

Neutron Star Properties from Astrophysical Observations

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Astro-Hadron Physics in Korea *my personal point of view*



Astro-Hadron Physics

Dense Nuclear & Stellar Matter Studies

for **RAON** New Rare Isotope Accelerator & **MMA** Multi-Messenger Astrophysics



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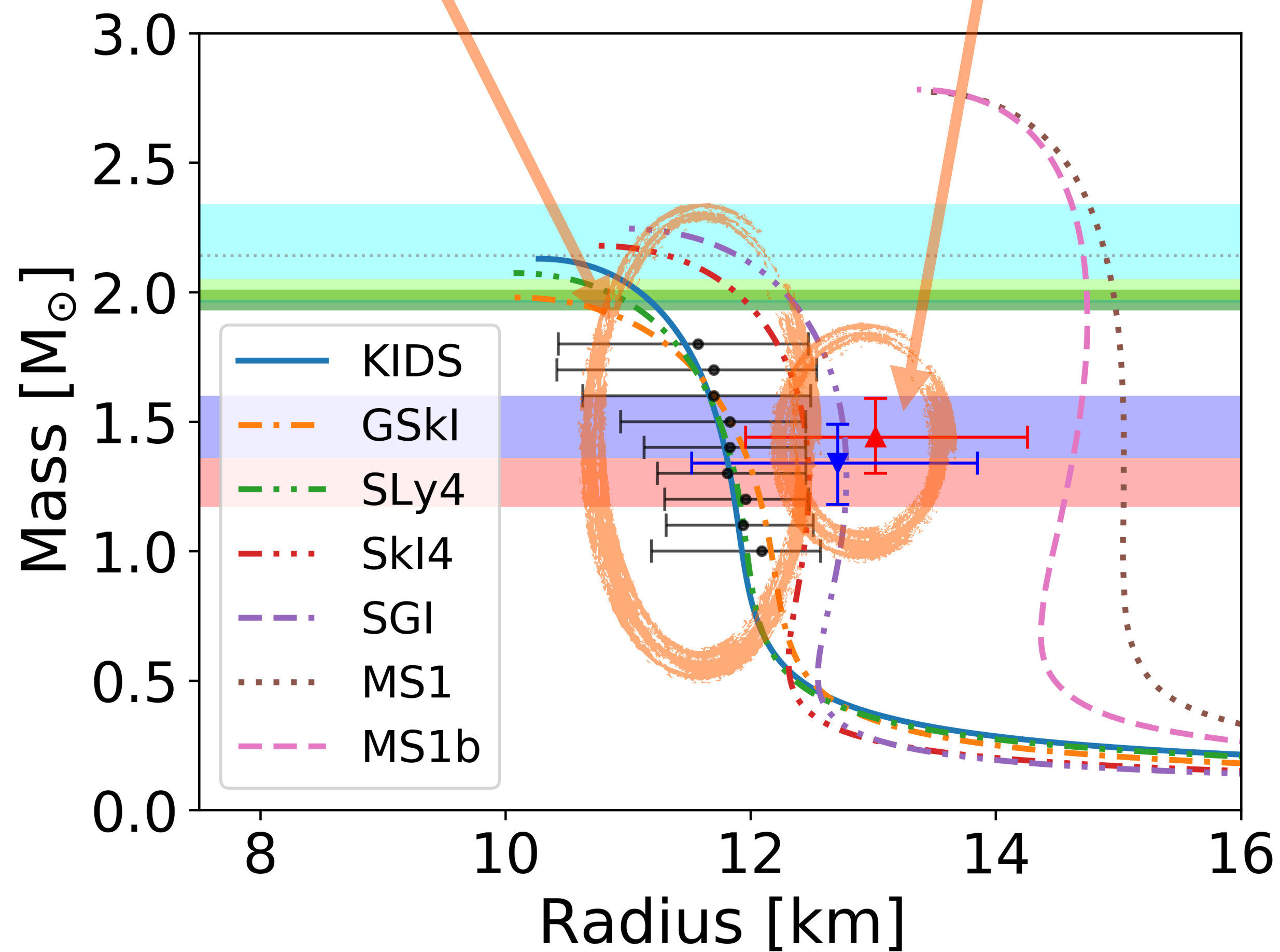
Daejeon (Youngman KIM,)

Montreal (Sangyong JEON, McGill)

Single NS (better constraint) *J0030+0451 by NICER*

Low-mass X-ray binary (NS binary)

Riley 2019 vs. Miller 2019



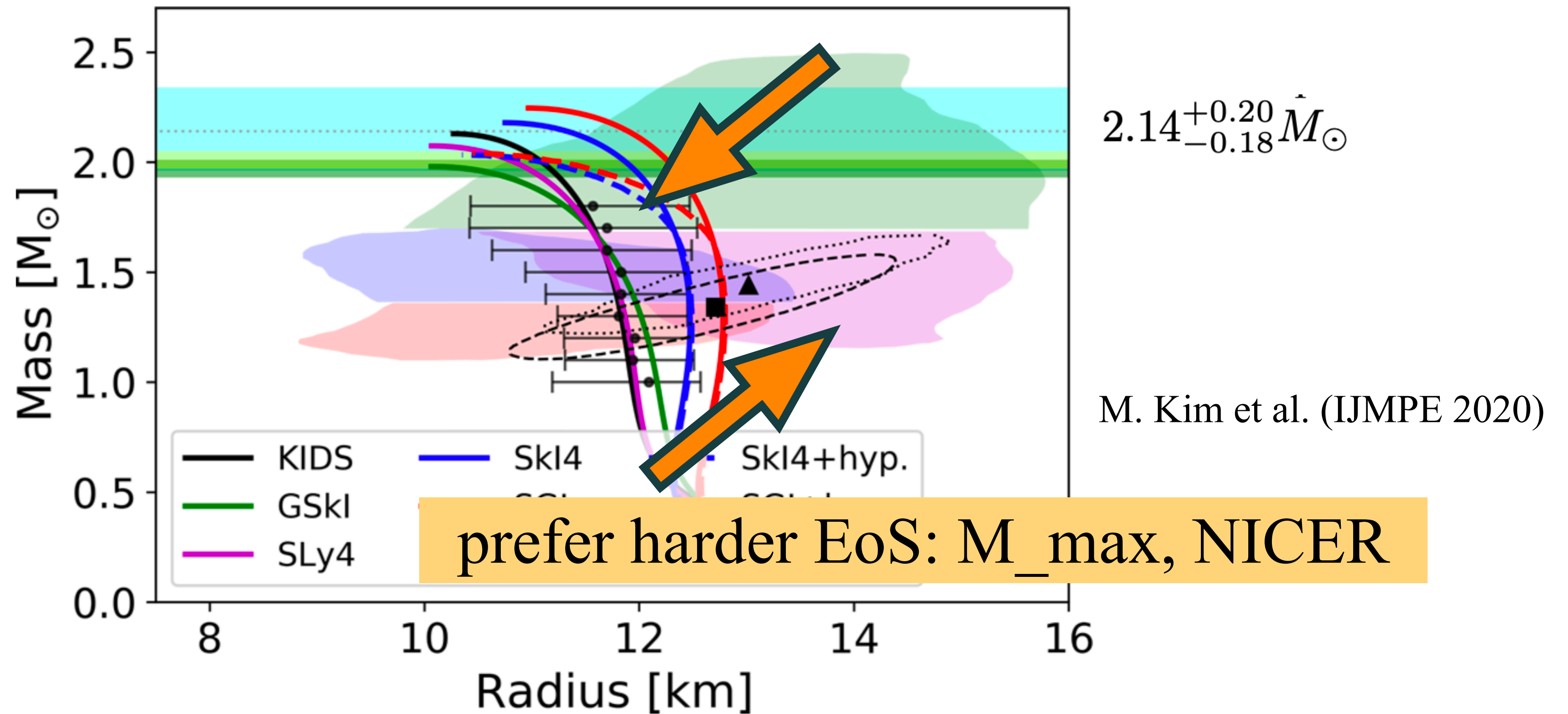
$$2.14^{+0.20}_{-0.18} M_{\odot}$$

H. T. Cromartie, *et al.*
Nature Astronomy (2019).

Kim et al., EPJA 56, 157 (2020)

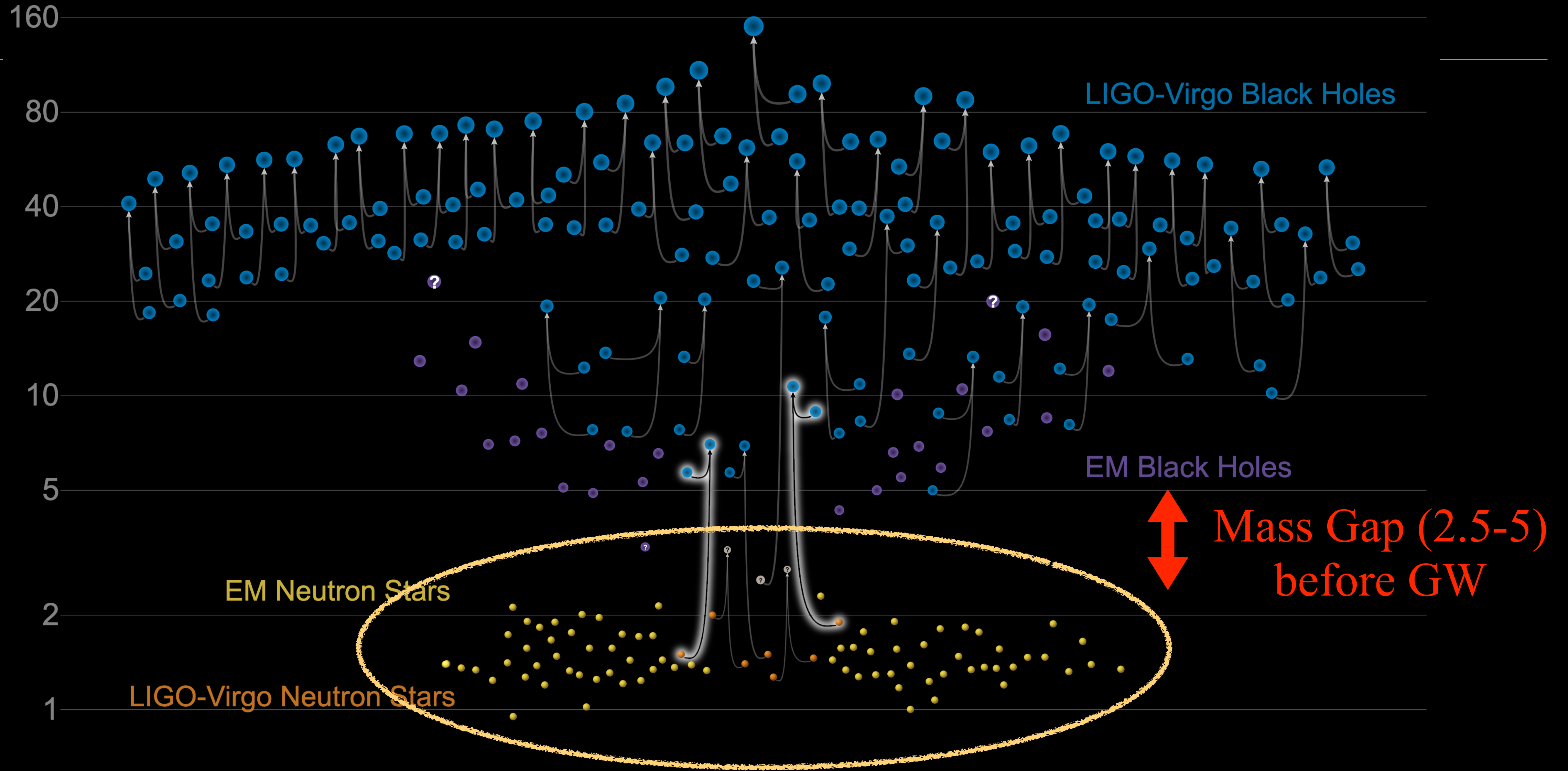
Constraints on Equation of State

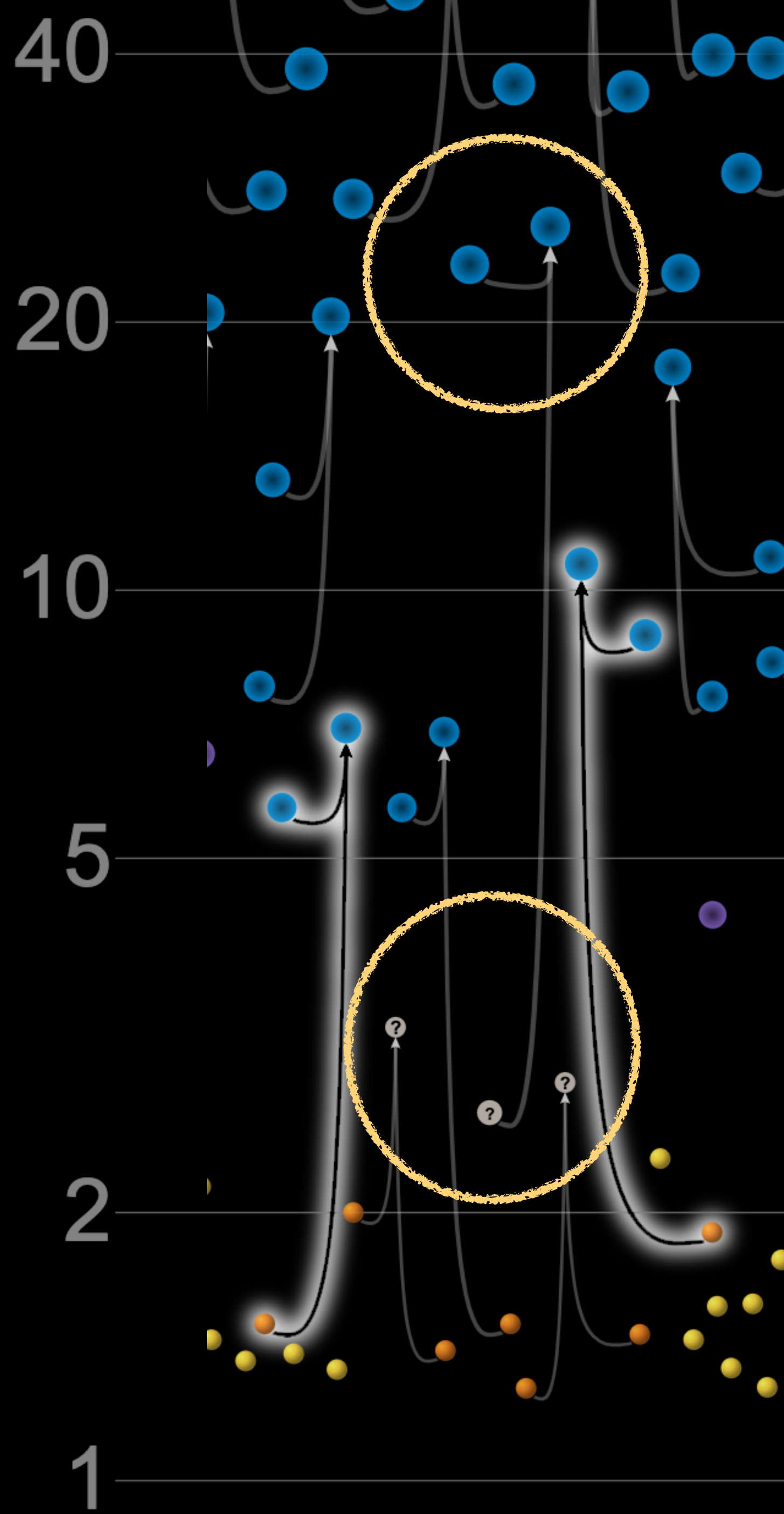
prefer soft EoS: GW170817, strangeness



Masses in the Stellar Graveyard

in Solar Masses





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GW190814: Gravitational Waves from the Coalescence of a 23 Solar Mass Black Hole with a 2.6 Solar Mass Compact Object

mass gap ($2.5 M_{\odot} < M < 5 M_{\odot}$)

- Probability of NS formation from core collapse SN is low
- What is the origin of 2.6 solar mass compact object ?

$2.6M_{\odot}$ **Black Hole or Neutron Star or Quark Star ?**

- **Light Black Hole**

- *e.g., Yang et al., ApJL 901, L34 (2020)*
- Tidal Love number of GW170817 prefers **soft EOS**
- 2.6 solar mass NS required **hard EOS (inconsistent with GW170817)**
- Light BH may be formed **by accretion** (not from direct collapse of giant stars)

- **Strange Quark Star**

- *e.g., Bombaci et al., PRL 126, 162702 (2021)*
Drago & Pagliara, PRD 102, 063003 (2020)
- Two track scenario
- NS and QS may coexist

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Cold quark matter

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COLD QUARK MATTER

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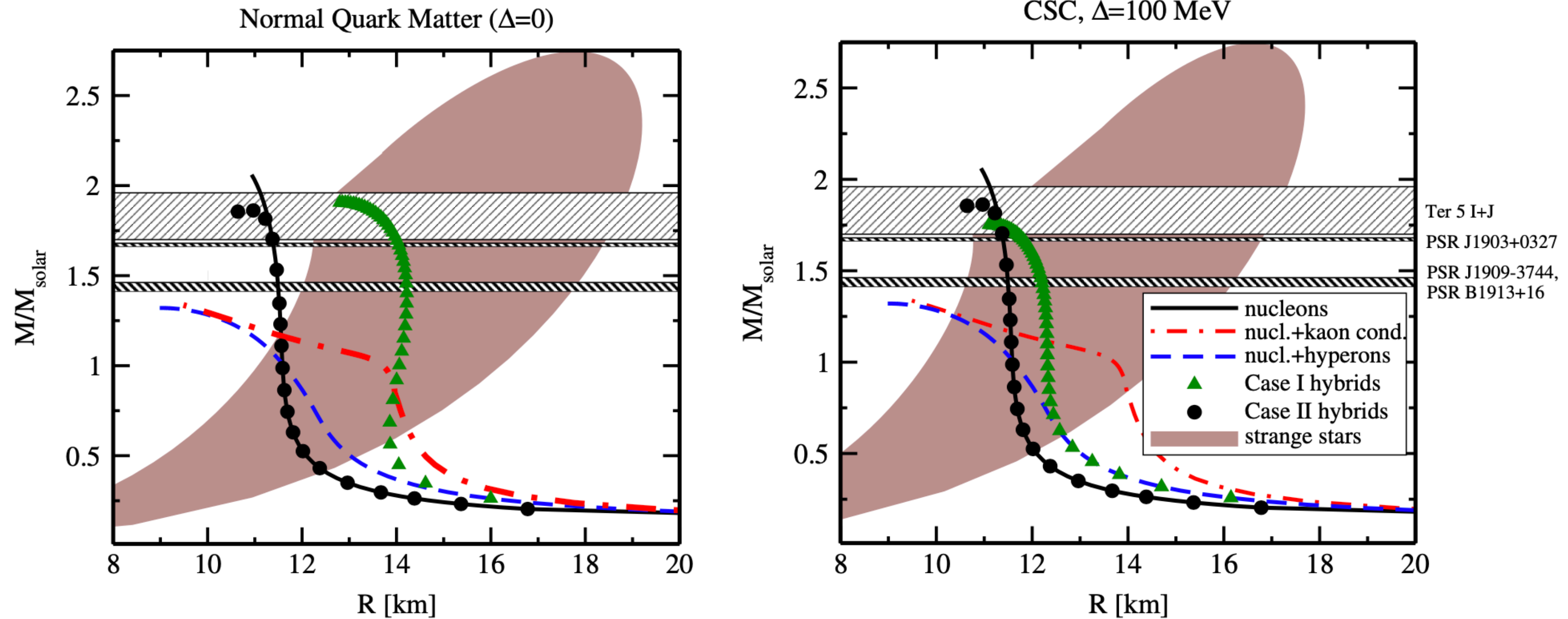


FIG. 10 (color online). The mass-radius relation for compact stars, obtained using $\Delta = 0$ (left) and $\Delta = 100$ MeV (right) in the quark matter EOS. We display the results for purely hadronic stars (containing only nucleons [69], nucleons with kaon condensation [70], or nucleons and hyperons [71]), pure quark matter stars (strange stars, cf. Sec. VA) and hybrid stars including both hadronic and quark matter (see text for details). Also shown in the plots are compact star mass observations from Refs. [81–85].

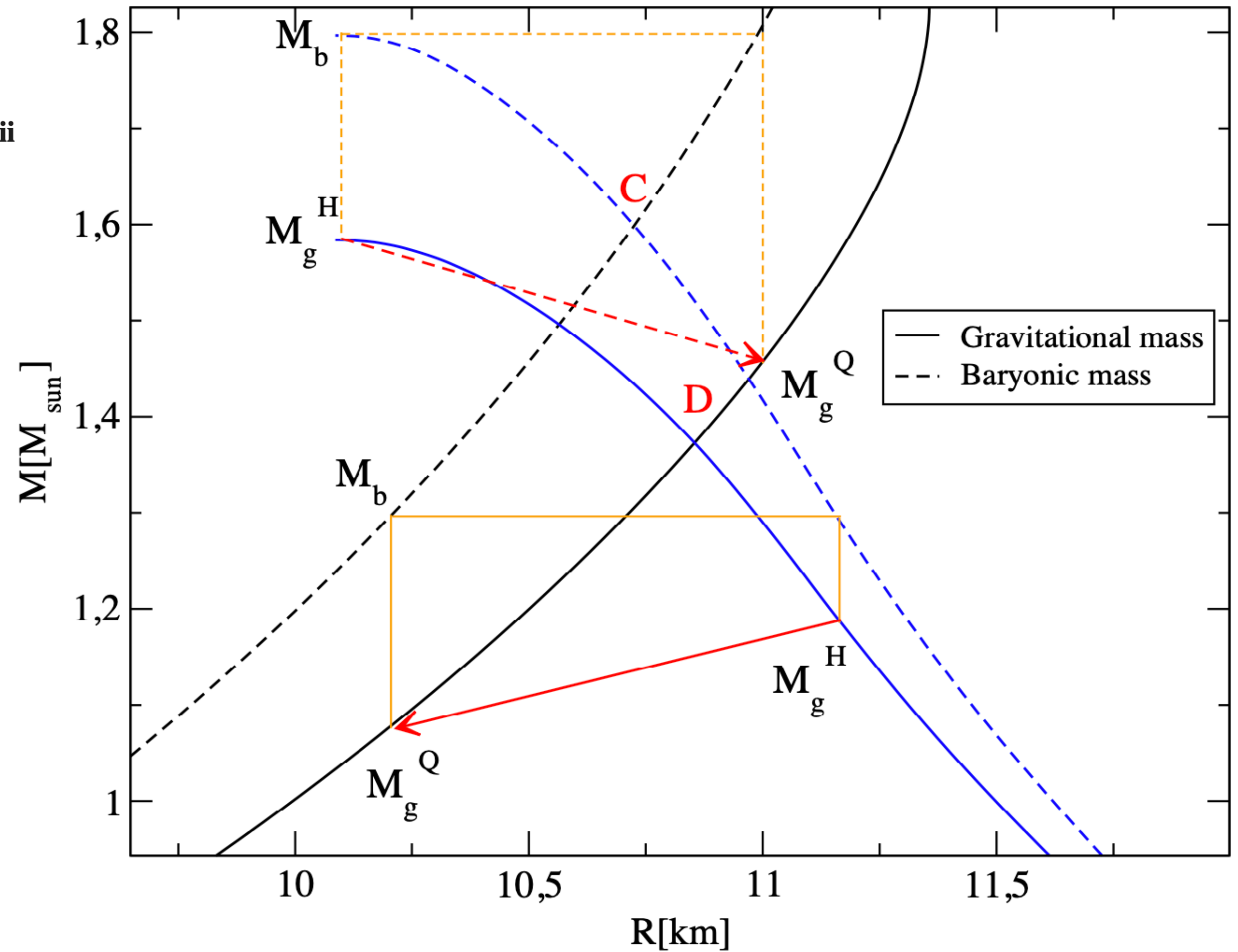
Open questions

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Why can hadronic stars convert into strange quark stars with larger radii

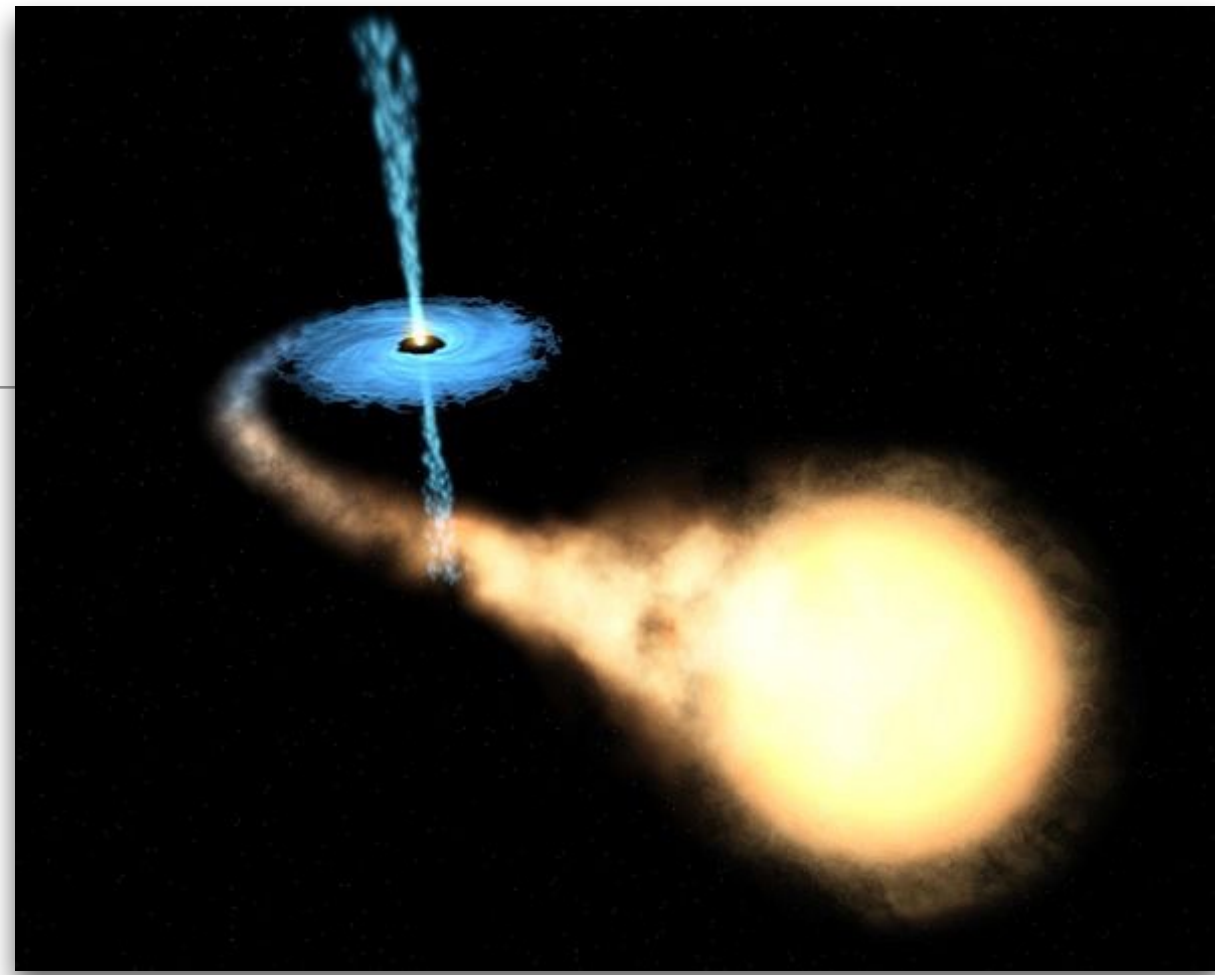
Alessandro Drago  and Giuseppe Pagliara

Observations of both M & R of NS are important !!



Low-Mass X-ray binary (LMXB)

- Mass & Radius of Neutron Star
 - Monte Carlo sampling
 - Bayesian analysis



Low-Mass X-ray binary (low-mass companion)

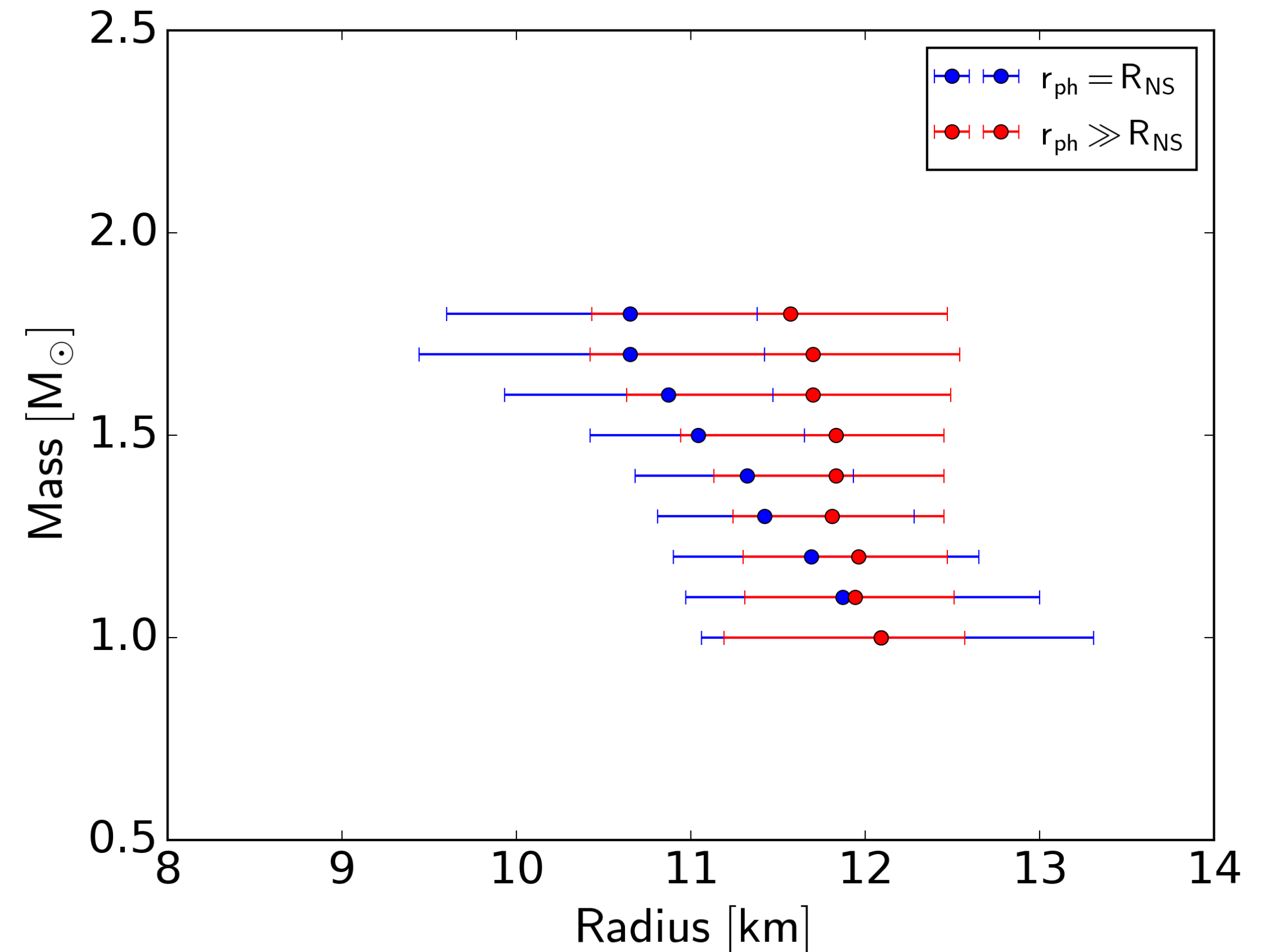
Table 9

Most Probable Values for Masses and Radii for Neutron Stars Constrained to Lie on One Mass Versus Radius Curve

| Object | $r_{\text{ph}} = R$ | | $r_{\text{ph}} \gg R$ | |
|--------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| | $M (M_{\odot})$ | $R \text{ (km)}$ | $M (M_{\odot})$ | $R \text{ (km)}$ |
| 4U 1608–522 | $1.52^{+0.22}_{-0.18}$ | $11.04^{+0.53}_{-1.50}$ | $1.64^{+0.34}_{-0.41}$ | $11.82^{+0.42}_{-0.89}$ |
| EXO 1745–248 | $1.55^{+0.12}_{-0.36}$ | $10.91^{+0.86}_{-0.65}$ | $1.34^{+0.450}_{-0.28}$ | $11.82^{+0.47}_{-0.72}$ |
| 4U 1820–30 | $1.57^{+0.13}_{-0.15}$ | $10.91^{+0.39}_{-0.92}$ | $1.57^{+0.37}_{-0.31}$ | $11.82^{+0.42}_{-0.82}$ |
| M13 | $1.48^{+0.21}_{-0.64}$ | $11.04^{+1.00}_{-1.28}$ | $0.901^{+0.28}_{-0.12}$ | $12.21^{+0.18}_{-0.62}$ |
| ω Cen | $1.43^{+0.26}_{-0.61}$ | $11.18^{+1.14}_{-1.27}$ | $0.994^{+0.51}_{-0.21}$ | $12.09^{+0.27}_{-0.66}$ |
| X7 | $0.832^{+1.19}_{-0.051}$ | $13.25^{+1.37}_{-3.50}$ | $1.98^{+0.10}_{-0.36}$ | $11.3^{+0.95}_{-1.03}$ |

Steiner, Lattimer, Brown, ApJ 2010

95% confidence limits by using MC sampling (for fixed NS mass)



In this talk, we will focus on

- Low-Mass X-ray Binaries (LMXB) with Photospheric Radius Expansion (PRE)
- Simultaneous measurement of neutron star Mass & Radius

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Measuring the masses and radii of neutron stars in low-mass X-ray binaries: Effects of the atmospheric composition and touchdown radius

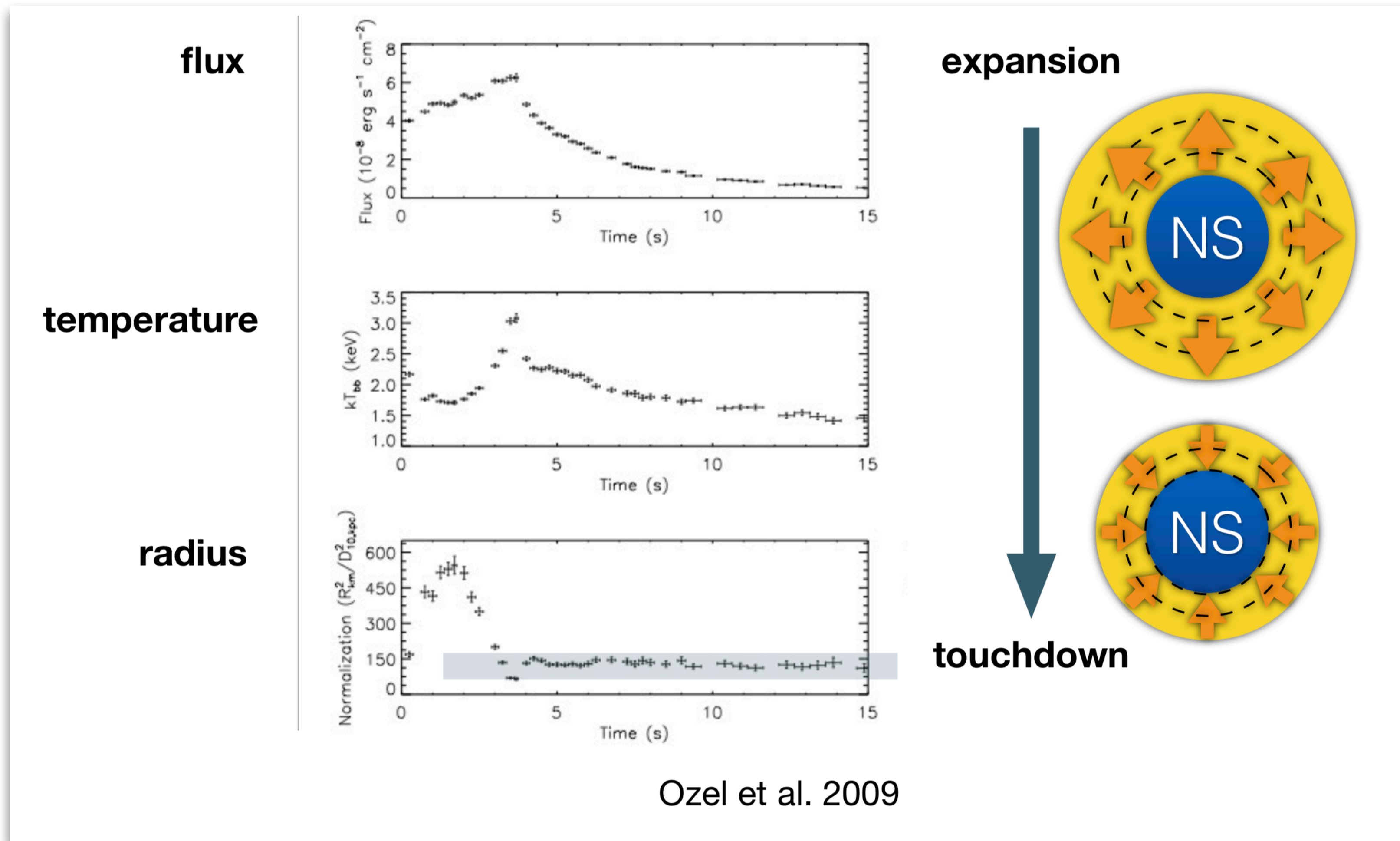
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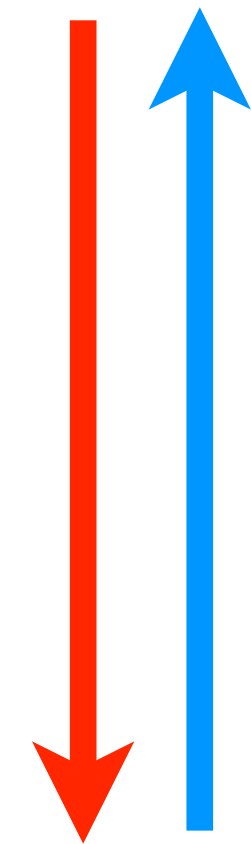
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Photospheric Radius Expansion (PRE) XRB



Observations
 ($F_D, T; \text{distance}$)



(M, R)

Equations of state

LMXBs considered in our work

Table 1. Observational properties of six LMXBs that show PRE XRBs.

| Source | App. angular area (km/10 kpc) ² | Touchdown flux (10 ⁻⁸ erg cm ⁻² s ⁻¹) | Spin freq. ^(a) (Hz) | Distance ^(a) (kpc) |
|------------------|---|--|-----------------------------------|---|
| 4U 1820–30 | 89.9 ± 15.9 | 5.98 ± 0.66 | ... | 7.6 ± 0.4 (4) 8.4 ± 0.6 (5–6) |
| SAX J1748.9–2021 | 89.7 ± 9.6 | 4.03 ± 0.54 | 410 (1) | 8.2 ± 0.6 (4, 5, 7) |
| EXO 1745–248 | 117.8 ± 19.9 | 6.69 ± 0.74 | ... | 6.3 ± 0.63 ^(b) (8–9) |
| KS 1731–260 | 96.0 ± 7.9 | 4.71 ± 0.52 | 524 (2) | 7–9 ^(c) (10) |
| 4U 1724–207 | 113.8 ± 15.4 | 5.29 ± 0.58 | ... | 7.4 ± 0.5 |
| 4U 1608–52 | 314 ± 44.3 | 18.5 ± 2.0 | 620 (3) | 4.0 ± 2.0, $D_{\text{cutoff}} > 3.9$ ^(d) |

Our strategy

Observations
(F_D, T ; distance)

Steiner et al., ApJ 722, 33 (2010)

Ozel et al., ApJ 820, 28 (2016)

Method 1
Monte Carlo sampling
(M. Kim)

Method 2
Bayesian analysis (NS EOS is used)
(Y.-M. Kim)

(M, R)

Method 1: Monte Carlo sampling *(by M. Kim)*

Basic observations : flux, spectrum (blackbody temperature)

before corrections

Touch down flux $F_{\text{TD},\infty} = \frac{GMc}{\kappa D^2} \left(1 - \frac{2GM}{Rc^2}\right)^{1/2}$

Apparent angular area $A \equiv \frac{F_\infty}{\sigma T_{\text{bb},\infty}^4} = f_c^{-4} \frac{R^2}{D^2} \left(1 - \frac{2GM}{Rc^2}\right)^{-1}$

Opacity $\kappa = 0.2(1 + X) \text{ cm}^2 \text{ g}^{-1}$

X : hydrogen mass fraction in H-He plasma

Systematic treatments

- ***Color-correction factor***

- Change of the effective area due to the atmospheric effect

- ***Cooling tail method***

- Spectral evolution during the cooling phase due to the atmosphere of NS
(surface gravity & chemical composition)

- ***Chemical composition of the photosphere***

- H-He plasma

$$\kappa = 0.2(1 + X) \text{ cm}^2 \text{ g}^{-1}$$

X : hydrogen mass fraction in H-He plasma

Modifications

touchdown radius parameter

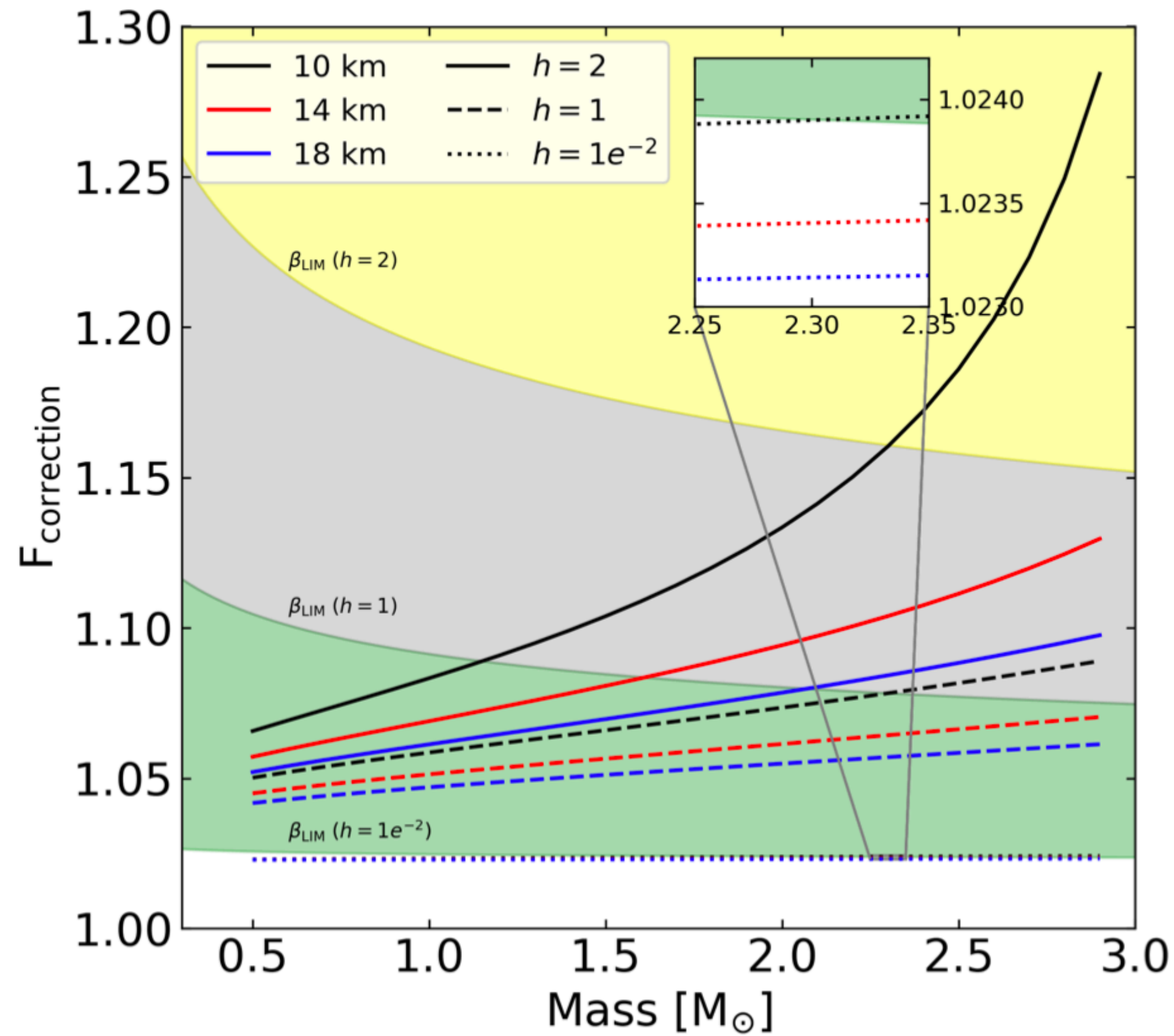
$$h = \frac{2R_{\text{NS}}}{r_{\text{ph}}}$$

causality limit

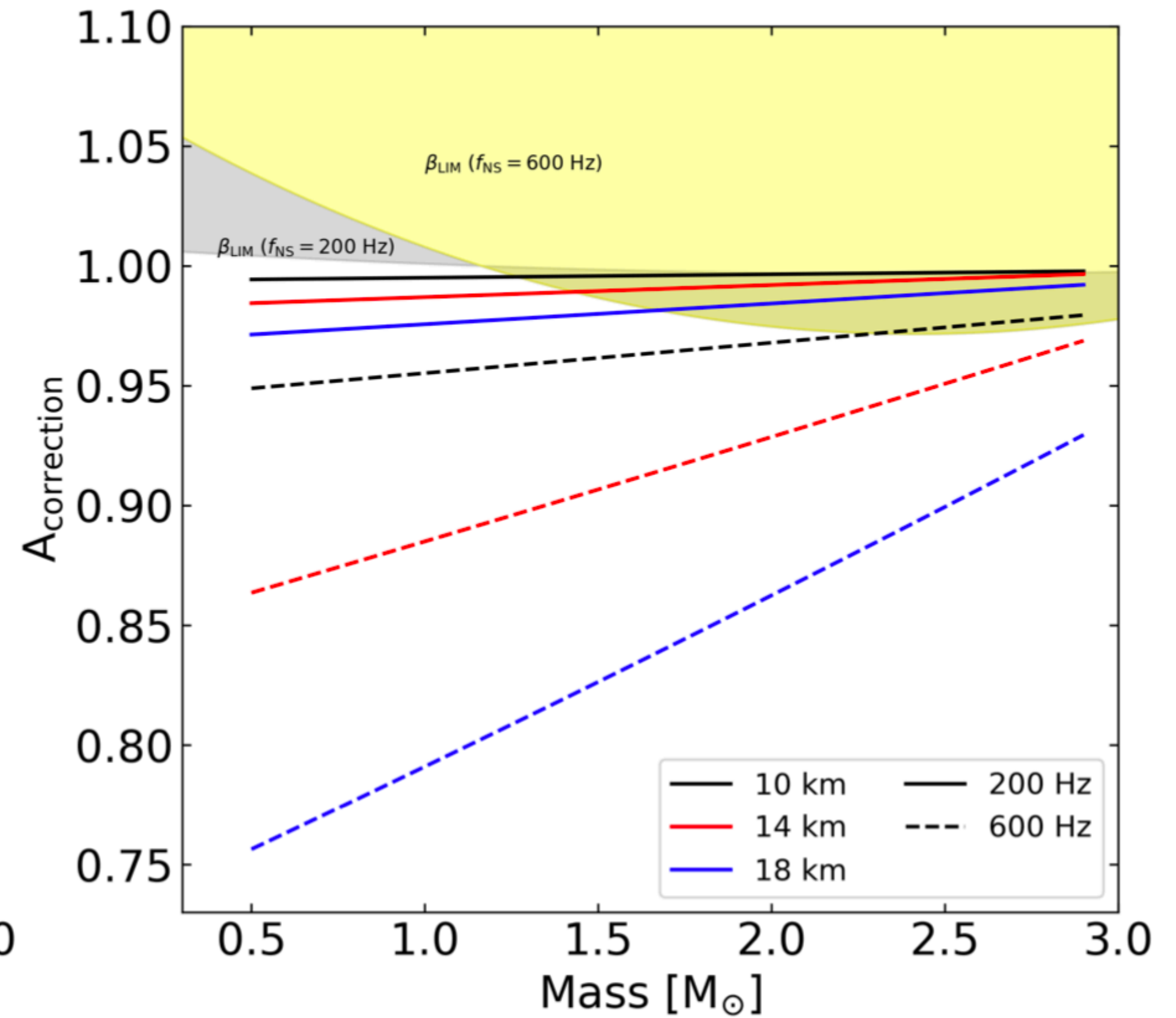
$$\beta = \frac{M_{\text{NS}}}{R_{\text{NS}}} < \frac{1}{2.94}$$

NS spin frequency

$$f_{\text{NS}}$$

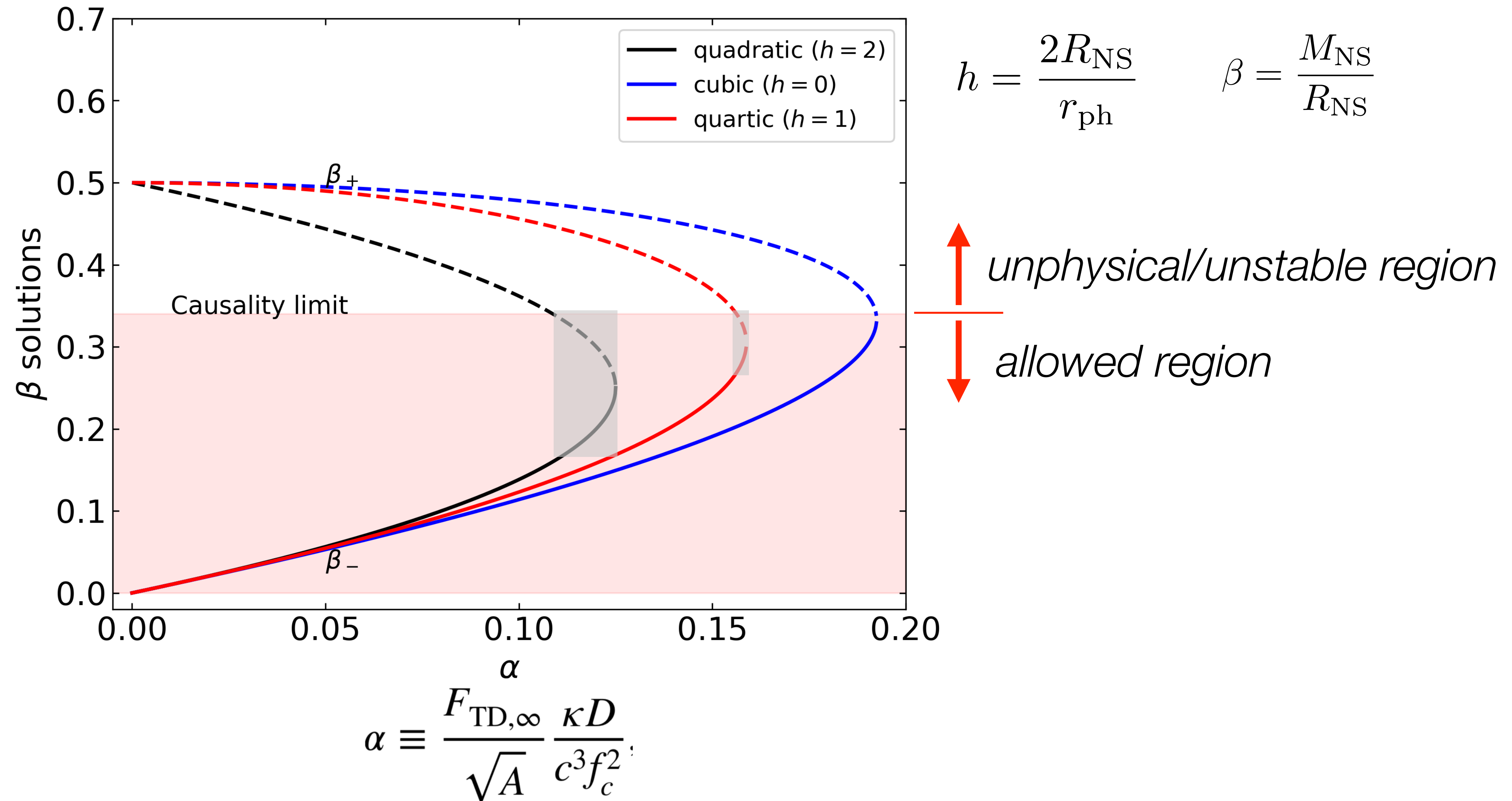


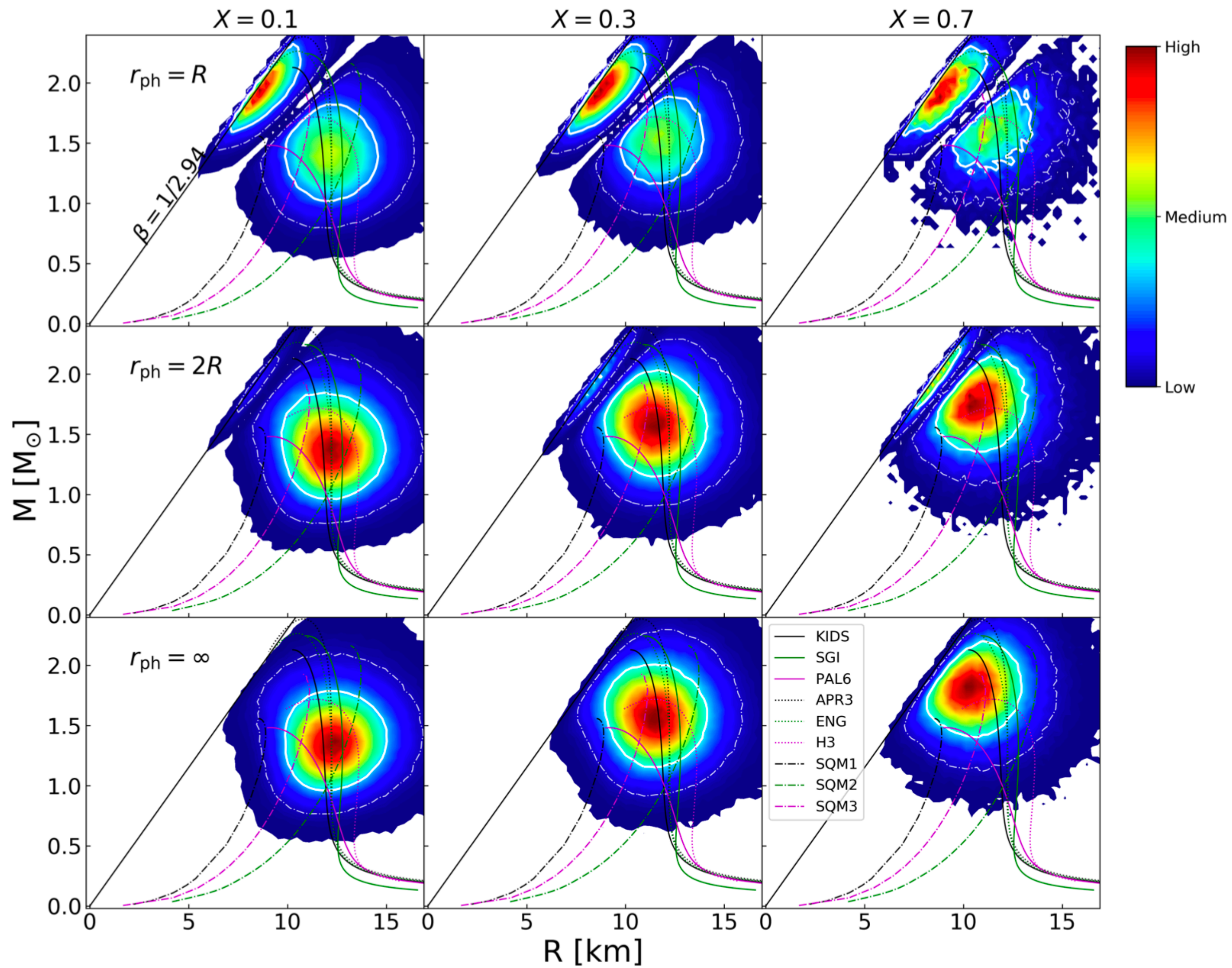
Touchdown Flux (ratio)



Apparent angular area (ratio)

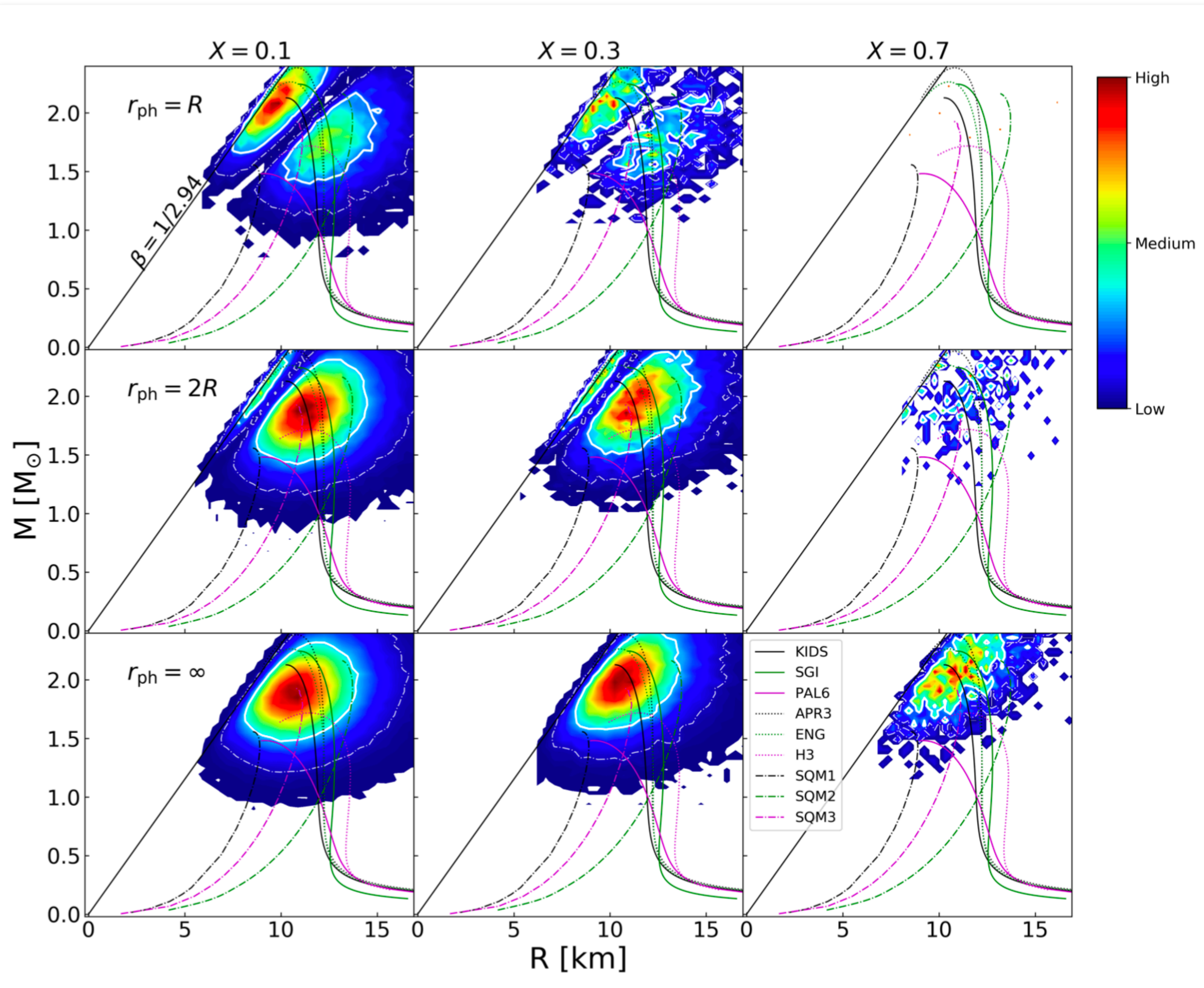
Double solutions are allowed in MC sampling





SAX J1748.9-2021

X: hydrogen mass fraction

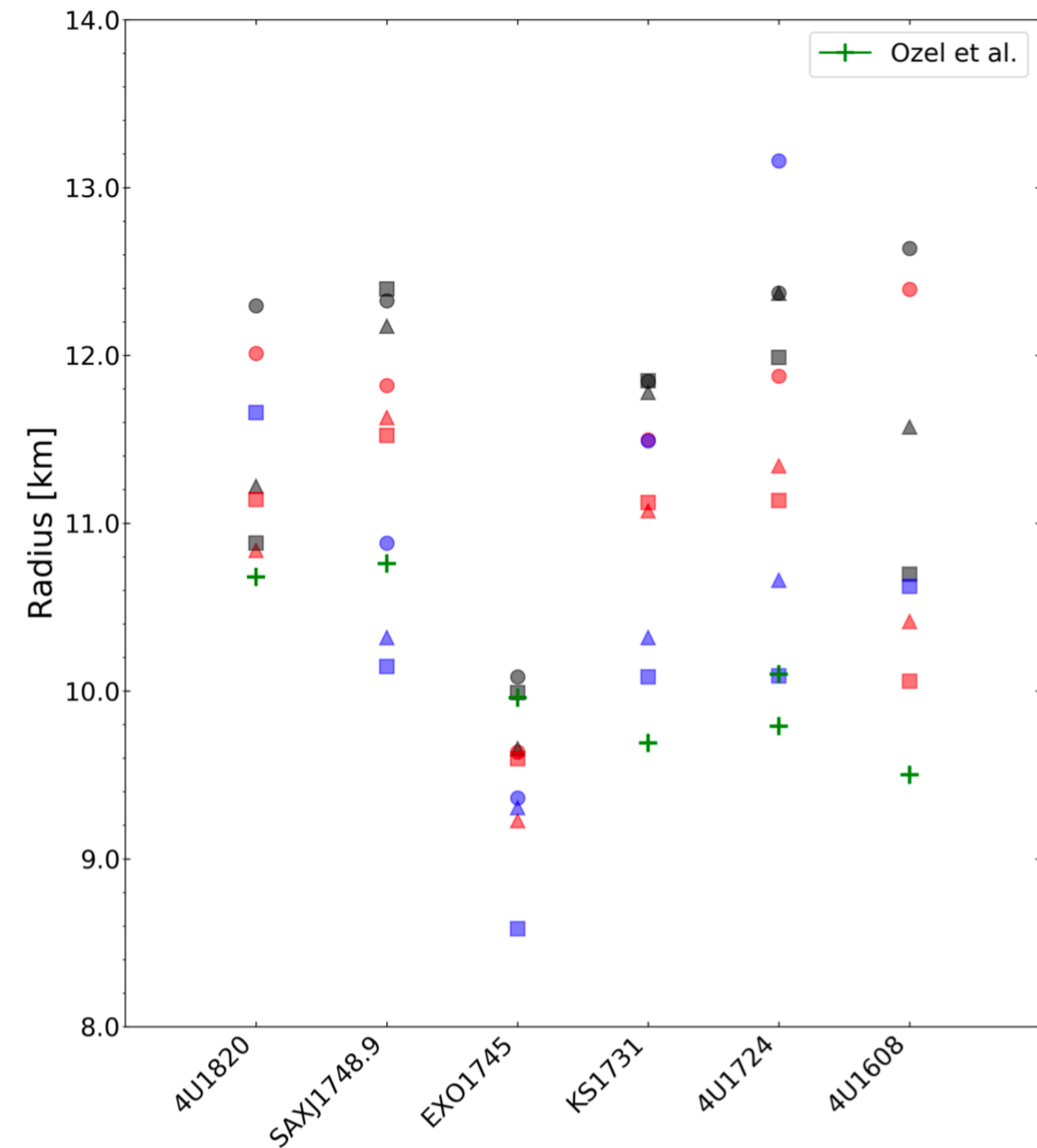
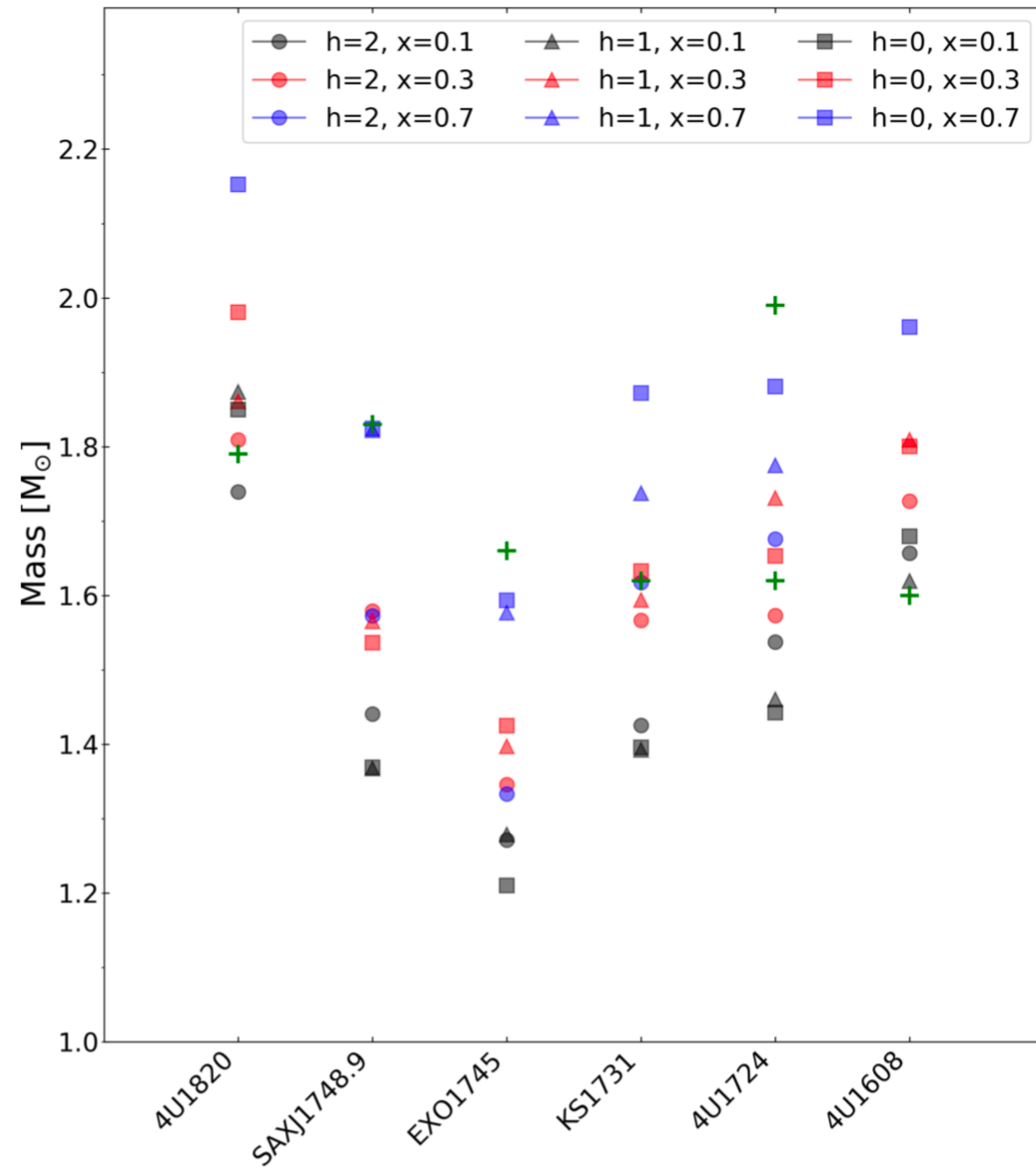


4U 1820-30

X: hydrogen mass fraction

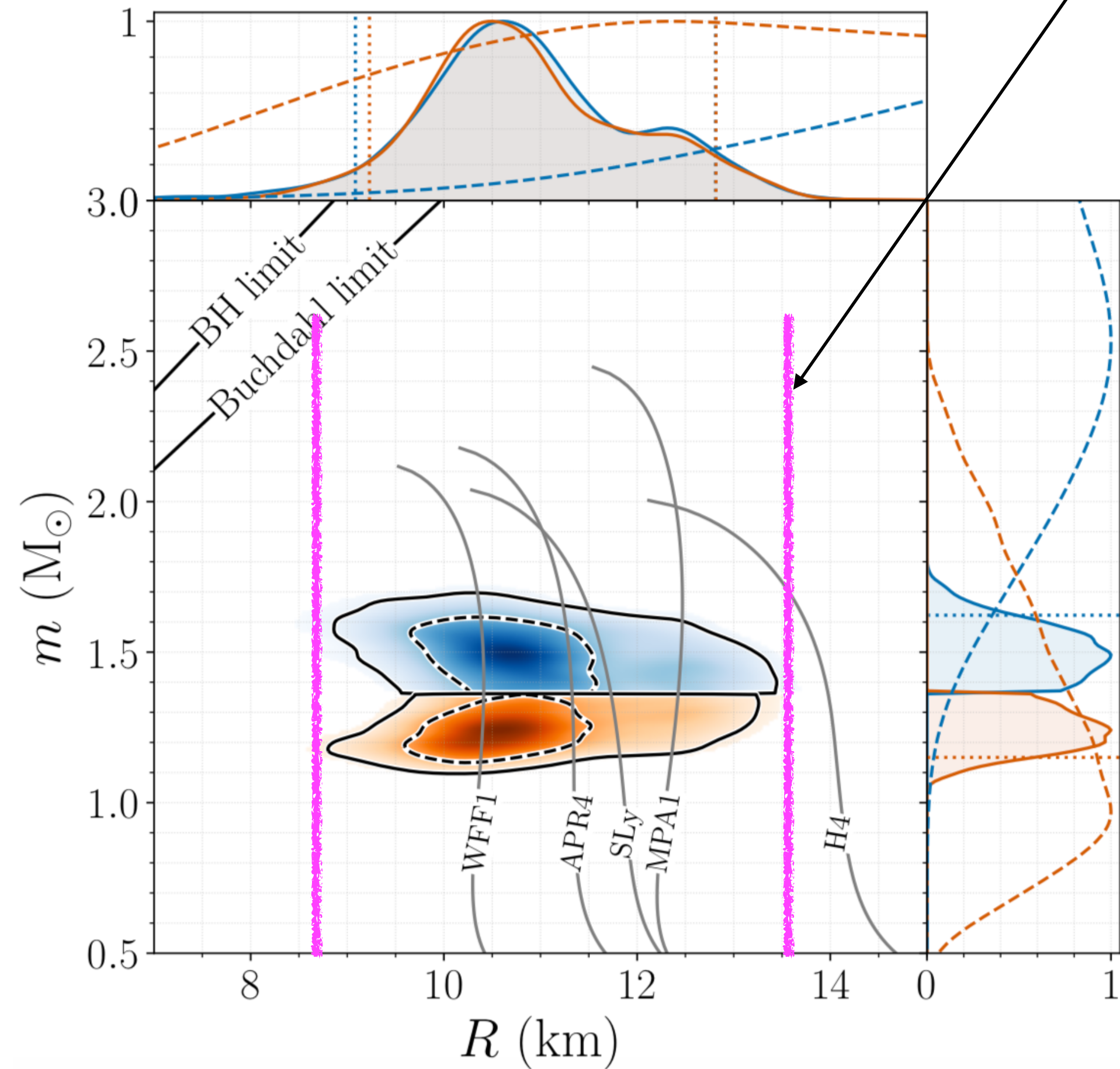
Most probable values of M & R

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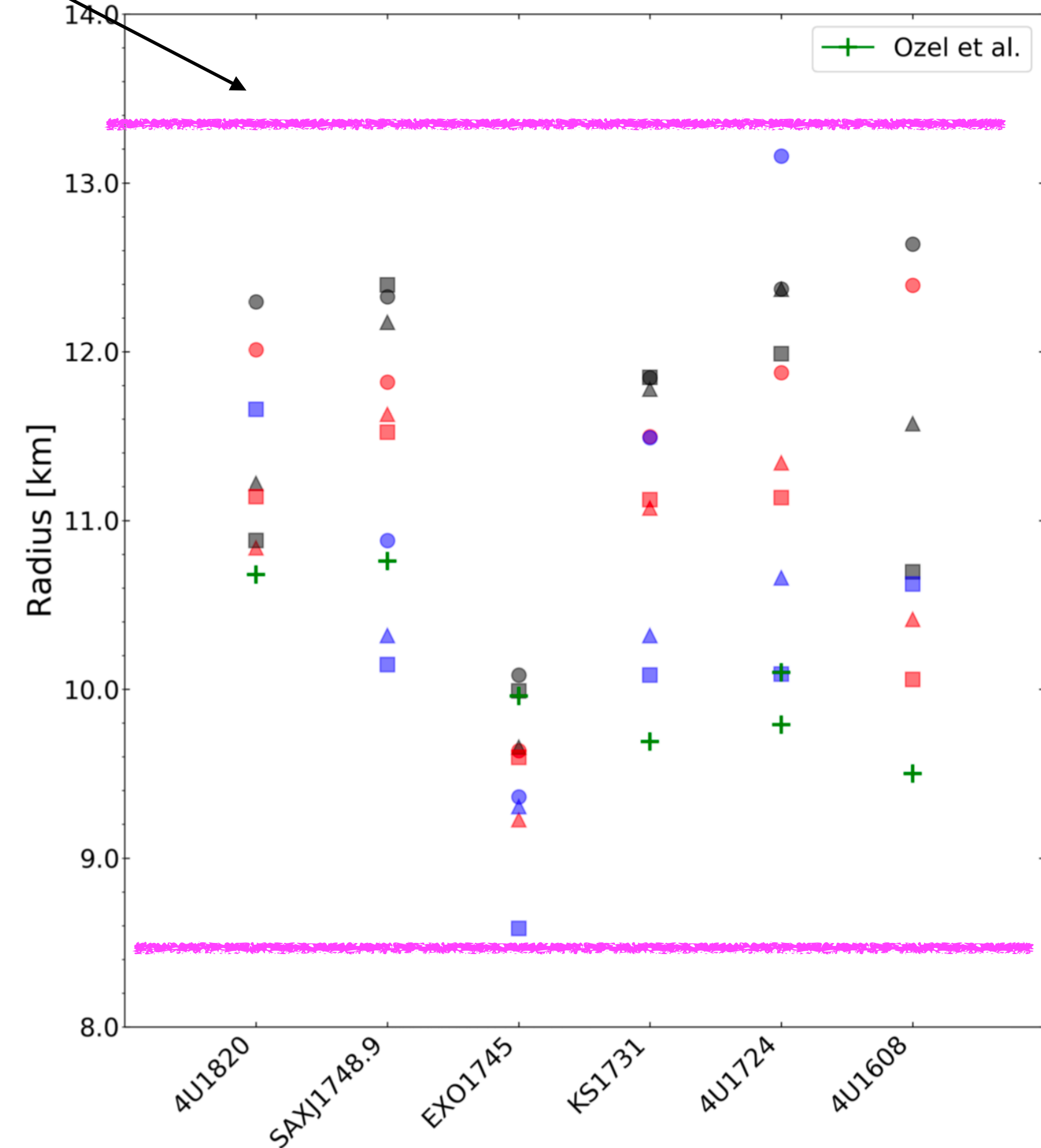


Most probable M,R

Consistent



Abbott et al. (LSC and Virgo), PRL 121.161101



M. Kim, Y.-M. Kim et al. (A&A 2021)

Method 2: Bayesian analysis *(by Y.-M. Kim)*

$$P(\boldsymbol{\theta}|\text{data}) = \frac{P(\text{data}|\boldsymbol{\theta})P(\boldsymbol{\theta})}{P(\text{data})}$$

Posterior probability distribution

$$\boldsymbol{\theta} = \{R, M, D, f_{\text{NS}}, f_{\text{c}}, X, h\}$$

Parameter set

$$P(\text{data}|\boldsymbol{\theta})$$

Likelihood

$$P(\boldsymbol{\theta})$$

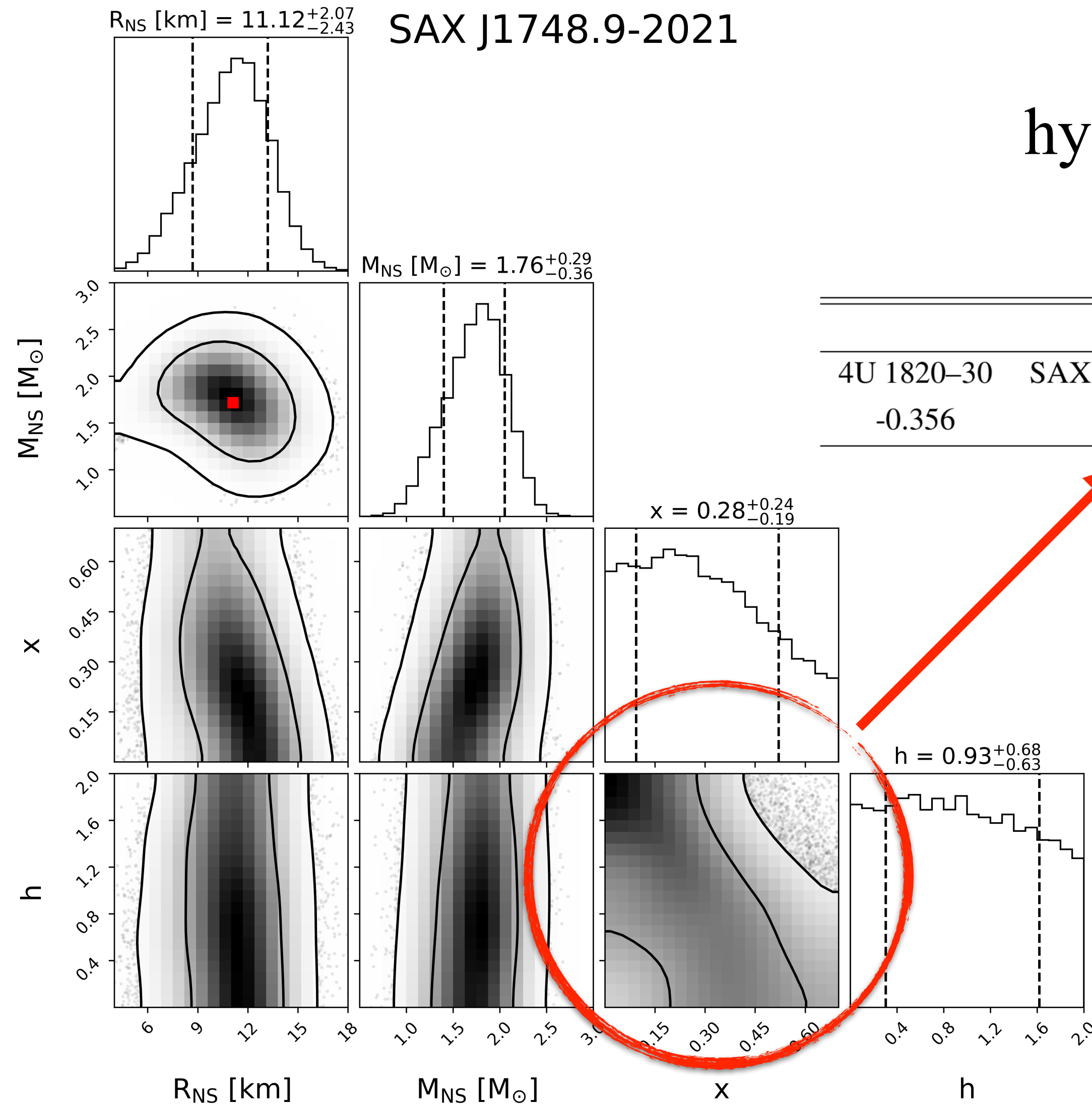
Prior of the parameter set of the model

$$P(\boldsymbol{\theta}) = P(R)P(M)P(D)P(f_{\text{NS}})P(f_{\text{c}})P(X)P(h)$$

(flat distribution for unknown quantities without using EOS)

Mass-Radius estimation by Bayesian.

$$h = \frac{2R_{\text{NS}}}{r_{\text{ph}}}$$



Correlation of hydrogen mass fraction, x Photosphere size, h

| Pearson correlation coefficient (R) | | | | | |
|-------------------------------------|------------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|------------|
| 4U 1820-30 | SAX J1748.9-2021 | EXO 1745-248 | KS 1731-260 | 4U 1724-207 | 4U 1608-52 |
| -0.356 | -0.622 | -0.526 | -0.539 | -0.631 | -0.529 |

M. Kim, Y.-M. Kim et al. (A&A 2021)

Discussions on LMXBs

- LMXBs are good laboratories for NS physics
 - Photosphere is likely to be H-poor regardless of the energy generation mechanism below.
 - Touchdown is likely to occur away from the neutron star surface.
 - Upper bound of NS radius is consistent that by LIGO/Virgo (based on tidal deformability of GW170817).
- Future observations of LMXBs will be able to give more constraints on NS masses & radii, and check the possibilities of Quark Stars.
- Effects of accretion disk in LMXBs are in progress.

Thanks

*Binary interactions
are always interesting*

Ssireum (Korean Wrestling)
Hong-Do Kim (1745 ~ ?)

