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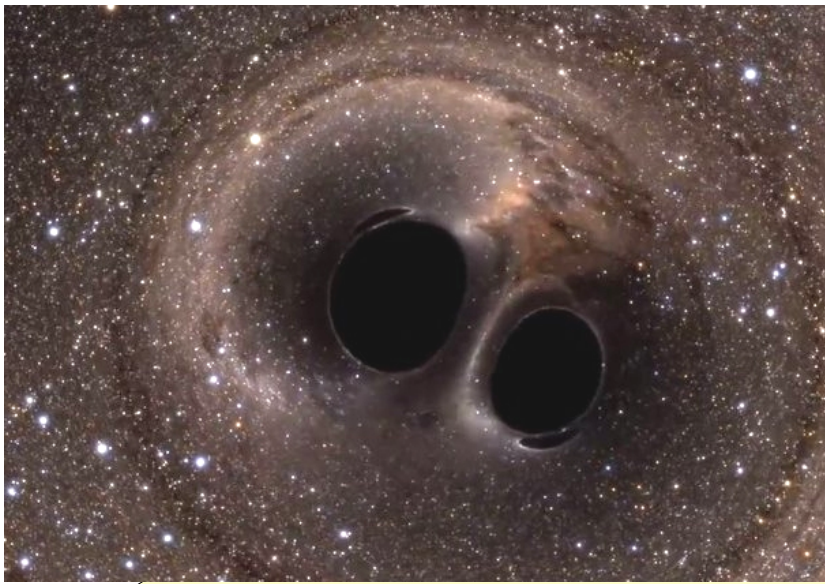
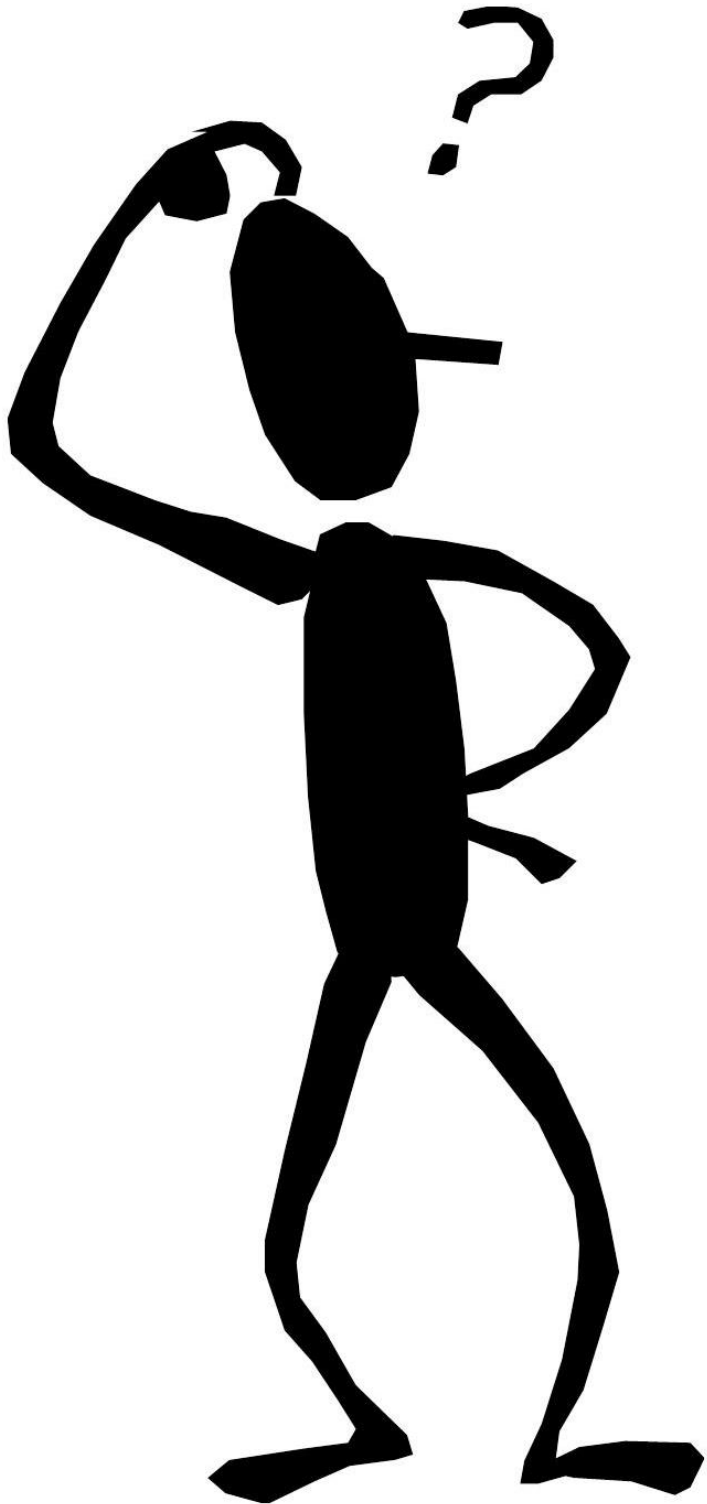
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# **Stellar black hole (astro-) physics**

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## **TWO OPEN QUESTIONS:**

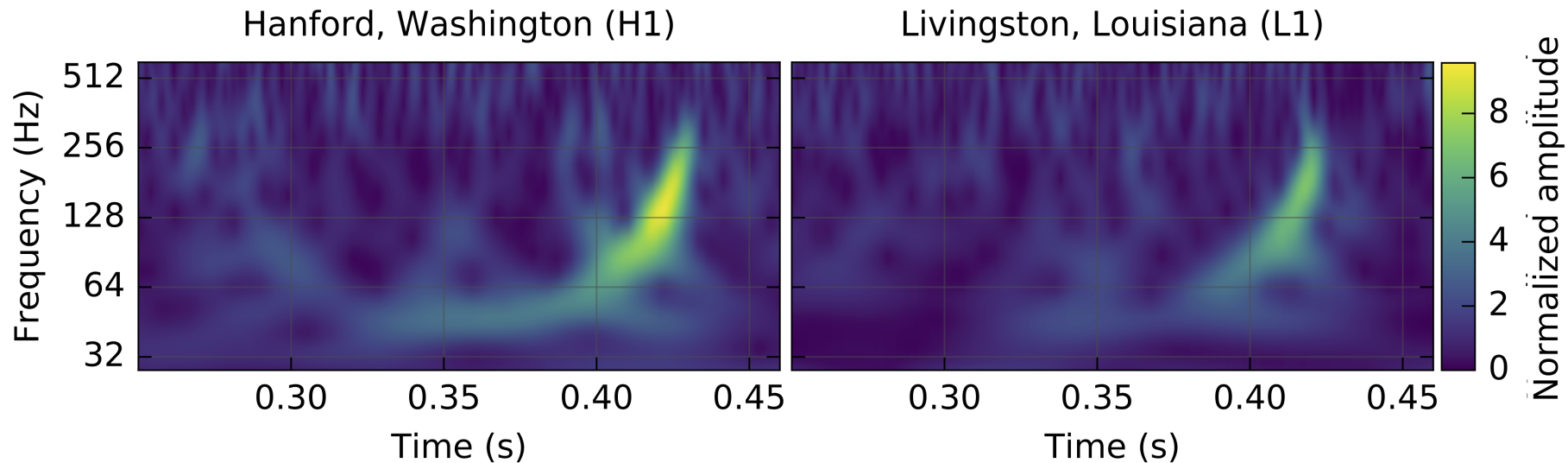
- 1. What are the progenitors of merging binaries observed by LIGO?**
- 2. Do LIGO/Virgo observations help us constraining the astrophysical properties and formation channels of black holes (BHs)?**



# OUTLINE:

1. The formation of compact remnants from stellar evolution and supernova explosions
2. Binaries of stellar black holes (BHs)
3. The dynamics of BH binaries
4. BH binaries in cosmological context

# 1. The formation of compact remnants



## What have astrophysicists learned from first 3 detections?

### 1. double black hole (BH) binaries exist

(Tutukov & Yungelson 1973; Thorne 1987; Schutz 1989)

### 2. can merge in a Hubble time

### 3. massive BHs exist i.e. stellar-mass BHs with mass $>20 M_{\odot}$

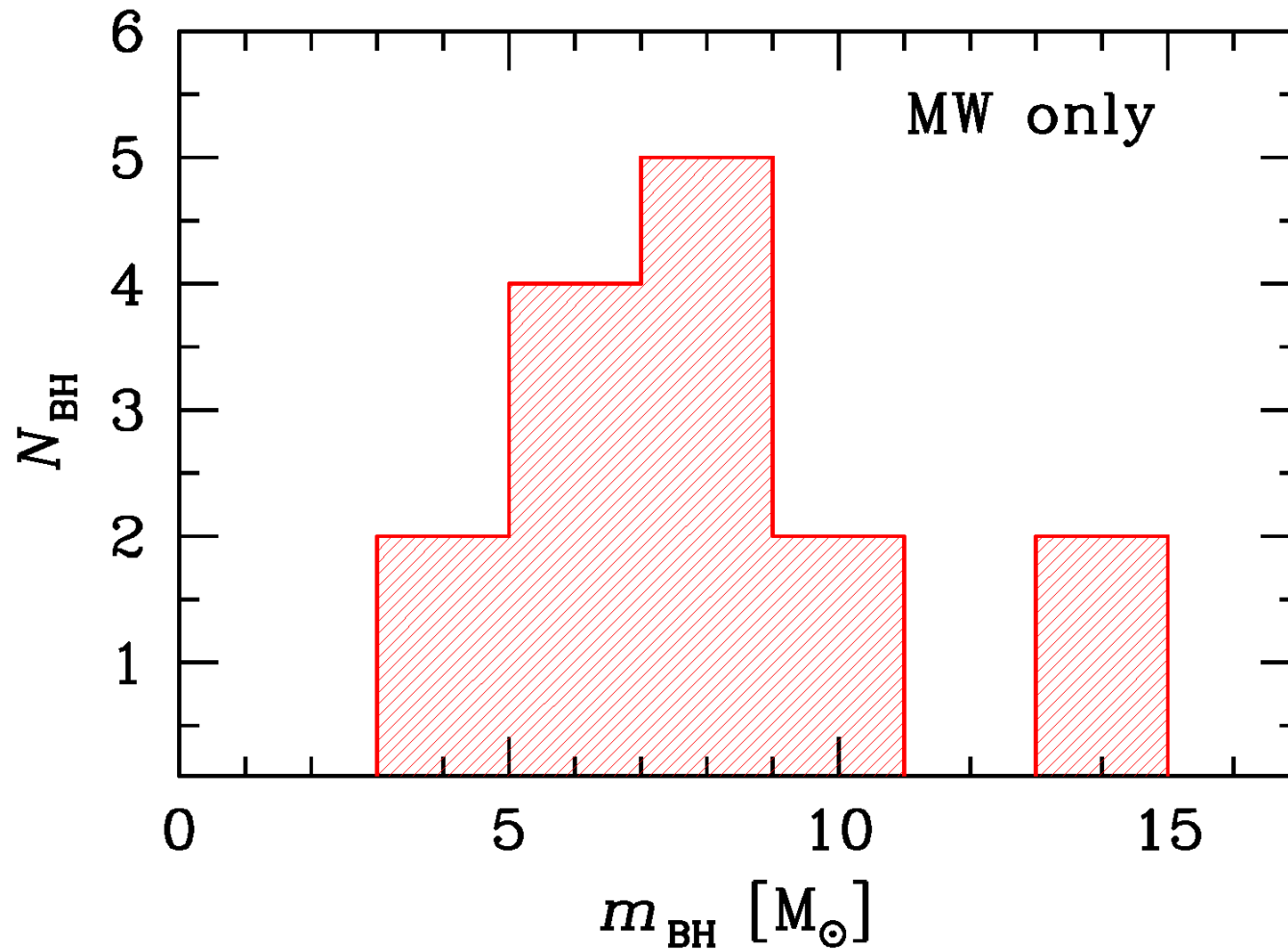
(Heger et al. 2003; MM et al. 2009, 2010; Belczynski+ 2010)

**BHs in X-ray binaries  $< 20 M_{\odot}$  (Ozel+ 2010)**

**Most models of BH demography do not predict massive BH**

# 1. The formation of compact remnants

Dynamical measurements of ~10 BH masses in Milky Way X-ray binaries



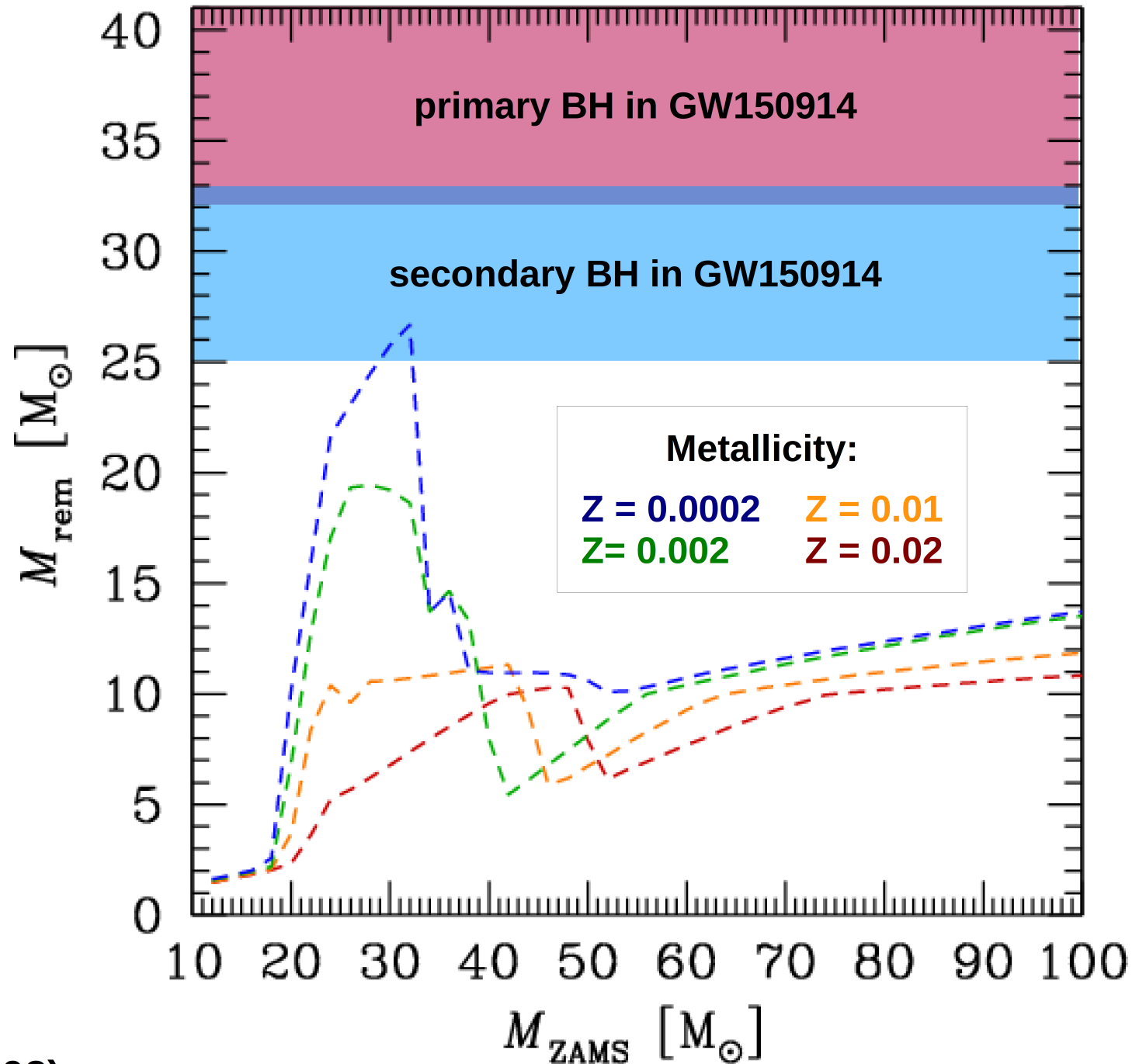
compilation from  
Orosz+ 2003,  
Ozel+ 2010



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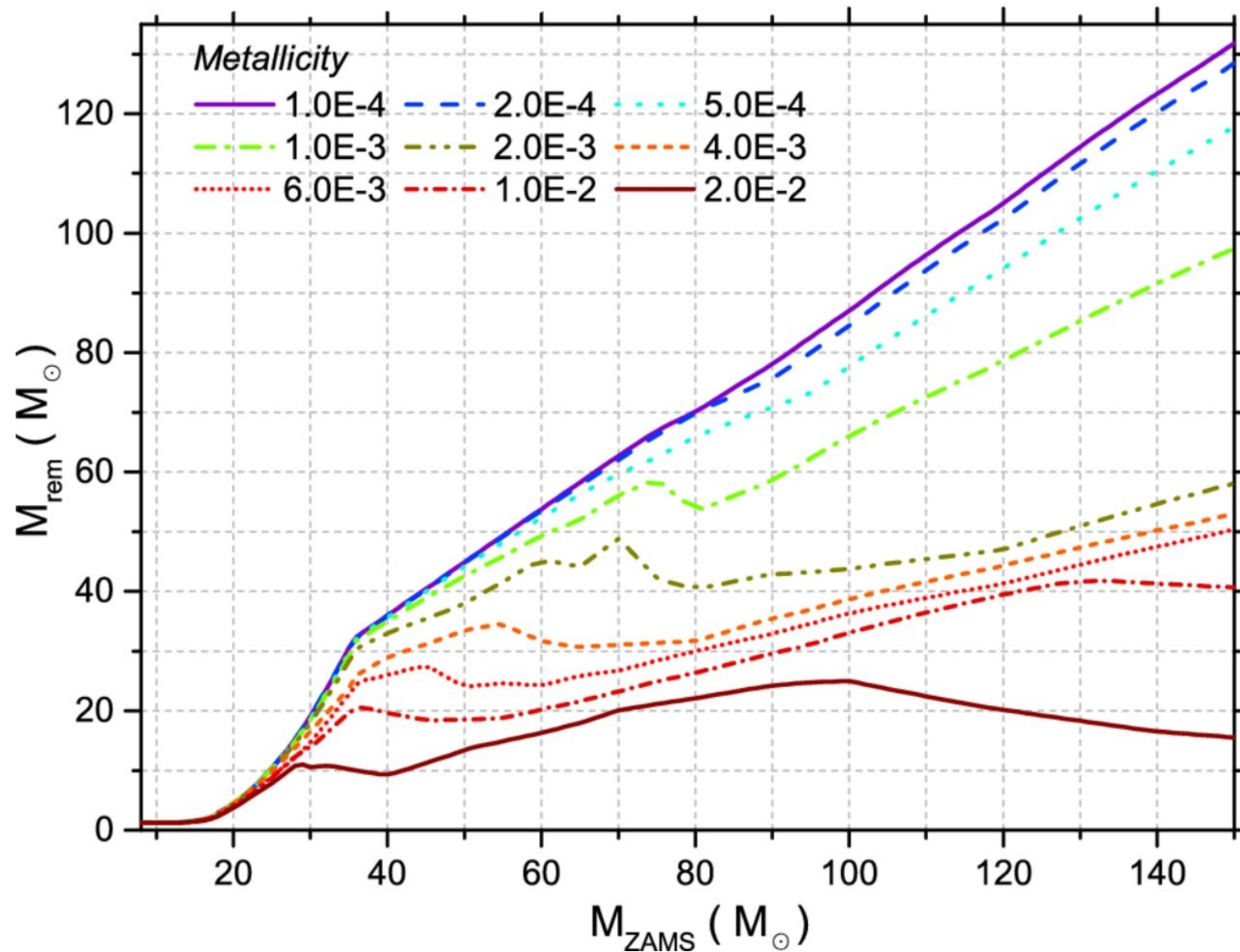
Most common  
remnant mass  
spectrum  
BEFORE GW150914  
detection

cannot explain  
GW150914



(BSE code, Hurley+ 2002)

# 1. The formation of compact remnants



From Spera, MM & Bressan 2015, MNRAS, 451, 4086

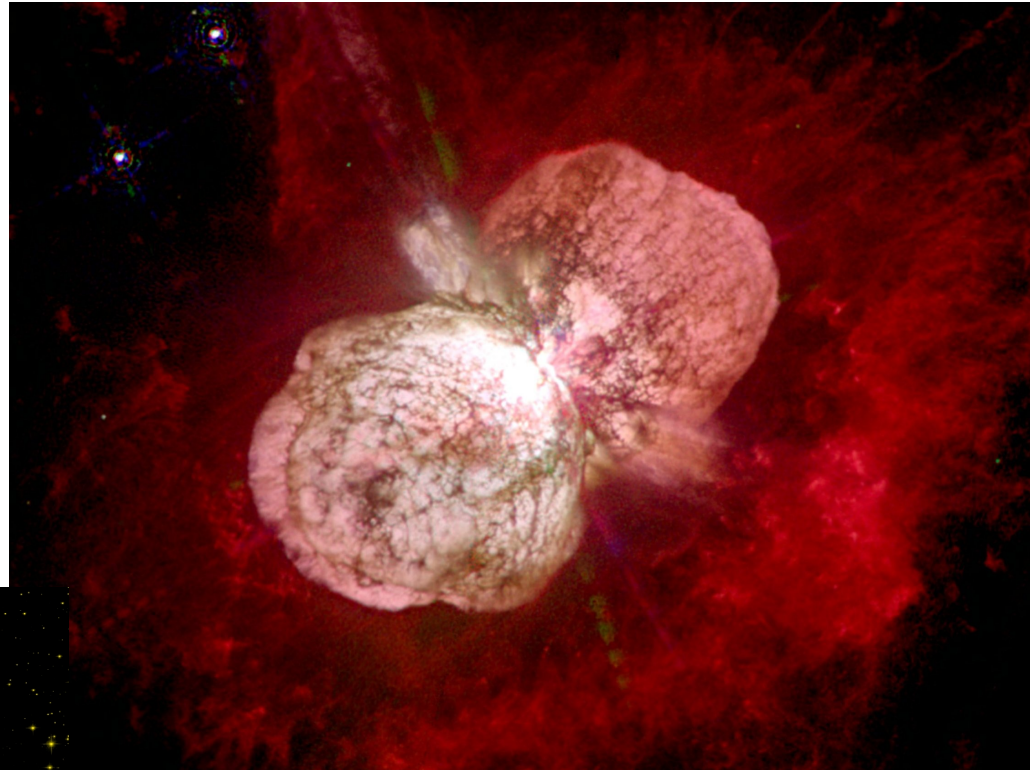
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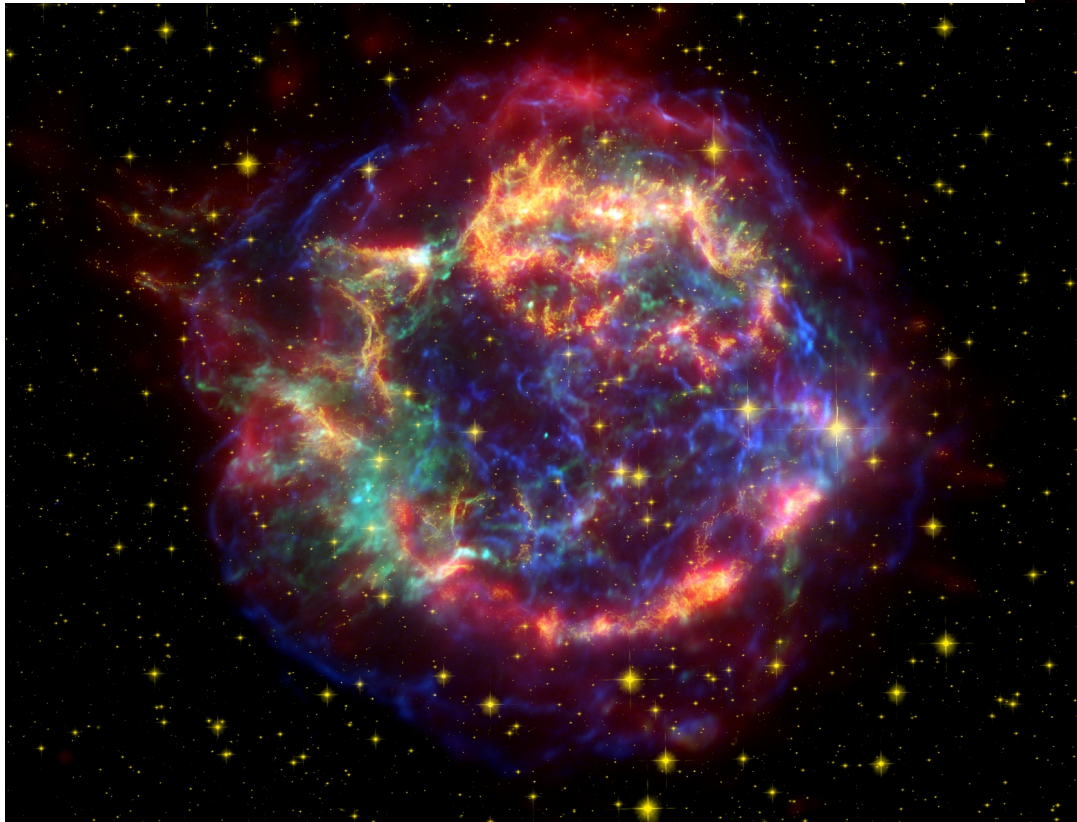
Two critical ingredients:

1) STELLAR WINDS

2) SUPERNOVA (SN)  
EXPLOSION



*Winds ejected by Eta Carinae  
(HST, credits: NASA)*



*Chandra + HST + Spitzer  
Image of the SN remnant  
Cassiopeia A*



# 1. The formation of compact remnants: stellar winds

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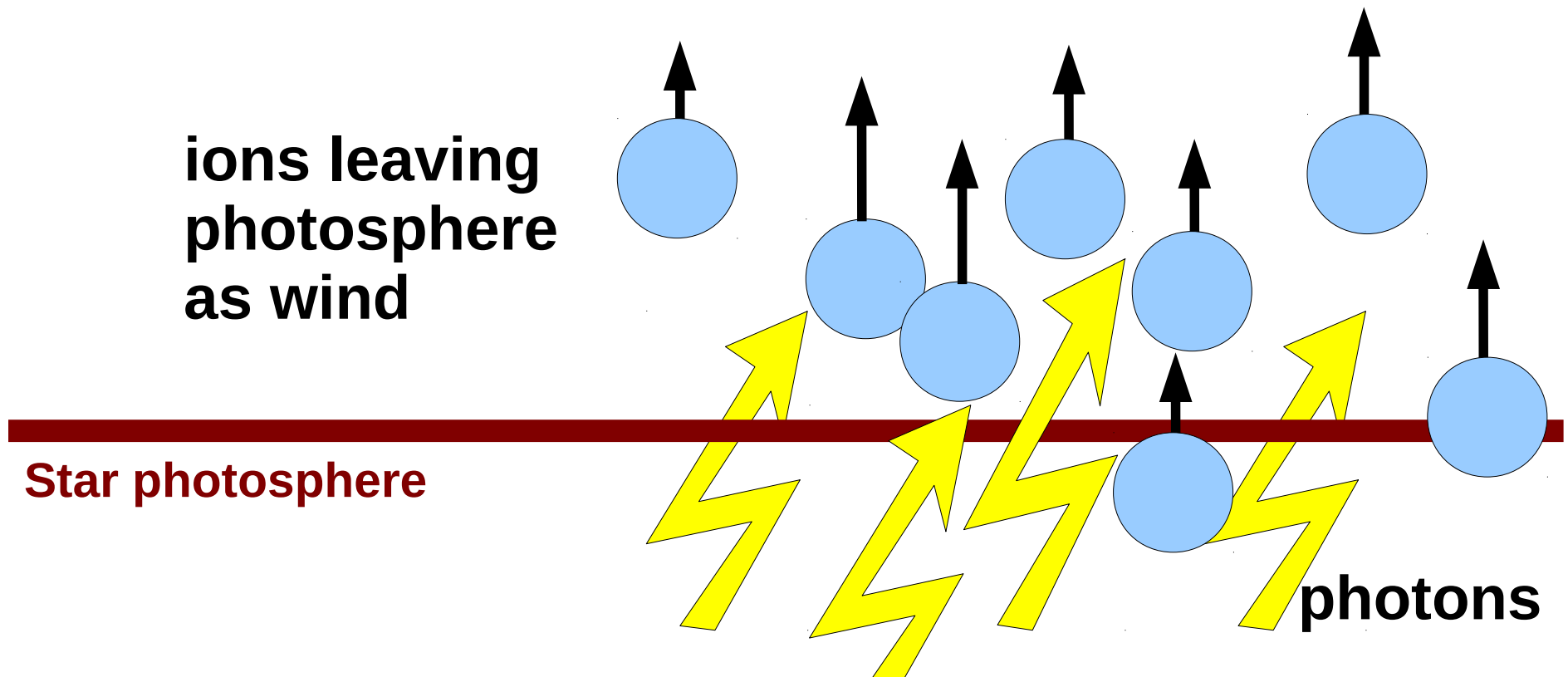
(Vink+ 2001, 2005, 2011; see Vink+ 2016 for a short review)

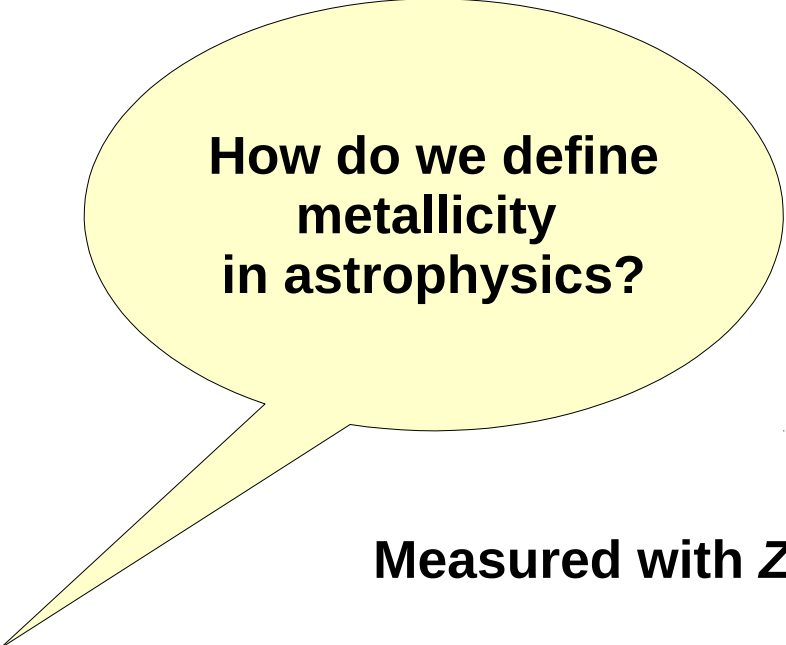
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→ transfer linear momentum to the ions and unbind them

Coupling through resonant METAL LINES (especially Fe lines)

→ MASS LOSS DEPENDS ON METALLICITY





**How do we define  
metallicity  
in astrophysics?**

**Metallicity in astrophysics is  
NOT same as chemistry**

**Metals in Astro:  
every element heavier than Helium**

**Measured with  $Z$  = FRACTION of elements heavier than He**

$$X + Y + Z = 1.0$$

**If  $M$  = total mass of system**

$$X = m_p / M$$

$$Y = m_{\text{He}} / M$$

$$Z = \sum_i m_i / M$$

**Cosmological values:  
 $X \sim 0.75$ ,  $Y \sim 0.25$ ,  $Z \sim 0$**

**Sun values:  
 $X \sim 0.73$ ,  $Y \sim 0.25$ ,  $Z \sim 0.02$**

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$$\dot{M} \propto Z^{\alpha} \quad \alpha \sim 0.5 - 0.9$$

Metallicity dependence less important when STAR is CLOSE to  
electron-scattering EDDINGTON LIMIT  
(RADIATION PRESSURE dominates)

e.g. Graefener & Hamann 2008

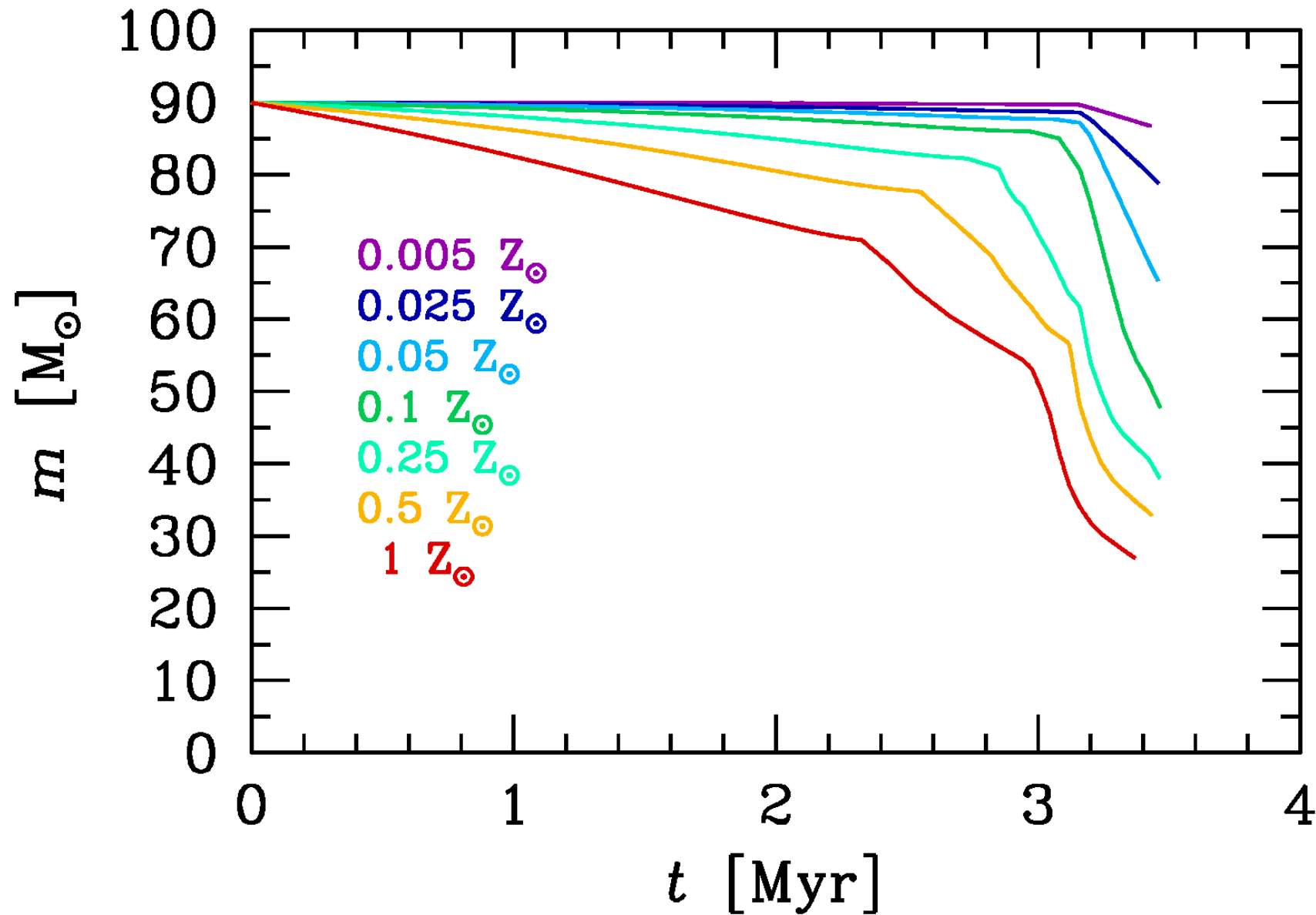
$$\Gamma = \frac{L_{*}}{L_{\text{Edd}}}$$

$$\alpha = 0.85 \quad [\text{if } \Gamma < 2/3]$$

$$\alpha = 2.45 - 2.4 \Gamma \quad [\text{if } \Gamma > 2/3]$$



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Models from PARSEC stellar evolution code (Bressan+ 2012; Tang+ 2014; Chen, Bressan+ 2015)

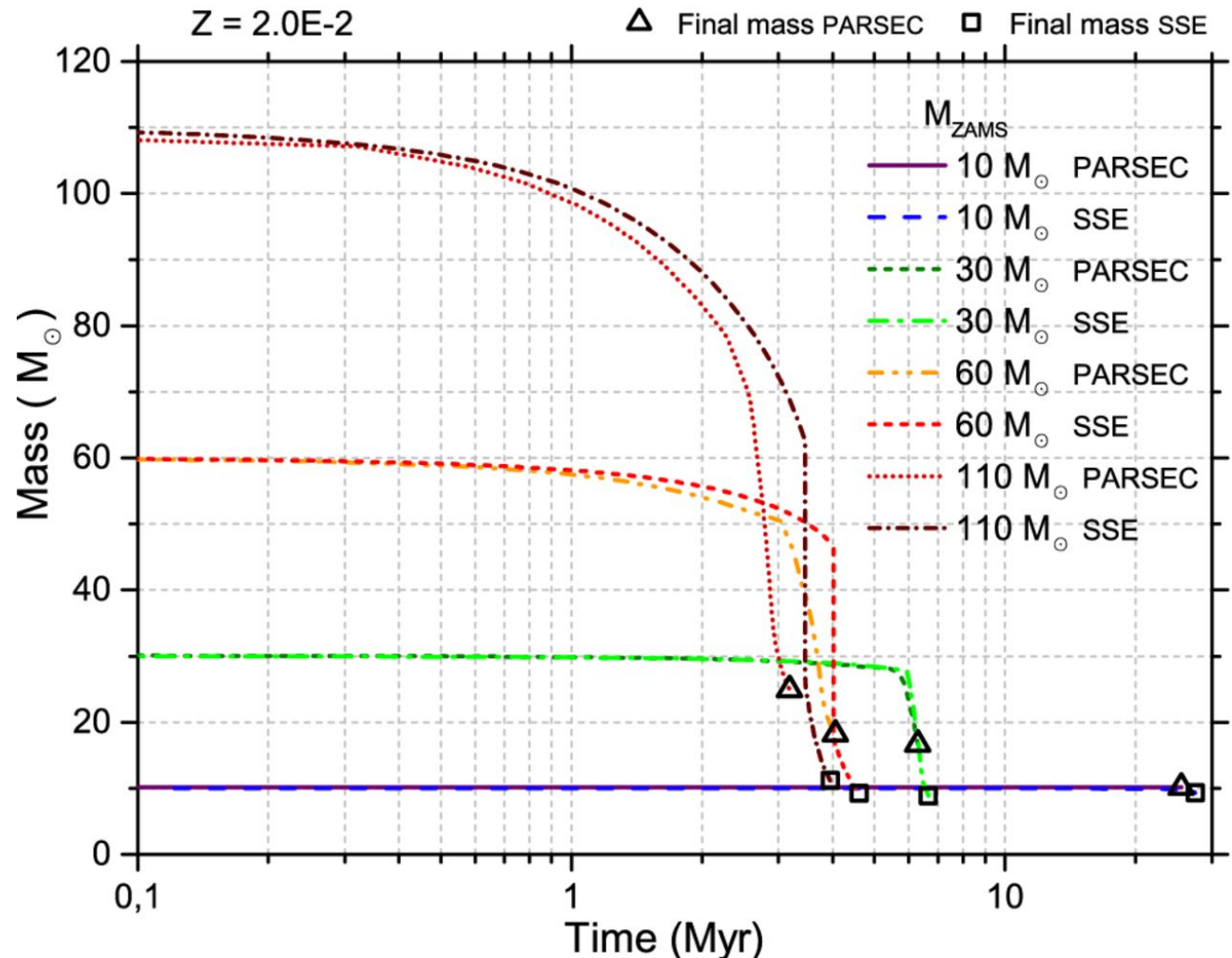
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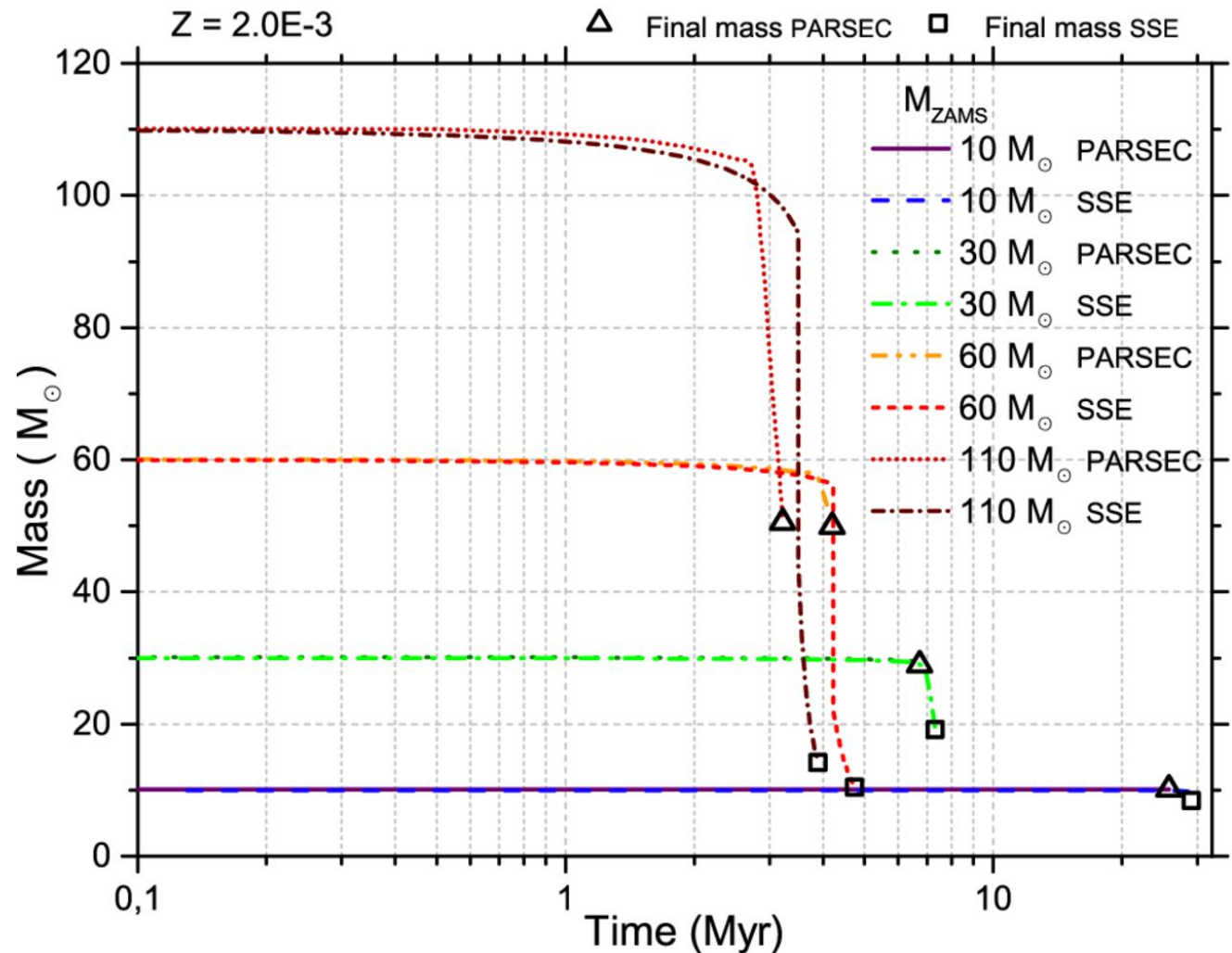
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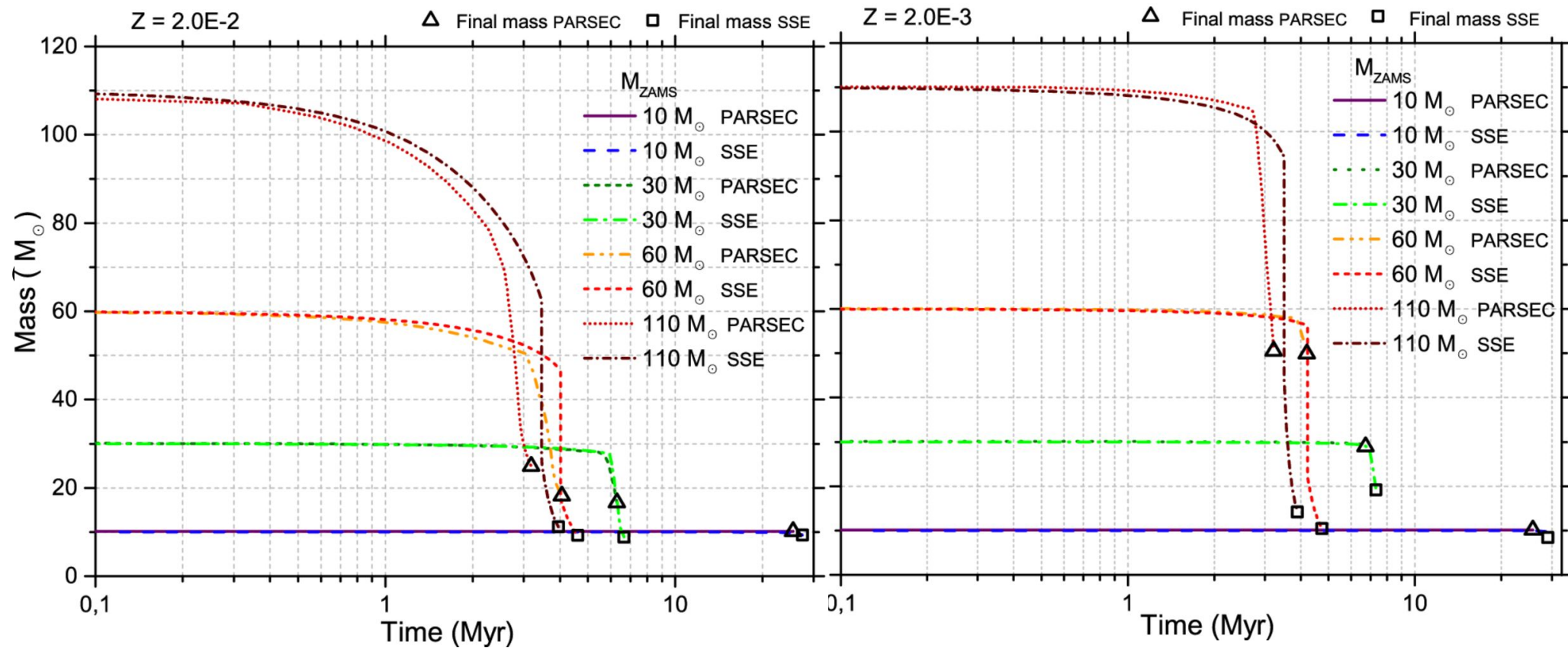


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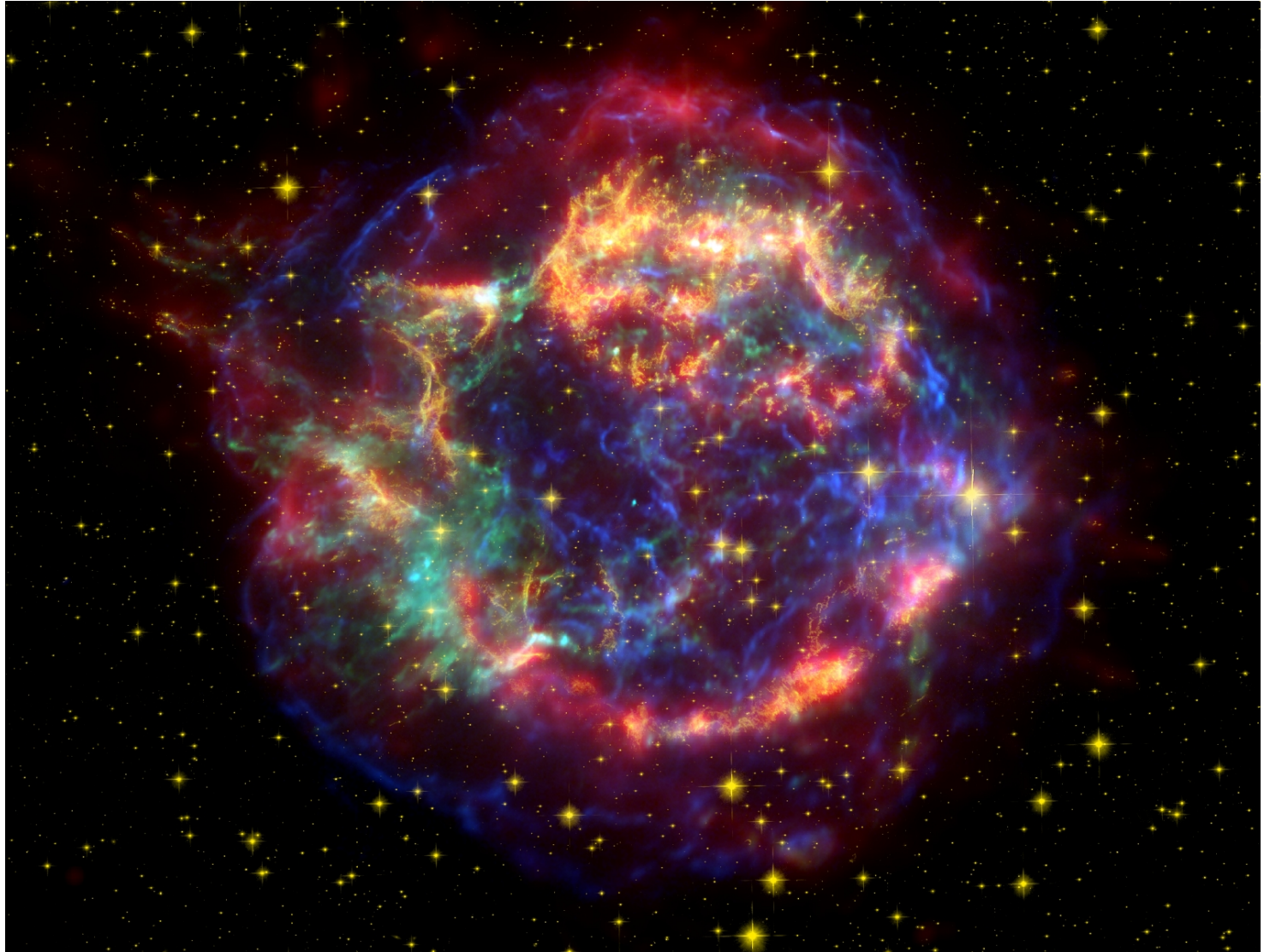


Pre-supernova mass of a star depends on metallicity

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# 1. The formation of compact remnants: supernova

**Pre-supernova mass of a star is very important because affects the outcome of the SUPERNOVA**



# 1. The formation of compact remnants: supernova

When Fe core forms in a massive ( $> 8 M_{\text{sun}}$ ) star

- 1) Fe-group atoms (Ni-62, Fe-58, Fe-56) have maximum binding energy: no more energy released by fusion  
→ core starts collapsing because pressure drops
- 2) electron degeneracy pressure tries to stop collapse but if core mass  $>$  Chandrasekhar mass ( $\sim 1.4 M_{\text{sun}}$ )  
electron + proton capture removes electrons  
→ electron pressure decreases



- COLLAPSE to NUCLEAR DENSITY,  
where neutron degeneracy pressure stops collapse
- PROTO-NEUTRON STAR FORMS

# 1. The formation of compact remnants: supernova

Fraction of binding energy of core ( $E_{b,c} \sim 10^{53}$  erg)  
used to launch a SHOCK : = supernova explosion

**MECHANISM that converts binding energy into shock is UNKNOWN**

## **STANDARD MODEL: CONVECTIVE ENGINE**

Potential energy is converted into thermal energy  
(mostly thermal energy of neutrinos)  
and core bounces driving shocks

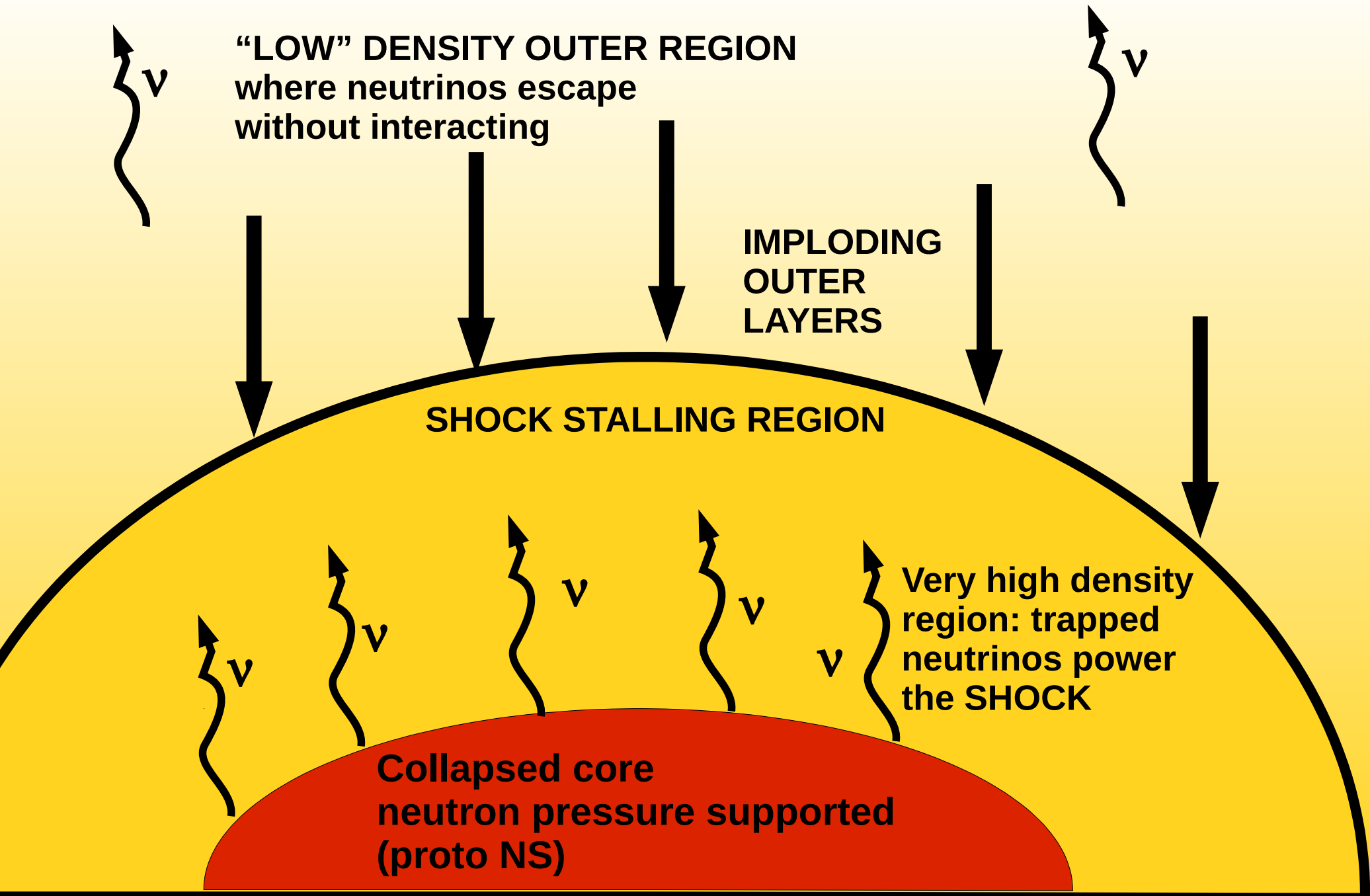
## **SHOCK MUST REVERSE COLLAPSE OF OUTER LAYERS**

But density must be sufficiently high that neutrinos interact,  
otherwise neutrinos leak away without transferring energy

- SHOCK MIGHT STALL
- SN FAILS

## **WHEN DOES THE SHOCK STALL and the SN FAILS?**

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Supernova shock stops if **BOUND MASS** is too **LARGE**  
(Fryer 1999; Fryer & Kalogera 2001)

Back-of-the-envelope calculation to connect direct collapse  
and pre-supernova mass:

$$E_{\text{SN}} = \frac{G M_{\text{env}} (M_{\text{env}} + M_{\text{core}})}{R_{\text{env}}}$$

Diagram annotations:

- envelope mass (points to  $M_{\text{env}}$ )
- proto-NS  $\sim 1 M_{\text{sun}}$  (points to  $M_{\text{core}}$ )
- envelope radius (points to  $R_{\text{env}}$ )

Star cannot explode if  
envelope binding energy  
> SN energy

$$M_{\text{env}} \sim 50 M_{\odot} \left( \frac{E_{\text{SN}}}{10^{51} \text{ erg s}^{-1}} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \left( \frac{R_{\text{env}}}{10 R_{\odot}} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

If  $M_{\text{fin}} > 50 M_{\text{sun}}$  this SN fails and star collapses to a BH!



# 1. The formation of compact remnants: supernova

## NOT SO EASY (1):

it depends on the "compactness" of the inner layers of the star

**STAR COLLAPSES TO BH DIRECTLY IF**

### **1. MASS OF CARBON-OXYGEN CORE**

**If  $M_{\text{co}} > 7 M_{\text{sun}}$  SN FAILS**

**(Fryer+ 1999, 2012; Belczynski+ 2010)**



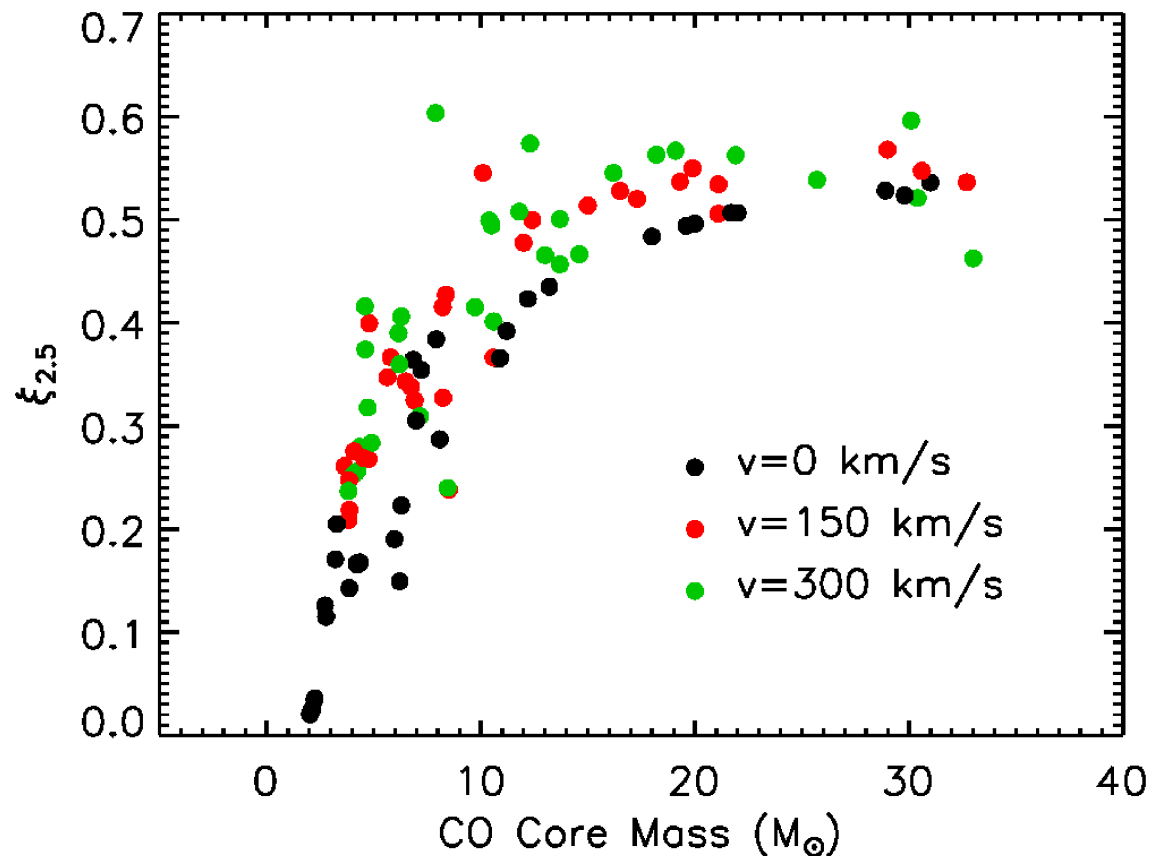
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2. COMPACTNESS (= ratio between mass and radius) of a given portion of the stellar core at the onset of collapse  
(O'Connor & Ott 2011)

$$\xi_M \equiv \frac{M / M_{\odot}}{R(M) / 1000 \text{ km}}$$

Star collapses if  $\xi_{2.5} > 0.2$  ( $M = 2.5 M_{\odot}$  is usually adopted)

Figure from  
Limongi 2017  
arXiv:1706.01913



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## 3. enclosed mass ( $M_4$ ) and mass gradient ( $\mu_4$ ) at a dimensionless entropy per nucleon $s = 4$ (Ertl+ 2016)

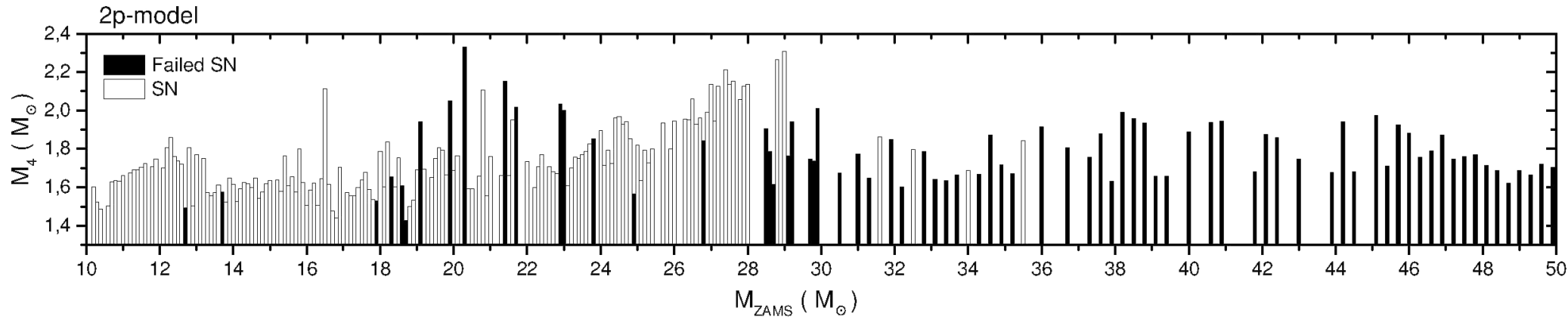


Fig. 21

Spera, MM, Bressan 2015

## ISLANDS OF DIRECT COLLAPSE AND SN EXPLOSION

### Concluding remark:

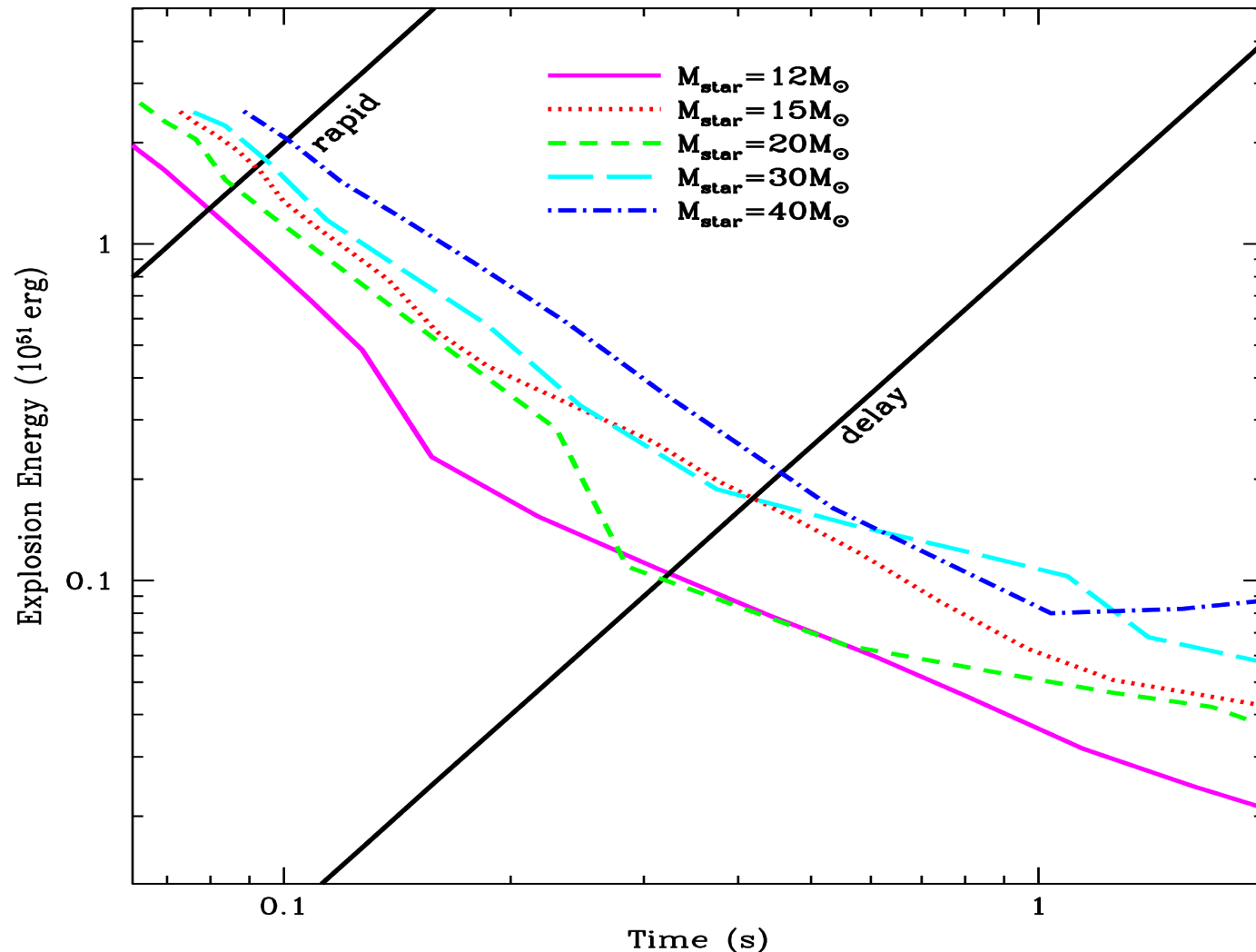
**MANY MODELS of SN EXPLOSION – REMNANT MASS CONNECTION  
BUT IF THE STAR IS VERY MASSIVE ( $>40 M_\odot$ )  
THEY GIVE SIMILAR RESULT**

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## NOT SO EASY (2):

it depends on the "rapidity" of the explosion

(e.g. Fryer+ 2012; Fryer 2014)



**RAPID**  
( $<200$  ms  
after bounce):  
explosion  
energy  $>10^{51}$  erg/s

**DELAYED**  
( $>200$  ms  
after bounce):  
explosion  
energy  $<10^{51}$  erg/s)

From Fryer 2014,

[http://pos.sissa.it/archive/conferences/237/004/FRAPWS2014\\_004.pdf](http://pos.sissa.it/archive/conferences/237/004/FRAPWS2014_004.pdf)

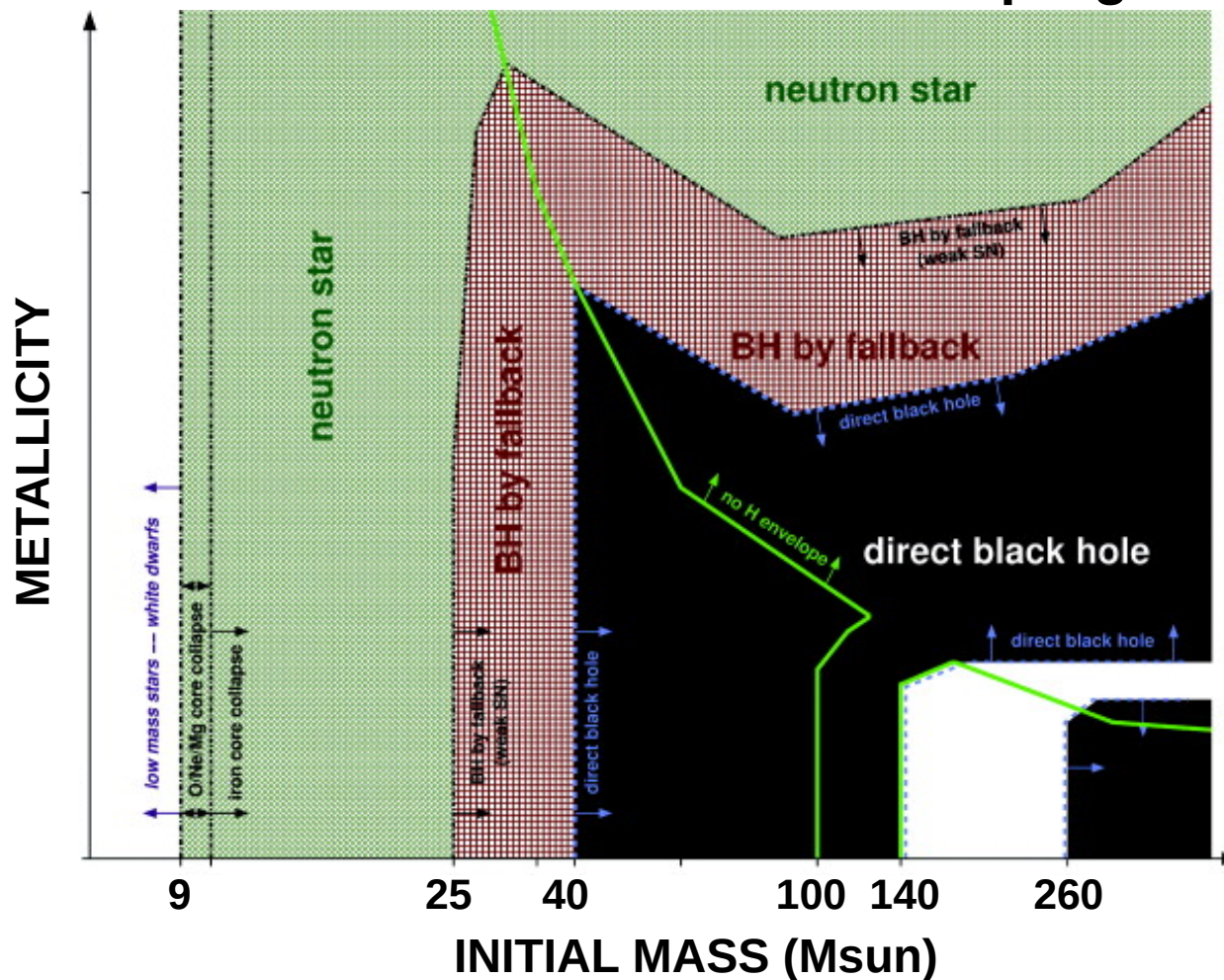
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## NOT SO EASY (3):

it depends on the "fallback" of the outer layers of the star:

How much material falls back to the proto-NS after the SN

Barely constrained – depends on explosion energy,  
angular momentum,  
progenitor's mass/metallicity



Heger 2003

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## NOT SO EASY (4): PAIR-INSTABILITY SUPERNOVAE

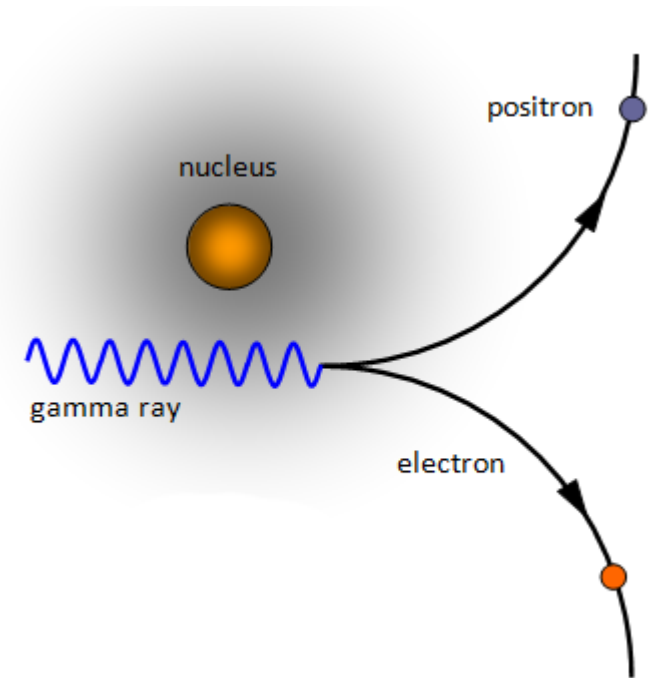
If star is very massive  
(=produces  $\gamma$ -ray radiation in core)  
 $\gamma$ -ray photons scattering atomic nuclei  
produce electron-positron pairs (1 MeV)

The missing pressure of  $\gamma$ -ray photons  
produces dramatic collapse  
during O burning, without Fe core

→ high-Temperature collapse ignites all remaining species

→ **an explosion is induced that leaves NO remnant**

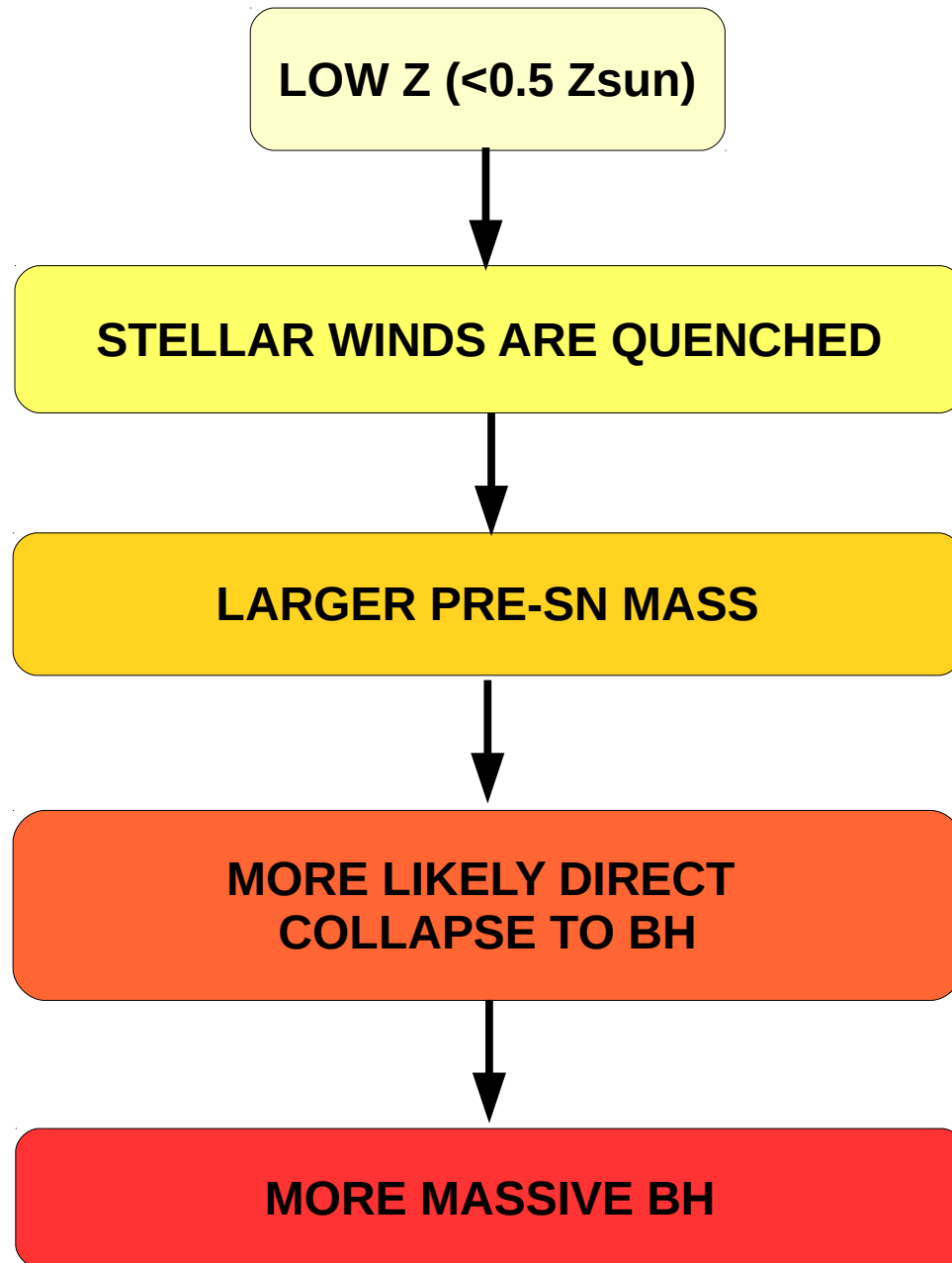
**!! Strongly depends on progenitor mass/metallicity and neutrino physics (eg Belczynski+ 2016)**



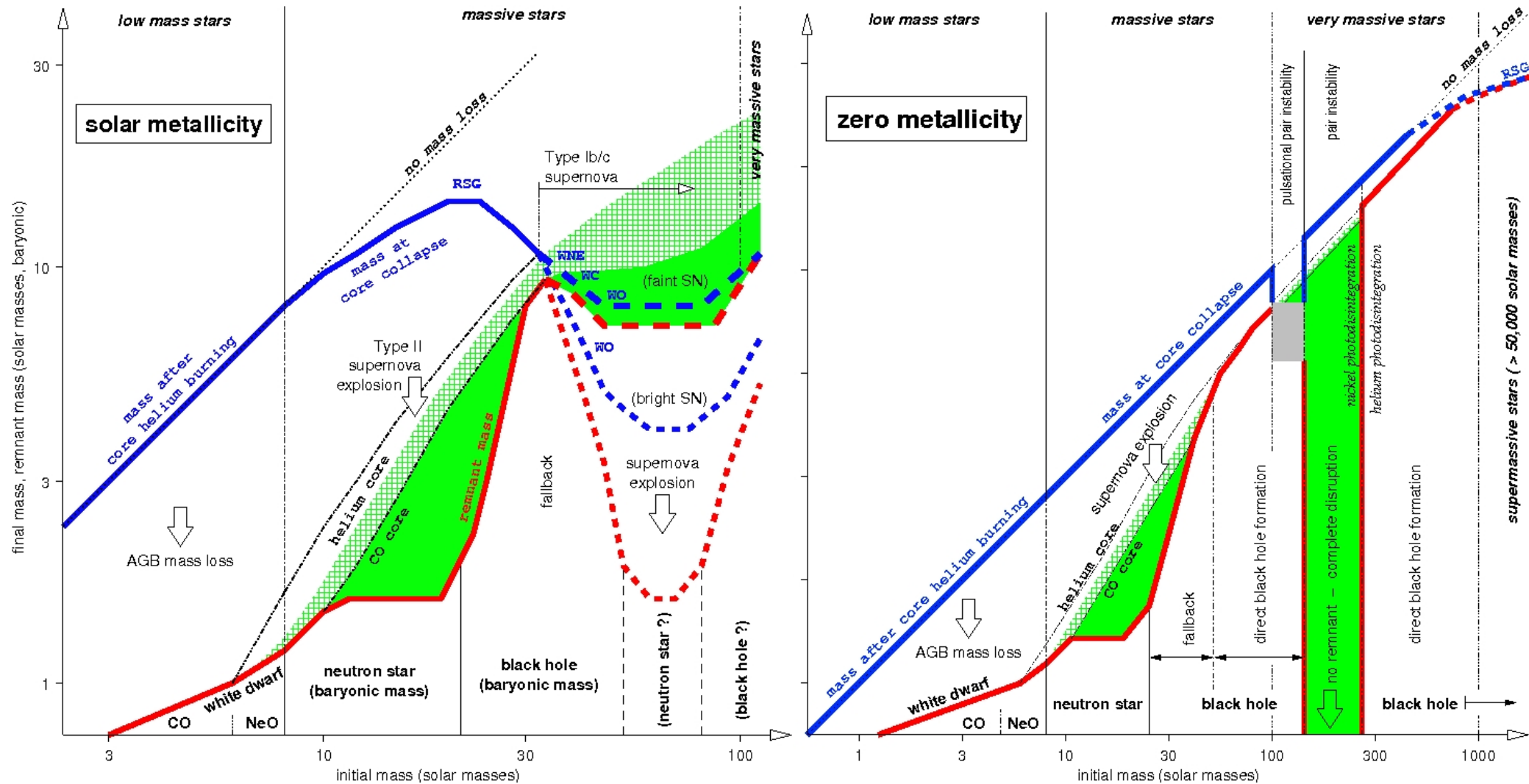


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Very complicated. However, as rule of thumb (MM+ 2009, 2013):

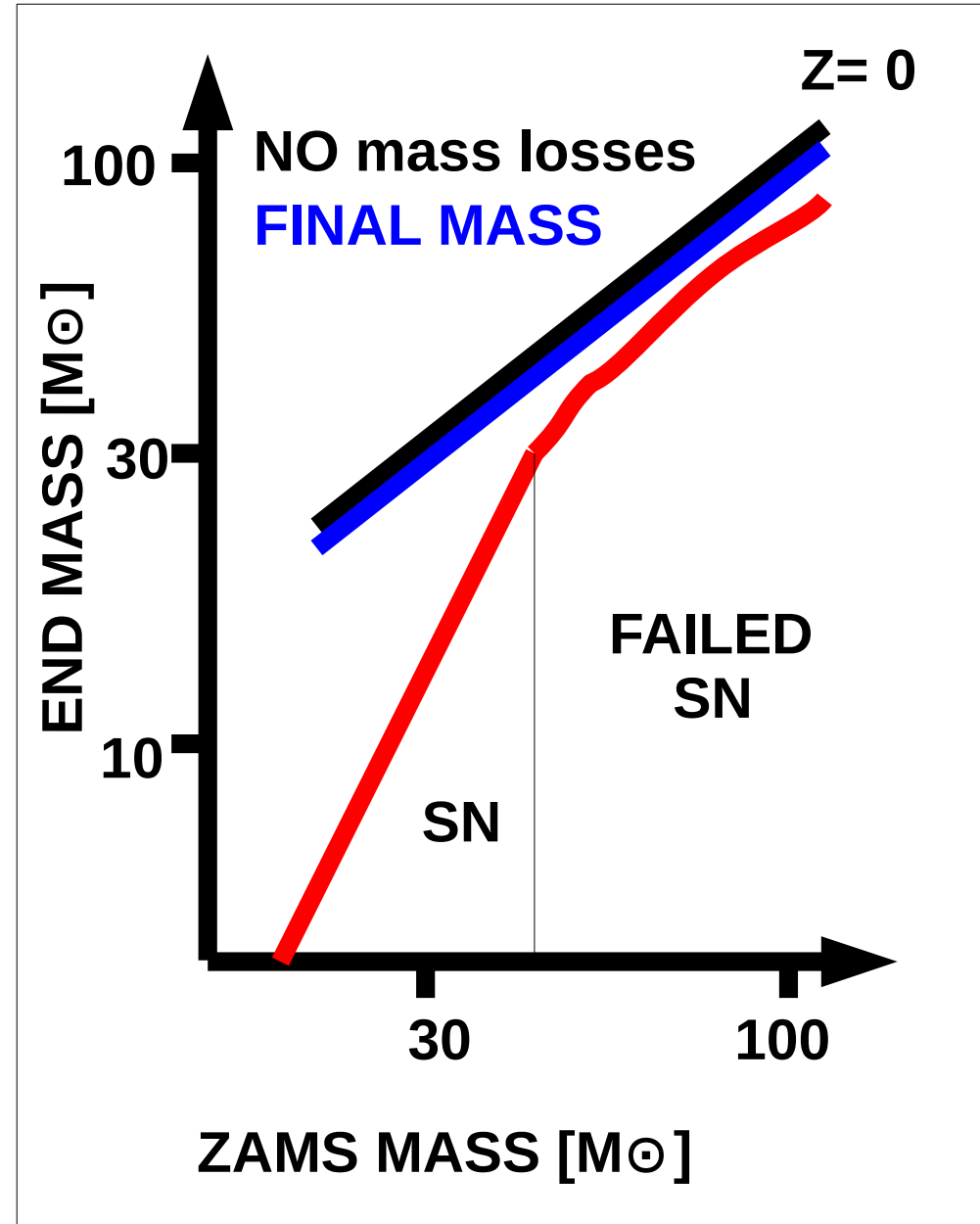
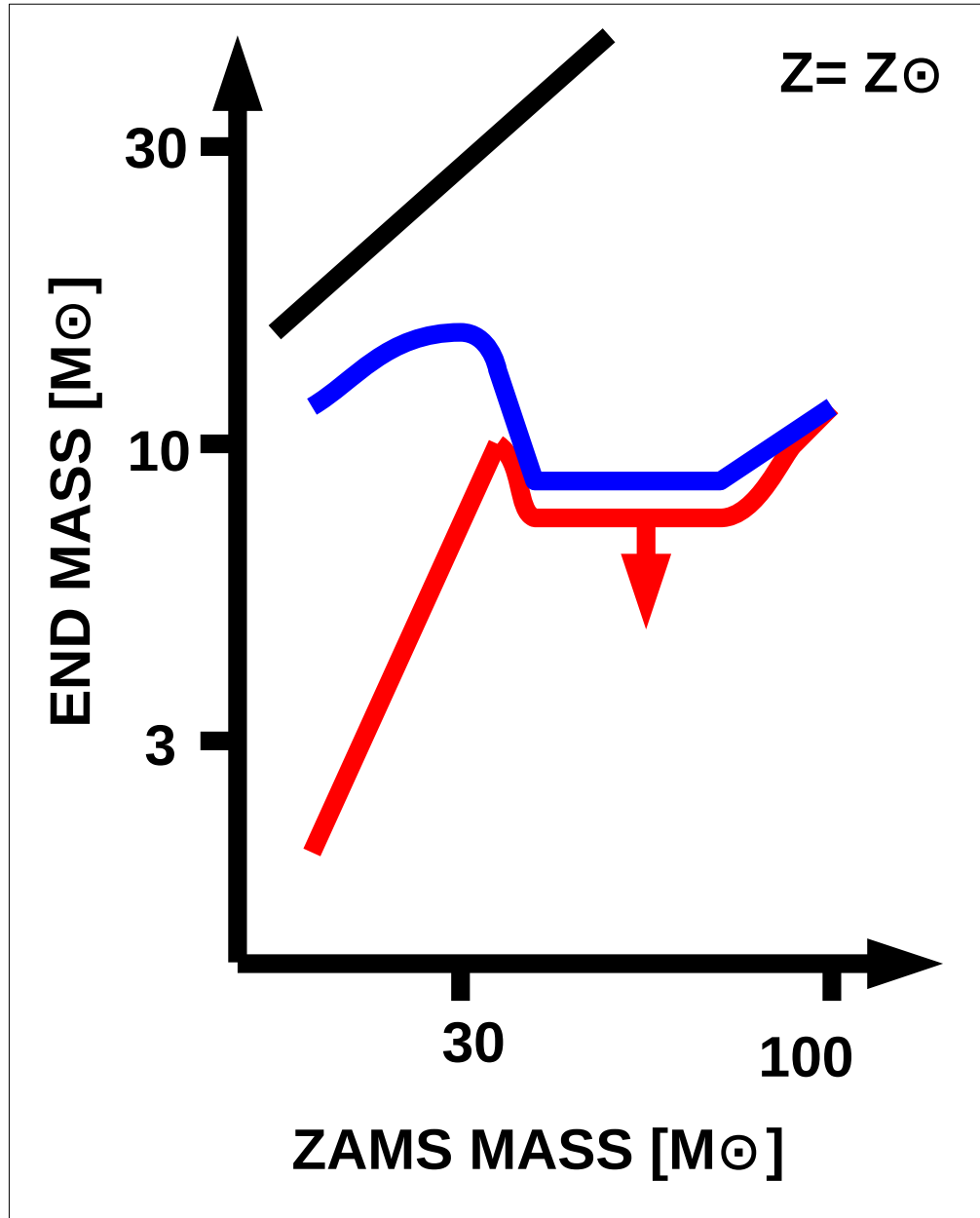


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Heger et al. (2003)

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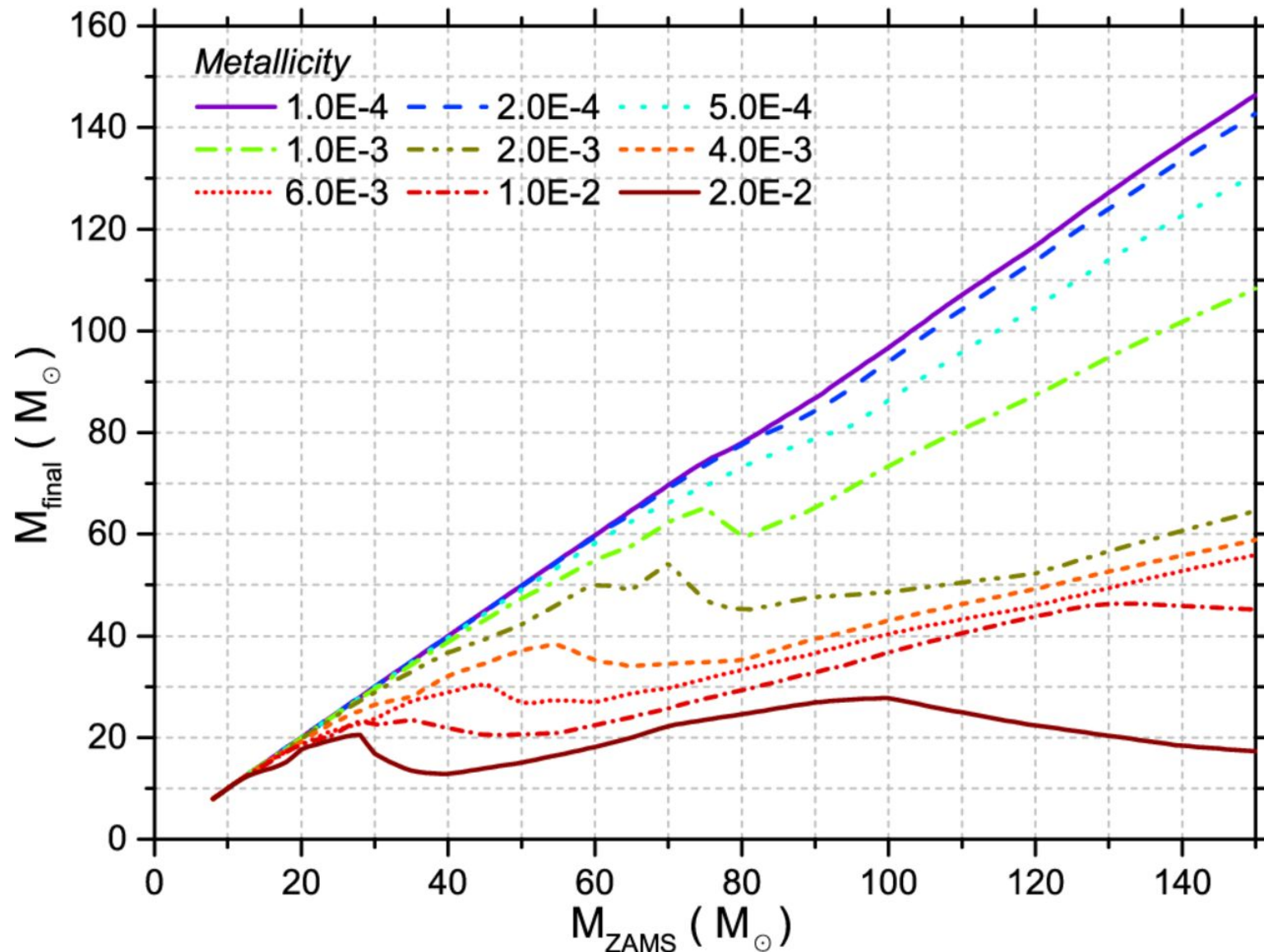


My cartoon from  
Heger et al. (2003)

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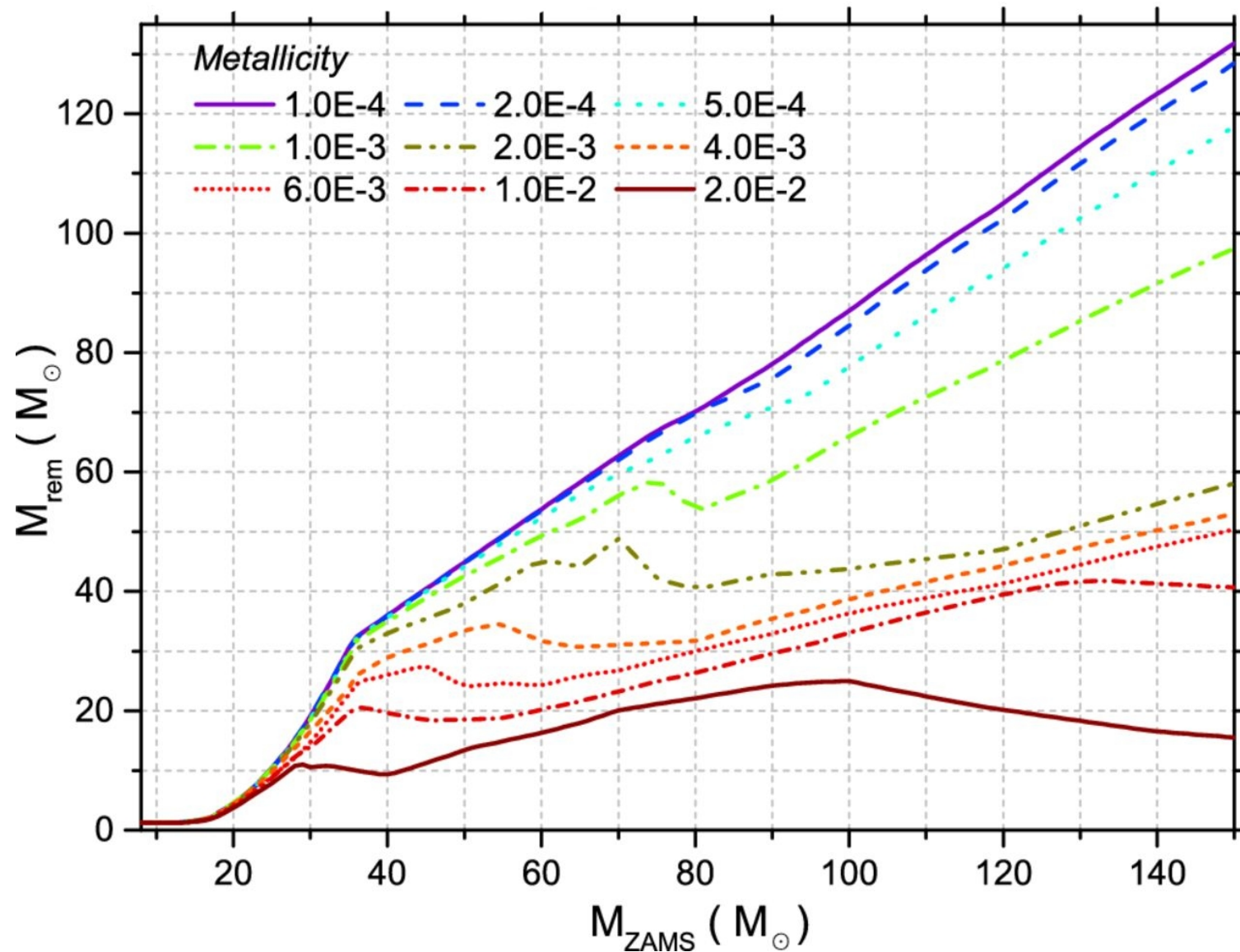
What about intermediate metallicities between 0 and solar?

- more difficult because stellar winds are uncertain
- importance of final mass: pre-supernova mass of the star (when CO core built)



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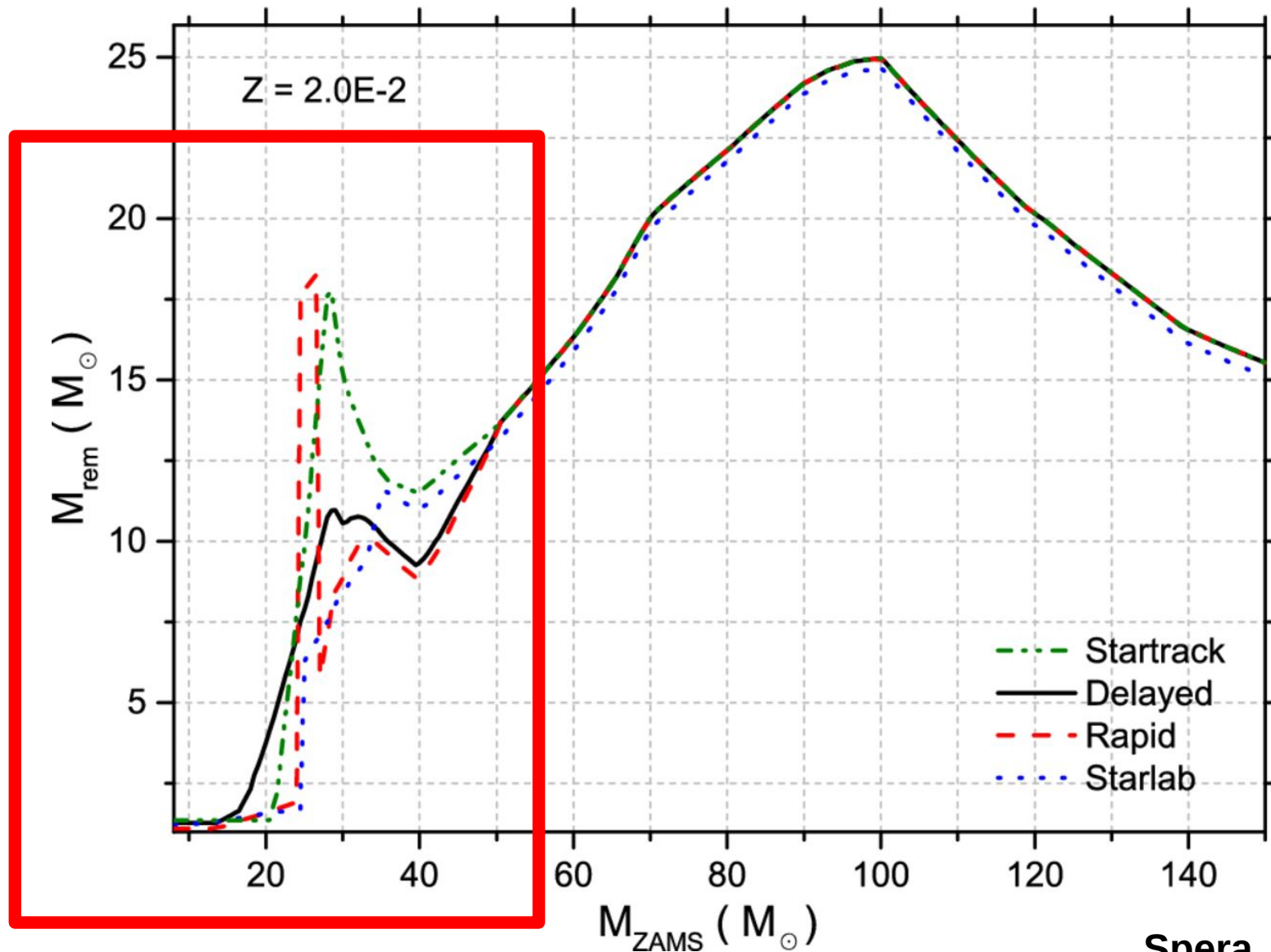
Remnant mass follows same trend as final mass  
→ stellar winds are crucial





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Importance of supernova model for “LOW” STAR MASSES ( $<40 M_{\odot}$ )



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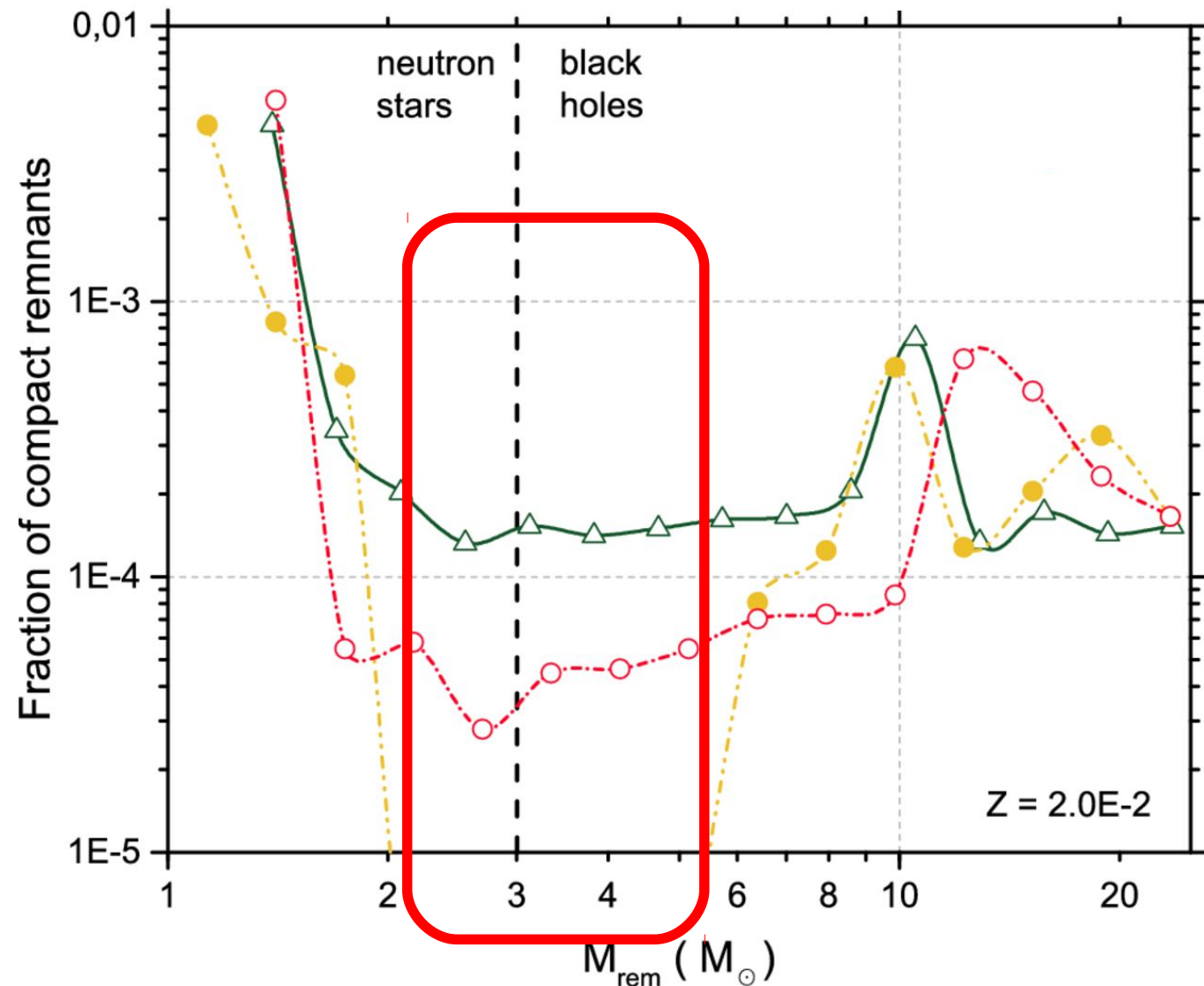
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Solar metallicity

GREEN:  
DELAYED  
SN (Fryer+ 2012)

RED:  
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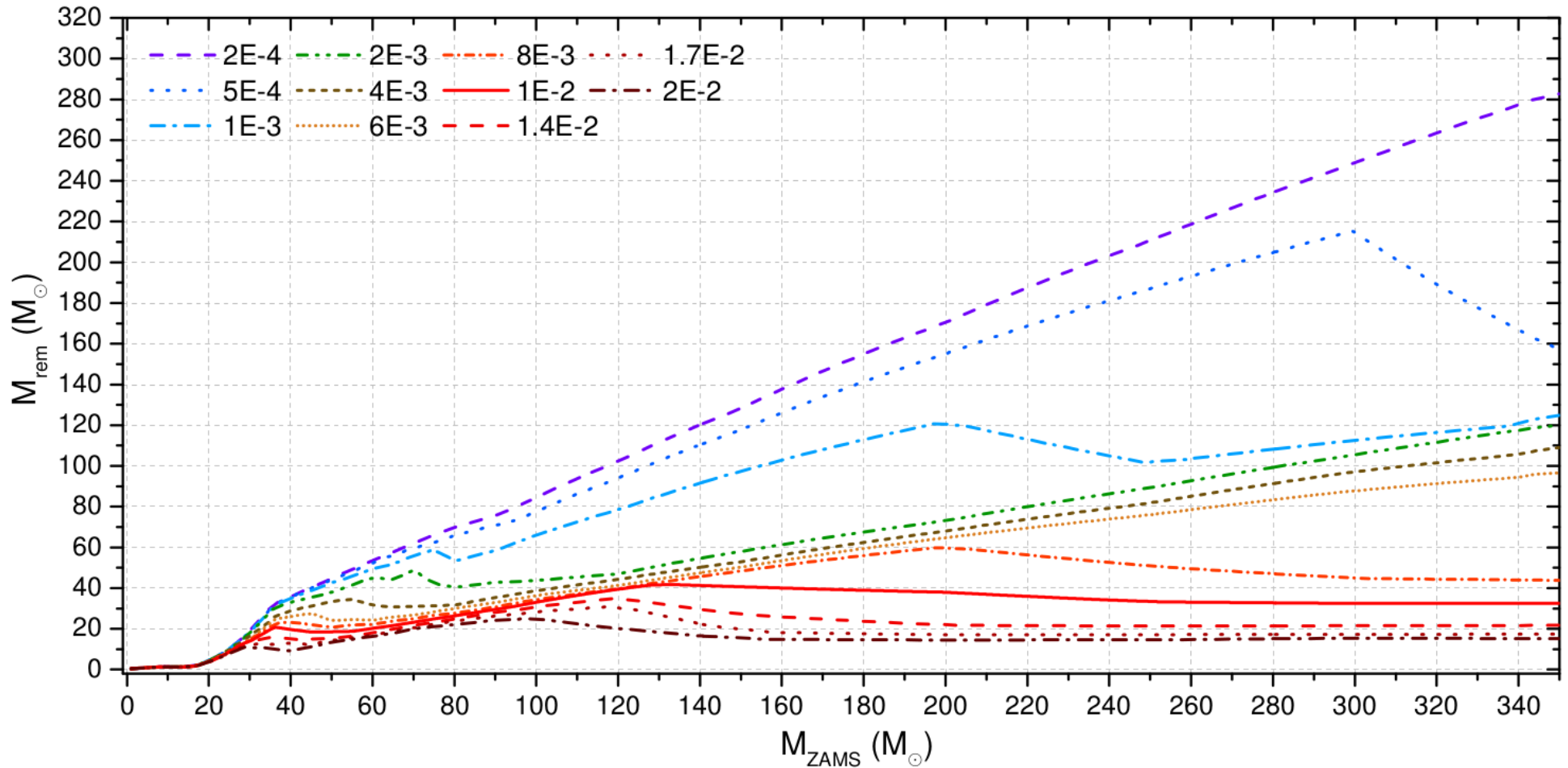
YELLOW:  
PROMPT SN  
(Fryer+ 2012)



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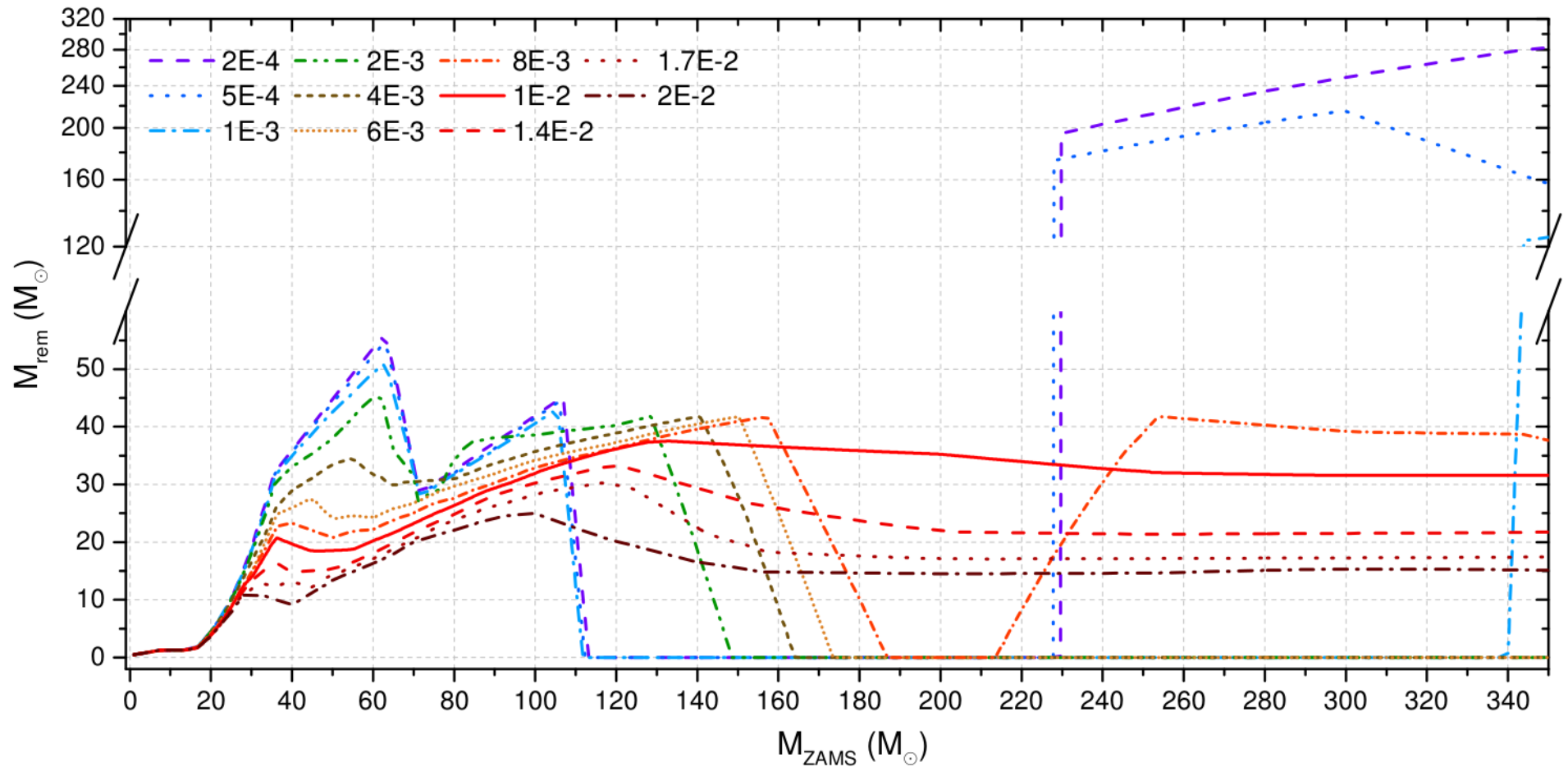
Evolution of very massive stars still uncertain

→ stellar winds are Eddington-limited rather than metallicity dependent



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Role of pulsational pair-instability and pair-instability supernovae  
(still missing in most models)

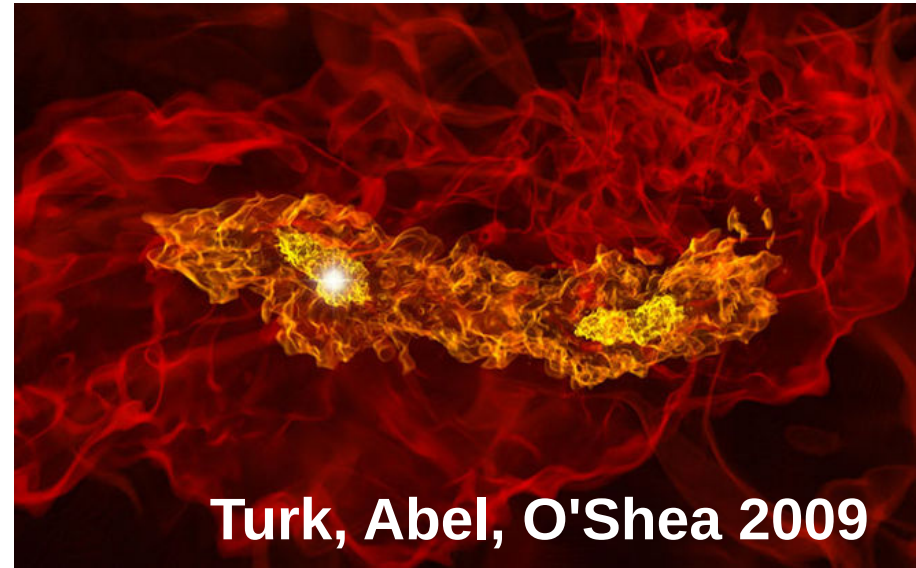


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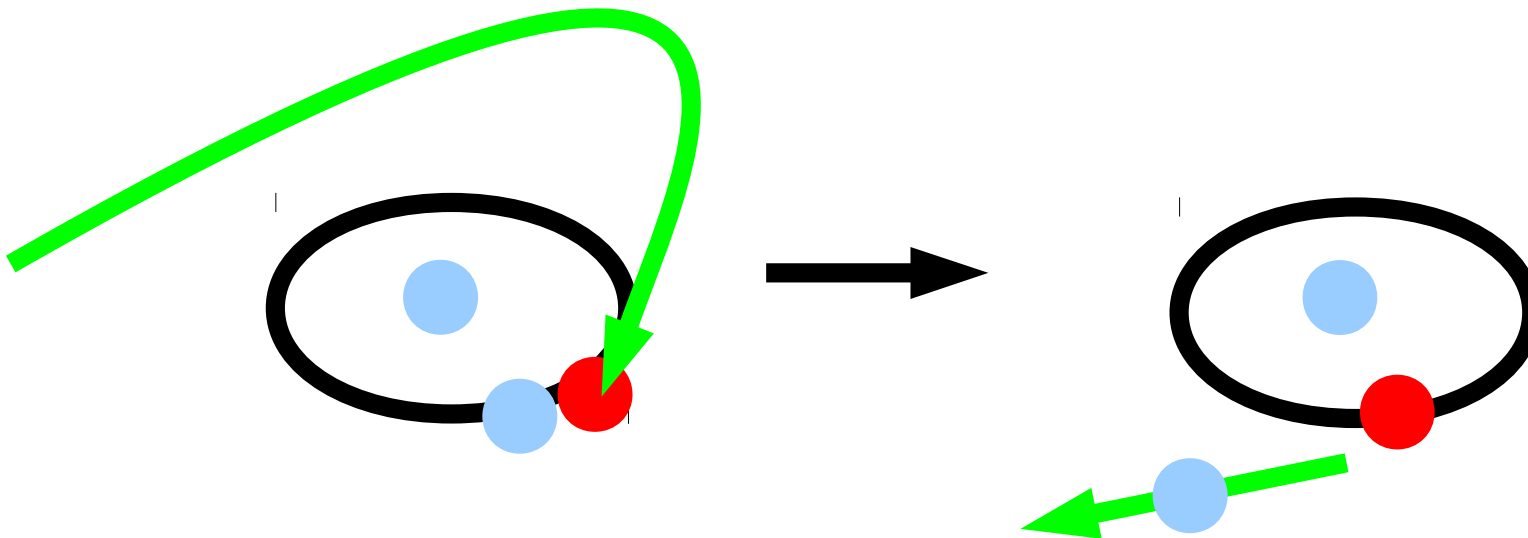
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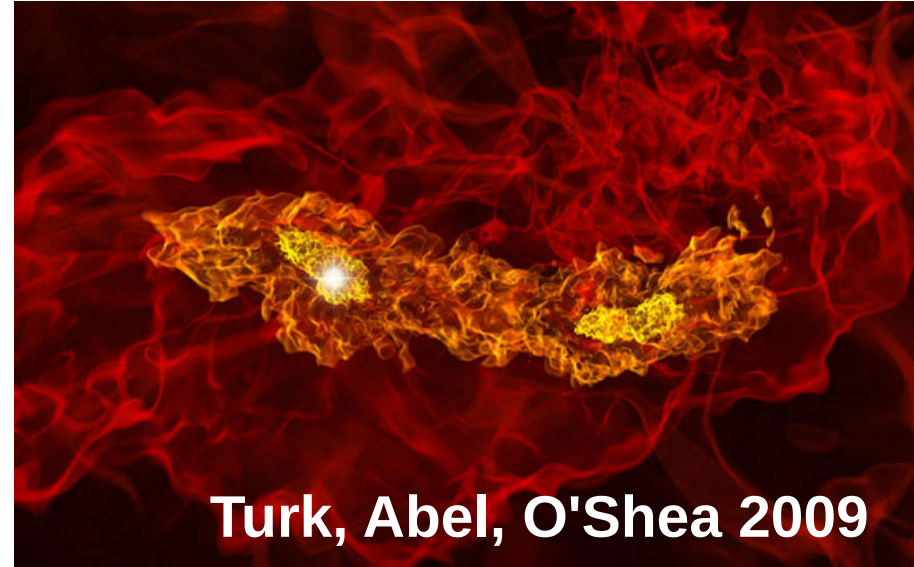
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2 stars form from same gas cloud  
and evolve into 2 BHs

NOT SO EASY:



Many evolutionary processes can affect the binary

e.g. mass transfer, common envelope, SN kicks

Studied via POPULATION SYNTHESIS CODES:

integration of ISOLATED binaries

(Starlab, Portegies Zwart+ 2001; MM+2013; BSE, Hurley+ 2002;  
StarTrack, Belczynski+ 2010; SEVN, Spera+ 2015)

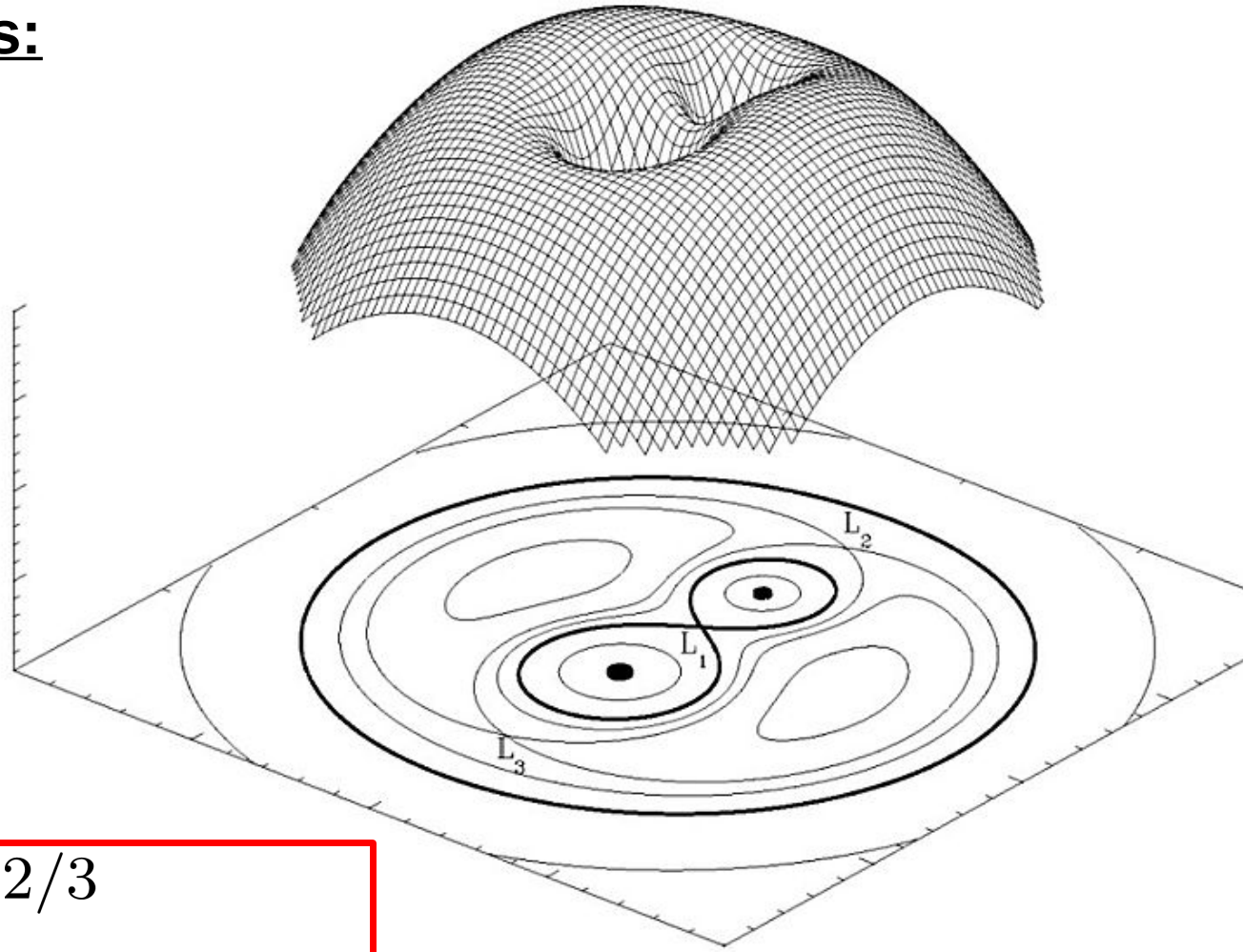
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### Mass transfer in binaries:

Equipotential surfaces  
in a binary system

Roche lobe: minimum  
contact equip. surface  
(L1 Lagrangian point)

If a star fills its Roche lobe  
matter flows without energy  
change into the other star  
→ MASS TRANSFER



By Marc van der Sluys

$$\frac{r_1}{a} = \frac{0.49 q^{2/3}}{0.6 q^{2/3} + \ln(1 + q^{1/3})}$$

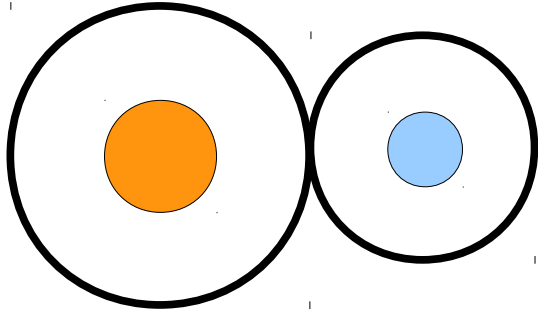
where  $a$  = semi-major axis

$$q = M_1/M_2$$

## 2. Binaries of stellar black holes (BHs)

### Common envelope in binaries:

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**COMMON ENVELOPE (CE) phase = Two stars, one envelope**

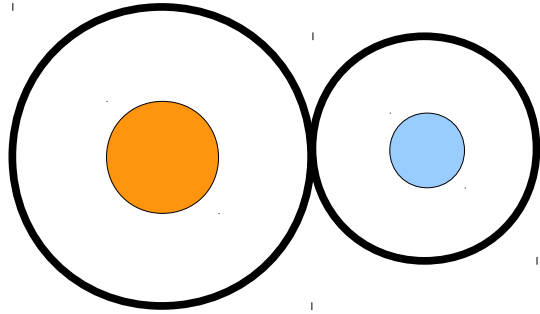


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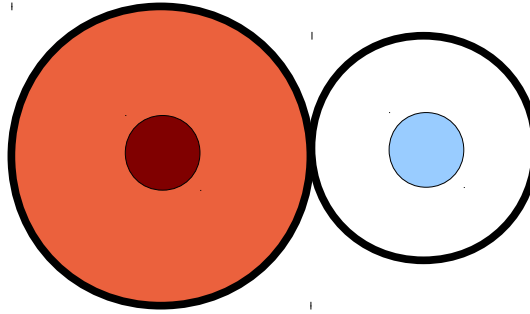
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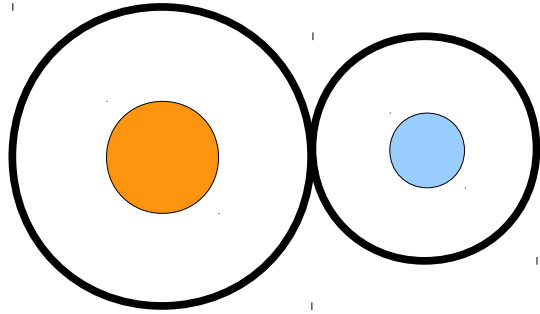


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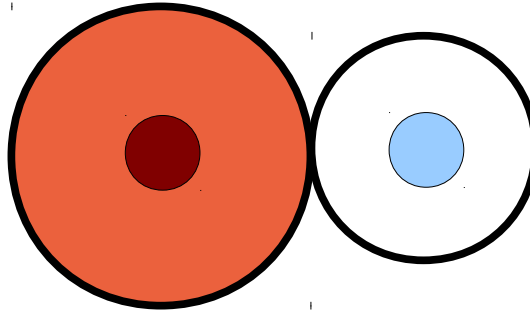
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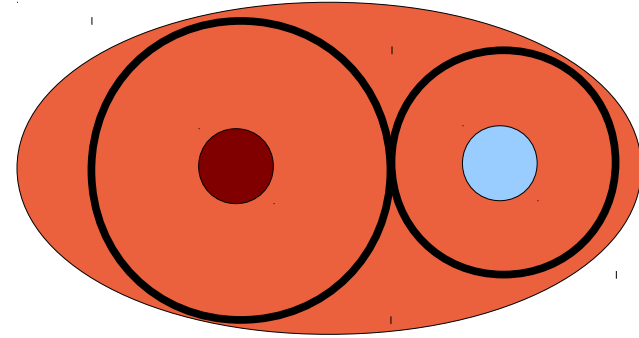
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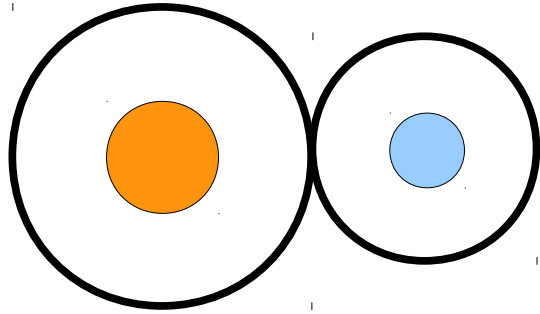


*Mass transfer becomes  
unstable: CE phase*

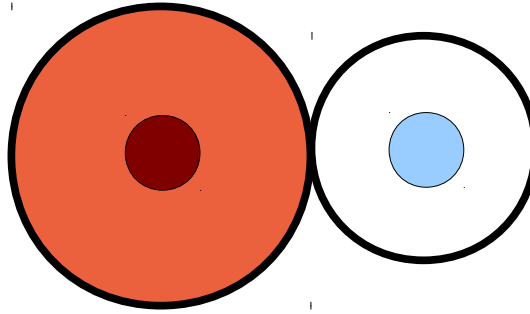
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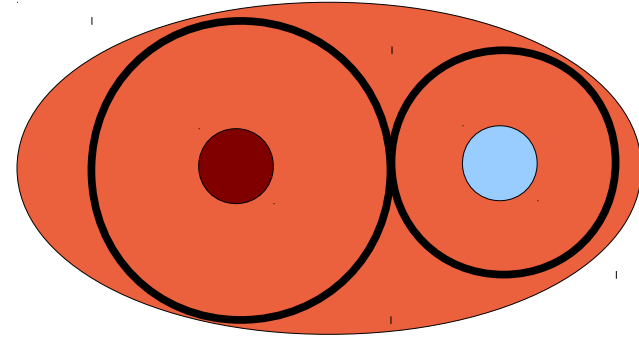
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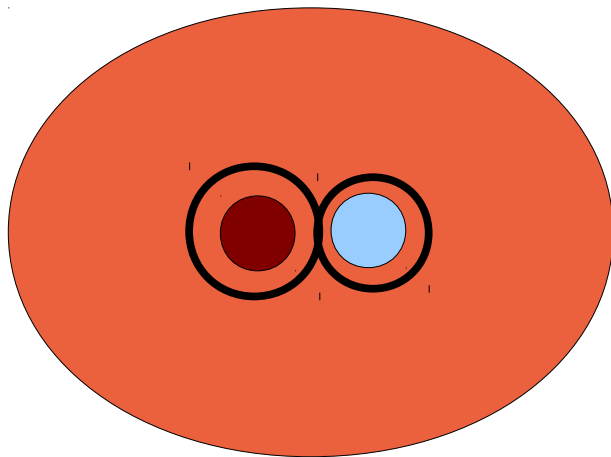
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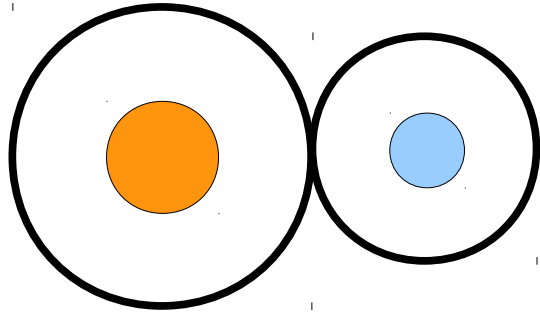
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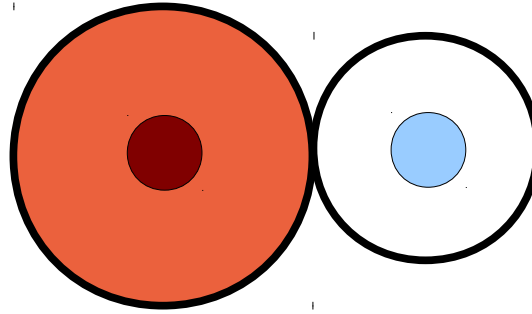
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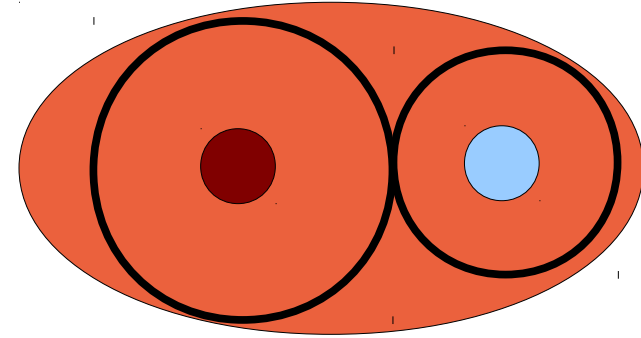
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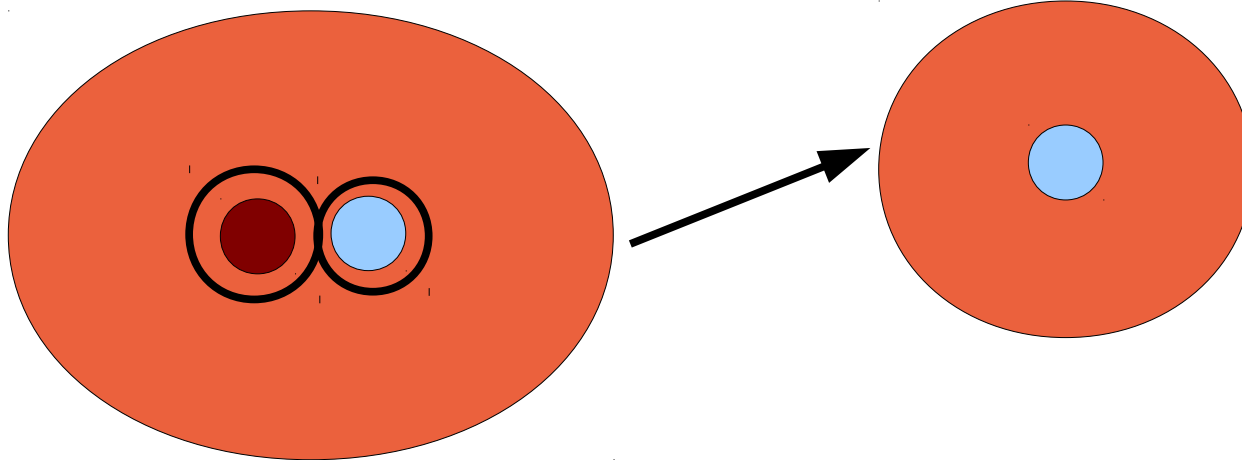
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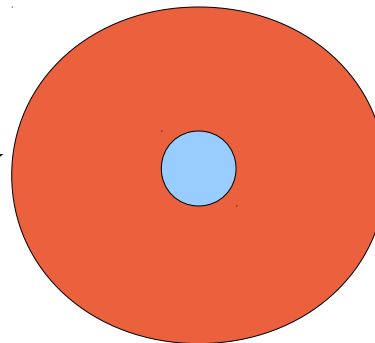


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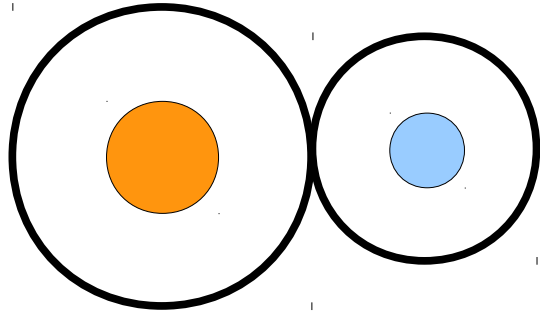
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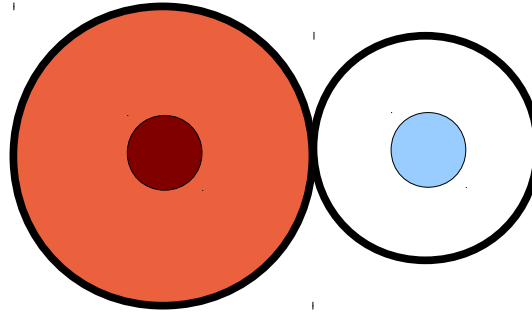
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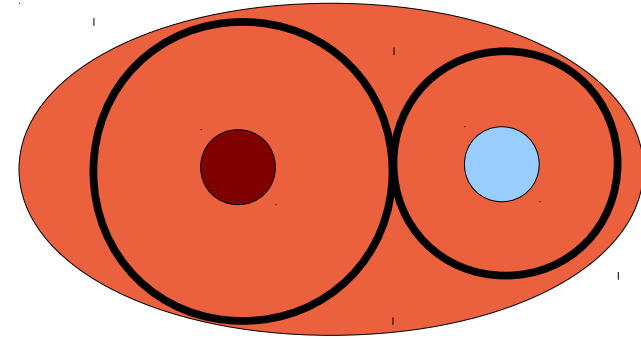
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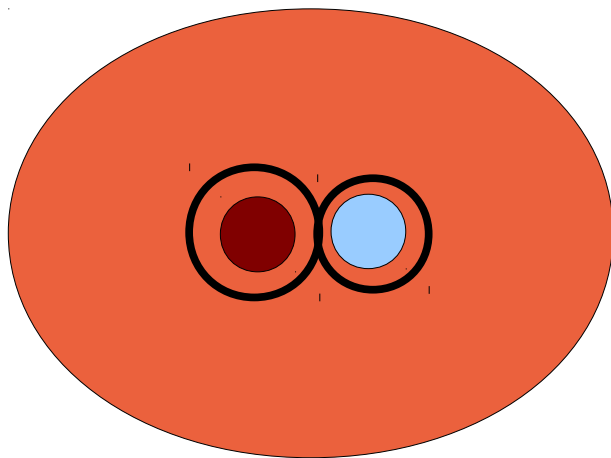
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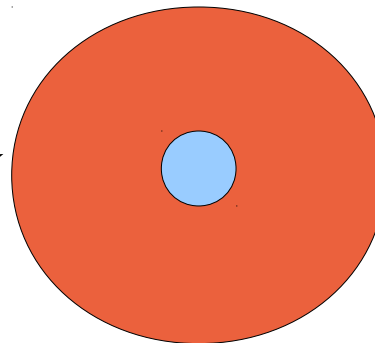
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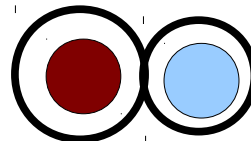
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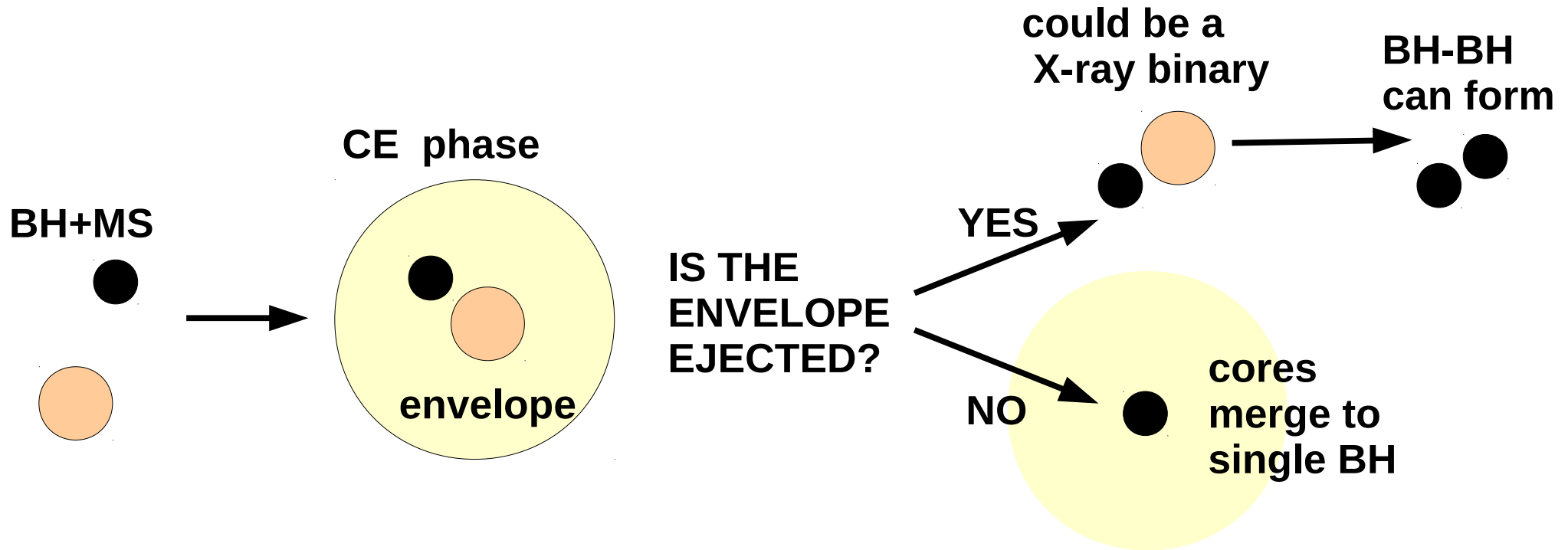


*The energy released during the spiral in removes the envelope: The two cores form a new tighter binary*

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WHY is important for BH demography?



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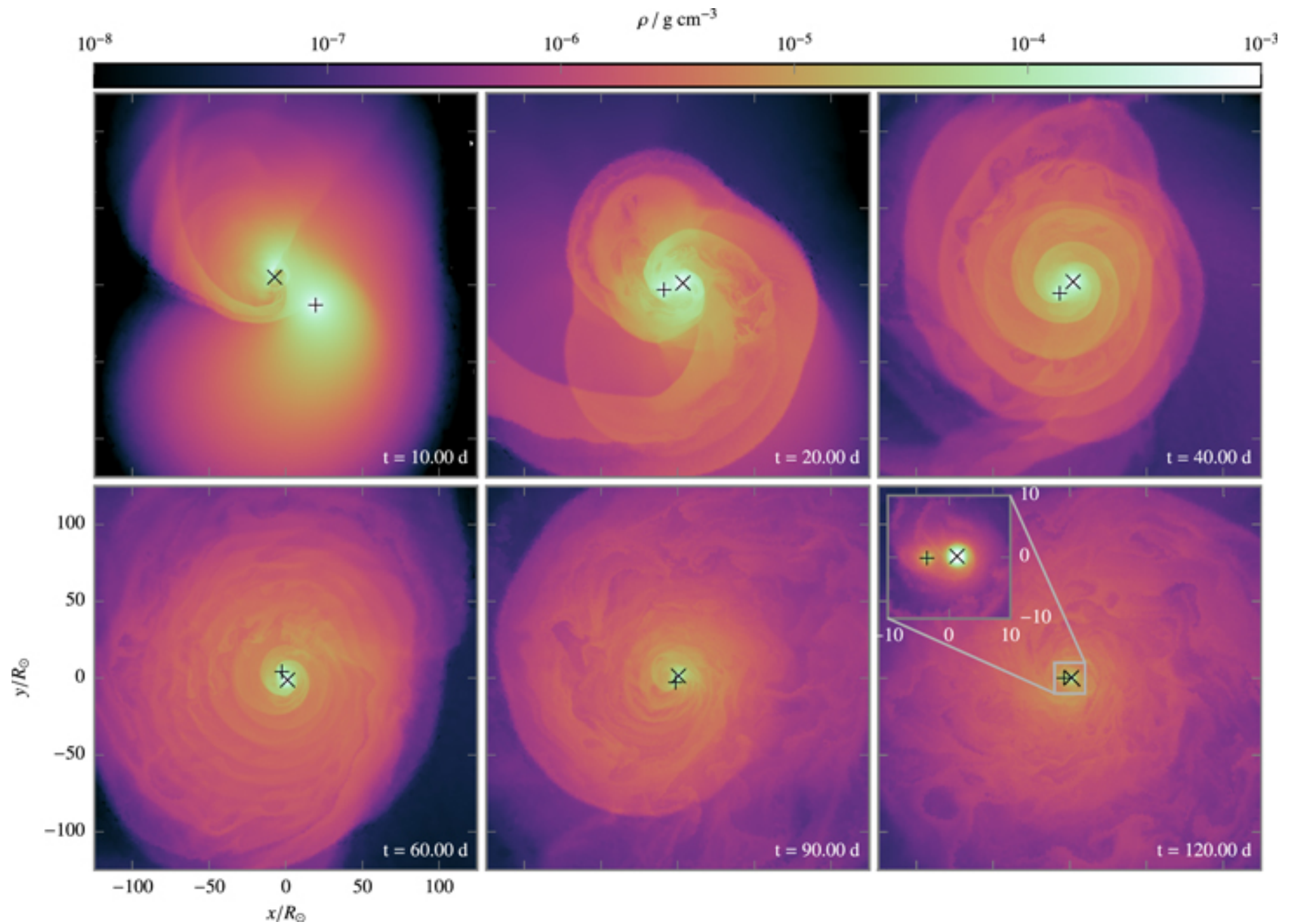
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4. **MERGER** of the cores **or EJECTION** of ENVELOPE

SEE IVANOVA ET AL. 2013, A&ARv, 21, 59 for a review

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### Common envelope in binaries:

Most used analytic formalism ( $\alpha\lambda$ , Webbink 1984) does not capture physics. In its version by Hurley+ (2002, MNRAS, 329, 897) the  $\alpha\lambda$  formalism is:

1. initial binding energy of envelope ( $\lambda$  = free parameter, geometrical factor)

$$E_{\text{bind},i} = -\frac{G}{\lambda} \left( \frac{M_1 M_{\text{env},1}}{r_1} + \frac{M_2 M_{\text{env},2}}{r_2} \right)$$

2. orbital energy of the cores

$$E_{\text{orb}} = -\frac{1}{2} \frac{G M_{c,1} M_{c,2}}{a}$$

3. change of orbital energy needed to unbind the envelope:

$$E_{\text{bind},i} = \Delta E_{\text{orb}} = \alpha (E_{\text{orb},f} - E_{\text{orb},i})$$

$\alpha$  is second free parameter (energy removal efficiency)

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### Common envelope in binaries:

4. if  $a_f < (r_{c,1} + r_{c,2})$

or  $r_{c,i} < r_{L,i}$

i.e. any of the two cores fills Roche lobe before envelope ejection

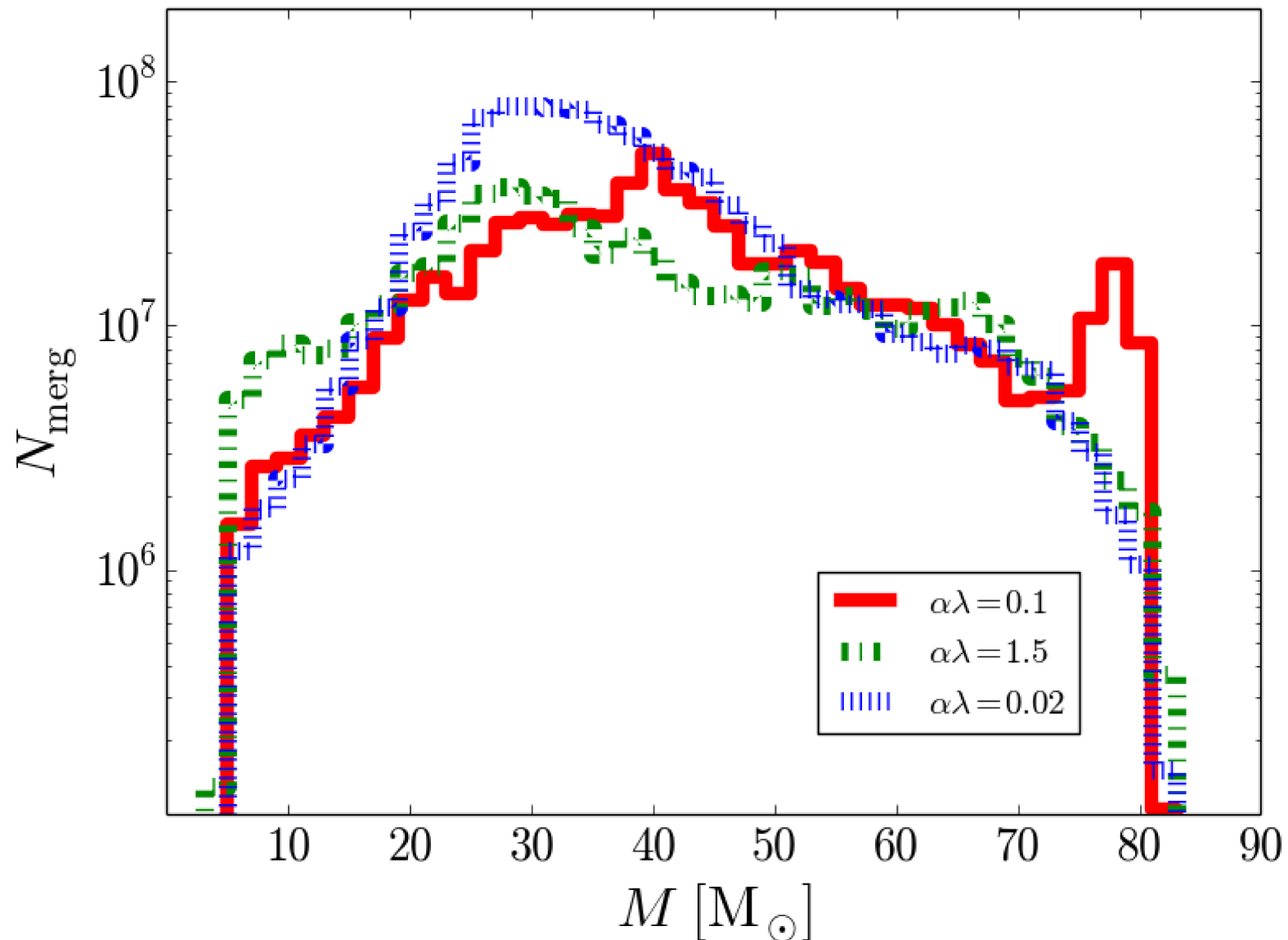
THEN the cores merge (Hurley+ 2002, MNRAS, 329, 897)

**PROBLEM IS: HOW TO CONSTRAIN  $\alpha$  and  $\lambda$  ?**

***Observations of WD binaries, NS binaries, SNIa,  
now gravitational wave events, ....***

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Common envelope in binaries:



updated version of BSE (MM+ submitted, Giacobbo+ in prep.)

## 2. Binaries of stellar black holes (BHs)

Alternative to common envelope:

### chemically homogeneous evolution

(Marchant+ 2016; Mandel & de Mink 2016; de Mink & Mandel 2016)

**BASIC IDEA:**

if stars are chemically homogeneous, their radii are smaller

→ close binaries avoid common envelope and premature merger

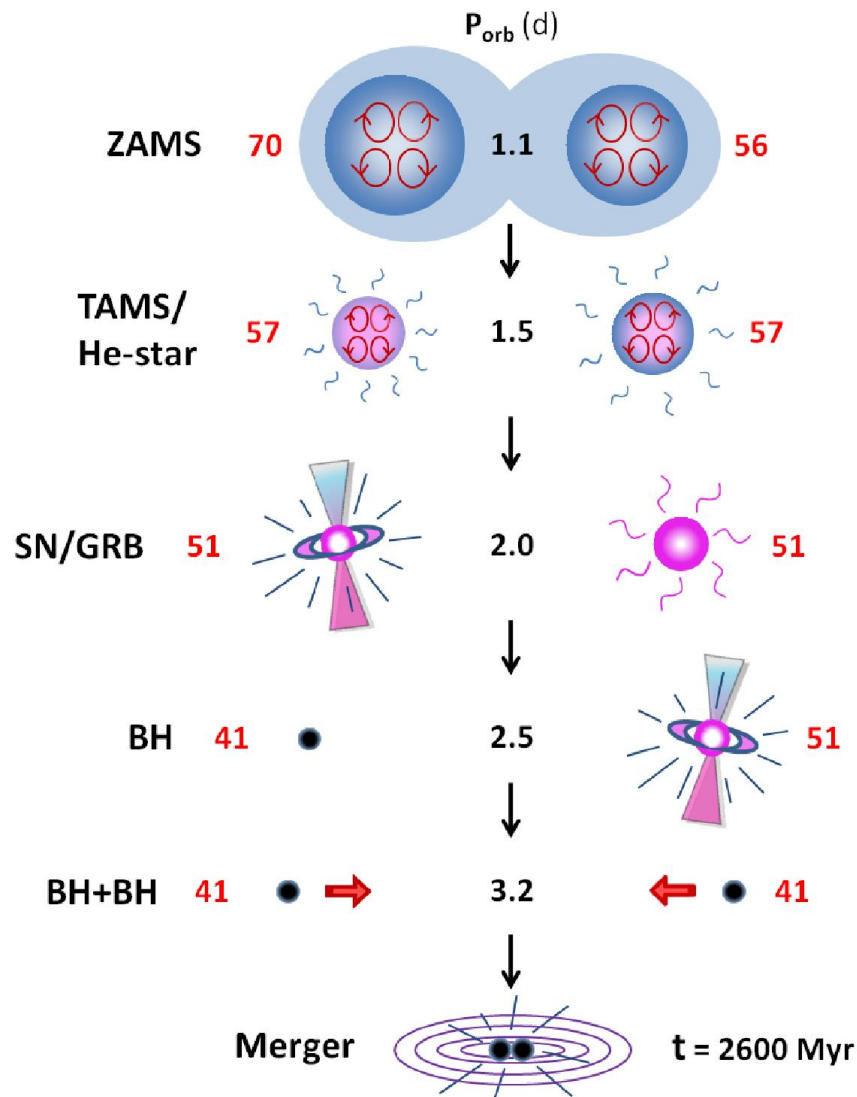
To be chemically homogeneous, stars need to ROTATE fast



## 2. Binaries of stellar black holes (BHs)

### OVERCONTACT BINARIES (Marchant+ 2016):

Metal-poor fast rotating stars may OVERFILL ROCHE LOBE WITHOUT ENTERING COMMON ENVELOPE



### Predictions:

- \* nearly equal-mass BH-BH
- \* BH masses  $\sim 25 - 60, 130 - 230 M_{\odot}$  increasing with decreasing metallicity (no low-mass BHs!)
- \* aligned spins unless SN reset them

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### Supernova kicks and BH binaries:

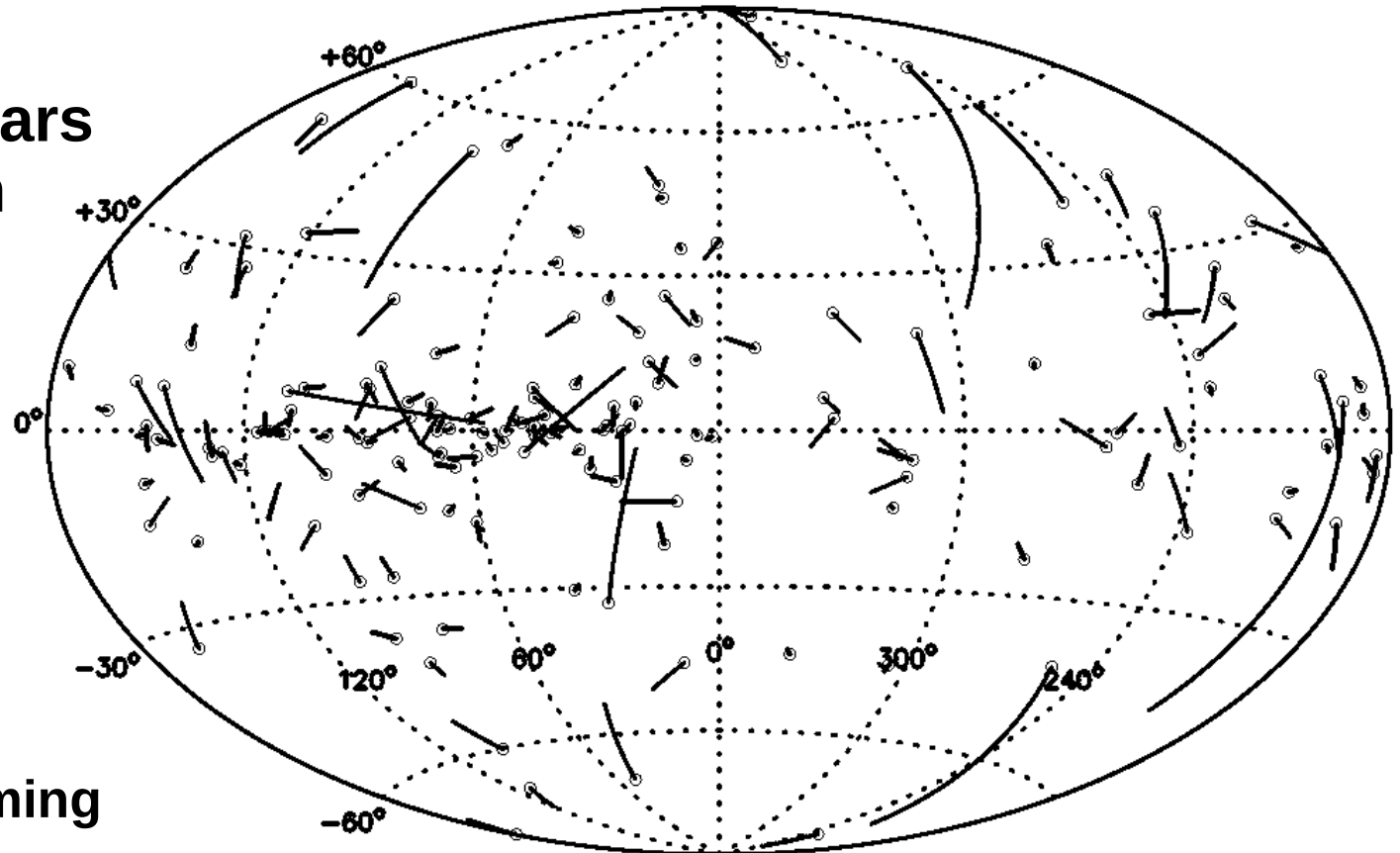
A massive-star binary can become a BH-BH binary only if it is not unbound by SN kicks

SN kicks for NSs constrained from velocity of PULSARS

**Hobbs+ (2005):**  
sample of 233 pulsars  
with proper motion  
measurements

A pulsar is currently  
at the position  
indicated by a circle

The track is its motion  
for the last 1 Myr assuming  
no radial velocity.

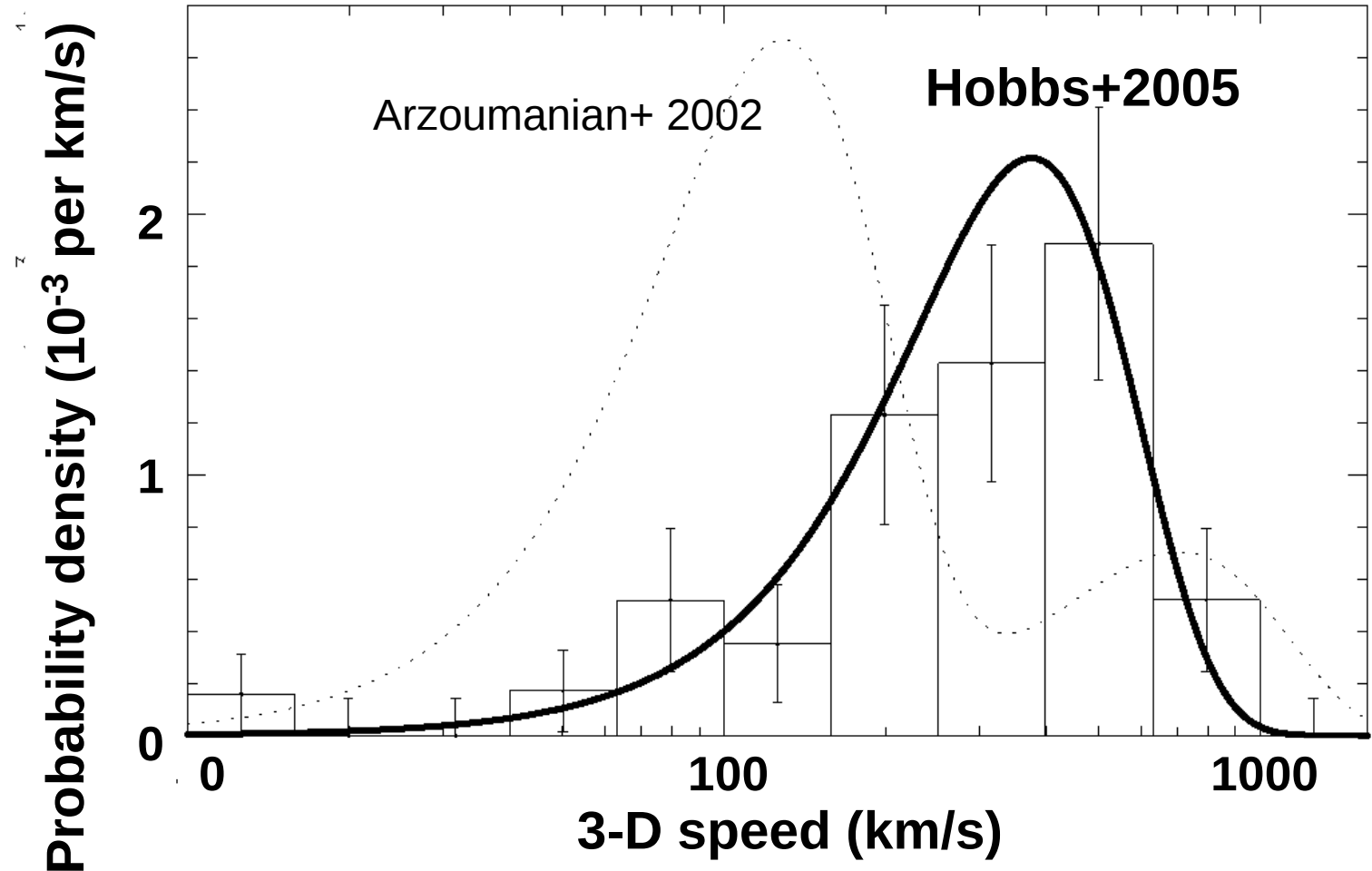


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**Hobbs+ (2005):** 3-D velocity distribution of pulsars obtained from the observed 2-D distributions of pulsars

→ Maxwellian distribution with sigma  $\sim$  265 km/s



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Supernova kicks and BH binaries:

High (>100 km/s) velocity kicks for NSs

WHAT ABOUT BHs?

No reliable methods to measure. Then people assume

1. conservation of linear momentum

$$v_{\text{kick, BH}} = \frac{m_{\text{NS}}}{m_{\text{BH}}} v_{\text{kick, NS}}$$

2. BHs formed without SN (failed or direct collapse)  
get NO KICK + kick modulated by FALLBACK

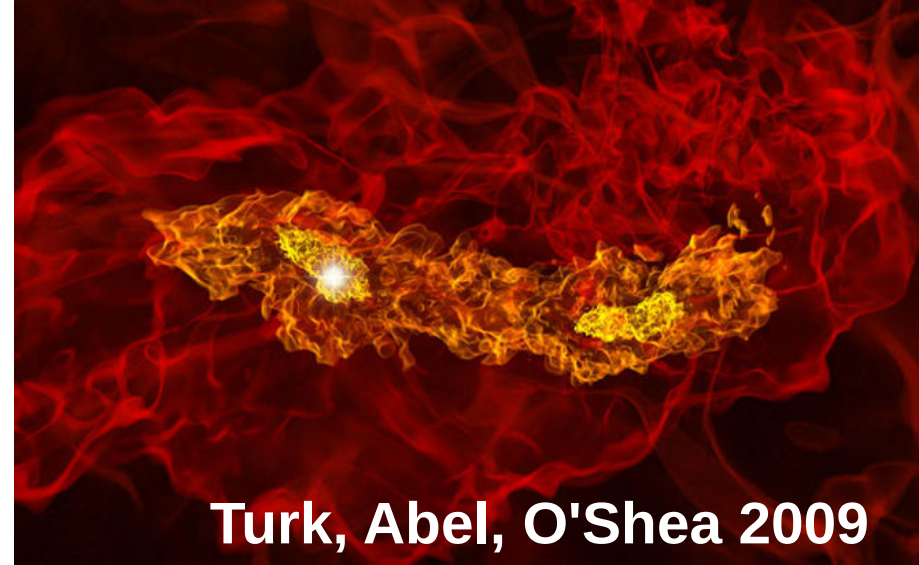
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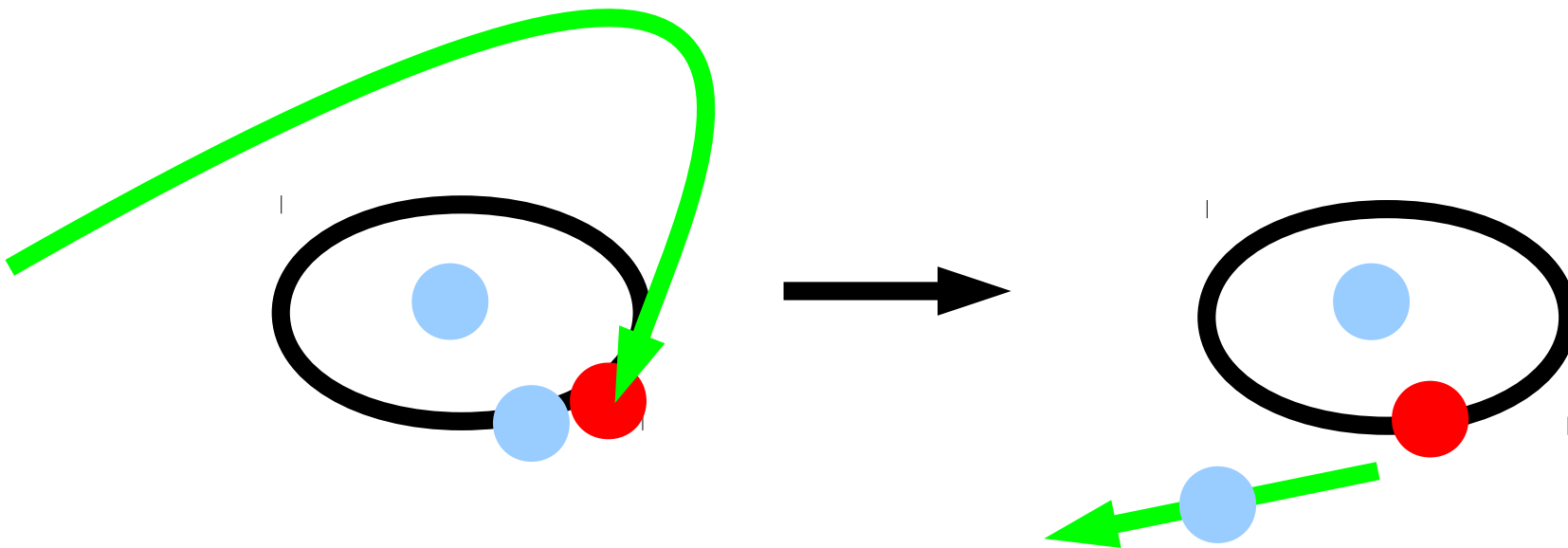
LIGO observed a BH-BH BINARY

How do BH-BH (or BH-NS, NS-NS) binaries form?

1) PRIMORDIAL BINARY



2) DYNAMICALLY FORMED BINARY



### 3. The dynamics of BH binaries:

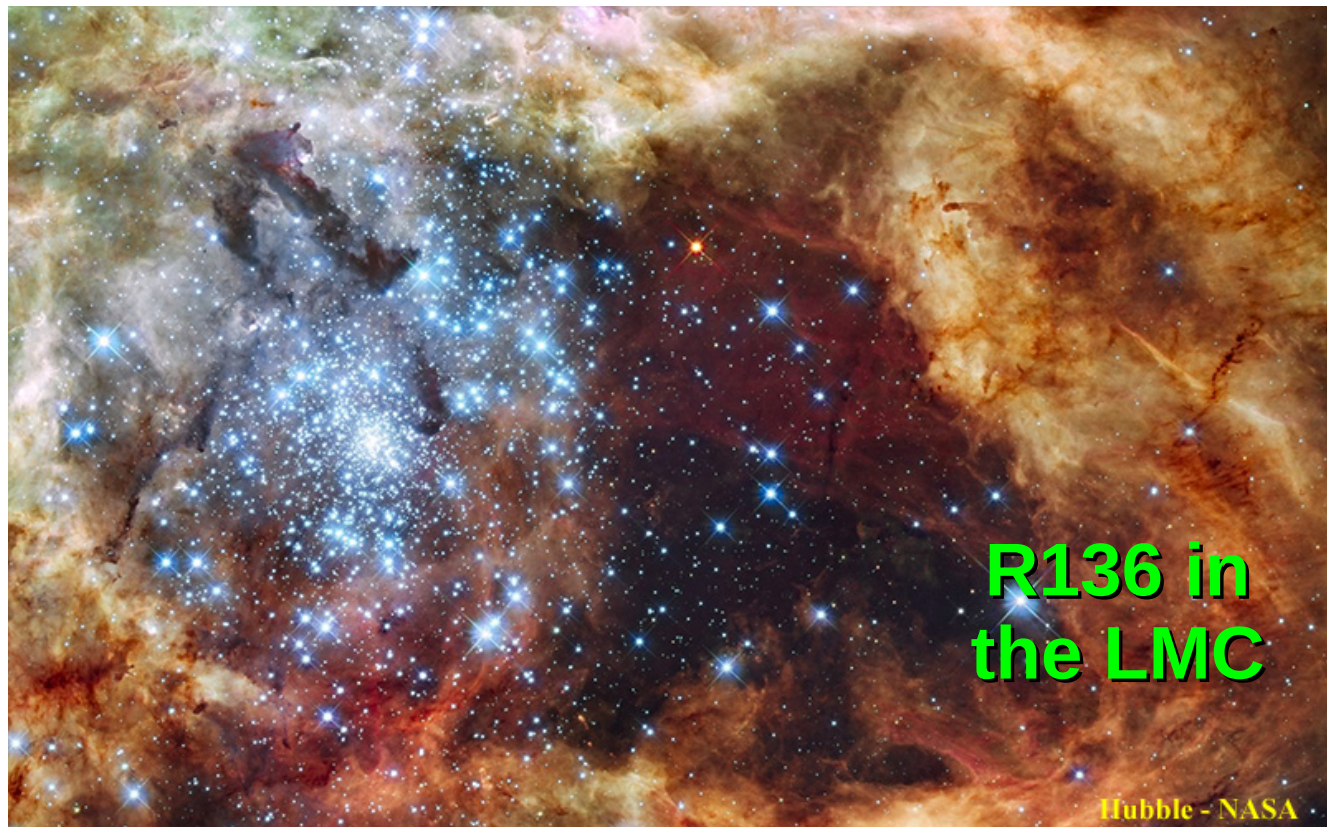
DYNAMICS is IMPORTANT ONLY IF

$$n > 10^3 \text{ stars pc}^{-3}$$

i.e. only in dense star clusters, where encounters are common

**BUT** massive stars (compact-object progenitors) form in star clusters

*(Lada & Lada 2003; Weidner & Kroupa 2006; Weidner, Kroupa & Bonnell 2010; Gvaramadze et al. 2012; see Portegies Zwart+ 2010 for a review)*





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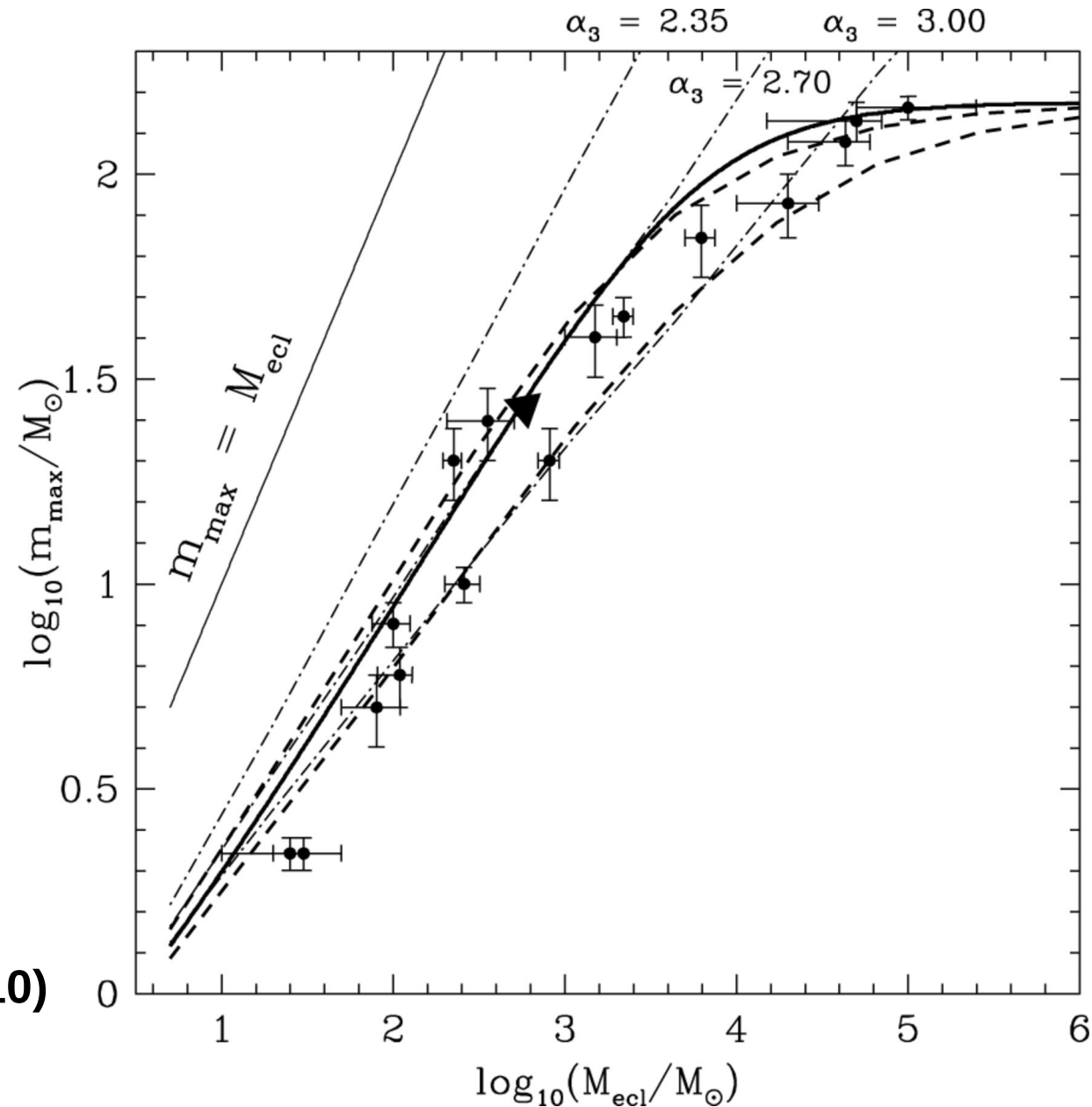
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Figure from  
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Data points:  
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Lines: theoretical fits

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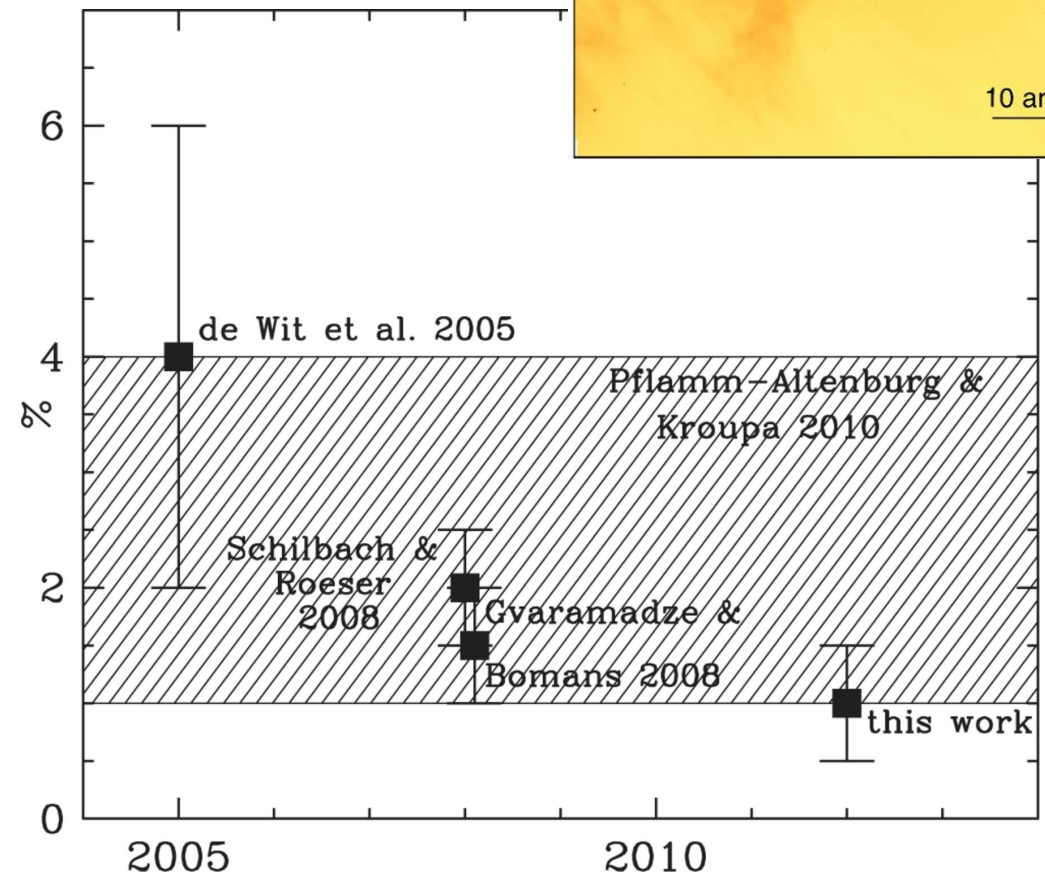
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O-type stars in the field are mostly **RUNAWAY** from star clusters (as we see from bow shocks)

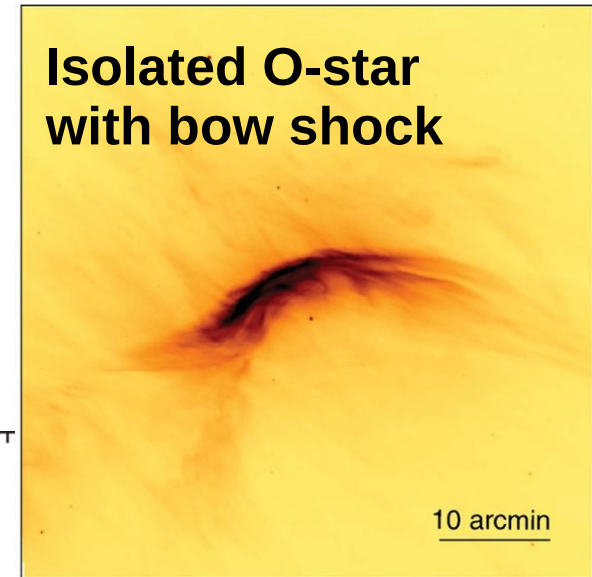
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See also  
De Wit et al. (2004, 2005)  
Schilbach & Roeser (2008)

Percentage of  
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Isolated O-star  
with bow shock



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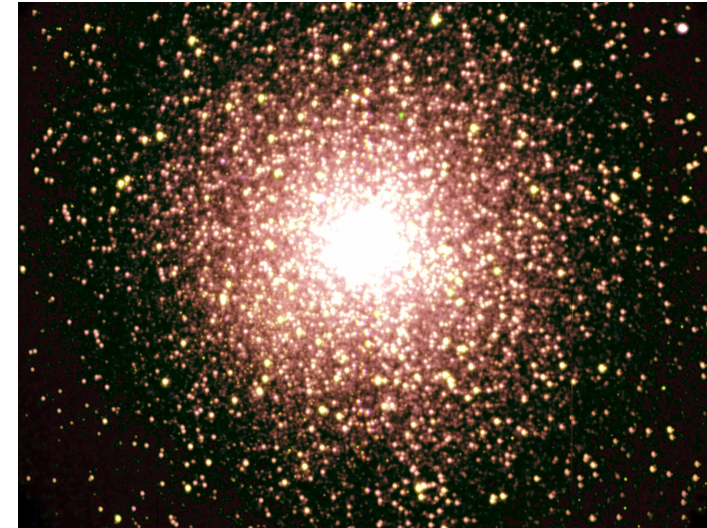


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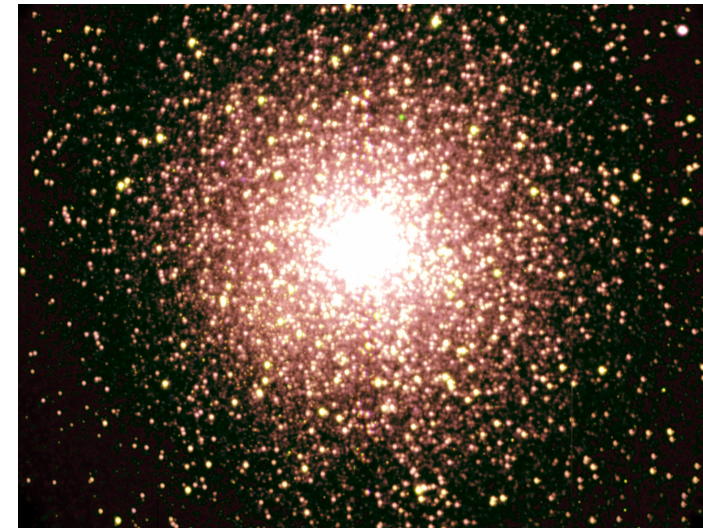


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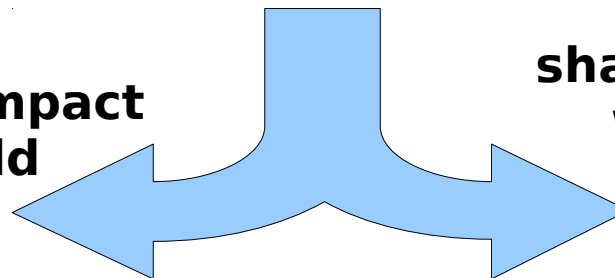
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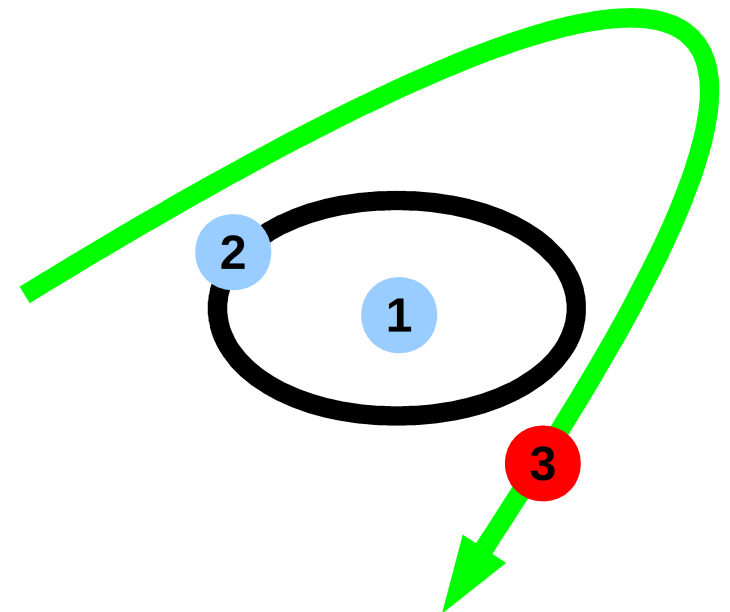
Binaries have a energy reservoir (internal energy)

$$E_{int} = \frac{1}{2} \mu v^2 - \frac{G m_1 m_2}{r}$$

where  $m_1$  and  $m_2$  are the mass of the primary and secondary member of the binary,  $\mu$  is the reduced mass ( $:= m_1 m_2 / (m_1 + m_2)$ ),  $r$  and  $v$  are the relative separation and velocity.

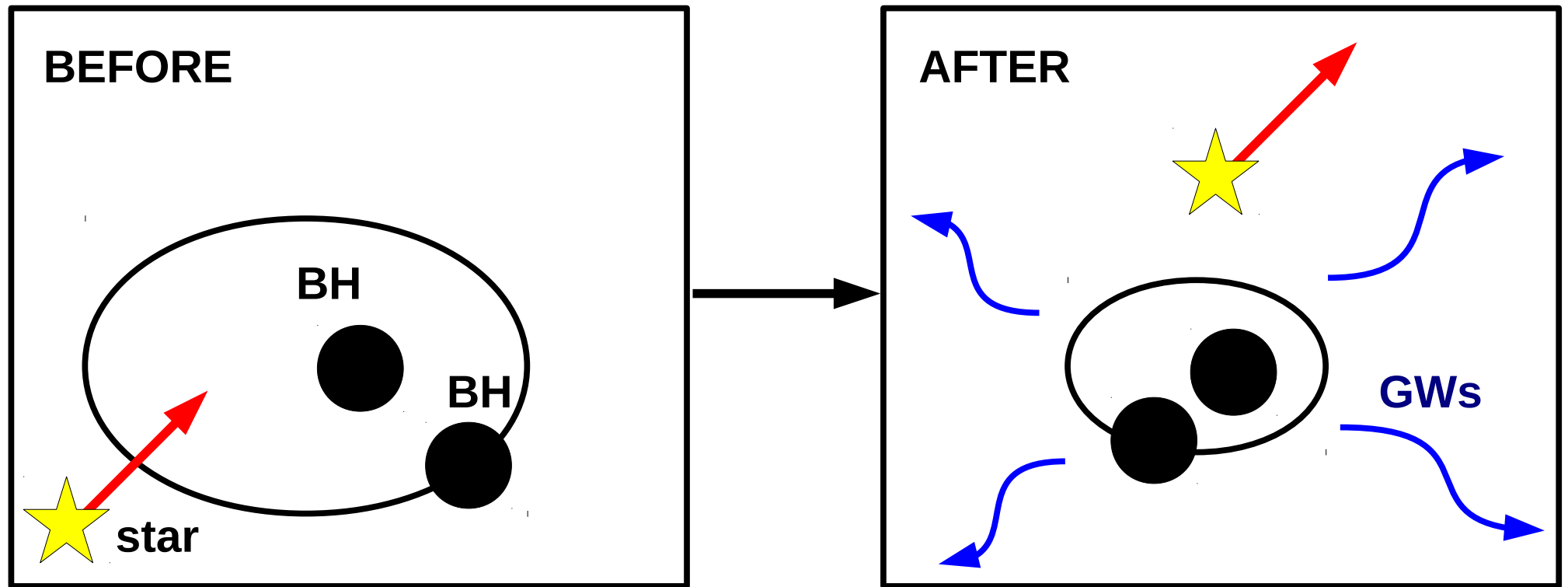
$$E_{int} = -\frac{G m_1 m_2}{2 a} = -E_b$$

**THE ENERGY RESERVOIR of BINARIES**  
**can be EXCHANGED with stars**  
**during a 3-BODY INTERACTION,**  
**i.e. an interaction between**  
**a binary and a single star**





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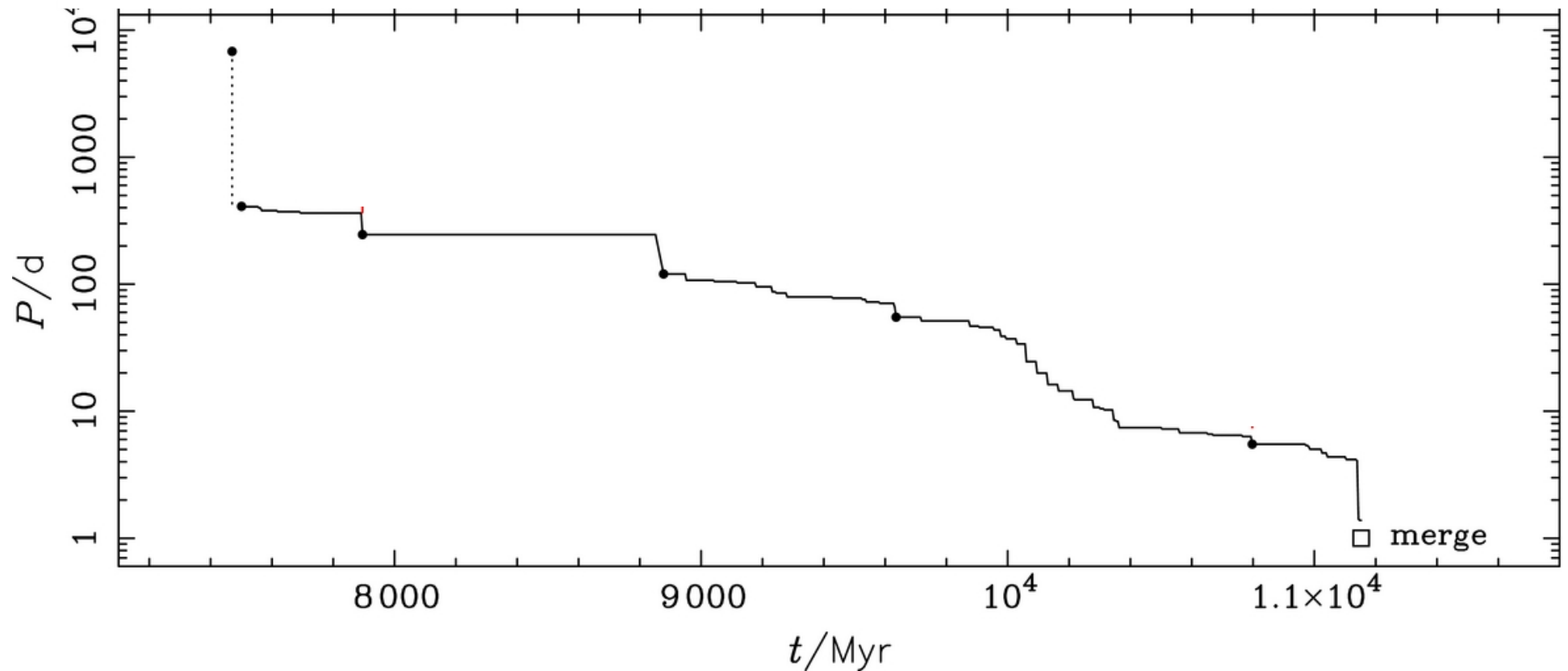


*In a flyby, the star acquires kinetic energy from the binary*

*→ the binary shrinks*

*→ shorter coalescence time*

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*Hurley+ 2016, PASA, 33, 36*

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**HARDENING TIMESCALE**  
(e.g. Colpi+ 2003)

$$t_h = \left| \frac{a}{\dot{a}} \right| = \frac{1}{2 \pi G \xi} \frac{\sigma}{\rho} \frac{1}{a}$$

**GRAVITATIONAL WAVE (GW) TIMESCALE (Peters 1964)**

$$t_{GW} = \frac{5}{256} \frac{c^5 a^4 (1 - e^2)^{7/2}}{G^3 m_1 m_2 (m_1 + m_2)}$$

**Combining 1) and 2) we can find the maximum semi-major axis for GWs to dominate evolution**

$$a_{GW} = \left[ \frac{256}{5} \frac{G^2 m_1 m_2 (m_1 + m_2) \sigma}{2 \pi \xi (1 - e^2)^{7/2} c^5 \rho} \right]^{1/5}$$

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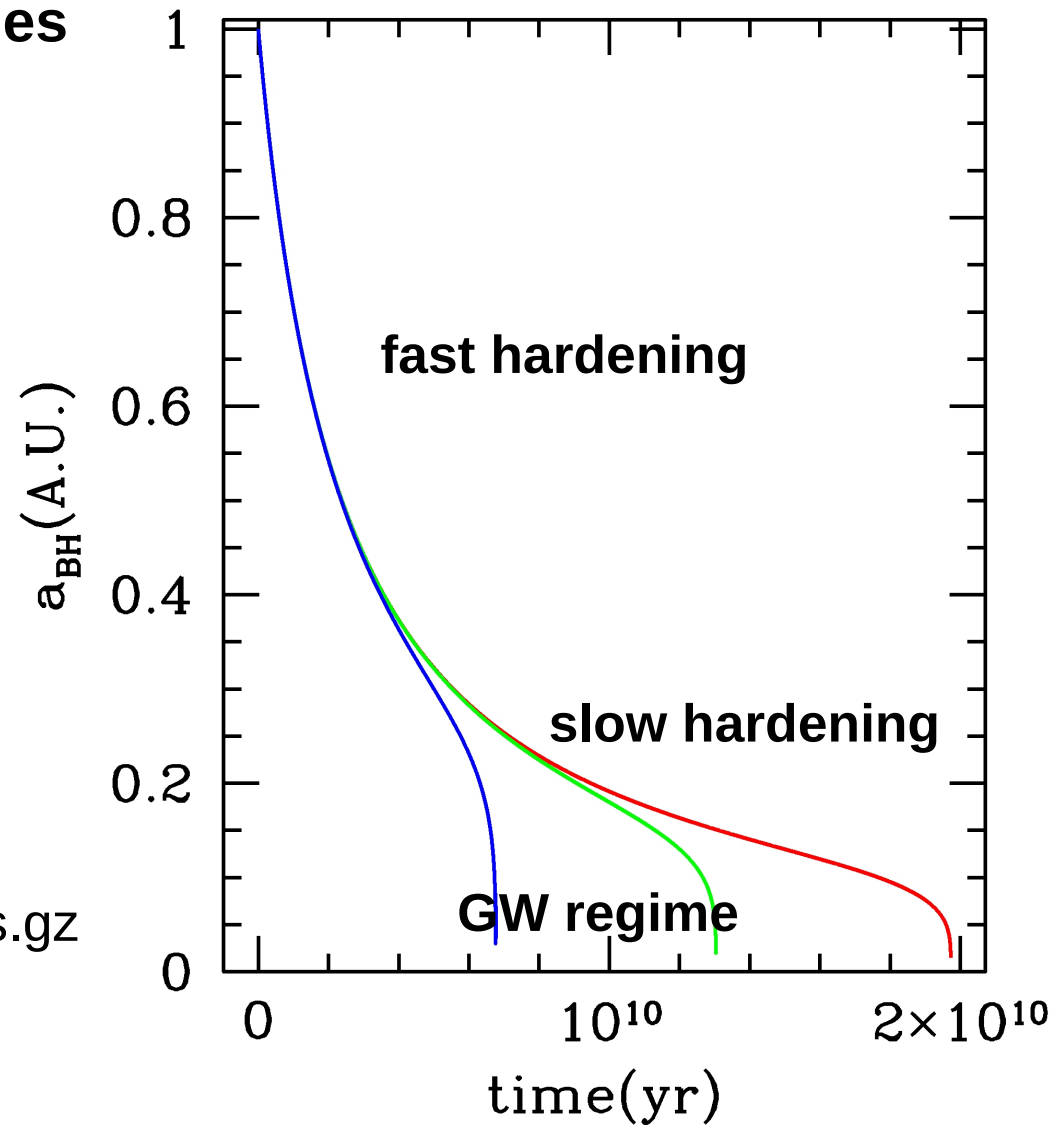
$$m_1 = 200 M_\odot \quad m_2 = 10 M_\odot$$

\* green

$$m_1 = 50 M_\odot \quad m_2 = 10 M_\odot$$

\* red

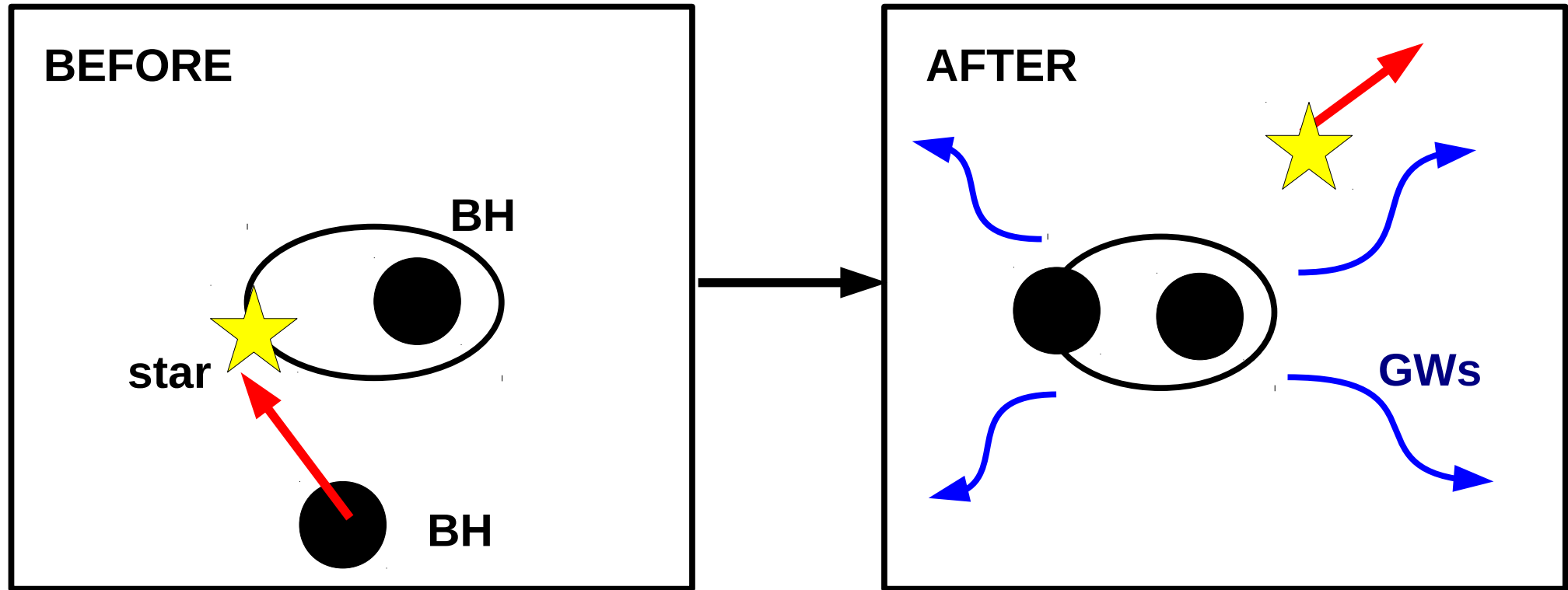
$$m_1 = 30 M_\odot \quad m_2 = 3 M_\odot$$



See  
<http://web.pd.astro.it/mapelli/images/tesi.ps.gz>  
 and **Colpi, MM, Possenti 2003**

$$\frac{da}{dt} = \underbrace{-2 \pi \xi \frac{G \rho}{\sigma} a^2}_{\text{Binary shrinking by hardening}} - \underbrace{\frac{64}{5} \frac{G^3 m_1 m_2 (m_1 + m_2)}{c^5 (1 - e^2)^{7/2}} a^{-3}}_{\text{Binary shrinking by GWs (Peters 1964)}}$$

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***Exchanges bring BHs in binaries***

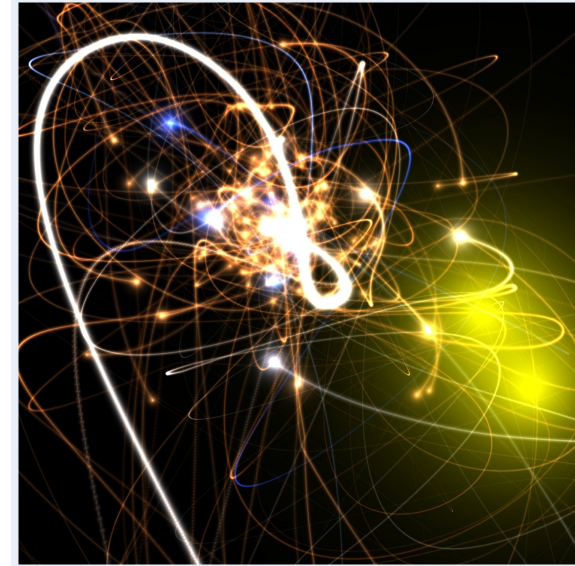
***BHs are FAVOURED BY EXCHANGES BECAUSE THEY ARE MASSIVE!***

***BH born from single star in the field never acquires a companion***

***BH born from single star in a cluster likely acquires companion from dynamics***

### 3. The dynamics of stellar BH binaries: EXCHANGES

**Credits: Aaron Geller (@Northwestern):**



**Movie 2 :** binary – single interaction

[ciera.northwestern.edu/Research/visualizations/videos/Binary+single.mp4](http://ciera.northwestern.edu/Research/visualizations/videos/Binary+single.mp4)

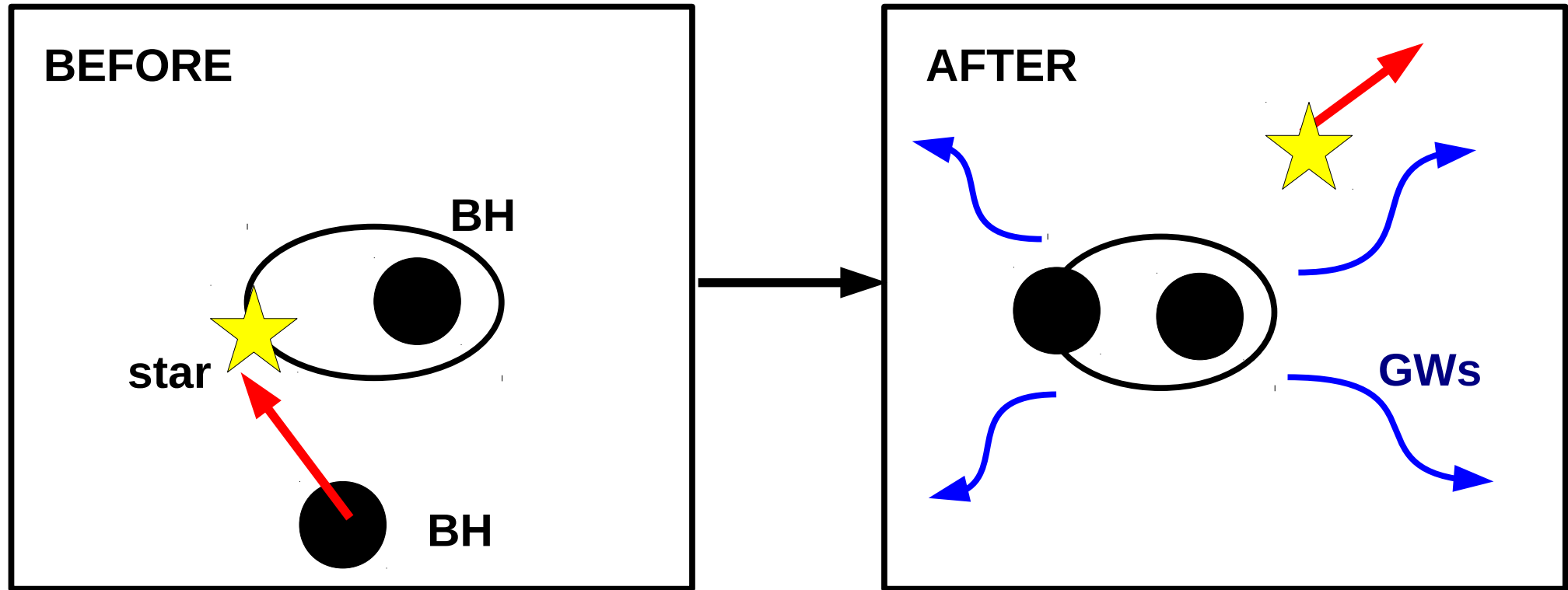
**Movie 3 :** dynamical exchange

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**Movie 4:** 5-body interaction (leads to a COLLISION!)

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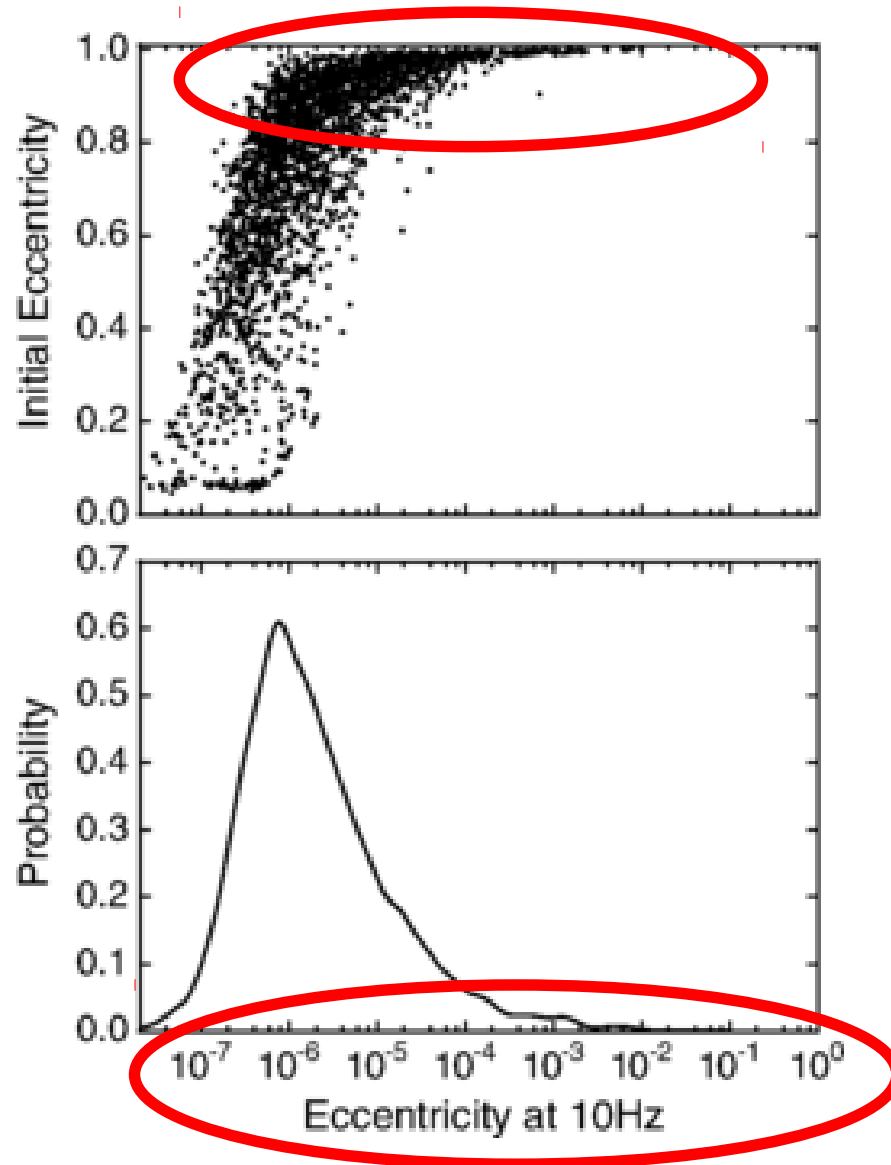
***>90% BH-BH binaries in young star clusters form by exchange  
(Ziosi, MM+ 2014, MNRAS, 441, 3703)***

***EXCHANGES FAVOUR THE FORMATION of BH-BH BINARIES WITH***

- \* THE MOST MASSIVE BHs***
- \* HIGH ECCENTRICITY***
- \* MISALIGNED BH SPINS***



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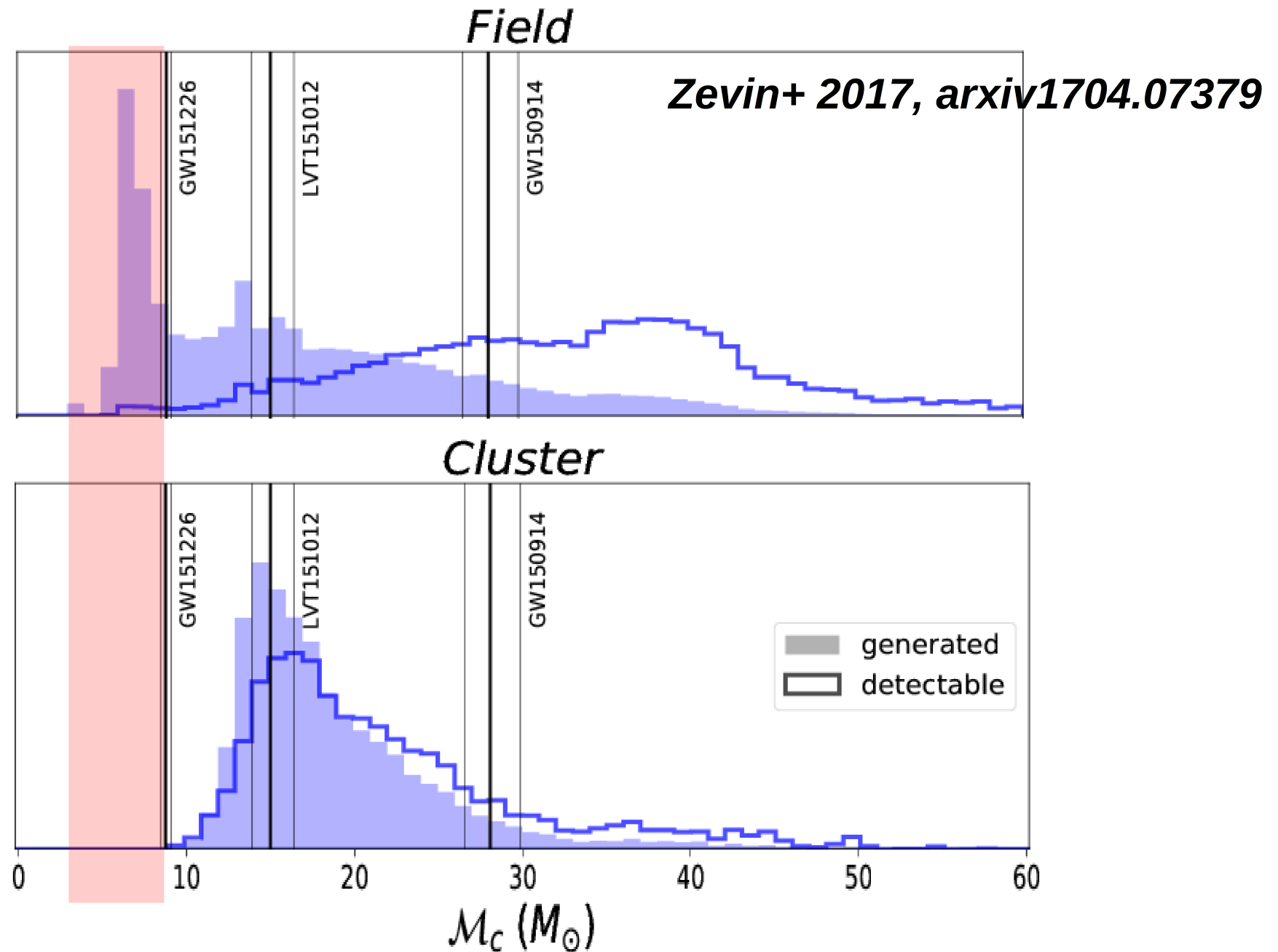


*Rodriguez+ 2016, PhRvD, 93, 4029*

- high eccentricity at formation
- small eccentricity when reaching LIGO-Virgo range

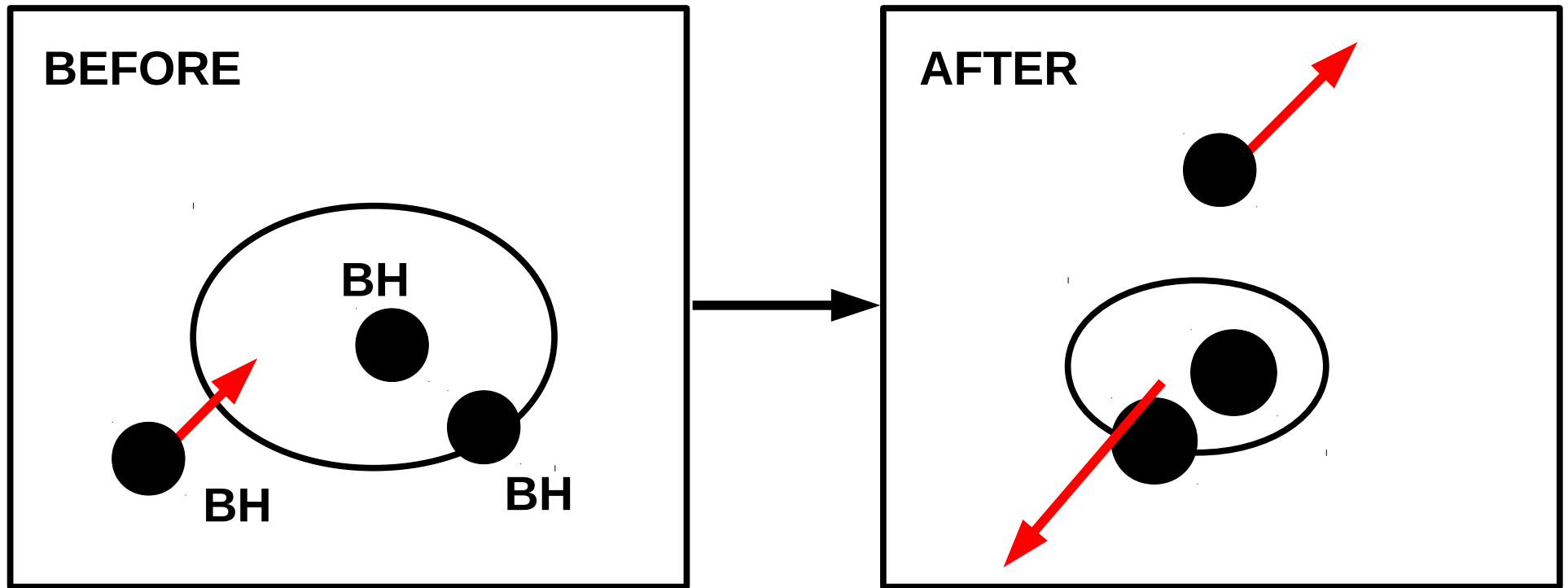
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Internal energy is extracted from the binary

➡ converted into KINETIC ENERGY of the INTRUDER  
AND of the CM of the BINARY

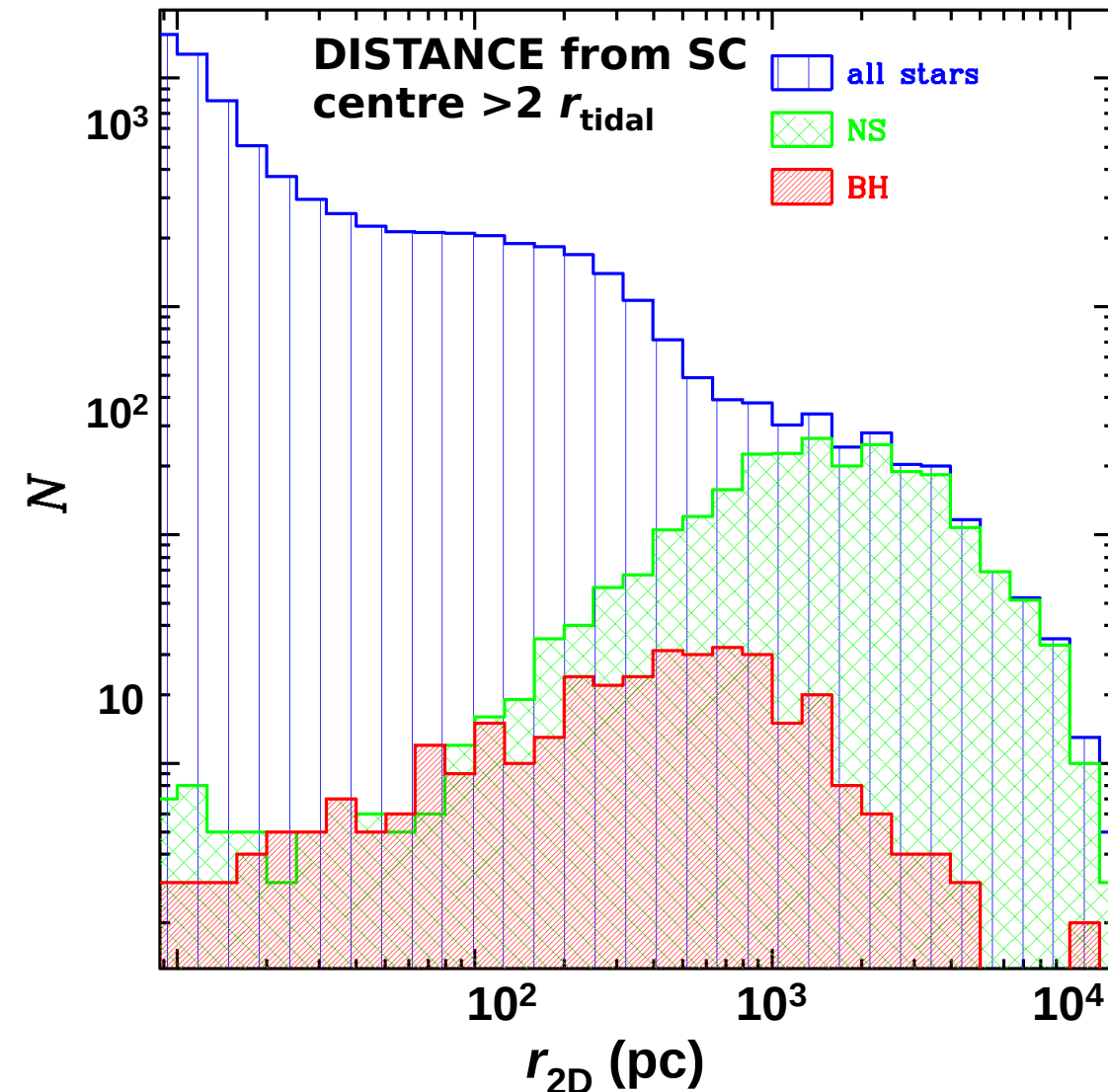
➡ BOTH RECOIL and can be ejected from SC

**IMPORTANT NOT ONLY FOR BHs but also for BH-NS and NS-NS!!**

### 3. The dynamics of stellar BH binaries: ejections

BHs and NSs are ejected from host star clusters by  
**DYNAMICS** and **NATAL (SN) KICKS**

Simulations of young star clusters @  $t=100$  Myr



**~80-90% NS is ejected  
(mainly by SN)**

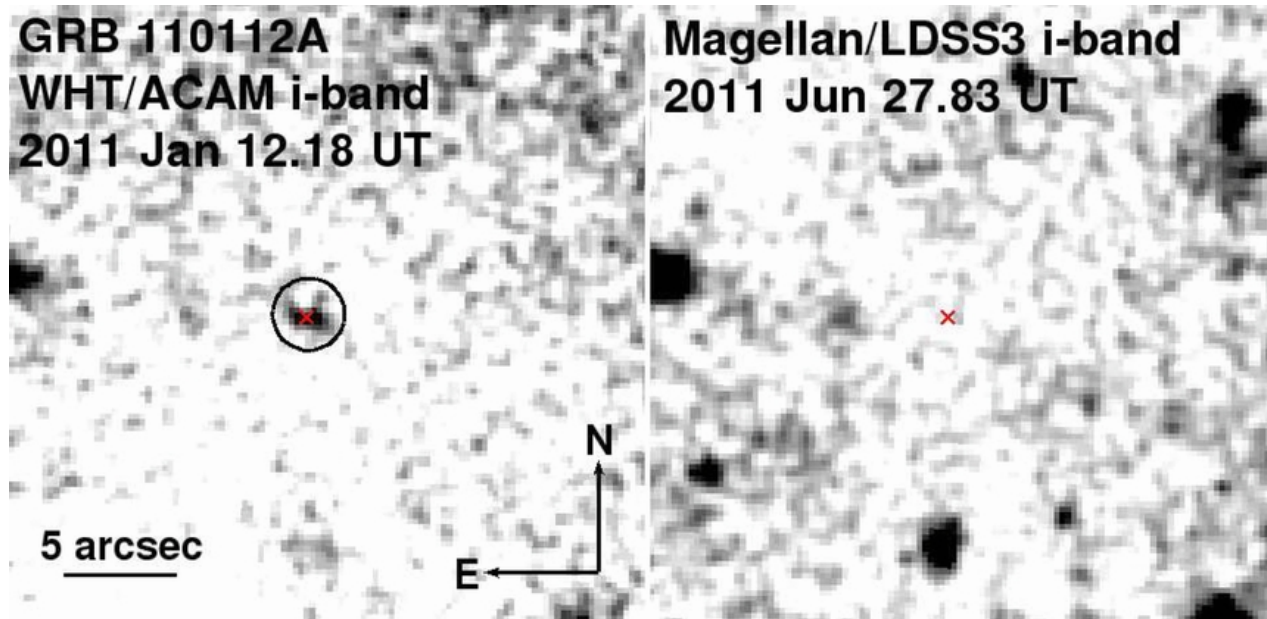
**~40% BH is ejected  
(1/2 by SN, 1/2 by  
3body)**

**PREDICTED MERGERS  
OCCUR MOSTLY IN THE  
FIELD**

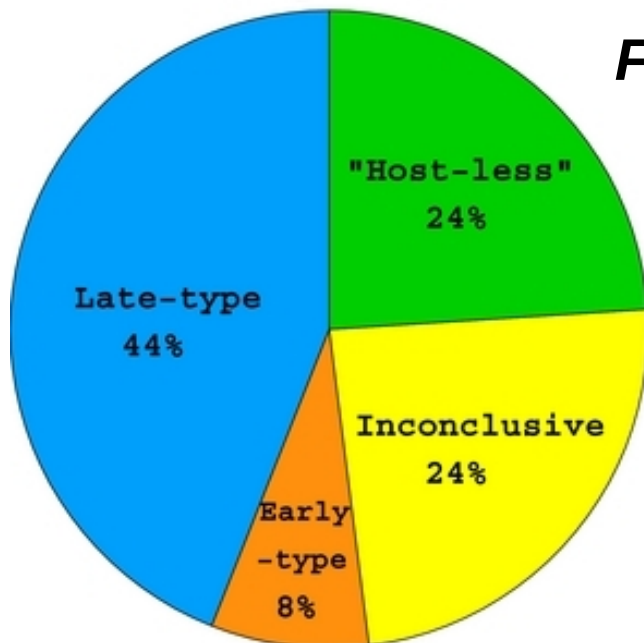
**Downing+ 2011, MNRAS, 416, 133  
MM + 2013, MNRAS, 429, 2298**

### 3. The dynamics of stellar BH binaries: ejections

*Are host-less short GRBs associated with dynamical ejections?*



*Fong+ 2013, ApJ, 769, 56*



***ISSUE: dynamical kicks 0 – 200 km/s***

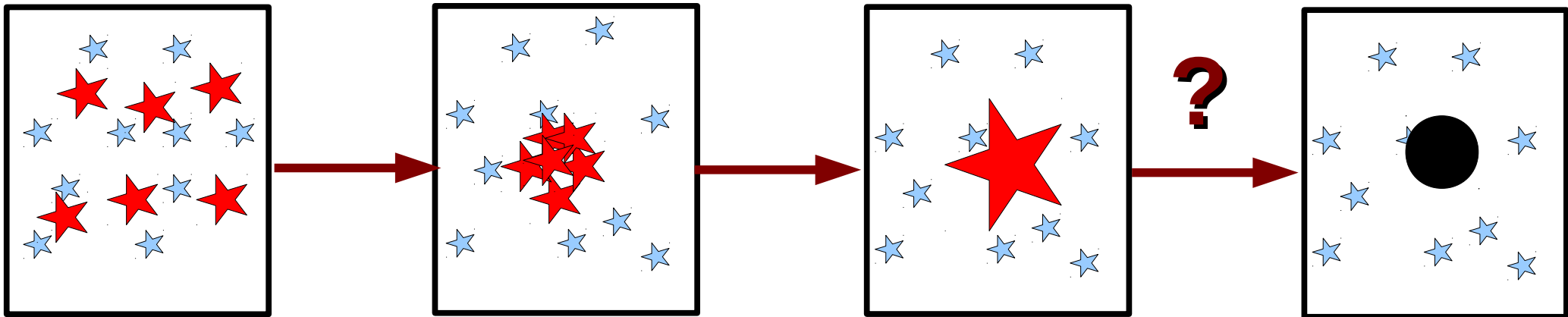
***not enough to unbind system from host galaxy***

### 3. The dynamics of stellar BH binaries: runaway collisions

Mass segregation fast in young star clusters:

$$t_{\text{DF}}(25M_{\odot}) \sim 2\text{Myr} \left( \frac{t_{\text{rlx}}}{50\text{Myr}} \right) < t_{\text{SN}}$$

Massive stars segregate to the centre where collide with each other



Massive super-star forms and possibly collapses to IMBH

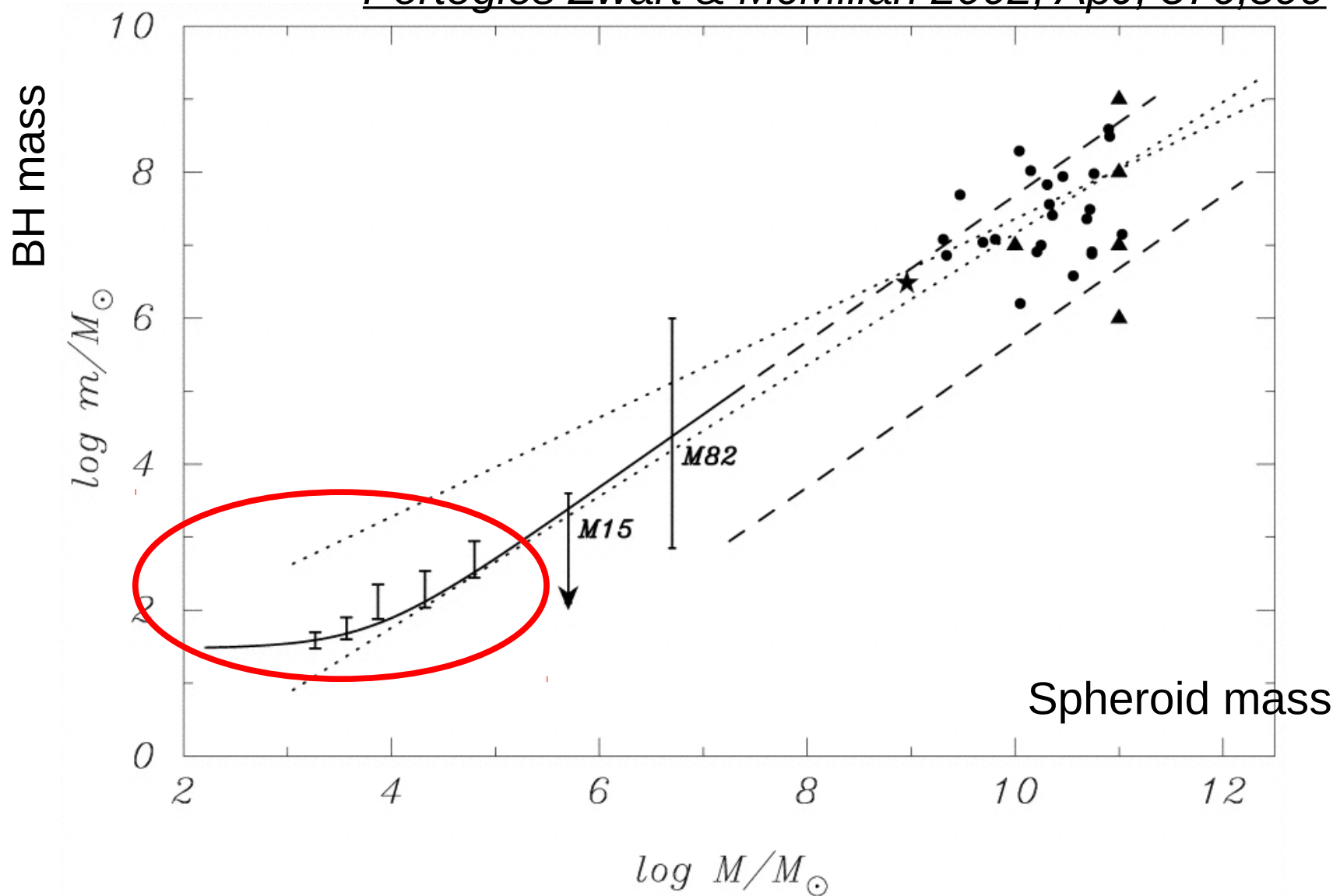
What is the final mass of the collision product?

*Colgate 1967, ApJ, 150, 163; Sanders 1970, ApJ, 162, 791; Portegies Zwart+ 1999, A&A, 348, 117; Portegies Zwart & McMillan 2002, ApJ, 576, 899; Portegies Zwart+ 2004, Nature, 428, 724; Gurkan+ 2006, ApJ, 640, L39; Freitag+ 2006, MNRAS, 368, 141; Giersz+ 2015, MNRAS, 454, 3150; MM 2016, MNRAS, 459, 3432 and many many others*

### 3. The dynamics of stellar BH binaries: runaway collisions

Early studies without stellar evolution suggest  
IMBH mass  $\sim 10^{-3}$  star cluster mass

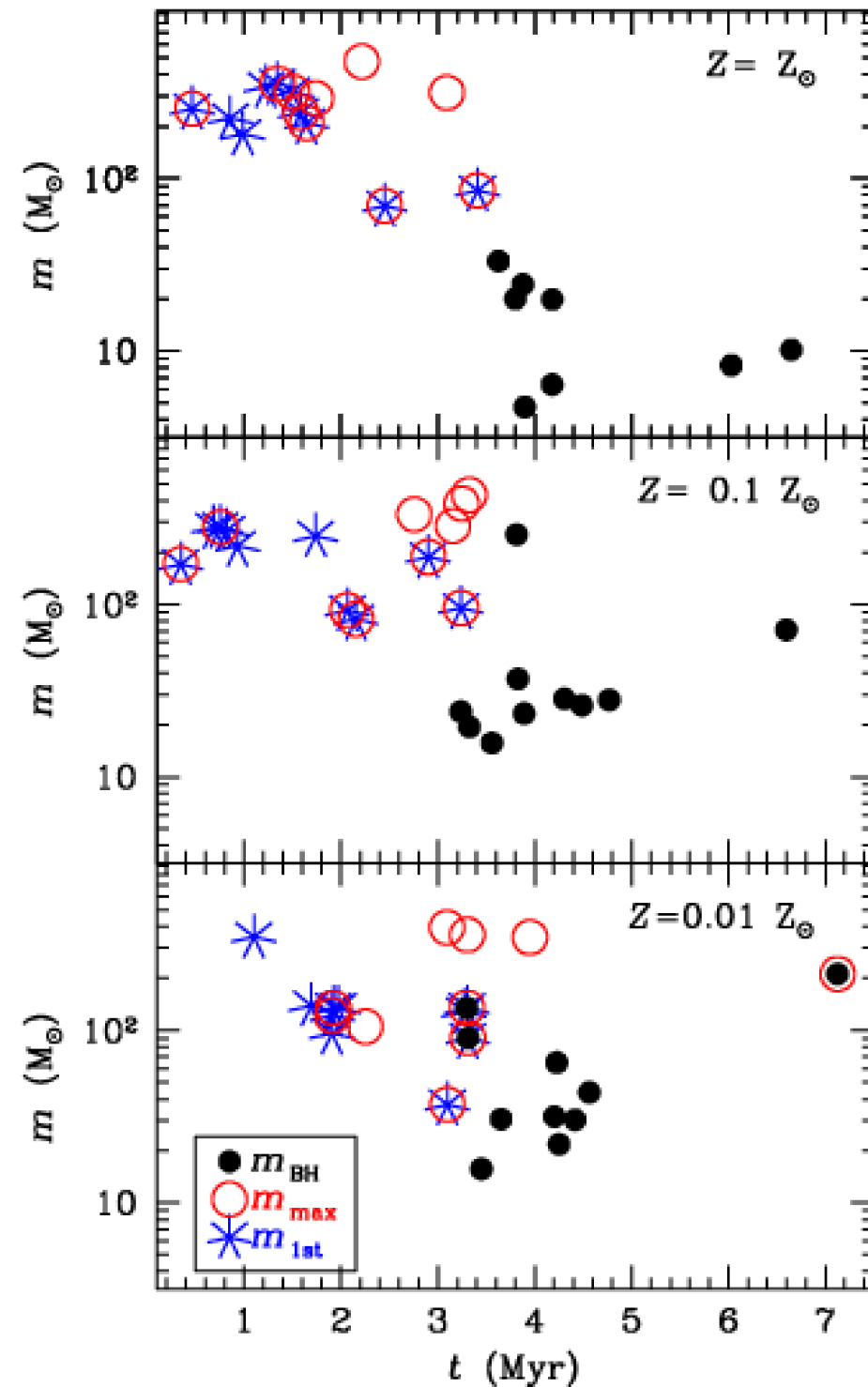
*Portegies Zwart & McMillan 2002, ApJ, 576,899*



**BUT stellar evolution CANNOT be neglected!!**



### 3. The dynamics of stellar BH binaries: runaway collisions



#### N-body simulations with star evolution

Masses of runaway collision products:

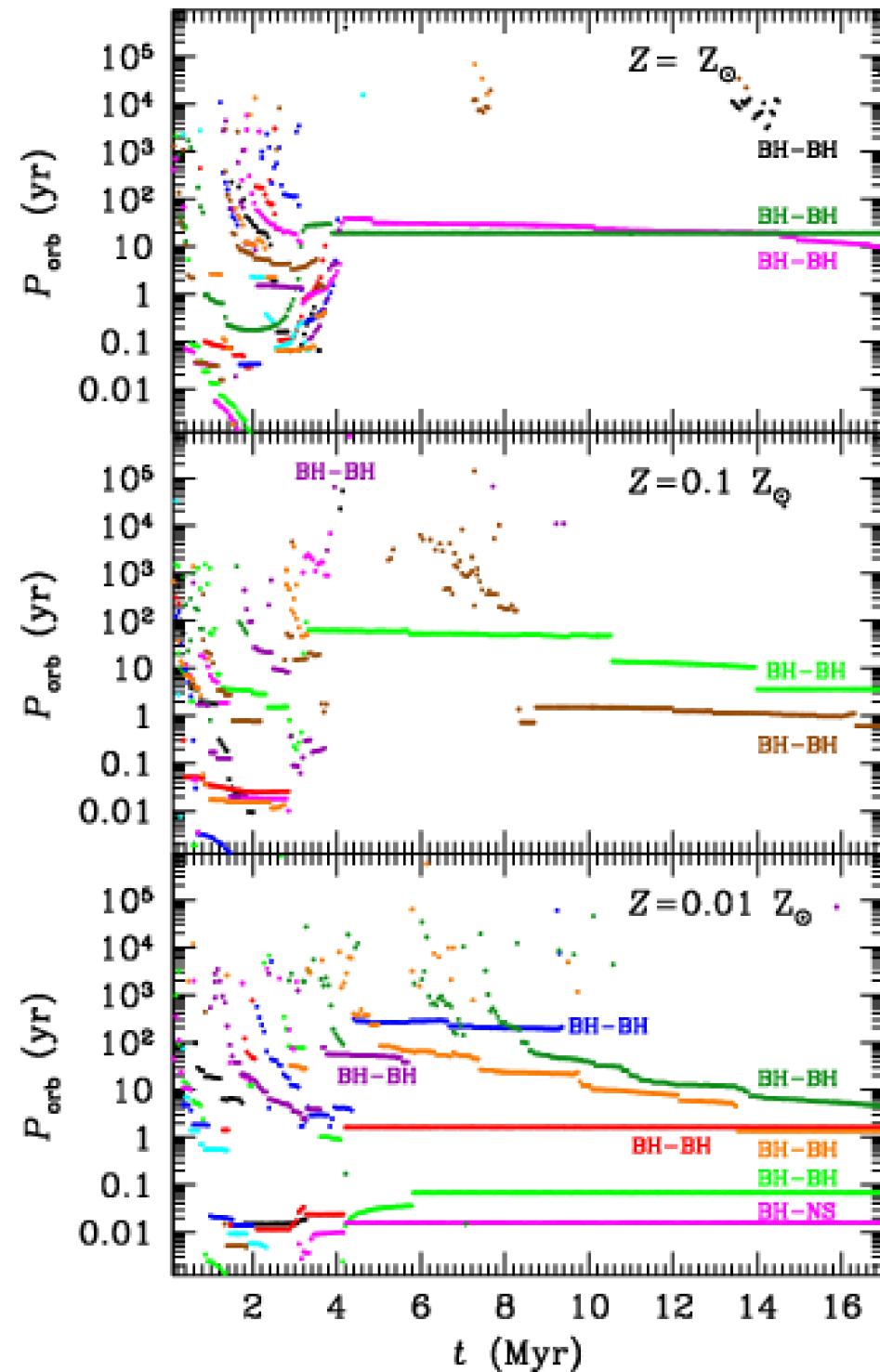
\* no IMBHs at  $Z_{\text{sun}}$   
because stellar winds are too strong

\* 10% BHs in the IMBH regime  
( $>100 M_{\text{sun}}$ ) at  $Z = 0.01 - 0.1 Z_{\text{sun}}$

\* **CAVEAT 1:** uncertainties in the evolution  
of very massive stars

\* **CAVEAT 2:** uncertainties in mass-loss  
during/after collisions

### 3. The dynamics of stellar BH binaries: runaway collisions



#### N-body simulations with star evolution

Collision products form stable binaries with other BHs:

4 BH-BH at  $Z = 0.01 Z_{\text{sun}}$

1 BH-NS at  $Z = 0.01 Z_{\text{sun}}$

2 BH-BH at  $Z = 0.1 Z_{\text{sun}}$

2 BH-BH at  $Z = 1 Z_{\text{sun}}$

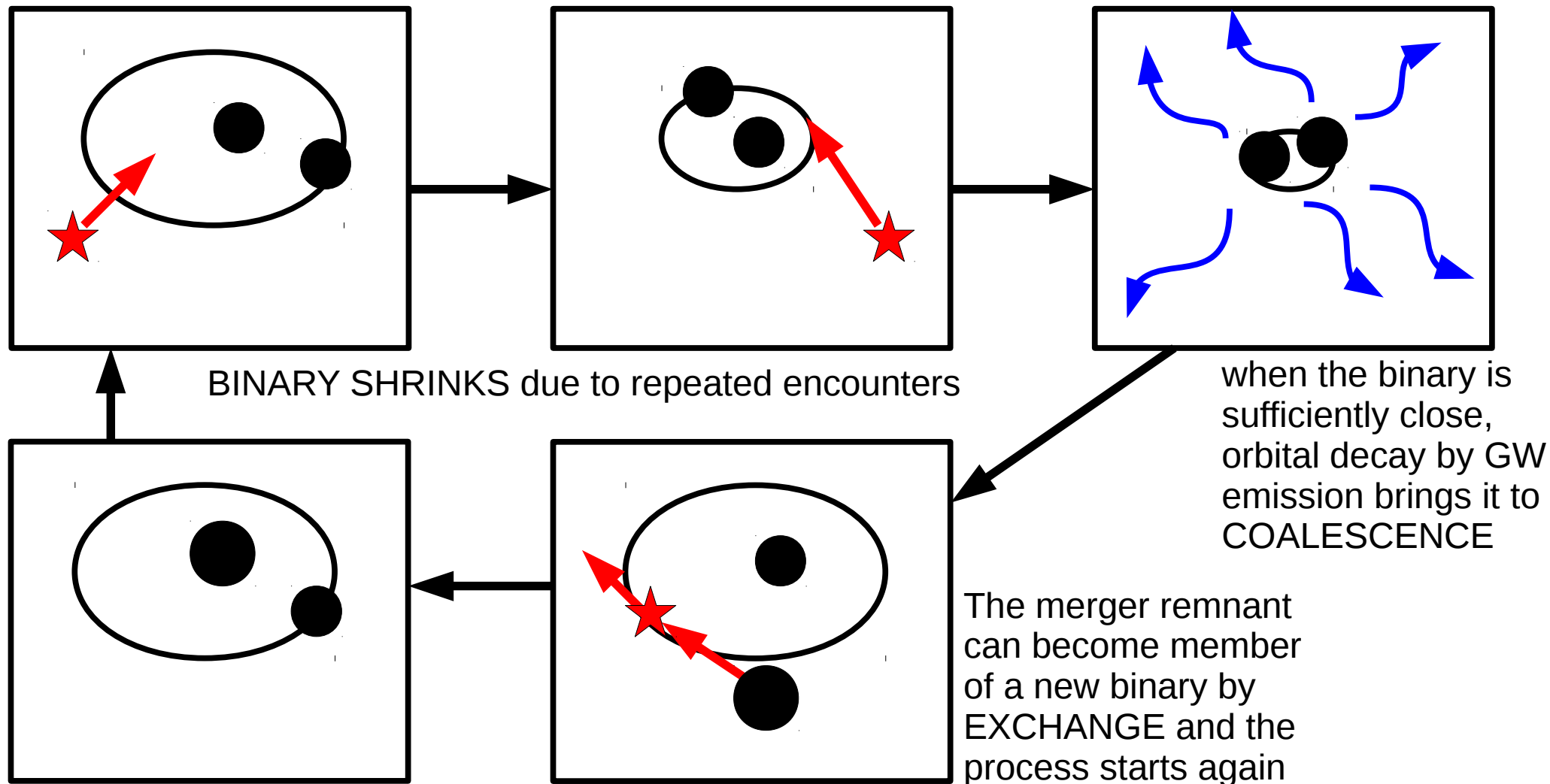
PERIOD from few hours to few years

**Possibly JOINT SOURCES  
for LISA and for LIGO-Virgo**

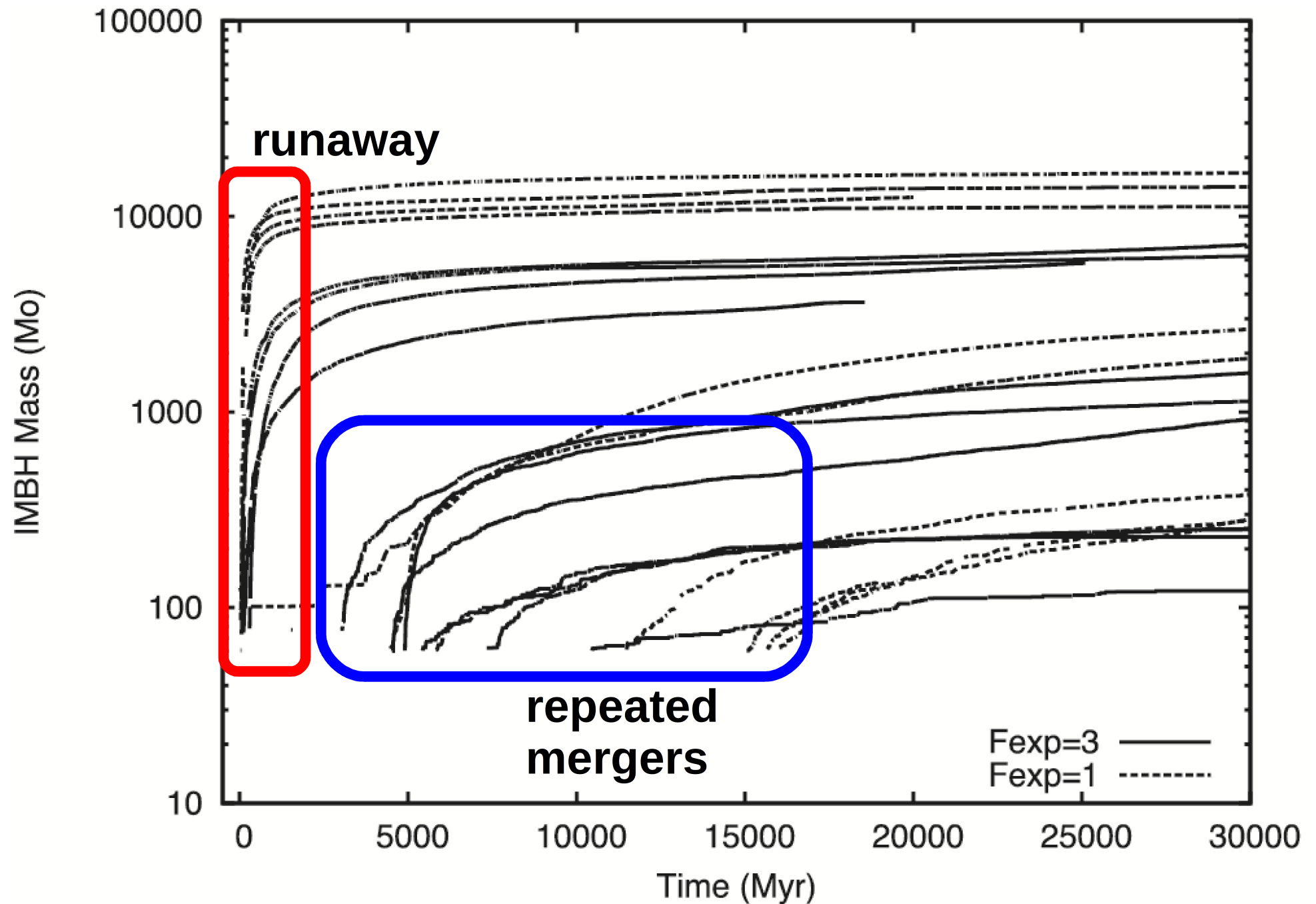
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Formalism by Miller & Hamilton (2002)

In a old cluster stellar BHs can grow in mass because of repeated mergers with the companion triggered by 3-body encounters



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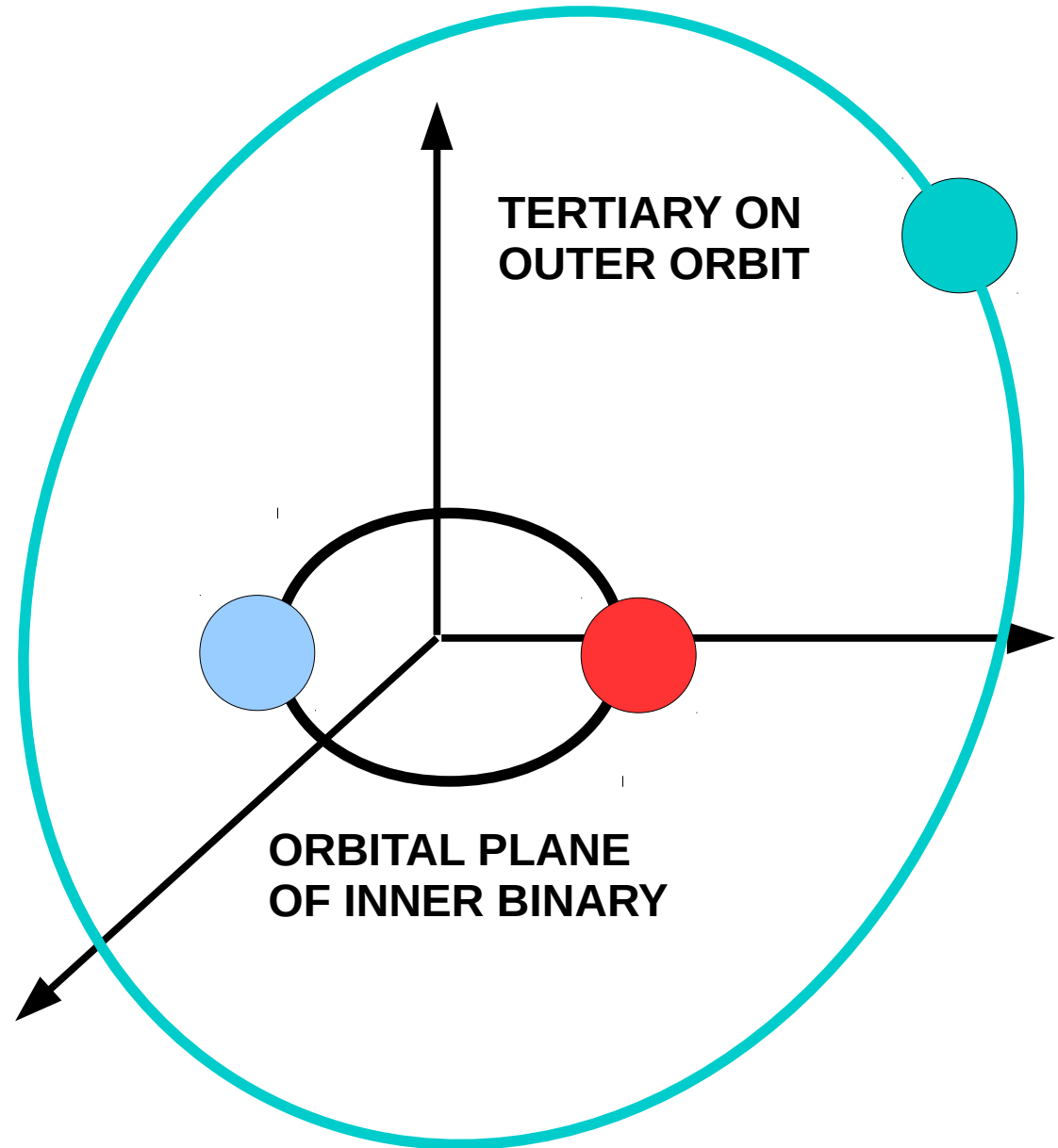
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**ONLY DYNAMICAL  
PROCESS COMMON  
ALSO IN THE FIELD**

**~ 15% stars are in triple  
(e.g. Raghavan+ 2010)**

**IN A HIERARCHICAL TRIPLE  
ECCENTRICITY AND  
INCLINATION OSCILLATE**

**TRIGGERING MERGERS /  
COLLISIONS  
between binary members**



*Antognini+ 2014, MNRAS, 439, 1079;*  
*Antonini+ 2016, ApJ, 816, 65;*  
*Antognini+ 2016, MNRAS, 456, 4219;*  
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*Kozai 1962, AJ, 67, 591*  
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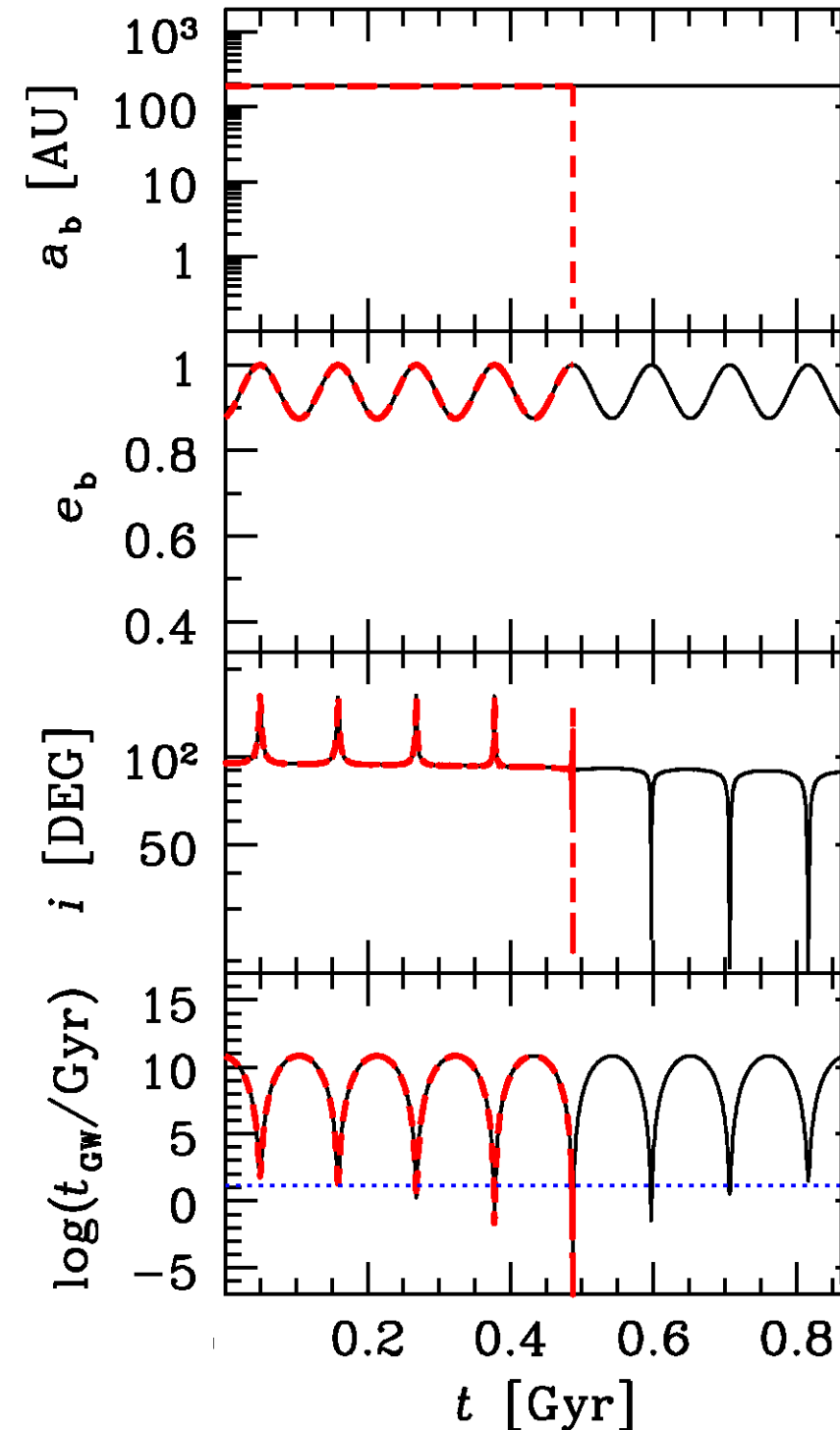
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— No post-Newtonian  
- - - With 2.5 PN term

**~ 50% more MERGERS  
of BH-BH binaries  
in young dense star clusters  
If Kozai accounted for**

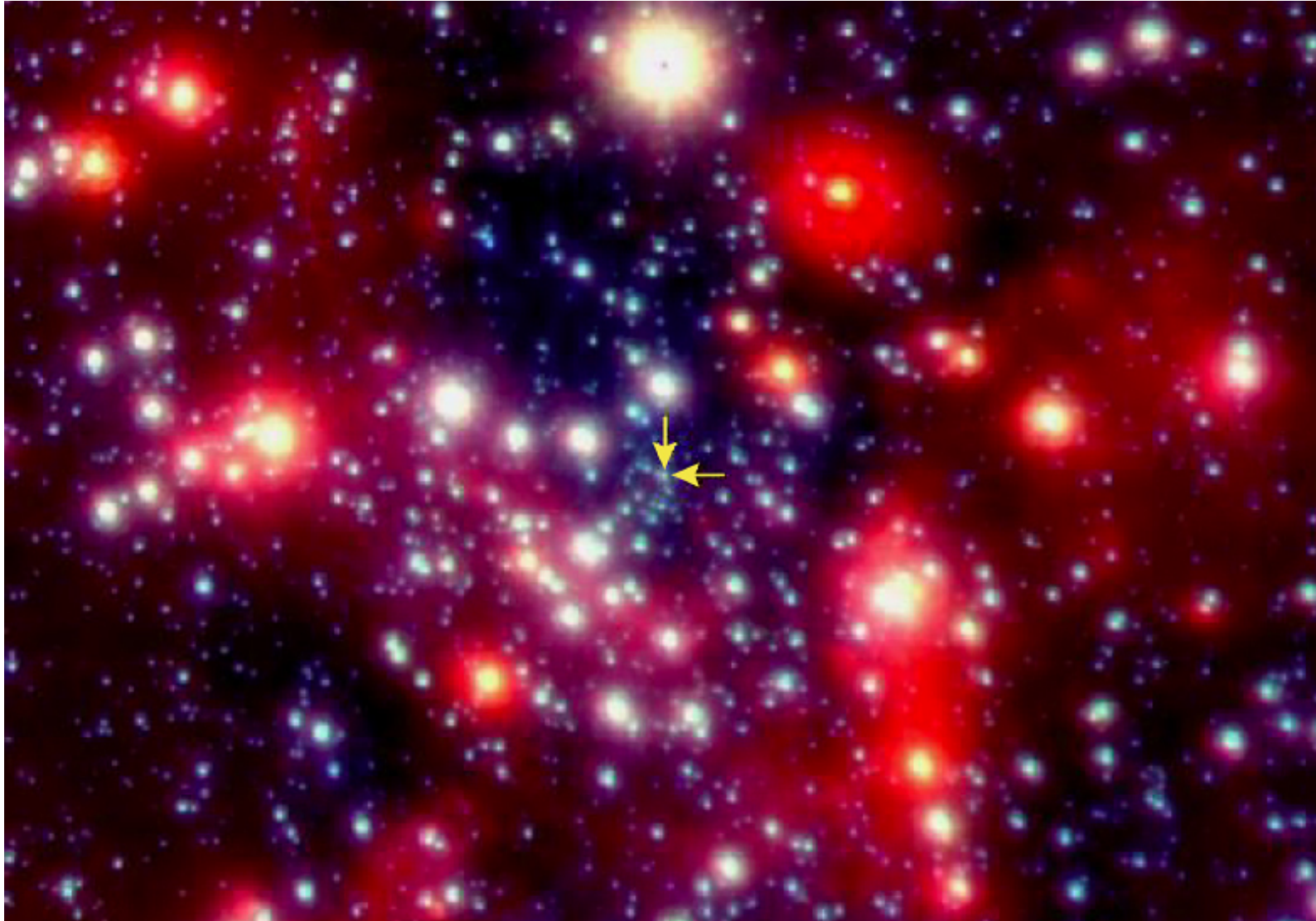
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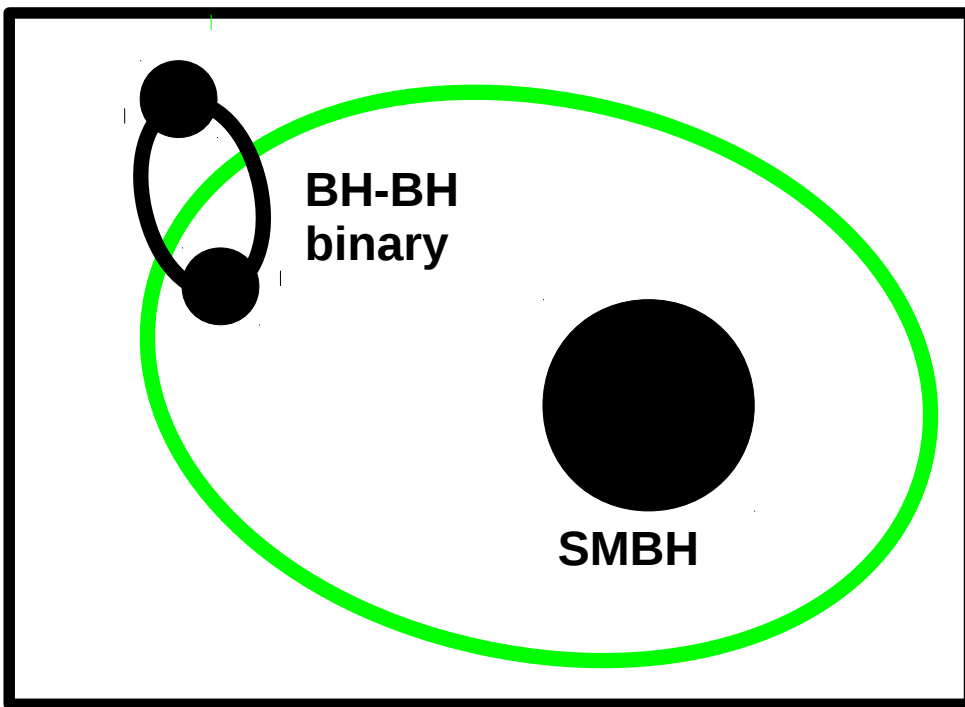




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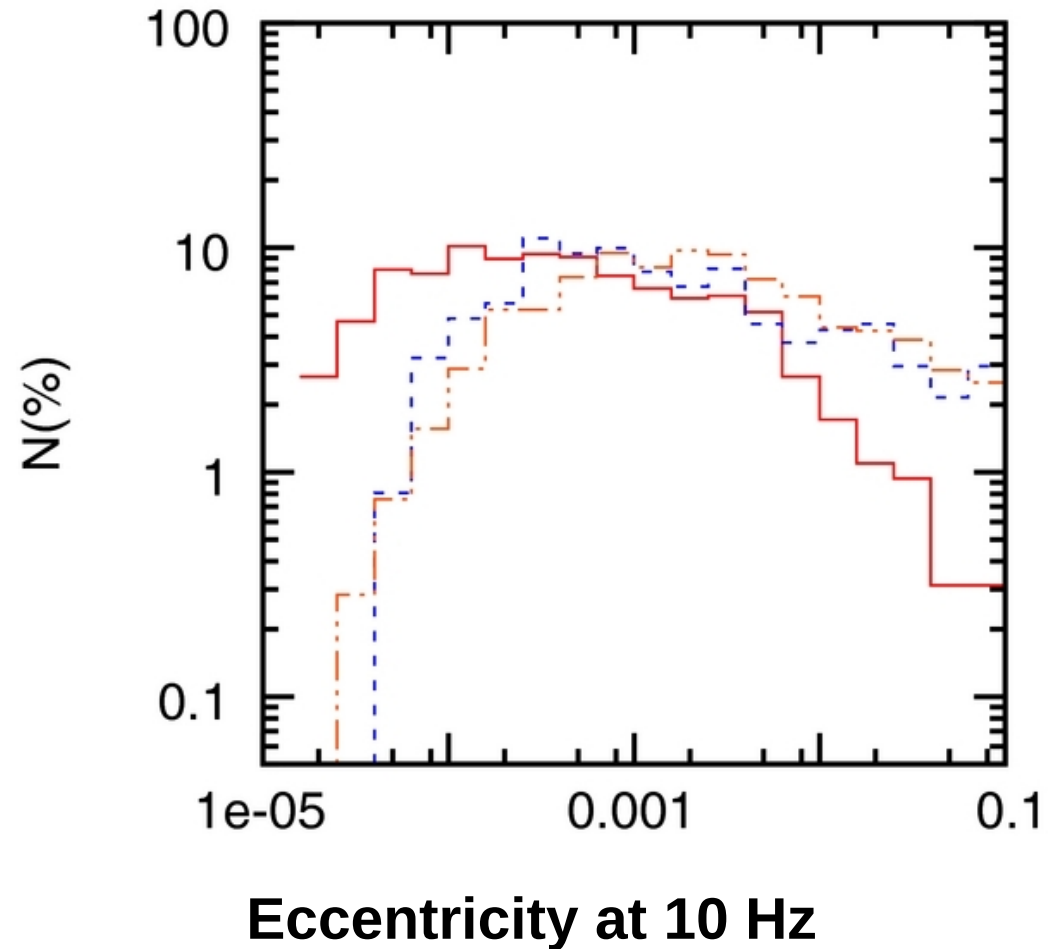
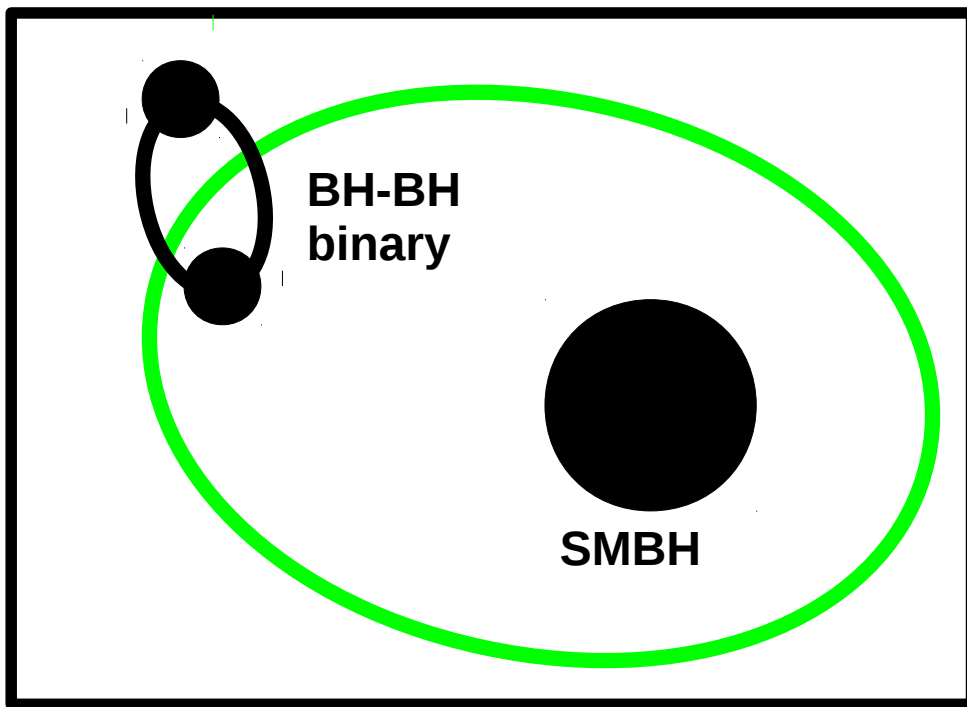
- \* high escape velocity  
(BHs are retained)**
- \* triple might be with SMBH**



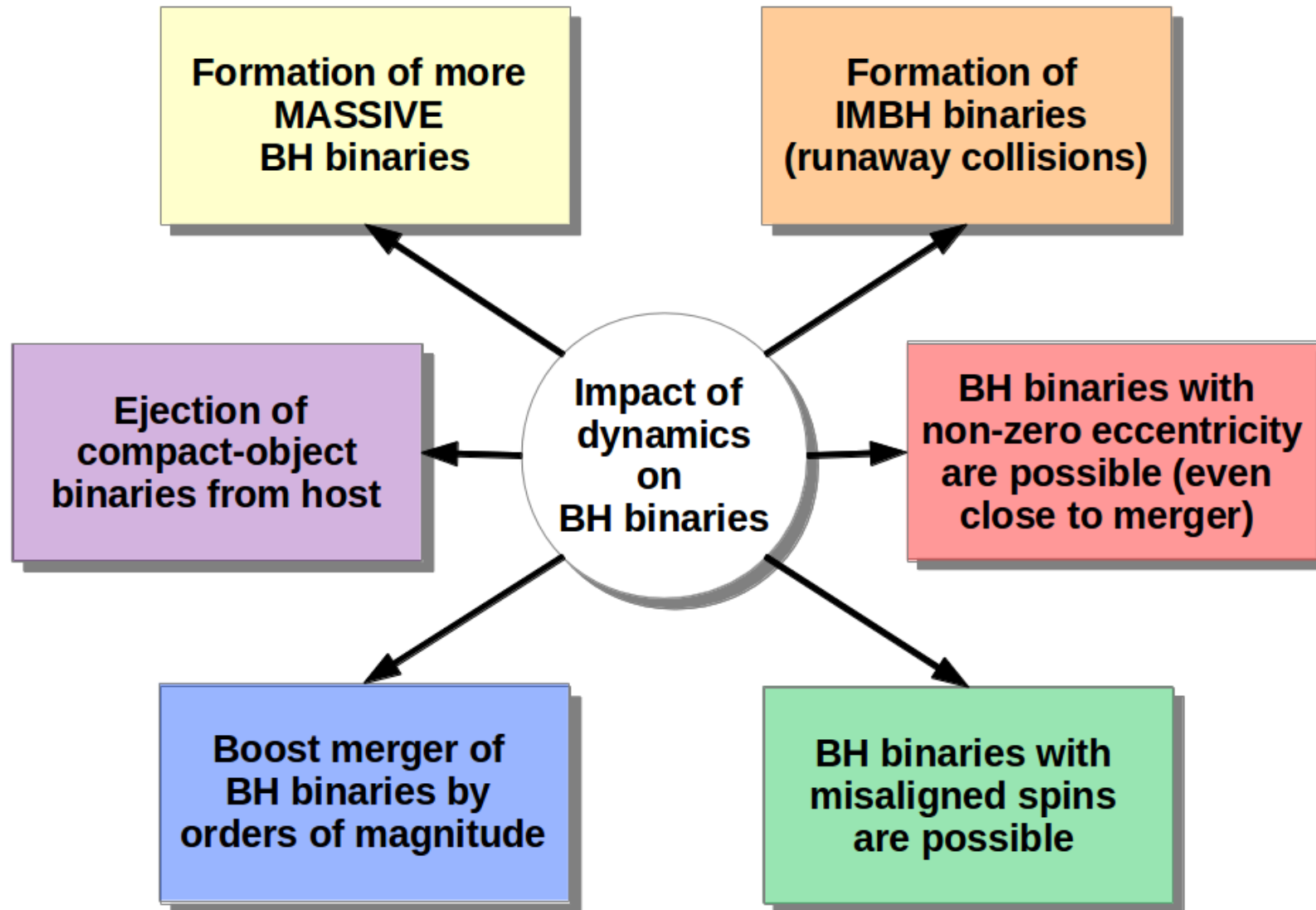
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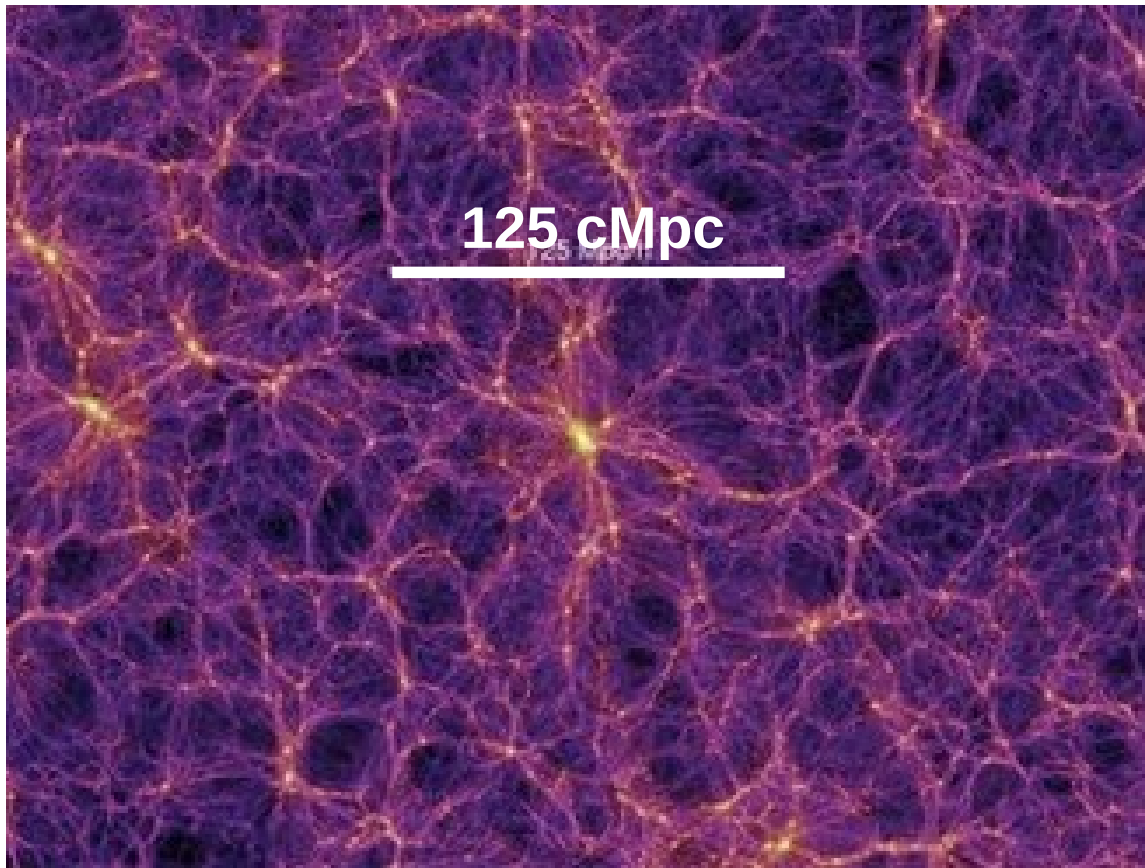
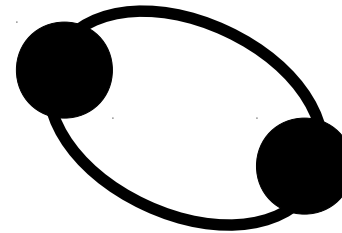


## 4. BH binaries in cosmological context

How do merging BHB binaries populate galaxies?

**CHALLENGING:**

Scale of a BHB  $<$  few AU



Scale of cosmic structures  
 $\sim$  tens of Mpc

# 4. BH binaries in cosmological context

## TWO MAIN ESCAMOTAGES:

- analytic formalism + binary population synthesis sims.  
through Monte Carlo procedure

**Dominik+ 2013, 2015**

**Belczynski+ 2016**

**\*Lamberts+ 2016**

**(\*use 1 ingredient from simulations)**

- cosmological simulations  
+ binary population synthesis simulations  
through Monte Carlo procedure

**O'Shaughnessy+ 2017**

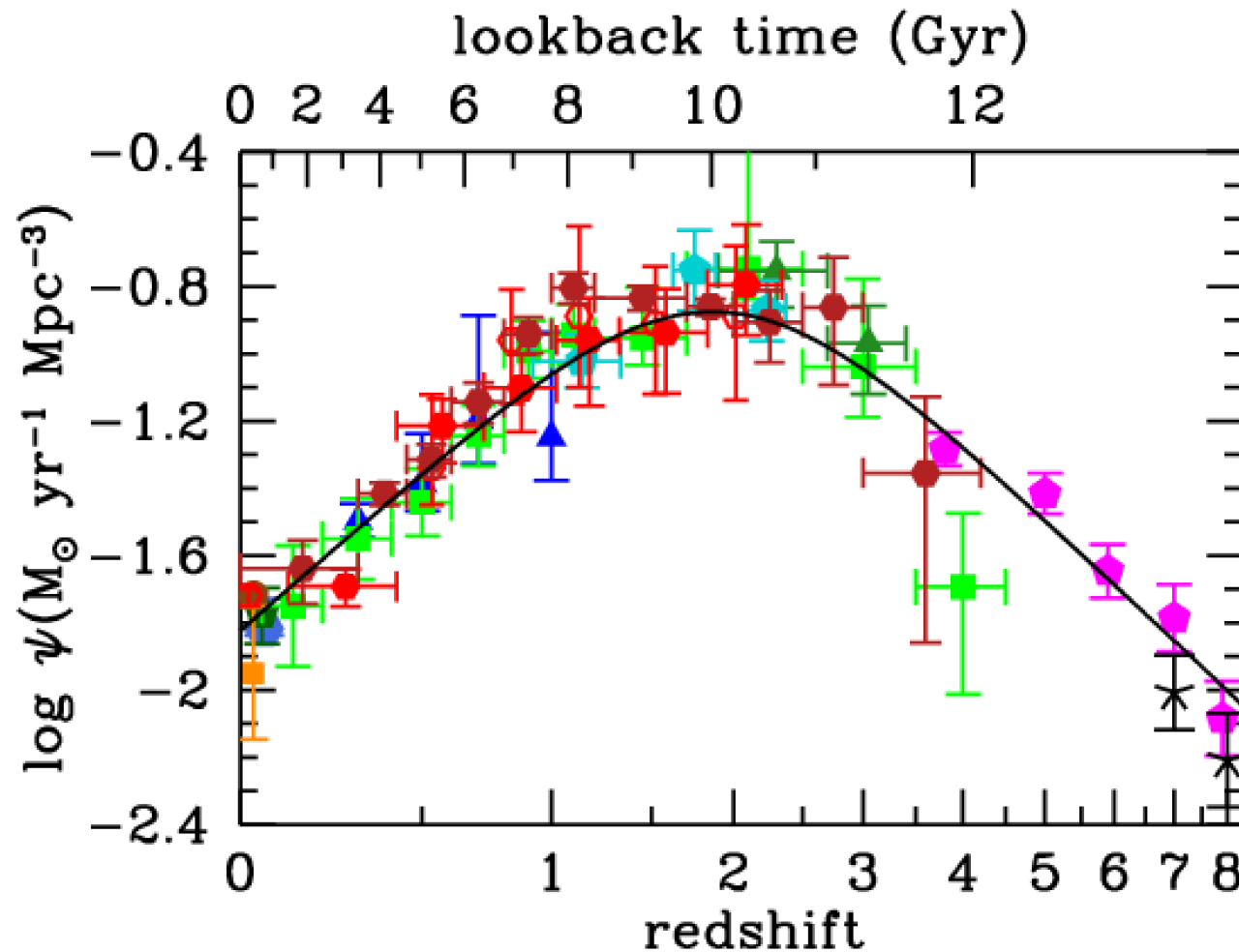
**Schneider+ 2017**

**MM+ 2017**

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MAIN INGREDIENTS: cosmic star formation rate density

BH-BH binaries depend on it because BHs form from massive stars

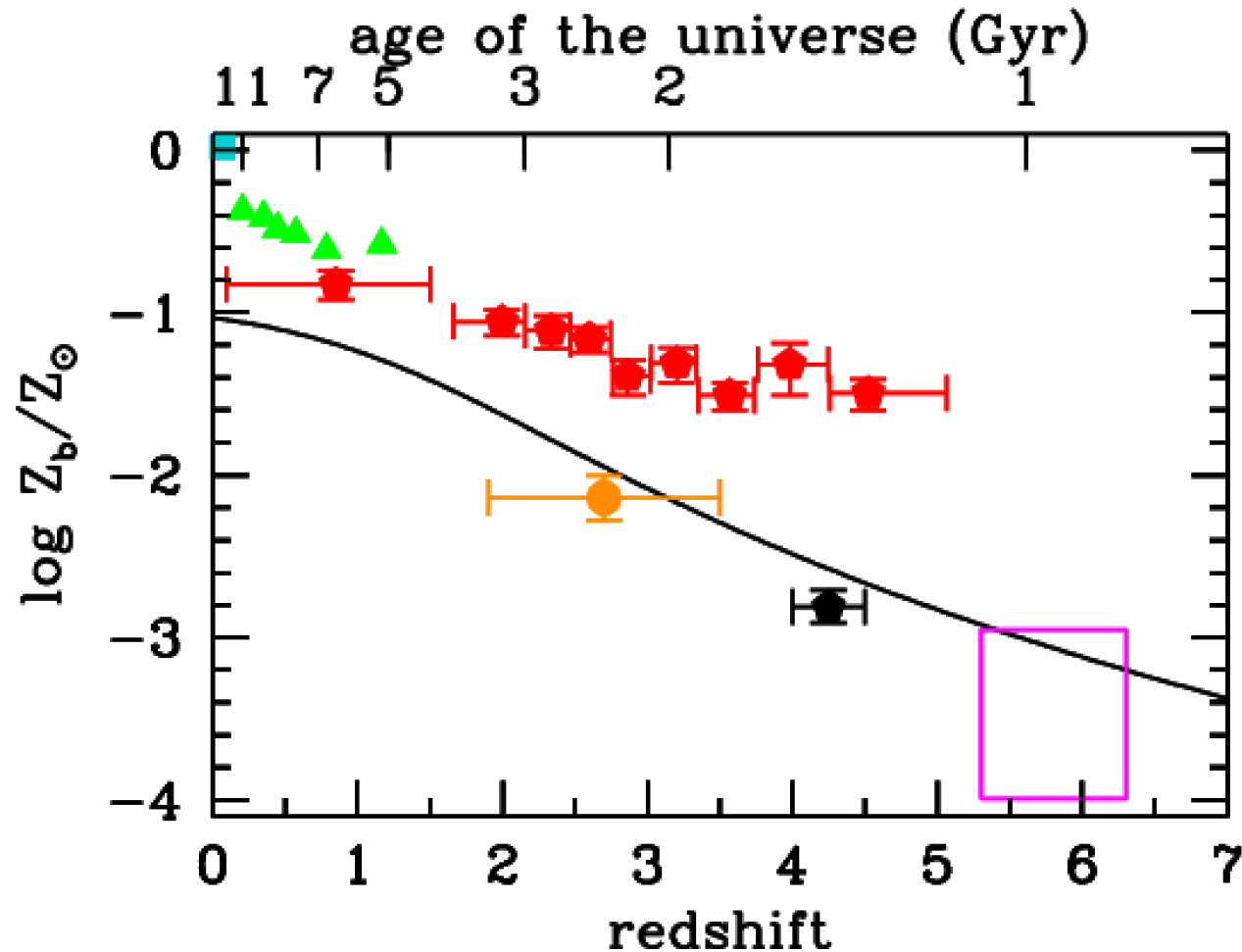


(FUV+ IR data, Fig. 9 of Madau & Dickinson 2014)

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### MAIN INGREDIENTS: metallicity evolution

Mass of BHs depends on metallicity



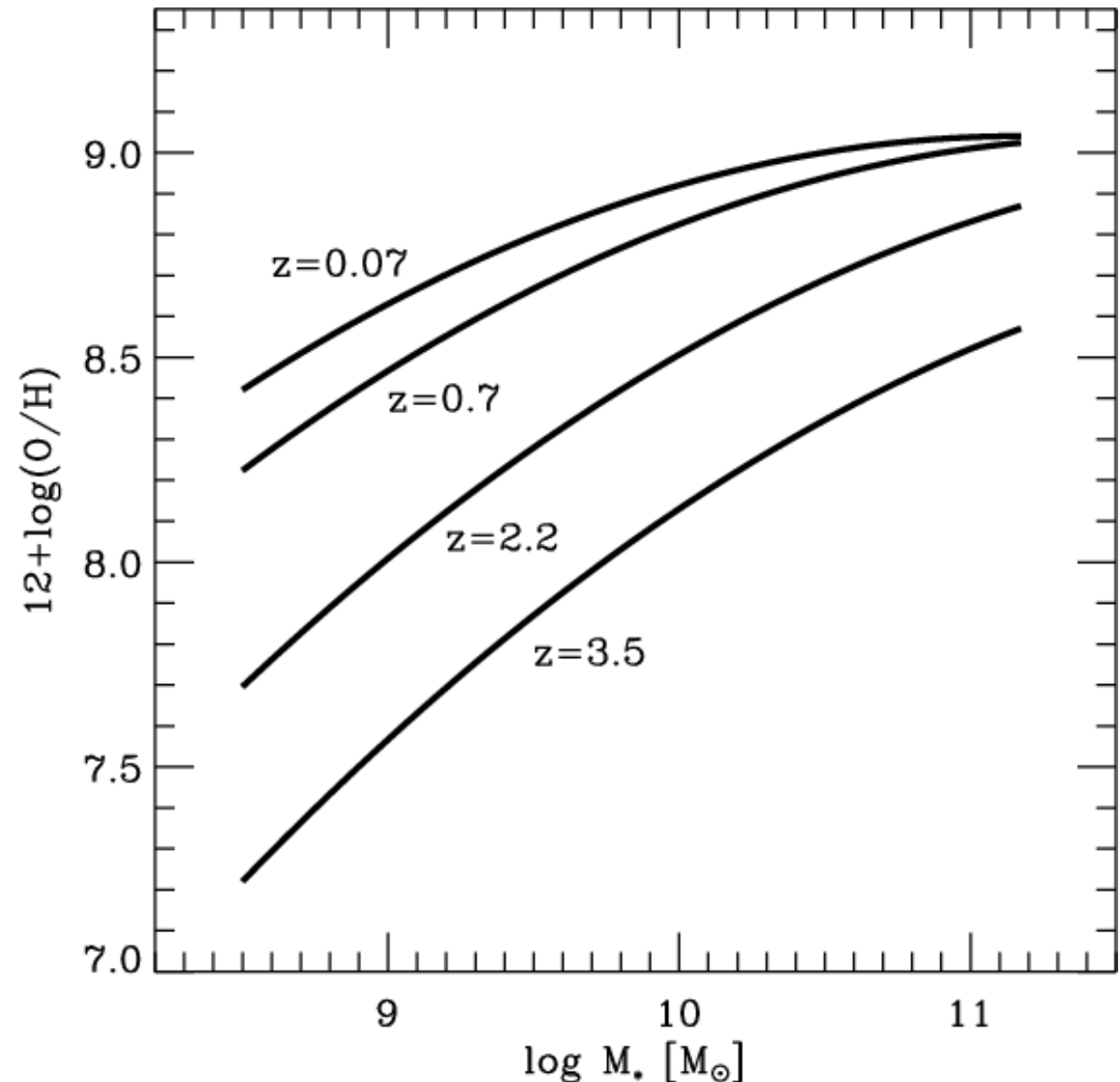
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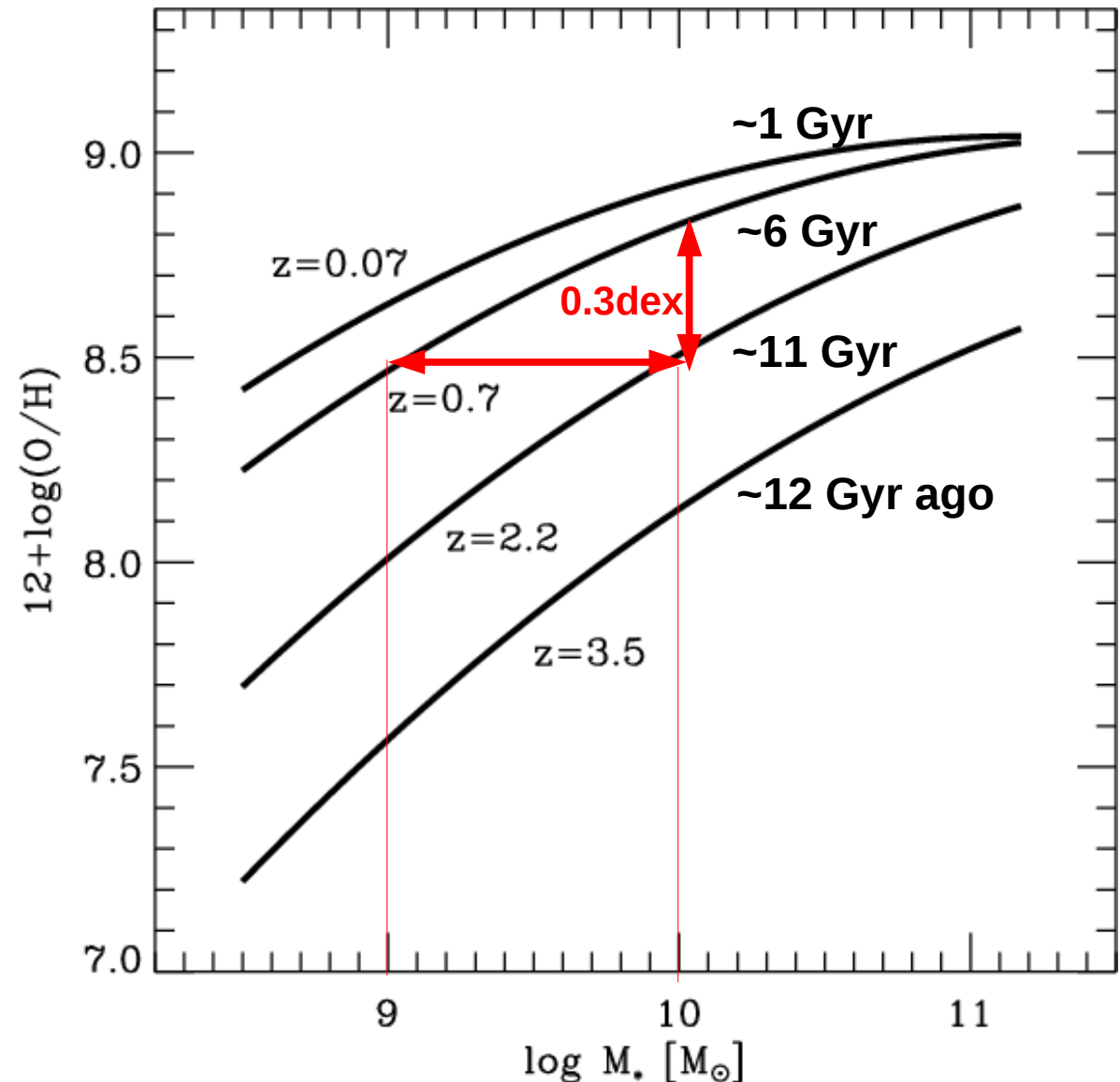
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observed metallicity  
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for fixed galaxy mass

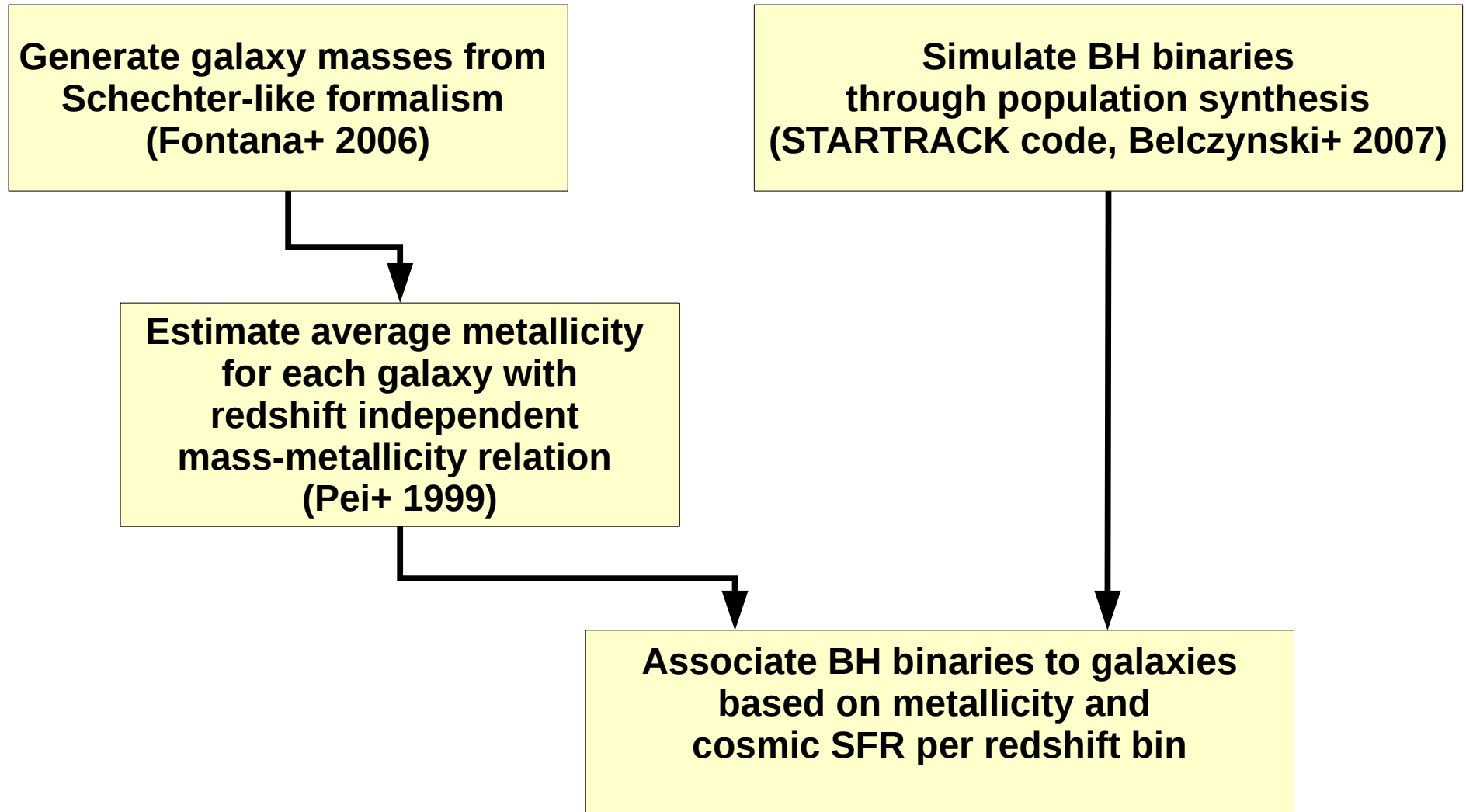
Between  $10^9$  and  $10^{10} M_{\odot}$   
observed metallicity  
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for fixed redshift ( $\sim 0.7$ )



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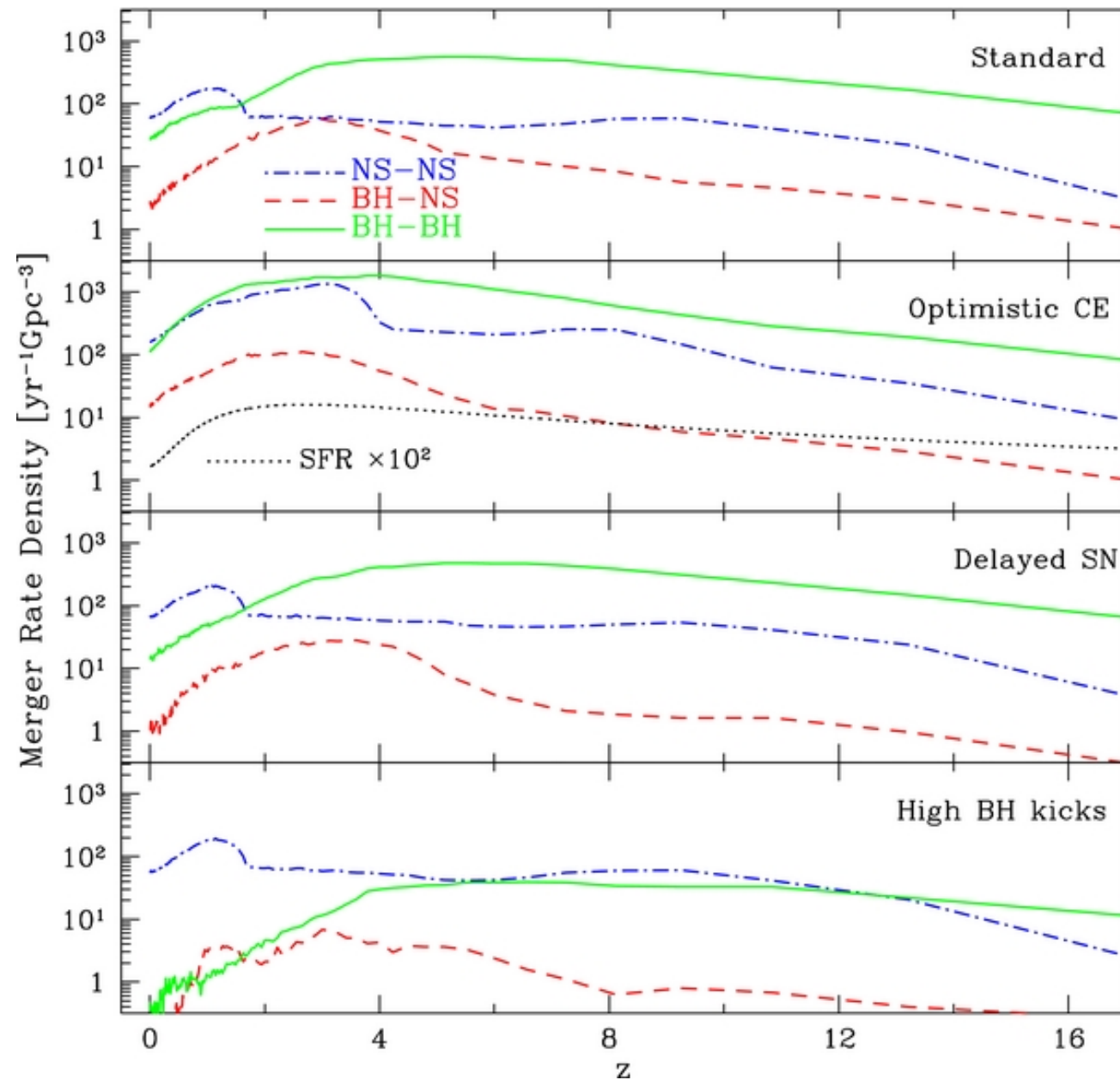
**Dominik+ 2013**



**Issues:** all stars in a galaxy have same metallicity,  
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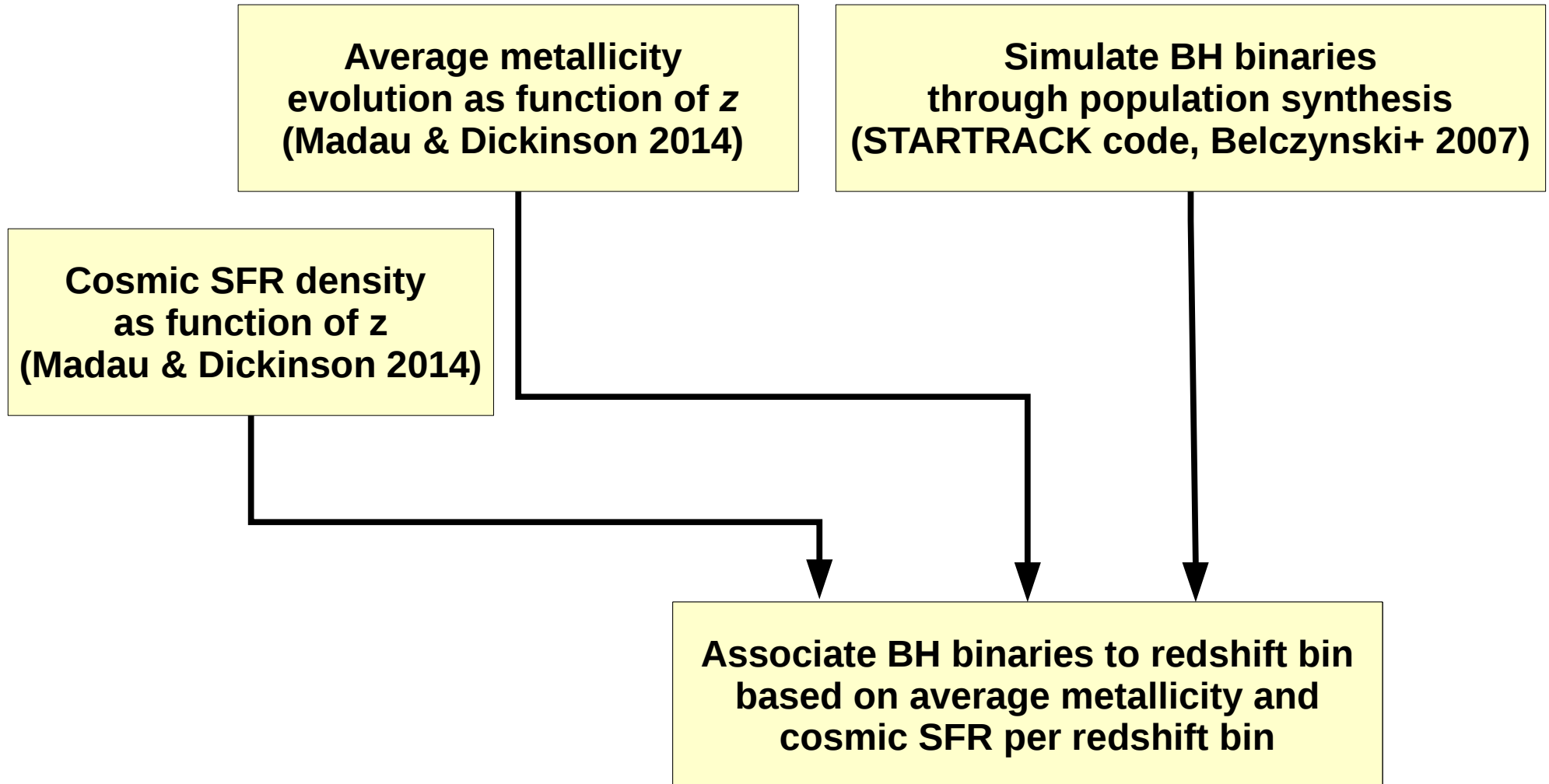
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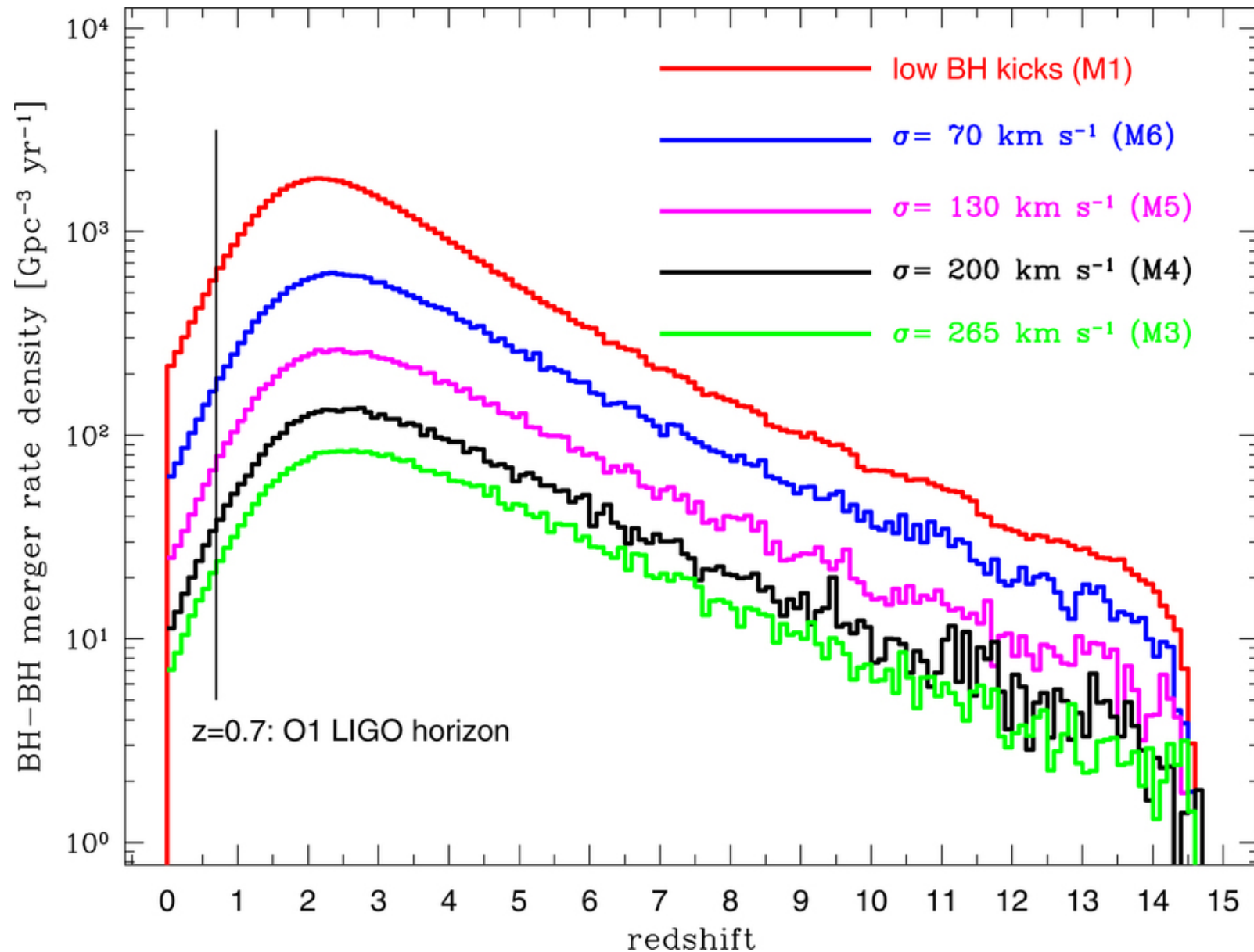
**Belczynski+ 2016**



**Issues: does not recover mass-metallicity rate relation!!!  
No information on host galaxies**

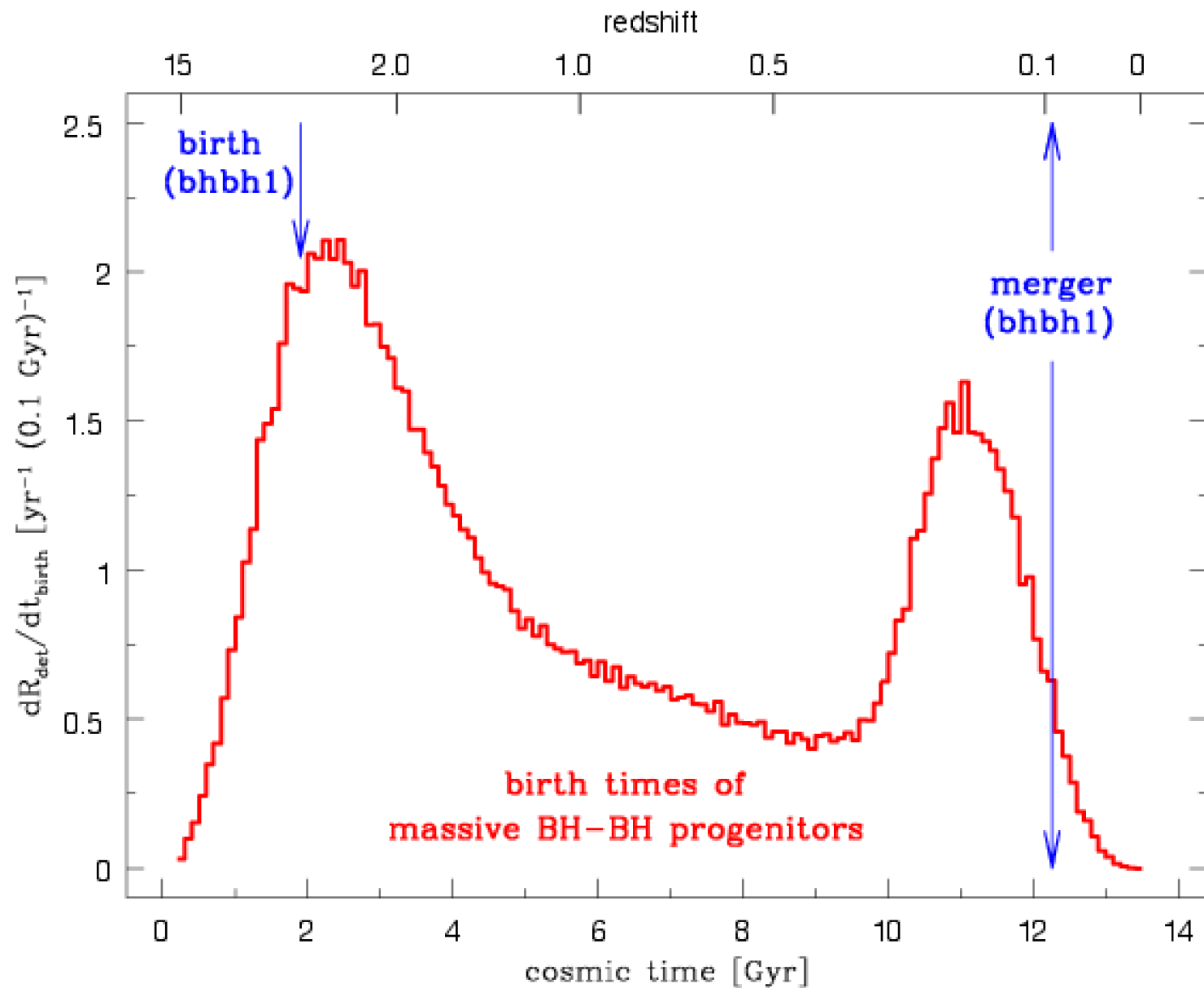
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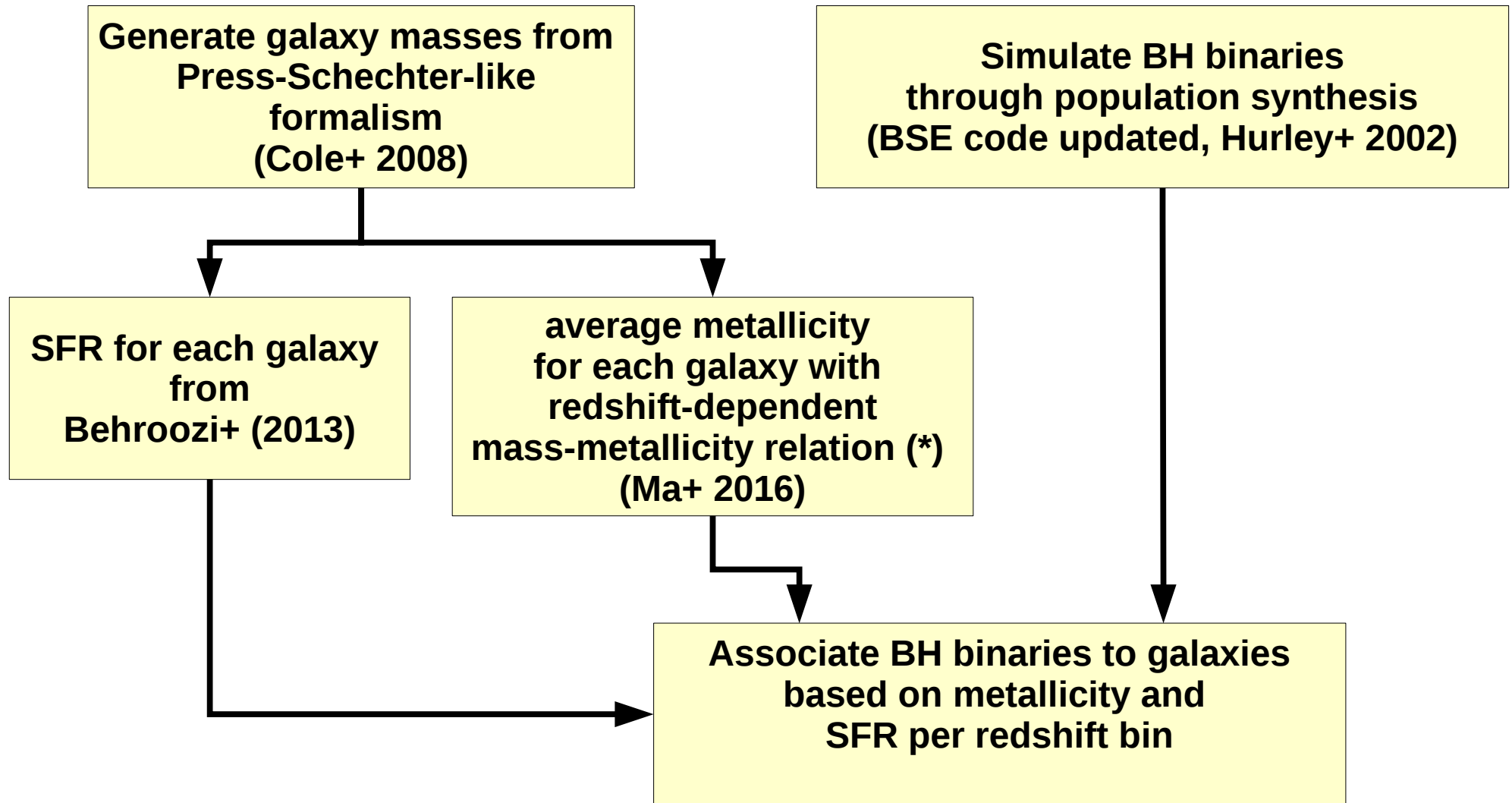
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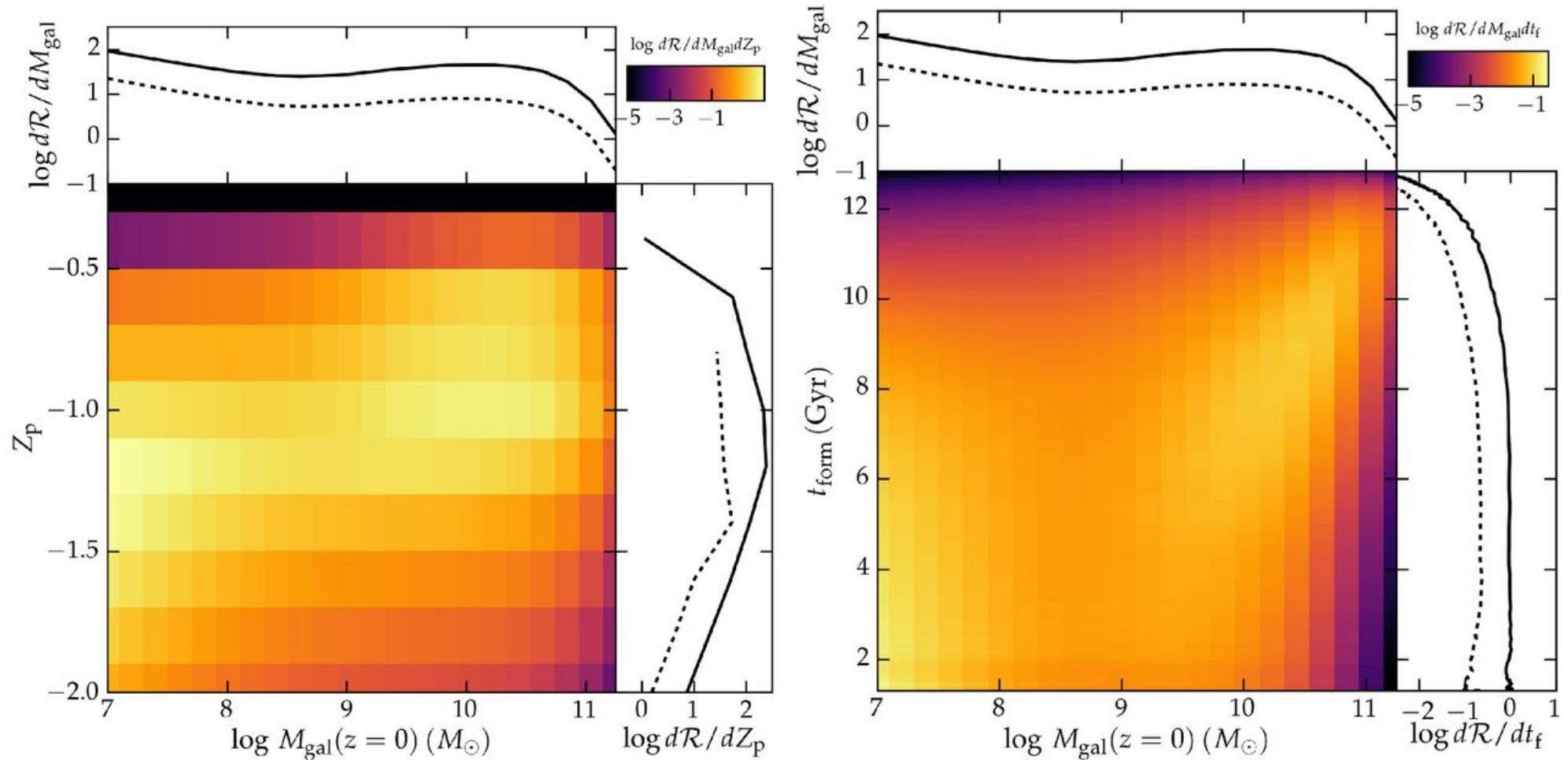
**Lamberts+ 2016**



Does recover mass-metallicity-star formation rate relation  
(\*) this mass-metallicity relation comes from cosmological simulations!!!

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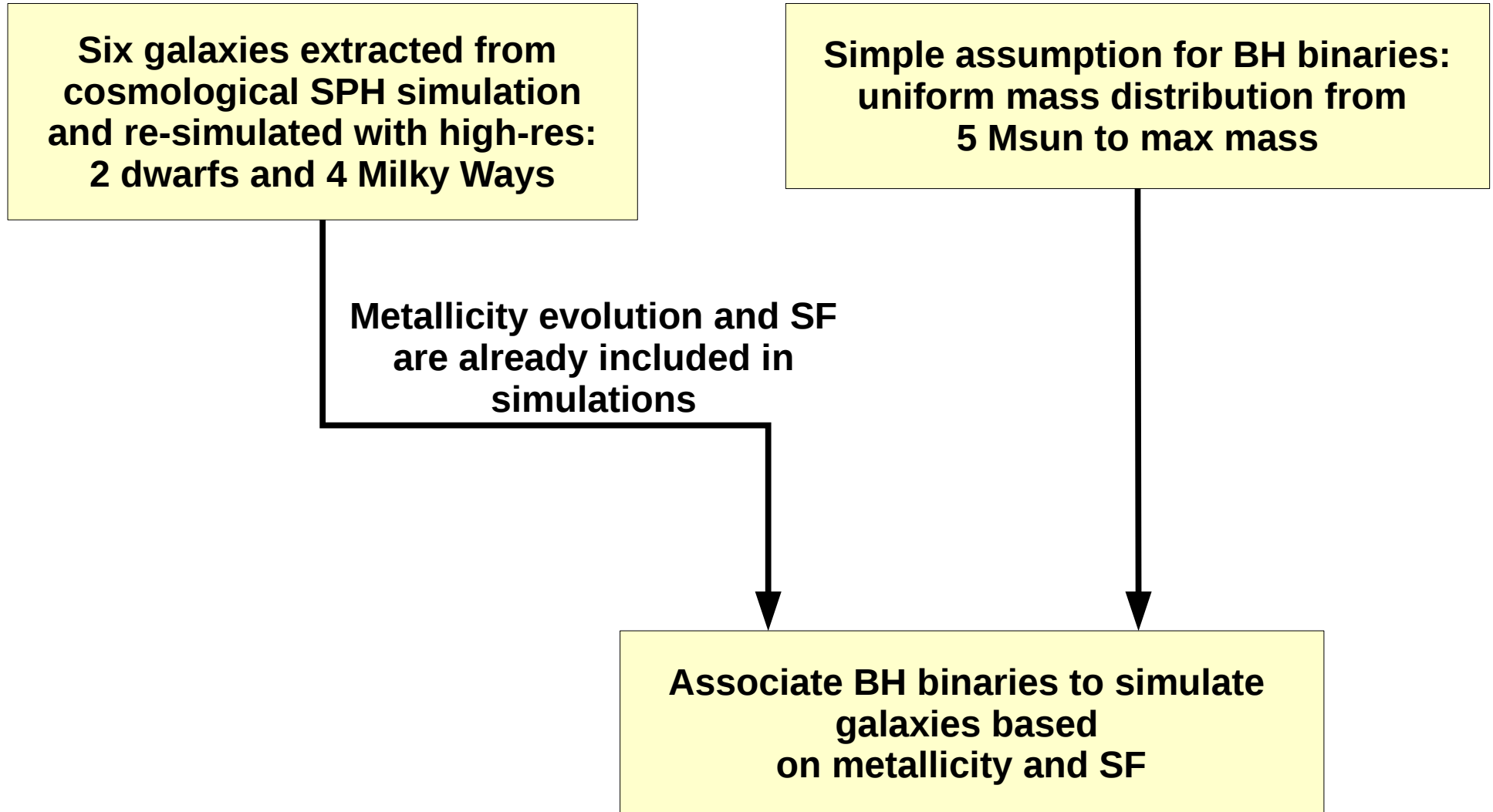
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Issue: BHB merger rate  $\sim 850 \text{ Gpc}^{-3} \text{ yr}^{-1}$

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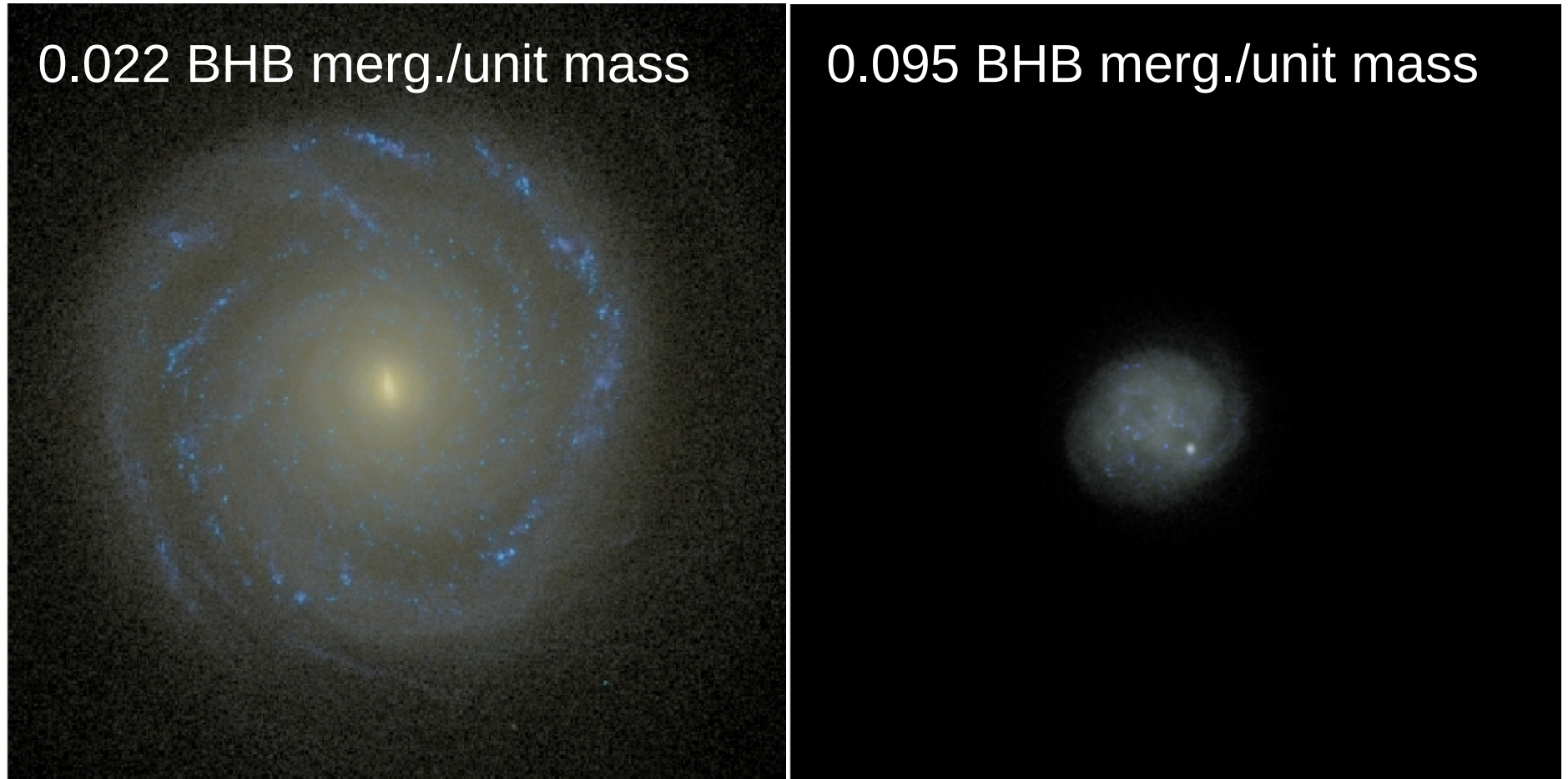
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**Does include information on hosts**

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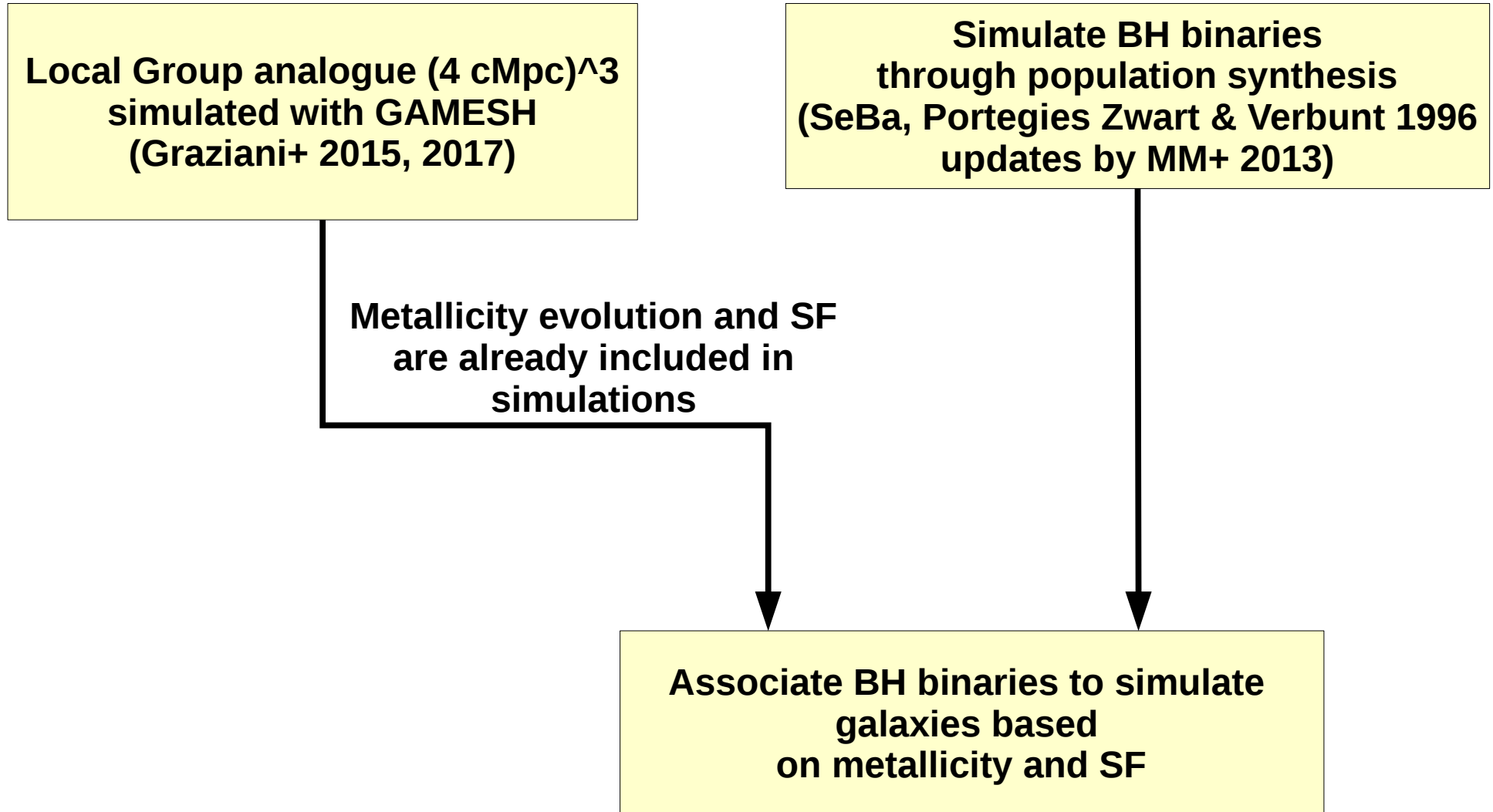
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**MAIN RESULT:** merger rate per unit mass double in DWARFS wrt Milky Ways

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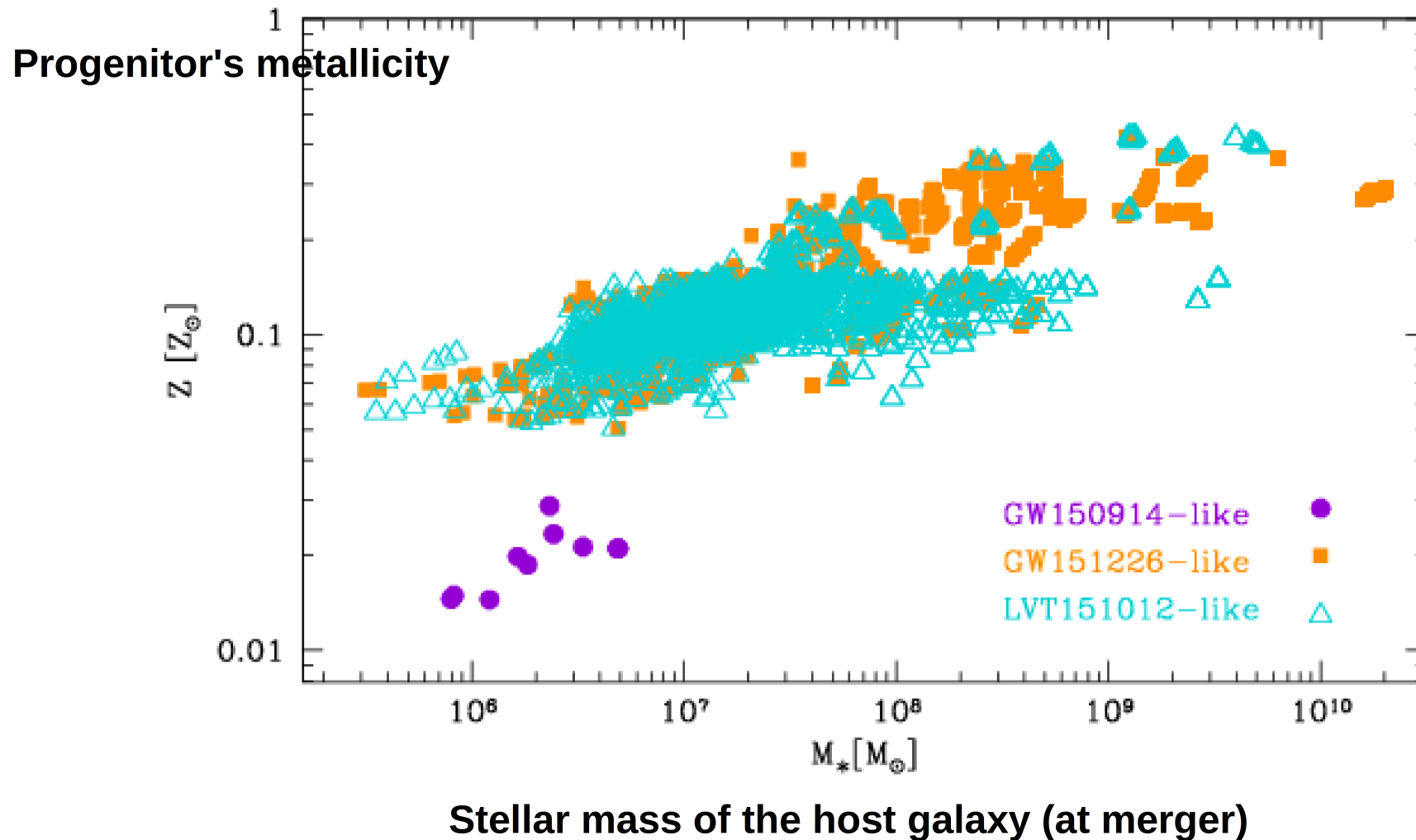


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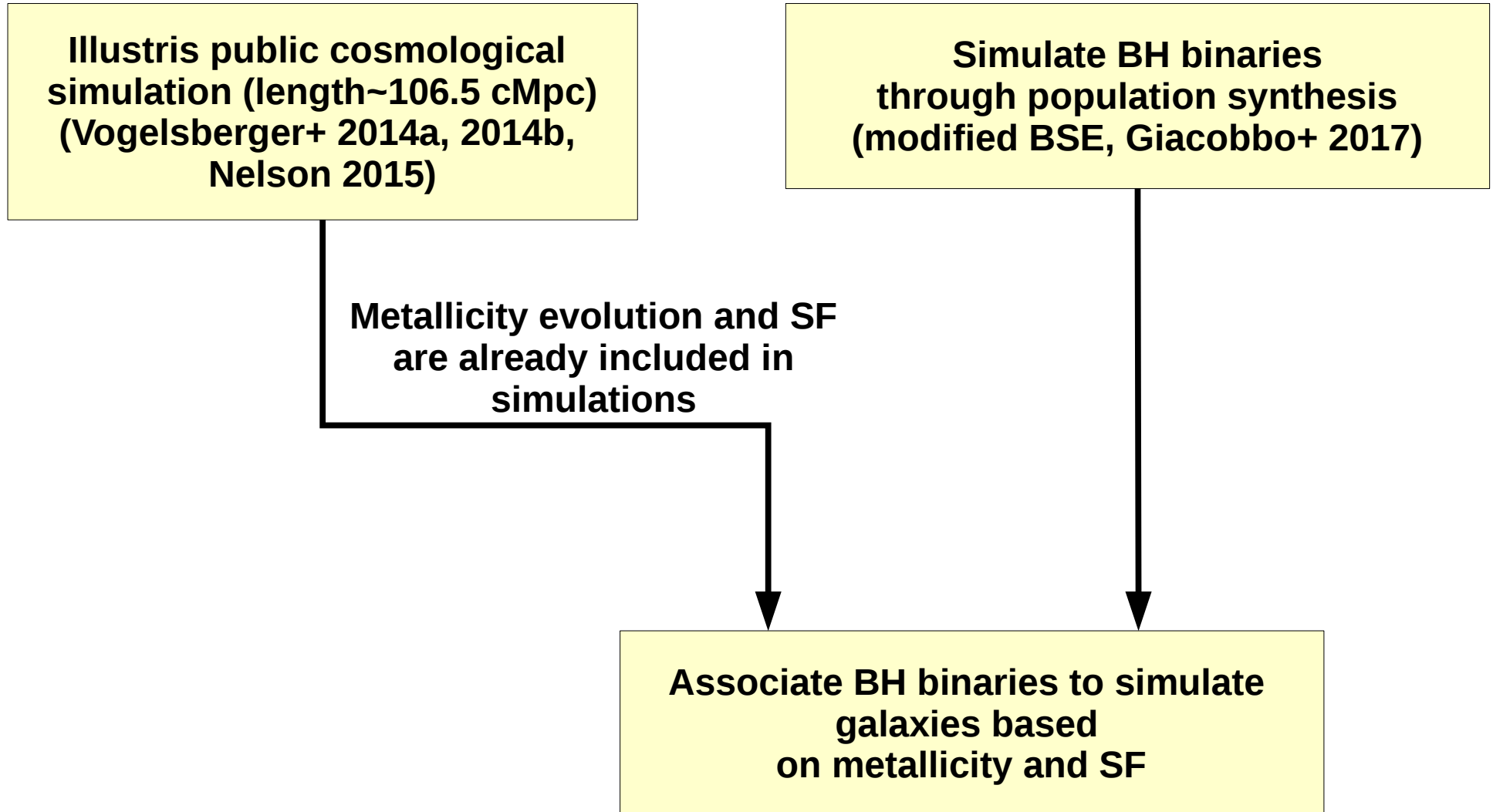
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- host of GW150914 : small and metal poor galaxies
- host of GW151226 and LVT151012 : all possible galaxy mass

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**MM, Giacobbo, Ripamonti, Spera 2017**



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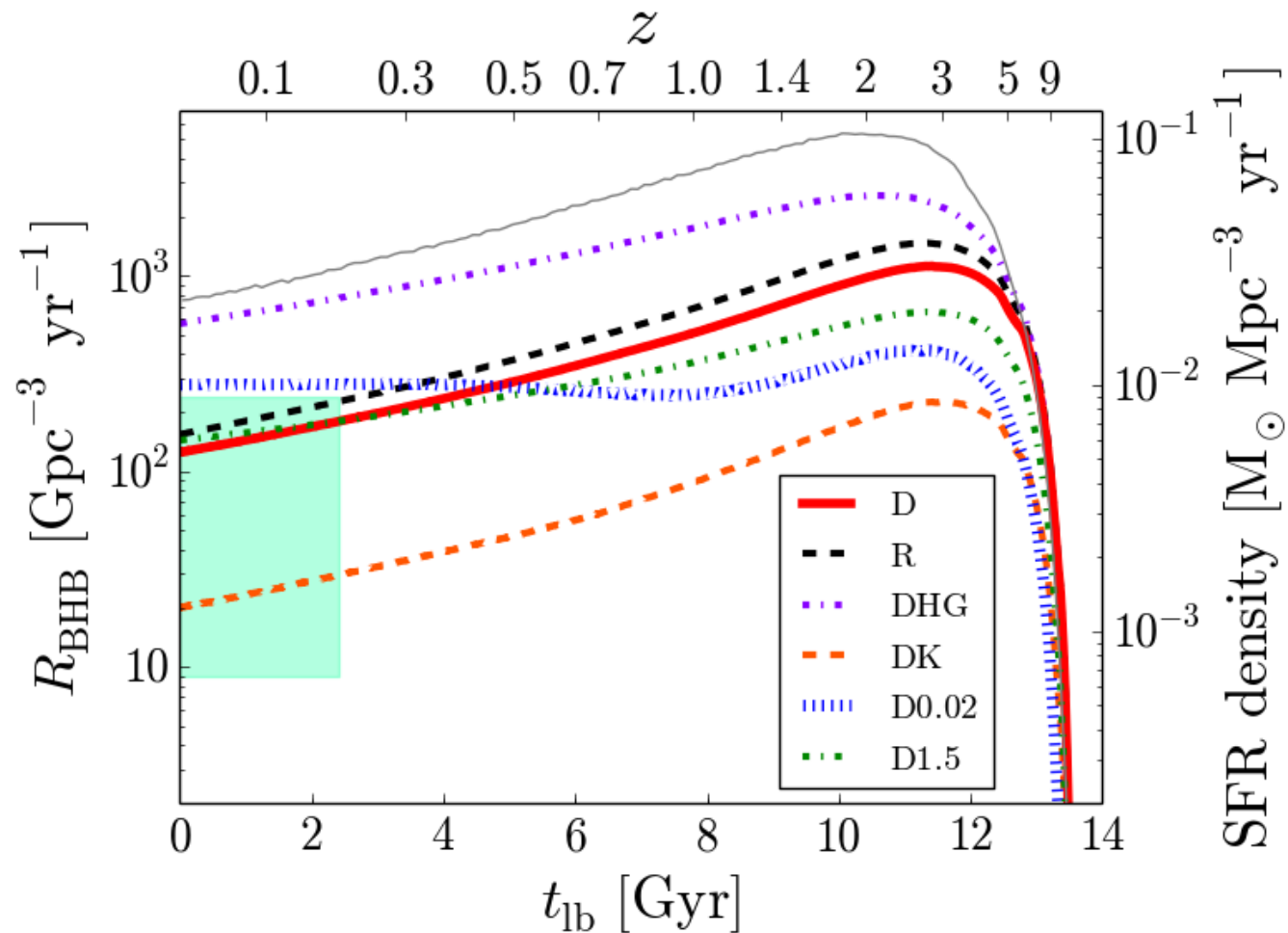
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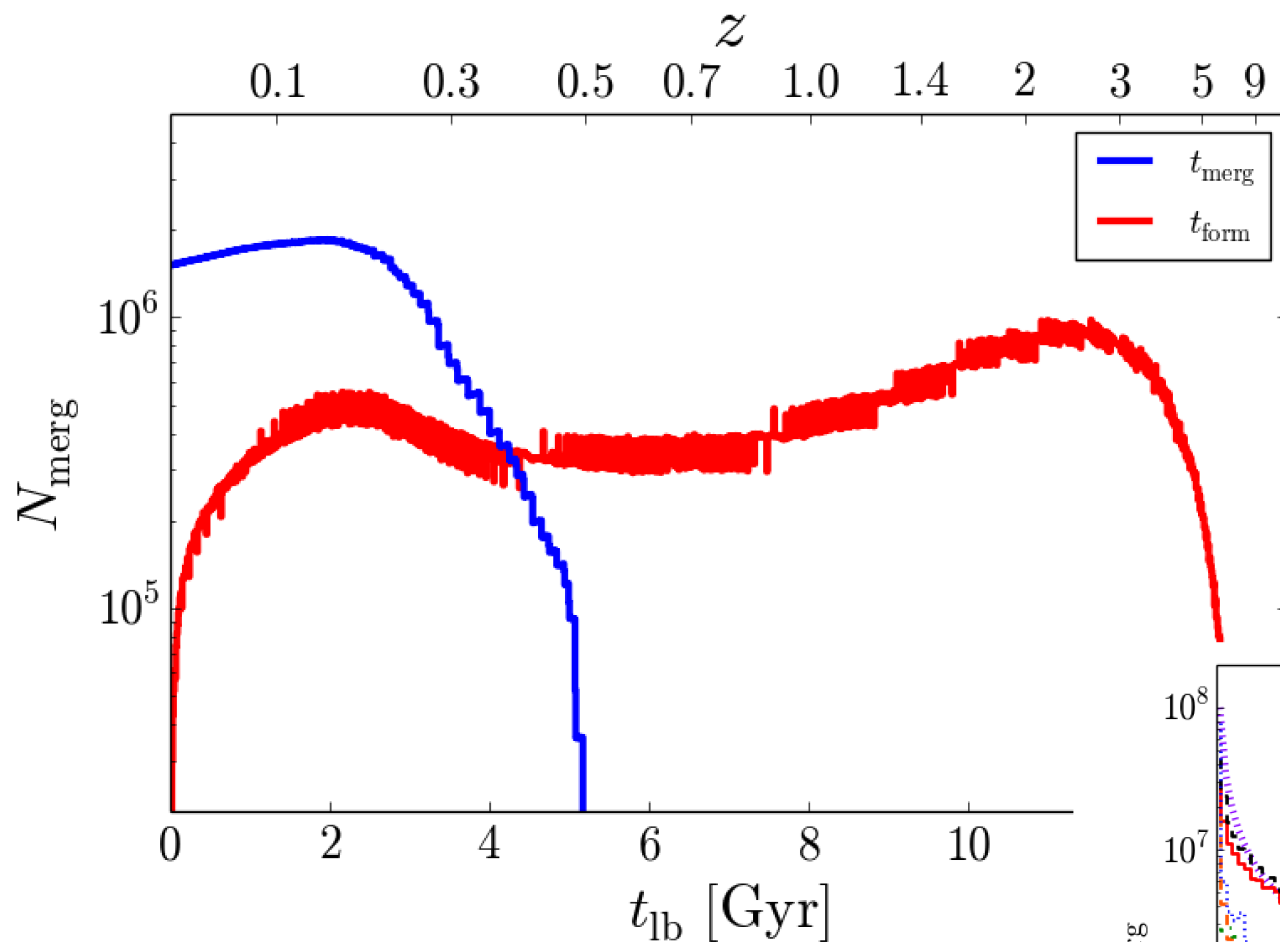
BHB merger rate density in comoving frame



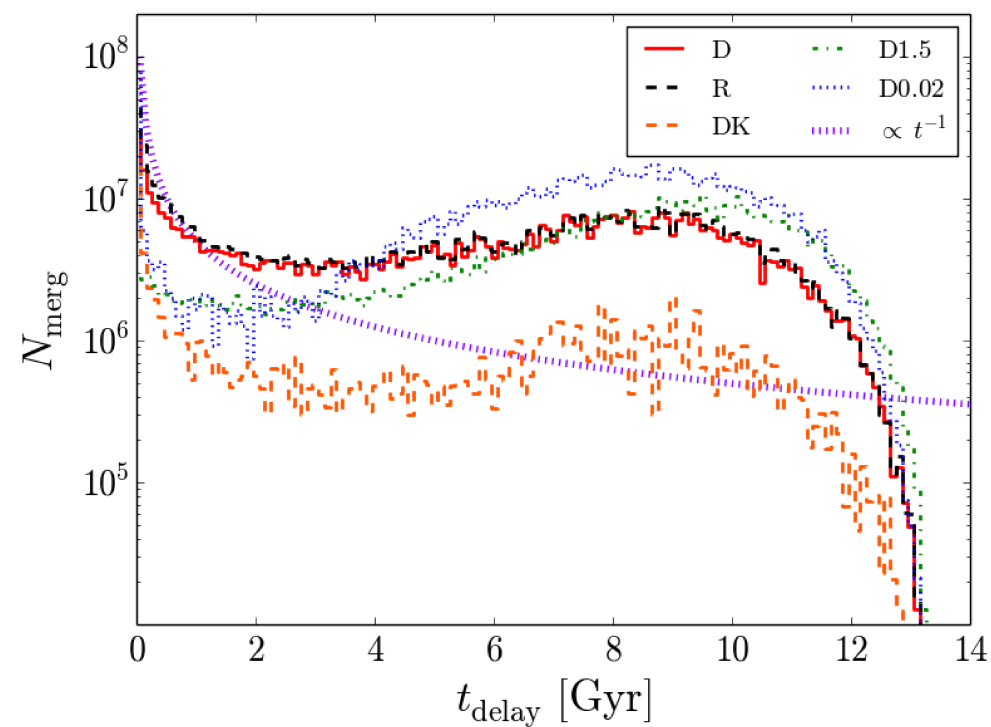
- Future detections will discriminate between models
- BHB merger rate scales with cosmic SFR density

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Properties of BHs merging in LIGO's 2015-2016 horizon (MM+ 2017)

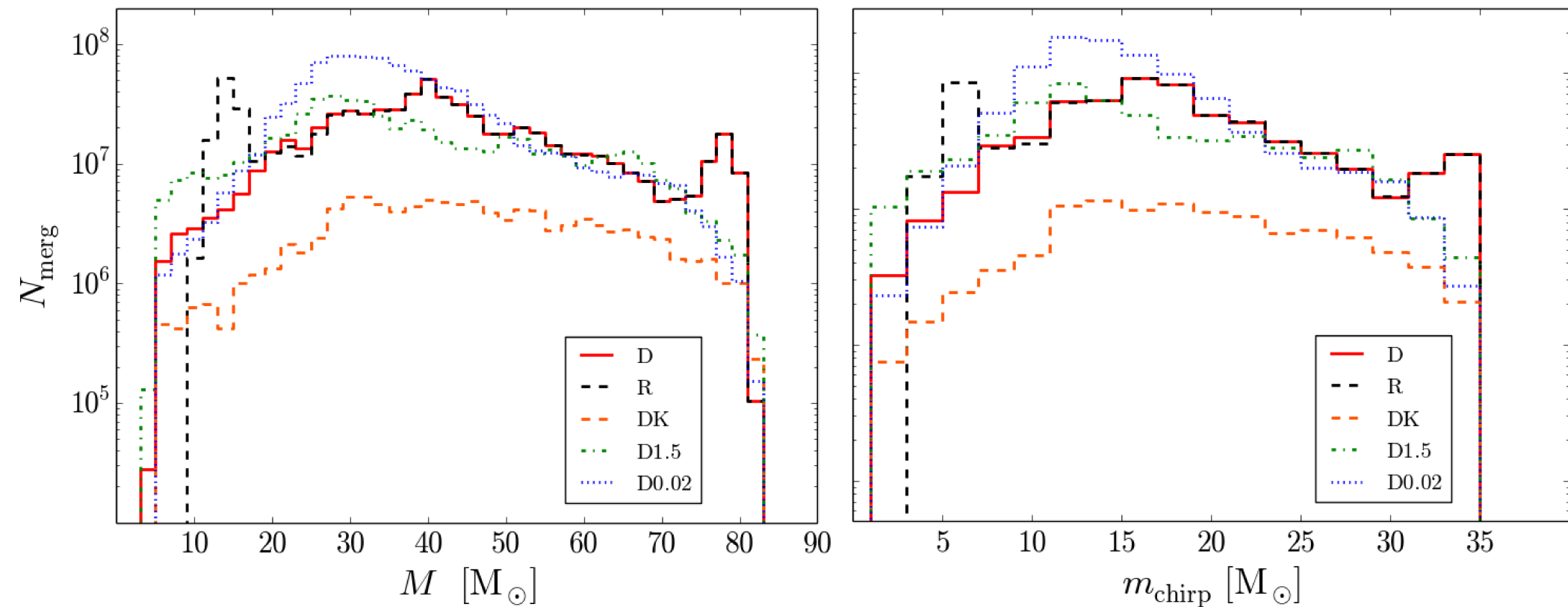


Horizon depends on BH mass!



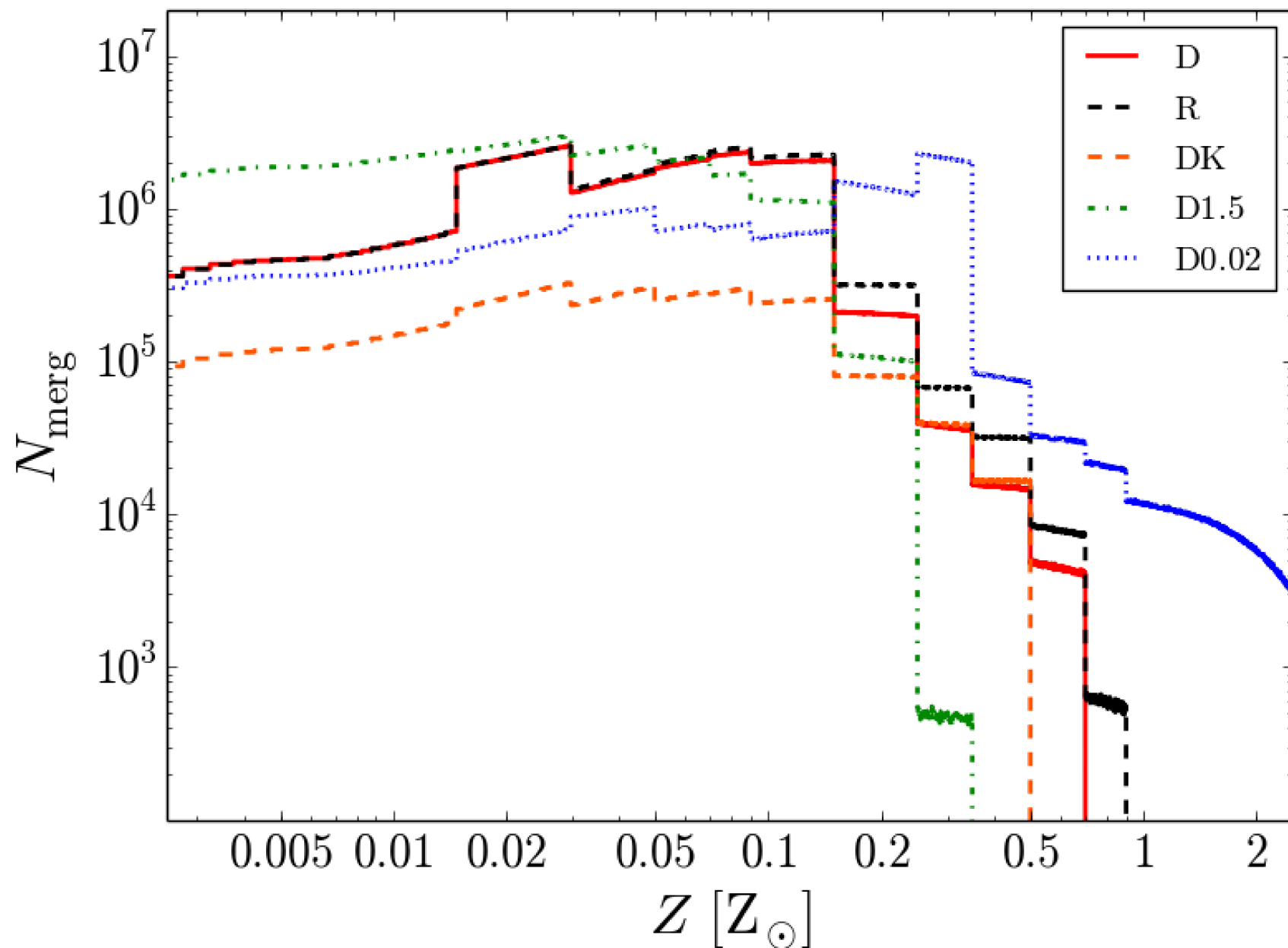
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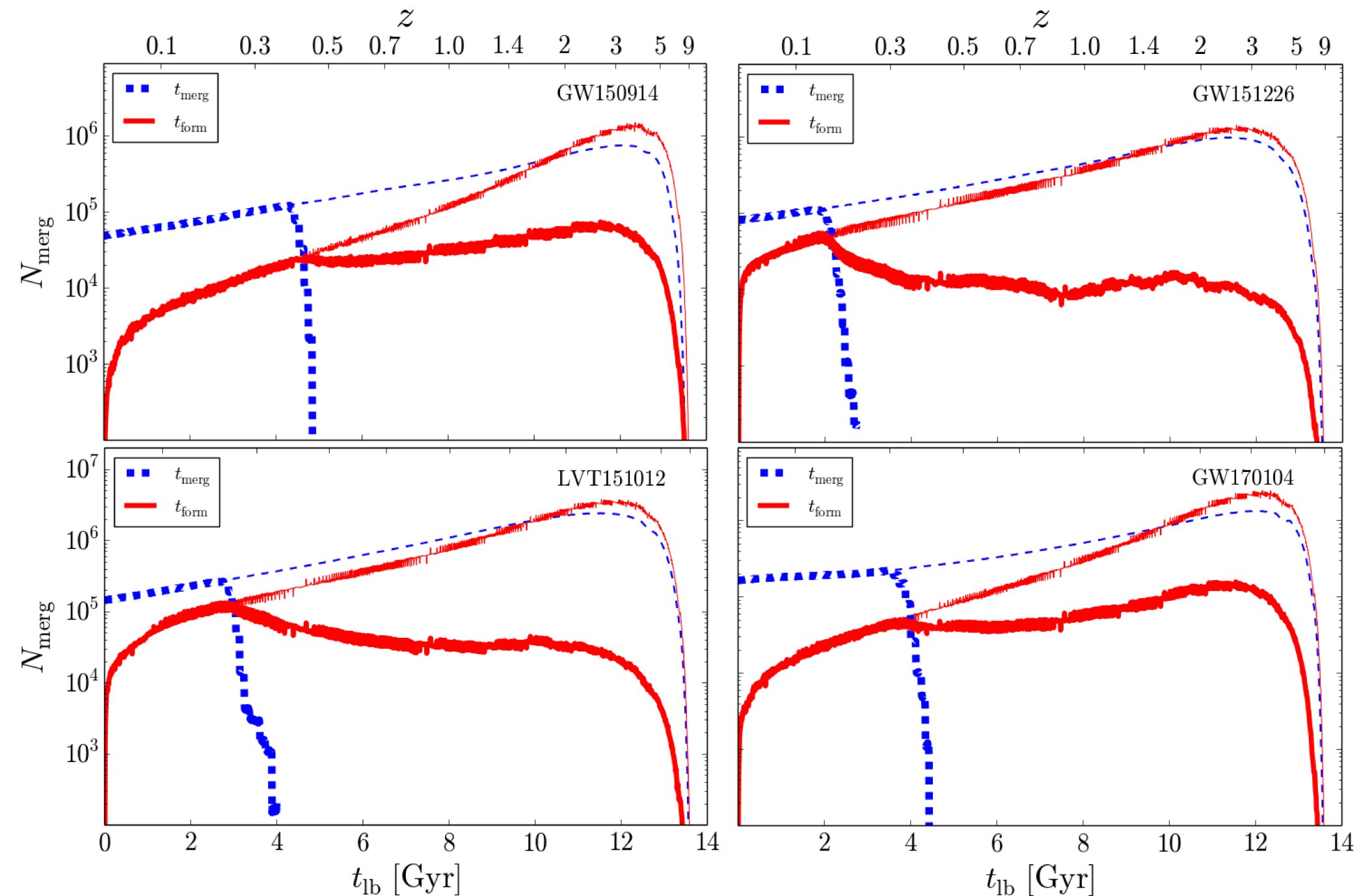
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# THANK YOU!

