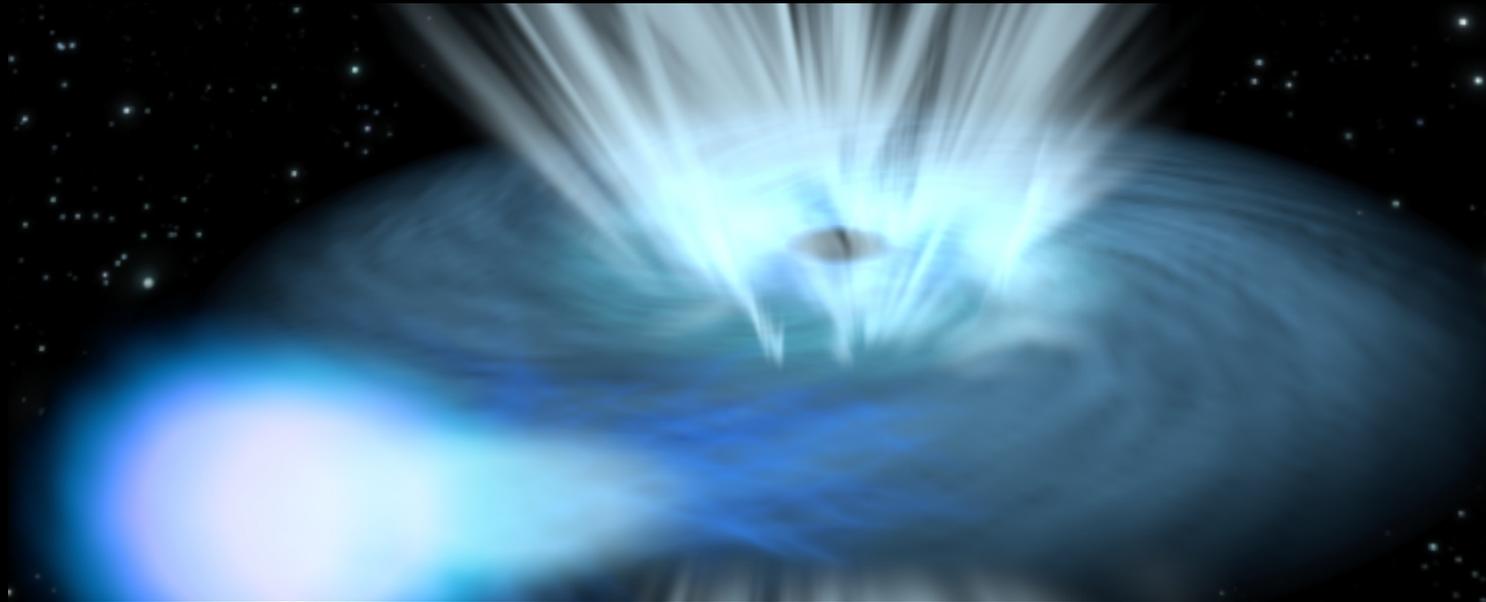


# SEAWIND

## Super-Eddington Accretion: wind, inflow and disc



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# A little history ...

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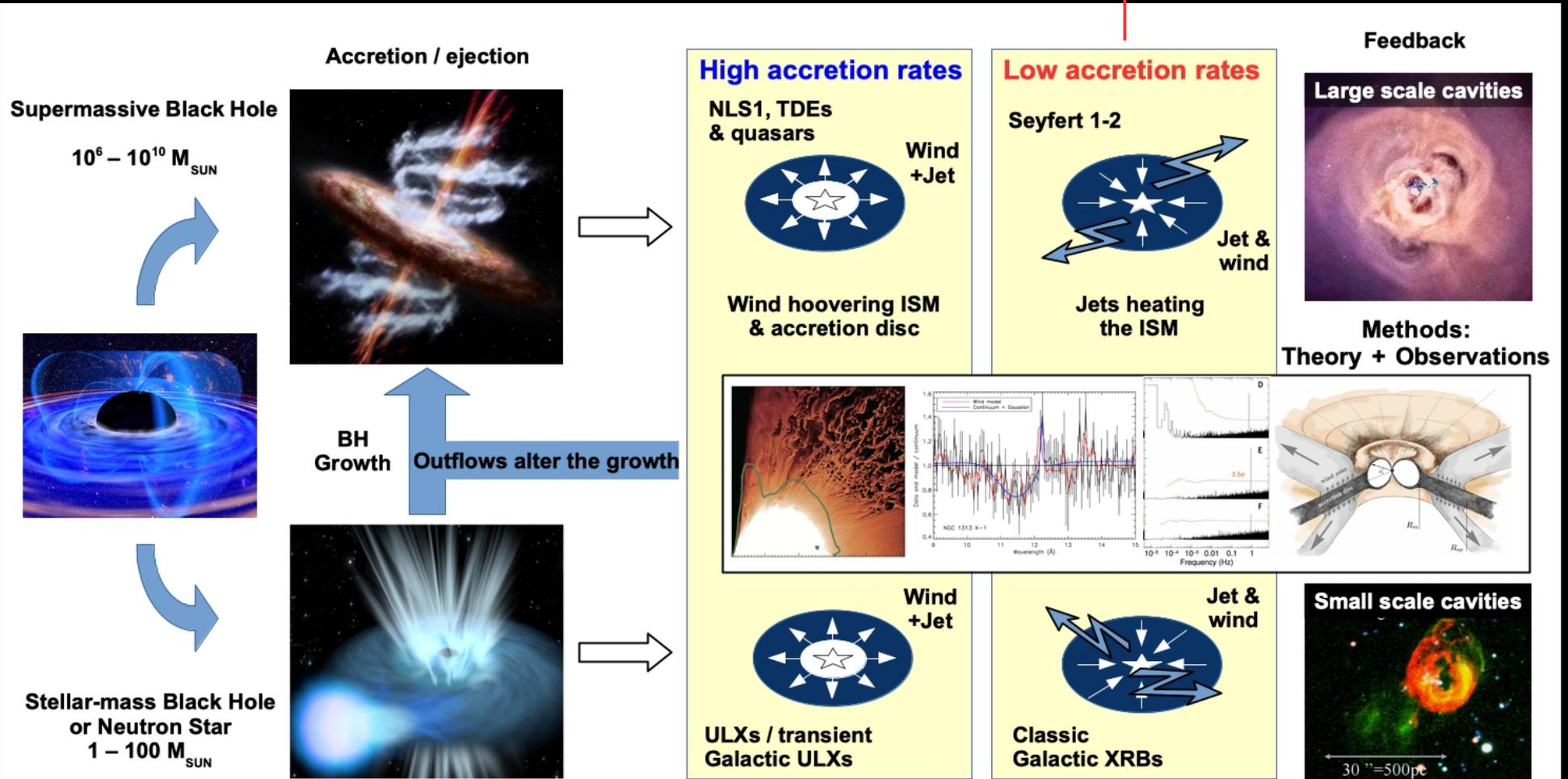


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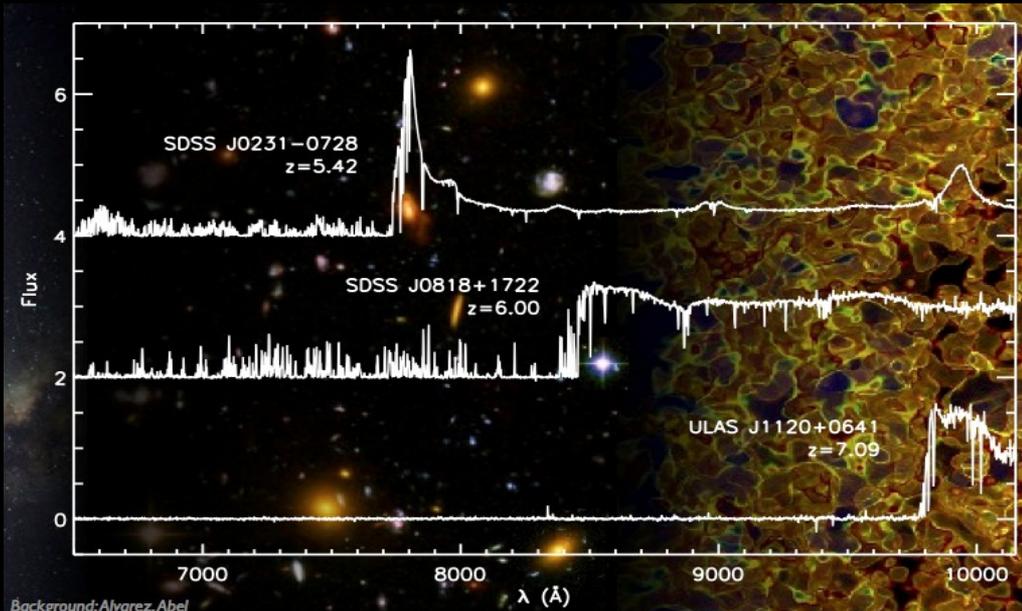
# 1. Context – Black hole growth

see talk by S. Motta



# Formation of supermassive black holes

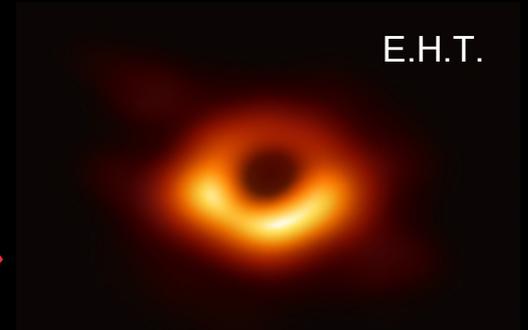
- Super-Eddington accretion ?
- Massive black hole seeds ?
- Black hole (&NS) mergers ?



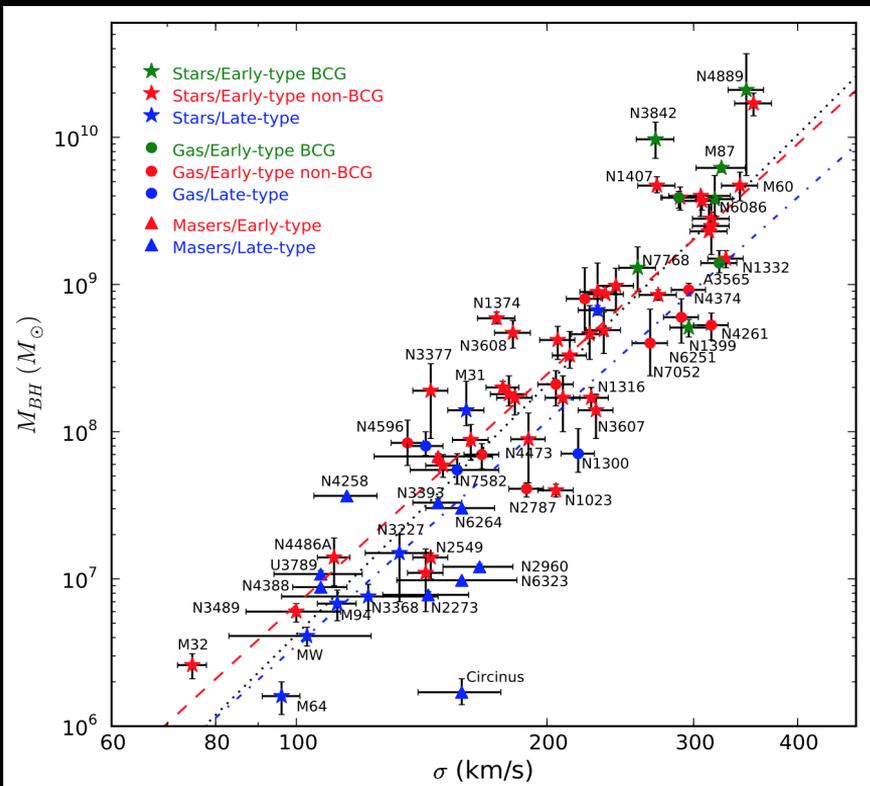
MASS  
GAP

$$M_{\text{SMBH}} (\text{AGN}) \sim 10^{5-10} M_{\odot}$$

$$M_{\text{BH}} (\text{XRB}) \leq 25 M_{\odot} \\ (\leq 100 M_{\odot} \mid Z \ll Z_{\odot})$$



# Feedback onto the surrounding medium

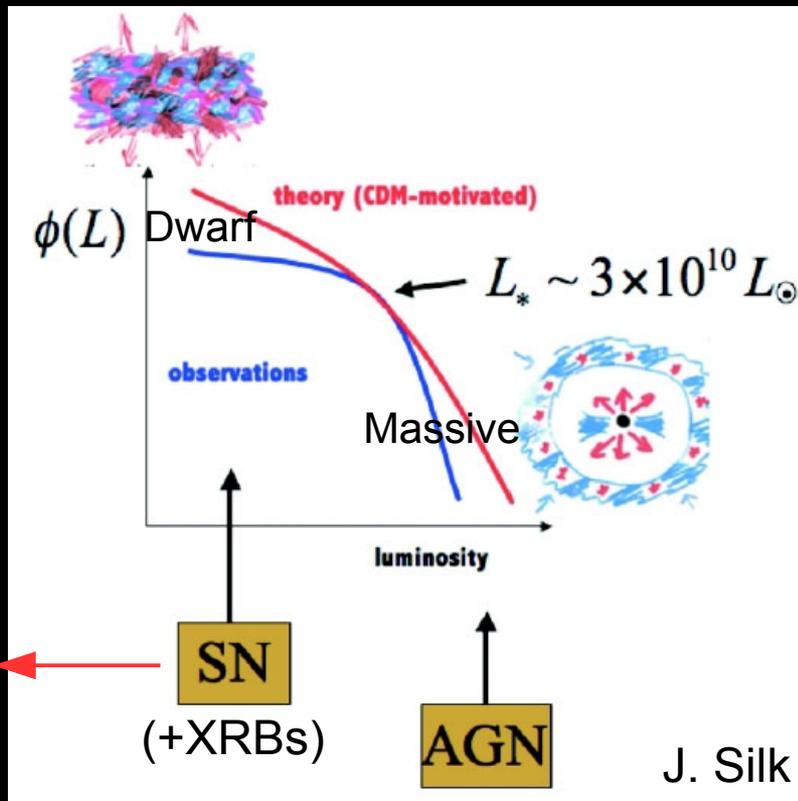


McConnell & Ma'13 (also *Kormendy* relation)

Perseus cluster core



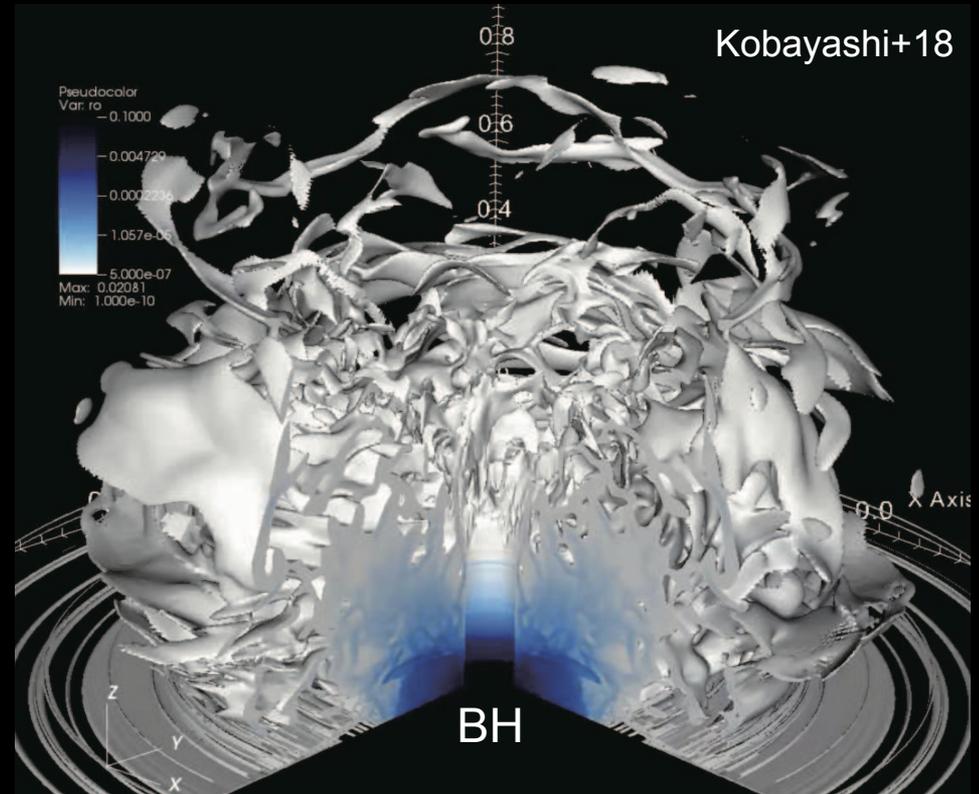
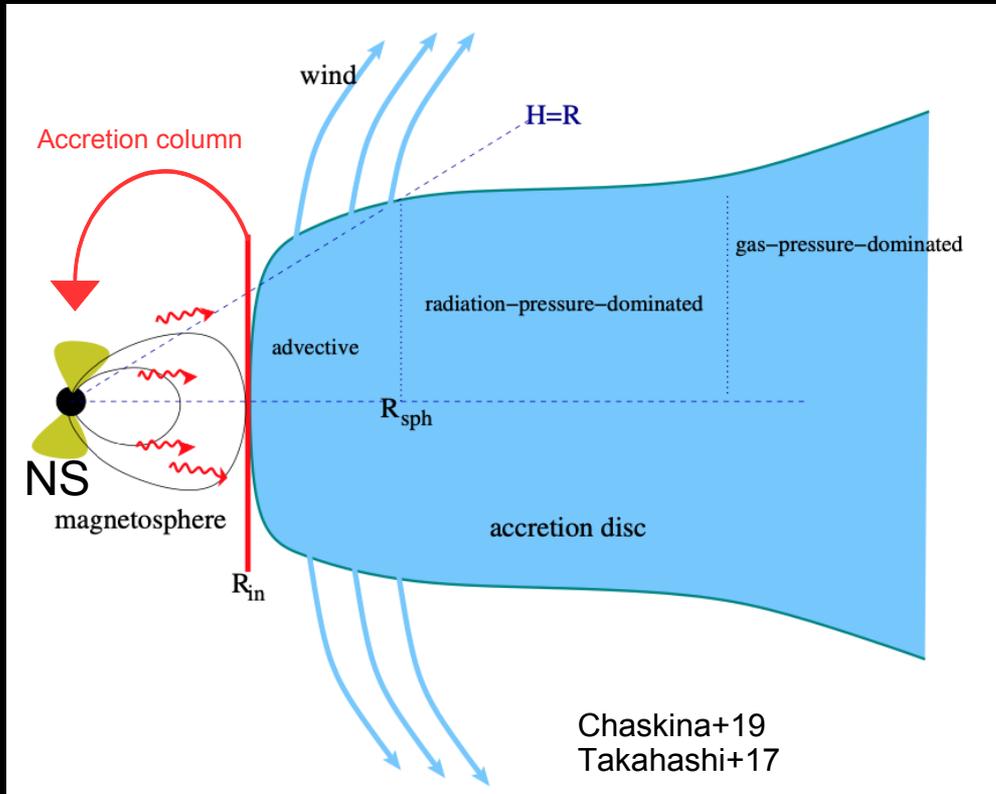
Ho IX ULX-1



Shortage of galaxies due to energy release

# Super-Eddington accretion

The radiation pressure inflates the disc and launches a wind : **funnel geometry**



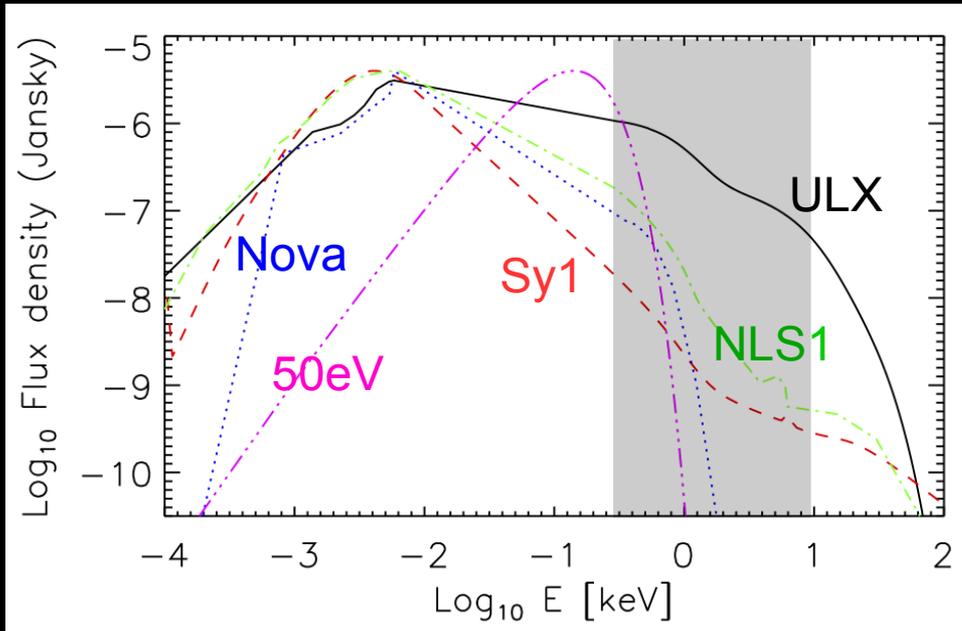
# Super-Eddington Accretion Top Indicators

## Narrow-Line Seyfert 1 (NLS1) AGN

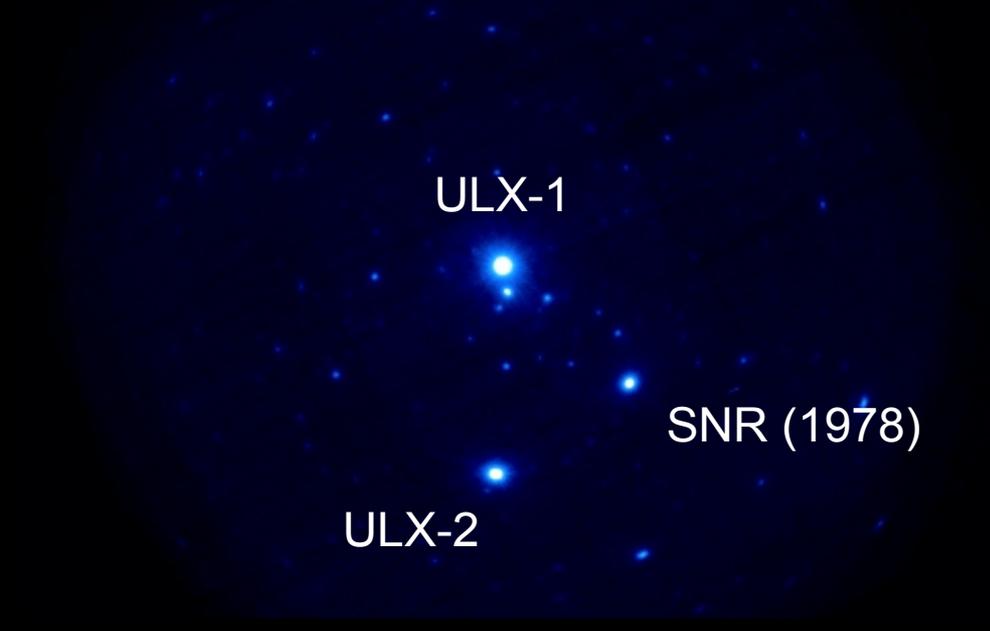
"Lower-mass" supermassive black holes accreting @ or above the Eddington limit

## Ultra-Luminous X-ray sources (ULXs)

X-ray binaries brighter than  $10 M_{\odot}$  black hole accreting @ Eddington limit ( $10^{39-42}$  erg/s)



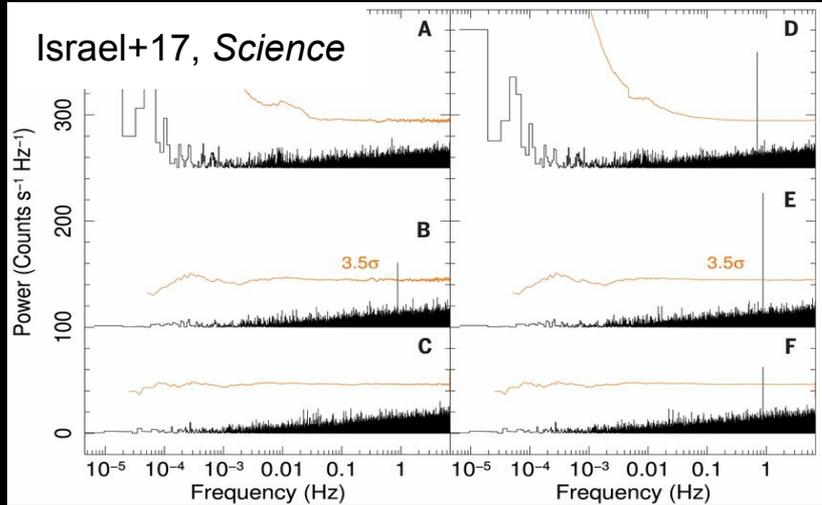
CP+2020a,b



NGC 1313 galaxy (X-rays / XMM-Newton)

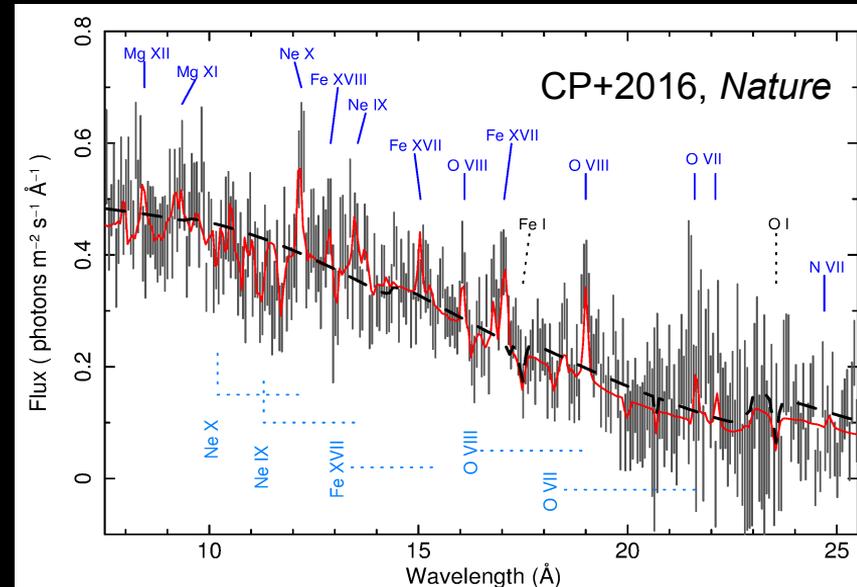
# 2. A few highlights (stellar-mass regime)

NGC 5907 ULX-1  $\sim 10^{41}$  erg/s  $\sim 500 \times L_{\text{Edd}}$



Advanced spectral techniques e.g. Monte Carlo plasma codes discovered **winds** at **20-30% light speed** in 10+ ULXs

Advanced timing techniques e.g. correcting for (super-)orbital motions discovered **pulsations**: neutron stars in 10+ (t)ULXs



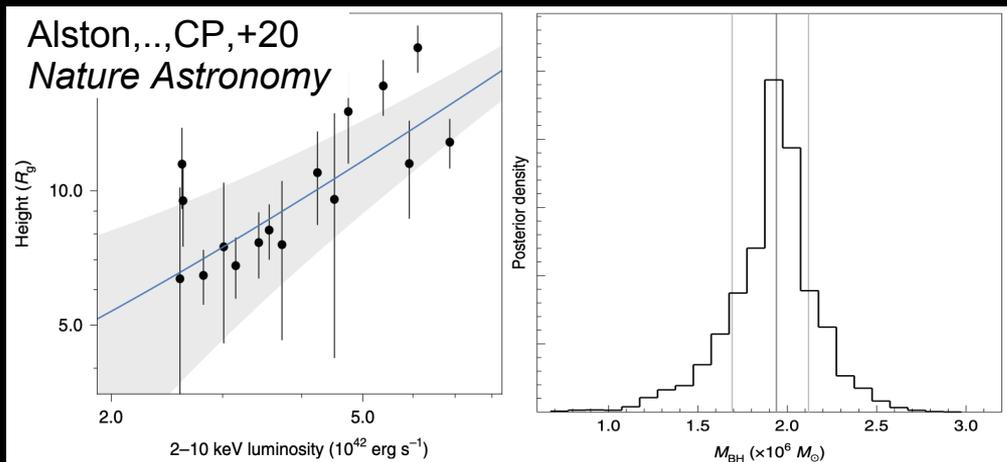
**Bachetti+2014**, **Israel+17a,b**, Fürst+16, Carpano+18, Tsygankov+18, Sathyaprakash+19, Rodriguez-Castillo+20, Vasilopoulos+20, Quintin+21

**CP+2016**, **17,20ab,21**, Walton+17, Kosec+18-21, Koliopanos+18, Wang+19, Belfiore+20 *Nat.Astr.*

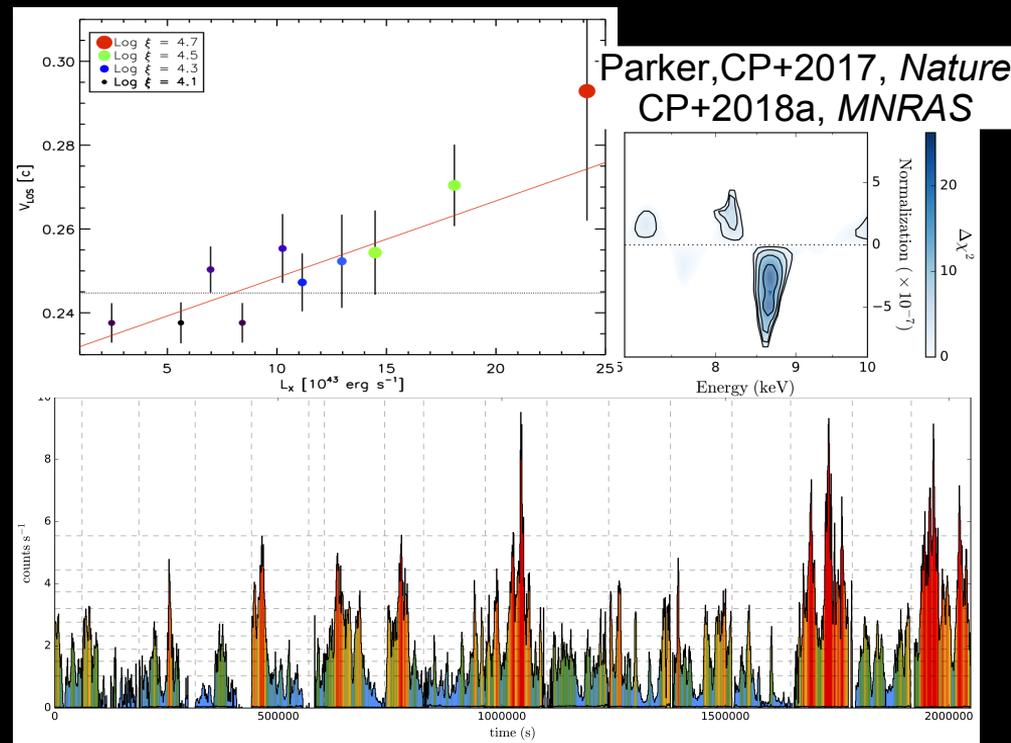
# 2. A few highlights (supermassive regime)

NLS1 IRAS 13224-3809

Advanced spectral techniques discovered **winds response** to the source luminosity!  
→ launching mechanism



Spectral-timing techniques broke model degeneracy, measuring **SMBH geometry & mass**



# 3. Building a great team: SEAWIND

- 1) What % of matter do black holes and other compact objects accrete or expel via outflows?
- 2) Are outflows powerful enough to affect the surrounding interstellar medium (bubbles/SFR)?

## Research Team

**Duties legend**  
 Organisation et al.  
 X-ray Spectroscopy  
 X-ray Timing  
 Multi-wavelength  
 Theory of accretion

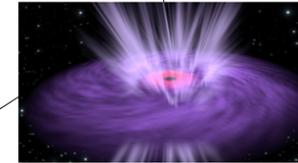
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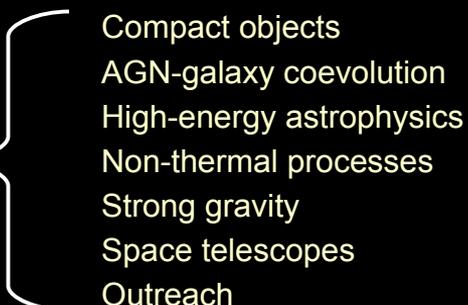
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**PI: Pinto**  
**(IASF PA)**

### Main international partners:

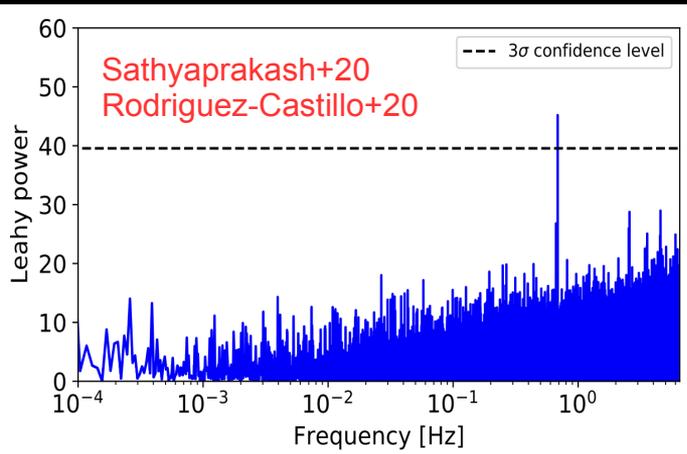
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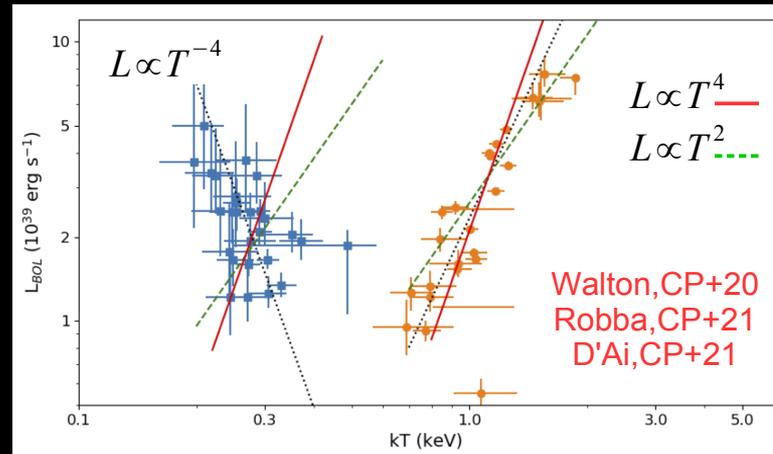
- **S**uper-**E**ddington **A**ccretion: **W**ind, **I**Nflow and **D**isc
  - Research programme for RSN4 (secondary: RSN1)
  - **30 members** (20 INAF + 10 associates)
  - 7 INAF institutes, 4 universities
  - **18.1 FTE** in total from 2020 (10.9 INAF, 10.7 TI)
  - **2 PhD students** (highly active) + 2 postdoc (low FTE, other projects)
  - **XMM-Newton, Chandra, Swift, NUSTAR, XRISM, Athena, eXTP, IXPE, eROSITA, Theseus, Hubble Space Telescope (HST), Fermi (FGST), MAGIC, Cherenkov Telescope Array (CTA), AMI-LA, MeerKAT, ALMA, VLBA**
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- Compact objects
  - AGN-galaxy coevolution
  - High-energy astrophysics
  - Non-thermal processes
  - Strong gravity
  - Space telescopes
  - Outreach

# 4. Results (2020- highlights among 35 papers)

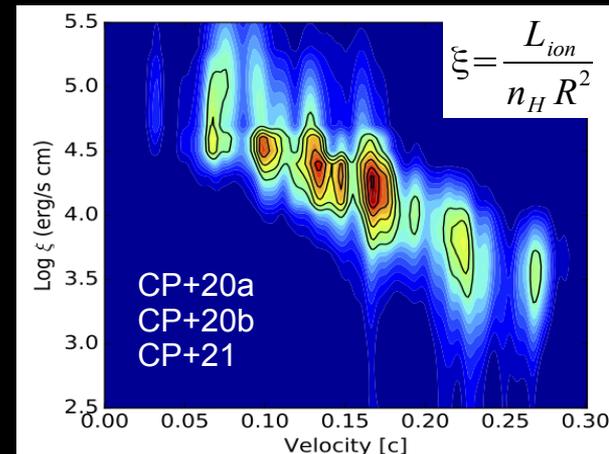
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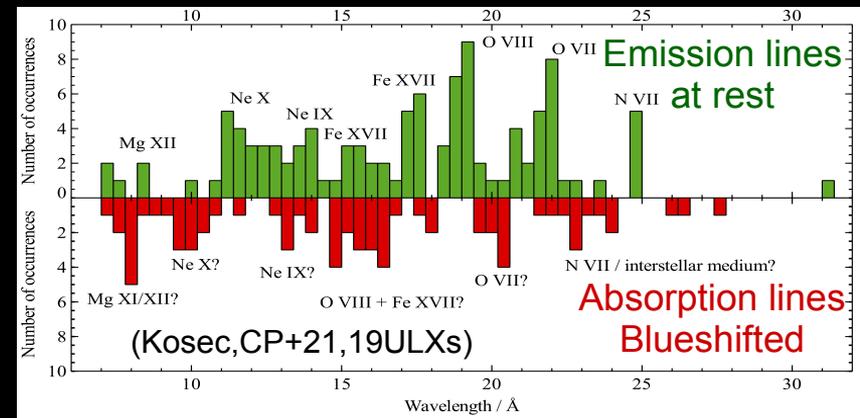
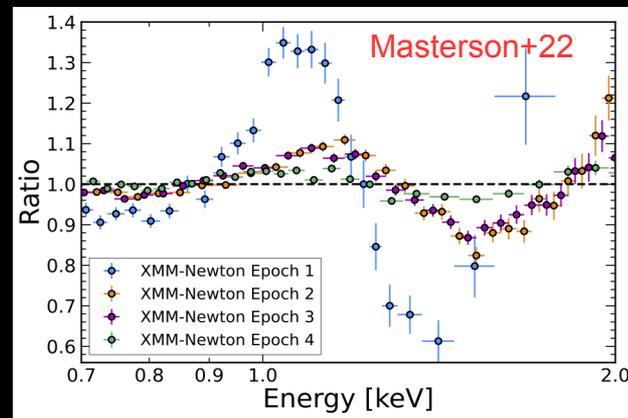
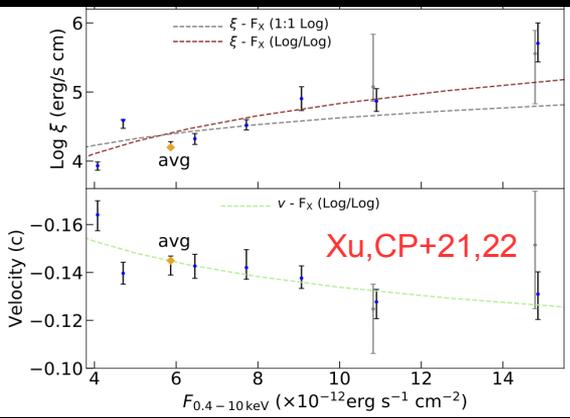
2) Disc spectral evolution ULXs/XRBs



3) Winds in more ULXs



4) Wind response, stratification & transience in AGN



# Leadership

*Excellence science requires TOP expertise, data, models & collaboration*

- PI and co-Is provide **top expertise** (discovery of pulsations & winds / **INAF world leader**)
- Papers published in **high-impact** scientific & multidisciplinary journals
- Dissertation via **press releases**, local outreach & Media INAF
- Data collected by ESA & NASA **facilities with INAF roles** (XMM, NUSTAR, ...)
- Optimise strategies of **future missions** with INAF roles (eXTP, ATHENA, ...)
- Strengthening the **collaboration** between different space agencies and countries

# 5. Critical issues

*Excellence science requires TOP expertise, data, models & collaboration*

- **Limited labour** force available: need for at least 2 postdocs (AdR)
- **Limited travel** funds: need for funds for the most active members
- Project still young (~2 years): need support for outburst
- Not awarded: PRIN INAF 2019. Pending: MUR FIS 2021, PRIN MUR 2022
- PRIN **MUR 2020** evaluated SEAWIND 95.7, 8/63, ex aequo with last awarded
- **New missions** challenge need proper investigation (XRISM, eXTP, ATHENA, ..)



# BLOSSOM – Black hOle Swift fOrMation

INAF – Large Grant

## SEAWIND members with FTE $\geq 0.2$

1) <b>Ciro Pinto (PI)</b>	(FTE/year: 0.4)	Coordination & plasma studies	(code development)
2) <b>Melania Del Santo</b>	(FTE/year: 0.2)	XRB multi-wavelength studies	(interpretation)
3) <b>Fabio Pintore</b>	(FTE/year: 0.2)	X-ray spectral-timing studies	(code development)
4) <b>Antonino D’Ai</b>	(FTE/year: 0.2)	XRB X-ray spectral variability	(observations)
5) <b>Simona Paiano</b>	(FTE/year: 0.2)	AGN multi-wavelength studies	(observations)
6) <b>G. Rodriguez</b>	(FTE/year: 0.2)	XRB X-ray timing	(code development)
7) <b>Sara Motta</b>	(FTE/year: 0.2)	AGN X-ray timing	(observations)
8) <b>Anna Wolter</b>	(FTE/year: 0.2)	XRB population studies	(interpretation)
9) <b>Paolo Esposito</b>	(FTE/year: 0.2)	XRB X-ray timing	(interpretation)
10) <b>Stefano Bianchi</b>	(FTE/year: 0.2)	AGN multi-wavelength studies	(interpretation)
11) <b>Yerong Xu PhD student</b>	(FTE/year: 0.4)	AGN wind searches and studies	(observations)
12) <b>A. Robba PhD student</b>	(FTE/year: 0.3)	XRB spectral-timing studies	(observations)
13) <b>Assegnista / Post Doc 1</b>	(FTE/year: 1.0)	XRB time modulation search	(observations)
14) <b>Assegnista / Post Doc 2</b>	(FTE/year: 1.0)	XRB wind search	(observations)



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Popular repositories <https://github.com/ciropinto1982> Customize your pins

- Spectral-fitting-with-SPEX** Public  
This folder contains my codes to perform spectral fitting of X-ray spectra of astronomical objects.  
● Shell ☆ 2
- Python-for-data-analysis** Public  
● Python
- XMM-Newton-Data-Reduction** Public  
Basic codes to run data reduction of the XMM-Newton satellite  
● Shell

**GitHub**

Item	Year 2022	Year 2023
Personnel	70000 Euro	70000 Euro
Equipment	4000 Euro	0 Euro
Travels	27000 Euro	27000 Euro
Consumables	1000 Euro	1000 Euro

# Activities Product Tree

Supermassive Black Hole

$$M_{\bullet} = 10^6 - 10^{10} M_{\text{SUN}}$$



Stellar-mass Black Hole  
or Neutron Star

$$M_{\bullet} = 1 - 100 M_{\text{SUN}}$$

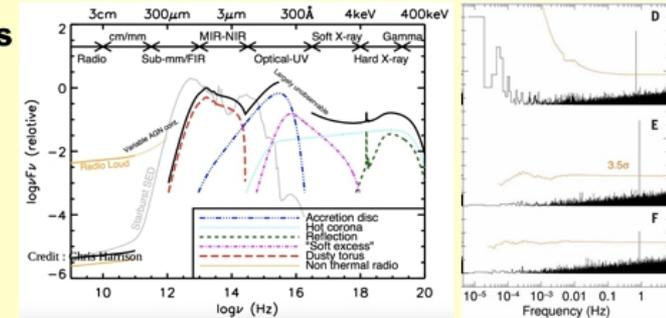
- 1) Collect multi-wavelength data for the AGN & XRB samples
- 2) Build broadband spectral energy distribution
- 3) Calculation of ionisation balance & plasma models
- 4) Search for temporal modulations and energy lags



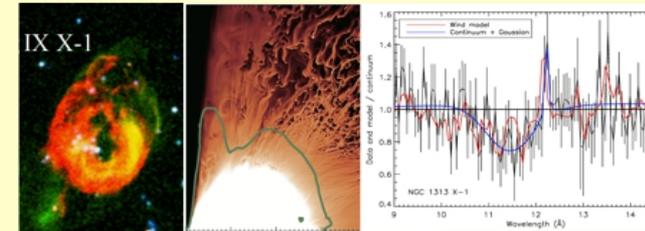
- 5) Search for winds via high-resolution X-ray spectroscopy
- 6) Retrieve jet properties in the samples
- 7) Compare wind, jet and disc properties
- 8) Estimate of outflow and net growth rate

Forecast (at least) 10 high-impact refereed papers

## Accretion: Multi-wavelength & timing



## Ejections: wind, jets & feedback



## Coupling inflow-outflow

