

# Gravitational Wave Astrophysics

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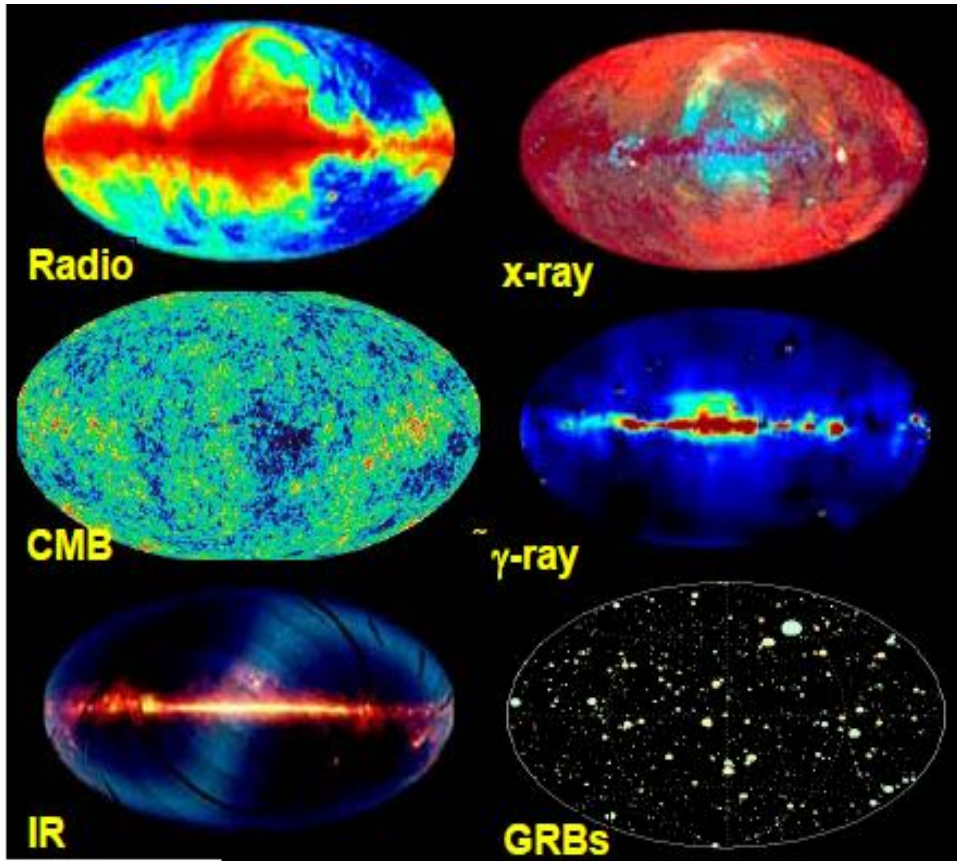
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# The Dawn of GW astronomy

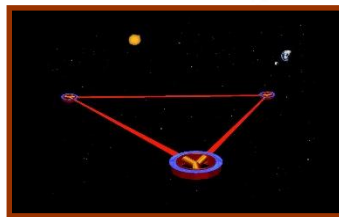
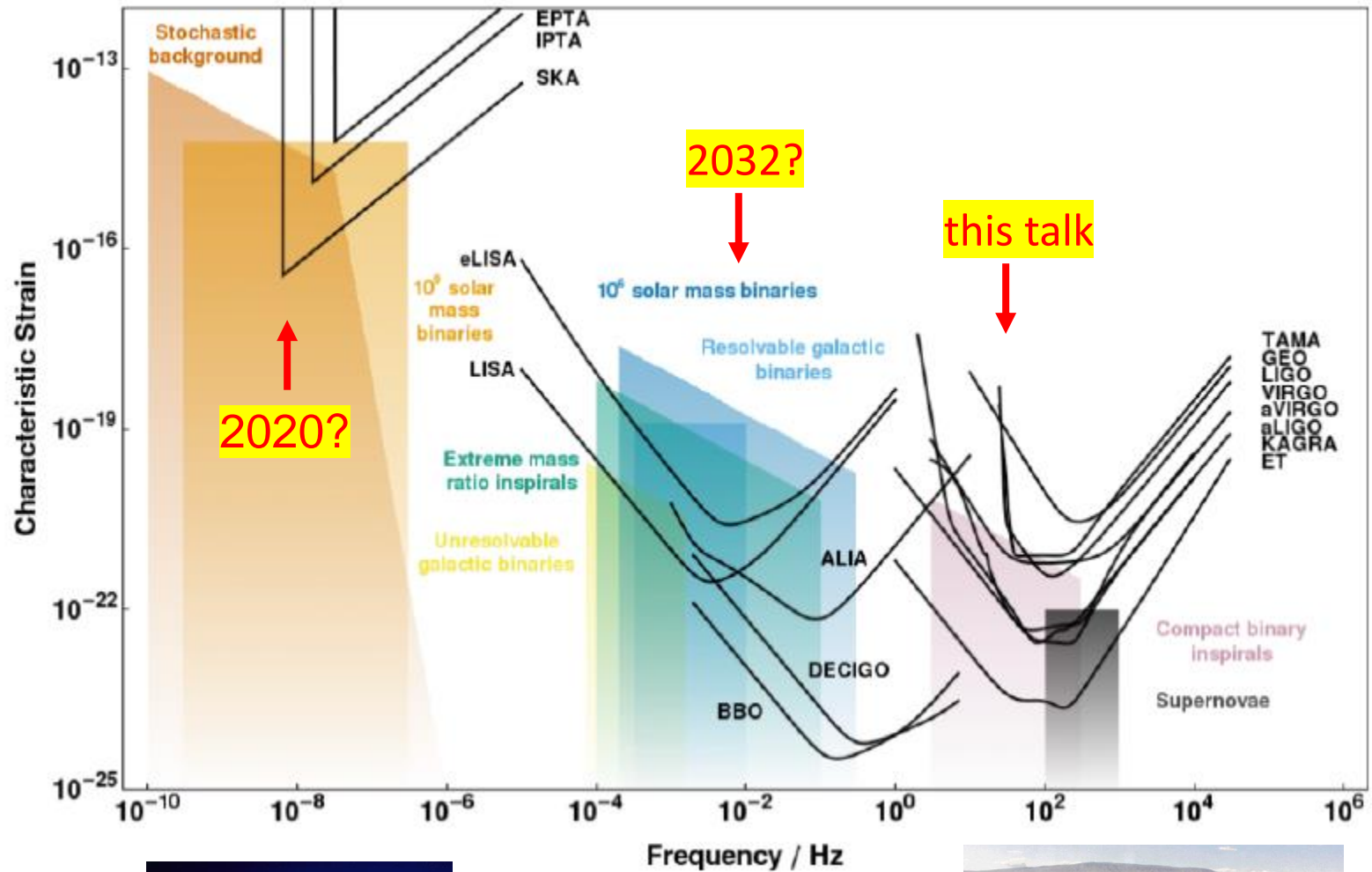


- 1. Status of discoveries
- 2. Does it make sense?
- 3. Astrophysical channels
  - problems with interpretation
- 4. New ideas
- 5. Distinguishing sources

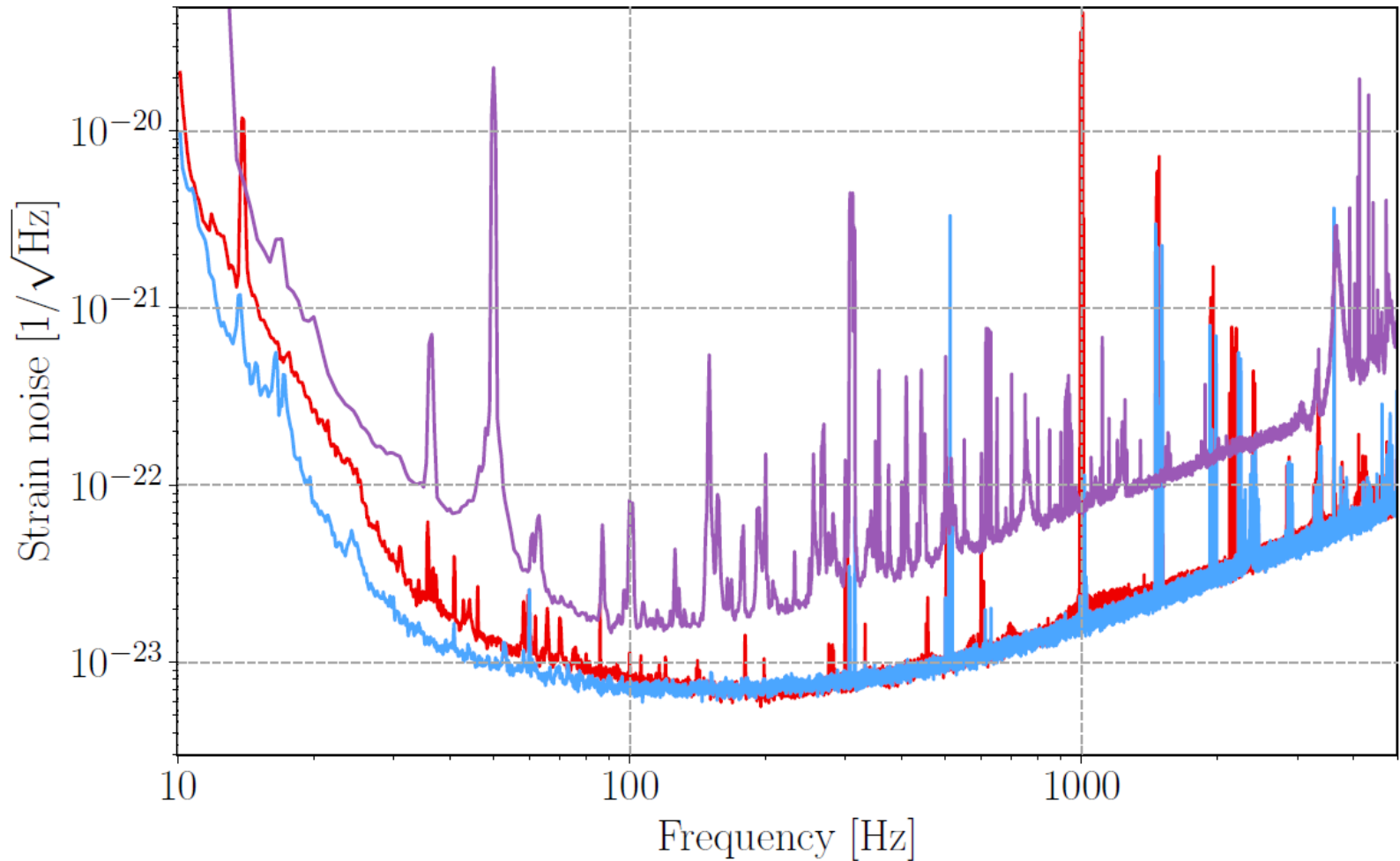
GW sky??

EXPECT THE UNEXPECTED!

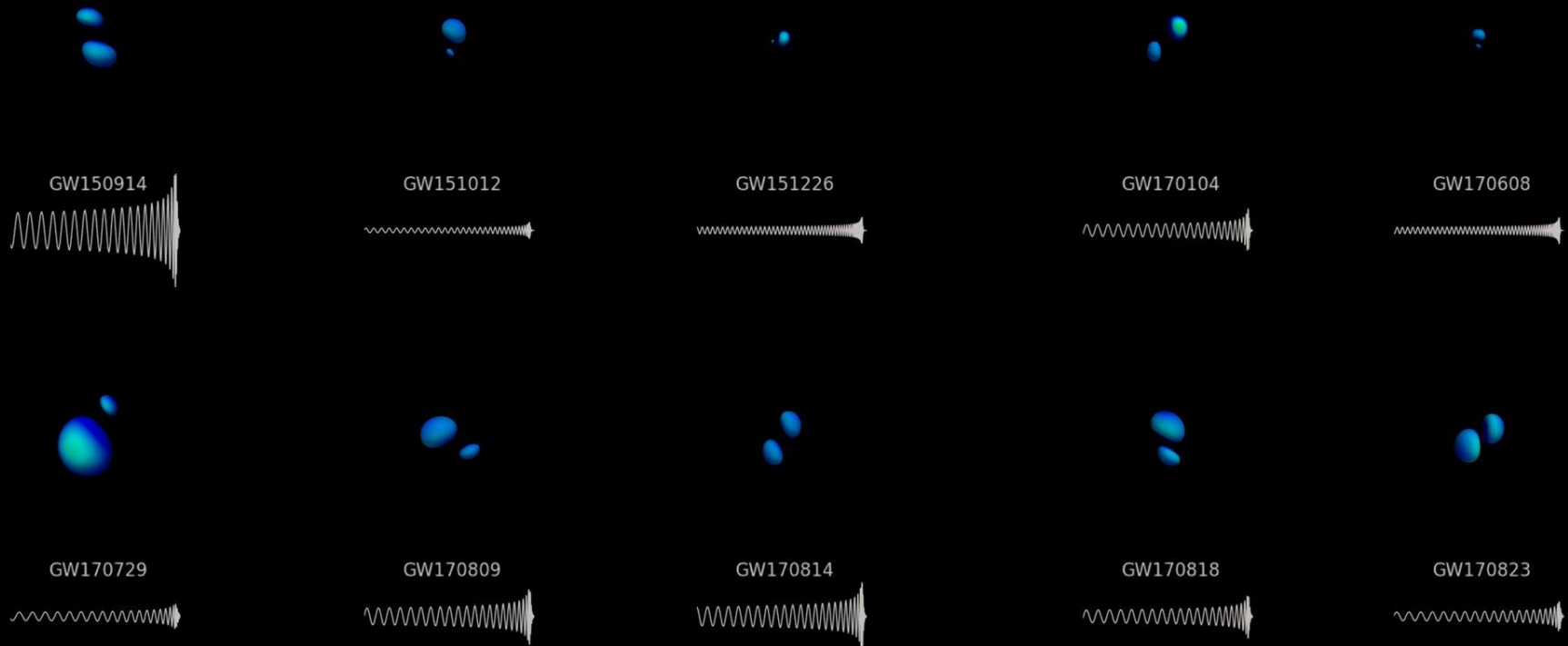
# Gravitational wave detectors



# LIGO-H, LIGO-L, VIRGO sensitivity



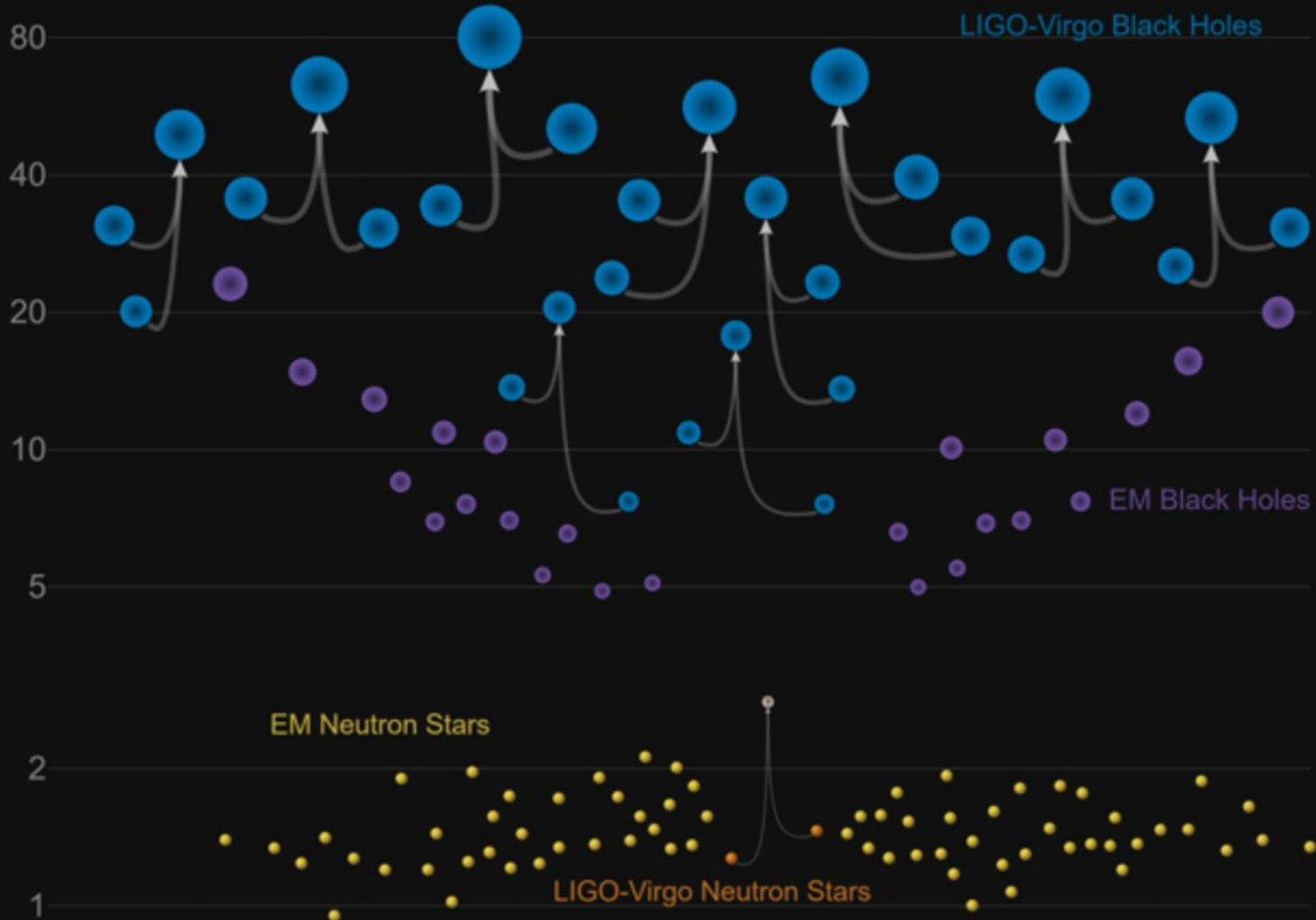
# Gravitational wave detections



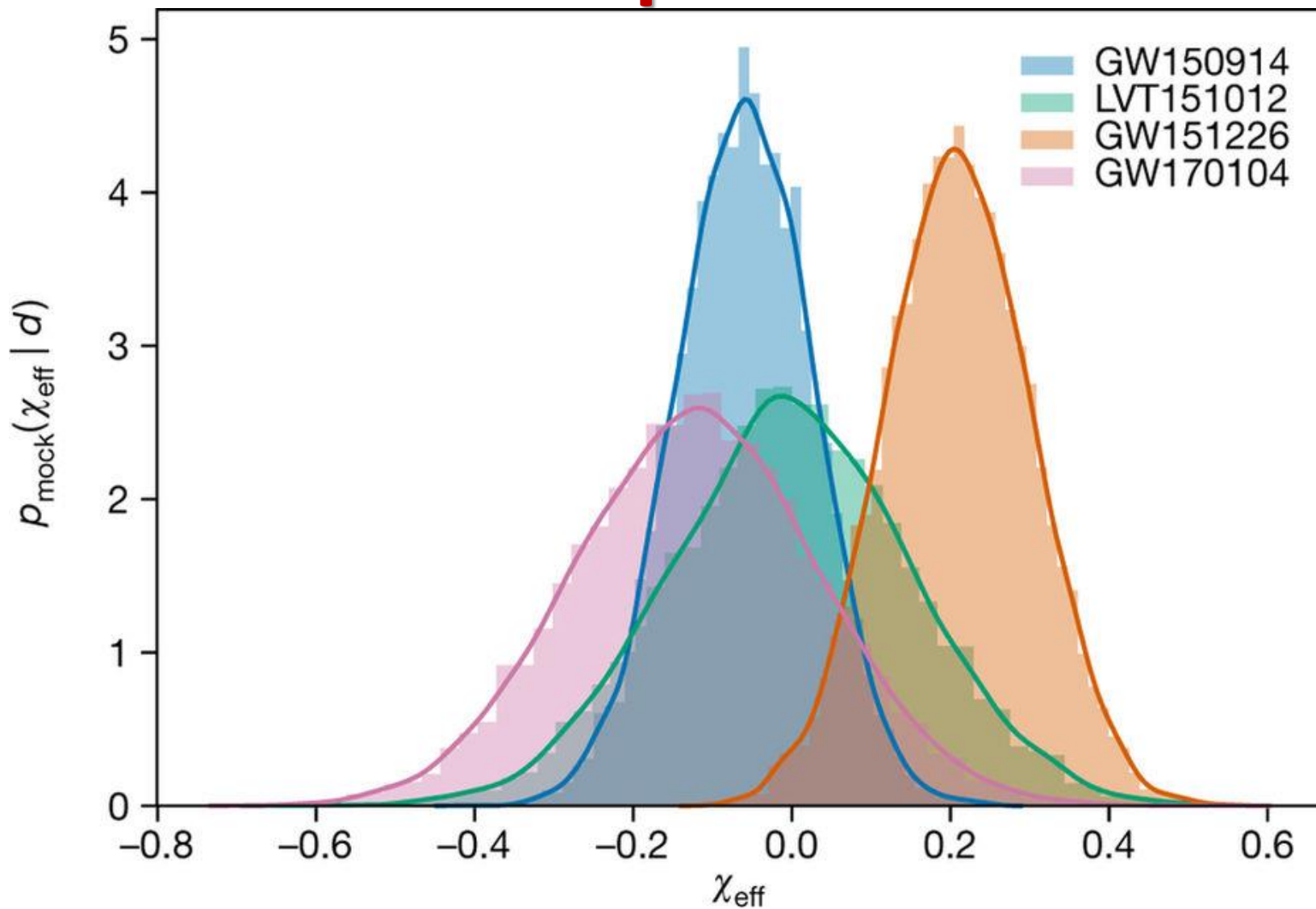


# Masses in the Stellar Graveyard

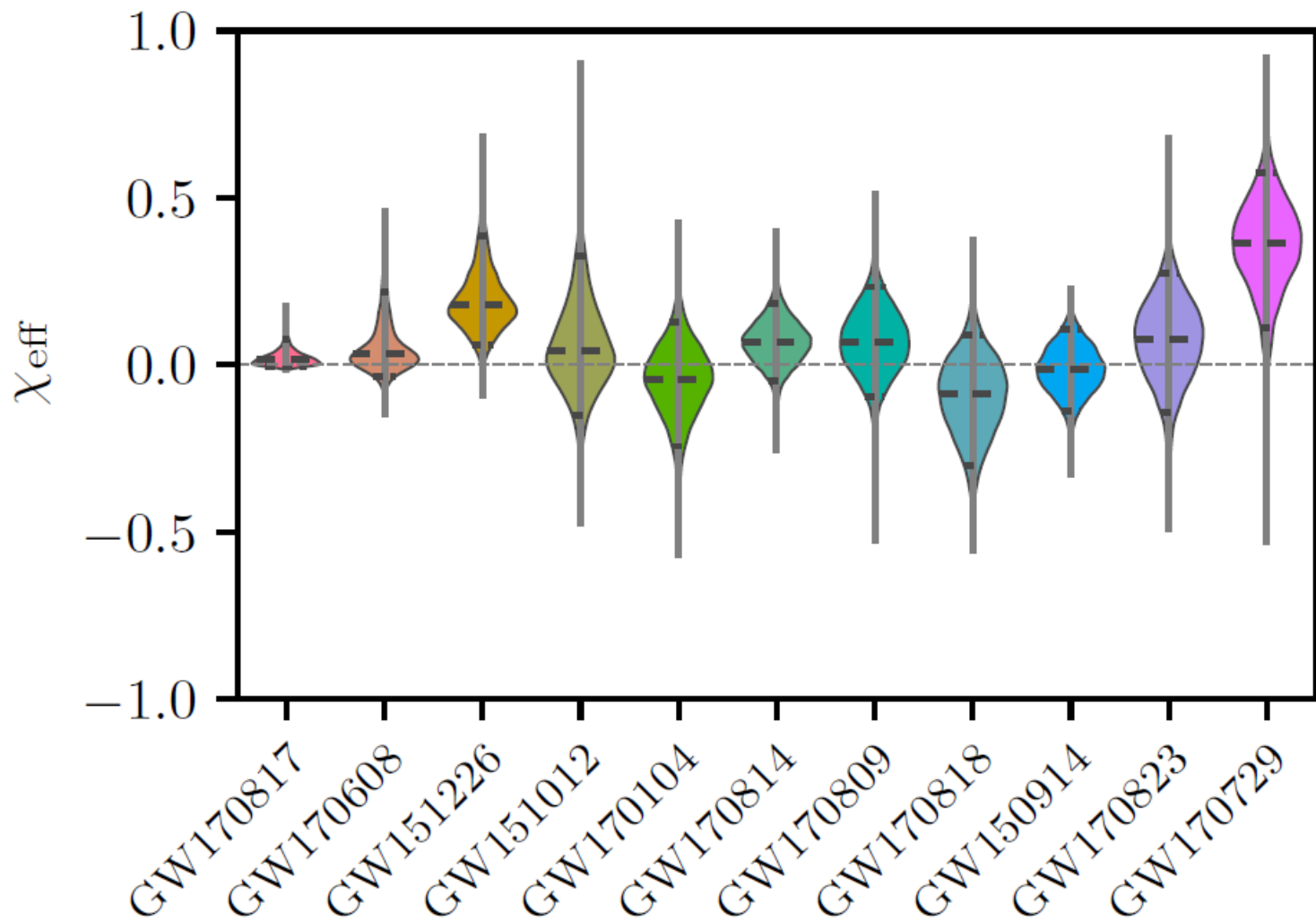
*in Solar Masses*



# Spins



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## Rate of BBH coalescence

GW150914+LVT151012:

$2 - 600 \text{ Gpc}^{-3} \text{ yr}^{-1}$

+GW151226:

$9 - 240 \text{ Gpc}^{-3} \text{ yr}^{-1}$

+GW170104:

$12 - 213 \text{ Gpc}^{-3} \text{ yr}^{-1}$

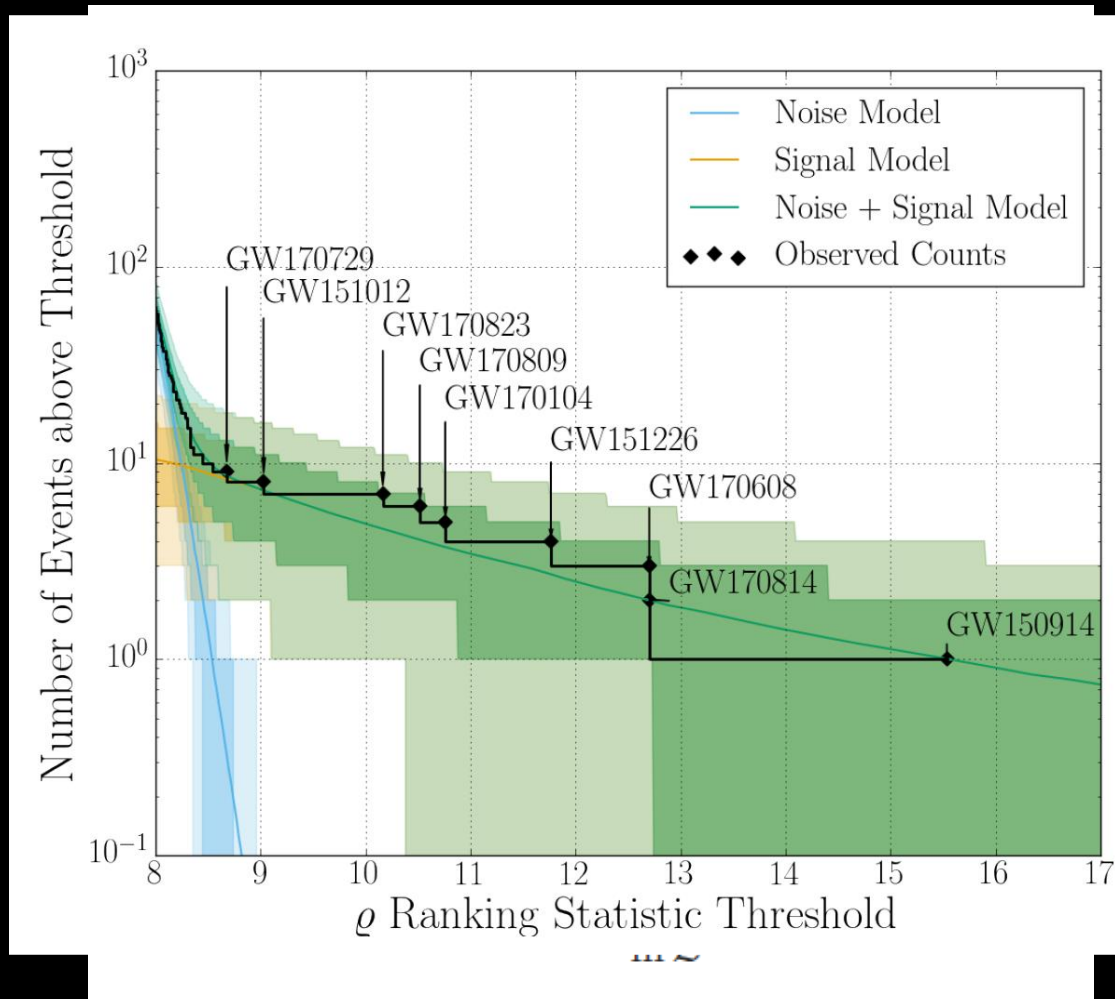
+7 new detections:

$29 - 100 \text{ Gpc}^{-3} \text{ yr}^{-1}$

## Rate of NS coalescence

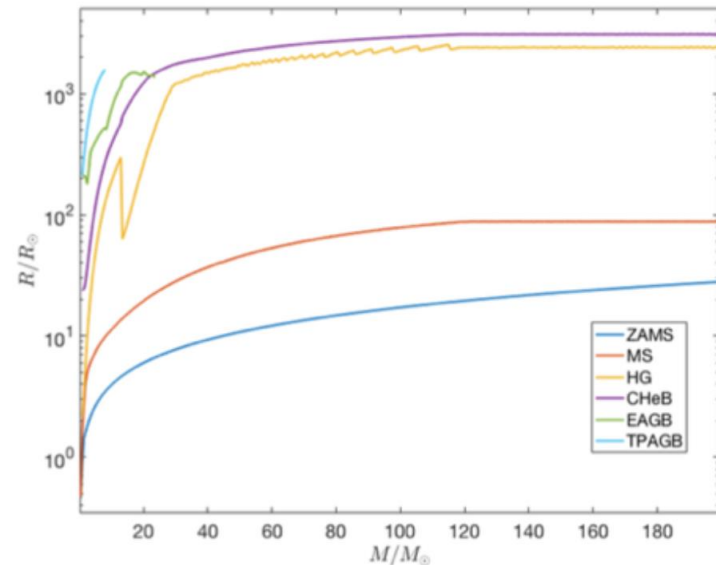
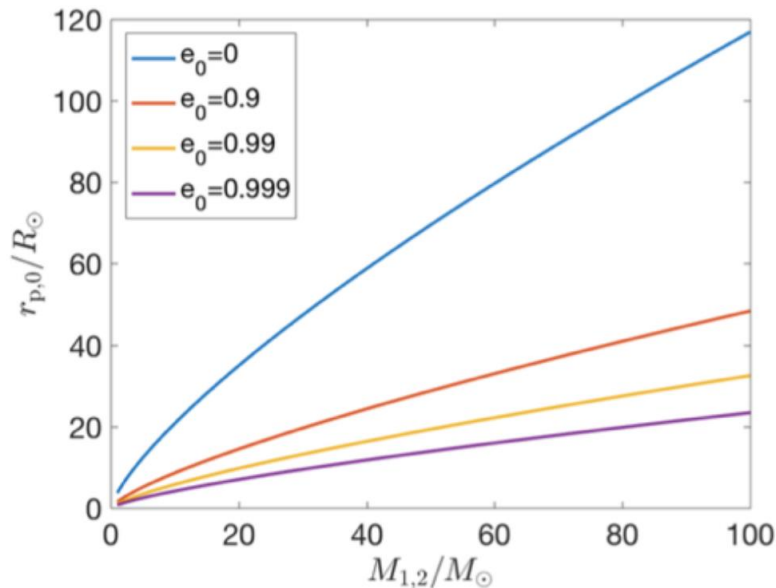
GW170608:

$300 - 4700 \text{ Gpc}^{-3} \text{ yr}^{-1}$



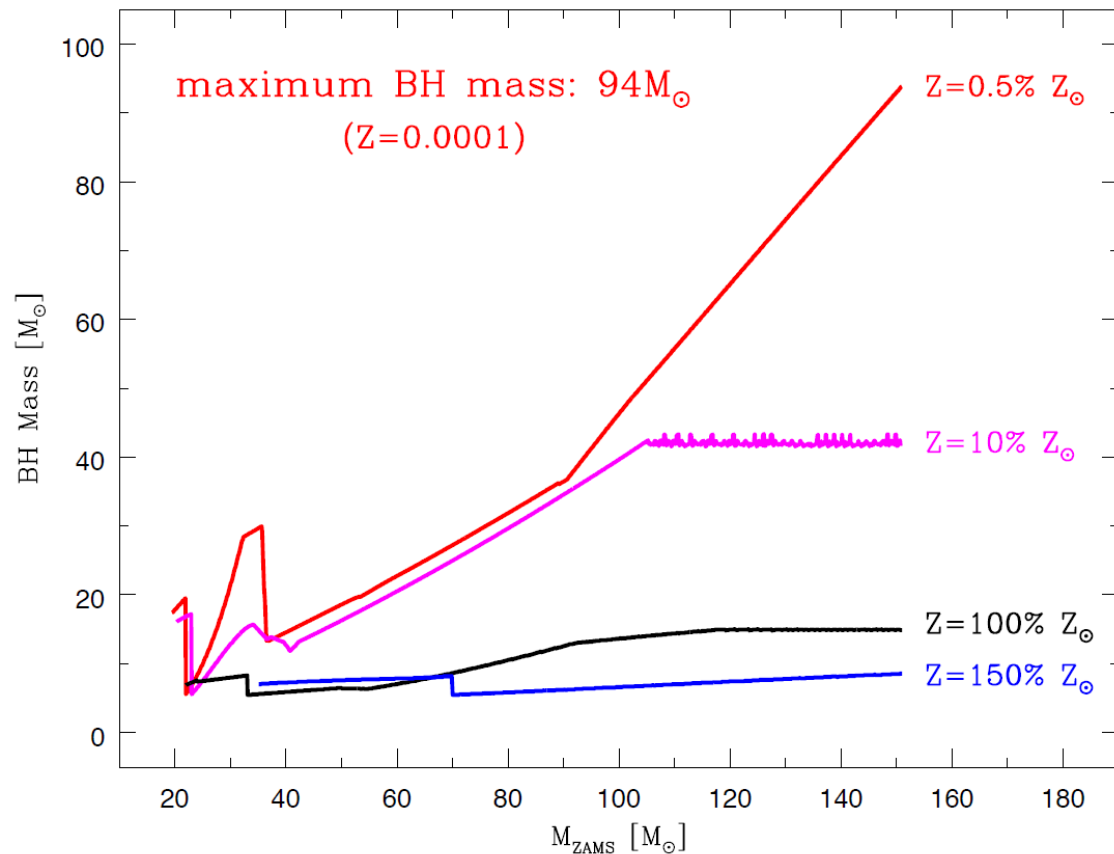
# Basic questions

- Does the mass distribution make any sense?
- Does the spin distribution make any sense?
- How did the black holes get so close?
- Do the rates match expectations?



# Does it make sense? I.

Belczynski et al. 2010a (ApJ 714, 1217)



– updates:

stellar models:  $\sim 130 M_{\odot}$   
(Spera et al. 2015)

IMF extension:  $\sim 300 M_{\odot}$   
(Belczynski et al. 2014)

– (Belczynski et al. 2016):

BH mass down:  $\lesssim 50 M_{\odot}$   
(pair-instability pulsations)

stellar origin BH can reach:  $\sim 100 M_{\odot}$

(Zamperi & Roberts 2009; Mapelli et al. 2009)

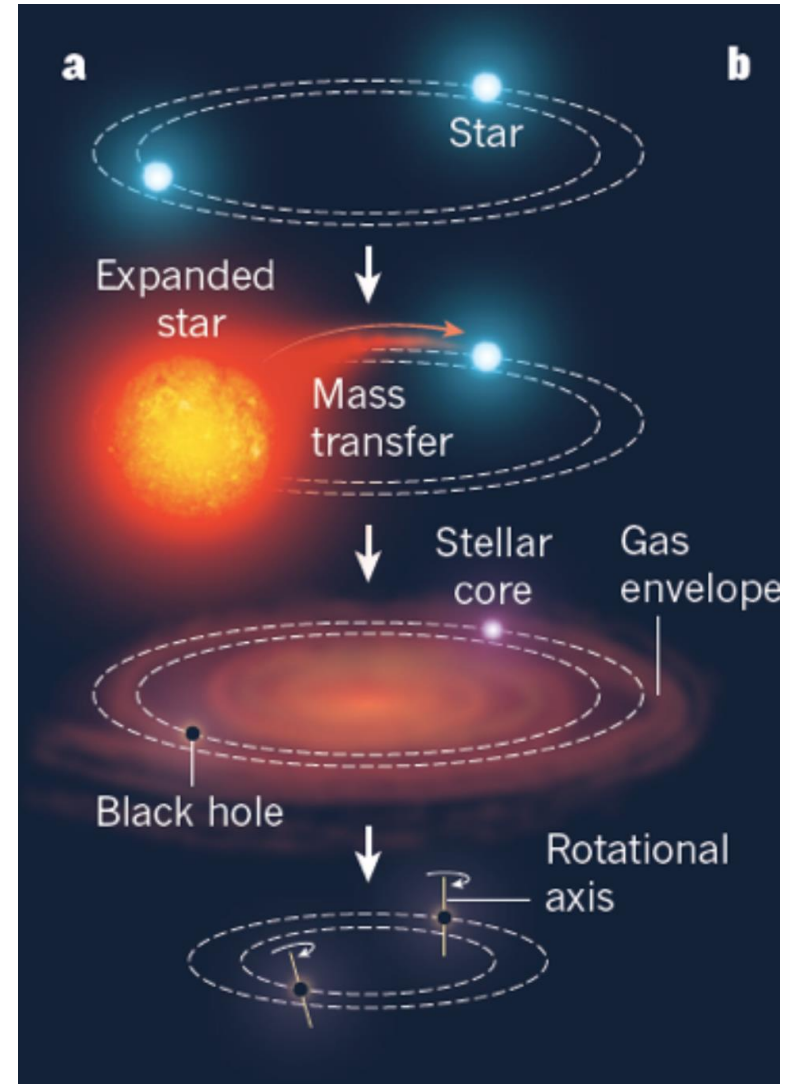


**Astrophysical origin of mergers**

# Option 1: stellar binary evolution

## Galactic binaries

- $10^{11.5}$  stars in a Milky Way type galaxy
- $10^{7-8}$  stellar mass black holes
- Most massive stars are in binaries
  - 25% in triples





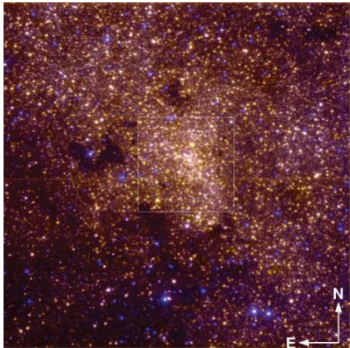
# Option 2: Dynamical environments

## Globular clusters

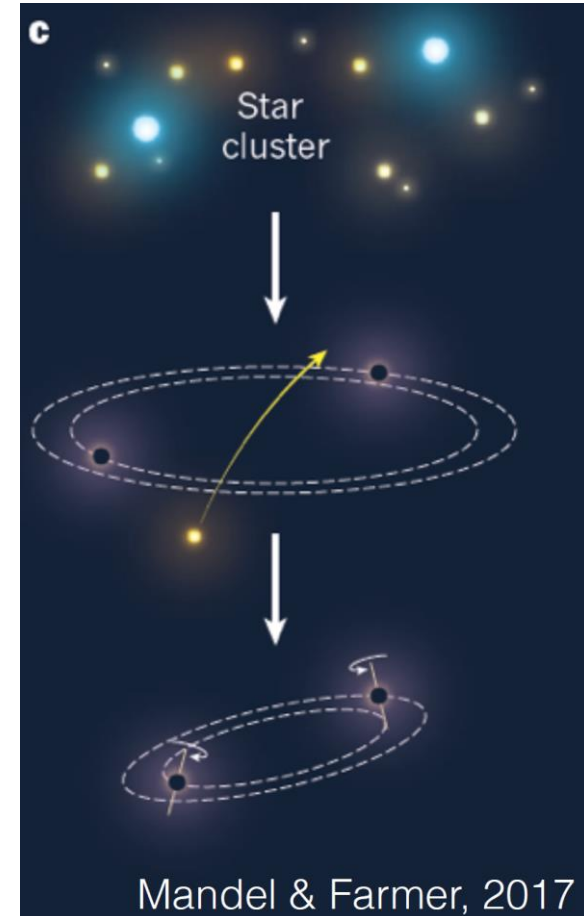


- 200 in a Milky Way type galaxy
- $10^2 - 3$  stellar mass black holes
- Size: 1 pc – 10 pc
- Density  $10^3 - 10^5$  x higher

## Galactic nuclei



- $10^6 - 7 M_{\text{sun}}$  **supermassive** black hole
- $10^4 - 5$  stellar mass black holes
- Size: 1 pc – 10pc
- Density  $10^6 - 10^{10}$  x higher



encounter rate  $\sim$  density<sup>2</sup>

$$\frac{d}{d \ln r} \Gamma = (4\pi r^3) n_{\bullet}^2 \sigma_{cs} v$$



# Option 3: Dark matter halo

## Dark matter halo

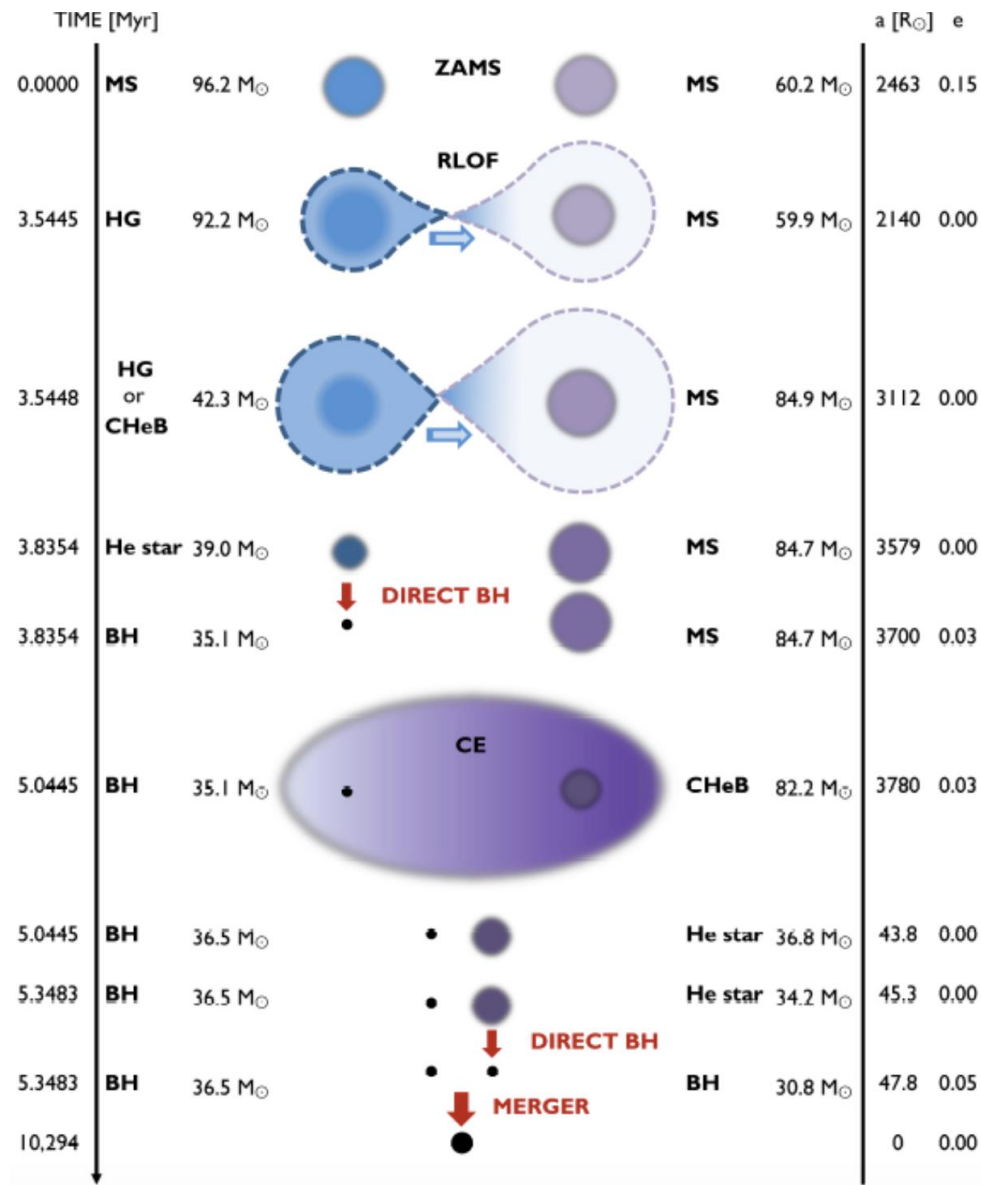
- 10x more mass than in stars
- $10^{10}$  primordial mass black holes?
- Rates match if
  - 100% of dark matter is in 30 Msun **single BHs** (Bird et al 2016)
    - **RULED OUT BY OBSERVATION OF a GLOBULAR CLUSTER IN A DWARF GALAXY** (Brandt et al. 2017)
    - Newer studies: 1% of dark matter in BHs is sufficient (Ali-Haimud et al 2017)
  - 0.1% of dark matter is in primordial **binary BHs** after inflation (Sasaki et al 2016)
- 30 Msun primordial BHs form when  $T \sim 30$  MeV (Carr 1975)
  - standard model does not have any phase transitions at this temperature

# Summary of channels and rates

- galactic field binaries: final au problem, common envelope
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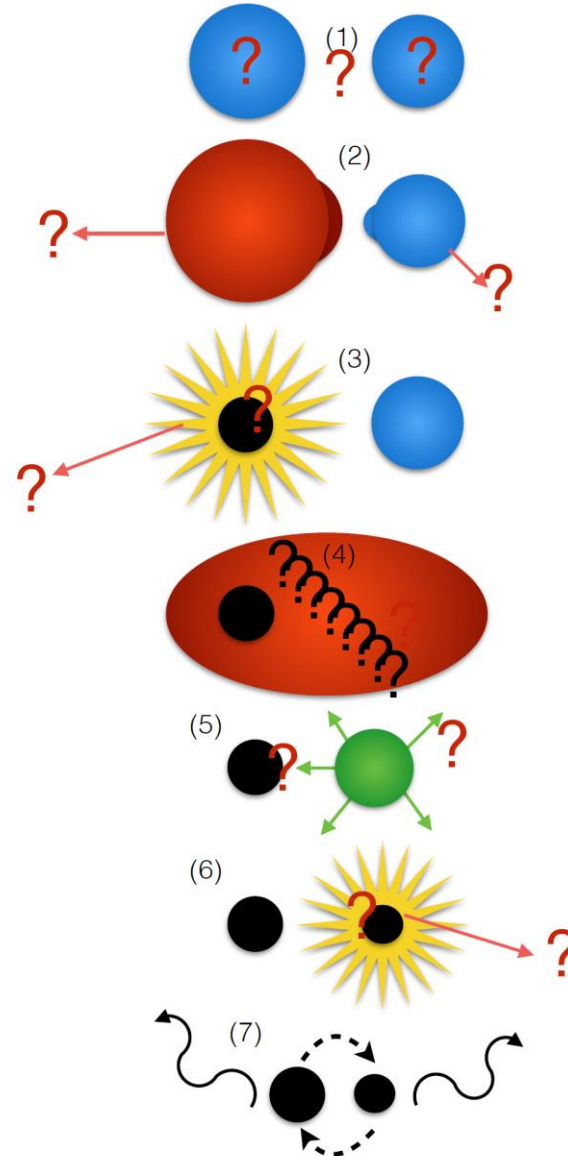
No convincing theory to explain the observed rates!

# Option 1: stellar binary evolution



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Open questions



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## What about spins?

- Black hole X-ray binaries show **evidence of high spins**

Table 1 The masses and spins, measured via continuum-fitting, of ten stellar black holes<sup>a</sup>

System	$a_*$	$M/M_\odot$	References
Persistent			
Cyg X-1	$>0.95$	$14.8 \pm 1.0$	Gou et al. 2011; Orosz et al. 2011a
LMC X-1	$0.92^{+0.05}_{-0.07}$	$10.9 \pm 1.4$	Gou et al. 2009; Orosz et al. 2009
M33 X-7	$0.84 \pm 0.05$	$15.65 \pm 1.45$	Liu et al. 2008; Orosz et al. 2007
Transient			
GRS 1915+105	$>0.95^b$	$10.1 \pm 0.6$	McClintock et al. 2006; Steeghs et al. 2013
4U 1543-47	$0.80 \pm 0.10^b$	$9.4 \pm 1.0$	Shafee et al. 2006; Orosz 2003
GRO J1655-40	$0.70 \pm 0.10^b$	$6.3 \pm 0.5$	Shafee et al. 2006; Greene et al. 2001
XTE J1550-564	$0.34^{+0.20}_{-0.28}$	$9.1 \pm 0.6$	Steiner et al. 2011; Orosz et al. 2011b
H1743-322	$0.2 \pm 0.3$	$\sim 8^c$	Steiner et al. 2012a
LMC X-3	$<0.3^d$	$7.6 \pm 1.6$	Davis et al. 2006; Orosz 2003
A0620-00	$0.12 \pm 0.19$	$6.6 \pm 0.25$	Gou et al. 2010; Cantrell et al. 2010

<sup>a</sup>Errors are quoted at the 68 % level of confidence, except for the three spin limits, which are estimated to be at the 99.7 % level of confidence.

<sup>b</sup>Uncertainties greater than those in papers cited because early error estimates were crude.

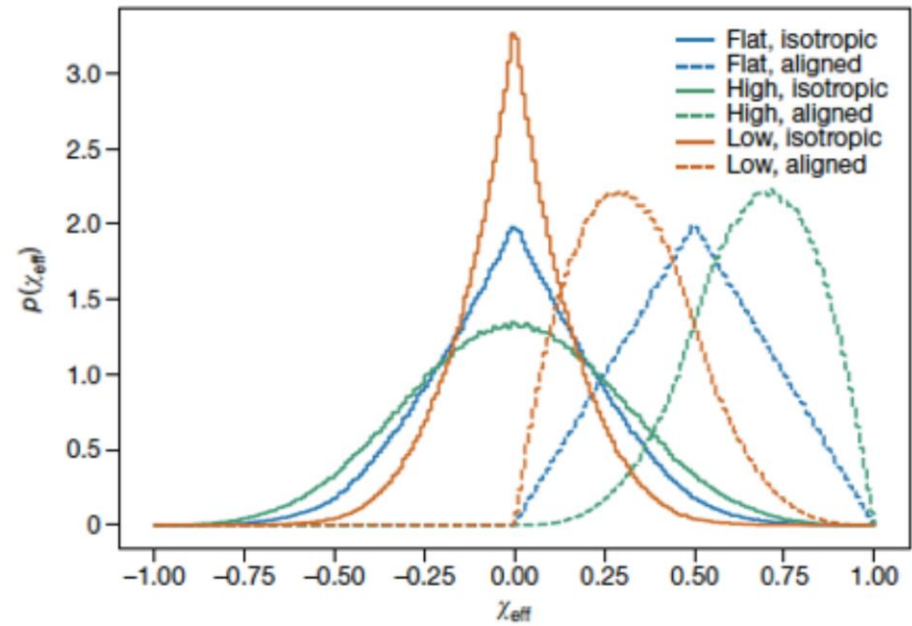
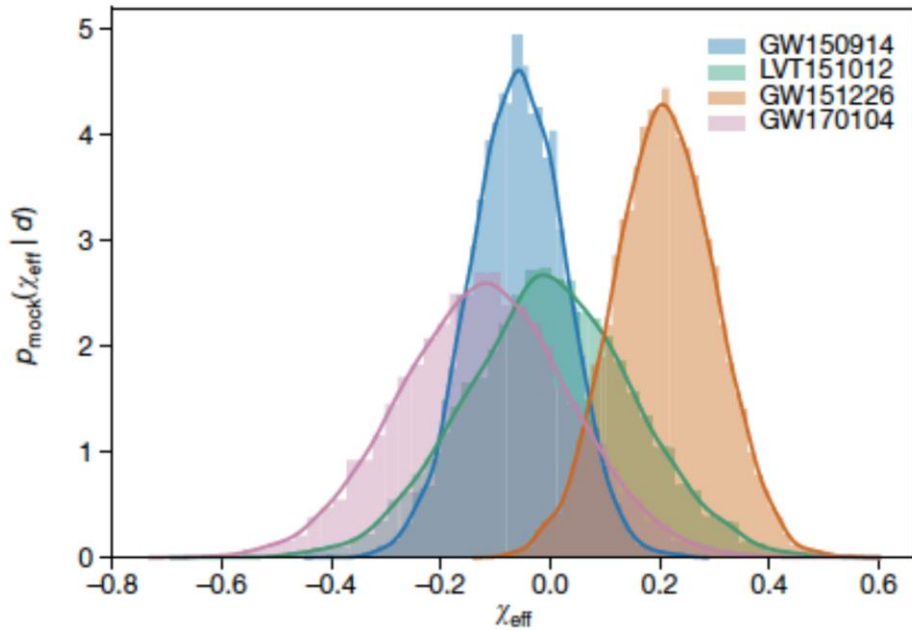
<sup>c</sup>Mass estimated using an empirical mass distribution (Özel et al. 2010).

<sup>d</sup>Preliminary result pending improved measurements of  $M$  and  $i$ .

# Option 1: stellar binary evolution

## What about spins?

- LIGO distribution **inconsistent** with aligned **high spins**





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## What about the rates?

- Theory very uncertain – consistent with observations
- Relative rate of NS/NS mergers vs. BH/BH mergers may be a problem

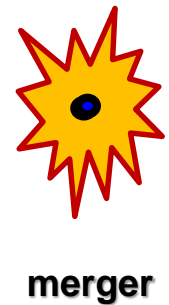
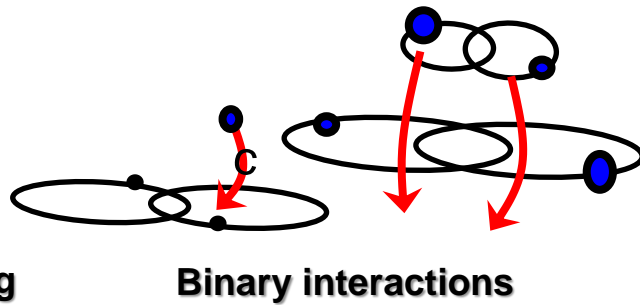
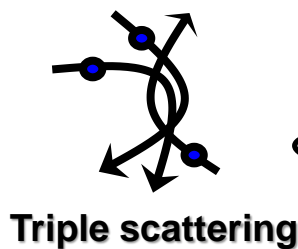
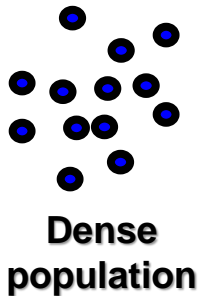
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- binary formation from singles
- exchange interactions
- mass segregation

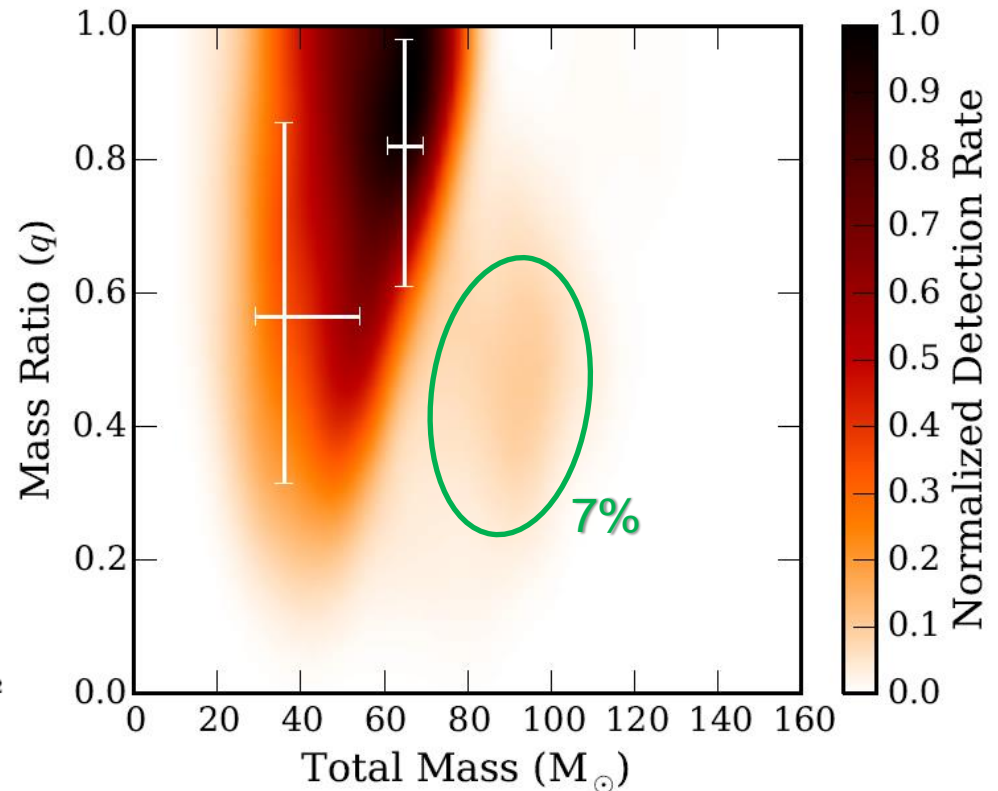
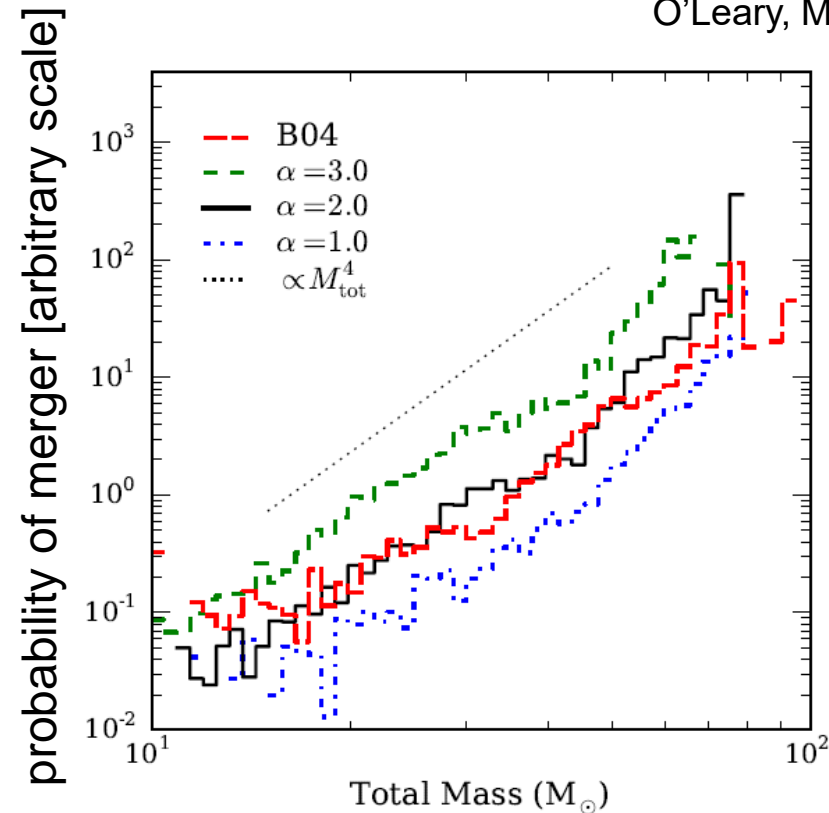
**Expectation:**

**Merger probability larger for heavier objects**

# Mass distribution for globular clusters

Monte Carlo and Nbody simulations

O'Leary, Meiron, Kocsis (2016) (see also Rodriguez+ '16, Askar+ '17)

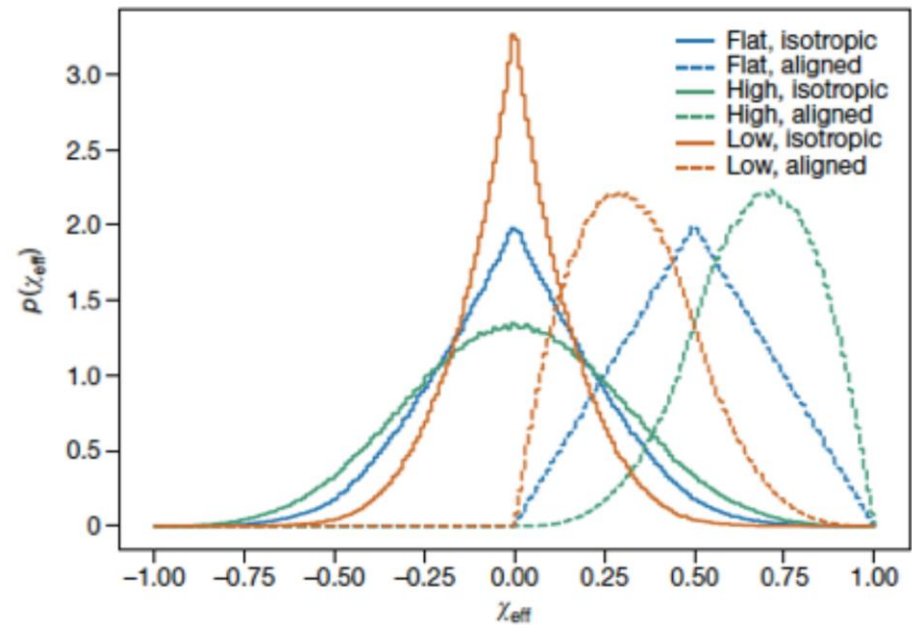
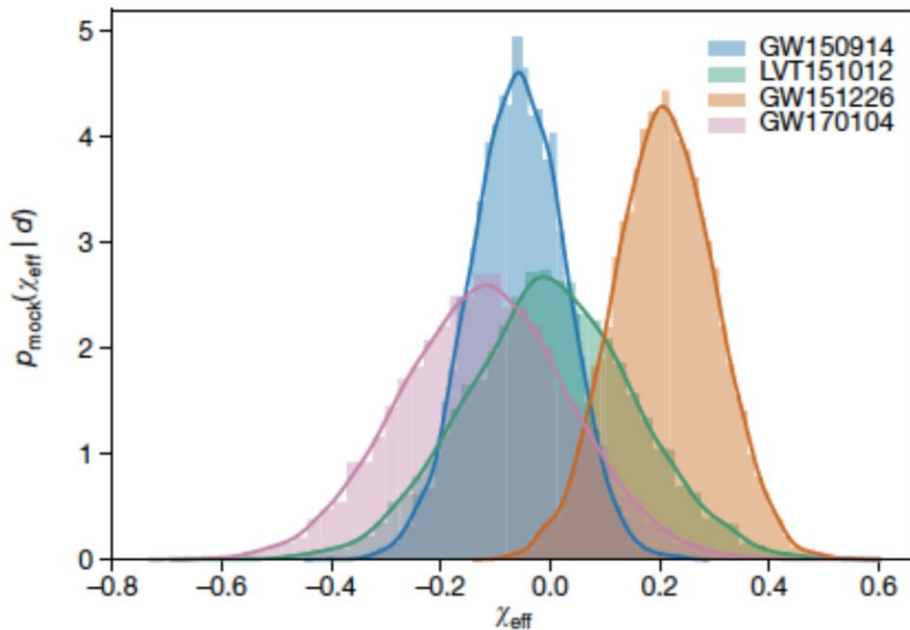


Robust statement (independent of IMF): heavy objects **merge more often  $M^4$**

# Option 2: dynamical environments

## What about spins?

- LIGO distribution **consistent** with isotropically distributed **spins**



# Option 2: dynamical environments

What about the rates?

**it is a problem!**

Simple reason:

- assume **each** BH merges **at most once**\* in a Hubble time
  - BHs form from stars with  $m > 20M_{\text{Sun}}$ ,  $dN/dm \sim m^{-2.35}$ 
    - 0.3% of stars turns into BHs
  - **globular clusters:  $R < 40 \text{ Gpc}^{-3} \text{ yr}^{-1}$** 
    - 0.5% of stellar mass,  $10^{5.5}$  stars with  $n \sim 0.8 \text{ Mpc}^{-3}$
  - **galactic nuclei:  $R < 35 \text{ Gpc}^{-3} \text{ yr}^{-1}$** 
    - 0.5% of stellar mass,  $10^7$  stars with  $n \sim 0.02 \text{ Mpc}^{-3}$
- \* note: in simulations **20%** of BHs **form binaries** and only **50%** of binaries merge

**Observed rate:  $29 - 100 \text{ Gpc}^{-3} \text{ yr}^{-1}$**   
(powerlaw mass distribution prior, Abbott+ 2018 arxiv:1811.12907)



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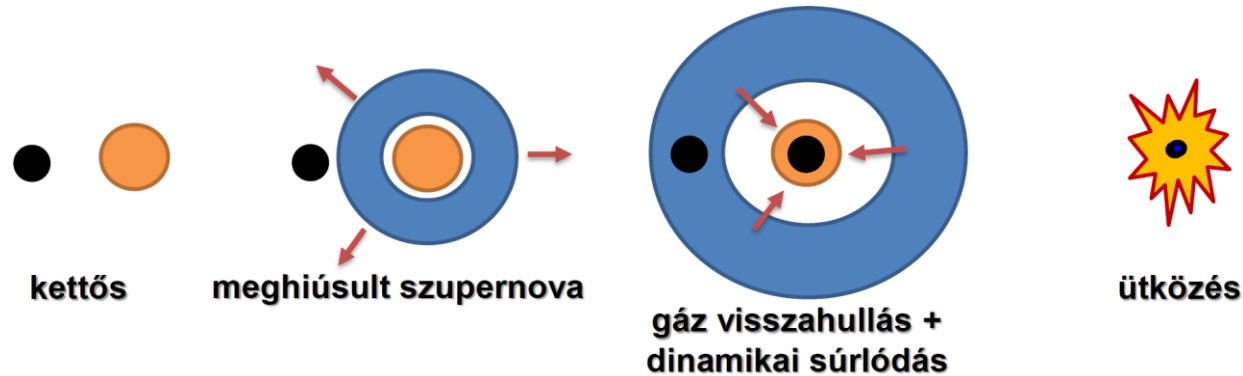
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**possible ways forward**  
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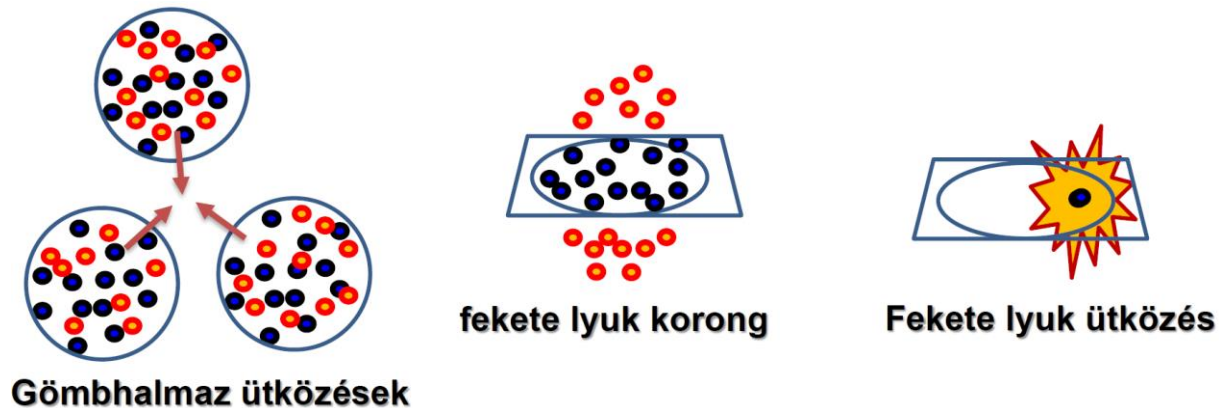
# New ideas

## 1. Fallback mergers (Tagawa, Saitoh, Kocsis, PRL 2018)

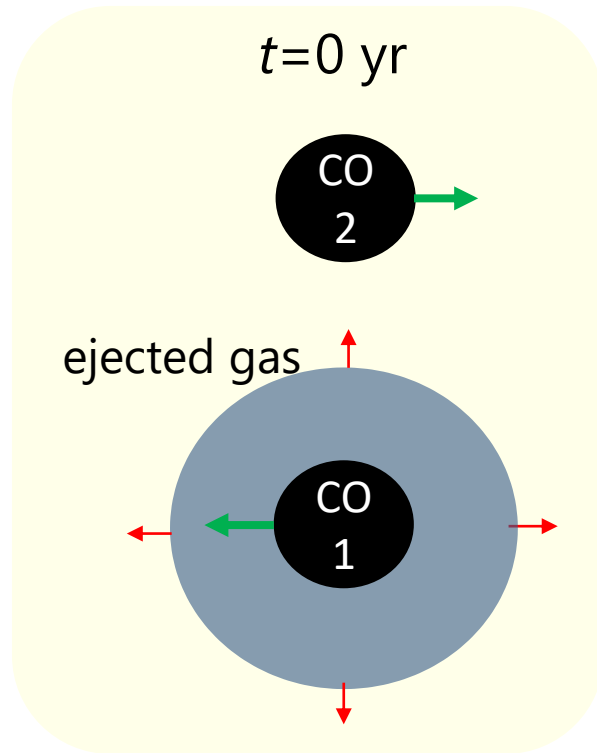


## 2. Disrupted globular clusters (Fragione, Kocsis, PRL, submitted)

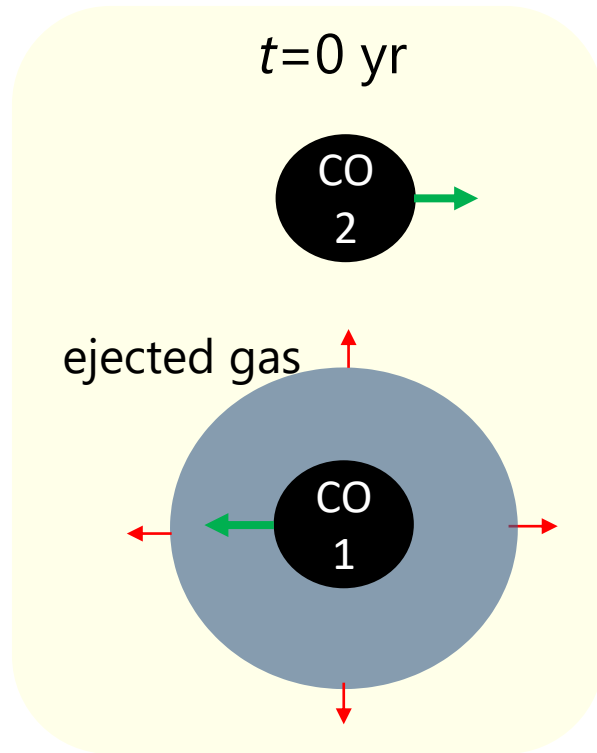
## 3. Black hole disks (Szolgyen, Kocsis PRL 2018)



# Fallback driven merger



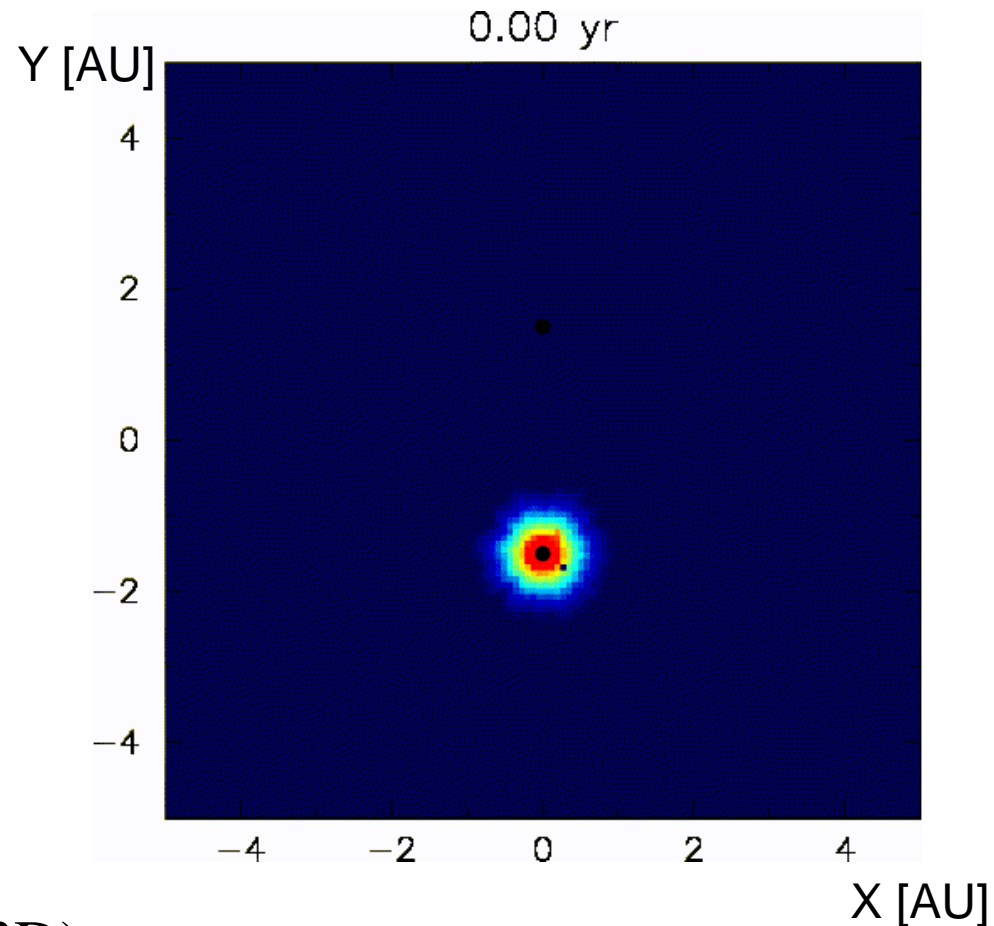
# Fallback driven merger



N-body/SPH simulation (3D)

Ideal gas EOS

$$v(r) = v_{\max} r/r_{\max}$$

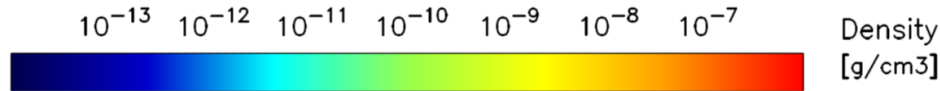


Initial condition:

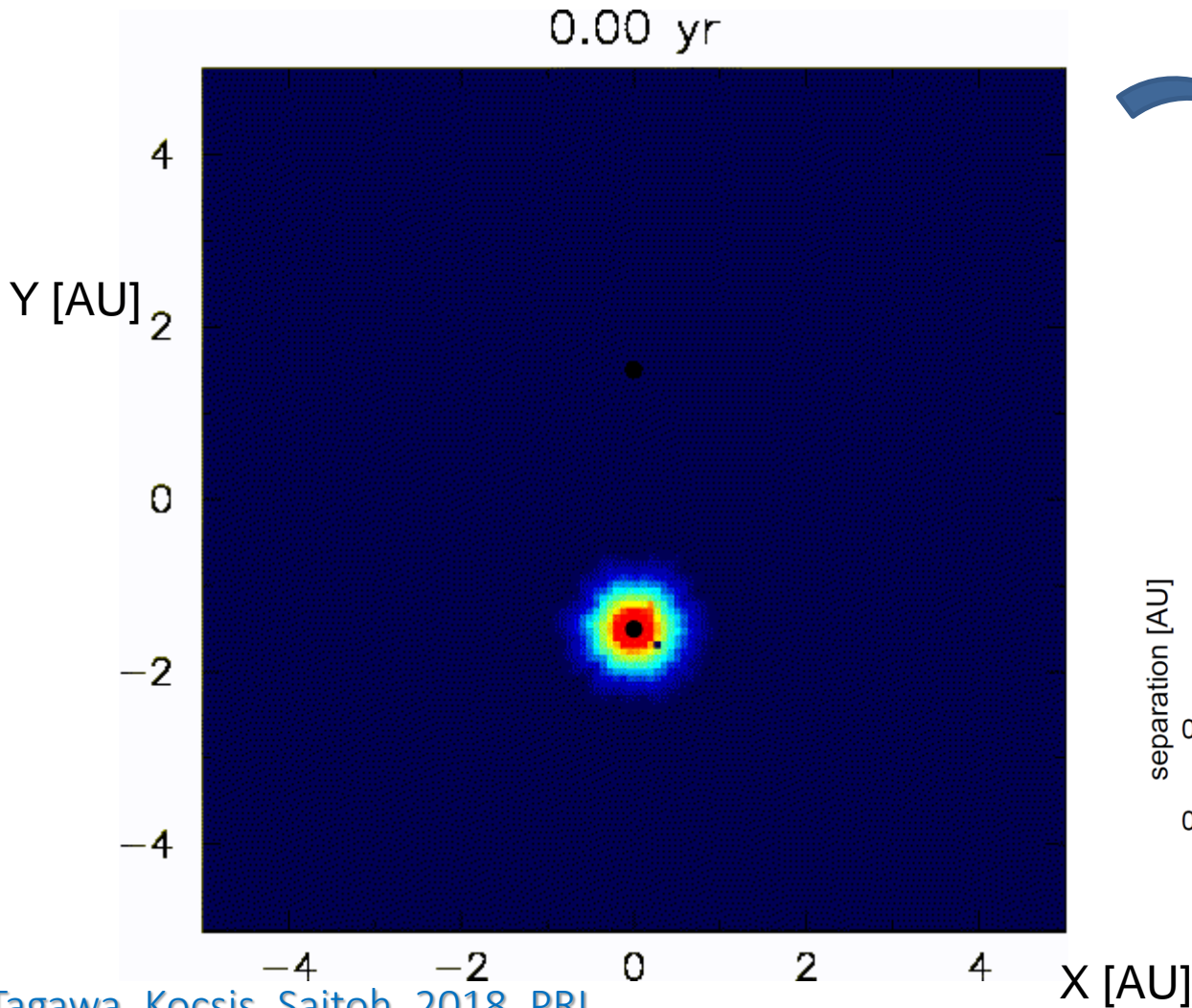
studies of fallback accretion

e.g. Zampieri et al. 1998, Batta et al. 2017

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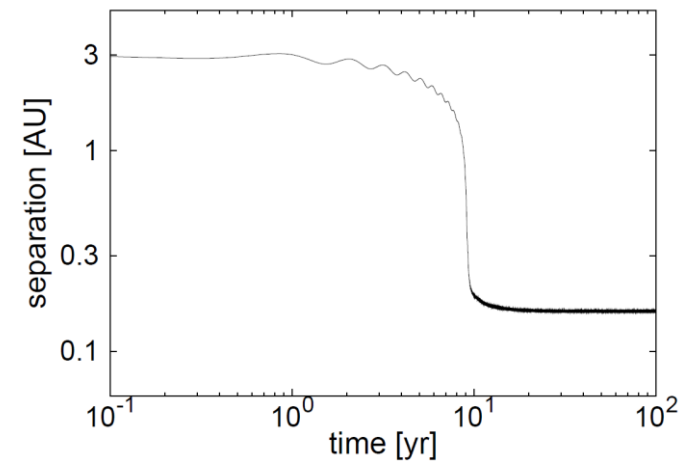


$$M_{CO1} = M_{CO2} = 5M_{\odot}$$
$$M_{gas,ini} = 5.4M_{\odot}$$



rotating  
clockwise

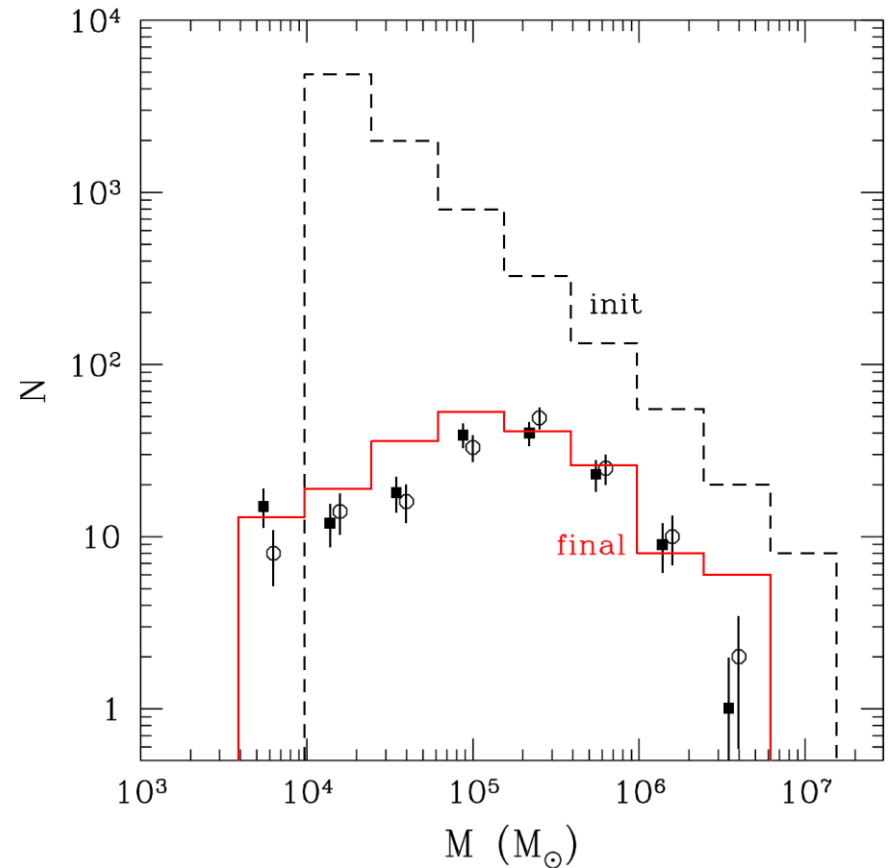
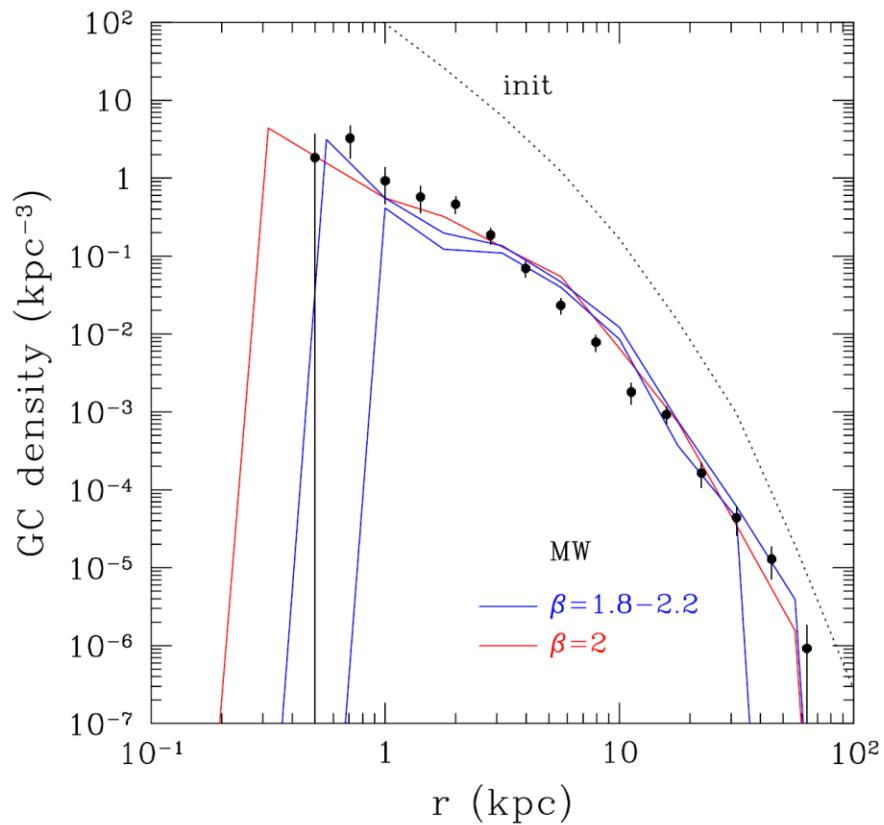
A blue curved arrow pointing downwards and to the right, indicating clockwise rotation.





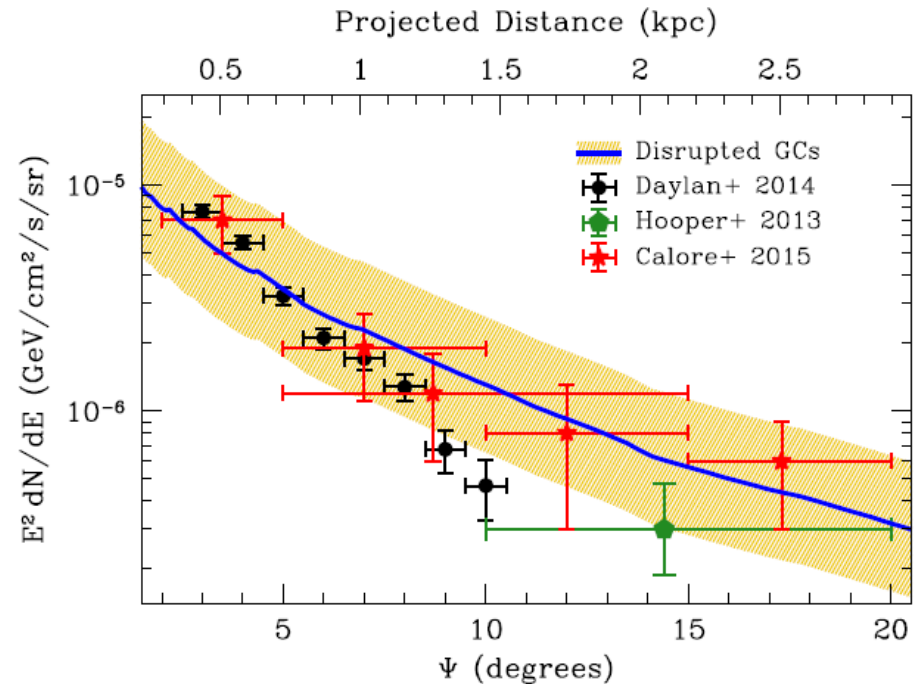
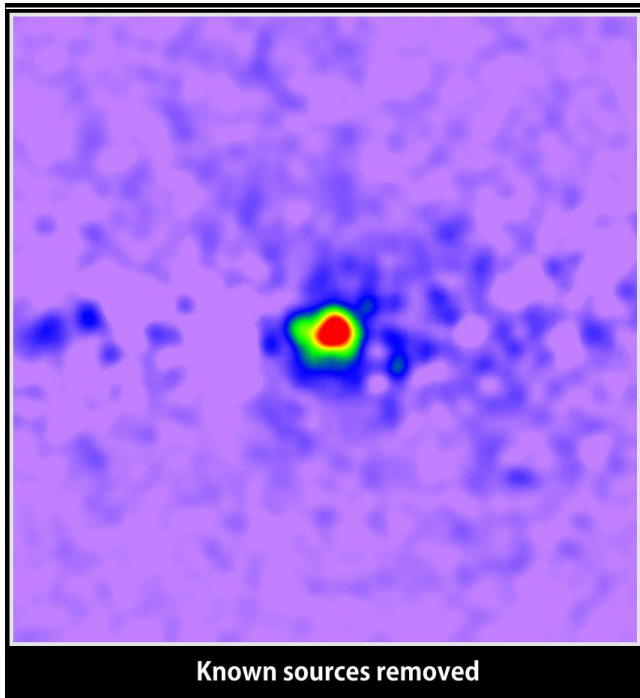
# Disrupted globular clusters

- Globular clusters were much more numerous in the past



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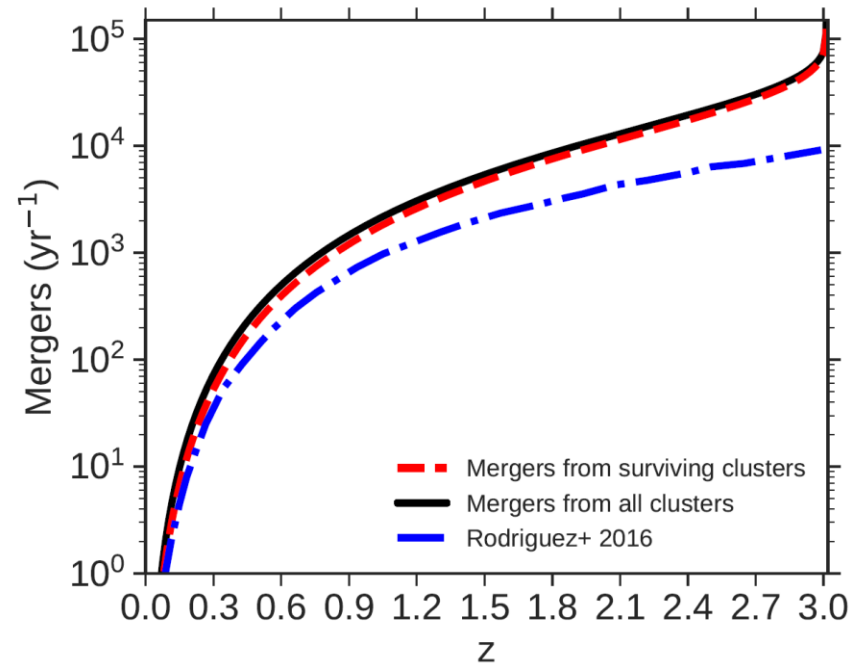
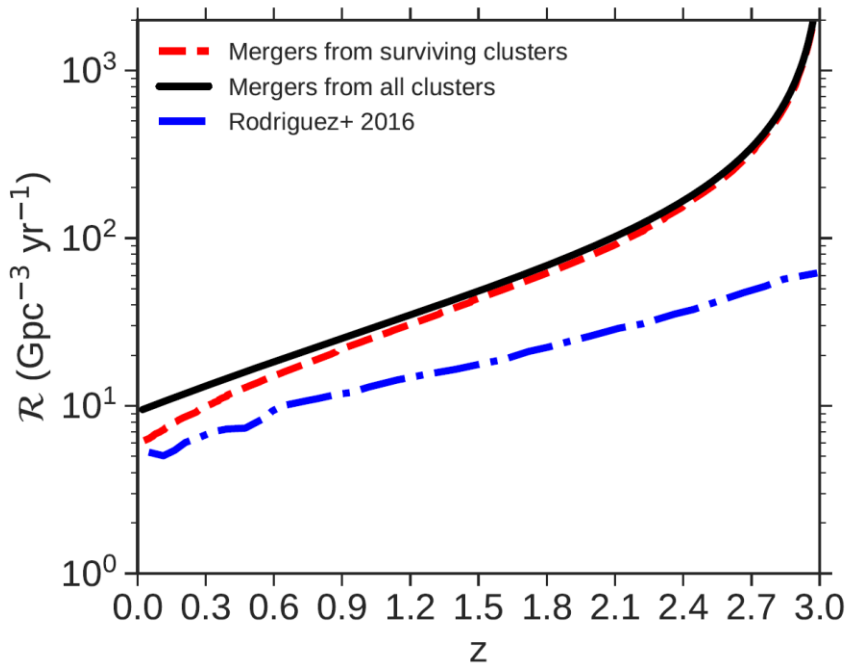
- Gamma rays from disrupted globular clusters explains “Fermi excess”



Brandt, Kocsis (2015)

# Disrupted globular clusters

- Implications for LIGO
  - High rates from disrupted globular clusters

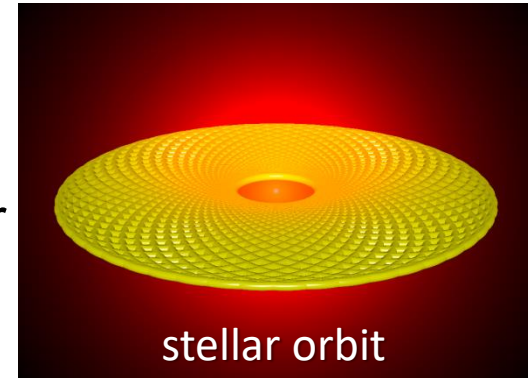


Fragione, Kocsis (2018)

# Black hole disks

## Motion of stars in the galactic disk:

- Elliptic orbit around supermassive black hole
- Precession due to spherical component of star cluster



Orbital planes reorient and relax very quickly

Long term gravitational interaction  
of stellar orbits

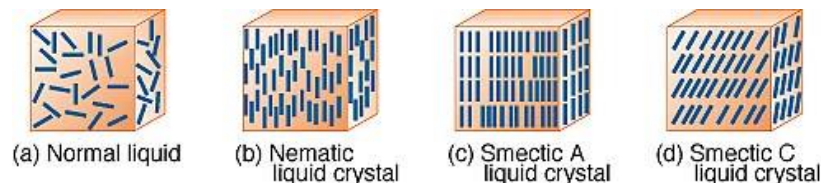
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Interaction among liquid crystal  
molecules

(Kocsis+Tremaine 2015, Kocsis+Tremaine in prep., Roupas+Kocsis+Tremaine in prep)

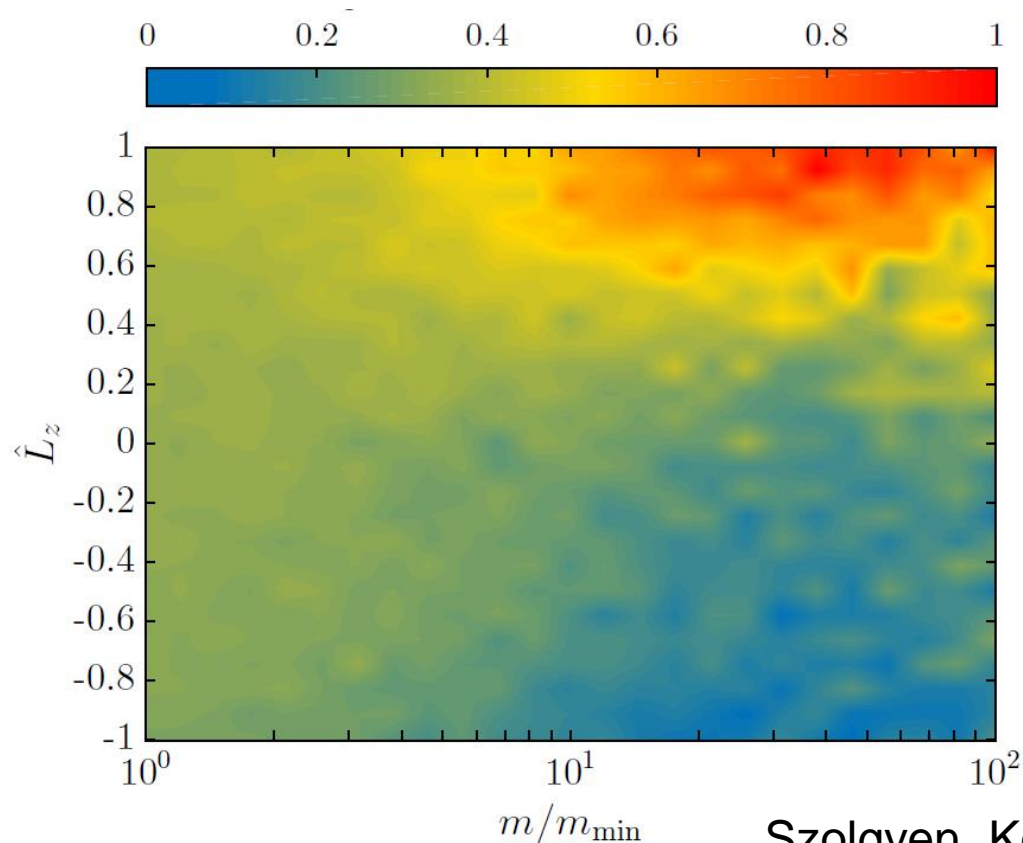
## Maximum entropy:

- massive objects: ordered phase
- light objects: spherical phase
- Implication: Black hole disks !



# Black hole disks

- Massive objects like black holes sink to form a disk
  - mergers more likely



**possible ways forward  
II.**

# Distinguishing sources

from different channels

- eccentricity, mass, spin distribution
- electromagnetic counterparts
- intermediate mass black holes

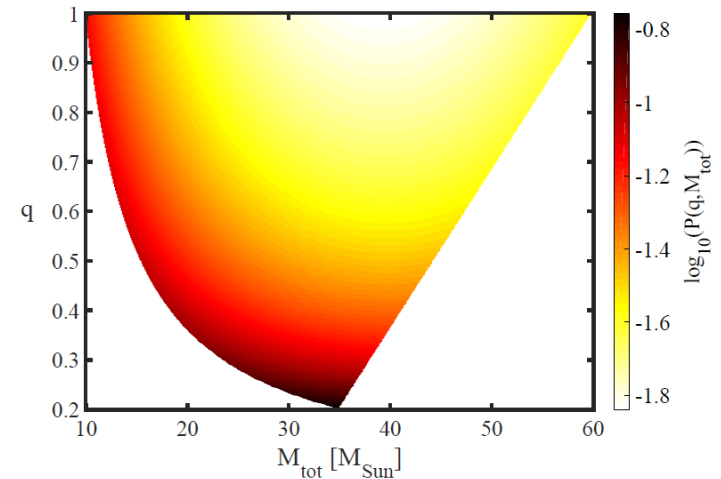


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universal diagnostic: independent of the mass function

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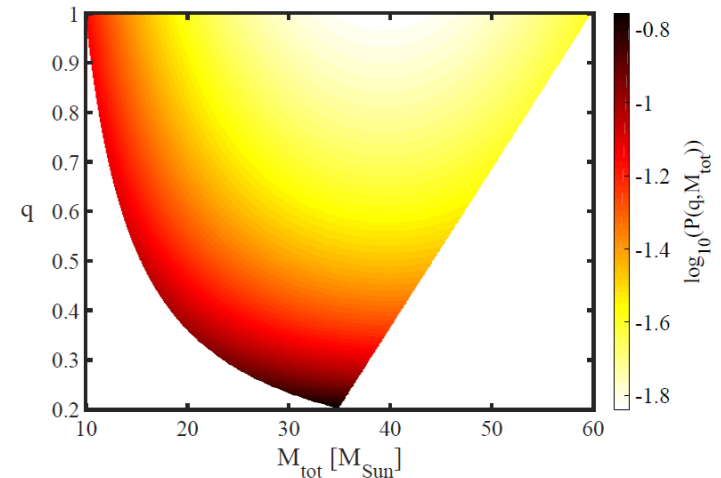
$$-(m_1 + m_2)^2 \frac{\partial^2}{\partial m_1 \partial m_2} \ln \mathcal{R}(m_1, m_2, t)$$

= **4** in globular clusters (\*needs revision)

= **1.4 ... -5** for GW capture binaries in galactic nuclei

= **1.4** for GW capture binaries in collisionless systems

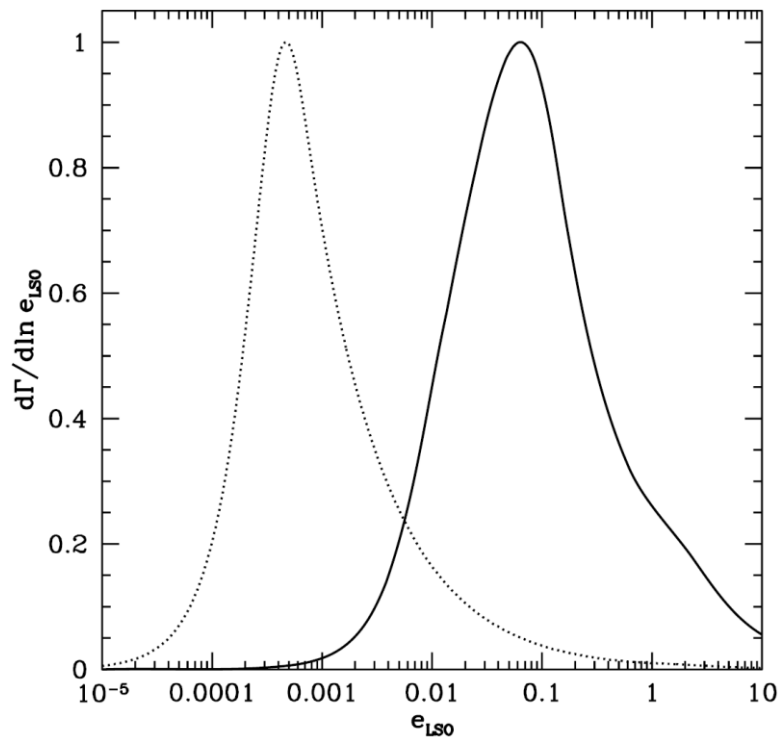
= **1** for PBH binaries formed in early universe



# Eccentricity distribution for GW capture binaries

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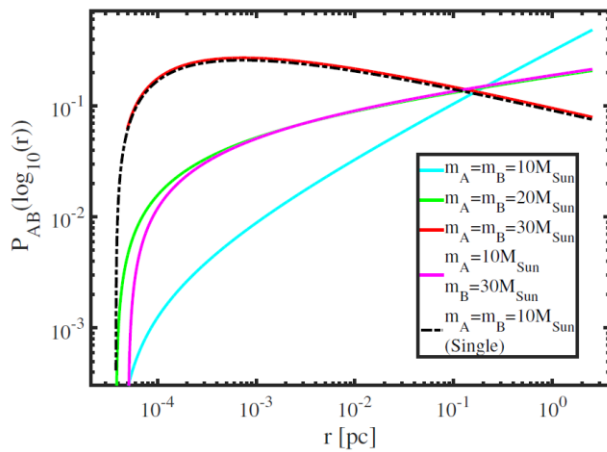
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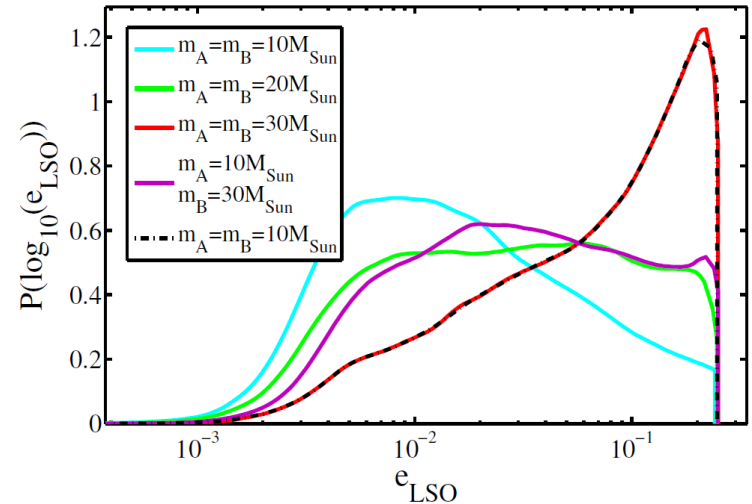
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radial distribution of mergers  
shows mass segregation

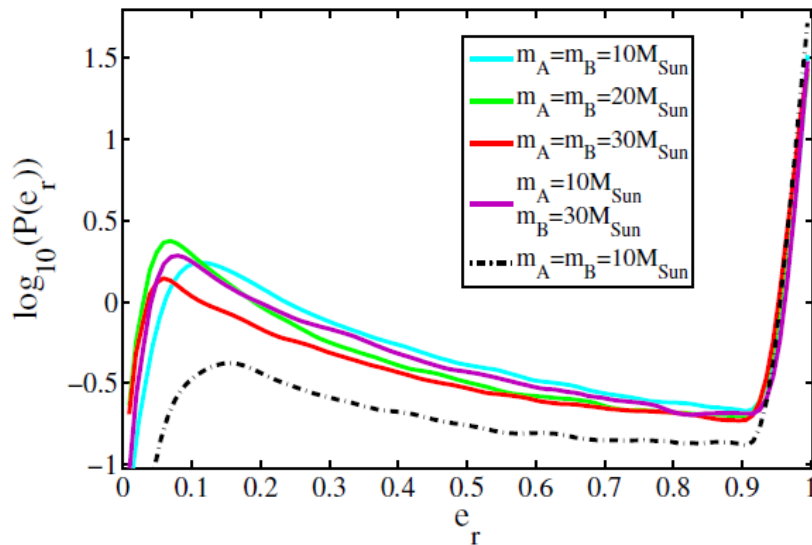


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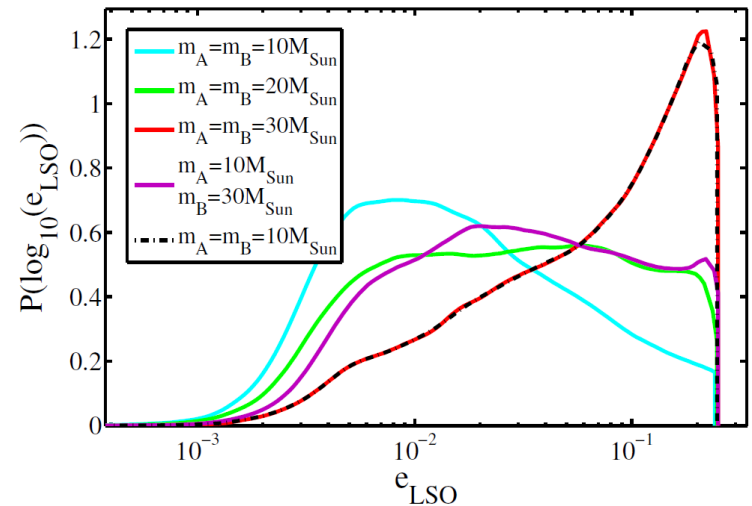
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**Eccentricity distribution** when ALIGO first sees it (design sensitivity)



$\rightarrow$  **Eccentricity distribution** reveals **mass segregation**

cf. measurement accuracy  $\Delta e_{\text{LSO}} \sim 10^{-2} - 10^{-3}$

$30M_{\text{Sun}} + 30M_{\text{Sun}}$  @ 1Gpc

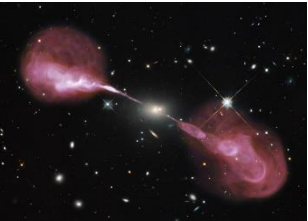
# Eccentric sources: rates from different channels

	GW capture (single-single interactions)	Hierarchical triples (Kozai-Lidov effect)	Binary-single interactions
Nuclear star clusters	0.01-0.1 (this work) 0.8 (O'Leary+09) 0.02 (Tsang 2013)	? (Hoang+2018)	0? (Antonini & Rasio 2016)
Globular clusters	?	0.04 (Antonini+2016)	0.05 - 0.5 (Samsing+2018, Rodriguez+2018)
Galactic field	0?	0.002 - 0.1 ? (Silsbee&Tremaine 2017) 0.01 - 0.04 (Antonini+2017)	?

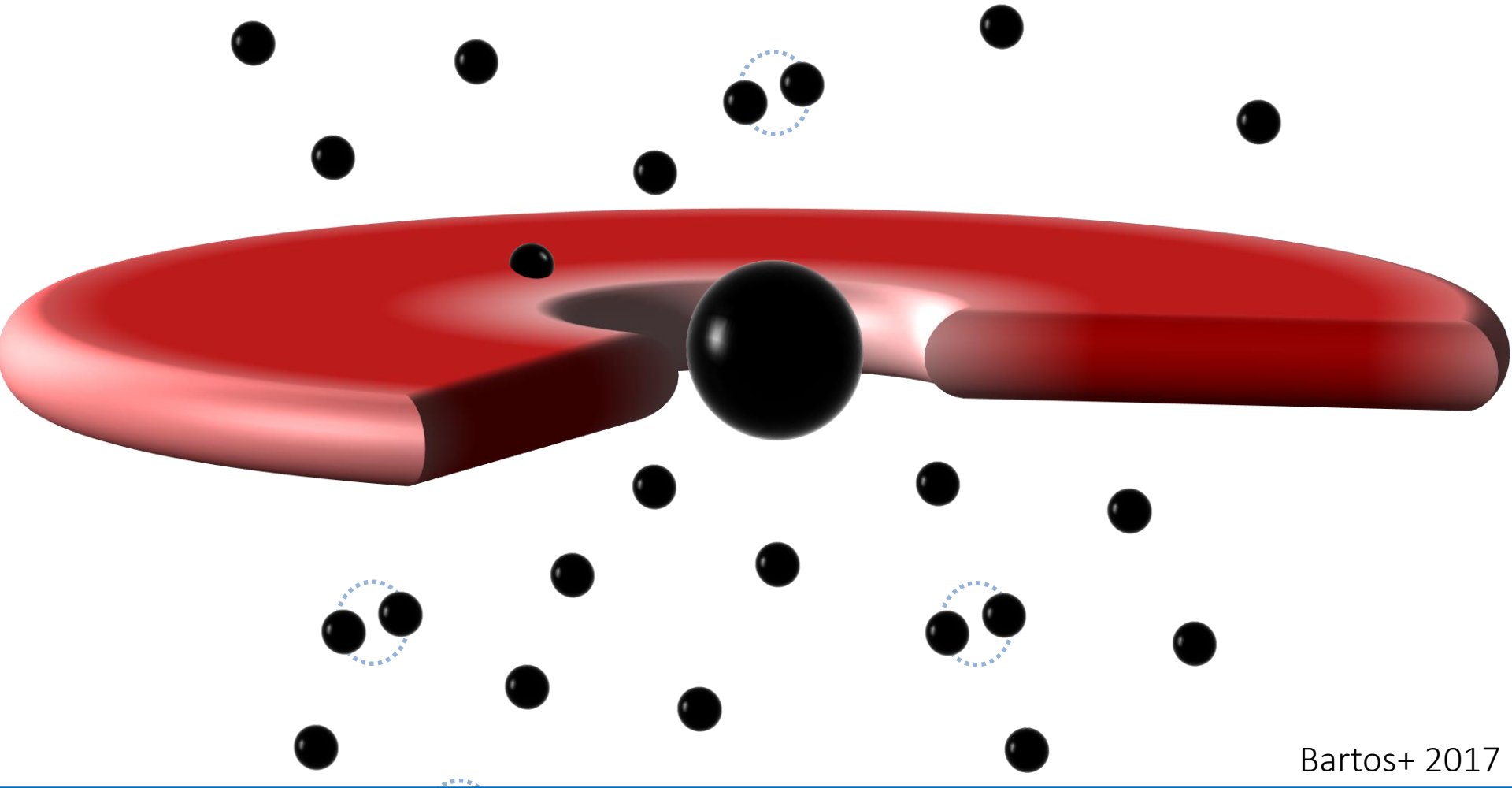


**Mergers with EM counterparts**



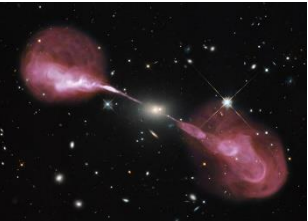


# GW sources in active galactic nuclei

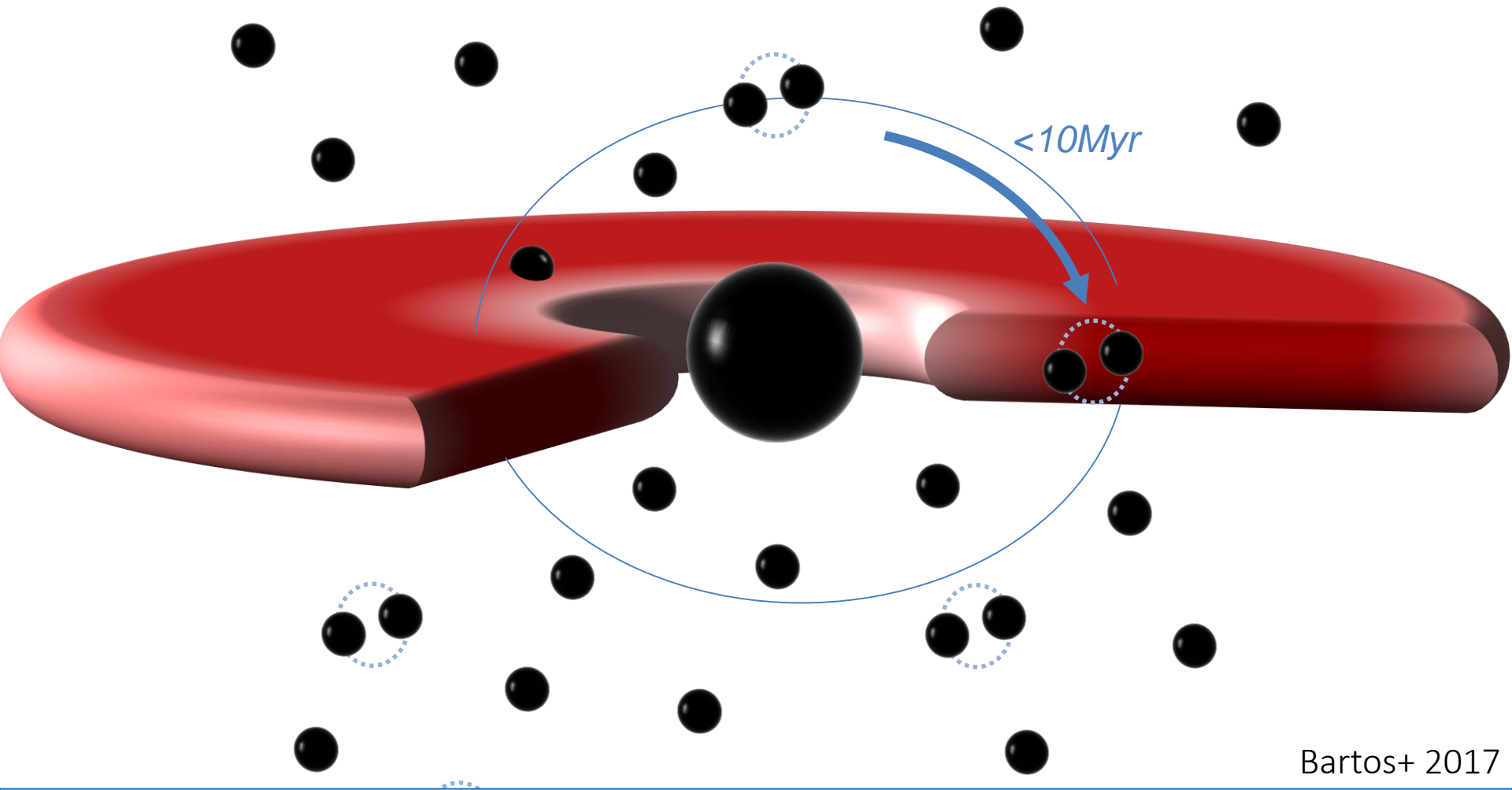


Bartos+ 2017

There are large amounts of gas at the centers of 1% of galaxies (AGN)<sup>47</sup>

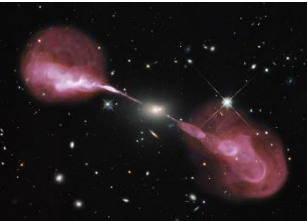


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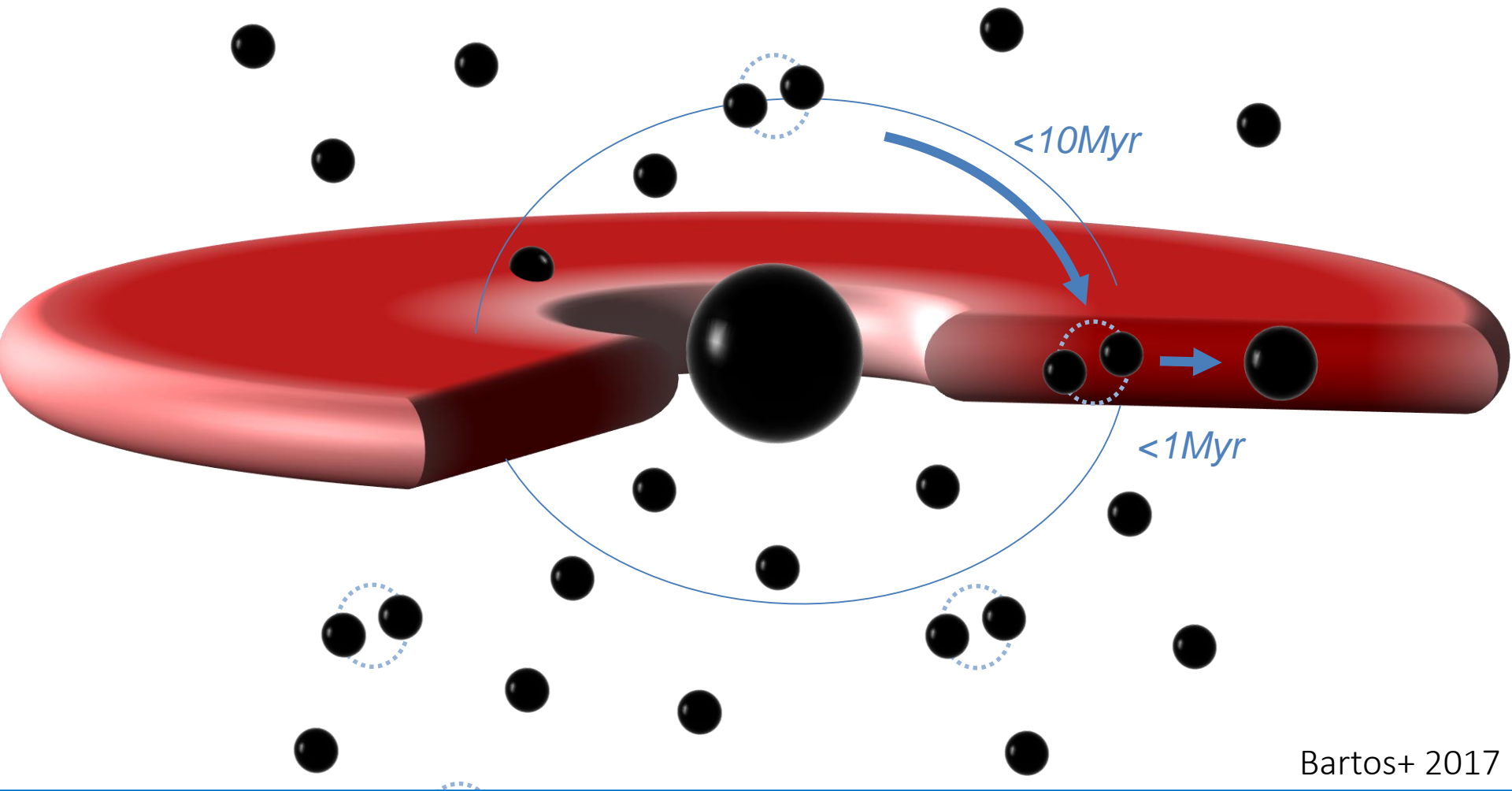


Bartos+ 2017

Get captured by the disk...

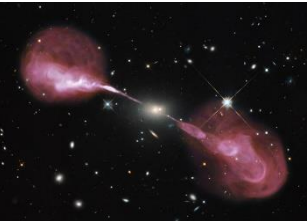


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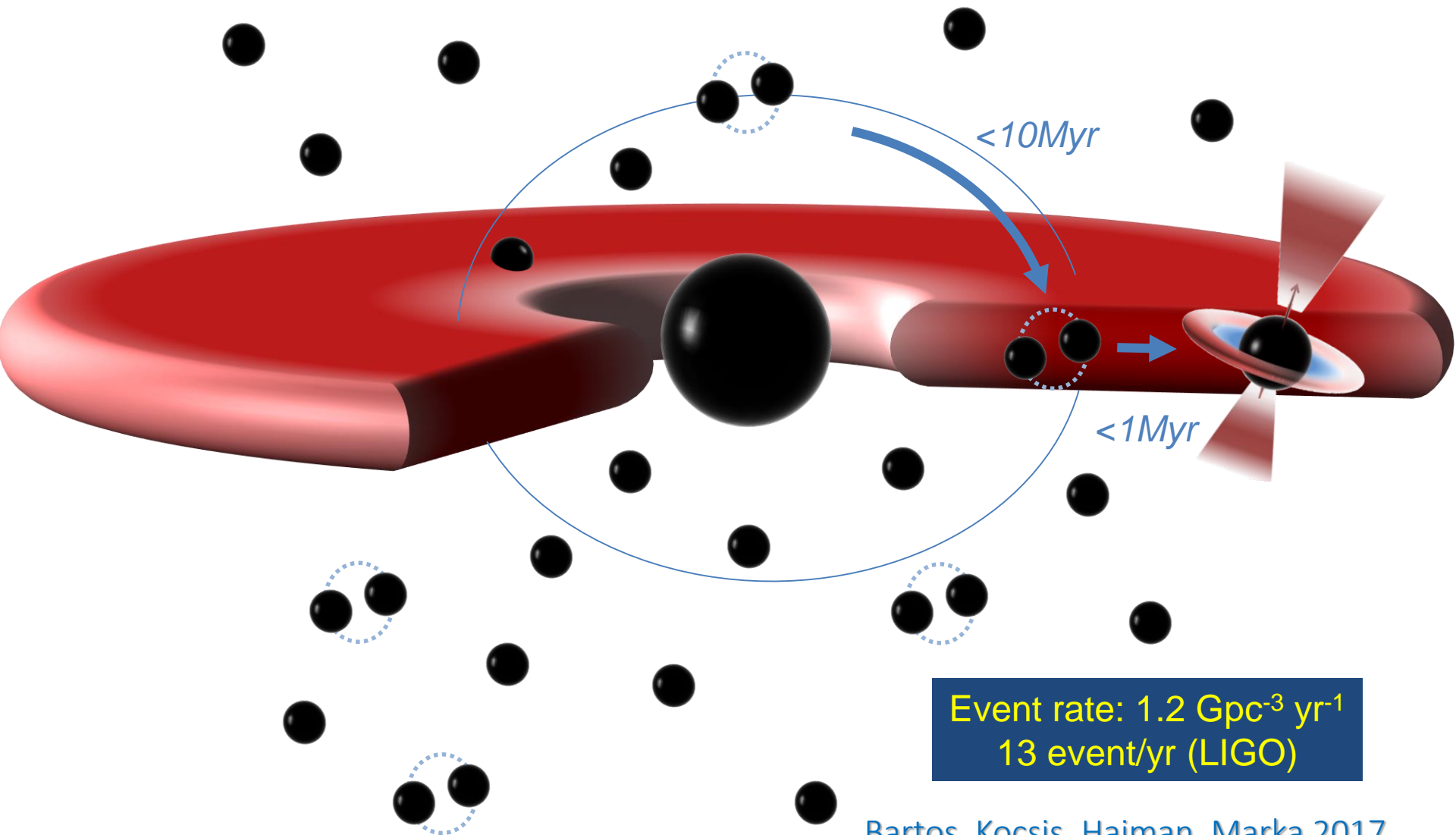


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...and then quickly merge due to dynamical friction on the gas



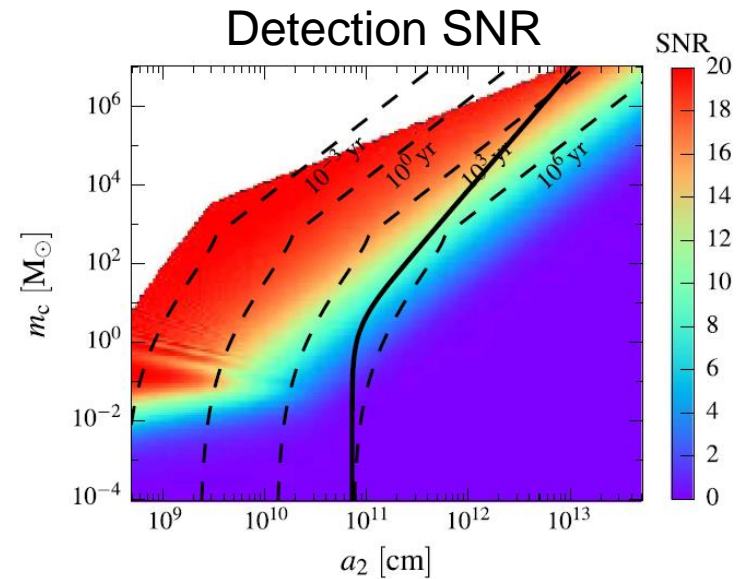
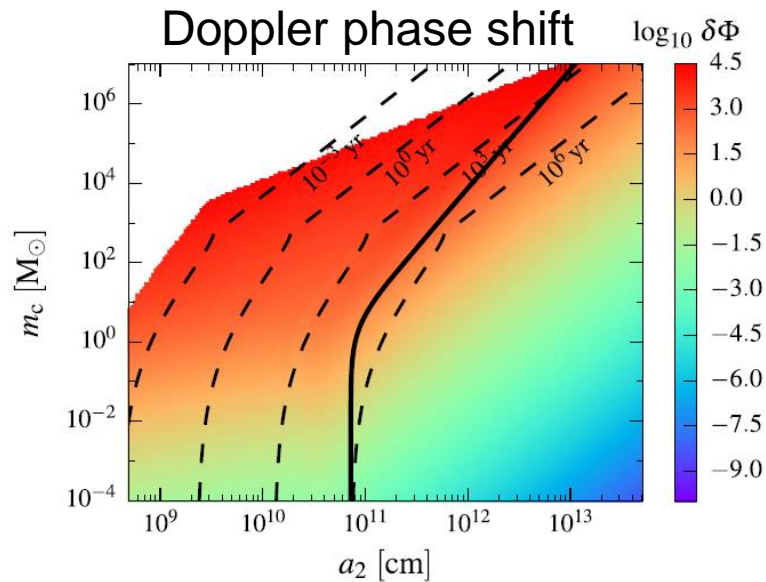
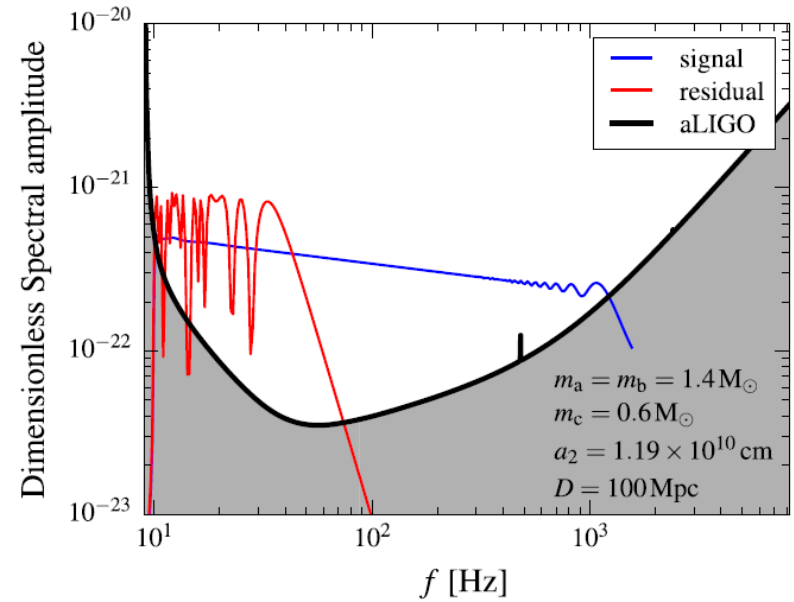
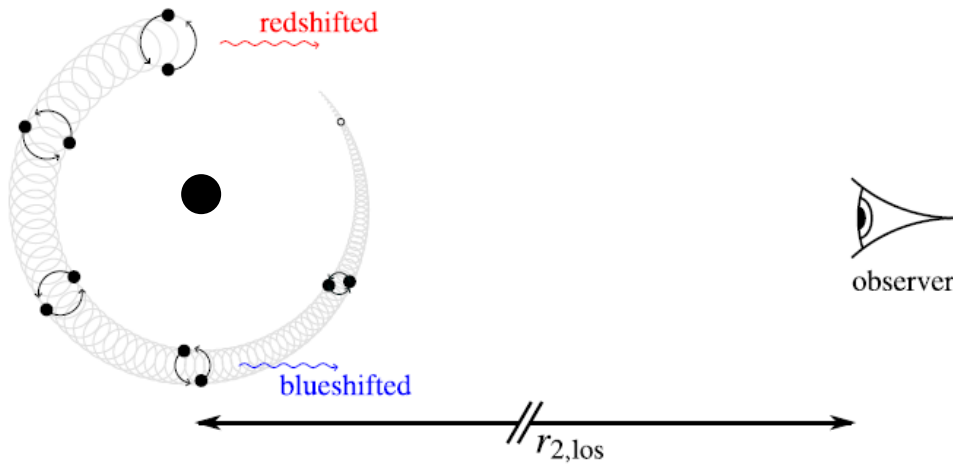
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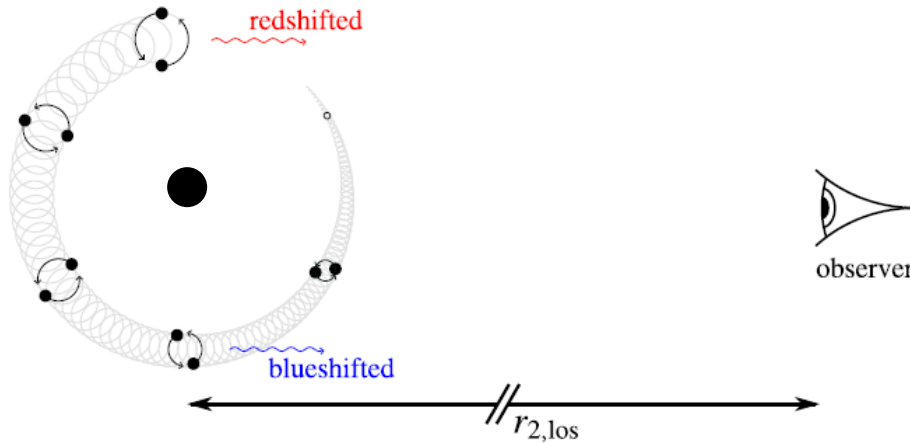
Bartos, Kocsis, Haiman, Marka 2017  
Stone, Metzger, Haiman 2017

**Smoking gun signatures  
to identify origin of source**

# SMBH/AGN source with LIGO



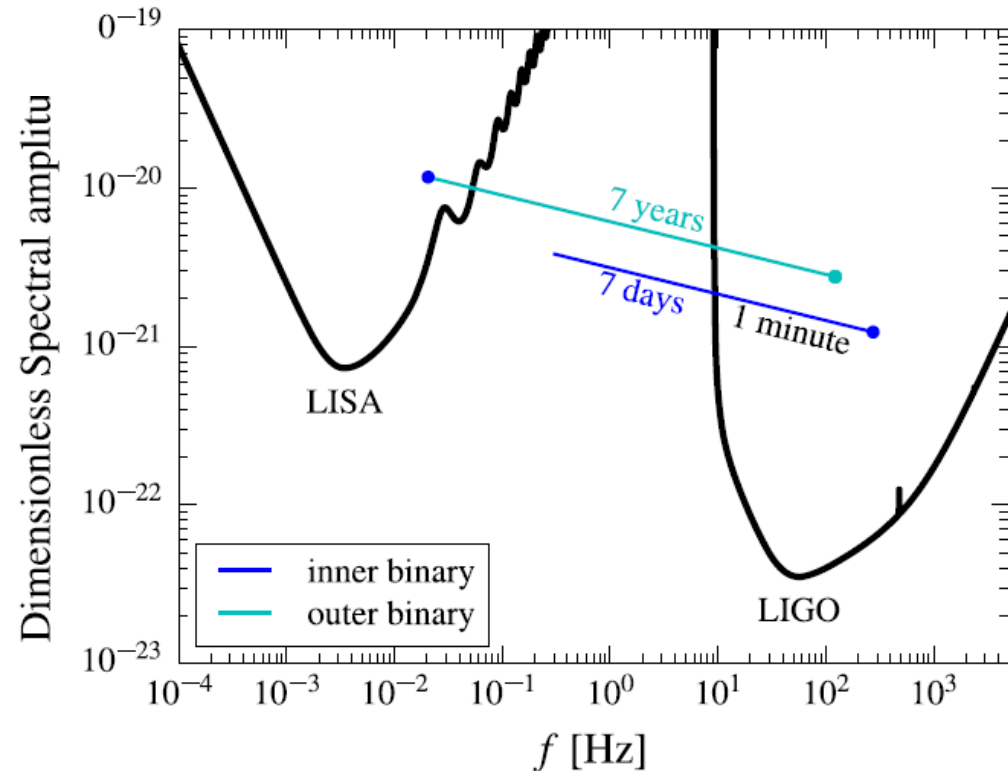
# SMBH/AGN source with LIGO+LISA



- LISA+LIGO coincident detection of triple inspiral
- LIGO detection of GW mass loss
- LISA detection of GW mass loss
- Later: LIGO detection of merger (if stellar-mass triple)

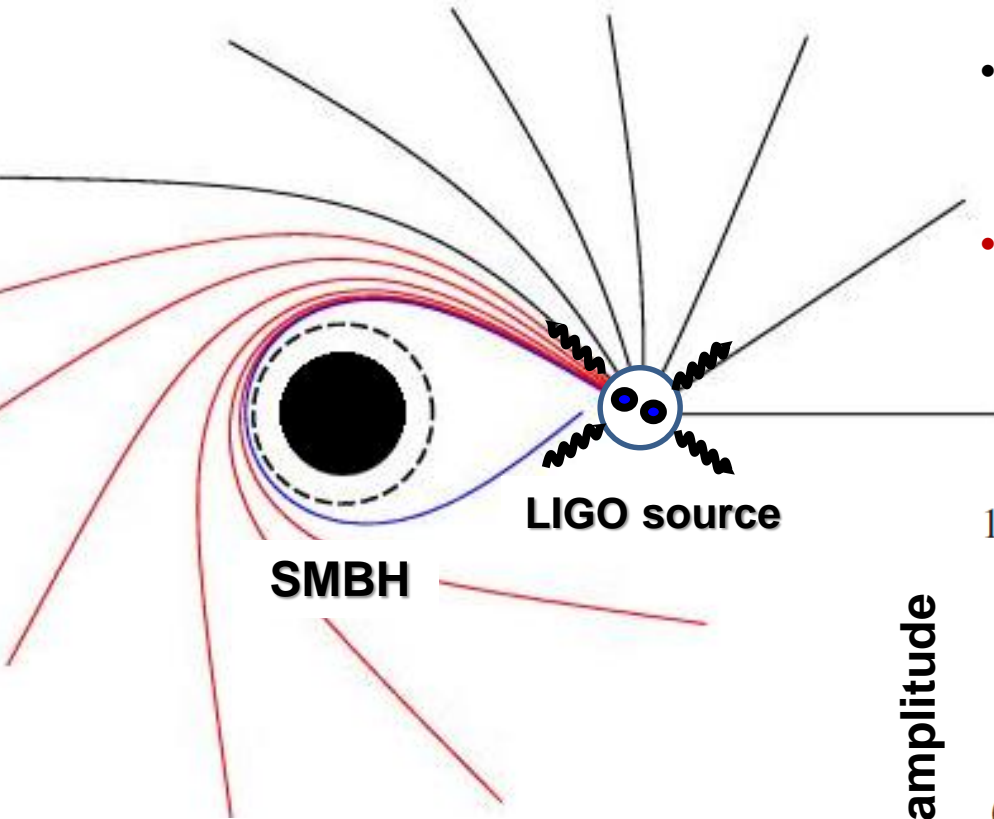
Test of general relativity

see also Sesana (2016), Inayoshi+ (2017)





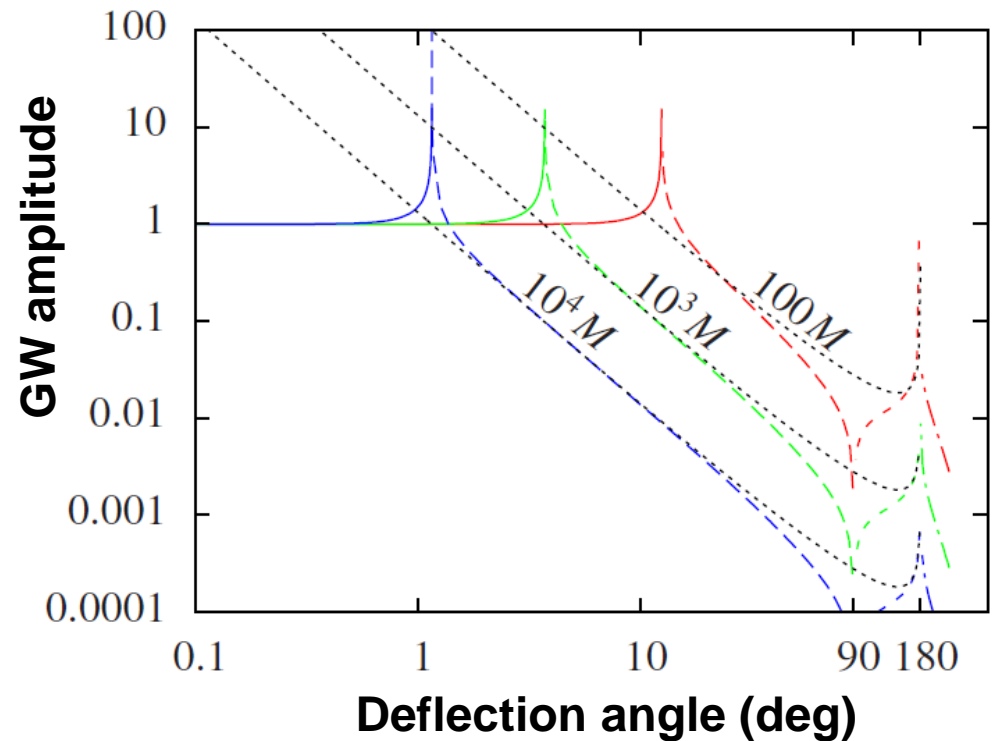
# GW echos



- GW rays are deflected around supermassive black holes
- Echo amplitude depends on distance to SMBH and deflection angle

GW echo arrives in

$$14\text{h} \times (1 - \cos \alpha) M_6 (r / 10^4 M)$$



**What about  
intermediate mass black holes?**

**$100 M_{\text{Sun}} - 10^5 M_{\text{Sun}}$**

# intermediate mass black holes

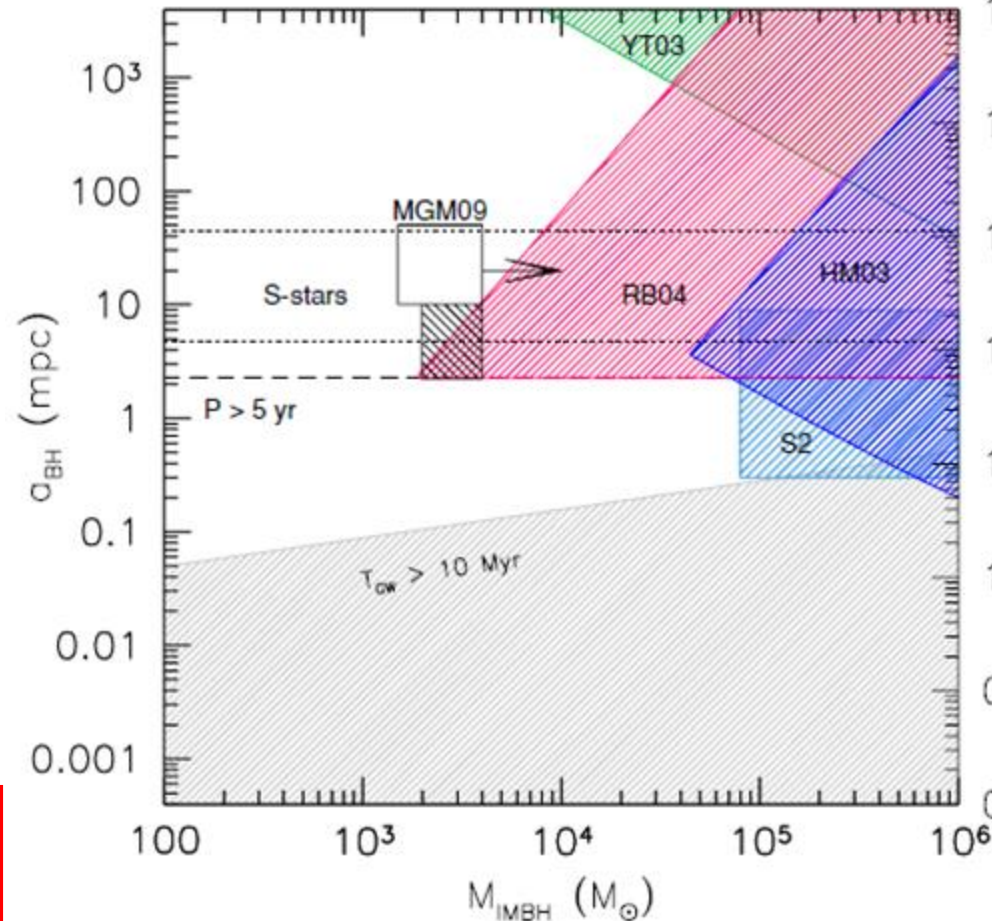
## Theory

### Formation

- Early universe:
  - collapse of the first stars (Madau & Reese '01)
- Globular clusters
  - runaway collisions (Portegies Zwart & McMillan '02)
  - mergers of stellar mass black holes (Miller & Hamilton '02)
  - dynamical friction
    - IMBH deposited in the galactic center
- In accretion disks (Goodman & Tan 04', McKernan+ '12, '14; Leigh+)

~ 50 IMBHs within 10 pc  
~ 8,000 IMBHs within 1kpc

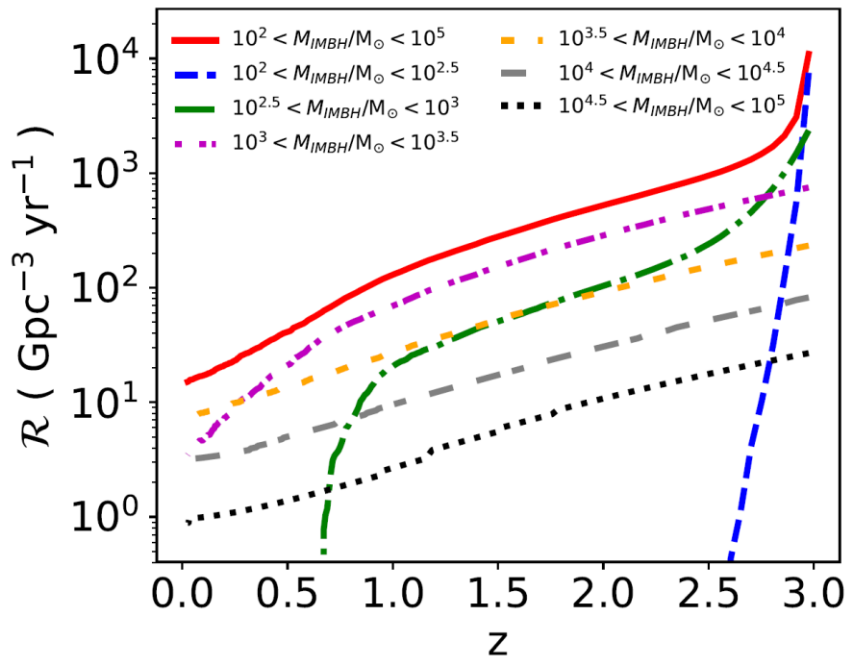
## Observational constraints



Yu & Tremaine (2003)  
Gualandris & Merritt (2009)

# GWs from intermediate mass black holes

IMBH + BH mergers in globular clusters



$M < 300 M_{\text{sun}} @ z > 2.6$  ☹️

$>300 M_{\text{sun}}$  mergers are closer ( $z > 0.6$ )  
but currently not detectable due to  
low-frequency noise

Advanced LIGO @ design sensitivity  
and LISA should see them 😊 😊

# Take-away

- **New ideas are needed** to identify the most common source
    - fallback driven mergers ?
    - disrupted globular clusters ?
    - black hole disks?
  - Discriminate LIGO sources using **2D mass distribution**
    - 4 for globular clusters
    - 2 for galactic nuclei
    - 1 for primordial black holes
- $$-(m_1 + m_2)^2 \frac{\partial^2}{\partial m_1 \partial m_2} \ln \mathcal{R}(m_1, m_2, t).$$
- **Eccentricity** measurable at design sensitivity
    - Delta e ~ 0.01
  - **Smoking gun signatures** in some cases
    - Doppler phase
    - GW echo for a few percent of these
  - **IMBH discovery expected** at LIGO design sensitivity

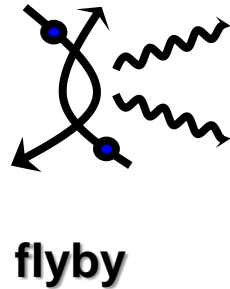
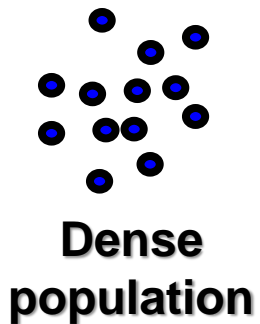




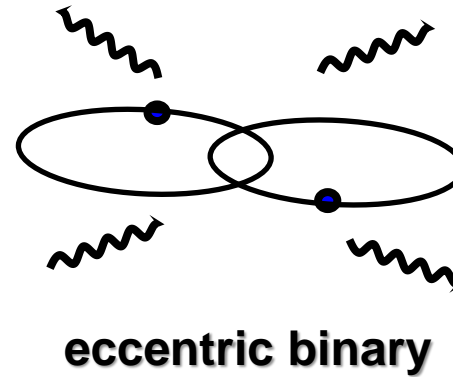
**GW sources in galactic nuclei**  
**4 channels**



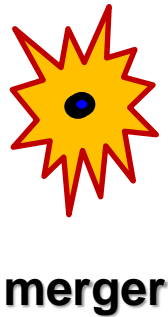
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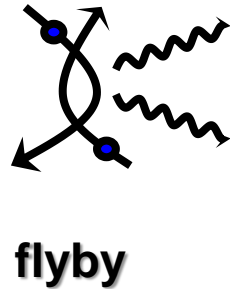
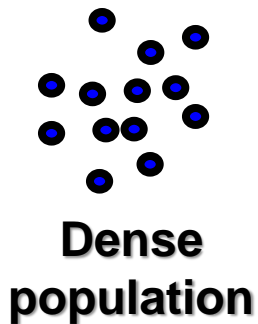


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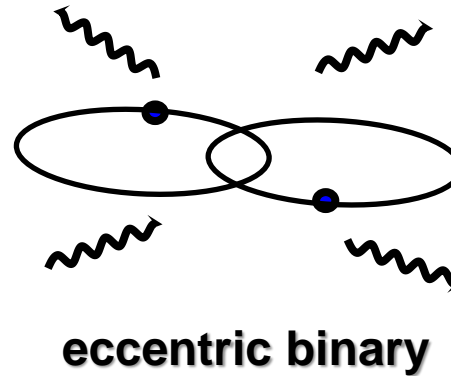
BH merger rate:  
 $\sim 1 - 5 / \text{Gpc}^3 / \text{yr}$

- multimass Fokker-Planck model
- secret ingredient

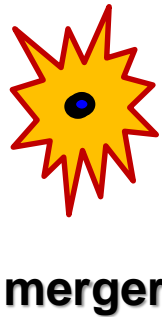
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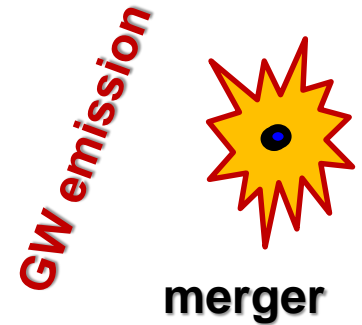
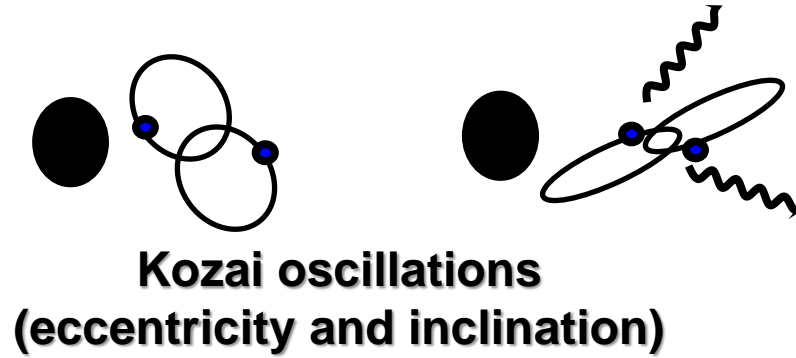
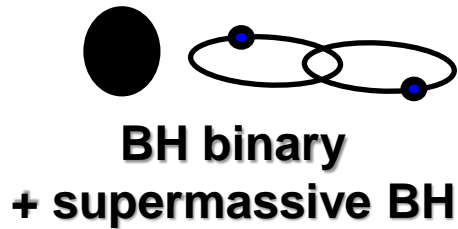


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BH merger rate:  
~ few / Gpc<sup>3</sup> / yr

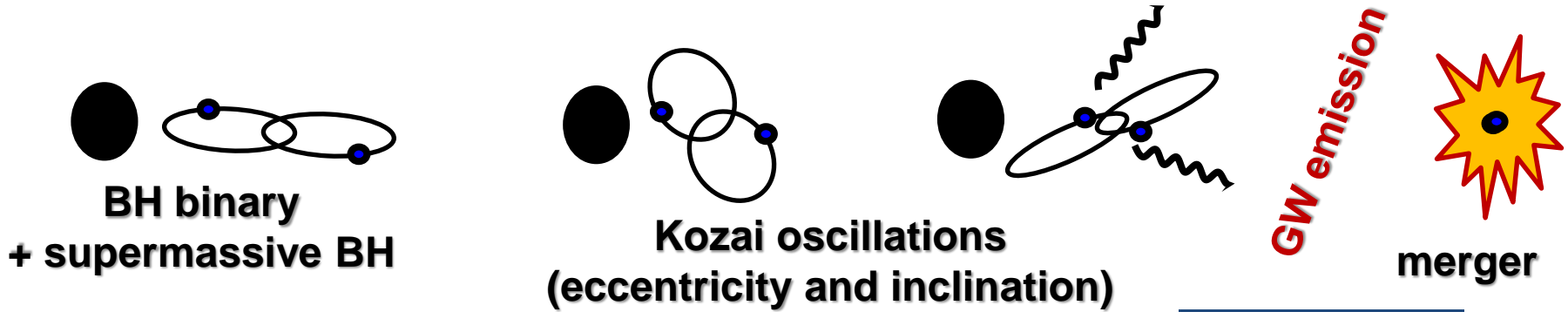
- multimass Fokker-Planck model
- **secret ingredient: heavy BHs** ( $m > 25 M_{\text{sun}}$  needed)
  - sink to center from far away within a Hubble time
  - high number density at the center  $n \sim 10^{10} \text{ pc}^{-3}$
  - retained due to SMBH
- Merger rate/galaxy  $\sim n^2 \sigma v$ 
  - independent of SMBH mass  $\rightarrow$  dwarf galaxies contribute

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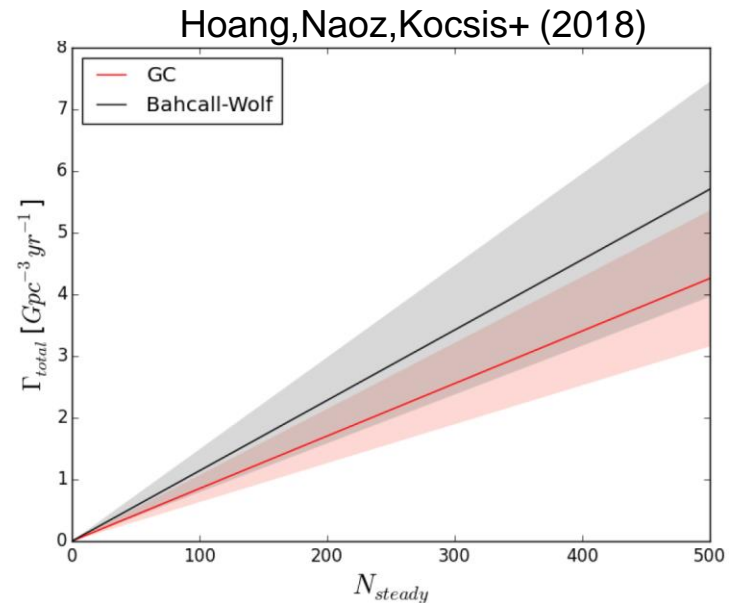
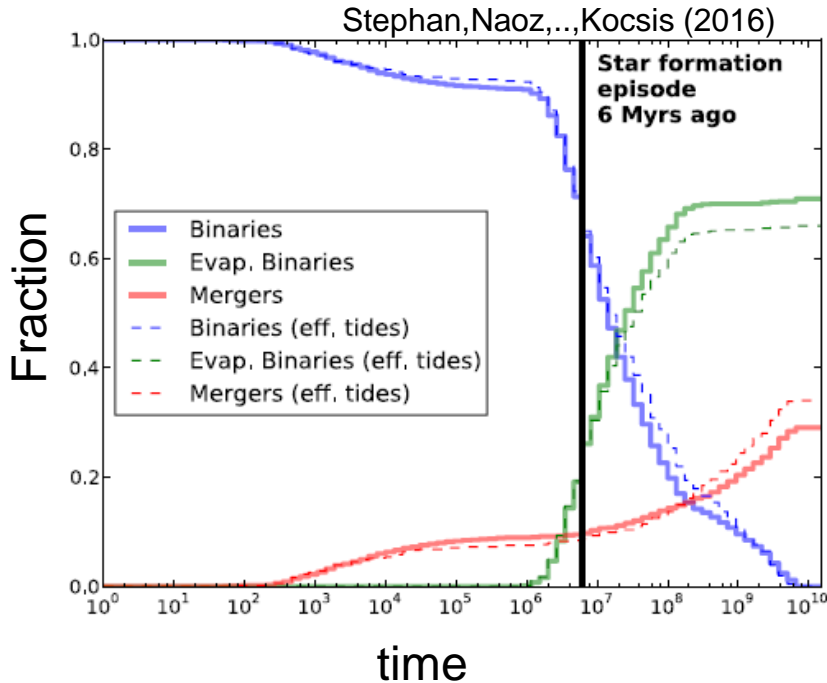
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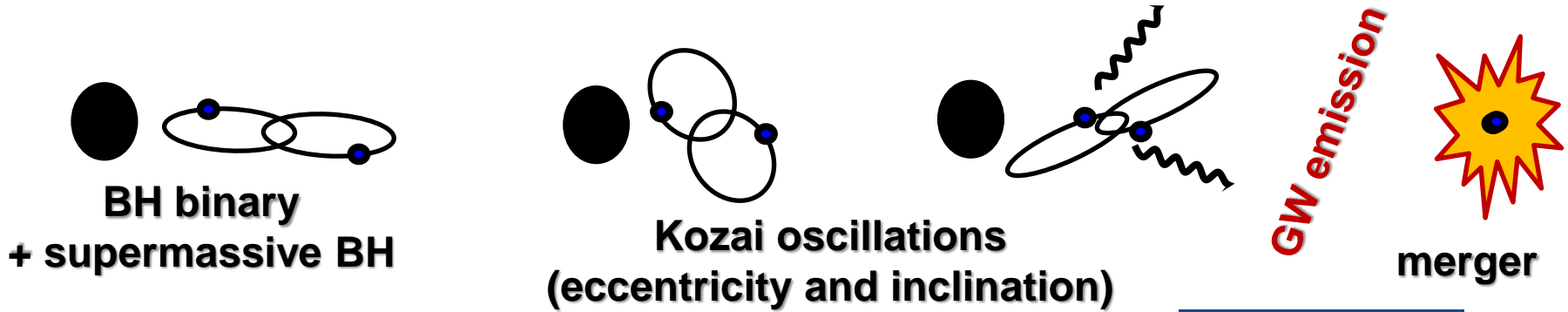


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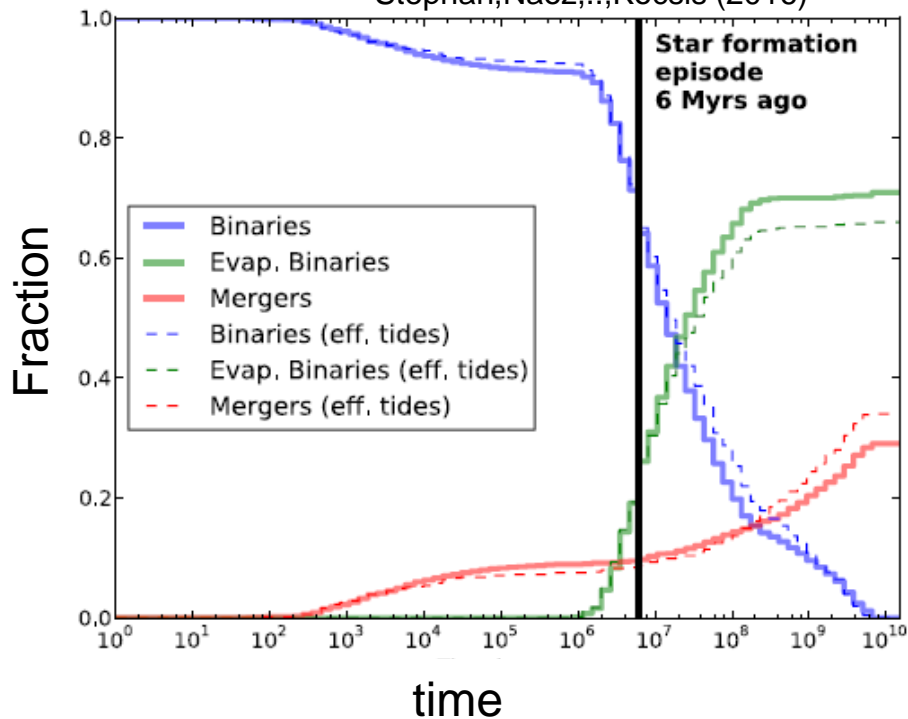


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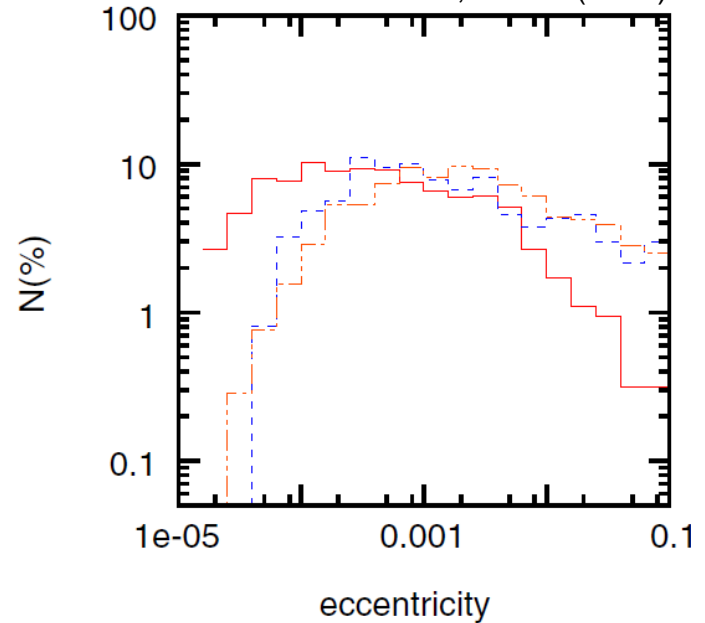
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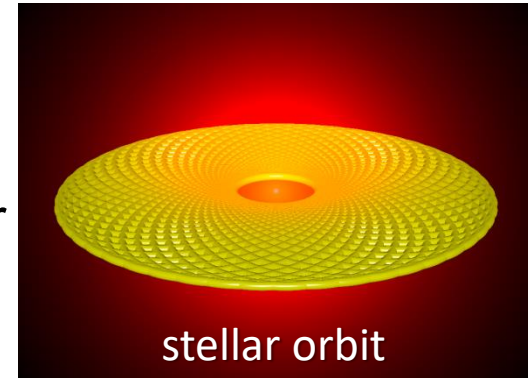
Antonini, Perets (2012)



# 4. Black hole disks

## Motion of stars in the galactic disk:

- Elliptic orbit around supermassive black hole
- Precession due to spherical component of star cluster



Orbital planes reorient and relax very quickly

Long term gravitational interaction  
of stellar orbits

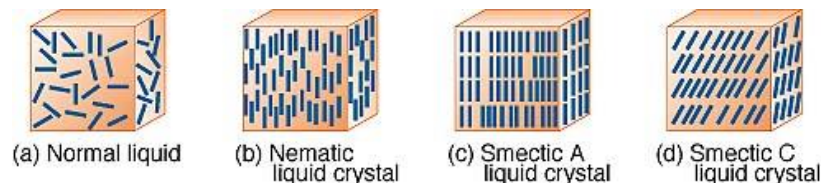
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Interaction among liquid crystal  
molecules

(Kocsis+Tremaine 2015, Kocsis+Tremaine in prep., Roupas+Kocsis+Tremaine in prep)

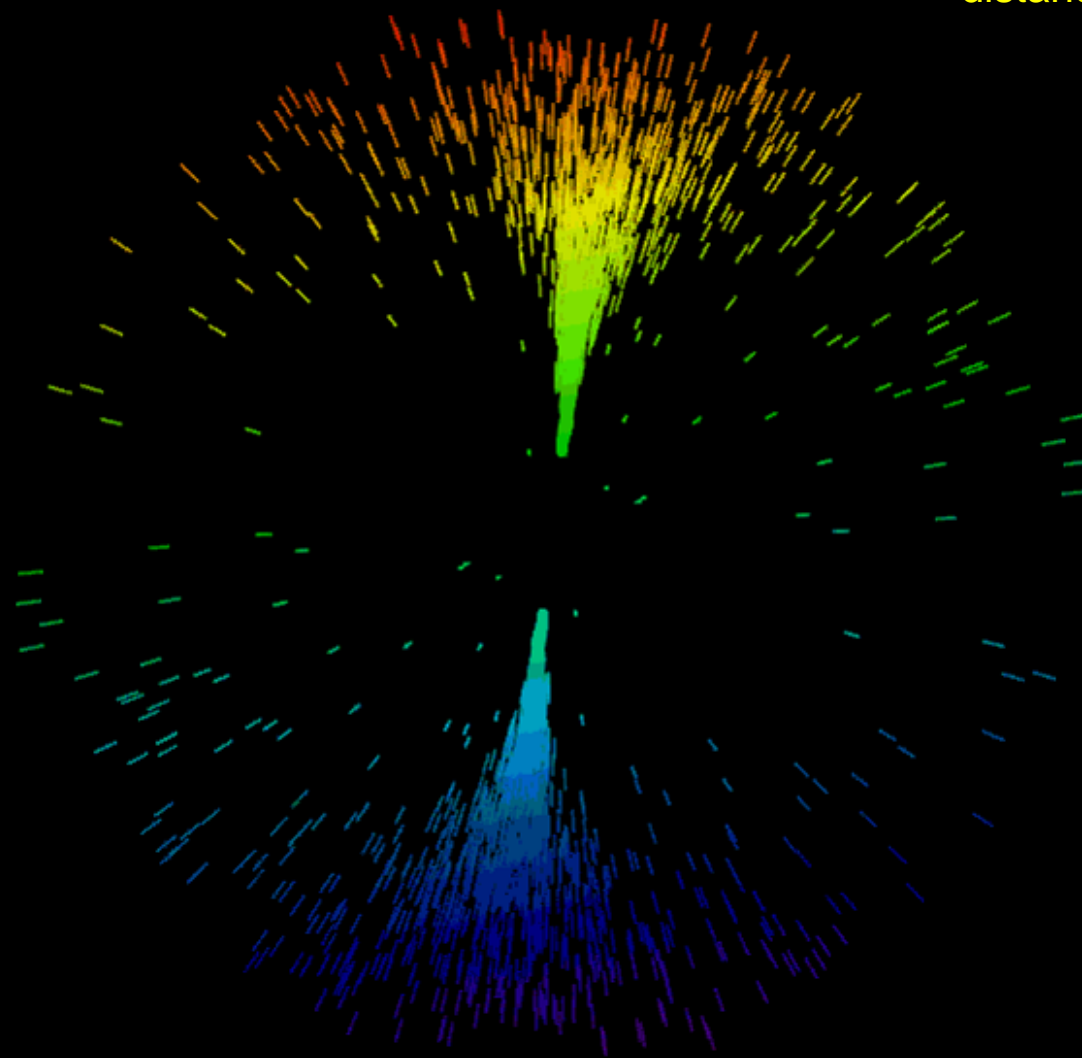
## Maximum entropy:

- massive objects: ordered phase
- light objects: spherical phase
- Implication: Black hole disks !



# Thermal equilibrium (maximum entropy)

Orbit normal vectors as a function of distance



Outer radius  
Inner radius

- Stars
  - Same mass and eccentricity
- microcanonical ensemble

**Phase transition in orientation**

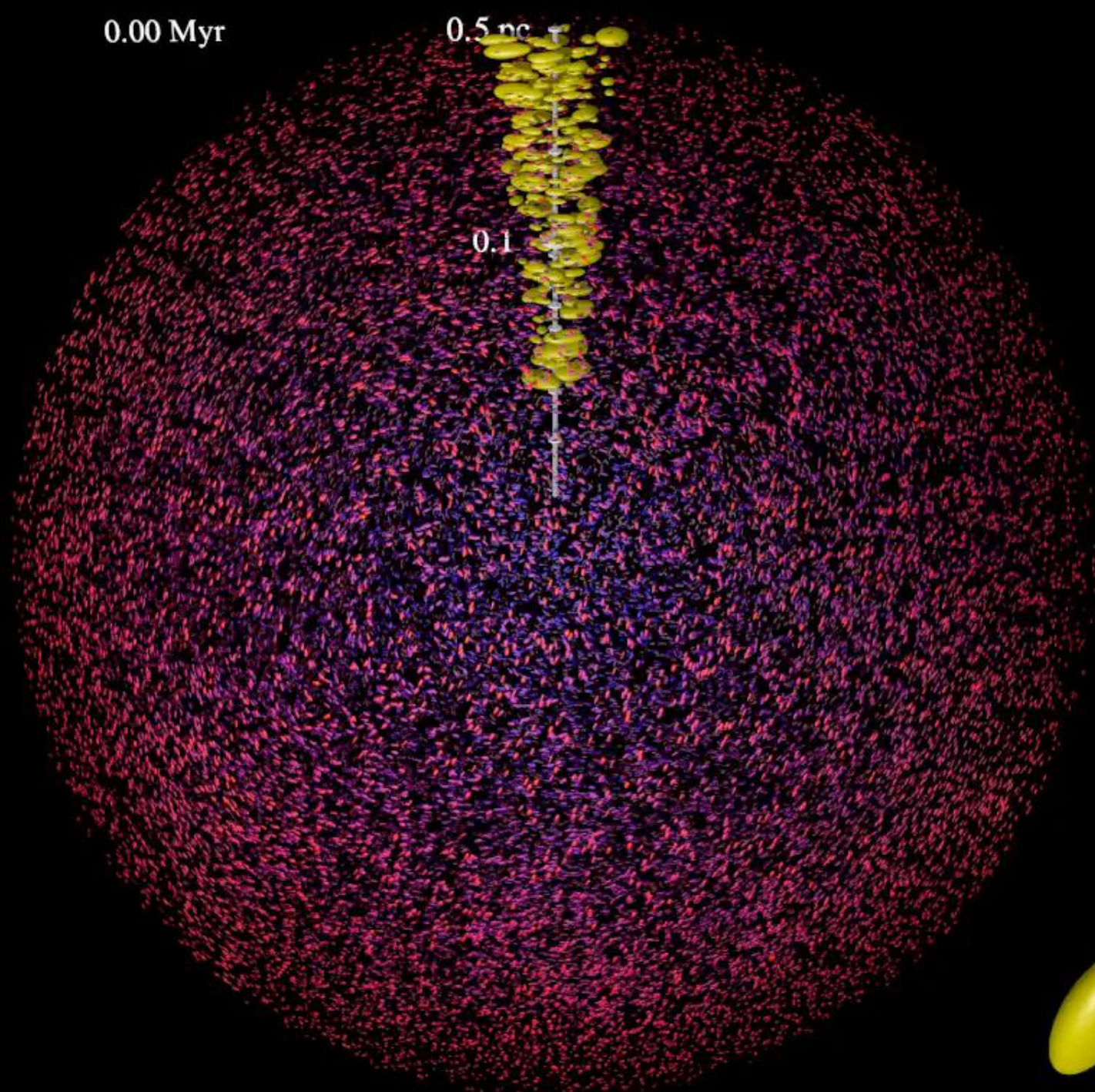
Monte Carlo Markov Chain simulation



0.00 Myr

0.5 pc  $\tau$

0.1





# Final state of relaxation

- Massive objects in a disk inside
- Spherical distribution outside

Three snapshots:

