



BRING YOUR OWN BINARY

ORIONIS

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WHAT HAPPENED IN 1936-1937?



THE FU ORIONIS PHENOMENON¹

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- Rapid change in luminosity over short timescales that persists for decades
- Associated with reflection nebulae, winds and outflows

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Figure 1 Schematic picture of FU Ori objects. FU Ori outbursts are caused by disk accretion increasing from $\sim 10^{-7} M_{\odot} \text{ yr}^{-1}$ to $\sim 10^{-4} M_{\odot} \text{ yr}^{-1}$, adding $\sim 10^{-2} M_{\odot}$ to the central T Tauri star during the event. Mass is fed into the disk by the remanant collapsing protostellar envelope with an infall rate $\lesssim 10^{-5} M_{\odot} \text{ yr}^{-1}$; the disk ejects roughly 10% of the accreted material in a high-velocity wind.

 Associated with sudden increase in accretion rate through circumstellar disc

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$$\dot{M} \sim 10^{-4} \,\mathrm{M_{\odot}/yr}$$

- Winds/outflows
- Main mode of mass growth for young stars?

THE RISE TIME PROBLEM



The rise of FU Ori systems on a time-scale less than even the dynamical time-scale at 1au implies that the sudden increase in dissipation at the onset of outburst must occur at radii < 1 au (Clarke, Lin & Pringle 1990)

> To explain the fastest rise times of a year, the eruption must involve disc regions smaller than one au [because disc evolution will occur on timescales much longer than an orbital period (Hartmann & Kenyon 1996)

POSSIBLE EXPLANATIONS

- Disc thermal instability (Clarke et al. 1990; Bell & Lin 1994; Bell+1995; Kley & Lin 1999)
- Binary-disc interaction? (Bonnell & Bastien 1992). Possibly triggering thermal instability?
- Planet-disc interaction triggering thermal instability (Clarke & Syer 1996; Lodato & Clarke 2004)
- Tidal disruption of young, massive planets (Nayakshin & Lodato 2012)
- Pile-up of material due to dead zones/layered accretion (Martin, Lubow & Livio 2012; Martin & Livio 2014; Kadam+2020; Vorobyov+2020)
- Accretion outbursts in self-gravitating discs (Bae+2014)
- Sudden increase in turbulence due to transition between gravitational instability and magnetic instability (Martin & Lubow 2013; Martin & Livio 2014)





A BINARY MODEL?

Bonnell & Bastien (1992)



- Tidal effects from a companion induce enhanced accretion rates
- "Accretion rates can exceed $10^{-4} \, M_{\odot}/yr$ "
- But need very close encounter (< 1 au) for fast rise?



FU ORI IS A BINARY!

Wang et al. (2004)



FIG. 1.—PSF-subtracted images of FU Ori, (a) in the J and (b) in the K_s band. North is up, and the east is to the left. The positions of FU Ori, FU Ori S, and the visual companion of the PSF reference star are indicated with numbers 1–3 in (b). The image scale is marked in (b).

"...the primary in the FU Ori binary system is in fact FU Ori S, rather than FU Ori itself"

...but period ~ 2700 yr if on circular orbit at 225 au. Binarity seems irrelevant to the 1 yr onset of outburst.

FU ORI IS AN INTERACTING BINARY!

Scattered light imaging: Liu et al. (2016); Takami et al. (2018); Perez et al. (2020)



FU ORI WEIRDNESS

Beck & Aspin (2012); Perez et al. (2020)



ALMA continuum image at 1mm (Perez+2020)

POSSIBLE EXPLANATIONS



• Binary-disc interaction? (Bonnell & Bastien 1992)



YOU ARE LOOKING AT THE WRONG STAR!

Accretion outbursts in self-gravitating discs (Bae+2014)

 Sudden increase in turbulence due to transition between gravitational instability and magnetic instability (Martin & Lubow 2013; Martin & Livio 2014)



dM/dt (infall) ~ 10^{-5}

Outburst is on the LOW MASS object

dM/dt (wind) ~ 10^{-1} dM/dt (acc)

FU ORIONIS AS A FLYBY?

Cuello et al. (2019, 2020)



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Also need to account for temperature evolution during the flyby

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Similar idea by Vorobyov et al. (2021) but kyr timescales

TEMPERATURE EVOLUTION

Live-coupling of MCFOST Monte Carlo radiation transport code for temperature evolution



$$L_1 = \frac{GM_1\dot{M}_1}{R_1}; \ L_2 = \frac{GM_2\dot{M}_2}{R_2}$$

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Audio thanks to: https://github.com/erinspace/sonify

HOW TO ACCRETE LIKE HELL

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High \dot{M} occurs when accretion flows are misaligned!

EXPLAINING THE FAST RISE OF FU ORIONIS

Borchert, Price, Pinte & Cuello (2022)

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WHAT ELSE CAN YOU EXPLAIN?



Poor spectral fits: FU Ori N fit by M-dwarf spectra in IR but a G-type giant in optical?? (Beck & Aspin 2012) M-dwarf star with Teff ~ 6000K





see also Zhu et al. (2007) fit to SED

DOUBLE-CONE OUTFLOWS OR OUT-OF-PLANE MOTIONS?

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D

Jc

The ALMA Early Science of V2775 Ori



Expanding Envelope

Expanding Envelope

Molecular Outflow

PA ~ 120°
? 38.3° ± 1.0

Borchert et al. (2022, submitted)

The ALMA Early Science view of FUor/EXor objects. I. Through the looking-glass of V2775 Ori*

The ALMA Early Science View of FUor/EXor objects. II. The Very Wide Outflow Driven by HBC 494 *

The ALMA Early Science View of FUor/EXor objects. III. The Slow and Wide Outflow of V883 Ori *

D. I The ALMA Early Science View of FUor/EXor objects. IV. ¹Rese ²Mille ³Núcle</sub> Misaligned Outflows in the Complex Star-forming Environment of V1647 Ori and McNeil's Nebula

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MOVING SNOW LINES?

Cieza et al. (2016)

LETTER

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Imaging the water snow-line during a protostellar outburst

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 Water snow line moves to ~40 au during the outburst



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0.1

0.15

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MOVING SNOW LINES?



Borchert et al. (2022, submitted)

WHAT IF THERE WERE DISCS AROUND BOTH STARS?



Borchert et al. (2022, submitted)

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Sustained outbursts around ONLY low mass star or BOTH, but not primary alone

Borchert et al. (2022, submitted)

DID THE SOLAR SYSTEM HAVE A FLYBY?

Pfalzner et al. (2018)

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Outer Solar System Possibly Shaped by a Stellar Fly-by

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The planets of our sol system that are peculia objects [TNOs]) is only not orbit on coplanar, distributed in a comple However, some of the external forces must 1 presented here shows t density outside 30 au a past it was estimated numerical simulations naturally explains the p additional Sednoids at *Key words:* Kuiper be planetary systems – pl



me properties of the solar Neptune (trans-Neptunian s themselves, the TNOs do l, eccentric orbits and are system after its formation. ence of the planets. Thus, r solar system. The study o the observed lower mass family of Sednoids. In the nent stage. However, our anticipated. A fly-by also nulations suggest that many ke the postulated planet X.

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DID THE SOLAR SYSTEM HAVE A FLYBY?



Chondrules in meteorites Image credit: Elli Borchert Meteorite credit: Andy Tomkins



Borchert, DP+ in prep

STEALING PLANETS?

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t=0 yrs



SUMMARY

- FU Orionis shows strong observational evidence of being an interacting binary
- Can explain fast rise in \dot{M} with disc-penetrating stellar flyby with periastron separation of ~10-20 au, consistent with current separation and differential motion
- · Low mass star goes into sustained outburst, as observed
- No requirement for thermal or other disc instabilities
- Can explain spectral weirdness, it's a low mass star with very high surface temperature (> 5000 K)
- Other phenomenology of outbursting young stars looks promising
- Possible implications for solar system, lots of other things to try!