

# High mass X-ray binaries

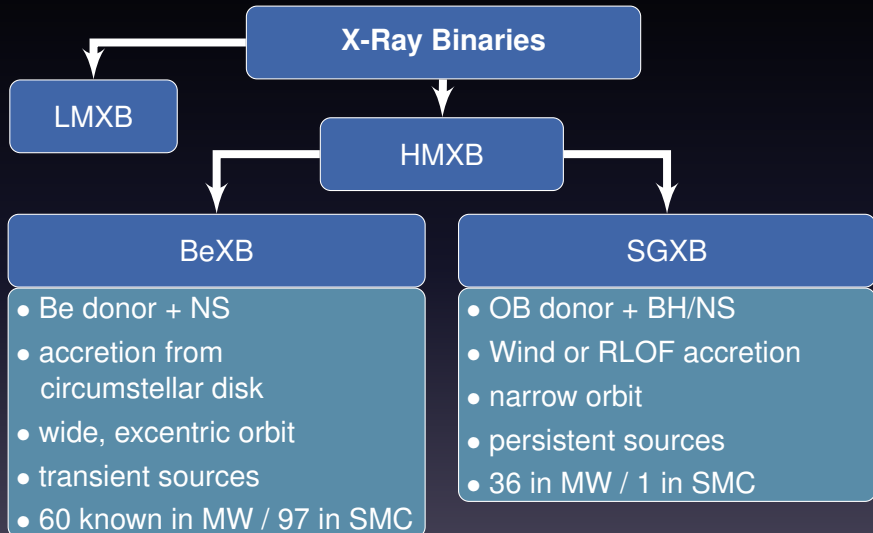
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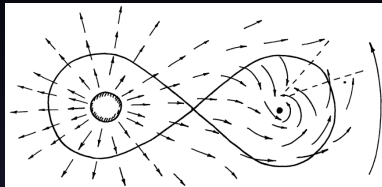
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(Walter 2015; Haberl & Sturm 2015)

# Mass transfer in SGXB

Wind or Roche? That is the question!



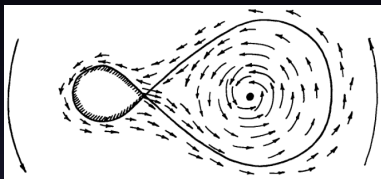
Bondi-Hoyle model:

Accretion radius (by energy)

Accreted fraction by  
geom. cross section

$$\dot{M}_{acc} = \frac{G^2 M_A^2}{a^2 v_w^4} \dot{M}_w$$

(Bondi 1952)



Roche lobe:  $\Phi = \Phi(L_1)$

$\approx$  sphere with  $R_L$

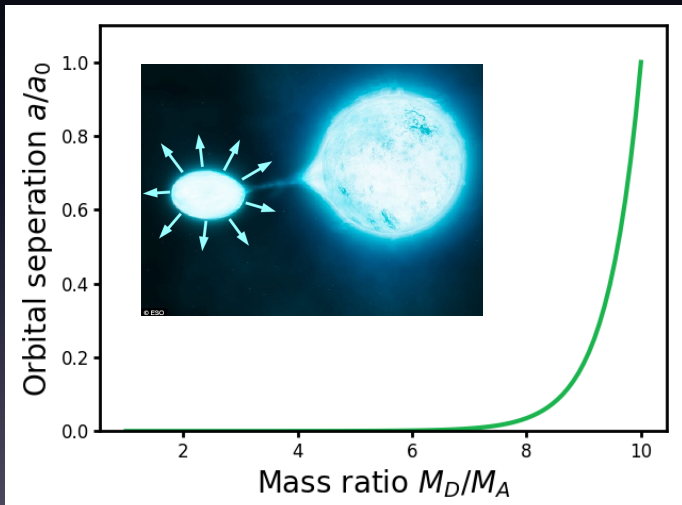
$$R_L = f(q) \times a$$

$$q = M_D / M_A$$

(cf. Eggleton 1983)

# Orbital evolution

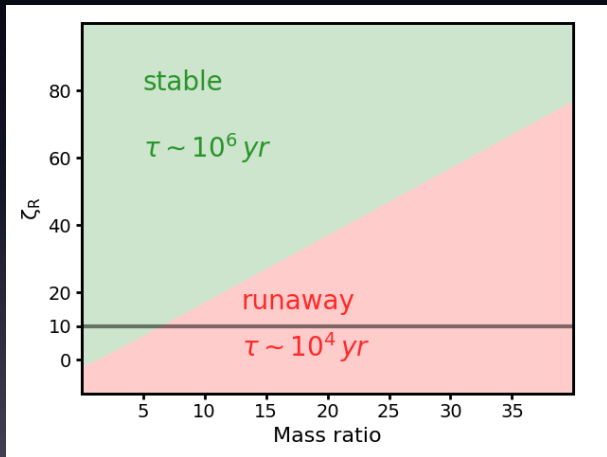
**Isotropic reemission** (Tauris & van den Heuvel 2006)



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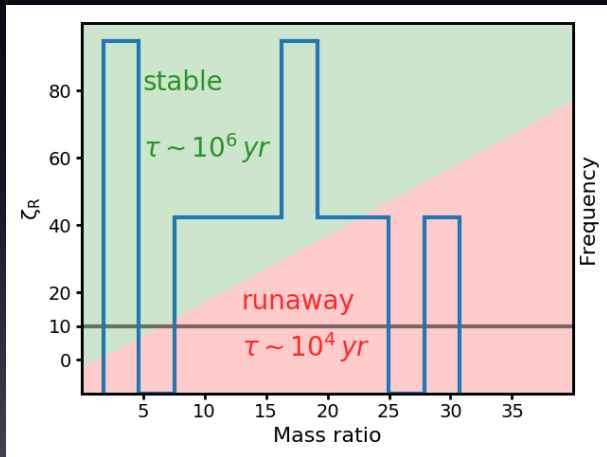


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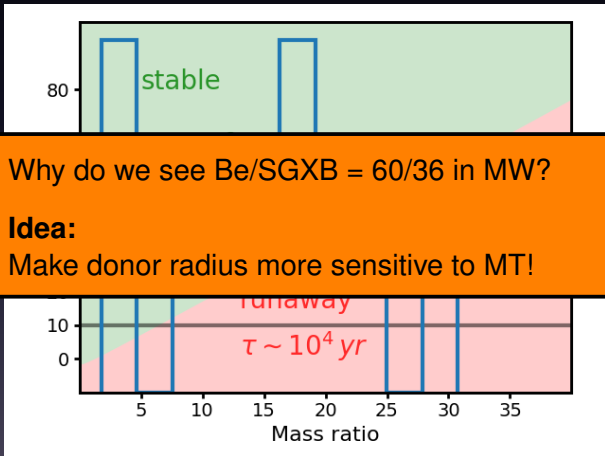


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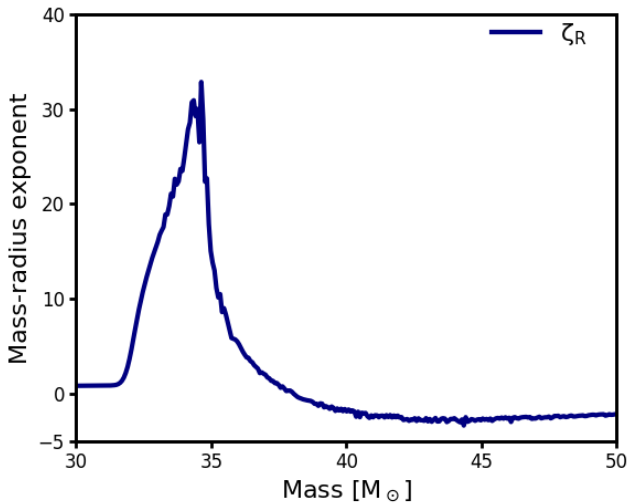


Why do we see Be/SGXB = 60/36 in MW?

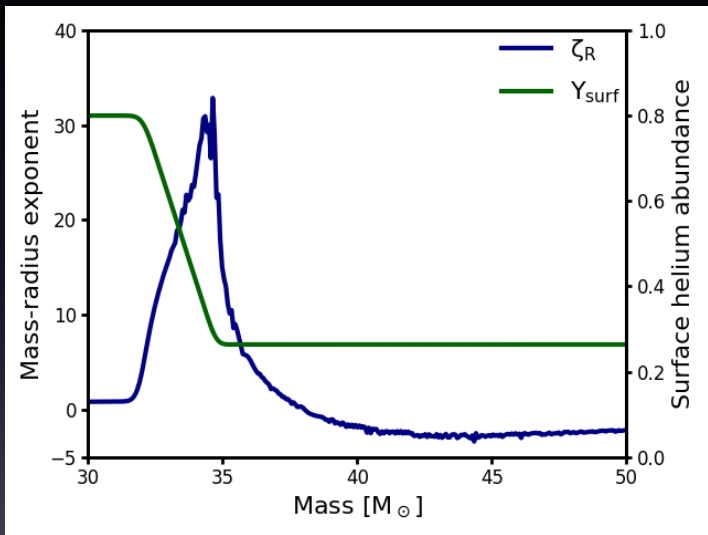
**Idea:**

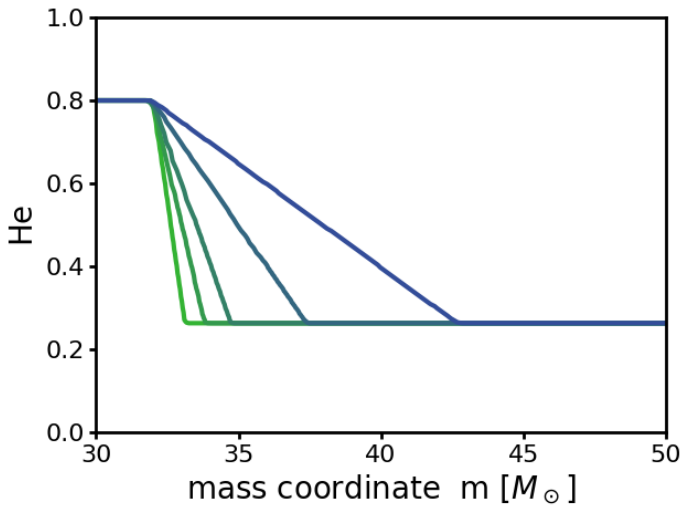
Make donor radius more sensitive to MT!

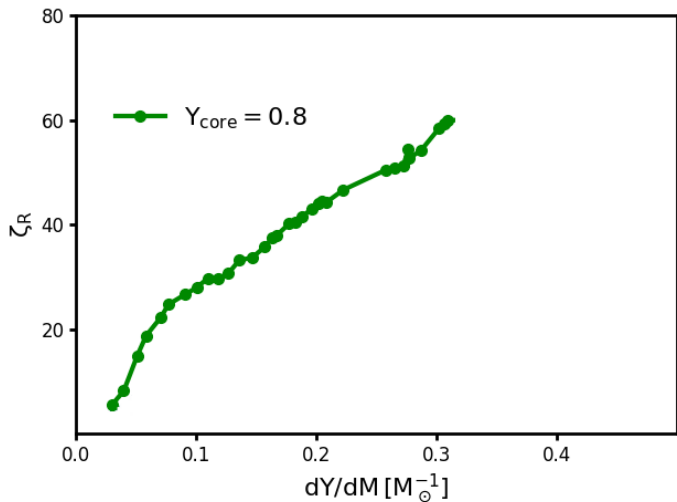
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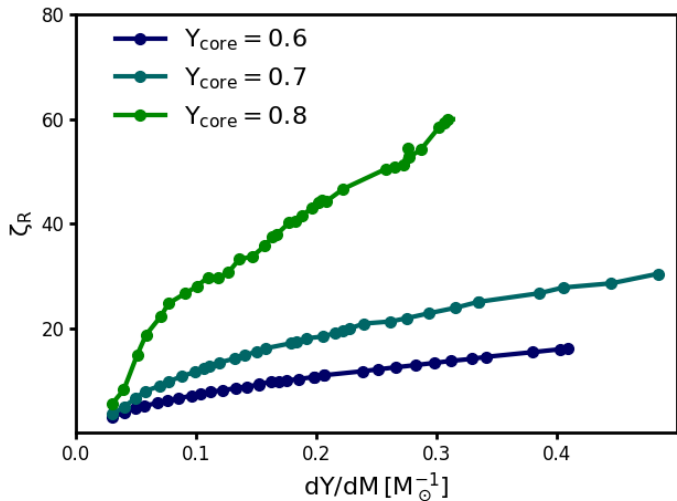












In the envelope:

$$f_{rad} = \frac{\kappa L}{4\pi cr^2} \quad \text{vs.} \quad f_g = \frac{GM}{r^2}$$

He-gradient  
close to surface

mass transfer

He  $\uparrow$  and H  $\downarrow$

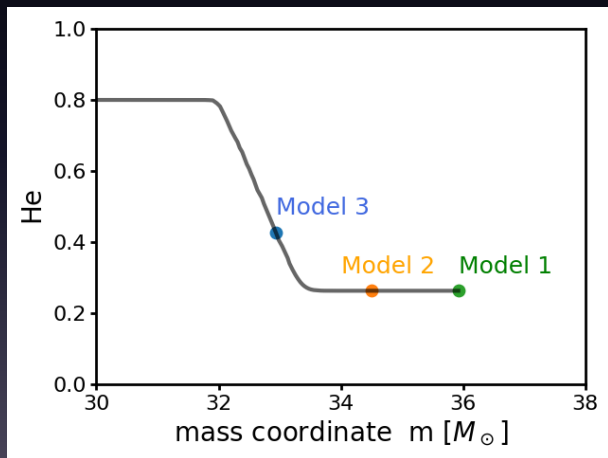
$\kappa_e \downarrow$  and  $f_{rad} \downarrow$

$R \downarrow$

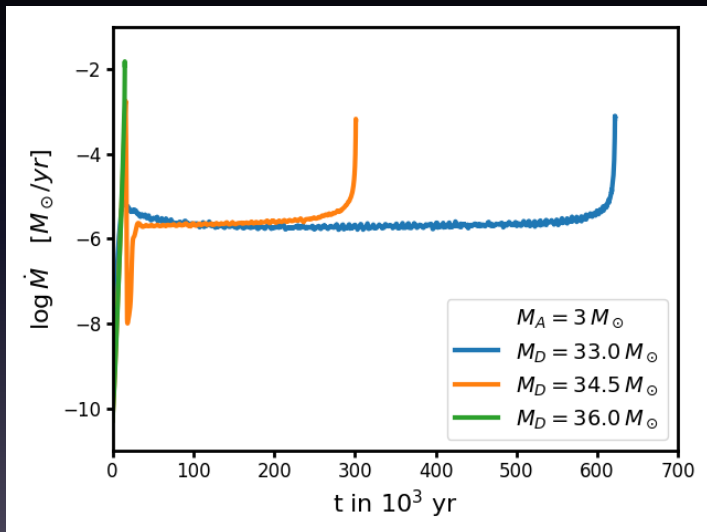
# Set up binary models

⇒ 3 donor stars +  $3 M_{\odot}$  accretor (point mass)

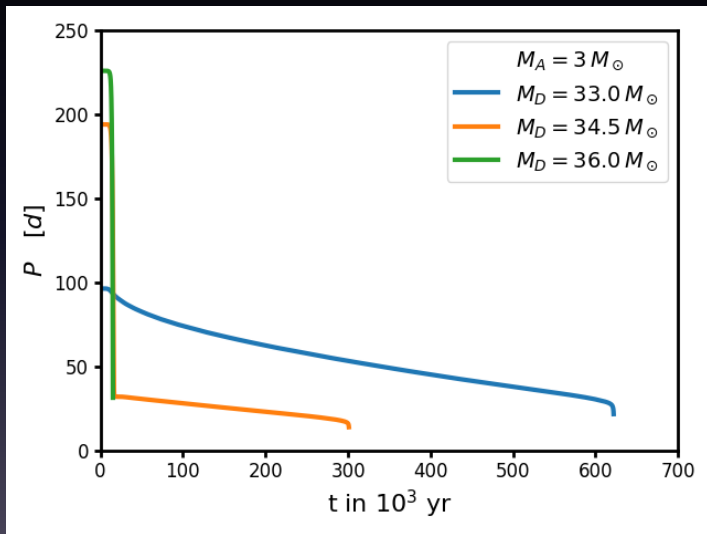
⇒ choose orbital separation that  $R_{\star} = R_L$



# Mass transfer evolution

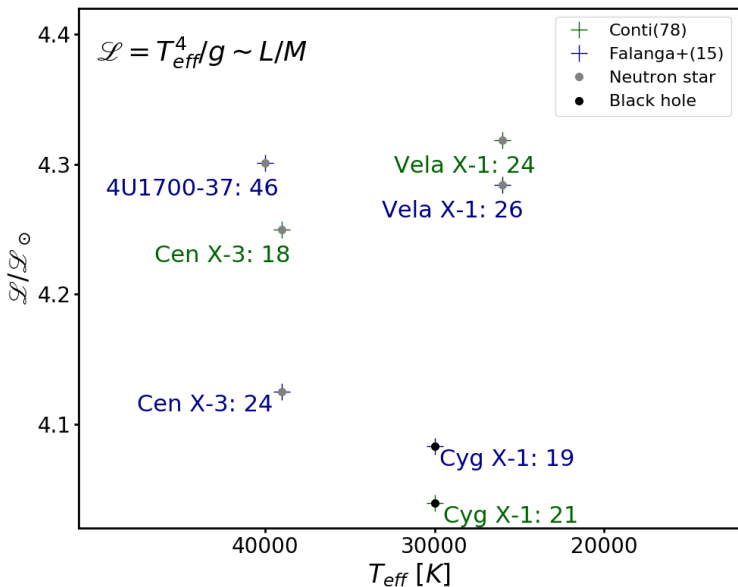


# Orbital evolution

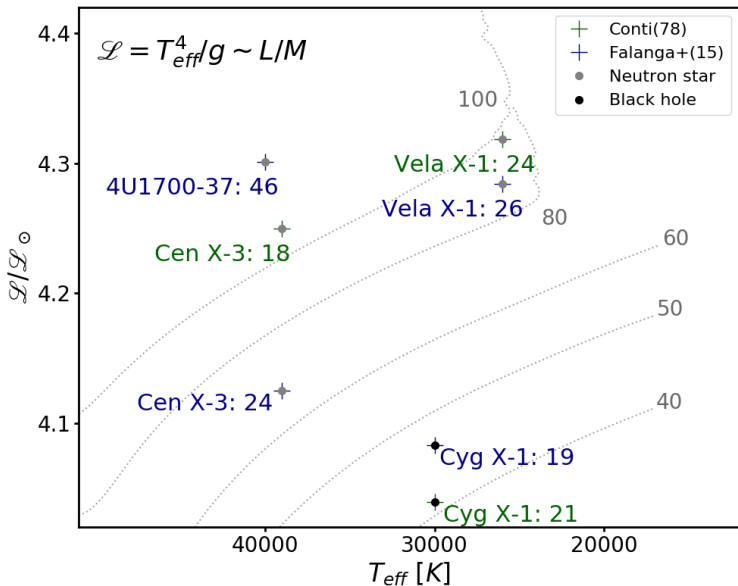




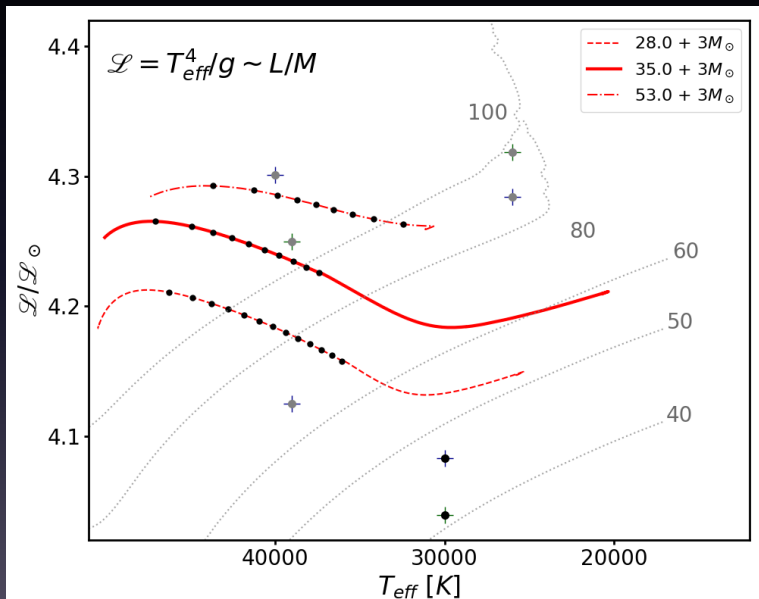
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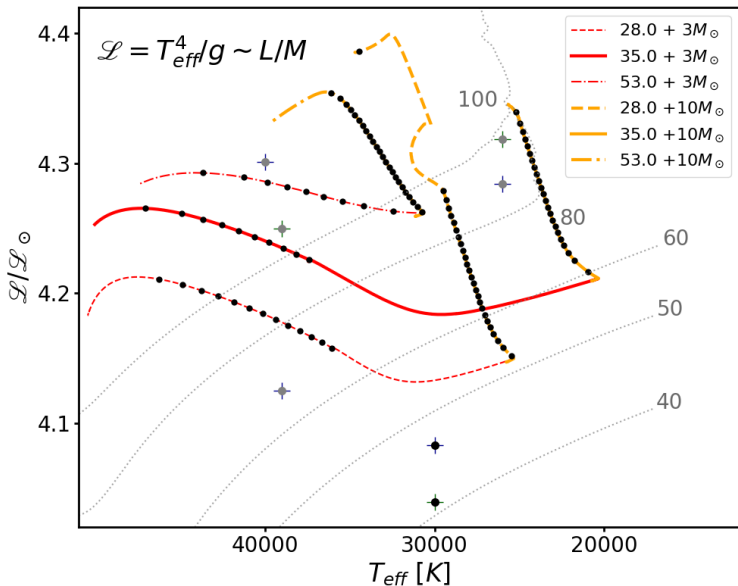
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# ULX

## Ultraluminous X-ray sources

→ objects with  $L_X > 10^{39}$  erg/s  
(i.e. brighter than  $10 M_\odot$  BH)

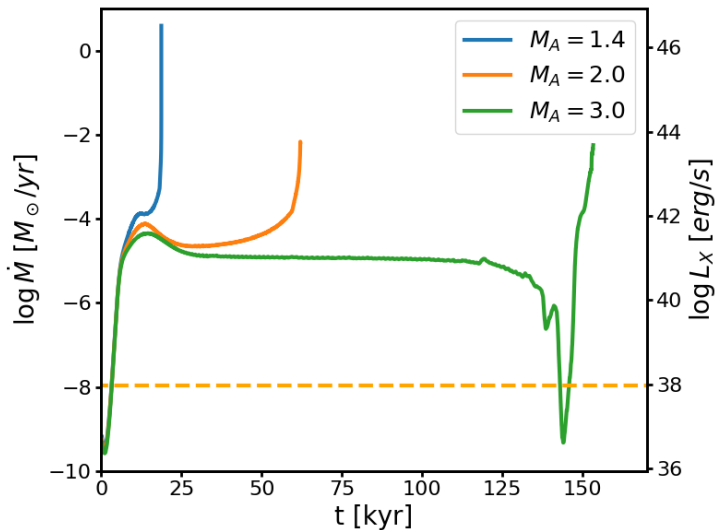
## NGC 7793 P13

→ shows X-ray pulsations (NS)  
and luminosity of  $\sim 10^{40}$  erg/s

→  $P_s = 417$  ms,  $\dot{P}_s = 3 \times 10^{-11}$  ss $^{-1}$ ,  
 $P_{\text{orb}} = 64$  d, donor mass  $\sim 20 M_\odot$   
(Fürst + 2017)

At least two more NS hosting ULXs!



Evolved  $27 M_{\odot}$  main sequence donor and a...

## Conclusion:

- 1 We found a new way to stabilize Roche mass transfer!
- 2 Need: Surface He-gradient. Remove H-rich envelope.
- 3 Observational supports:
  - ⇒ Low Be/SGXB ratio in MW
  - ⇒ Overluminosity / He-abundances of HMXB
  - ⇒ NS hosting ULXs

## Outlook:

- 1 How actually remove H-rich envelope?
- 2 Including this effect, what is expected for Be/SGXB from population synthesis?

