

Title: Astrphysics of coalescing compact object binaries

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Abstract: <p>The recent detections of gravitational waves from compact object binary
lead to detailed investigations of the origin of these objects. In my talk

I will discuss the questions: What is the astrophysical origin of these objects?

What do these detections tell us about the formation of black holes and neutron stars?

What are the main problems that they pose?

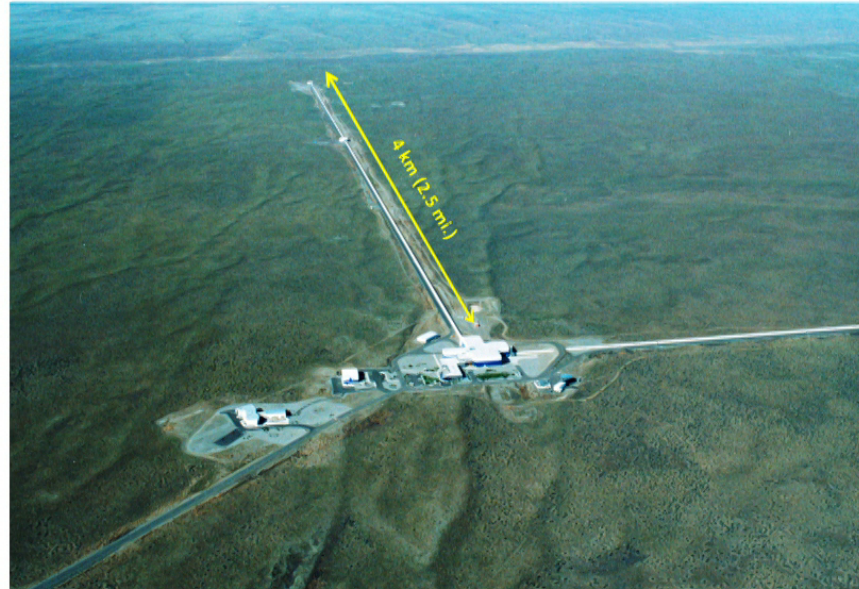
What to expect in the coming gravitational observations?</p>

The plan

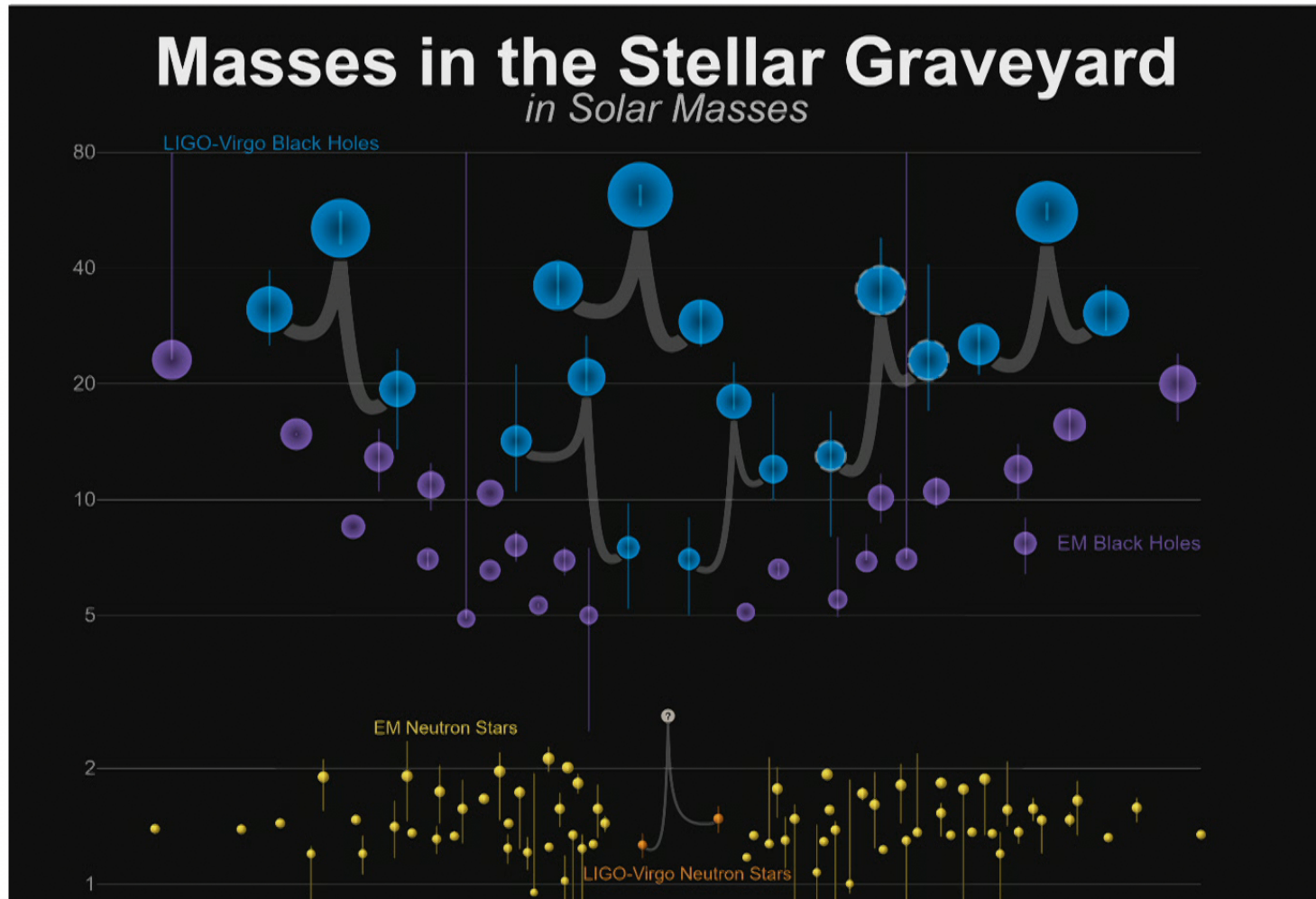
- Observations (finally!!!)
- Models to pick from (too many??)
- Constraints on the models
- Hopes and expectations

Observations

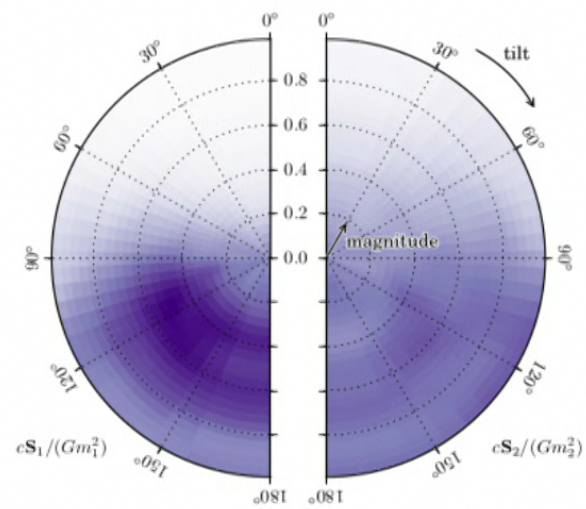
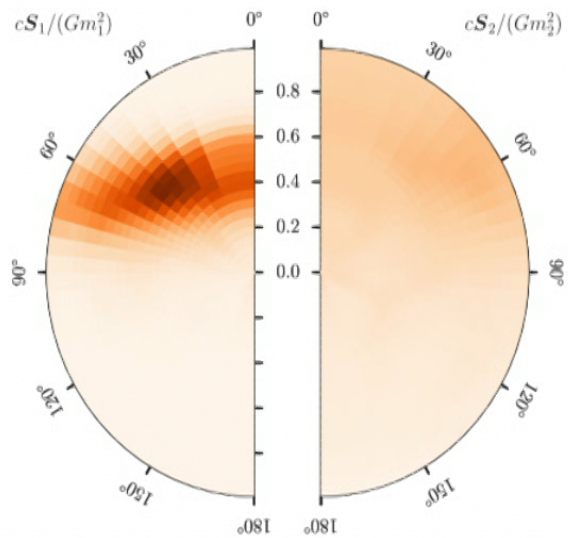
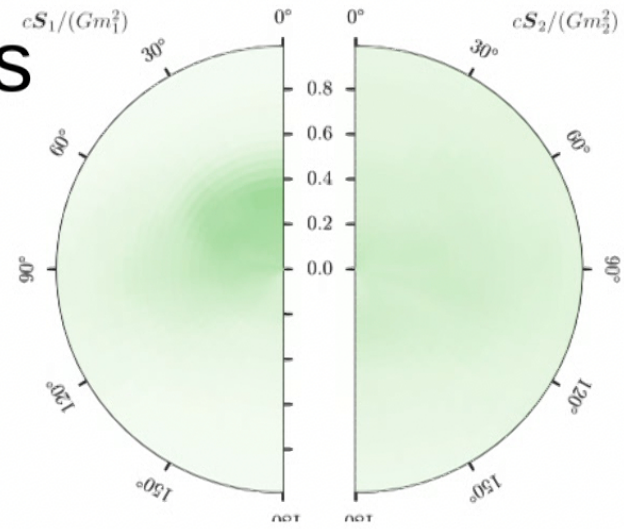
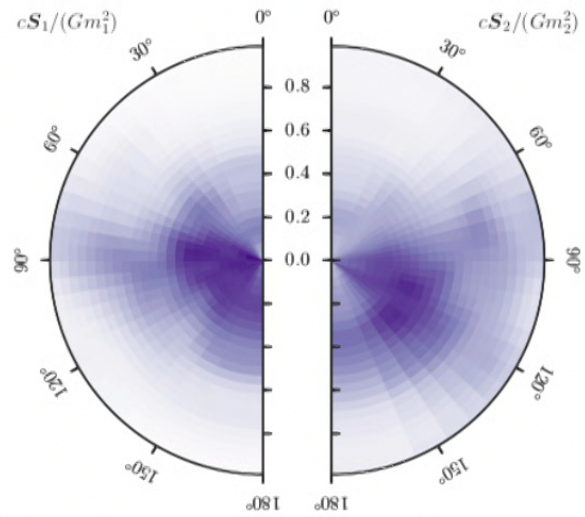
- Masses
- Spins
- Rate densities
- Locations
- Counterparts



Observations - masses



Spins

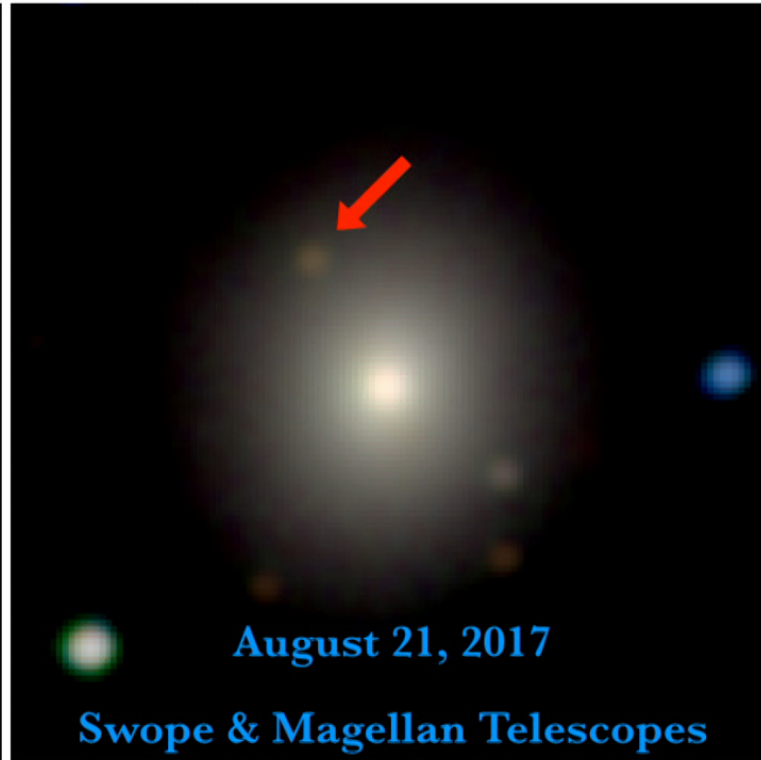


The merger rate densities

- BBH estimate 12-213 $\text{Gpc}^{-3}\text{yr}^{-1}$
- BNS estimate $R = 1540_{-1220}^{+3200} \text{Gpc}^{-3}\text{yr}^{-1}$
- Models have to explain these numbers!

Host galaxy

SSS17a

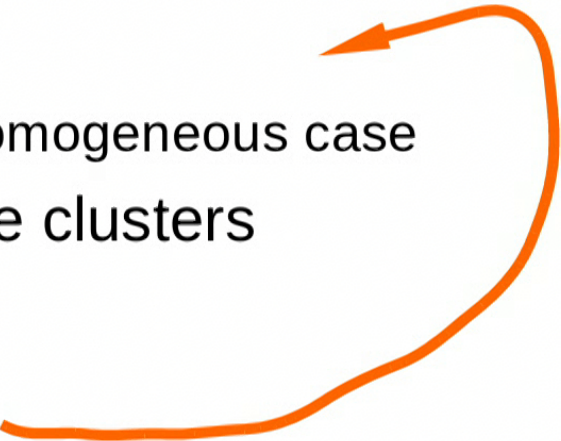


NGC 4993 – old elliptical galaxy

Basic challenges to the models

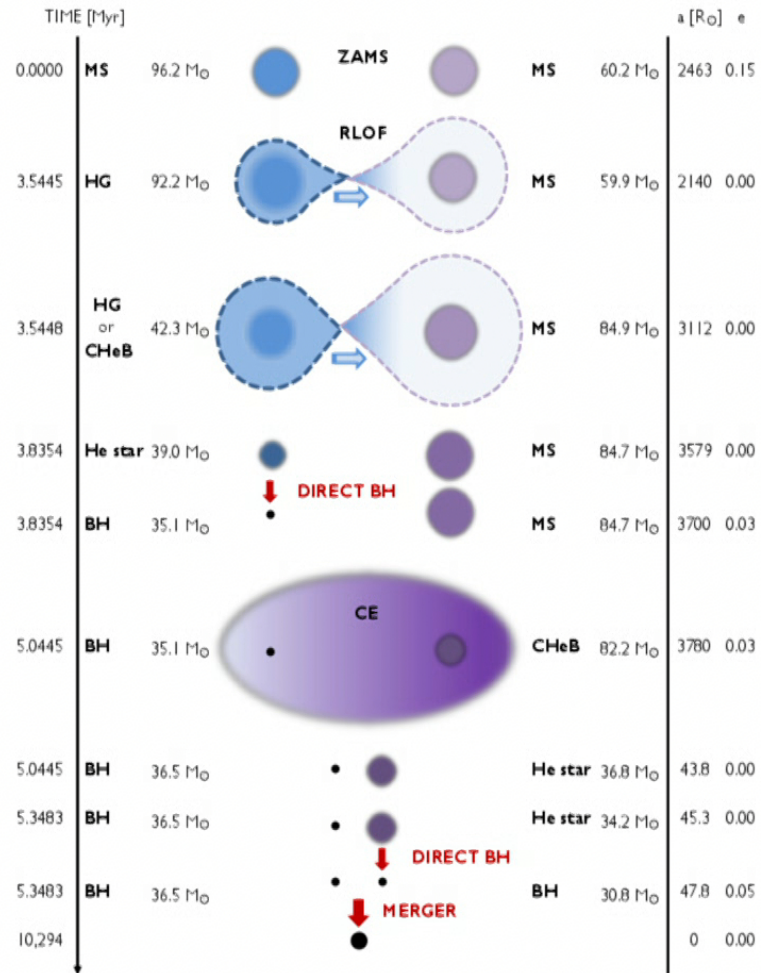
- How to make tight -merging - binaries even though the stars must have been much larger
- How to get the right mass distribution
- Be consistent with the spin constraints
- How to make the right number of binaries
- Host galaxies

Models to pick from

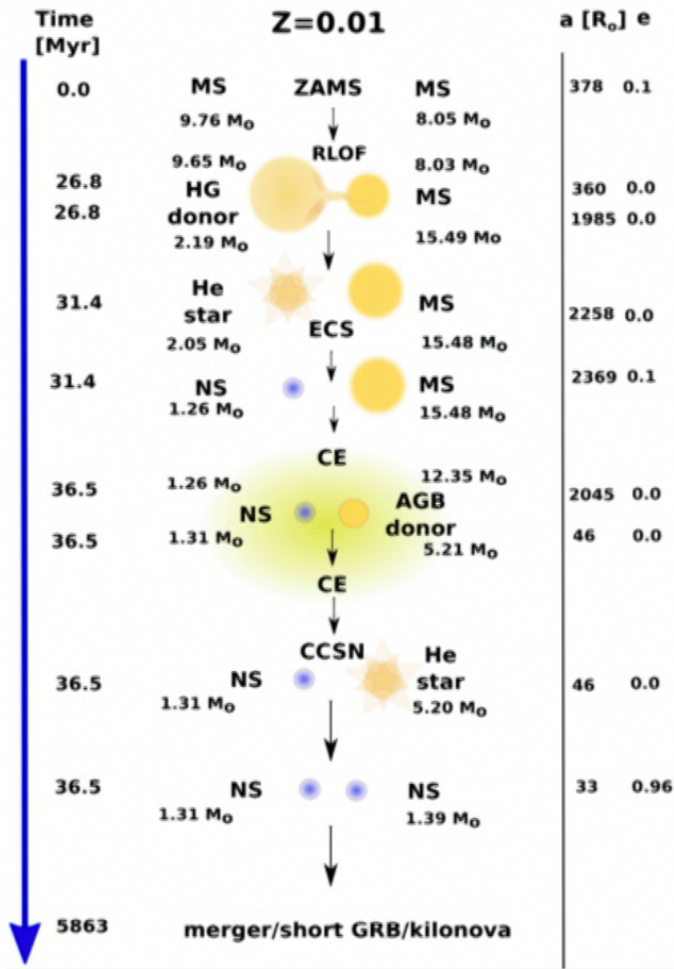
- Binary evolution
 - Standard
 - Chemically homogeneous case
 - Evolution in the clusters
 - Exotica
 - Pop III stars
 - Exceptional environments.
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Basic binary evolution scenario

CE →



BNS



Delay distribution:

Typically

$$\frac{dN}{dt} \propto t^{-1}$$

for delay times above ~10Myr.

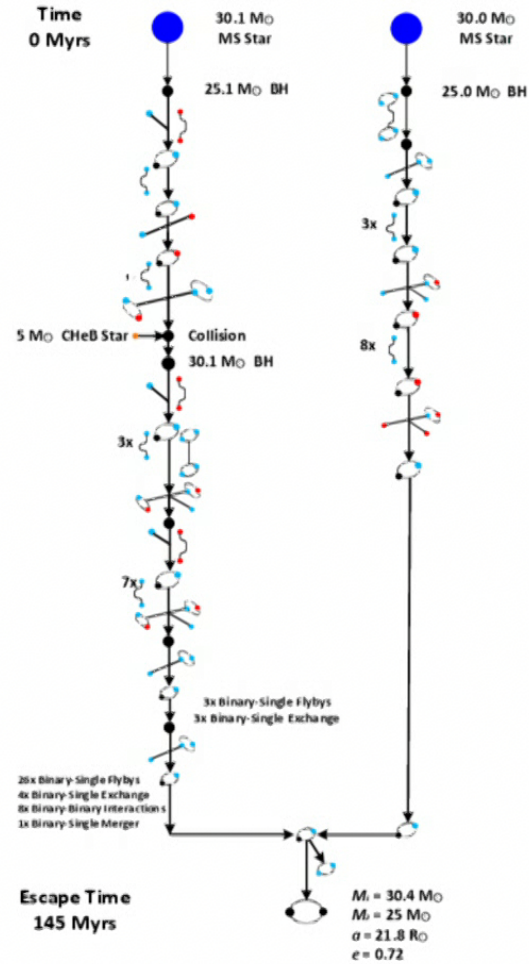
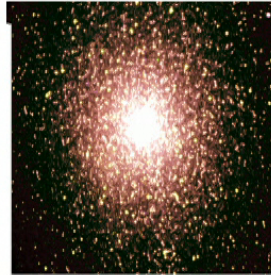
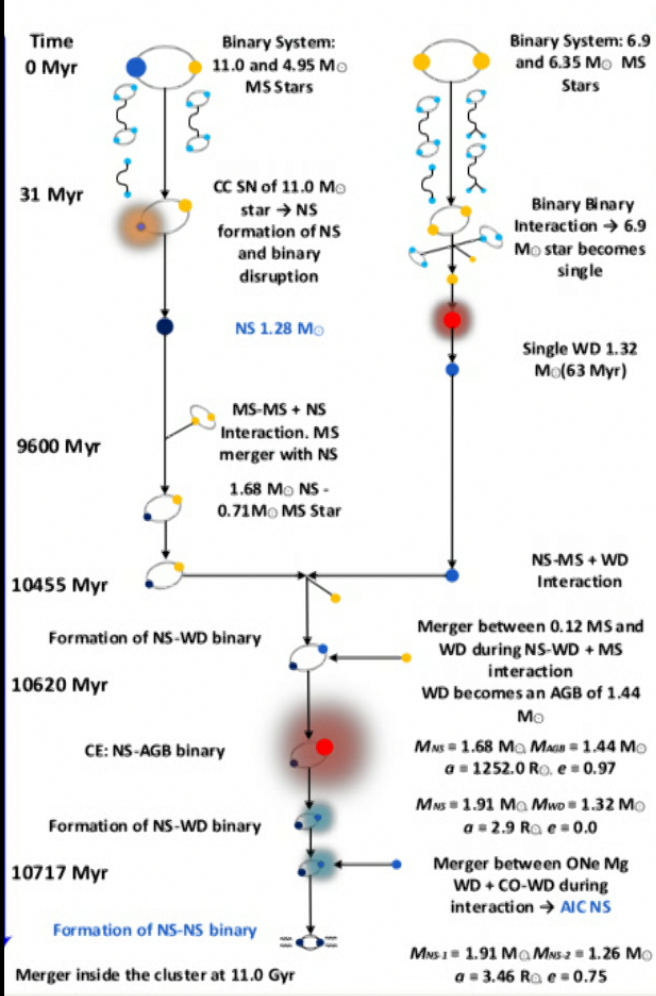
Properties

- A generic scenario
- Most likely low metallicity needed for BHBH
- Spins tend to be aligned
- Need to pass through CE
- Delays between formation and merger.

Chemically homogeneous evolution

- Quick rotation mixes stellar composition
- Stars do not expand
- A close binary can stay close with no need for CE
- Nearly equal masses
- Aligned spins

Clusters



Properties

- Globular clusters constitute $\sim 1\%$ of stellar mass
- Exchanges facilitate making merging binaries
- Ejections or hierarchical mergers
- Spins random

Exotica

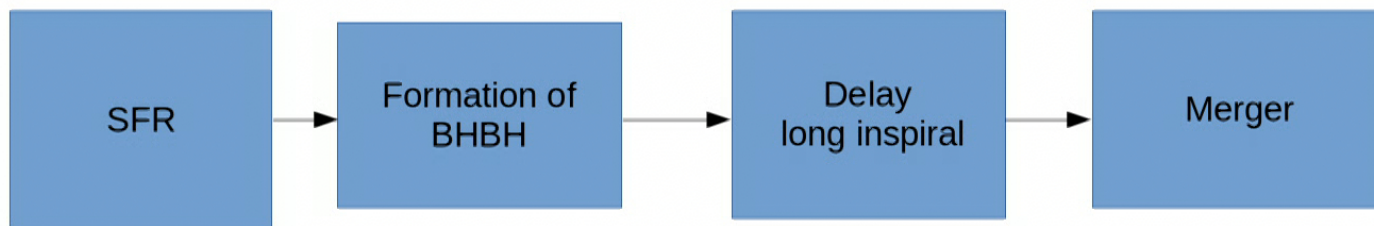
- Population III stars
 - Essentially a submodel of low metallicity binaries
- Primordial binaries
 - Why the masses?
 - Why now?

The merger rate densities

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- The local supernova rate $\sim 10^5 \text{Gpc}^{-3}\text{yr}^{-1}$
- The BH formation rate is $\sim 10^4 \text{Gpc}^{-3}\text{yr}^{-1}$
- About 1 black hole in a 100 ends up in a merging binary
- Similarly BNS: 1 in 100 is in a merging binary!

Local merger rates

- Fraction of mass processed stars
- Delays due to merger time
- Current merger rate is determined by the tail of the delay distribution for Pop III or GC models



Rates

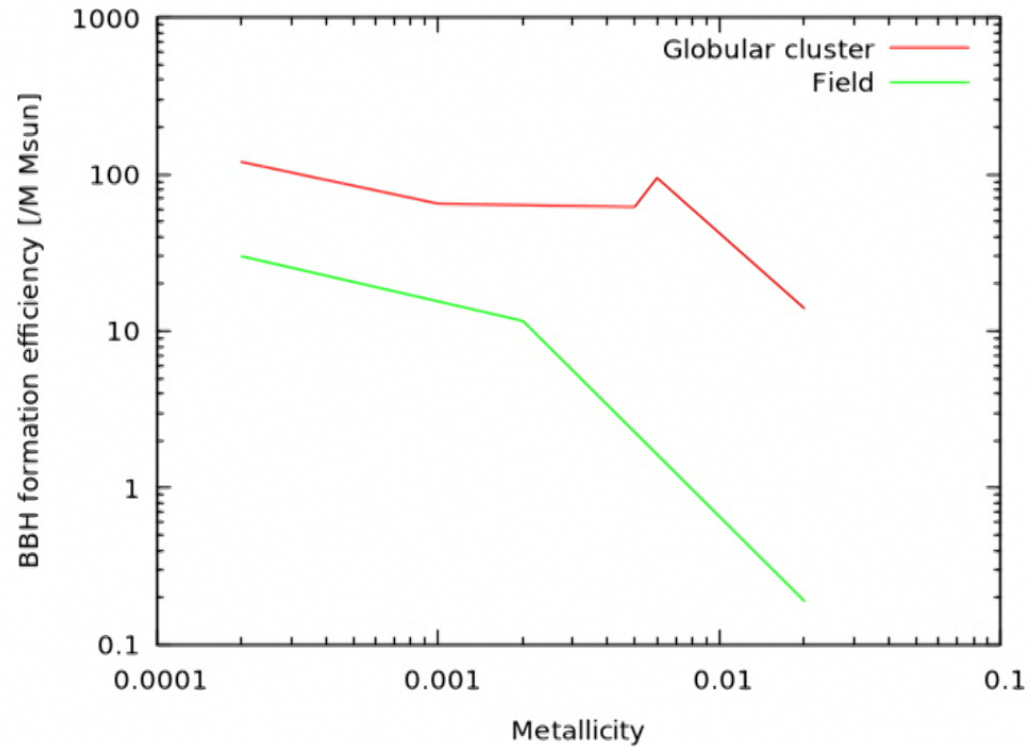
- BHBH production efficiency:
 - Number of merging BBH per unit mass
- Delay times
- Mass distribution
 - Intrinsic vs observed: range and redshift effect
- Rate density: local and as a function of redshift

BHBH formation efficiency

If all BHs end up in merging binaries
and with Salpeter IMF

$$X_{BHBH} = \frac{N_{BHBH}}{M_*}$$

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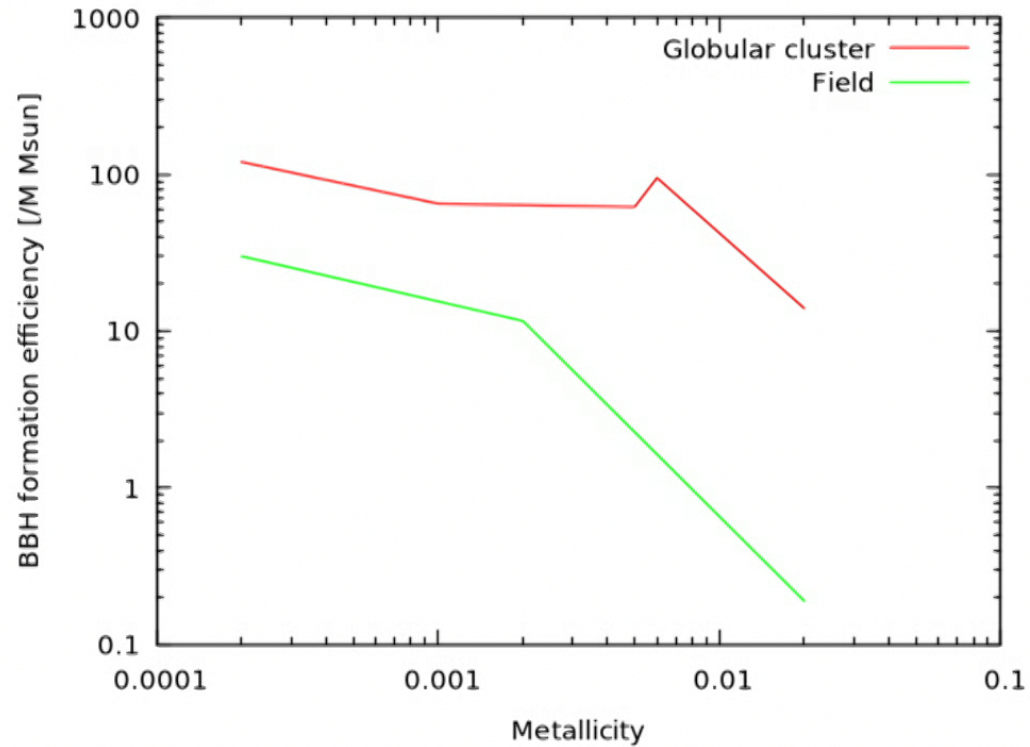


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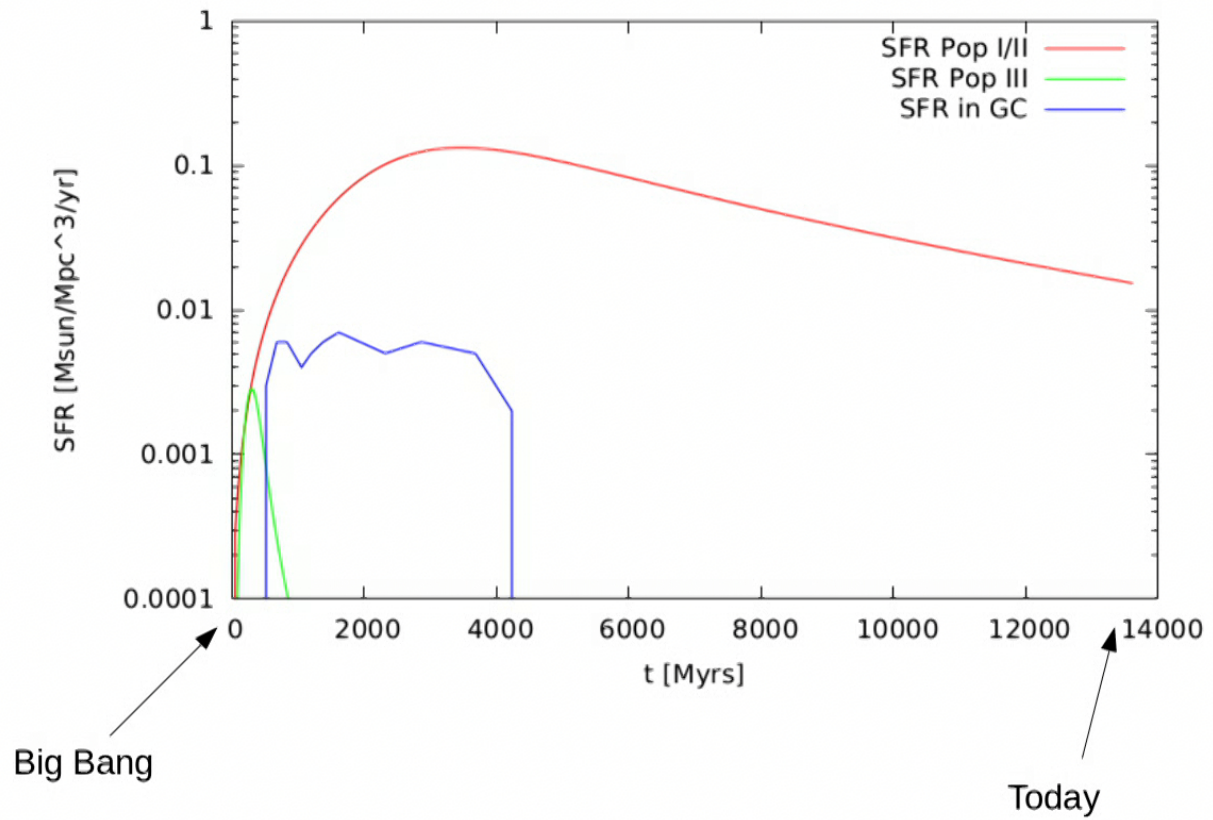
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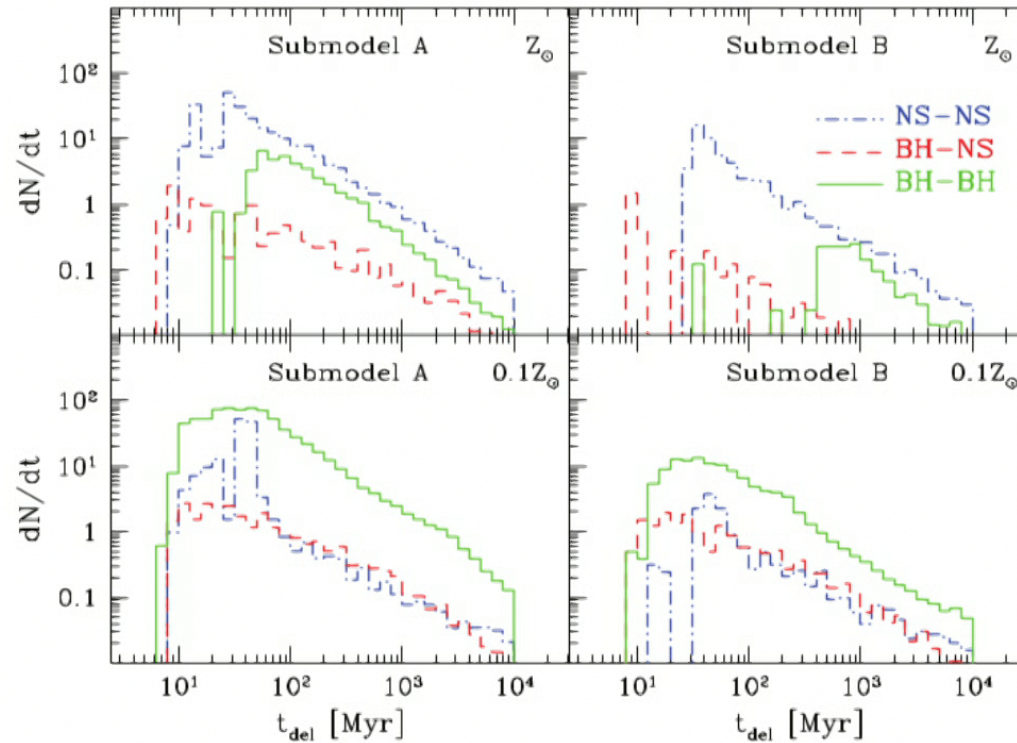
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SFR



Properties of the population – delay time distribution



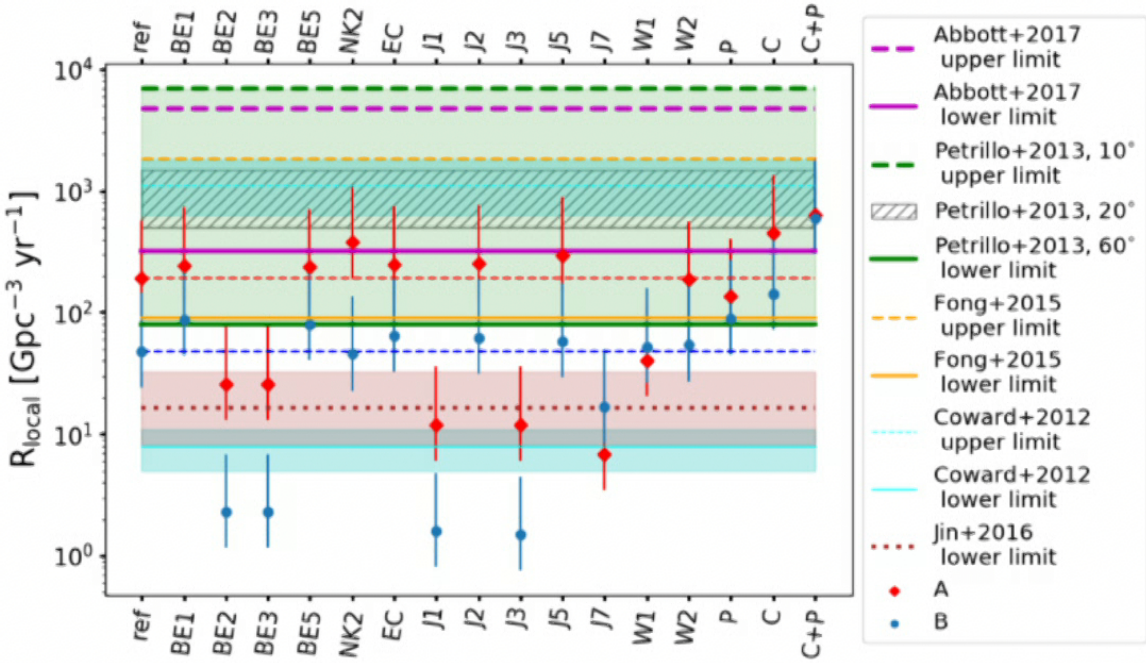
$$P_{\text{delay}}(t) \propto t^{-1}$$

Dominik et al 2012

Basic rate arguments

- Formation scenario must be generic
- Exceptional environments must produce BBH and BNS with extremely high efficiency
- Globular clusters are not favored, but can contribute
- I am sceptical about exotic models

Local rate density of BNS mergers



NS-NS rates up 1000/Gpc³/yr but overpduction of BHBH

Diamonds / circles – different modes of Common Envelope evolution

The rate implications

- Total GW luminosity density in the sky from NSNS mergers

$$\mathcal{L}_{GW} = 1560 \frac{0.025 M_{\odot} c^2}{3.1 \times 10^7 \text{s}} \approx 2.5 \times 10^{48} \text{ergs}^{-1} \text{Gpc}^{-3}$$

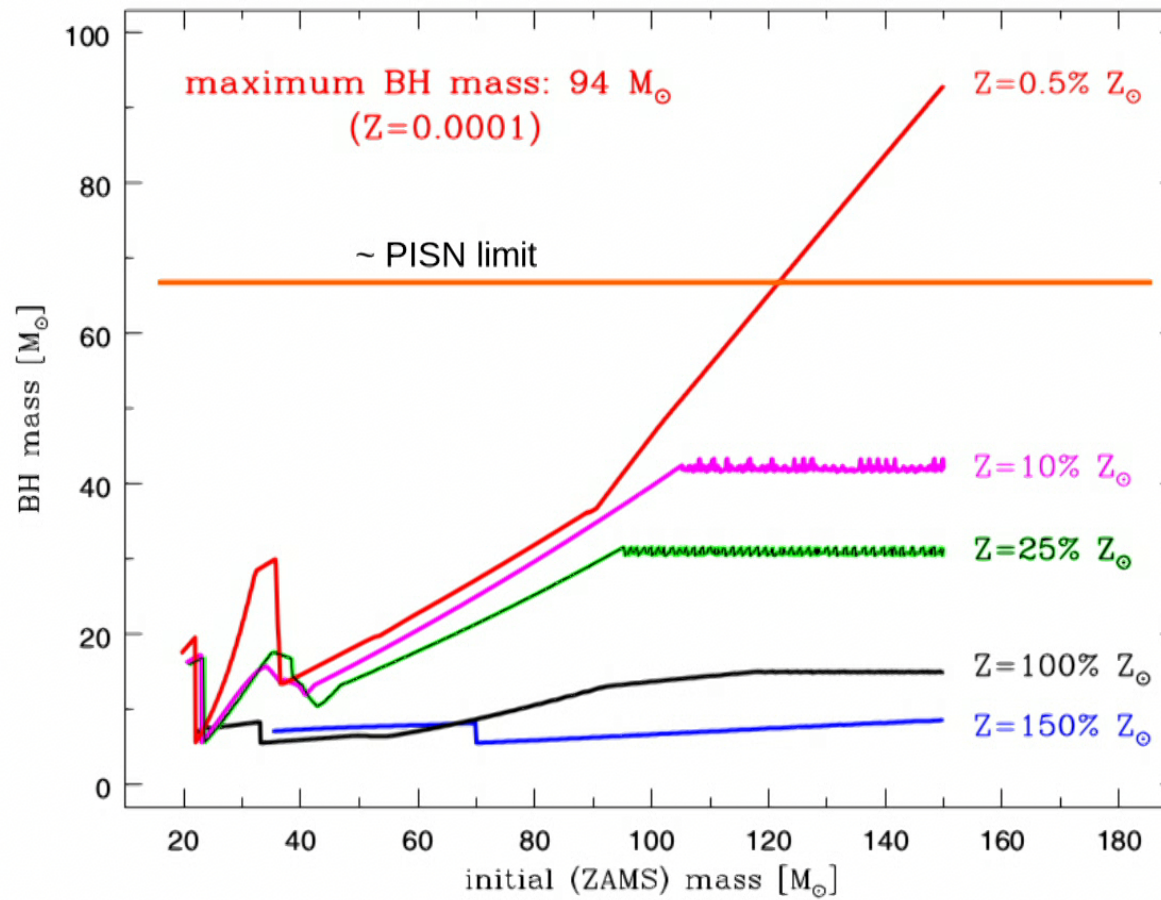
- The luminosity density of BHBH mergers is about 10 times larger

$$\mathcal{L}_{GW} = 100 \frac{2.0 M_{\odot} c^2}{3.1 \times 10^7 \text{s}} \approx 2. \times 10^{49} \text{ergs}^{-1} \text{Gpc}^{-3}$$

- EM luminosity density of all galaxies:

$$\mathcal{L}_{EM} \approx 10^{50} \text{erg s}^{-1} \text{Gpc}^{-3}$$

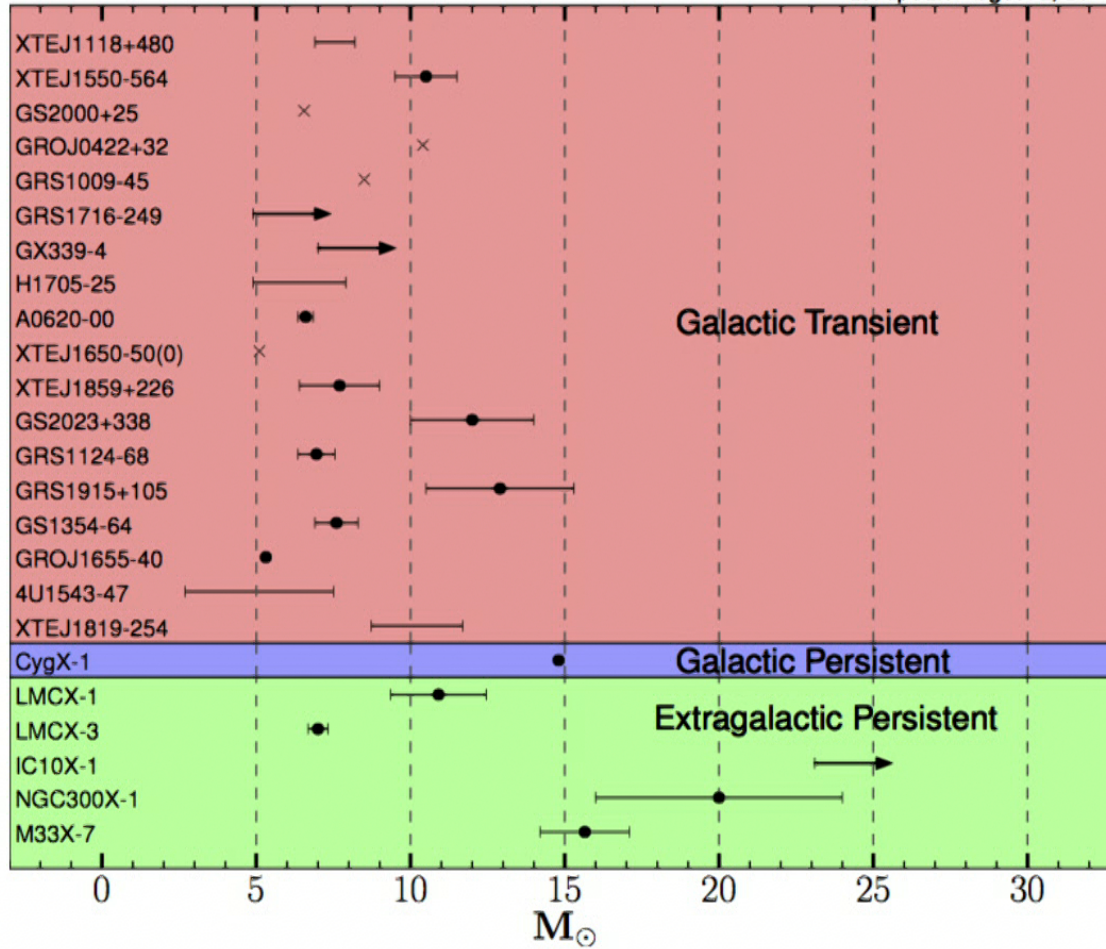
On the maximum mass of BHs



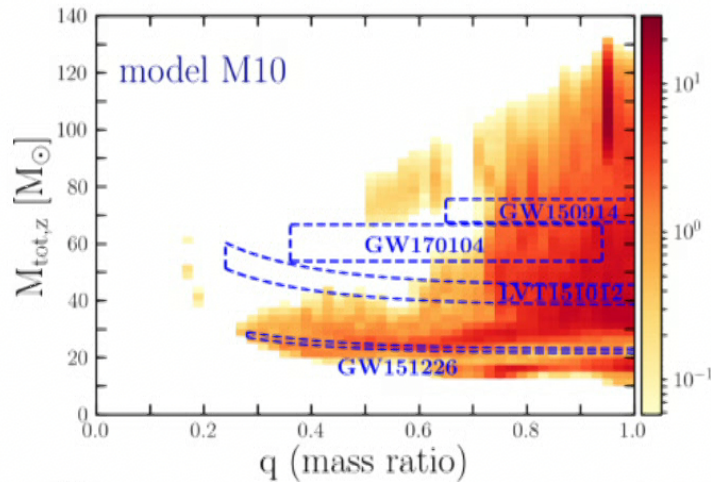
Range of masses in GW binaries



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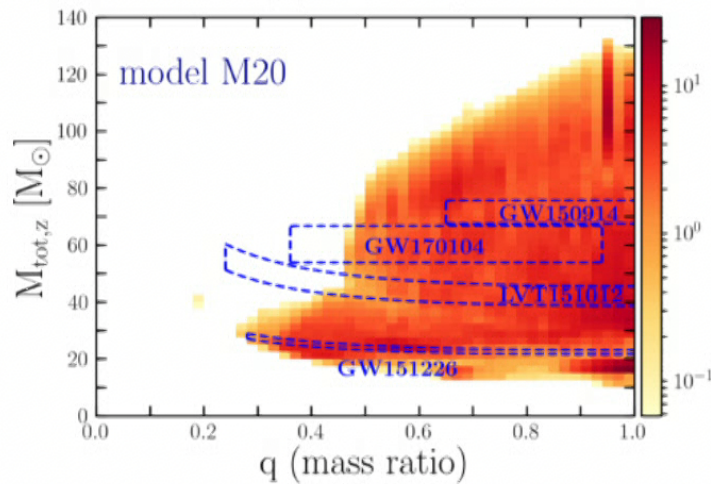


Mass distribution



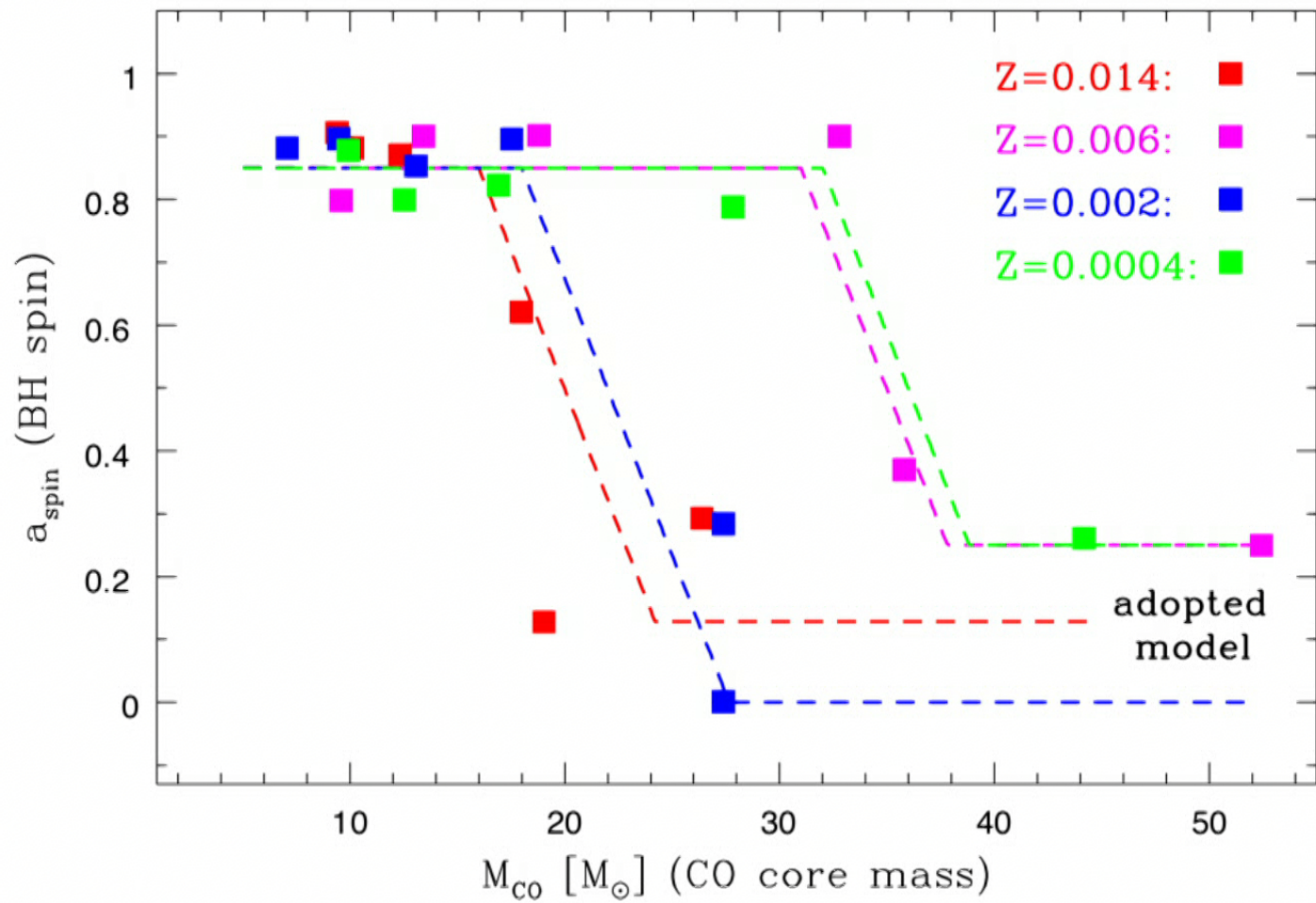
Detailed modeling can reproduce observed masses

In GC the mass distribution is similar unless there is a significant number of hierarchical mergers.



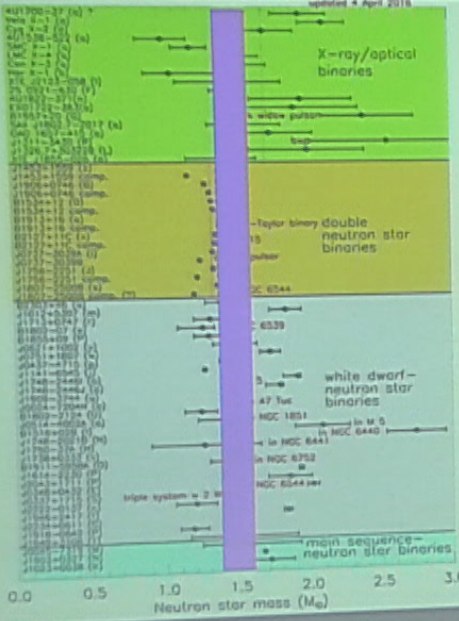
Spin constraints

- Main question:
What are the BH initial spins?
Do they depend on mass, metallicity?
Do they differ in X-rays and in GW?





Masses of GW170817

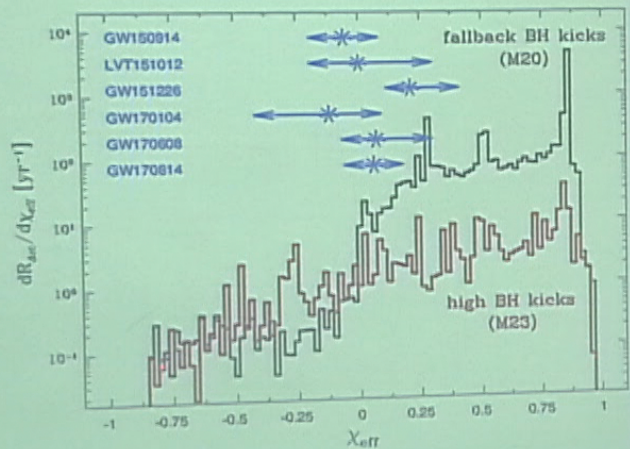


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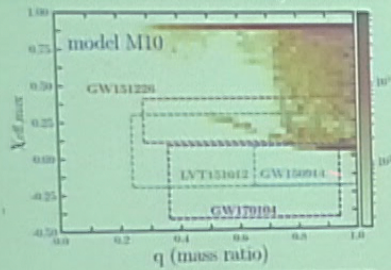
- What are the BH initial spins?
- How does the evolution affect them?
- Binaries – tend to be aligned with angular momentum but that depends on the BH formation scenario
- GC – no reason to be aligned

Spins

Small spins?



Spin modeling

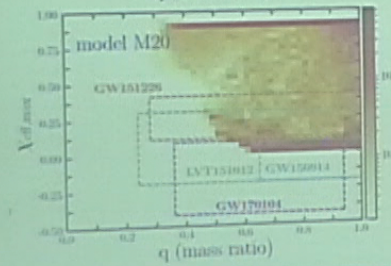


Our current models show a preference for large effective spins.

This is due to the model of initial BH spins at formation.

Observations indicate that spins are small for all BHs in merging systems

Are BH initial spins always small?

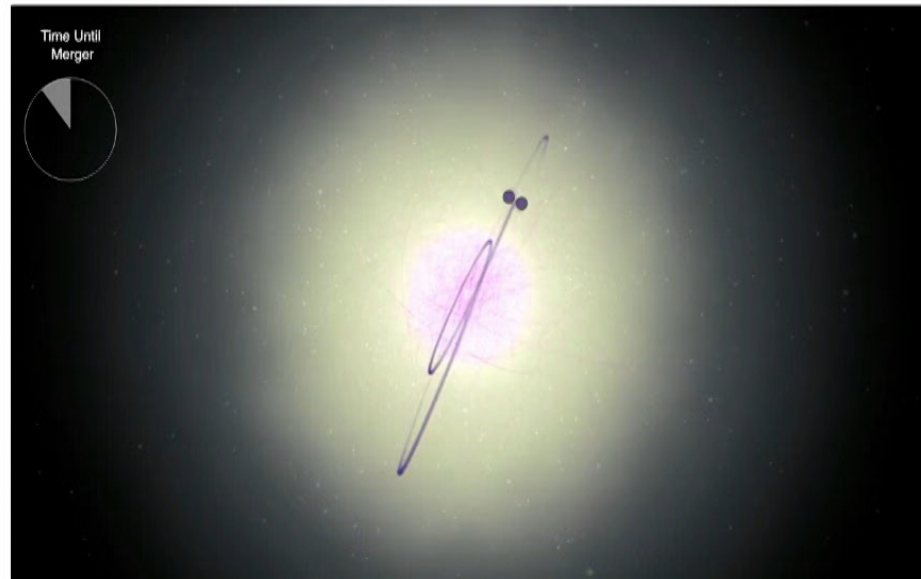


In GC expect random orientations and high spins for hierarchical mergers.



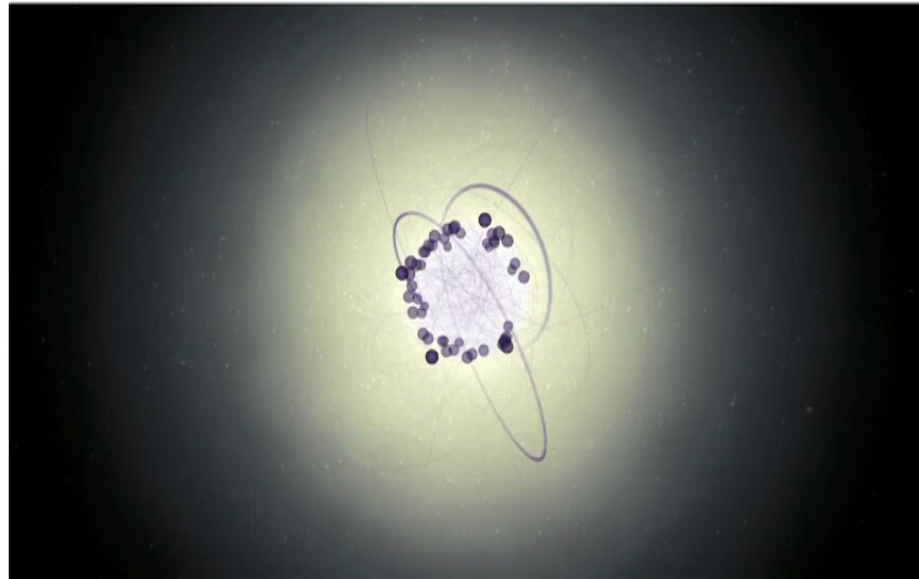
Host galaxy

- Quite a challenge
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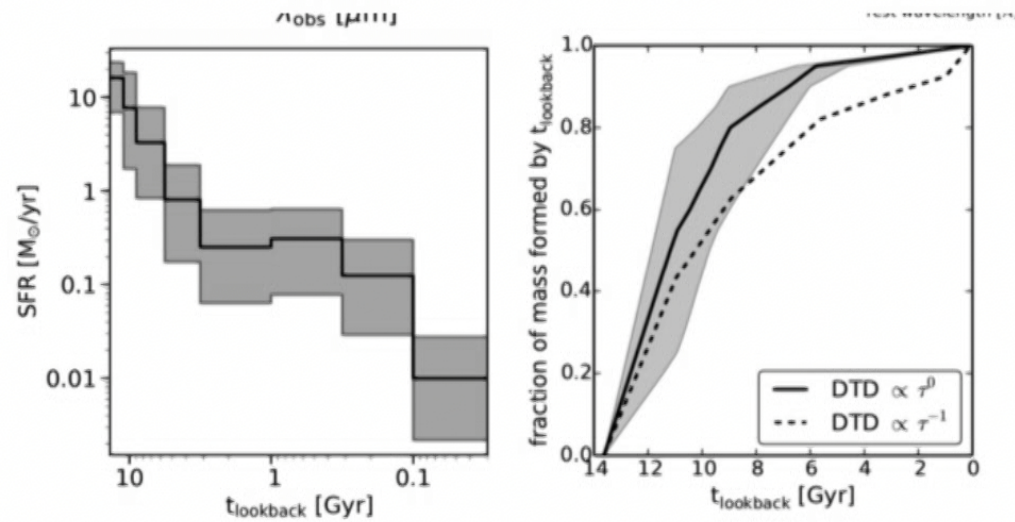


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Star formation history estimate



Blanchard 2017

Open issues

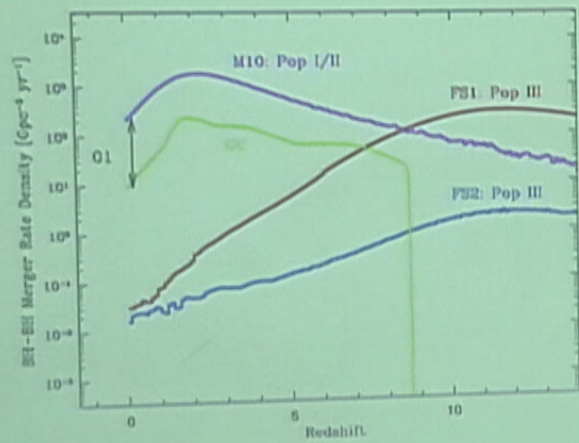
- Rates seem to be high
 - There are models that are marginally consistent with the rates
 - Globular cluster origin – tough to reconcile with observations
- Value of BH spins
 - Are spins small? - binary evolution origin
 - Do they have random orientations? - GC origin
- How exceptional was GW170817?
 - Long delay time
 - Unusual GRB

Hopes and expectations

- Nearby future
- Far future

What next?

- Next GW observation run soon
- Expect
 - Large number of BBH – statistics, extremes, spins
 - BNS – will we see more? What host galaxies?
 - BHNS – a new riddle, I suppose



Conclusions

- We have entered the era of gravitational wave astronomy
- The interaction between observations and theory of sources is extremely interesting
- Looking forward to the bright new future!





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