Spatially resolving X-ray emission from a Class I Pre-Main Sequence Binary System



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Young Binary System R CrA IRS5

- Binary stars are born at the same time
 - Useful probe to study stellar evolution
- R CrA IRS5
 - Class I pre-main sequence (PMS) star
 - X-ray variable (Forbrich et al. 2006, 2007)
 - Variable *cm* continuum radio emission with circular polarization (Suters et al. 1996, Feigelson et al. 1998)
 - Spatially resolved in IR and radio
 - \rightarrow Which of the binary stars emits X-rays?



Chandra Observations & Analysis

- 8 Chandra archival observations in 2000-2005
 - IRS 5 was at 1-2' off-axis
- Utilize the Sub-pixel Event Repositioning technique
 - Tsunemi et al. (2001), Li et al. (2003, 2004)
- Absolute astrometry
 - Measure positions of surrounding bright X-ray sources with the *wavedetect* tool
 - Cross-correlate them with 2MASS infrared sources.
 - Astrometry of each X-ray data frame <~0.2"



0.125" pixel⁻¹ (Tick marks shown by 0.5") Numbers: YYMMDD of the observation dates Circles: the half of the peak intensity of PSF



• There appears two peaks (TP) or NE-SW elongation (EL).

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Generate Light Curves and Spectra

Fit time/energy restricted images with 2 *PSF*s
Sherpa (Cash stat., Powell meth., error: projection)
PSF: ChaRT + MARX



Light Curves (1-8 keV)



IRS5a: significant time variation

3 typical stellar flares in 156 ks (1 flare per ~50 ks)
IRS5b: stable

an apparent enhancement in 2005-08-09



X-ray Visual Young Binary System with <200 AU Projected Separation

| Object | System | Separation | <i>d</i> (pc) | Age (Myr) |
|------------|------------|----------------|---------------|-----------|
| TWA5 | TTS+BD | 2" (110 AU) | 55 | 12 |
| HD100453 | A9+TTS | 1.06" (114 AU) | 120 | 20 |
| HD 98800 | TTS+? | 0.8" (48 AU) | 38 | 5-10 |
| R CrA IRS5 | Class I +? | 0.8" (140 AU) | 170 | 0.3-1 |

TTS: T-Tauri Star, BD: Brown Dwarf TWA5: Tsuboi et al. (2003), HD100453: Collins et al. in preparation, HD98800: Kastner et al. (2004), R CrA IRS 5: this result

→IRS5 would be the youngest among known X-ray visual PMS binary systems with small separation.

Evolutional Status

- IRS5a and IRS5b showed similar quiescent spectra and flux.
 - Stars in a similar mass range may experience similar evolution of their X-ray activity.
- IRS 5a flared up frequently (1 flare per ~50ks)
 - Normal PMSs have 1 flare per 650-770 ksec (Orion: Wolk et al. 2005, Taurus: Stelzer et al. 2007)
 - \rightarrow IRS 5a might be in an active phase.



- We spatially resolved X-ray emission from the visual binary system IRS 5
- We derived light curves and spectra using a twodimensional image fitting method.
 - IRS5a was active. IRS5b was stable
 - In the quiescent state, both stars showed similar X-ray spectra typical of Class I PMSs.
- More visual X-ray binary sources with small separation can be found in the *Chandra* archival data.