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# Progenitors of LGRBs: Are single stars enough?

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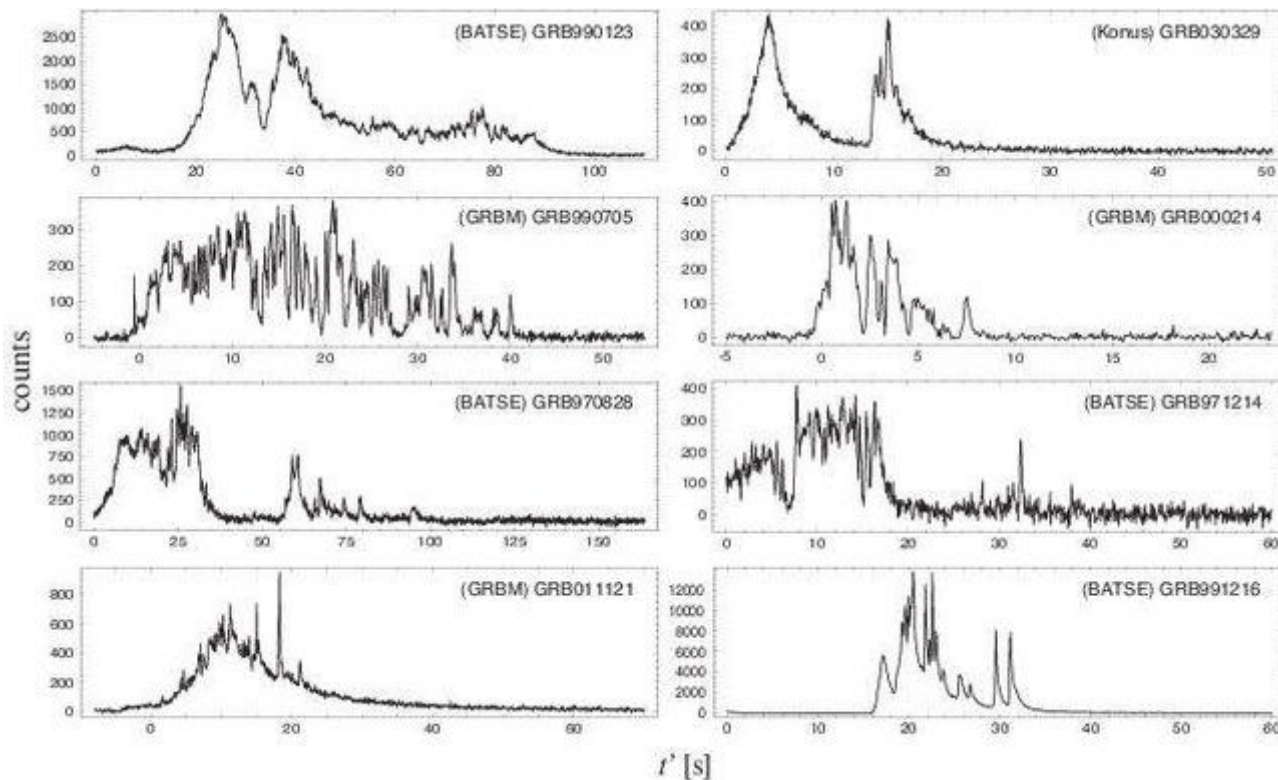
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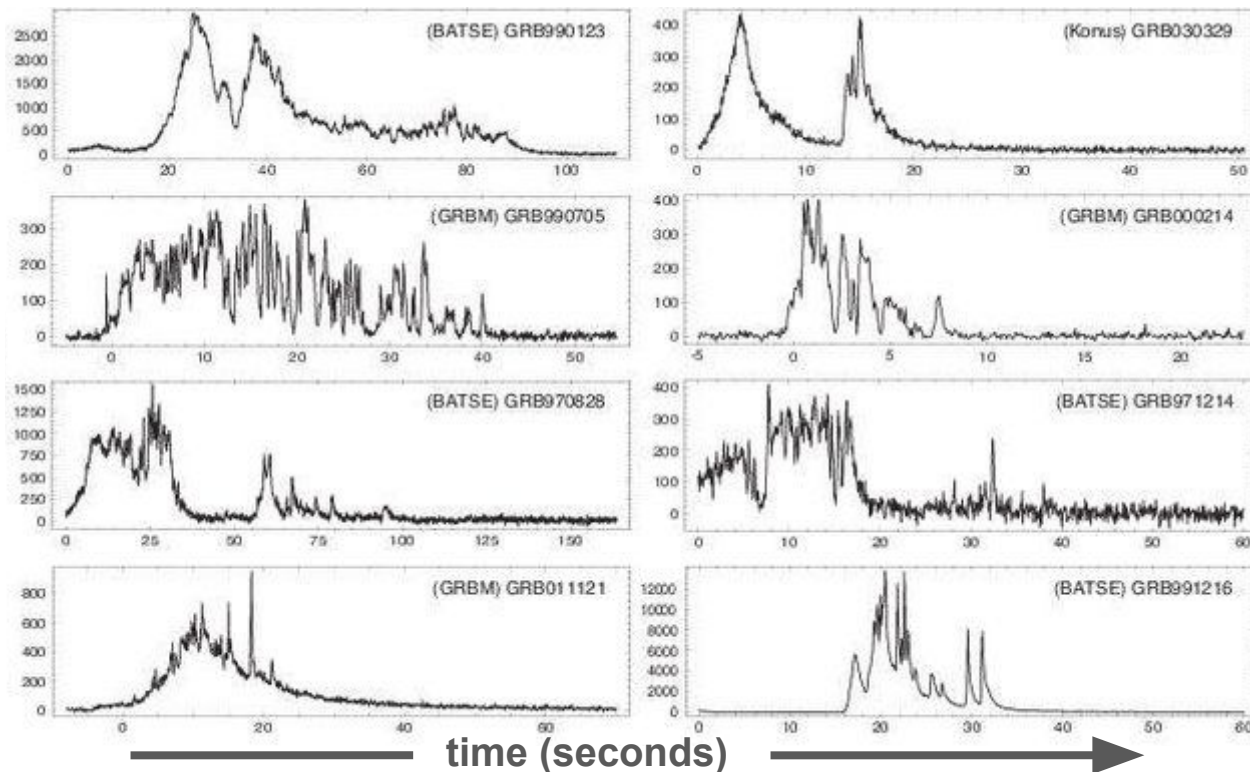
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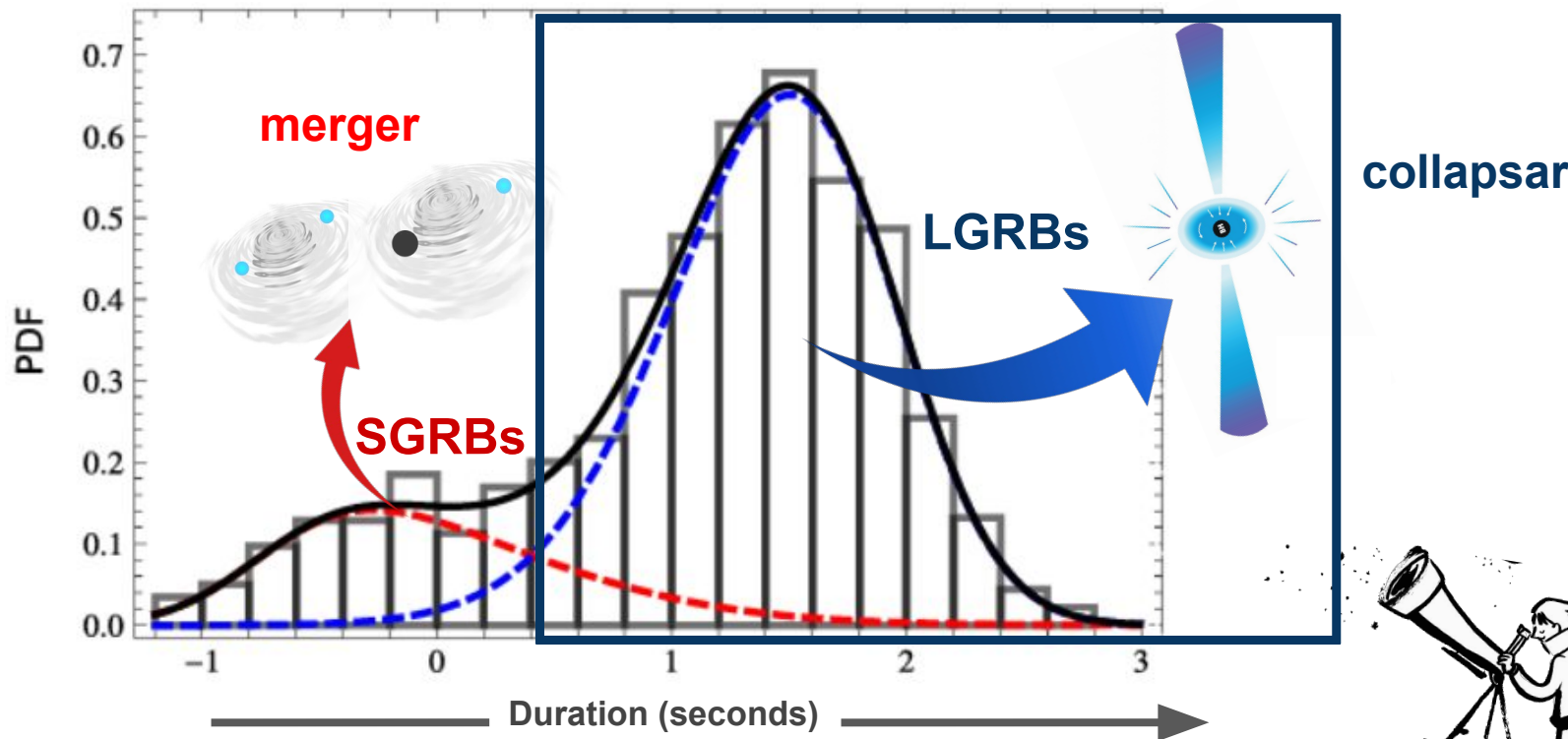
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Gamma photons detected





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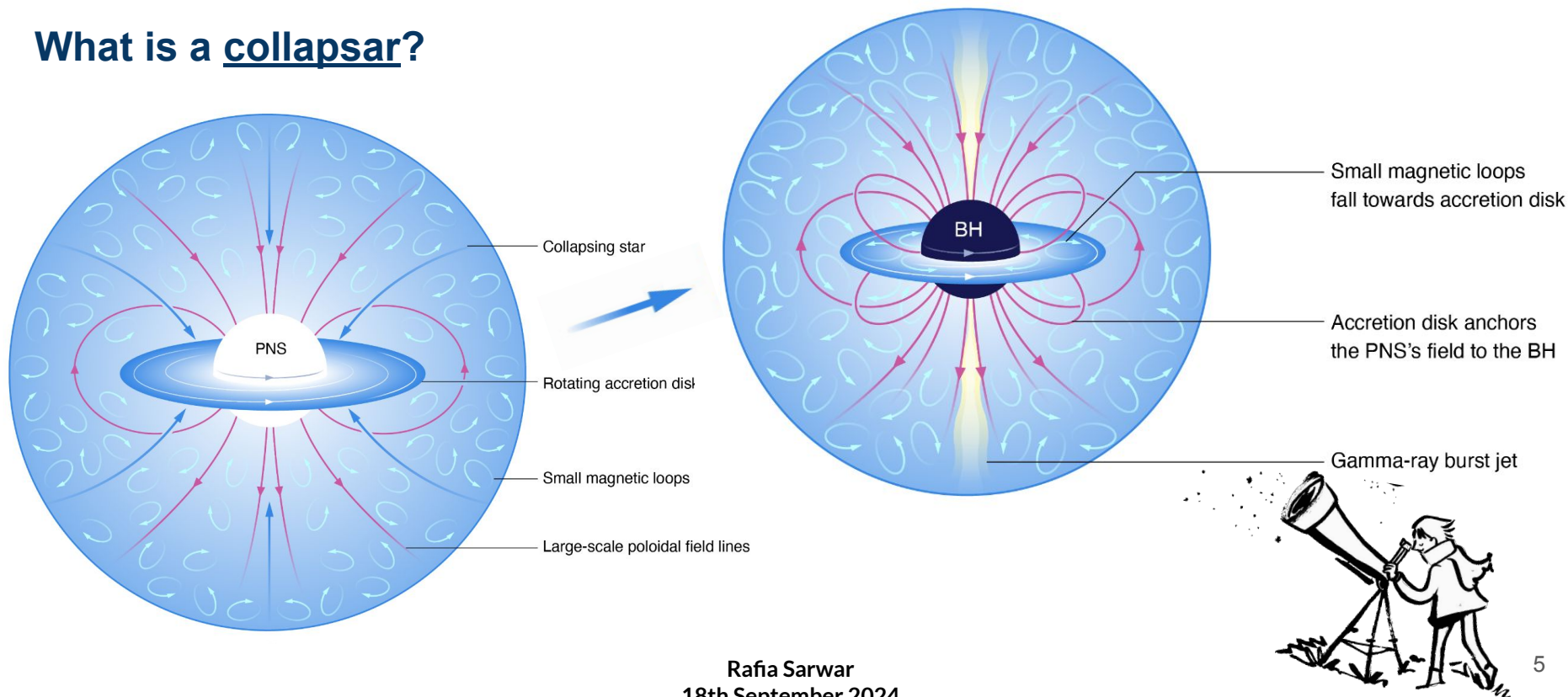






# How can we produce a LGRB?

## What is a collapsar?





# Conditions for a collapsar

## 3 conditions for collapsars

- **Iron core**
- **Fast rotation**
- **no or tiny envelope**

→ **We need a spinning  
naked helium star!**



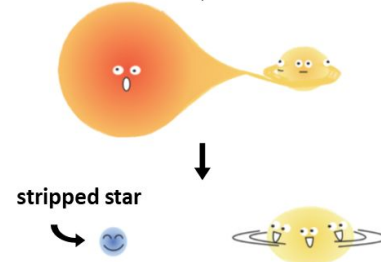


# Spinning naked Helium star

stripped star



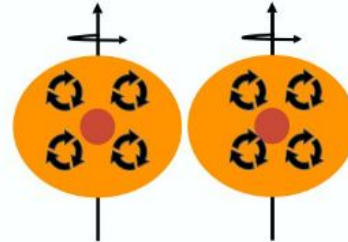
**Classic Wolf-Rayet star?**



**Wolf-Rayet star from a binary?**



**Chemically homogeneous evolution**



**CHE binary**



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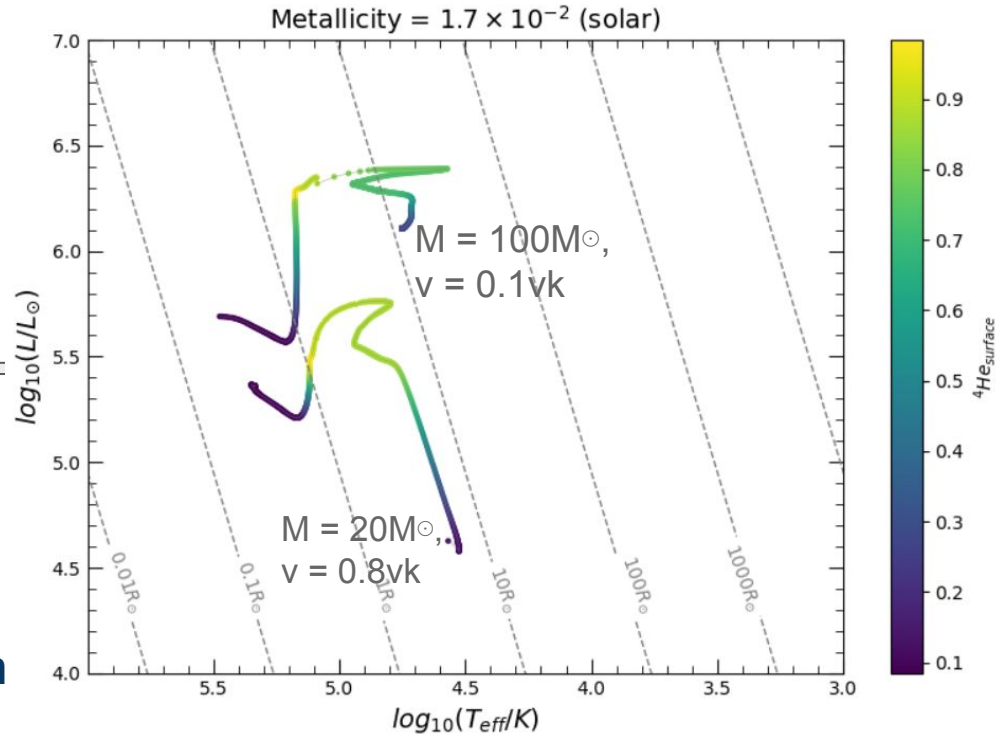
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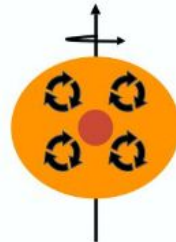


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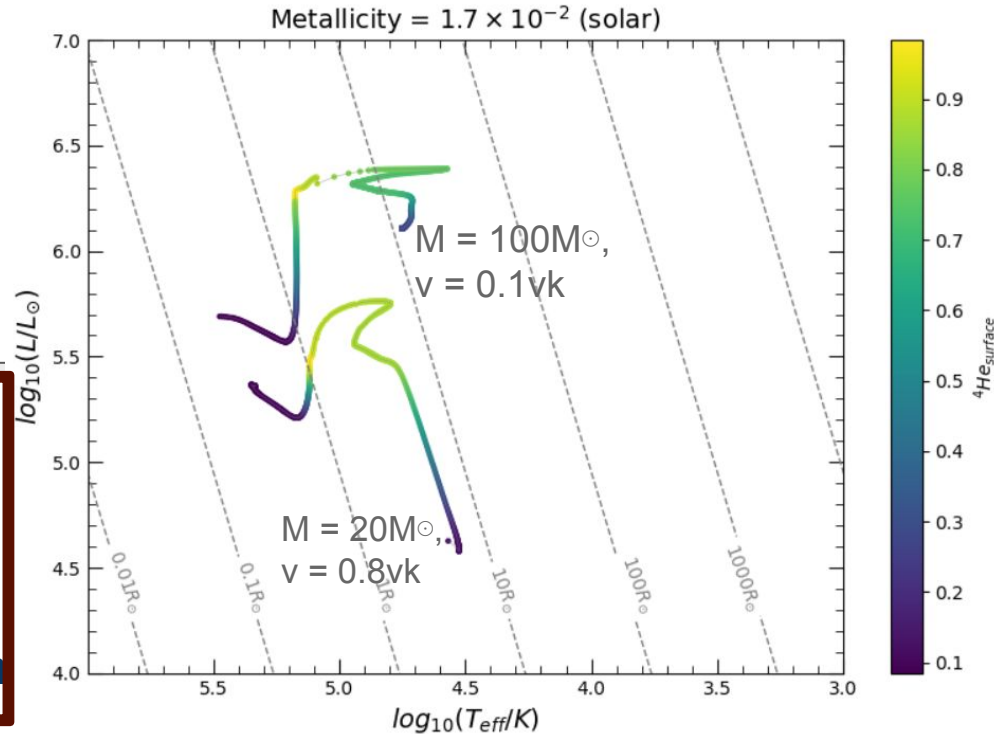
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# Observational data



## GRBOX : Gamma-Ray Burst Online Index

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180314A	51.2	Bright UV/optical afterglow; well-observed.	06:37:03.7	-24:29:45.8	1.445				
180311A	23	No ground follow-up.	00:13:33.05	-54:29:29.2					
180305A	12.5	LAT burst with X-ray/optical afterglow.	03:18:28.33	+32:06:36.2					
180224A	10.9	Bright early OT but little further follow-up.	13:30:44.057	+38:04:44.55					
180210A	40	Fermi/LAT burst with afterglow.	00:07:22.02	+18:33:09.9					
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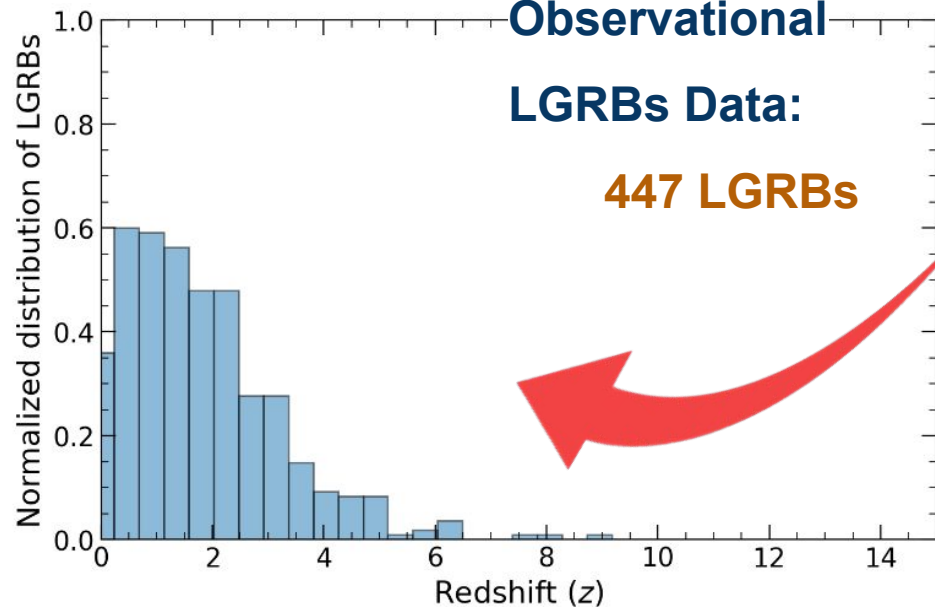




# Motivation

## Observational LGRBs Data:

**447 LGRBs**



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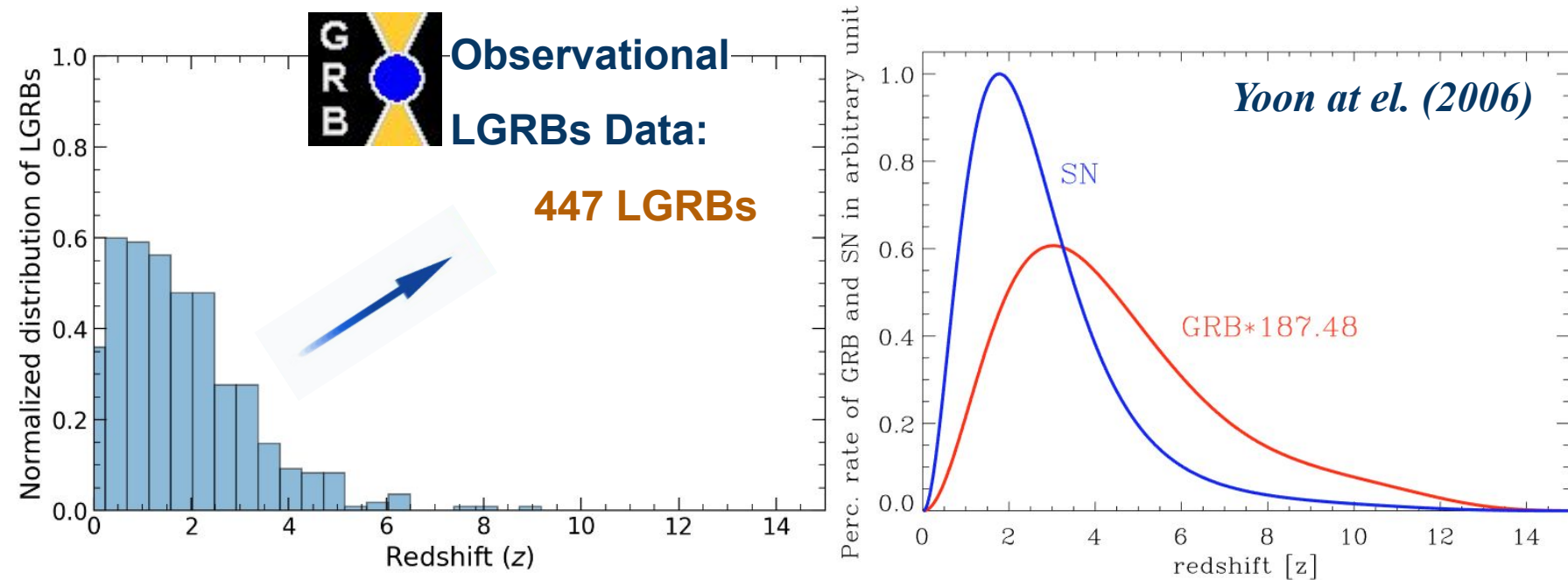
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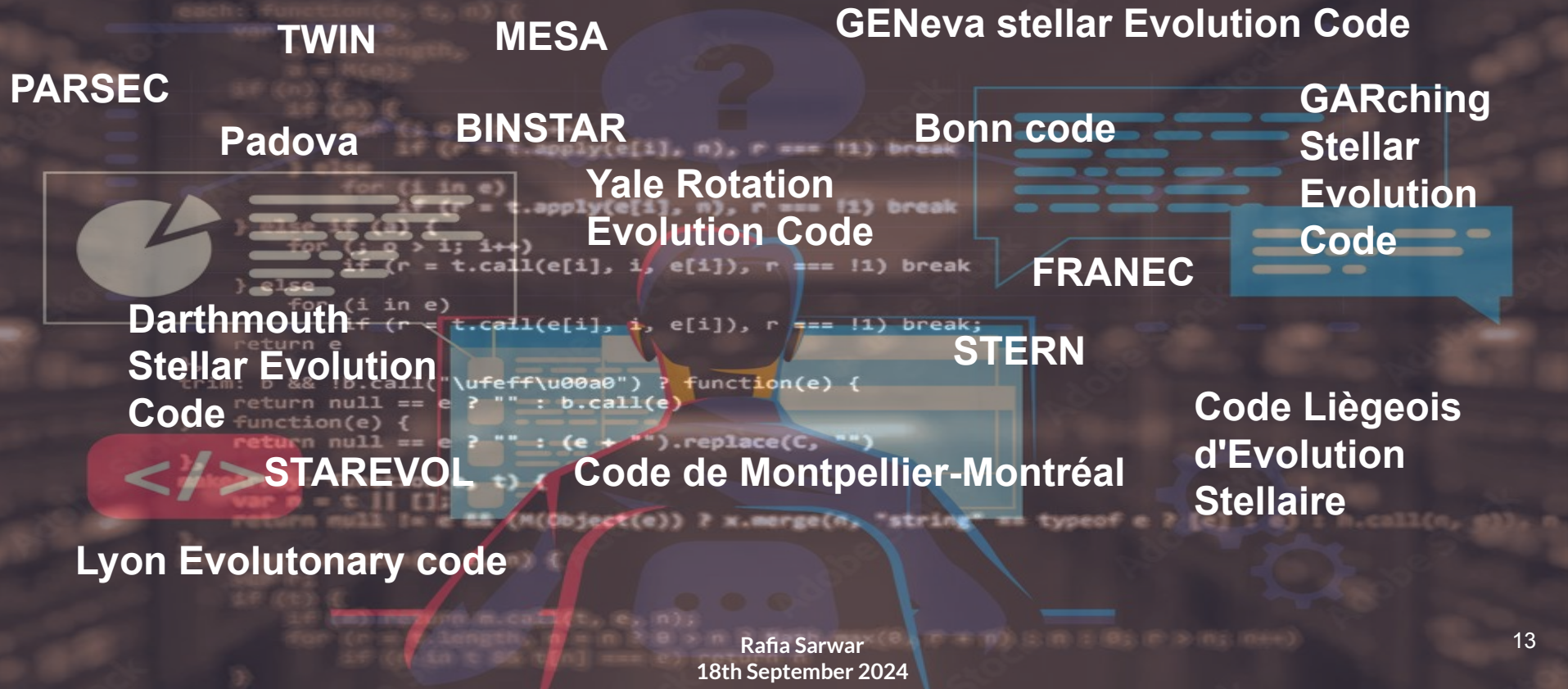


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# Market of stellar evolution codes





# MESA





# Model parameters

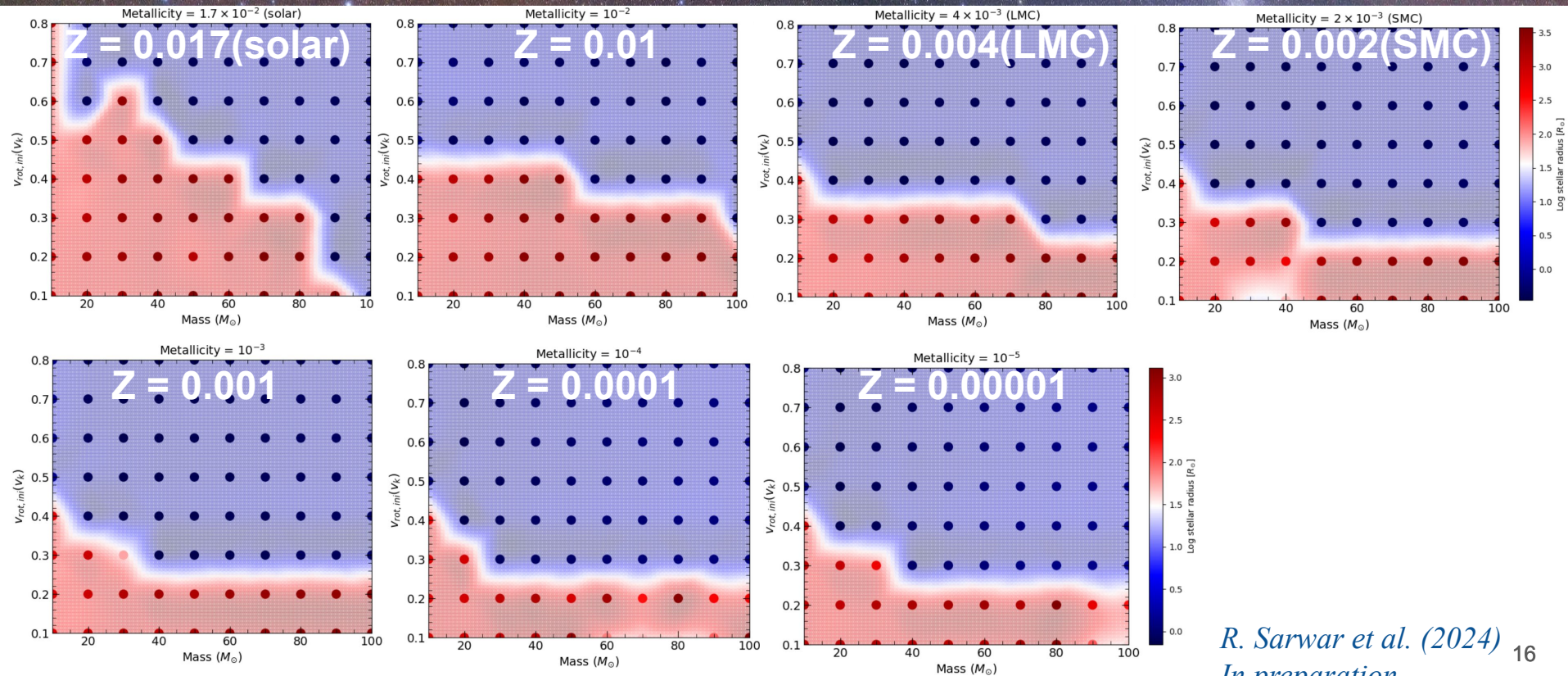
Initial masses	10M <sub>☉</sub>	20M <sub>☉</sub>	30M <sub>☉</sub>	40M <sub>☉</sub>	50M <sub>☉</sub>	60M <sub>☉</sub>	70M <sub>☉</sub>	80M <sub>☉</sub>	90M <sub>☉</sub>	100M <sub>☉</sub>
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Metallicities	0.017 (solar)	0.01	0.004 (LMC)	0.002 (SMC)	0.001	0.0001	0.00001
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Initial velocity	0.1v <sub>k</sub>	0.2v <sub>k</sub>	0.3v <sub>k</sub>	0.4v <sub>k</sub>	0.5v <sub>k</sub>	0.6v <sub>k</sub>	0.7v <sub>k</sub>	0.8v <sub>k</sub>
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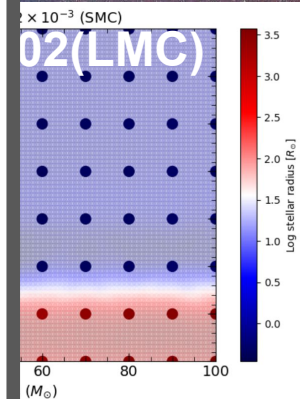
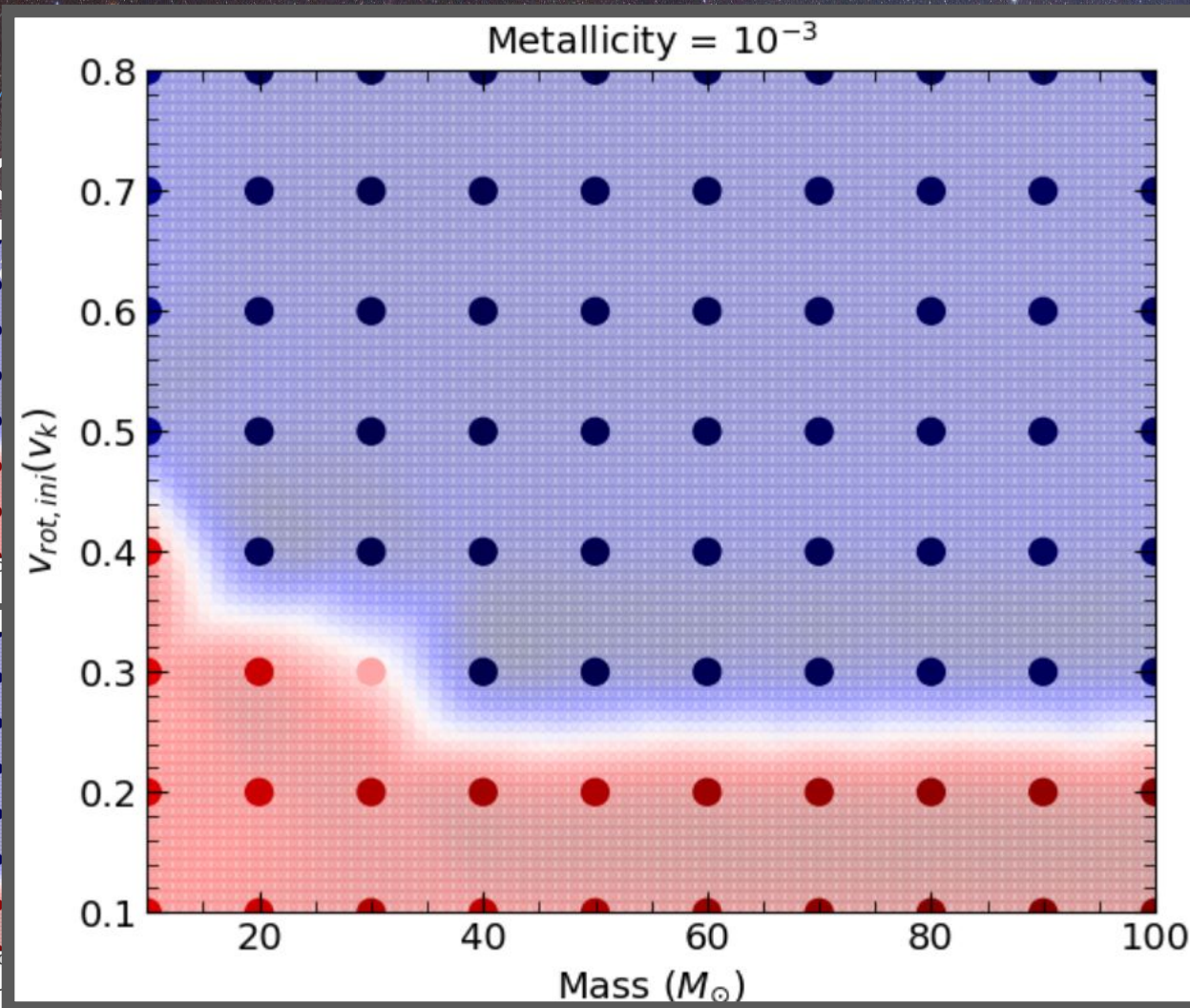
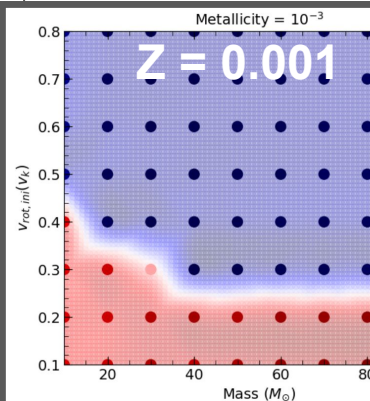
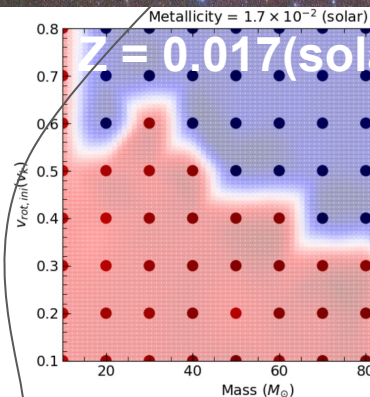


# Evolution of massive stars





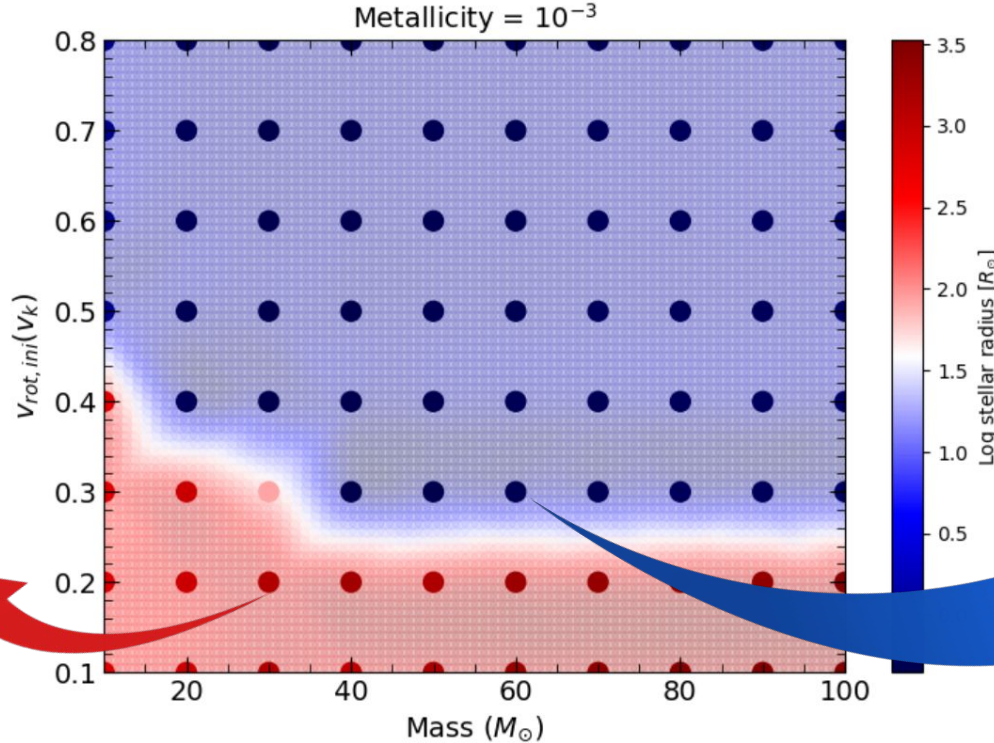
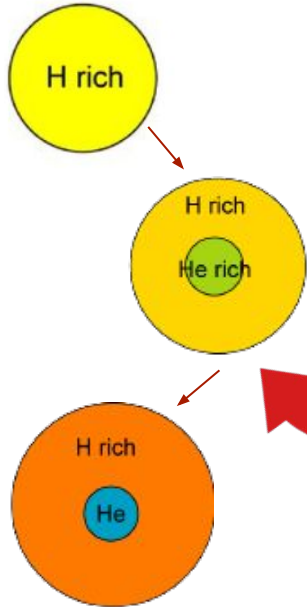
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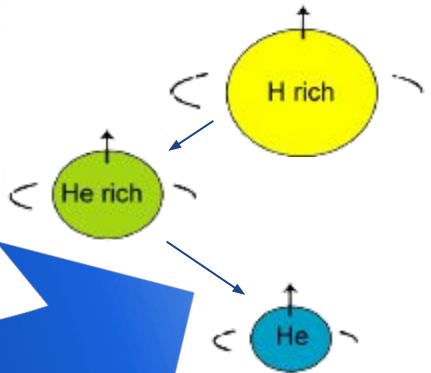
Slowly rotating:

- classical core-envelope
- red-supergiant



Rapidly rotating massive stars:

- rapid rotationally-induced chemical mixing
- quasi-chemical homogeneity





# Population synthesis

Initial mass function (IMF)

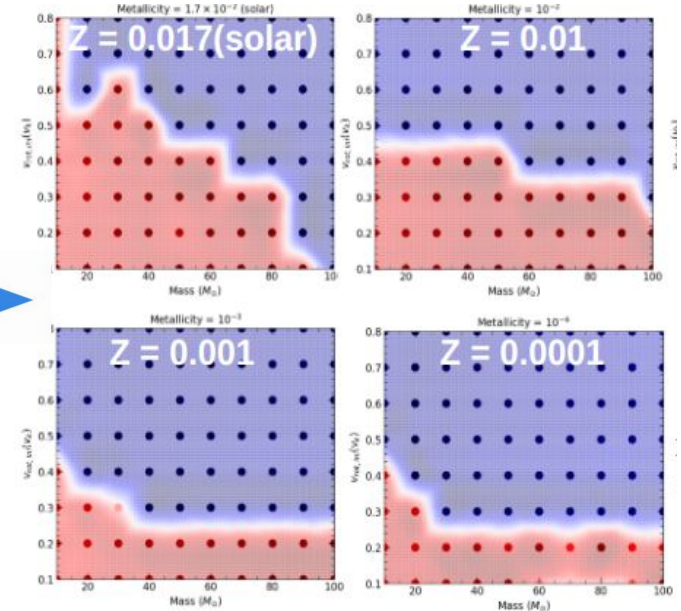
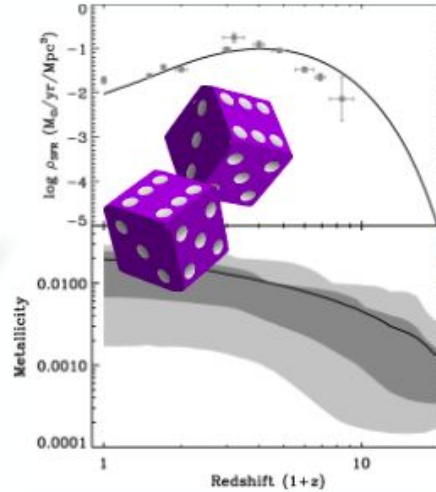
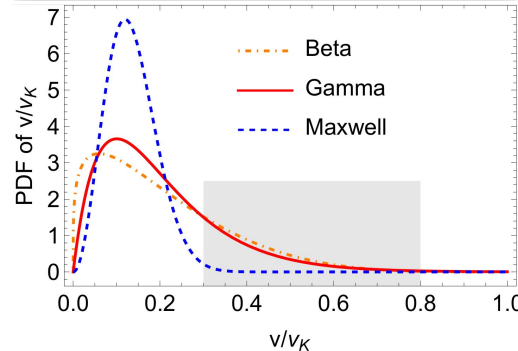
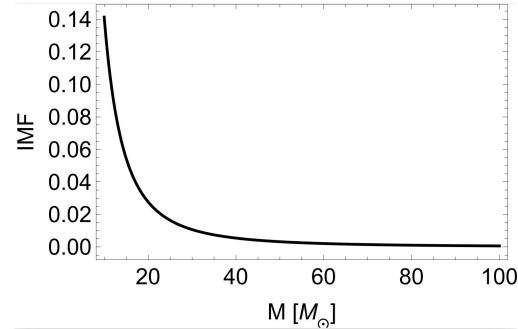
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Star formation rate (SFR)

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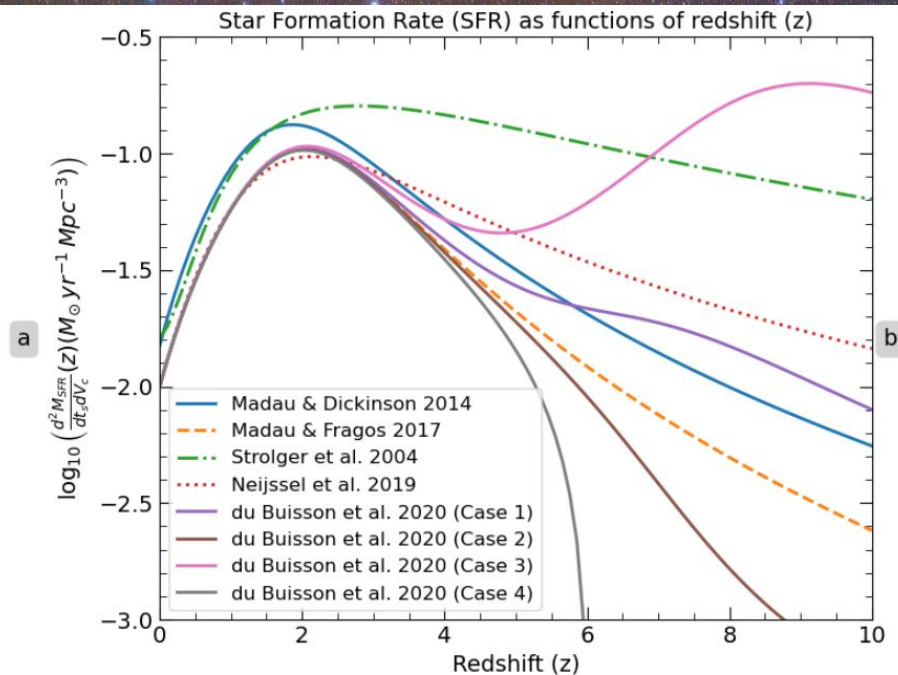
Rotational velocity distribution

Cosmic metallicity density distribution

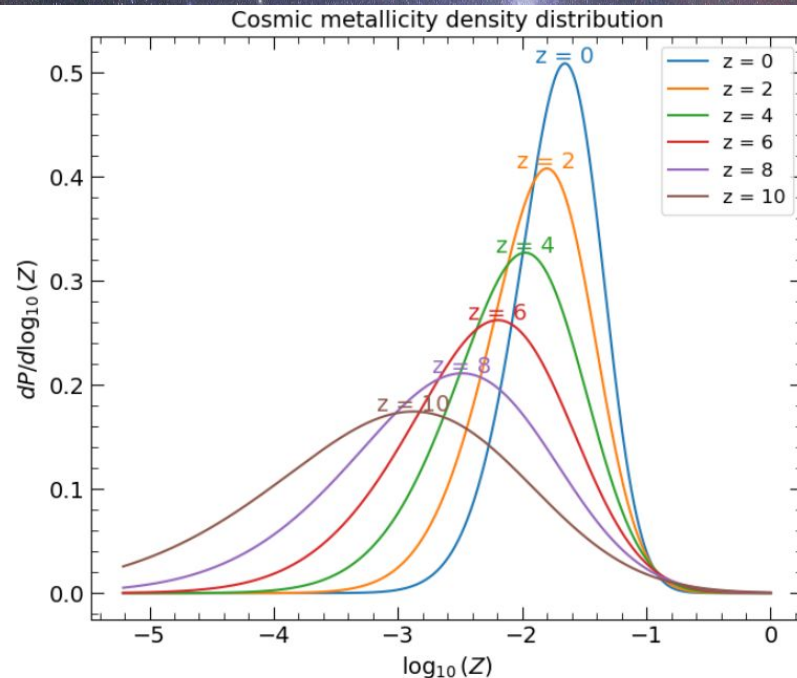




# Cosmic star formation rate and metallicity distribution



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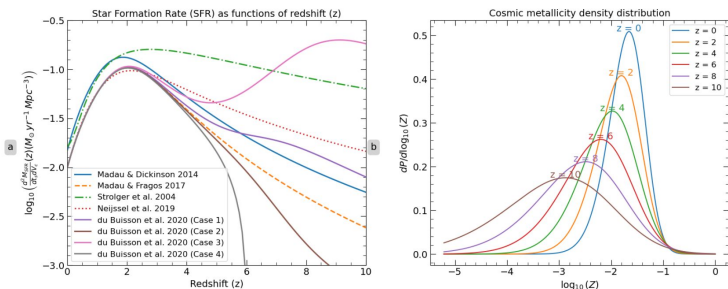


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# Metallicity-dependent cosmic star formation

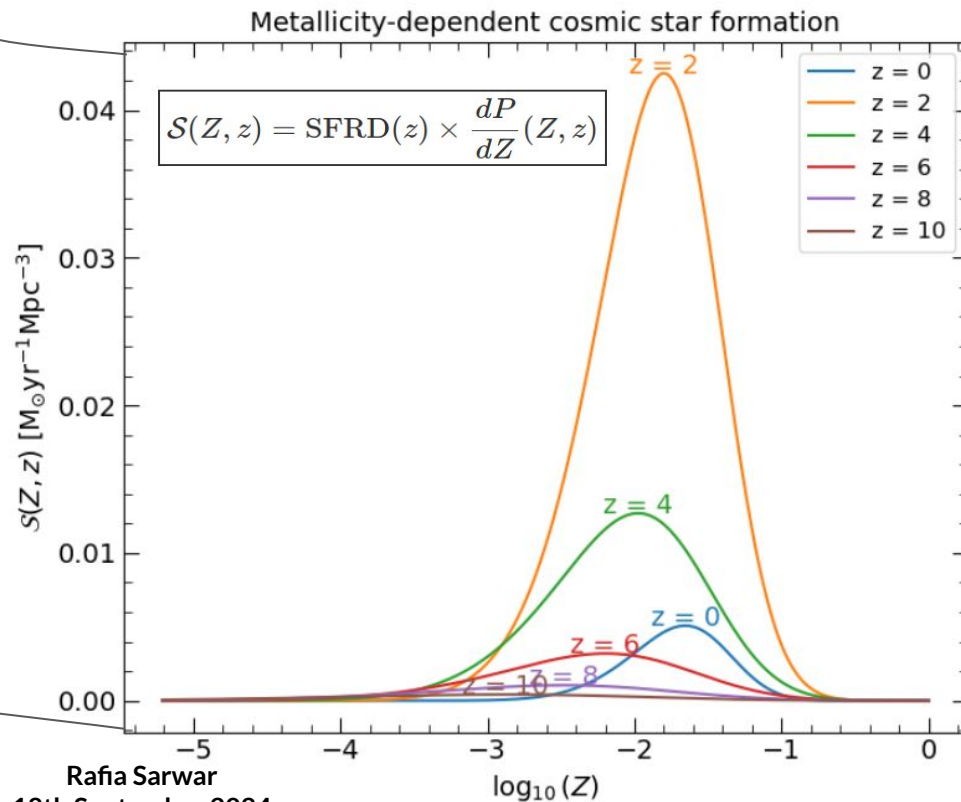


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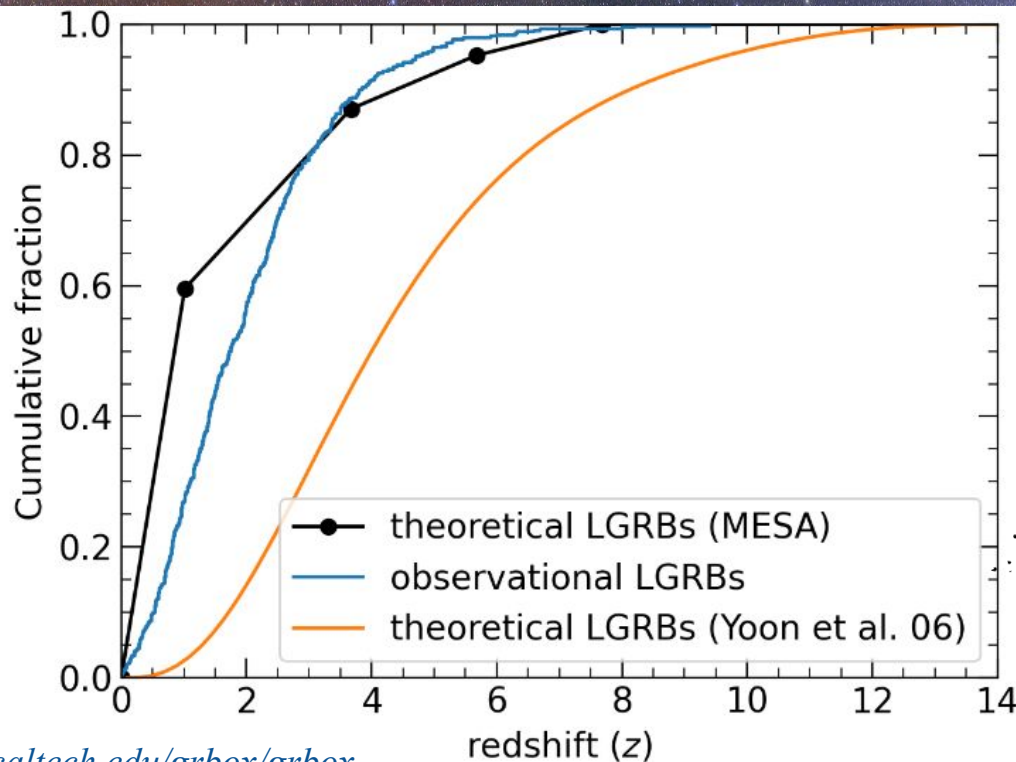
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# Single star models vs observation



*R. Sarwar et al. (2024)*  
*In preparation*



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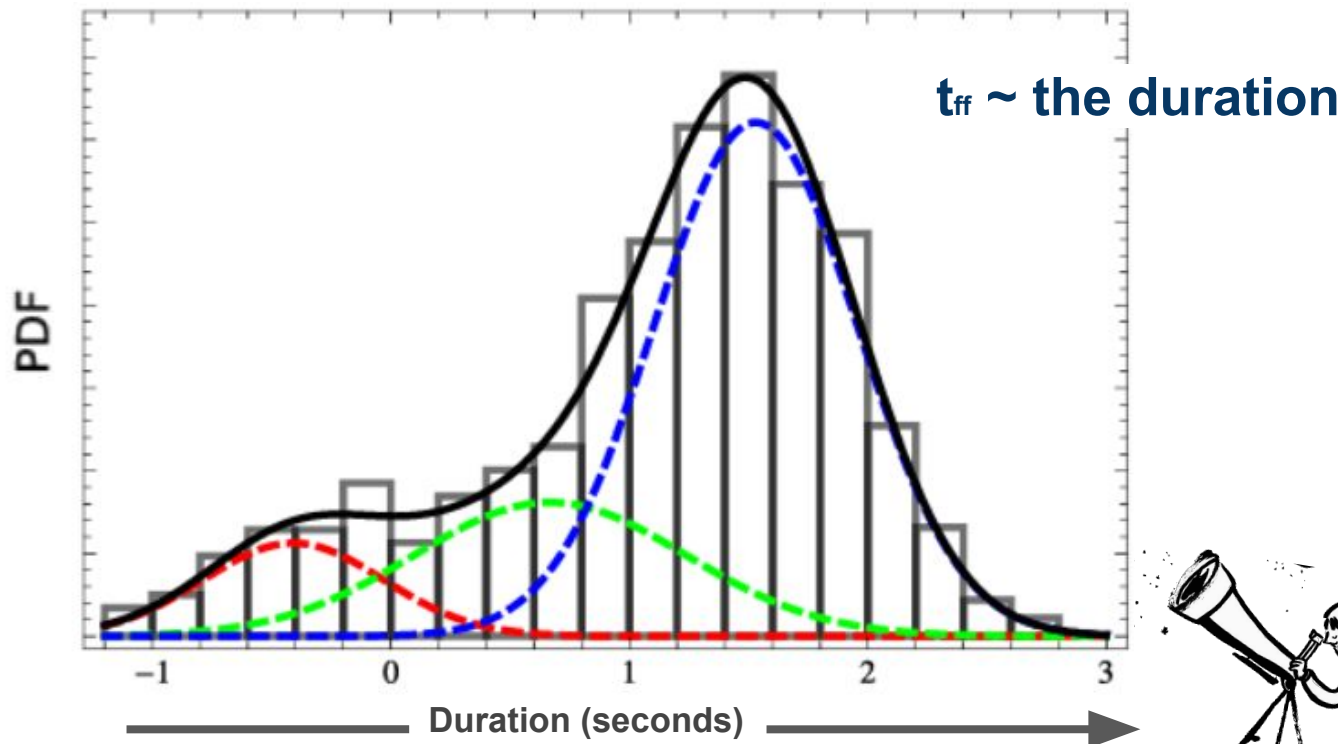
# Further steps

- Use different SFR distributions and see which one matches the best with observations
- Excluding PPISNe from stellar models (simulating PPISNe phase – not part of models)
- Look into observational biases (collaboration Dr. Christina Thöne)
- Compare with the literature
- Binary models
- Reproducing the duration histogram ( → next slide)





# Reproducing the skewed duration distribution

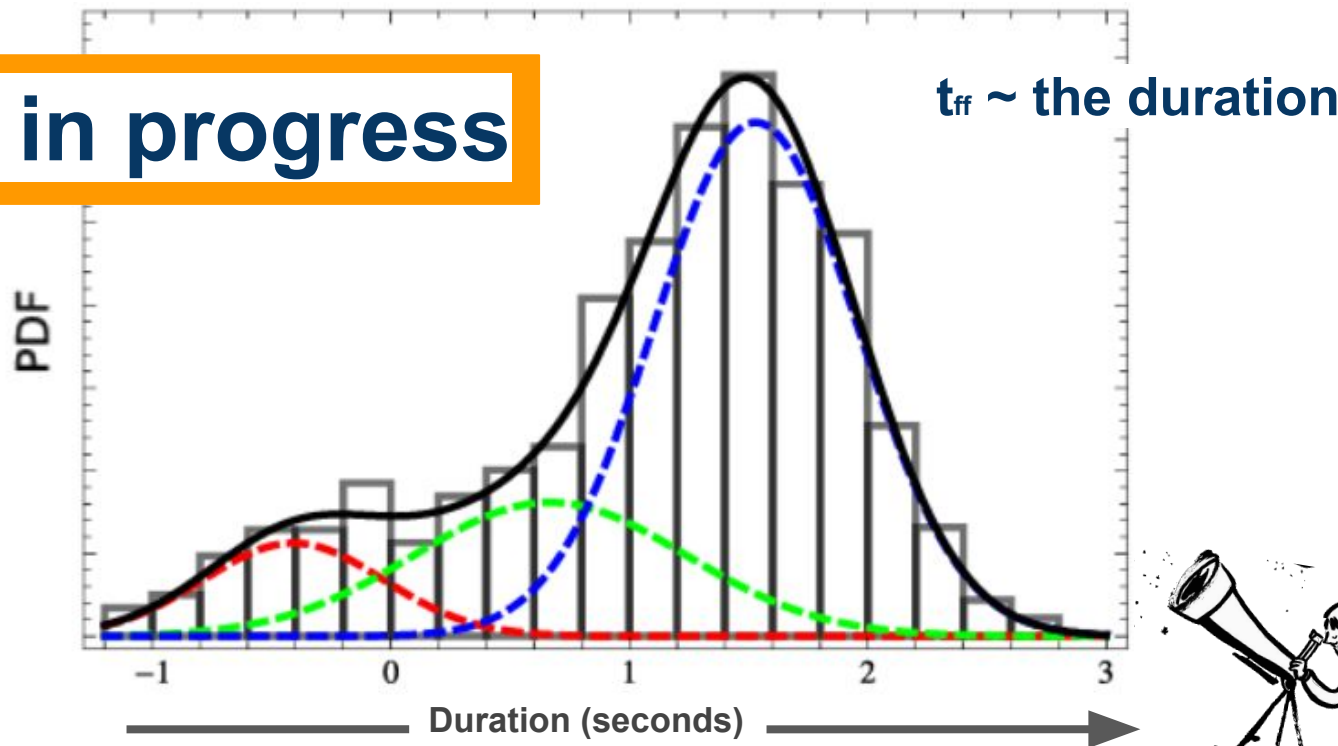






# Reproducing the skewed duration distribution

Work in progress





# Take home message

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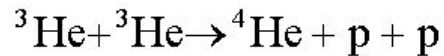
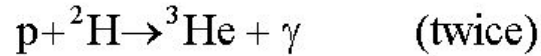
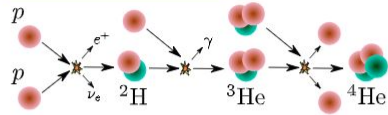
# Mass Loss by stellar winds

The choice of wind mass loss recipe depends on the temperature  $T_{\text{eff}}$  and surface hydrogen mass fraction  $X_s$ . For hot stars ( $T_{\text{eff}} > 25$  kK) that are hydrogen rich ( $X_s > 0.7$ ) we adopted the prescription of Vink et al. (2001). For hot hydrogen-poor stars ( $X_s < 0.4$ ) we used the wind of Hamann et al. (1995) divided by ten. We linearly interpolated between the predicted  $\log \dot{M}$  given by both prescriptions in case  $0.4 < X_s < 0.7$ . For cold stars ( $T_{\text{eff}} \lesssim 25$  kK) we used the prescription from Nieuwenhuijzen & de Jager (1990) in case it predicts a mass loss rate higher than Vink et al. (2001). Due to its high opacity, iron is the main driver of stellar winds. We scaled all winds to the iron abundance rather than the metallicity  $Z$ . The stellar winds thus scale as  $\dot{M} \propto (X_{\text{Fe}}/X_{\text{Fe},\odot})^{0.85}$ , where the factor 0.85 is the metallicity dependence found by Vink et al. (2001). Here,  $X_{\text{Fe},\odot} = 0.00124$  (Grevesse et al. 1996).



# Nuclear burning

## PP-I chain



## CNO cycle

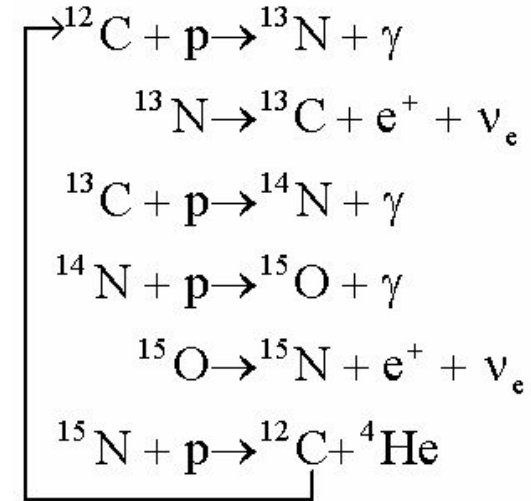
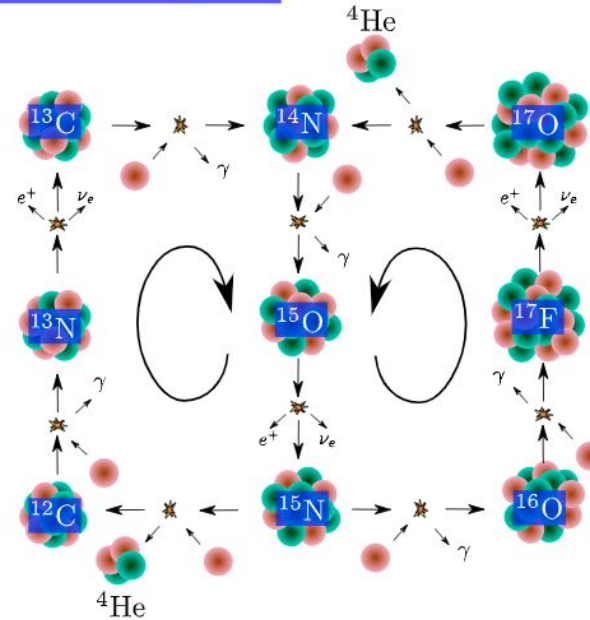
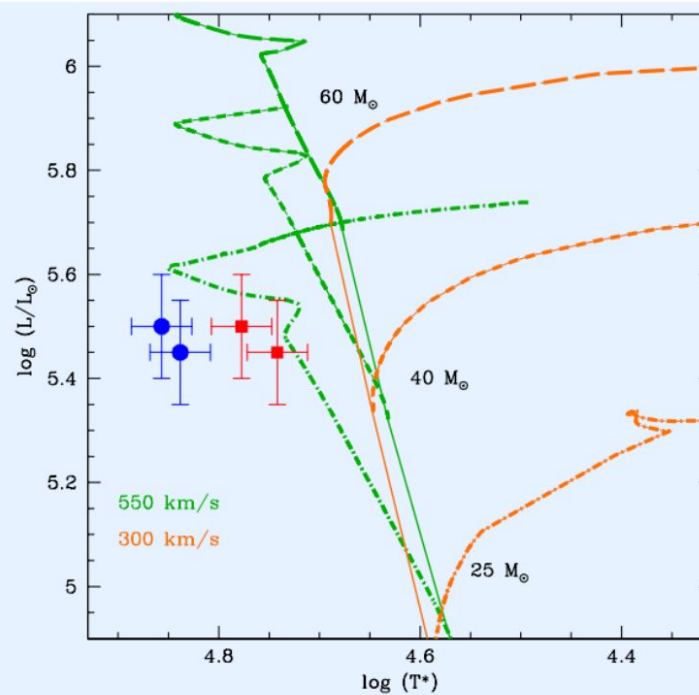


Figure 1.3: Main reactions involved in the proton-proton chain and the CNO cycle. The PP-chain is the main source of energy for low mass stars ( $M \lesssim 1.5M_{\odot}$ ), while hydrogen burning in more massive stars is dominated by the CNO cycle.





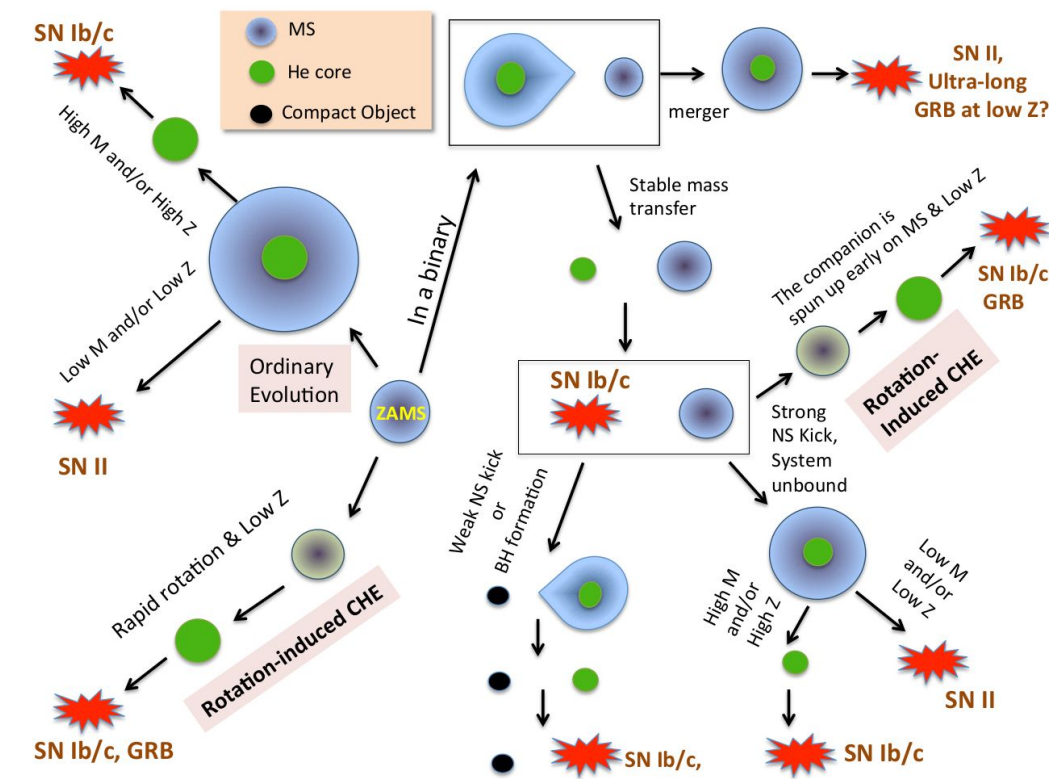
# Evidence for CHE stars



Martins et al. 2013



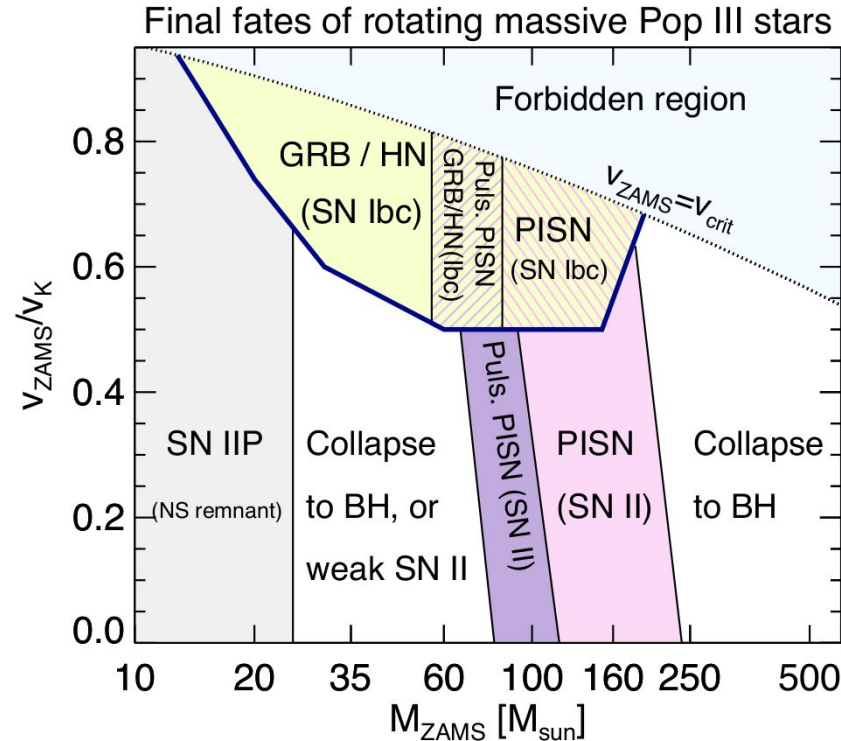
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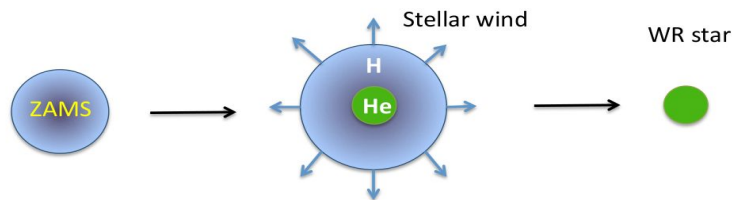
# Mass Loss by Winds:

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### *Mass Loss by Winds:*

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$$L \propto M^3 \quad \dot{M}_{\text{wind}} \propto L^{1.5} Z^{0.7} \propto M^{4.5} Z^{0.7}$$



**WR stars are near the Eddington limit:**

- large convective core size
- strong mass loss to remove helium from the envelope.

→ quasi-chemically homogeneous evolution!





# Specific angular momentum

Initial spin of a collapsing star is written as  $a_{\text{core}} = \frac{J_{\text{core}} c}{GM_{\text{core}}^2}$

By Bardeen et al. (1972), radius at ISCO, scaled by  $GM_{\text{BH}}/c^2$  is

$$r_{\text{isco}} = 3 + z_2 \pm [(3 - z_1)(3 + z_1 + 2z_2)]^{1/2}$$

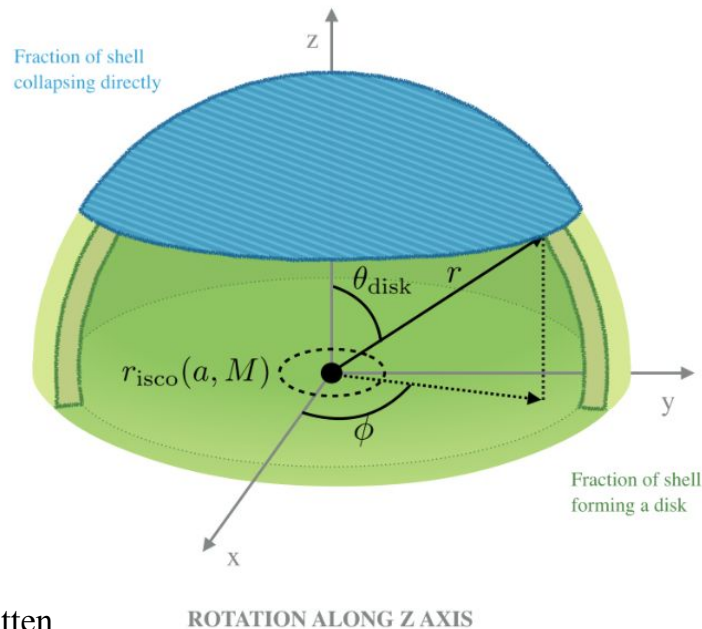
where  $z_1$  and  $z_2$  are determined by the spin according to:

$$z_1 = 1 + (1 - a^2)^{1/3} \left[ (1 + a)^{1/3} + (1 - a)^{1/3} \right]$$

$$z_2 = (3a^2 + z_1^2)^{1/2}.$$

The specific angular momentum at ISCO, scaled by  $GM_{\text{BH}}/c$ , can be written as:

$$j_{\text{isco}} = \frac{2}{3^{3/2}} \left[ 1 + 2(3r_{\text{isco}} - 2)^{1/2} \right]$$





# Why do homogeneous stars evolve bluewards

$$R \propto \mu^{2/3} M^{0.81} \quad \text{with homology relation and CNO cycle}$$

$$L \propto \frac{\mu^{7.5} M^{5.5}}{R^{0.5}} \quad \text{with homology relation and Kramer's opacity law}$$



$$T_{\text{eff}} \propto \mu^{1.5} M^{0.75}$$