

SFXT - Supergiant Fast X-ray Transient

- HMXB: compact object accretes the clumpy wind from supergiant companion
- Bright X-ray short flares: dynamic range ≥ 10 , duration ~1000 s
- Average luminosity $L \lesssim 10^{34} {\rm erg \ s}^{-1}$
- Possible models:
 - extremely clumpy winds (in't Zand 2005): clump masses $\sim 10^{21} 10^{23} g_{r}$
 - centrifugal or magnetic gates (Grebenev 2008; Bozzo et al. 2008):

$$B \sim 10^{12} \ G_{\rm spin} \sim 10 \ {\rm sor} \ B \sim 10^{14} \ G_{\rm spin} \gtrsim 1000 \ {\rm s}_{\rm spin}$$

- quasi-spherical subsonic settling accretion (Shakura et al. 2012): $L_X \lesssim 4 \times 10^{36} \text{ erg s}^{-1}$

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- Discovered by INTEGRAL (Walter et al. 2004)
- Orbital period $P_o = 3.945 \pm 0.005 d$ (Cusumano et al., 2016)
- ullet Eclipsing HMXB, duration ~3.5% of P_o (Cusumano et al., 2016)
- Blue Supergiant ON9.7lab companion star (Coleiro et al., 2013)
- Distance ~5-15 kpc (Tomsick et al., 2006)