

Neutron Star Mass Distribution in Binaries

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Astro-Hadron Group in Pusan Nat'l Univ

- Problems related to NS
 - dense matter physics/ NS equation of states
 - formation and evolution of NS
 - GW from NS binaries

- LSC members
 - Dr. Hee-Suk Cho (gave a talk yesterday)
 - Y.M. Kim (NIMS, will give a talk today)
 - M.G. Kim (1st year in Ph.D., pre-LSC member)

- Non-LSC members (2 students)
 - working on hadron physics (dense matter physics)
 - dense matter physics / NS equation of states

seen NS-NS binaries which will coalesce within Hubble time

PSR	P (ms)	P_b (hr)	e	Total Mass M_\odot	τ_c (Myr)	τ_{GW} (Myr)
J0737–3039A	22.70	2.45	0.088	2.58	210	87
J0737–3039B	2773	2.45	0.088	2.58	50	87
B1534+12	37.90	10.10	0.274	2.75	248	2690
J1756–2251	28.46	7.67	0.181	2.57	444	1690
B1913+16	59.03	7.75	0.617	2.83	108	310
B2127+11C	30.53	8.04	0.681	2.71	969	220
J1141–6545 [†]	393.90	4.74	0.172	2.30	1.4	590

Can we see BH-NS binaries as pulsars even if they exist ?

Pulsar life time : $1/B$

Fresh pulsar : $B \sim 10^{12}$ G

- NS-NS
 - if first-born NS is recycled by accretion
 - longer pulsar life time ($B \sim 10^8$ G)
 - bigger chances to be observed
- BH-NS: No recycled pulsar

Second fresh pulsar doesn't live long !

GW sources with NS

- NS-NS – already seen
 - NS-BH – no evidence yet
 - contribution to GW is still unknown
- Q) what is the boundary between NS & BH ?
- maximum mass of neutron stars

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1.97 Msun NS discovered in a NS-White Dwarf Binary

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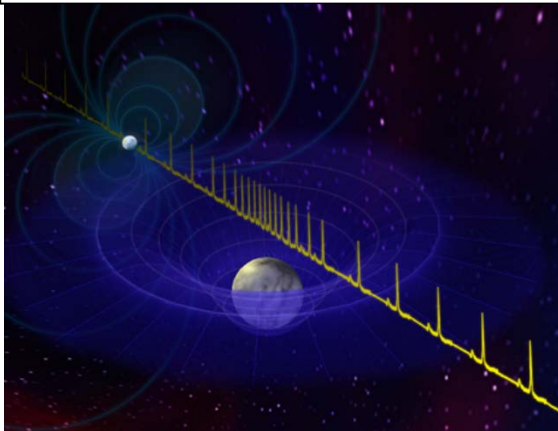
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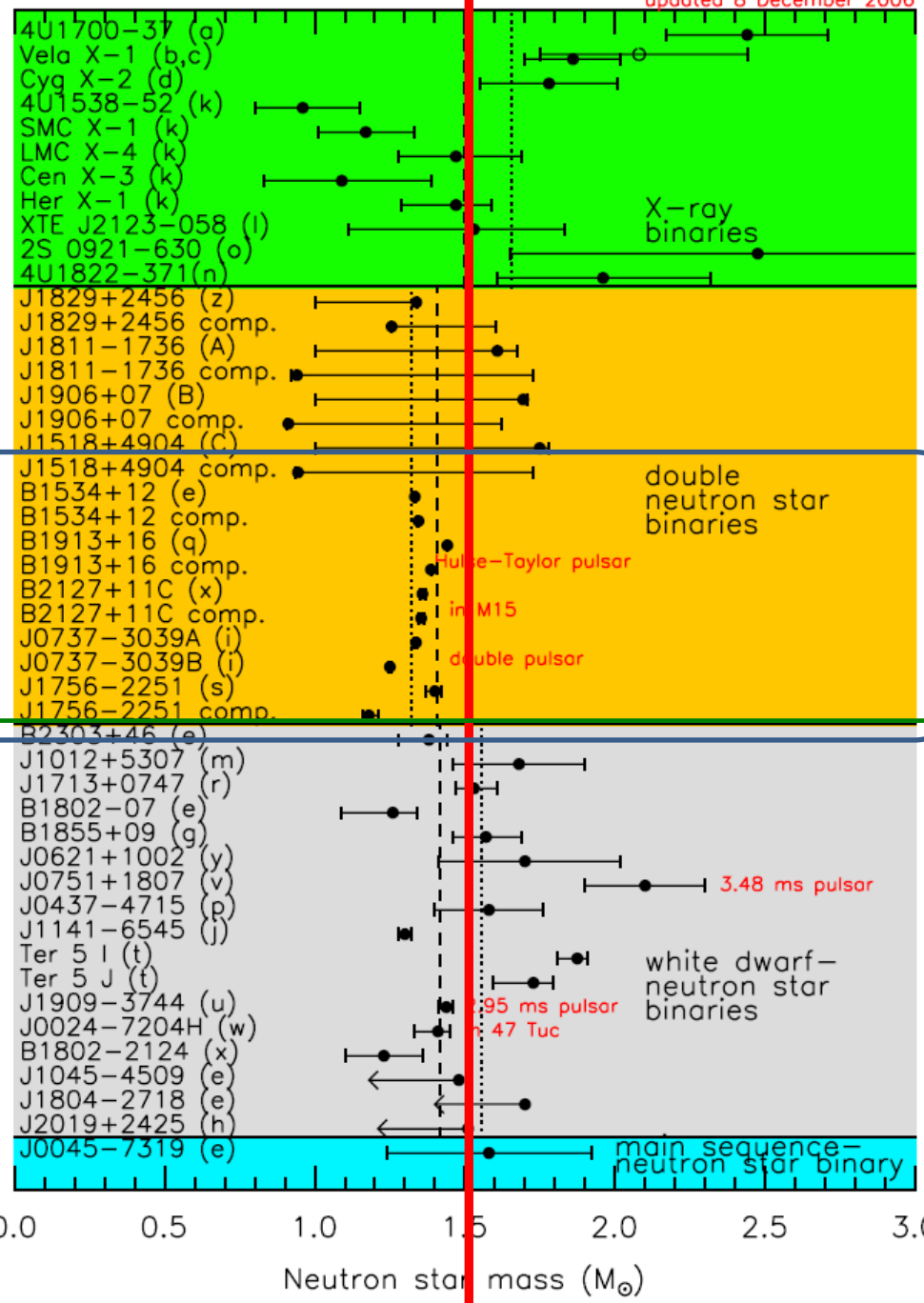
A two-solar-mass neutron star measured using Shapiro delay

P. B. Demorest¹, T. Pennucci², S. M. Ransom¹, M. S. E. Roberts³ & J. W. T. Hessels^{4,5}

Astronomers Discover Most Massive Neutron Star Yet Known



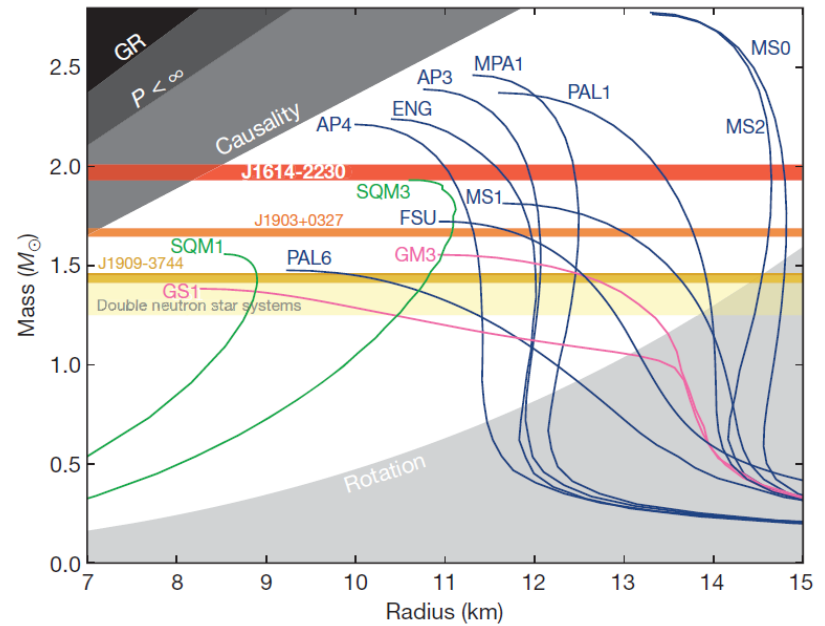
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All well measured NS masses in NS-NS binaries are $< 1.5 M_{\odot}$

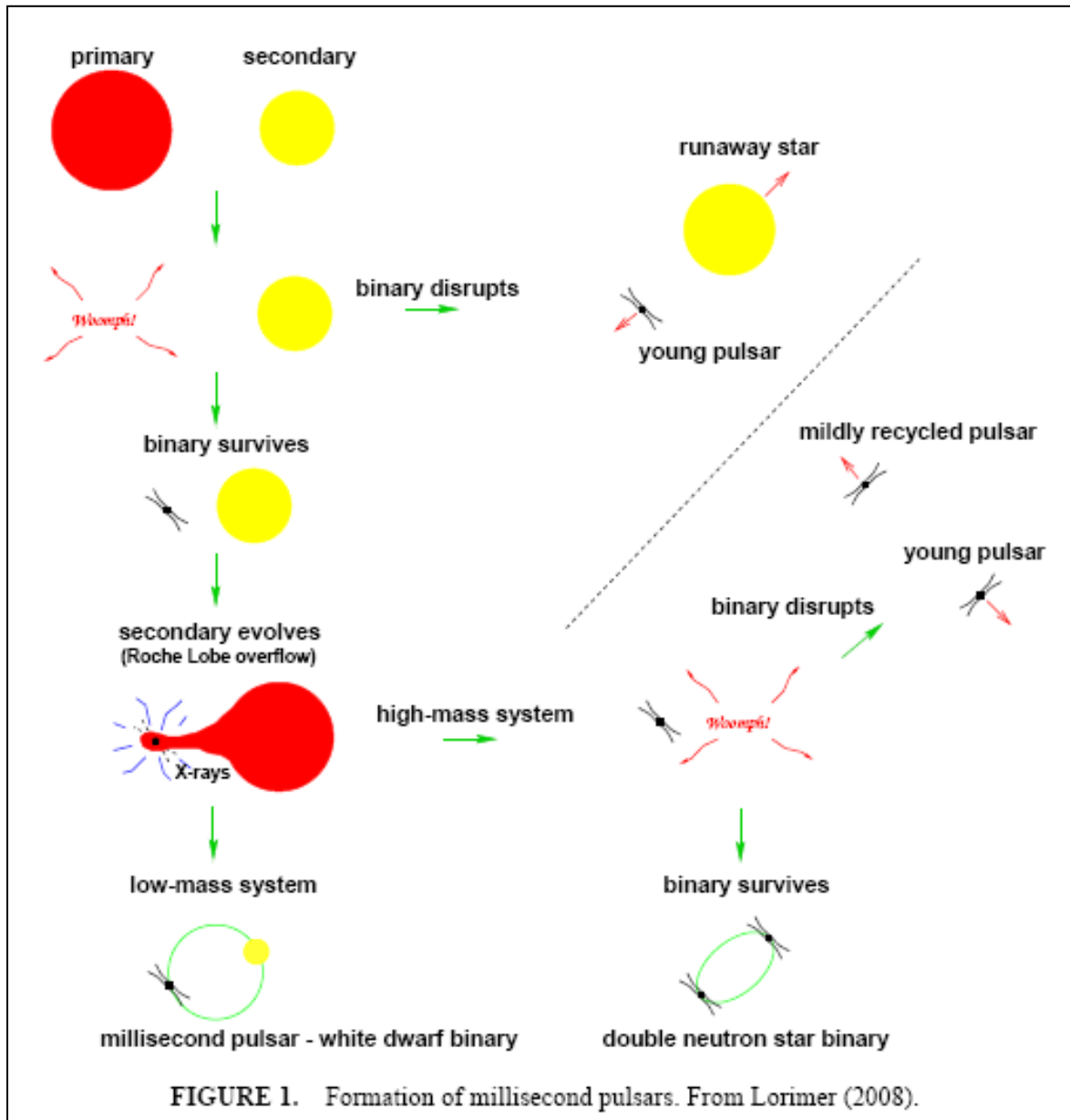
Lattimer & Prakash (2007)

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- 1.97 Msun NS was observed in a NS-WD binary
- Why all well-measured NS masses in NS-NS binaries are less than 1.5 Msun?
- NS mass may/should depend on the evolution process.



Accretion process
is essential in
understanding
NS binaries

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Eddington Luminosity & Eddington Limit

$$L_{\text{Edd}} = \frac{4\pi cGM}{\kappa} \approx 1.3 \times 10^{38} \frac{M}{M_{\odot}} \text{erg s}^{-1}$$

$$\kappa = \sigma_T N_A$$

Thomson scattering cross section σ_T

Avogadro's number N_A

$$L_{\text{Edd}} = \eta \dot{M}_{\text{Edd}} c^2$$

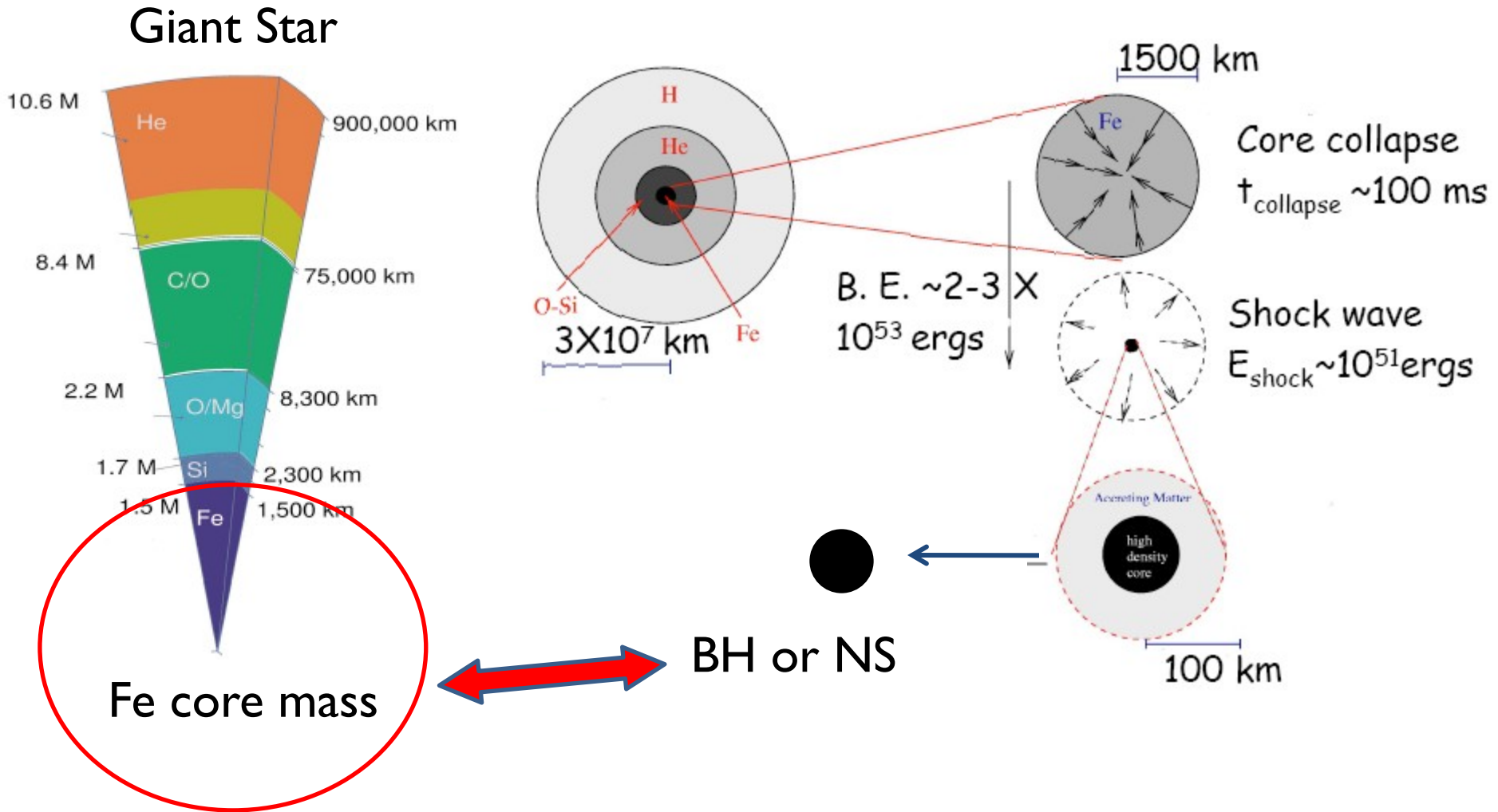
$$\dot{M}_{\text{Edd}} = \frac{4\pi GM}{\kappa c \eta} \approx \frac{1}{\eta} 0.45 \times 10^{-8} \left(\frac{M}{M_{\odot}} \right) M_{\odot} \text{yr}^{-1}$$

Supercritical Accretion onto first-born NS

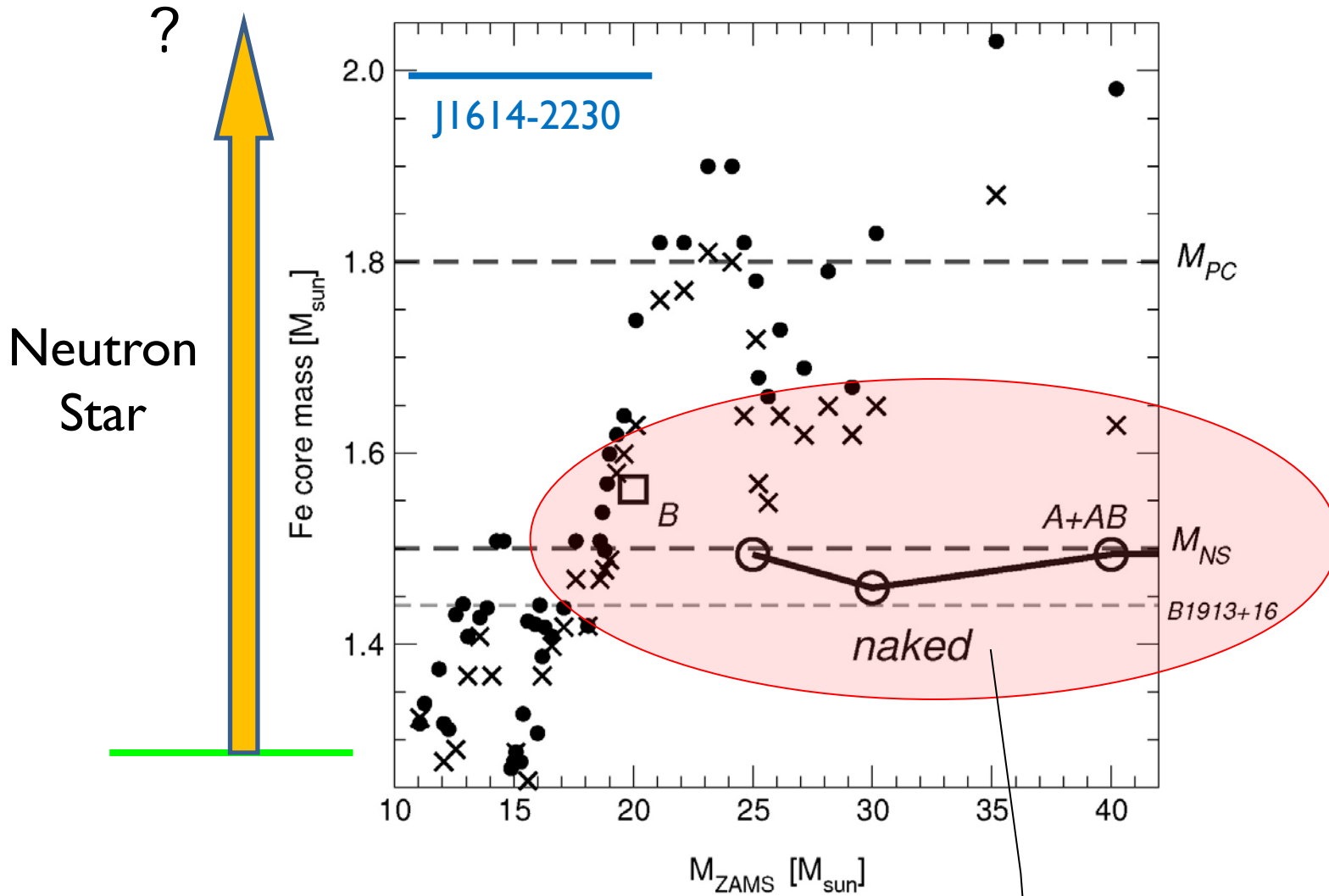
- Eddington Accretion Rate : photon pressure balances the gravitation attraction
- If this limit holds, neutron star cannot be formed from the beginning (e.g. SNI987A; 10^8 Eddington Limit).
- Neutrinos can take the pressure out of the system allowing the supercritical accretion when accretion rate is bigger than 10^4 Eddington limit !
($T > 1$ MeV :Thermal neutrinos dominates !)

Q) What is the implications of supercritical accretion ?

One has to understand formation of BH/NS



Fe core mass before collapse (Brown et al. New Aston. 6,457)



□ & ○ : evolution without H envelope

Fresh NS mass from Fe core collapse

In close binaries (evolution without H envelope)

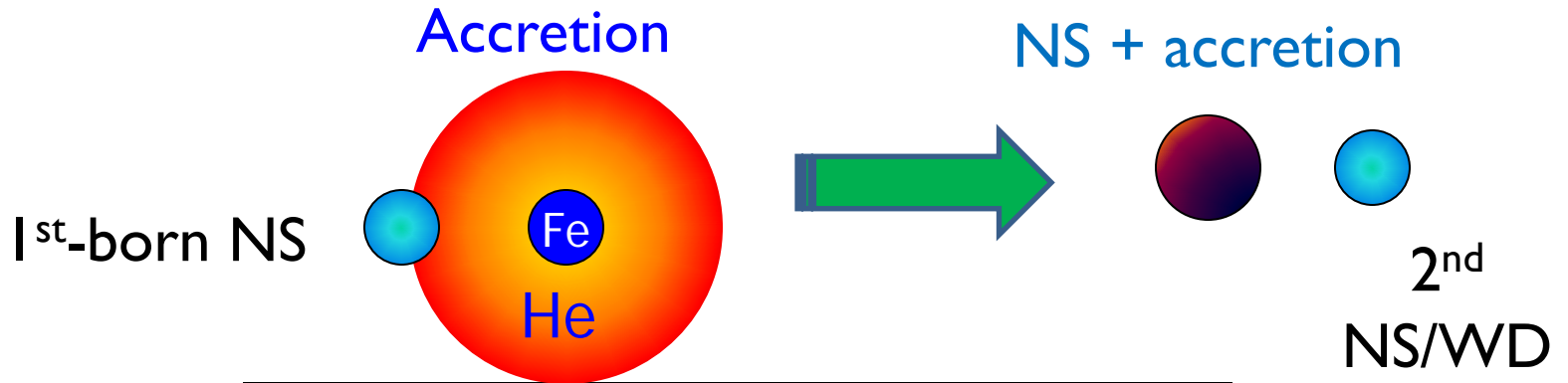
low Fe core mass  NS mass = 1.3 - 1.5 Msun

This value is independent of NS equation of state.

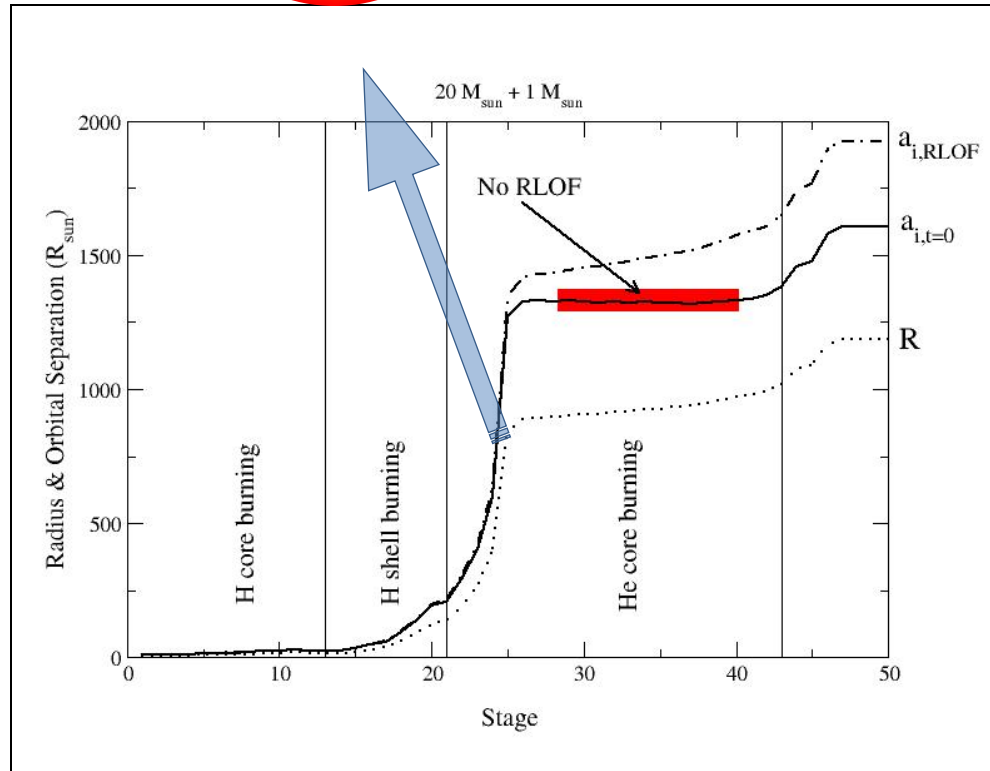
Q) What is the fate of primary (first-born) NS in binaries ?

Note: Accurate mass estimates of NS come from binaries

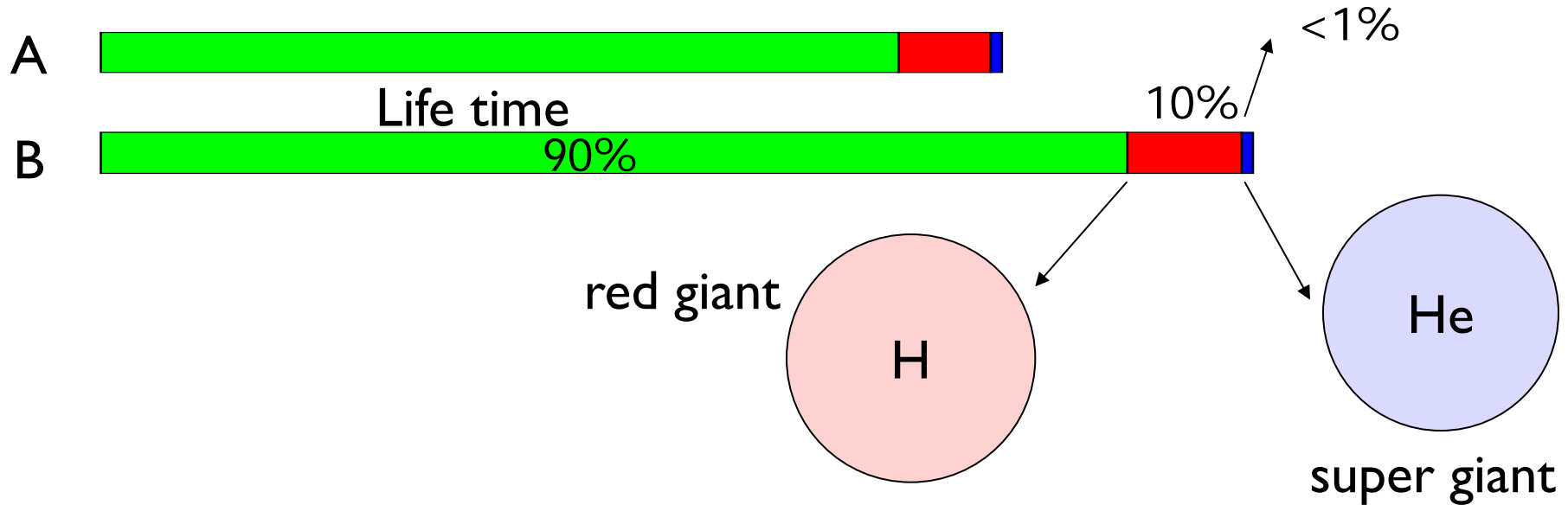
Final fate of first-born NS



Evolution of Companion



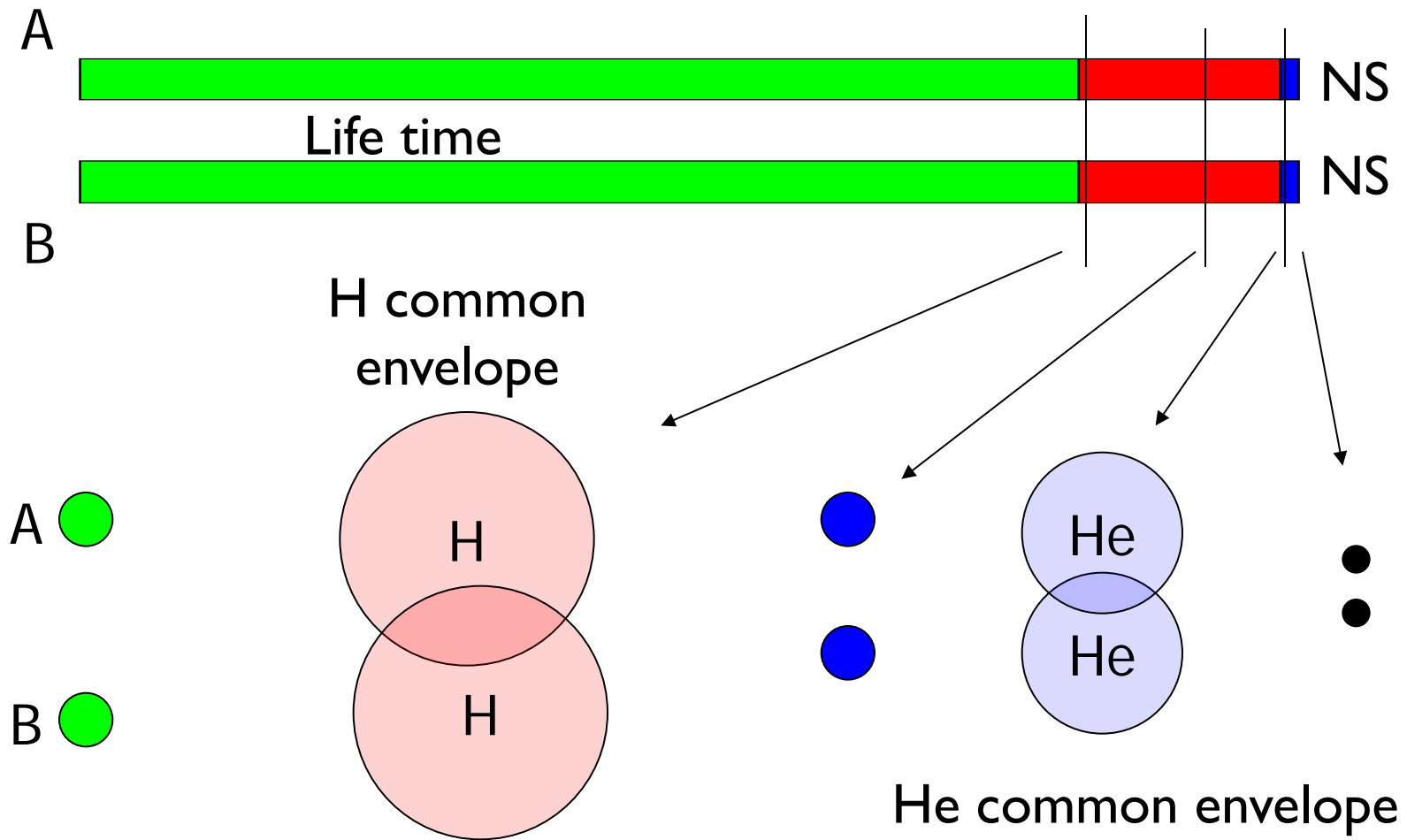
Evolution of binary stars



Original ZAMS(Zero Age Main Sequence) Stars

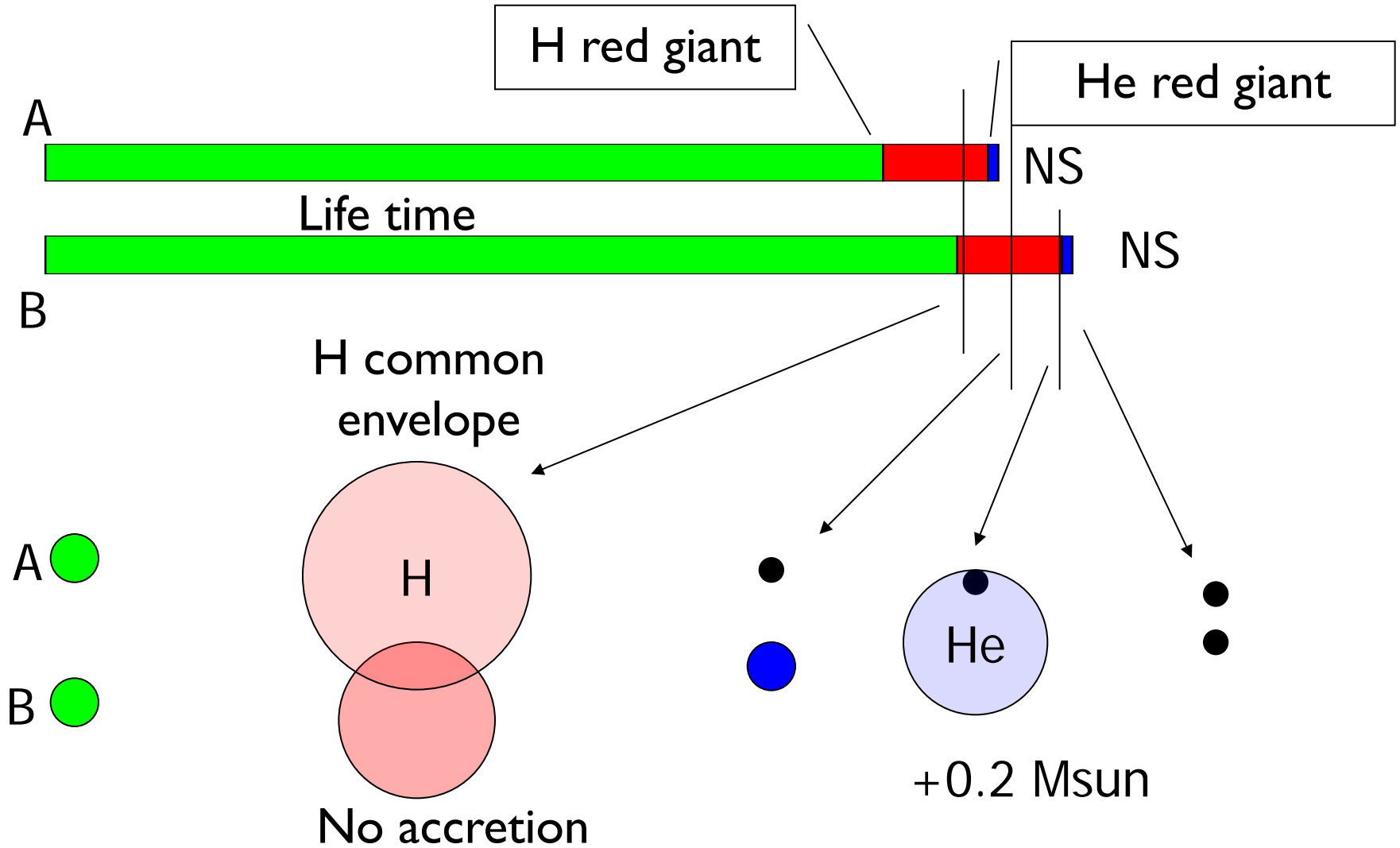
- Probability = $1/M^{2.5}$
- Life Time = $1/M^{2.5}$
- $\Delta M=4\%$,
 $\Delta T_{\text{life}}=(1 - 1/1.04^{2.5})= 10\%$,
 $\Delta P=10\%$ (population probability)

Case 1 : $\Delta T < 1\%$



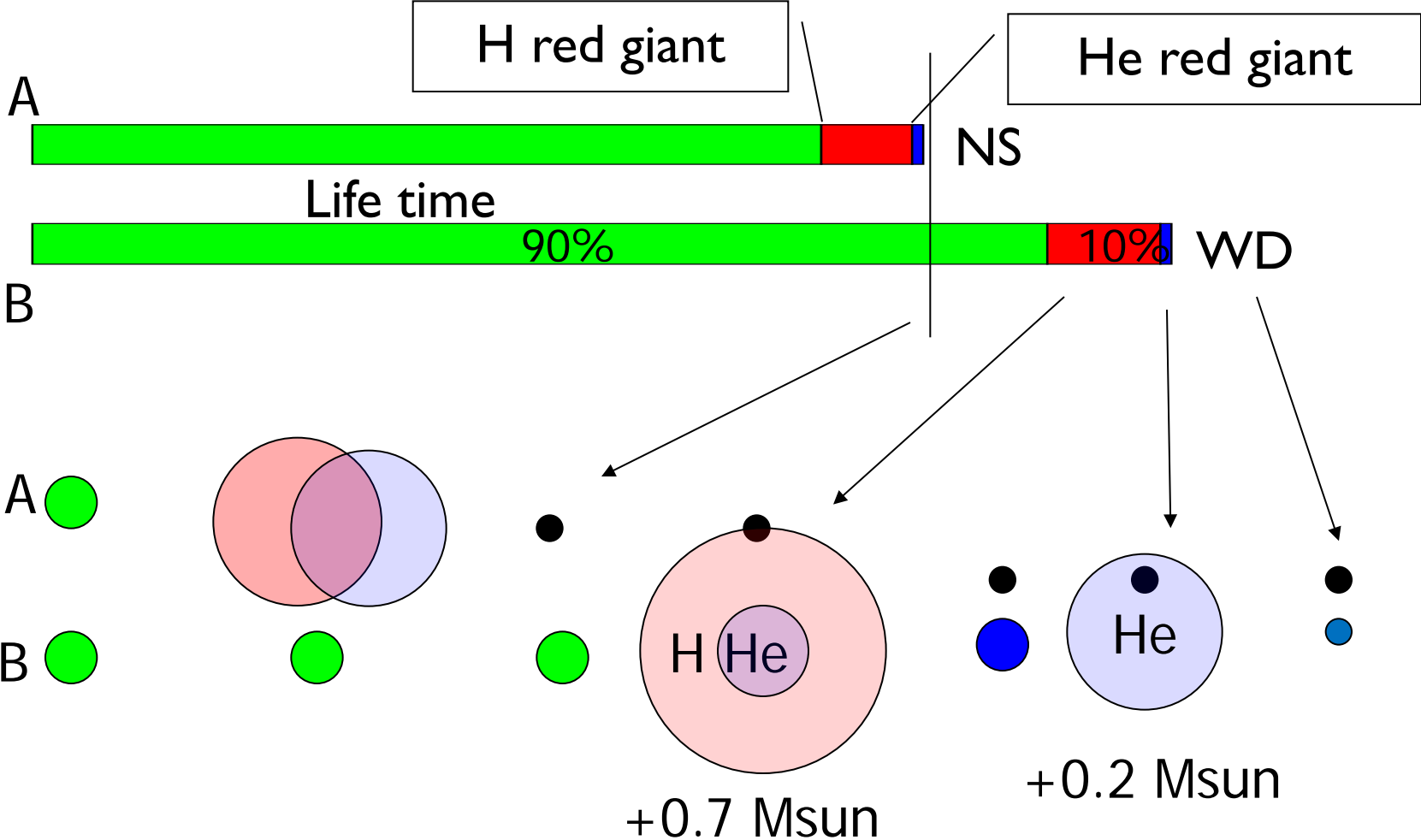
No accretion : nearly equal mass NS-NS binary!

Case 2 : $1\% < \Delta T < 10\%$



First born NS should accrete only $< 0.2 M_{\odot}$!

Case 3 : $\Delta T > 10\%$



Supercritical Accretion:
First born NS can accrete up to $0.9 M_{\odot}$!

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How mass & orbit change during the evolution?

A few efficiencies (not calculable from first principles)

$$\dot{E}_{\text{acc}} = \frac{1}{2} c_d \frac{G(M_{\text{NS}} + M_{\text{giant}})}{a} \dot{M}_{\text{NS}}$$

$$-\dot{E}_{\text{orb}} = \frac{1}{2} \frac{GM_{\text{giant}}}{a} \dot{M}_{\text{NS}} + \frac{1}{2} \frac{GM_{\text{NS}}}{a} \dot{M}_{\text{giant}} - \frac{1}{2} \frac{GM_{\text{NS}}M_{\text{giant}}}{a^2} \dot{a}$$

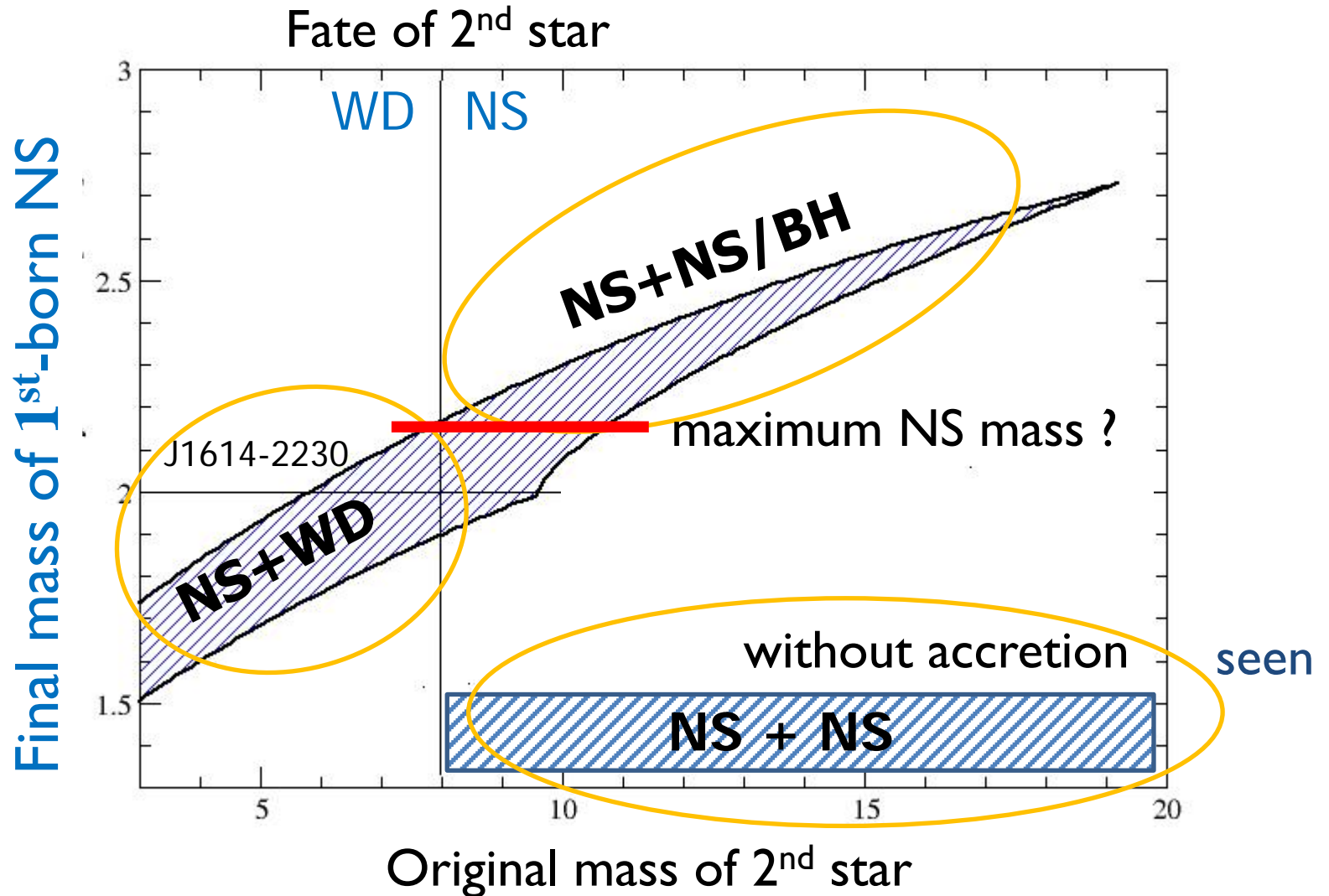

$$\dot{E}_{\text{acc}} = -\dot{E}_{\text{orb}}$$

$$\alpha_{\text{ce}} \frac{dE_{\text{orb}}}{dM_{\text{giant}}} = -\frac{dE_{\text{bind}}}{dM_c}$$

$c_d = 6$, $\alpha_{\text{ce}} \lambda = 0.2$
are consistent with
SXT (Soft X-ray Transient)
[Lee, Brown, Wijers, ApJ \(2002\)](#)

$$E_{\text{bind}} = \frac{1}{\lambda} \frac{GM_{\text{giant}}(M_{\text{giant}} - M_{\text{giant,core}})}{a}$$

Final mass of first-born NS with supercritical accretion



Consequences of supercritical accretion

- possibilities of different class of NS binaries
 - typical NS + high mass NS/BH (> 2 solar mass)
- could be hidden GW sources

Many Thanks