



*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

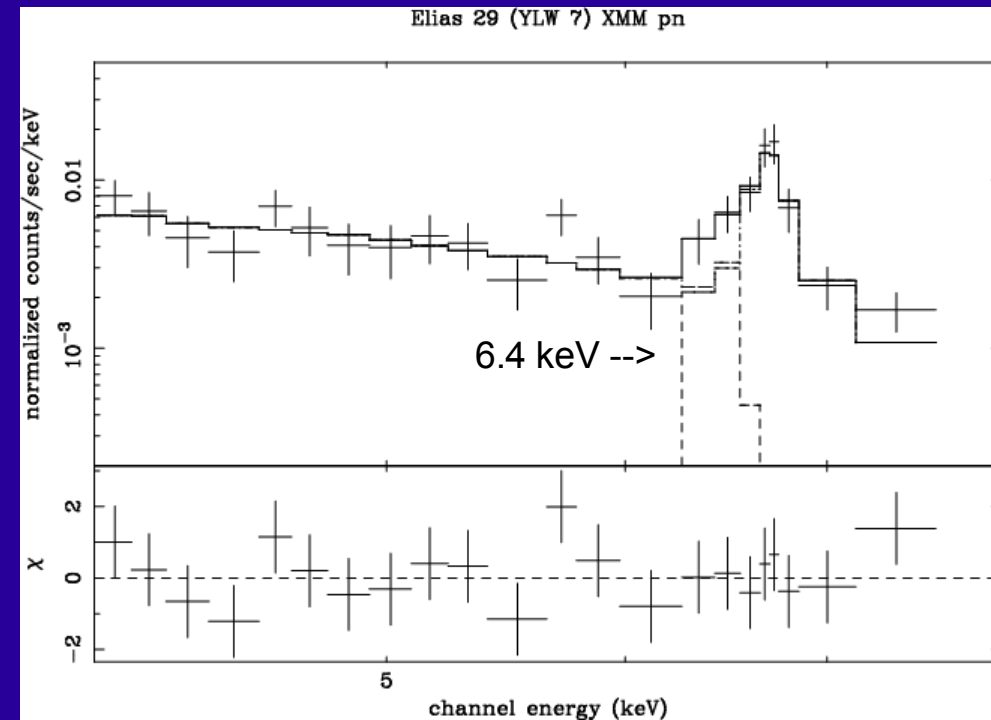
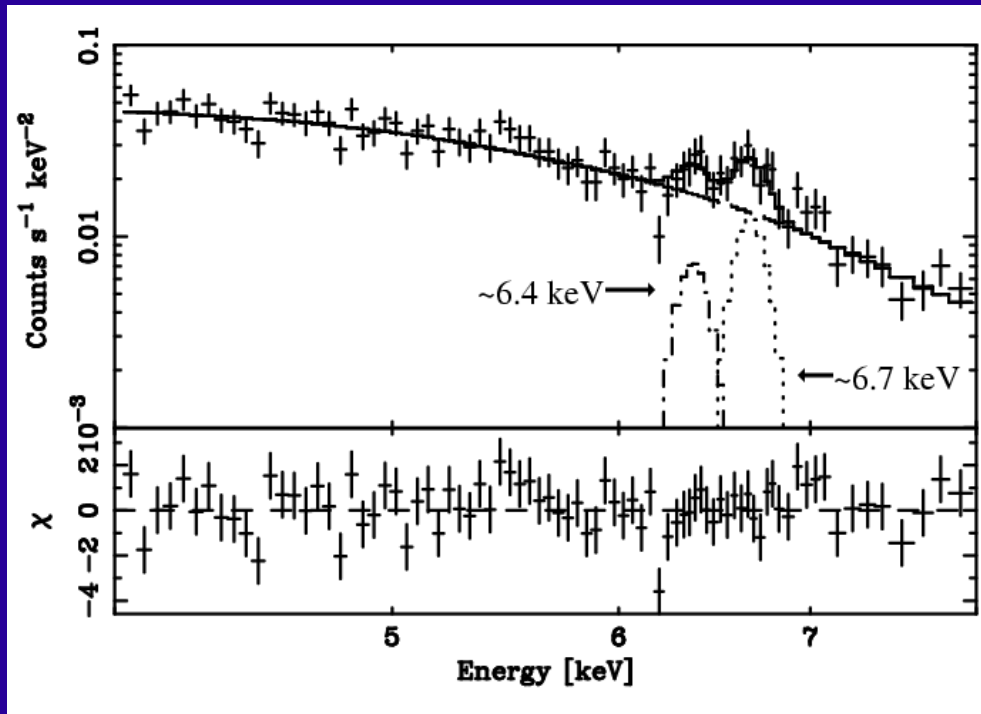


# *Issues recently investigated*

- 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*

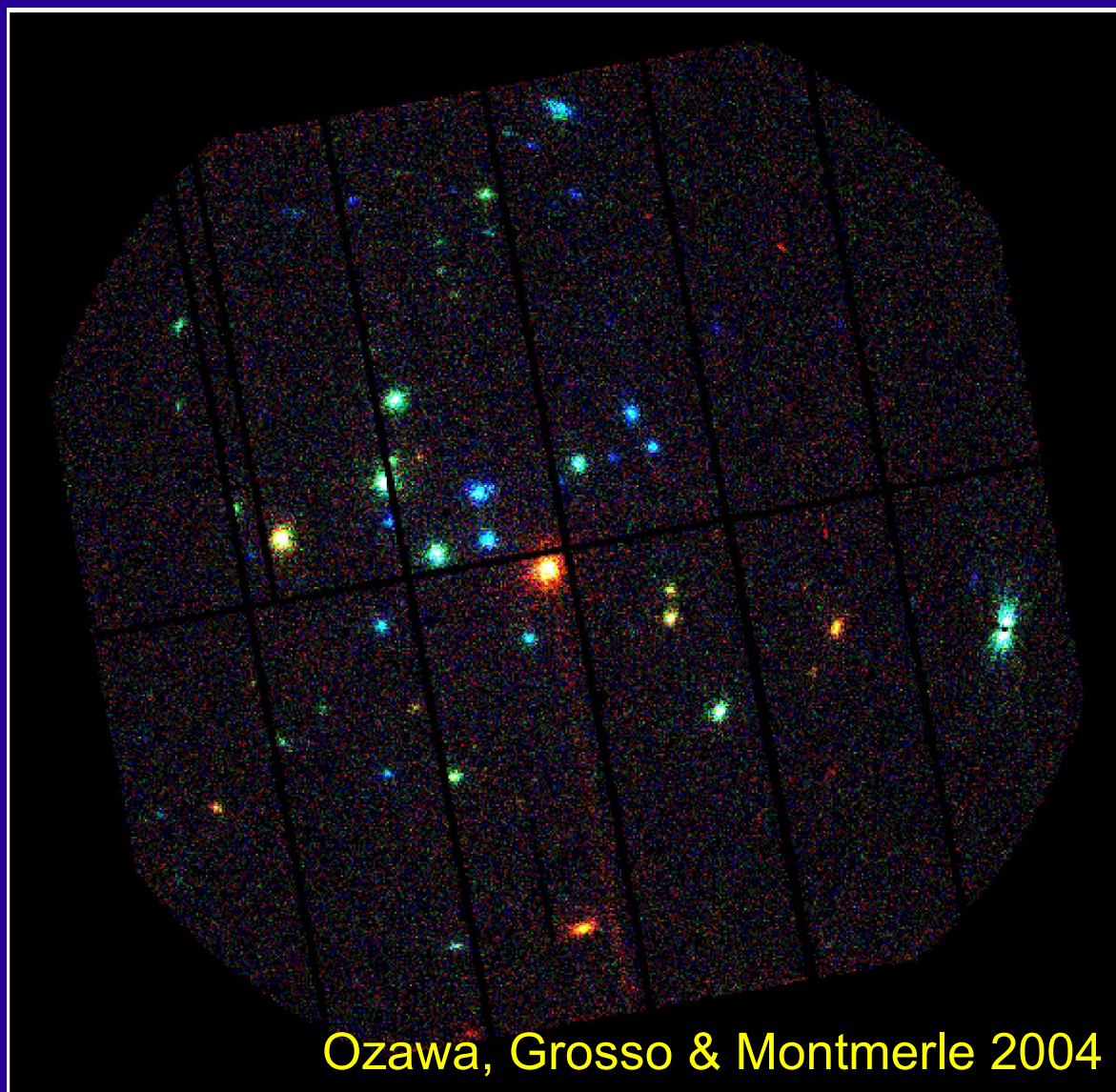
# Why we are so confident ....

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<sup>2</sup>
- ◆ 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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- *F. Favata, G. Giardino @ ESA-ESTEC, RSSD*
- *T. Montmerle, N. Grosso @ Observatoire de Grenoble*
- *L. Testi, F. Palla @ INAF – Oss. Astrofisico di Arcetri*



# 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 ( $\sim 8$  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 ( $\sim 10$  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*





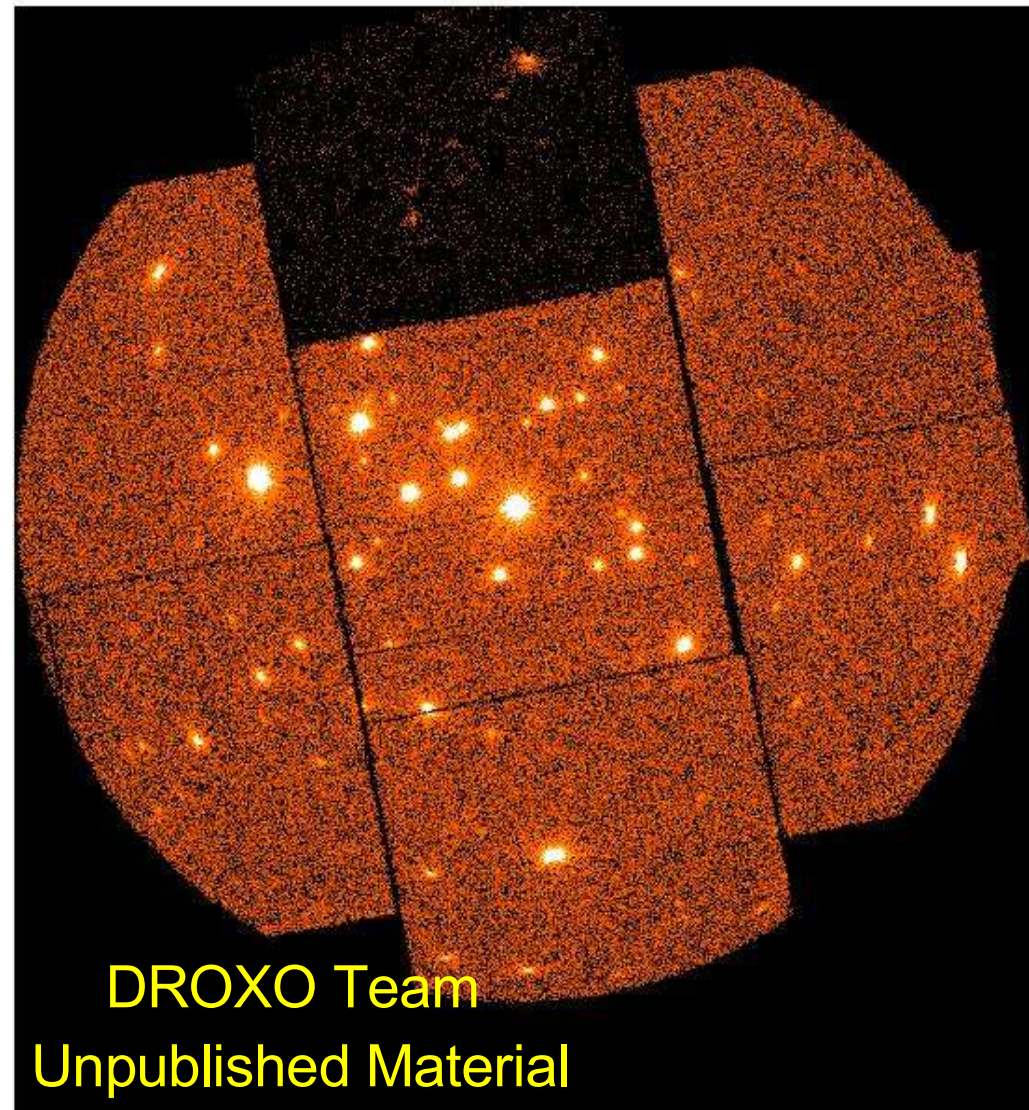
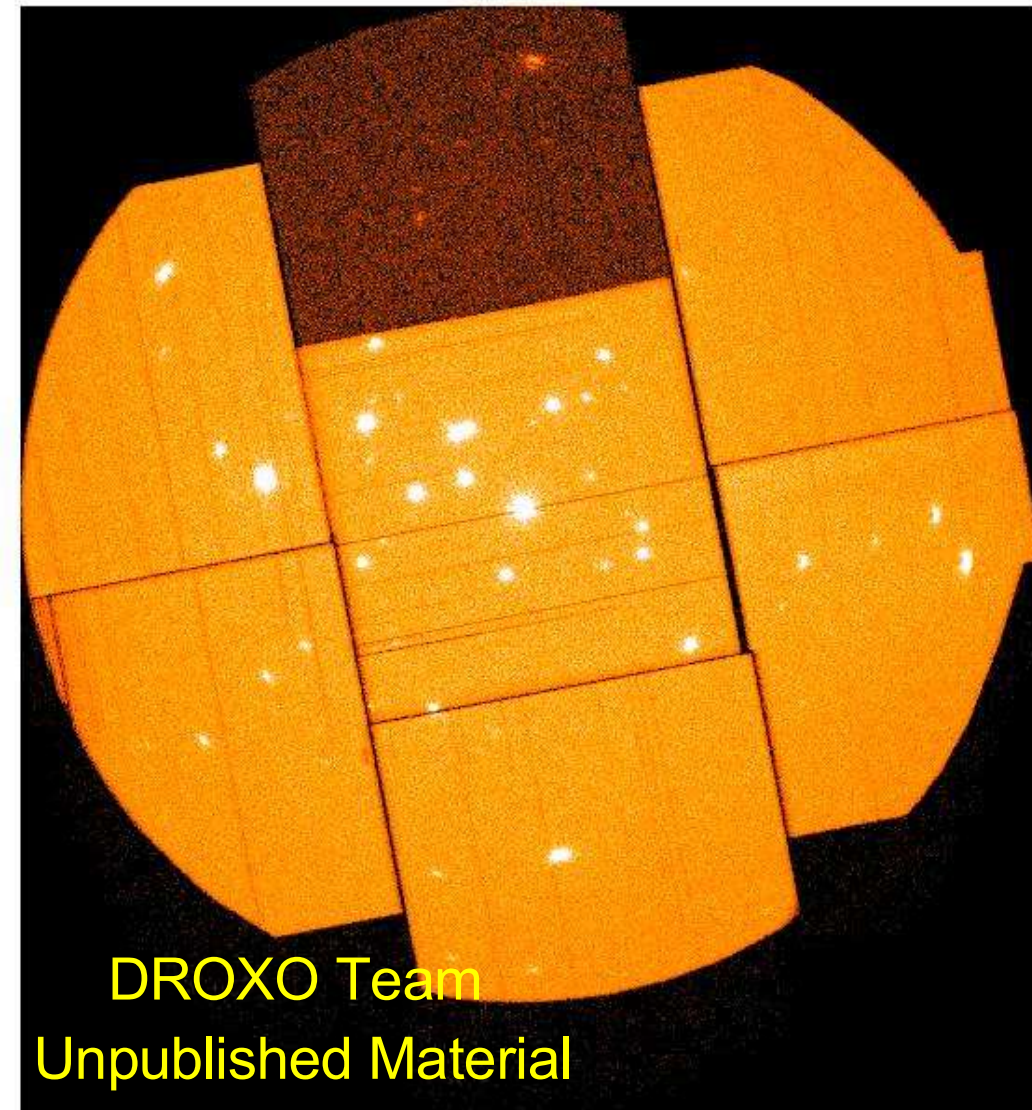
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- *Granted also ESO VLT observing time in service mode (but non contemporary at XMM observation)*
  - *16 hours ISAAC (1 – 2.5 micron spectroscopy)*
  - *5 hours GIRAFFE/FLAMES in the 6470-6790 Ang band (i.e. H $\alpha$  and LiI lines)*
- *VLT Observations 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*

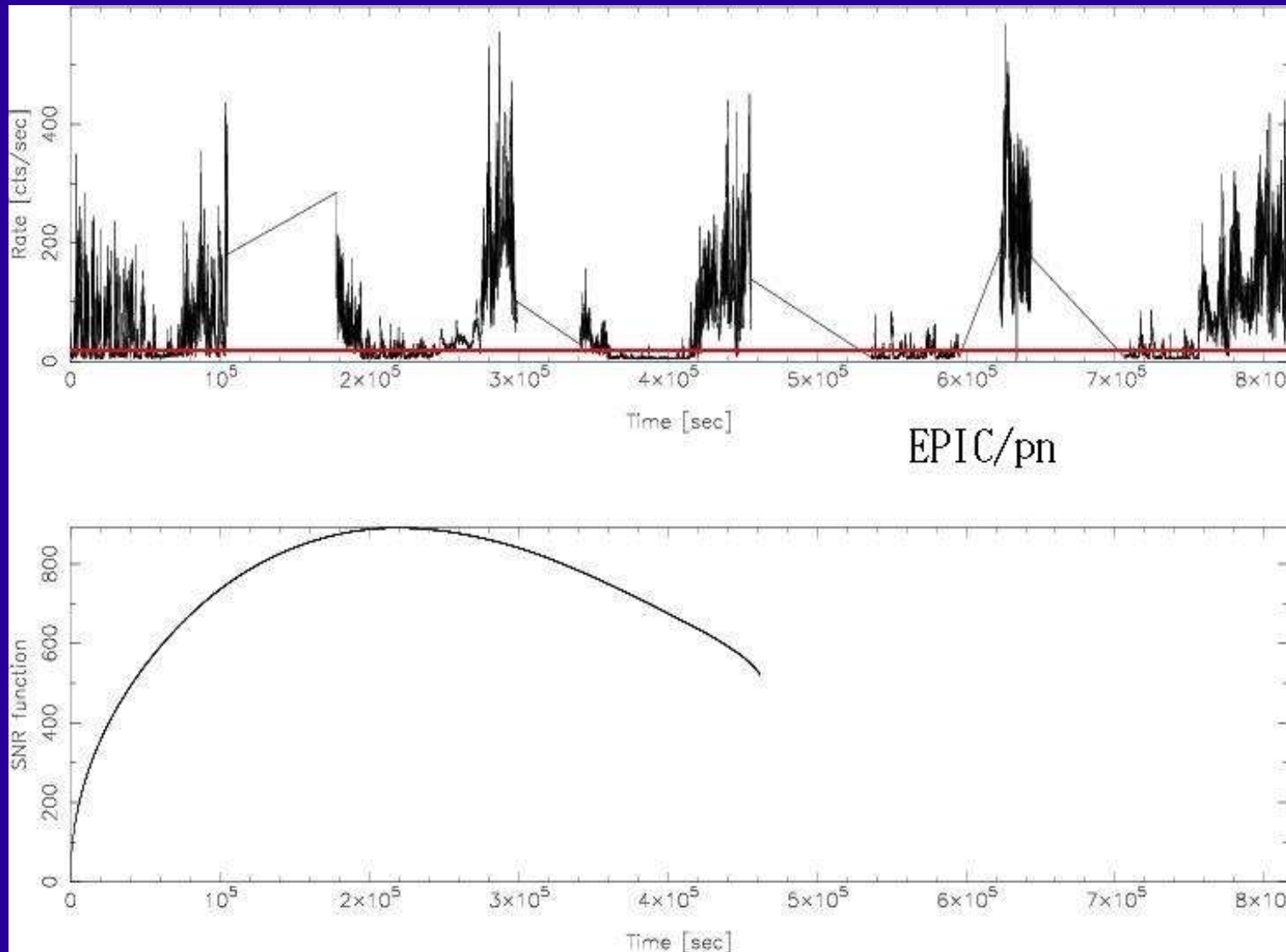
# High Background - EPIC/MOS 1

Entire 500 ksec

Optimally Screened ~ 250 ksec



# The Bad “Space Weather”

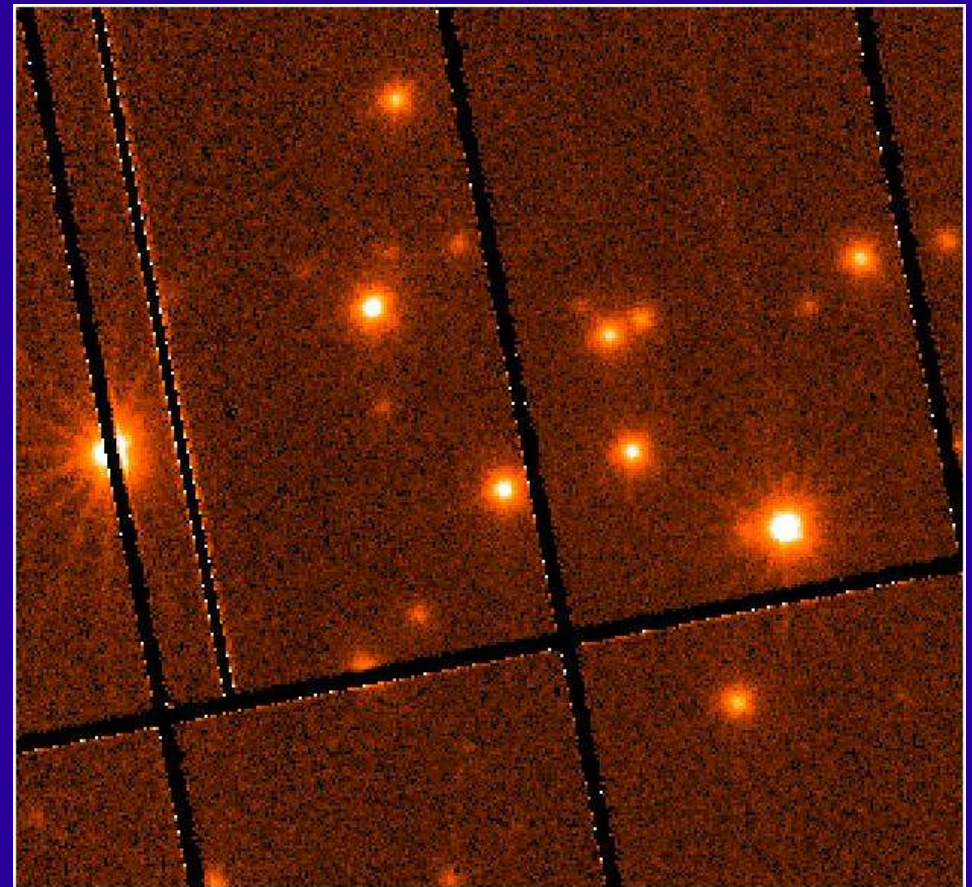


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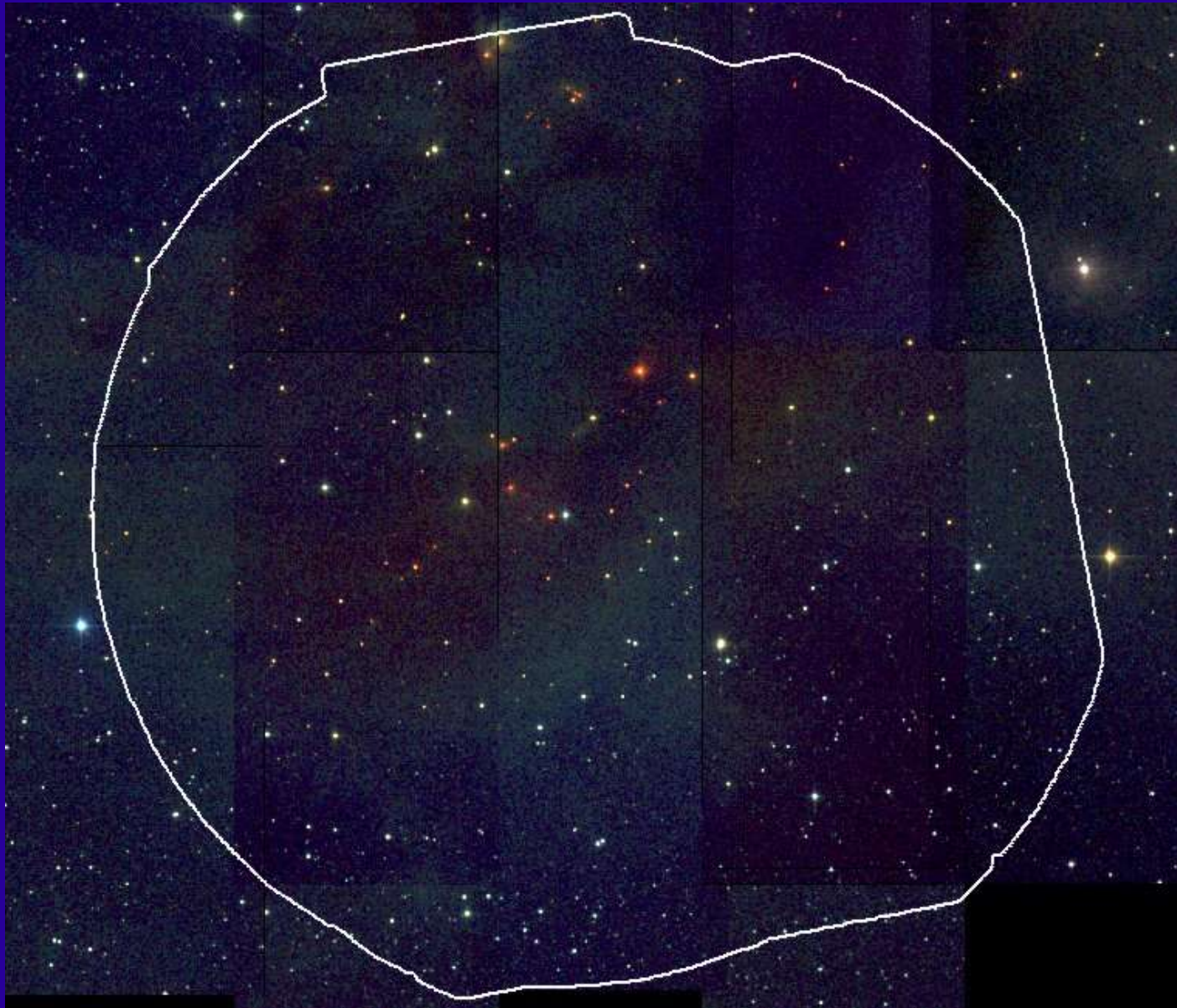
The rejection level for spectra can be more relaxed and need a fine “tuning”.

## *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*

DROXO Team  
Unpublished Material

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**

Red : 0.25 – 1.8 keV

Green: 1.8 – 3.7 keV

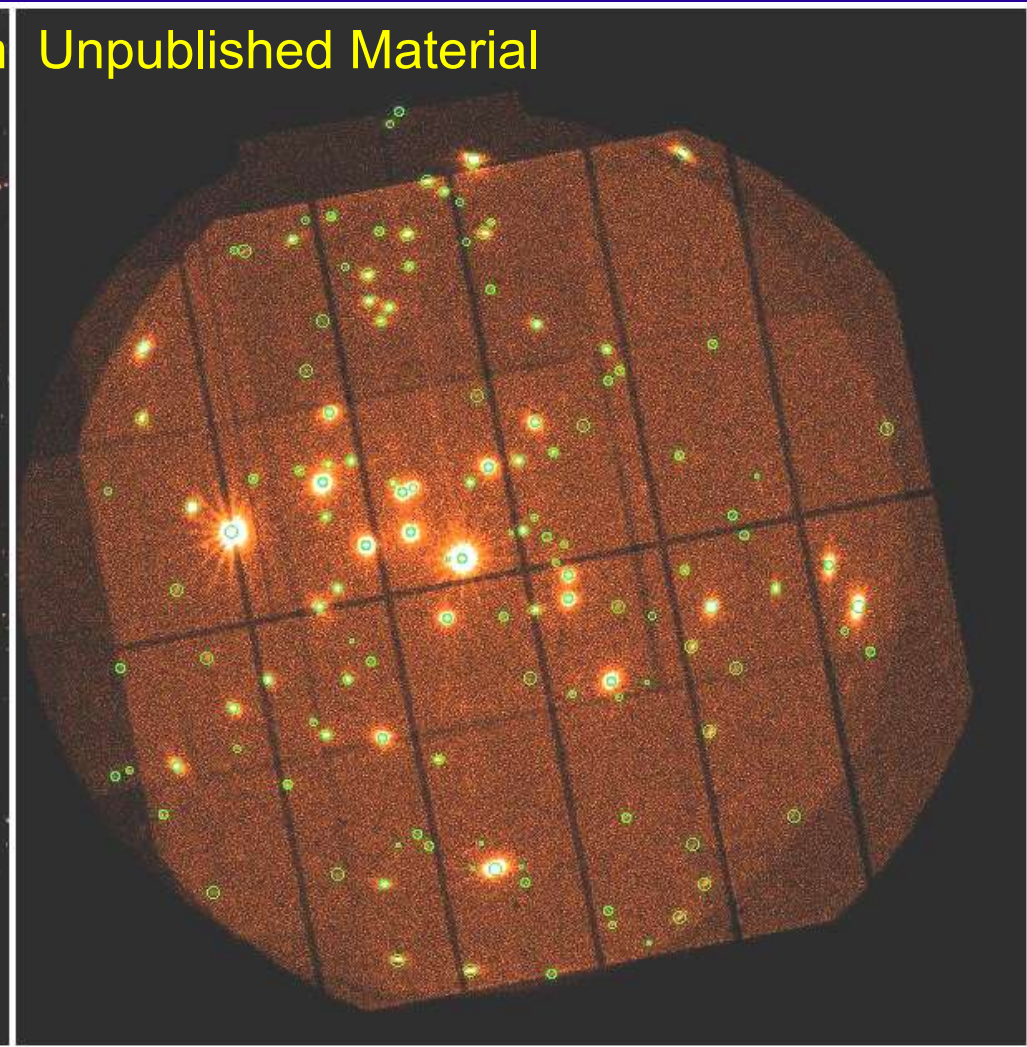
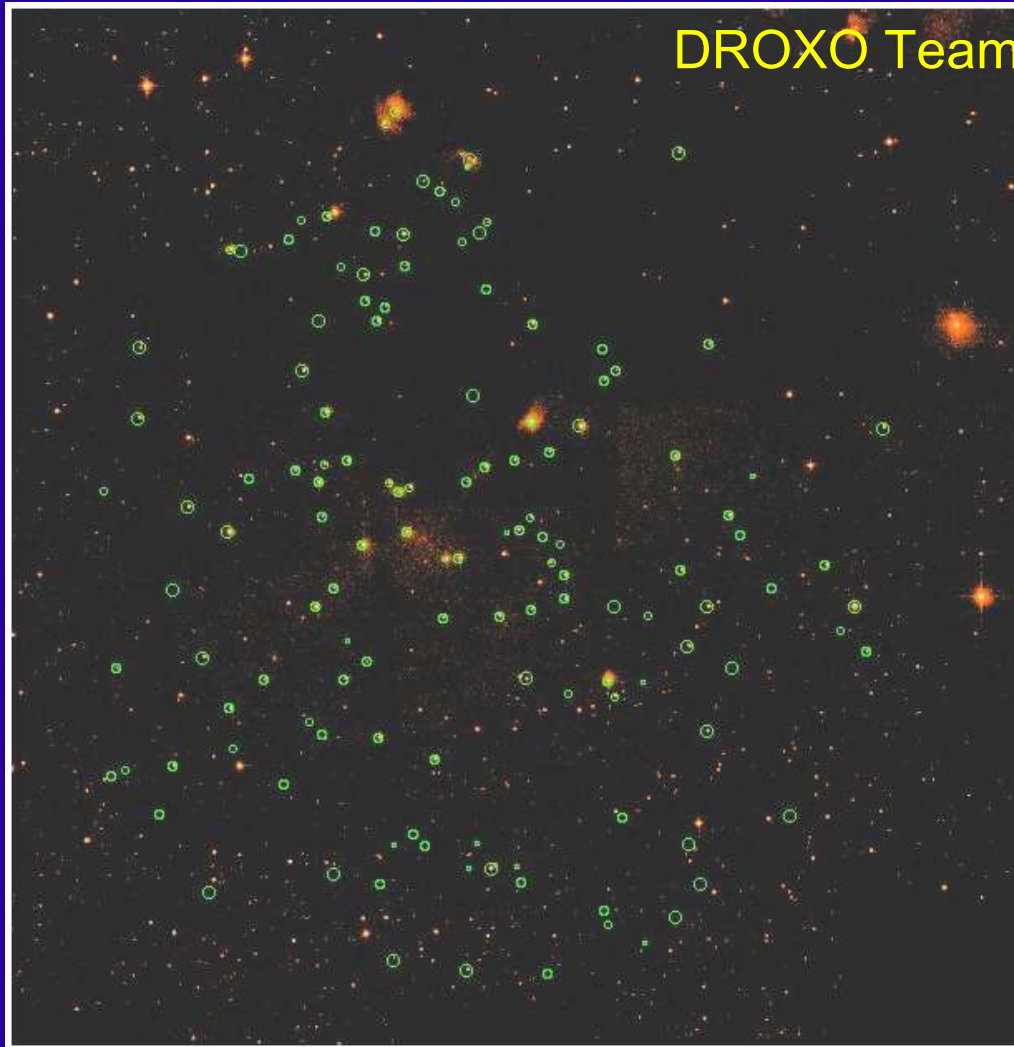
Blue : 3.7 – 7.5 keV

- ◆ 133 Sources found in the combined data



**exposure map is very complex**

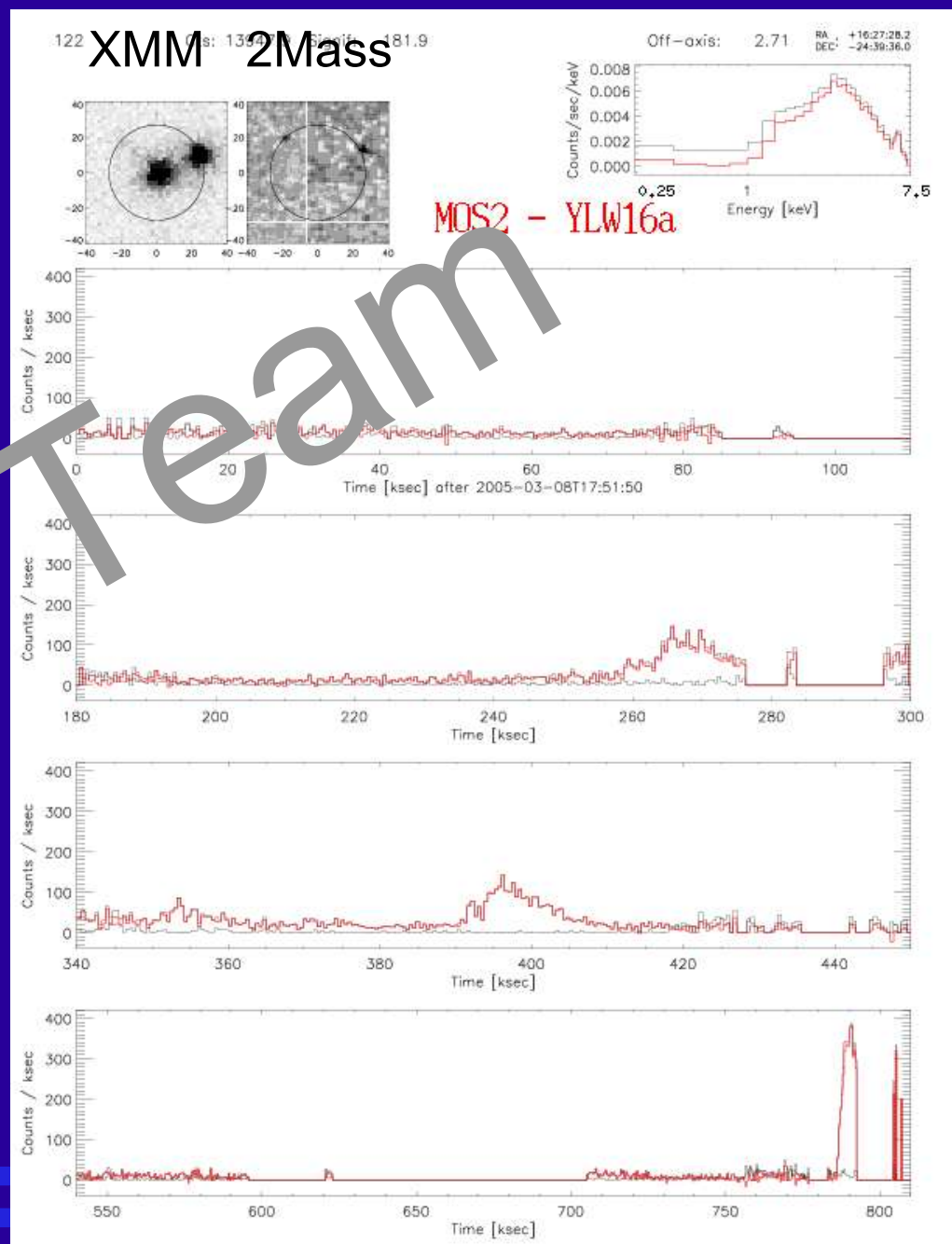
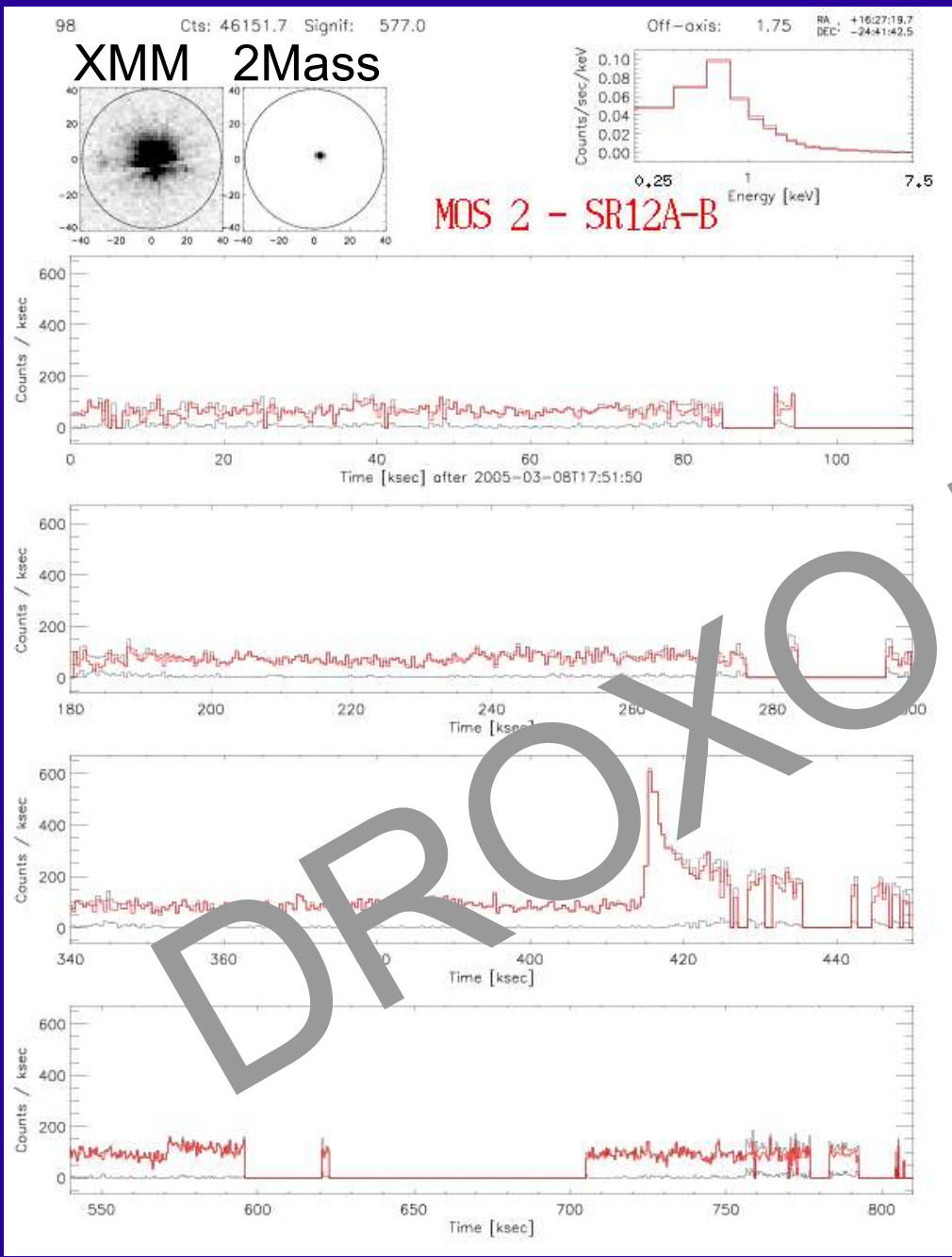
# 2Mass K – EPIC comparison





# A few interesting sources

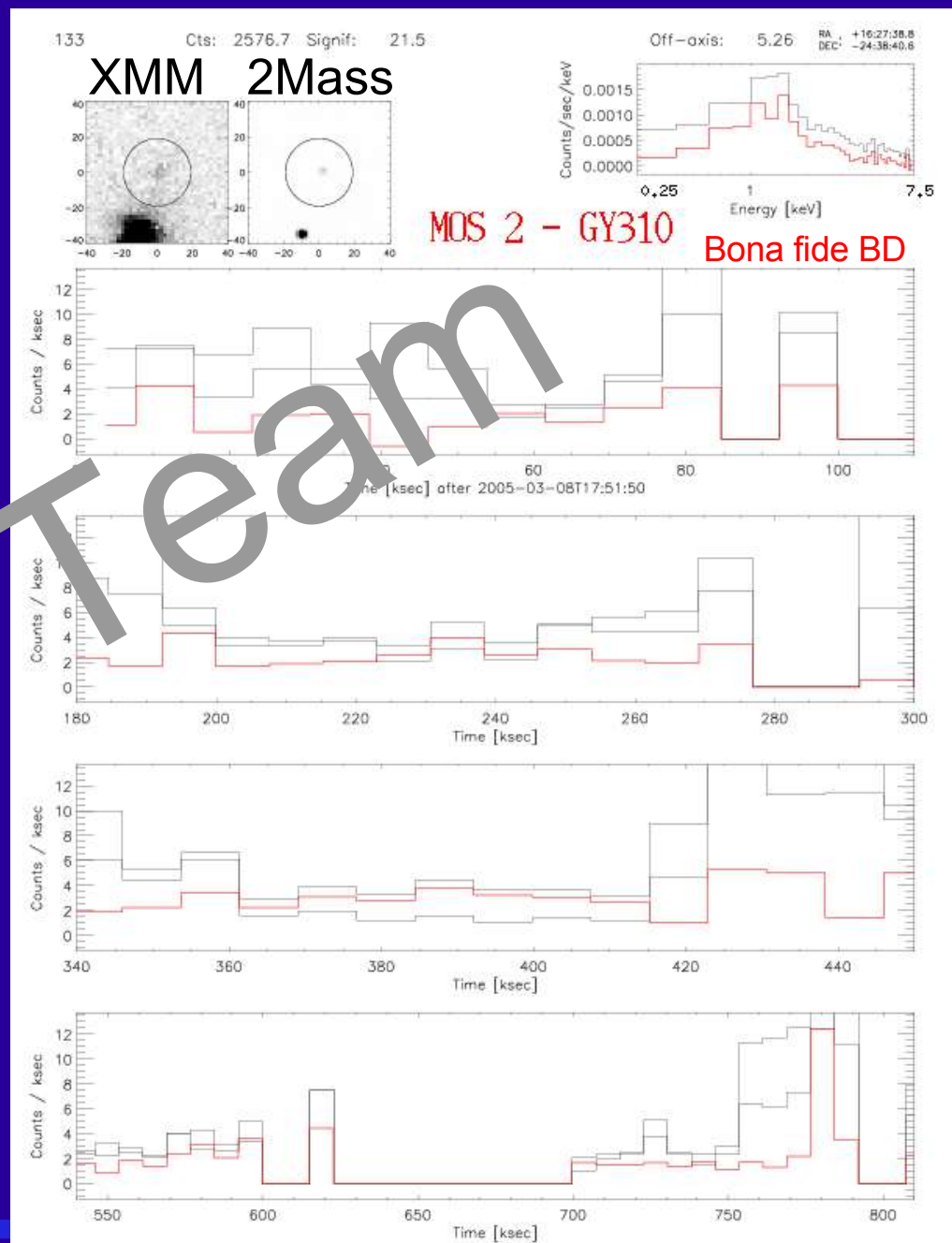
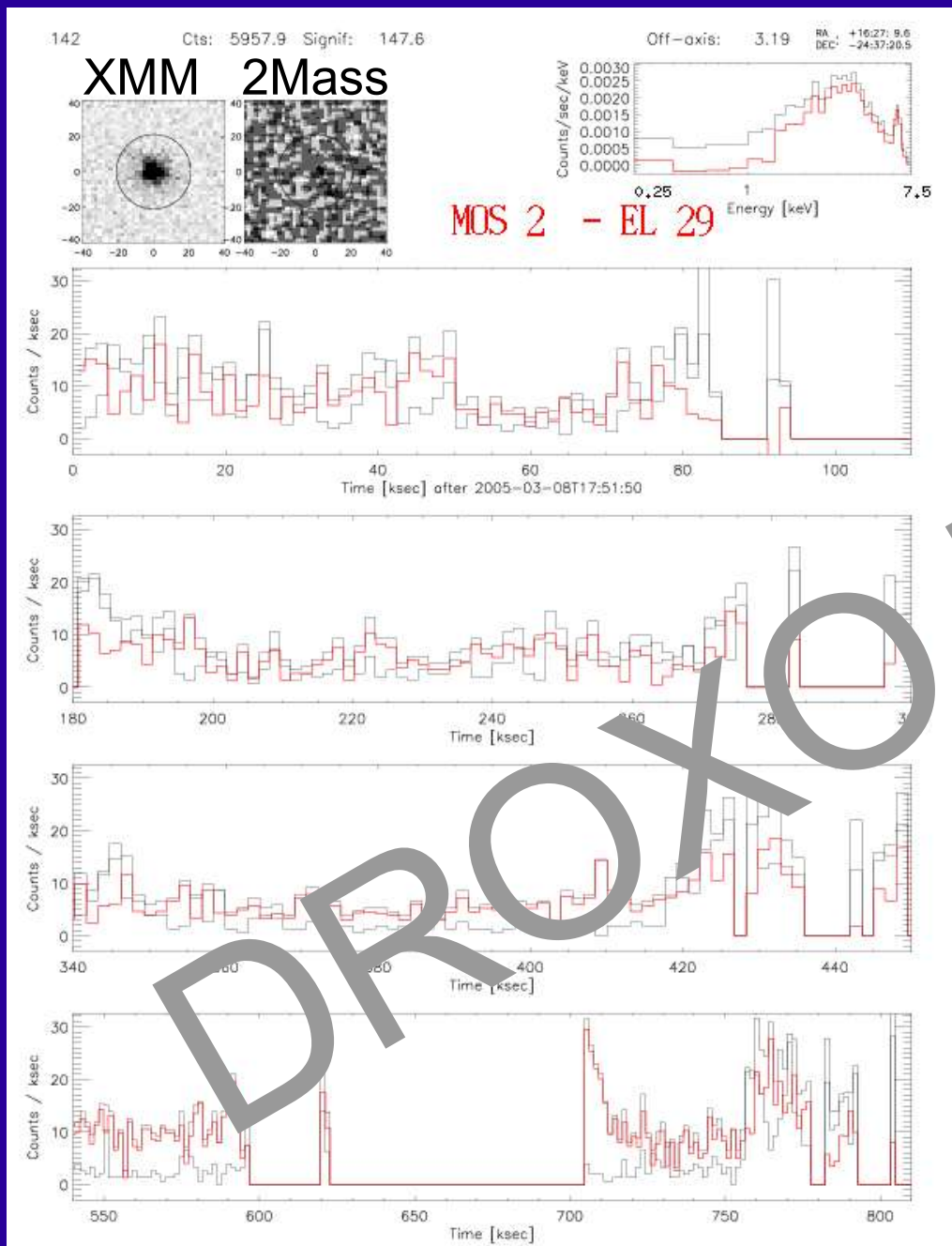
RED LINES == Background subtracted



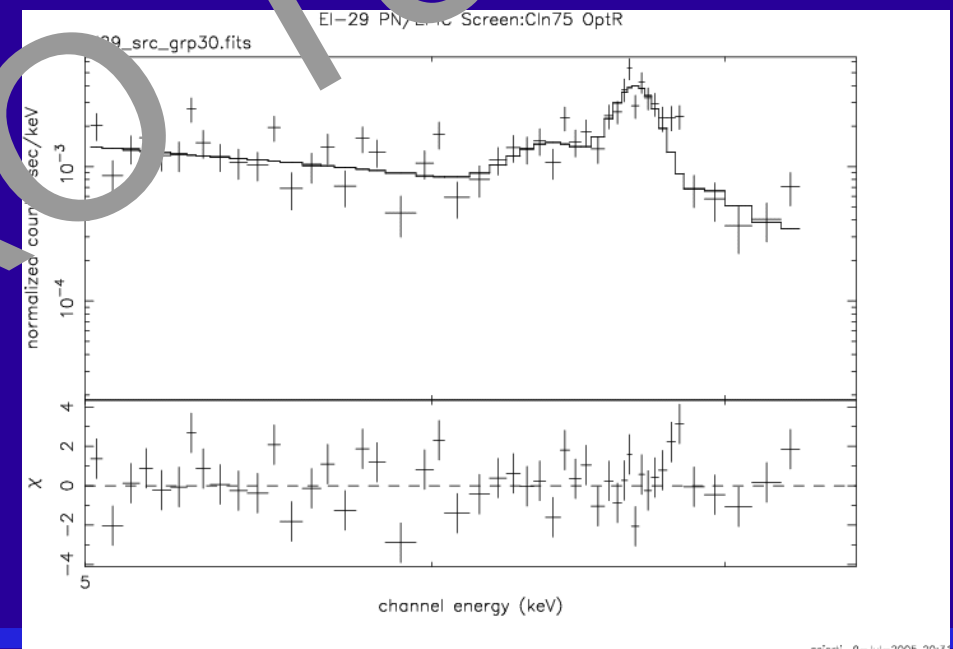
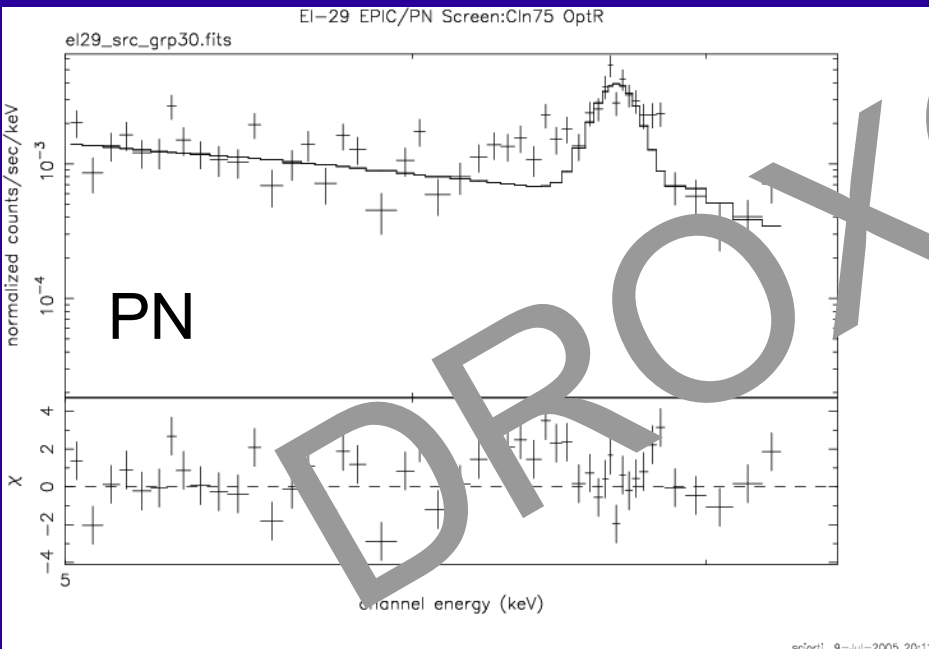
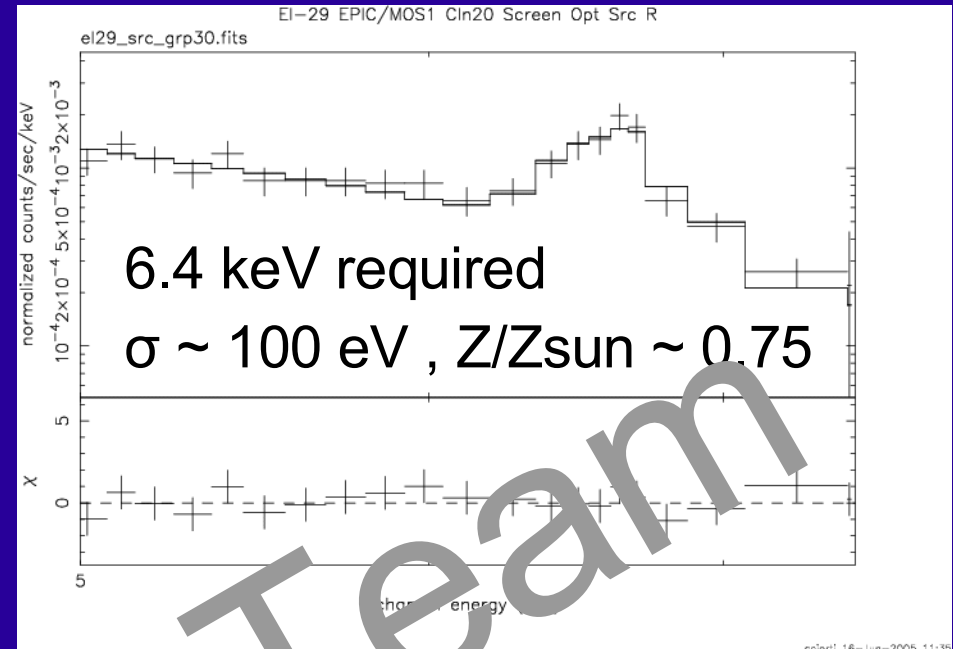
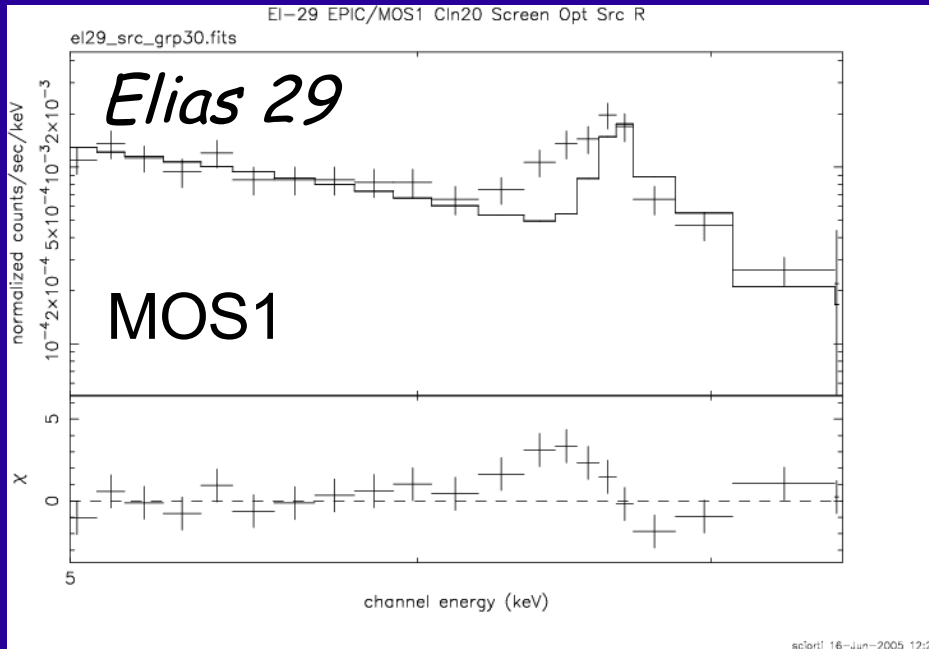
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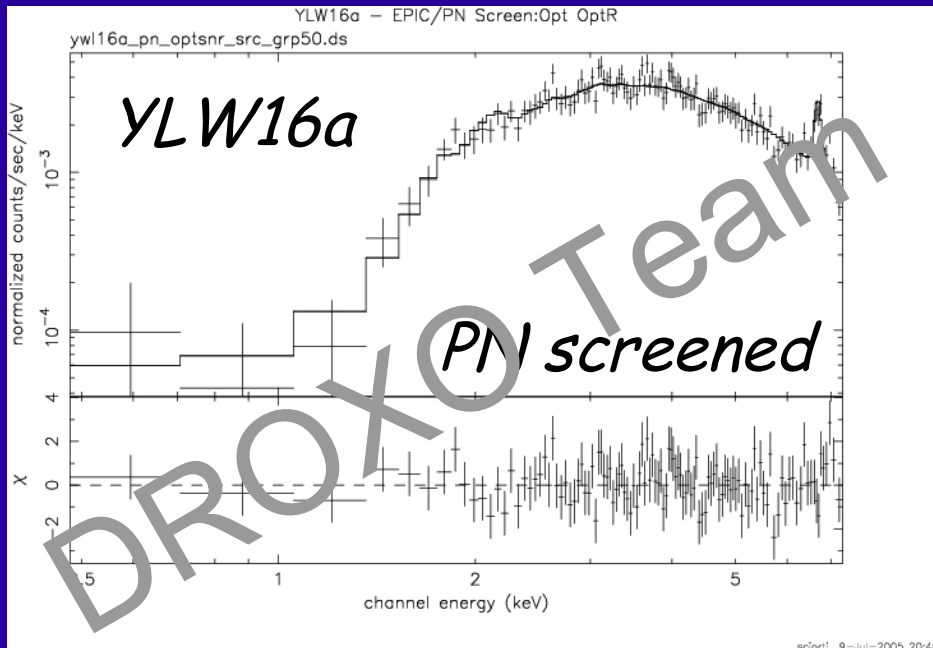
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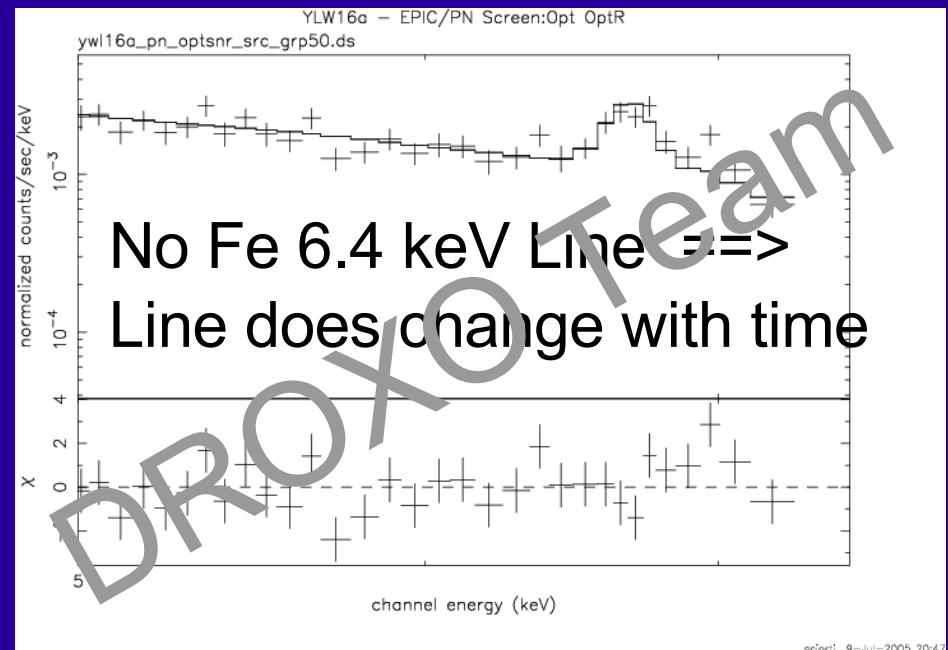
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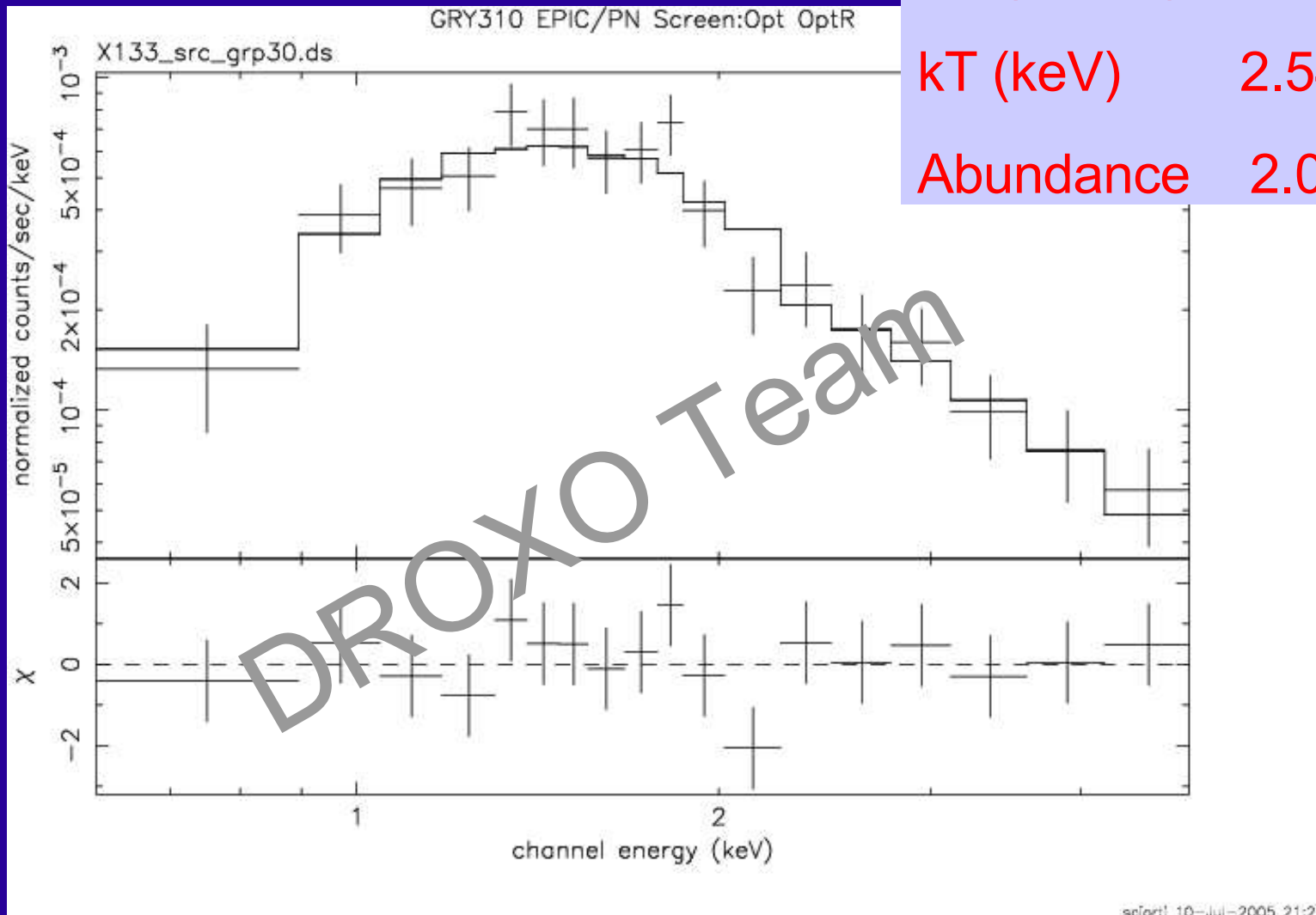
1 T absorbed APEC model  $\rightarrow$   
 $N_H (10^{22}) = 6.6 \pm 0.25$   
 $kT \text{ (keV)} = 4.1 \pm 0.3$   
 Abundance =  $0.21 \pm 0.03$



# 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***