

Light curve simulation of X-Ray Binaries in presence of stellar wind

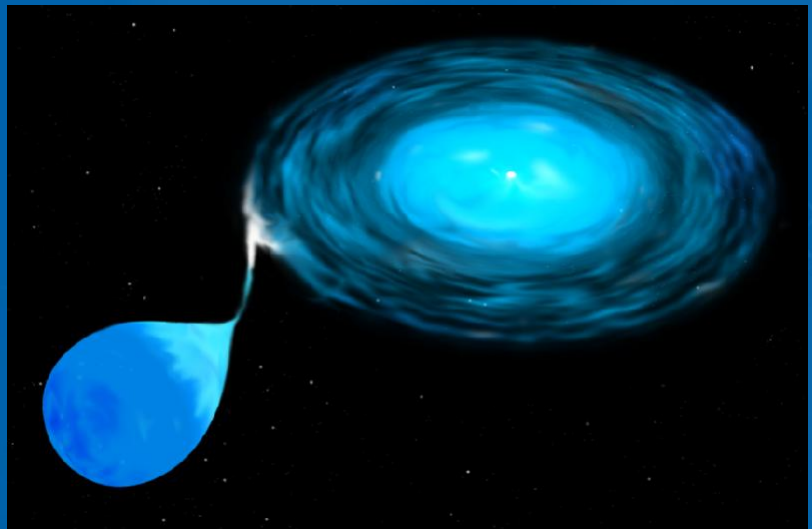
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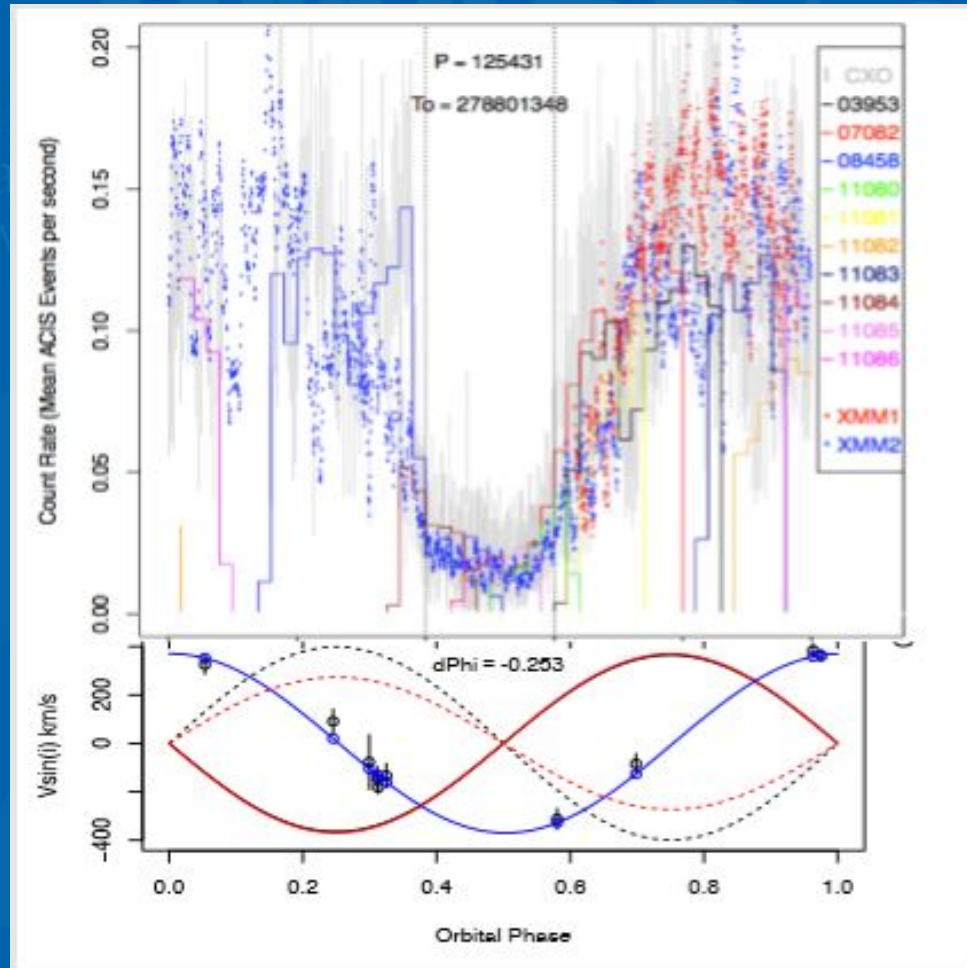
X-Ray Binaries

- Accretor : Compact object (NS or BH)
- Donor : Normal star
- Accretion region
- Luminous in X-Rays



<http://hubblesite.org/newscenter/newsdesk/archive/releases/1995/23/image/a>

IC10 X-1 LC and RV curves Laycock et al. 2014



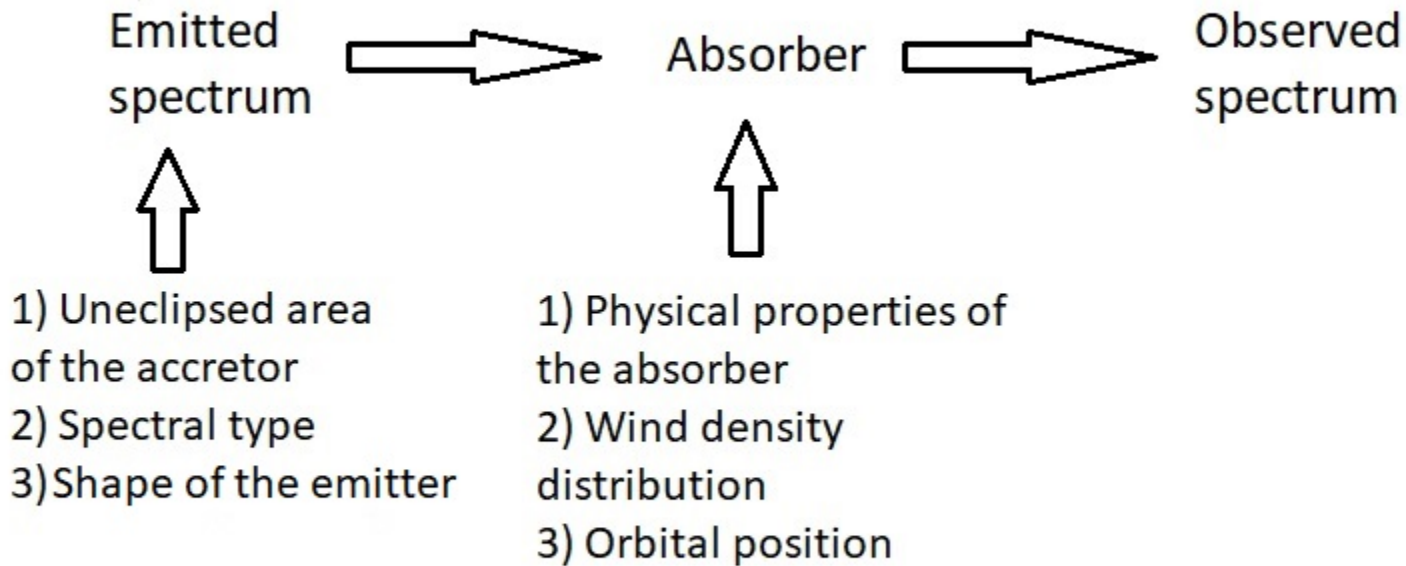
Extended Emitter

- Supported by Barnard et al. 2014
- Partial covering at mid-eclipse

WR wind absorption

- Hard Evidence for energy-dependence (Barnard et al. 2014, Steiner et al. 2015)
- WR wind suspected to contain traces of Neutrals (Laycock et al. 2015)

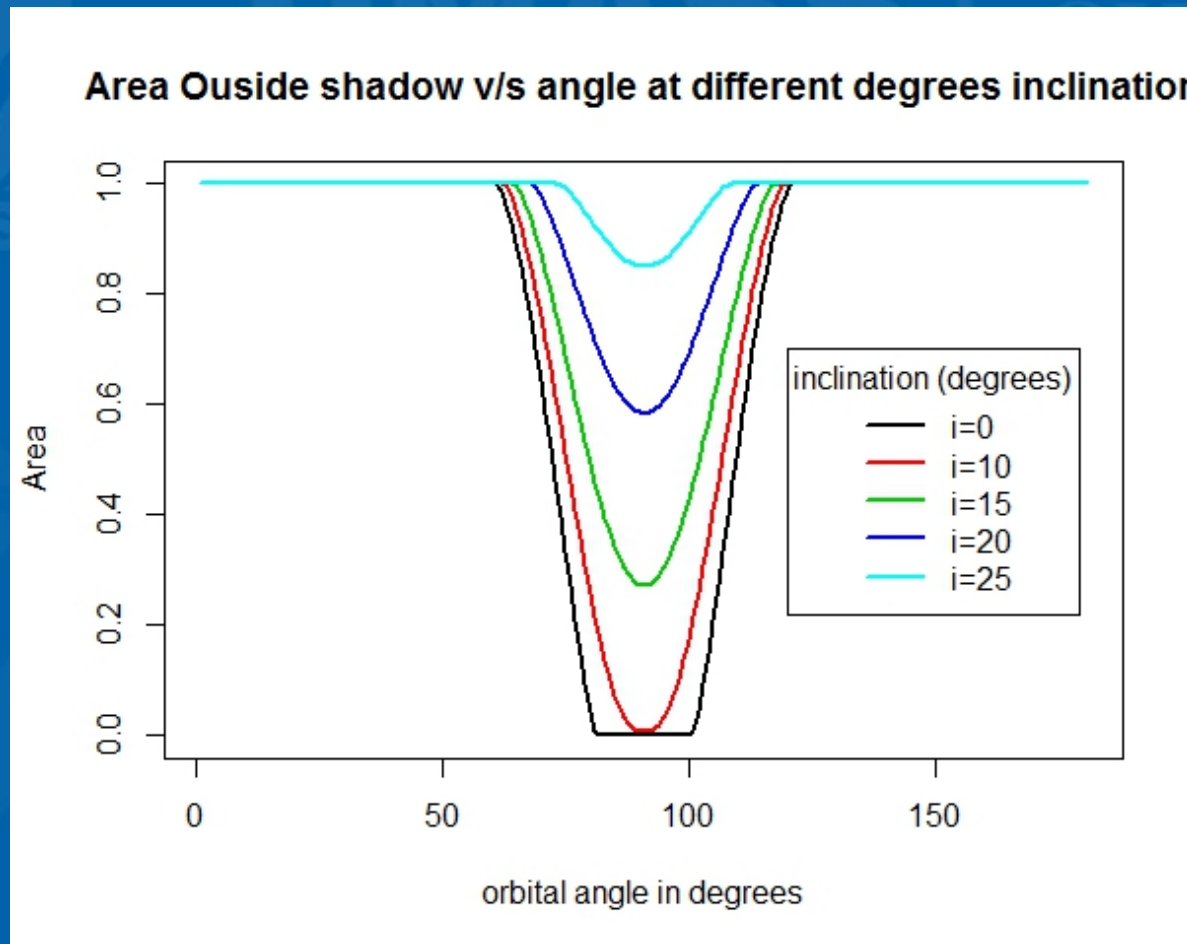
Approach



Assumptions

- Circular orbit
- Spherically symmetric emitter
- Spherically symmetric Wind
- Neutral Hydrogen Absorber in Wind
- Ignore Scattering and Wind Ionization

Preliminary Results



Stellar Wind

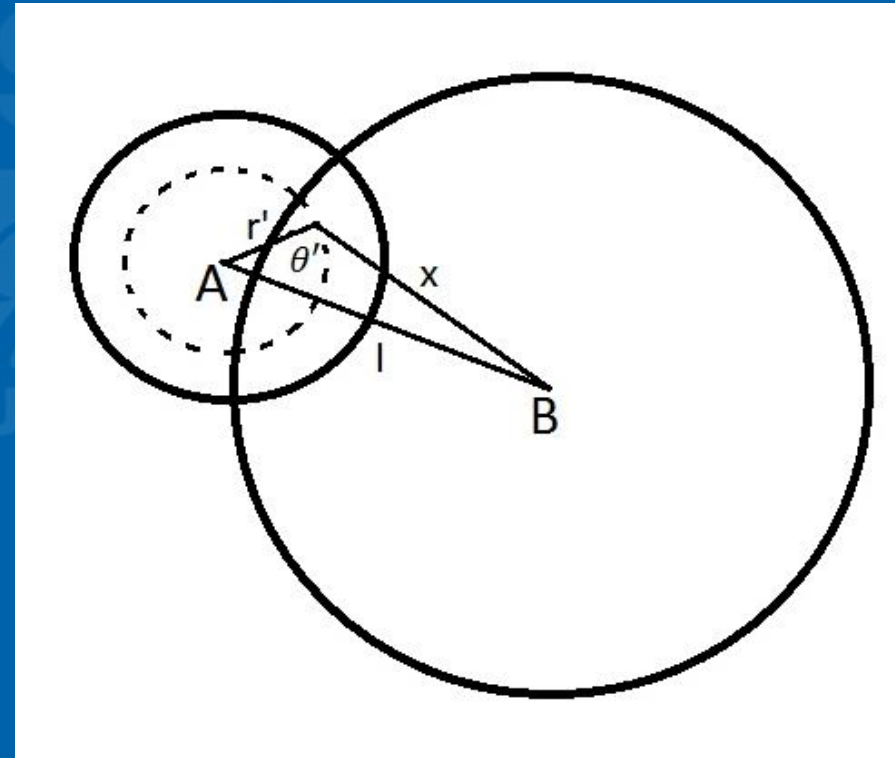
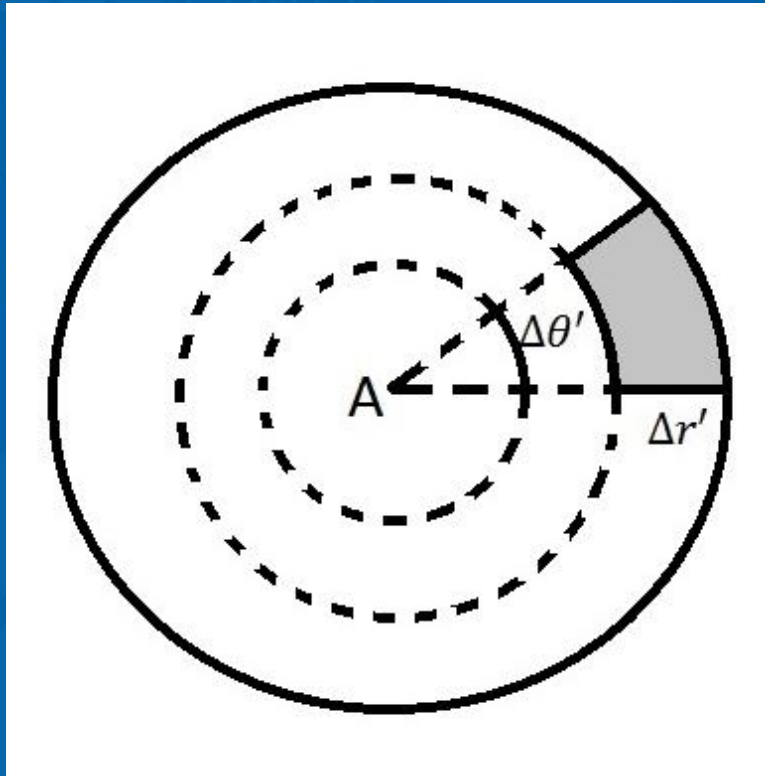
- Spherically Symmetric Radiation-Driven
- Constant Outflow Velocity ($V_0 = \text{constant}$)

$$\rho \propto \frac{1}{r^2}$$

- Assuming constant acceleration
- Assuming constant acceleration
- Density variation with distance
- Density variation with distance

$$\rho \propto \frac{1}{r^{5/2}}$$

Emitter Grid



$$\Delta A = \frac{1}{2}(\Delta r')^2 \Delta\theta'$$

- Column Integral of a cell

$$I_{cell} = \sum_i \frac{1}{d_i^2} dz$$

- Total Column Integral

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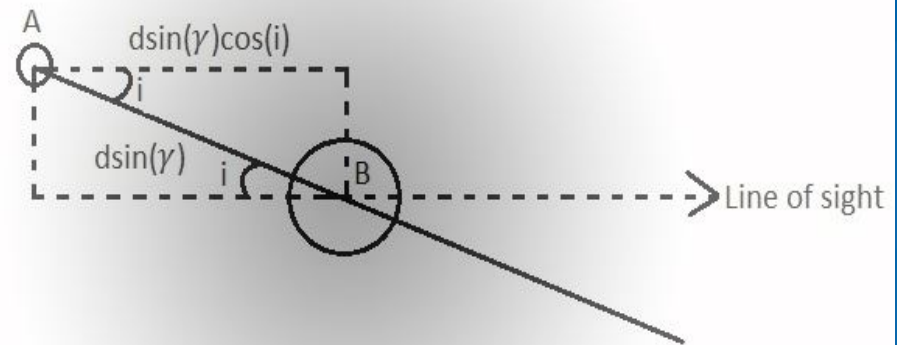
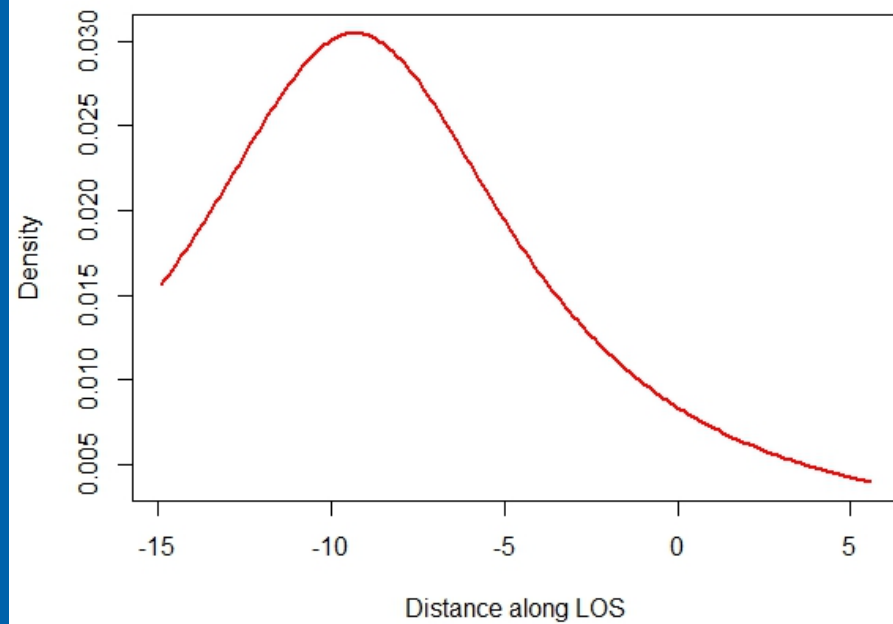
- Average Column Integral

$$I_{total} = \sum_j I_j da_j$$

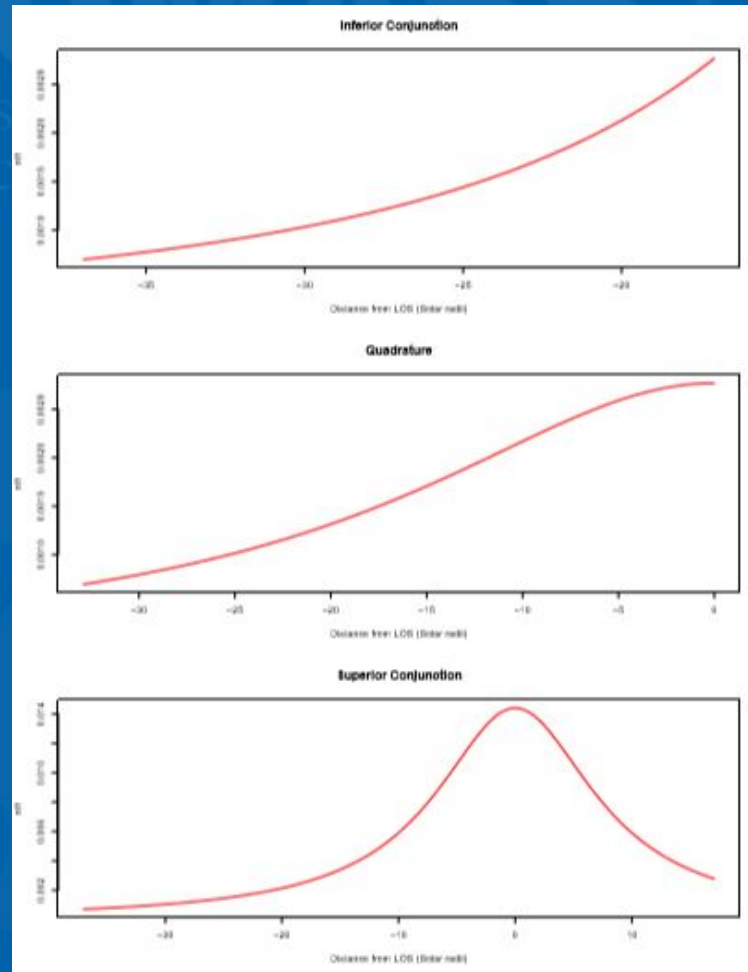
- Average Column Integral

$$I_{av} = \frac{\sum_j I_j da_j}{\sum_j da_j}$$

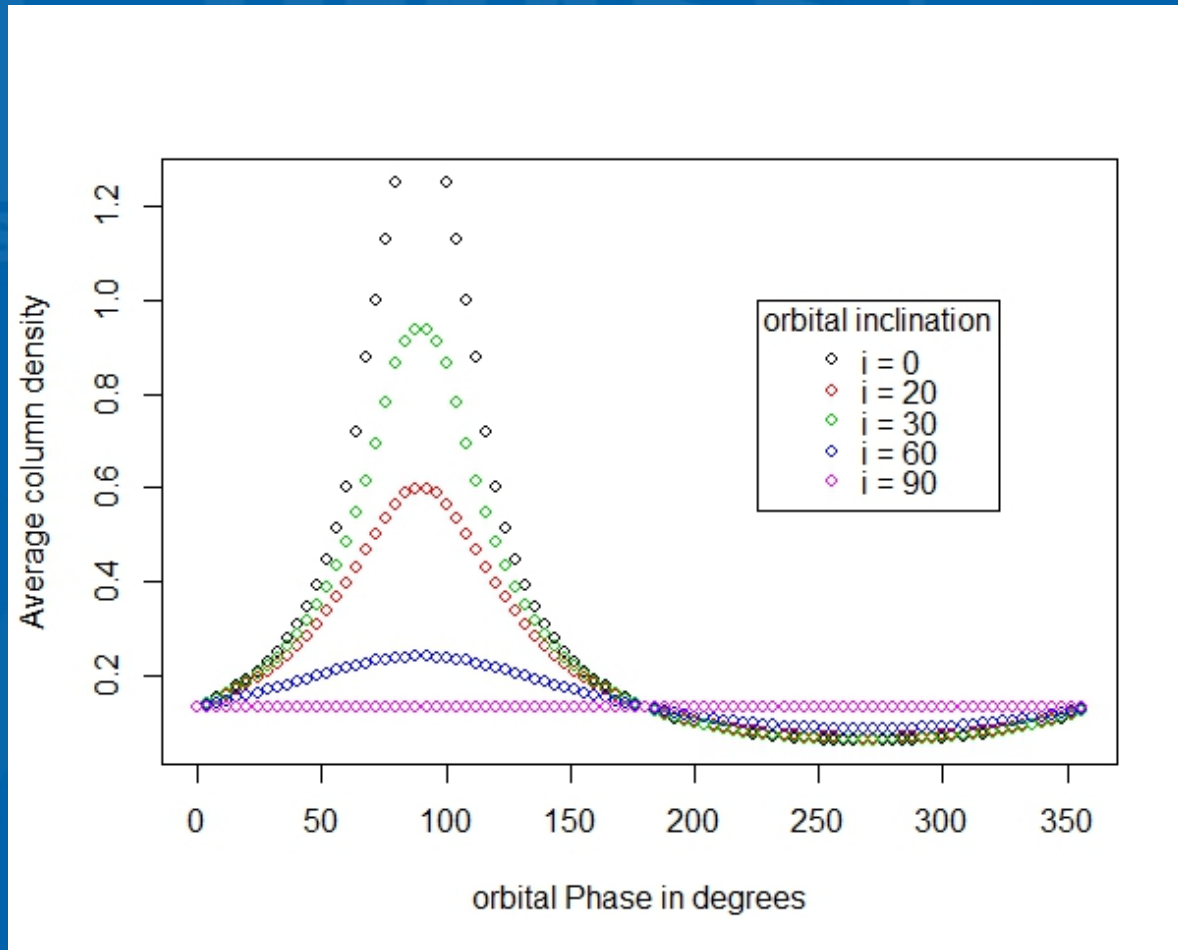
Column Integral



Column lines with phase

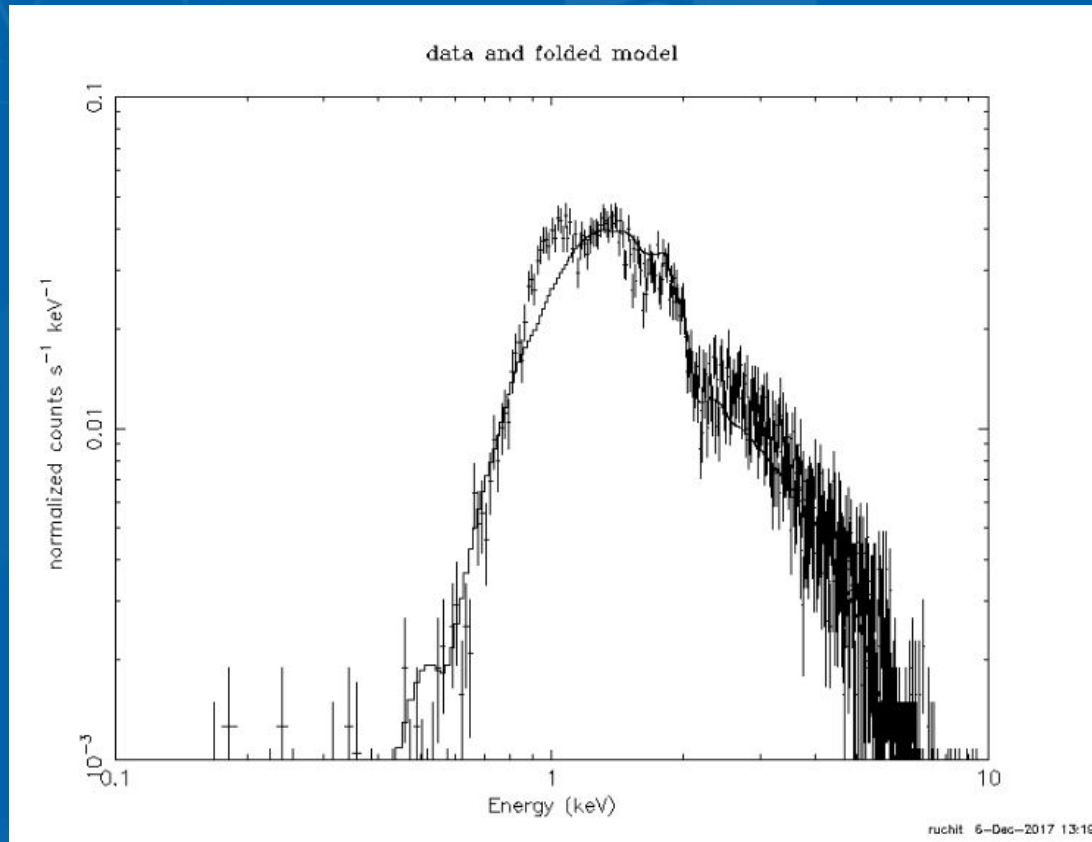


Phase connected nH



Spectral Model

Xspec model : absorbed Power law



Flux Variation

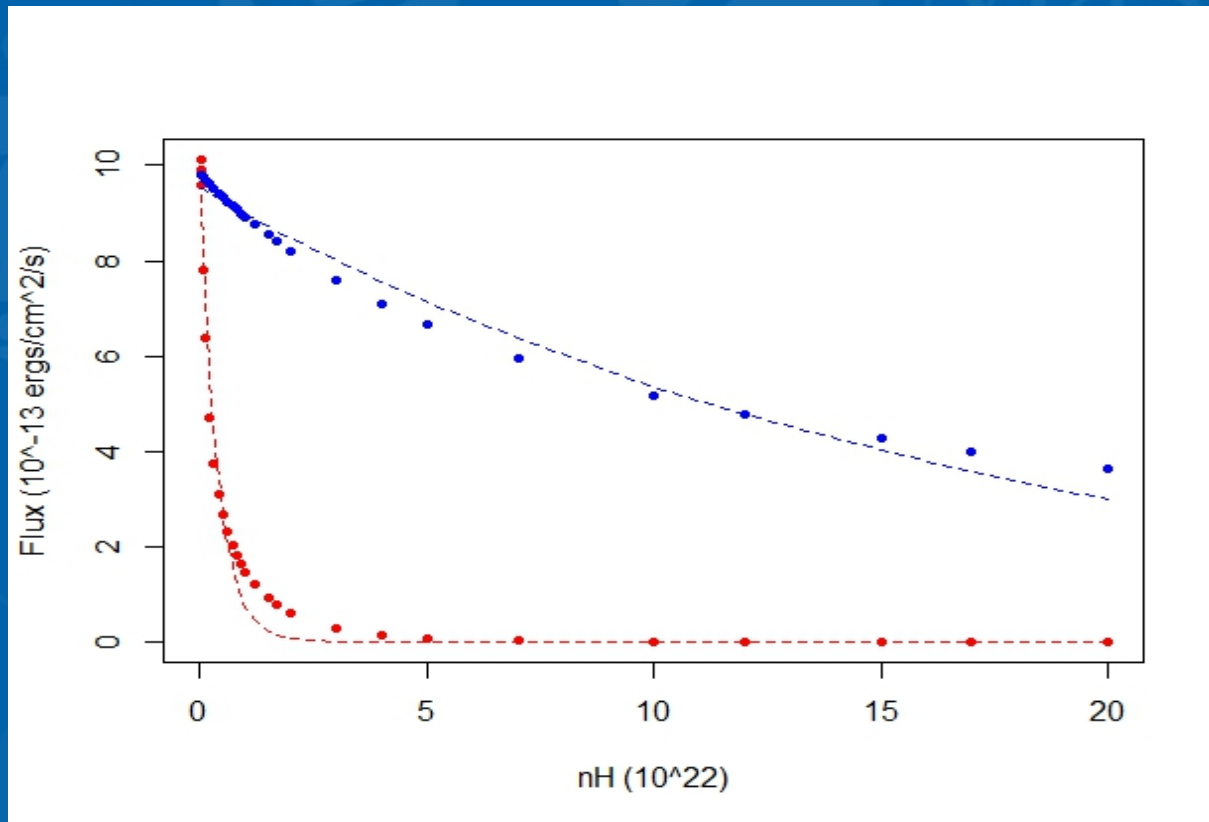
- Equation of Radiative Transfer

$$\frac{dI_\nu}{ds} = -\alpha_\nu I_\nu + j_\nu$$

- Absorption case
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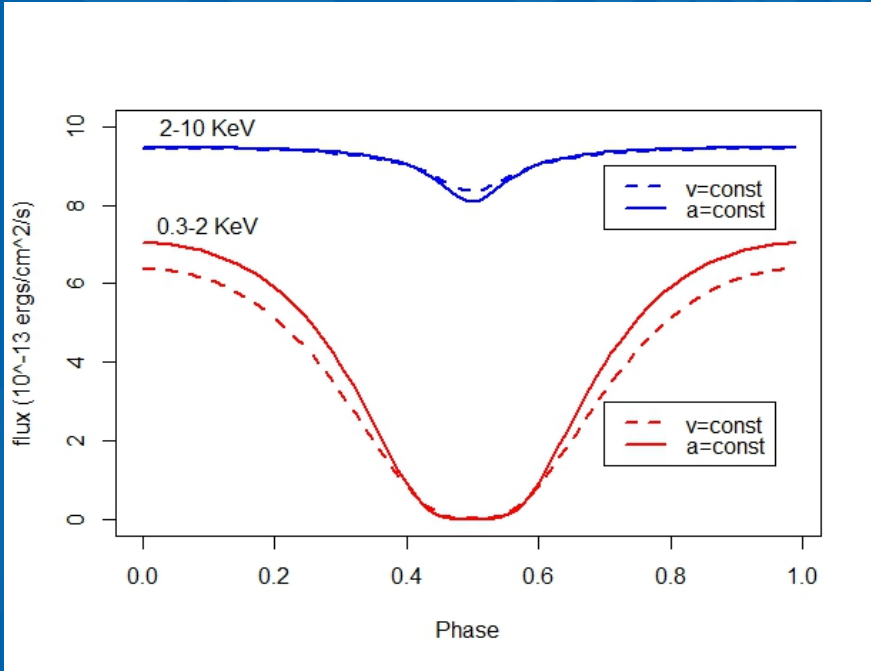
$$I_\nu(s) = I_\nu(s_0) \exp \left[- \int_{s_0}^s \alpha_\nu(s') ds' \right]$$

Flux Variation

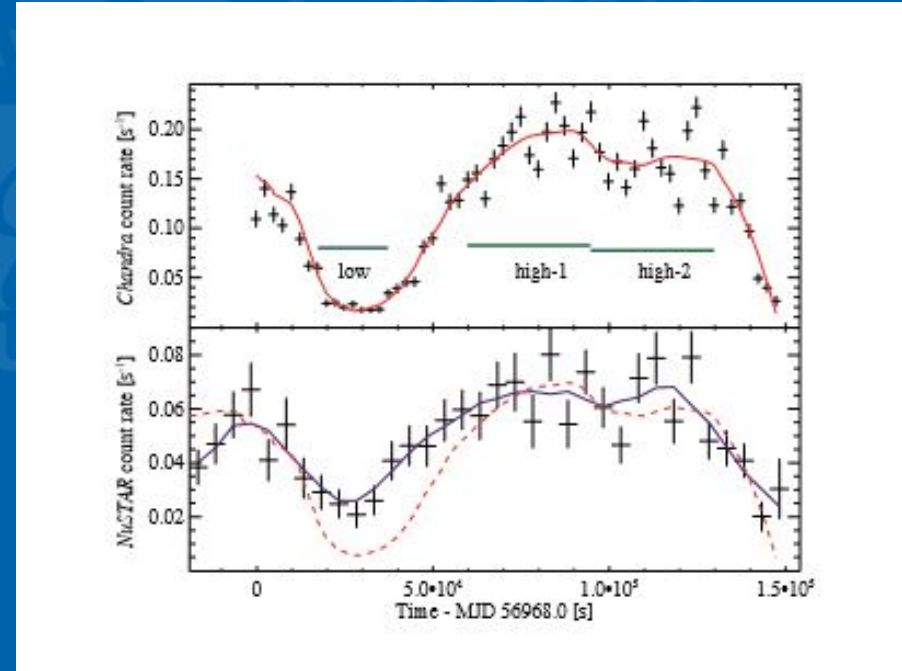


- Hard Band (blue) (2-10KeV) : $9.5e^{-0.057x}$
- Soft Band (red) (0.3-2KeV) : $9.4e^{-2.506x}$

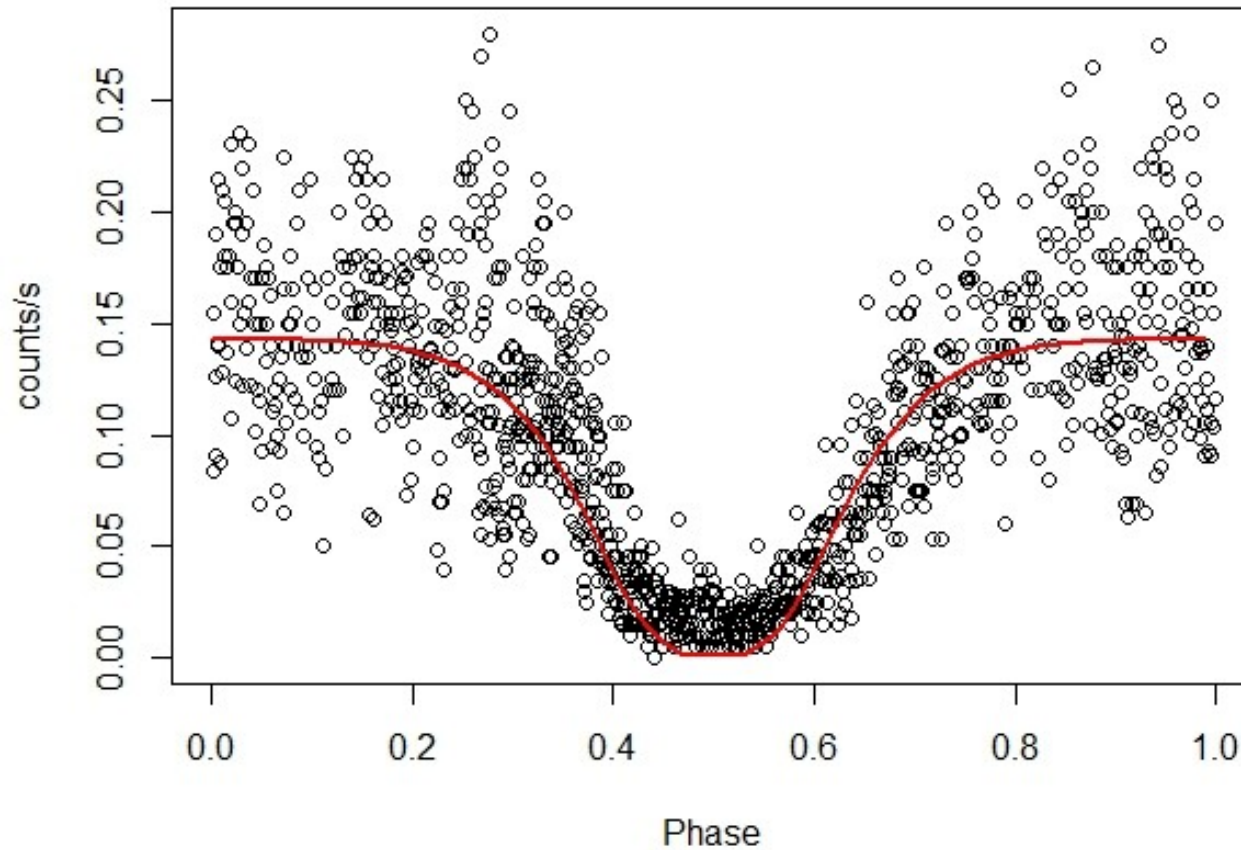
Energy Dependence



NuStar Data (Steiner et al.)



Fitting Data



Estimating Wind parameters

- Density for constant velocity wind

$$\rho_r = \frac{\rho_0}{v_0 r^2}$$

- Density for constant accelerated wind
- Density for constant accelerated wind

$$\rho_r = \frac{\rho_0}{\sqrt{2ar^{5/2}}}$$

Conclusions

- Model calculates line of sight column integrals at each phase point of the orbit in any inclination
- Model flux values show energy dependence
- Reflects different types of wind distribution (constant velocity and constant acceleration)
- Appears to confirm the idea that the eclipse of IC 10 X-1 is a result of absorption rather than occultation
- Provided initial ρ_0 an estimate of the wind velocities and acceleration can be made.

http://www2.lowell.edu/users/massey/lgsurvey/IC10_BVHa.jpg



Thank You !

Scaling column Integral lines

- Scaling factor (λ)

$$nH_{scaled} = \lambda \times nH_{unscaled}$$

- From Spectrum fitting

$$\lambda = \frac{nH_{avg}^{xspec}}{nH_{avg}^{model}}$$

Estimating Wind parameters

- Integrating

$$\int \rho_r dz = \frac{\rho_0}{v_0} \int \frac{1}{r^2} dz$$

$$nH_{scaled} = \frac{\rho_0}{v_0} nH_{unscaled}$$

$$nH_{scaled} = \lambda \times nH_{unscaled}$$

Estimating Wind parameters

- Constant velocity

$$v_0 = \frac{1}{\lambda_v} \rho_0$$

- Constant acceleration
- Constant acceleration

$$\sqrt{2a} = \frac{1}{\lambda_a} \rho_0$$

Geometry

