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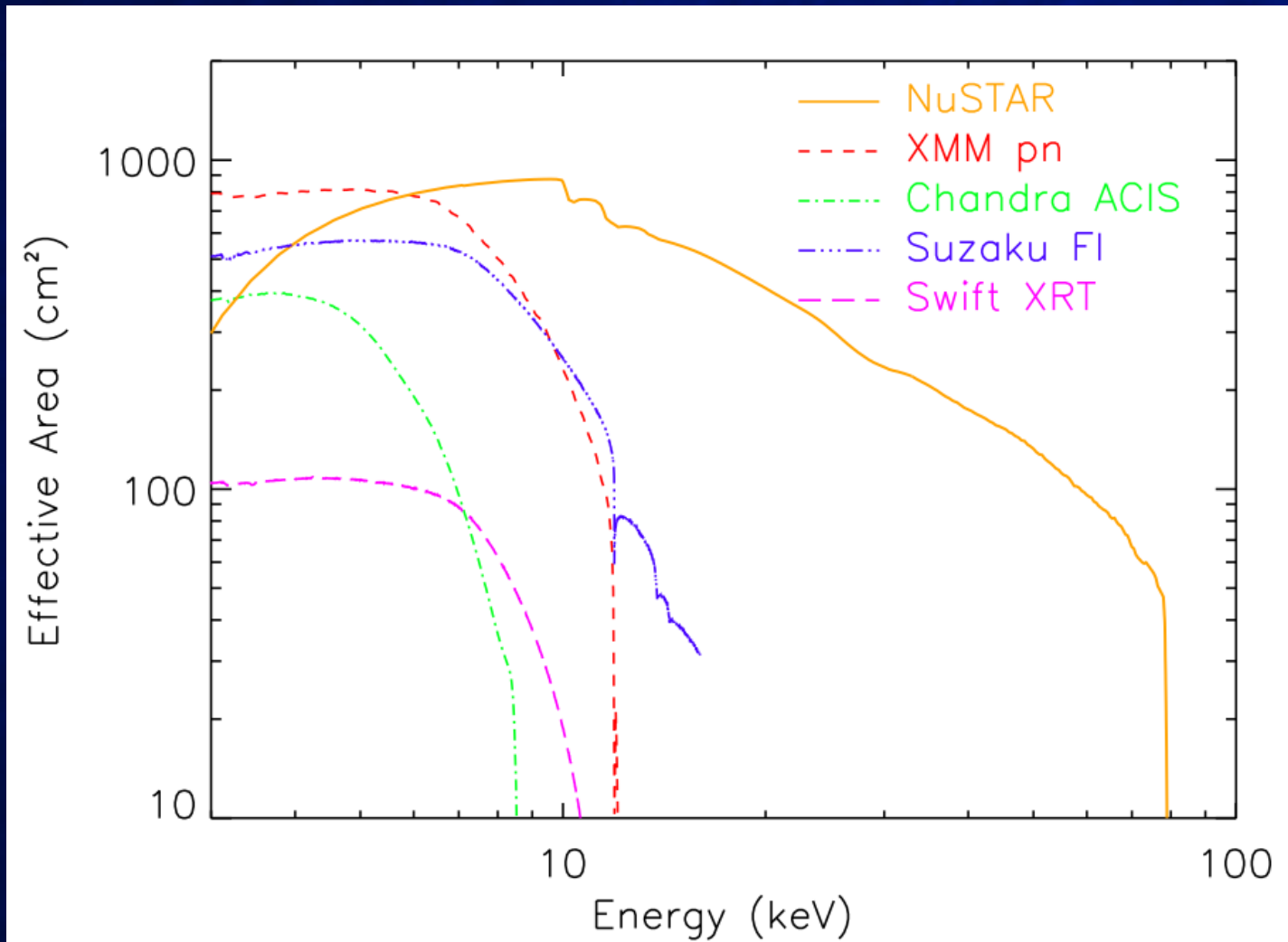
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() largely based on results from the NuSTAR Science Team*

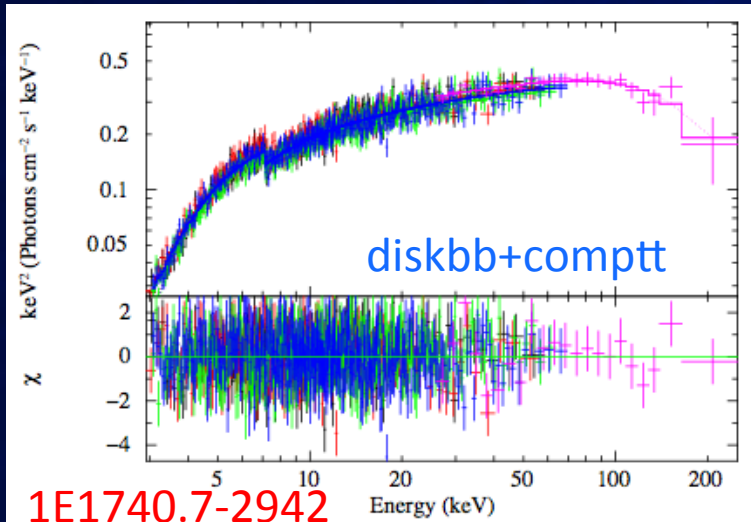
*... or, how can we
imagine to improve our
knowledge of the high
energy sky, based on its
first science results?*

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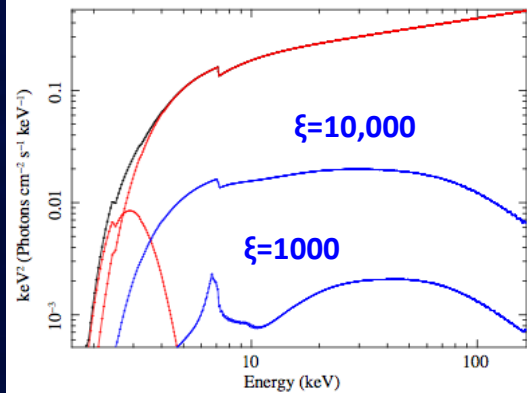
Effective Areas



Spectra of BHs in low/hard state



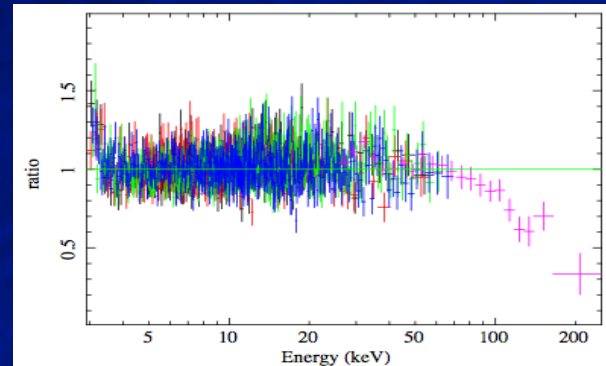
1E1740.7-2942



Unfolded model with upper limit reflection components

Natalucci et al, ApJ 2014

- ◆ 1E1740.7-2942, July-Sept 2012 (*Nustar* 10ks, IBIS 130ks)
- ◆ *Nustar* alone cannot detect the high energy cutoff.



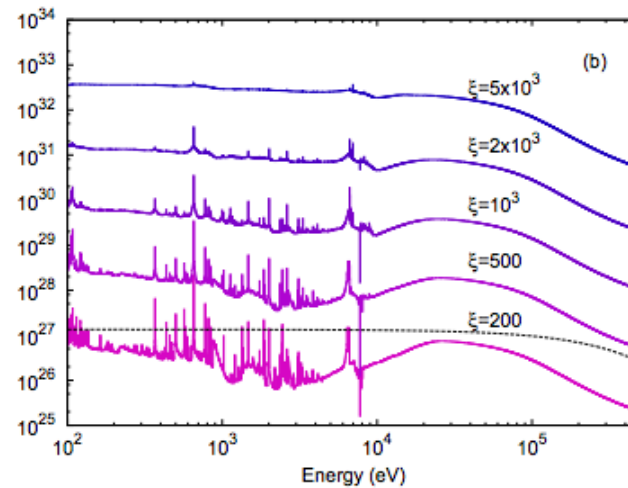
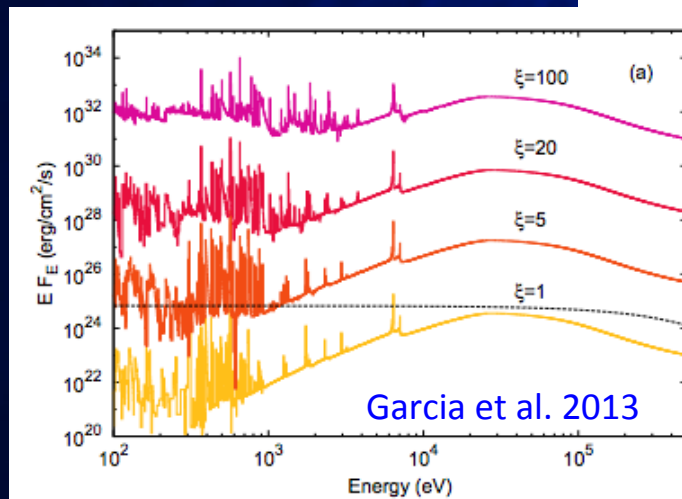
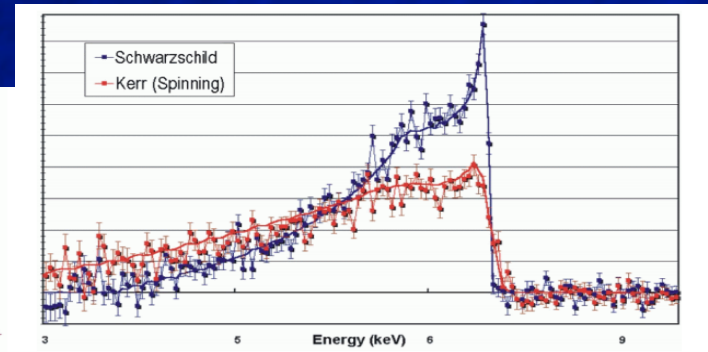
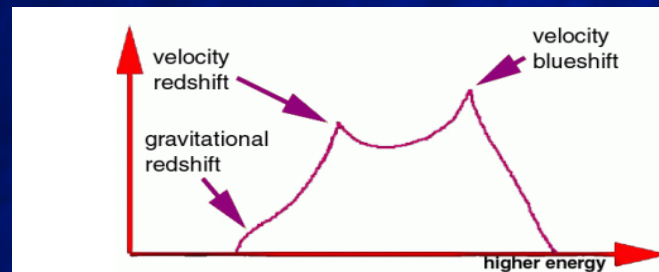
Ratio to absorbed PL model

Results of fitting *NuSTAR* and IBIS/ISGRI spectra (epoch 2 and epoch3, respectively) with an absorbed (*Tbabs*) cutoff power law model.

Instrument/Range	N_{H} (10^{22} cm^{-2})	Γ	E_{fold} (keV)	χ^2	$F_{20-50}^{(*)}$ ($10^{-12} \text{ erg cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$)
<i>NuSTAR</i> , 3-70 keV	18.3 ± 0.9	1.58 ± 0.04	215(-74,+232)	761/740	442 ± 8
IBIS/ISGRI 26-250 keV	20 (fixed)	1.43 ± 0.19	123(-34,+69)	24.6/19	490 ± 13

Reflection spectra

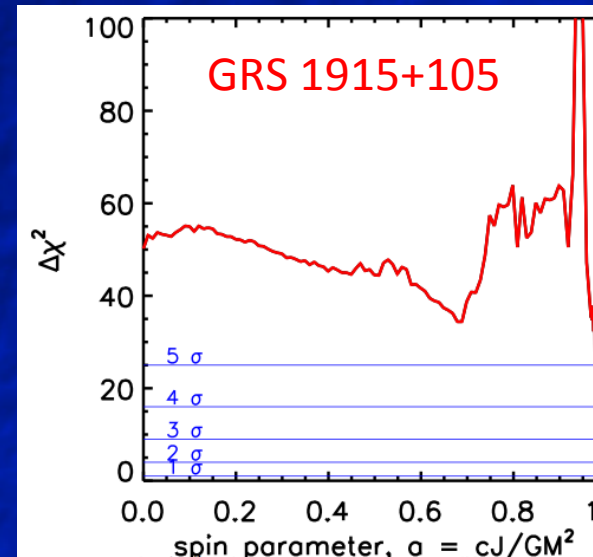
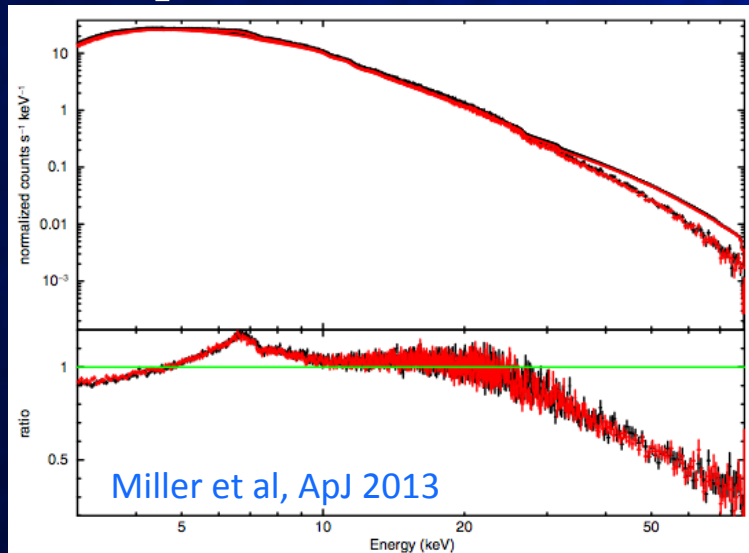
- ◆ Simultaneous coverage of soft and hard X-ray band is needed for complete study of reflection spectra
- ◆ In bright BH and NS sources, due to its high sensitivity *NuSTAR* can resolve the curvature of the continuum from the one induced by reflection.
- ◆ The driver is then the effective area, but for higher ionizations energy extension >100 keV is desirable



Credit: J. Miller

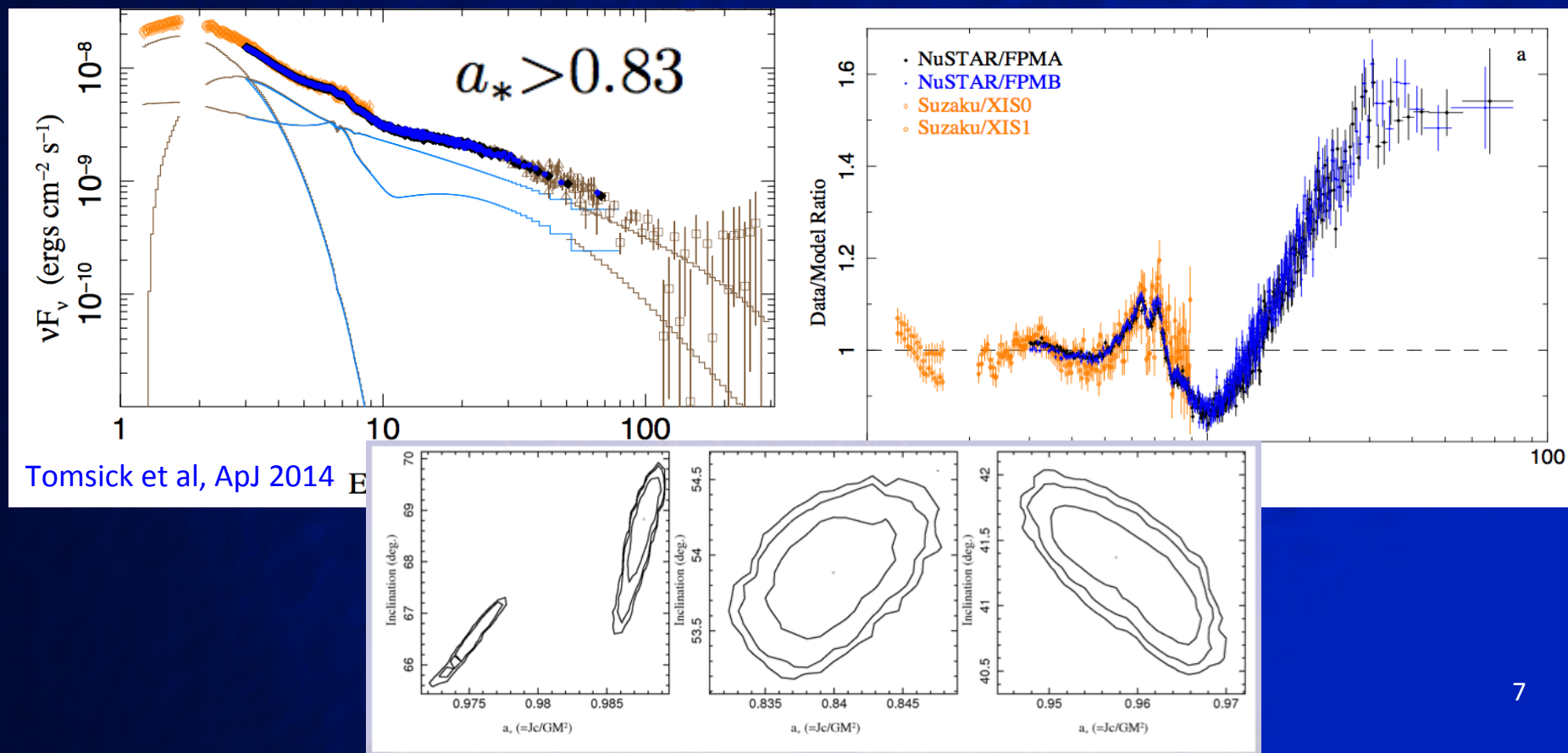
Black holes: reflection and spin measurements

- ◆ Most important limitations concern systematic errors in models (and sometimes, instrument calibration)
- ◆ In addition, spin measurements assume that the inner radius of the BH is spatially coincident with the ISCO. The spin is determined by the fact that the location of the ISCO is a function of spin
- ◆ *NuSTAR* as other X-ray instruments shows preference for high values of spin

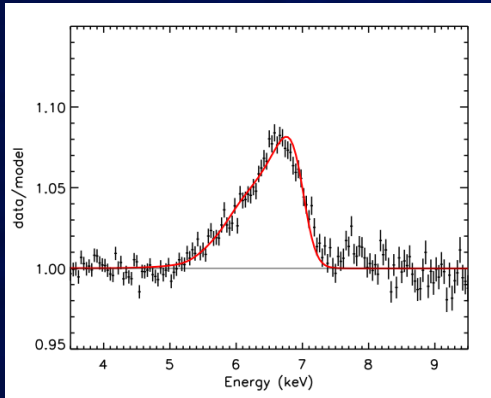


Soft states spectra: Cyg X-1

- ◆ *NuSTAR*, 16ks exposure. *Suzaku*/XIS, ~2ks.
- ◆ Fit by reflection models with relativistic, blurred iron line. The data could constrain the spin of the BH and inner disk inclination

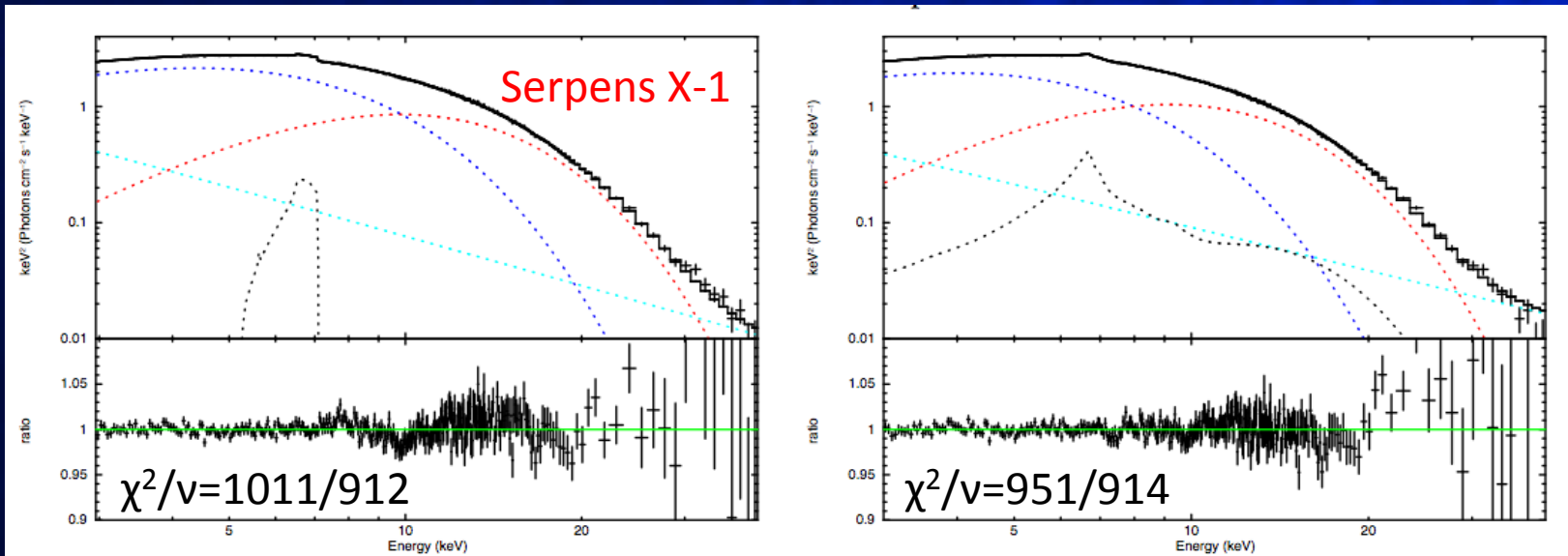


Reflection from NS sources: Serpens X-1



- ◆ Self-consistent reflection model convolved with relativistic line
- ◆ Constraint on NS radius: $R < 12.5$ km assuming $M = 1.4 M_{\text{sun}}$

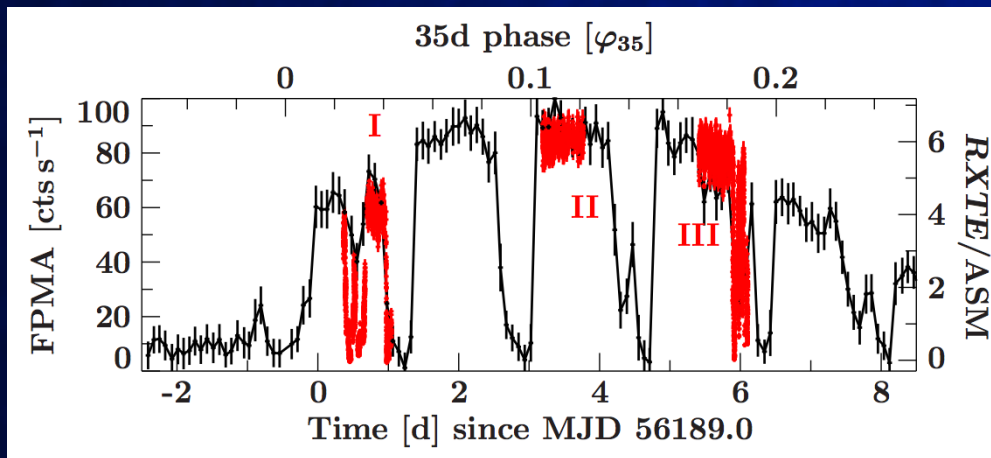
Miller et al, ApJ 2013



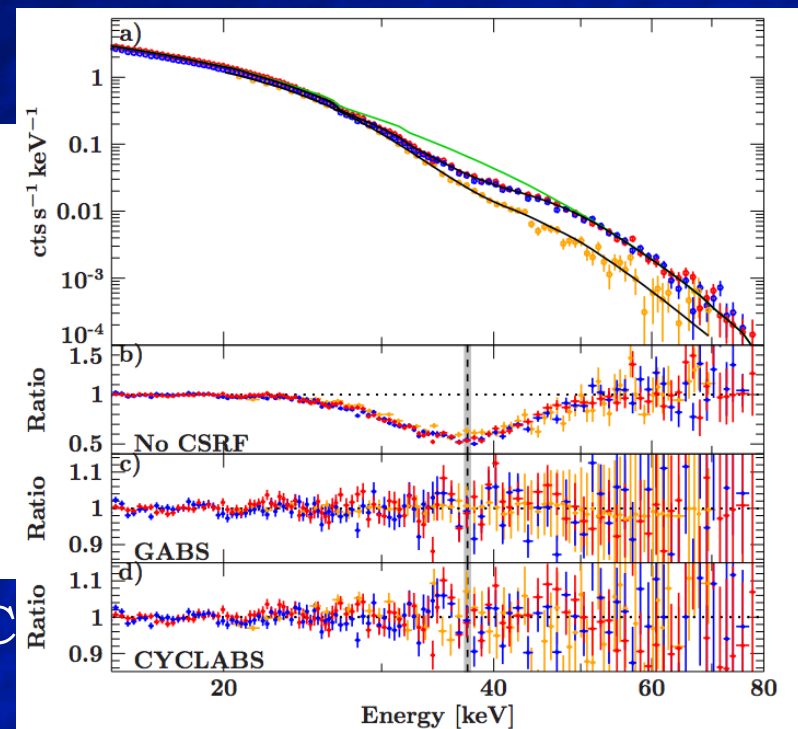
Hercules X-1

Cyclotron line shaping

- ◆ *NuSTAR* and *Suzaku* simultaneous observations, spaced in time during 35 days cycle phase (exposures 11,22,17ks)
- ◆ CSRF well modeled with either gaussian (*gabs*) or Lorentzian (*cyclabs*) optical depth profile (*cyclabs*)
- ◆ Line is smooth (no evidence for wings). Indication for a fan beam pattern



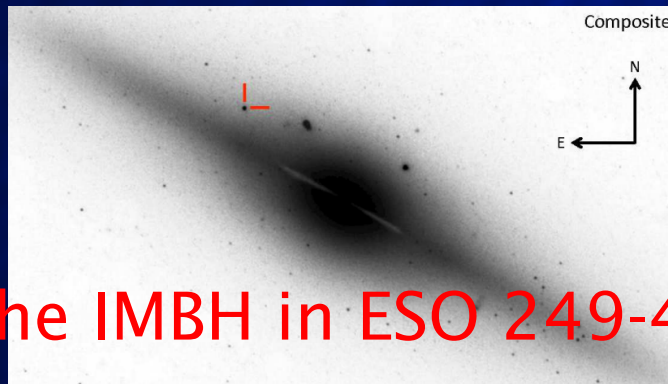
RXTE/ASM 35 days folding phase LC
(Klochkov et al. 2006)



Fuerst et al. 2013, ApJ

On the way to SMBHs: Ultraluminous sources

- ◆ Are ULX super-Eddington sources? Are they intermediate mass BHs?
- ◆ HLX-1 in ESO 249-49 (~95 Mpc) is the most luminous ULX, with a peak luminosity (0.2-10 keV) as high as $\sim 1.3 \times 10^{42}$ erg/s
- ◆ Bright outbursts & correlated spectral variability similar to the states of bright LMXBs



HLX-1: the IMBH in ESO 249-49

HLX-1 as observed by HST.

A population of massive young stars is seen around it (*Farrell et al 2012*)

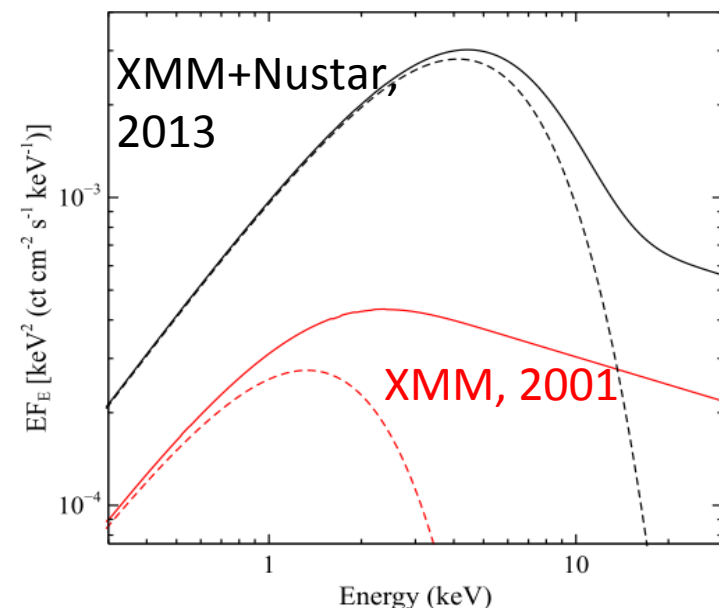
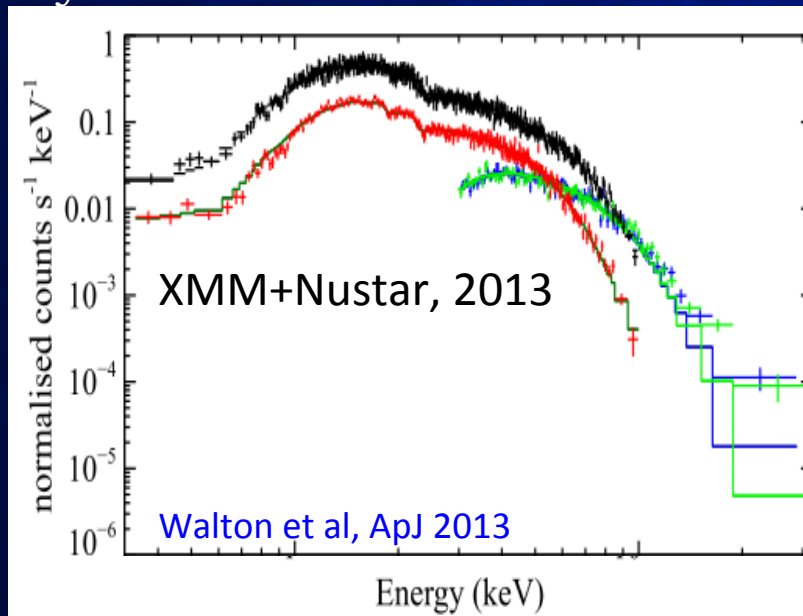
Composite HST image of ESO 249-49 from near-IR, optical & UV data. ULX-1 is indicated by red tic marks

Figure 1 from Farrell et al. 2012, ApJL in press (arXiv: 1110.6510)

- ◆ The high luminosity of HLX-1 is evidence for an Intermediate Mass BH ($\sim 500 M_{\odot}$?) possibly accreting from a dense environment of stars and gas.
- ◆ High energy spectra of ULXs are lacking sensitive data beyond 10 keV: neither the nature of the PL component, nor any reflection or other feature from a disk can be firmly established. *Nustar* is foreseen to study this for a sample of ~ 10 selected objects

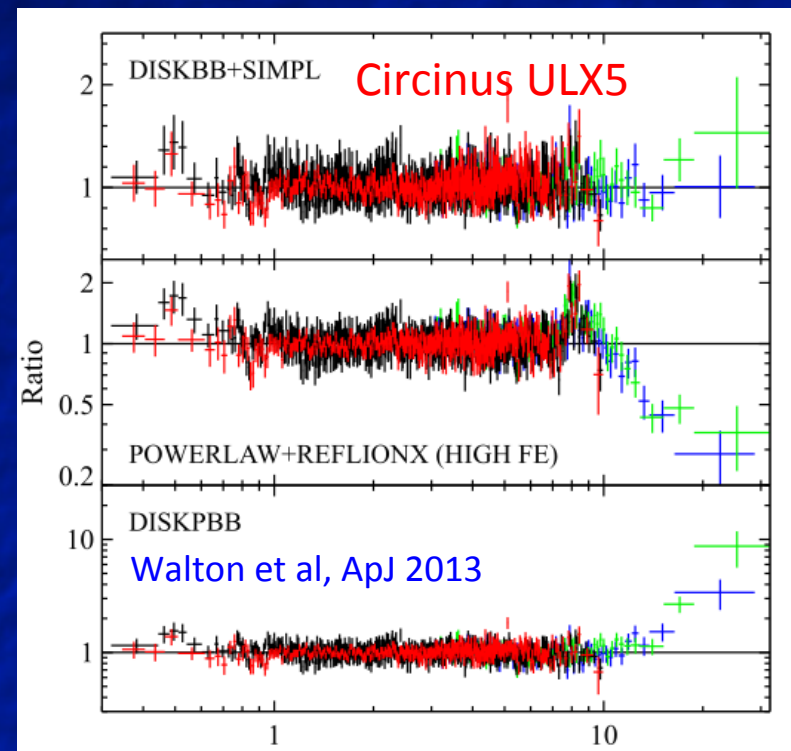
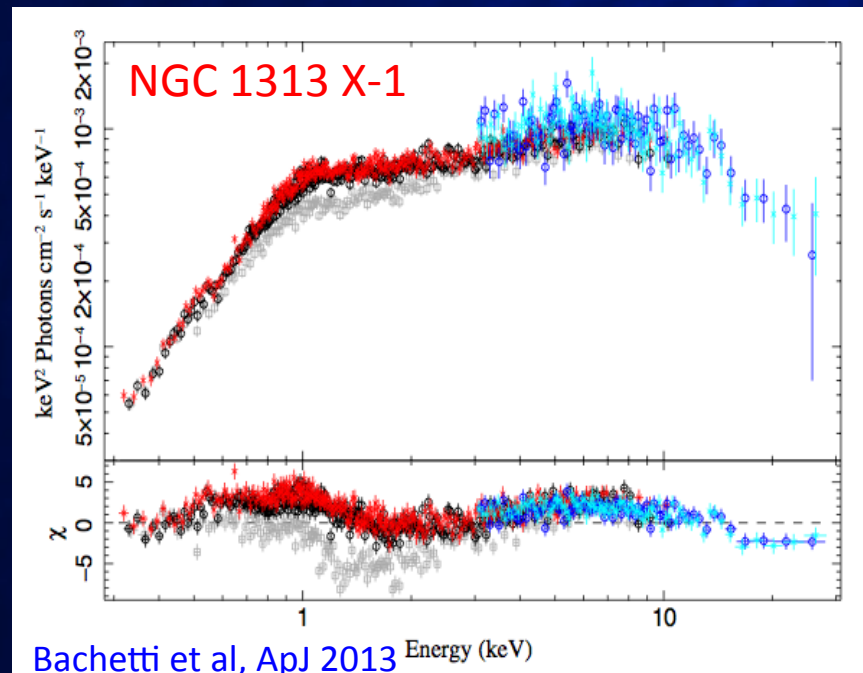
ULX5 in Circinus Galaxy

- ◆ *Nustar* observation of ULX5 in the outskirts of the Circinus Galaxy
- ◆ *Nustar*+*XMM* spectrum: in this case, a thermal dominated state, but there is also evidence for state transitions similar to sub-Eddington stellar BHs. *Nustar* exposure is 95ks
- ◆ Long term variability is also observed in many other ULXs



ULXs: source types and spectra

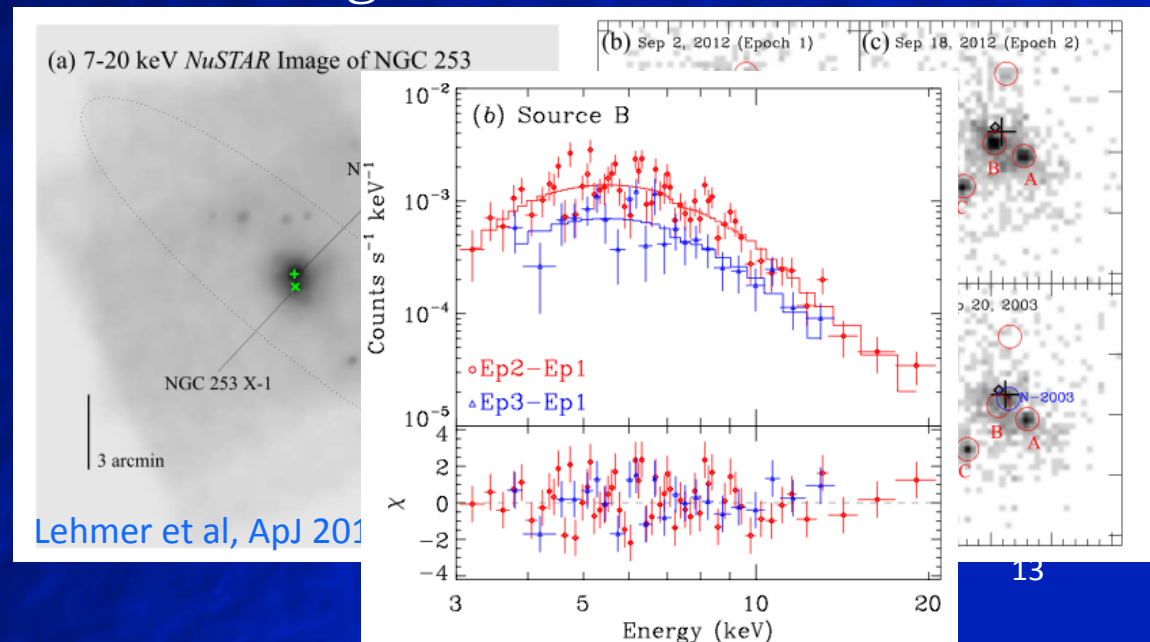
- ◆ Could there be a hidden population of fainter (or highly absorbed) ULXs?
- ◆ As other ULXs, the spectrum shows a curvature below 10 keV, the nature of which is unclear: Comptonization, residual of reflection or Fe line feature?



Nuclear activity and ULXs in Star Forming Galaxies

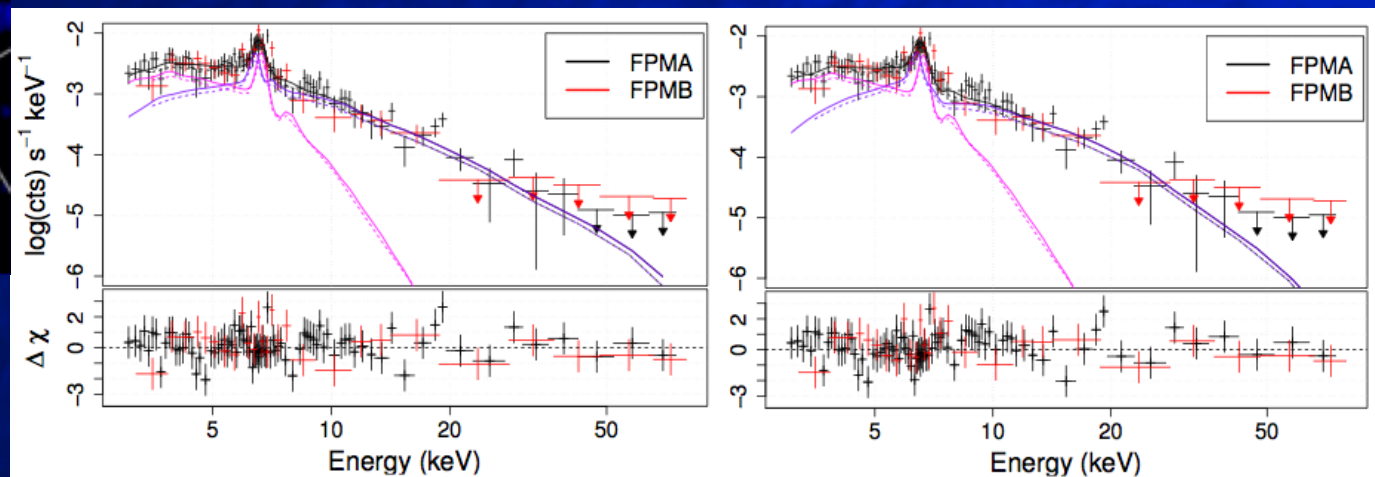
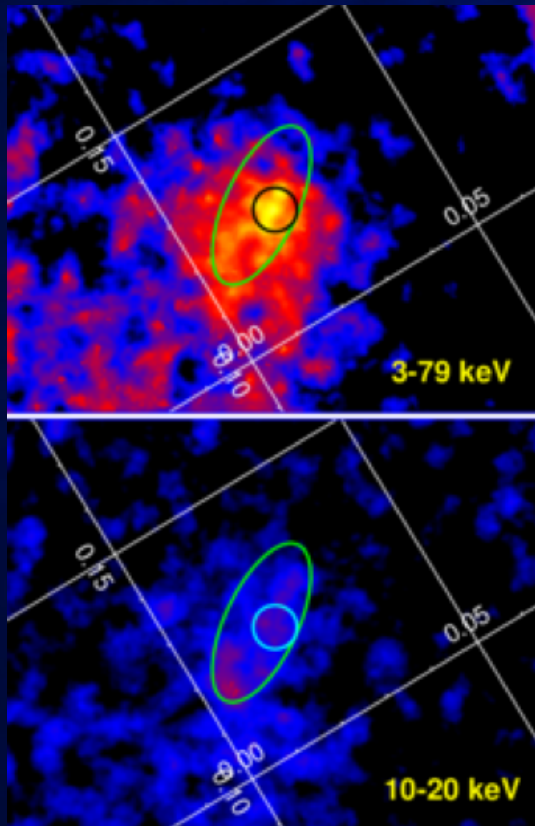
- ◆ Chandra-NuSTAR study of the nuclear region in NGC253. Nustar 165ks exposure, 20 ks Chandra
- ◆ A variable source (B) is detected, not coincident with the nucleus of the Galaxy.
- ◆ In this case it has been possible to measure a NuSTAR spectrum of the variable source by studying the time behaviour of sources monitored at high resolution in the soft X-rays

- ◆ A (now dormant) AGN is detected in the 2003 Chandra data
- ◆ AGNs in starburst Galaxies can be a class of highly absorbed sources: e.g. Arp299-B (Ptak et al., AAS 2014)



Arches cluster in the GC

- ◆ First time detection of hard X-ray (>10 keV) emission by the Arches cluster.
- ◆ High energy emission. What is it? LECR or reflection by MC.
- ◆ Spectral upper limits above 20-30 keV, relatively close to the models



Summary [1/2]

Most topics I considered show the advantages of improving the effective area in the range $\sim 20\text{-}100$ keV:

- a. Studies of parameters of BHs at all mass scales.
- b. NS and cyclotron line studies.
- c. Study of highly absorbed sources (HMXB in our Galaxy, CT AGNs, and X-ray faint quasars)
- d. Deeper surveys at all spatial scales
- e. Characterize emission models for complex structures (e.g. non-thermal emission of the GC sources; and diffuse emission)

Summary [2/2]

Enhanced angular resolution is important at least for :

- a. complex fields and Galactic surveys like GC, Norma and other high star formation regions, etc;
- b. resolving nuclear activity in nearby Galaxies and detecting/characterizing more ULXs;
- c. mapping of diffuse regions, SNR, & PWN emission

Extension of the energy band beyond ~ 100 keV would allow:

- a. studying in detail low/hard states and cutoffs in Galactic BHs and AGNs.
- b. Constrain AGN contribution to X-ray background at higher energies
- c. Help reflection studies for bright accreting sources
- d. Extend the range of cyclotron line studies up to B fields of $\sim 2 \times 10^{13}$ Gauss