# X-ray studies of solar system objects: now and the next decade



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#### How it all started

- First detection of Jupiter with the *Einstein Observatory* IPC & HRI (1979, 1981) *Metzger et al. 1983*
- Heavy ion precipitation and 'charge transfer' Waite et al. 1988 Horanyi, Cravens & Waite 1988
- ROSAT discovery of X-rays from comet Hyakutake Lisse et al. 1996
- Charge transfer of solar wind heavy ions

*Cravens 1997 ... Snios et al. 2016* 

Charge eXchange firmly established as

X-ray production mechanism  $P_{X} \sim n_{N} n_{SW} v_{SW}$ Cravens 2000 V Harvard Univ.



Dennerl et al. 2003

## LICI Soft X-rays (0.2 – 1 keV) from Jupiter's aurorae

- Ionic CX process thought to lead to soft X-rays
- Ions first thought to originate in the inner magnetosphere (8–12R<sub>J</sub>) but *Chandra* data point to origin at >30 R<sub>J</sub> *Gladstone et al. 2002*
- What are the ion species (C or S) and thus their origin (solar wind / magnetosphere)?
- Some XMM-Newton & Chandra spectra appear to favour a magnetospheric origin

B-R et al. 2007, Hui et al. 2009, 2010

• Relative roles?

X-ray: Chandra HRC (*Gladstone et al.*) UV: HST STIS (*Clarke et al.*) Optical: HST (*Beebe et al.*)



#### Jupiter – *XMM-Newton*, 2003: EPIC









B-R et al. 2007



- RGS clearly resolves auroral CX from disk soft X-ray emission lines
- Width of OVII and OVIII lines corresponds to velocities of +/- 5000 km s<sup>-1</sup> or energies of few MeV for O ions

## Jupiter – *Chandra* and *Hubble* STIS – 2003

*Chandra* ACIS reveals different spatial morphology of **soft** (< 2 keV, **ion** CX) and hard (> 2 keV, electron bremsstrahlung) X-ray events

→ CX X-ray events map far out from the planet

Simultaneous Hubble STIS images show > 2 keV events coincide with FUV auroral oval and bright features (FUV from excitation of atmospheric  $H_2$  and H by 10 - 100 keV electrons)



B-R et al. 2008

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→ Same energetic electrons responsible for both, UV and X-rays

#### Jupiter – Chandra TOO Oct. 2011



## Jupiter observing campaigns: *Hisaki* / EXCEED +

• Evidence of solar wind impact on X-ray aurora Kimura et al. 2016

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### X-rays from the Galilean satellites and the IPT

Io and Europa X-rays (*Chandra* ACIS) from energetic H, O and S ion impacts  $\rightarrow$  fluorescence

Non-thermal electron bremsstr. + OVII em. from Io Plasma Torus





Europa





## On Saturn ...

- Disk and polar cap X-ray emissions (unlike Jupiter) have similar coronal-type spectra Bhardwaj et al. 2005a
- Flux variability suggests X-ray emission is controlled by the Sun



Counts/ s-keV x 1000

0.5

- Fluorescent O-Kα line –
- Scattering of solar X-rays on atomic oxygen in H<sub>2</sub>O icy ring material

Bhardwaj et al. 2005b



Energy (keV)

1.5

2



### Mars disk and exosphere (halo): XMM-Newton RGS

- <u>Fluorescent scattering</u> of solar X-rays in CO<sub>2</sub> atmosphere
- Solar wind charge exchange (SWCX) in the exosphere



### The Earth's geocorona and the heliosphere

- LTE of the ROSAT All Sky Survey 1/4 keV background Snowden et al. 1995
- Time variable O emission lines on the dark side of the Moon

Correlation with solar wind flux  $\rightarrow$  SWCX in Earth's geocorona

- *Suzaku* observations of the NEP: Increase in soft X-ray lines correlated with solar wind proton flux *Fujimoto et al. 2007*
- Systematic study with XMM-Newton Carter et al. 2008, 2010 (CME), 2011

Now leading to SMILE (Solar wind Magnetosphere Ionosphere Link Explorer)

• Firm measurement (up to 40%) of heliospheric SWCX signal contribution to diffuse X-ray background *Galeazzi et al. 2014* 



## Looking ahead with *XMM-Newton* ...

- Observations at times of enhanced solar activity & simultaneous observations with other facilities (e.g. in situ) return most science
- Establish how solar wind interacts with planetary magnetospheres and exospheres, and comets, at different times in the solar cycle



- Uniqueness of coincidence with JUNO's operations makes
  next couple of years of *XMM-Newton* Jovian spectra invaluable
- Mars observations while MAVEN orbits the planet give insights in outflowing exosphere under changing solar wind conditions
- Synergy with measurements of SWCX contributions to diffuse soft X-ray background



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