

The universe could be full of more huge stars than we thought

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Big stars are not so rare in some spots
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There may be more big stars out there than we thought. A study of part of the Large Magellanic Cloud found significantly more huge stars than we would expect to see, which could mean that there are more supernovae and black holes too.

In our galactic neighbourhood, all newborn stars seem to follow the same distribution of masses. There are lots of stars about 15 times the mass of the sun, and exponentially fewer stars with higher masses.

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