

# X-rays from Magnetic Massive Stars

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motivated by the MiMeS Delawareland meeting and preparation of the ipod paper

# X-ray Properties: are magnetic stars distinguished from non-magnetic stars?

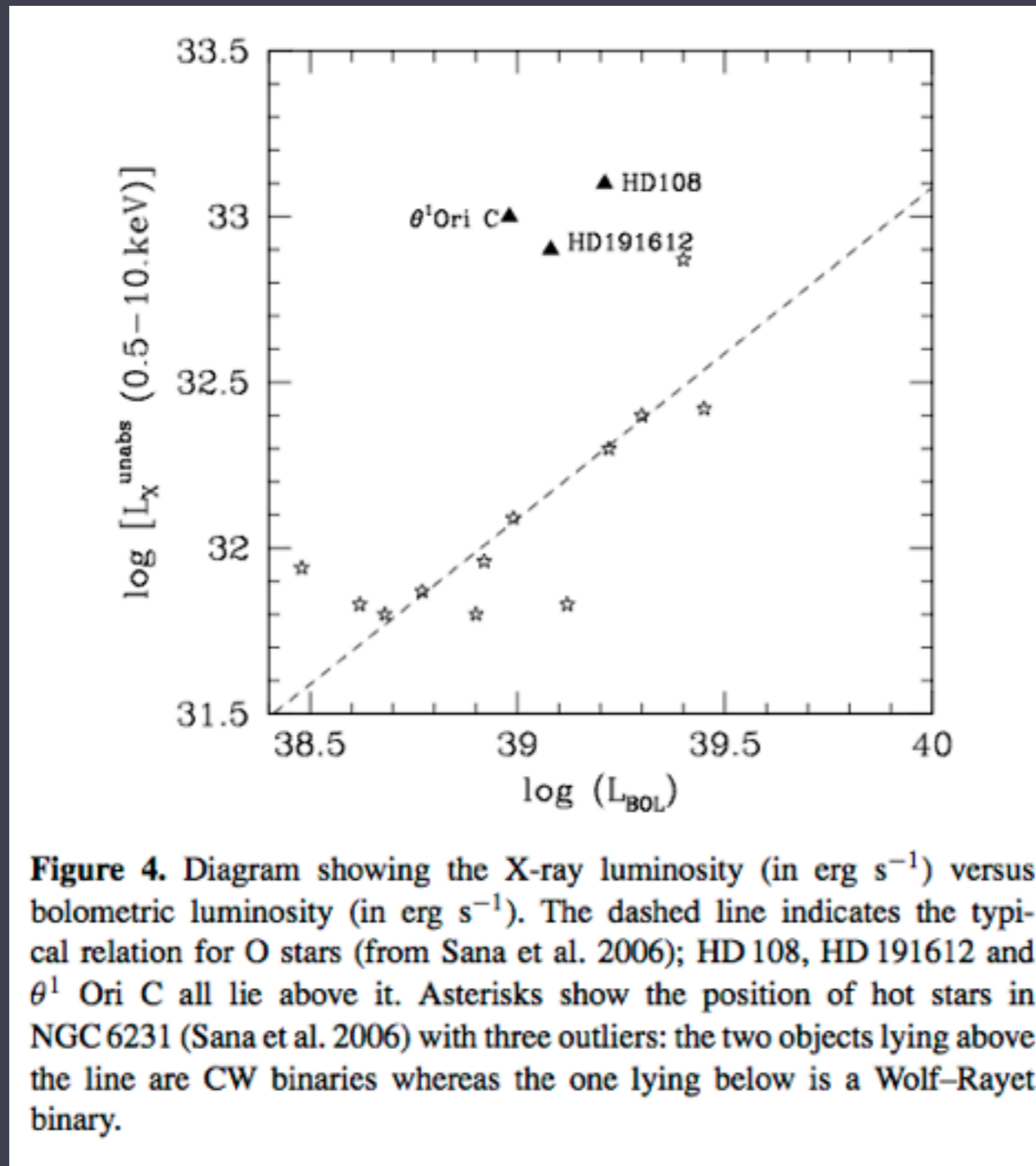
1. X-ray luminosity: over-luminous?
2. Harder X-rays: hotter plasma from MCWS?
3. Emission lines: narrower due to confinement?
4. Variability: rotational modulation plus stochastic?

*are magnetic O stars distinct from magnetic B stars?*



# I. X-ray Luminosity

All magnetic O stars are overluminous  
(compared to the  $L_x \sim 10^{-7} L_{\text{bol}}$  relationship seen in normal O stars)



Can we put the  
other  $\sim 5$  magnetic O  
stars on this plot?

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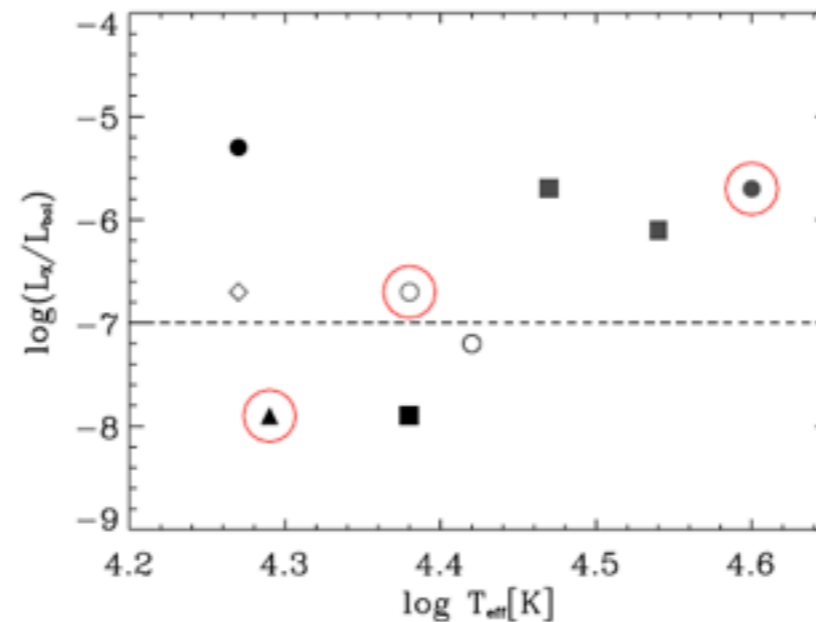
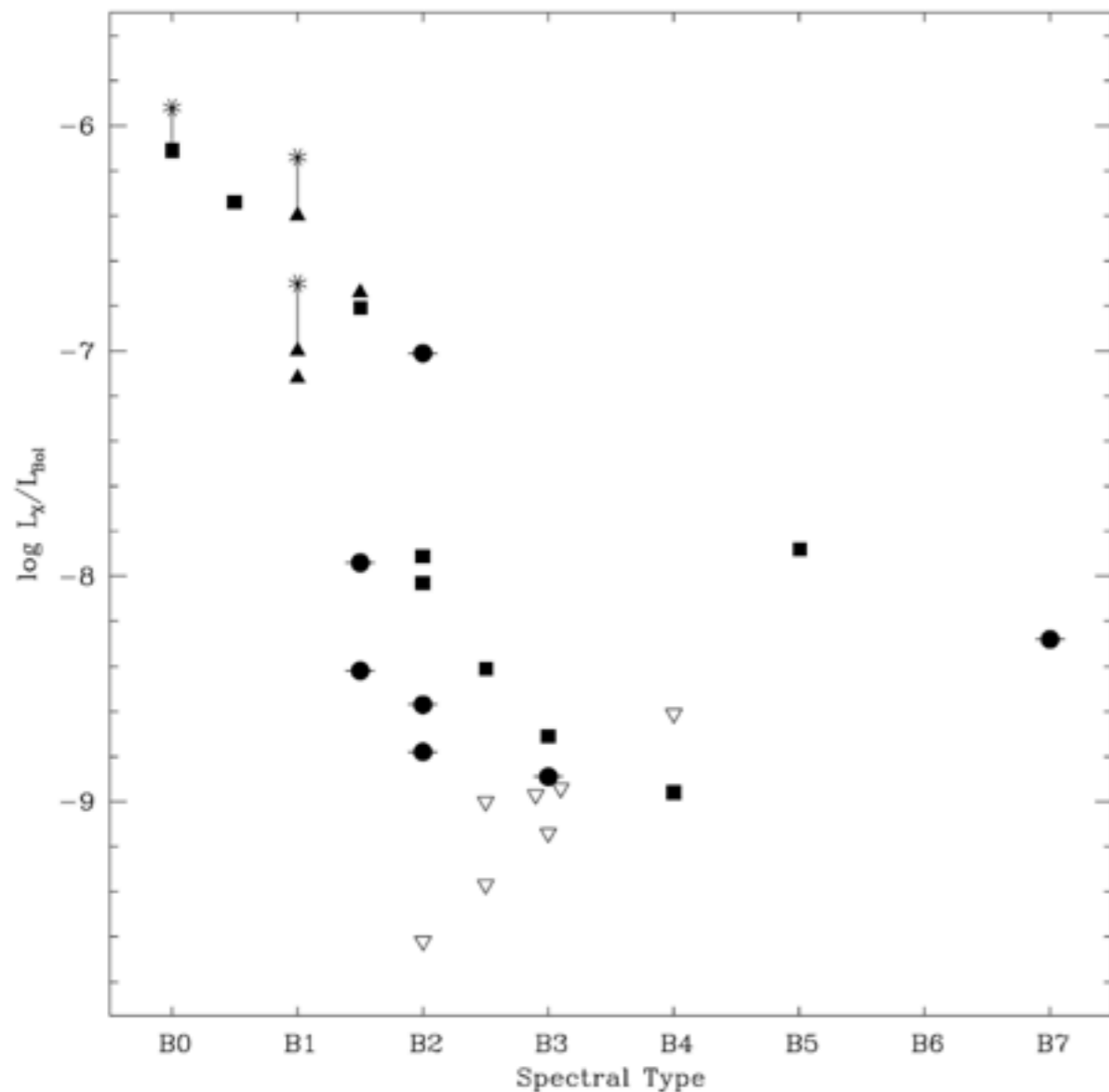


Figure 1. X-ray efficiency of the ONC massive stars as a function of effective temperature. The stars in which fields are detected are circled. *Filled symbols* are for stars with indirect indications of the presence of a magnetic field and *grey symbols* are for confirmed or suspected binaries. Plotting symbols indicate the following properties: *squares* are for stars showing possible X-ray rotational modulation, *circles* are for T Tauri type X-ray emission, *triangles* are chemically peculiar (CP) stars, and the *diamond* star was not observed. The *dotted line* indicates the typical efficiency for massive stars.

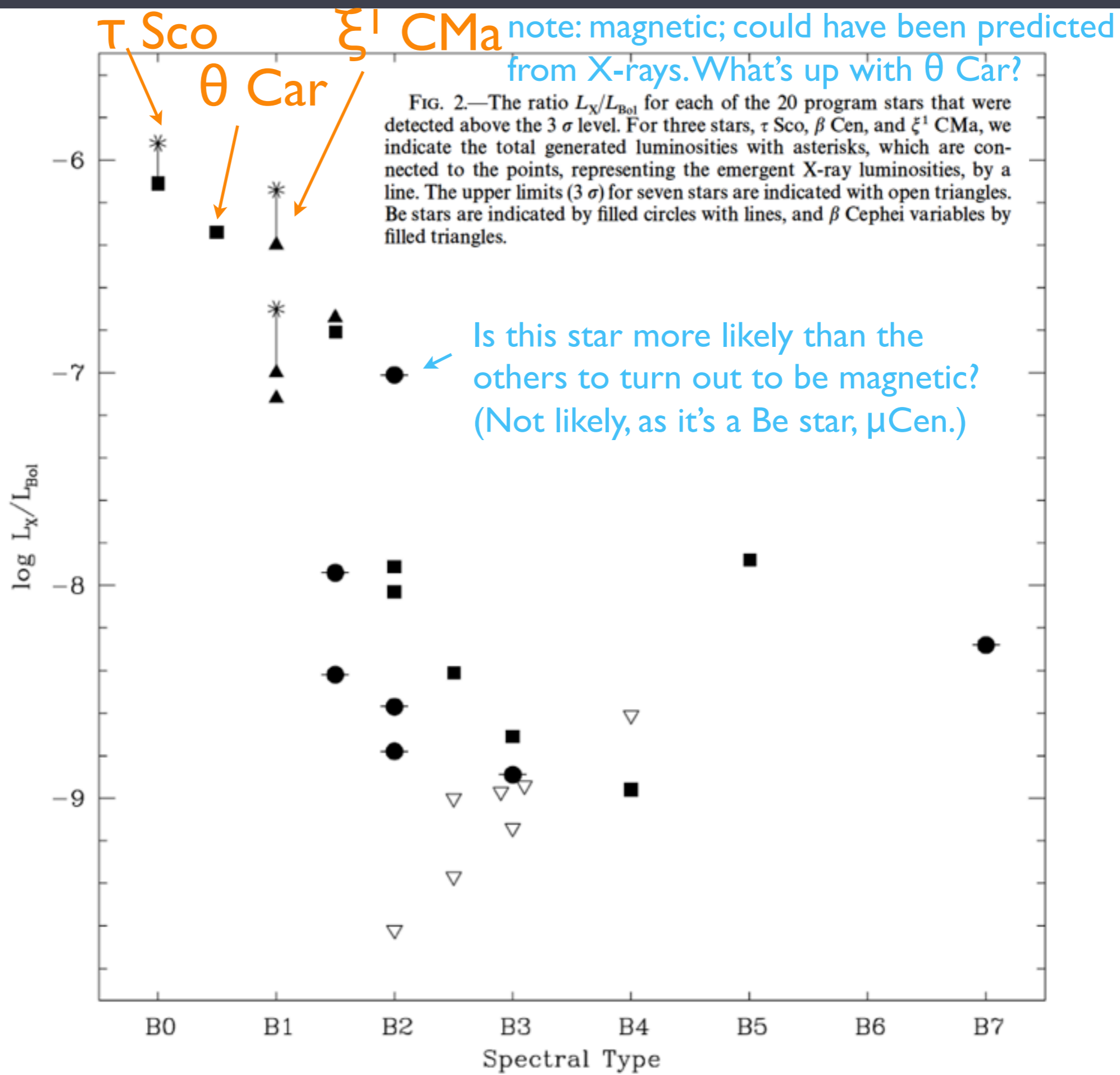
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What  $L_x$  or  $L_x/L_{bol}$  is  
required for a B star to  
be considered  
*overluminous in X-rays?*

FIG. 2.—The ratio  $L_x/L_{bol}$  for each of the 20 program stars that were detected above the  $3\sigma$  level. For three stars,  $\tau$  Sco,  $\beta$  Cen, and  $\xi^1$  CMa, we indicate the total generated luminosities with asterisks, which are connected to the points, representing the emergent X-ray luminosities, by a line. The upper limits ( $3\sigma$ ) for seven stars are indicated with open triangles. Be stars are indicated by filled circles with lines, and  $\beta$  Cephei variables by filled triangles.



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**Table 1.** Magnetic early B-type stars with available X-ray observations

Name	HD	Sp	$B^a$ G	$v \sin i$ $\text{km s}^{-1}$	$P_{rot}$ d	Dipole	Obliquity <sup>b</sup> $\beta$	Ref
$\tau$ Sco	149438	B0V	$\langle \sim 500 \rangle$	5	41.033	no		1
$\beta$ Cep-type and SPB-type stars								
$\xi^1$ CMa	46328	B0.7IV	$5300 \pm 1100$	$9 \pm 2$	2.18	yes	79.1	2
$\beta$ Cep	205021	B2III	$360 \pm 40$	$27 \pm 2$	12.00089	yes	$85^\circ \pm 10^\circ$	3, 4
V2052 Oph	163472	B1V	$250 \pm 190$	$60 \pm 4$	3.63883	yes	$35^\circ \pm 18^\circ$	5
$\zeta$ Cas	3360	B2IV	$335^{+120}_{-65}$	$17 \pm 3$	5.37045	yes	$77^\circ \pm 6^\circ$	6
Peculiar B stars								
NU Ori	37061	B0V(n)	$\sim 620$	$225 \pm 50$		yes		7
V1046 Ori	37017	B2V	$\langle \sim 1500 \rangle$	$\lesssim 95$	0.9	?	$42^\circ - 59^\circ$	8, 9, 13
HR 3089	64740	B1.5Vp	$\langle 572 \pm 114 \rangle$	160	1.33	?		9, 13, 14
LP Ori	36982	B2Vp	$\sim 1100$	$80 \pm 20$		yes		7
$\sigma$ Ori E	37479	B2Vp	$\sim 10000$	$140 \pm 10$	1.191	yes	$66^\circ$	10
HR 5907	142184	B2.5Ve	$\sim 20000$	280	0.5083	yes(?)	$4^\circ (?)$	11, 12

<sup>a</sup> for dipole field configuration, B is the polar field strength.

For  $\tau$  Sco, HR 3089, and V1046 Ori, an approximate average field strength is shown in angle brackets

<sup>b</sup>  $\beta$  is the angle between the magnetic and rotational axes for the dipole field configuration

References: 1 Donati et al. (2006); Sota et al. (2011); 2 Hubrig et al. (2011); 3 Telting et al. (1997); 4 Donati et al. (2001);

5 Neiner et al. (2003b) 6 Neiner et al. (2003a); 7 Petit et al. (2008); 8 Bohlender et al. (1987);

9 Romanyuk & Kudryavtsev (2008); 10 Reiners et al. (2000); 11 Abt et al. (2002); 12 Grunhut et al. (2010);

13 Bychkov et al. (2003); 14 Borra & Landstreet (1979)

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Table 4. X-ray luminosities of magnetic early B-type stars

Name	d pc	$L_X$ $10^{30} \text{ erg s}^{-1}$	$\log(L_X/L_{bol})$
$\tau$ Sco	150	40	-6.4
Magnetic $\beta$ Cep-type and SPB-type stars			
$\xi^1$ CMa	420	30	-6.6
$\beta$ Cep	200	6.4	-7.0
V2052 Oph	400	0.3	-8.0
$\zeta$ Cas	180	0.5	-7.5
Other magnetic early-type B stars			
NU Ori	400	1.0	-8
V1046 Ori <sup>a</sup>	380	0.1	-8.0
$\sigma$ Ori E <sup>b</sup>	640	80	-5.6
HR 3089 <sup>c</sup>	300	2	-7.2
LP Ori	470	0.02	-8.5
HR 5907	120	0.4	-7.4

Distances are from van Leeuwen (2007) except of LP Ori,  $\sigma$  Ori E, HR 3089;

<sup>a</sup> the distance between the X-ray source;

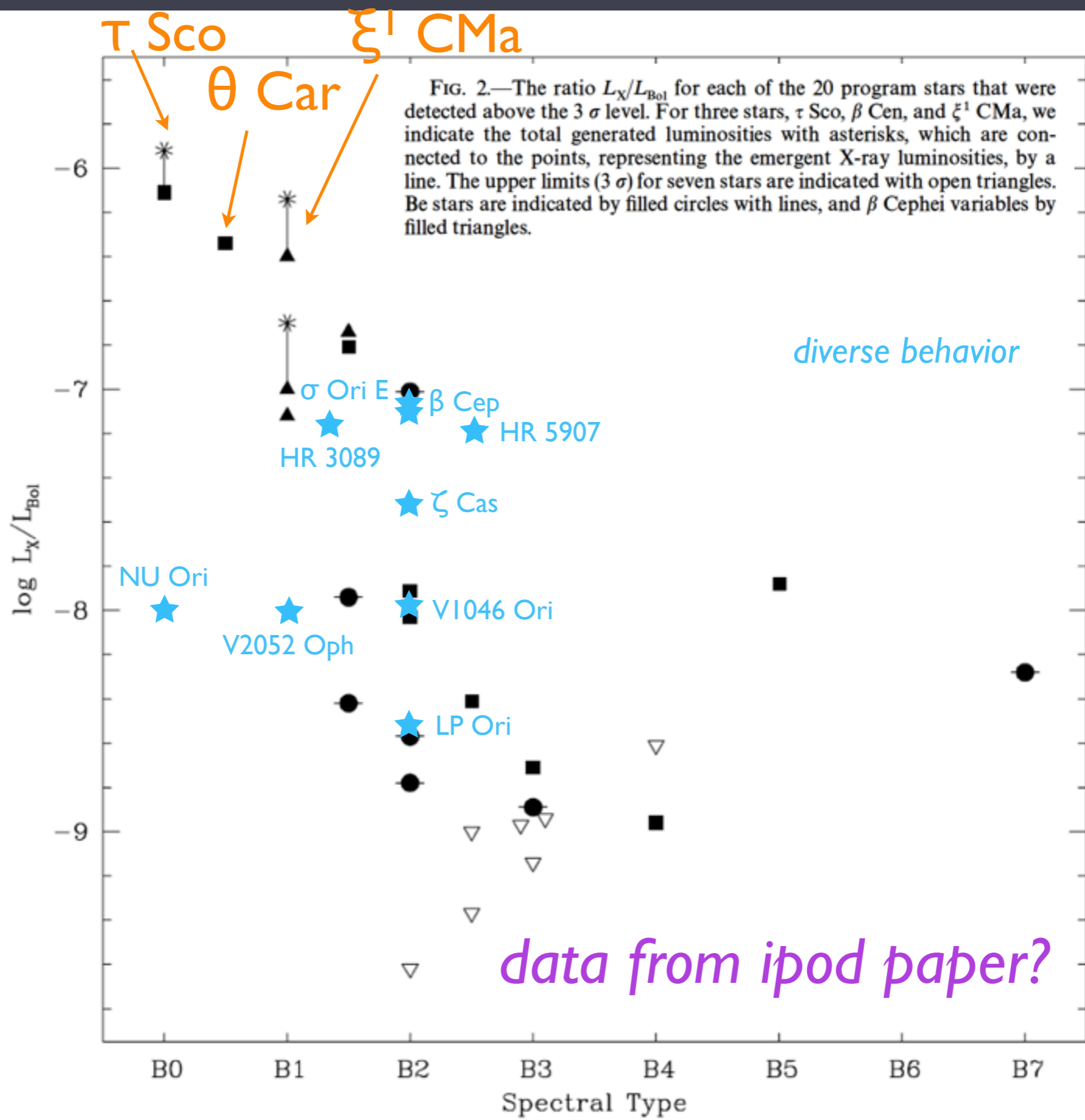
2XMM J053522.0-042938 and the position of V1046 Ori is 3'';

<sup>b</sup>  $L_X$  (quiescent+flare) in 0.1-2.4 keV band from Sanz-Forcada et al. (2004);

<sup>c</sup>  $L_X$  in 0.1-2.4 keV band from Drake et al. (1994);

see these values  
plotted on the  
next slide





# I. X-ray Luminosity

What do we know about the  $L_x$  and  $L_x/L_{\text{bol}}$  values of the confirmed magnetic OB stars?

*Maybe only the O stars are consistently over-luminous in X-rays*

# II. X-ray Hardness & Plasma Temperature

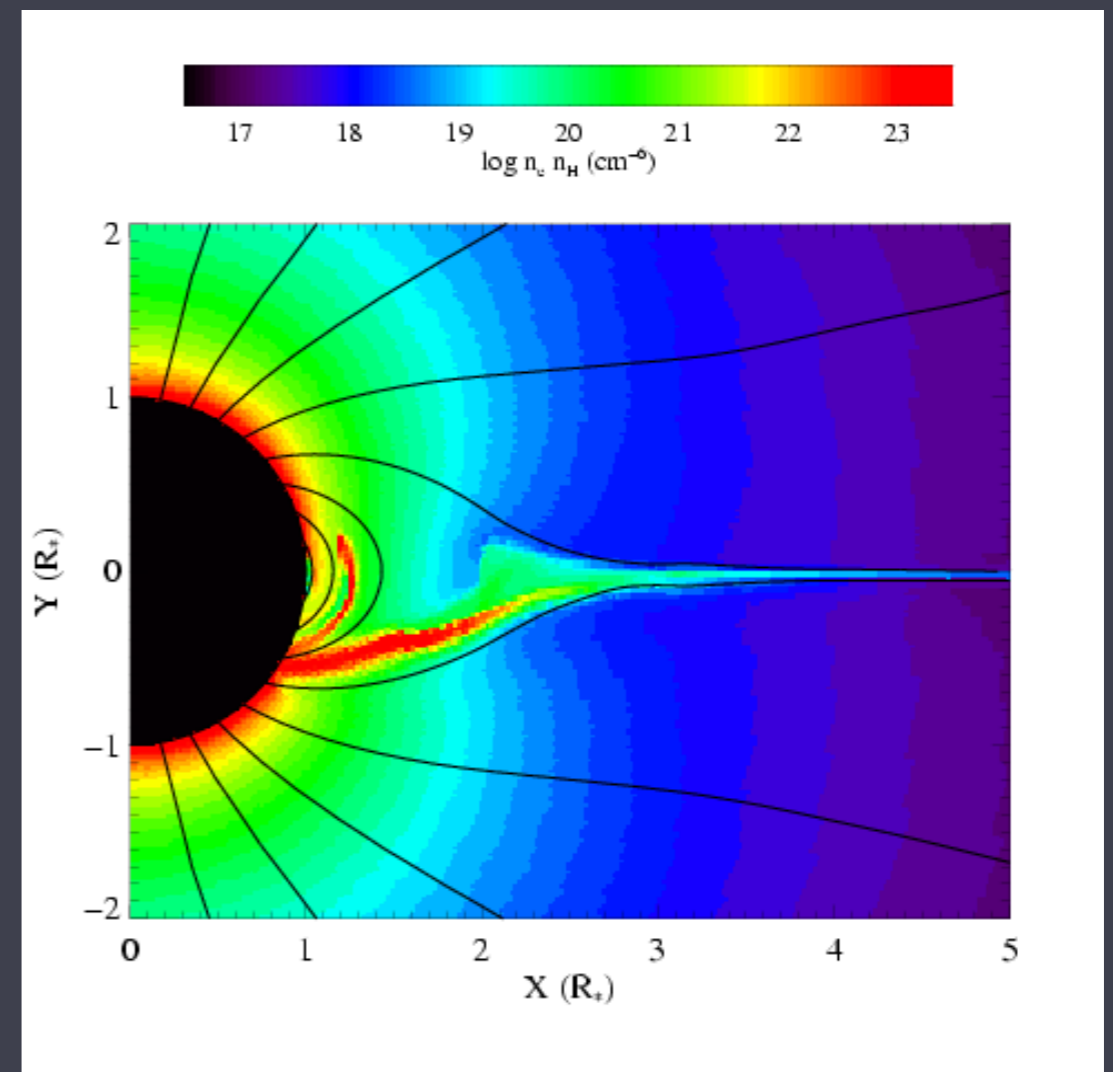
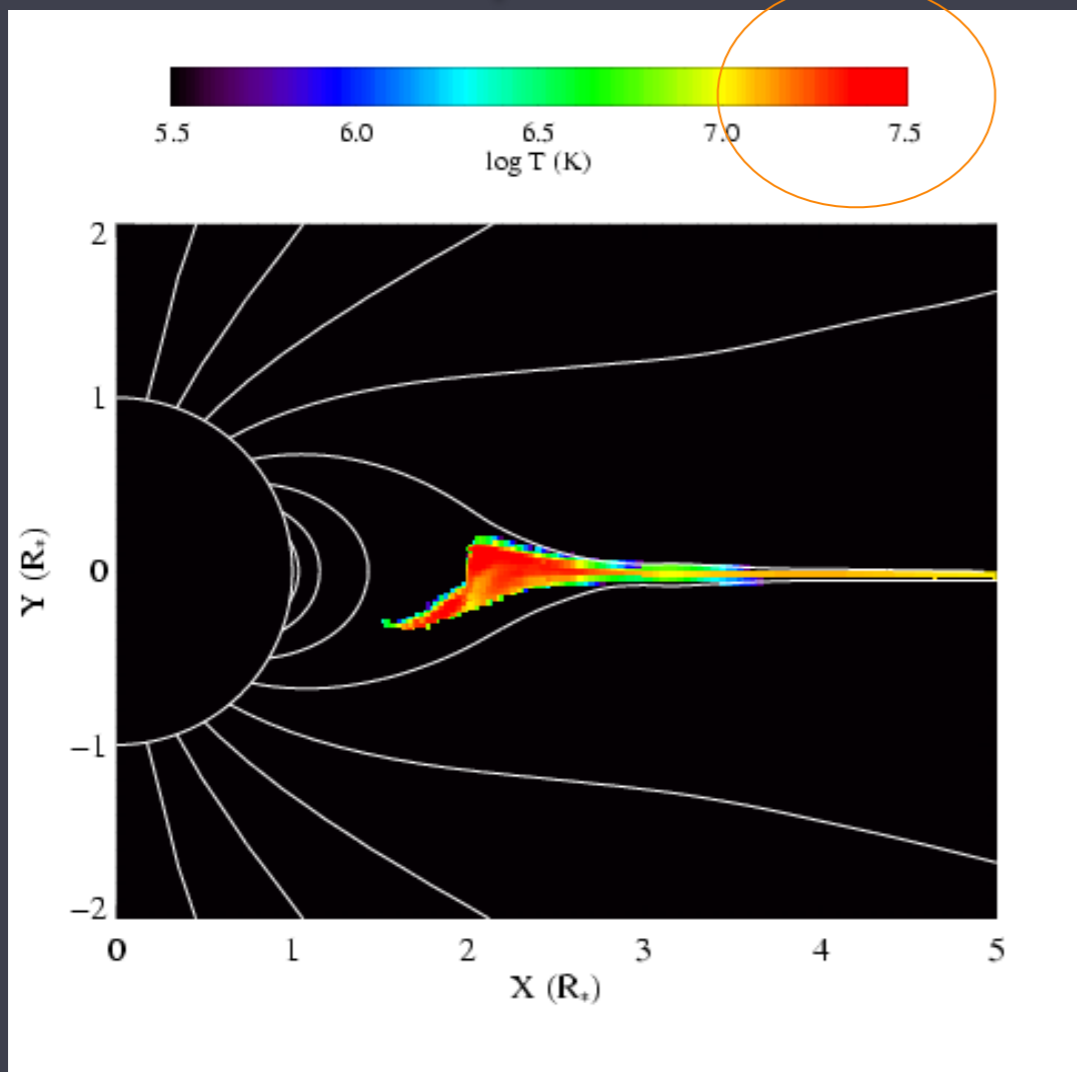
naive MCWS expectation is for stronger shocks, higher temperatures, and hard X-rays

$\theta^1$  Ori C: prototype magnetic O star

hotter than seen in EWS

temperature

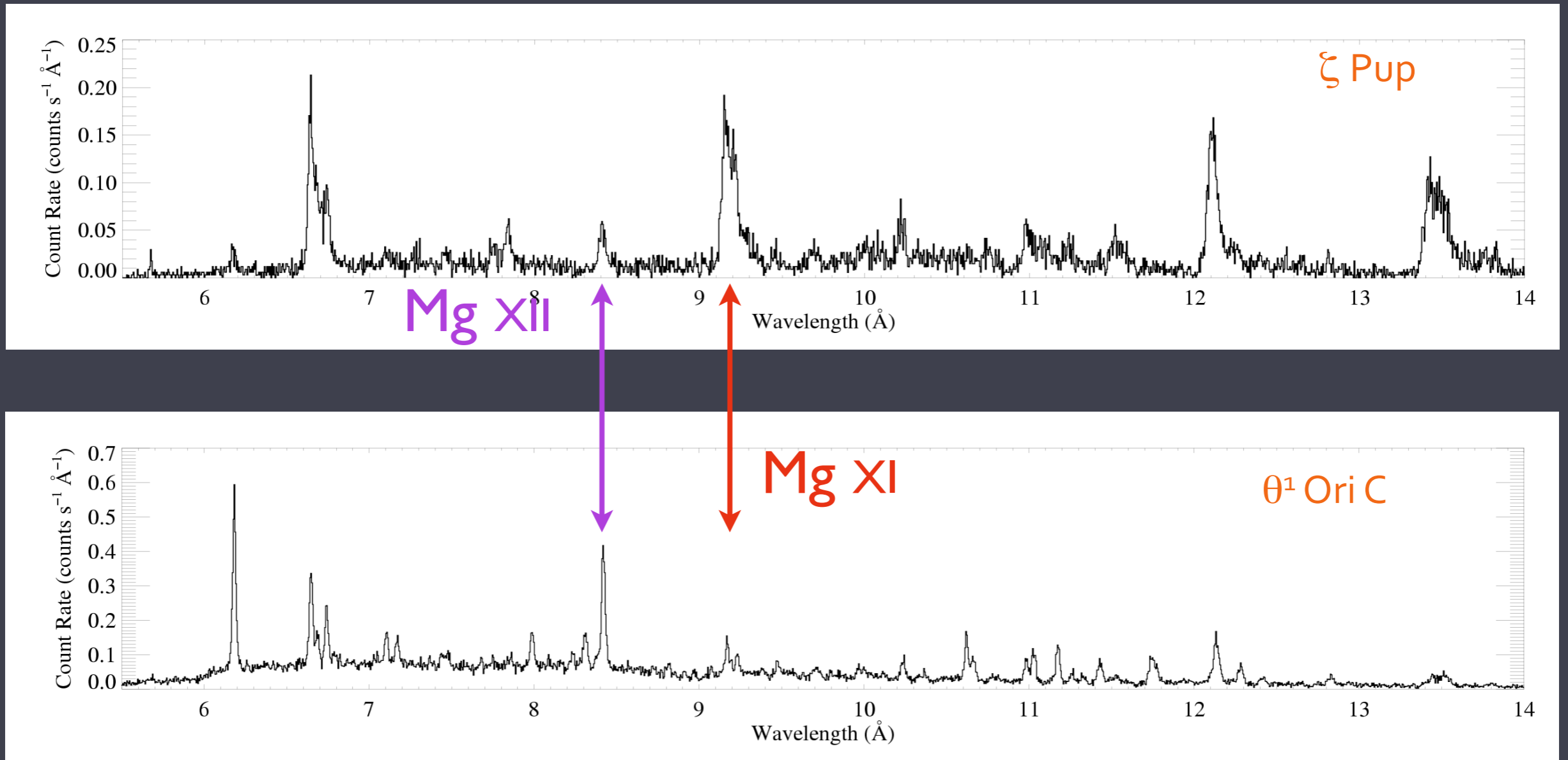
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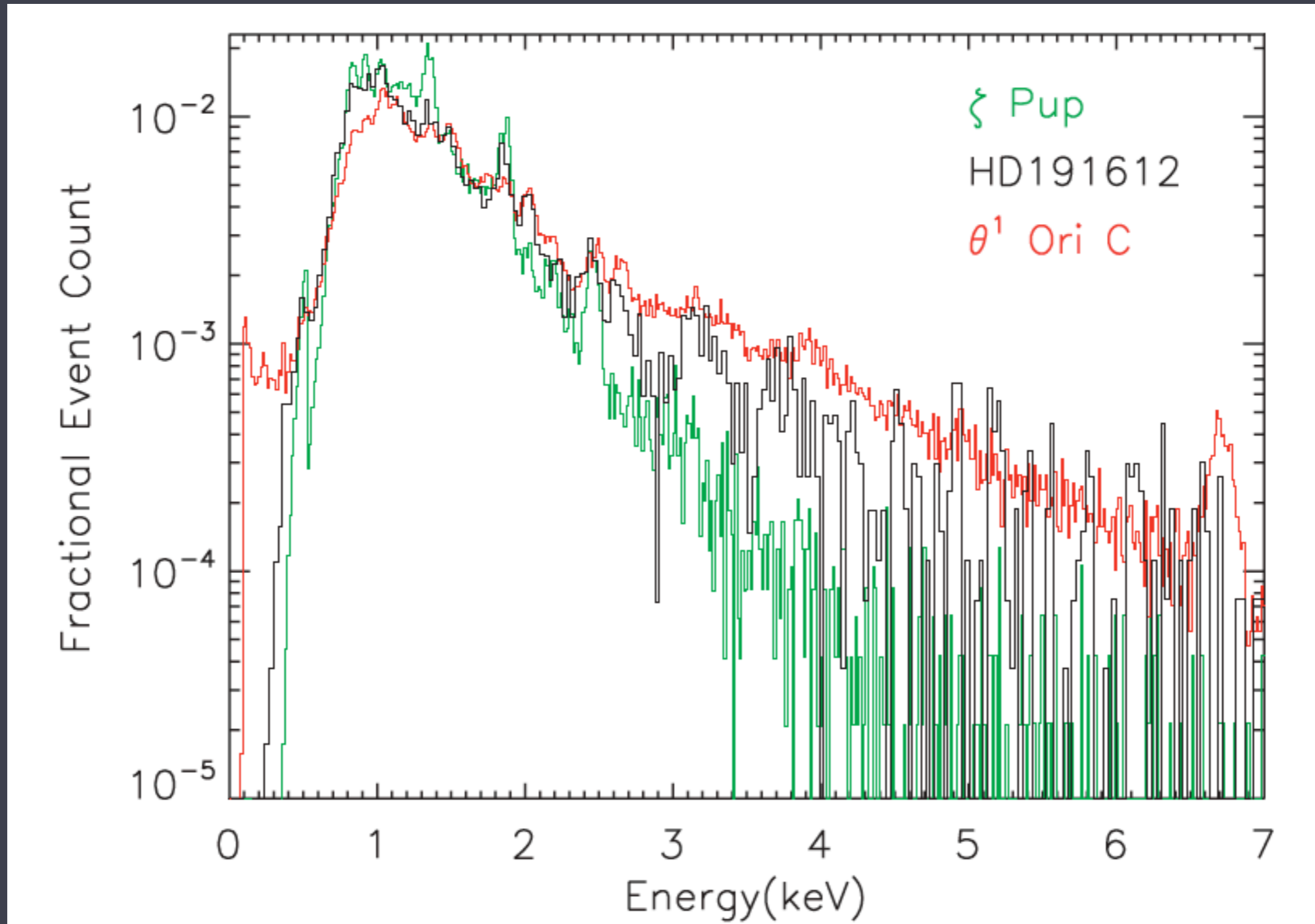
simulations by A. ud-Doula; Gagné et al. (2005)

# $\theta^1$ Ori C: hotter plasma than prototypical EWS source

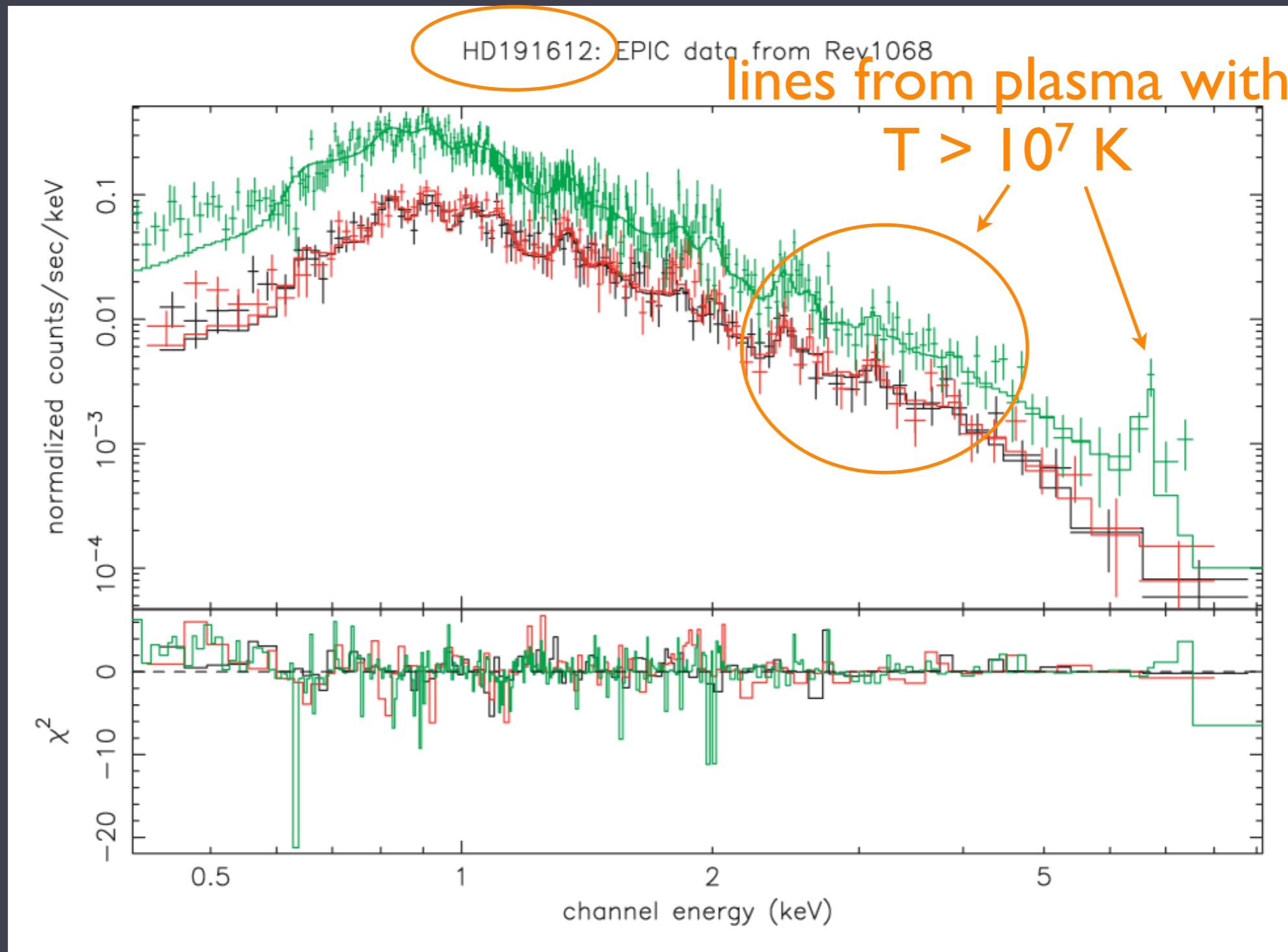
Mg XII / Mg XI is proportional to temperature



other magnetic O stars (Of?p stars) have softer spectra, but still harder than EWS sources



and a small but measurable amount of high-temperature plasma

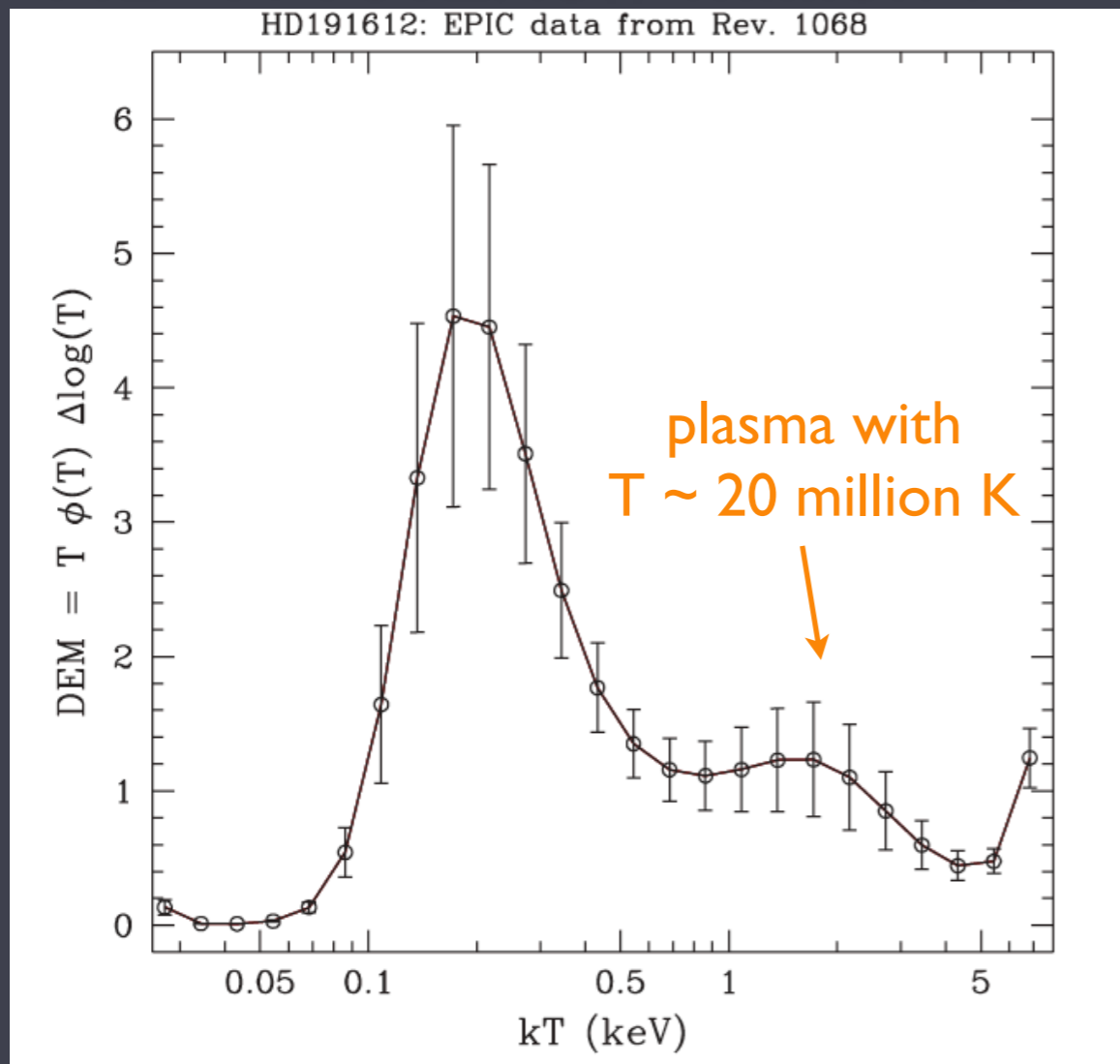


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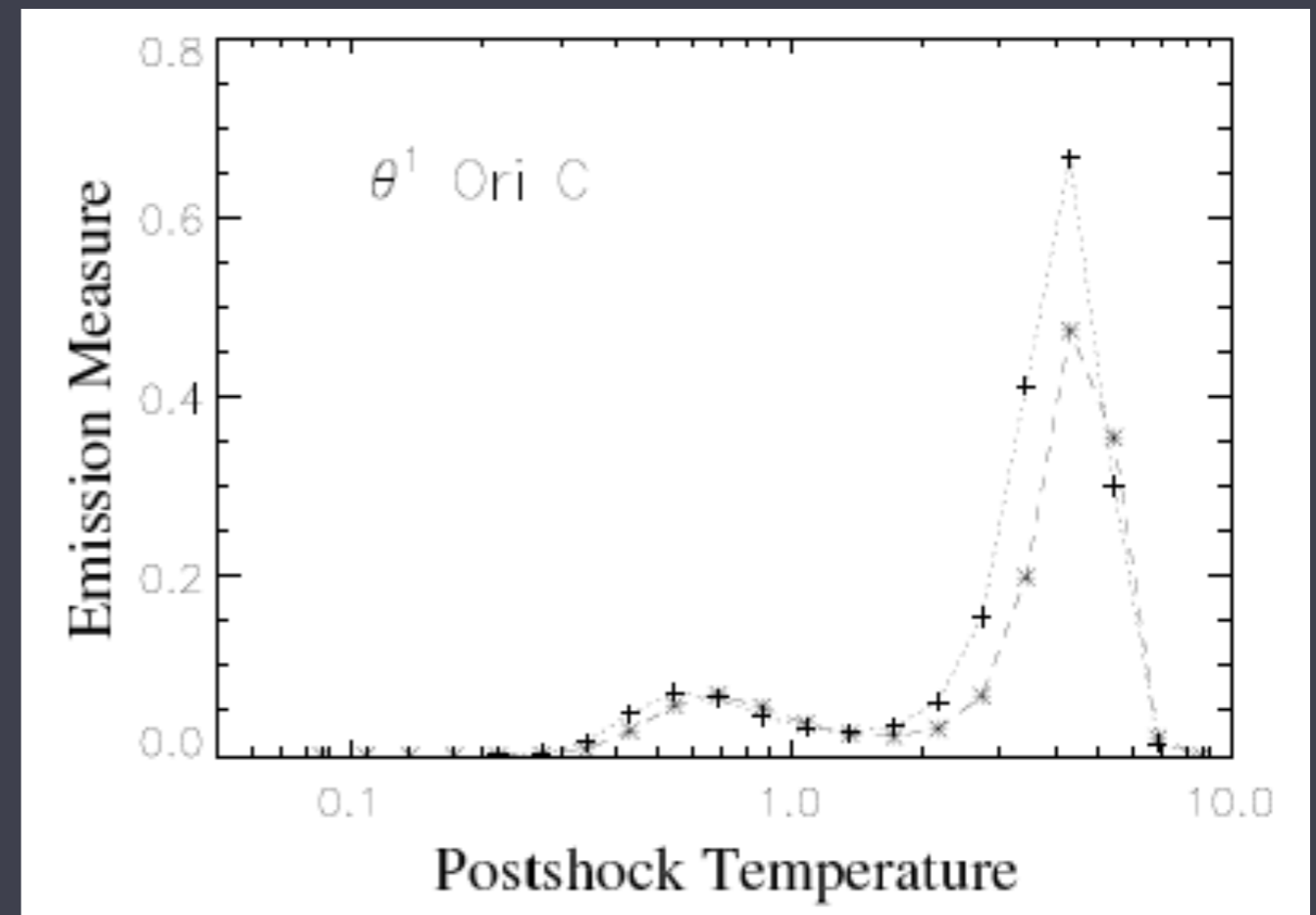
Some hotter plasma in HD 191612, but it dominates in  $\theta^1$  Ori C

HD 191612: few million K



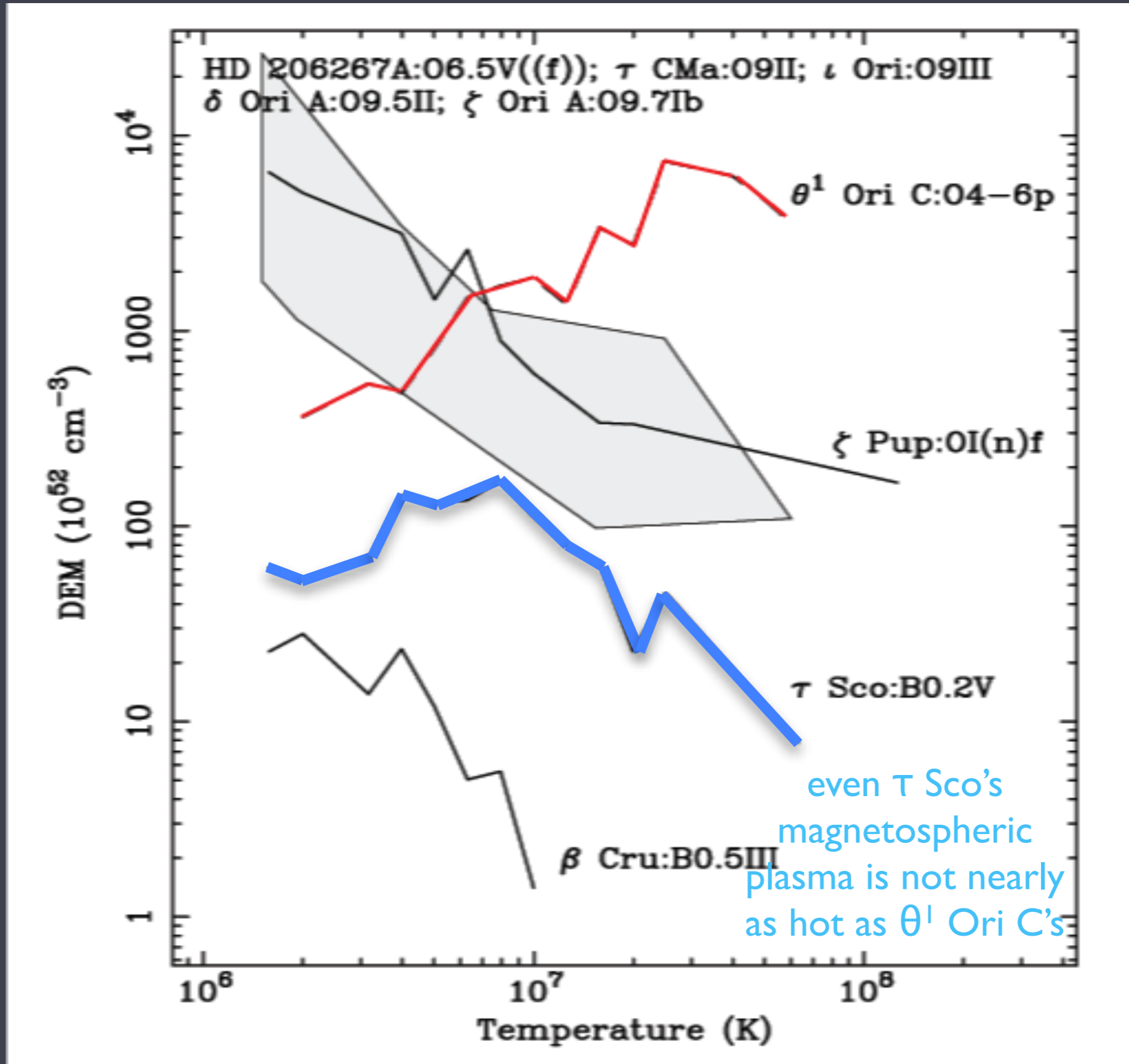
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$\theta^1$  Ori C: 40 million K



Zhekov & Palla, 2007, MNRAS, 375, 145

# plasma temperature distributions of selected OB stars





# some magnetic B stars have low plasma temperatures though there *may* be some hotter plasma present

**Table 3.** The spectral parameters derived from the *XMM-Newton* EPIC observations of our program stars assuming the multi-temperature CIE plasma models (*vapex*) corrected for the interstellar absorption (*tbabs*). The values which have no error have been frozen during the fitting process. The corresponding spectral fits are shown in Figs. 1,3,2. For comparison, the spectral parameters inferred from modeling *XMM-Newton* data of  $\beta$  Cep and *Suzaku* spectra of  $\tau$  Sco are also shown.

Star	$\xi^1$ CMa	$\zeta$ Cas	V2052 Oph	$\beta$ Cep <sup>a</sup>	$\tau$ Sco <sup>b</sup>
$N_{\text{H}}^c$ [ $10^{20}$ cm <sup>-2</sup> ]	1.4	3	15	$2.5 \pm 0.1$	3
$kT_1$ [keV]	$0.12 \pm 0.01$	$0.08 \pm 0.02$	$0.14 \pm 0.12$	$0.24 \pm 0.01$	$0.11 \pm 0.01$
EM <sub>1</sub> [ $10^{53}$ cm <sup>-6</sup> ]	$22.48 \pm 5.64$	$1.29 \pm 1.05$	$0.006 \pm 0.025$	$11 \pm 2$	$17.0 \pm 2.61$
$kT_2$ [keV]	$0.32 \pm 0.01$	$0.31 \pm 0.02$			$0.34 \pm 0.01$
EM <sub>2</sub> [ $10^{53}$ cm <sup>-3</sup> ]	$19.3 \pm 3.36$	$0.27 \pm 0.07$			$10.4 \pm 0.51$
$kT_3$ [keV]	$0.68 \pm 0.05$		$0.65 \pm 0.11$	$0.69 \pm 0.03$	$0.71 \pm 0.10$
EM <sub>3</sub> [ $10^{53}$ cm <sup>-6</sup> ]	$6.41 \pm 2.57$		$0.003 \pm 0.002$	$1.3 \pm 0.3$	$7.2 \pm 0.3$
$kT_4$ [keV]					$1.52 \pm 0.06$
EM <sub>4</sub> [ $10^{53}$ cm <sup>-6</sup> ]					$5.2 \pm 0.3$
$\langle kT \rangle \equiv \sum_i kT_i \cdot \text{EM}_i / \sum_i \text{EM}_i$ [keV]	0.3	0.1	0.3	0.3	0.5
Flux <sup>d</sup> [ $10^{-12}$ erg cm <sup>-2</sup> s <sup>-1</sup> ]	1.1	0.093	0.006	1.0	16.4

<sup>a</sup> the values are adopted from Favata et al. (2009)

<sup>b</sup> the values are adopted from Ignace et al. (2010)

<sup>c</sup> correspond to the ISM hydrogen column density for all stars

<sup>d</sup> in the 0.3-7.0 keV band, except of  $\tau$  Sco in the 0.3-10.0 keV band, absorbed;

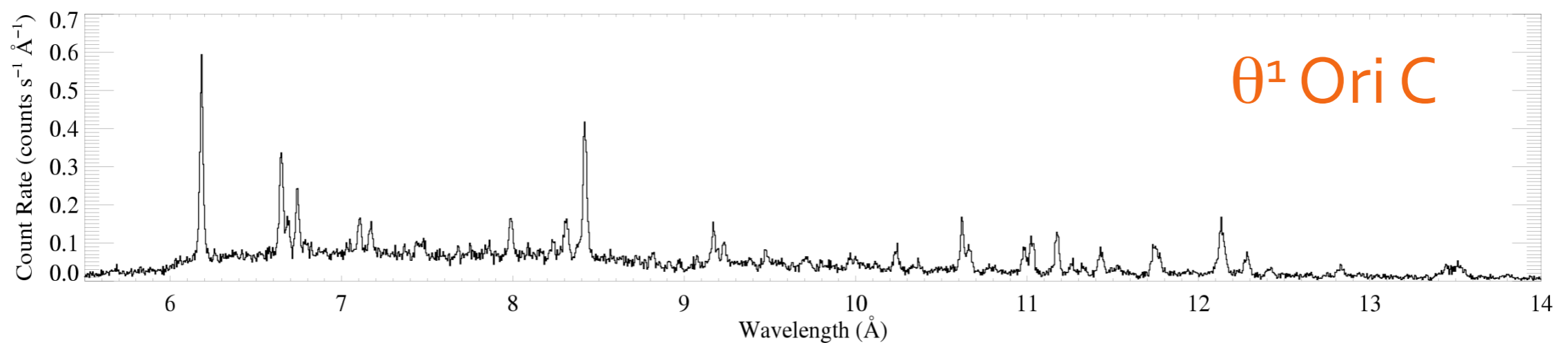
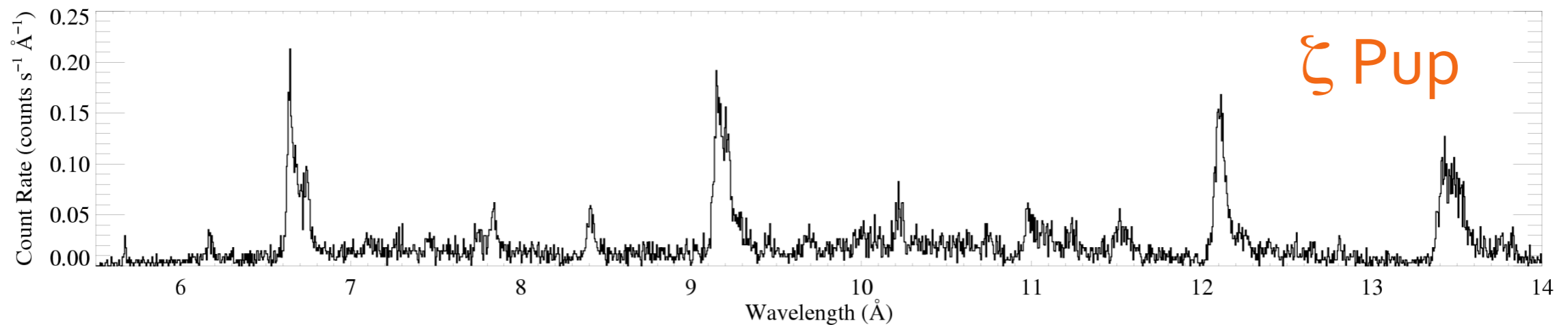
# II. X-ray Hardness & Plasma Temperature

*current status: rather diverse behavior among magnetic massive stars; but some degree of enhanced hot plasma in many objects.*

hypothesis: weaker winds have weaker shocks, perhaps related to cooling lengths

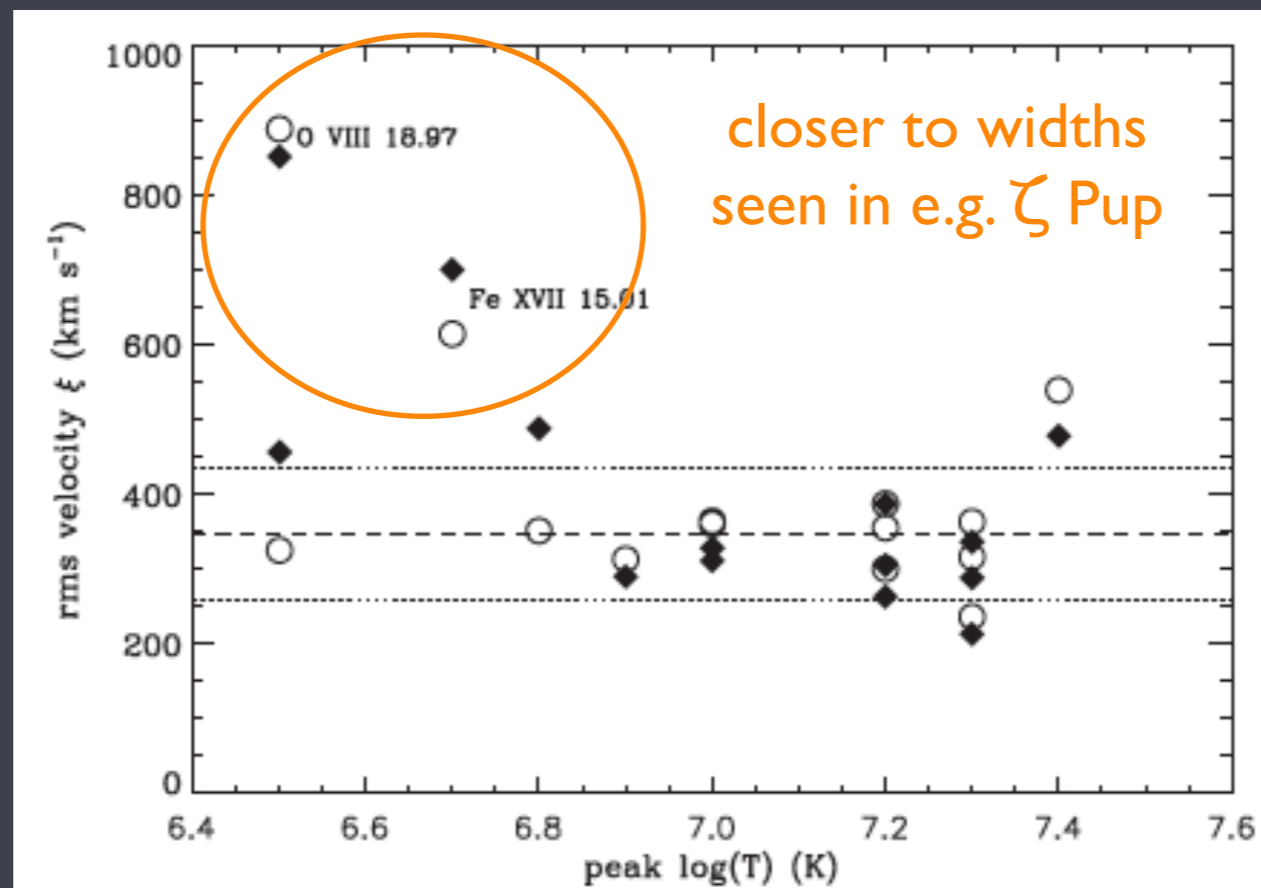
# III. X-ray emission line widths and plasma kinematics

$\theta^1$  Ori C shows narrow lines compared to  $\zeta$  Pup



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$\theta^1$  Ori C shows narrow lines, at least for those lines formed in the hotter ( $> 10^7$  K) plasma



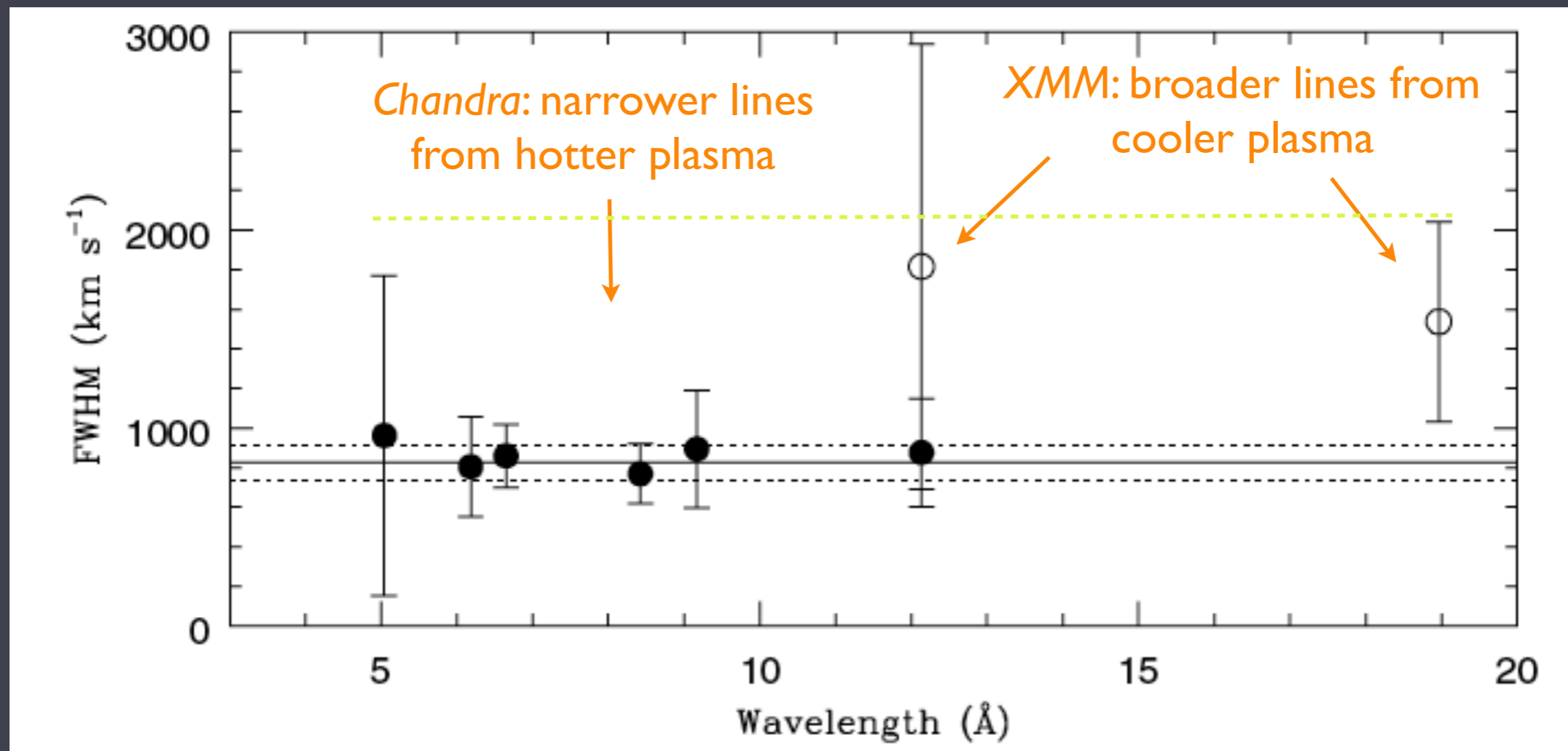
but those lines are weak in the Chandra spectrum, due to ISM attenuation

FIG. 9.—Line widths for the strongest lines in the *Chandra* spectra plotted against the temperature of peak line emissivity, taken from APED. The open circles represent the Doppler width as measured by SHERPA. The filled diamonds represent the rms velocity as measured by ISIS. The mean rms velocity and standard deviations of these lines are indicated by the horizontal lines. Note that two of the lines formed in the coolest plasma are significantly broader than the mean, but most of the lines have nonthermal line widths of a 250–450  $\text{km s}^{-1}$ .

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## HD 148937 (Of?p) *Chandra* + *XMM* grating spectroscopy

note: full-width



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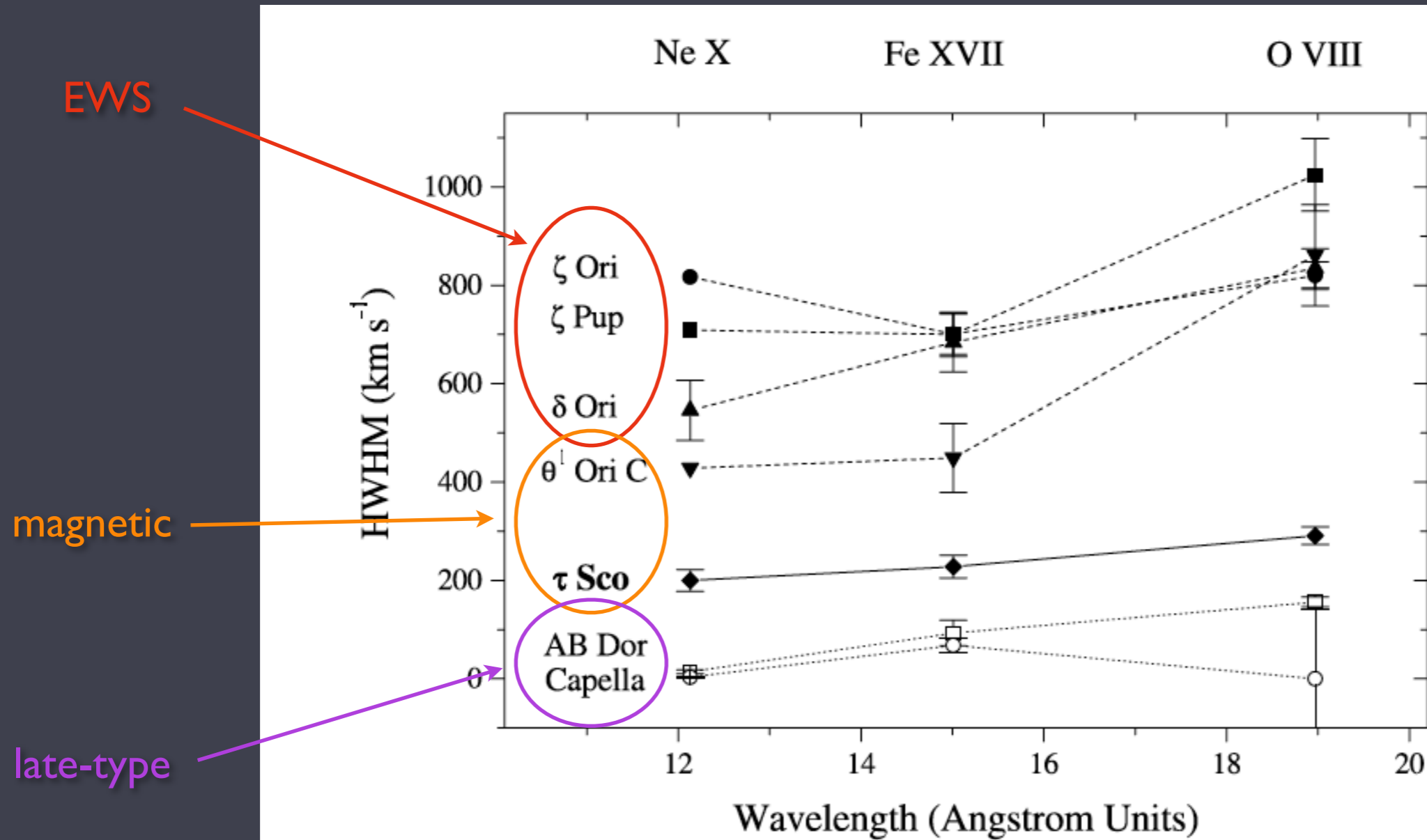
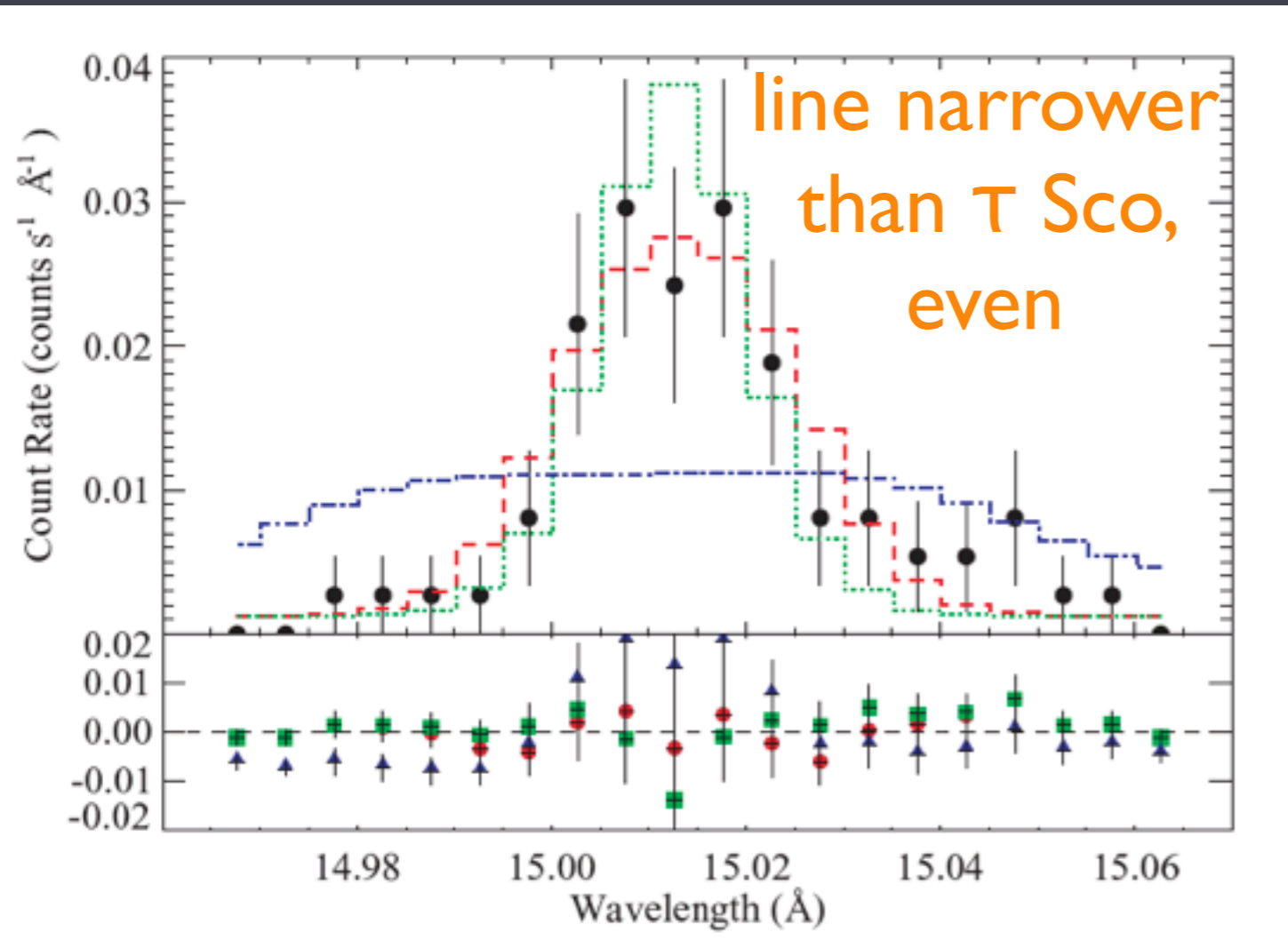


FIG. 6.—Derived line widths (HWHM) for three strong lines in seven stars: two stars representative of coronal sources (Capella and AB Dor: open symbols connected by dotted lines),  $\tau$  Sco (filled diamonds and solid line), and four O stars (filled symbols and dashed lines), which are presumably wind X-ray sources.

# III. X-ray emission line widths and plasma kinematics

B (and even late O main sequence) stars may generally show narrow lines, independent of magnetism, so beware.



$\beta$  Cru (B0.5 III)  
no field down to very low limit

**Figure 7.** The Fe XVII line at 15.014 Å with three different wind profile models. The red, dashed line is a constant velocity wind model with  $v_{\infty} = 280 \text{ km s}^{-1}$  (the best-fitting value for a constant outflow velocity, which produces emission lines with  $v_{\text{hwhm}} \approx 150 \text{ km s}^{-1}$ ). The model with  $v_{\infty} = 2000 \text{ km s}^{-1}$ ,  $\beta = 1$  and  $R_{\text{min}} = 1.5R_*$  is represented by the blue, dot-dash line. An infinitely narrow model is shown as the green, dotted line. The residuals for each model fit are shown in the lower panel, as red circles for the global best-fitting, modestly broadened ( $v_{\infty} = 280 \text{ km s}^{-1}$ ) model, green squares for the narrow profile model and blue triangles for the broad wind model. The wind model with the higher velocity ( $v_{\infty} = 2000 \text{ km s}^{-1}$ ) clearly does not provide a good fit, while the narrower constant velocity ( $v_{\infty} = 280 \text{ km s}^{-1}$ ) wind model does. Furthermore, while the very narrow model cannot be absolutely ruled out, the  $v_{\infty} = 280 \text{ km s}^{-1}$  model is preferred over it with a high degree of significance. All the models shown here have been convolved with the instrumental response function (RMF) and multiplied by the wavelength-dependent effective area (GARF).

### III. X-ray emission line widths and plasma kinematics

Grating spectroscopy is expensive, and current data quality is sparse and poor; this will not be a mode of discovery. But detailed study of a few stars may prove fruitful. The current challenge is for models and simulations to reproduce even the meager observations.

HWHM  $\sim$  few 100 km/s for lines coming from  $T > 10^7$  K plasma; some contamination by EWS broad-line emission must be accounted for.

The focus should probably be on O stars, given the overall narrowness of X-ray lines in most/all B stars.



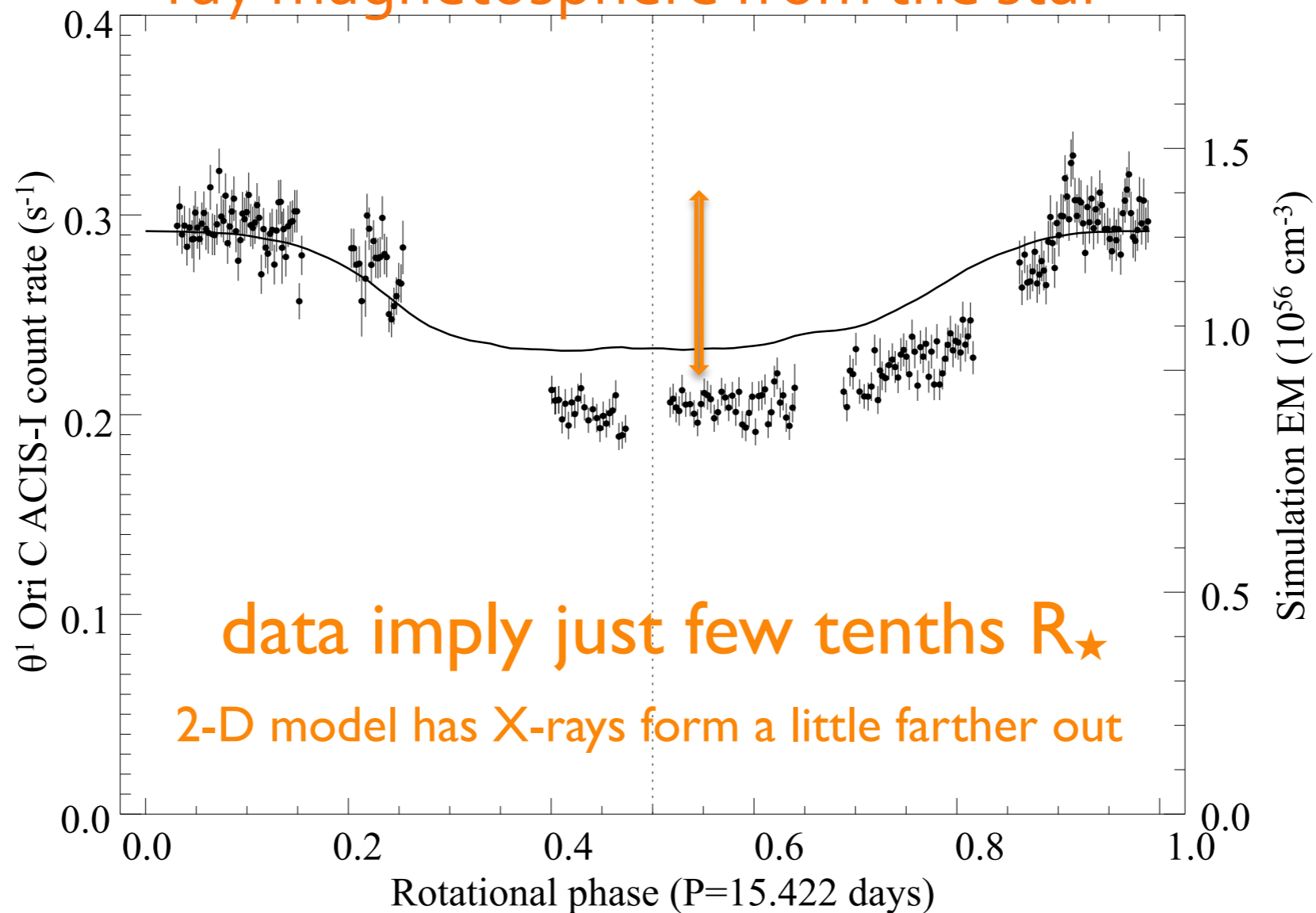
## IV. X-ray Variability

Rotational modulation may be expected, stochastic variability could also be present

# IV. X-ray Variability

## $\theta^1$ Ori C: rotationally modulated X-ray emission

Eclipse depth depends on distance of X-ray magnetosphere from the star



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$\tau$  Sco: variability at the 99.99% level

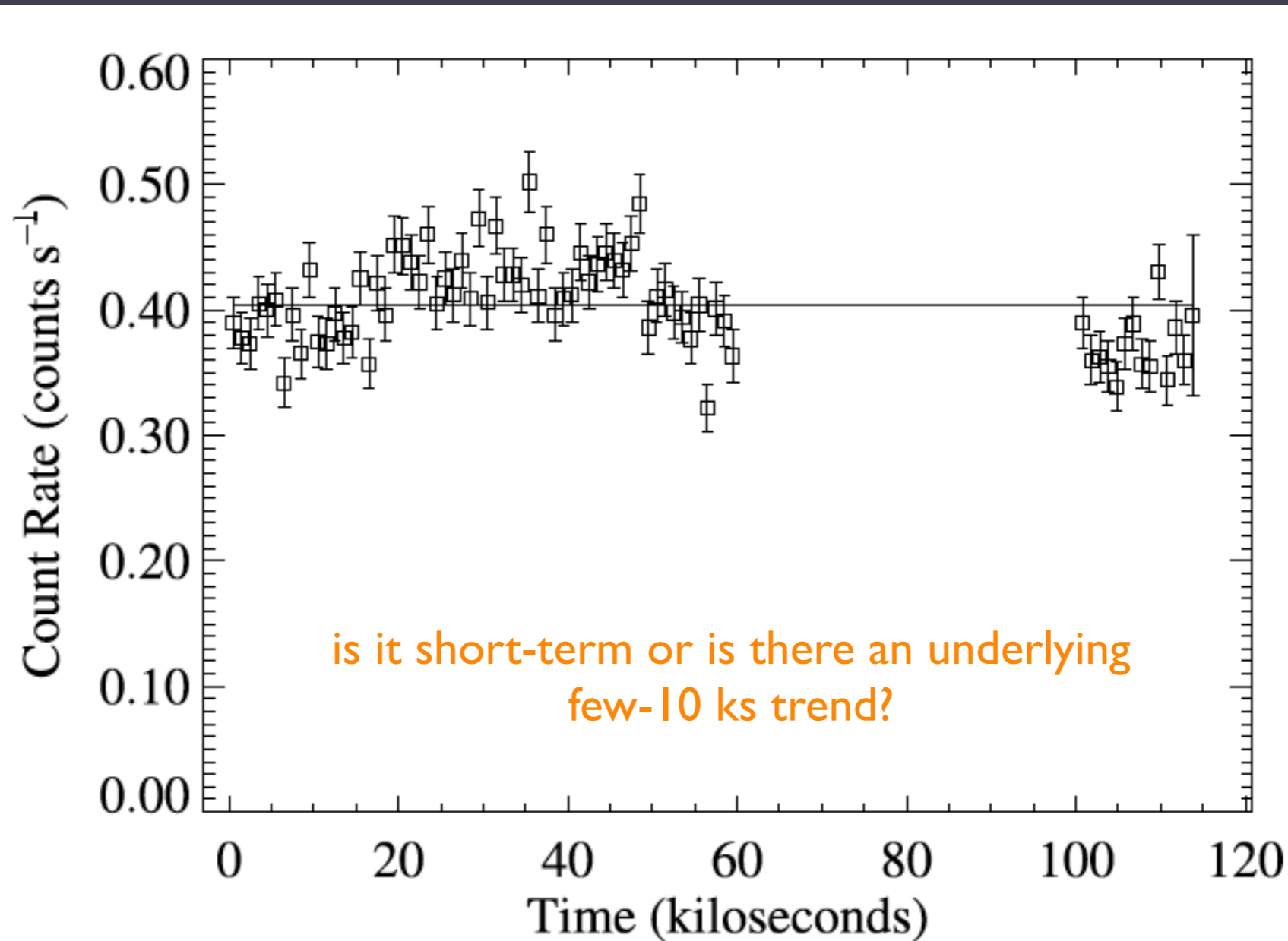


FIG. 3.—X-ray light curve formed from the combined MEG +1 and -1 order counts, with 1000 s bins. The mean count rate is indicated by the line. The hypothesis of a constant source can be rejected at a more than 99.99% confidence level.

## IV. X-ray Variability

If there are fewer sites of emission in the MCWS scenario, compared to EWS, then we might expect more X-ray variability from the former. Perhaps on post-shock cooling timescales.

# Summary and Future Prospects

Low-resolution (CCD) spectroscopy is the only X-ray discovery mode of new magnetic stars for the foreseeable future. High  $L_x/L_{bol}$ , especially for O stars, may be a good indicator. Hardness may be too, but high S/N might be required to identify small amount of harder emission from magnetic processes. X-ray variability may also be a partial indicator of magnetic fields, but the level of variability seems rather low.

Detailed study at high resolution will be possible using archival X-ray grating data and also potentially newly acquired spectra from *ASTRO-H*. But only of the handful of X-ray bright magnetic OB stars in the sky (and *Chandra* and *XMM* archives).

On the next slide is the correlated ROSAT catalog of pointed observations and OB stars in the Bright Star Catalog, ranked by ROSAT count rate. This is a good reflection of X-ray flux and thus which sources have the potential to provide useful X-ray datasets.

There are not many magnetic stars on the list.

Full	RAJ2000	DEJ2000	HR	Name	SpType	Vmag	B-V	E(B-V)	log(NH)	Dist	log(Lbol)	OX-sep	rate
	"h:m:s"	"d:m:s"				mag	mag	mag	[cm-2]	pc	[10-7W]	arcsec	ct/s
<a href="#">16</a>	03 08 10.1	+40 57 20	<a href="#">936</a>	bet Per	B8V	2.12	-0.05	0.06	18.40	29	35.95	1.1	9.135
<a href="#">25</a>	03 55 23.1	+31 02 45	<a href="#">1209</a>	X Per	O9.5ep	6.10	0.29	0.60	21.54	465	38.52	5.4	2.652
<a href="#">5</a>	00 56 42.5	+60 43 00	<a href="#">264</a>	gam Cas	B0IVe	2.47	-0.15	0.14	20.30	194	38.45	47.3	2.599
<a href="#">61</a>	05 35 16.5	-05 23 23	<a href="#">1895</a>	the1 Ori	O6p	5.13	0.02	0.35	20.66	450	38.75	7.5	1.998
<a href="#">63</a>	05 35 26.0	-05 54 36	<a href="#">1899</a>	iot Ori	O9III	2.77	-0.24	0.07	20.30	501	39.18	3.1	1.727
<a href="#">53</a>	05 32 00.4	-00 17 57	<a href="#">1852</a>	del Ori	O9.5II	2.23	-0.22	0.08	20.18	501	39.34	6.5	1.667
<a href="#">178</a>	16 35 53.0	-28 12 58	<a href="#">6165</a>	tau Sco	B0V	2.82	-0.25	0.05	20.43	236	38.42	11.7	1.528
<a href="#">67</a>	05 40 45.5	-01 56 34	<a href="#">1948</a>	zet Ori	O9.7Ib	2.05	-0.21	0.05	20.48	501	39.34	7.9	1.189
<a href="#">141</a>	13 25 11.6	-11 09 41	<a href="#">5056</a>	alp Vir	B1III-IV+B2V	0.98	-0.23	0.03	19.00	86	37.99	6.0	1.142
<a href="#">104</a>	08 03 35.0	-40 00 11	<a href="#">3165</a>	zet Pup	O5If	2.25	-0.26	0.07	20.00	437	39.57	67.7	1.096
<a href="#">144</a>	14 03 49.4	-60 22 23	<a href="#">5267</a>	bet Cen	B1III	0.61	-0.23	0.03	19.54	85	38.10	9.0	1.085
<a href="#">64</a>	05 36 12.8	-01 12 07	<a href="#">1903</a>	eps Ori	B0Ia	1.70	-0.19	0.04	20.48	463	39.17	12.1	0.885
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<a href="#">80</a>	06 22 42.0	-17 57 21	<a href="#">2294</a>	bet CMa	B1II-III	1.98	-0.23	0.03	19.48	203	38.25	12.5	0.417
<a href="#">66</a>	05 38 44.8	-02 36 00	<a href="#">1931</a>	sig Ori	O9.5V	3.81	-0.24	0.07	20.56	501	38.80	12.8	0.392
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<a href="#">84</a>	06 40 58.7	+09 53 45	<a href="#">2456</a>	15 Mon	O7V((f))	4.66	-0.25	0.07	20.35	692	38.89	5.3	0.313
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<a href="#">69</a>	05 47 45.4	-09 40 11	<a href="#">2004</a>	kap Ori	B0.5Ia	2.06	-0.17	0.04	20.58	567	39.06	4.6	0.302
<a href="#">58</a>	05 35 08.3	+09 56 03	<a href="#">1879</a>	lam Ori	O8III((f))	3.54	-0.18	0.13	20.87	501	39.01	9.0	0.300
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<a href="#">54</a>	05 31 55.9	-07 18 06	<a href="#">1855</a>	ups Ori	B0V	4.62	-0.26	0.04	20.35	494	38.33	3.4	0.267
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<a href="#">126</a>	13 06 16.7	-48 27 48	<a href="#">4940</a>		B5V	4.71	0.14	0.03	20.24	145	36.54	21.0	0.210

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