The coronal parameters of local Seyfert galaxies

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Introduction

One of the main open problem for AGN is the nature of the primary X-ray emission.

It is due to Comptonization of soft photons, but the geometry, optical depth and temperature of the emitting corona are largely unknown.

Most popular models imply $E_{\text{cut}} = 2 - 3 \times kT$, so measuring $E_{\text{cut}}$ helps constraining Comptonization models.
Introduction

Since the primary X-ray radiation illuminates the disc and is partly reflected towards the observer's line of sight it is fundamental to properly take it into account: Xillver (Garcia+13), Kyreflionx (see Svoboda's poster).

Reynolds+96

Garcia+15
So far, we have only a handful of results based on non focusing, and therefore strongly background-dominated, satellites (BeppoSAX-PDS, Suzaku HXD-PIN, INTEGRAL, Swift-BAT)

Perola et al., 2002

De Rosa et al., 2012; Molina et al., 2013
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Nearby AGN seen by NuSTAR

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$F_x$ is the 0.1-200 keV X-ray flux in $10^{-12}$ erg cm$^{-2}$ s$^{-1}$.

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Swift J2127.4+5654

NLS1 with a relativistically broadened Fe Kα emission line ($a=0.6\pm0.2$), a steep continuum ($\Gamma=2-2.4$), $E_c=30-90$ keV, $L_{\text{bol}}/L_{\text{Edd}} \sim 0.18$ (Miniutti+09, Malizia+08, Panessa+11, Sanfrutos+13)

It was observed simultaneously with XMM-Newton for $\sim 300$ ks and both a strong Compton Hump and a broad Fe Kα line are present.
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Marinucci+14
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The inclusion of relxill model (Garcia & Dauser +14) allows us to measure a cutoff energy $E_c = 108 \pm 10$ keV and to infer the contribution of the disk to the Compton hump.
Using compTT (Titarchuk+94) with two different geometries we get:

**SLAB**

\[ kT_e = 68^{+37}_{-32} \text{ keV} \]

\[ \tau = 0.35^{+0.35}_{-0.19} \]

**SPHERE**

\[ kT_e = 53^{+28}_{-26} \text{ keV} \]

\[ \tau = 1.35^{+1.03}_{-0.67} \]
Balokovic+15

Absorbed power law
\( \chi^2/\nu = 3567/1129 \)

Reflection, no cutoff
\( \chi^2/\nu = 1513/1124 \)

Reflection, with cutoff
\( \chi^2/\nu = 1166/1124 \)

SED, \( E^2 F(E) \) [10^{-2} \text{ keV s}^{-1} \text{ cm}^{-2}]

Energy [keV]

Data-to-model ratio

Energy [keV]
High values/lower limits

In other bright sources, high values or lower limits to the cutoff energy have been found, suggesting the presence of a very hot corona surrounding the accretion disc.

The next step is to build a small catalog and to start looking for correlations between the coronal temperature and other physical properties (e.g. black hole mass, accretion rate).
A larger view

![Graphs showing data from NuSTAR, INTEGRAL, Swift-BAT, and ALL combined.](image)

**Fabian+15**
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![Graphs showing data distributions for NuSTAR, INTEGRAL, Swift-BAT, and ALL datasets, with corresponding E_cutoff values.](image)
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Conclusions

• High energy cut-off have been measured in a number of AGN with NuSTAR (more are yet to come!)
  • They are not ubiquitous

• The hard X-ray band (3-80 keV) is fundamental for testing and discriminating between different Comptonization models

• Further observations will help us in understanding the nature of the primary continuum, such as the relation between the accretion rate and the cutoff energy and the link between the disc reflection and the extension of the hot corona.