

# CG X-1

## An Eclipsing Wolf-Rayet ULX in the Circinus Galaxy

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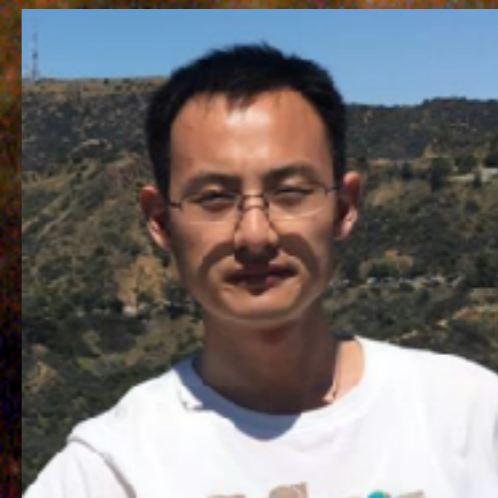
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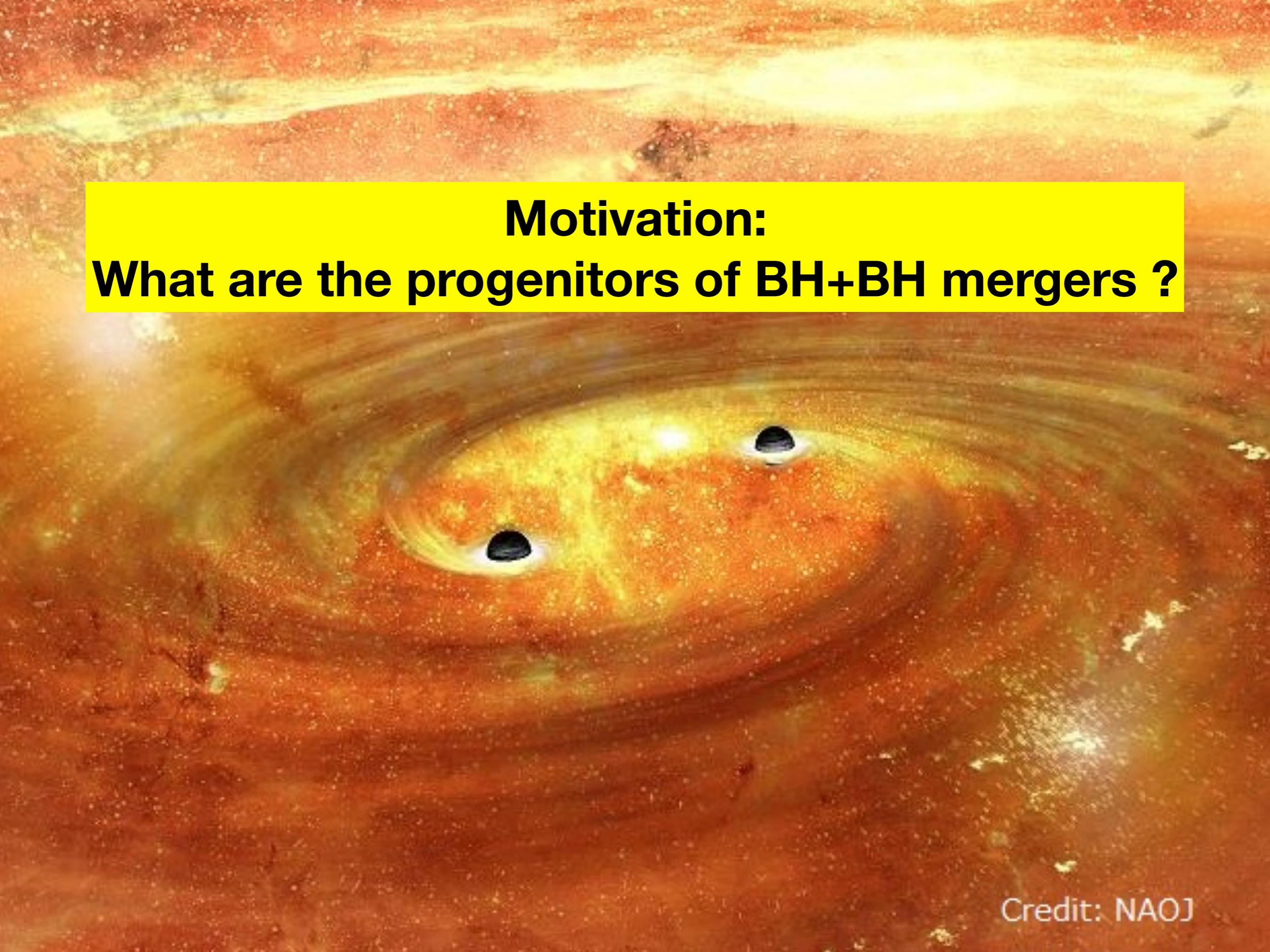
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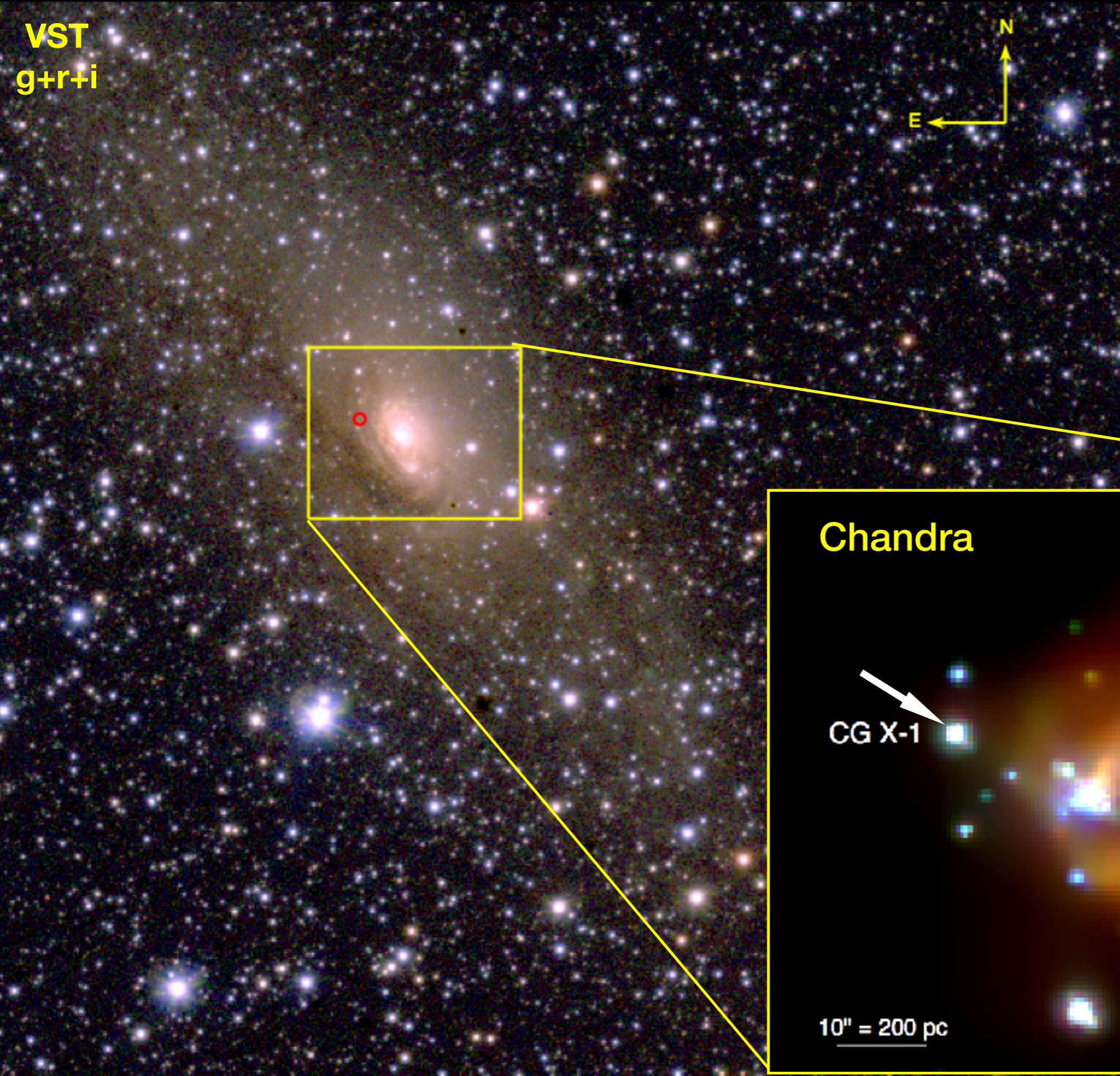


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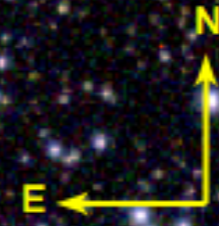


**Motivation:**  
**What are the progenitors of BH+BH mergers ?**



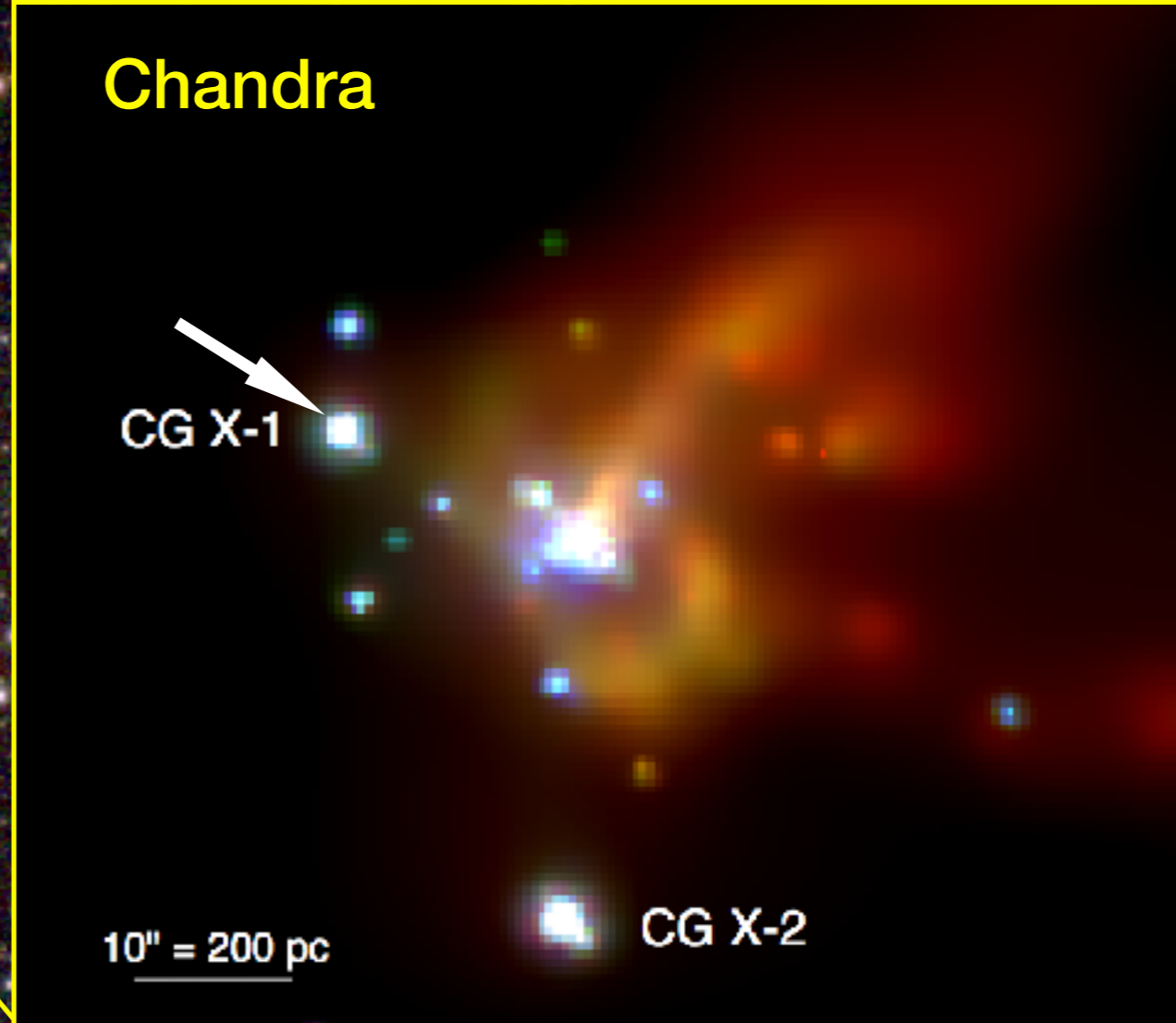


VST  
g+r+i



**Circinus  
galaxy**

@4.8kpc



**Chandra**

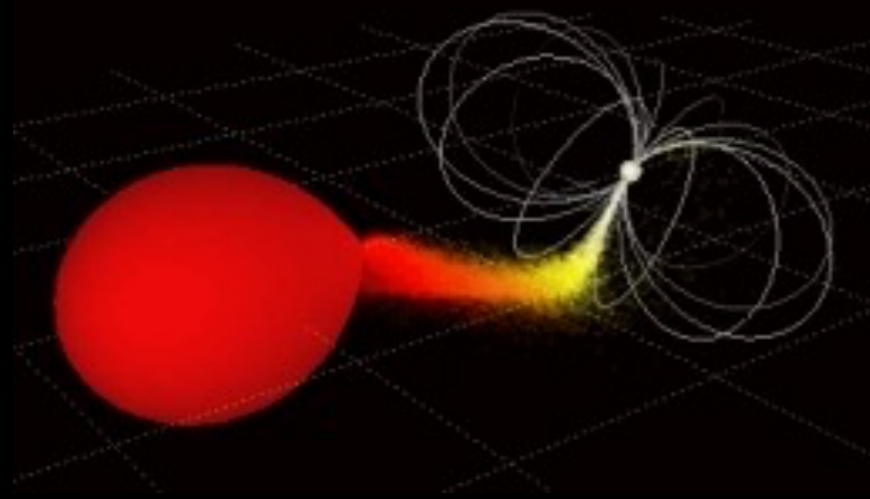
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CG X-2

10" = 200 pc

# mCV (polar) in Milky Way

Weisskopf et al. 2004



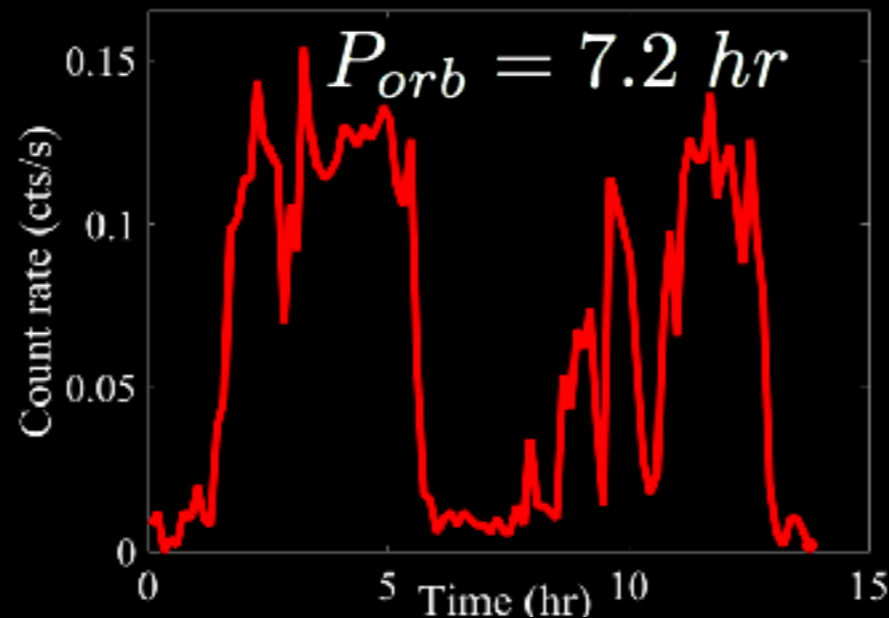
## mWD + late type dwarf star

- strong magnetic field
  - $B \sim$  tens of MG
- no accretion disk
- $P_{\text{spin}} = P_{\text{orb}}$
- $L_x < 1e32$  erg/s
- with Fe lines

or

# ULX (WR+BH) in Circinus

Esposito et al. 2015



$lon. = 311.33, lat. = -3.81$

- $L_x \sim 1e34$  erg/s @ 5 kpc
- $L_x \sim 2e40$  erg/s @ 4.8 Mpc
- No Fe lines



## Our goal:

1. Galactic CV or BH ULX?
2. Any reasonable explanations for observational features?

# Rule out a WD binary

$m_v \sim 24.3$  mag

$A_v \sim 3 \pm 1$  mag

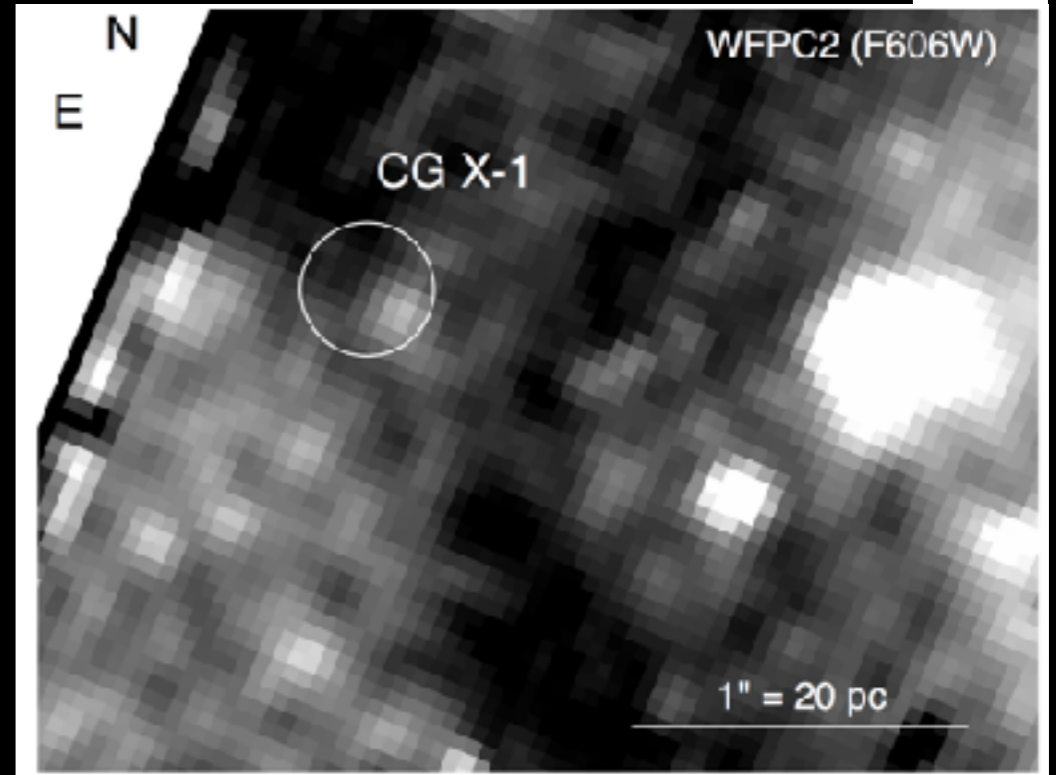
$M_v \sim -7$  mag @ 4.2 Mpc

$M_v \sim 7.8$  mag @ 5 kpc

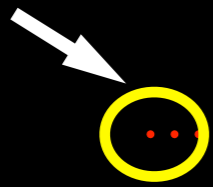
$F_x(2-10 \text{ keV}) = 1.93 \times 10^{-12} \text{ erg/s/cm}^2$

$F_v \sim 1.49 \times 10^{-14} \text{ erg/s/cm}^2$

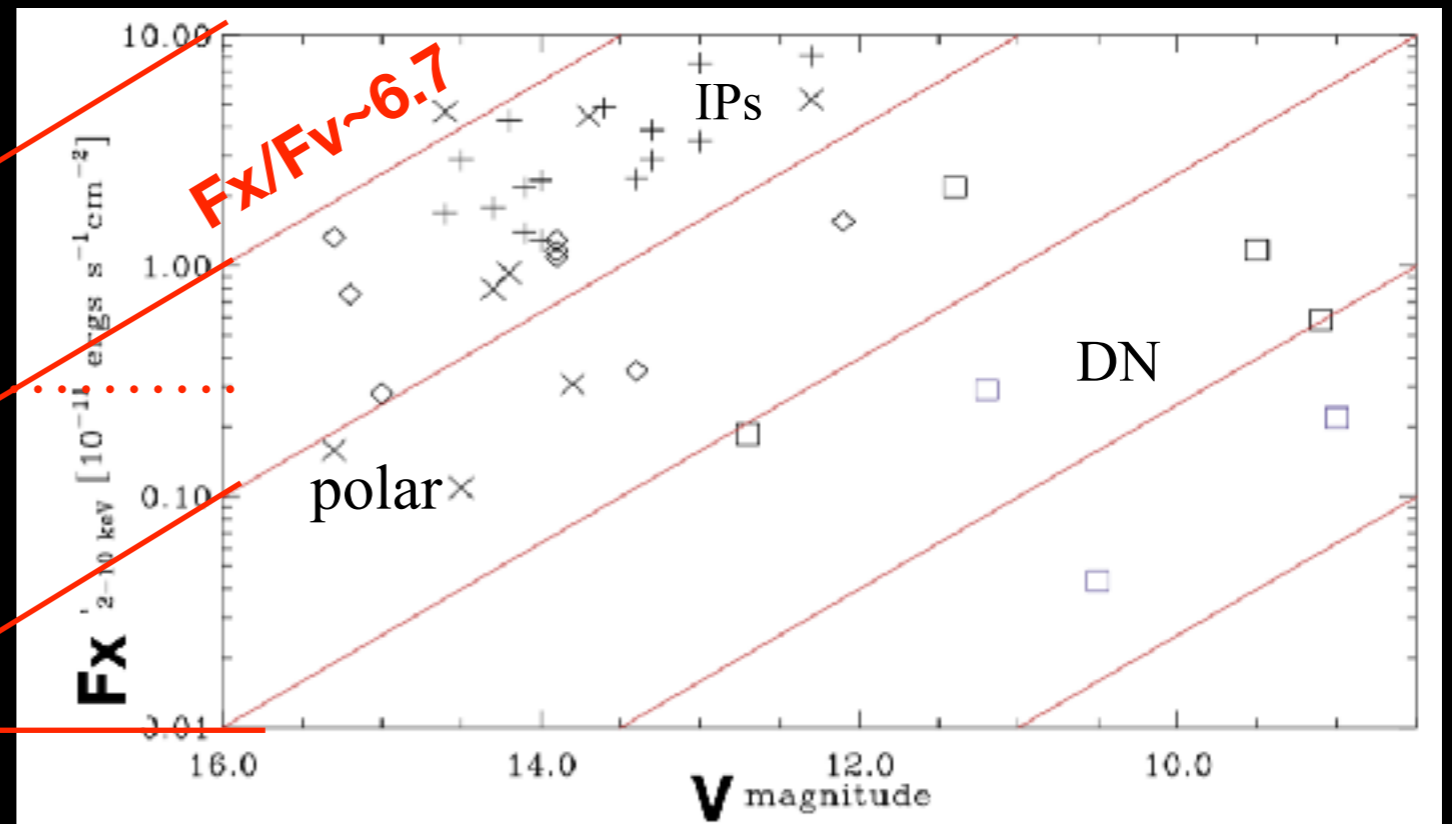
high  $F_x/F_v \sim 130$  !!!



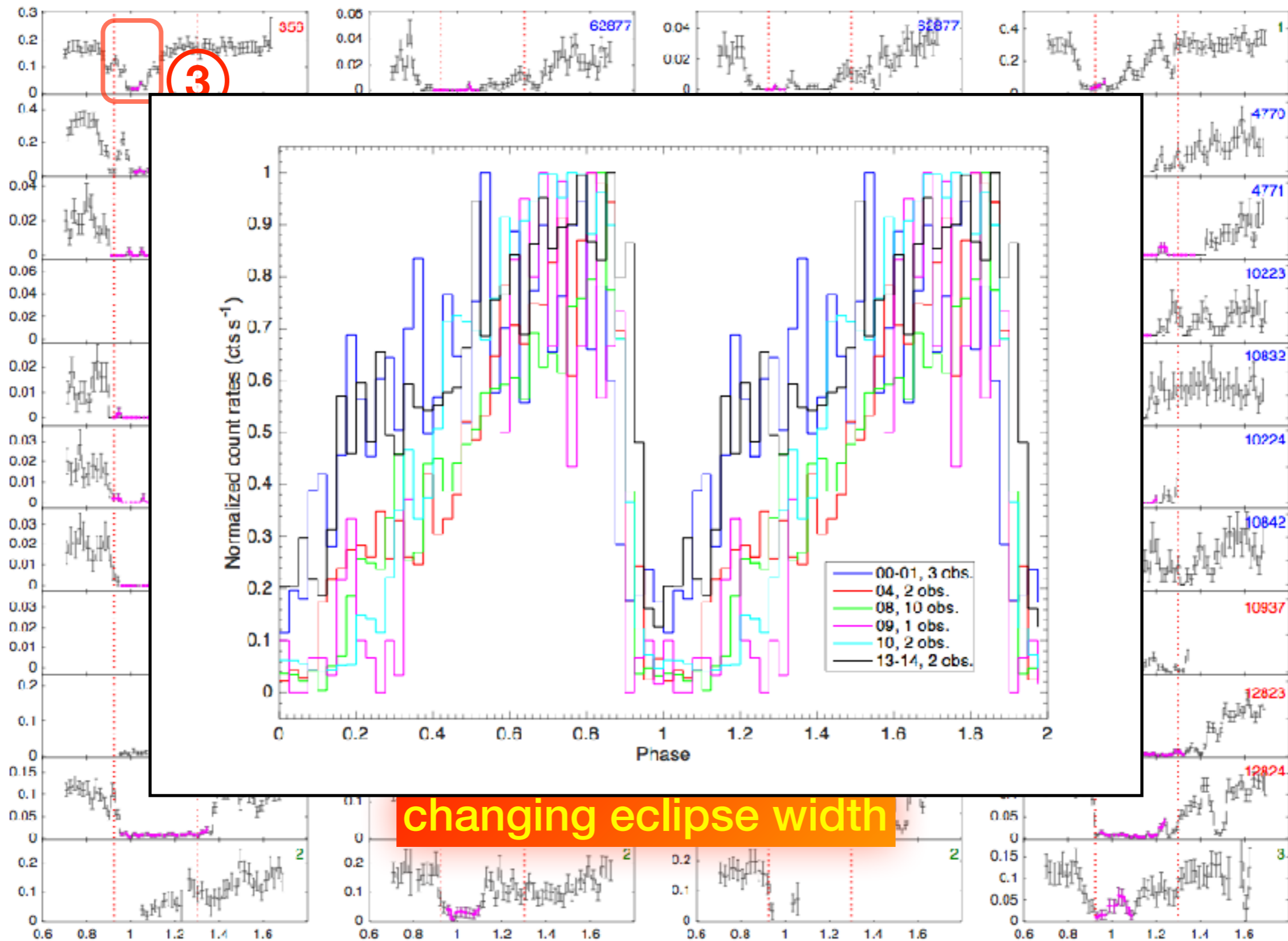
CG X-1



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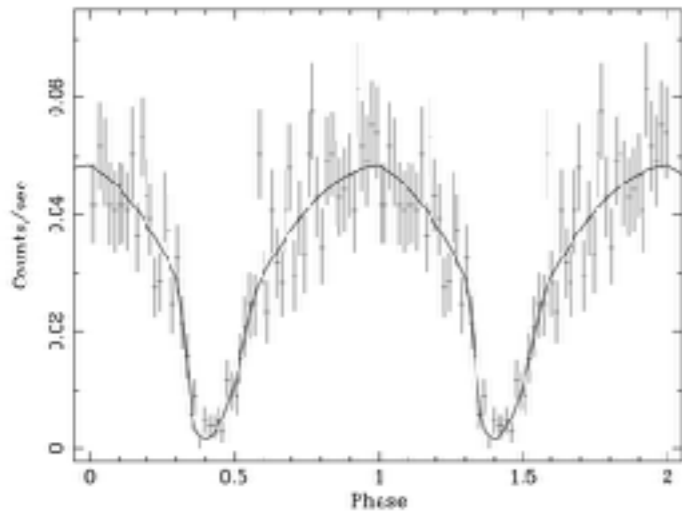


# light curves over 20 years



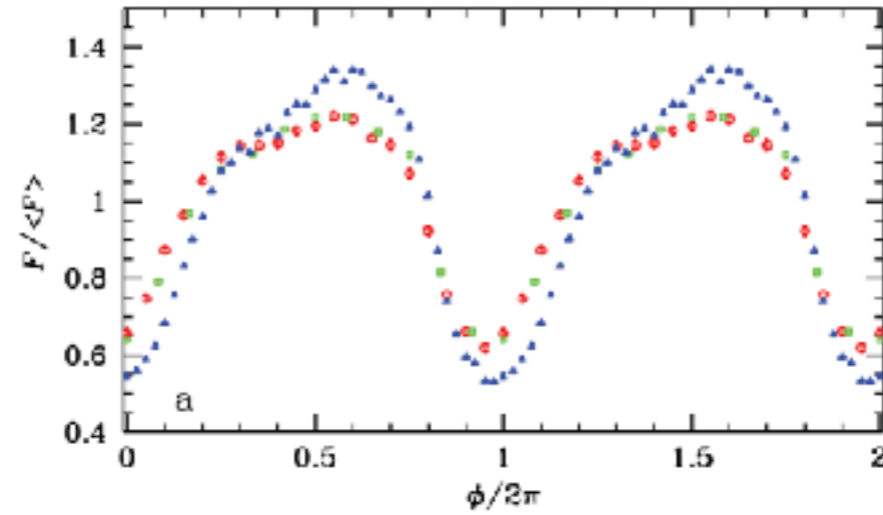
# Close WR + BH/NS

**NGC 4214 X-1**  
P=3.6 hr



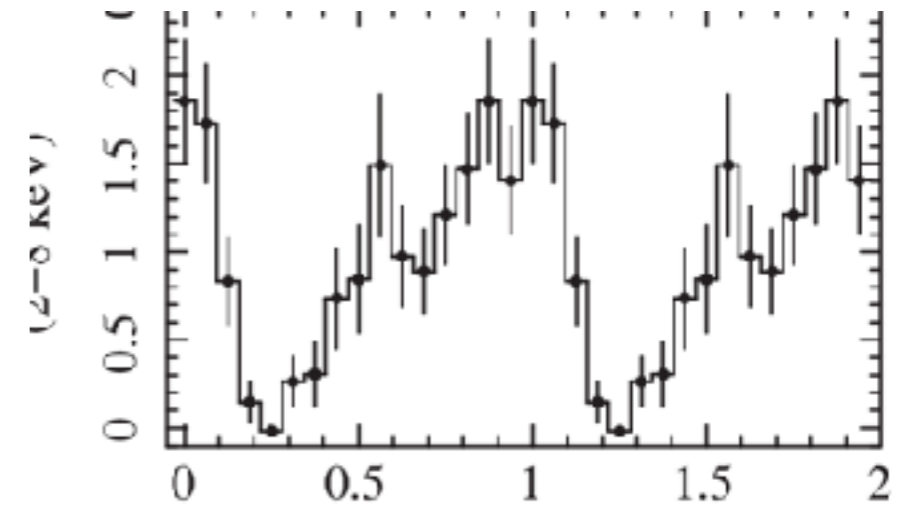
Ghosh et al. 2006

**Cyg X-3**  
P=4.8 hr



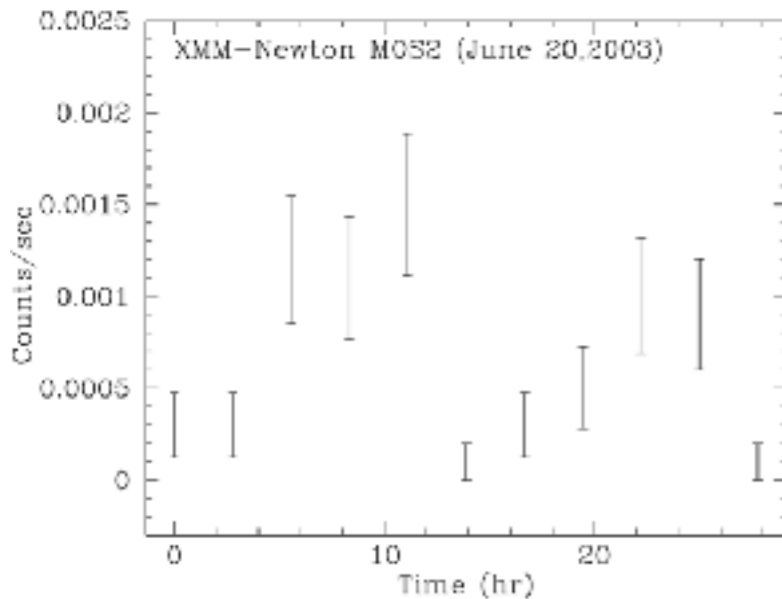
Zdziarski et al. 2012

**NGC 4490 J123030.3**  
P=6.4 hr



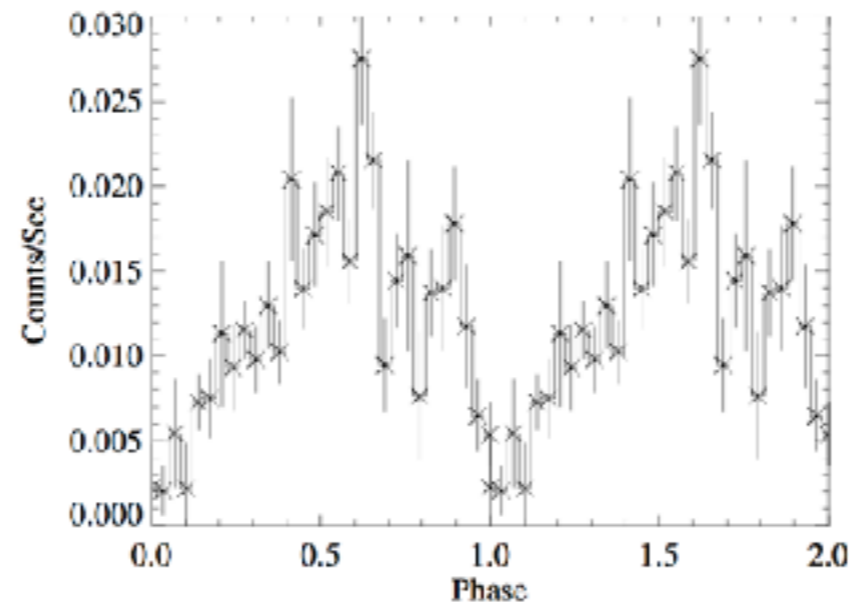
Esposito et al. (2013)

**NGC 253 X-1**  
P=14.5 hr



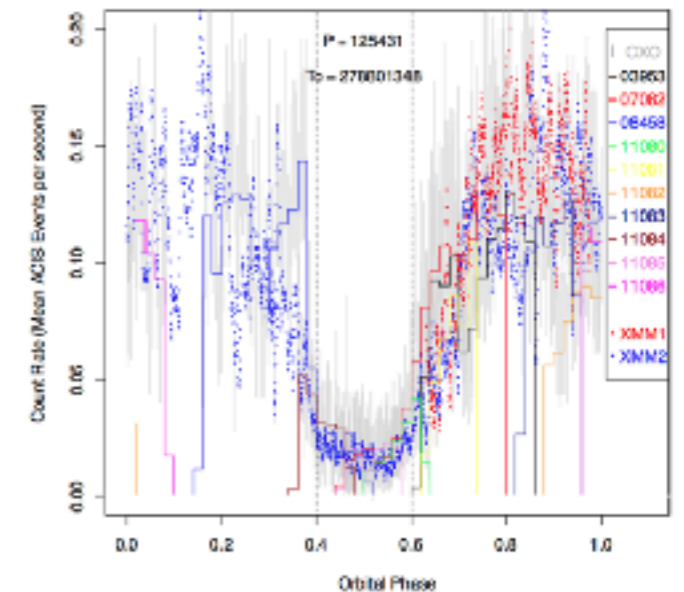
Maccarone et al. 2014

**NGC 300 X-1**  
P=32.8 hr



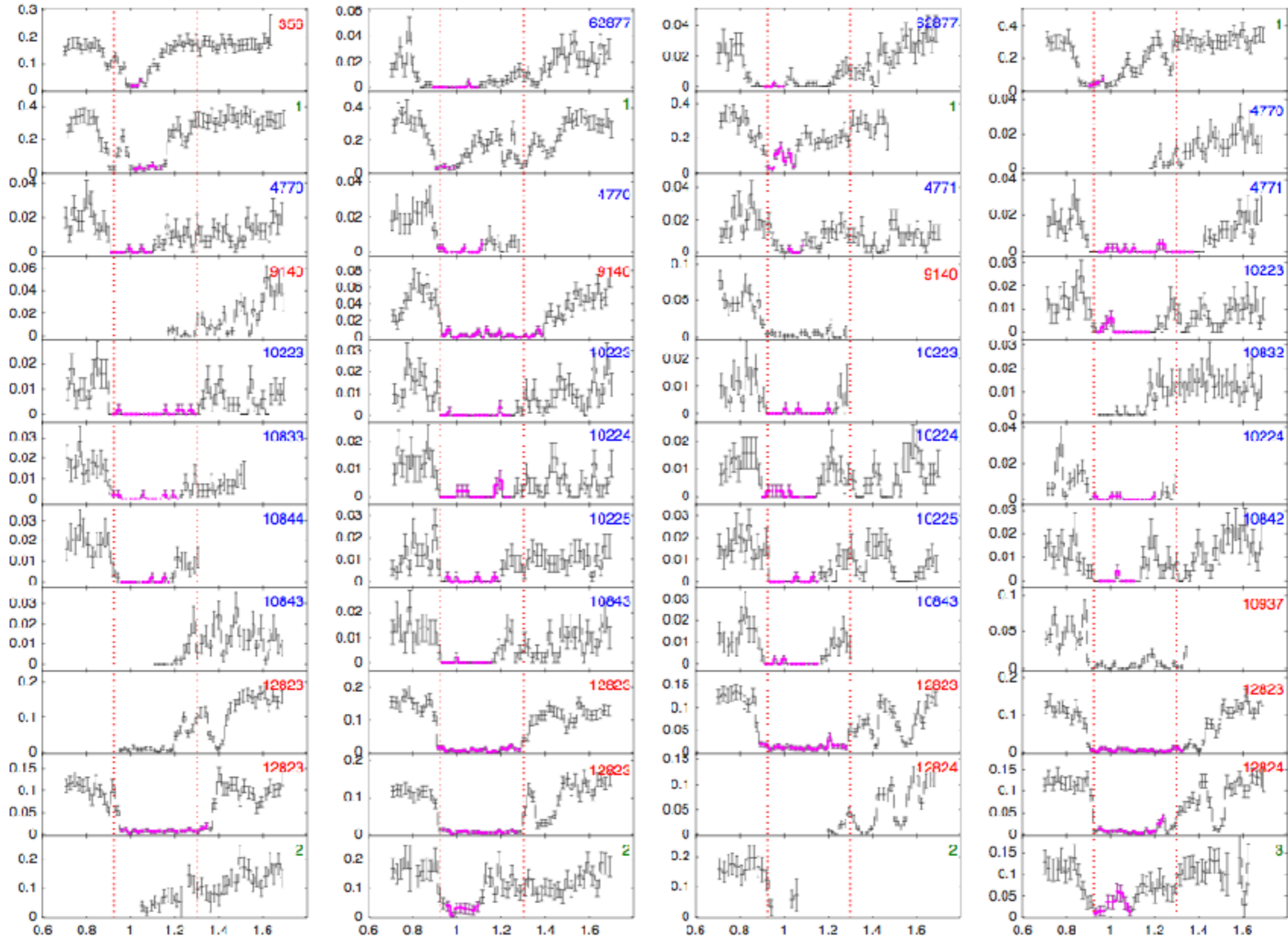
Carpano et al. 2007

**IC 10 X-1**  
P=34.8 hr



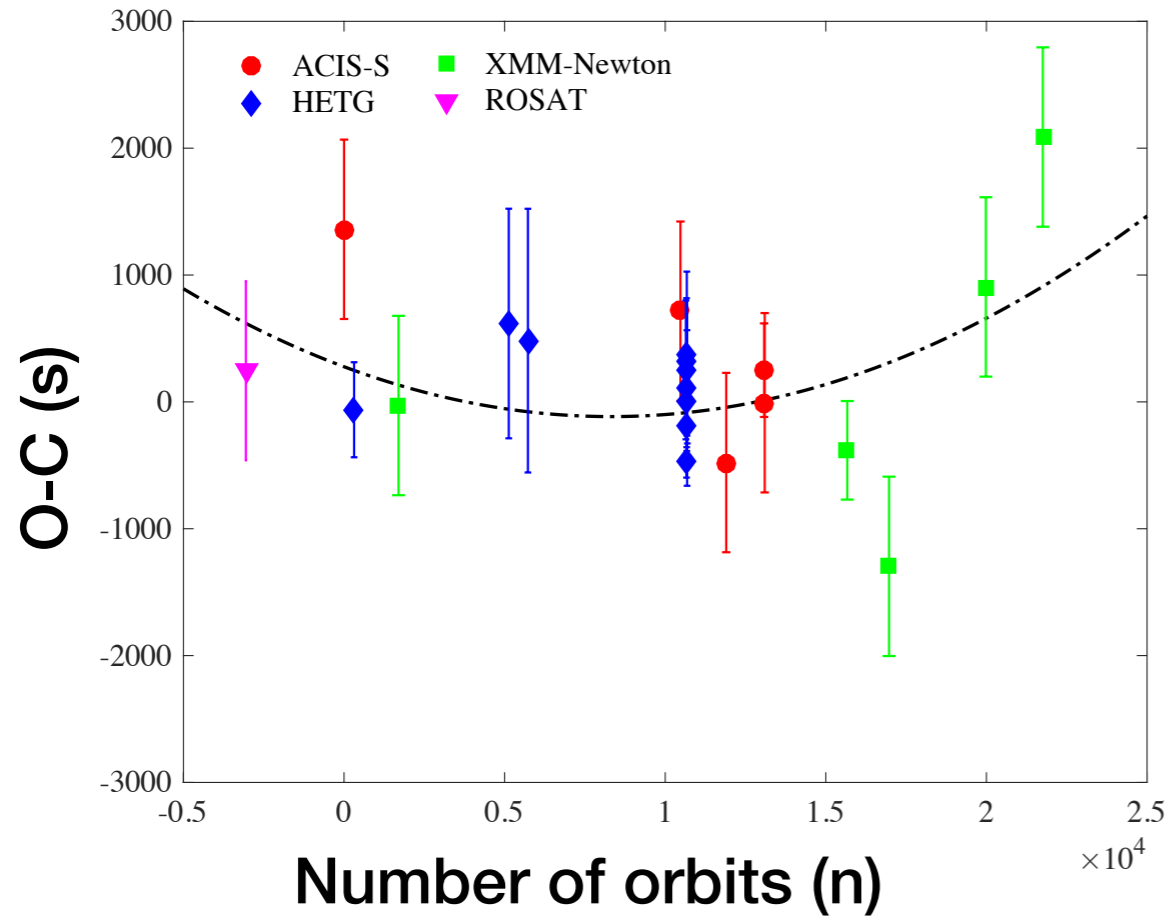
Laycock et al. 2015

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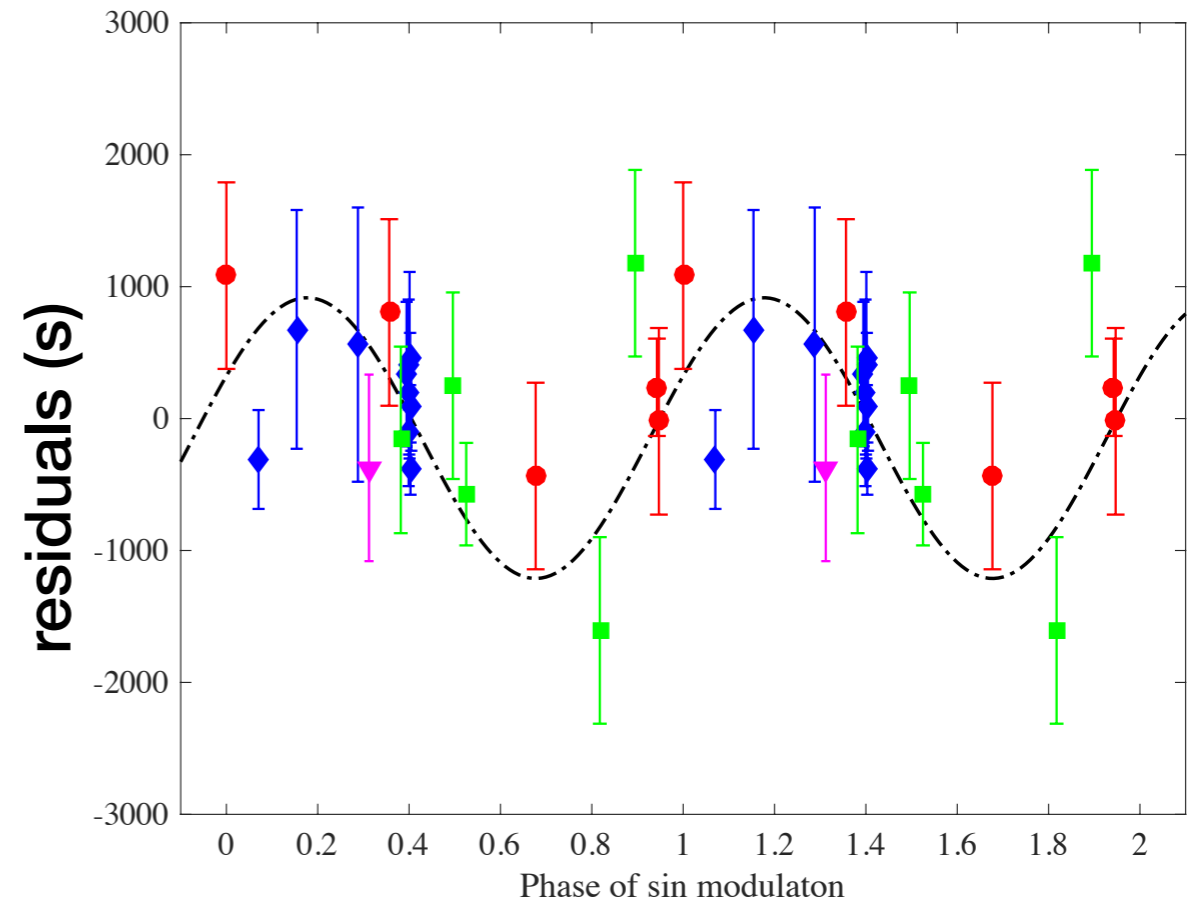




# Orbital ephemeris



**Porb = 7.2 hr**

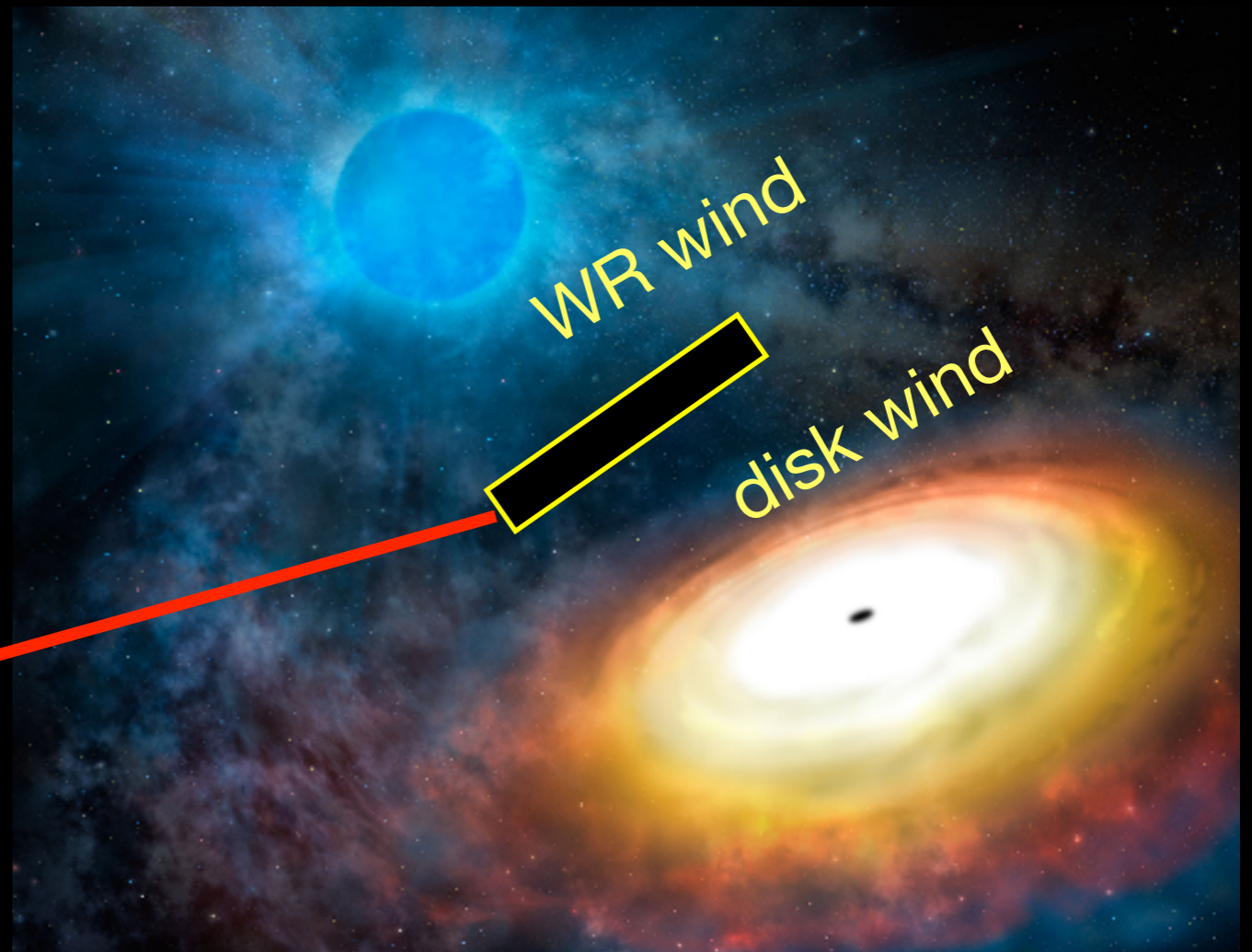


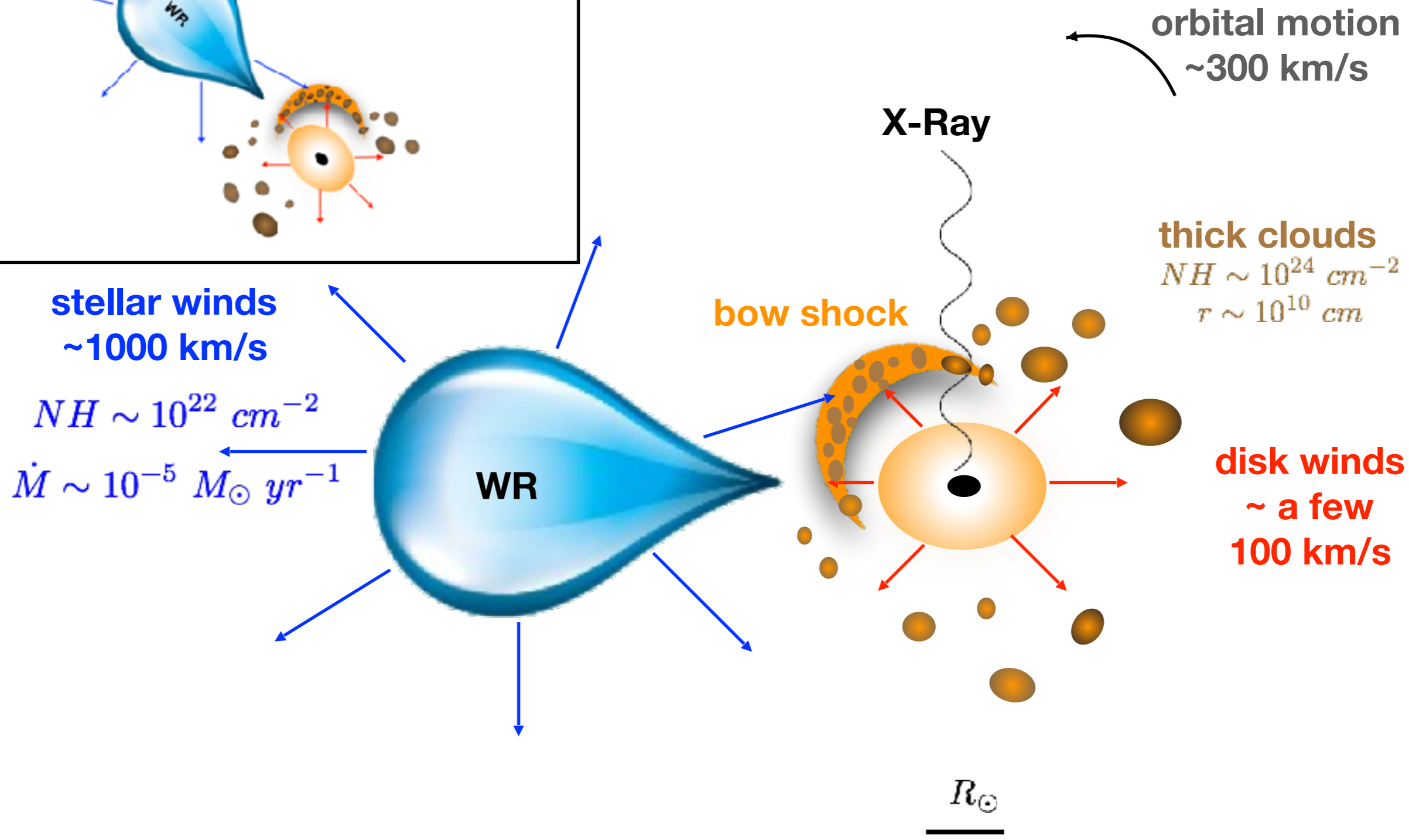
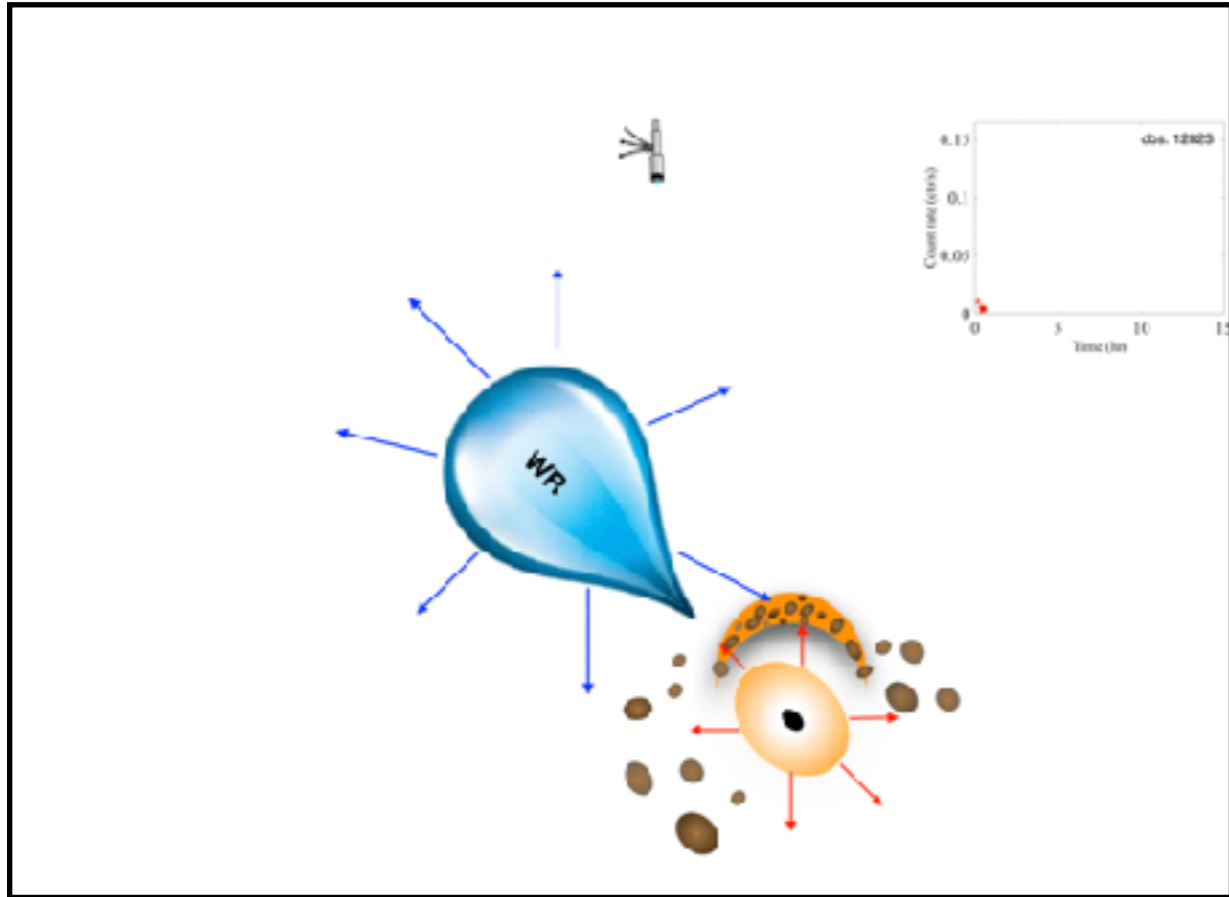
**folded by 3.67 yr**

- caused by light-travel time effect ?
- indicating a third body with  $\sim 10$  solar mass ?

# WR+BH

**bow shock**





# Chandra spectra: eclipse + egress + bright

dominate in  
faint phase  
 $L_x \sim 1e38$  erg/s

**tbabs \* mekal**

scattering  
emission  
by corona

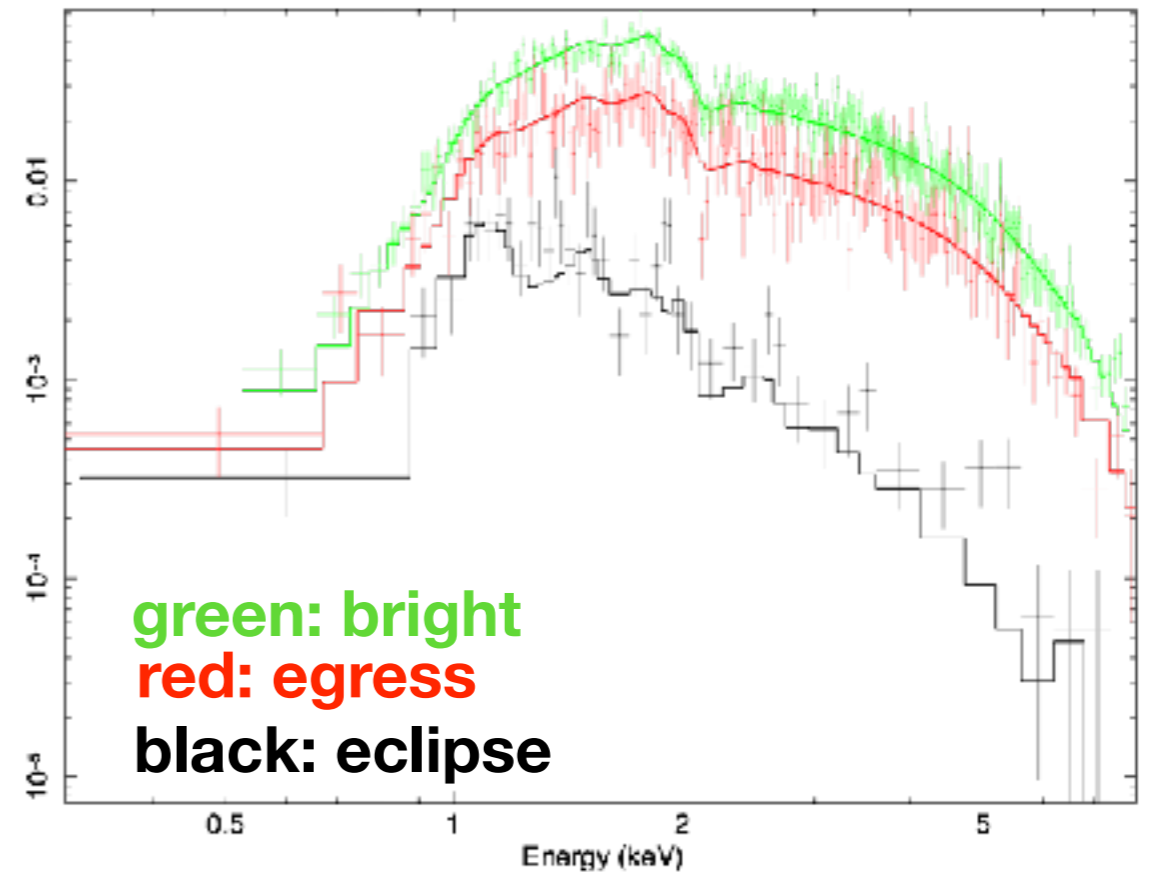
+

dominate in  
bright phase  
 $L_x \sim 2e40$  erg/s

partially  
covering  
by clouds

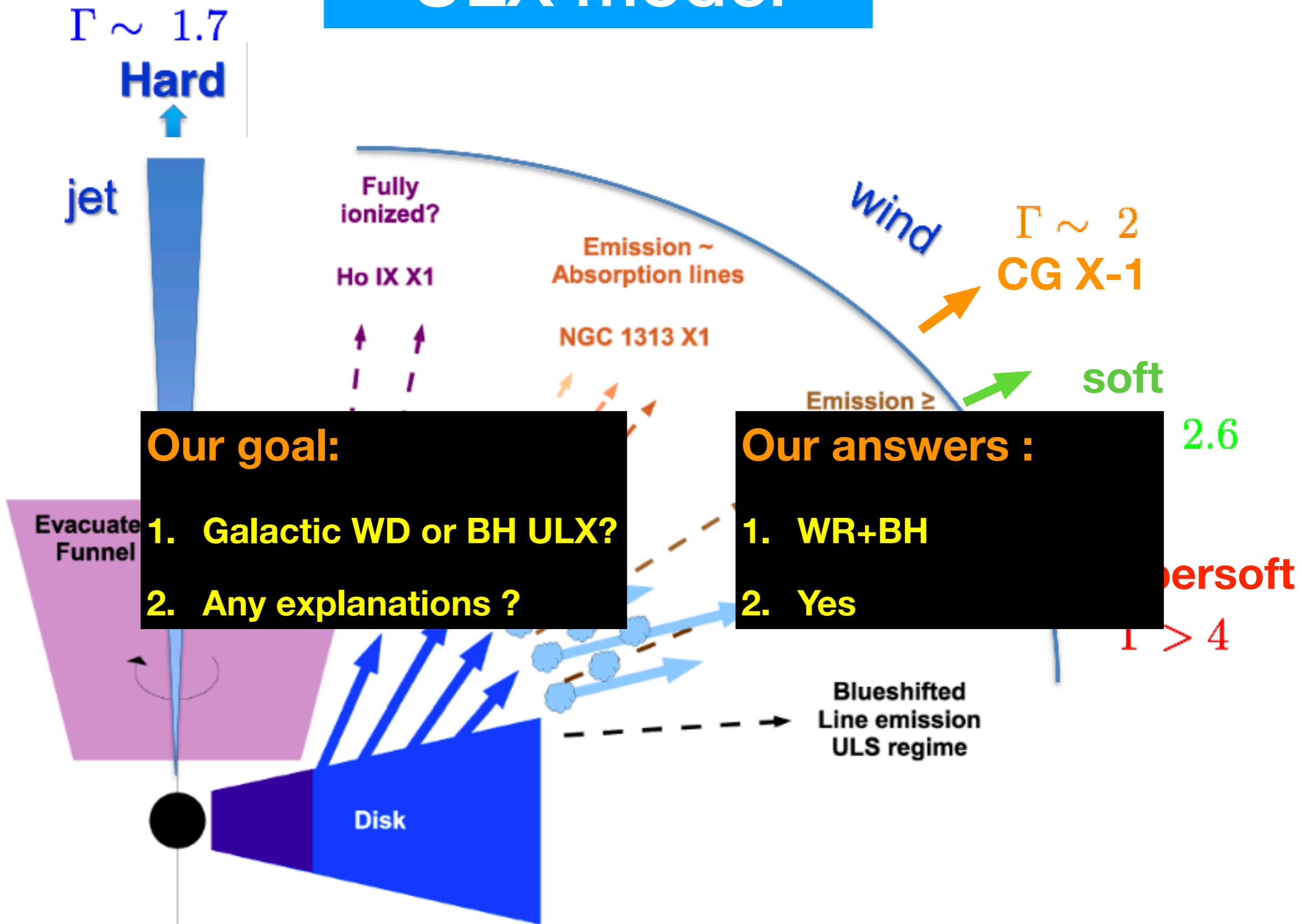
**tbabs \* absori \* tbabs \* pcfabs \* po**

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- X-ray emission is partially covered by clouds during egress phase.
- Covering fraction is set to 0 during the bright phase, and 1 during eclipse.
- Adding “absori” can improve the fitting which is a simple power-law.

# ULX model



**Our goal:**

1. Galactic WD or BH ULX?
2. Any explanations ?

**Our answers :**

1. WR+BH
2. Yes

# WR+BH formation rate or BH+BH merging rate

- So far, 4 - 6 WR+BH has been found within 6 Mpc, the typical life time of WR stage is  $1-4 \times 10^5$  yr, so the WR + BH birth rate is:

$$R_{birth} \sim 100 \frac{(4 - 6) \text{ in } 6 \text{ Mpc}}{(1 - 4) \times 10^5 \text{ yr}} \sim 100 \text{ Gpc}^{-3} \text{ yr}^{-1}$$

- The LIGO events give the BH+BH merging rate:

$$R_{merge} \sim 100 \text{ Gpc}^{-3} \text{ yr}^{-1}$$

- Thus, the WR+BH rate is highly consistent with the BH+BH merging rate.

# Take-home message

- CG X-1, a rare WR+BH ULX binary, is the most promising progenitor of BH+BH mergers.
- CG X-1 can constrain the model of evolution of massive close binaries.

**Thank you !**





**Backup slides**

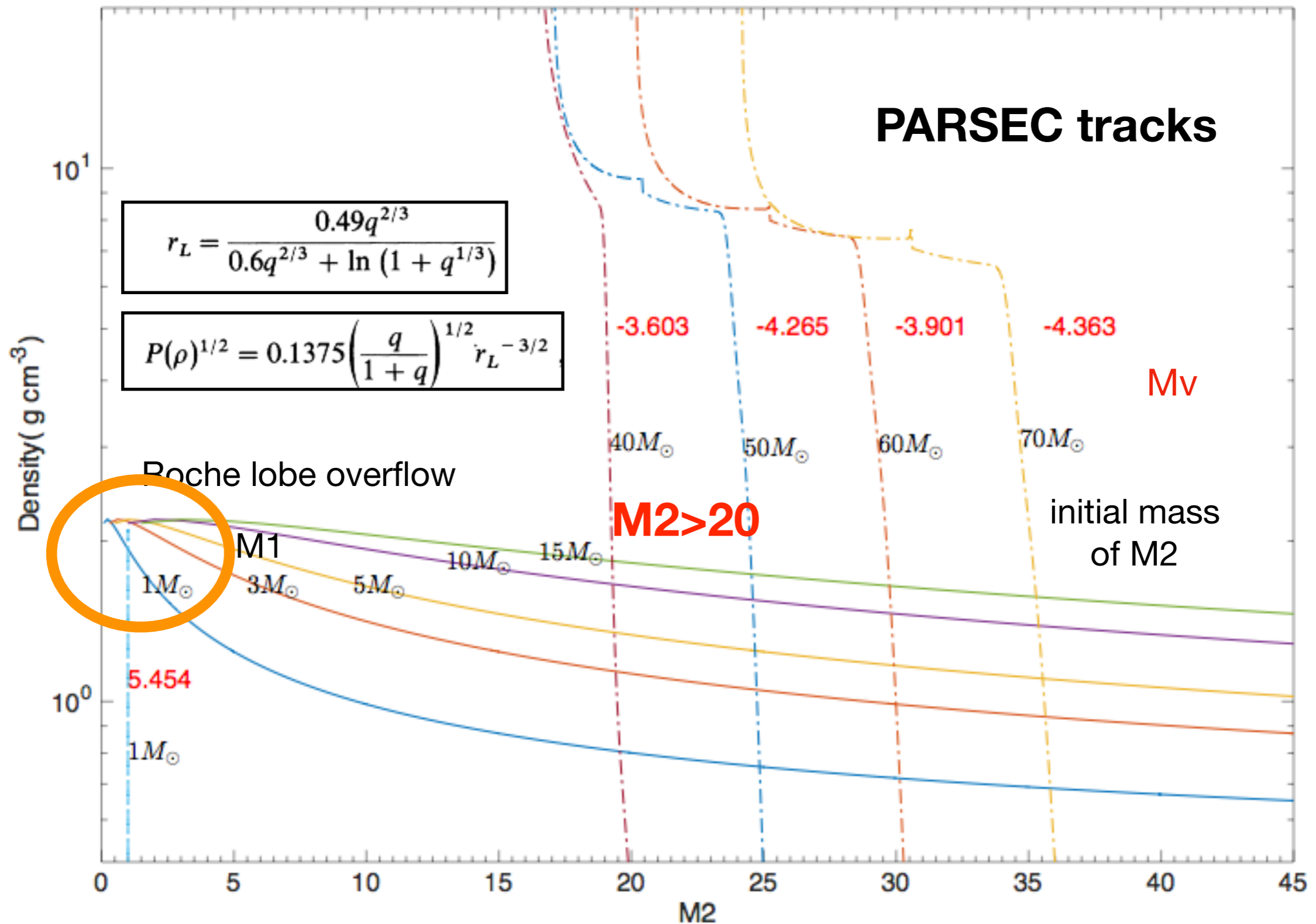
# 24+5+2 observations

Table 1. X-ray observations.

Obsid	Instrument	Start date	Exp. T (ks)	off-axis angle (acrmin)	counts
rh702058a02	ROSAT-HRI	1997-03-03 21:50:52	26.38	0.30	75
rh702058a03	ROSAT-HRI	1997-08-17 10:44:29	45.89	0.30	169
355	ACIS-S	2000-01-16 10:18:17	1.32	1.56	43
365*	ACIS-S	2000-03-14 06:01:26	4.97	1.09	1639
356	ACIS-S	2000-03-14 07:46:18	24.72	1.09	3579
374	HETG	2000-06-15 22:01:09	7.12	1.06	85
62877	HETG	2000-06-16 00:38:28	60.22	1.06	923
2454*	ACIS-S	2001-05-02 16:02:48	4.40	0.73	301
0111240101*	MOS+PN	2001-08-06 08:54:51	109.85	0.27	15791
4770	HETG	2004-06-02 12:40:42	55.03	1.32	591
4771	HETG	2004-11-28 18:26:32	58.97	1.11	603
9140	ACIS-S	2008-10-26 10:24:46	48.76	4.28	1176
10226	HETG	2008-12-08 17:57:06	19.67	1.35	201
10223	HETG	2008-12-15 15:46:15	102.93	1.34	642
10832	HETG	2008-12-19 18:15:08	20.61	1.34	187
10833	HETG	2008-12-22 07:29:35	28.36	1.34	211
10224	HETG	2008-12-23 11:25:12	77.10	1.33	483
10844	HETG	2008-12-24 23:17:37	27.17	1.33	290
10225	HETG	2008-12-26 04:02:06	67.89	1.33	651
10842	HETG	2008-12-27 12:03:26	36.74	1.33	332
10843	HETG	2008-12-29 10:10:49	57.01	1.32	448
10873	HETG	2009-03-01 23:28:35	18.10	1.12	151
10850	HETG	2009-03-03 00:43:18	13.85	1.12	77
10872	HETG	2009-03-04 15:29:52	16.53	1.12	83
10937*	ACIS-S	2009-12-28 21:10:27	18.31	2.96	464
12823*	ACIS-S	2010-12-17 18:10:27	152.36	1.52	10464
12824*	ACIS-S	2010-12-24 03:38:54	38.89	1.52	2368
0701981001*	MOS+PN	2013-02-03 07:24:11	58.91	4.80	3177
0656580601*	MOS+PN	2014-03-01 09:55:41	45.90	0.27	1833
0792382701*	MOS+PN	2016-08-23 16:53:33	37.00	4.70	5939
0780950201	MOS+PN	2018-02-07 12:11:49	44.36	4.70	4302

Observations with asterisks are used to extract spectra.

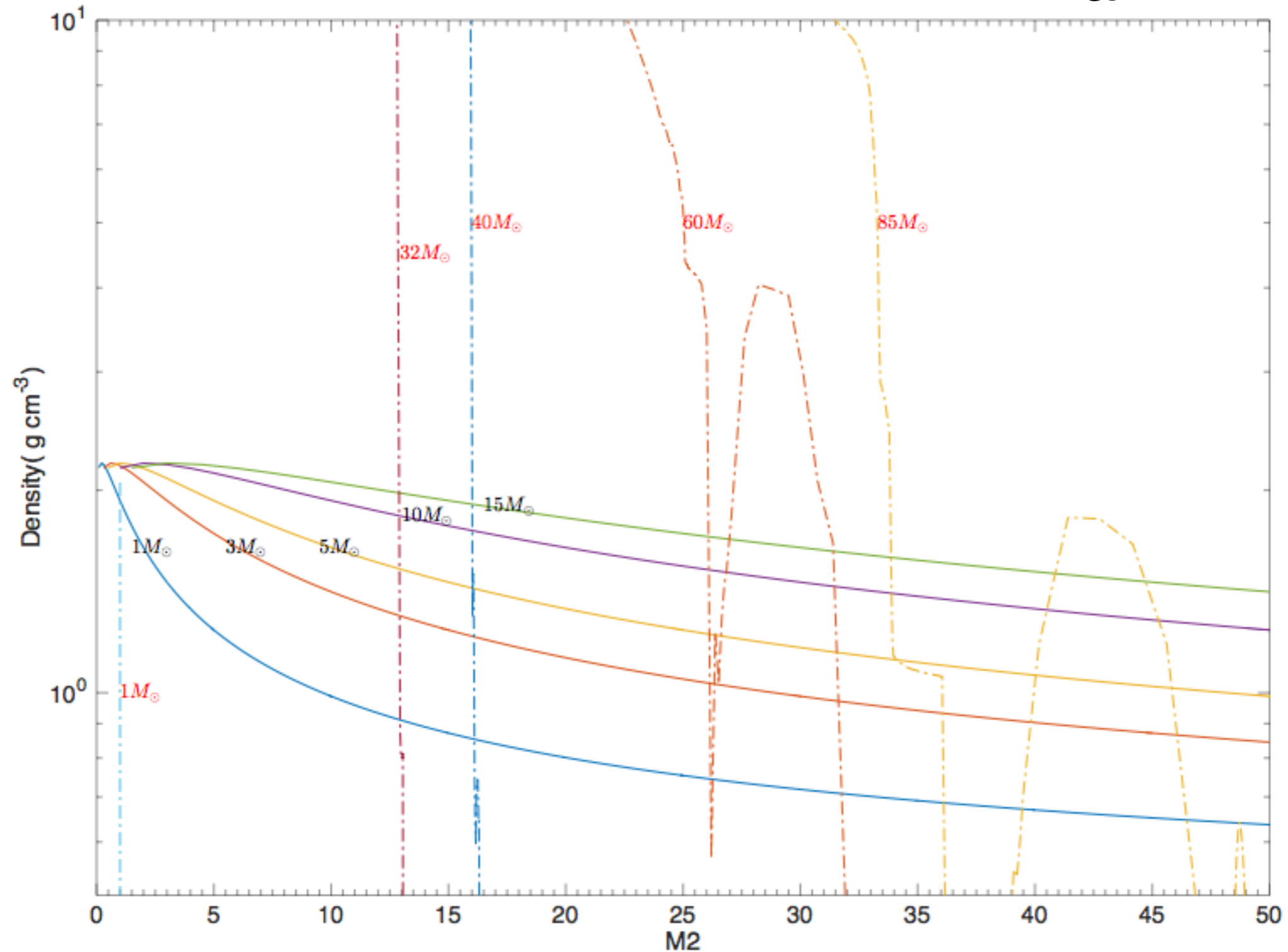
# Eggleton lines & stellar evolution tracks



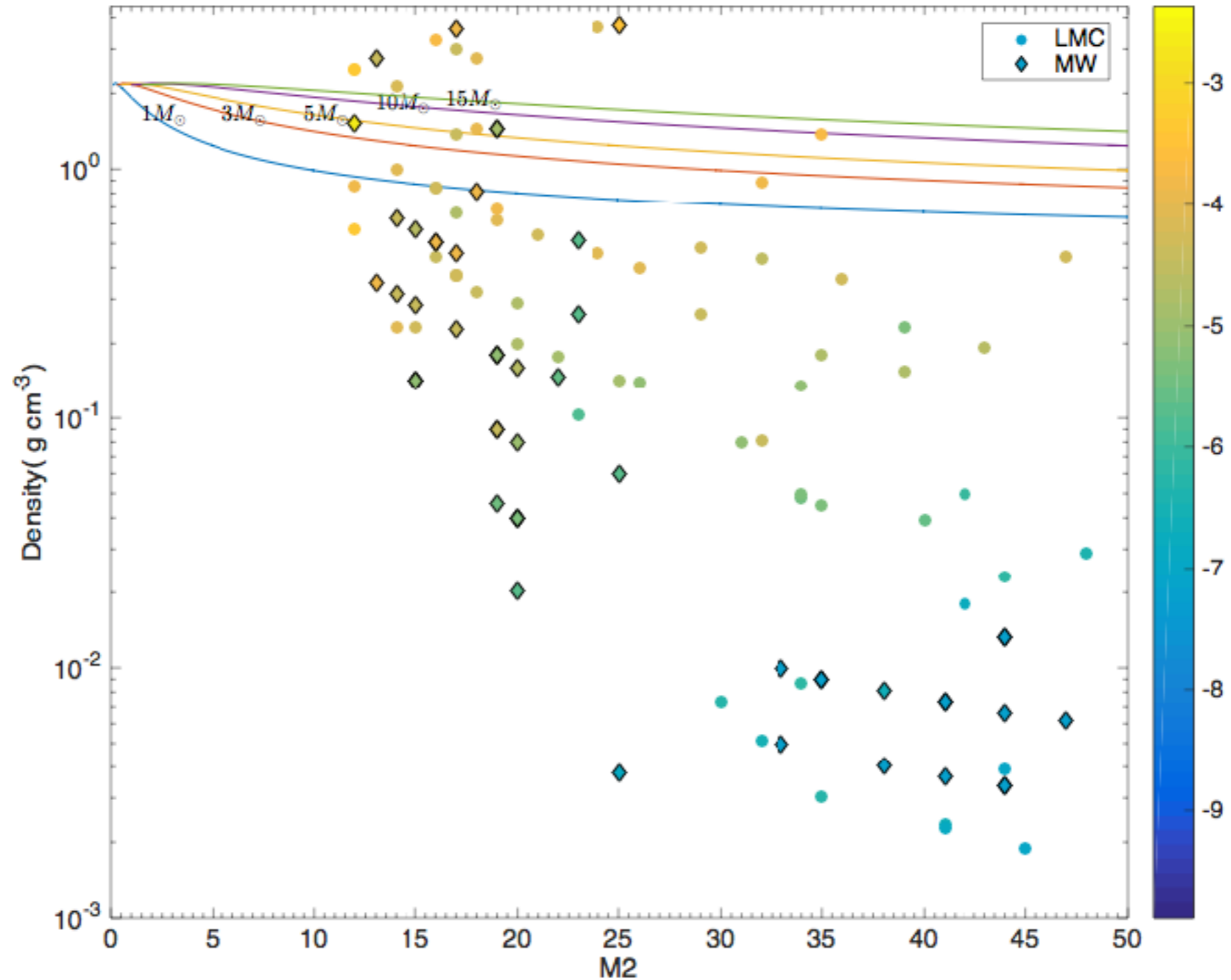
Eggleton 1983

# WR Geneva tracks, v4, Z=0.014

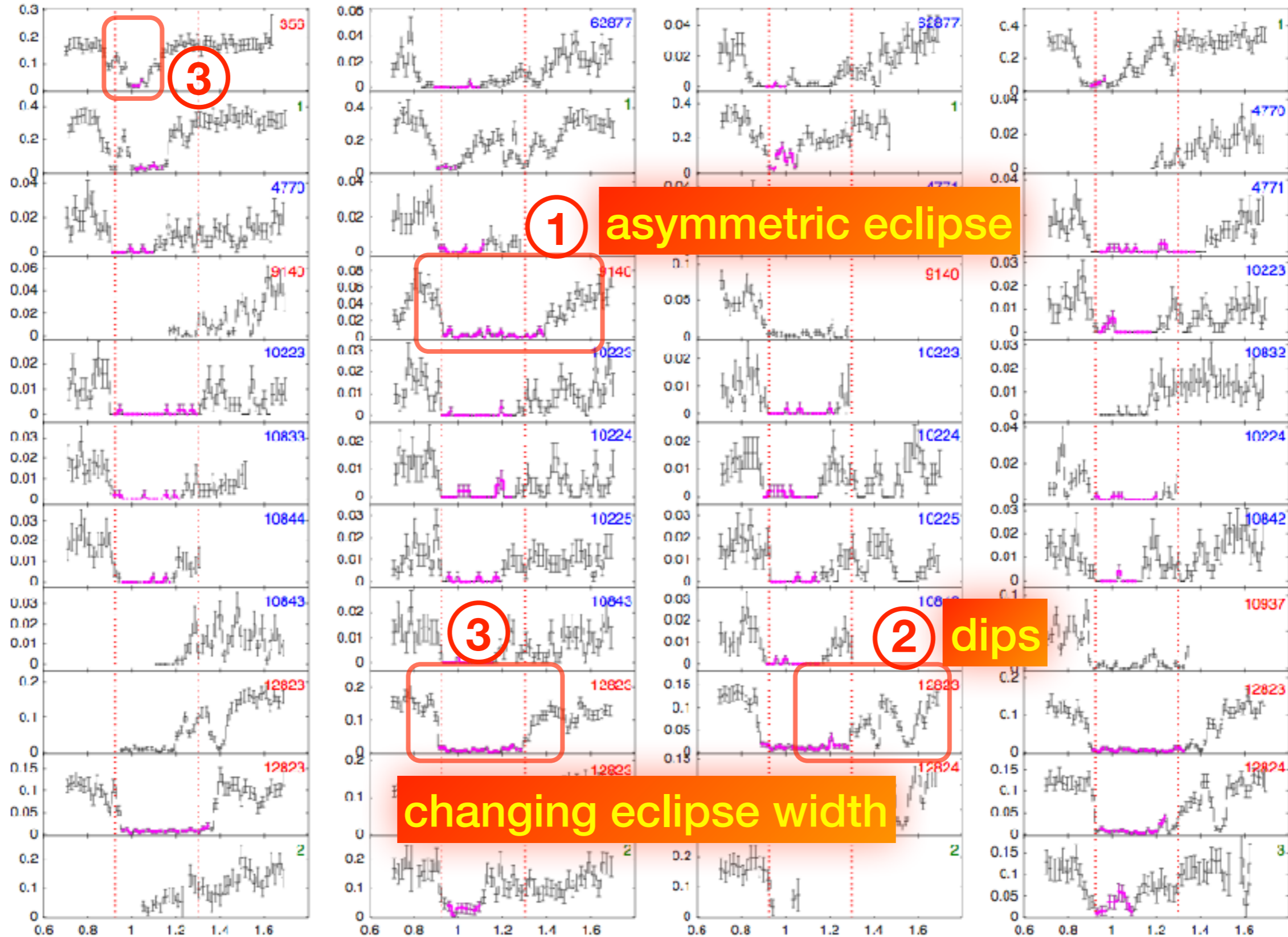
Georgy et al. 2012



# WRs in LMC and MW



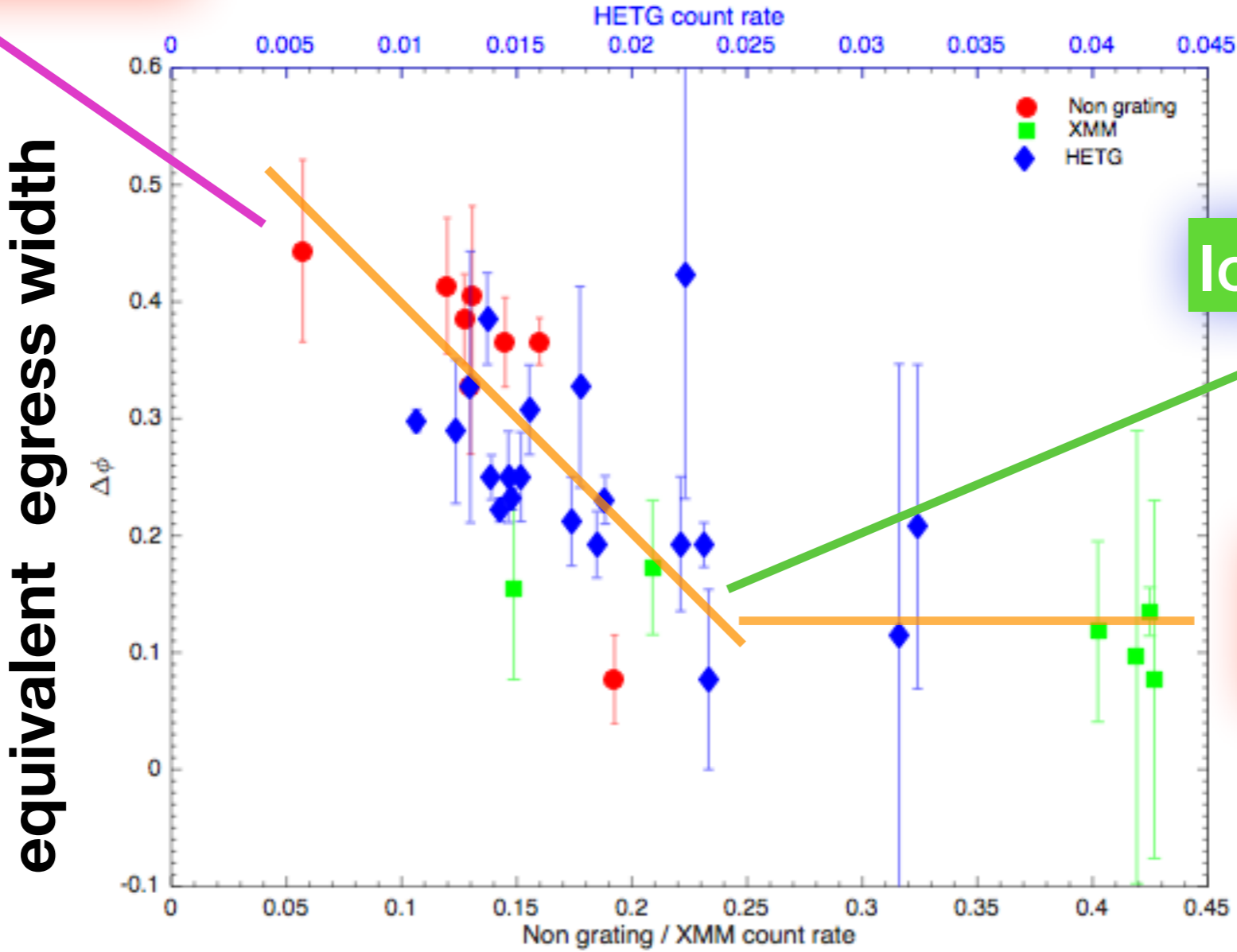
# light curves over 15 years



# egress variability

Partially obscured by the clouds

## HETG count rate



Ionized by high Lx

upper limit of eclipse width

## ACIS-S / XMM count rate

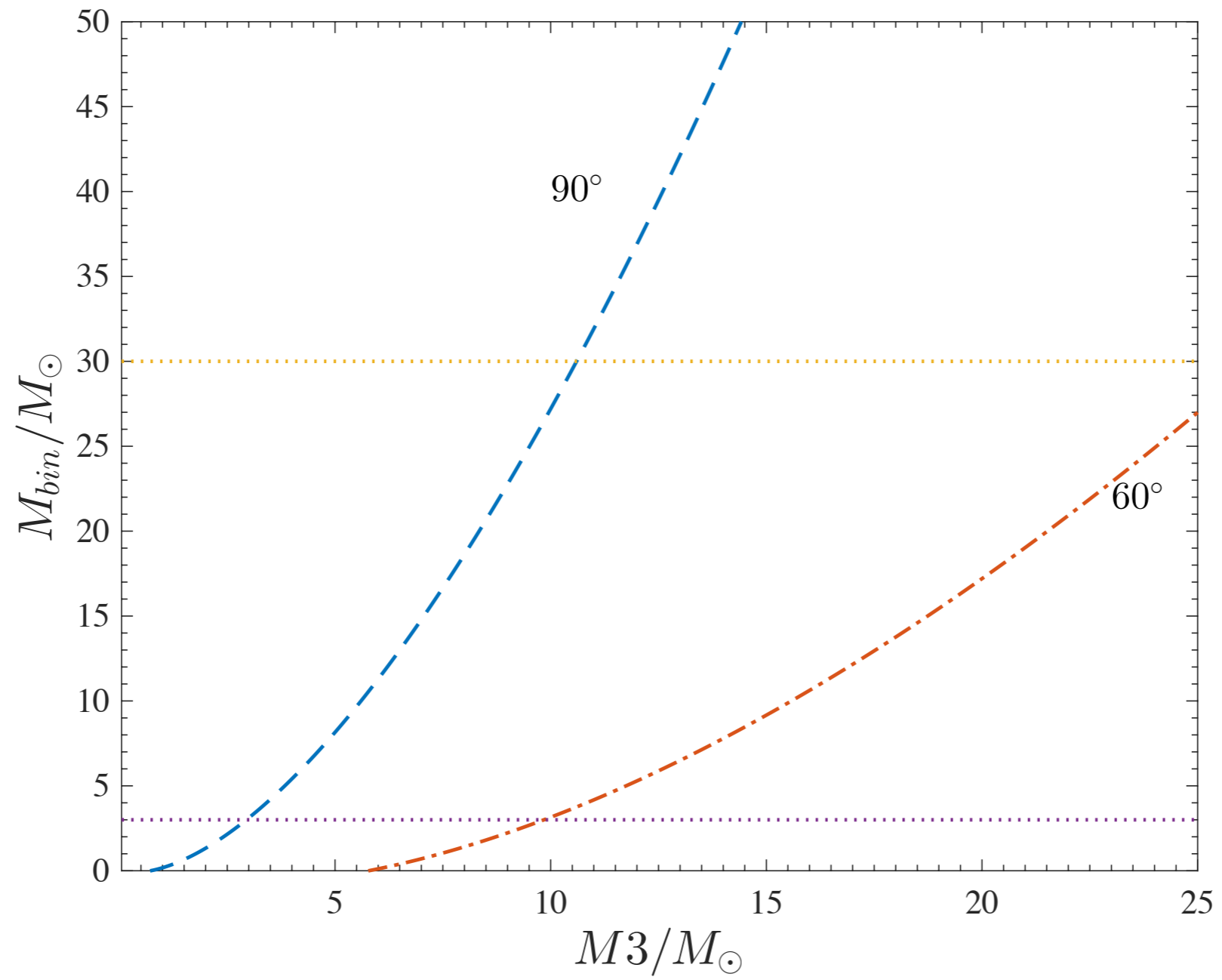
# WR + BH/NS

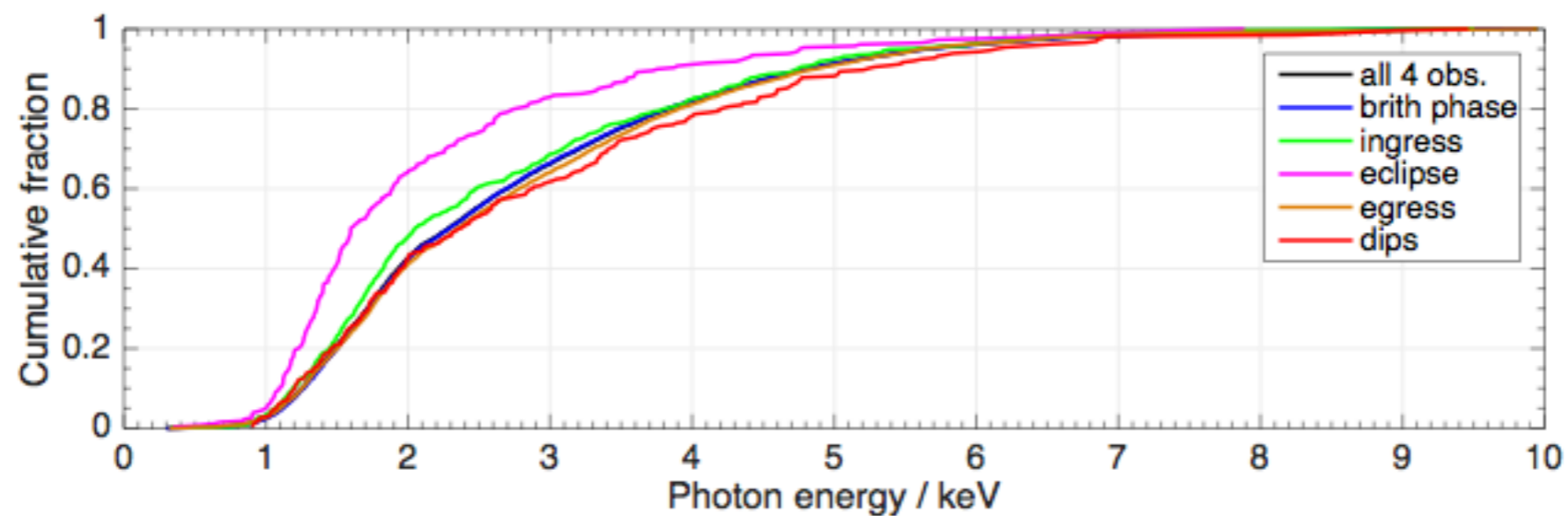
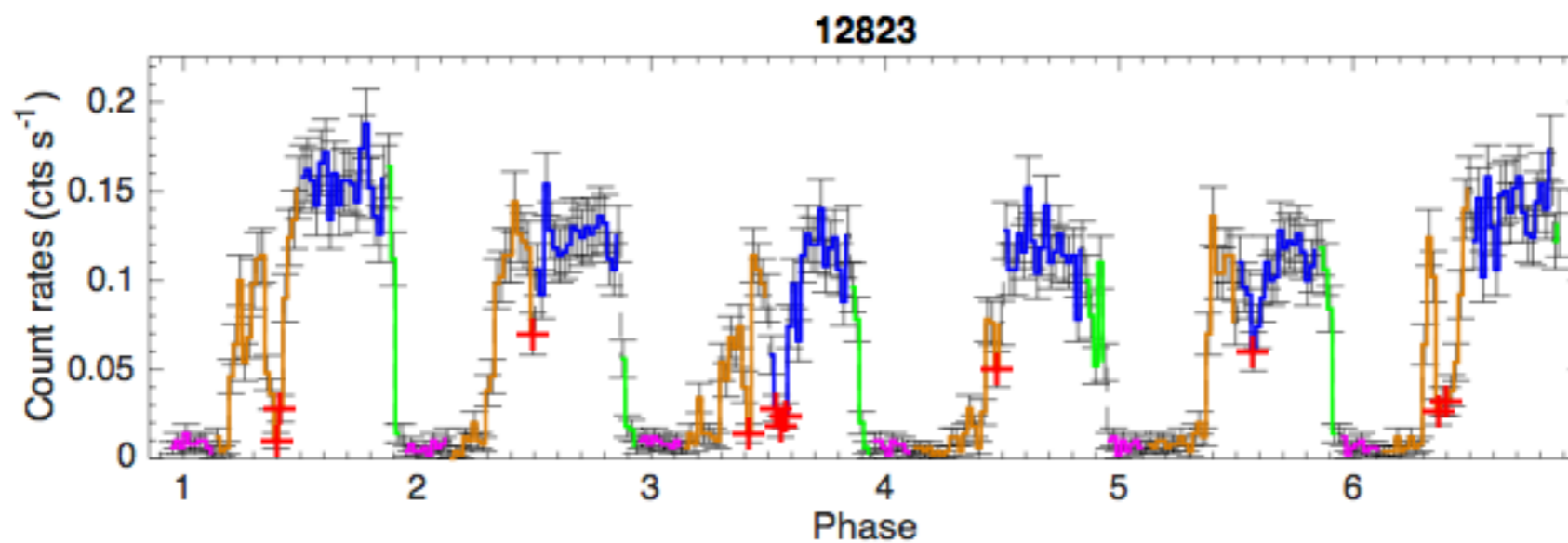
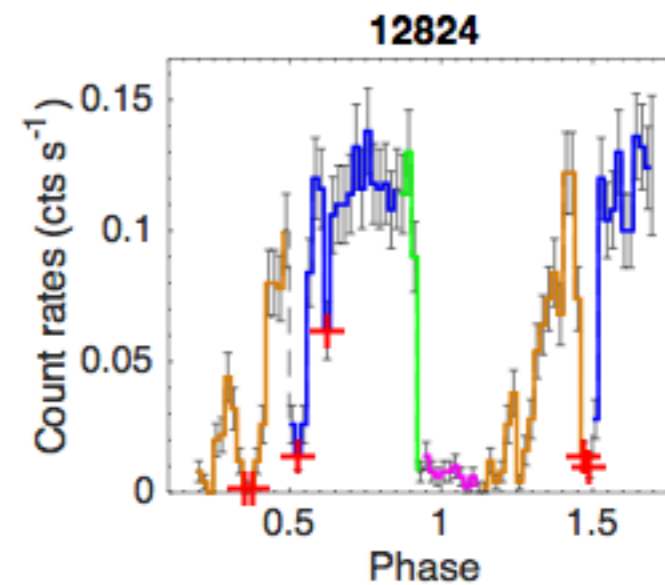
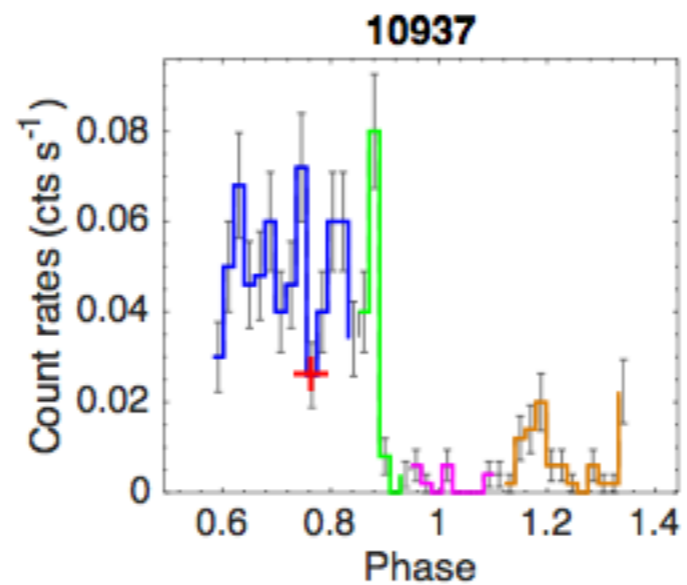
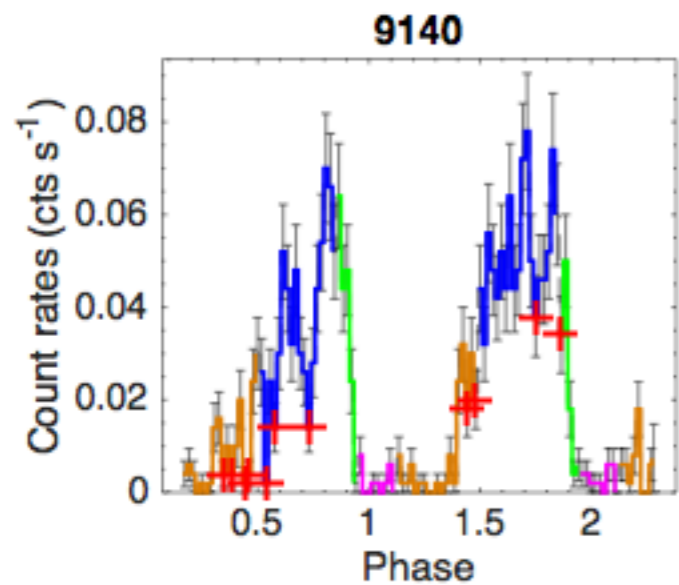
	Name	Lx (erg/s)	Porb hr	Dis. Mpc	M1 Msolar	M2 Msolar	opt. Mag	ra dec	NH Tau	SFR Msolar/yr	ref
1	NGC 4214 X-1	7E+38	3.6	3.5	NS?	He core 2-3	22.6	121538.2 +361921	1.8e21 1.8		Ghosh et al. 2006 <a href="#">2006ApJ...650..872G</a>
2	Cyg X-3	1E+38	4.8	(7-9)e-3	NS?						Zdziarski et al. 2012 <a href="#">2012MNRAS...426.1031Z</a>
3	CG X-1	2.3E+40	7.2	4.2	BH? >10?	He core 13-50?	24.3			3-8	Esposito et al. 2015
4	NGC 4490 X-1	1.1E+39	6.4	7-10	BH?						Esposito et al. 2013 <a href="#">2013MNRAS...436.3380E</a>
5	NGC 253 X-1	1E+38	14.5	11	BH? 10?	WR 8?	No	004732.0 -251722.1	1e22 1.37		Maccarone et al. 2014 <a href="#">2014MNRAS...439.3064M</a>
6	NGC 300 X-1	1E+39	32.8	1.88	BH						arpano et al 2007 <a href="#">2007A&amp;A...466L..17C</a>
7	IC 10 X-1	1.2E+38	34.8	0.66	BH						Laycock et al. 2015 <a href="#">2015MNRAS...446.1399L</a>
8	M33 X-7		82.8 3.45d	0.8	BH						<a href="#">Pietsch, 2006</a> <a href="#">2006ApJ...646..420P</a>
9	M101 ULX-1	1.6E+39	196.8 8.2 d	6.4	BH 20	WR 19					Liu et al. 2013 Soria & Kong 2016



**Table 2.** Fitting of O-C.

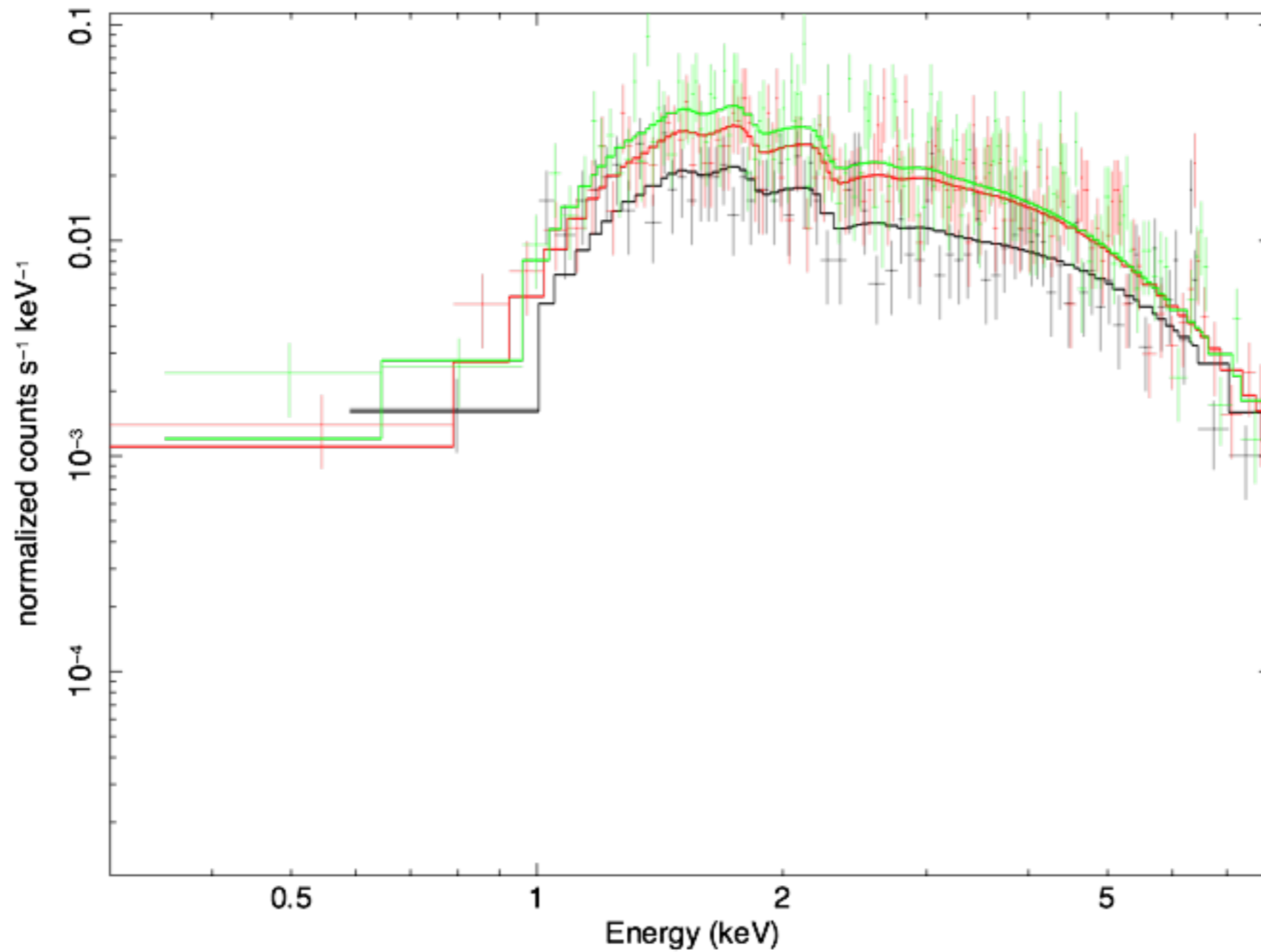
Model	Reduced $\chi^2$	dof.	$\chi^2$	f-test line	f-test quadratic+sin
line	1.292	19	31.716	-	0.079
quadratic	1.216	18	26.616	0.080	0.143
sin	1.236	17	25.971	0.183	0.169
quadratic+sin	1.118	15	20.604	0.079	-





# XMM: 2 egress phase + 1 bright phase

XMM MOS1 OBS 1



- no pileup
- more counts
- but more contaminations

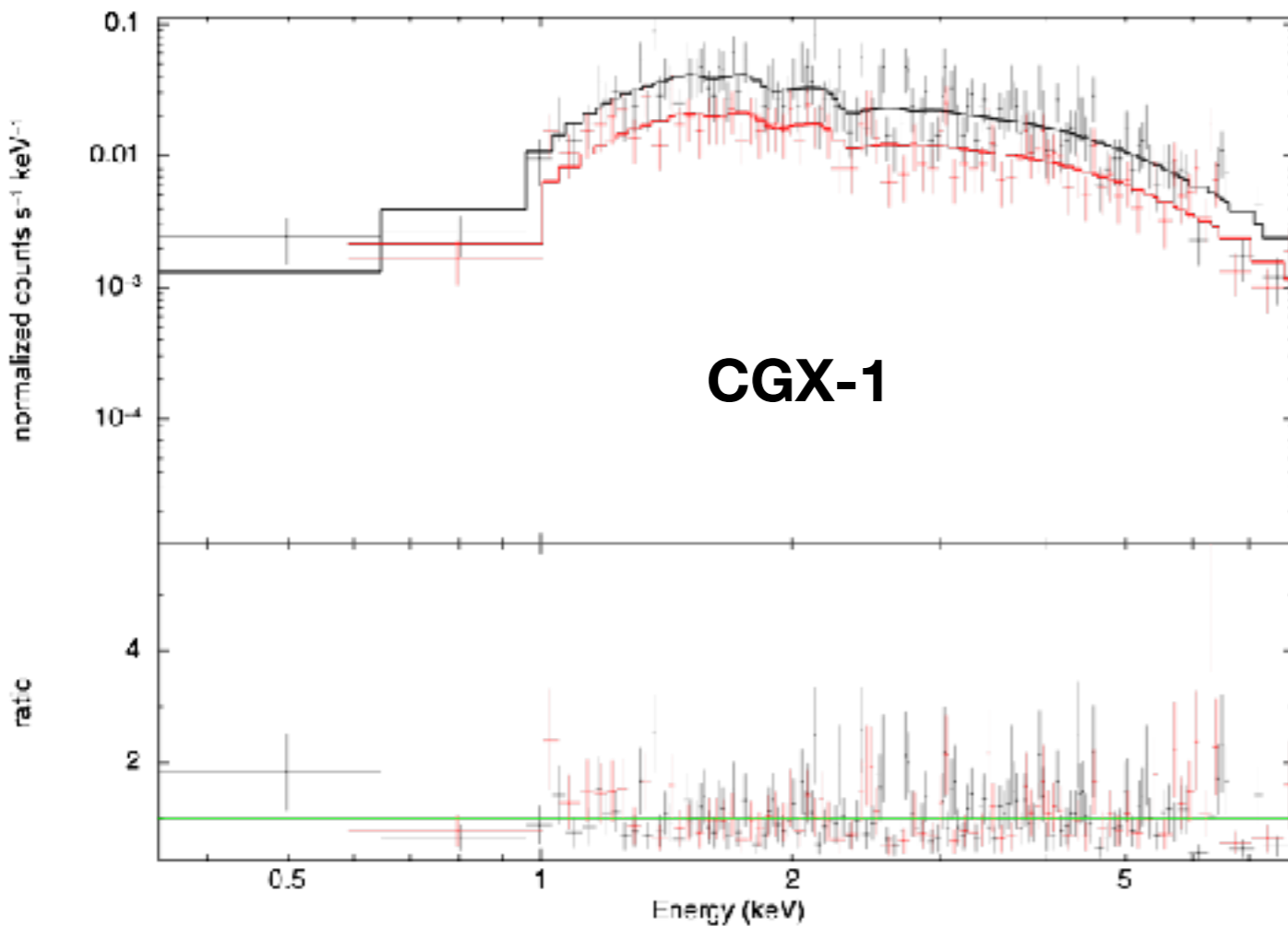
**green: bright phase 8**

**red: egress phase 4**

**black: egress phase 2**

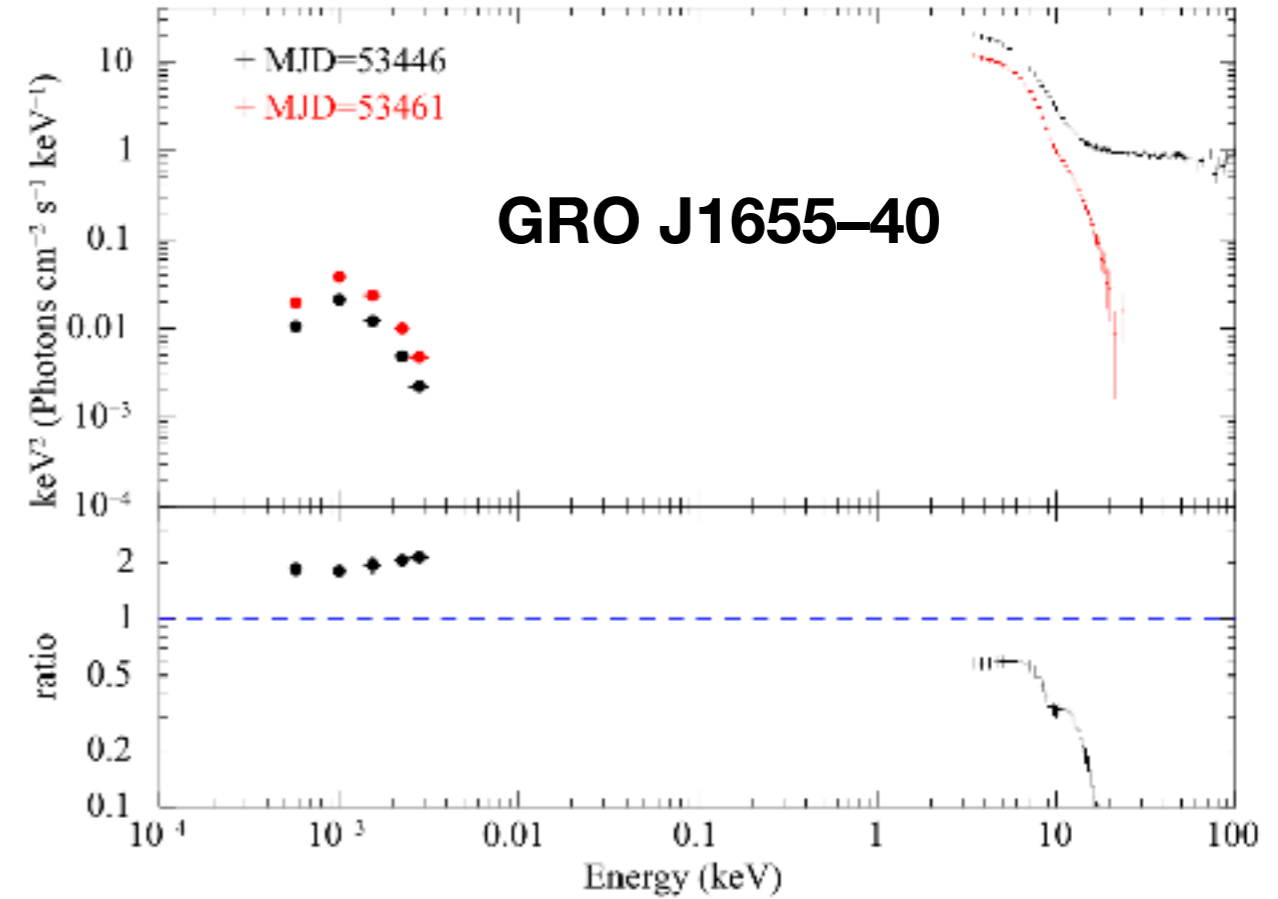
**pcfabs\*tbabs\*po**

# Comparison: AN OPTICALLY THICK DISK WIND IN GRO J1655-40?



XMM MOS1  
 $tbabs*tbabs*cabs*po$   
 black: phase 8  
 red: phase 2

wind on/off can  
 not cause the  
 sharp dips in the  
 bright phase

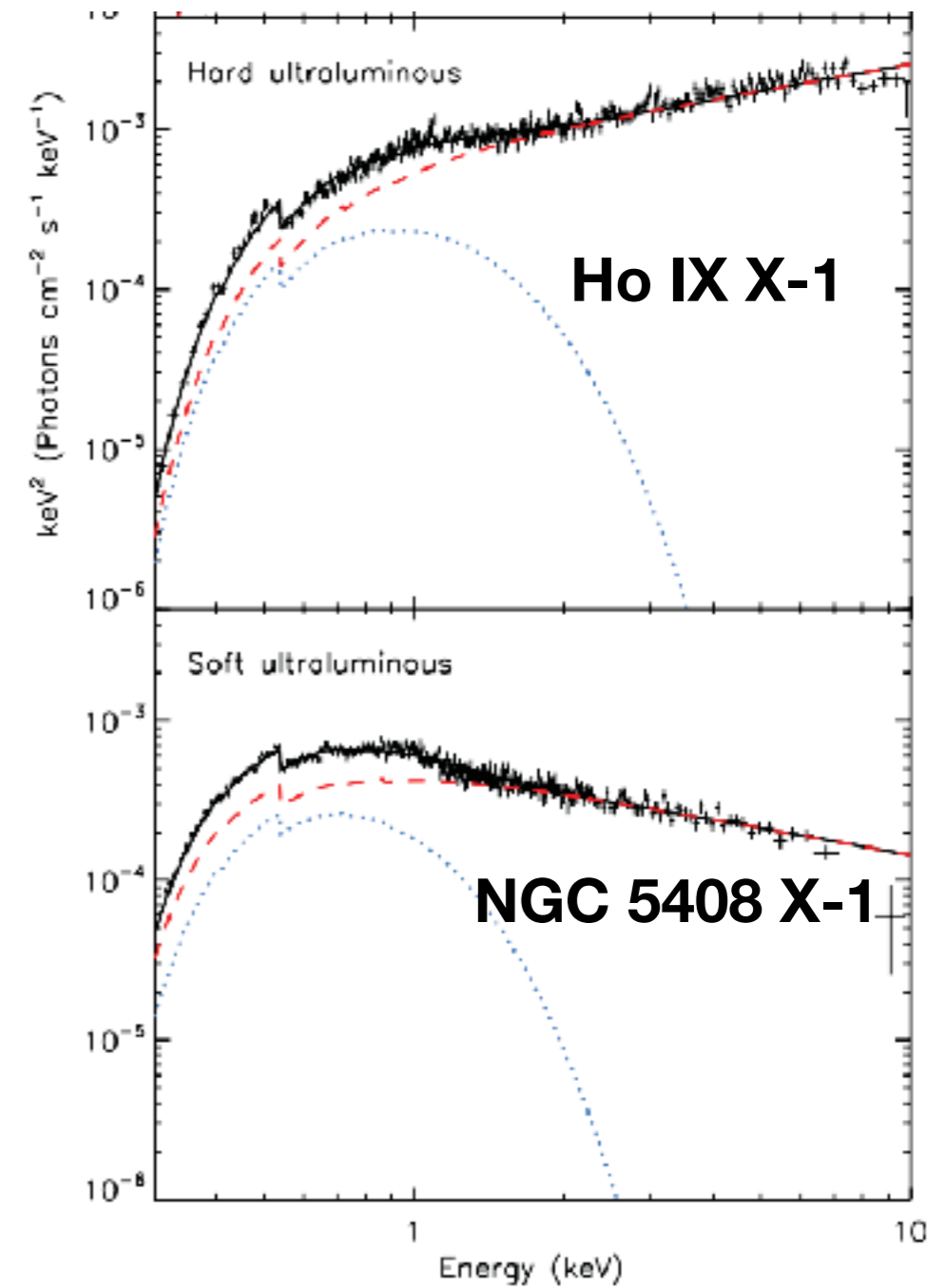
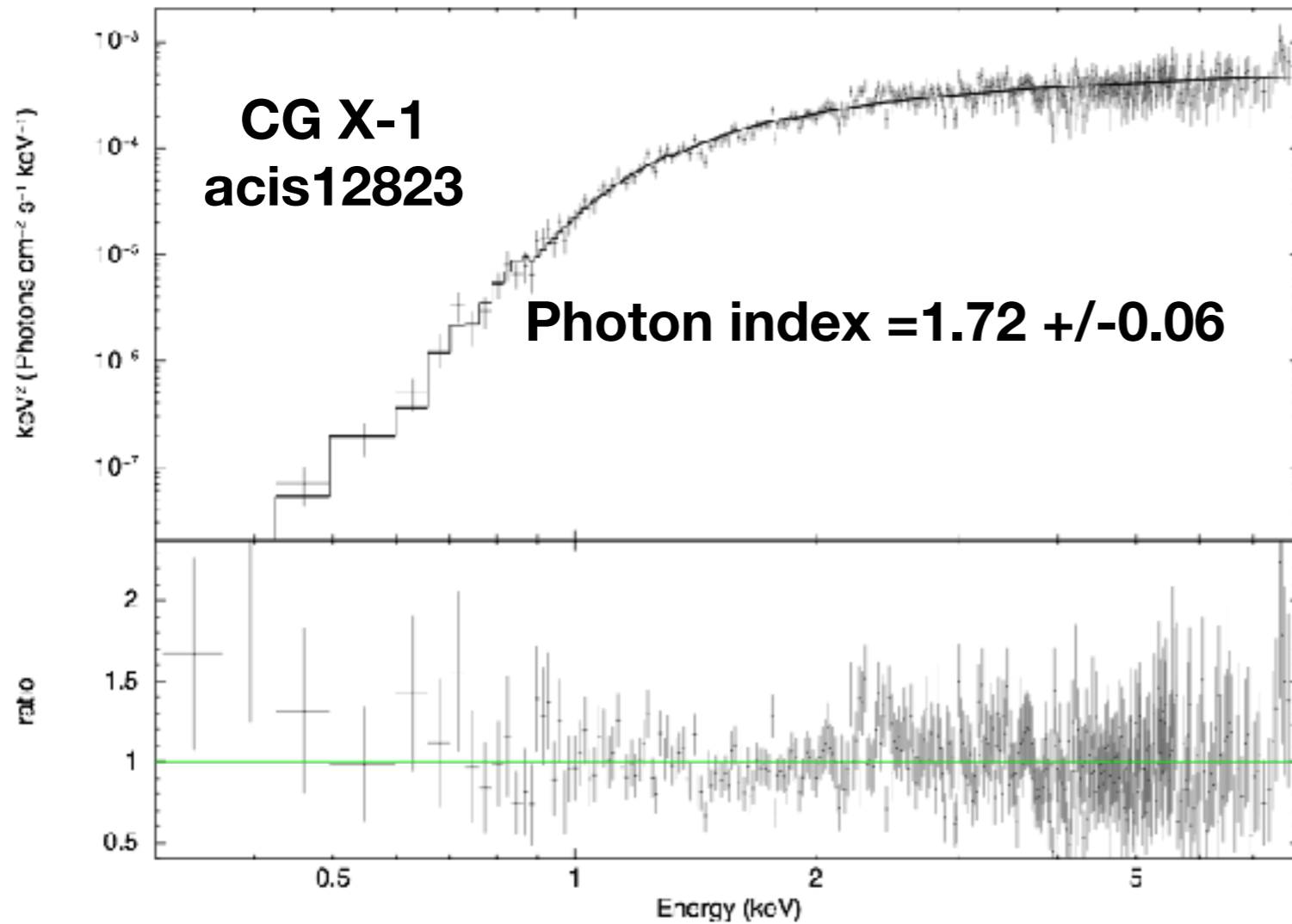


**Figure 2.** Top: multi-wavelength SEDs in the normal high/soft state (MJD 53446, black) and at the *Chandra* epoch in the hypersoft state (MJD 53461, red). For the HEXTE data (above 20 keV), the Cluster A spectra are not plotted for illustrative purposes. Bottom: the ratio of the two SEDs. The latter data are divided by the former.

outburst  
 ionized wind on/off

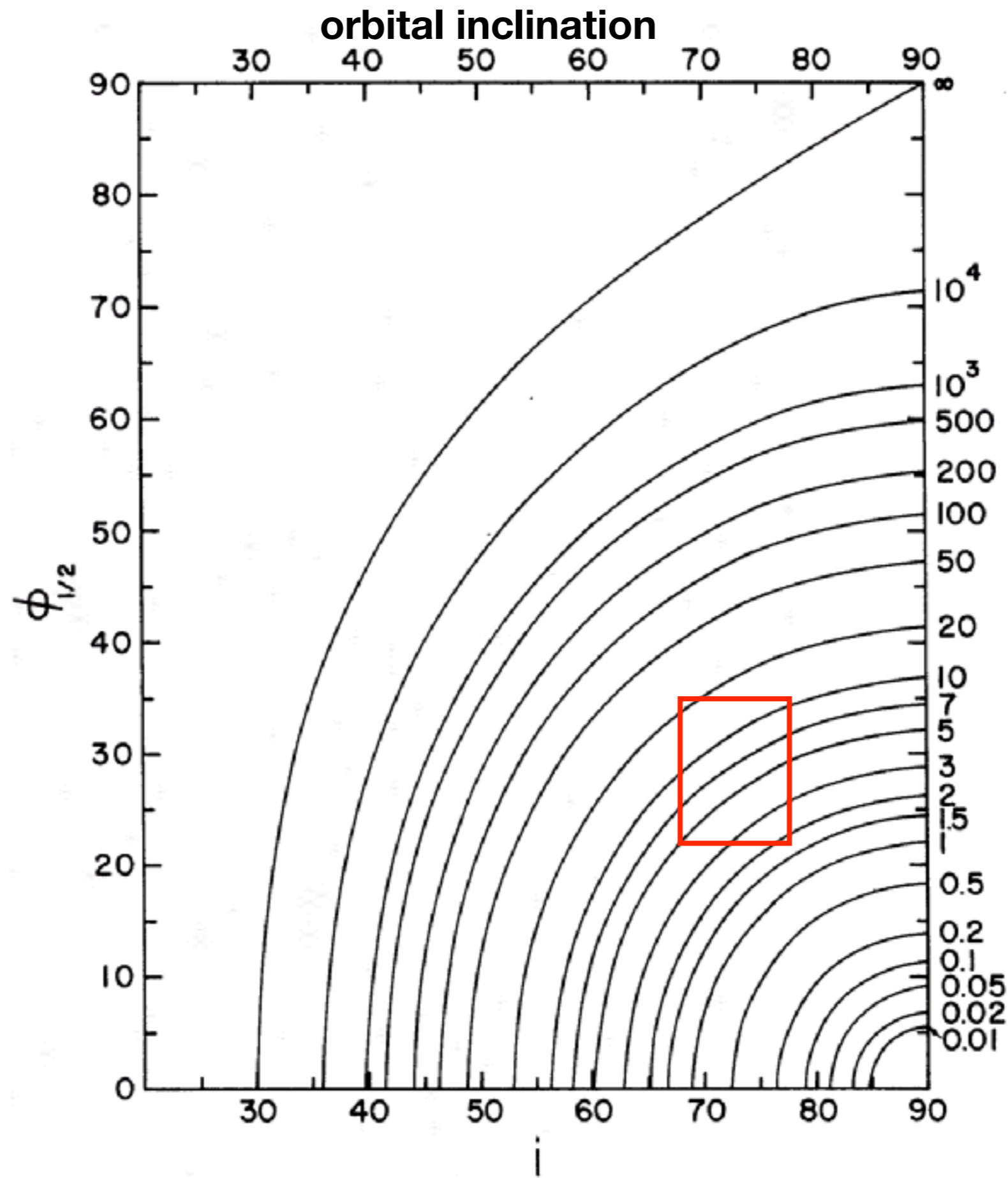
Shidatsu et al. 2016

# Hard spectrum



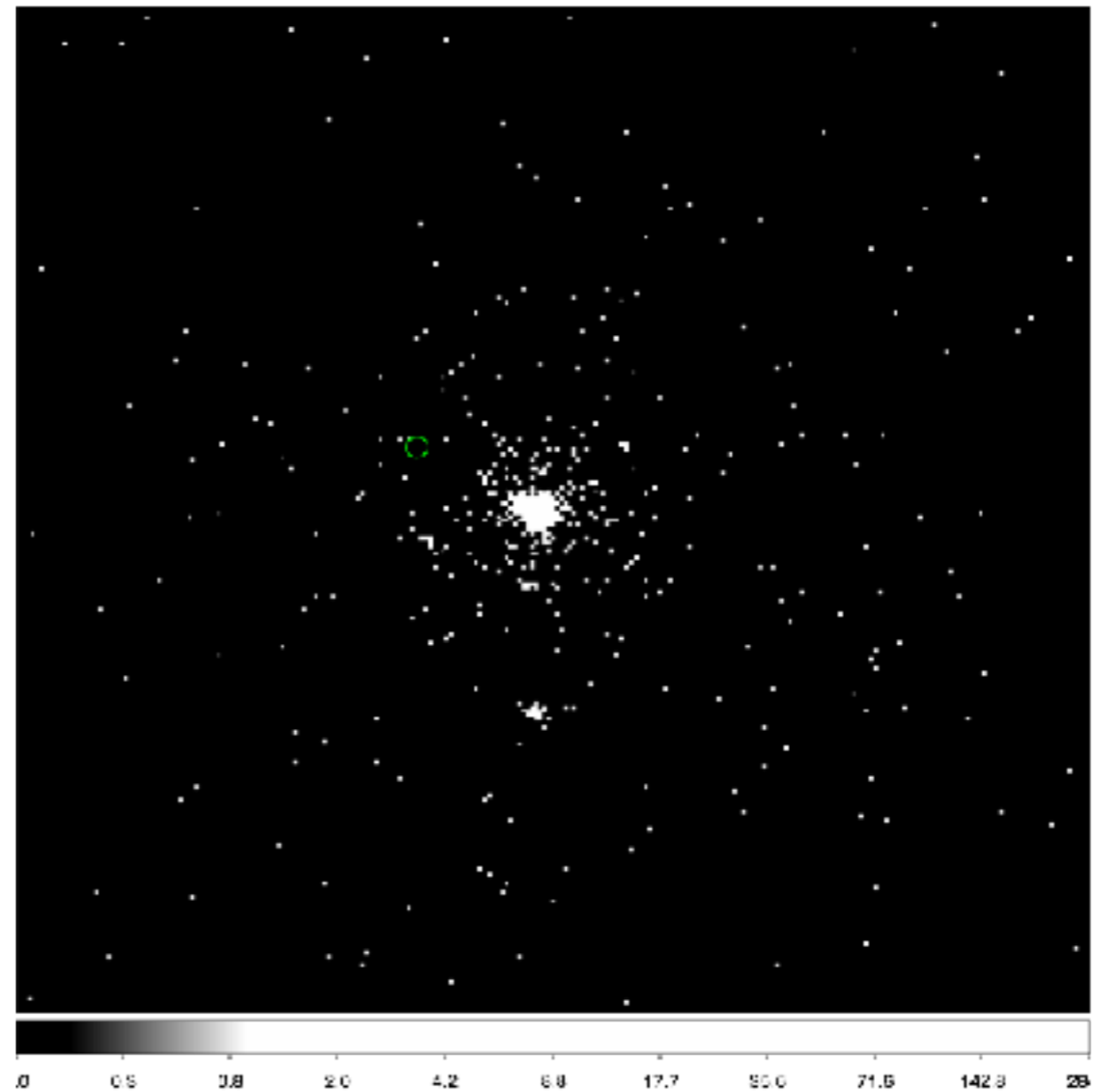
- no bending above 1.7
- no line features around 1keV

Sutton et al. 2013



# acis1 2823 eclipse Fe

- energy from 6.3-6.7 keV





# No Fe line

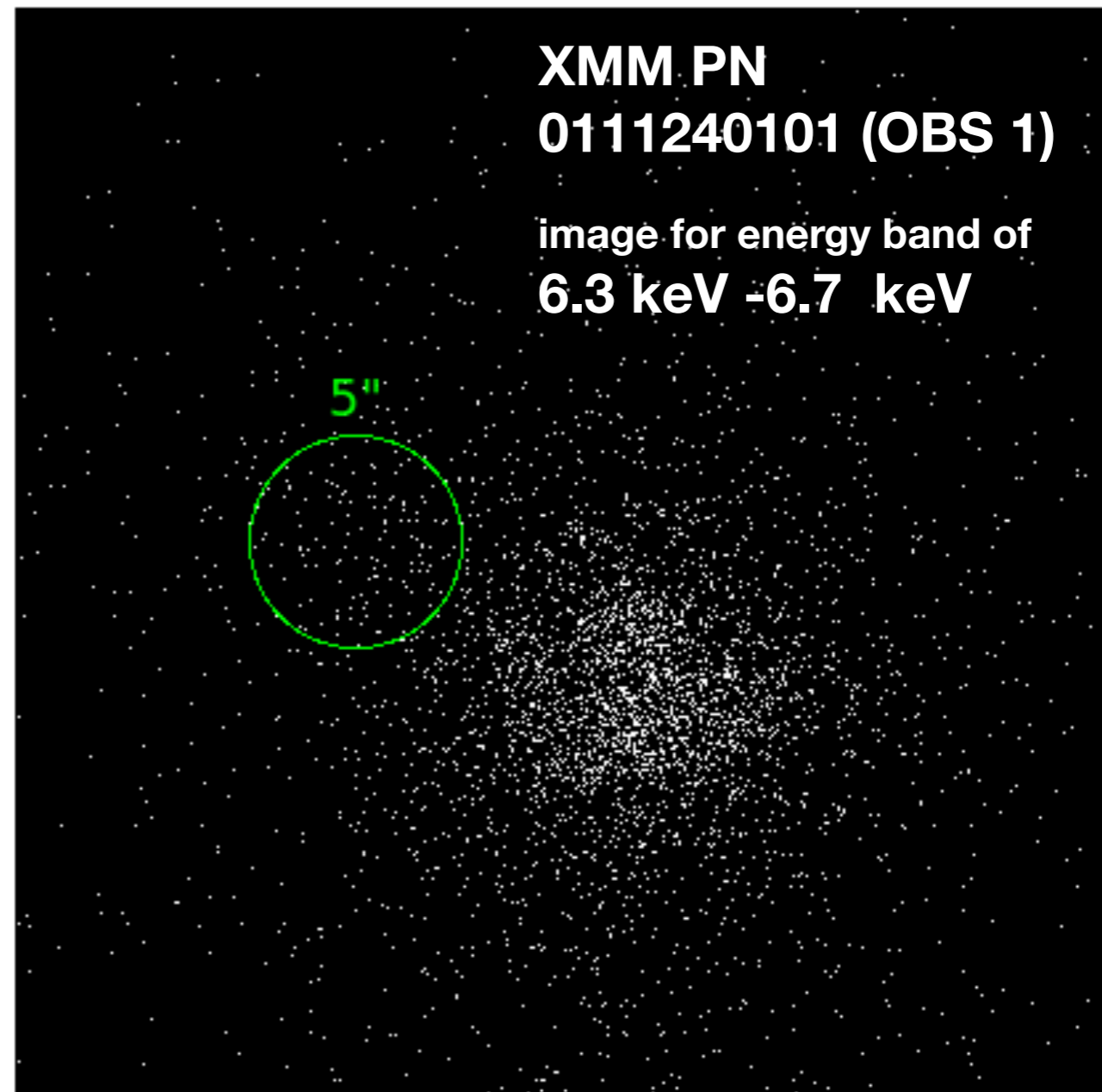
**spectrum of eclipse has no Fe line**

**but in bright phase yes**

**check the spectra with grp1, and about 5-8 counts in the Fe lines band 6.35-6.9 keV in both eclipse and bright phase, so there indeed are Fe lines in all the phase but they are contaminations from the center of Circinus galaxy.**

**Evidence for no Fe lines**

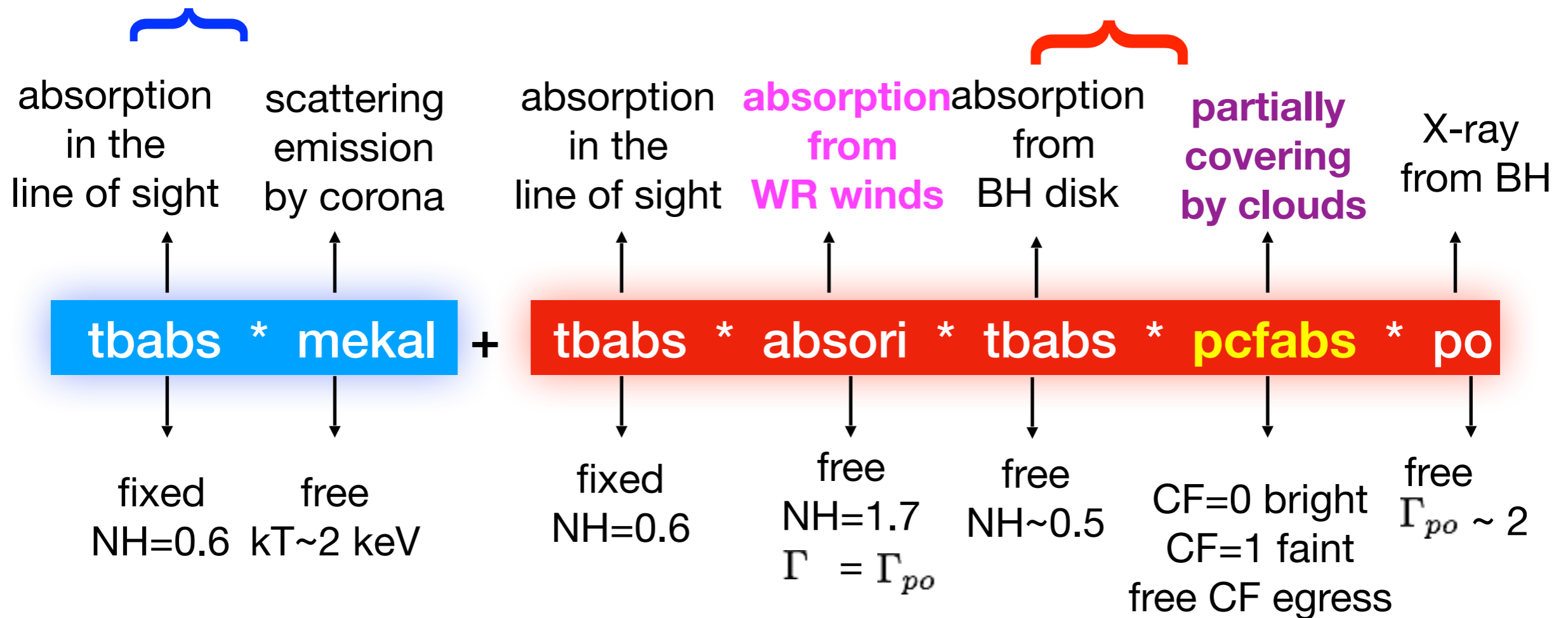
- 1. no lines in Chandra spectra**
- 2. in XMM Fe image, no compact source concentrates in the position of CG X-1**



# XSPEC model

dominate in faint phase  
 $L_x \sim 1e38 \text{ erg/s}$

dominate in bright phase  
 $L_x \sim 2e40 \text{ erg/s}$



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