

# Absorption and accretion properties of local Active Galactic Nuclei

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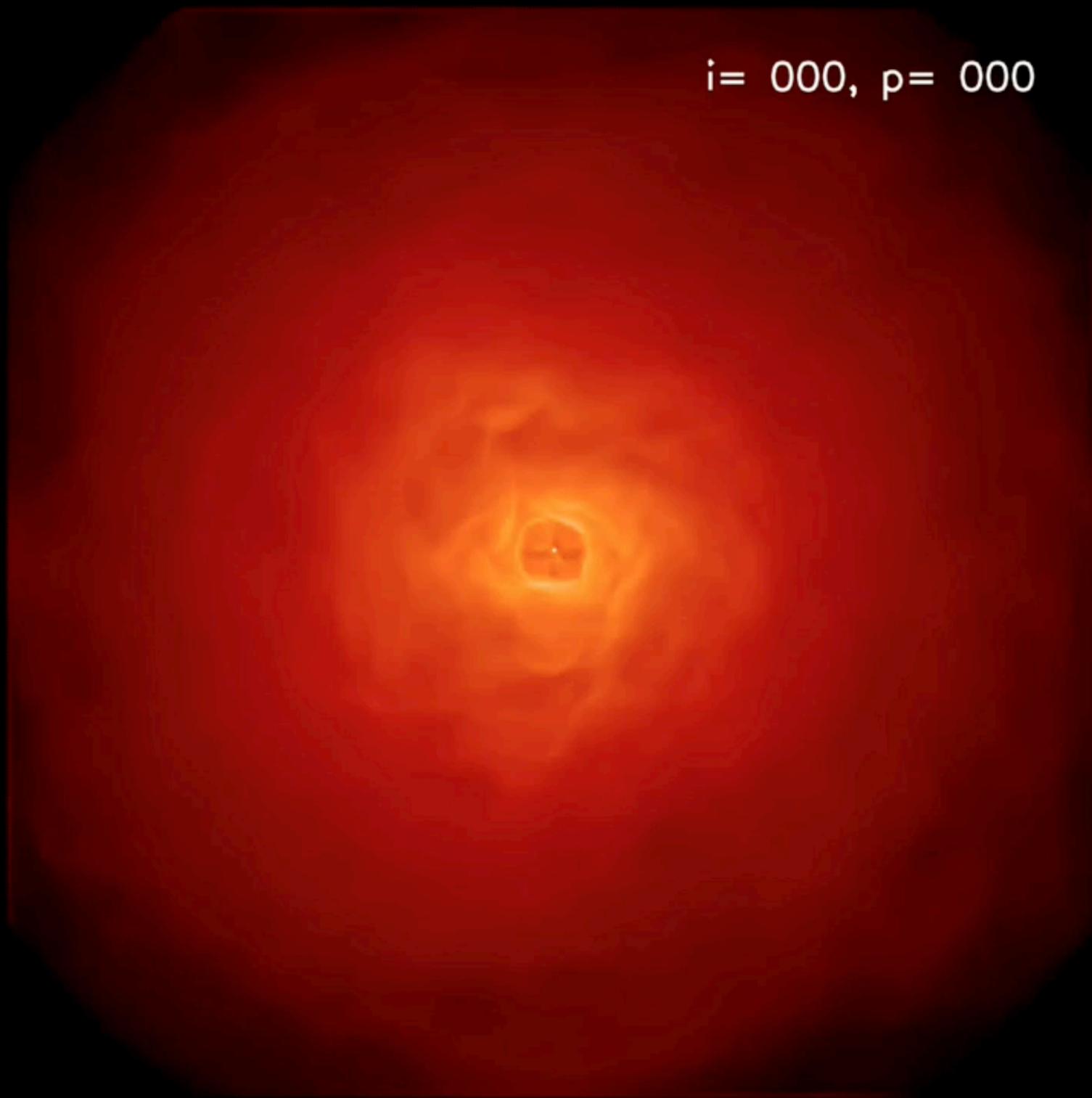
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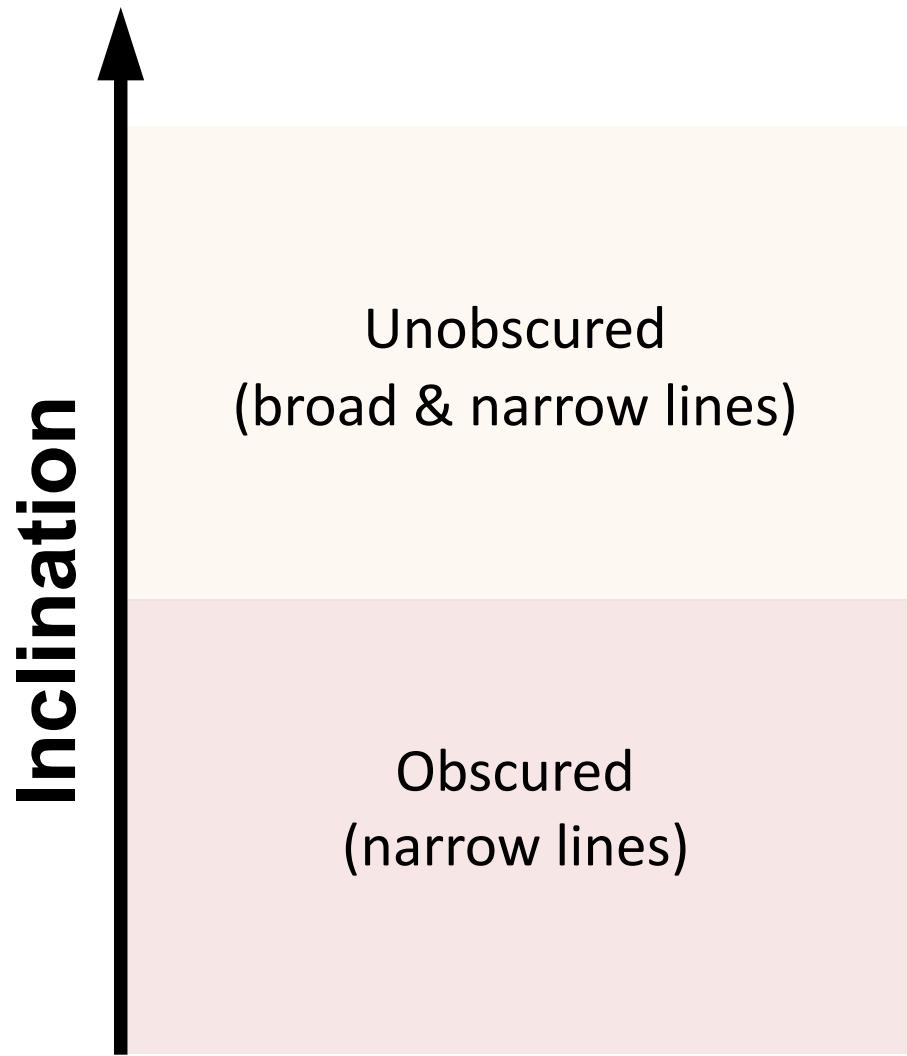
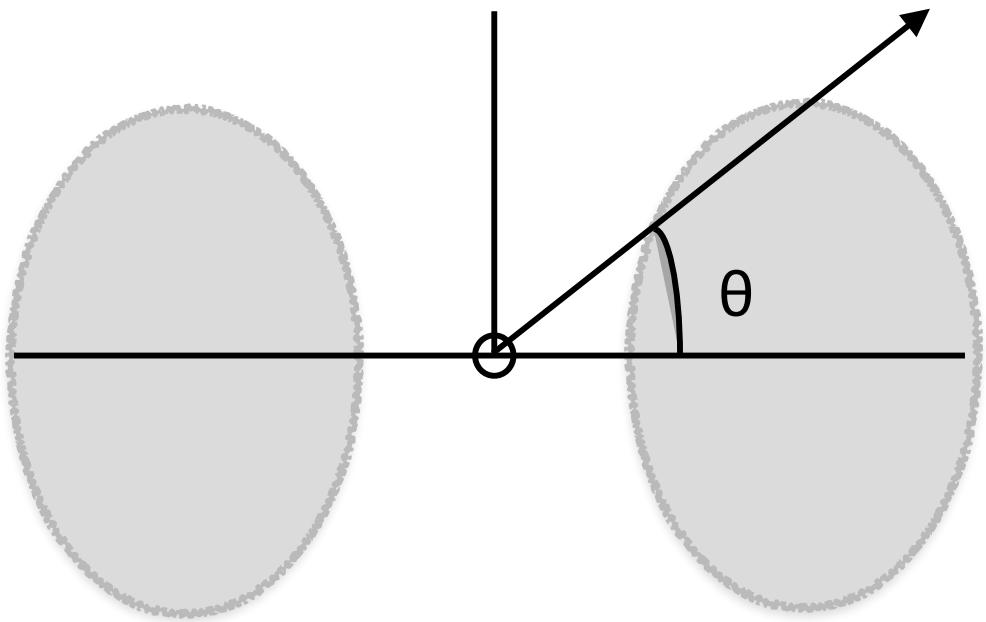
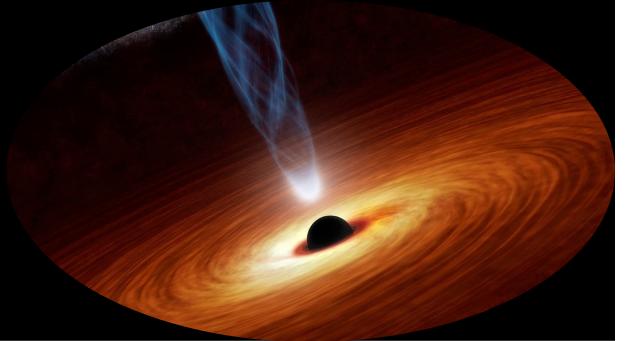
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Stern (JPL), P. Gandhi (Southampton U.), M. Balokovic (CfA), F. Harrison (Caltech), P. Boorman  
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Kara, R. Remillard (MIT), M. Loewenstein, K. Gendreau, Z. Arzoumanian (NASA),  
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*Wada et al.*  
(2016)

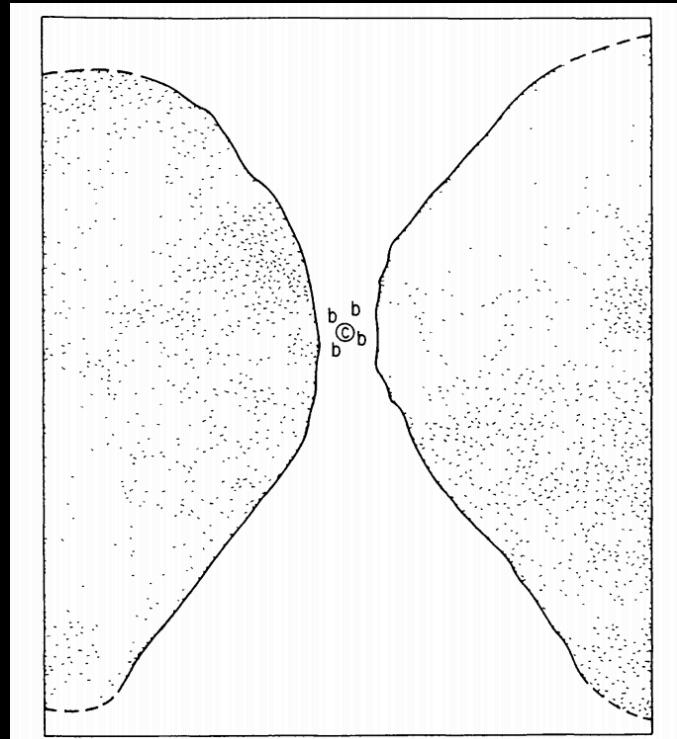
# AGN unification



Unobscured  
(broad & narrow lines)

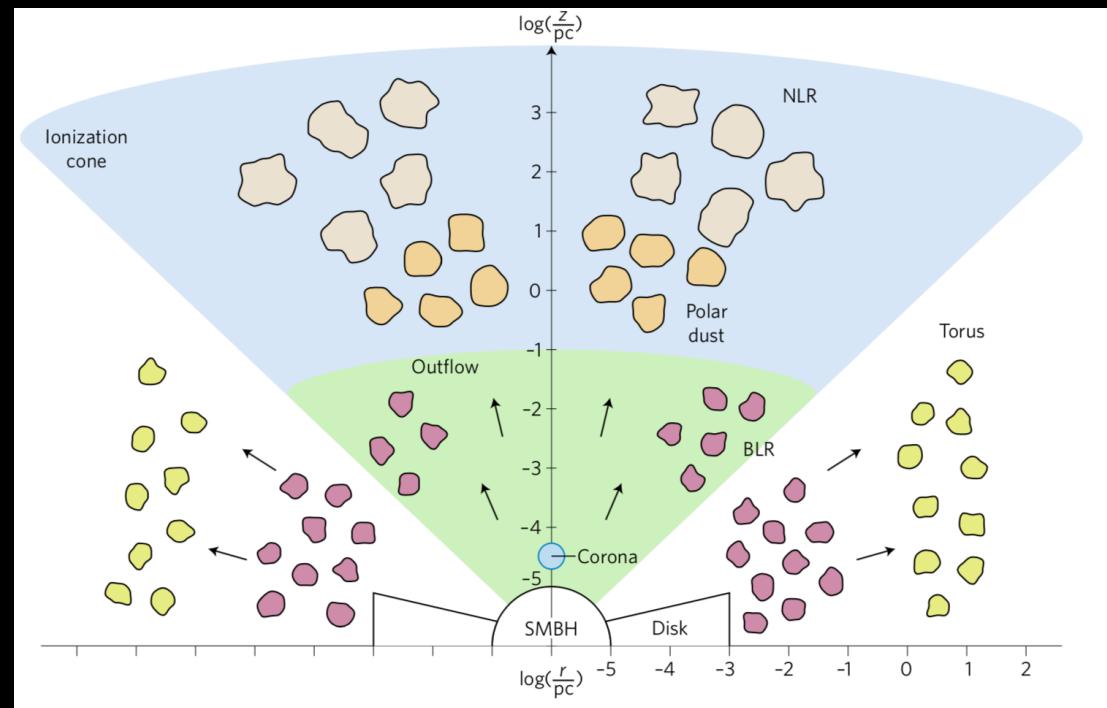
Obscured  
(narrow lines)

# 1993



Antonucci (1993)

# Today

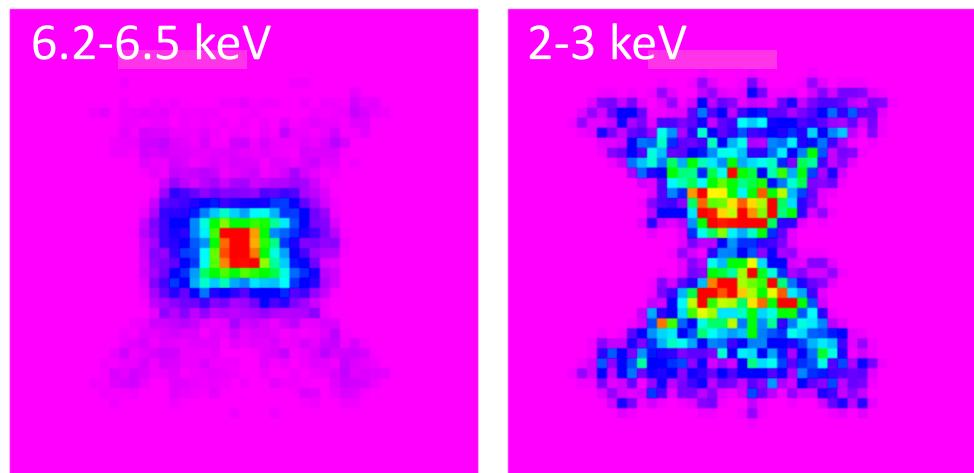
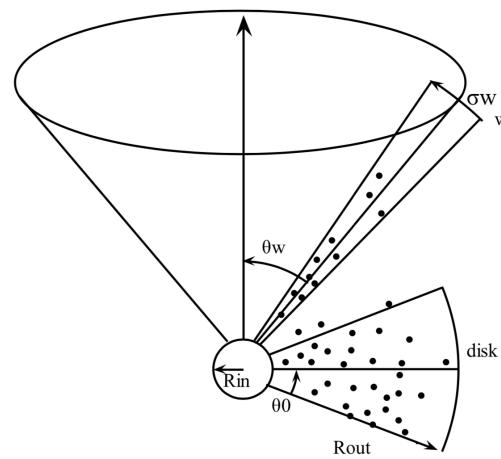


Ramos Almeida & Ricci (2017)  
Nature Astronomy Review;  
see also Hickox & Alexander (2018),  
D. Alexander's review talk

# 1) Reprocessed radiation



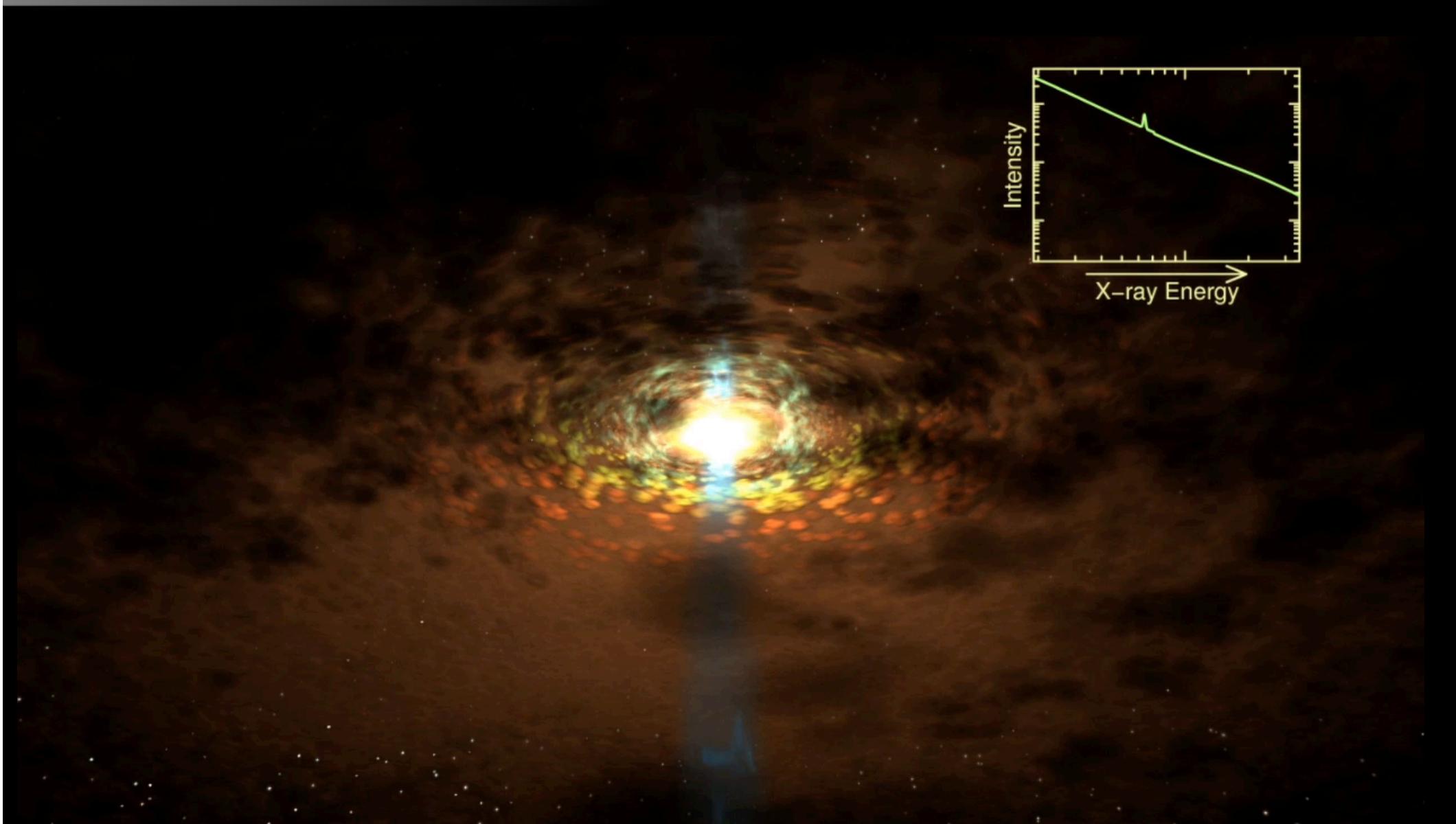
**Reflex: X-ray spectra & imaging from arbitrary geometries** (Paltani & Ricci 17)



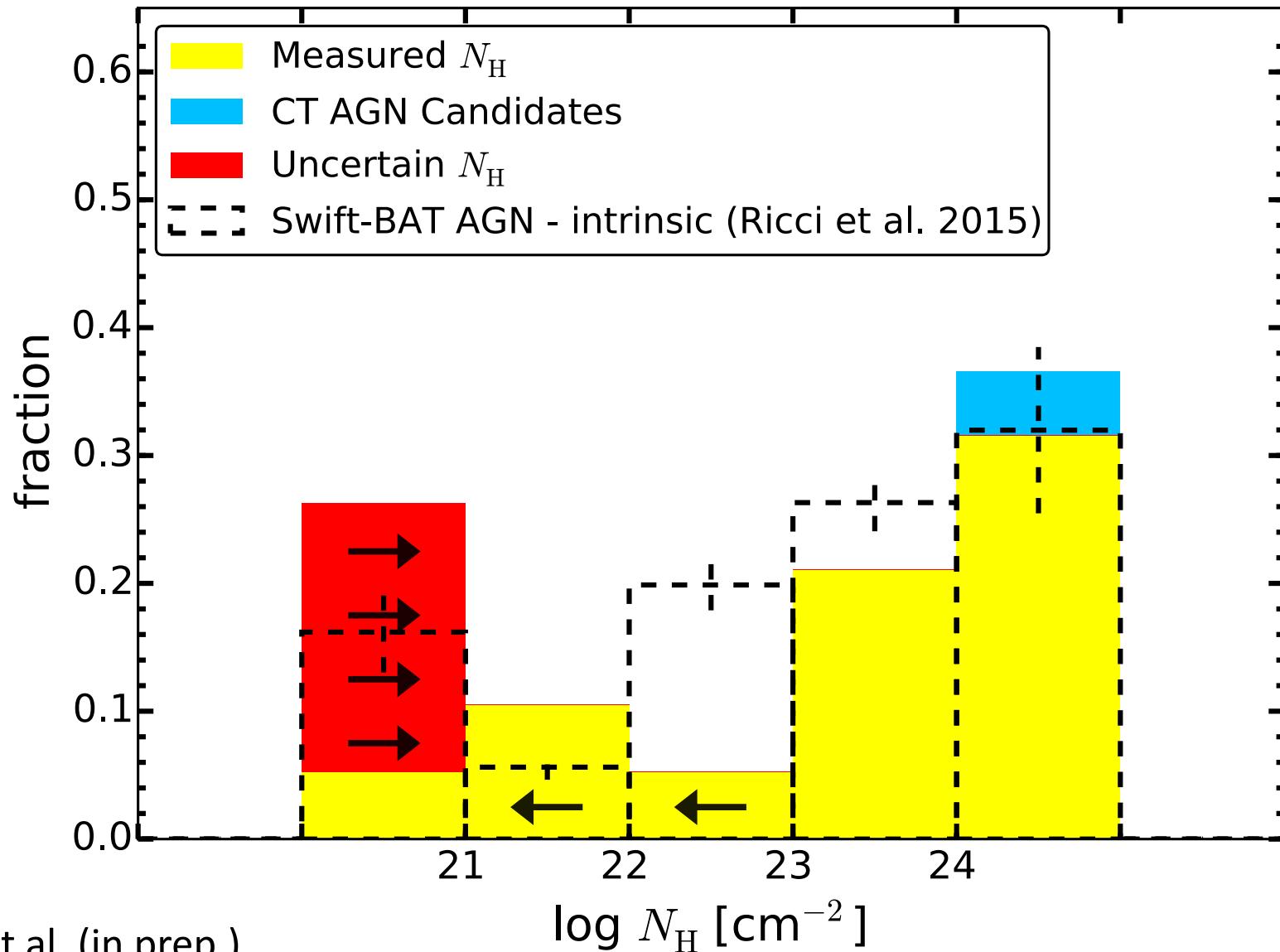
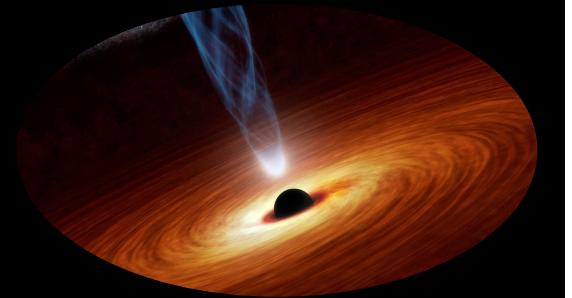
Liu, Hoenig, CR, Paltani submitted

Murphy & Yaqoob 09, Ikeda+09, Brightman+11, Liu & Li 14, Furui+16, Balokovic+18, Tanimoto+19, Buchner+19.

## 2) Obscuration in the X-ray band



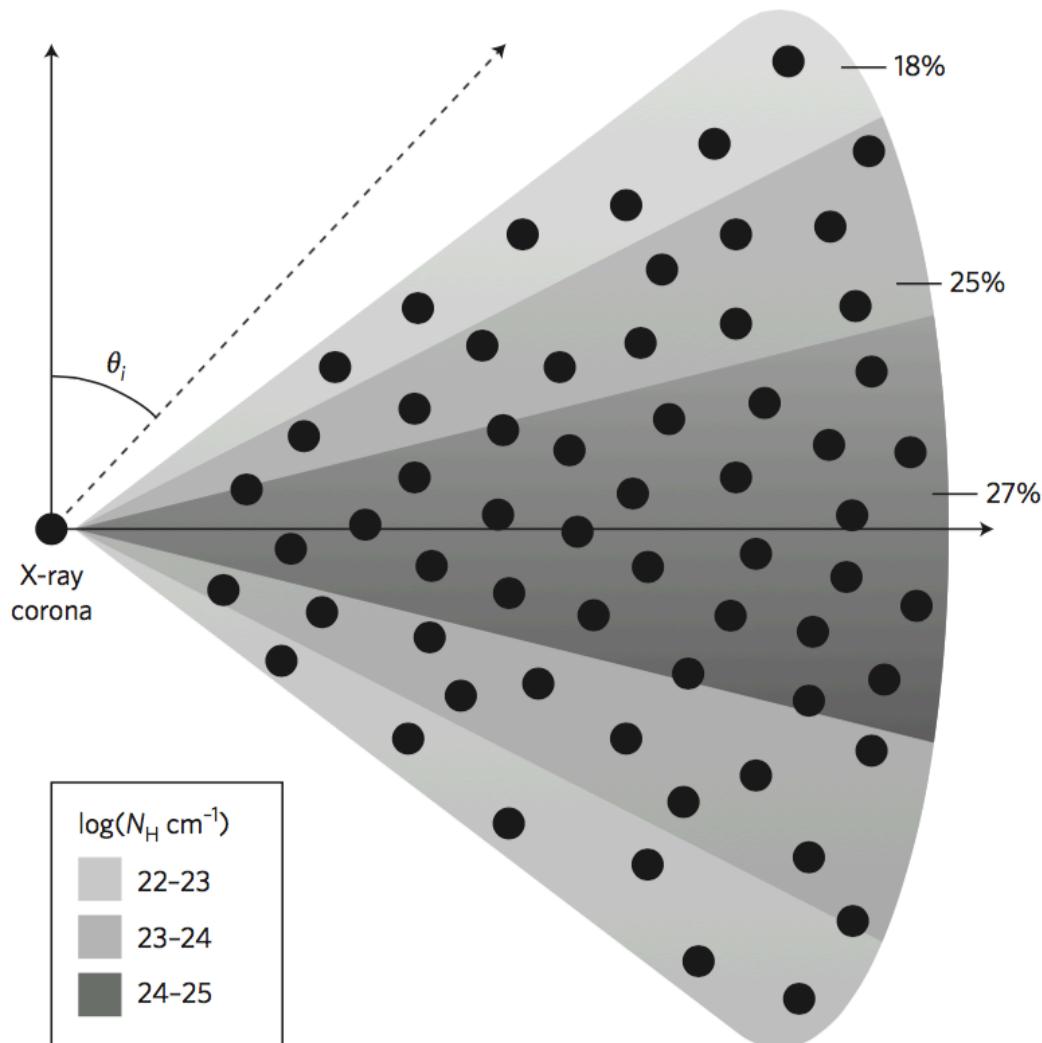
# Obscured AGN at the time of NuSTAR and Swift/BAT



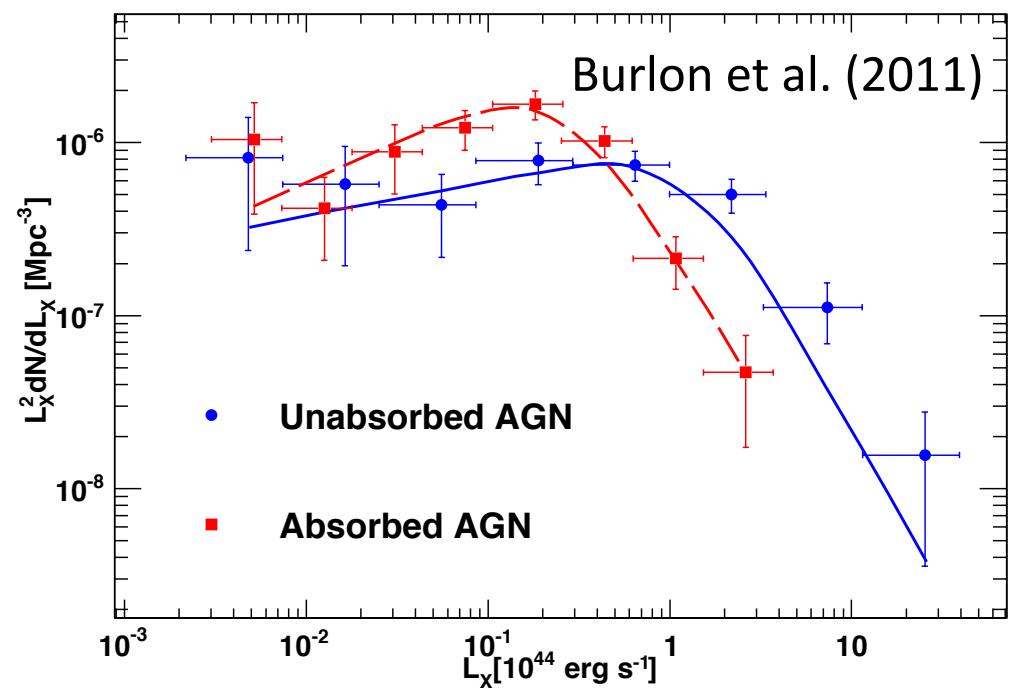
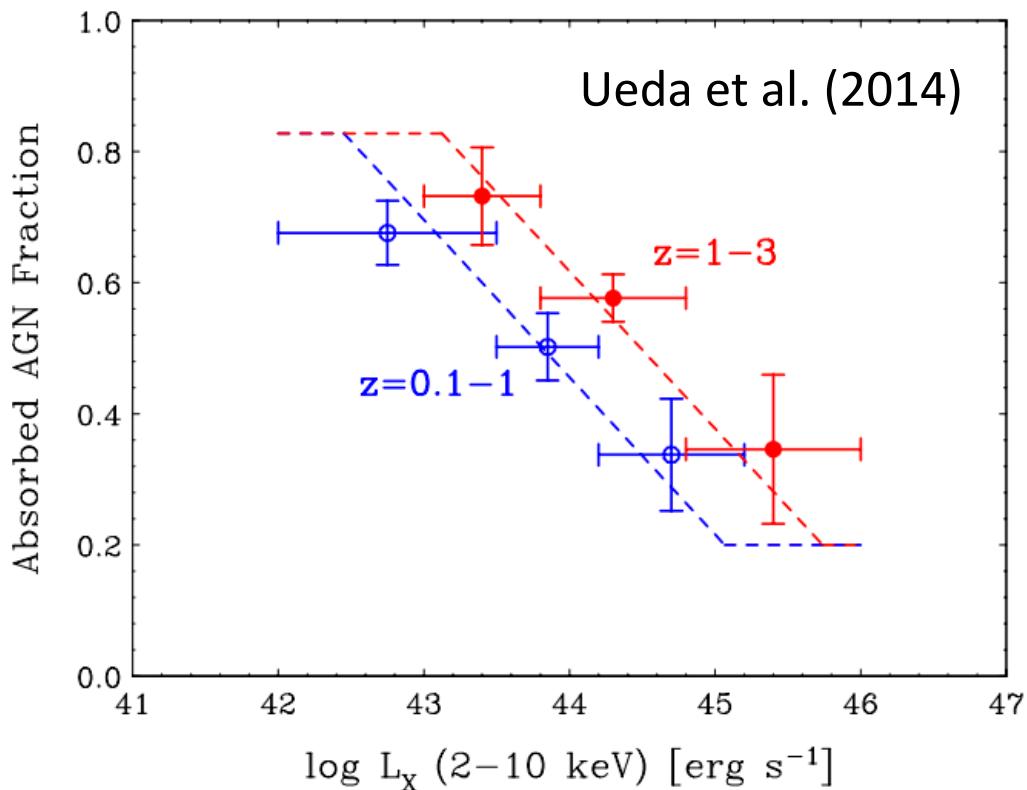
Annuar et al. (in prep.),

see also Burlon et al. (2011), Akylas et al. (2016). See P. Boorman's talk, S. Marchesi's poster

# The covering factor of the obscuring material

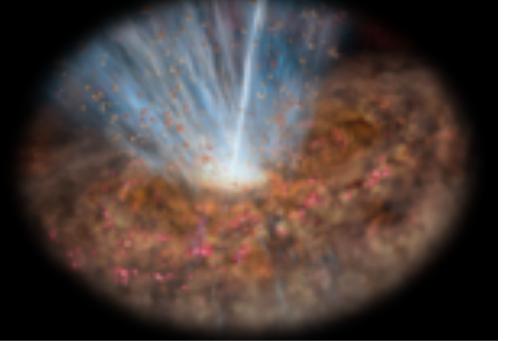


# Luminosity dependence of obscuration - X-rays

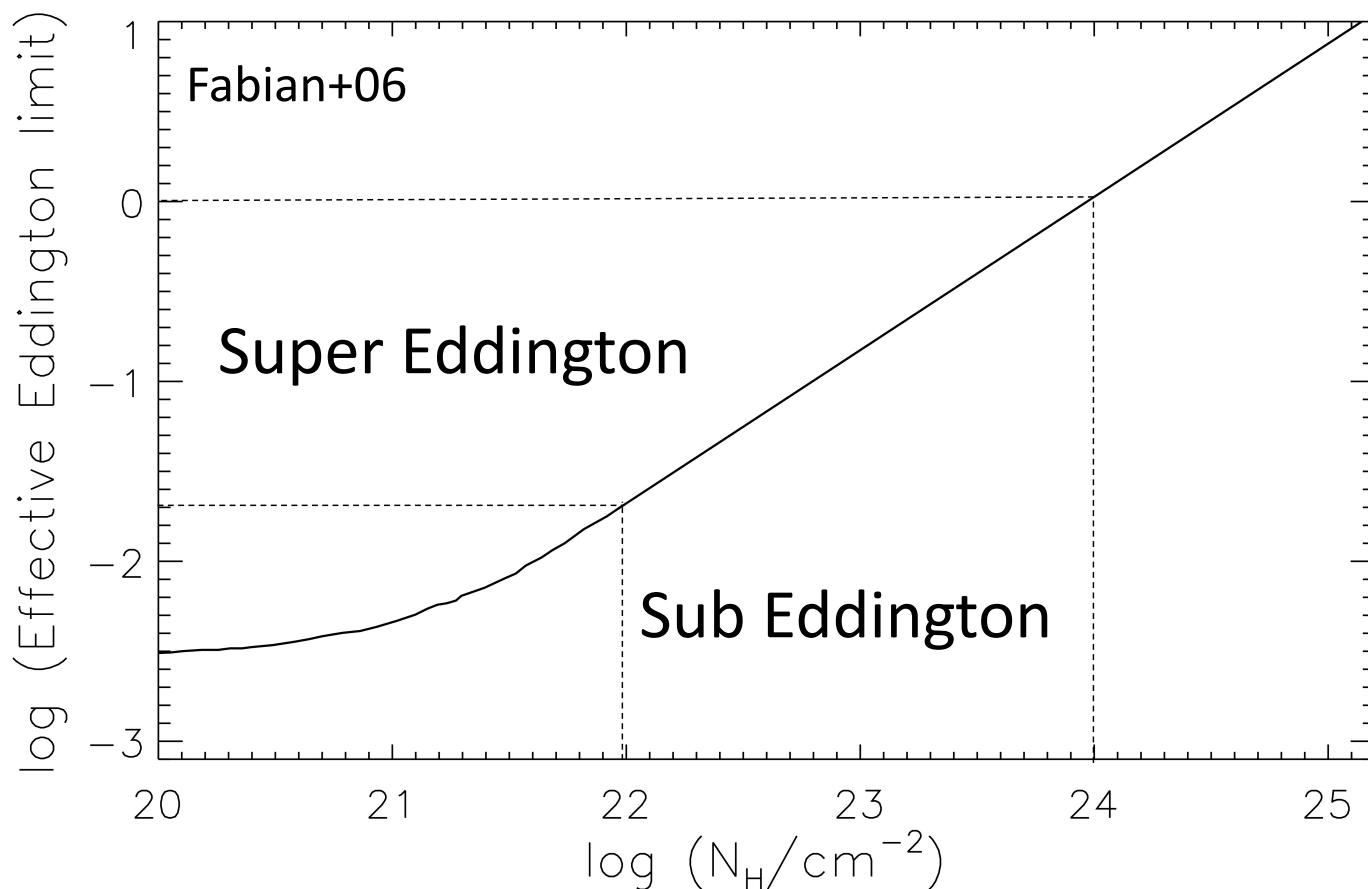


see also Ueda+03,11,14; LaFranca+05; Sazonov+07; Hasinger 08; DellaCeca+08; Beckmann+09; Brightman+11; Merloni+14; Buchner+15,17; Aird+15; Sazonov+16; Georgakis+17; Mateos+17; Ricci+17

# Radiation pressure on dusty gas



Effective Eddington limit     $\lambda_{Edd}^{eff} = \sigma_T / \sigma_i(N_H; \xi)$



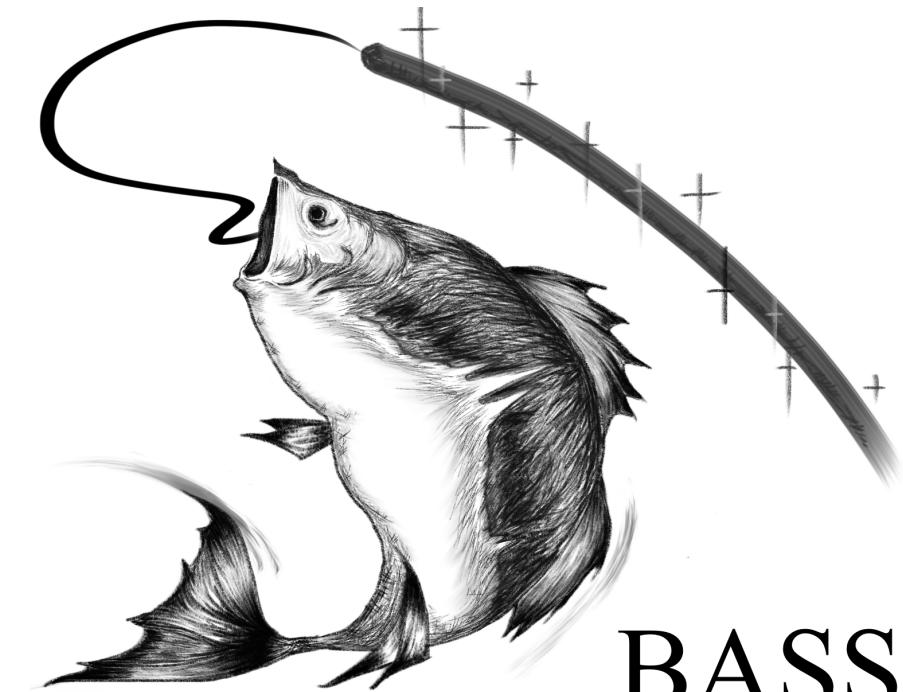
Fabian+06,08,09; See also Raimundo+10; Vasudevan+13; Cresci+15;  
Kakkad+16; Ishibashi+18. See also talk by W. Ishibashi

# The BAT AGN Spectroscopic Survey (BASS)

A multi-wavelength study of  
~1000 local ( $z=0.055$ ) AGN:

X-ray, optical, near-IR, mid-IR, far-  
IR, radio observations

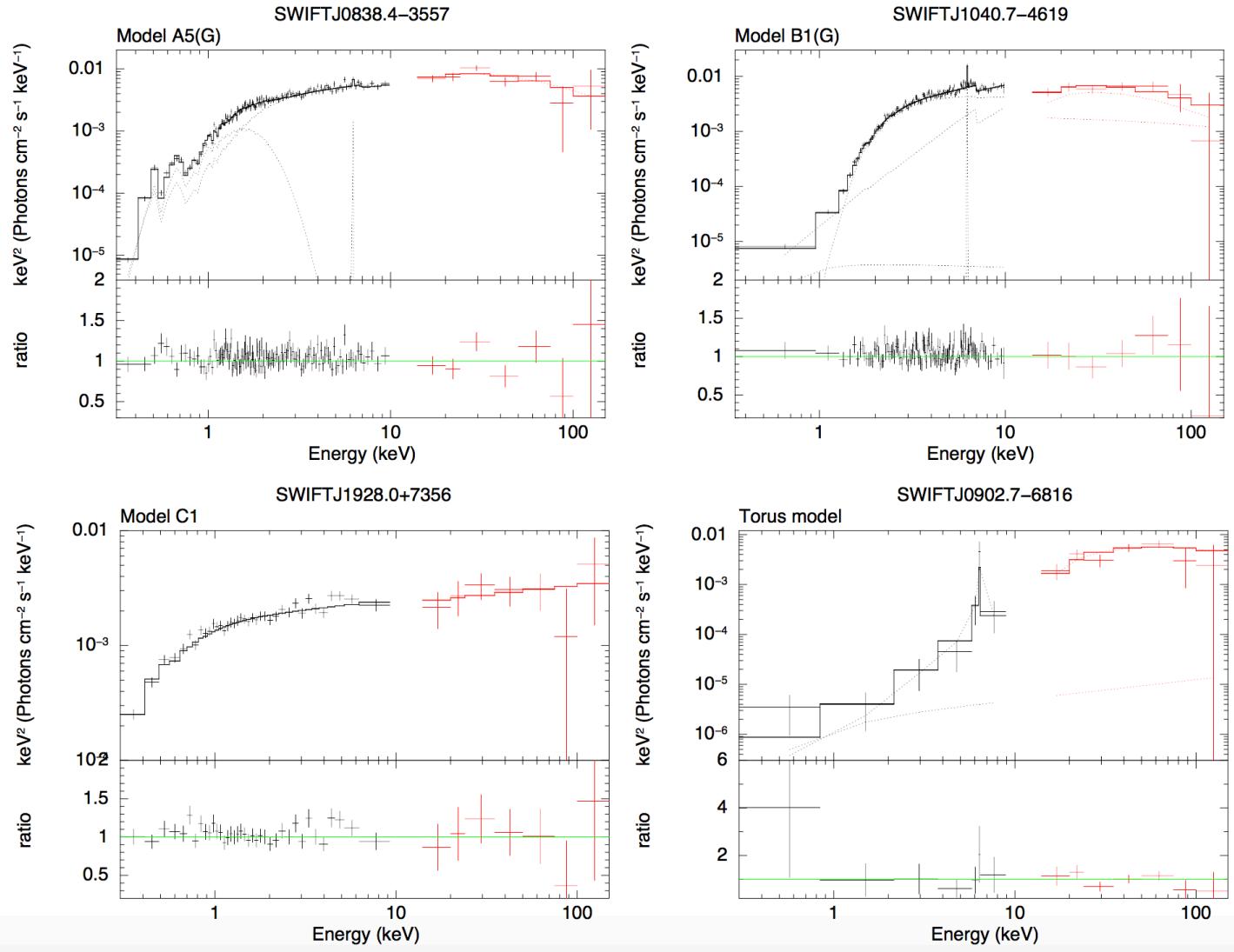
<http://www.bass-survey.com>



**BASS**  
BAT AGN Spectroscopic Survey  
Logo by: K. Oh (Kyoto U.)

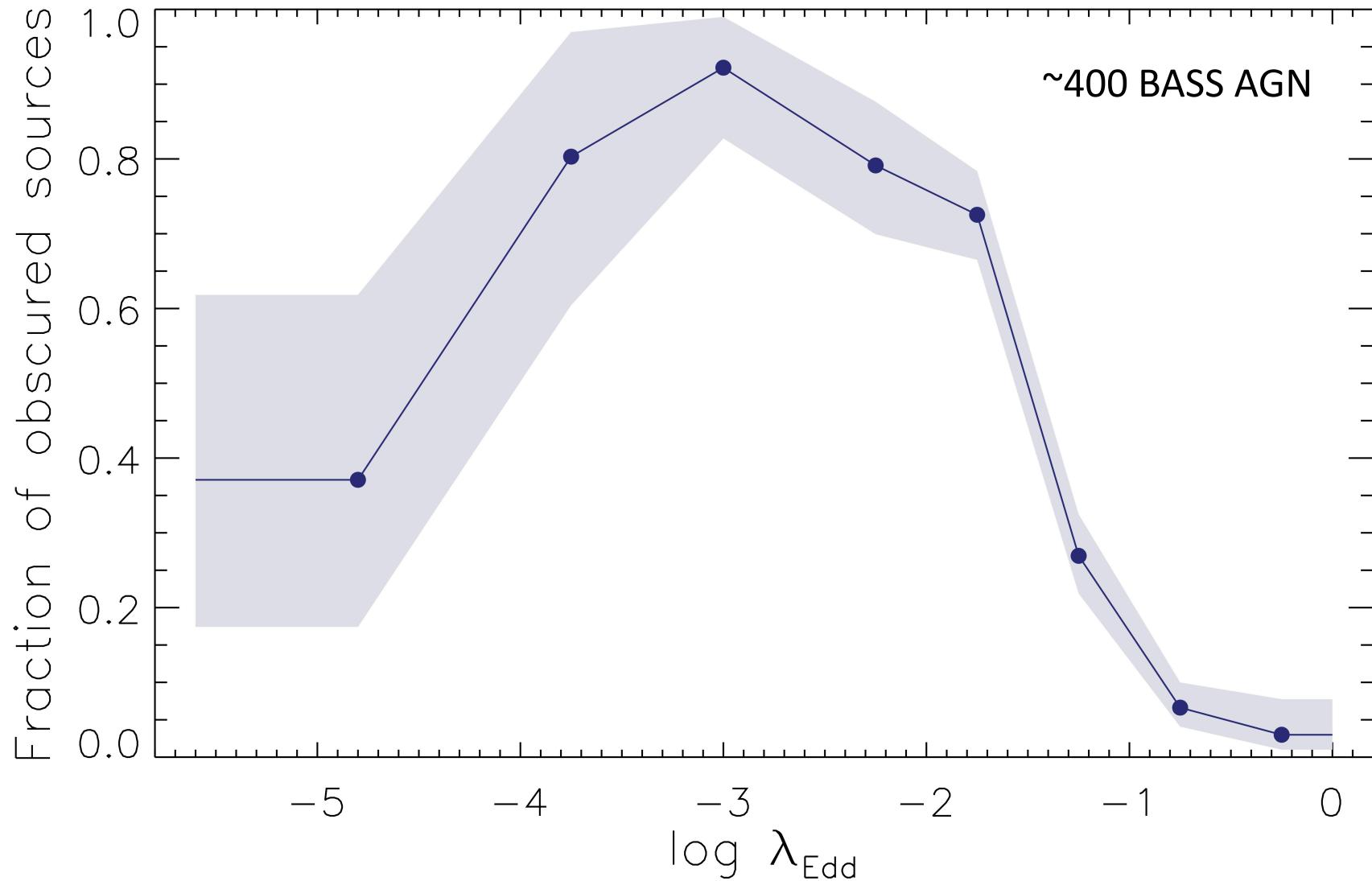
**DR1: Koss+17; Ricci+17d; Lamperti+17; Ichikawa+17**  
**DR2 coming up very soon**

# X-ray spectroscopy of BAT AGN



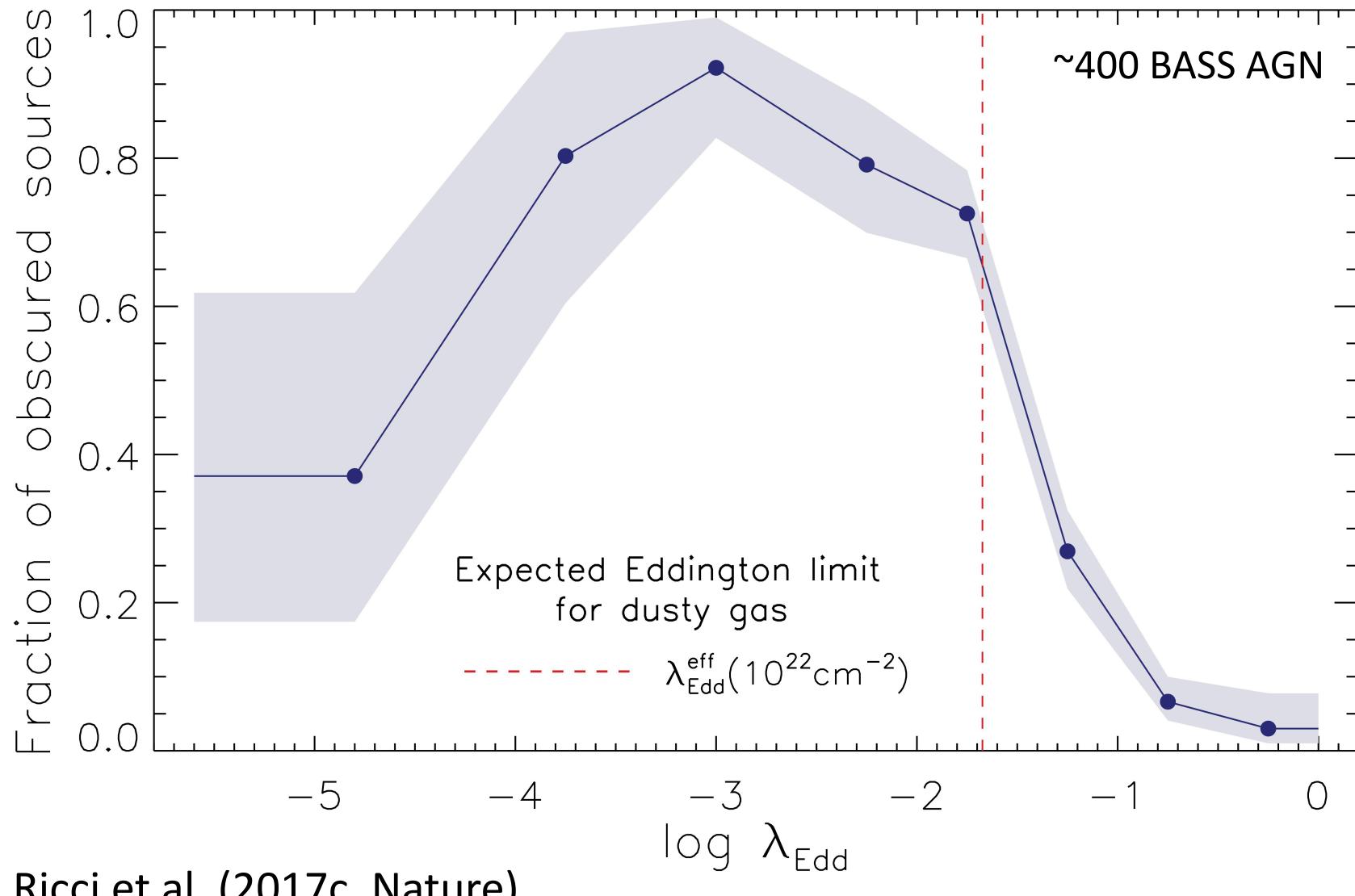
*Ricci et al. 2017d, ApJS, See Poster 423 (Kriti Gupta)*

# Obscuration vs Eddington ratio



Ricci et al. (2017c, Nature)

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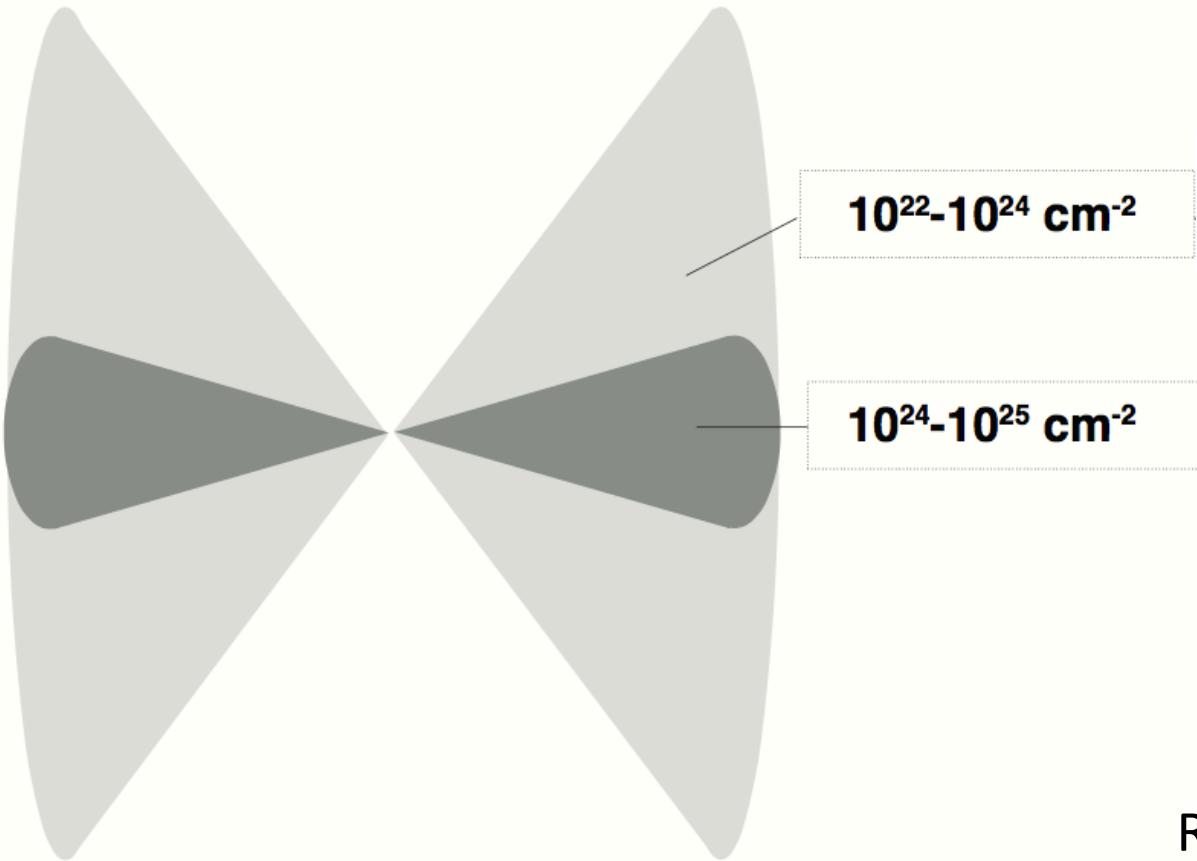
# Radiation-regulated unification



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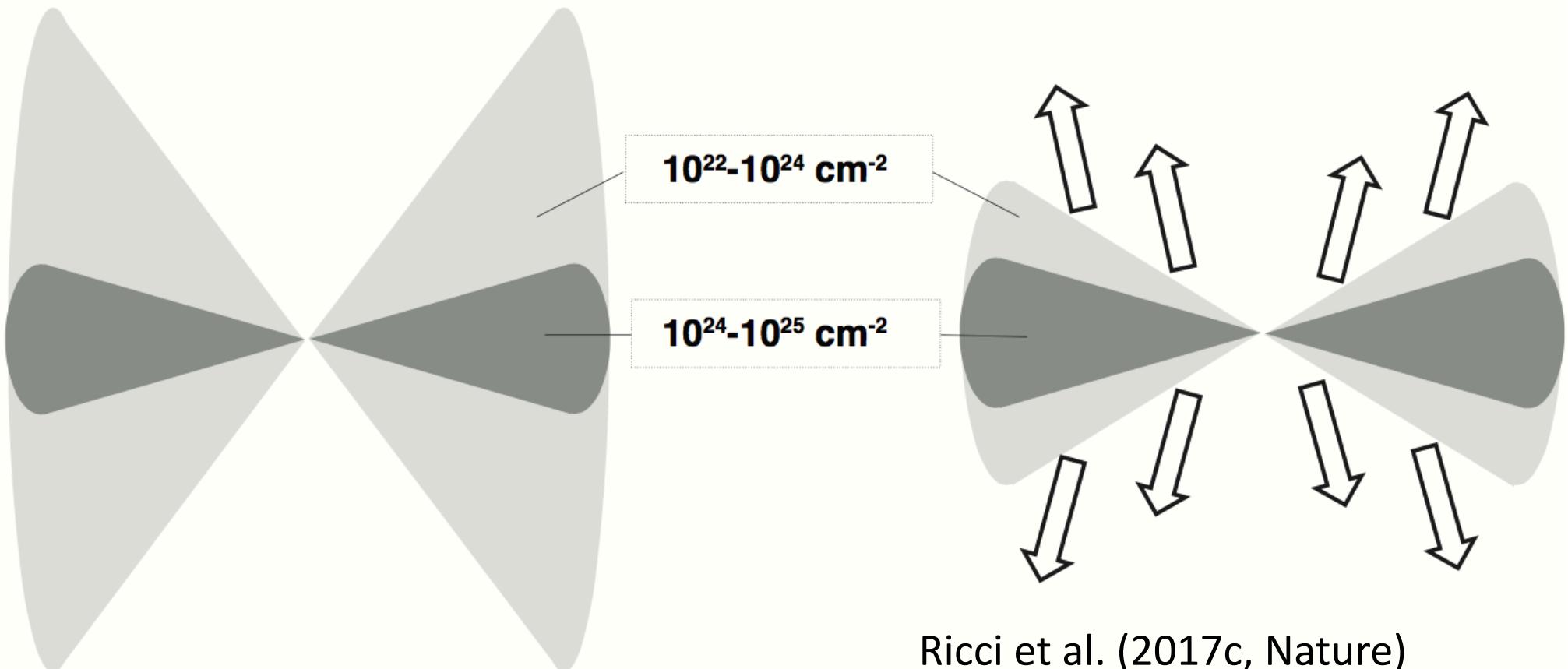
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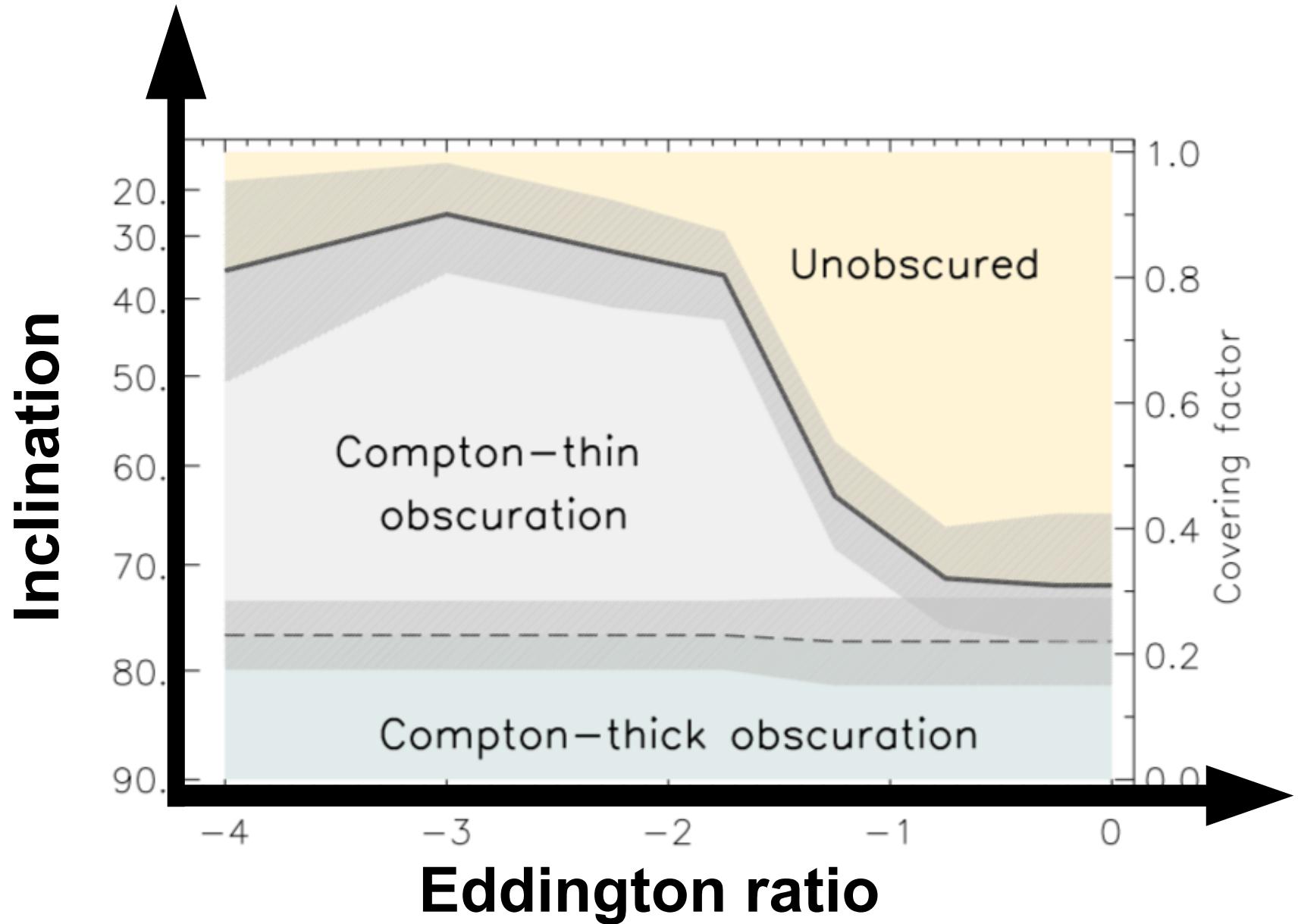
$$(10^{-1.5} < \lambda_{\text{Edd}} < 1)$$

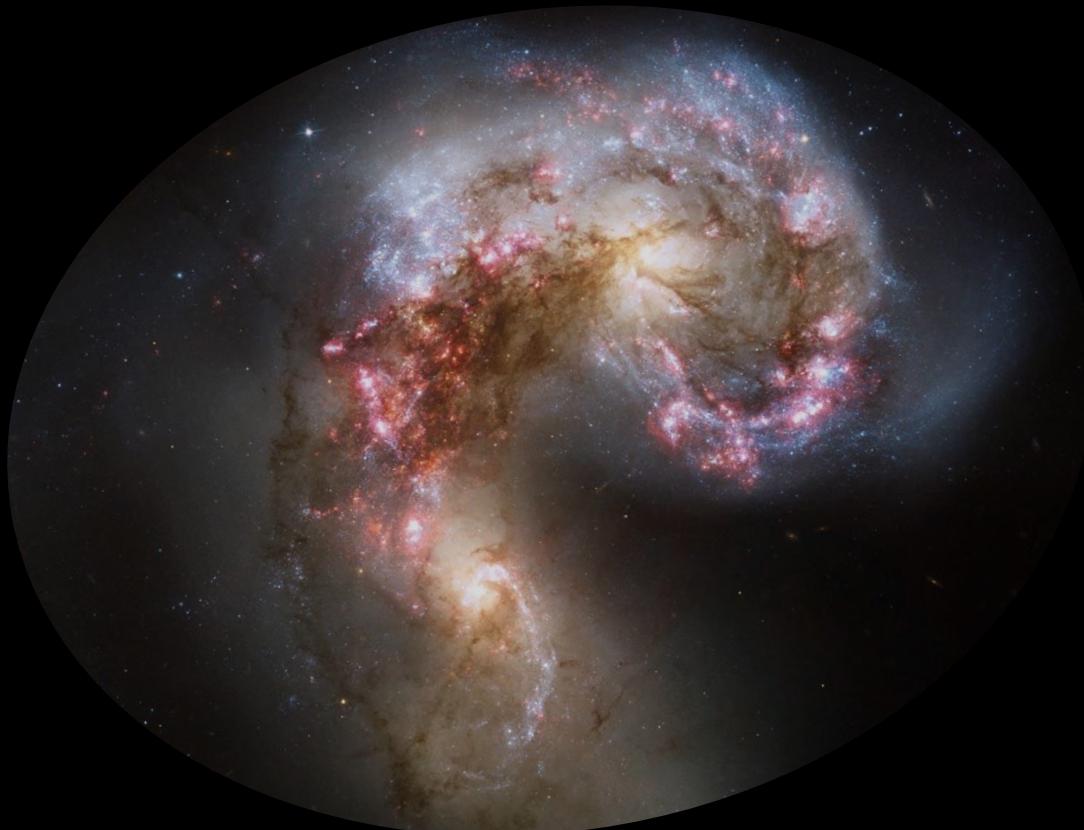
Covering factor  $\sim 40\% +$  outflows



Ricci et al. (2017c, Nature)

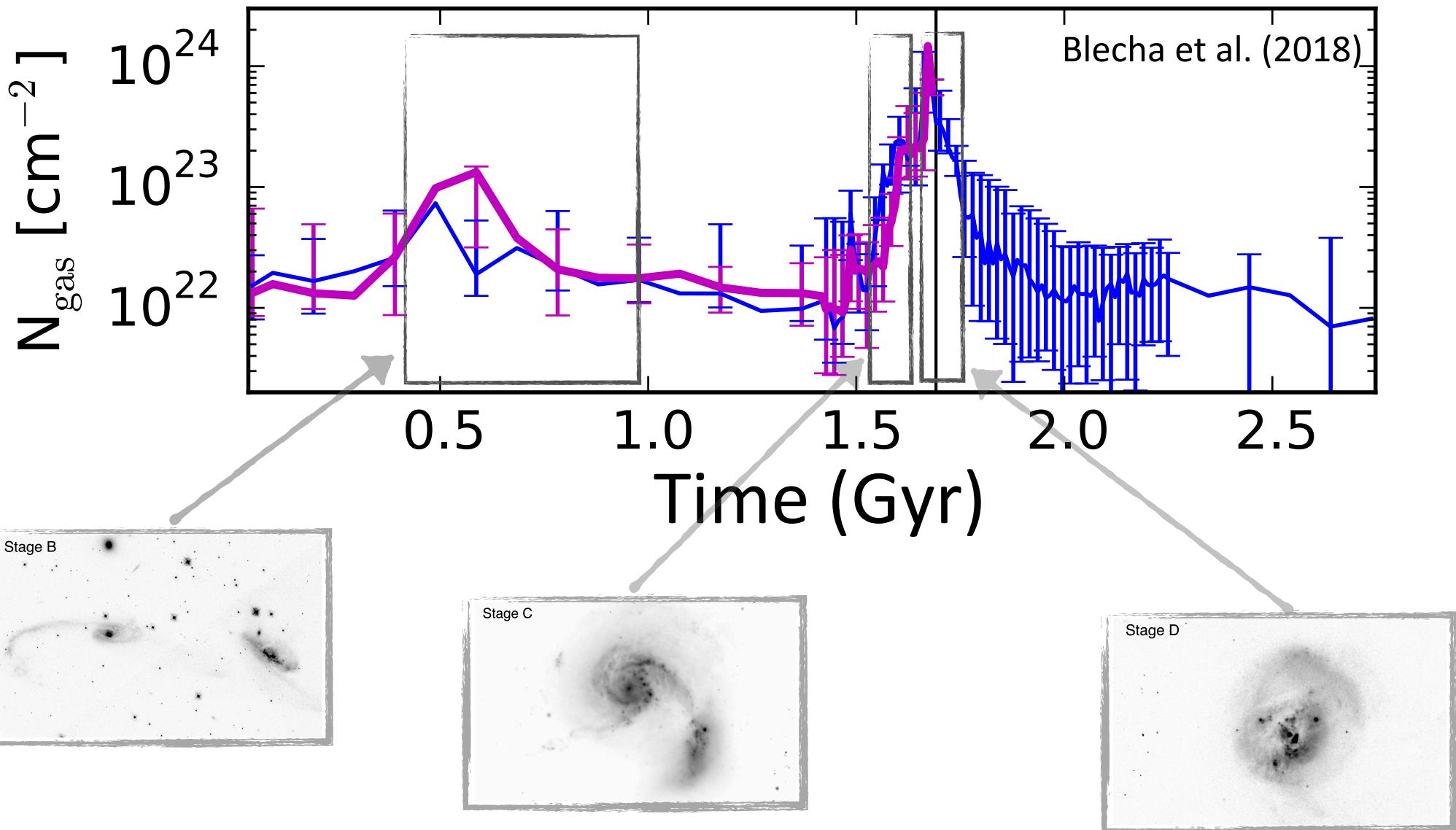
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The influence of mergers

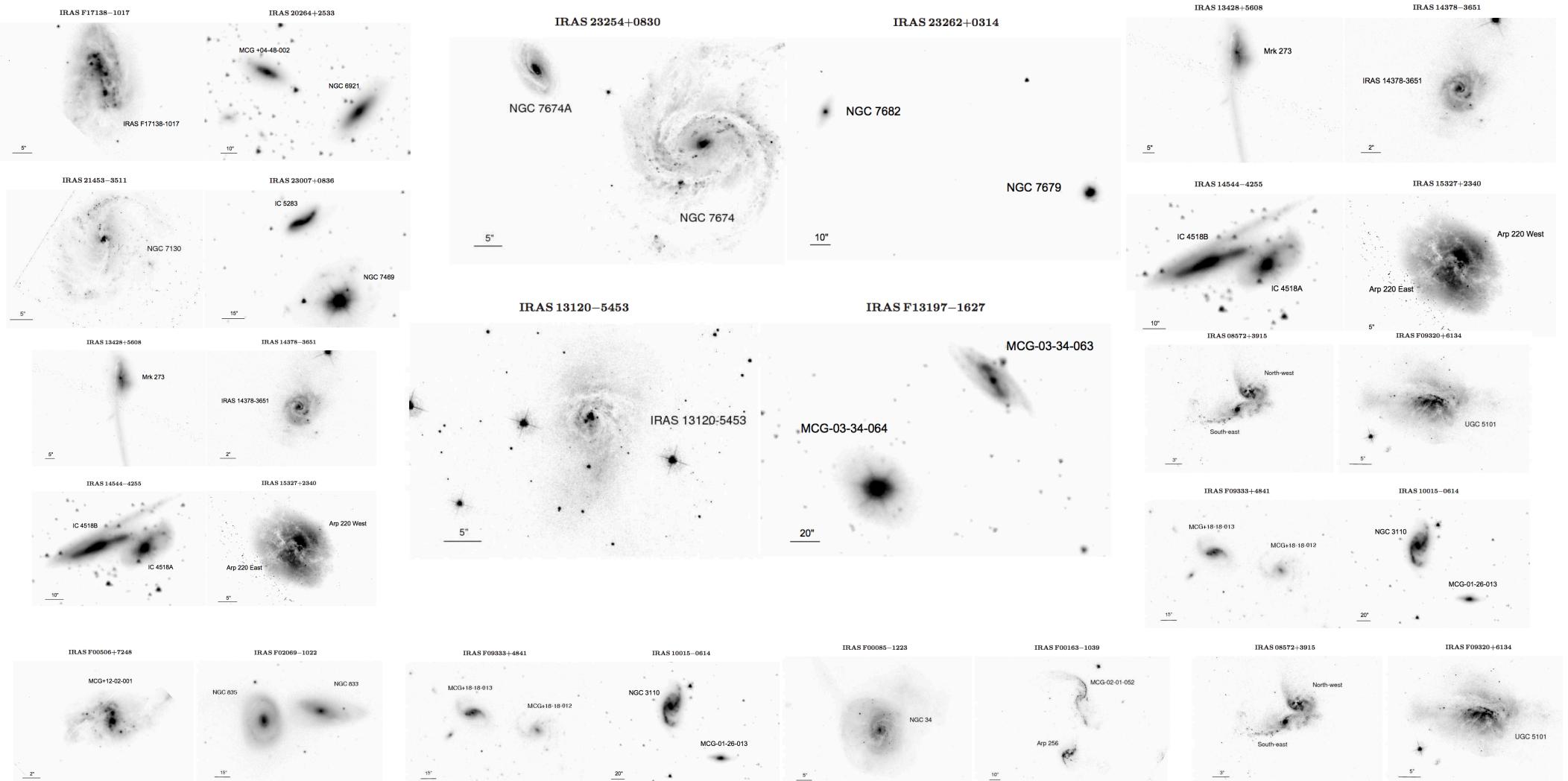
# Galaxy mergers and obscuration



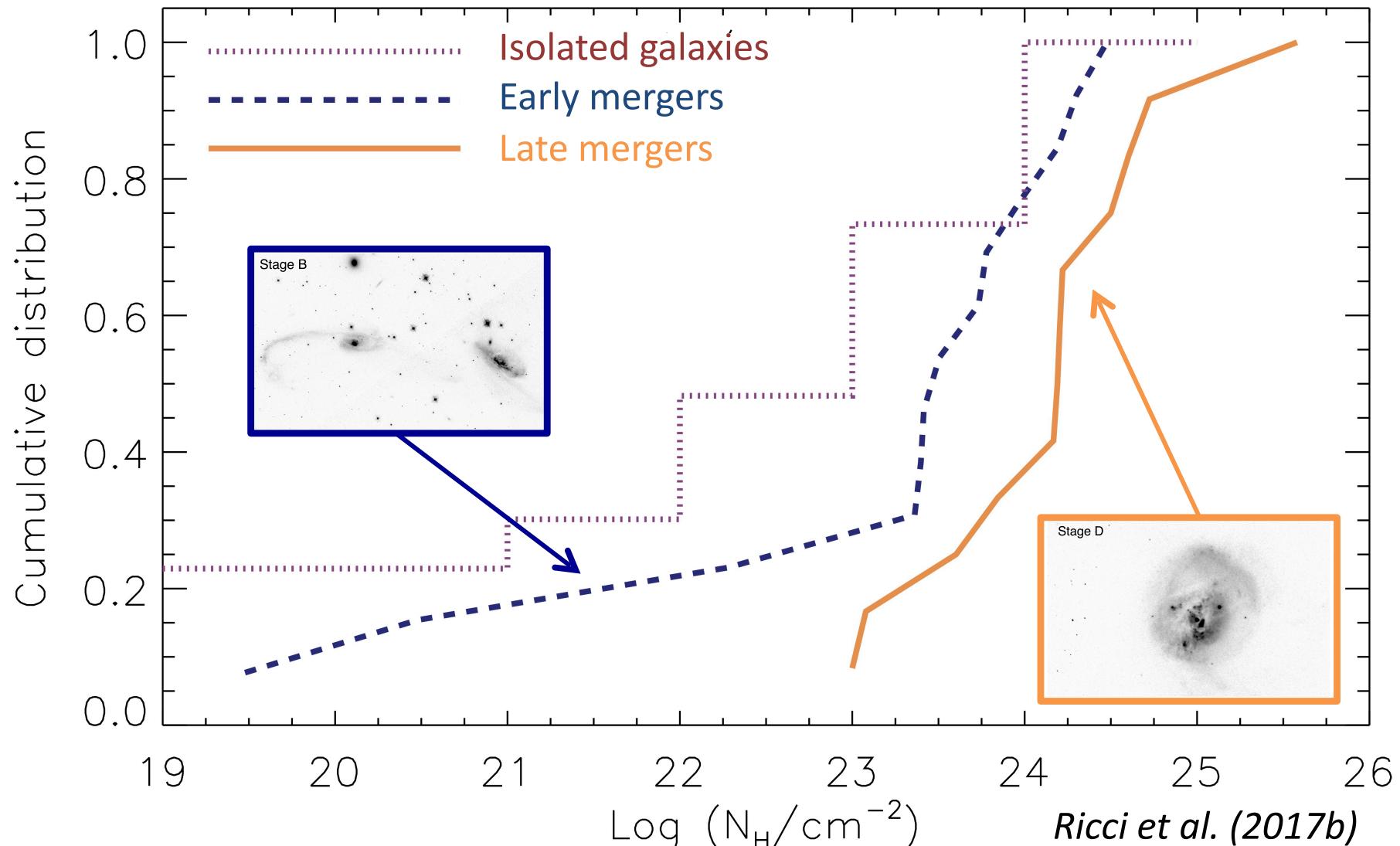
# Obscuration properties of mergers



NuSTAR observations of 32 merging galaxies from the GOALS sample  $z \simeq 0$



# Obscuration properties of mergers



See also Kocevski et al. (2015), Lanzuisi et al. (2015), Del Moro et al. (2016), Koss et al. (2016), De Rosa et al. (2018), Koss et al. (2018)

# Isolated galaxies

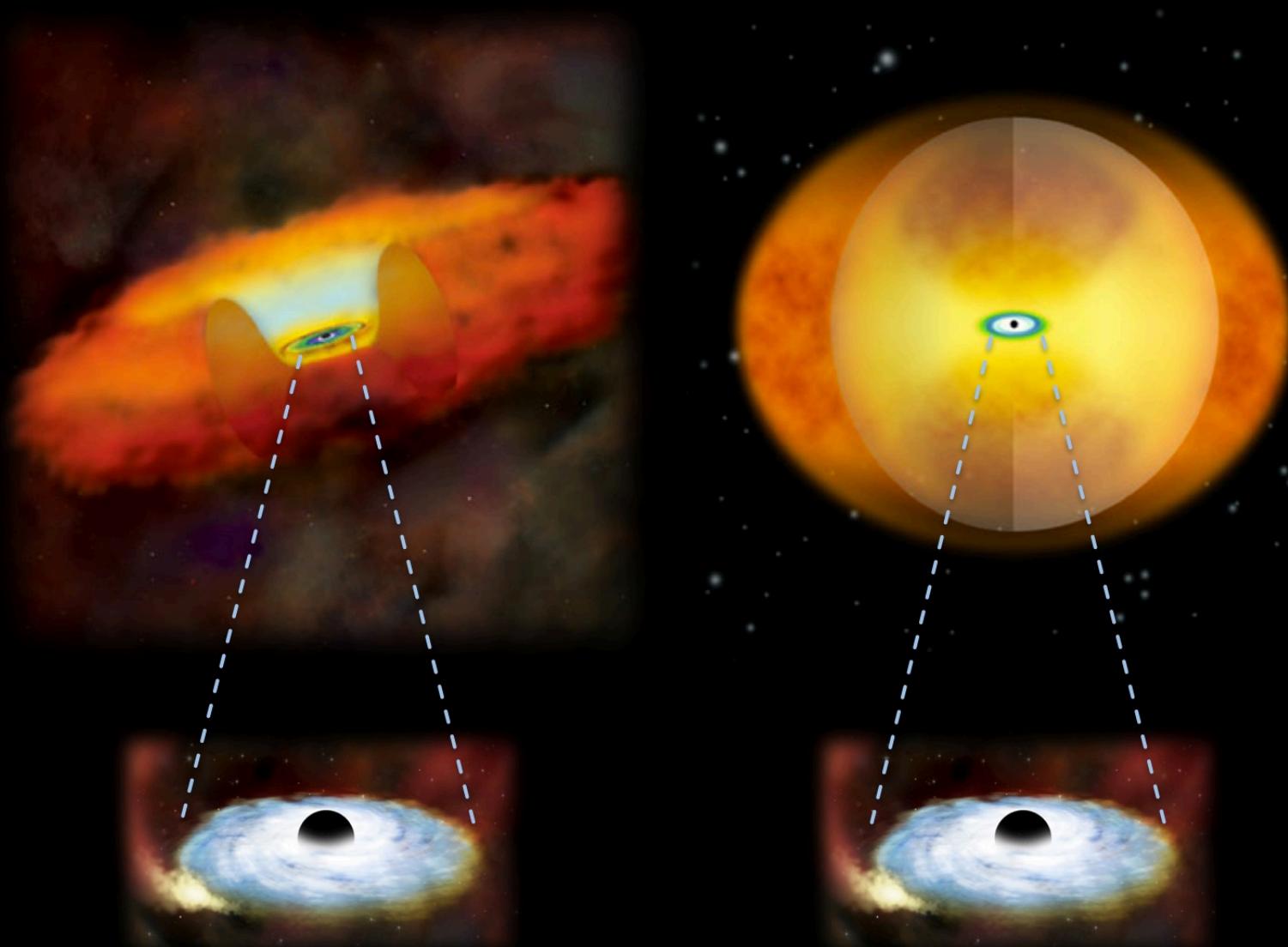
# Late stages of merger

$\text{Log } N_{\text{H}} > 23$        $52 \pm 4\%$

$\text{Log } N_{\text{H}} > 24$        $27 \pm 4\%$

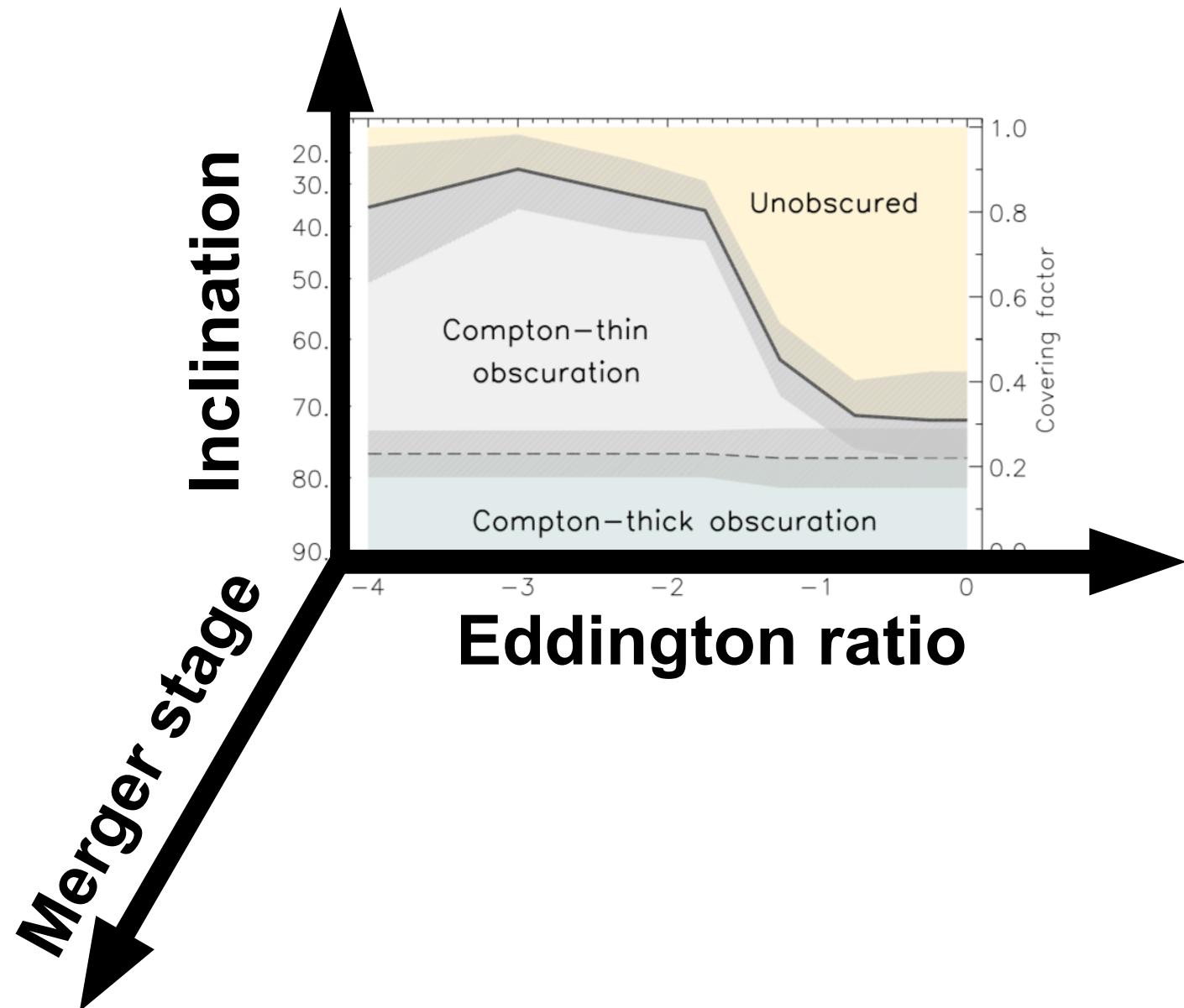
$95 \pm 5\%$

$65 \pm 12\%$

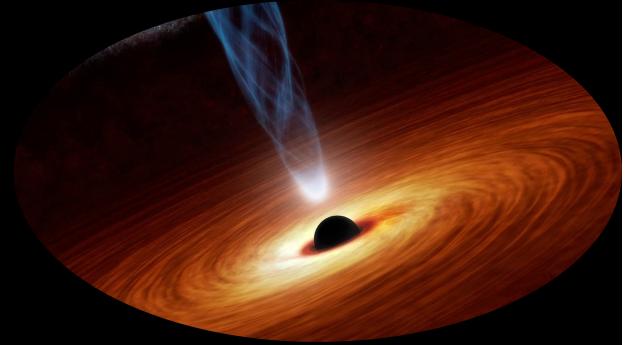


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# The drivers of obscuration



# Summary



- X-ray surveys can show us what are the typical properties of the obscuring material
- Radiation pressure regulates the amount of obscuring material
- Galaxy interactions are the other main ingredient regulating the amount of circumnuclear material.