

# **Comparison of spectral models for disc truncation** in the hard state of GX 339-4

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#### X-ray binary - GX 339-4

- accreting black hole

min.  $M=5.8M_{\odot}$  (Hynes et al. 2003)

- low mass companion fills Roche lobe



Flaring Black Hole (Artist's Concept) Credit: NASA

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- two sets of codes:

relxill (Garcia, et al. 2014)

reflkerr<sup>1</sup> (Niedźwiecki, Szanecki, Zdziarski, 2019)

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relxill:

- spectrum fitted in the observer frame and blueshifted.

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- spectrum computed in the local frame and redshifted.
- $\rightarrow$  photoionization
- the detailed calculations of **xillver at low energies**,
- the relativistically correct treatment of **ireflect at high energies** (Magdziarz & Zdziarski 1995).

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→ two different iron abundances

Model 0 follows the Models 4 and 5: reflkerrExp + hreflectExp; original assumptions of Garcia, et al. 2015.

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 $\rightarrow$  high density of the disc

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- the relatively modest relativistic effects

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one (green) and an outer one (red). The solid shows the total model.

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#### Comptonization of the reflected component (Steiner et al. 2017)

- this effect is minor



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#### **Reflector density**

The model of Garcia et al. (2016) with  $n_e = 10^{19} \text{ cm}^{-3}$ 

 increase of both the truncation radius and the Fe abundance





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## Conclusions

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#### Analysed spectra can be fitted with <u>similar quality with models</u> <u>allowing significantly different disc truncation radii</u>.

# Still, all of the fitted models prefer the R<sub>in</sub> much larger than R<sub>ISCO</sub> at their best-fit values.

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→ Use **spectral-timing analysis** to break degeneracy of spectral fitting alone.

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#### Satelites

Plant+15 – XMM and Suzaku

Kolehmainen+14 - XMM and RXTE

Petrucci+14 - Suzaku

Tomsick+08 – Swift and RXTE

Miller+06 - XMM and RXTE

Reis+08 - XMM and RXTE

Basak+Zdziarski16 - XMM

Garcia+15 - RXTE

Dziełak+19 - RXTE

