

REVIEW OF SNIA PROGENITORS



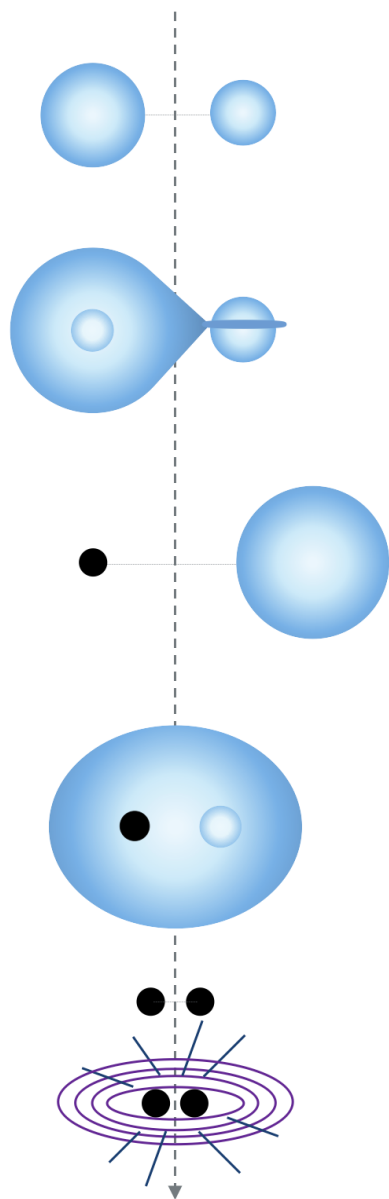
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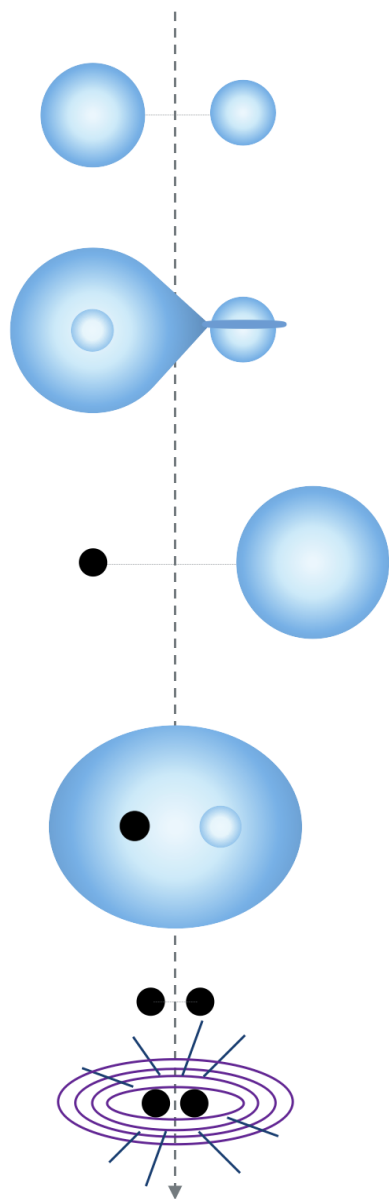
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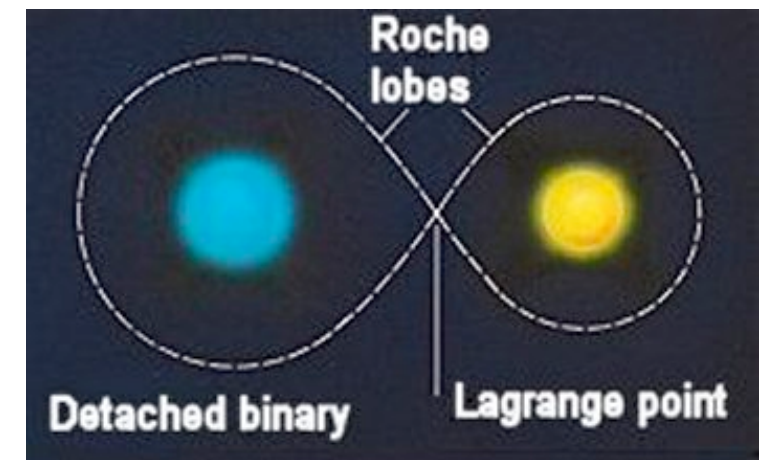


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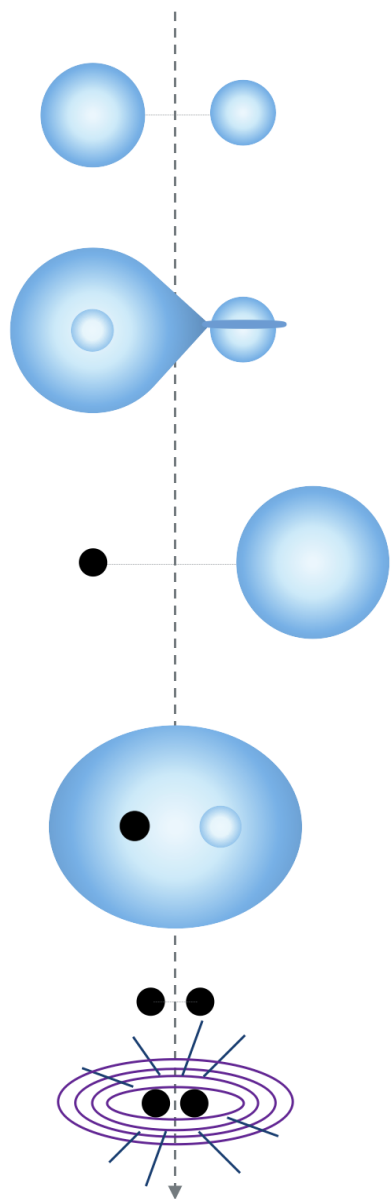
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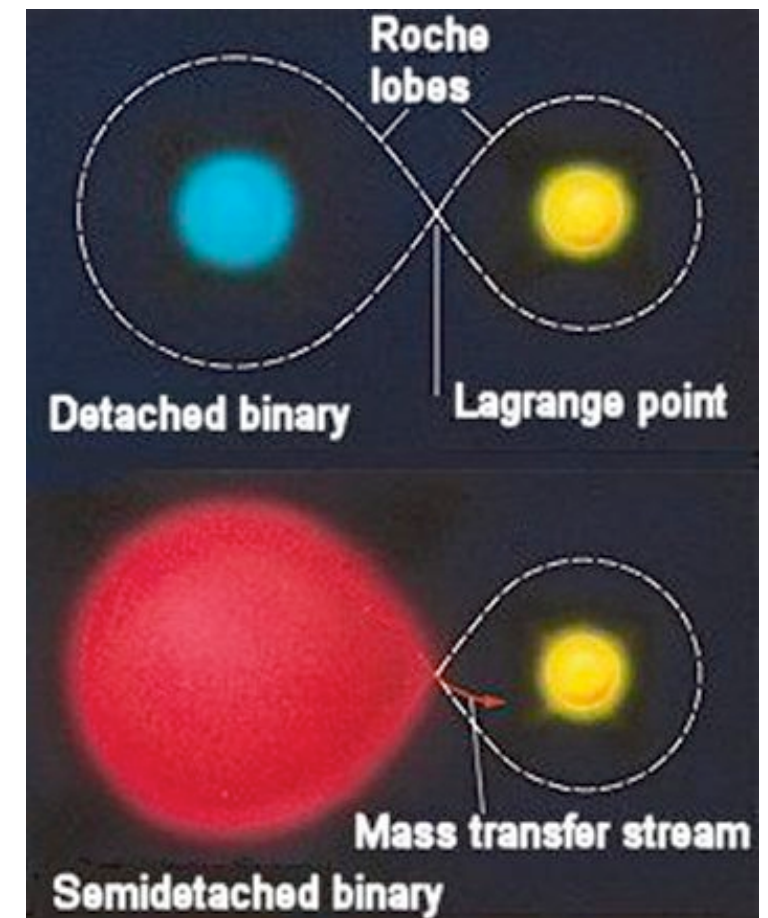


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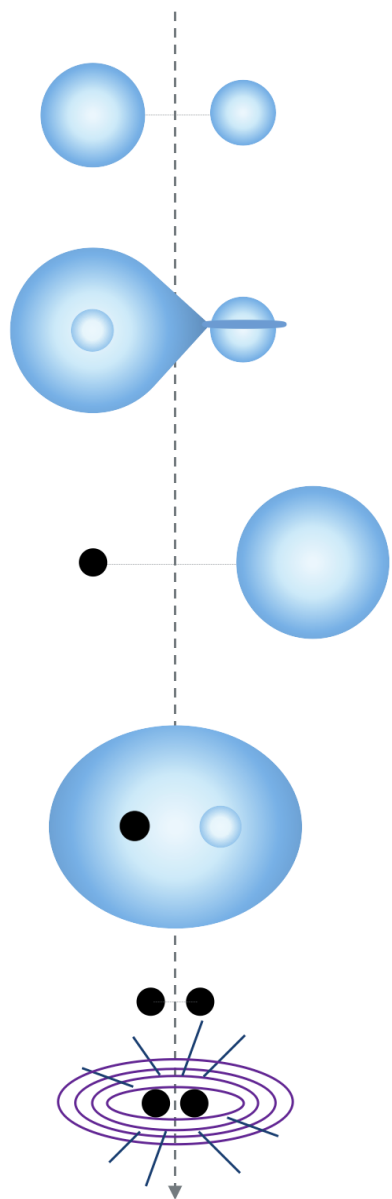
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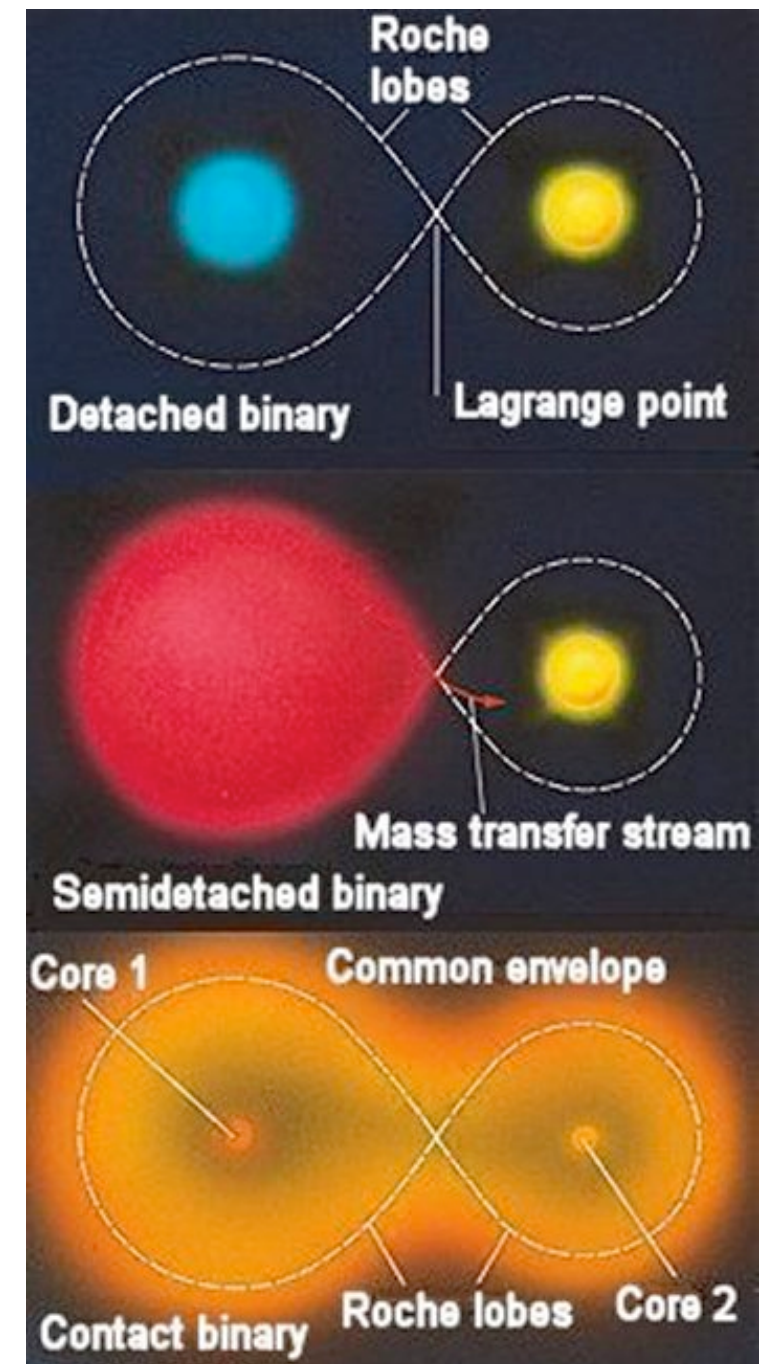


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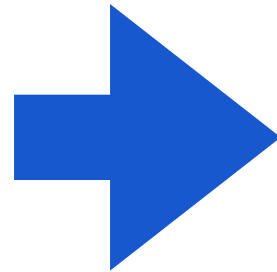
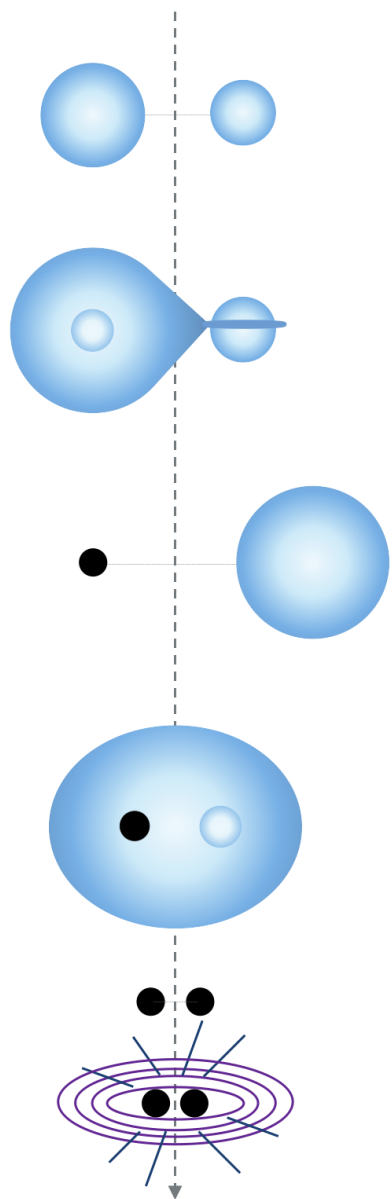
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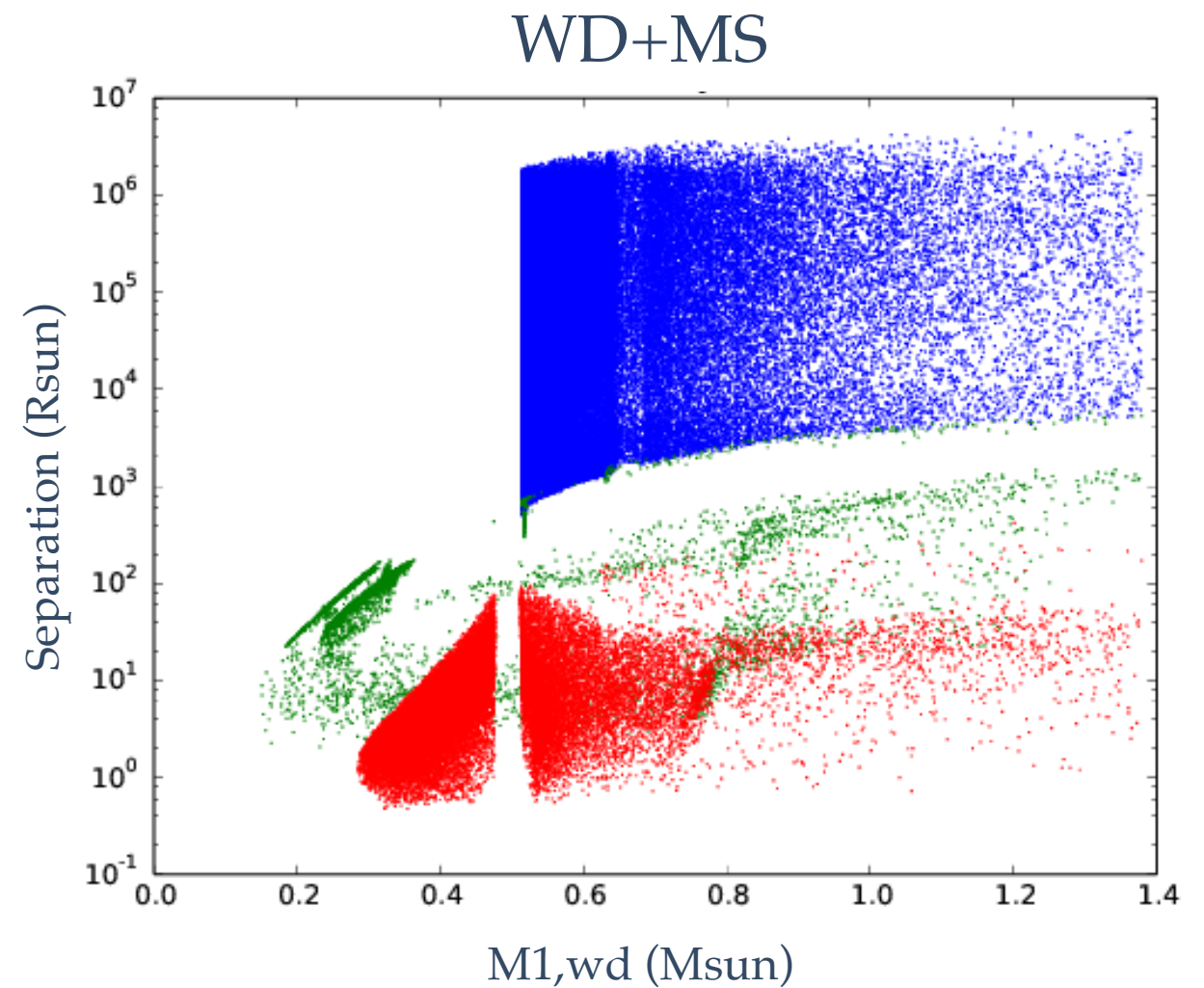


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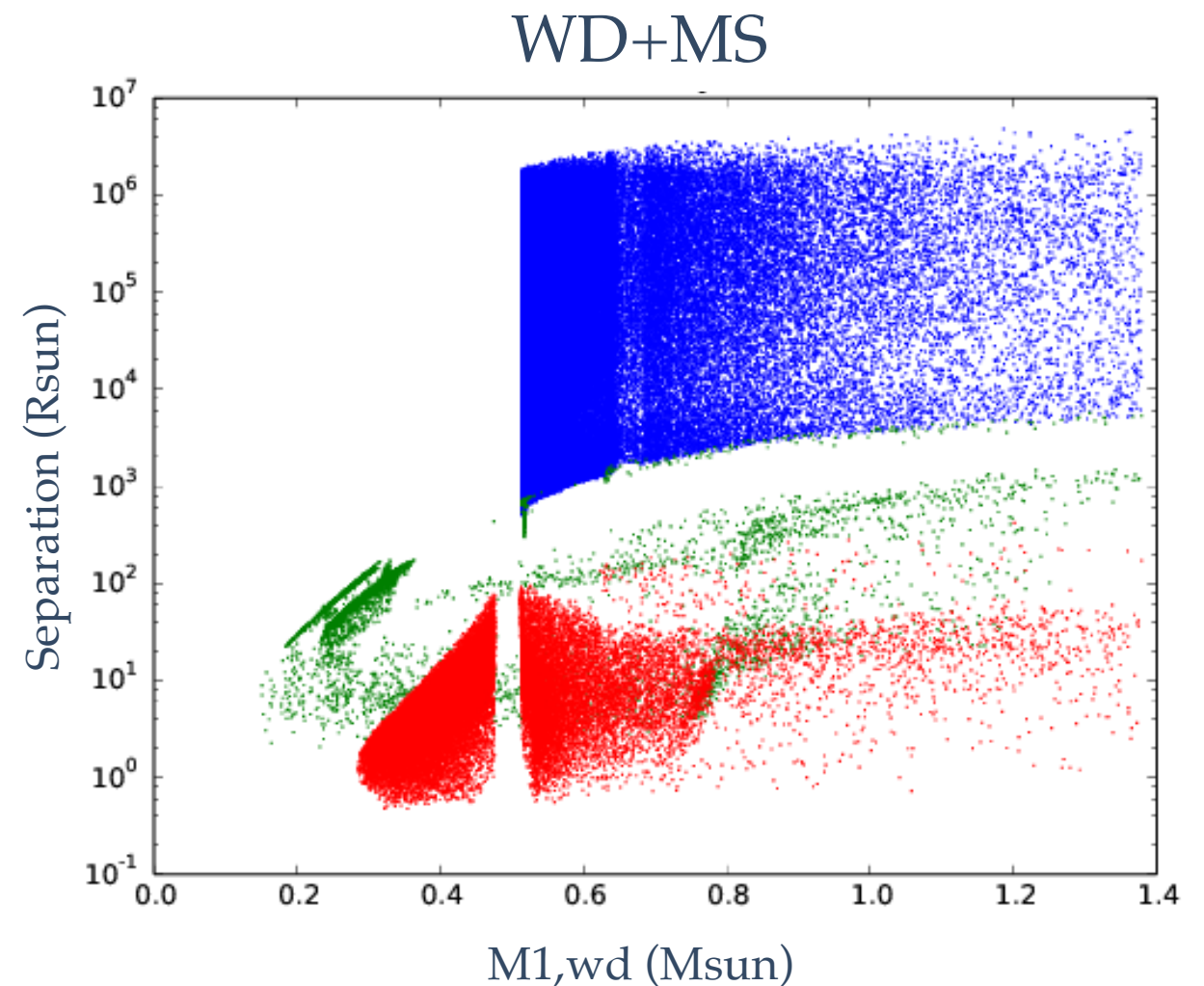
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Study e.g.

- ❖ characteristics of a binary population (e.g. mass ratio distribution, period distribution)
- ❖ frequency of an astrophysical event
- ❖ chemical enrichment of a region

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Binary population synthesis

Regarding transients:

- ❖ Pick your favourite progenitor channel & study e.g.:
- ❖ Rates, delay time distribution
- ❖ Typical age of progenitor

Example 1:

- ❖ Channel: Helium star transfer mass onto a white dwarf
- ❖ Typically young environment (e.g. Wang+ 09, Ruiter+ 11)
- ❖ Matches well with SNIax (Lyman+ 13, 18, Takaro+ 20, Maguire+ 23)

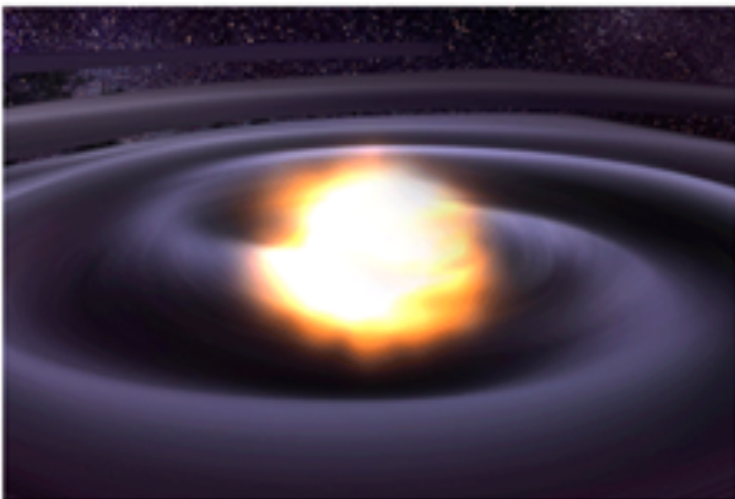
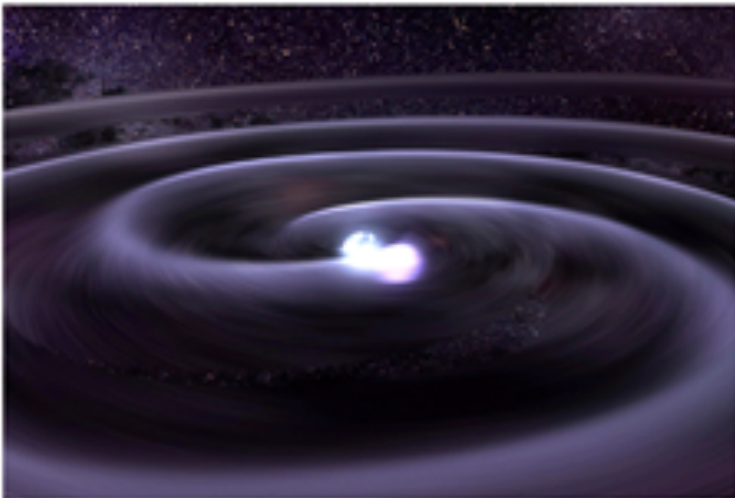
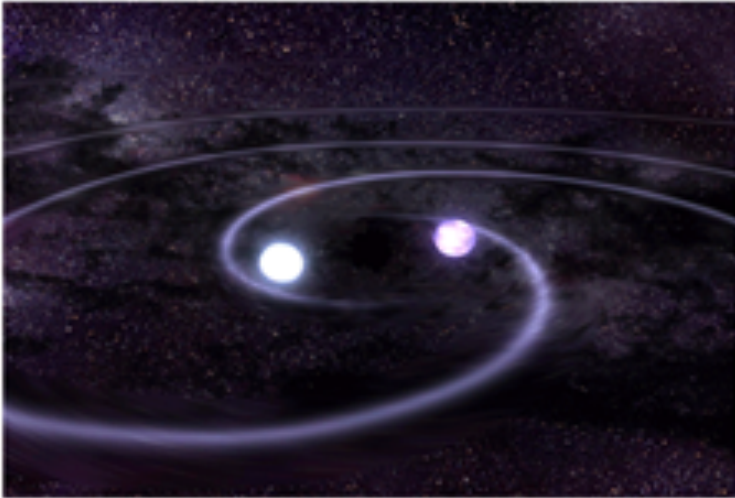
Example 2:

- ❖ How many high-velocity surviving companions?
- ❖ Some WD candidates found (Shen+ 18, Raddi+19, Igoshev+ 23), but small amount of candidates might elude to channels without surviving companions, but see El Badry+ 23

BPS studies for SNIa progenitors:

- ❖ Yungelson et al. 1994
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- ❖ Yungelson & Livio 2000
- ❖ Nelemans et al. 2001
- ❖ DeDonder & Vanbeveren 2004
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- ❖ >2014 not even included yet...

Double white dwarfs



Suggested formation channels

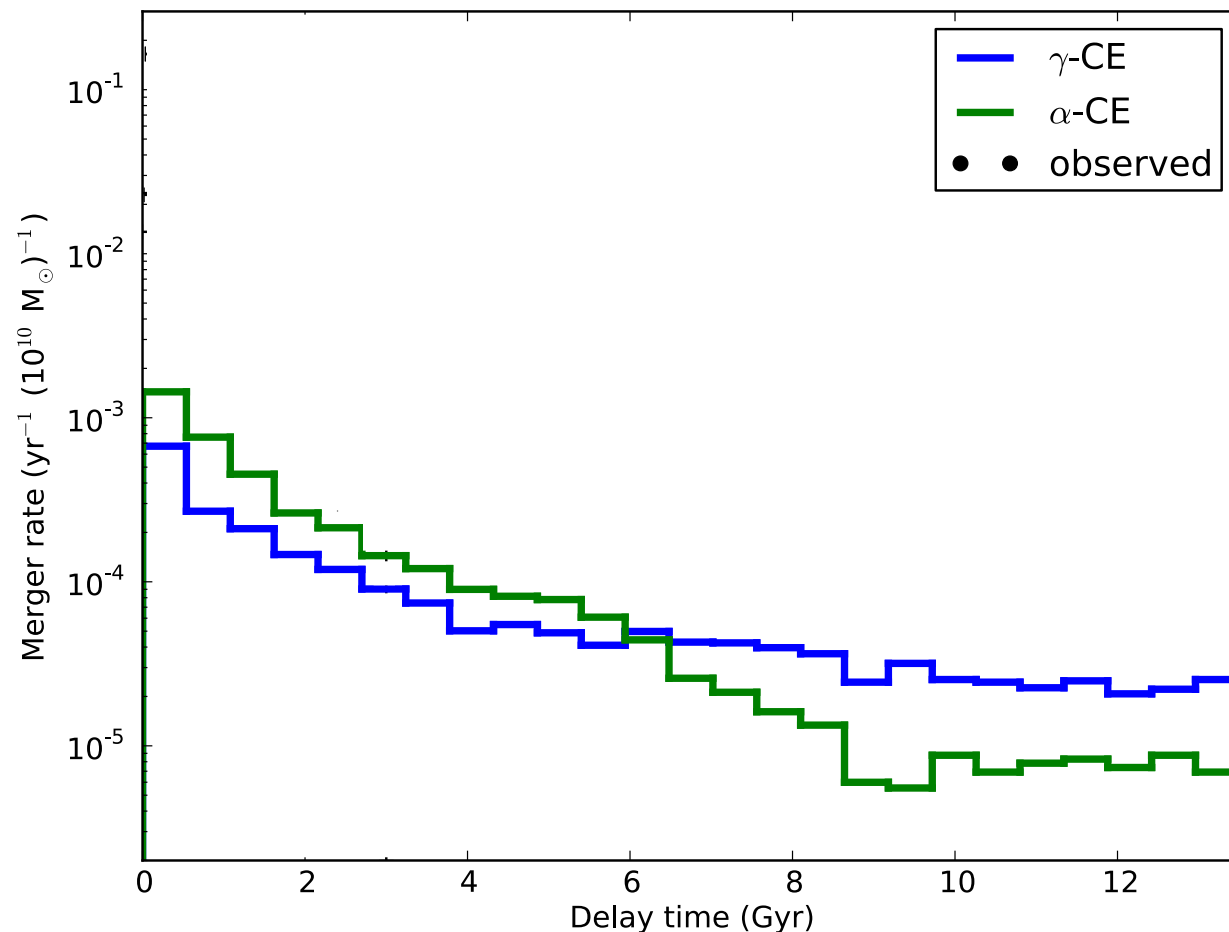
- ❖ **Classically: Chandrasekhar mergers** (Iben & Tutukov '84, Webbink '84)
- ❖ **Also: Sub-Chandrasekhar mergers**
 - ❖ **Violent mergers** (e.g. Pakmor ea '10, '11, '12, van Kerkwijk ea '10, Sato ea '15)
 - ❖ **Surface He detonations** (Guillochon ea '10, Pakmor ea '13, Shen & Bildsten '14)
 - ❖ **White dwarf collisions** (Dense environments: Benz ea '89, Triples: Katz & Dong '12, Hamers+ '13, Toonen+, Abinaya)

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ref: Toonen, Nelemans, Portegies Zwart 2012



Using the code:

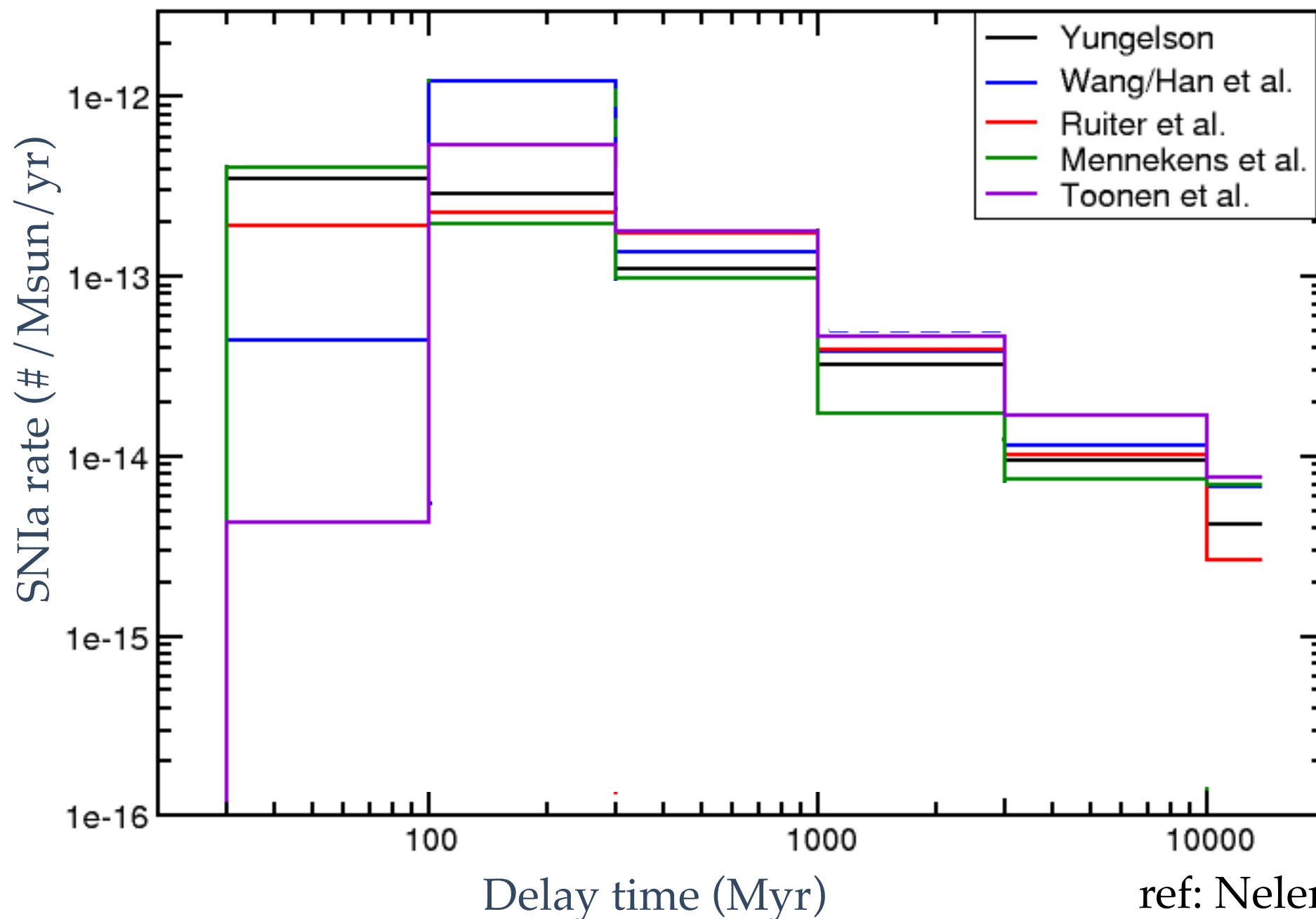


Portegies Zwart+ '96,
Nelemans+ 01,
Toonen+ '12

- ❖ Delay time distribution =
SNIa rate per unit mass of created stars as a function
of time since a hypothetical instantaneous starburst

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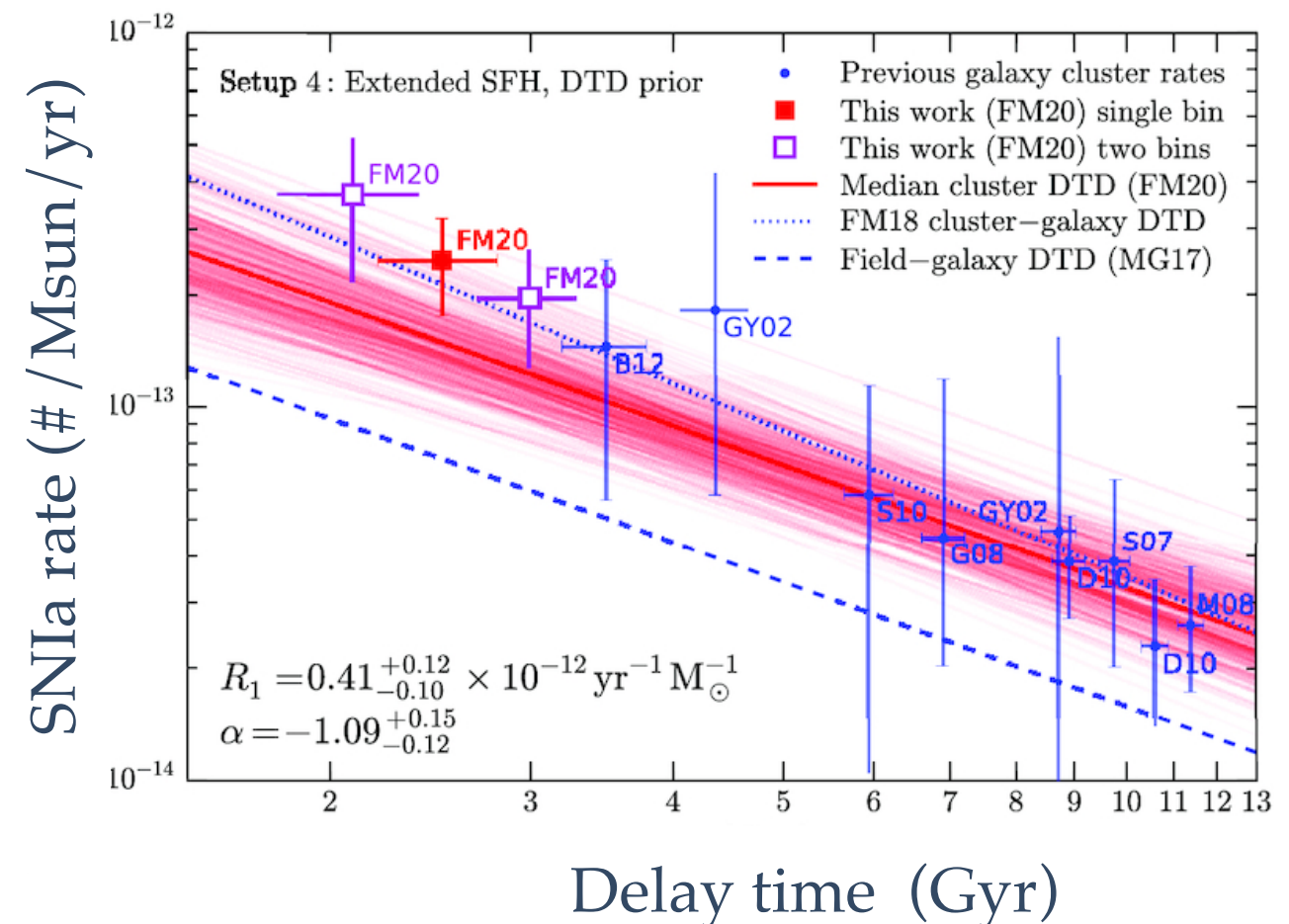
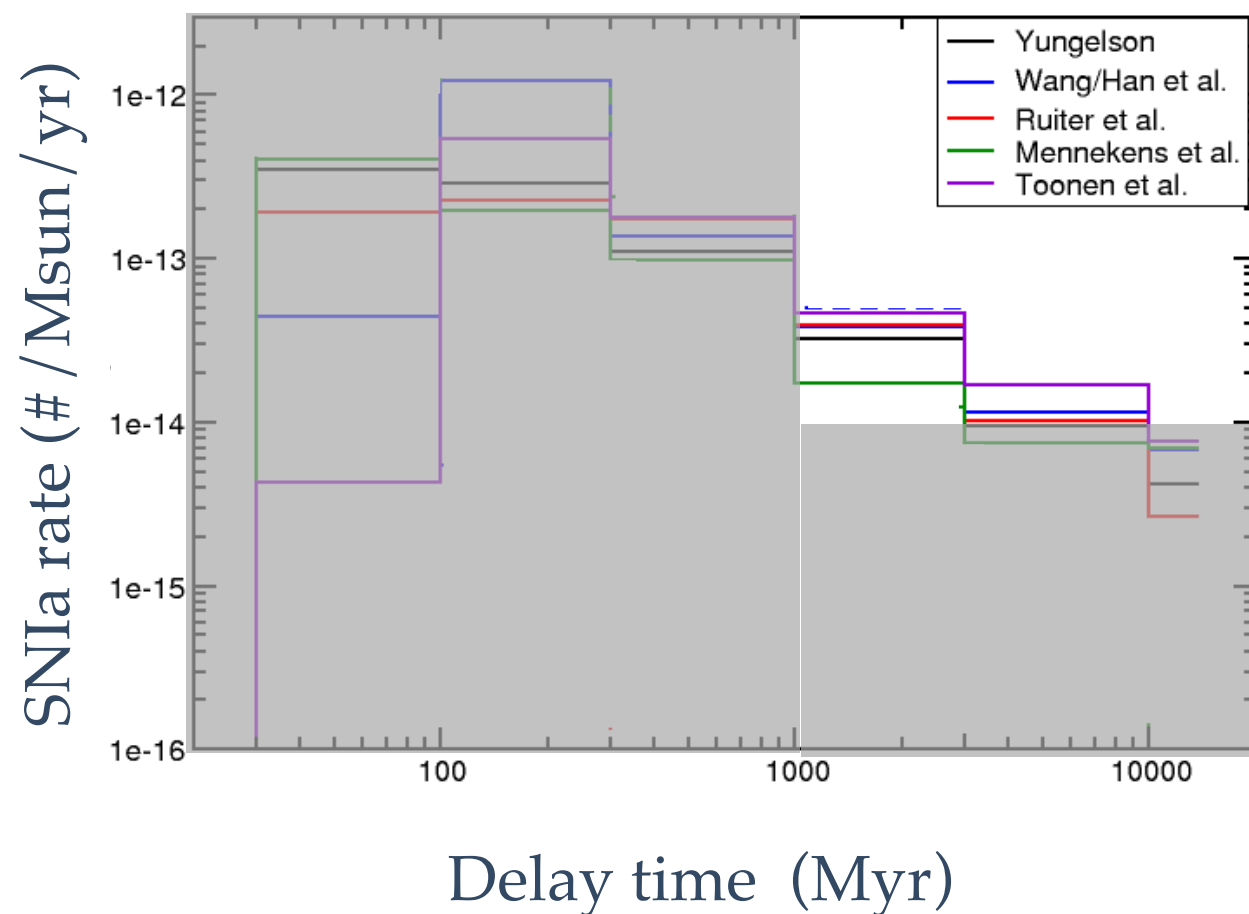
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Taken from: Freundlich & Maoz '21
 But see Toy+ 23 for lower rates in clusters at lower redshifts. Metallicity effect (Ruiter & Seitzzahl 25)?

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Advantage of sub-Ch mergers

- ❖ Generally more common
- ❖ More massive mergers early on
-> if peak luminosity set by primary mass -> diversity & evolution of luminosity function (Shen+ 17, 21)

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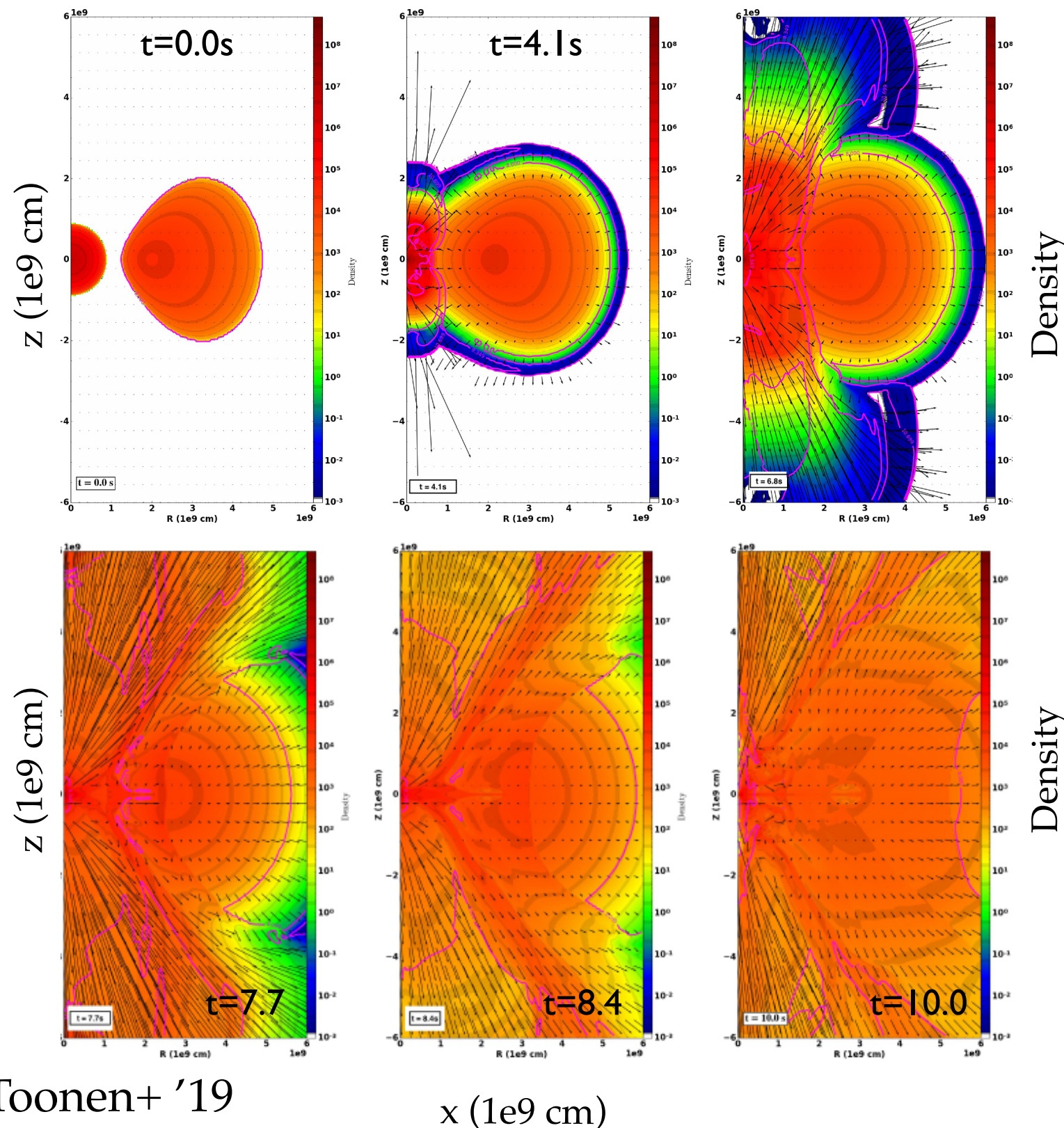
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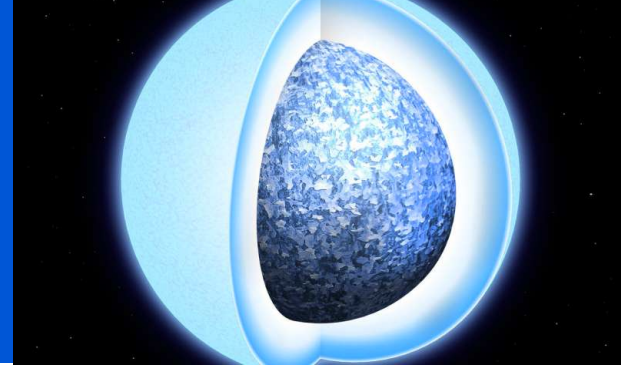
MESA + Flash

- ✧ Helium assists nuclear burning
- ✧ Need modestly enriched layer
- ✧ (e.g. Guillochon+ 10, Kromer+ 10, Woosley+ 11, Pakmor+ 13, Shen+ 14, Townsley+ 19, Pakmor+ w/ Toonen '21, Zenati+ w/ Toonen

Perets+ w/ Toonen+ '19

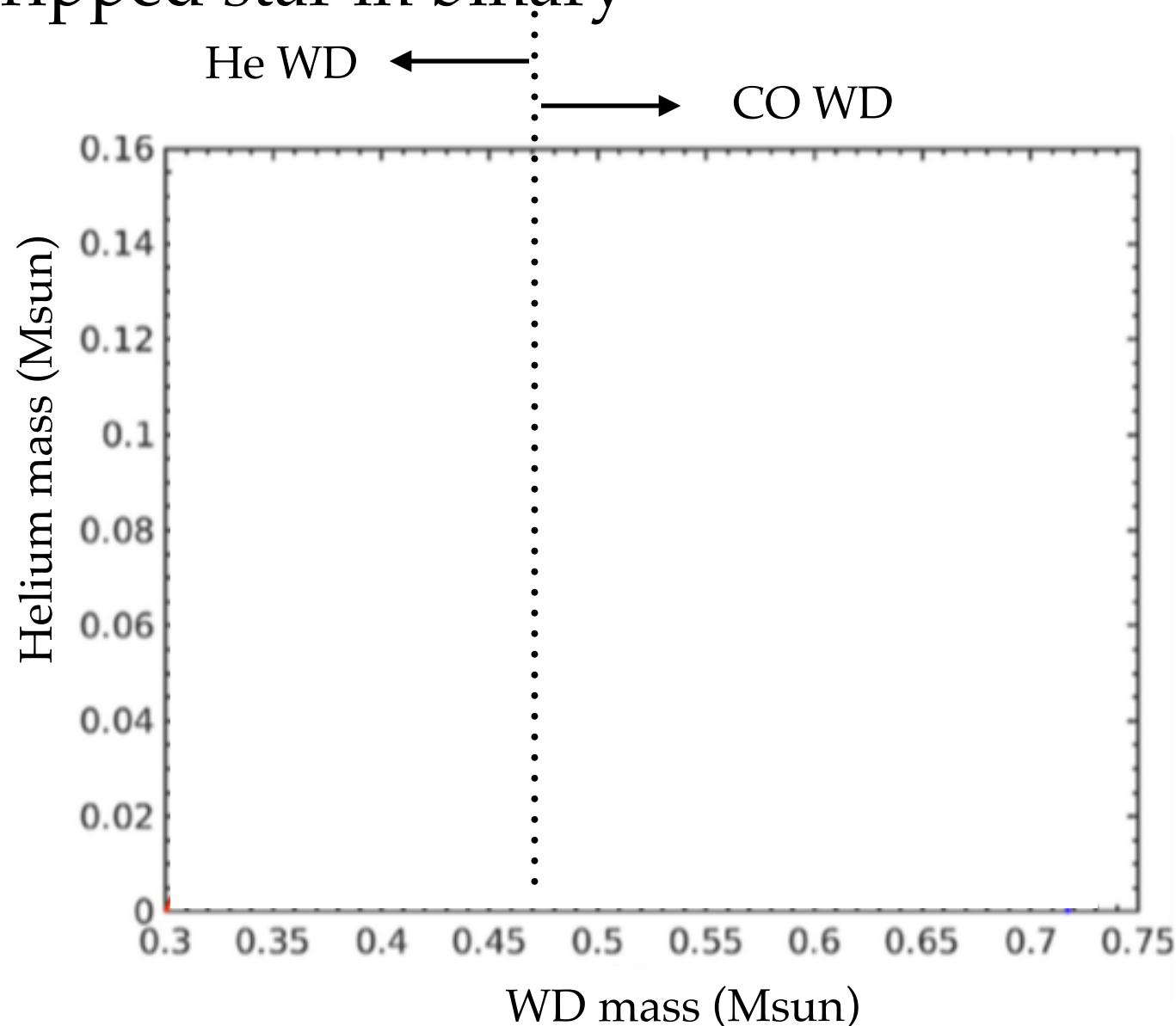
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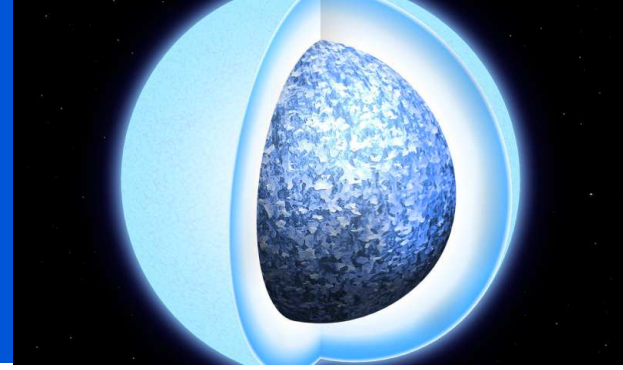
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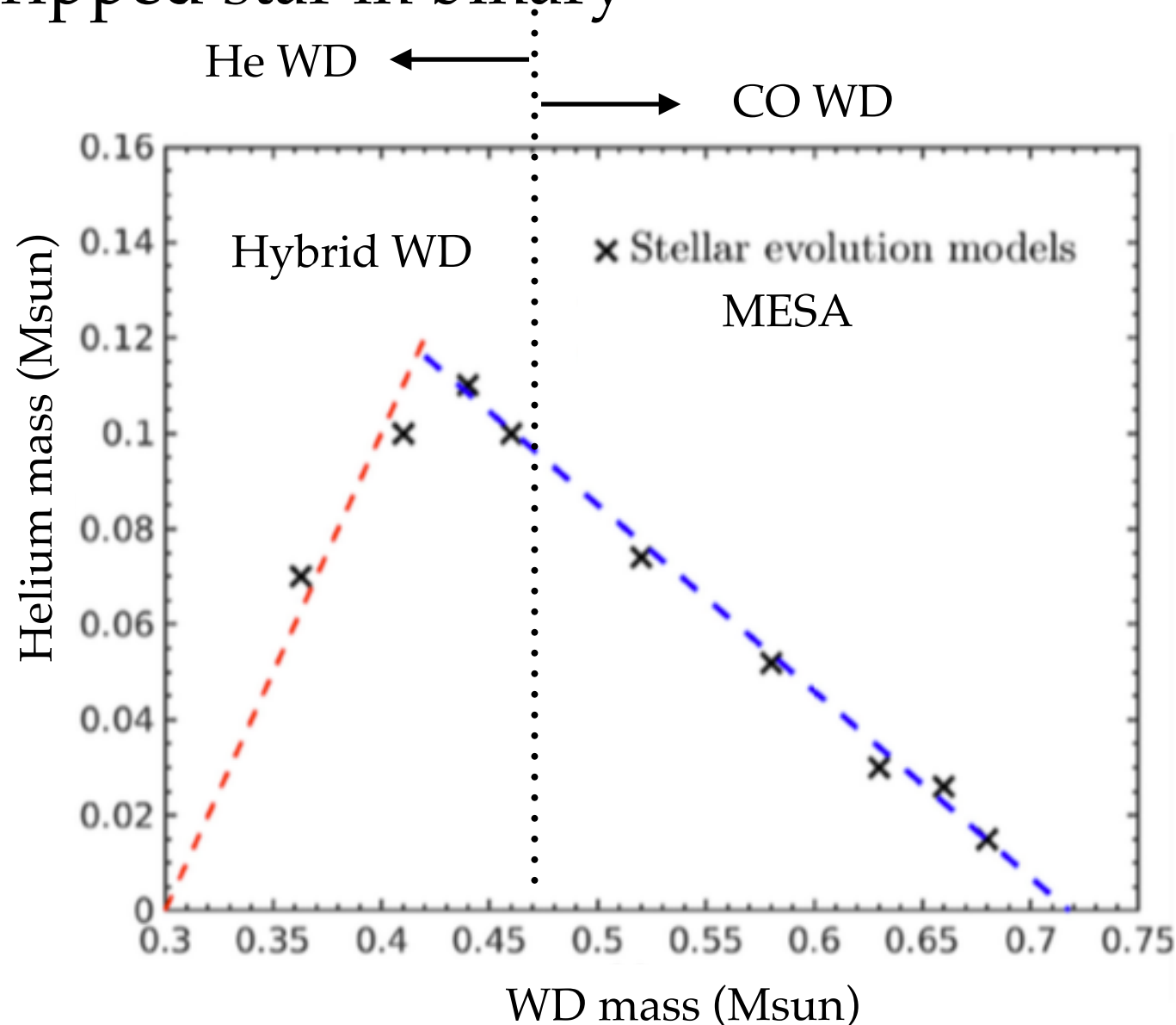
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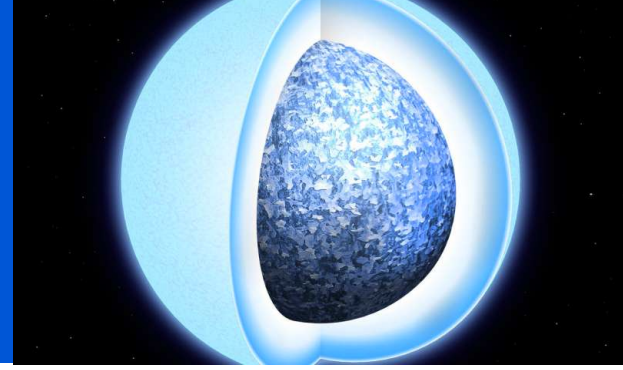
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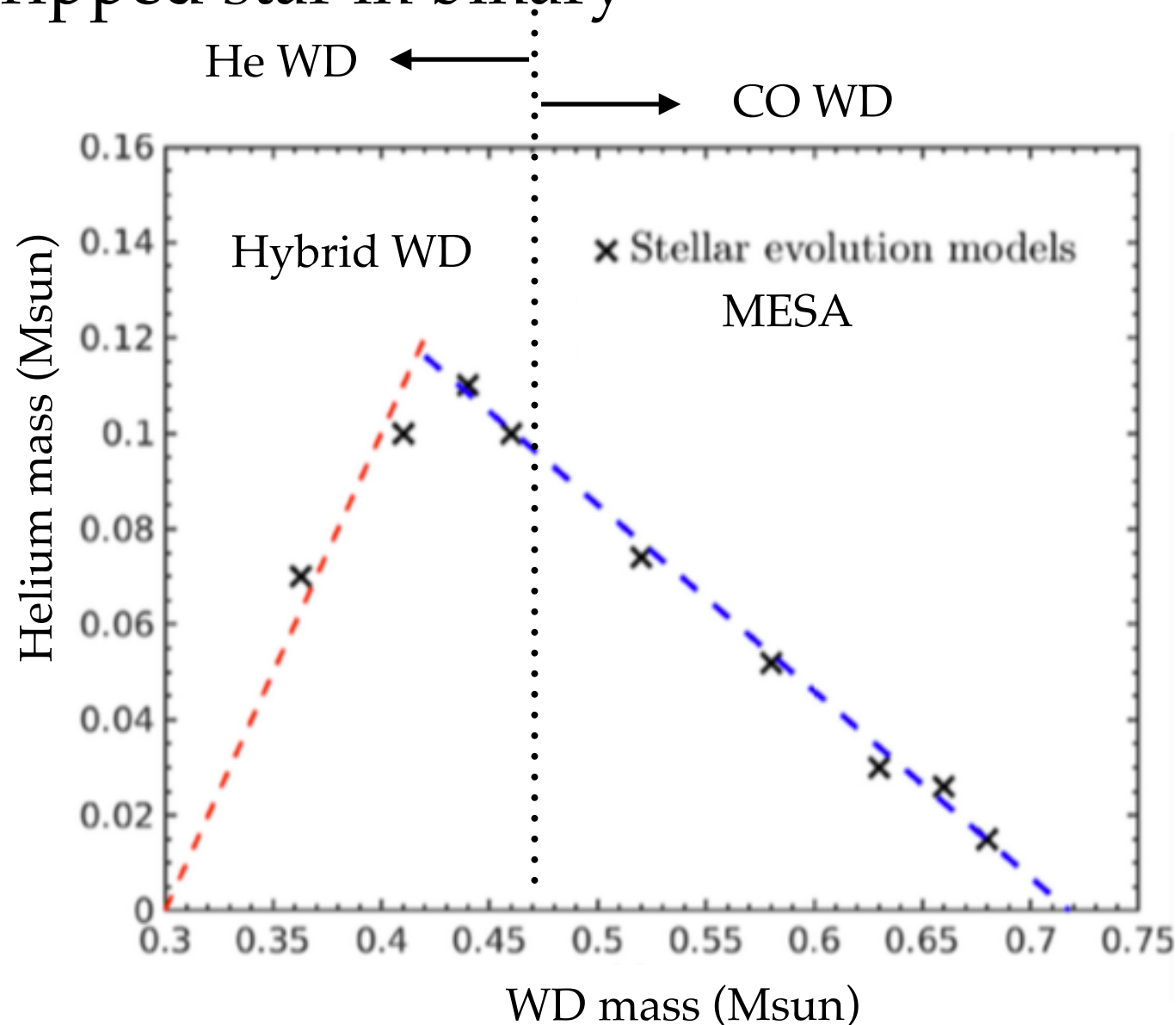
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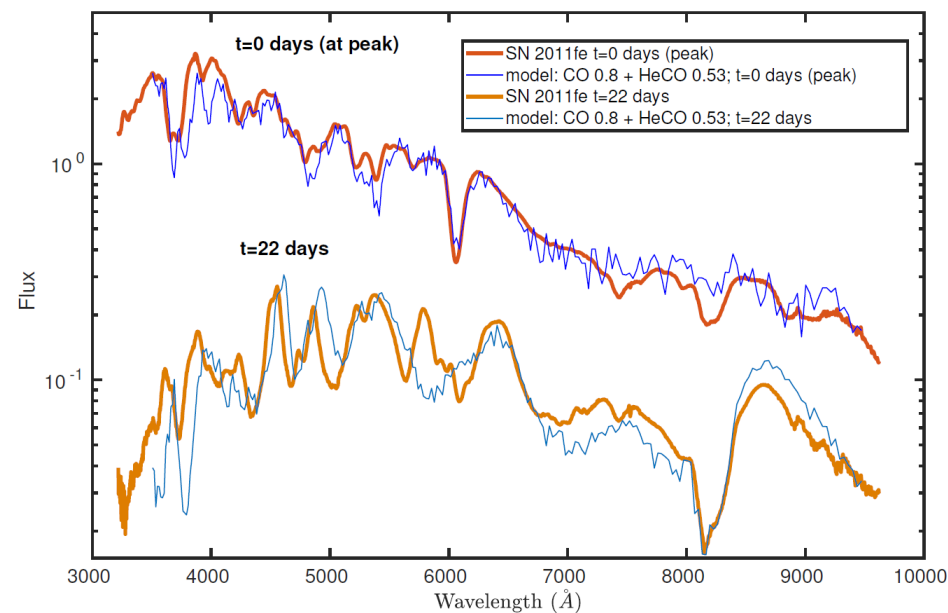
- ❖ Hybrid involved in ~25-30% of all WD-WD mergers
- ❖ Need ~15% to match SNIa rate (Maoz+ 18)

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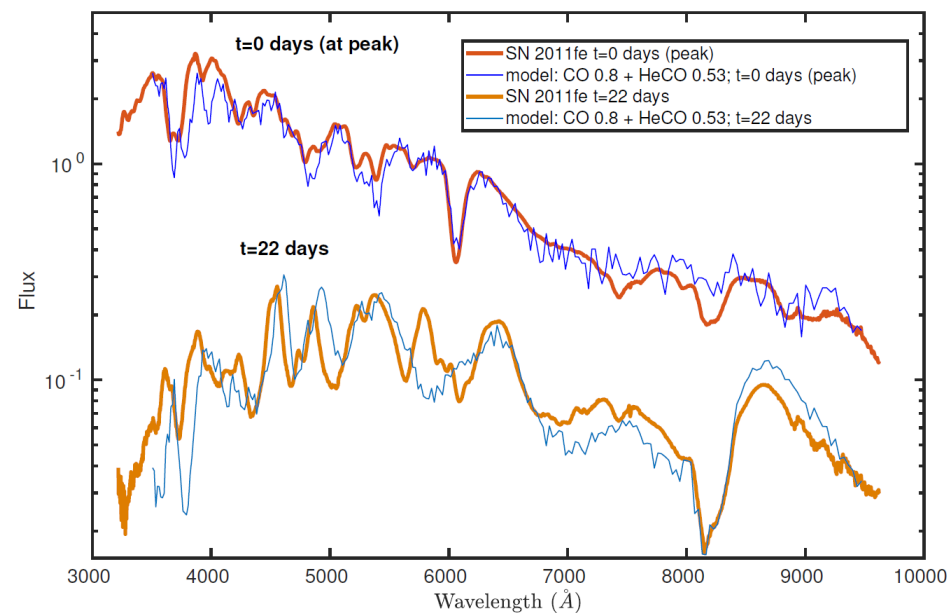


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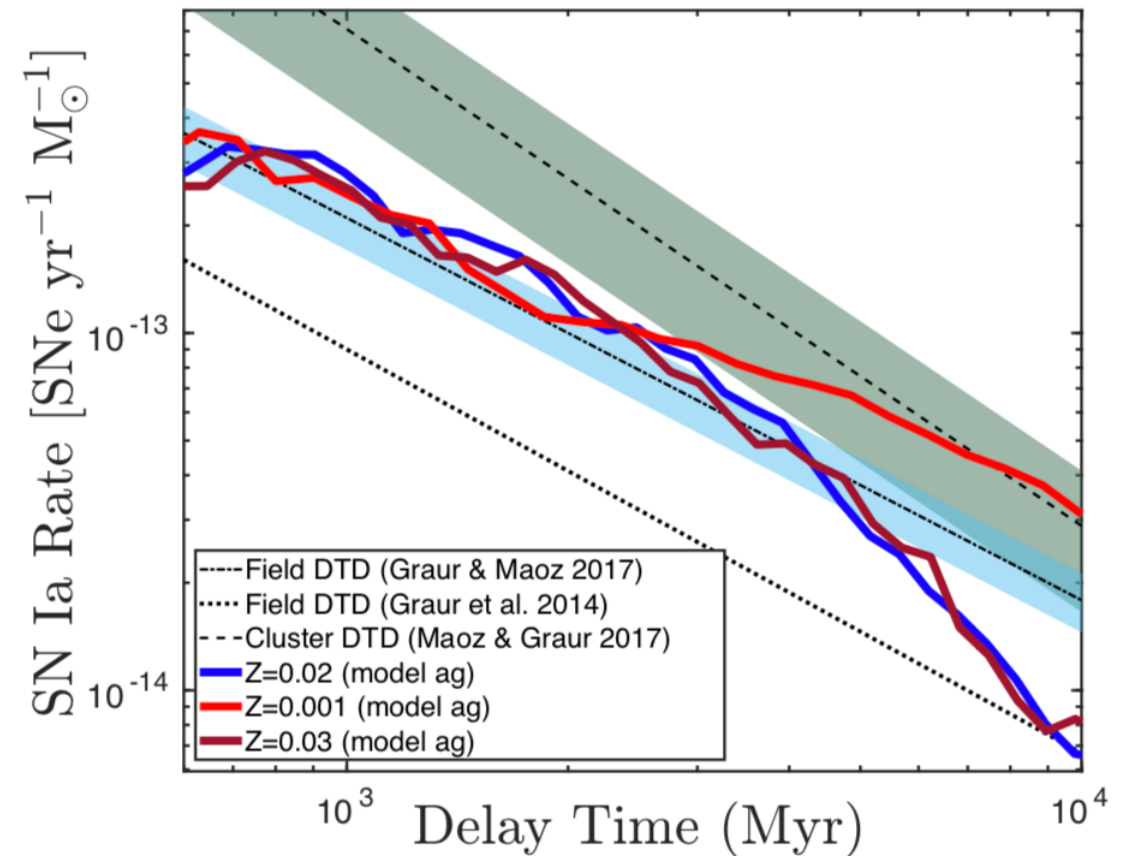
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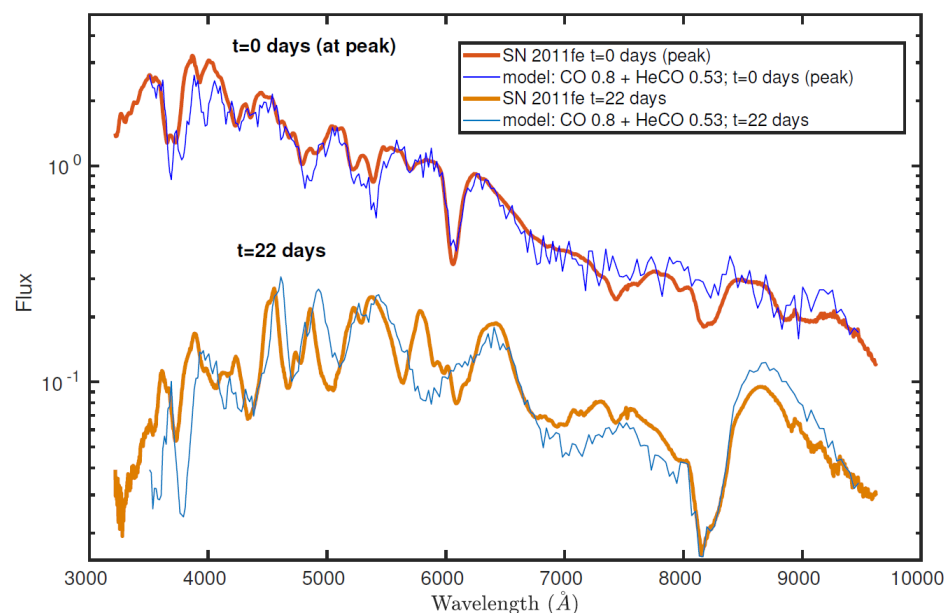


- ~60-70% from hybrid mergers ($M_{\text{co}} > M_{\text{hybrid}}$, $M_{\text{tot}} > 1.15 M_{\text{sun}}$)
- ~30-40% from massive CO+CO WD mergers ($M_1, M_2 > 0.9 M_{\text{sun}}$)

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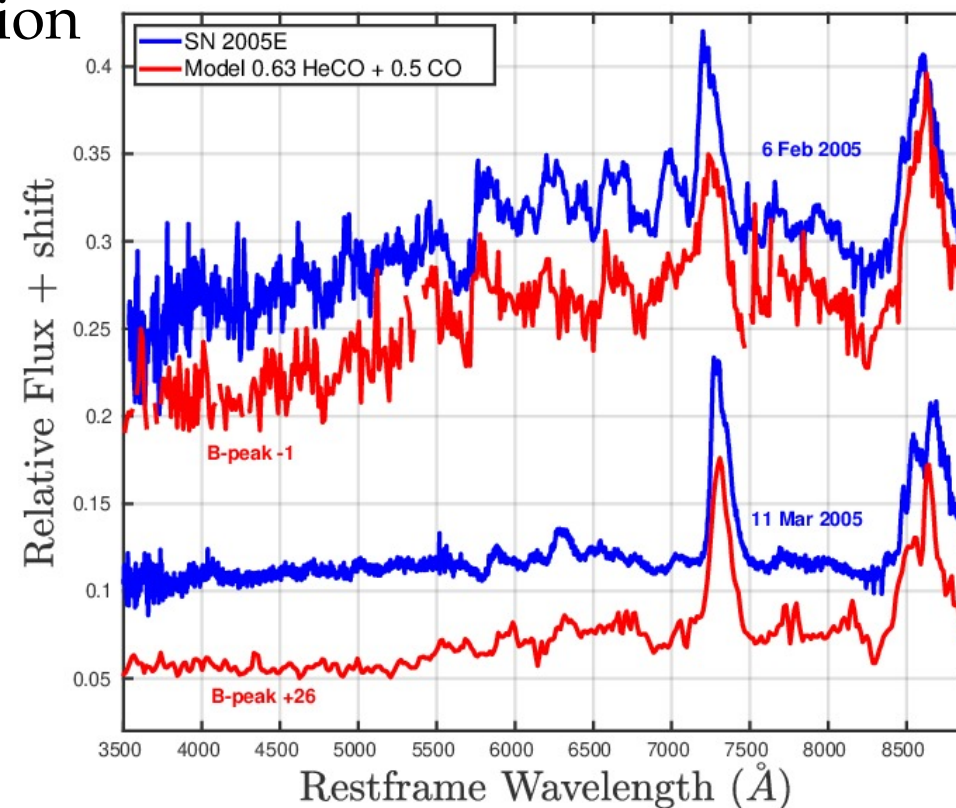
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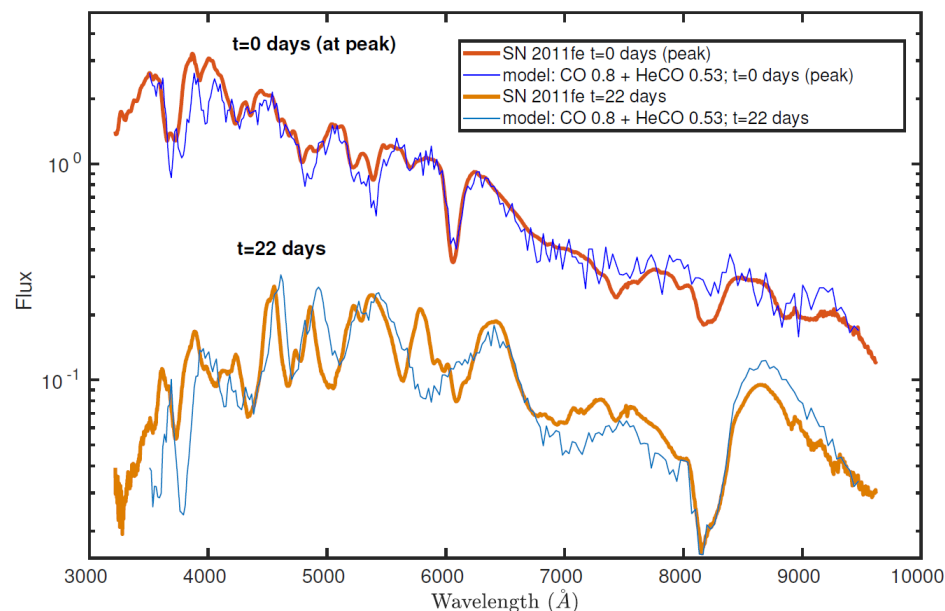
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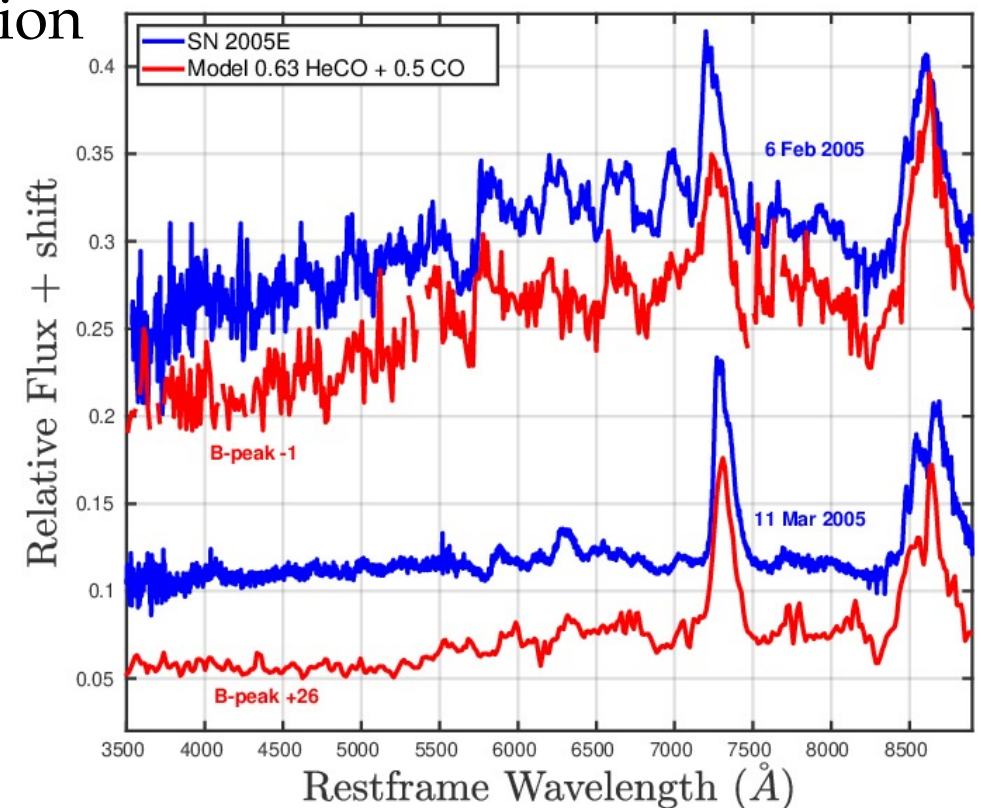
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Disruption of massive He-rich hybrid WD onto CO WD

Helium detonation travels upstream triggering a double detonation of the hybrid WD - Pakmor+ w/Toonen '21

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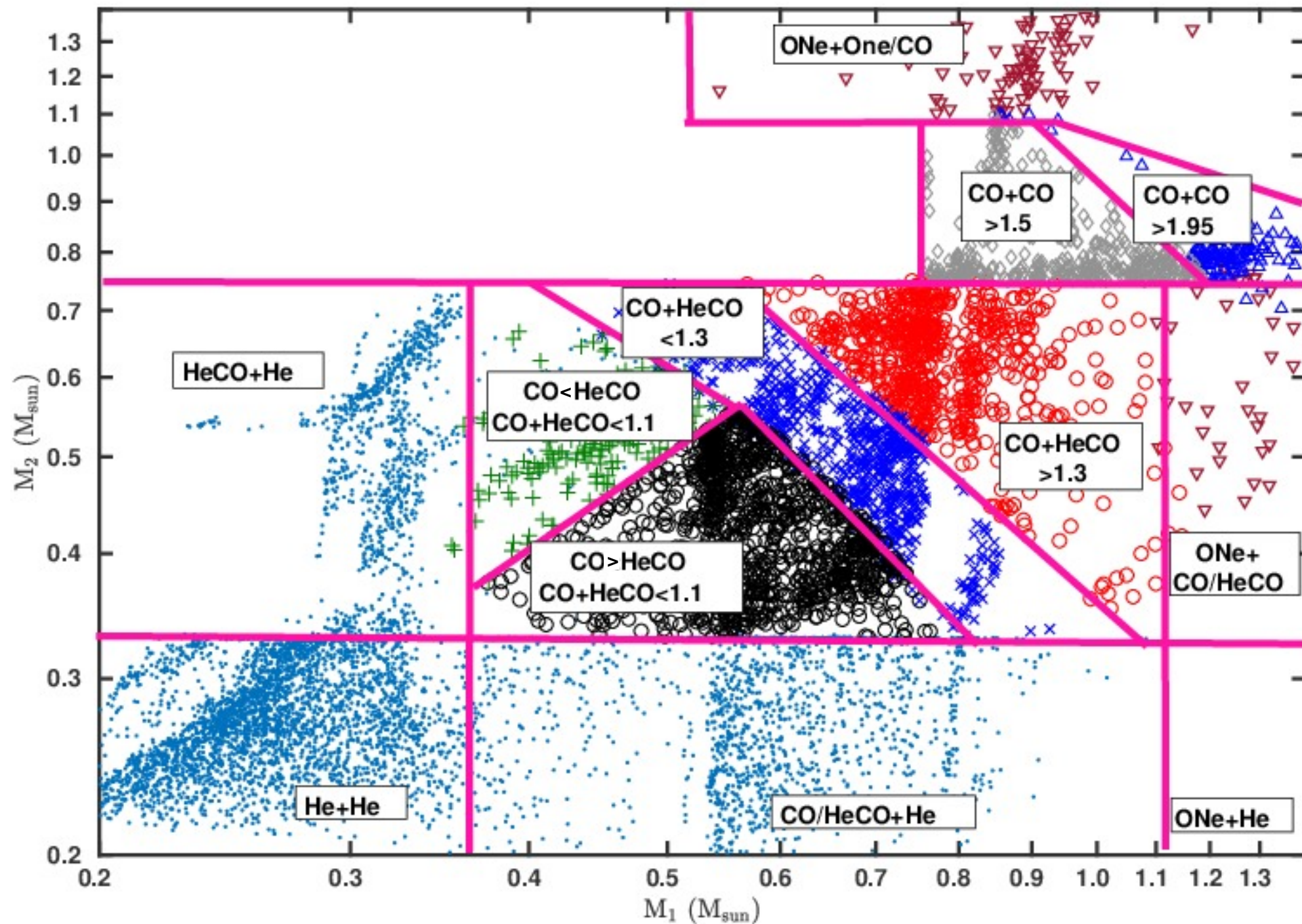
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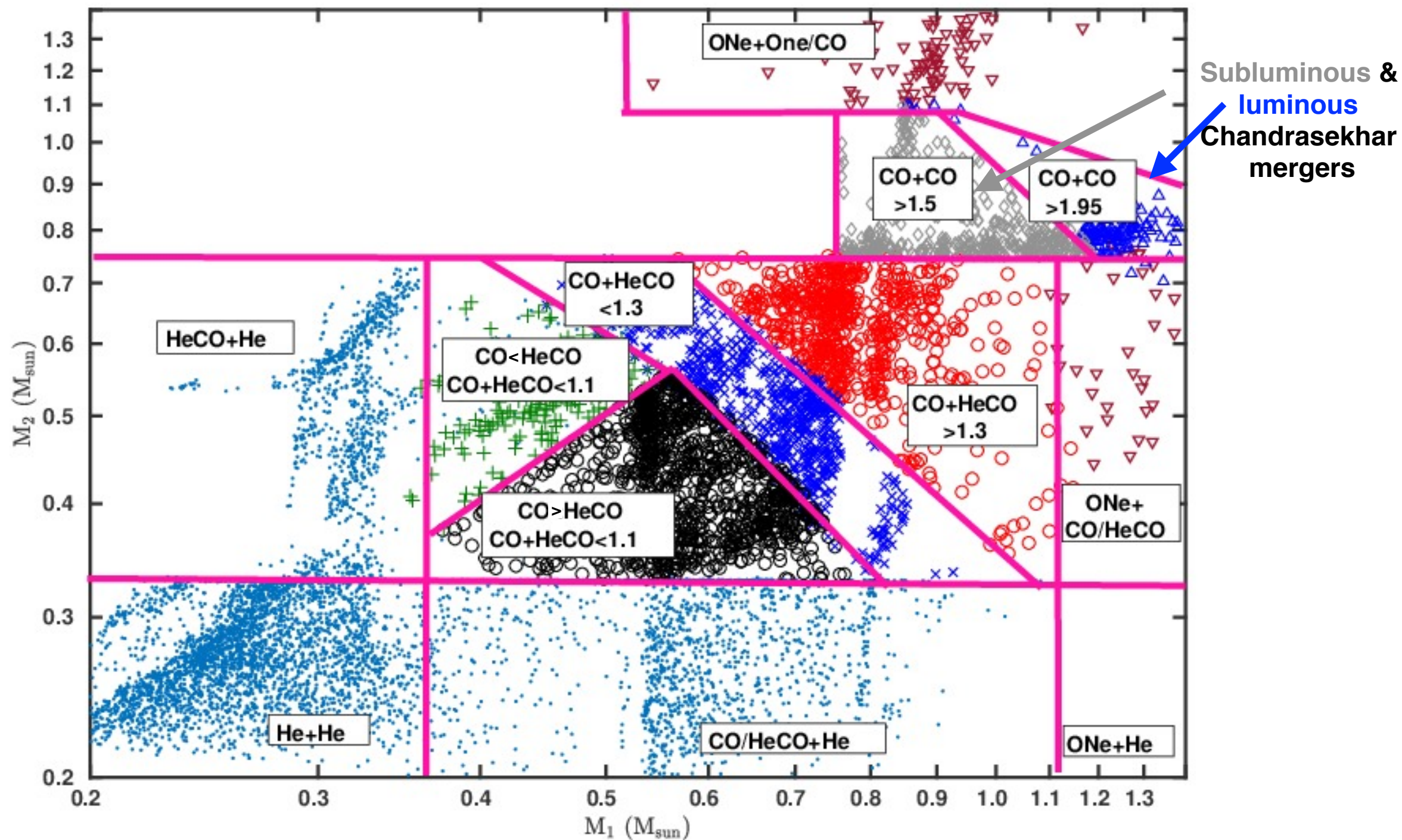
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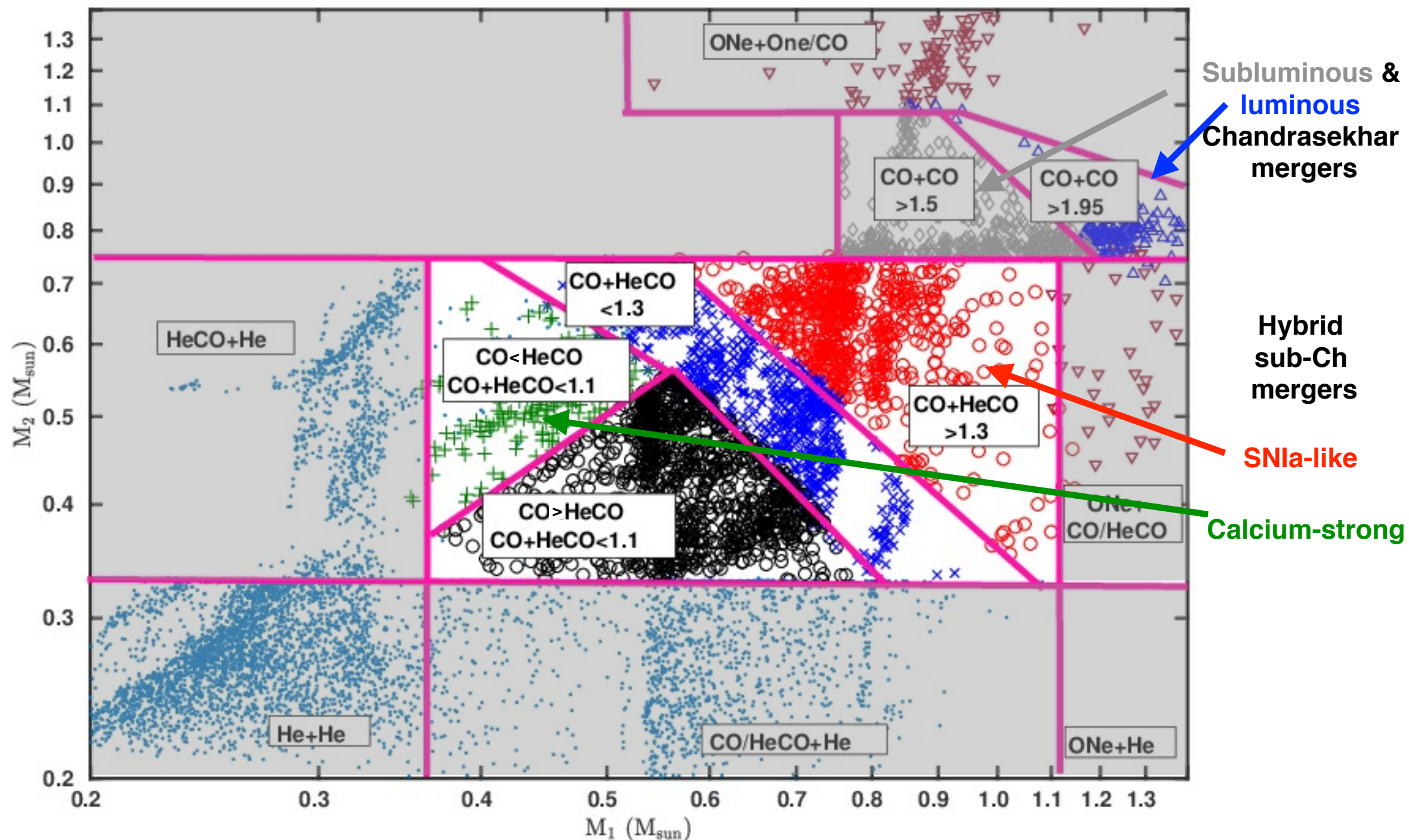
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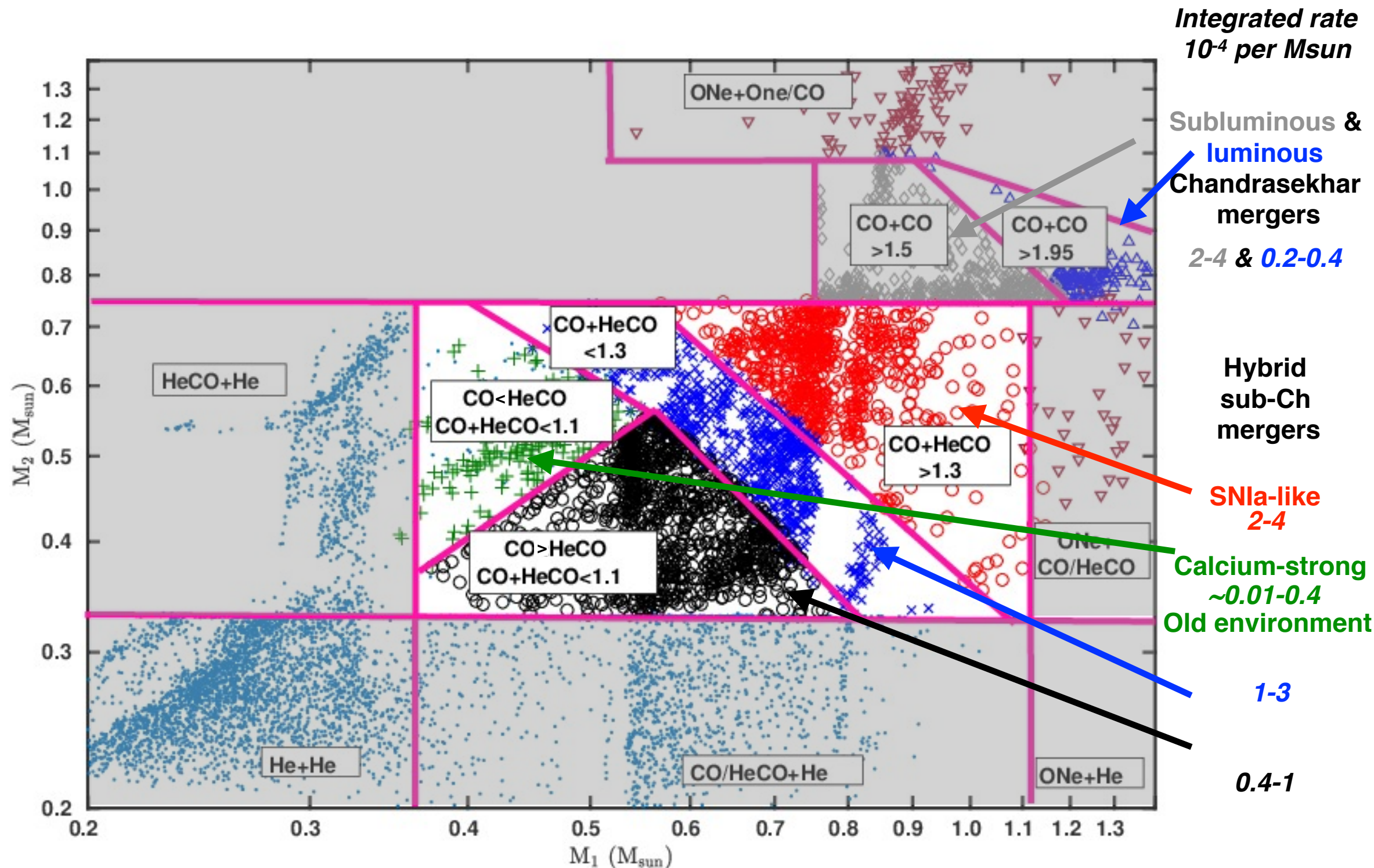
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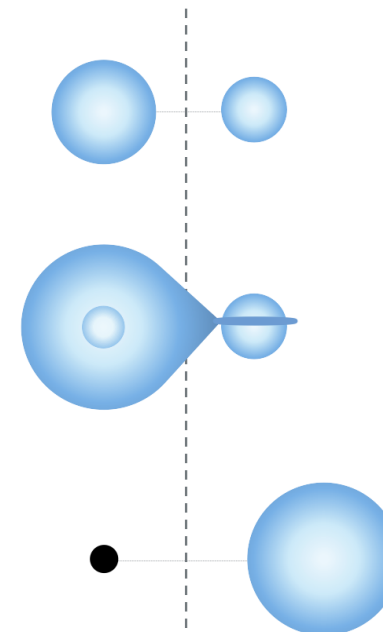
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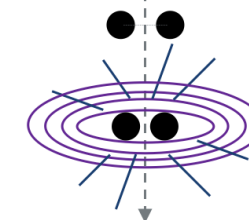
Other pathways?

Orbital Separation

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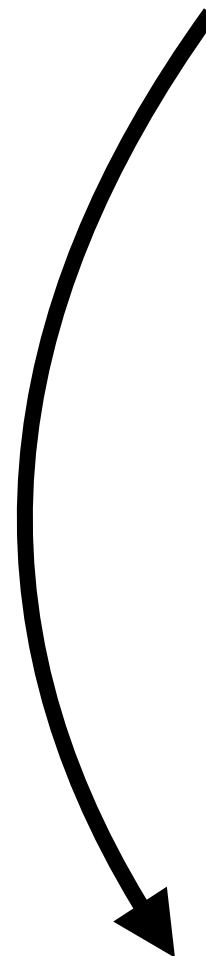


Strong orbital shrinkage!

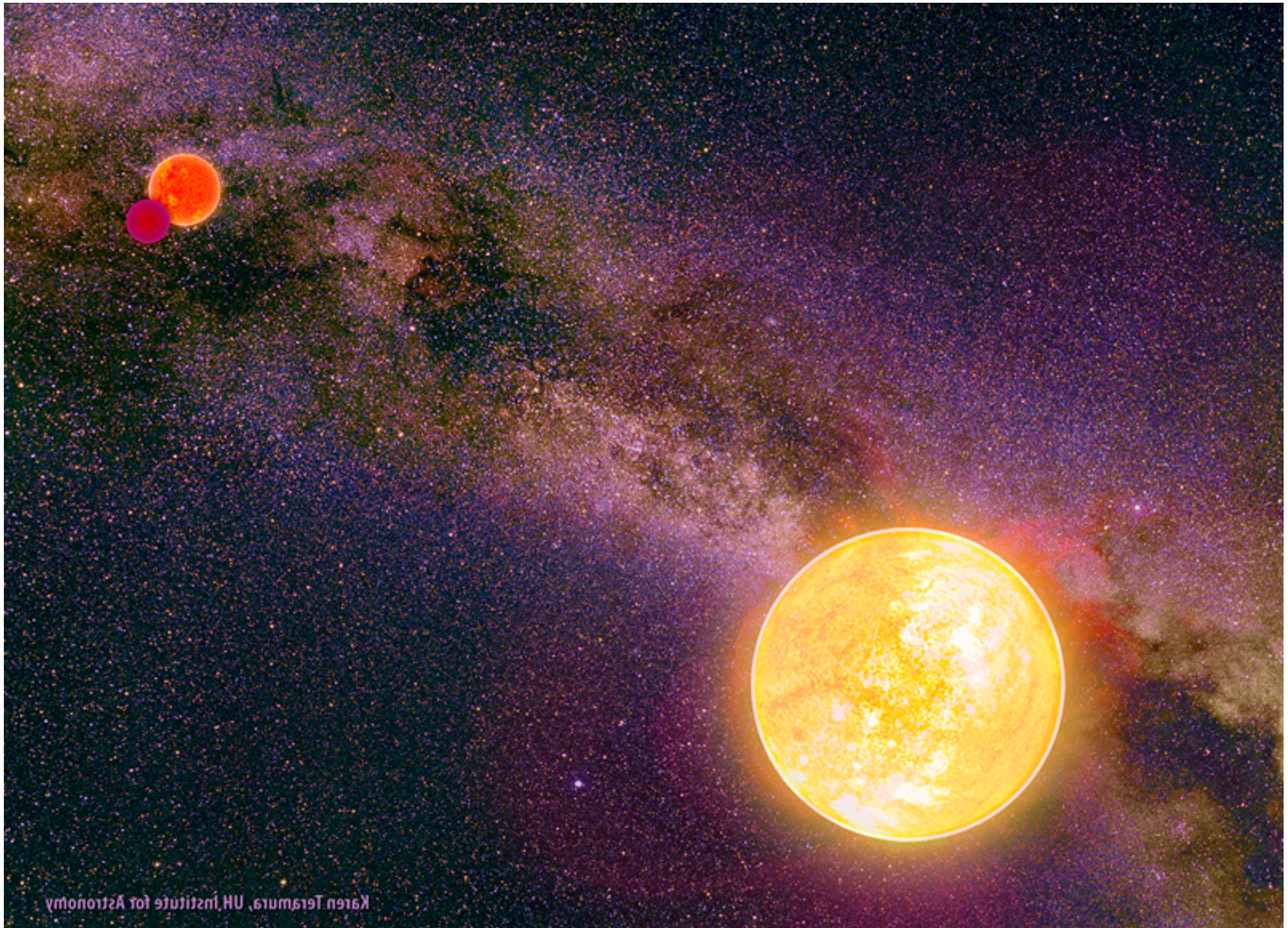
Need interactions for that

Finetuning to end with compact orbit

**Can we think of other processes
that shrink the binary or drive
interactions?**



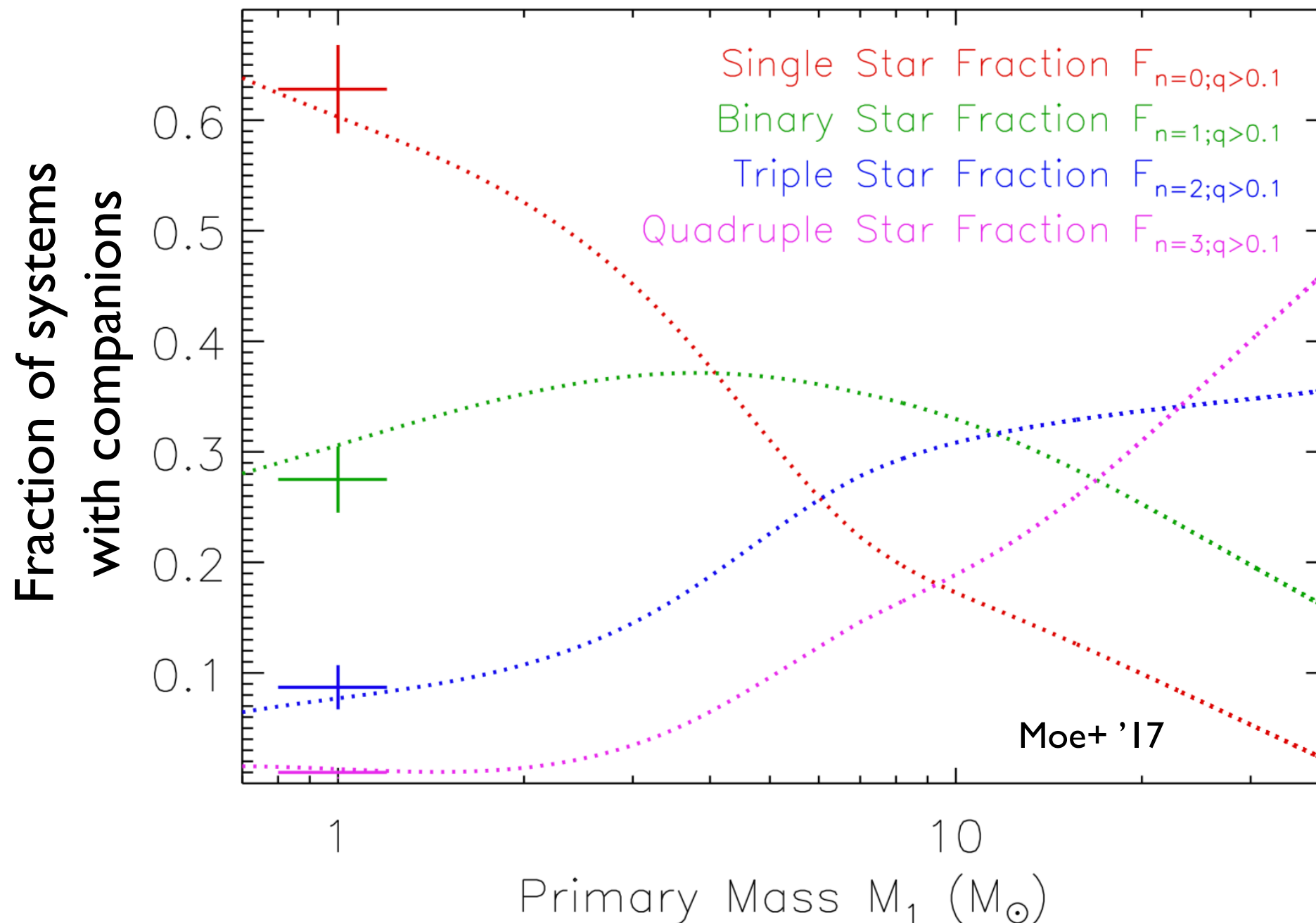




Dynamically stable if $P_{\text{outer}} \gtrsim 5P_{\text{inner}}$ $\rightarrow$ long-lived

Many stars have several stellar companions

Initial distribution - young systems



Mostly low mass triples: Raghavan+ '10, Tokovinin '08, '14, Duchene & Kraus '13

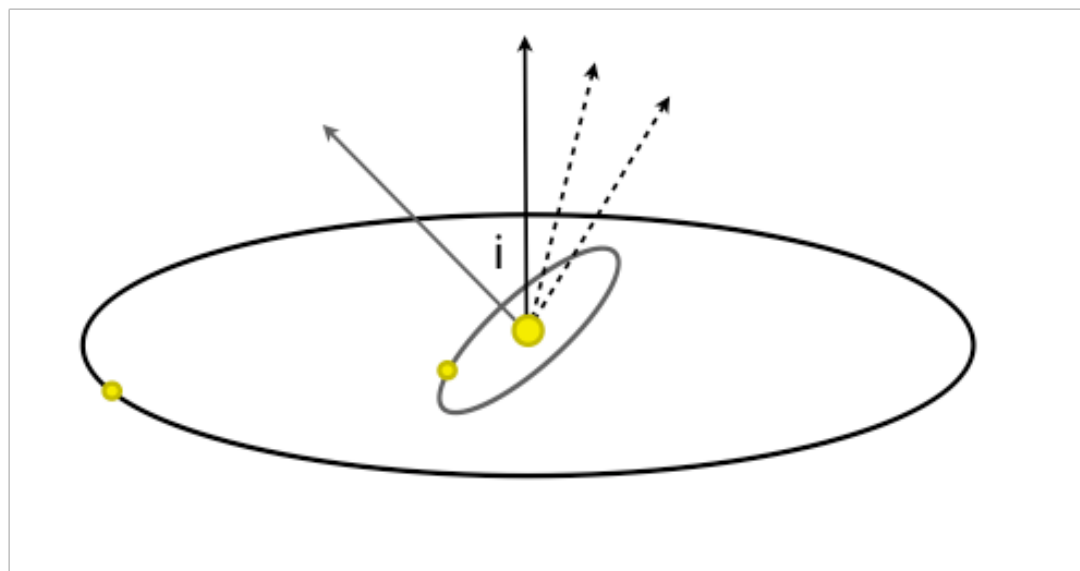
High mass triples (non-bias corrected):

- 33% within <200mas (Sana+ '14)
- 16% (Kobulnicky+ '14)
- 44% for Cepheids (Evans+'05, '11)
- 50% Bordier+ 22
- 60% for Massive contact systems (Abdul-Masih)
- 35% for B-type stars (Frost in prep.)

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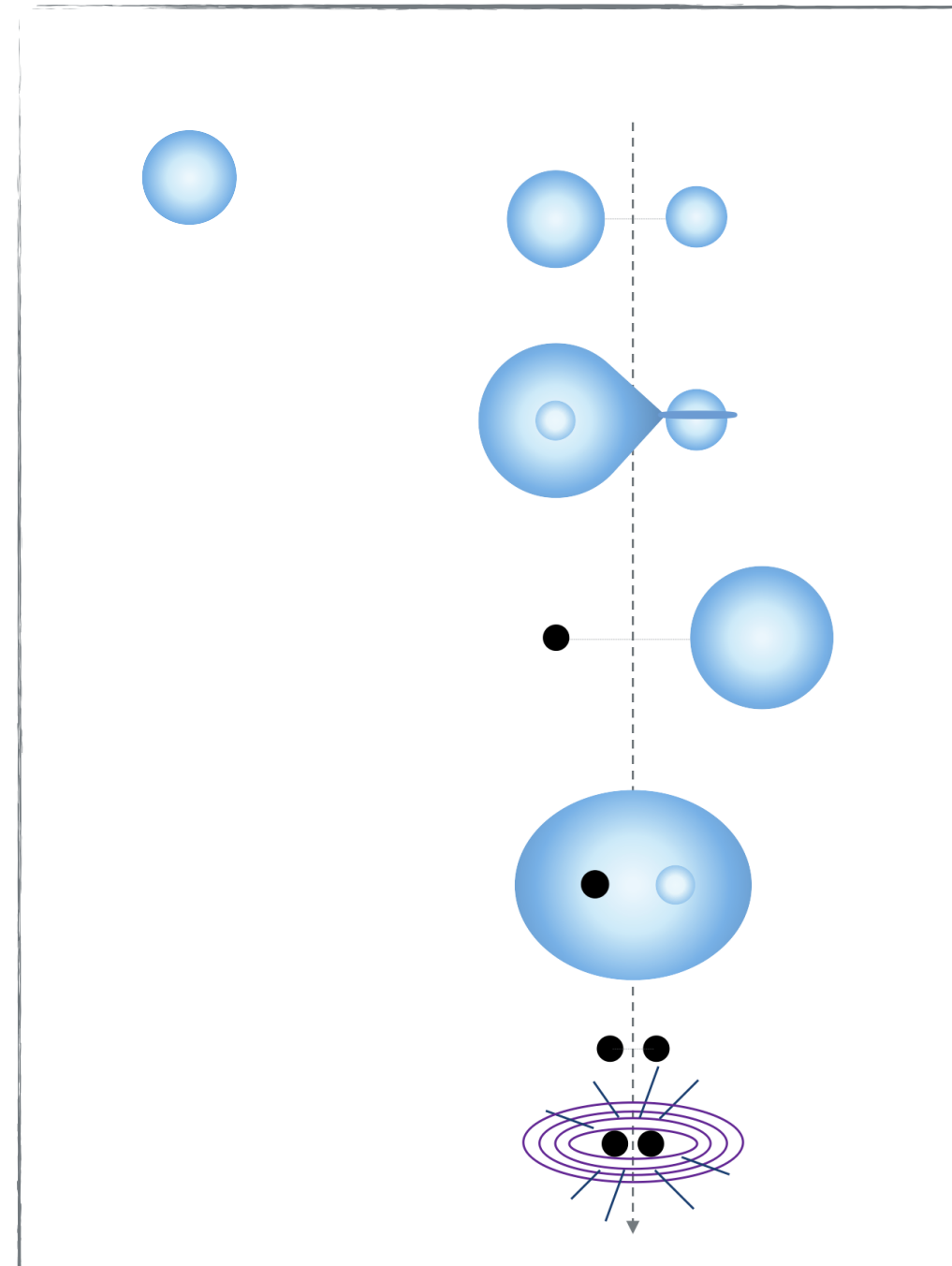
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What happens if I add
a third star?



Three-body dynamics:

- von-Zeipel-Lidov-Kozai cycles (Von Zeipel '10, Lidov '62, Kozai '62) in eccentricity & inclination
- Higher-order effects: more extreme eccentricities, orbital flips (see review of Naoz+16)

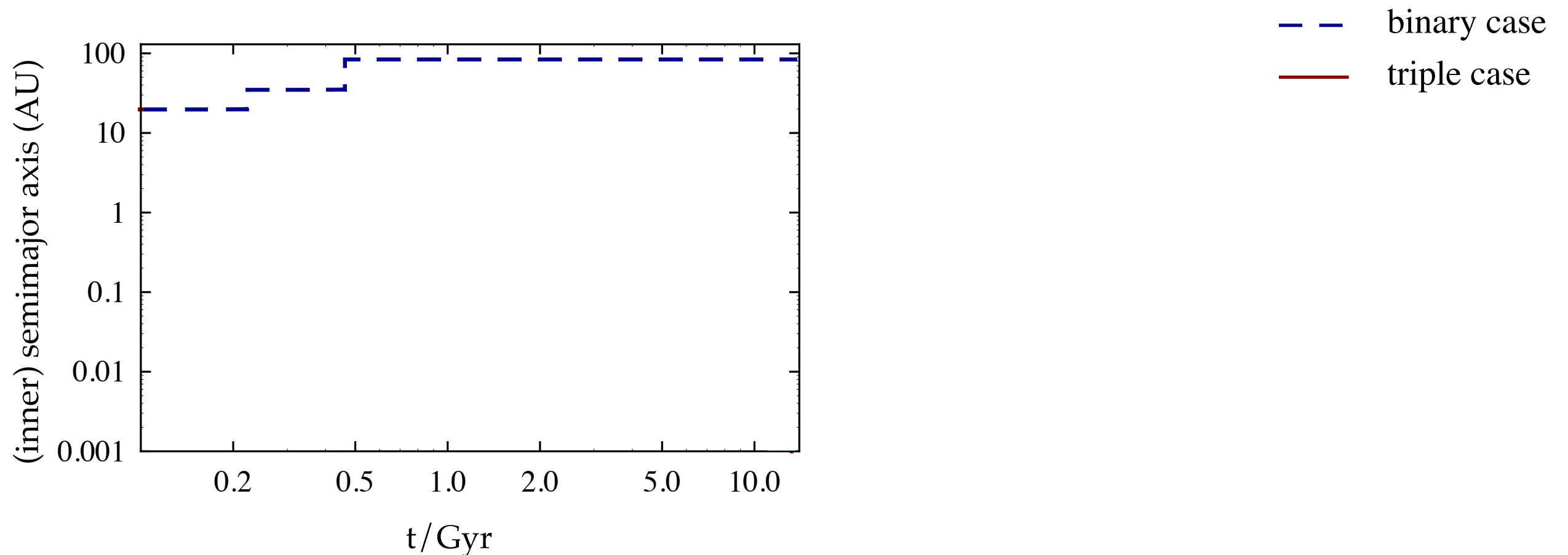


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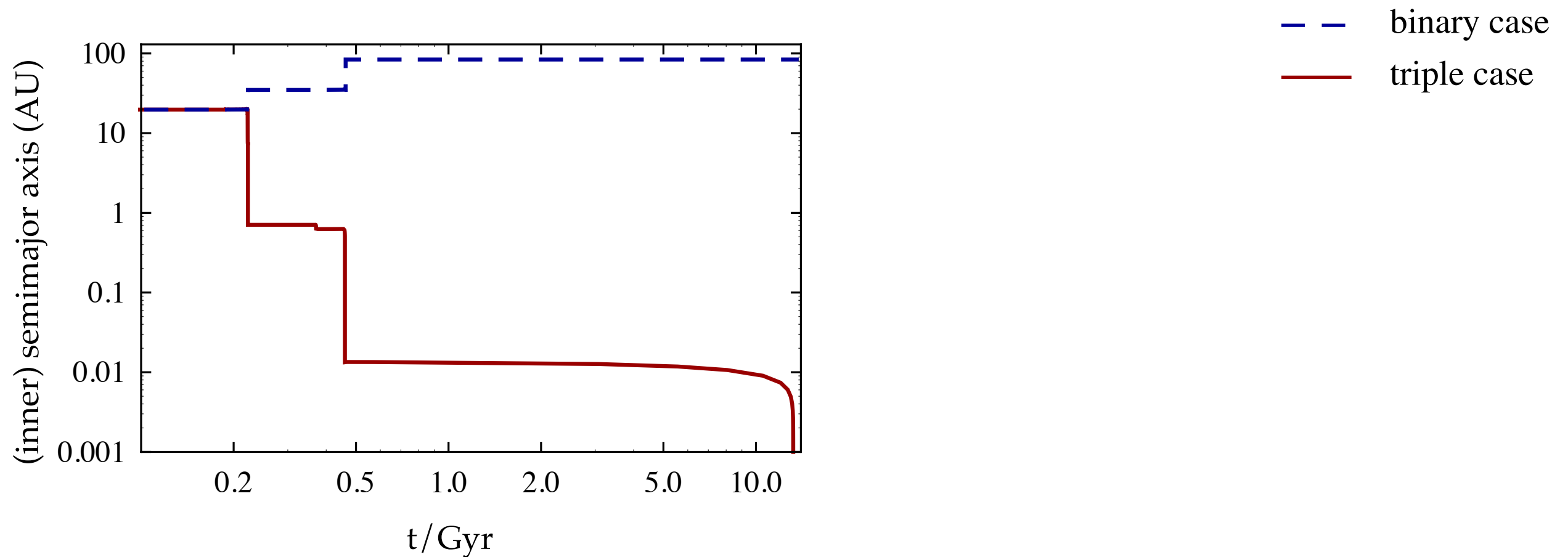
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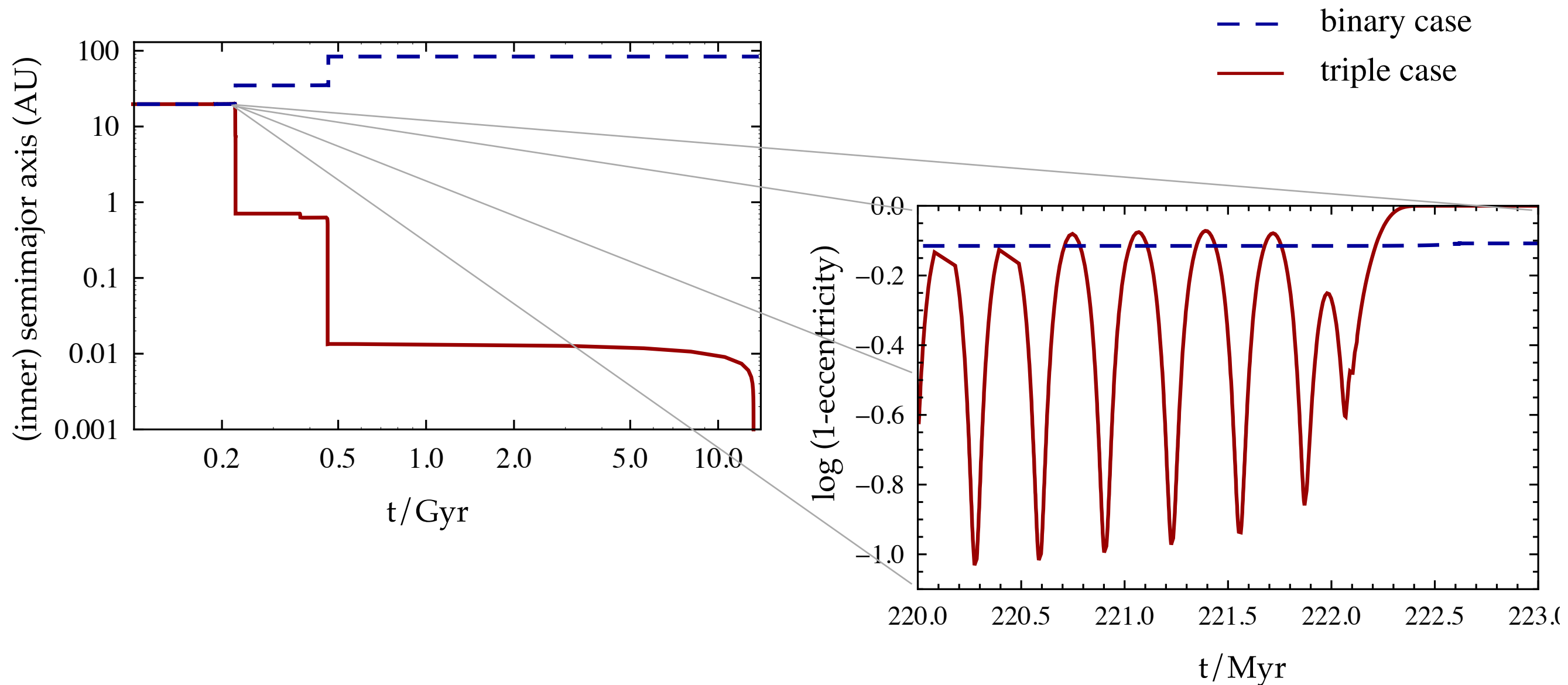
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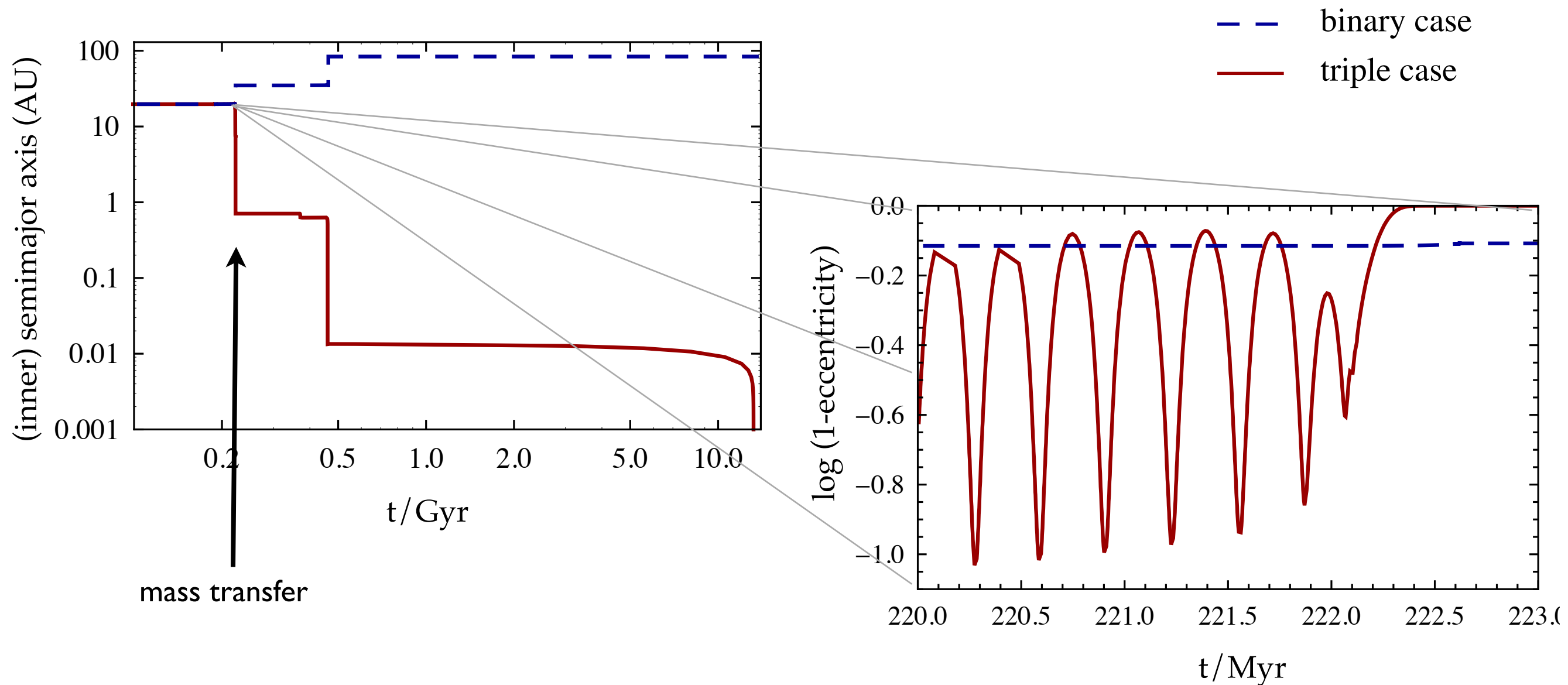


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• Kozai-Lidov cycles (Lidov '62, Kozai '62)

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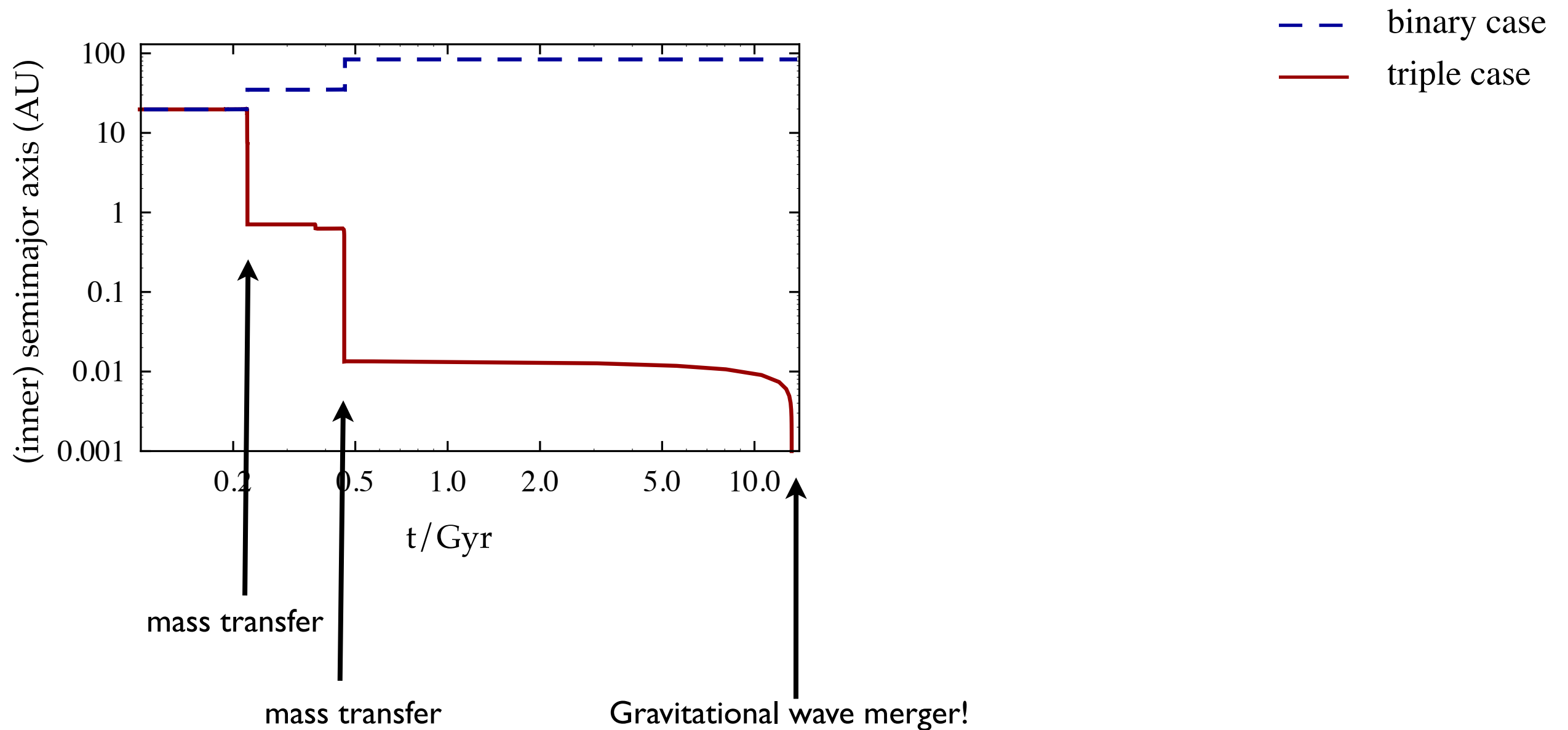
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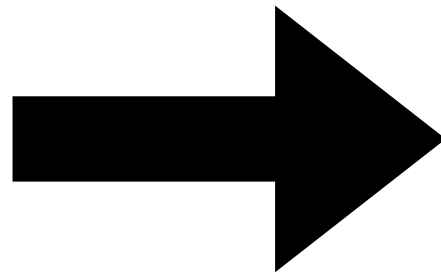
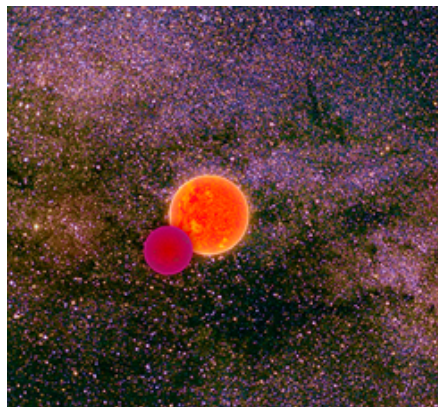


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What happens if I add a third star?

Three-body dynamics leads to high eccentricities and close passages:

- close binaries due to enhanced tides & GW emission
- katalyse stellar interactions
 - In systems that would otherwise not interact
 - Earlier in the evolution -> changes the finetuning



(Typical) Binaries

- $\sim 1/4$ - $1/3$ of systems interact

Triples

- $\sim 2/3$ - $3/4$ of systems interact

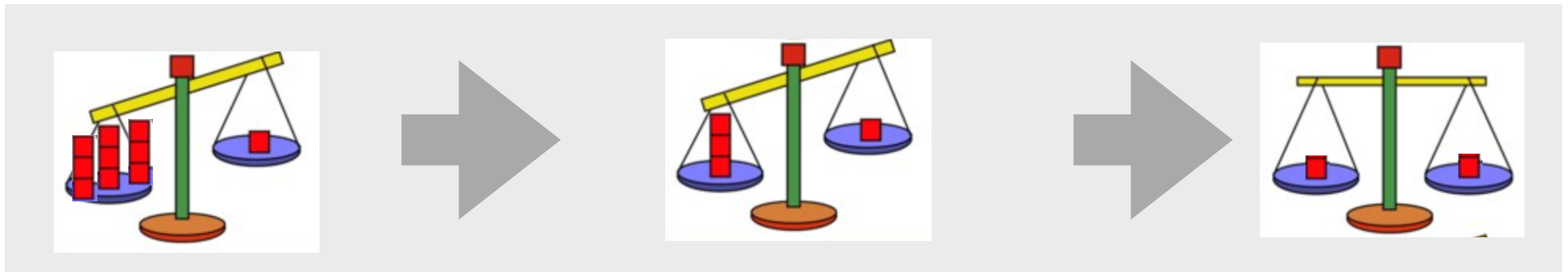
Take-home message

For every 3 binaries formed,
at least one triple is born

(Tokovinin+ '14, Moe+ '17)

Triples interact more
often than binaries!

(Toonen+ '20)



Triples on even footing with binaries

Triple code TRES



- ❖ Common evolution (Toonen+ '20)
- ❖ Supernova type Ia (Toonen+ '18)
- ❖ BH-BH mergers (Antonini, Toonen+ '17)
- ❖ Sequential mergers (Vigna-Gomez+ '20)
- ❖ Circumbinary planets (Columba+ '23)
- ❖ Unstable triples (Toonen+ 2022)
- ❖ Formation of cataclysmic variables (Knigge+ 2022)
- ❖ Formation of Barium stars (Gao+ '23)
- ❖ Massive stars (Kummer+ '23)
- ❖ CHE triples (Dorozsmai+ '24, Kummer+ '24)

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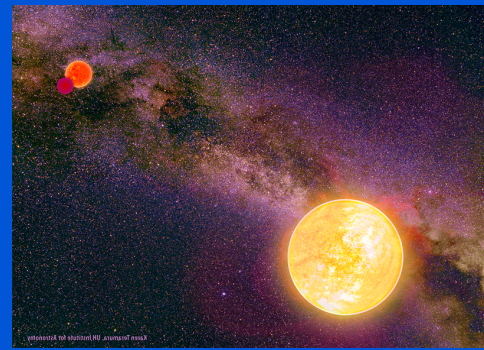


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Triple SNIa progenitors



Mergers

- ❖ (interactions with one set of simplified assumptions)
- ❖ Similar rate between triples & binaries
- ❖ Triple rate of 0.9-3.7 per 10000 Msun compared to a binary rate of 3.2 per 10000 Msun (Rajamuthukumar + '23)
- ❖ Most models >97% from He WD + CO WD mergers
- ❖ Rest from CO WD + CO WD with $M_1 > 0.9 M_{\text{sun}}$.

Collisions of white dwarfs

- ❖ Collision rate $\sim 5e-4 - 2e-2$ per 10000 Msun (Toonen+ '17)
- ❖ Rates enhanced by fly by's (~ 1.5) or WD kicks (~ 2) (Michaely & Perets '15, Hamers & Thompson '19, Michaely '21)
- ❖ Rate of $\sim 1.5-4e-2$ when combining with mass transfer (Rajamuthukumar + '23)



Binary population synthesis

How good are the binary population synthesis models??

How good are the number estimates?
e.g. rates or space densities?

Binary population synthesis

- ✧ Space density of WD+WDs - as fraction of single WDs

Observationally

✧

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BPS models



Binary population synthesis

- ❖ Space density of WD+WDs - as fraction of single WDs

Observationally

- ❖ 0.017–0.19 (Maxted & Marsh 99)
- ❖ 0.01-0.04 (20-pc sample of WDs, Toonen+ 17, Hollands, Toonen +19)
- ❖ $0.095 \pm 0.020 \pm 0.010$ (SDSS statistics, Badenez & Maoz 12, Maoz & Hallakoun '17, Maoz+18)

- ➔ Helps to relieve tension for SNIa progenitors
- ➔ More LISA gravitational wave sources

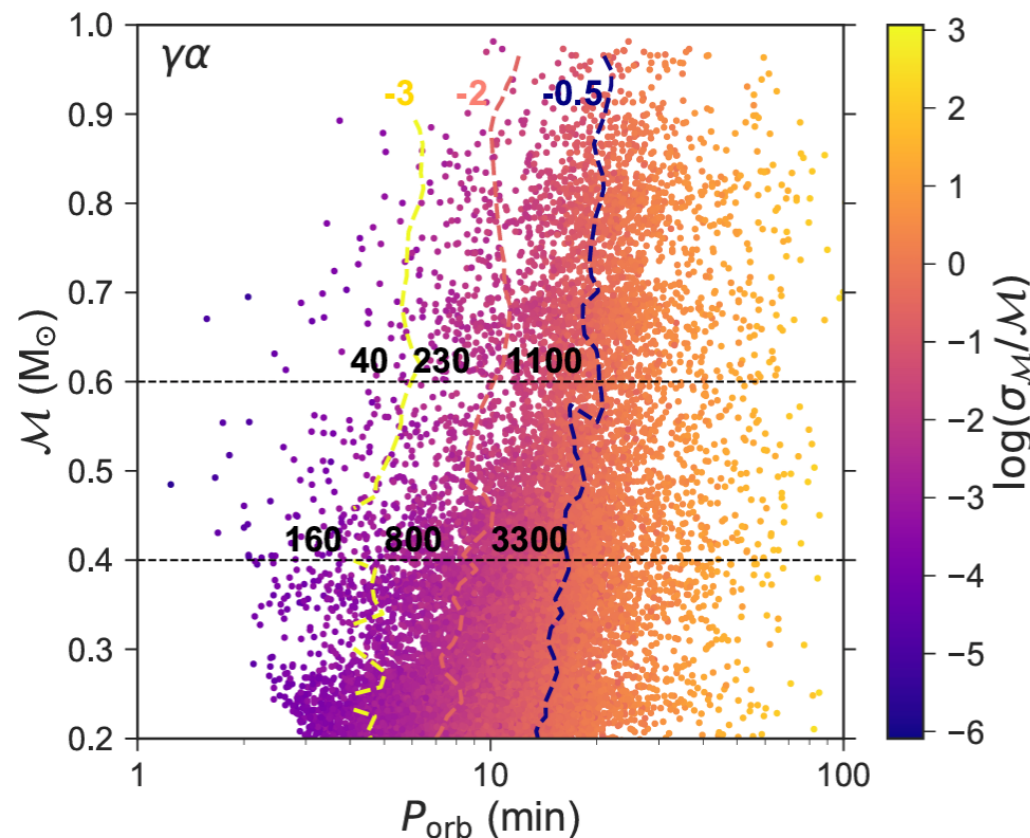
BPS models



- ❖ 0.02-0.04

LISA double WDs

- ❖ The SDSS statistics imply 60.000 sources! (Korol+ w/ Toonen 22)
- ❖ Typically BPS codes predict 10.000-30.000 LISA observable DWDs
 - ❖ SeBa: ~25.000 (Korol+ w/ Toonen '17)
 - ❖ Most recent BPS estimate: ~700 sources (van Zeist+ 24, Tang+ 24)
- ❖ Best WD+WD sample to date (ZTF eclipsing & DBL sources) imply minimum of ~7000 sources (van Zeist+ w/ Toonen subm.)



- ❖ Periods from the GW frequency
- ❖ Chirp mass only for inspiraling sources

$$\mathcal{M} = \frac{(m_1 m_2)^{3/5}}{(m_1 + m_2)^{1/5}}$$
 - ❖ ~1000 WD+WD with accurate chirp masses
 - ❖ ~100 massive WD+WD with accurate chirp masses

Past, present & future

Past:

- ❖ ~10 yrs ago : ~50 WD+WDs known, detected with variety of methods

Present: ~300 WD+WDs

- ❖ Mostly from: SDSS ELM survey (Brown+ '10, '22) & SPY survey (Napiwotzki et al. '20)
- ❖ But few (~77) with well measured properties for both stars
 - 31 discovered in 2024 by the DBL survey (Munday+ incl. Toonen '24)
 - ZTF: ~30 eclipsing WD+WDs (van Roestel in prep.)

Future:

- ❖ Gaia satellite: ~30 eclipsing WD+WDs (mid 2026), thousands non-eclipsing need EM followup (Korol+ 17, priv. comm. Roestel)
- ❖ Vera Rubin Observatory: ~200 eclipsing WD+WDs (Korol+ 17, priv. comm. Roestel)
- ❖ DBL survey : ~200 more by completion of survey

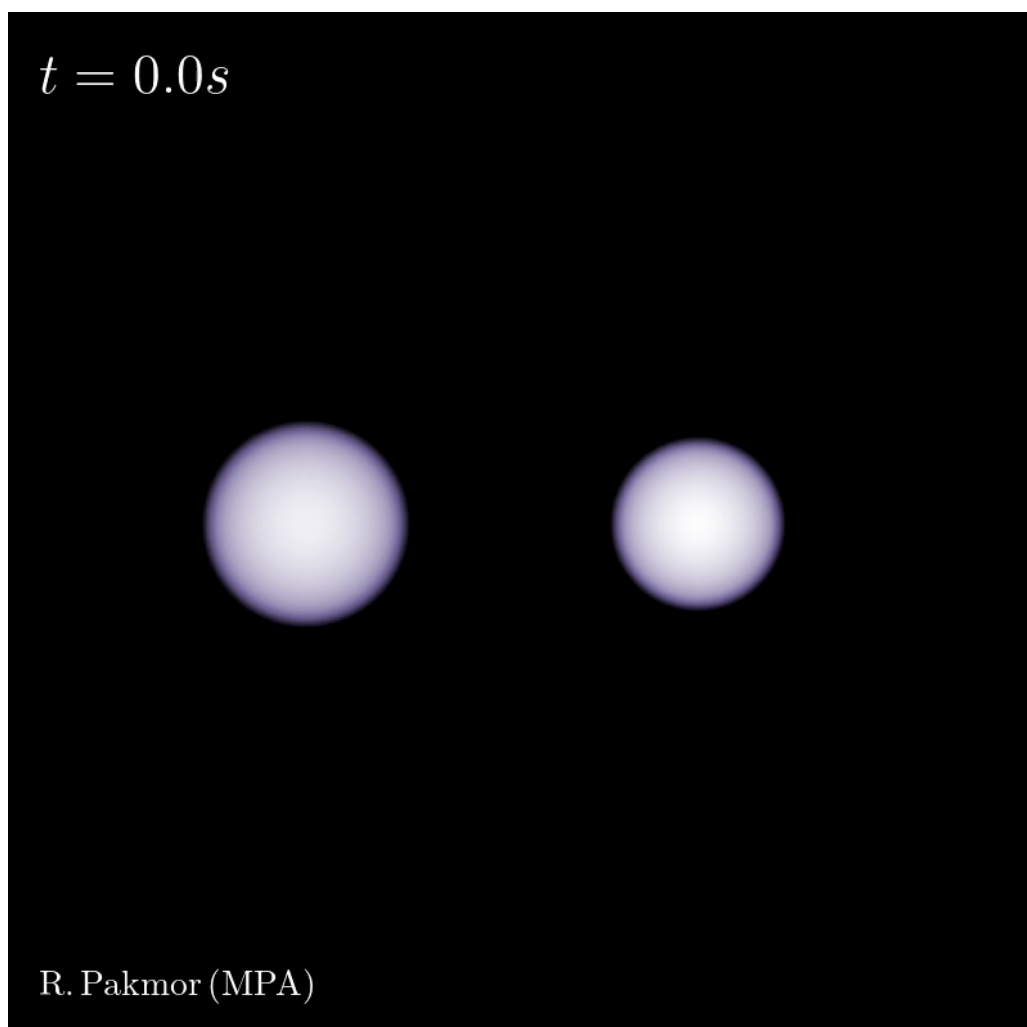
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First SNIa progenitor

- ❖ $0.83+0.72M_{\text{sun}}$ @ 14.24 hr
- ❖ Merger in 22Gyr
- ❖ Close by: 49pc
- ❖ Subluminous SNIa from a double detonation based on Arepo simulations

Summary

WD+WD mergers as progenitors of SNIa

- ❖ Delay time distribution typically in agreement with observations
- ❖ Absolute rate?
 - ❖ Glass half full: Ch-channel in agreement with observations
 - within the BPS uncertainties
 - ❖ Glass half empty: sub-Ch channels typically lower rates

Improving the BPS models:

- ❖ Taking into account triple evolution
- ❖ Constraints from WD+WD observations
 - ❖ DBL survey already doubled the number of WD+WD systems with well measured properties
 - ❖ And found the first SNIa progenitor