Doing physics in star-forming regions with XMM

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An old friend of the roaring X-ray seventies: the Orion nebula





A nearby (160 pc) molecular core seen in (hard) X-rays: the ρ Oph cloud





Einstein IPC : p Oph (Montmerle et al. 1983)



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20 years after: The ISO/XMM view of the ρ Oph cloud core => Einstein sources are a deeply embedded cluster of protostars ! (Grosso, Ozawa, Montmerle et al. 2003)



The X-ray/IR connection





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The power of (hard) X-ray timing and spectroscopy



Flare light curve and spectrum from Class I protostar YLW 16A, observed with Chandra ACIS (Imanishi et al. 2001) Discovery of a flare-induced Fe I Kα fluorescent line @ 6.4 keV in a low-mass protostar (Chandra: Imanishi et al. 2001)



2. Doing SFR physics with X-ray satellites (~30 SFRs)

	ROSAT	XMM	Chandra
FOV	*** (center)	***	**
Spatial Resolution	* (HRI **)	**	***
Spectral range	*	**	**
Collecting area	*	***	**
Soft X-rays (< 1 keV)	*	**	—
Hard X-rays (> I keV)	*	**	**
Line spectroscopy	—	**	**
Optical monitor	_	***	_
Bckgrnd << 1 orbit	*	*	***
Bckgrnd > 1 orbit	*		***
Diff. Emission (excl. SNR)		* (soft)	** (hard)



3. Setting the stage: Basics of early stellar evolution and X-ray emission

- Within the first 10 Myr, a young, low-mass star radically changes its structure & environment (envelopes, jets, disks)
- X-ray emission is ubiquitous (x1000's "YSOs" known !), but X-rays alone cannot characterize them:
 - At all stages, dominant contribution from (10³-10⁴ enhanced, *hard*) "solar-like" *magnetic activity* (coronal emission, flares); seen in all cool stars [cf. talk by J. Schmitt]
 - Correlations with global stellar properties: L_{bol} , M_* , T_{eff} , but not with P_{rot} , age...
 - Hard-to-find correlations with environmental properties: weaker, soft X-rays from shocks caused by magnetically channeled accretion and bipolar jets (200-400 km/s) [cf. talk by M. Güdel]; infrequent very large flares [cf. talk by S. Sciortino]; challenging physics & modeling !
 - Only a handful of stars !
- Timing studies and line spectroscopy key to understanding "accretionejection" physics (see AGNs !)



A brief history of early stellar evolution



The star-disk interaction region (few R_{*}): A complex, X-ray emitting accretion-ejection configuration...





Global properties of XEST sources



(Güdel et al. 2007)



X-ray luminosity functions of XEST T Tauri stars





4. Themes for the future with XMM: from today to tomorrow

Main theme: star-environment interactions

- Growing interest in astronomy: multiwavelength observations, (use of large European instruments: VLT, ALMA...; Herschel), theory, heavy numerical simulations
- Strong drive from links with extrasolar planets and solar system formation
- Star-disk interactions and the "central engine"
 - Key role played by magnetic fields: complex MHD geometry & flows
- X-ray (and particle) irradiation of circumstellar disks
 - Evidence for disk ionization => chemistry; dust processing and planet formation, etc...
 - Scaling the irradiation of meteorites in the young solar system
- Possible star-planet interactions
 - Atmosphere escape in "hot Jupiters" [cf. talk by A. Pollock]
 - Auroral emissions (if planet magnetized) ?





Zooming in: MHD model for star-disk magnetic coupling

(Shu et al., Pudritz et al., Heyvaerts et al., Ferreira et al...)





The star-disk interaction: "Magnetospheric accretion"





(Grosso, Bouvier, Montmerle et al., subm.)



AA Tau: (disk) "eclipse mapping" of the coronal X-ray emission



2 periods: 8 x 15 ksec

X

(Grosso, Bouvier, Montmerle et al., subm.)

X-ray spectral fitting

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The OVII triplet in T Tauri stars with disks: "in situ" signature of (magnetically channeled) accretion ?



Figure 1: Left panel: O VII He-like triplet for TW Hya Middle panel: O VII He-like triplet for BP Tau. Right panel: O VII He-like triplet for V4046 Sgr.

Robrade et al. 2006

kT regime (from broad-band spectrum): ~ 0.1-0.2 keV f(forbidden)/i(intercombination) line ratio ~0.05 => $n_e \sim 10^{12} \text{ cm}^{-3}$ (>> coronal densities: funnel density)



Field Modeling: Extrapolations



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Fluorescing T Tauri stars in Orion...

Fe line @ 6.4 keV => Direct evidence for disk irradiation; but special orientation required ! Other evidence for X-ray irradiation: Ne II 12 μm line (Glassgold et al. 2007; Spitzer) [cf. talk by S. Sciortino]







5. Concluding remarks (1/2)

- Using the XMM tool for star-forming regions: need for large programs: use of RGS and/or FOV
 - RGS spectroscopy (e.g., T Tauri stars, Herbig AeBe stars)
 - Exposure driven by sensitivity: ~ 200 ksec/source
 - Extended spatial surveys (e.g., Spitzer SFRs)
 - Only 2-3 key regions (NGCI333...)
 - Exposure driven by spatial extent (mosaicing): ~ 0.5-1 Msec/region
 - Long coverage of time-dependent phenomena (e.g., eclipses: AA Tau; rare very large star-disk flares, etc.)
 - Exposure driven by duration or duty cycle (days-weeks): I Msec/source
 - Combined: time-resolved spectroscopy (e.g., Fe fluorescent line)
 - Exposure driven by sensitivity/duration: ~ I Msec/field



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- Problems that neither Chandra nor XMM can solve: the next generation (Simbol-X, XEUS...)
 - Hard X-rays (100 keV): non-thermal phenomena (flare tails...)
 - X-rays from the youngest protostars ? ($A_v \sim 500 1000$!) (Looking for the "birth cry of stars"...)
 - Very high spectral resolution ($E/\Delta E > 1000...$): mass motions (e.g., reverberation mapping of circumstellar disks, etc.)
- In the mean time, no problem to use an additional 1 Msec/yr for 10 yrs !

