

Wolf-Rayet stars in the SMC

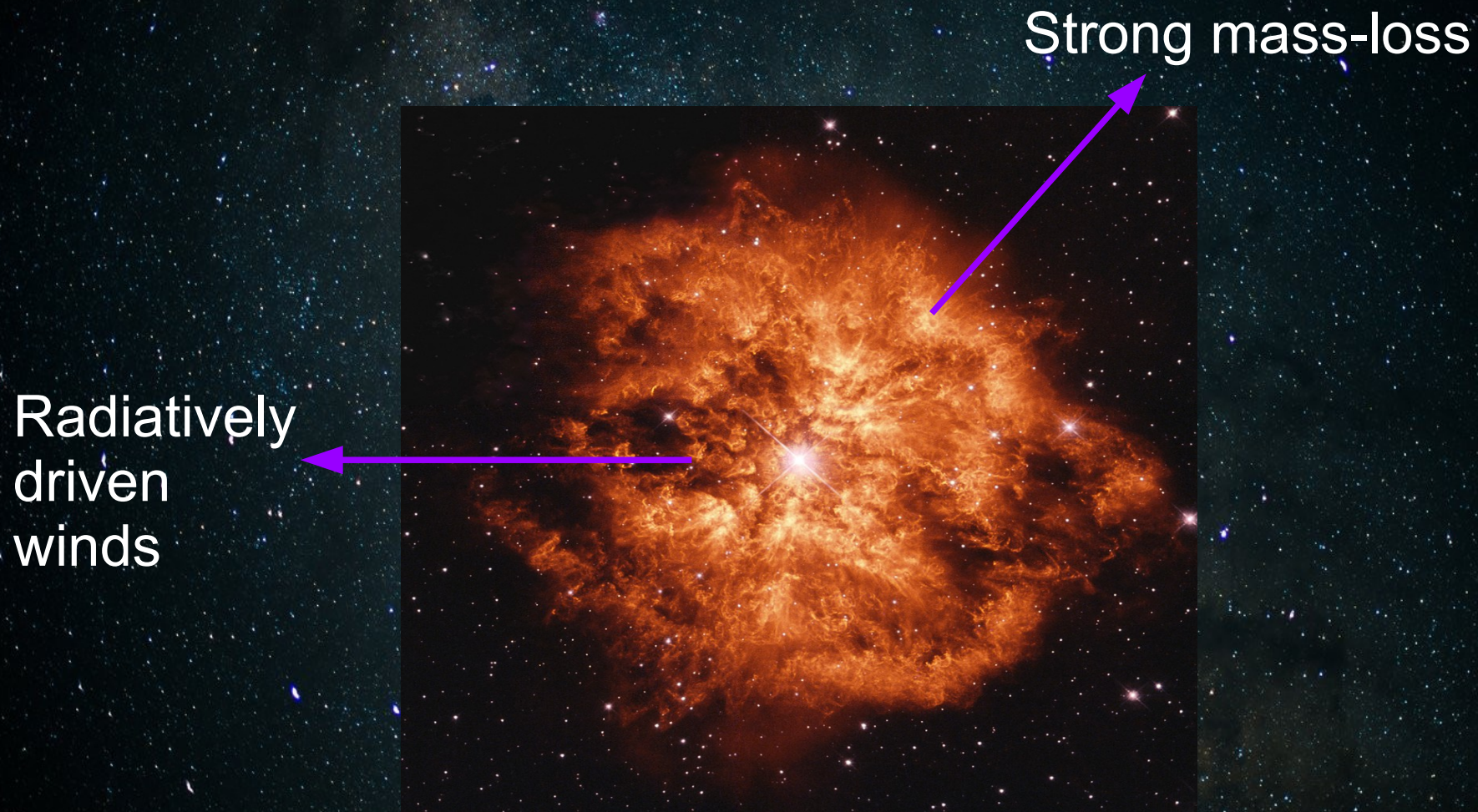
What's up with the binary formation channel?

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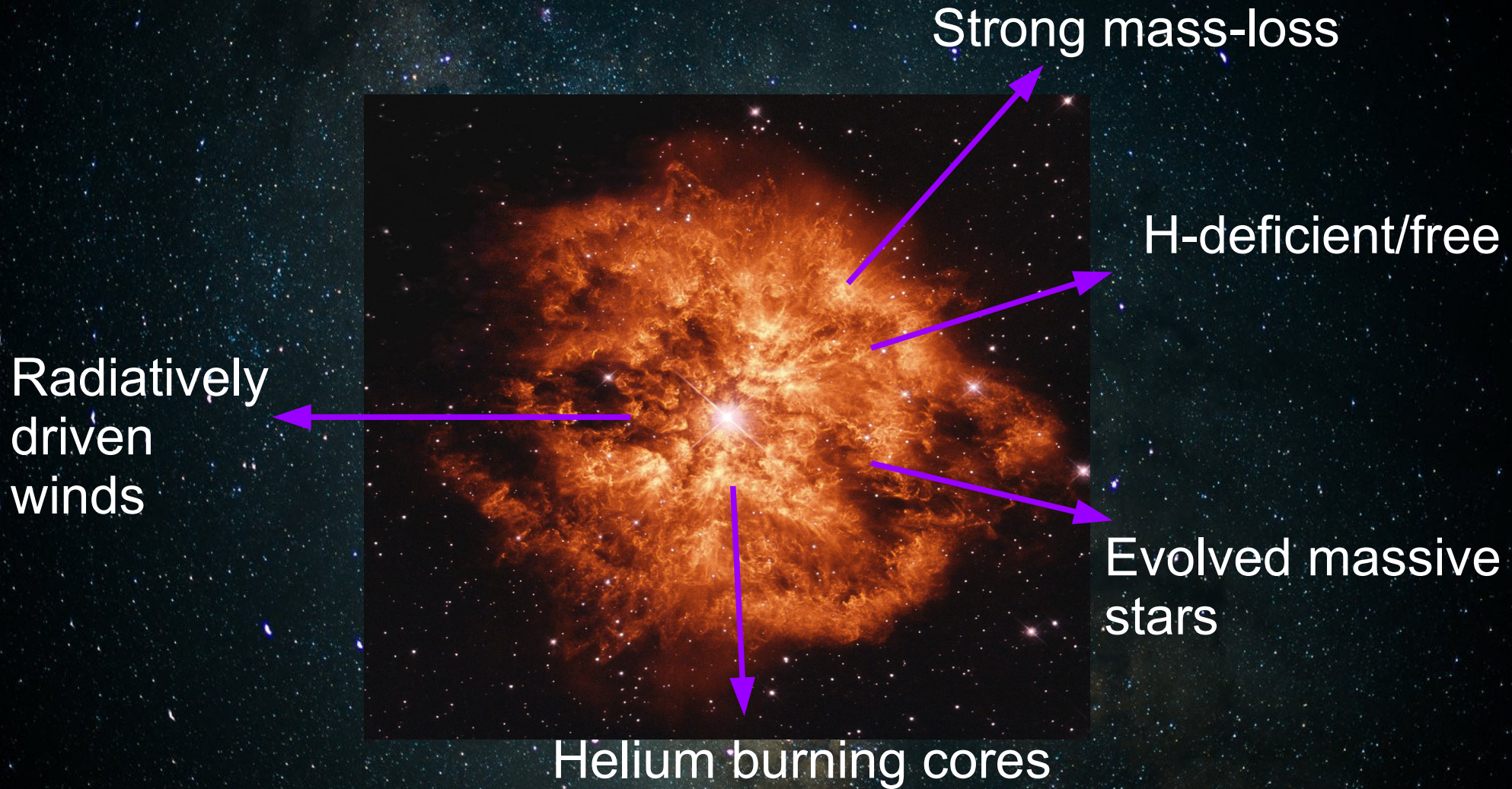
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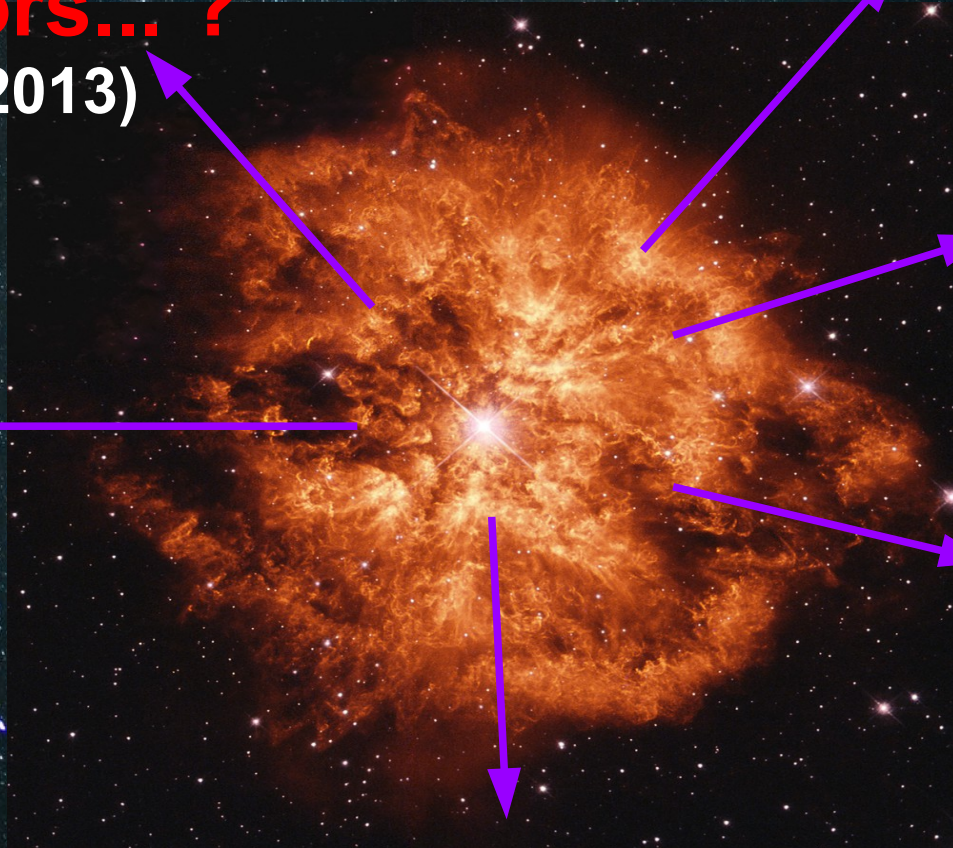


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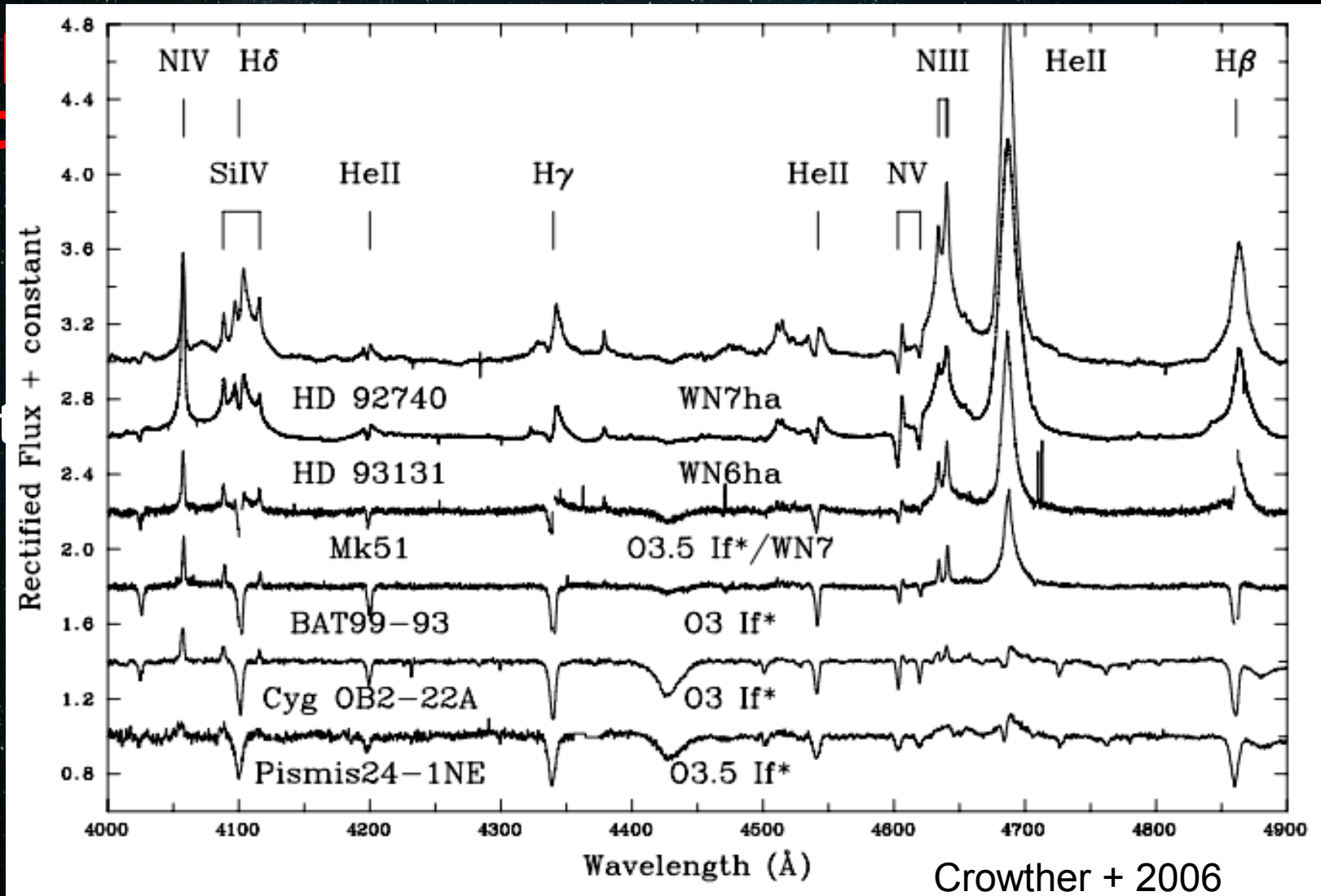
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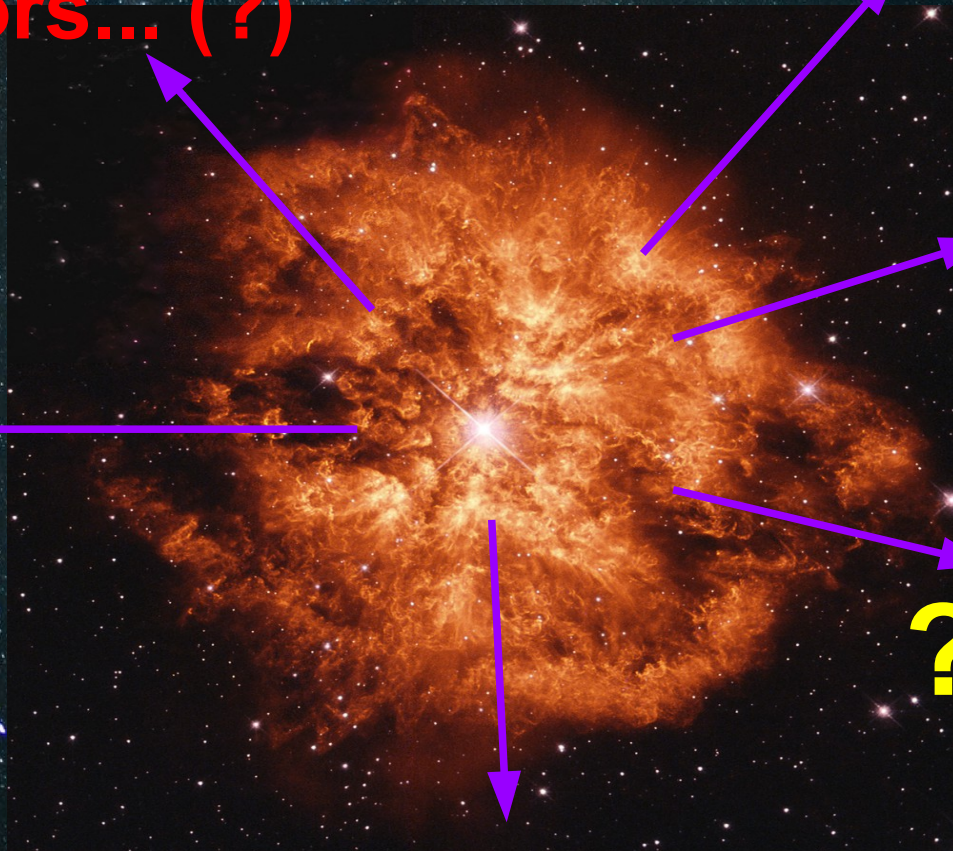
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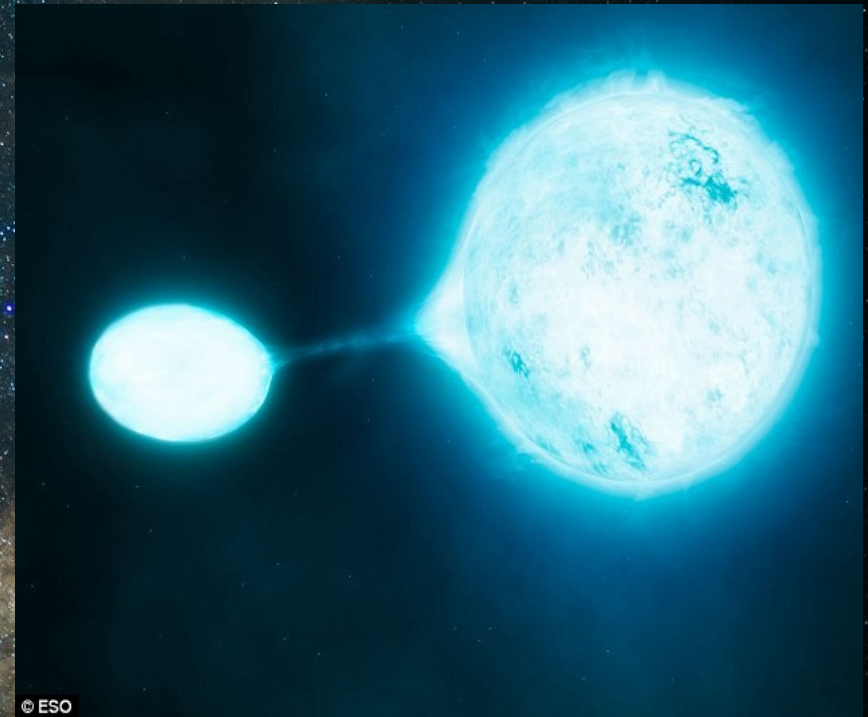


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$N \sim \dot{M} \sim Z \dots$

Vink+ 2000, Crowther+ 2006,
Hainich+ 2015....

Mass-transfer in binaries
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Table 1. Expected fraction of WR stars formed via the channel of RLOF for the SMC, LMC and Milky Way. A mean value of $\varphi = 0.0207 \pm 0.0058$ is assumed.

Galaxy	Z	WR/O	WR(R)/WR
SMC	0.002	0.017	1.24 ± 0.34
LMC	0.006	0.04	0.52 ± 0.14
Milky Way	0.02	0.104	0.199 ± 0.056

Bartzakos+ 2002

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The SMC sample

★ Confirmed binaries
(Foellmi + 2003)

● Putatively single

Shortest
period:
~6d

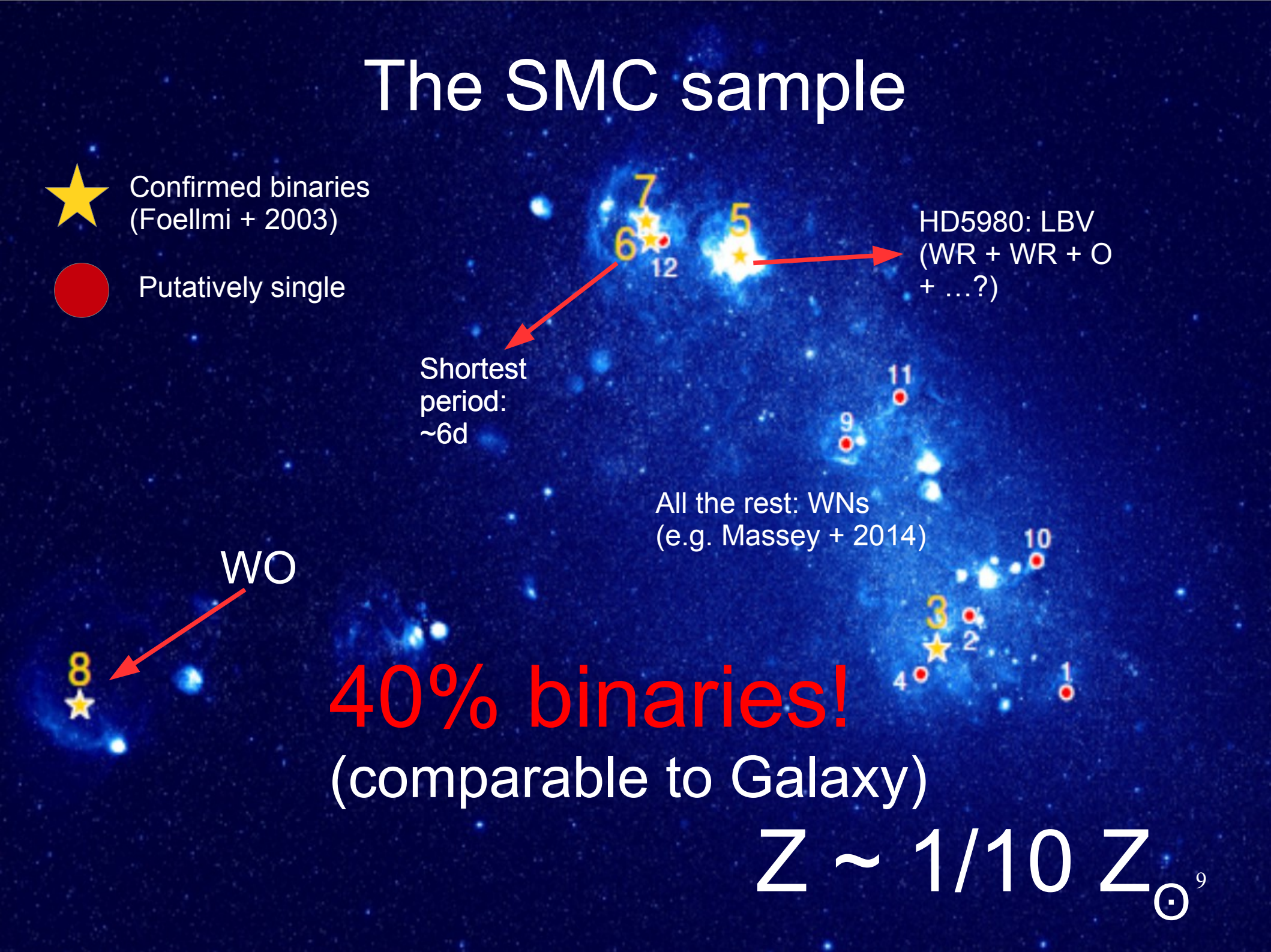
HD5980: LBV
(WR + WR + O
+ ...?)

All the rest: WNs
(e.g. Massey + 2014)

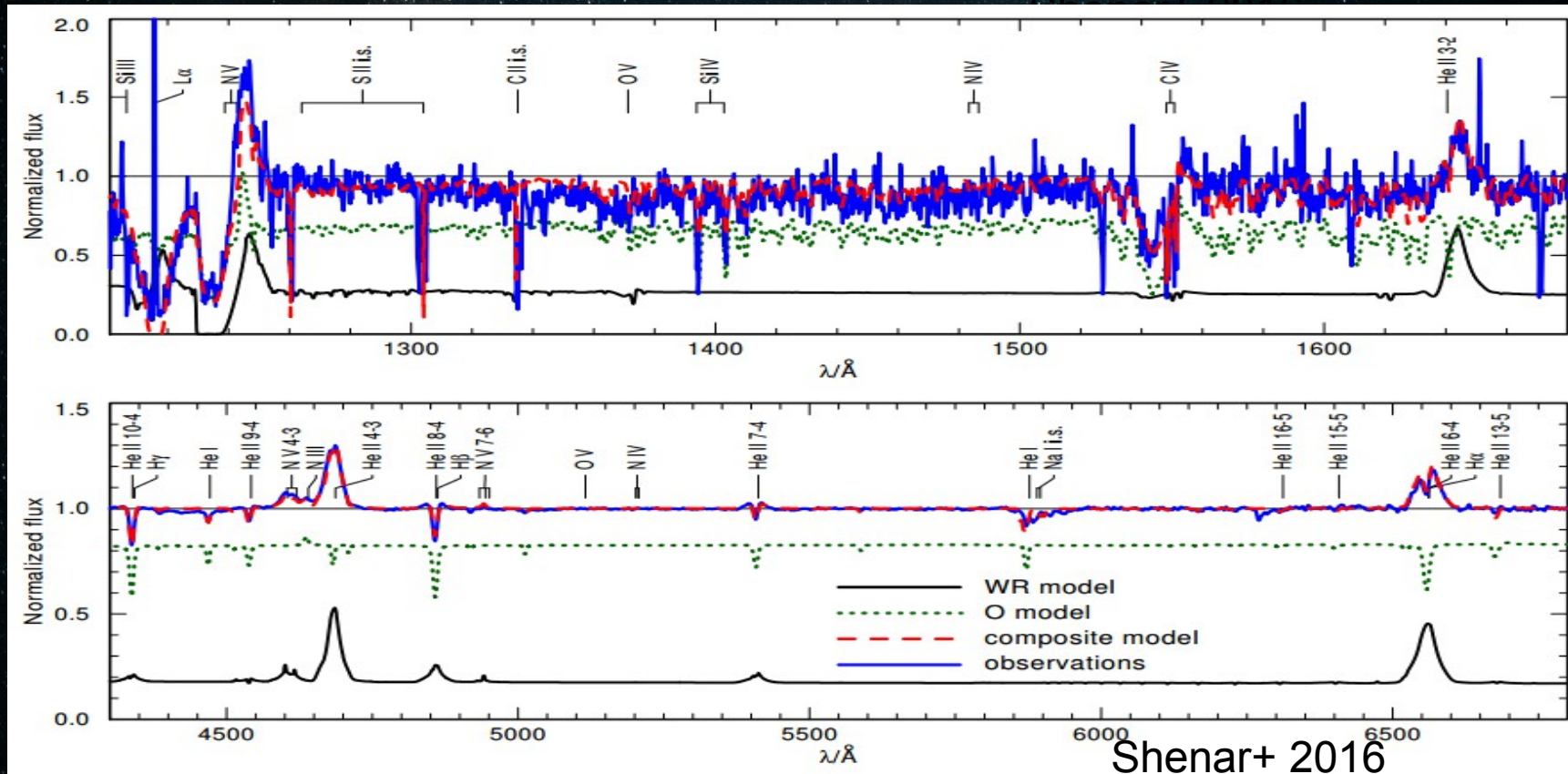
WO

40% binaries!
(comparable to Galaxy)

$Z \sim 1/10 Z_{\odot}^9$

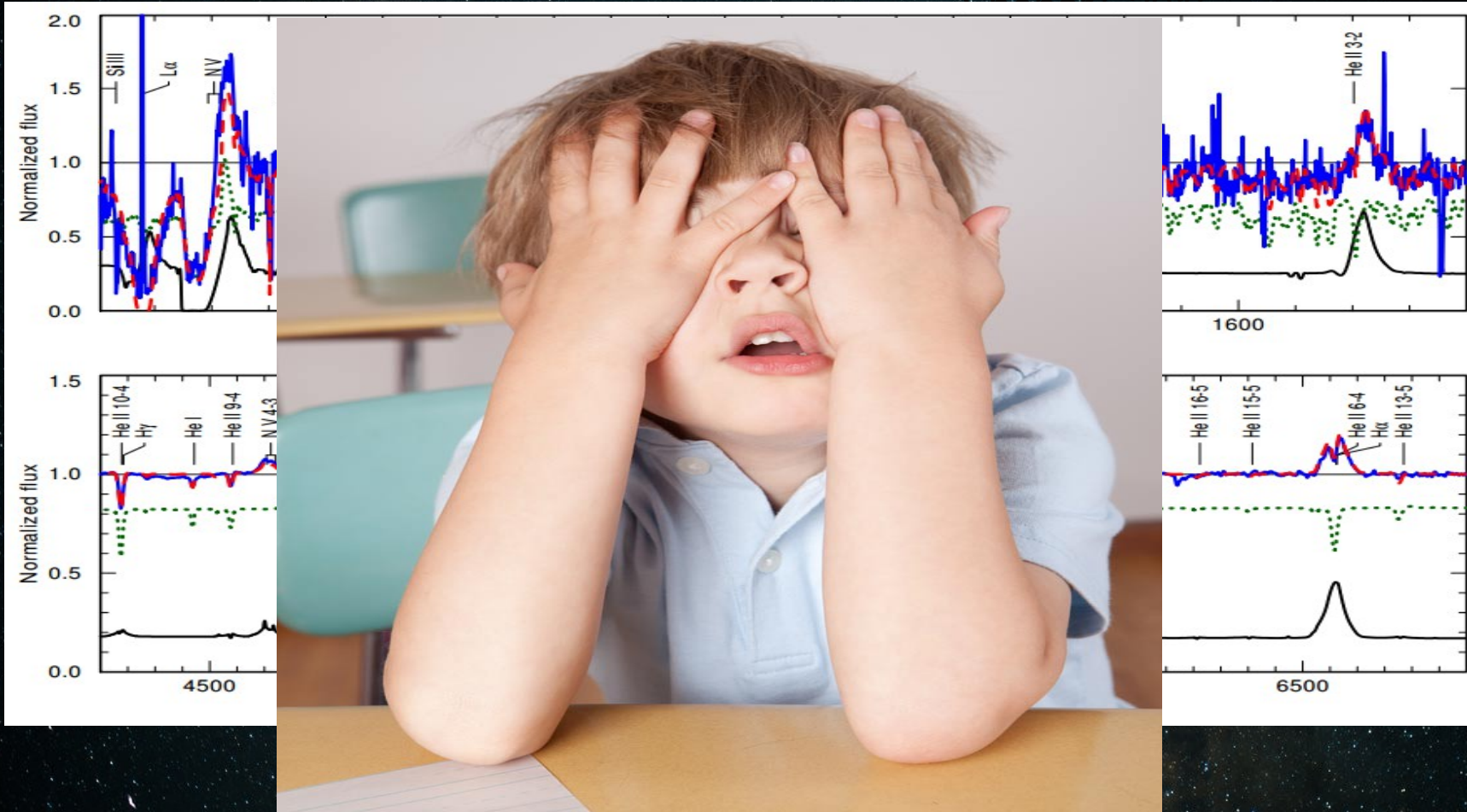


Spectral analysis (with PoWR)



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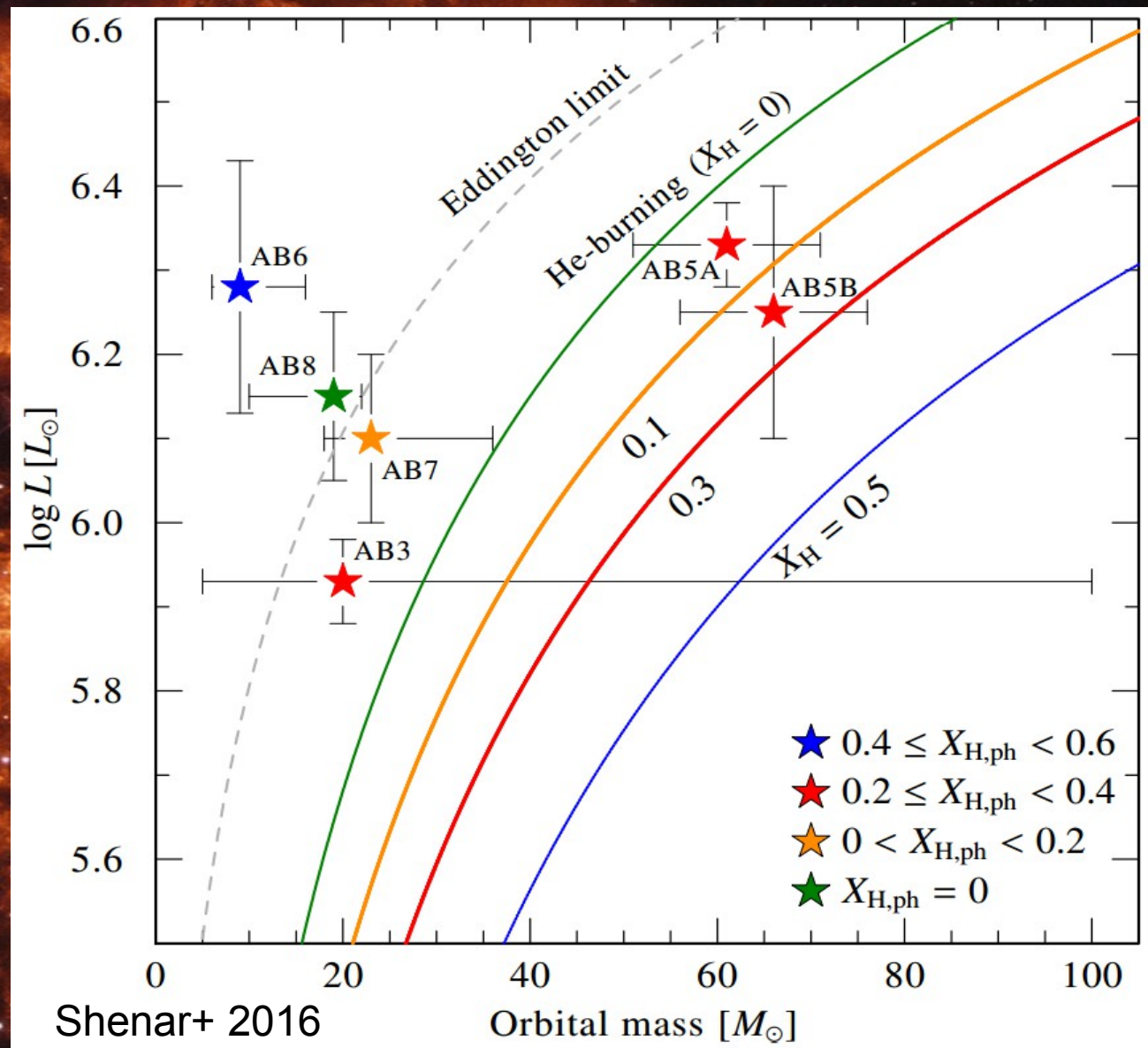
Results: comparison with M-L relations

Orbital masses

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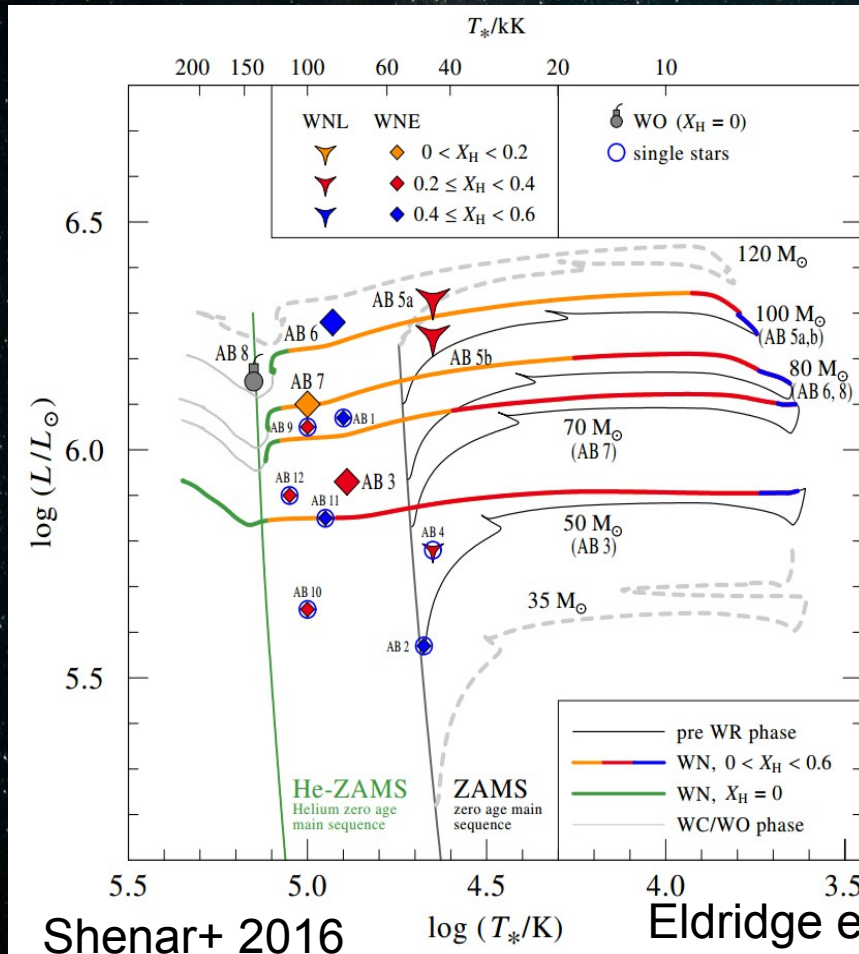
Mass-Luminosity relations

(Langer+89,
Graefener+2001)

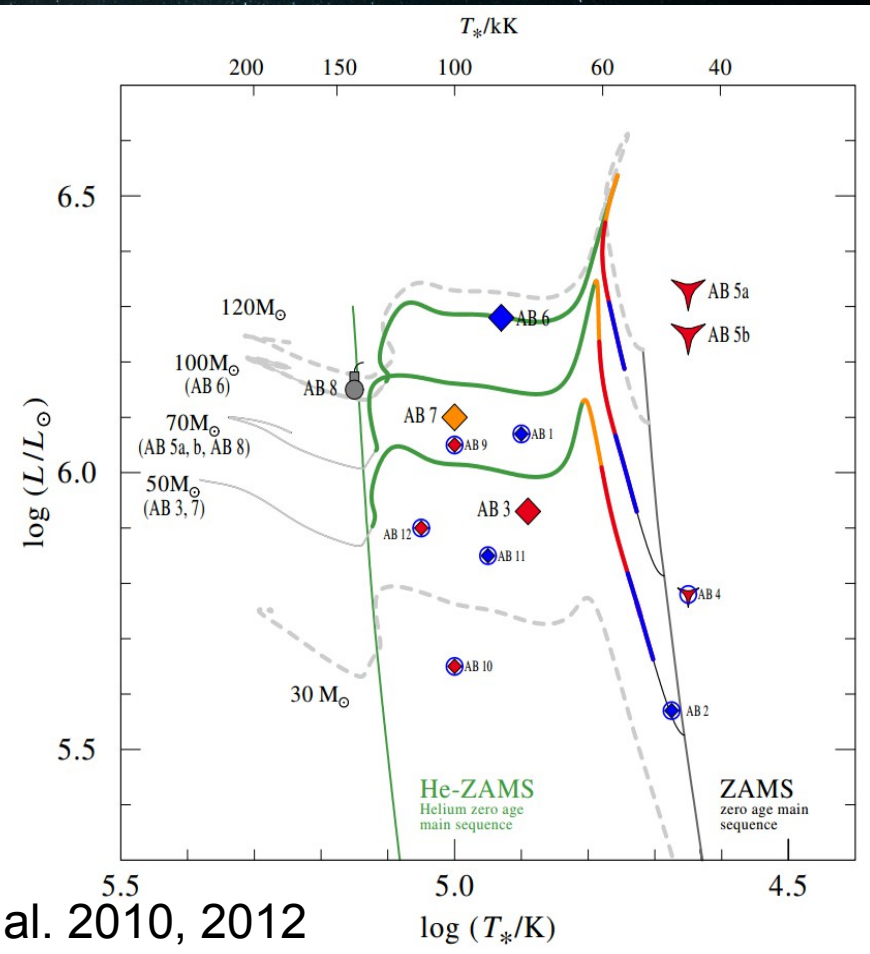


Results: single-star evolution tracks

Non-homogeneous evolution



Homogeneous evolution



Homogeneous less consistent

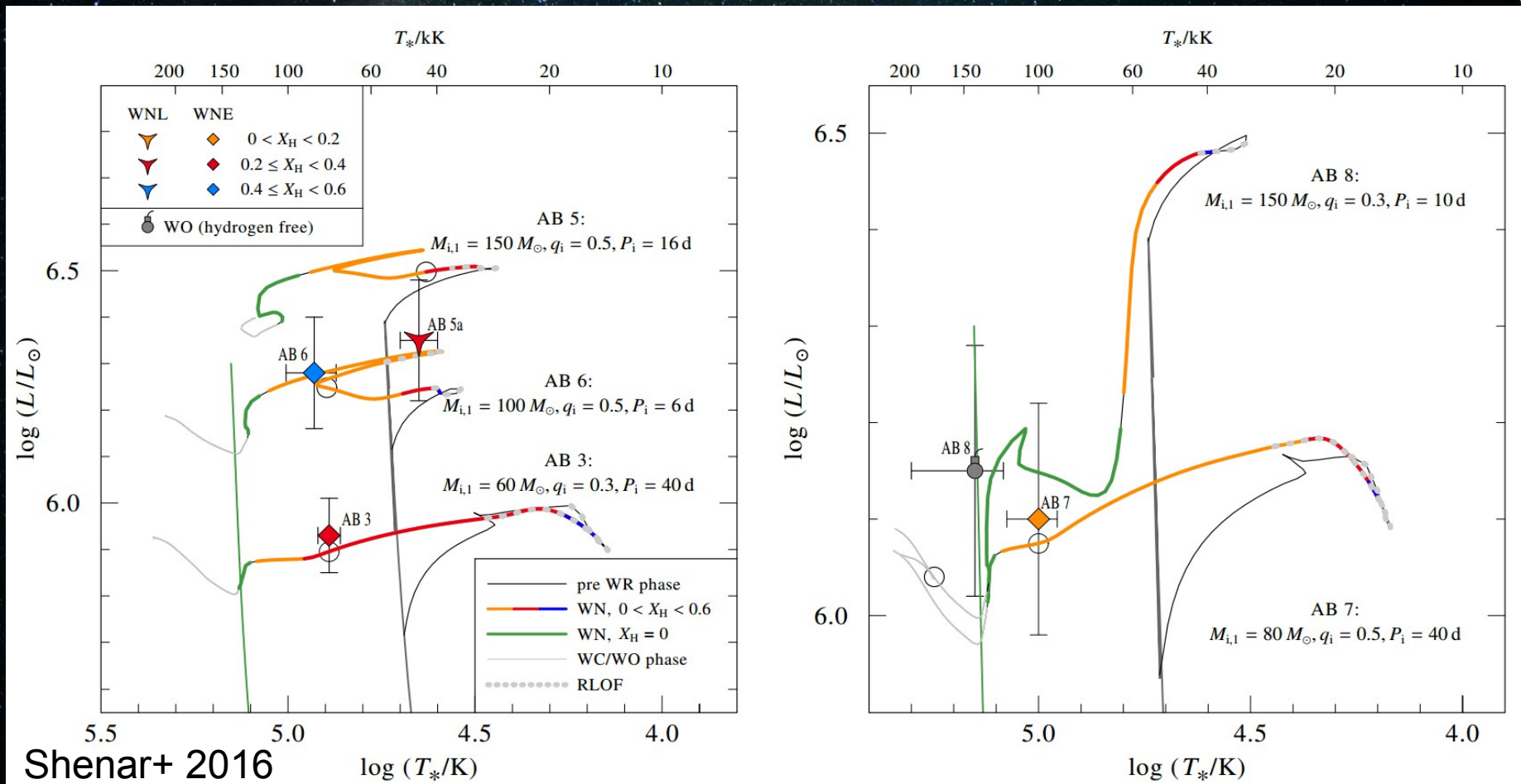


Roche Lobe overflow occurs



Tracks not appropriate

Results: binary evolution tracks



Main conclusions:

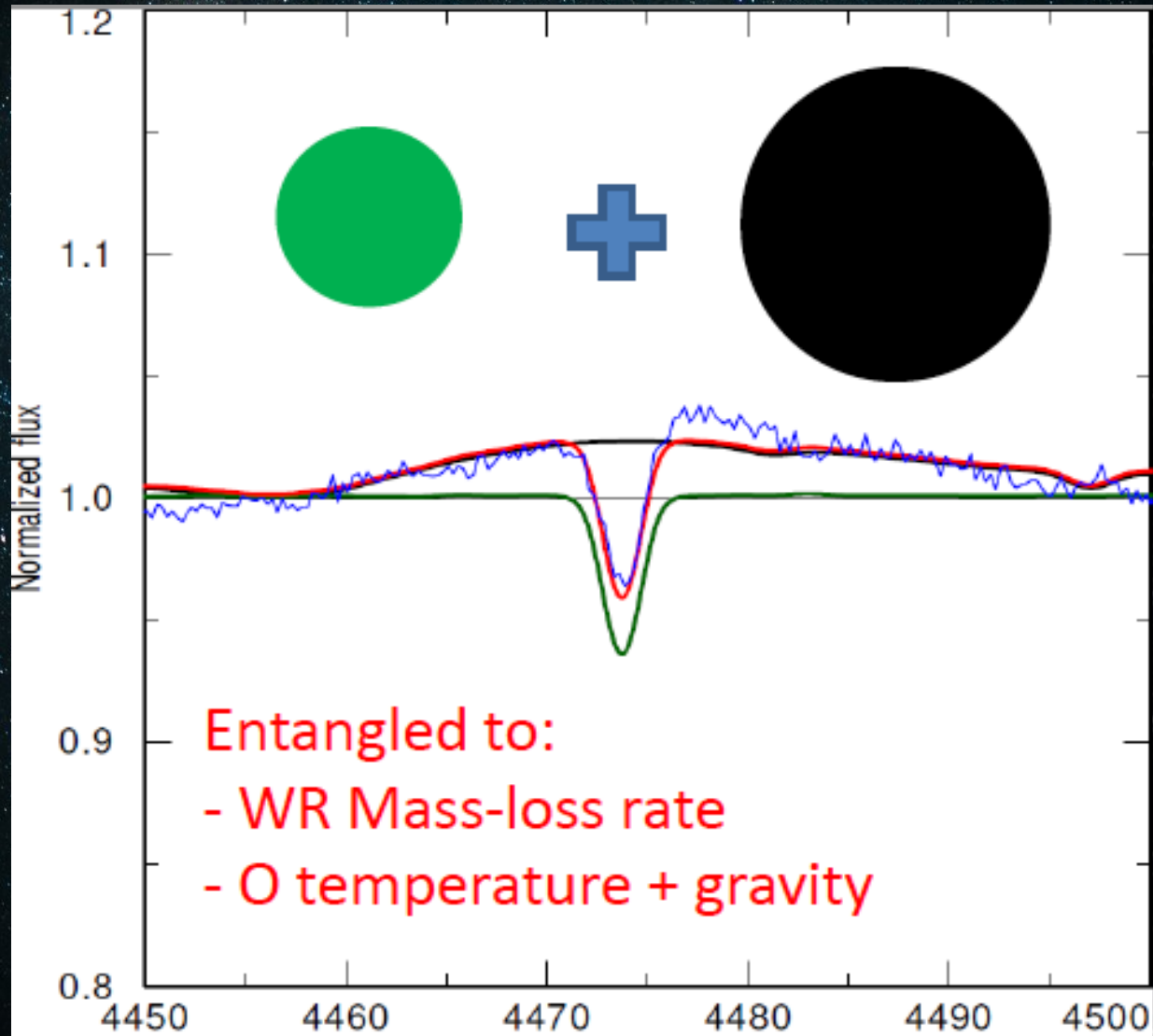
- **Chemically homogeneous tracks problematic**
 - possible exceptions: AB5 (HD 5980) and AB8 (WO)
 - Due to tidal interaction?
- **Roche-lobe overflow occurred in majority of systems**
- **YET: primaries would become WR stars anyway!**
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- **What's up with the binary formation channel?**
 - Observational bias? (De Mink 2014)
 - Errors in evolutionary models?

Thank you!

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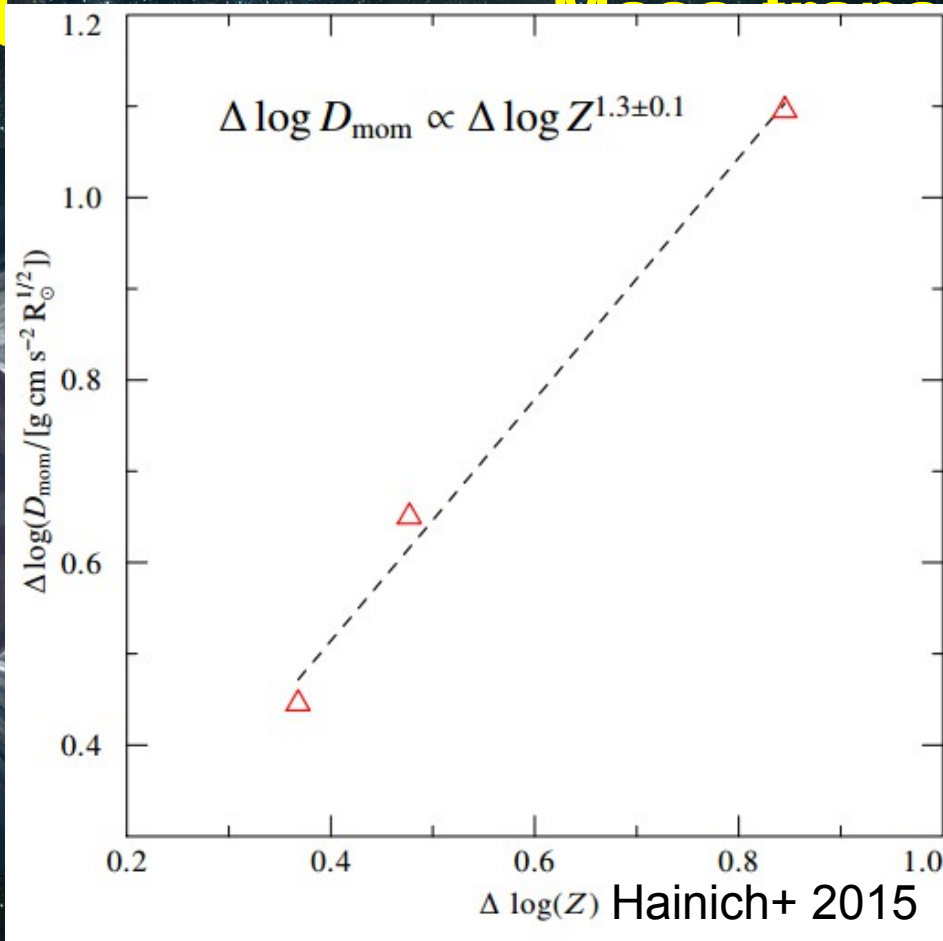
Formation of WR stars



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(Conti scenario)



Mass transfer in binaries
(Hainich+ 73)



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