

Supplementary Material

1 SUPPLEMENTARY TABLES

Here we provide the input values used for creating the various *HEX-P* simulations that are presented in the accompanying manuscript. Additionally, we specify the flux levels of the simulations since the introduction mentions a pile-up limit for the LET in units of mCrab.

Table S1. Flux level for each *HEX-P* simulation based on different source cases.

Source	Type	$F_{2-10\text{ keV}}$ (mCrab)	$F_{2-80\text{ keV}}$ ($\text{erg cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$)
4U 1735–44	LMXB, atoll	61	2.0×10^{-9}
Cygnus X-2	LMXB, Z	763	2.1×10^{-8}
Cen X-3	HMXB	36	1.0×10^{-8}
Vela X-1	HMXB	120	6.7×10^{-9}
GX 304–1	HMXB, Be XRB	0.4	1.2×10^{-11}
SMC X-2	HMXB, extragalactic	2–8.3	$2\text{--}8 \times 10^{-10}$

Table S2. Input spectral parameters for the two continuum models used to demonstrate *HEX-P*'s capabilities to distinguish continuum shapes in NS LMXBs in section 2.2.1. The `int.type` parameter of NTHCOMP in Model 2 is set to 0 so that the seed photons come from a single-temperature blackbody.

Model 1			Model 2		
Model	Parameter	Value	Model	Parameter	Value
TBABS	N_{H} (10^{22} cm^{-2})	0.4	TBABS	N_{H} (10^{22} cm^{-2})	0.4
DISKBB	kT (keV)	1.26	DISKBB	kT (keV)	0.68
	norm	28		norm	350
BBODY	kT (keV)	2.43	NTHCOMP	Γ	1.97
	norm	1.02×10^{-2}		kT_{e} (keV)	3.13
POW	Γ	2.57		kT_{bb} (keV)	1.07
	norm	0.45		norm	5.9×10^{-2}

Table S3. Spectral parameters for the Vela X-1 simulations, see also Figure 9. The model can be written as `tbabs(2)*((powerlaw(1)*fdcut(1))*gabs(1)*gabs(2)+`
`+egauss(1)+egauss(3)+egauss(10)+egauss(11)+egauss(12)+egauss(13)+`
`+egauss(100))*constant(10)*tbabs(1)+(1-constant(10))`.

Parameter	Value	Unit
$N_{\text{H},1}$	0.37	10^{22} cm^{-2}
Normalization	0.33	$\text{ph keV}^{-1} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1} \text{ at } 1 \text{ keV}$
Γ	1.08	
E_{fold}	26.1	keV
E_{cut}	10.2	keV
$E_{\text{CRSF},2}$	56.8	keV
$\sigma_{\text{CRSF},2}$	8.75	keV
$d_{\text{CRSF},2}$	21.7	
$E_{\text{CRSF},1}$	24.3	keV
$\sigma_{\text{CRSF},2}$	4.37	keV
$d_{\text{CRSF},2}$	0.49	
$A_{\text{Fe K}\alpha}$	5.83	$10^{-3} \text{ ph s}^{-1} \text{ cm}^{-2}$
$E_{\text{Fe K}\alpha}$	6.49	keV
$\sigma_{\text{Fe K}\alpha}$	0.08	keV
$A_{\text{Fe K}\beta}$	2.45	eV
$E_{\text{Fe K}\beta}$	7.14	keV
$\sigma_{\text{Fe K}\beta}$	0.09	keV
$A_{\text{Ne IX}\alpha}$	3.58	$10^{-3} \text{ ph s}^{-1} \text{ cm}^{-2}$
$E_{\text{Ne IX}\alpha}$	0.93	keV
$\sigma_{\text{Ne IX}\alpha}$	0.10	keV
$A_{\text{Mg L}\alpha}$	1.95	$10^{-3} \text{ ph s}^{-1} \text{ cm}^{-2}$
$E_{\text{Mg L}\alpha}$	1.34	keV
$\sigma_{\text{Mg L}\alpha}$	0.10	keV
$A_{\text{Si K}\alpha}$	5.74	$10^{-4} \text{ ph s}^{-1} \text{ cm}^{-2}$
$E_{\text{Si K}\alpha}$	1.83	keV
$\sigma_{\text{Si K}\alpha}$	15.5	eV
$A_{\text{S K}\alpha}$	4.97	$10^{-4} \text{ ph s}^{-1} \text{ cm}^{-2}$
$E_{\text{S K}\alpha}$	2.44	keV
$\sigma_{\text{S K}\alpha}$	0.05	keV
Cov. Frac.	0.50	
$N_{\text{H},2}$	32.1	10^{22} cm^{-2}
$A_{10\text{keV}}$	-1.25	$10^{-2} \text{ ph s}^{-1} \text{ cm}^{-2}$
$E_{10\text{keV}}$	9.13	keV
$\sigma_{10\text{keV}}$	2.34	keV