

# GRBs and Stellar Evolution: A Review of Progenitor Theories

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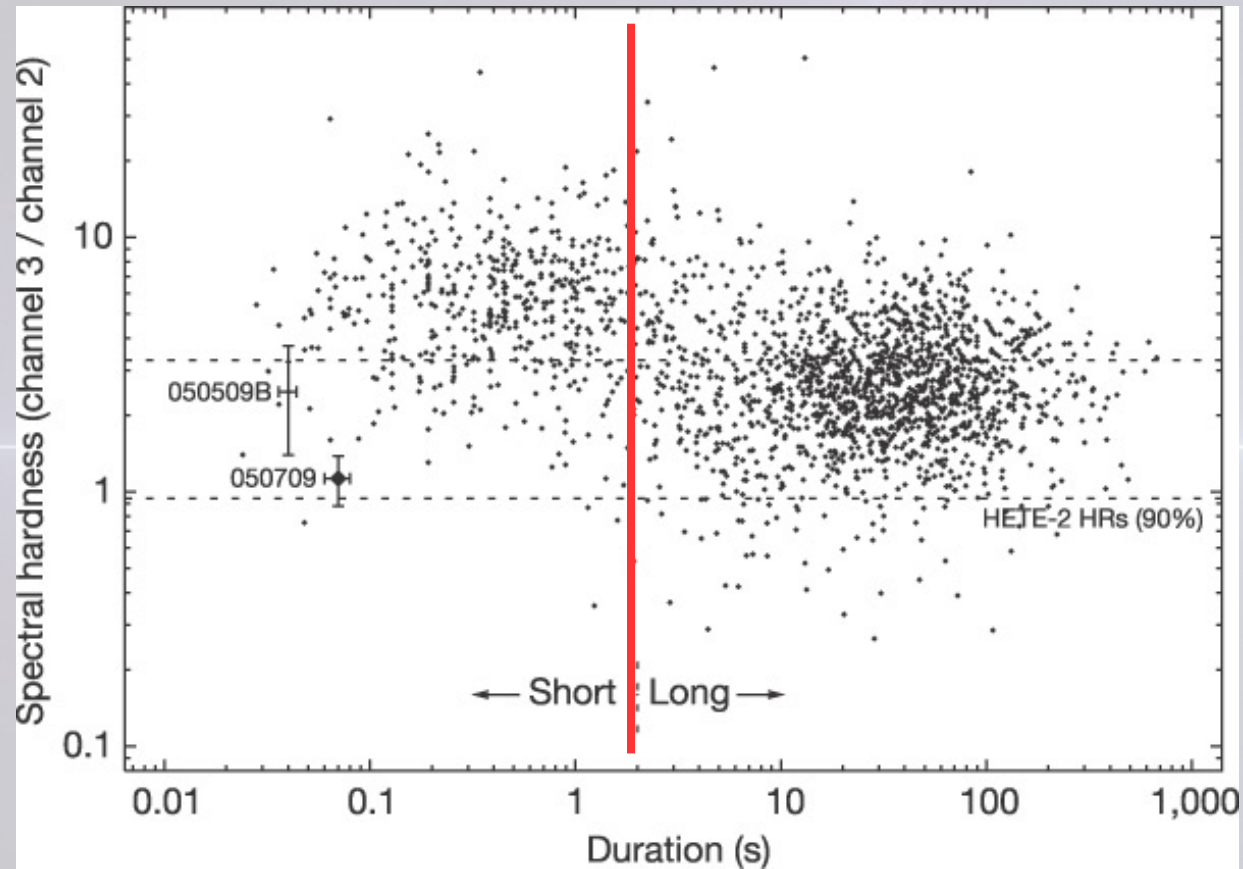


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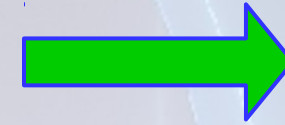
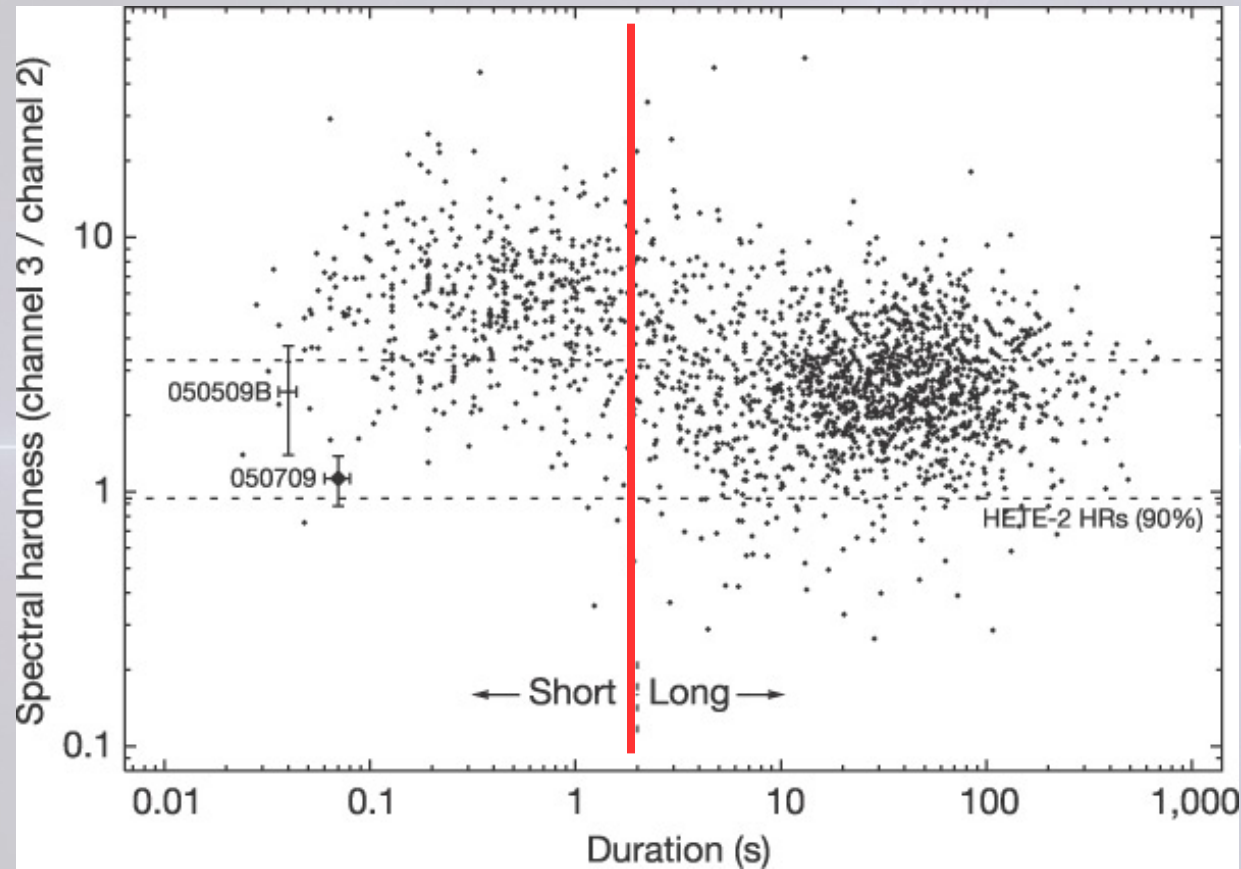
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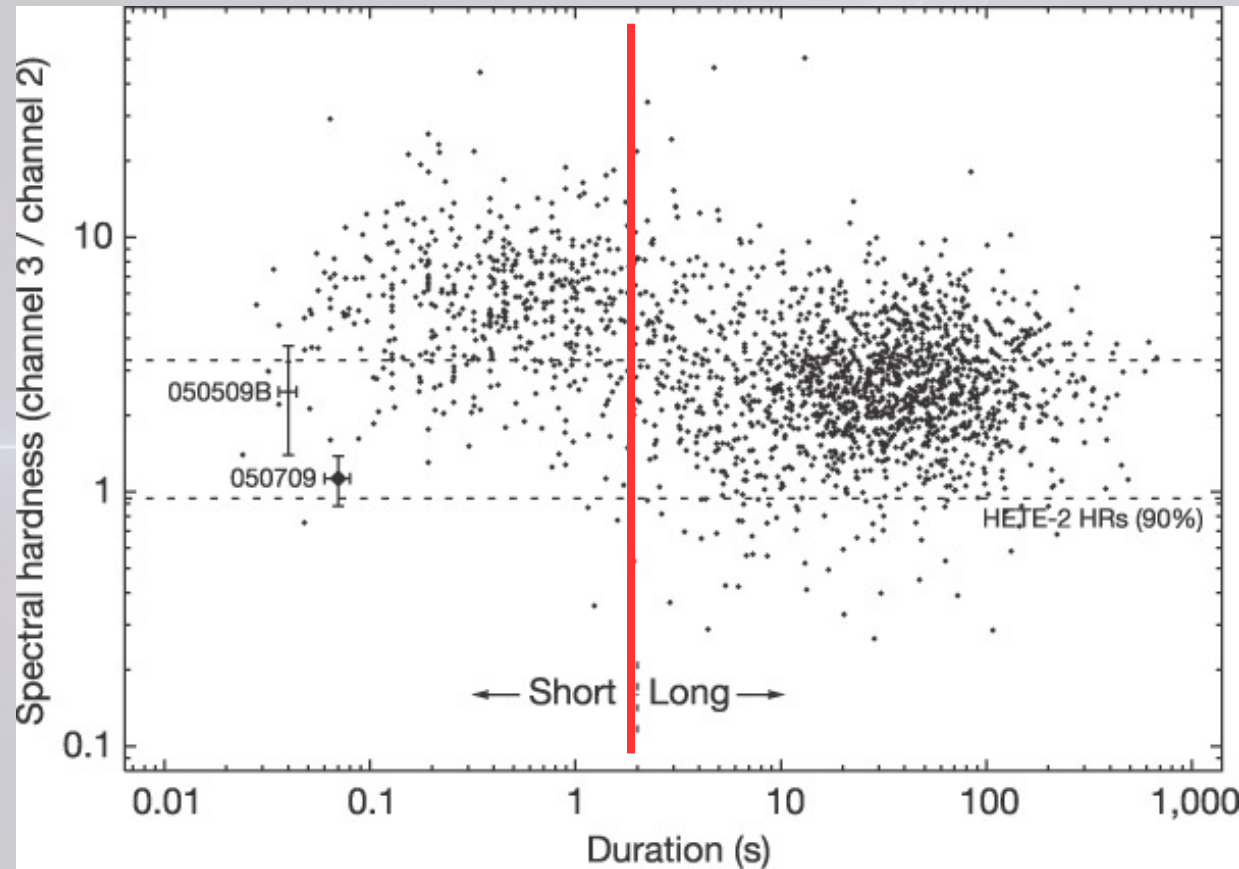
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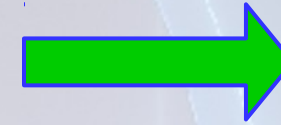
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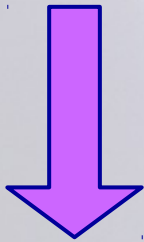
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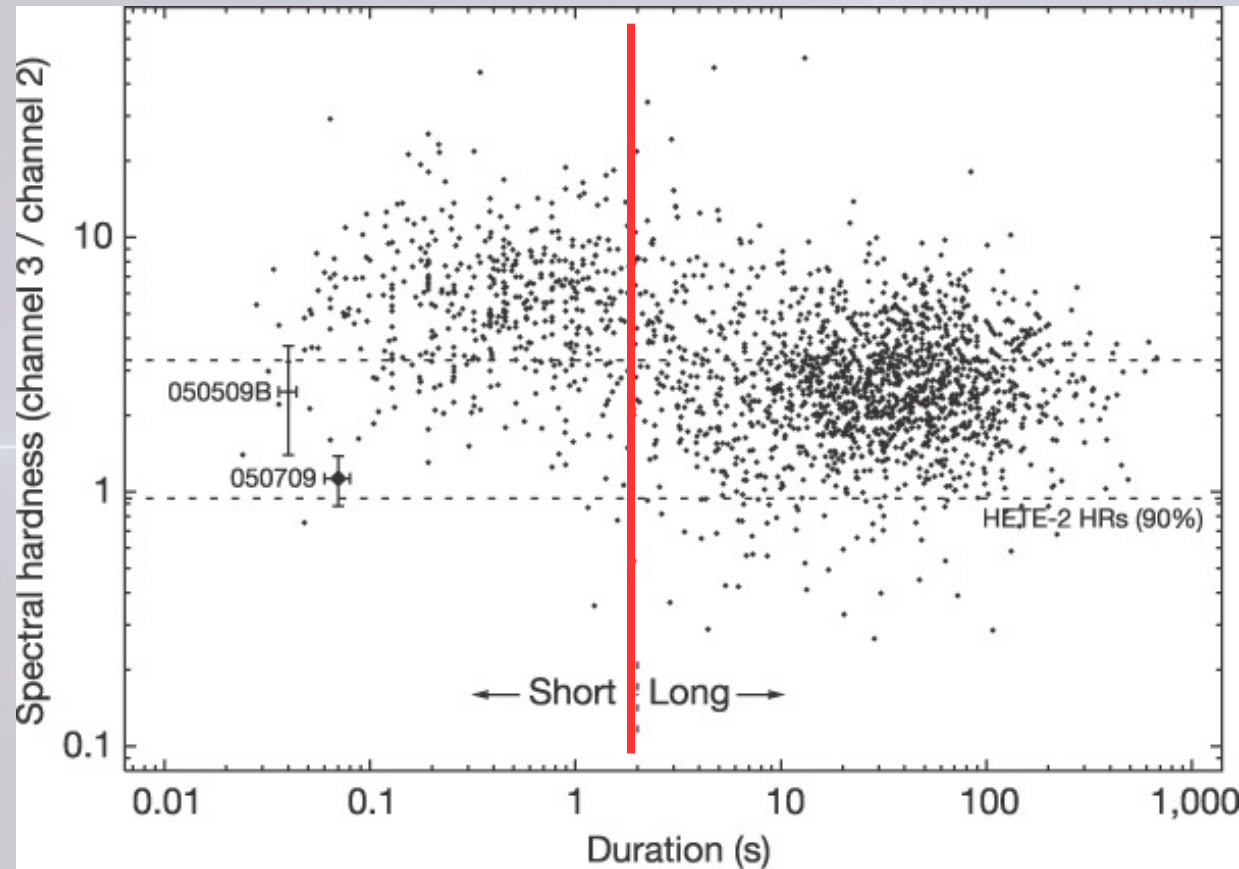


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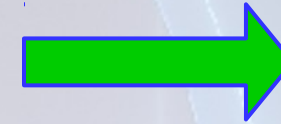


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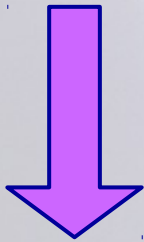


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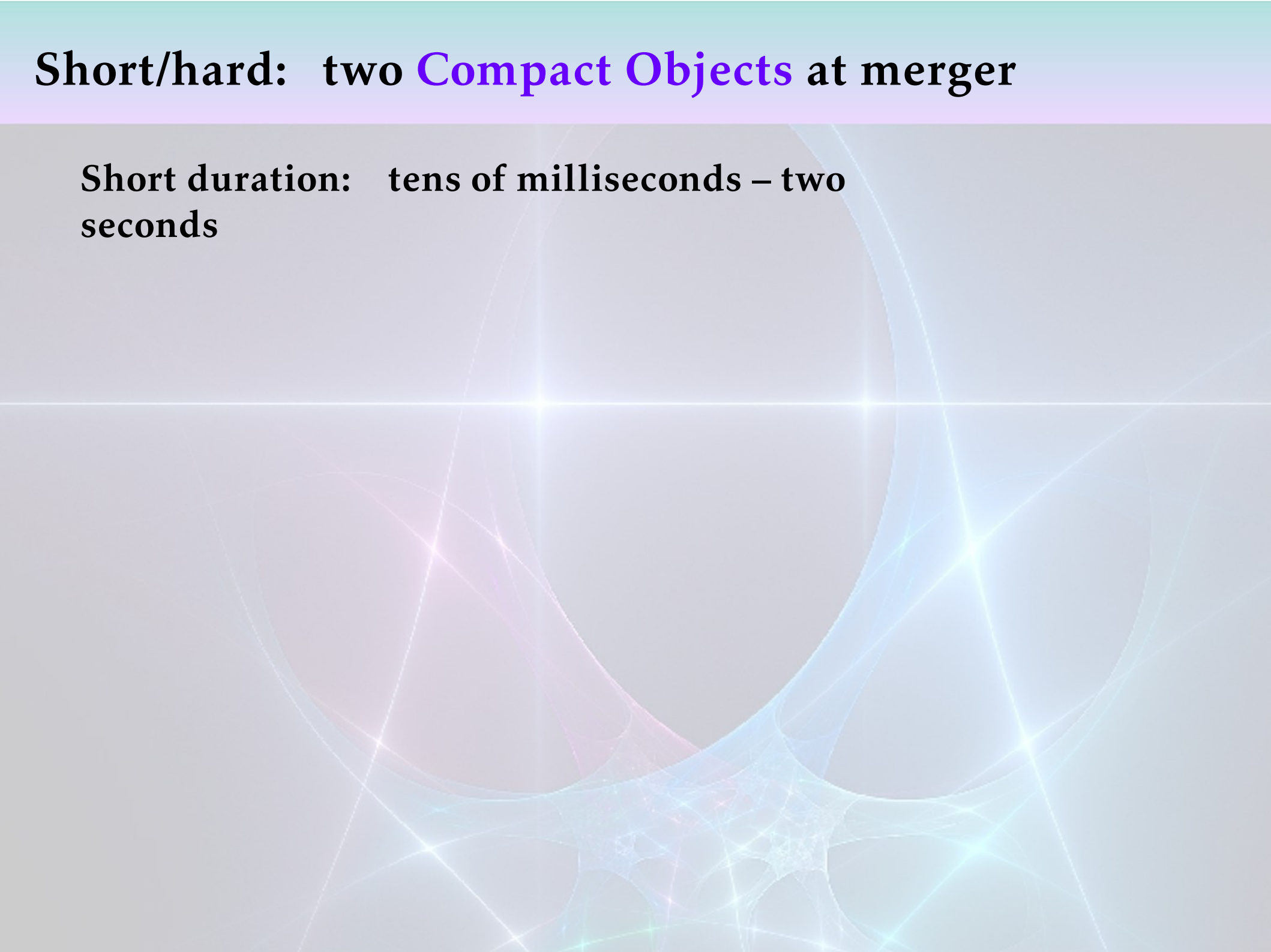
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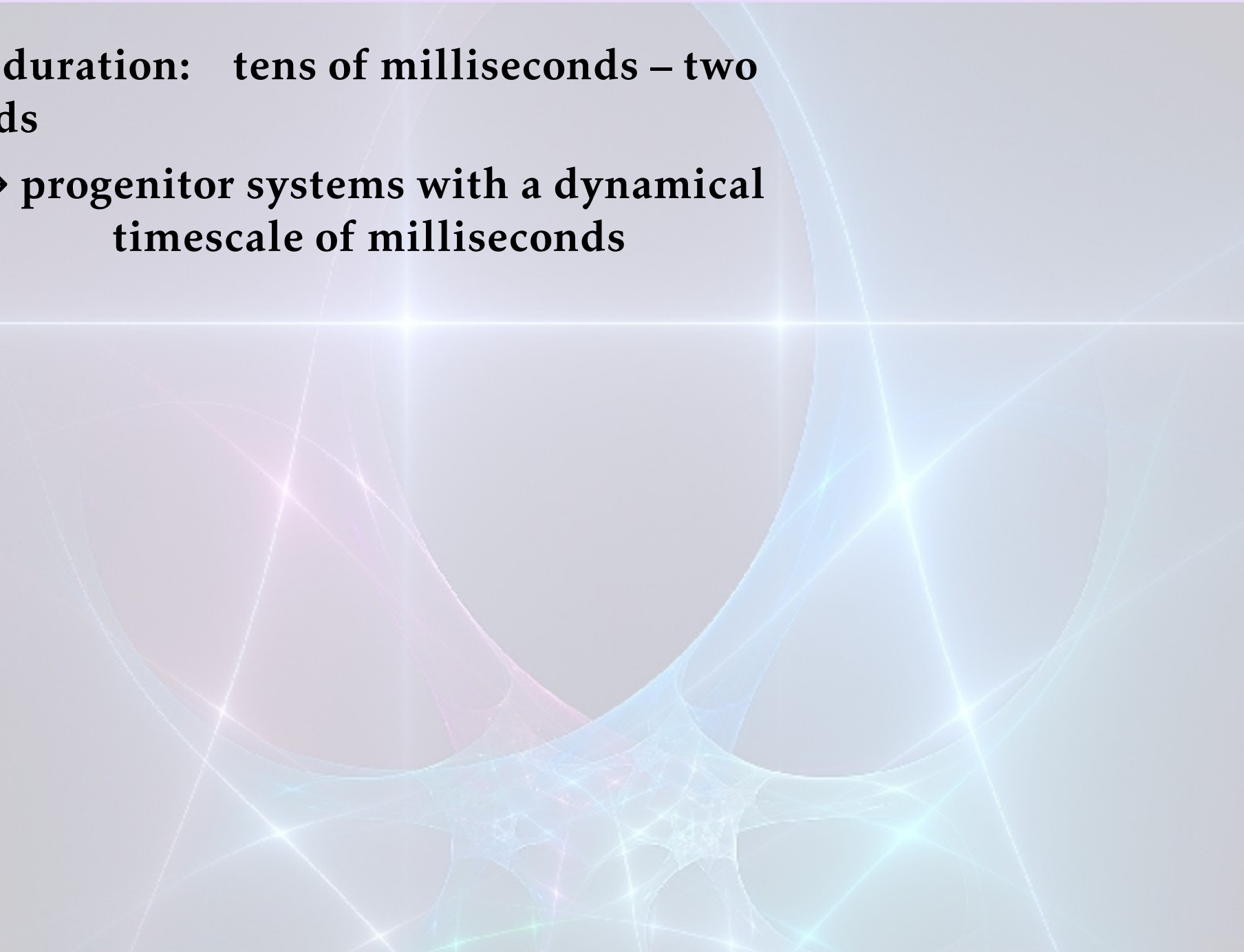
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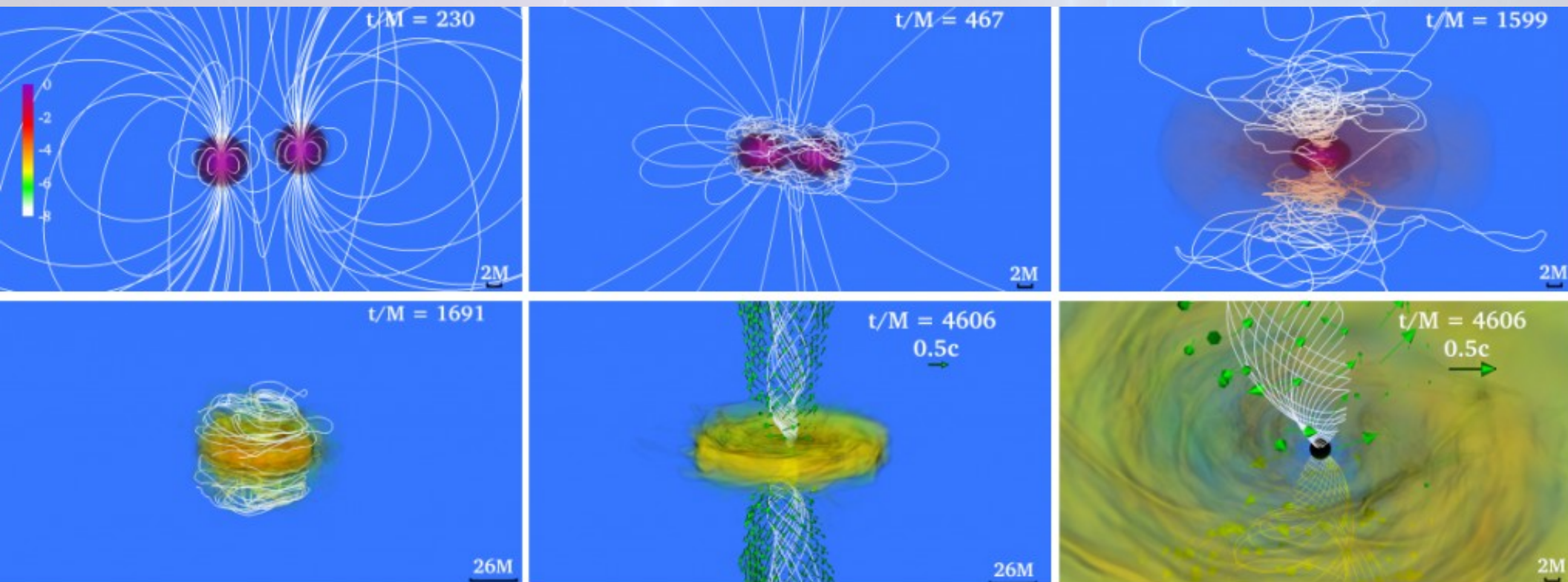
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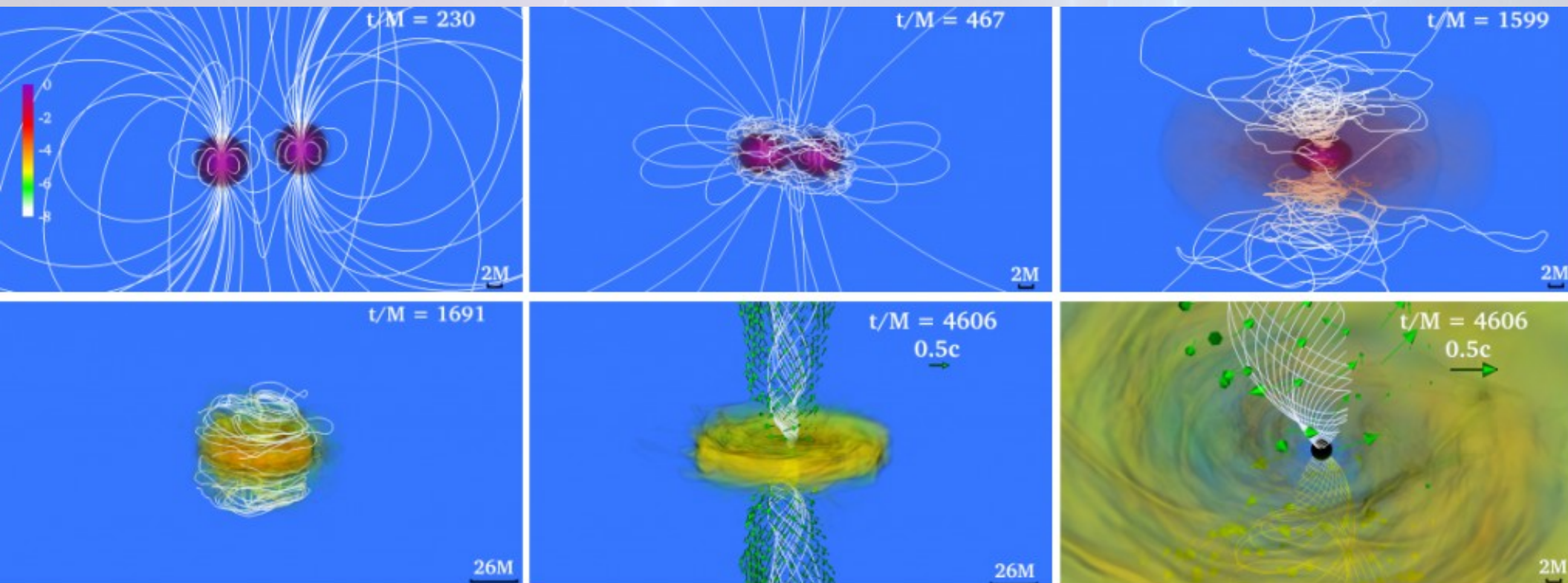
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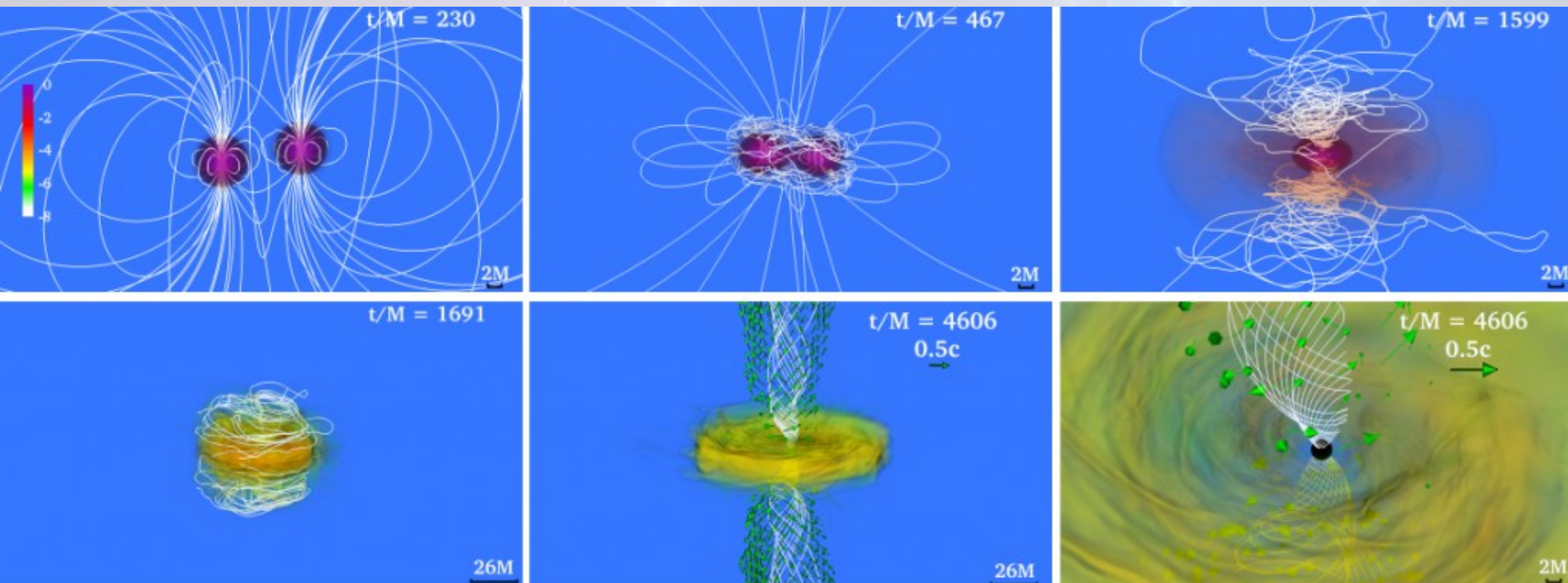
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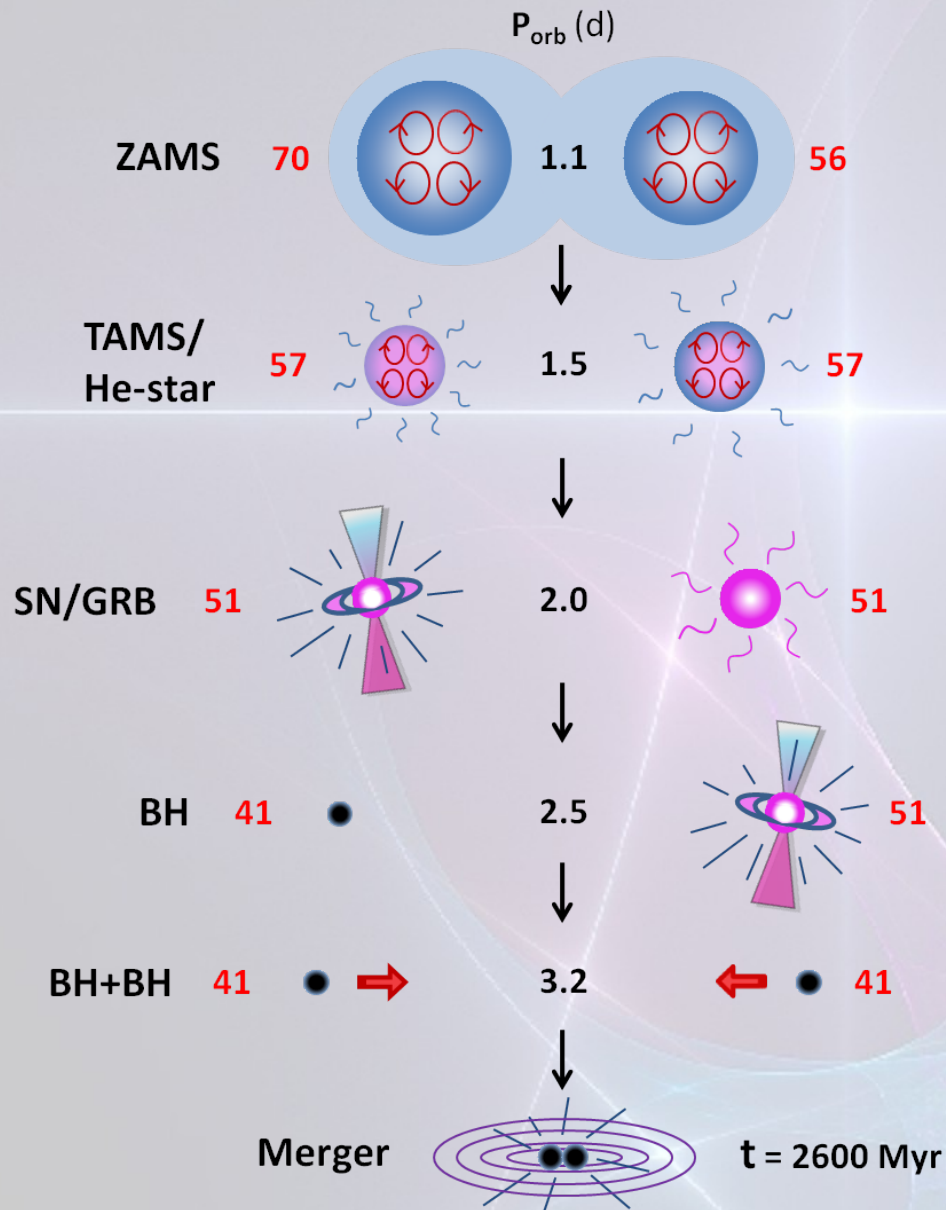
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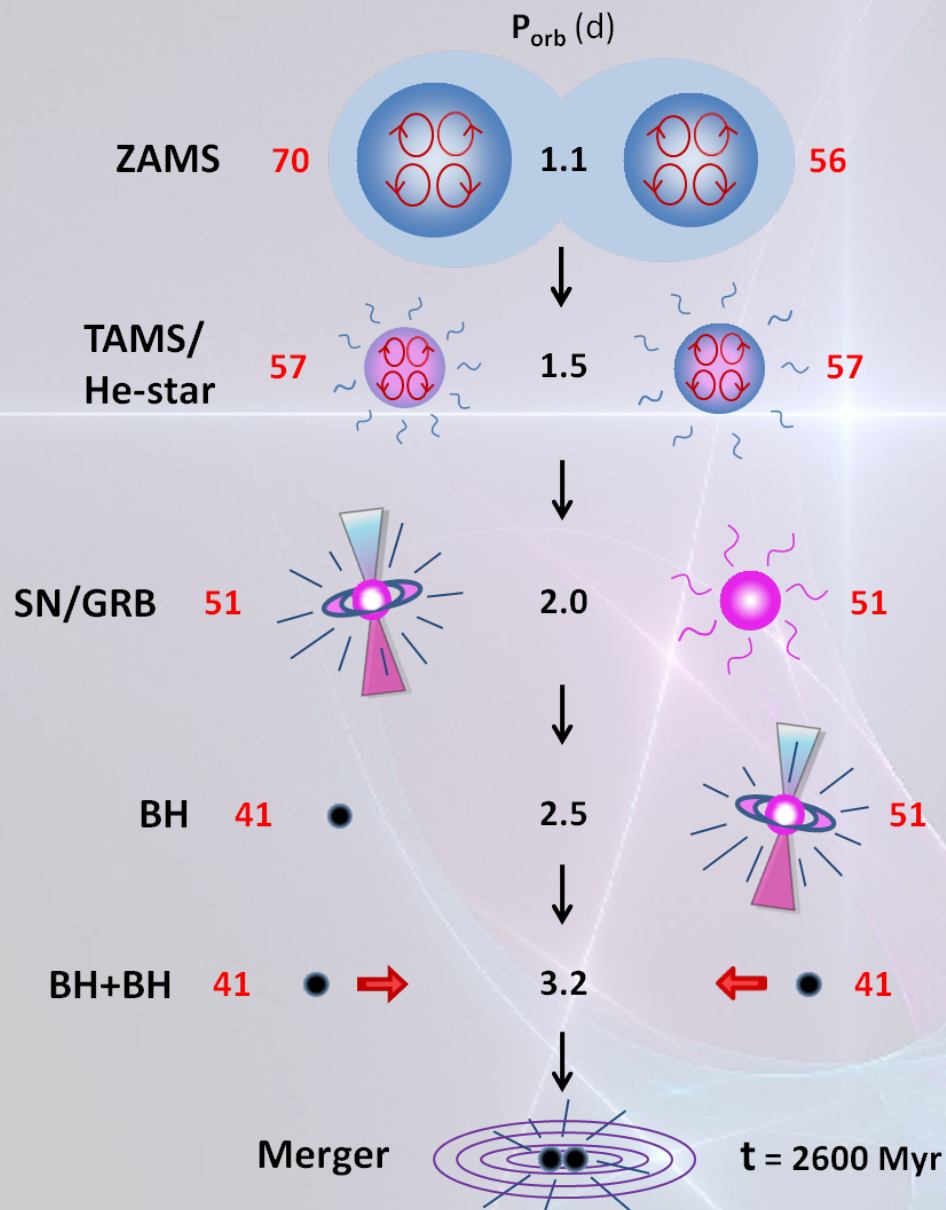


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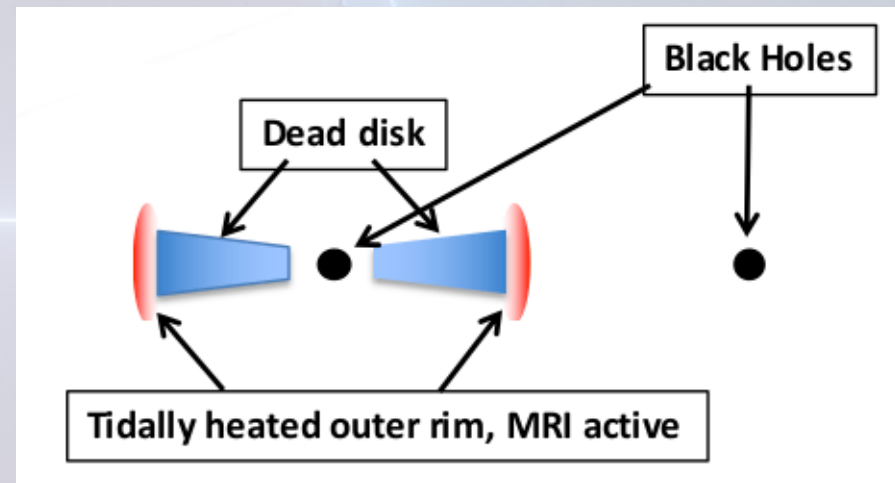
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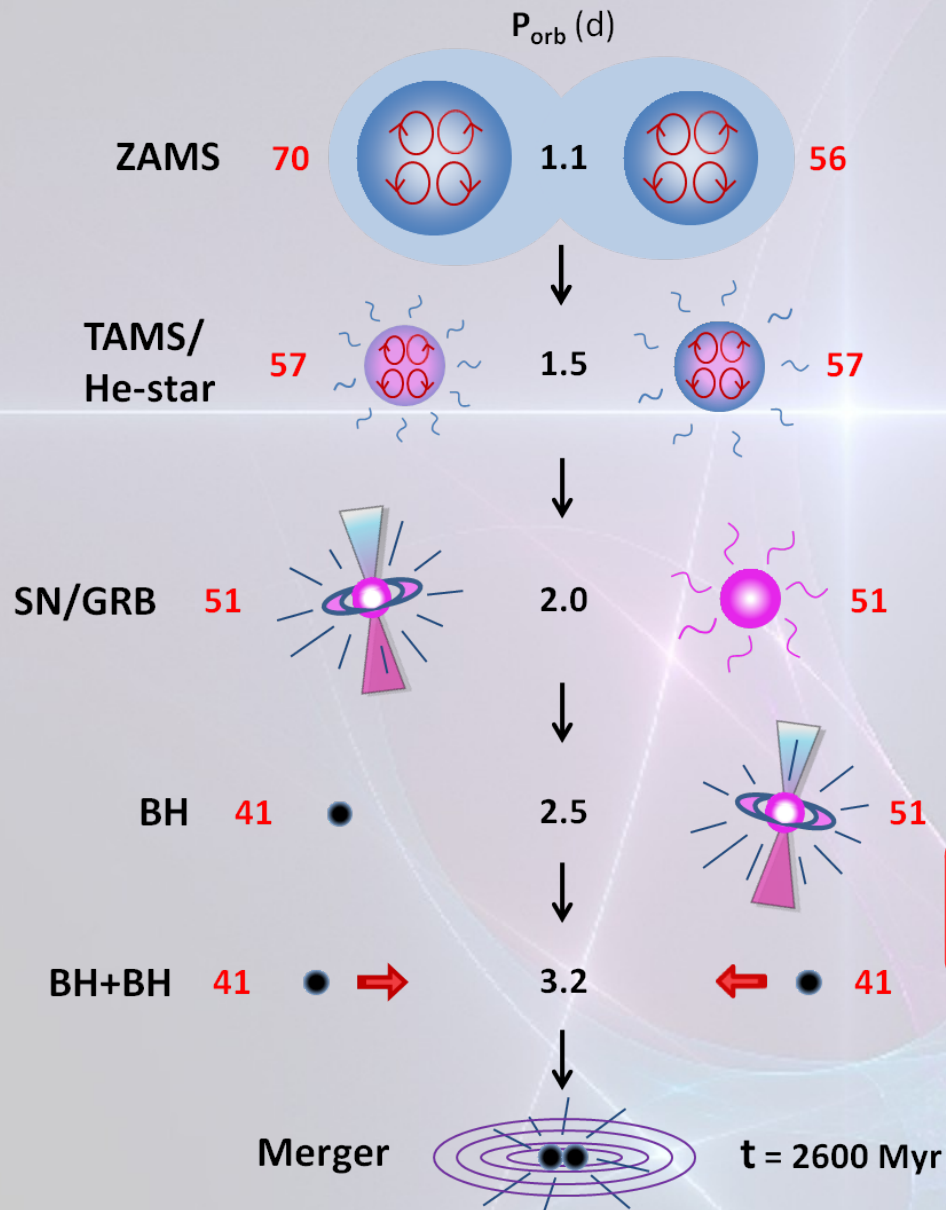
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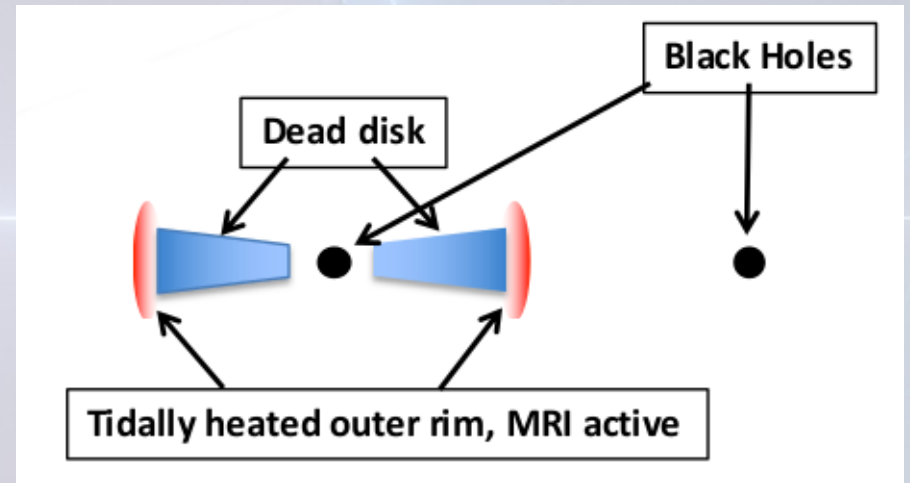
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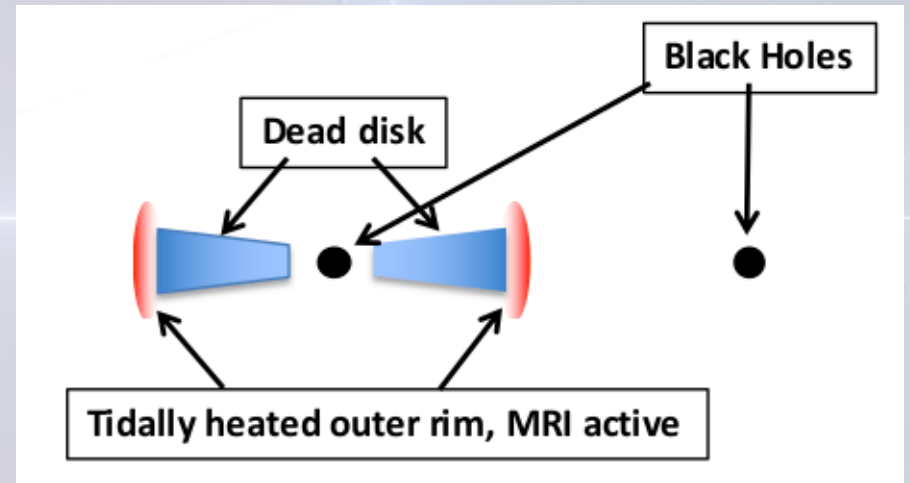
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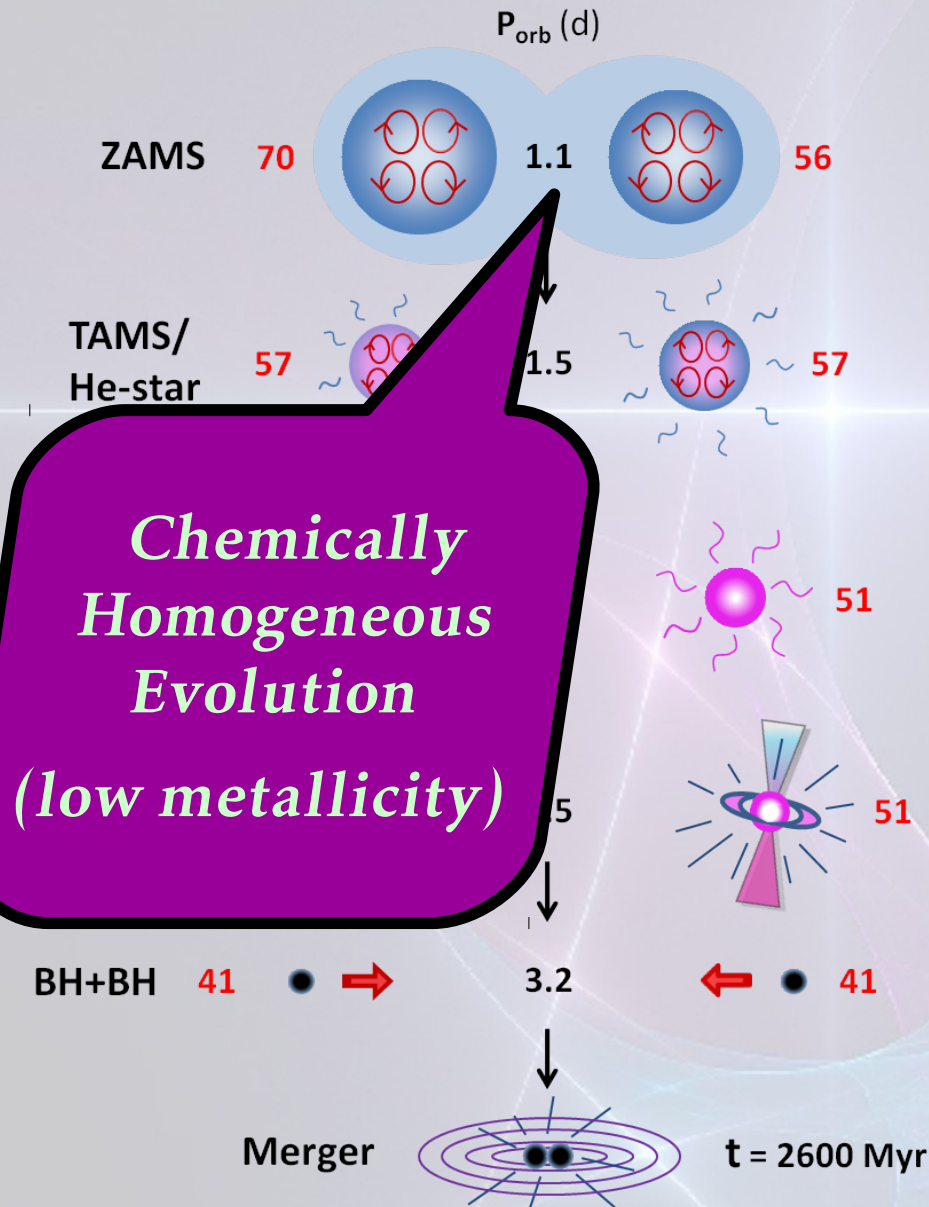
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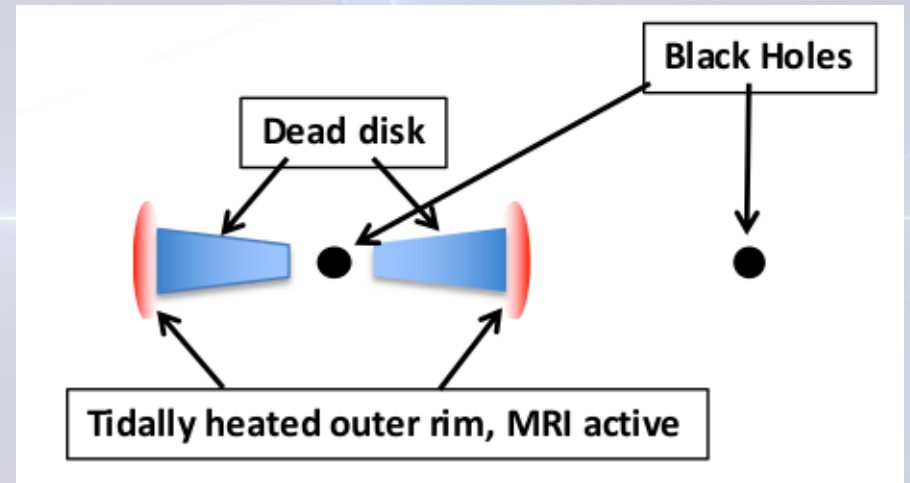
**Chemically Homogeneous Evolution (low metallicity)**

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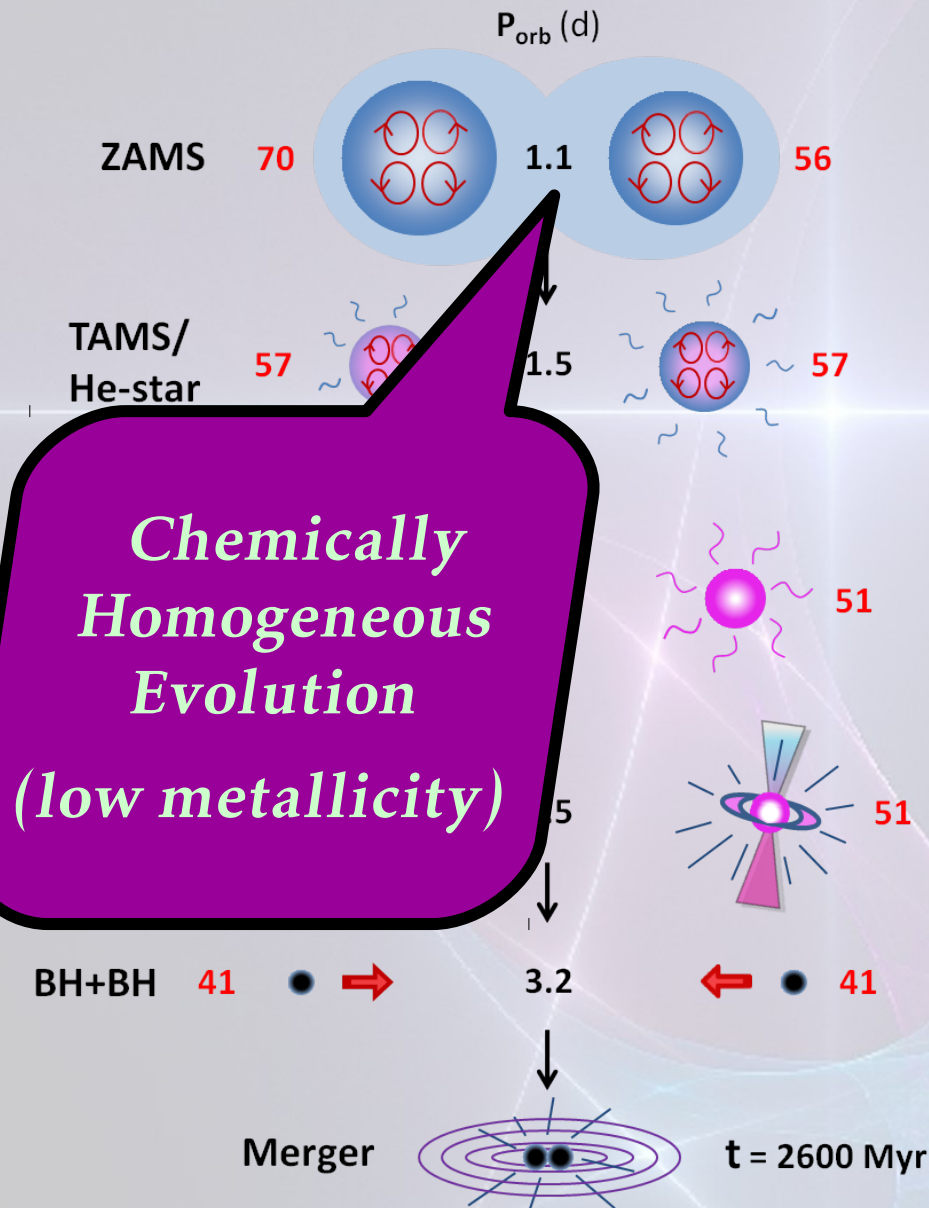
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*Zhang'16* – one of the BHs is charged

*Belczynski+16, Kruckow+16*  
– common envelope evolution



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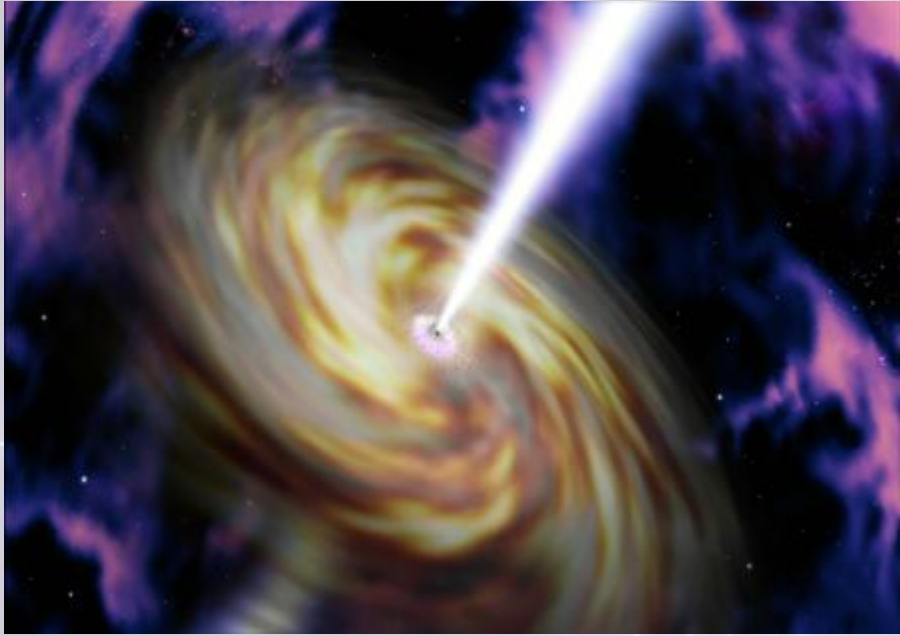
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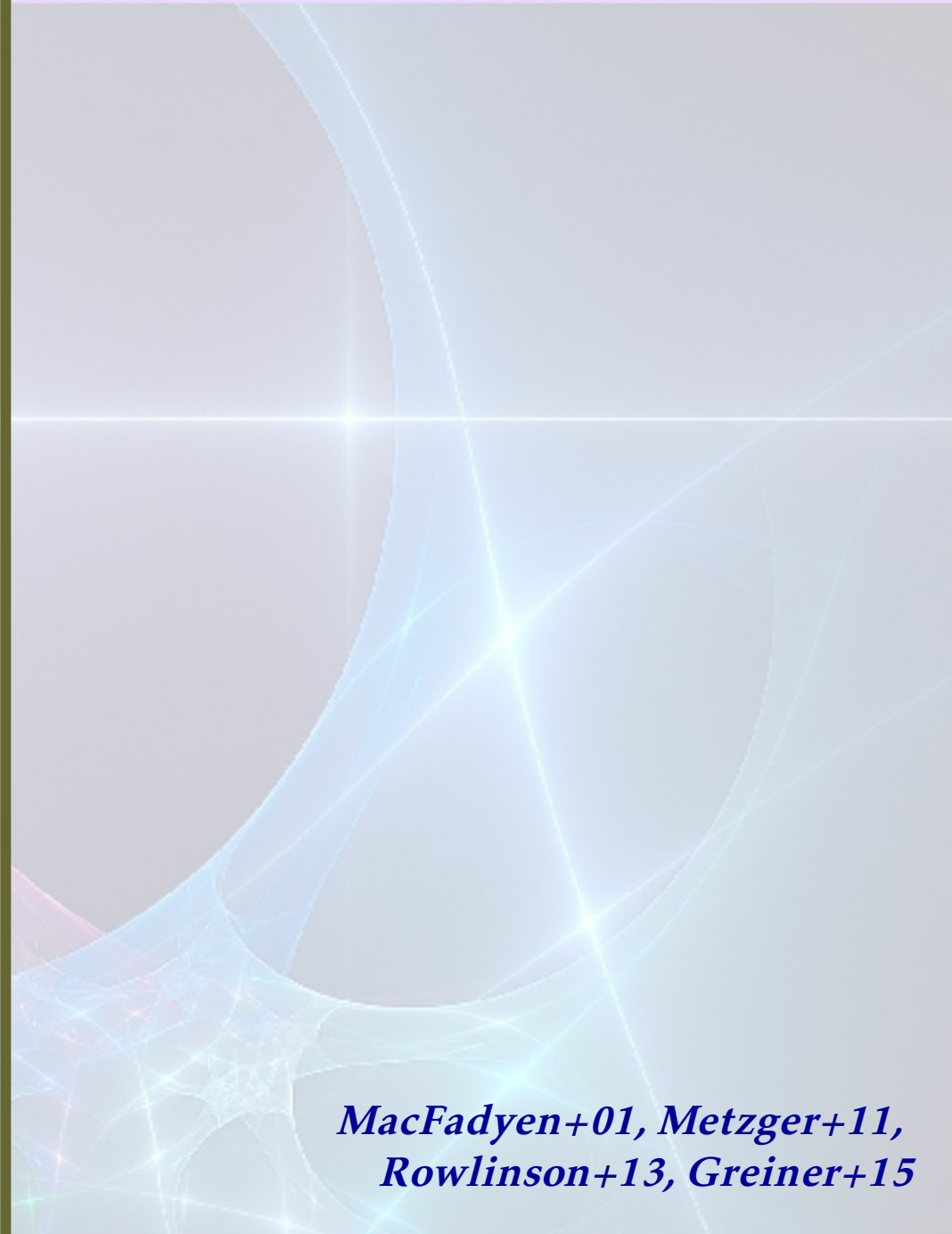
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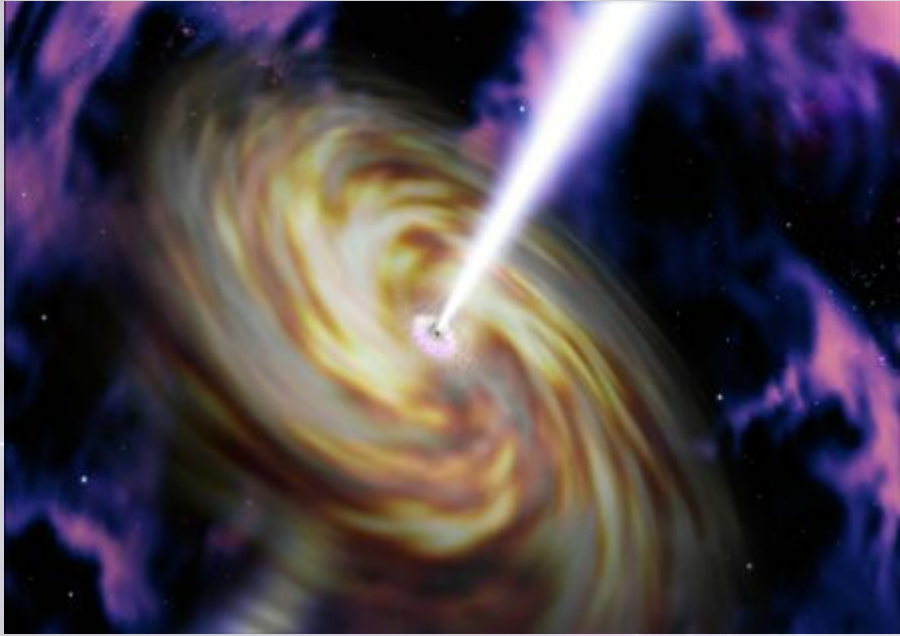
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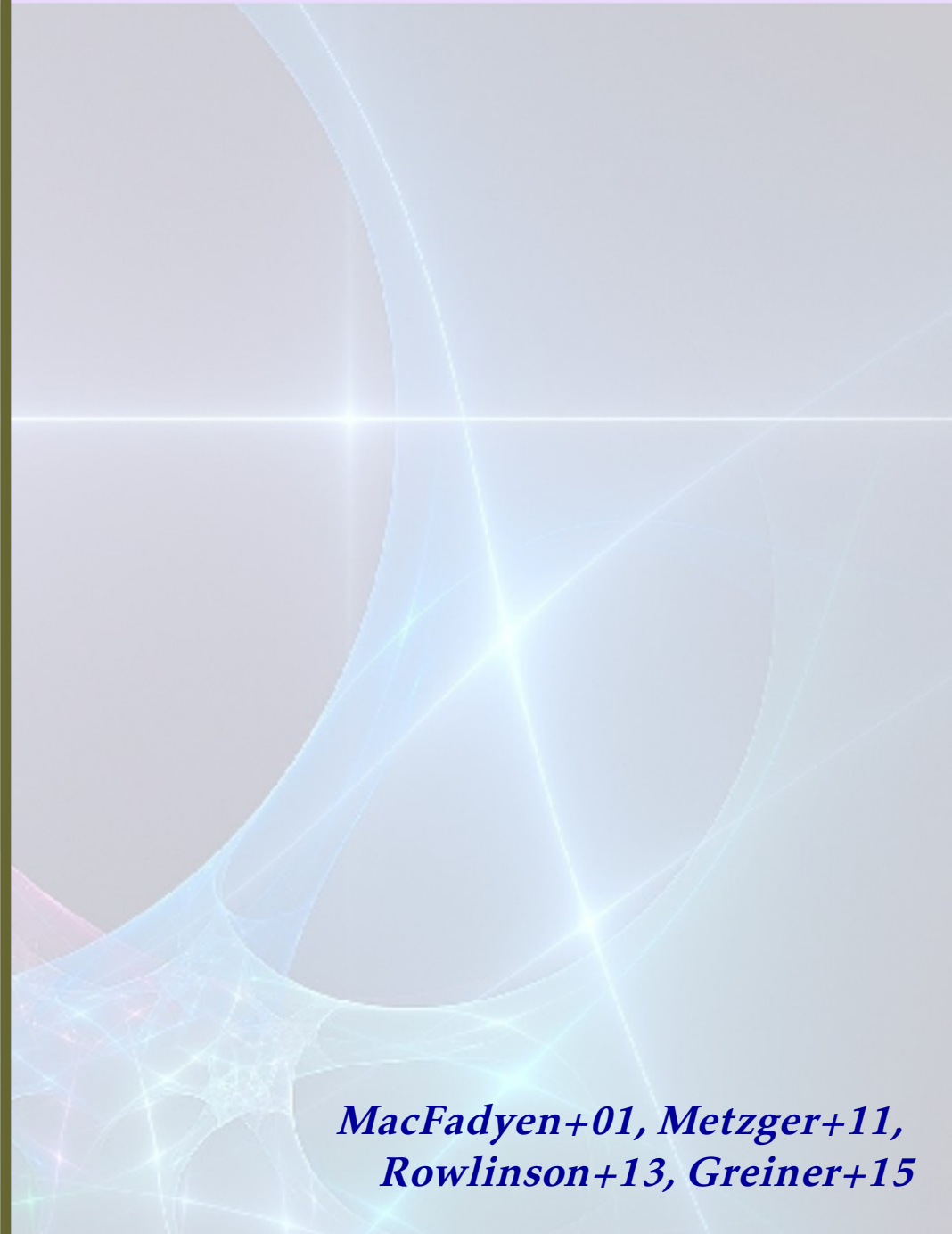
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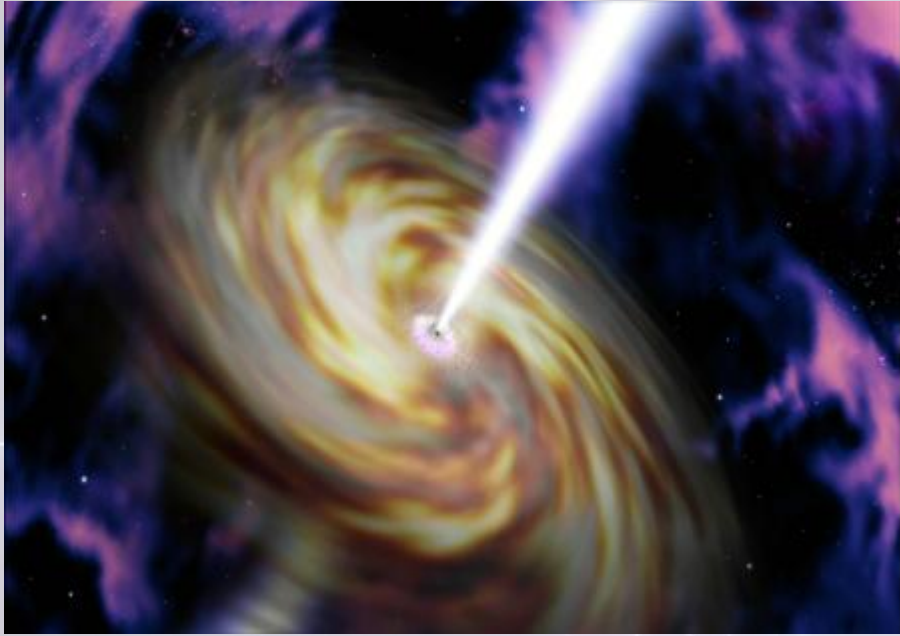
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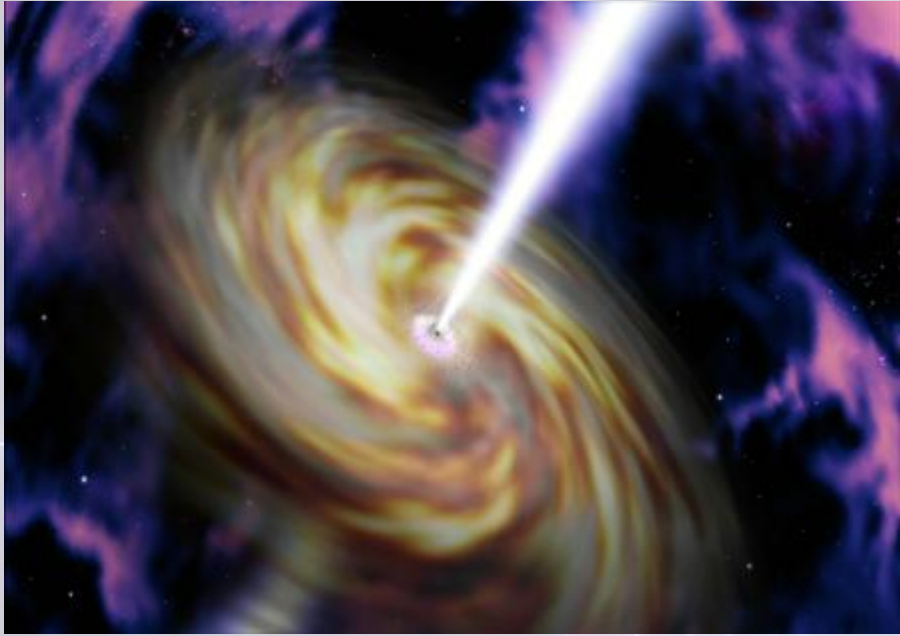
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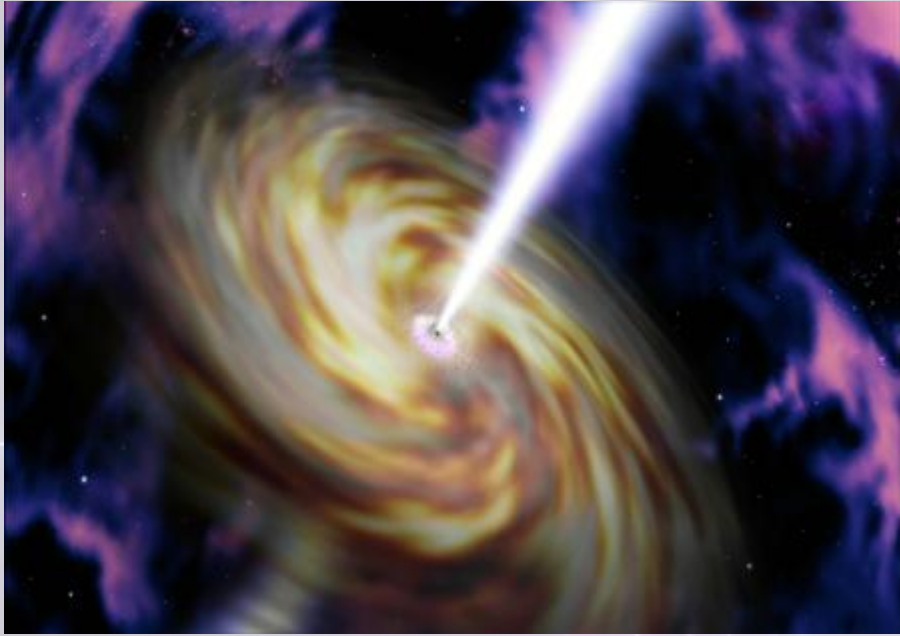
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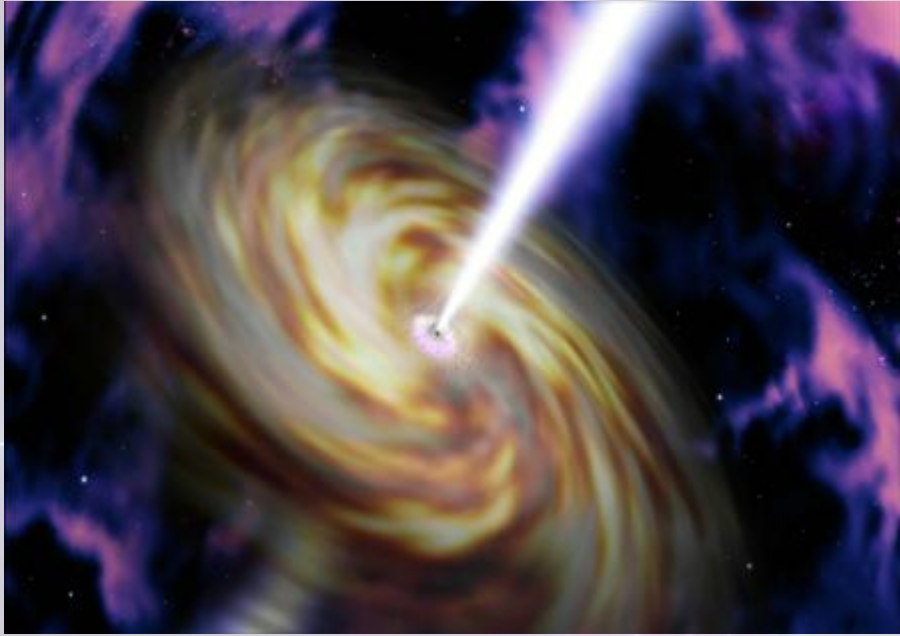
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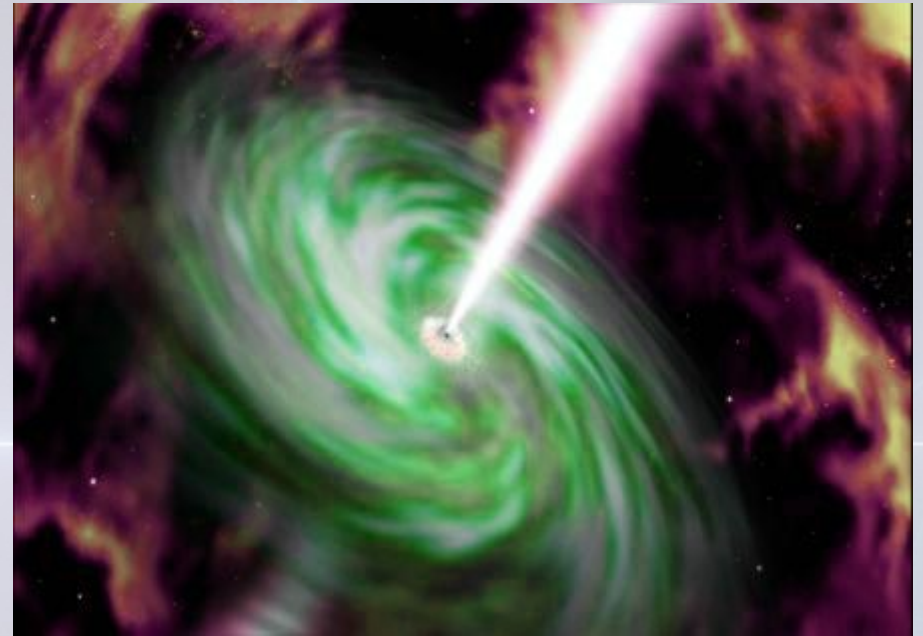
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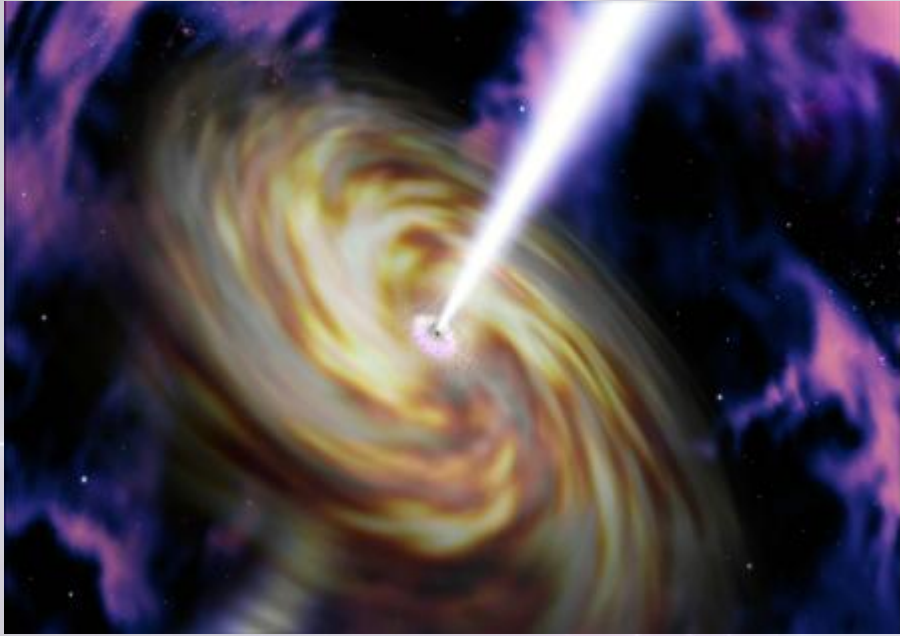
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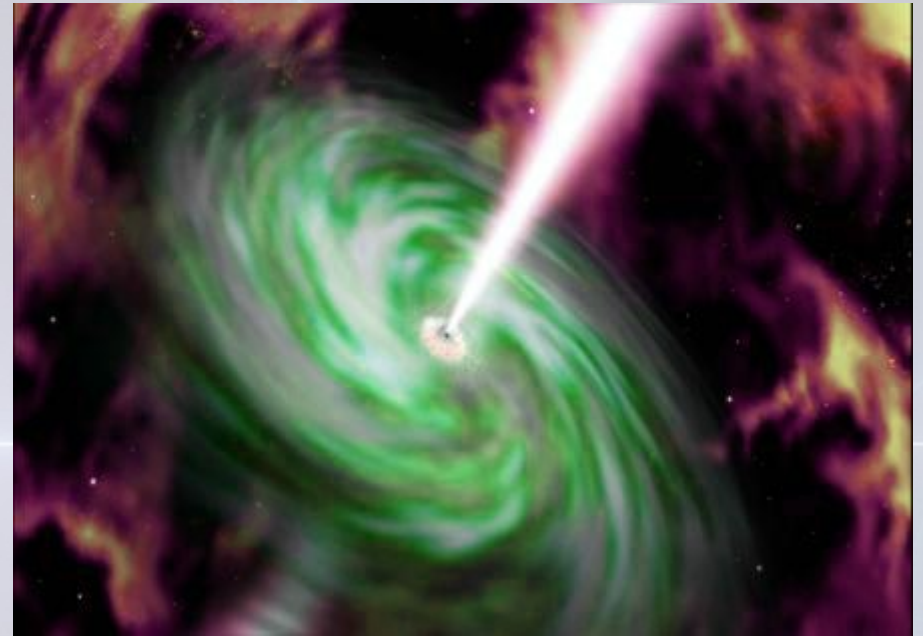
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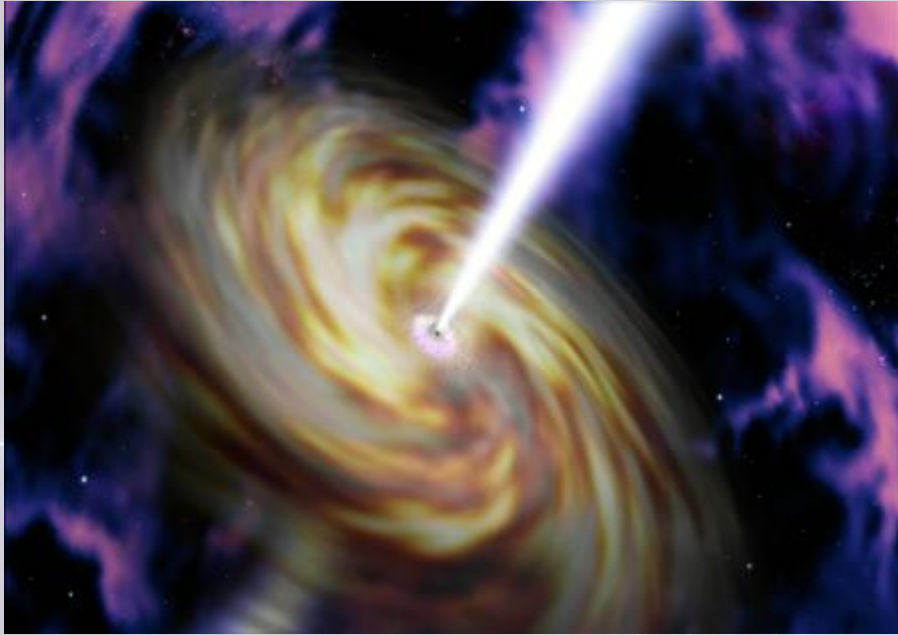
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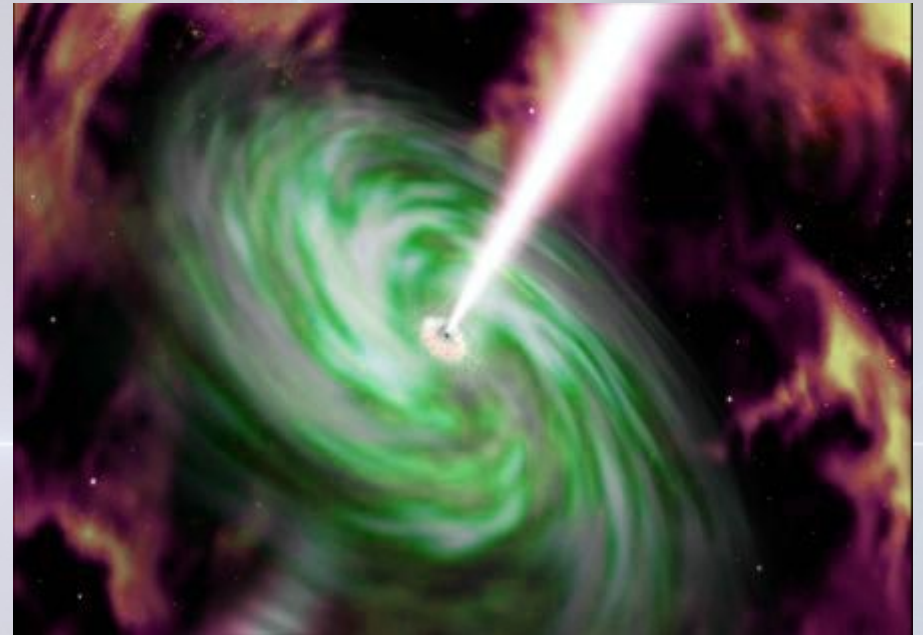
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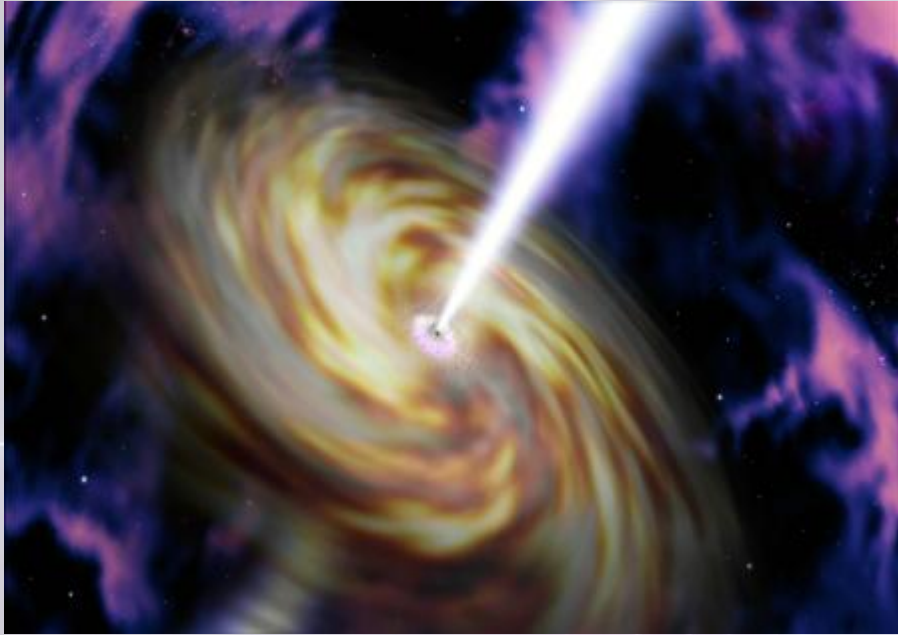
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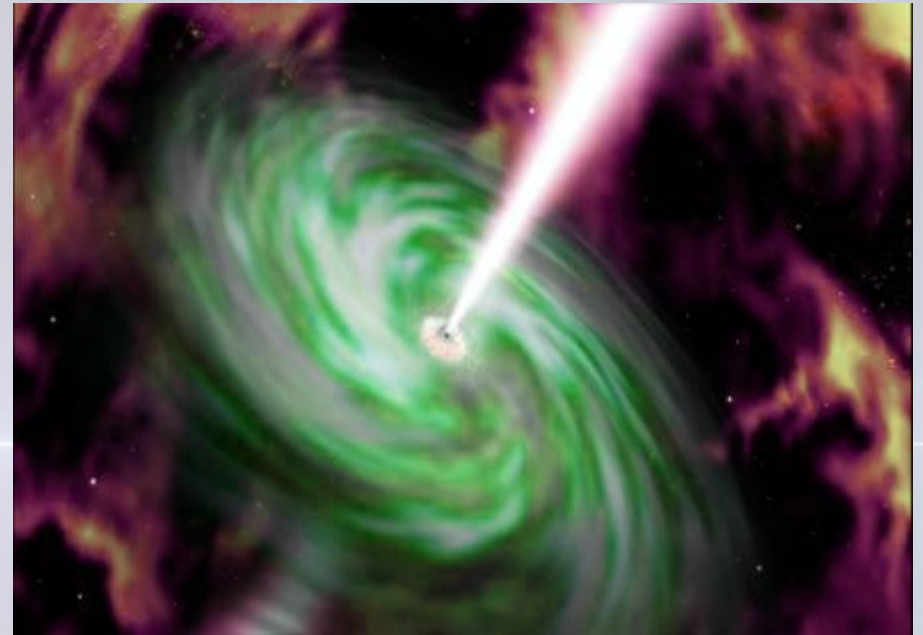
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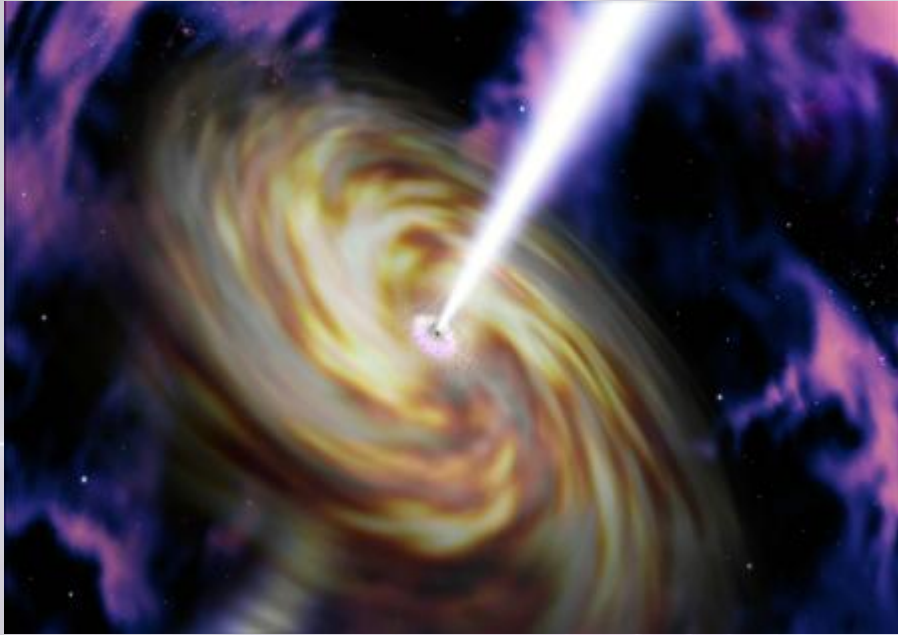
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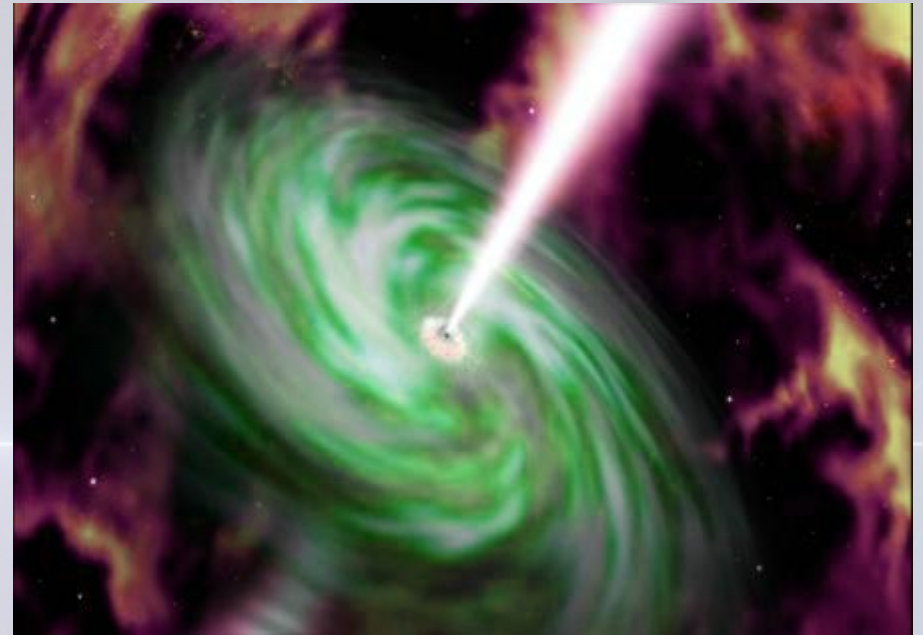
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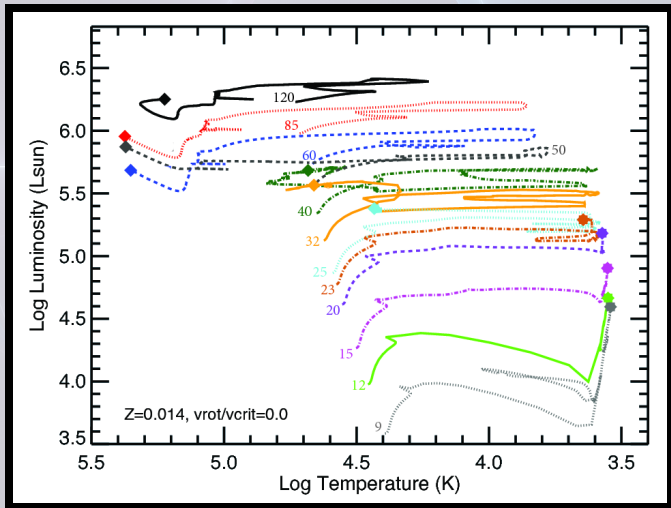
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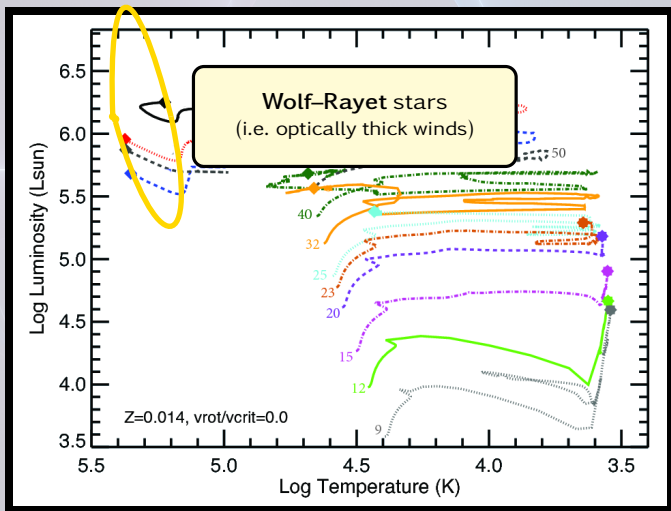
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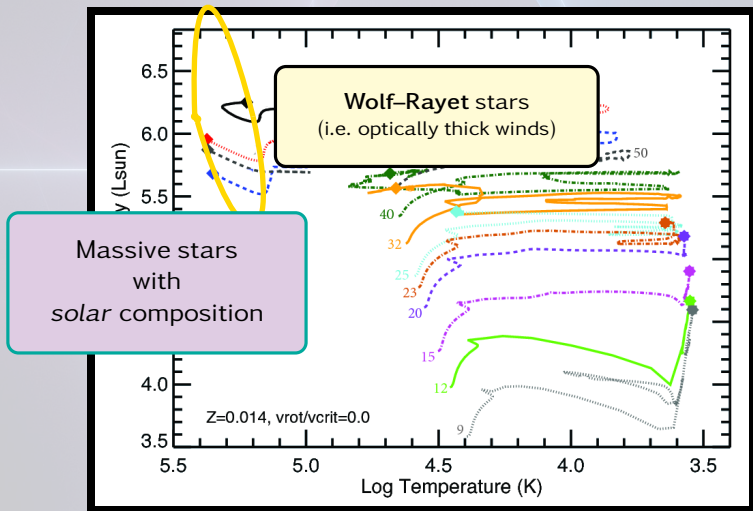
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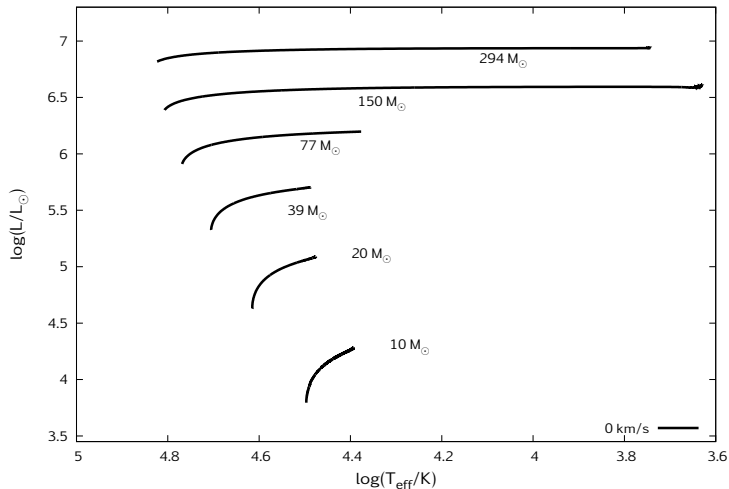
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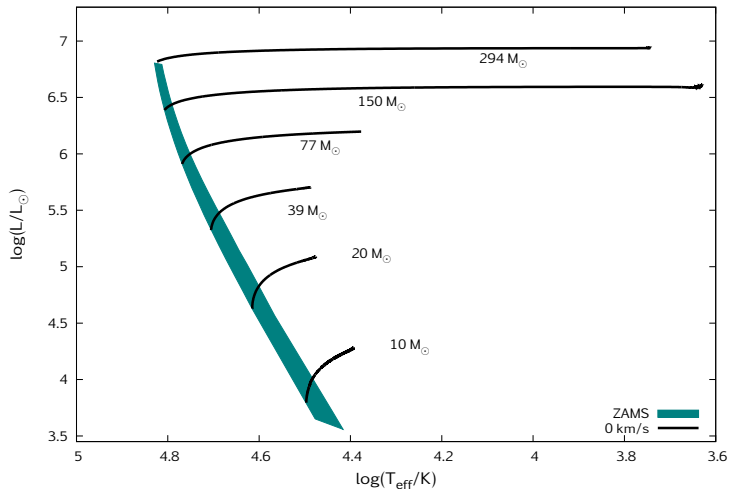
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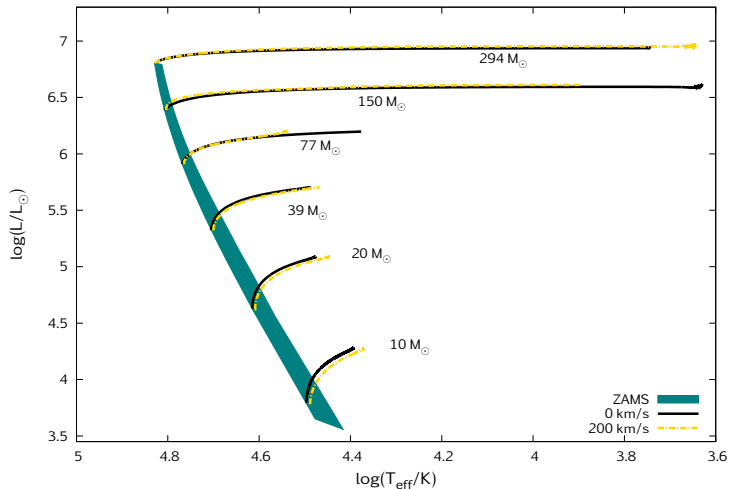
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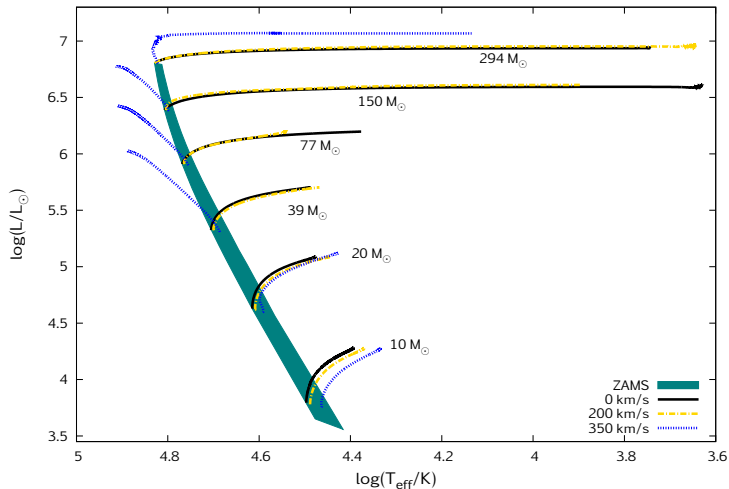
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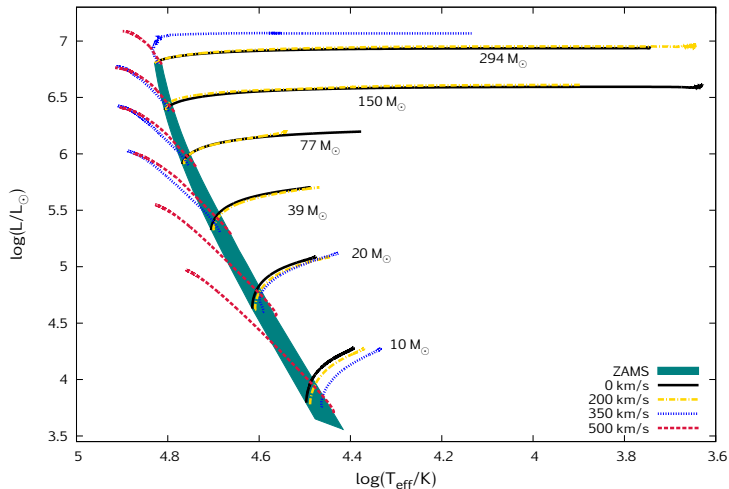
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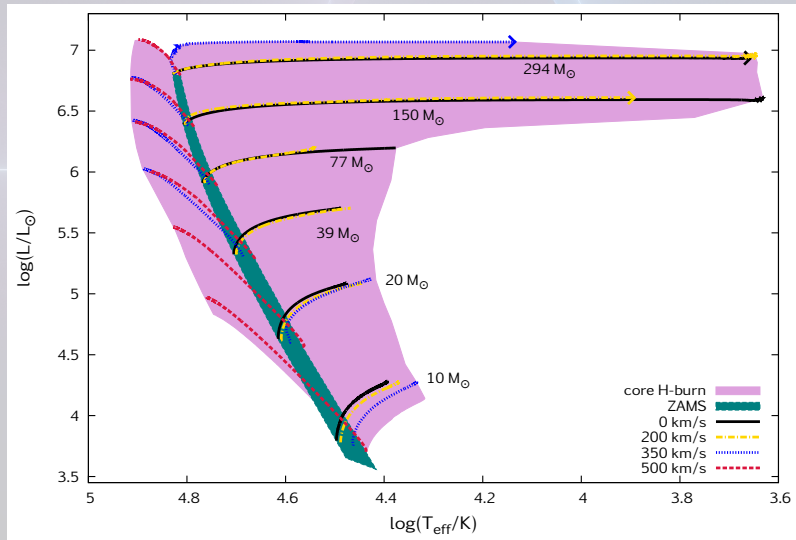
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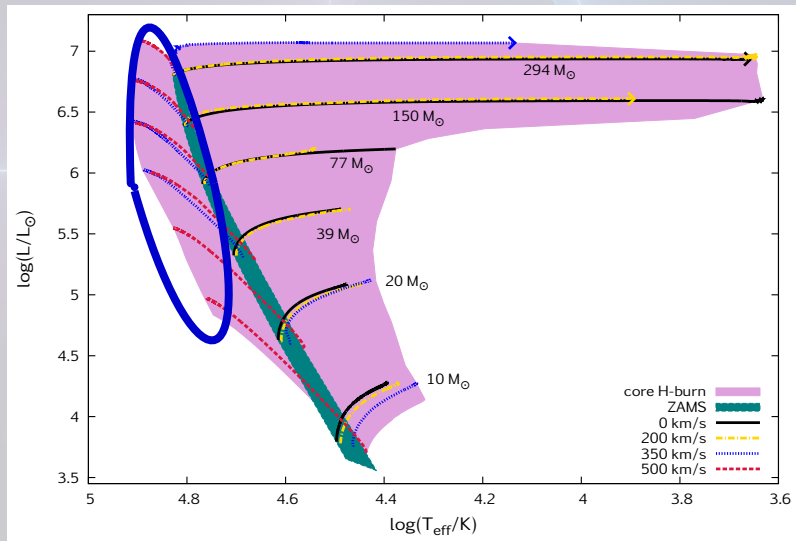
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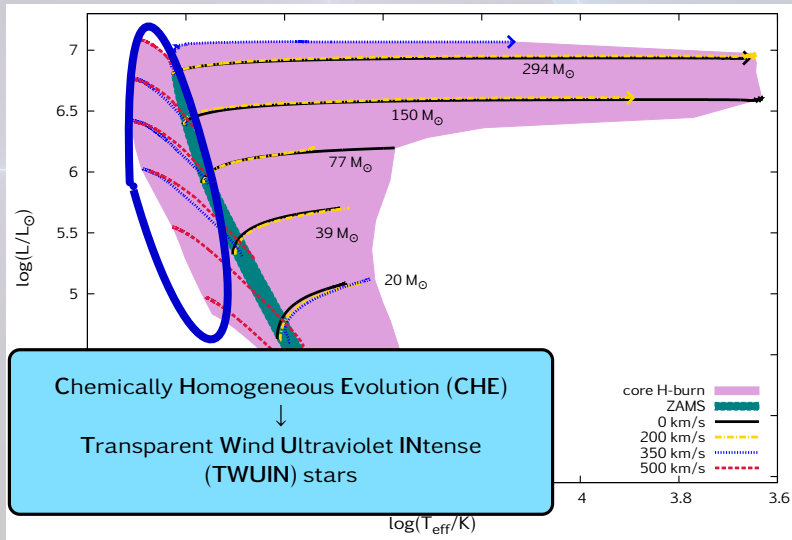
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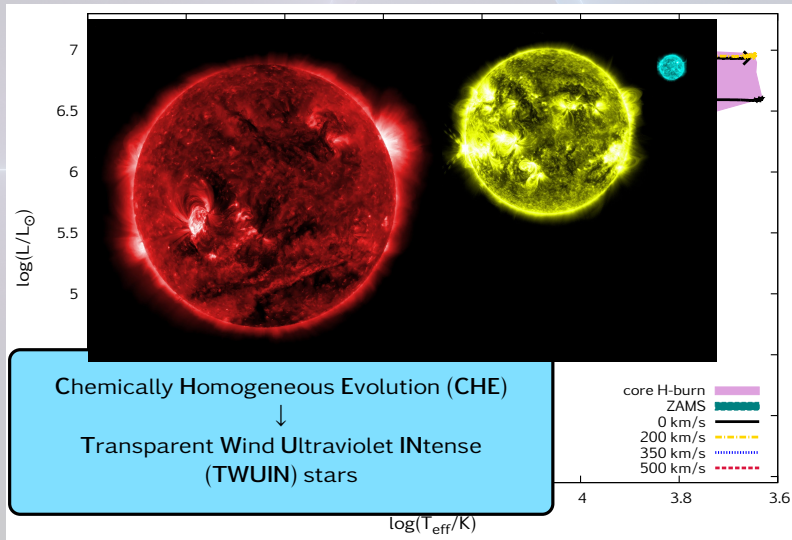
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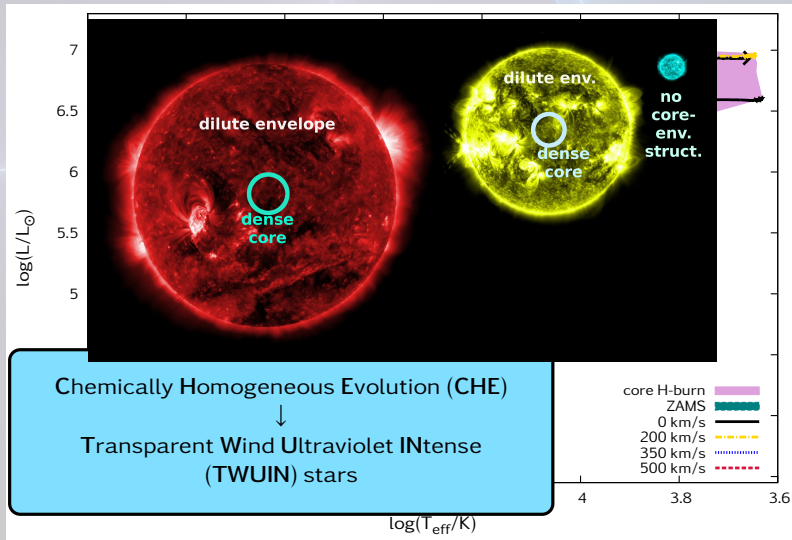
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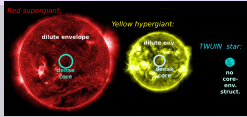


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# What do we know about TWUIN stars?



*TWUIN* stars =  
*Transparent Wind UV Intense* stars

- form via Chemically *Homogeneous* Evolution
- *Massive* Stars + fast rotation + low-metallicity
- theoretical prediction, but under intense investigation  
Szécsi+15, Köhler+15, Yoon+06, Yoon+12, Marchant+16,  
de Mink+16, Szécsi+17 (*in prep.*) etc.

...computing a grid of synthetic  
TWUIN spectra (in progress 😊)

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- NOT Wolf–Rayet stars, because *Weak* Wind
- but: *IONIZATION!*

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core collapse  
**SN Ic**

puls. PISN  
 $40 M_{\odot} < \text{core} < 64 M_{\odot}$   
**SLSN I**

PISN  
 $64 M_{\odot} < \text{core} < 133 M_{\odot}$   
**SLSN R**  
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direct collapse to BH  
 $133 M_{\odot} < \text{core}$   
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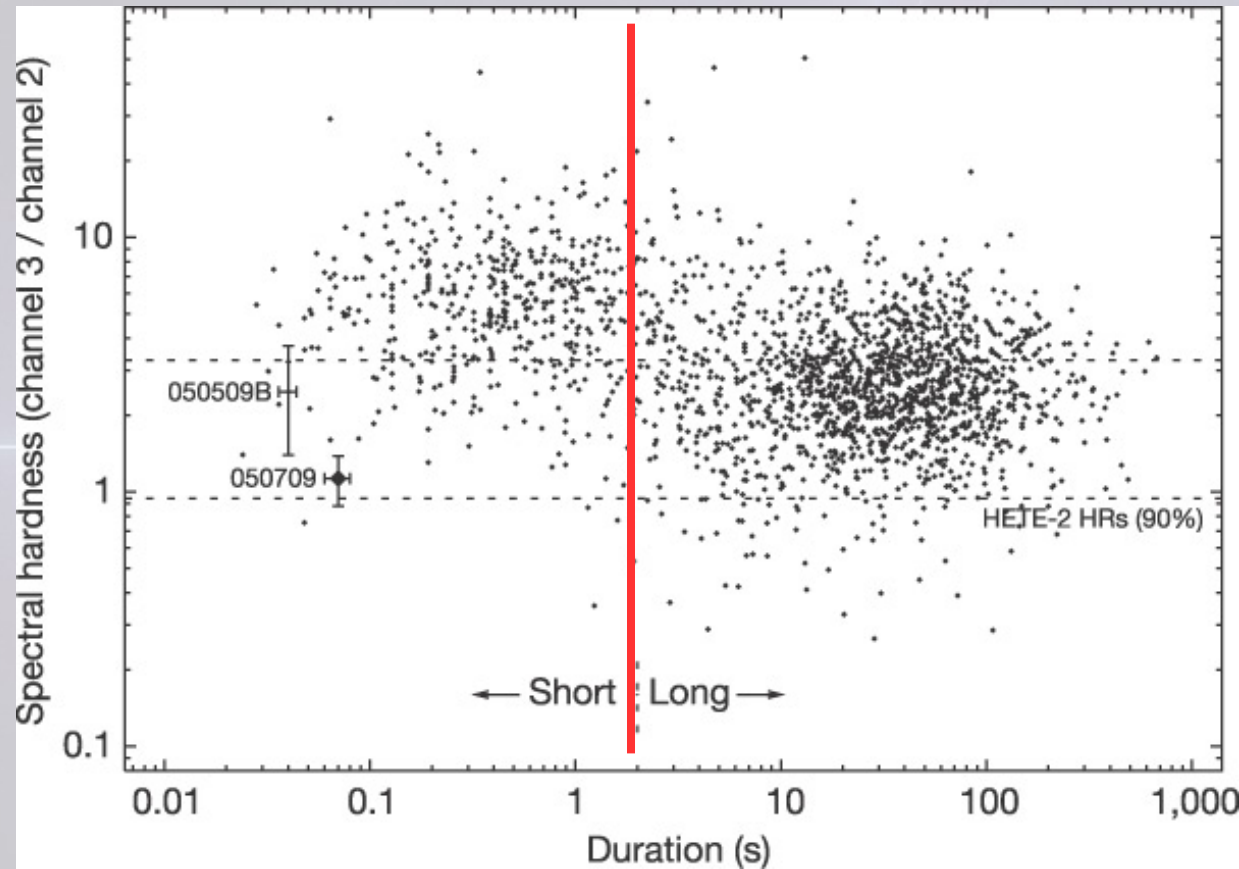
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- Not all massive star.  
See *Yoon+06* for SN/GRB ratio.
- TWUIN stars  $\rightarrow$  photo-ionization
- several `sister`-explosions:  
SNe, SLSNe
- reason for fast rotation?
  - star-formation ( $\sim 20\%$  CHE)
  - binarity: *Cantiello+07*

Alternative way to form a  
stripped, fast rotating He-star:  
*Fryer+05*  
- common envelope evolution  
in a binary system



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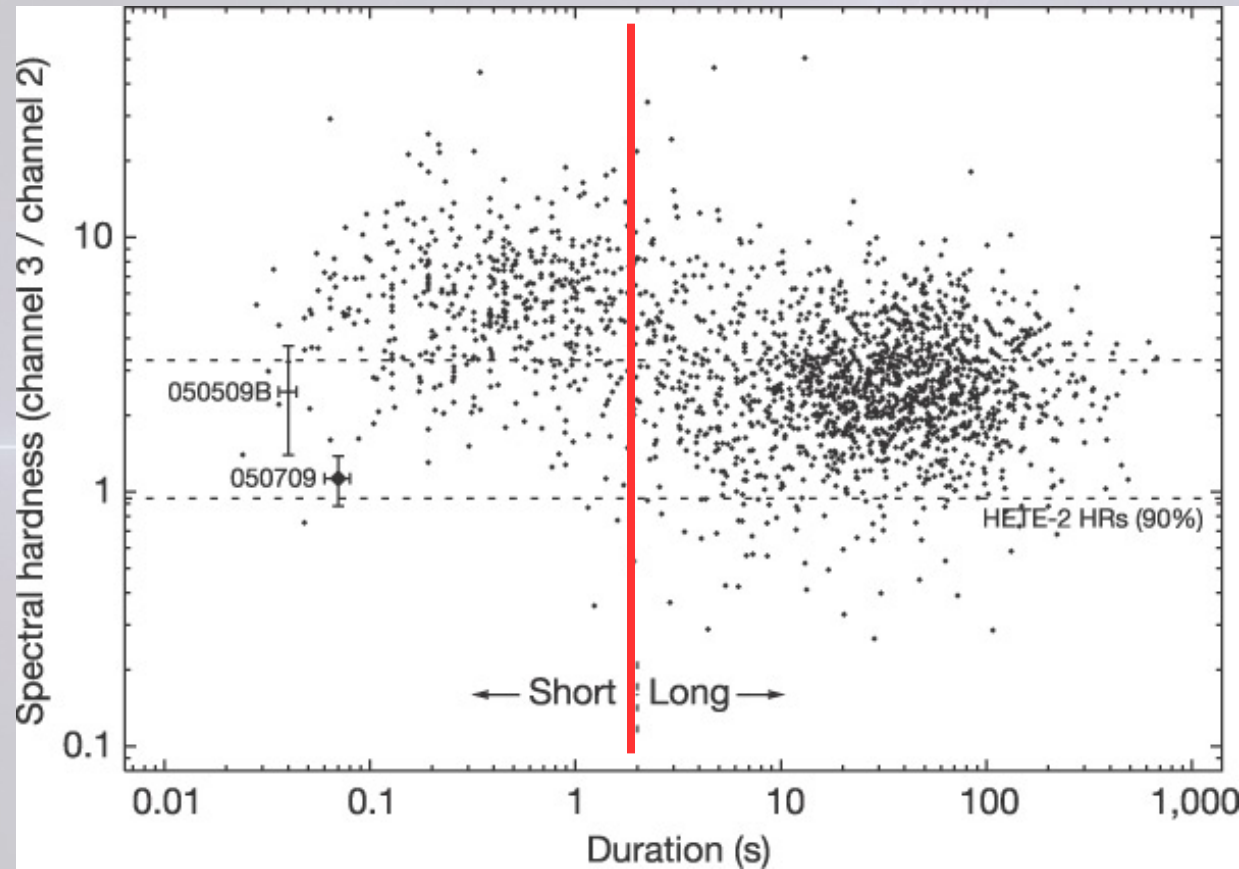


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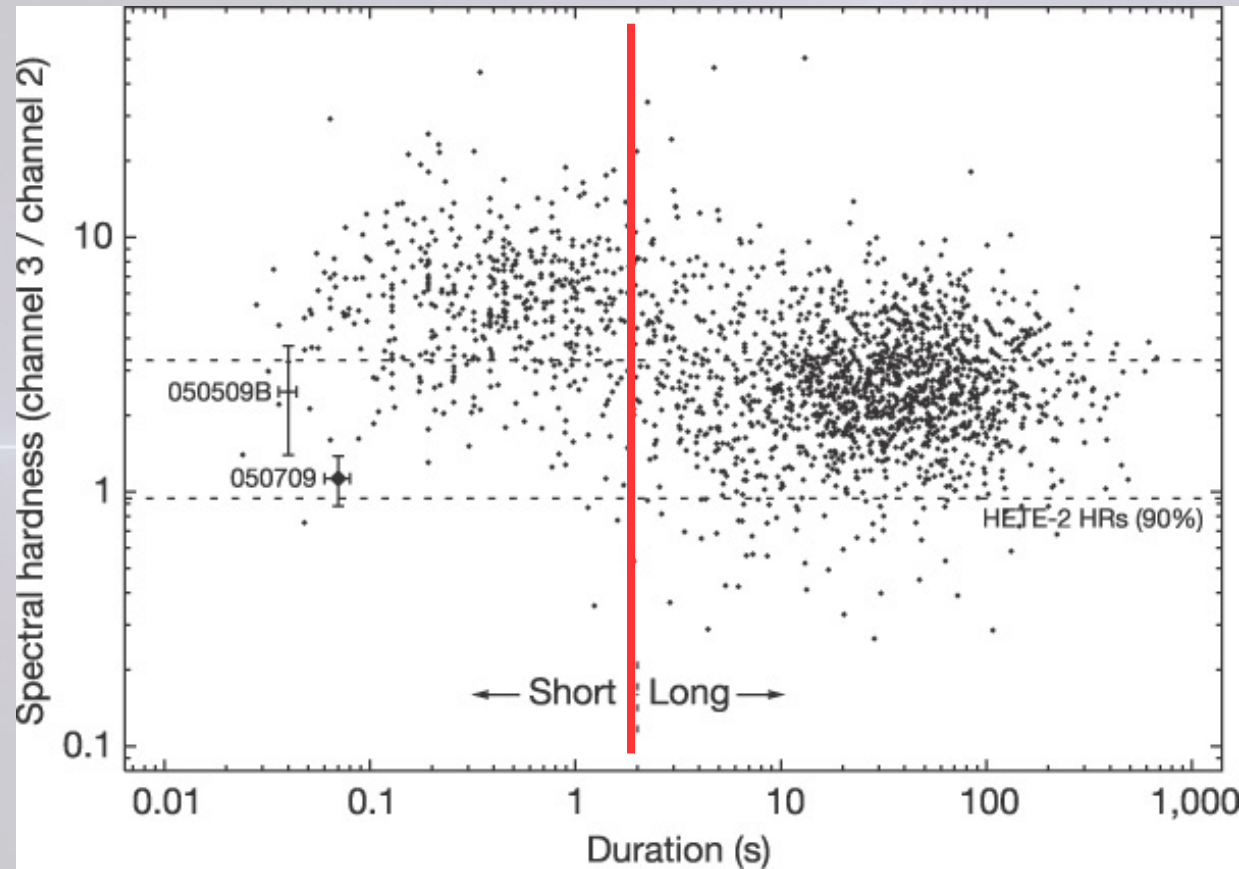
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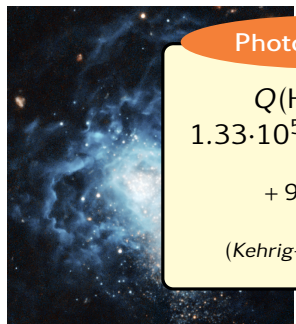


Legrand+07, Aloisi+09, Annibali+13, Kehrig+13, Leboutteiller+13

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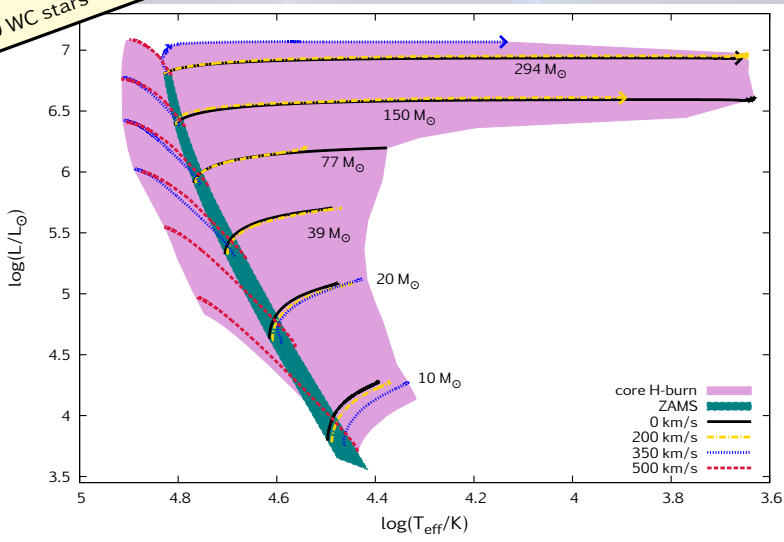
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(Kehrig+15, Crowther+06)

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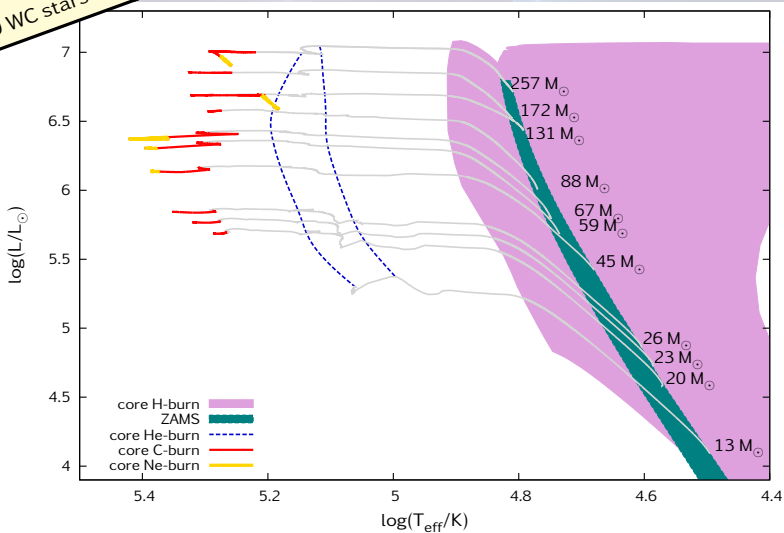
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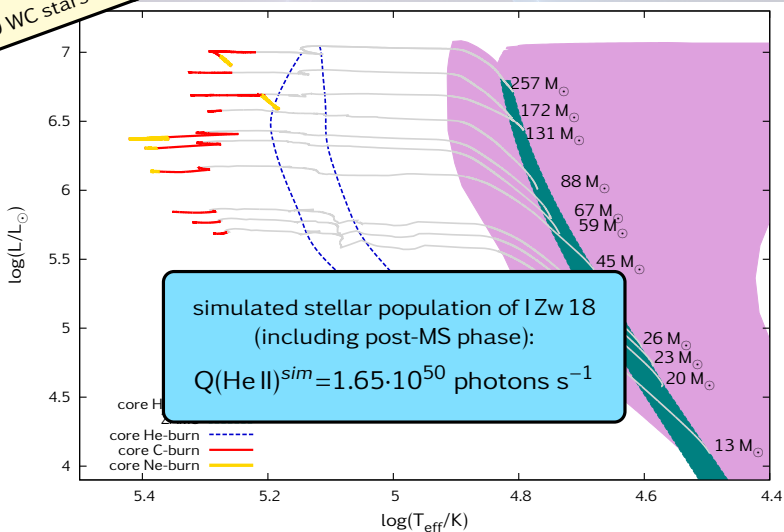
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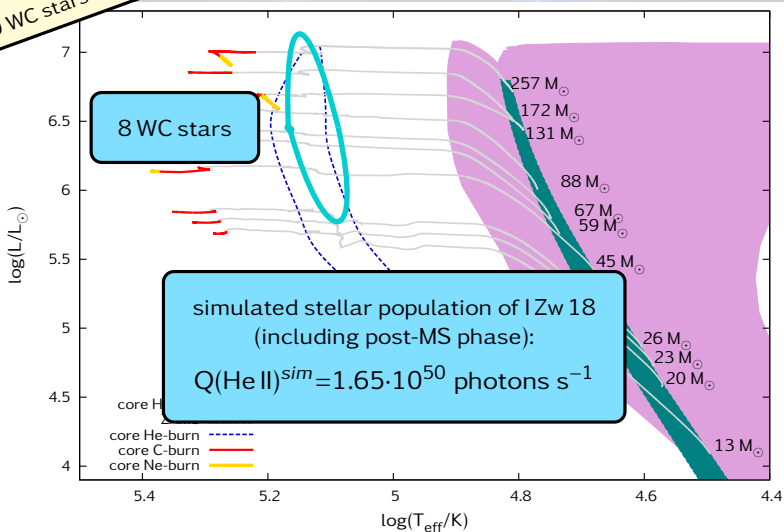




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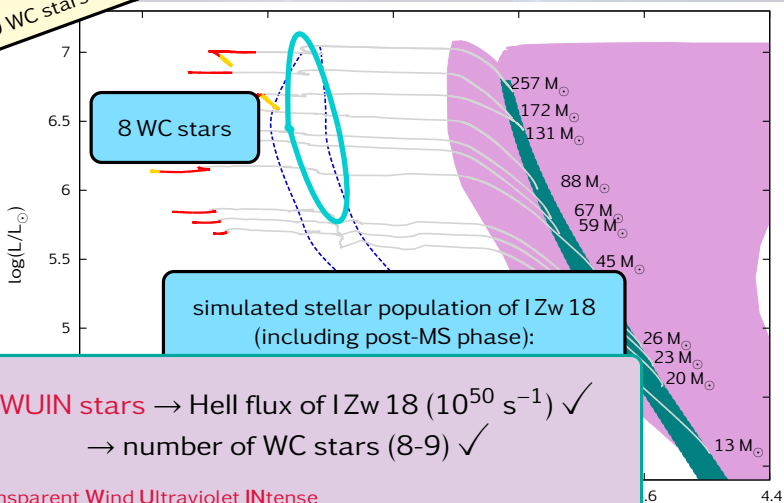
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TWUIN stars  $\rightarrow$  HeII flux of I Zw 18 ( $10^{50} \text{ s}^{-1}$ )  $\checkmark$   
 $\rightarrow$  number of WC stars (8-9)  $\checkmark$

Transparent Wind Ultraviolet INTense