

Multifrequency Observations of the Blazar 3C 279 centered on an INTEGRAL ToO Pointing in 2006

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Outline

- 1) June 2003 campaign: brief reminder**
- 2) January 2006 campaign: first/preliminary results
(results shown on poster)**

The June 2003 Campaign

A multiwavelength campaign was organised around a regular INTEGRAL PI observation of 3C 279 in June 2003

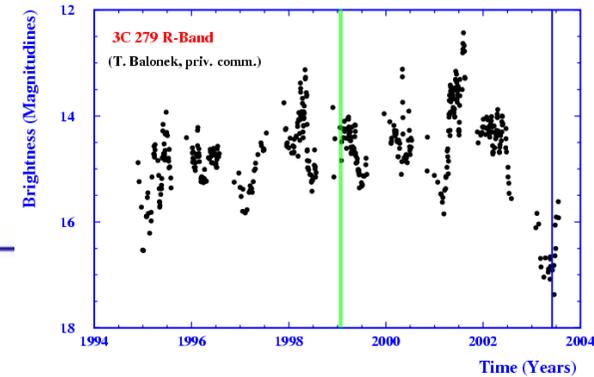
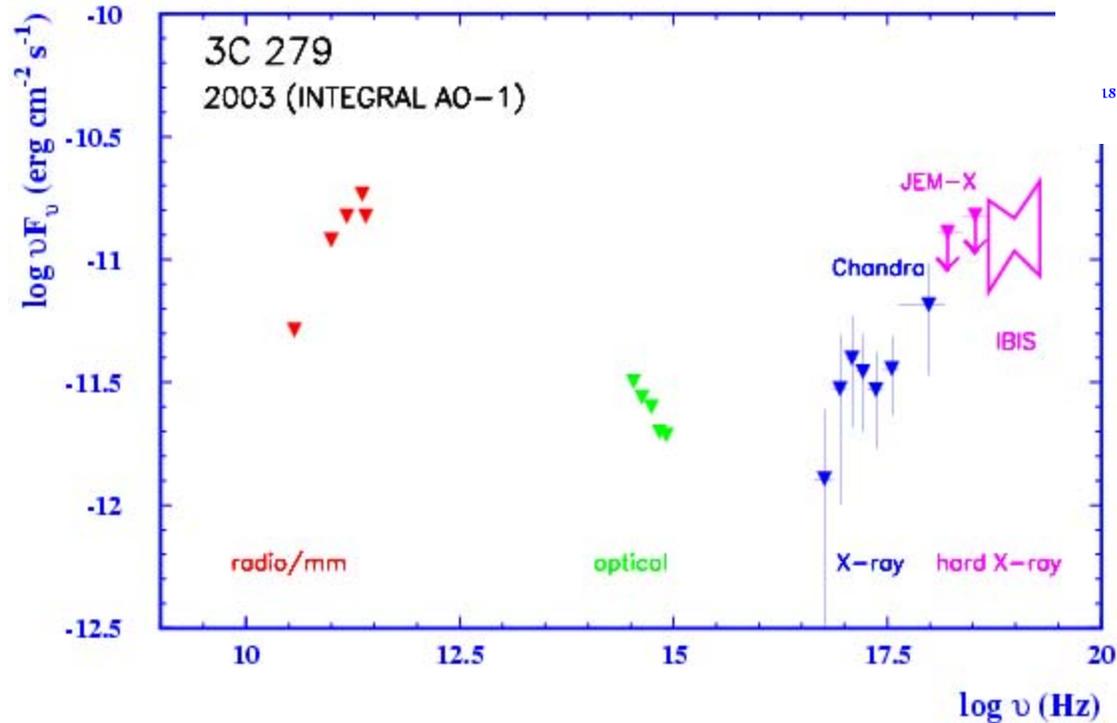
Participants:

- **hard X-rays:** INTEGRAL, June 1 – 5, 2003; 300 ksec
 - **X-rays:** Chandra, June 2, 2003; 5 ksec
 - **opt. & near IR:** Siding Spring Obs. (2.3m), NOT (2.56m),
Tuorla Tel. (60 cm)
 - **mm & radio:** IRAM (30m), ESO SEST, VLBA,
Metsähovi Radio Tel.
- **Publ.:** Collmar et al. 2004; Proc. 5th INTEGRAL Workshop

The June 2003 Campaign: MW-Spectrum

MW-spectrum during optical low-state

-> ToO proposals for high-state spectrum



The January 2006 Campaign: Collaboration

A multiwavelength campaign was organised around an INTEGRAL ToO observation of 3C 279, triggered ($R < 14.5$ mag) in January 2006

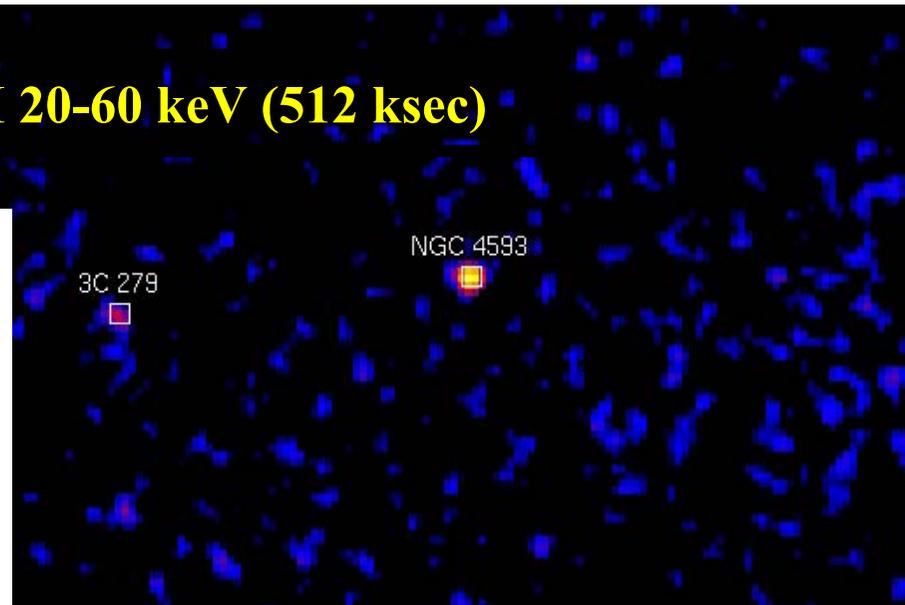
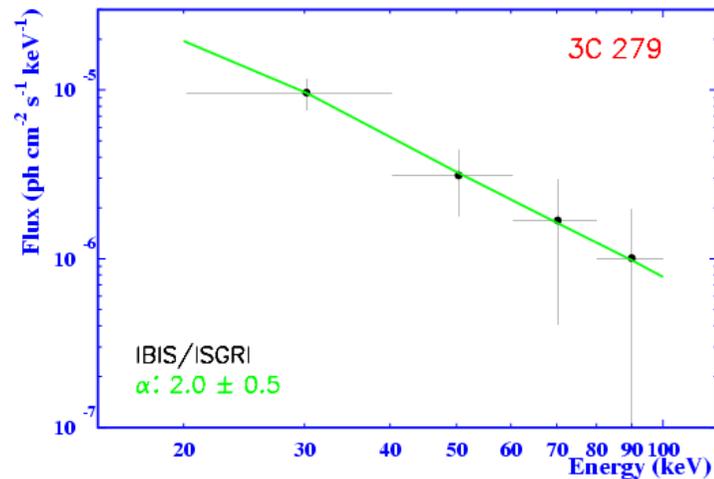
Collaboration:

- hard X-rays:** INTEGRAL (511597 sec)
Jan. 13 00:22 UT – Jan. 22 09:25 UT (including gaps)
- X-rays:** Chandra, Jan. 17 08:59 UT – Jan. 17 17:51 UT (30 ksec)
Swift Jan 13 00:37 – Jan. 19 01:05 UT (regularly)
- opt. & near IR:** WEBT camp. approved (Jan. 9 – end of Feb.,
several WEBT collaborators participated; M. Böttcher)
- radio - sub-mm:** Effelsberg, Metsaehovi, IRAM, SMA

Data analysis is still in progress (-> paper). First/preliminary results were presented on poster.

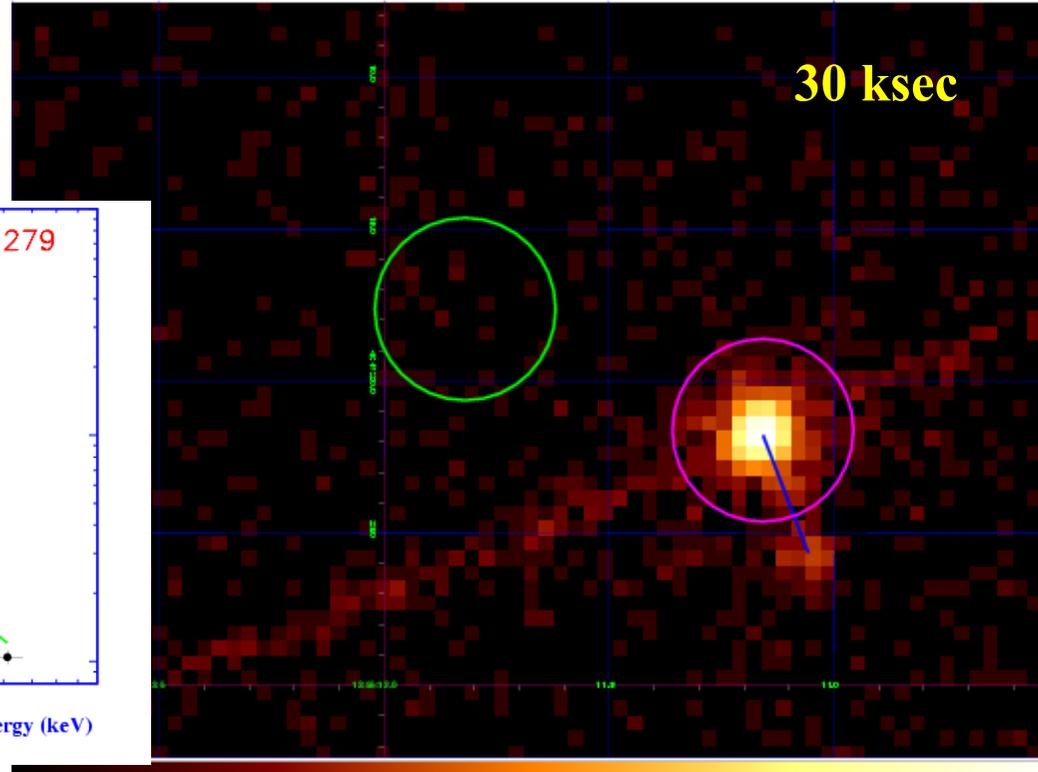
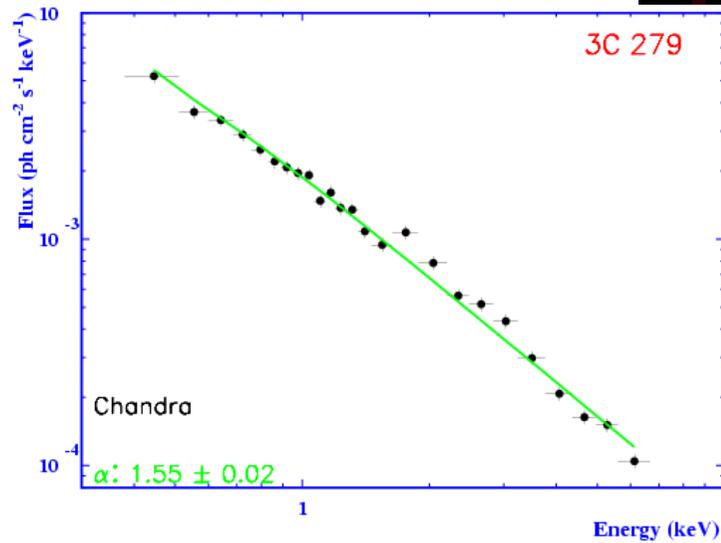
2006 Campaign: hard X-Ray/INTEGRAL

IBIS/ISGRI 20-60 keV (512 ksec)



- 3C 279 detection: $\sim 7.5\sigma$ (20-100 keV)
- IBIS/ISGRI spectrum: PL $\alpha: 2.0 \pm 0.5$ (20-100 keV)
(JEM-X data not yet analysed)
- no SPI data available

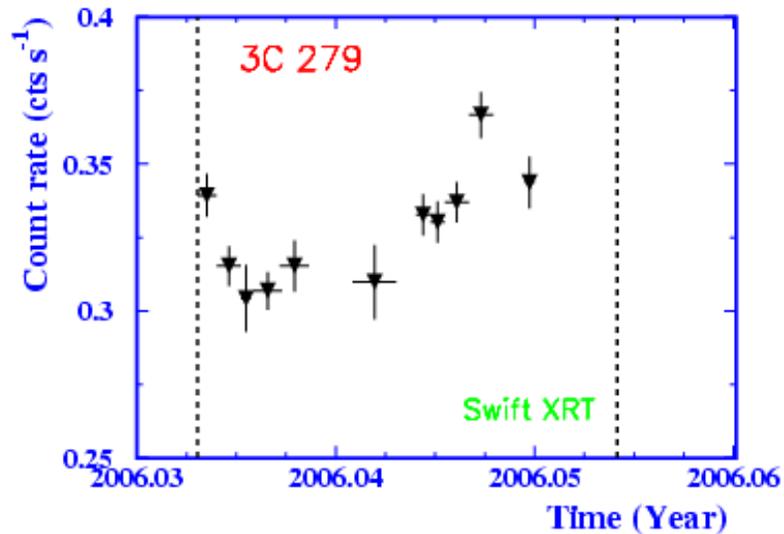
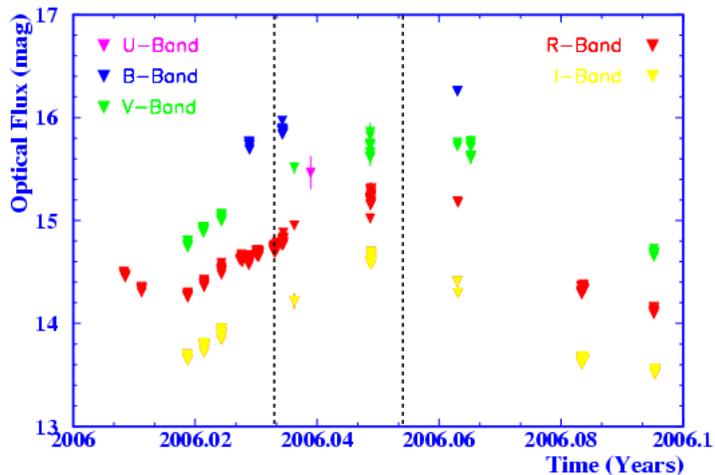
2006 Campaign: X-Ray/Chandra



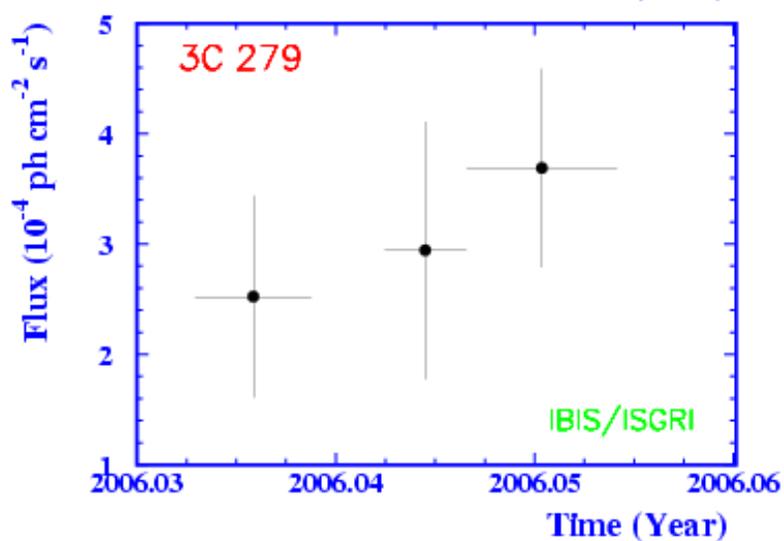
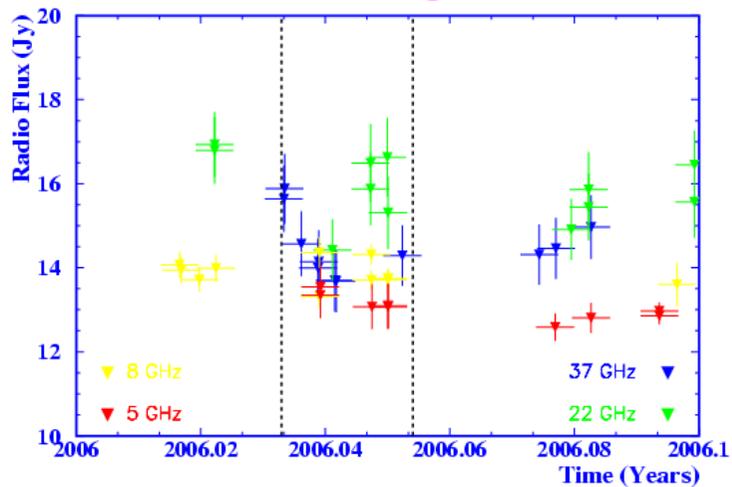
- 3C 279 + X-ray jet (?)
- circles: region used for data analysis
- spectrum (0.3-6 keV): PL $\alpha: 1.55 \pm 0.02$ (trend for bending)
- no variability within Chandra observation

January 2006 Campaign: Variability Results

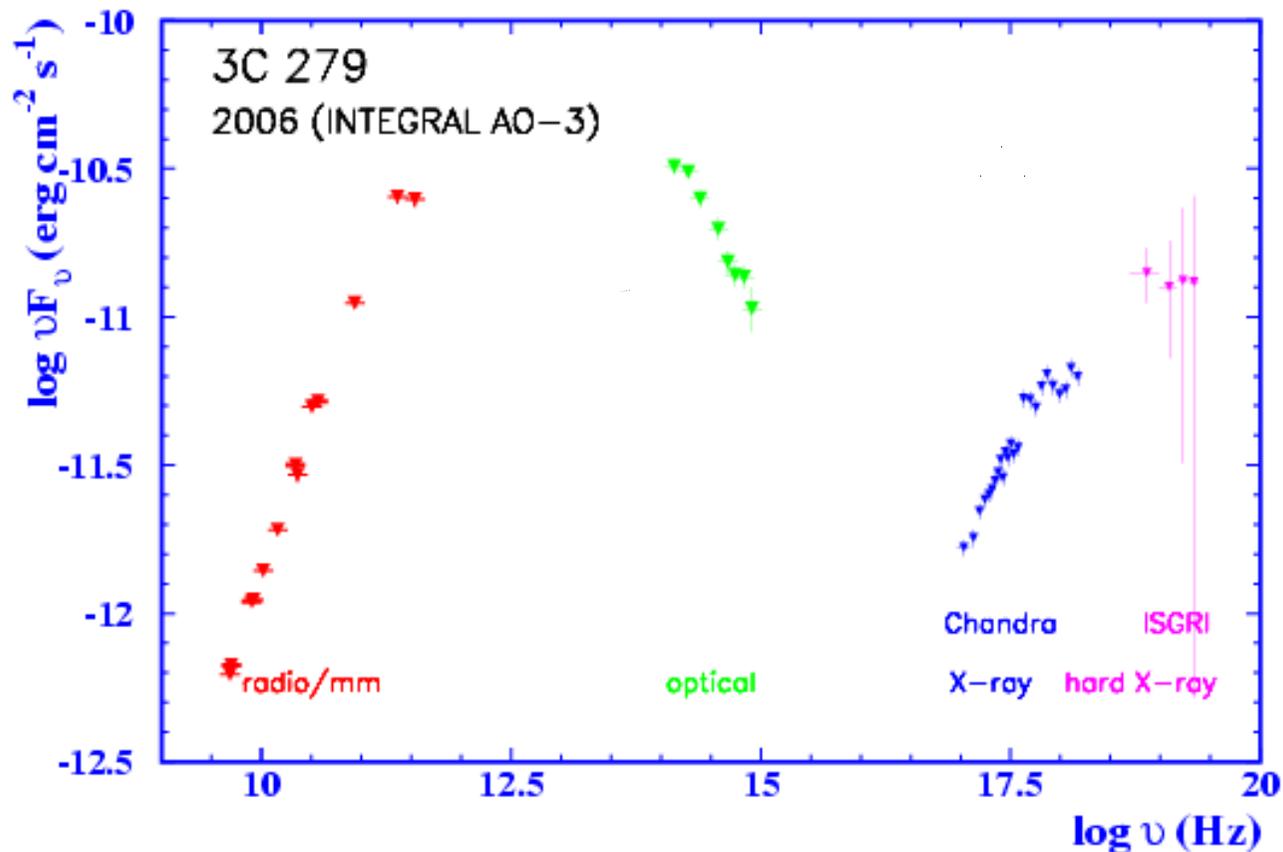
3C 279: Optical Lightcurves



3C 279: Radio Lightcurves

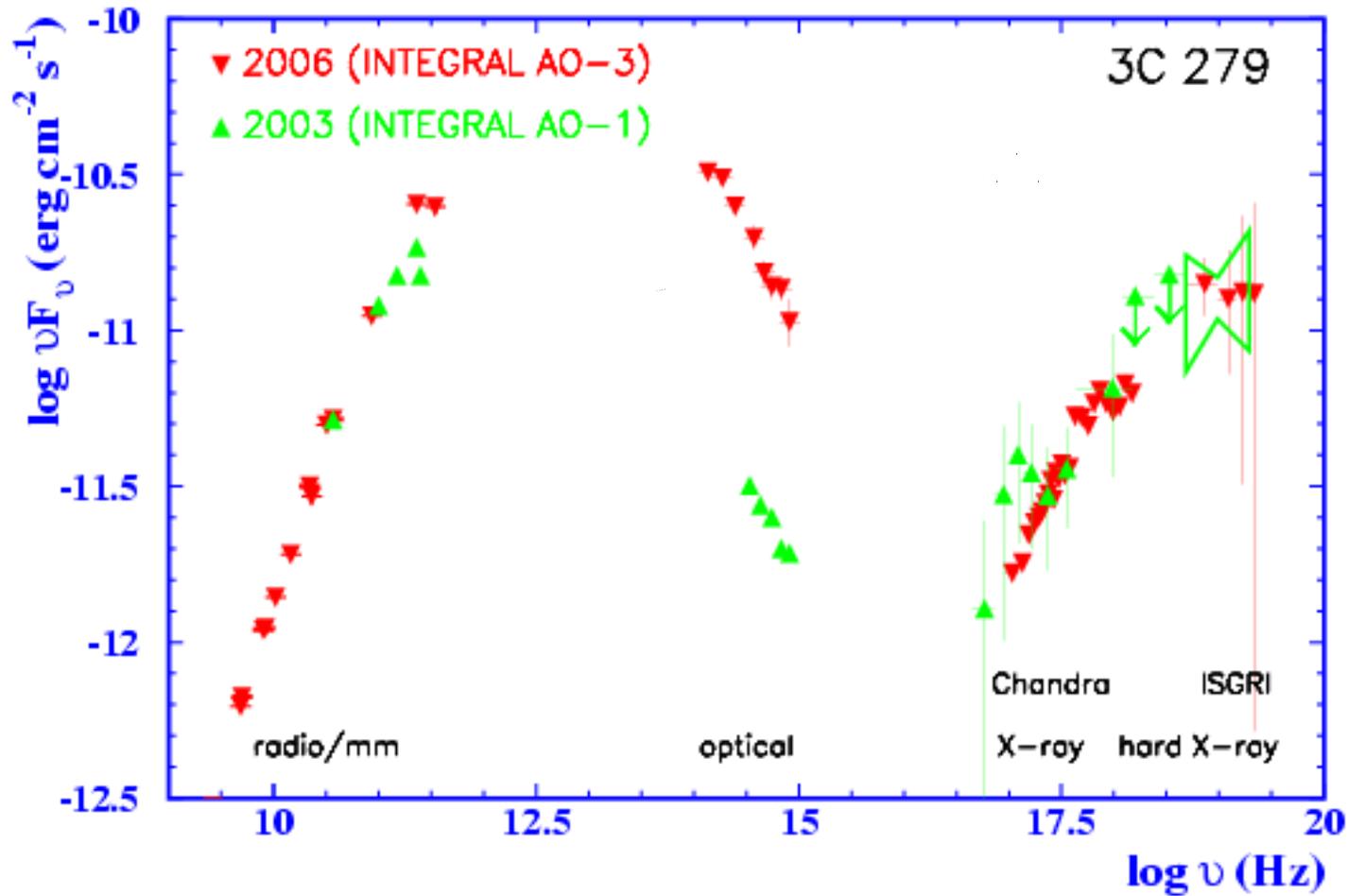


Contemporaneous MW-Spectrum Jan. 2006



- more data available (e.g. Swift)
- typical „two-hump“ shape (reasonably covered)
- deep minimum between synch. & IC (no soft X-ray excess)
- trend for spectral flattening above 20 keV

Comparison MW Spectra 2006 - 2003



- significant change in optical (IR?): no change in other bands
- > no (simultaneous) correlation: optical and X-/hard X-ray band

January 2006 Campaign: Summary

- **large MW campaign on 3C 279 in January 2006**
- **analyses still in progress**
- **3C 279 in intermediate optical state, continuously fading (observed: cooling off)**
- **MW spectrum: well-known „two-hump“ shape**
- **MW comparison 2003 – 2006:
significant flux changes in optical, no spectral changes otherwise (in particular X- and hard X-rays)**