



Transitional Millisecond Pulsar Binaries

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Millisecond Pulsars

AMXPs Accretion-power X-ray ms Pulsars

X-ray bright & radio quiet

RMSPs Rotation-power radio ms Pulsars

Radio loud & X-ray faint



Fundamental Plane of Pulsars

Millisecond pulsars:

- Low fields: $B \approx 10^8 10^9 G$
- Many in Globular Clusters

Old systems

- Most in found in binaries
- Spin-up due to accretion



Recycling scenario:

AMXPs believed to be progenitors of RMPS (Baker 1982; Alpar et al. 1982)



- RLOF Donors: MS, CO/He WD $M_2 < 0.2 M_{\odot}$
- 10 Nuclear-power MSPs: Type-I bursts Quasi-coherent Oscillations (Watts 2012)



BW believed to descend from RB but not all RB evolve into BW (Benvenuto 2014)



time (yrs)

Archibald et al. 2010, 2013

IGR J18245-2452: A transient in the GC M28

An AMXP discovered in outburst

March 28, 2013

 $Lx \approx 1-4 \times 10^{-36} \text{ erg/s}$

X-ray Pulses (4-16%) @ 3.9ms

Porb = 11. 0h

Thermonuclear Bursts

Peculiar short term X-ray variability

Papitto et al. 2013, Nature

PSRJ1824-2452 / IGR J18245-2452

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Peculiar X-ray Variability in Outburst

Ferrigno et al. 2014

Peculiar X-ray Variability also in a sub-luminous state

Accretion <-> Inhibition of accretion

Linares et al. 2014 Papitto et al 2013 Ferrigno et al. 2014

PSR J1023+0038: a new state transition in 2013

X-ray Tri-modal behaviour: Erratic Flares ≈ tens mins up to 10hr Erratic Dips = Low Mode ≈ secs-mins Persistent level = High Mode

> Tendulkar et al. 2014 Bogdanov et al. 2015

XMM-Newton 2013-2014 PSRJ1023+0038 LMXB STATE 2000 1500 N. 10s bins 1000 500 High Low **Flares** 0 **10**³² **10**³⁴ **10**³³ Luminosity (0.3-10keV) (erg/s) Bogdanov et al. 2015

Archibald et al. 2015

Mode switching in a few sec

X-ray pulses in high mode only

No substantial spectral variability

but Soft & hard dips \rightarrow subtle changes

Average spectrum featureless : $\Gamma = 1.7$ softer than RMSP state $\Gamma = 1.26$ No substantial spectral variability - No thermal component

Dominated by outflowing matter ?

Bogdanov et al. 2015

XSS J1227-4859: a peculiar hard low-luminosity source

CV-like optical spectrum!

Variable Hard X-rays

XSS J1227-4859: a peculiar hard low-luminosity source

Sazonov & Revnivtsev 2008

XSS J1227-4859: a peculiar hard low-luminosity source

XSS J1227-4859: the LMXB state

Tri-modal behaviour:

Sporadic Flares ≈ mins

Erratic Dips = Low Mode ≈ secs-mins

Persistent level = High Mode

de Martino et al. 2010,2013

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HR [0.3-2 / 3-10keV]

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XSS J1227-4859: the LMXB state

Average spectrum featureless : $\Gamma = 1.7$

No substantial spectral variability except in Post-flare Dips

Flare: Г≈1.7	
<mark>High</mark> : Г≈1.6	
<mark>Dips:</mark> Г≈1.7	
Post-flare Dip	s:Γ≈0.7 + PCF

de Martino et al. 2010, 2013

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Romani & Sanchez 2016

de Martino et al 2015 Papitto et al. 2015, 2017 inprep

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Papitto et al. 2015

Mode switching

Three states of tMSPs

- Mass inflow rate should be larger to have pulsations
- X-rays do not only trace the mass accretion rate on NS
- Advected energy in the disc powers propeller
- [Listen Papitto Binaries VI Thurs. afternoon]

Linares 2014 Campana et al. 1998 Romanova et al. 2014,2017 Papitto & Torres 2014,2015

Outflows in tMSPs

Strong Jet

3-D MHD - Propeller driven winds & Jets

Romanova et al. 2014,2017

Strong propeller: $\omega_s = \Omega_{\star} / \Omega_k >> 1$

2 Component Outflow

- Slow dense conical wind
- Low-density high-velocity jet

Accretion onto NS still possible

Outflows in tMSP

BH, Atoll, Z-type, AMXPs, NS: from Migliari & Fender 2006,2011 Gallo et al. 2014, Miller-Jones et al. 2010; Coriat et al. 2011+ref.therein PSRJ1023: from Deller et al. 2015, XSS1227: from de Martino et al. 2015, IGR1824: from Ferrigno et al. 2014

Observational Evidence ?

- Radio variability (mins)
- Radio flat-inverted slope: $S_v \approx v^{\alpha} \alpha \approx 0.-05$ Hill et al. 2011 Ferrigno et al.2014 Deller et al. 2015
- tMSPs closer to BH than NS
- tMSPs radio louder than other NS
 - → Compact jet in tMSPs likely

Few simultaneous X-ray & Radio obs

Longer simultaneous coverage needed!

tMSPs: an intermediate or atypical evolutionary stage?

Need to find more !

Ongoing Intense Activities:

• X-ray, Radio & Optical search of counterparts of FERMI-LAT Unidentified sources

\rightarrow RBs, BWs and tMSPs candidates

- Long-term X-ray & Optical monitoring of known Radio Eclipsing RB
- X-ray deep observations of AMXPs in quiescence may reveal odd modes

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