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# Oggetti compatti extragalattici (AGN)

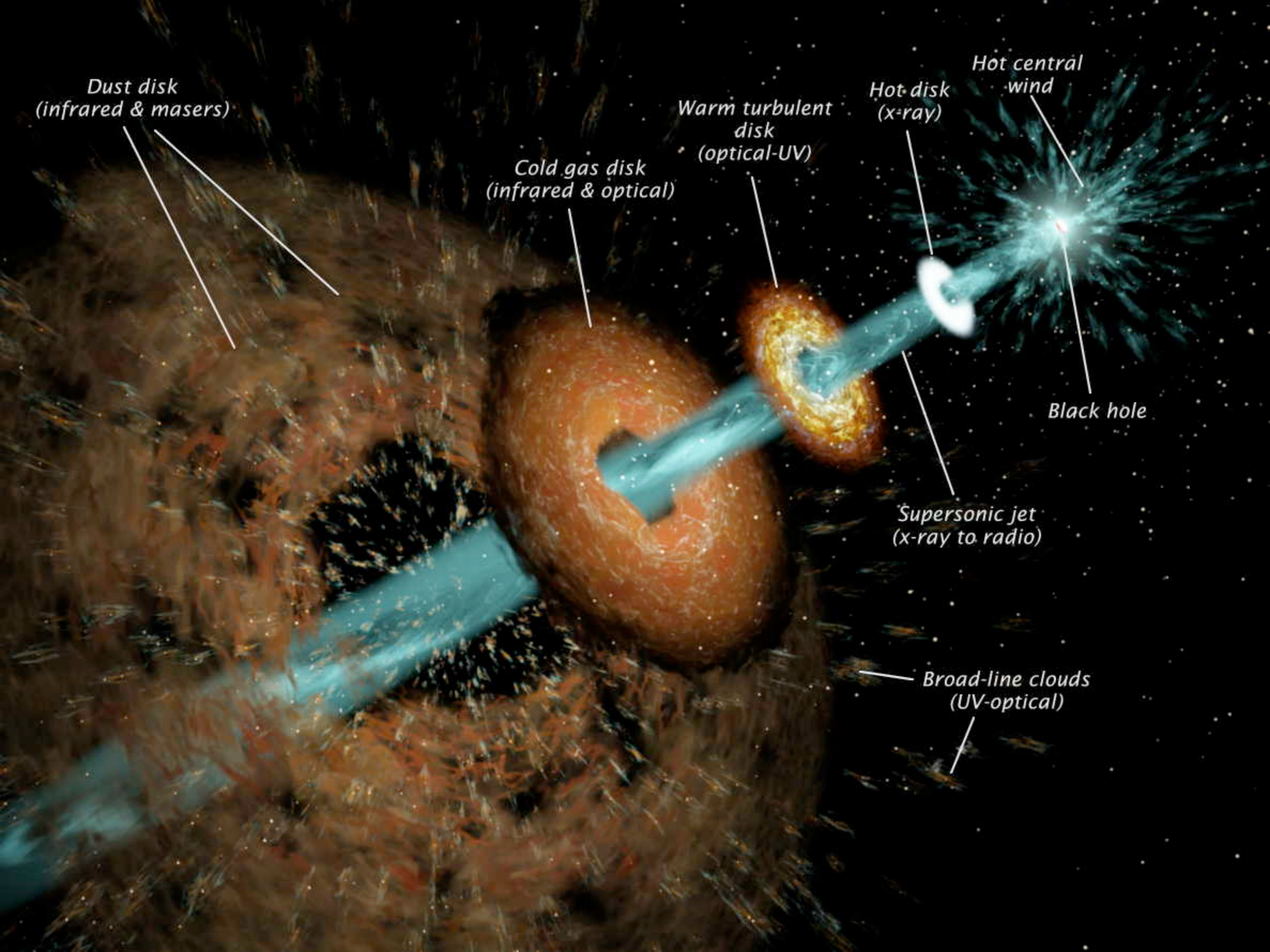
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## talk overview

(as I thought at glance, and at the end it didn't change)

- AGN: intro, problemi aperti, highlights (a partire dalle schede.. )
- cosa si studia, strutture coinvolte, schede coinvolte
- legami con progetti ed infrastrutture
- legami con RSN1, RSN5
- criticità più spesso rilevate
- legami con missioni spaziali (ATHENA, eXTP, HERMES, Theseus, IXPE, AMEGO, ASTROGAM, COSI), telescopi da Terra (ASTRIMini-Array, CTA, SKA, SWGO, VLBI) e rivelatori di onde gravitazionali di terza generazione (Einstein Telescope-LISA).



Dust disk  
(infrared & masers)

Cold gas disk  
(infrared & optical)

Warm turbulent  
disk  
(optical-UV)

Hot disk  
(x-ray)

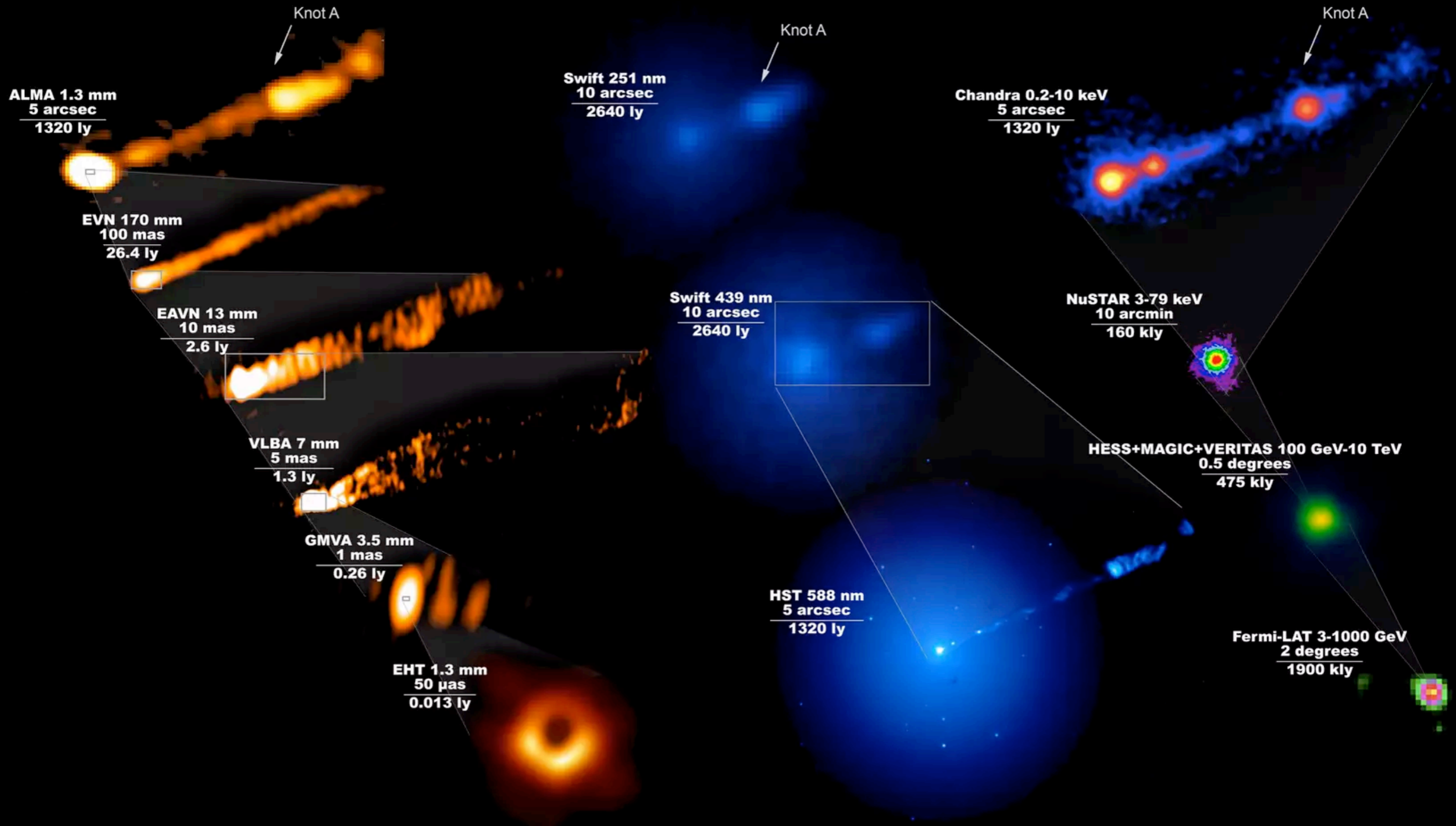
Hot central  
wind

Black hole

Supersonic jet  
(x-ray to radio)

Broad-line clouds  
(UV-optical)

# Multi-Wavelength view of AGN



**Blazar**  
viewing down the jet

**Quasar/Seyfert 1**  
viewing at an angle to the jet

**Radio galaxy/Seyfert 2**  
viewing at 90° from the jet

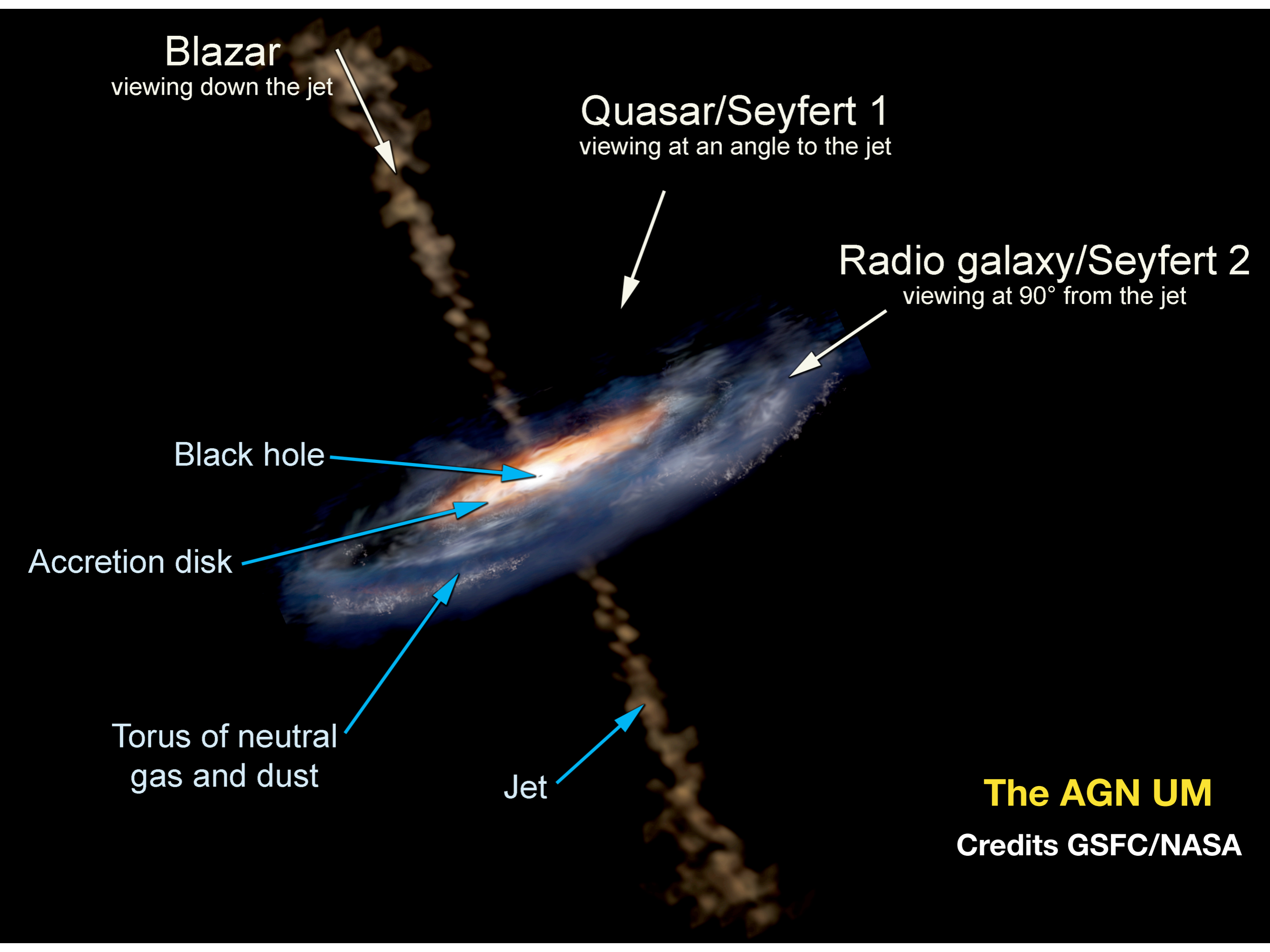
Black hole

Accretion disk

Torus of neutral  
gas and dust

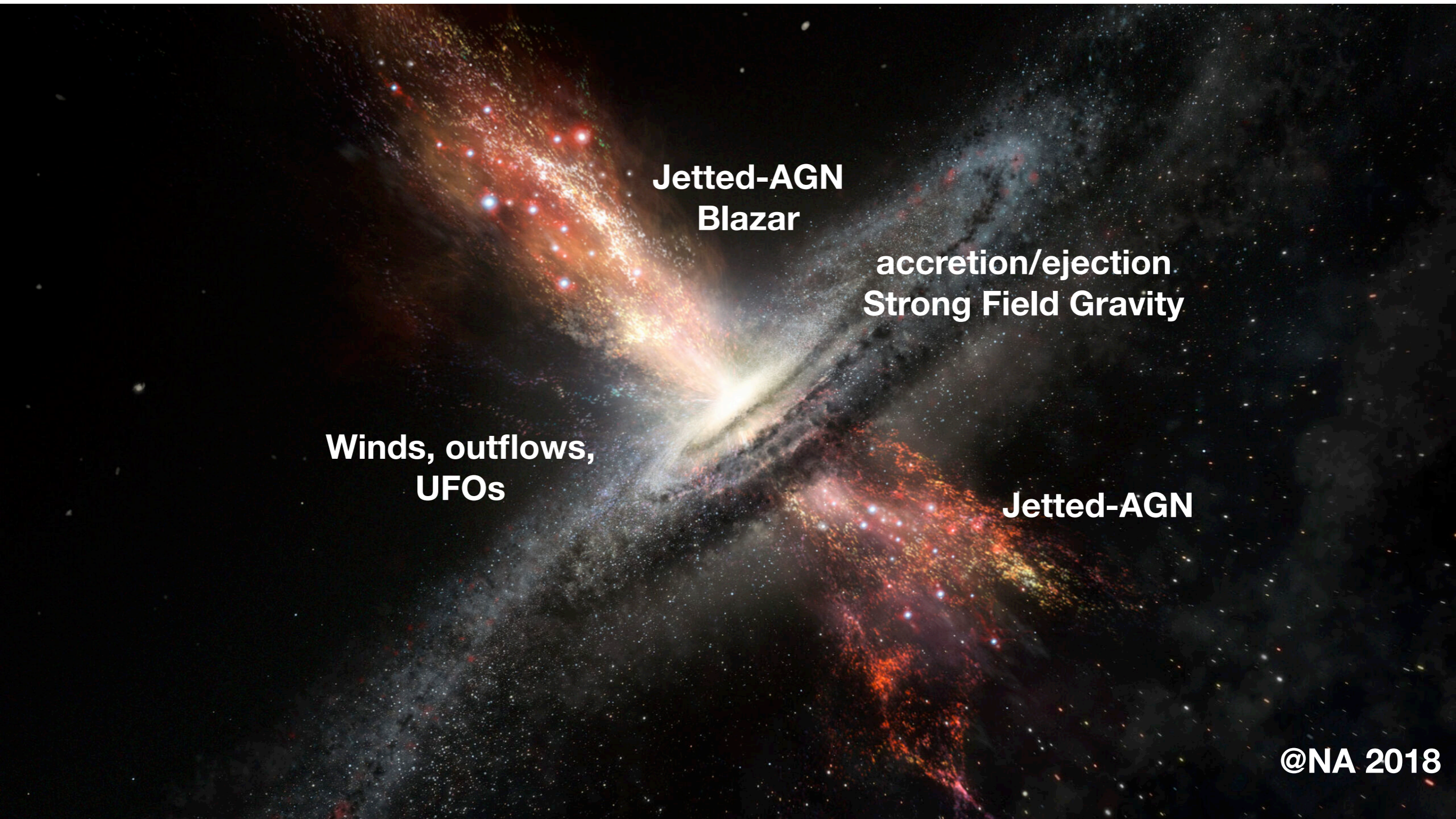
Jet

**The AGN UM**  
Credits GSFC/NASA



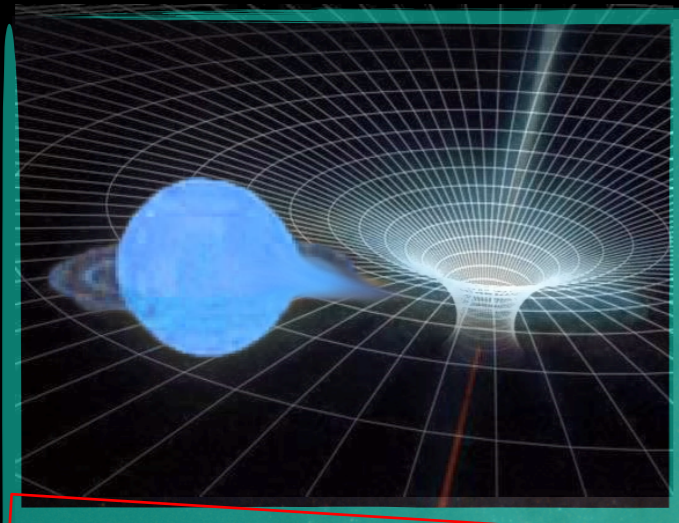
AGN topics@INAF

roughly from schedede + personal (biased) knowledge

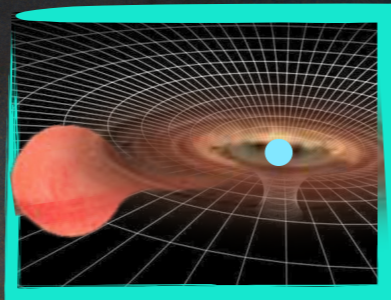


# BH inner regions and accretion under SFG regimes

STRONG CURVATURE  
 $10^{13}$  SOLAR



ACCRETING  
STELLAR MASS  
BLACK HOLE



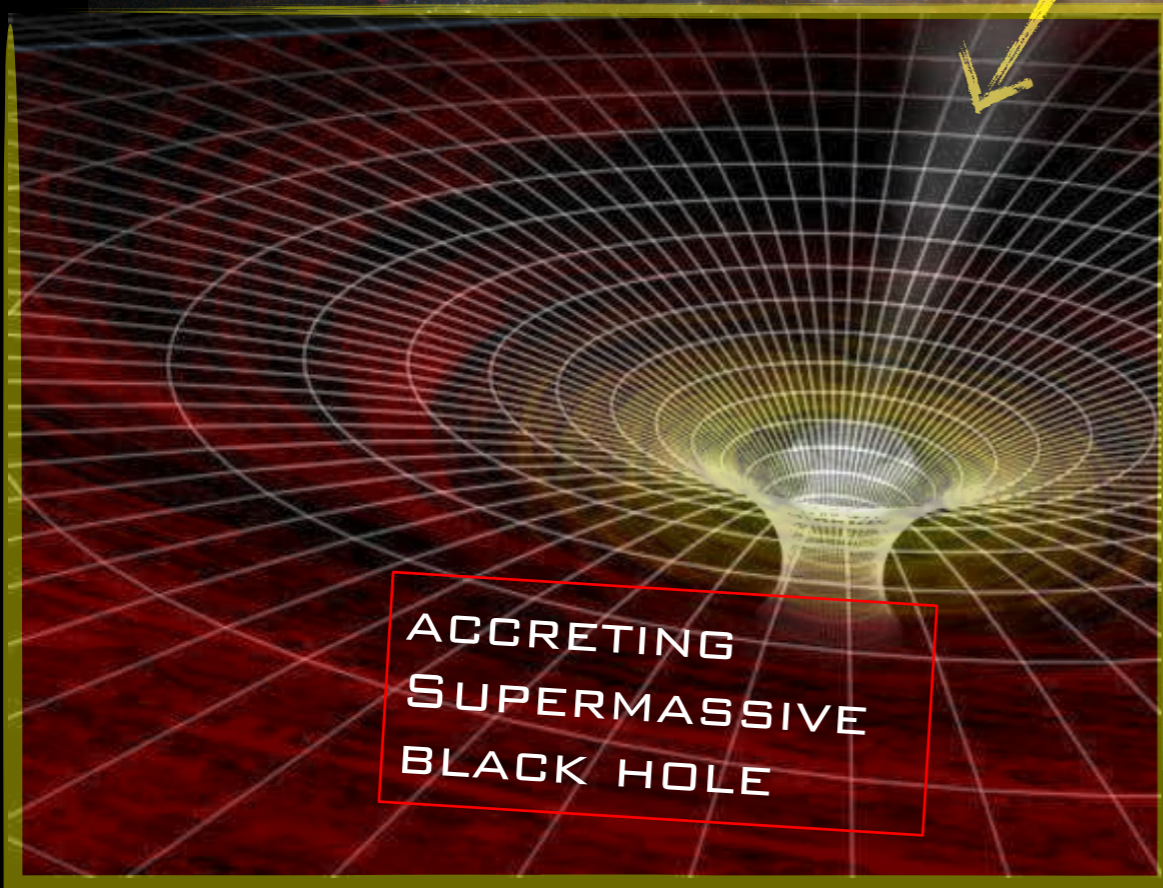
ACCRETING  
NEUTRON  
STAR

stellar mass BHs /NSs scattered  
in galaxies (X-ray binaries)  
supermassive BHs in the center  
of galaxies (AGN and quasars)

Close to the BH, most of the  
physical processes are the same. we  
can learn a great deal by comparing  
the two families

What really matters in these studies  
is the n. of photons (i.e. flux,  $F_{\text{obs}}$ )  
per unit of light crossing time scale  
 $\sim R_g/c \sim GM/c^3 \sim 500 M_8 \text{ s}$

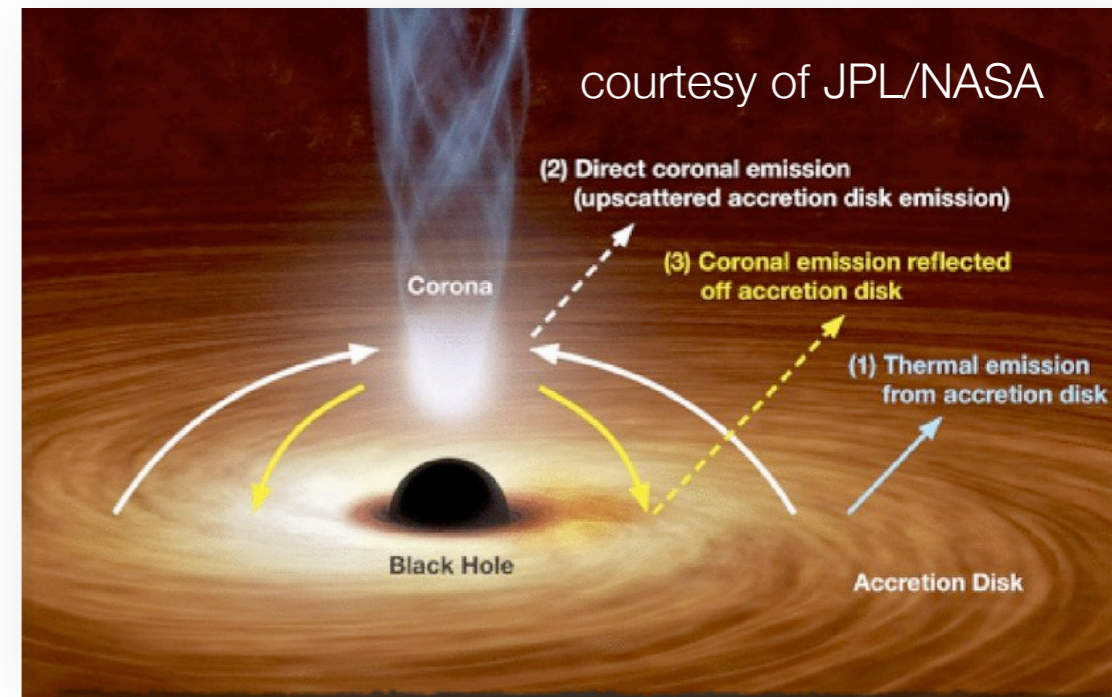
WEAK CURVATURE  
 $\sim$  SOLAR



ACCRETING  
SUPERMASSIVE  
BLACK HOLE

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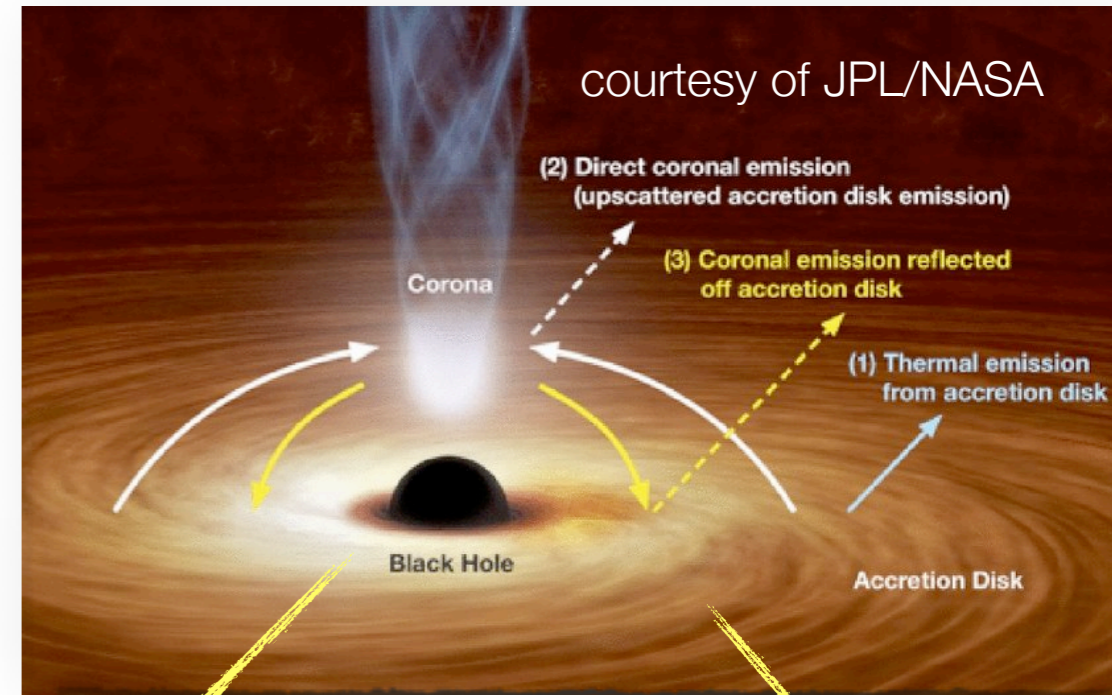
$10^6 - 10^9 M_{\text{sun}}$

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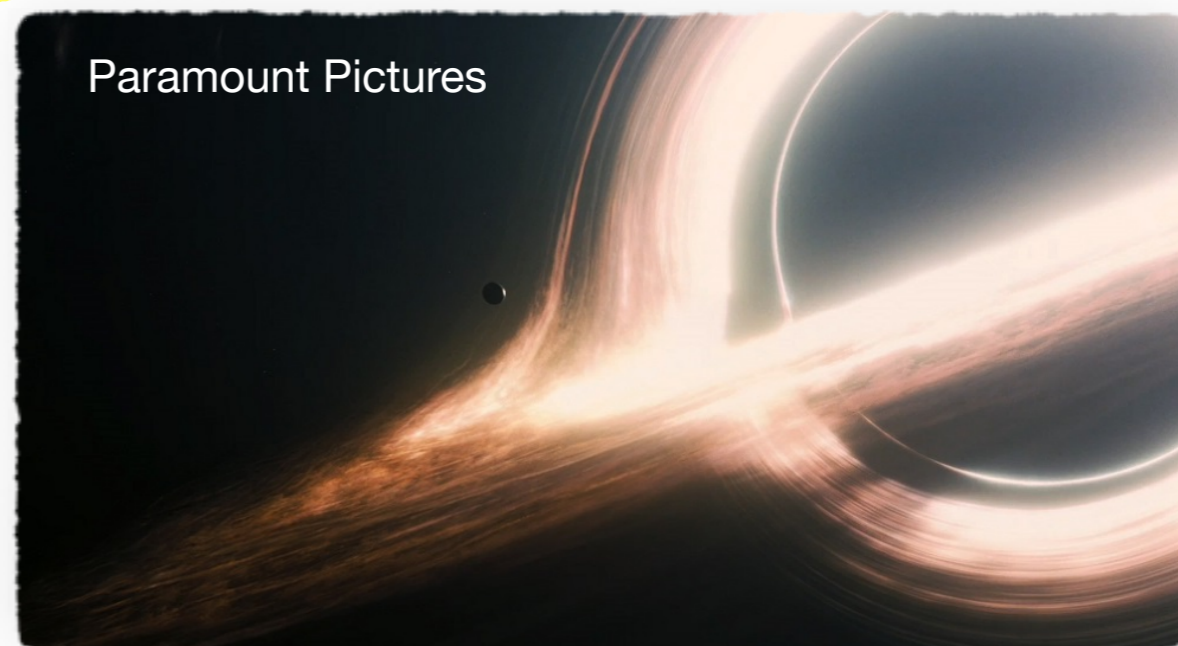


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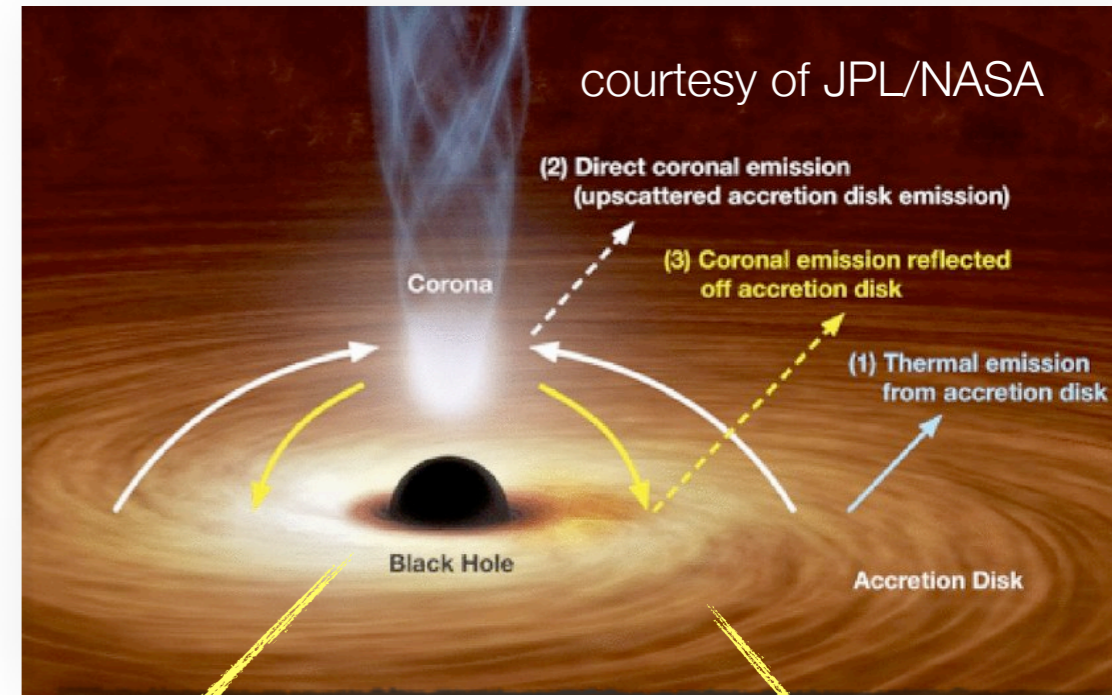


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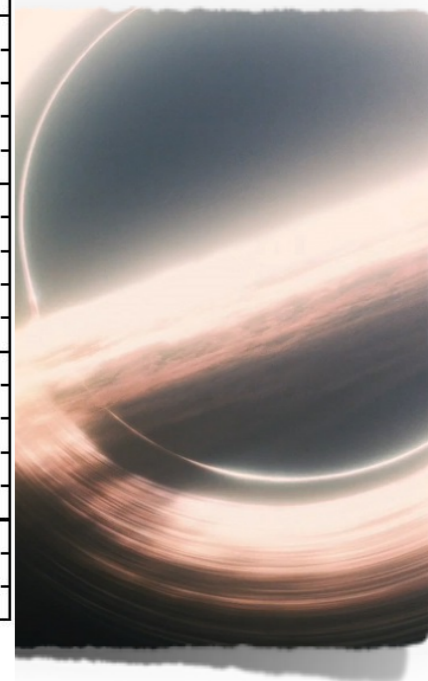
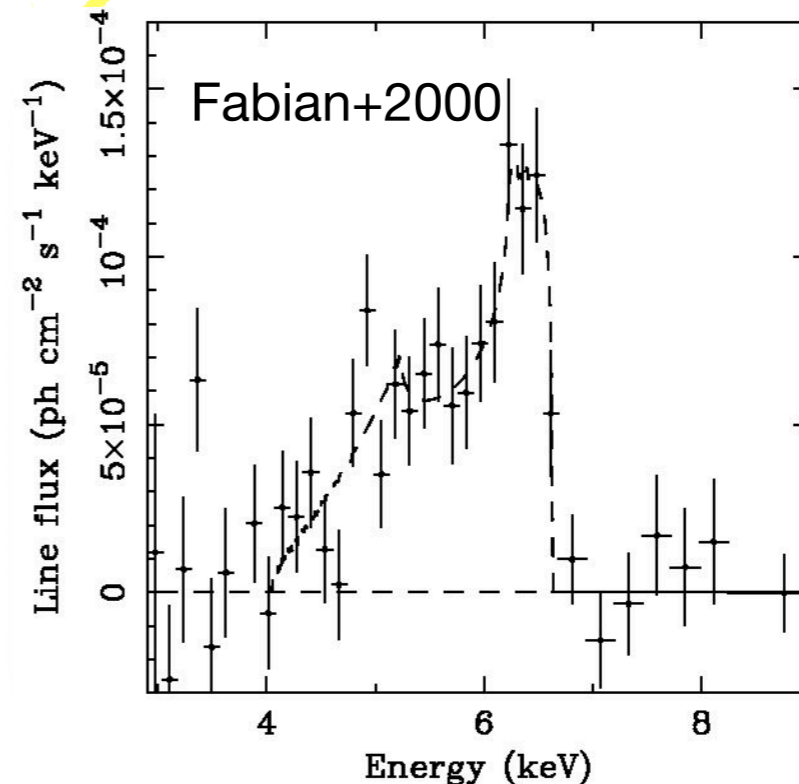


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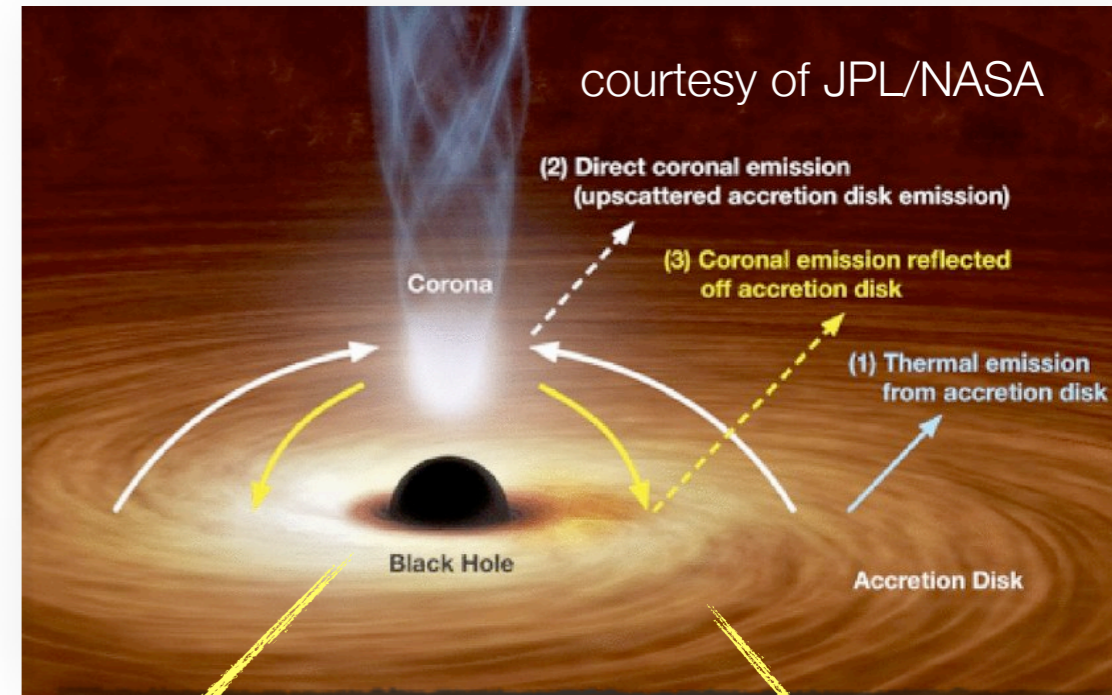


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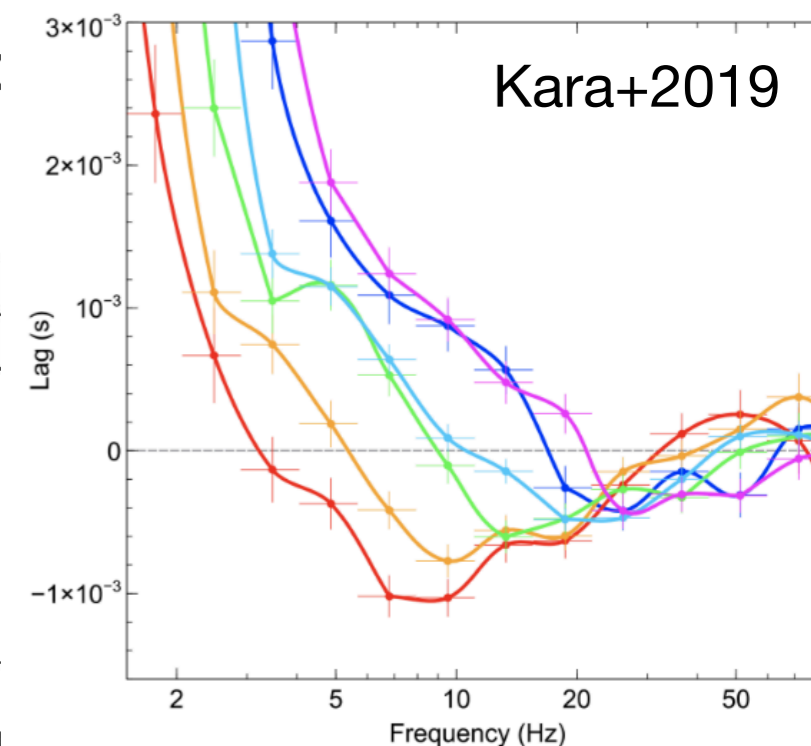
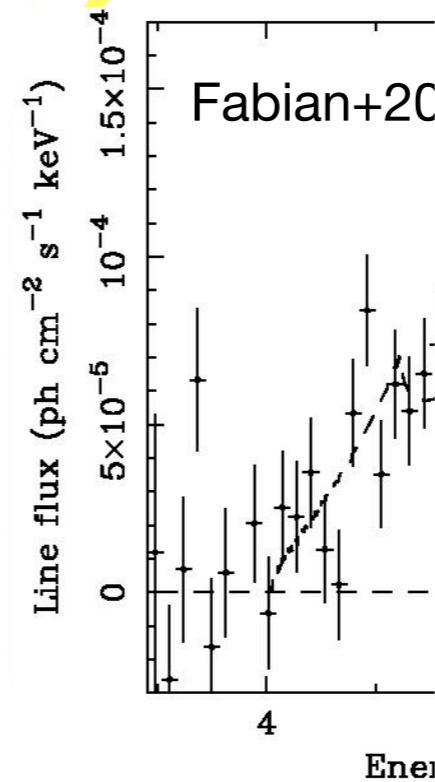


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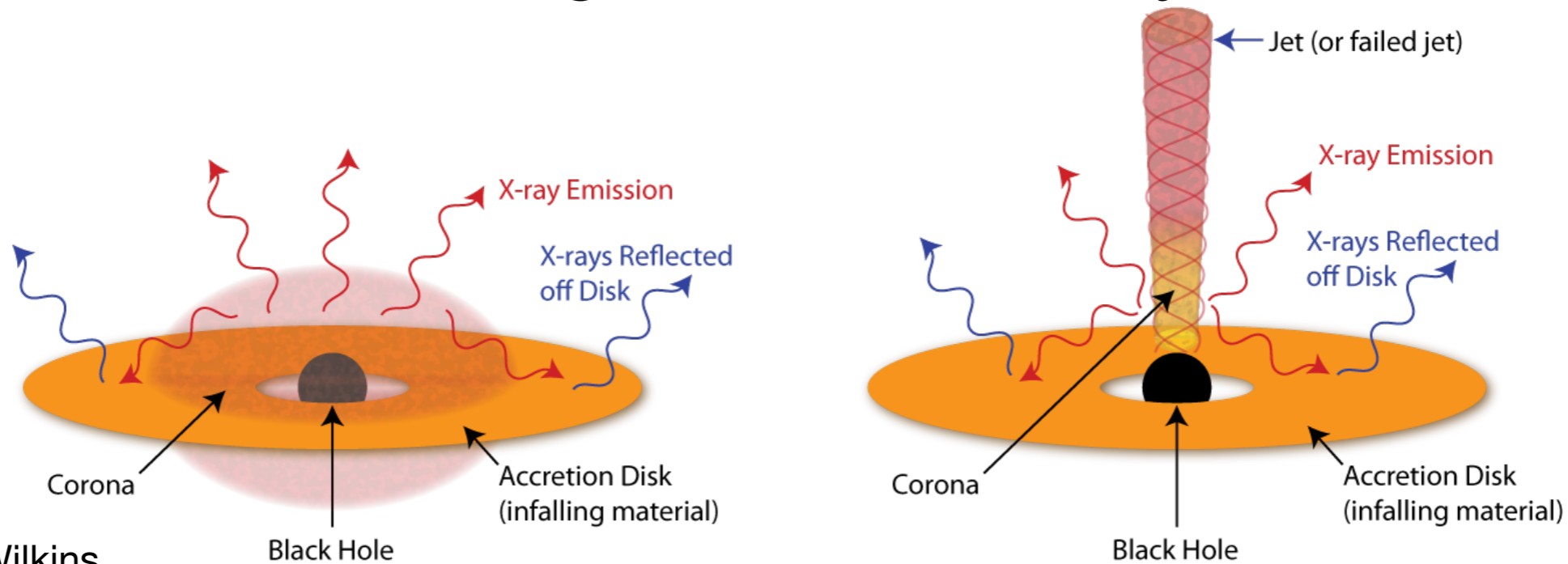
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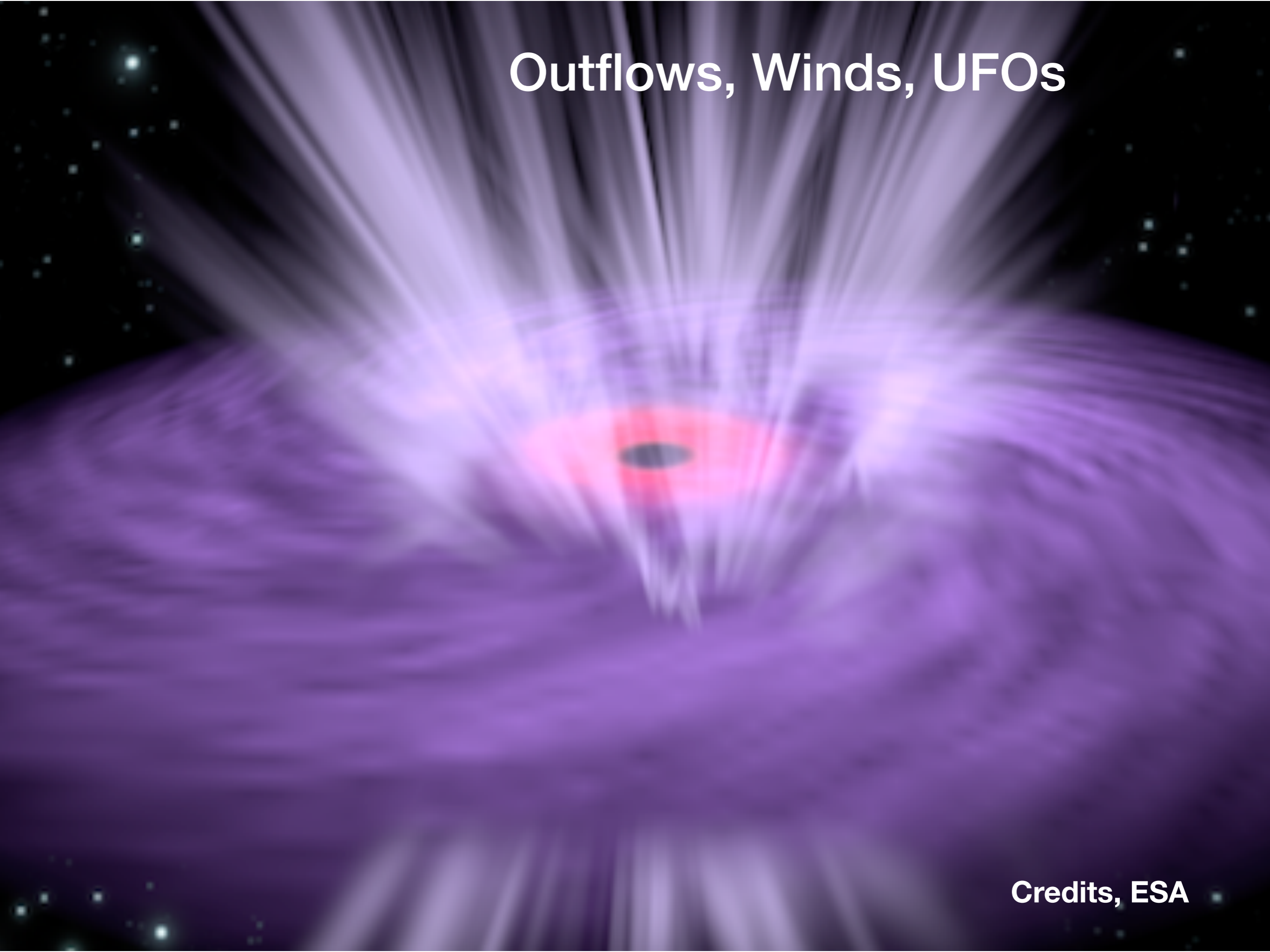
# BH inner regions - Accretion Ejection



Credit: D. Wilkins

- Goals: Physical ( $\tau$  and  $kT$ ) and geometrical properties of the emitting hot corona.
- Coronal activity, interaction with the surrounding medium  $\rightarrow$  Arcsecond and milli-arcsecond studies of inner regions.
- Accretion/ejection at all scales
- Super-Eddington accretion
- How: X-ray Spectroscopy, X-ray spectral timing, X-ray polarimetry; Radio vs X-rays, Radio variability
- Software timing, spectral/timing.
- Missions: from BeppoSAX to INTEGRAL, XMM+NuStar, Chandra, Swift, IXPE, Athena, eXTP, EVN, VLBA, ATCA, LBA, JVLA, Effelsberg, LOFAR, eMERLIN, AMI
- Struttare (Schede): OAS, OAA, IAPS, IASF-Pa (SEAWIND, TORQUA, HEASS, MIOHECS)

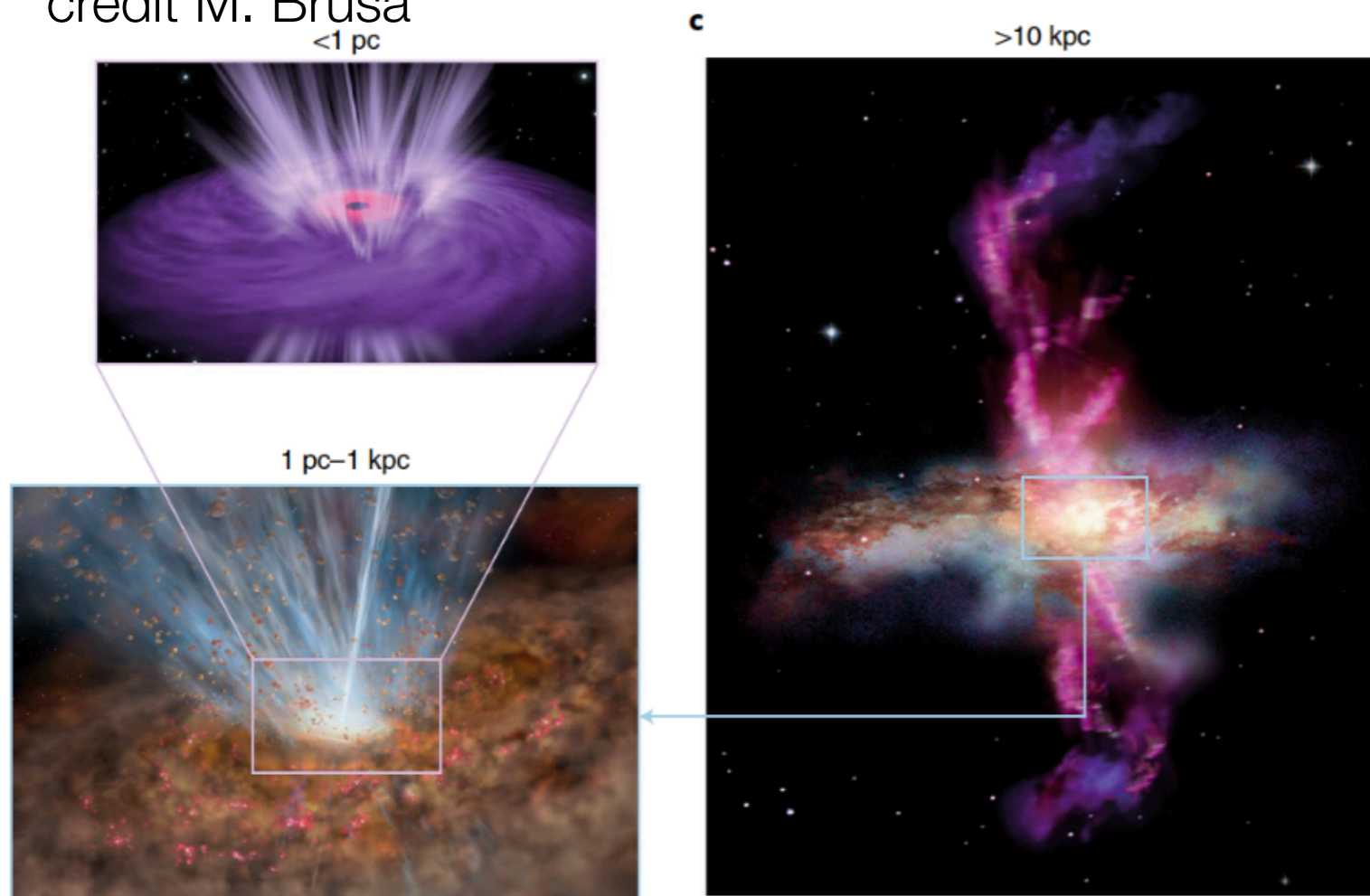
# Outflows, Winds, UFOs



Credits, ESA

# AGN winds, fast outflows and UFOs

Cicone+2018,  
credit M. Brusa



gas flows in the form of energetic winds may play a pivotal role in galaxy evolution [—> RSN1].

These winds are detectable through strongly blue-shifted absorption lines associated with highly ionized iron atoms (Fe xxv and Fe xxvi) observable at energies  $E > 6$  keV

The AGN outflows have a multiphase nature, as revealed by observations and expected from simulations: highly ionized in the X-ray to the lower ionized gas traced by the [OIII] and the neutral phase observed in the galaxy-wide molecular outflows.

King 2005, King & Pounds 2015

### NALs

$\log[\xi \text{ (erg cm s}^{-1}\text{)}] = 0\text{--}1.5$   
 $\log[N_{\text{H}} \text{ (cm}^{-2}\text{)}] = 18\text{--}20$   
Velocity = 100–1,000 km s<sup>-1</sup>  
Distance scale = ~1 pc–1 kpc

### WAs

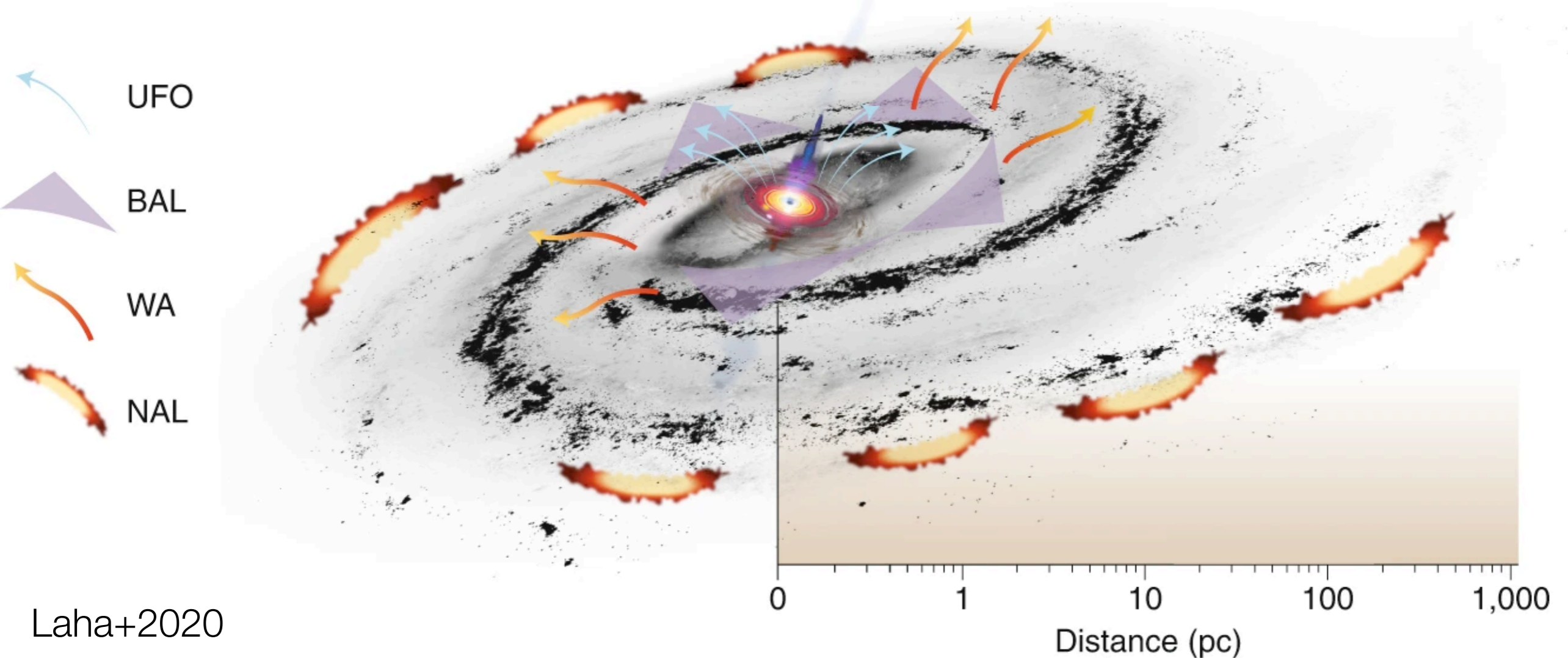
$\log[\xi \text{ (erg cm s}^{-1}\text{)}] = -1\text{--}3$   
 $\log[N_{\text{H}} \text{ (cm}^{-2}\text{)}] = 21\text{--}22.5$   
Velocity = 100–2,000 km s<sup>-1</sup>  
Distance scale = 0.1 pc–1 kpc

### BALs

$\log[\xi \text{ (erg cm s}^{-1}\text{)}] = 0.5\text{--}2.5$   
 $\log[N_{\text{H}} \text{ (cm}^{-2}\text{)}] = 20\text{--}23$   
Velocity = 10,000–60,000 km s<sup>-1</sup>  
Distance scale = 0.001 pc–500 pc

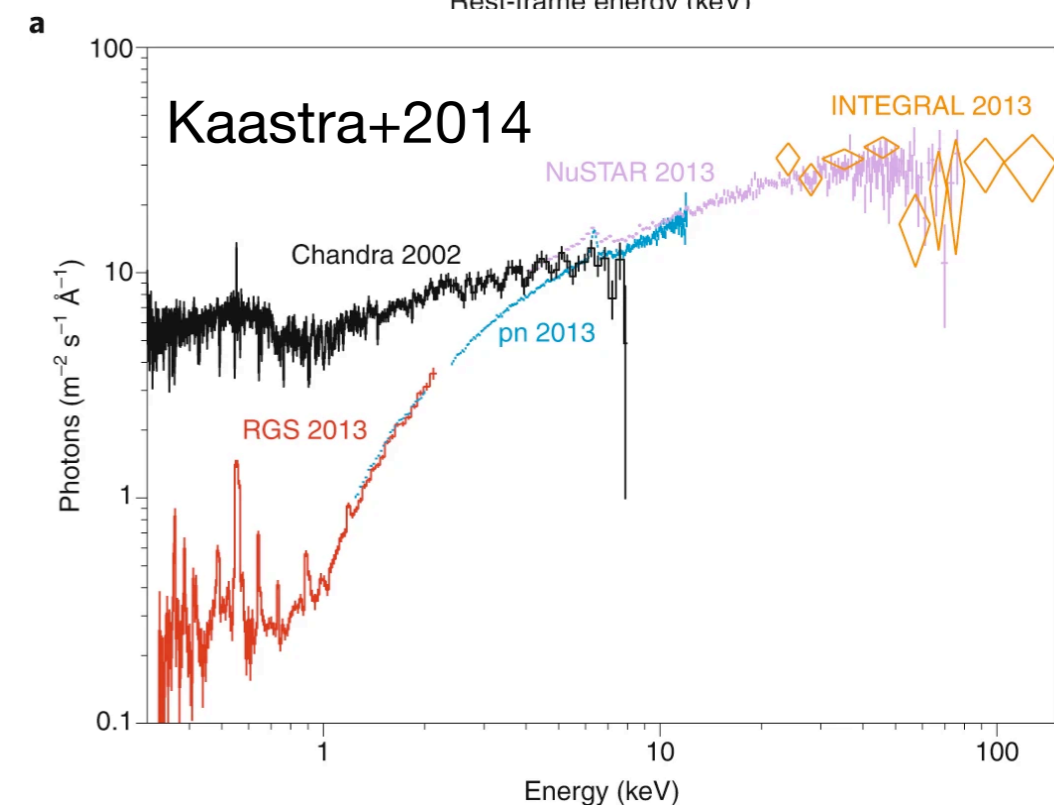
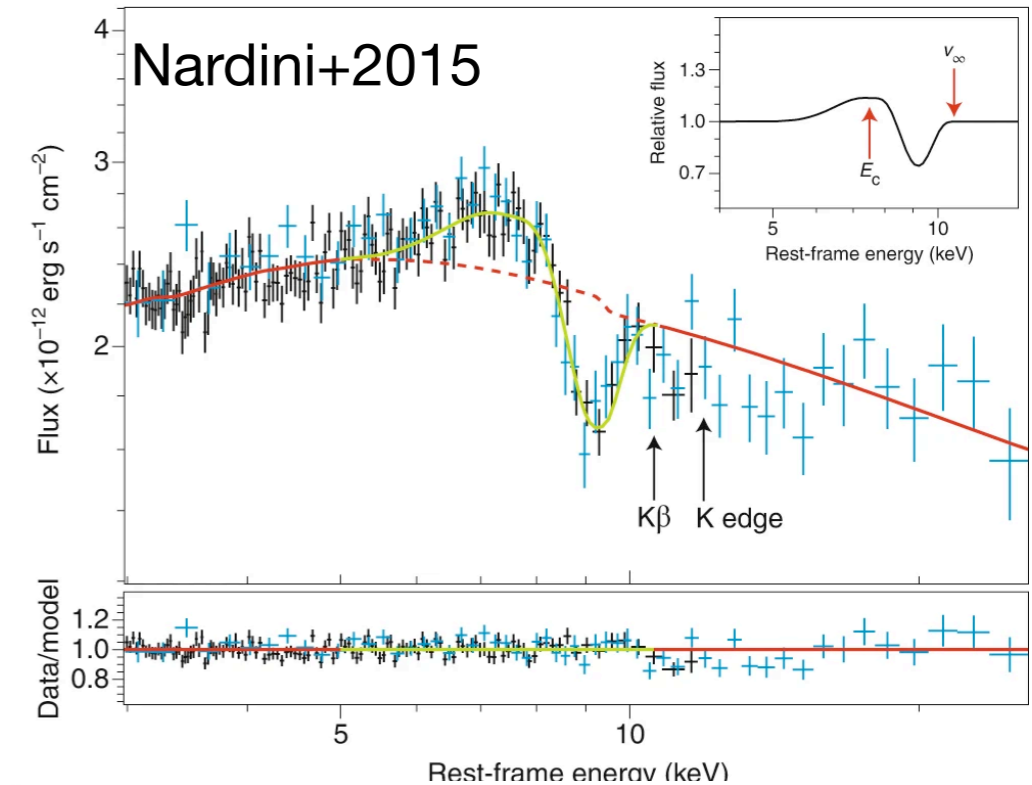
### UFOs

$\log[\xi \text{ (erg cm s}^{-1}\text{)}] = 3\text{--}5$   
 $\log[N_{\text{H}} \text{ (cm}^{-2}\text{)}] = 22\text{--}23.5\text{--}24$   
Velocity = 10,000–70,000 km s<sup>-1</sup>  
Distance scale = 0.001 pc–10 pc



# Outflows, winds, UFOs

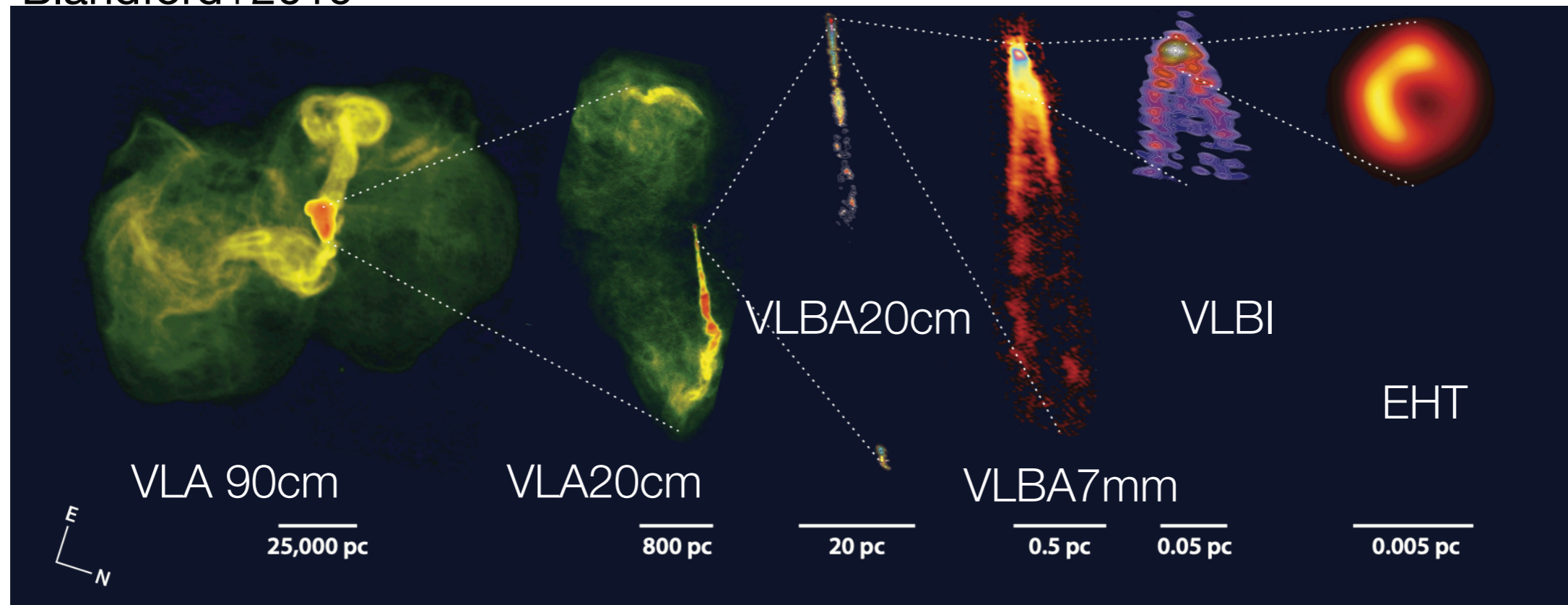
- Goals: study the launching mechanism of winds and UFOs, their energetics and if and how they may impact on the evolution history of the host;
- Bubbles: As a prototype for spirals, the Milky Way offers the opportunity to capture the details of feedback from sub-parsec to galactic scales.
- How: X-ray measurements of winds/UFO both at low-z and High-z, (XMM-Newton, NuSTAR, Chandra) also tacking advantage of gravitational lenses for high-z QSOs. MWL (ALMA, HST) data.
- Theoretical models and development of ML techniques to implement them into standard fitting tools deep usage of computing power
- Missions: Athena, XRISM, HEX-P
- Struttare (Schede): OAS, OAB, [RSN1] ([UAGNER](#), [TheExtremeWinds](#), [HotMilk GCHeritage](#))





M87,  
Blandford+2019

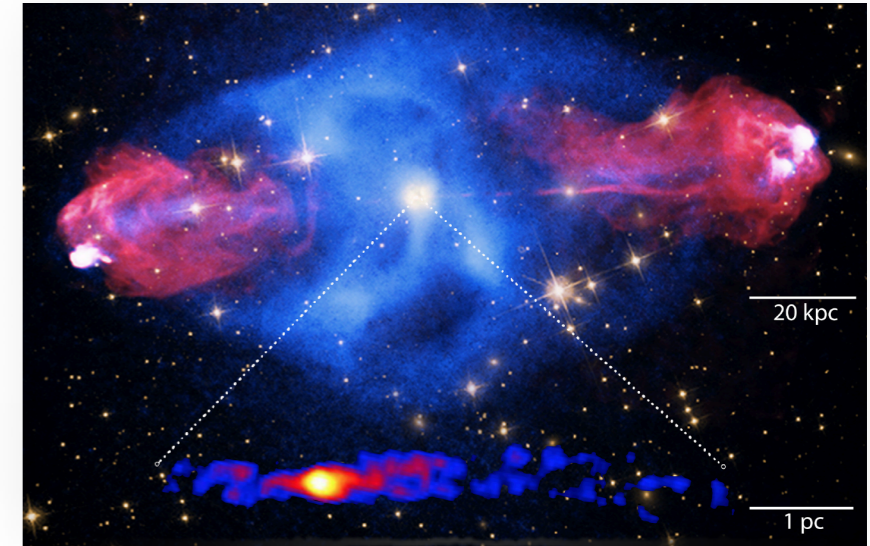
# jetted-AGN



- AGN jets are formed when the black hole spins and the accretion disk is strongly magnetized,
- AGN jets are collimated close to the black hole by magnetic stress associated with a disk wind.
- Higher power jets can emerge in a relativistic state and terminate in strong, hot spot shocks; lower power jets are degraded to plumes and bubbles.
- Jets may accelerate protons to EeV energies which contribute to the cosmic ray spectrum
- Jets can have a major influence on their environments, stimulating and limiting the growth of galaxies

# jetted-AGN

- goals: jet formation, structure, particle acceleration & radiative processes; gamma-ray & multi-messenger astrophysics; evolution of the extragalactic radio sources, feeding & feedback.;
- Emerging population of gamma-ray radio galaxies from new radio surveys. Modelling of the broad-band SED, and GeV emission from the lobes;
- Giant radio galaxies and their duty cycle; Addressing jets duty cycle, reorientation, restarting activity; Correlation with high-energy emission and accretion state
- How: Multi-frequency radio observations & VLBI, neutrino-candidate follow-up campaigns; High-energy (X-to-gamma-ray) analysis; Population studies & multi-wavelength emission modeling.
- EVN, VLBA, ATCA, LBA, JVLA, Effelsberg, LOFAR, eMERLIN, AMI, SKA VLBI Italian VLBI, EVN, Eating VLBI (East-Asia Italy Nearly Global VLBI) & Korea/Japan radioastronomy projects & collaboration. XMM, Chandra, Swift, INTEGRAL, Fermi, NuStar, Athena, CTA ASTRI LSST
- Strutture (schede): OAS, IRA, IAPS, OAB ([YRG](#), [DUTYRAGA](#), [MUTE SORCERER](#), [JEAH](#), [gNLS1s](#))



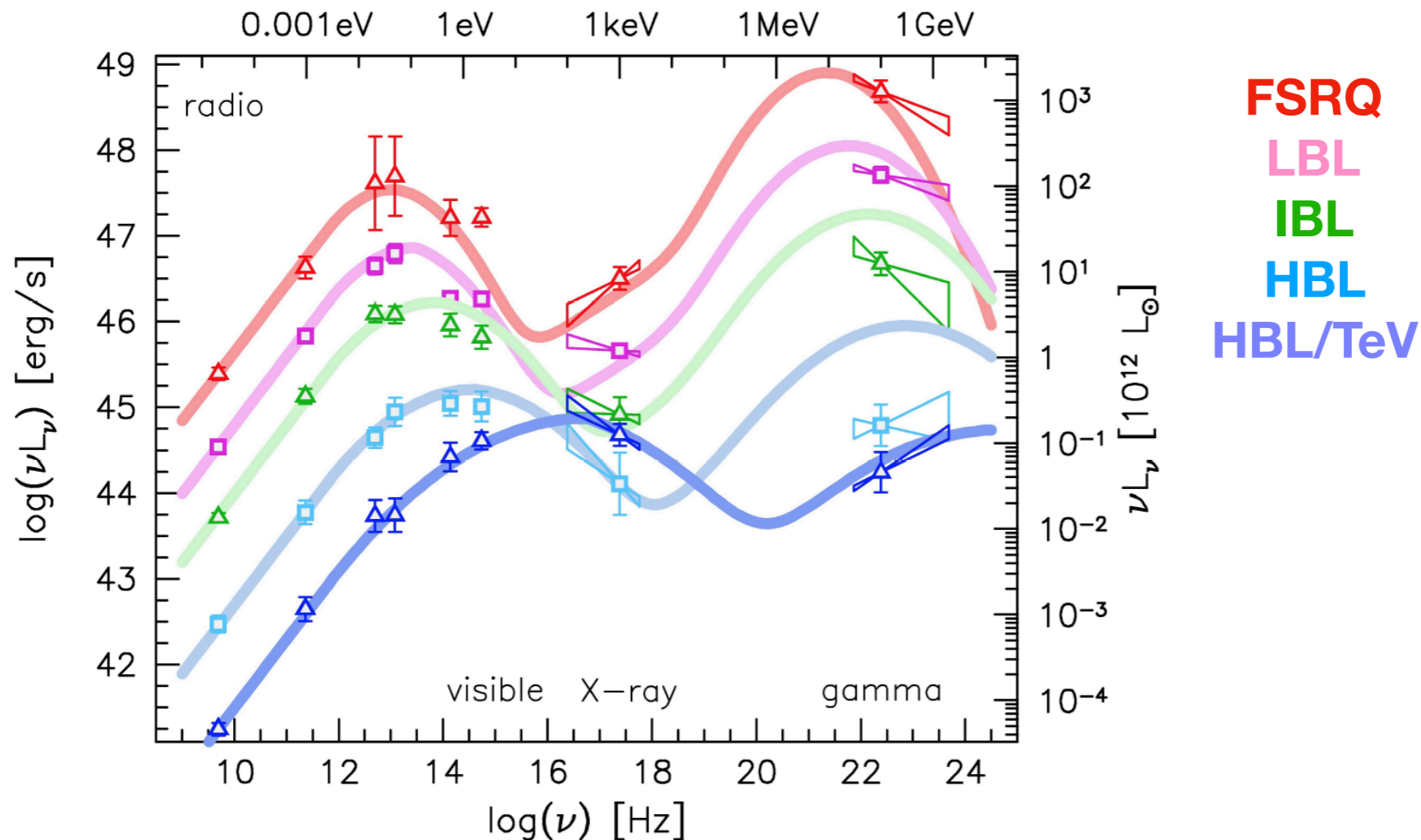
Cygnus A. Credits: X-ray: NASA/CXC/SAO; Optical: NASA/STScI; Radio: NSF/NRAO/AUI/VLA; VLBI inset: Boccardi et al. (2017). From Blandford+2019

# jetted-AGN BLAZAR

The image depicts a powerful active galactic nucleus (AGN) in the form of a blazar. At the center, a bright, glowing blue-white core is surrounded by a dense, swirling accretion disk. The disk is rendered with a motion blur effect, showing concentric rings of light in shades of blue, cyan, and orange-gold. A prominent, high-speed jet of blue and white light extends horizontally from the core towards the right side of the frame, creating a sense of intense energy and motion. The background is a dark, starry space with some diffuse, reddish-brown clouds.

# jetted-AGN Blazars

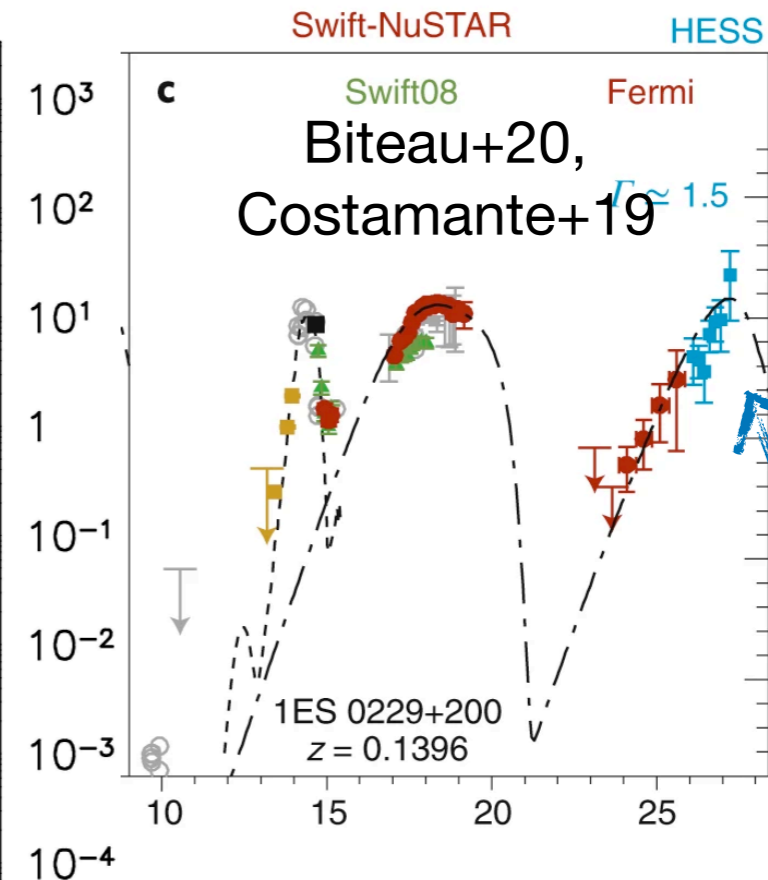
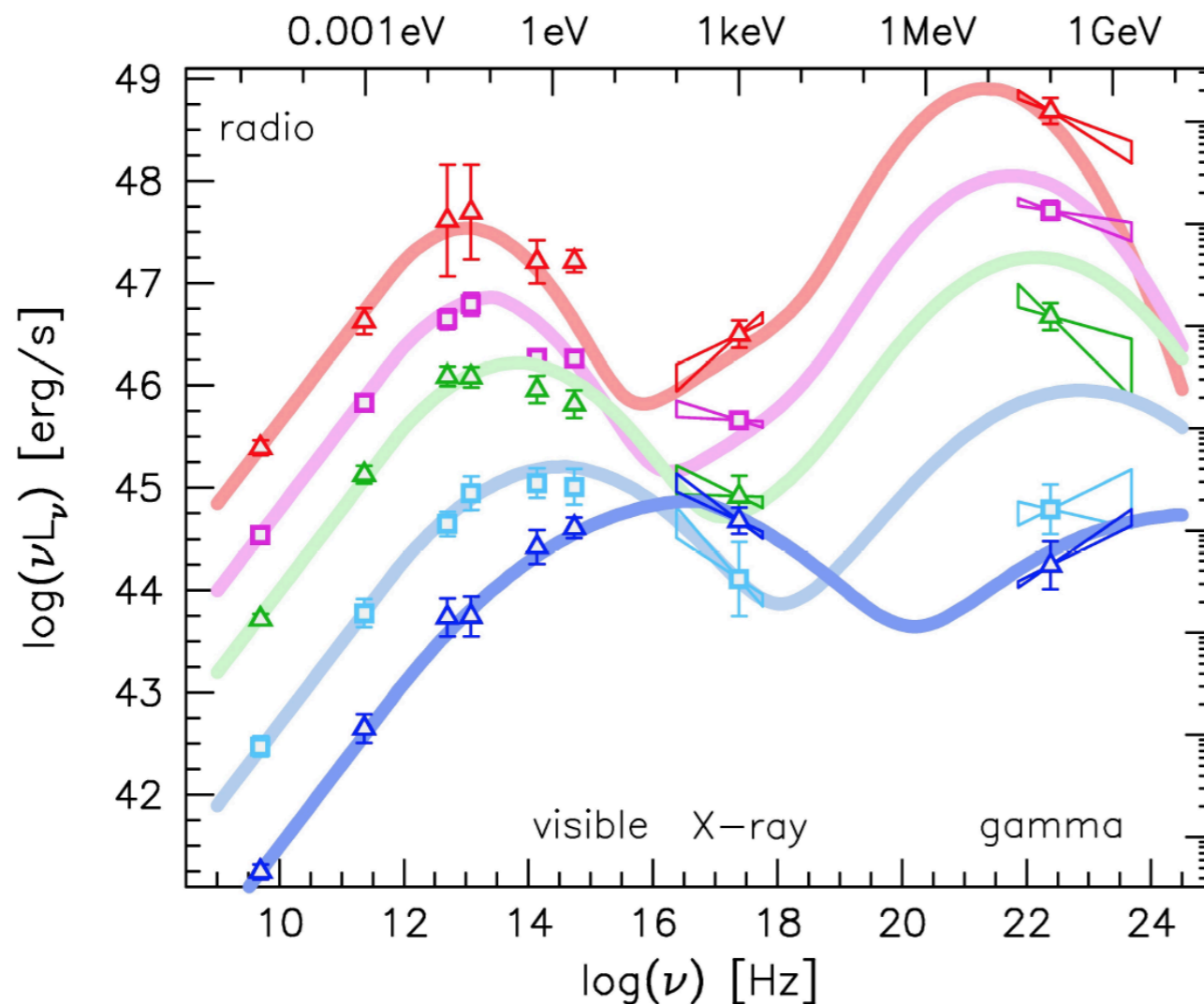
Blandford+19  
Fossati+1998



- Typical double peaked SED
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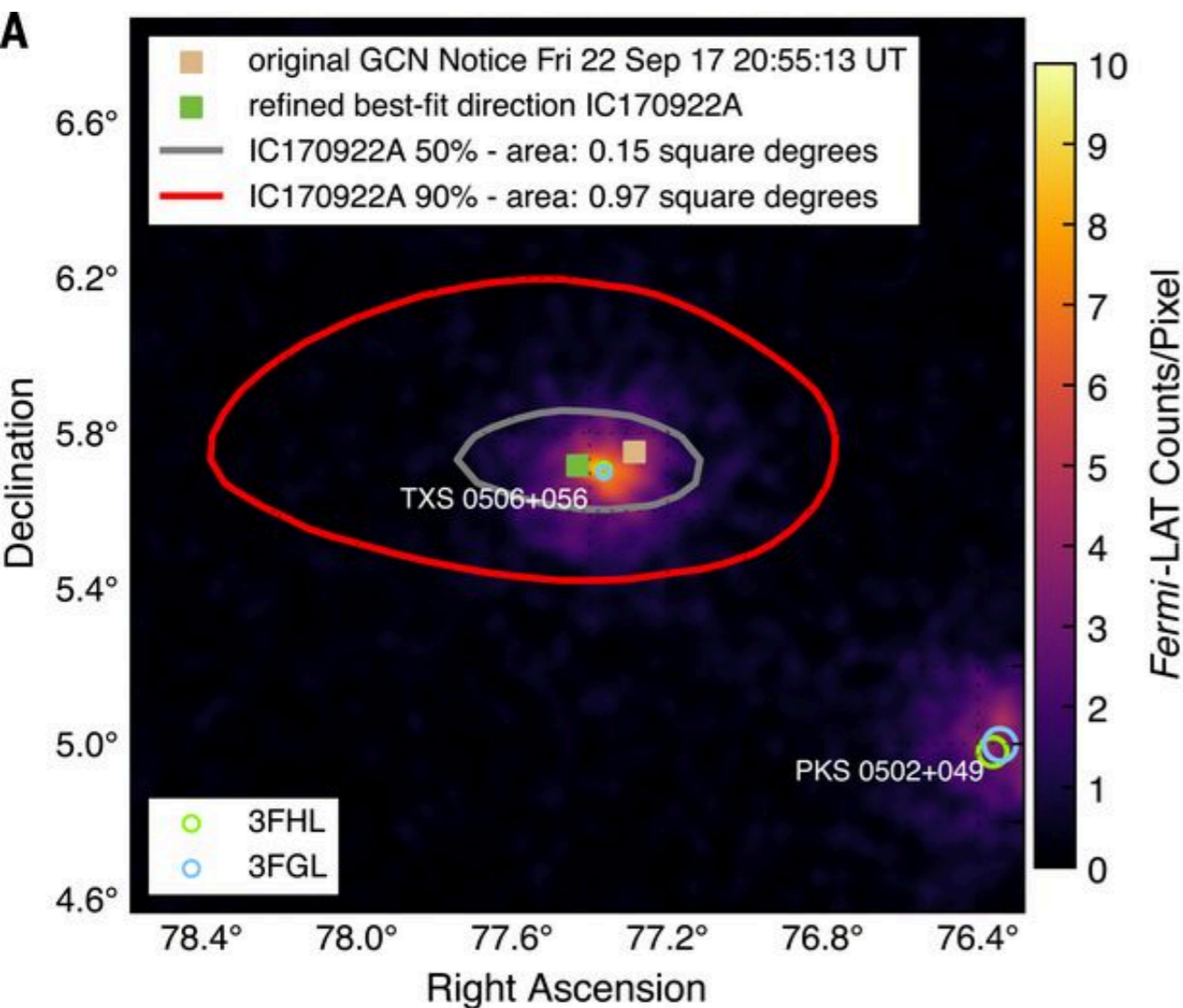


**10 TeV Peak!**

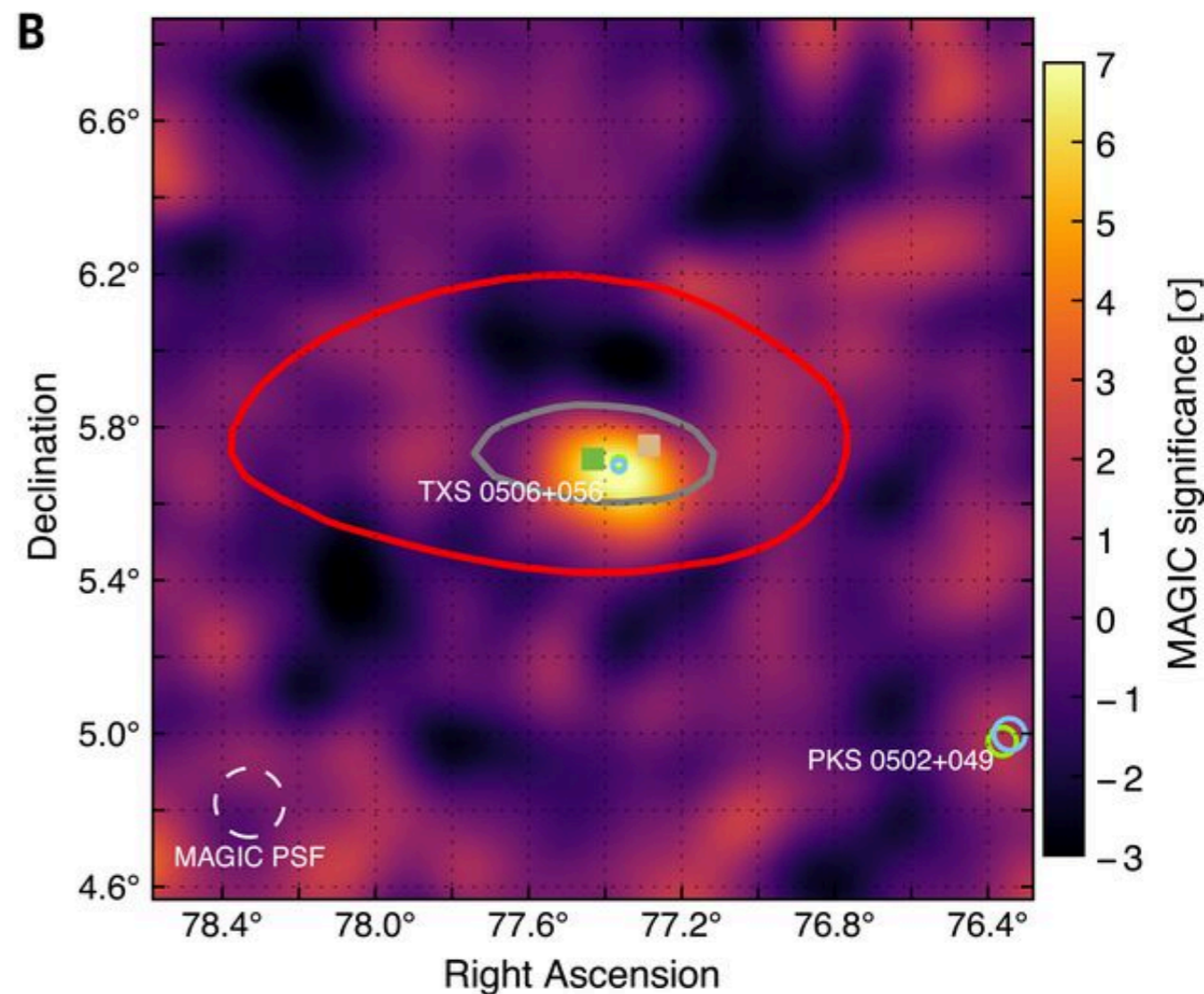
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Fermi LAT counts  
map 1-300 GeV

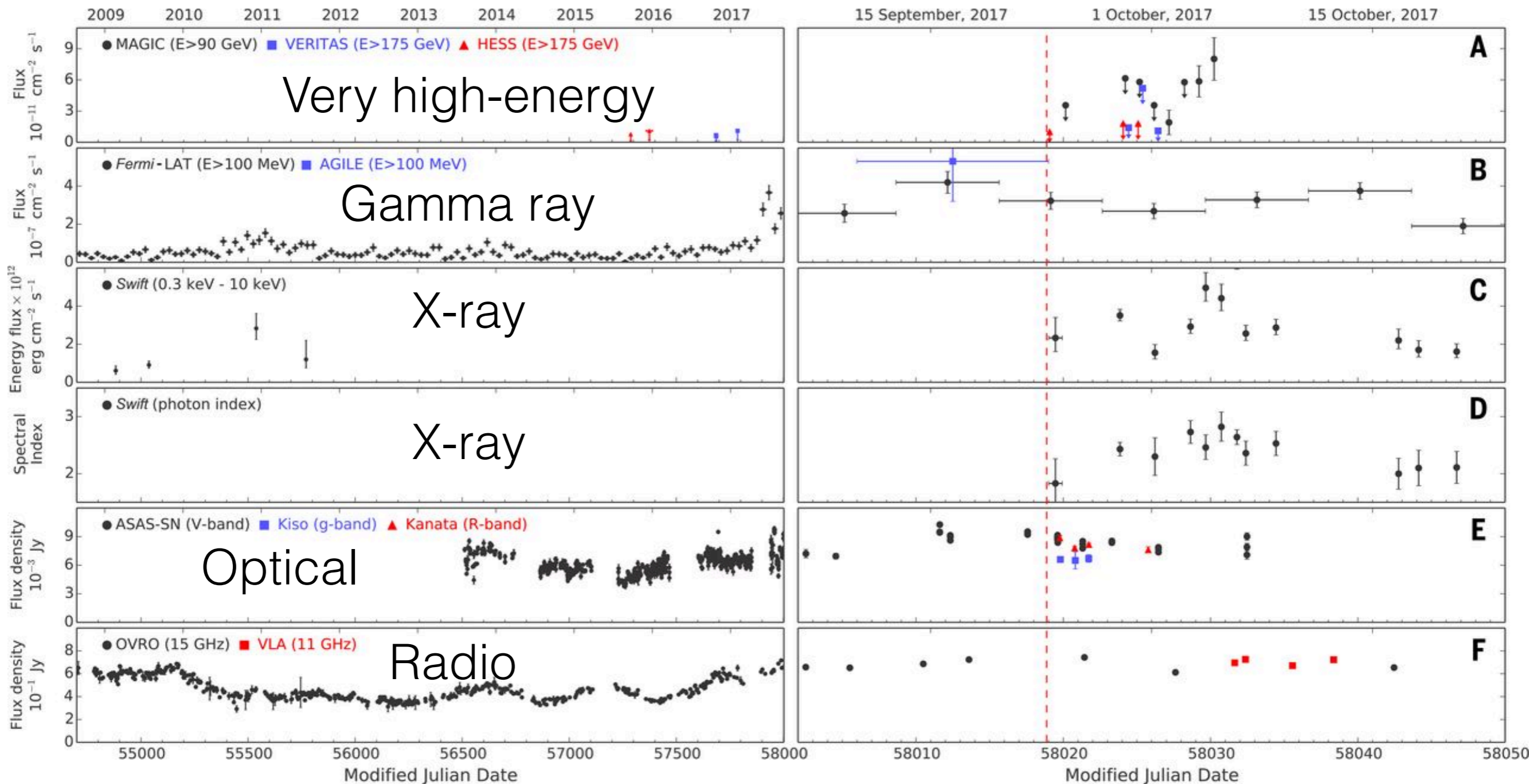
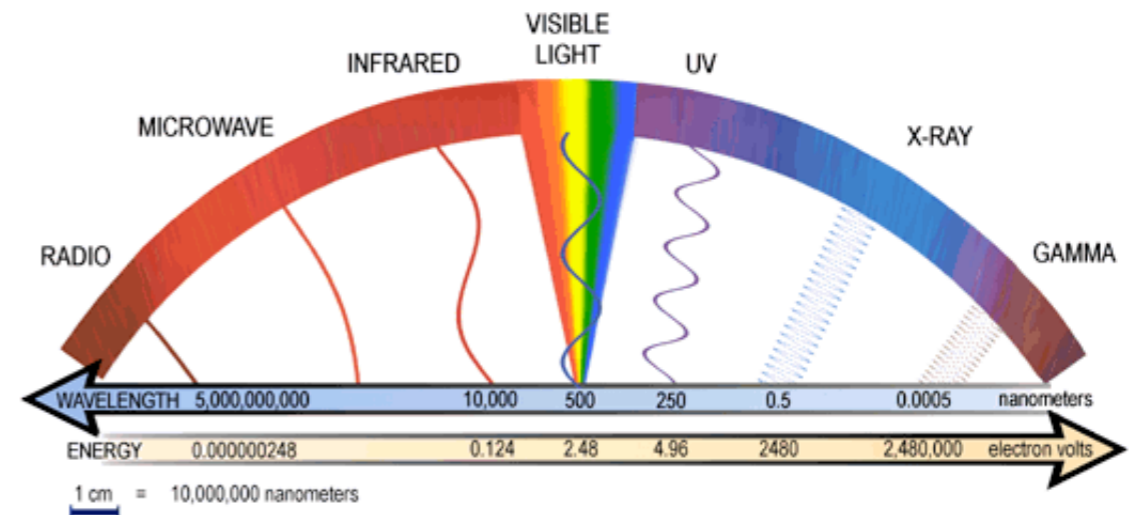


MAGIC significance  
map > 90 GeV

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# jetted-AGN Blazars

- Goals: Temporal and spectral evolution of the radio-to-very-high-energy emission, the jet structural properties, the connection between neutrino and electromagnetic emission, and the acceleration processes;
- Theory: Leptonic vs hadronic models; jet acceleration plasma physics
- How: Multiwavelength campaigns on blazars providing photometry + polarimetry + spectroscopy; Many tens of observers in optical, radio and near-IR; Archive, with data available
- Missions: Swift, AGILE, Fermi, CTA, ASTRI-Horn, ASTRI Mini-Array, ground-based telescopes
- Struttare (scheda): IAPS, OAB, IRA, OA-To, OA-Ts ([WEBT](#), [RELJETS](#), [PROGRESS](#), [GAMMA2](#), [RELOUT](#), [PLUTO](#), [PILLAR](#), [BLAZARS](#), [PEACE](#), [PLASMI](#), [ENTGAL](#))



# raised critical points

- No dedicated funds, no post-docs, very few students. In some case this is extreme (no funds for invited conference or new pc)
- Difficult to find post-doc level staff: 1-yr appointments are not sufficiently competitive;
- In view of new data/projects in the near term more young researchers to be consolidated to staff;
- Loosing expertise without groups turnover;
- Data handling: need for technological improvement to face the increasingly large datasets in all wavebands;
- Need for IT expert to maintain and develop the IT facilities;
- Timeline for the INAF grants to be defined at the time of the call for all grants (LG, miniG,..)
- exploiting huge archival datasets, but then how to move on and attract students towards high-energy domain without the solid prospective of a European-lead X-ray mission?

# points for discussion

RSN1



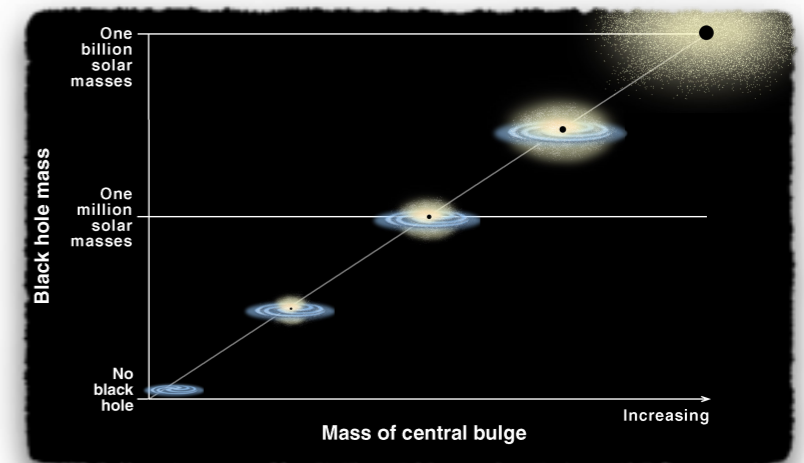
RSN4: Accretion under strong field gravity regime. Accretion/ejection



BH formation and evolution



BH and galaxy coevolution



- RSN4 and our link/synergies with RSN1/RSN5
- RSN4: stellar vs supermassive-BHs: links, synergies and possible “structured interactions” (e.g. AGN and CNOOC)

# cosa ho imparato preparando questo talk

- se dovessi scegliere l'argomento della mia tesi oggi (dopo ~25 anni) valutando interesse personale, impatto, prospettive future, link con sviluppi tecnologici e progetti a leadership italiana, sceglierei di nuovo la scienza degli AGN e chiederei alle ricercatrici e ai ricercatori dell'INAF.
- 15 giorni di anticipo per chiedere input alla comunità AGN... non sono abbastanza!

*Grazie!*