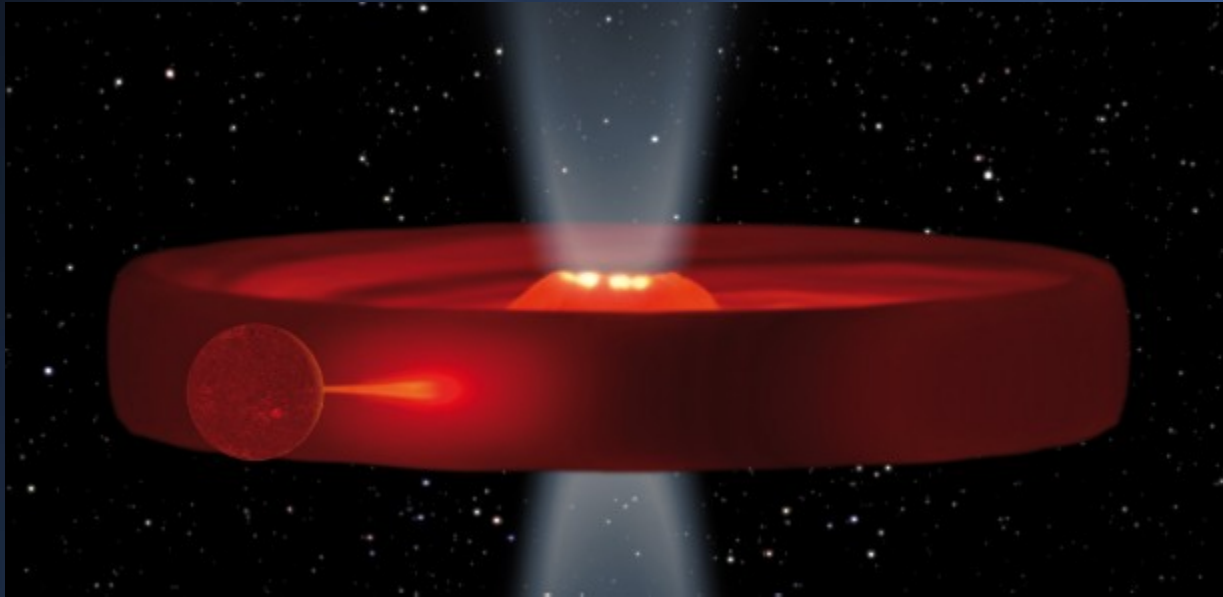


# A Catalogue of Galactic BHs in X-ray binaries



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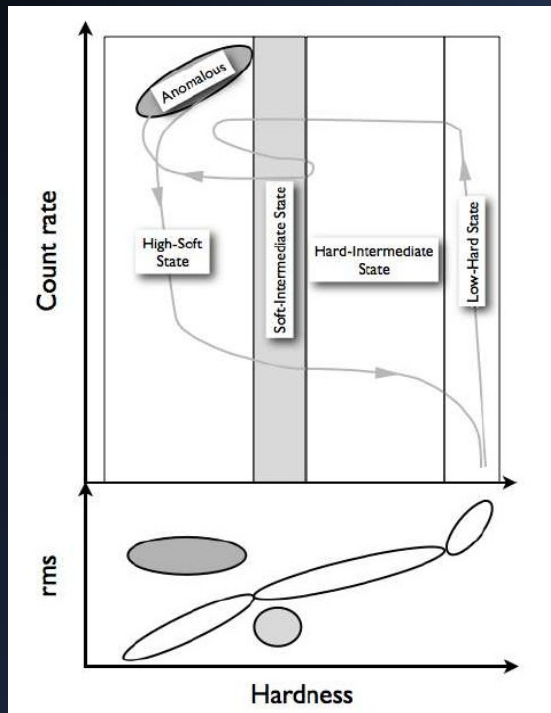
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# Introduction

**BHs are mainly found in X-ray transients – a type of LMXBs**  
with sporadic outburst episodes and long quiescence states

Despite our efforts, they have been detected only in outbursts in X-rays



**BH candidates** follow a behaviour in X-rays transiting between states in the outburst.

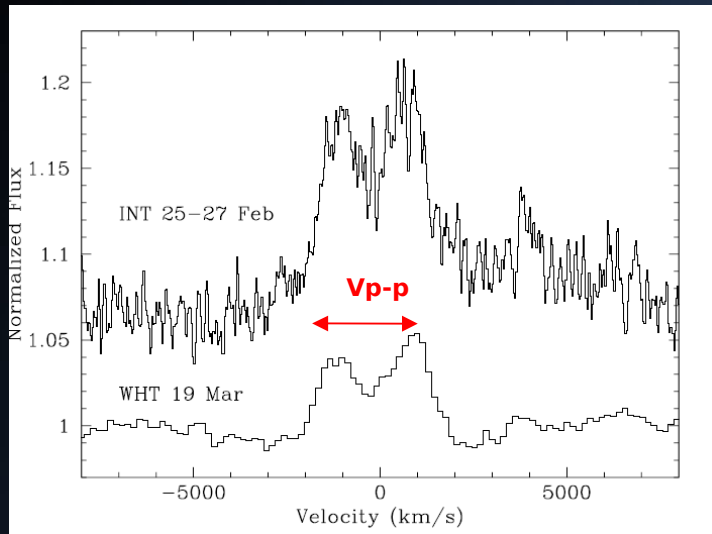
In quiescence, we can perform dynamical studies if the star is detected:

$$P_{ORB}, K_2 \\ f(M_1), q, i \rightarrow M_1$$

**Dynamically confirmed BHs**

At least:  $f(M_1) > 3 M_{\text{sun}}$

# Swift J1357.2-0933: a VFXT?



**Extremely broad FWHM H $\alpha$ : 3300 km/s.**

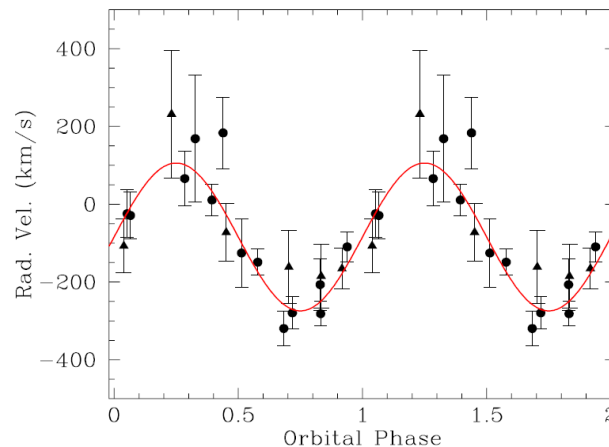
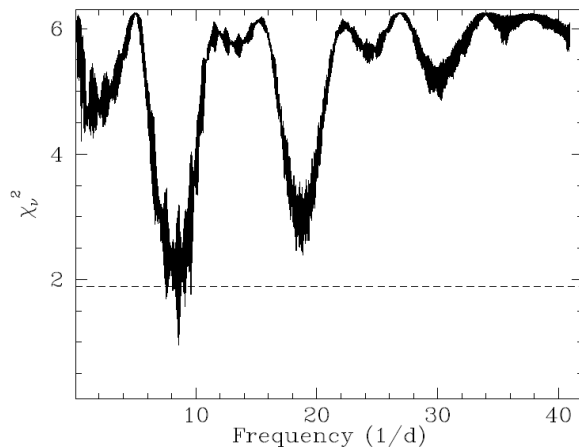
XTE J1118+480: FWHM  $\sim$  2400 km/s,

$M_1=8M_{\text{sun}}$ ,  $P=4\text{h}$ ,  $i=68^\circ$

Larger disc vel. prompt for:  $M_1 \uparrow$ ,  $P \downarrow$ ,  $i \uparrow$

**$(0.5 \cdot V_{p-p})/K_2 \cong 1.1 - 1.25$**  (Orosz+94,95)

Measured:  $V_{p-p} = 1790 \pm 67$  km/s



**$K_2 \geq 690$  km/s.**

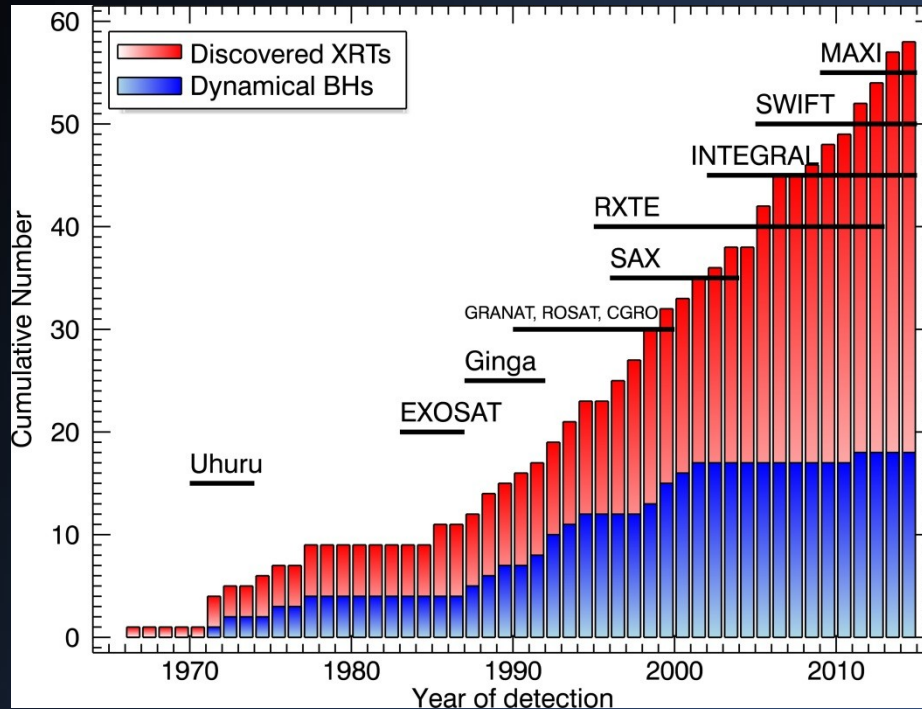
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**$P = 2.8 \pm 0.3$  h**

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**$f(M_1) > 3 M_{\text{sun}}$**

# Black Hole Transients (BHTs)



BHTs detected since 1966

Rate of discoveries increased with improvement of X-ray satellites  
 $\sim 1.7 \text{ yr}^{-1}$  (since 80's)

In 48 years of X-ray astronomy:

- 58 BH candidates so far (May2014)
- Only **17 dynamically confirmed** (~30% of all BHTs) + **SwiftJ1357.2-0933**

Main problem is the faintness of the stars in quiescence



# The catalogue

## Aim:

- Collect all the information available and spread in hundredths of papers and IAUCs/ATels to create a catalogue of BHTs.
- Create a useful and updated reference book
- Analyse all the properties, make statistics and derive some conclusions based on the current sample.

The on-line version:

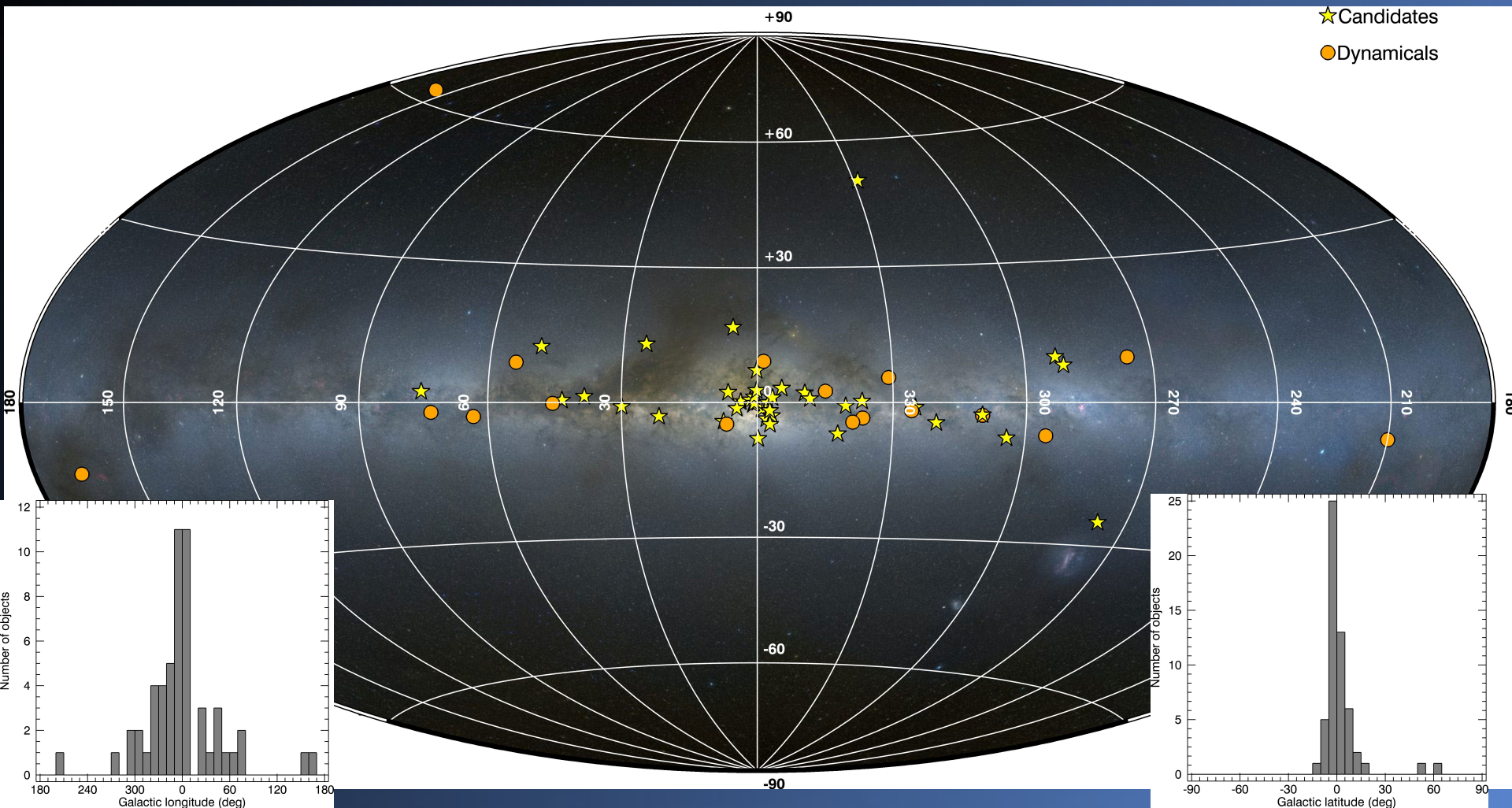
Main characteristics + dedicated page on each target with extended information: magnitudes, dynamical parameters, references, links, finding charts, etc...

[www.astro.puc.cl/~jcorral/BHTcat](http://www.astro.puc.cl/~jcorral/BHTcat)

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# Distribution in the Galaxy

Most of XRTs lie in the Plane and bulge. Only a few are in the halo.



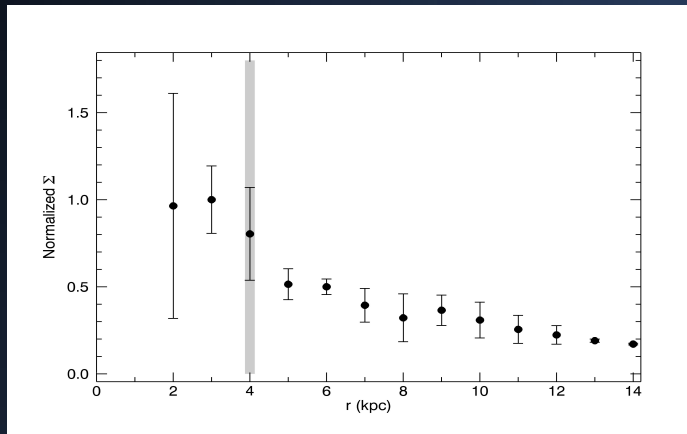
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# Radial distribution

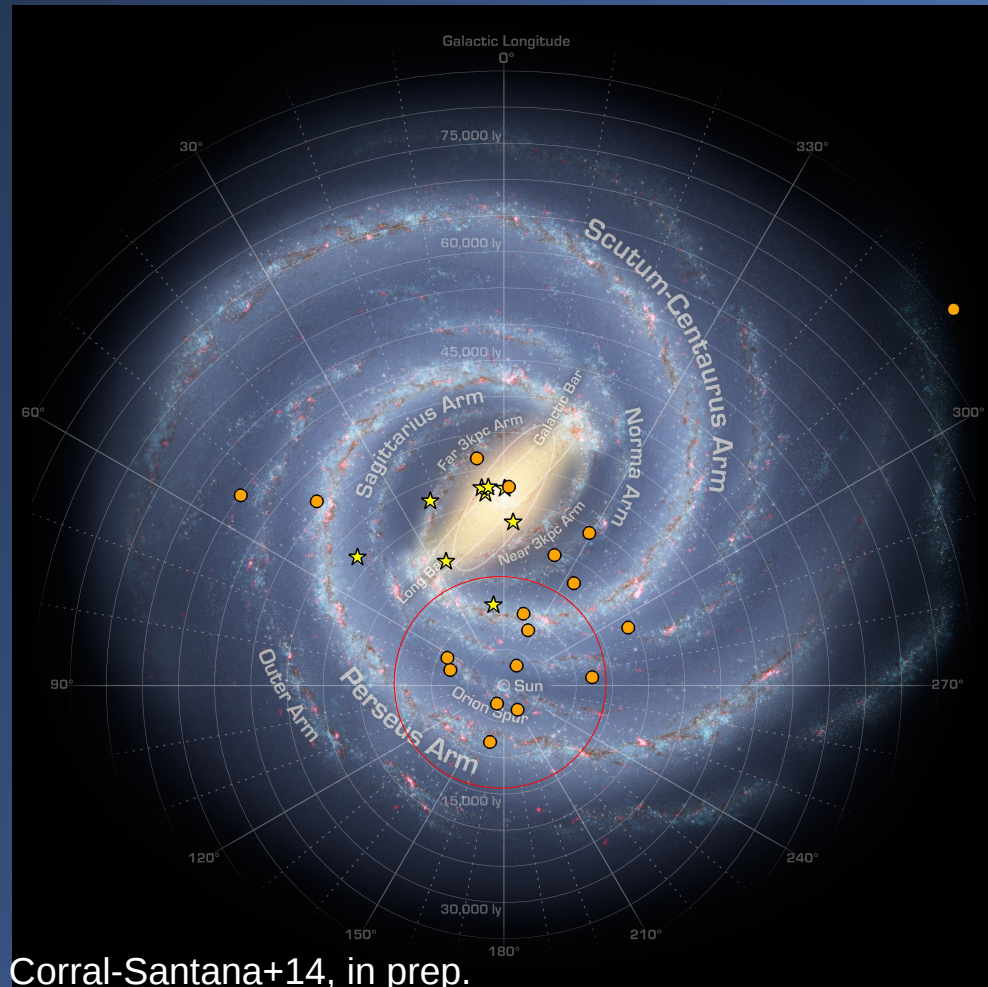
~55% of BHTs with known or estimated distances are within 4.5 kpc

Therefore, IS extinction is a severe limitation to dynamical confirmation.

The sample is complete up to **4kpc**, i.e. it's a good representation of dormant population



From analysis of vertical distribution (z), we can estimate the number of BHTs in the Galaxy (Duerbeck83)





# Number of BHTs in the Galaxy

There are 10 objects with  $r < 4\text{kpc}$  discovered since the rate of discoveries became constant ( $\sim 1988$ )

If we assume that their vertical distribution follows the same function than the stellar one:

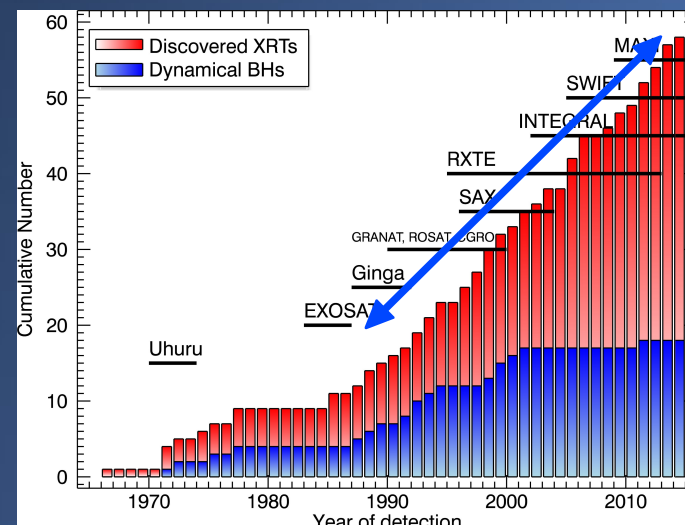
$$\rho^*(z) = \rho_0^* \exp\left(\frac{-|z|}{z_0}\right) (\text{kpc}^{-3} \text{yr}^{-1})$$

And a lot of assumptions:

- The mean outburst recurrence period is 100 yr (White&van Paradijs96)
- The solar vertical distribution can be extrapolated to other parts of the Galaxy (which is not true! since  $\sim 30\%$  of the luminosity mass is in the bulge)
- There is no radial dependence

The derived lower limit of BHTs in the Galaxy is  **$\sim 1000$**

Consistent with previous determinations (Tanaka92, White&van Paradijs96 and Romani98) but lower than the  $10^4$  predicted using population-synthesis models (Kiel&Hurley06 or Yungelson+06)



# Dynamical parameters

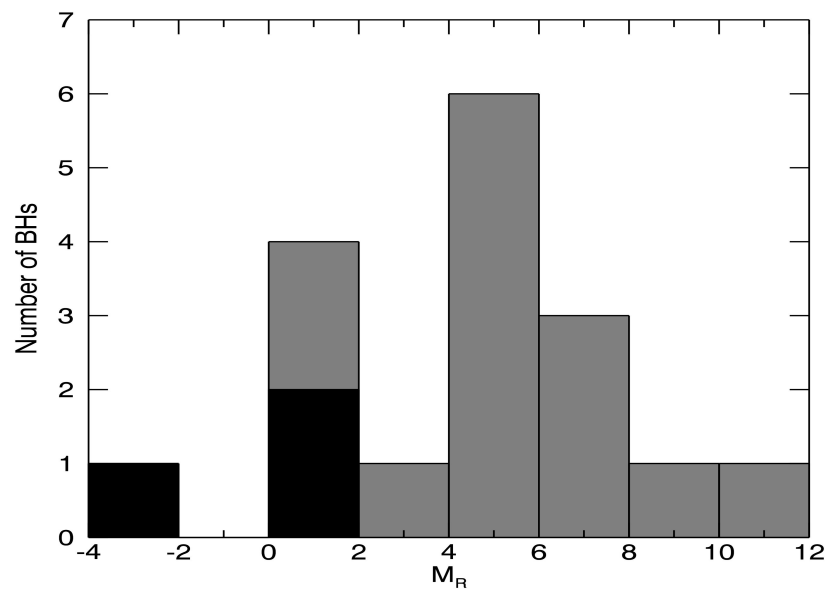
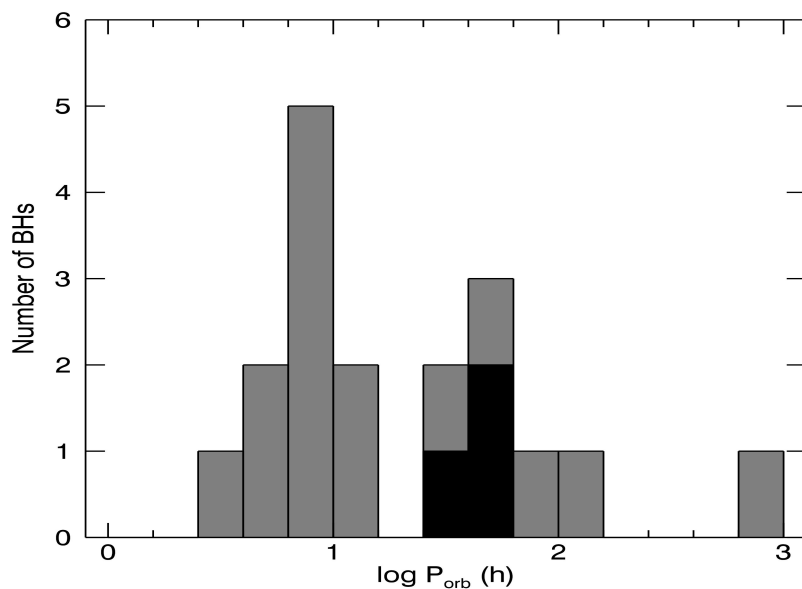
NAME	Spectral type	$P_{\text{orb}}$ (h)	$K_2$ (km/s)	$f(M_1)$ ( $M_{\odot}$ )	$M_1$ ( $M_{\odot}$ )	$q$	$i$ ( $^{\circ}$ )	$v_{\text{rot}} \sin i$ (km/s)
<i>Swift</i> J1357.2–0933 <sup>†</sup>	M4–M6	$2.8 \pm 0.3$	$> 690$	$\geq 3.0$		$\leq 0.06$	$\sim 90$	
XTE J1650–500	K4V	$7.69 \pm 0.02$	$435 \pm 30$	$2.7 \pm 0.6$	$\leq 7.3$	$> 0.1$	$50 \pm 3$	
XTE J1118+480	K5V	$4.08 \pm 0.003$	$709 \pm 1$	$6.27 \pm 0.04$	$8.53 \pm 0.60$	$0.04 \pm 0.01$	$68 \pm 2$	$96^{+3}_{-11}$
XTE J1859+226	K5V?	$6.58 \pm 0.05$	$541 \pm 70$	$4.5 \pm 0.6$	$> 5.42$		$< 70$	
V4641 Sgr	B9III	$67.60 \pm 0.01$	$211 \pm 3$	$2.7 \pm 0.1$	$6.4 \pm 0.6$	$0.45 \pm 0.04$	$72 \pm 4$	$100.9 \pm 0.8$
XTE J1550–564	G8–K4IV	$37.00880 \pm 0.00006$	$363 \pm 6$	$7.65 \pm 0.38$	$9.1 \pm 0.6$	$\approx 0.03$	$75 \pm 4$	$55 \pm 5$
GRO J1655–40	F6IV	$62.91 \pm 0.003$	$215 \pm 2$	$2.73 \pm 0.09$	$6.7 \pm 1.2$	$0.42 \pm 0.03$	$70 \pm 2$	$87^{+8}_{-4}$
N. Ve193	K7–M0V	$6.84492 \pm 0.00002$	$475 \pm 6$	$3.2 \pm 0.1$	$\sim 4.4$	$0.14 \pm 0.01$	$37\text{--}80$	$50\text{--}100$
GRS 1915+105	K1–SIII	$812 \pm 4$	$126 \pm 1$	$7.02 \pm 0.17$	$10.1 \pm 0.6$	$0.042 \pm 0.024$	$70 \pm 2$	$21 \pm 4$
GRO J0422+32	M0–5V	$5.094 \pm 0.002$	$378 \pm 16$	$1.19 \pm 0.02$	$3.95 \pm 0.95$	$0.12 \pm 0.08$	$45 \pm 2$	$90^{+22}_{-27}$
N. Mus 91	K3–5V	$10.40 \pm 0.01$	$406 \pm 7$	$3.01 \pm 0.15$	$6.95 \pm 0.6$	$0.13 \pm 0.04$	$54 \pm 1.5$	$106 \pm 13$
V404 Cyg	K0IV ( $\pm 1$ )	$155.31 \pm 0.02$	$208.5 \pm 0.7$	$6.08 \pm 0.06$	$12 \pm 2$	$0.067 \pm 0.005$	$55 \pm 4$	$39 \pm 1$
GS 2000+251	K3–6V	$8.25809 \pm 0.00005$	$520 \pm 16$	$5.01 \pm 0.12$	$9 \pm 2$	$0.042 \pm 0.012$	$66 \pm 8$	$86 \pm 8$
BW Cir	G5III	$61.07 \pm 0.002$	$279 \pm 5$	$5.73 \pm 0.29$	$\geq 7.6 \pm 0.7$	$0.12^{+0.03}_{-0.04}$	$\leq 79$	$69 \pm 8$
N. Oph 77	K3–7V	$12.51 \pm 0.03$	$447 \pm 3$	$4.86 \pm 0.13$	$6.5 \pm 1.5$	$< 0.053$		
A0620–00	K4V	$7.7523372 \pm 0.0000002$	$433 \pm 3$	$2.76 \pm 0.01$	$6.6 \pm 0.3$	$0.067 \pm 0.004$	$51 \pm 1$	
GX 339–4		$42.14 \pm 0.01$	$317 \pm 10$	$5.8 \pm 0.5$	$\geq 6$	$\leq 0.125$		
4U 1543–475	A2V	$26.9 \pm 0.2$	$124 \pm 4$	$0.22 \pm 0.06$	$5.0 \pm 2.5$	$0.25\text{--}0.31$	$30 \pm 6$	

Statistical analysis of the observational and dynamical parameters of the sample:

- Inclinations: none eclipsing although 20% expected for a random distribution – hidden from view (Narayan&McClintock05)
- Swift J1357.2-0933 may be the first edge-on BH (Corral-Santana+13). But Armas Padilla+13 presented an alternative explanation.

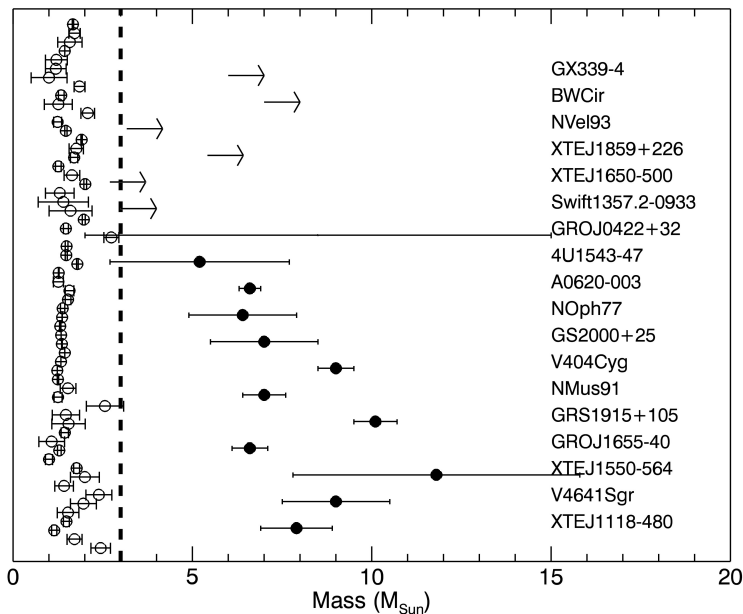
# Distribution of confirmed BHTs

- Bimodal period distribution with major peak at 6-10h and gap at 15h (bifurcation period; Menou+1999) due to evolutionary paths.
- Distribution  $M_R$  shows peak at  $\sim 4-6$  (in agreement with MS K-type)
- Note the 3 IMXBs: GROJ1655, V4641Sgr and 4U1543-475 (in black)



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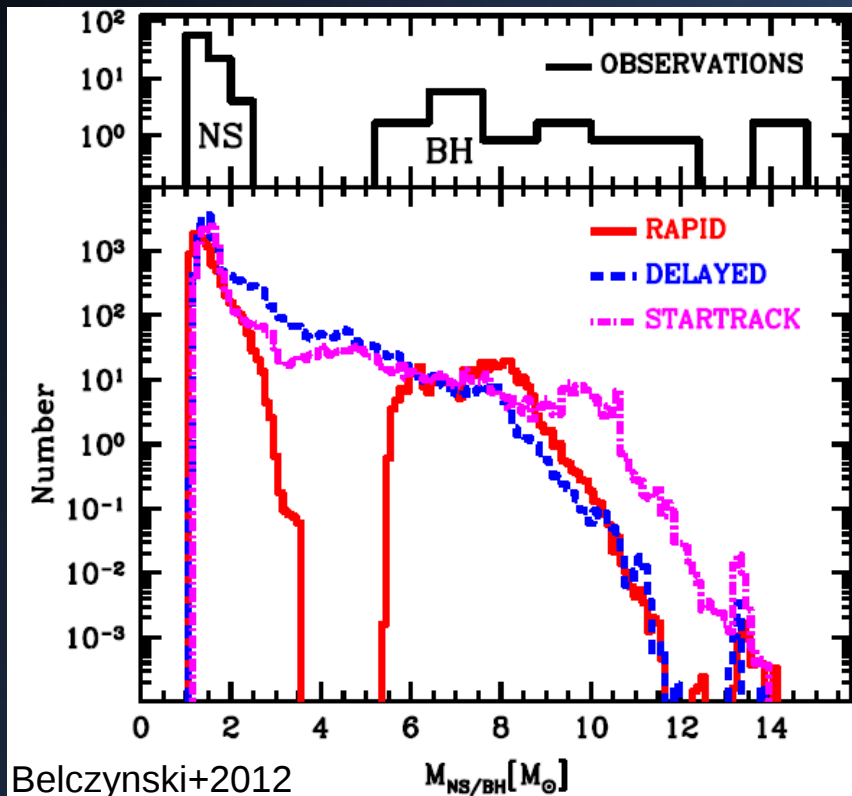


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- However some SN models with hydrodynamic simulations can reproduce the gap (Belczynski+12)
- But poor statistics and possible systematic errors in inclination.



# A CATALOGUE OF GALACTIC BLACK HOLES IN X-RAY BINARIES

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ID#	YEAR	NAME	RA	DEC	l	b	Mout	Mqui	E(B-V)	d	z	Sp.Ty.	Porb	K2	f(M)	M1	q	i	v sini
			J2000	J2000	deg	deg	mag	mag	mag	kpc	kpc		h	km/s	Msun	Msun		deg	km/s
34	2001	XTEJ1650-500	16 50 00.98	-49 57 43.60	336.7182	-03.4270		R=20.2	1.19	2.6±0.7	-0.15	K4V	7.6	435±30	2.7±0.6	≤7.3±0	>0.1	50±3	
33	2000	XTEJ1118+480	11 18 10.85	48 02 12.90	157.6607	62.3206	V=12.9	R=19	0.011	1.72±0.1	1.52	K7V	4.08	709±7	6.3±0.2	8.53±0.6	0.04±0.01	68±2	
32	1999	XTEJ1859+226	18 58 41.58	22 39 29.40	054.0461	08.6076	R=15	R=22.4	0.491	11-14	1.6-2.1	K5V	6.56	541±70	4.5±0.6	>5.42	<70		
31	1999	SAXJ1819.3-2525	18 19 21.58	-25 24 25.10	006.7740	-04.7891	V=8?	R=13.5?	0.32	6.2±0.7	-0.82	B9III	67.6	211±3	2.7±0.1	6.4±0.6	0.45±0.08	72±4	100.9±0.8
30	1998	XTEJ2012+381	20 12 37.71	38 11 01.10	075.3883	02.2471	R=19.9		1.9-										
29	1998	XTEJ1748-288	17 48 05.06	-28 28 25.80	000.6756	-00.2220			HIGH										
28	1998	XTEJ1550-564	15 50 58.78	-56 28 35.00	325.8825	-01.8269	V=16.6	V=22	1.604	-5.3	-0.17	G8-K4IV	37	361±18	6.86±0.71	10±2	0.09-0.15	73.1±2.3	
27	1997	XTEJ1755-324	17 55 28.60	-32 28 39.00	358.0393	-03.6314			1.105										
26	1997	GRS1737-31	17 40 09.00	-31 02 24.00	357.5880	-00.0990			HIGH										
25	1996	GRS1739-278	17 42 40.03	-27 44 52.70	000.6721	01.1758		R=20.5	2-										
24	1996	XTEJ1856+053	18 56 42.92	05 18 34.30	038.2690	01.2720	Ks=16.4		>5										
23	1994	GRS1730-312	17 33 32.00	-31 12 16.00	356.6877	01.0065			>5										
22	1994	GROJ1655-40	16 54 00.14	-39 50 44.90	344.9819	02.4560		V=17.3	1.2	3.2±0.2	0.13	F6IV	62.9	215±2	2.73±0.09	6.7±1.2	0.39±0.05	70±2	26±3
21	1993	GRS1716-249	17 19 36.93	-25 01 03.43	000.1423	06.9909	V=16.3	R=20	0.9	2.4±0.4	0.29								
20	1993	GRO1009-45	10 13 35.60	-45 04 35.31	275.8773	09.3439	V=13.8		0.193	3.8±0.3	0.62	K7-8V	6.844944(3)	475±6	3.2±0.1	~4.4	0.14±0.01	~78	
19	1992	GRS1915+105	19 15 11.55	10 56 44.80	045.3656	-00.2194		I=23.4	9.6	≤11.2±0.8	≤-0.04	K1-5III	804	140±15	9.5±3	14±4	0.058±0.033	70±2	
18	1992	GROJ0422+42	04 21 42.79	32 54 35.80	165.8790	-11.9108	R=12.6	R=20.9	0.24	2.5±0.3	-0.54	M2V	5.094±0.002	378±16	1.19±0.02	3.95±0.95	0.12±0.08	45±2	90±22-27
17	1991	GRS1124-684	11 26 26.65	-68 40 32.83	295.3005	-07.0726	V=13.3	R=19.9	0.3	5.9±0.3	-0.72	K3-5V	10.4±0.01	406±7	3.01±0.15	6.95±0.6	0.09-0.17	54±1.5	106±13
16	1990	GRS1758-258	18 01 12.40	-25 44 36.10	004.5077	-01.3610		K=13.6	3.2										
15	1989	GS2023+338	20 24 03.82	33 52 01.90	073.1188	-02.0914	V=12.7	R=16.4	1.3	2.39±0.14	-0.08	K0IV(+/-1)	155.314	208.5±0.7	6.08±0.06	12±2	0.055-0.064	55±4	39±1
14	1988	GS1734-275	17 36 02.00	-27 25 41.00	000.1608	02.5906			1.478										
13	1988	GS2000+251	20 02 49.58	25 14 11.30	063.3666	-02.9989	B=17.5	R=21.2	1.5	2.7±0.7	-0.14	K3-6V	8.3	520±16	5.01±0.12	10±4	0.042±0.012	61±14	86±8
12	1987	GS1354-64	13 58 09.73	-64 44 05.22	309.9774	-02.7797	V=16.9	R=22	1	-25	~-1.21	G5III	61.1	279±5	5.73±0.29	≥7.6±0.7	0.08-0.15	≤79	69±8
11	1985	EXO1846-031	18 49 16.91	-03 03 52.70	029.9585	-00.9177		I>22	17										
10	1985	SLX1746-331	17 49 48.94	-33 12 11.60	356.8069	-02.7797			1.416										
9	1977	H1705-250	17 08 14.58	-25 05 29.00	358.5874	09.0569	V=16	R=20.8	0.472	8.6±2.1	1.35	K3-7V	12.5	447±3	4.86±0.13	5.6-8.3	<0.053		
8	1977	H1743-322	17 46 15.61	-32 13 59.90	357.2552	-01.8330	R=21.9		3.478										
7	1975	A0620-003	06 22 44.54	00 20 44.40	209.3382	-06.2225	V=11.2	R=17.4	0.39	1.16±0.11	-0.13	K4V	7.8	433±3	2.72±0.06	11±2	0.05-0.07	40±3	
6	1974	A1524-617	15 28 17.20	-61 52 58.50	320.3191	-04.4272	B=17.5	R=22.7	0.697										
5	1972	J1659-487	17 02 49.44	-48 47 22.60	338.9393	-04.3264	V=15.5	R=20.1	0.911	>6	>-0.4	GIV	42.1	317±10	5.8±0.5	≥7	≤0.125		
4	1971	4U1755-338	17 58 40.04	-33 48 26.80	357.2155	-04.8724	V=18.5	R>21.5	0.696										
3	1971	4U1630-472	16 34 03.02	-47 22 56.70	336.9217	00.2545			HIGH										
2	1971	4U1543-475	15 47 08.70	-47 42 50.70	330.9266	05.3626	V=14.9	R=16.2?	0.5	7.5±0.5	0.71	A2V	26.9	124±4	0.22±0.06	5±2.5	0.25-0.31	30±6	
1	1966	Cen-X-2	13 58 00.00	-64 42 00.00	310.0000	-02.7000			1.324										

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RA J2000(hms) DEC J2000(dms)  
13 58 09.73 -64 44 05.22 Kitamoto+1990

Gal. long (deg) Gal. lat. (deg)  
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Year of discovery: 1987 Makino1987

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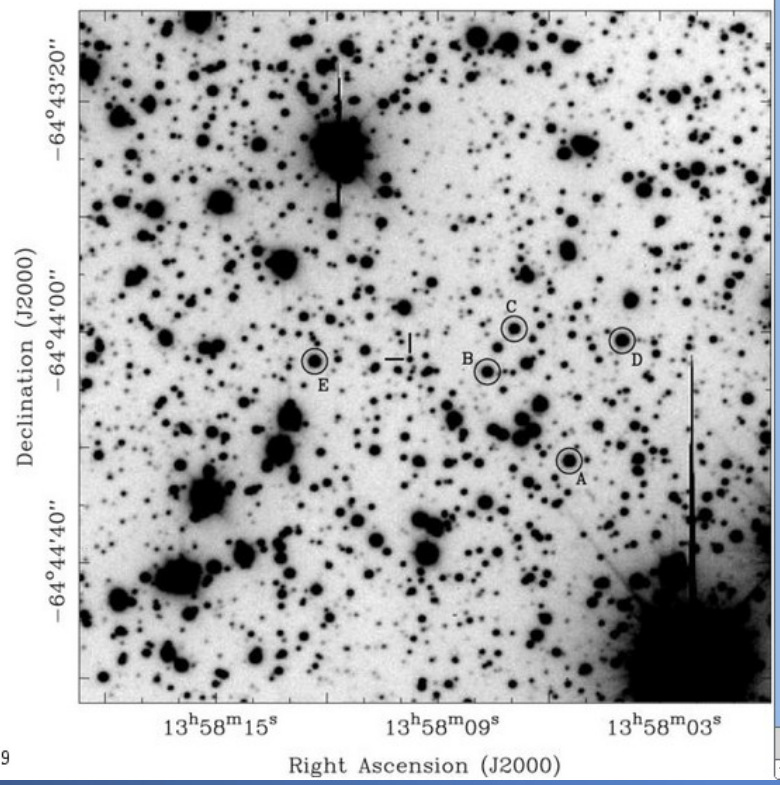
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E(B-V)	E(B-V)	1.0	Casares+2009
Orbital period	Porb (h)	61.1	Casares+2009
Star's radial vel.	$K_2$ (km/s)	$279 \pm 5$	Casares+2004
Mass function	$f(M_1)$ [Msun]	$5.73 \pm 0.29$	Casares+2004
Mass ratio	$q=M_2/M_1$	$0.12 \pm 0.03_{-0.04}$	Casares+2004
Inclination	i (deg)	<79	Casares+2009
Rotational broadening	Vrot sini (km/s)	$69 \pm 8$	Casares+2009

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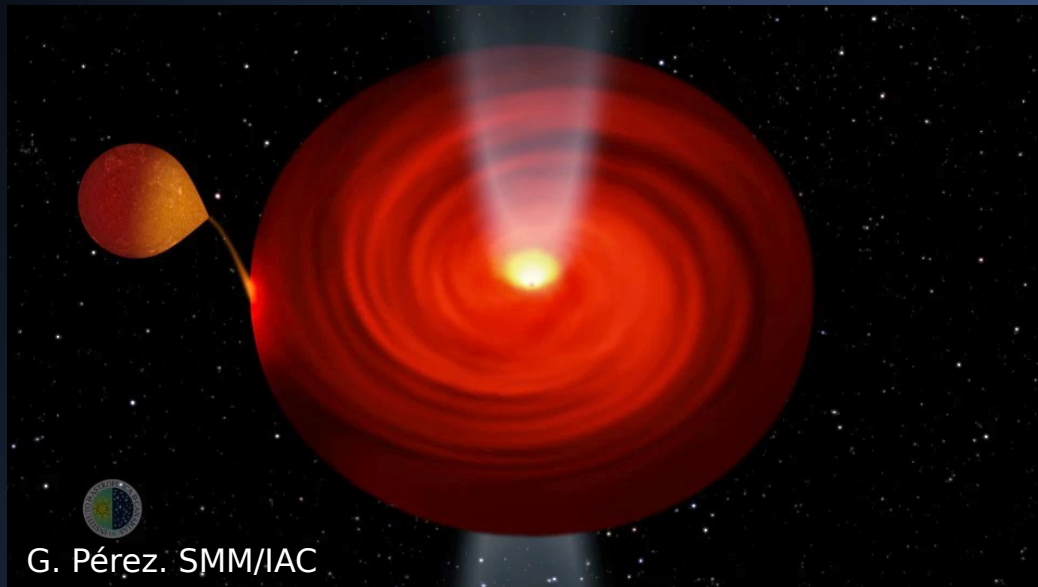
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	22.14 q	Casares+2009
R (mag)	20.4 q	Casares+2004
	20.65 q	Casares+2009
	20.5 q	Martin95
I (mag)	19.73 q	Casares+2009

Magnitude notes:

Image from Casares+2009



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Thank you

