

# Broad iron $K\alpha$ feature in Cygnus X-1 spectra with XMM-Newton

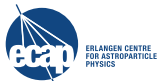
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## The result

Our data show:

**Cygnus X-1 is a highly rotating black hole!**

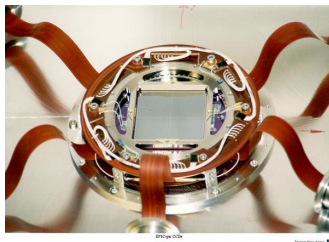
# Bright sources with *XMM-Newton's* EPIC-pn

## Observing modes:

- Burst mode
- Timing mode

## Main obstacles:

- Burst mode - low S/N
- Telemetry limit of  $\sim 100$  mCrab



Photo, ESA/XMM-Newton

# Solution: Modified Timing Mode

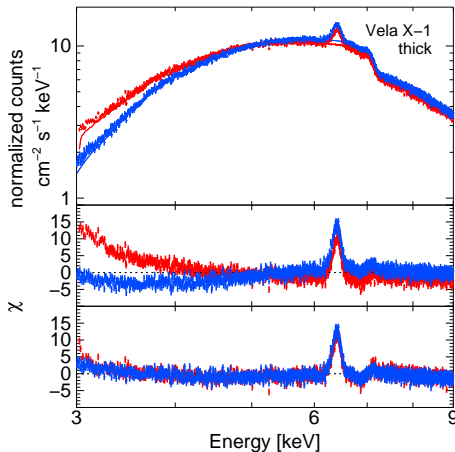
## Modification:

- increase telemetry to EPIC-pn
- increase lower energy threshold limit (introduces soft excess)

Wilms+ 2005

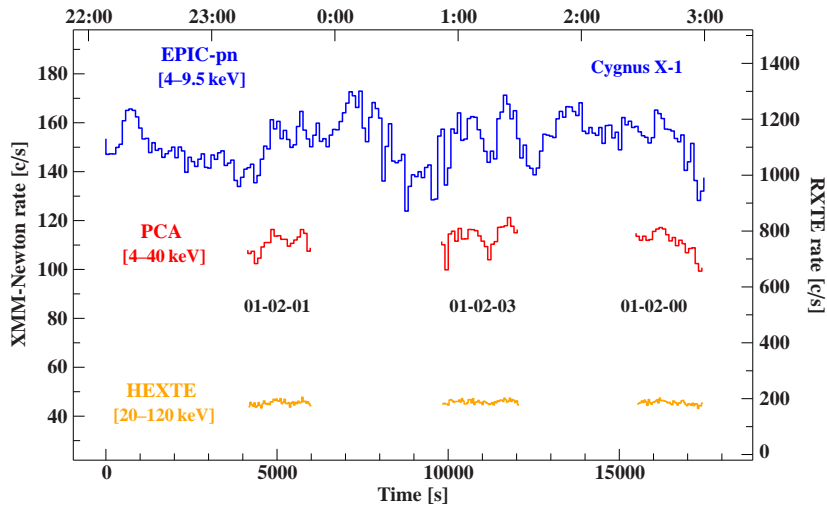
## Improvement:

- Timing Mode spectrum
- Modified Timing Mode spectrum

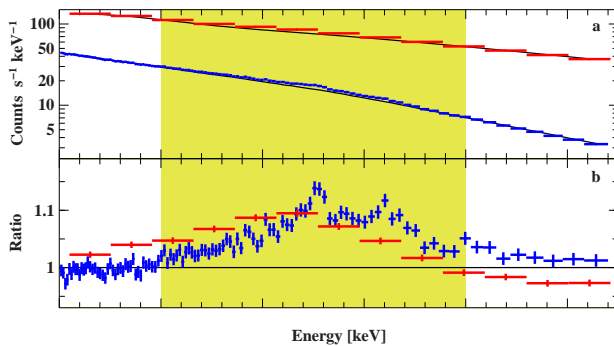


Absorbed power law (Fritz 2009)

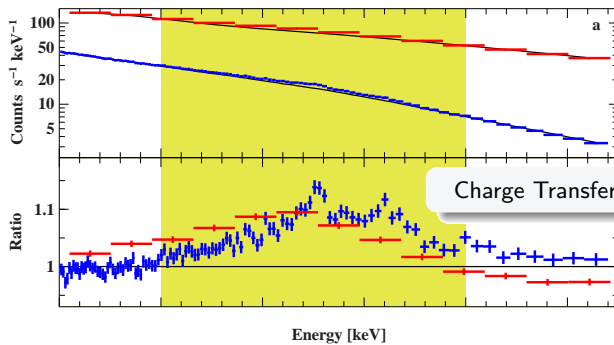
# Lightcurves - simultaneous data for Cygnus X-1



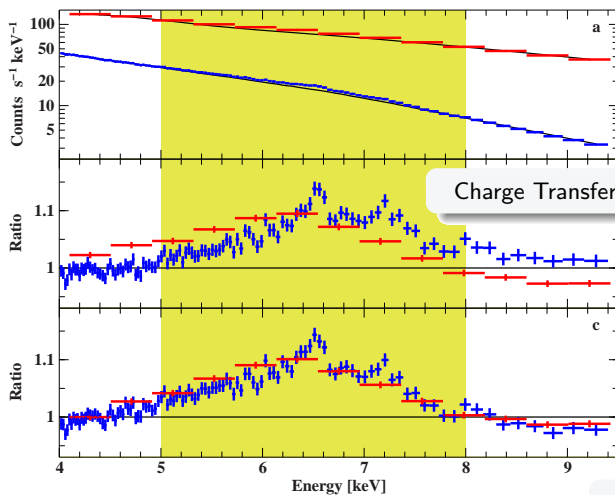
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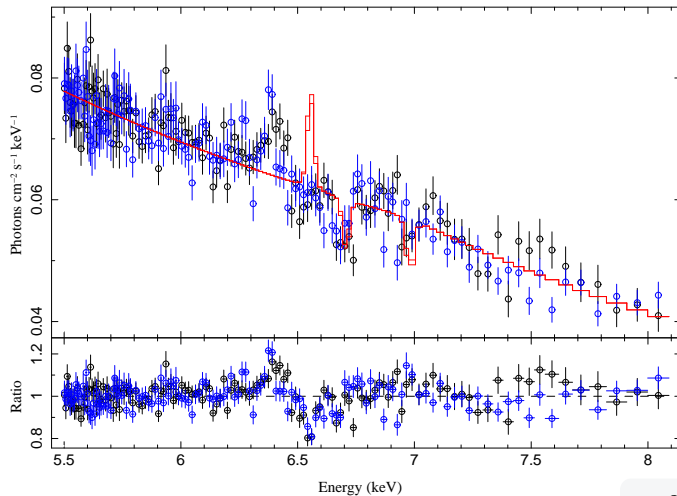


Charge Transfer Inefficiency!

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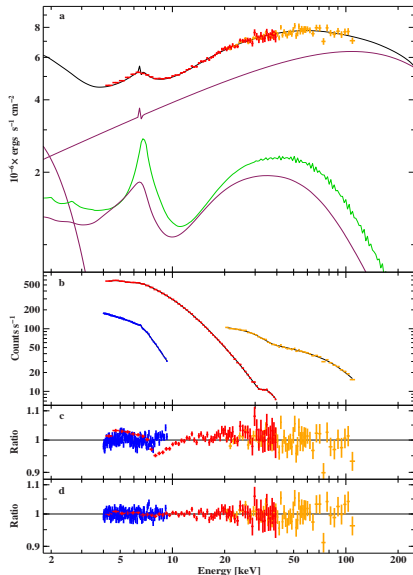
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# Model

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Dauser+ 2010  
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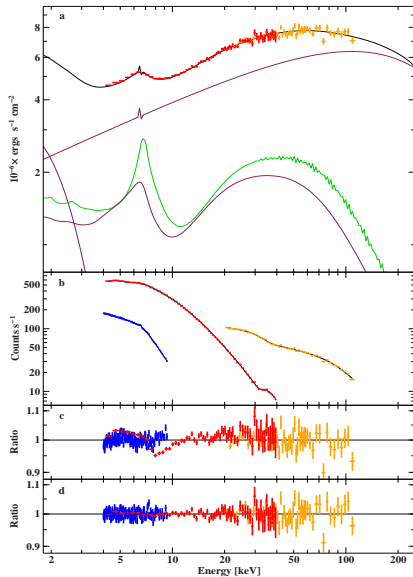


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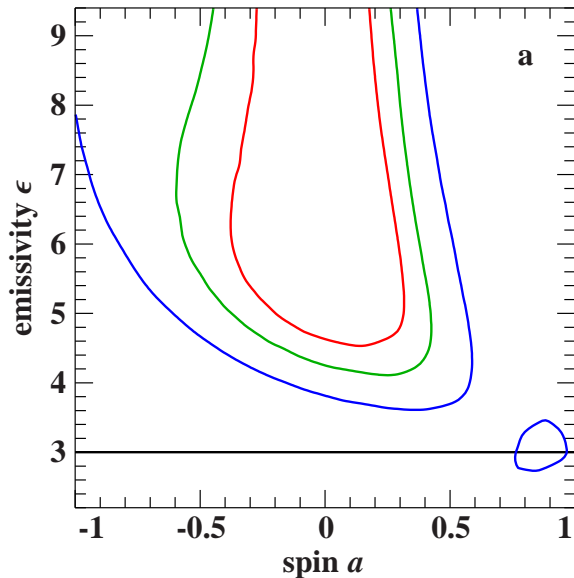
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See poster by Thomas Dauser on: **Modeling Relativistic Reflection:  
Lamp Post vs. Coronal Geometry**

There is no more



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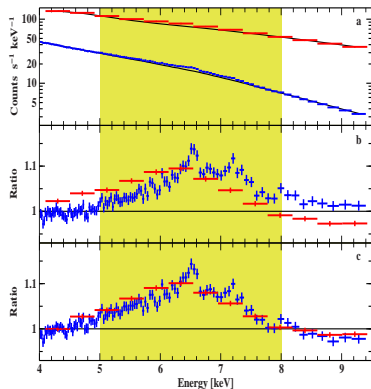
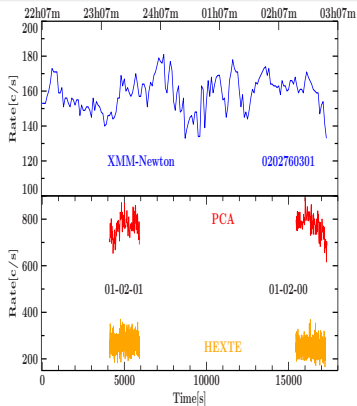
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<b>Object</b>	$a$	<b>Method/Model</b>	<b>Reference</b>
Cygnus X-1	0.05	Reflection & Continuum	Miller et al., 2009
4U 1543-475	0.3	Reflection & Continuum	Miller et al., 2009
GRO J1655-40	0.87	Reflection & Continuum	Miller et al., 2009
XTE J1652-453	0.5	Iron line	Hiemstra et al., 2010
GX 339-4	0.1-0.5	Continuum	Kolehmainen et al., 2011
GX 339-4	$\leq 0.9$	Iron line	Kolehmainen et al., 2011
GX 339-4	0.935	Iron line	Miller et al., 2004

## XMM-Newton & RXTE

Simultaneous data show relatively stable flux.

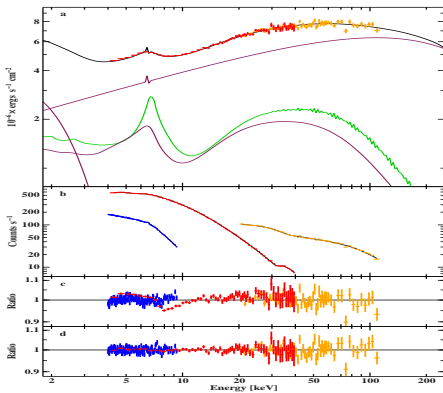
Broadened iron line: Doppler & relativistic effects.



Model:

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$\Gamma_{pl}$	$1.67 \pm 0.02$
norm <sub>pl</sub>	$1.22^{+0.09}_{-0.07}$
$E_{fold}$ [keV]	$(3.1^{+1.4}_{-0.6}) \times 10^2$
$E_{abs1}$ [keV]	$6.65^{+0.10}_{-0.00}$
$\tau_1$	$(0.3^{+0.3}_{-0.2}) \times 10^{-2}$
$\xi$ [erg cm s <sup>-1</sup> ]	$(1.4 \pm 0.2) \times 10^3$
Fe <sub>solar</sub>	$1.6 \pm 0.5$
$a$	$0.89^{+0.08}_{-0.11}$
$\theta$ [deg]	$33 \pm 2$
slope <sub>gainshift</sub>	$1.0234^{+0.0020}_{-0.0019}$
stat/dof	272/243
$\chi^2_{red}$	1.12



## Cygnus X-1:

- rotating with high spin  $a \approx 0.9$
  - relativistically broadened iron line
  - convolved reflection model
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- inclination angle  $\theta$  - Ninkov et al., 1987
  - folding energy - Wilms et al., 2006
  - parameters indicative of intermediate state