

# Unraveling the complex nature of FS CMa stars



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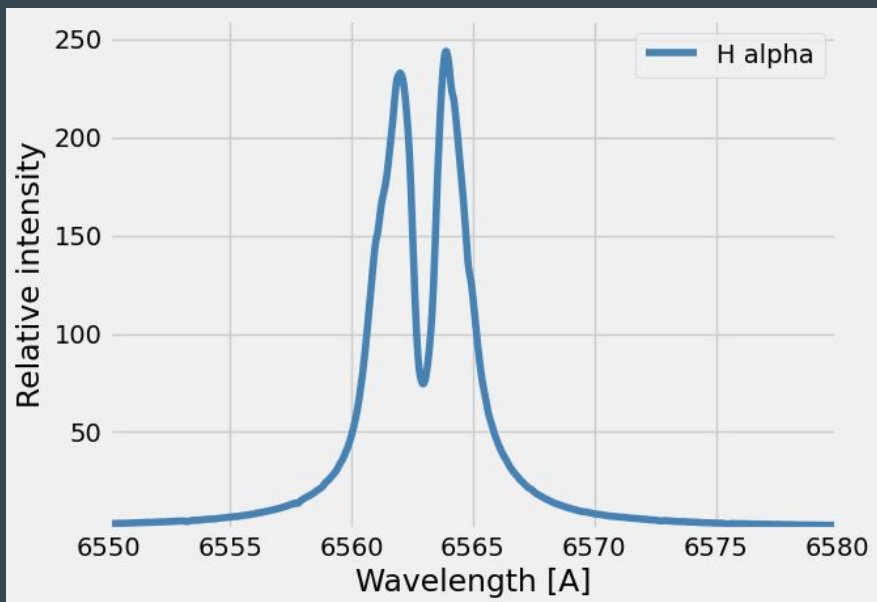
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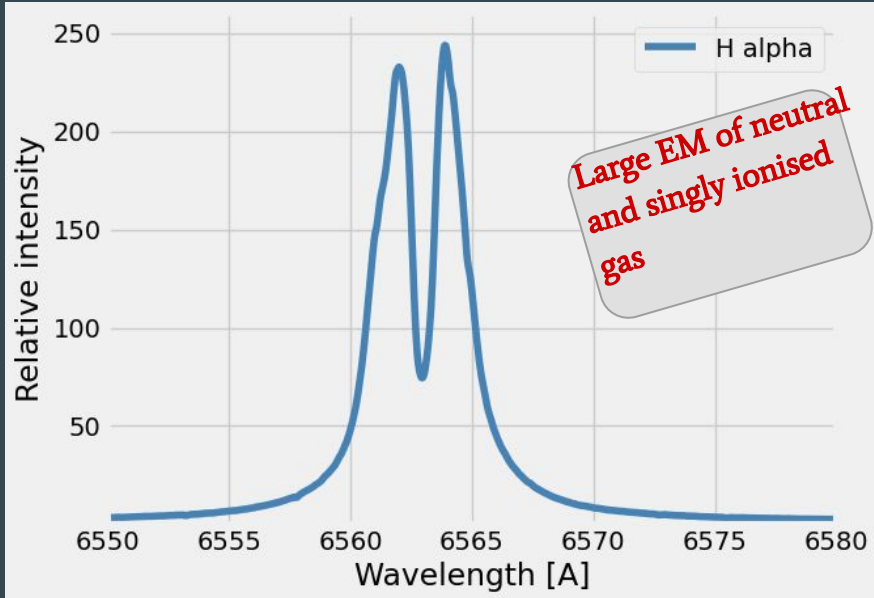
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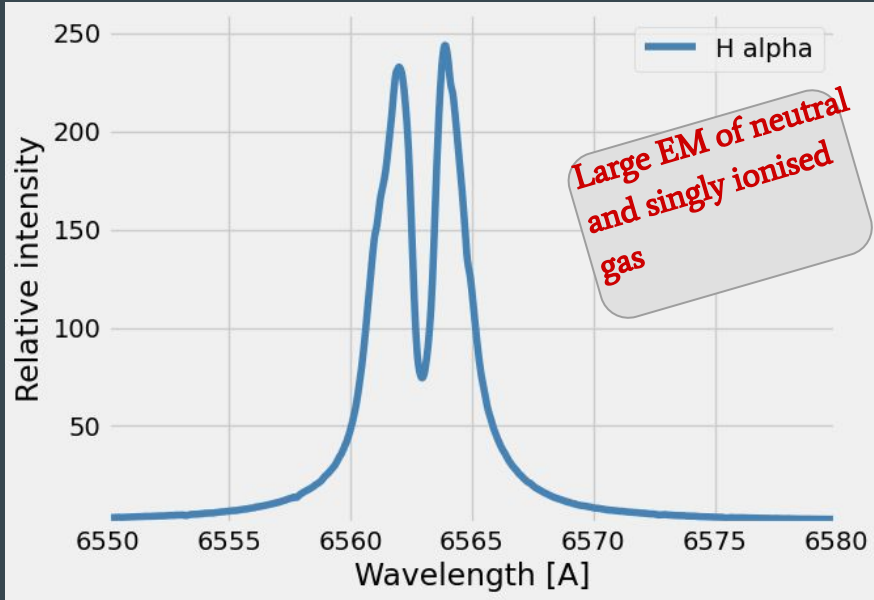
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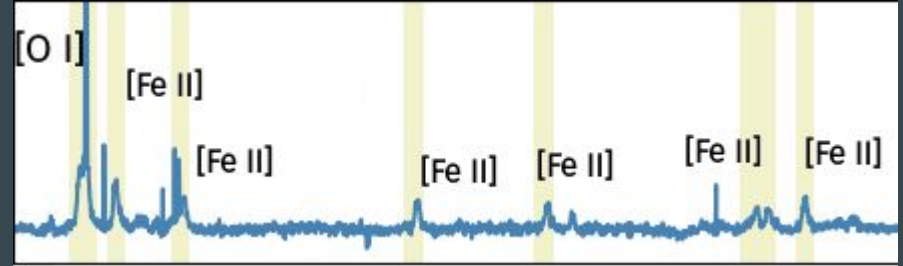


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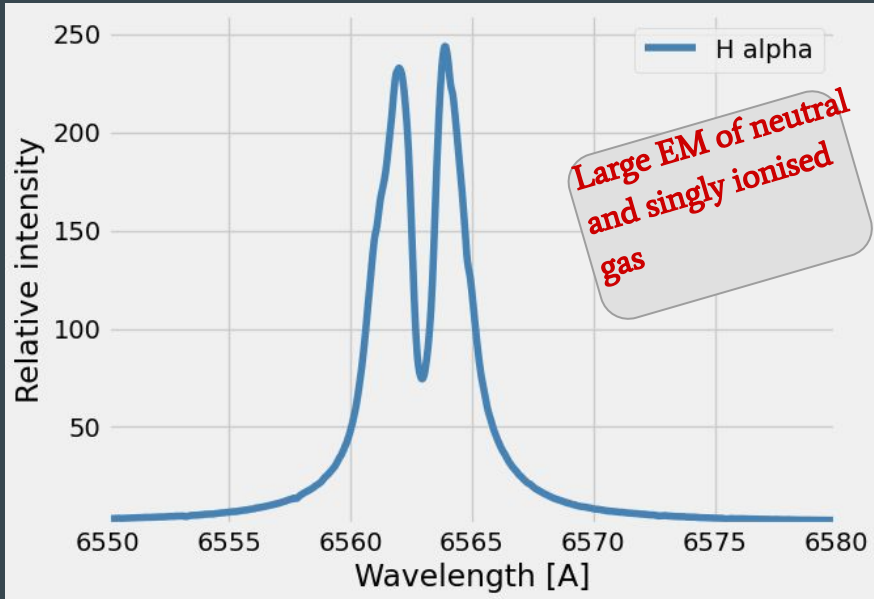


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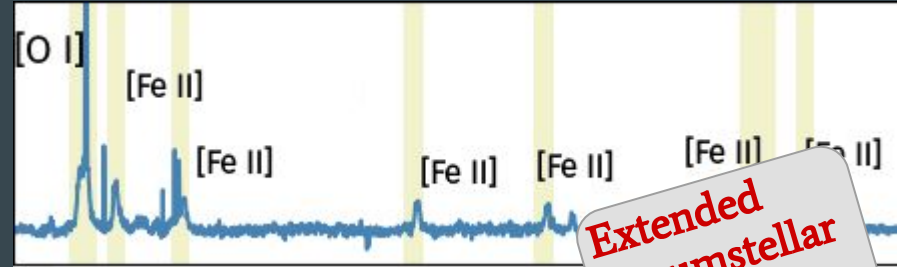


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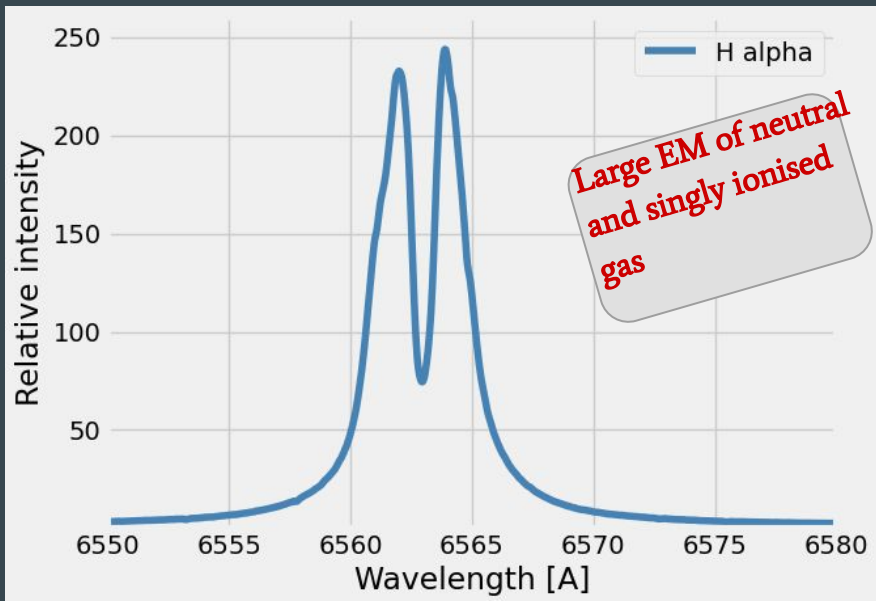
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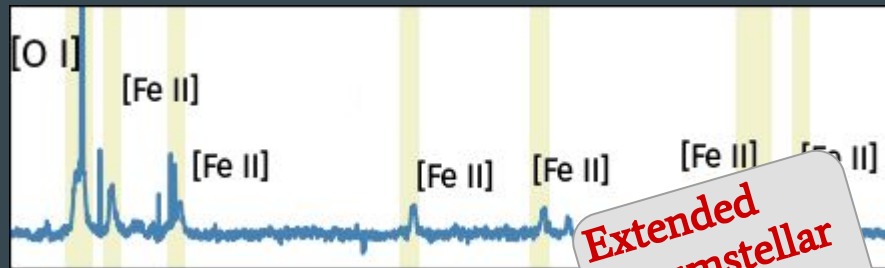


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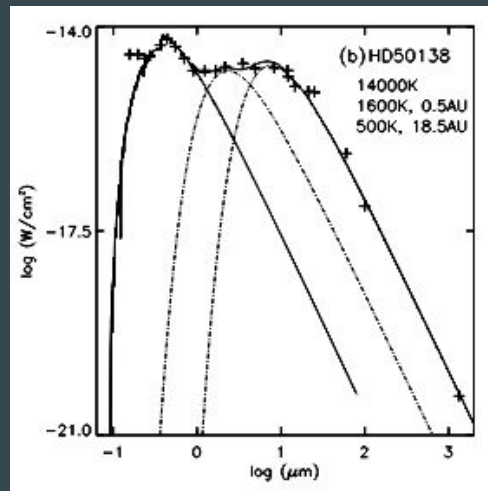


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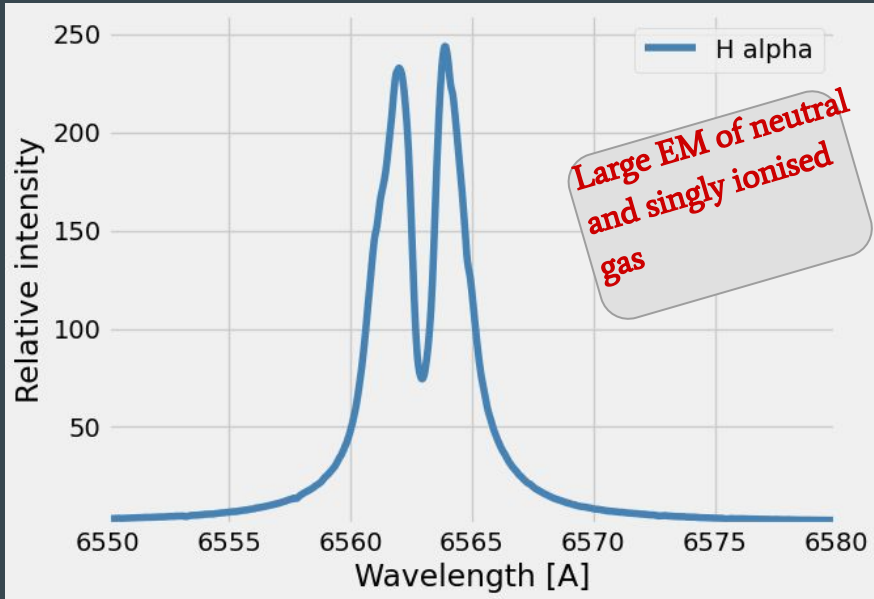
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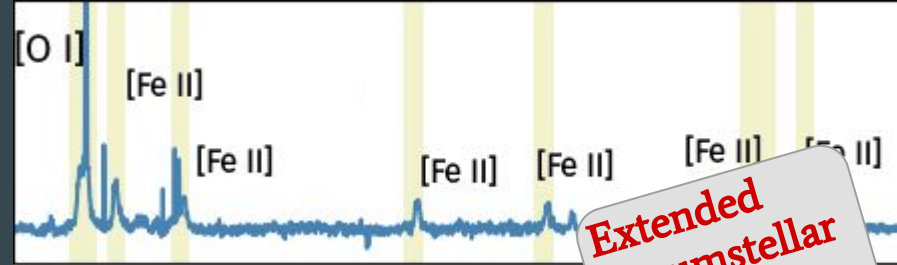


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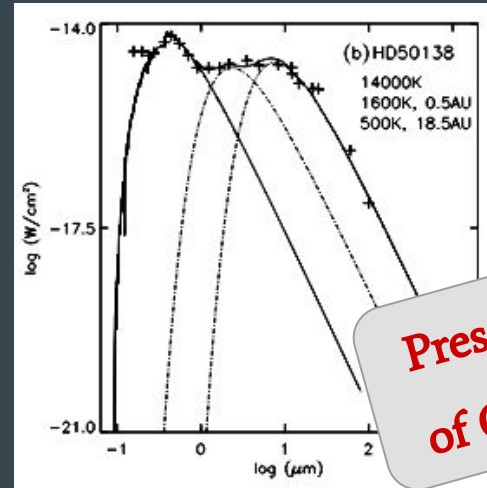
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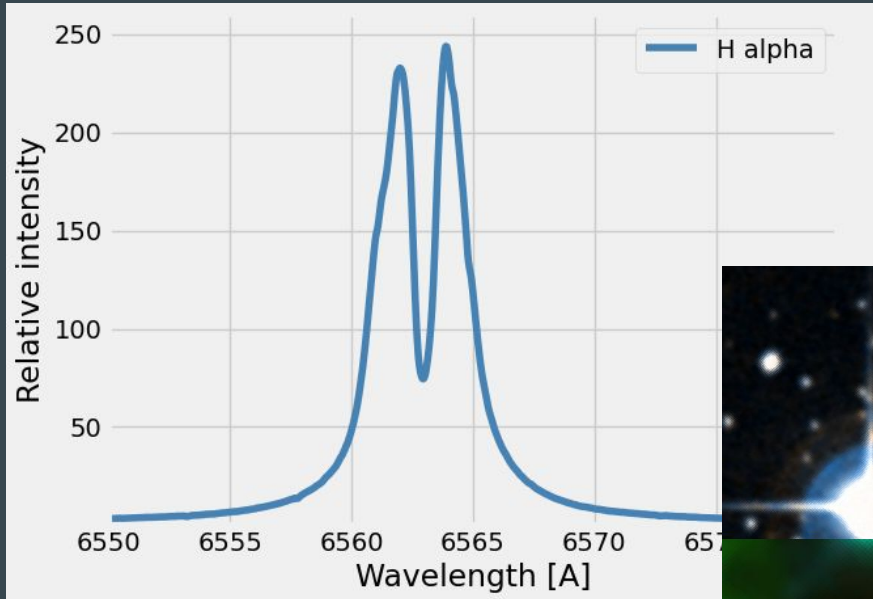


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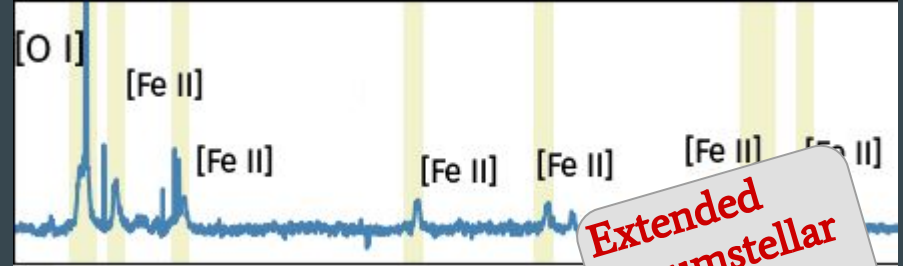


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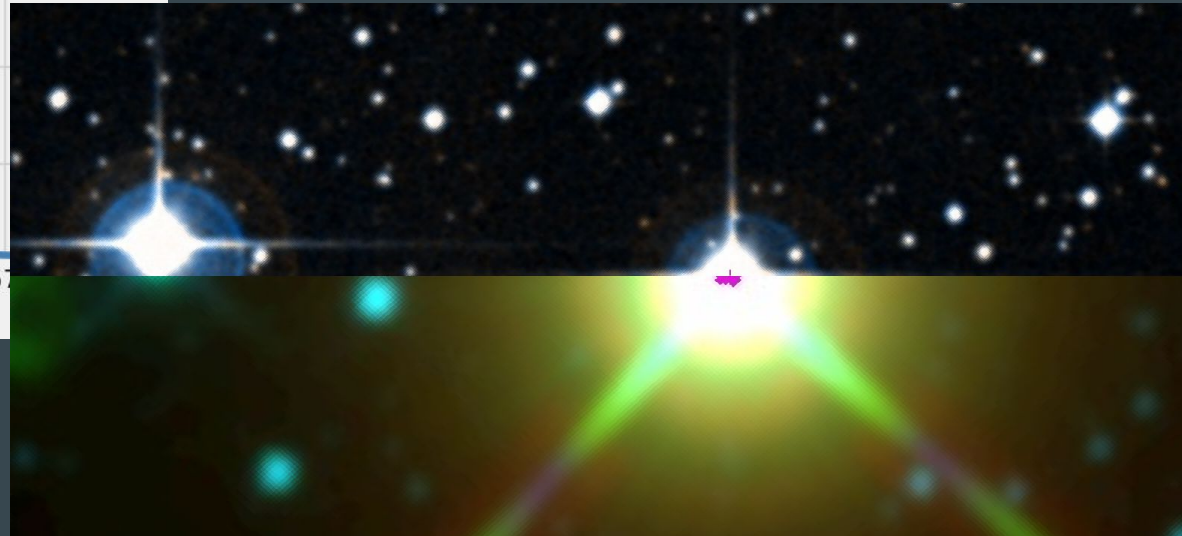


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HD 45677, HD 50138 or HD 87643, ...

# FS CMa stars

FS CMa stars - definition from Miroschnichenko 2007

Emission-line spectra contains: Balmer lines, Fe II, [O I], ([Fe II], weak [O III])

IR excess - peak at 10 - 30  $\mu\text{m}$

Location outside of star-forming regions

If companion - fainter and cooler than primary (degenerate)

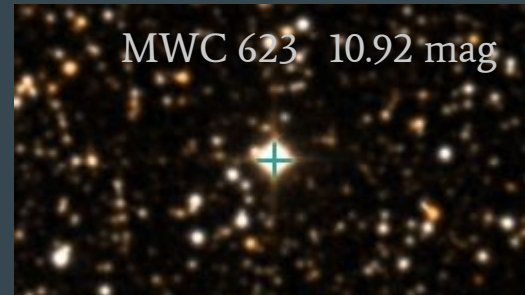
-> primary  $T = 9\,000 - 30\,000\text{ K}$

->  $(L_*/L_\odot)$  between 2.5 and 4.5

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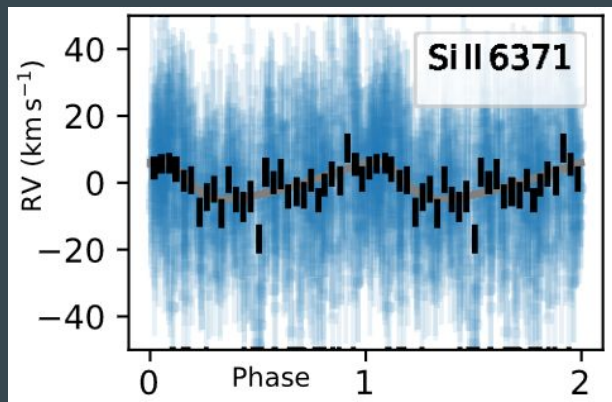
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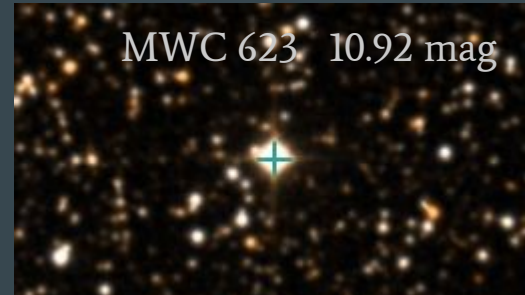
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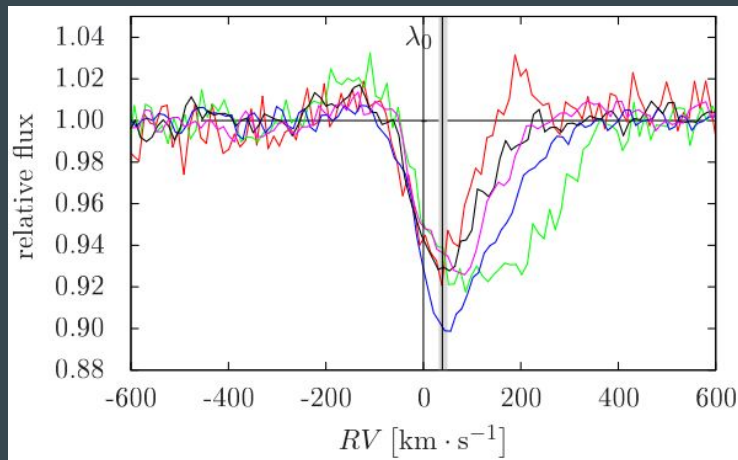
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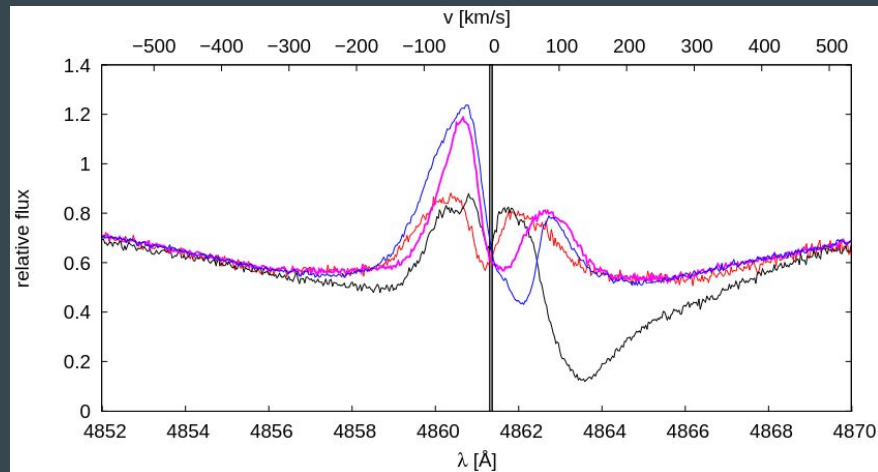
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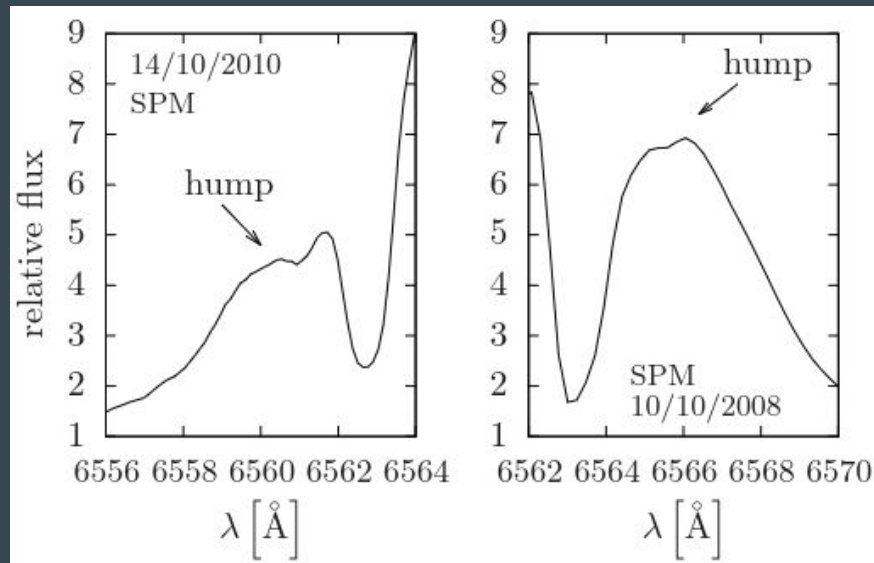
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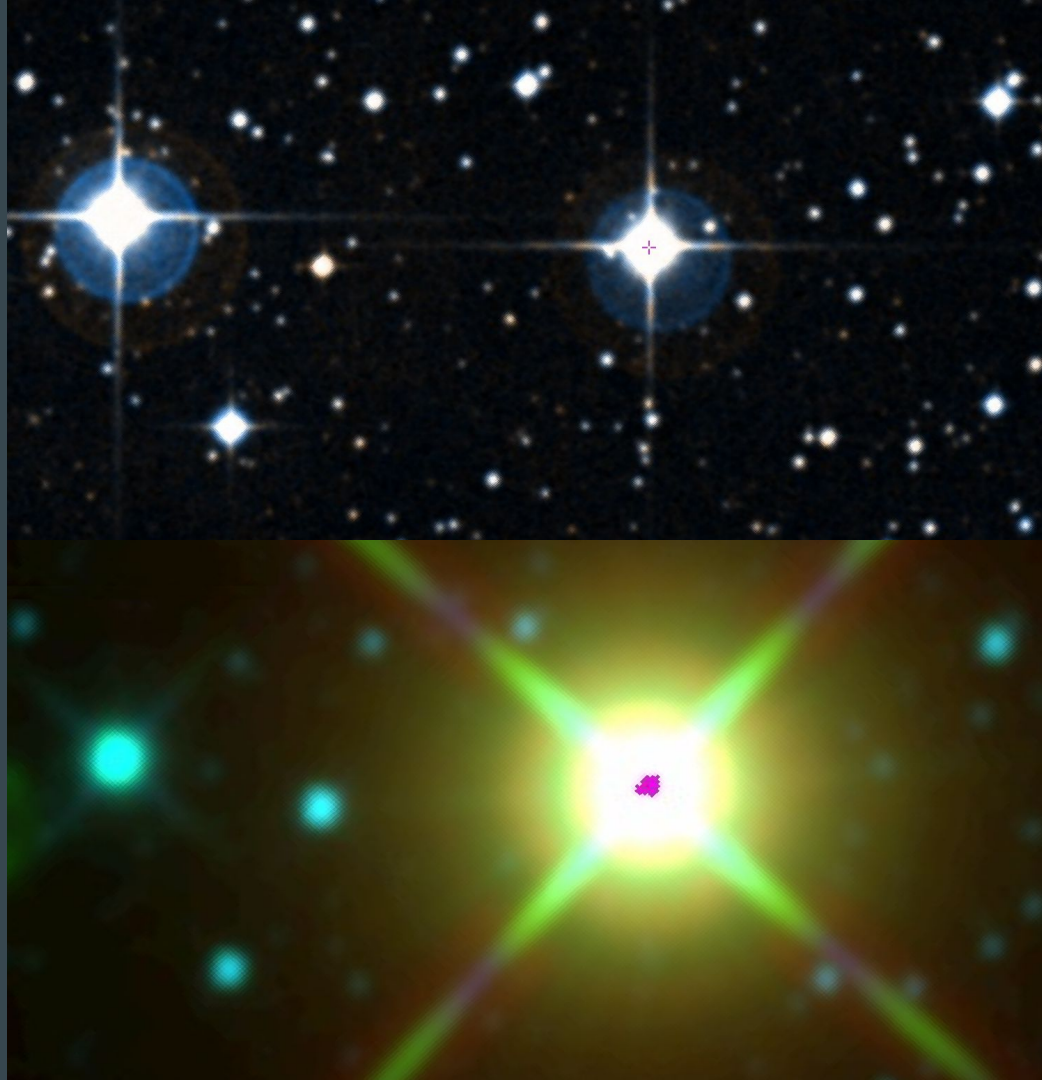
## Various features may be observed

dusty clumps, material infall or ejecta



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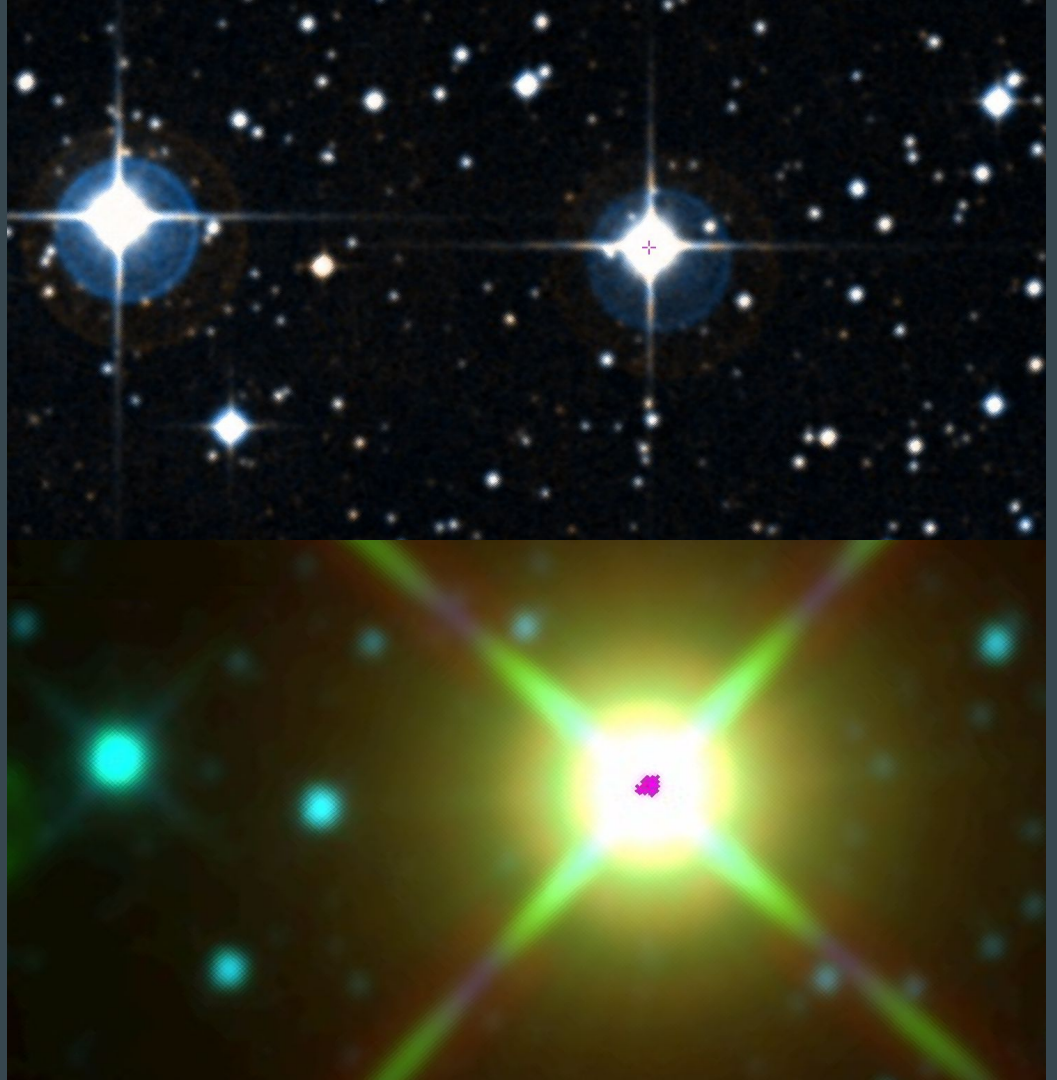
Systems with ongoing or finished dust formation

Strong mass loss in at least two cases (HD 87643, AS 78)

$$10^{-6} M_{\odot}/\text{yr}$$

Higher than can be explained by radiatively driven wind

-> Stellar evolution of a single star is not enough



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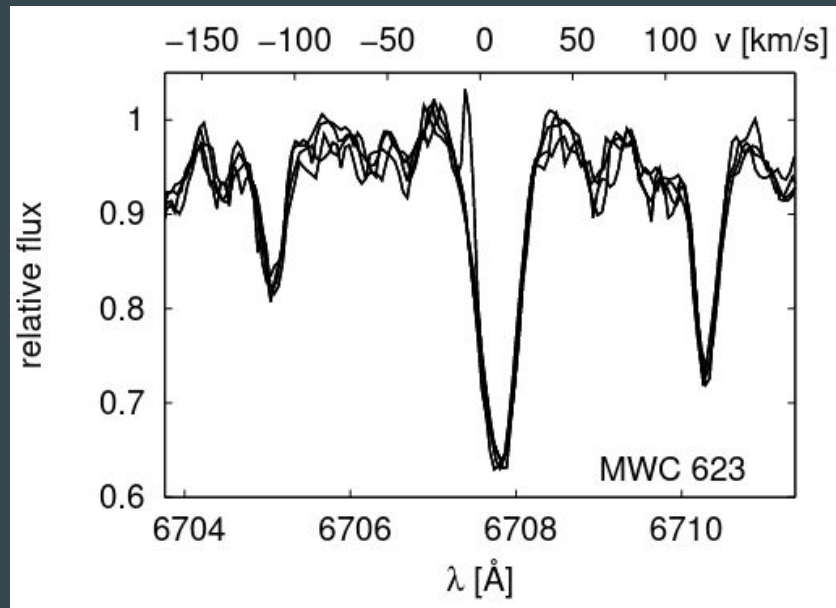
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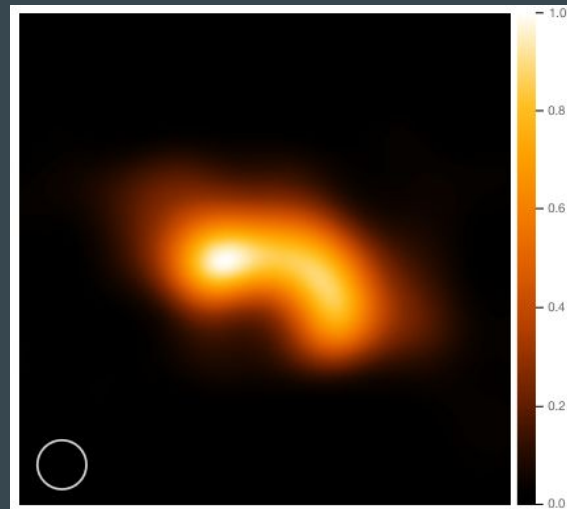
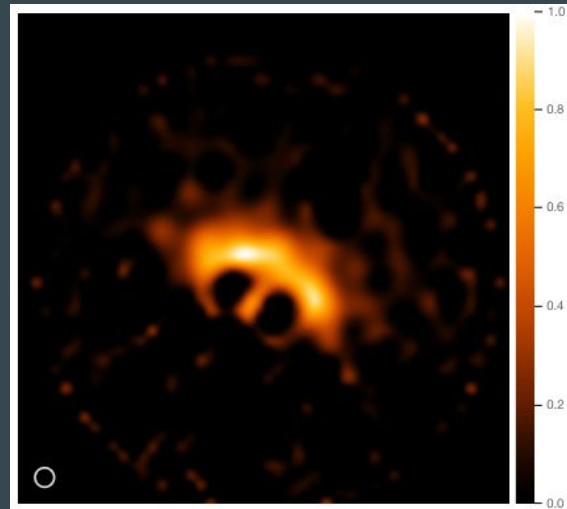
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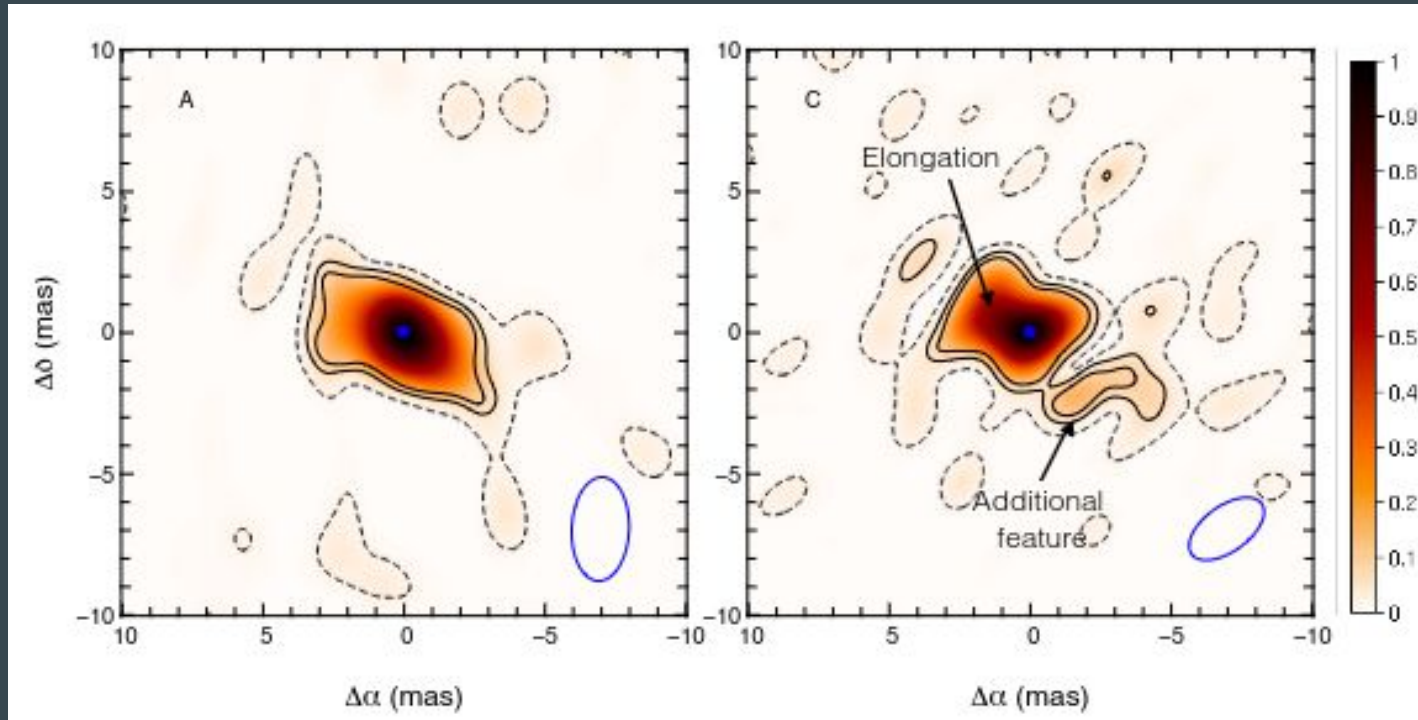
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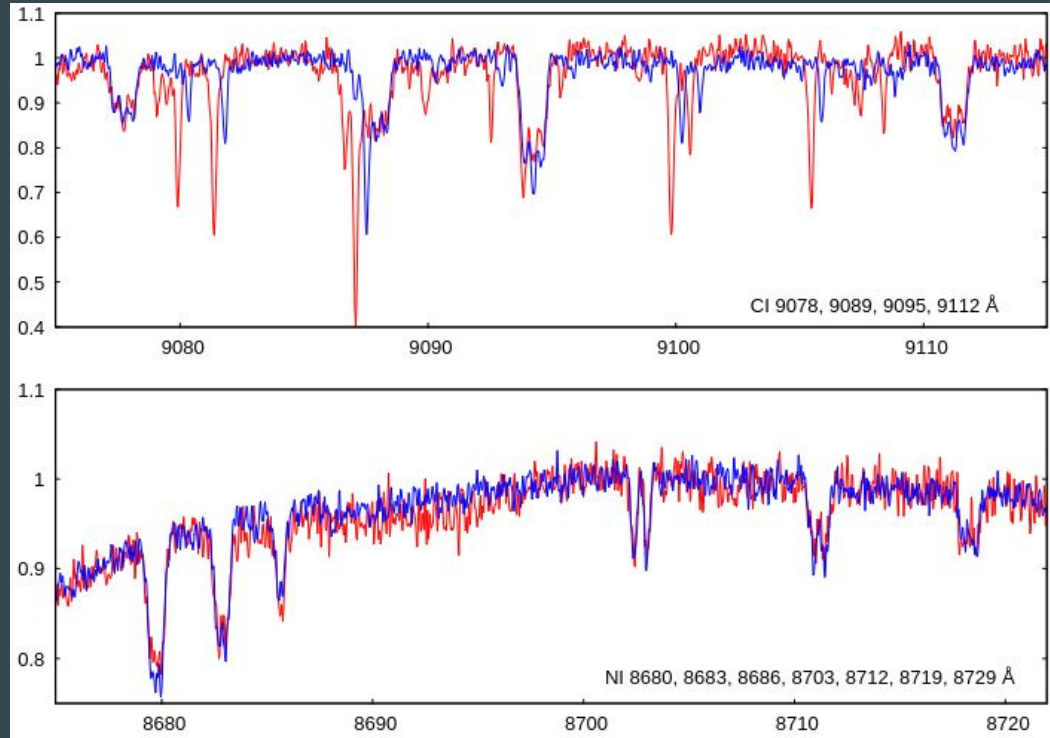
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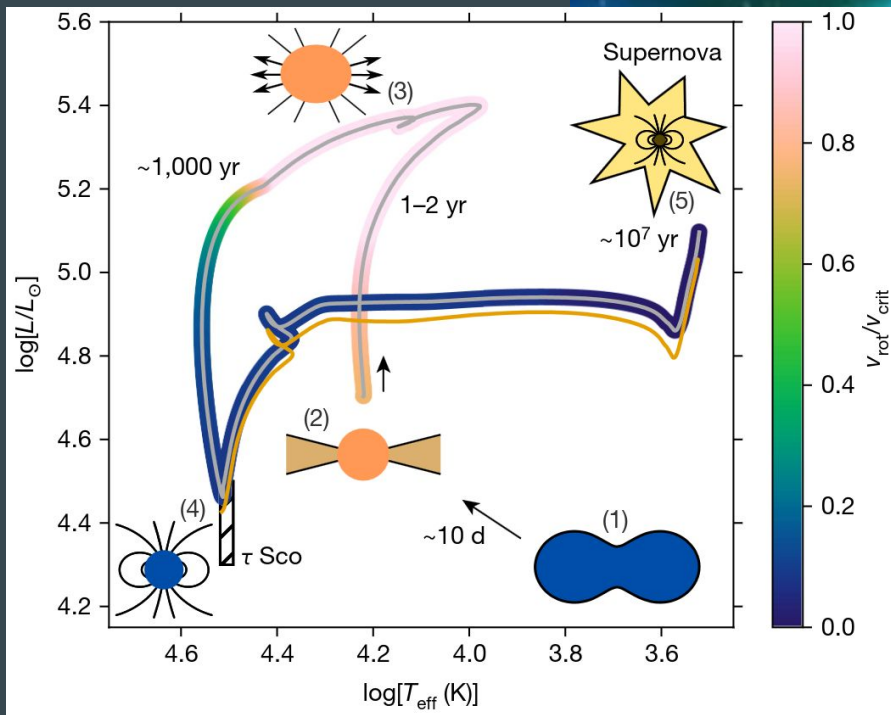
Appearance of young stellar objects, but far from star forming regions

Position on the HR diagram near TAMS

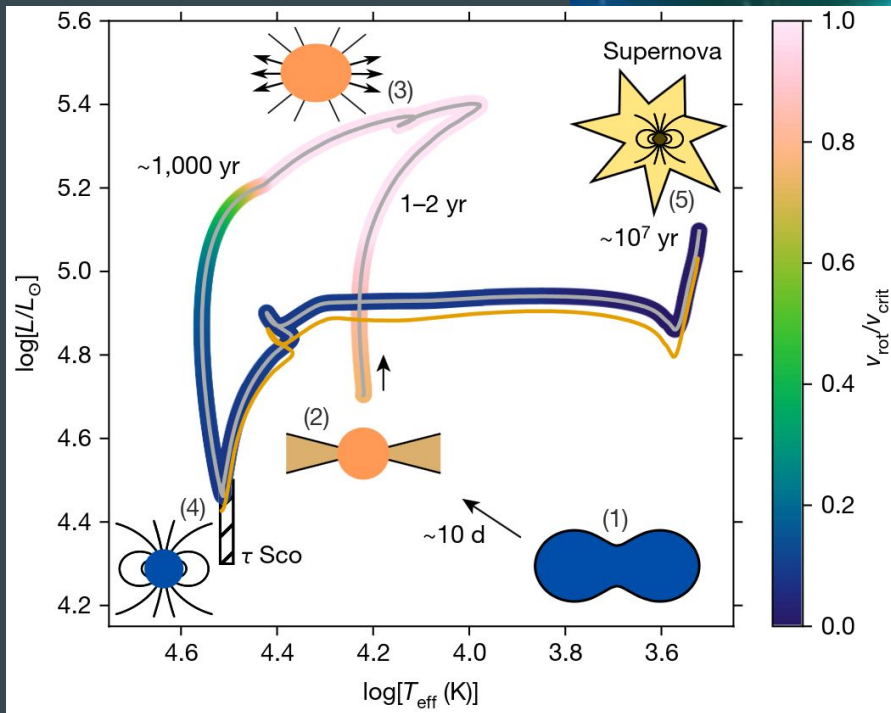
Large space velocities



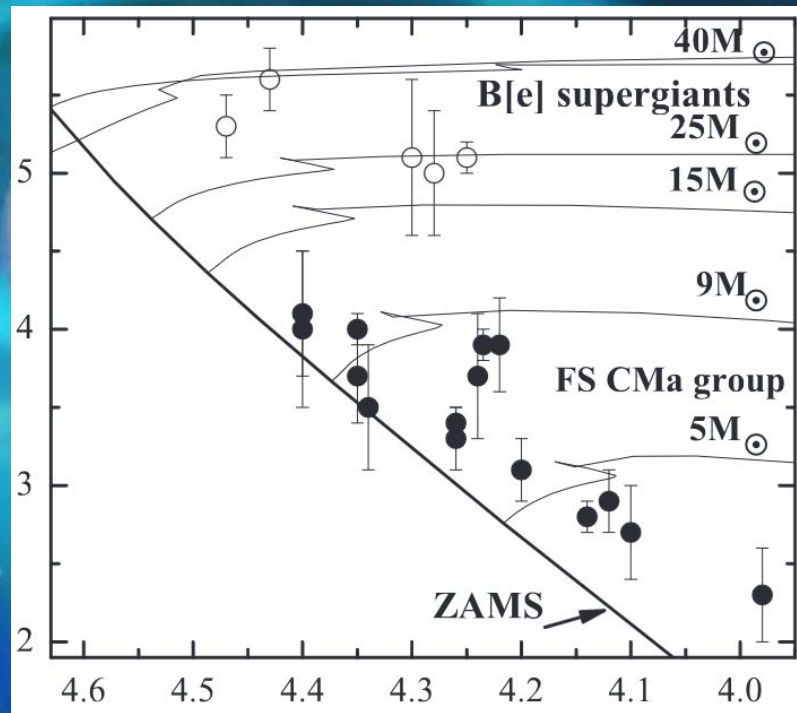
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NBODY6 code

Open clusters in galactic potential, 8.5 kpc from Galactic center

$M[M_{\odot}] \approx$	8000	4100	2040	1030	510	255	130	62
# simulations	2	4	8	16	32	64	128	256
# stars per cluster $\approx$	13 680	7070	3590	1860	980	510	260	140

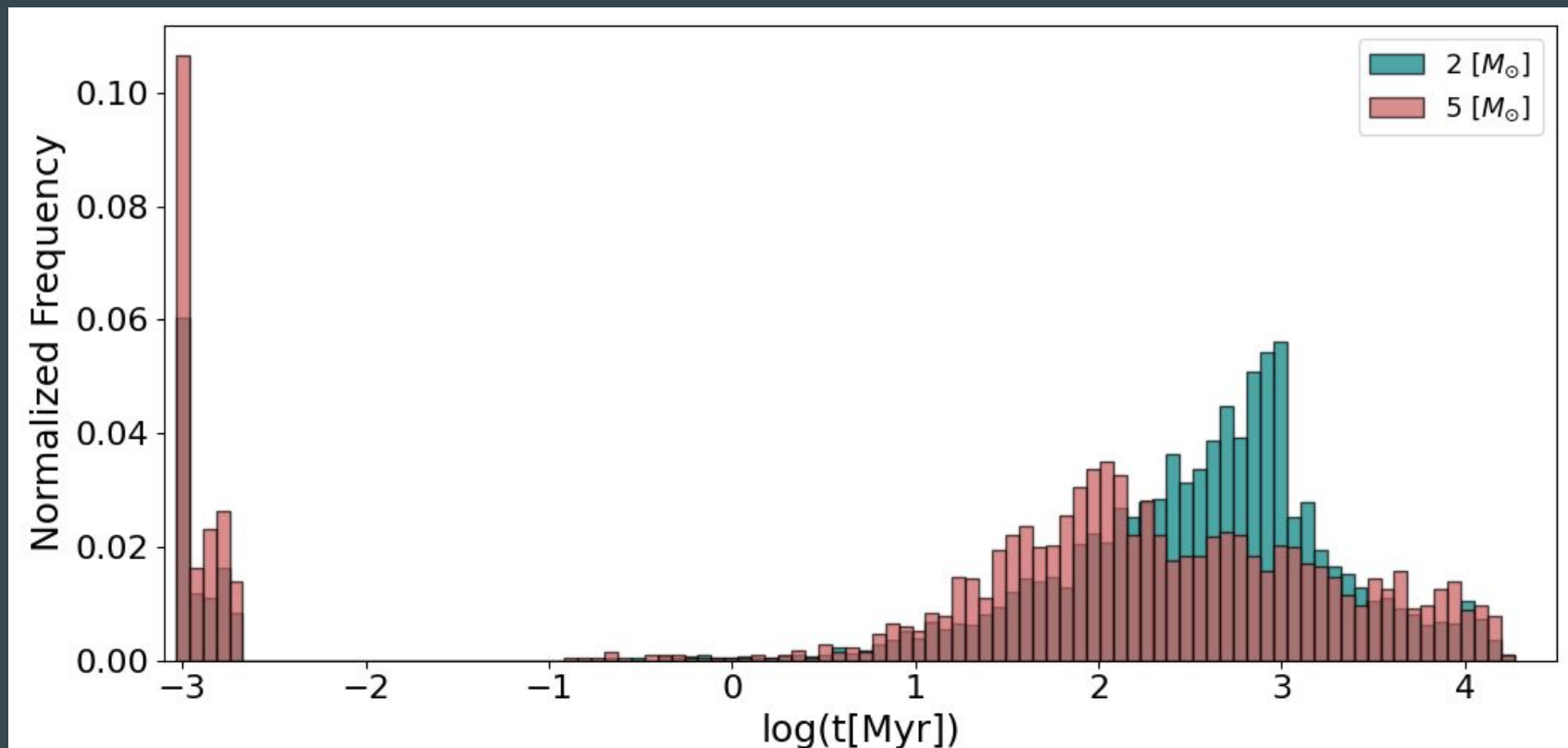
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statistical study - focus on mergers - distribution of spectral types

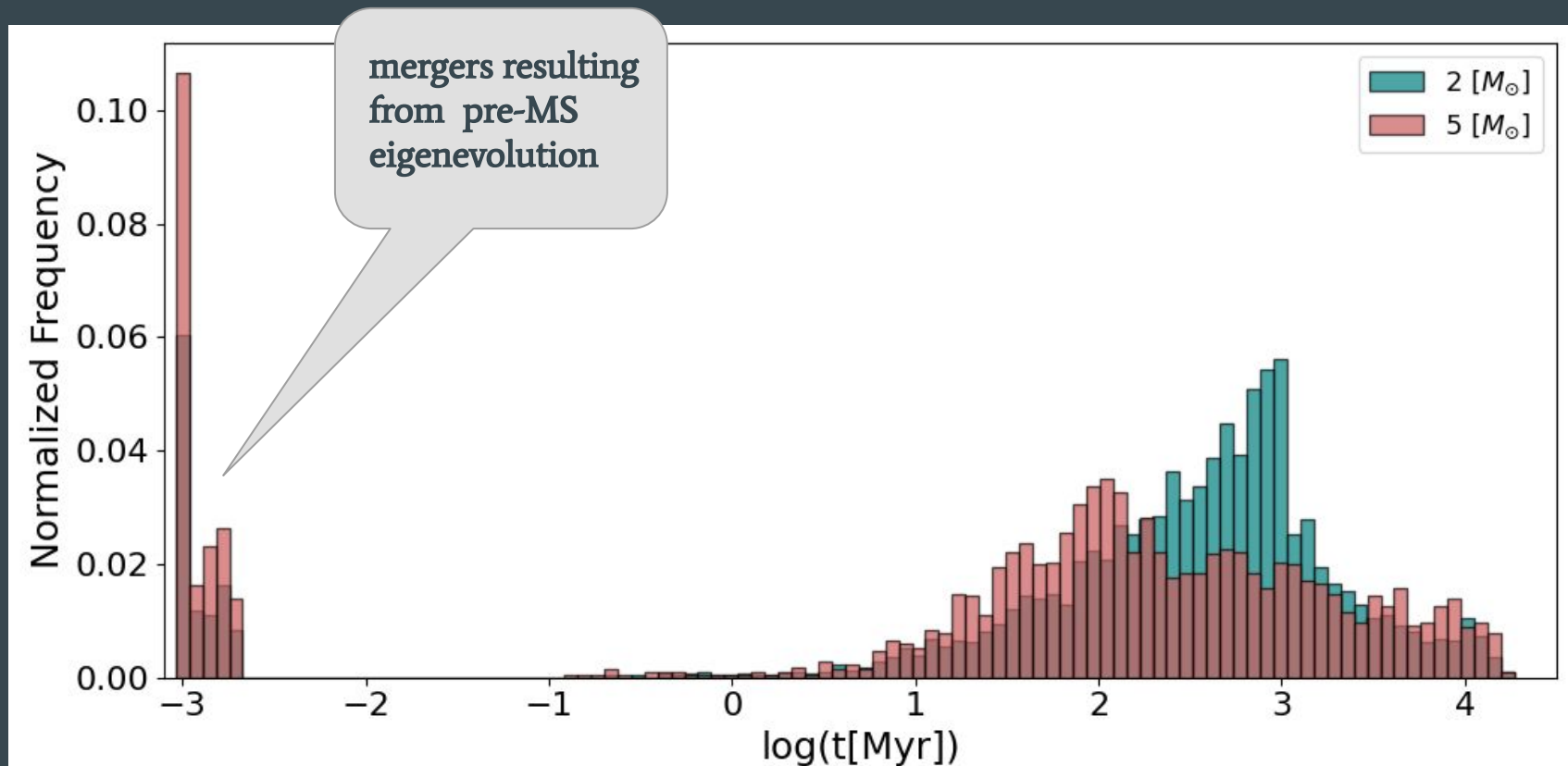
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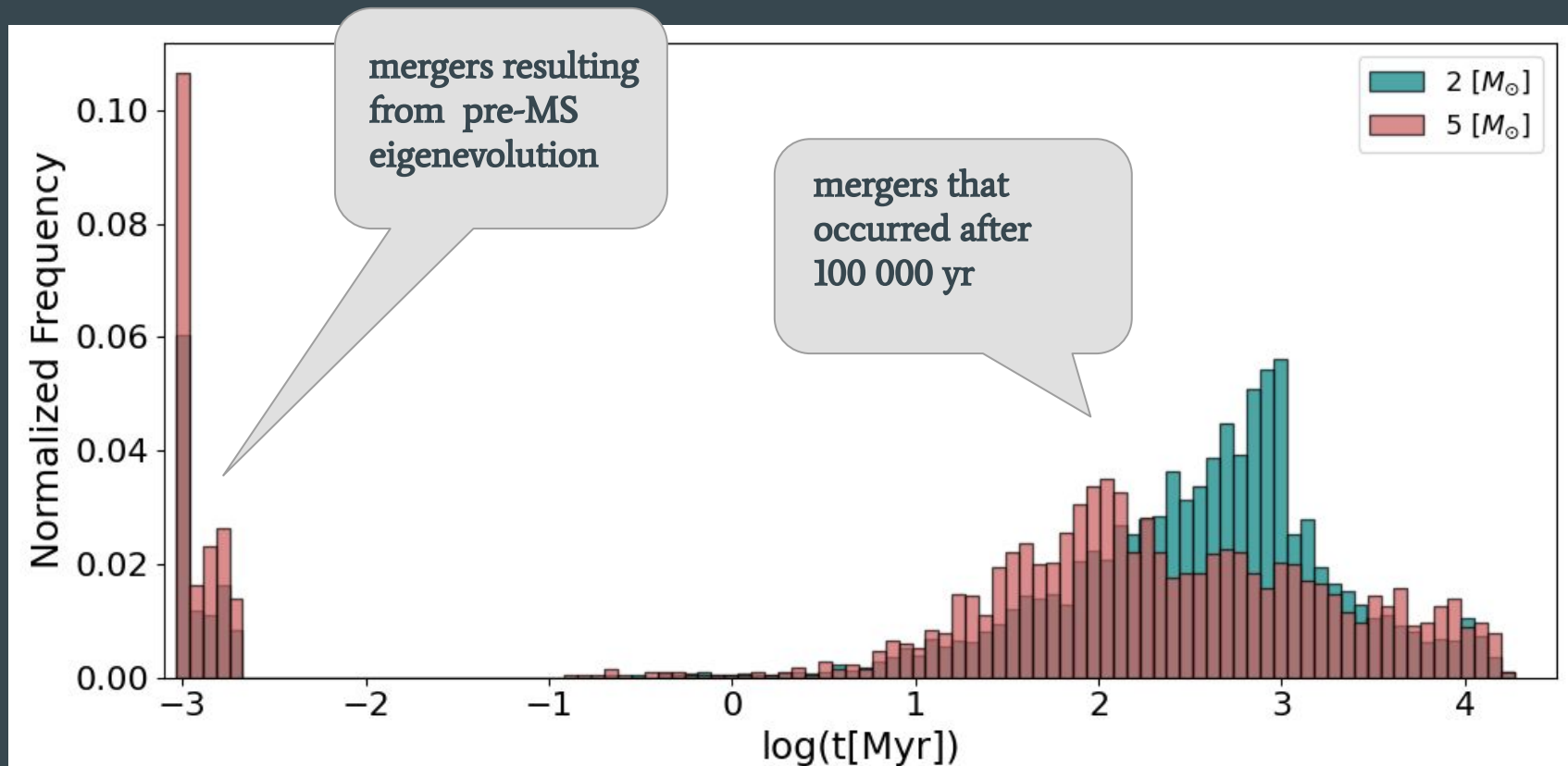
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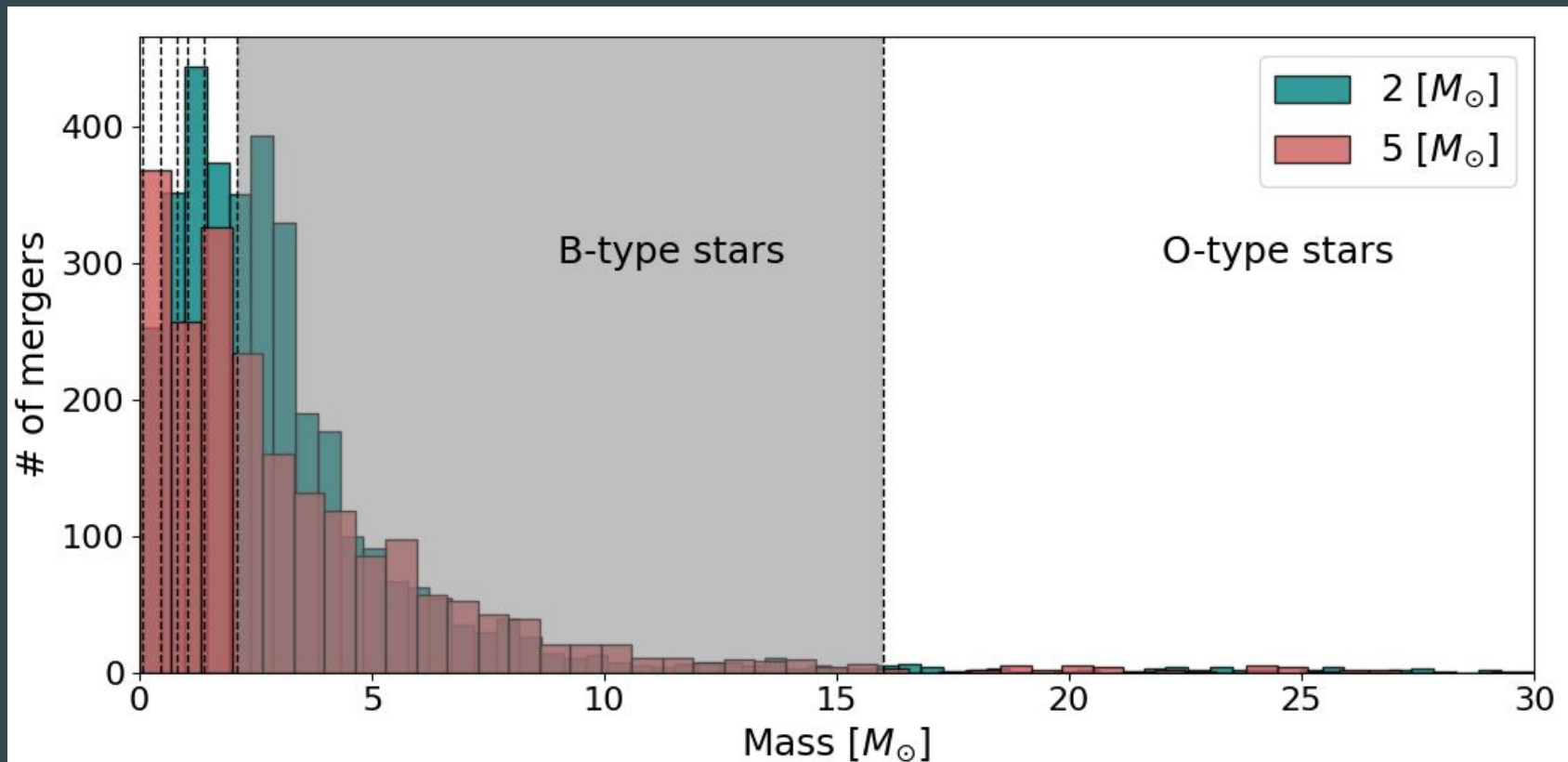
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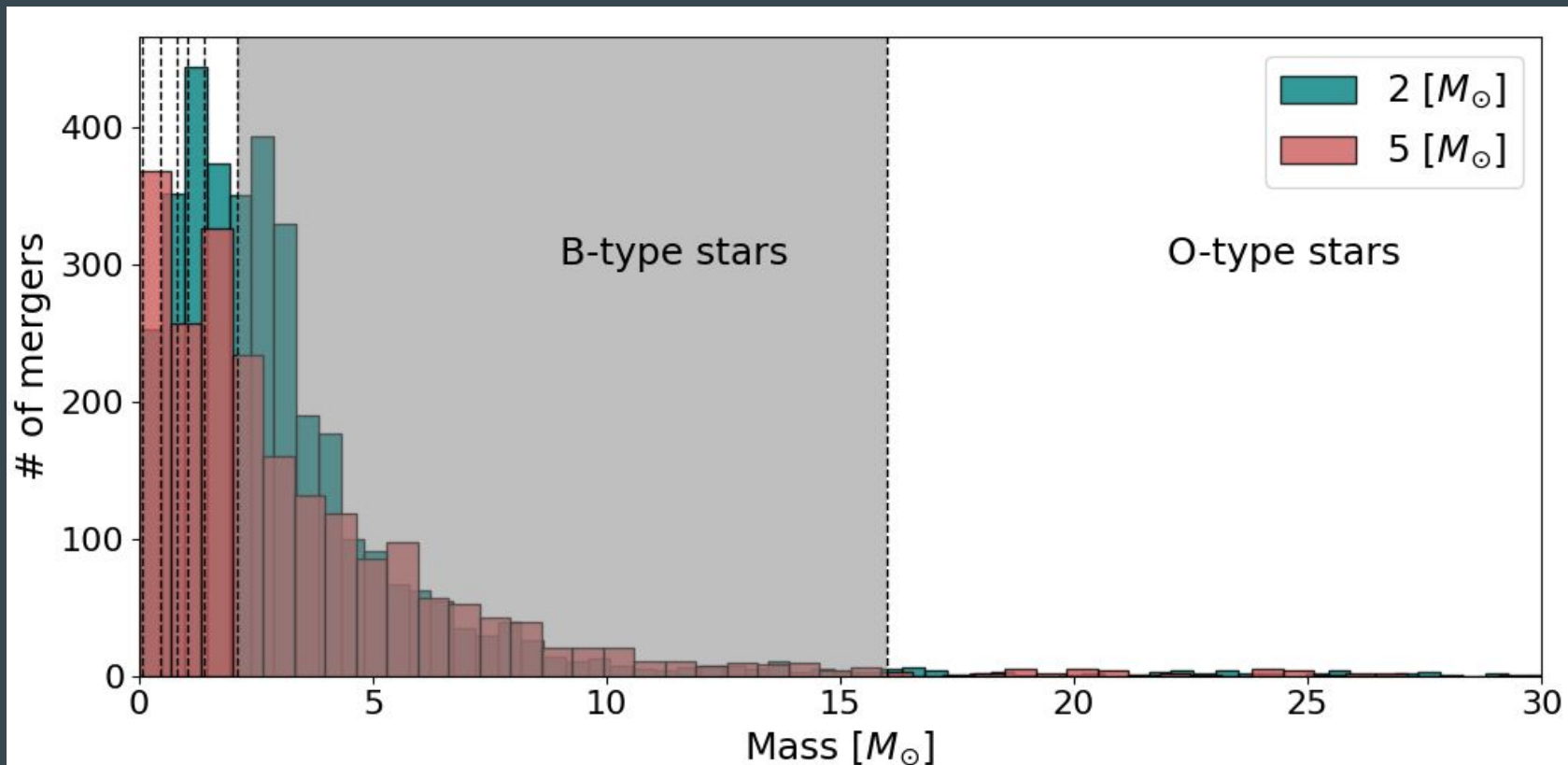


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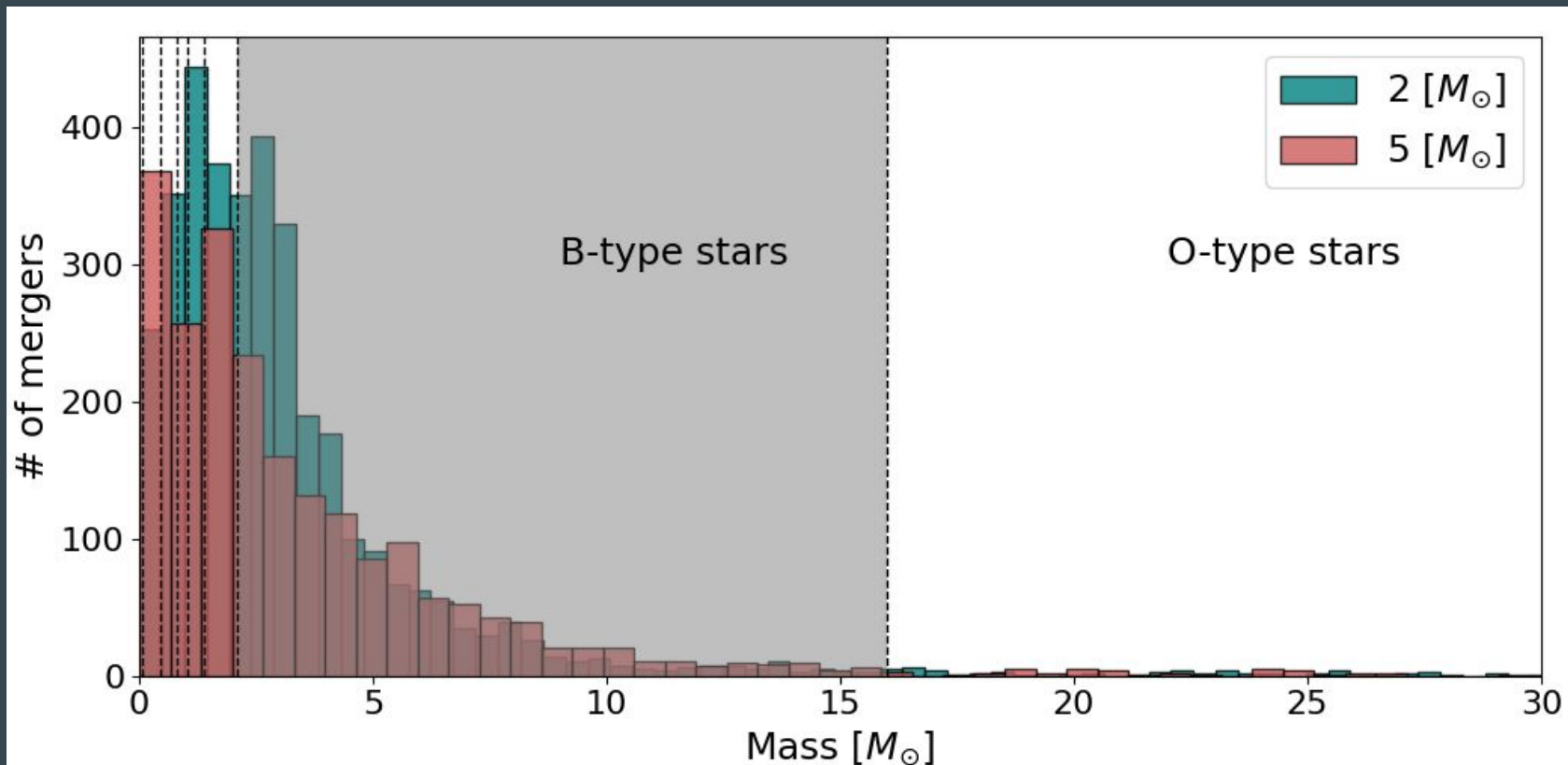




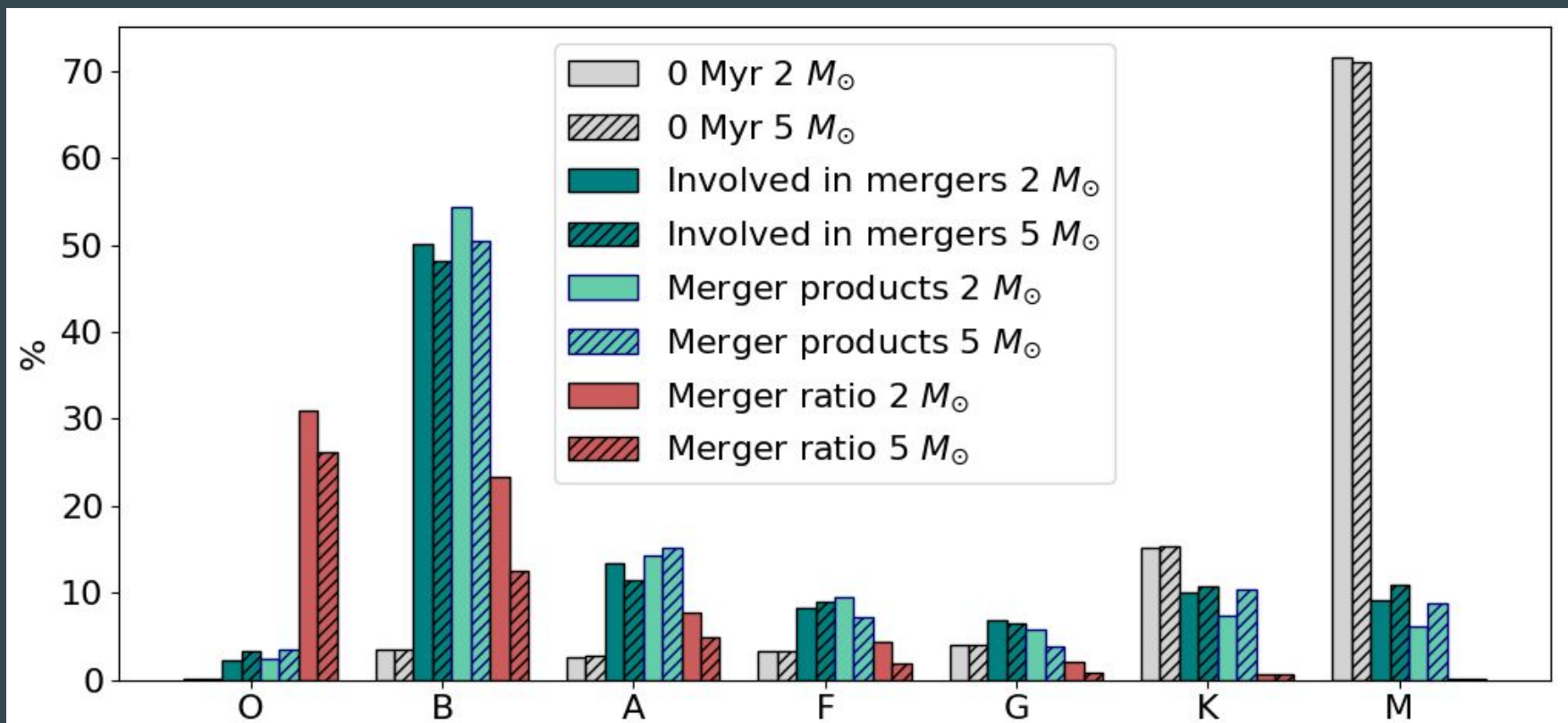
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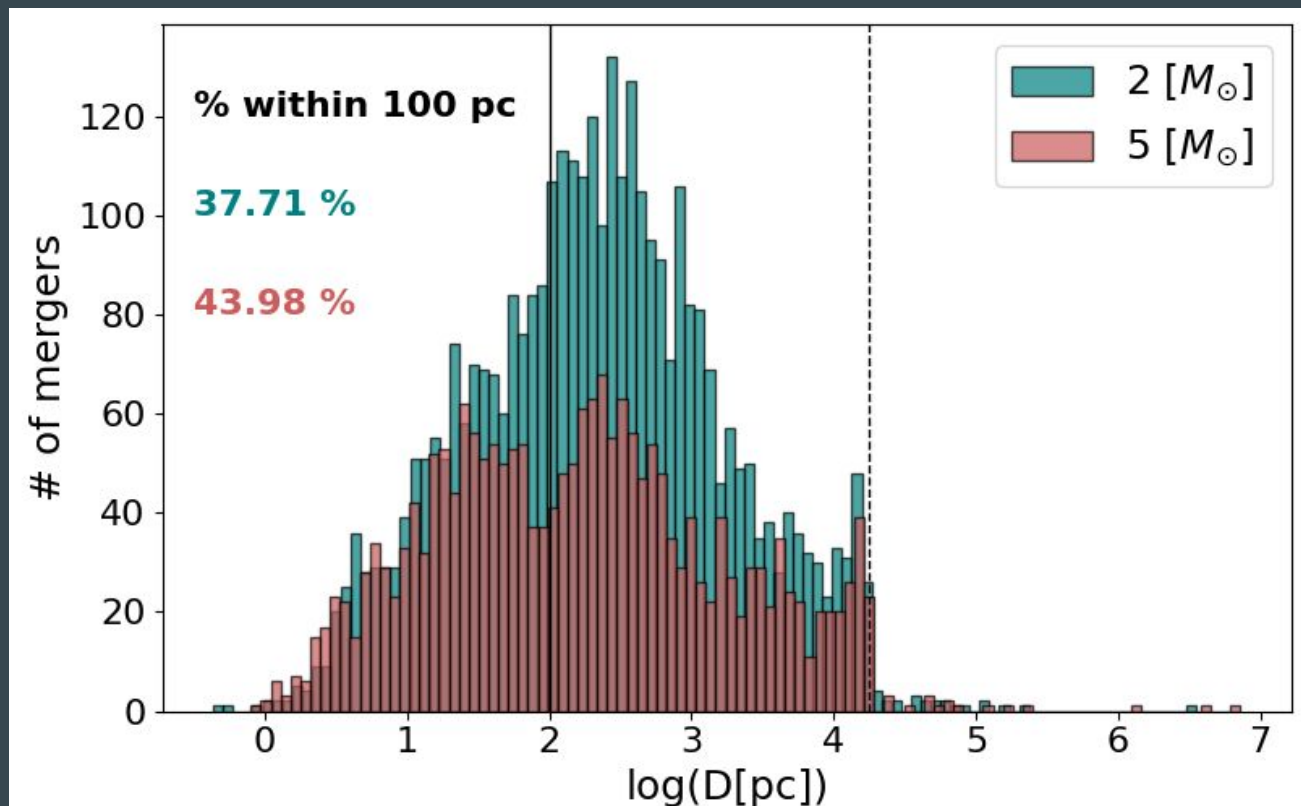
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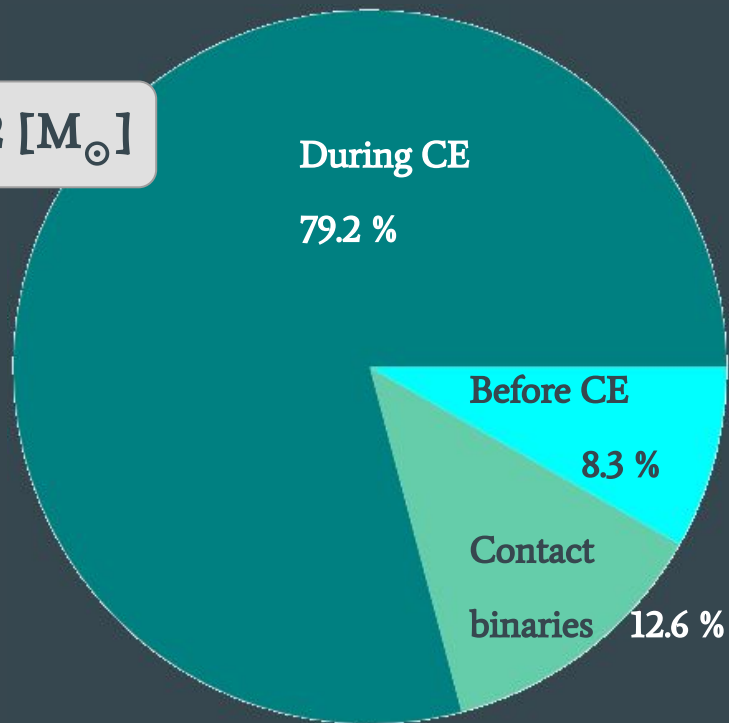


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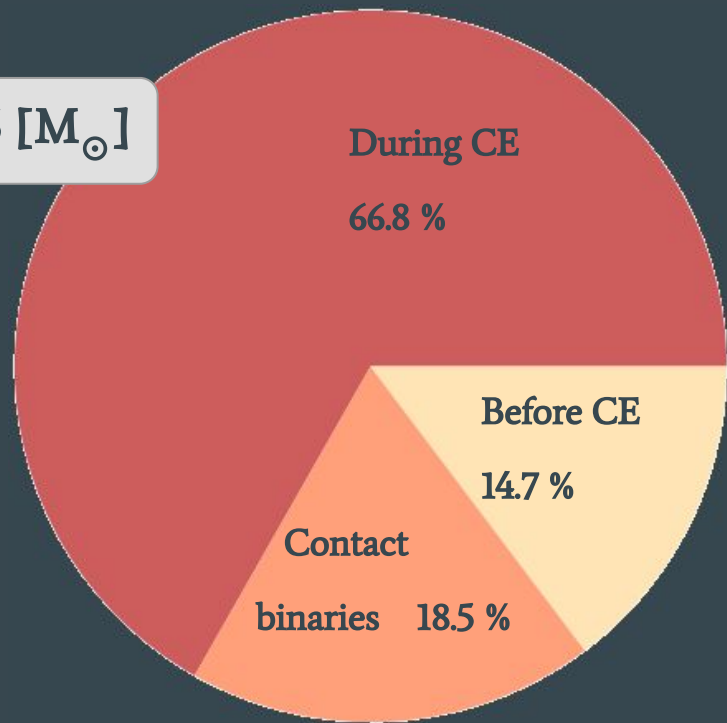


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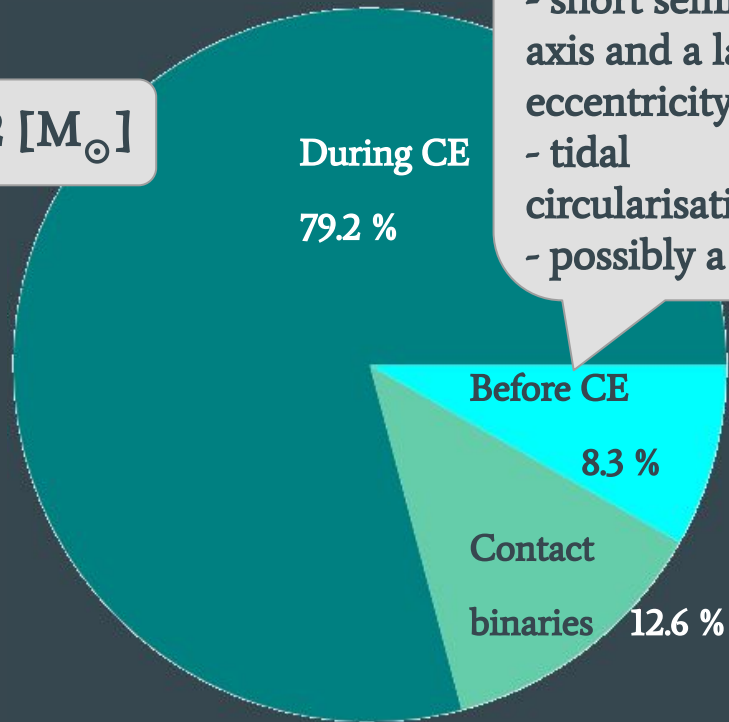


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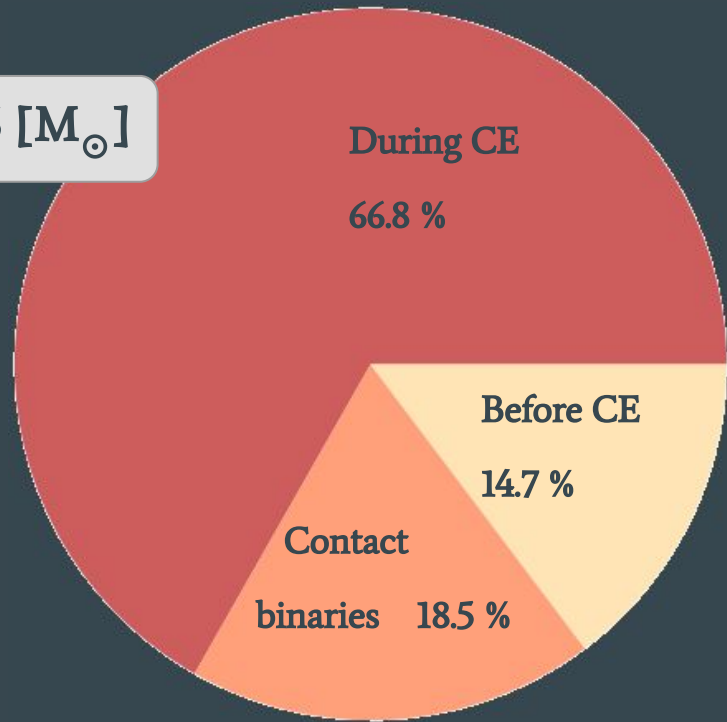
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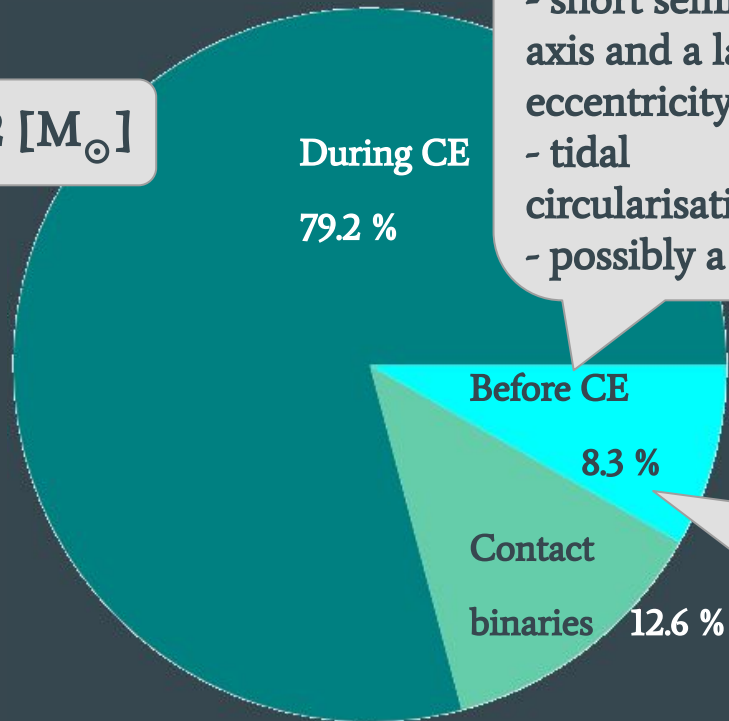
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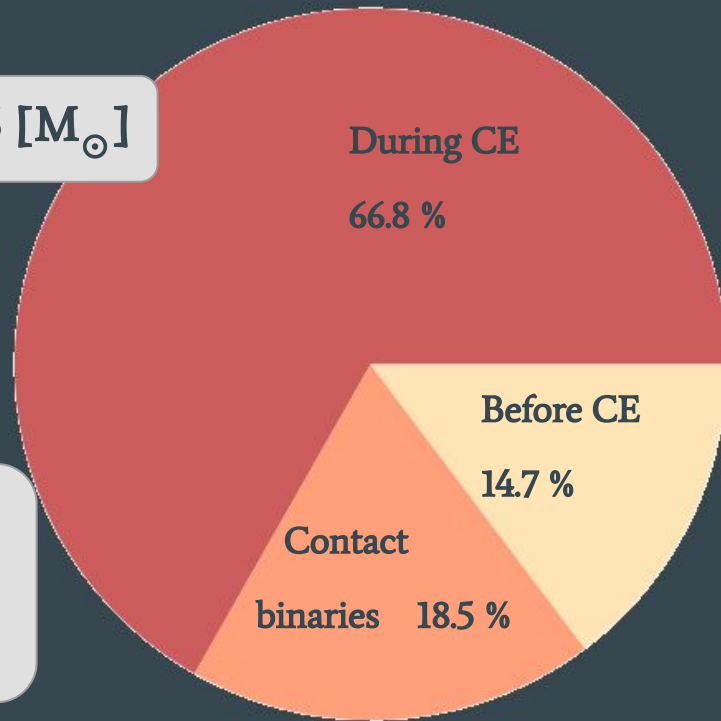
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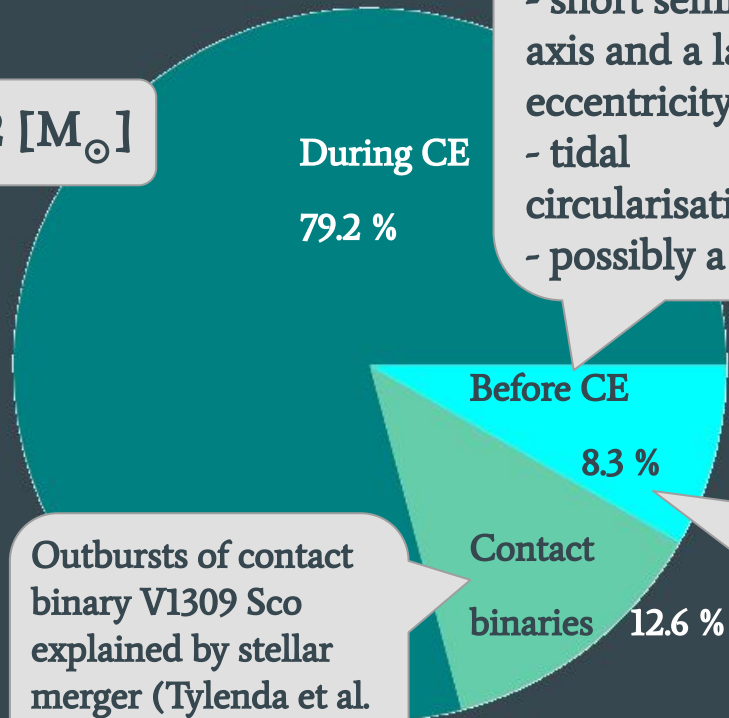
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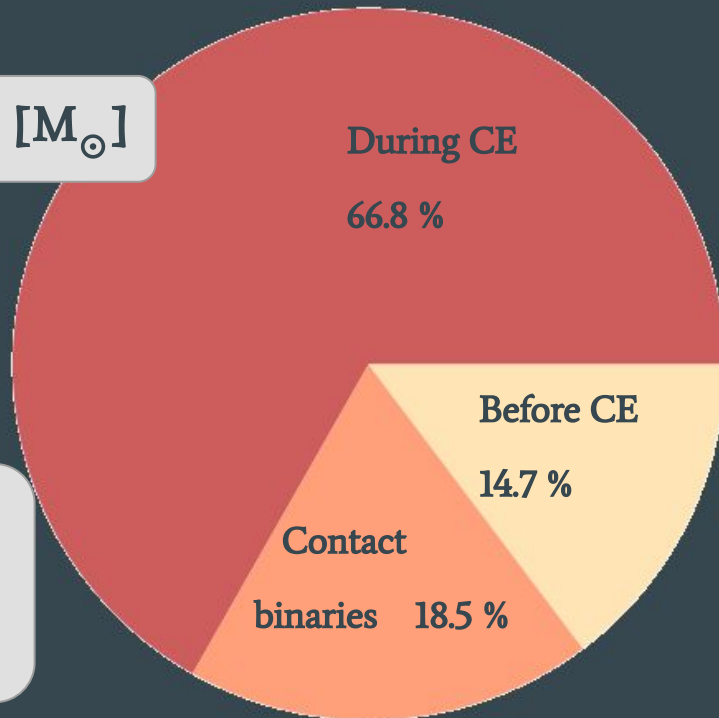
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Outbursts of contact binary V1309 Sco explained by stellar merger (Tylenda et al. 2011)

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Before CE

14.7 %

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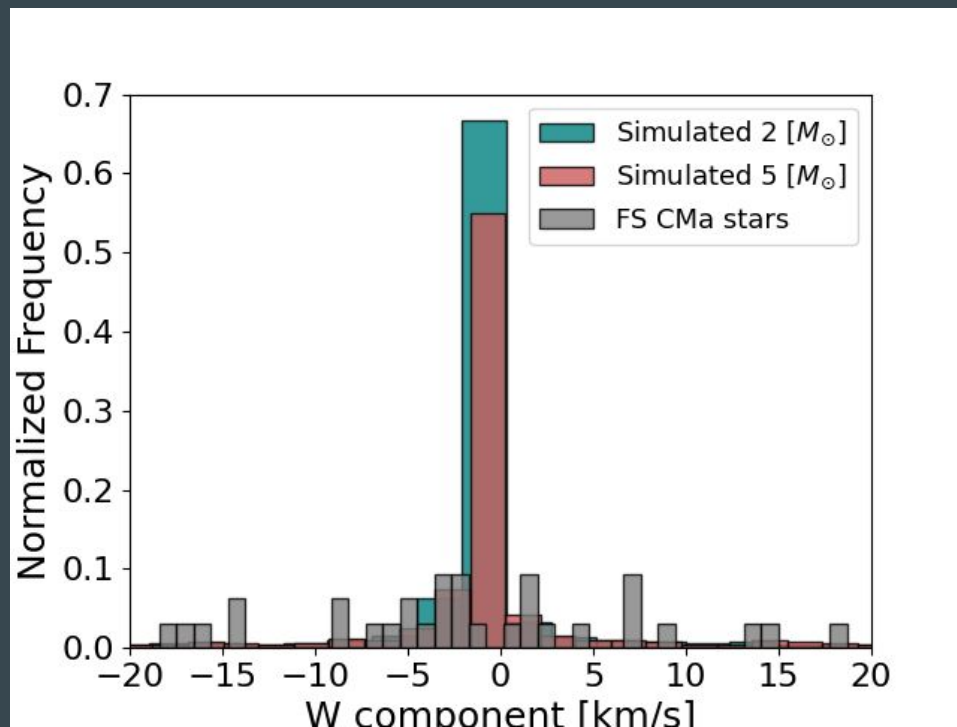


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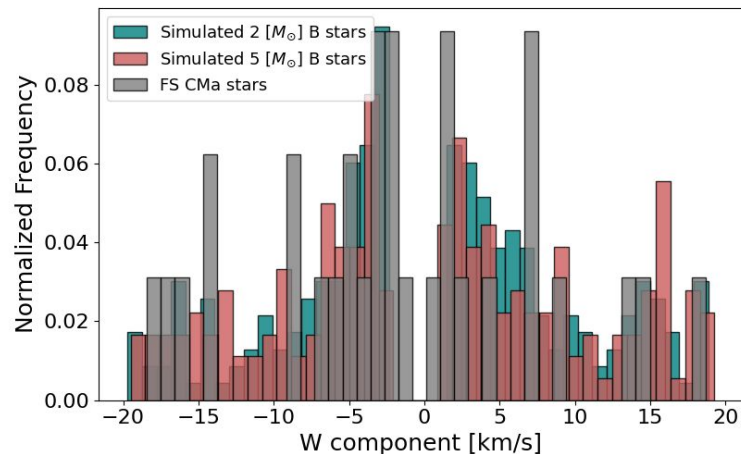
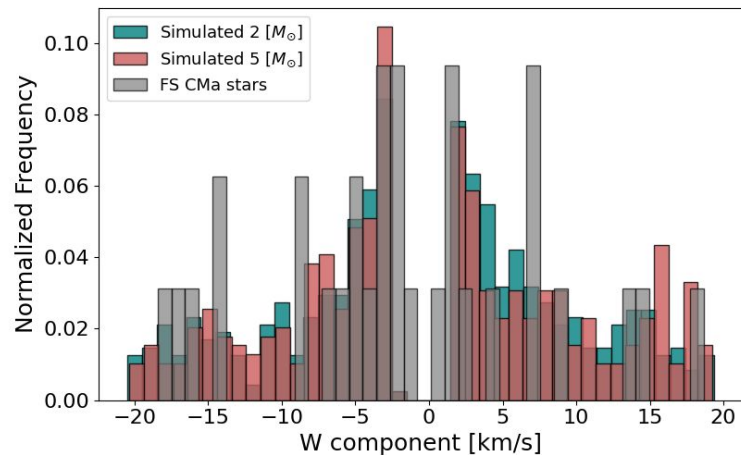


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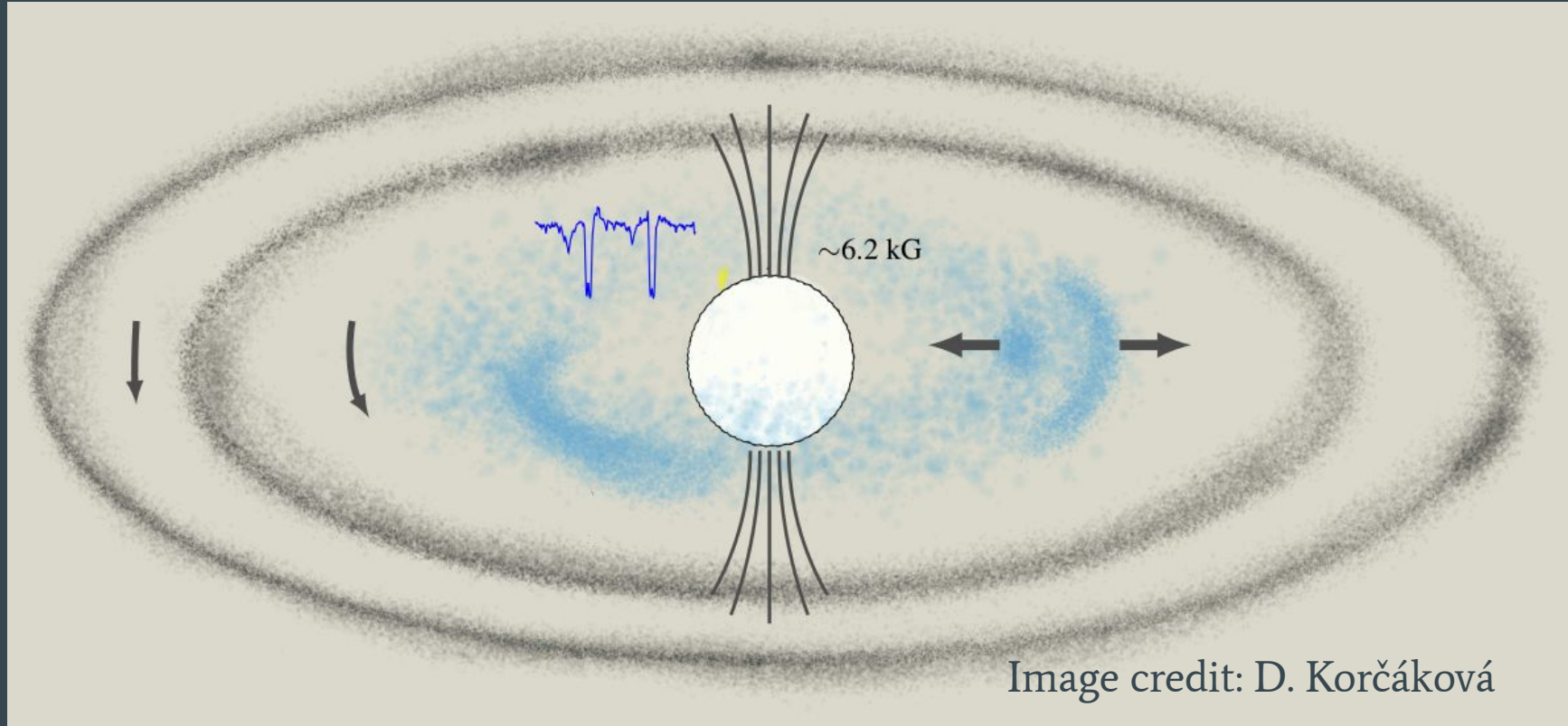
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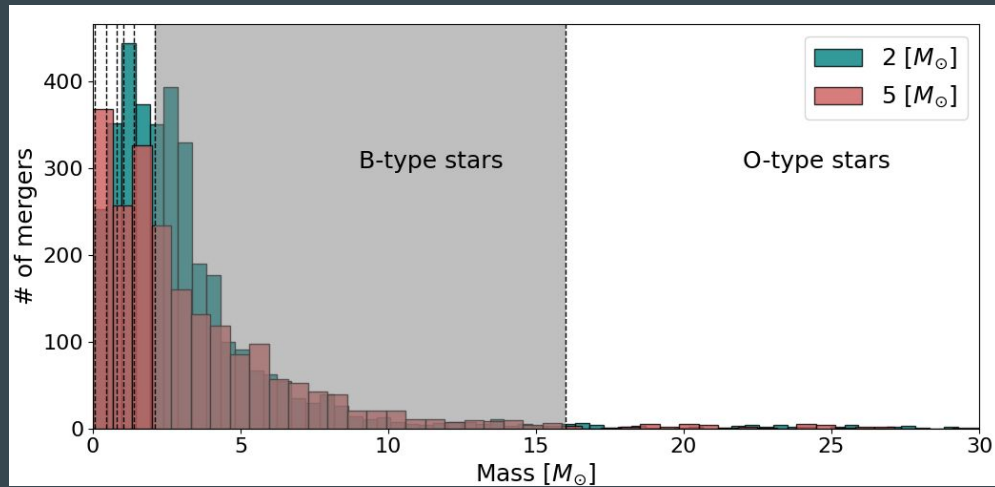
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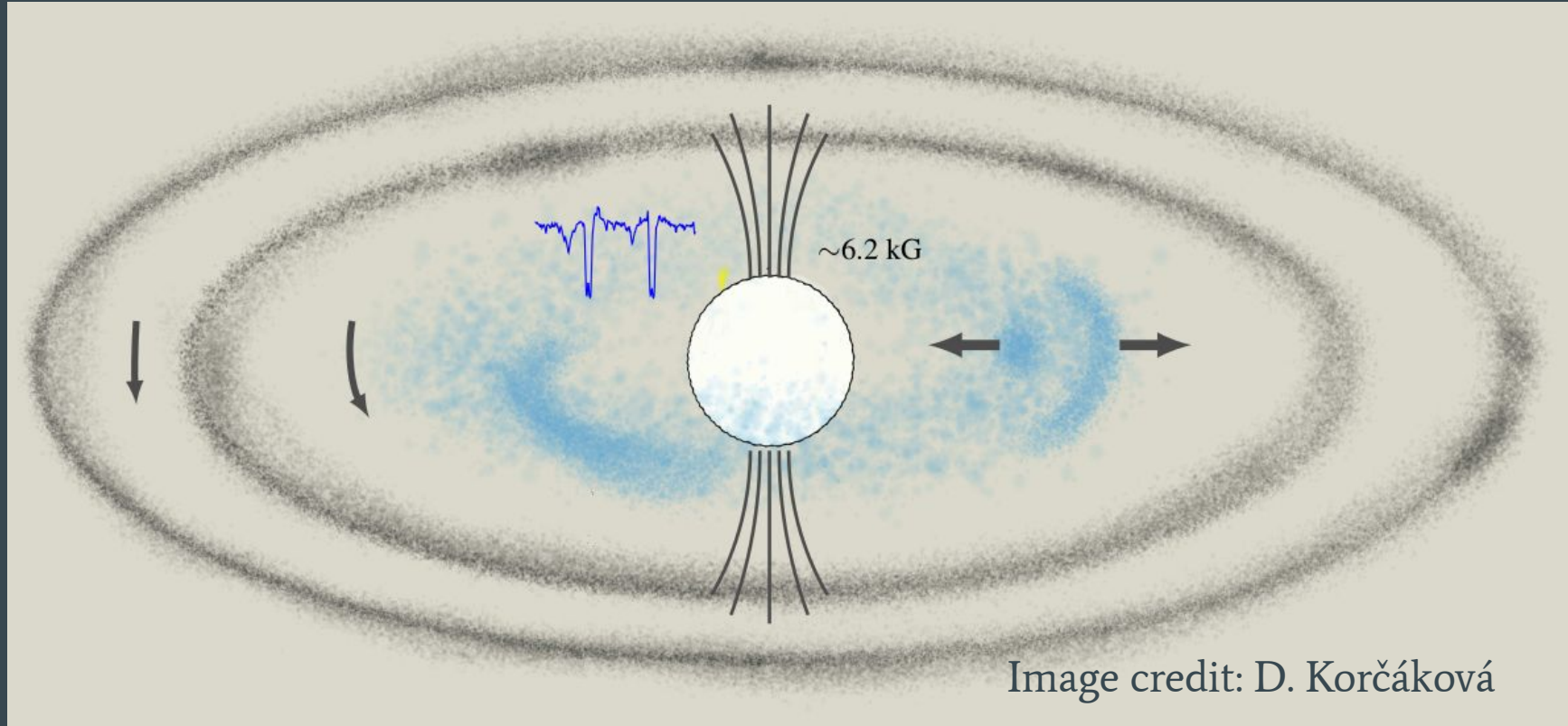
FS CMa stars - **OVERLOOKED CHANNEL OF STELLAR MERGERS**

Merger events are dominated by B-type stars

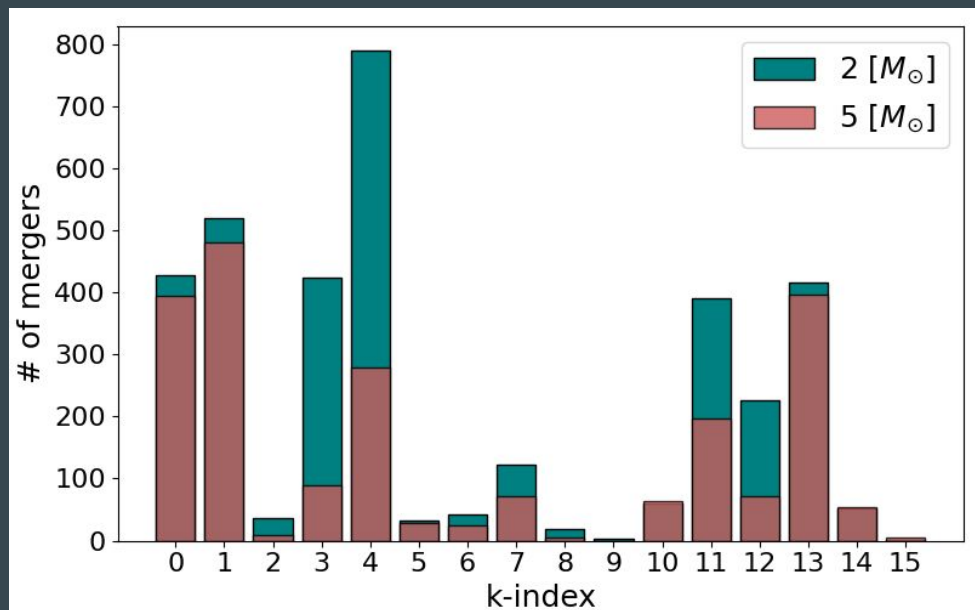


Possible **progenitors of magnetic Ap stars** among late B-type FS CMa stars

# Current view of FS CMa stars



# Evolutionary stages of the merger products



Dvořáková et al. (submitted)

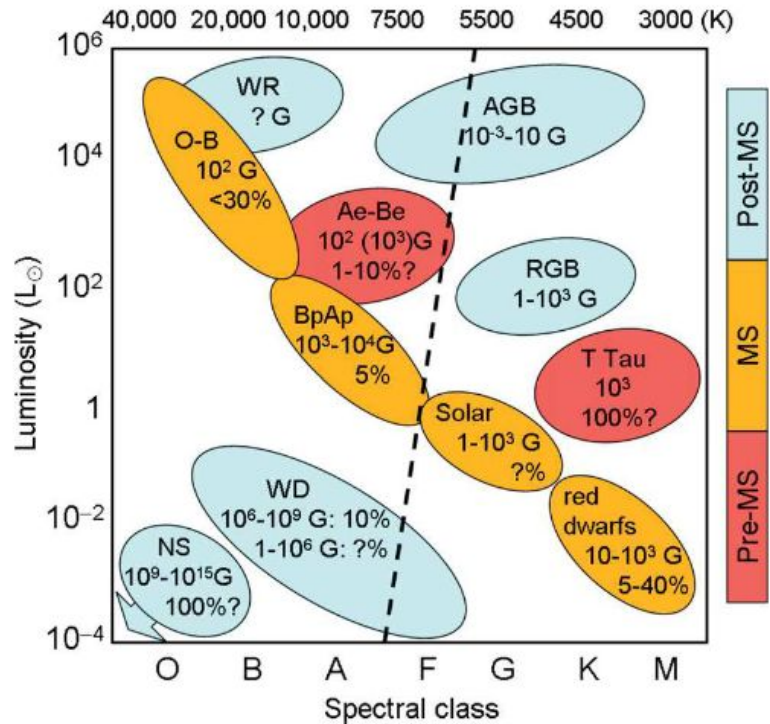
Hurley et al. (2000)

<b>0</b>	MS fully convective
<b>1</b>	MS
<b>2</b>	Hertzsprung Gap
<b>3</b>	First Giant Branch
<b>4</b>	Core Helium Burning
<b>5</b>	Early AGB
<b>6</b>	Thermally Pulsing AGB
<b>7</b>	Naked Helium Star MS
<b>8</b>	Naked Helium Star Hertzsprung Gap
<b>9</b>	Naked Helium Star Giant Branch
<b>10</b>	Helium White Dwarf
<b>11</b>	Carbon/Oxygen White Dwarf
<b>12</b>	Oxygen/Neon White Dwarf
<b>13</b>	Neutron Star
<b>14</b>	Black Hole
<b>15</b>	massless remnant

# Additional figures and tables

Spectral type	Stars at 0 Myr [%]		Stars involved in mergers [%]		Merger products [%]		Merger ratio [%]		
	$m_{\text{thr}}$	2 M <sub>⊙</sub>	5 M <sub>⊙</sub>	2 M <sub>⊙</sub>	5 M <sub>⊙</sub>	2 M <sub>⊙</sub>	5 M <sub>⊙</sub>	2 M <sub>⊙</sub>	5 M <sub>⊙</sub>
O		0.11	0.12	2.23	3.32	2.47	3.46	30.99	26.22
<b>B</b>		<b>3.37</b>	<b>3.53</b>	<b>50.11</b>	<b>48.15</b>	<b>54.44</b>	<b>50.48</b>	<b>23.24</b>	<b>12.54</b>
A		2.64	2.77	13.42	11.49	14.28	15.18	7.77	4.80
F		3.21	3.28	8.33	8.95	9.56	7.11	4.27	1.90
G		3.95	4.05	6.75	6.53	5.71	3.88	2.07	0.84
K		15.18	15.29	9.94	10.71	7.39	10.29	0.70	0.59
M		71.53	70.97	9.22	10.82	6.10	8.81	0.12	0.11
BrDw		0	0	0	0.02	0.06	0.78	0	0

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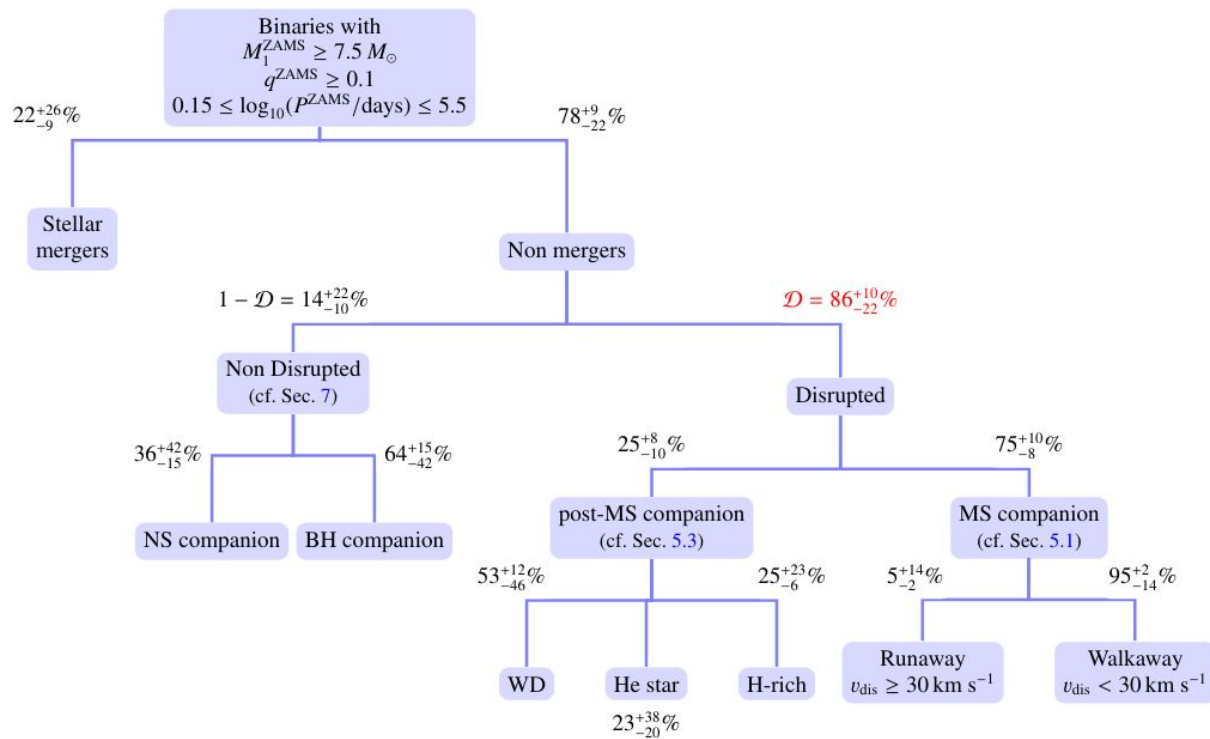


**Figure 1.** Occurrence of magnetic fields across the H-R diagram in pre-MS, MS, and post-MS stars. Percentage indicates the fraction of stars of a given type to have such fields. The dashed line separates stars with convective (on the right) and radiative (on the left) envelopes.

Berdyugina (2009)



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**Fig. 4.** Overview of the binary evolution scenarios up to the first CC event. The branching ratios shown are from our fiducial simulation, and we highlight in red the disruption fraction  $\mathcal{D}$ . The errors on each fraction exclude the run without SN kicks ( $\sigma_{\text{kick}} = 0 \text{ km s}^{-1}$ ), which produces an unrealistically low disruption fraction (cf. Table 1 and Sect. 6).