

# Compton Thick AGN in multi-wavelength surveys

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# Outline

- **Why bother about CT AGN?**
- **Different multi- $\lambda$  selection of CT AGN at high  $z$**
- **New results from X-ray selection**
- **Conclusions**

# Why bother about CT AGN?

**Two “indirect”** evidences that are common (at all  $z$ ):

- X-ray Background
- Continuity equation (Soltan argument)

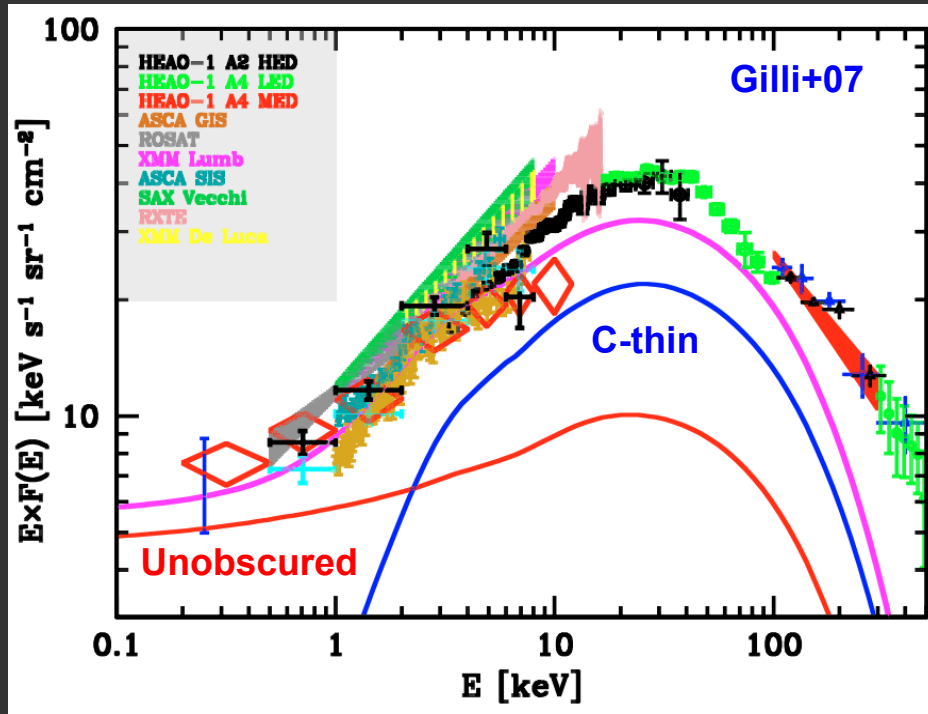
**One “direct”** evidence that are common (at low  $z$ ):

- Large fraction of local CT AGN

**One prediction** from galaxy formation models (at high  $z$ ):

- Key phase in SMBH/galaxy evolution?

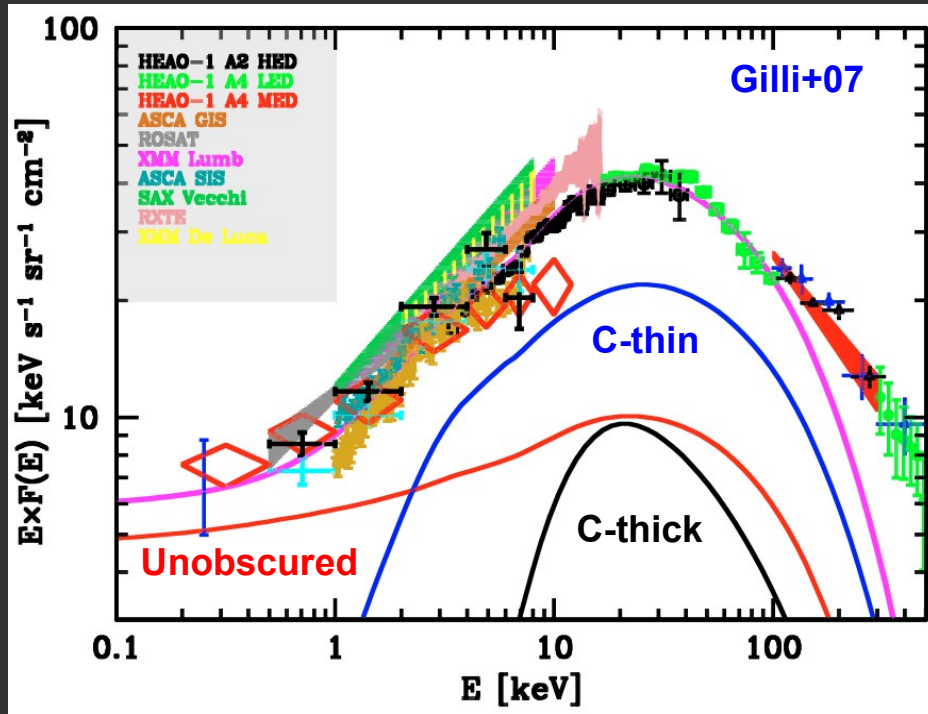
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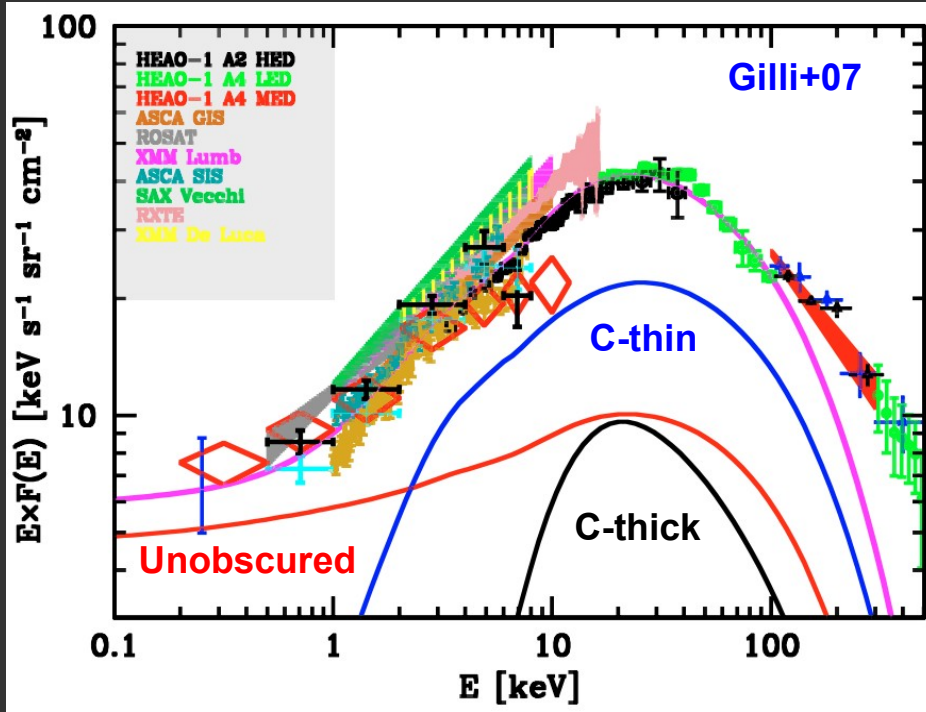
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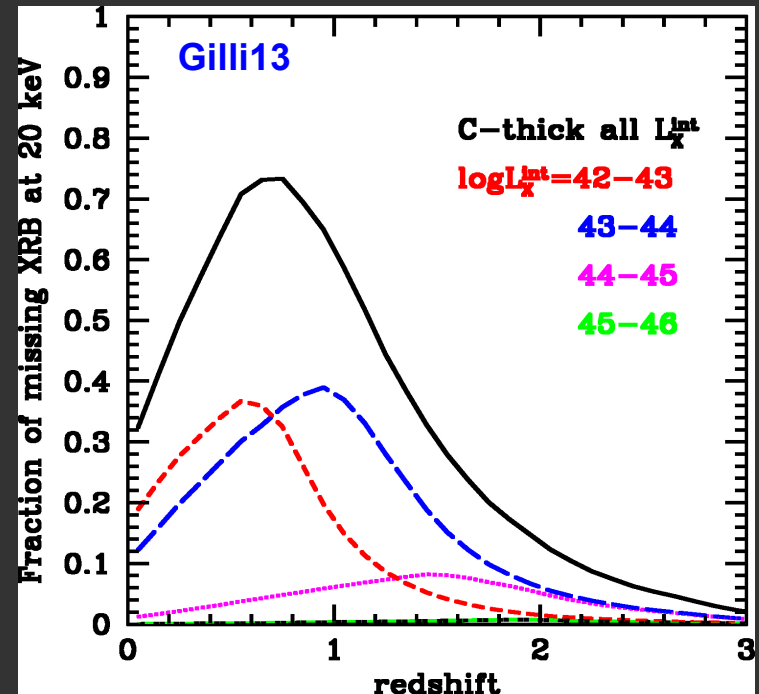
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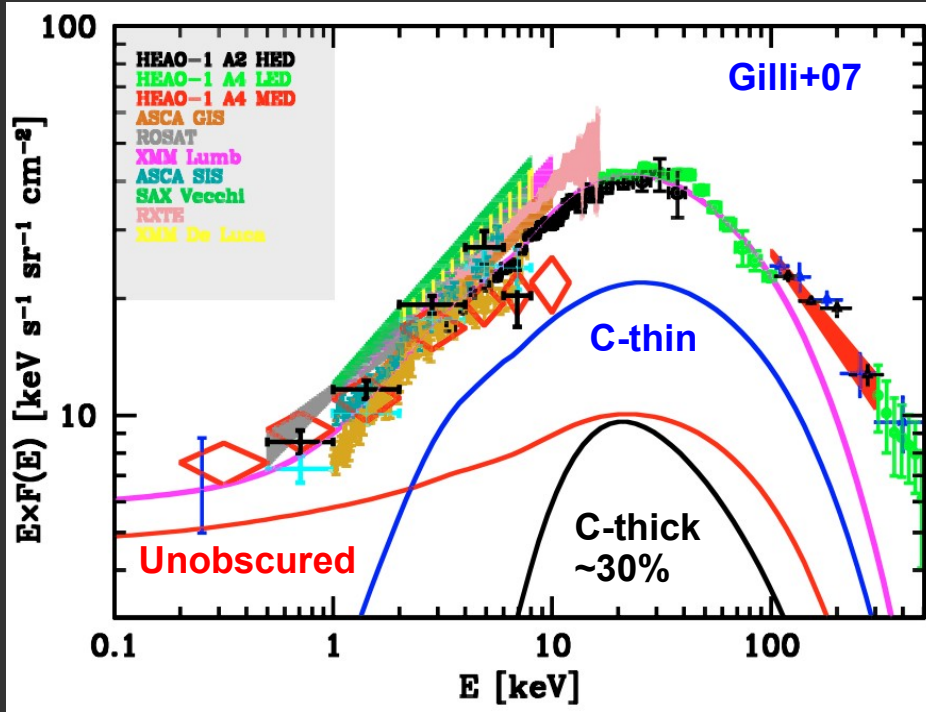


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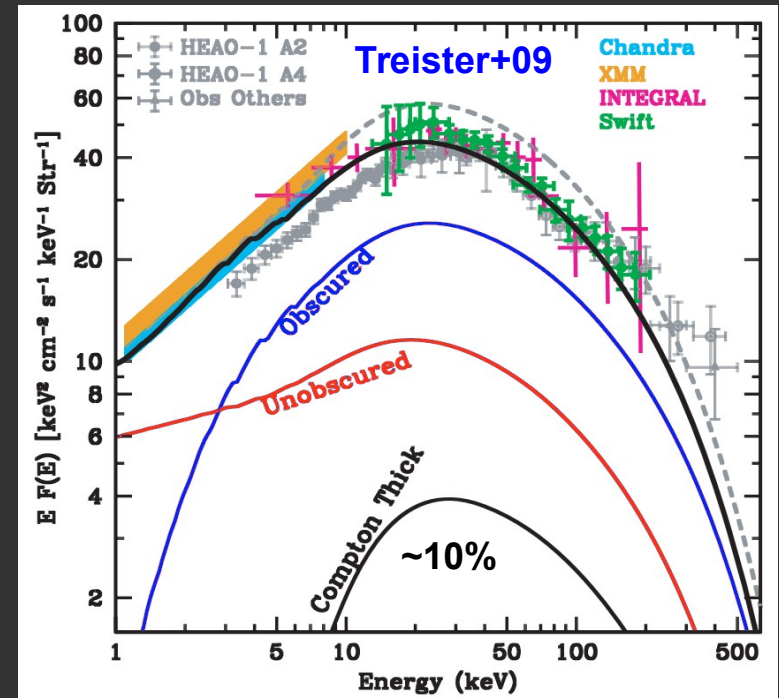
- Reflection fraction

-  $\Gamma$

-  $E_{\text{Cut}}$

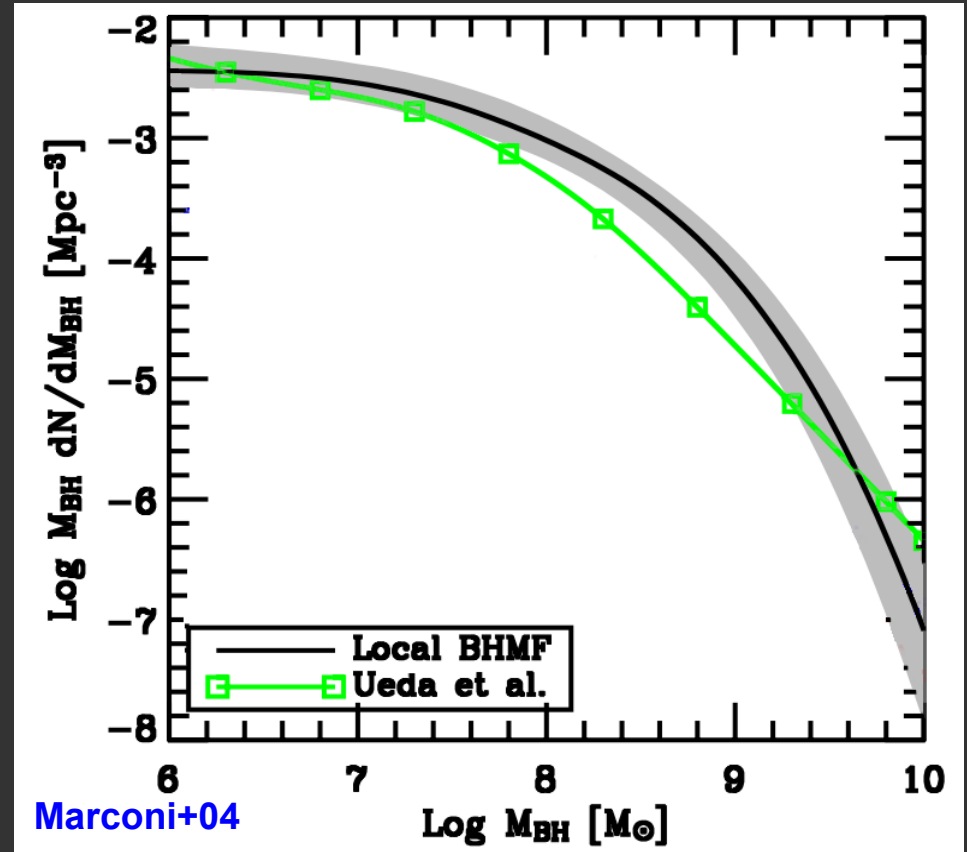
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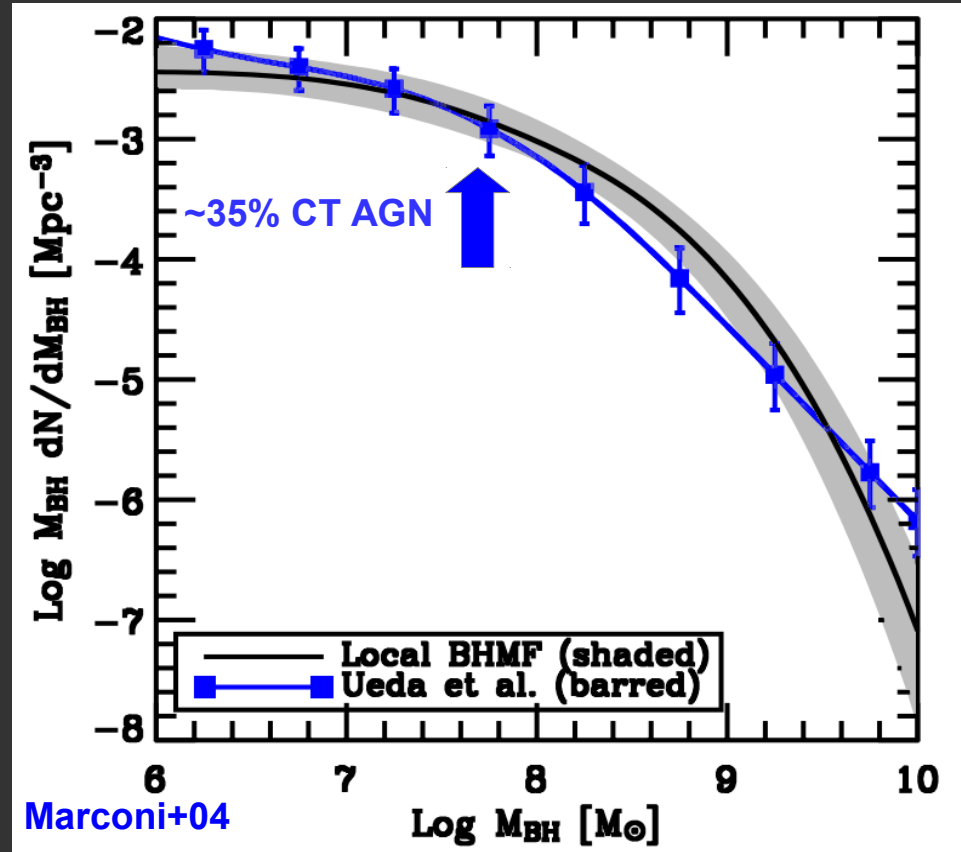
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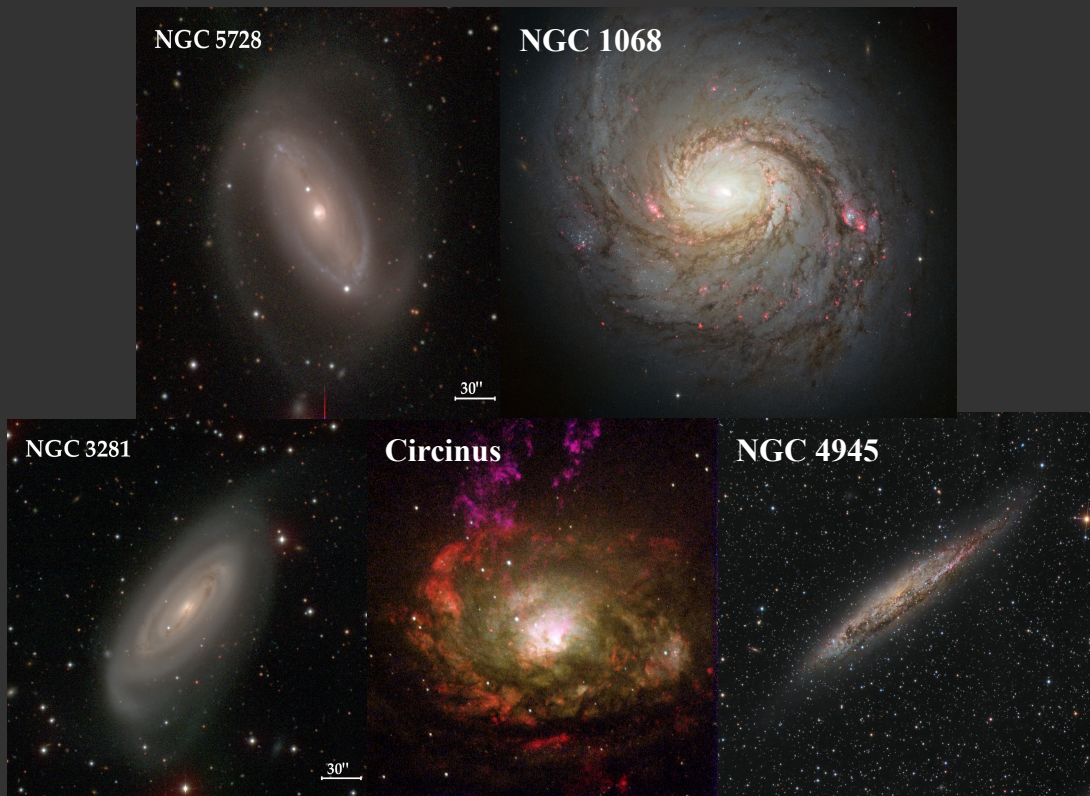
- Then add some % of CT AGN to match the two...

...assume  $k_{\text{BoI}}$ ,  $\epsilon$ ,  $\lambda$ ...



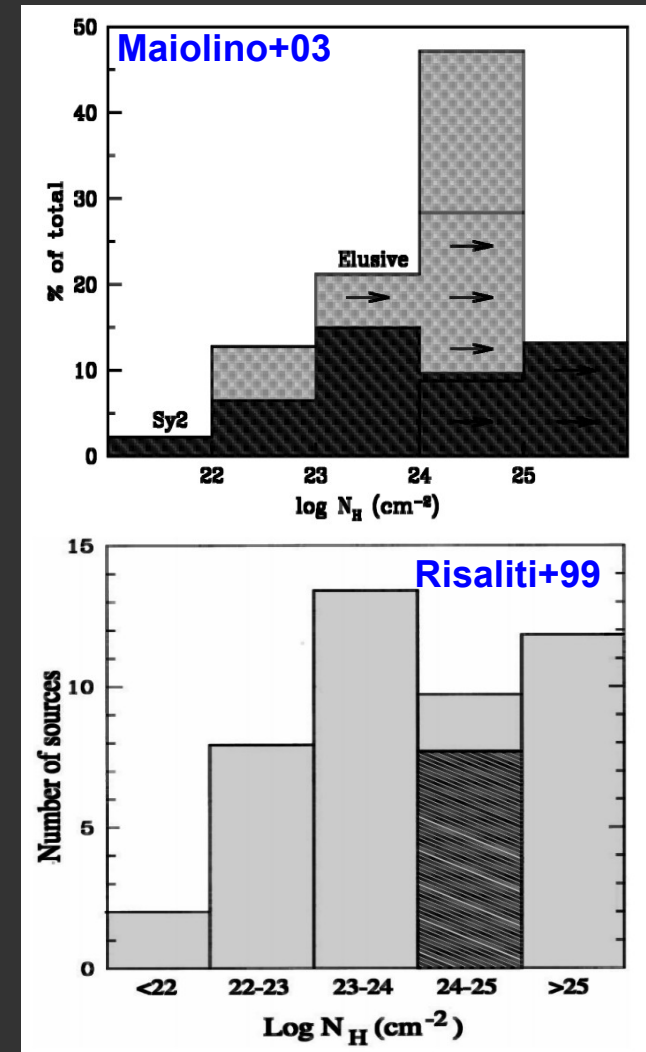
# CT AGN in the local Universe

Common (>50% of Seyfert2)  
in the local Universe ( $z < \sim 0.01$ )

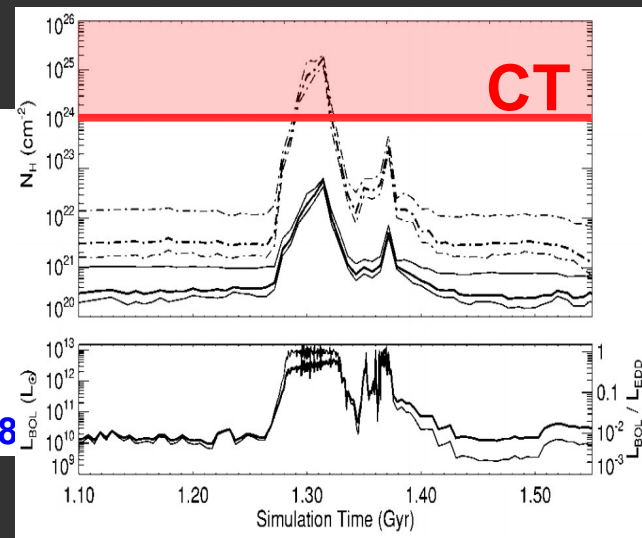
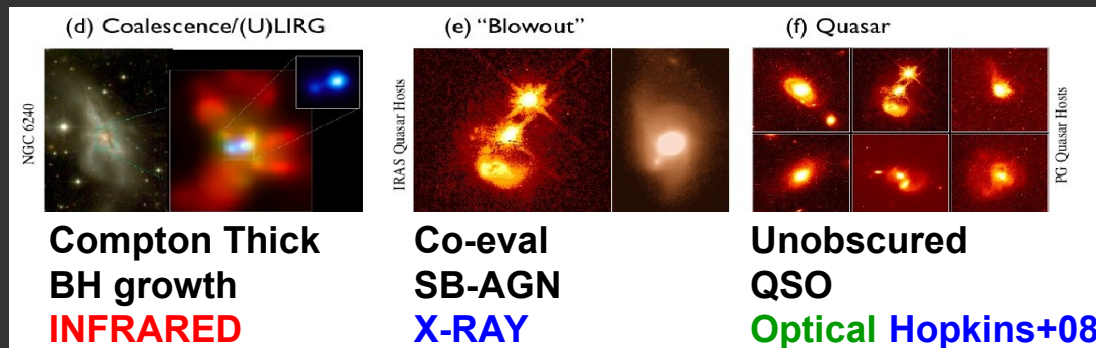


Nustar results in **A. Marinucci's talk...**

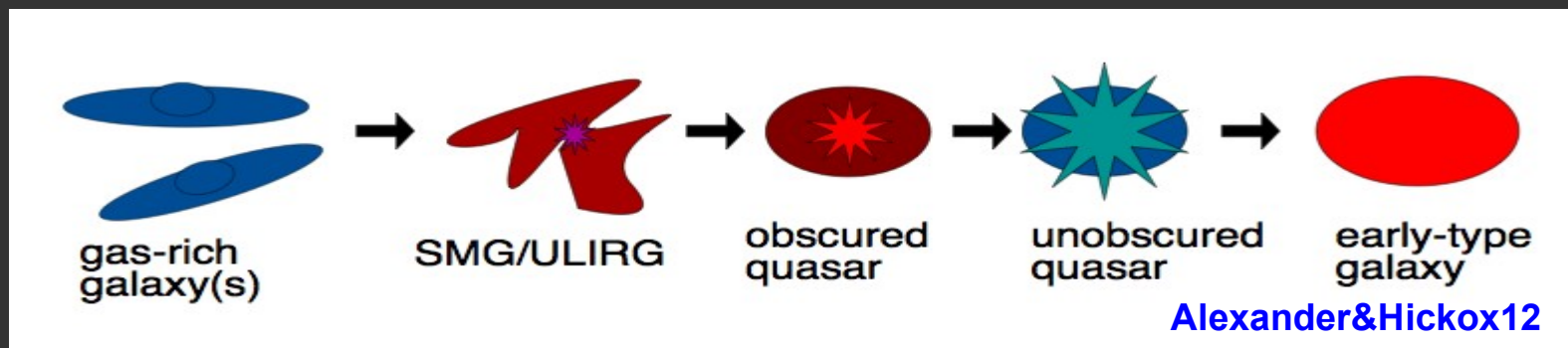
e.g. Puccetti+15, Marinucci+16, Guainazzi+16



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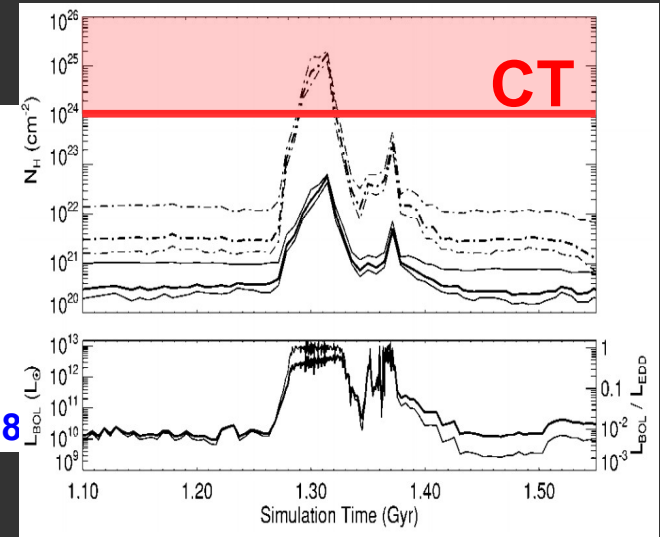
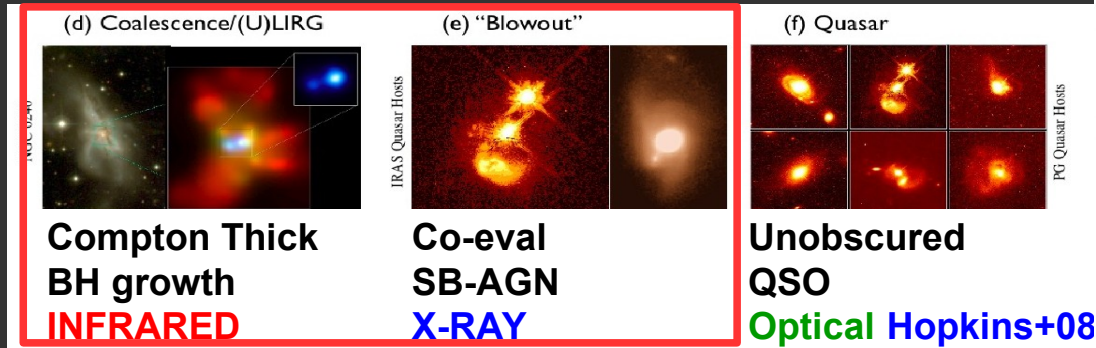
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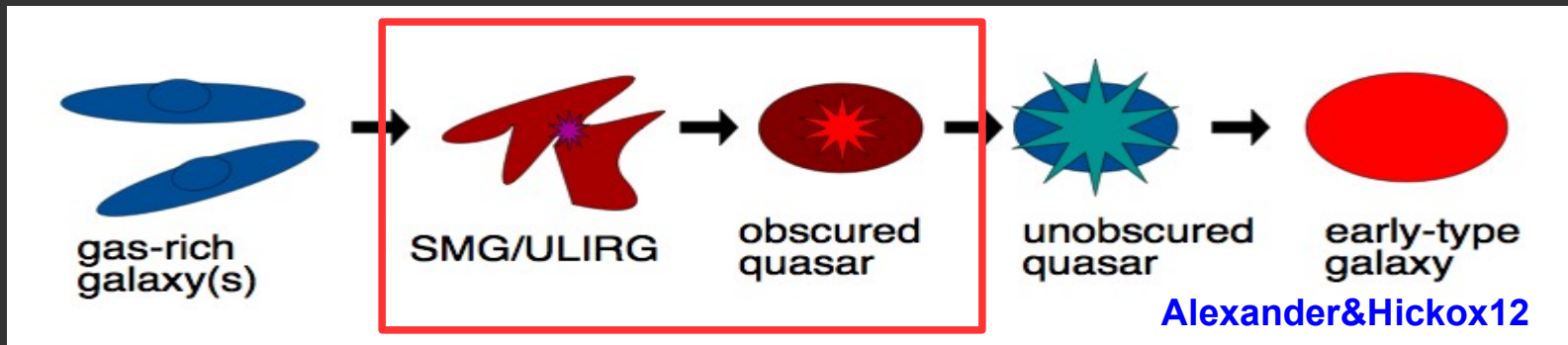
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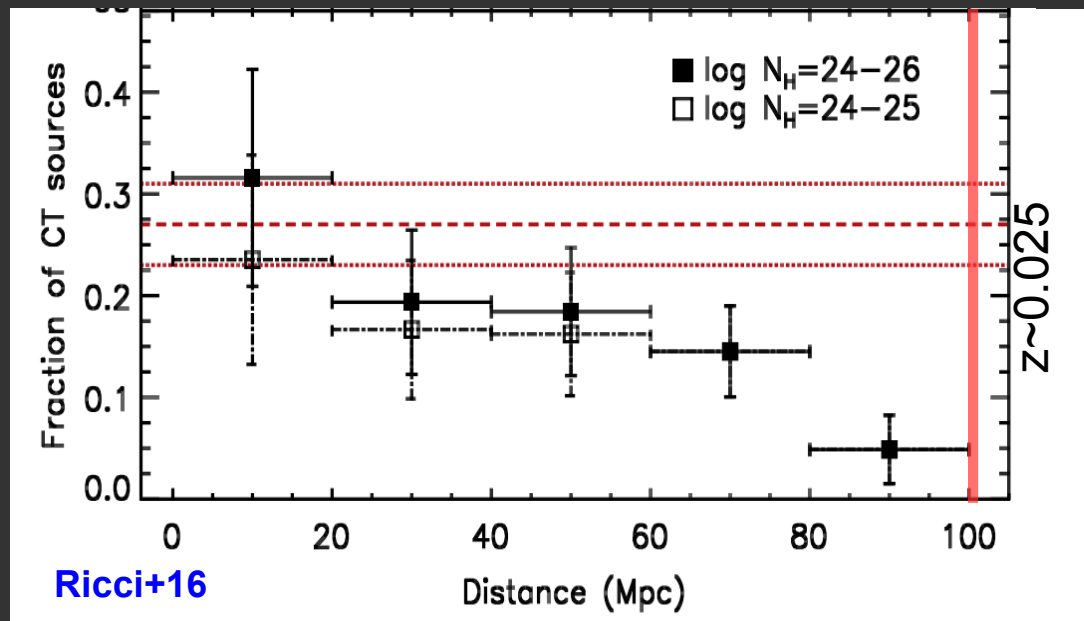


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# CT beyond few Mpc...

Difficult to detect in X-rays...  
...even in **15-150 keV** beyond  $\sim 100$  Mpc!

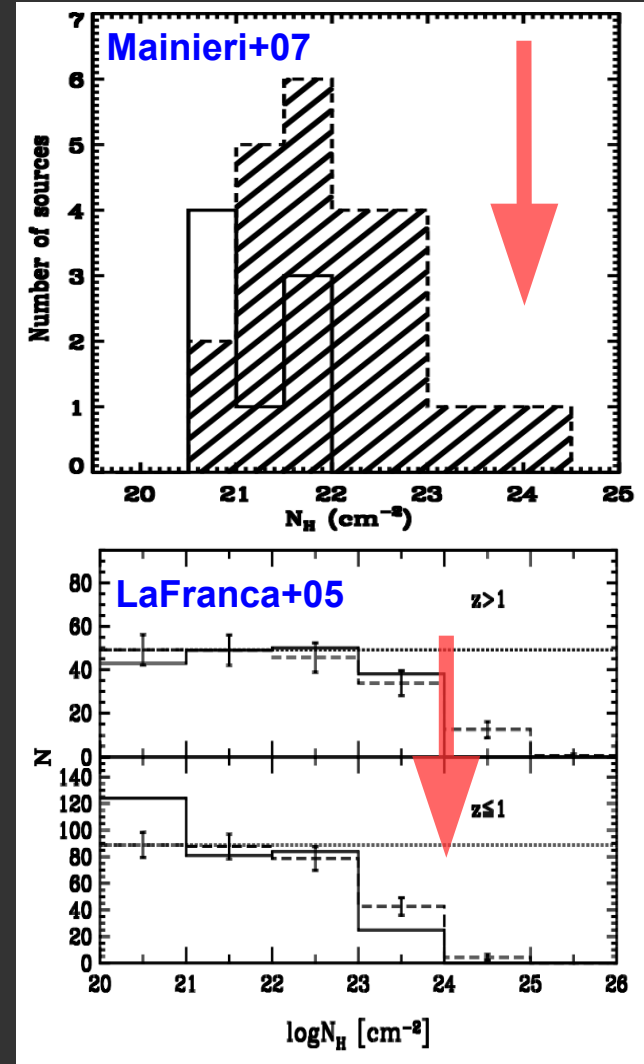


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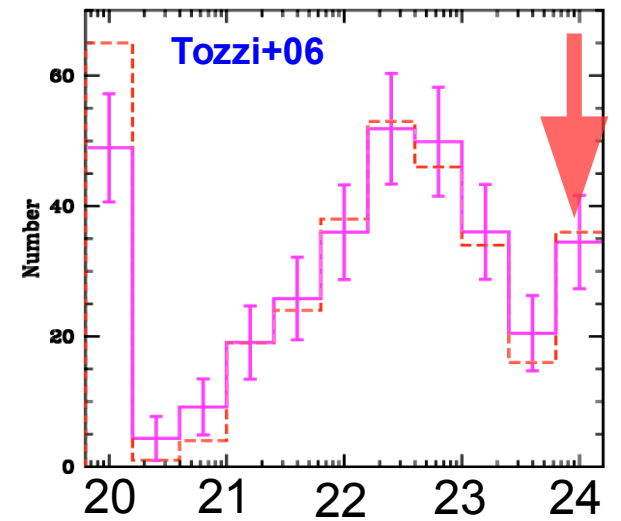
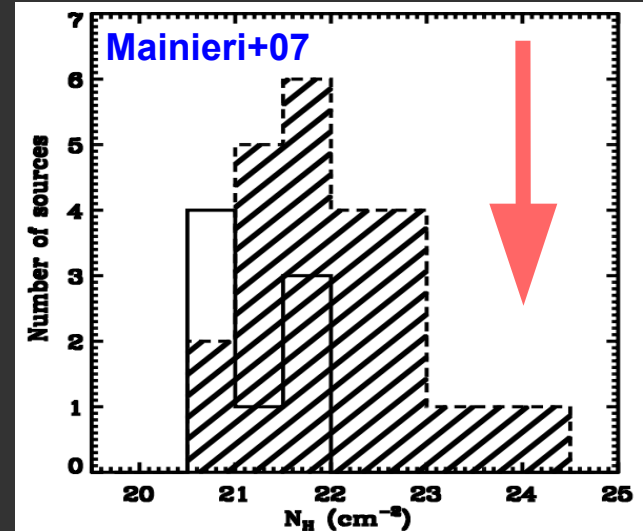
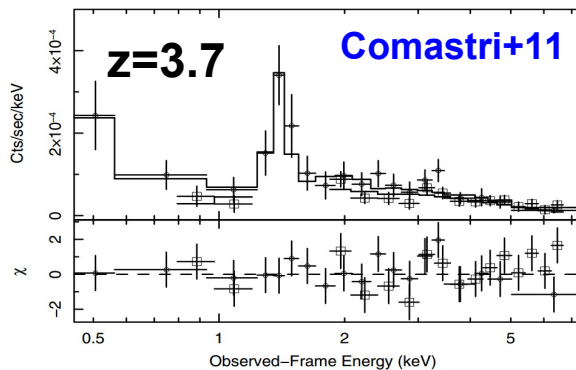
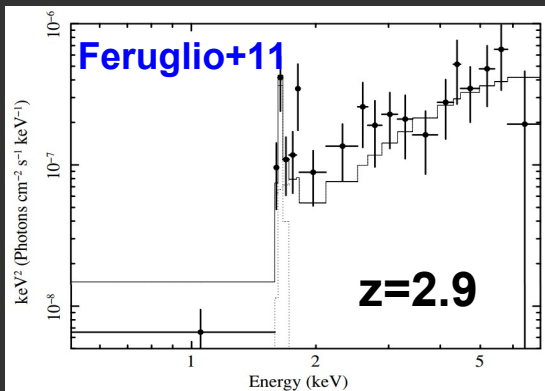
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A few also in the CDFS

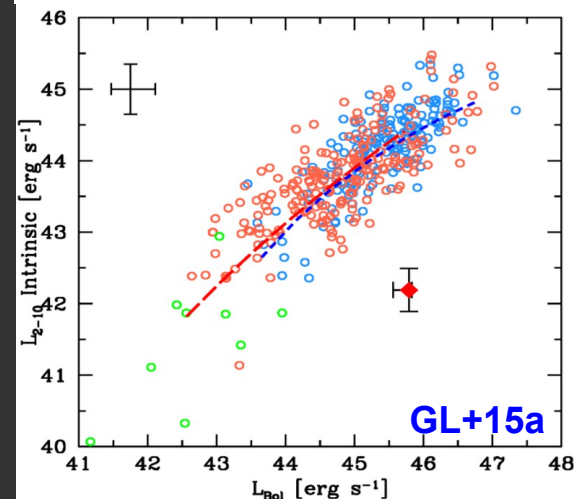
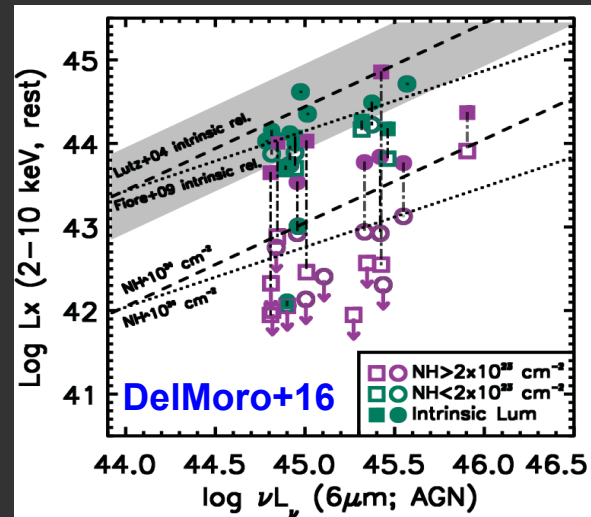
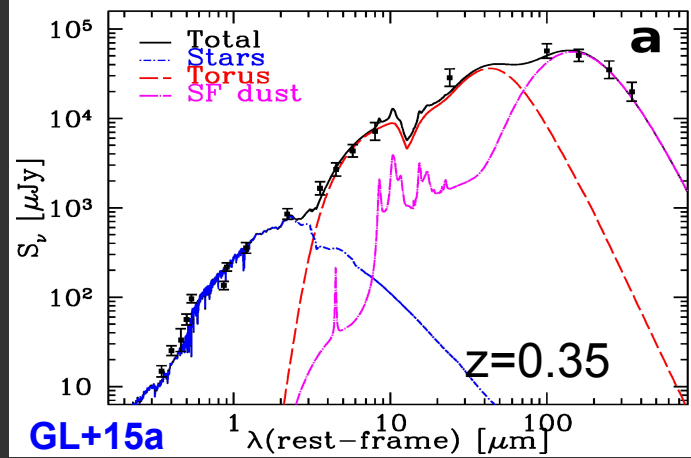
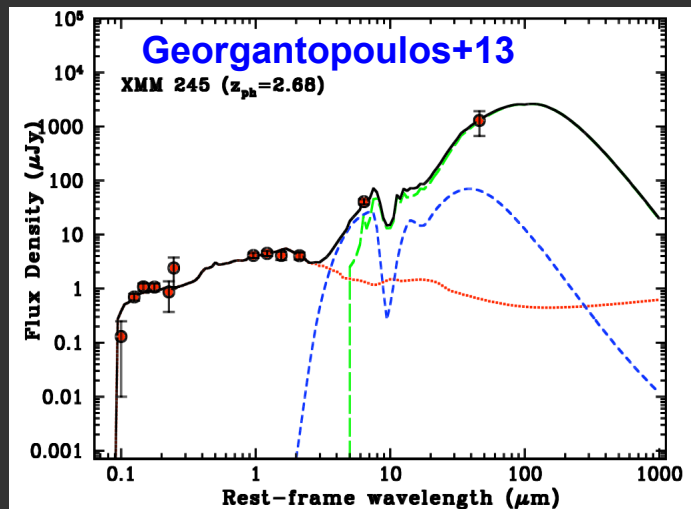
Iwasawa+12, Georgantopoulos+13



# Multi- $\lambda$ selection of CT AGN

Based on SED properties **prominent torus**

Daddi+07, Fiore+08,09, Alexander+08,13, Stern+14, Lansbury+15 etc...



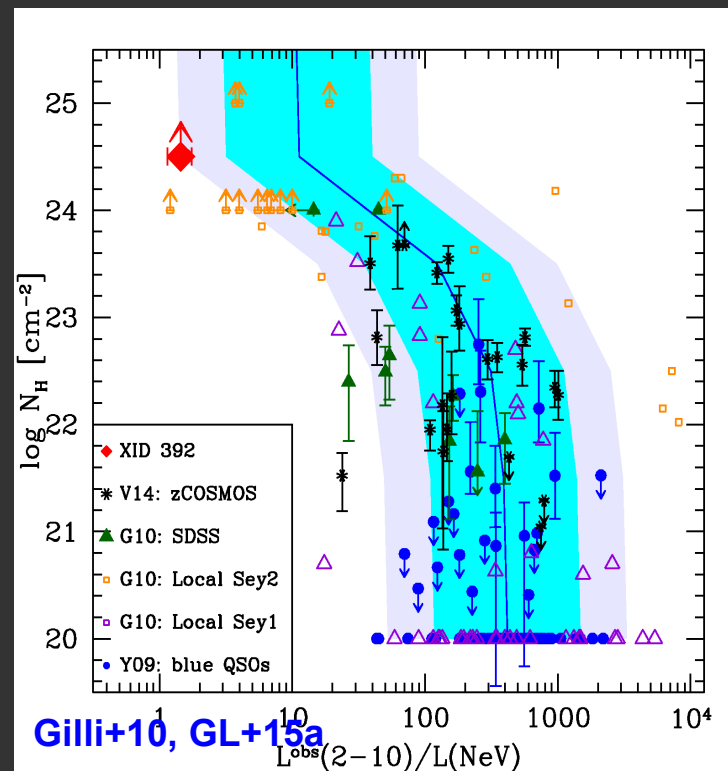
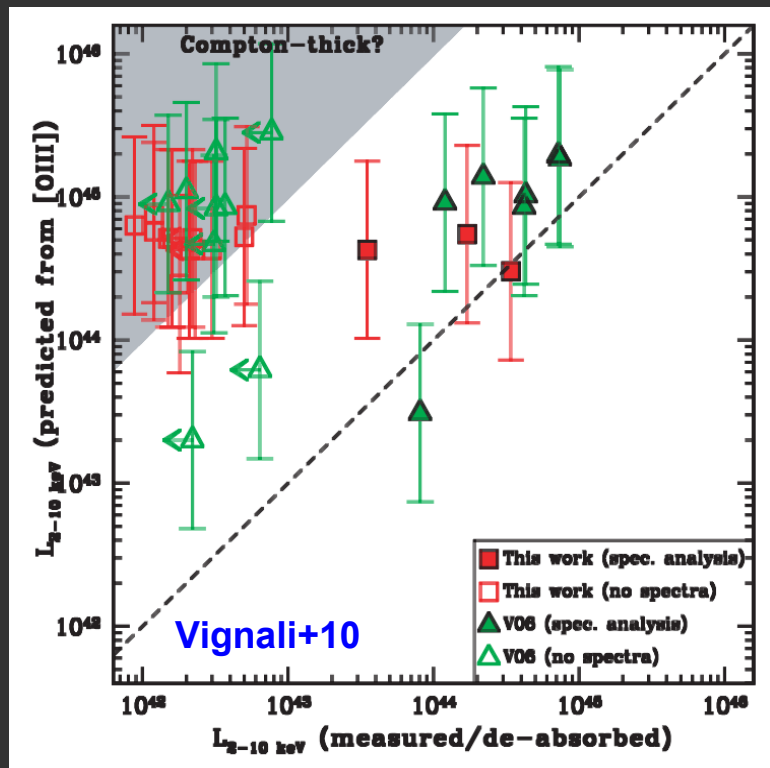
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$L_{\text{AGN}}$  from **NLR emission lines** and  
suppression of the X-ray flux

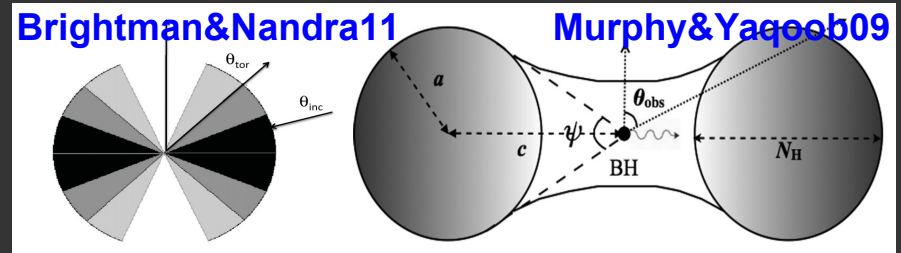
Panessa+06, Vignali+06, Mignoli+13



see M. Mignoli's talk..

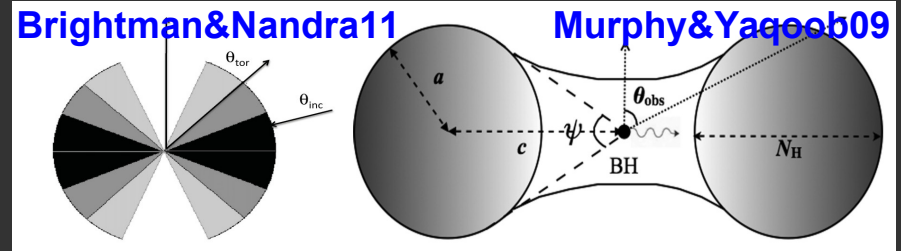
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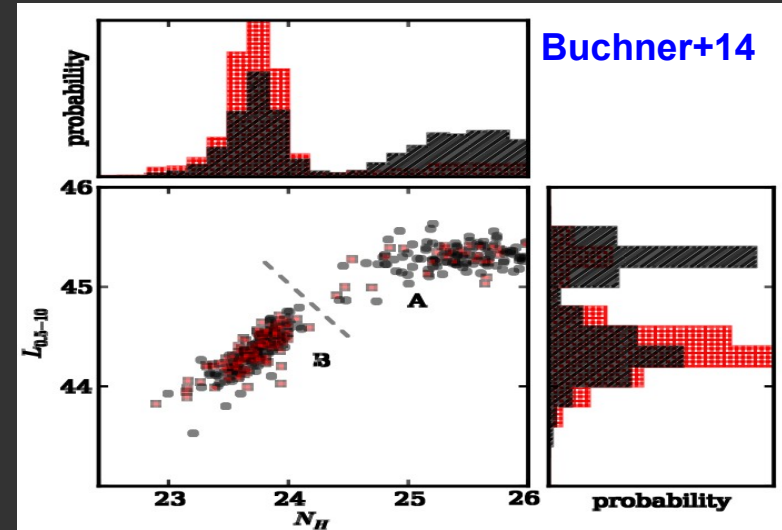


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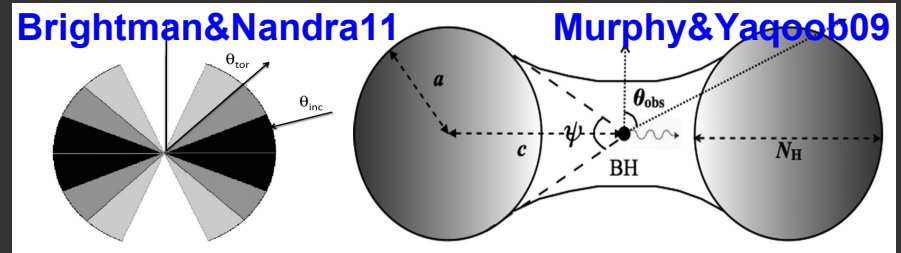


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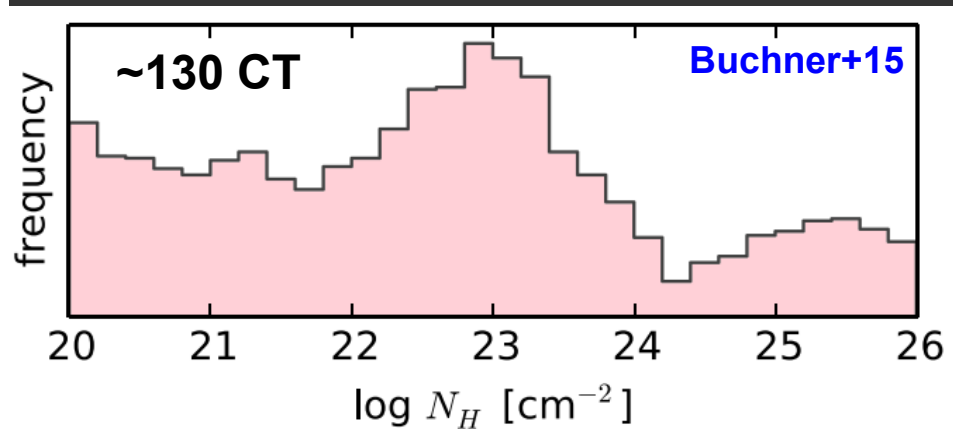
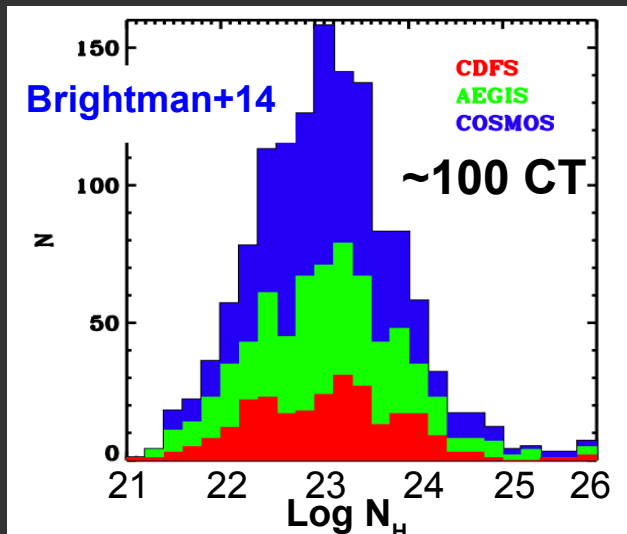
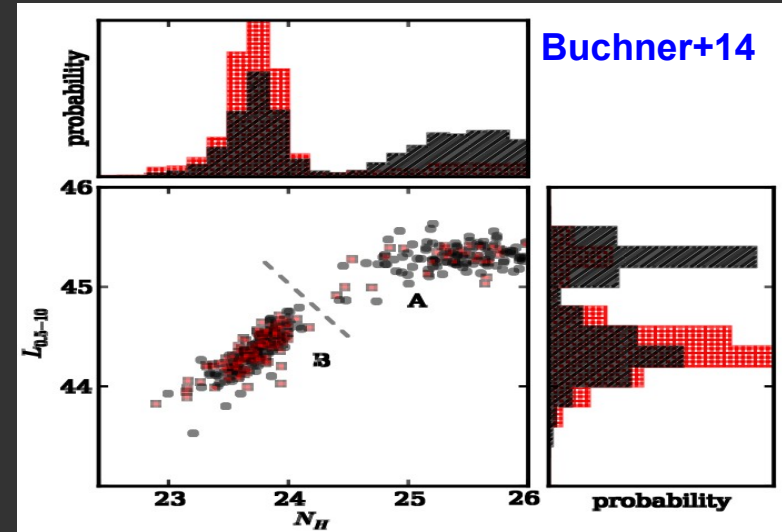


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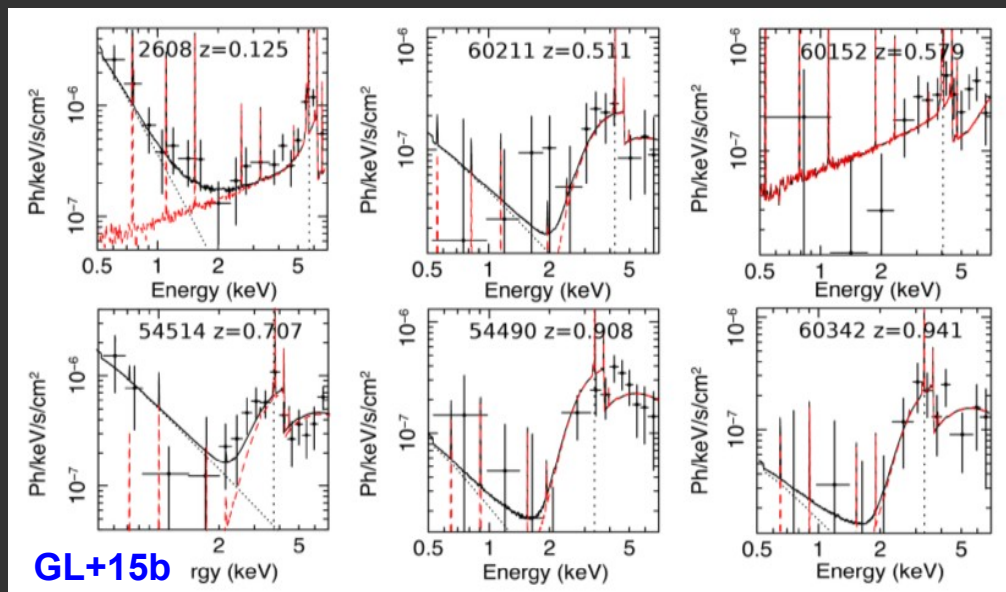
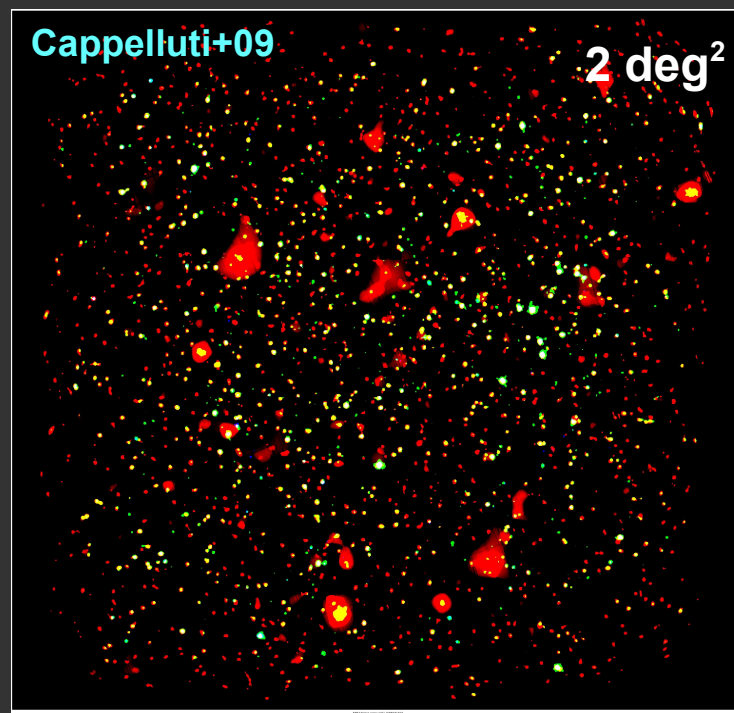
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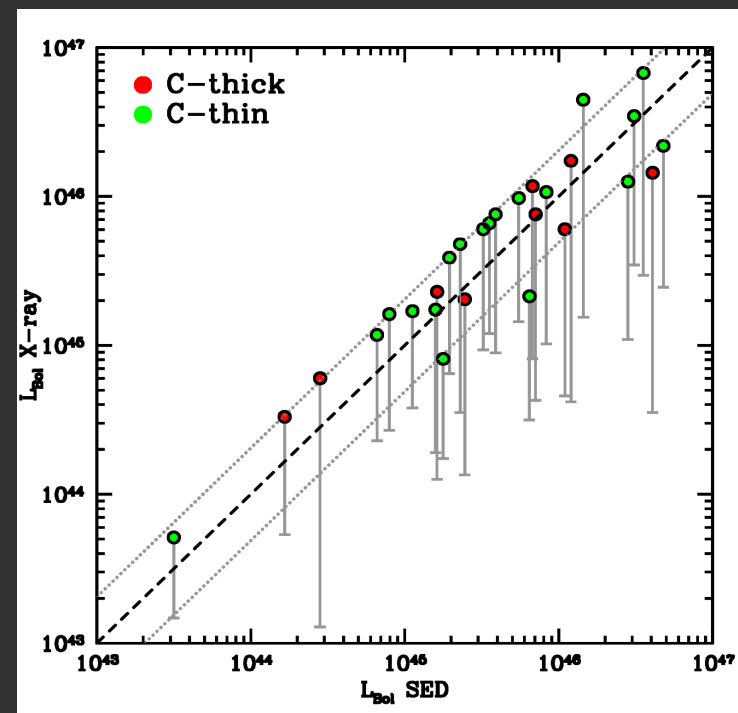
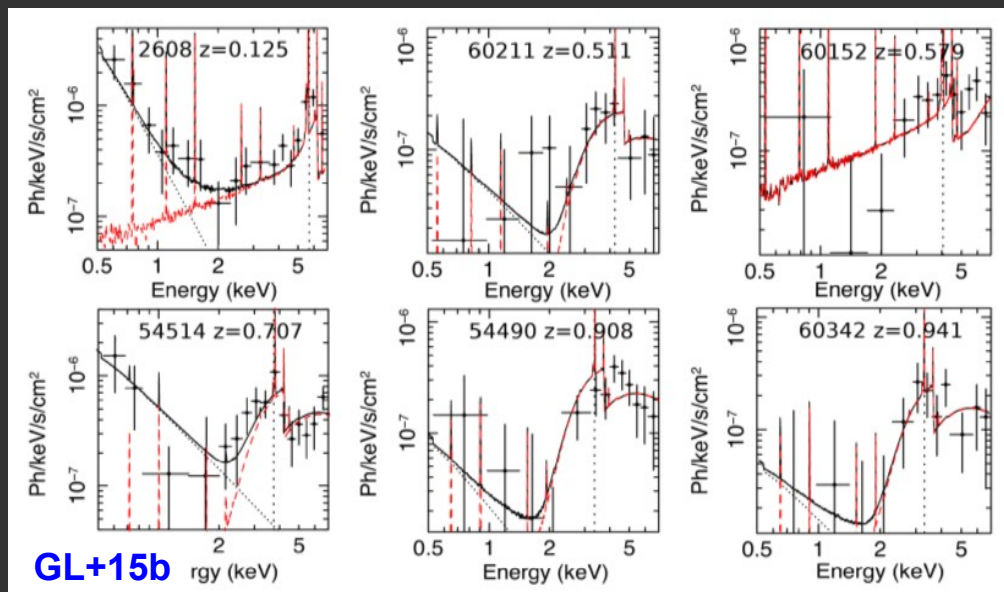
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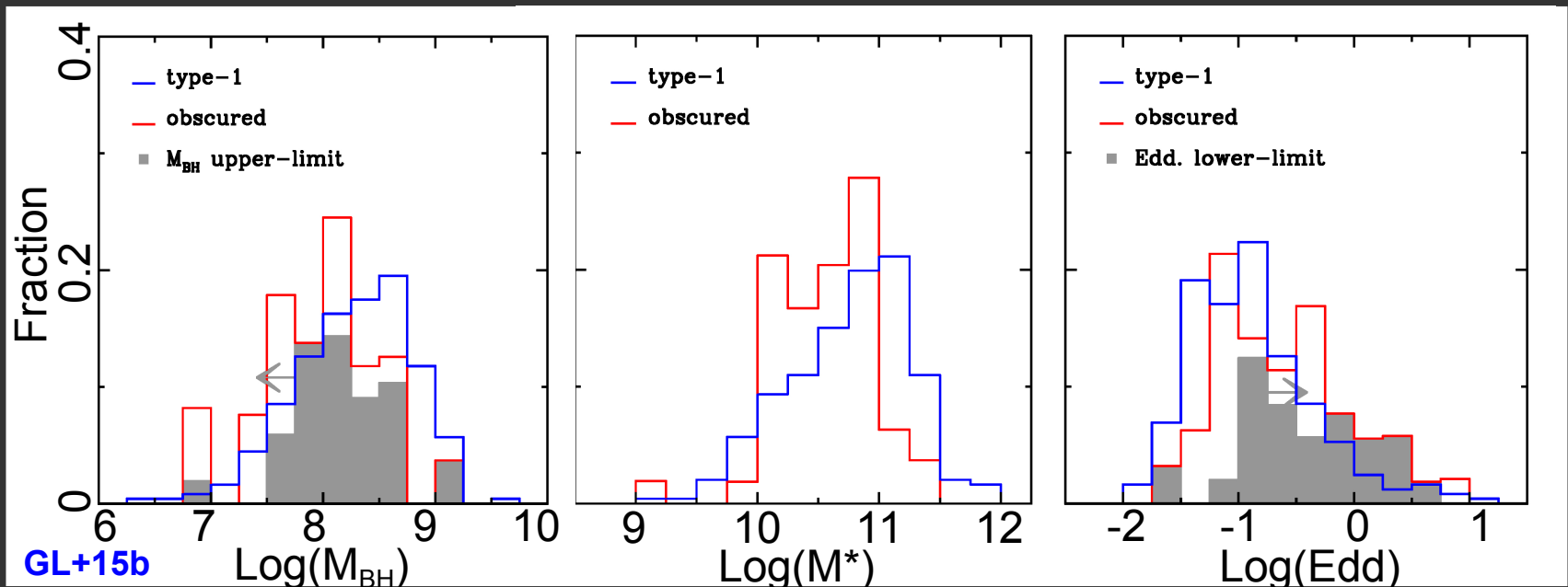


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# Host properties

Lower  $M_{\text{BH}}$  and  $M^*$  and higher Edd. ratio  
(at  $>2.5\sigma$ )  
w.r.t. Type-1 AGN matched in  $L_x$  and  $z$

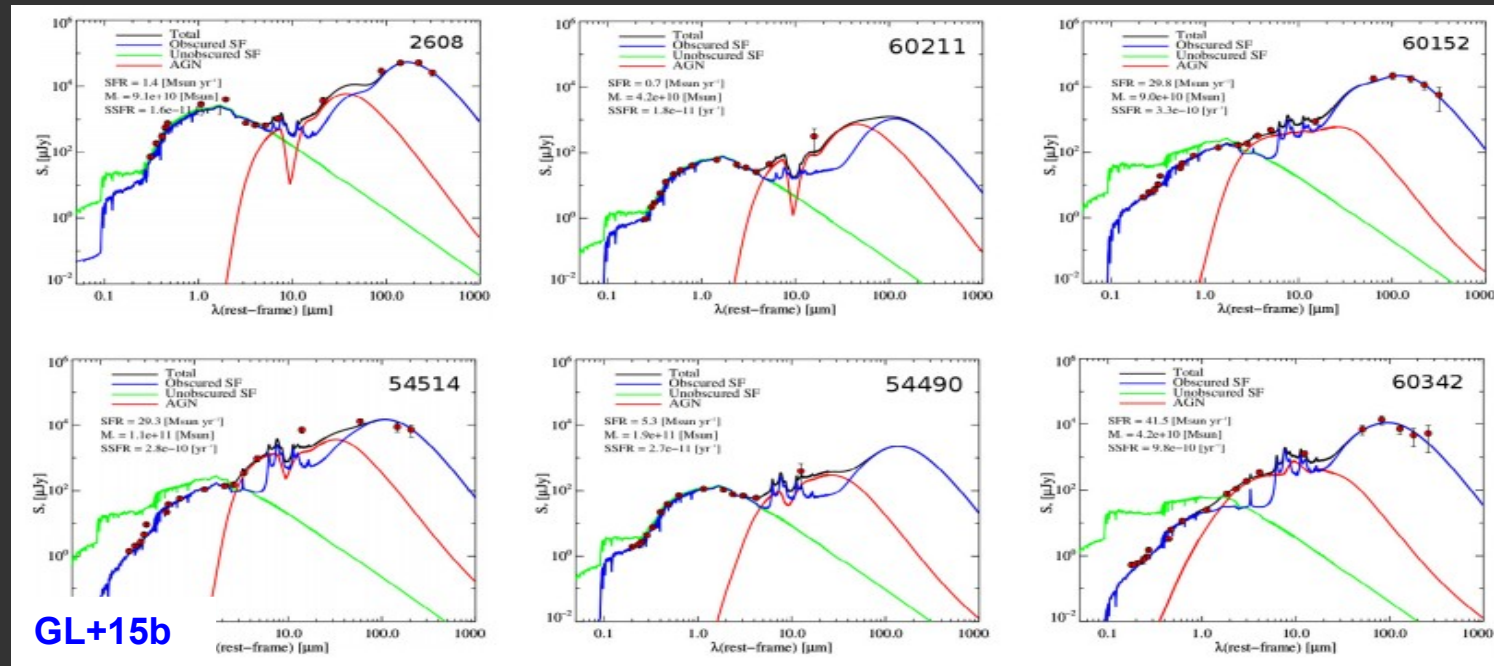


but see F. La Franca's talk...

# Host properties

SFR = few – 300  $M_{\text{Sun}}$   
sSFR  $\sim$  MS at all  $z$   
No Starbursts ( $>4xMS$ )

Credit: I. Delvecchio, S. Berta





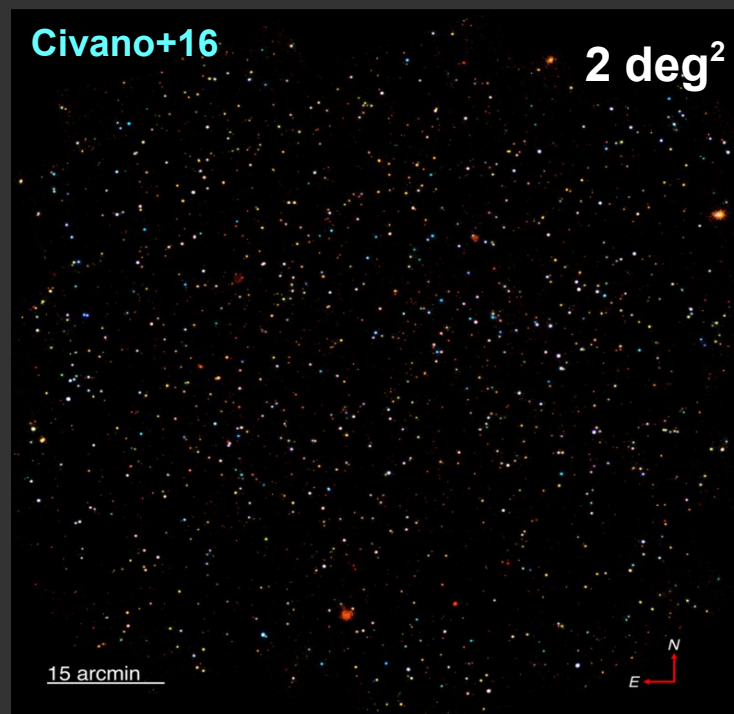
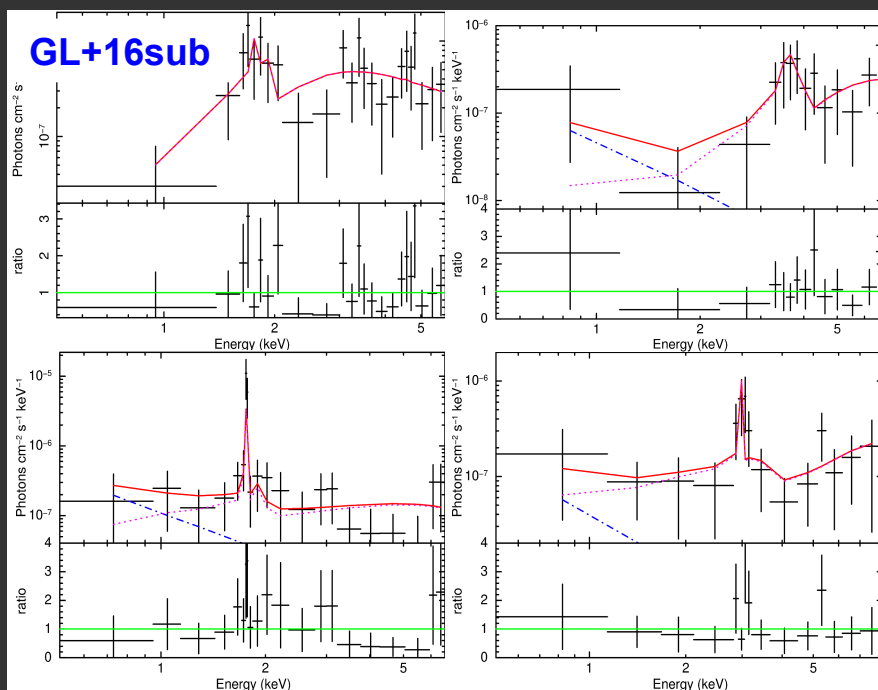
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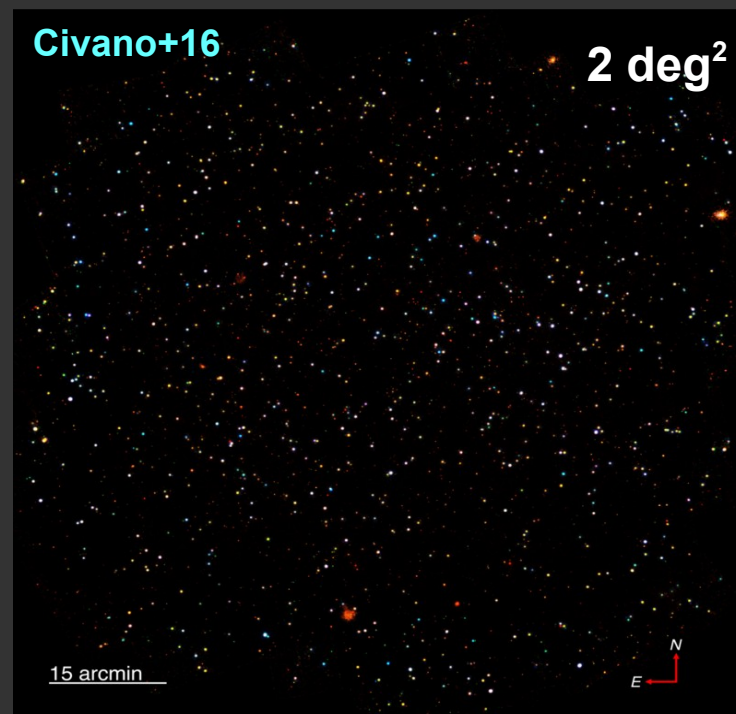
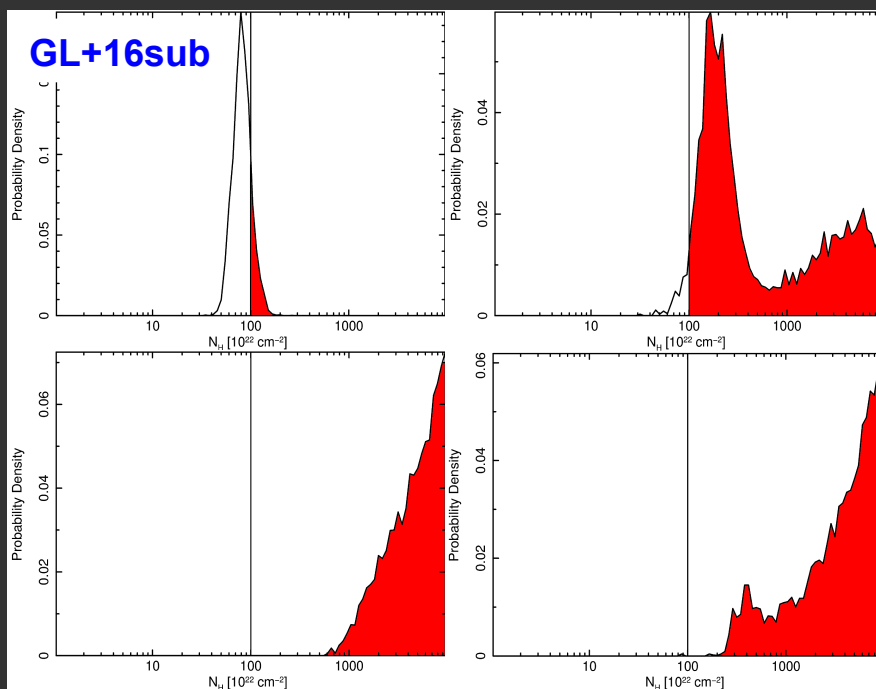
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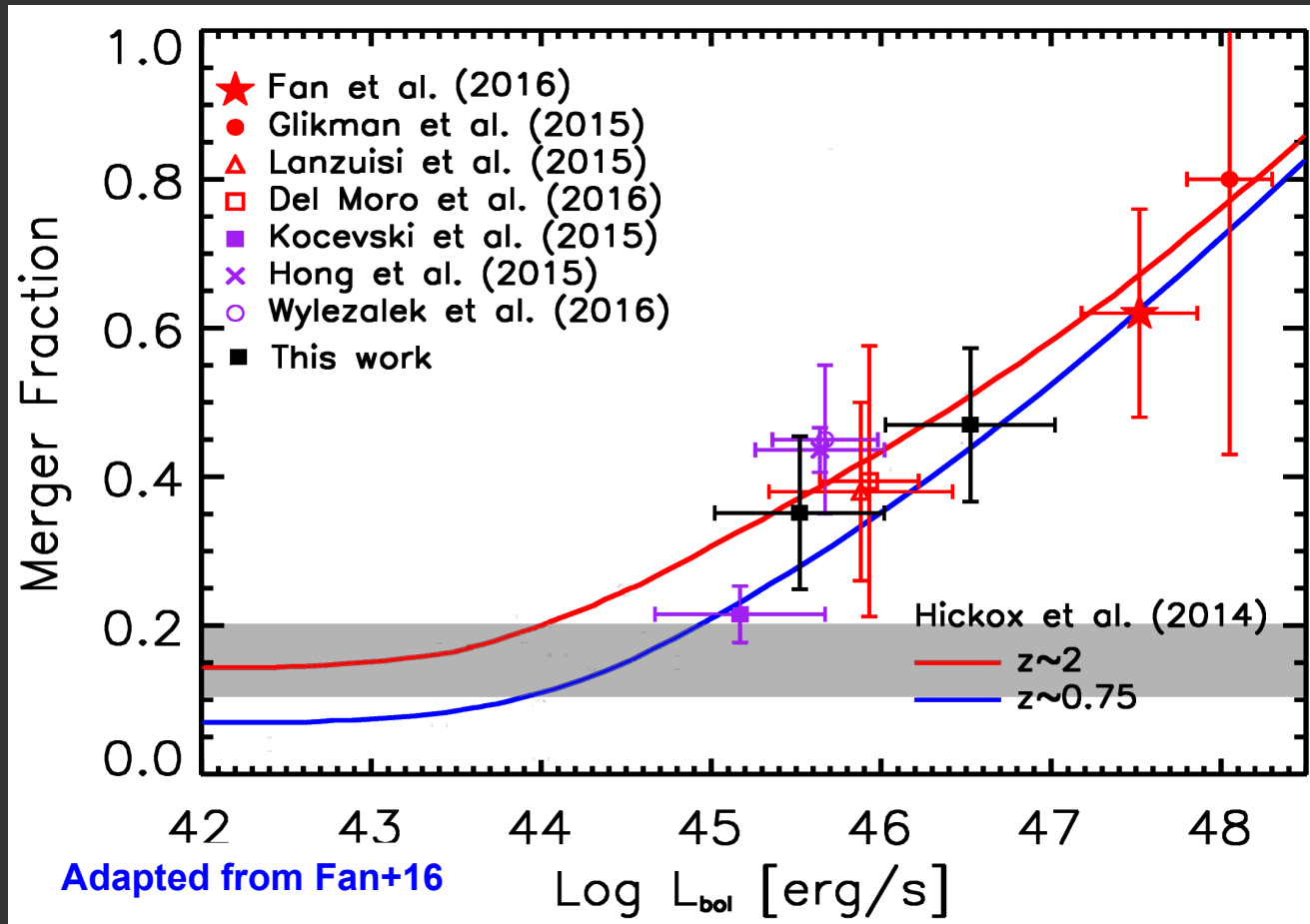
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# Host properties

**35-45% of merging/disturbed systems**  
(wrt ~10-20% for X-ray selected AGN)

Kocevski+15, Del Moro+16

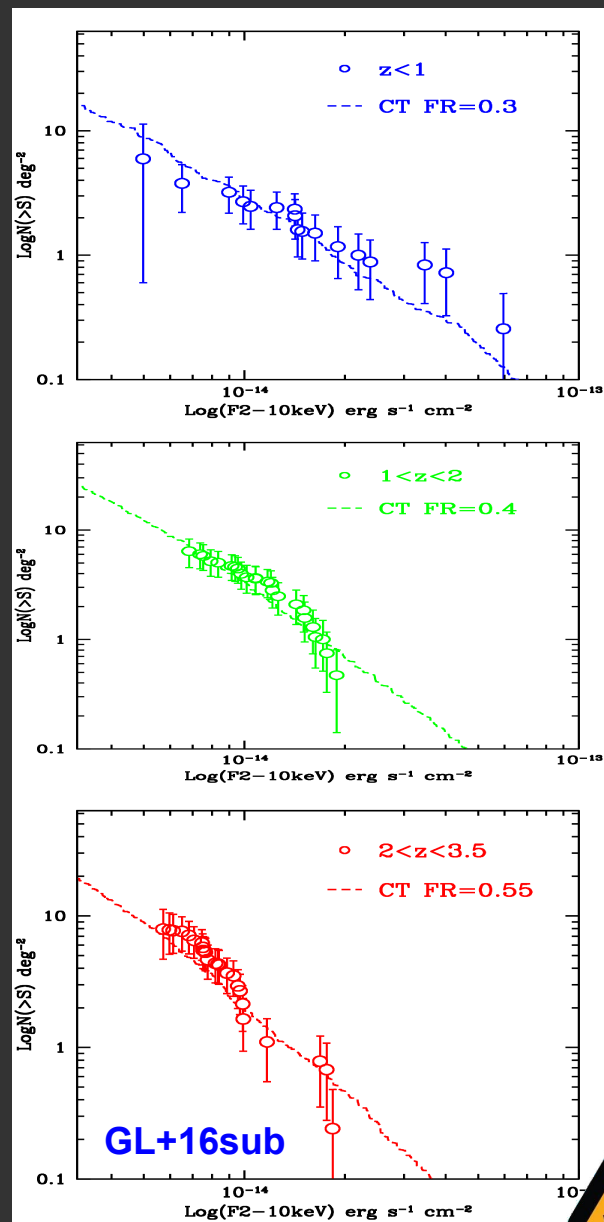


# Comparison with XRB models

- Number counts consistent with **XRB models** at  $z < 1$  [Akylas+12](#)
- Increase of the CT fraction at high  $z$   
Not consistent with other models?

Caveat:

- highly uncertain distribution at  $N_H > 10^{25} \text{ cm}^{-2}$  see [Comastri+15](#)
- highly uncertain **refl. fraction**



# Conclusions

- Using new approaches Chandra and XMM can identify **large samples of CT AGN at  $z \sim 1-3$**
- Multi- $\lambda$  coverage is needed to verify the identification
- Multi- $\lambda$  is useful to derive host and SMBH properties **to test evolutionary models**
- **Full characterization at high  $z$ :**
  - few bright high  $z$  CT AGN (from large area surveys **XXL, S82, WISE**)
  - deep XMM follow-up allows to put constraints on refl. fraction, torus opening angle, system inclination etc....
  - e.g. [Piconcelli+15](#)