

# “慧眼”-HXMT卫星亮点

## Highlights of the *Insight*-HXMT satellite

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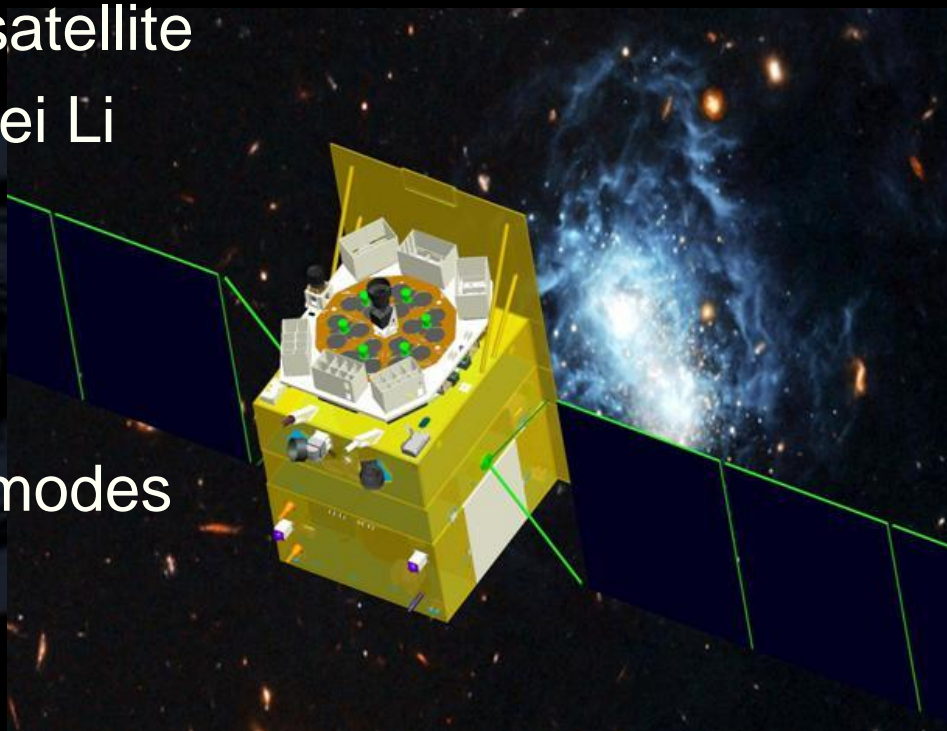
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Trump on US election: we all have to learn Chinese if Biden wins!  
OK, let's do it...

# Hard X-ray Modulation Telescope (HXMT) satellite 硬X射线调制望远镜 (HXMT) 卫星

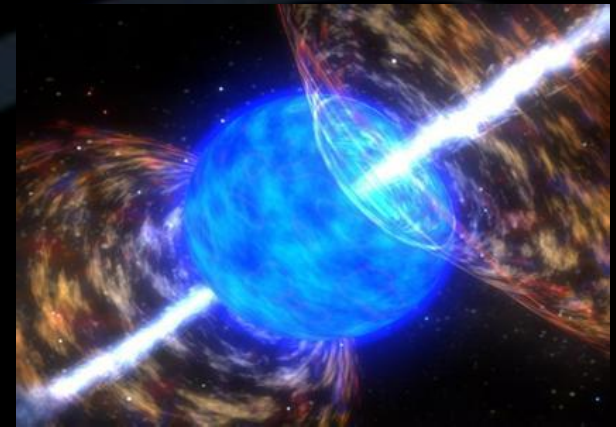
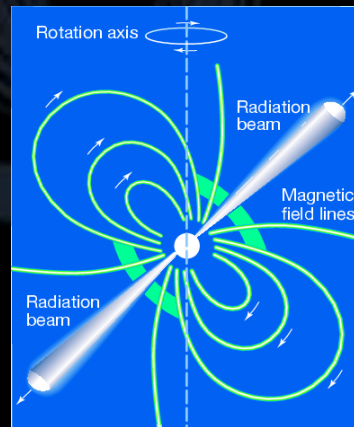
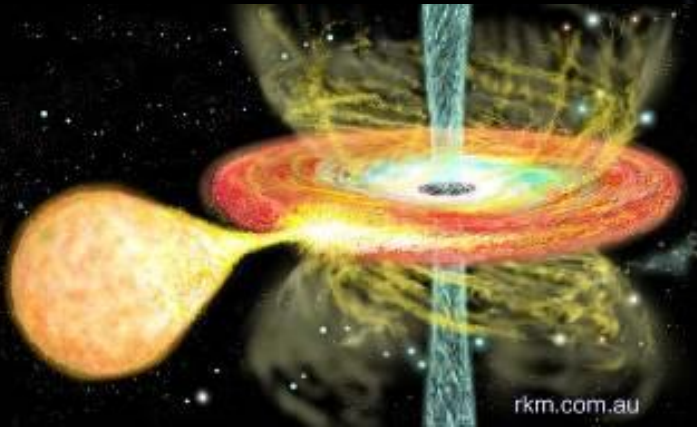
- China's 1<sup>st</sup> X-ray astronomy satellite
- Proposed in 1993 by Prof. Tipei Li
- Selected in 2011
- Total weight ~2500 kg
- Cir. Orbit 550 km, incl. 43°
- Pointed, scanning and GRB modes
- Designed lifetime 4 yrs
- Launched on June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2017
- Dubbed "*Insight*" (发射后命名为“慧眼”)



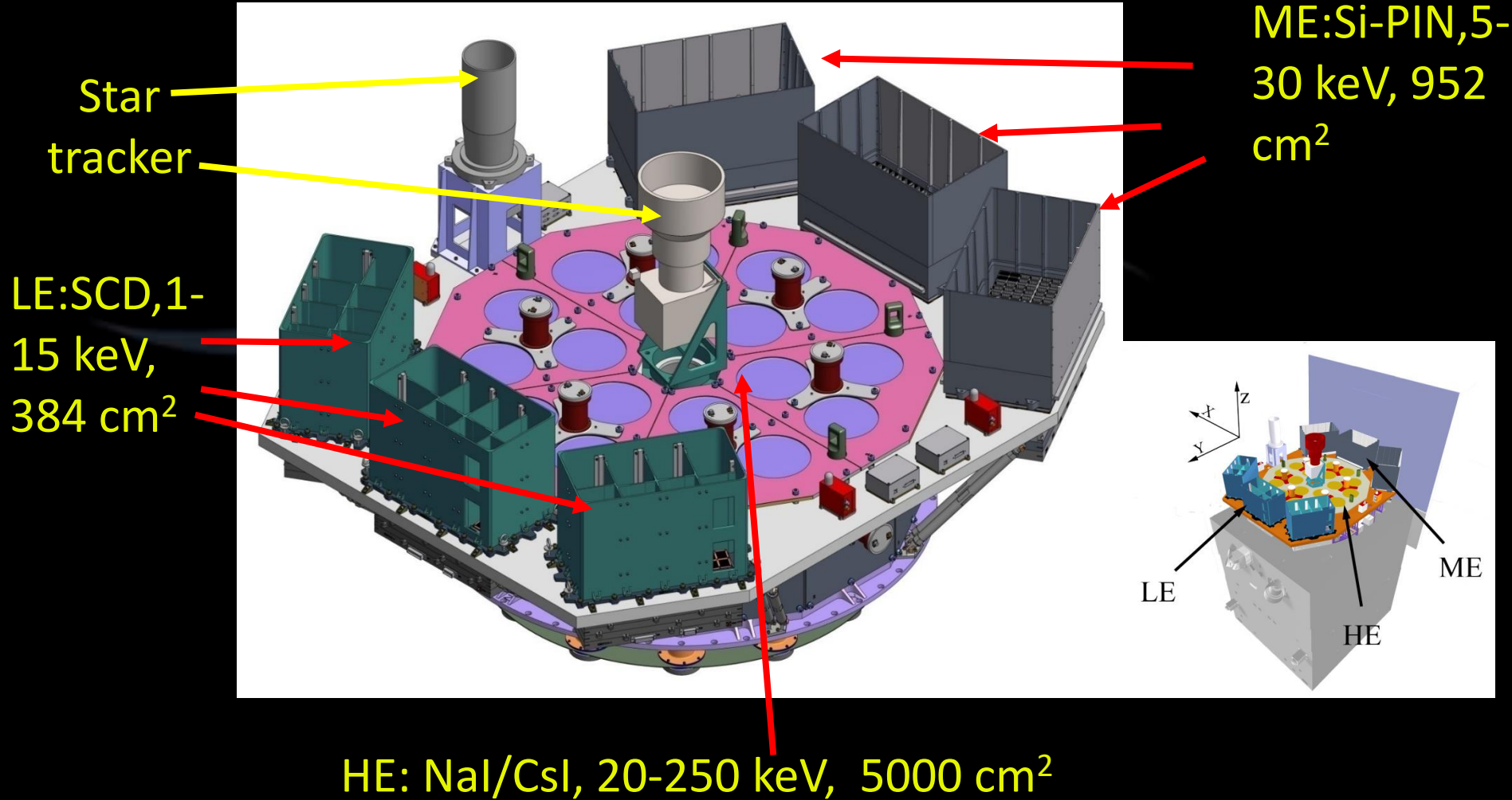
Zhang, S.-N. et al. Overview to the Hard X-ray Modulation Telescope (Insight-HXMT) Satellite. Science China Physics, Mechanics, and Astronomy 63, 249502 (2020)

# Core sciences核心科学

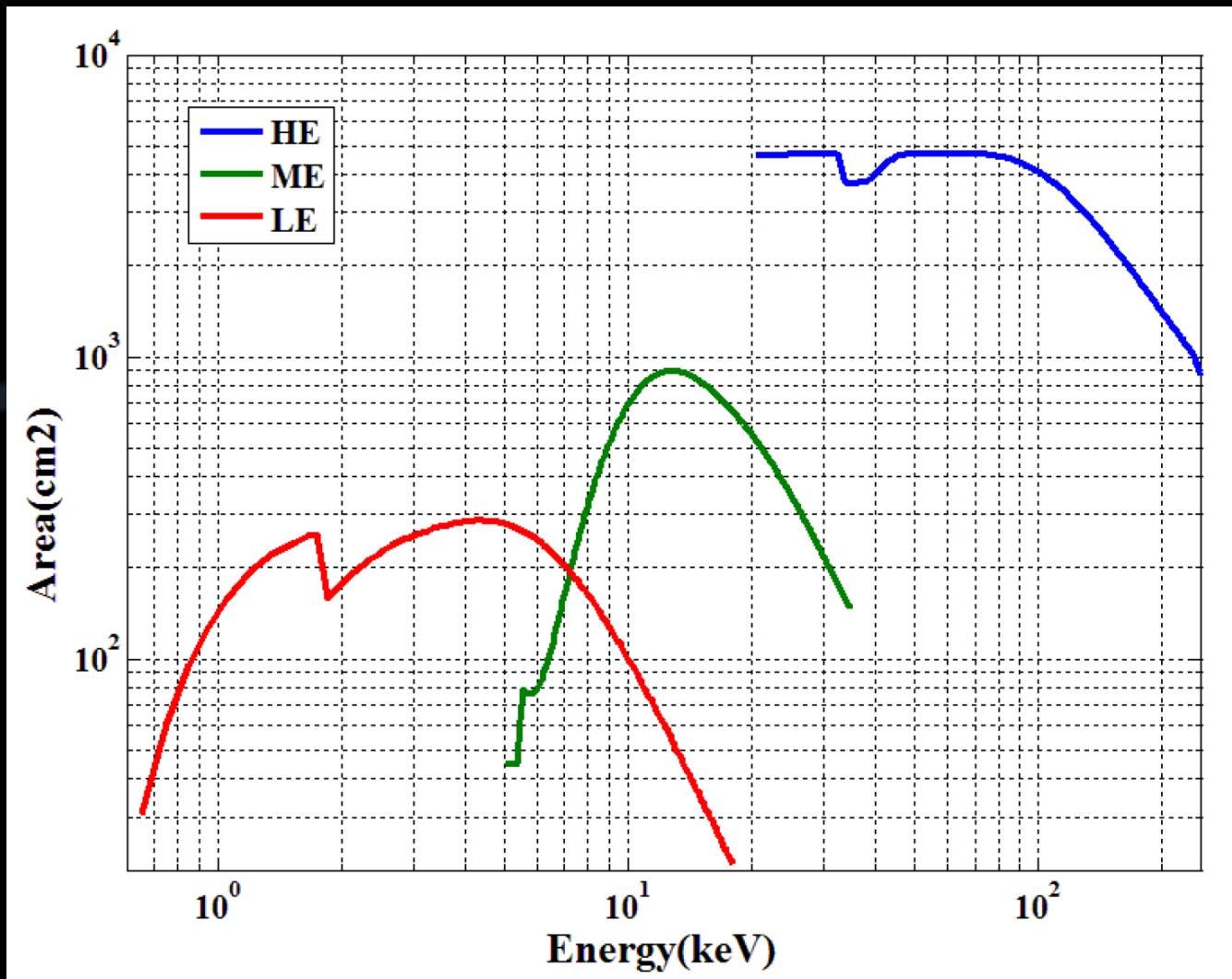
- ✓ Galactic plane scan and monitor survey for more weak & short transient sources in very wide energy band (1-250 keV)
- ✓ Pointed observations: High statistics study of bright sources and long-term high cadence monitoring of XRB outbursts
- ✓ **All sky monitor for GRBs & pulsars (0.2 – 3 MeV)**



# Science payload科学载荷



# Effective area有效面积

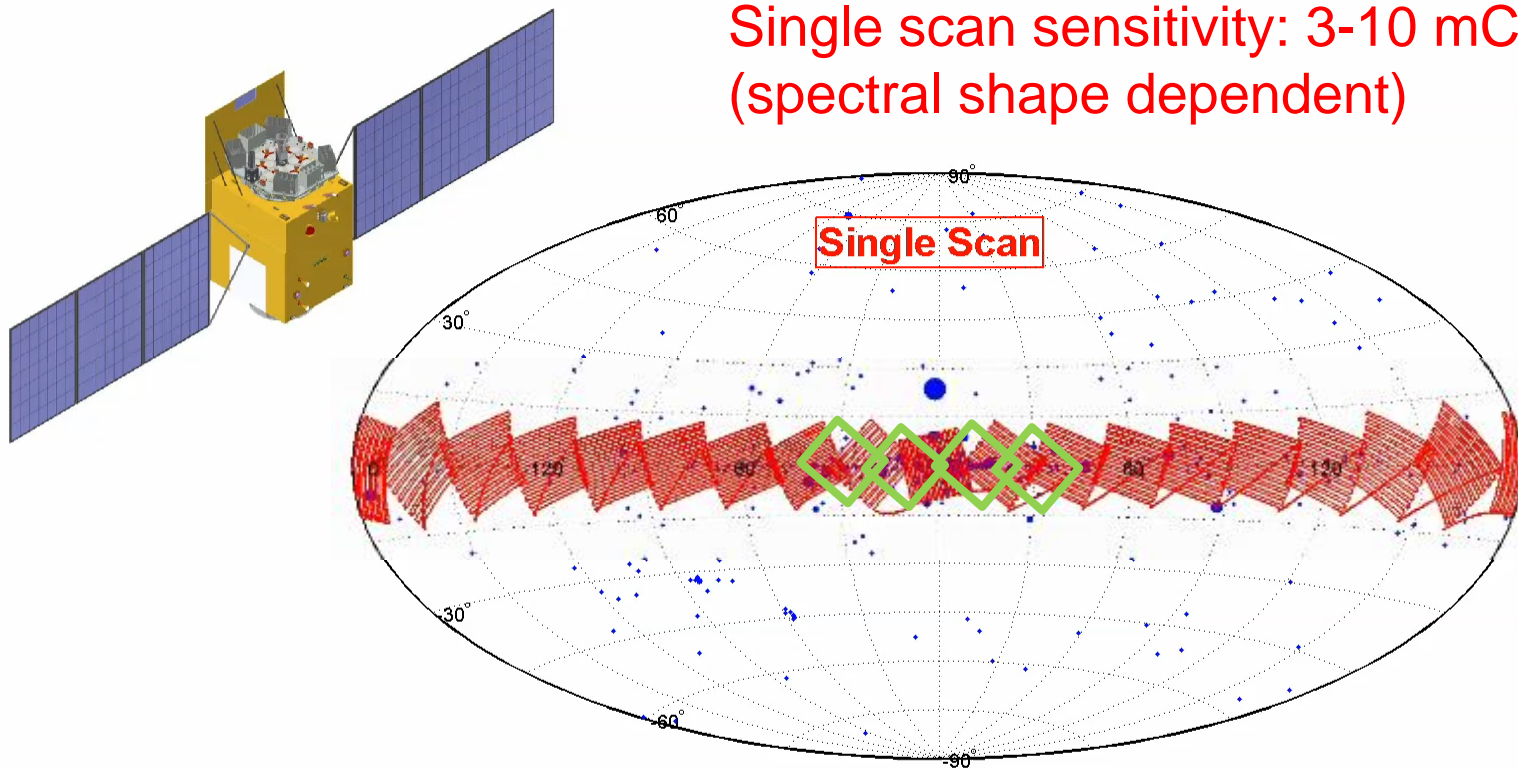




# Insight-HXMT scanning survey of the MW

## “慧眼”对银道面的扫描巡天

Single scan sensitivity: 3-10 mCrab  
(spectral shape dependent)



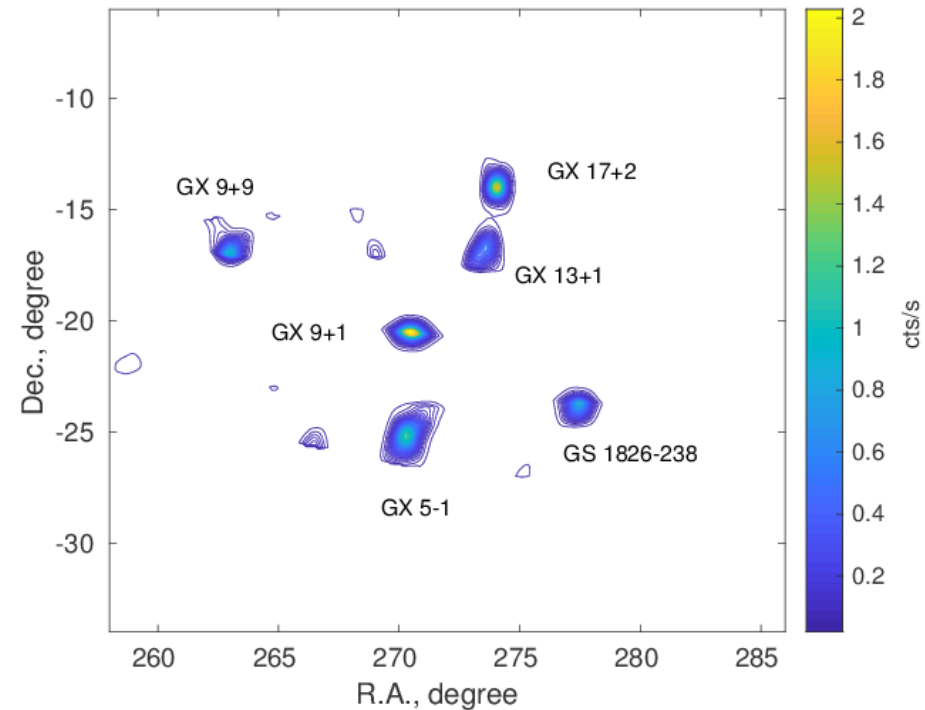
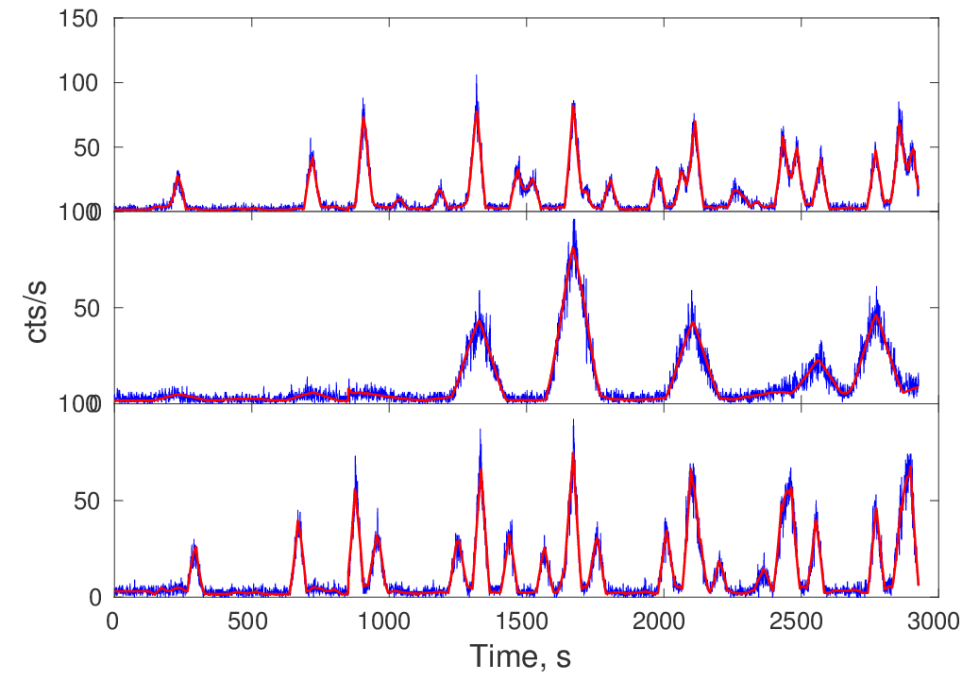
**Galactic Plane:  $(20^\circ \times 20^\circ) \times 18 + (20^\circ \times 20^\circ) \times 4$**

- 11 center regions: 90 times/year ( $-60^\circ \sim 60^\circ$ ), 11 outer regions: 10 times/year
- Sai, N. et al., 2020

# Scan light curve & reconstructed image

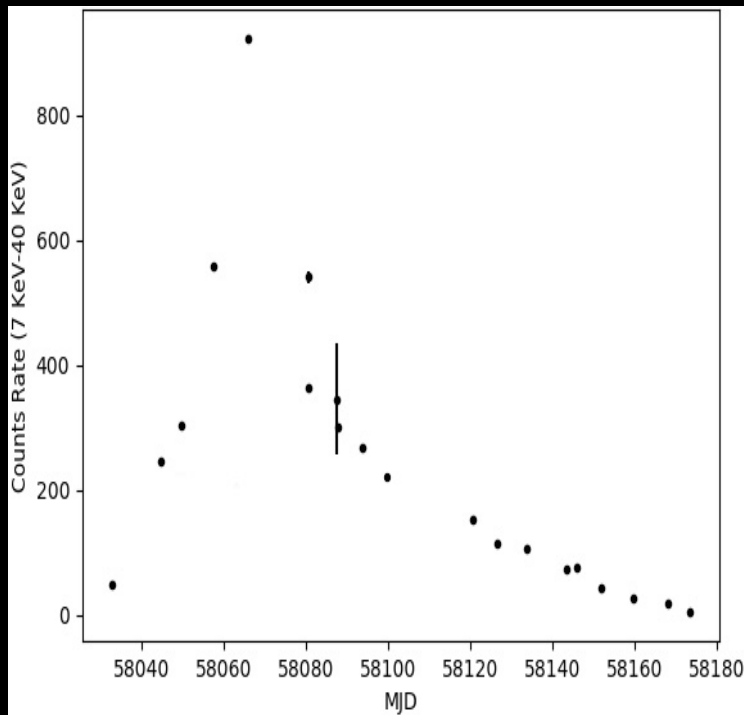
## 扫描光变曲线和重建的图像

July 16 on Galactic center (LE 1-6 keV)



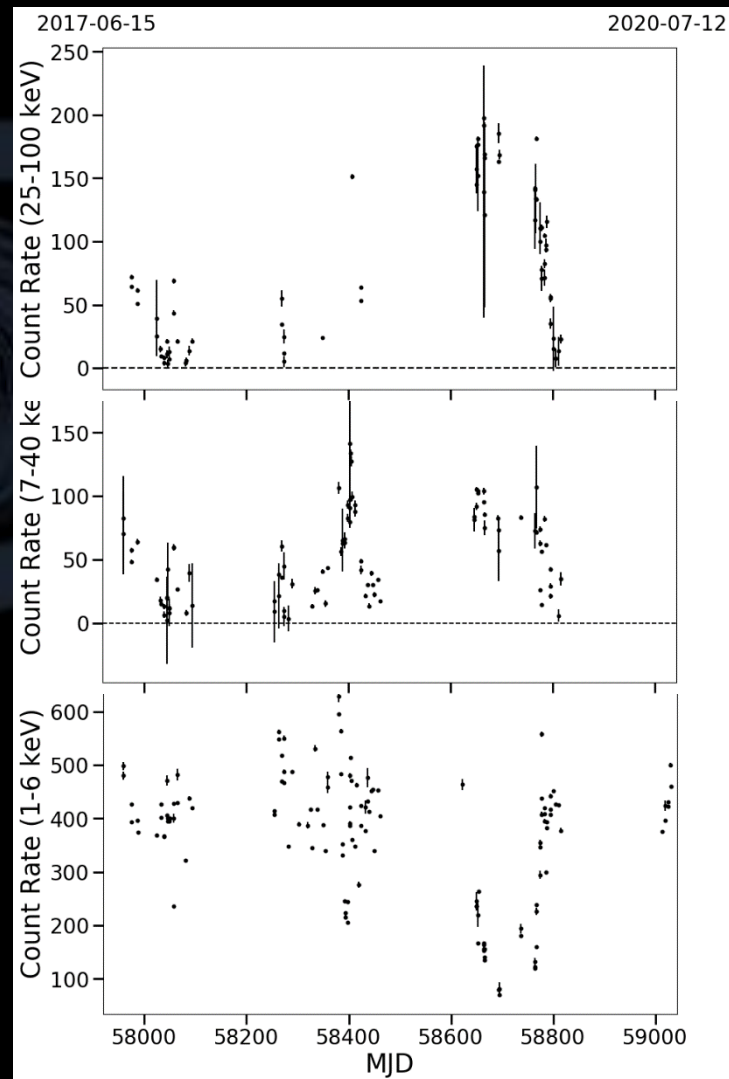
Direct Demodulation Method (Li & Wu 1993); Guan, J. et al., 2020

# Long-term monitoring of ~200 sources 大约200个天体长期X射线光变曲线监测



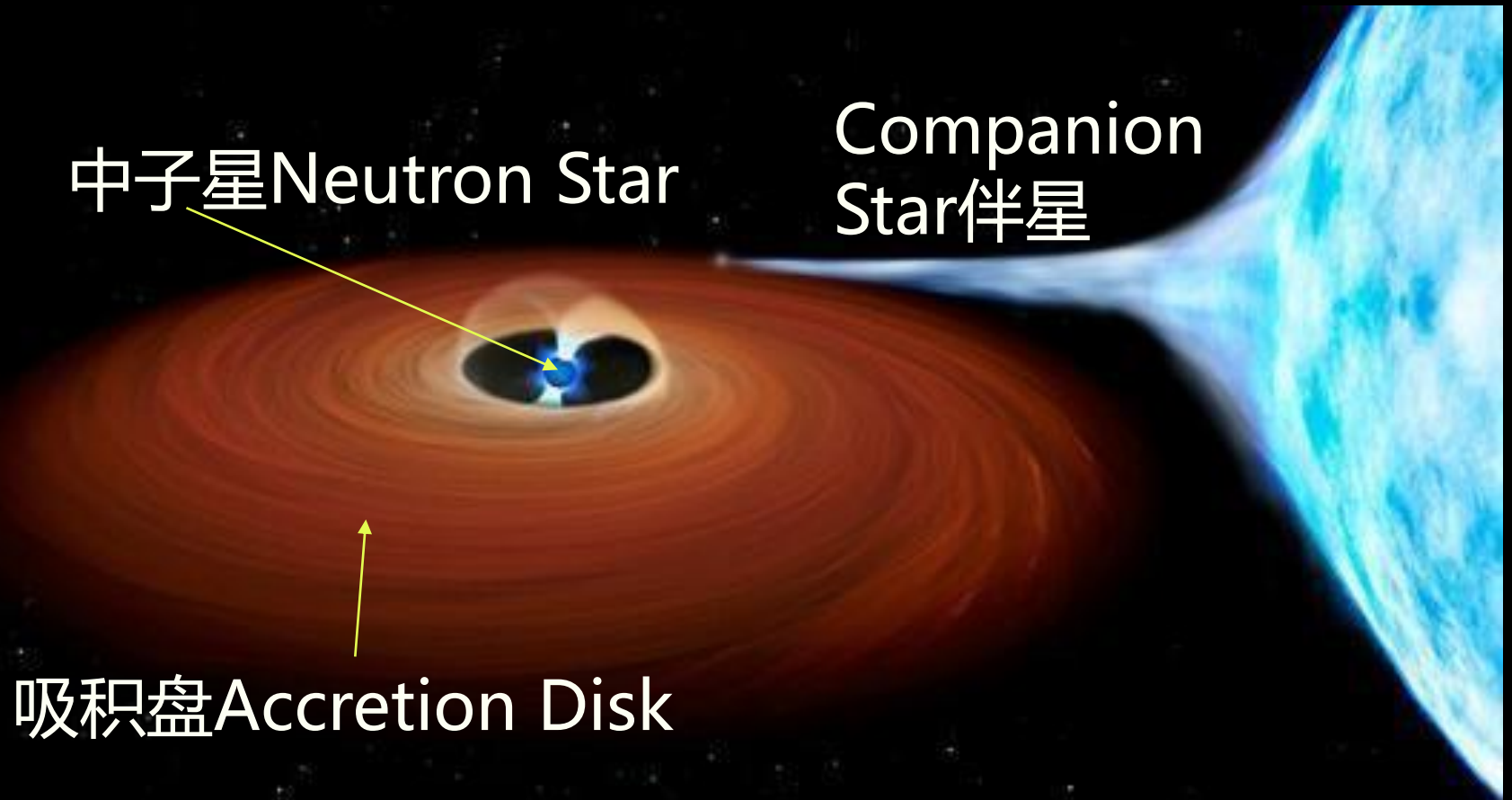
ME (7-40 keV):  
Swift J0243.6+6124,  
Accreting pulsar

1-250 keV: Cyg X-1, accreting BH





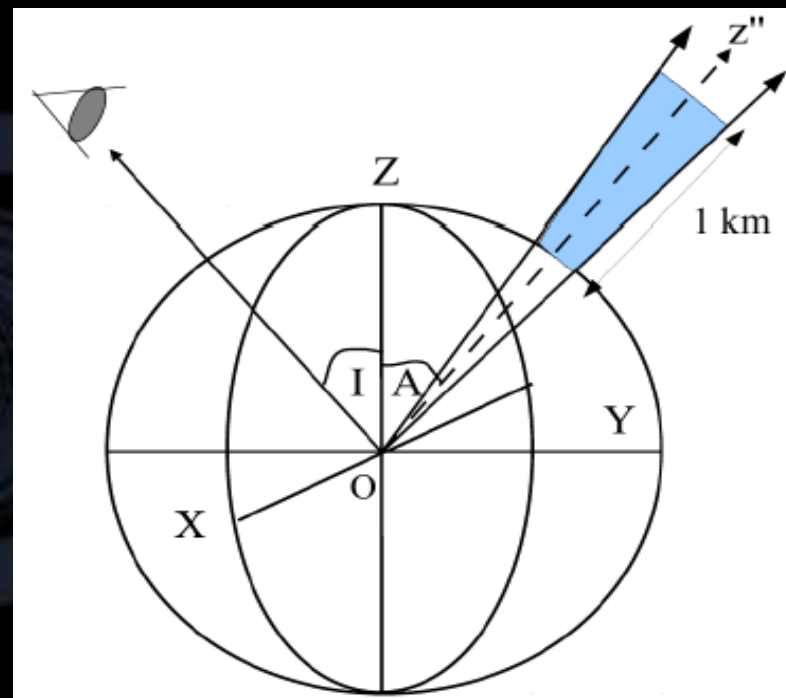
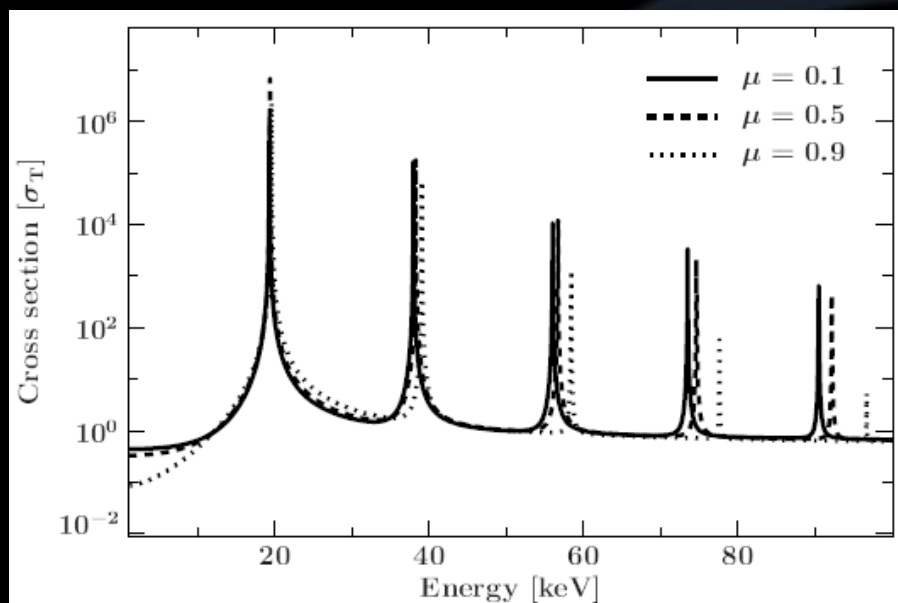
# Extremely Complex Interactions in NSXBs “吸积”中子星和吸积盘复杂的相互作用



# Extreme Magnetism near Neutron Stars

## 中子星附近有宇宙最强磁场

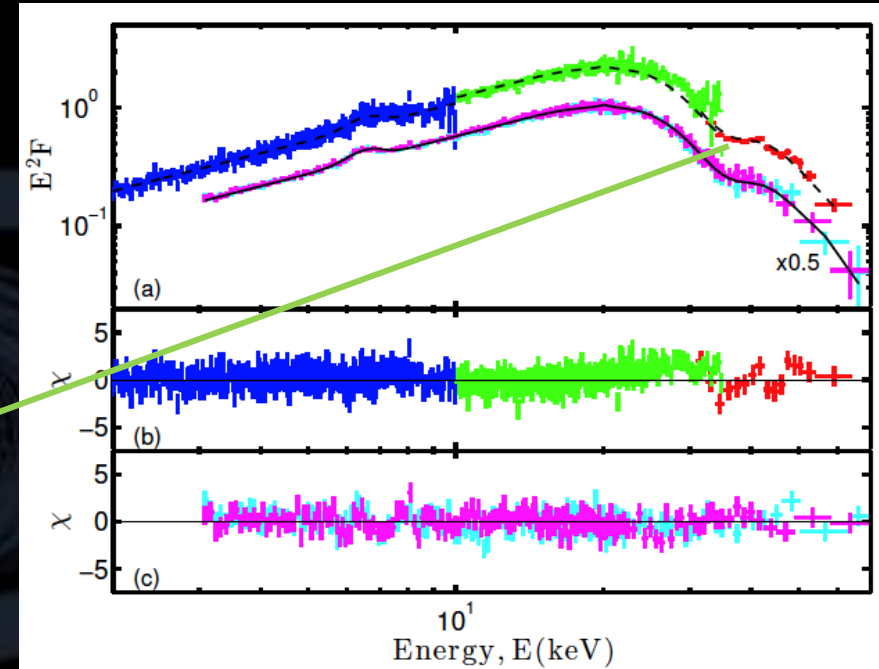
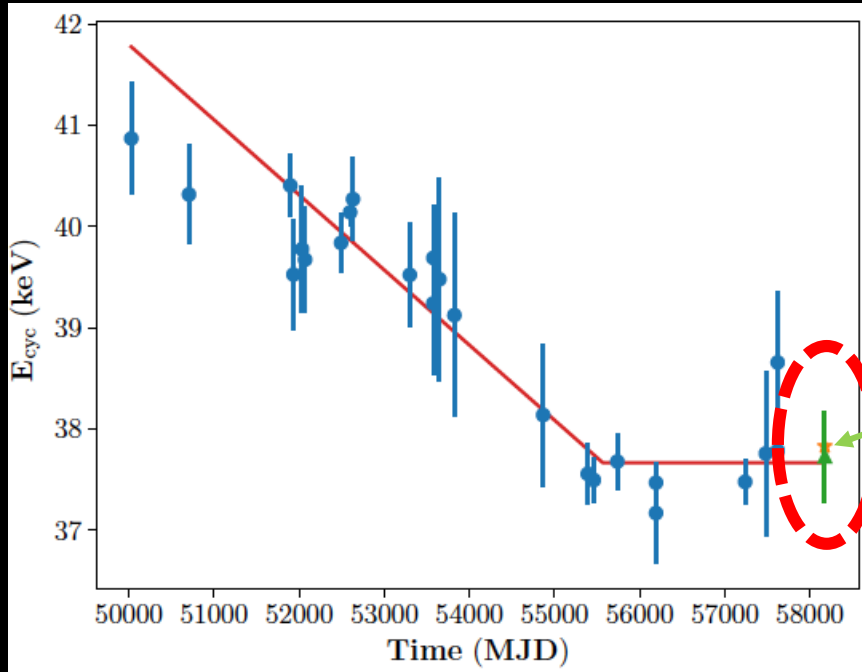
$$E_n = (m_e c^2) \frac{\sqrt{1 + 2n \frac{B}{B_{crit}} \sin^2 \theta} - 1}{\sin^2 \theta} \times \frac{1}{1 + z}$$



Maitra 2016

在强磁场中，高能电子围绕磁力线回旋运动呈现出量子态。光子被位于量子态的电子吸收，会形成回旋吸收线。回旋吸收线的能量直接对应着磁场强度，这是目前直接测量中子星磁场的唯一方法。

# Neutron star cyclotron absorption line of Her X-1 “慧眼”确认了中子星回旋吸收线能量停止减少



Constant cyclotron line energy in Hercules X-1 --  
Joint Insight-HXMT and NuSTAR observations  
( $@ > 5 \sigma$  significance, Xiao et al. 2020)

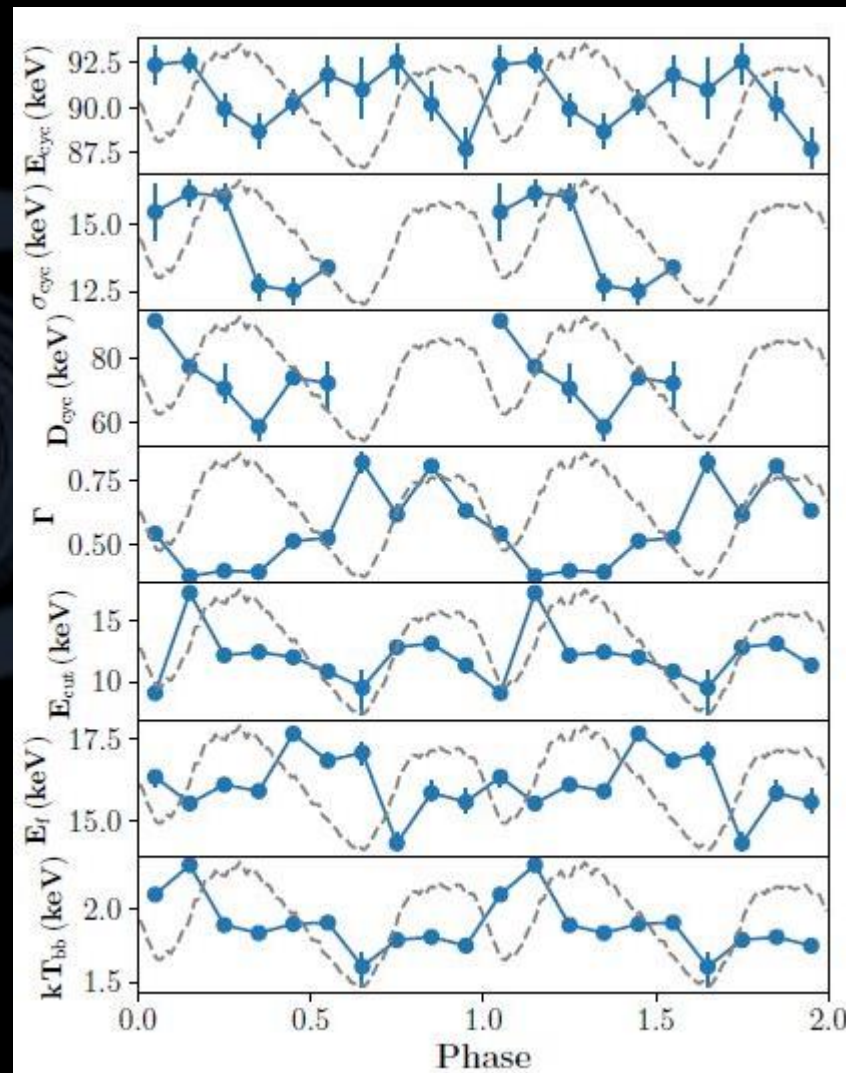
# Highest-E Neutron star cyclotron absorption line

## “慧眼”显著探测到最高能量的中子星回旋吸收线

- GRO J1008-57:  $\sim 90$  keV  $\rightarrow$  highest  $B$  directly measured in the universe  $\sim 10^{13}$ ,  $\sim 4\sigma$  with NuSTAR & Suzaku  $\sim 79$  keV
- 4 HXMT observations  $\sim 235$  ks  $\sim 20\sigma$  detection

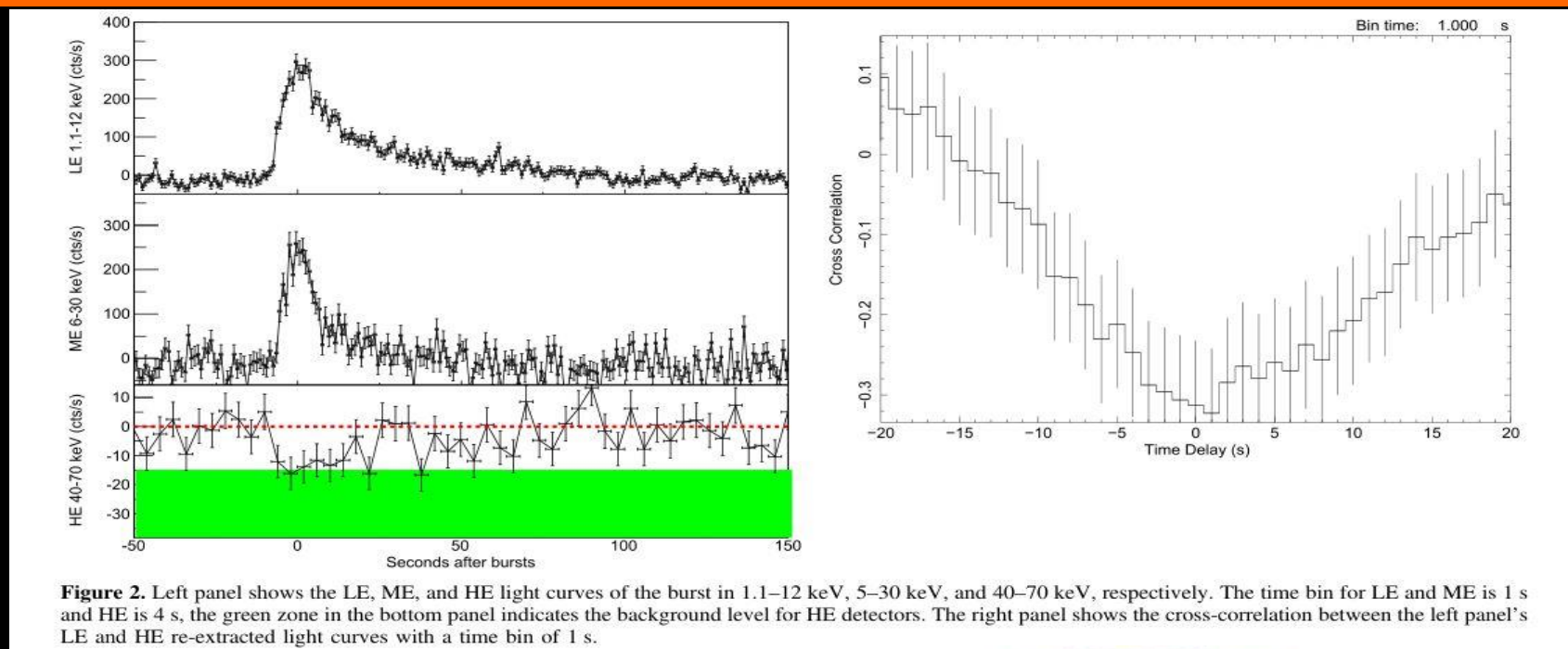
Allow for phase resolved and flux dependent studies

Ge et al. 2020

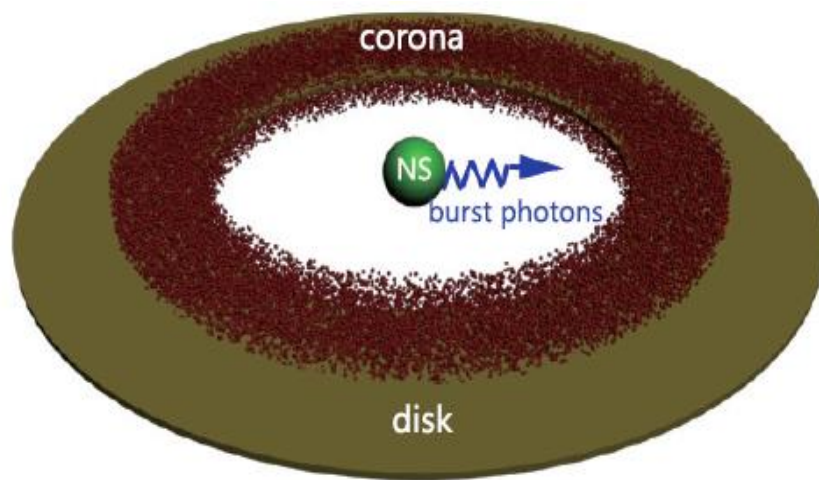


# Corona cooled by *single* Type-I X-ray burst

## “慧眼”发现中子星高温冕被单个X射线暴冷却



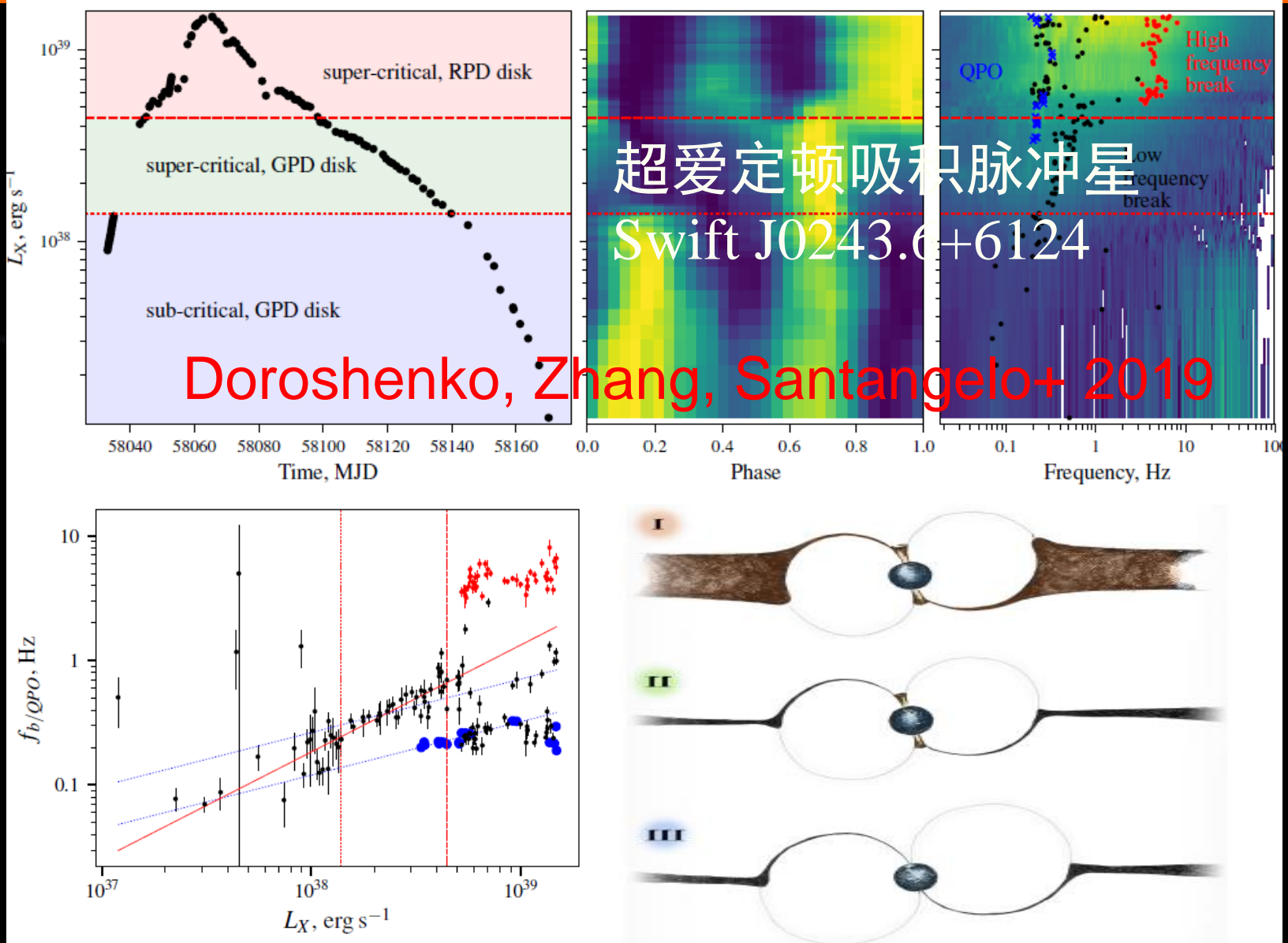
Previously multiple bursts were added to see the cooling, but with Insight-HXMT it's seen in a single burst for the 1<sup>st</sup> time. 以前需要几十个暴叠加，慧眼单暴就显著看到（4U1636-536, Chen+2018, ApJL）





# Insight-HXMT discovery of GPD to RPD transition

## “慧眼”发现气压向辐射压转换的吸积盘





# kHz QPOs > 20 keV from Sco X-1 with Insight-HXMT

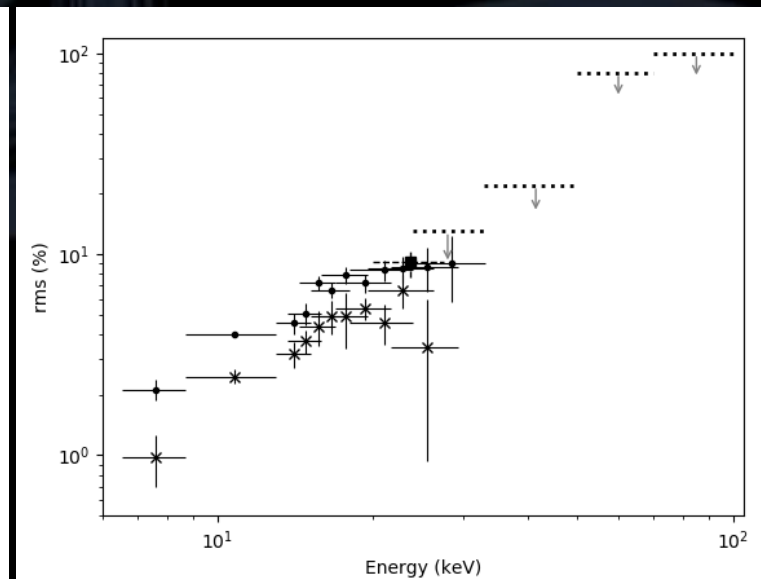
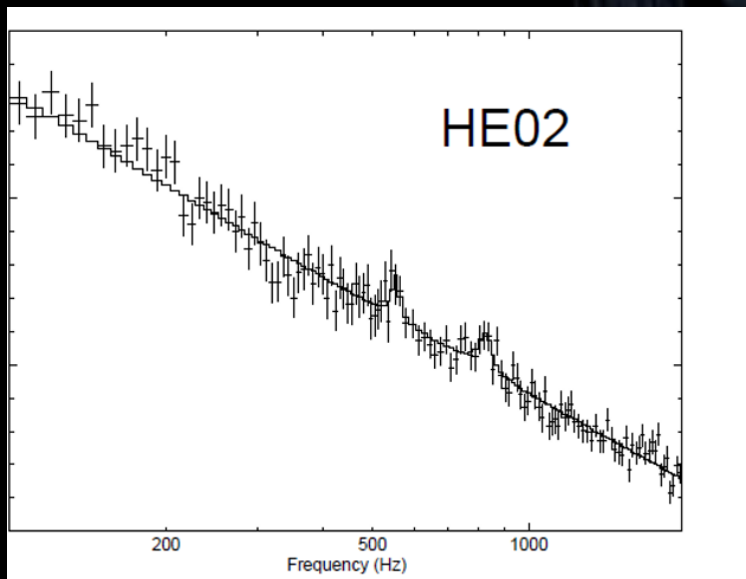
## “慧眼”发现最亮X射线源的高能千赫兹准周期振荡

### Discovery of Submillisecond Quasi-periodic Oscillations in the X-Ray Flux of Scorpius X-1

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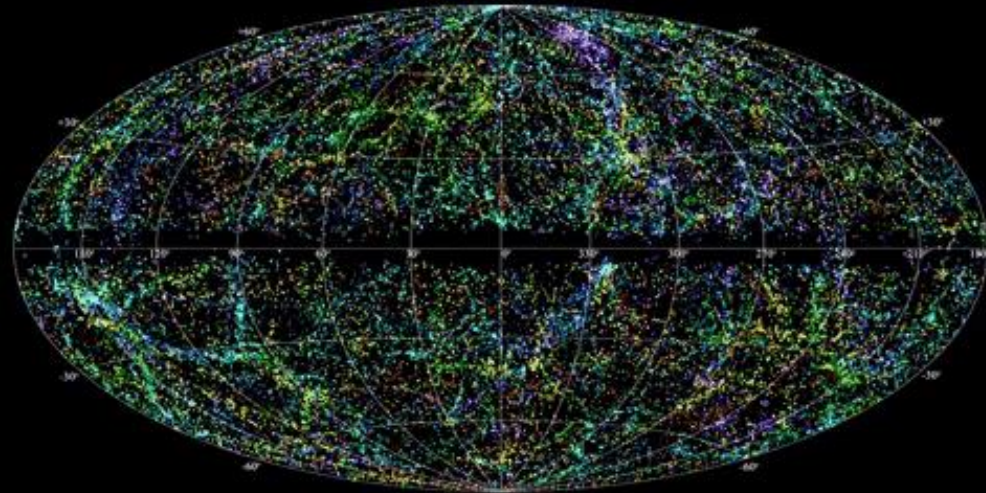
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Insight-HXMT on Sco X-1 (Jia+ 2020, JHEAP, arXiv:1910.08382)

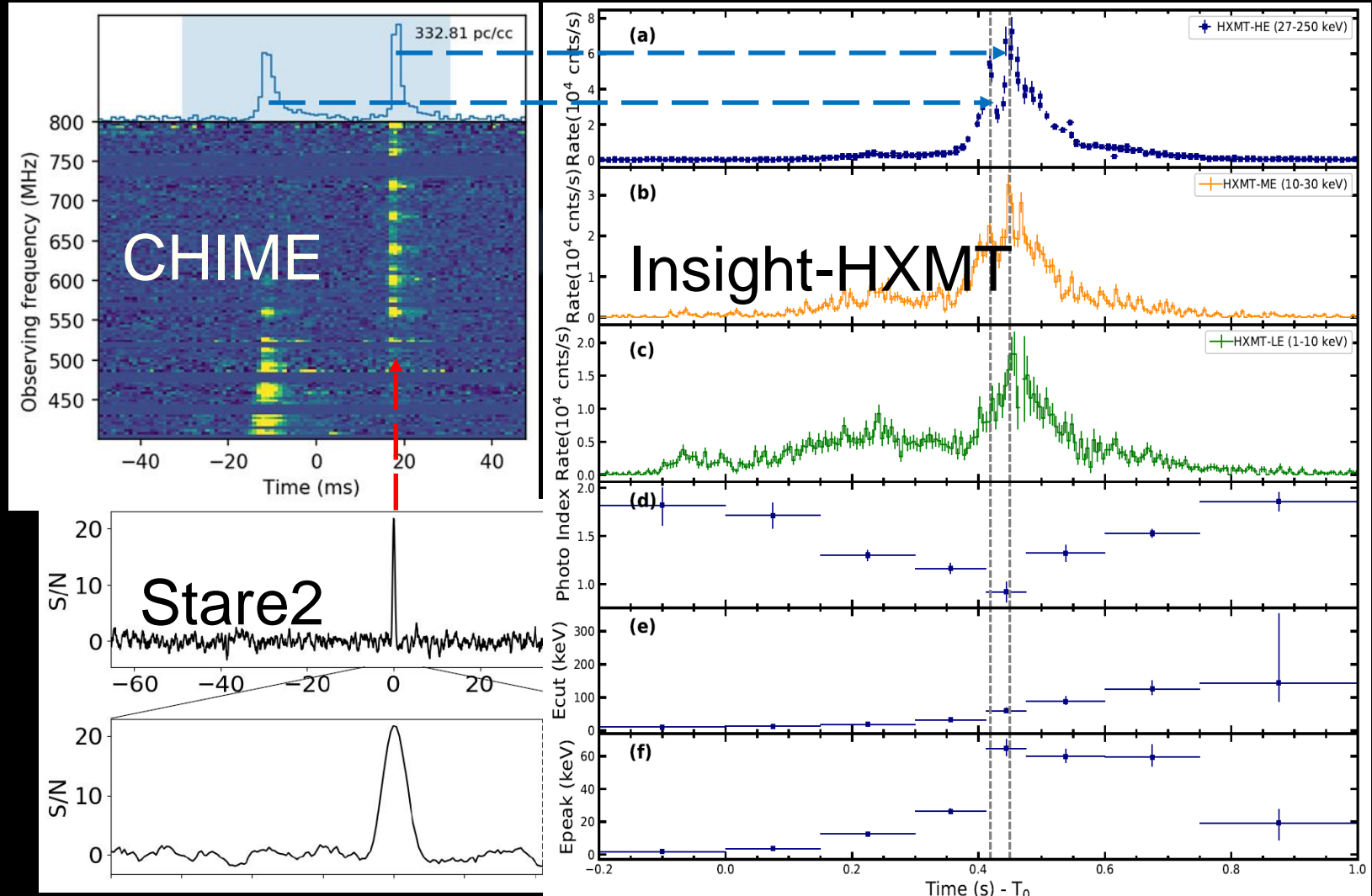
# Fast Radio Bursts快速射电暴



First reported in 2007 (Lorimer et al. 2007): bright millisecond radio pulses, random arrival direction and time, some repeat and even periodic, but counterpart or radiation at any other wavelengths not known, until April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

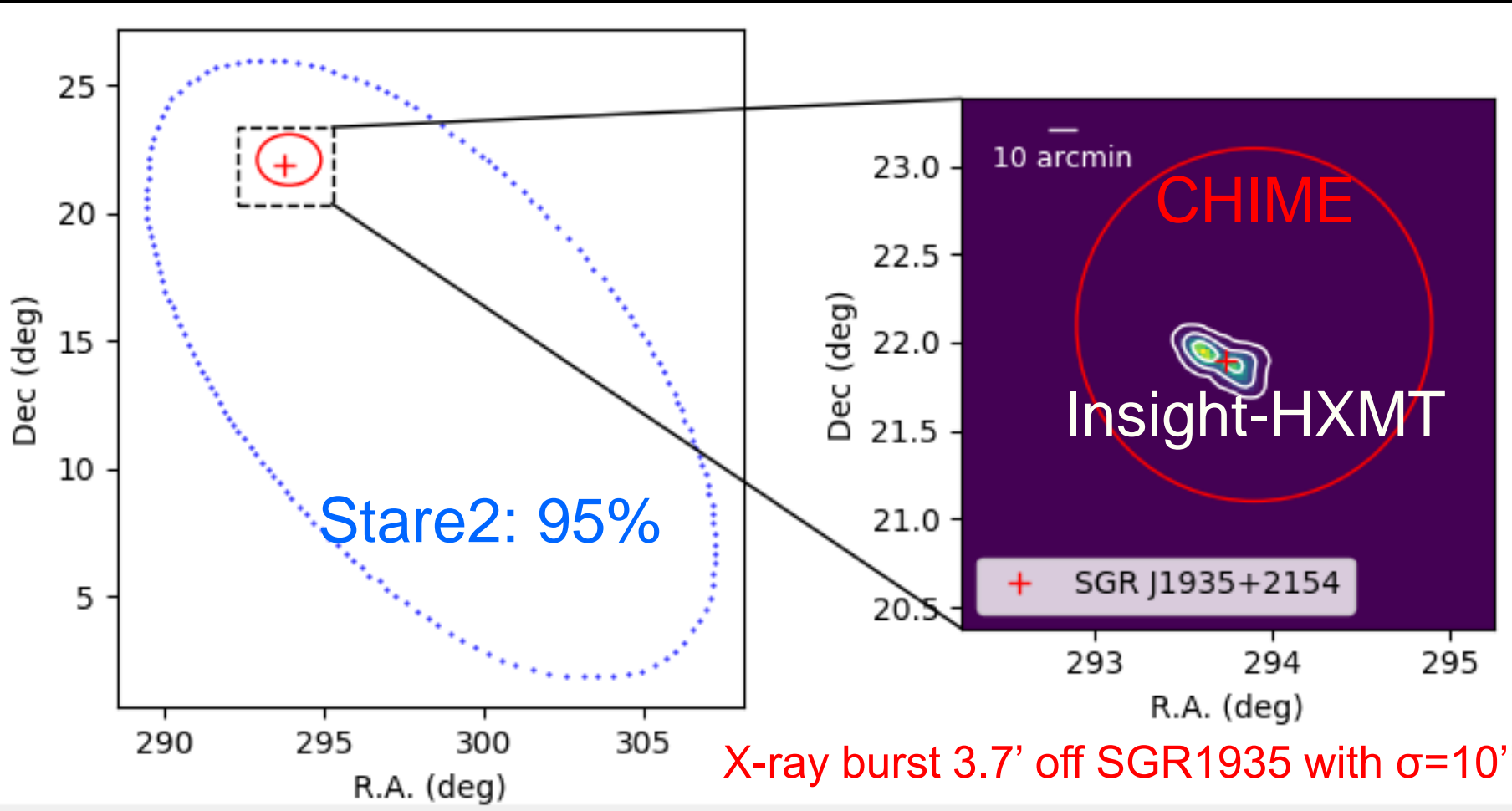
# Historic event on April 28<sup>th</sup> 2020

## 2020年4月28号的历史事件



CHIME/FRB Collaboration+; Bochenek+; Li+, 2021, Nature Astronomy

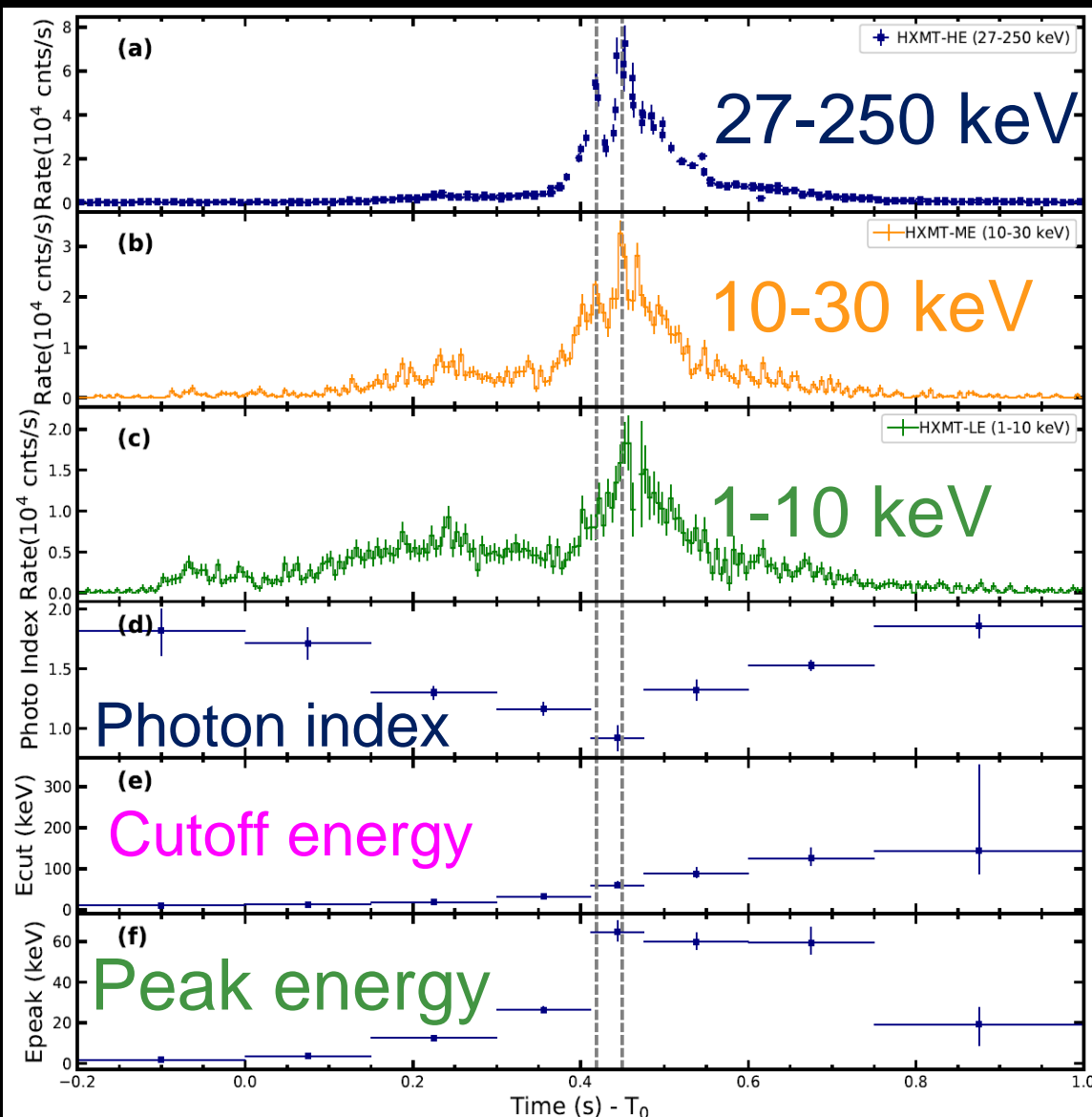
# Localization of the X-ray burst 定位X射线暴



Identification of the X-ray burst with SGR1935, Li+ (Insight-HXMT team), 2021, Nature Astronomy

# Insight-HXMT broad band light curves

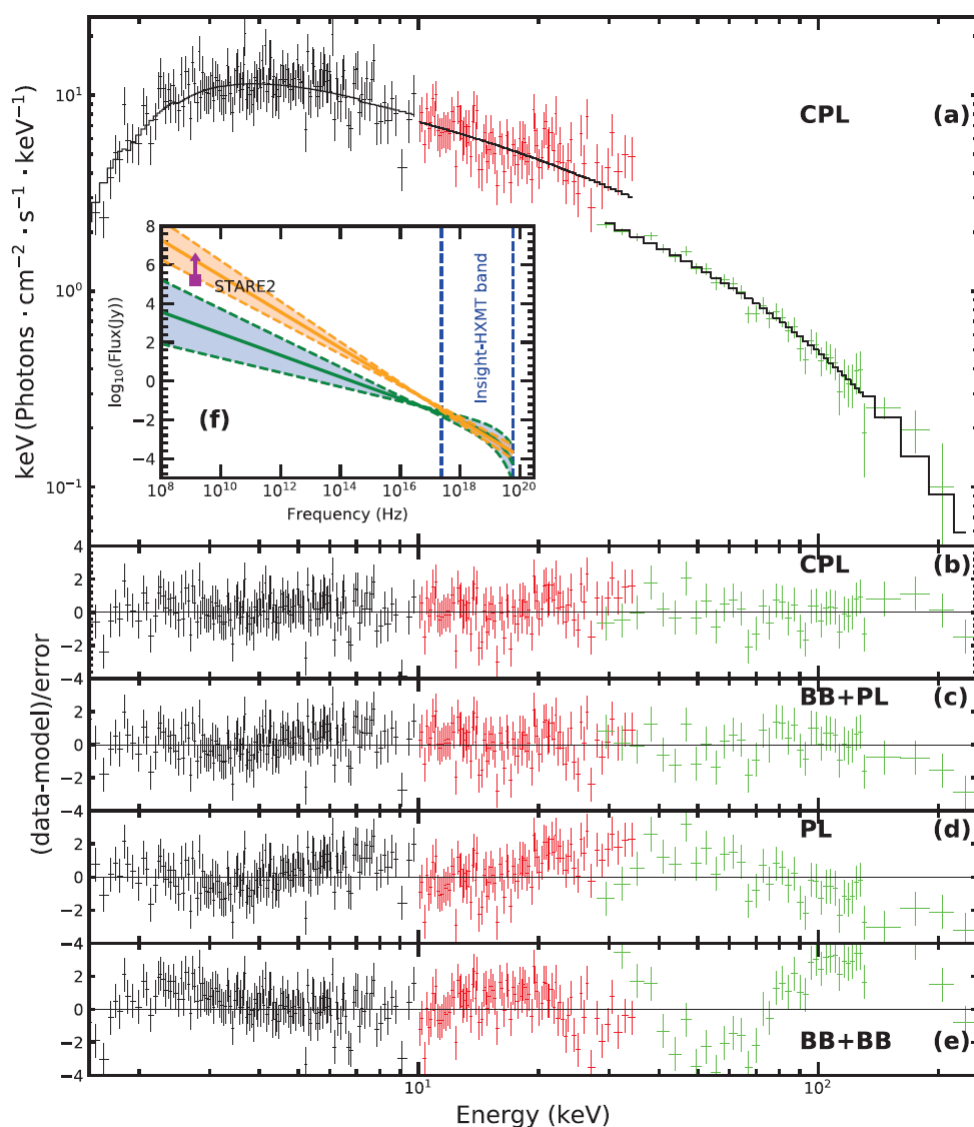
## 慧眼宽能段光变



Two narrow X-ray peaks coinciding the twin radio pulses (30 ms separation), identification of the X-ray burst with FRB 200428: Insight-HXMT Atel #13696/GCN #27675, Li+ (Insight-HXMT team), 2021, Nature Astronomy

# Insight-HXMT broad band spectrum

## 慧眼宽能段能谱



Both cutoff powerlaw & blackbody+powerlaw provide almost the same good fitting. BB+BB or PL rejected.

CPL: photon index  $\sim 1.6$ ,  
E<sub>cut</sub>  $\sim 84$  keV

BB+PL: T<sub>bb</sub>  $\sim 11$  keV,  
photon index  $\sim 1.9$

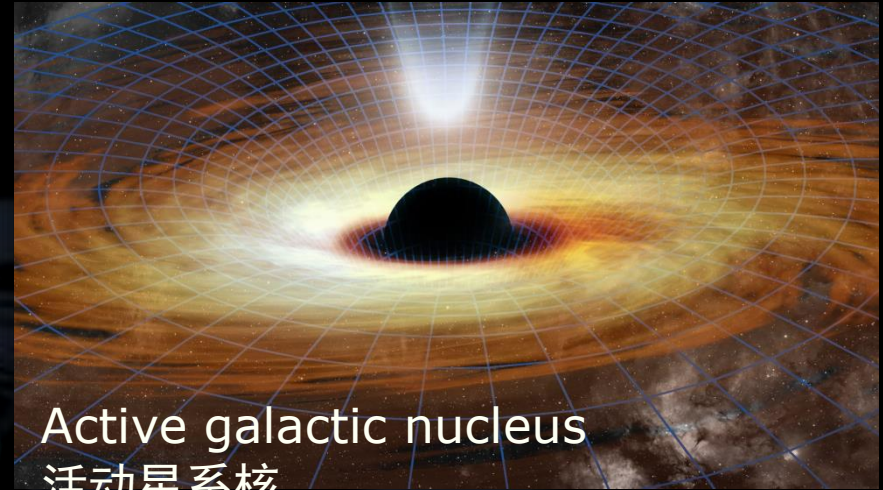
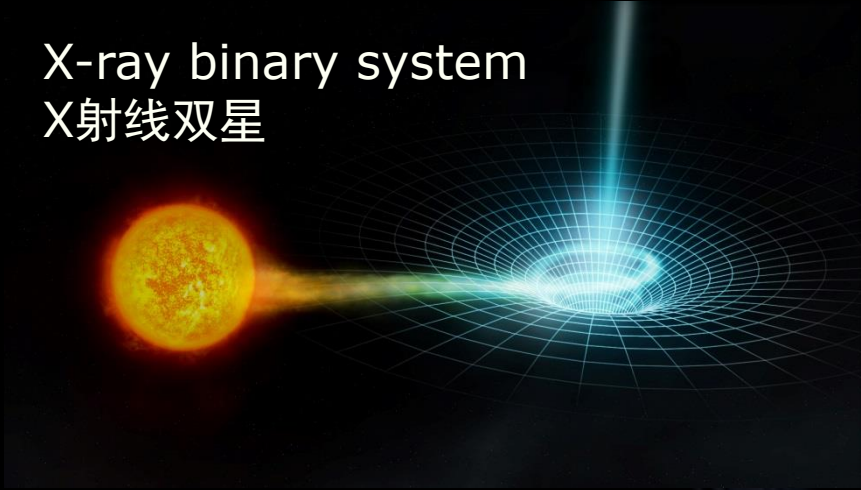
Li+ (Insight-HXMT team),  
2021, Nature Astronomy



# Extreme Gravity Near Black Holes

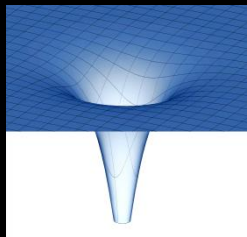
## 黑洞附近存在宇宙最强引力

X-ray binary system  
X射线双星

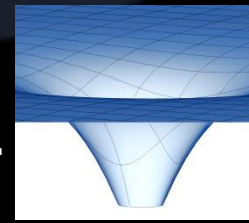


Active galactic nucleus  
活动星系核

← X-ray study covers wide mass range in uniform setting →



Stellar mass black hole  
(or neutron star)  
Strongly curved spacetime.  
( $10^6$  times Solar)



Supermassive black hole  
Weakly curved spacetime  
( $\sim$ Solar)

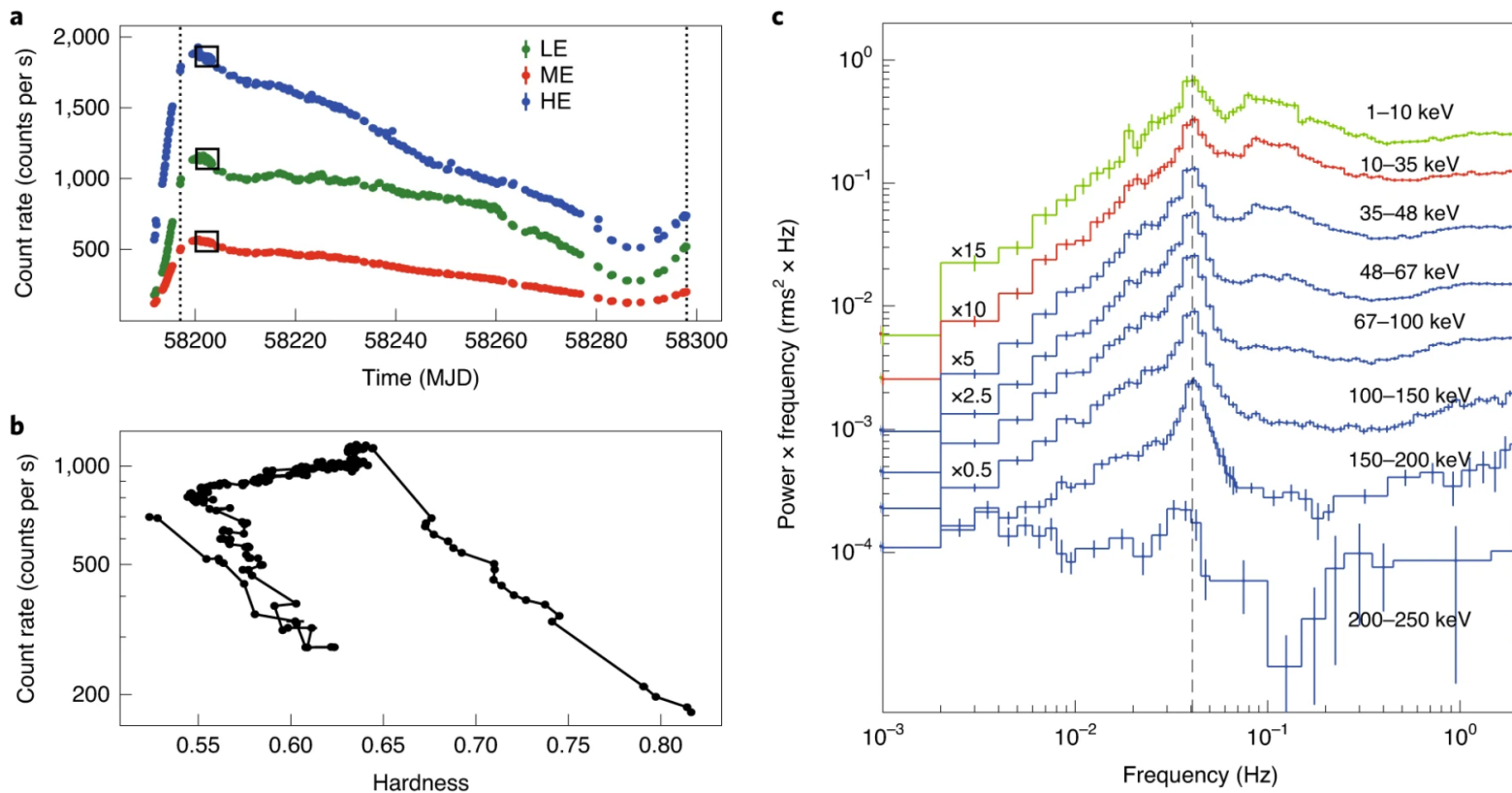
*TESTS OF GR PREDICTIONS IN THE STRONG FIELD REGIME OF GRAVITY.  
COMPLEMENTARY TO GRAVITATIONAL WAVE EXPERIMENTS.*

# QPOs of BH binaries: $< 30$ keV $\rightarrow$ $> 200$ keV

## “慧眼”发现黑洞周围最高能量的准周期振荡

**Fig. 1: Light curves, hardness–intensity diagram and power density spectra of MAXIJ1820+070 in the X-ray hard state.**

From: *Discovery of oscillations above 200 keV in a black hole X-ray binary with Insight-HXMT*

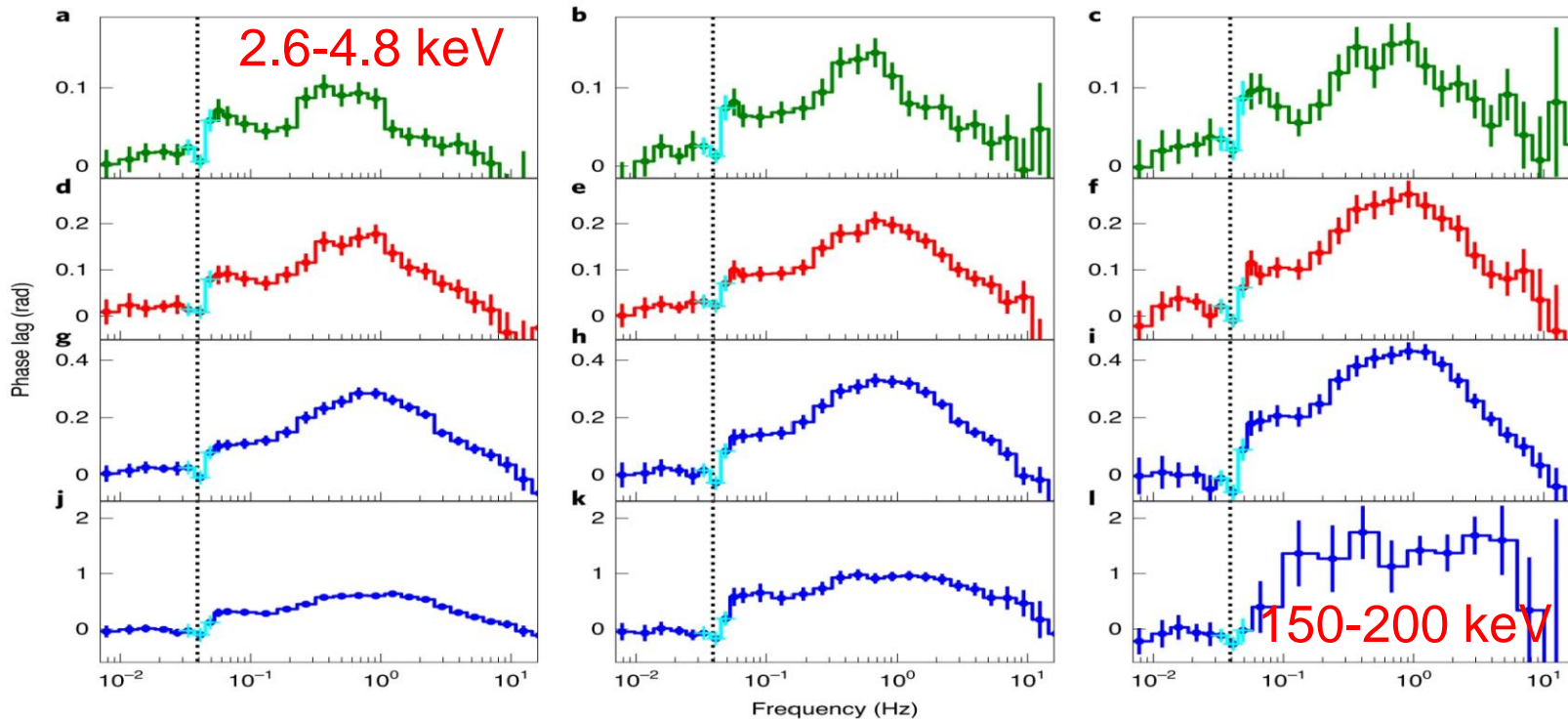


Ma, Tao, SNZ+ 2021, Nature Astronomy

# Dip in the lag-freq. spectra at QPO

**Fig. 2: Frequency-dependent phase-lag spectra for MAXI J1820+070 in different energy bands.** All lags are relative to 1-2.6 keV; negative lag: behind

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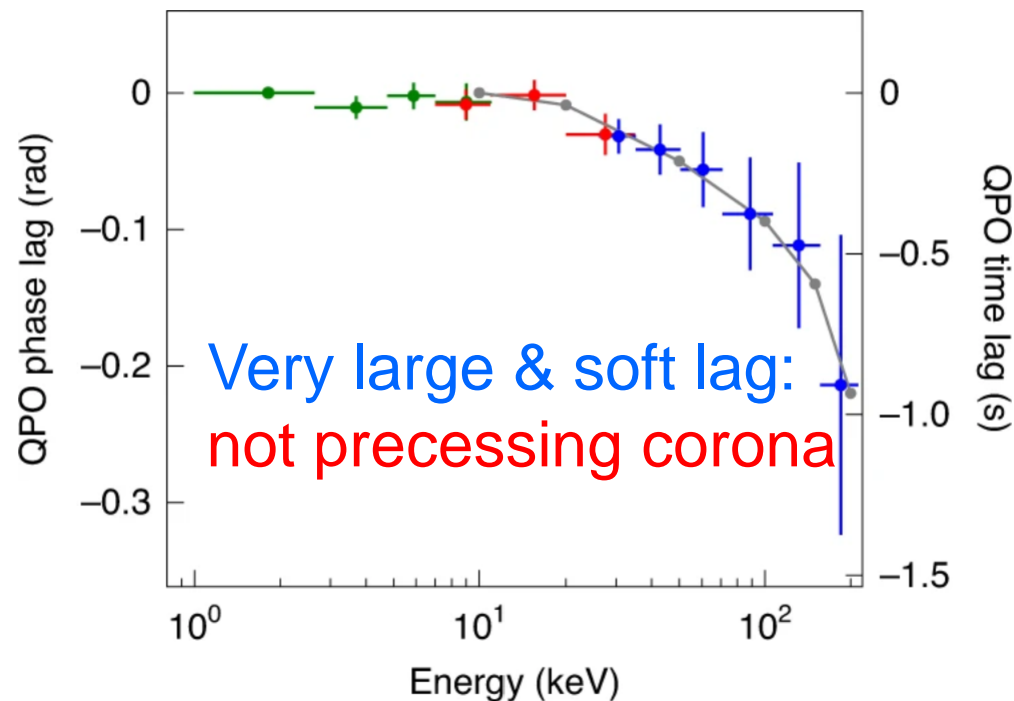


All spectra are relative to the 1–2.6 keV band for a typical observation taken on MJD 58199.5–58200.9 (ObsID P0114661003). **a–c**, Spectra for 2.6–4.8 keV (**a**), 4.8–7 keV (**b**) and 7–11 keV (**c**) from LE. **d–f**, Spectra for 7–11 keV (**d**), 11–23 keV (**e**) and 23–35 keV (**f**) from ME. **g–i**, Spectra for 25–35 keV (**g**), 35–48 keV (**h**), 48–67 keV (**i**), 67–100 keV (**j**), 100–150 keV (**k**) and 150–200 keV (**l**) from HE. To compare the results from different telescopes, we used some overlapping energy bands: **c** for LE and **d** for ME, and **f** for ME and **g** for HE. The frequency-dependent phase-lag spectra confirm consistency between different telescopes. The vertical dashed lines indicate the LFQPO frequency. In all cases, we observe a narrow dip-like feature (cyan points) at the LFQPO frequency. Error bars correspond to  $1\sigma$  confidence intervals.

# Lag contradicts Comptonization delay in corona: Geometrical effect outside inner disk

**Fig. 3: The evolution of the LFQPO phase lag as a function of photon energy for ObsID P0114661003.**

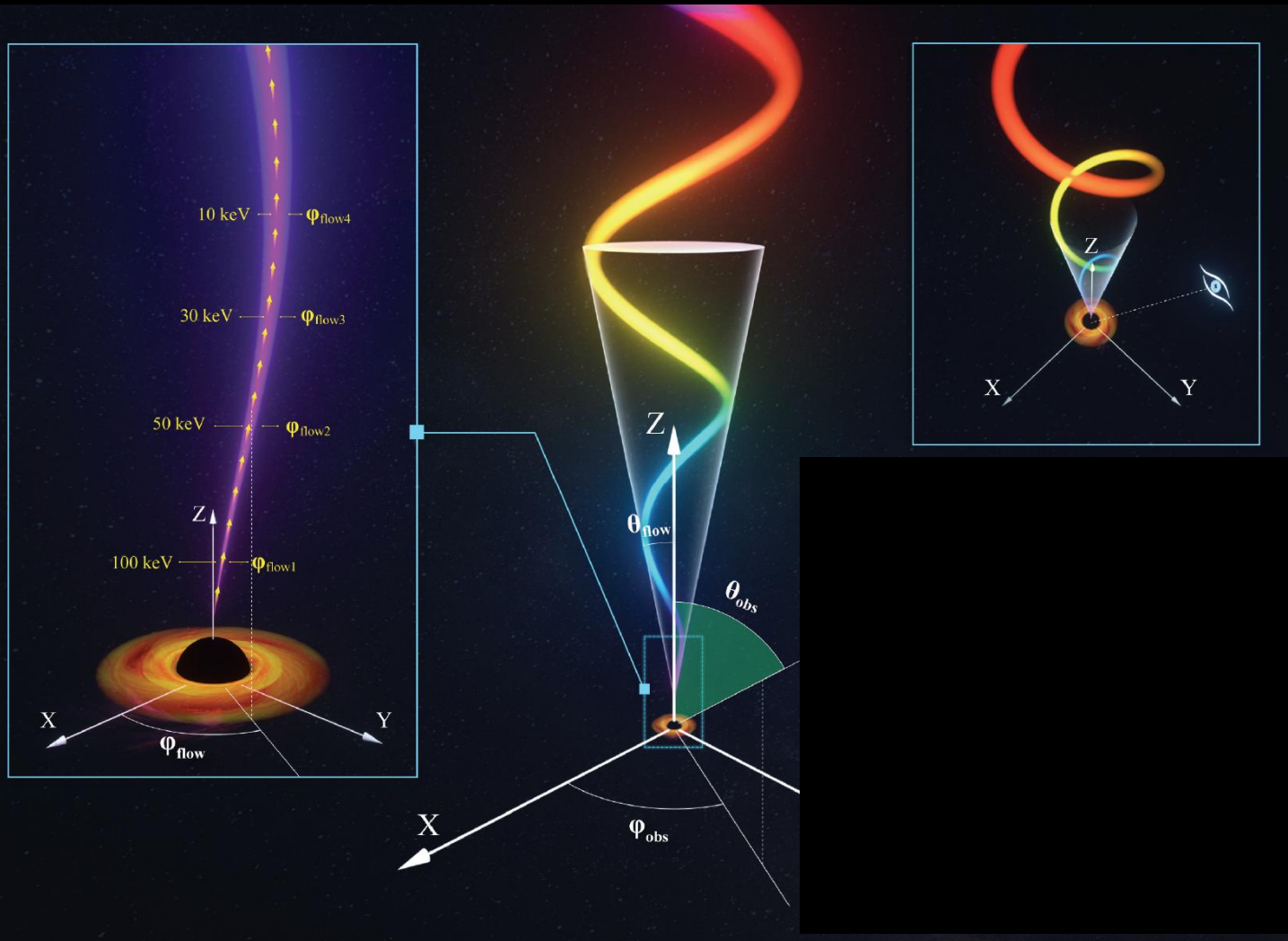
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In the jet precession model, as the jet is curved, different parts of the jet have different  $\varphi_{\text{flow}}$  values (see Fig. 4), which causes the phase lags between different energies (green, LE; red, ME; blue, HE). The curvature of the jet ( $\Delta\varphi_{\text{flow}}$ ) is tuned to match the observed phase lags (see the grey line). Error bars correspond to  $1\sigma$  confidence intervals.



# New model of BH QPOs: L-T precession Jet 基于“慧眼”观测结果建立的黑洞喷流进动模型



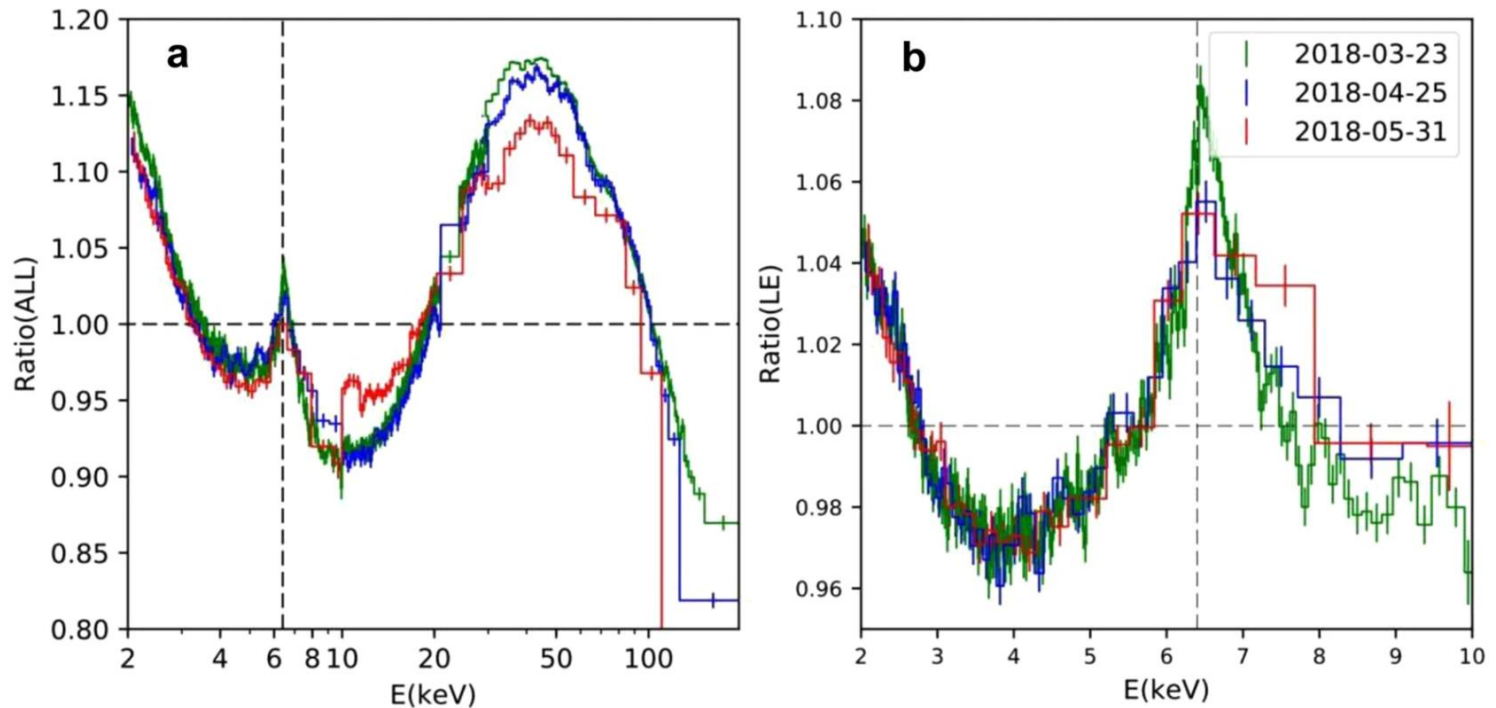
Ma et al. 2020, Nature Astronomy

# Broad band energy spectra with Insight-HXMT

## 慧眼的宽能段能谱

**Fig. 2: Ratio of the spectrum to the best-fitting cutoff power law.**

From: Insight-HXMT observations of jet-like corona in a black hole X-ray binary MAXI J1820+070



**a** Ratio of the spectrum of three epochs to the best-fitting cutoff power law (cutoffpl in XSPEC) in 2–200 keV. Time runs from top to bottom, corresponding to the early, middle and late echo of this decay, i.e., 2018-03-23 (MJD = 58201, ObsID = P0114661003), 2018-4-25 (MJD = 58233, ObsID = P0114661028), 2018-05-31 (MJD = 58269, ObsID = P0114661060). **b** Ratio of the spectrum of the same epochs to the best-fitting power law in 3–10 keV. The vertical dashed line indicates the rest energy (6.4 keV) of the iron line. Fluorescence lines due to the photoelectric effect of electrons in the K-shell of silver are detected by the Si-PIN detectors of ME, which dominates the spectrum over 21–24 keV. Therefore, the spectrum over 21–24 keV is ignored.

You+2021, Nature Communications

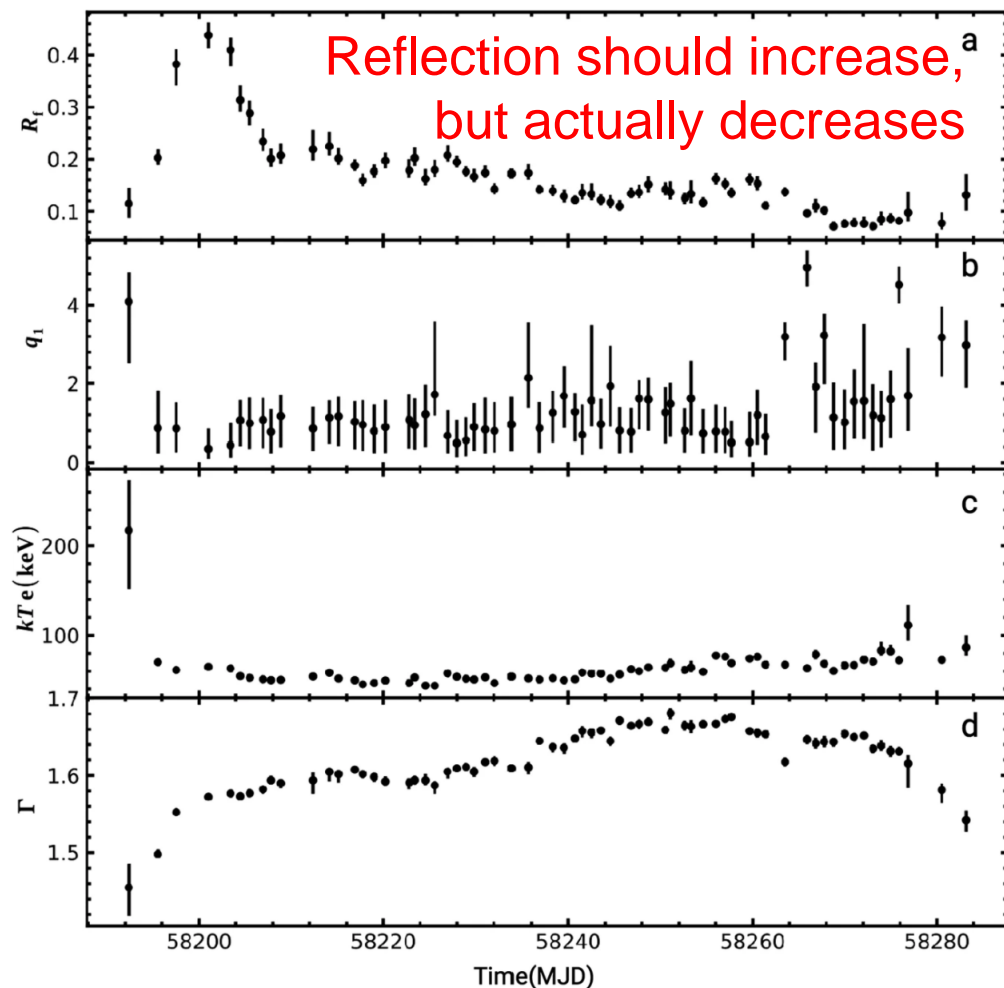


# Decreasing reflection contradicts contracting corona

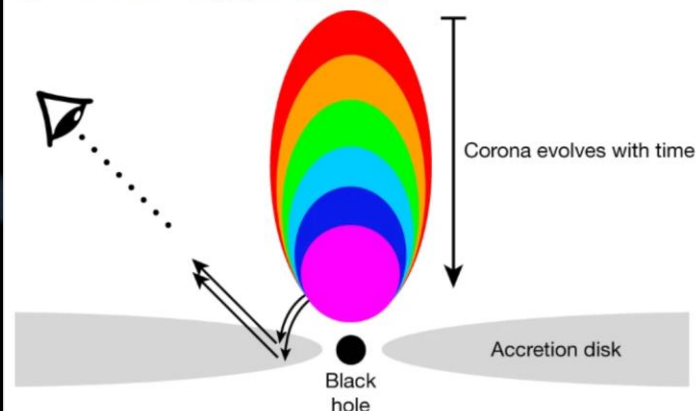
## 慧眼观测到的反射减少与不久前发现的收缩高温冕矛盾

**Fig. 3: Time-evolutions of the free parameters in the best-fitting of the spectral model (1).**

From: Insight-HXMT observations of jet-like corona in a black hole X-ray binary MAXI J1820+070



**Fig. 4: Schematic of the proposed geometry.**



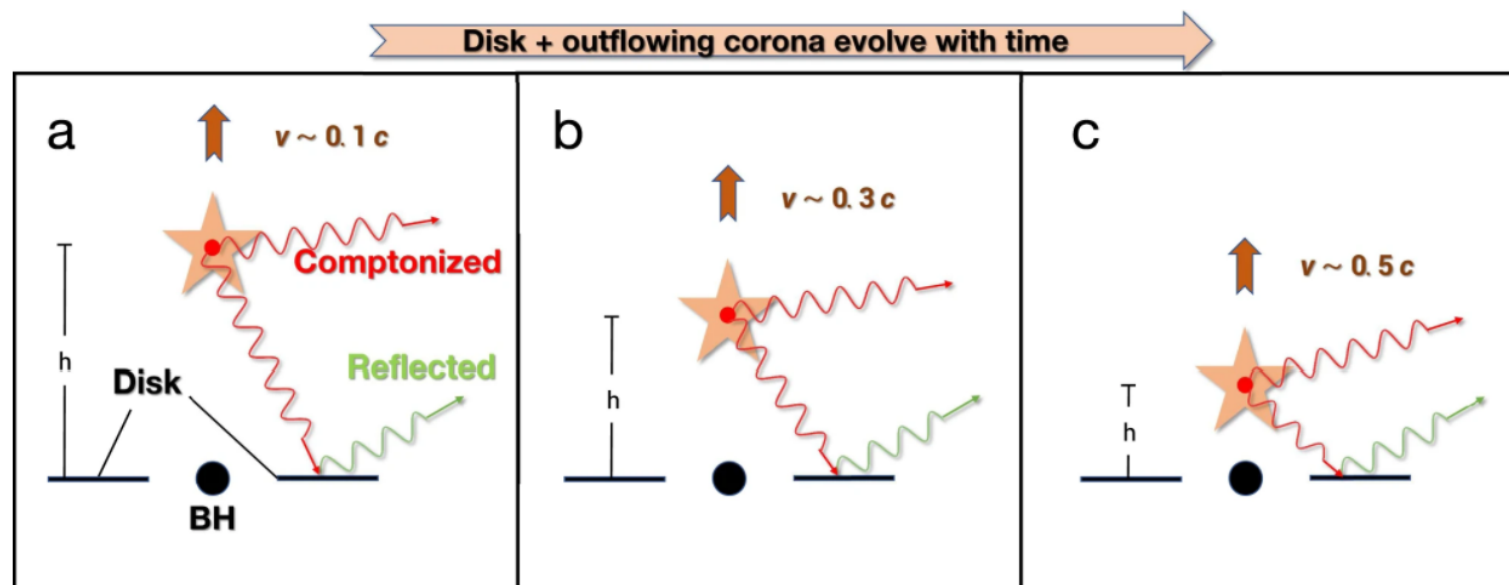
Shown is a schematic of the proposed geometry, evolving from a vertically extended corona at early times to a more compact corona at late times. The corona has a static core at small radii that is responsible for most of the flux irradiating the disk, and the constant shape of the broad Fe line is due to this static core. As the corona decreases in vertical extent, the coronal variability timescale shortens, causing the shift in the thermal reverberation lag to higher frequencies. The decrease in vertical extent of the corona is also responsible for the decrease in the equivalent width of the narrow component of the Fe line at 6.4 keV.

Kara+2020, Nature

# The contracting corona is an X-ray jet! 慧眼发现收缩的高温冕实际上是X射线喷流!

**Fig. 5: Schematic of the proposed jet-like corona in the decay phase.**

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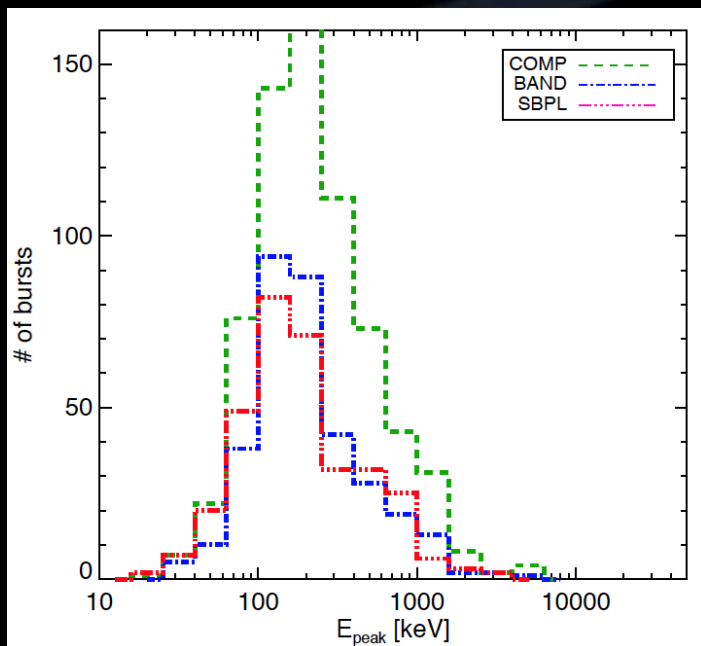


'BH' stands for Black Hole, and the symbol 'star' represents the coronal region where the X-ray radiation comes from. The corona at height  $h$  can be understood as a standing shock where the material flowing through. The Comptonized hard photons (red arrow) from the corona illuminates the accretion disk, resulting in the observed reflection component (green arrow). Panel **a**, **b** and **c**, represents the peak, middle and end of the decay phase, respectively. As the corona contracts towards the black hole (e.g., from panel **a** to **b**) with decreasing height, the fitted reflection fraction decreases, which suggests that the bulk motion of the outflowing coronal material (sketched as an upward arrow) gets faster in the deeper gravitational potential well, with the increase of the outflowing velocity  $v$  in units of light speed  $c$ . Note that the values of  $v$  are not taken from the spectral fits, but for the sake of depicting faster outflowing corona.

# Dedicated working mode for GRB

## “慧眼”伽马暴专用观测模式（后增加功能）

Working Mode	NaI energy band (keV)	CsI energy band (keV)	Detector Setting
Regular mode	20-250	40-600	Normal HV
GRB/LG mode	100-1250	200-3000	Lower the PMT HV, turn off the AGC



GRB  $E_{\text{peak}}$  measured by Fermi/GBM  
(Gruber+, ApJS, 2014)

- **GRB mode better energy range:**
  - According to the simulation, det. efficiency is good for  $>200$  keV
  - GRB  $E_{\text{peak}}$  distribution
- **GRB mode: ~30% of obs. time**
  - When the targeted source is occulted by the Earth in pointed observation
  - When HE regular mode is not very useful in an observation

# Effective Area for GRBs & Pulsars

## 针对伽马暴和脉冲星的有效面积

- Can detect GRBs in **both** regular & GRB/LG modes (lower HV for PMT)
- GRB monitoring FOV: **all sky un-occulted by the Earth**
- 500~3000 cm<sup>2</sup> ~ MeV range with single photon counting and energy measurement, ~largest ~ MeV GRB & **pulsar** monitor ever flown

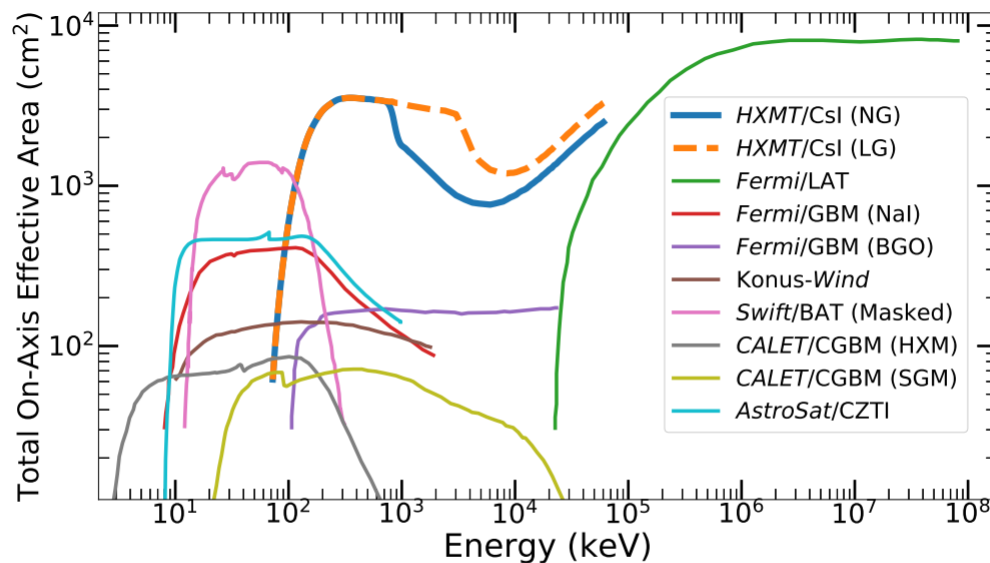
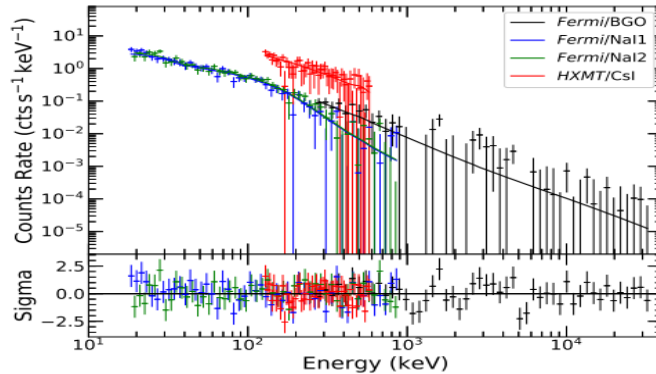


Figure 13: Effective areas of *HXMT/CsI*, *Fermi/LAT*, *Fermi/GBM*, *Konus-Wind*, *Swift/BAT*, *CALET/CGBM* and *AstroSat/CZTI*. The effective area of *Fermi/GBM* (NaI) is the averaged over the unocculted sky.

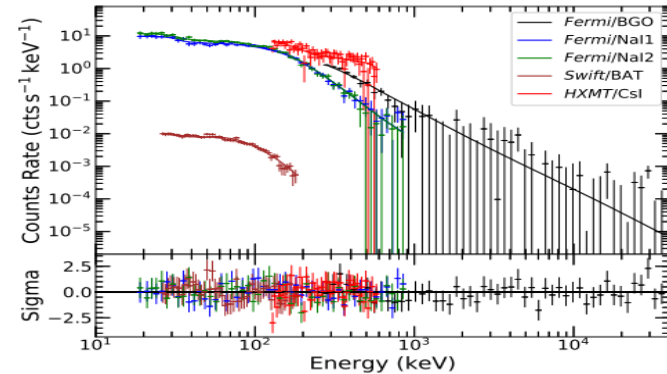
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# Multi-instrument GRB spectral fitting

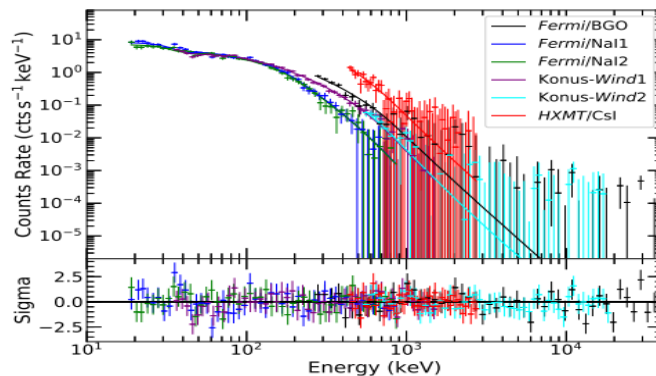
## 多仪器伽马暴能谱拟合



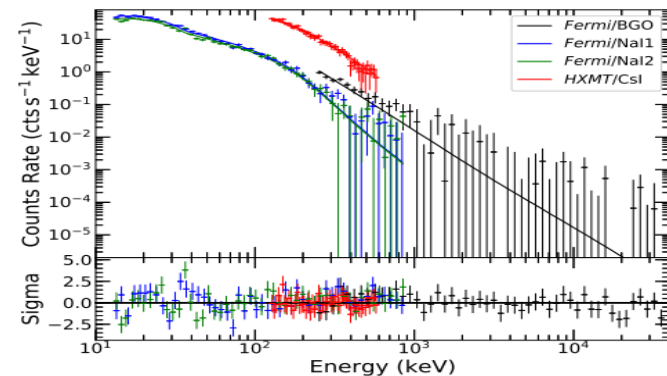
(c) GRB 180413A, NG mode



(d) GRB 180828A, NG mode



(e) GRB 181028A, LG mode



(f) GRB 181212A, NG mode

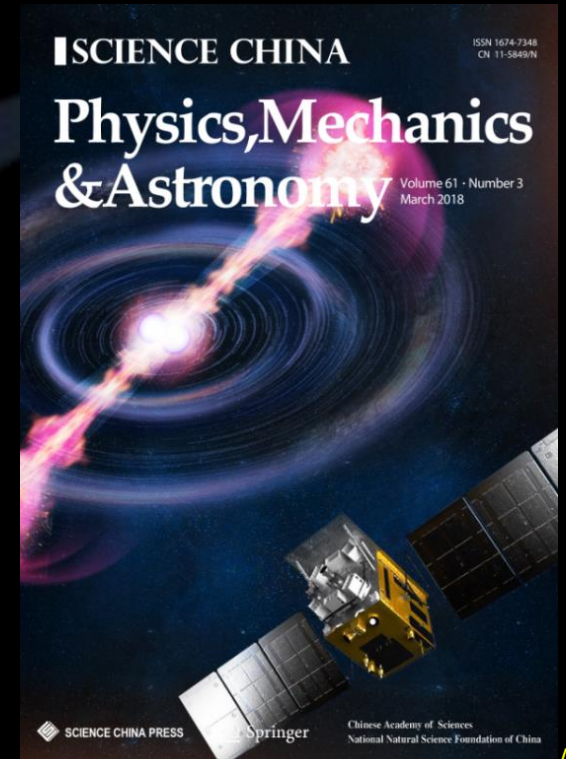
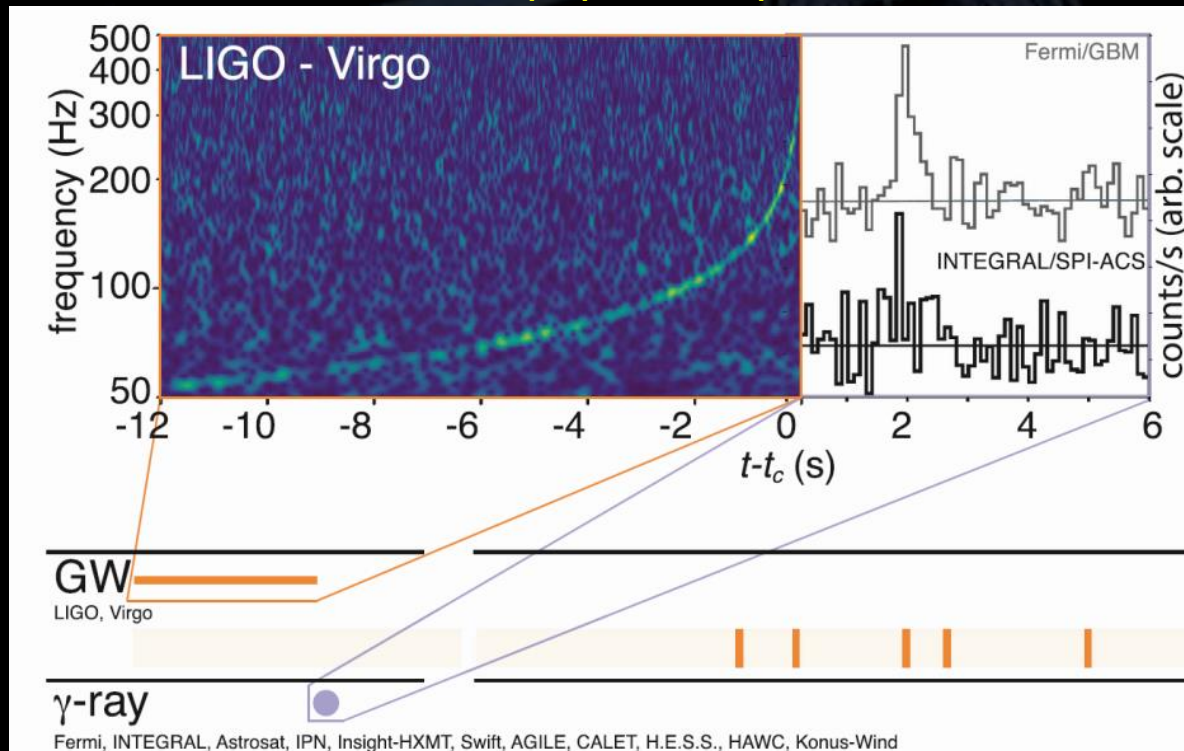
Figure 17: Joint spectral fitting of *HXMT/CsI* (red), *Fermi*/GBM BGO detectors (black), *Fermi*/GBM NaI detectors (blue and green), *Swift*/BAT (brown) and *Konus-Wind* (purple and cyan). In the joint fittings, the 18 *HXMT/CsI* spectra are merged and the merged spectrum are re-grouped to 50 energy bins for display clearly.



# GW EM observations

## “慧眼”的引力波电磁对应体观测

- ✓ Monitored most GW triggers
  - ✓ Reported observation results in LVC GCNs
- ✓ Monitored the first BNS GW event GW170817
  - ✓ GRB170817A was not detected in MeV range, including HXMT
  - ✓ Stringent upper limit constraint between 200 keV to 5 MeV
  - ✓ Joined the MMA paper and published detailed results in Science China





# Insight-HXMT joined the MMA paper “慧眼”加入了引力波多信使历史性论文

- ✓ Quick response, reported HXMT observation by LVC GCN
- ✓ Only 4 X/gamma telescopes monitored the GW source throughout the trigger time
  - ✓ *Fermi/GBM, SPI-ACS, Konus-Wind, Insight-HMXT*
  - ✓ HXMT has the largest eff. Area & time resolution in MeV
- ✓ Reported observation results in main context and table of MMA

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# Insight-HXMT GRB data products

## “慧眼”伽马暴数据产品（可以公开下载使用）

慧眼 - HXMT Hard X-ray Modulation Telescope

硬X射线调制望远镜

我国第一个空间X射线望远镜，具有扫描、定点、伽马暴观测三种工作模式。

首页 新闻 用户支持 提案征集 观测计划 数据分析 归档数据 标定本席 关于HXMT 公众科普 论坛

Level 1 Data Level 1P Data **GRB Data** Dashboard - 李承奎

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<http://hsuc.ihep.ac.cn/web/hxmtdata/grb>

# Summary总结

- ✓ *Insight-HXMT* is China's 1<sup>st</sup> X-ray astronomy satellite.
  - ✓ 1-15, 5-30, 20-250 keV (pointed) and **0.2-3 MeV (all-sky monitor)**
- ✓ An open small-observatory
  - ✓ Core program: all scientists working in China (most data now public)
  - ✓ Guest program: world-wide
    - ✓ AO-4 will be announced in April (more time than core program)
  - ✓ Coordinated multi- $\lambda$  observations: space & ground

[hxmt.cn](http://hxmt.cn) for all information and data download. Thanks!

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