Statistics of Binary & Multiple Stars: Implications for Formation & Evolution



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Topics:

- Detection methods and selection effects
- Corrected joint pdf f(M₁, P, q, e) ≠ f(M₁) × f(P) × f(q) × f(e) for systems near ZAMS (τ ~ 5 Myr) and Z = Z_☉
- Variations as a function of τ , Z, and environment
- Implications for binary star formation and evolution

Main Resources:

- Review by Duchene & Kraus (2013)
- Meta-analysis by Moe & Di Stefano (2017)

Mind your Ps and Qs: $f(P, q) \neq f(P) \times f(q)$



Relatively complete across $q = M_{comp}/M_1 = 0.1 - 1.0$ and log P (days) = 0 - 8

Detection Techniques for Companions to OB-type MS Primaries ($M_1 > 3 M_{\odot}$)



Cannot directly measure multiplicity fractions F_{bin} , F_{trip} , or F_{quad} . But can measure **multiplicity frequency** $f_{mult} = F_{bin} + 2F_{trip} + 3F_{quad}$. Multiplicity Statistics: Diagnostics for Binary Star Formation (Abt+ 90; Kroupa 95a,b; Bate+ 95,02; Tokovinin 00,06; Tohline 02; Goodwin & Kroupa 05; Sana+ 12; Kratter+ 06,10; Raghavan+ 10; Offner+ 12; Duchene & Krause 13; Tobin+ 16a,b; **Moe & Di Stefano 17**

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- Uniform f(q) with excess twin fraction





Solar-type MS (
$$M_1 = 1M_{\odot}$$
): $f_{mult} = 0.50 \pm 0.04$;
 $F_{single} = 60\%$, $F_{bin} = 30\%$, $F_{trip/quad} = 10\%$
O-type MS ($M_1 = 28M_{\odot}$): $f_{mult} = 2.1 \pm 0.3$;
 $F_{single} < 5\%$, $F_{bin} = 20\%$, $F_{trip/quad} = 75\%$

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For $M_1 = 1 M_{\odot}$, frequency of **wide** companions (**a** > **100 AU**) is 2 - 3 times larger during the early pre-MS phase ($\tau < 3 Myr$) (Ghez et al. 1993; Duchene et al. 2007; Connelley et al. 2008; Tobin et al. 2016)

Overall multiplicity frequency: $f_{mult} = 0.5 \rightarrow 0.8$

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f_{mult} ≈ 1.0 for all M₁ < 1M_☉ during pre-MS, but disruption of wide binaries with smaller binding energies (smaller M₁ and q) reduces f_{mult} by ZAMS (Goodwin & Kroupa 2005; Marks & Kroupa 2011; Thies et al. 2015)

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For $M_1 > 1M_{\odot}$, disk fragmentation is progressively more likely with increasing primary mass (Kratter et al. 2006, 2011)



~2% of solar-type MS primaries have companions with q > 0.3 and P = 1 - 10 days. Integral under dotted lines yields the MS multiplicity frequency $f_{mult;q>0.3}(M_1)$.



Companions to solar-type MS stars: log-normal period distribution as found by Duquennoy & Mayor (1991) and Raghavan et al. (2010)



Very close binary fraction increases dramatically with M_1 (Abt et al. 1990; Sana et al. 2012; Chini et al. 2012; Kobulnicky et al. 2014)



Early-type MS stars also have a large companion frequency at intermediate P; Rizzuto+2013, LBI, early-B; Sana+2014, LBI, O-type; Evans+2015, SB2s, Cepheids

Disks around massive protostars are more prone to fragmentation (Kratter et al. 2006, 2011)



Frequency of wide companions with q > 0.3 relatively independent of M₁, consistent with theories of core fragmentation (Goodwin & Kroupa 2005; Offner et al. 2012; Thies et al. 2015) Distribution $f_q(M_1,P)$ of mass ratios $q = M_{comp}/M_1$

A single-component power-law model $f_q \propto q^{\gamma}$ does **NOT** adequately describe the data.

Need 3 parameters:

 $\gamma_{smallq}(M_1,P)$: power-law slope across q = 0.1 - 0.3 $\gamma_{largeq}(M_1,P)$: power-law slope across q = 0.3 - 1.0 $F_{twin}(M_1,P)$: excess fraction of twins with q \approx 1.0







Solar-type binaries: larger F_{twin} due to pre-MS RLOF and/or shared accretion in longer-lived disks (Kroupa 1995; Tokovinin 2000; Halbwachs et al. 2003)

Massive protostars have rapid contraction timescales and shorter disk lifetimes

Mass-ratio distribution $f_{\alpha}(P)$ for solar-type primaries $M_1 = 1M_{\odot}$



a < 100 AU: uniform f_q with excess twins (fragmentation & co-evolution in disk)

a > 100 AU: weighted toward small q = 0.2 - 0.4 (core fragmentation + dynamical ejections)

Data (Raghavan et al. 2010); corrections for selection biases & missing stellar companions \diamondsuit and \triangle (Moe & Di Stefano 2017)

Mass-ratio distribution $f_{q}(P)$ for OB-type MS primaries $M_1 > 3M_{\odot}$



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Solar-type MS binaries (Raghavan et al. 2010);

SB2 companions to O / early-B MS primaries (Abt+90; Sana+12; Kobulnicky+14)

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early-B (Rizzuto+ 2013) and O-type (Sana+ 2014) MS primaries

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Visual companions to early-type MS primaries, including CPM (Abt+ 1990), AO (Duchene+ 2011; Sana+ 2014), lucky imaging (Peter+ 2012), and HST imaging (Aldoretta+ 2015)

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Very close binaries (a < 0.1 AU): uniform f_q with excess twin fraction. Wide binaries (a > 100 AU): initially consistent with random pairings from IMF. Transition occurs at shorter separations for more massive binaries.

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The mass-ratio distribution f_q of binaries that will interact (a < 10 AU; left of dotted line) depends critically on M₁ and P

Eccentricity distribution for solar-type binaries (Meibom & Mathieu 2005)



Eccentricity distribution for early-type binaries



Eccentricity distribution f_e (M₁,P)



Tidal circularization dominates at P < 20 days

For P > 20 days, early-type binaries are consistent with a thermal distribution ($\eta = 1$; Ambartsumian 1937), indicating dynamical interactions play a role in their formation



Frequency of wide companions (a > 100 AU) to $M_1 = 1M_{\odot}$ pre-MS primaries is 2 - 3 times larger than that measured for $M_1 = 1M_{\odot}$ MS stars (Duchene+07, Connelley+08) and consistent with that measured for O-type MS primaries

Period distribution $f_{logP;q>0.1}(M_1, P, \tau)$ from Moe & Di Stefano (2017)



For pre-MS (Mathieu 94; Melo 03) and solar-type MS primaries in open clusters (Patience+03; Geller+12; Leiner+15), the companion frequency across a < 100 AU matches that for field solar-type MS stars, which is substantially smaller than that measured for O-type MS stars. Very close binaries derive from dynamical interactions in triples



~80% of solar-type binaries with $P_{inner} < 7$ days have tertiary companions, while only ~30% of slightly wider binaries with $P_{inner} > 20$ days have such tertiary components (Tokovinin+ 2006)

The very close binary fraction (P < 7 days) is directly proportional to the overall triple/quadruple star fraction, independent of M_1 (Moe & Di Stefano 2017)

Very close binaries derive from dynamical interactions in triples BUT mostly during the early pre-MS phase



Binary Star Evolution via RLOF (Moe and Di Stefano 2017)



- \bullet Only 15% of $M^{}_1$ = 1 $M^{}_\odot$ primaries will interact via RLOF
- 80 90% of O-type primaries will experience RLOF (consistent with Sana+ 2012)
- 10 20% of O-type primaries are in compact triples with a_{outer} < 10 AU

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Even for a < 10 AU, the distribution of ZAMS binary properties are highly correlated (see also Abt+ 1990 and Duchene & Kraus 2013):

 $f(M_1, P, q, e) \neq f(M_1) \times f(P) \times f(q) \times f(e)$

The density of binaries in certain pockets of the f(M₁, P, q, e) parameter space differs by up to a factor of **~50** compared to canonical initial conditions adopted in many binary population synthesis studies

Separately adjusting the individual distributions f(P), f(q), and f(e) to the extremes will still not encompass the true nature of the binary population

Monte Carlo code that generates population of binaries based on observed $f(M_1, P, q, e)$ is available

Binary evolution affects your multiplicity statistics (Moe & Di Stefano 2017)

For a volume-limited sample:

30% ± 10% of massive stars are the products of binary evolution (de Mink+ 2014)

20% ± 10% of early-type "primaries" are actually the secondaries in which the true primaries have already evolved into compact remnants

11% ± 4% of solar-type "primaries" have WD companions

30% ± 10% of SB1s contain compact remnant companions

Solar-type SB1s: 1) Sirius-like binaries with hot WDs 2) Barium stars Early-type SB1s: 1) EBs vs. SB1s 2) N(SB1s)/N(SB2s) increases with age

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Regulus (α Leonis - the heart of the lion):

- SB1 with P = 40 days
- Rapidly rotating B-type star
- Companion either K-dwarf or WD

30 ± 10% of SB1s have compact remnant companions (Moe & Di Stefano 2017)



How the close binary fraction changes with decreasing metallicity Z

Reference	Spectral Type	Minimum log(Z/Z ₀)	As Z↓, ΔF/F
Carney+ 2005	G	-2.4	< 30%
Gao+ 2014	G	-1.5	+50%
Hettinger+ 2015	F	-1.7	-25%
Moe+ 2013	В	-0.7	< 20%
Dunstall+ 2015	В	-0.4	< 30%

Variations with respect to Z are small and possibly due to sensitivity and selection biases, e.g., lower-metallicity stars are systematically older and more likely to contain WD companions Multiplicity Statistics: Diagnostics for Binary Star Formation and Initial Conditions for Binary Star Evolution (Moe & Di Stefano 2017)

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