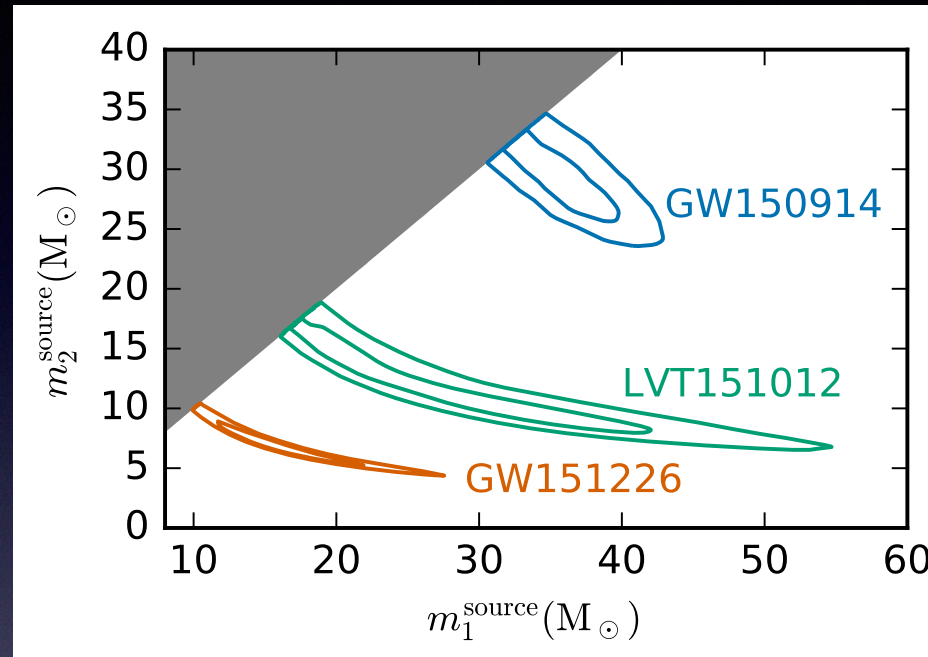


The Dawn of Gravitational-Wave Astrophysics



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Astrophysics of LIGO sources

-  **computational modeling of compact object binaries**
-  **predictions for LIGO observations**
-  **interpretation of observed systems**

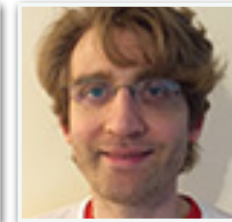
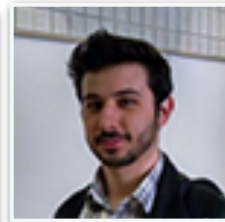
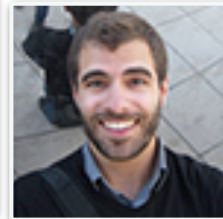
LIGO data analysis

-  **advanced method development**
-  **data characterization**
-  **source parameter estimation**

Northwestern



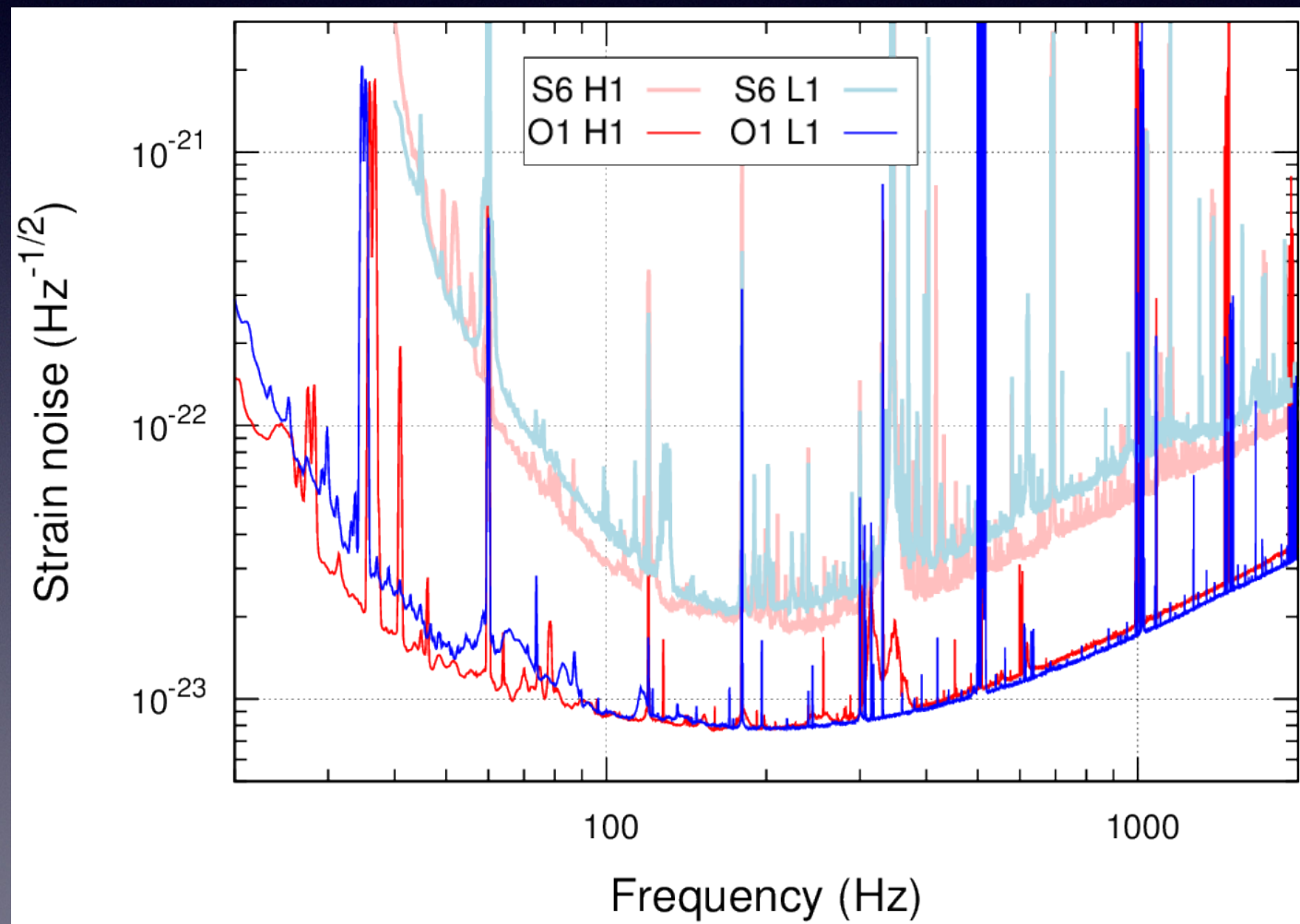
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Advanced LIGO

Key Detector Upgrades

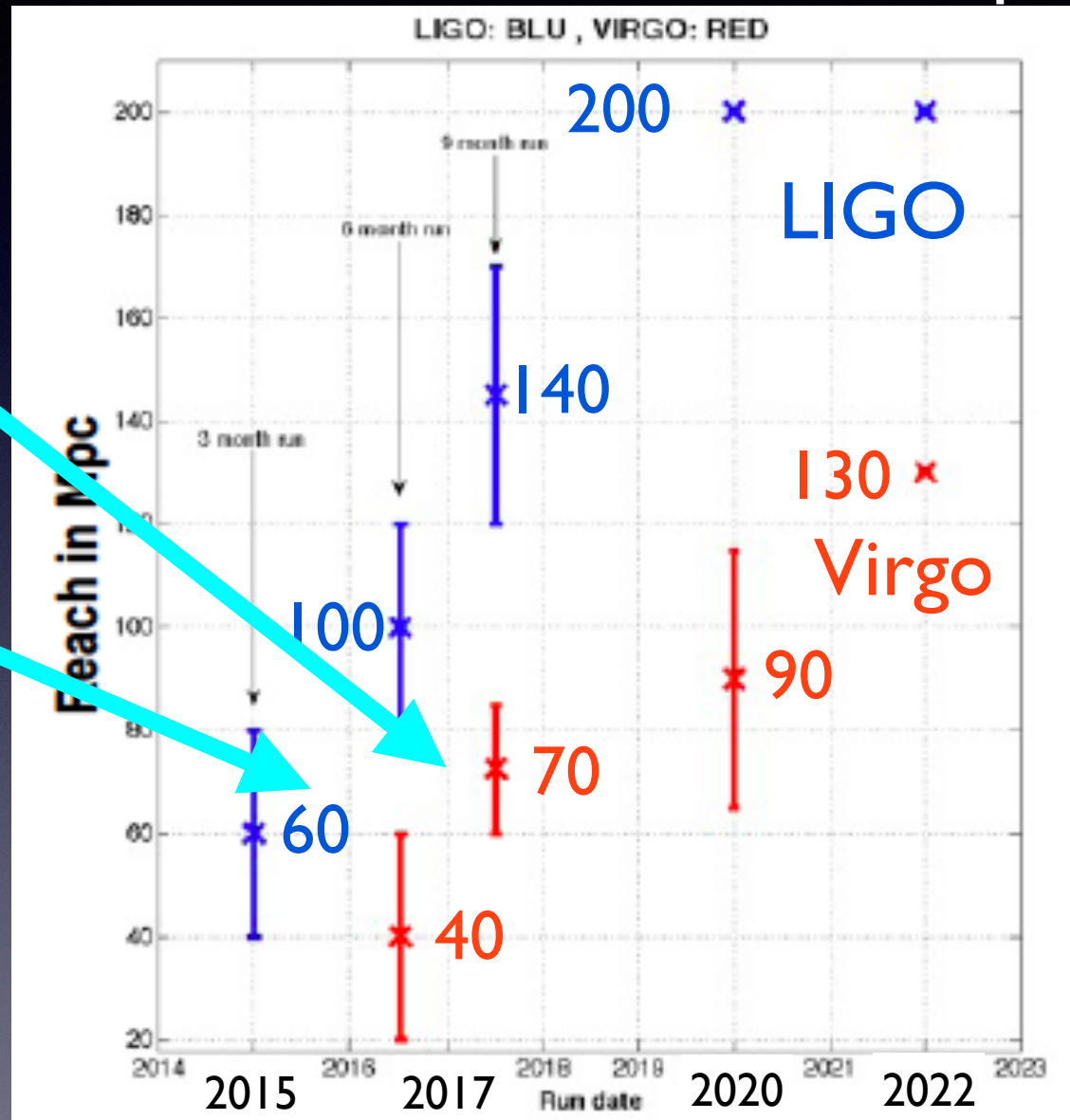
- Increased Laser Power
- Bigger Mirror Masses
- Better Mirror Coatings
- Improved Seismic Isolation



The LVC, PRL, published,
arXiv/1602.03837

Advanced Detectors: Plan for Observing Runs

NS-NS Reach in Mpc



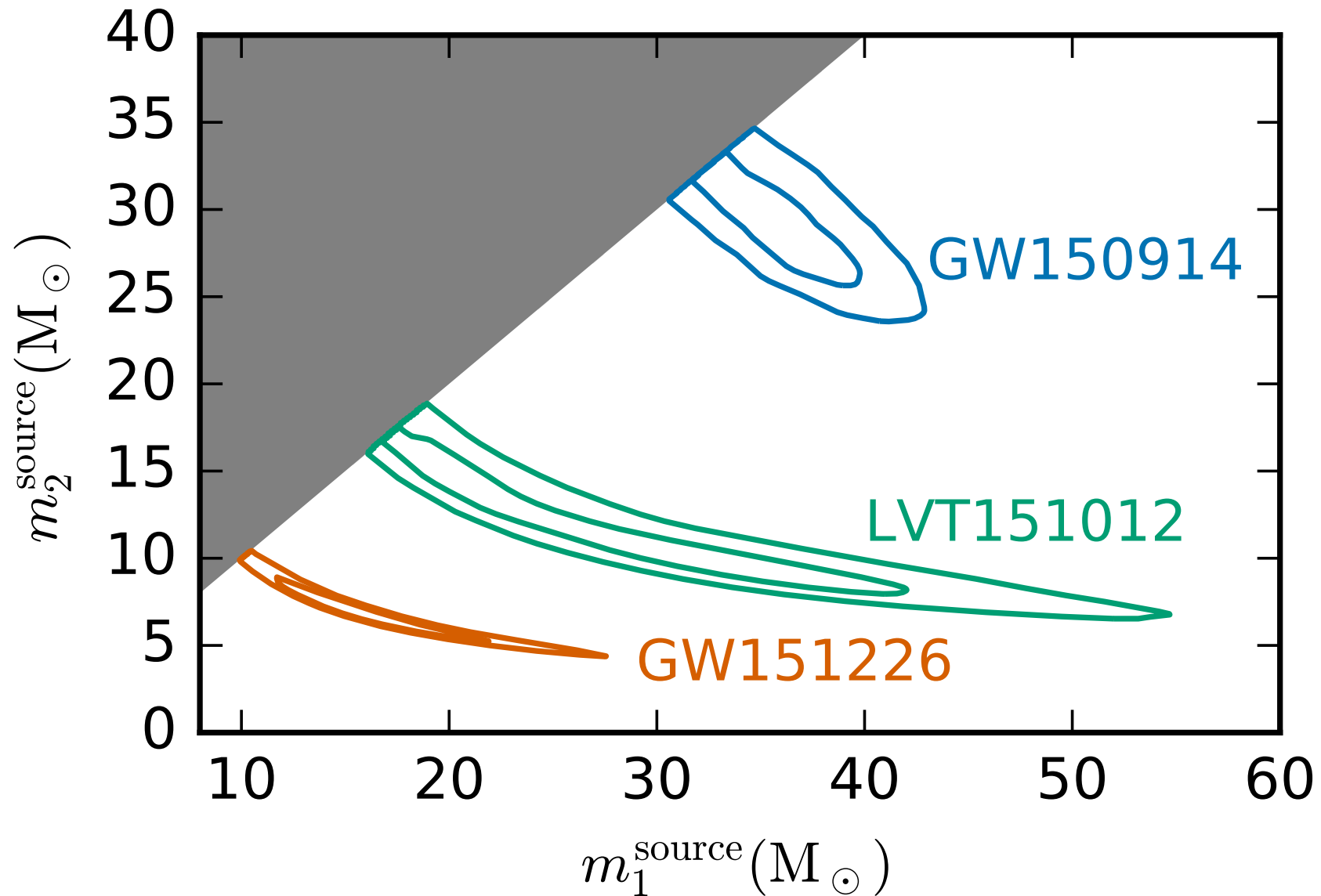
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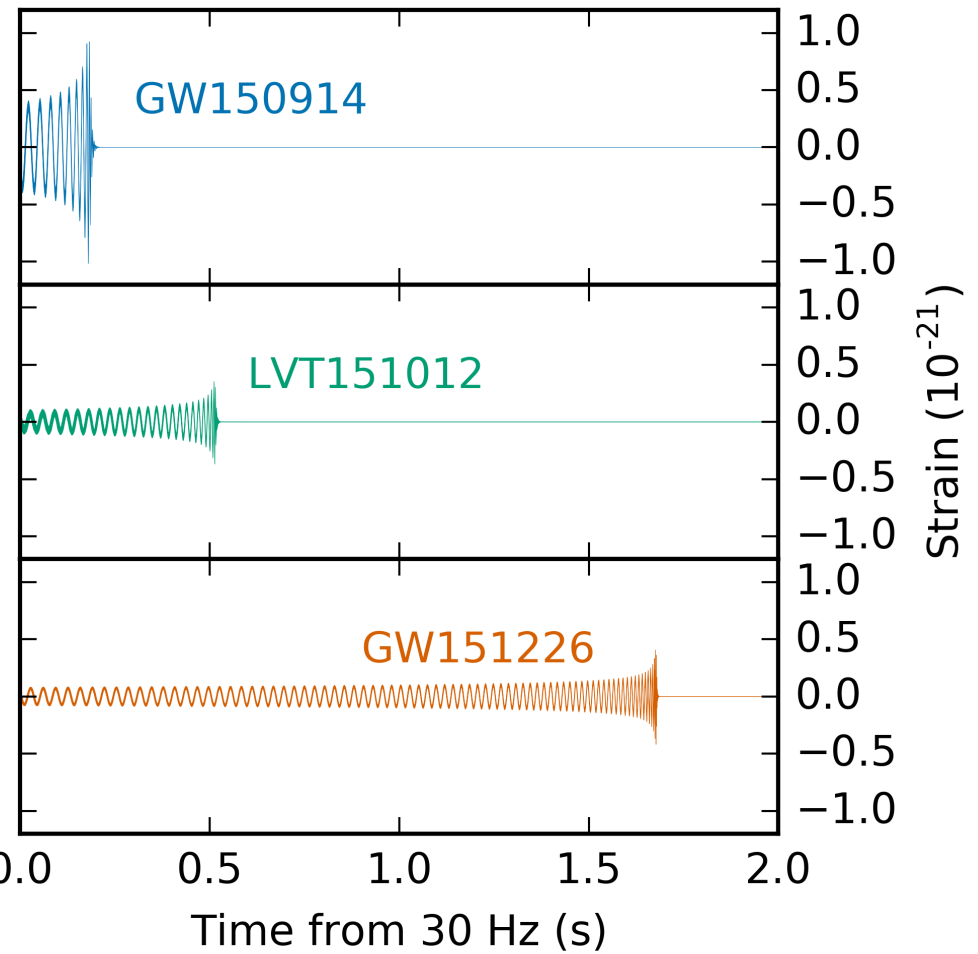
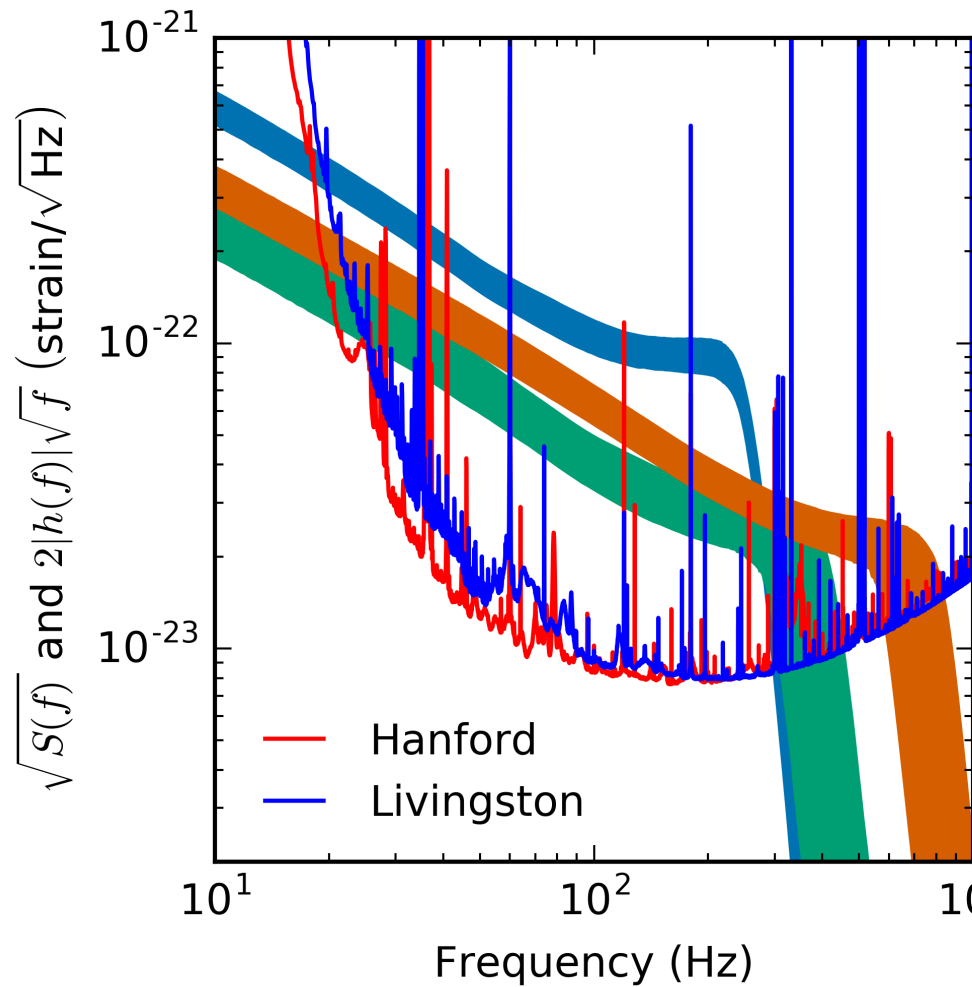
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LIGO Detections



LIGO Detections



Event Search Significance

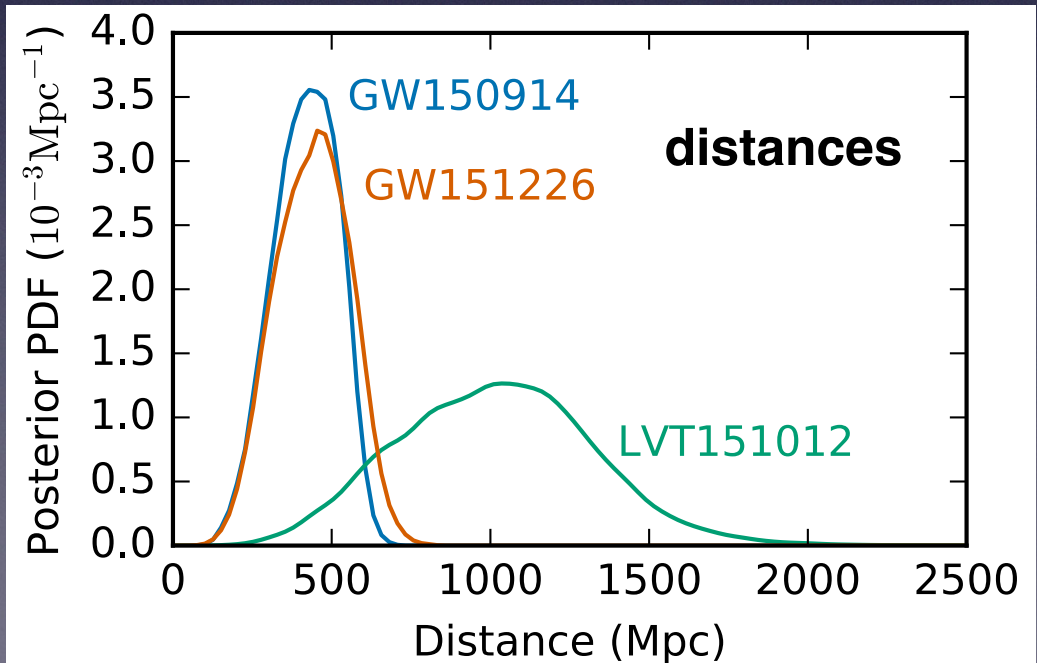
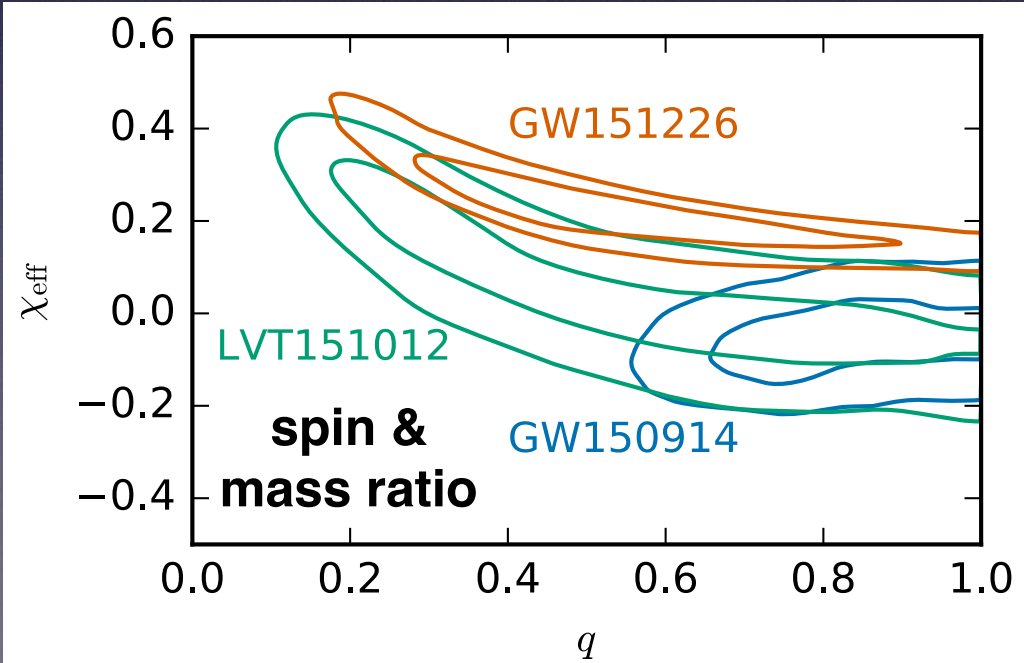
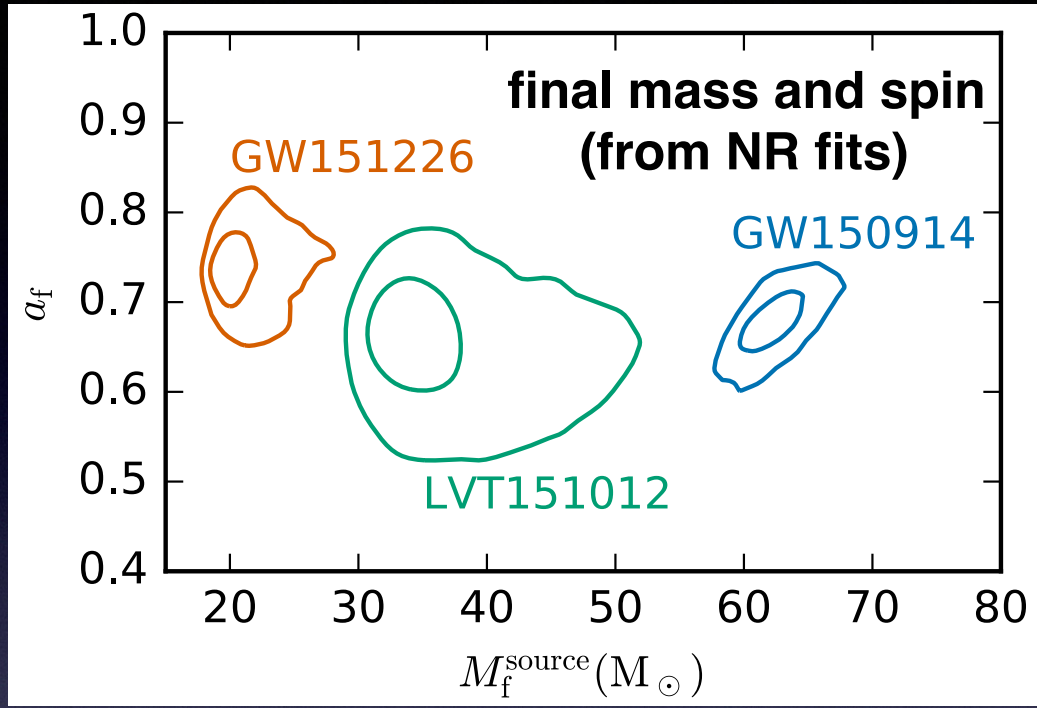
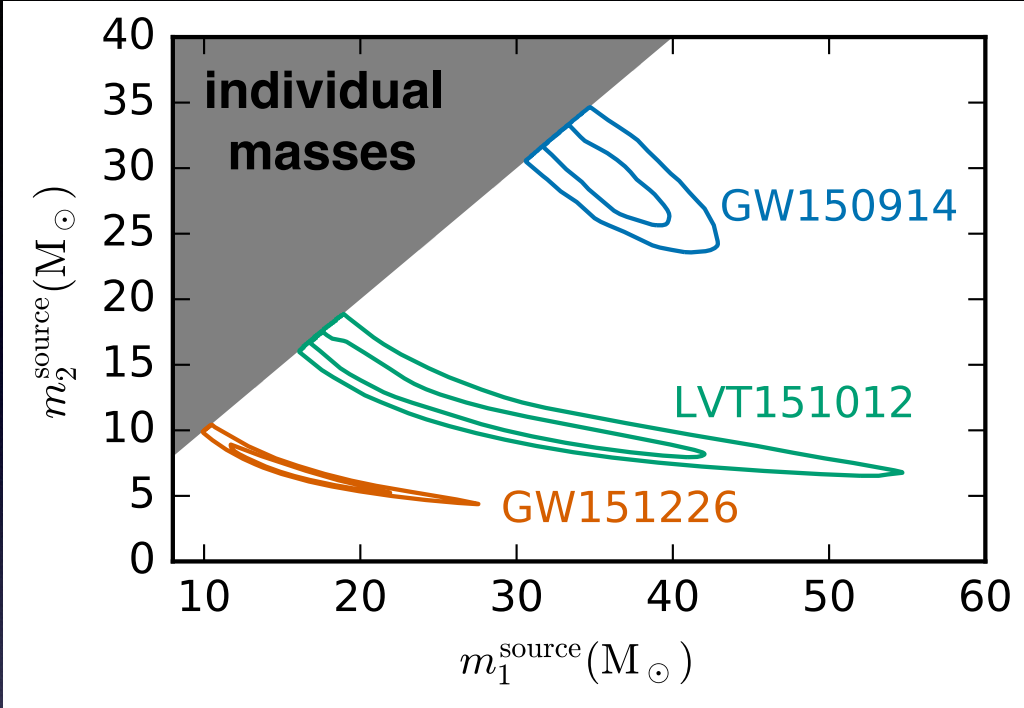
Event	GW150914	GW151226	LVT151012
Signal-to-noise ratio ρ	23.7	13.0	9.7
False alarm rate FAR/yr ⁻¹	$< 6.0 \times 10^{-7}$	$< 6.0 \times 10^{-7}$	0.37
p-value	7.5×10^{-8}	7.5×10^{-8}	0.045
Significance	$> 5.3 \sigma$	$> 5.3 \sigma$	1.7σ
Primary mass $m_1^{\text{source}}/M_\odot$	$36.2^{+5.2}_{-3.8}$	$14.2^{+8.3}_{-3.7}$	23^{+18}_{-6}
Secondary mass $m_2^{\text{source}}/M_\odot$	$29.1^{+3.7}_{-4.4}$	$7.5^{+2.3}_{-2.3}$	13^{+4}_{-5}
Chirp mass $\mathcal{M}^{\text{source}}/M_\odot$	$28.1^{+1.8}_{-1.5}$	$8.9^{+0.3}_{-0.3}$	$15.1^{+1.4}_{-1.1}$
Total mass $M^{\text{source}}/M_\odot$	$65.3^{+4.1}_{-3.4}$	$21.8^{+5.9}_{-1.7}$	37^{+13}_{-4}
Effective inspiral spin χ_{eff}	$-0.06^{+0.14}_{-0.14}$	$0.21^{+0.20}_{-0.10}$	$0.0^{+0.3}_{-0.2}$
Final mass $M_f^{\text{source}}/M_\odot$	$62.3^{+3.7}_{-3.1}$	$20.8^{+6.1}_{-1.7}$	35^{+14}_{-4}
Final spin a_f	$0.68^{+0.05}_{-0.06}$	$0.74^{+0.06}_{-0.06}$	$0.66^{+0.09}_{-0.10}$
Radiated energy $E_{\text{rad}}/(M_\odot c^2)$	$3.0^{+0.5}_{-0.4}$	$1.0^{+0.1}_{-0.2}$	$1.5^{+0.3}_{-0.4}$
Peak luminosity $\ell_{\text{peak}}/(\text{erg s}^{-1})$	$3.6^{+0.5}_{-0.4} \times 10^{56}$	$3.3^{+0.8}_{-1.6} \times 10^{56}$	$3.1^{+0.8}_{-1.8} \times 10^{56}$
Luminosity distance D_L/Mpc	420^{+150}_{-180}	440^{+180}_{-190}	1000^{+500}_{-500}
Source redshift z	$0.09^{+0.03}_{-0.04}$	$0.09^{+0.03}_{-0.04}$	$0.20^{+0.09}_{-0.09}$
Sky localization $\Delta\Omega/\text{deg}^2$	230	850	1600

Physical Parameter Estimation

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published,
arXiv/1606.04856

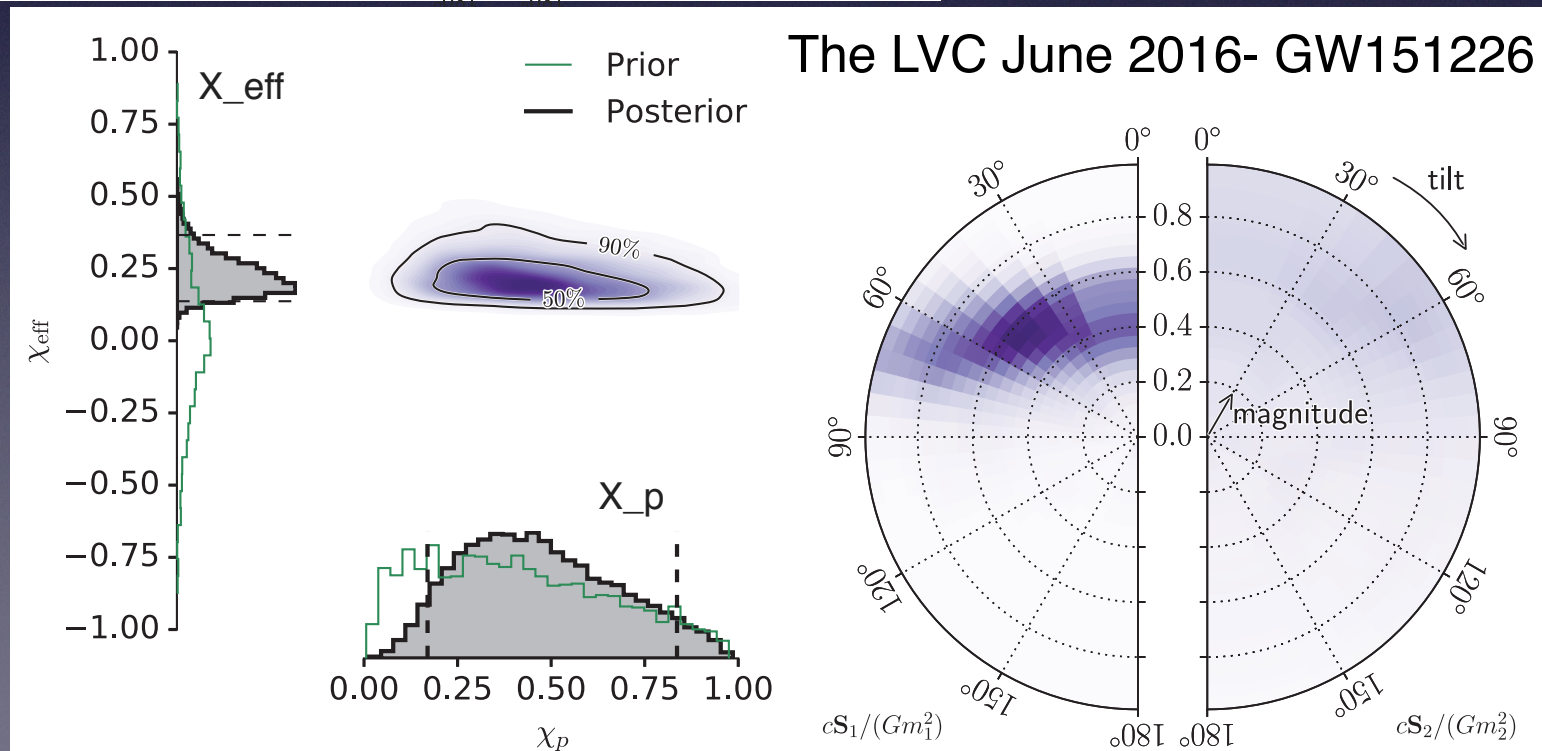
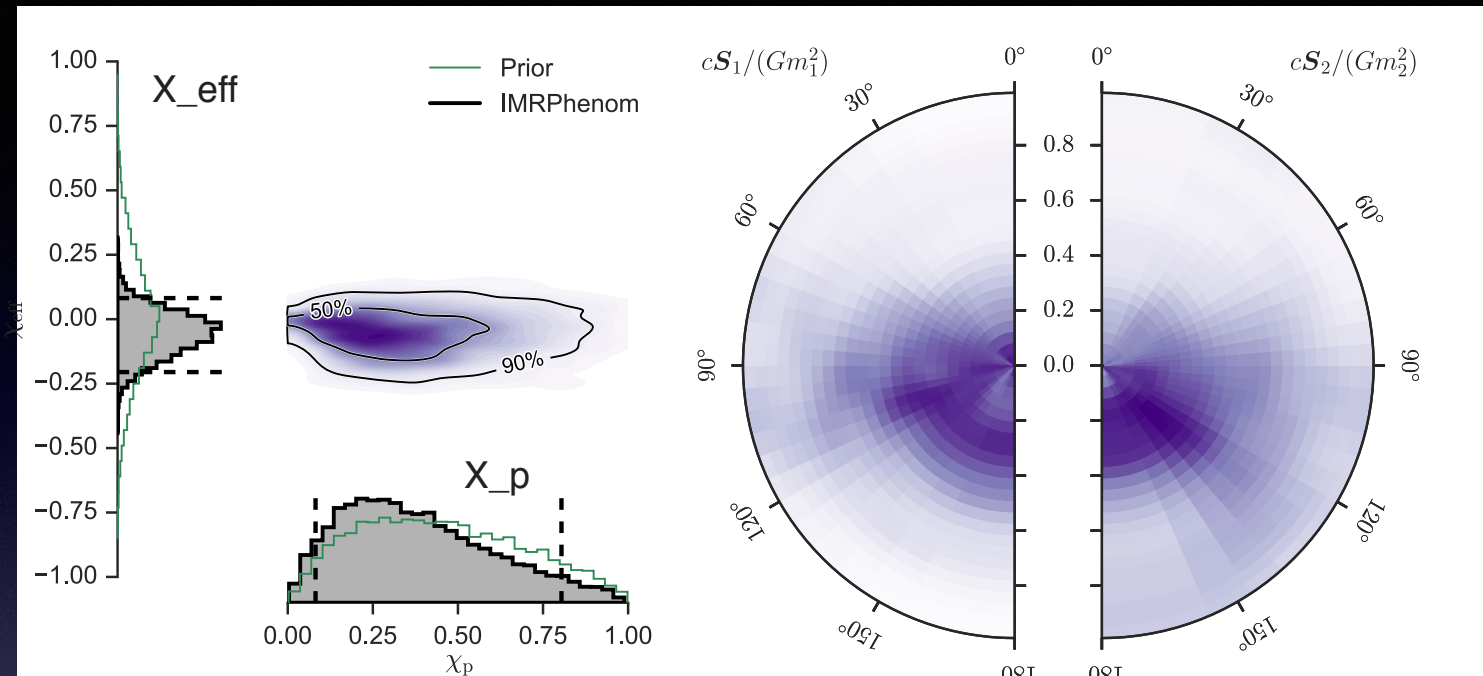
Black-Hole Masses & Spins

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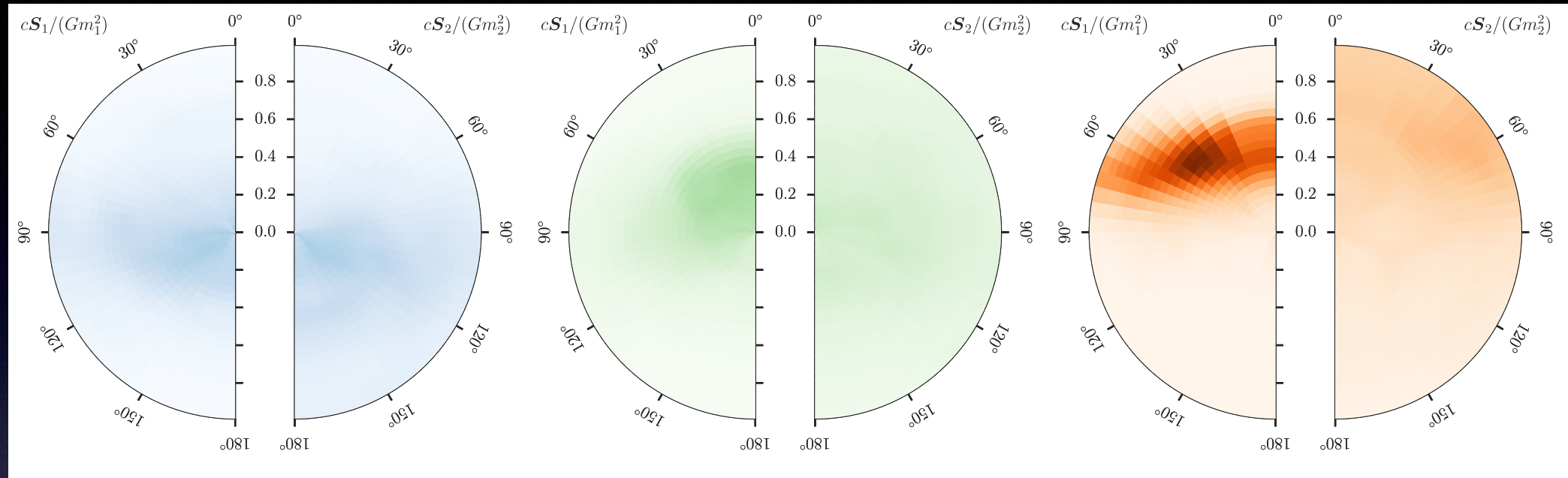
The LVC Feb 2016- GW150914

spin tilt measurements



Black-Hole Spins from LIGO

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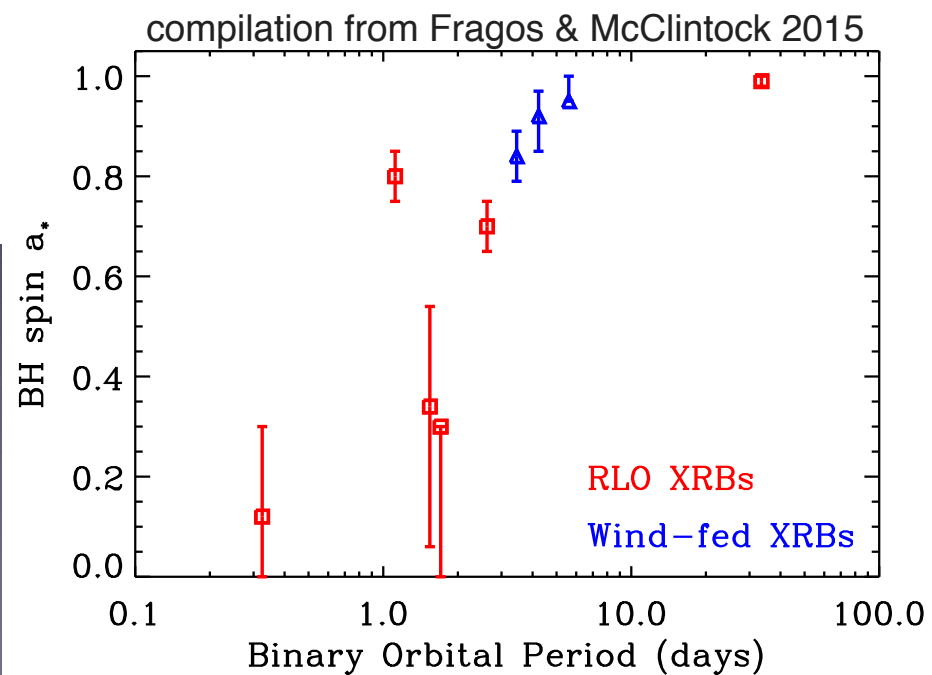
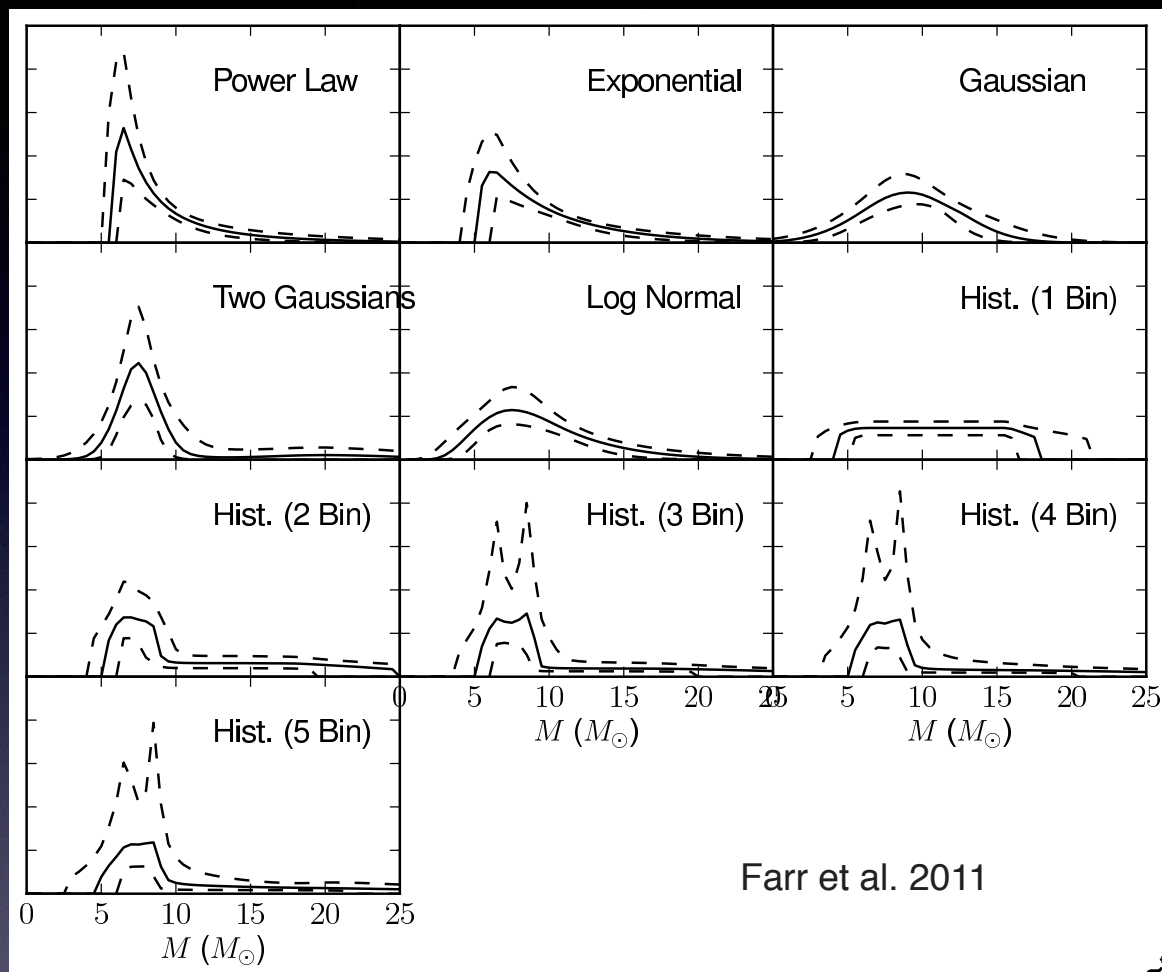
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Aligned Spin components:
either small or high and directly anti-aligned

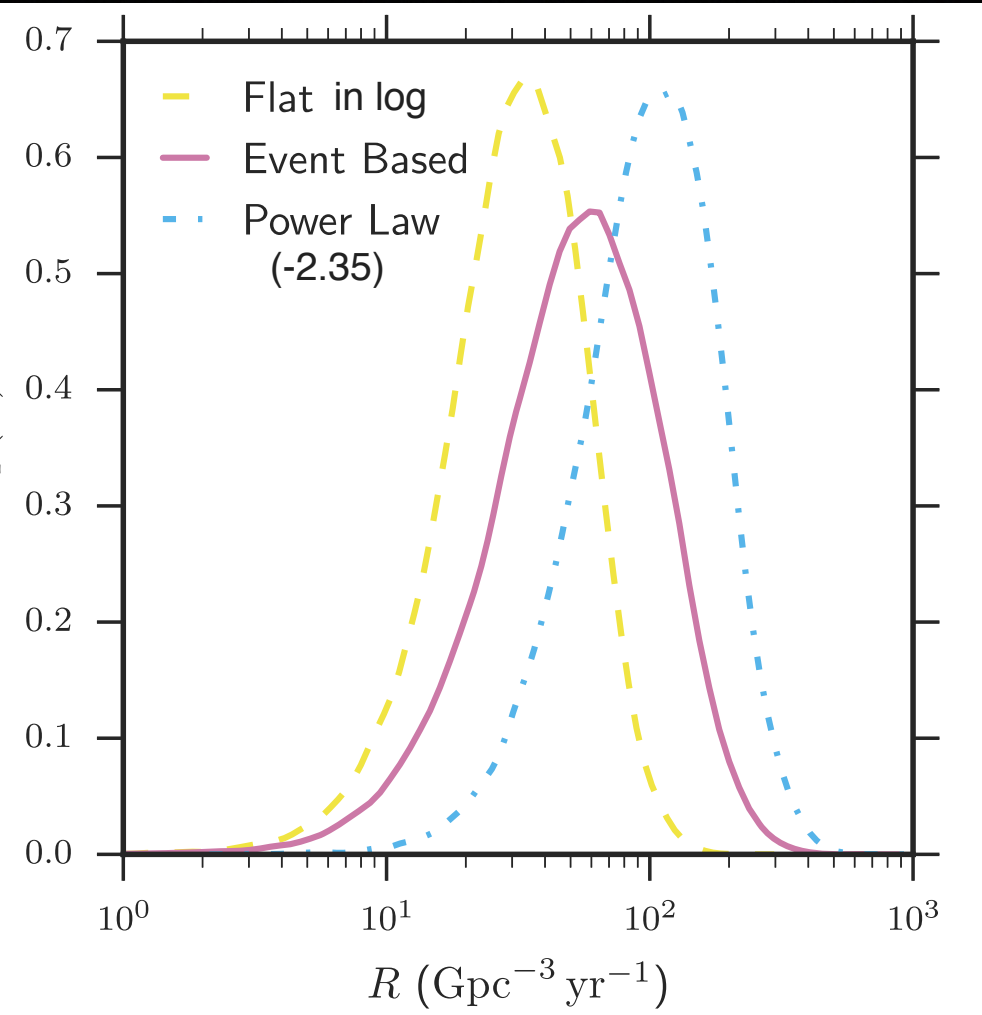
Perpendicular Spin components:
not constrained so far ...

BH Spins have NOT been shown
to be small

Black-Hole Masses & Spins from XRBs



BH-BH merger rate

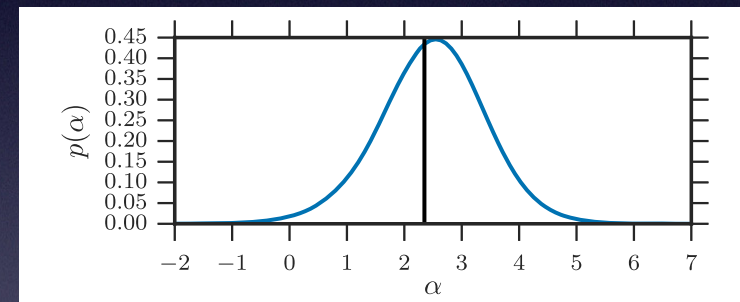


mass-distribution
dependent

$$p(m_1) \propto m_1^{-\alpha}$$

$$\alpha = 2.5^{+1.5}_{-1.6}$$

BH mass
function



current 90% constraint: 9 - 240 per Gpc³ per yr

model predictions: 0 - 1,000 per Gpc³ per yr

rates below ~10 per Gpc³ per yr are excluded

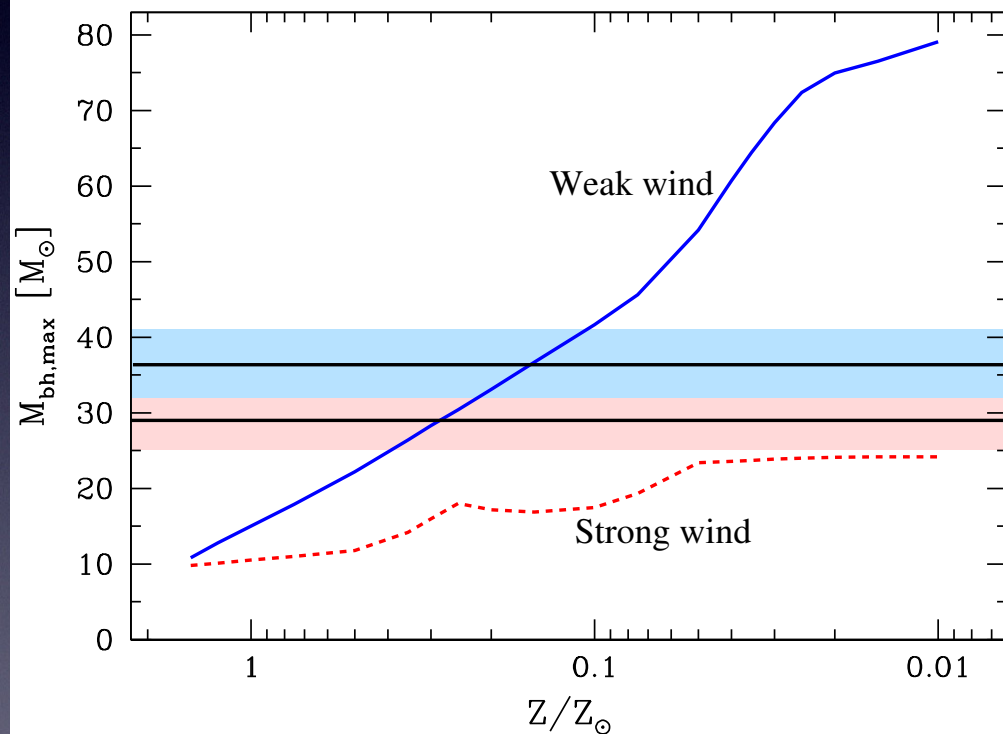
LIGO Detections:

What can we learn about BH progenitors?

GW150914: Binary BH Astrophysics

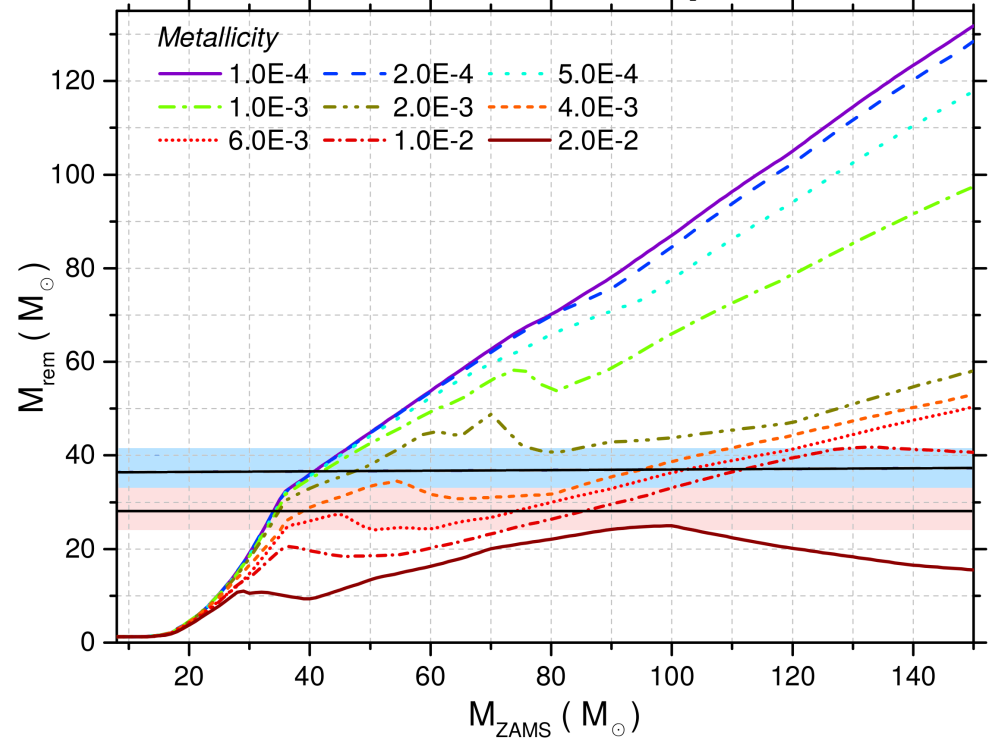
- First Binary BH system
- Heaviest stellar-mass Black Holes ($>\sim 25 M_{\text{sun}}$)

Belczynski et al. 2010



PARSEC + delayed supernova model

Spera et al. 2015

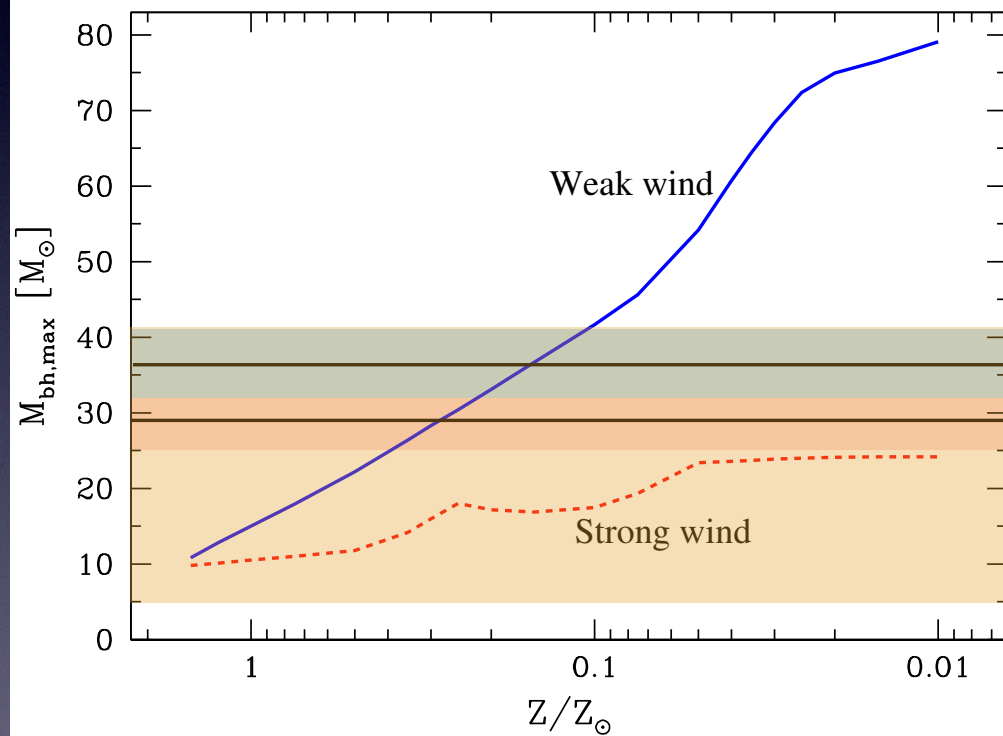


$Z < 1/2$ solar

LIGO Binary BH Astrophysics

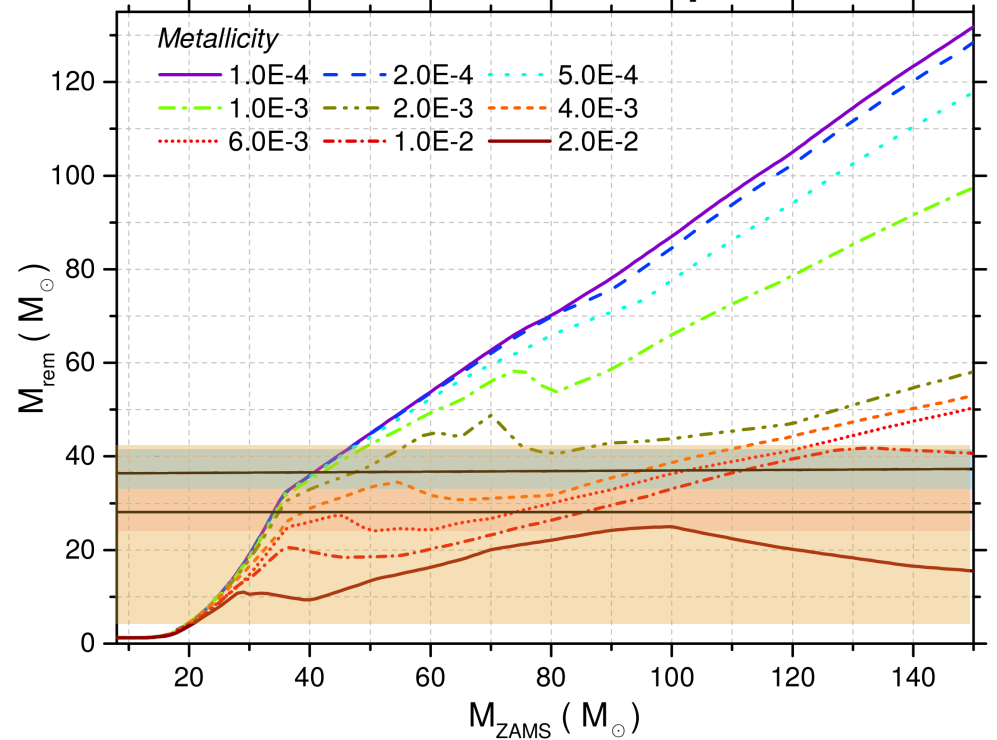
wide range of metallicities

Belczynski et al. 2010



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BBH Formation

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graph TD; A[BBH Formation] --> B[Isolated Binaries]; A --> C[Dense Clusters]; B --- D[solar - Z to PopIII]; B --- E[rapid rotation]; C --- F[globular clusters]; C --- G[young clusters]; C --- H[galactic centers];
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Isolated Binaries

solar - Z to PopIII

rapid rotation

Dense Clusters

globular clusters

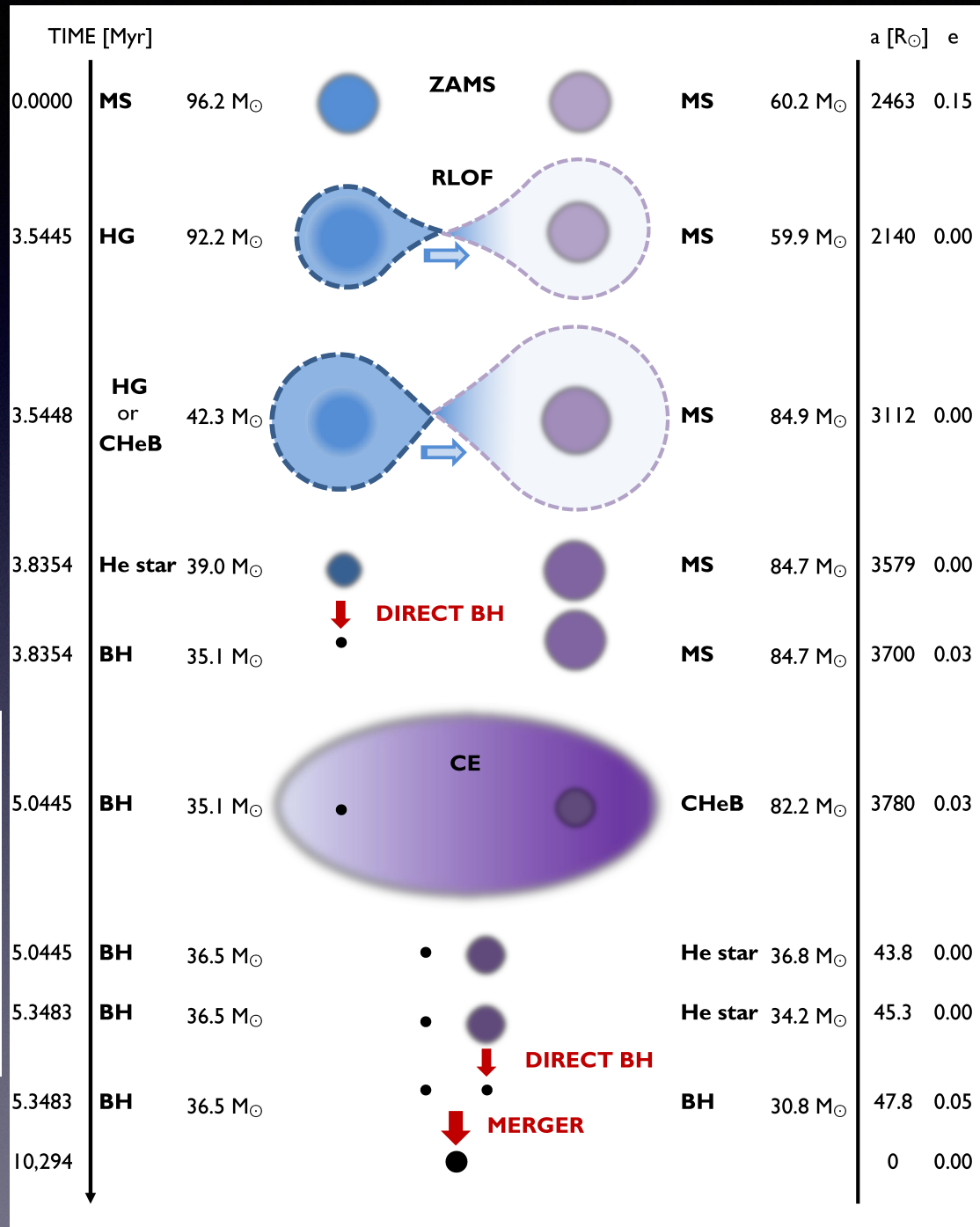
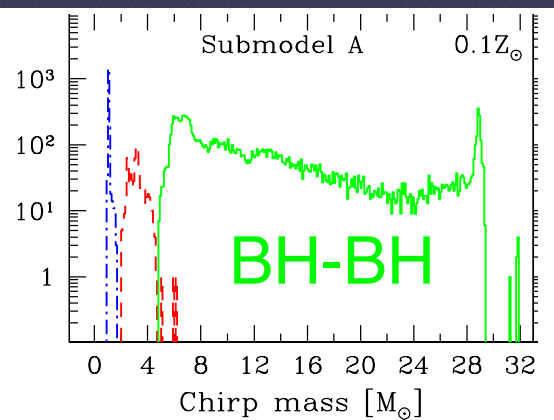
young clusters

galactic centers

BBH Formation from Isolated Binaries

“regular” stars

BH masses & BBH rates: consistent



stable mass transfer

common envelope

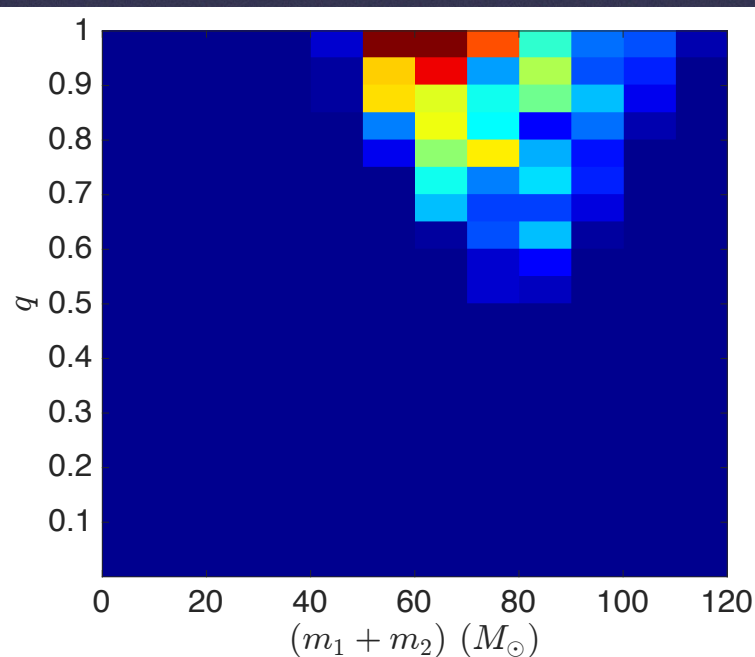
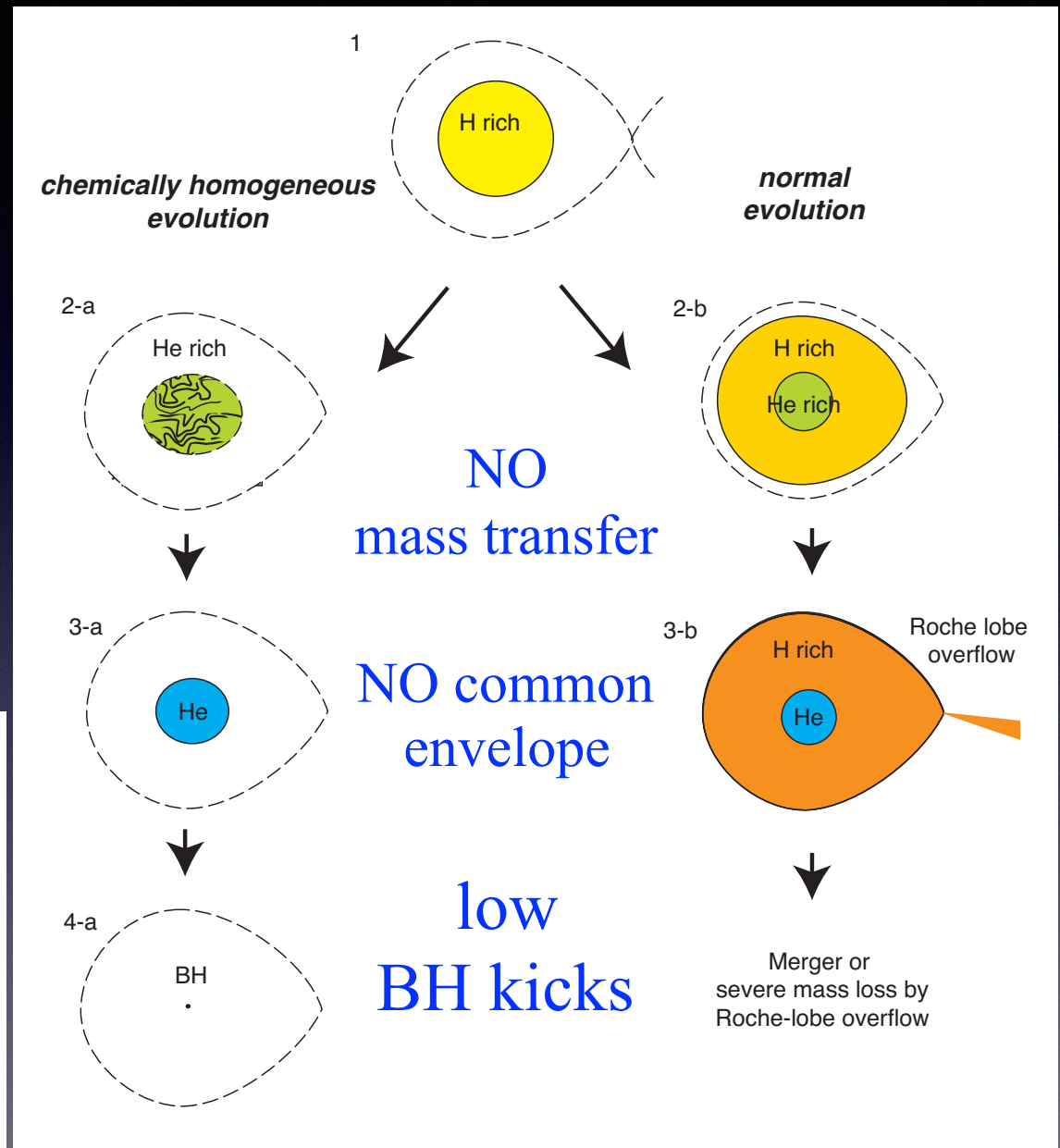
low BH kicks

BBH Formation from Isolated Binaries

rapidly rotating,
homogeneous
stars

BBH rates:
consistent

Low BH masses:
not consistent



Mandel & de Mink 2016

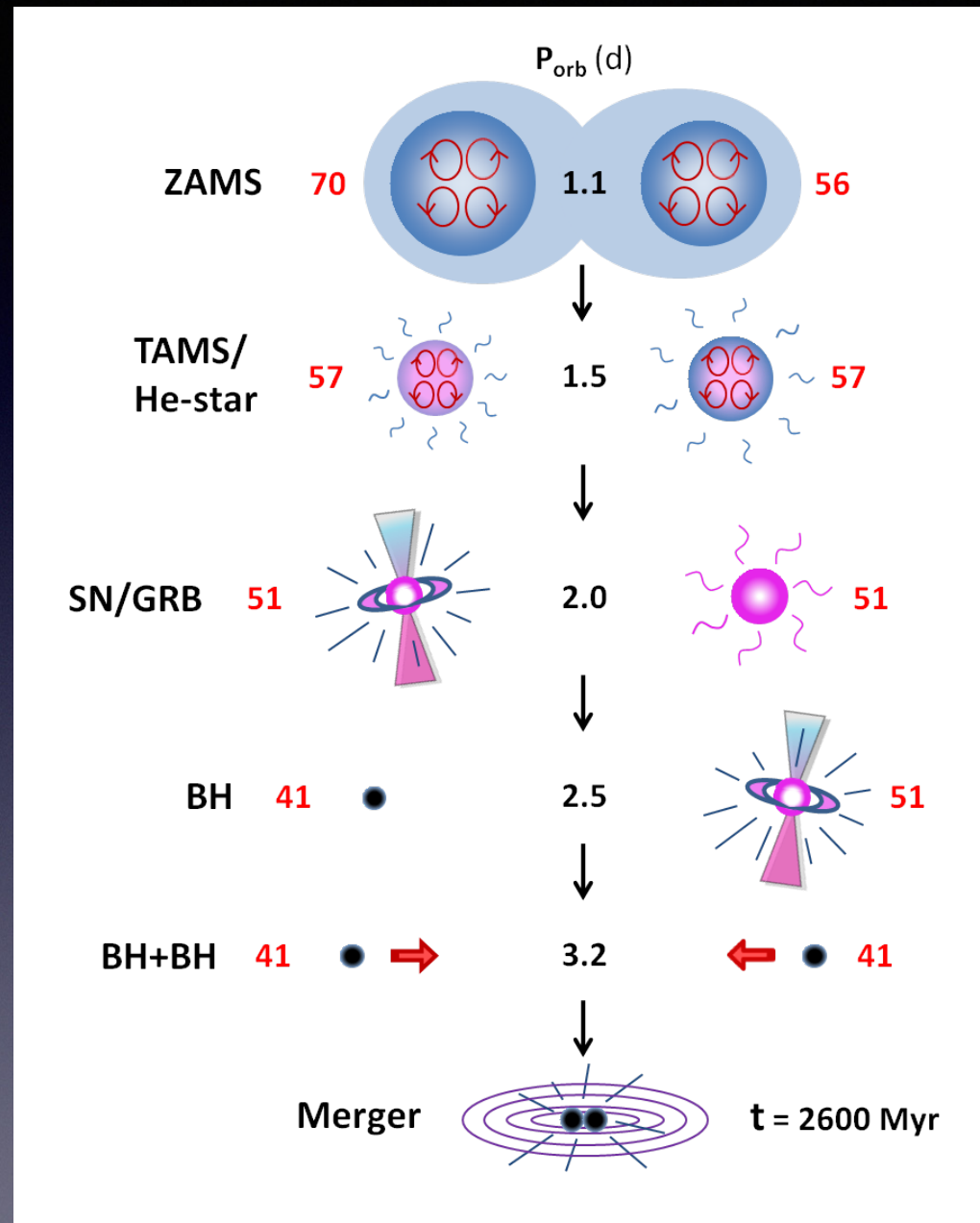
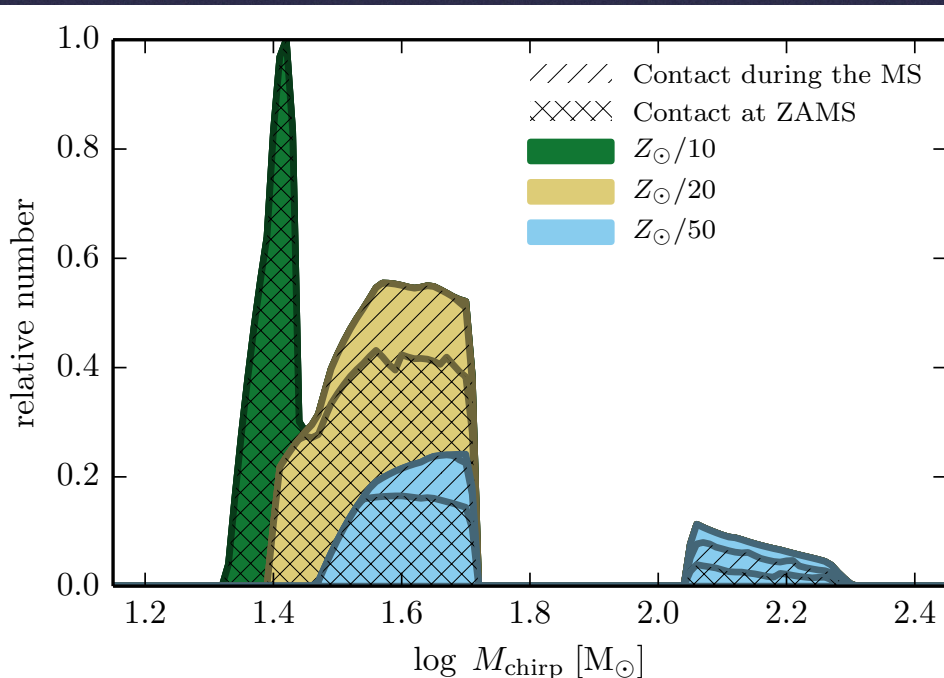
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BBH Formation from Isolated Binaries

rapidly rotating,
homogeneous
stars in contact binaries

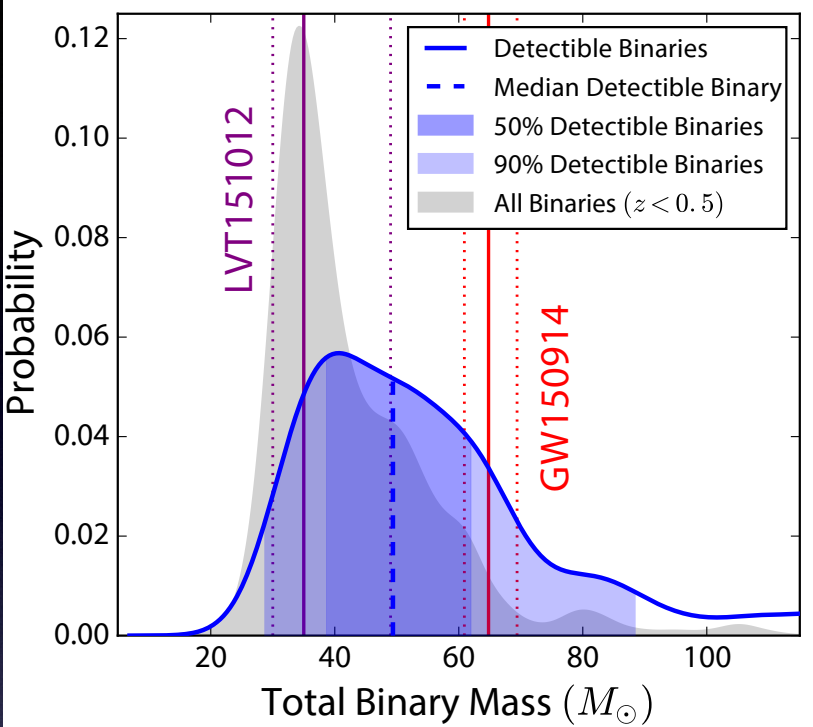
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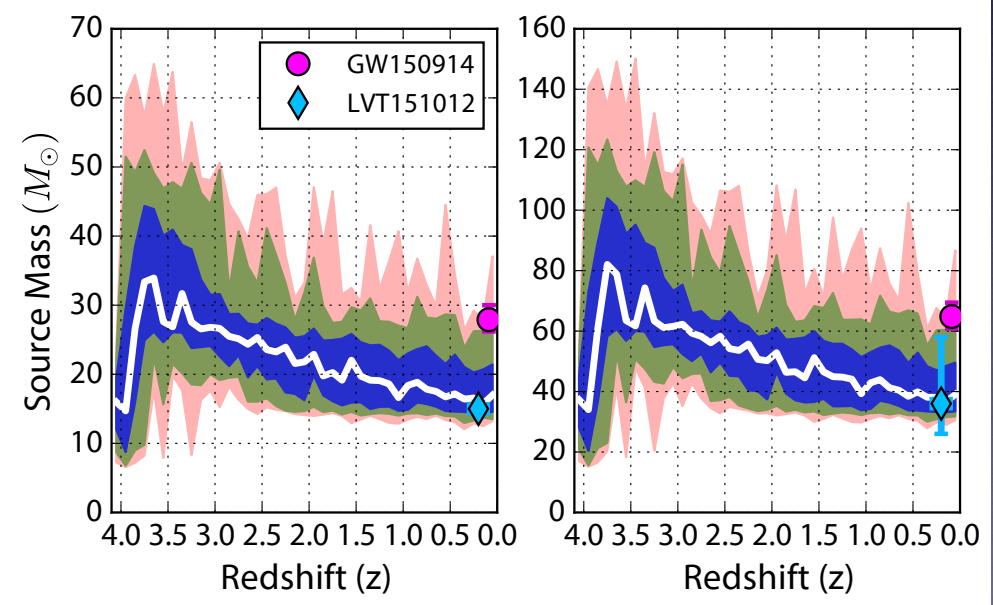
Marchant et al 2016

BBH Formation in Globular Clusters

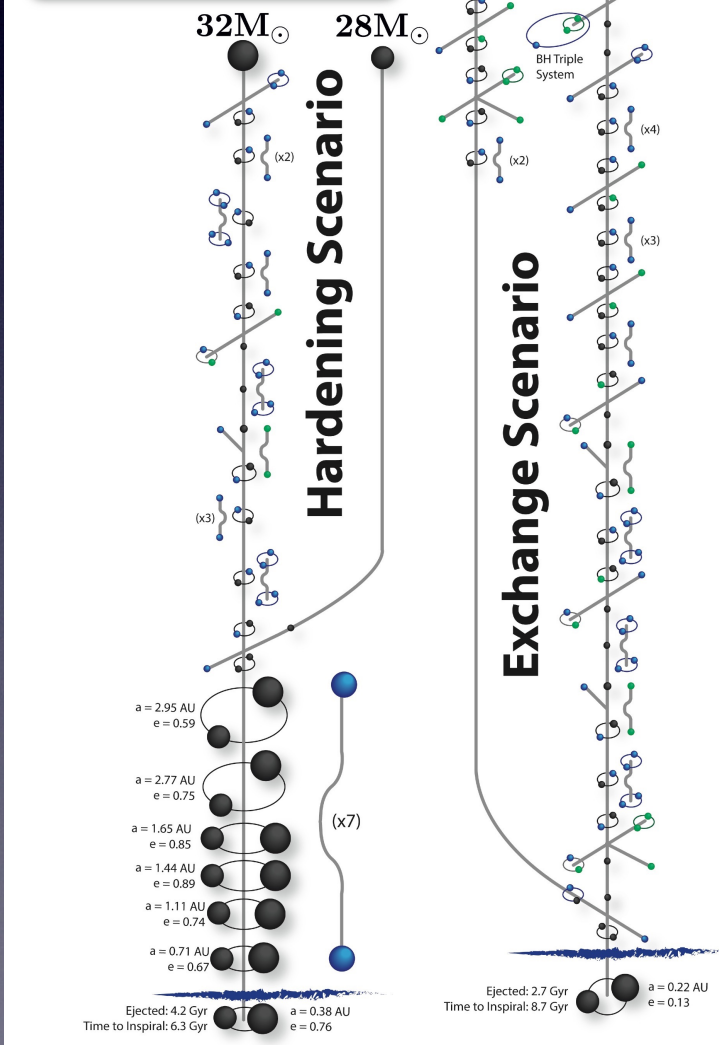
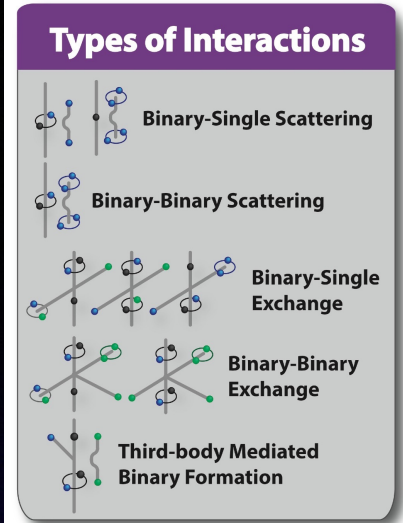


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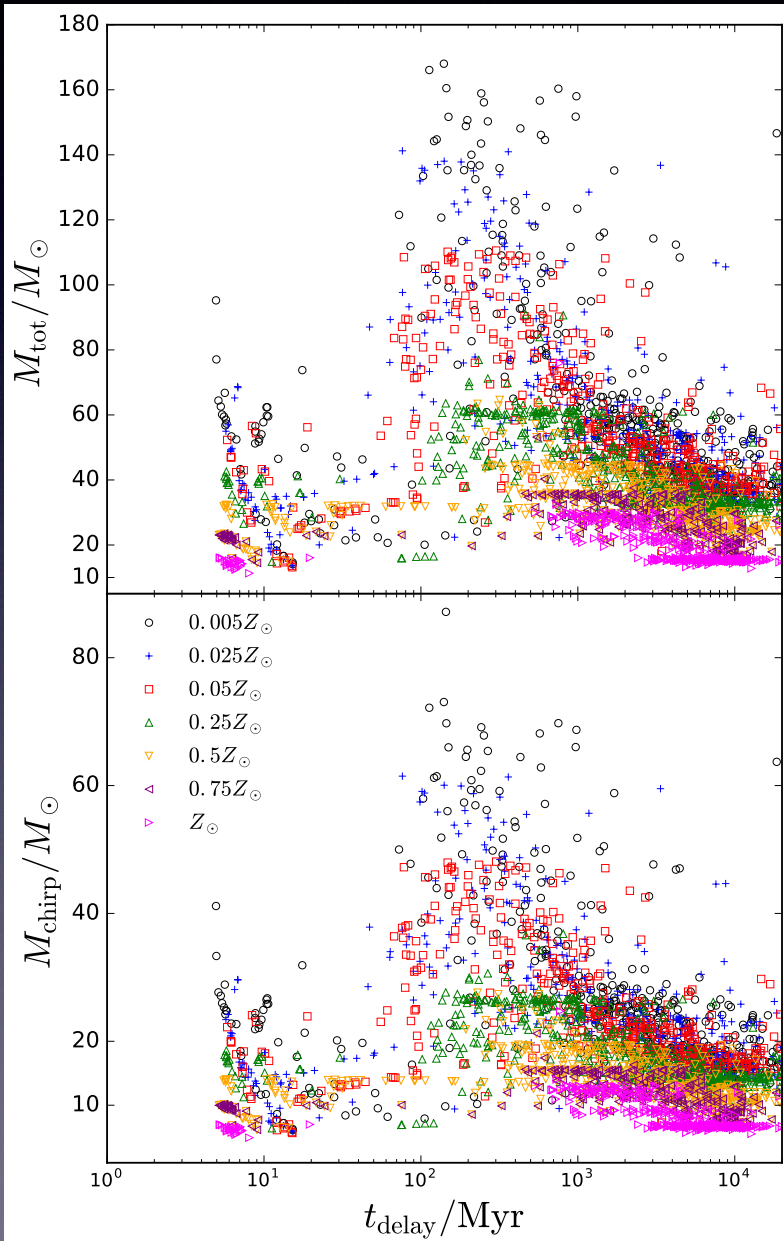


Rodriguez et al. 2016a, 2016b
also Breivik et al. 2016



BBH Formation in Young High-Z Clusters

Chatterjee et al. 2017

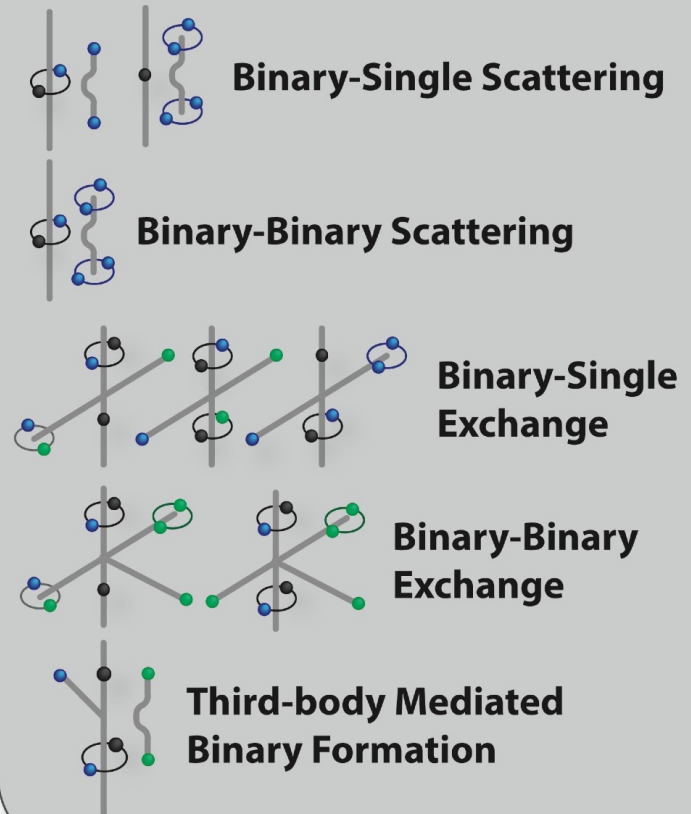


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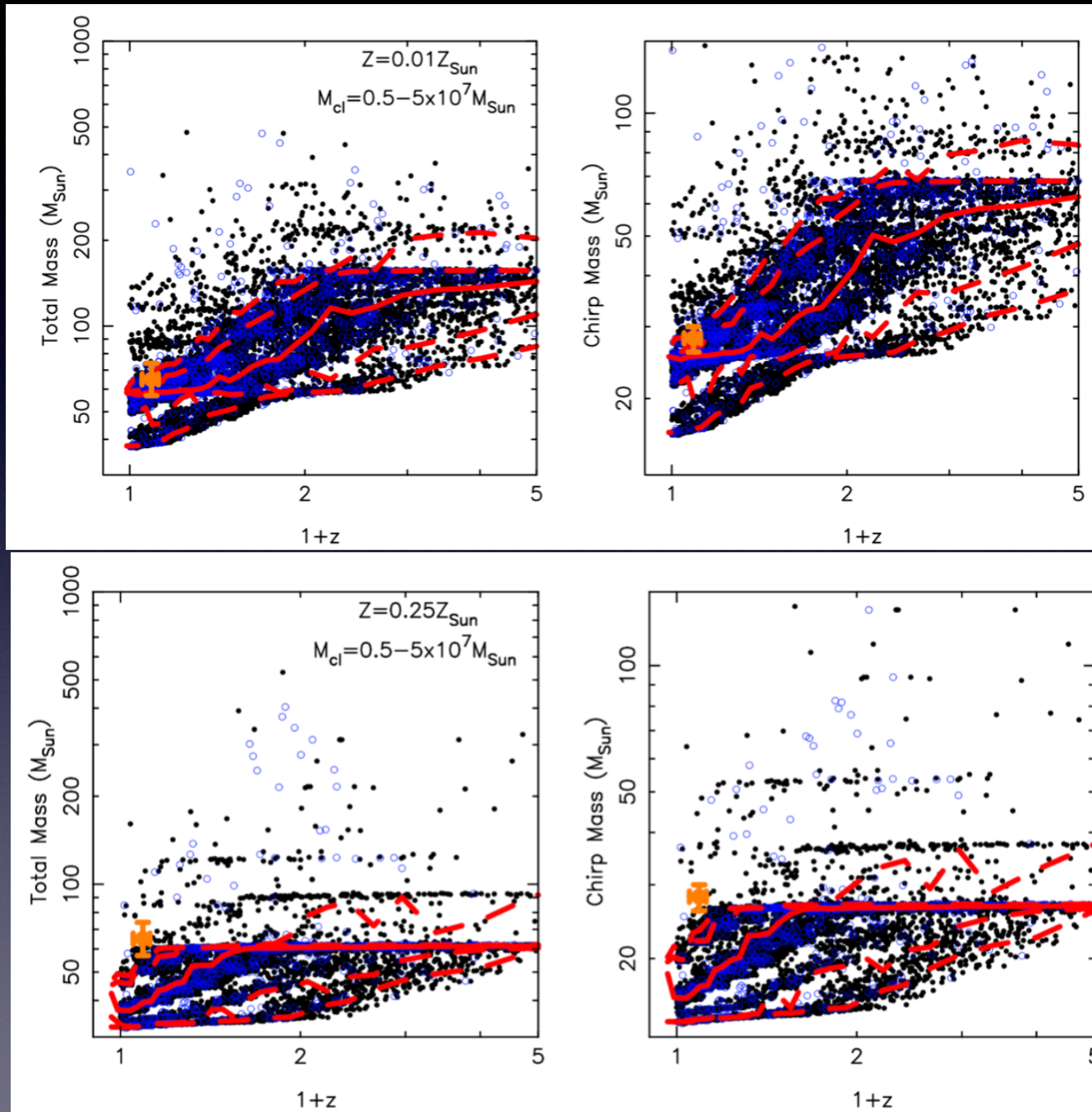
High BH masses:
not consistent

Rodriguez et al. 2017

Types of Interactions



BBH Formation in Galactic Nuclei



BBH rates:
too low by ~ 0.1

BH masses:
consistent

Binary BH Formation: can we distinguish among paths?

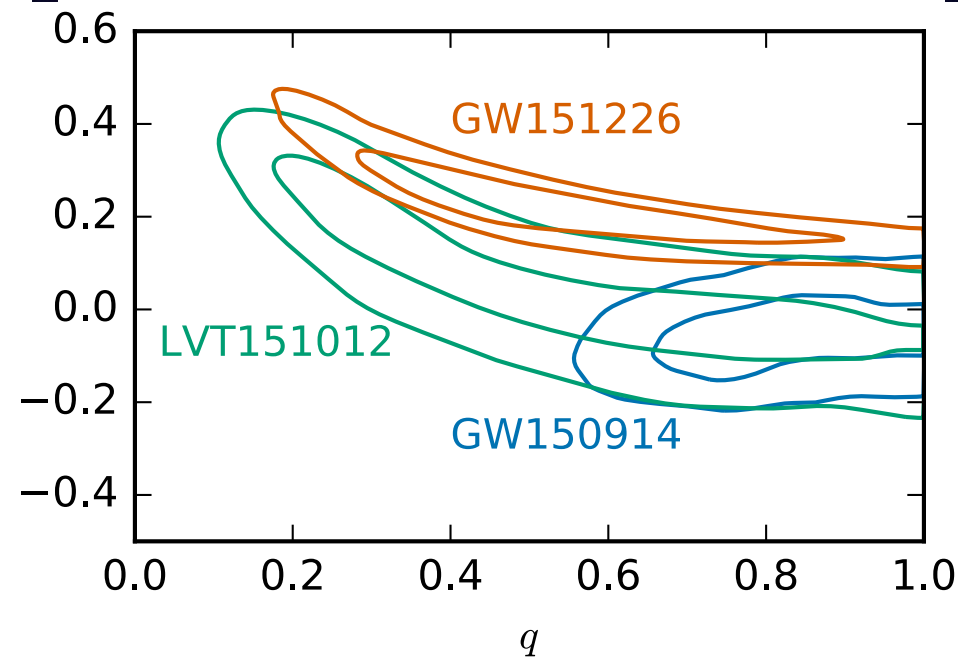
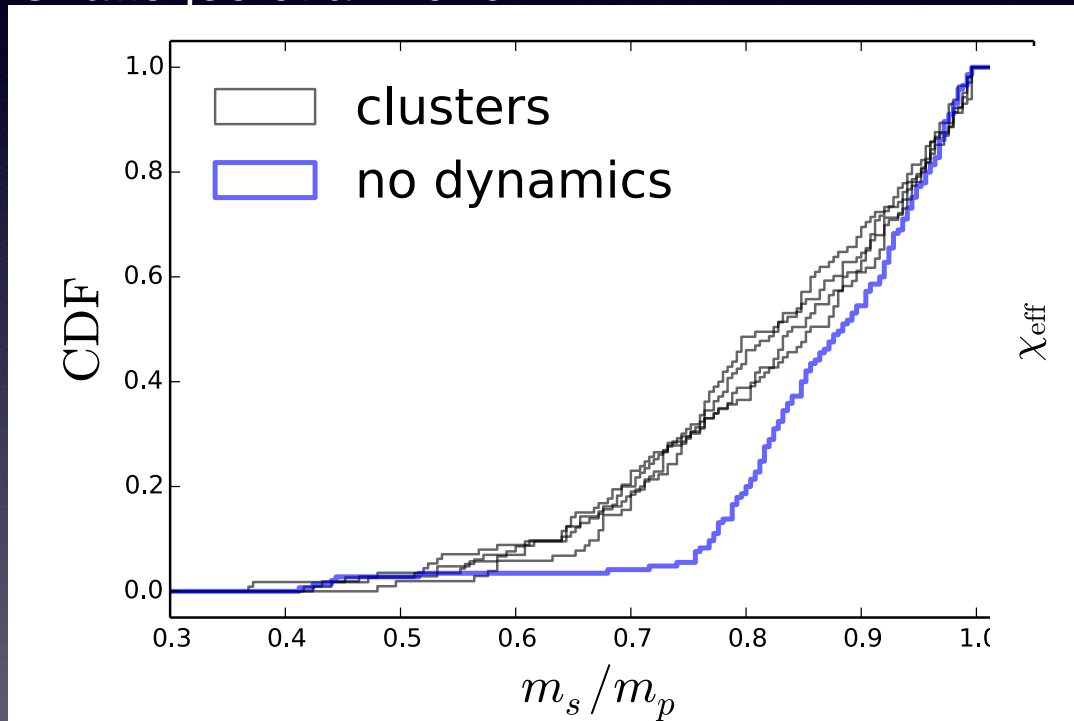
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The LVC 2016

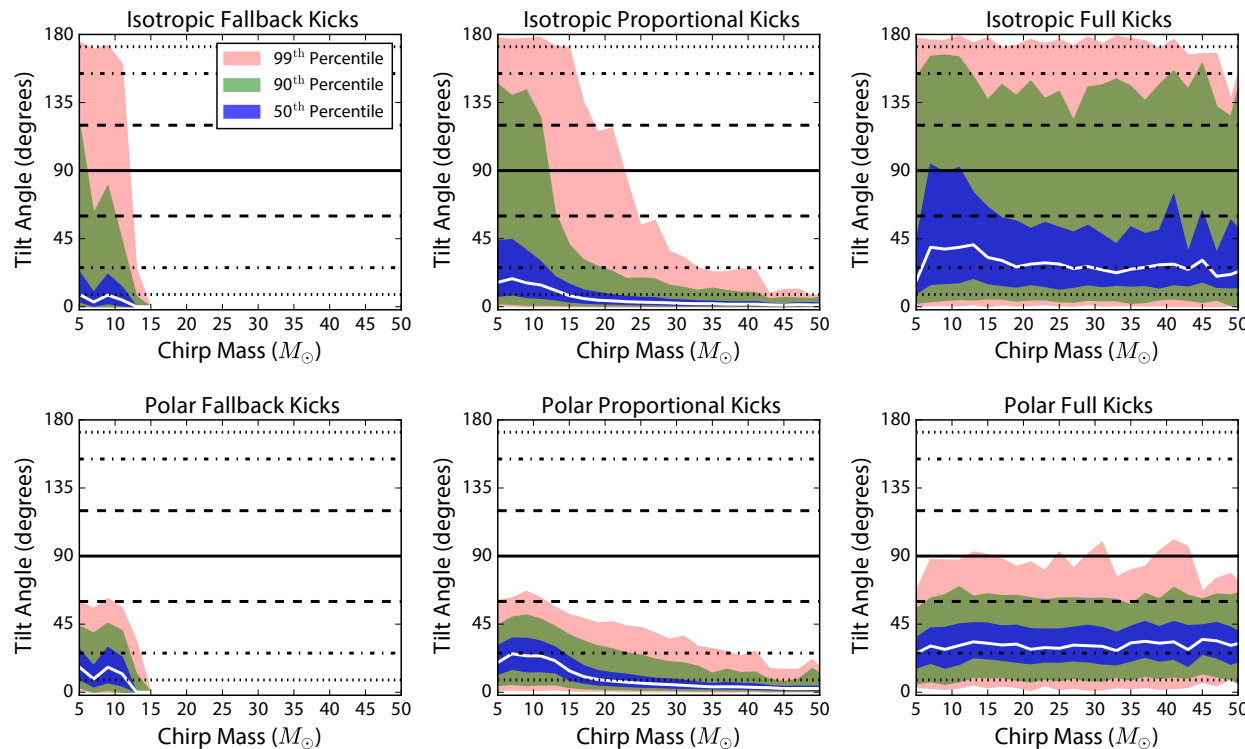
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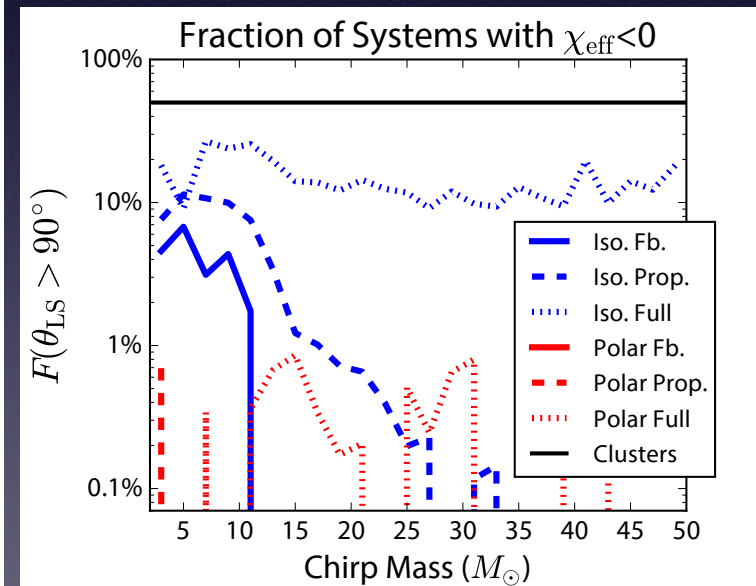
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also

Vitale et al. 2016

Stevenson et al. 2017

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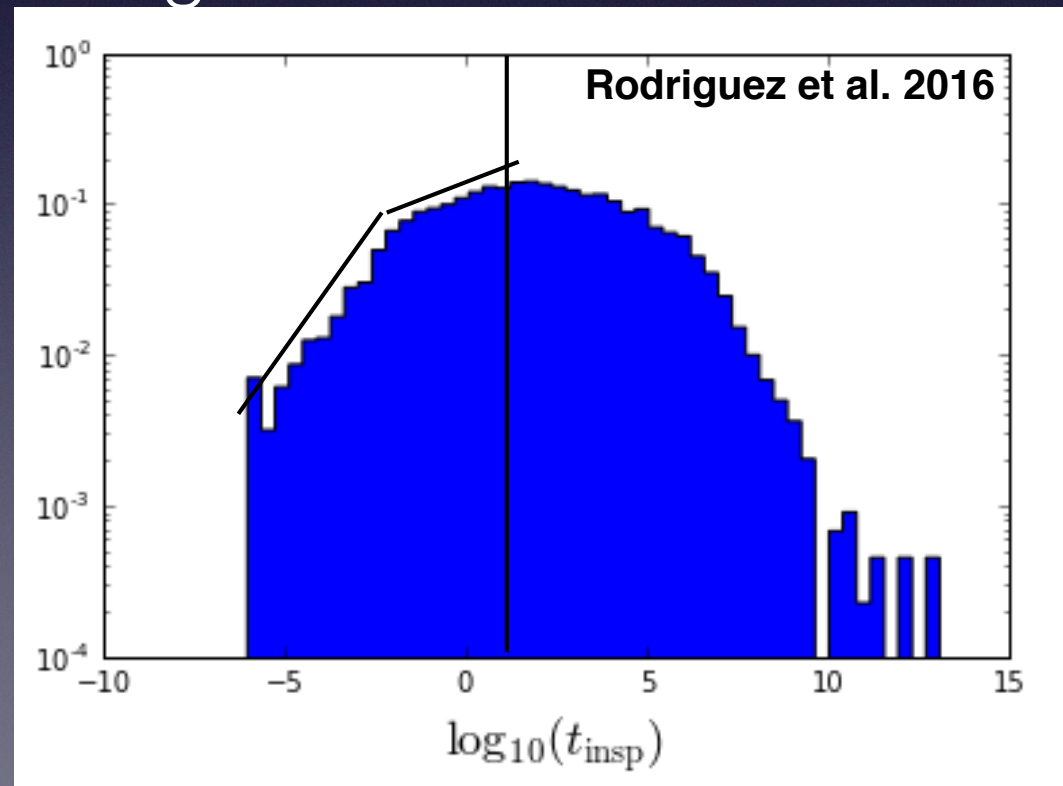
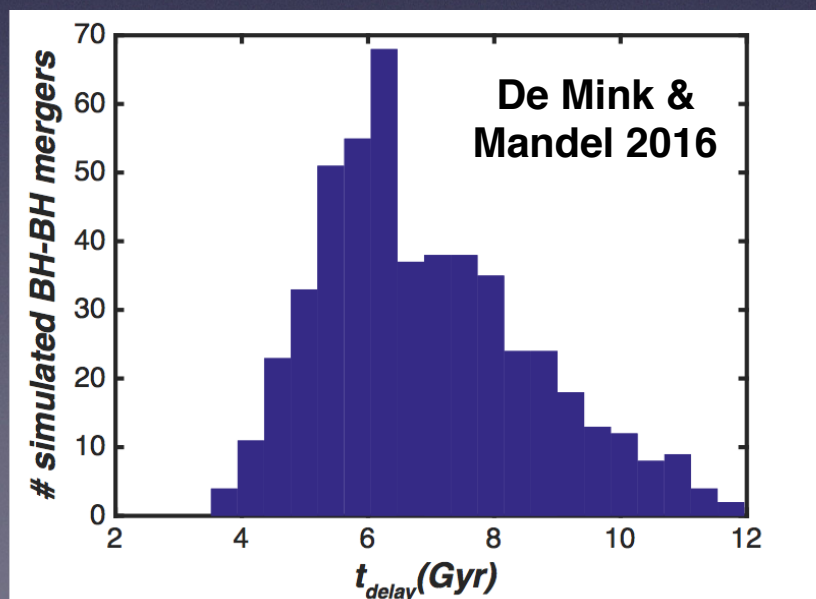
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time-delays:

field binaries: $1/\tau$

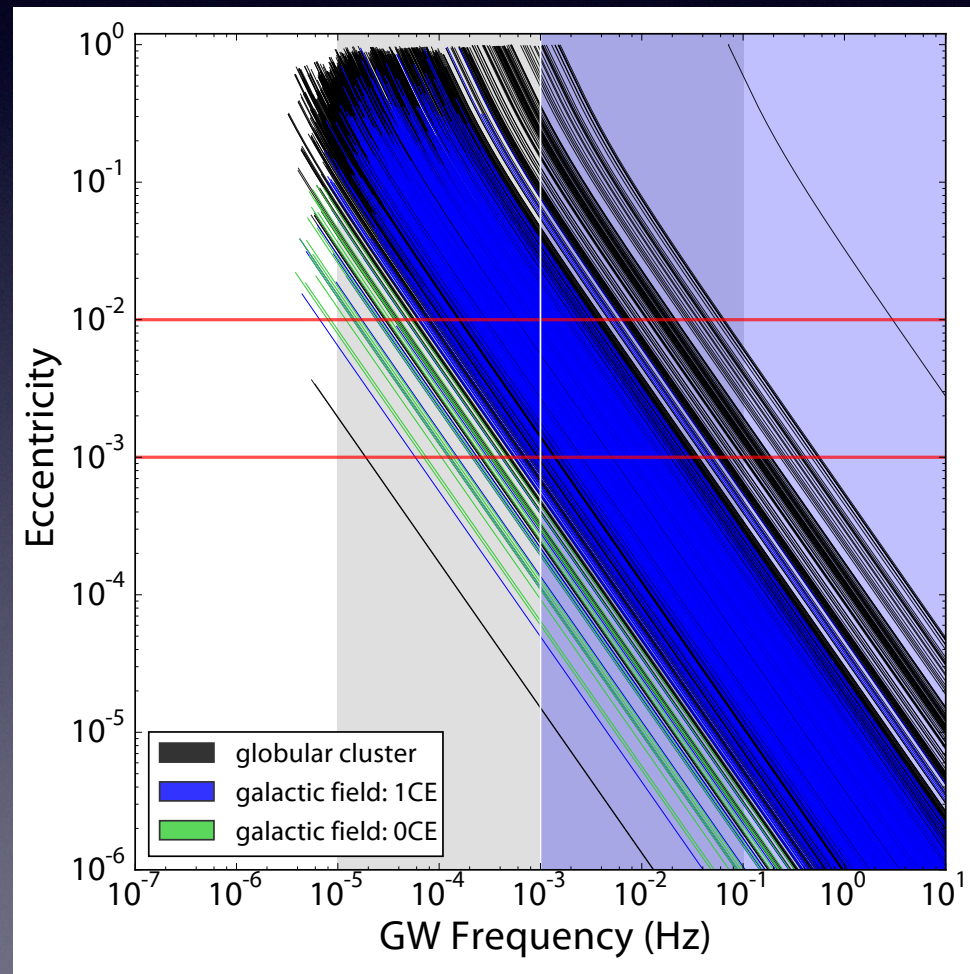
globular clusters

Case M binaries



Binary BH Formation: can we distinguish among paths?

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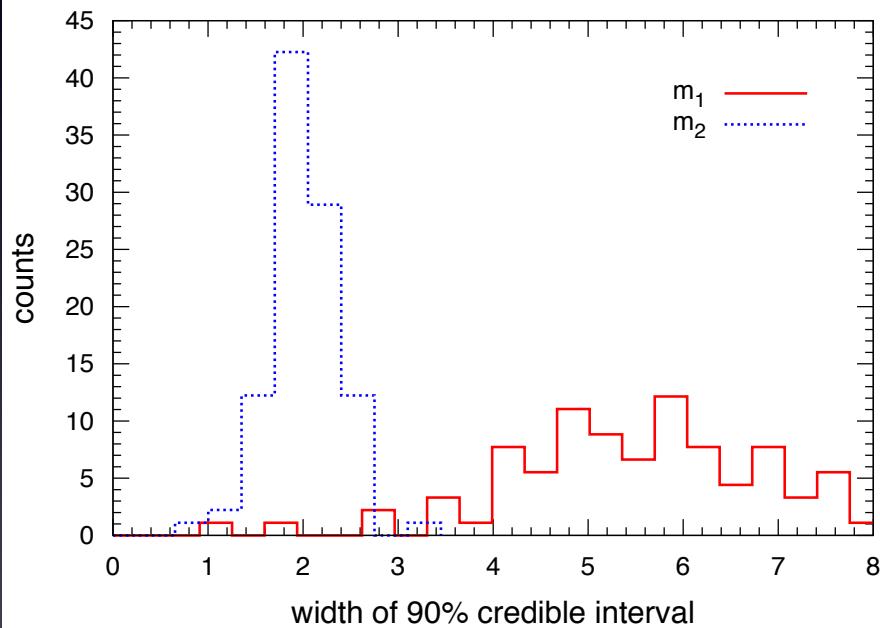
Breivik et al. 2016

What else could GW detections reveal about BHs?

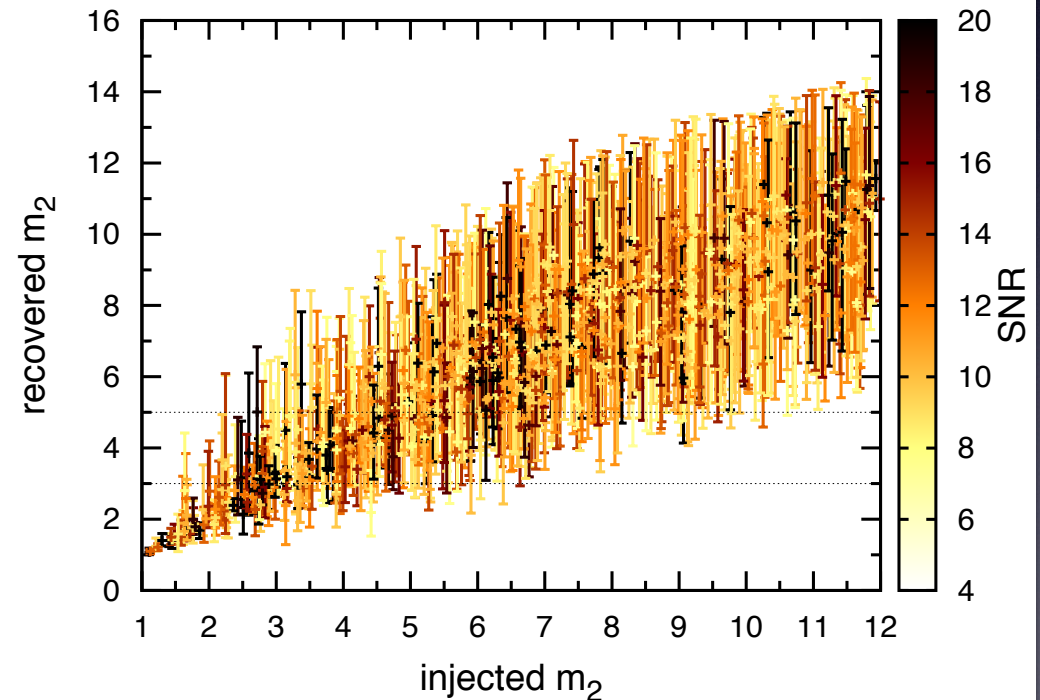
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Ozel et al. 2010; Farr et al. 2011

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Littenberg et al. 2015



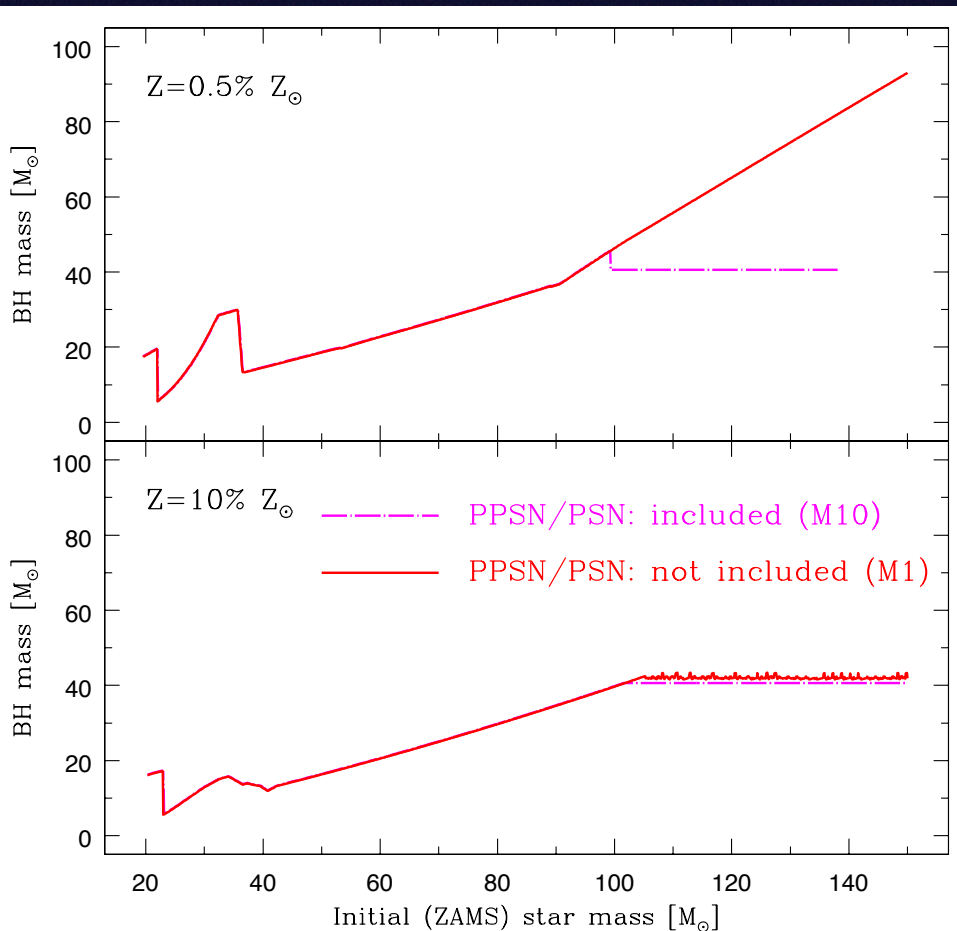
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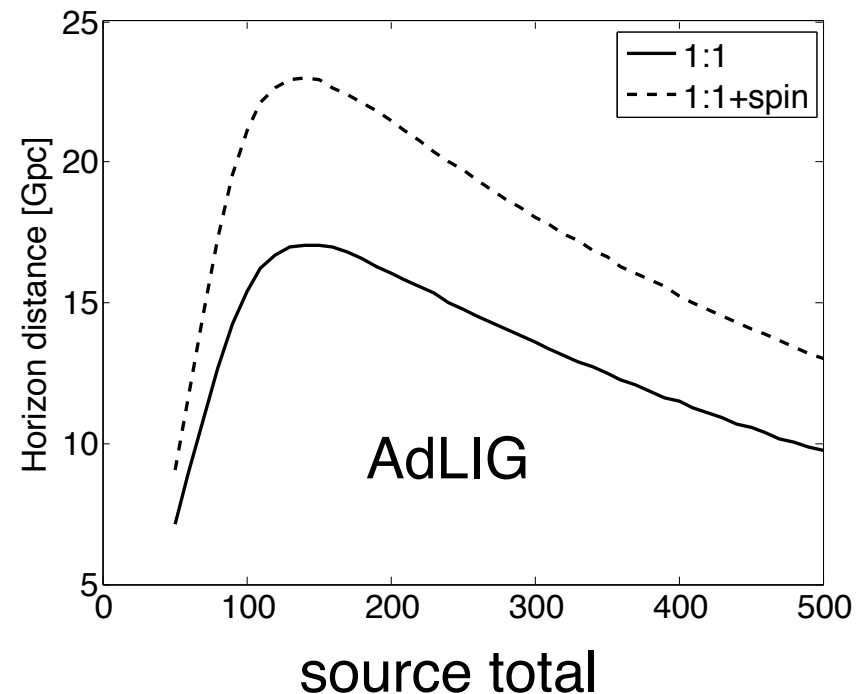
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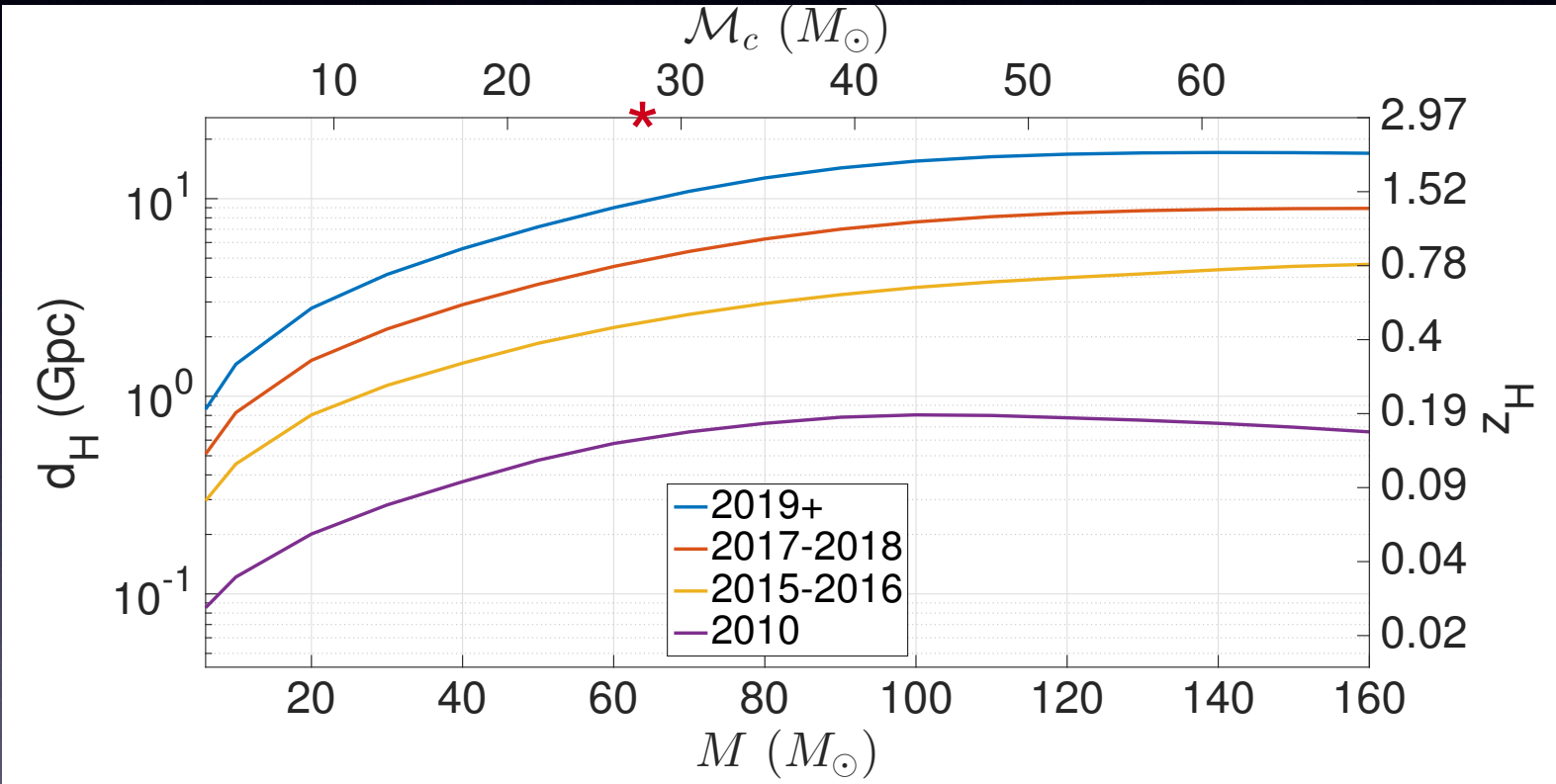
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- Firm detection of IMBHs ?

Mandel



In the Era of Gravitational-Wave Astrophysics

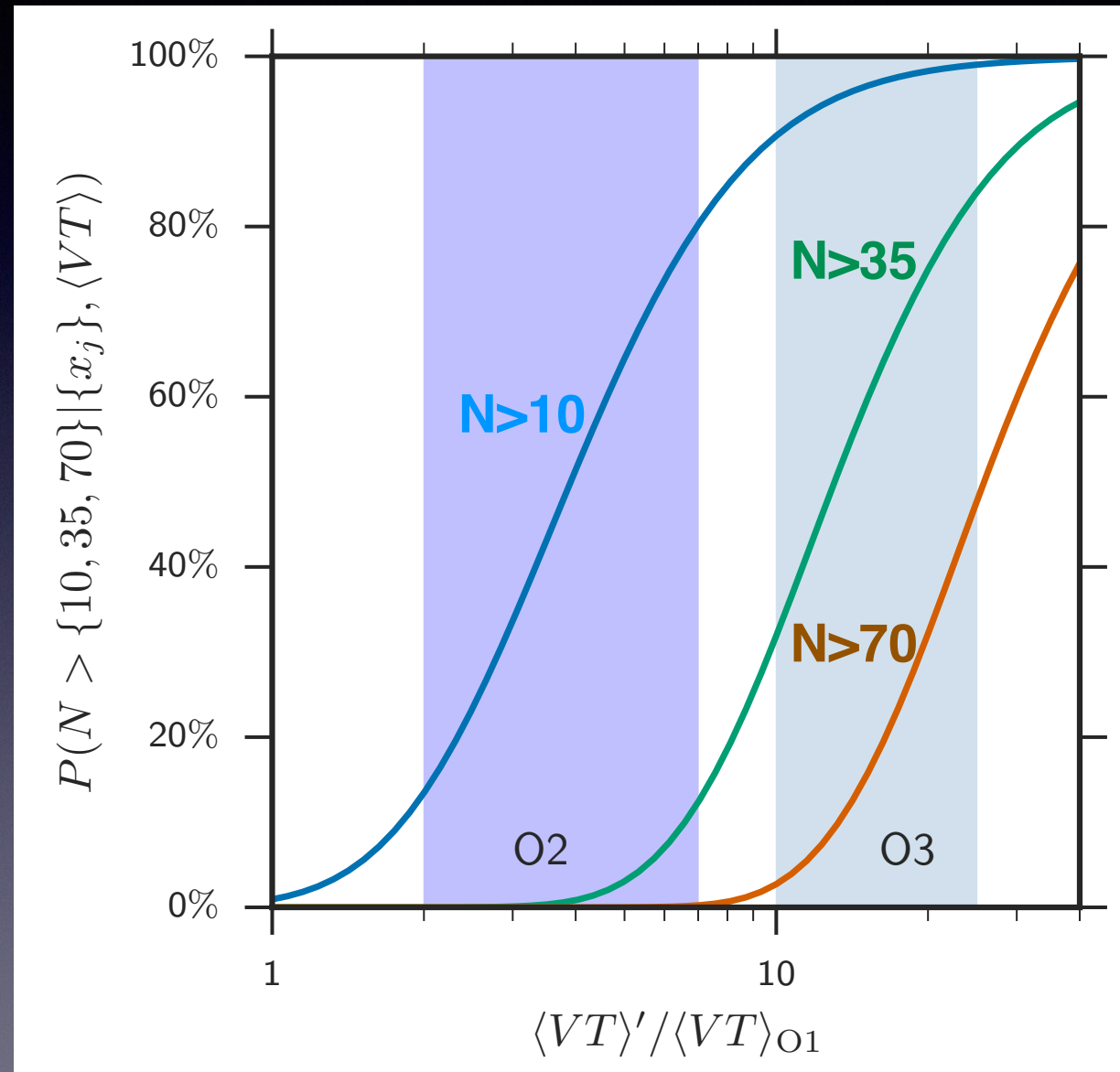


In the Era of Gravitational-Wave Astrophysics

More BBH detections
to come ...

Reveal underlying
BBH mass distribution

Quantitative model
constraints



Neutron Star Mergers

- NS-NS or NS-BH coalescence events?
- tight upper limits and firm rate measurements?
- BH/NS mass and spin distributions?
- EM counterparts?
 - GRBs / X-ray afterglows / kilonovae / radio afterglows?
- host galaxies?
- new way to measure H_0 ?
- NS EOS constraints?

Neutron Star Mergers

