



Counterparts of X-ray and γ -ray binaries

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Letter to the Editor

Evidence of X-ray periodicity in LSI+61°303

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The distances to the X-ray binaries LSI +61° 303 and A0535+262

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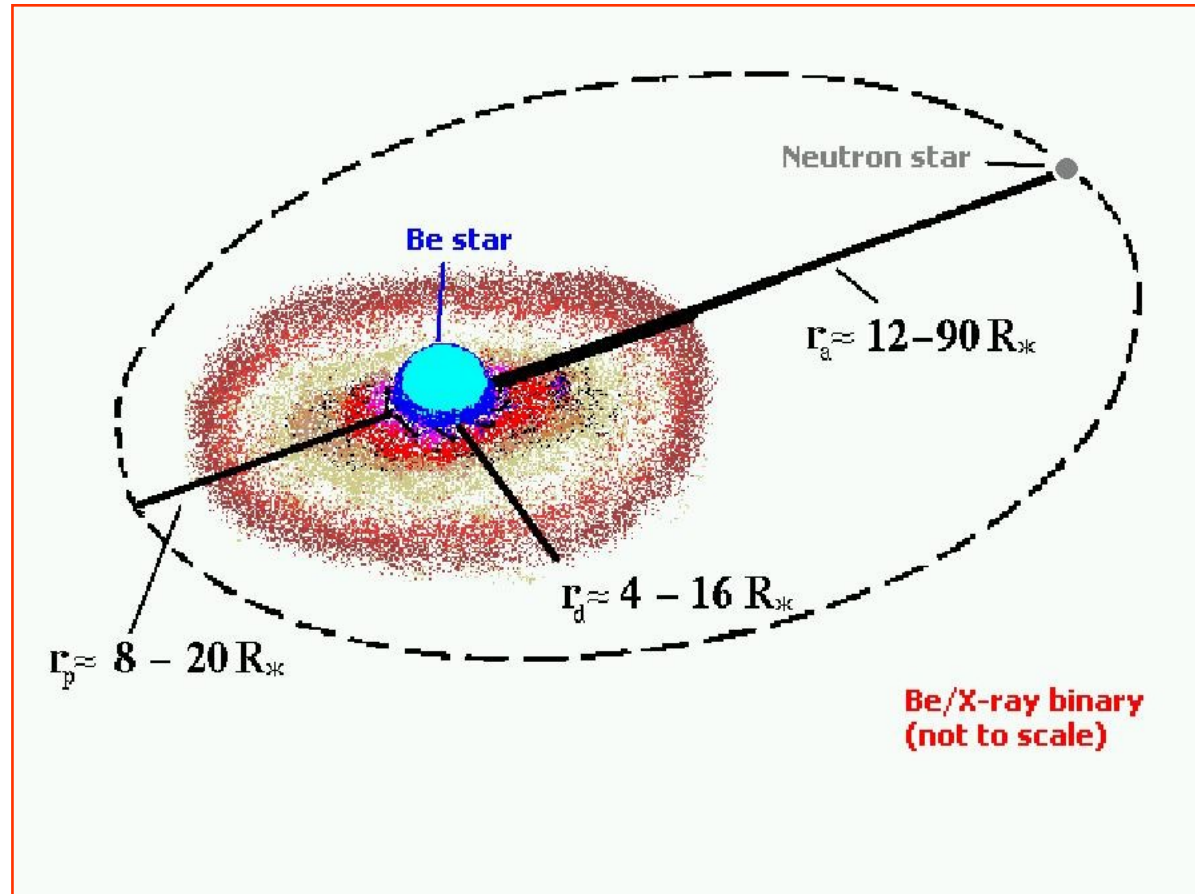
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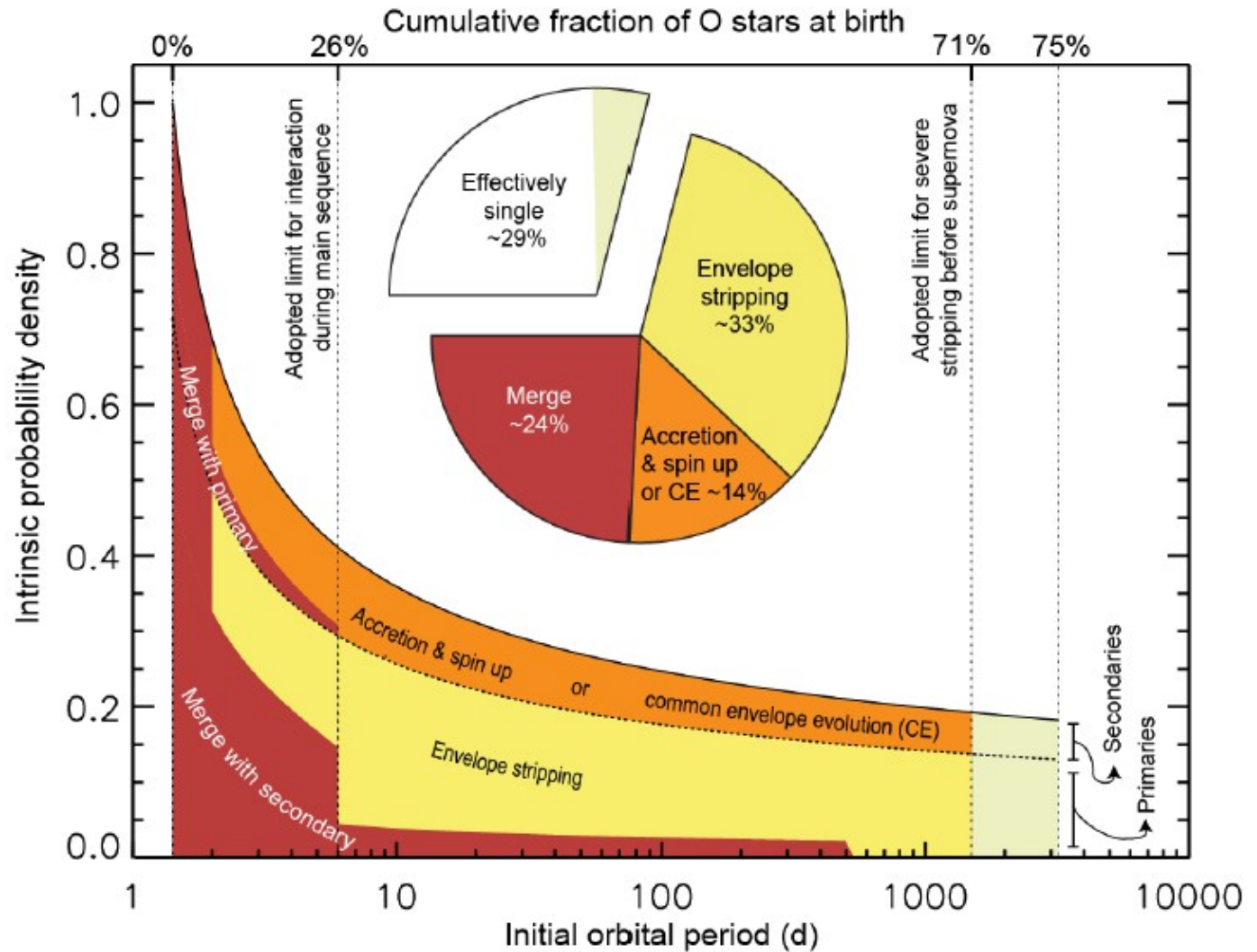
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Be/X-ray binary



Binary interaction dominates the evolution of massive stars



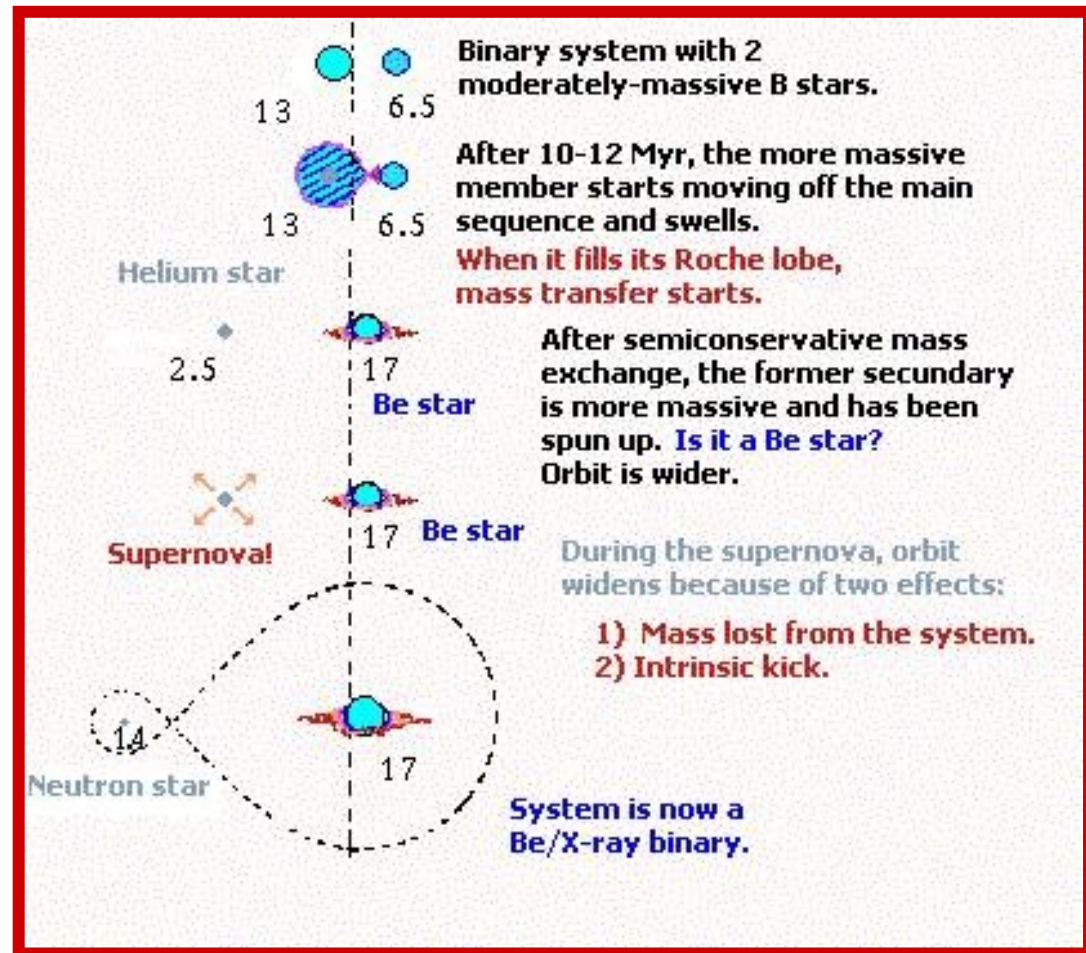
Estimated fraction of high-mass binaries obtained from the number of observed high-mass binaries (Sana et al. 2012, Science 337, 444)

The making of a Be/X-ray binary

Canonical model for the creation of Be/X-ray binaries:

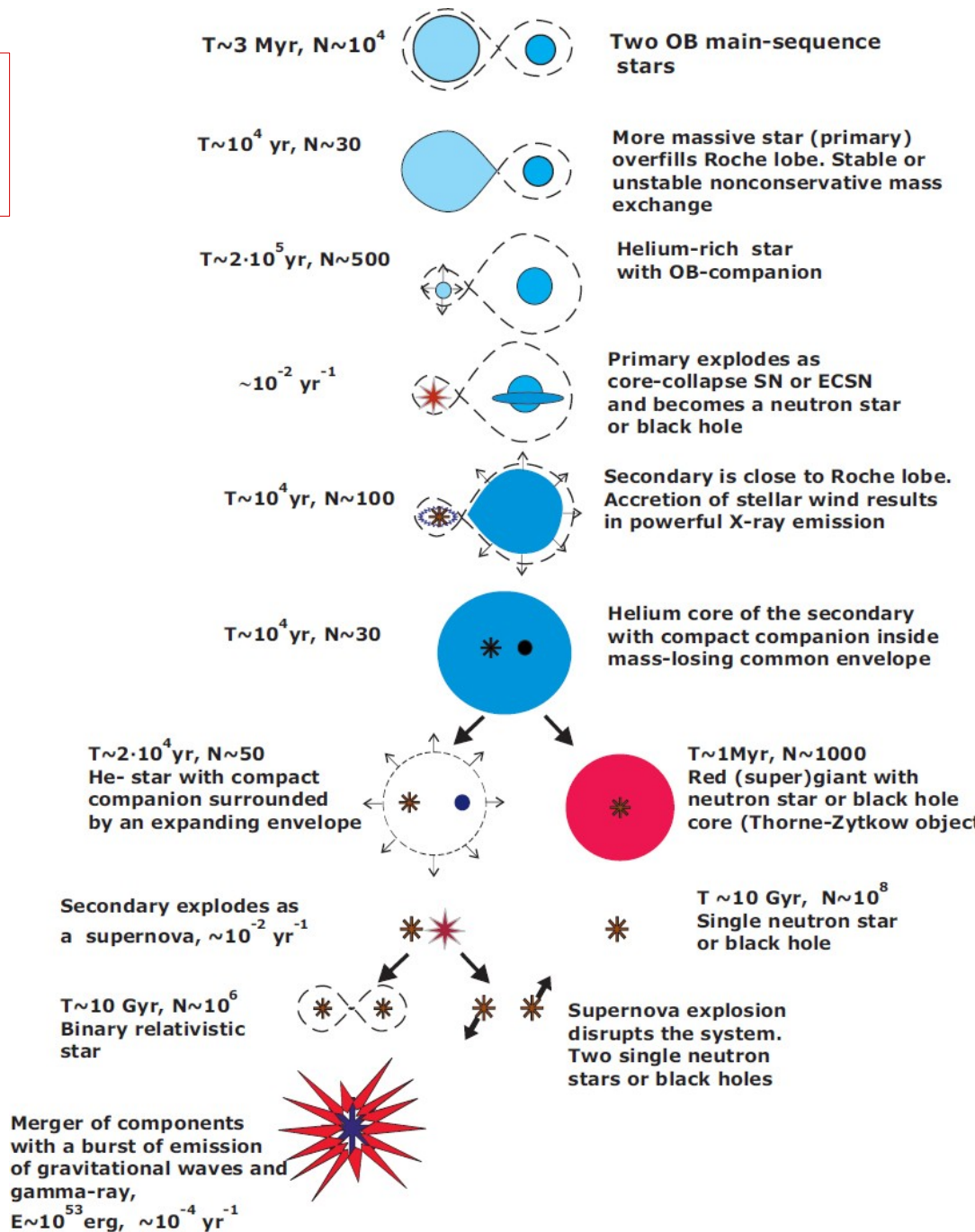
- Case B evolution
- (semi)conservative mass transfer
- $q \gtrsim 0.5$

After Rappaport & van den Heuvel (1982)



The road to GW

Postnov & Yungelson 2014 (LRR 17, 3)



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Table 1

Fitted and Derived *Apparent* Stellar Parameters for LS 2883

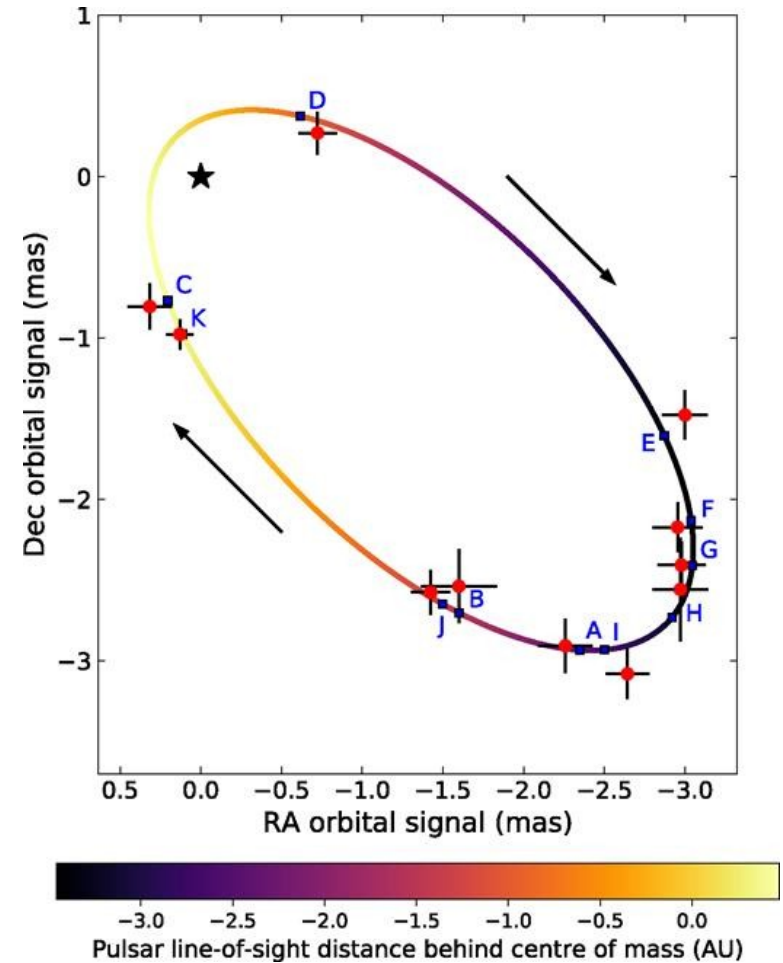
Parameter	Value
T_{eff} (K)	32000^{+2000}_{-1000}
$\log g$	$3.80^{+0.30}_{-0.20}$
R_* ^a ($R_{\odot}$)	$9.0^{+1.8}_{-1.5}$
$\log(L_*/L_{\odot})$ ^a	$4.88^{+0.19}_{-0.17}$
M_* ^a ($M_{\odot}$)	$21.3^{+22.0}_{-9.0}$
M_* ^{a,b} ($M_{\odot}$)	$26.6^{+23.5}_{-10.5}$

Notes.

^a Assuming $d = 2.3 \pm 0.4$ kpc and $E(B - V) = 0.85 \pm 0.05$.

^b Deprojecting the rotational velocity with $i = 35^\circ$, after applying the correction of Fremat et al. (2005).

Negueruela+ 2011 (ApJL 732, L11)



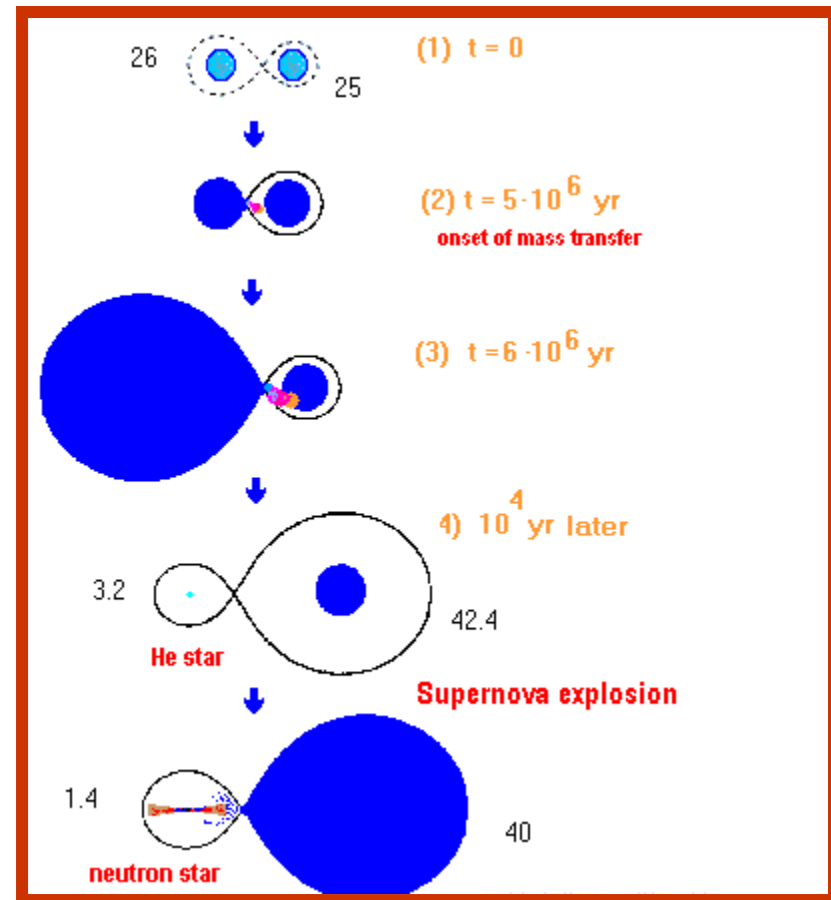
Miller-Jones+ 2018 (MNRAS 479, 4849)

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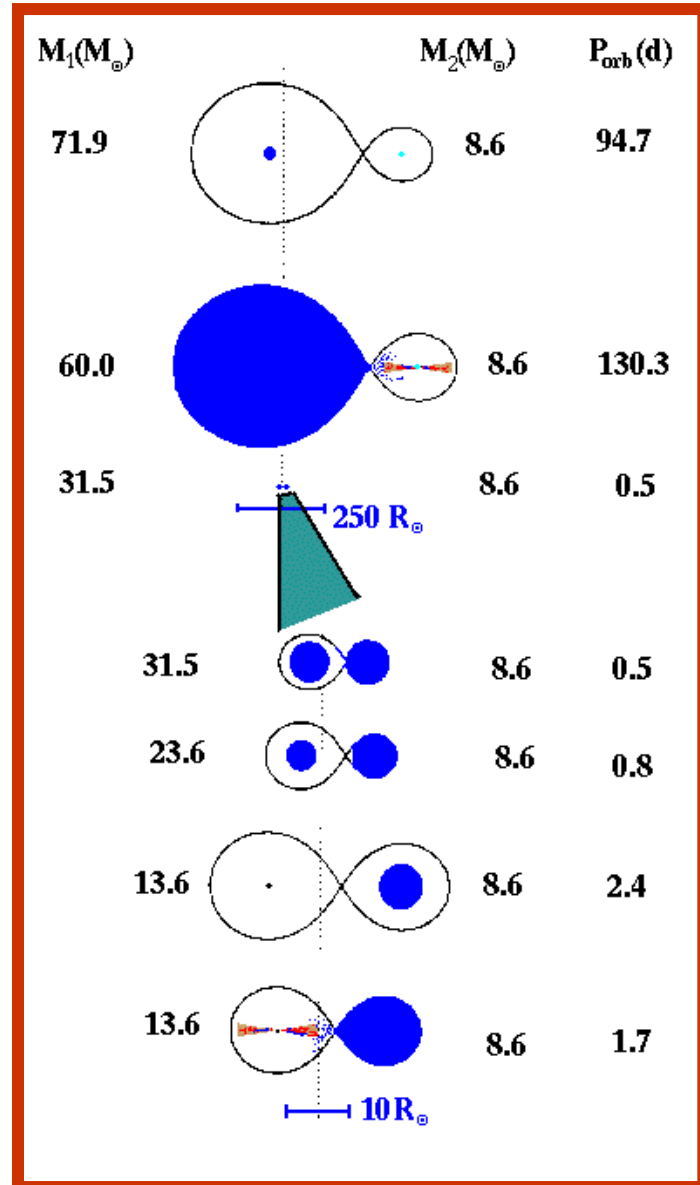
Conservative mass transfer

- Case A mass transfer
- $q \approx 1$
- Fully conservative evolution with two phases of mass transfer
- Produces SG+NS



Non-conservative mass transfer

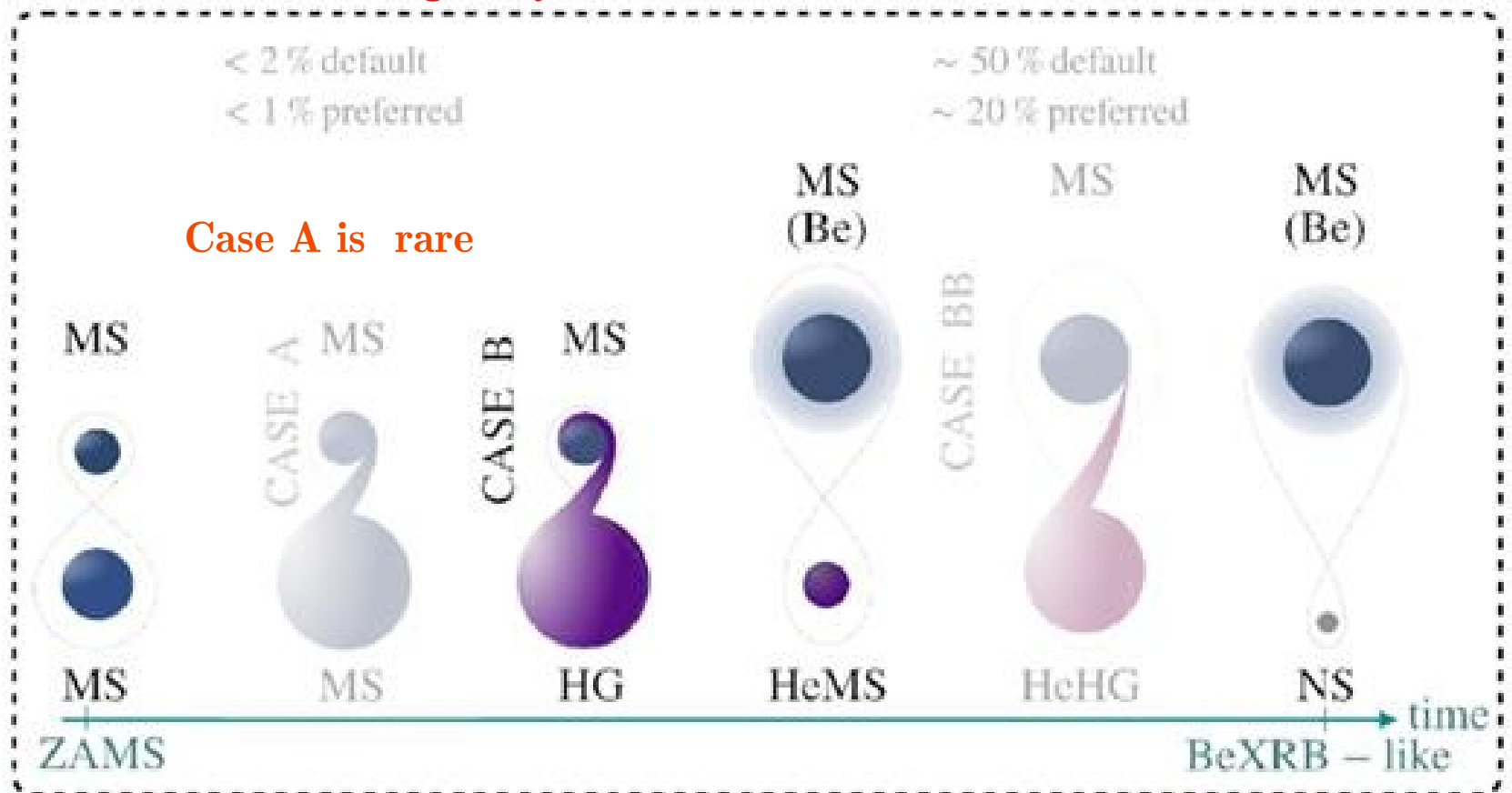
- Case C
- $q \ll 1$
- Fully non-conservative evolution via common envelope
- Produces SG+BH



$q > 0.3$ for stability

Case B at start of
Hertzsprung gap
greatly favoured

Significant mass transfer here
results in ultrastripped He
star $\rightarrow$ low kick



Vinciguerra+ 2020 (MNRAS 498, 4705)

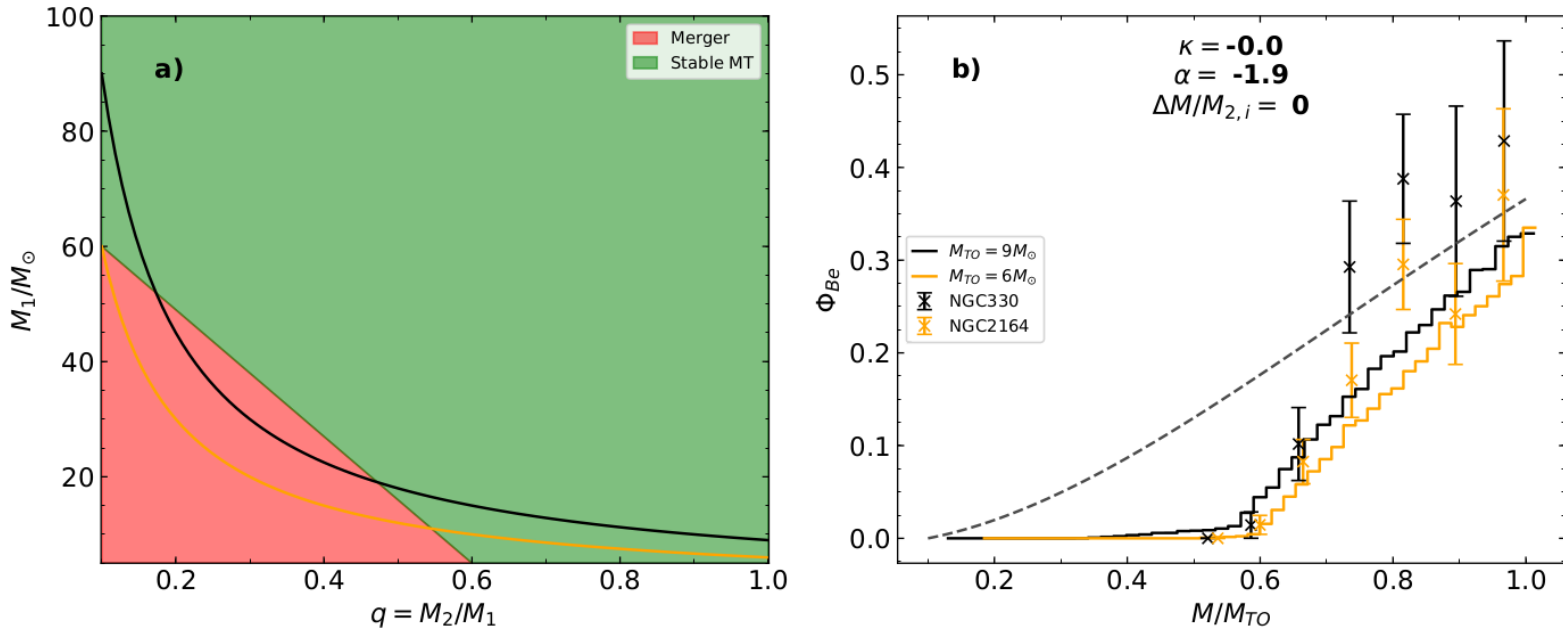


Fig. 5. (a) Adopted region of stable mass transfer in the primary mass-mass ratio plane. Regions coloured red experience unstable mass transfer and merge. For green regions, mass transfer is stable, and a Be star is formed. The black and orange lines show systems with secondary masses of 9 and $6 M_\odot$, respectively. (b) Results of a Monte Carlo simulation showing the Be fraction, Φ_{Be} , when the stable mass-transfer region in (a) is applied. Binary systems have a flat mass-ratio distribution ($\kappa = 0$), a primary mass distribution $\xi(M_1) \propto M^{-1.9}$, and we have assumed inefficient accretion ($\Delta M/M_{2,i} = 0$). The black line shows a simulation with a turn-off mass of $9 M_\odot$, and the orange line a turn-off mass of $6 M_\odot$. The dashed grey line shows the theoretical upper limit, as given by Eq. (30). Measured Be fractions of NGC 330 and NGC 2164 according to Fig. 3 are plotted as black and orange crosses, respectively.

Does mass transfer make a Be star?

O8V

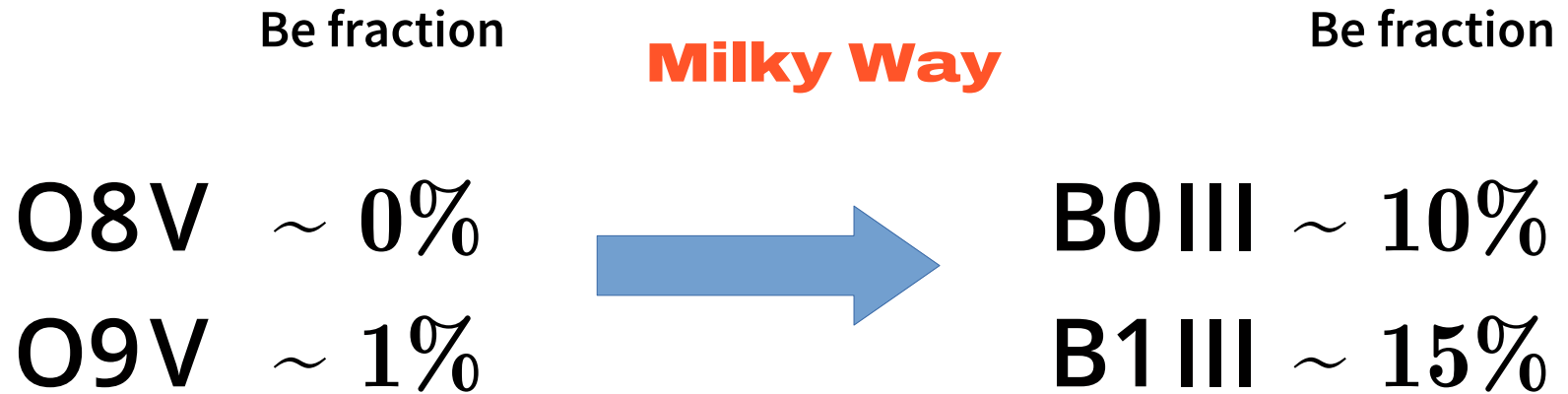
O9V



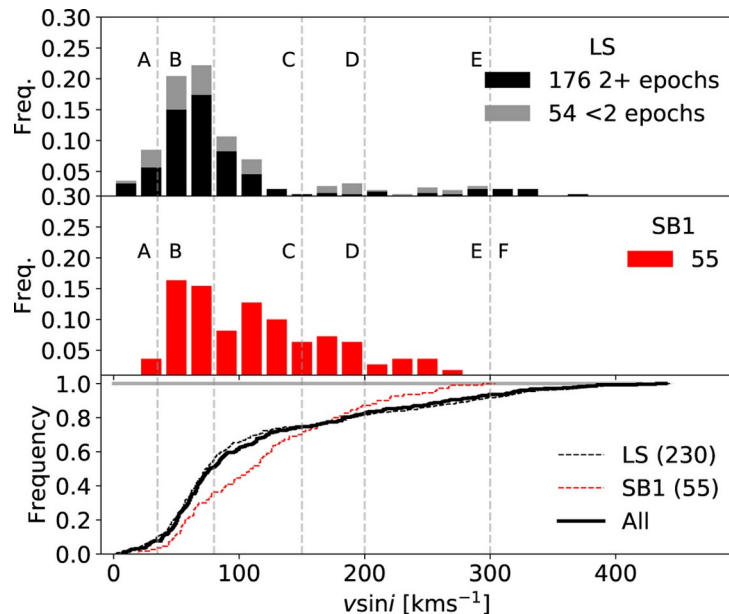
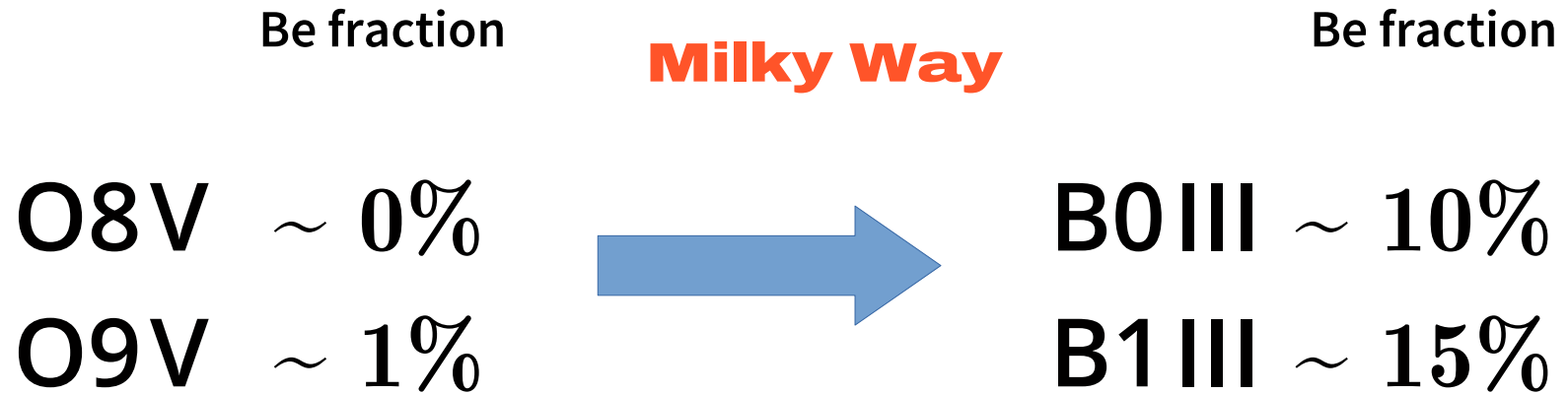
B0 III

B1 III

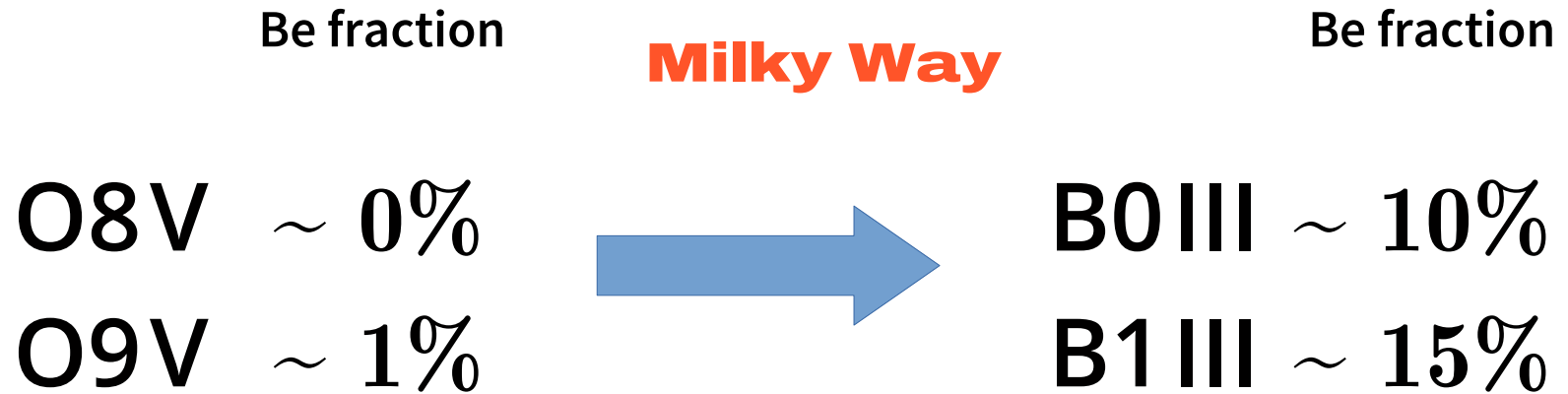
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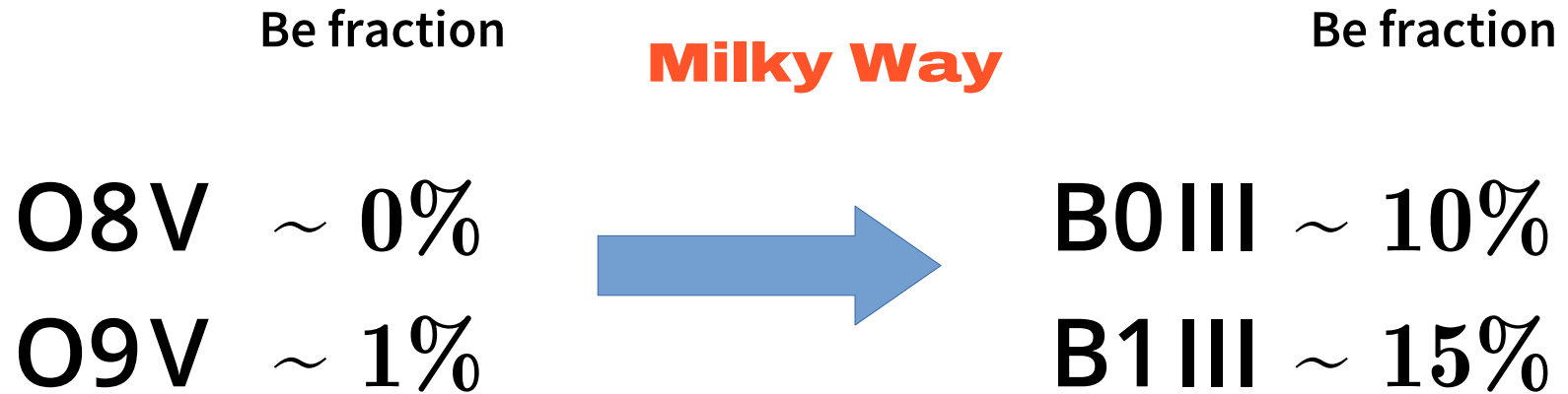


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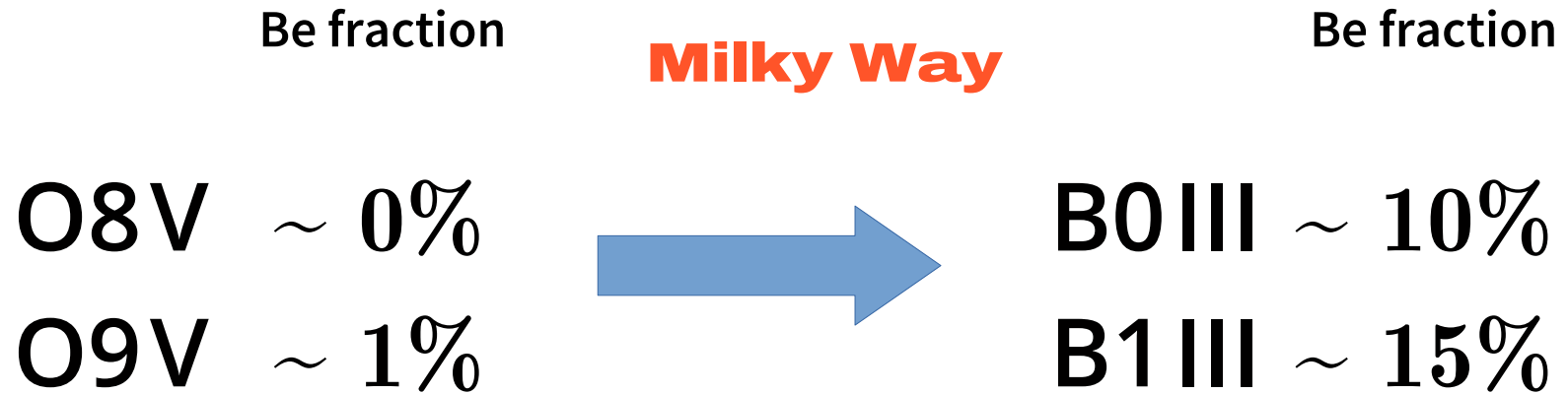
$\Omega/\Omega_{\text{crit}}?$ Granada & Haemmerlé (2014)

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Wind properties?

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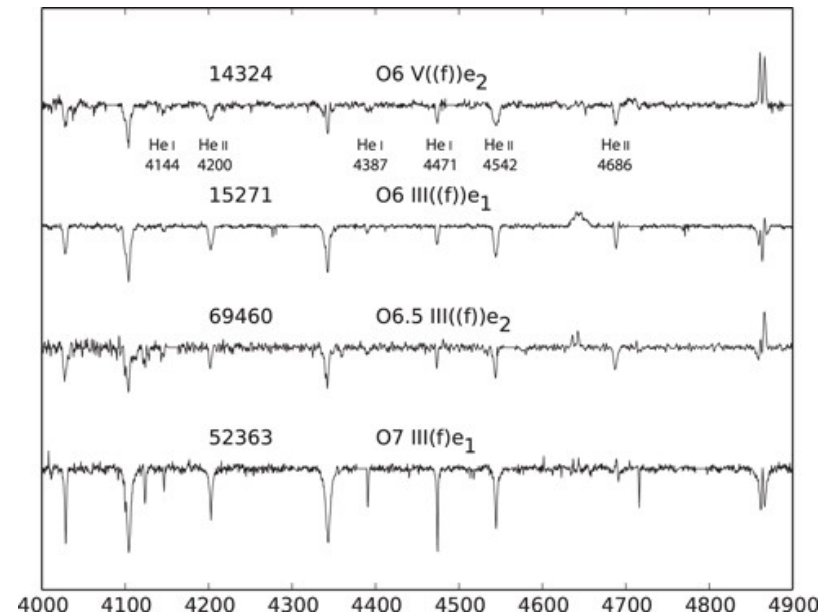
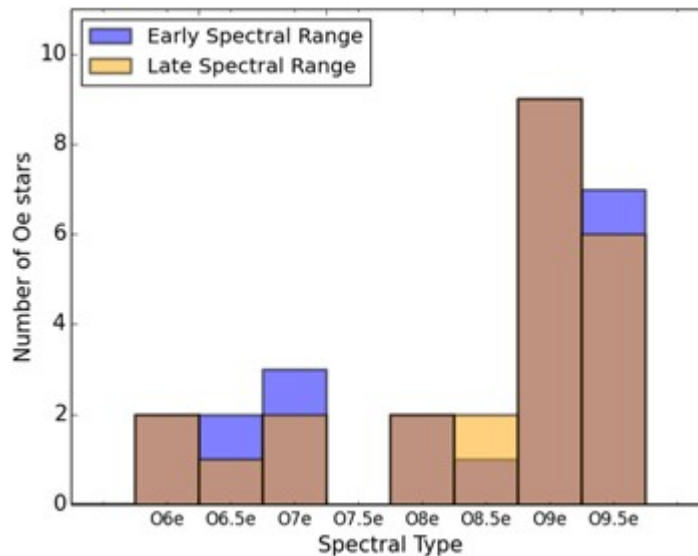
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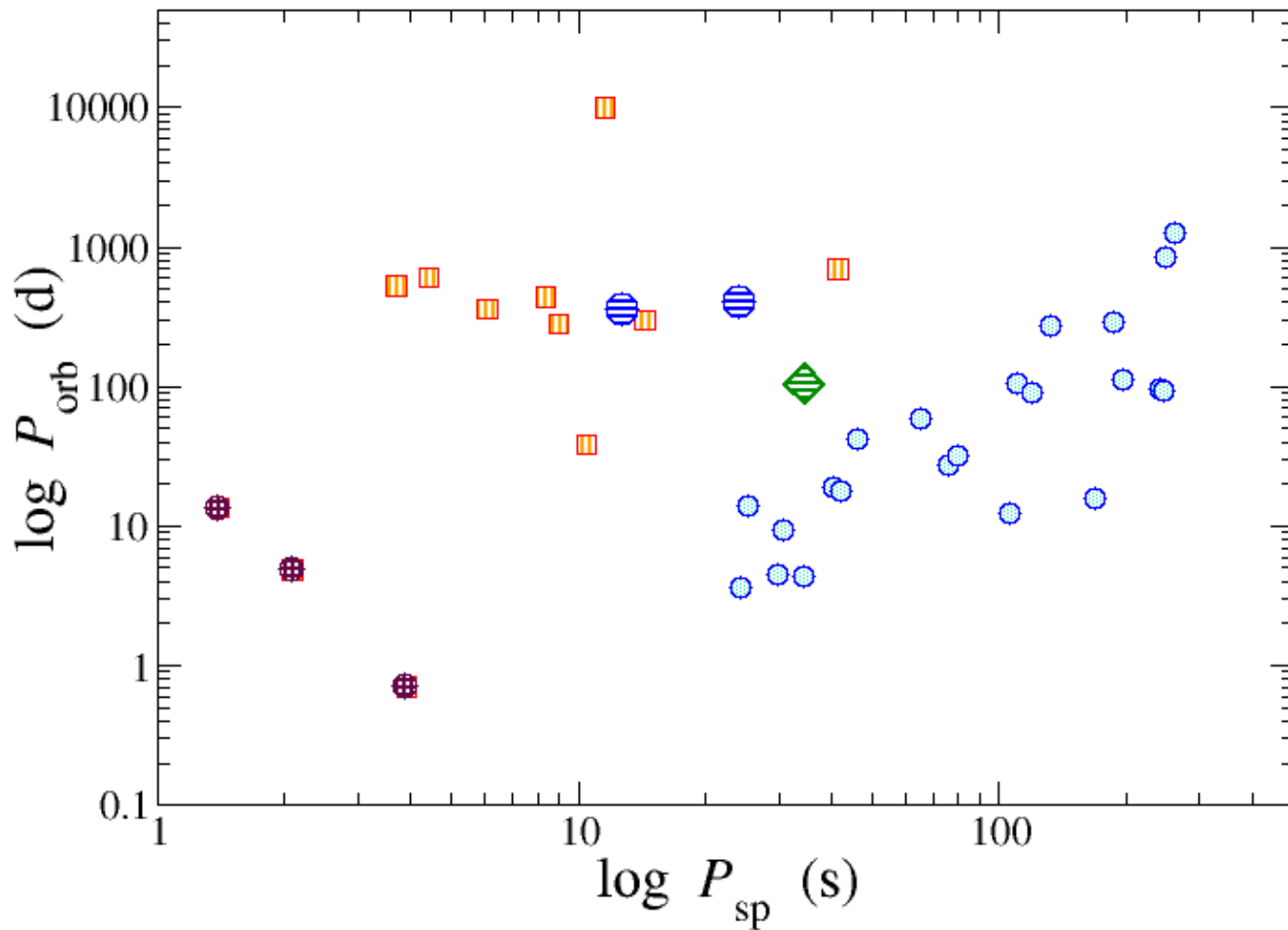
Non-radial pulsations?

A dependence on metallicity

- Negueruela (2004) and Negueruela+ (2004) explored the edges of the Be phenomenon in the Milky Way.
- There are a few O9e stars, but only one known Be star earlier than O8.
- But it is very different in the SMC!



Corbet diagram



	Object	P_s	Companion	P_{orb}	e
	LS I +61 303	269 ms	O9.7 Ve	26.5 d	0.7
	HESS J0632-057	??	B0.5 Ve	317 d	0.40
	PSR B1259-63	48 ms	O9.5 Ve	1237 d	0.87
	PSR J2032+4127	143 ms	B0 Ve	48 a	0.98

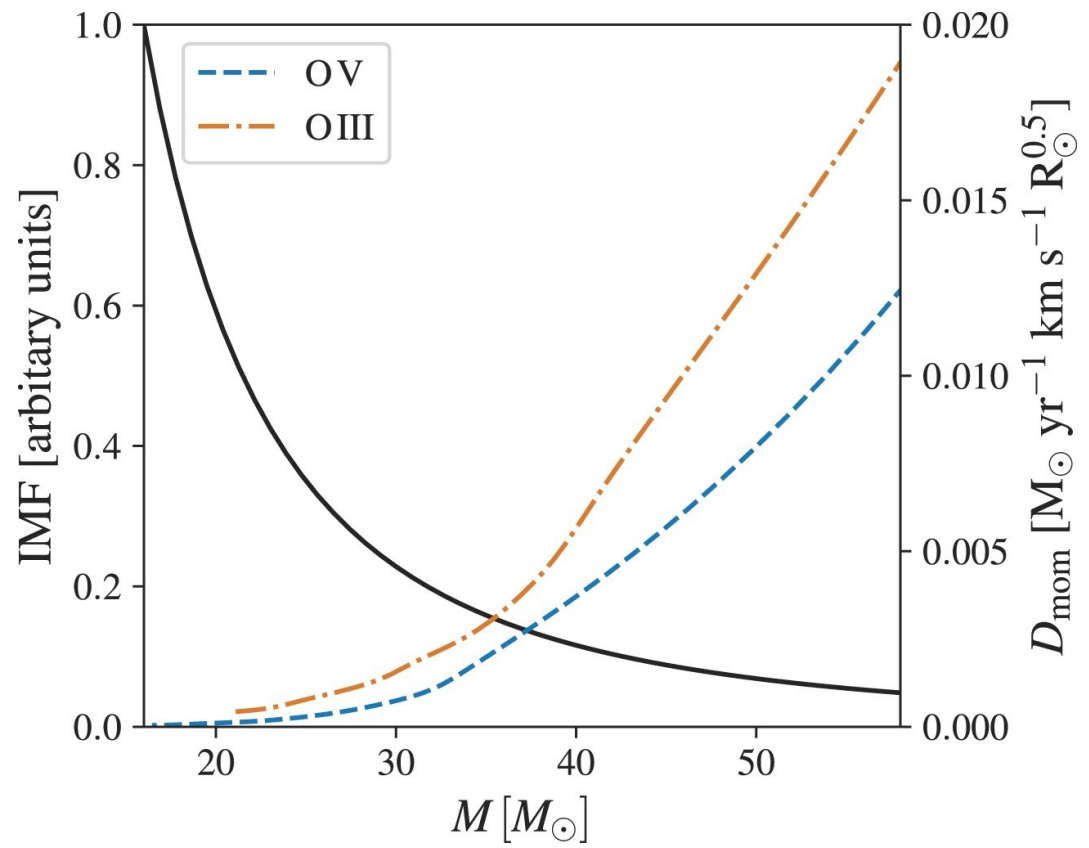
	Object	P_s	Companion	P_{orb}	e
	PSR J0045-17319	0.9 s	B1 V	51 d	0.8
	PSR J1740-3052	570 ms	B	231 d	0.57
	PSR J0210+5845	1.77 s	B6 V	~50 a	~0.45
	PSR J1638-4725	0.76 s	B?		

	Object	P_s	Companion	P_{orb}	e
	4FGL J0535.2-6736	?	O5 III(f)	10.3 d	0.4
	1FGL J1018.6-5856	?	O6 V ((f))	16.5 d	0.53
	4FGL J1405.1-6119	?	~O6.5 III	13.7 d	?
	1FGL J1826.2-1450	~9 s ??	ON6 V((f))z	3.9 d	0.3
	HESS J1832-093	?	O6 V	~86 d	?

	Object	P_s	Companion	P_{orb}	e
	Cen X-3	4.8 s	O6-7 II-III	2.0 d	0.0
	GX 301-2	680 s	B1.5 Ia+	41.5 d	0.46
	OA0 1657-415	37 s	Ofpe/WN9	10.5 d	0.11
	XTE J1739-302	?	O8 Iab(f)	51.5 d	?
	AX J1845.0-0433	?	O9 Ia	4.7 d	0.34

And all the others?

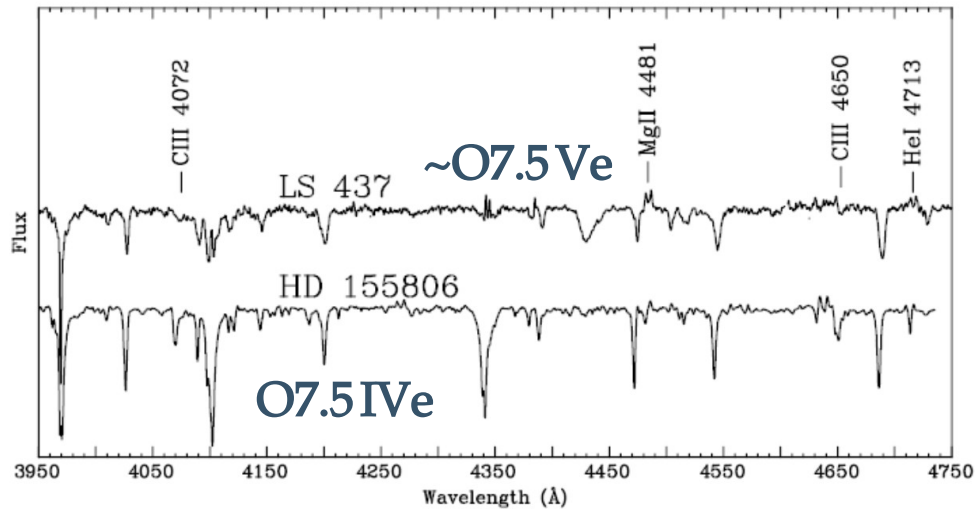
- O7V + ms pulsar
- O8V + ms pulsar



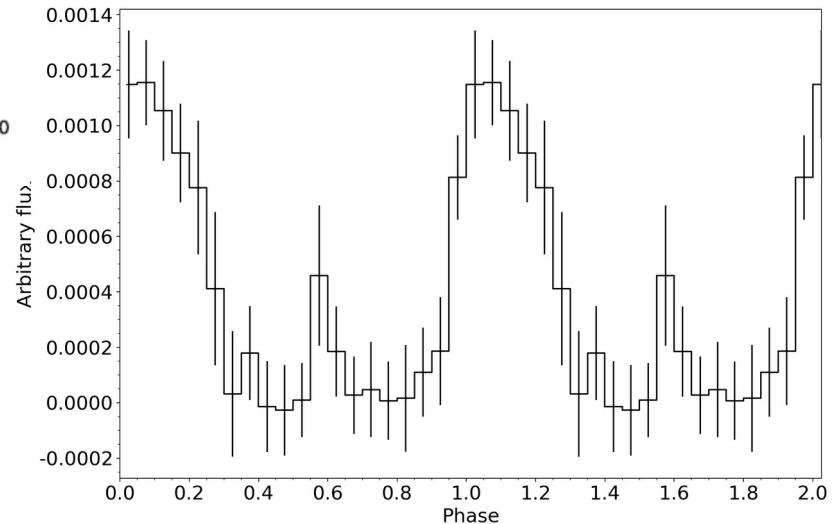
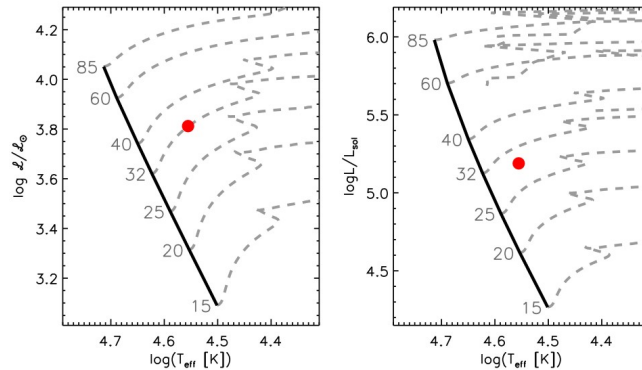
Van Soelen+ 2024 (MNRAS 529, L102)

LS 437/ 4U0728-26

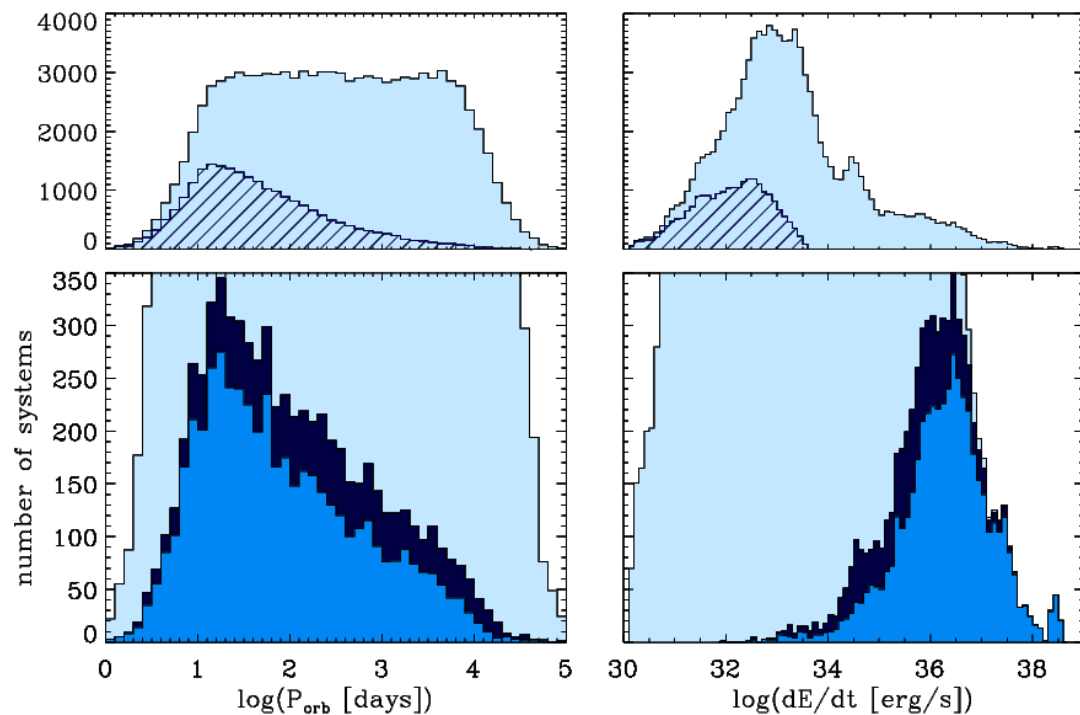
- Persistent intermediate-luminosity Be/X-ray binary with Oe companion (Nequeruela+ 1996).



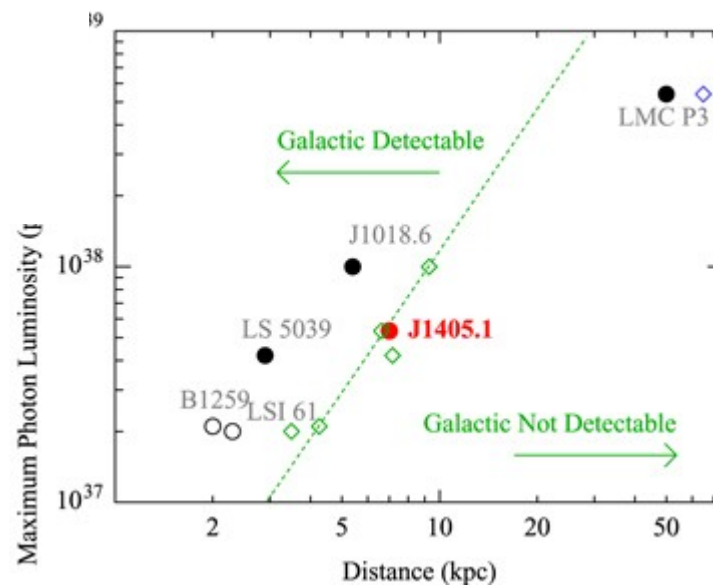
- A NS with $P_{\text{spin}} = 103$ s in a 34.5 d orbit (Corbet & Peele 1997)



Gaia distance around 7.5 kpc

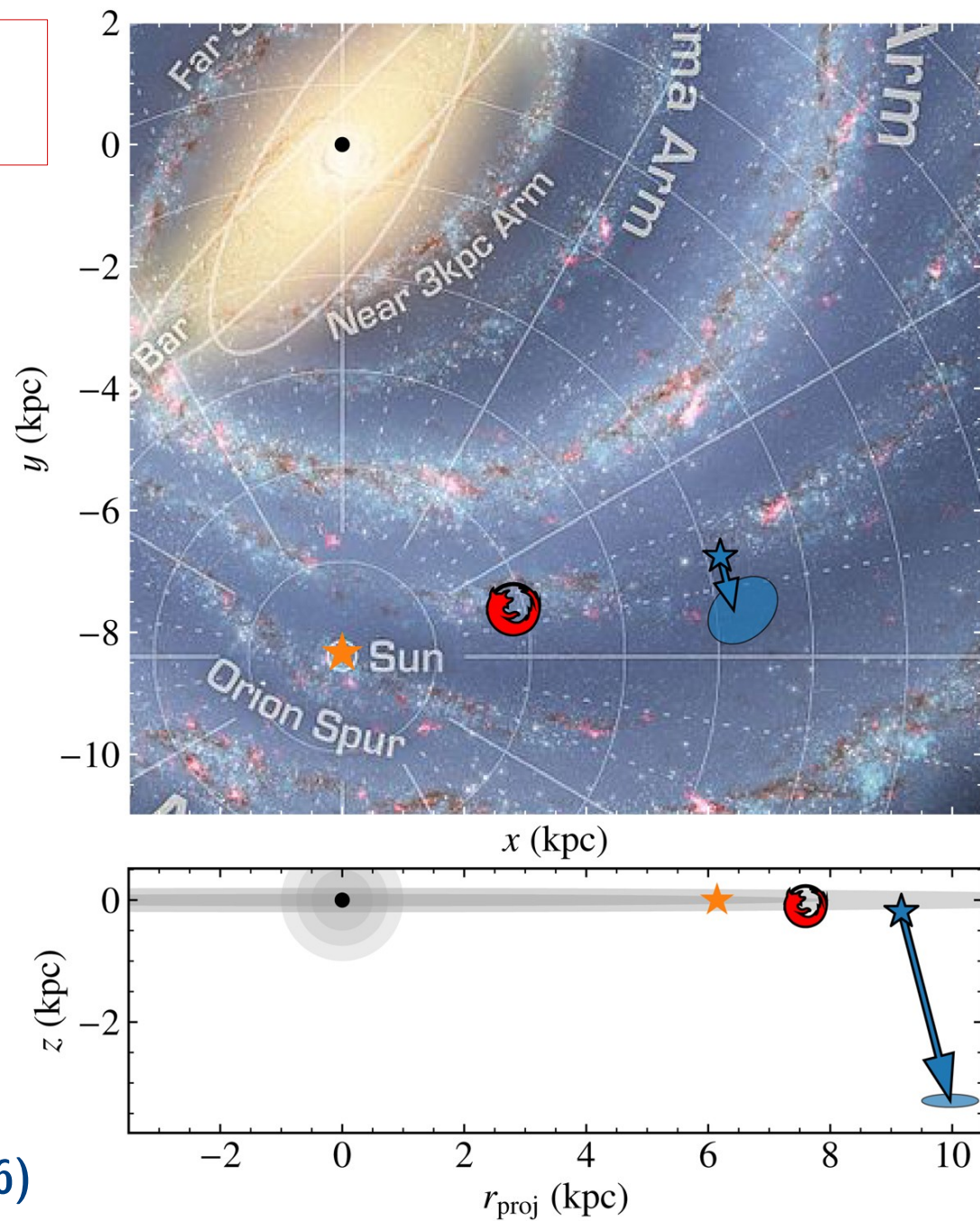


Dubus+ 2017 (A&A 608, A59)



Corbet+ 2019 (ApJ 884, id. 93)

1FGL J1018.6-5856



Marcote+ 2018 (A&A 619, A26)

HMXB	Cluster	Encounter age [Myr]	v_{pec} [km s ⁻¹]	$M_{1\text{ZAMS}}$ [$M_{\odot}$]	$M_{2\text{ZAMS}}$ [$M_{\odot}$]	Xfer [$M_{\odot}$]
1A 0114+650	UBC 600	$+4.4$ $-4.4-3.4$	$+11$ $37-10$	$+1$ $13-1$	$+2$ $12-1$	4 ± 3
	NGC 457	$+4$ $-17-4$	$+14$ $50-11$	$+120$ $40-12$	$+3$ $18-2$	...
LS I+61 303	IC 1805	$+5$ $-5-15$	$+13$ $9-6$	$+\infty$ $55-30$	$+11$ $31-5$	...
	UBC 191	$+6$ $-16-6$	$+5$ $12-3$	$+120$ $39-13$	$+2$ $19-2$	...
	NGC 884	$+4$ $-15-8$	$+3$ $14-3$	$+110$ $51-22$	$+3$ $20-2$	...
	NGC 957	$+7$ $-15-8$	$+4$ $18-4$	$+2$ $15-1$	$+5$ $12-1$	1 ± 3
	ASCC 9	$+5$ $-10-19$	$+30$ $33-16$	$+10$ $18-4$	$+2$ $15-1$	...
X Per	ASCC 13	$+8$ $-24-9$	$+4$ $33-4$	$+120$ $28-8$	$+2$ $15-1$	1 ± 4
HD 259440	Stock 10	$+4$ $-38-4$	$+1$ $31-1$	$+0.5$ $12.7-0.5$	$+1$ $10-1$	6 ± 3
	COIN- <i>Gaia</i> 28	$+32$ $-47-25$	$+4$ $11-4$	$+130$ $28-14$	$+2$ $15-1$	4 ± 3
4U 1700-377	UBC 323	$+0.5$ $-1.9-0.5$	$+26$ $110-25$	$+1$ $31-1$	$+4$ $27-3$	19 ± 6
	NGC 6231	$+0.5$ $-2.1-0.7$	$+12$ $62-8$	$+0.6$ $24.6-0.6$	$+3$ $23-2$	23 ± 6
IGR J17544-2619	UBC 571	$+1.0$ $-5.4-0.8$	$+3$ $37-4$	$+0.2$ $14.4-0.1$	$+2$ $14-1$	10 ± 3
	UBC 540	$+4$ $-28-8$	$+10$ $54-10$	$+1$ $14-1$	$+2$ $11-1$	12 ± 3
Cyg X-1	NGC 6871	$+4.4$ $-4.4-8.0$	$+16$ $26-12$	$+110$ $56-28$	$+4$ $32-3$	...

Fortin+ 2022 (A&A 665, A69)

Be/X-ray binaries

Persistent sources

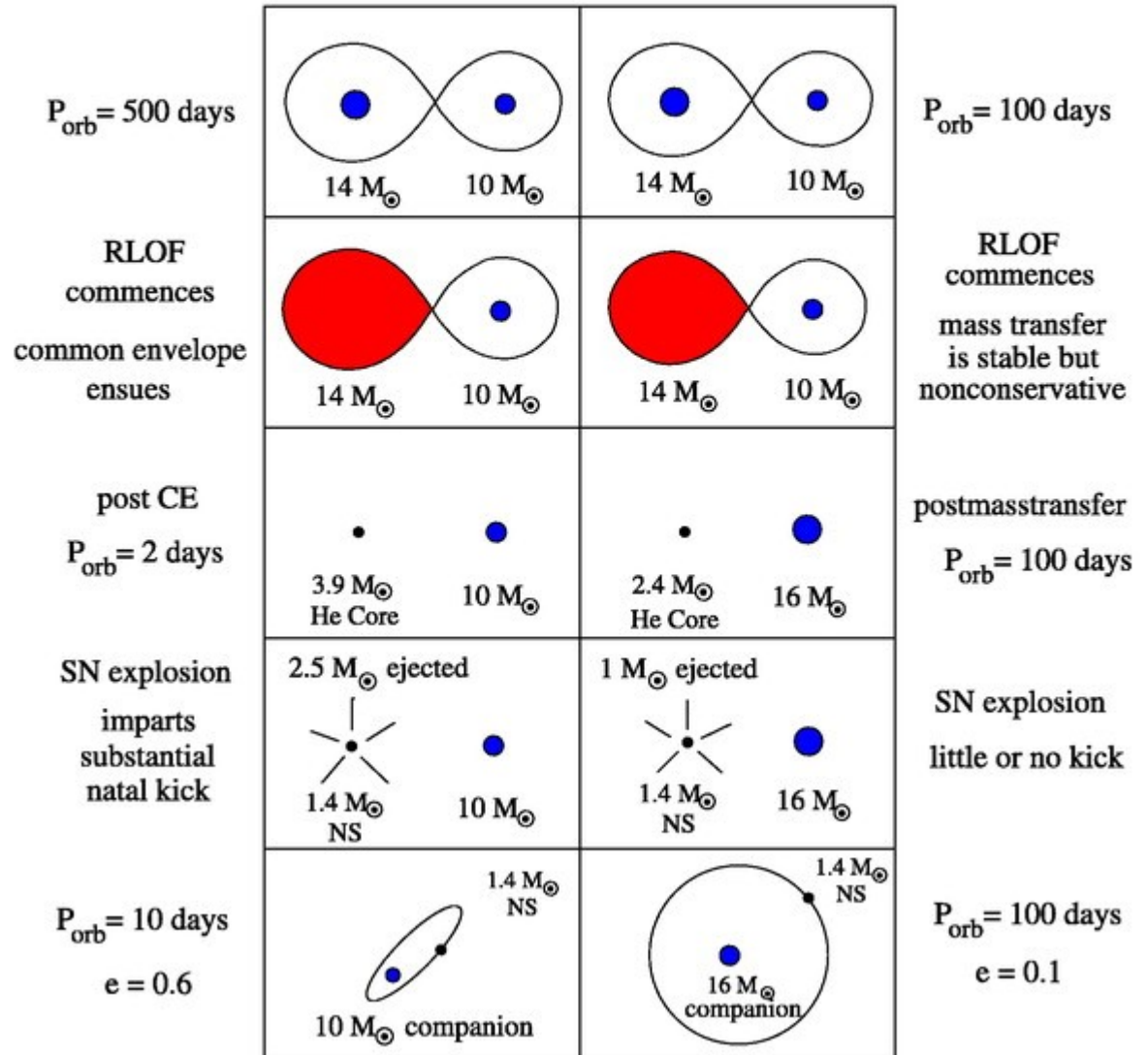
- Relatively low L_x ($\approx 10^{34}$ erg s $^{-1}$).
- Small intensity fluctuations (factor ≤ 10) without an obvious temporal pattern.
- Lack of iron lines suggesting low-density environment.

Transients

- Quiescence: low ($\leq 10^{35}$ erg s $^{-1}$) or non-detectable L_x .
- Series of outbursts with relatively high X-ray luminosity ($L_x \leq 10^{37}$ erg s $^{-1}$), separated by the (suspected) orbital period (Type I or normal according to Stella et al. 1986, ApJ 308, 669).
- Larger outbursts with $L_x > 10^{37}$ erg s $^{-1}$ ($L_x \approx L_{\text{Edd}}$), lasting several weeks and not showing modulation with the orbital period (giant or Type II) .

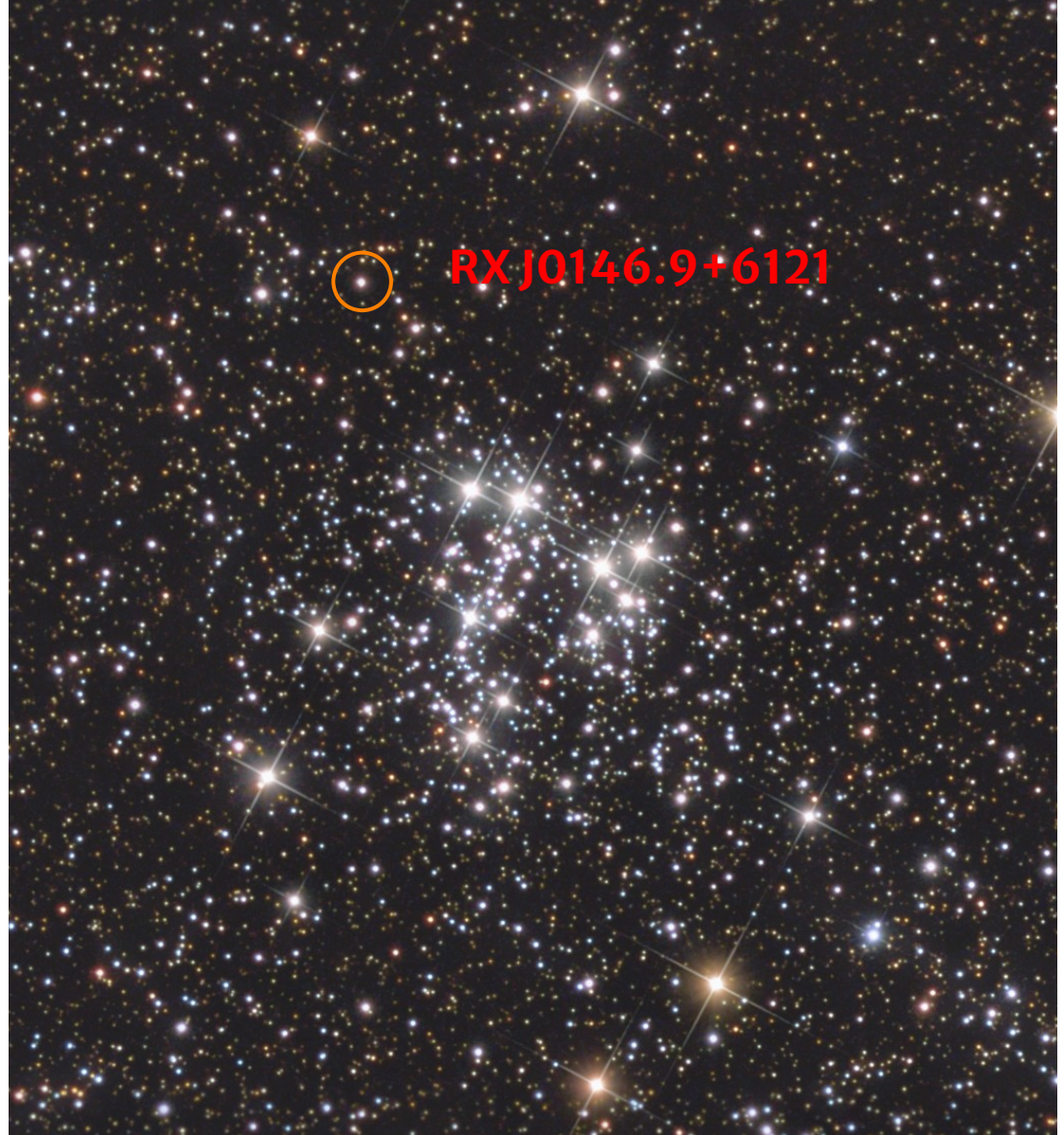
Dichotomous Kick Scenario

Large Natal Kick Small Natal Kick



NGC 663

- Persistent low-luminosity Be/X-ray binary with Be shell companion (Reig+ 1997).
- Little X-ray variability.
- B0.7 IVe

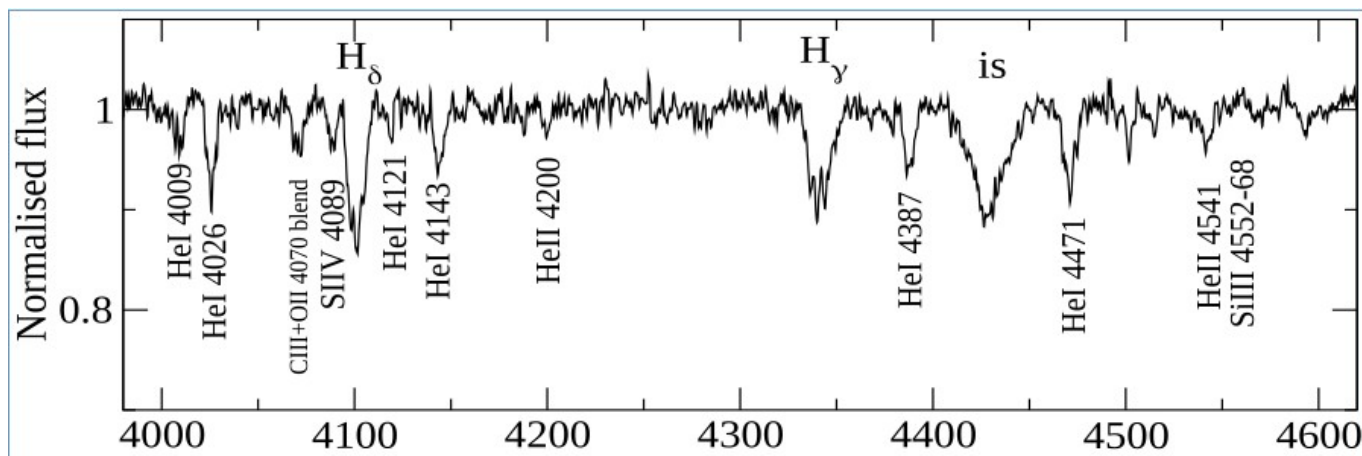


Marco+ 2025 (MNRAS, submitted)

Swift J0243.6+6124

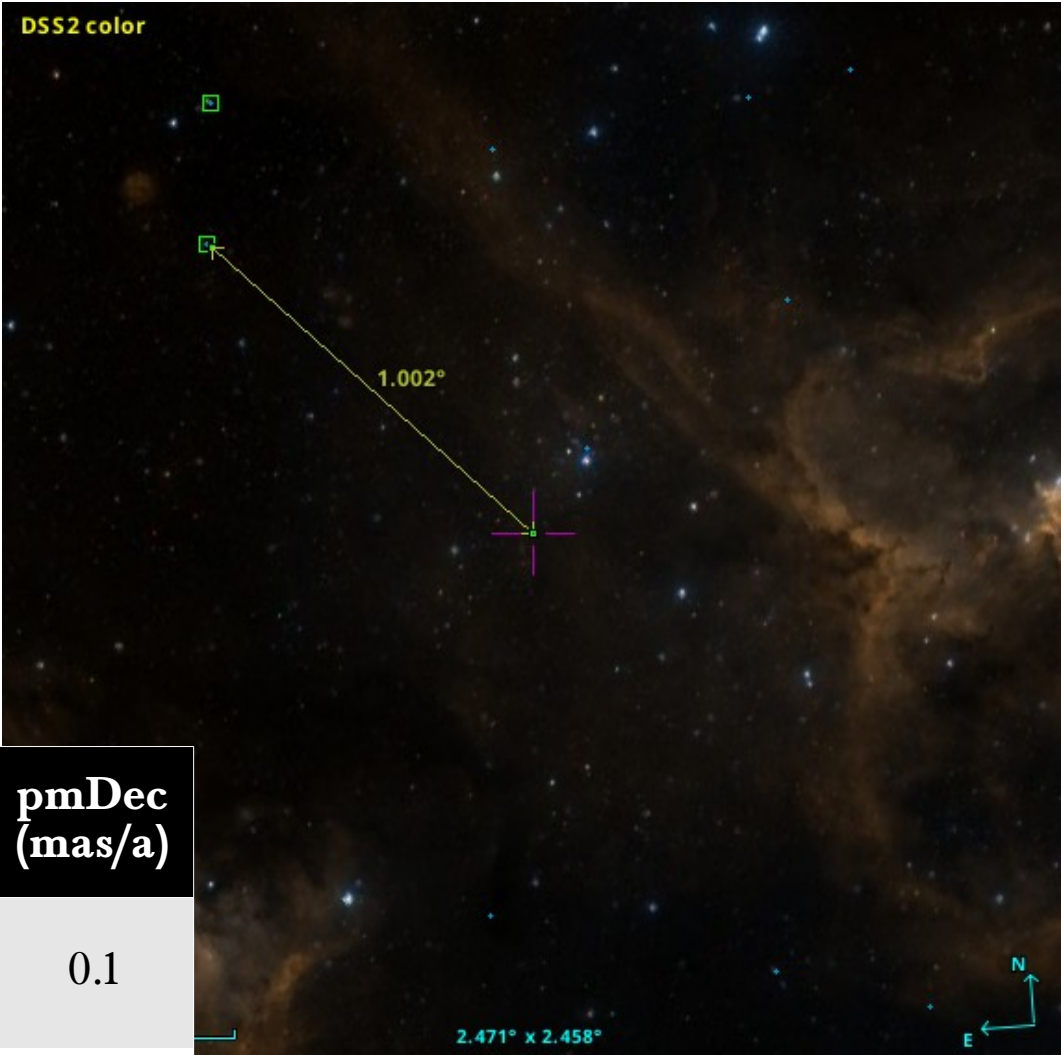
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P_{orb} , d	28.3(2)
$a \sin(i)$, lt s	140(3)
e	0.092(7)
ω , deg	-76(4)
T_{PA} , MJD	58 019.2(4)
χ^2/dof	23.9/47
d_{GL} , kpc	6.60(5)
$B_{\text{GL}}/(10^{13} \text{ G})$	1.08(6)

Doroshenko+ 2018 (A&A 613, A19)



Reig+ 2020 (A&A 640, A35)

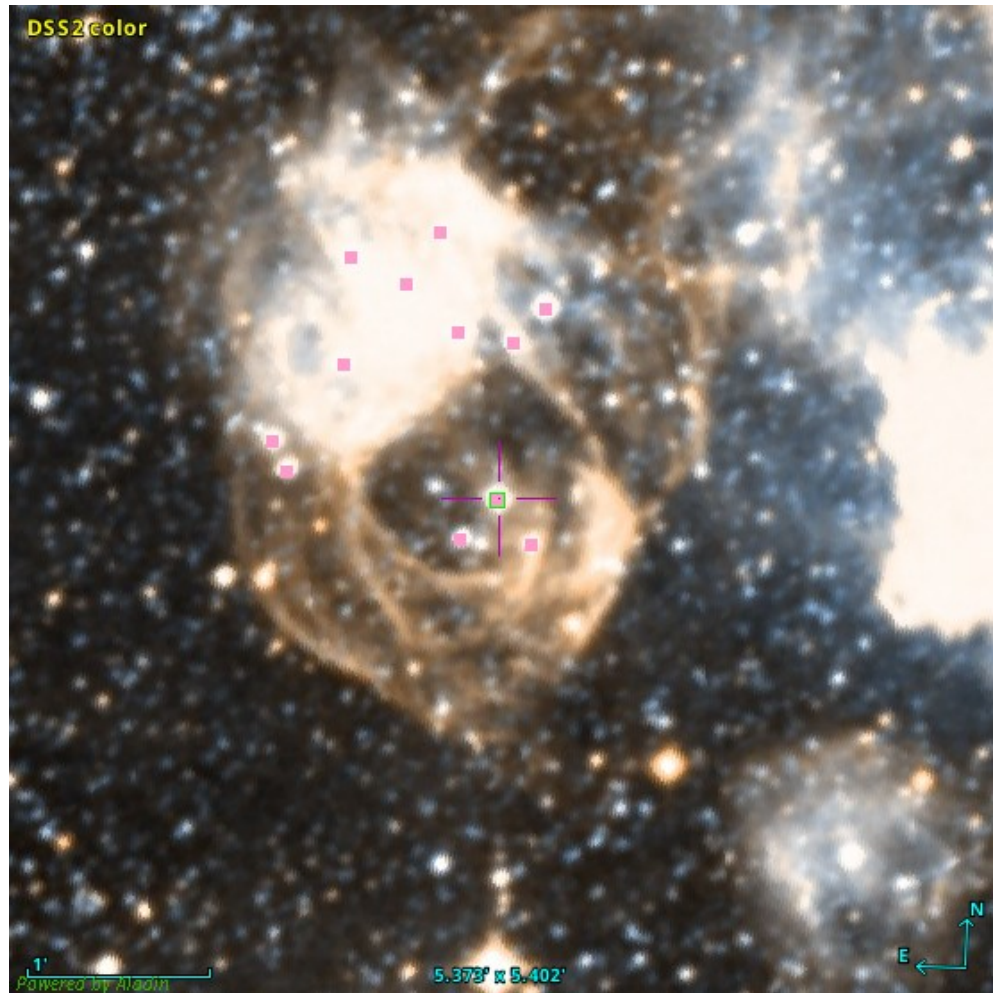
Swift J0243.6+6124



	Plx (mas)	pmRA (mas/a)	pmDec (mas/a)
J0243.6	0.18	-0.7	0.1
OC 254	0.18	-0.6	0.2
HSC 1108	0.17	-0.6	0.3

4FGL J0535.2-6736

$$P_{\text{orb}} = 10.3 \text{ d}$$
$$e = 0.4$$



Van Soelen+ 2019 (MNRAS 484, 4347)

Conclusions

- ◆ Over the past few years, our datasets have increased considerably.
- ◆ *Gaia* offers us a wealth of information that we could not have before.
- ◆ Gamma-ray binaries probe a very important point in the evolution of massive binaries.
- ◆ This is probably the best time to be working on these issues.



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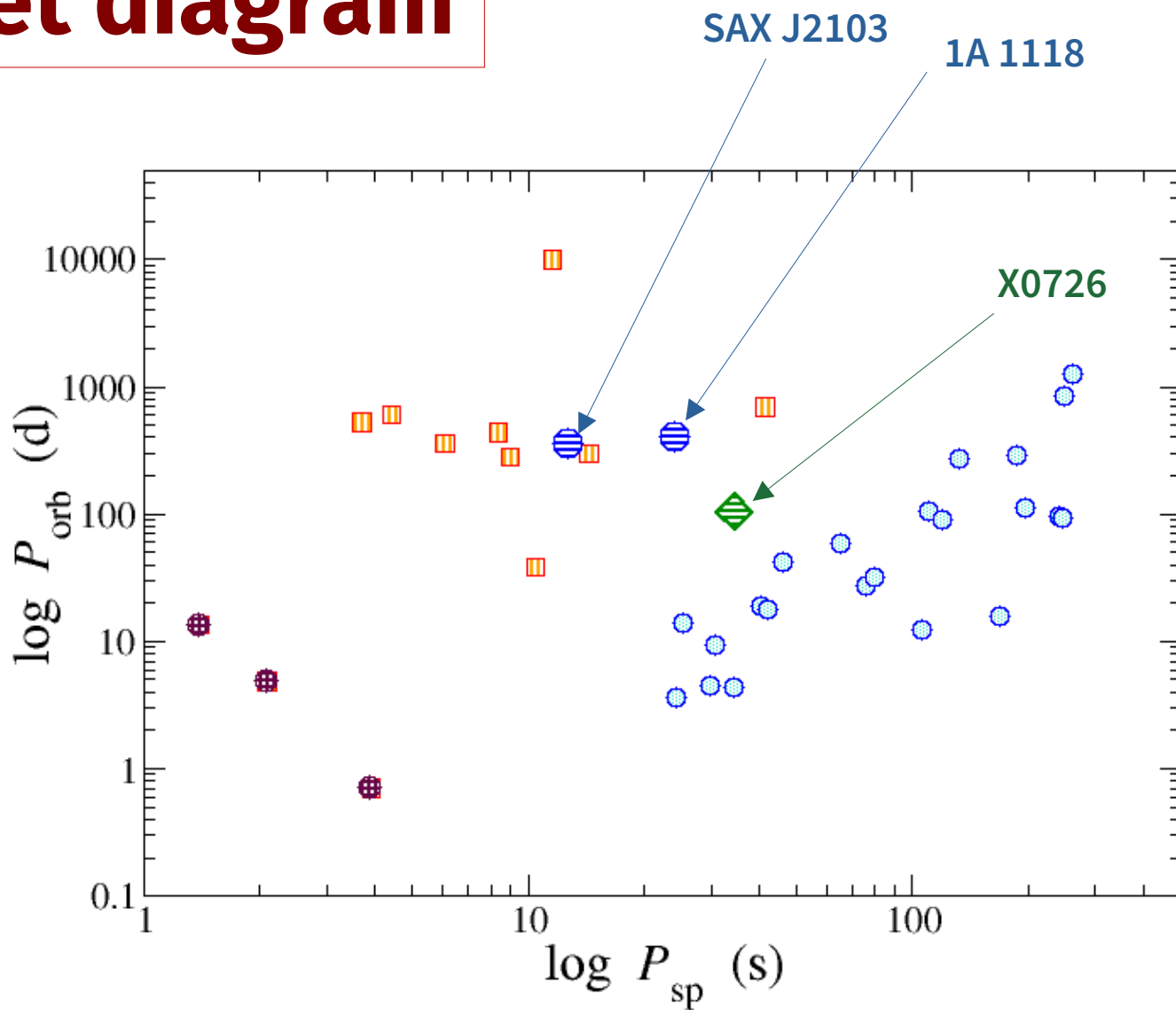


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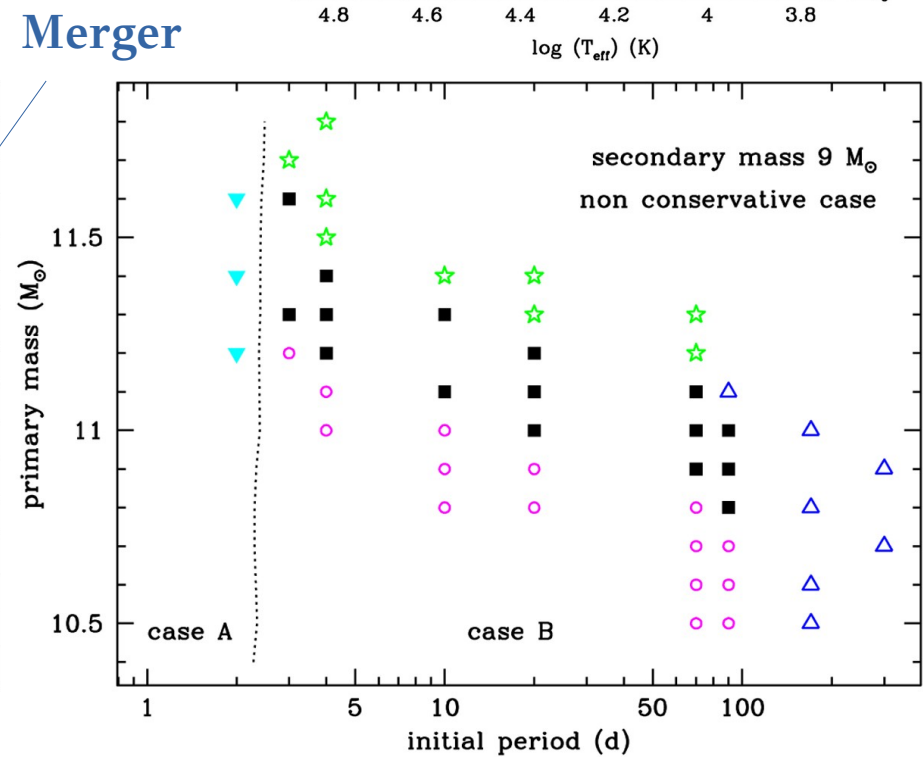
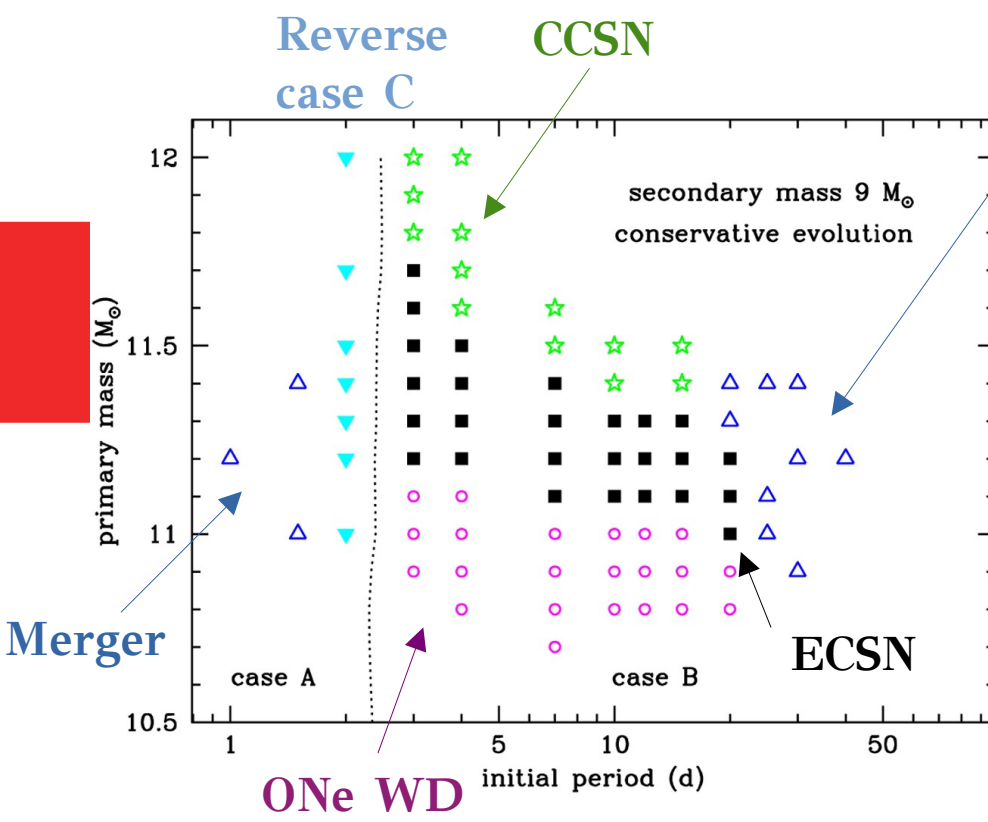
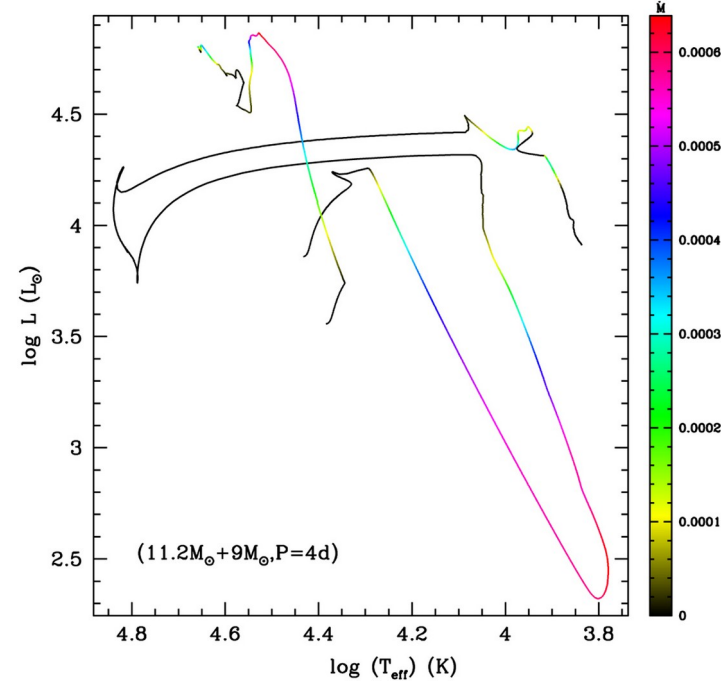


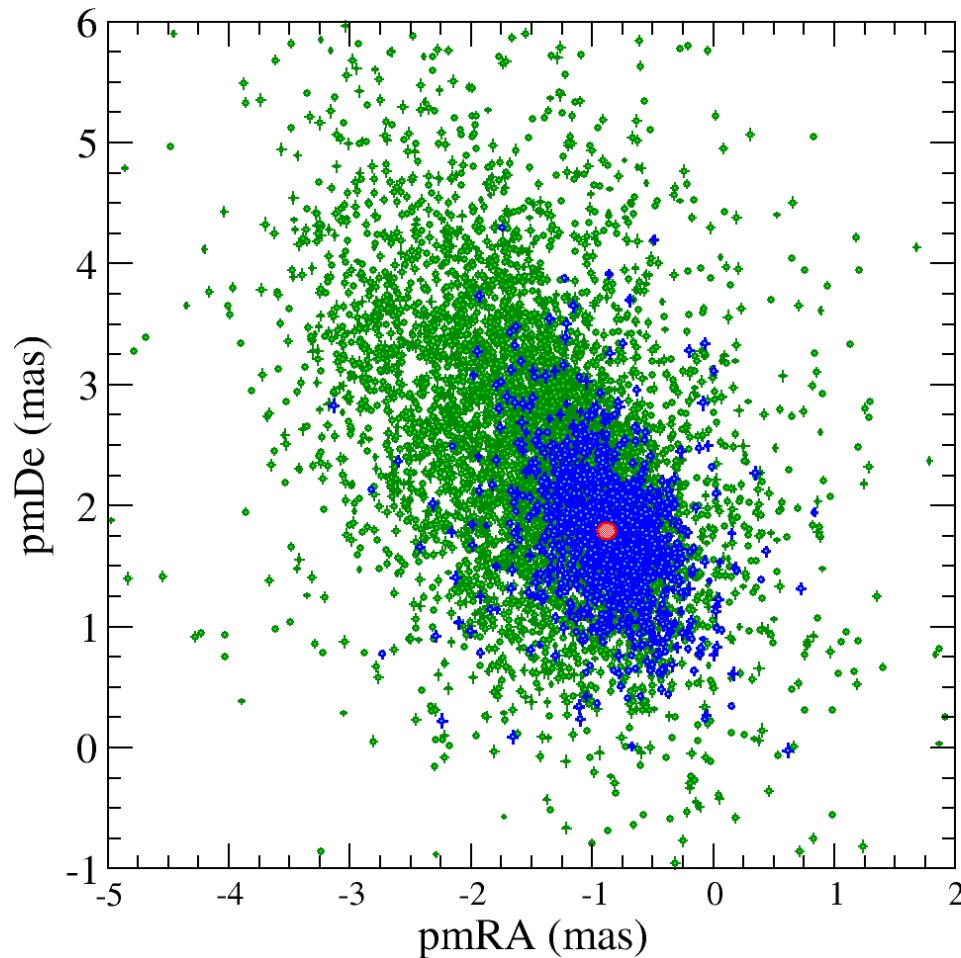
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Corbet diagram



Siess & Lebreuilly 2018 (A&A 614, A99)





- A very massive Be star formed through binary interaction
- The progenitor of the NS was a pretty massive star (unless mass transfer was fully conservative).
- The supernova explosion did not disrupt the binary and imparted a moderate kick

Li 2020 (RAA 20, 162)

