The population of high-mass X-ray binaries in the LMC





ESO 2002

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Mosaic image of all XMM-Newton observations used in LMC survey





The mirror systems collect high-energy photons and focus them on the CCD X-ray cameras.





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MPE



Motivation and Goal



- Closest star forming galaxies
- Low foreground absorption
- Distance is well determined
- HMXBs in LMC not probed systematically yet
- Build complete census of a flux limited sample
- Study star formation rate HMXB correlation
- Probe accretion on very long timescales (2 years)



Scientific Goal







eRASS1 Source Catalogue



- eRASS1 point sources
 - EXT_LIKE = 0
- Reducing spurious sources and chance coincidences
 - POS_ERR < 9.8"
 - DET_LIKE_0 > 20. (for new ones)
 - Correlate with X-ray AGN and foreground star catalogues





Optical Counterpart



• MCPS

- 4-band (UBVI) photometric survey
- 12.0 < V < 16.1 mag
- -0.6 < B-V < 0.5 mag

• VMC

- 3-band NIR photometric survey
- 12.8 < Y < 16.6 mag
- -0.126 < Y-J < 0.251 mag
- $-0.142 < J-K_s < 0.485 mag$
- Gaia proper motion selection





Flags for new Candidates



- Parameters from known sample to evaluate new candidates
- X-ray properties > Compact Object
- Optical/IR properties > Be (or SG) star



X-ray Properties



- Spectrum
 - Powerlaw index < 1.3*
- Variability
 - Short and long term
 - Sample median factor of ~26 over all eRASS

*Haberl&Sturm 2016





Optical/IR Properties



- Variability
 - OGLE lightcurves
 - Orbital period
- $H\alpha$ emission
- Color-Magnitude Plots
 - Gaia catalogue
 - 2MASS and SAGE survey
- SED fitting



Kaltenbrunner+ in prep.;

SED fit to data public on VizieR within 1" of the Gaia counterpart done by Julia Bodensteiner



25/55 known HMXB (from Antoniou&Zezas 2016 and own list)

20 good candidates

9 uncertain candidates

4 rejected





Luminosity Function







Summary and Outlook



- Take Home Message
 - LMC HMXB catalogue with eRASS1, MCPS and VMC
 - X-ray, optical and IR properties for flags
 - Luminosity function follows prediction from SFR
- Outlook
 - Expand analysis to eRASS:4
 - Compare HMXB positions with SFH
 - Comparison to SMC and MW

