Status and Initial Results of the DROXO (Deep Rho Ophiuchi XMM-Newton Observation) Project:

or .... using X-rays as a probe of YSO physics

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Some Standing Questions

• Can we distinguish between “pure” solar-like coronal and star-disk interaction activity?
• What is the interplay between accretion and X-ray emission in YSOs?
• How is the accretion channelled and regulated? There is any feedback at work?
• “More Recently”: What is the effects of X-rays on small (planetary) and large (mol. cloud) scale evolution?
• What do X-rays on the chemistry of proto-planetary disks?

To answer we need top quality spectro variability data
Issues recently investigated

• X-ray fluorescence from YSOs disks
• Flares and sizes of magnetic structures in YSOs
• X-ray Emission from Class 0 YSOs
• Shock-driven X-ray emission in YSOs

• DROXO should allow us to improve our knowledge thanks to high quality X-ray spectra and light-curve
Why we are so confident ....

YLW16a -- Chandra Spectrum (Imanishi et al., 2001)

Elias 29 – XMM-Newton Spectrum (Favata et al. 2004)
A Shallow (34 ksec) XMM-Newton observation of \( \rho \) Oph core F

- 87 X-ray sources
- Min PN \( \sim 2 \times 10^{-3} \) cnt/sec
- Min fx \( \sim 3 \times 10^{-14} \) erg/s/cm\(^2\)
- 25 previously unknown
- 43 detected by XMM and Chandra
  - 7 class I, 26 Class II,
  - 17 Class III +
  - 15 new Class III candid.
- 2 BDs detected: GY 310 & GY 141
- 17 pn Spectra \( >1000 \),
  - 28 \( >500 \) cnts

**NEED HUNTING FOR MORE PHOTONS**

Ozawa, Grosso & Montmerle 2004
The DROXO team as today

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Project Status

- Proposal submitted in reply to XMM-Newton AO4 as a Large XMM/Joint ESO Program
  - Constrains: To observe continuously for 4 subsequent XMM revolutions (~8 days) with a fixed roll angle
- Approved in October 2004 with observation planned to be started in the second half of 2005
- XMM Team decided to start observing on March 8 2005 before the official AO4 opening
- Actual Observation spans 5 revolutions (~10 days) due to a TOO, pending since AO1.
Project Status - continue

- Observation started in March 8 at revolution 961, but ...
  - after few hours observing .....  
  - a micrometeorite struck onto one of the three XMM-Newton mirrors and ....
  - one of the external MOS1 CCD died  
- The overall observation suffered bad “space weather”, and (...taking an optimistic attitude) ...
- ~ 50% of the observing time is “good” with quite low background
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- Granted also ESO VLT observing time in service mode (but non contemporary at XMM observation)
  - 16 hours ISAAC (1 – 2.5 micron spectroscopy)
  - 5 hours GIRAFFE/FLAMES in the 6470-6790 Ang band (i.e. Hα and LiI lines)
- VLT Observations performed and data just delivered
- High Res. (RGS) data available for WTT SR12ab
- OM 3ksec snapshots in the UVW1 (2500-3500 Ang), ~15 UV sources found x snapshot

- In the following just a quick look to EPIC data
High Background - EPIC/MOS 1

Entire 500 ksec

Optimally Screened ~ 250 ksec

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The Bad “Space Weather”

Bottom RED line signs the image rate rejection level for optimal weak source detection.

The rejection level for spectra can be more relaxed and need a fine “tuning”.
Some additional problems ....

- Pointing claims to be the same across the 5 observations, but in reality a "small" increasing drift is present
  - Very annoying -->

- Collected Counts and computed Exposure Map do not match
- Data need to be properly registered and shifted
Pointing Toward $\rho$ Oph core F

Red : H (2Mass)
Green: K (2Mass)
Blue : J (2Mass)

Almost same pointing of previous shallow XMM observation
A look to the best data – Mos 1

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Red : 0.25 – 1.8 keV
Green: 1.8 – 3.7 keV
Blue : 3.7 – 7.5 keV

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MOS1 + MOS2 + PN

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- 133 Sources found in the combined data

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2Mass K – EPIC comparison
A few interesting sources

RED LINES == Background subtracted

XMM 2Mass

MOS 2 - SR12A-B

MOS2 - YLW16a

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A few interesting sources .. continue

XMM 2Mass
MOS 2 - EL 29

XMM 2Mass
MOS 2 - GY310
Bona fide BD

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A few interesting spectra ...

Elias 29

MOS1

$\sigma \sim 100 \text{ eV, } Z/Z_{\odot} \sim 0.75$

6.4 keV required
A few interesting spectra ...

YLW16a

1 T absorbed APEC model $\Rightarrow$ 

$N_H \left(10^{22}\right) = 6.6 \pm 0.25$

$kT \text{ (keV)} = 4.1 \pm 0.3$

Abundance $= 0.21 \pm 0.03$

No Fe 6.4 keV Line $\Rightarrow$

Line does change with time

PN screened
A few interesting spectra ...

GRY310, a brown dwarf

nH \((10^{22})\) \(0.72\) +/- \(0.11\)

kT (keV) \(2.54\) +/- \(0.66\)

Abundance \(2.0E-05\) +/- \(0.32\)
What next ... still a lot of analysis

• **DROXO** is providing new data for making accessible new, unique diagnostics of YSOs physics
  - Disk heating, chemistry, orientation
    - Fluorescence
  - Size and location of magnetic structures funnelling accreting plasma
    - Flare analysis
• X-ray spectra from very young BDs
• and much more that is still hidden into the data ....
THE END … for the moment