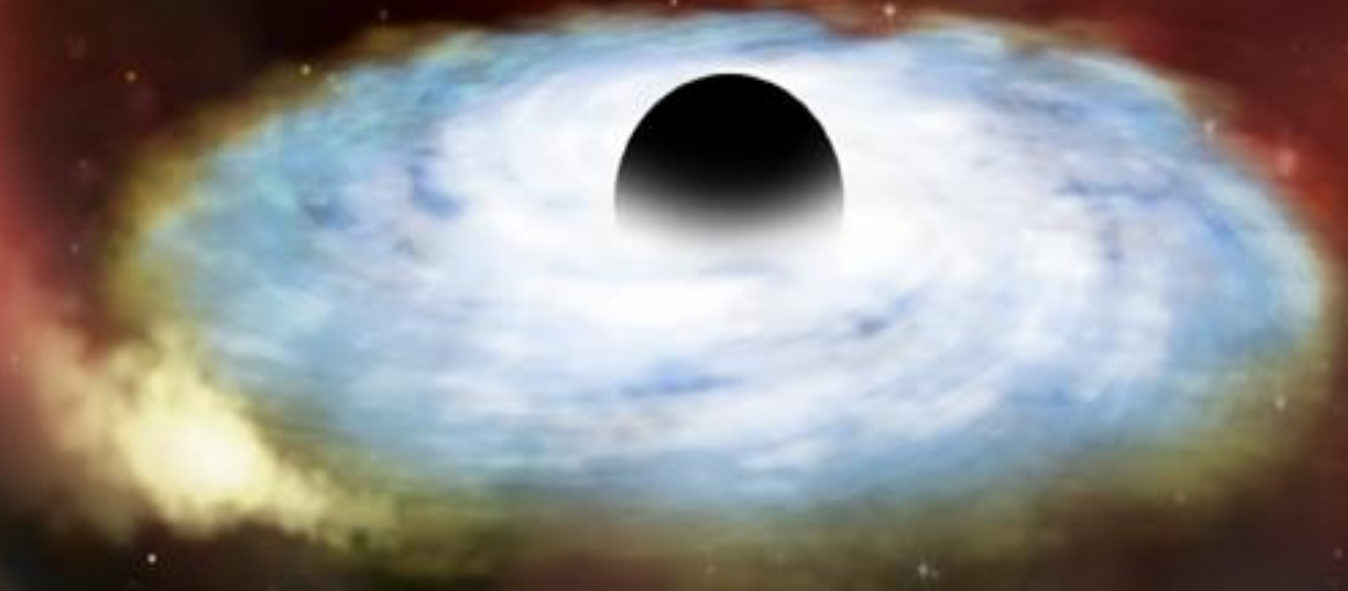


# Jetted and non-jetted stellar tidal disruption events (TDEs)

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## Possible power source of Seyfert galaxies and QSOs

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The possible presence of massive black holes in the nuclei of galaxies has been suggested many times. In addition, there is considerable observational evidence for high stellar densities in these nuclei. I show that the tidal breakup of stars passing within the Roche limit of a black hole initiates a chain of events that may explain many of the observed principal characteristics of QSOs and the nuclei of Seyfert galaxies.

## letters

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### Accretion on massive black holes in galactic nuclei

STELLAR collisions and/or tidal break-up of stars by a massive black hole<sup>1,2</sup> accompanied by subsequent accretion of the released gas onto the hole play a crucial part in most black hole models of quasars and active galactic nuclei. It is usually assumed that an accretion disk forms around the hole due to the large orbital momentum of a disrupting star. However, we show here that the accretion mostly has disk characteristics only when  $M < M_{\text{cr}}$  and becomes quasi-spherical when  $M \gg M_{\text{cr}}$ .

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### Pancake detonation of stars by black holes in galactic nuclei

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Recent efforts to understand exotic phenomena in galactic nuclei commonly postulate the presence of a massive black hole accreting gas produced by tidal or collisional disruption of stars. For black holes in the mass range  $10^4$ – $10^7 M_{\odot}$ , individual stars penetrating well inside the Roche radius will undergo compression to a short-lived pancake configuration very similar to that produced by a high velocity symmetric collision of the kind likely to occur in the neighbourhood of black holes in the higher mass range  $\geq 10^8 M_{\odot}$ . Thermonuclear energy release ensuing in the more extreme events may be sufficient to modify substantially the working of the entire accretion process.

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### Tidal disruption of stars by black holes of $10^6$ – $10^8$ solar masses in nearby galaxies

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Stars in galactic nuclei can be captured or tidally disrupted by a central black hole. Some debris would be ejected at high speed; the remainder would be swallowed by the hole, causing a bright flare lasting at most a few years. Such phenomena are compatible with the presence of  $10^6$ – $10^8 M_{\odot}$  holes in the nuclei of many nearby galaxies. Stellar disruption may have interesting consequences in our own Galactic Centre if a  $\sim 10^6 M_{\odot}$  hole lurks there.

### “Dead Quasars” in Nearby Galaxies?

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The nuclei of some galaxies undergo violent activity, quasars being the most extreme instances of this phenomenon. Such activity is probably short-lived compared to galactic lifetimes, and was most prevalent when the universe was only about one-fifth of its present age. A

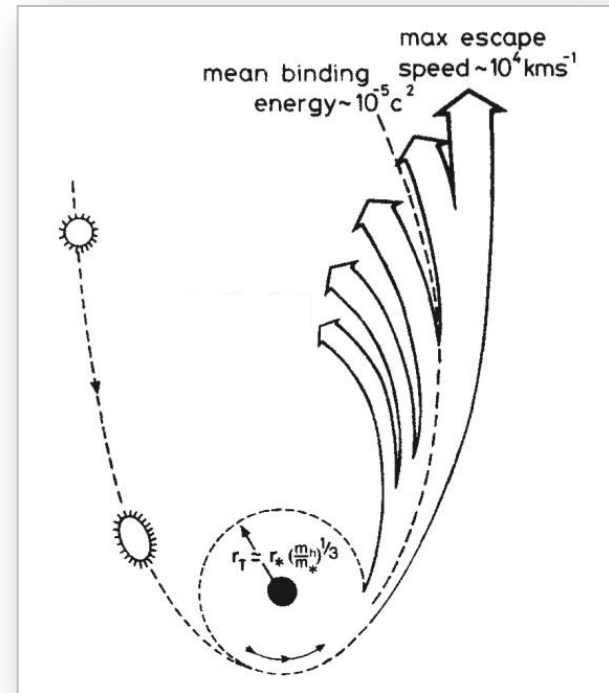
evolved to the stage where runaway activity gets triggered in their nuclei (2).

Quasar activity is apparently a distinctive feature of rather young galaxies. The quasar density peaked soon after galaxies formed. The population then seems to have dwindled as the universe (with its constituent galaxies) got older. A current estimate (3) of the relative

# tidal capture & disruption of stars by SMBHs

„The best diagnostic for a BH’s presence would be some inevitable concomitant that cannot be explained in any other way.“

[M. Rees, *Nature*, 1988]



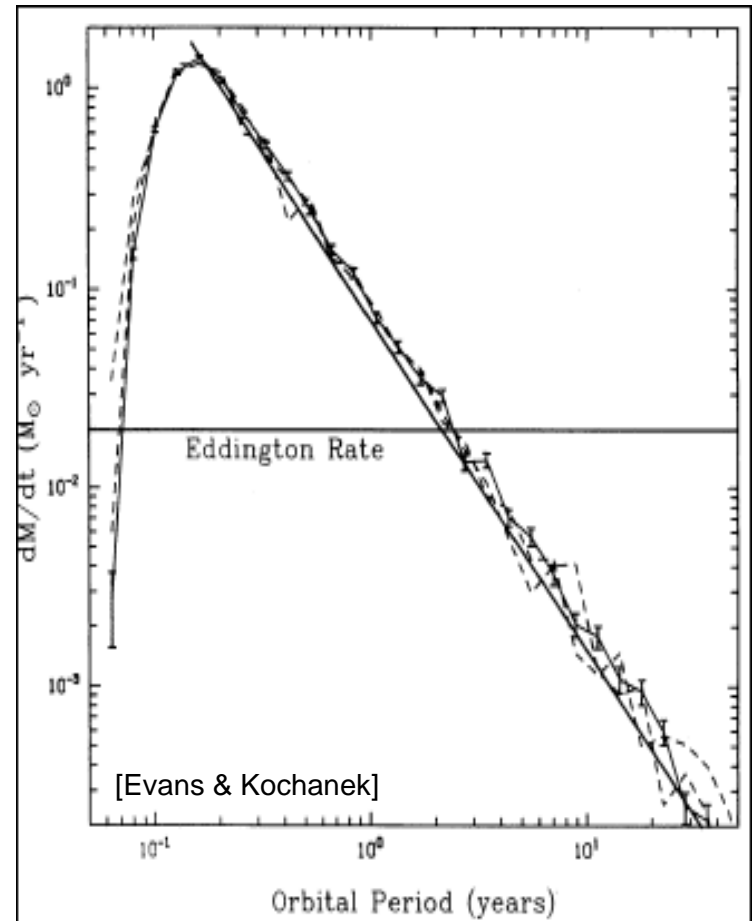
# tidal disruption of stars by SMBHs

- disruption at  $r = r_{\text{tidal}}$ ,  
with tidal radius  $r_{\text{tidal}} = R_* (M_{\text{BH}}/m_*)^{1/3} = 7 \cdot 10^{12} M_{\text{BH},6}^{1/3} (R_*/R_{\text{sun}}) (m_*/m_{\text{sun}})^{-1/3} \text{ cm}$

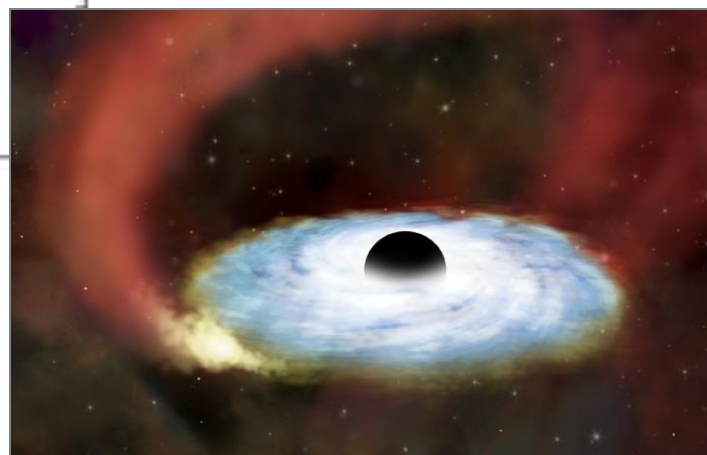
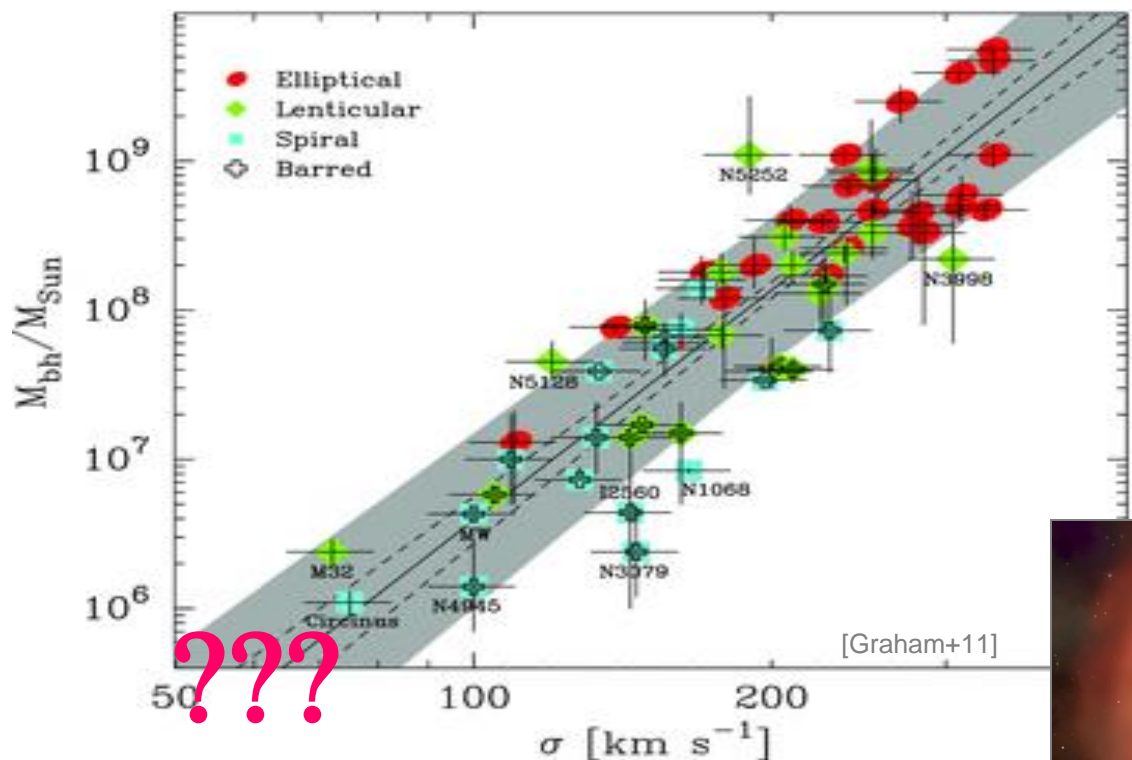
→ solar-type stars swallowed  
whole above  $M_{\text{BH}} \sim 10^8 M_{\text{sun}}$   
→ disruption of WDs requires  
 $M_{\text{BH}} < 10^5 M_{\text{sun}}$

- high initial gas supply rate, up to highly super-Eddington → high  $L_{\text{peak}}$
- bbdy temperature at  $r_t$   $T \sim 10^{5-6} \text{ K}$
- ~ 90% of the stellar material is unbound
- event rate  $10^{-4..-5} / \text{yr} / \text{galaxy}$

- return rate  $dm/dt \sim t^{-5/3}$



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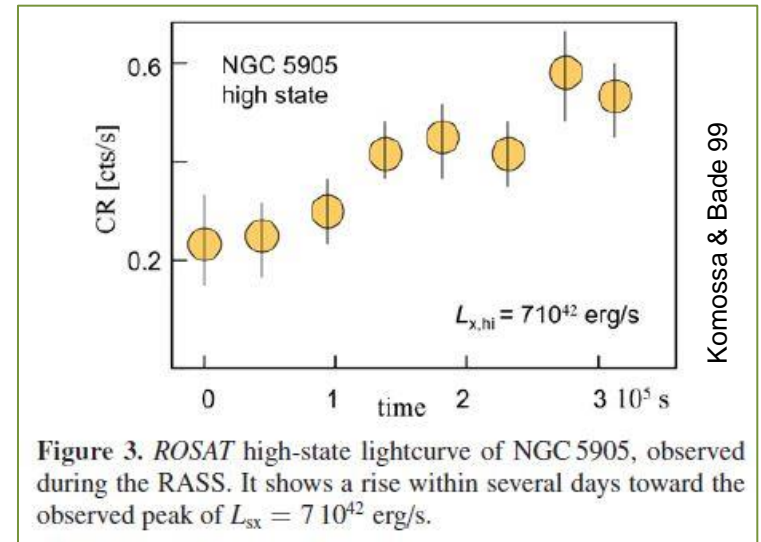
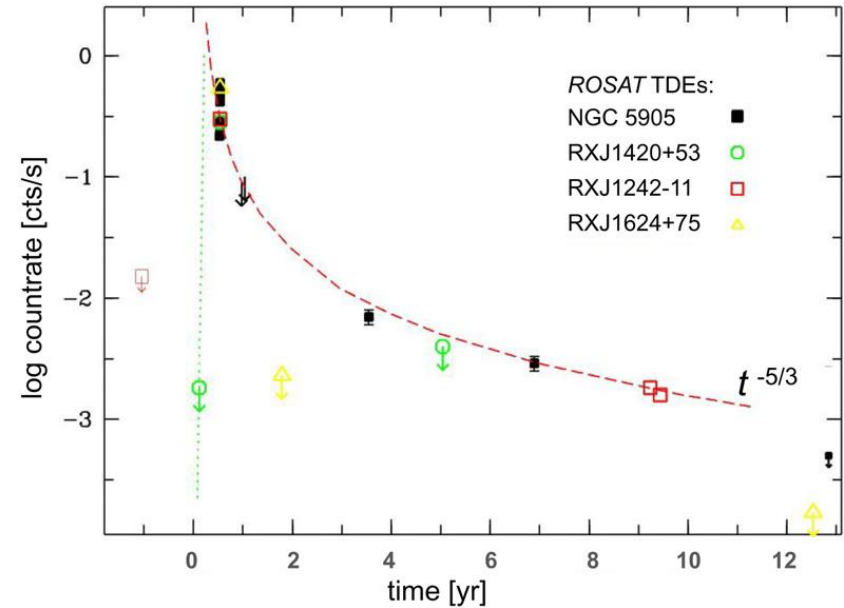


- detection of IMBHs,  $< 10^6 M_{sun}$

- new probe of accretion physics down to last stable orbit, from highly super-Eddington to sub-Eddington within yrs; & of BH spin and jet formation

# luminous TDEs in soft X-rays – first detections (ROSAT)

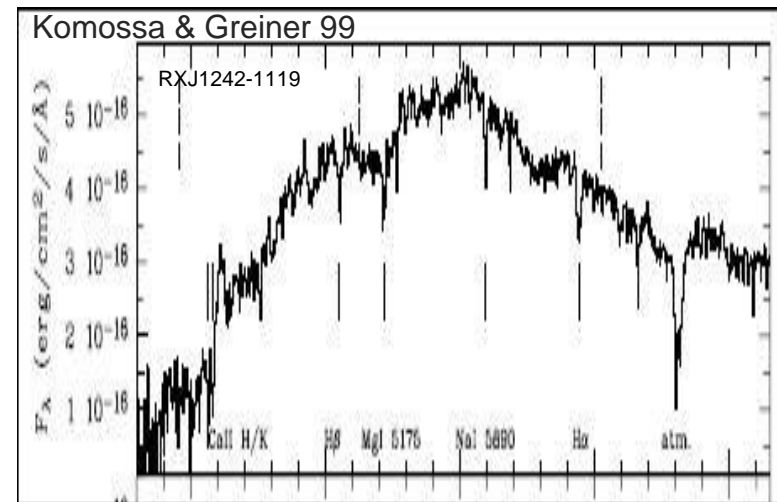
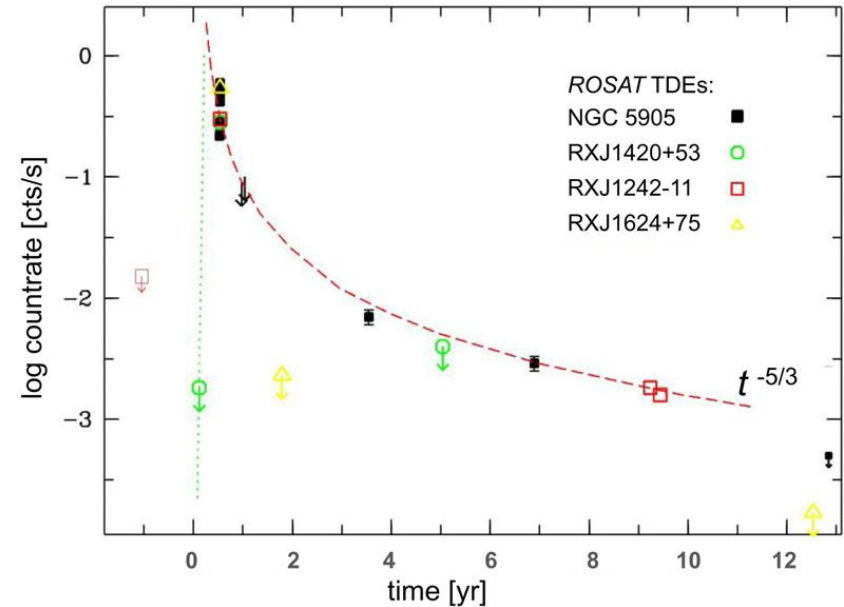
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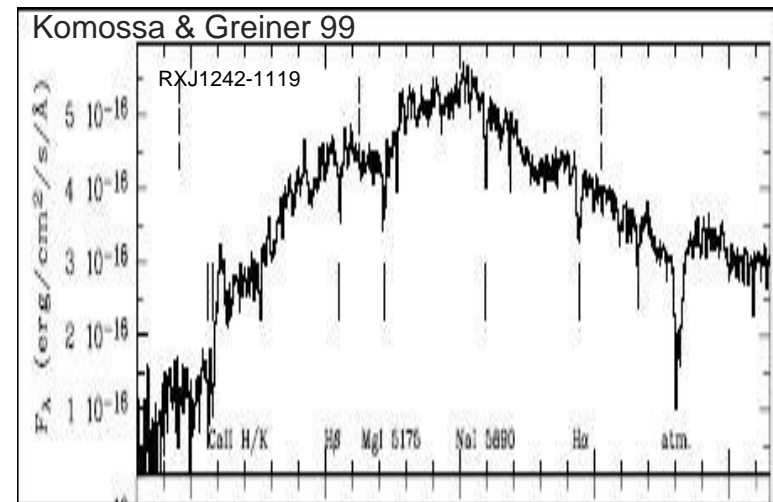
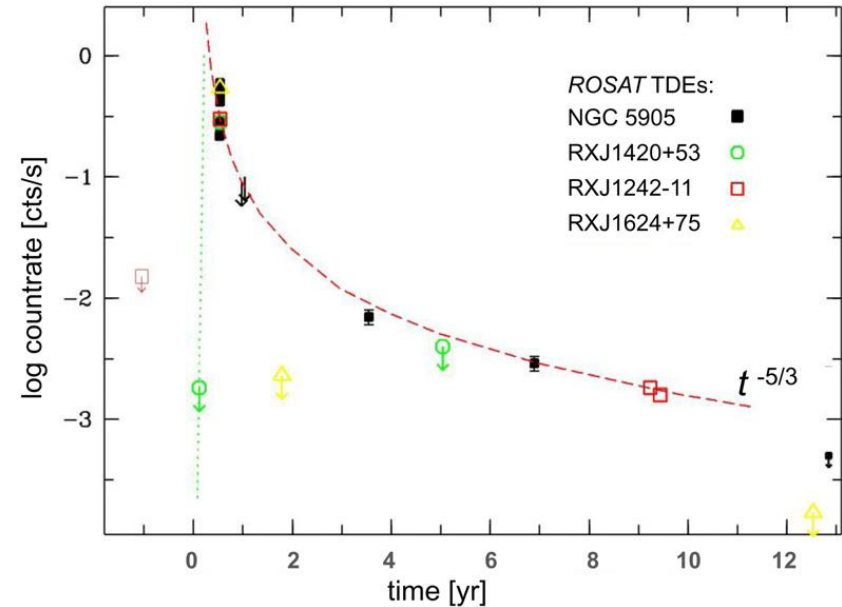
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- $m_{*,\text{acc}} < 10\% M_{\text{sun}}$



[Bade+96, Komossa & Bade 99, Komossa & Greiner 99, Greiner+ 00, Li+ 02, Halpern+ 04, Komossa+ 04]

# TDEs identified in X-rays .... in non-AGN

TDE	z	mission	publication
NGC 5905	0.011	ROSAT	Bade+ 96, Komossa+ 99
RXJ1242-1119	0.050	ROSAT	Komossa & Greiner 99 Komossa+ 04
RXJ1624+7554	0.064	ROSAT	Grupe+ 99
RXJ1420+5334	0.147	ROSAT	Greiner+ 00
NGC 3599	0.003	XMM	Esquej+ 07, 08
SDSS1323+4827	0.087	XMM	Esquej+ 07, 08
TDXF1347-3254	0.037	ROSAT	Cappelluti+ 09
SDSS 1311-0123	0.195	Chandra	Maksym+ 10
2XMMi1847-6317	0.035	XMM	Lin+ 11
SwiftJ1644+57	0.354	Swift	Bloom+ 11, Burrows+ 11
SDSS1201+3003	0.146	XMM	Saxton+ 12
SwiftJ2058+0516	1.185	Swift	Cenko+12
WINGS J1348	0.062	Chandra	Maksym+ 13 Donato+ 14
RBS1032 (?)	0.026	ROSAT	Maksym+14, Khabibullin+14
3XMMJ1521+0749	0.179	XMM	Lin+ 15

[review:  
Komossa 15]

plus 1 -- few in classical AGN [e.g., Nikolajuk & Walter+ 13]



# X-ray TDEs: dedicated searches for new events (XMM & Chandra)

~ 10 events identified; overall properties very similar to previous (ROSAT) *soft* X-ray TDEs:

- extreme X-ray softness near max
- high peak luminosities, up to few  $10^{44}$  erg/s
- decline by typ. factors  $\sim > 100$   
(ROSAT:  $> 1000-6000$ )
- (optically) quiescent galaxies

→ important probes of accretion physics in early stages of TDE evolution; including the super-Eddington phase

- rate estimates:  $10^{-4...-5}$  /yr/gal  
(based on: RASS, XMM-slew, Chandra DF, gal. clusters)

[Donley+ 02, Esquej+ 08, Luo+ 08, Maksym+ 10, Khabibullin+14]

[Esquej+ 07,08, Cappelluti+ 09, Maksym+ 10,13, Lin+ 11,15, 16—prep., Saxton+ 12, 14,16—prep., Donato+ 14, review: Komossa 15]

# TDEs with XMM & Chandra

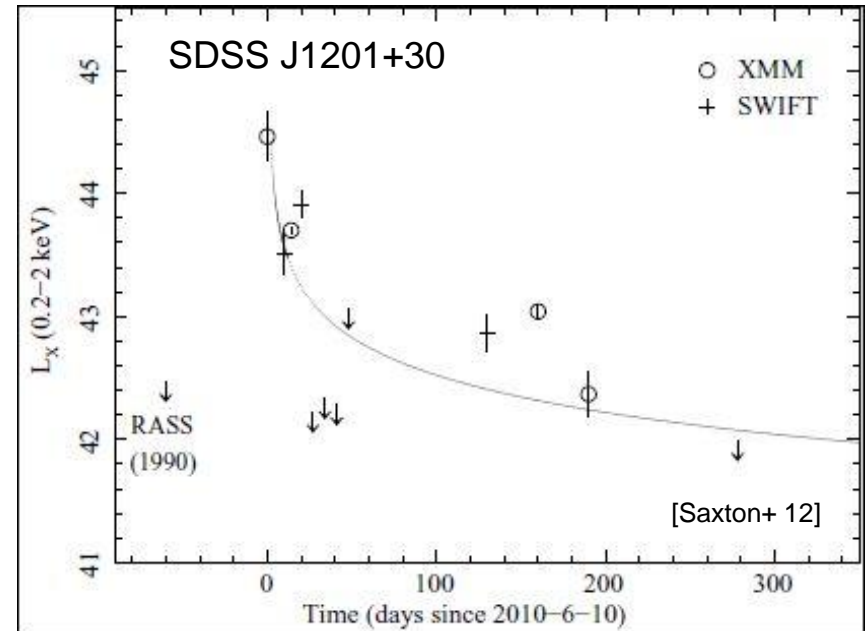
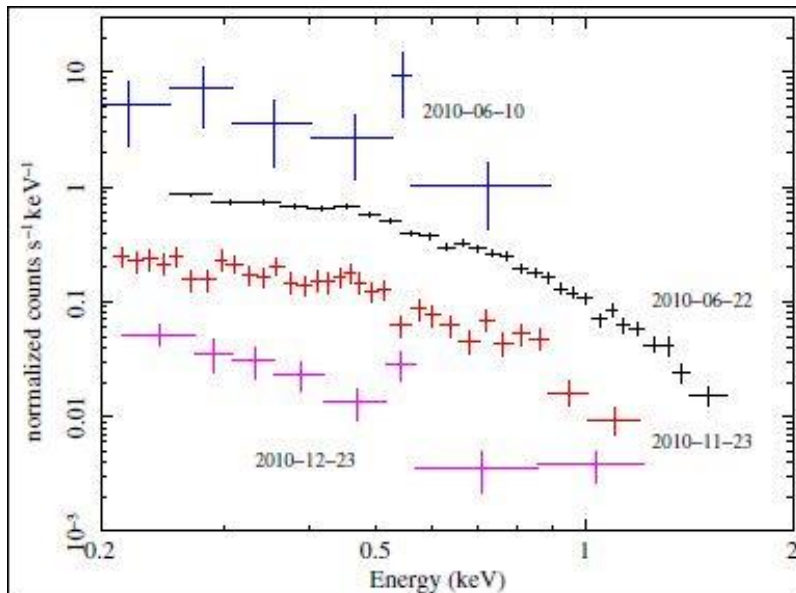
SDSSJ1201+30

( $z=0.146$ )

$$L_{x,hi} = 3 \cdot 10^{44} \text{ erg/s}$$

overall decline, + high-ampl. var

complex X-ray spectrum



- no emission lines; neither host nor TDE
- no VLA radio detection:  
 $f < 0.1 \text{ mJy}$  (at 8 GHz) after  $\sim 1 \text{ yr}$
- $M_{\text{BH}} \sim 10^{6-7} M_{\text{sun}}$

[Saxton+ 12, Liu, Li, Komossa 14]

# TDEs with XMM & Chandra

2MASSJ07-85

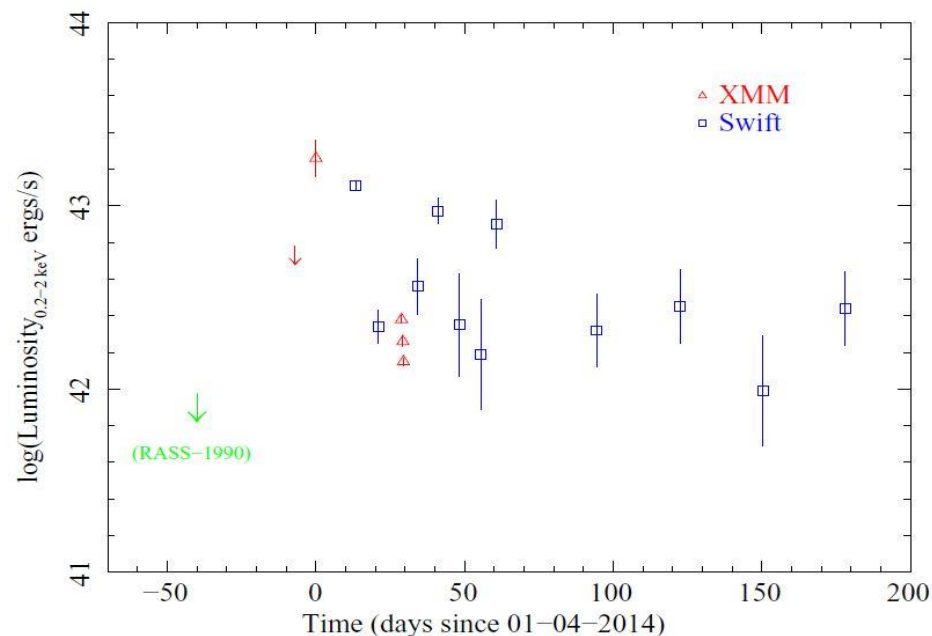
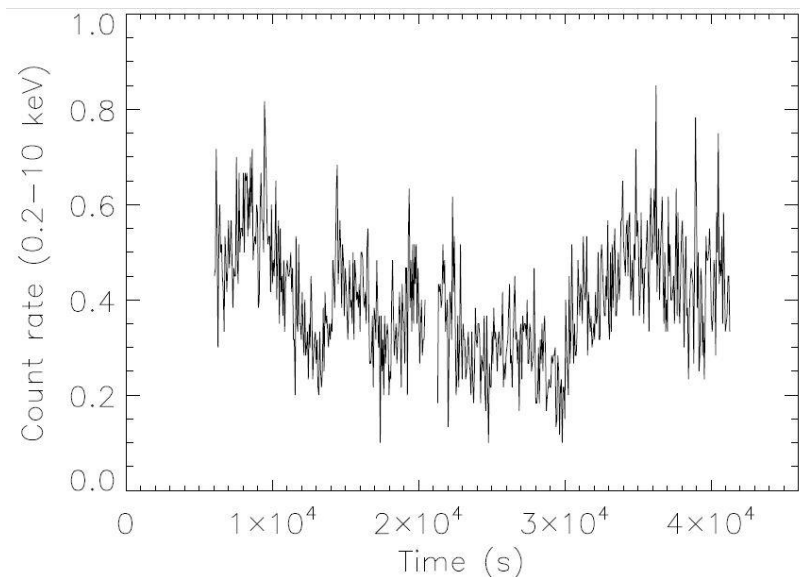
( $z=0.017$ )

$L_{x,hi} = \text{few } 10^{43} \text{ erg/s}$

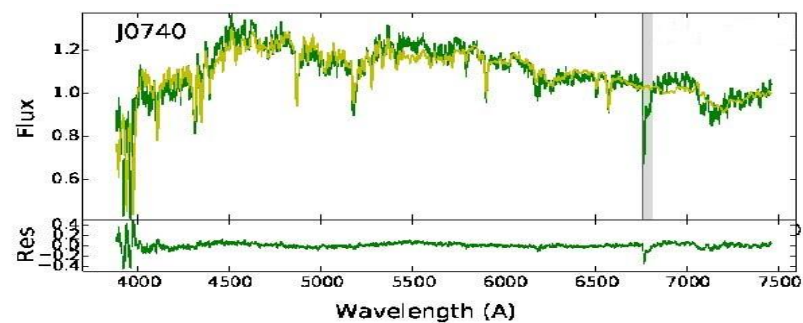
fast variability (XMM):

doubling timescale 400s

soft spectrum with hard tail



no optical emission lines  $\rightarrow$  inactive galaxy



[16--in prep ]

# TDEs with XMM & Chandra

## 3XMMJ1521+0749

$$L_x = 5 \cdot 10^{43} \text{ erg/s}$$

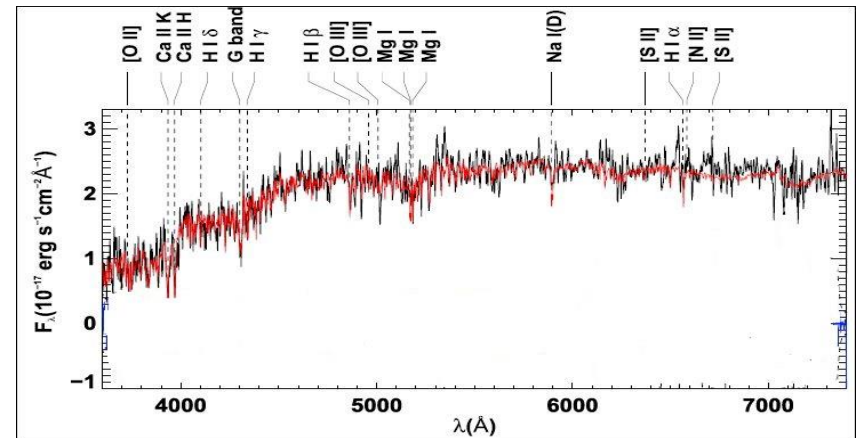
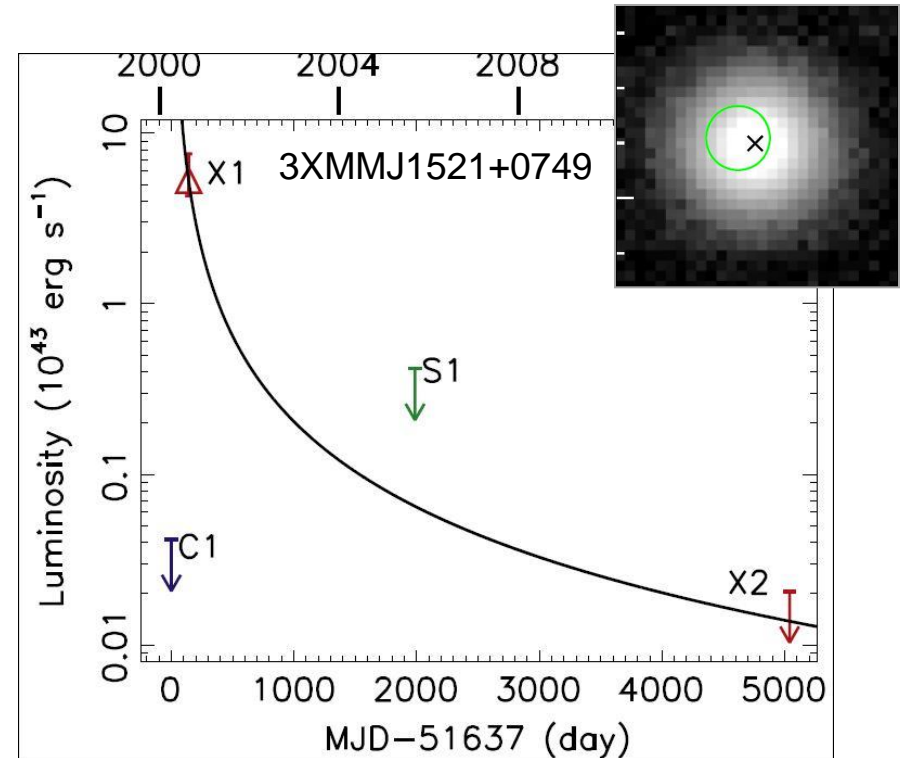
ultra-soft spectrum,  $kT \sim 0.1 \text{ keV}$ ,  
subject to fast-moving warm absorber  
( $v \sim 0.1 c$ )

not detected in X in any follow-ups;  
amplitude of variability: factor 260

X-emission coincident with centre of  
inactive galaxy at  $z=0.18$

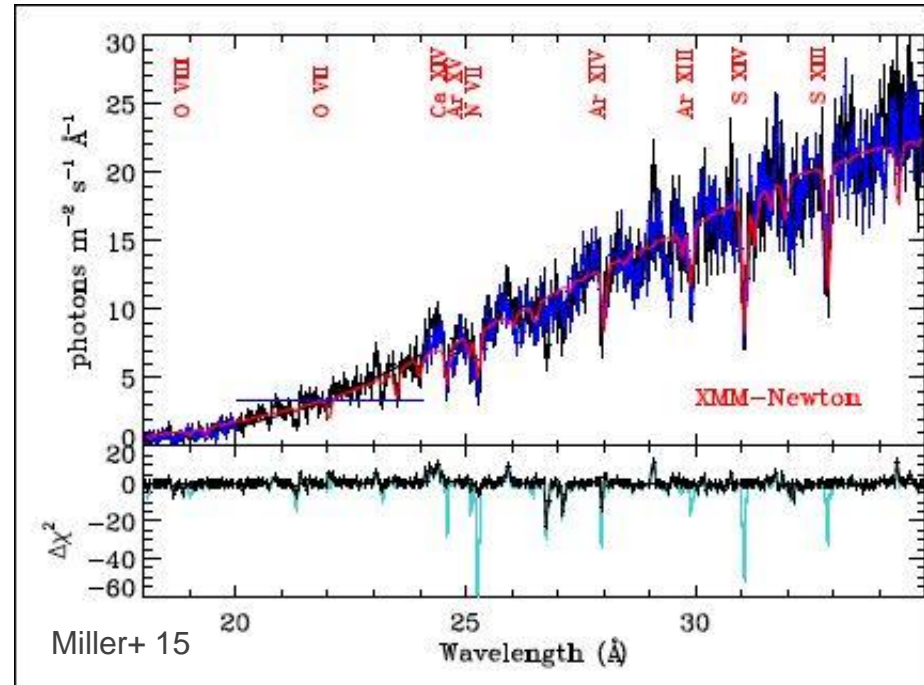
BH mass:  $M_{\text{BH}} = \text{few } 10^7 M_{\text{sun}}$

[Lin+ 15]



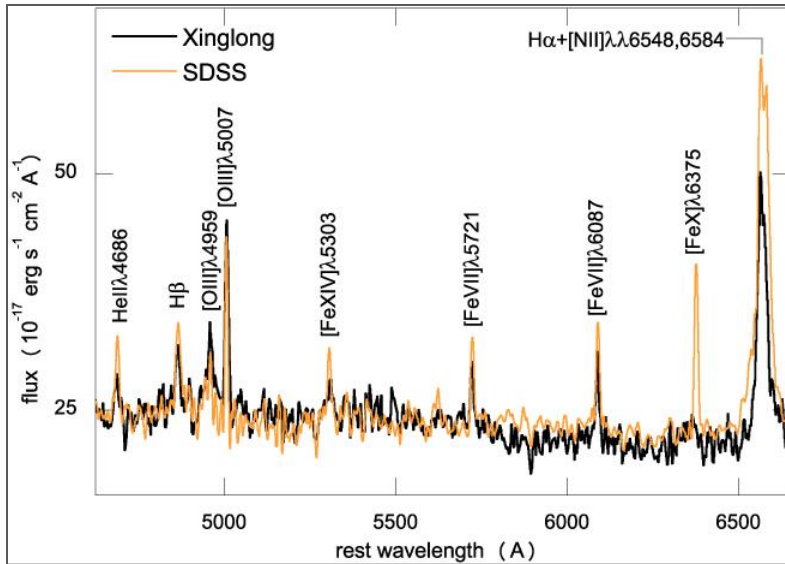
# first high-resolution X-ray spectroscopy of a TDE

- optically identified TDE ( $z=0.02$ ) **ASASSN14li**, with luminous X-rays
  - declining radio emission indicates presence of low-power jet/outflow (+ permanent component indicating permanent low-level AGN)
  - XMM-RGS: thermal conti (kT  $\sim 0.05$  keV) & highly ionized matter near BH in outflow  
 $v = \text{few } 100 \text{ km/s}$
- new probe of early formation & evolution of disk wind and/or stellar debris



[Jose+ 14 Atel #6777, Miller+ 15]

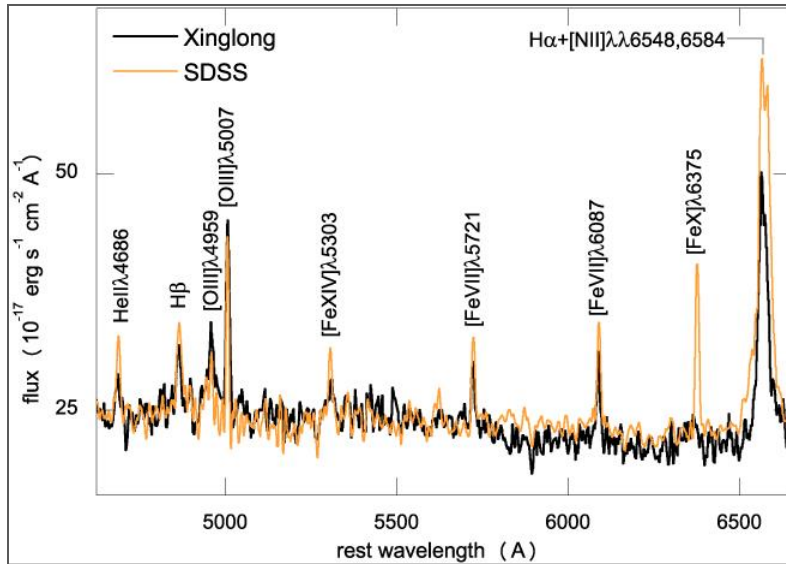
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- $L_{[\text{FeX}],\text{hi}} = 4 \cdot 10^{40} \text{ erg/s}$
- fade by factor 10, in  $\sim 3$  yrs
- unusual Balmer profile; incl. redshifted broad comp., fading
- luminous MIR (Spitzer, 10-20 m),  $\sim 10^{43} \text{ erg/s}$
- but faint X-rays,  $\sim 10^{41} \text{ erg/s}$ , few yrs after ,SDSS' high-state
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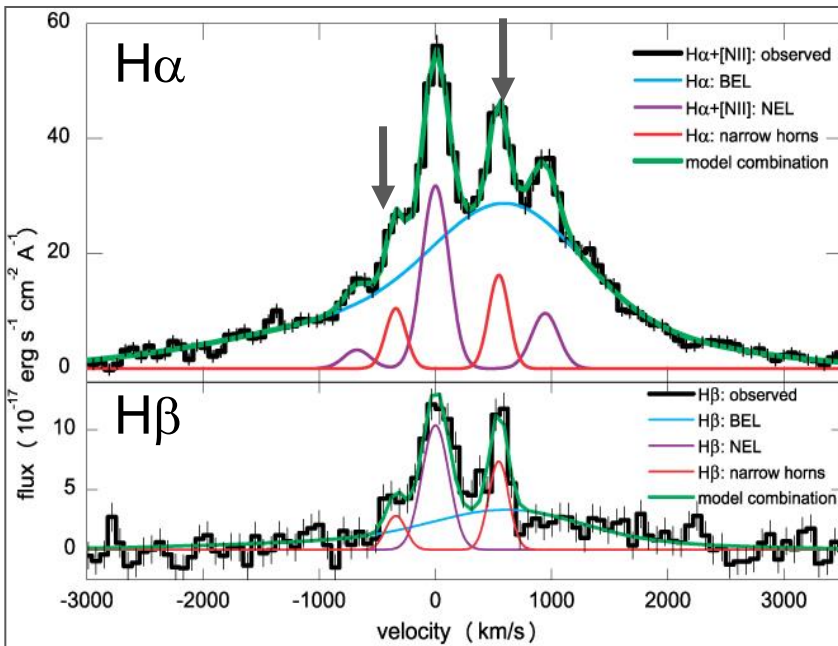
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→ luminous EUV-X-ray flare, not observed directly, but in NUV, opt, NIR conti, and in broad and narrow emi lines

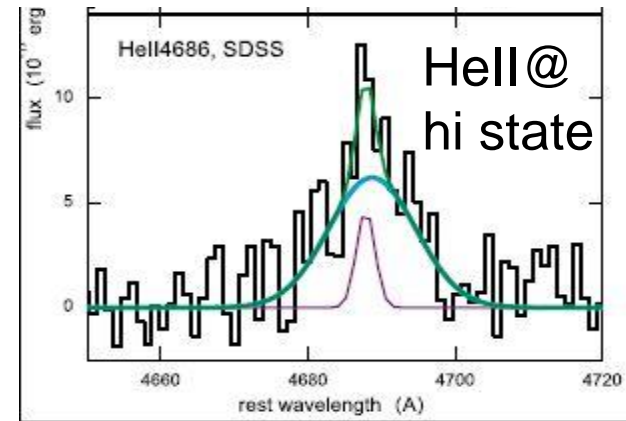
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very narrow double-peaked “horns” in Balmer lines:



2-component high-ion.  
Fe and HeII lines:



→ lines excited by TDE, illuminating surrounding ISM (narrow lines), and stellar material (broad lines)? → new method of mapping phys. conditions in galaxy cores



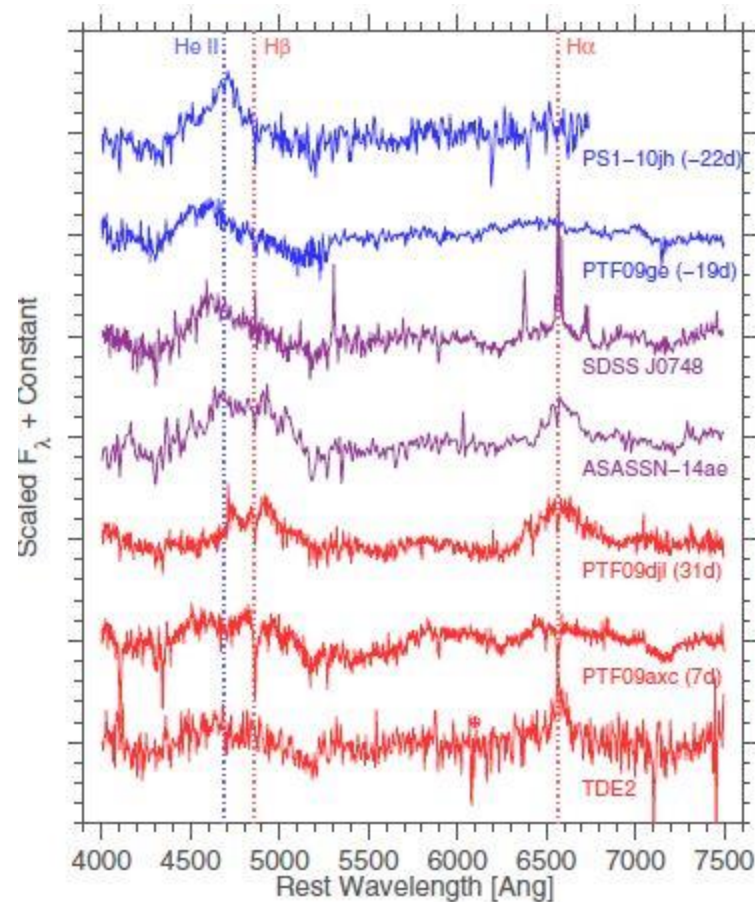
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several more TDE candidates with transient emission-lines from SDSS, PanSTARS, PTF, ASAS-SN; including in early stages, with strong Balmer lines

→ emission from the tidal debris which formed the temporary accretion disk

→ ongoing discussions:

- do TDE candidates with absent H lines require He-rich stellar core, or photoionization-effects in solar gas ?
- why do their decline lightcurves imply  $\sim$ constant  $T$ ,  $\sim 10^4$  K ?
- why do most opt-UV TDE candidates lack X-ray emission ?



[e.g., Komossa+ 09, Wang+ 11, 12, van Velzen+ 11, Gezari+ 12, Guillochon+ 14, Gaskell+ 14, Holoien+ 14, 16, Arcavi+ 14, ....]

# discovery of jetted TDEs with Swift

## A Possible Relativistic Jetted Outburst from a Massive Black Hole Fed by a Tidally Disrupted Star

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Gas accretion onto some massive black holes (MBHs) at the centers of galaxies actively powers luminous emission, but most MBHs are considered dormant. Occasionally, a star passing too near an MBH is torn apart by gravitational forces, leading to a bright tidal disruption flare (TDF). Although the high-energy transient Sw 1644+57 initially displayed none of the theoretically

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Variable x-ray and  $\gamma$ -ray emission is characteristic of the most extreme physical processes in the universe. We present multiwavelength observations of a unique  $\gamma$ -ray-selected transient detected by the Swift satellite, accompanied by bright emission across the electromagnetic spectrum, and whose properties are unlike any previously observed source. We pinpoint the event to the center of a small, star-forming galaxy at redshift  $z = 0.3534$ . Its high-energy emission has lasted much longer than any  $\gamma$ -ray burst, whereas its peak luminosity was  $\sim 100$  times higher than bright active galactic nuclei. The association of the outburst with the center of its host galaxy suggests that this phenomenon has its origin in a rare mechanism involving the massive black hole in the nucleus of that galaxy.

## LETTER

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## Relativistic jet activity from the tidal disruption of a star by a massive black hole

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Supermassive black holes have powerful gravitational fields with strong gradients that can destroy stars that get too close<sup>1,2</sup>, producing a bright flare in ultraviolet and X-ray spectral regions from stellar debris that forms an accretion disk around the black hole<sup>3-7</sup>. The aftermath of this process may have been seen several times over the past two decades in the form of sparsely sampled, slowly fading emission from distant galaxies<sup>8-14</sup>, but the onset of the stellar disruption event has not hitherto been observed. Here we report observations of a bright X-ray flare from the extragalactic transient Swift J164449.3+573451. This source increased in brightness in the X-ray band by a factor of at least 10,000 since 1990 and by a factor of at least 100 since early 2010. We conclude that we have captured the onset of relativistic jet activity from a supermassive black hole. A companion paper<sup>15</sup> comes to similar conclusions on

is  $\sim 2 \times 10^{53}$  erg (1–10 keV). We have found no statistically significant periodic or quasi-periodic signals in the XRT data. Details of our observations and data analysis are given in Supplementary Information section 1.

Swift J164449.3+573451 has not been previously detected at any wavelength and is not present in any sky catalogues. X-ray flux upper limits from observations by ROSAT, XMM-Newton, MAXI and Swift between 1990 and 24 March 2011 are 2–4 orders of magnitude lower than the peak X-ray fluxes measured by Swift (Fig. 2), and the ROSAT upper limits are an order of magnitude below the lowest flux in the first 50 days after the first BAT trigger.



## LETTER

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## Birth of a relativistic outflow in the unusual $\gamma$ -ray transient Swift J164449.3+573451

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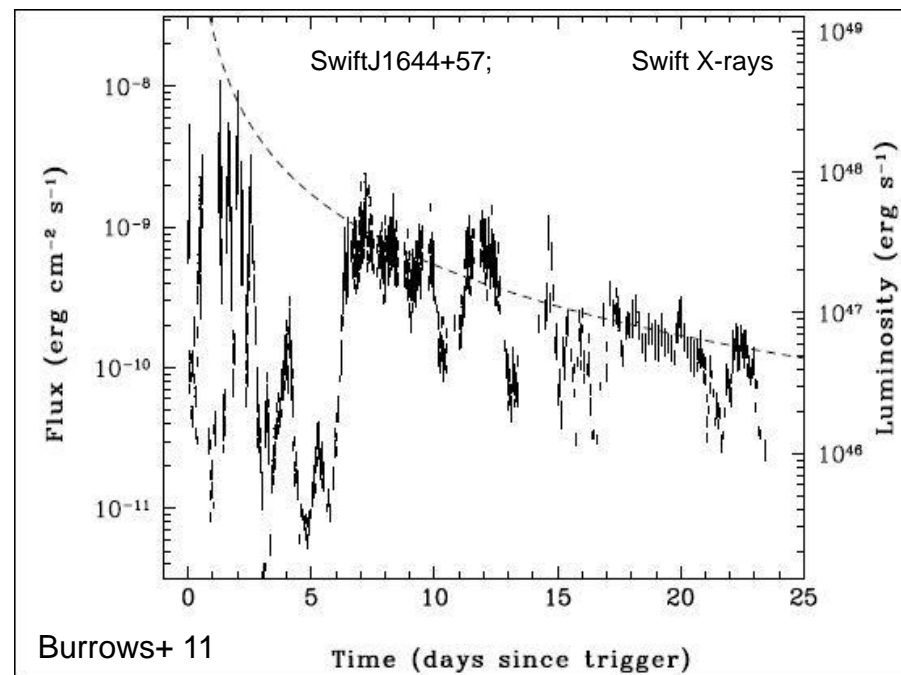
Active galactic nuclei, which are powered by long-term accretion onto central supermassive black holes, produce<sup>1</sup> relativistic jets with lifetimes of at least one million years, and the observation of the birth of such a jet is therefore unlikely. Transient accretion onto a supermassive black hole, for example through the tidal disruption<sup>2-3</sup> of a stray star, thus offers a rare opportunity to study the birth of a relativistic jet. On 25 March 2011, an unusual transient source (Swift J164449.3+573451) was found<sup>4</sup>, potentially representing<sup>5,6</sup> such an accretion event. Here we report observations spanning centimetre to millimetre wavelengths and covering the first month of evolution of a luminous radio transient associated with Swift J164449.3+573451. The radio transient coincides<sup>7</sup> with the nucleus of an inactive galaxy. We conclude that we are seeing a newly formed relativistic outflow, launched by transient accretion onto a million-solar-mass black hole. A relativistic

outflow is not predicted in this situation, but we show that the tidal disruption of a star naturally explains the observed high-energy properties and luminosity and the inferred rate of such events. The weaker beaming in the radio-frequency spectrum relative to  $\gamma$ -rays or X-rays suggests that radio searches may uncover similar events out to redshifts of  $z \approx 6$ .

On the discovery<sup>4</sup> of Swift J164449.3+573451 by NASA's Swift satellite, and the identification of a galaxy at a redshift<sup>6</sup> of  $z = 0.354$  within Swift's X-ray localization region (radius, 1.4''), we initiated radio observations of the transient on 2011 March 29.36 UT with the Expanded Very Large Array (EVLA) at a frequency of 5.8 GHz and discovered an unresolved source with a flux density of  $310 \pm 7 \mu\text{Jy}$ . Astrometric matching demonstrated that the radio source coincides with the galaxy nucleus (Fig. 1), as was subsequently confirmed<sup>8</sup> with other data. A follow-up EVLA observation 0.9 d later revealed that the

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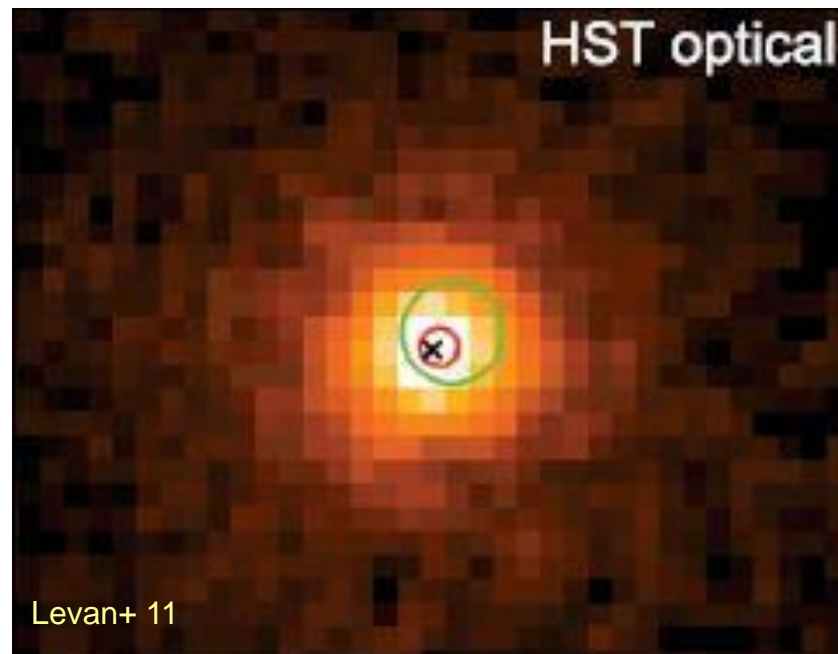
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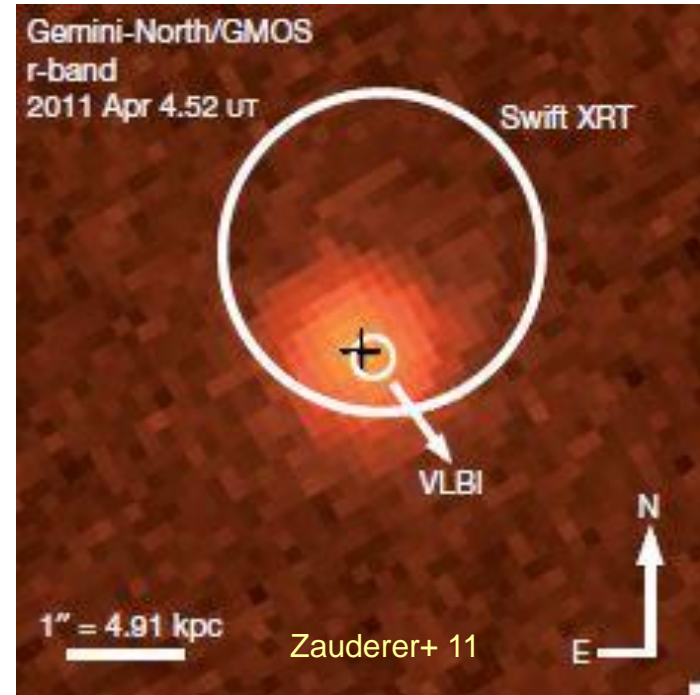
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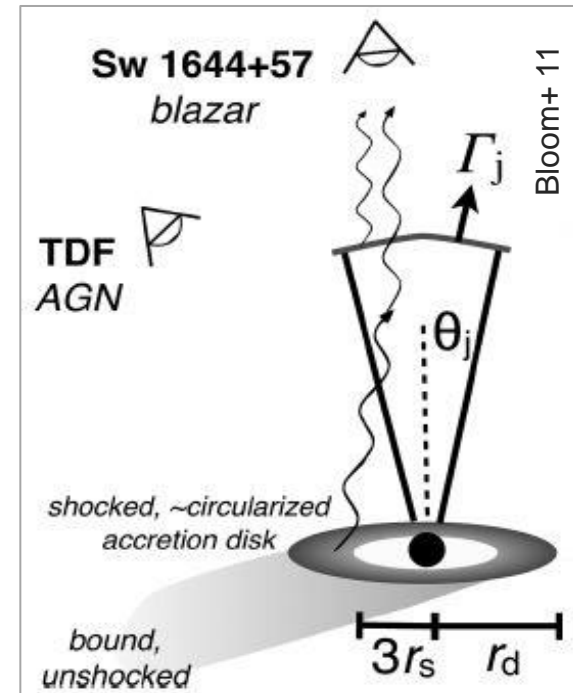
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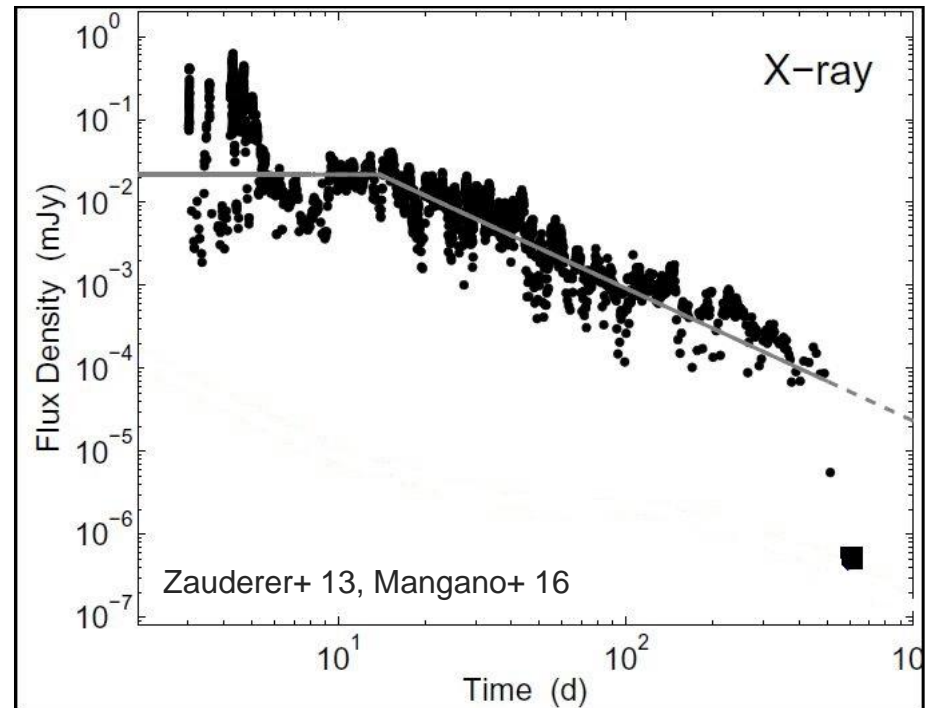
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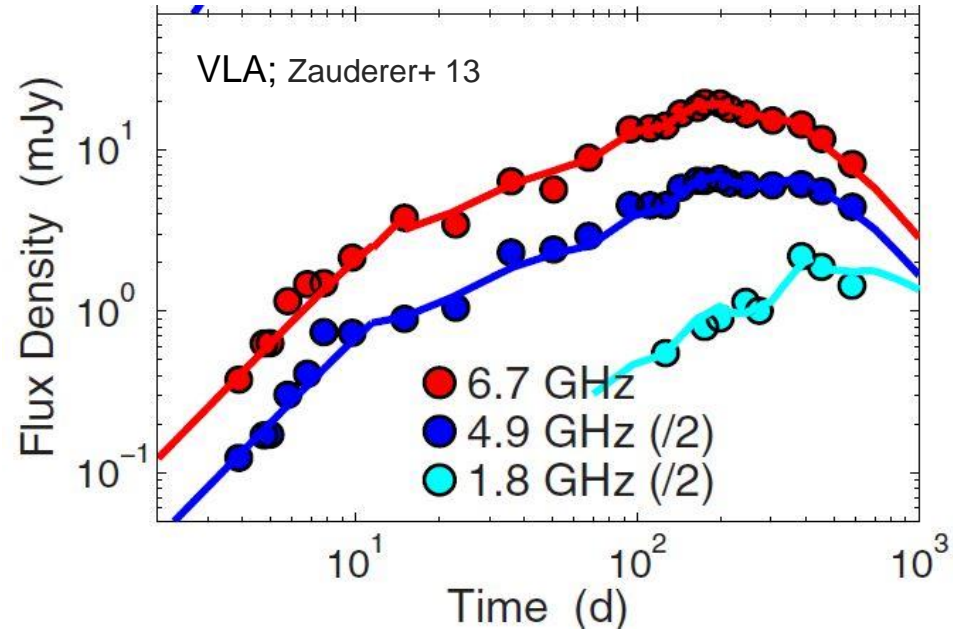
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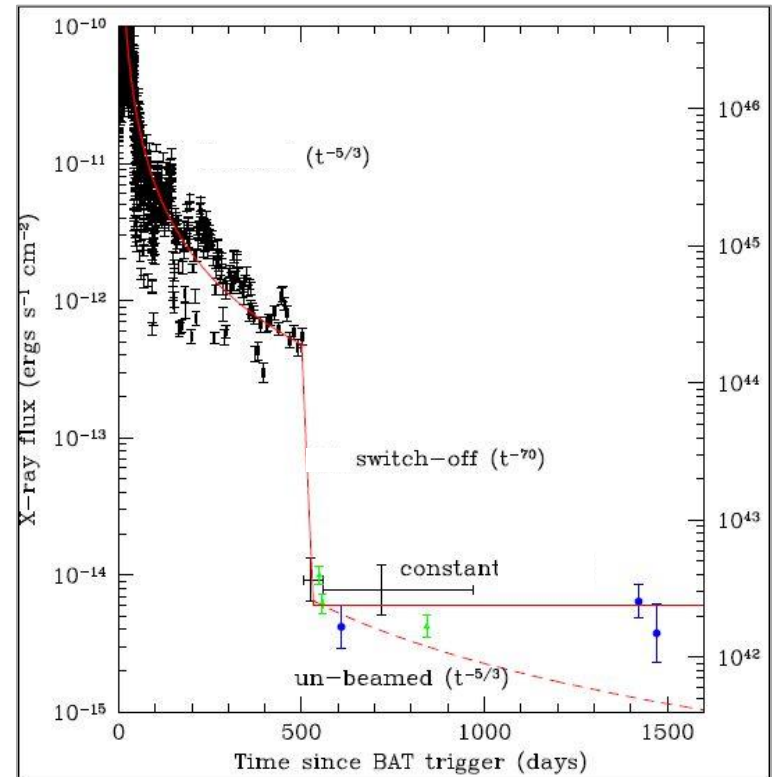


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- late-time X-rays remain faint,  $\sim$ constant, at  $L_{x,\text{low}} = 5 \cdot 10^{42}$  erg/s

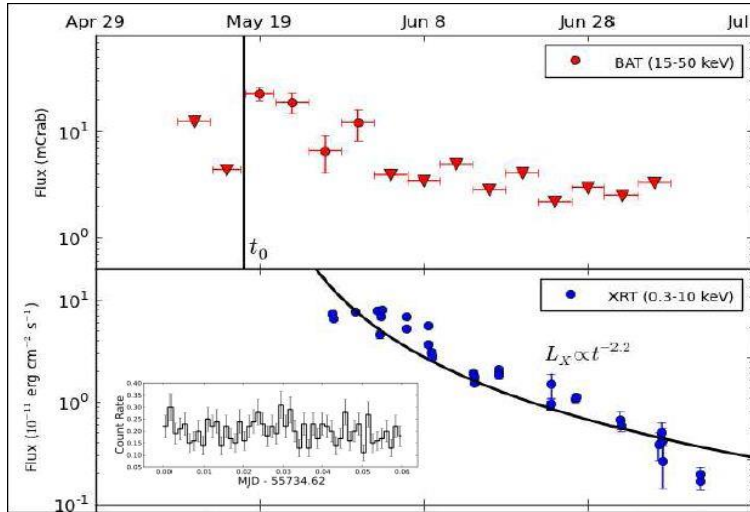


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# jetted TDEs: two more candidates with Swift:

*Swift*J2058+0516

*Swift*J1112-8238



- $L_{x,iso} > 10^{47}$  erg/s
- $z_{\text{likely-host}} = 0.89$  (?)

- $L_{x,iso} = 3 \cdot 10^{47}$  erg/s
- rapid variability,  $\Delta t \sim 1000$ s
- $z_{\text{likely-host}} = 1.19$ , optically inactive
- $M_{\text{BH}}$  approx  $10^{7-8} M_{\text{sun}}$
- luminous radio emi, likely beamed

→ many similarities with J1644

[Cenko+ 12,  
Brown+15,  
Pasham+15]

# SwiftJ1644 follow-ups: modelling, theory, implications

- **X-ray & radio emission mechanisms:**

do X-rays come from disc, inner jet, shocks from jet-ISM interaction, beamed component, ... ?

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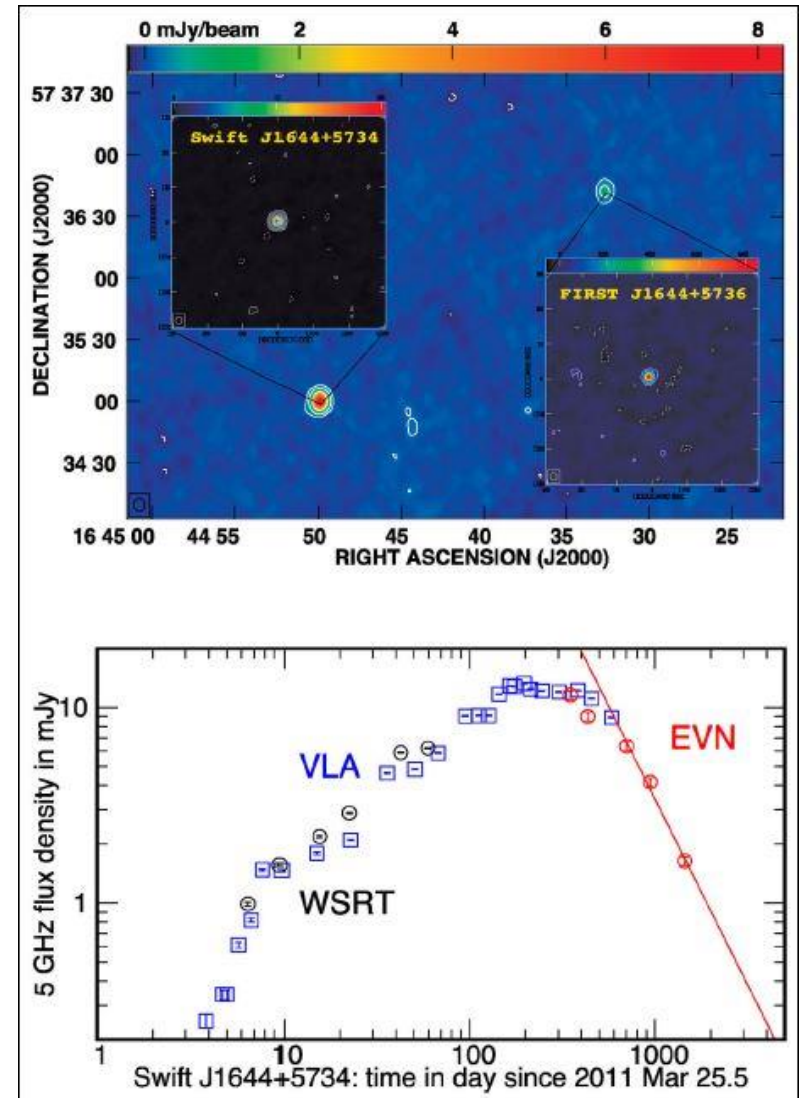
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## spatially resolving the radio jet

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spatial resolution: 12 micro-arcsec

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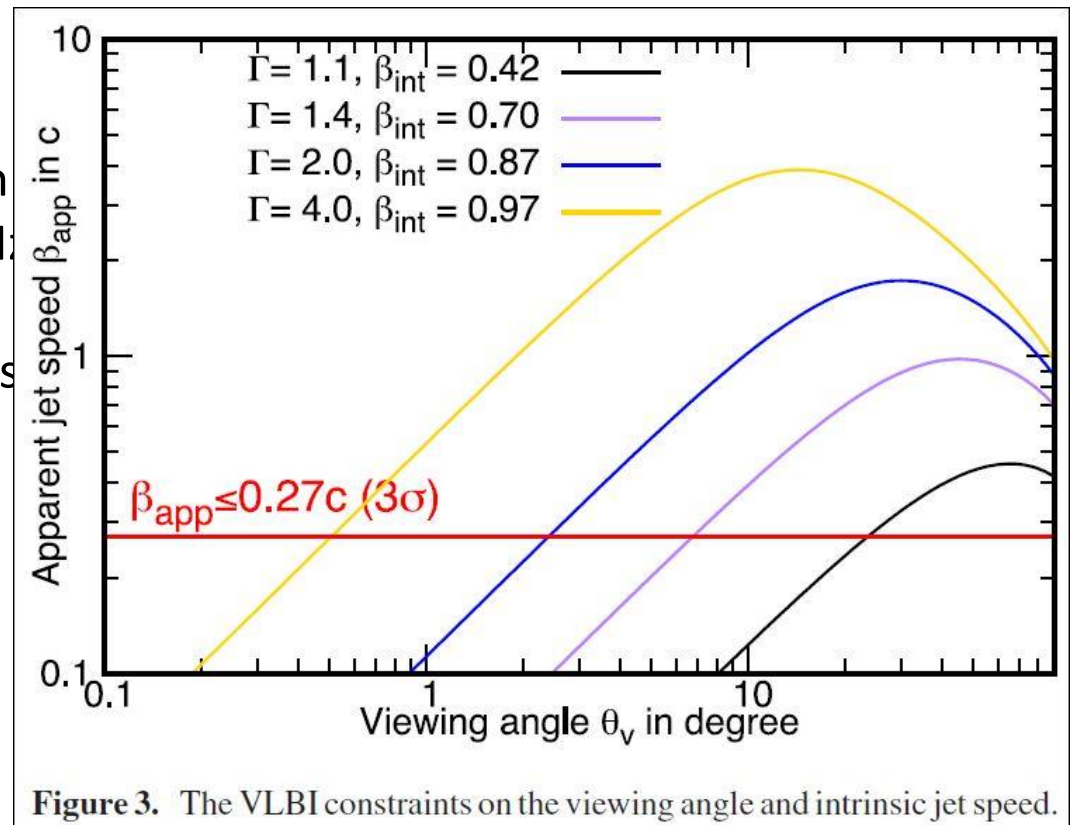
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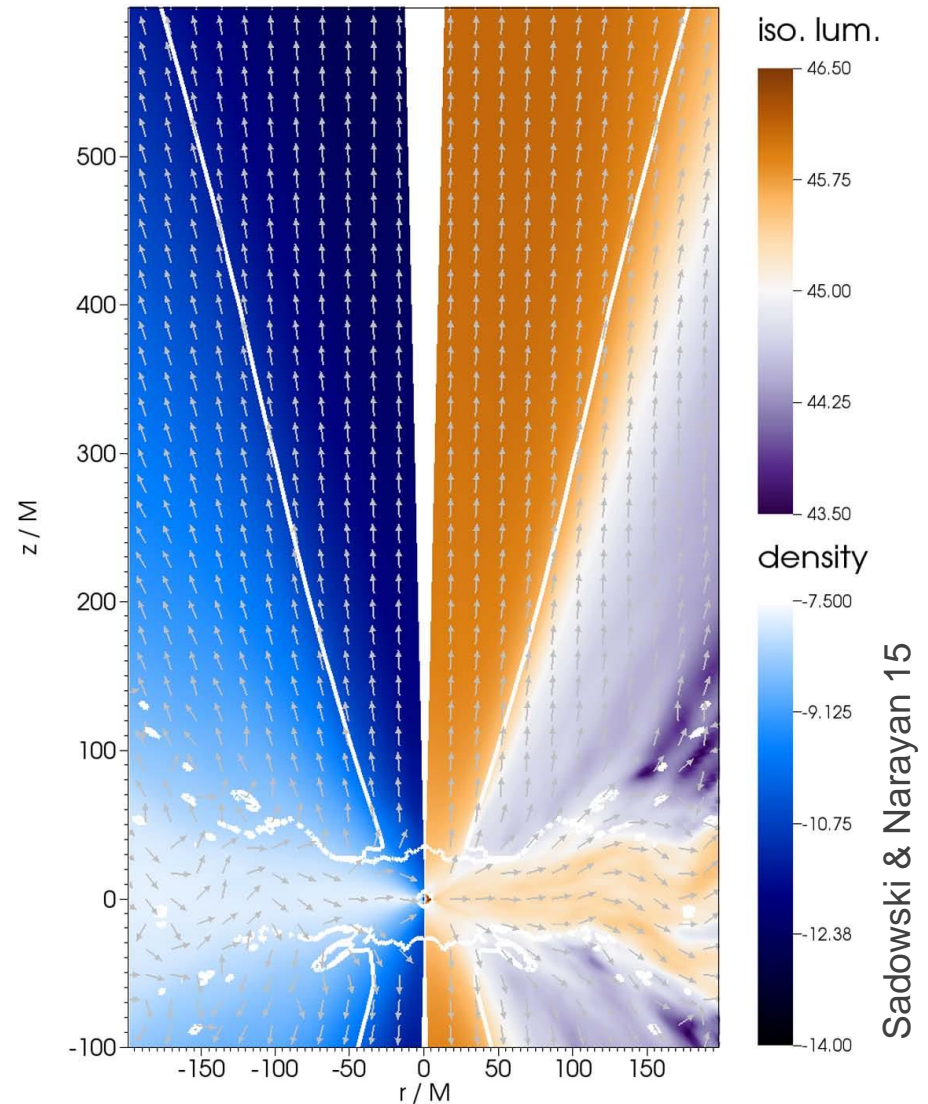
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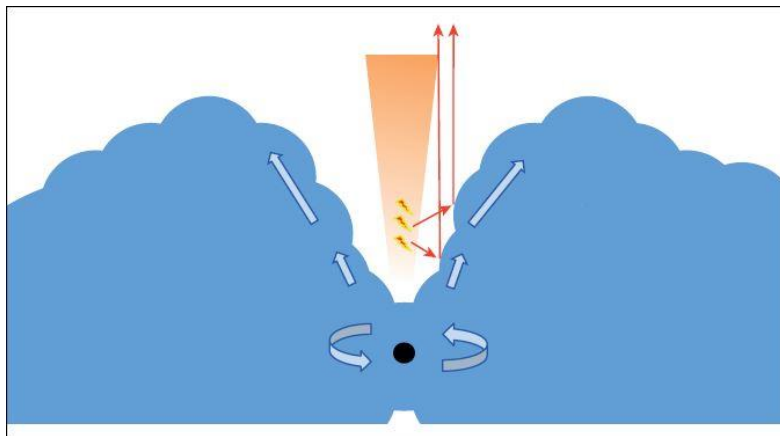
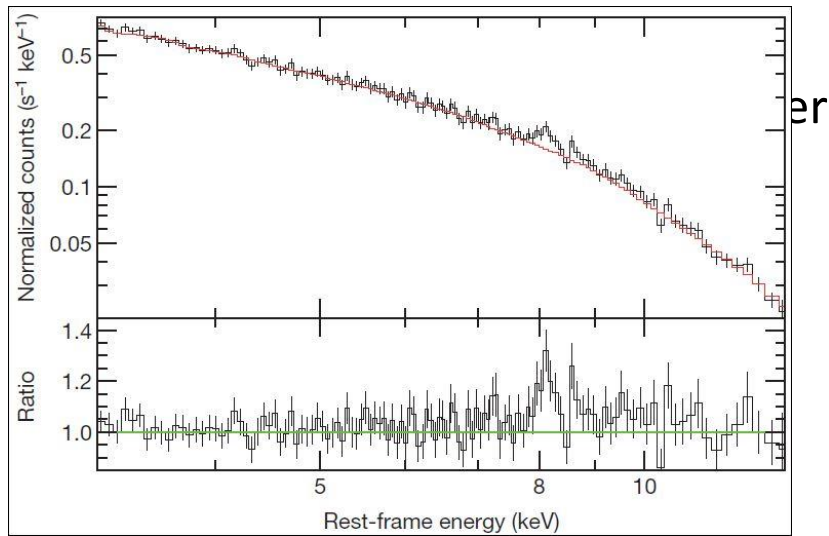


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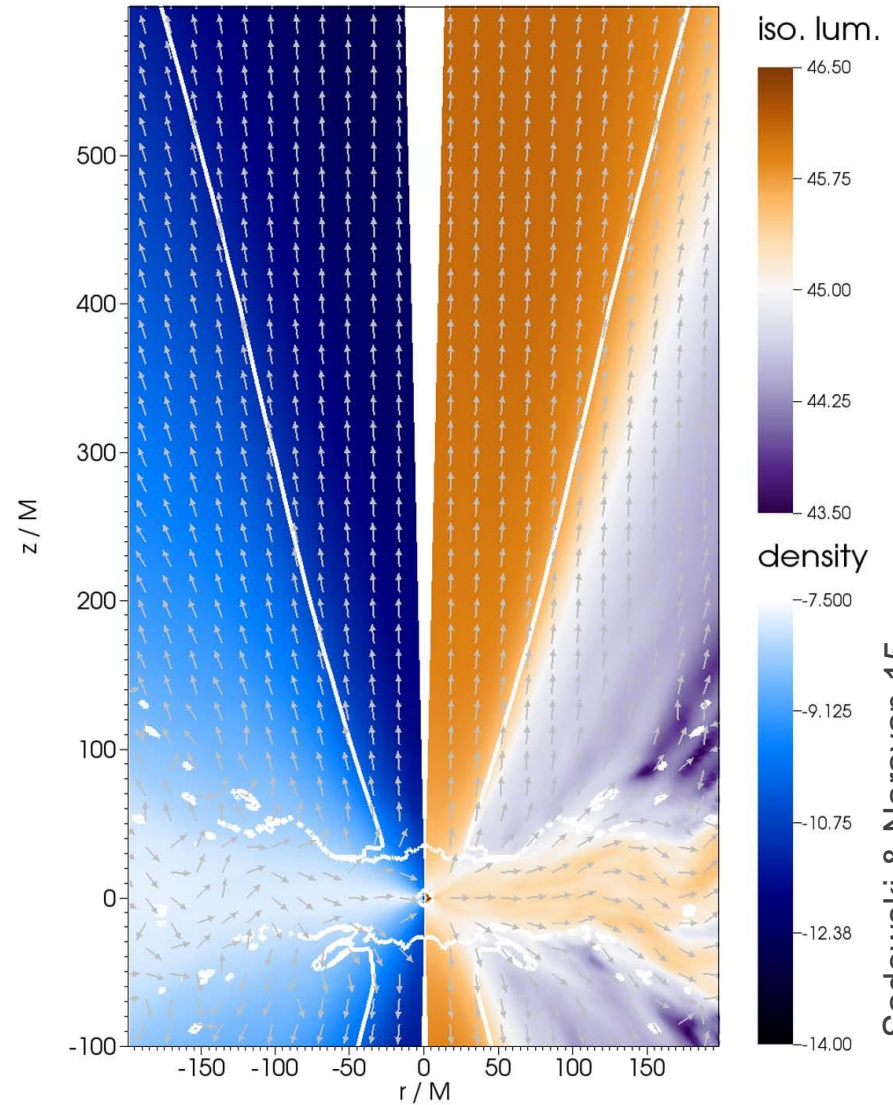
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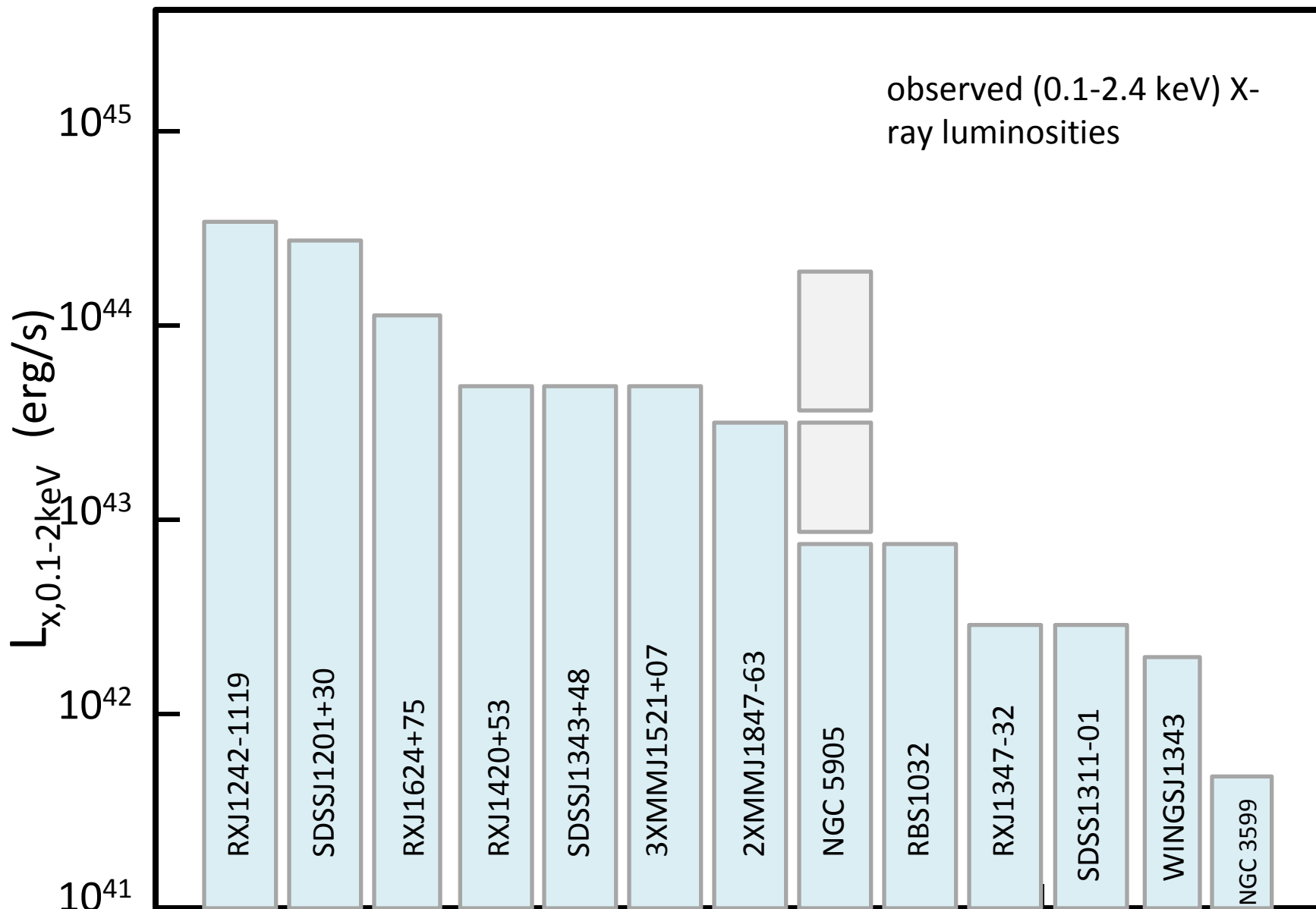
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[Kara+ 16]

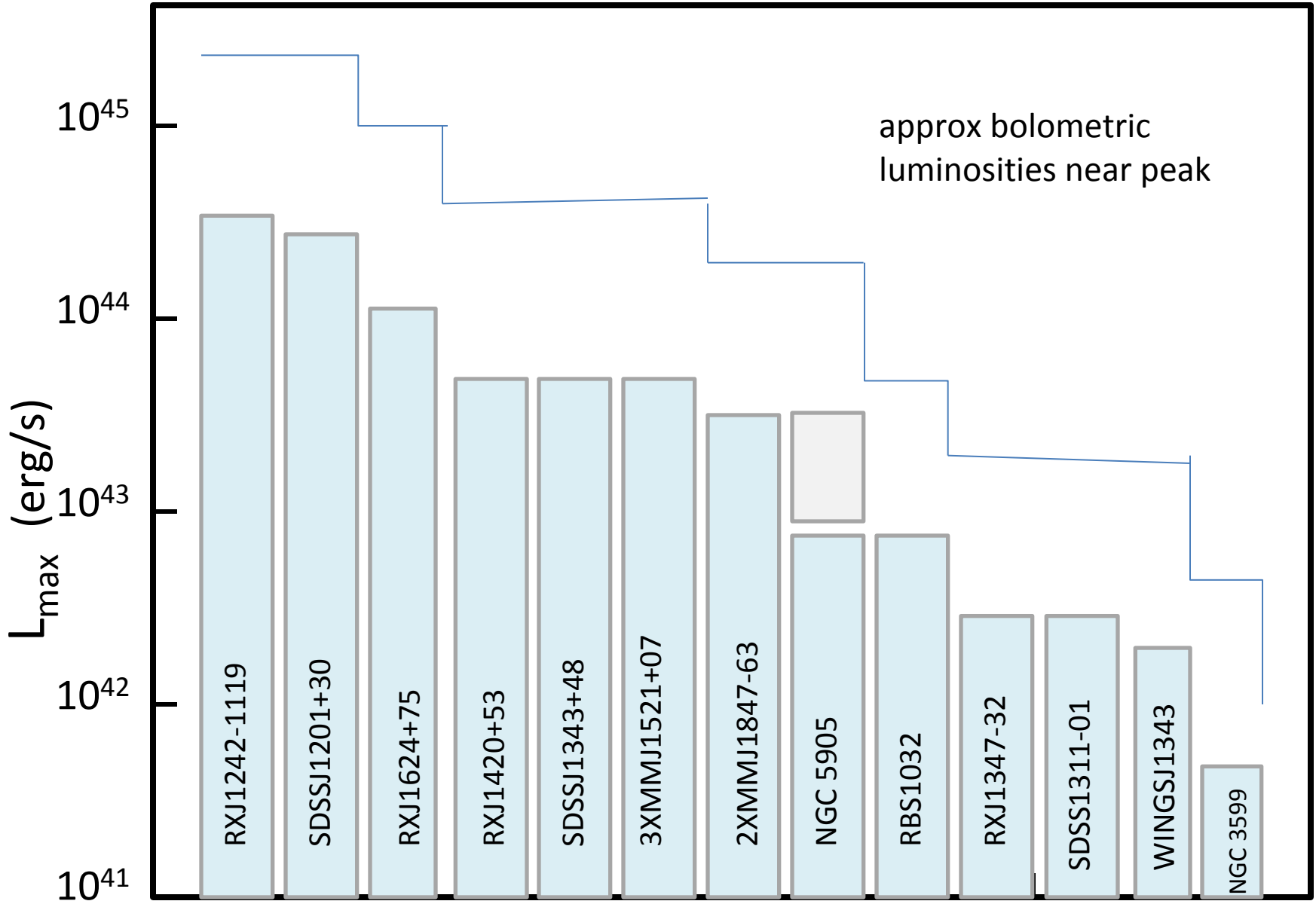


# soft X-ray (non-jetted) TDEs: how much above Eddington ?





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# future TDE search & applications

- **statistics: flare rates, frequency of IMBHs**  
when flares detected in 1000s in current & future sky surveys in  
opt – X-ray – radio band (e.g., LSST—opt, *Einstein Probe* –X, *SKA*--radio)
- **rapid follow-ups:**
  - **in X-rays:** - highest amplitudes (highest contrasts vs hosts,  $\times 10^{4-6}$ ),  
- best chances for observing relativistic effects (broad lines, precession),  
- best probe of accretion physics down to last stable orbit, under extreme conditions, incl. super-Eddington phase
  - **in optical(UV):**
    - esp. **emi.-lines:** - reverberation mapping of circum-nuclear gas,  
- of stellar debris, - TDE-EUV conti, - CL atomic parameters
  - **in radio, hard X-rays:** new probe of jet formation & evolution (but not in all events) in *pristine* environment; jet-disk coupling
- **GWs (+em)** from compact cores of partially stripped stars (WDs & NS)
- **new discovery space:** signposts of **SMBBHs**, and **recoiling BHs** , ...  
(→ repeat TDEs, off-center TDEs, no-host TDEs)