### X-ray Grating Spectroscopy of Cataclysmic Variables



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## Accretion geometry and X-ray emission regions of nonmagnetic CVs & polars

Nonmagnetic CV (dwarf nova, novalike variable)



white dwarf

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## Accretion geometry and X-ray emission regions of intermediate polars (EX Hya)



Hellier et al. (1987); Rosen, Mason, & Córdova (1988)

### **EUVE** SW and **Chandra** LETG spectra of dwarf novae in outburst



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#### **Optical & EUVE DS light curves of OY Car**



EUV flux is not eclipsed by the white dwarf

Mauche & Raymond (2000, ApJ, 541, 924)

#### Model of the EUVE SW spectrum of OY Car



Mauche & Raymond (2000, ApJ, 541, 924)

## Model of the *Chandra* LETG spectrum of SS Cyg



Mauche (2004, ApJ, 610, 422)

#### Chandra LETG spectrum of WZ Sge



Wheatley & Mauche (2007, in preparation)

#### **XMM EPIC light curves and spectra show** two sources of X-ray emission in UX UMa



#### Two types of X-ray spectra in CVs



### *Chandra* HETG spectra of nonmagnetic CVs



## Chandra HETG spectra of SS Cyg in quiescence and outburst



Mauche et al. (2005, in Astrophysics of CVs & Related Objects)

#### Chandra HETG spectra of U Gem in quiescence and outburst



Szkody et al. (2002, ApJ, 574, 942) Mauche et al. (2005, in Astrophysics of CVs & Related Objects) Güver et al. (2006, MNRAS, 372, 450)

#### Chandra HETG spectrum of V603 Aql



Mukai & Orio (2005, ApJ, 622, 602)





Detail of Chandra HETG spectrum of GK Per



## *Chandra* HETG spectrum of EX Hya (an IP with $P_{\text{binary}} = 98 \text{ min}, P_{\text{spin}} = 67 \text{ min}, i \approx 77^{\circ}$ )



500 ks observation, N. Brickhouse, PI

#### Comparison of HR 1099 and EX Hya



#### EX Hya is missing lines of: Fe XVII $\lambda$ 17.10, Fe XX $\lambda$ 12.80, Fe XXI $\lambda$ 12.26, and has an inverted Fe XXII $\lambda$ 11.92/ $\lambda$ 11.77 ratio.

#### H- and He-like lines of EX Hya



All the He-like *f* lines are missing in EX Hya.

Mauche (2002, in Physics of CVs and Related Objects)

#### He-like R = z/(x+y) = f/i line ratios



Absence of He-like *f* lines in EX Hya is plausibly due to photoexcitation.

Mauche (2002, in Physics of CVs and Related Objects)

...were calculated with the Livermore X-ray Spectral Synthesizer (LXSS), a suite of IDL codes that calculates spectral models as a function of temperature and electron density using primarily HULLAC atomic data.

The following spectra are based on models with:

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Fe XXIV	<b>76</b> 116 228 591 609 605	<b>4,100</b>	1,704
Fe XXIII		8,798	6,478
Fe XXII		37,300	24,084
Fe XXI		227,743	153,953
Fe XX		<b>257,765</b>	165,350
Fe XIX		240,948	164,496
Fe XVIII	456	141,229	93,583
Fe XVII	281	49,882	33,887

### Fe XVII



### Fe XX



### Fe XXI



### Fe XXII





### Density constraints from Fe XVII $\lambda$ 17.10/ $\lambda$ 17.05 and Fe XXII $\lambda$ 11.92 / $\lambda$ 11.77



Mauche, Liedahl, & Fournier (2001, ApJ, 560, 992)



Mauche, Liedahl, & Fournier (2003, ApJ, 588, L101)

## Radial velocity variations of the X-ray emission lines of EX Hya



Dynamically-derived white dwarf mass agrees with the value obtained from the Fe XXV/XXVI line ratio in the ASCA SIS spectrum of EX Hya (Fujimoto & Ishida 1997).

Hoogerwerf, Brickhouse, & Mauche (2004, ApJ, 610, 411)

## *Chandra* HETG spectrum of AE Aqr (an IP with $P_{\text{binary}} = 9.88$ hr, $P_{\text{spin}} = 33.08$ s, $i \approx 60^{\circ}$ )



#### Different physical models for AE Aqr:

Oblique rotator model

Magnetic propeller model



Patterson (1979)



Wynn, King, & Horne (1997)

#### XMM EPIC & RGS spectra of AE Aqr



Itoh et al. (2006, ApJ, 639, 397)

### He-like N, O, & Ne density diagnostics from the *XMM* RGS spectrum of AE Aqr



 $n_{\rm e} \sim 10^{11} \, {\rm cm}^{-3}$  : low for a magnetic CV

Itoh et al. (2006, ApJ, 639, 397)

# X-ray, UV, optical, & radio light curves of AE Aqr



Optical: Ioannou (Skinakas), Welsh (Laguna), CBA, & AAVSO Radio: Abada-Simon & Desmurs

Strong correlation of the flares in the X-ray, UV, and optical, but not in the radio.

Mauche et al. (2007, in preparation)

#### **Pulse-timing delays of AE Aqr**



Optical: *a* sin*i* = 2.04 +/- 0.13 s de Jager et al. (1994)

*HST* FOS UV: *a* sin*i* = 1.93 +/- 0.03 s Eracleous et al. (1994)

*Chandra* HETG X-ray: *a* sin*i* = 2.17 +/- 0.48 s Mauche (2006)\*

Pulsating optical, UV, & X-ray source follows the motion of the white dwarf.

\*Mauche (2006, MNRAS, 369, 1983)

### AE Aqr spin-phase light curves and radial velocity variation



X-ray emission line radial velocities consistent with emission from *two* poles. Mauche (2007, in preparation)

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