SIMULTANEOUS OBSERVATIONS OF SEYFERT 1 GALAXIES WITH IUE, ROSAT AND GINGA.

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Abstract. Simultaneous observations of 8 Seyfert 1 type AGN (Fairall-9, Mrk 590, NGC 4051, 3C 273, NGC 5548, Mrk 841, Q 1821+643 and 3C 390.3) obtained with ROSAT and IUE (RIASS program), and for 5 sources (Fairall-9, NGC 4051, 3C 273, Mrk 841 and Q 1821+643) with Ginga, have been analysed with the aim of describing the UV to soft X-ray spectral component in these sources.

1 Soft X-ray Excesses

The ROSAT spectra were fitted with models constructed by adding a hard X-ray power law (when possible, the Ginga observations) and a soft X-ray excess component (power law, modified black body thin disk, thermal bremsstrahlung or black body). We find that: 1) for a given source, the resulting integrated soft X-ray excess fluxes obtained with different models are very similar, with deviations smaller than 20%; 2) a soft X-ray excess is detected in all sources except 3C 390.3; 3) the presence and the strength of a soft X-ray excess does not depend on the luminosity of the object.

2 Ultraviolet to Soft X-ray Bump

We compared the simultaneous soft X-ray and UV fluxes and found that the fluxes of the soft X-ray excesses integrated in the rest frame of the source are correlated to the UV fluxes. We described the spectral shape of the bump by simultaneously fitting the UV and soft X-ray spectra. Our parametrizations are able to reproduce the observed fluxes. The maximum of the UV to soft X-ray bump component depends on the description, but not on the object. When described by a thermal cut-off the maximum temperature is $T_{max} \sim 5 \ 10^5$ K. This "universal" maximum temperature can be compared to different emission processes, but its constancy among objects varying in luminosity by a factor of 10^4 cannot be understood easily by current accretion disk, comptonization or reprocessing models.

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