Latest outbursts from radio magnetars

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Discovered in 2003 with RXTE

First magnetar to show pulsed emission in the radio band

 $\begin{array}{c} P \sim 5.5 \ \text{s} \\ \text{Pdot} \sim \ 2.8 \ \text{x} \ 10^{\text{-12}} \ \text{s} \ \text{s}^{\text{-1}} \\ \text{B}_{\text{dip},\text{eq}} \sim \ 1.3 \ \text{x} \ 10^{14} \ \text{G} \\ \tau_{\text{c}} \sim \ 31 \ \text{kyr} \end{array}$

Ibrahim+ 2004; Gotthelf+ 2004; Halpern+ 2005; Camilo+ 2006



 $L_{q} \sim 1.3 \times 10^{34} \text{ erg s}^{-1}$ measured with ROSAT in 1993 April

Bernardini+ 2009; Pintore+ 2016, 2019; Gotthelf+ 2019; Borghese+ 2021

Timing analysis

X-rays



Pdot (all sample) ~ $1.5 \times 10^{-11} \text{ s s}^{-1}$ Pdot (first two months) ~ $7.2 \times 10^{-12} \text{ s s}^{-1}$ Pdot_q ~ $2.8 \times 10^{-12} \text{ s s}^{-1}$

> Spin-down rate variations explained in terms of the untwisting bundle scenario

Delayed increase in the spin-down torque consistent with a progressive growth of a small twist

Timing analysis

X-rays



Single-peaked pulse profile



PF increases with energy & in time in the same energy band



Slippage in phase in the \sim 3.5-10 keV band

Timing analysis

Radio



Sardinia Radio Telescope Simultaneous with *NuSTAR* on 2019 Feb 8 Flux density ~ 2.5 mJy Bright radio emission → pulses at every rotation

X-ray peak lags the radio one by ~ 0.08 cycle



Spectral analysis



Model: 4 blackbody components

BB: Emission from the entire stellar surface (grey)

 $R_{\rm NS} = 12.8 \text{ km } \& kT_{\rm NS} = 0.144 \text{ keV}$



XTE J1810–197: 2018 outburst

NuSTAR • NICER Ð Swift È XMM+NuSTAR (km) (8 m) ~0.1 km QΦ Q 0.0 0.8 kT_{warm} (keV) 8 φ Φ φ 0.6 4 R_{warm} (km) ~1.5 km 2 $\varphi^\varphi\varphi$ 8 0.3 KT_{cold} (keV) 99 +qq 0.1 ~320 days Flux_{0.3}-10kev (10⁻¹¹ cgs) 10¹ 000000000 8 **∲**_000 58450 58500 58550 58600 58650 58700 58750 Time (MJD)

Spectral analysis

X-ray outburst onset: 2018 Nov 20-26

 $\begin{array}{l} \mbox{Flux evolution:} \\ \mbox{Flux}_{2018Dec13} \thicksim 2 \ x \ 10^{\text{-10}} \ erg \ s^{\text{-1}} \ cm^{\text{-2}} \\ \mbox{Flux}_{2019Oct25} \thicksim 5 \ x \ 10^{\text{-11}} \ erg \ s^{\text{-1}} \ cm^{\text{-2}} \end{array}$

Versus

 $Flux_{g} \sim 5 \times 10^{-13} \text{ erg s}^{-1} \text{ cm}^{-2}$

XMM+NuSTAR

Epoch	kT _{cold} (keV)	R _{cold} (km)
2019 Mar	0.26±0.01	5.9±1.1
2019 Sep	0.25 ± 0.01	4.5±0.9

NuSTAR

Epoch	kT _{hot} (keV)	R _{hot} (km)
2019 Jan	1.49±0.05	0.16±0.03
2019 Feb	1.50 ± 0.06	0.14±0.03
2019 Mar	1.38 ± 0.06	0.17±0.04
2019 Sep	1.40 ± 0.05	0.09±0.02

Physical model





Slippage in phase reproduced if hot cap precedes the warm one (i.e. $\phi_{hot} > 0$ and $\phi_{warm} < 0$)



Pulsed fraction contours indicate that small χ and large ξ (or viceversa) are favoured

Borghese+ 2021



 $Flux_{2022} \sim 1.5 \times 10^{-12} \text{ erg s}^{-1} \text{ cm}^{-2}$ (~3x higher than $Flux_{q}$)

Future plans

Keep monitoring the source with monthly observations

New quiescent state?

Discovered on 2020 March 12



Diffuse emission extending between 50 and 100 arcsec Long-term monitoring campaign 2020 March – 2021 October



Swift J1818.0-1607: a very young magnetar

Long-term monitoring campaign Diffuse emission



Flux decreased of about 35% between 2020 March and October

Dust scattering halo



NICER campaign for the first 100 days

Timing analysis

XMM+NuSTAR over the first 7 months

Erratic timing behaviour (4)XMM - Newton 4 Hu et al. 2020 0.7334 733.38 (mHz) 0 Champion et al. 2020 NuSTAR ---Best-fit (polynom.) -0.05 0.7333 -0.1 ν (Hz) 1 -0.15 2 1 0.7332 0.7331 s^{-2} Best-fit param.: $\nu = 0.733189(1) \, \text{Hz}$ (10^{-12}) -20 $\dot{\nu} = -2.273(9) \times 10^{-11} \, \text{Hz}^2$ $\ddot{\nu} = 6.4(4) \times 10^{-19} \, \text{Hz}^3$ 0.7330 40 -2 0.5 Reduced $\chi^2 = 25.7$ Residuals (10⁻⁵ Hz) -60 Residual (phase) 0.0 0.05 0 -0.05 -0.558960 58980 58920 58940 59000 59020 58925 58950 58975 59000 59025 59050 59075 59100 59125 Time (MJD) Hu+ 2020 Ibrahim+ subm Epoch (MJD)

One of the youngest NSs in our Galaxy: $\tau_c \sim 500$ yr

More reliable estimate in quiescence

Soon confirmed to be a radio-loud magnetar



The young age, the high spin-down luminosity and the steep radio spectrum resembles the high-*B* pulsar PSR J1119–6127

Search for the supernova remnant



Half ring-like structure at 90'' to the West of Swift J1818

More observations are planned



XTE J1810-197

Thanks to an 1yr-long monitoring campaign, we constrained the viewing and surface emission geometry



Swift J1818.0-1607

A prompt follow-up of a short burst allowed the discovery of one of the youngest NSs in our Galaxy.

Phase-resolved spectral analysis & dynamical spectral profile



