Hot coronae in local AGN

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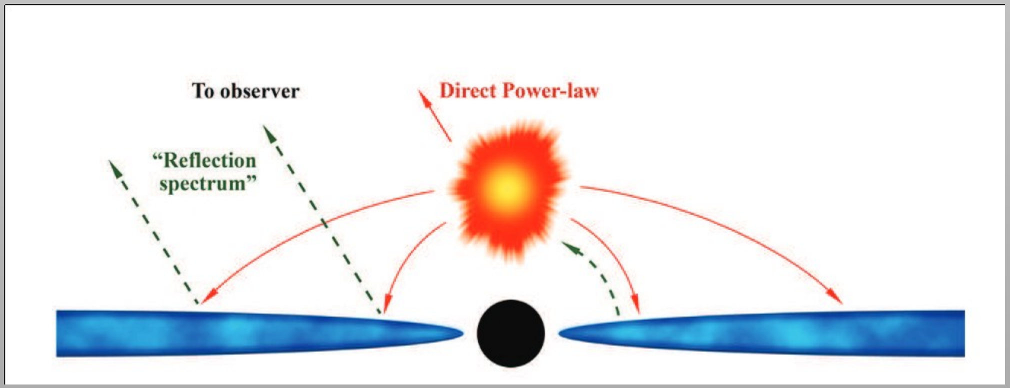
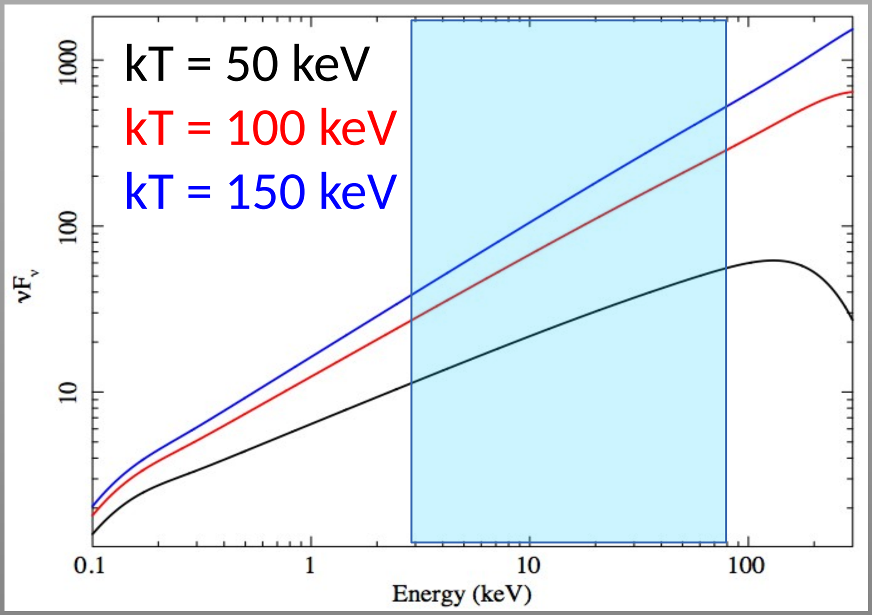
Introduction

One of the main open problem for AGN is the nature of the primary X-ray emission.

It is due to Comptonization of soft photons, but the geometry, optical depth and temperature of the emitting corona are largely unknown.

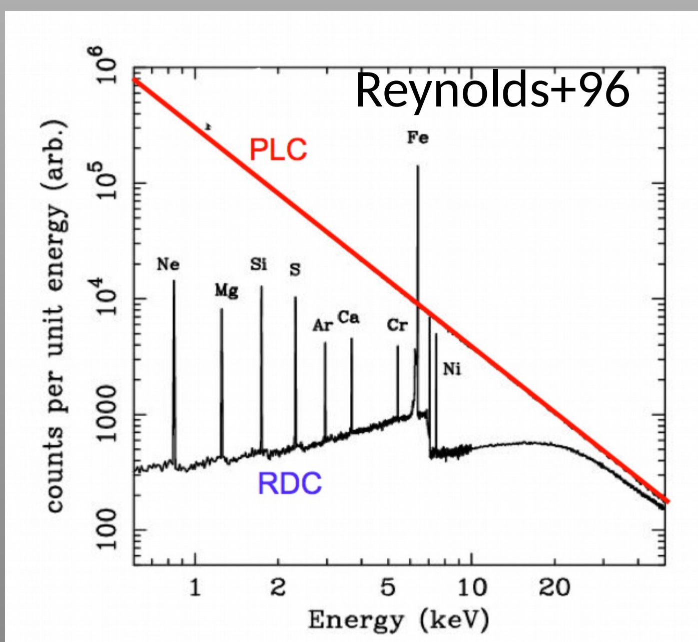


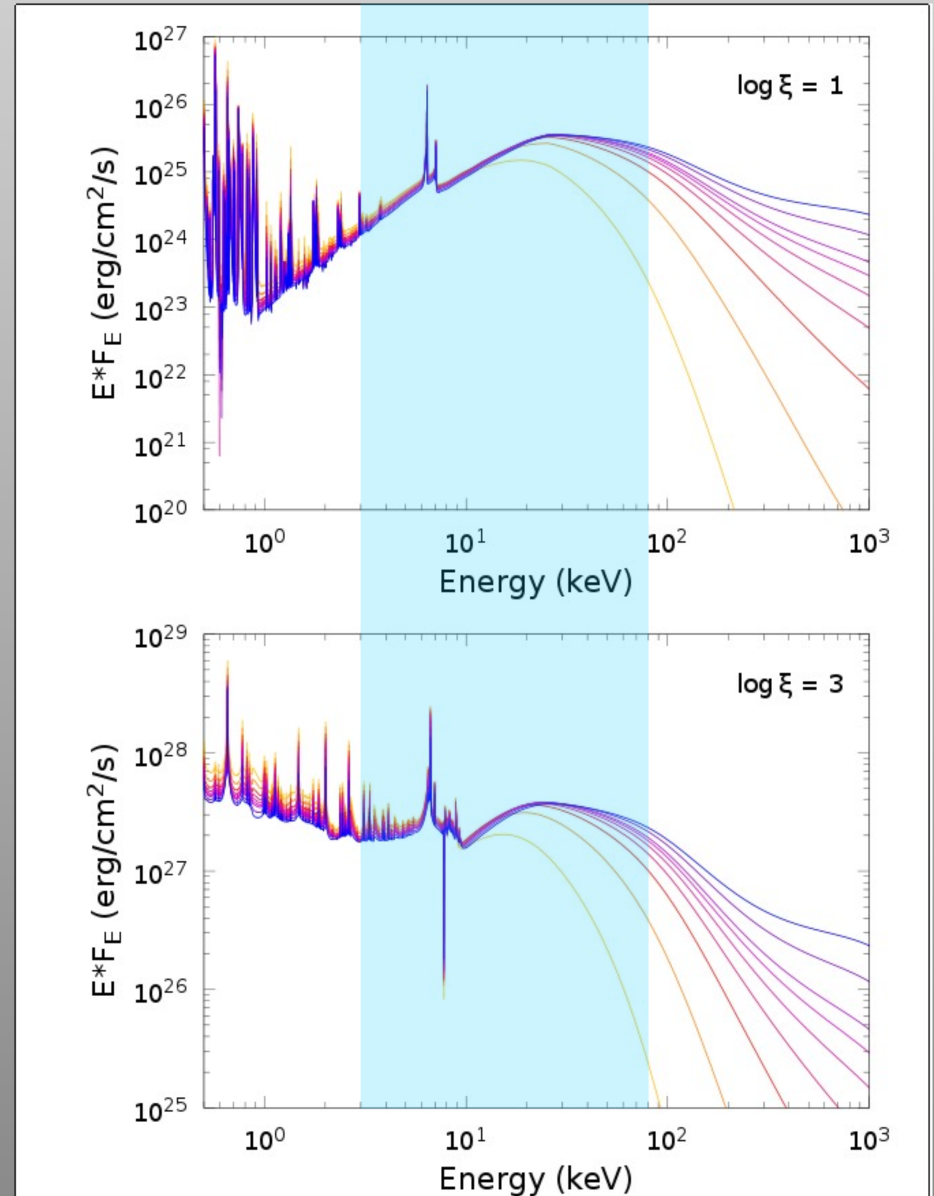


Most popular models imply E_{cut}=2-3xkT_e, so measuring E_{cut} helps constraining Comptonization models.

Introduction

Since the primary X-ray radiation illuminates the disc and is partly reflected towards the observer's line of sight it is fundamental to properly take it into account: Xillver (Garcia+13), KYreflionx (and KYNREFREV, see Caballero-Garcia's talk) .





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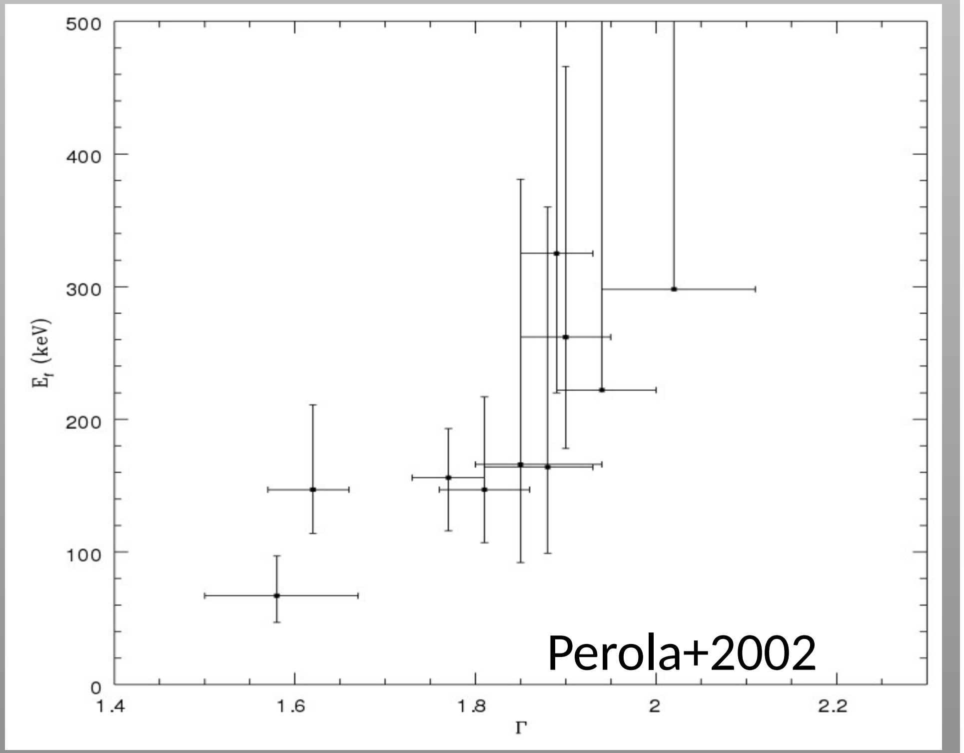
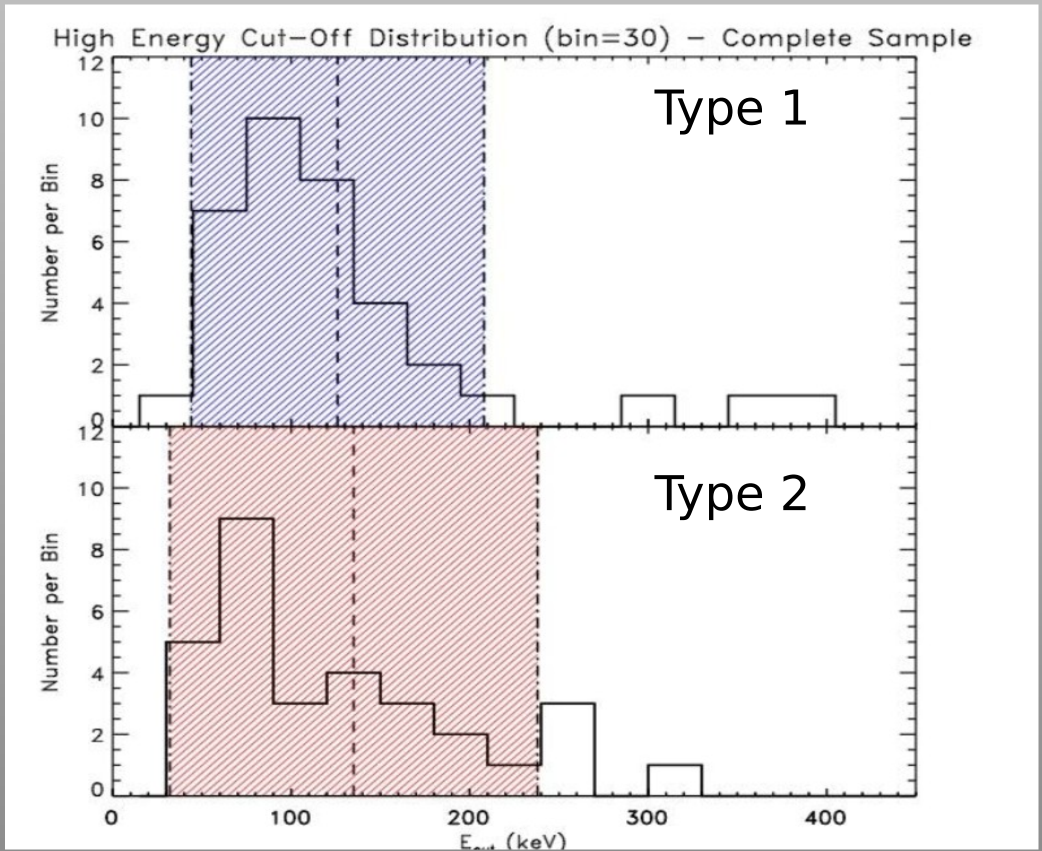
Introduction

Before the launch of NuSTAR, there were only a handful of results based on non focusing, and therefore strongly background-dominated, satellites (BeppoSAX-PDS, Suzaku HXD-PIN, INTEGRAL, Swift-BAT)





De Rosa+2012; Molina+2013

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The NuSTAR satellite

Nuclear Spectroscopic Telescope Array

1 Ms Sensitivity

3.2×10^{-15} erg/cm^2/s (6 – 10 keV)

1.4×10^{-14} erg/cm^2/s (10 – 30 keV)

Imaging

HPD	58”
FWHM	18”
Localization	2” (1-sigma)

Spectral response

energy range: 3-79 keV

ΔE @ 6 keV 0.4 keV FWHM

ΔE @ 60 keV 1.0 keV FWHM

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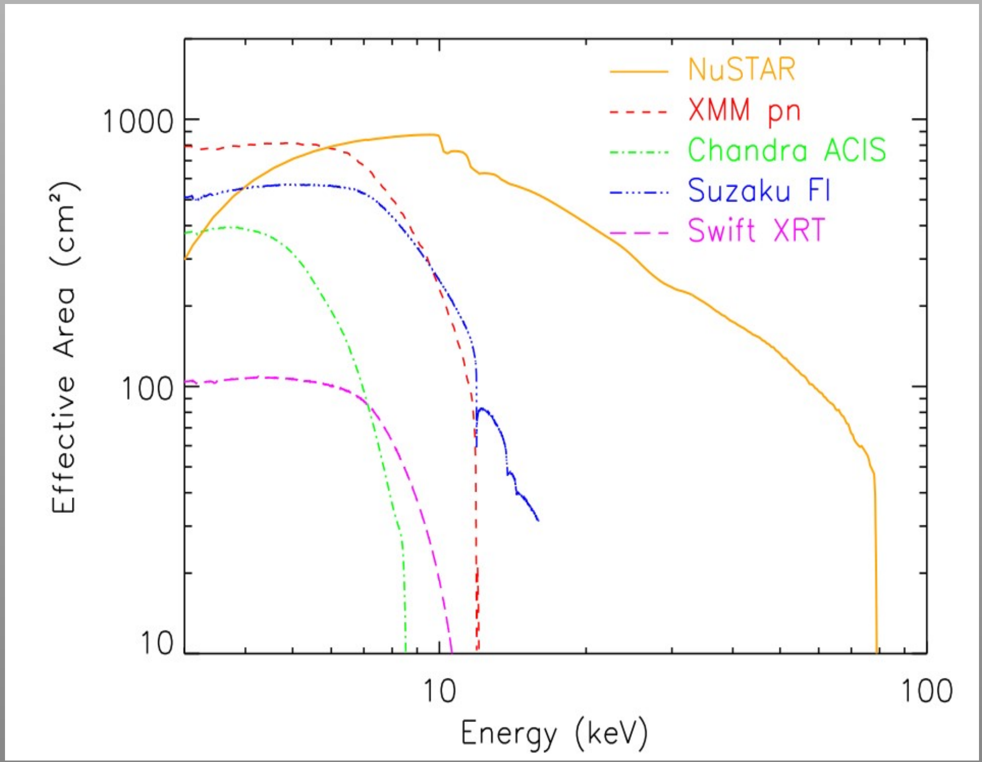

Target of Opportunity

response <24 hr

typical 6-8 hours

80% sky accessibility

Nearby AGN seen by NuSTAR

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NGC 5506	0.006	8 ± 1	10	2.9	720^{+130}_{-190}	$1.91^{+0.03}_{-0.03}$	$0.71^{+0.13}_{-0.36}$	4^{+33}_{-3}	SWIFT/NU	$1-2$
NGC7213	0.006	$7.98^{+0.22}_{-0.24}$	10	0.71	> 240	$1.84^{+0.03}_{-0.03}$	> 0.05	$1.0^{+0.7}_{-0.4}$	NU	$3-4$
MCG-6-30-15	0.008	6.7 ± 1	2.9	8.2	> 110	$2.061^{+0.005}_{-0.005}$	> 0.04	258^{+2323}_{-232}	XMM/NU	$5-6$
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SWIFT J2127.4+5654	0.014	7.18 ± 1	13	1.1	108^{+11}_{-10}	$2.08^{+0.01}_{-0.01}$	$0.11^{+0.01}_{-0.04}$	34^{+308}_{-31}	XMM/NU	$12-13$
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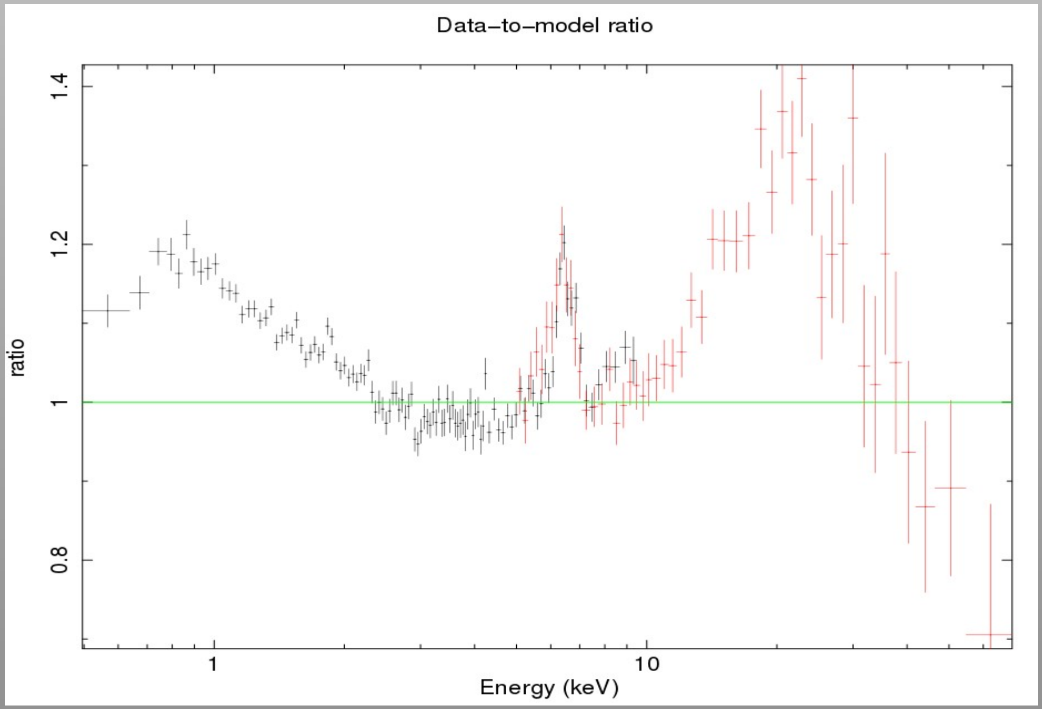
Swift J2127.4+5654

NLS1 with a relativistically broadened Fe Kα emission line (a=0.6±0.2), a steep continuum (Γ=2-2.4), E_c=30-90 keV, L_{bol}/L_{Edd}~0.18 (Miniutti+09, Malizia+08, Panessa+11, Sanfrutos+13)

It was observed simultaneously with XMM-Newton for ~300 ks and both a strong Compton Hump and a broad Fe Kα line are present



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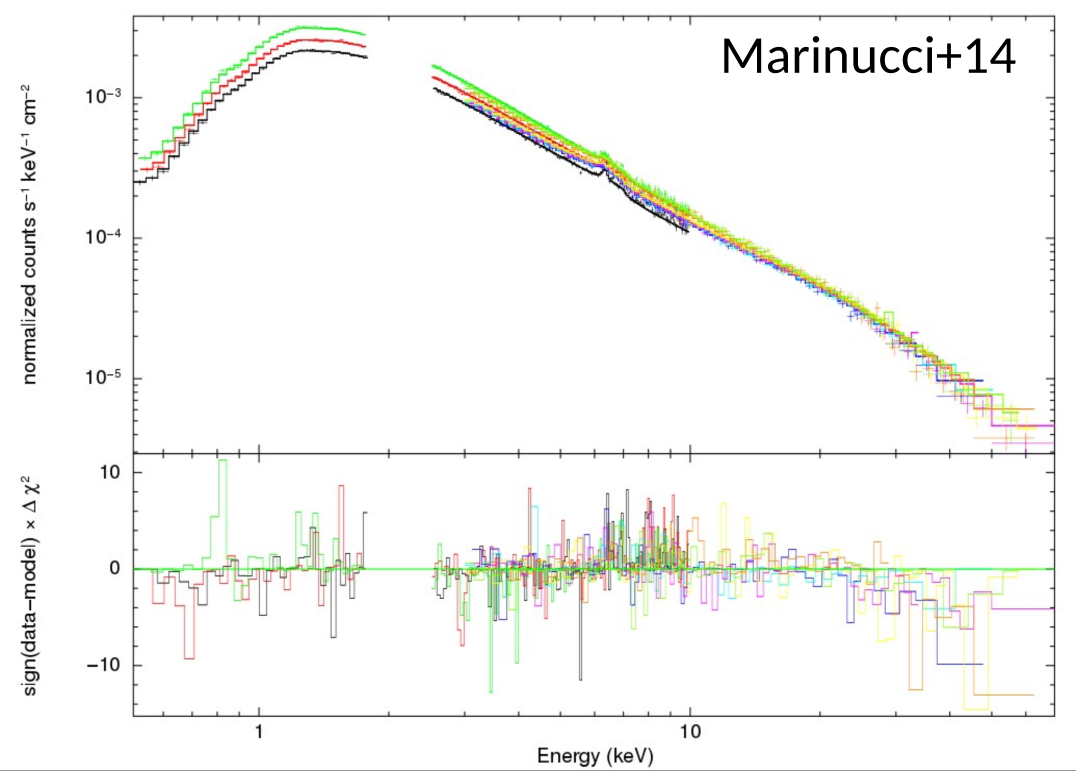

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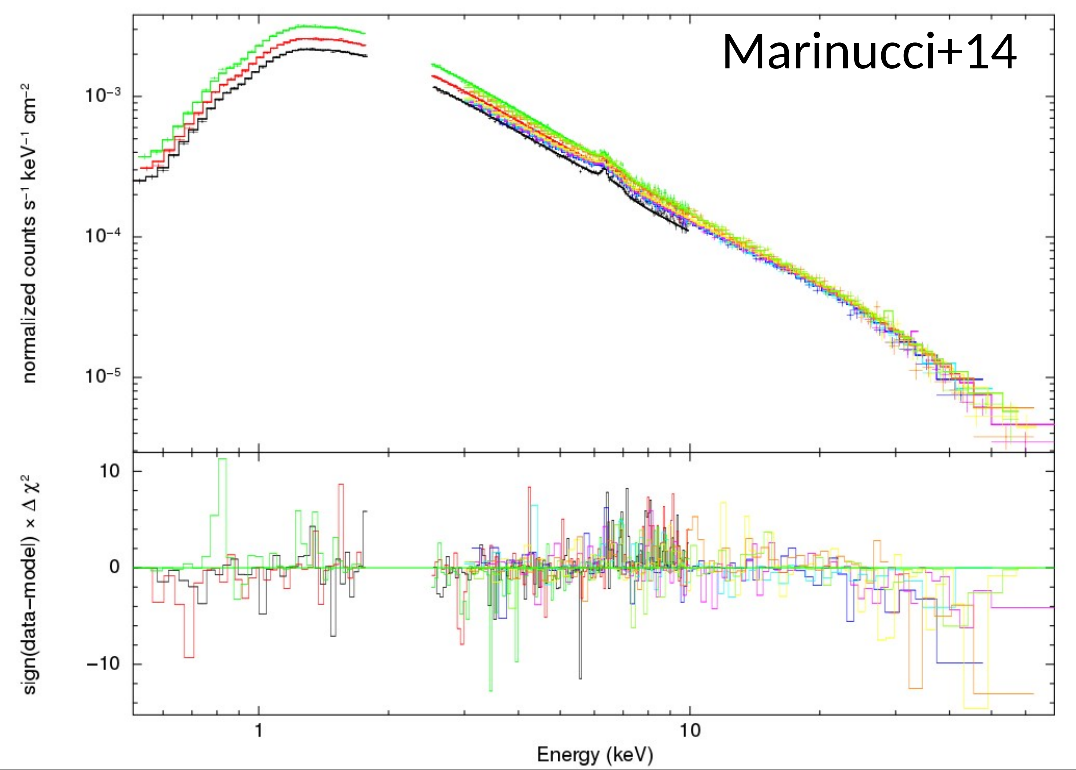

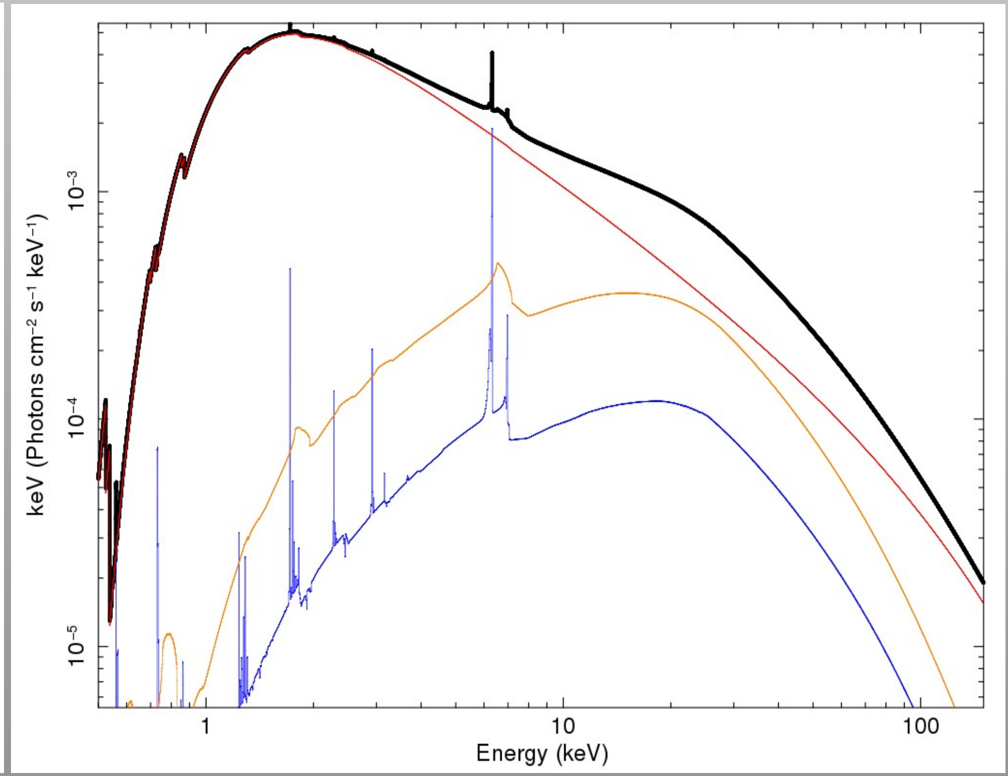

The inclusion of relxill model (Garcia & Dauser +14) allows us to measure a cutoff energy E_c=108±10 keV and to infer the contribution of the disc to the Compton hump.

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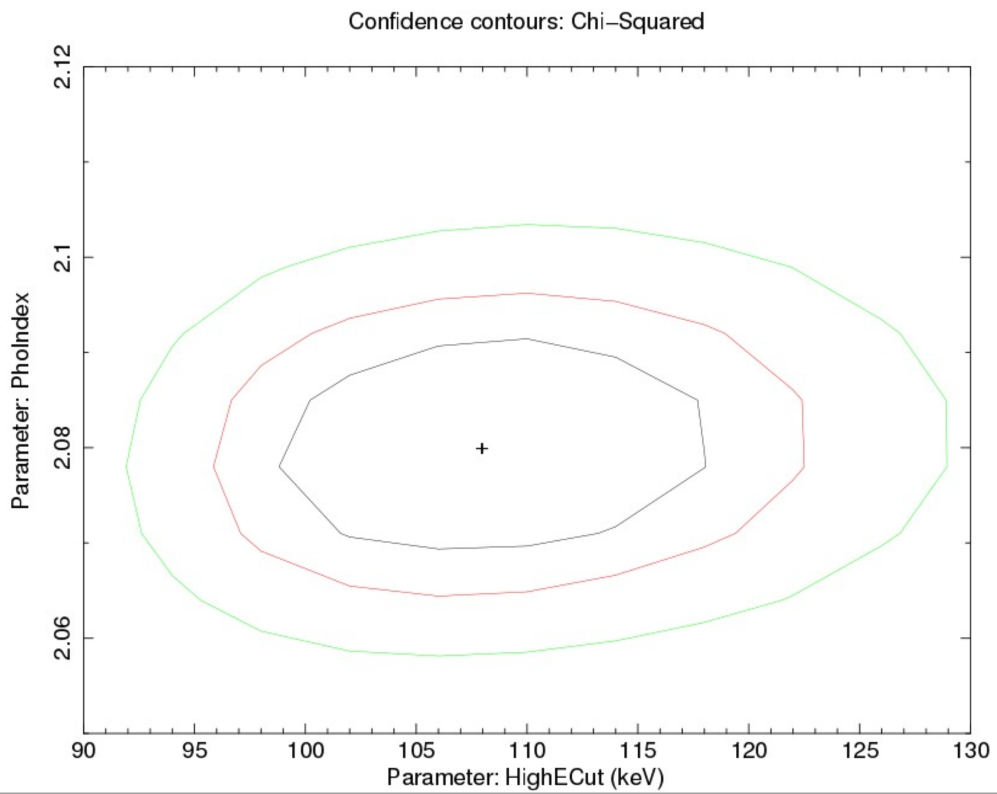

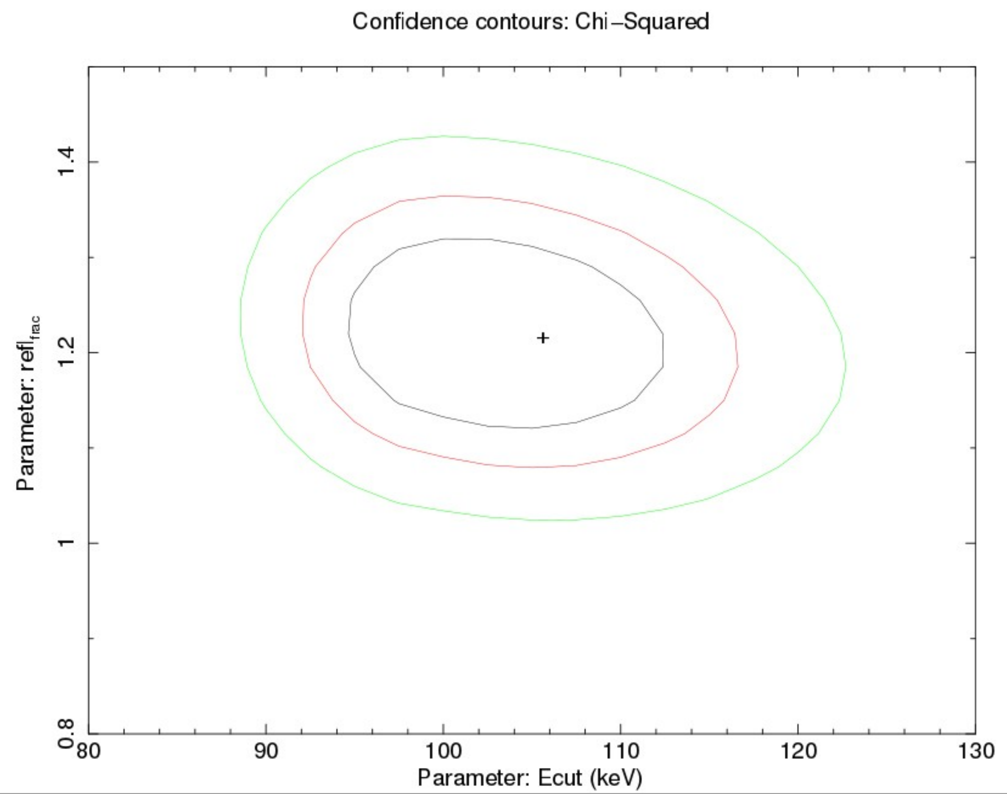

Using compTT (Titarchuk+94) with two different geometries we get:

SLAB	SPHERE
$kT_e = 68^{+37}_{-32}$ keV	$kT_e = 53^{+28}_{-26}$ keV
$\tau = 0.35^{+0.35}_{-0.19}$	$\tau = 1.35^{+1.03}_{-0.67}$

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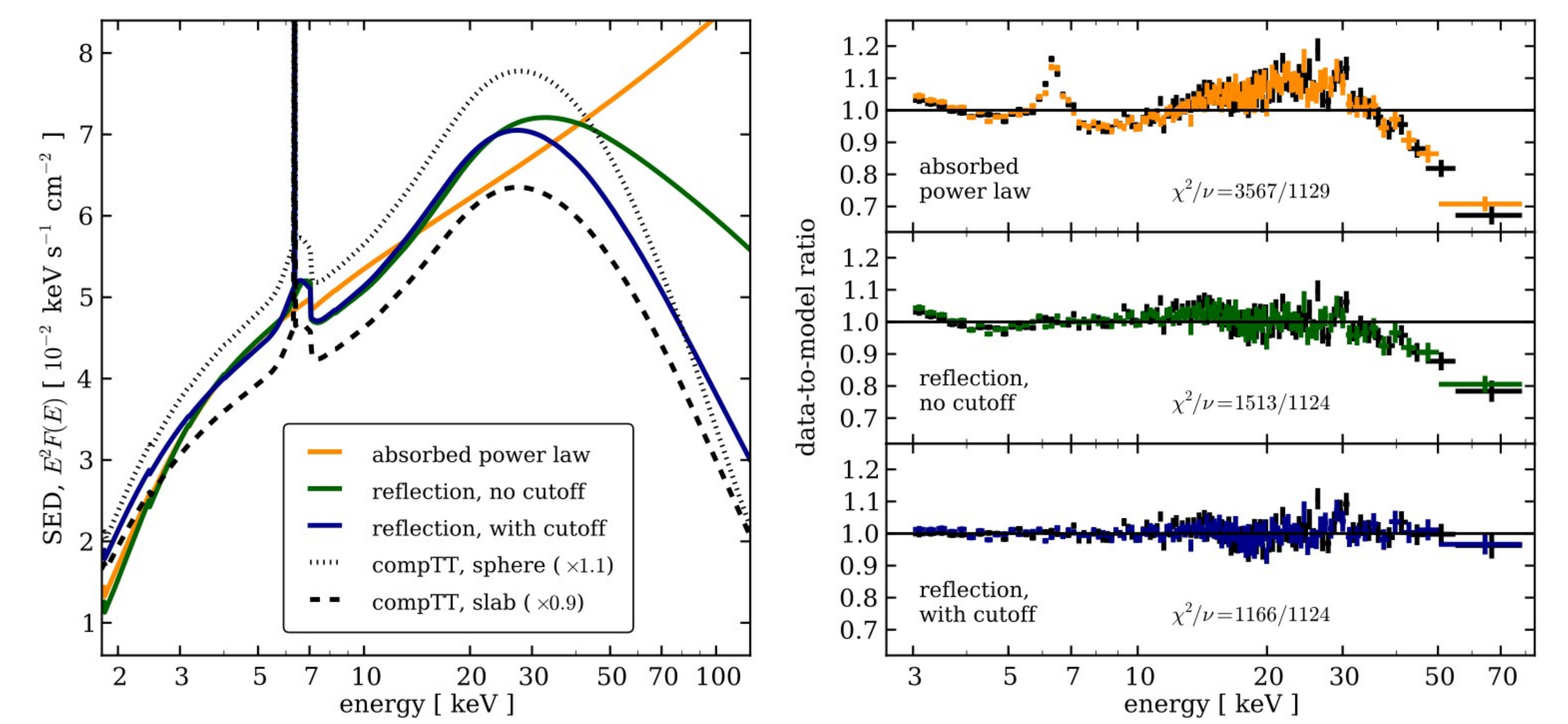

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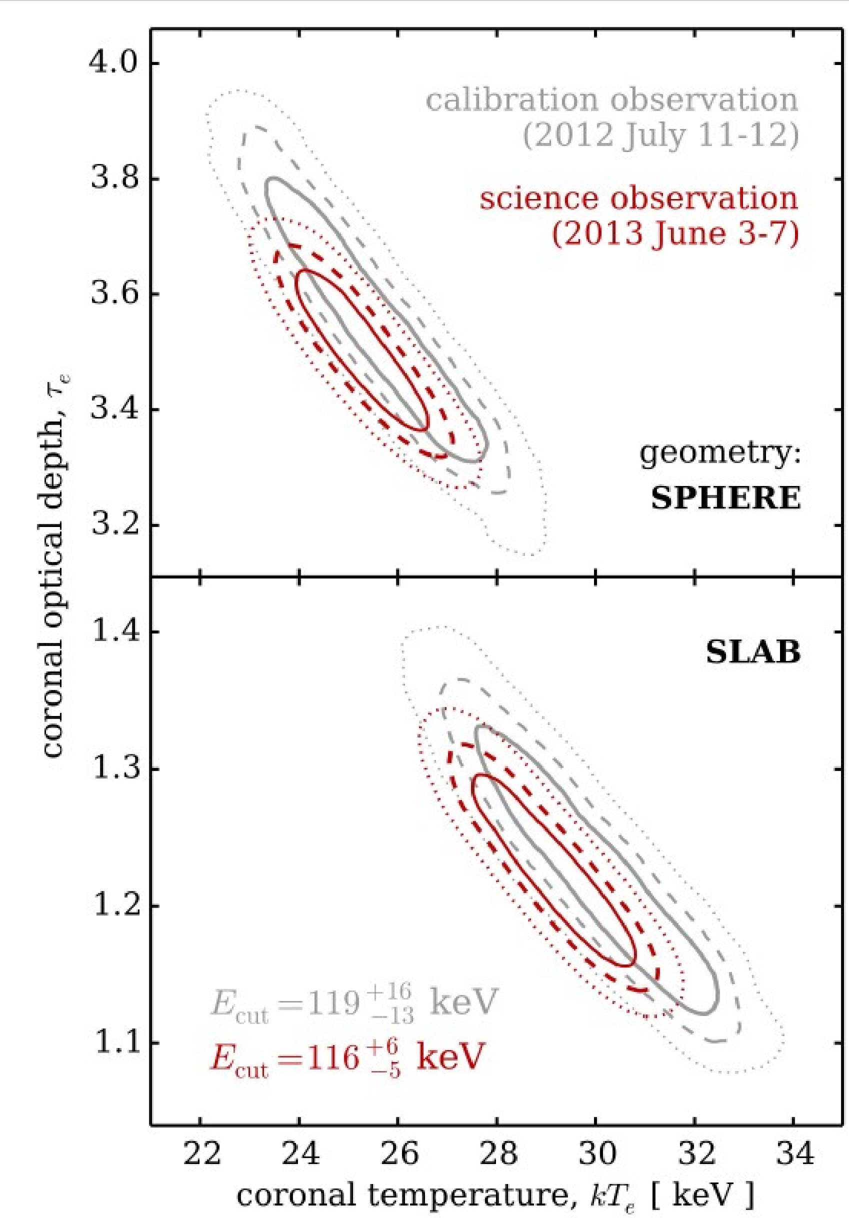

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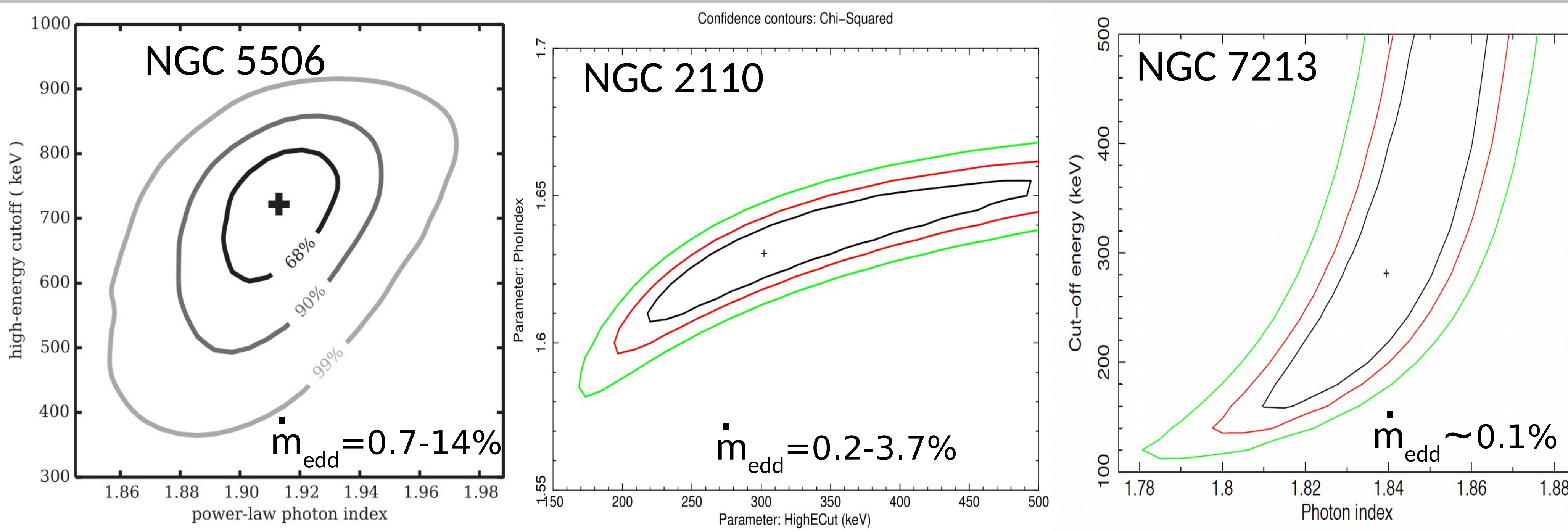
independent of the continuum model			
$C_{\rm FPMB}$ [c]		1.032 ± 0.002	1.045 ± 0.005
$E_{\rm line\,1}$	[keV]	6.43 ± 0.05	$6.5^{+0.2}_{-0.1}$
$\sigma_{\rm line\,1}$	[keV]	0.46 ± 0.06	0.5 ± 0.2
$\rm EW_{line\,1}$	[eV]	80 ± 10	80 ± 20
$\rm EW_{line\,2}$	[eV]	40 ± 10	50 ± 20
phenomenological continuum model: pexrav			
χ^2		1163	687
Γ		1.85 ± 0.01	1.83 ± 0.02
R		0.87 ± 0.04	1.1 ± 0.1
$E_{\rm cut}$	[keV]	116^{+6}_{-5}	119^{+16}_{-13}
Comptonized continuum model: refl(compTT)			
assumed corona geometry: slab			
χ^2		1163	688
R		0.84 ± 0.04	1.1 ± 0.1
kT_e	[keV]	29 ± 2	30 ± 3
τ_e		1.23 ± 0.08	1.2 ± 0.1
assumed corona geometry: sphere			
χ^2		1161	688
R		0.82 ± 0.04	1.0 ± 0.1
kT_e	[keV]	25 ± 2	26 ± 3
τ_e		3.5 ± 0.2	3.5 ± 0.3

High values/lower limits

In other bright sources, high values or lower limits to the cutoff energy have been found, suggesting the presence of a very hot corona surrounding the accretion disc.



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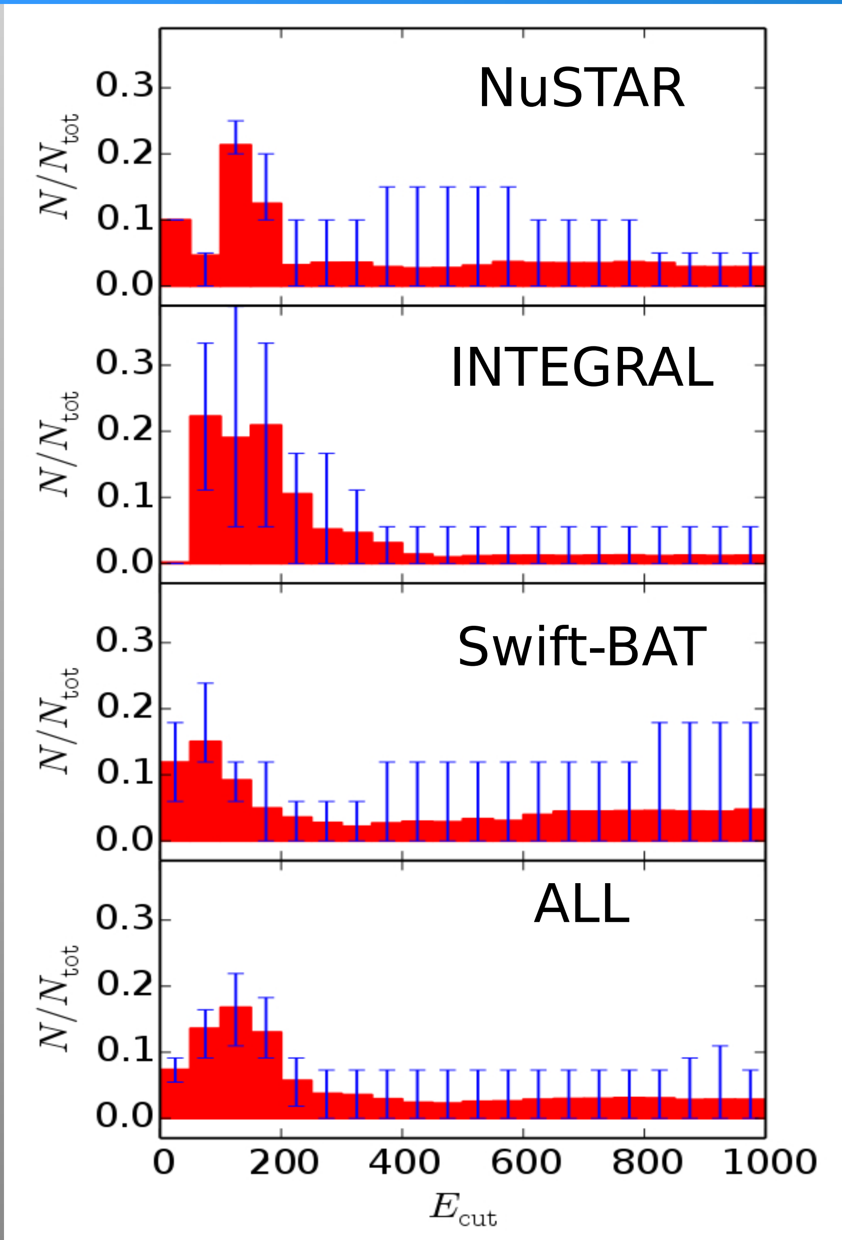
The next step is to build a small catalog and to start looking for correlations between the coronal temperature and other physical properties (e.g. black hole mass, accretion rate).

A larger view



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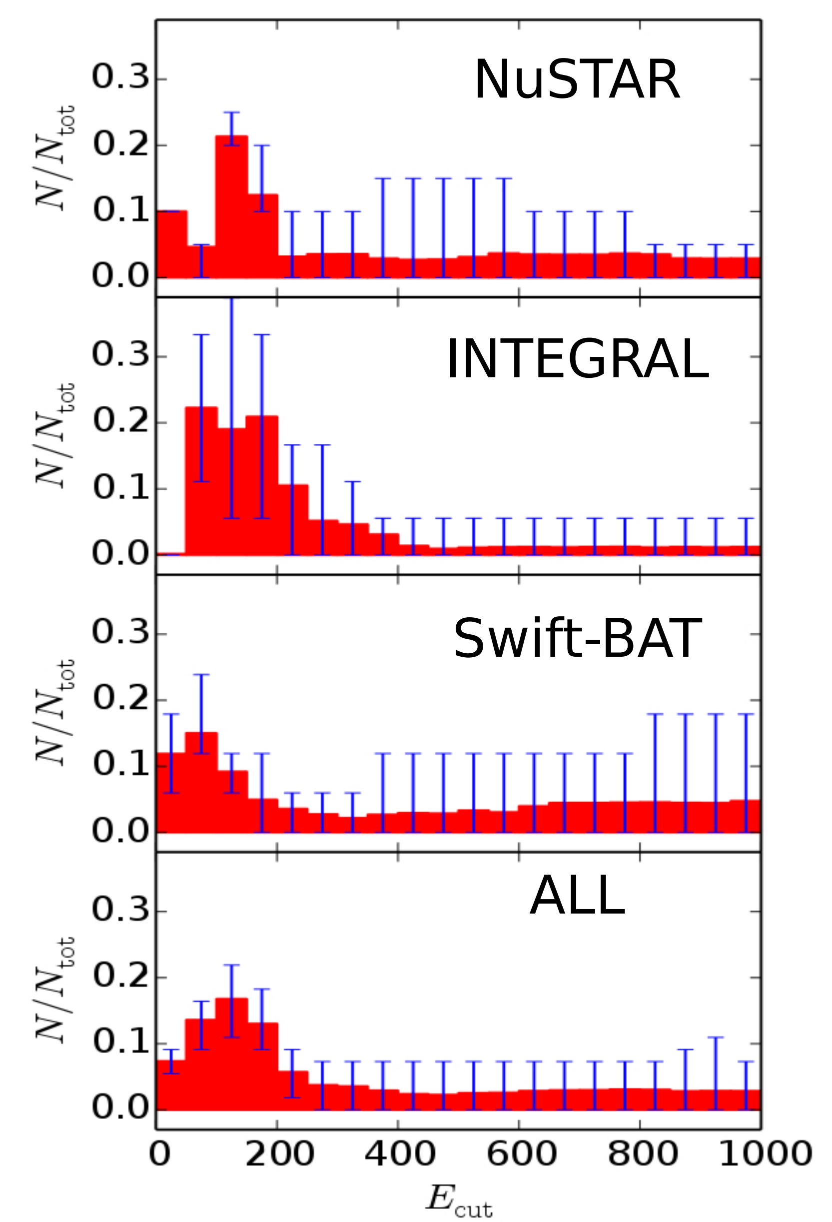

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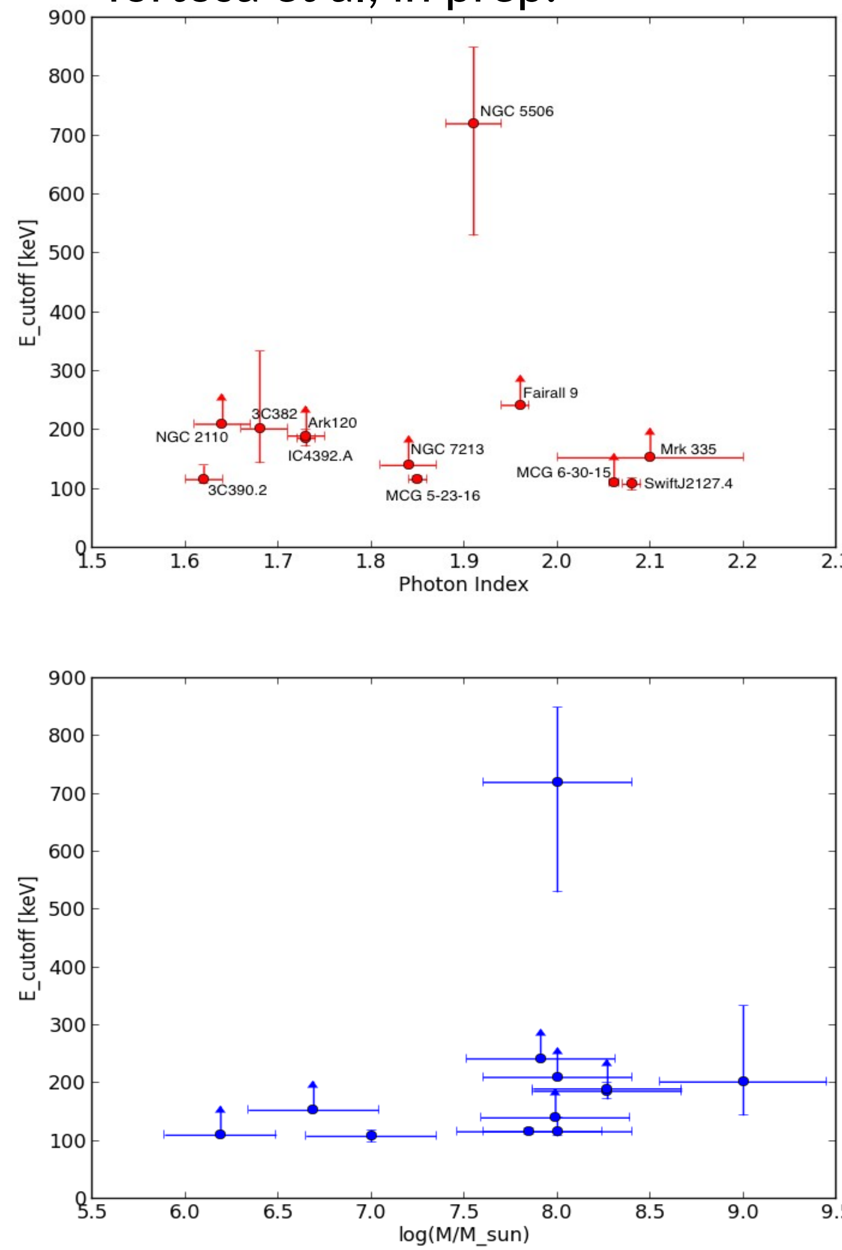
Tortosa et al, in prep.



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Conclusions

- High energy cut-off have been measured in a number of AGN with NuSTAR (more are yet to come!)

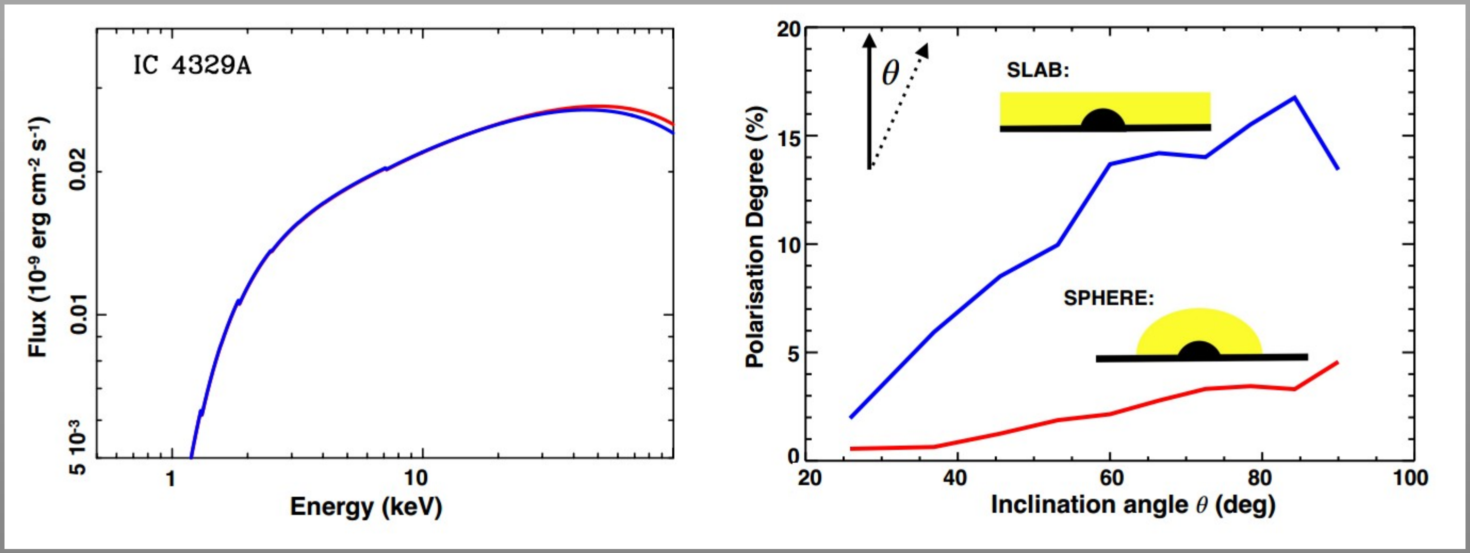
- They are not ubiquitous

- The hard X-ray band (3-80 keV) is fundamental for testing and discriminating between different Comptonization models

- Further observations will help us in understanding the nature of the primary continuum, such as the relation between the accretion rate and the cutoff energy and the link between the disc reflection and the extension of the hot corona.

Future perspectives

- X-ray missions in the next decade will be fundamental to infer the geometry of the corona (Athena, XIPE)



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