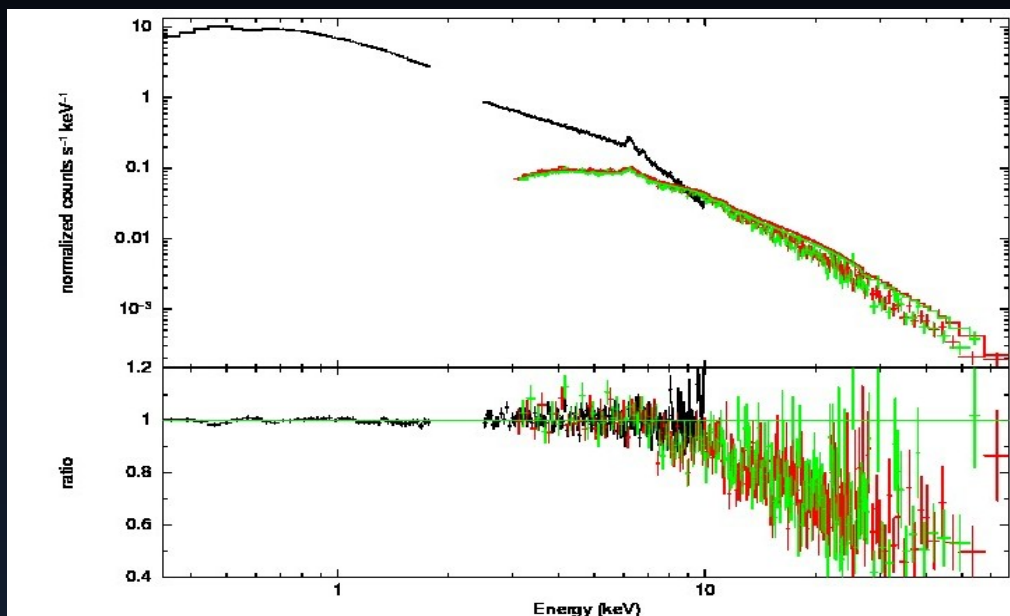


300 ks simultaneous XMM-NuSTAR
Absorption and reflection models tested
in a detailed time resolved analysis

Marinucci et al., in preparation
Brenneman et al., in preparation
Kara et al., in preparation

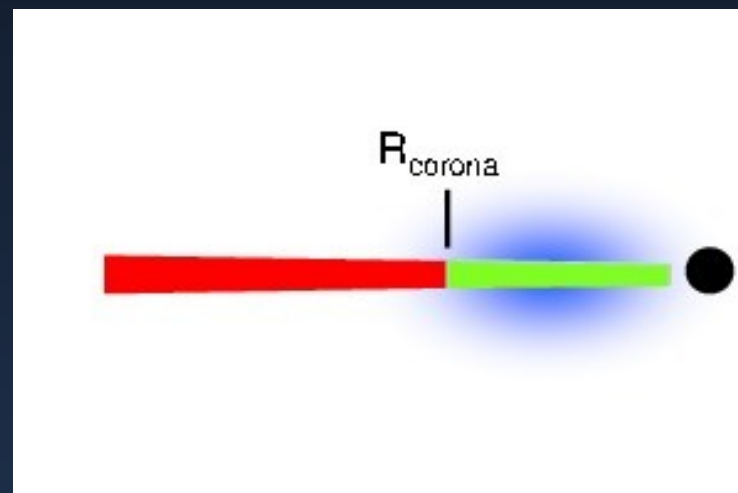


NuSTAR AGN Physics: comptonization effects in Ark 120

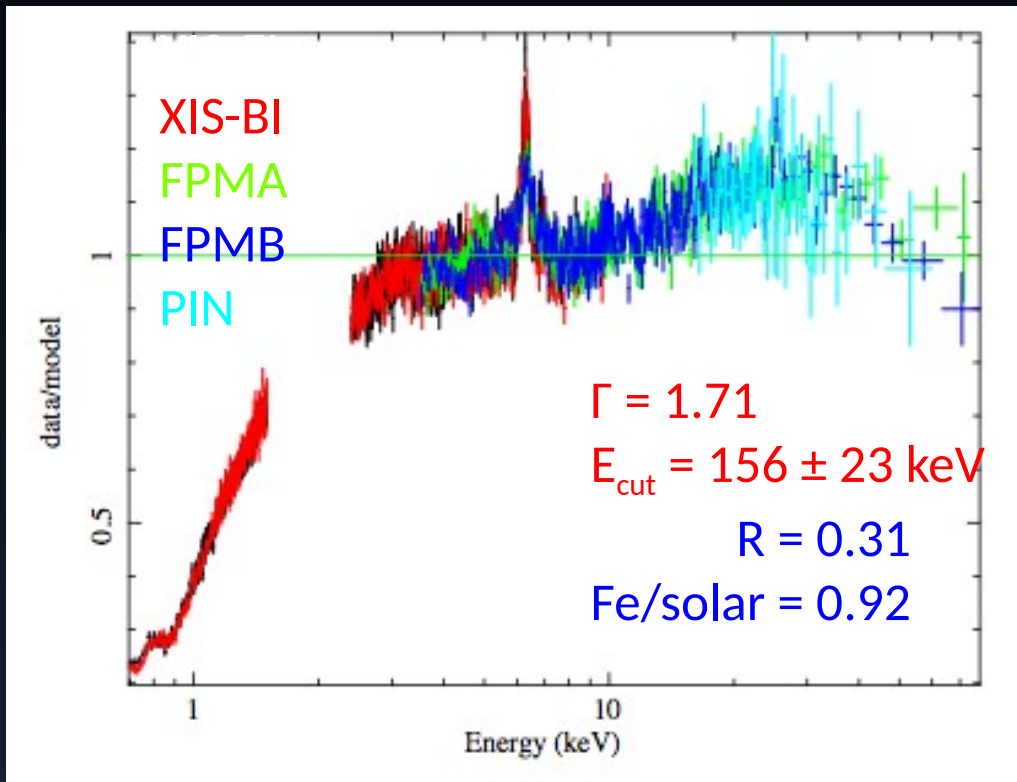
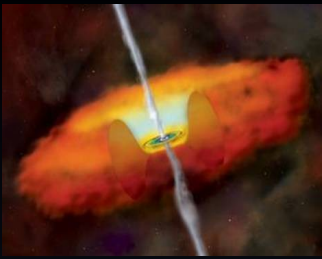


Matt et al., in preparation

Optxagnf (Done et al. 2012) is a disk/corona emission model which assumes a thermal disk emission outside the coronal radius, and soft and hard Comptonization inside.

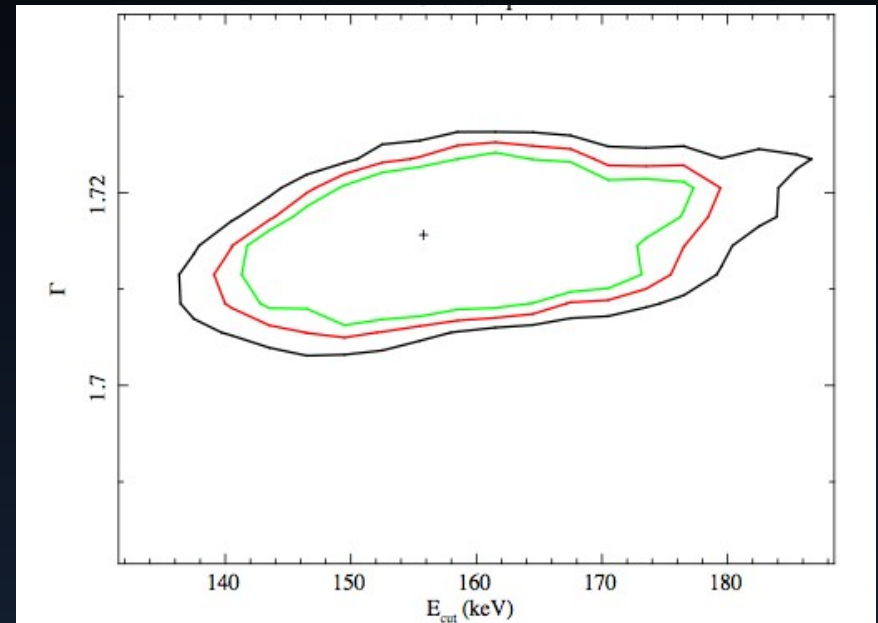


NuSTAR AGN Physics: coronal properties of IC4329 A



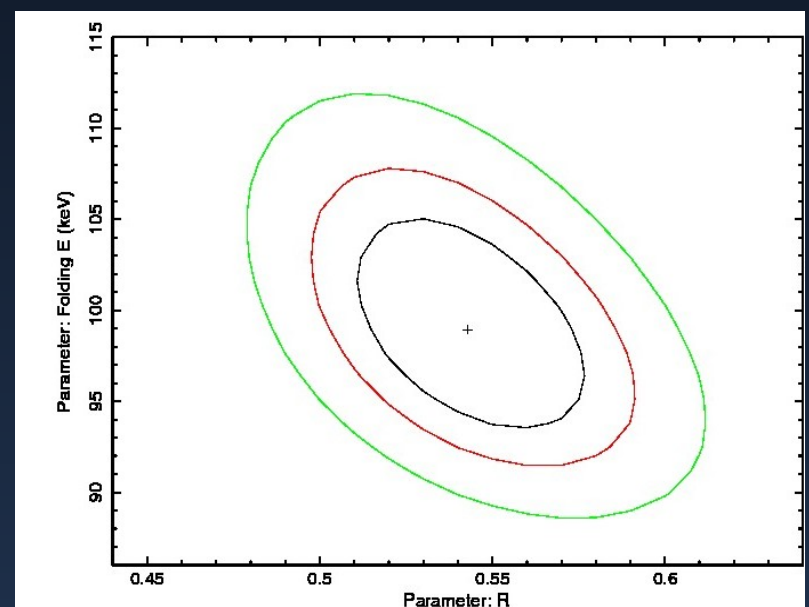
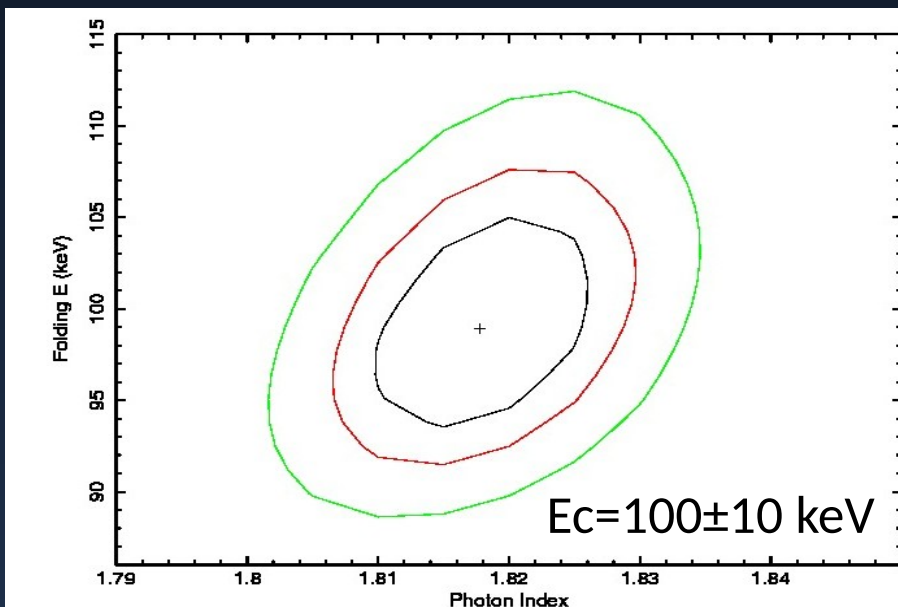
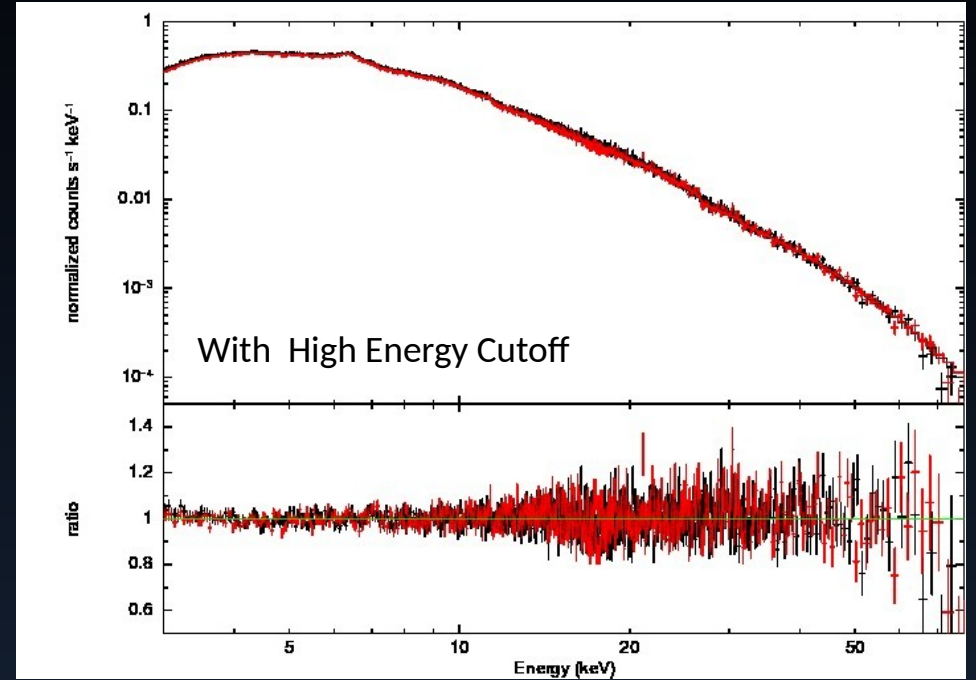
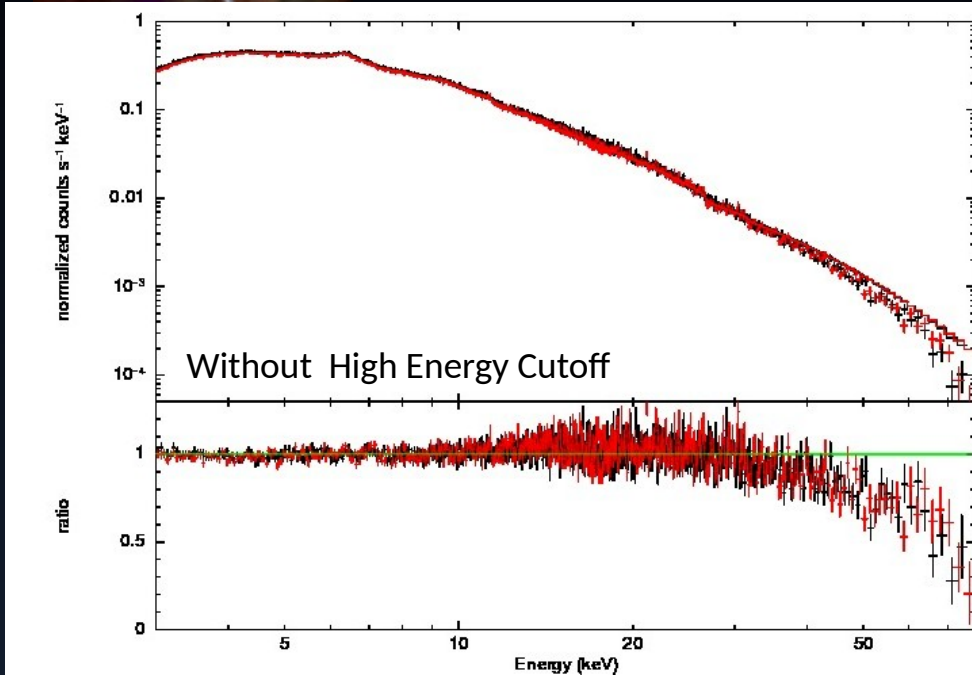
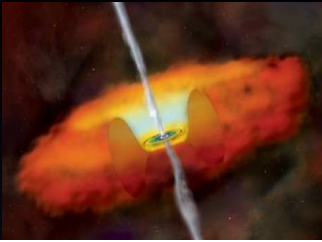
Brenneman et al., in preparation

- 150 ks observation in August 2012



- $kT = 40 \pm 5 \text{ keV}$
 $\tau = 1.44 \pm 0.03 \text{ (slab)}$
 $\tau = 3.41 \pm 0.10 \text{ (sphere)}$

NuSTAR AGN Physics: coronal properties of MCG-5-23-16



Baseline Science Mission

- As typical for an Explorer, all baseline observations led by the science team
- mixture of Level 1 and Priority A targets (with fair amount of margin in reserve)
- After the current initial calibration period is completed, observations will go public through HEASARC two months after a data set is completed (next data release will be Oct. 31st)
- 1.5 Ms of NuSTAR to be made available for coordinated observations with next XMM AO (factor 6 oversubscription)
- A paper a week is being submitted by now, for a complete list of accepted/published paper:

<http://www.nustar.caltech.edu/for-astronomers/publications/refereed-papers>

- ~140-person international science team broken into 13 science working groups:

Baseline Science Mission

Science Group	Working Group Chair
Galactic Surveys, Galactic Center	Chuck Hailey
Supernovae and ToOs	Steve Boggs
Supernova remnants and Pulsar Wind Nebulae	Fiona Harrison
Magnetars and Rotation Powered Pulsars	Vicky Kaspi
Galactic Binaries	John Tomsick
Ultraluminous X-ray Sources	Fiona Harrison
Extragalactic Surveys	Daniel Stern
Blazars and Radio Galaxies	Greg Madejski, Paolo Giommi
Obscured AGN	Daniel Stern
AGN Physics	Giorgio Matt
Galaxy Clusters	Allan Hornstrup, Silvano Molendi
Starburst Galaxies	Ann Hornschemeier
Solar Physics	David Smith

<http://www.nustar.caltech.edu> (look under 'for astronomers')

Thanks!

