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# How did "they" form?

## Astrophysical Origin of the Gravitational Wave Detections



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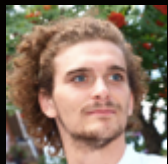
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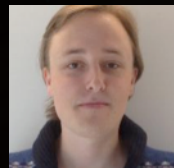


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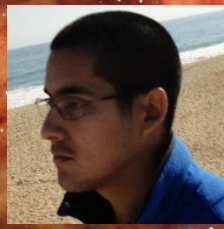
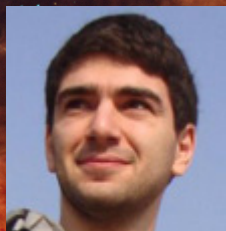
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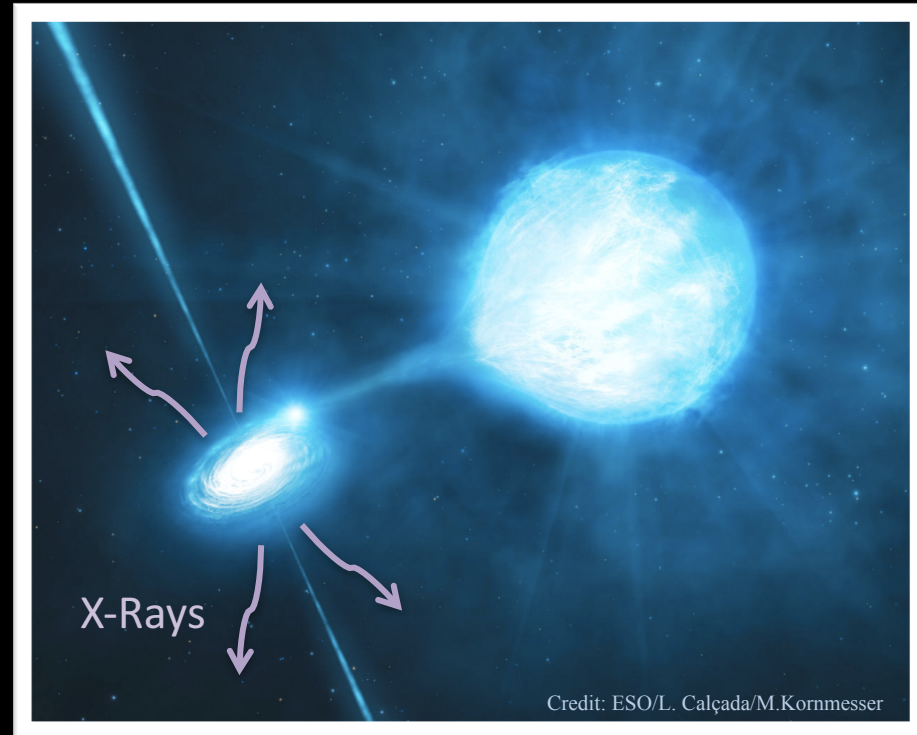
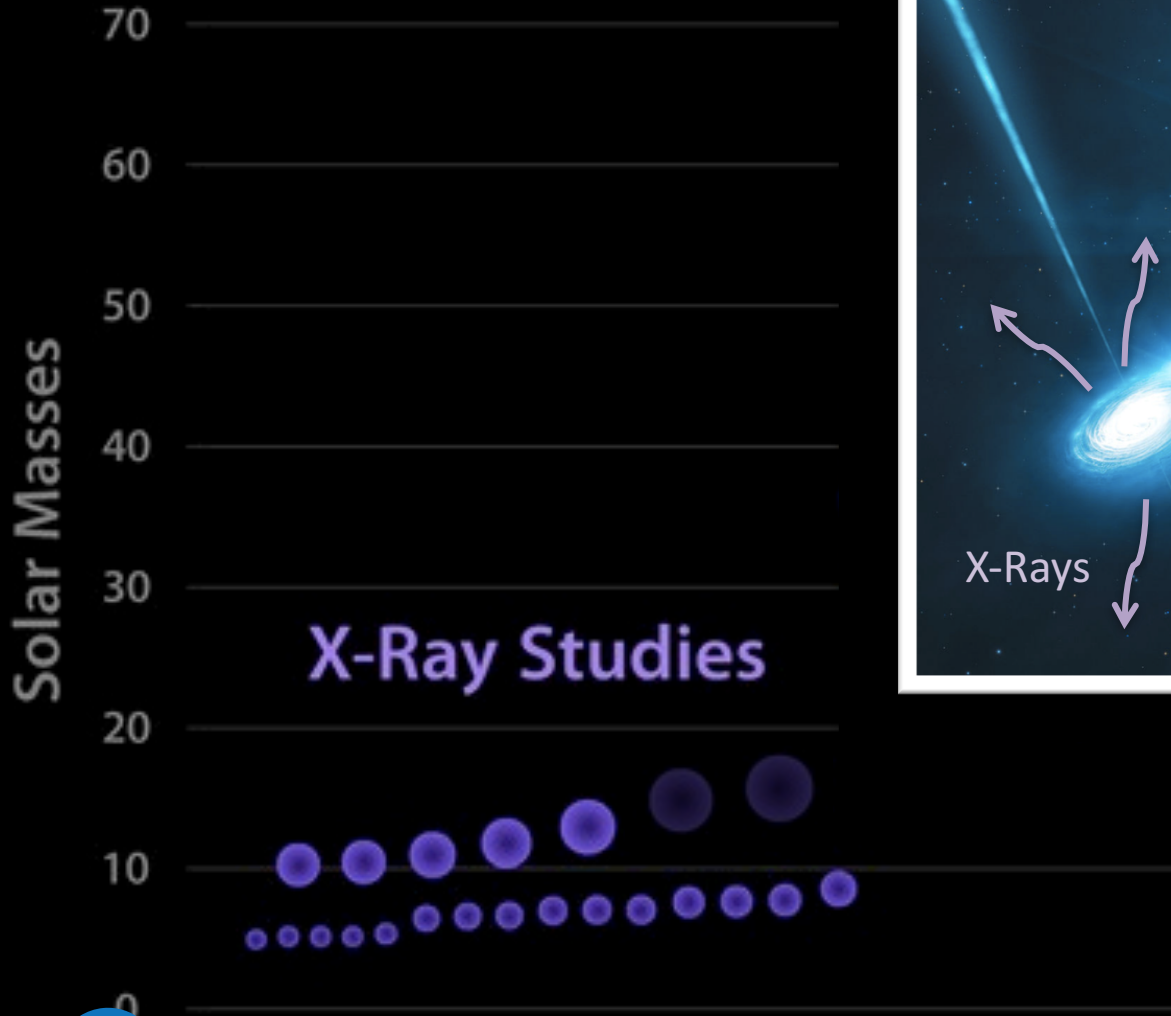
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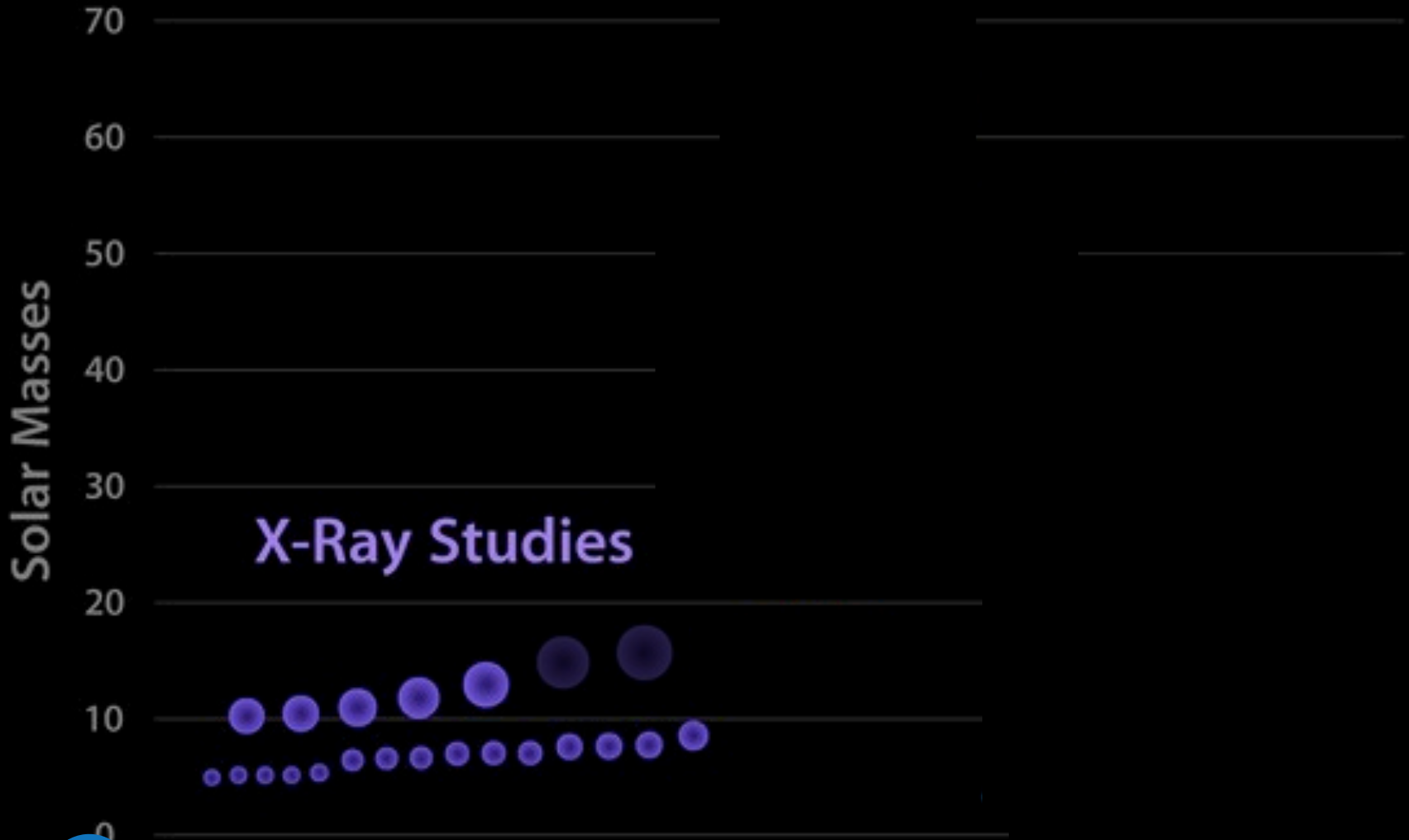


# Known Black Holes\*





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Courtesy Caltech/MIT/LIGO Laboratory

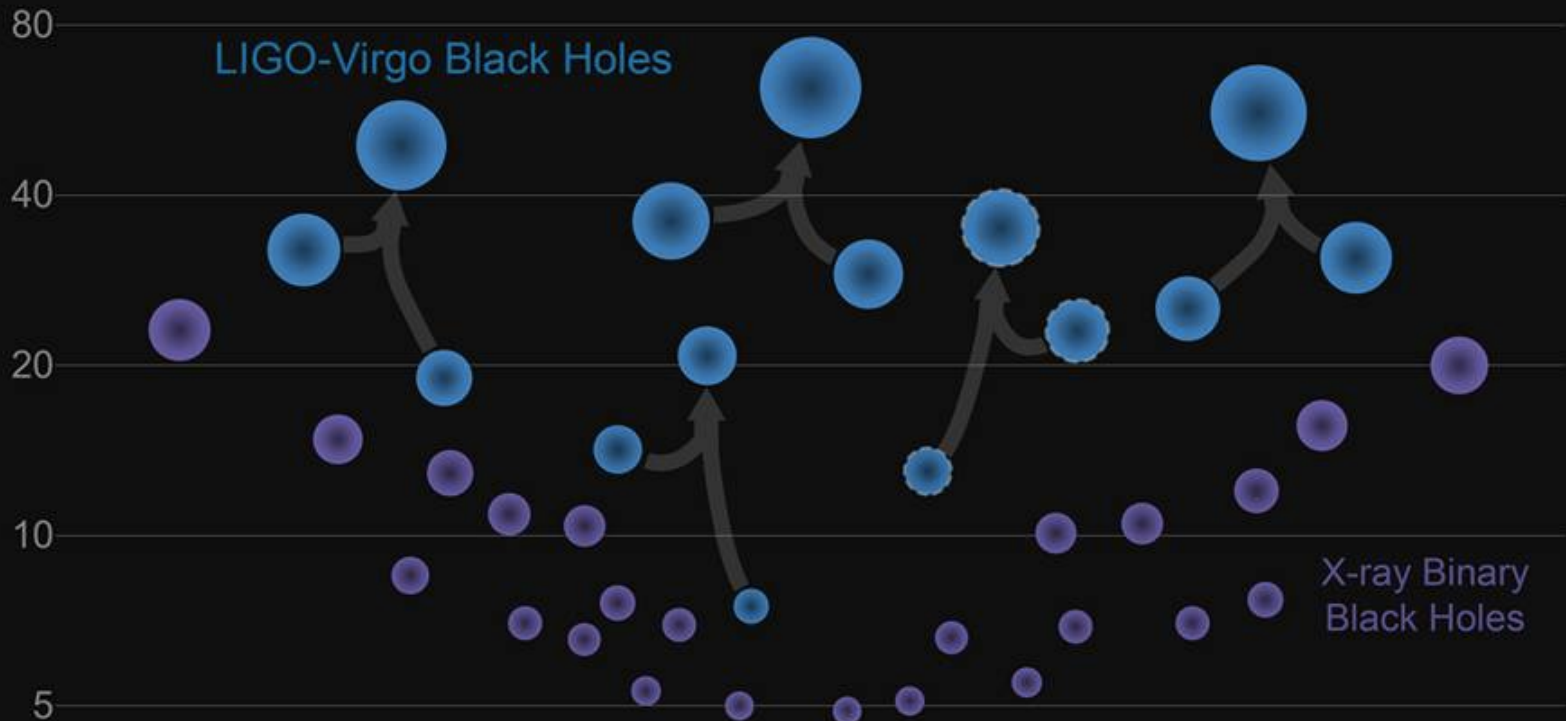


# Local Responses



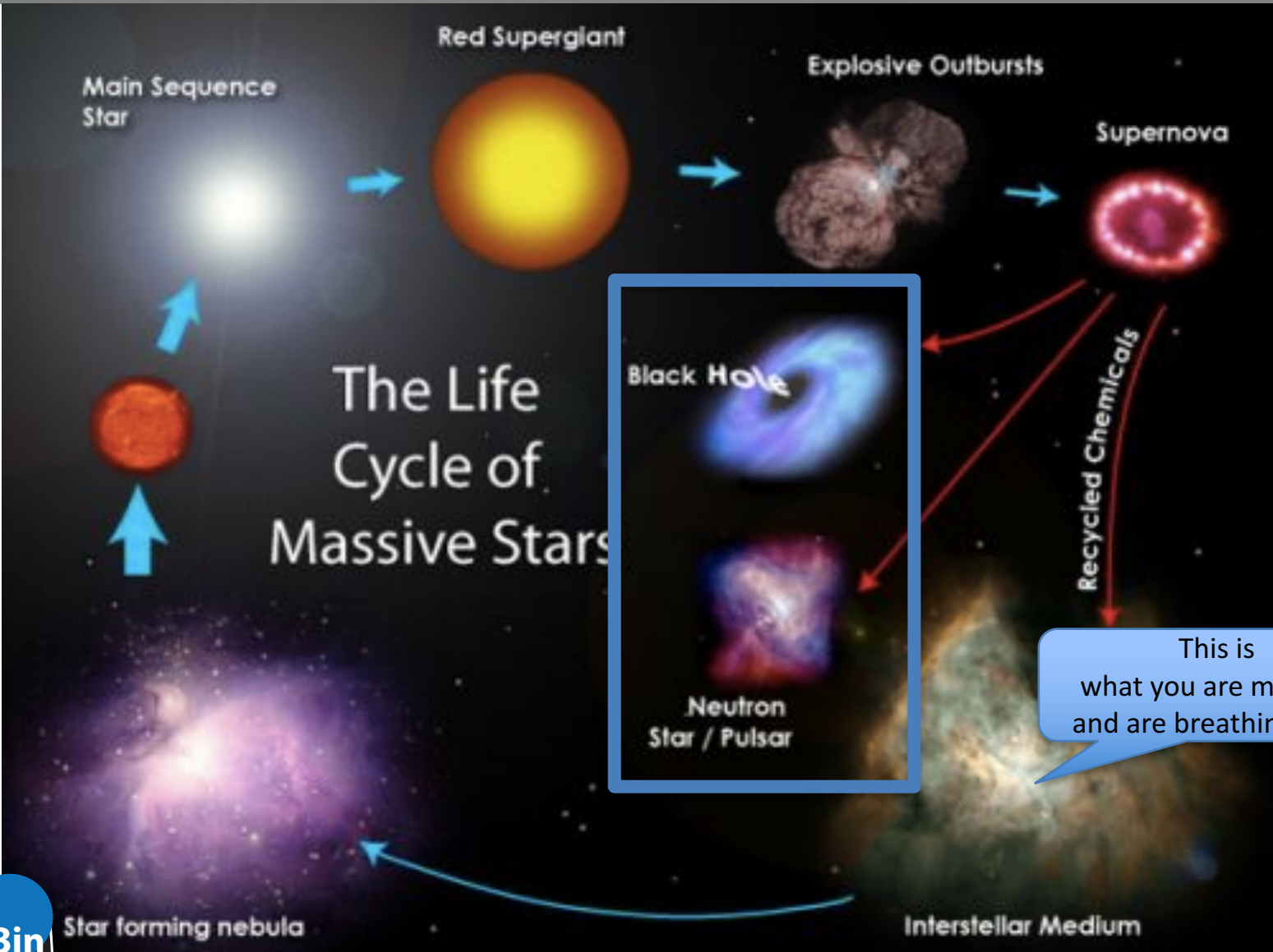


# Where we are today LIGO/Virgo's "stellar graveyard"



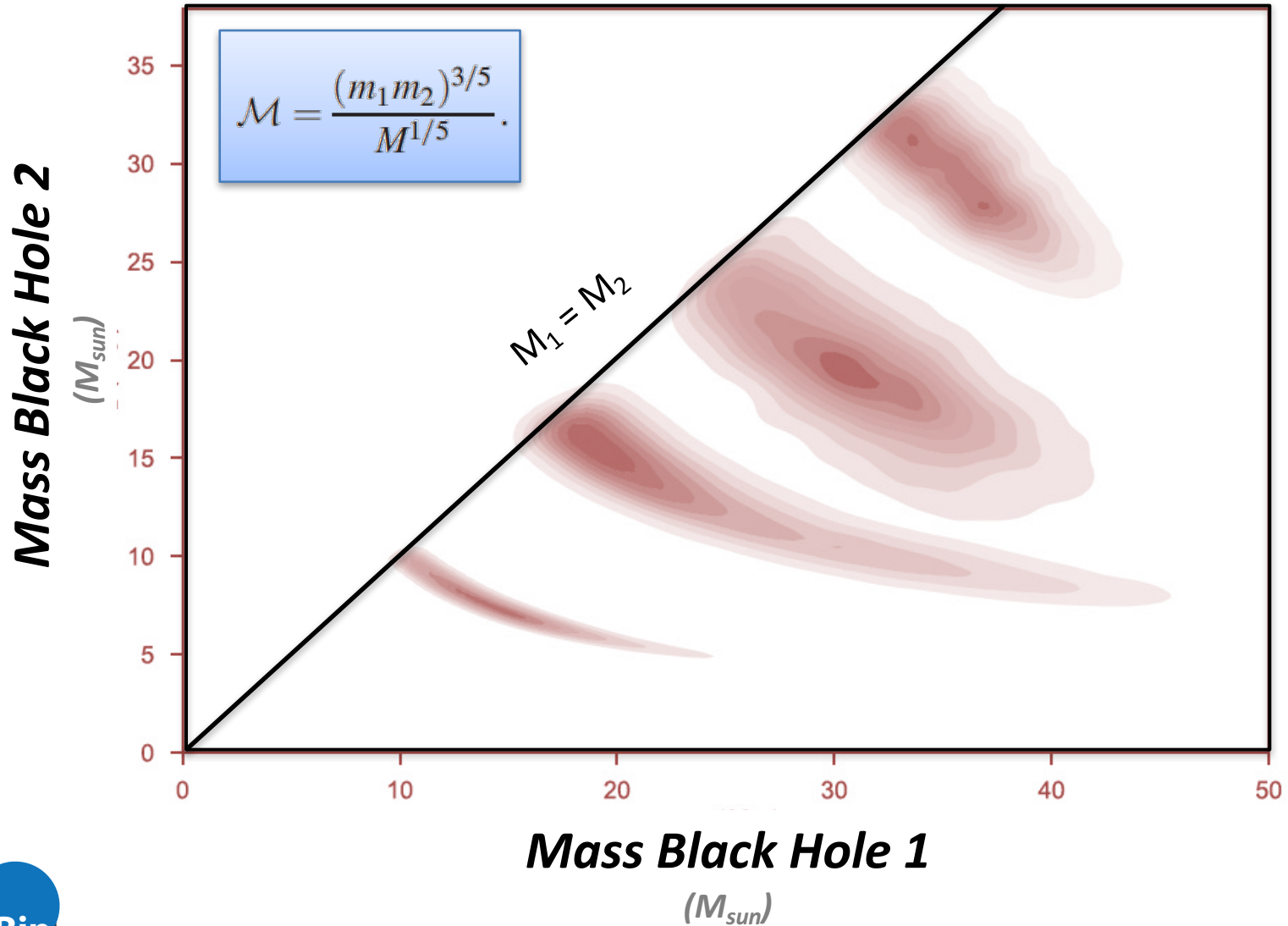
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Credit: NASA

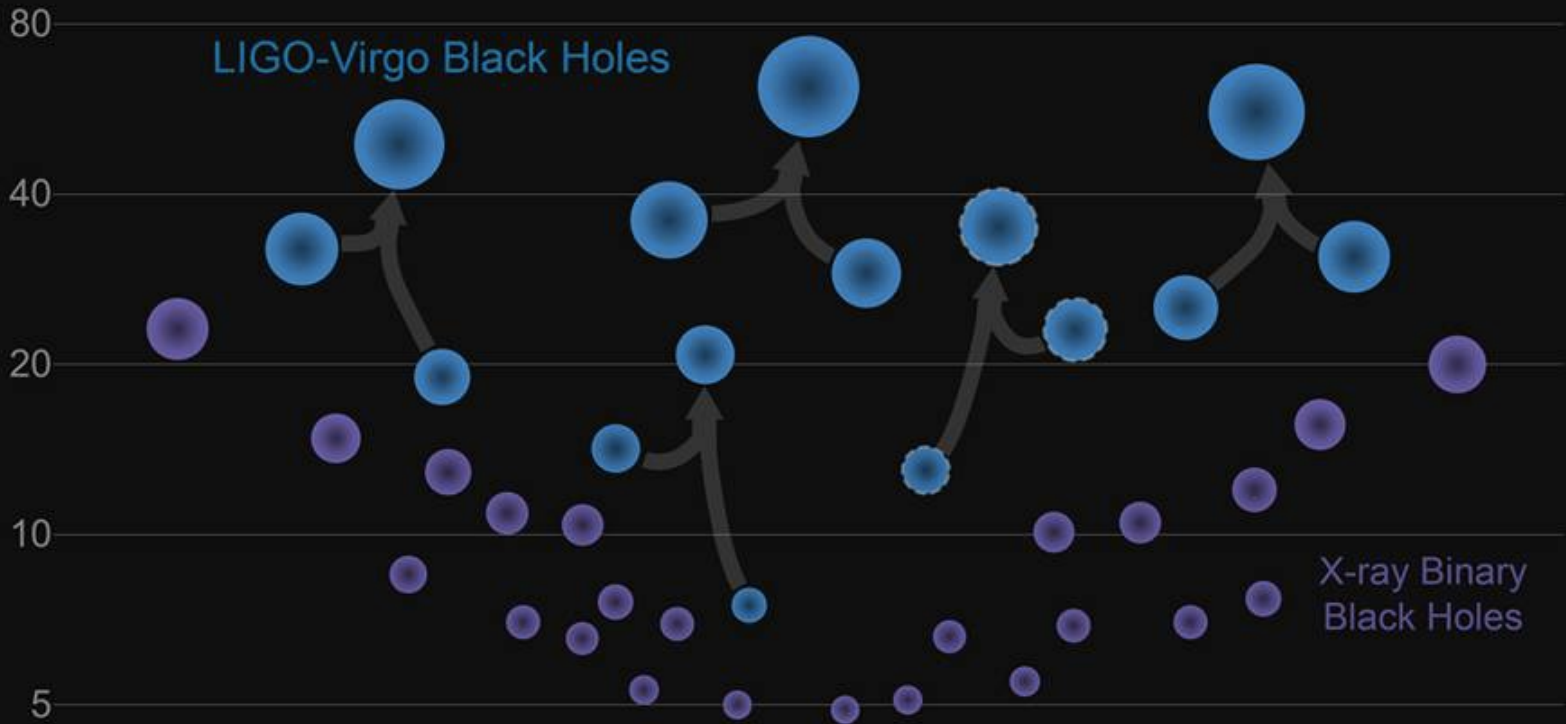




# Caveat: Errors on individual masses are large



# Stellar Graveyard



LIGO-Virgo Black Holes

X-ray Binary  
Black Holes



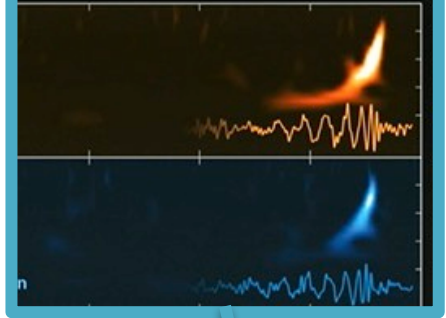


## ***When and Where***



# Intuition for the timescales

4. Birth of progenitors stars    3. Formation binary black holes    2. Merger    1. Detection of signal



“a few” Myrs

- “a few” Gyrs

- 1.4 Gyrs

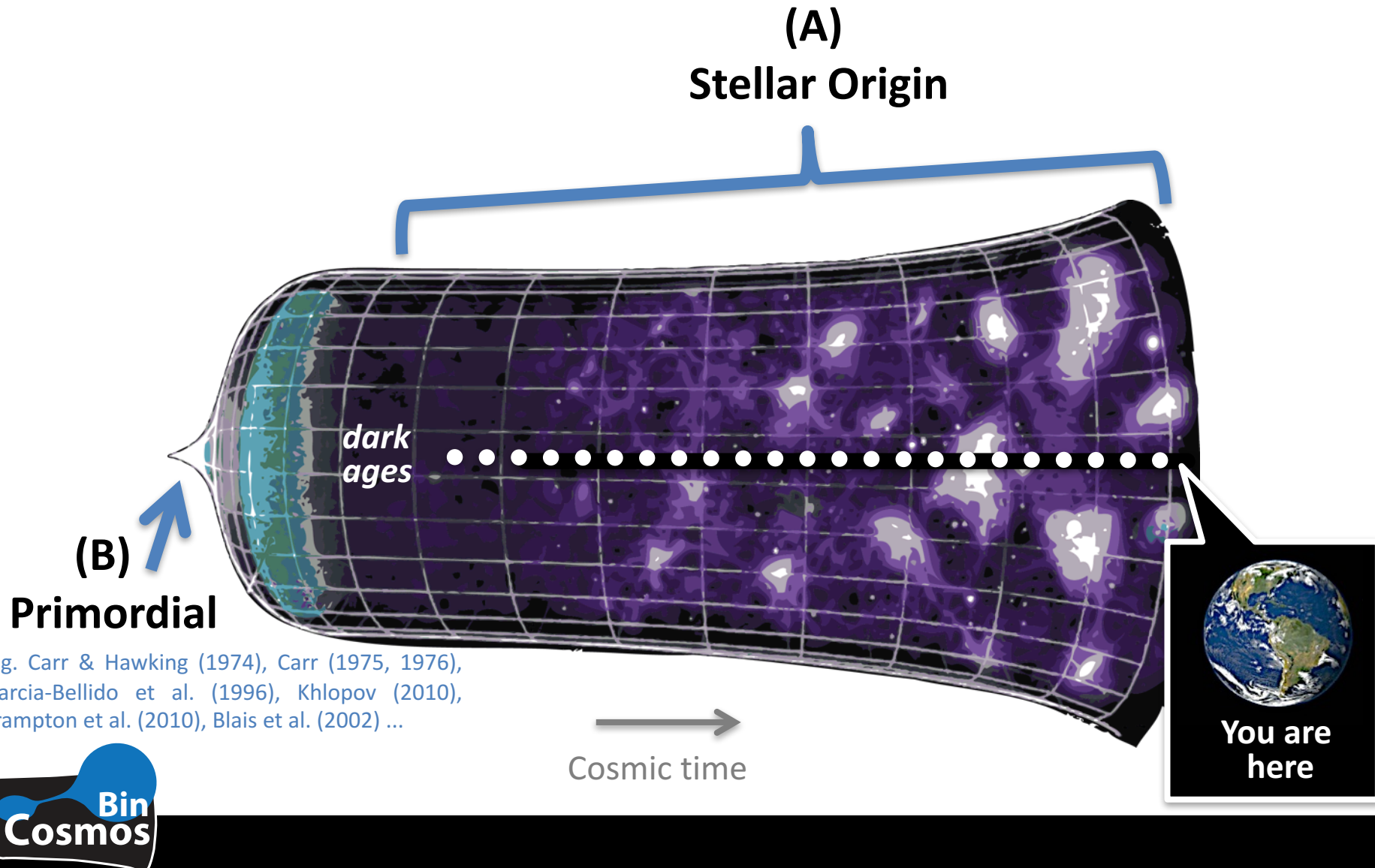
*Time*

The progenitors did not live in our “back yard”

Sept 14  
2015



# A new window on how stars die across cosmic time



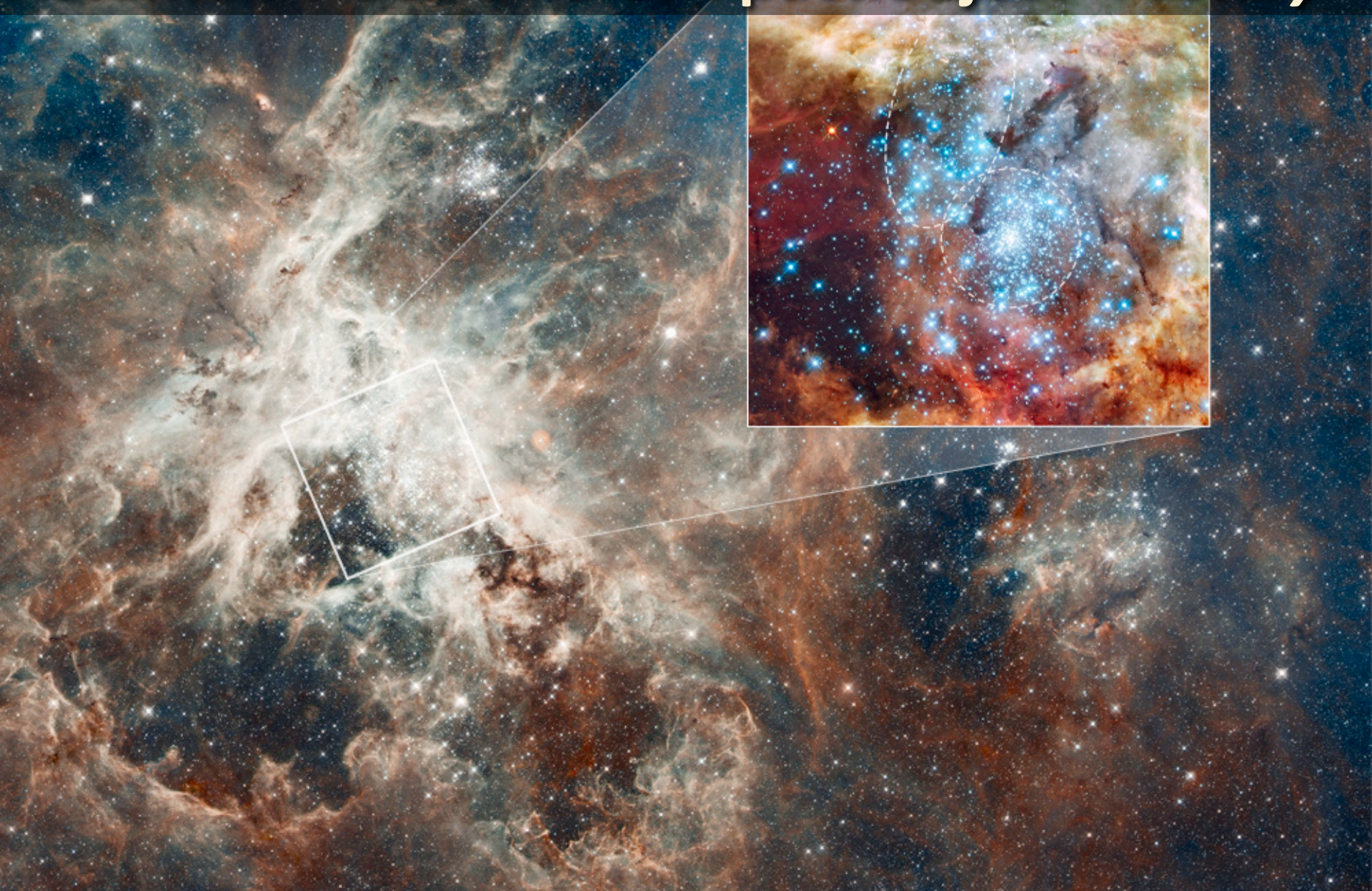


***Part I***  
***New insights in the***  
***Stellar progenitors***





# Tarantula Nebula - a Compact Object “Factory”



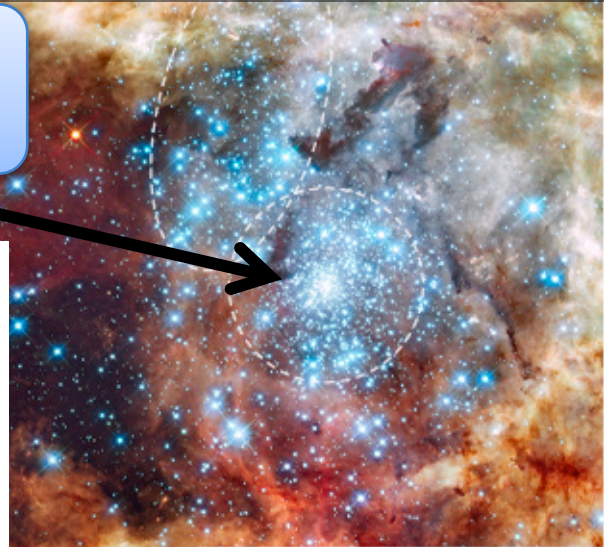
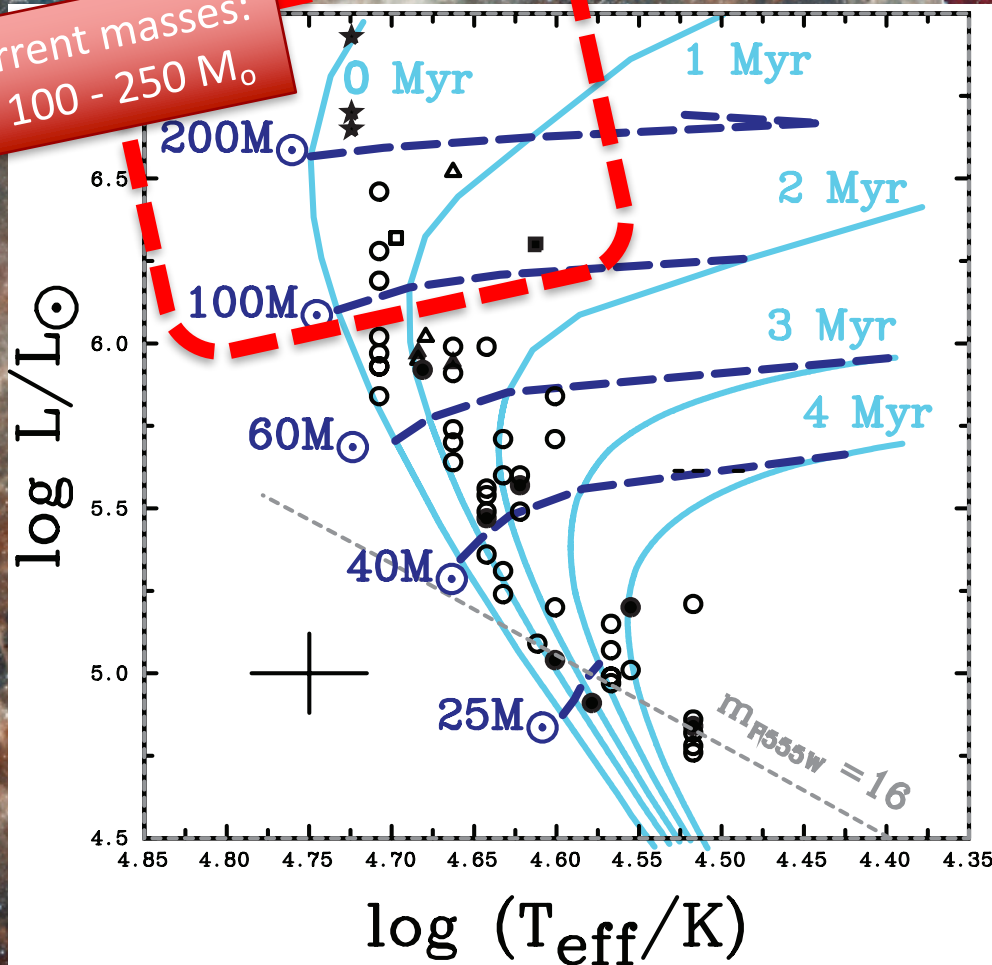
VLT-FLAMES ([Evans](#), [Sana](#)), HST ([Sabbi](#), [Lennon](#), [Crowther](#)), Chandra ([Townsend](#))



# Stars Exceeding the canonical Mass Limit

Nine "stars" : > 100 M<sub>⊙</sub>  
Crowther, Caballero-Nieves + w/dM 2016

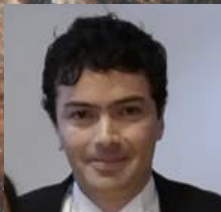
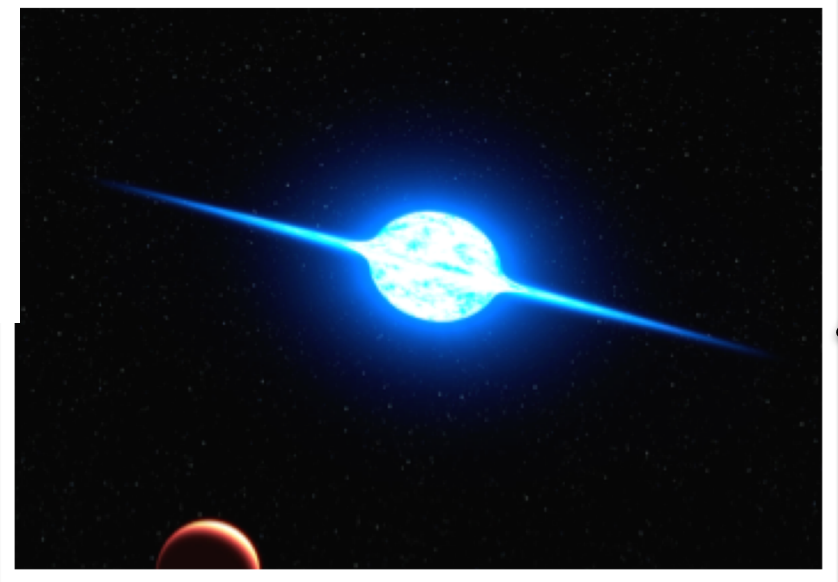
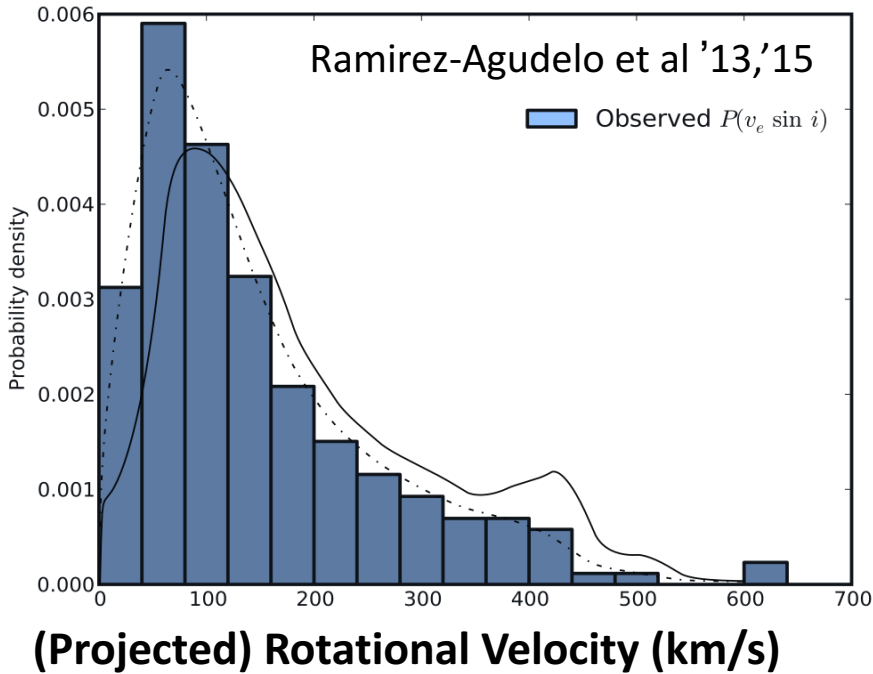
Current masses:  
~ 100 - 250 M<sub>⊙</sub>



Saida Caballero-Nieves



# Extremely rapid rotators



Oscar  
Ramírez  
Agudelo

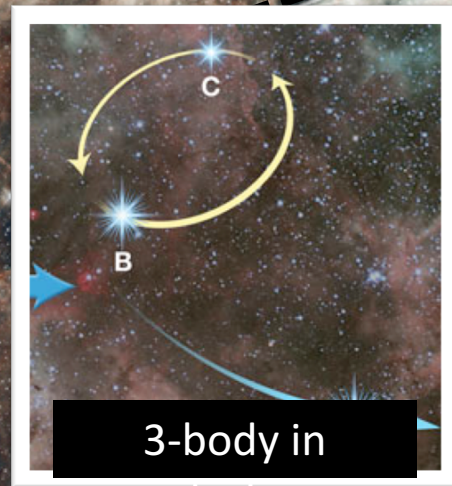
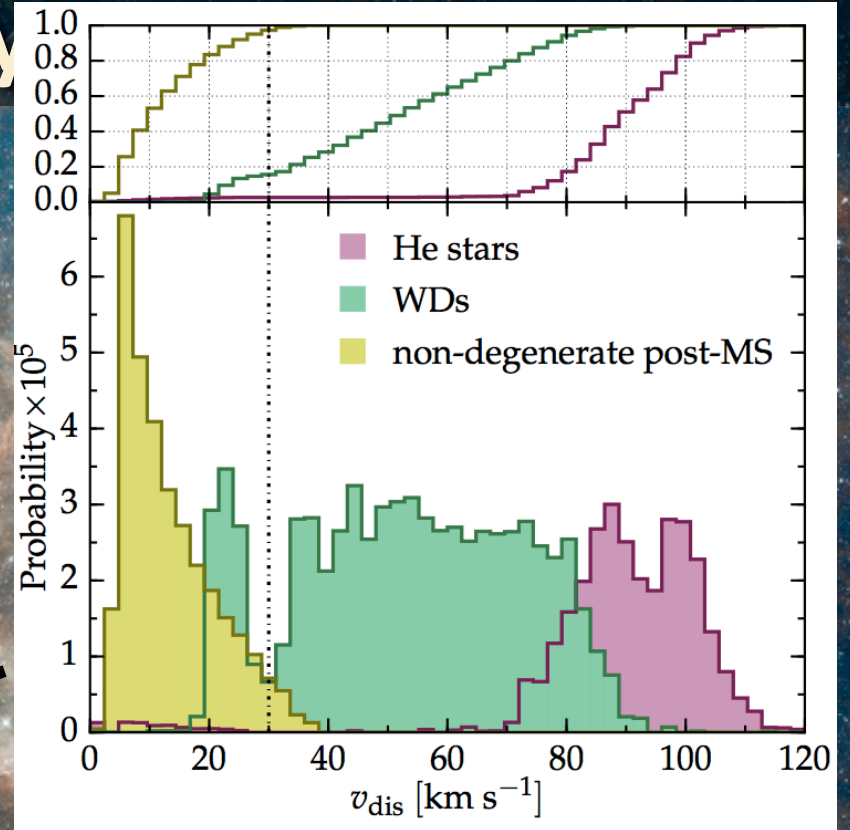
**Spinning stars**  
Dufton+w/dM+11,13, Ramirez-Agudelo++w/dM13,15



# Runaway

## 20 New Runaway Stars

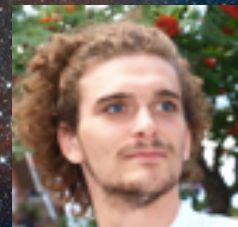
Evans+10, Sana + 2017 prep,  
Renzo+ 2017 prep



3-body in  
cluster



Supernova in Binary



Mathieu  
Renzo



# Almost all of them are binaries

## 30 + 30 Msun contact binary

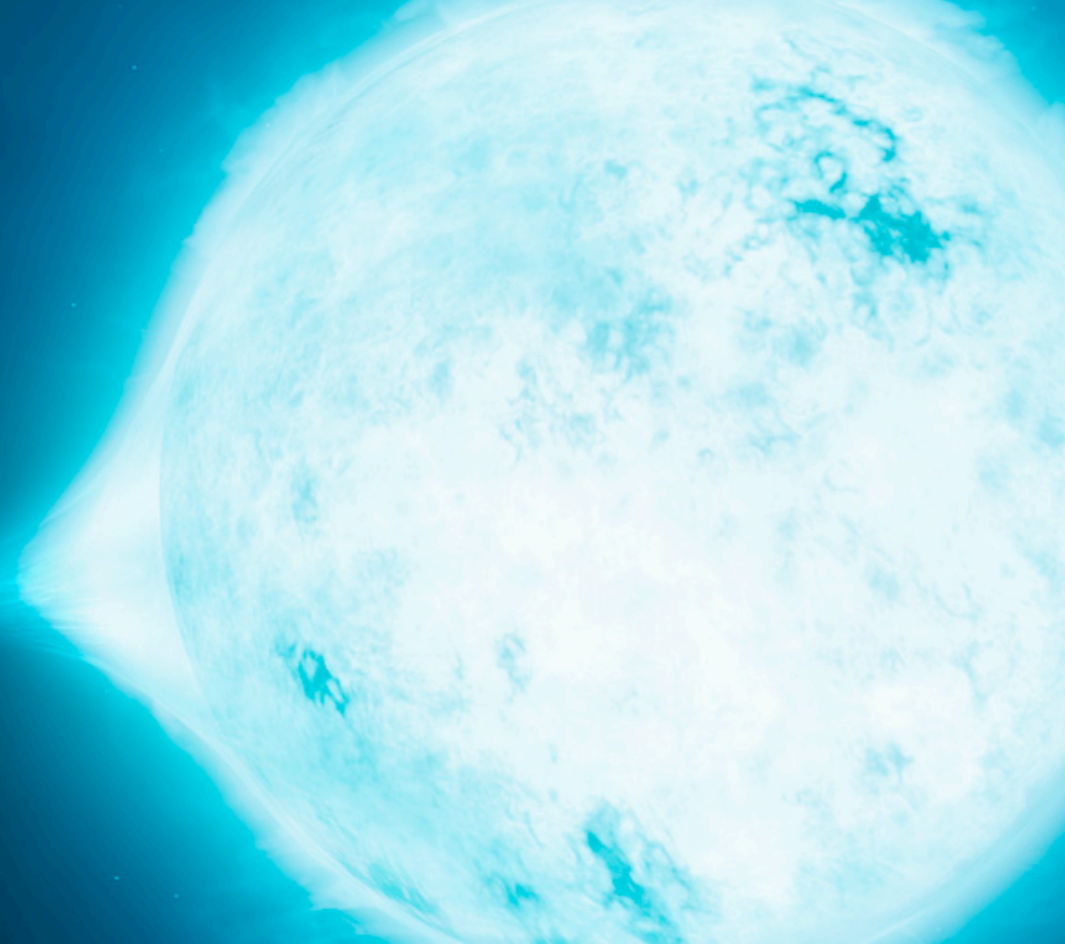
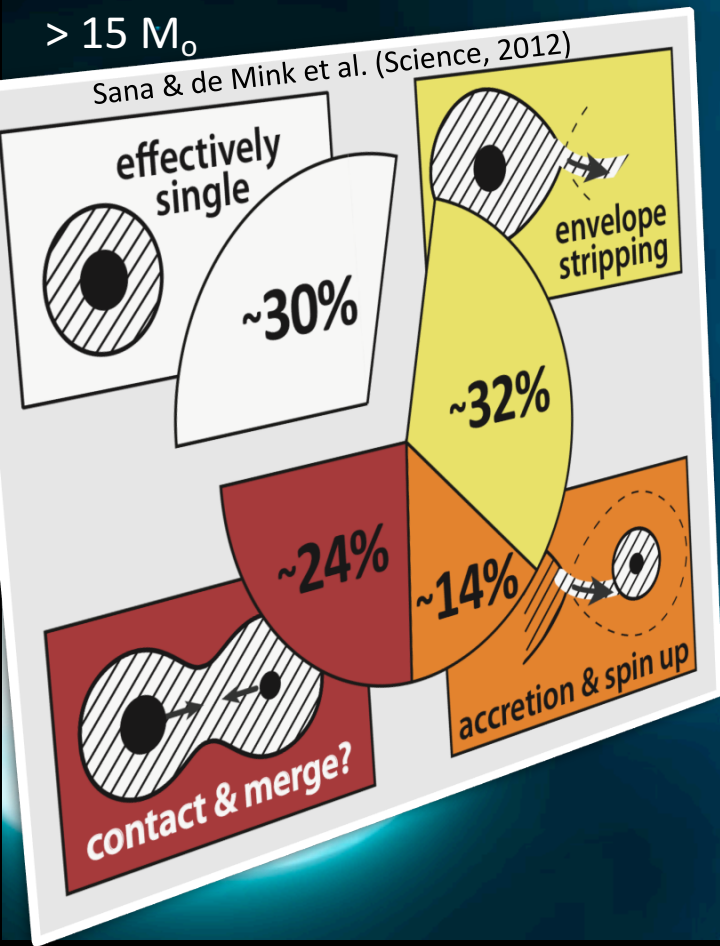
Alemeida, Sana, SdM + 2015,  
Marchant+2016



Leonardo  
Almeida



# This is not exotic



cf. Abt+78, Kobulnicky+Fryer07, Mason+09,  
Chini+12, Kobulnicky+14, Sana+12, Sana+13,  
Dunstall+15, Moe+16, Almeida+17, ...



# Not just “artist impressions”



Beta Lyrae:  $13 + 3 M_{\text{sun}}$   
(CHARA array, Zhao et al. ApJ 684, L95)



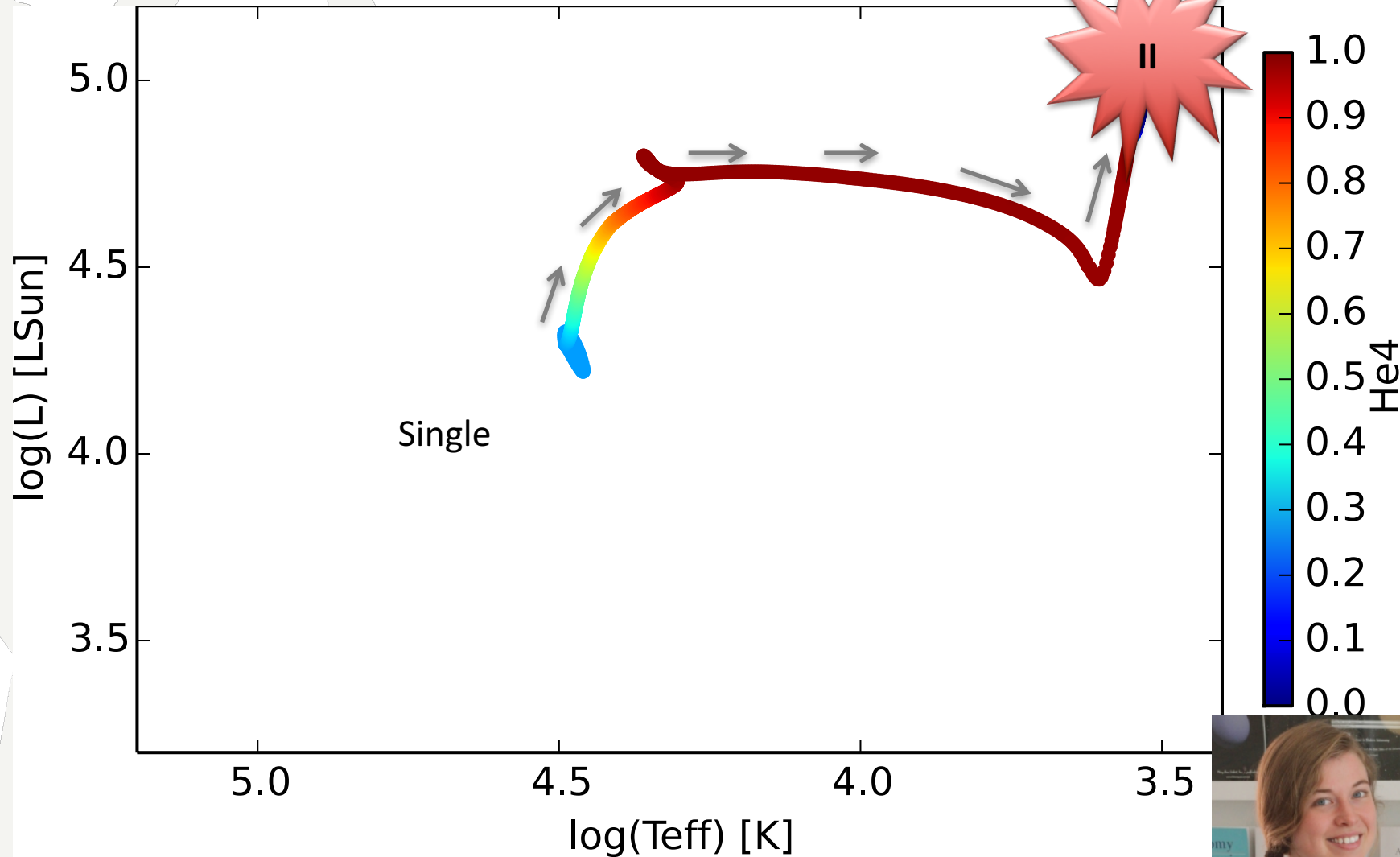
***Life with a companion***



# Single Star

MESA:  $M_1 = 15 M_\odot$

Götberg et al. (2017)



Ylva  
Götberg

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# Star in a Binary models

Götberg et al. (2017)

**He Giant**

$M_1 = 15 M_\odot$   $q = 0.8$

**Mass transfer**

**Ib/c**

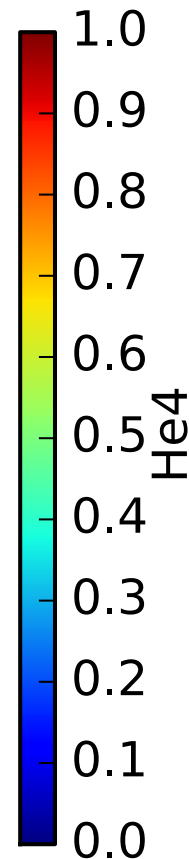
$\log(L)$  [ $L_{\text{Sun}}$ ]

5.0  
4.5  
4.0  
3.5

**Stripped  
He- star**

**Orbital Period:**

**10 d**



$\log(T_{\text{eff}})$  [K]

5.0

4.5

4.0

3.5

cf. Kippenhahn, Podsiadlowski, Langer, Wellstein, Pols, Yoon, Claeys, Eldridge, Bersten ...

Ylva  
Götberg

S.E. de Mink



# Animation of the life of a typical massive Star



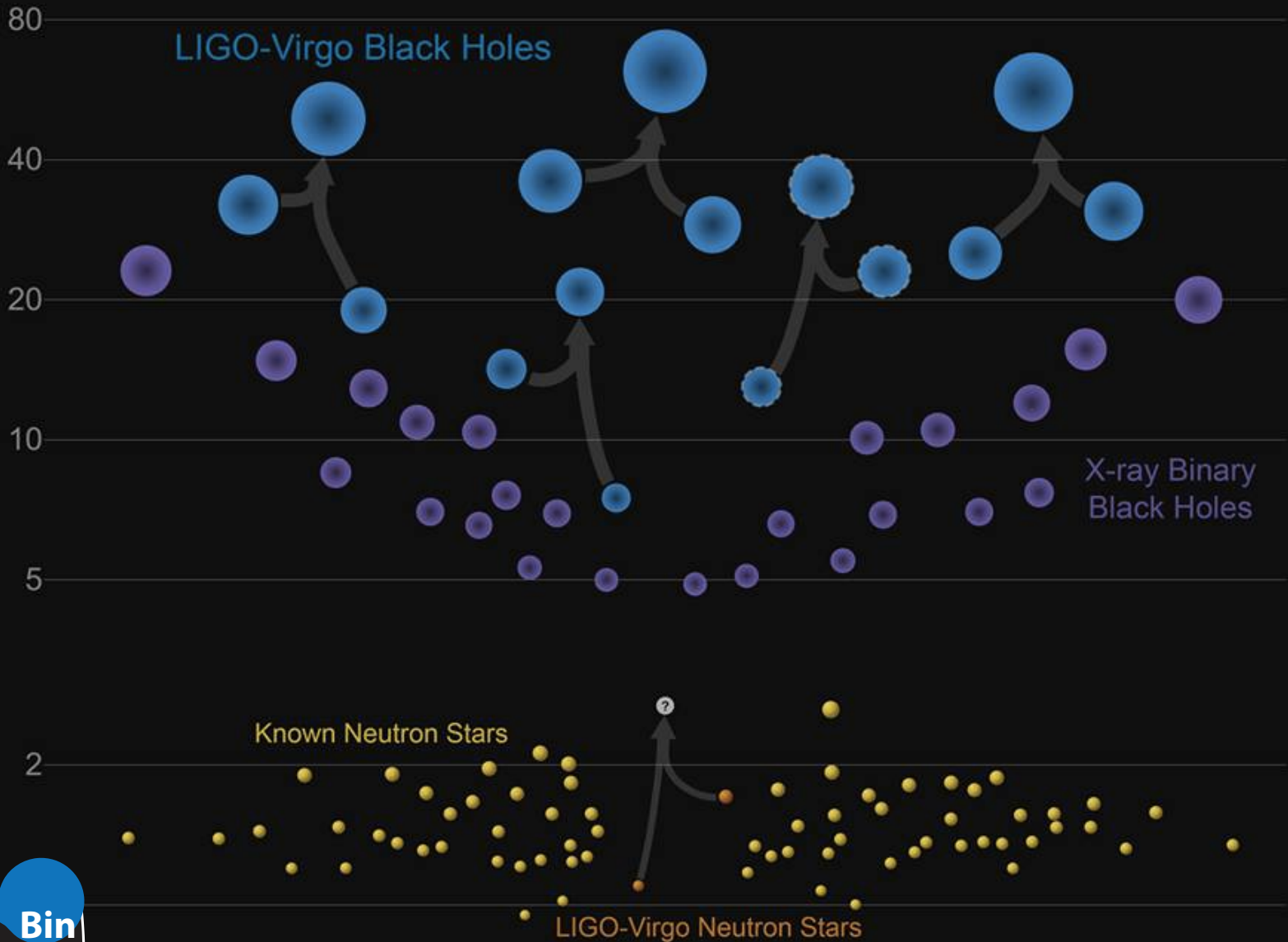
[www.eso.org](http://www.eso.org)



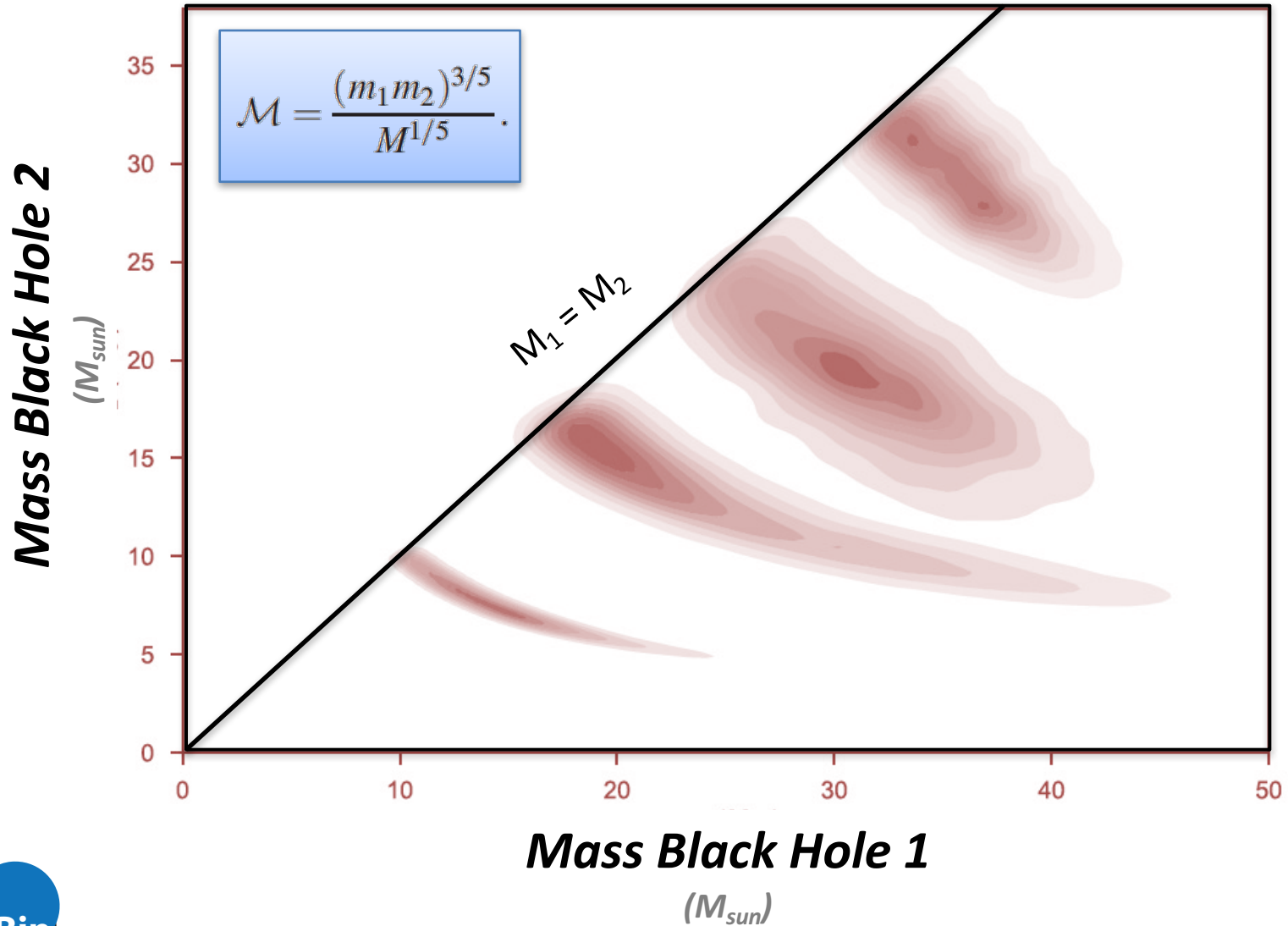
***Part 2***  
***Gravitational Wave Progenitors***



# Stellar Graveyard

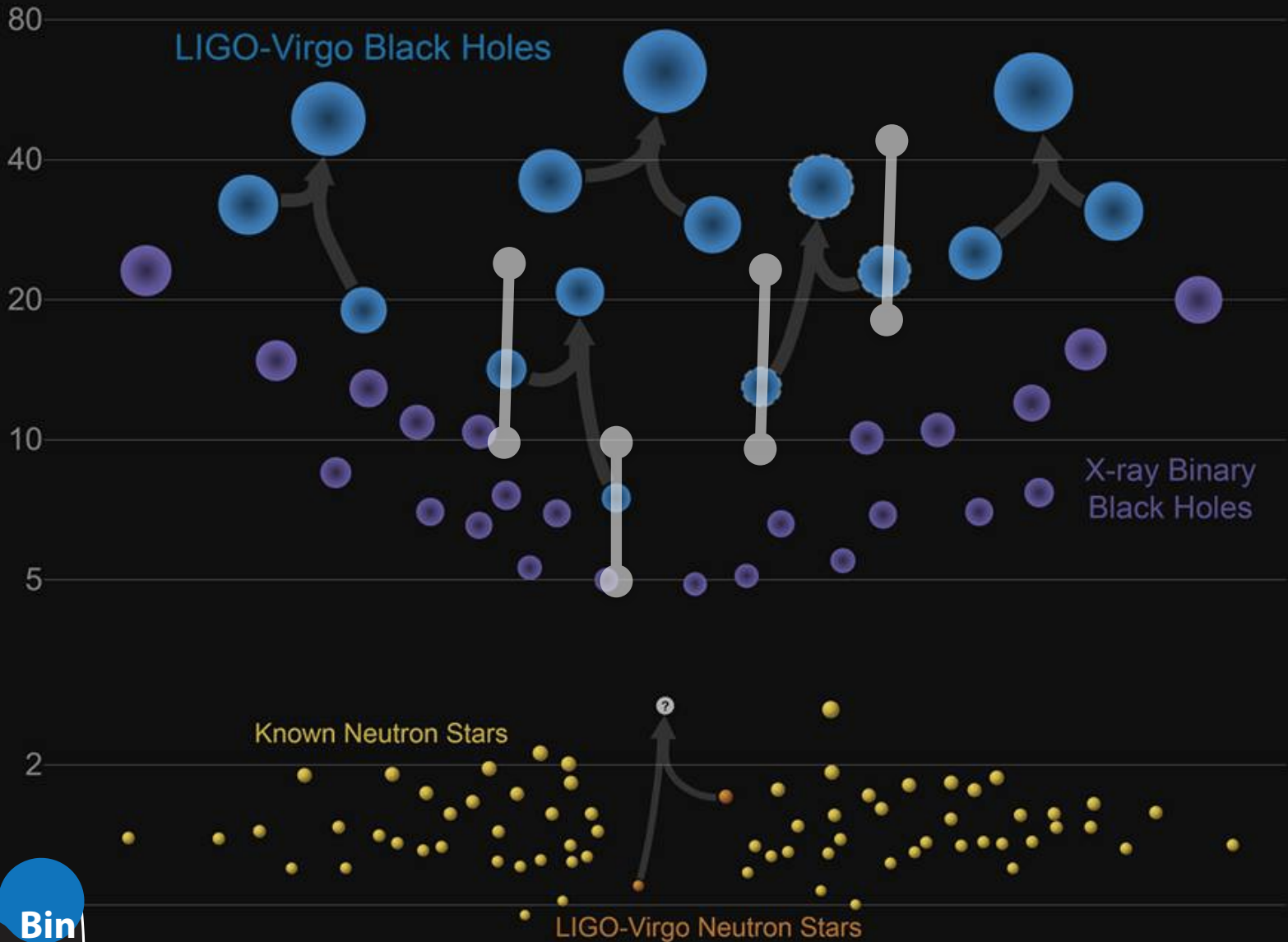


# Errors bars large and correlated

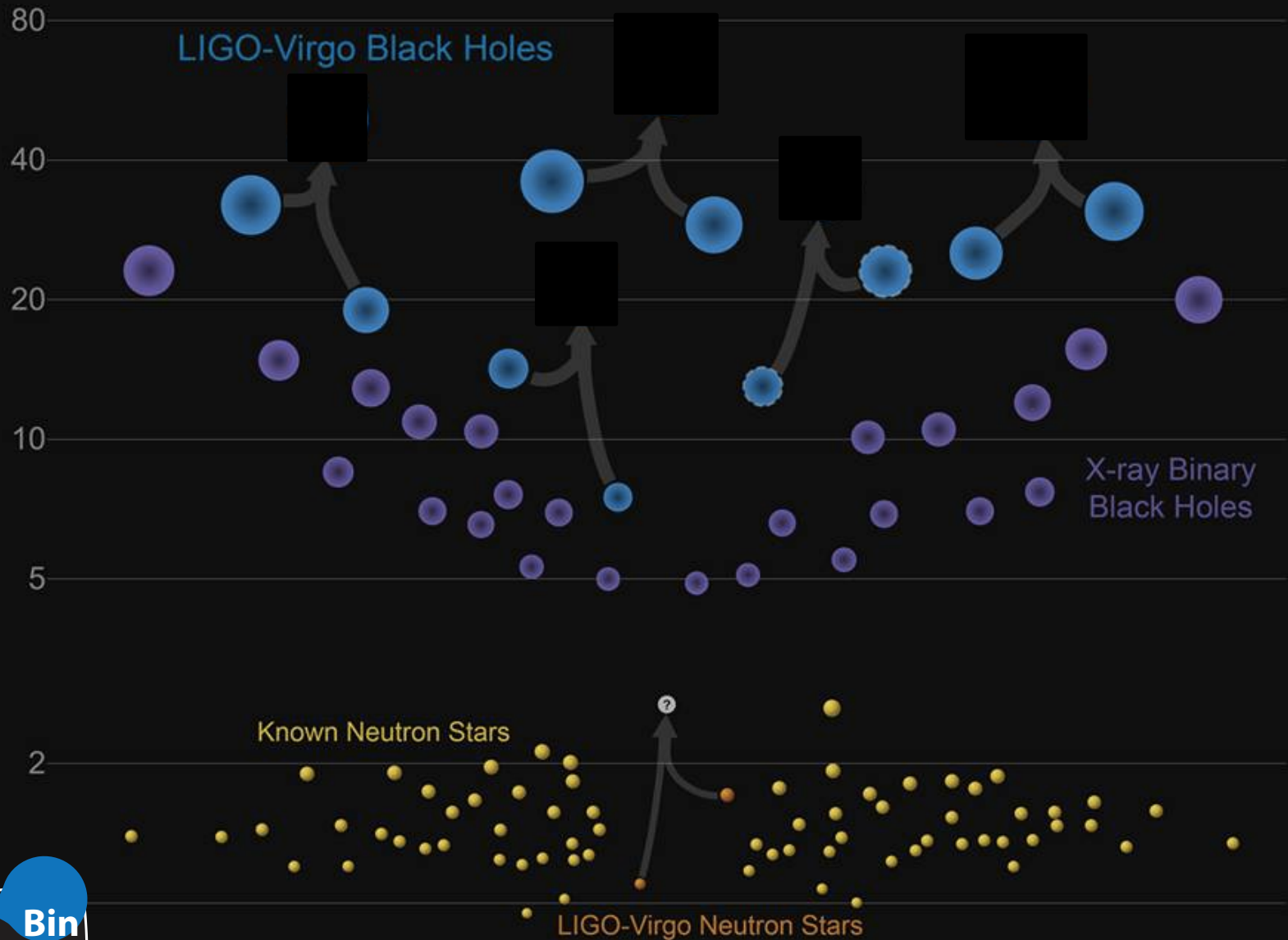




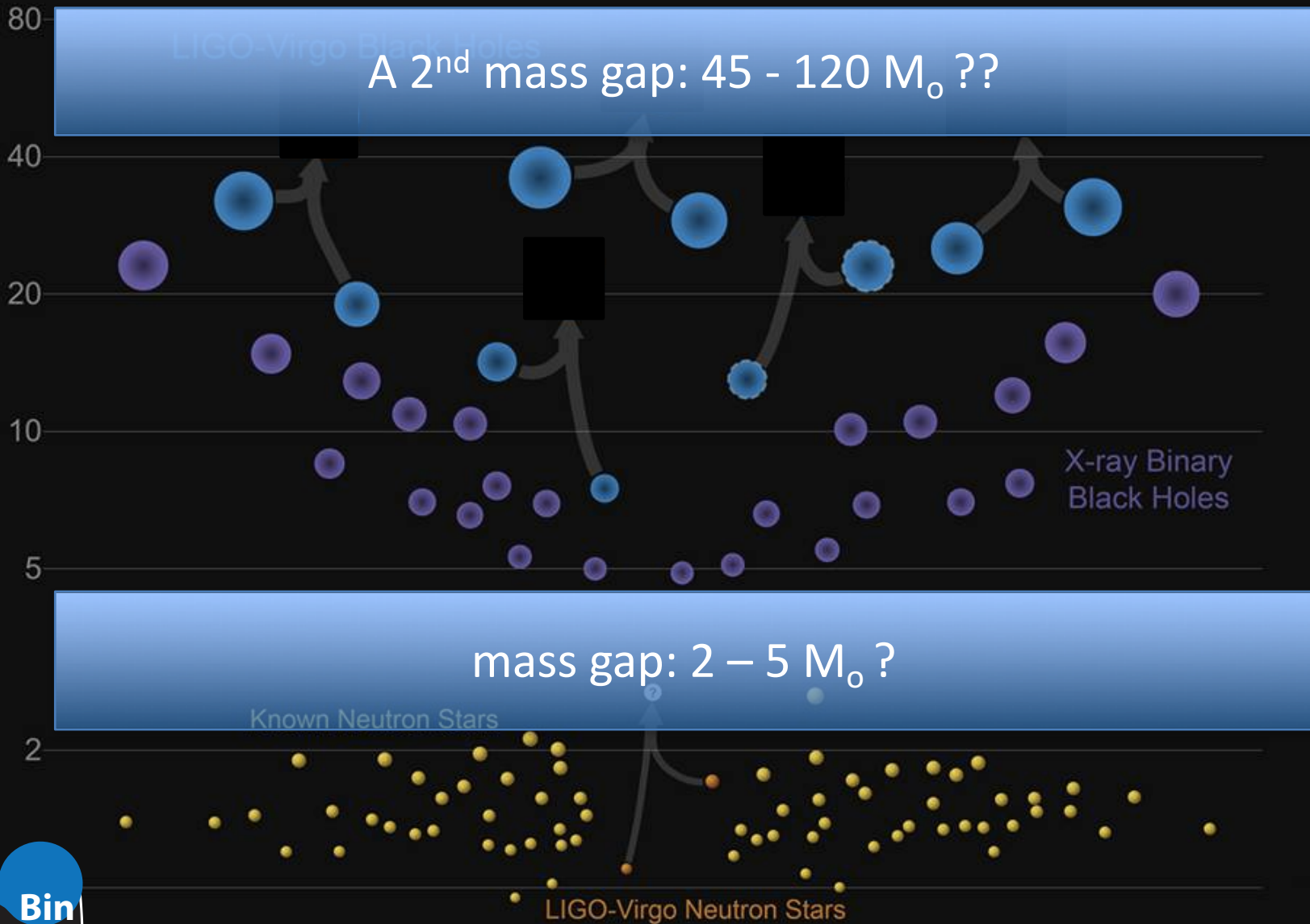
# Stellar Graveyard



# Real Stellar Graveyard



# Stellar Graveyard





# Second Mass Gap

## 45 – 120 $M_{\odot}$

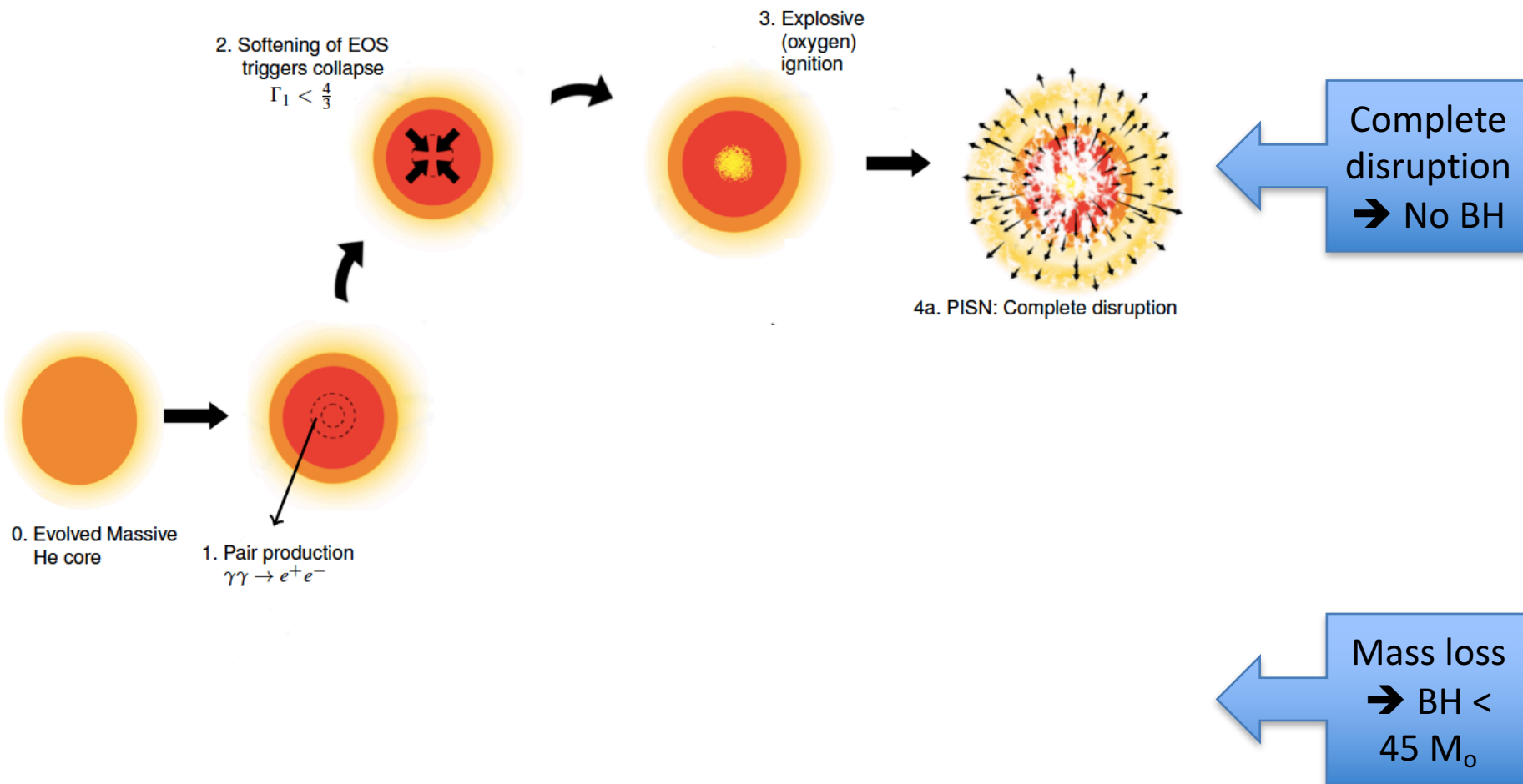


Mathieu Renzo

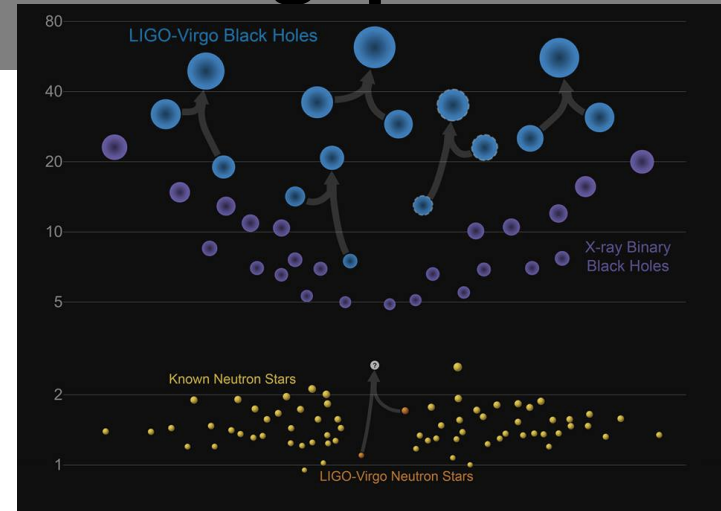
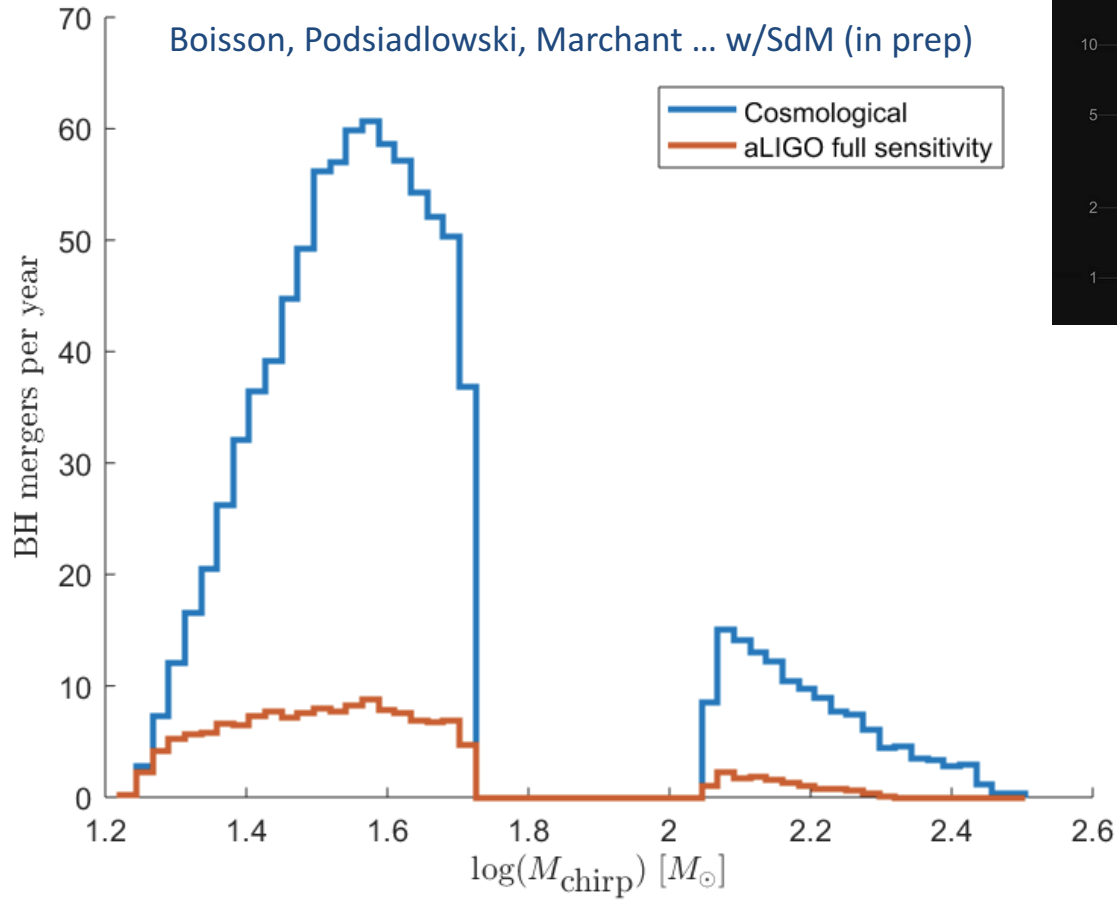


Rob Farmer

Renzo, Farmer, de Mink + in prep.



# Can we detect BHs above the gap?



A white silhouette of a couple dancing is positioned on the left side of the slide. The man is on the left, and the woman is on the right, with her arms raised and hair flowing. The background is a solid light gray.

***Part 3***  
***Formation channels for compact  
binaries***





# Why is it so hard to form a tight binary BH/NS



1. *“Separation Challenge”*

2. *“Mass Challenge”*

# Separation

## 1. "Separation Challenge"

*How to get Black holes close enough  
to coalesce in a Hubble time?*

$10 R$



## 2. "Mass Challenge"

*How to avoid  
excessive Mass loss?*



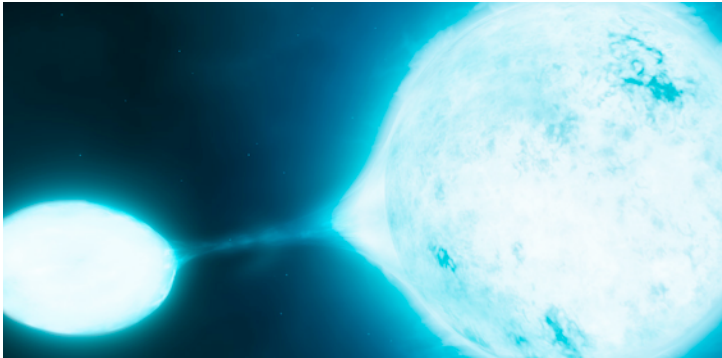
## ***Formation Channels***



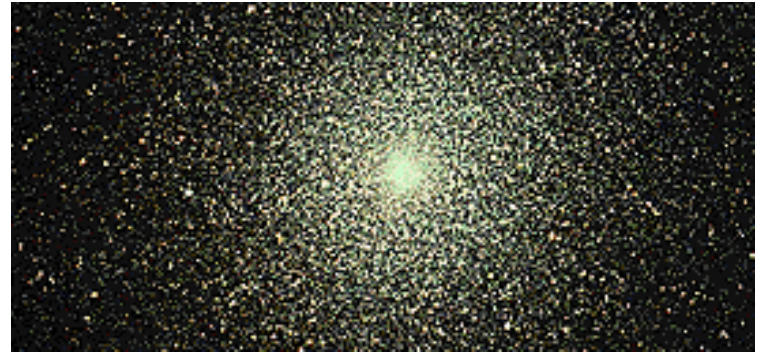


# Formation Channels

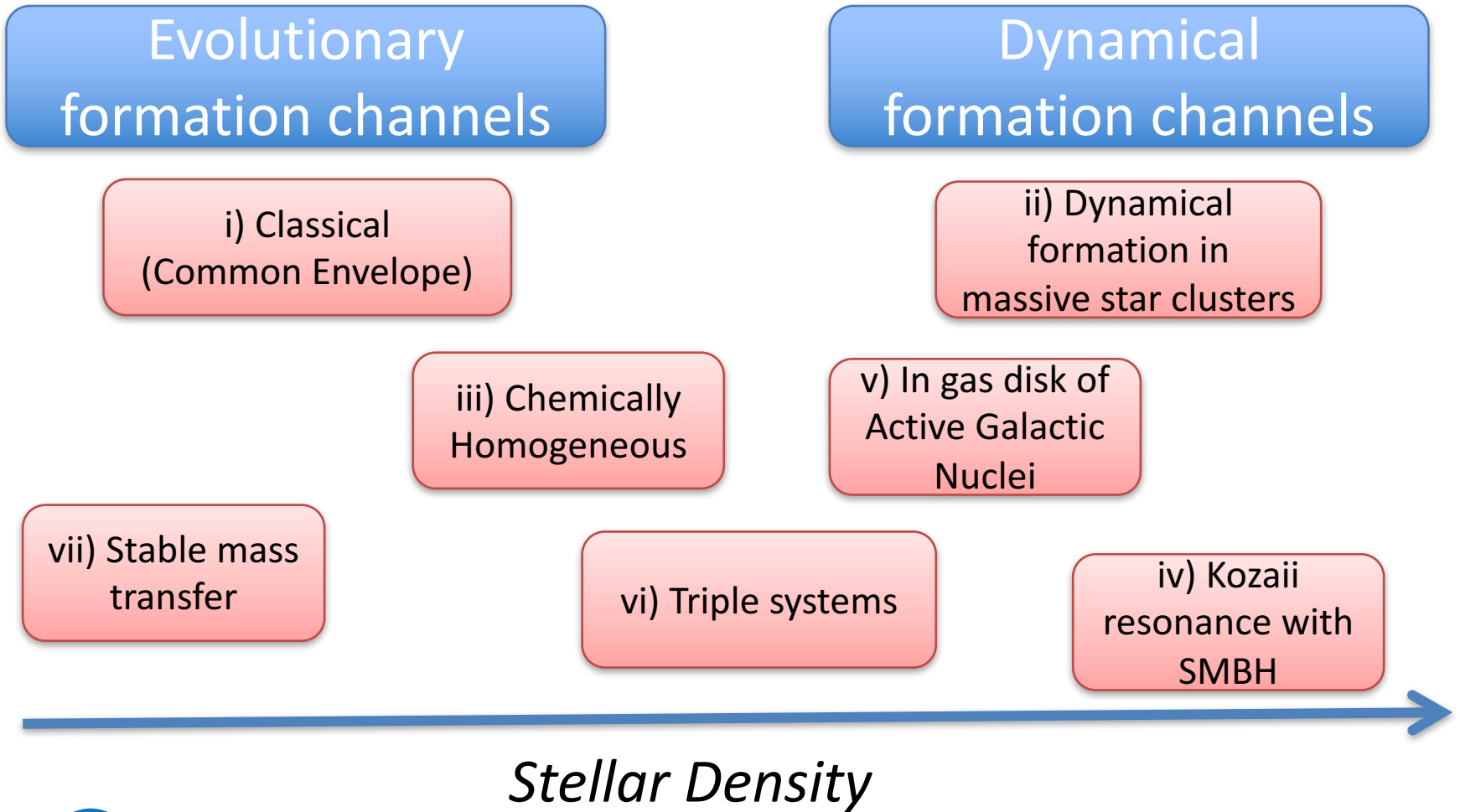
## 1. Evolutionary Channels



## 2. Dynamical Channels



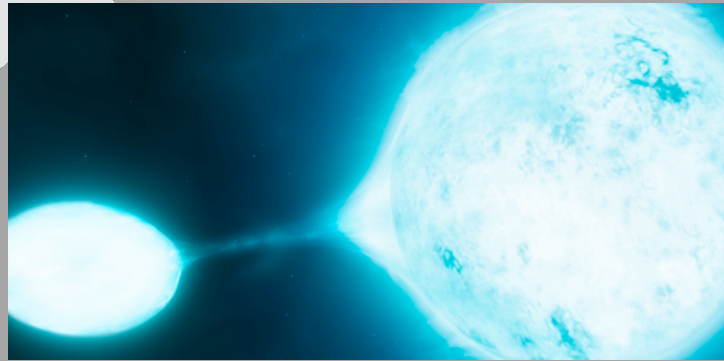
# No lack of ideas



In prep. for Annual Review in Astronomy & Astrophysics (De Mink & Antonini)

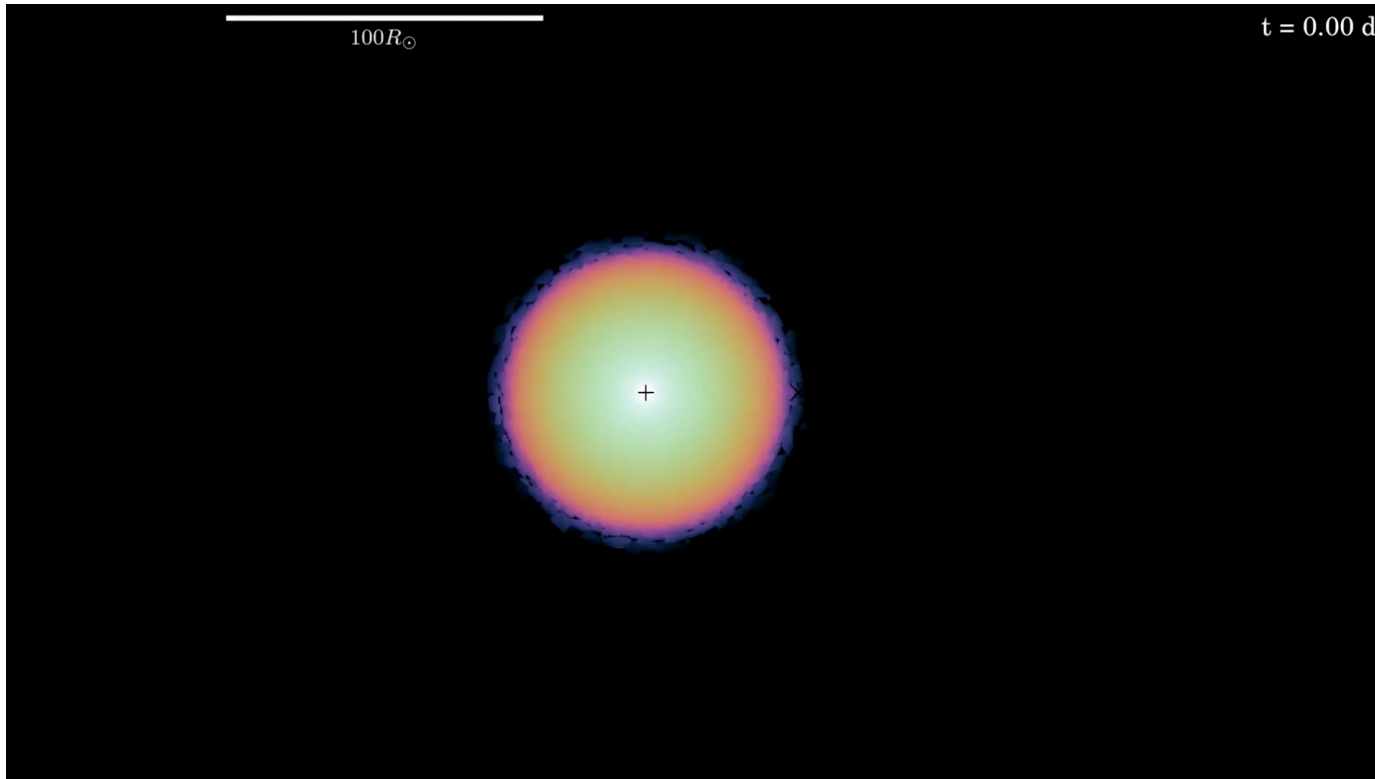


***Formation Channels***  
***1) Classic Common Envelope Channel***





# I) Classical Evolutionary Channel: Common Envelope

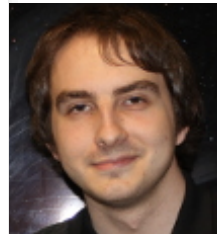
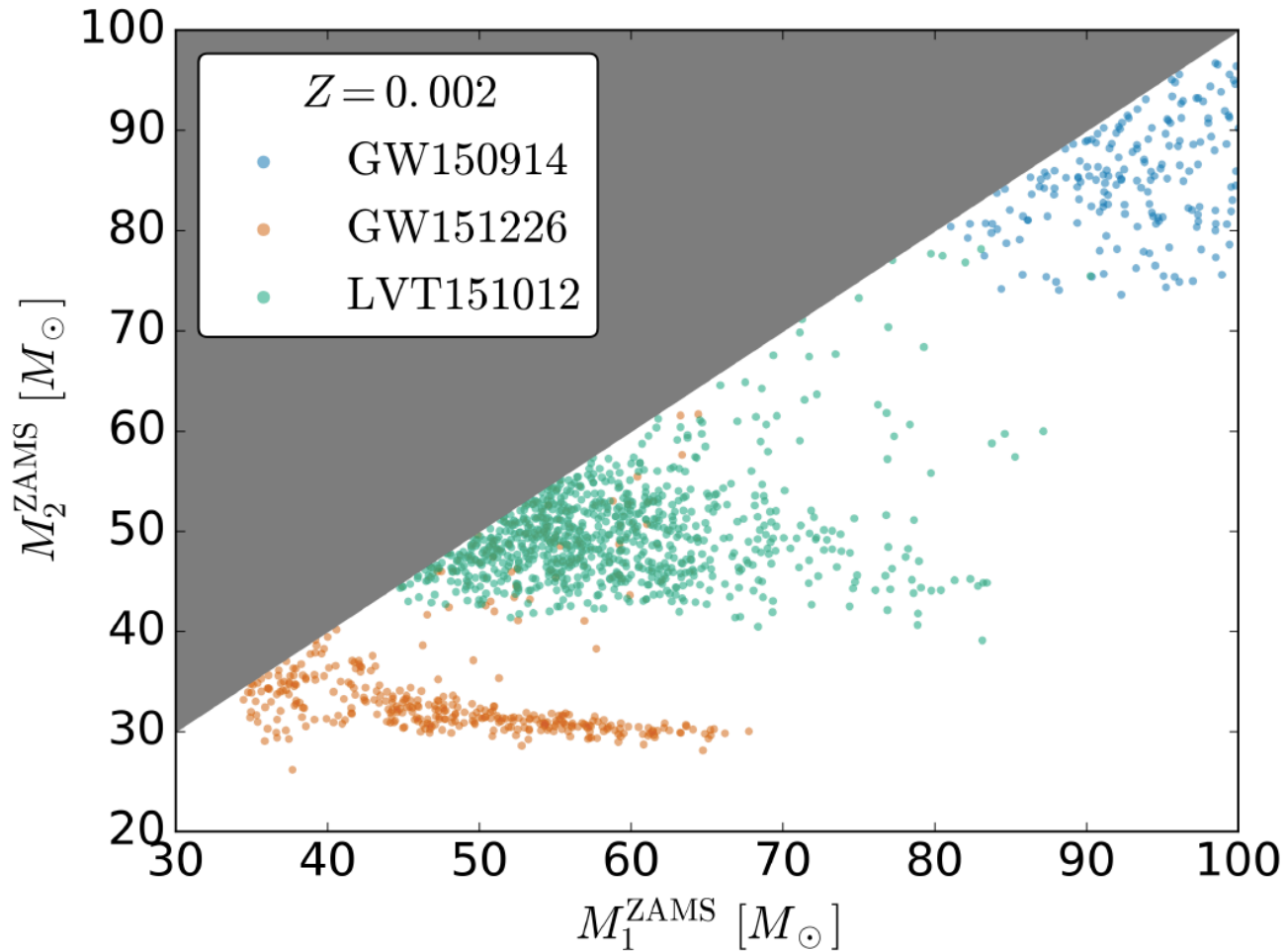


Tutukov & Yungelson 1973, 1993; Lipunov, Postnov & Prokhorov (1997), Bethe & Brown (1998), Bloom, Sigurdsson & Pols (1999), De Donder & Vanbeveren (2004), Grishchuk et al. (2001), Nelemans (2003), Voss & Tauris (2003), Pfahl, Podsiadlowski & Rappaport (2005), Dewi, Podsiadlowski & Sena (2006), Kalogera et al. 2007; O'Shaughnessy et al. (2008), Mennekens & Vanbeveren (2014), Dominik et al. (2015), de Mink & Belczynski (2015), Belczynski et al. 2016, Stevenson et al. 2017, ..... More recent papers

# Can the classical channel explain all events?

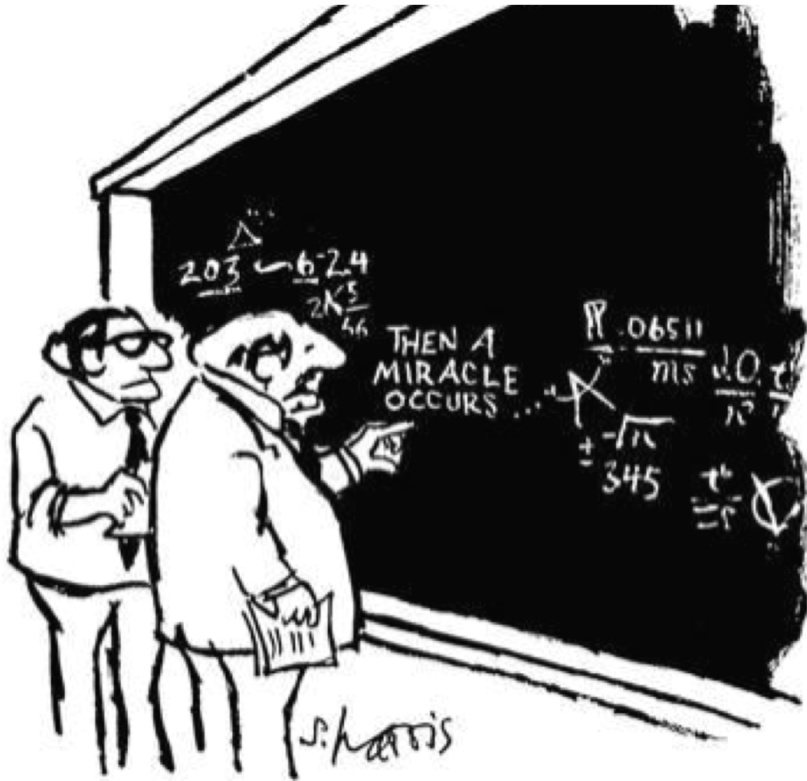
Yes, in principle.

Stevenson, Vigna-Gomez, Mandel, Perkins, Barrett, de Mink (Nature Com., 2017)

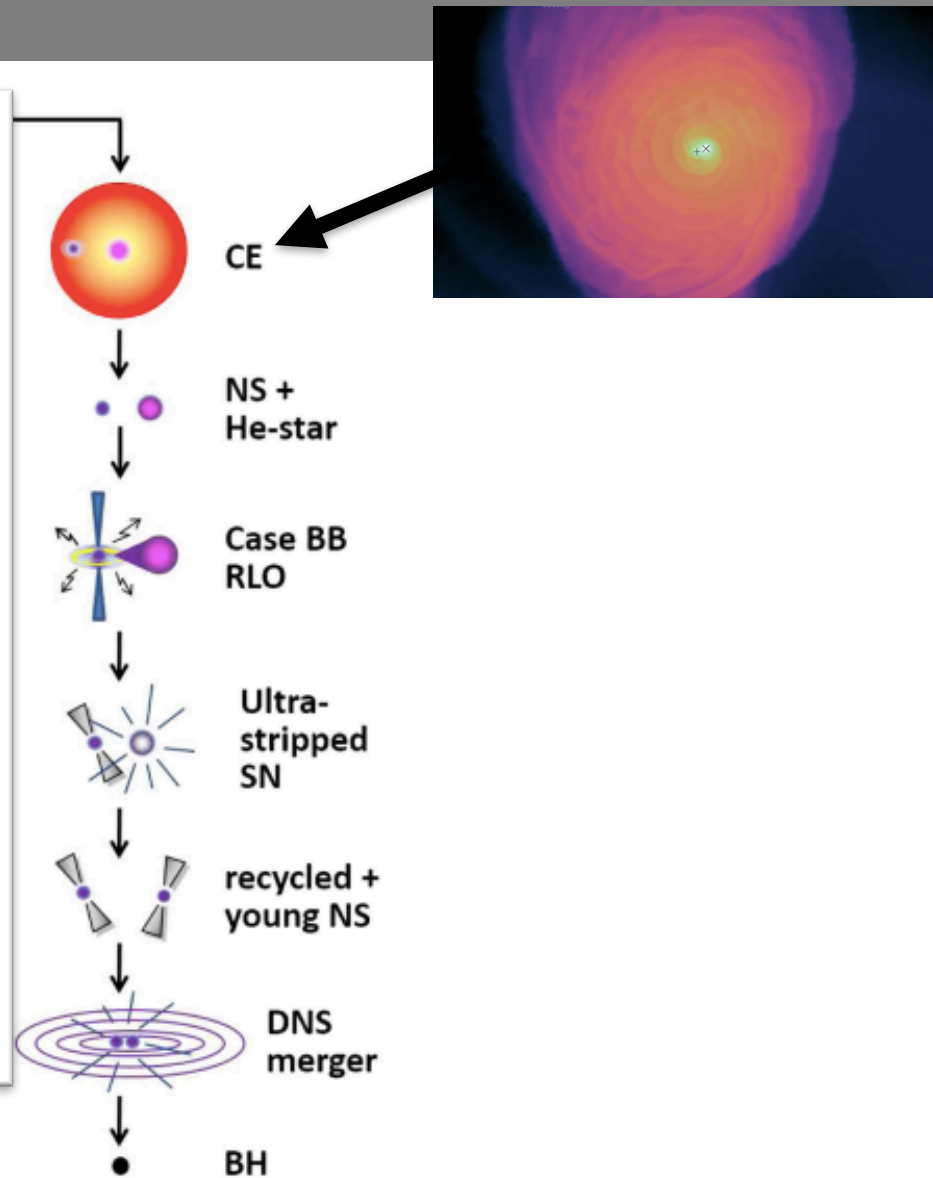


Simon Stevenson

# It's a little more complicated



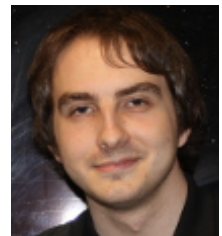
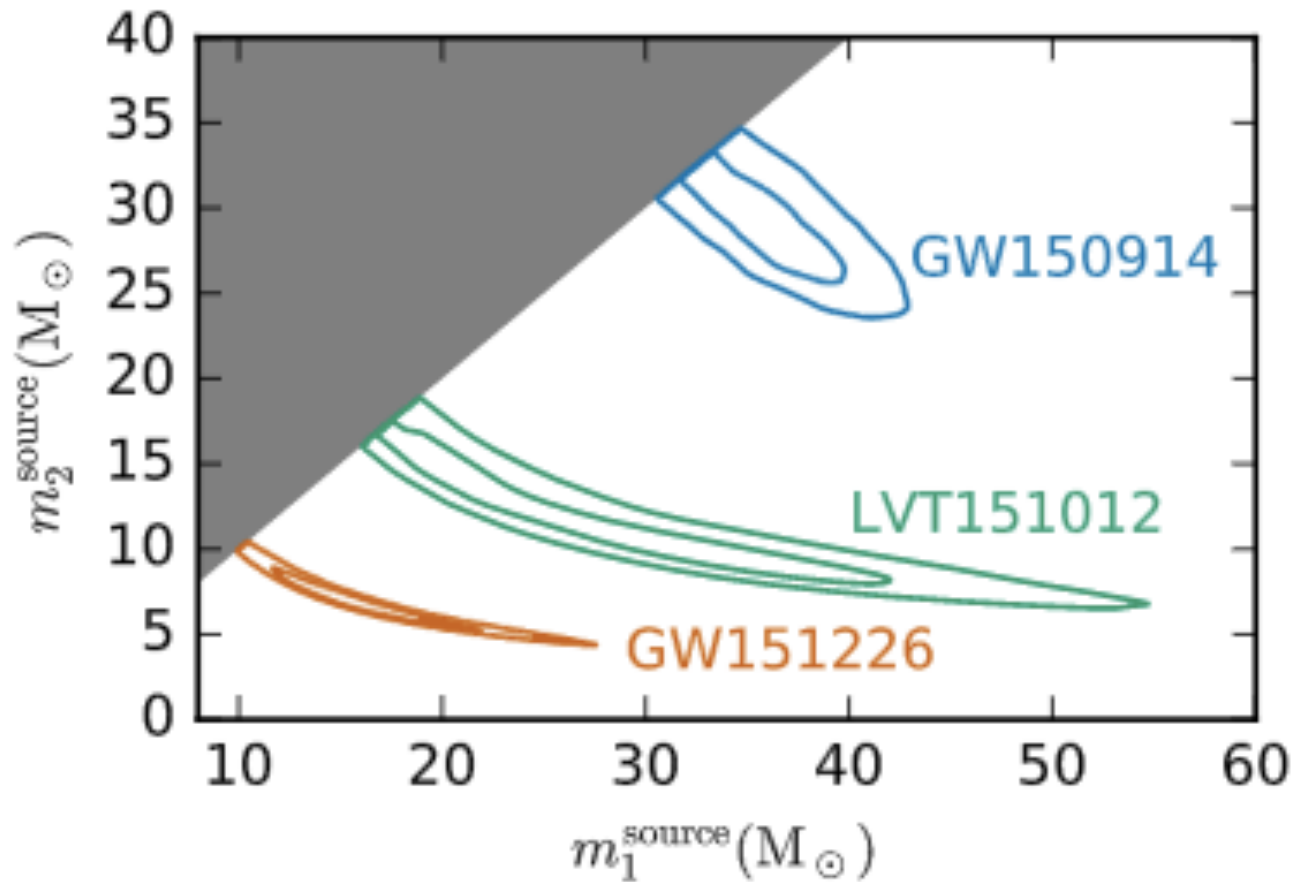
"I think you should be more explicit here in step two."





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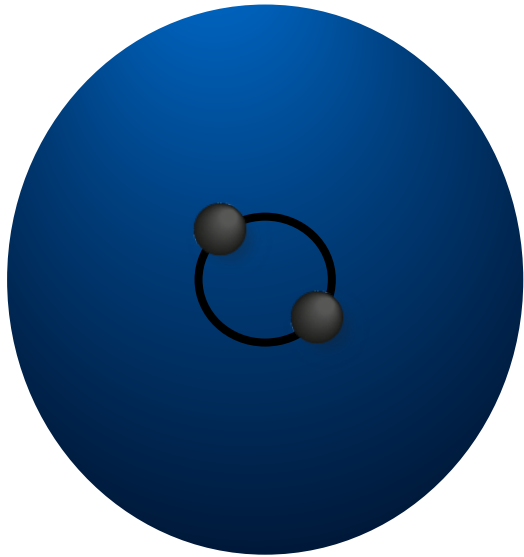


***Formation Channels***  
***2) Dynamical formation***



# II) Classical Dynamical Channel: Hardening in star clusters

Slides by Carl Rodriguez

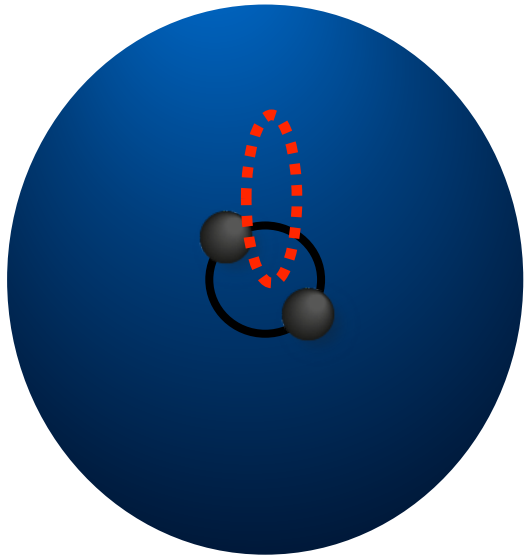


cf. Sigurdsson & Hernquist 1993; Portegies Zwart & McMillan 2000; Miller & Lauburg 2009; Rodriguez et al. 2015, 2016; Antonini et al. 2016, ...  
(incomplete)



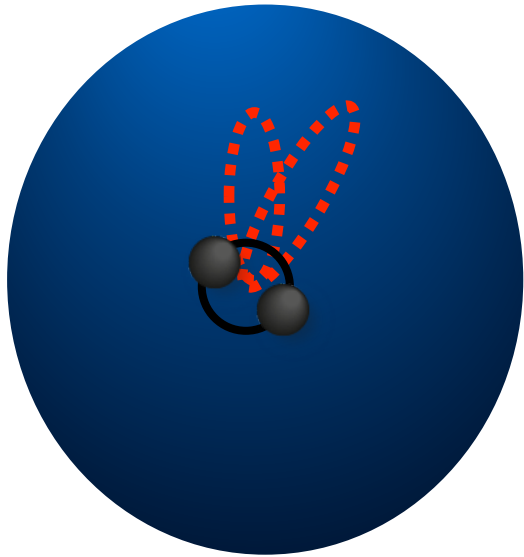
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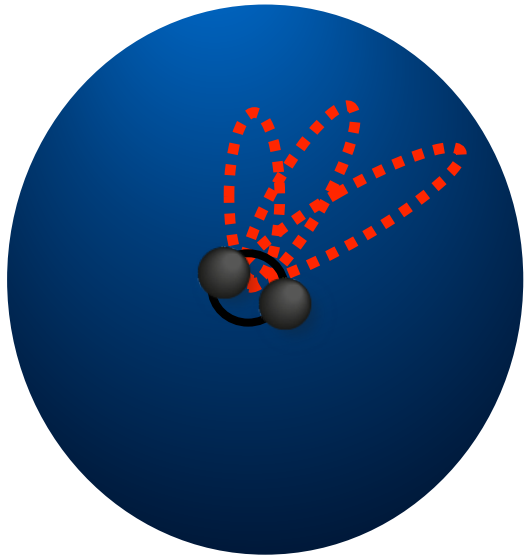
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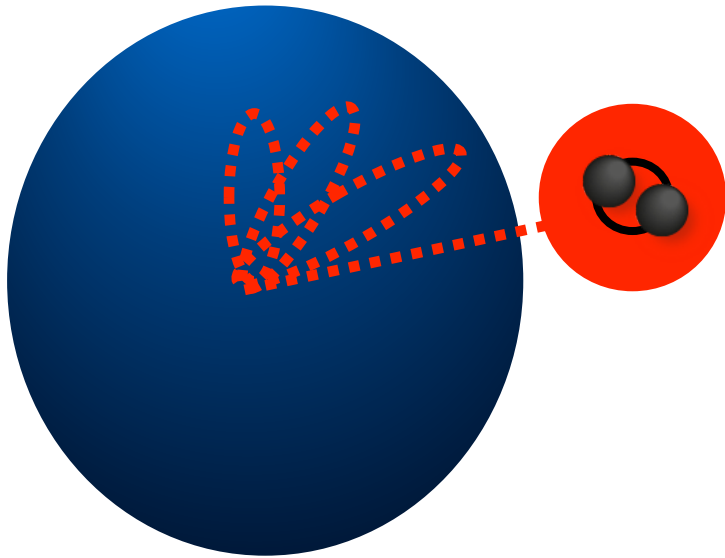
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# *Formation Channels*

## *2) Chemically homogeneous Channel*

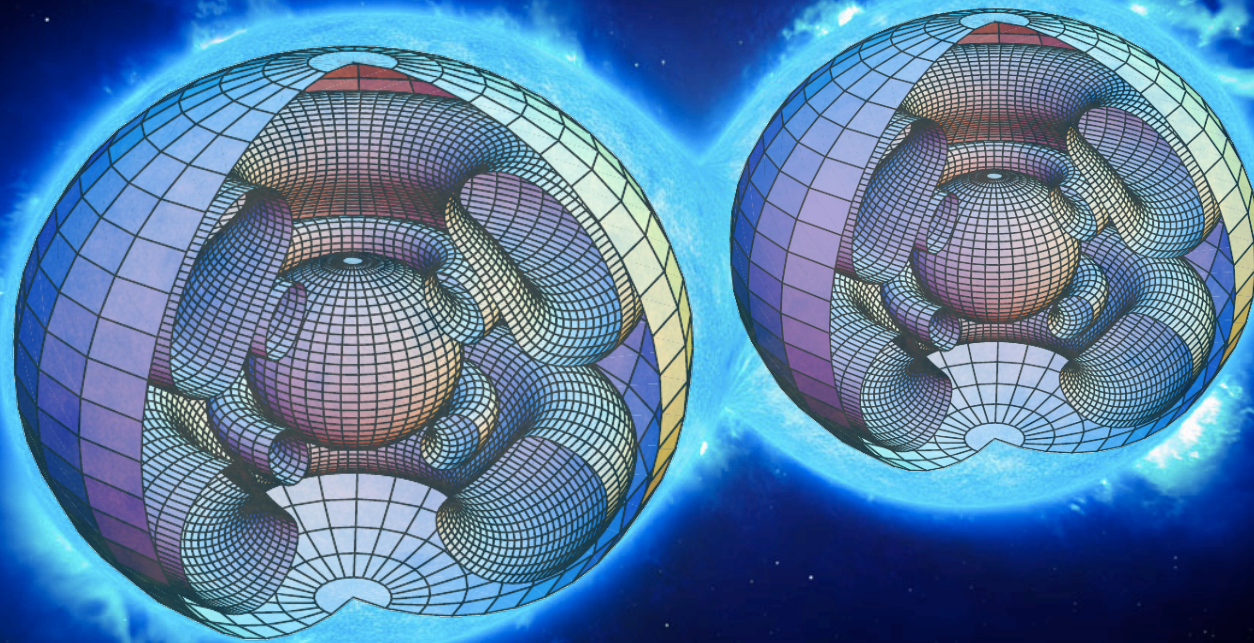
Other names: Case Mevolution, Tidal mixing channel,  
Massive Overcontact Binary (MOB) Channel

de Mink et al. (2008, 2009), Mandel & de Mink (2016), Song et al. (2016), Almeida et al. (2017),  
Marchant et al. (2016), de Mink & Mandel (2016), Marchant et al. (2017)



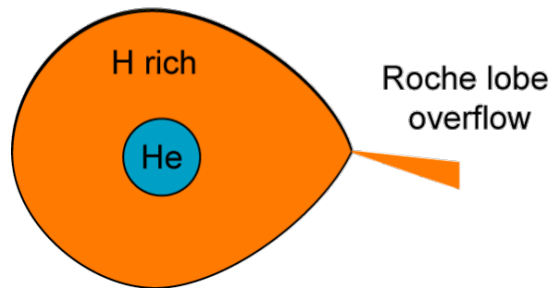
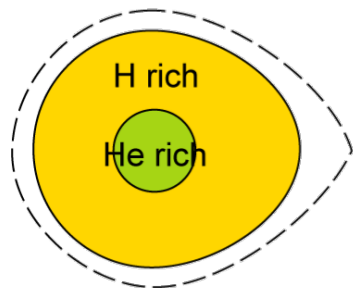
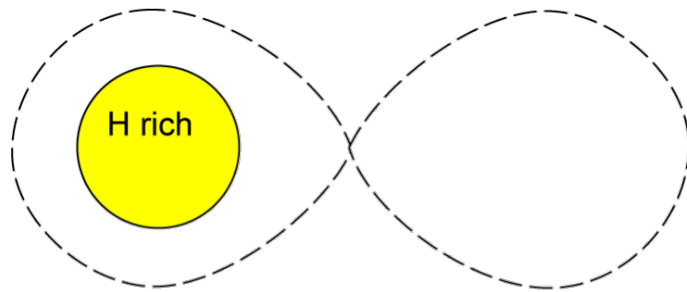
**Pablo  
Marchant**



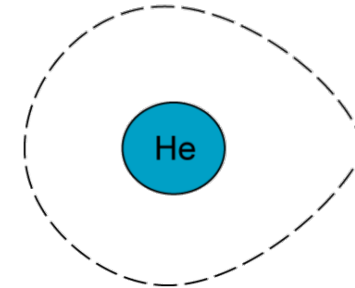
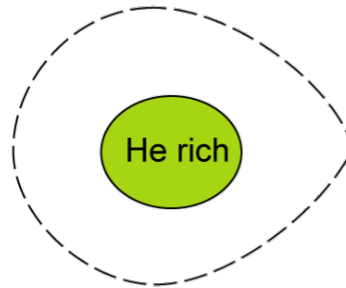
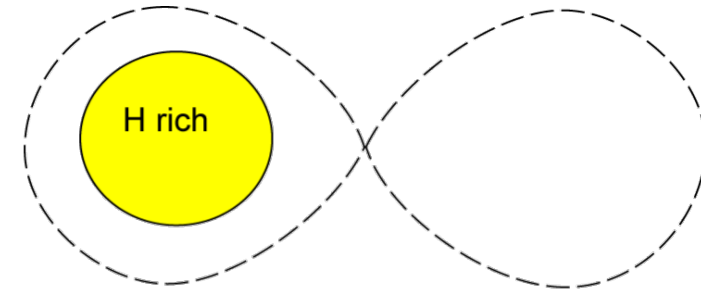


DeMink++08, 09,  
Mandel+deMink16, deMink+Mandel16  
Marchant+16,17

## Standard Evolution



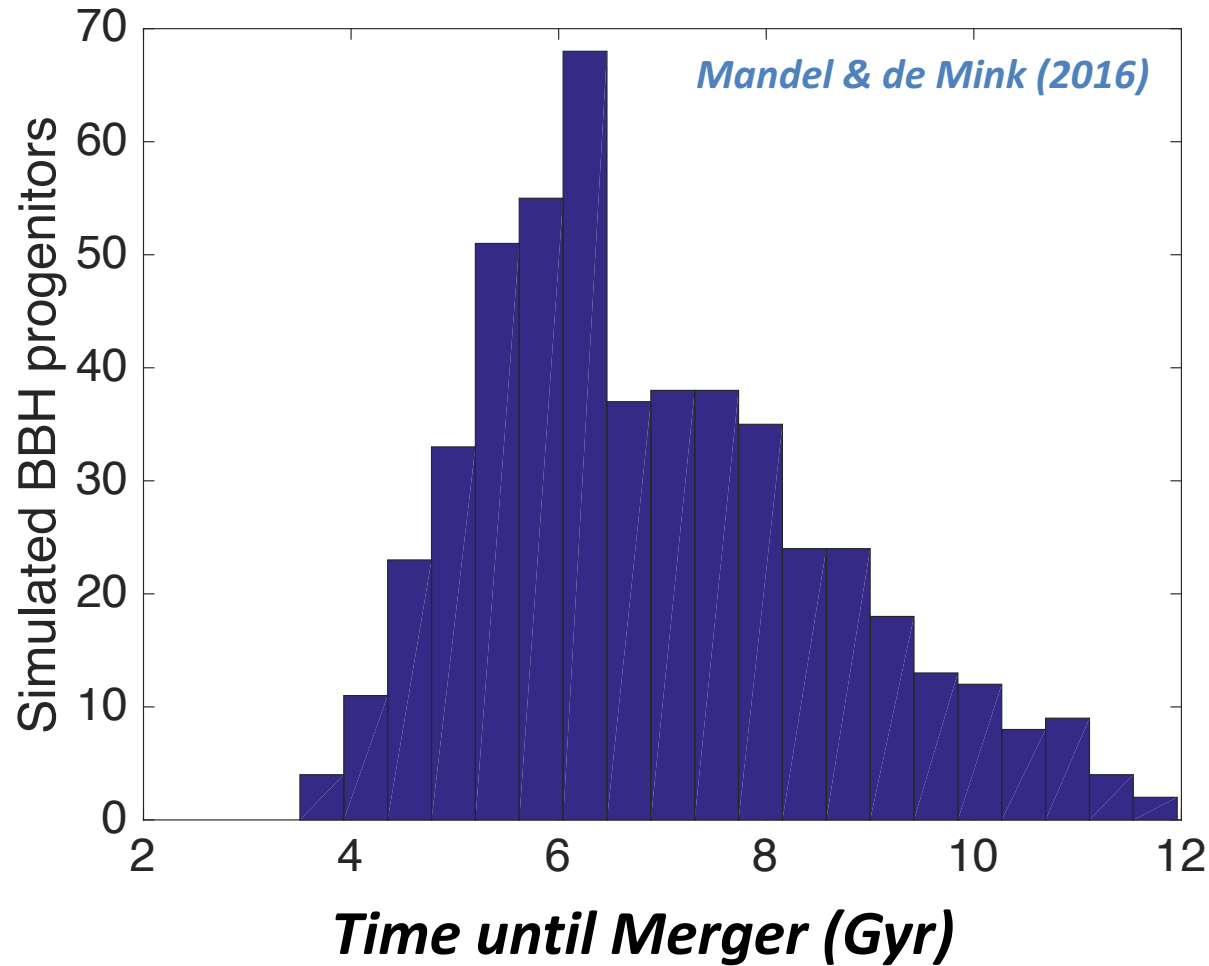
## Chemically Homogeneous



Time  
↓

# Do they merge within a Hubble time?

Yes.

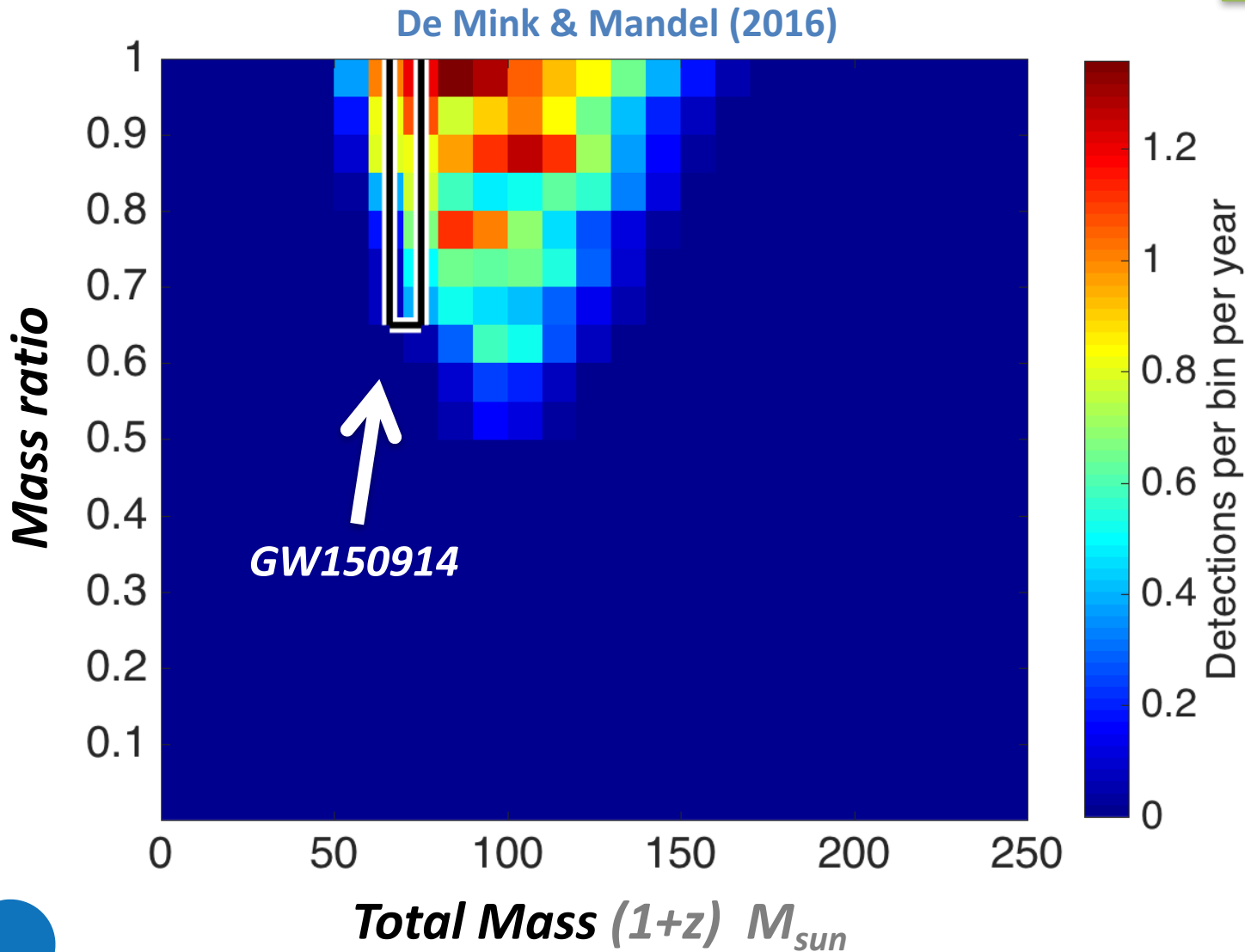


cf. de Mink & Mandel (2016)  
Marchant et al. (2016)



# Can it reproduce high masses?

Yes\*



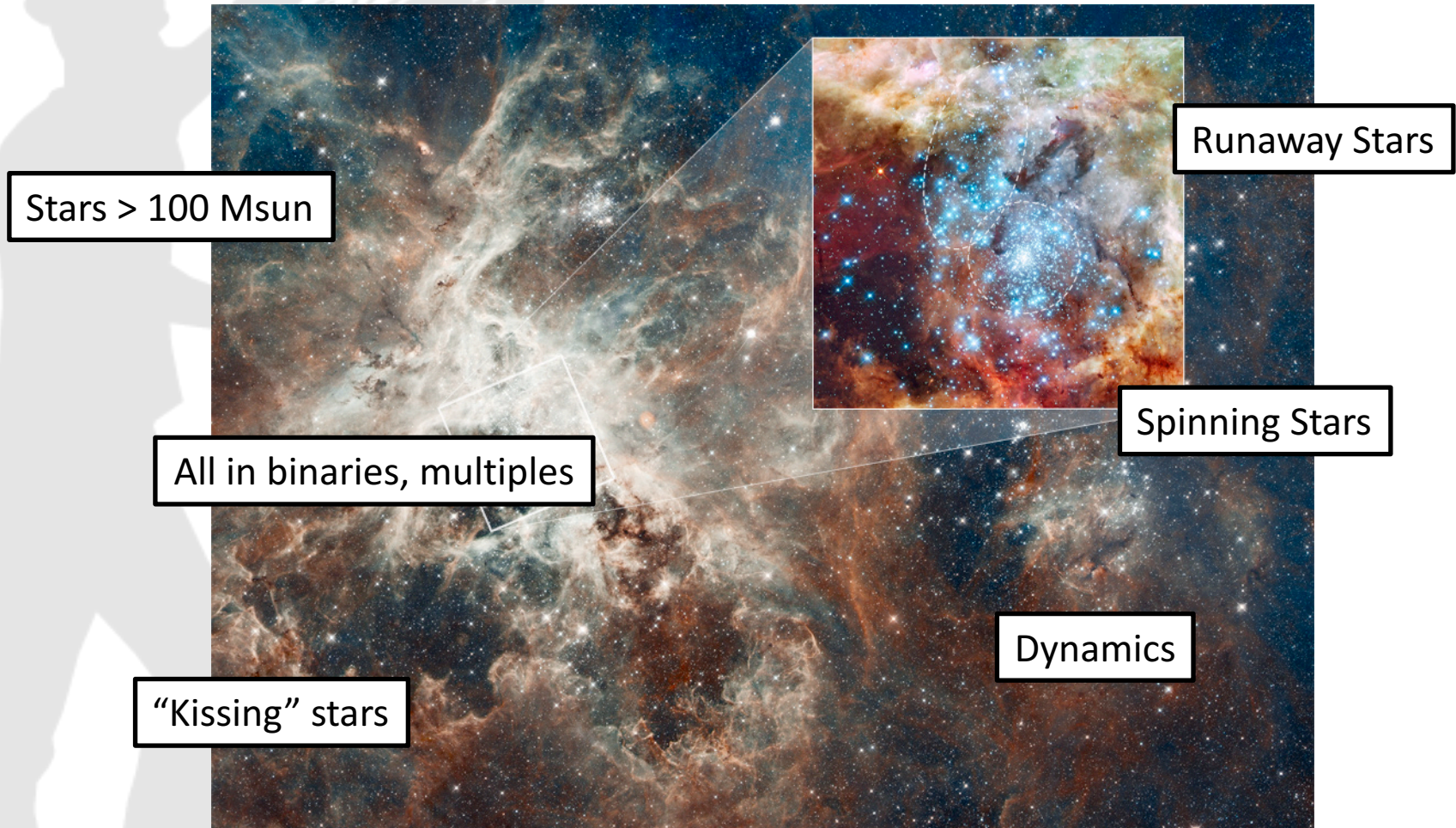


# *Conclusions*

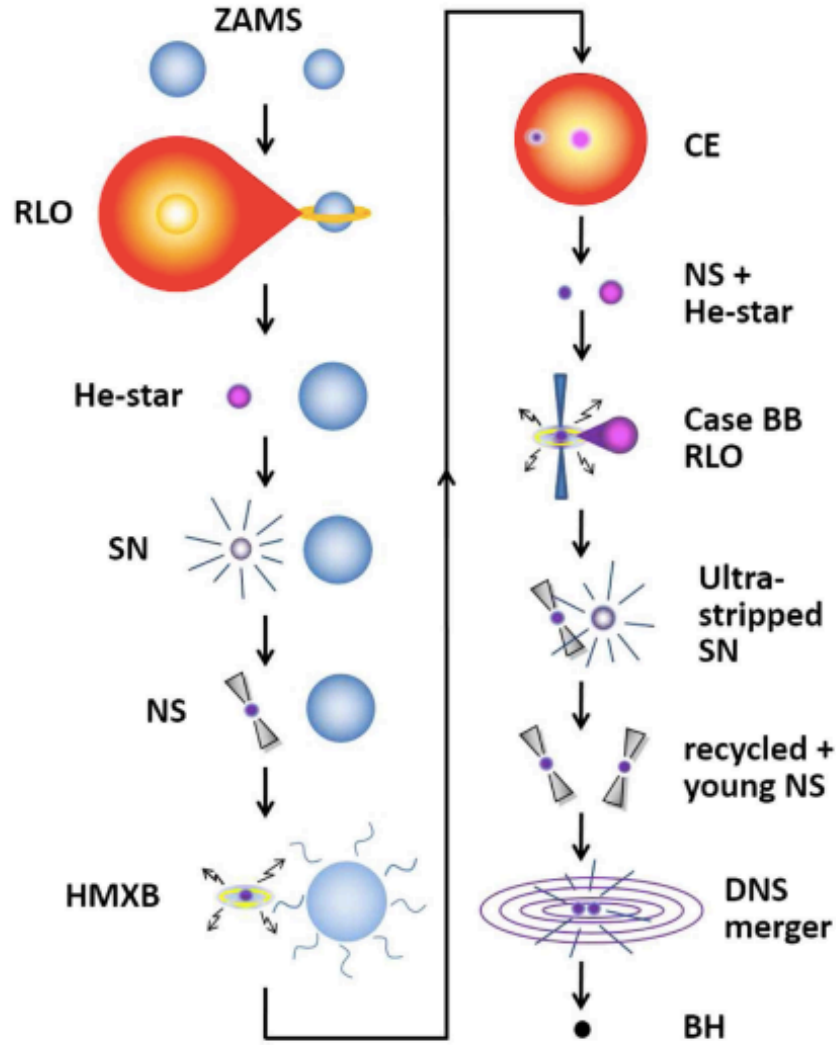
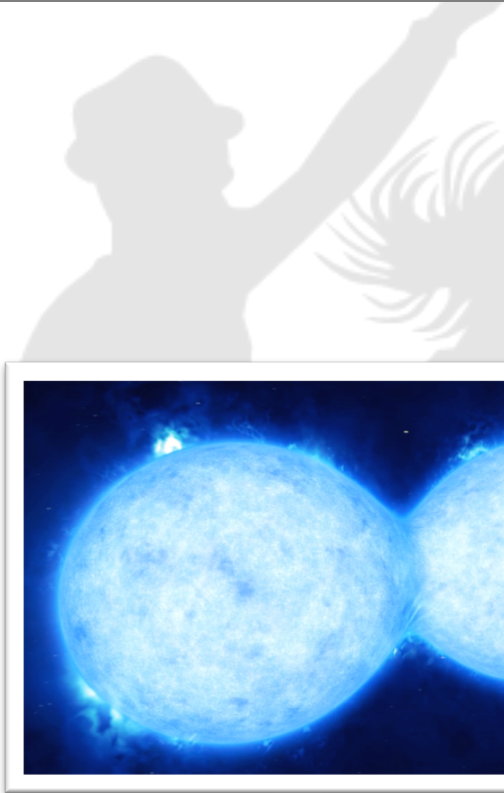


# Summary Part I

Quoting V.S.: “I used to think Stellar Evolution was a solved problem”



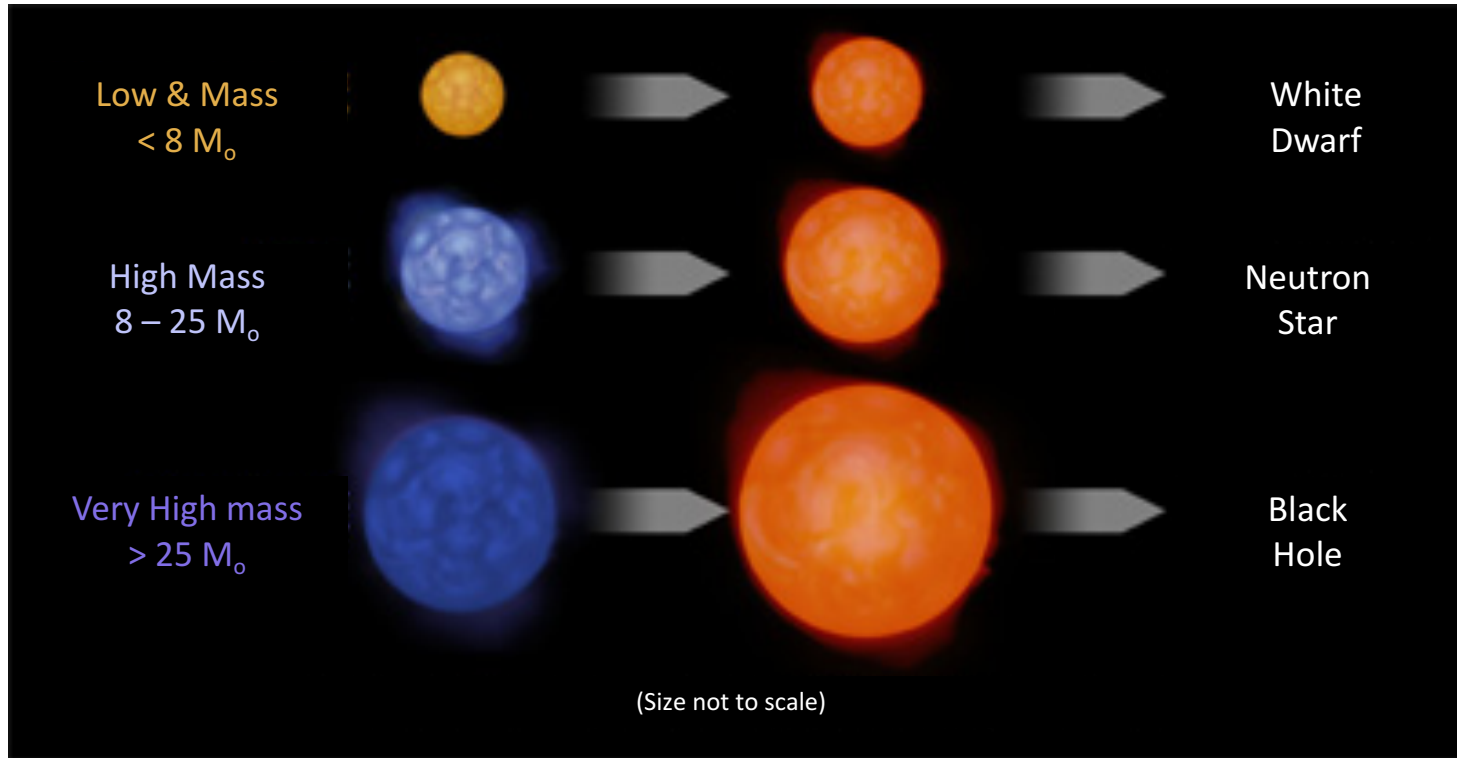
# Summary Part 2



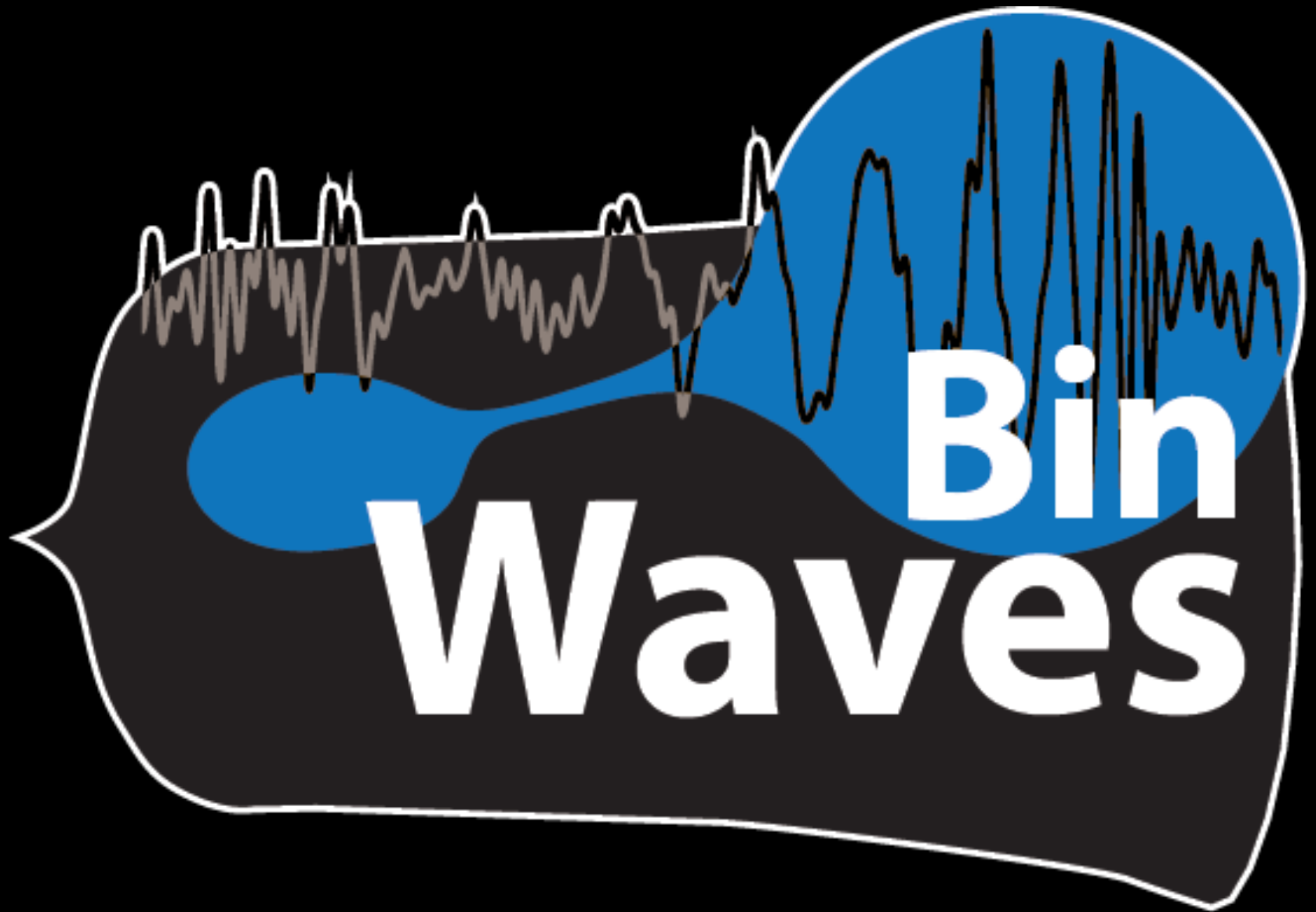


# If you take away one thing from this talk .. (NASA outreach material)

Forget about this ...



... much more interesting than you learned in school



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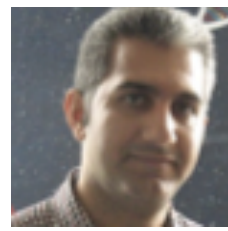
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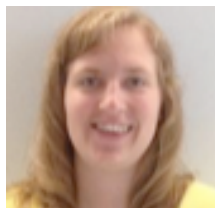
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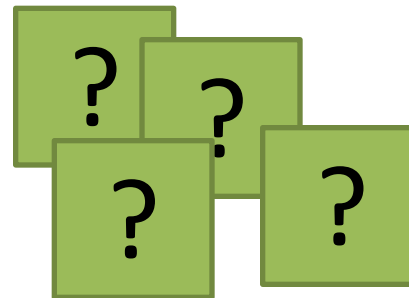
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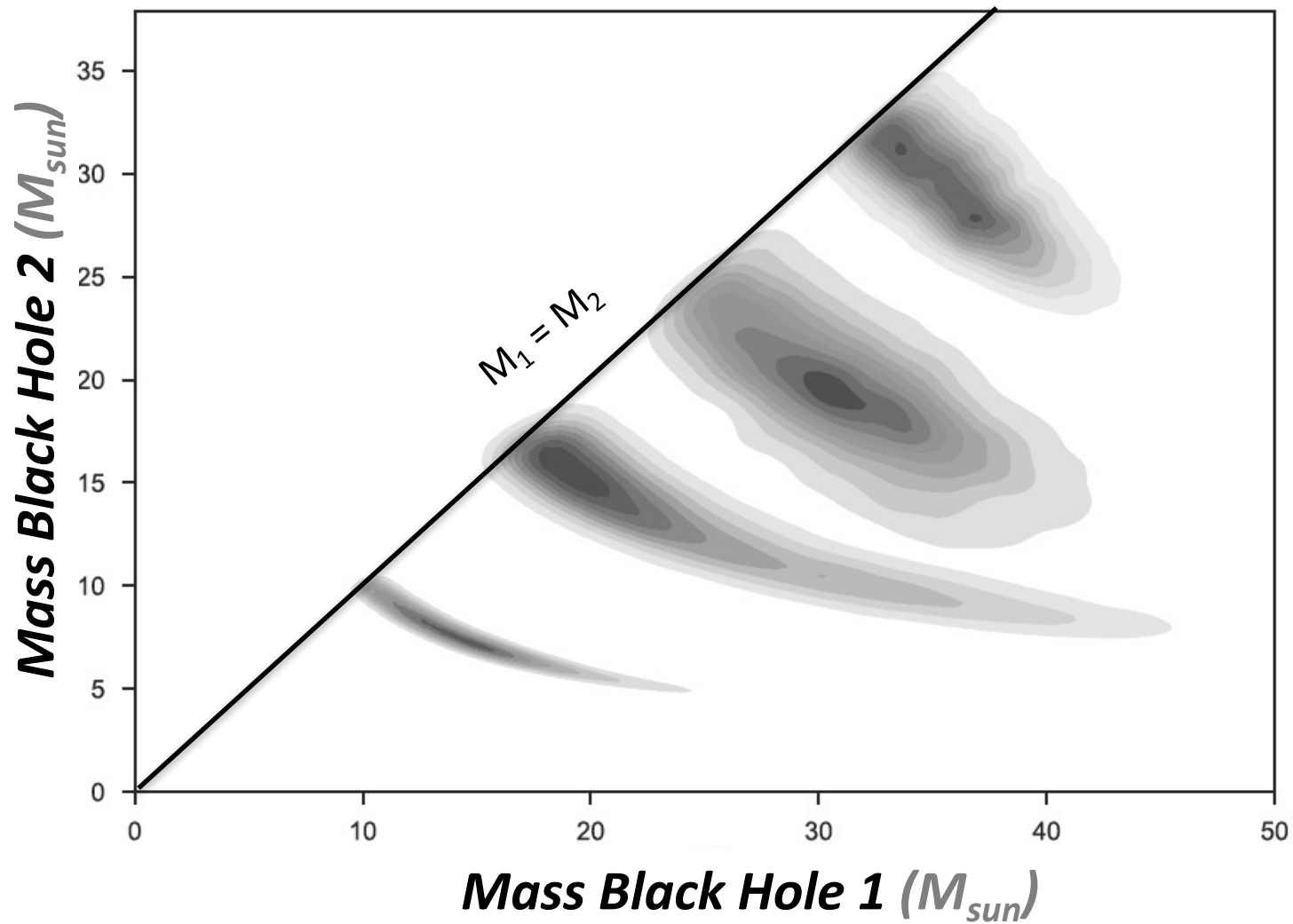


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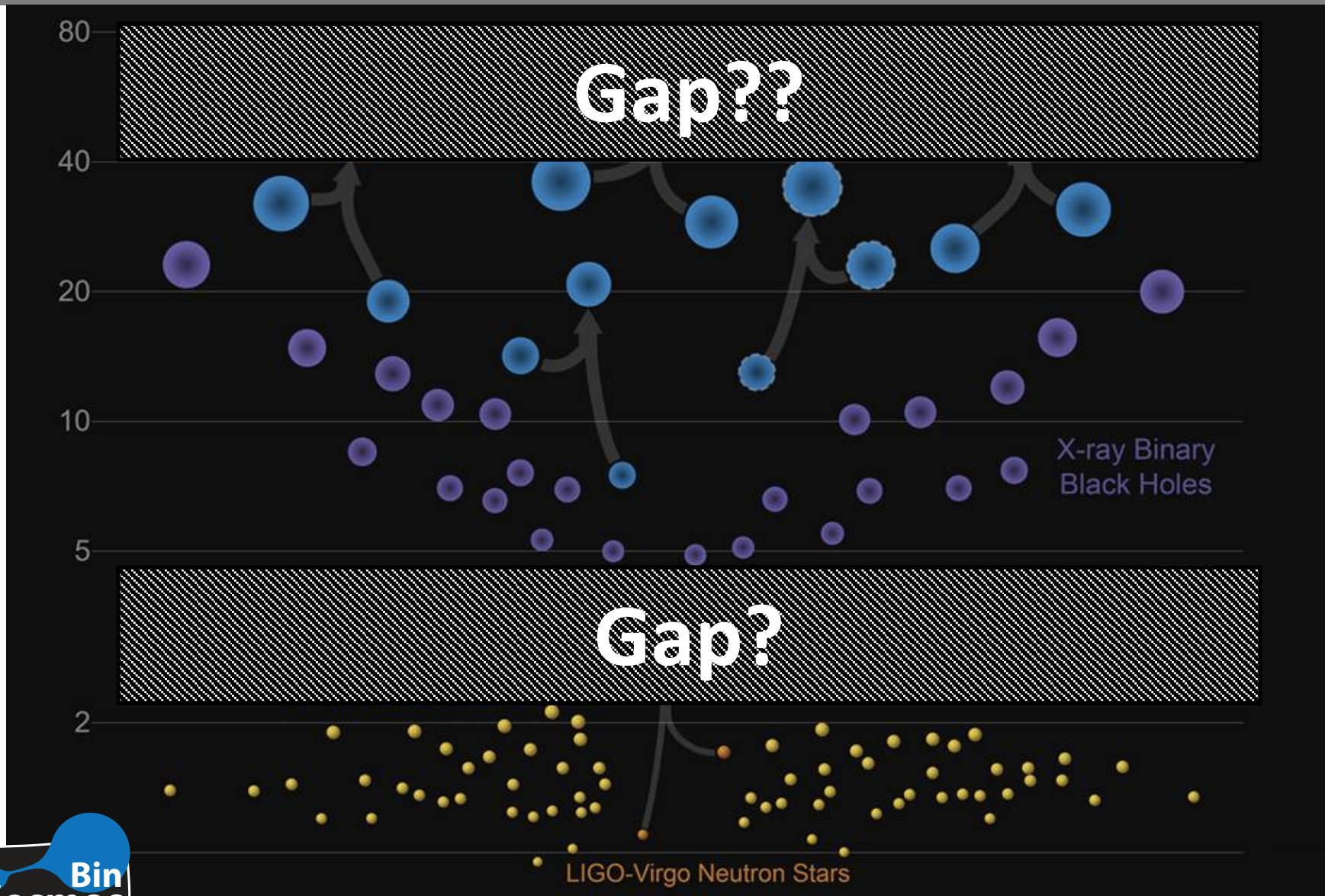








# “Stellar Graveyard” today

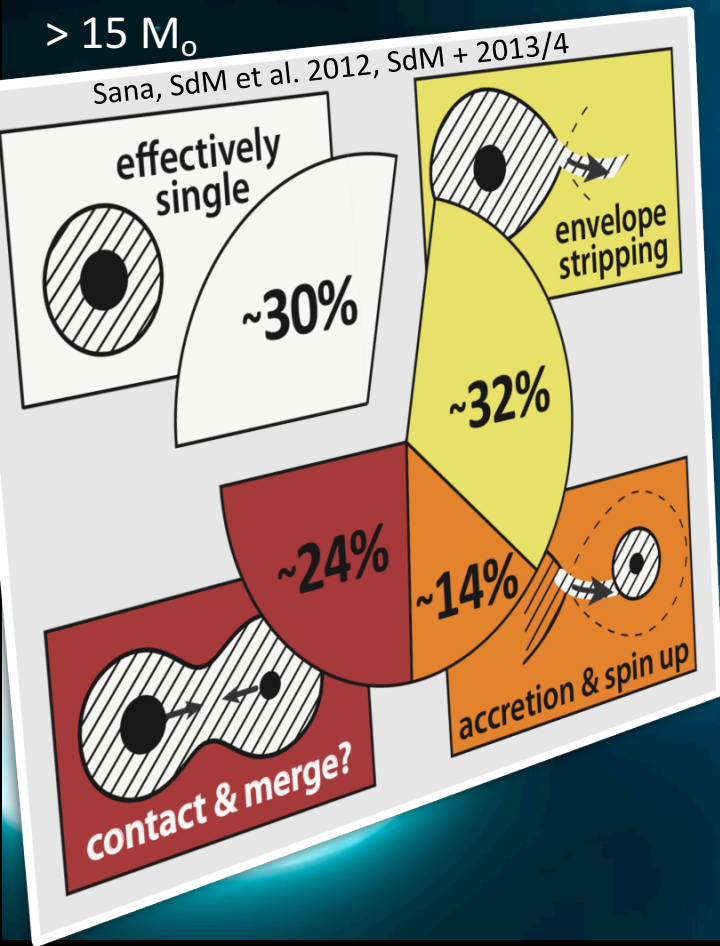


A white silhouette of a couple embracing is positioned on the left side of the slide. The top part shows a woman's head and arms as she leans into a man's embrace. The bottom part shows the man's torso and arms as he holds her. The background is a solid light gray.

**How do we know?**



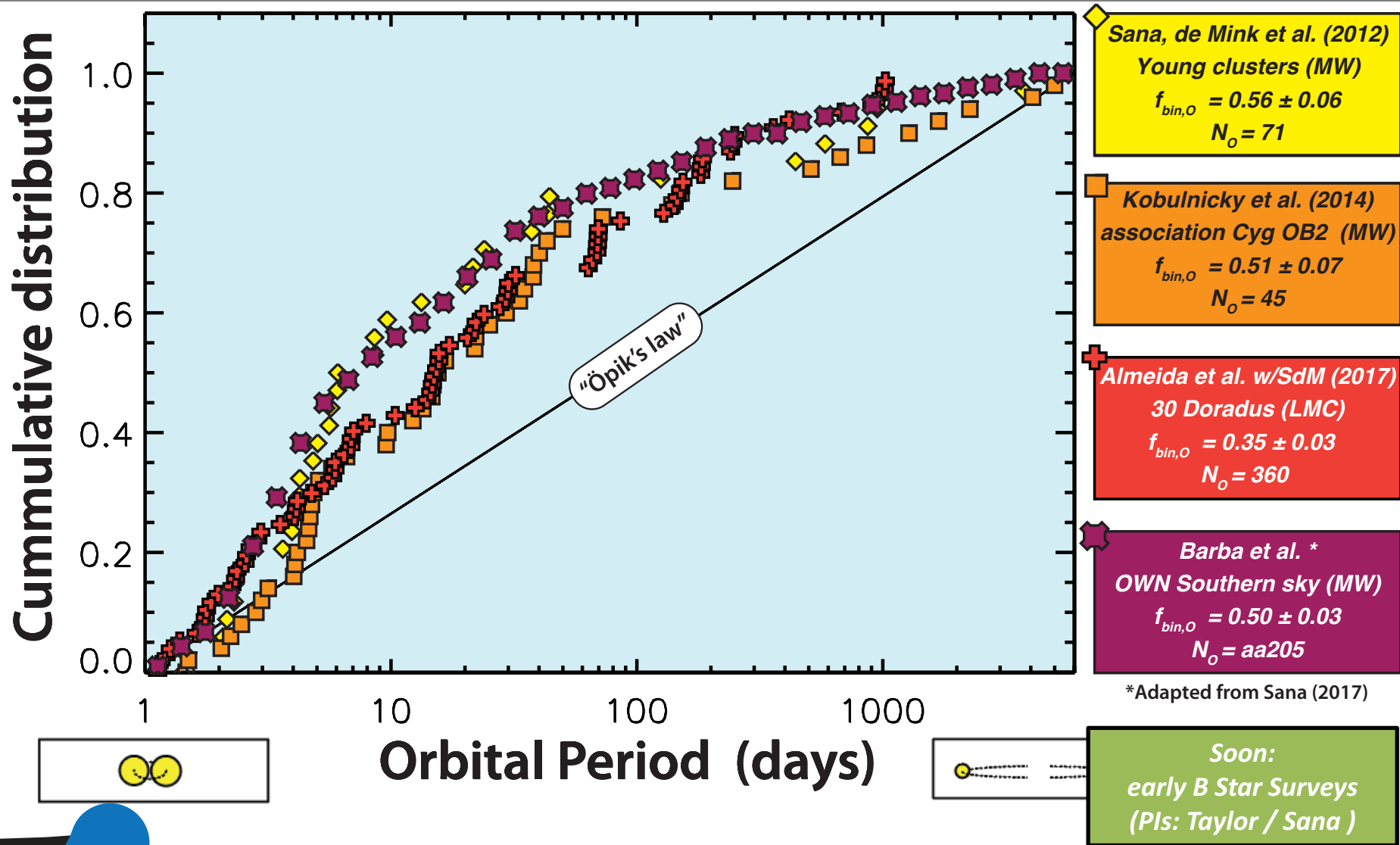
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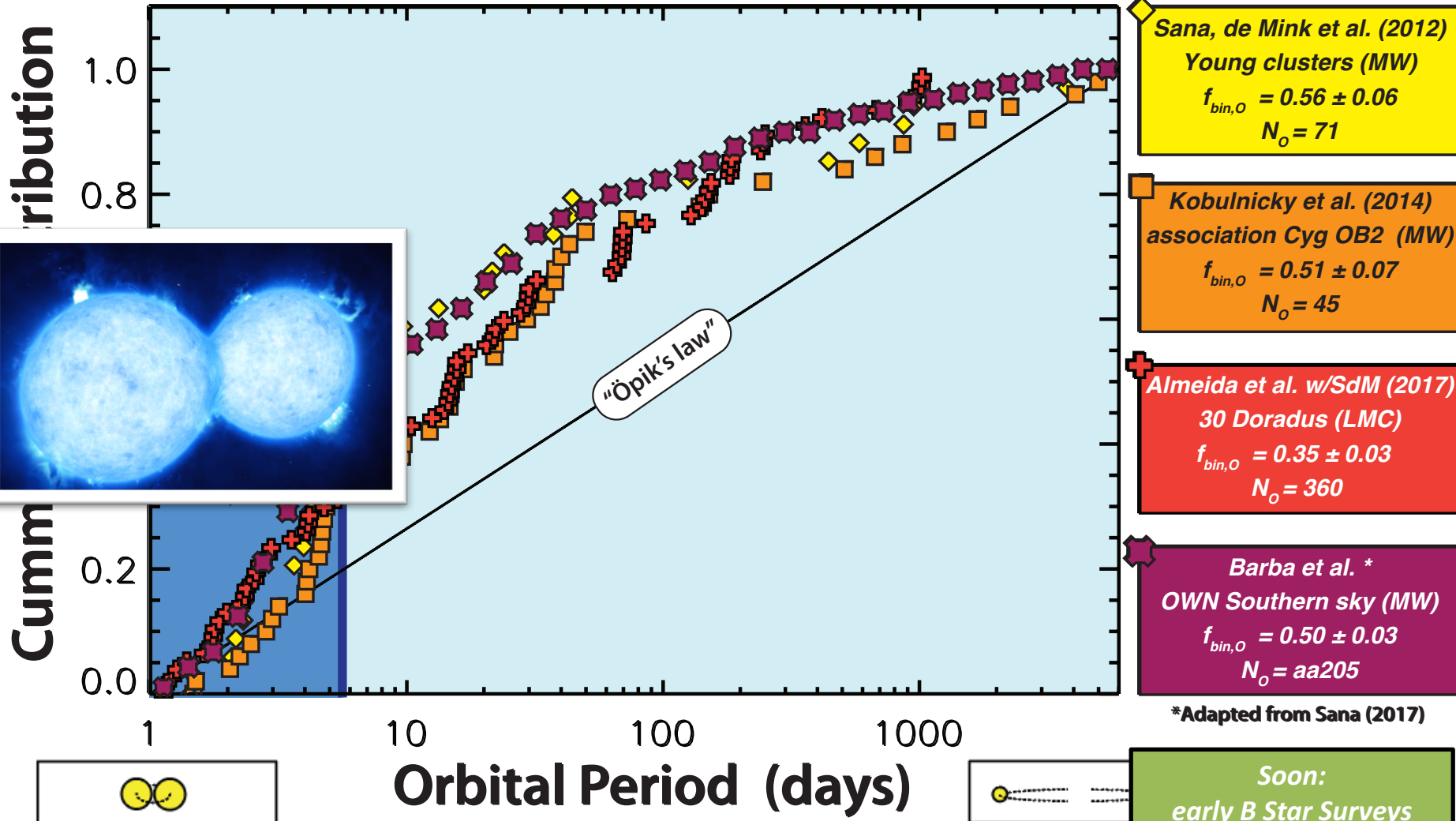
cf. Abt+78, Kobulnicky+Fryer07, Mason+09,  
Chini+12, Kobulnicky+14, Sana+12, Sana+13,  
Dunstall+15, ... Almeida+17, ...



# How do we know?



# How do we know?



**Sana, de Mink et al. (2012)**  
 Young clusters (MW)  
 $f_{bin,O} = 0.56 \pm 0.06$   
 $N_o = 71$

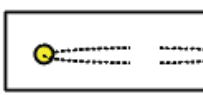
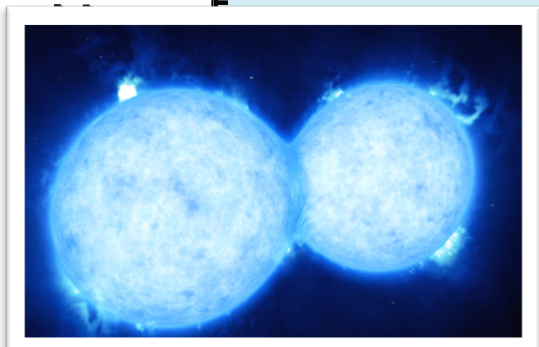
**Kobulnicky et al. (2014)**  
 association Cyg OB2 (MW)  
 $f_{bin,O} = 0.51 \pm 0.07$   
 $N_o = 45$

**Almeida et al. w/SdM (2017)**  
 30 Doradus (LMC)  
 $f_{bin,O} = 0.35 \pm 0.03$   
 $N_o = 360$

**Barba et al. \***  
 OWN Southern sky (MW)  
 $f_{bin,O} = 0.50 \pm 0.03$   
 $N_o = aa205$

**\*Adapted from Sana (2017)**

**Soon:**  
 early B Star Surveys  
 (PIs: Taylor / Sana )



# Stellar Evolution

## How hard can it be ... ?

*Four coupled differential equations*

*I. Conservation of Mass*

$$\frac{dr}{dM_r} = \frac{1}{4\pi r^2 \rho}$$

*“Heroic Struggle against gravity”*

$$\frac{dP}{dM_r} = -\frac{GM_r}{4\pi r^4}$$

*III. Conservation of Energy*

$$\frac{dL_r}{dM_r} = \epsilon$$

*IV. How is energy transported*

$$\frac{dT}{dM_r} = -\frac{1}{16\pi^2 r^4 \lambda \rho} L_r$$

*Independent variable*

$$M_r.$$

*Four primary variables*

$r, P, L_r$  and  $T,$

*Boundary conditions:*

$$r = 0, \quad L_r = 0, \quad \text{for } M_r = 0$$

$$P = 0, \quad T = 0, \quad \text{for } M_r = M,$$

*Auxiliary equations*

$\rho$ : equation of state,  $P = P(\rho, T, X_i)$

$\lambda$ : coefficient of conductivity,  $\lambda(\rho, T, X_i)$

$\epsilon$ : nuclear fusion rate,  $\epsilon(\rho, T, X_i)$

*Nuclear reaction network*