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Current research

- Understanding the accretion structures in neutron stars high-mass X-ray binaries using Vela X-1
 - -> Accretion via stellar winds: characterizes the wind, which is clumpy

—> Long term objective: Understand the end of life of the (high-mass) companion

- Methods: NuStar (3-78keV) and XMM-Newton (0.1-10keV) -> abs at low energy
- + interest in low-mass X-ray binaries to characterize the EoS of neutron stars... but in optical !





(Grinberg+17)



Simulation of the wake (El Mellah+18)



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Personal interests

• Responsibilities/activities

–> Involved in promoting women in astrophysics (France -> Germany)

• Future

—> Hoping to remain in the X-IFU team for her future postdoc you should write it down

• Hobbies

—> Cannot challenge Didier Barret at wine tasting but has expertise in (german) beers

• Tai Do = martial art



XMM-Newton EPIC-PN spectrum of Vela X-1 during one pulse at orbital phase 0.5 —> Athena ?



how to ask ESA to increase the Athena budget

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- Electromagnetic counterpart to binary black hole coalescence
 - —> uses general relativistic MHD simulations of accretion structures around binary black holes
 - -> what is the characteristic EM signature of a BH-BH merger?
 - -> second last living soul on Earth interested in QPOs



Artist view of a binary black hole





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Personal interests

- Organises online seminars about accretion/ejection mechanisms
- Only astrophysicist interested in soccer (is he?)
- Engaged in reducing his carbon foot print: e.g. always travels to conferences by trains
- Definitely can't compete with Didier's expertise on wines



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