

# Star formation over cosmic time in compact merger population synthesis

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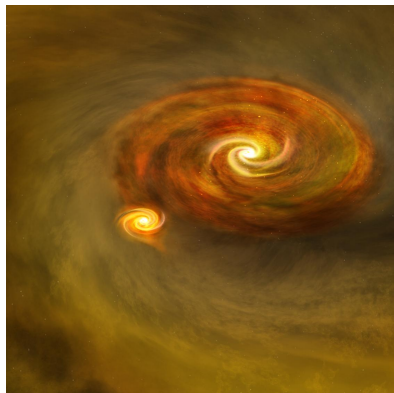
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# The binary population synthesis (BPS) pipeline

Binaries may form **isolated**, from higher-order multiples, from dynamical capture...

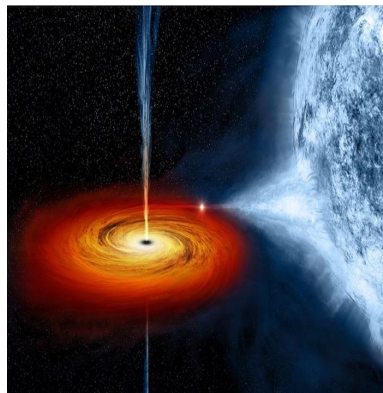
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- IMF,
- Mass ratio,
- Orbital period,
- Eccentricity,
- Binary fraction.

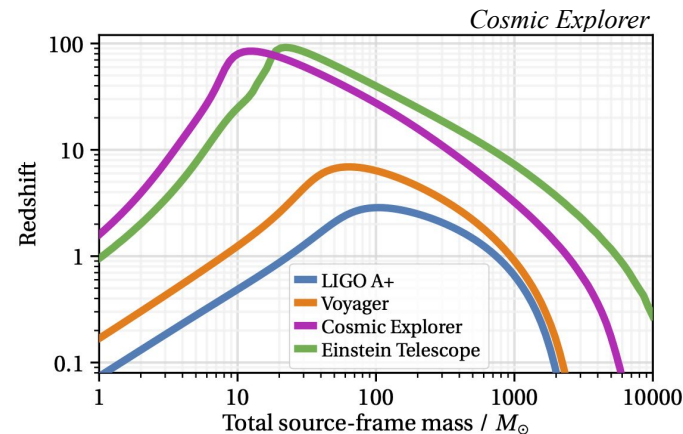
## Evolutionary models



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- Stable mass transfer,
- Common envelope evolution,
- Supernovae remnant masses,
- Supernovae kicks
- ...

## Selection effects



- Observational limits,
- Observational biases.



# No step is free of uncertainty

## Binary Interaction Dominates the Evolution of Massive Stars

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Mind Your Ps and Qs: The Interrelation between Period (P) and Mass-ratio (Q) Distributions of Binary Stars

Maxwell Moe<sup>1,1</sup> and Rosanne Di Stefano<sup>2</sup>

The Close Binary Fraction of Solar-type Stars Is Strongly Anticorrelated with Metallicity


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Not That Simple: The Metallicity Dependence of the Wide Binary Fraction Changes with Separation and Stellar Mass

Zexi Niu<sup>1,2</sup> , Haibo Yuan<sup>3</sup> , Yilun Wang<sup>1,2</sup> , and Jifeng Liu<sup>1,2</sup>

Evaluating the impact of binary parameter uncertainty on stellar population properties

E R Stanway , A A Chrimess, J J Eldridge, H F Stevance

The influence of the distribution of cosmic star formation at different metallicities on the properties of merging double compact objects 

Martyna Chruslinska , Gijs Nelemans, Krzysztof Belczynski

Chemical evolution of the Universe and its consequences for gravitational-wave astrophysics

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On the variation of the initial mass function 

Pavel Kroupa 

The effect of the environment-dependent IMF on the formation and metallicities of stars over the cosmic history

 M. Chruslinska<sup>1</sup>, T. Jerábková<sup>2,3,4,5,6</sup>, G. Nelemans<sup>1,7,8</sup> and Z. Yan<sup>2,3</sup>

The progenitors of compact-object binaries: impact of metallicity, common envelope and natal kicks 

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The effect of the metallicity-specific star formation history on double compact object mergers 


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Towards a realistic explosion landscape for binary population synthesis 

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Comparing compact object distributions from mass- and presupernova core structure-based prescriptions 

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Binary population synthesis with probabilistic remnant mass and kick prescriptions

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Common envelope evolution: where we stand and how we can move forward

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When Are LIGO/Virgo's Big Black Hole Mergers?

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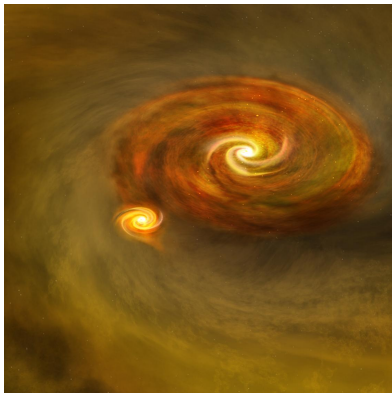
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And many more...

So we have to treat one problem at a time.

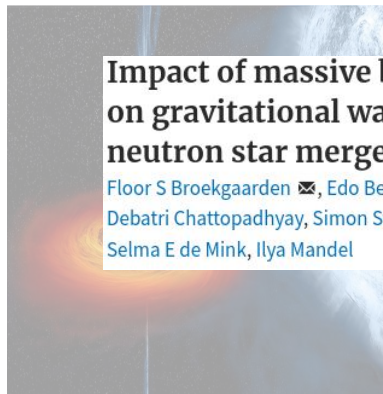
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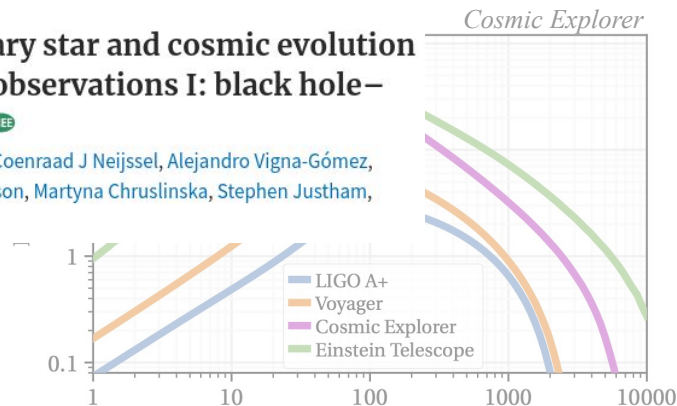


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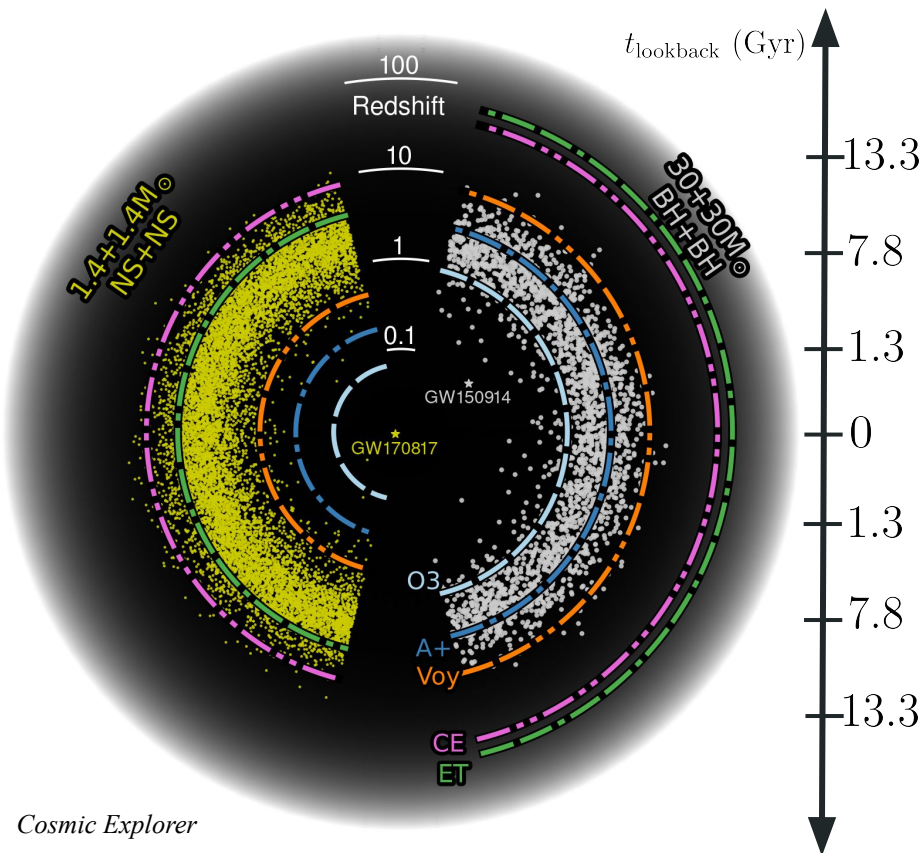


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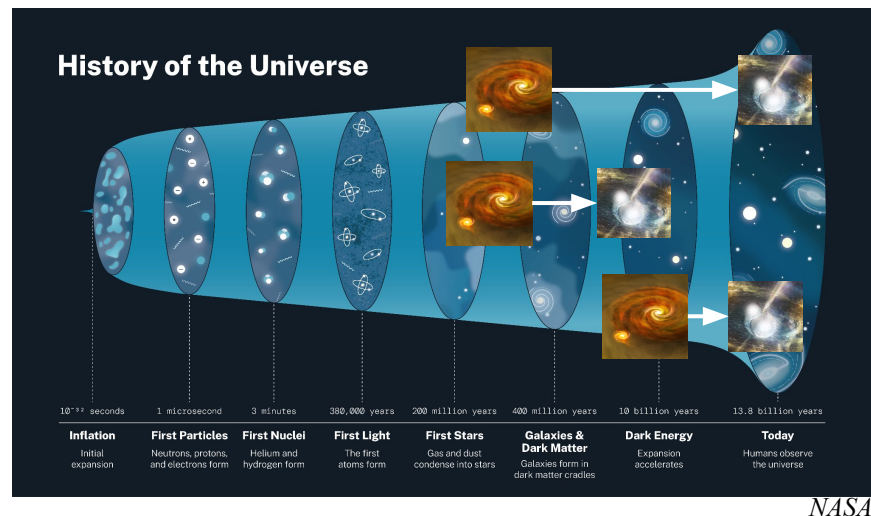
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# The issue of “when”:



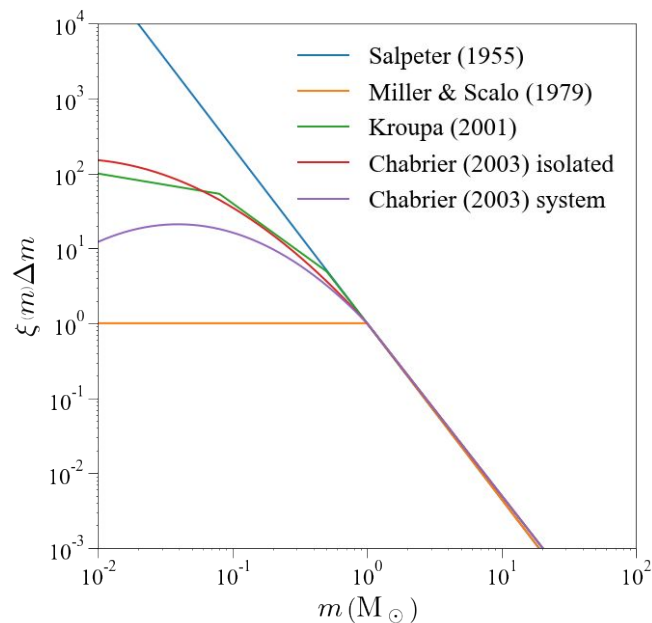
Coalescence times can be comparable to the age of the Universe.



*Did the progenitors of the oldest mergers form as local stars do? What is different?*

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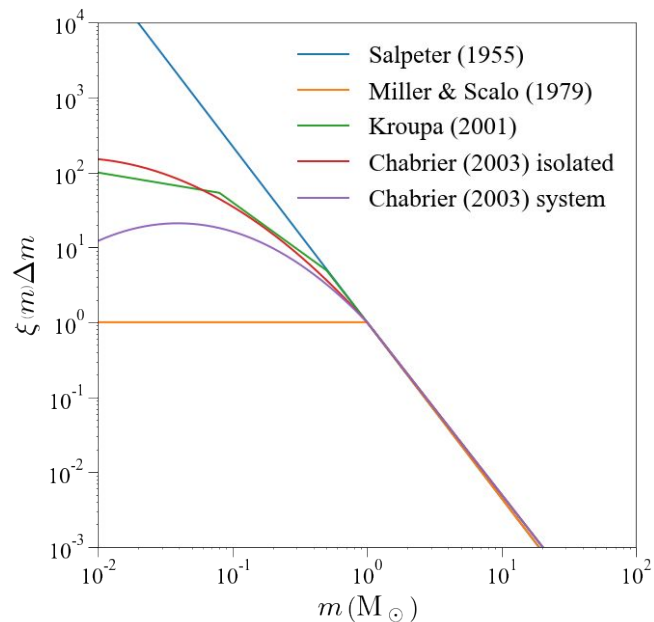


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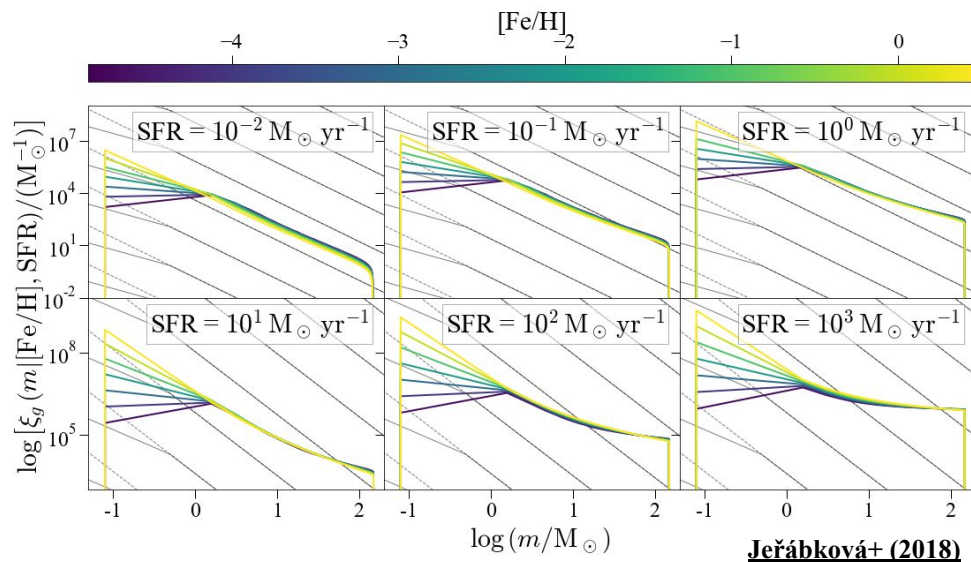
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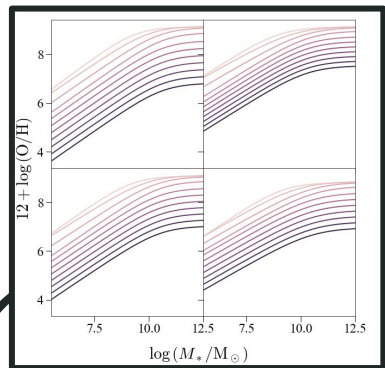
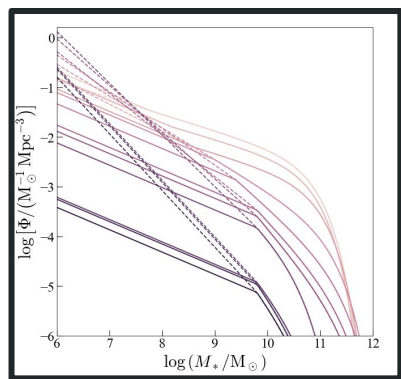
## Integrated galaxy-wide IMF theory (Kroupa & Weidner, 2003)



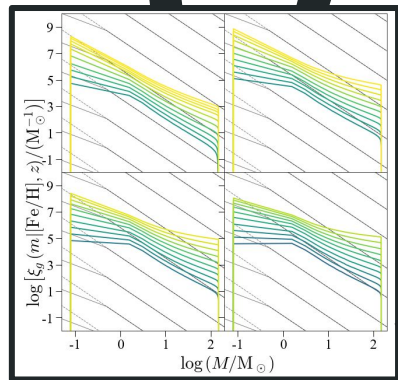
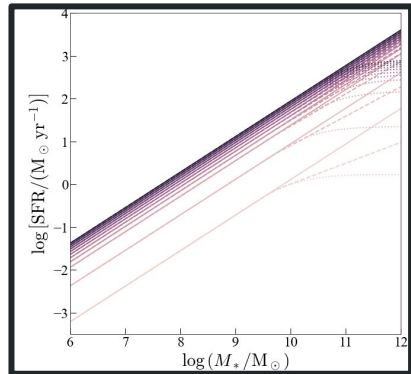
**Jeřábková+ (2018)**

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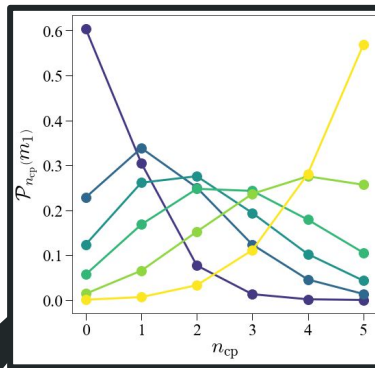


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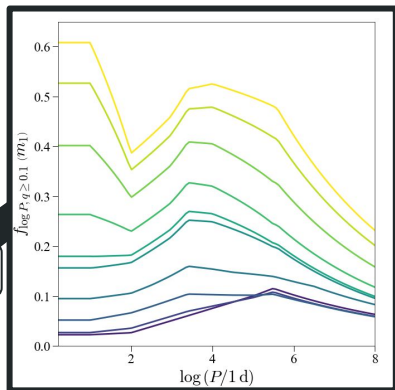


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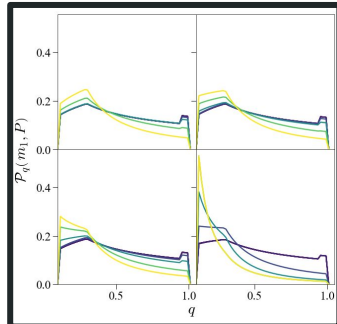
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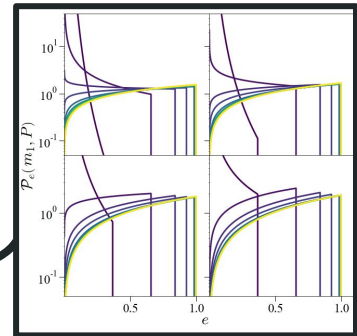
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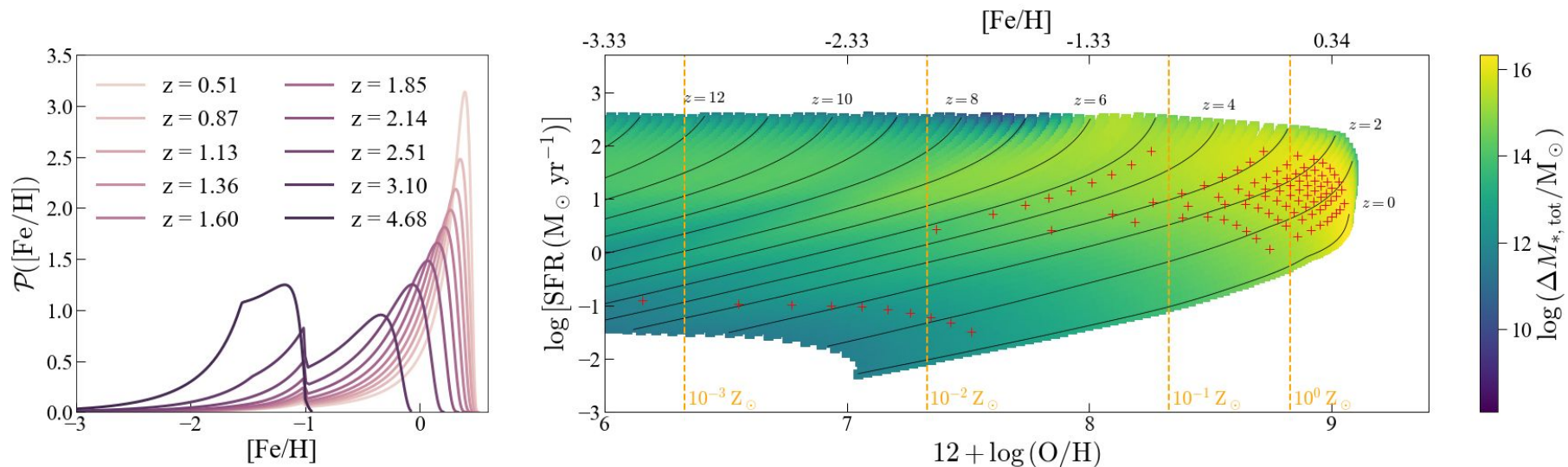


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# Synthesizing a Composite Binary Population



- Galaxies: star mass-weighted sampling,  $10^6 \leq M_*/\text{M}_\odot \leq 10^{12}$ .
- Systems: all masses from a single list, without repetition,  $0.8 \leq m/\text{M}_\odot \leq 150$ .

# Mass distributions over redshift

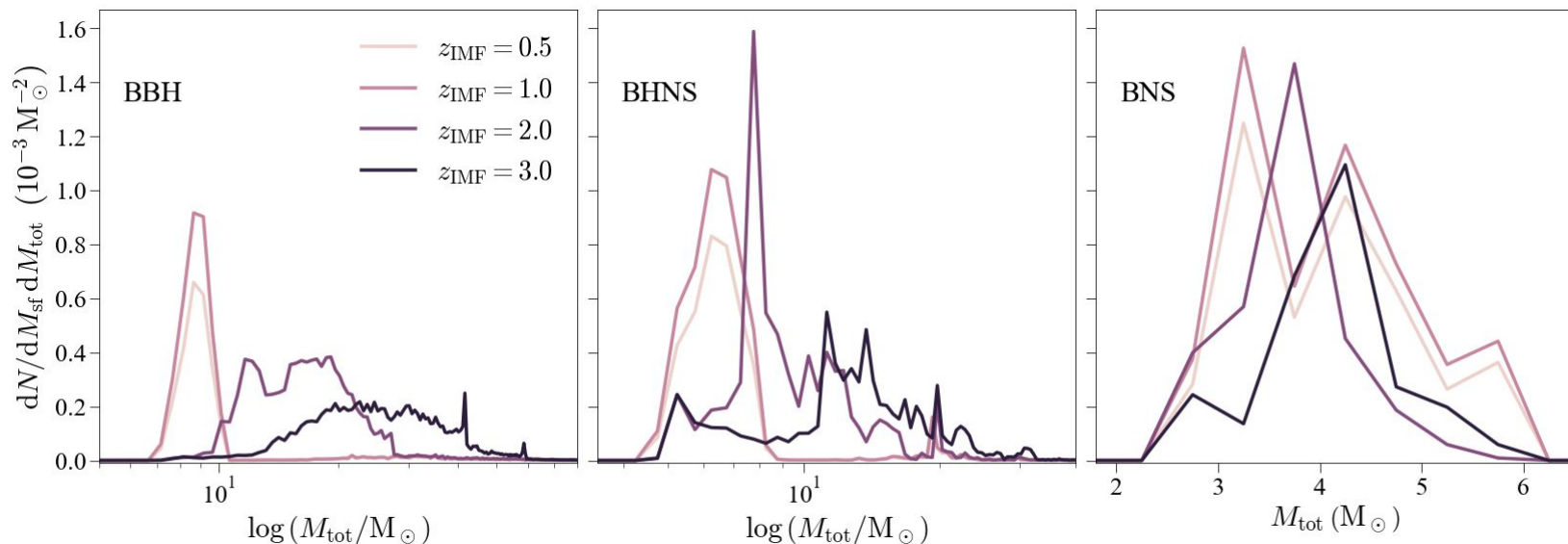


Team COMPAS: Riley+ (2022)

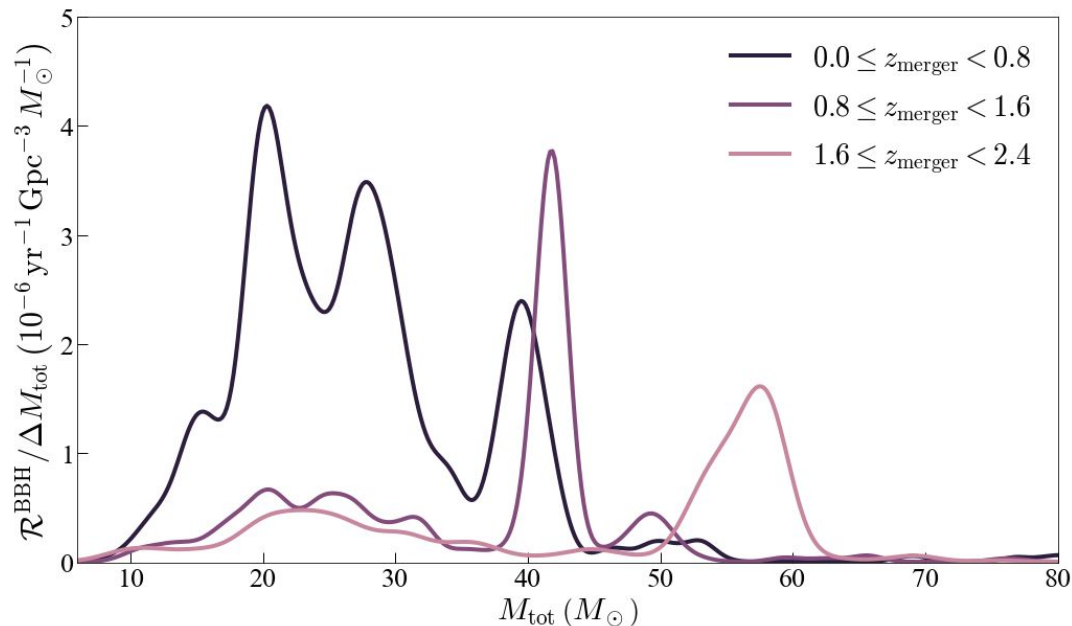
## Effects of a non-universal IMF and binary parameter correlations on compact binary mergers

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- Preliminary 4 redshift, 3 metallicity per redshift grid.



# Merger rates over redshift



Results from a preliminary sample,

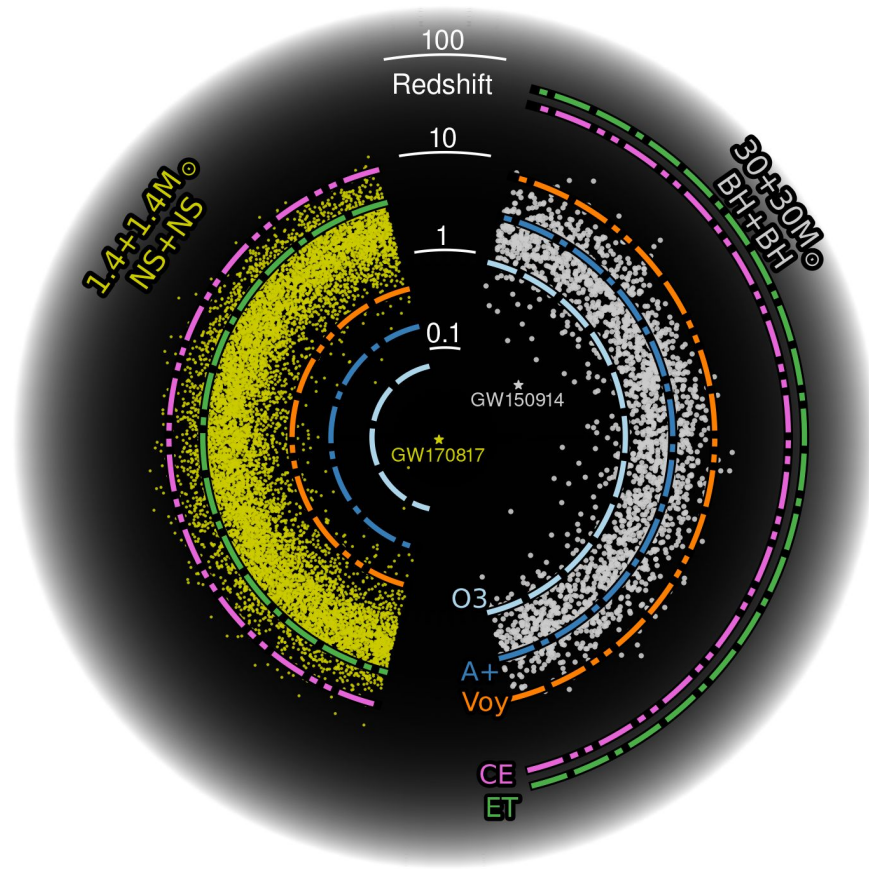
Source	Local merger rate ( $\text{yr}^{-1} \text{ Gpc}^{-3}$ )		
	BBH	BHNS	BNS
This work	432	124	63
GWTC-3	16 – 130	7.4 – 320	13 – 1900

at the time missing

- Higher-order multiples
- Higher (z,Z) resolution

- We are now running the 10x10 z,Z sample, a total of  $\sim 10^8$  binaries.
- Selection effects in the future.

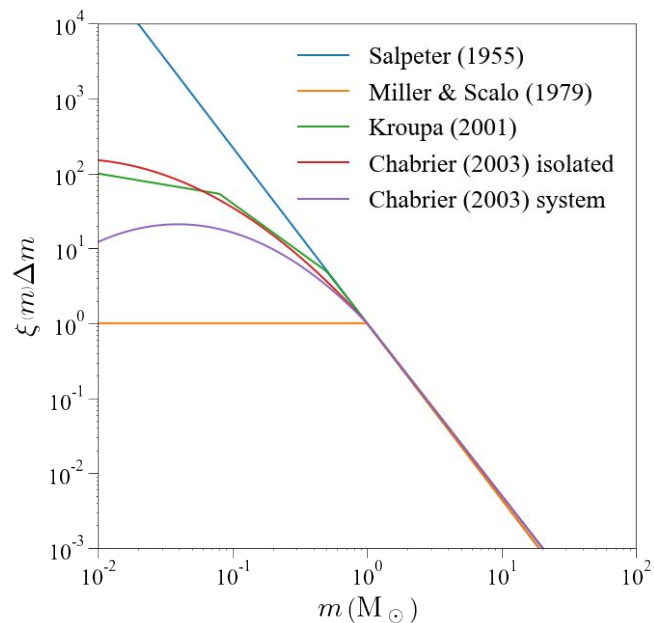




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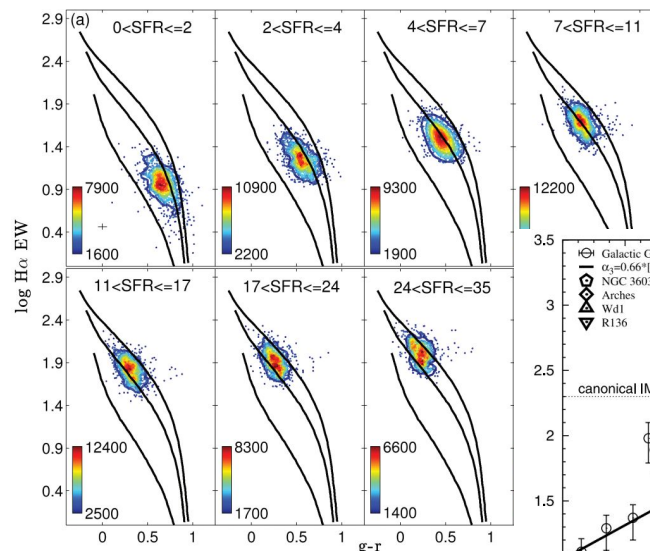
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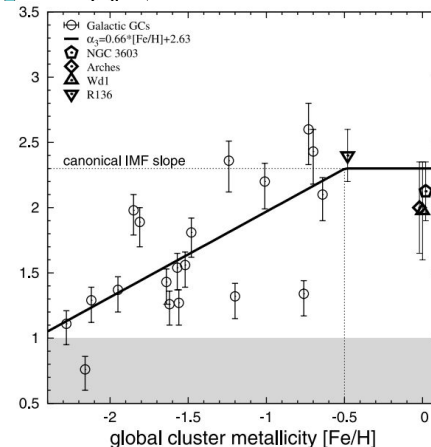
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**Reviews:**  
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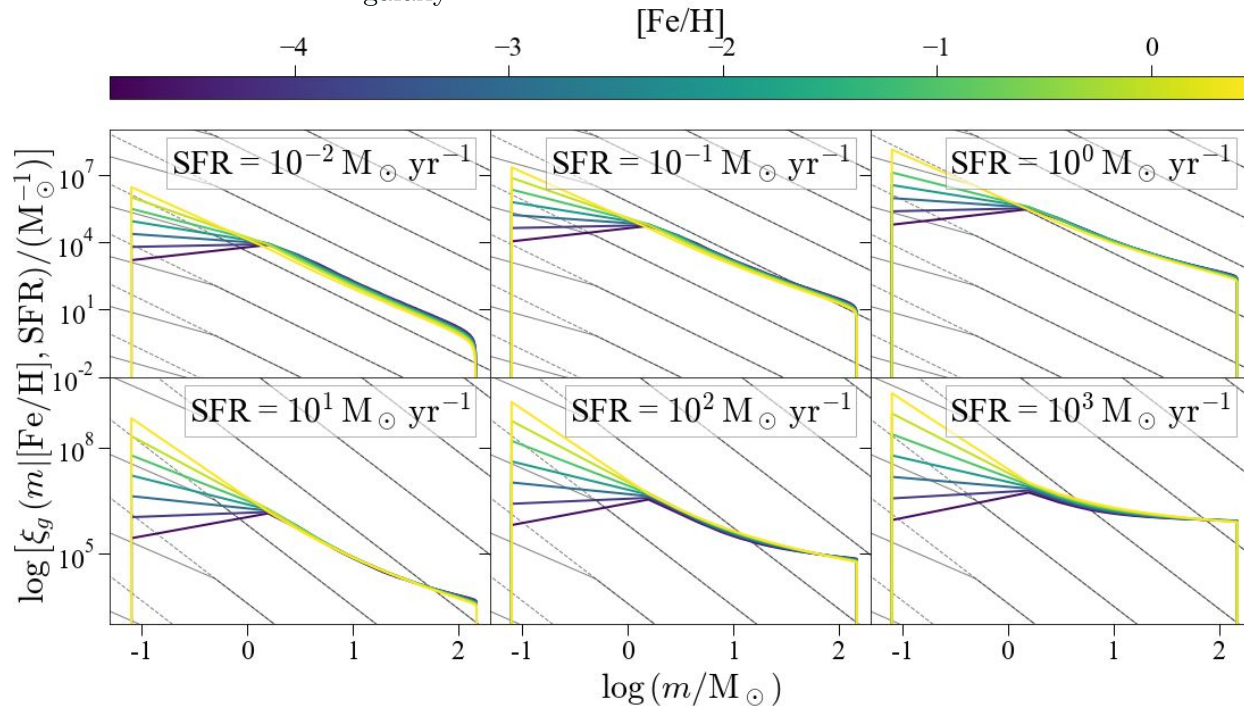


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- Alternative: **Integrated galaxy-wide IMF theory (IGIMF) (Kroupa & Weidner, 2003)**

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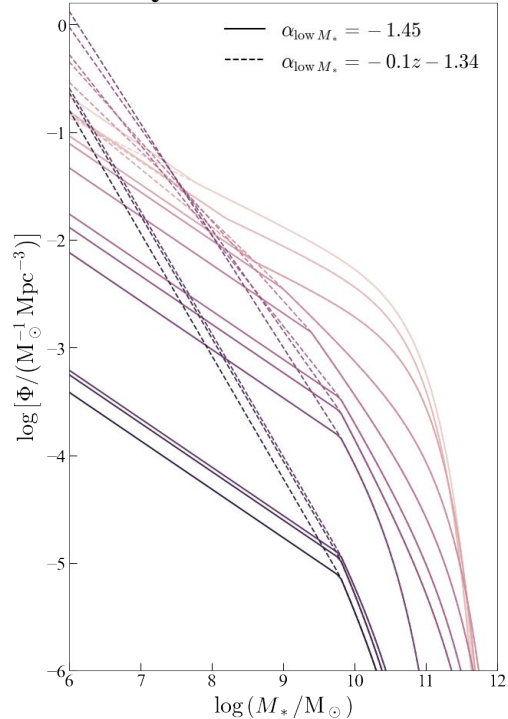


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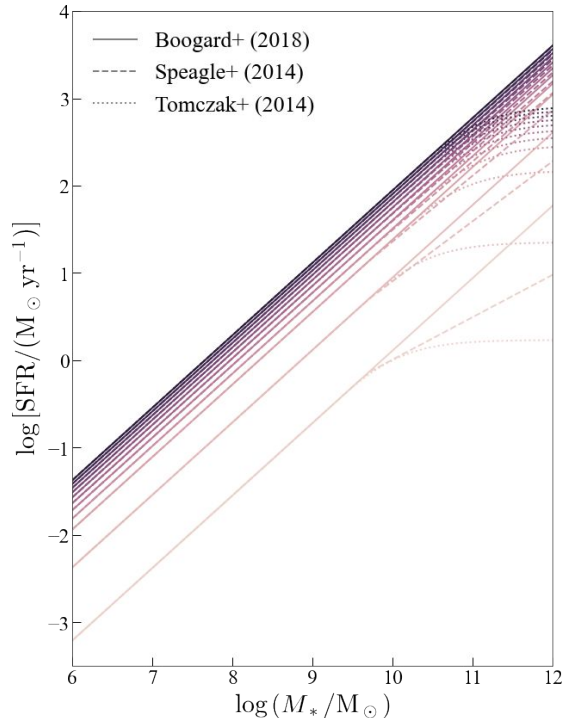
**Chruślińska & Nelemans (2019), Chruślińska+ (2020)**

Average star mass, SFR and metallicity empirical distributions up to  $z=10$ .

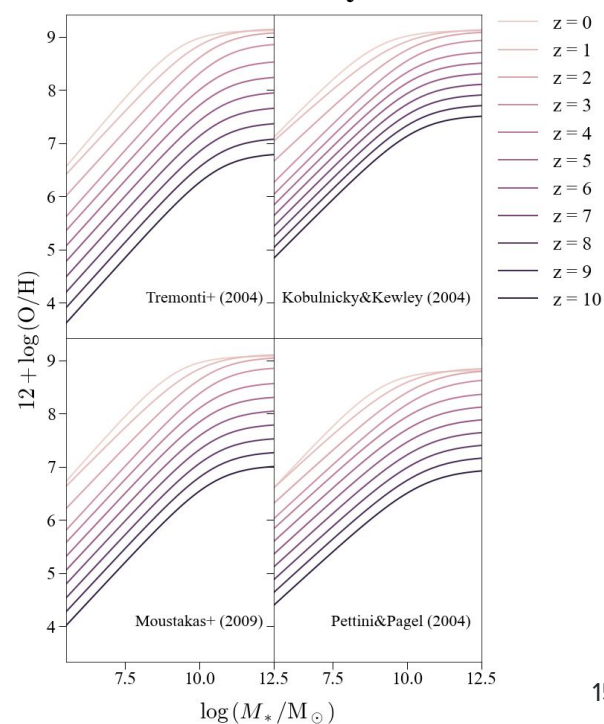
**Galaxy stellar mass function**



**Star formation-mass relation**



**Mass-metallicity relation**

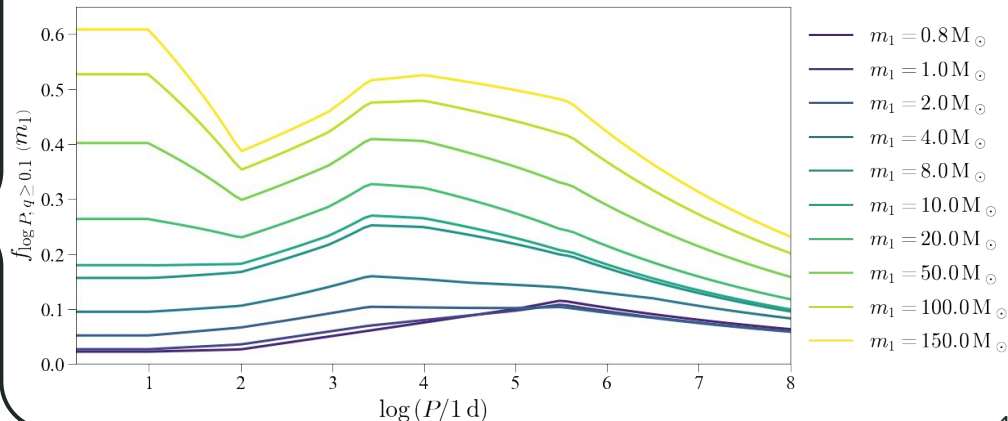
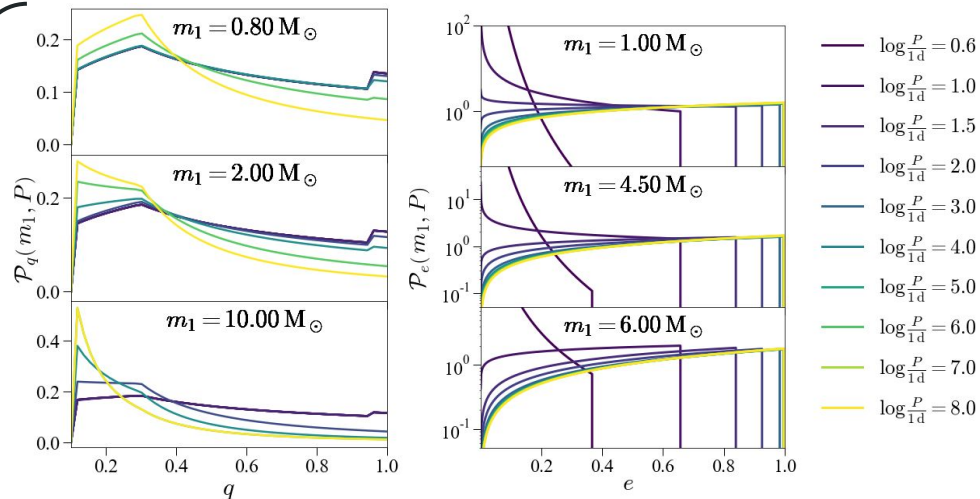
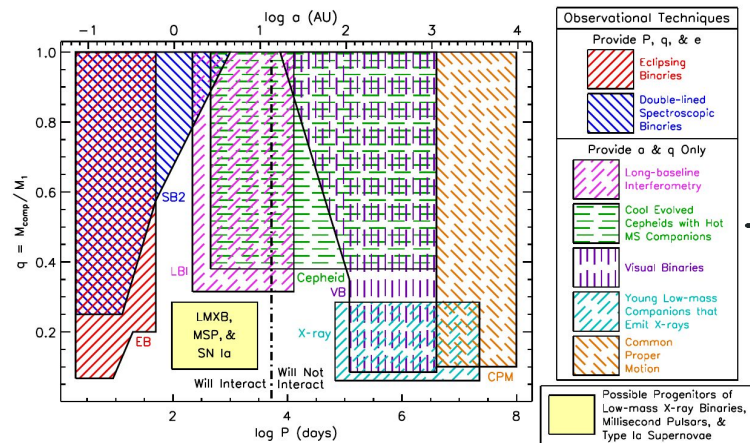


# Orbital parameters

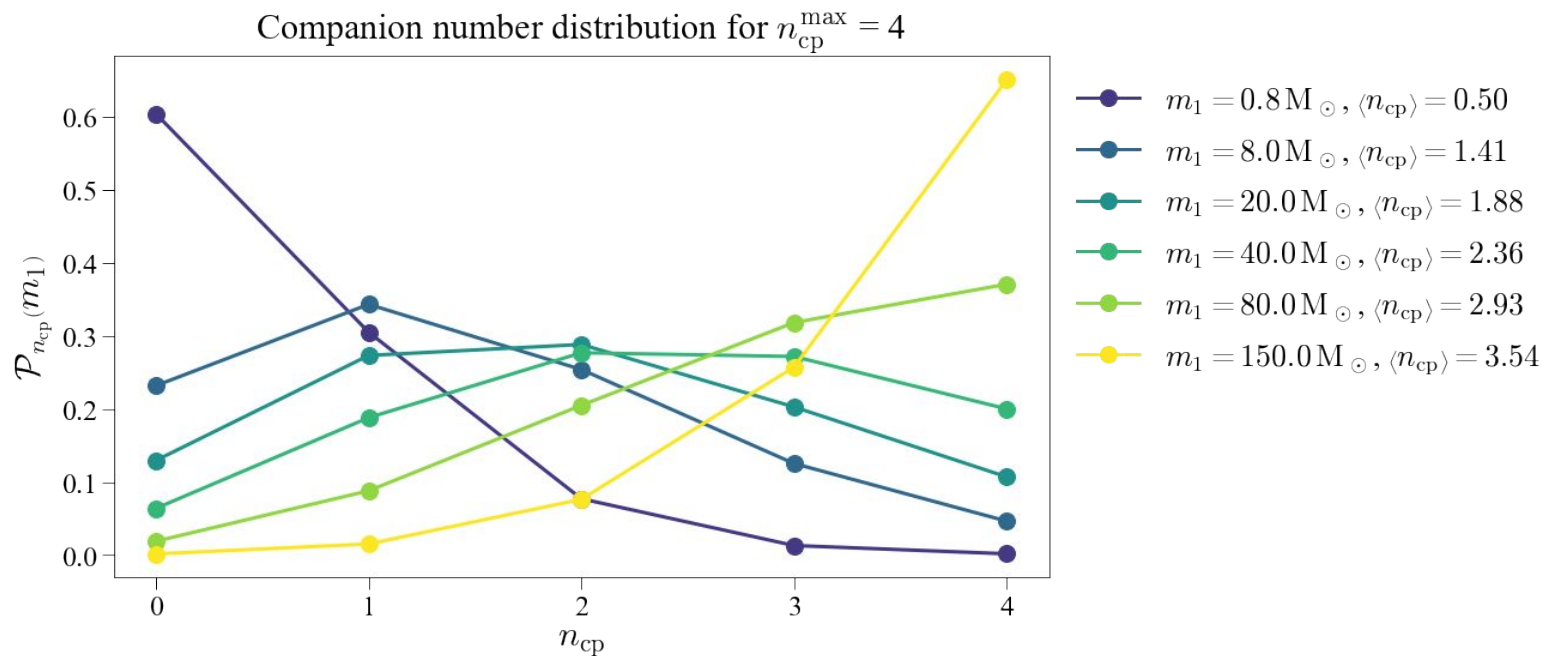
Usual choices:

- Uniform (Sana+, 2012)  $0 \leq q \leq 1$ ,
- Log-uniform  $10^{-2} \text{ AU} \leq A \leq 10^3 \text{ AU}$ , (Öpik, 1924)
- Circular orbits ( $e = 0$ ).

However, **Moe & Di Stefano (2017)** found that they are significantly correlated.



Computing the binary fraction requires allowing for higher-order multiples.



We can account for all companion masses, but only evolve inner binaries.