

# Massive runaway stars:

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Standing blocks: – stand

– look

– welcome (open gesture)

– talk

say why you like things to convey enthusiasm “I like massive stars because I like things that explode and where a lot of physics matters”

Hi everyone, today I would like to talk to YOU about Massive runaway stars, and on my title slide here I have an example. By massive star I mean stars that will collapse at the end of their evolution, and this here is zeta ophiuchi, which is a 20Msun star, so definitely we predict that it will form either a NS or a BH at the end of the evolution. Runaway stars are stars that are moving *\*fast\**, and I will be more precise in a second.

Here we see that this star is moving fast because its wind forms a bow shock when running in the interstellar material: this means that the velocity of the star is larger than the local speed of sound in the ISM.

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~70% of O type stars are  
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(e.g., Mason *et al.* '09, Sana & Evans '11,  
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Ok, after this very brief intro on massive stars, here is what I want to walk you through:

- \* brief reminder on how we measure stellar velocities and give you a formal definition of runaway
- \* introduce YOU to 2 mechanisms active in nature to give to these stars their large velocity,
- \* naturally lead to the question of the relative efficiency of the two mechanisms.



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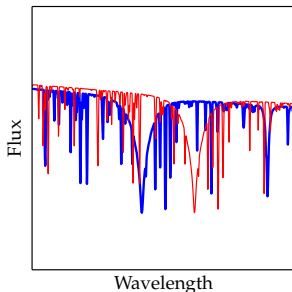
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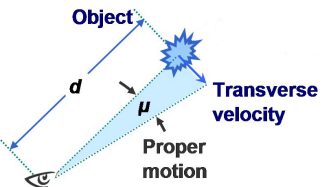


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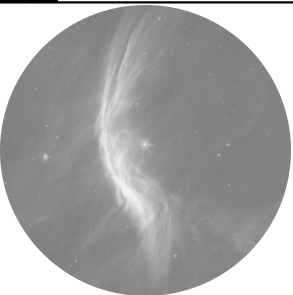




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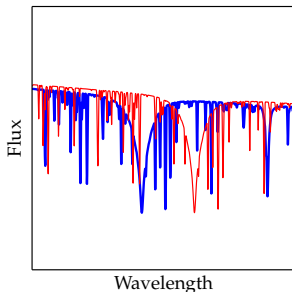
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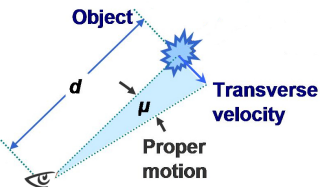


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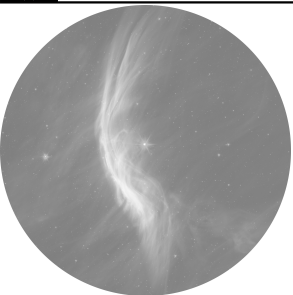
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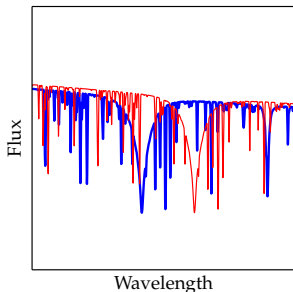
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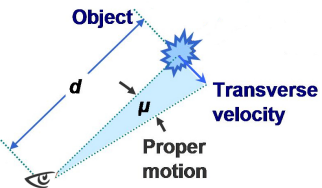
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movie from DR1

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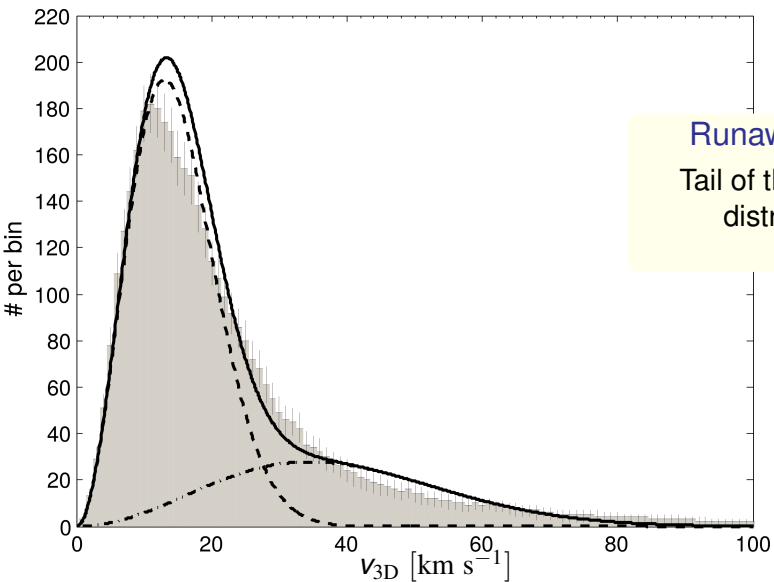
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video

The European space agency satellite Gaia is providing distances and proper motions of over a billion stars in the galaxy. This animation shows a projection in the future of the kinematics of the galaxy from the FIRST gaia data release. The second contains so many stars that it's hard to see anything on this, and why I prefer to show something that is outdated. Gaia unfortunately is not an instrument targeting massive stars, so although it will have a complete sample for G-magnitude  $\lesssim 20$ , its spectrograph is not providing radial velocities for massive stars.



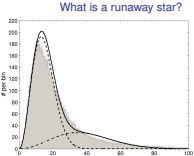


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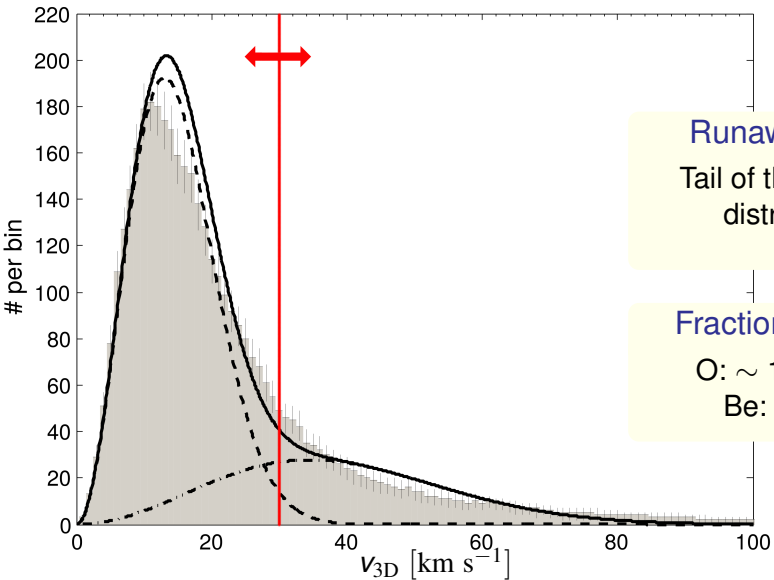
Hipparcos velocity distribution for young ( $\lesssim 50 \text{ Myr}$ ) stars, Tetzlaff *et al.* 11,  
see also Zwicky 57, Blaauw, 93, Gies & Bolton 86, Leonard 91, Renzo *et al.* 19a, 19b

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Now, suppose you have the three-dimensional velocity vector for a bunch of stars, if you plot the velocity distribution, typically you find a bell curve with a thick tail. Adrian Blaauw in 1961 did this for each spectral type, and defined runaway stars as those in the TAIL of the velocity distribution. Now this requires having a full distribution and a definition of what the tail is, so for practical purposes



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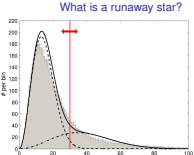
## Fraction per type

O:  $\sim 10 - 20\%$

Be:  $\sim 13\%$

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remember to say “O type”, i.e.  $\sim 20M_{\odot}$  or more for people who don’t know spectral types what is typically done is to ARBITRARILY draw a line to give an effective definition of what “tail” is: everything on the right is defined as a runaway star. Typical threshold (no physical meaning) are 30 or 40 *kms*. I use 30*kms*. For O type stars about 10-30% of stars are in the tail, and this is comparable to Be stars (and maybe slightly more than all early B-type stars), although these fractions are very uncertain because of the difficulty of measuring the 3 components of the velocity of a star and defining what is the tail of the distribution. Note that HYPERvelocity star, with velocities larger than the escape velocity from the Galaxy have also been found, but these require different ejection mechanisms I will not touch upon.



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└ Two ways to produce fast massive stars

How do we accelerate a massive star to make it become a runaway?

There are two mechanisms active in nature:

- \* dynamical ejections from dense stellar environments
- \* supernova explosion in a binary system

**both are active in nature but we do not know the relative fraction**  
and I will compare these two and show you how we can use the end product, i.e. the runaway star, to study physical processes that matter for these processes.



# Dynamical ejection from cluster

## N-body interactions

(typically) least massive thrown out.

**Binaries matter...**

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*Poveda et al. 67*

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Credits: C. Rodriguez

# Example of dynamical interaction

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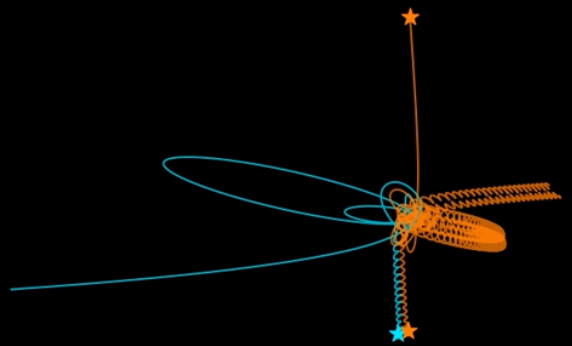
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**Fast runaway**



**Tighter and more massive binary**

e.g., Fujii & Portegies-Zwart 11

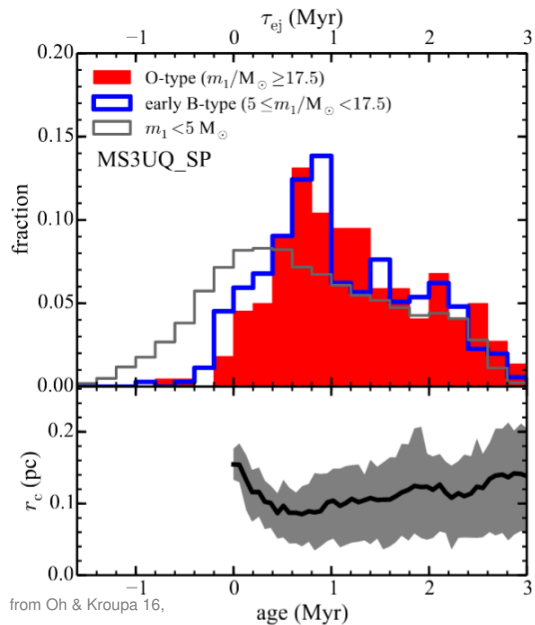
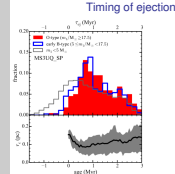
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Most ejections happen early  
Before the first stellar  
core-collapse

Very sensitive to initial conditions



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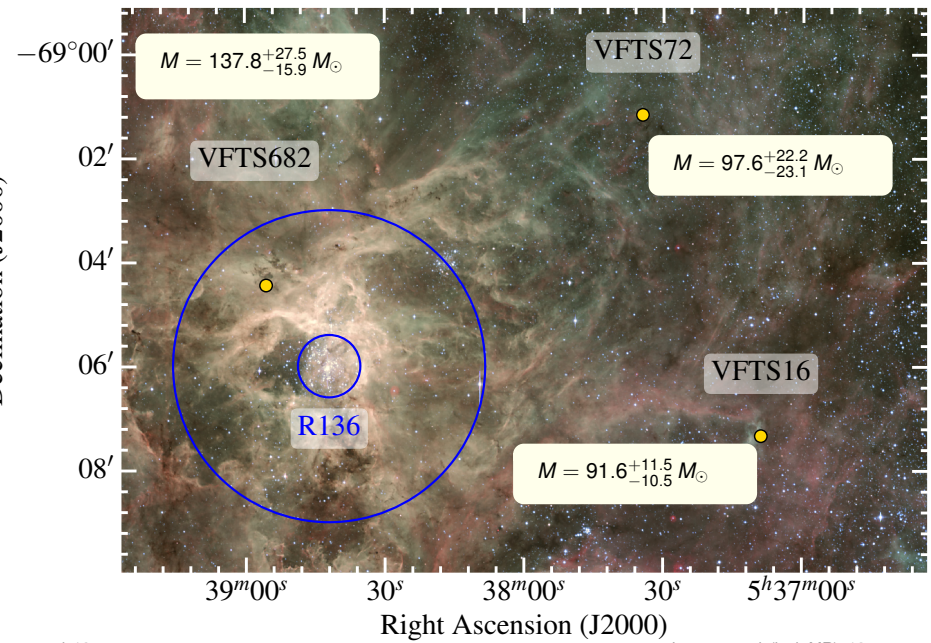
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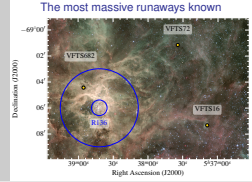


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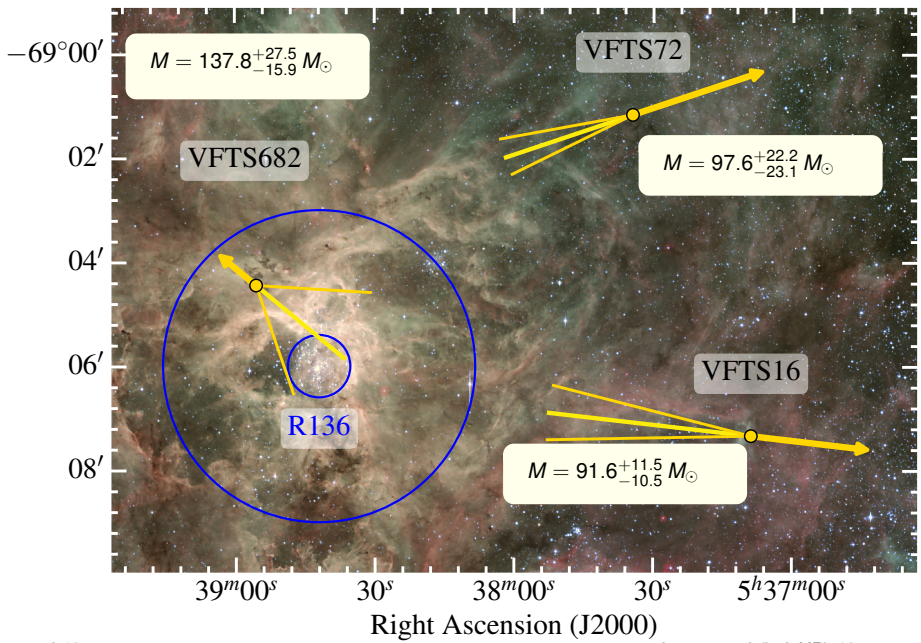




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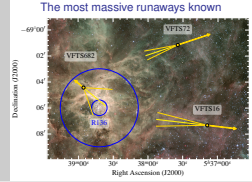


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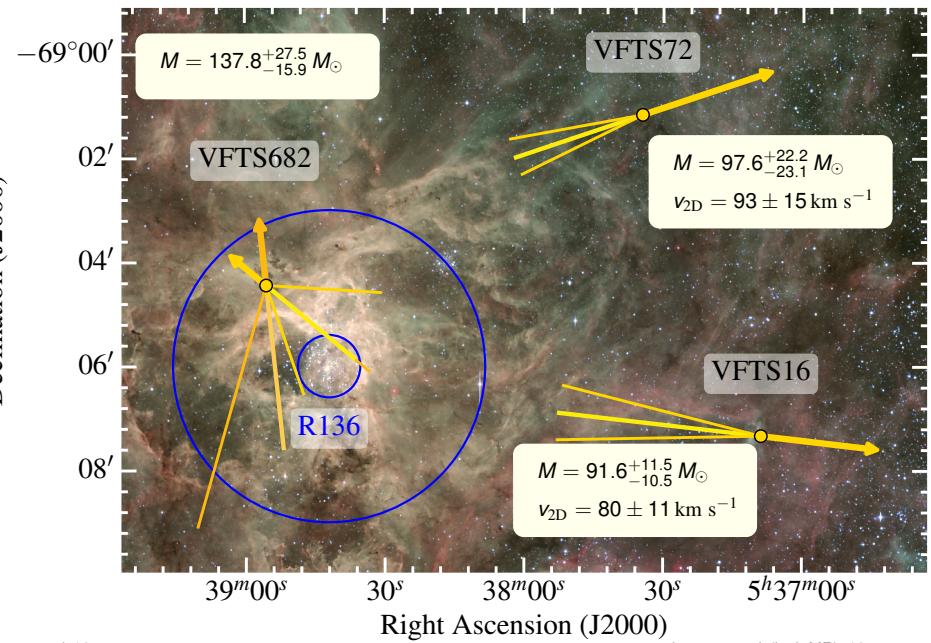




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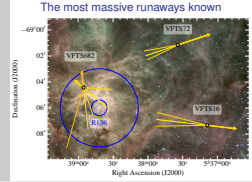


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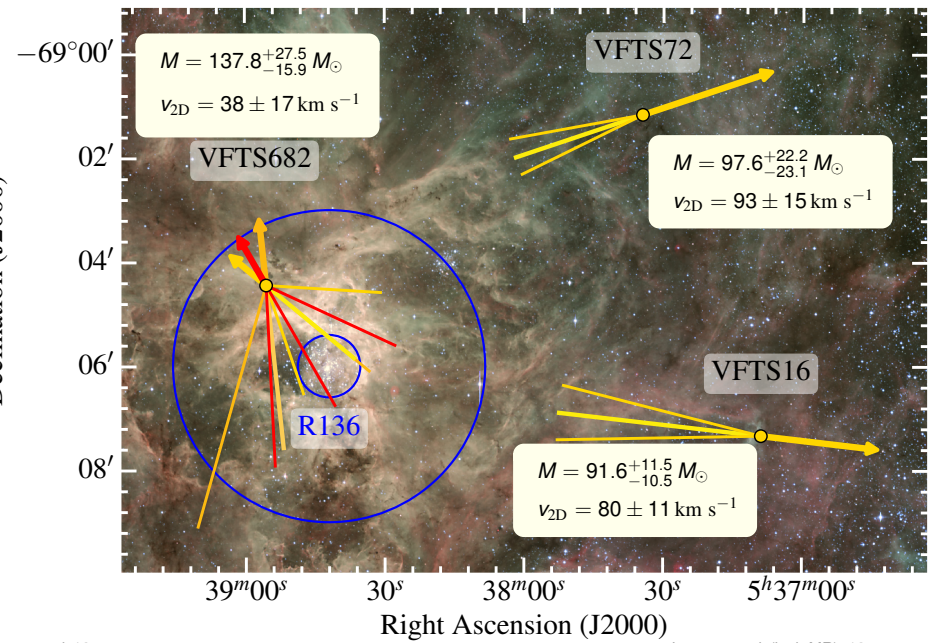




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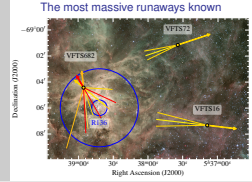


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## Cluster ejections

- Happen early on, before SNe
- Can produce faster stars
- Least massive thrown out
- *Gaia* hint: high efficiency dynamical ejection

...Binaries are still important! but might not leave signature



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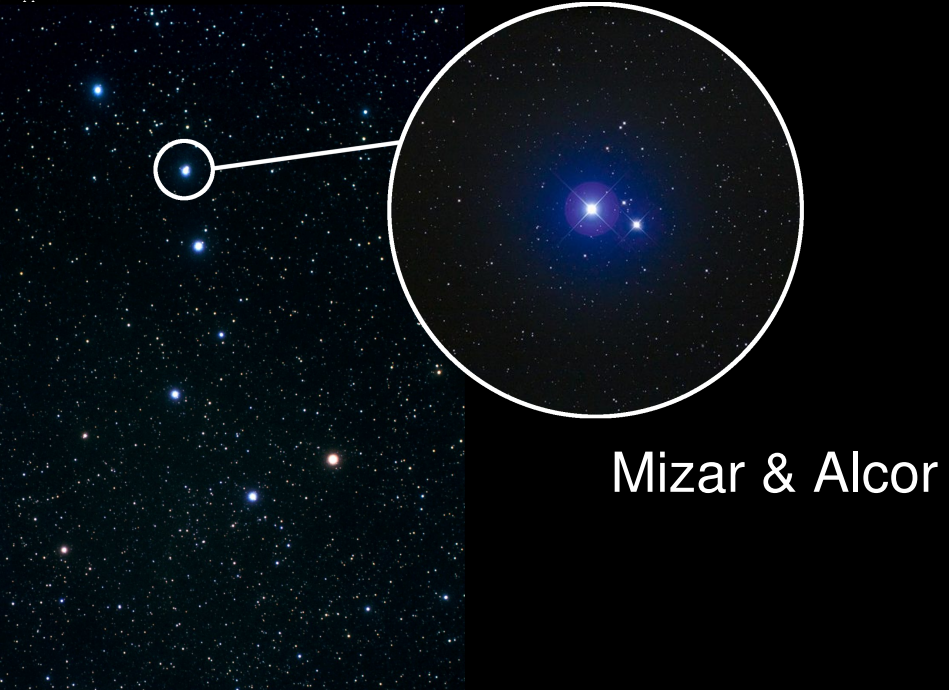


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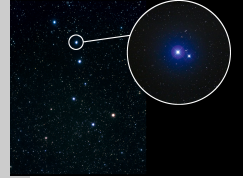




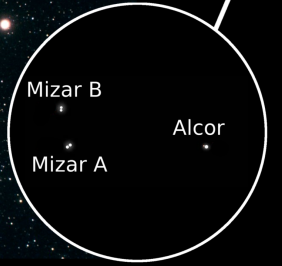
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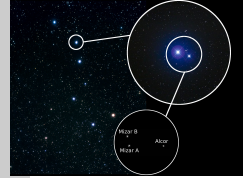


Most stars are in binaries or multiple systems



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Credits: ESO, L. Galçada, M. Kornmesser, S.E. de Mink

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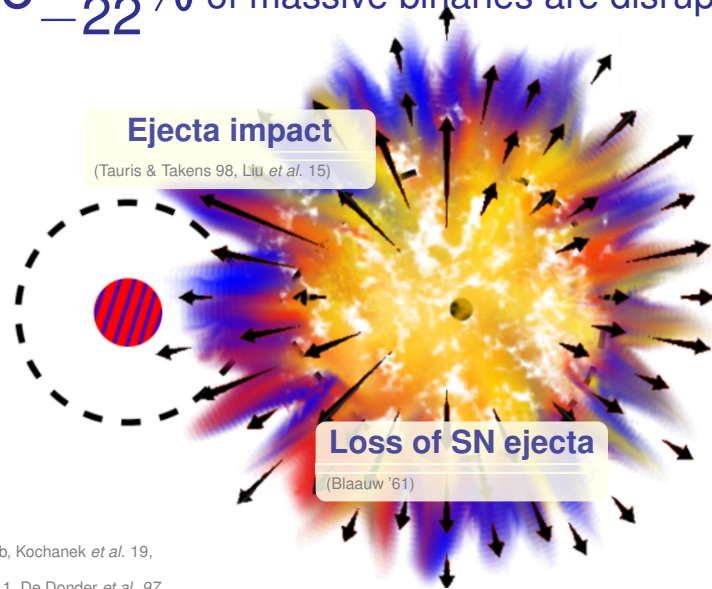
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    - └ Spin up, pollution, and rejuvenation



The binary disruption shoots out the accretor

Spin up: Packet '81, Cantiello *et al.* '07, de Mink *et al.* '13  
 Pollution: Blaauw '93  
 Rejuvenation: Hellings '83, Schneider *et al.* '15

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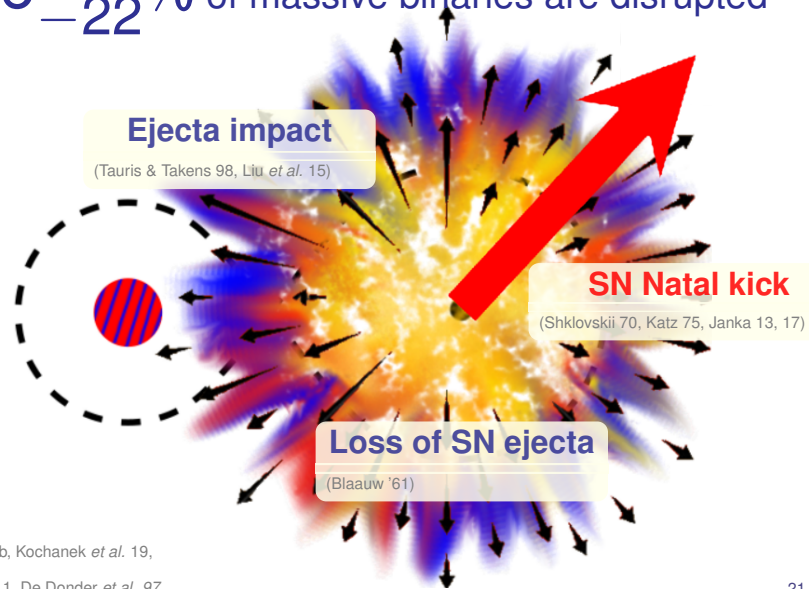


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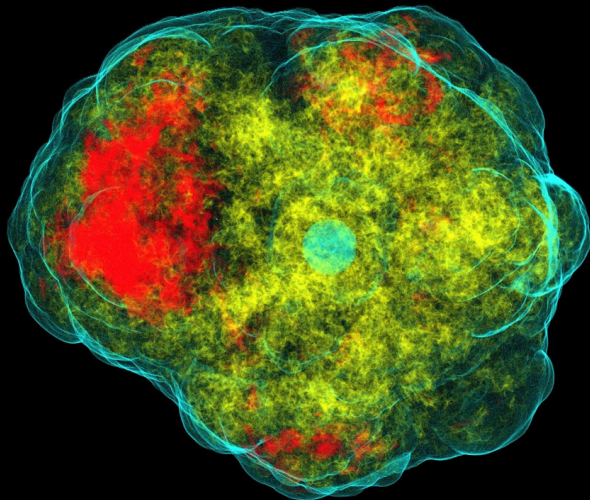
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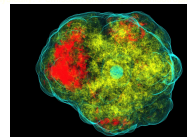
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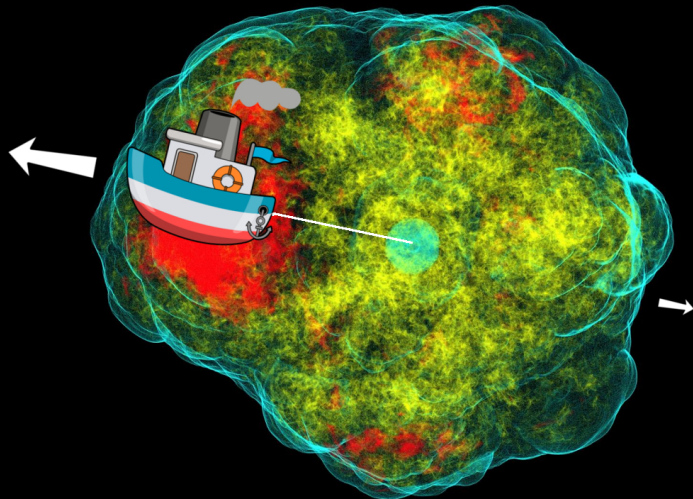


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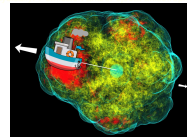
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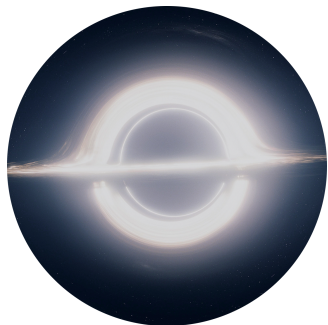
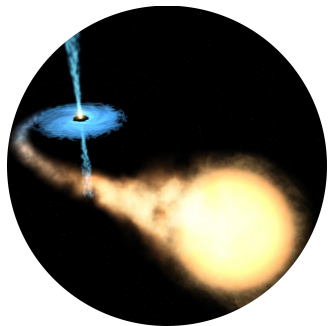
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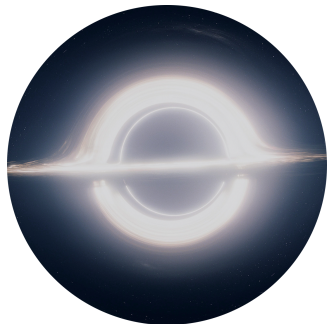
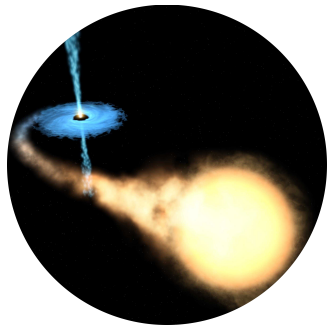
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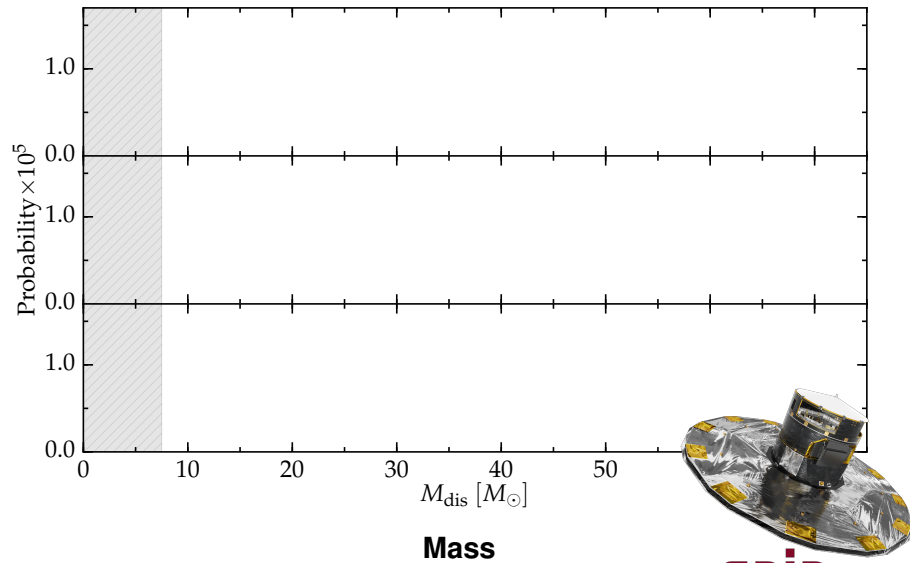


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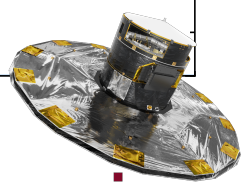
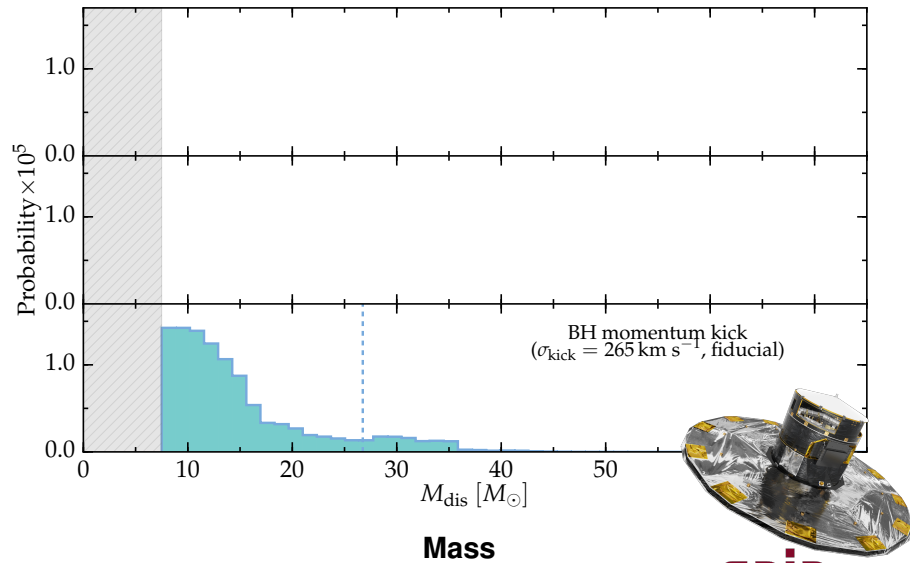
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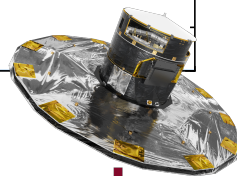
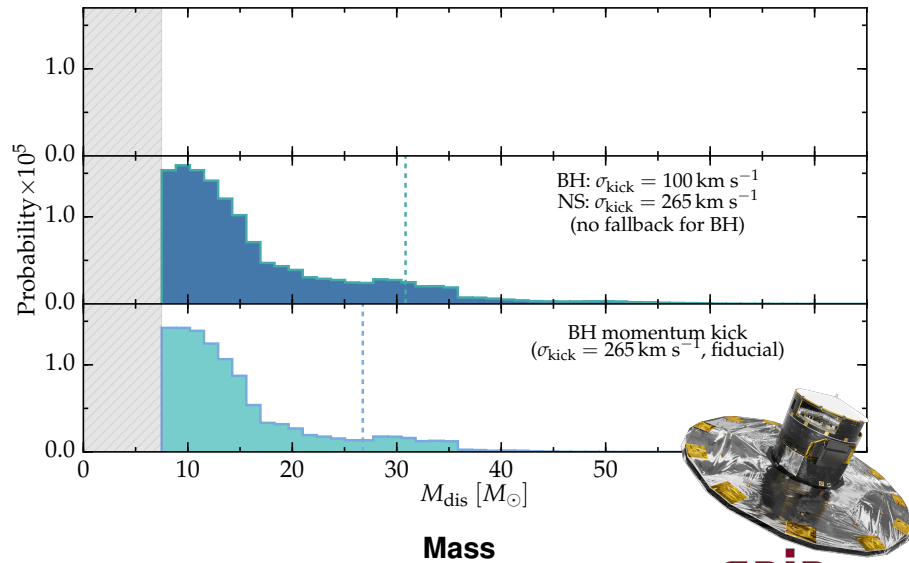


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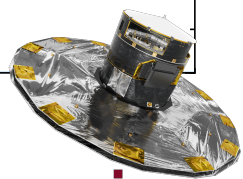
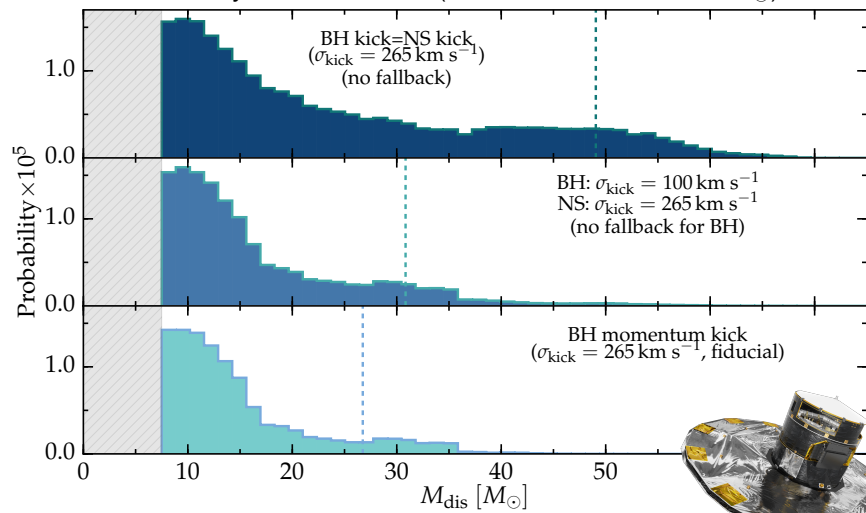




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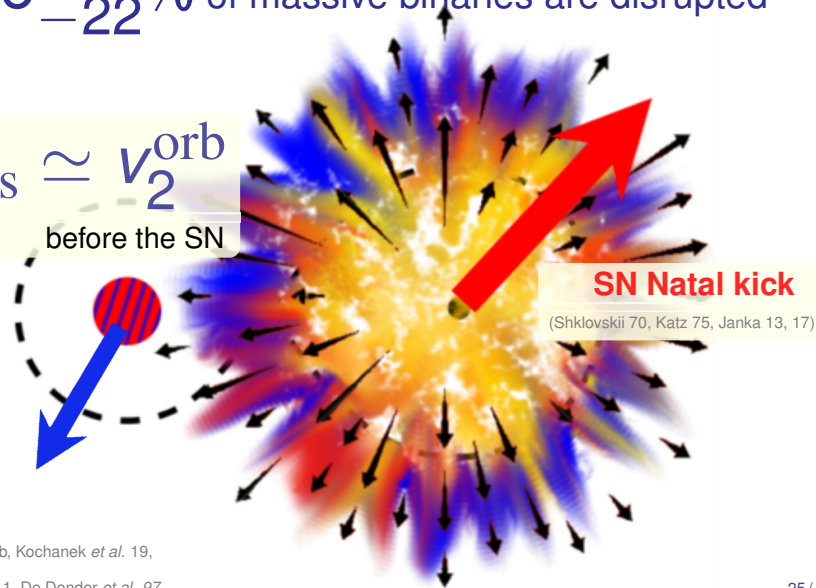


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$86^{+11}_{-22}\%$  of massive binaries are disrupted

$$v_{\text{dis}} \approx \frac{v_{\text{orb}}}{2}$$

before the SN



**SN Natal kick**  
(Shklovskii 70, Katz 75, Janka 13, 17)

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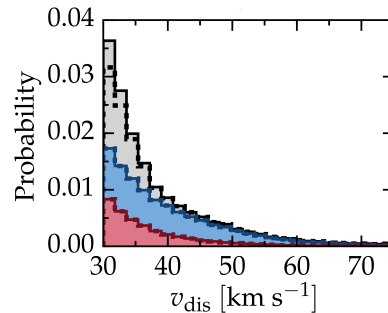
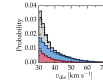
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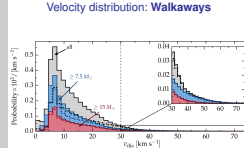


The first thing I want to draw your attention on is of course the velocity distribution of ejected widowed stars. Here you see the tail of the distribution above 30km/s (the typical threshold to define runaways). The three colors correspond to three lower mass cuts. The main thing to notice here is that **\*BINARIES HAVE A VERY HARD TIME PRODUCING MASSIVE RUNAWAYS FASTER THAN 60kms\***.

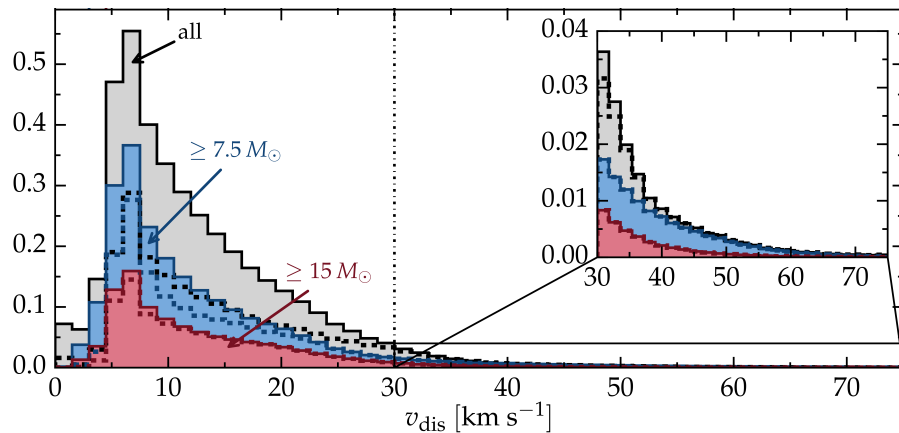


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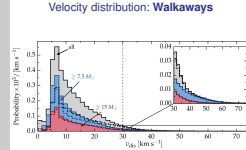


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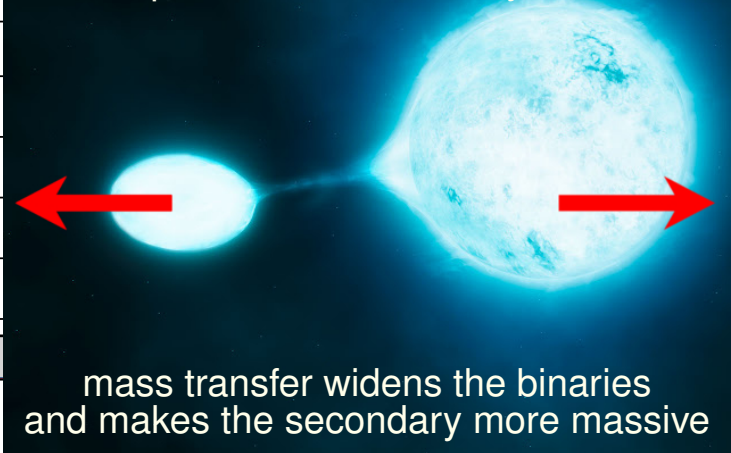
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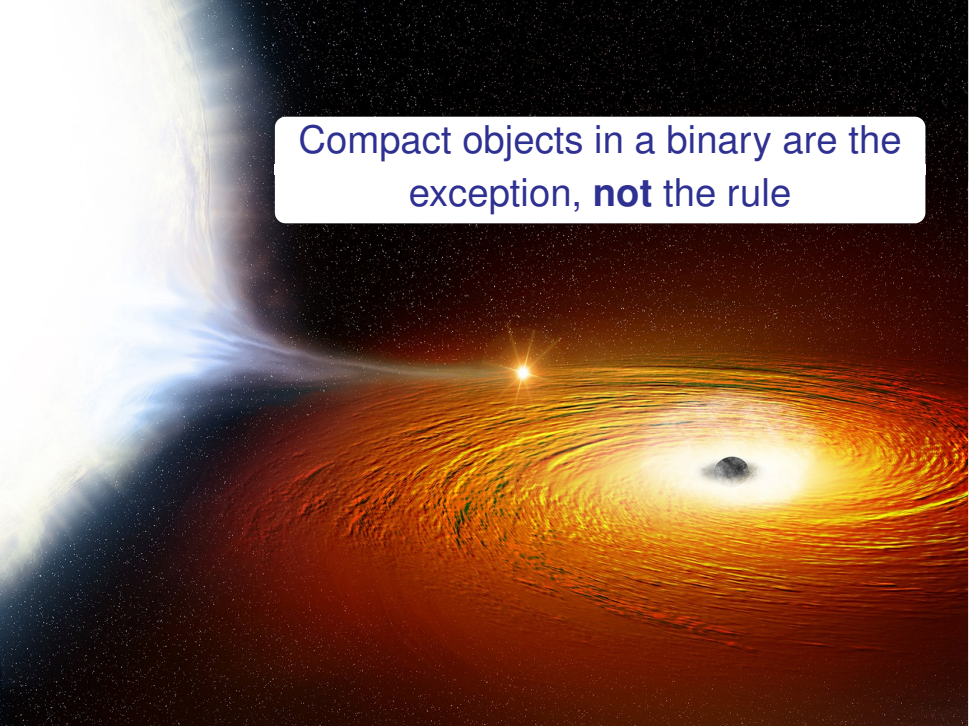
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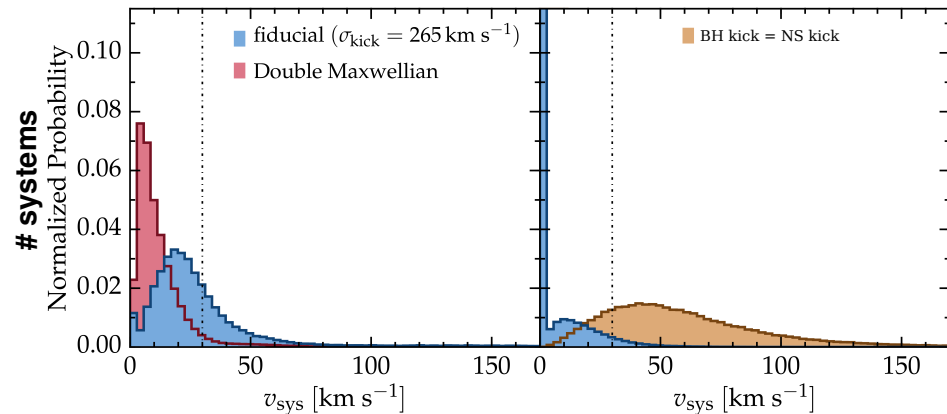
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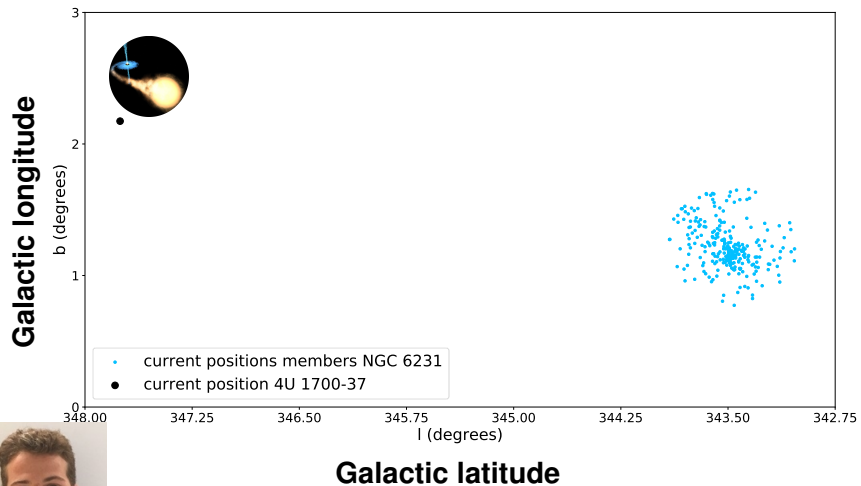
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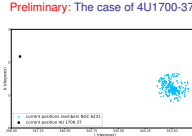
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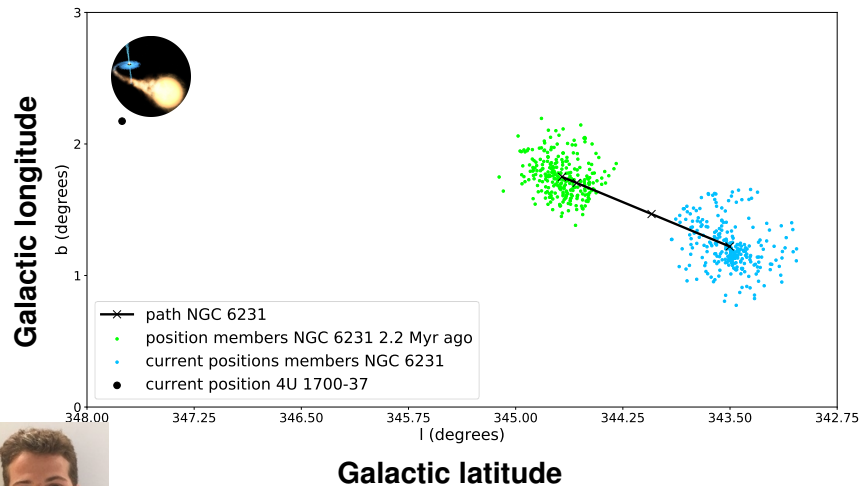




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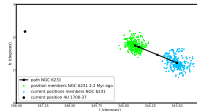


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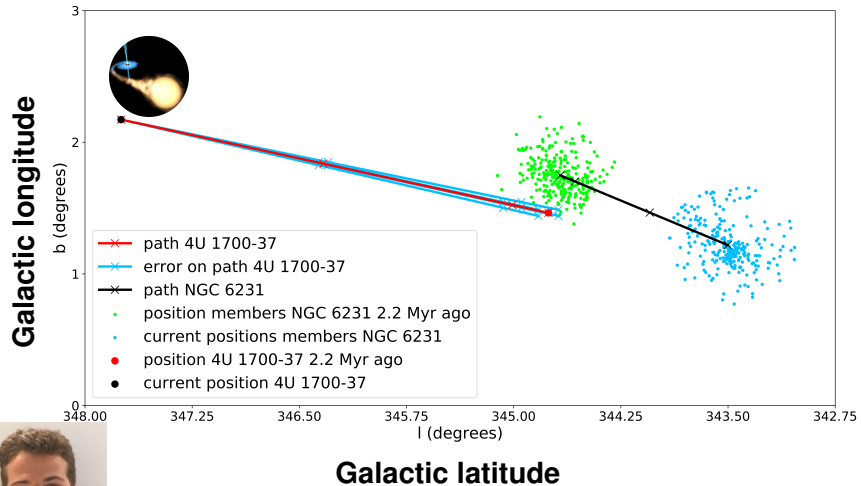
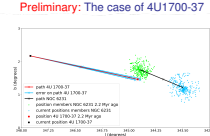
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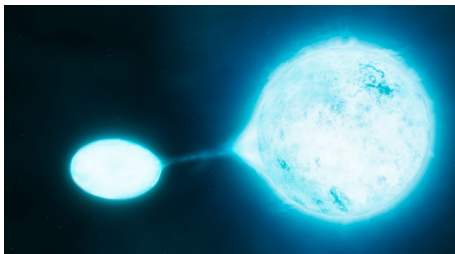
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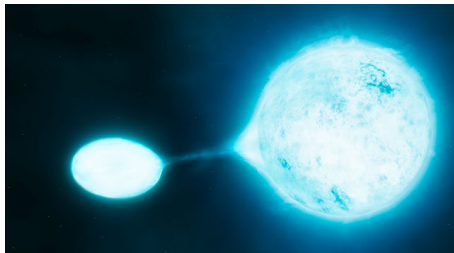
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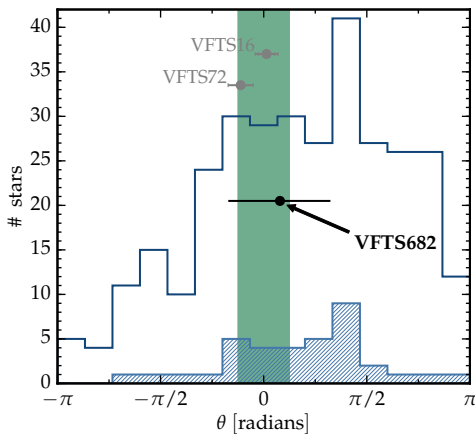
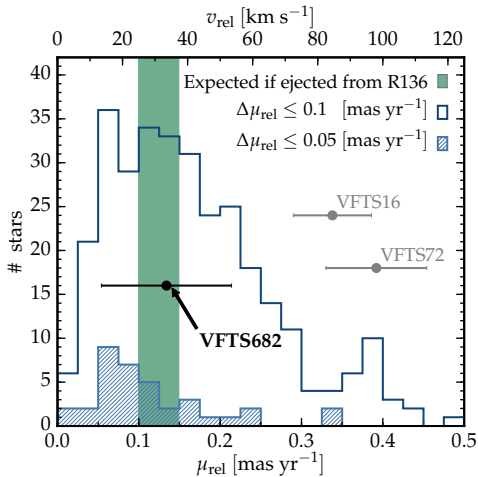
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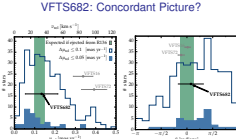


Large error bars compatible with no motion, but  
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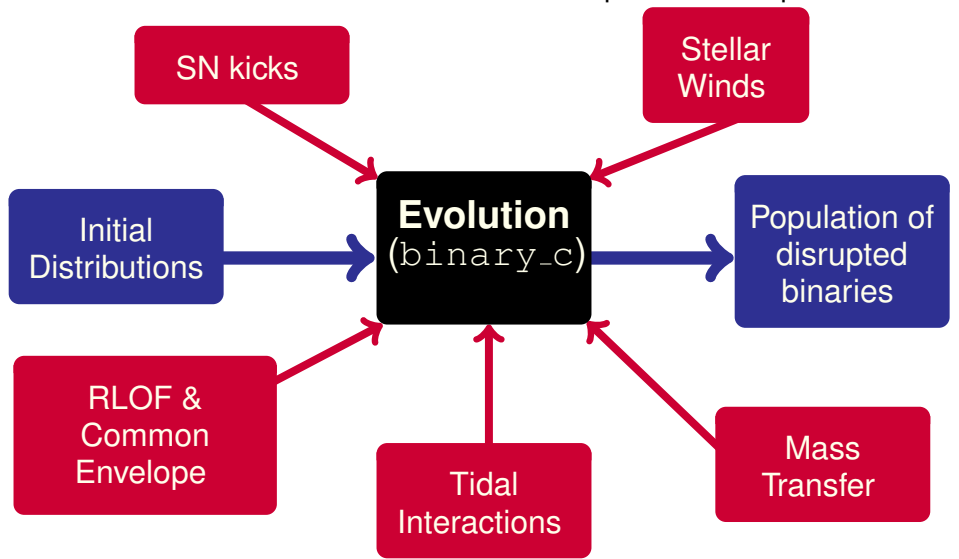
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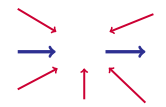


Fast  $\Rightarrow$  Allows statistical tests of the inputs & assumptions



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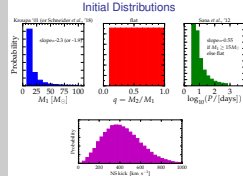


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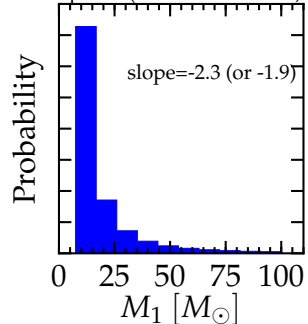
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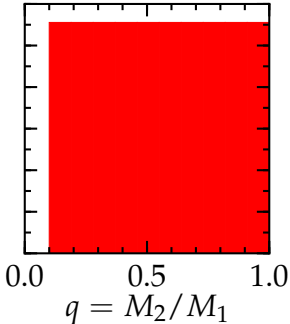
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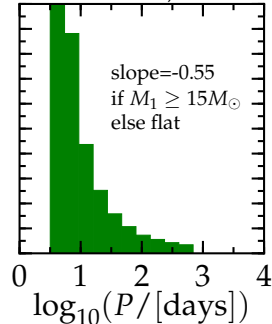
Kroupa '01 (or Schneider *et al.*, '18)



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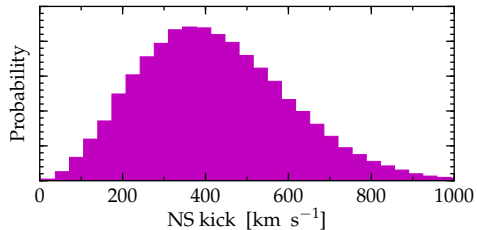


Sana *et al.*, '12



Maxwellian  $\sigma_{v_{\text{kick}}} = 265 \text{ km s}^{-1} + \text{Fallback rescaling}$

(from Fryer *et al.* '12)



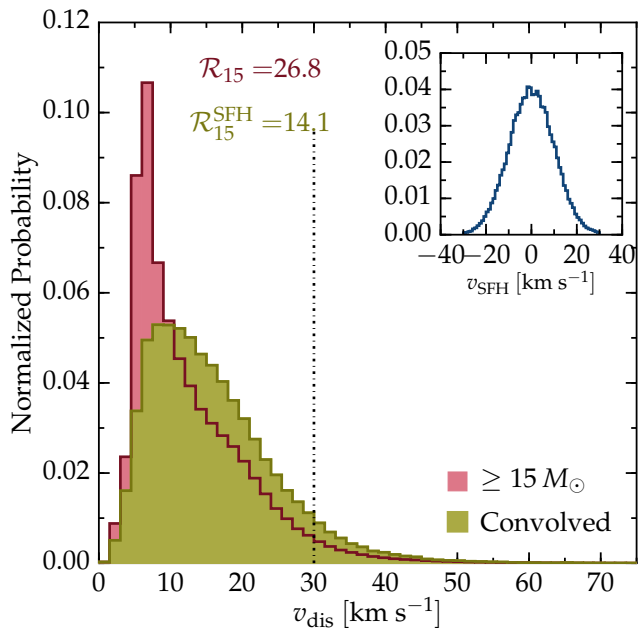
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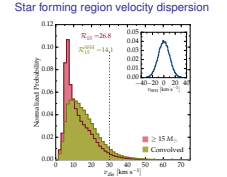


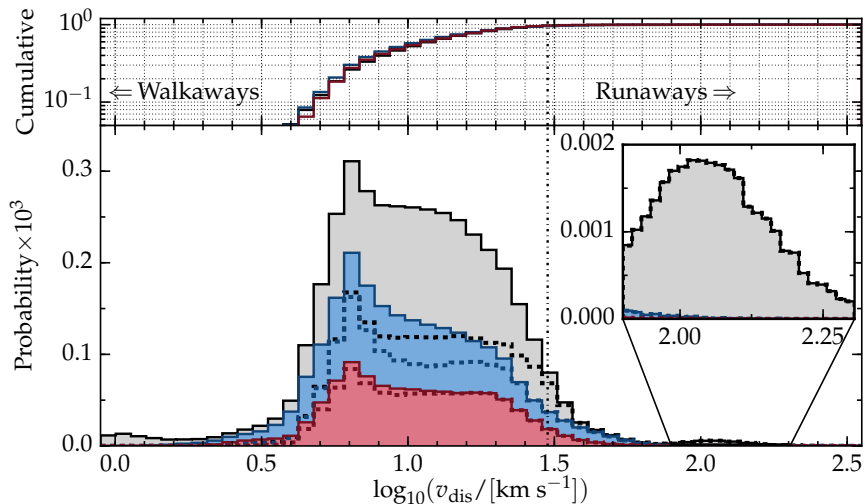
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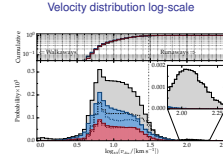
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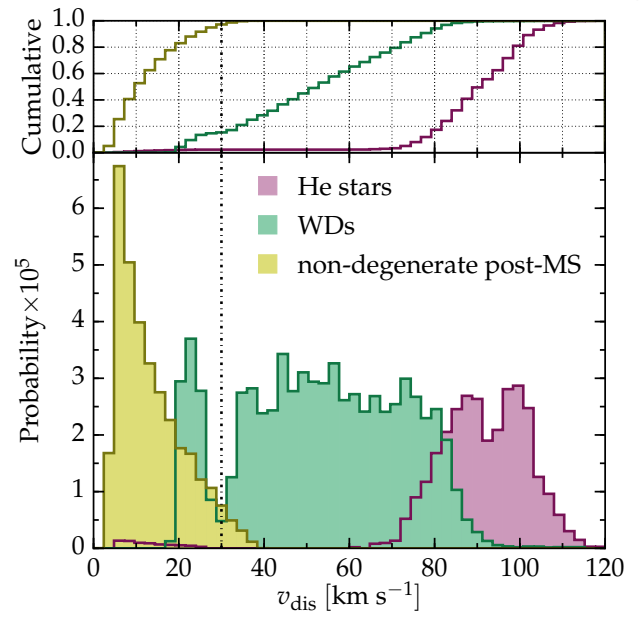


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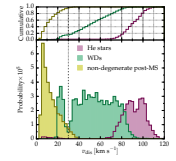


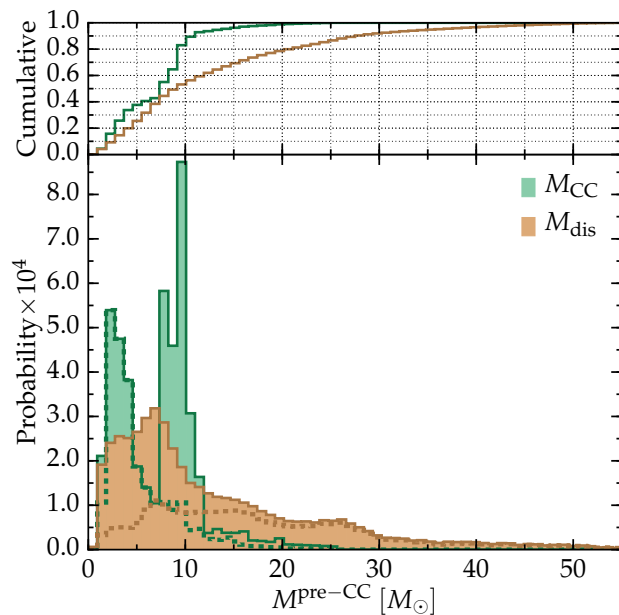


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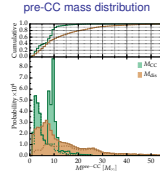
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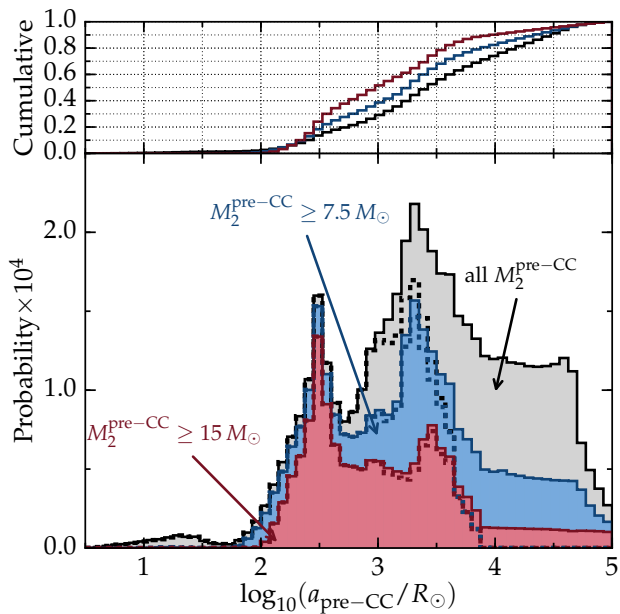




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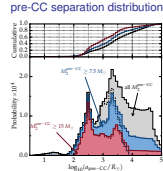
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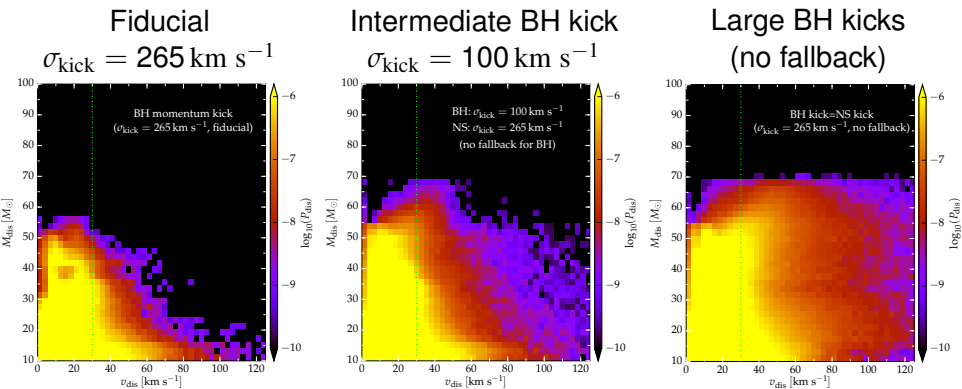


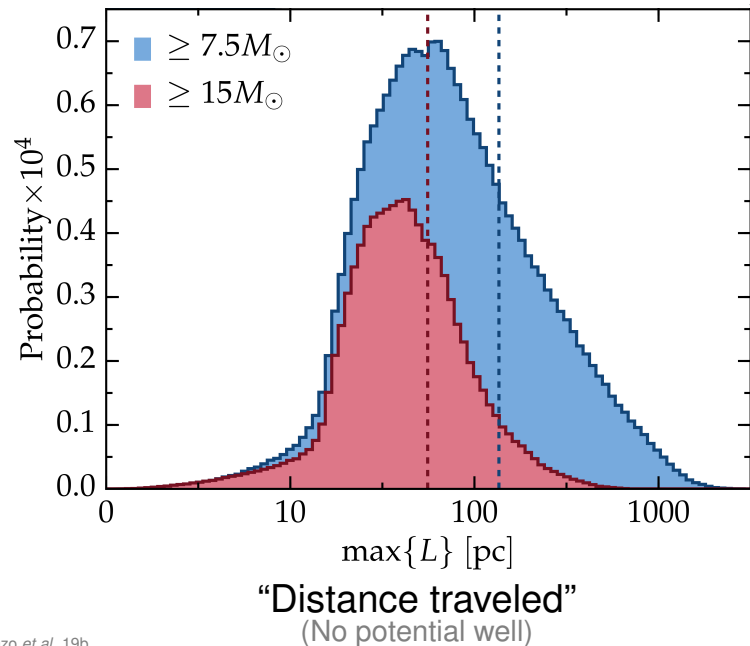
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