Tracking the evolution of the accretion flow of MAXI J1820+070 with the JED-SAD model

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X-RAY BINARIES: ACCRETION & EJECTION ENGINES

Jet (radio-IR)

Accretion disk (optical-X-rays)

> Accreting compact object (Black Hole or Neutron Star)

Accretion disk Hot corona

Donor star

BUT THE GEOMETRY OF THE CORONA COULD BE DIFFERENT -SEE M. DOVCIAK'S TALK

SPECTRAL STATES IN XRBS



Example of a typical XRB spectrum for the BH LMXB GX 339-4, Zdziarski & De Marco 2020



- XRBs are typically observed in hard (Comptonization-dominated), intermediate or soft (diskdominated) spectral state.
- The truncation of the disk in hard state is highly debated (e.g. Done+2007, Garcia+2015, Barak+2017, Zdziarski+2020)



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ARE ACCRETION AND EJECTION INTERCONNECTED?

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THE JED-SAD SAGA

Ferreira+06,22, Petrucci+08,13, Marcel+18a,b,19,20,21, Barnier+21, Marino+21,+ (to be continued...)



THE JED-SAD MODEL: A UNIFIED ACCRETION-EJECTION PARADIGM

- The JED-SAD model is a spectral model able to tackle both observational evidence for accretion and ejection.
- It was used to reproduce both Xrays and radio behaviour of the archetypal BHT GX 339-4 in outburst (Marcel+2019,2020)





WE APPLIED THE JED-SAD MODEL TO A BROADBAND X-RAYS DATA SET OF THE BH LMXB MAXI J1820+070 DURING ITS HARD STATE TO CONSTRAIN THE (QUITE DEBATED) GEOMETRY OF THE ACCRETION FLOW IN HARD STATE.

MAXI J1820+070: ONE OF THE BRIGHTEST LMXBS EVER OBSERVED

A high inclination (75°, Kajava+2019) transient BH LMXB discovered in outburst in 2018 and object of an unprecedented multi-wavelength observational campaign (e.g. Bharali+2019, Homan+2020, Bright+2020, DiazTrigo+2020, Atri+2020).



OBSERVATIONS

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XRT Hardness Intensity Diagram



EXAMPLE OF BROADBAND X-RAY SPECTRA

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MODEL

The main parameters of the JED-SAD model are:



A DOUBLE REFLECTION COMPONENT?

- And considered two different models for reflection:
- Model 1 (one reflection) model: const*tbabs*(JED+SAD+refl)
- $r_{\rm in} = r_{\rm J}$ Inner radius
- $\log \xi$ lonization

Model 2 (double reflection) model: const*tbabs*(JED+SAD+refl+refl)

 $r_{\text{in},1} = r_{\text{J}}$ $r_{\text{in},2} = r_{\text{out},1}$ $r_{\text{out},2}$ $\log \xi_1, \log \xi_2$ Two lonization values

 Two reflection components already invoked by e.g. Kara+2019, Buisson+2019, You+2021, Zdziarski+2021.



Results PHASE 1: RISE

Epoch 1





 $E F(E) (keV/cm^{2/s})$

X

PHASE 2: PLATEAU + DOUBLE REFLECTION

Epoch 5



PHASE 3: BRIGHT DECLINE TOWARDS THE INTERMEDIATE STATE



Epoch 8

 10^{-2}

 10^{-3}

10

Epoch 2 Epoch 3 Epoch 4 Epoch 5

Epoch 6 Epoch 7 Epoch 8

 $\frac{1}{1}$ $\frac{2}{2}$ $\frac{3}{3}$ Hardness (2-10 / 0.5-2 keV)

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TRACKING THE EVOLUTION OF THE ACCRETION FLOW



THE ORIGIN OF THE DOUBLE REFLECTION

A self-shielding effect due to a "jump" in the disk profile at large distance? (Irradiation likely plays a role)





Does the emission from the JEDs at the two sides of the BHs illuminate different areas of the SAD?

CONCLUSIONS (SO FAR..)

We fitted eight broadband X-rays spectra of the BHT MAXI J1820+070 with the JED-SAD model. This is the first time that the model is directly applied to the data through spectral fits and that reflection is taken into account.



- The best-fitting results show that the disk is truncated and it approaches the BH during the transition to the intermediate state.
- Two reflection components almost always required: what is the origin? Self-shielding effect?
- Next step: try to reproduce the radio evolution of the system during this stage as well.

WHAT'S NEXT? RADIO OBSERVATIONS OF MAXI J1820+070 WITH JED-SAD

- We have AMI-LA data (courtesy of Joe Bright, Northwestern Uni, Bright+, in prep) quasi-simultaneous to 7 out of 8 of the considered Epochs. Next step would be to try to reproduce the radio evolution of the system during this stage.
- + one LOFAR and VLA (58220) + RATAN monitoring (Trushkin+2018, Atel);







Backup slides



Inner region

Outer region

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Epoch

Comparison between JED and an illuminating power-law to generate reflection: does it originate the broadened line?







Epoch 5



 $E F(E) (keV/cm^{2/s})$

