

# ~~15 Years of Science~~ with XMM-Newton: *Selected Highlights from the last 2 years*

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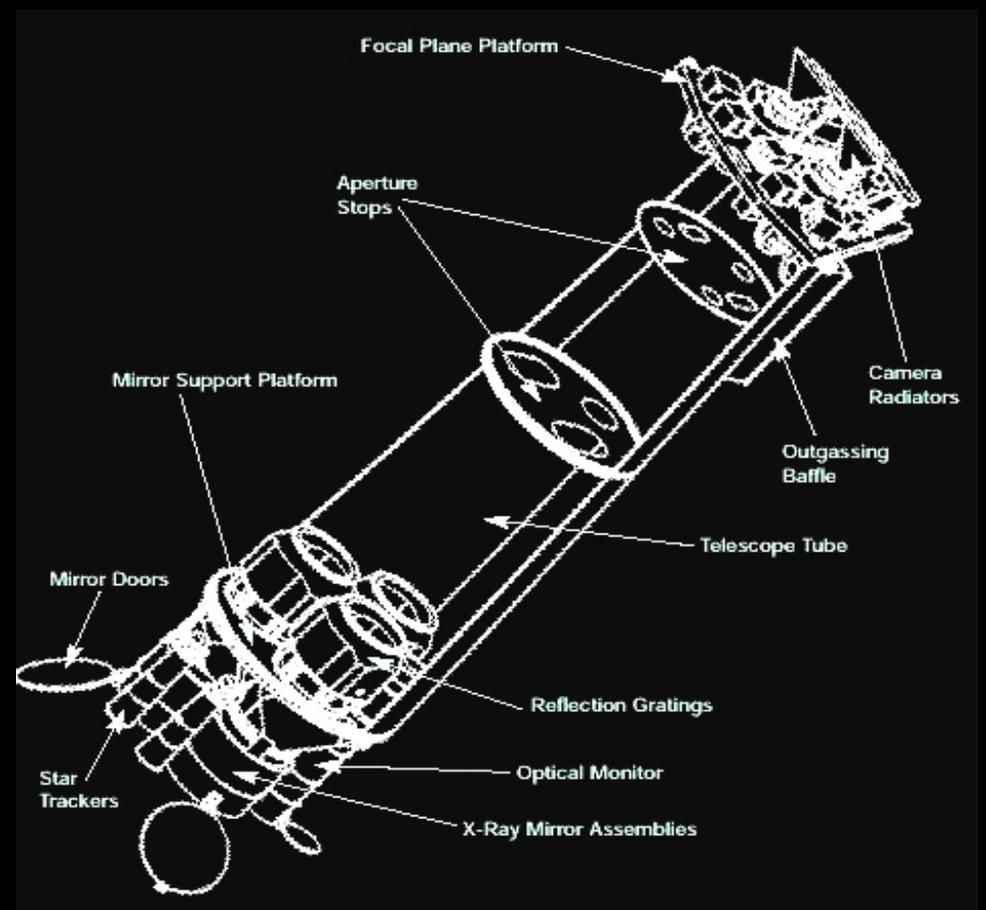
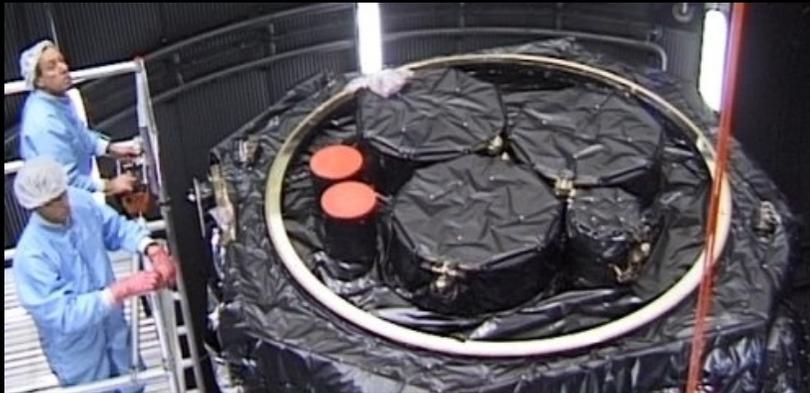
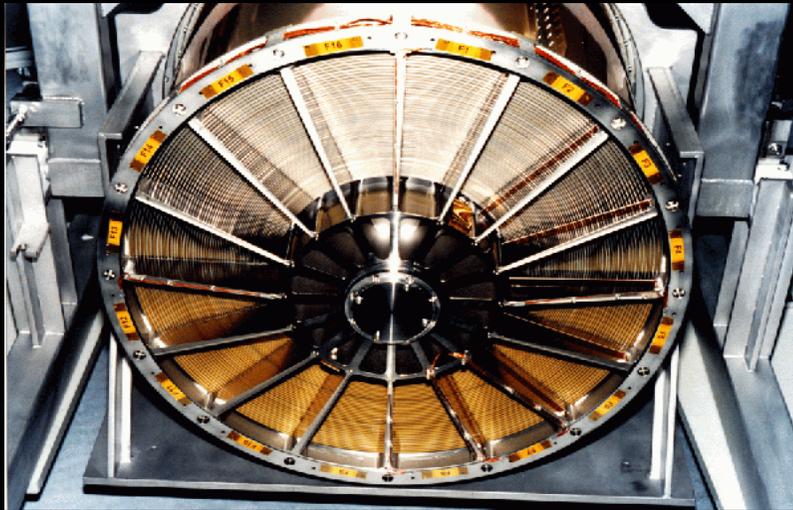
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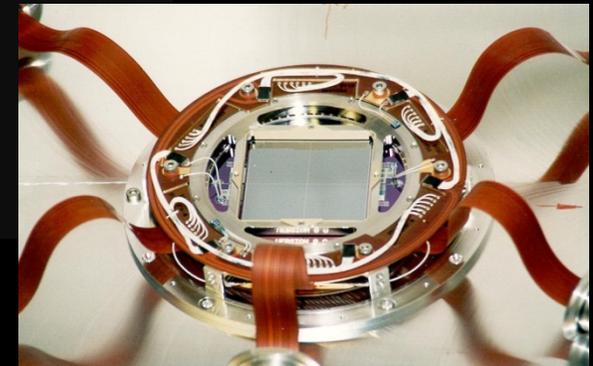
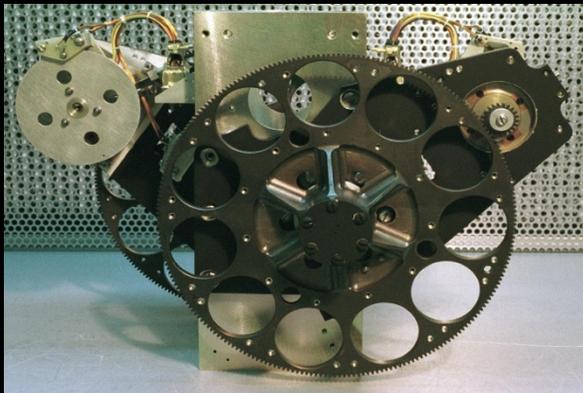
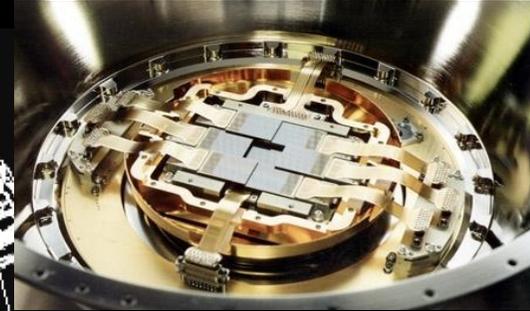
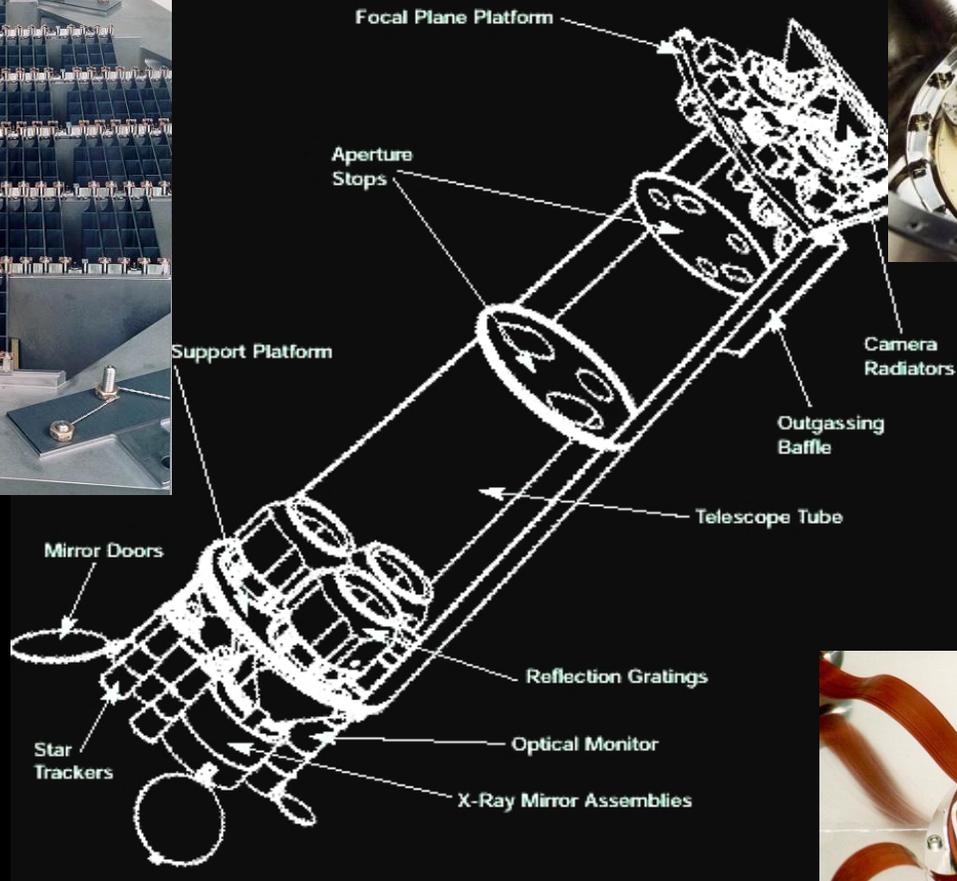
# XMM-Newton Launch on 10 December 1999



# Spacecraft and Mirrors



# Instruments

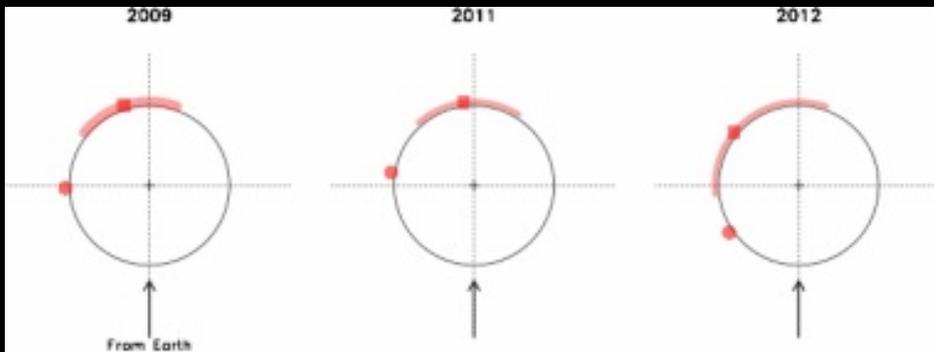


# XMM-Newton

- 3 Mirror Modules / highest effective collecting area ever
- Six simultaneously observing instruments:
  - 3 CCD cameras (one **pn** and two **MOSs**)
  - 2 spectrometers (**RGS**)
  - 1 optical Monitor (**OM**)

# Some Scientific Highlights from the last two years...

# The Corona of HD 189733 Flares in Phase With Exoplanet's Orbit

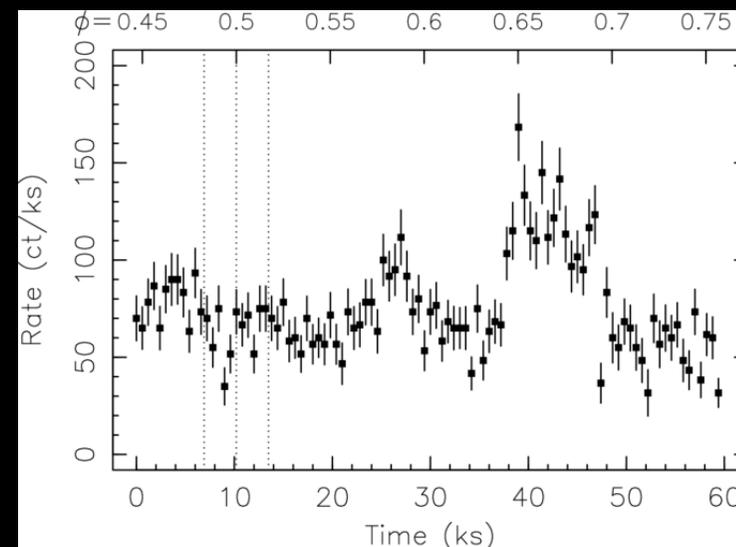


Planetary phases observed in 2009, 2011, and 2012

HD 189733 has a close-in, transiting, massive exoplanet (hot Jupiter)

- Flares in 2009, 2011 and 2013 restricted to a small planetary phase range of  $\Phi = 0.55-0.65$
- Quiescent spectrum: two temperatures at 0.2 keV and 0.7 keV
- During the flares a third component at 0.9 keV
- Flaring structure as big as four stellar radii.
- Magnetic field in this loop: 40 - 110 G

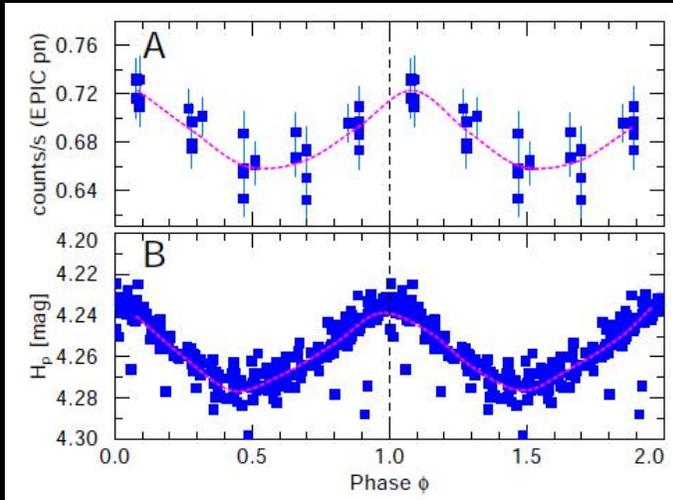
*Pillitteri, et al., 2014, ApJ 785, 145*



EPIC-pn light curve of HD 189733

- The large length suggests an origin due to magnetic interaction between the star and the close-in planet.
- The magnetic field associated with the planet exerts a force on the plasma and the coronal loop when the planet passes close to regions of the stellar surface

# Discovery of X-Ray Pulsations from the Massive Star $\zeta^1$ CMa



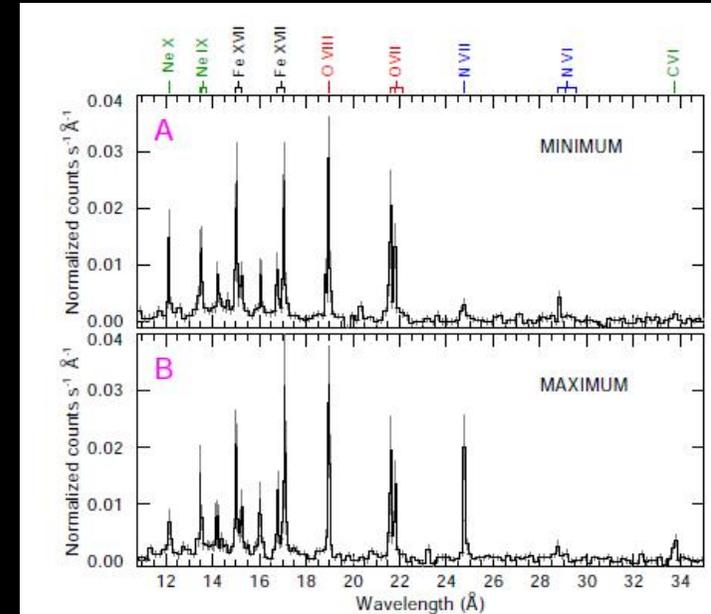
A: X-ray light curve (0.2-10.0keV)  
B: the Hipparcos Catalogue Epoch Photometry data

Massive stars drive fast stellar winds where shocks can develop  
 → X-rays from shock-heated plasma  
 → Many massive stars pulsate  
  
 → It was neither theoretically predicted nor observed that these pulsations would affect the X-ray emission.

*Oskinova, et al., 2014, NatCo 5E40240*

The massive B-type star  $\zeta^1$  CMa is a variable of Cep type and has a strong magnetic field. XMM-Newton observations reveal:

- X-ray pulsations with the same period ( $P = 4.90 \pm 0.09$  h) as the fundamental stellar oscillations.
- plasma heating and cooling
- X-ray emitting plasma is located close to the photosphere



Phase dependent RGS spectra

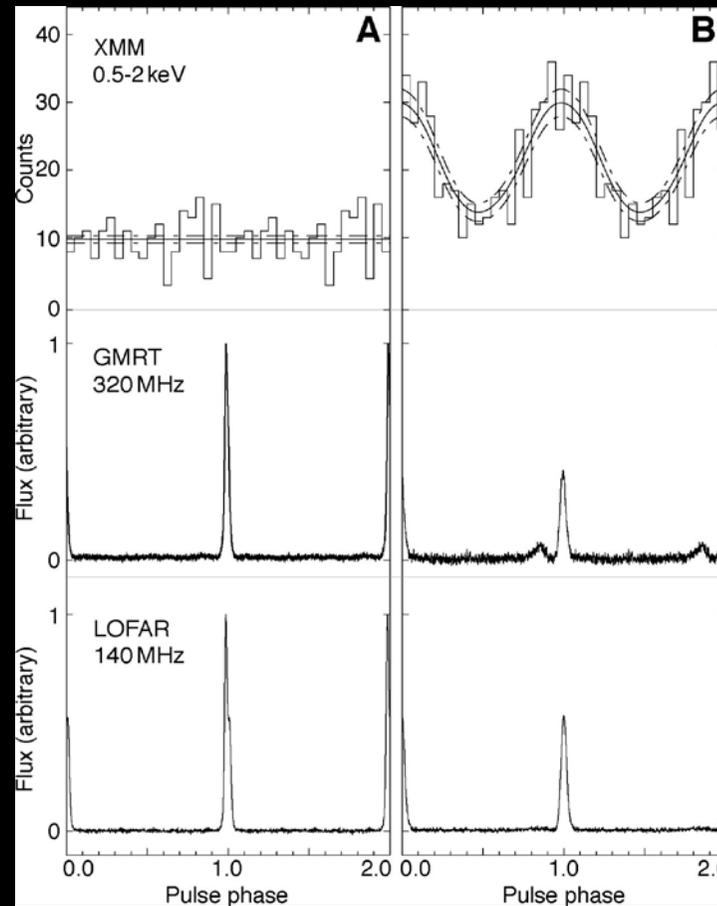
**This discovery challenges our understanding of stellar winds from massive stars, their X-ray emission, and their magnetism.**

# Synchronous X-ray and Radio Mode Switches: A Rapid Global Transformation of the Pulsar Magnetosphere

Simultaneous observations of PSR B0943+10 with XMM-Newton and GMRT and LOFAR:

- Detection of synchronous switching in the radio and x-ray emission properties
- When the pulsar is in a sustained radio-"bright" mode, the x-rays show only an unpulsed, nonthermal component
- When the pulsar is in a radio-"quiet" mode, the x-ray luminosity more than doubles and a 100% pulsed thermal component is observed along with the nonthermal component.
- **Indicates rapid, global changes to the conditions in the magnetosphere, which challenge all proposed pulsar emission theories.**

*Hermesen, et al., 2013  
Science 339, 436*



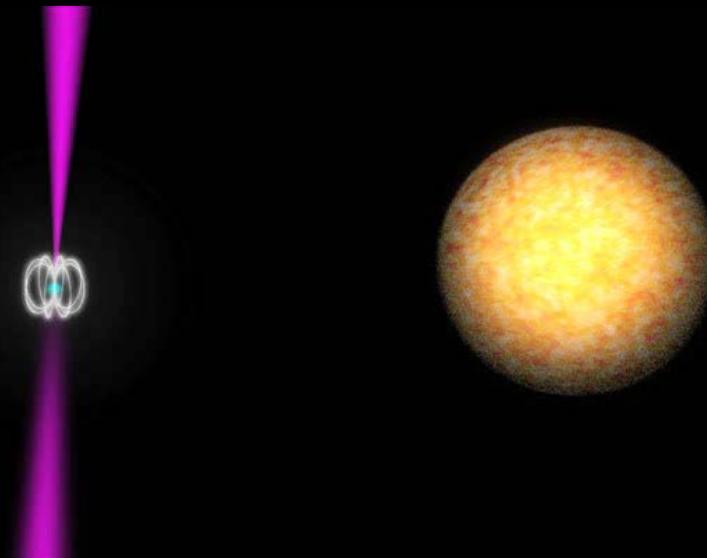
Aligned x-ray and radio pulse profiles of PSR B0943+10 in its B and Q modes. (A) B mode: There is no evidence for a pulsed signal in the B-mode x-ray data, the flat distribution showing constant emission from the pulsar. (B) Q mode: The x-ray profile in the Q mode represents a 6.6s detection on top of a flat constant level

# Swings between Rotation and Accretion Power in a Binary Millisecond Pulsar

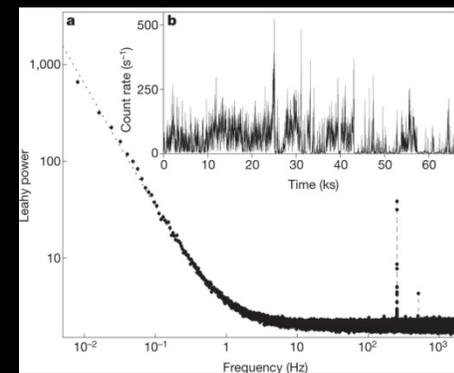
- XMM-Newton, radio and other X-ray satellites observations of X-ray transient IGR J18245–2452, which was first detected by INTEGRAL
- First observations of accretion-powered, millisecond X-ray pulsations from a neutron star previously seen as a rotation-powered radio pulsar.
- Within a few days after a month-long X-ray outburst, radio pulses were again detected.

→ evolutionary link between accretion and rotation-powered millisecond pulsars

→ some systems can swing between the two states on very short timescales

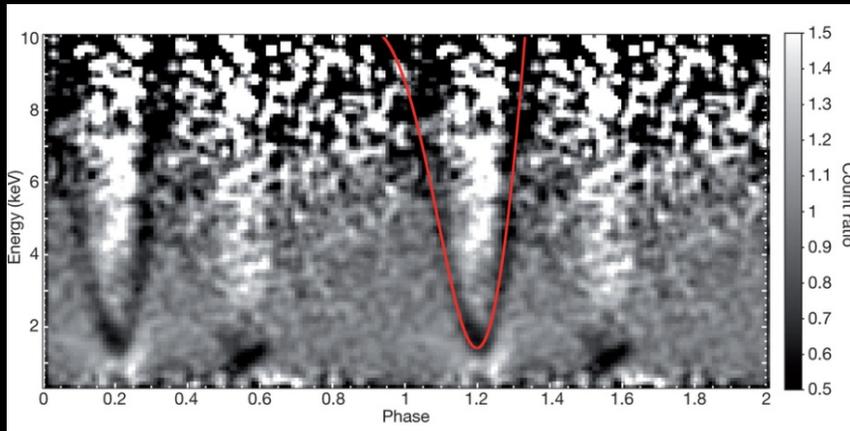


Fourier power spectral density of the 0.5–10-keV X-ray photons observed by the EPIC pn camera. The peaks at 254.3 and 508.6 Hz represent the first and second harmonics of the coherent modulation of the X-ray emission of IGR J18245–2452.



*Papitto, et al., 2013,  
Nature 501, 517*

# Magnetic Multipole Field in SGR 0418+5729



Phase-dependent spectral feature in the EPIC data of SGR 0418+5729.

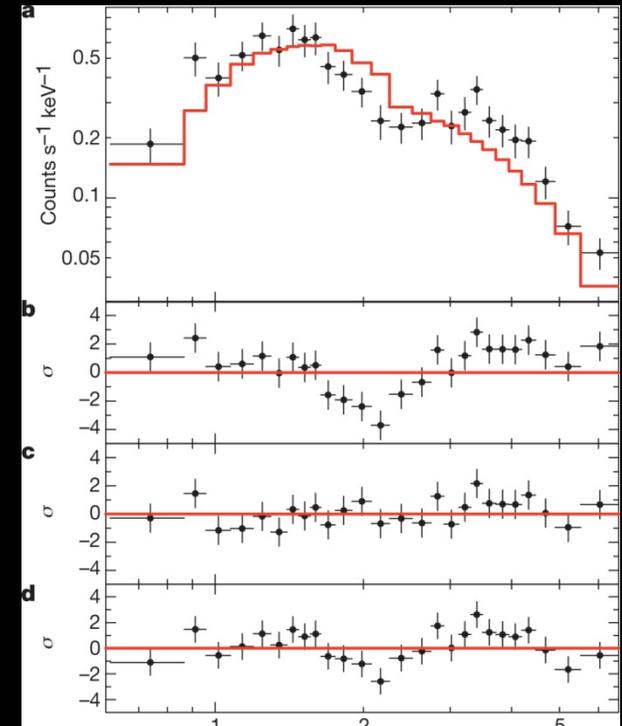
- Soft- $\gamma$ -ray repeaters (SGRs) and anomalous X-ray pulsars (AXPs) are neutron stars that sporadically undergo X-ray/ $\gamma$  outbursts
- sources are mainly powered by their own magnetic energy
- magnetic fields inferred from several observed properties of SGRs and AXPs are greater than those of radio pulsars

SGR 0418+5729 has a weak dipole magnetic moment of  $B = 6 \times 10^{12}$  G (derived from timing parameters).

A strong field has been proposed in the stellar interior and in multipole components on the surface.

→ **X-ray absorption line which depends strongly on the star's rotational phase**

→ **proton cyclotron magnetic field from  $2 \times 10^{14}$  G to  $10^{15}$  G**



a: spectrum from phase interval 0.15–0.17 and phase-averaged spectrum in red  
b: residuals; c: residuals after adding an absorption line

*Tiengo, et al., 2013, Nature 500, 312*

# Baryons in the Relativistic Jets of the Stellar-mass Black-Hole 4U 1630-47

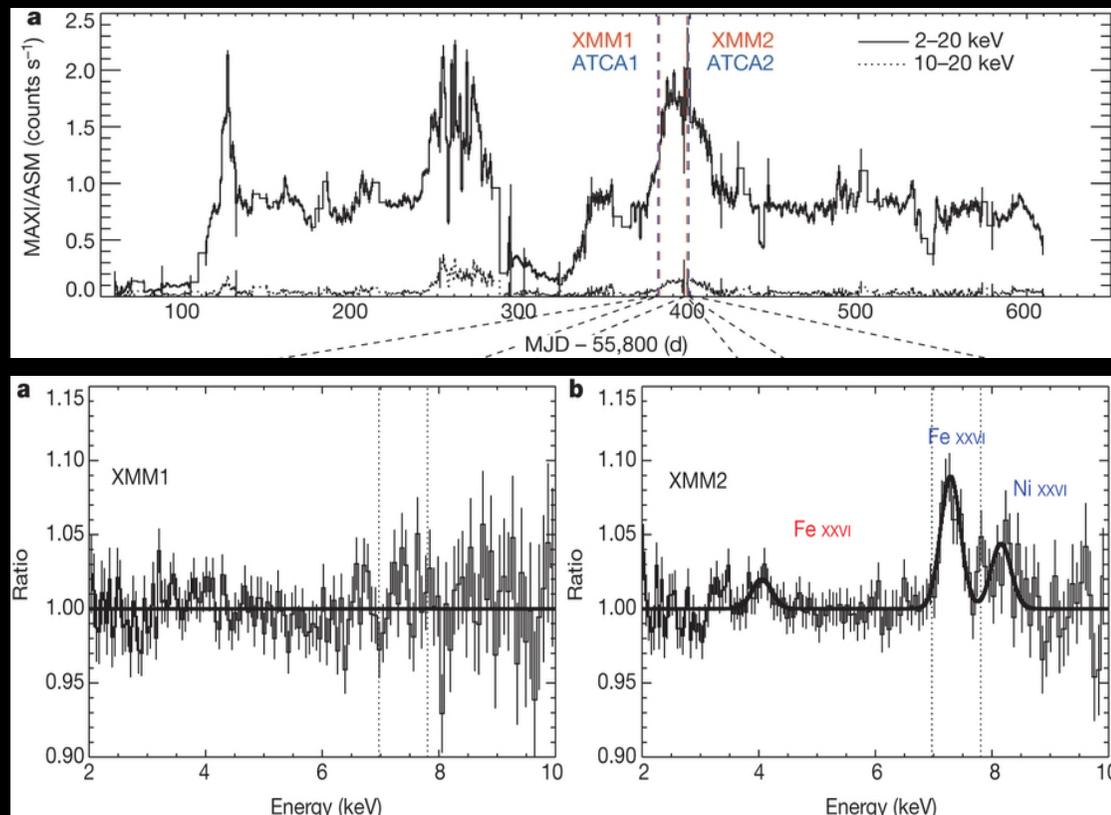
- Accreting black holes power relativistic jets
- The power of the jets depends strongly on their composition
- Energetic considerations and circular-polarization measurements provide conflicting evidence for the presence or absence of baryons in jets (only exception peculiar X-ray binary SS 433 )

→ **Detection of Doppler-shifted X-ray emission lines from a black-hole candidate X-ray binary 4U 1630-47**

→ **Coincident with the reappearance of radio emission from the jets of the source**

→ **Lines arise from baryonic matter in a jet travelling at  $\sim 2/3$  speed of light, thereby establishing the presence of baryons in the jet**

→ **Such baryonic jets are more likely to be powered by the accretion disk than by the spin of the black hole**



*Diaz Trigo, et al., 2013, Nature 504, 260*

# A Rapidly Spinning Supermassive Black Hole at the Centre of the galaxy NGC 1365

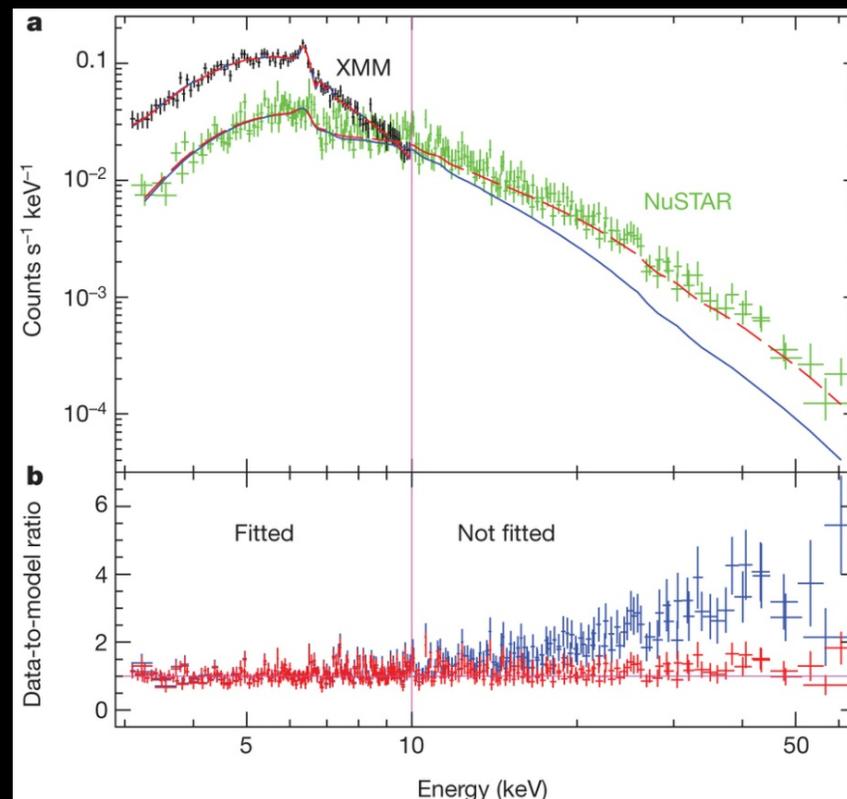
Simultaneous observation of NGC 1365 by XMM-Newton and NuSTAR:

→ relativistic disk features through broadened Fe-line emission and an associated Compton scattering excess at 10-30 keV

→ temporal and spectral analyses allow to disentangle continuum changes due to time-variable absorption from reflection, which arises from a region within 2.5 gravitational radii of the rapidly spinning black hole

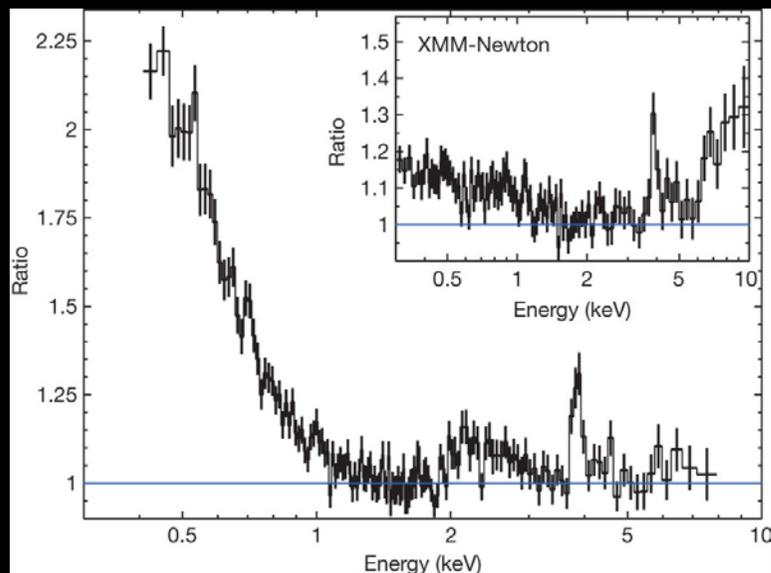
→ Absorption-dominated models that do not include relativistic disk reflection can be ruled out both statistically and on physical grounds

*Risaliti, et al., 2013,  
Nature 494, 449*

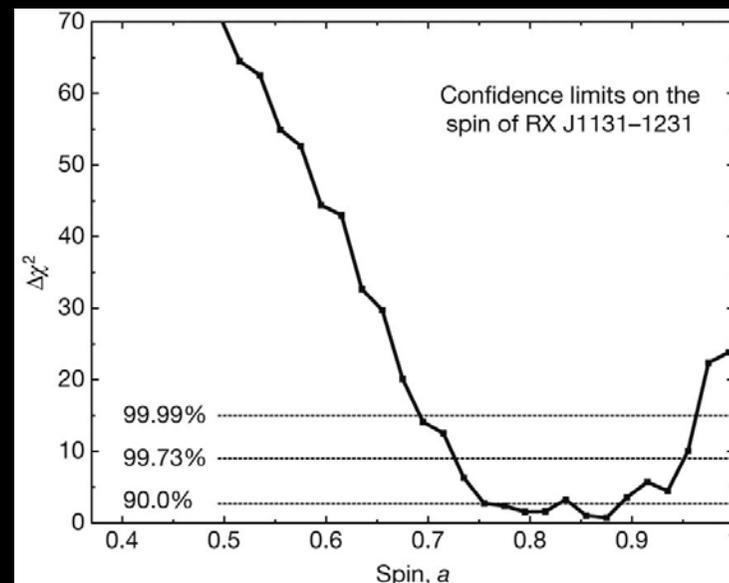


a: XMM-Newton and NuSTAR spectral data and models, b: Data-to-model ratio. The two models contain either a relativistic reflection component plus variable partial covering (red), or a double partial covering (blue). Both models have been fitted to the data below 10 keV, and reproduce the lower-energy data well. However, the models strongly deviate at higher energies.

# Reflection from the strong gravity regime in a quasar at redshift $z = 0.658$



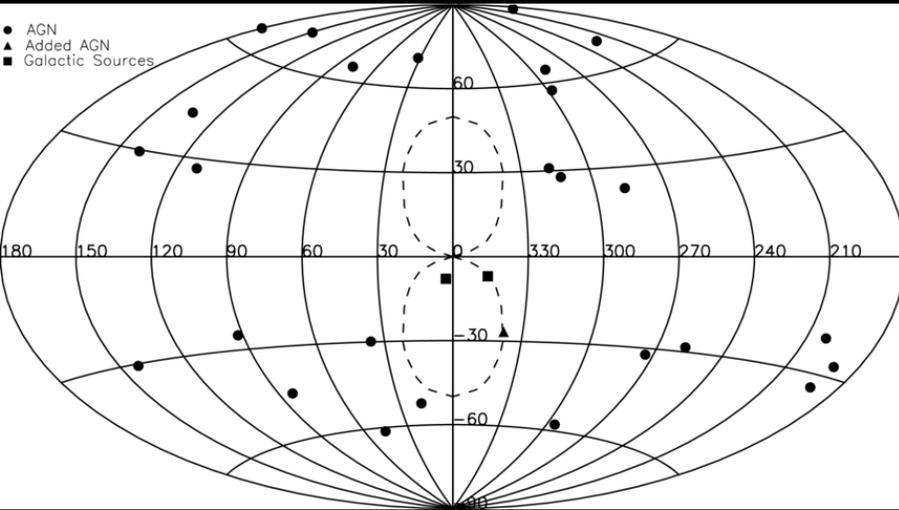
*Reis, et al.,  
2014, Nature  
507, 207*



→ The emission originates within three gravitational radii from the black hole, implying a spin parameter of  $a = 0.87^{+0.08}_{-0.15}$  at the  $3\sigma$  confidence level and  $a > 0.66$  at the  $5\sigma$  level.

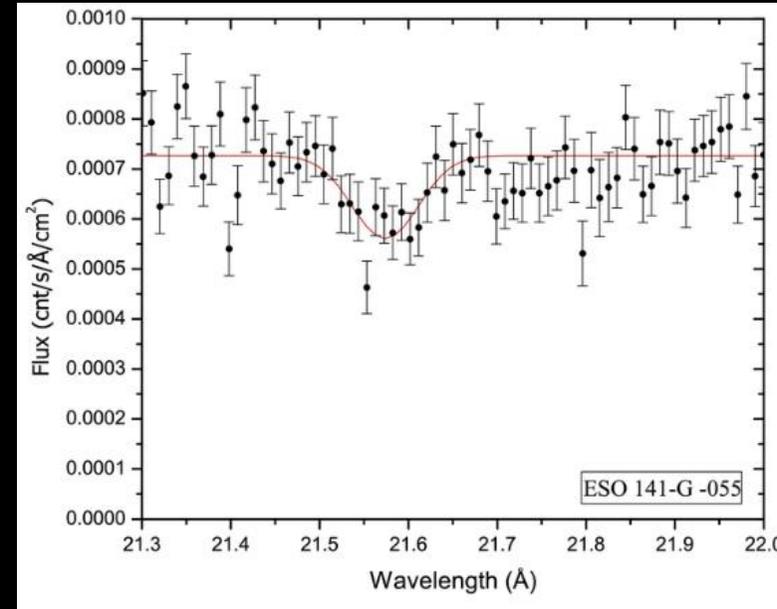
→ The high spin is indicative of growth by coherent accretion for this black hole, and suggests that black-hole growth at  $0.5 \leq z \leq 1$  occurs principally by coherent rather than chaotic accretion episodes.

# The Structure of the Milky Way's Hot Gas Halo



Miller & Bregman,  
2013, *ApJ* 770,  
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The Milky Way's hot gaseous halo contains a considerable amount of mass that, depending on its structural properties, can be a significant mass component.



XMM-Newton flux at 21.6 to show O VII absorption.

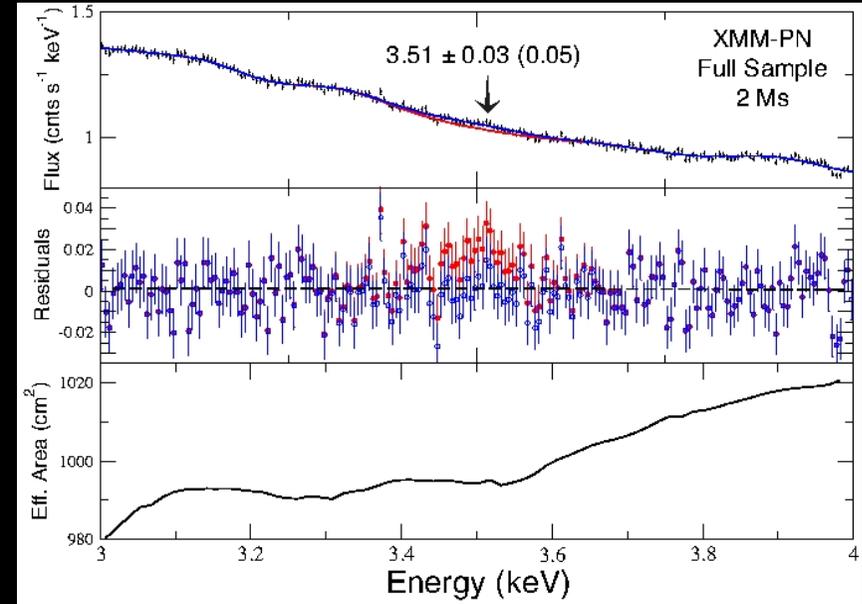
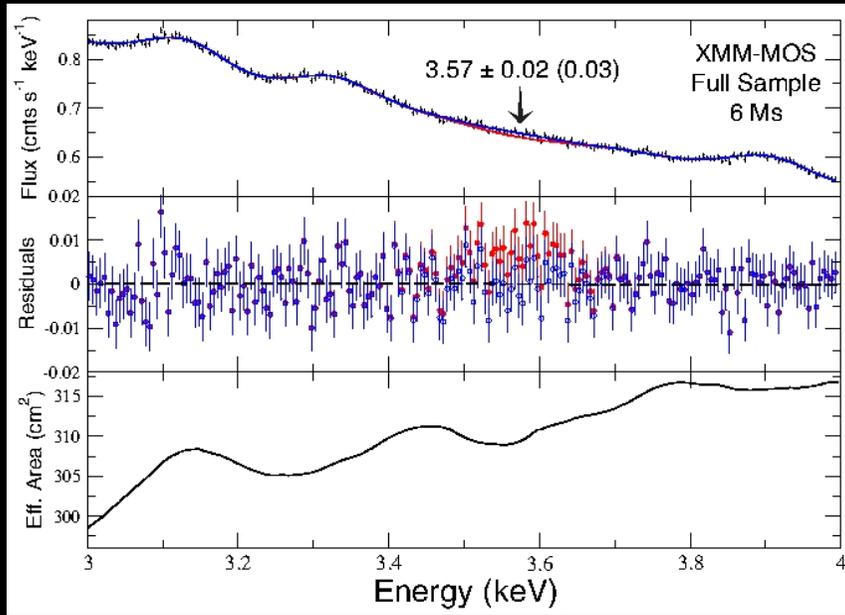
- XMM-Newton Reflection Grating Spectrometer archival data measure O VII K $\alpha$  absorption-line strengths toward 26 AGN, LMC X-3, and two Galactic sources
- assume a  $\beta$ -model as the underlying gas density profile

→ halo masses between  $M(18 \text{ kpc}) = 7.5^{+22.0}_{-4.6} \times 10^8 \text{ Mo}$  and  $M(200 \text{ kpc}) = 3.8^{+6.0}_{-0.5} \times 10^{10} \text{ Mo}$  assuming a metallicity of  $Z = 0.3 Z_{\odot}$

→ maximum obtained baryon fraction of  $f_b = 0.07^{+0.03}_{-0.01}$  is significantly smaller than the universal value of  $f_b = 0.171$

→ the mass contained in the Galactic halo accounts for 10%-50% of the missing baryons in the Milky Way.

# Detection of An Unidentified Emission Line in the Stacked X-Ray Spectrum of Galaxy Clusters



→ weak unidentified emission line at  $E = 3.56 \pm 0.03$  keV in the stacked XMM spectrum of 73 galaxy clusters spanning a redshift range 0.01-0.35.

→ no atomic transitions in thermal plasma at this energy

*Bulbul, et al., 2014, ApJ 789, 13*

*Boyarsky, et al., 2014, arXiv1408.2503B and arXiv1402.4119B*

→ an intriguing possibility is the decay of sterile neutrino, a long-sought dark matter particle candidate

→ assuming that all dark matter is in sterile neutrinos with  $m = 2E = 7.1$  keV, the detection corresponds to a neutrino decay mixing angle  $\sin^2(2\theta) = 7 \times 10^{-11}$

→ below previous upper limits

# Happy Birthday Chandra!!!

From your friends and colleagues at the XMM-Newton SOC.

Our best wishes for the future (science).