

Accretion Flow Properties of three MAXI Black Hole Candidates: Analysis with TCAF Solution

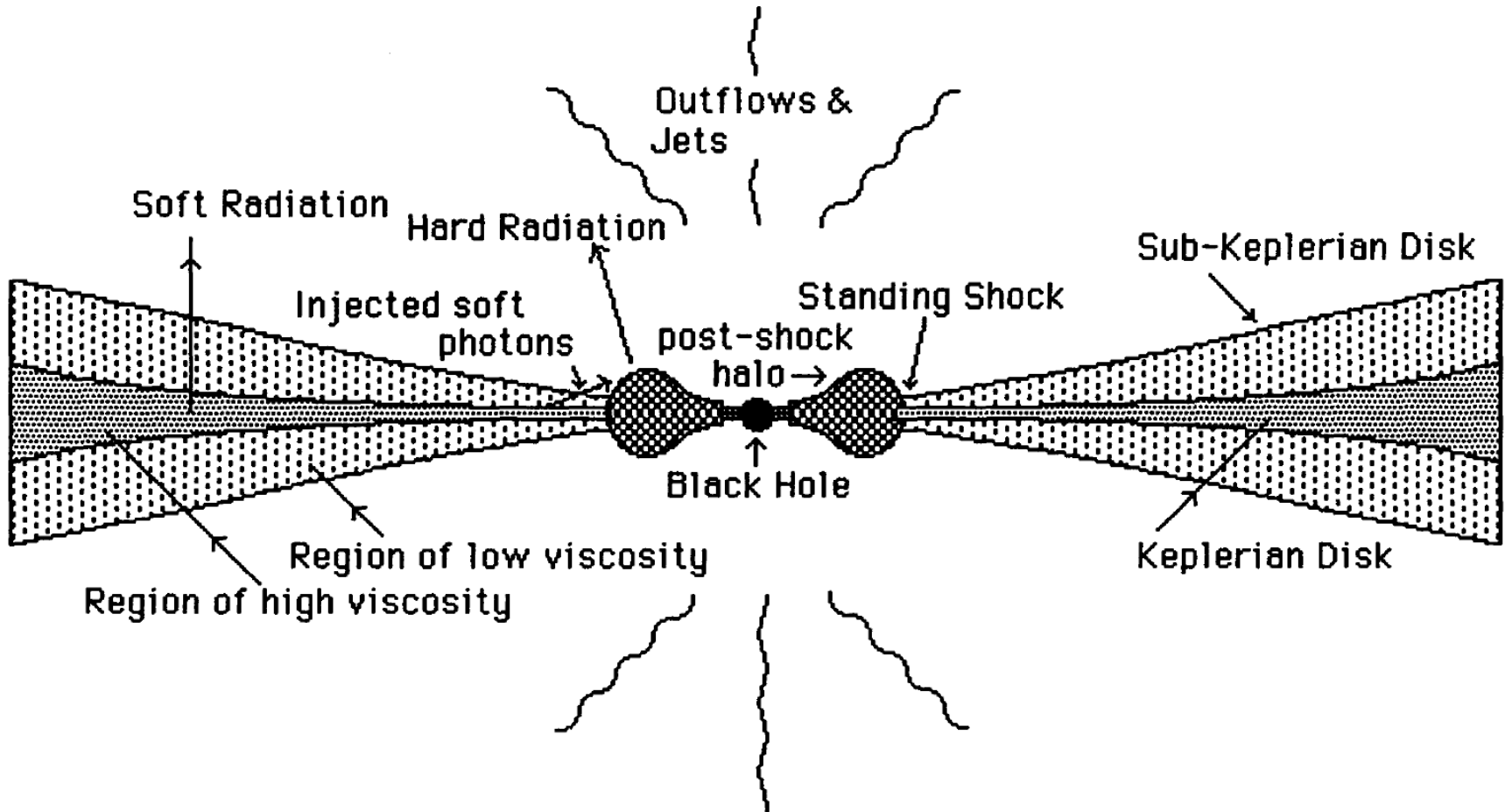


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Two Component Advective Flow (TCAF) Model



A Schematic diagram of the accretion flow around the black hole.

Generating TCAF model fits file :

Took Chakrabarti & Titarchuk 1995 (CT95) original code as a basic program to generate TCAF model fits file to include as a local additive table model for fitting black hole spectra.

To fit spectra from all possible spectral states, several modifications are made in original CT95 code

i) Variation of compression ratio R is allowed from 4 (strong) to 1 (weak). CT95 assumed only strong shocks for illustration purpose.

ii) Computation of temperature of post-shock region using this R .

iii) Radial velocity of a rotating flow as in Chakrabarti (1997).

iv) Spectral hardening correction of Shimura & Takahara (1995), which depends on the accretion flow rate. We uniformly consider the correction factor (f) to be 1.8 to calculate effective temperature in emitted spectrum.

➤ “**TCAF_V0.3.fits**” file was created by using around 1 million ($\sim 10^6$) model spectra. The spectra were generated by varying five model input parameters.

➤ For spectral with current TCAF model fits file, one needs to supply 6 initial input parameters:

i) M_{BH} (black hole mass in solar mass unit),

ii) \dot{m}_d (Keplerian or disk rate),

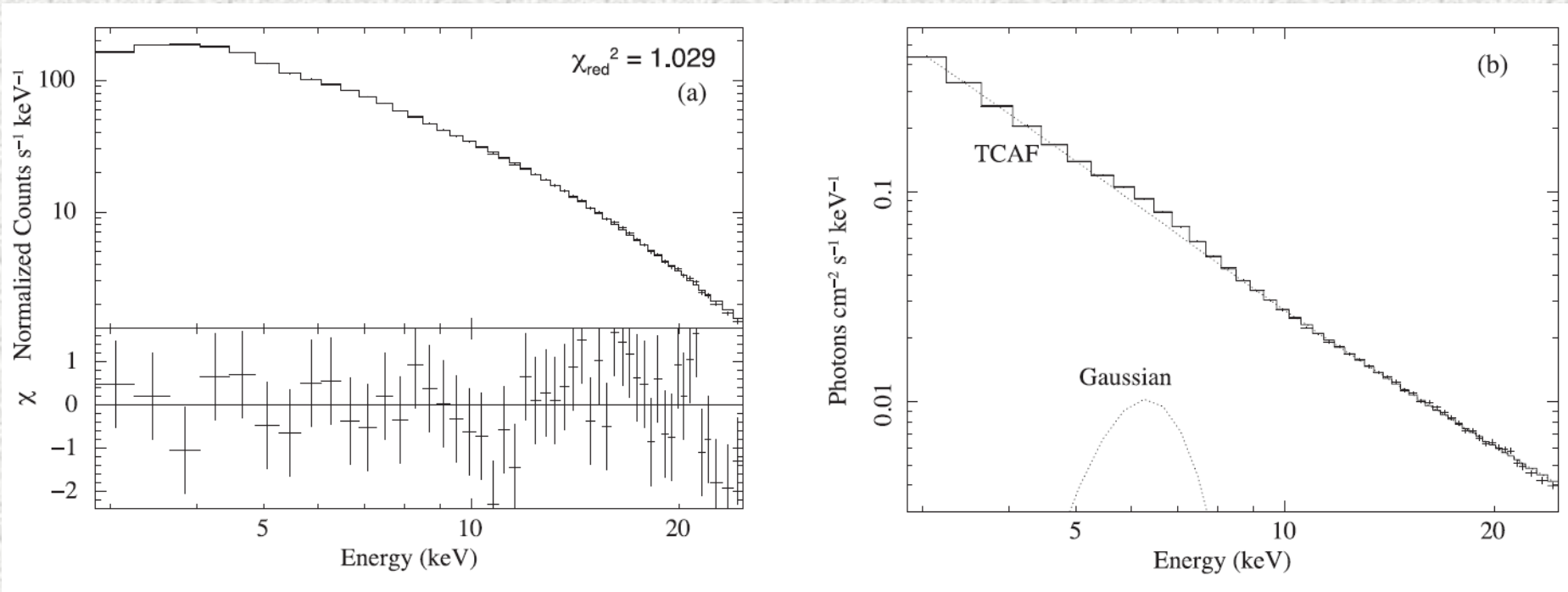
iii) \dot{m}_h (sub-Keplerian or halo rate),

iv) X_s (shock location in Schwarzschild radii r_g ,

v) R (shock compression ratio,

vi) Normalization (which is fraction of $(r_g^2/4\pi D^2) \cos(i)$, where $r_g (=2GM_{BH}/c^2)$ is the Schwarzschild radius, ' D ' is source distance in 10 kpc unit and ' i ' is disk inclination angle with line of sight).

GX 339-4 spectra fitted with TCAF Model:



(a) TCAF model fitted 2.5–25 keV PCA spectrum of GX 339-4 (observation ID = 95409-01-14-04; MJD = 553 00, UT Date = 14/04/2010) with variation of $\Delta\chi$ is shown. (b) The unfolded model components of the spectral fit are shown.

Introduction:

MAXI J1659-152:

- MAXI/GSC discovered on 2010 September 25 (Negoro et al. 2010)
- Shortest orbital period BH binary of the period = 2.414 ± 0.005 hr (Kuulkers 2010, 2013; Kennea 2011)
- Distance and disk inclination angle are 5.3– 8.6 kpc and $60^\circ - 80^\circ$ (Yamaoka 2012; Kuulkers et al. 2013)
- Mass the source = 3-8 M_\odot (Yamaoka 2012) and the companion = 0.15-0.25 M_\odot (Kuulkers et al. 2013)

MAXI J1836-194:

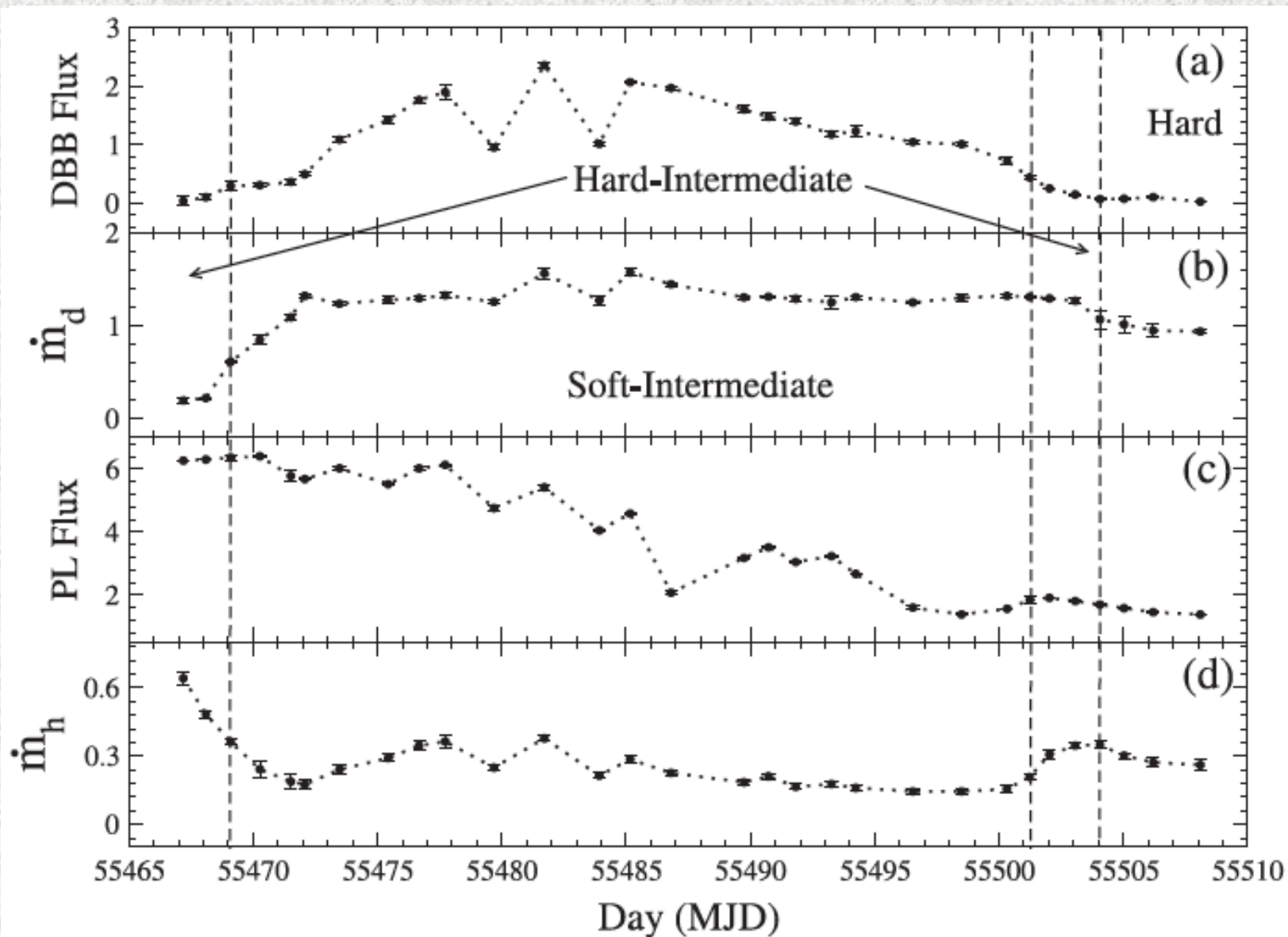
- ❑ MAXI/GSC discovered 2011 August 29 (Negoro et al. 2011)
- ❑ Short orbital period of < 4.9 hr, low disk inclination angle of $4^\circ - 15^\circ$ and highly spinning ($a=0.88 \pm 0.03$) object (Russell et al. 2014)
- ❑ Companion is assumed to be a high massive B[e] star (Cenko et al. 2011)
- ❑ Mass and the distance of the source to be 4– 12 M_\odot and 4– 10 kpc, respectively (Russell et al. 2014)
- ❑ Evolving radio jets were observed by Russell et al. (2013)

MAXI J1543-564:

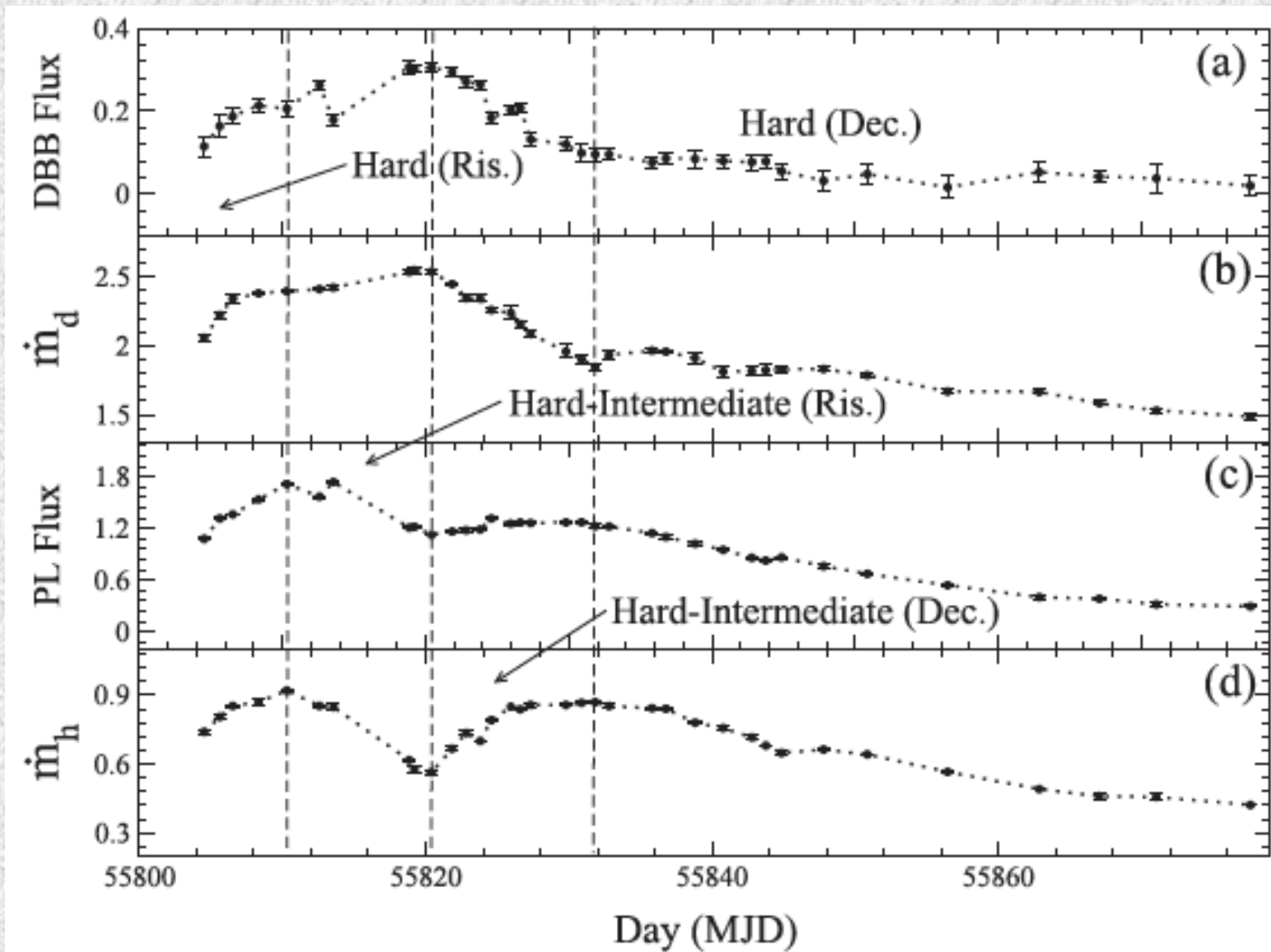
- ❖ MAXI/GSC discovered 2011 May 8 (Negoro et al. 2011)
- ❖ The nature of the companion (or companions) is not confirmed
- ❖ Distance of the source to be 8.5 kpc (Stiele et al. 2012)
- ❖ We first estimated mass of this object.

Characterization of BHCs during their X-ray outbursts with TCAF Solution

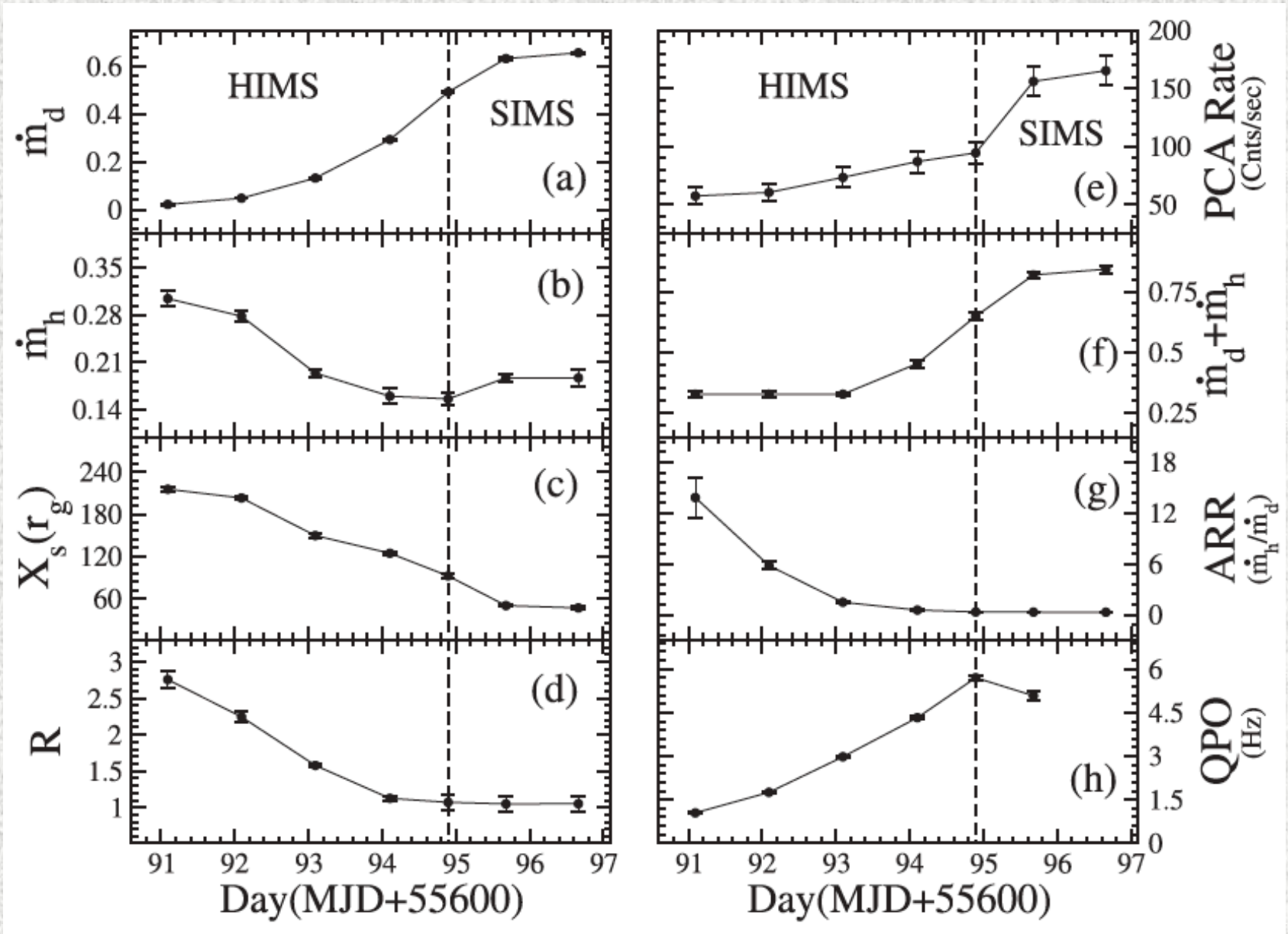
2010 Outburst of MAXI J1659-162 with TCAF Model:



2011 Outburst of MAXI J1836-194 with TCAF Model:



2011 Outburst of MAXI J1543-564 with TCAF Model:



Accretion Rate Intensity Diagram (ARRID) :

A correlation to spectro-temporal properties

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ACCRETION FLOW DYNAMICS OF MAXI J1836-194 DURING ITS 2011 OUTBURST FROM TCAF SOLUTION

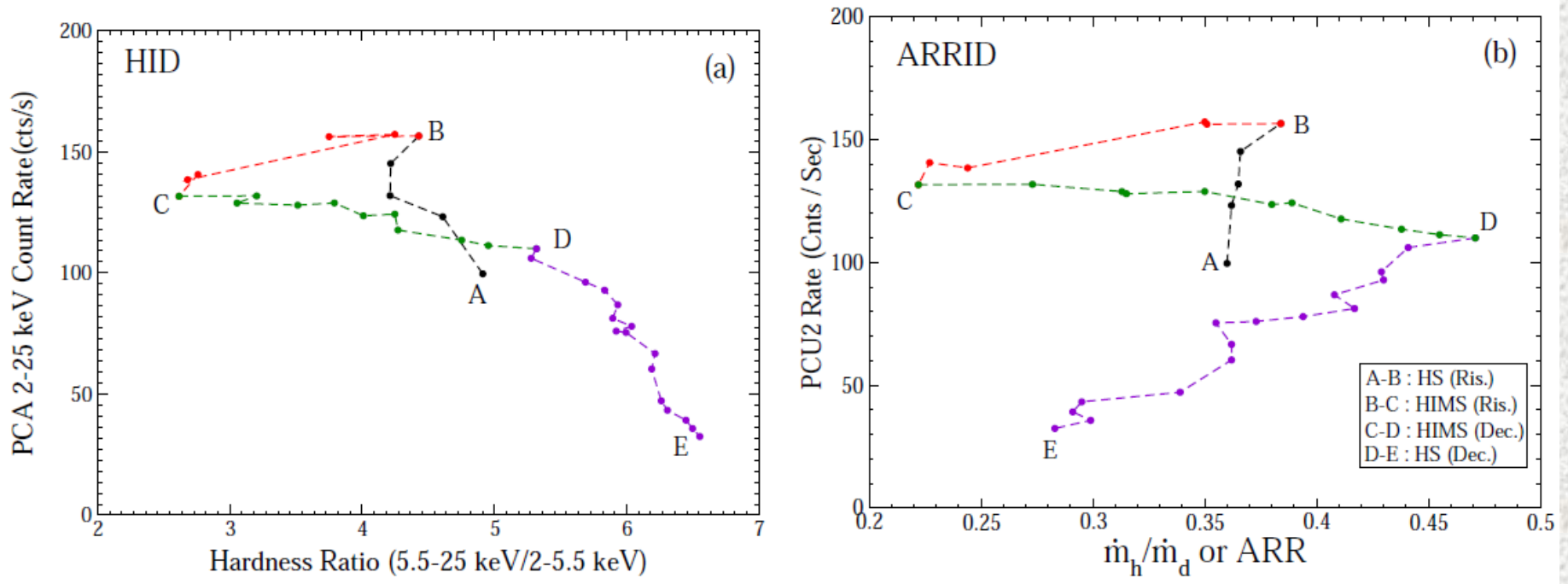
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ARRID for 2011 outburst of MAXI J1836-194:



Prediction of dominating QPO frequency : Using TCAF model fitted shock parameters

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Implementation of two-component advective flow solution in XSPEC

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Prediction of dominating QPO frequency from TCAF model fitted shock parameters:

From TCAF model fit, location (r_s) and compression ratio (R) of the shock wave can be extracted.

$$\nu_{\text{QPO}} = C / [R r_s (r_s - 1)^{1/2}], \quad \text{where } C \text{ is a constant} = M_{\text{BH}} \times 10^{-5}.$$

Source	Obs. Id	m_d (\dot{M}_{Edd})	m_h (\dot{M}_{Edd})	X_s (r_g)	R	χ^2/DOF	ν_{QPO}^* (Obs.)	ν_{QPO}^* (Predic.)
H 1743–322	X-02-01	0.516 ± 0.013	0.189 ± 0.081	320.0 ± 20.04	1.250 ± 0.012	60.1/42	1.045 ± 0.007	1.228 ± 0.293
GX 339–4	Y-14-04	6.883 ± 0.003	6.087 ± 0.349	147.9 ± 1.13	4.000 ± 0.075	43.2/42	2.374 ± 0.006	2.356 ± 0.265
GRO J1655–40	Z-01-00	6.987 ± 0.273	1.733 ± 0.232	153.8 ± 13.36	3.449 ± 0.433	64.78/41	2.313 ± 0.010	2.172 ± 0.529

Notes. Here, X = 95360-14, Y = 95409-01 and Z = 90704-04. DOF means degrees of freedom.* Only frequency of the primary dominating QPOs (in Hz) is mentioned.

Prediction of dominating QPO frequency of MAXI J1543-564 (2011 outburst) using TCAF & POS models:

Table 2: QPO evolution in initial rising phase: Fitted with POS Model

Obs.	Id.	MJD	ν_{Obs} (Hz)	ν_{POS} (Hz)	X_s (r_g)	V (cm/s)	R	ν_{TCAF} (Hz)
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)
1	X-01-00	55691.09	$1.05^{\pm 0.02}$	1.04	210.0	2450.0	2.44	$0.85^{\pm 0.06}$
2	X-01-01	55692.09	$1.75^{\pm 0.02}$	1.65	163.4	2105.7	2.24	$1.12^{\pm 0.05}$
3	X-01-02	55693.09	$2.98^{\pm 0.02}$	2.82	132.0	1760.1	1.81	$2.49^{\pm 0.14}$
4	X-02-00	55694.10	$4.38^{\pm 0.05}$	4.56	115.9	1411.5	1.36	$4.67^{\pm 0.27}$
5	X-02-01	55694.89	$5.70^{\pm 0.09}$	5.89	114.1	1139.0	1.08	$7.68^{\pm 1.11}$
6*	X-02-02	55695.67	$5.08^{\pm 0.17}$	---	---	---	---	---
7	X-02-03	55696.68	---	---	---	---	---	---

Here 'X'=96371-02 signifies the initial part of an observation Id.

Mass Estimation : Using TCAF & POS Models

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Estimation of the mass of the black hole candidate MAXI J1659–152 using TCAF and POS models

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QPO Freq. - Photon Index Correlation Method

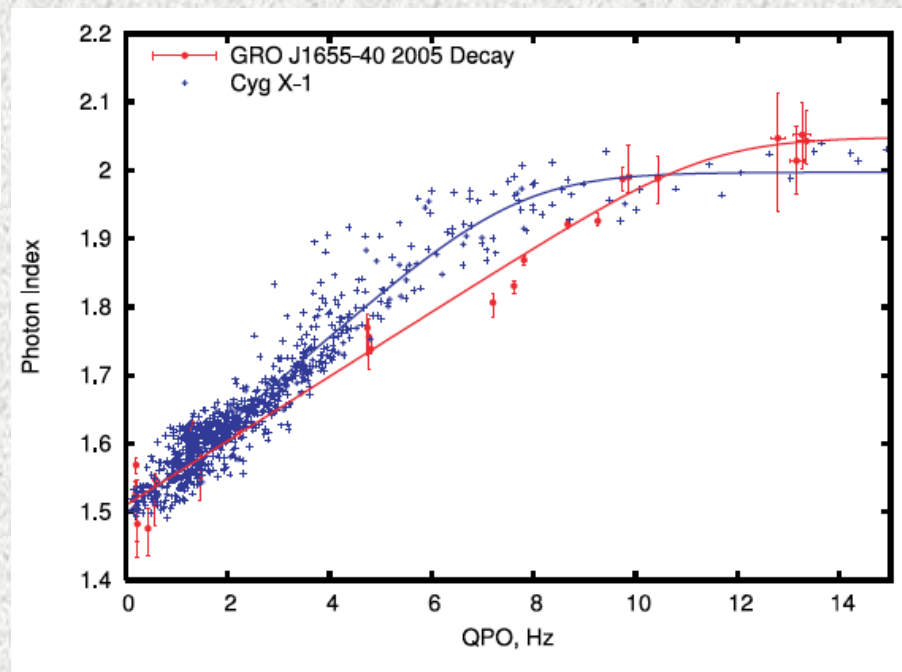
$$f(\nu) = A - DB \ln \left[\exp \left(\frac{\nu_{\text{tr}} - \nu}{D} \right) + 1 \right]. \quad (1)$$

where

$$f(\nu) = A + B(\nu - \nu_{\text{tr}}) \quad \text{for } \nu < \nu_{\text{tr}}$$

$$f(\nu) = A \quad \text{for } \nu > \nu_{\text{tr}}$$

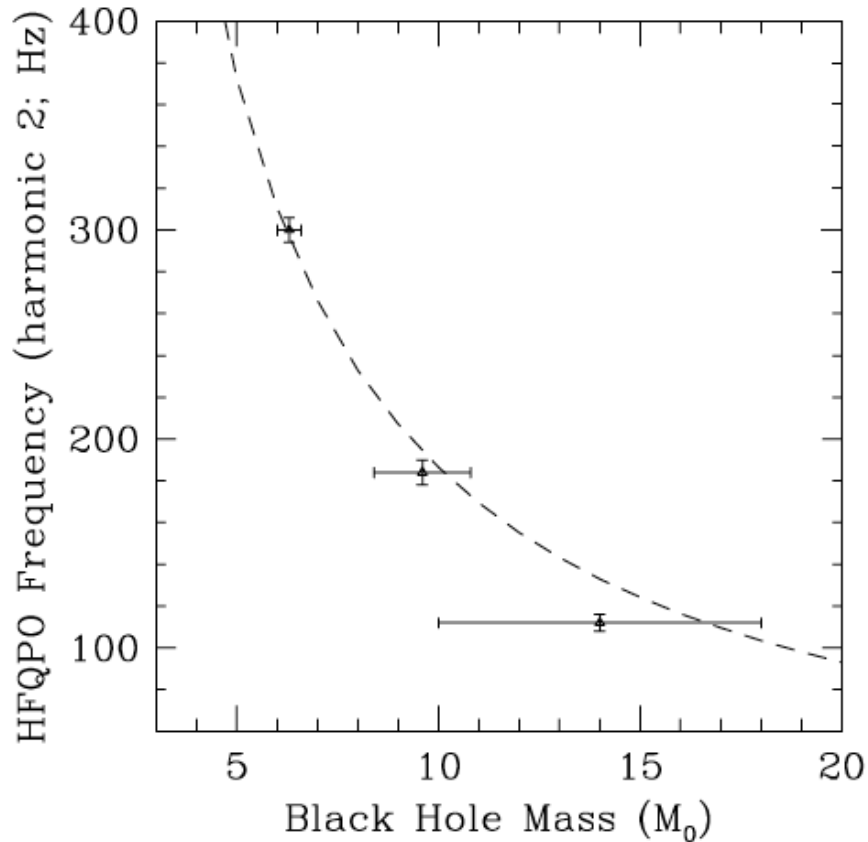
Here ‘A’ is a value of the index saturation level, ‘B’ is a slope of the low-frequency part of the data, and ‘ ν_{tr} ’ is the frequency at which index-QPO dependence levels off. The parameter ‘D’ controls how fast the transition occurs.



$$M_{\text{Cyg X-1}} = B_{\text{Cyg X-1}} \frac{M_{\text{J1655}}}{B_{\text{J1655}}} = 8.7 \pm 0.8 M_{\odot}$$

By considering reference BH GRO J1655-40 mass = $6.3 M_{\odot}$.

High Freq. QPO Freq. - BH Mass Correlation Method



High Frequency QPOs for different black holes are found to be correlated with BH mass in M^{-1} .

Relationship between HFQPO frequency and BH mass for XTE J1550–564, GRO J1655–40, and GRS 1915+105.. The dashed line shows a relation, $\nu_0 \text{ (Hz)} = 931 (M/M_{\odot})^{-1}$.

In Molla, Debnath, Chakrabarti et al. (2016), we introduce two independent methods to determine the mass (M_{BH}) of the BH sources.

i) Keeping TCAF fitted normalization parameter in a narrow range

ii) Studying evolution of the Quasi-Periodic Oscillation frequency with time, fitted with the propagating oscillatory shock (POS) model

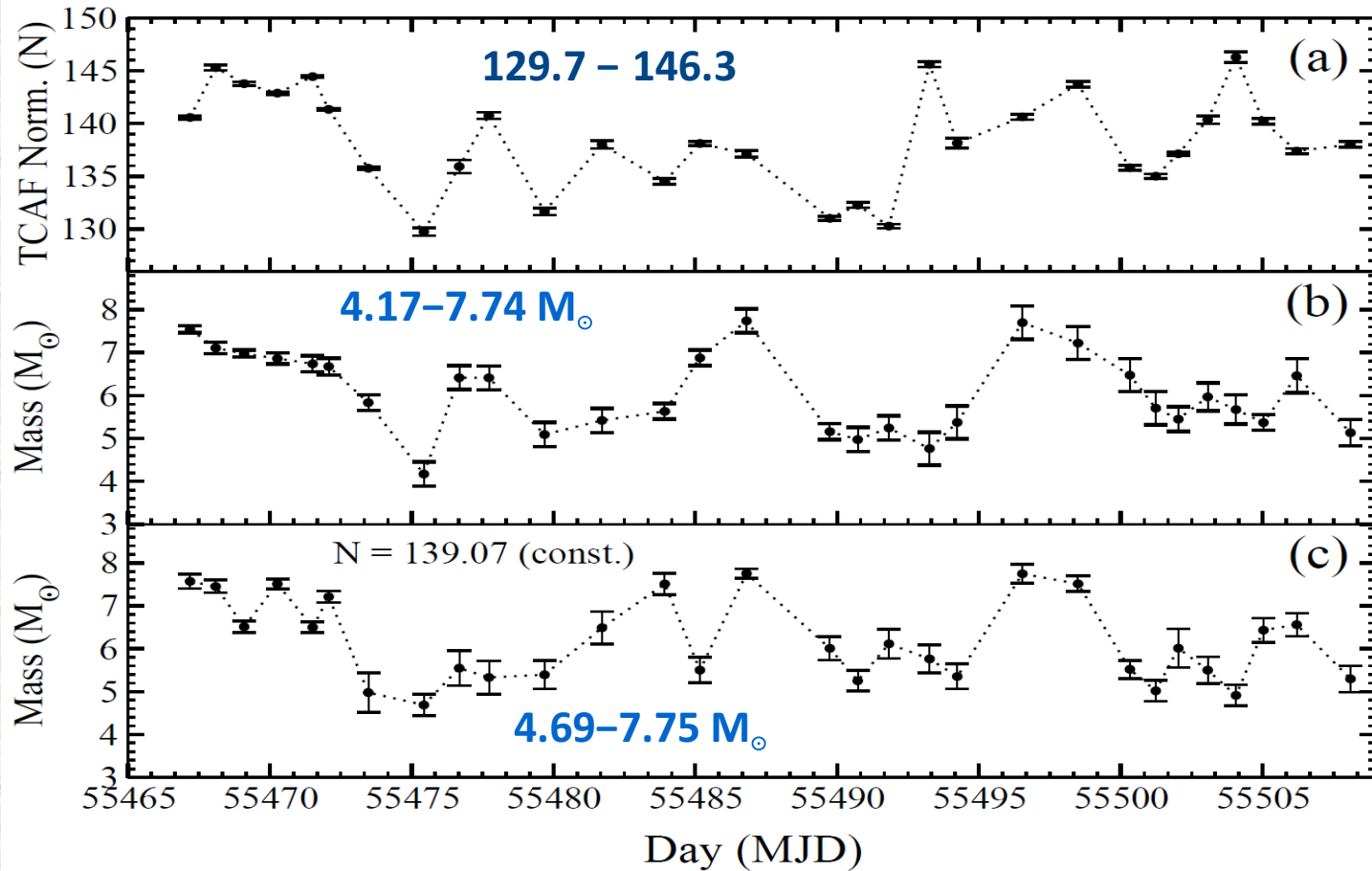
TCAF model normalization (N) should not vary observation to observations, since it only depends on **mass (M_{BH})**, **distance (D)**, and **disk inclination angle (i)** of the source, unless there is a **precession in the disk or change in the projected surface of effective emission area along the line of sight** or there are significant outflow activities that are not included in the TCAF model fits file.

We found high dependence of the mass of BH (M_{BH}) with N, while fitting BH spectra. It helps us to estimate mass of different BHCs.

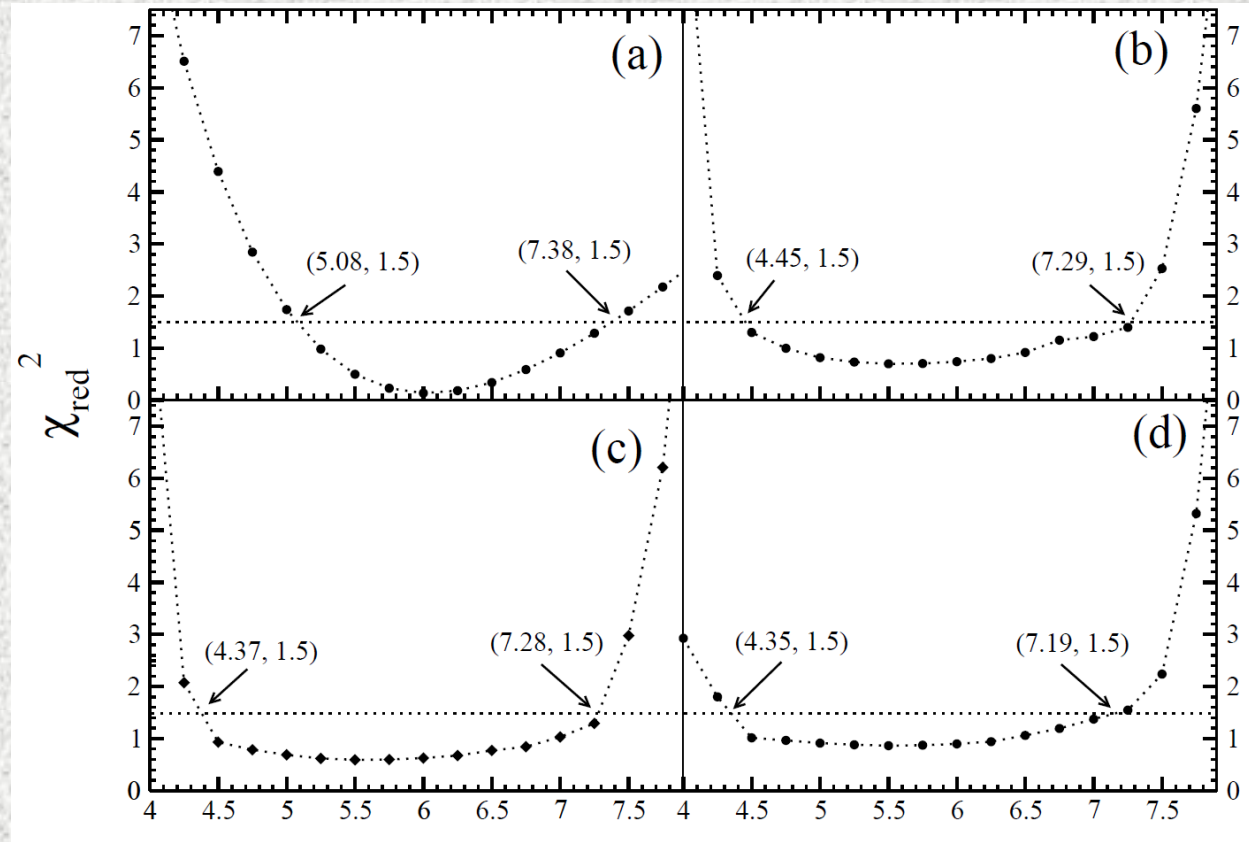
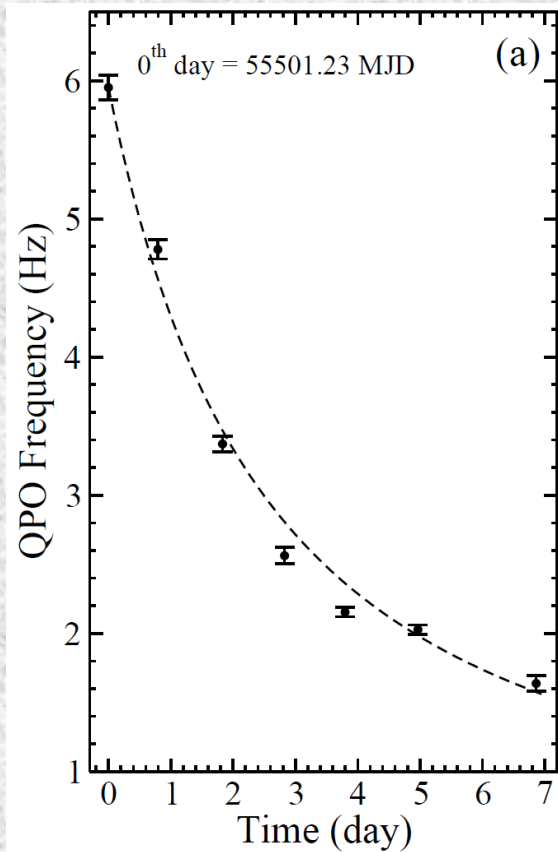
➤ While studying evolutions of QPOs with POS model, one can calculate frequency of the observed QPOs with following equation, where mass of the BH is an important parameter.

$$\nu_{QPO} = C / [R r_s(r_s - 1)^{1/2}], \quad \text{where } C \text{ is a constant} = M_{BH} \times 10^{-5}.$$

MAXI J1659-152: Mass prediction using TCAF Model fitted Constant Normalization Method



MAXI J1659-152: Mass prediction using POS Model fitted & Reduced χ^2 Methods



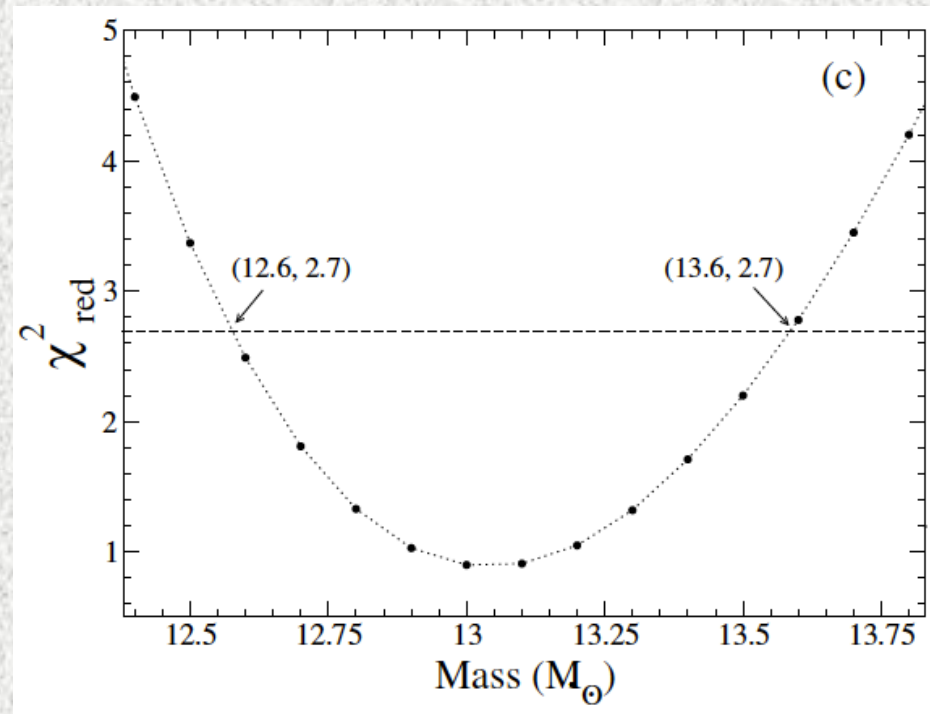
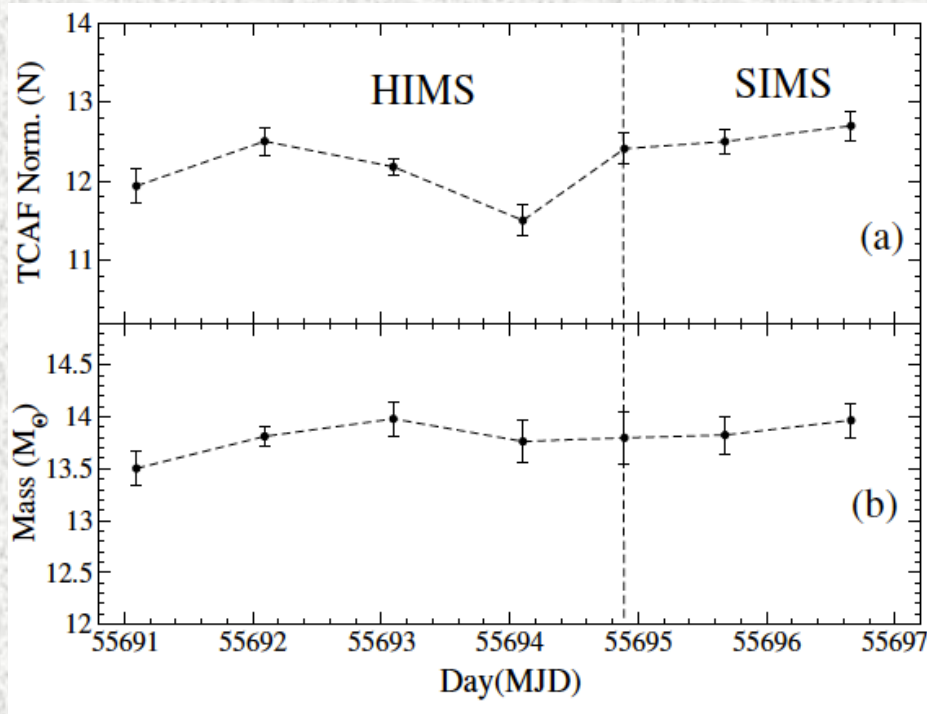
POS Model Fitted Method: **5.08–7.38 M_{\odot}**

Combining three methods: **4.35 – 7.75 M_{\odot}**

$M_{\text{BH}}-\chi^2_{\text{red}}$ Method : **4.35–7.29 M_{\odot}**

or **$6^{+1.75}_{-1.65} M_{\odot}$**

MAXI J1543-564: Mass Estimation using TCAF & POS models



TCAF Model Fitted Method: **13.5–14.0 M_{\odot}**

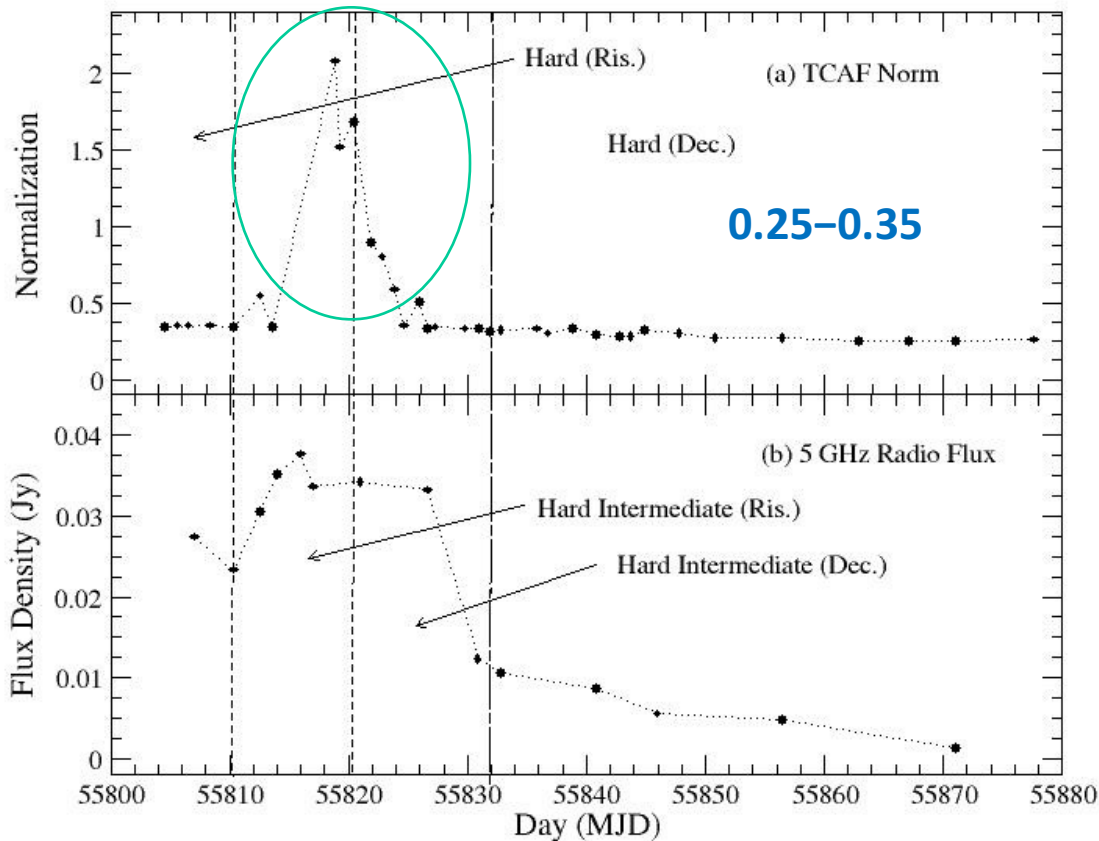
POS Model Fitted Method: **12.6–13.6 M_{\odot}**

Combining two methods : **12.6–14.0 M_{\odot}** or

$$13^{+1.0}_{-0.4} M_{\odot}$$

Chatterjee, Debnath, & Chakrabarti et al., 2016, ApJ, 827, 88

MAXI J1836-194: Mass prediction using TCAF Model fitted Constant Normalization Method



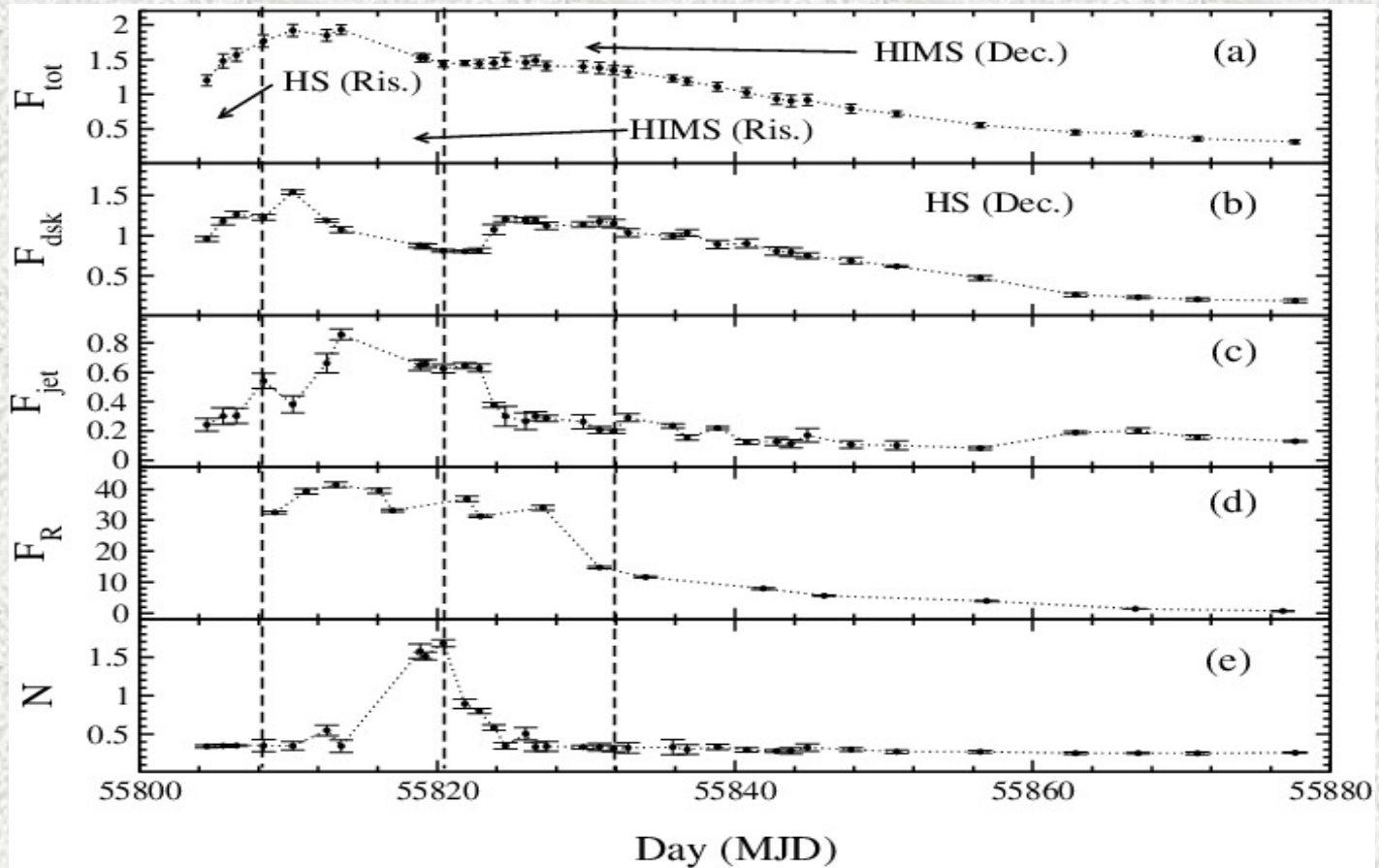
diskbb model normalization
varies in the range of
0.34–291

M_{BH} is found in the range of
7.5 – 11 M_{\odot} .

X-ray Jets: Detection and estimation from spectral analysis with the TCAF solution

MAXI J1836-194: Estimation of X-ray Jet fluxes

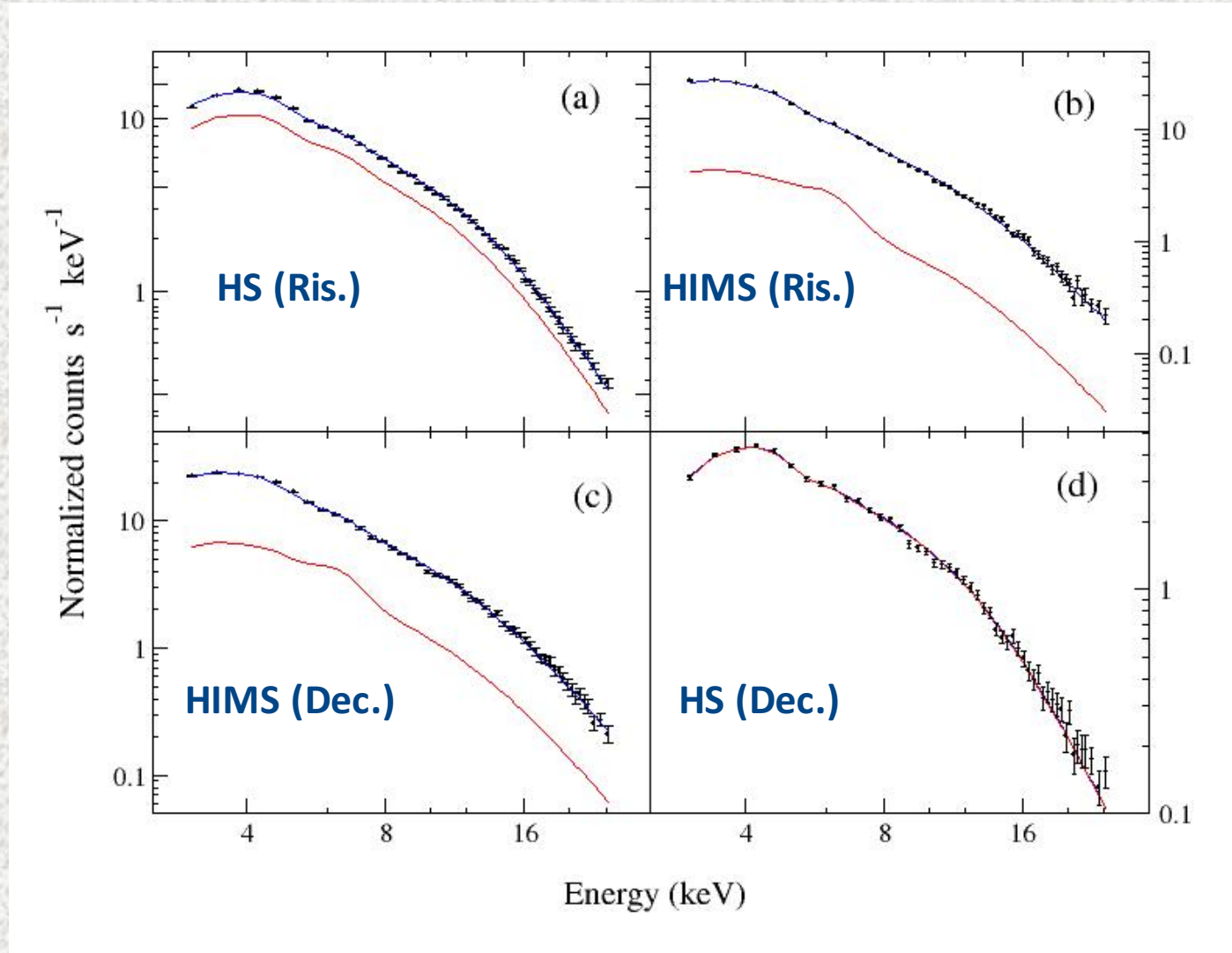
$$F_{jet} = F_{tot} - F_{dsk}, \quad (1)$$



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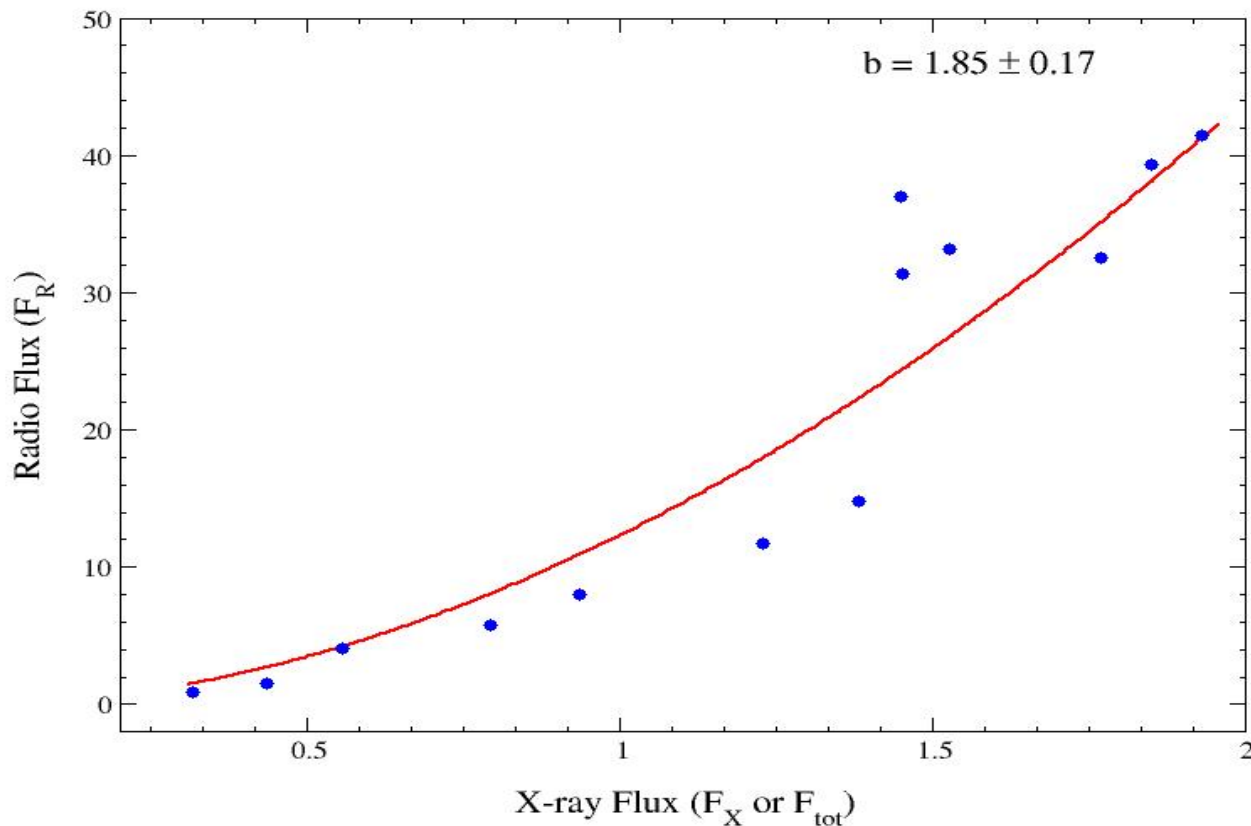
MAXI J1836-194: Fitted with TCAF to separate Jet part



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MAXI J1836-194: Correlation between X-ray and Radio fluxes



Radio and X-ray fluxes follows correlation relation

$$F_R \sim F_X^b$$

During the 2011 outburst of MAXI J1836-194, average jet contribution in total X-ray is about 25 %, where as on the day of strongest jet, the contribution is rised upto $\sim 44\%$ of the total flux.

Russel et al. (2015) also found similar correlation of $b \sim 1.8$.

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Viscous Time: Using peak differences between disk & halo rates

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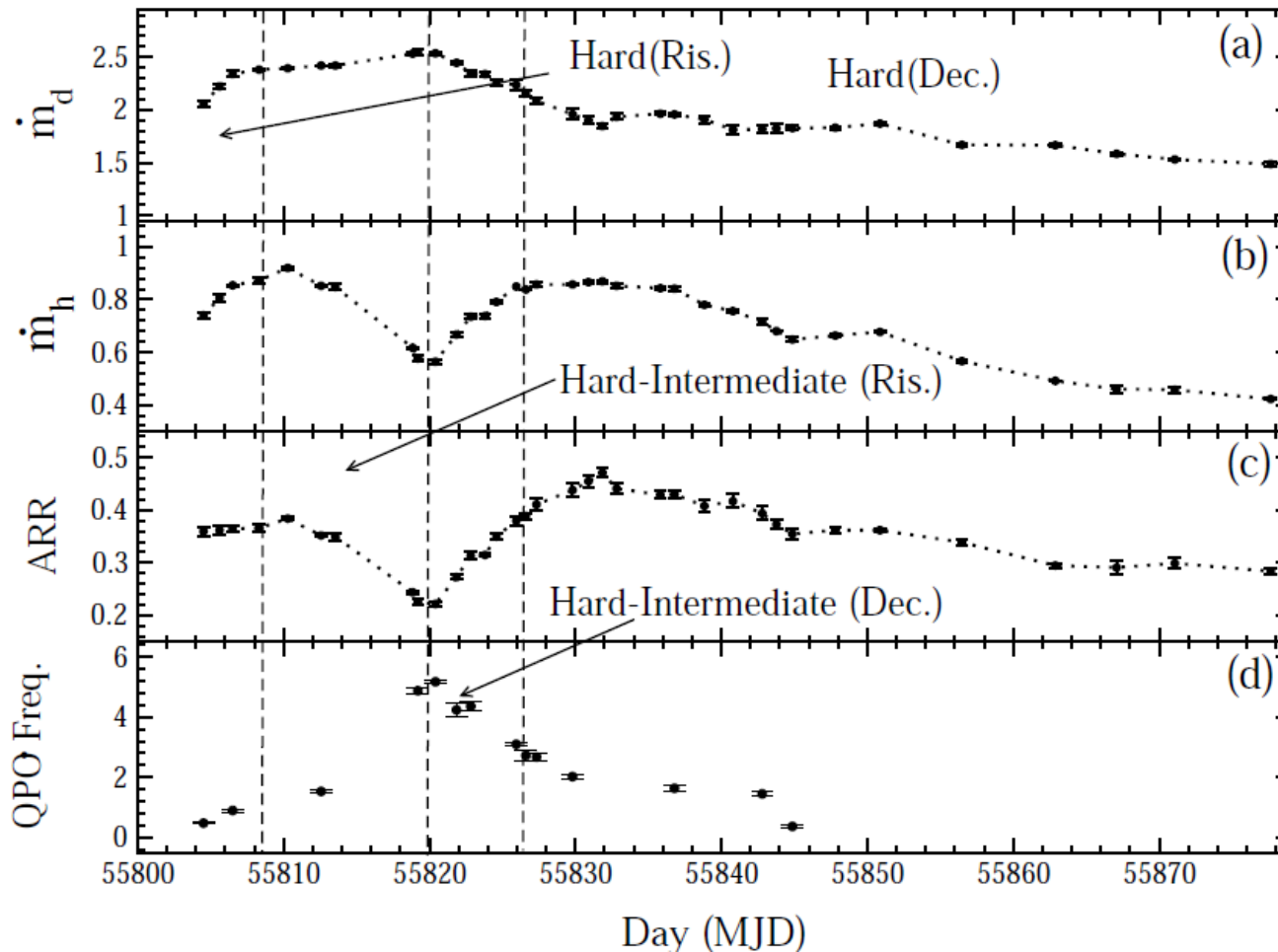
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MAXI J1836-194: Prediction of Viscous Time Scale during its 2011 outburst



halo peaks are nearly at MJDs 55810 & 55826

disk peaks are nearly at MJDs 55820 & 55836

Peak time differences between halo & disk rates in rising & declining phases are around 10 days, which is the viscous time scale.

Origin of LFQPOs and their evolution

Origin of QPOs in black hole X-ray binaries:

- Low and Intermediate frequency (0.01 – 30 Hz) QPOs are generally observed in hard, intermediate spectral states of BHCs.
- For few BHCs, QPOs are also observed to increase monotonically in rising phase (hard and hard-intermediate spectral states) of the outburst and opposite scenario is observed in declining phase of the outburst (Nandi et al. 2012; Debnath et al. 2013).
- Sporadic QPOs are observed during soft-intermediate spectral states of the outburst (Debnath et al. 2010, 2013; Nandi et al. 2012).
- Many models, such as: **perturbation inside a Keplerian disk** (Trudolyubov et al. 1999), **global disk oscillation** (Titarchuk & Osherovich 2000), **oscillation of warped disk** (Shirakawa & Lai 2002), **accretion ejection instability at the inner radius of a Keplerian disk** (Rodriguez et al. 2000), tries to find origin of these LFQPOs.

Shock Oscillation Model (SOM) to find origin BHCs :

According to Shock Oscillation Model (SOM) by Chakrabarti and his collaborators (Molteni et al. 1996; Mondal, Chakrabarti & Debnath, 2015) QPOs are caused due to shock oscillation.

There are mainly two reasons behind oscillation of shock wave in an accretion flow:

i) **Resonance Oscillation**: when cooling time scale of the flow is comparable to the infall time scale (Molteni, Sponholtz & Chakrabarti 1996), this type of oscillation occurs. Such cases can be identified by the fact that when accretion of the Keplerian disk is steadily increased, QPOs may occur in a range of the accretion rates, and the frequency should go up with accretion rate.

ii) **Non-Steady Solution**: In this case, flow has two saddle type sonic points, but Rankine-Hugoniot conditions which were used to study standing shocks in Chakrabarti (1989) are not satisfied to form a steady shock (Ryu, Chakrabarti & Molteni 1997).

Propagating Oscillatory Shock (POS) Model : Governing Equations

Infall time is denoted by,

$$t_{infall} \sim r_s/v \sim Rr_s(r_s - 1)^{1/2}, \quad (1)$$

where $r_g = 2GM/c^2$ is the Schwarzschild radius, and compression ratio $R = \rho_+/\rho_-$, where ρ_+ and ρ_- are the densities of the post and pre-shock flows.

R may vary as $1/R \rightarrow 1/R_0 + \alpha(t_d)^2$, where α is a constant which determines how shock (strength) becomes weaker with time and reaches its lowest possible value when R .

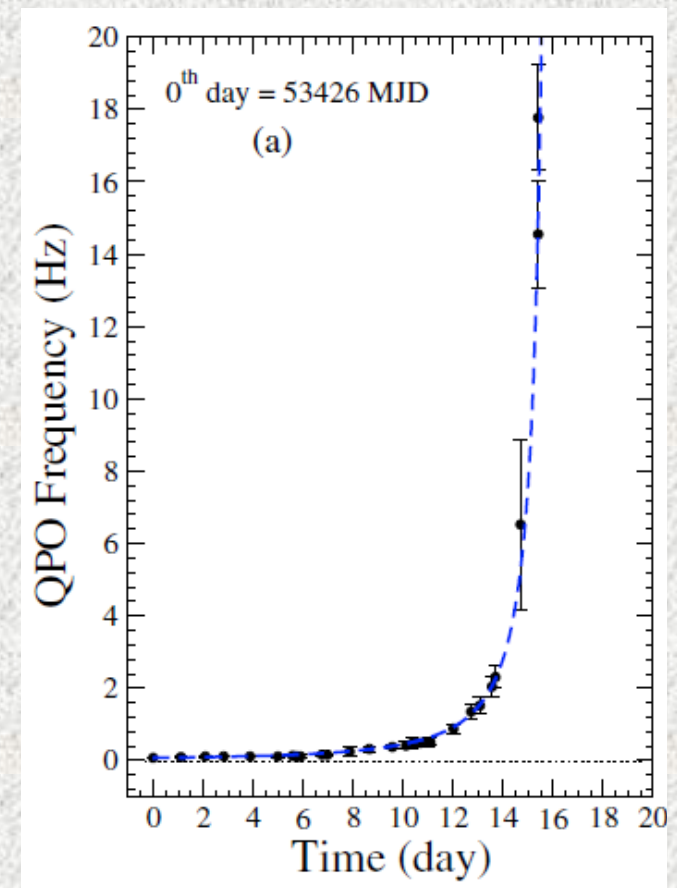
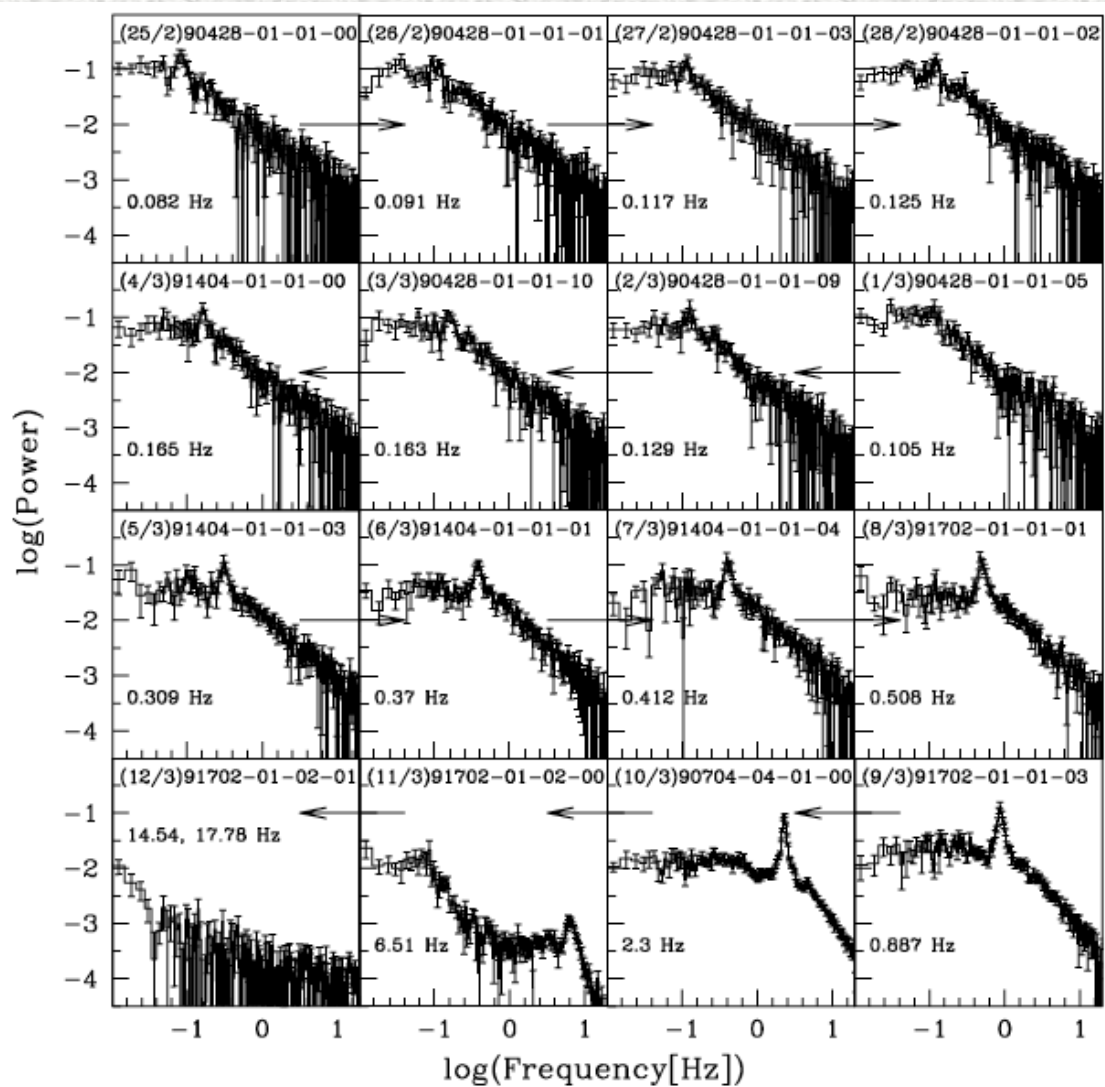
QPO frequency which is inversely proportional to infall time is given by,

$$\nu_{QPO} = v_{s0}/t_{infall} = v_{s0} / \left[Rr_s(r_s - 1)^{1/2} \right]. \quad (2)$$

Shock may move towards ('-' ve sign) or away ('+'ve sign) from the black hole, expressed as

$$r_s(t) = r_{s0} \pm v_0 t/r_g, \quad (3)$$

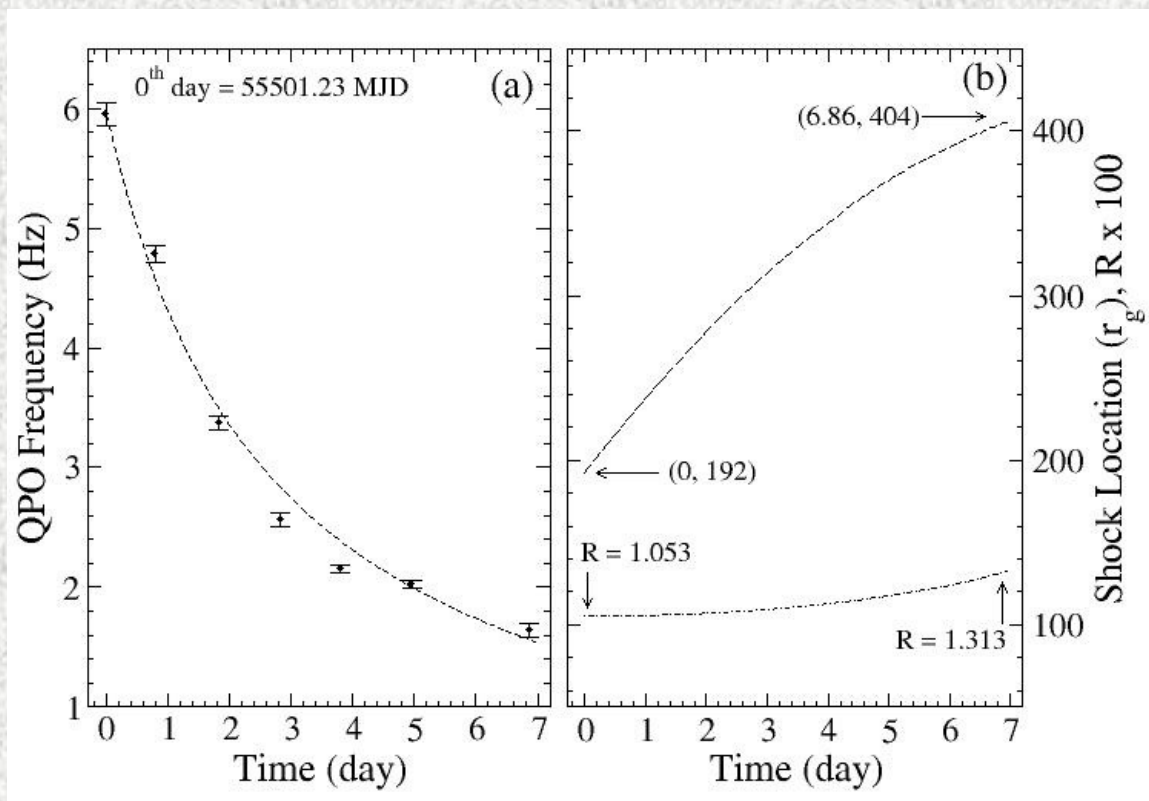
GRO J1655-40 during its 2005 outburst: QPO frequency Evolution (Rising Phase; hard and hard-intermediate States)



Chakrabarti, Debnath, Nandi & Pal, 2008, A&A, 489, L41

Debnath, Chakrabarti, Nandi & Mandal, 2008, BASI, 36, 151

MAXI J1659-152 : POS model fitted QPO Evolution

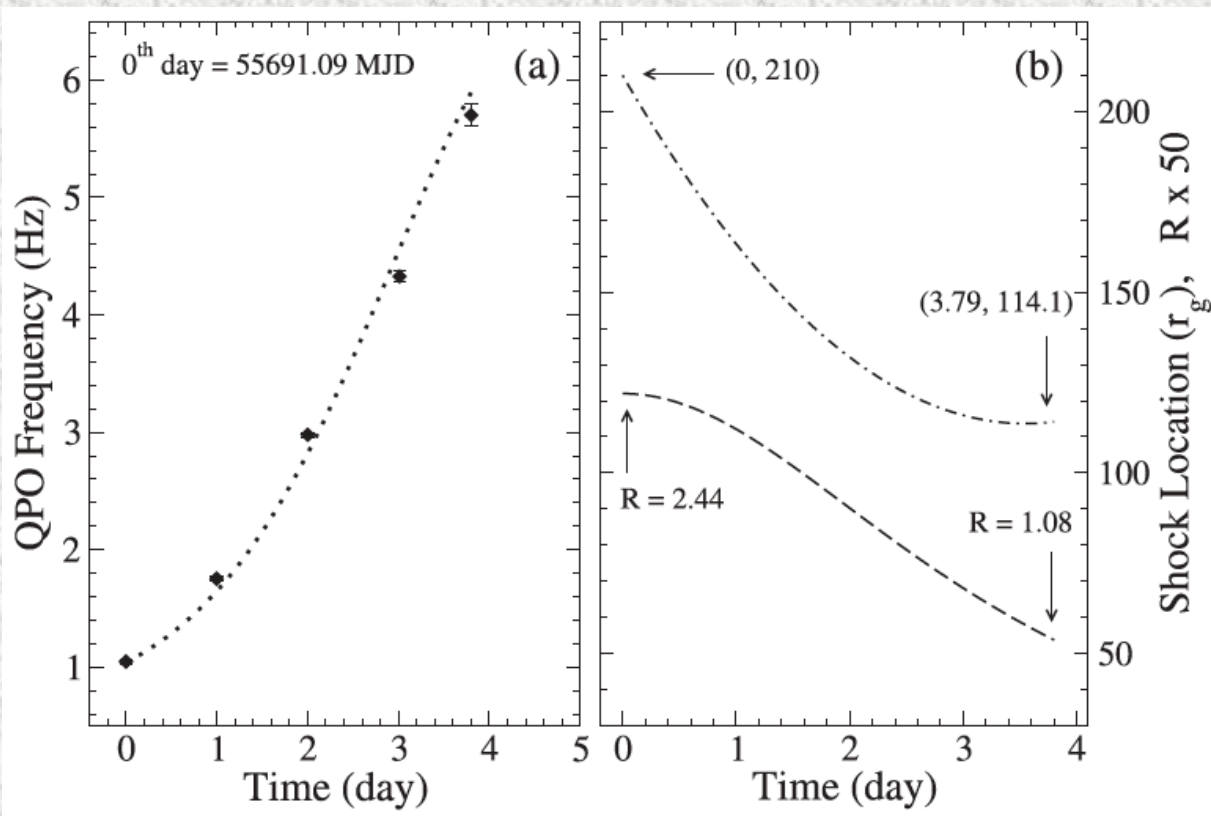


Declining Phase of 2010
outburst of MAXI J1659-152:

Shock moved away from the
black hole in decelerating way.

v_i (Hz)	v_f (Hz)	r_{si} (r_g)	r_{sf} (r_g)	V_i (cm/s)	V_f (cm/s)	a (cm/s/d)	R_i	R_f	α
5.951	1.638	192.3	404.2	1000	643	-52.0	1.053	1.313	0.004

MAXI J1543-564 : POS model fitted QPO Evolution



Rising Phase of 2011 outburst of MAXI J1543-564:

Shock moved towards the black hole in decelerating way.

v_i (Hz)	v_f (Hz)	r_{si} (r_g)	r_{sf} (r_g)	V_i (cm/s)	V_f (cm/s)	a (cm/s/d)	R_i	R_f	α
1.05	5.70	210.0	114.1	2450	1139	-345	2.44	1.08	0.037

Summary and Concluding Remarks:

- 1) **Accretion flow dynamics** during outbursts of transient BHCs well understood with spectral studies with Two-Component Advective Flow (**TCAF**) model, as an additive table model in XSPEC.
- 2) **Classification of spectral states** during outbursts can be well understood based on TCAF model fitted physical parameters (variation of accretion rate ratios, i.e., **ARRs**; ratio between TCAF model fitted sub-Keplerian halo to Keplerian disk rates) and **nature of QPOs** (if present).
- 3) **Prediction of dominating QPO** frequencies could be done with the TCAF model shock parameters (**location and compression ratio**).
- 4) **Estimation of mass** of an unknown BH from TCAF & POS model fits.
- 5) Idea about the **viscous time scale** from peak time differences of disk & halo rates.
- 6) **ARRID** to find correlation between timing and spectral properties.
- 7) **Detection of Jets in X-rays** and **estimation** of flux contributions and find its correlation with radio.
- 8) In future, we will **extend our work to other transient** as well as persistent BHCs (for e.g., GRO J1655-40, 4U 1630-272, XTE J1550-564, GRS 1915+105, IGR J17091-3654, Cyg X-1, etc.) and will also try predict mass of some unknown objects.
- 9) In future, we also have plan to use **MAXI and ASTROSAT data** of transient BHCs to study detailed temporal and spectral properties of BHCs.

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