THE CHANDRA CARINA COMPLEX PROJECT VIEW OF TRUMPLER 16

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ABSTRACT

Trumpler 16 is a well-known rich star cluster containing the eruptive supergiant $\eta$ Carinae and located in the Carina star-forming complex. In the context of the Chandra Carina Complex Project, we study Trumpler 16 using new and archival X-ray data. A revised X-ray source list of the Trumpler 16 region contains 1232 X-ray sources including 1187 likely Carina members. These are matched to 1047 near-infrared counterparts detected by the HAWK-I instrument at the Very Large Telescope allowing for better selection of cluster members. The cluster is irregular in shape. Although it is roughly circular, there is a high degree of sub-clustering, with no noticeable central concentration and an extension to the southeast. The high-mass stars show neither evidence of mass segregation nor evidence of strong differential extinction. The derived power-law slope of the X-ray luminosity function for Trumpler 16 reveals a much steeper function than the Orion Nebula Cluster, implying a different ratio of solar- to higher-mass stars. We estimate the total Trumpler 16 pre-main-sequence population to be >6500 Class II and Class III X-ray sources. An overall $K$-excess disk frequency of $\sim$8.9% is derived using the X-ray-selected sample, although there is some variation among the sub-clusters, especially in the southeastern extension. X-ray emission is detected from 29 high-mass stars with spectral types between B2 and O3.

Key words: ISM: individual objects (Great Nebula in Carina) – open clusters and associations: individual (Trumpler 16) – stars: pre-main sequence – X-rays: stars

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1. INTRODUCTION

Trumpler 16 lies at the heart of the Carina nebula region. It includes three main-sequence O3 stars, the Wolf-Rayet star WR 25 and $\eta$ Carinae. $\eta$ Carinae first became notable when it brightened significantly in the 1840s (Herschel 1847). During that event an estimated $\gtrsim 10^{10} M_\odot$ of material and nearly $10^{50}$ erg of kinetic energy were injected into the host cluster (Smith et al. 2003). Prior to the event, $\eta$ Carinae most likely dominated the energy budget of the cluster. Since this event, however, $\eta$ Carinae has been essentially cutoff from the cluster due to the vast opaque shell surrounding it. This shell is surrounded by the Homunculus nebula (Gaviola 1950) which itself is the vast opaque shell surrounding it. This shell is surrounded by the energy budget of the cluster. Since this event, however, 2.3 kpc distance to the cluster comes primarily from the expansion parallax of the Homunculus nebula around $\eta$ Carinae has been essentially cutoff from the cluster due to the event an estimated $\gtrsim 10^{10} M_\odot$ of material and nearly $10^{50}$ erg of kinetic energy were injected into the host cluster (Smith 2006; Davidson & Humphreys 1997).

The stellar content and star formation history of Trumpler 16 have been studied in the optical band. Early studies concentrated on the massive stars. Walborn (1971, 1973) identified six young age for these clusters. Levato & Malaroda (1982) and Morrell et al. (1988) identified many more O stars in these clusters spectroscopically. Feinstein (1982) performed deep photomultiplier-based observations of about 70 cluster members as faint as $V \approx 14$. An early CCD-based photometric study by Massey & Johnson (1993) reached about 1 $M_\odot$. This was followed by DeGioia-Eastwood et al. (2001) who presented optical photometry for over 560 stars in Trumpler 16. They found clear evidence of pre-main-sequence (PMS) stars in the region and argued for a mass-dependent spread in ages with intermediate-mass star forming continuously over the past 10 million years and high-mass stars forming within the last three million years.

An inventory of Trumpler 16 includes 42 O stars with the total radiative luminosity equal to log ($L/L_\odot$) = 7.24, a total mass loss equal to $1.08 \times 10^{-5} M_\odot$ year$^{-1}$, and mechanical luminosity of $6.3 \times 10^4 L_\odot$ in the wind (Smith 2006). The region includes 12 small Bok globules including the “Keyhole Nebula,” the “Kangaroo Nebula,” and “The Finger” (Smith & Brooks 2008). Whether or not these are sites of ongoing star formation remains an open question. The region is dominated by ionized gas emission. The strong 2.2 mm continuum is dominated by free–free emission, not cool dust (Brooks et al. 2005).

In the X-ray regime, this is a very well studied cluster. Albacete-Colombo et al. (2003) observed this region with XMM-Newton for 35 ks and detected 80 of the brightest sources, but this observation was badly limited by source confusion. Evans et al. (2003) used 9.3 ks of early Chandra data to...
study the hardness ratios of the hot stars in Trumpler 16. The luminosity limit of that Chandra observation was about $7 \times 10^{31}$ erg s$^{-1}$, typical of single O and early-B stars. Albacete-Colombo re-observed the cluster with Chandra for 90 ks. They found 1035 sources and matched 660 to Two Micron All Sky Survey (2MASS) counterparts (Albacete-Colombo et al. 2008, hereafter AC08). About 15% of the X-ray sources with near-IR counterparts were found to have infrared excesses indicative of an optically thick disk in the $K_S$ band. While the AC08 study covered a square $17' \times 17'$ ACIS-I field which included part of Trumpler 14, the analysis presented by Feigelson et al. (2011, hereafter Paper I) shows that Trumpler 16 occupies only a portion of the ACIS-I field studied by AC08. In the north, Trumpler 16 is roughly circular about 11.6$'$ across while toward the southeast it has an extension about 10$'$ x 6$'$ (Figure 1). The structure, in part, is caused by an absorption lane that crosses the middle of the field. The highly structured nature of Trumpler 16 is qualitatively different from Trumpler 14 and Trumpler 15 which have a single central concentration (Ascenso et al. 2007; Wang et al. 2011).

The Trumpler 16 region was not re-observed as part of the Chandra Carina Complex Project (CCCP; Townsley et al. 2011a); instead previous observations were re-analyzed following the prescriptions described in Broos et al. (2010, 2011a). The purpose of this paper therefore is not a full discussion of the data, which are presented by AC08, but instead to present the findings in the context of the full X-ray analysis of the Carina complex. We also invoke the new HAWK-I infrared observations (Preibisch et al. 2011) for improved near-infrared counterpart information. For the purpose of this paper, we define Trumpler 16 following the clustering analysis presented in Paper I, in which Trumpler 16 is divided into seven sub-clusters and a surrounding matrix of stars.

In the next section, we will review the results of AC08 and compare those results with the re-analysis of the X-ray data using new techniques presented by Broos et al. (2010, 2011a). We then evaluate the global extinction due to dust, absorption due to gas, and luminosity properties of the cluster. Next, we study the spatial distribution of the stars concentrating on the several sub-clusters to examine whether the sub-clusters are real physical phenomena. This paper will put little emphasis on high-mass stars except as they pertain exclusively to Trumpler 16, as these stars are discussed elsewhere (Nazé et al. 2011; Gagné et al. 2011). The A0-B3 stars in Tr 16 are examined in detailed by Evans et al. (2011), candidate new OB stars are identified by Povich et al. (2011), and Townsley et al. (2011b) discuss the diffuse emission in the region.

2. THE OBSERVATIONS AND DATA REDUCTION

The bulk of the X-ray data discussed here were taken prior to the CCCP, as part of a guaranteed time program (2006 August 31, PI: S. Murray, 88.4 ks, ObsID 6402). A comprehensive analysis of those data was provided by AC08, including the discussion of sources in the Trumpler 14 region (to the north of Trumpler 16) and detailed analysis of individual sources that are X-ray bright. In this study, we limit our attention to the Trumpler 16 cluster and supplement the AC08 data with additional observations that partially overlap Tr 16 (ObsIDs 9482, 9483, 9488, 6578, and 4495), which are described and mapped by Townsley et al. (2011a; Table 1).

We define Trumpler 16 as the region within the lowest contour of the kernel smoothed star surface density distribution shown in Paper I. This is identified by a continuous contour of density to the south and east and terminates in a narrow region separating Trumpler 14 from Trumpler 16 in the northwest (Figure 1).
sub-clusters identified in Paper I. About 1/8 of the field of view of ObsID 6402 covers Trumpler 14 and about one-third of the area of ObsID 6402 lay outside of either cluster. Lower-density portions of Trumpler 16 to the south and east (which we will refer to as the Trumpler 16 southeastern extension) were not included in the ObsID 6402 field of view. This includes the CCCP-cluster 14 (Paper I) which has been previously identified by Sanchawala et al. (2007a, 2007b). This region has been covered by other observations as part of the CCCP program and so is included in the analysis presented here.

The 2MASS survey, which has a completeness limit near the galactic plane of \( K_s \sim 13.3 \) (Skrutskie et al. 2006), was the only near-IR (NIR) data available to AC08. Deep NIR observations obtained using the HAWK-I camera at the ESO Very Large Telescope (VLT) have recently become available and are used in this study to extend the NIR catalog to a completeness limit of \( K_s \sim 19 \) mag and an ultimate detection limit of \( K_s \sim 21 \) (Preibisch et al. 2011).

The data reduction, source detection, and source extraction procedures applied to all the CCCP data are described by Broos et al. (2011a). We adopt the statistical classification of sources as likely Carina members, likely contaminants, or “unclassified objects” presented by Broos et al. (2011b), understanding that the individual classifications are not guaranteed to be correct. Column densities and absorption-corrected X-ray luminosities for individual stars were estimated using the photometric techniques of the XPHOT package (Getman et al. 2010).

Briefly, the CCCP source detection strategy was to nominate a liberal catalog of candidate point sources using multiple source finding algorithms and then iteratively extract those candidates, calculate for each a detection significance statistic (probability of the null hypothesis that all the X-rays found in the source aperture arose from the background), and prune candidates found to not be significant. Our scientific goal is to push for high sensitivity, accepting a non-trivial number of spurious detections (Broos et al. 2011a). The AC08 catalog was defined using a different algorithm (Palermo wavelet detection code, PWdetect; Damiani et al. 1997) and more conservative thresholds that are expected to produce only \( \sim 10 \) spurious detections within the ACIS-I field of view.

Broos et al. (2011a) discuss why estimating the number of false detections in the CCCP catalog or in the Trumpler 16 study region is not practical and point out that such an estimate would be irrelevant for any analysis that further restricts the sample of stars, e.g., by requiring a “likely member” classification or requiring an estimate of X-ray luminosity from XPHOT. However, an approximate lower limit on the number of legitimate X-ray sources in any sample can be obtained by tallying the number NIR counterparts identified. Among the 1232 CCCP sources in our study area, 1067 (85\%) have NIR counterparts detected in at least one band. Among the 1187 classified as likely Carina members, 1047 (88\%) have NIR counterparts; among the 885 with X-ray luminosity estimates, 804 (91\%) have NIR counterparts. Since we have confidence that X-ray sources bright enough for XPHOT photometry are real astrophysical sources, this limits the total fraction of false positives to a few percent of the faintest X-ray sources and hence should not effect any conclusion.

3. RESULTS: GLOBAL CONSIDERATIONS

Structurally, Tr 16 is a roughly circular cluster about 11′ across (7.4 pc at 2.3 kpc). We also consider the southeastern (SE) extension to be part of the cluster (Figure 1). Table I enumerates the 1232 X-ray sources within the continuous contour with \( >1 \) X-ray source per 30′′ kernel. Of these, the X-ray hardness and other criteria (Broos et al. 2011b) classify 1187 as probable members of the Carina complex, 11 as foreground objects, two as extragalactic, and 32 unknown. We find 392 sources not in the original catalog of AC08. Most of these are faint sources:
The final column of Table 1 indicates the sub-cluster with which the source is identified. C3 = 4.0–6.0 (C3; see text). The parallel lines indicate the reddening band for stars without optically thick disks in the $K_S$ band. Triangles indicate stars at least 0.1 mag to the right of the reddening band; these are probable disk systems with optically thick disks in the $K_S$ band. We find 9% of the X-ray sources which are associated with probable cluster members have disks. Several of these are high-mass stars. Similar analysis was carried out separately on each sub-cluster within Trumpler 16.

The mean number of net counts in these new sources is 7 and the minimum is 2.3. About 50 are found in the SE extension which was not fully included in ObsID 6402. The median energy of the previously detected sources is indistinguishable from the newly detected sources, $MEd E \simeq 1.5$ keV. The penultimate column of Table 1 lists the class of the X-ray source following Broos et al. (2011b); H0: unclassified; H1: source is a foreground main-sequence star; H2: source is a young star, assumed to be in the Carina complex; H3: source is a Galactic background main-sequence star; and H4: source is an extragalactic source. The final column of Table 1 indicates the sub-cluster with which the source is identified (C3 = sub-cluster 3, etc.) based on the nomenclature in Paper I. We also identify those stars which are not identified with any single cluster as being part of the “matrix” of Trumpler 16. The matrix stars in the SE extension are identified separately as “SEM.”

### 3.1. Disk Fraction

For the 1187 X-ray sources found to be probable members of the Carina complex, matches are found in the HAWK-I photometric catalog for 1047. Almost all of those (1032 sources) are detected in all three $JHK$ bands. The bulk of the X-ray sources matched have $12 < K_S < 15.5$ with wings extending to both brighter and fainter sources. Of the 1032 probable members of the Carina complex with $JHK$ detections, 1013 sources have errors less than 5% in all bands. Ninety of 1013 (8.9% $\pm 0.9%$) have excesses consistent with an optically thick disk (Figure 2). This is a slightly higher rate than the 7.8%, found for the full CCCP by Preibisch et al. (2011) or the 6.9% disk detections they found for the 529 X-ray sources located in the Trumpler 16 sub-clusters. The sources reported by Preibisch et al. are a subsample (only the sources which reside in sub-clusters) of the whole of Trumpler 16 which we covered here. Also, we require a $K_S$ excess to be 10%, this is higher than the Preibisch et al. study, but is closer to the value used by AC08 who reported a relatively high disk fraction of $\sim 15\% \pm 2\%$.

In AC08, the sample is restricted to the 339 2MASS sources with good colors in all three bands. The true limiting factor for inclusion is the $K_S$-band magnitude which needs to be brighter than about 15. Sources without a $K_S$-band excess are more likely to be excluded from the 339 stars sample, which will raise the disk fraction. In the present study, the IR data are more complete than the X-ray data, so we do not expect a strong IR bias in favor of detecting stars with disks.

### 3.2. IR Magnitude and X-ray Flux

As seen in Figure 3, the X-ray fluxes of the sources are well correlated with $J$-band luminosities for $6 < J < 11$. This relation appears to reverse between $12 < J < 14$ and reappears in the range $14 < J < 18$. Below $J = 18$ the flux distribution appears flat. Most of this can be readily interpreted as follows. Given the 2.3 kpc distance and a roughly 3 Myr age, objects with $6 < J < 11$ are primarily high-mass stars, which generate X-rays through shocks in unstable radiatively driven winds (Lucy 1982). Both the luminosity and the shock speeds scale with mass down to early-B stars (see Nazé et al. 2011 in this issue). Similarly, objects with $14 < J < 18$ are PMS G, K through mid-M stars that are known to have their bolometric luminosity correlate with their X-ray luminosity. This is seen, for example, in the Chandra Orion Ultradeep Project (COUP) study of the Orion Nebula Cluster (ONC; Preibisch et al. 2005). For these stars, roughly 0.02% of their luminosity is emitted in X-rays although the overall fraction can be higher during X-ray flares. Below $J = 18$, typical PMS stars are too faint to be detected in these observations and only those caught during strong flares are seen.

The behavior between $12 < J < 14$ is curious. For the 2.3 kpc distance and $\sim 3$ Myr age, these are mid-B through A stars, which are not efficient X-ray producers since they have weak winds, but $\sim 30\%–60\%$ of such stars in Trumpler 16 and COUP were detected in X-rays (Evans et al. 2011; Stelzer et al. 2005). Both Evans et al. and Stelzer et al. concluded that high energy
emission from these sources originates in unseen companions. It has not previously been reported that the X-ray flux became brighter as the stars became bolometrically fainter. Previous samples were probably too small to detect this effect. If the X-ray emission was indeed the result of unseen companions, the implication is that the higher mass primaries (B5–A5) typically have lower mass companions than the primaries below A5.

To quantify these effects, we performed a piecewise least-squares linear regression and applied nonparametric correlation measures to the data in Figure 3. The fitted slope is \( m = -0.76 \pm 0.05 \) for \( 6 < J < 10 \), \( m = -0.30 \pm 0.02 \) for \( 14.5 < J < 17 \) but reverses direction to \( m = 0.18 \pm 0.08 \) for \( 12 < J < 14 \) (these lines are plotted in Figure 3). Kendall’s \( \tau \) correlation coefficient (Kendall 1938) gives \( \tau = -0.86 \) for the bright stars, \(-0.41\) for the faint stars, and \(0.21\) for the intermediate brightness stars. The probability for the correlation of the intermediate stars is \( P \sim 0.5 \), roughly equivalent to a \( 3\sigma \) effect.

Because we found the effect surprising we repeated the tests, allowing the limits on the intermediate \( J \)-magnitude band to vary by up to 0.5 mag. We also calculated probabilities in various terms including the Spearman \( \rho \) correlation coefficients (Spearman 1904). These are \( -0.70 \) for the bright \( J \)-band sources, \( -0.30 \) for the fainter \( J \)-band sources, and \( 0.13 \) for the intermediate case. In all cases, there is a weak positive correlation in the middle range. Further, a similar pattern has been seen in the Trumpler 14 and Trumpler 15 clusters within the \( \eta \) Carina cluster (N. R. Evans et al. 2011, in preparation). No correlation is seen when the entire CCCP sample is used, however, this sample covers relatively broad range of ages and conditions.

### 3.3. Near-IR Extinction

We originally calculated extinction to each source following \( \bar{A}_V = (H - K_S - 0.1) \times 13.7 \) (Preibisch et al. 2011).\(^{10}\) Preibisch et al. note that \( \bar{A}_V \) calculated in this manner may not be accurate for all masses: the first term assumes stellar photospheric color \( H - K_S = 0.1 \) appropriate for 3 Myr stars between 1 and \( 2 \, M_\odot \) (Siess et al. 2000). Below \( 1 \, M_\odot \), photospheric \( H - K_S \) exceeds 0.1 and extinction is overestimated, and above \( 2 \, M_\odot \), extinction is underestimated. This can lead to estimates of negative extinction. To minimize these effects, we only estimate extinction for stars with no evidence of optically thick disks at \( K_S \) and \( J \) magnitudes between 14.5 and 16.5 as these are likely to have masses of \( 1-2 \, M_\odot \).

The second term is the proportionality factor characteristic of the extinction law. We note that the derived reddening law measured for this region appears to deviate from the typical interstellar medium value of \( R = 3.1 \), with derived values being between 3.8 and 5 with possible spatial variations (Nazé et al. 2011; Povich et al. 2011; Gagné et al. 2011; Smith 1987; Thé et al. 1980; Herbst 1976; Forte 1978; Feinstein et al. 1973). However, using only optical data, Turner & Moffat (1980) found \( R = 3.2 \) throughout the Carina region. Here we use \( \bar{A}_V / E(B-V) = 4.0 \) (Povich et al. 2011) which leads to the constant values \( k = 13.7 \). A higher value of \( R_V \) would lower the value of \( k \). Given these constraints, we find the mean \( \bar{A}_V = 3.8 \) with 25% and 75% quartiles at 2.9 and 5.0, respectively, for the Trumpler 16 CCCP sample of likely Carina members.

\(^{10}\) Following Preibisch et al., we use the expression “\( \bar{A}_V \)” to indicate extinction calculated using this simple scalar relation. We use “\( A_V \)” to indicate extinction measurements obtained by individually fitting a given stellar color + extinction to a model color in this case using Siess et al. (2000).

AC08 calculated extinction by using a \( K_S \) versus \( J - H \) color–magnitude diagram, individually dereddening stars until the location of the star intersected the isochrone for a 3 Myr cluster PMS (isochrones from Siess et al. 2000). They found a mean reddening of \( A_V = 3.6 \pm 2.4 \) mag, acknowledging that their estimates of \( A_V \) could be in error by up to 0.7 mag due to the relatively high photometric errors in the 2MASS data. While overall this method is more precise than that used by Preibisch et al. (2011), the errors may be higher than estimated due to their unconfirmed assumption that all stars are exactly 3 Myr old. Furthermore, we expect our data to be deeper and hence capture more highly extinguished stars than the 2MASS sample.

Another important aspect for the comparison of HAWK-I and 2MASS is the spatial resolution: about 2 arcsec for 2MASS versus about 0.6 arcsec for HAWK-I. Many “point-like” 2MASS sources are resolved into several components in the HAWK-I images. Other effects such as photometric variability of the young stars, unresolved binary companions, and small infrared excesses (that are too small to move the star out of the main-sequence reddening band in the color–color diagram) will add both random and systematic errors into the extinction measurements.

We examined a sub-sample of about 100 stars with non-degenerate\(^{11}\) reddening extinctions measured by AC08. We find an offset \( \Delta = 0.58 \) mag between the mean value for \( \bar{A}_V \) obtained here and the mean \( A_V \) published by AC08. The latter tends to show less extinction. There is considerable scatter between the two \( \bar{A}_V \) estimates, \( \sigma = 1.0 \). When we restrict the subsample further to 65 stars with extinction-corrected magnitudes of \( 13 < K_S < 14 \), which would place their masses between 1 and \( 2 \, M_\odot \), the difference and dispersion are reduced to \( \Delta = 0.4 \) and \( \sigma = 0.8 \). This indicates that extending the simple correction used by Preibisch et al. beyond its designed range caused some of the scatter. We then calculated extinctions for each source, following the methods described by AC08, but using the HAWK-I data and found that large scatter and systematic offsets around \( A_V \sim 0.5 \) persist.

Considering all factors—ranges in age, measurement errors, mass limitations, and dust particle size distribution—the level of agreement between the different methods appears reasonable. Since the assumption of intrinsic \( H - K_S = 0.1 \) is accurate to within 3% for stars with masses \( 2.2 > M_\odot > 0.8 \) which dominate the X-ray distribution, the extinction estimator of Preibisch et al. (2011) seems appropriate for the CCCP Carina member sample exclusive of the O, B, and A stars.

In Figure 4, we show the \( J \) versus \( J - H \) color–magnitude diagrams for Trumpler 16 and several of the sub-clusters. The solid (green) line on the left-hand side of the plot is an isochrone from Siess et al. (2000) assuming an age of 3 Myr and a distance modulus of 11.81. We can globally fit the extinction to the cluster by dereddening the ensemble of stars with \( 13 < J < 17.5 \) in steps of 0.1 \( J \) magnitudes and measuring the \( \chi^2 \) residuals versus the 3 Myr isochrone model. We restricted the sample to stars without evidence for optically thick disks. The best fit was found for an extinction value of \( A_V = 3.3 \) with interquartile confidence band of 2.3–3.8. When the sample is restricted to \( 1-2 \, M_\odot \) likely Carina members, the mean becomes \( A_V = 4.1 \) with interquartile range 3.4–4.9.

\(^{11}\) When calculating infrared extinctions for 3 Myr stars, the reddening vector crosses isochrones multiple times for stars with masses between about 2.2 and 8.0 \( M_\odot \). For these stars, IR data alone are not conclusive and we identify the reddening determinations as degenerate.
Figure 4. Near-infrared color–magnitude diagrams for Trumpler 16 and several of its sub-structures. The green solid line indicates a 3 Myr isochrone derived from Siess et al. (2000) set at a distance modulus of 11.8. The dashed green line is the same isochrone with 10 $A_V$ of extinction applied. The thick purple line is an approximate fit of the isochrone to the data with only the extinction being allowed as a free parameter. The short arrow in the upper middle of each frame shows the derived extinction for each region. The triangles indicate stars with disks as derived from the IR-color–color diagram. All of the regions in the main part of Trumpler 16 fit well to an extinction of $A_V = 2.6$. The stars in the SE extension average about 150% this extinction, and its sub-cluster 14 is even more absorbed. The bulk of the disked stars is more absorbed than the cluster mean. The cyan horizontal lines indicate rough color error bars.

(A color version of this figure is available in the online journal.)

### 3.4. X-ray Absorption

Individual X-ray luminosity and absorption were calculated for X-ray sources in the direction of Trumpler 16 using the XPHOT package (Table 2; Getman et al. 2010). The concept of the XPHOT method is similar to the use of color–magnitude diagrams in optical and infrared astronomy, with X-ray median energy replacing color index and X-ray source counts replacing magnitude. Using nonparametric methods, one can estimate both apparent and intrinsic broadband X-ray fluxes and soft X-ray absorption from gas along the line of sight to X-ray sources. Apparent flux is estimated from the ratio of the source count rate to the instrumental effective area averaged over the chosen band. Absorption, intrinsic flux, and errors on these quantities are estimated from the comparison of source photometric quantities with those of high signal-to-noise spectra that were simulated using spectral models characteristic of low-mass PMS stars. In the original paper, the results were compared with spectroscopic analysis of sources in M17 (Broos et al. 2007). For stars with median total-band energy $>1.7$ keV, Getman et al. (2010) show that fluxes measured by XPHOT agree with fluxes obtained by spectral fitting to within a factor...
of \( \sim 1.5 \) for sources with more than 50 counts, and within a factor of \( \sim 4 \) for sources with as few as 10 counts. The total band covers the 0.5–8.0 keV energy range.

For the Trumpler 16 sample, 347 sources could not be assigned a flux or temperature. Eighty percent of these had less than 30 counts. The final column covers the 0.5–8.0 keV energy range.

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| Seq. No. | Designation | Median Energy (keV) | Error Med. Energy | \( \log \) Flux (erg cm\(^2\) s\(^{-1}\)) | Statistical Err | Systematic Err | \( \log N_H \) (cm\(^{-2}\)) | Statistical Err | Systematic Err |
|----------|-------------|---------------------|-------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| 5277     | 104405.29–594543.4 | 0.97                | 0.12              | -14.64                                | -15.19         | -16.33         | 20.26          | 0.00            | 0.26           |
| 5294     | 104405.79–594355.6 | 1.08                | 0.19              | -14.87                                | -15.21         | -16.56         | 20.26          | 0.36            | 0.26           |
| 5409     | 104407.86–594315.7 | 2.84                | 0.24              | -13.23                                | -13.98         | -13.97         | 22.41          | 0.09            | 0.05           |
| 5416     | 104408.06–594522.4 | 1.76                | 0.16              | -13.95                                | -14.56         | -14.50         | 21.95          | 0.15            | 0.09           |
| 5466     | 104409.04–594535.7 | 1.61                | 0.14              | -13.90                                | -14.55         | -14.46         | 21.78          | 0.18            | 0.12           |
| 5493     | 104409.75–594338.7 | 1.26                | 0.15              | -14.35                                | -14.78         | -14.72         | 20.98          | 0.61            | 0.50           |
| 5496     | 104409.80–594448.0 | 1.48                | 0.13              | -13.97                                | -14.60         | -14.68         | 21.60          | 0.24            | 0.12           |
| 5534     | 104410.39–594311.1 | 1.51                | 0.03              | -11.24                                | -12.63         | -12.21         | 21.48          | 0.06            | 0.12           |
| 5541     | 104410.47–594352.7 | 1.88                | 0.28              | -14.17                                | -14.56         | -14.71         | 22.08          | 0.21            | 0.08           |
| 5576     | 104411.23–594445.7 | 1.35                | 0.24              | -14.65                                | -14.91         | -15.00         | 21.48          | 0.85            | 0.22           |
| 5607     | 104411.88–594223.2 | 1.47                | 0.28              | -14.60                                | -14.87         | -14.89         | 21.60          | 0.68            | 0.24           |
| 5609     | 104411.89–594448.4 | 1.93                | 0.44              | -14.23                                | -14.54         | -14.48         | 22.15          | 0.31            | 0.11           |
| 5629     | 104412.43–594212.6 | 1.99                | 0.31              | -14.10                                | -14.54         | -14.58         | 22.15          | 0.21            | 0.08           |
| 5638     | 104412.53–594351.3 | 1.29                | 0.16              | -14.46                                | -14.90         | -14.85         | 21.30          | 0.67            | 0.35           |
| 5647     | 104412.84–594333.1 | 1.42                | 0.18              | -14.20                                | -14.58         | -14.60         | 21.60          | 0.43            | 0.18           |
| 5649     | 104412.86–594344.6 | 2.02                | 0.12              | -13.18                                | -14.11         | -13.80         | 22.11          | 0.07            | 0.09           |
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Table 2
XPHOT Derived Properties of Chandra ACIS Point Sources in the Trumpler 16 Region

(This table is available in its entirety in a machine-readable form in the online journal. A portion is shown here for guidance regarding its form and content.)

Figure 5. Histogram of \( \log N_H \) of 687 X-ray sources in Trumpler 16 as measured using the XPHOT method. The top axis gives the approximate optical extinction \( A_V \) using a conversion ratio of \( N_H/A_V = 1.6 \times 10^21 \) (Vuong et al. 2003). The histogram is in gray below \( \log N_H = 21.6 \) to indicate the less robust nature of these measurements (see the text).

degeneracy in the median energy–\( \log N_H \) relationship used by XPHOT.

Figure 5 shows the distribution of absorption columns found by XPHOT for the sources in the direction of Trumpler 16. The distribution is highly structured, especially when compared to Figure 7 of AC08. About 5% of the sources have \( \log N_H < 21 \); some of these may be Galactic foreground stars or likely Carina members. About 15% of the CCCP likely Carina members have \( \log N_H > 21.75 \), which gives a large value and for \( \log N_H < 22.0 \) XSPEC gives a higher value. At the extreme values, the differences can be 0.75 dex. This finding is consistent with the result in Getman et al. (2010) wherein the observed median energies of stellar sources in M17 were found to have a simple linear relation to the \( \log N_H \) for values of \( \log N_H > 21.6 \). The XPHOT-derived absorptions were deemed unreliable for 205 sources with \( \log N_H < 21.6 \) cm\(^{-2}\) and below a median energy of 1.7 keV, due to
If the very low absorption tail (log $N_H$(cm$^{-2}$) < 21.0) is attributed to foreground contaminants, then the distribution of X-ray absorptions has a strongly peaked unimodal distribution very similar to the distribution of absorptions derived from IR photometry (Figure 4). Using the conversion $N_H = 1.6 \times 10^{21} A_V$ cm$^{-2}$ obtained by Vuong et al. (2003), the peak of the Trumpler 16 X-ray absorption distribution is equivalent to $A_V \approx 3$ mag, in agreement with the value $A_V \approx 3$–4 mag obtained from the near-IR color–magnitude diagrams (Section 3.3). Both the X-ray and IR absorption distributions have a sparse tail of extinctions found going out to $A_V > 30$ mag.

3.5. X-ray Luminosity Distribution

As most of the CCCP sources in Trumpler 16 are too faint in the X-ray band for direct spectral modeling (Figure 6), the XPHOT technique is used to scale the observed count rate to broadband luminosity with a correction for soft X-ray absorption. Getman et al. (2010) find that most XPHOT total-band fluxes are within ±20% of values determined with XSPEC for the absorption ranges typically seen in the Trumpler 16 region. They estimate the errors in total-band source fluxes to be better than 60%, 50%, 30%, and 20% for net count strata 7–10, 10–20, 20–50, and >50 counts, respectively, with a small systematic bias. In Trumpler 16, nearly 500 of the 885 sources with fluxes and luminosities measured by XPHOT have less than 7 net counts. The simulations estimate less than 70% errors for these sources.

As noted by Feigelson et al. (2005), the X-ray luminosity function (XLF) is the product of the initial mass function (IMF) and the correlation between mass–age and X-ray luminosity. This correlation is well studied in the COUP and Taurus young stellar populations (Preibisch et al. 2005; Telleschi et al. 2007). XLFs of the ONC, IC 348, NGC 1333, and other young clusters appear similar, suggesting that the XLF shape may be roughly “universal” (Wang et al. 2008). For the youngest clusters, differential evolutionary effects appear minimized and the XLFs of the clusters are well fitted by a log-normal function with (log $L_X$) (erg s$^{-1}$) = 29.3 and $\sigma = 1.0$ (Feigelson et al. 2005). Wang et al. (2008) find some deviations from precise agreement for different clusters; for example, a steeper slope in the XLF of M17 and a more shallow slope for the Cep OB3b cluster is seen. Meanwhile, M17 has nearly three times the stars of the ONC while Cep B less than half the unobscured population of the ONC (Broos et al. 2007; Getman et al. 2005, 2006). The implication is that more massive clusters may have a steeper slope to their luminosity function.

Figure 7 compares the XLF of Trumpler 16 (excluding the SE extension) with the XLF of the COUP data (Getman et al. 2005). To determine the XLF of Trumpler 16, the first step is to estimate the completeness of the X-ray data. Figure 7(b) shows a histogram of the luminosity as derived by XPHOT of 687 X-ray sources observed in Trumpler 16 (this is down from 885 because we are excluding the SE extension which has different properties as will be discussed in Section 4). Visual examination of Figure 7(b) shows a drop-off starting at log $L_{X,c} = 30.5$ ($L_{X,c} = \text{absorption-corrected luminosity in the total band covering } 0.5–8.0 \text{ keV}$). This value is consistent with the CCCP completeness limits discussed by Broos et al. (2011a), which vary strongly with off-axis distance and with absorption. The implication is that incompleteness in the distribution occurs before this point, mostly before log $L_{X,c} = 30.7$.

As shown in Figure 7(a), we fitted the cumulative XLF of Trumpler 16 (excluding the SE extension) with a power law between log $L_{X,c} = 30.7–31.5$ and find a slope $\Gamma = -1.27$. This slope was sensitive to the lower luminosity cutoff used at the level of 0.05 in slope for a 20% change in the luminosity limits. $\Gamma = -1.13$ if we brought the lower cutoff down to $L_{X,c} = 30.3$ which is clearly incomplete. The upper cutoff of $L_{X,c} = 31.5$ is essentially the brightest cool star. This slope is steeper than a similarly measured slope for the COUP data which is found to be $\Gamma = -0.93$ for log $L_{X,c} = 30.2–31.5$. The slope of the COUP data is less sensitive to the lower luminosity cutoff and is only effected at the level of 0.01 for a 20% change in the luminosity limits.

To estimate the total number of sources in the cluster, we simply compare the total number of sources in Trumpler 16 to the number in the COUP sample in the range from log $L_{X,c} = 30.7–31.5$ which should be dominated by cool stars. The COUP sample contains 51 sources in this range, while the Trumpler 16 sample has 255 for a factor of five (±0.5) more. Given an estimate for the total population of the ONC from the COUP as 1300 X-ray sources (Getman et al. 2005), we estimate the total...
population of Trumpler 16 at 6500 ± 650 if observed to a similar X-ray luminosity limit. Further, Hillenbrand & Hartmann (1998) estimate the overall ONC population to be 2800. If this is correct, then the X-ray sources represent less than 50% of the total cluster membership which may be as high as 14,000.

4. THE SUB-CLUSTERS WITHIN TRUMPLER 16

Paper I defines Trumpler 16 as a region in which the surface density of CCCP likely Carina members smoothed with a 30′′ Gaussian kernel (FWHM = 0.8 pc) exceeds 1 source per kernel. Within this region, Paper I identified seven sub-clusters within Trumpler 16 with sub-cluster surface density exceeding three sources per 30′′ Gaussian kernel. Overall, Paper I finds 31 small X-ray-selected groups of probable Carina members in the CCCP. Trumpler 16 contains eight of these groups, including one in the SE extension, which we refer to as sub-clusters. No single sub-cluster exceeds 15% of the total number of sources in the Trumpler 16 cluster. The exact number and shape of these sub-clusters varies depending on the smoothing kernel the density factor. This is unlike Trumpler 14 and Trumpler 15 which are each dominated by a single, central concentration.

In this section, we examine whether the sub-clusters are physically distinct units or simply statistical fluctuations and compare their properties. The sub-cluster identification for each source is given in Table 1 and Figure 8. In the figure, we have approximated each sub-cluster as an ellipse to aid in the calculation of geometric parameters. For each sub-cluster, we have assessed extinction as $A_V$ for stars of $K_S < 13$. We then applied the extinction to the observed $K_S$ magnitude and the distance to produce a $K$-band luminosity function (KLF). As discussed above, the actual values of individual stars are not reliable and may be in error by up to 0.2 $K_S$ mag, but the structure of the distribution should be representative. To quantify the structures, we have identified the quartile values of absolute $K_S$ and $A_V$ for all sub-clusters.

In order to determine if the sub-clusters truly stand out from the background cluster population of Trumpler 16, we first look at the 506 X-ray sources which form the matrix of Trumpler 16. These are cluster members, but not coincident with any specific sub-cluster, nor the SE extension. Of the 438 sources with good mid-IR colors, 6.4% (±1.2%) show IR excesses consistent with an optically thick disk. This is more than 2σ less than the cluster as a whole and may indicate that these dispersed stars are more evolved than the global population. The mean extinction value of $A_V = 3.8$ is indistinguishable from the cluster as a whole.

4.1. Sub-cluster 3

Sub-cluster 3 is the westernmost of the Trumpler 16 sub-clusters. When a larger smoothing kernel is used, it appears as a low density extension of sub-cluster 6. It contains 33 X-ray sources and has a spatially averaged source density of 32 src pc$^{-2}$. Twenty-seven of the X-ray sources have been matched with HAWK-I sources; almost all of these are between 1 and 2 $M_\odot$. About 15% ± 7% of the IR-detected X-ray sources have disks. The mean $A_V$ is 3.8 similar to the cluster as a whole. The massive supergiant Tr 14 Y 398 (spectral type O3 Iab) as well as WR 25 (HD 93162, WN) lie on the western edge of the sub-cluster.

4.2. Sub-cluster 4

Sub-cluster 4 is the smallest of the Trumpler 16 sub-clusters with only 11 X-ray sources. The spatially averaged source density of 36 src pc$^{-2}$ is about the same as sub-cluster 3. Of the eight X-ray sources matched to HAWK-I, two have $K_S$ excesses consistent with an optically thick disk. The mean $A_V$ is 3.5. The B1 V star CPD−59°2581 lies near the center of the sub-cluster, and the similar B1 V CPD−59°2574 at the northwestern edge of the sub-cluster. Neither of these stars were detected in X-rays.

4.3. Sub-cluster 6

Sub-cluster 6 is a centrally condensed sub-cluster and the second largest in Trumpler 16 overall with 109 sources and an average source density of 45 src pc$^{-2}$. Of the 88 sources with
good mid-IR colors, 6.8% ± 2.8% show IR excesses from an optically thick disk, consistent with the global population. Sub-cluster 6 has a similar absorption to the previously discussed regions with mean $A_V = 3.6\%$ and 75\% quartile $A_V = 4.1$. There are three O stars in this sub-cluster, the O3.5 V+ O8 V double HD 93205 and an O5 V HD 93204. These are displaced by 0.25 pc to the southwest of the cluster center.

4.4. Sub-cluster 9

Sub-cluster 9 is the western half of a bow-tie-shaped enhancement toward the southern part of Trumpler 16. The 53 sources appear uniformly distributed with no internal concentrations and a high spatially averaged source density of 48 src pc$^{-2}$. The X-ray sources here are relatively faint, about half of the sources in the region required the more sensitive source detection procedure described by Broos et al. (2010) and were not found by ACO8. This is about twice the usual fraction of newly identified sources. Of the 45 sources with good mid-IR colors, only 2 (4\% ± 3\%) show IR excesses consistent with an optically thick disk. One of these is exceptionally faint, $K_S = 19.5$ and hence the colors are quite dubious. The mean extinction calculated for the region as a whole is typical of other regions with $A_V = 3.7$. There are no high-mass stars in this region.

4.5. Sub-cluster 10

Sub-cluster 10 is the eastern half of the bow-tie-shaped enhancement toward the southern part of Trumpler 16. The 82 sources appear uniformly distributed with no strong internal concentrations and a high spatially averaged source density of 42 src pc$^{-2}$. The X-ray luminosity is more typical here, 20\% of the sources required the more sensitive source detection procedure described by Broos et al. (2010). Of the 74 sources with good mid-IR colors, only 4 (5.4\% ± 2.7\%) show IR excesses consistent with an optically thick disk. Two of these are faint, $J > 18.1$ and hence the colors have errors of about 35\%. Thus, there are only two bona fide disk systems in this sub-cluster. The mean extinction calculated for the region as a whole is typical of other regions with mean $A_V = 3.7$. Four late-O stars in the region are all detected in X-rays. The most massive, O7 V star CPD--59°2626, lies near the sub-cluster center, while the others lie toward the east and southeast.

Although sub-clusters 9 and 10 are in contact, they have different mass distribution. Sub-cluster 9 has fewer higher mass stars. Both clusters have relatively low numbers of stars with optically thick disks in the $K_S$ band.

4.6. Sub-cluster 11

η Carinae and six other high-mass stars reside in sub-cluster 11. The 71 X-ray sources include five of the high-mass stars. Overall the X-ray sources are centrally condensed with a peak at 10:45:06, −59:40:25, about 0.3 pc from η Carinae. The spatially averaged source density of 27 src pc$^{-2}$ is among the lowest of any region. This may be due, in part, to reduced point-source sensitivity in the immediate vicinity of η Carinae and the associated X-ray nebula. Of the 57 sources with good mid-IR colors, 4 show IR excesses consistent with an optically thick disk (7\% ± 4\%). The mean extinction calculated for the region as a whole is low, $⟨A_V⟩ = 2.9$.

4.7. Sub-cluster 12

Sub-cluster 12 is immediately to the south of sub-cluster 11, centered at 10:45:10.6, −59:42:54. It is the most centrally condensed and populous sub-cluster of Trumpler 16 with 166 X-ray sources. It includes six of the nine most massive stars in Trumpler 16. There are two high-mass stars within 15′′ of the center, both of which are early-B stars, not O stars. The most massive star complex in the cluster, CPD--59°3310, contains two high-mass stars, an O6 V + a B2 sub-giant, and is located about 2′′ to the southeast of the cluster center. An additional candidate OB star at the center of sub-cluster 12 is identified by Povich et al. (2011). This is the only one of 94 new OB star candidates in the CCCP located within the main area of Tr 16 (three were identified around the periphery and five in the SE extension). The spatially averaged source density is 45 src pc$^{-2}$. Of the 142 sources with good mid-IR colors, 10.6\% ± 2.7\% show IR excesses consistent with an optically thick disk. All but one of these are found at relatively high extinction ($A_V > 2.6$), indicating they likely lie behind a source of extinction within the sub-cluster. Further, the cumulative extinction distribution is very steep, with 60\% of the X-ray sources with $3.4 < A_V < 4.2$. All the disked stars are among the most absorbed 15\%. It appears that there is a thin cloud with $A_V ∼ 1$ near the front of this sub-cluster. Figure 9 shows the extinction functions of several regions within Trumpler 16, with sub-cluster 12 showing the steepest distribution.

4.8. The Southeastern Extension and Sub-cluster 14

To the southeast of the main body of Trumpler 16, separated by a dust lane, is a continuation of the density distribution which we identify with Trumpler 16. This region was first recognized by Sanchawala et al. (2007a, 2007b) who identified 10 X-ray sources in this region using the first two Chandra observations of the Carina nebula (ObsIDs 1249 and 50). The region is distinguished by high extinction, $⟨A_V⟩ = 4.2$, and a steep KLF indicating a young age. Using the larger CCCP mosaic, we find that this extension covers about 40\% of the area of the main cluster and contains 156 X-ray sources. The bulk of this extension was outside the field of ObsID 6402 and has somewhat lower overall exposure time, about 60 ks rather than 90 ks. Hence, a lower surface density of sources is expected. Even in light of the difference in exposure times, it is clear that conditions are different in this region. The disked fraction is much higher than the rest of the cluster, 19\% ± 4\%.

Within the SE extension, there is a density enhancement identified as sub-cluster 14 in Paper I. This corresponds with the location of the 10 X-ray sources identified by Sanchawala et al. (2007a, 2007b). We find 40 stars within this sub-cluster and a very high extinction, $⟨A_V⟩ = 7.4$. Sub-cluster 14 is identified as a more embedded region within the SE extension. This sub-cluster also has the highest disked fraction, 21\% ± 8\%, of any sub-cluster with a significant number of stars. The eclipsing O5.5 + O9.5 binary V662 Carinae is located within about 15″ (0.1 pc) of the cluster center making sub-cluster 14 the only one of the eight sub-clusters with a dominant O star so close to its geometric center. Four of the five OB candidates identified by Povich et al. (2011) in the SE extension lie within sub-cluster 14. Three rank among the seven most luminous of all the OB star candidates in the CCCP.

The matrix of stars surrounding sub-cluster 14 is composed of 116 X-ray sources in the region, including the O4 V star LS 1886 located in the eastern portion of the extension. Removing sub-cluster 14 from the SE extension, the region still stands out,
with high extinction $\langle \tilde{A}_V \rangle = 4.8$ and a high disked fraction of $18\% \pm 4\%$.

4.9. Discussion of Sub-clustering

The metrics for each sub-cluster are summarized in Table 3. It is clear that the main body of Trumpler 16 (sub-clusters 3, 6, 9, 10, 12, and the surrounding matrix) is different from the SE extension. The extinction is nearly 3 mag greater in the SE extension and the disked fraction is more than twice that of the main body. Within the SE extension, sub-cluster 14 is distinguished by an additional 2 mag of extinction in the $V$ band and a higher disked fraction. The disk fraction can be used as a proxy for age (Haisch et al. 2001). While the age calibration is sensitive to the sensitivity of the survey, disked fraction appears to decrease nearly linearly in time—indicating that the SE extension is about 80% the age of the main body of Trumpler 16.

Within the main body of Trumpler 16, the sub-clusters appear to be dynamically distinct structures. Some have $>100$ stars with surface densities $>3$ times that of the outer portions of the matrix, too rich to arise from statistical fluctuations. On the other hand, except for chance difference in line-of-sight absorptions with respect to Carina clouds, the X-ray-selected stars in the sub-clusters are similar to each other and to the stars in the matrix. Stars in all of the sub-structures outside of the SE extension have disk fractions consistent with $\sim 7\%$. The stars in the matrix tend have a slightly lower disk fraction than the stars in the sub-clusters but the significance is $<2\sigma$.

The massive O stars, both main sequence and supergiant, do not lie at the cores of the sub-clusters. Few young stellar clusters are documented to have widely distributed massive stars; the best example may be NGC 2244, the central cluster in the Rosette Nebula (Wang et al. 2008).

5. THE RELATION OF THE HIGH-MASS STARS TO THE SUB-CLUSTERS

X-ray emission is detected from 29 stars in Trumpler 16 that were classified with spectral types earlier than B2 (Skiff 2010). This includes $\eta$ Carinae itself, which was detected, but not cataloged by Broos et al. (2011a) due to its high degree of pile-up (saturation in the ACIS CCD detection) which makes characterization difficult. The remainder include WR 25 and 19 O stars, many of which are in multiple systems. In addition, there are eight B stars in the range from B0.5 to B2 which were detected in X-rays, six of these with less than 15 net counts.

There are 21 early-type stars which were not detected in the X-ray observations. Most of the non-detections are from B0V to B2V in spectral type. This indicates a very sharp drop-off in X-ray activity across the O/B divide as all the O stars were detected. There were also a few early-type stars not detected in X-rays which were also not considered to be main sequence either. All of these are in the far south and all but emission object Hen 3-480 are considered to be part of the SE extension. We list the detections in Tables 4 and 5 and the non-detections in Table 6. More comprehensive studies of early-type stars are the topics of separate papers in the framework of the CCCP (e.g., Nazé et al. 2011; Gagné et al. 2011). Candidates from Povich et al. (2011) are excluded from this discussion as well since follow-up is still required to establish their spectral types and confirm their OB status.
Following the finding of AC08 that OB stars are less absorbed than their late-type counterparts ($A_V = 2.0$ for OB stars versus $3.6$ for GK stars), we examine the extinction to the X-ray-detected early-type stars. Twenty-five of these have matches in the HAWK-I photometry catalog. We calculated the extinction by comparison to the $J$ − $H$ and $J$ − $K_S$ colors of high-mass stars which are expected to be nearly constant at $−0.15$ and $−0.2$, respectively, in the absence of extinction. We find a range of extinctions from $A_V \sim 0.85$ to $8.9$. The average $A_V$ is about $2.5$ but this is dominated by a single outlier (MJ 224) with $A_V \sim 8.75$. The mean extinction may be the more appropriate metric at $A_V \sim 2.1$. However, the dispersion is high, $\sigma = 1.0$ even excluding the outlier. Hence, the extinction of the high-mass stars is generally lower than that of the low-mass population. The single high-mass member of the SE extension detected in X-rays has $A_V \sim 4.5$ consistent with membership in sub-cluster 14.

Remarkably, the spatial distribution of the high-mass stars does not follow the sub-clustering seen in the lower-mass stars. None of the seven sub-clusters in the main body of Trumpler 16 has an O star within 0.2 pc of the cluster center; this includes sub-cluster 11—the host of $\eta$ Carinae. The centroid of the X-ray sources in this sub-cluster is located 0.7 pc from $\eta$ Carinae. The unclustered matrix has the same
fraction of high-mass stars to lower-mass stars. Only sub-cluster 14 in the SE extension appears centered on a high-mass star.

6. TRUMPLER 16 IN CONTEXT

In Paper I, it is shown that the Carina nebula has very complex clustering properties including many sparse groups, a few small
clusters such as Bochum 11 and the “Treasure Chest,” as well as three large clusters, Trumpler 14, Trumpler 15, and Trumpler 16. This range of stellar groupings is seen in other large star-forming regions such as the Orion A cloud, which includes the ONC, OMC 2/3, Lynds 1641 North, Lynds 1641 South, as well as numerous small agglomerations. But the comparison of the three largest clusters implies something other than size matters. 

In Table 7, we provide a direct comparison of the clusters. The data sets are not analyzed in identical ways but the methods are comparable. Trumpler 14 appears to be the youngest of the three clusters as determined by a variety of metrics including the location of the stars on the color–magnitude diagram and the disk fraction. It also possesses the most X-ray sources and is most centrally condensed. In this table, we calculated the total number of stars in Trumpler 14 based on the total mass estimate of 9000–11,000 stars and then estimating the mean stellar mass to be 0.8 M⊙ following Hillenbrand & Hartmann (1998). Ascenso et al. estimate the distance to the Carina nebula to be 2.3 kpc, not the 2.3 kpc used here, so the total number of stars should be estimated to be perhaps 10% larger. The densities shown in Table 7 were all estimated using a 2.3 kpc distance. Meanwhile, Trumpler 15 is the oldest and lowest mass with a less dense core than Trumpler 14. Trumpler 14 and Trumpler 15 are well fitted by King models (King 1962) with a core radius of about 0.7 pc containing about 30%–35% of the stars. 

Trumpler 16 does not fit into any simple relationship with its two neighbors to the north. It is nearly identical in mass (stellar numbers) to Trumpler 14. The main body of Trumpler 16 and the SE extension appear to bracket Trumpler 14 in age and the overall stellar density of the two is nearly the same. The number of high-mass stars traces the total estimated population of all three clusters. Of course, some high-mass stars have gone supernova—more in the older clusters. But Trumpler 16 is different. It has no identifiable core and its high-mass population is fully distributed. While Ascenso et al. find no mass segregation in Trumpler 14 either, the high-mass stars trace the centrally condensed overall population. So overall it would appear that Trumpler 16 is the result of a different mode of star formation.

In this mode, the gas within Trumpler 16 appears to have been collected into several lumpy groupings within which the mass clumps were not smoothly distributed. Before a single dynamical timescale, perhaps a triggering event occurred which caused all the clumps to collapse contemporaneously. This is in contrast to the rather organized nature of the other two large clusters. Nonetheless, the mode of star formation which produced Trumpler 16 created a high-mass to low-mass star ratio nearly identical to that seen in the other clusters and an XLF nearly identical to that of Trumpler 15, which is well described by a simple King model. This implies that the IMF and the XLF are robust to different modes of star formation, assuming that the observed IMF and the XLF are not significantly altered by the evolution of cluster members. 

### 7. CONCLUSIONS

The Chandra ACIS observations of the Trumpler 16 cluster, portions of which were previously studied by Albacete-Colombo et al. (2008), were presented in the framework of the CCCP study. Our analysis shows that Tr 16 is an irregularly shaped cluster. It is not highly centrally condensed but rather breaks up into several sub-clusters. With the benefit of the deep HAWK-I data to identify faint counterparts to the X-ray sources, we find no mass segregation in the cluster as a whole. Neither is there apparent mass segregation within the individual sub-clusters. In fact, none of the sub-clusters appear centered on a high-mass star with the exception of sub-cluster 14. Other results are summarized as follows.

1. There are 1187 X-ray sources in the total CCCP sample which are classified as likely members of the Trumpler 16 cluster. Positional coincidence matching yields a total of 1047 HAWK-I near-IR counterparts, 1013 of these have three band detections with errors less than 5%.

2. The Trumpler 16 cluster has a roughly circular shape about 11′ across (7.4 pc at a distance of 2.3 kpc). Within this outline are seven sub-clusters identified in Paper I. We also discuss a less densely populated, more embedded and younger SE extension to the cluster which is about 10′ long running east to west and about 5′ north to south (6.7 pc x 3.4 pc).

3. We confirm the well-established correlations between X-ray flux and near-IR magnitude for high-mass stars and PMS G and K stars. We also find a weak anti-correlation between X-ray flux and near-IR luminosity for intermediate-mass stars.

4. The XLF for stars in Trumpler 16 is compared to the COUP ONC XLF. Trumpler 16 shows more low X-ray luminosity and solar-mass stars and proportionally fewer high-luminosity (intermediate/high mass) stars than in ONC. We estimate the total number of X-ray sources brighter than L_{X, c} = 27.5, the nominal limit of the COUP, to be about five times the number of Class II and Class III sources in the ONC area covered by the COUP survey. This estimate excludes secondary companions.

5. The locations of X-ray-detected stars in Trumpler 16 in the near-IR color–magnitude diagram are consistent with a population of 1–3 Myr PMS stars. The extinctions range from near 0 to over 20 in A_V. There is some spread with
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