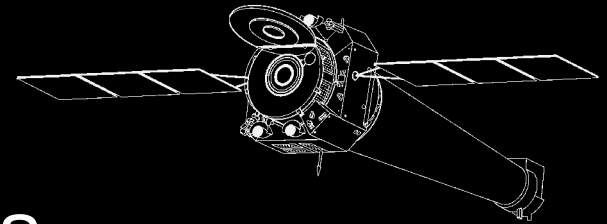


Accreting binary populations in nearby galaxies

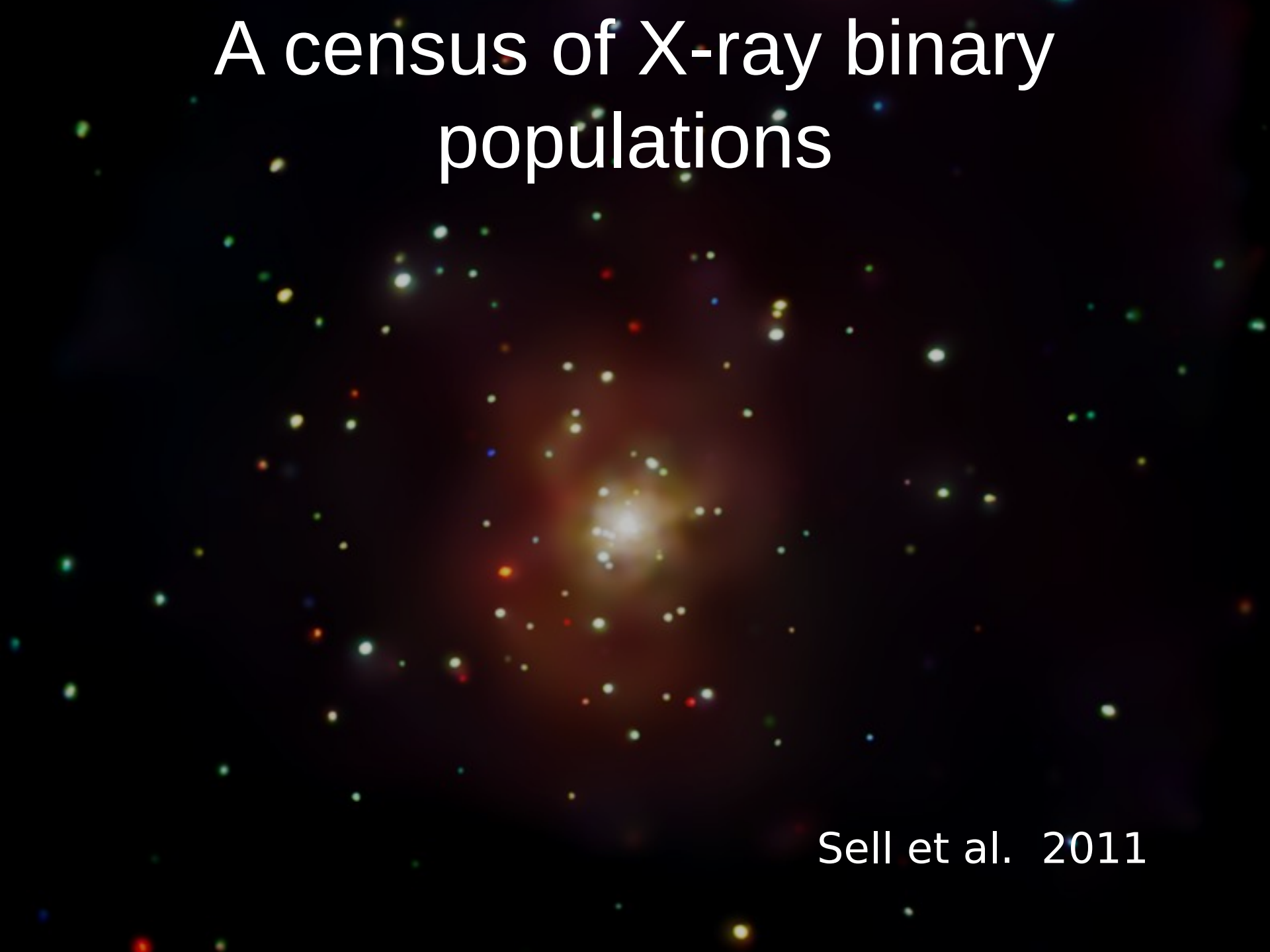
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A census of X-ray binary populations

The background of the slide is a deep space image showing a dense field of stars. In the center, there is a bright, multi-colored cluster of stars, likely representing a star-forming region or a cluster of X-ray binaries. The stars are scattered across the field, with colors ranging from blue and green to red and orange, indicating different stellar populations and temperatures.

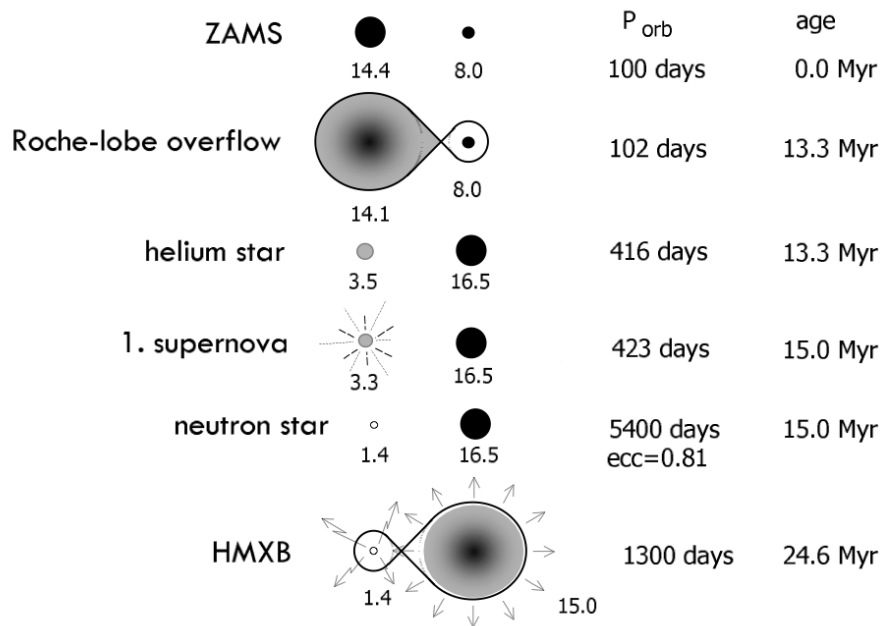
Sell et al. 2011

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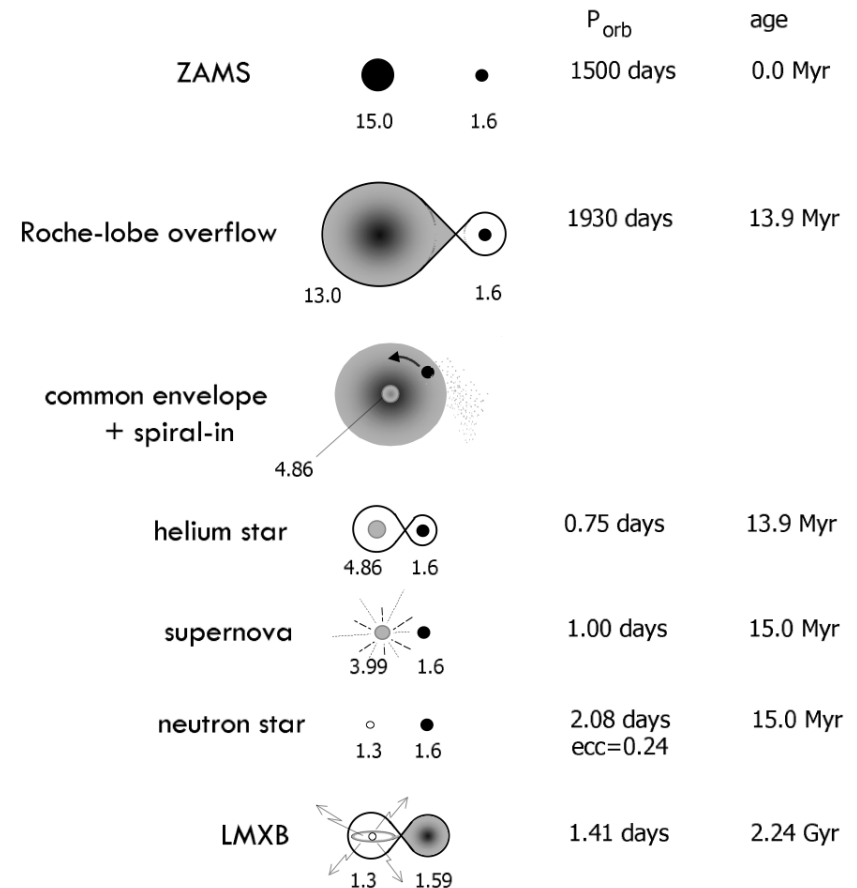
- Compact object demographics / mass spectrum
- Exotic / extreme objects
- Connection with parent stellar populations
- Constraints on binary evolution channels

Their (complicated) evolution

High-mass XRBs

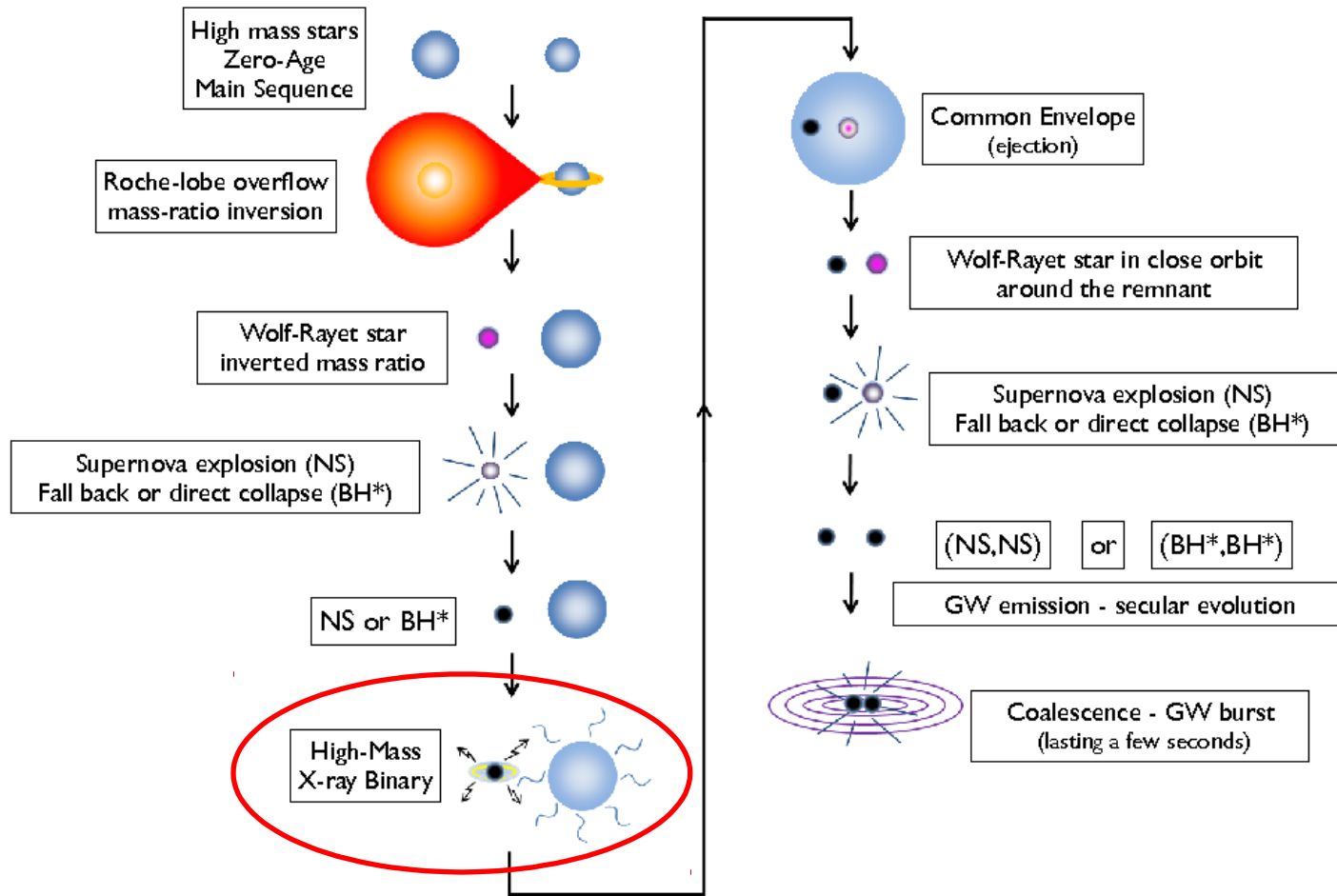


Low-mass XRBs

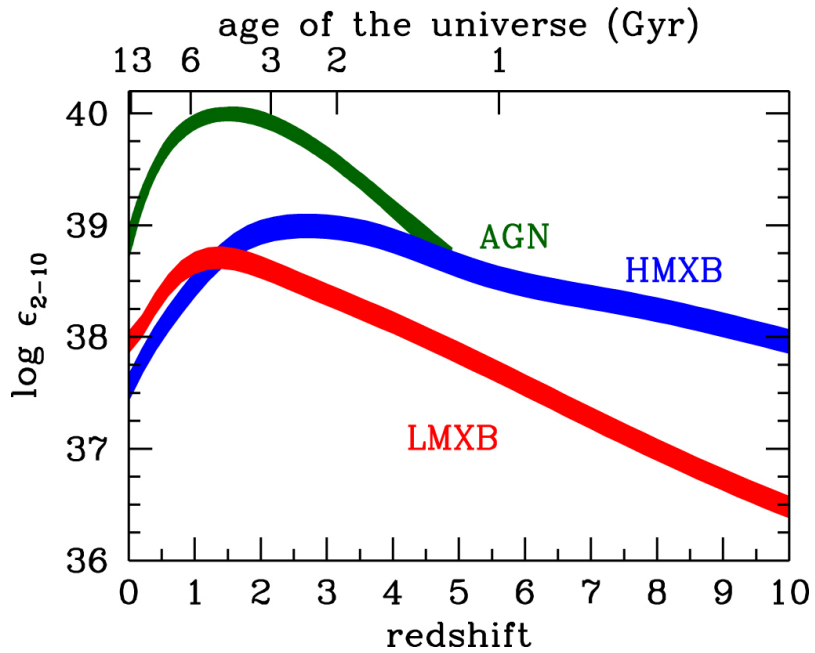


Tauris & van den Heuvel 2006

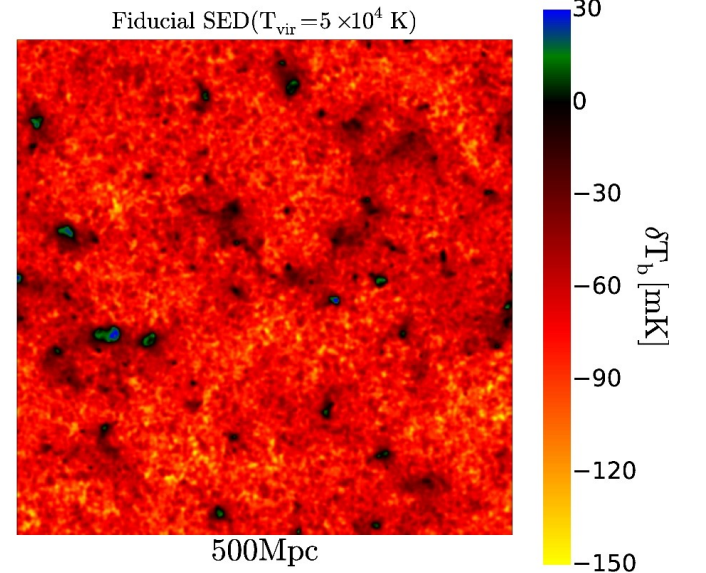
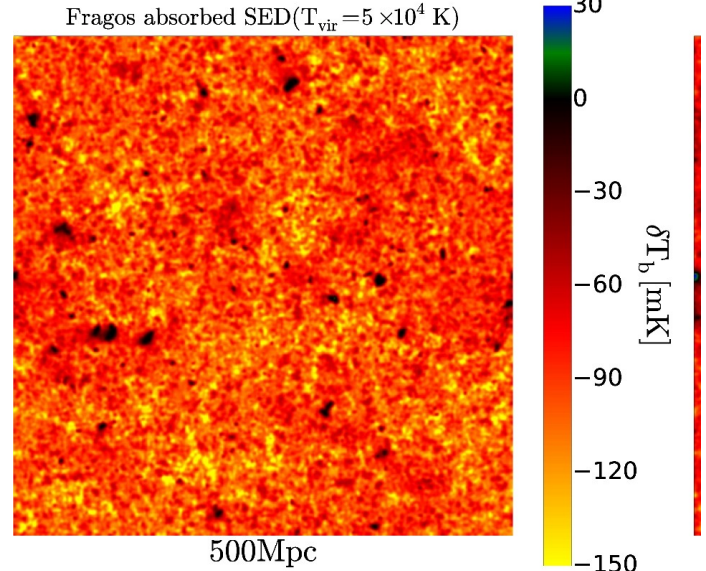
Gravitational wave sources



IGM preheating

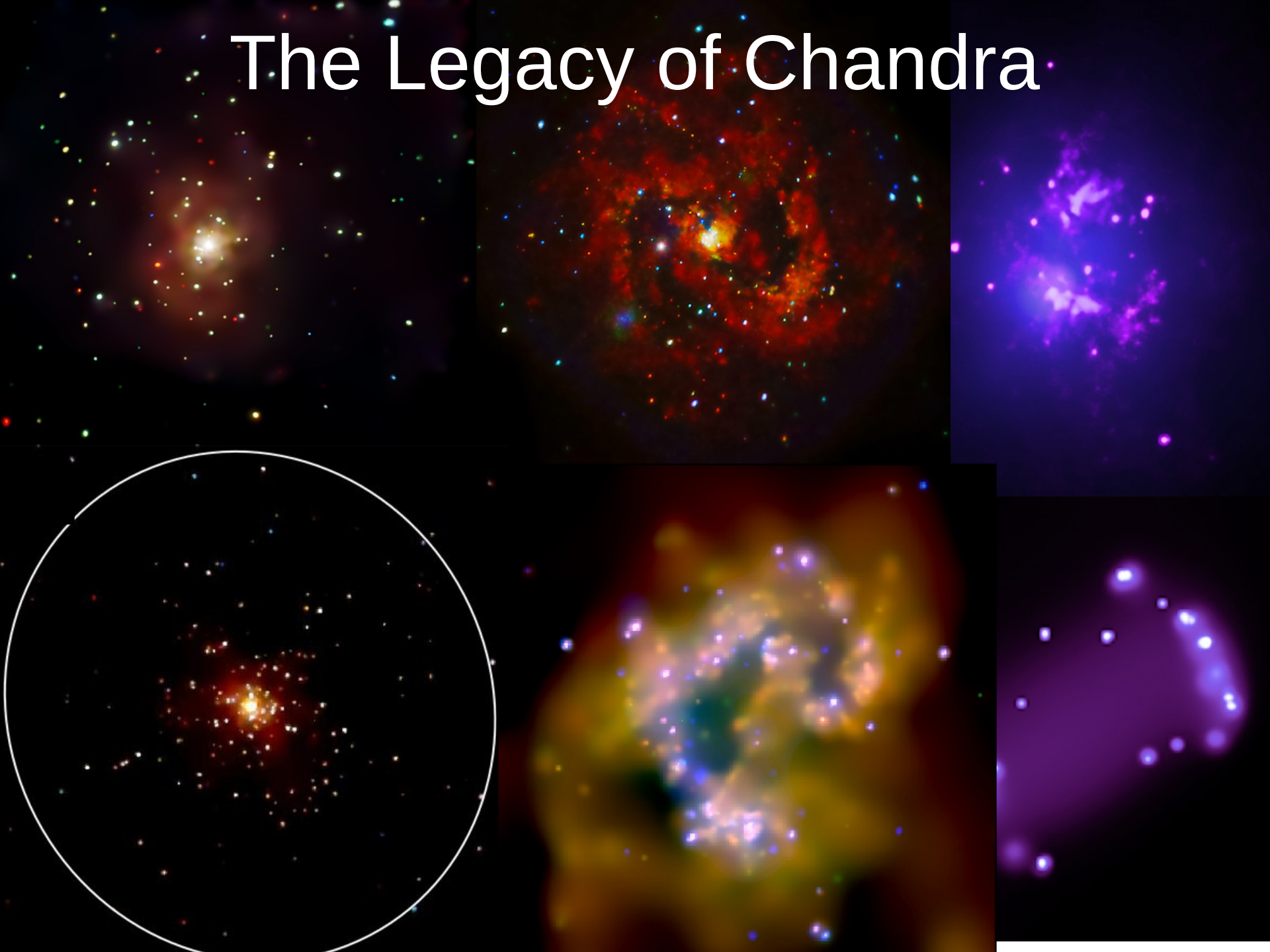


Madau & Fragos 2017



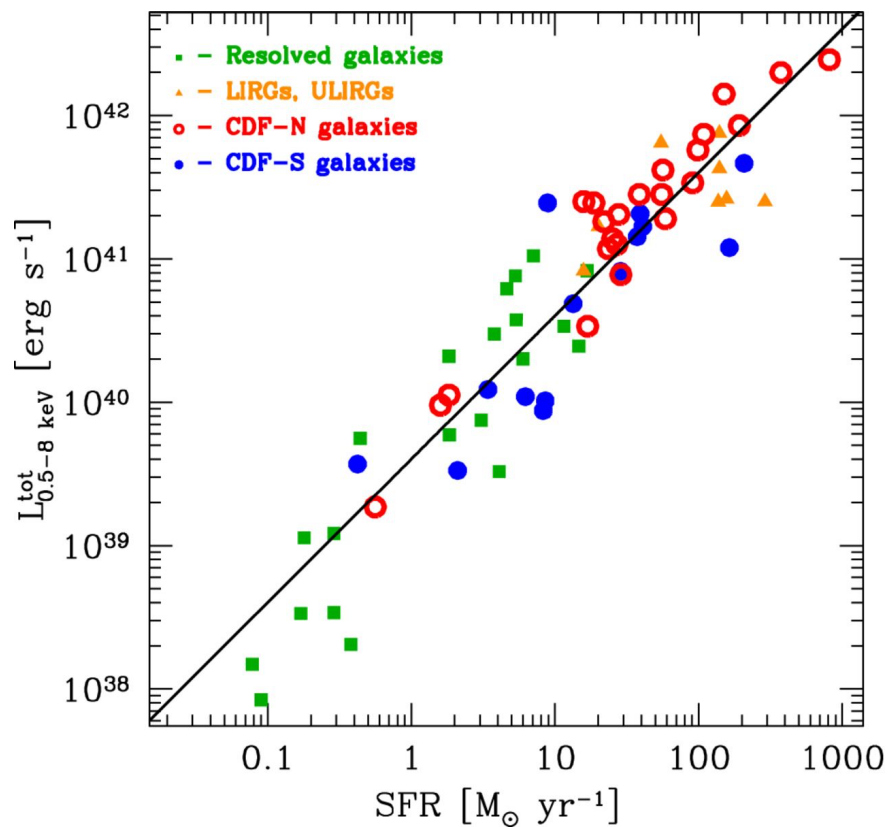
Das et al. 2017

The Legacy of Chandra



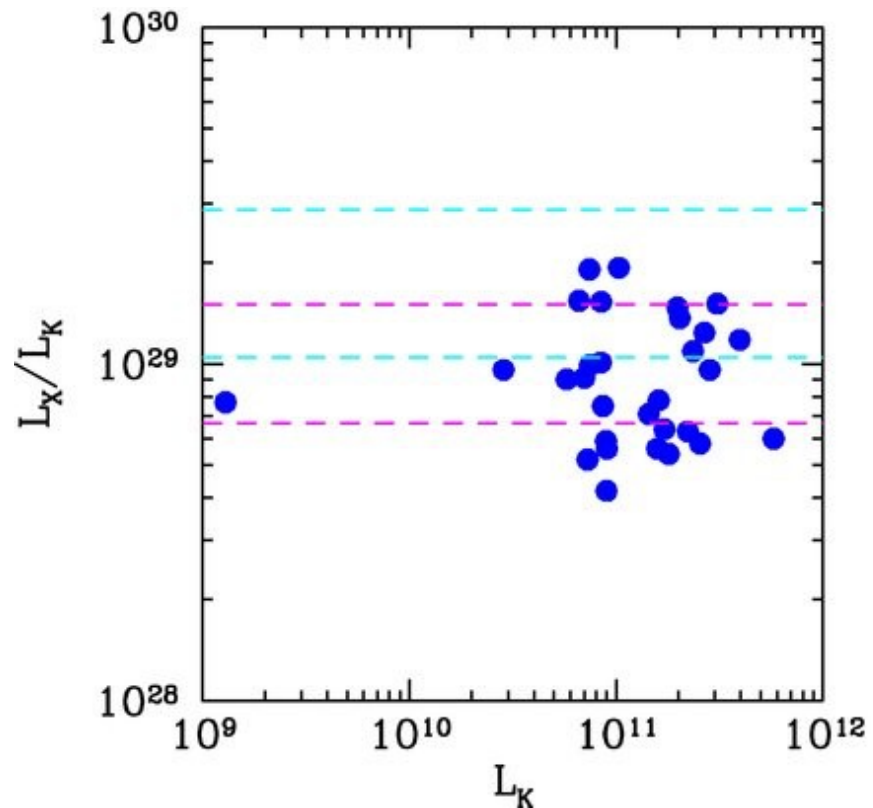
What we learned so far

HMXBs



Mineo et al. 2014

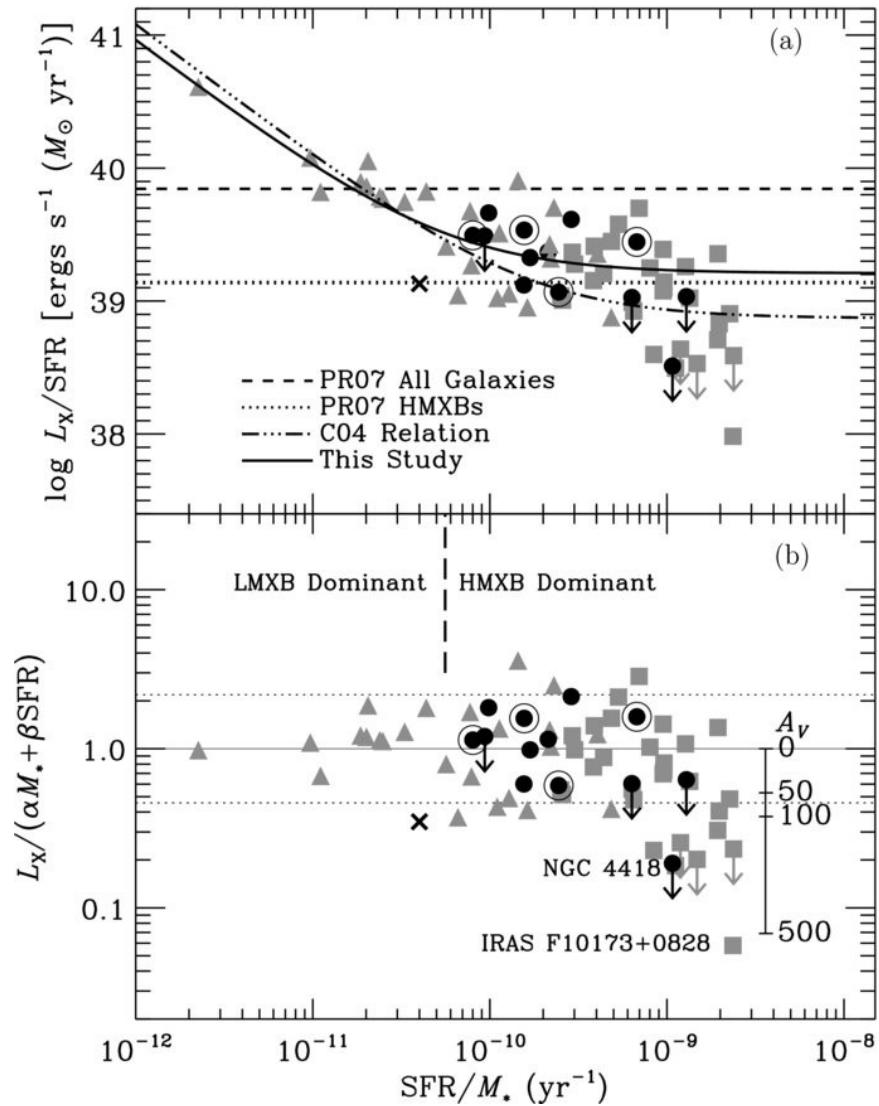
LMXBs



Boroson et al. 2011

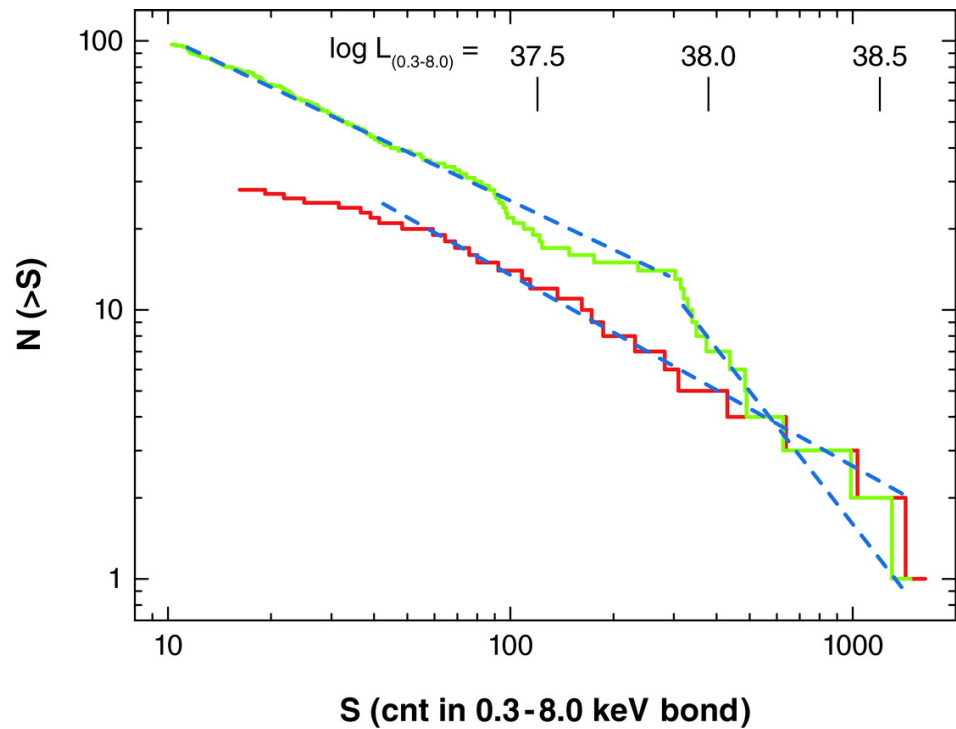
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HMXBs + LMXBs

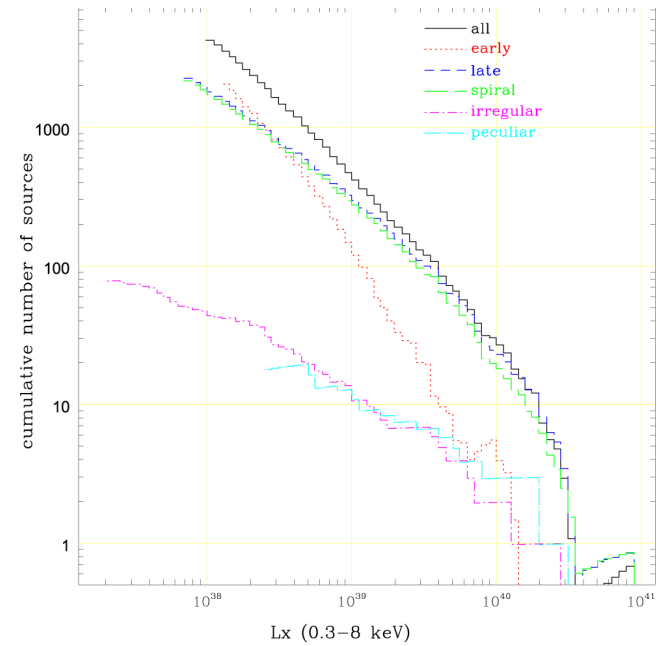


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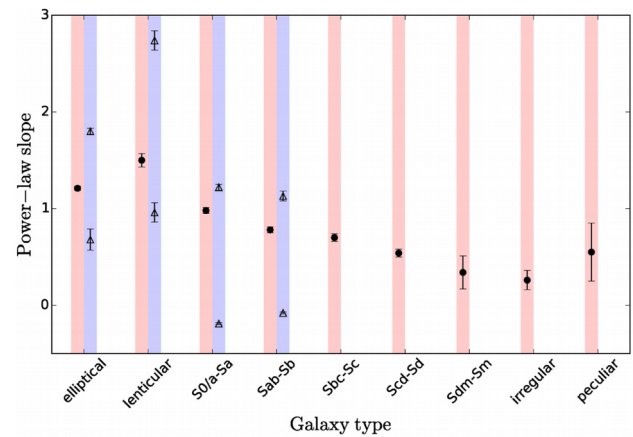
XLF evolution



Soria & Wu 2003



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Wang et al. 2016

XLFs do not vary

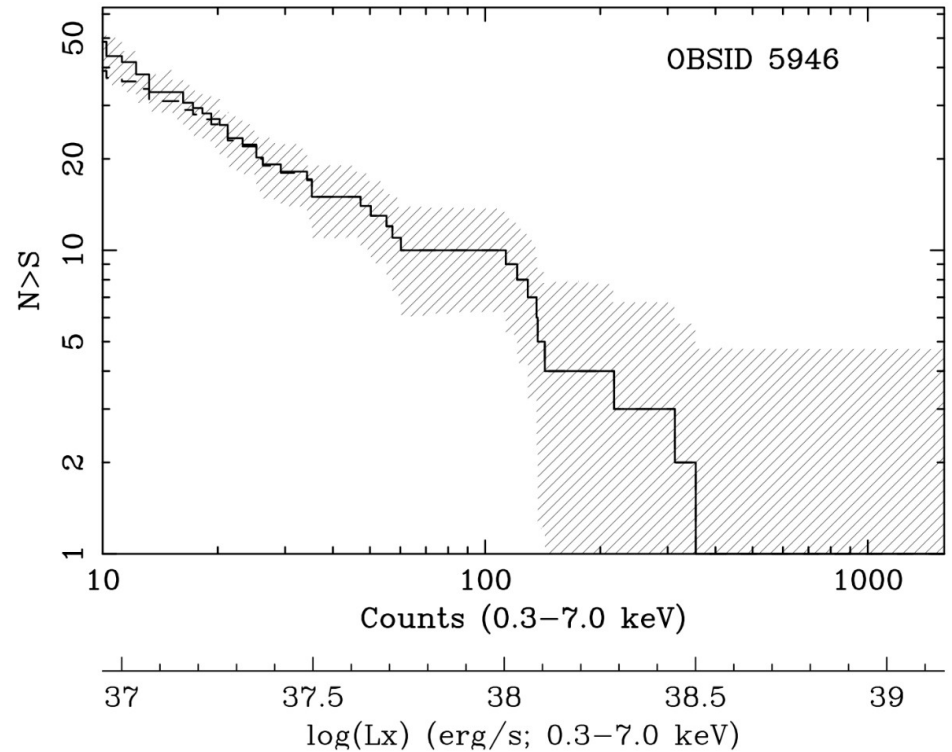
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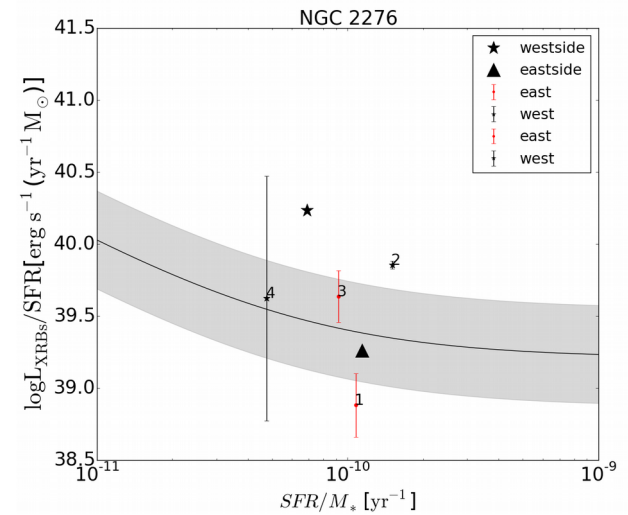
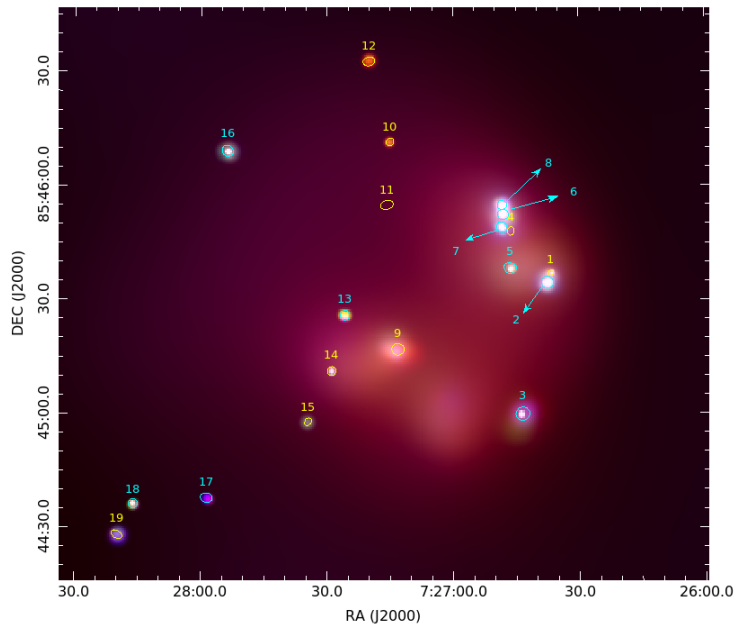
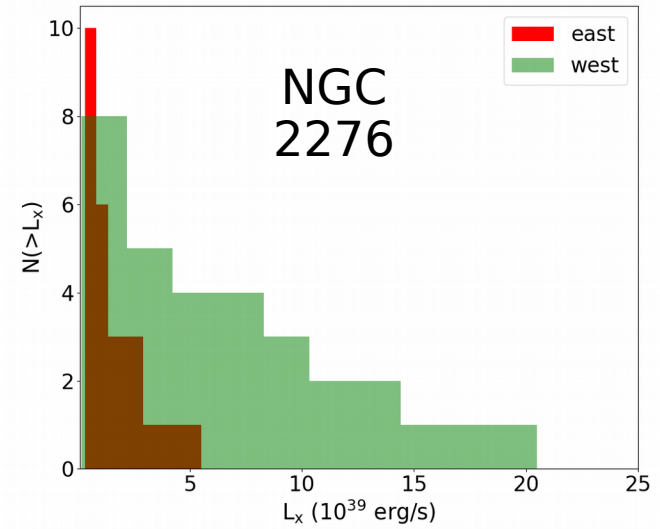
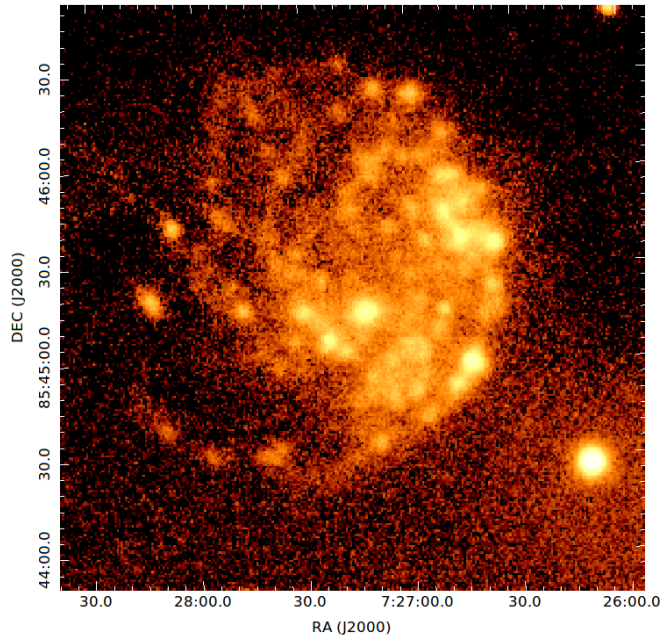
M81: Sell et al. 2011

NGC 300:

Binder et al. 2017

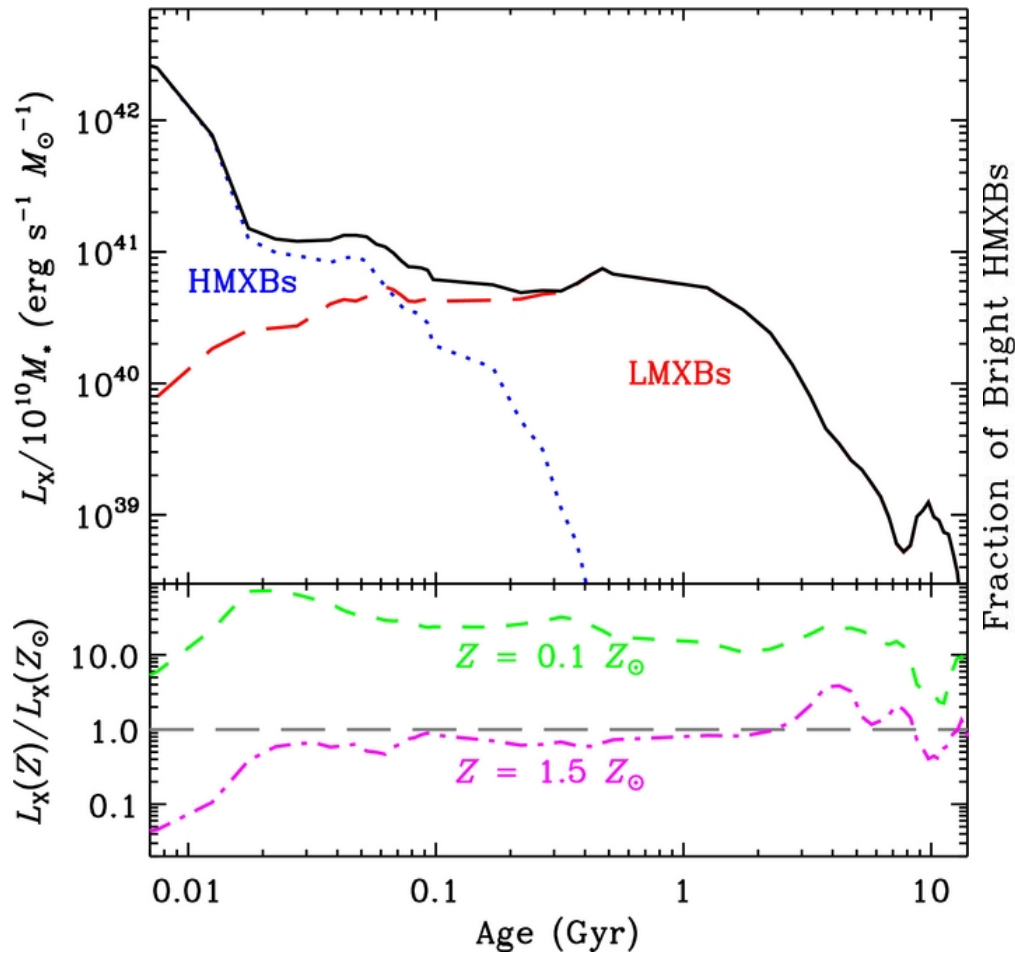


Evidence for age dependence

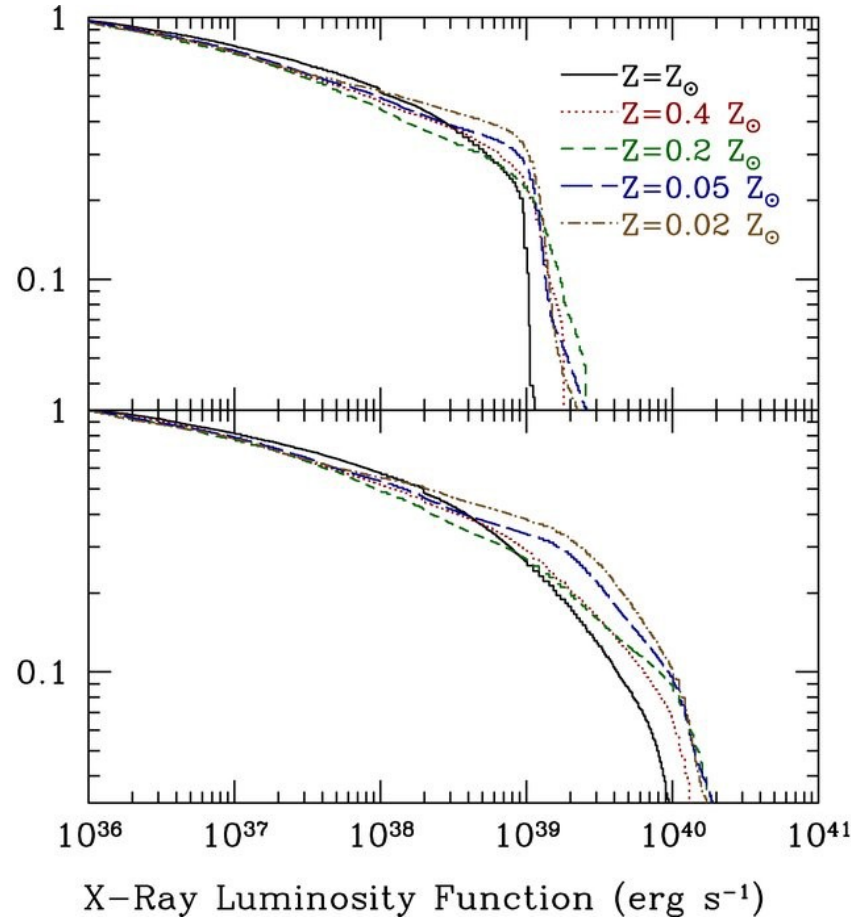


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X-ray binary populations



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X-ray binary populations

Dependence on age, Z

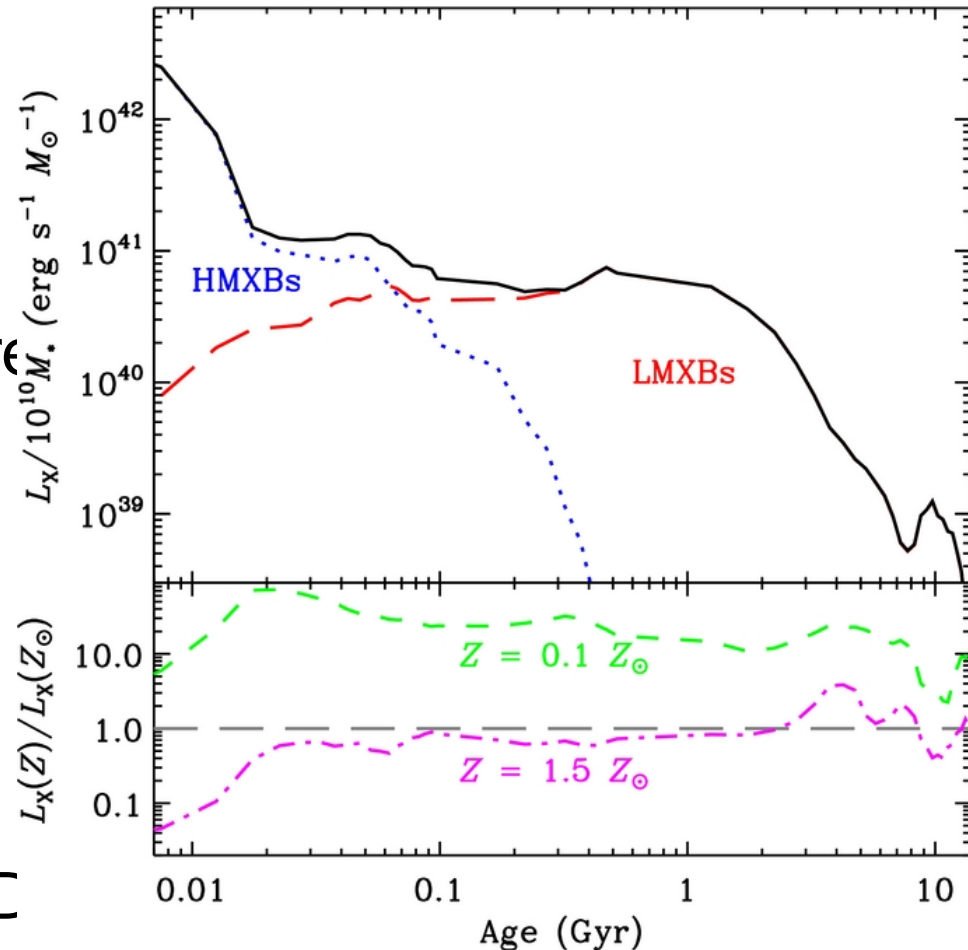
Only now start to explore

Important:

XRB formation/evolution

Modeling GW sources

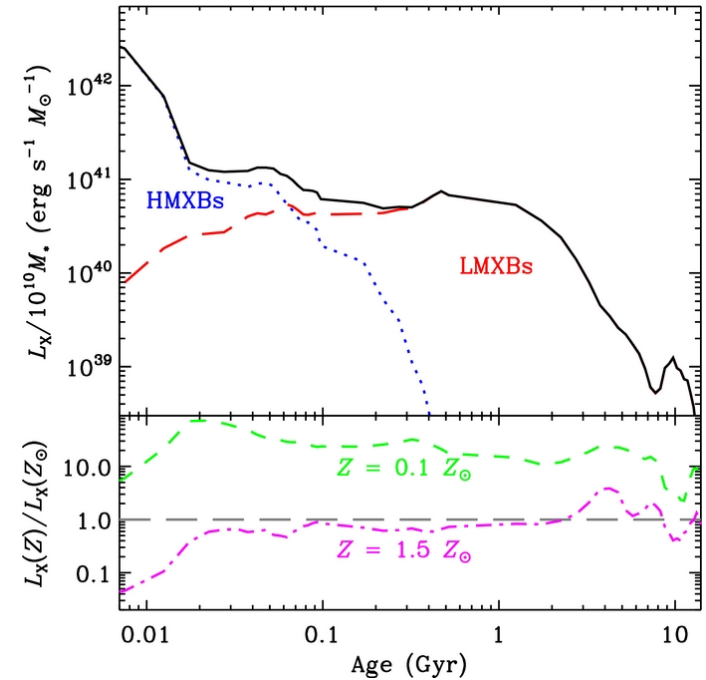
XRB feedback in Cosmic Γ



Fragos et al. 2013

Disentangling the age dependence

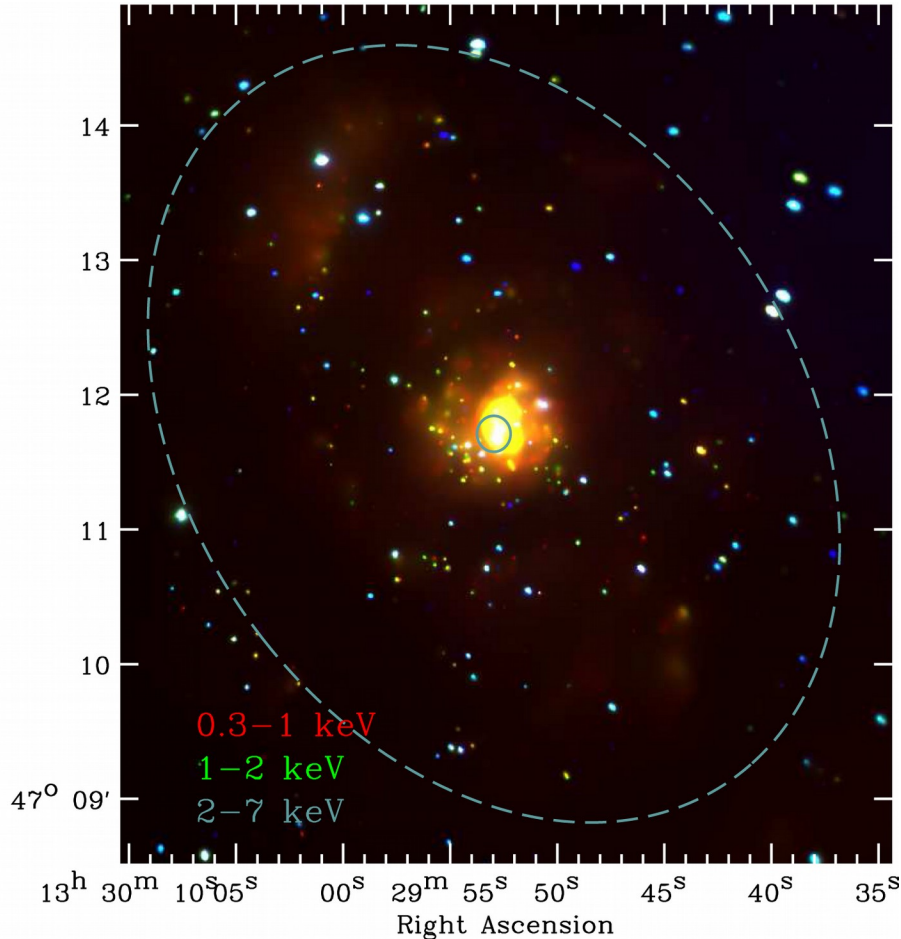
Results on individual galaxies
M51, SMC, M81



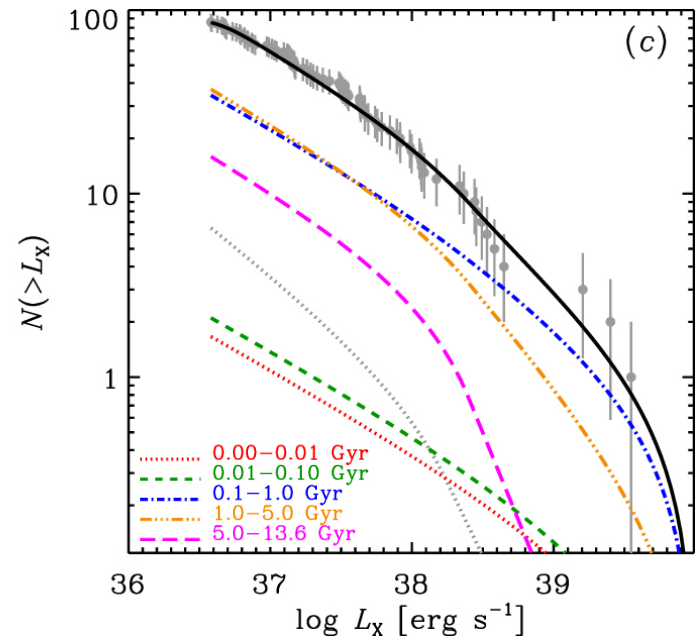
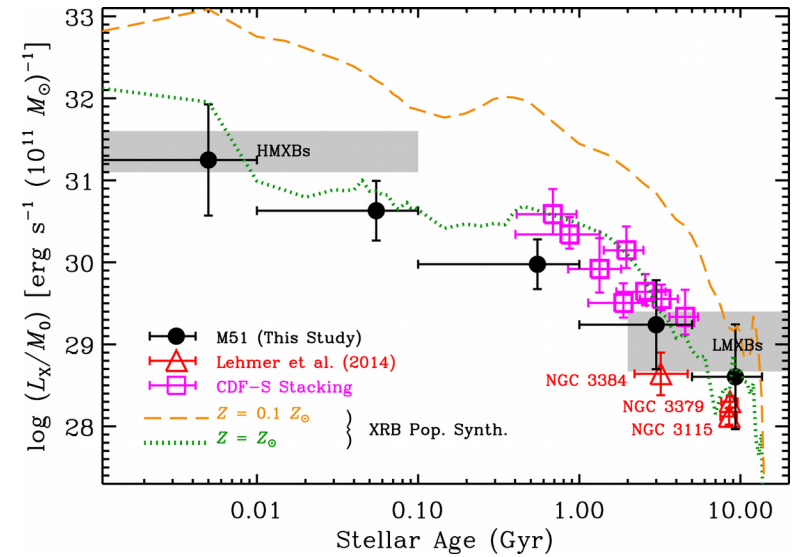
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Age dependence of XRBs

M51

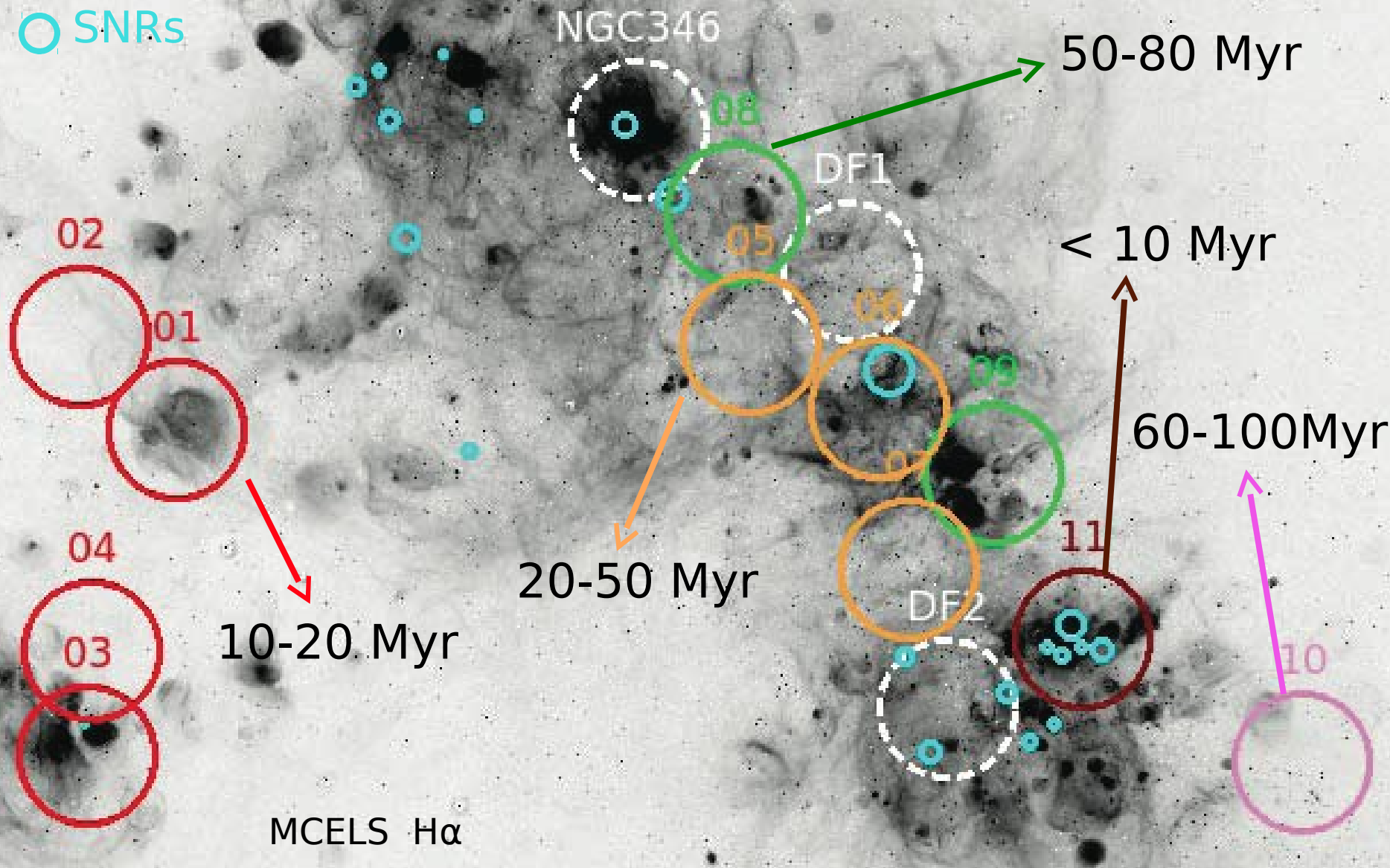


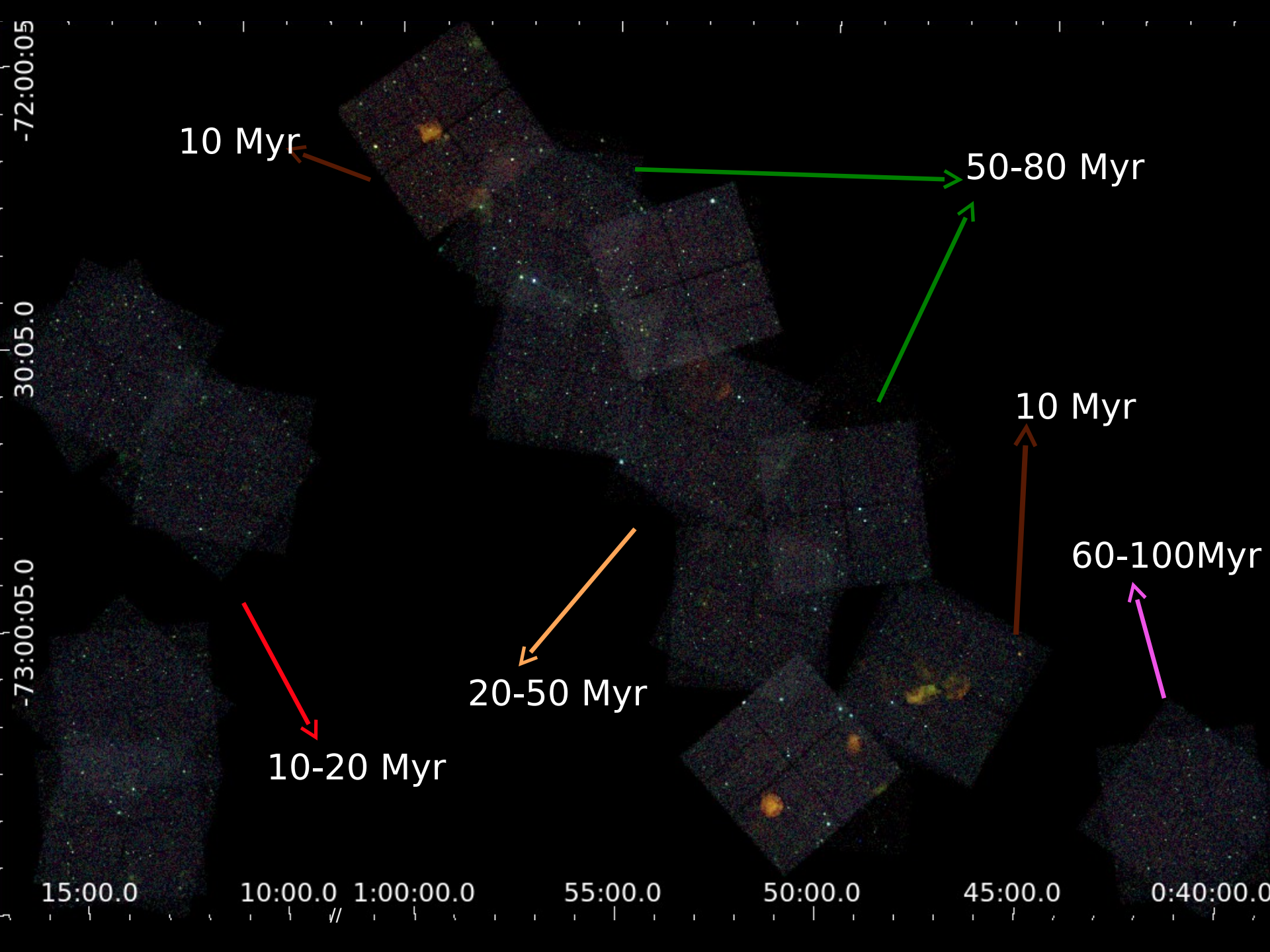
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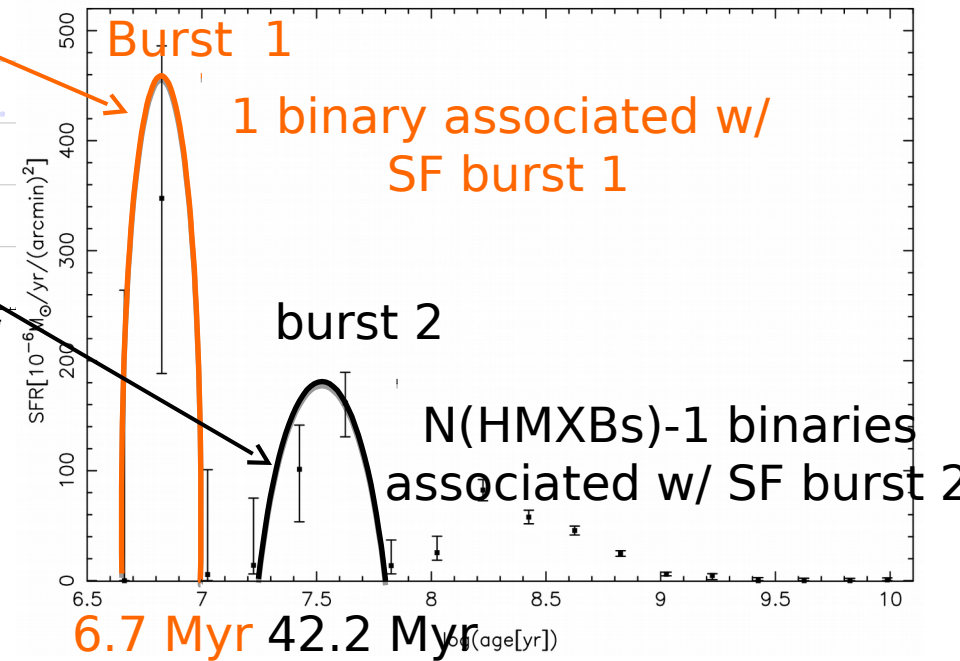
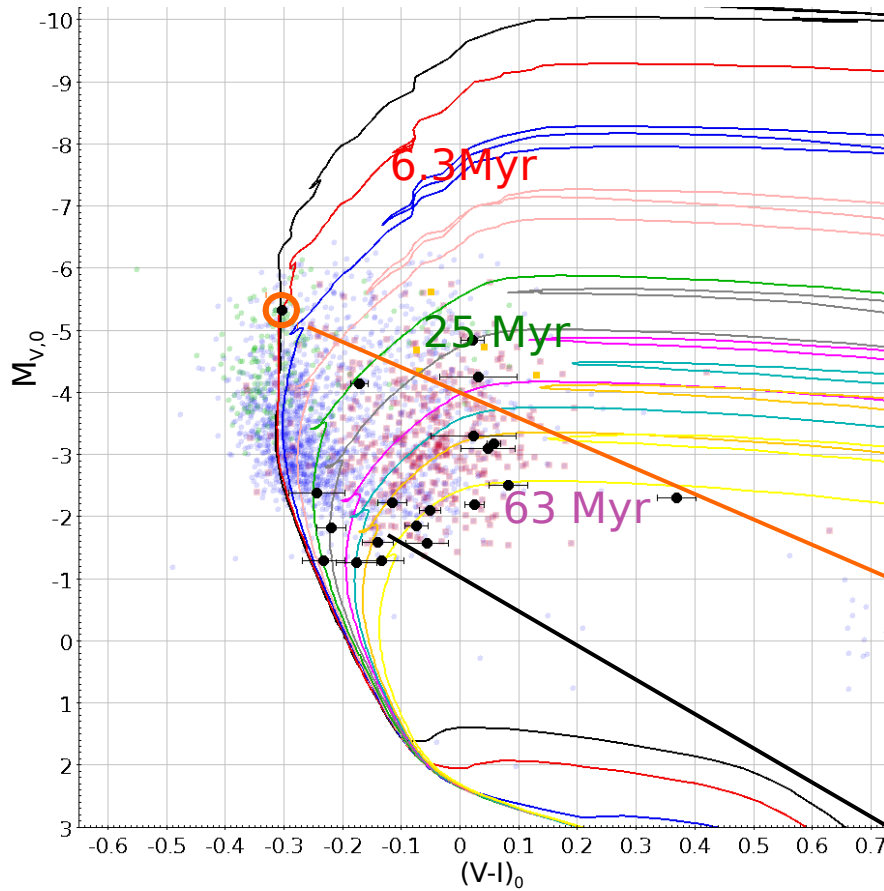
Probing the faintest populations

○ SNRs



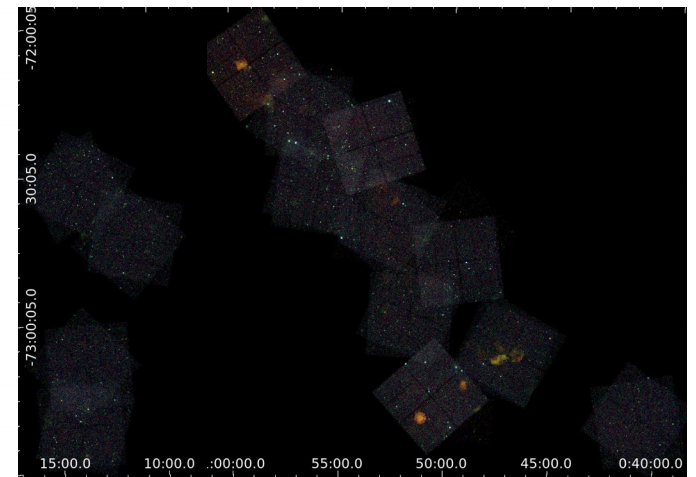
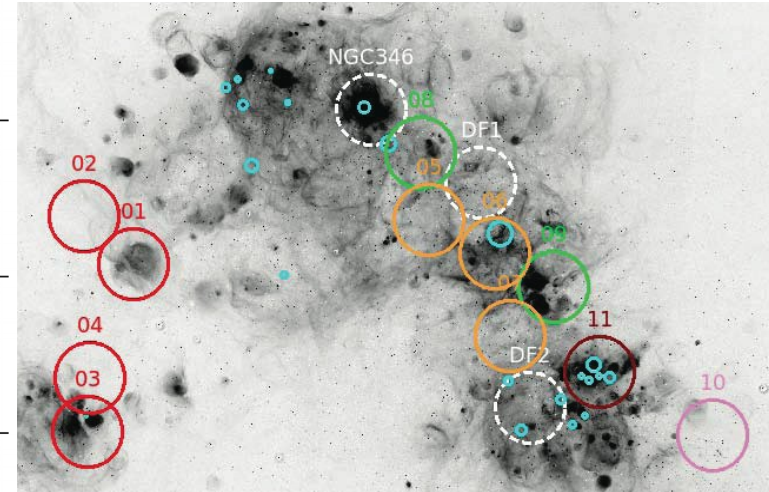
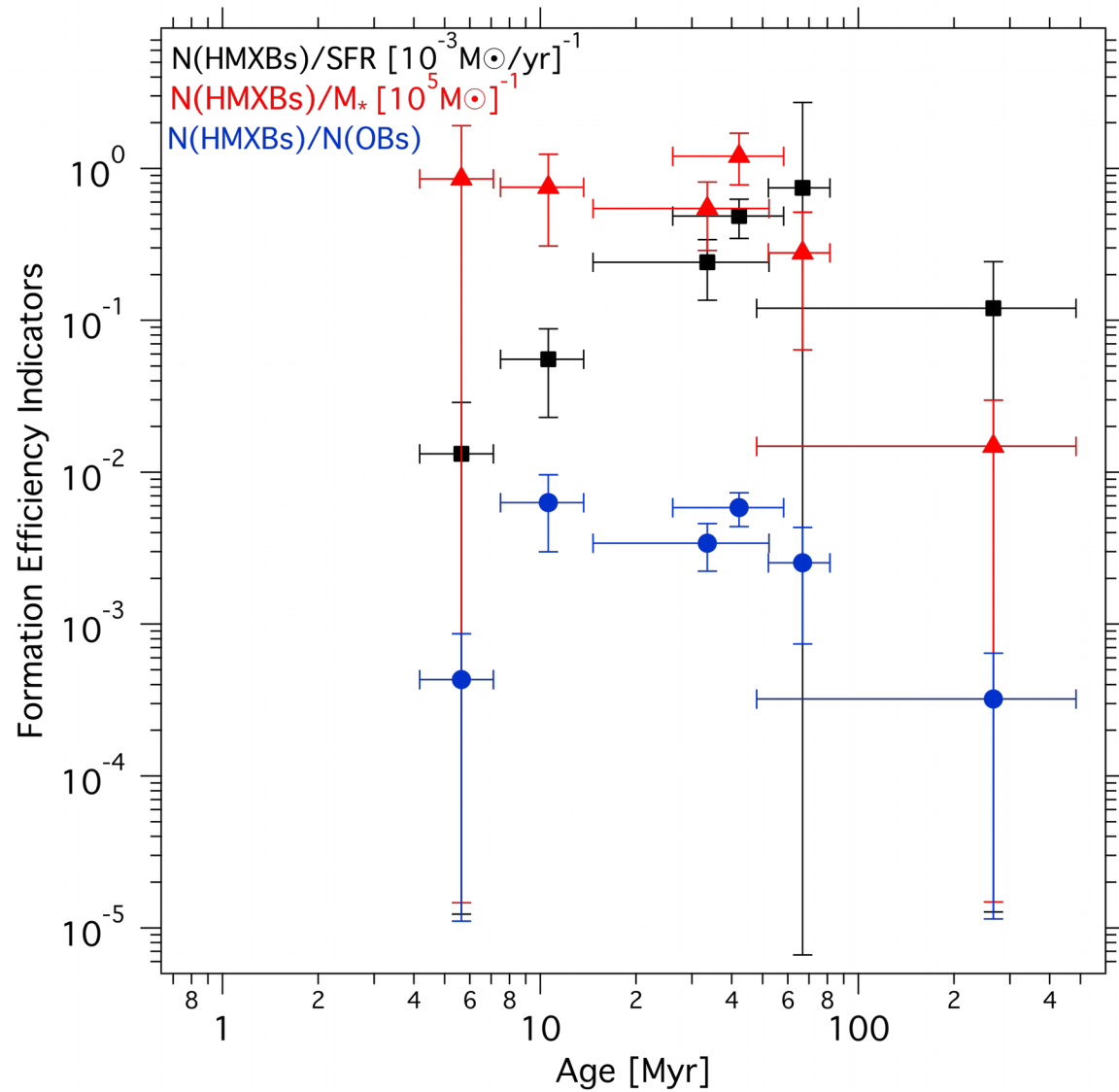


HMXB classification

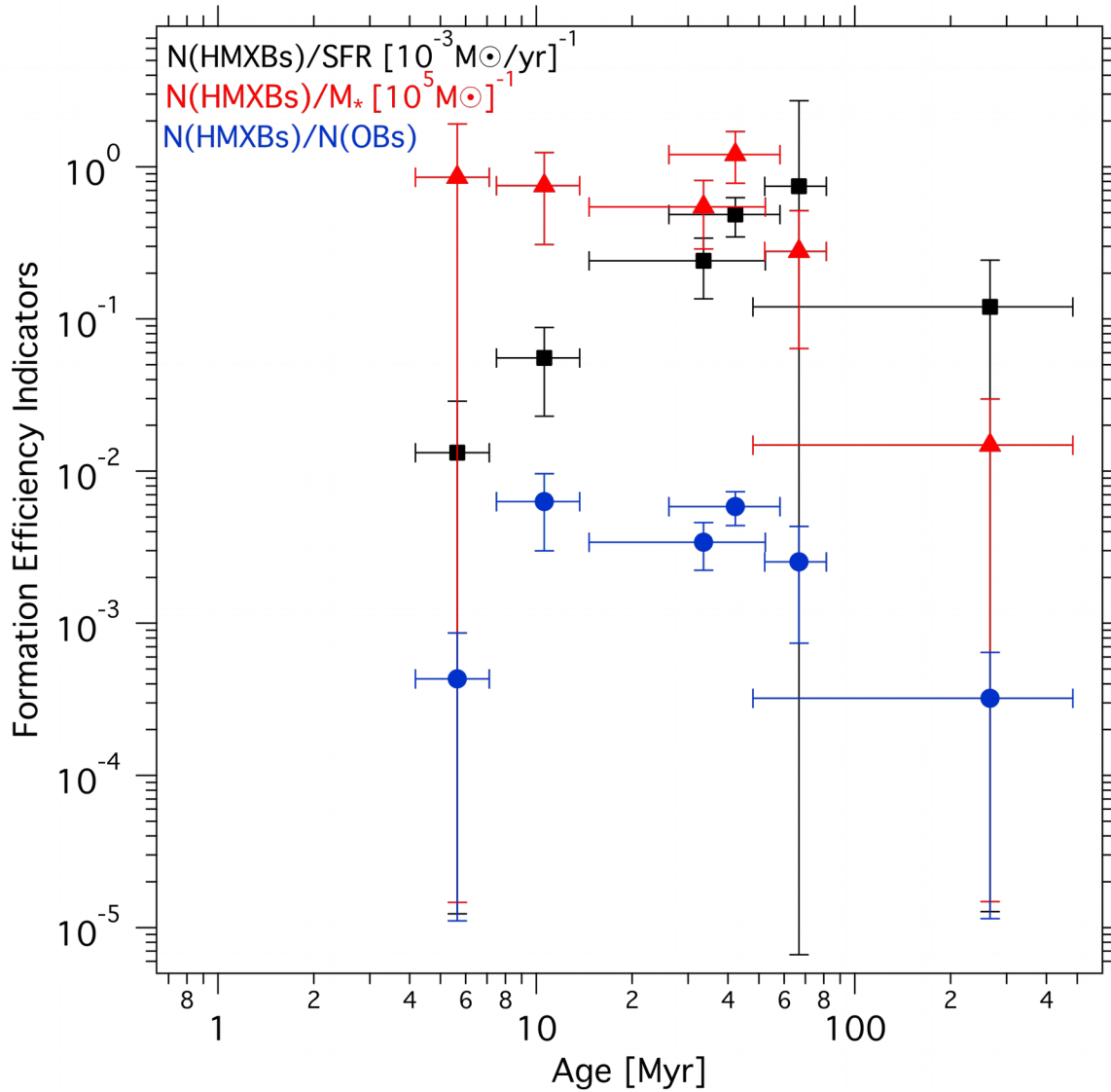


See V. Antoniou's poster

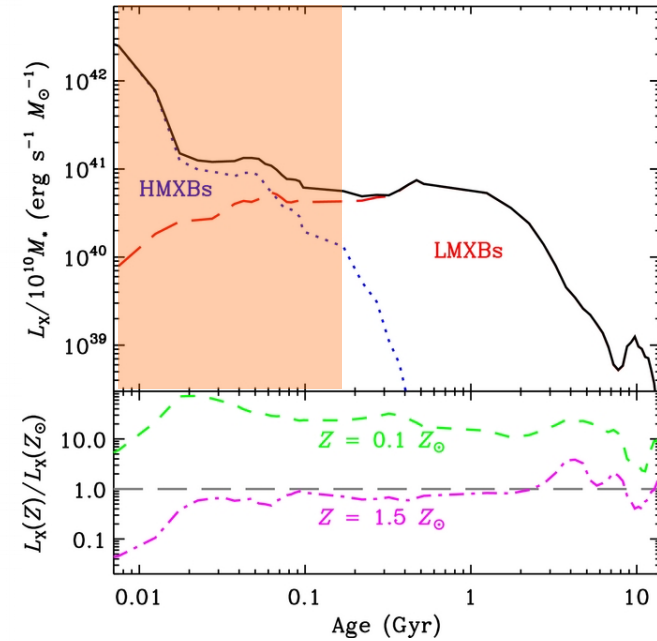
HMXB formation efficiency



HMXB formation efficiency



Antoniou et al, 2018



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M81

Grand design spiral galaxy (3.6 Mpc)

- Deep Chandra coverage
Sell et al. 2011; Swartz et al.

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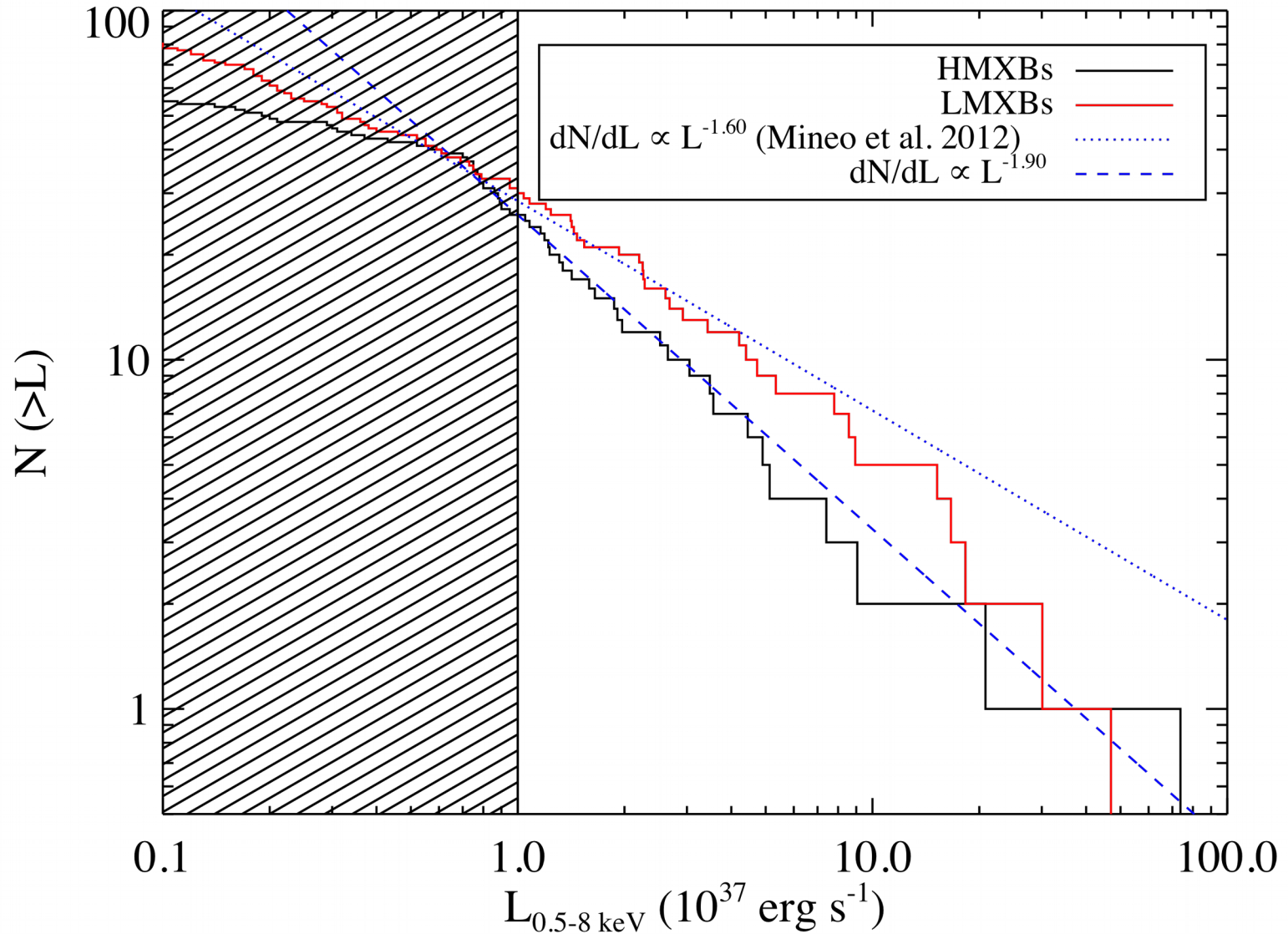
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- Complete HST coverage

Measure directly XLF and formation efficiency
of different XRB classes

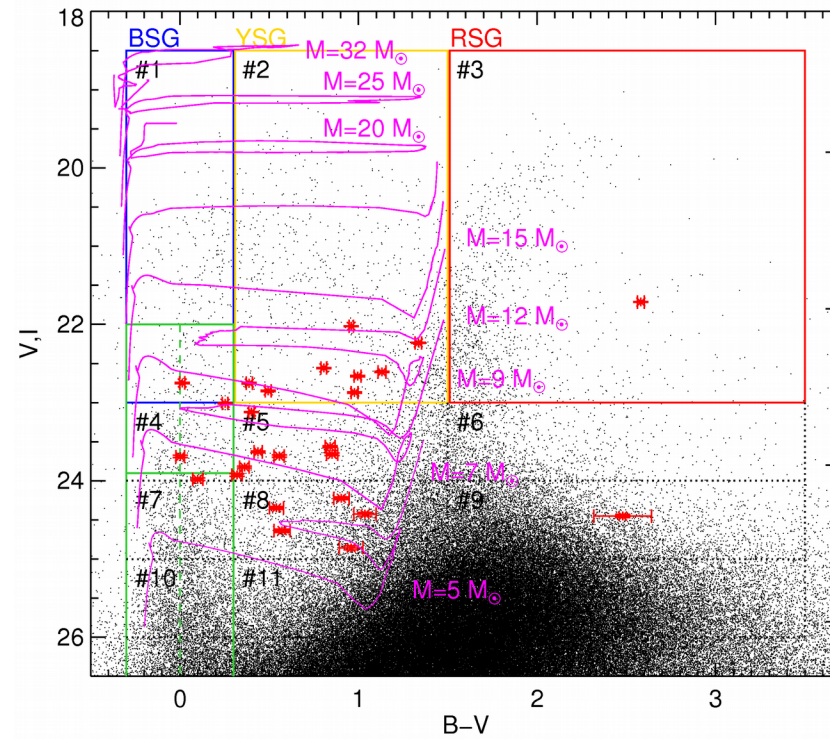
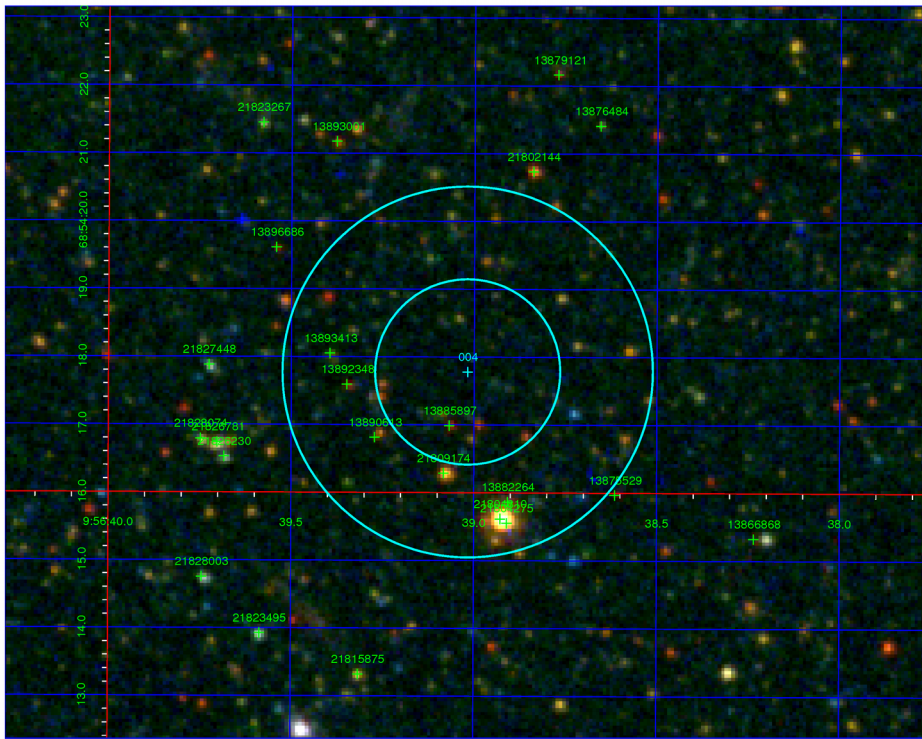
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XLFs for different source classes (Sell et al. 2011)



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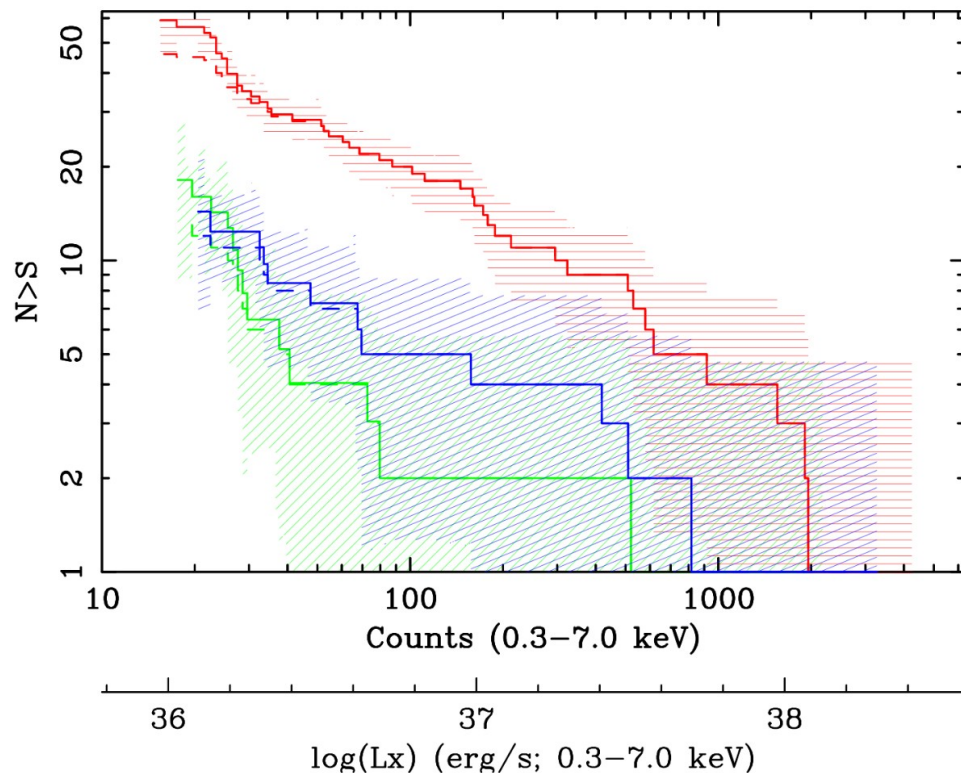
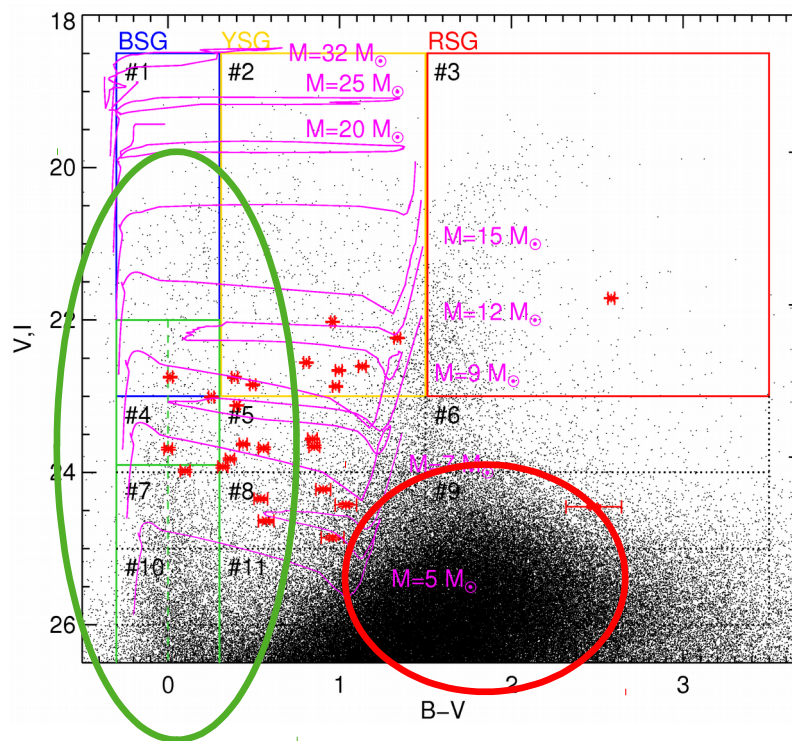
Optical counterparts: Donor star classification



Sell et al. 2018

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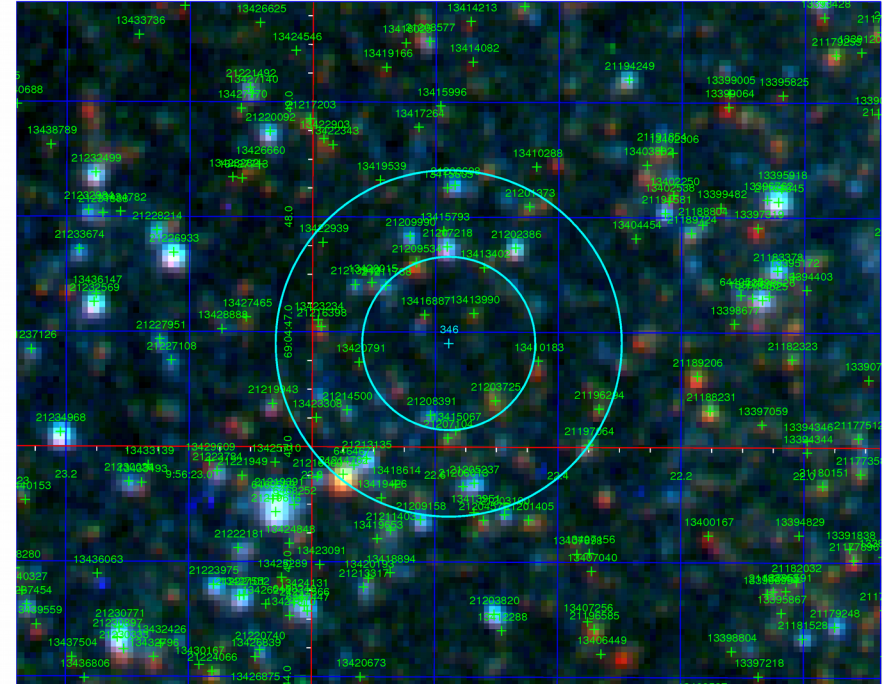
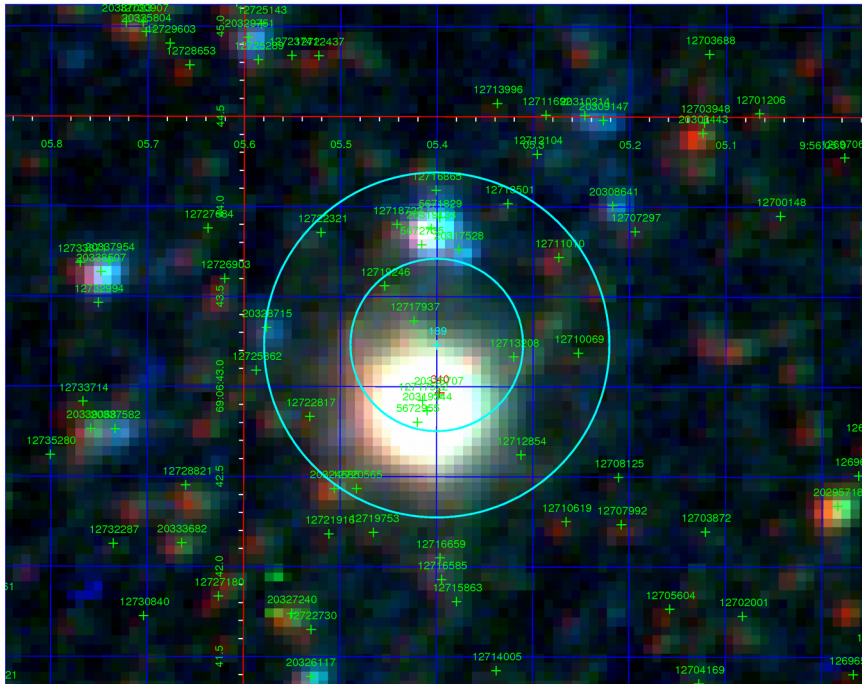
Summary

- We are starting to go beyond scaling relations
- Characterize the parameters affecting XRB populations
- Key for constraining XRB formation and evolution models
- Cosmological evolution of galaxies and compact objects
 - GW sources, XRBs in the early universe

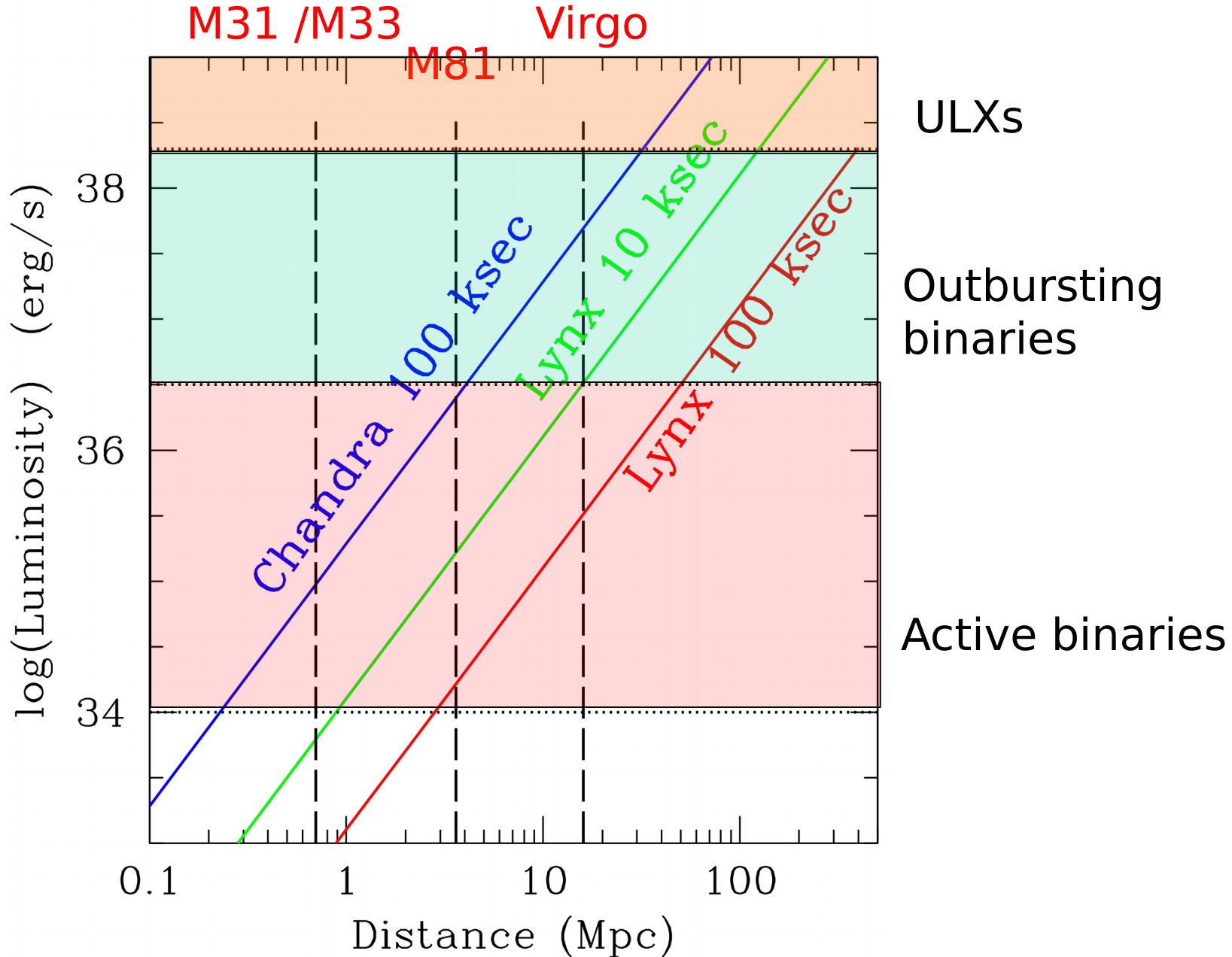
But Chandra reaches only the tip of the iceberg...

Beyond Chandra

Limitations of Chandra : variable under-sampled PSF

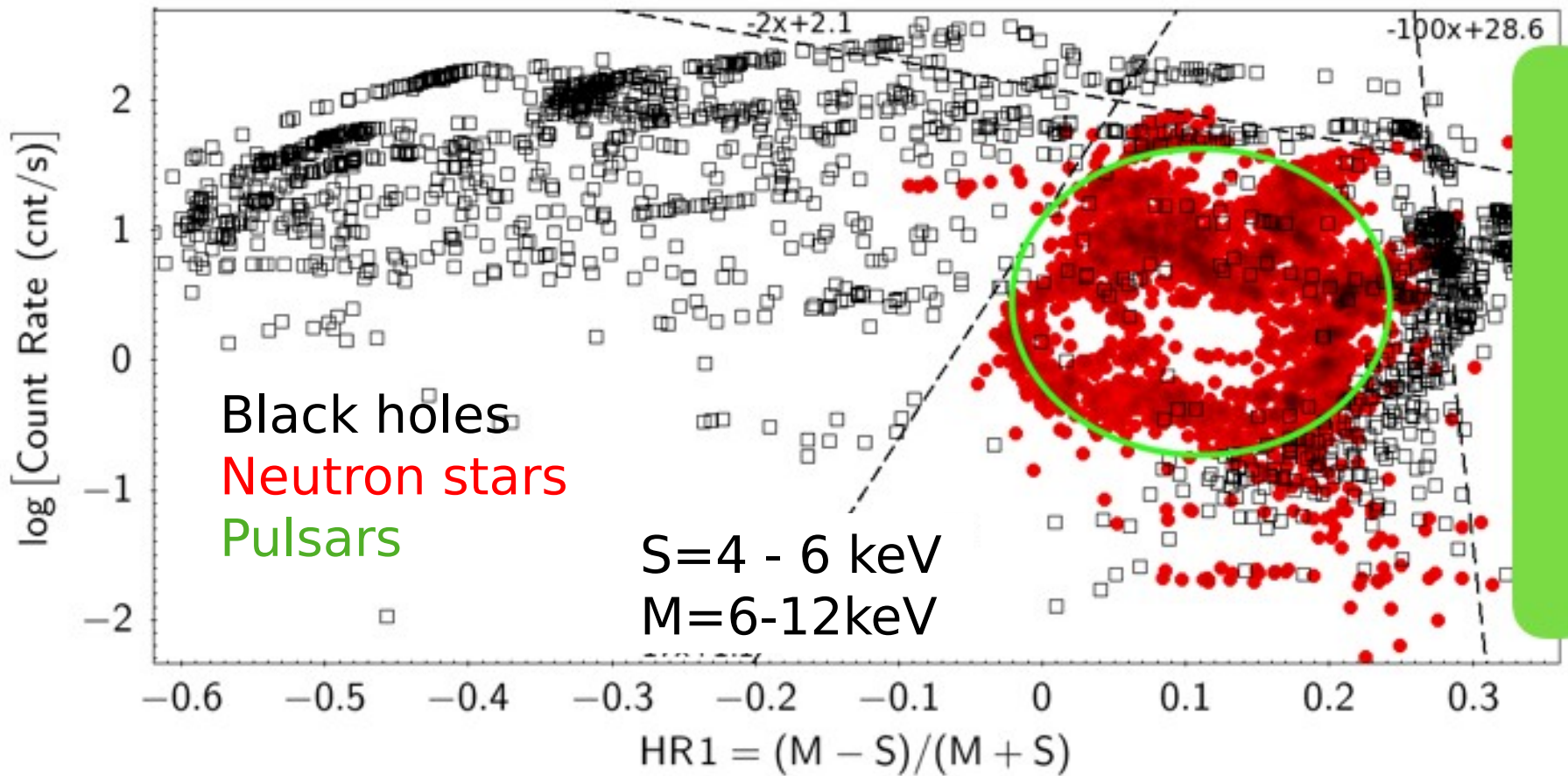


Lynx discovery space



Full characterization of XRBs

Classify compact objects and donors



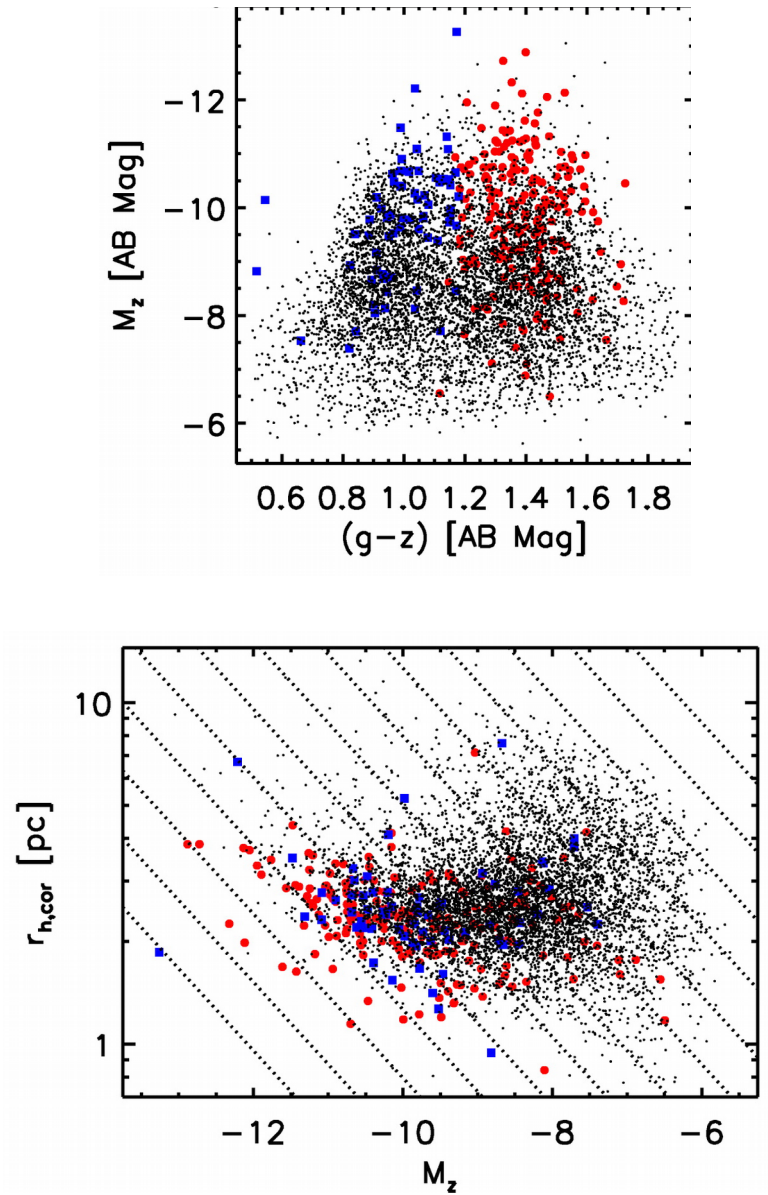
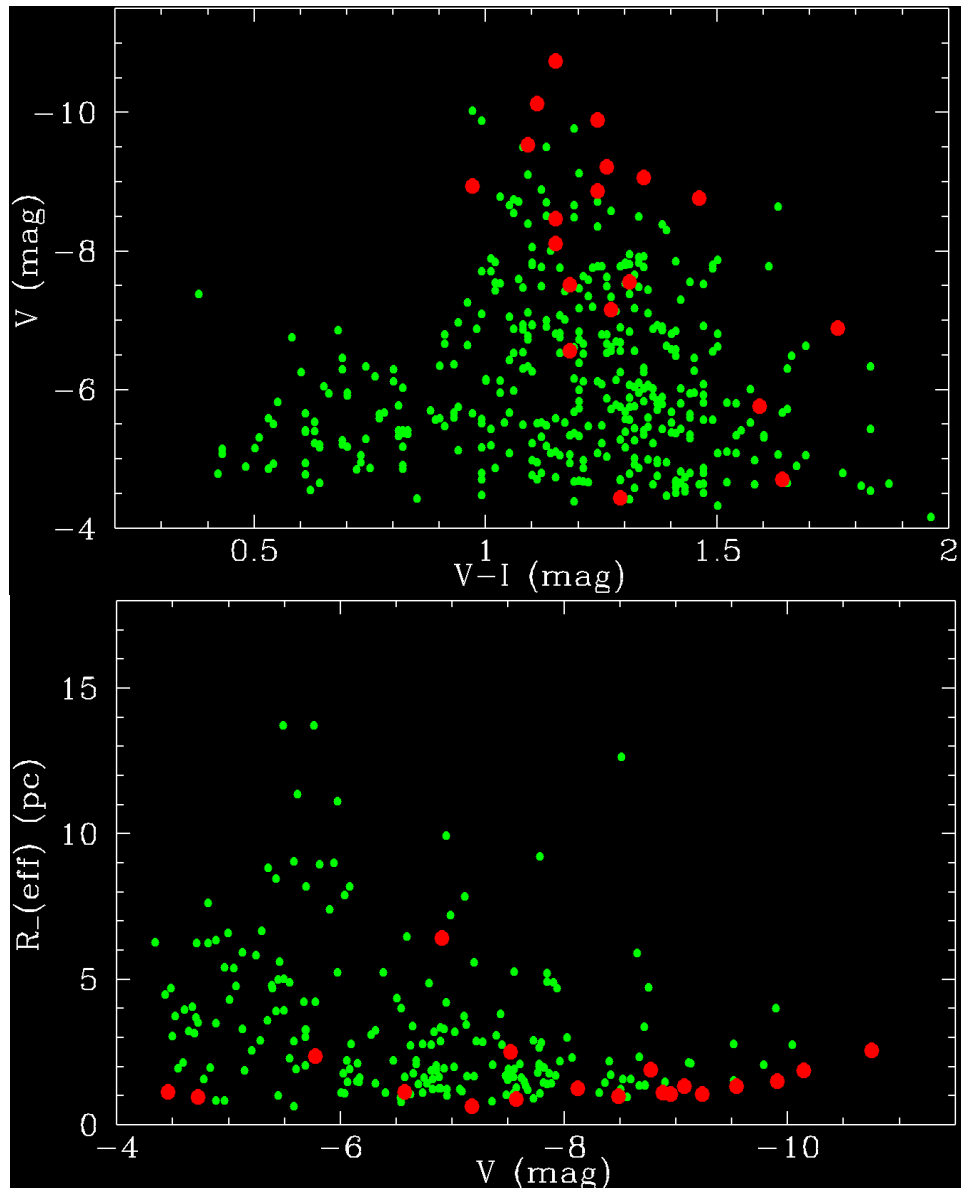
Discrete X-ray sources in galaxies : The basic ingredients



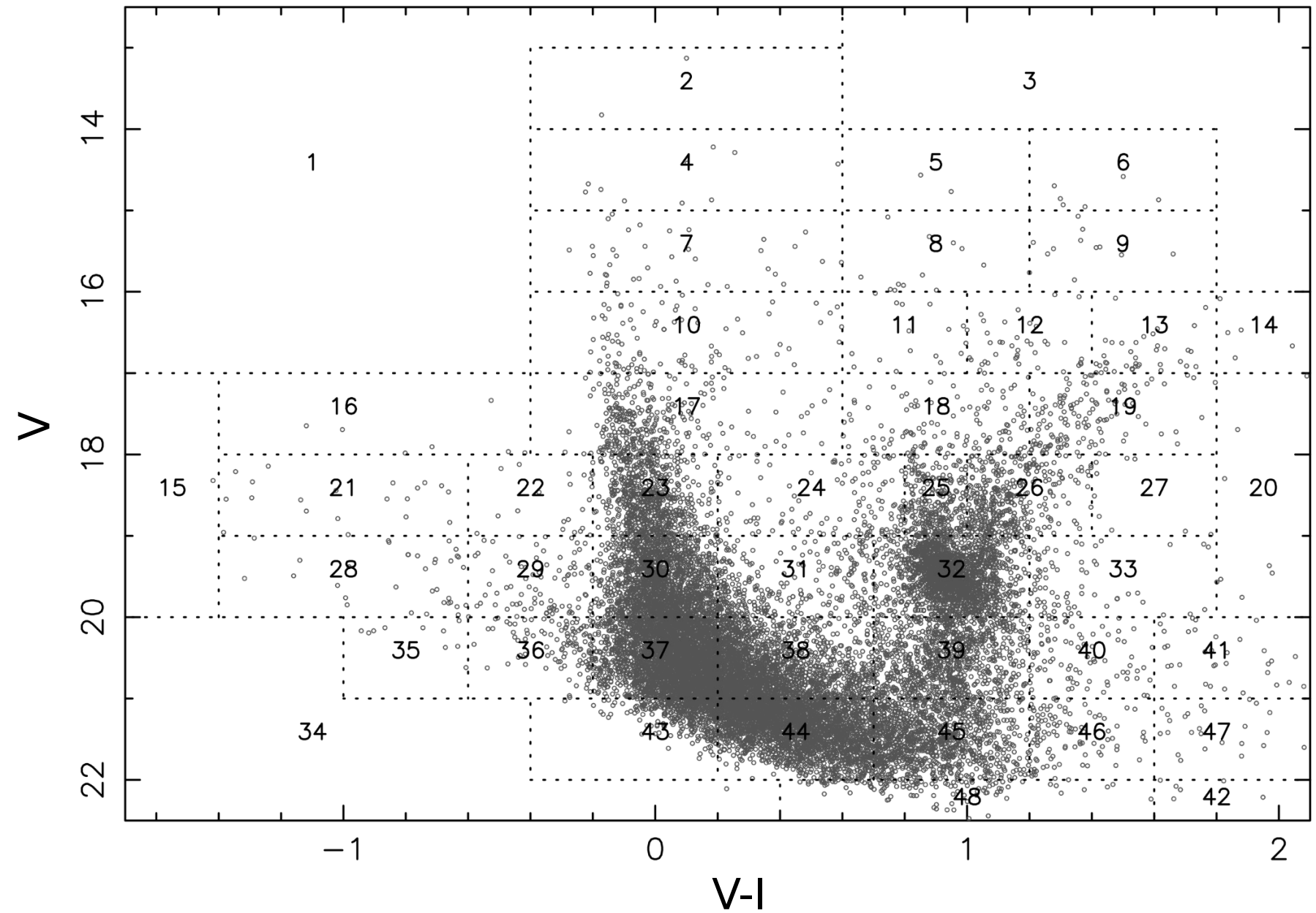
Accreting pulsar



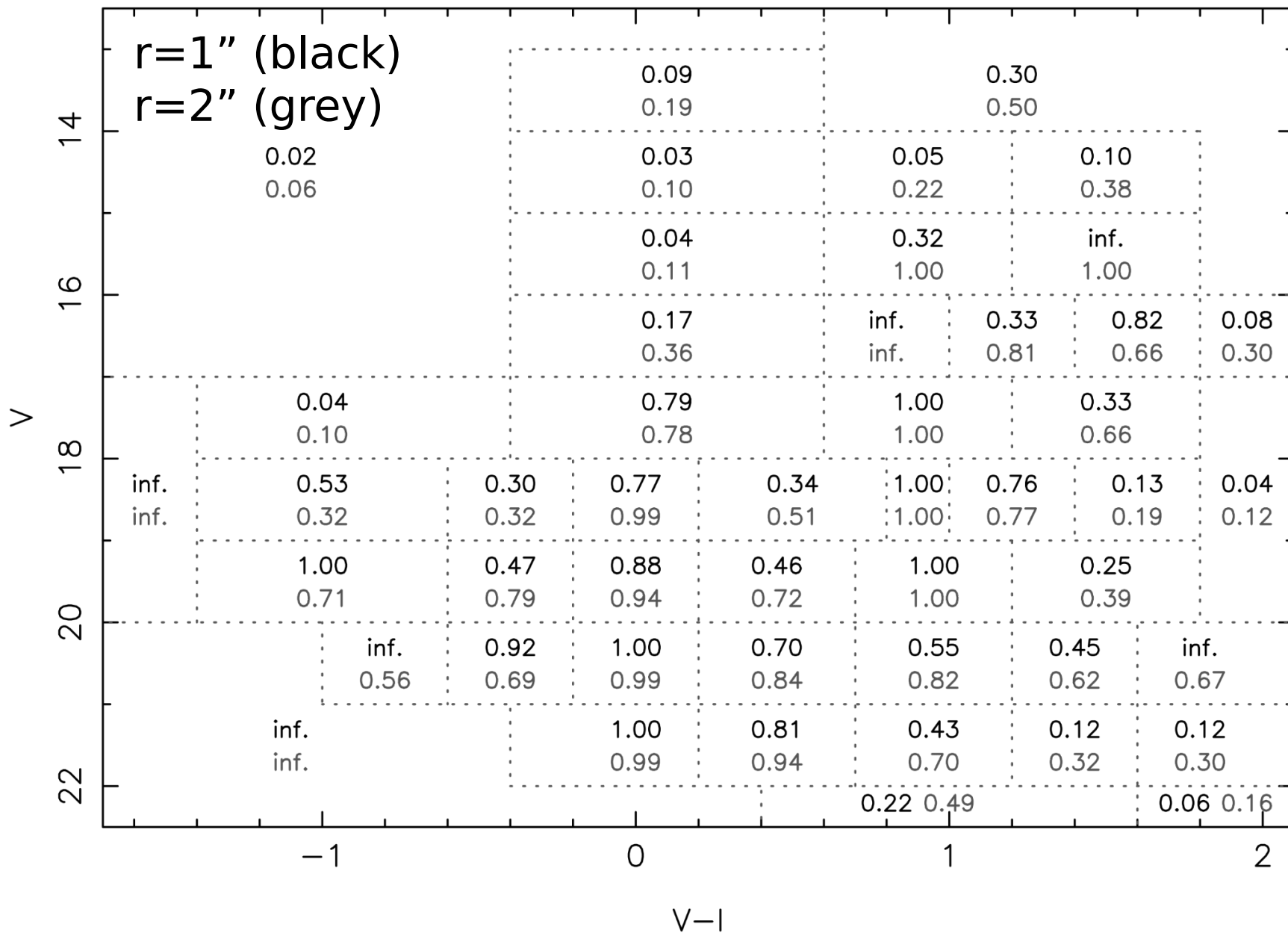
M81 Globular clusters



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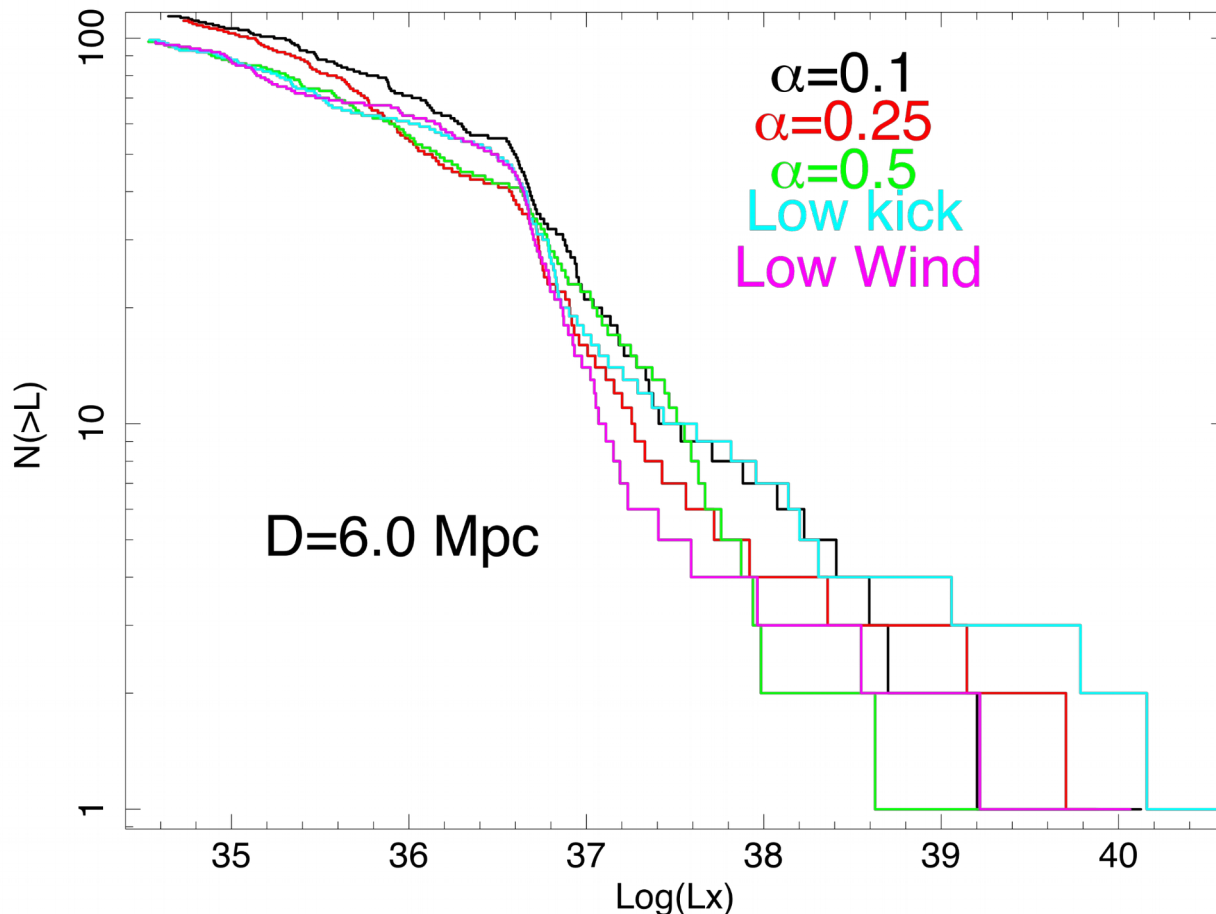


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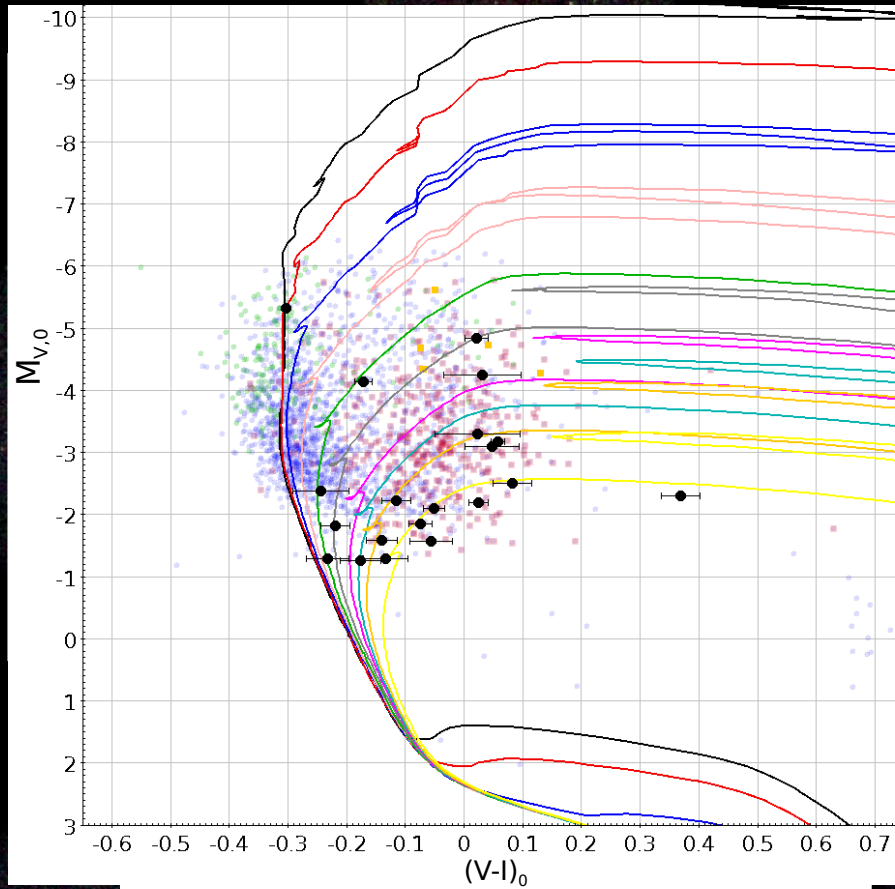
Beyond Chandra

With 0.5" resolution and 2m² we can reach fainter populations (end-to-end simulations)



Pop. Synthesis
Andrews et al.

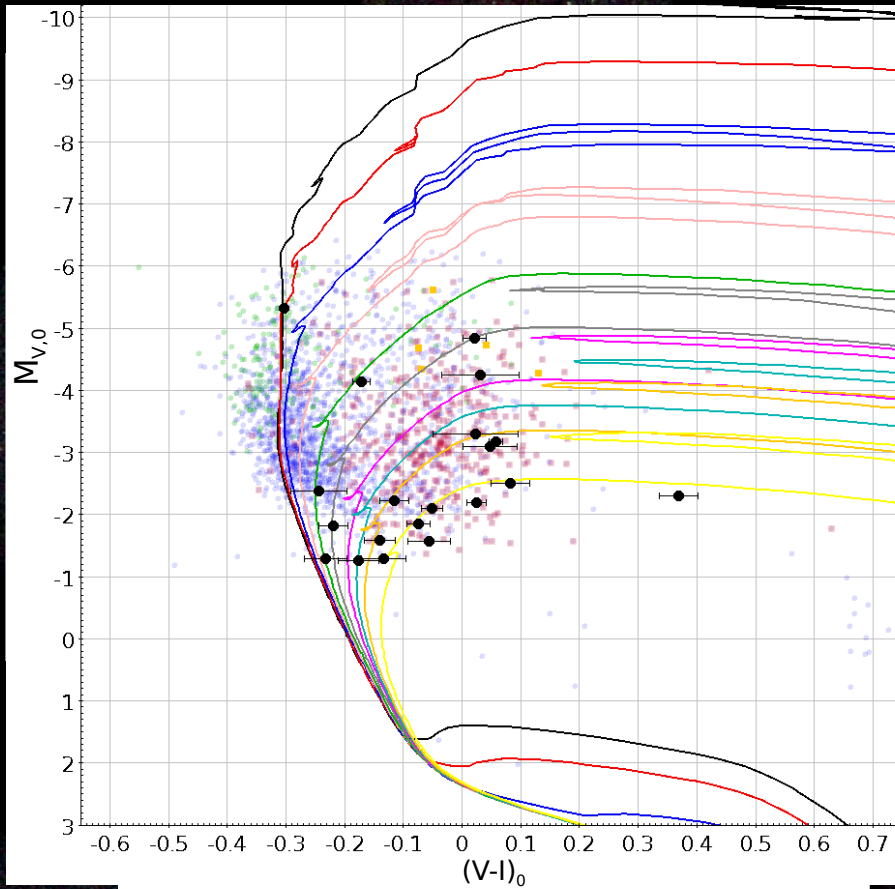
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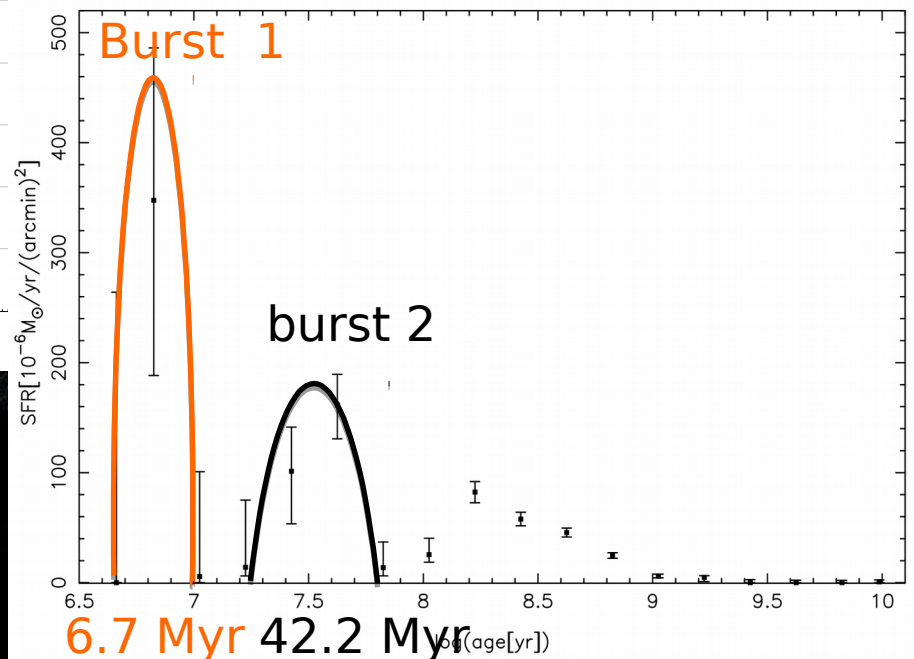
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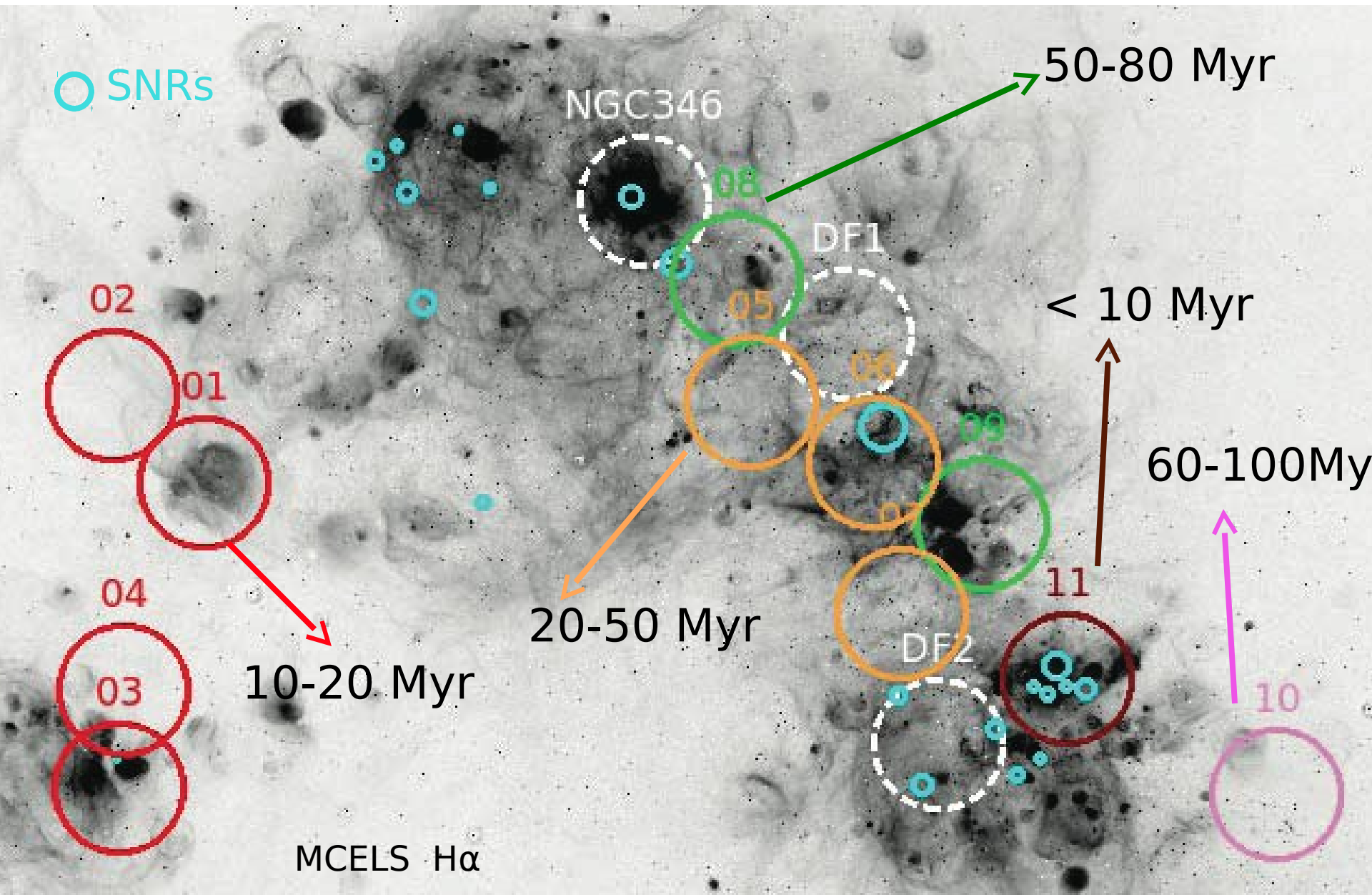


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Results

- 2393 sources detected (1095 $> 5\sigma$ significance)
(limiting $L_x \sim 3.5 \times 10^{32}$ erg/s; 0.5 – 7 keV @ 50% compl.)
- ~ 65 (Wing) – 75 (Bar) sources per field
- 21 pulsars detected (Hong et al. 2017)
(out of the 34 known in these regions)
- A Be-XRB pulsar emerging from the companion circumstellar disk (Hong et al. 2016)
- 12 SNRs detected
- 128 sources associated with an OB star



Magellanic Clouds

Nearest star-forming galaxies (50-60 kpc)

Advantages :

- Probe very faint populations ($L_x \sim 10^{33}$ erg/s)
- Large populations of HMXBs (e.g. Haberl & Sturm 2016)
- Well determined star-formation history
metallicity ($1/5 Z_{\odot} - 1/3 Z_{\odot}$)

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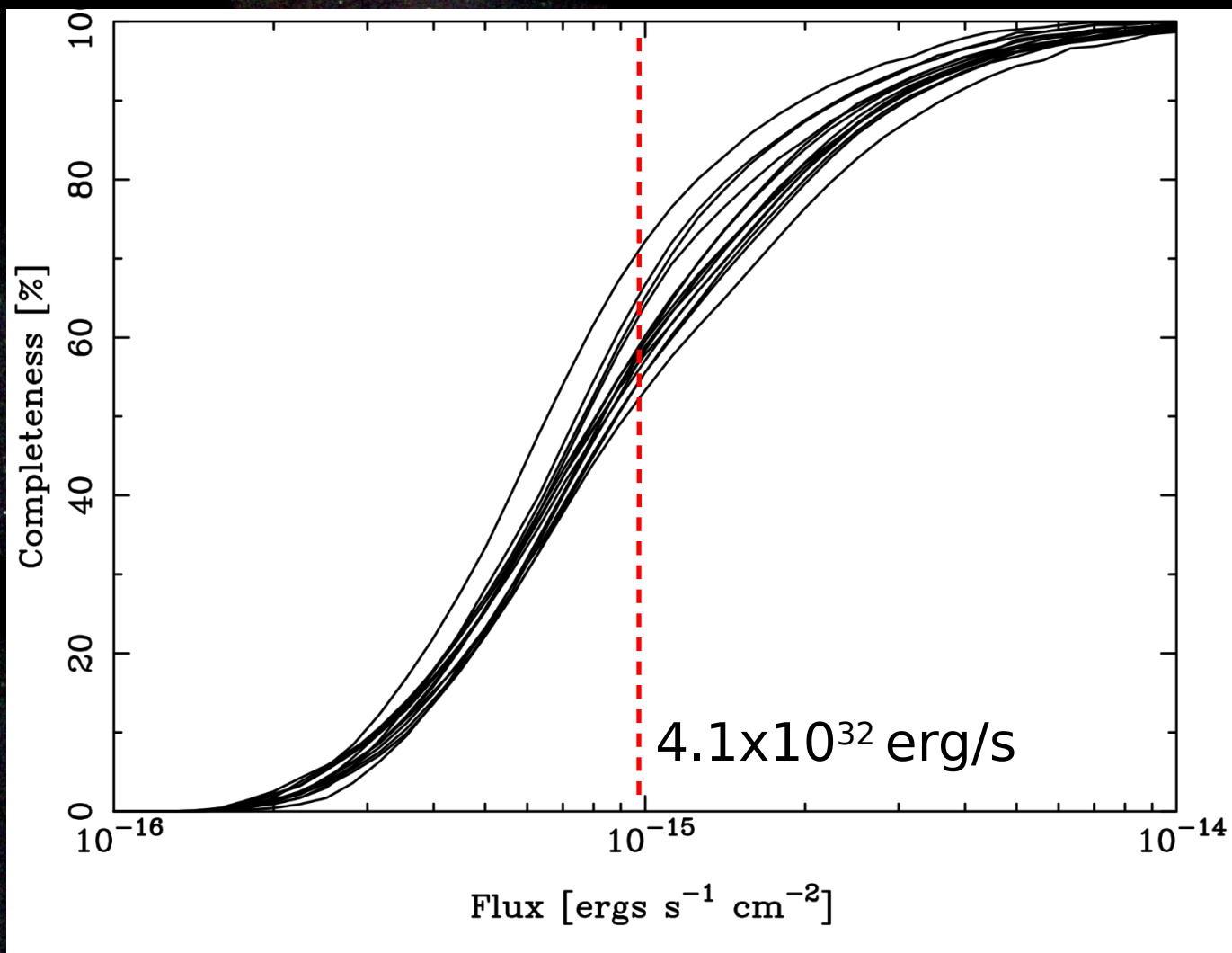
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Unique laboratories for the study of HMXBs

Address: formation efficiency of XRBs
accretion physics, interaction of
accretion flow and magnetic fields.

Survey sensitivity



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First results

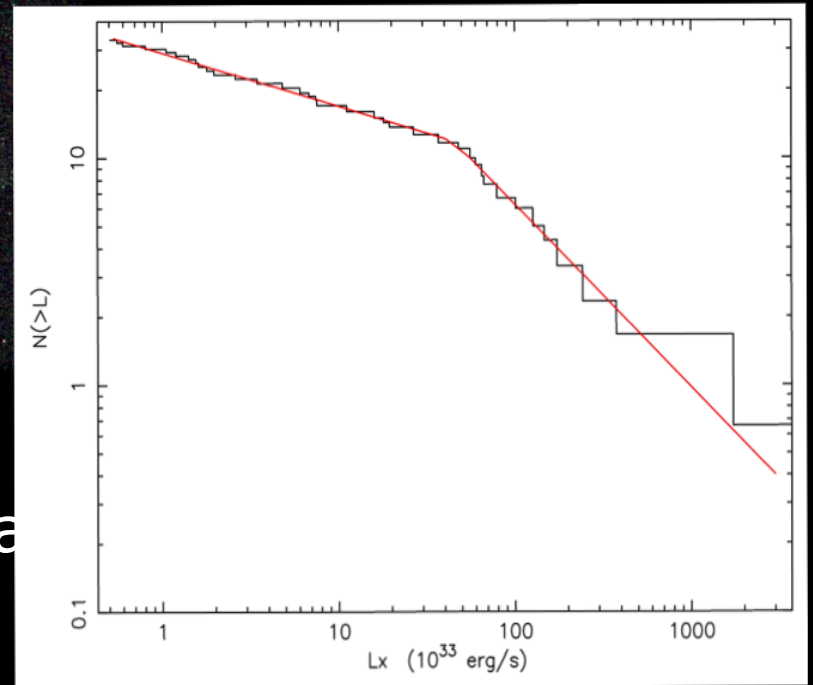
The luminosity function:

Flat slope : $\alpha \sim 0.2 / 0.8$

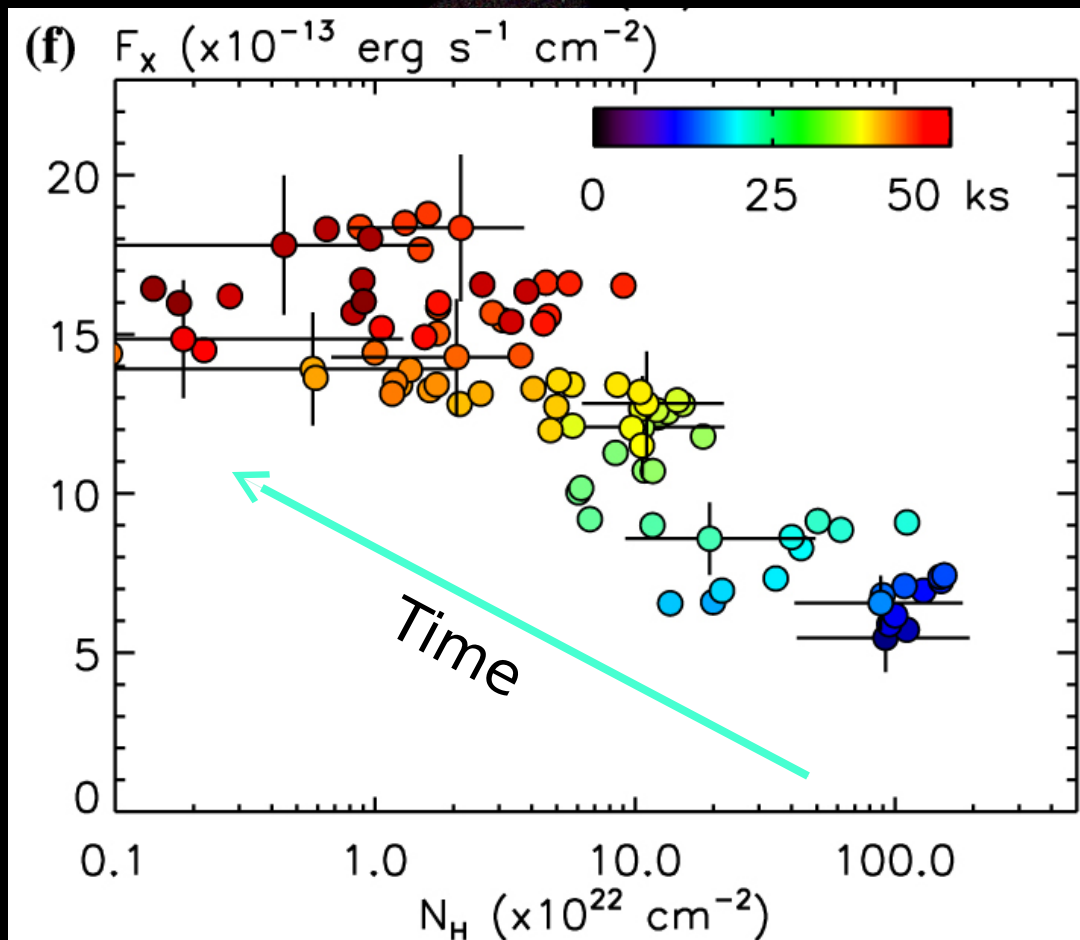
Indication for break at

3×10^{34} erg/s

consistent with accretion in a
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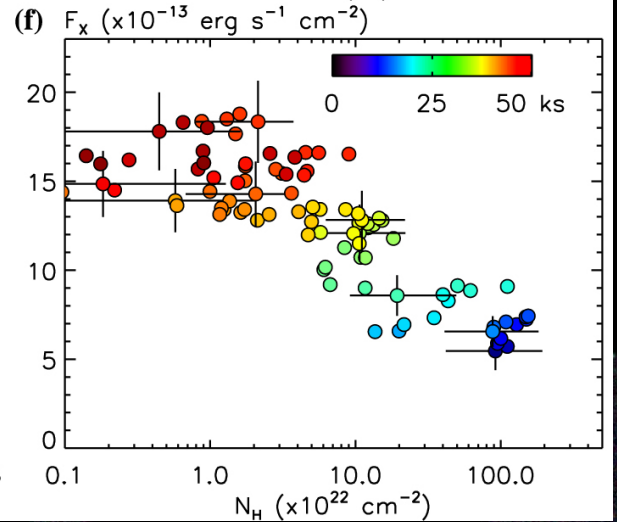
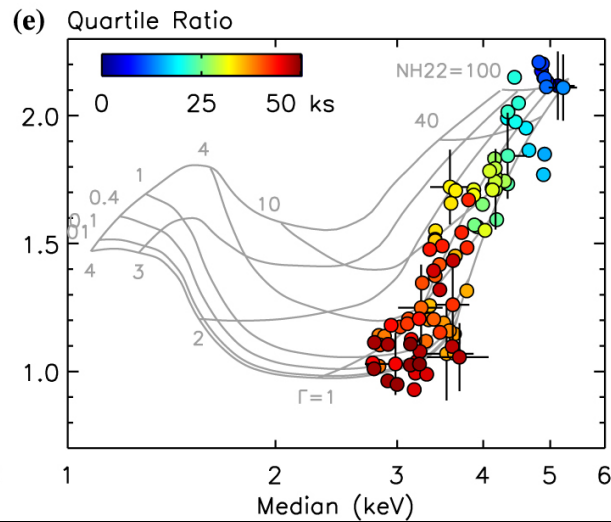
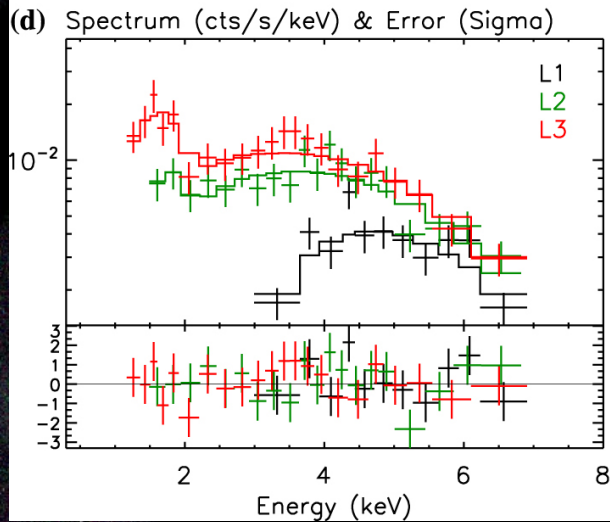
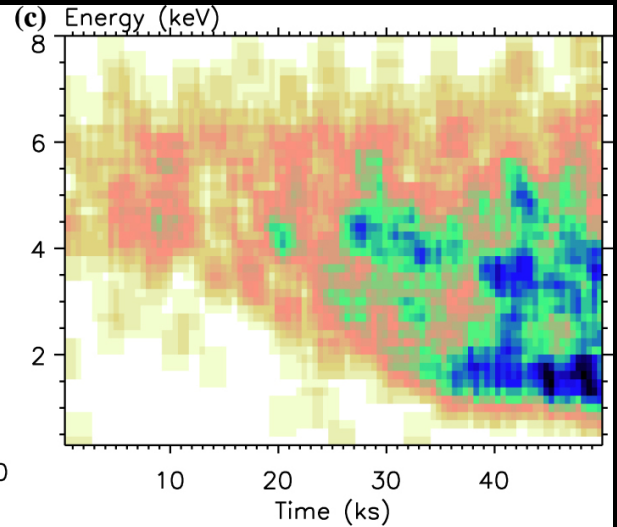
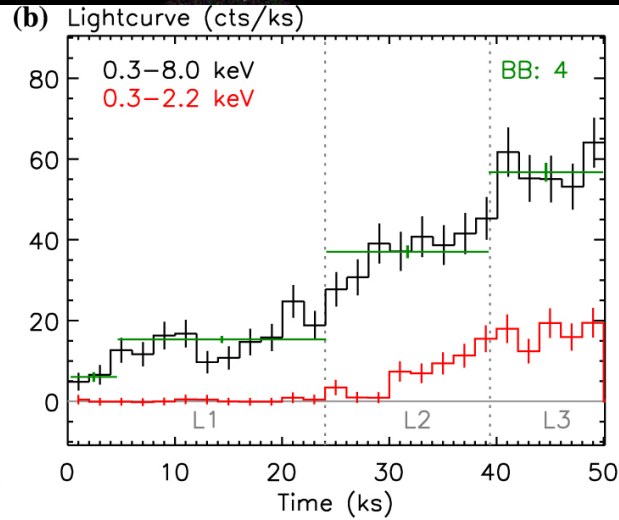
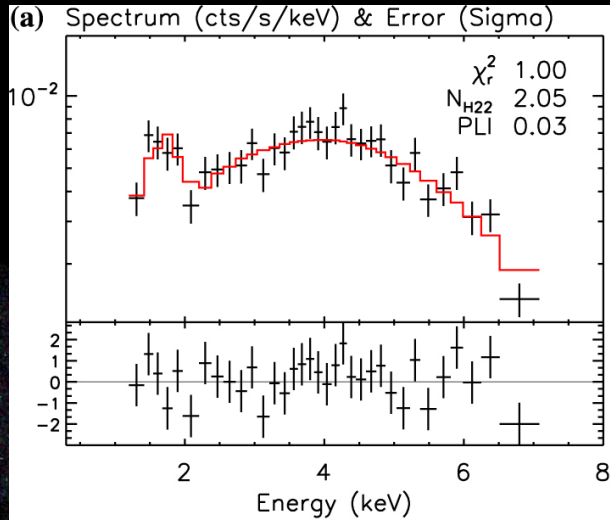


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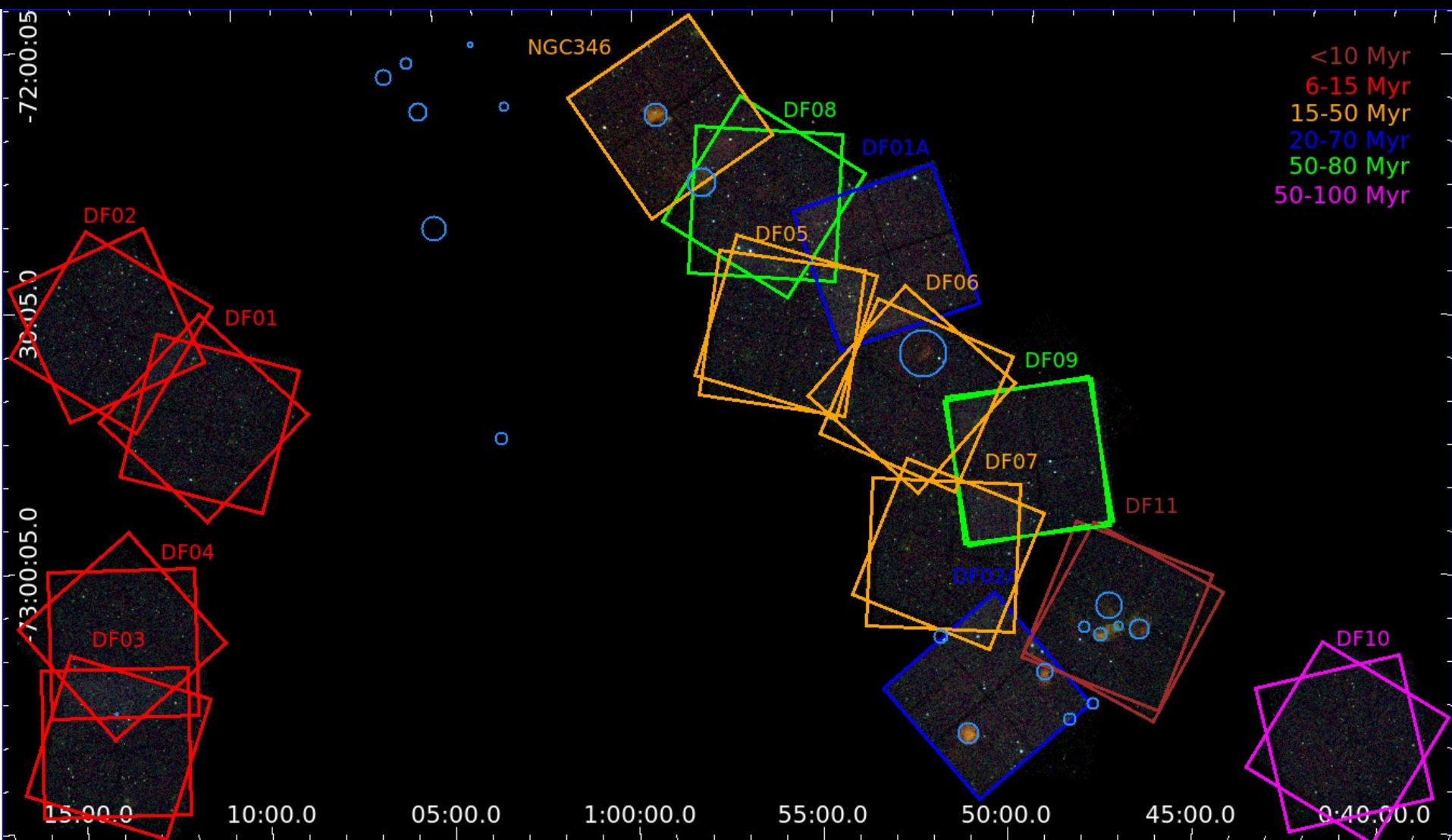


Hong et al. 2016

First results



First results



The deep Chandra SMC Survey

A Chandra “X-ray Visionary Program”:

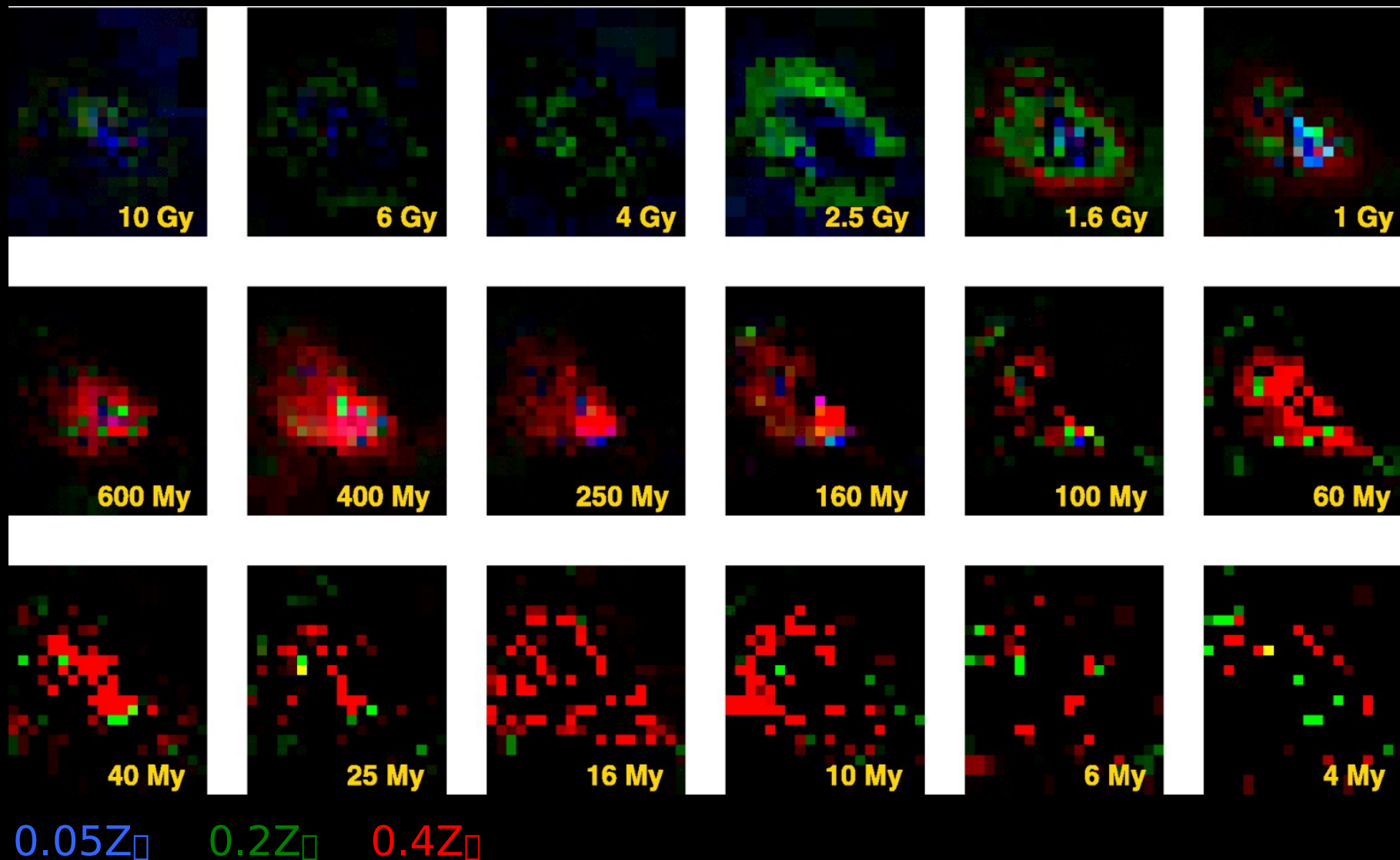
11 +3 Fields in the SMC (50-60 kpc)

2 x 50ksec exposures (1.1 + 0.3 Msec total)

Key Goal

- A deep census of accreting pulsars ($L_x \sim 10^{33}$ erg/s)
- HMXB formation efficiency at different ages
Well determined star-formation history
metallicity ($1/5 Z_{\odot} - 1/3 Z_{\odot}$)

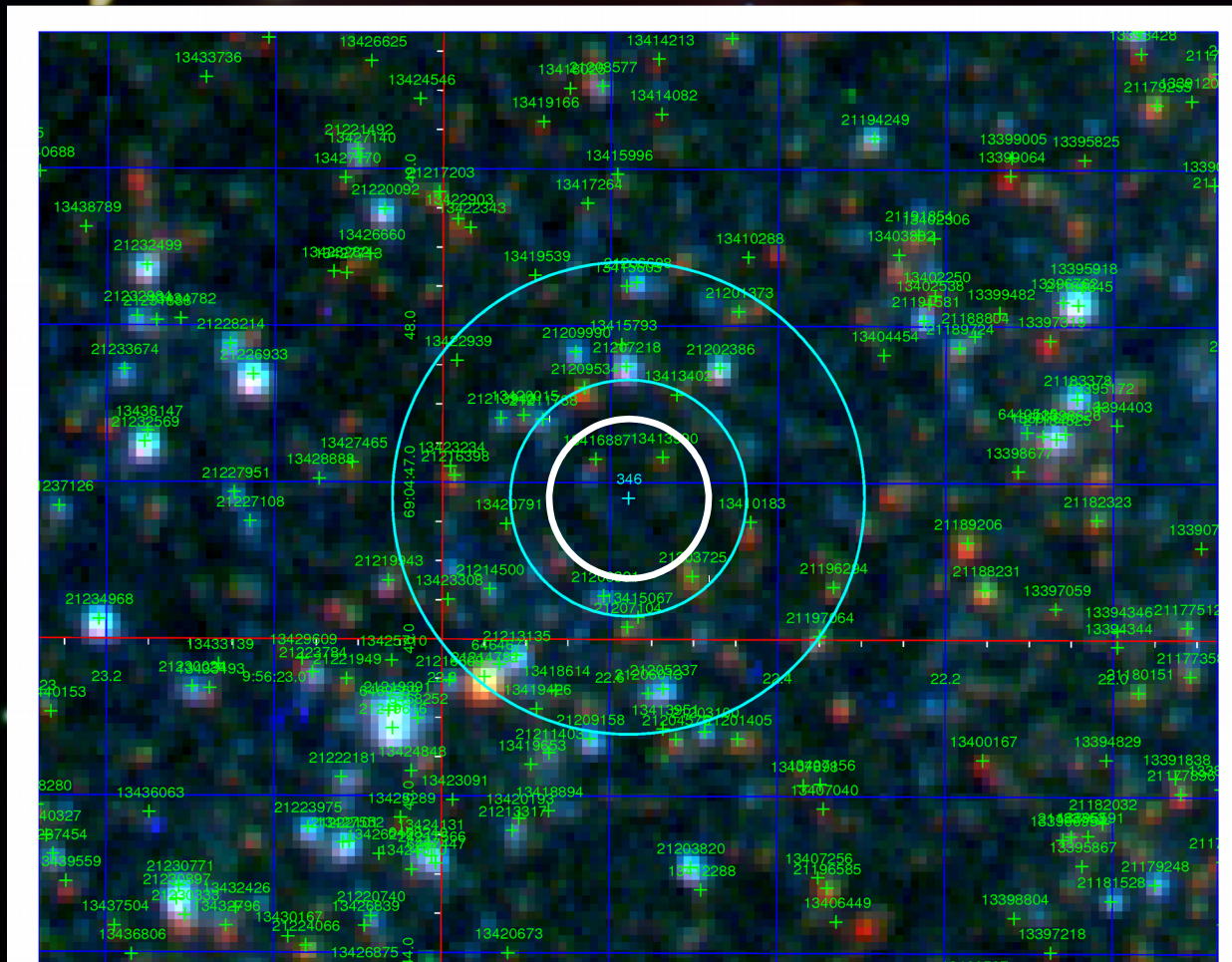
SMC star-formation history



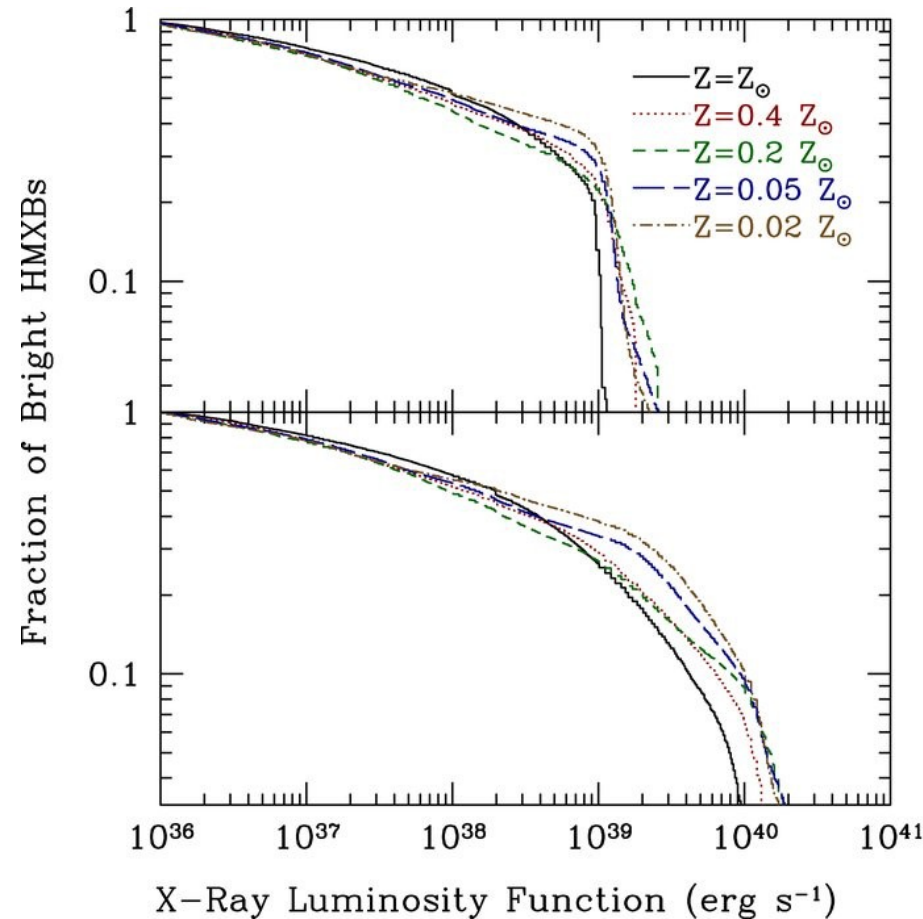
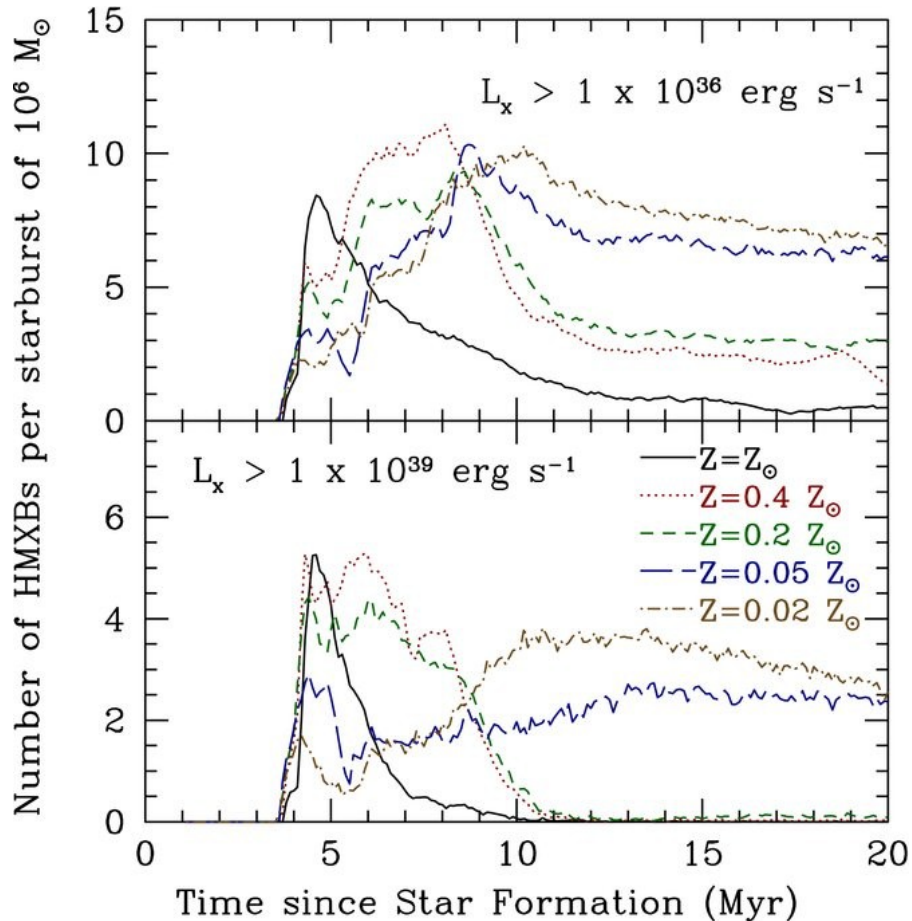
Harris & Zaritsky,
2004

From Chandra to Lynx

With well-sampled 0.5" PSF across the field we can:
Characterize X-ray sources



X-ray binary populations



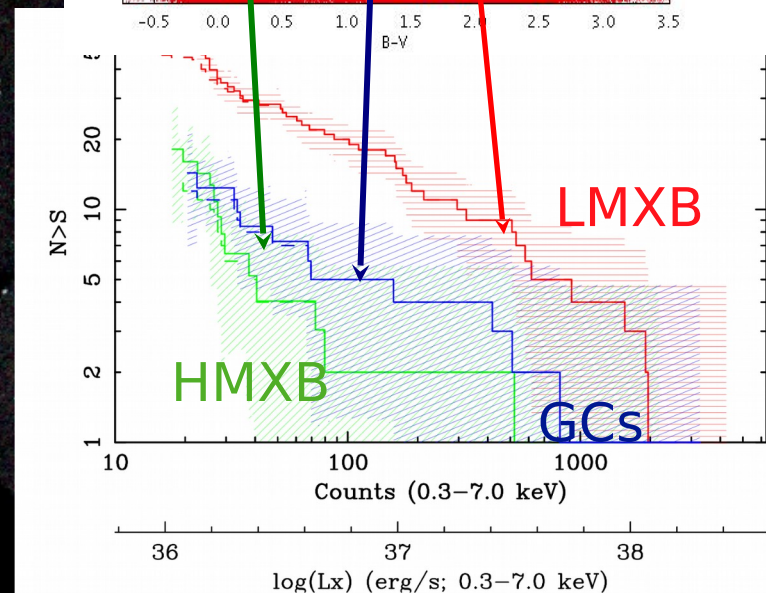
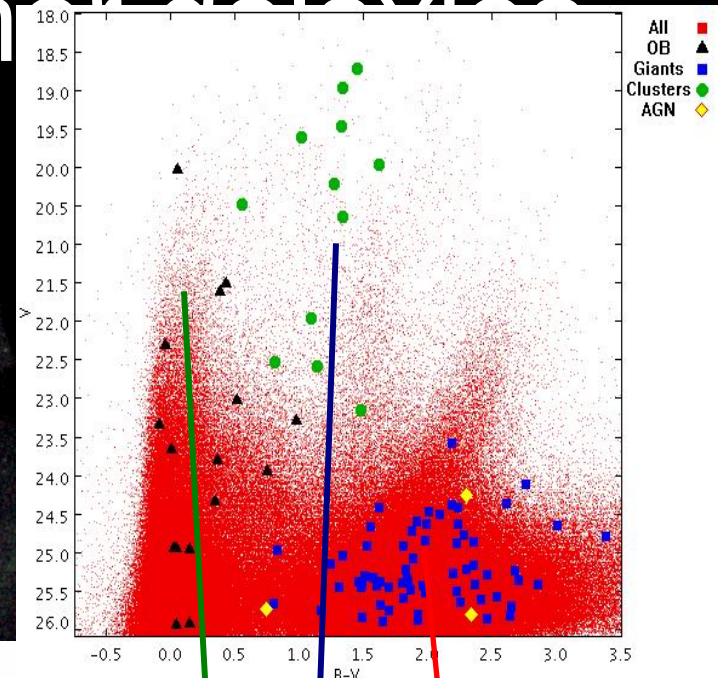
Linden et al. 2010

Looking ahead: Other galaxies

Goal: A more complete picture of XRB formation/evolution

Need:

- Cover age / metallicity space
- Deep observations
- Uniform sensitivity
 - Chandra - HST synergy



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