

# $\zeta$ Ophiuchi as anchor point for massive binary evolution



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**Rotational mixing does not seem to work!**

Tested with Geneva and Brussels models

Villamàriz & Herrero 05, van Rensbergen *et al.* 96

## Evolutionary path

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# Most common massive binary evolution path

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

# 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

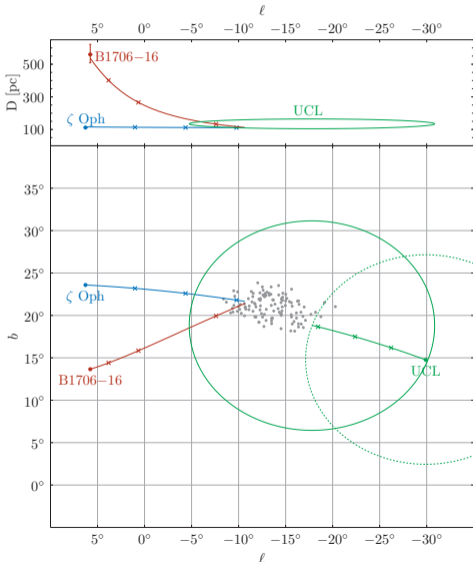
Rejuvenation: Hellings '83, Schneider *et al.* '15

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Does this applies to  $\zeta$  Ophiuchi?

# We can trace it back to the neutron star formed by the companion explosion



A nearby recent supernova that ejected the runaway star  $\zeta$  Oph, the pulsar PSR B1706-16, and  $^{60}\text{Fe}$  found on Earth

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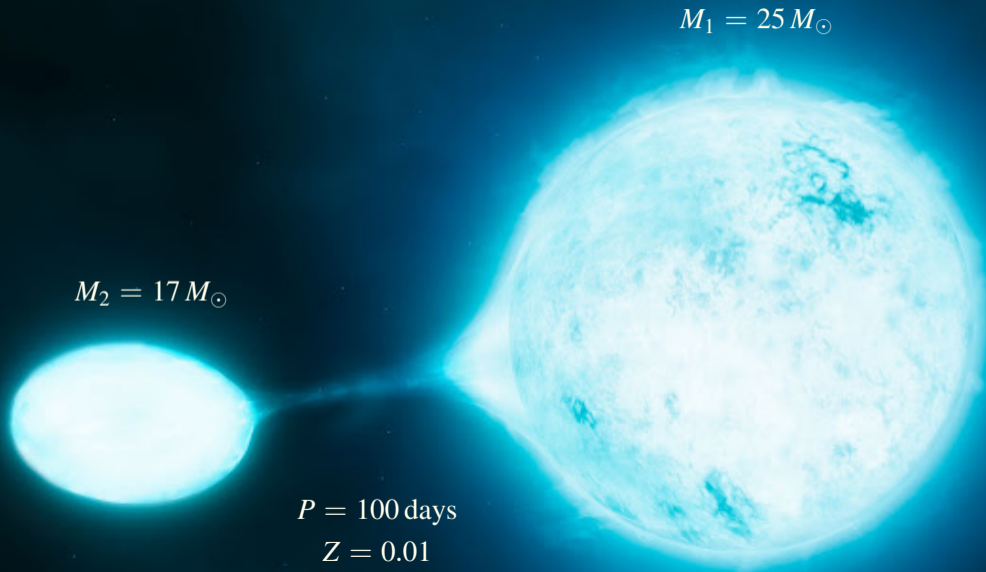
SN explosion  $\sim 1.78 \pm 0.21$  Myr ago



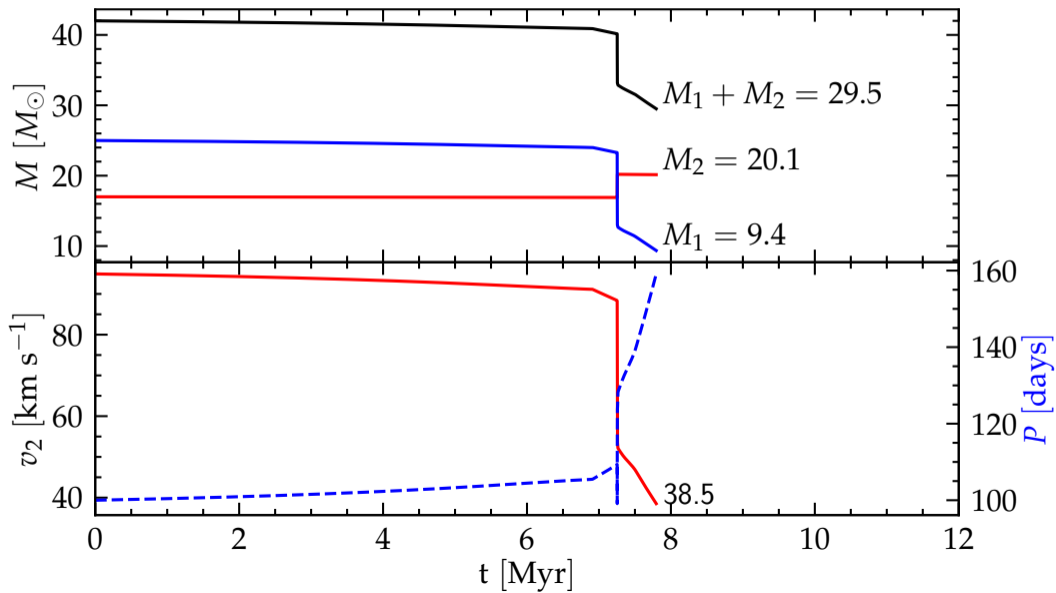
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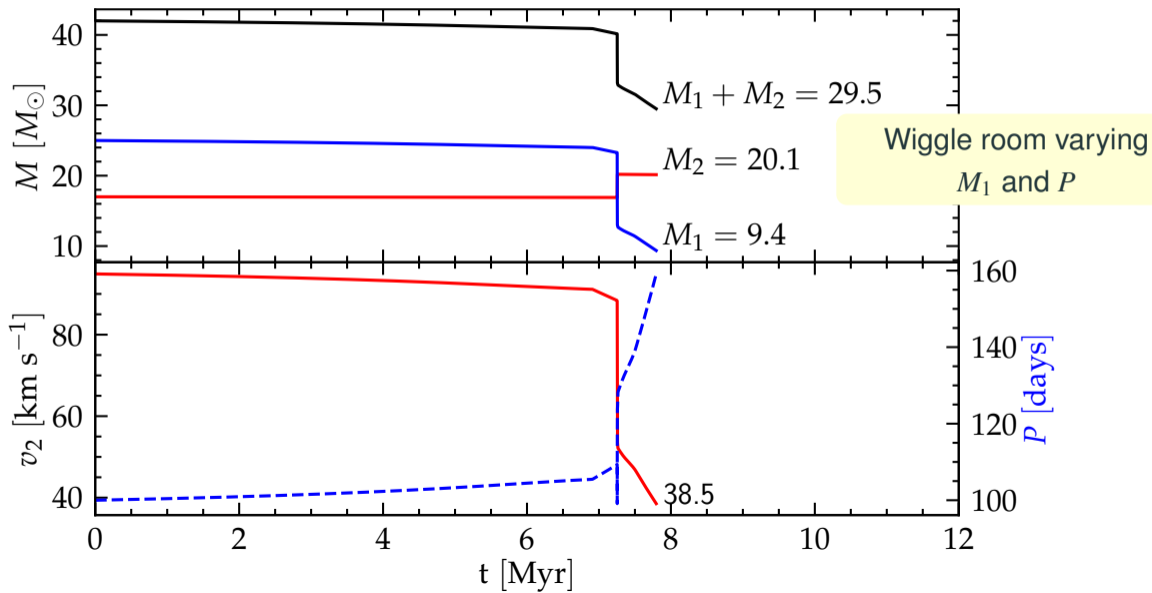
Current best MESA model



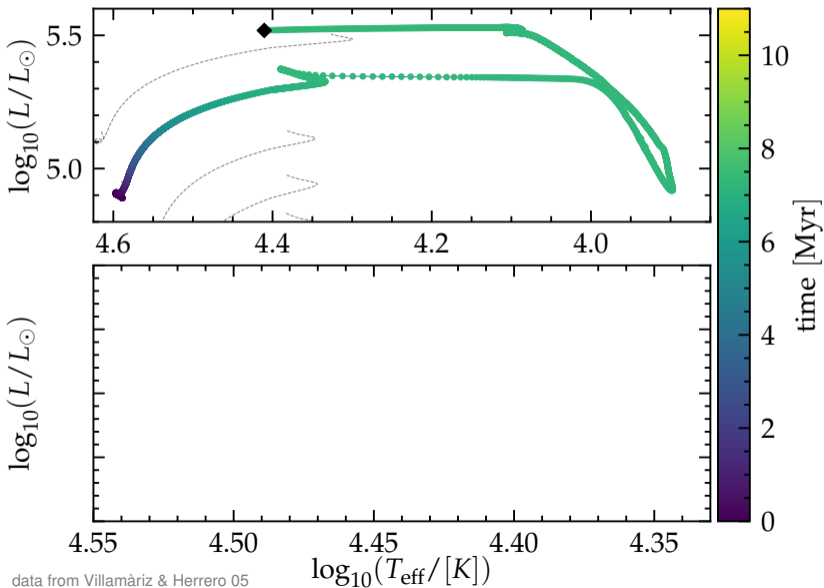
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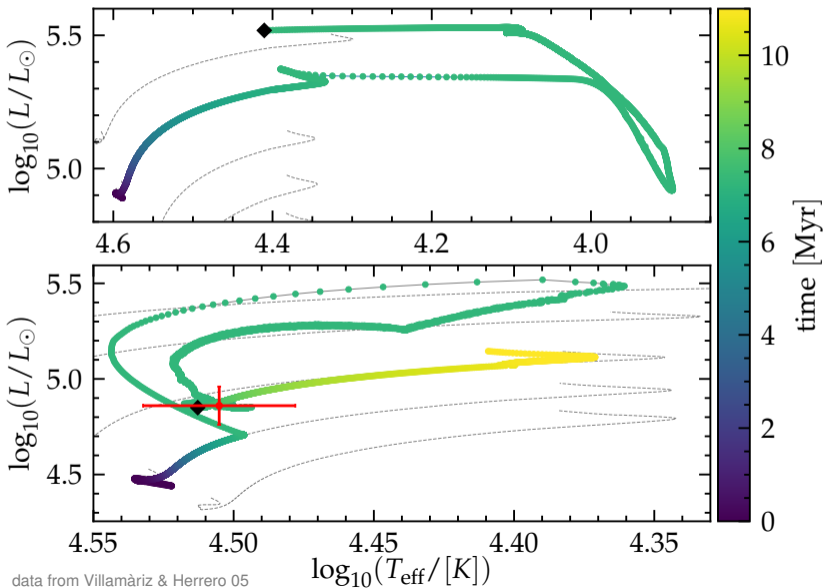


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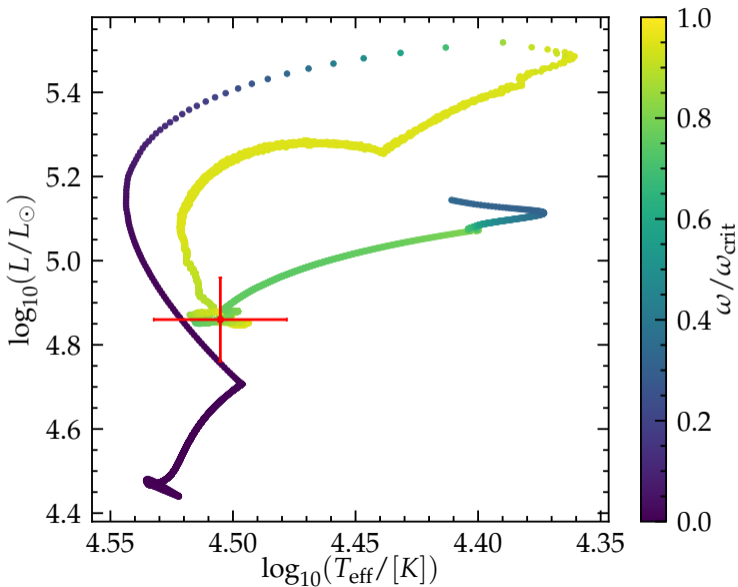
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Rotation

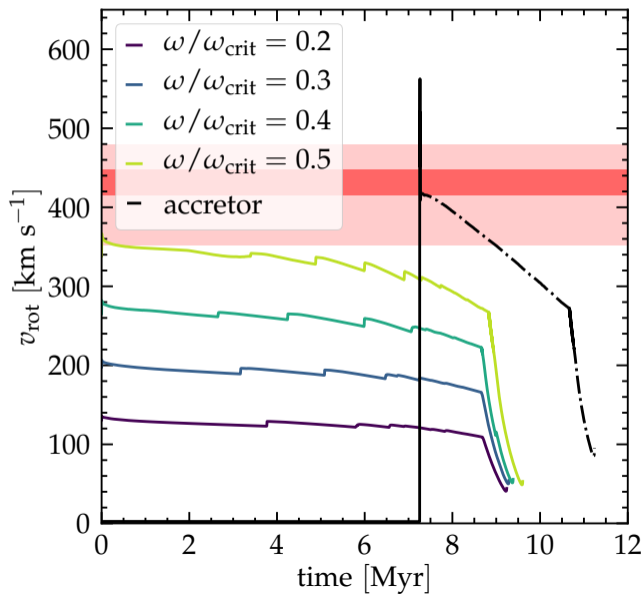
## Hertzprung-Russel diagram: accretor rotation



- Minimum  $T_{\text{eff}}$  during RLOF reached at onset of critical rotation.
- Rotation close to critical for large part of the main sequence.
- Redistribution of AM causes feature at  $T_{\text{eff}} \simeq 10^{4.4}$  K.

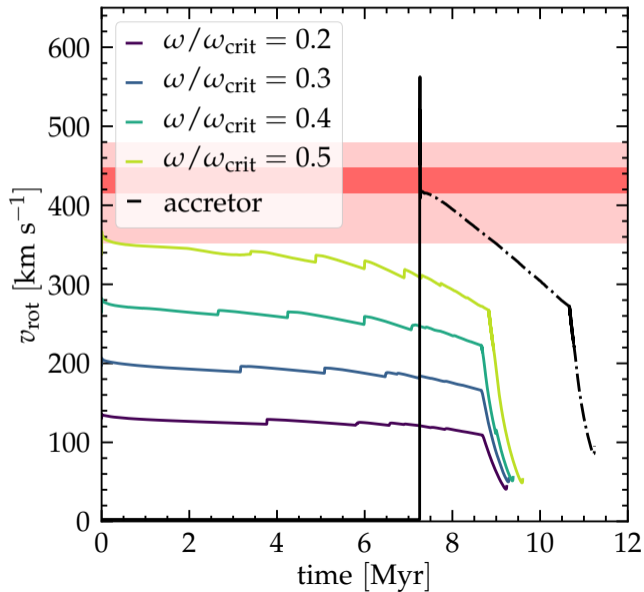


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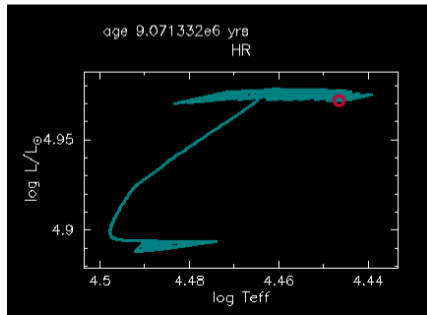


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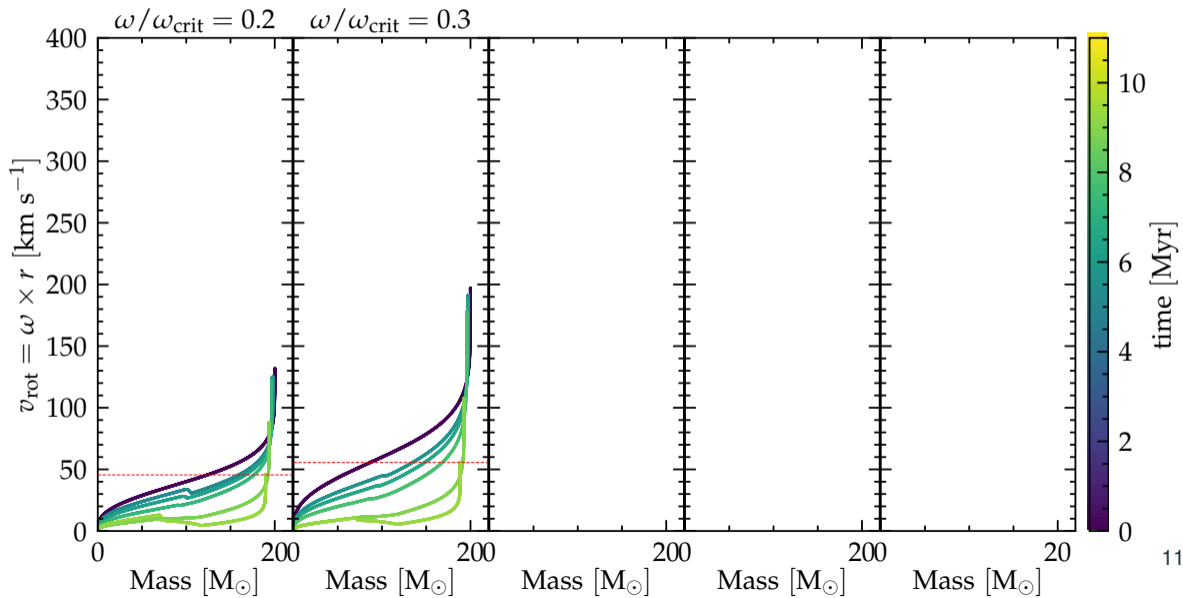


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- Decreasing the wind yields  
 $\omega/\omega_{\text{crit}} > 1$

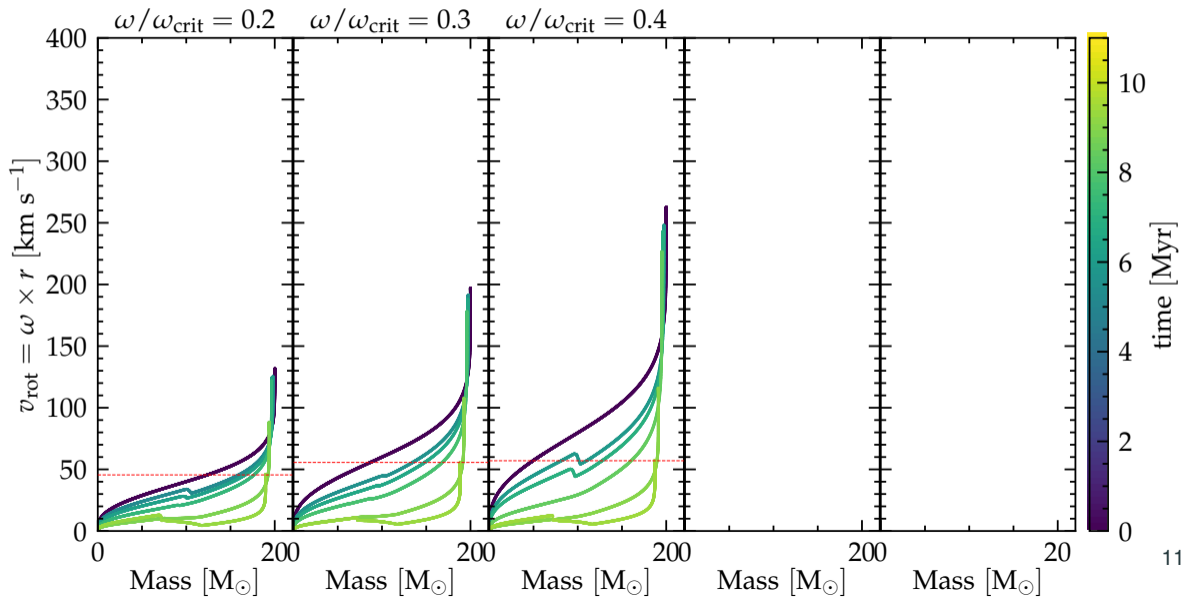




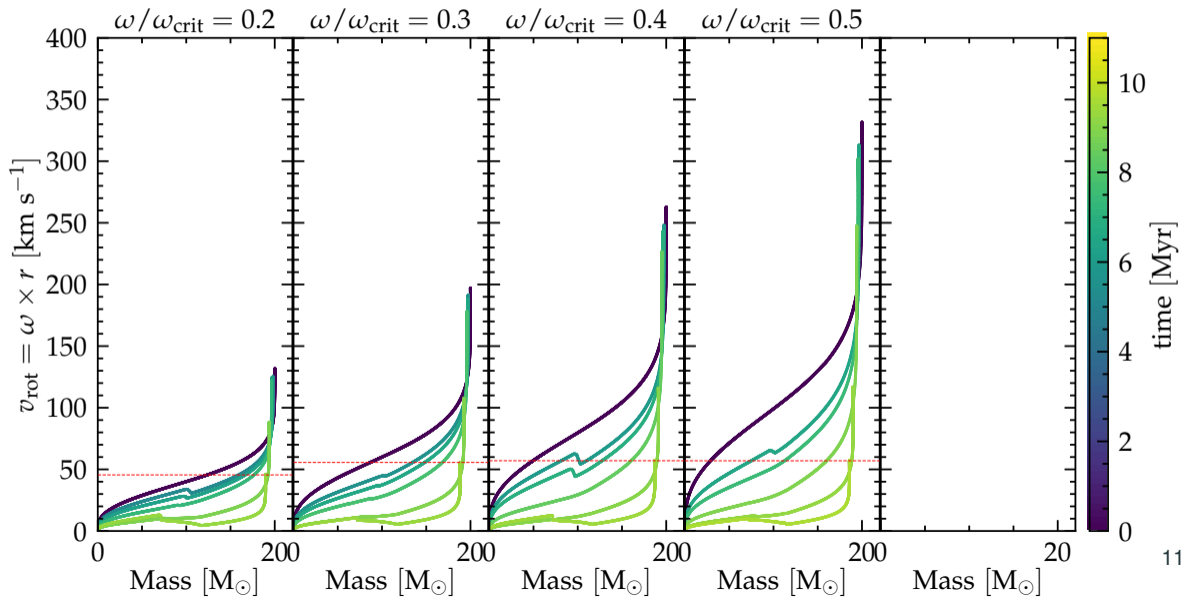
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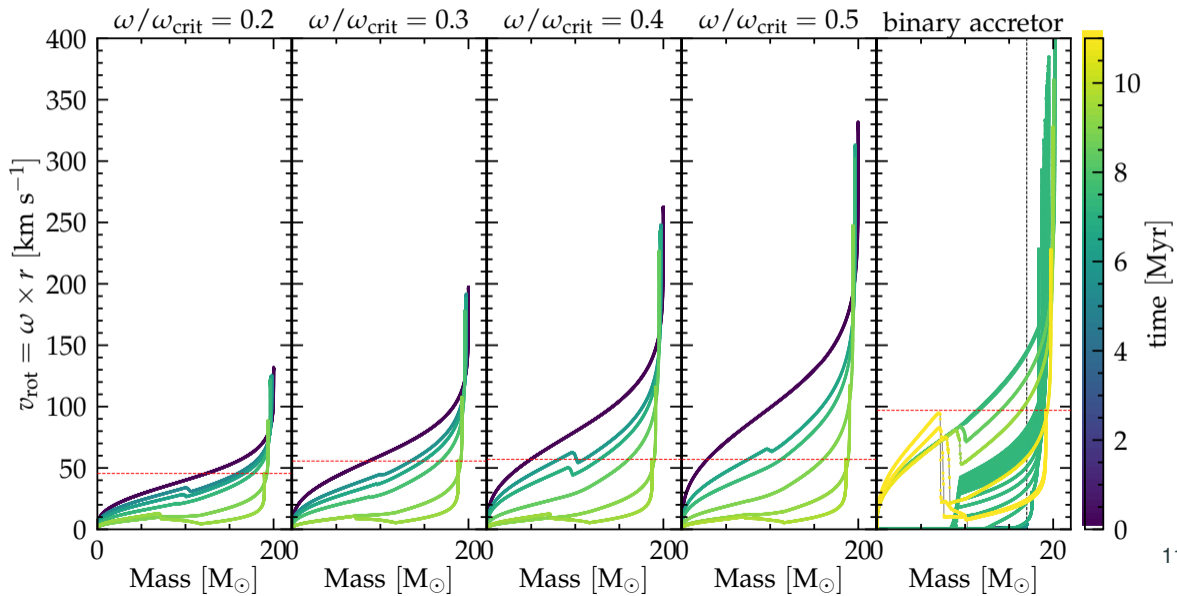
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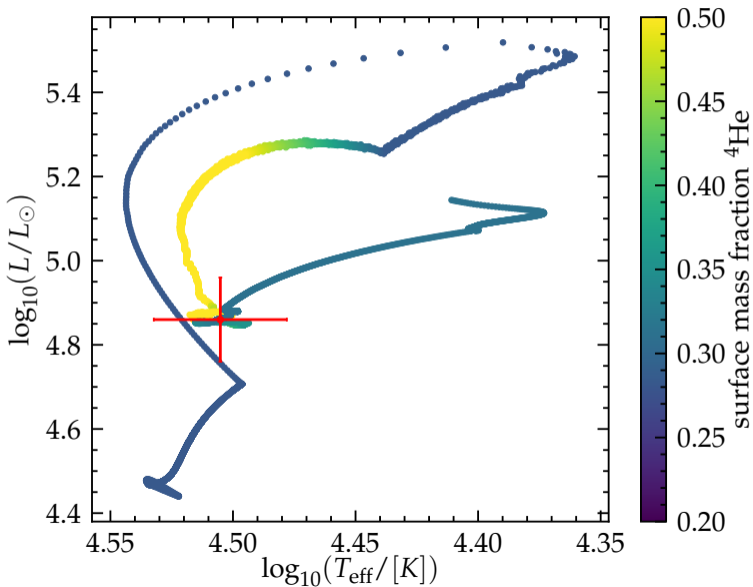
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**Surface composition**

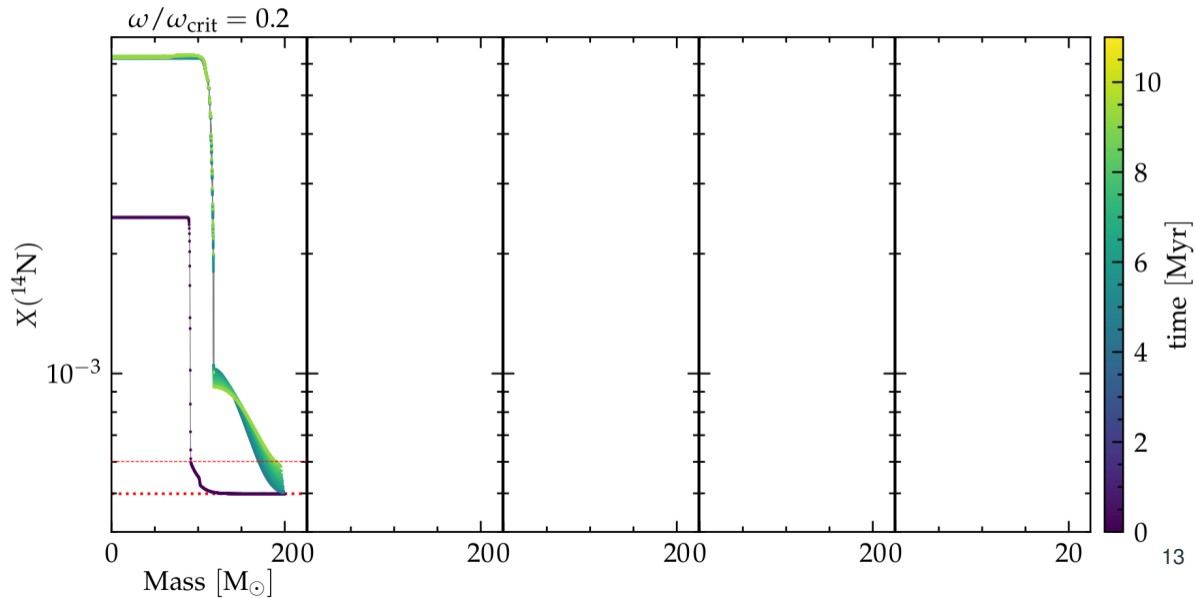


## Hertzprung-Russel diagram: helium surface abundance

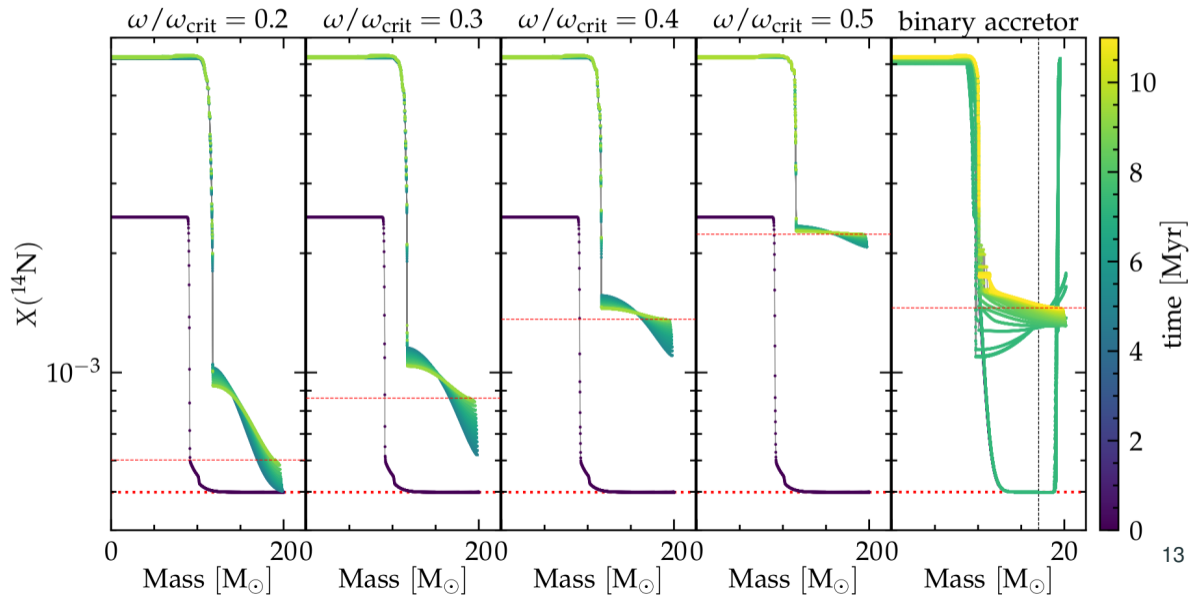


- Accretion of He-rich matter change morphology at  $T_{\text{eff}} \simeq 10^{4.44}$  K.
- Interplay between rotational and thermohaline mixing causes “noisiness” in the track.

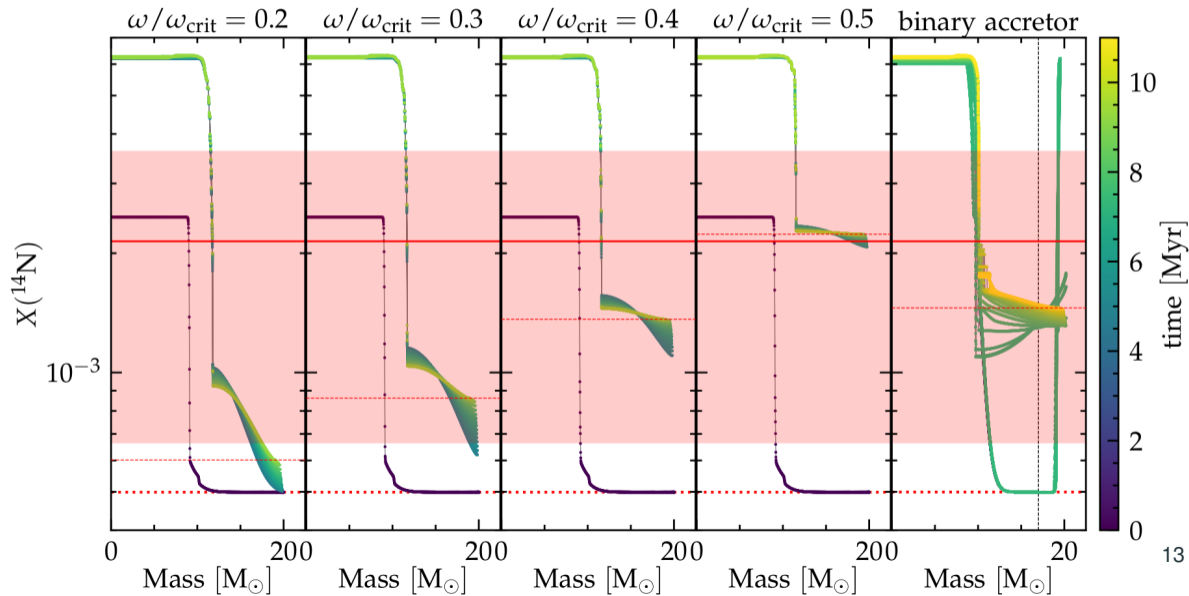
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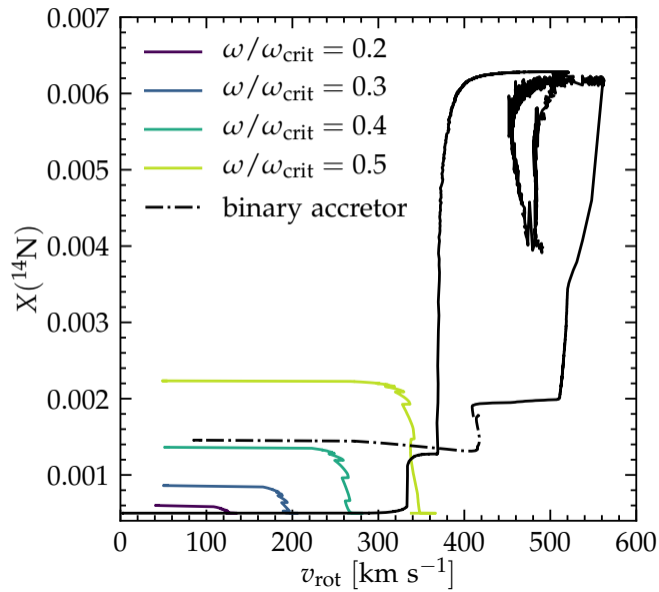
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## “Hunter” diagram



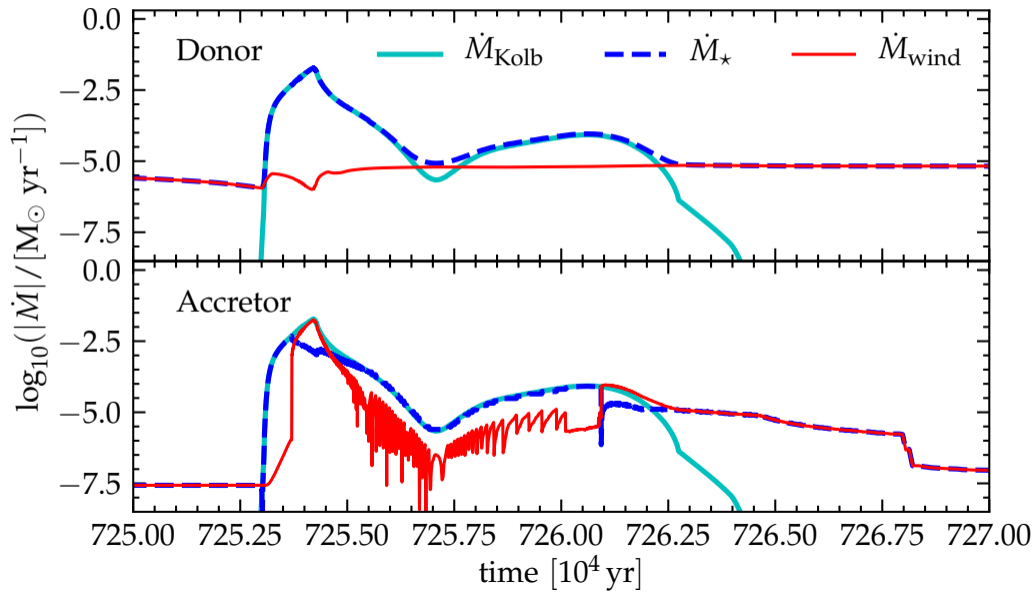
Dot-dashed line = post-RLOF evolution

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**Mass transfer rate**

## Mass transfer history: $\Delta t_{\text{RLOF}} \simeq 2 \times 10^4$ years



## Outlook and Todos

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## Take home points

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- $\zeta$  Oph is a runaway from the binary SN scenario  
we know the associated pulsar, birth location, kinematic age
- Accretor  $\neq$  single star rotating since ZAMS  
composition and rotational profiles very different
- Modeling accretors is difficult  
because of rotation and mixing in *both* stars, and mass transfer



## Ongoing and future steps

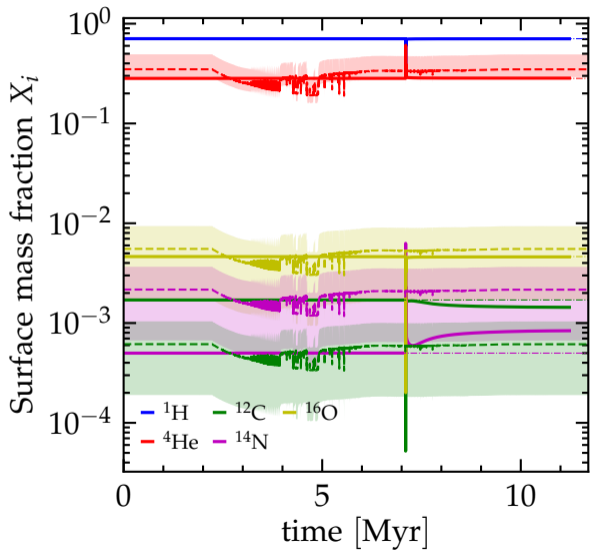
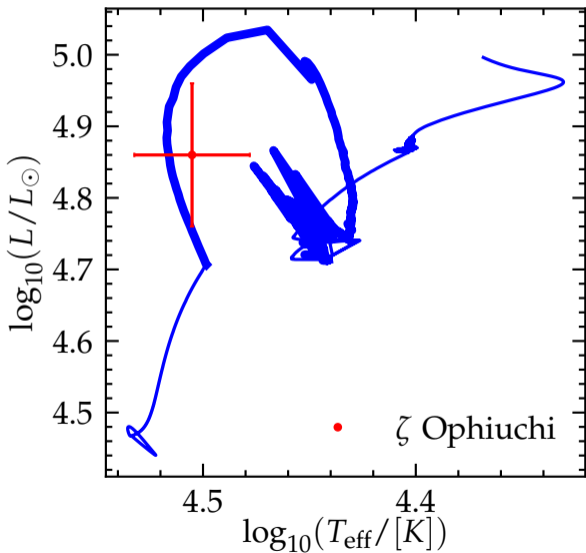
### Parameter variations:

- Vary  $M_1$ ,  $M_2$ ,  $P$  and  $Z$  at fixed physics assumptions
- Vary  $J$ -transport e.g., Langer *et al.* 98, Zhao & Fuller 20
- Vary RLOF-parameters?
- ✗ Vary  $J$ -accretion: extremely noisy tracks
- ✗ Decrease  $\dot{M}$
- ... more?

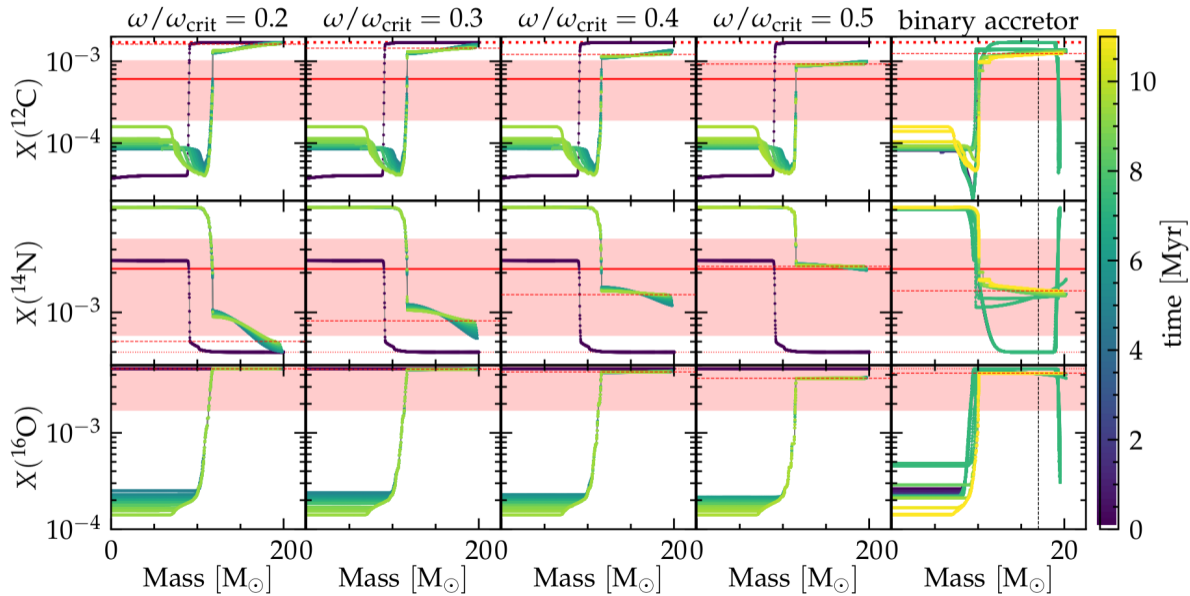
What would observers want to have from such models?

**Backup slides**

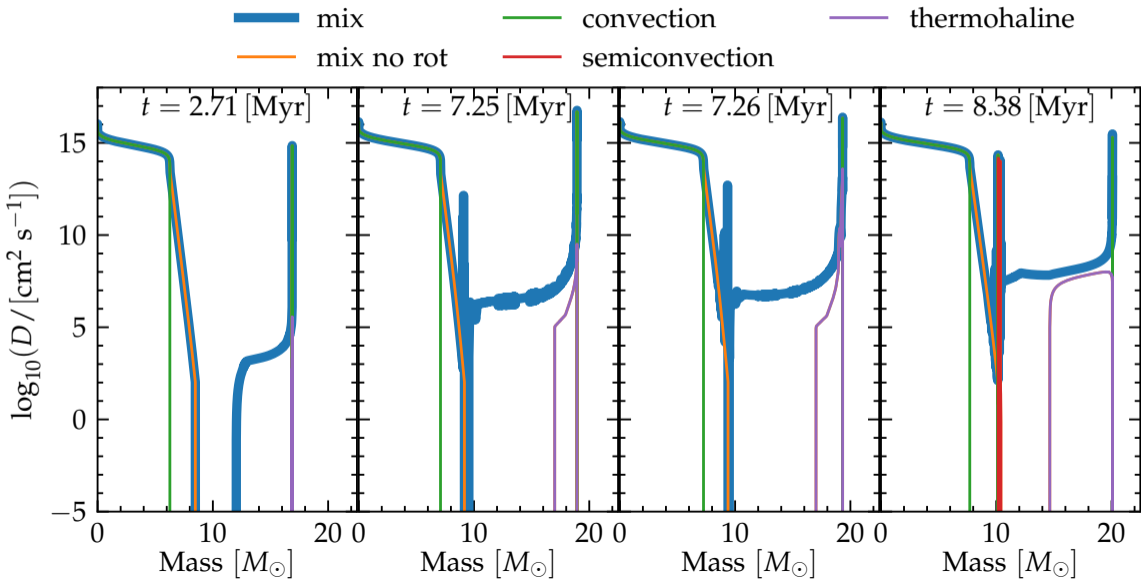
## Accreting angular momentum from a disk



## Evolution of composition profile



## Internal mixing at selected times



## Spatial resolution test

