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To measure the mass and radius of neutron star

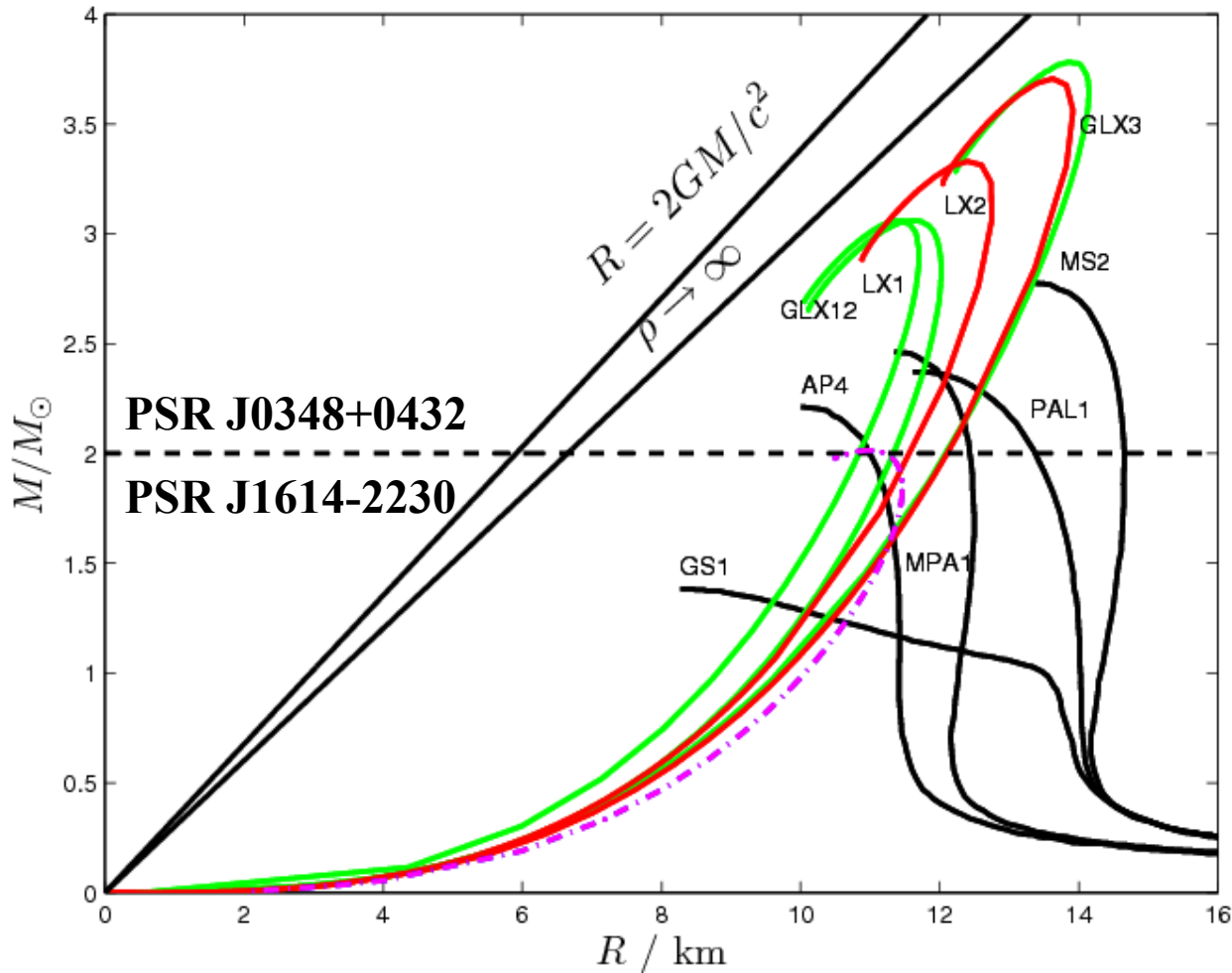
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Equation of States



Gravity bound

Hadron star

Hybrid star

Hyperon Core

($R > 13 \text{ km}$)

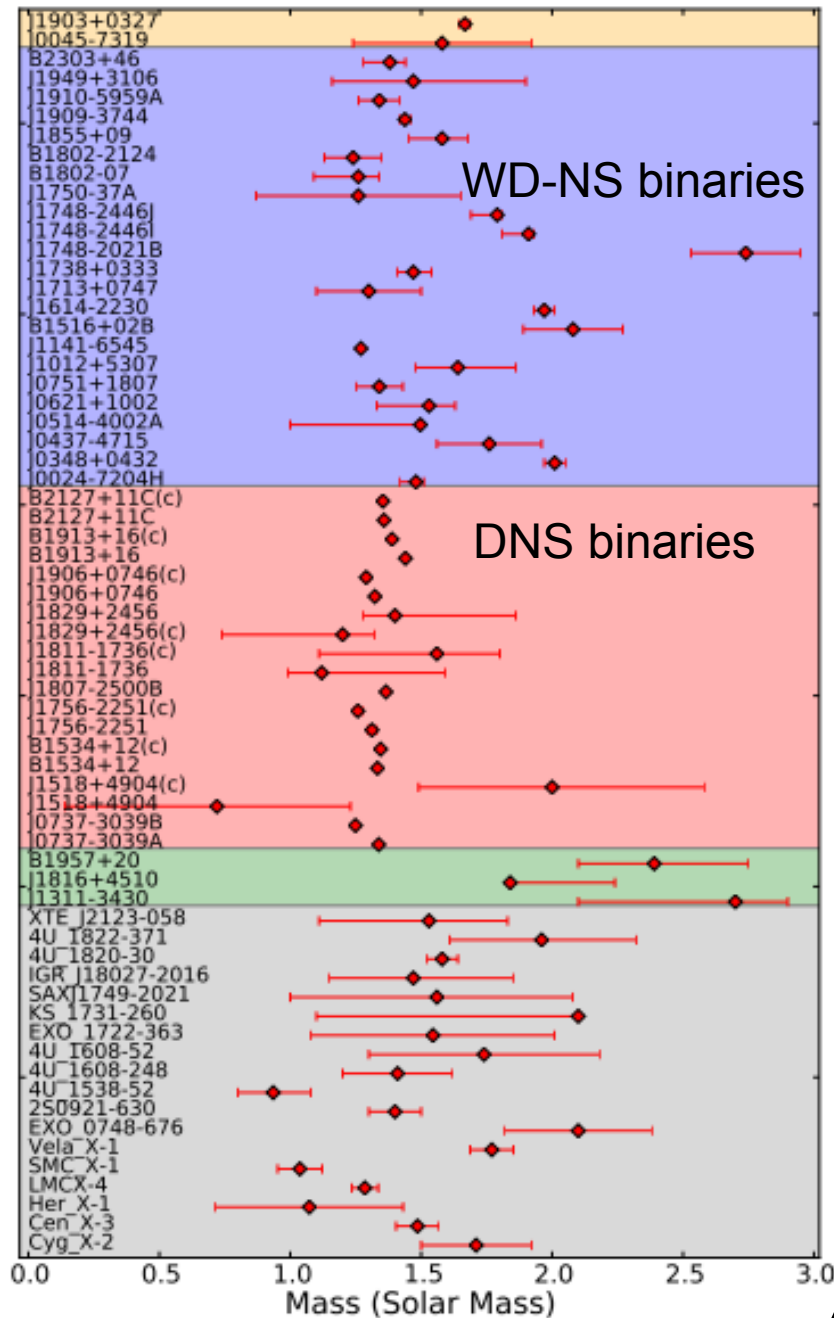
Fortin et al.(2014)

Self-bound on surface

Quark star

Quark-cluster star

Mass



Main sequence
NS binaries

WD-NS binaries

DNS binaries

Black widow pulsar

X-ray/Optical binaries

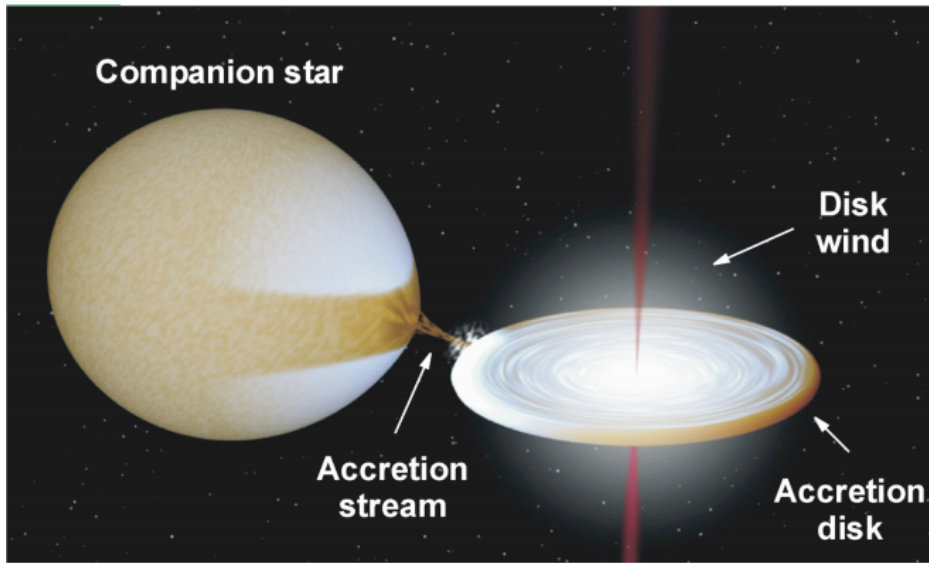
Outline

How to measure the mass and radius of NS?

- **Gravitational Redshift**
- **Pulse Profile Modeling**
- **X-ray bursts (4U 1746-37)**
- **qLMXBs thermal emission (Aql X-1)**

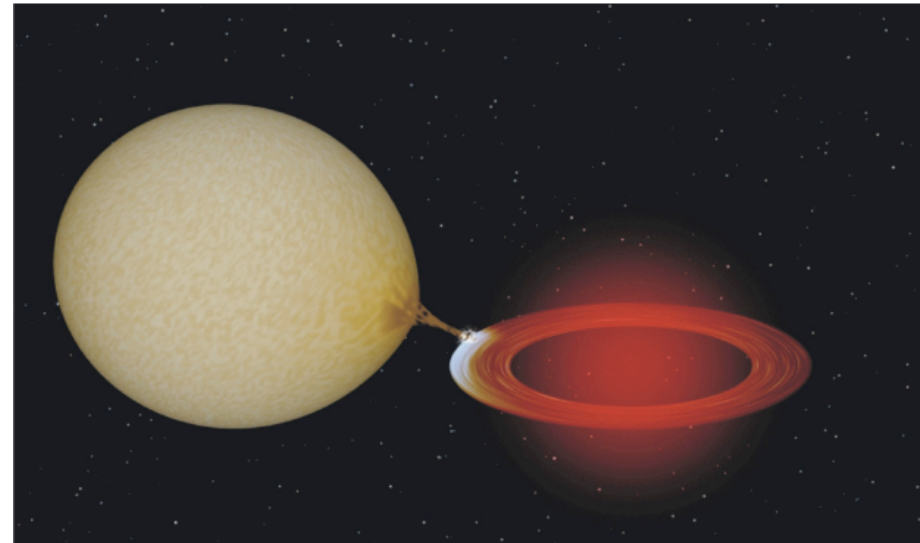
LMXB

Transient source



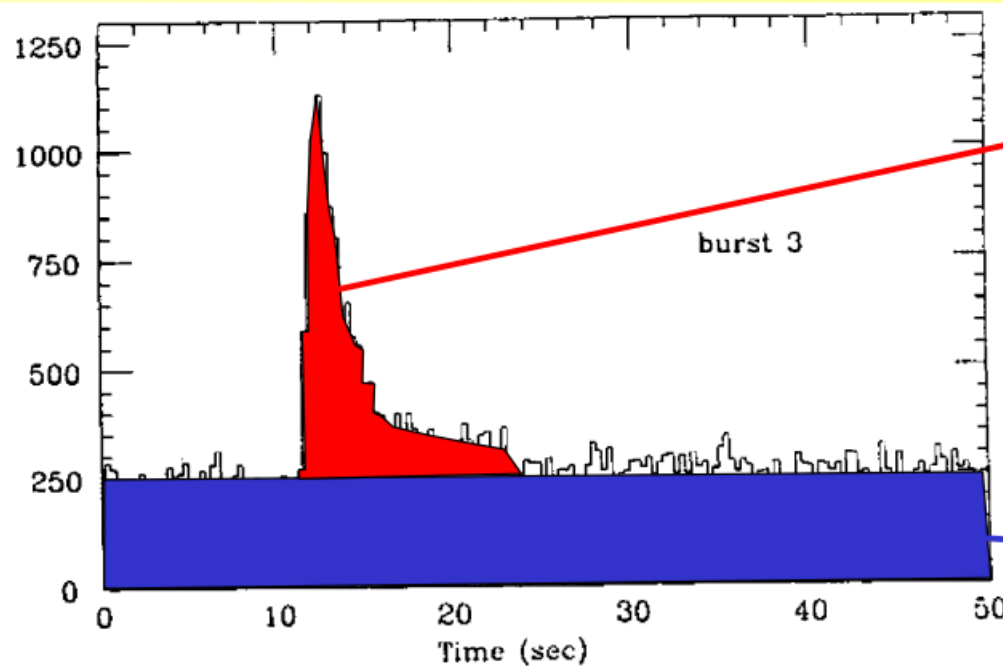
**“Switched on”:
Accretion induced
outburst**

**“Switched off”:
Quiescence**



Type I X-ray burst in LMXB

- H burning via: CNO cycle **6.7 MeV/u**
- He burning via: $\alpha + \alpha + \alpha \rightarrow {}^{12}\text{C}$ **0.6 MeV/u**



**Burst energy
(thermonuclear energy)**

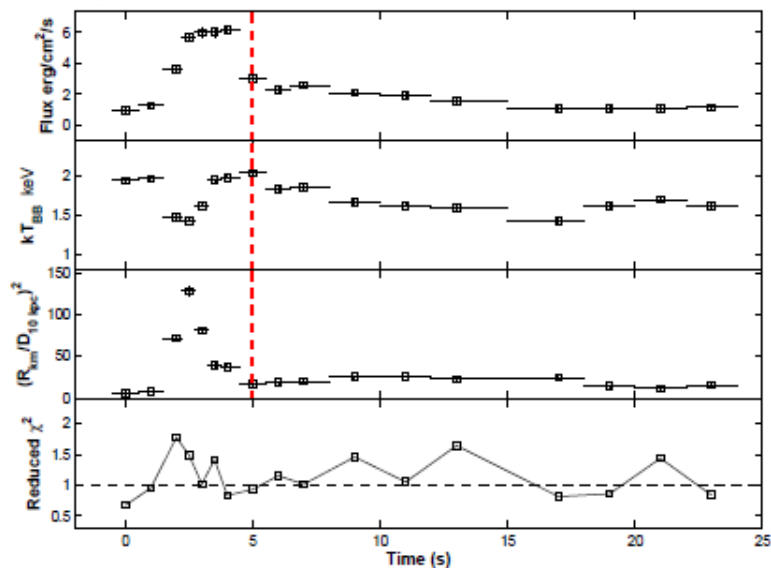
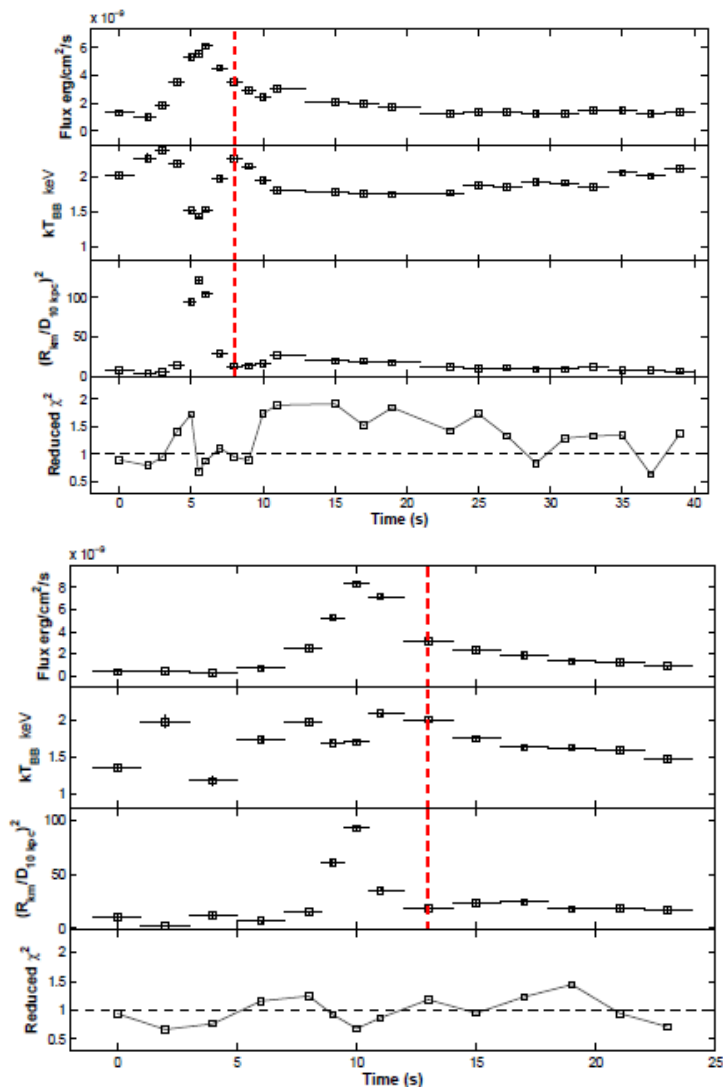
**Persistent flux
(gravitational energy)**

PRE bursts in Dipping binary 4U 1746-37

Photospheric Radius Expansion Burst

$$F_{TD} = \frac{GMc}{k_{es}D^2} \left(1 - \frac{2GM}{Rc^2}\right)^{1/2},$$

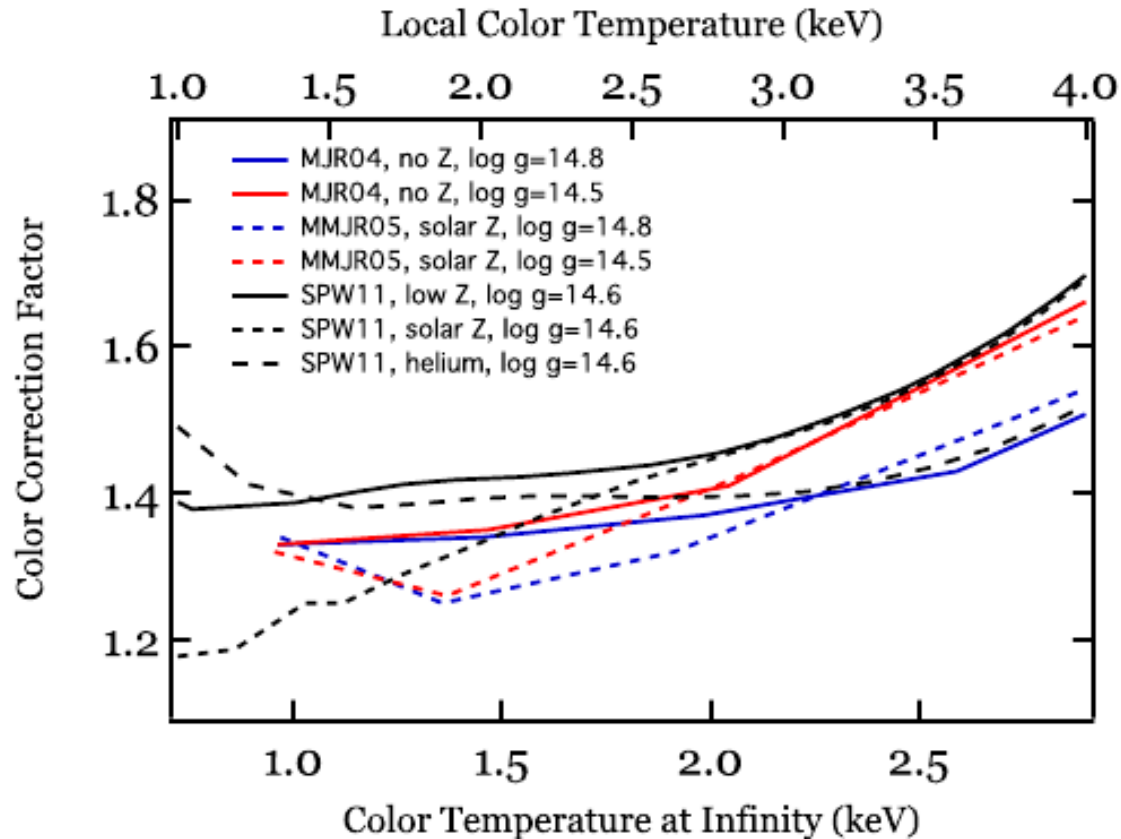
$$A = \frac{R^2}{D^2 f_c^4} \left(1 - \frac{2GM}{Rc^2}\right)^{-1},$$



Low touchdown flux (luminosity) $11^{+0.9}_{-0.8}$ kpc
 $(2.69 \pm 0.57) \times 10^{-9}$ erg/cm²s

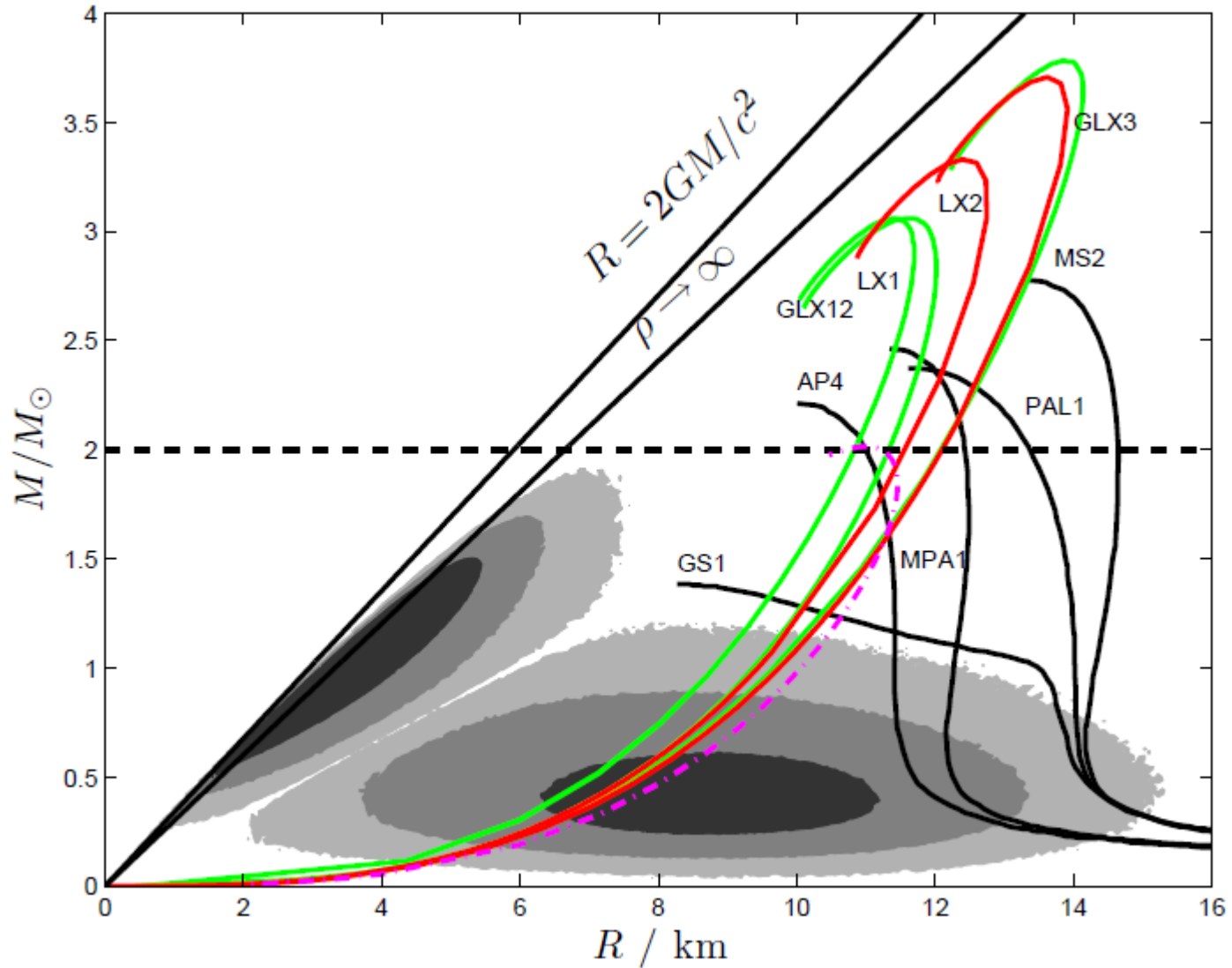
Low-mass NS?

Color Correction Factor



$$f_c \sim 1.3 - 1.4$$

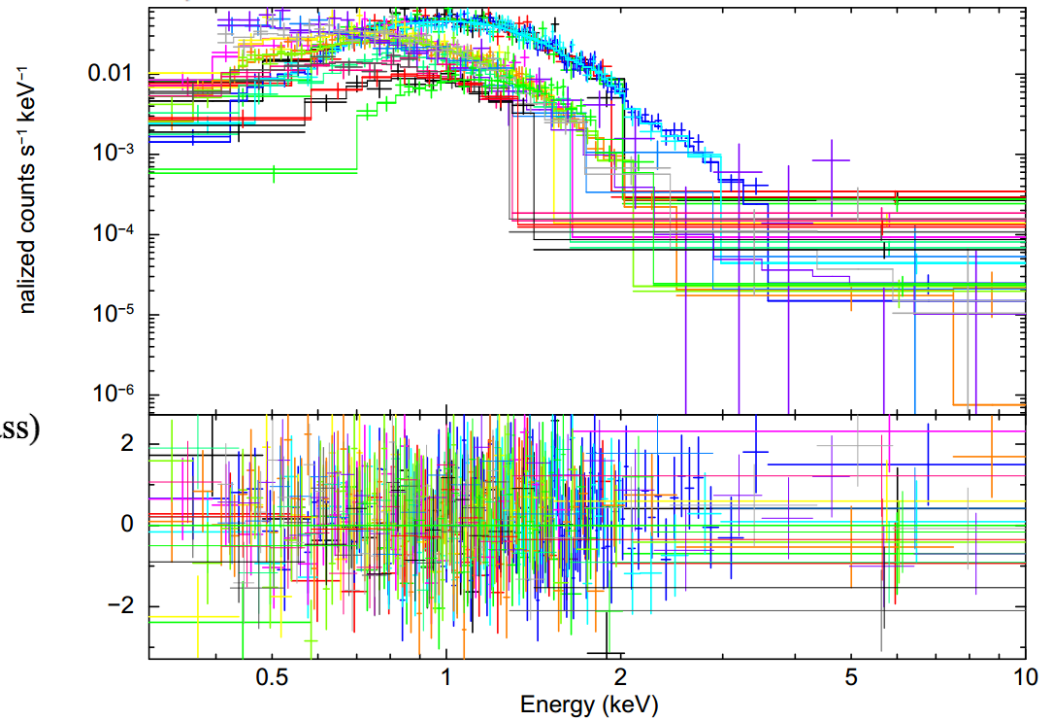
M-R of NS in 4U 1746-37



qLMXBs in Globular Clusters

- *Chandra* & *XMM-Newton* (10^{32} – 10^{33} erg/s) Deep Crustal Heating

$$\langle L \rangle = 9 \times 10^{32} \frac{\langle \dot{M} \rangle}{10^{-11} M_{\odot} \text{ yr}^{-1}} \frac{Q}{1.5 \text{ MeV/amu}} \text{ erg s}^{-1} \quad \text{Brown et al. (1998)}$$



nsatmos

Guillot et al. (2013)

Log T_{eff} : (unredshifted) effective temperature

M_{ns} : neutron star gravitational mass (in units of Solar mass)

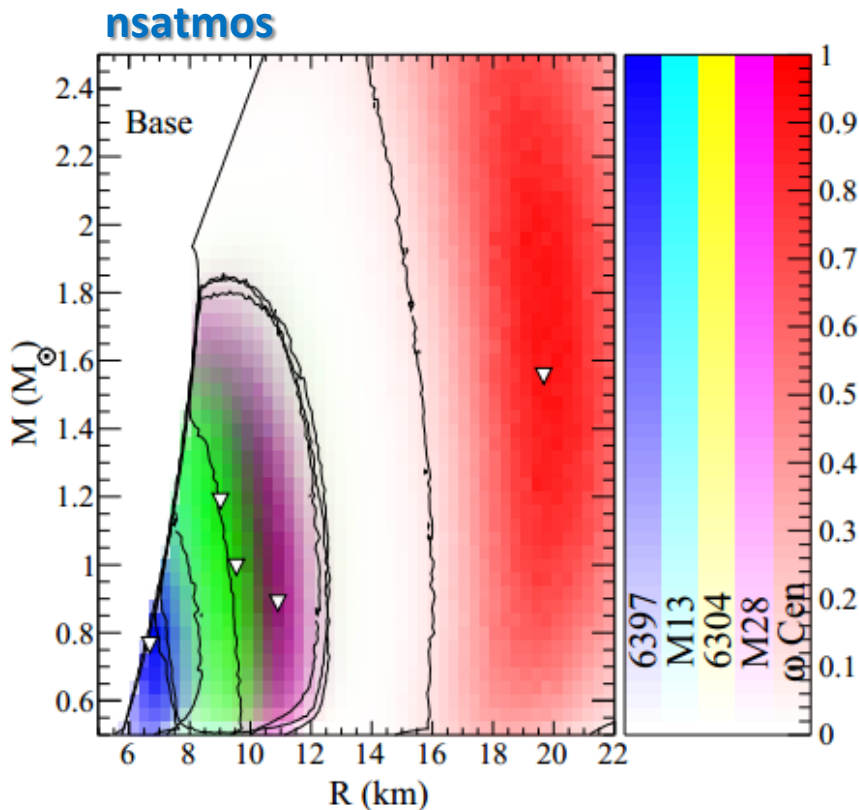
R_{ns} : “true” neutron star radius (km)

dist: distance to the neutron star (in kpc)

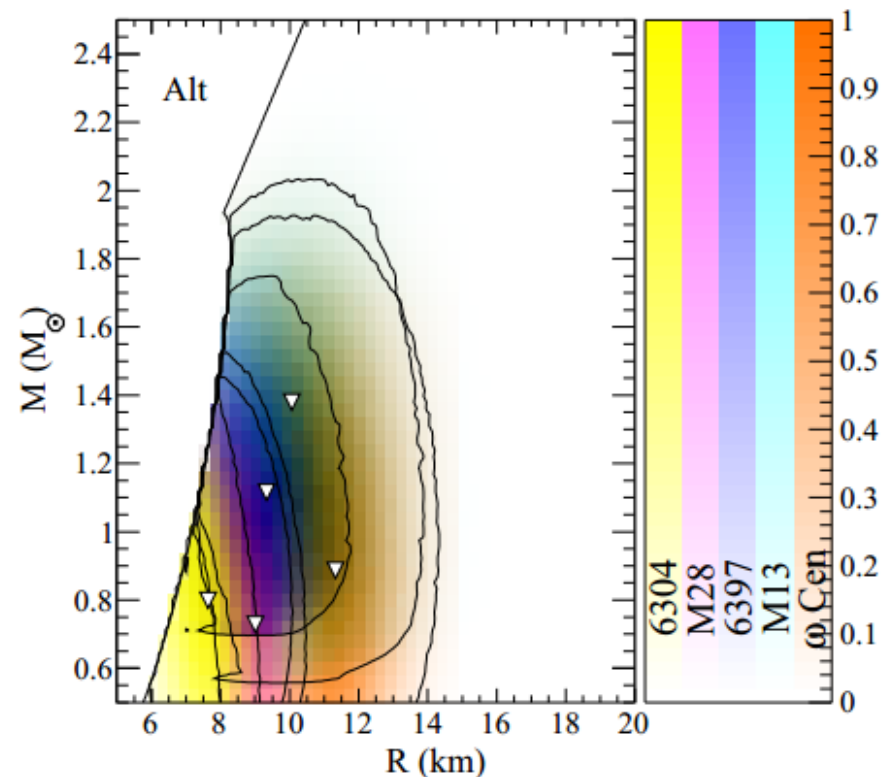
fraction of the neutron star surface emitting

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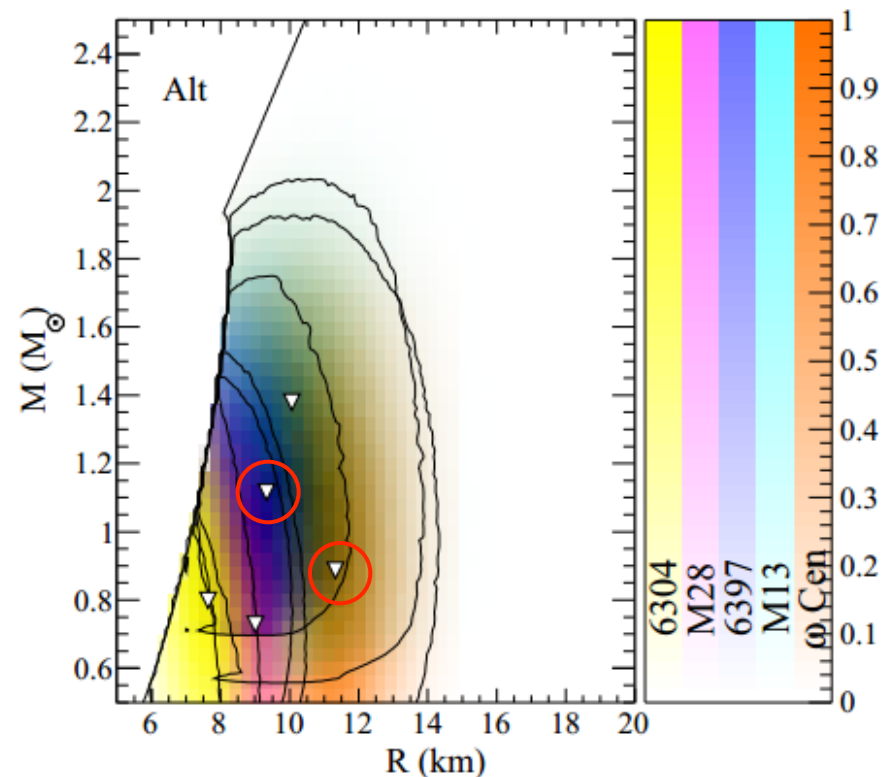
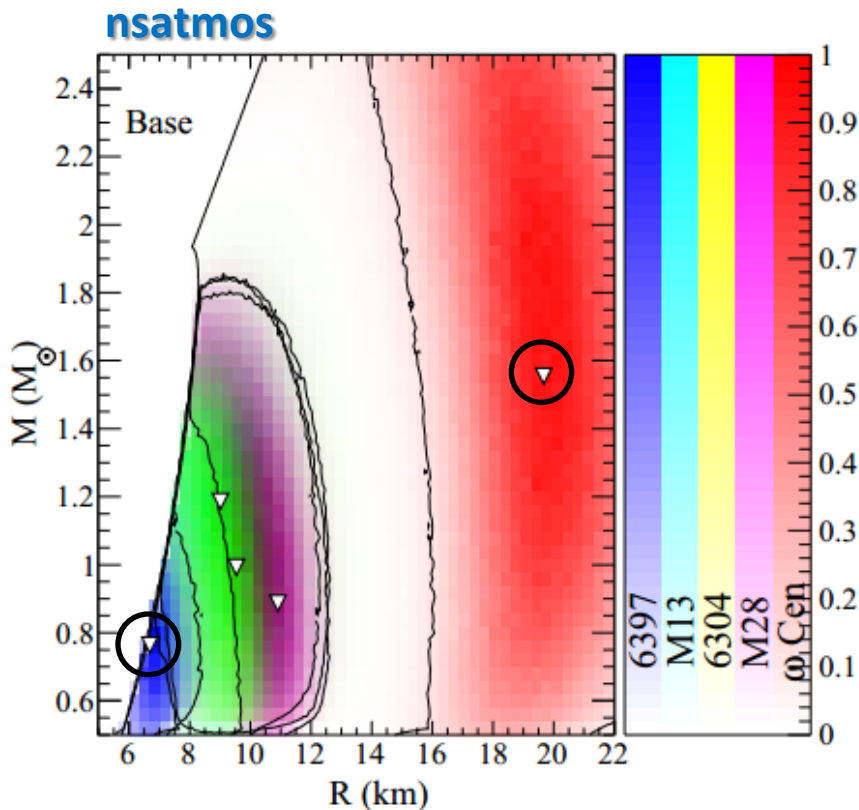
Guillot et al. (2013)



Lattimar & Steiner (2013)

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H/He atmosphere

Lattimar & Steiner (2013)

Aql X-1

- **Companion**

Spectral type K7 main sequence star
4-6.5 kpc (Chevalier et al. (1999))

- **Quiescent**

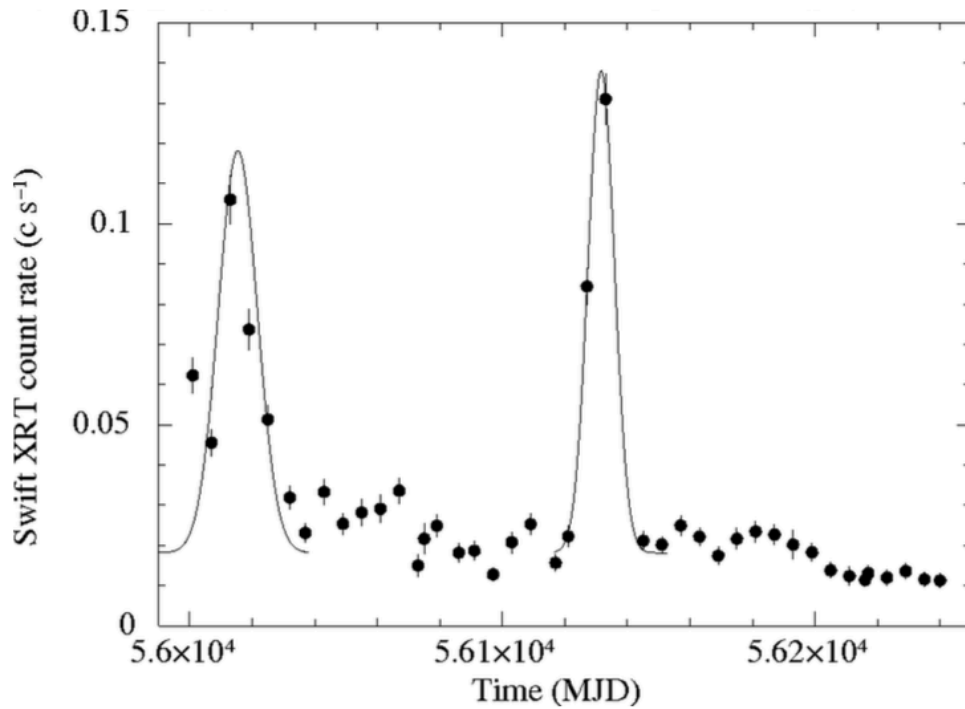
Chandra, XMM-Newton, Swift

(Rutledge et al. (2001), Zelati et al. (2011, 2014))

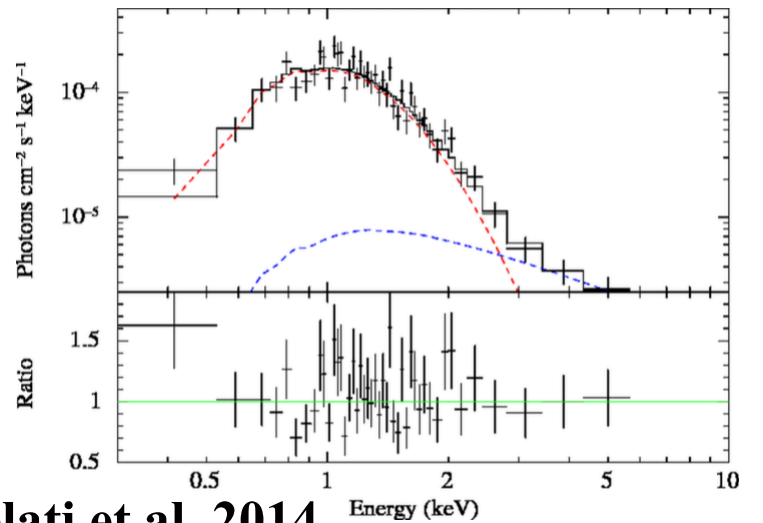
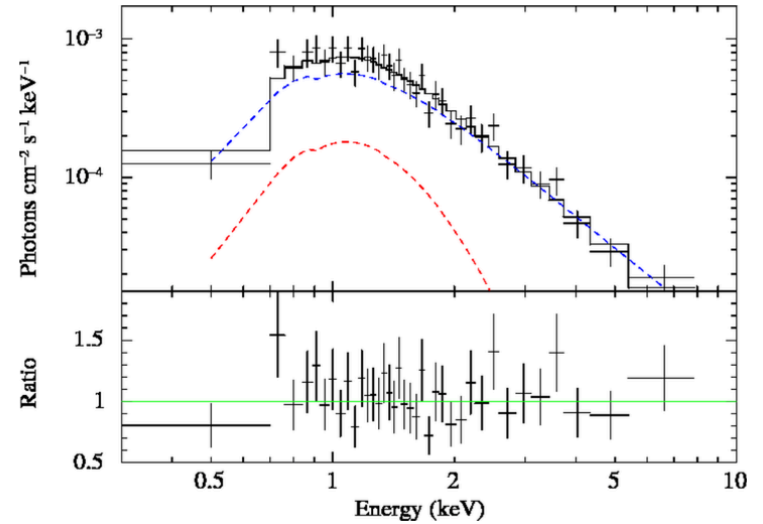
- **PRE bursts**

RXTE, Galloway (2008)

Aql X-1 variability

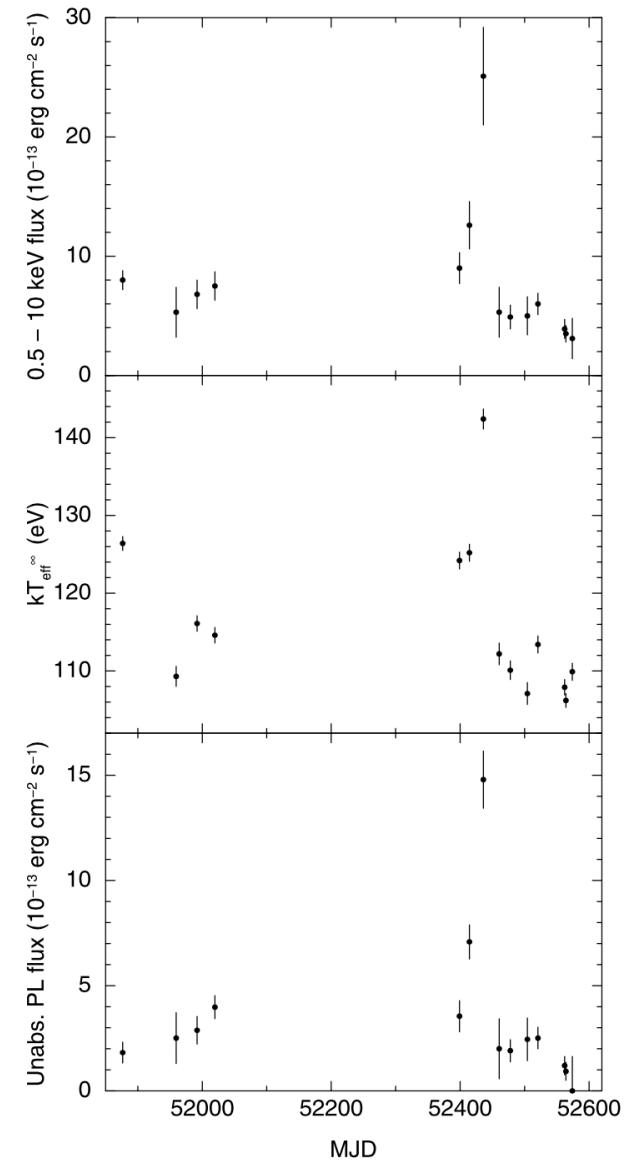


Two X-ray flares during quiescence



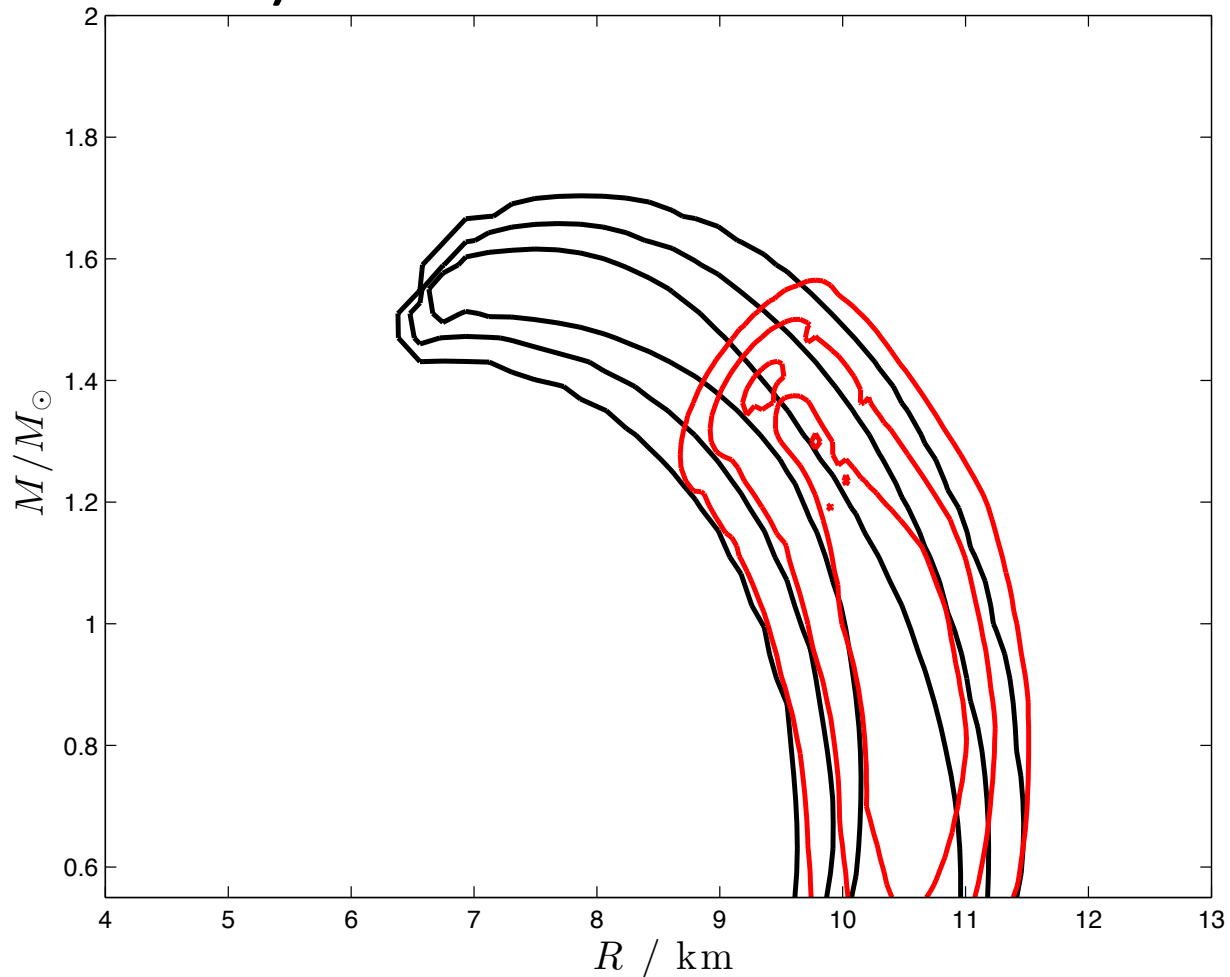
Consequence of accretion

- Heating the atmosphere
- Enhanced the power low component
- No evidence of affect $M-R$

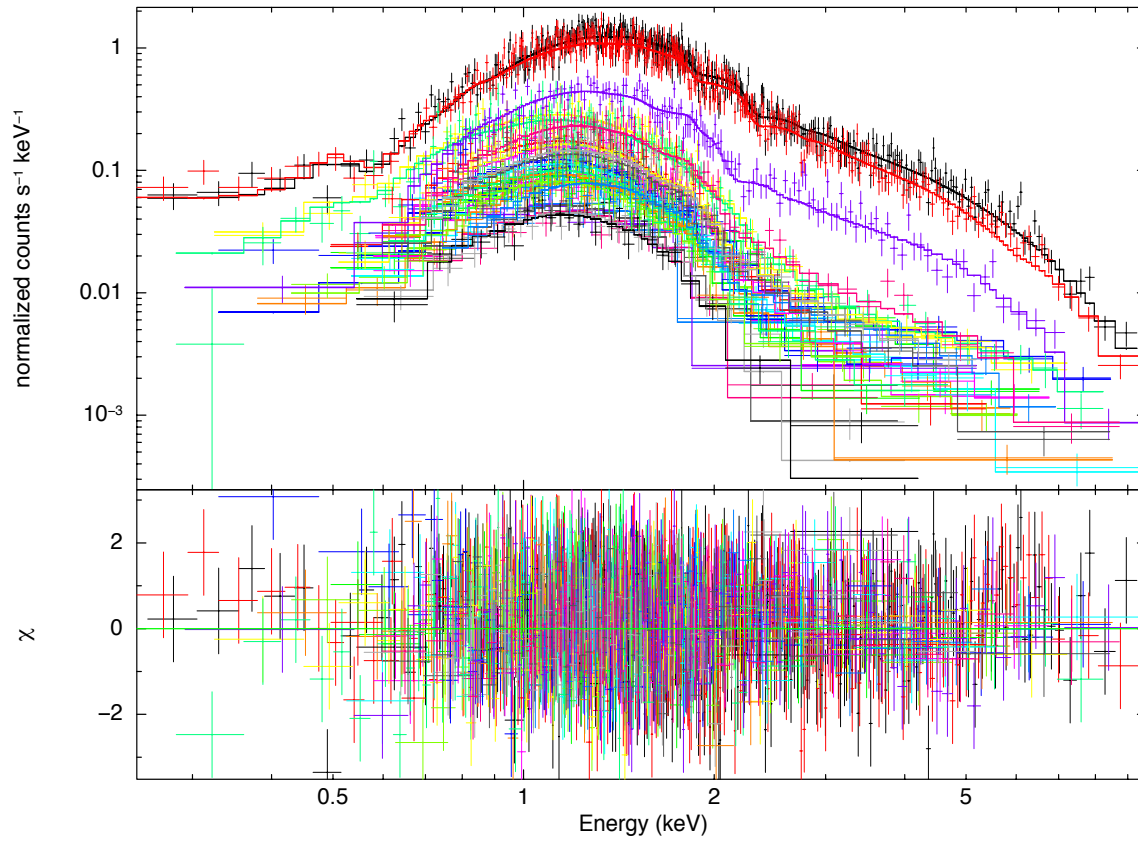


Chandra vs. Newton

Flux calibration and response calibration
(Güver et al. 2015)



Quiescent spectra

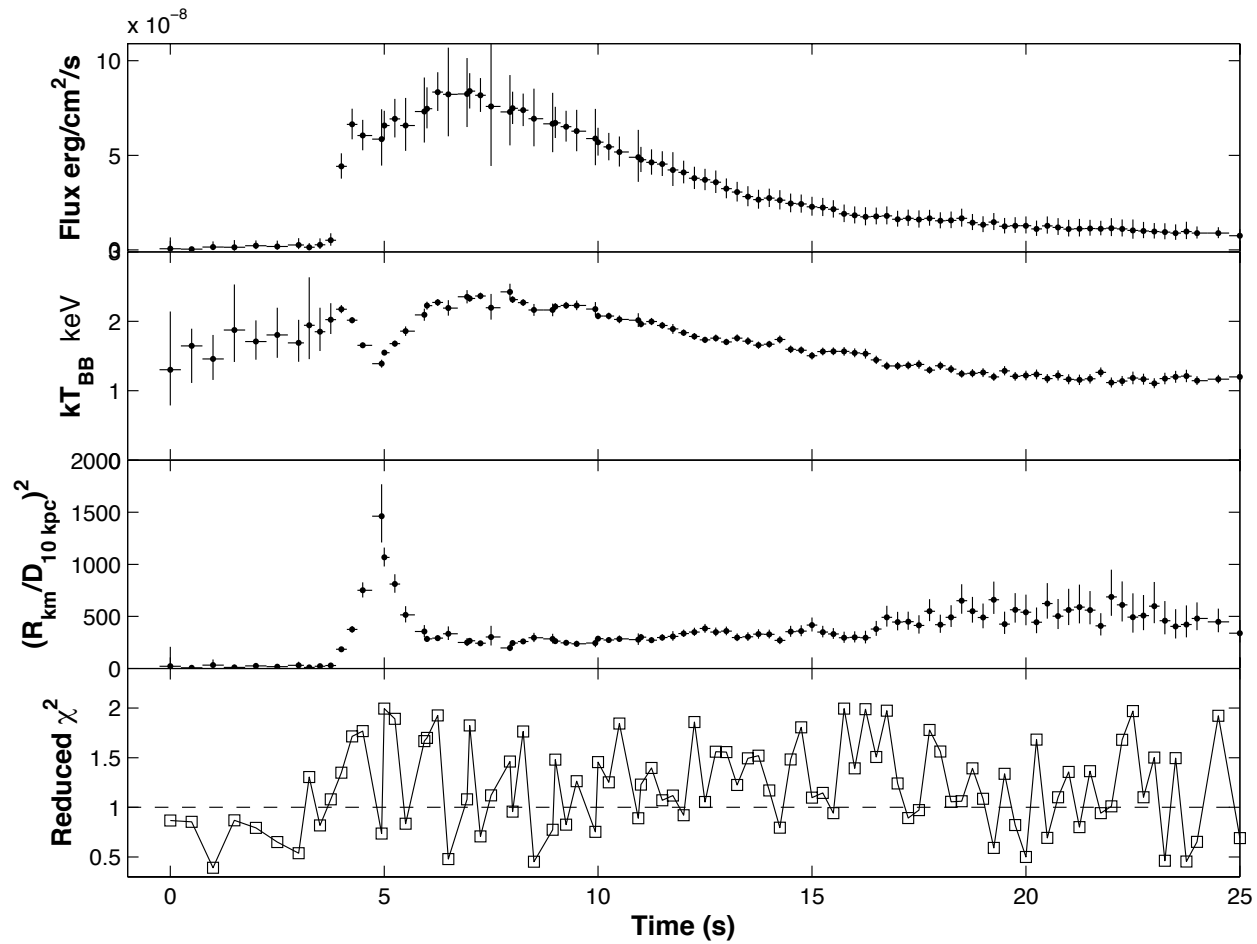


Chandra+Newton quiescent Obs.

tbabs(nsatmos+powerlaw)

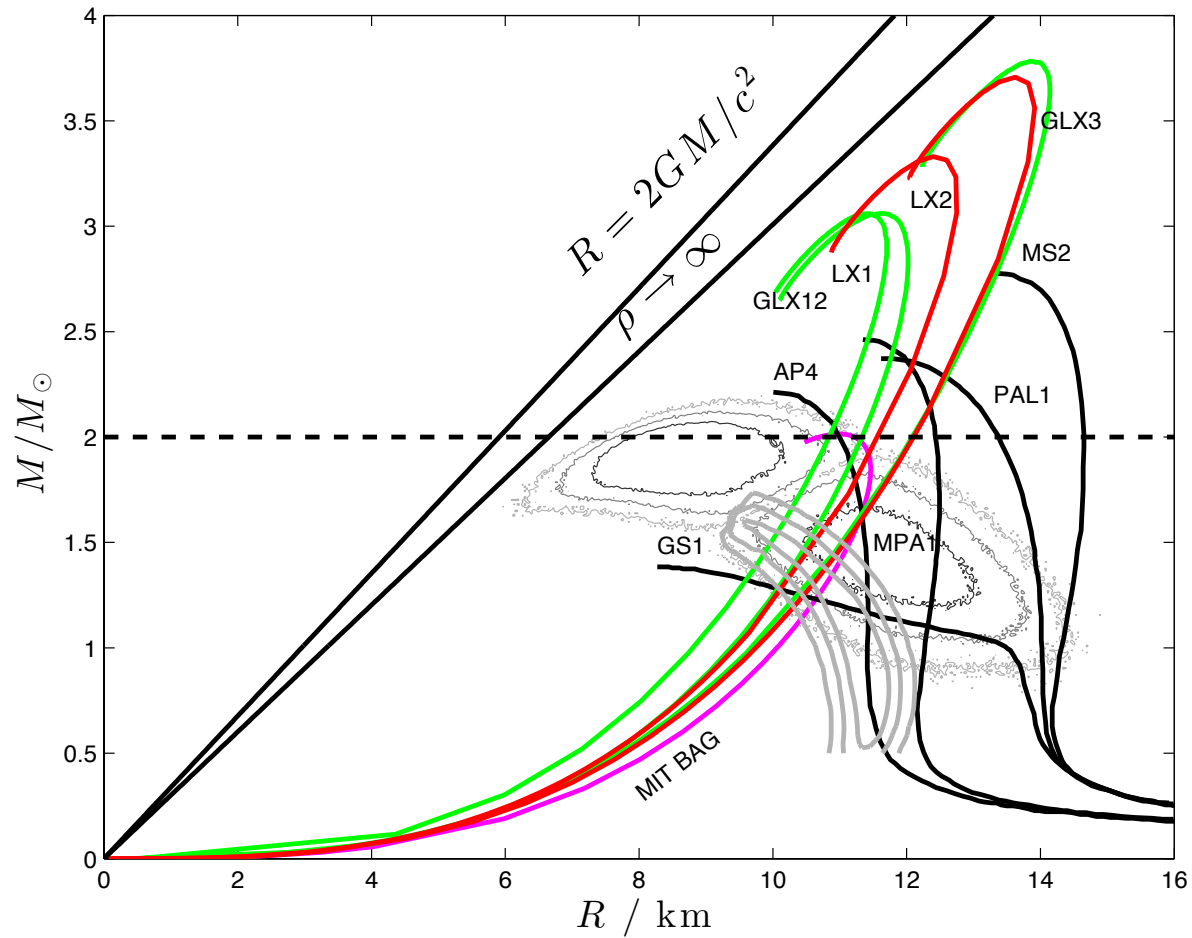
Hydrogen atmosphere

PRE bursts

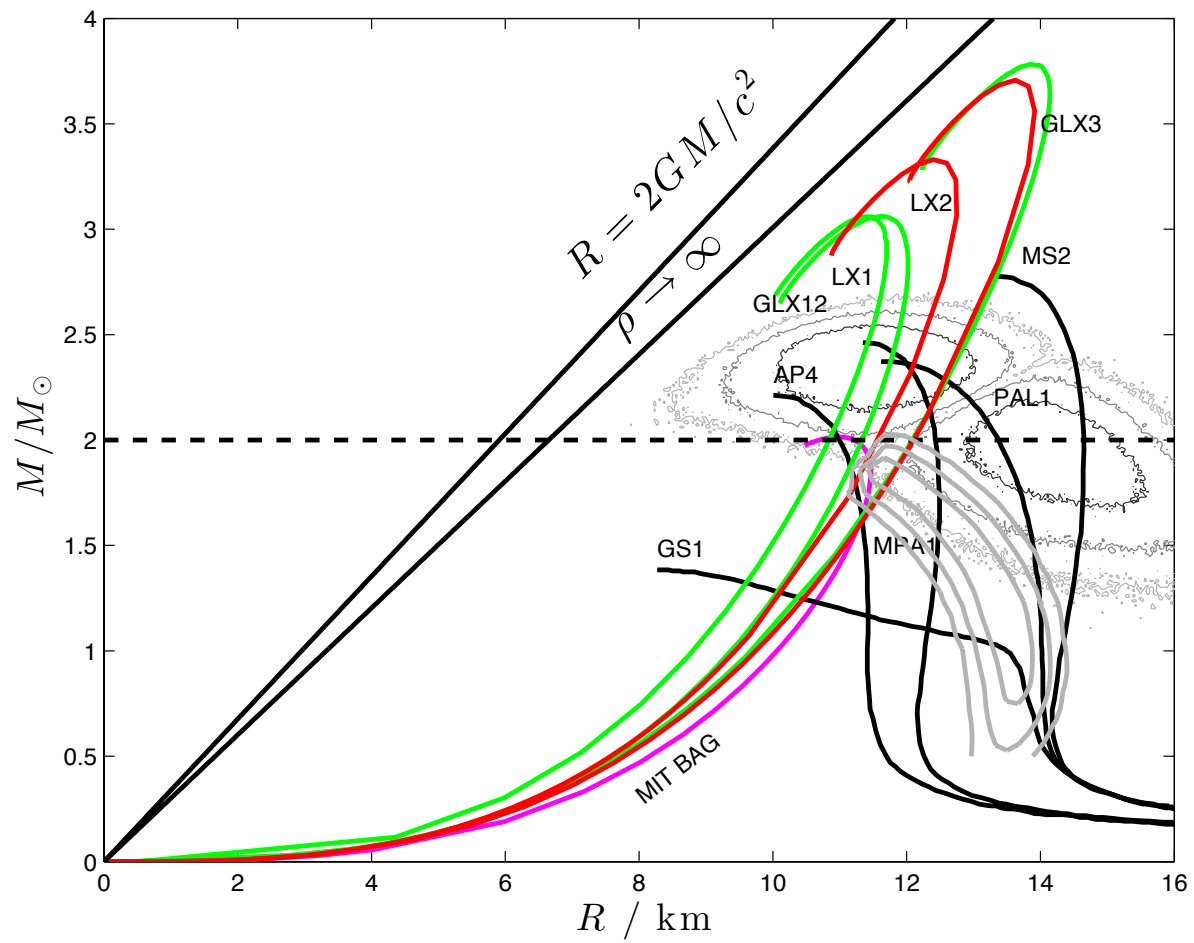


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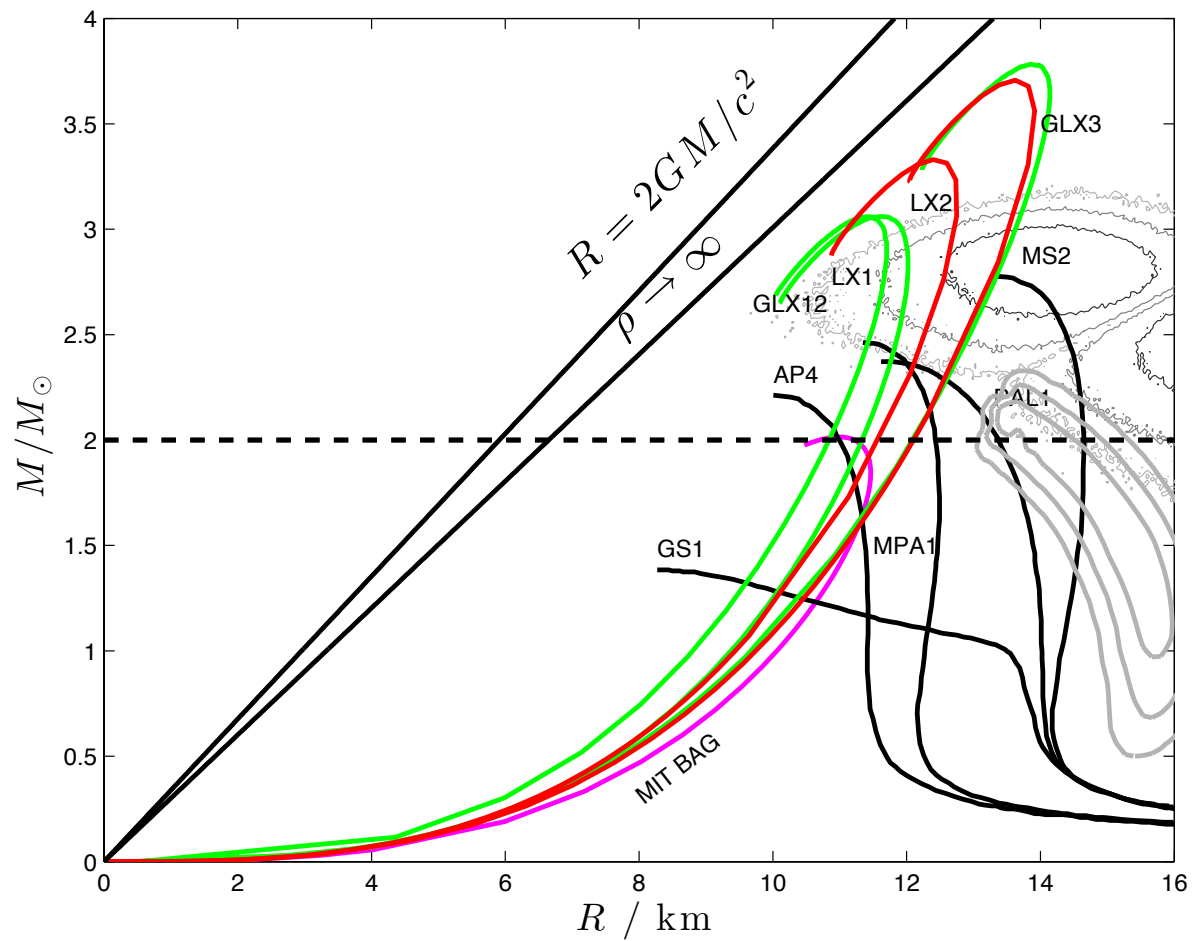
The M - R of Aql X-1



D=4.5 kpc



D=5.5 kpc



D=6.5 kpc

Z.S. Li 2015, in prep.

Conclusions

- **4U 1746-37: an ultra-low-mass compact star**

< 1.1 Msun

- **EoSs can be effectively tested**

Formation (Accretion Induced Core-collapse)

Low mass compact star (self-bound or gravity bound)

- **Aql X-1**

Quiescent & X-ray burst