

Rates and populations of dynamically formed binary black holes

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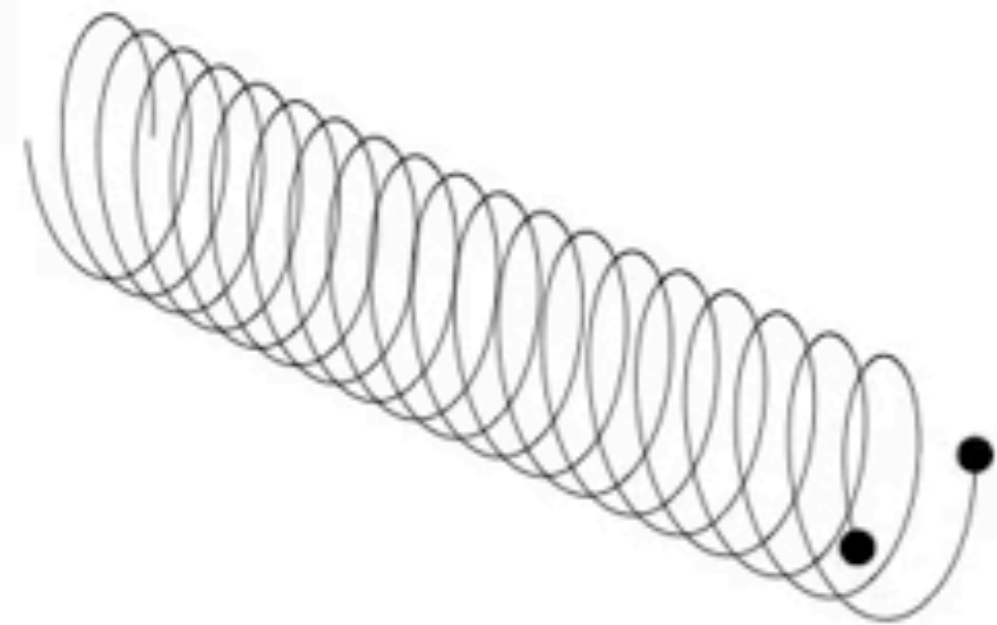
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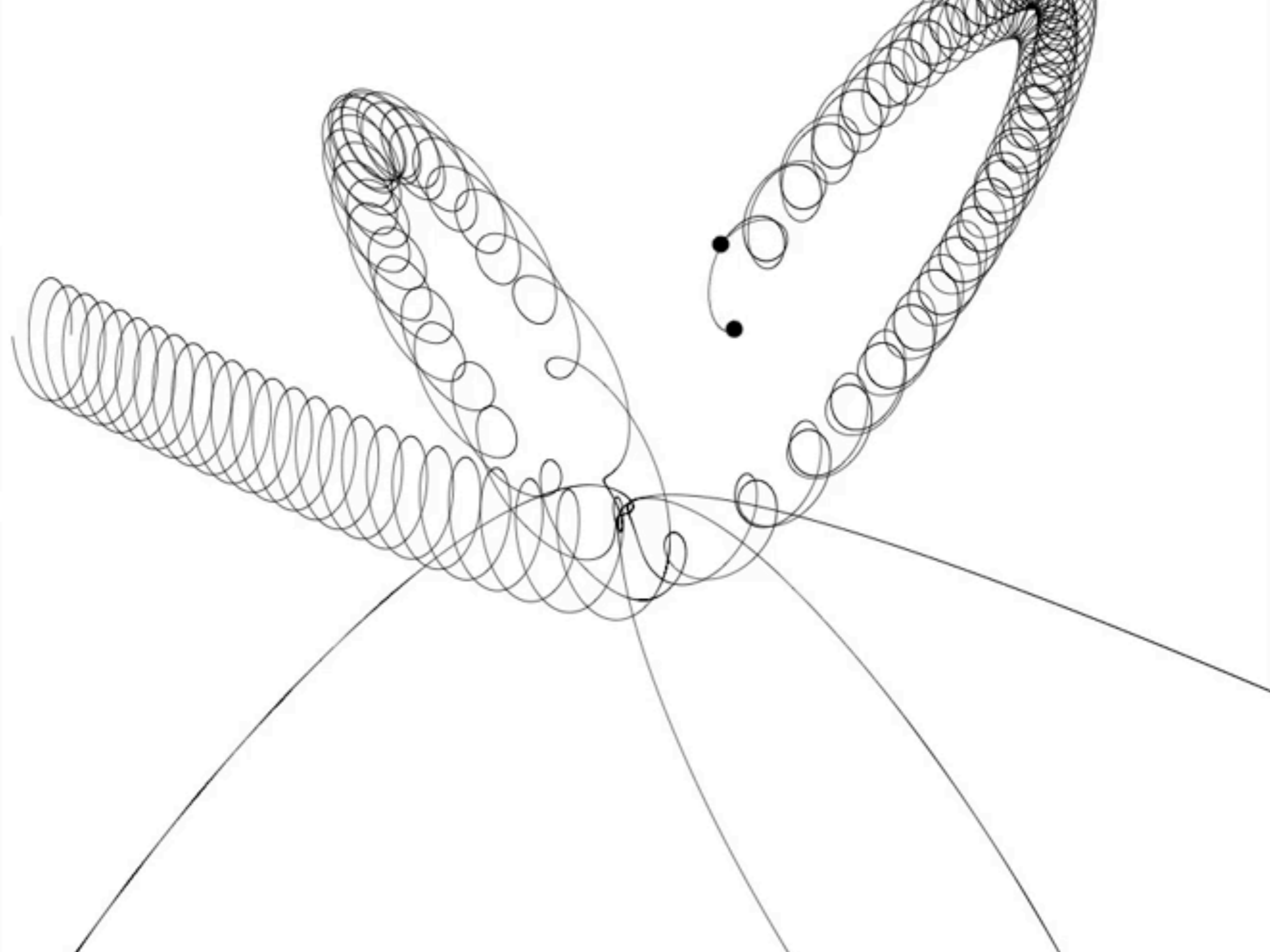
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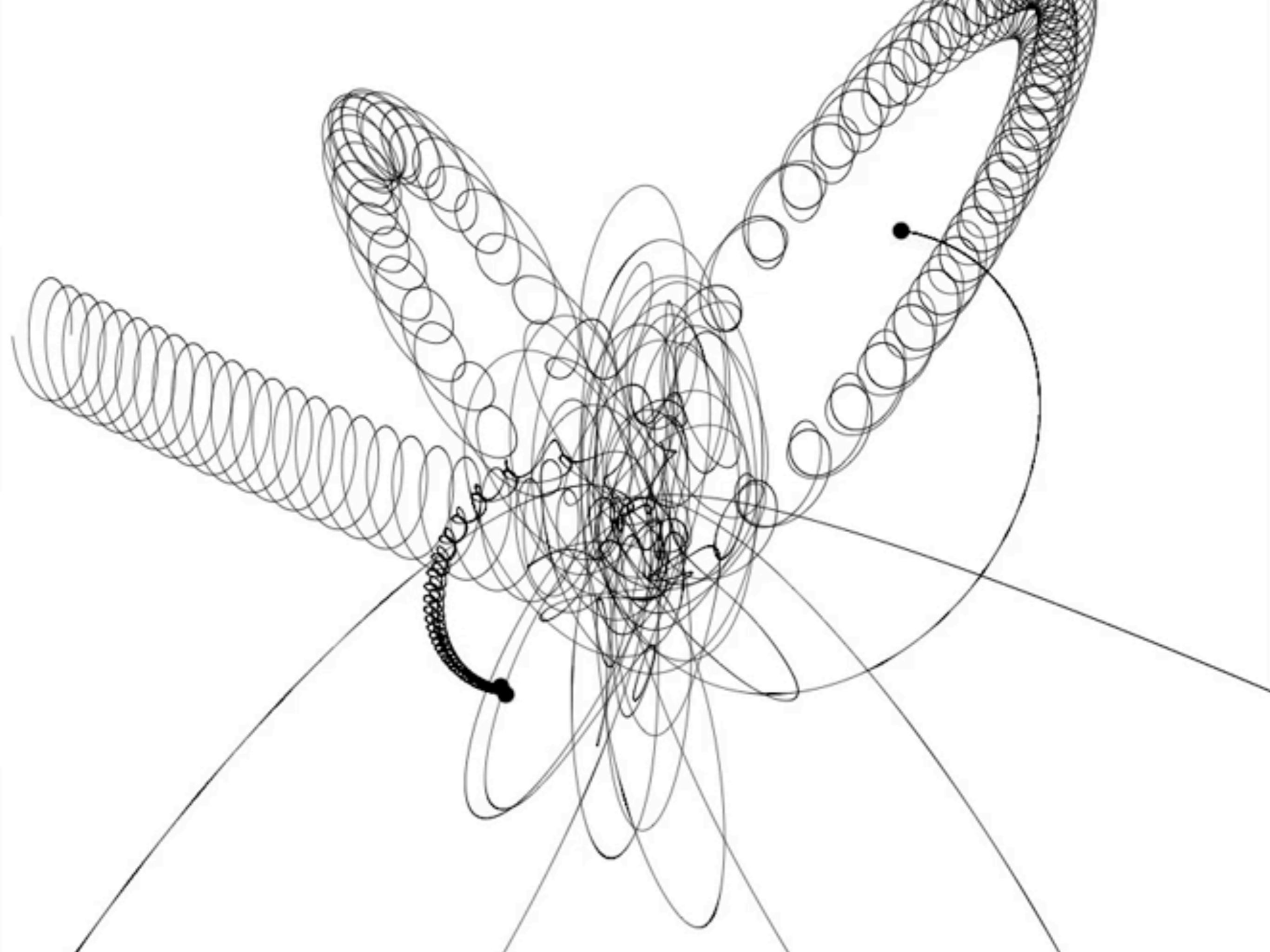


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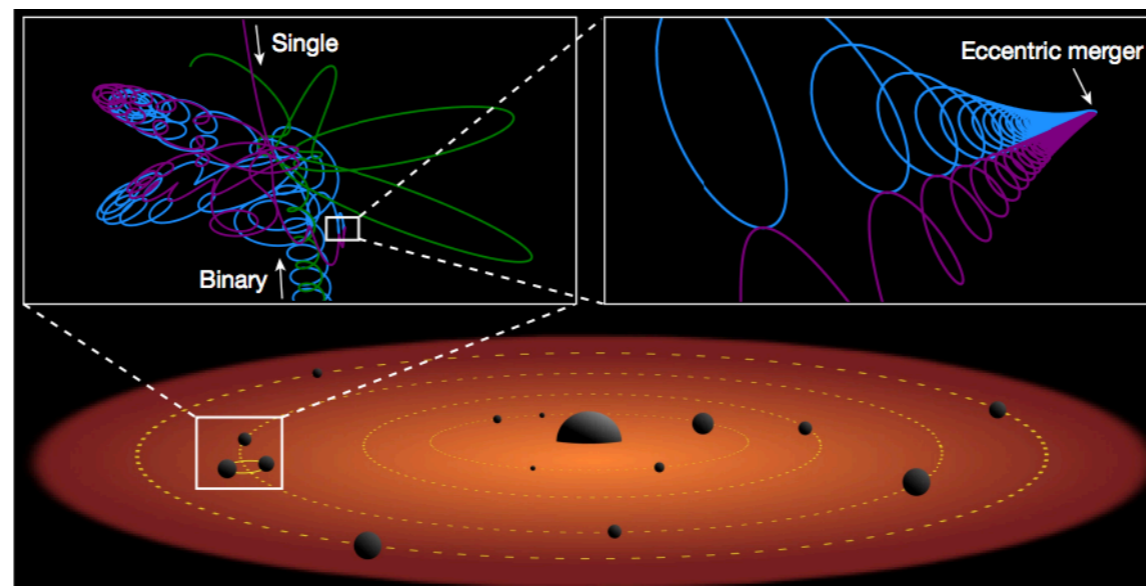
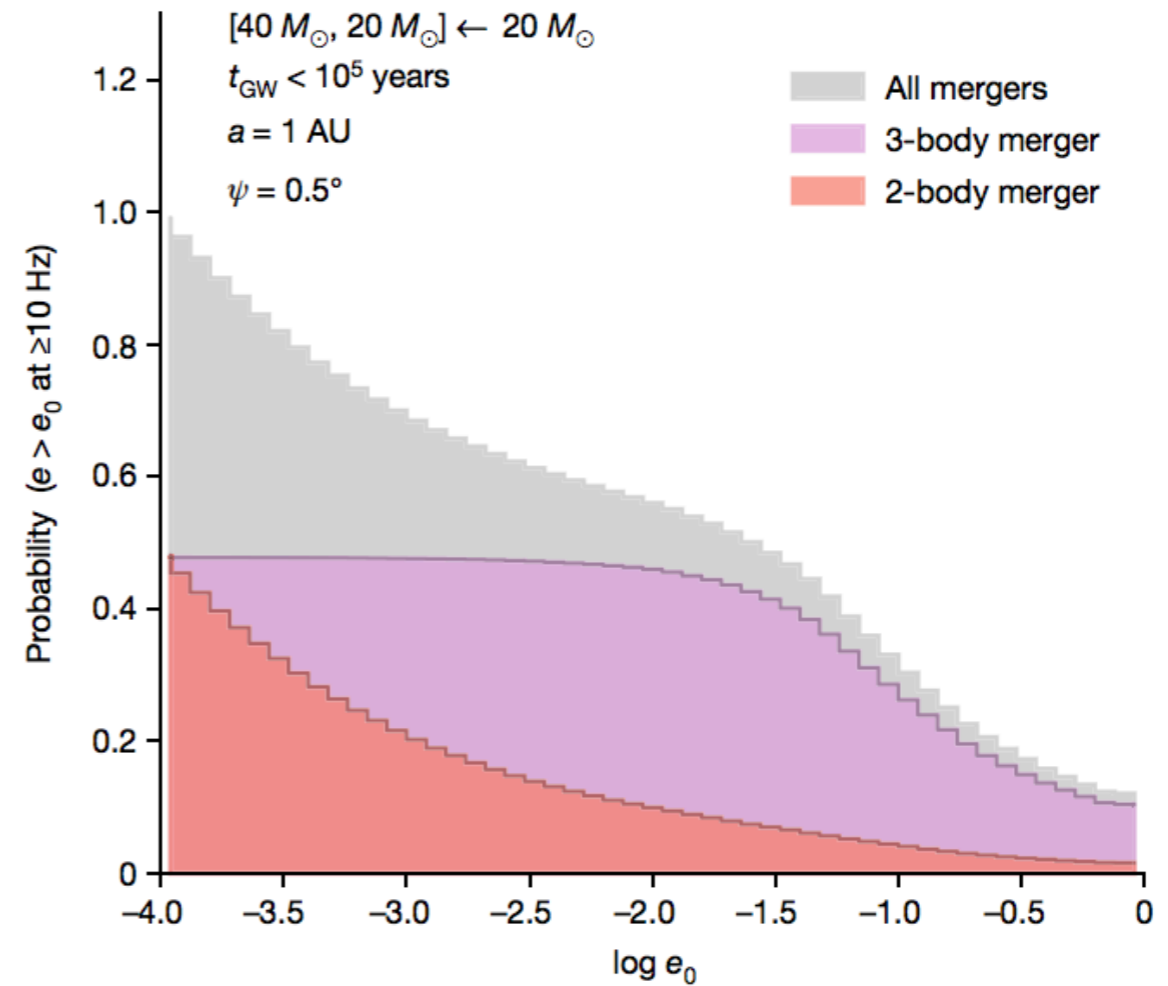
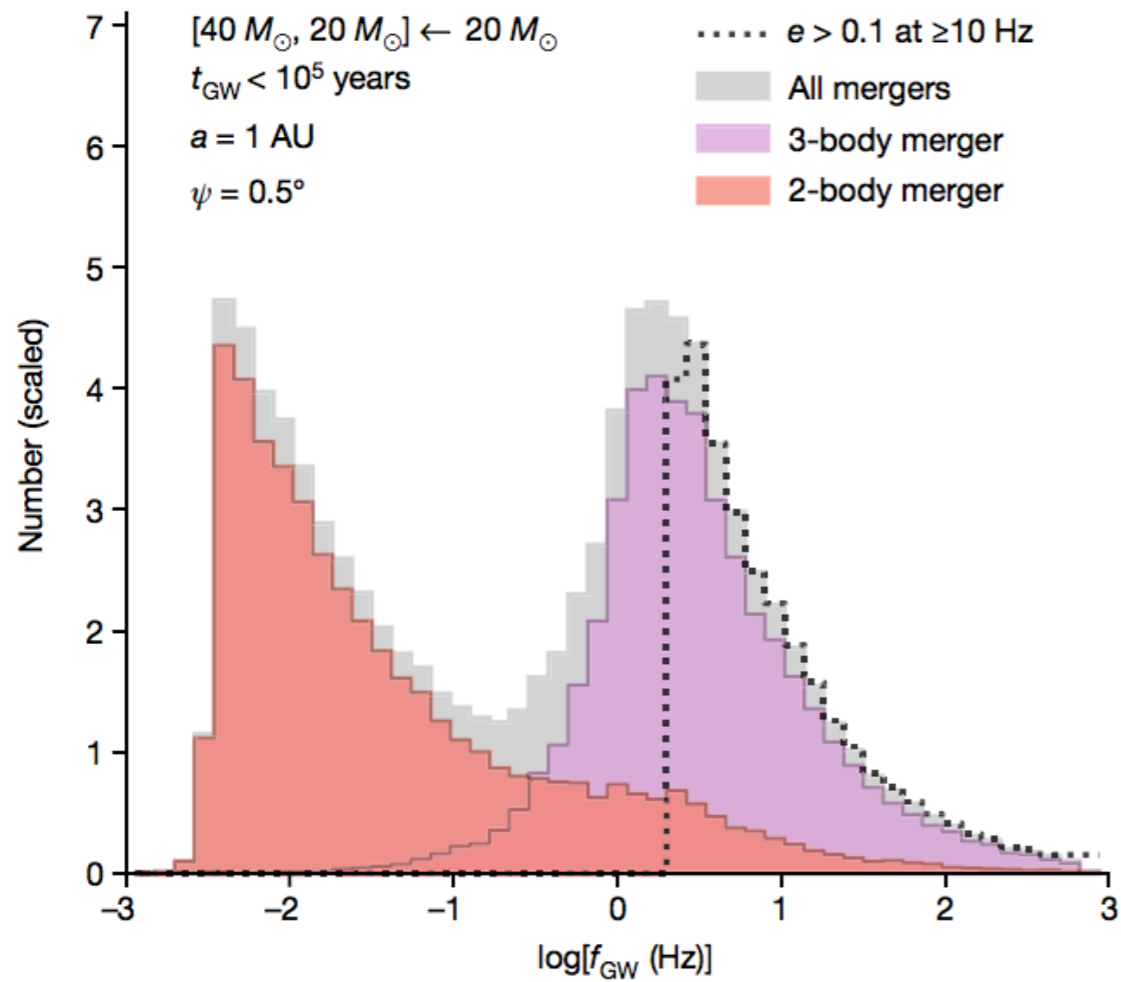
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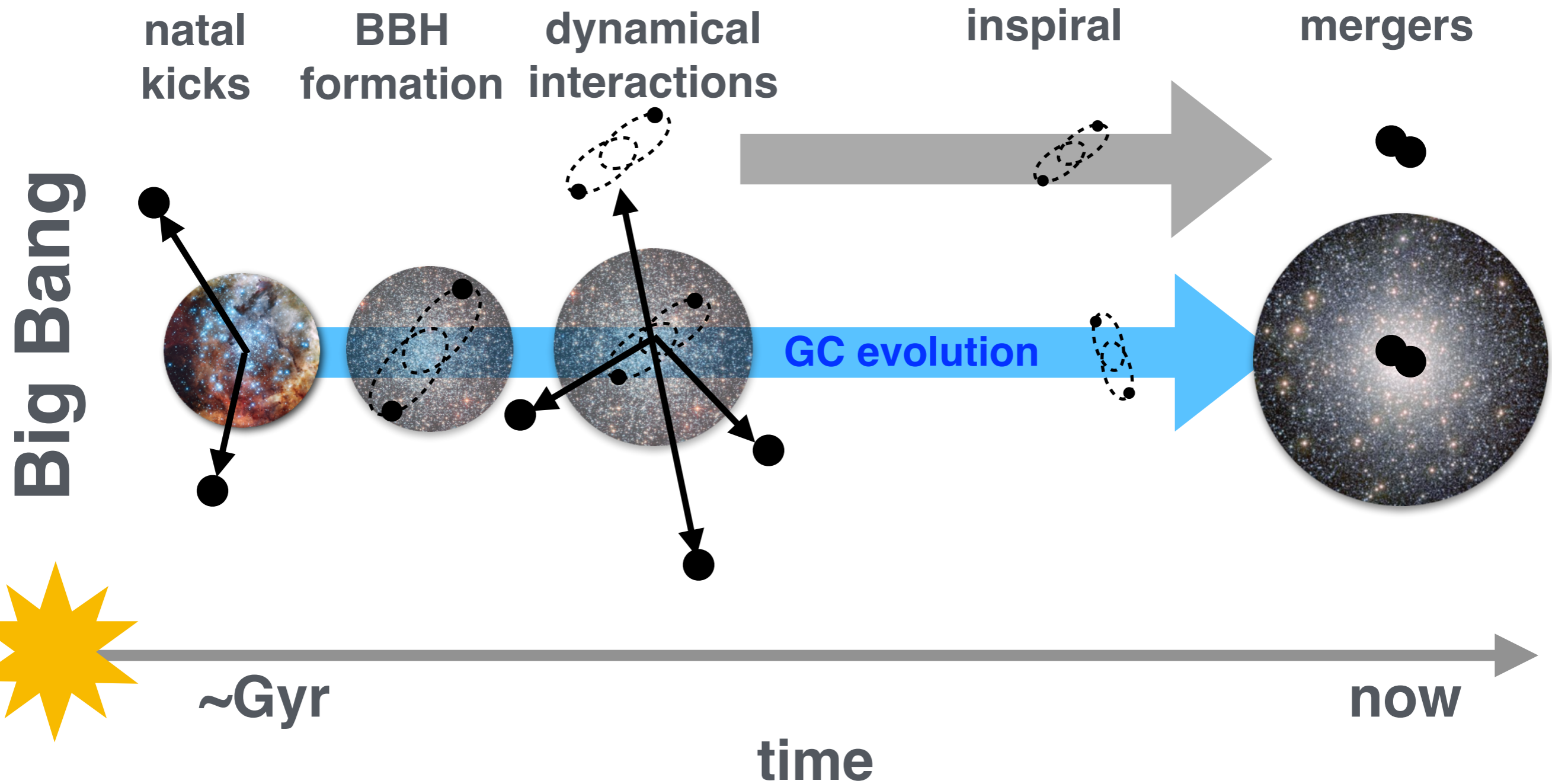


\sim Gyr

time

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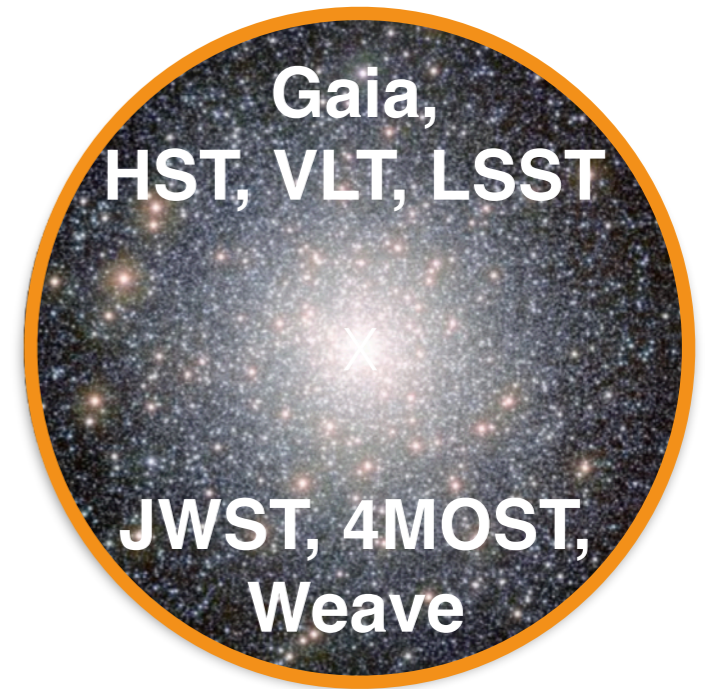
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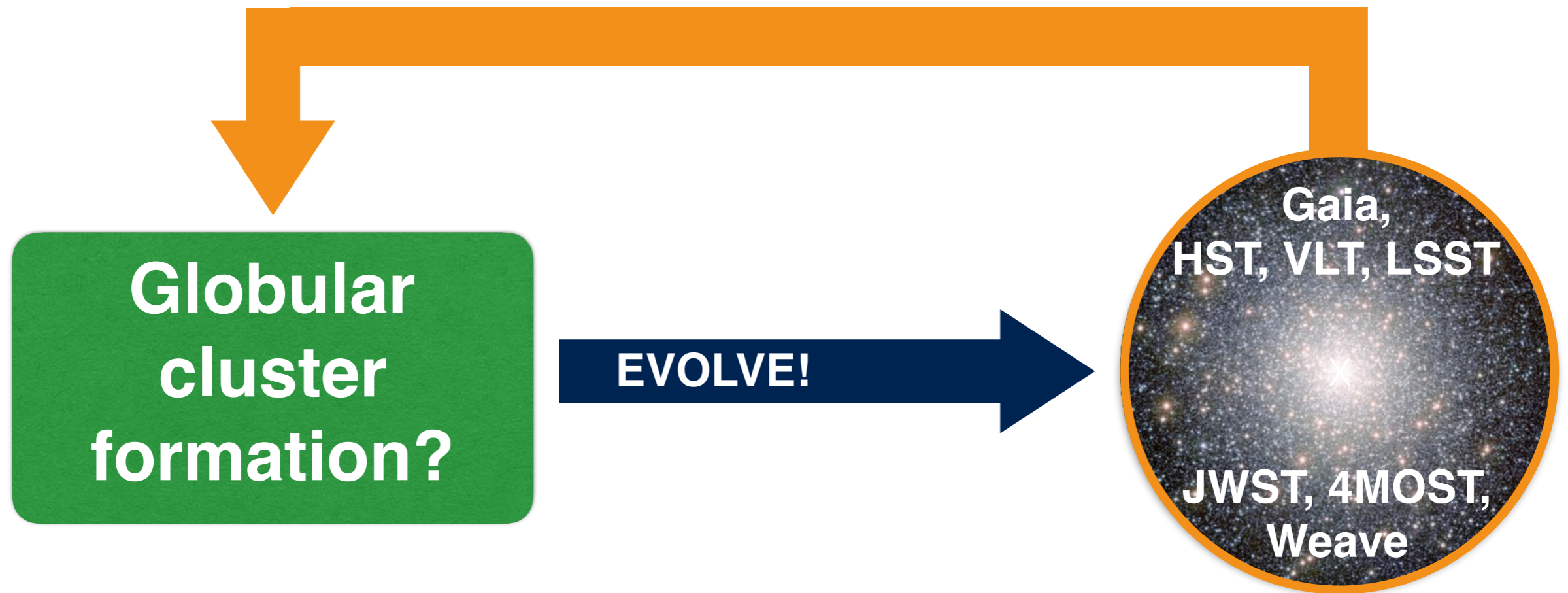
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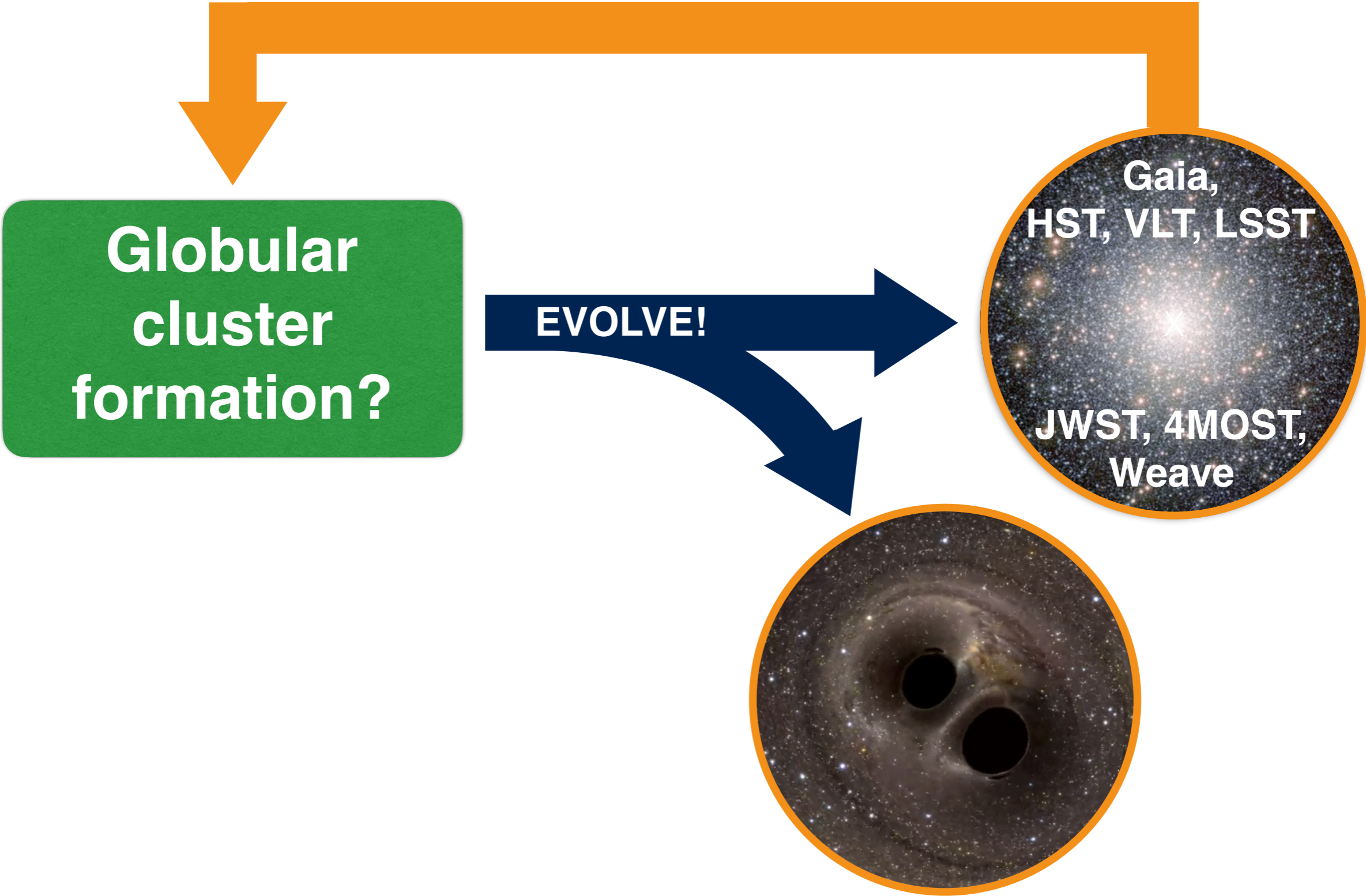
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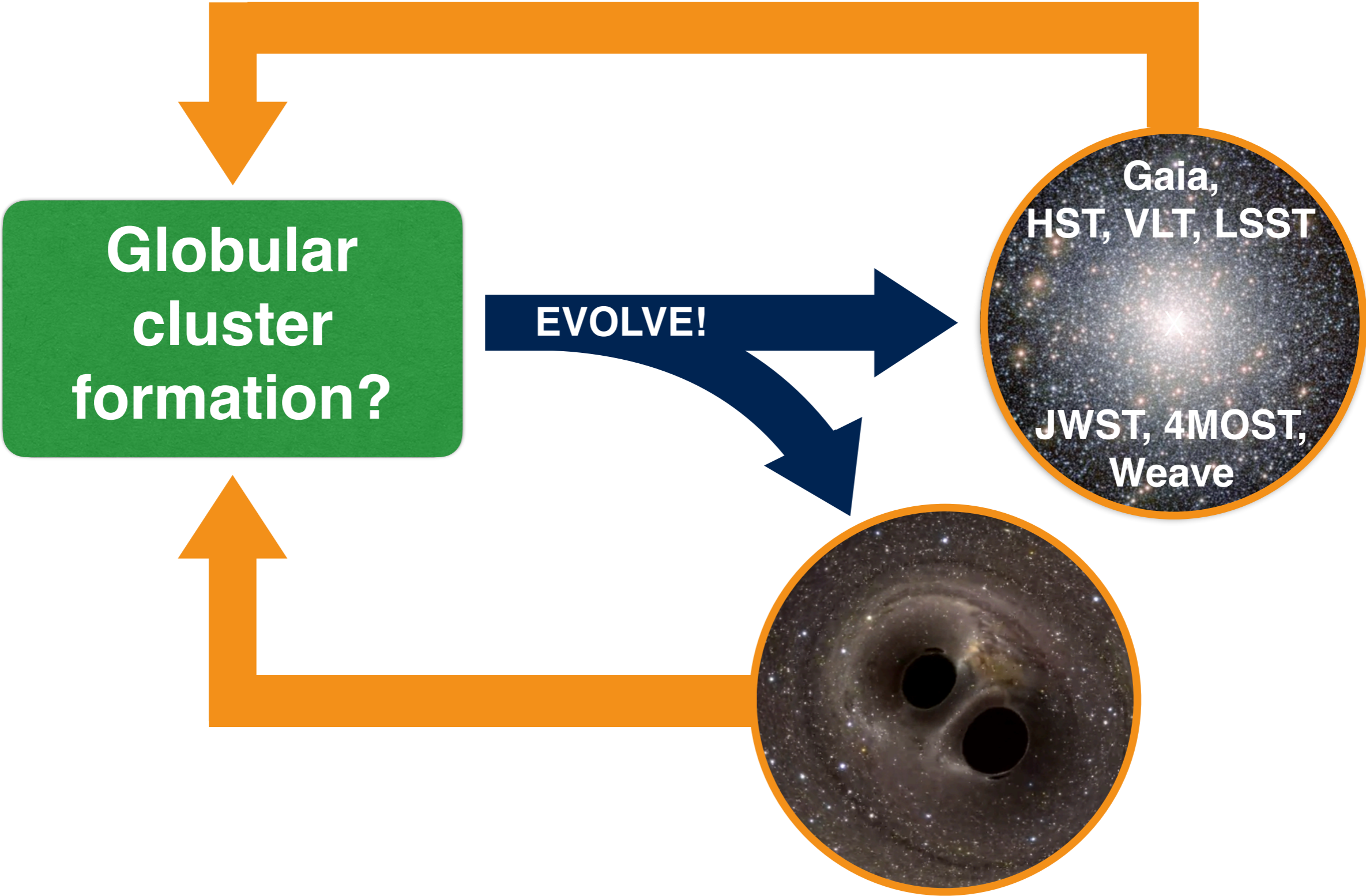
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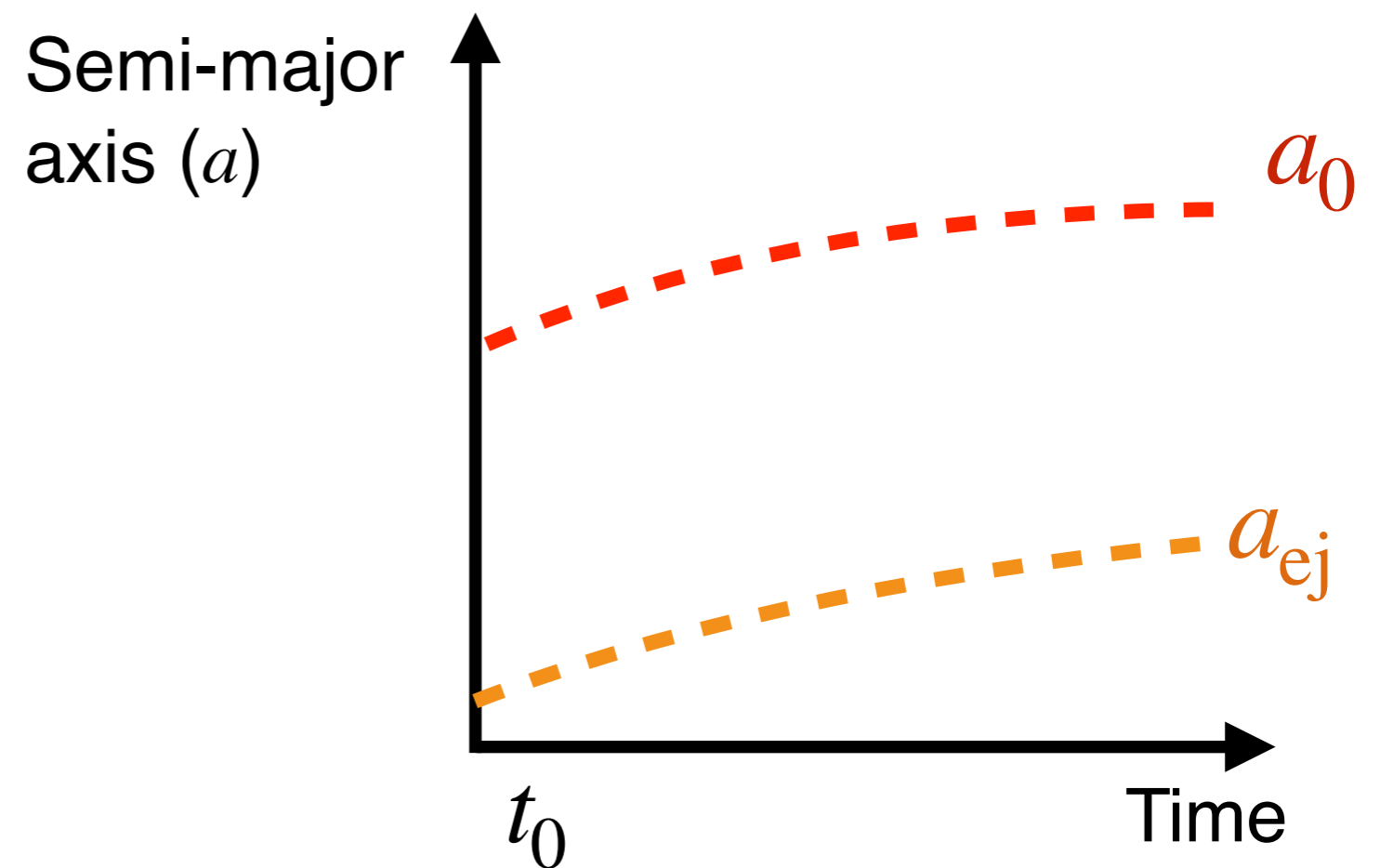


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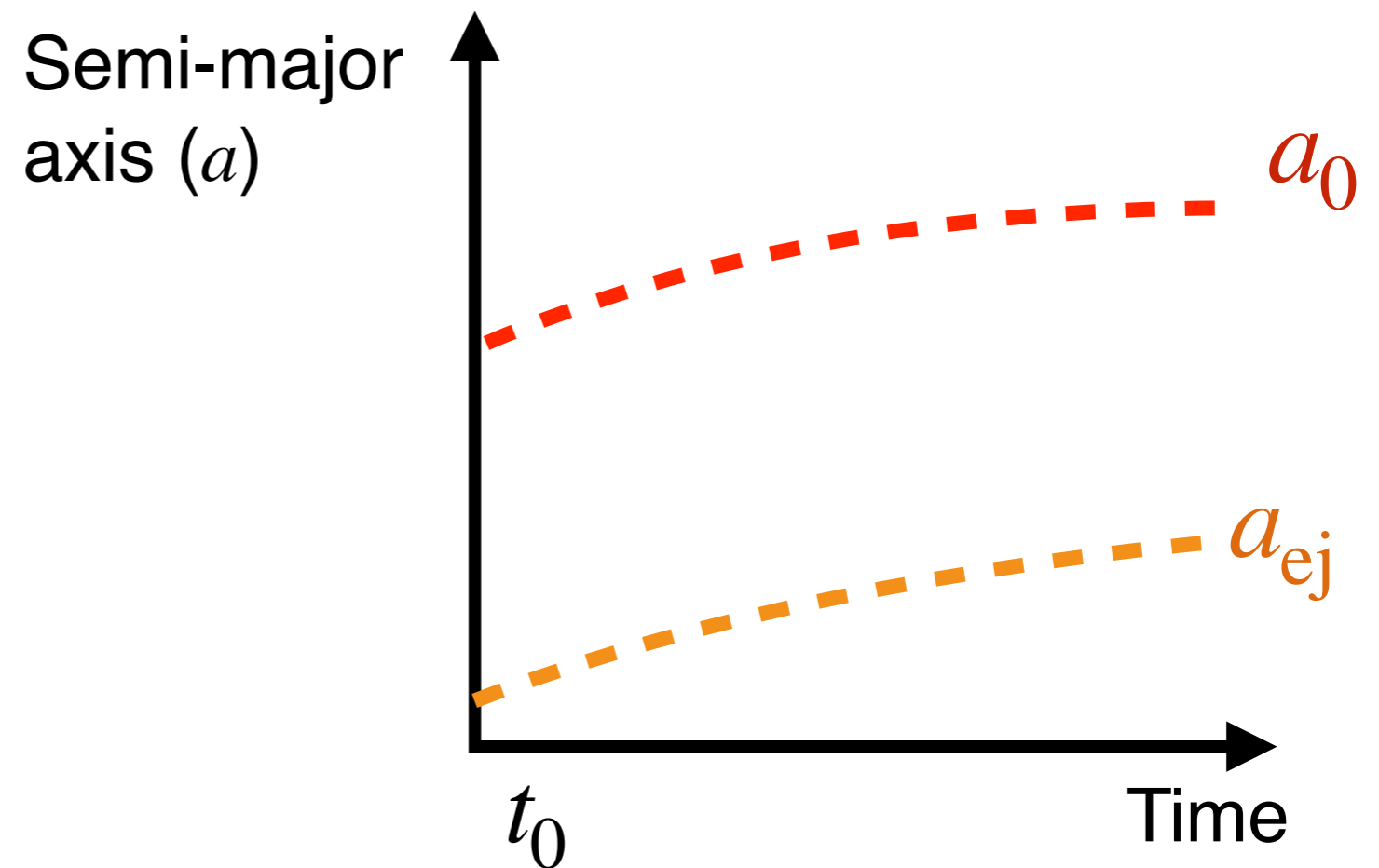
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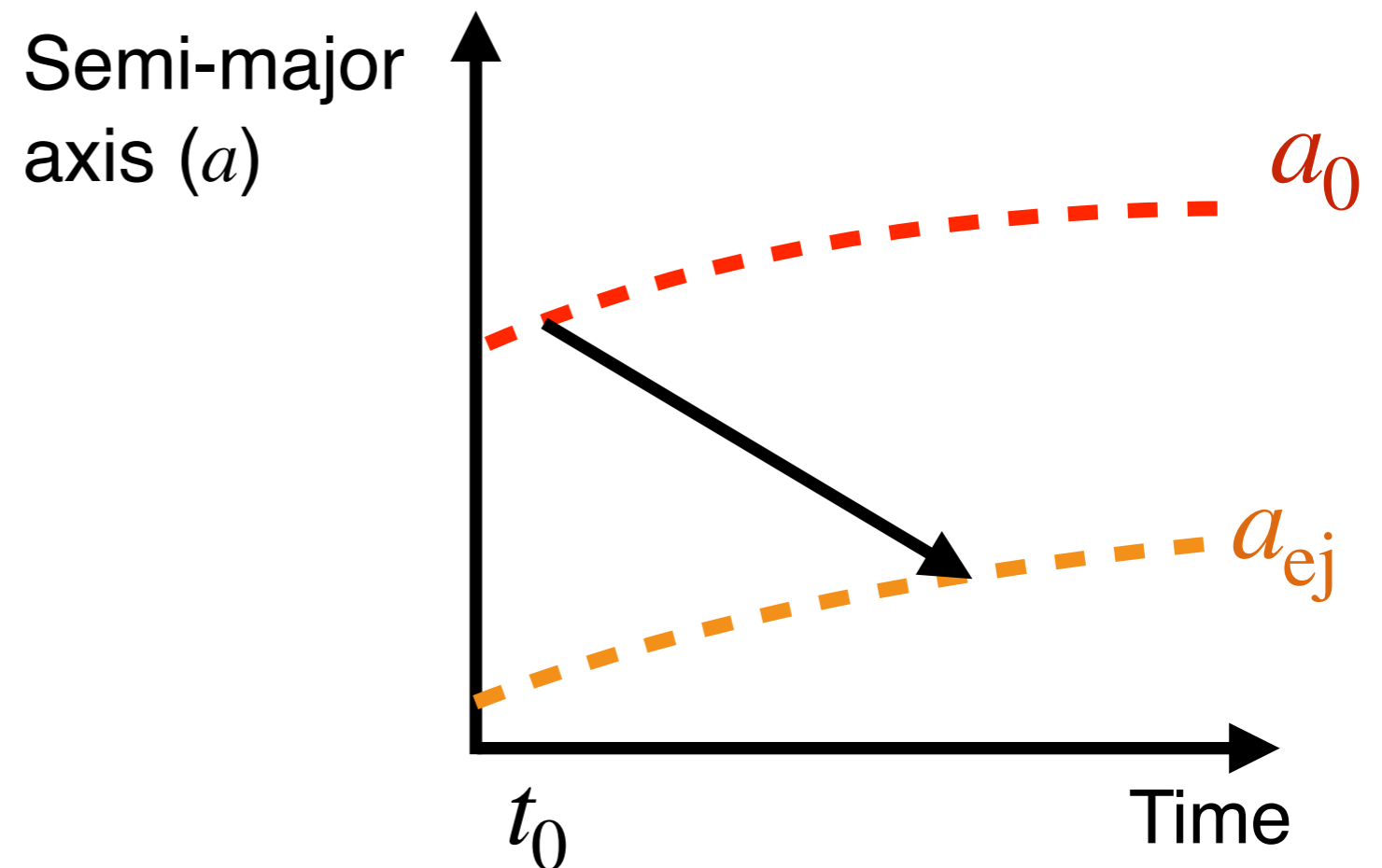
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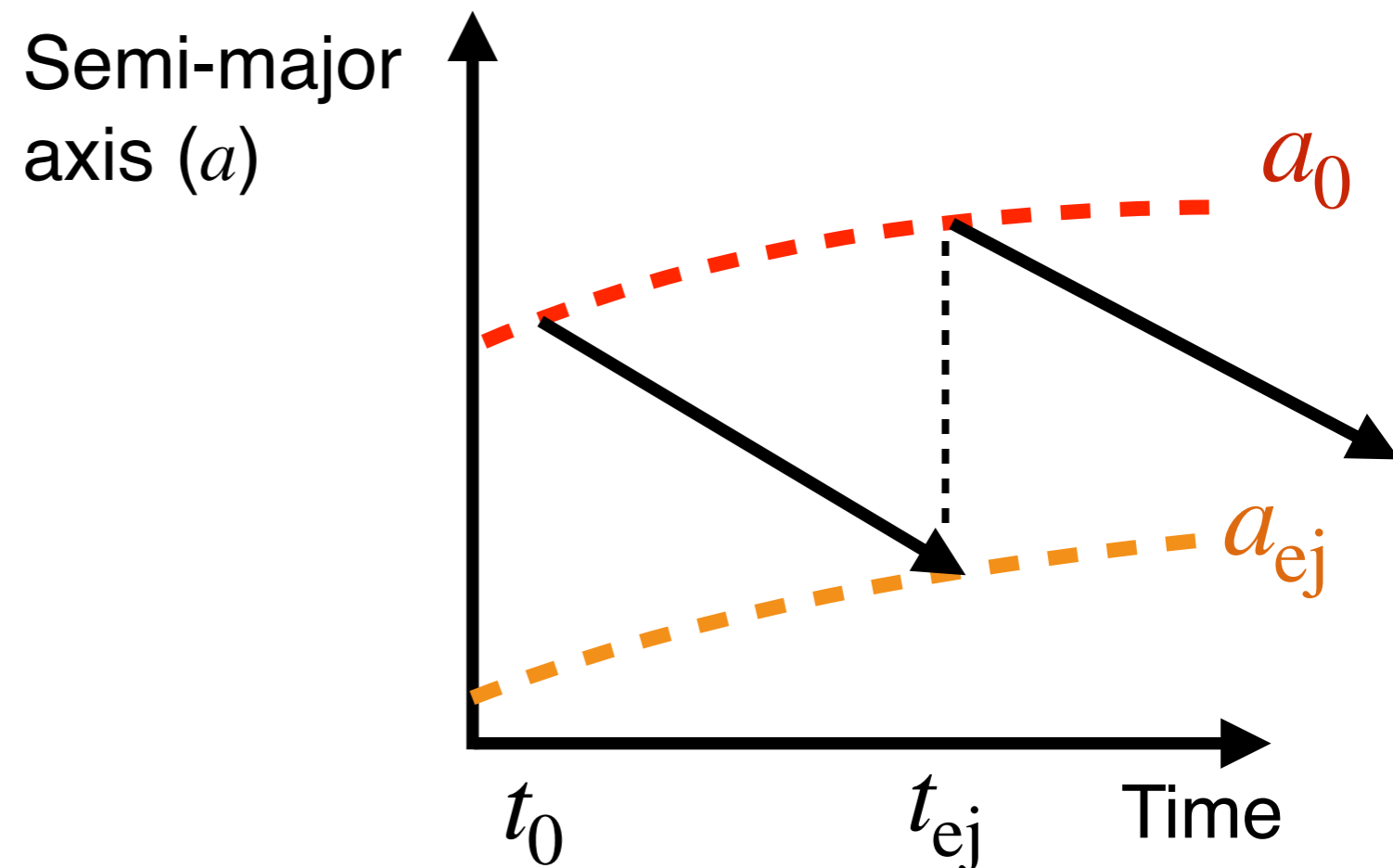
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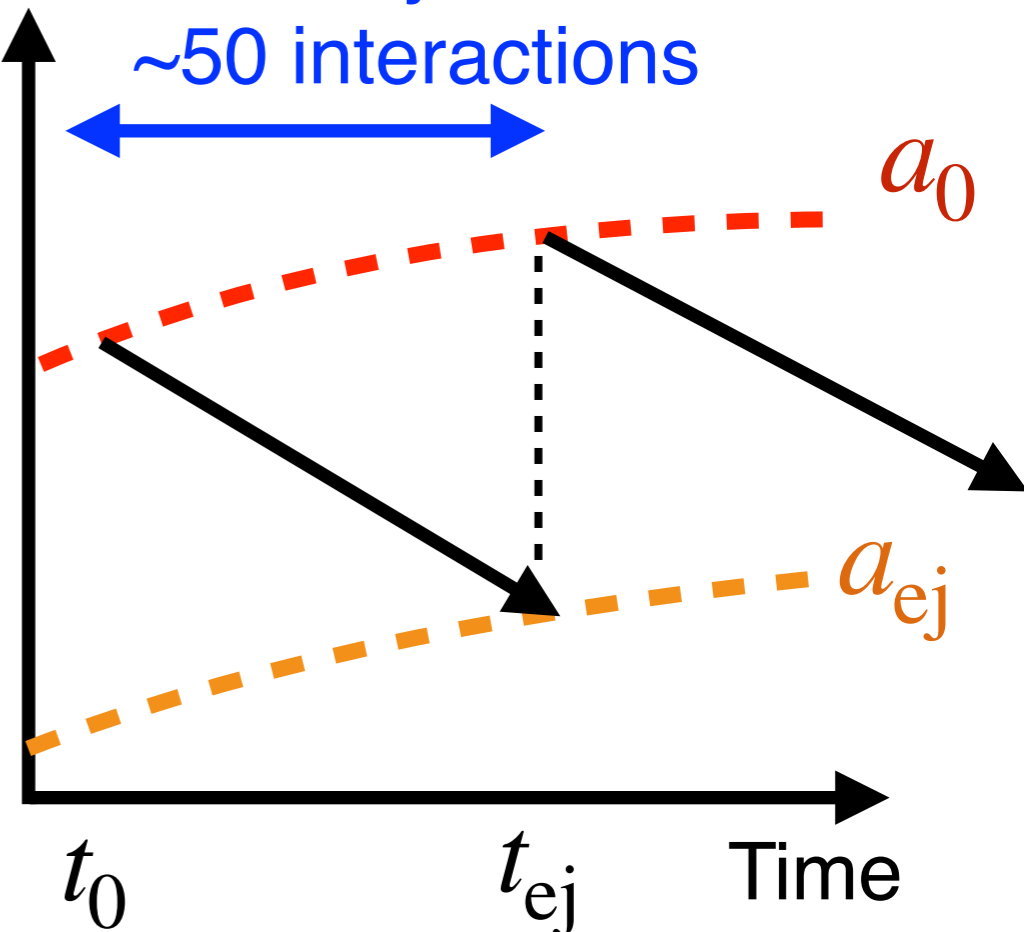
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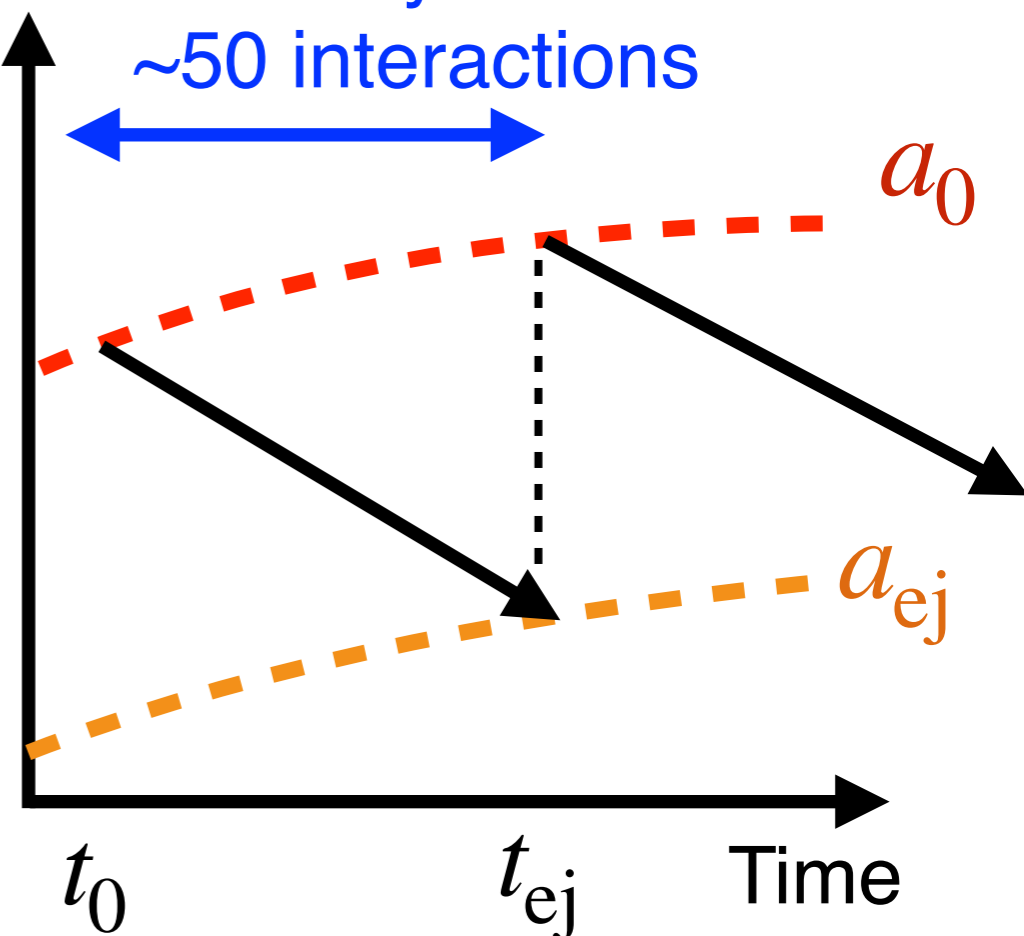
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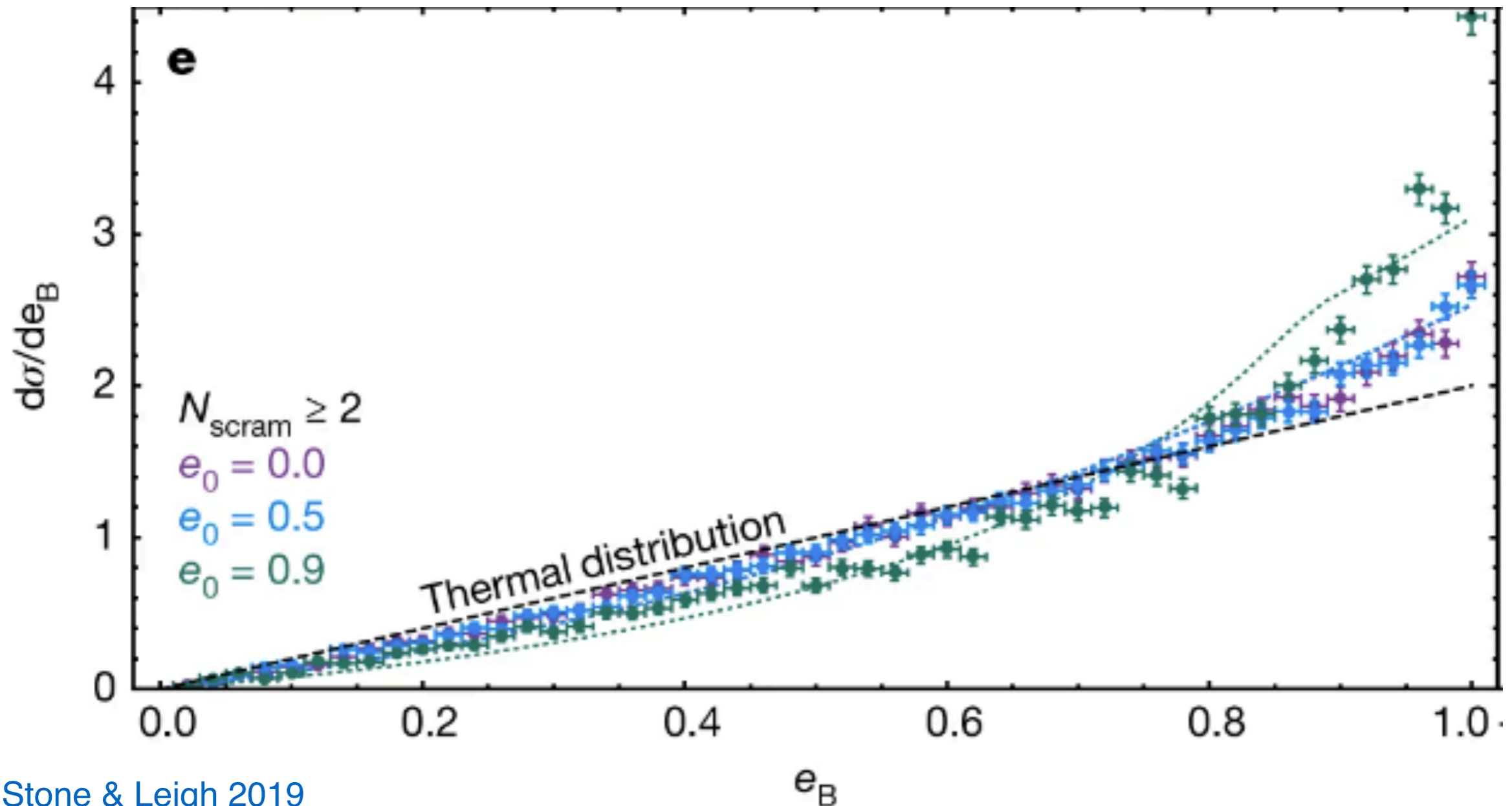
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The (super) thermal distribution of eccentricities

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Stone & Leigh 2019

Jeans 1919; Heggie 1975

<https://joe-antognini.github.io/astronomy/thermal-eccentricities>

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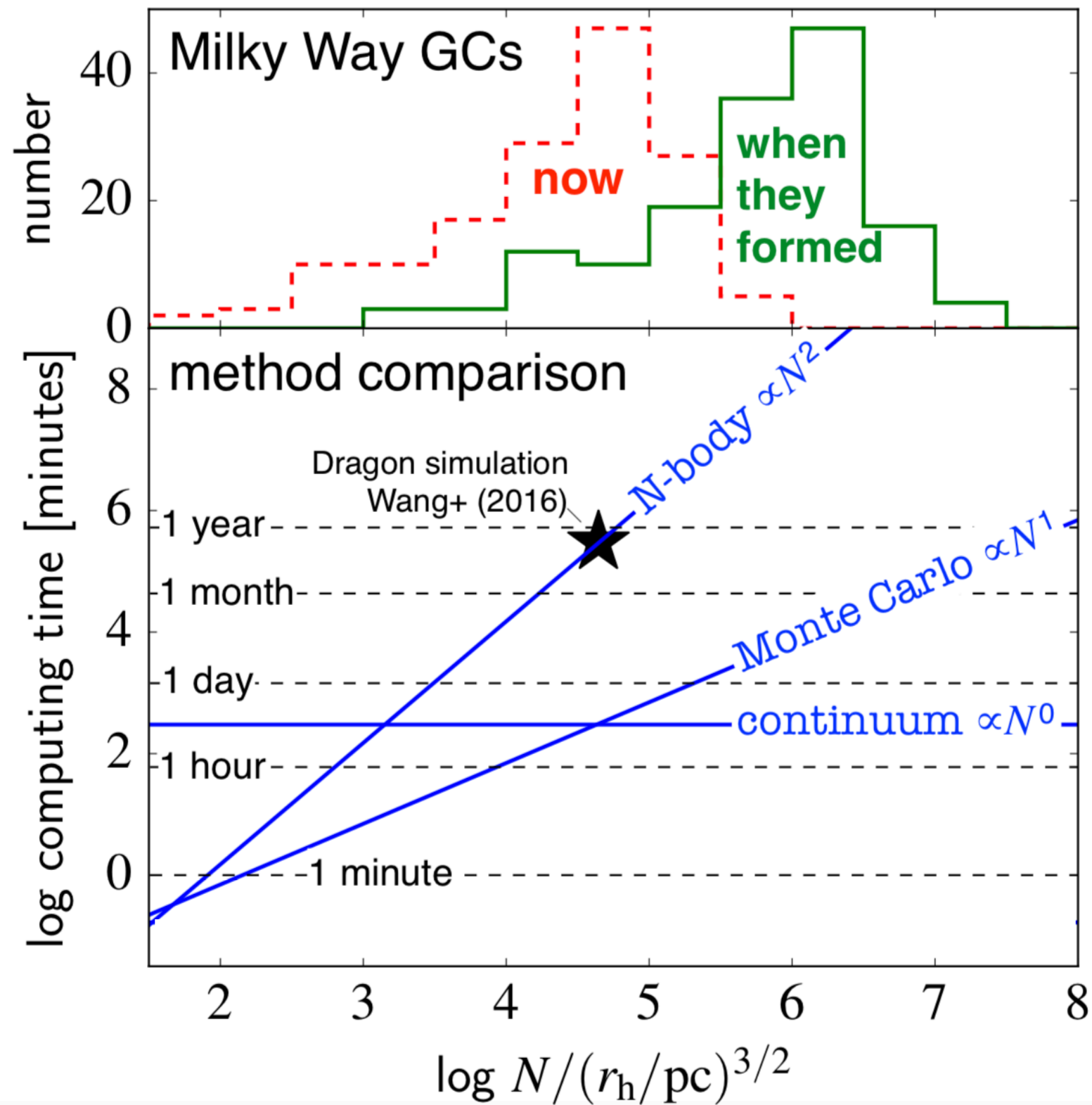
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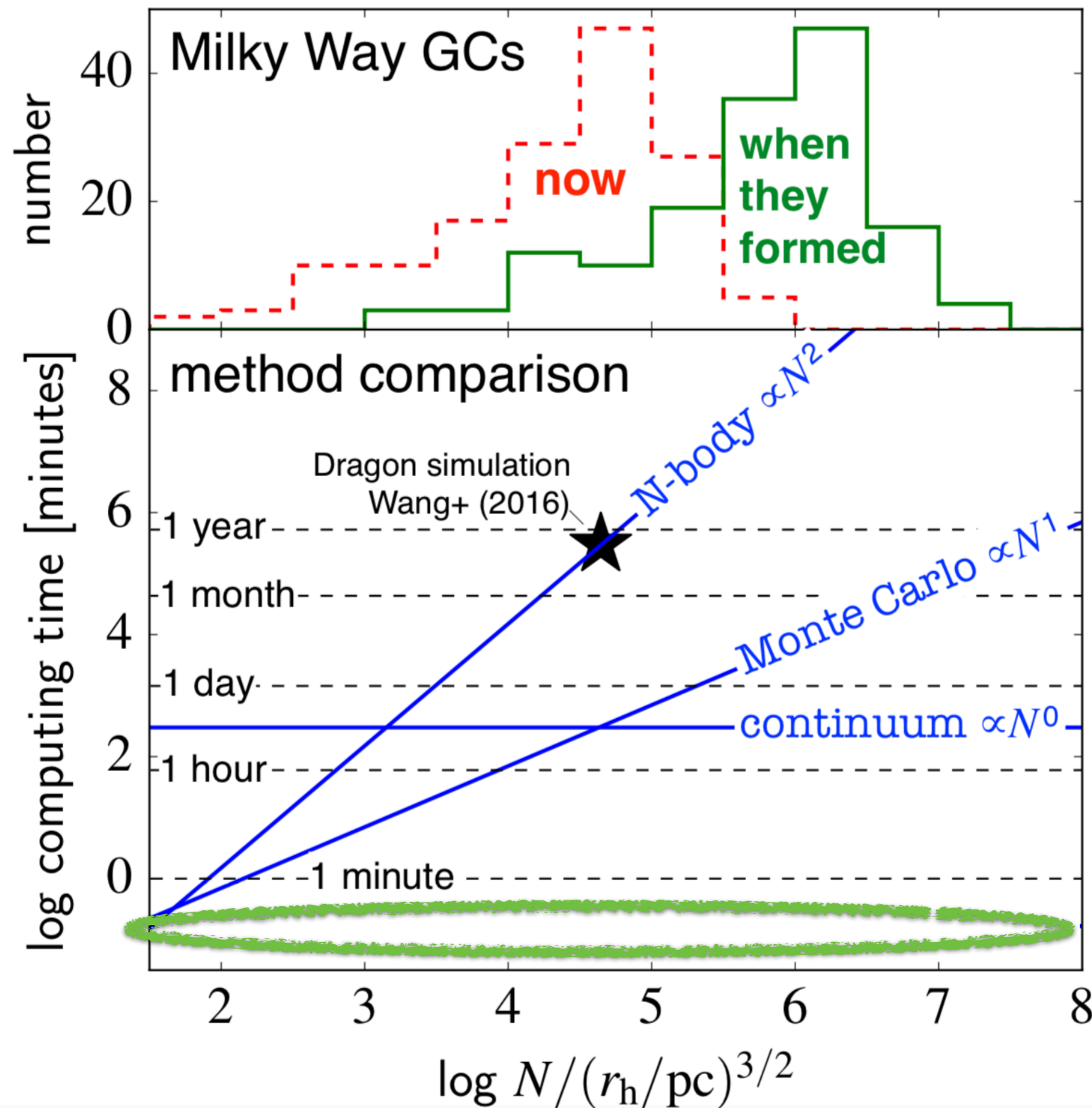
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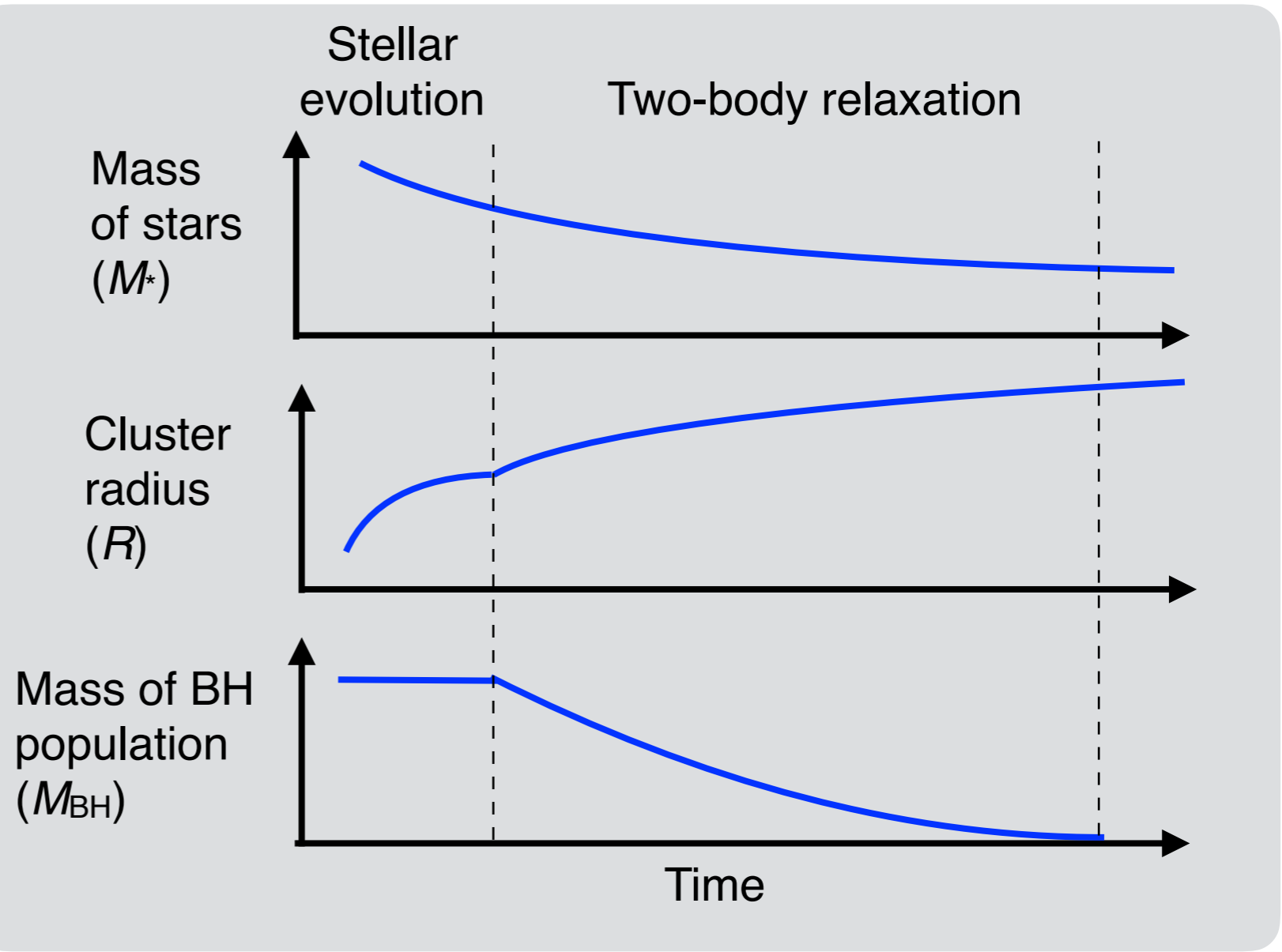
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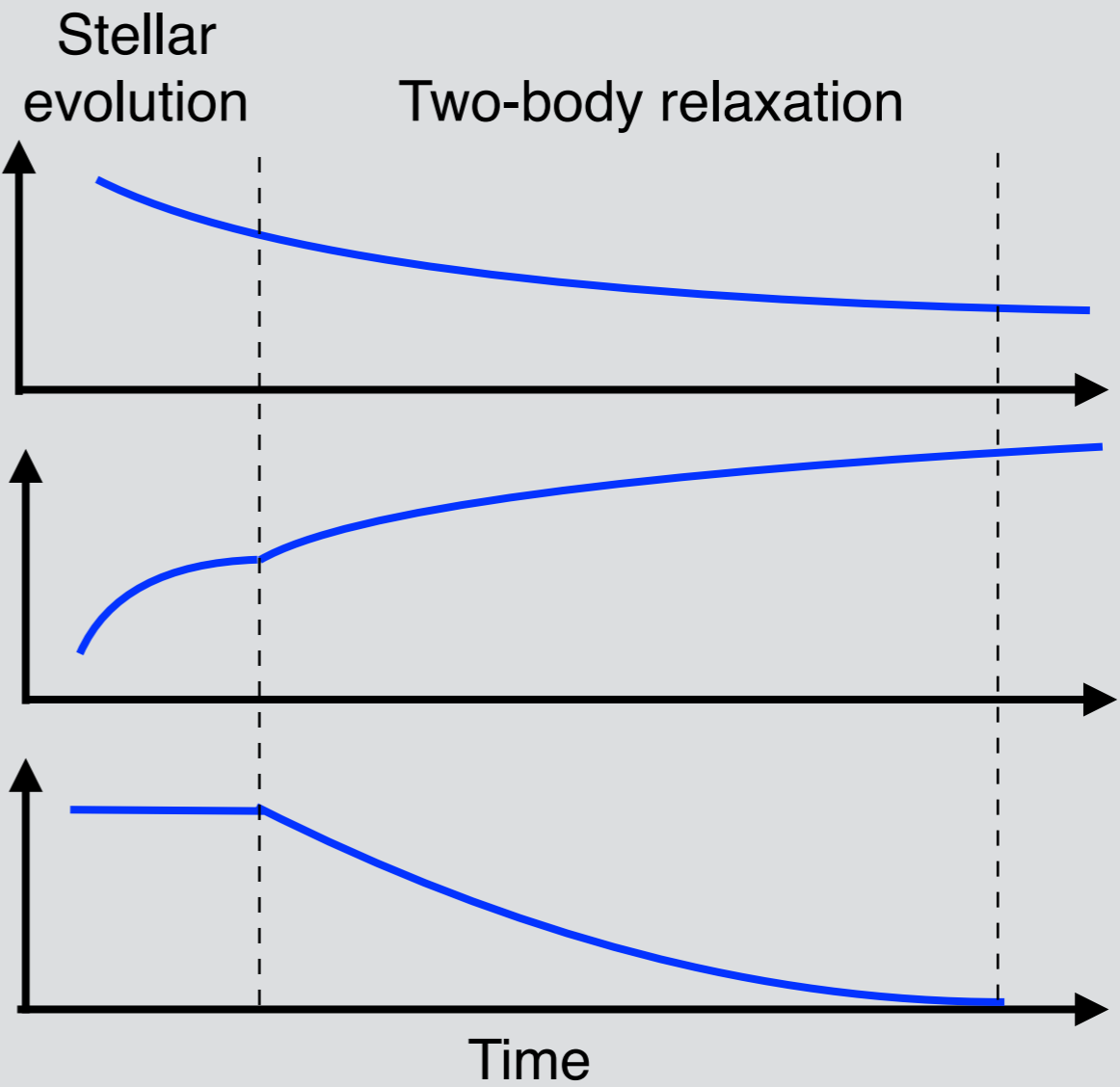


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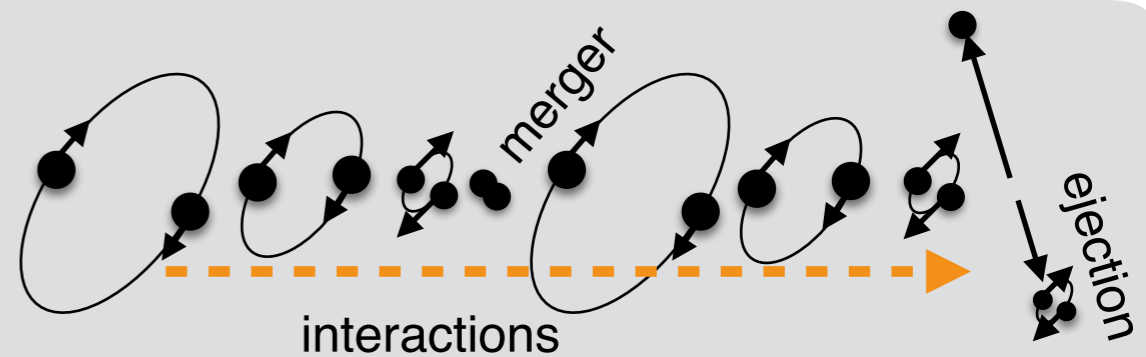
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Mass of stars (M^*)
Cluster radius (R)
Mass of BH population (M_{BH})

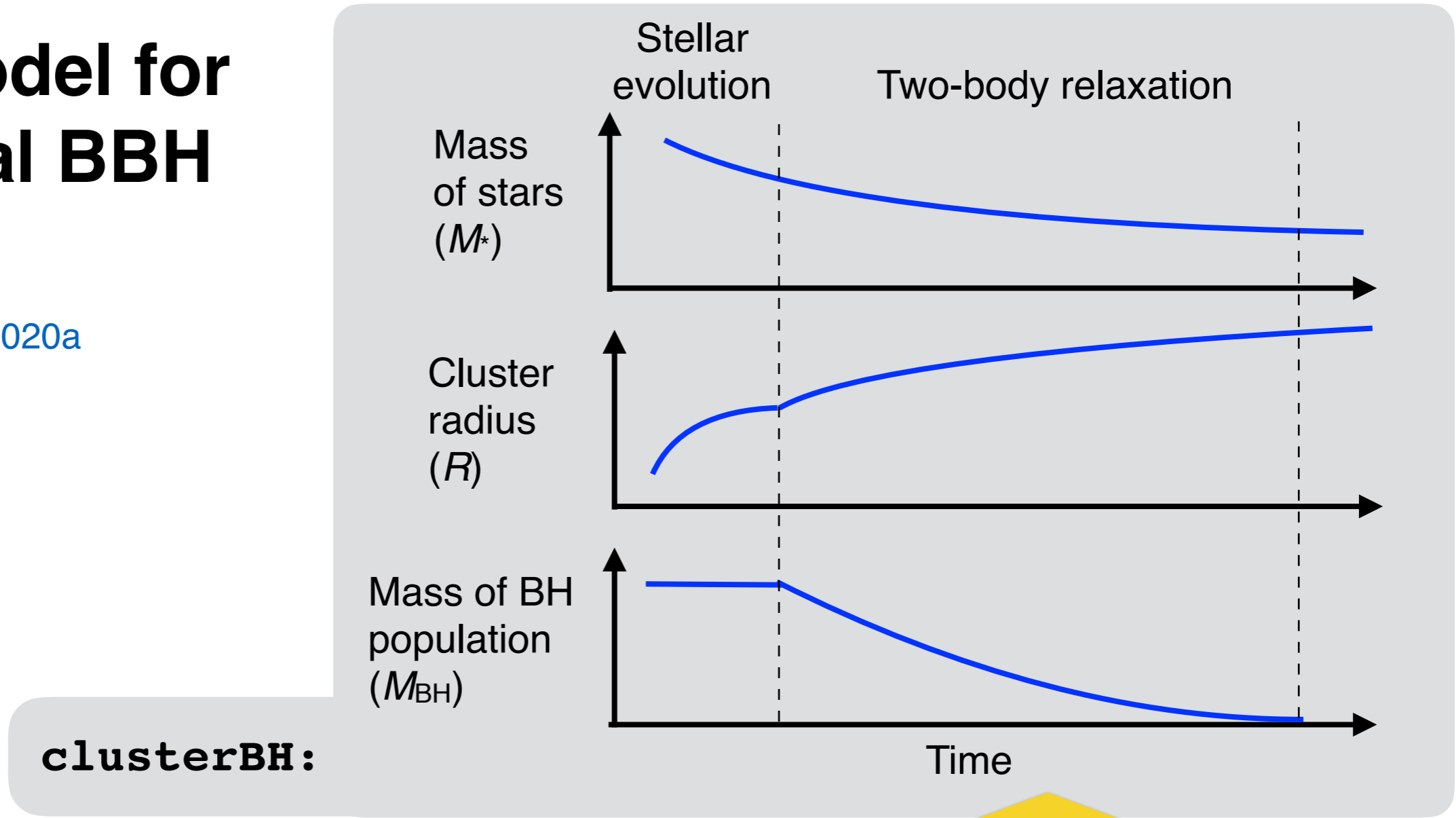


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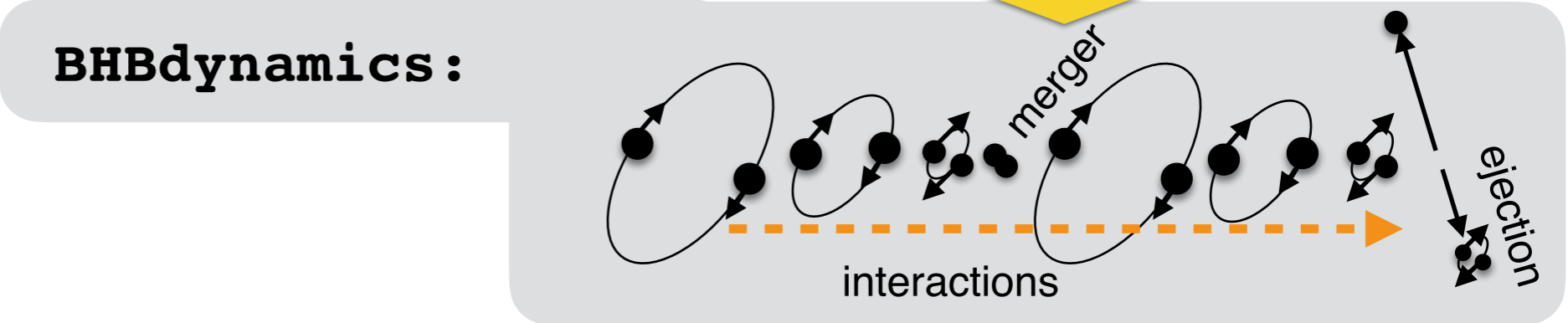
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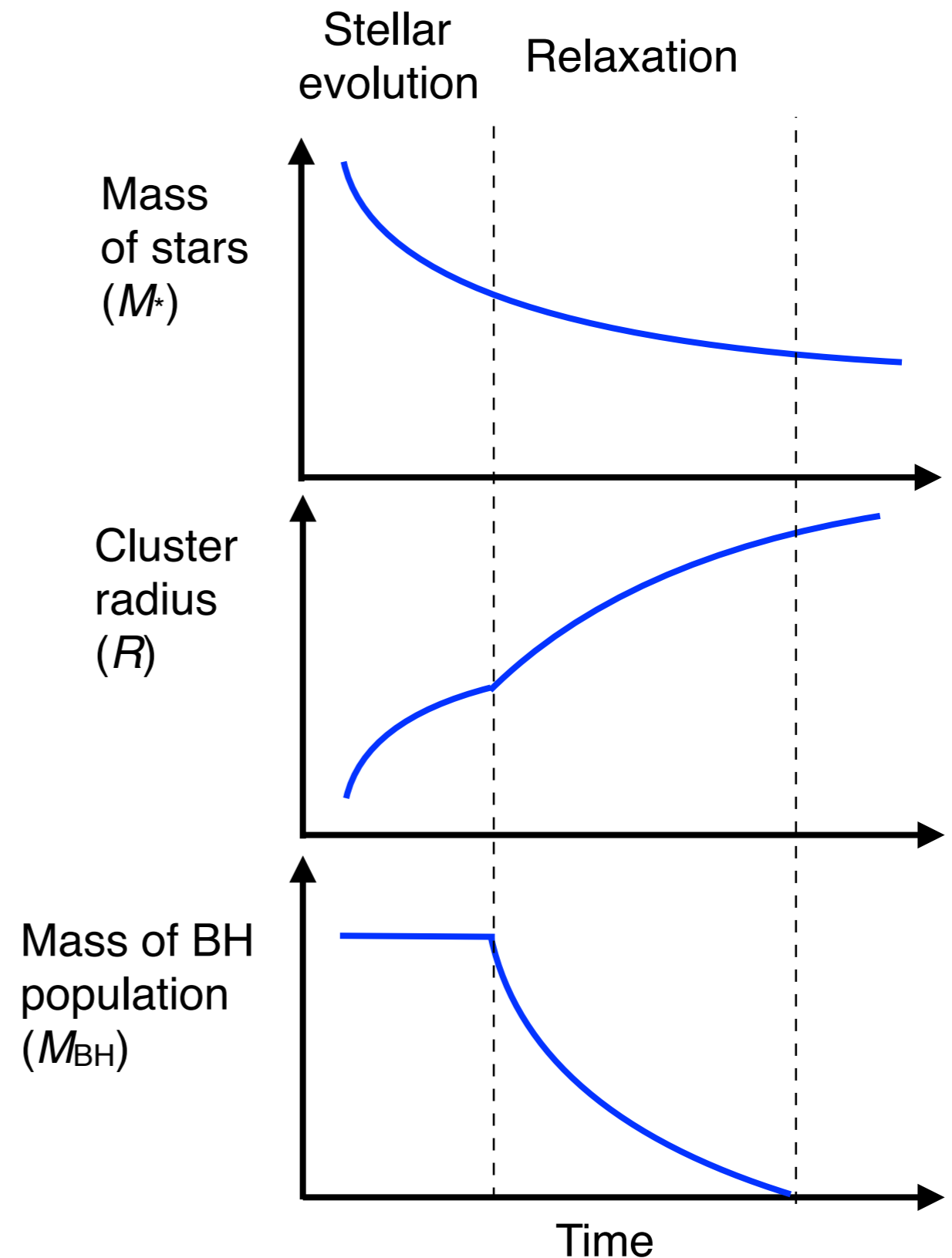
$$R \propto M^{-1} \quad (\text{Hills 1980})$$

Relaxation:

$$\dot{E} \propto |E| / \tau_{\text{rh}} \quad (\text{Hénon 1961})$$

$$\dot{M}_{\text{BH}} \propto -M / \tau_{\text{rh}} \quad (\text{Breen \& Heggie 2013})$$

Integrate: \dot{M}_* , \dot{R} , \dot{M}_{BH}



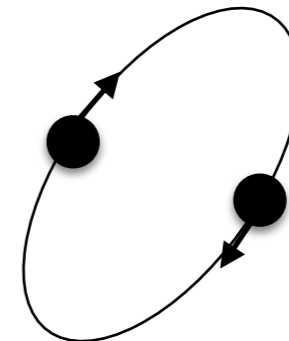
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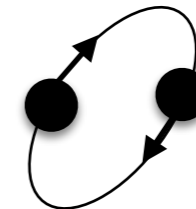
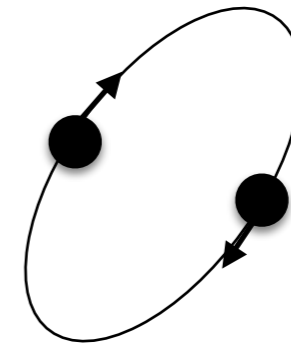
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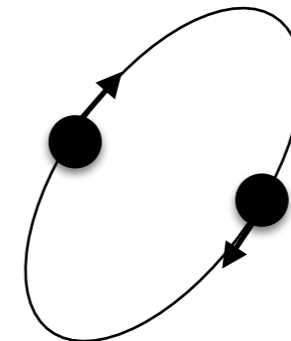
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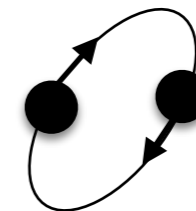
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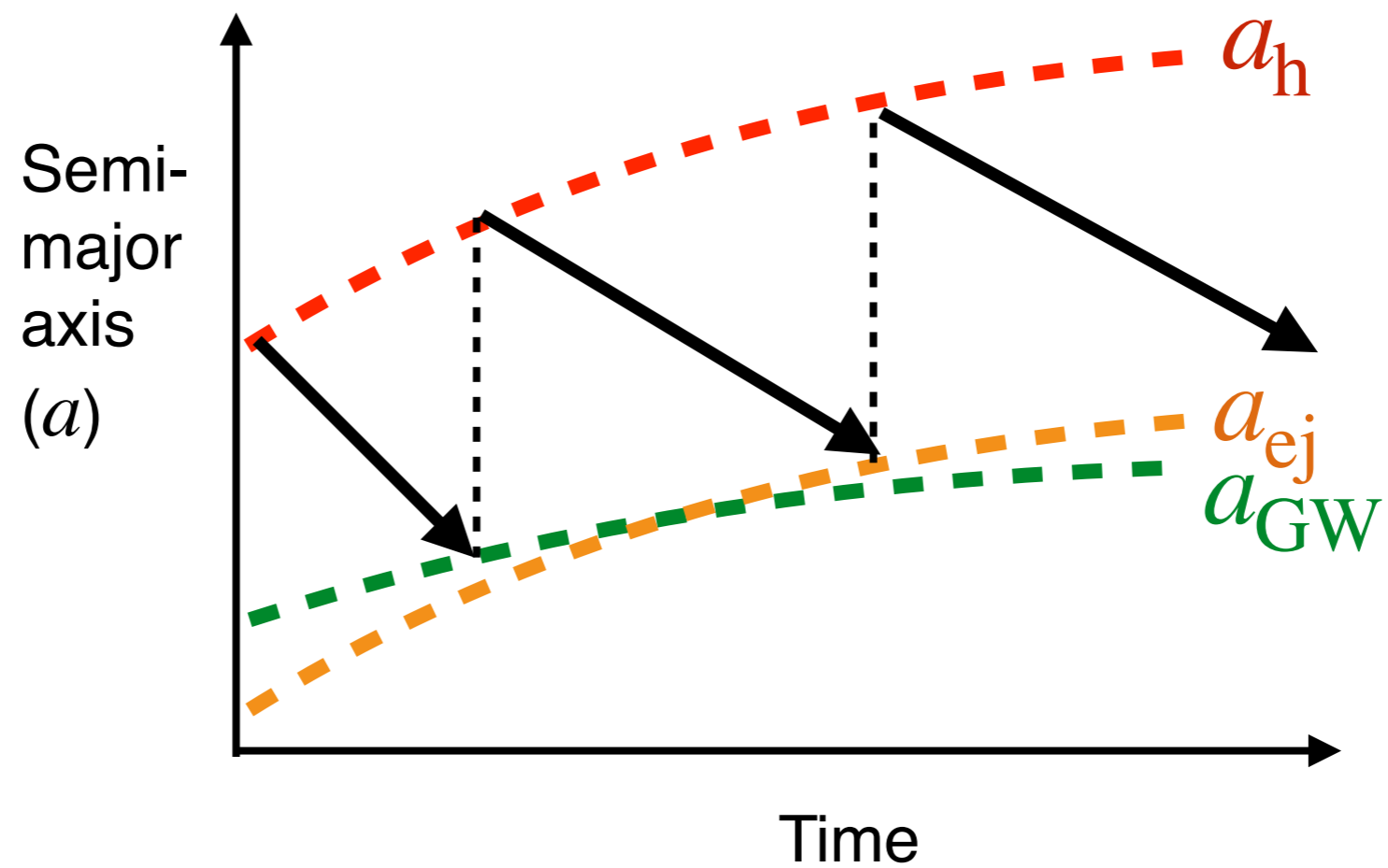
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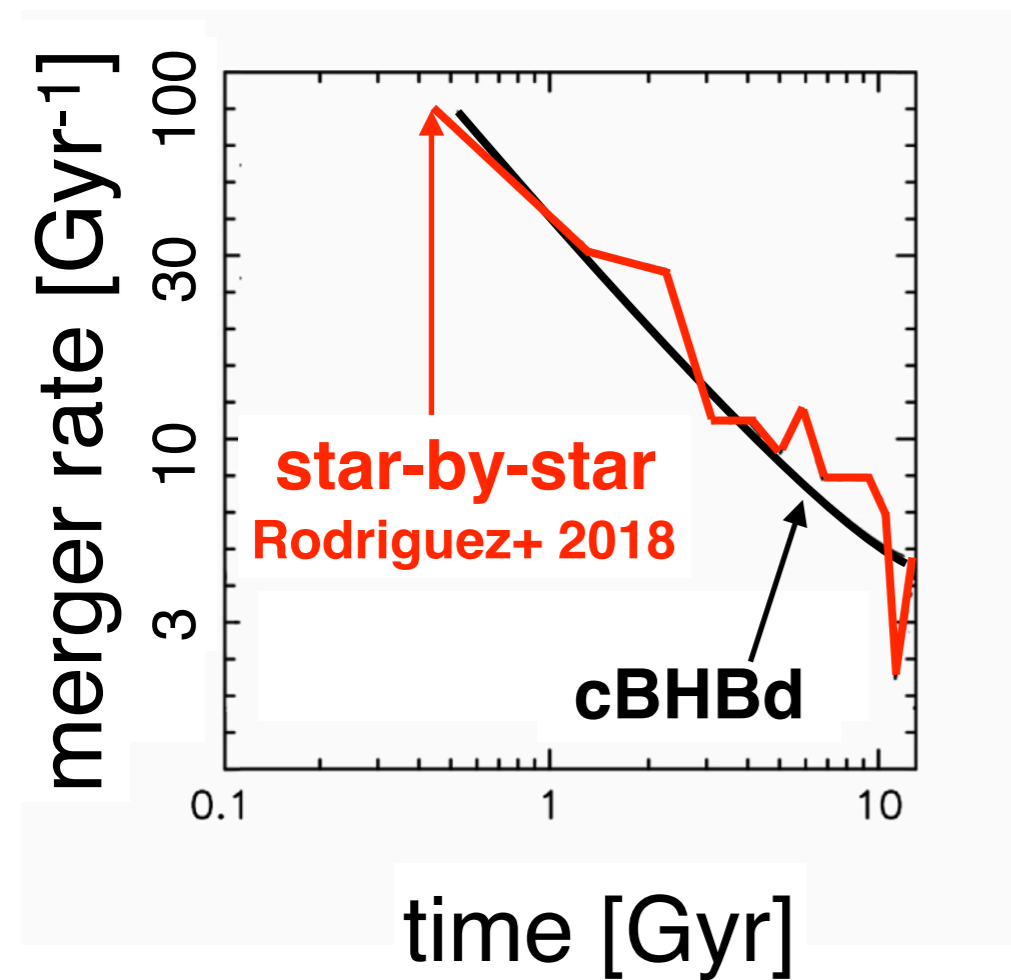
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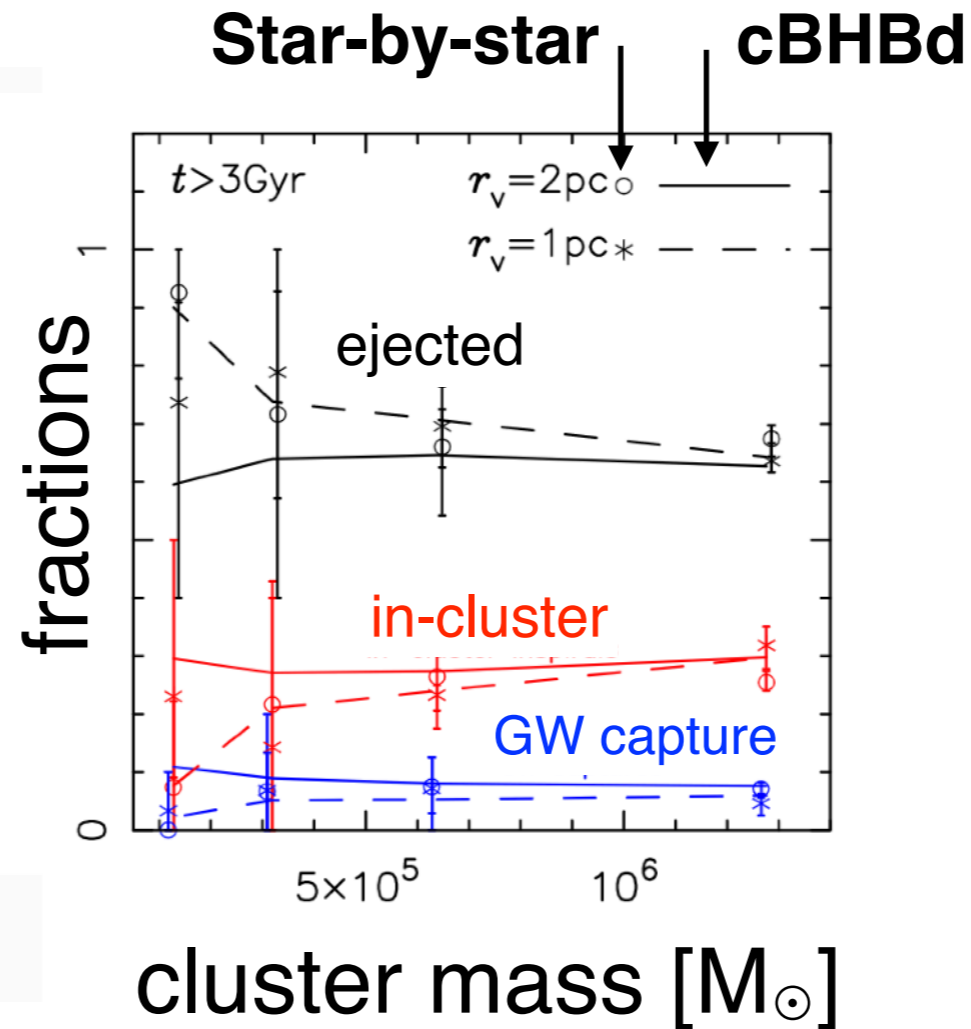
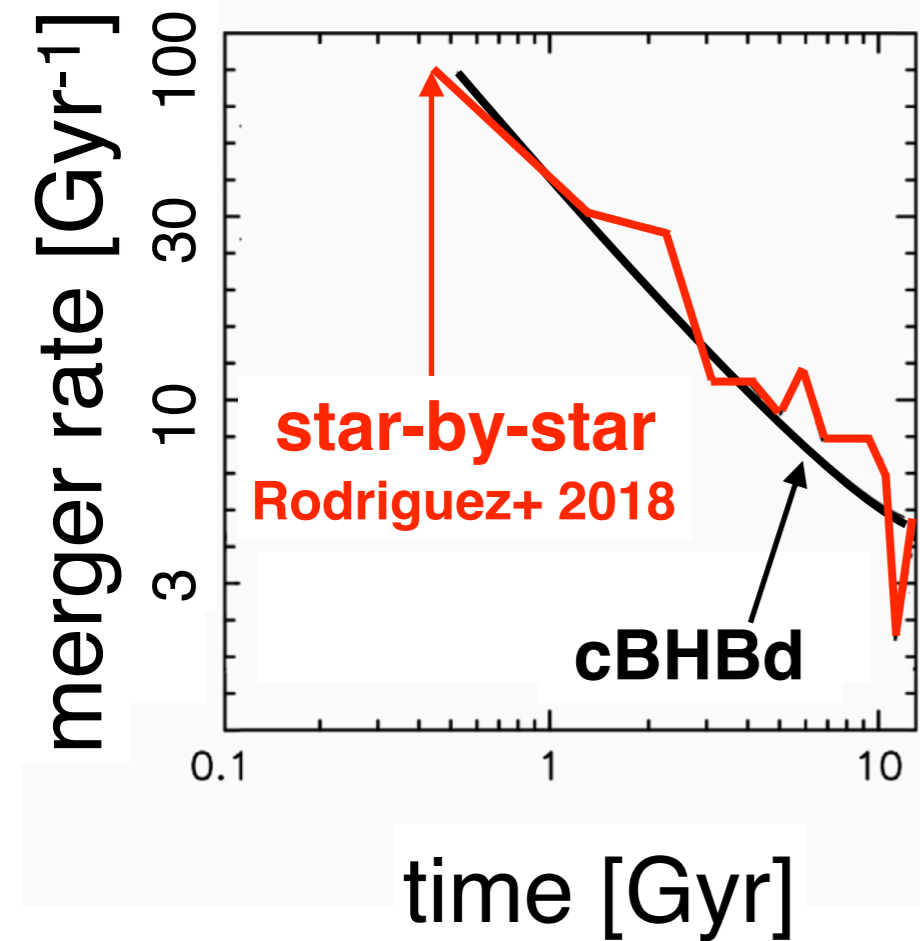
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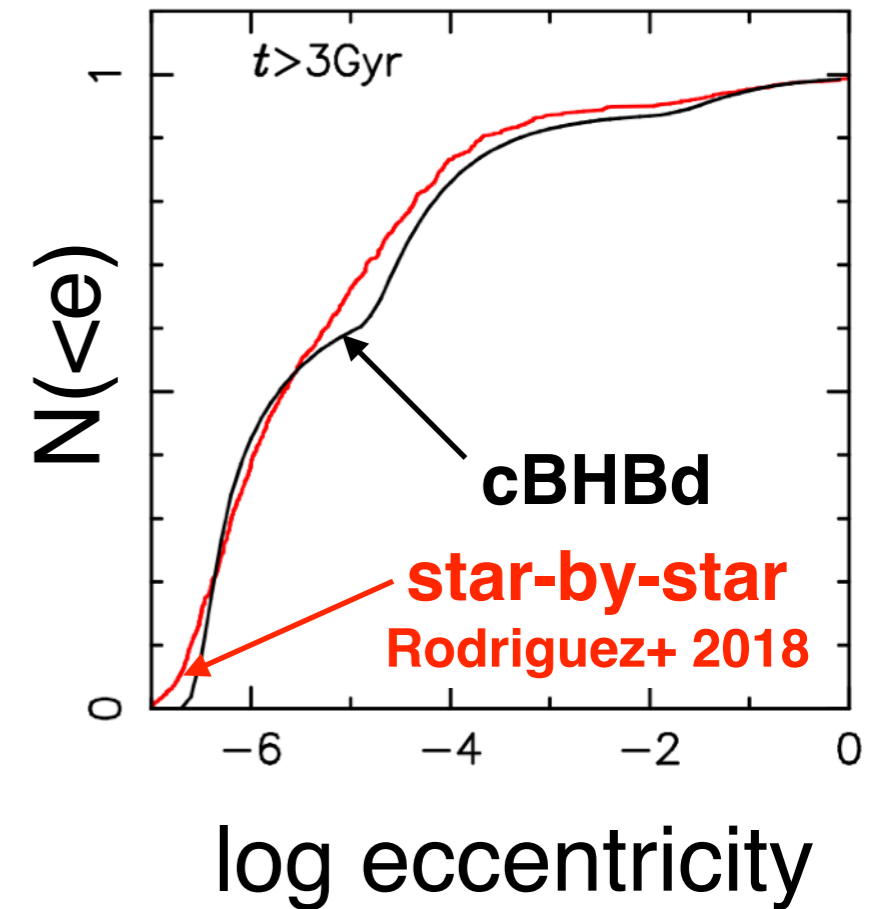
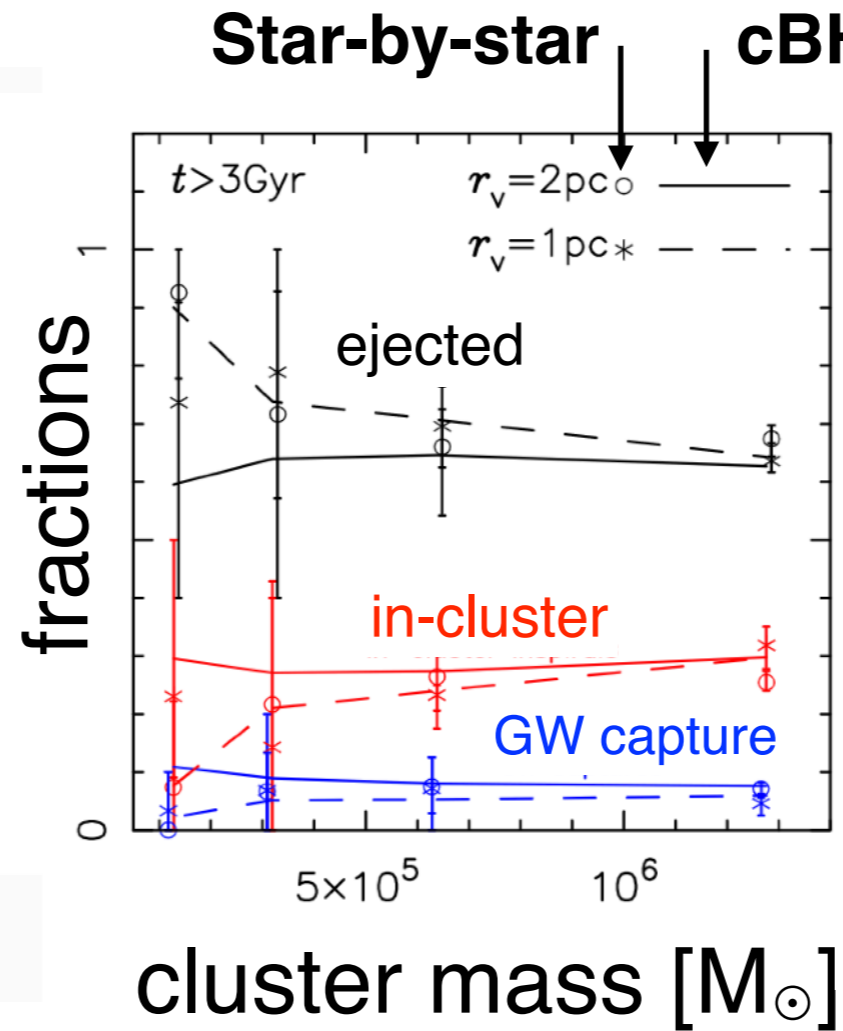
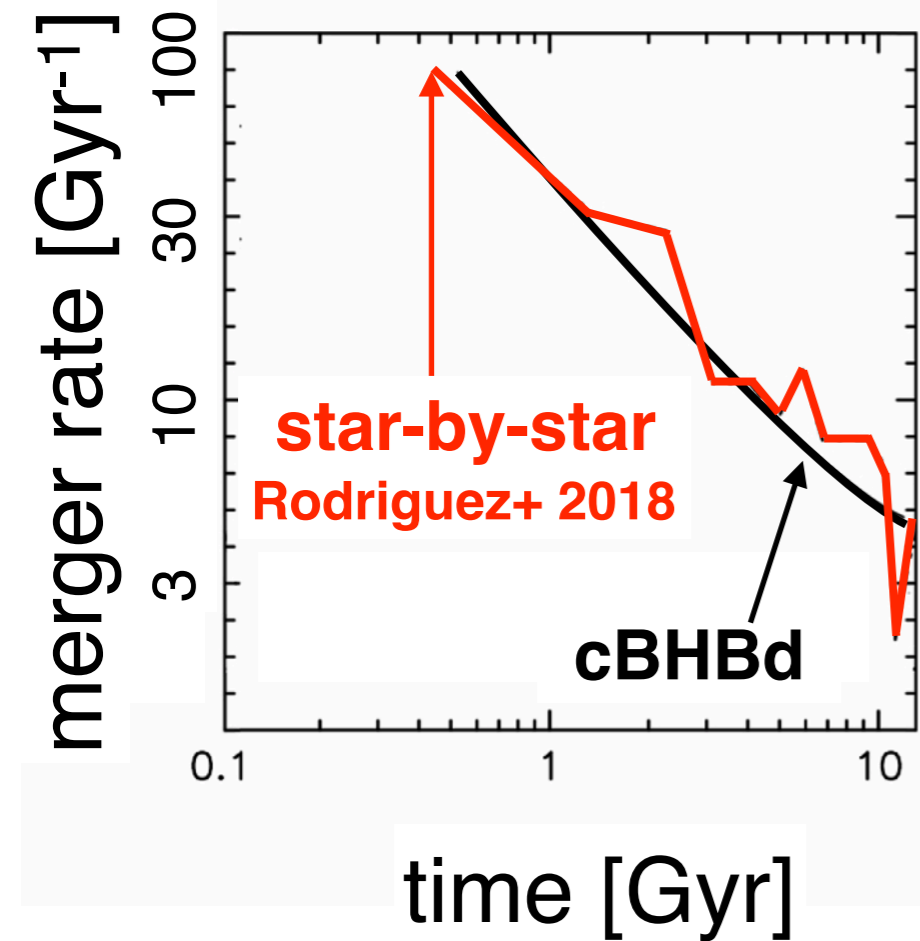
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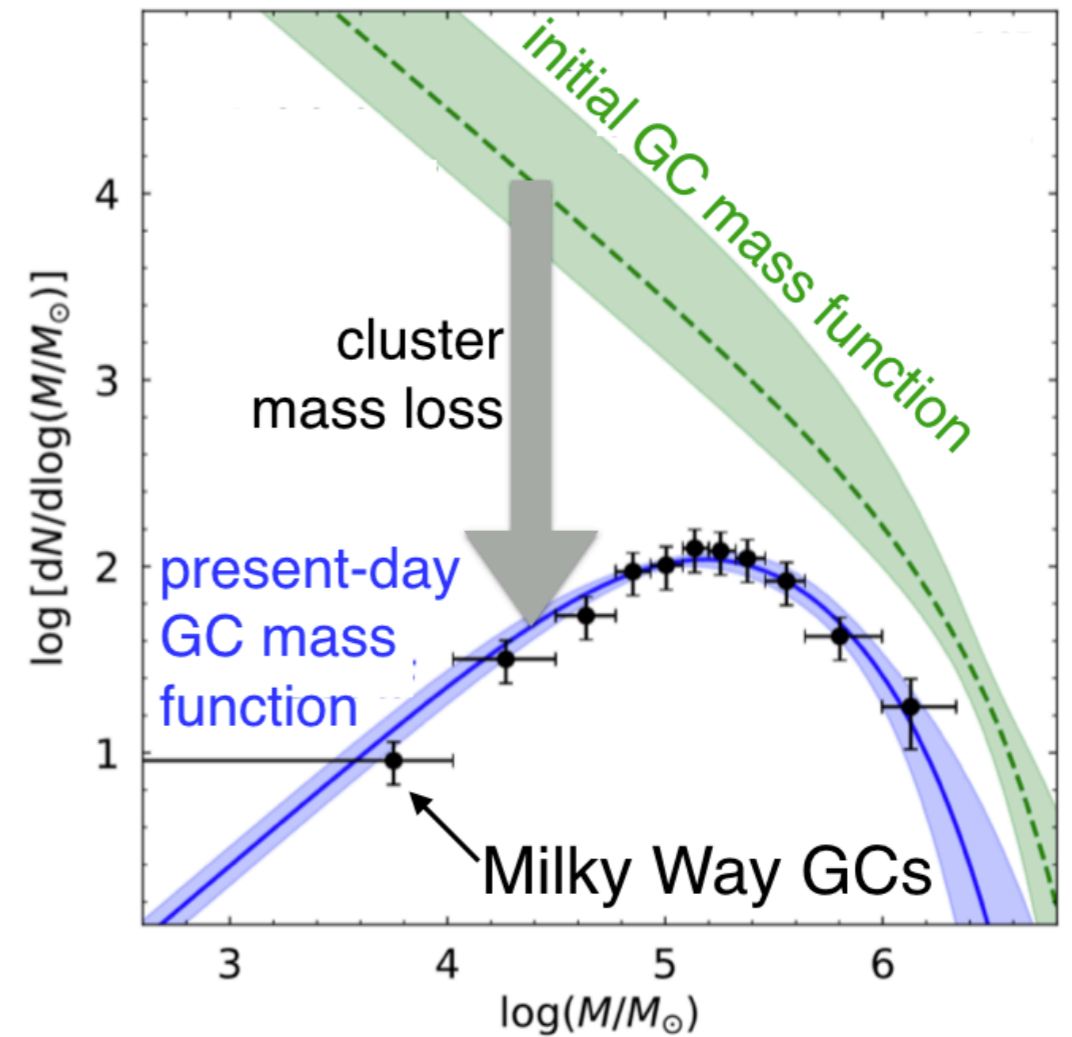
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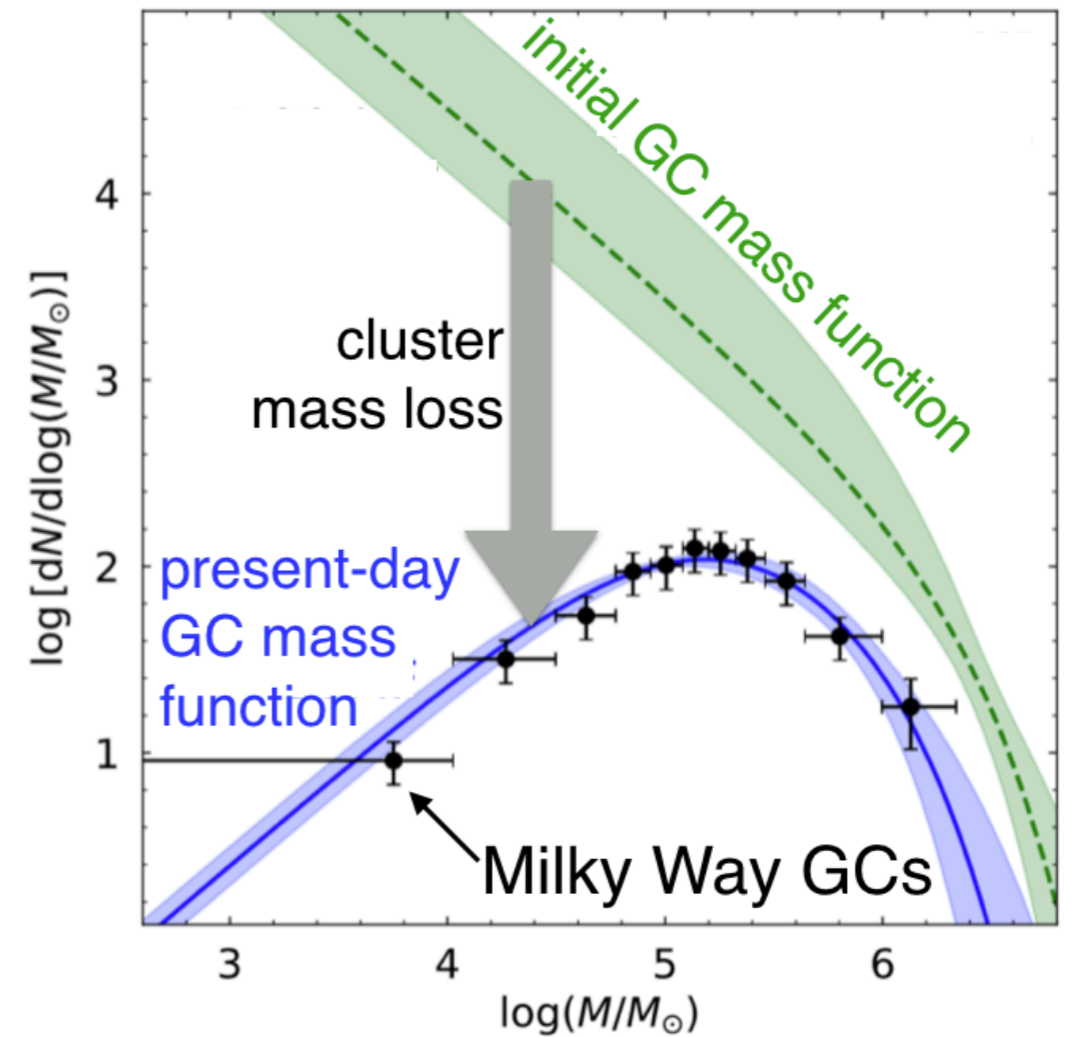
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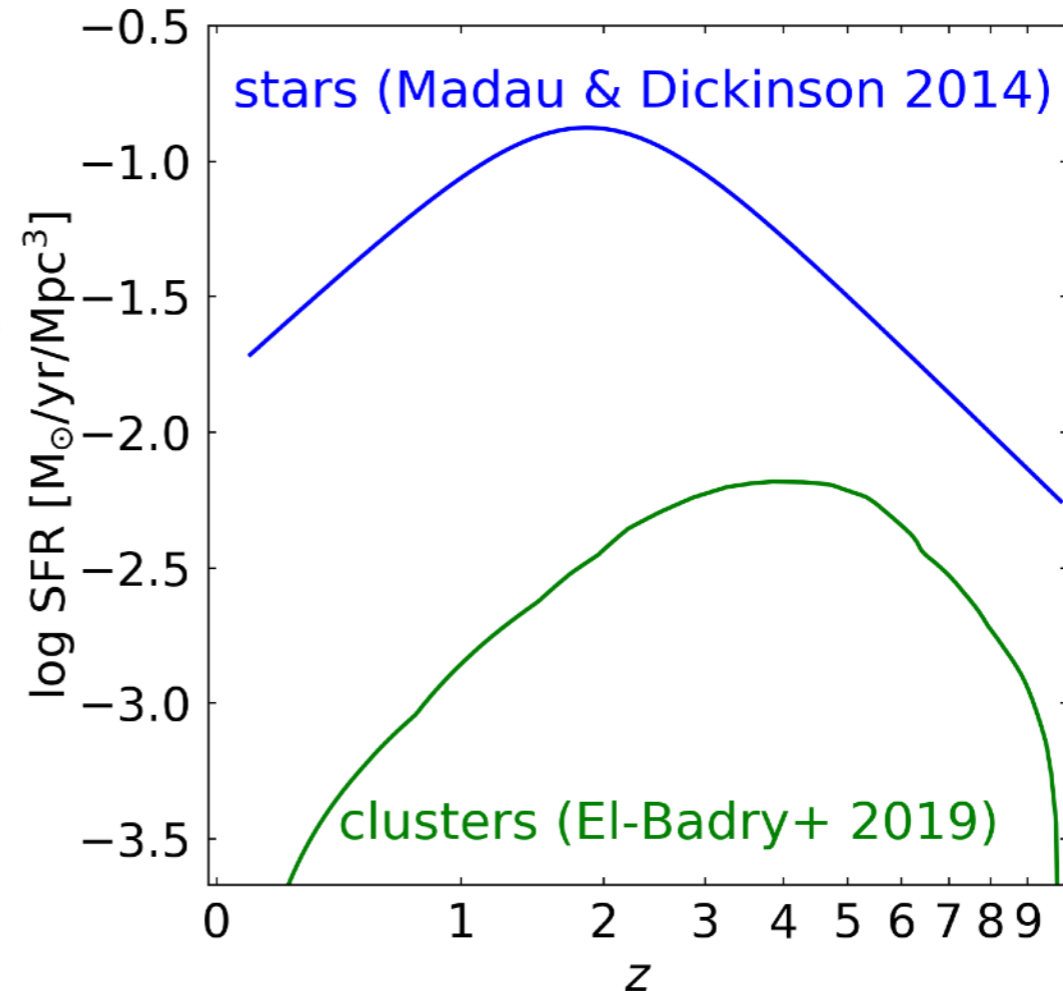
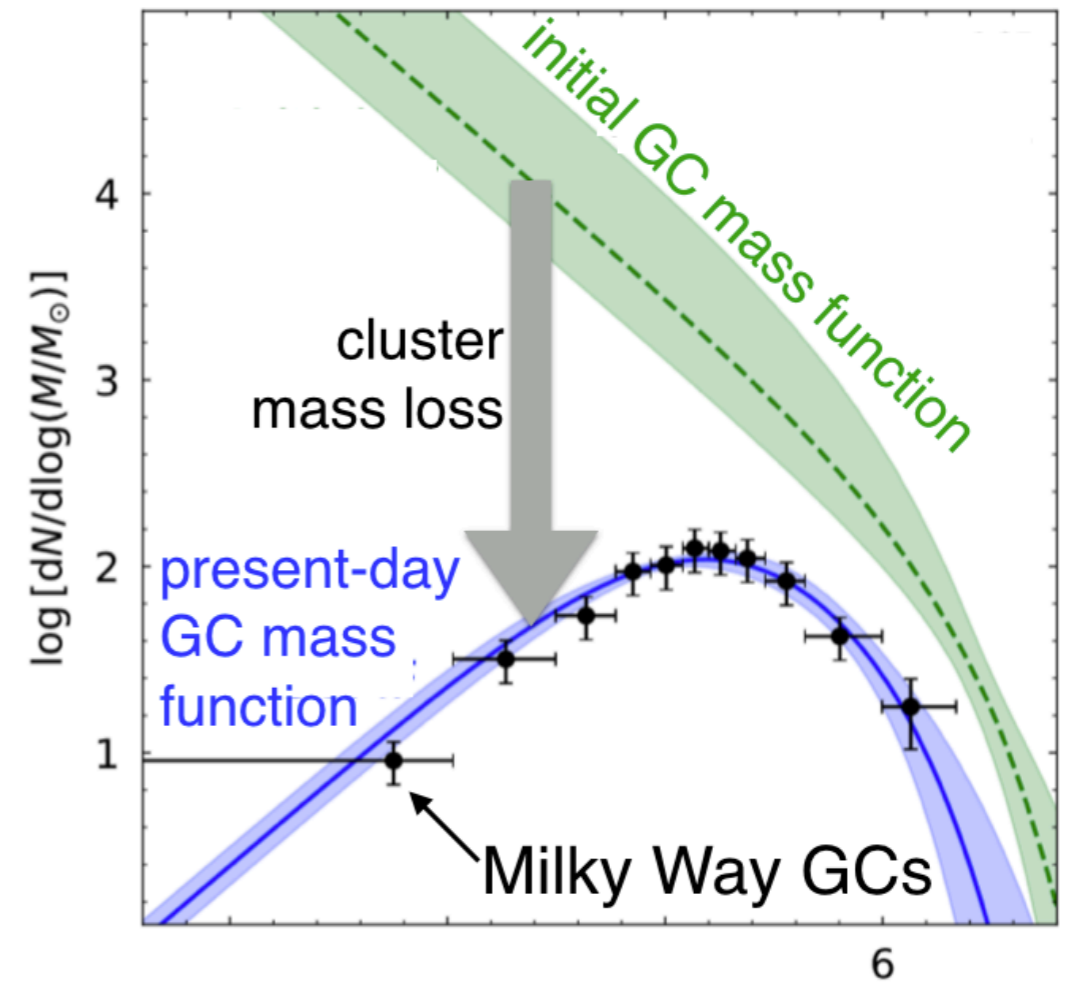
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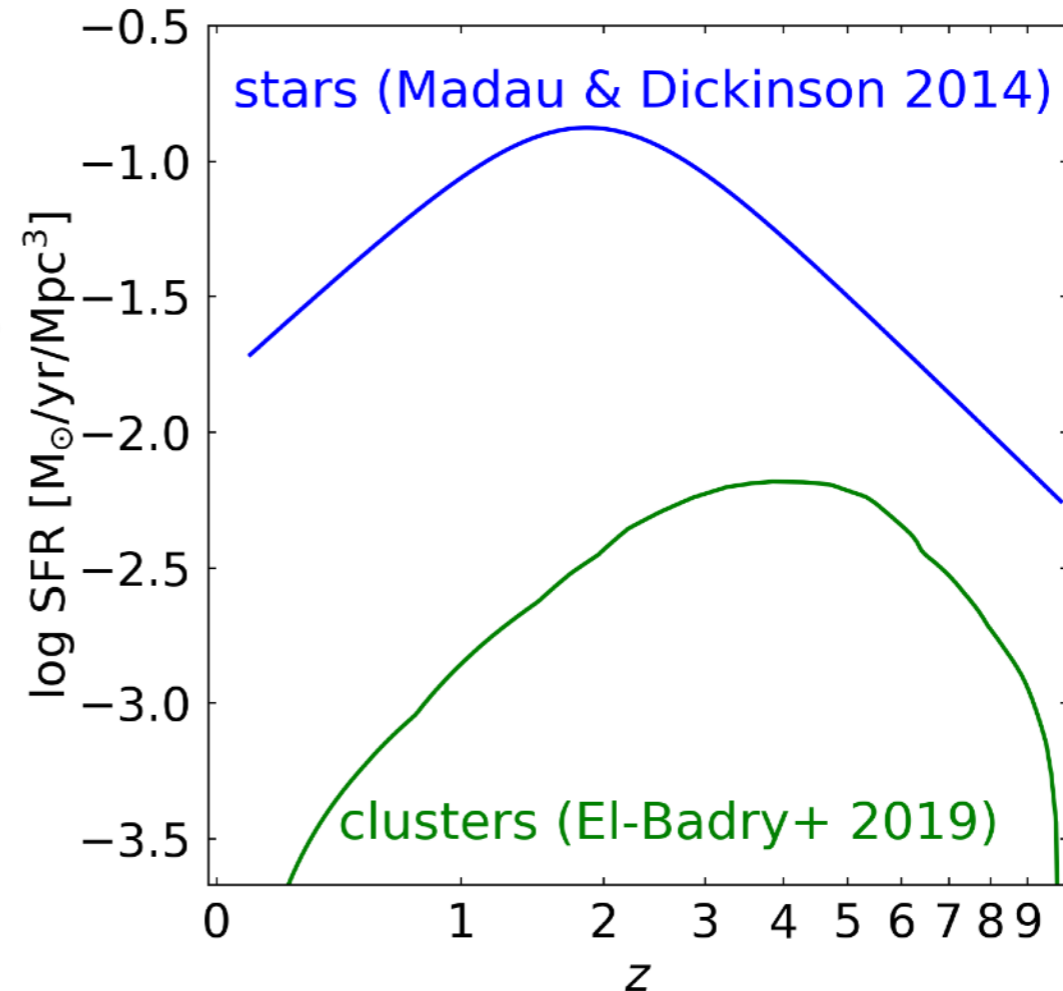
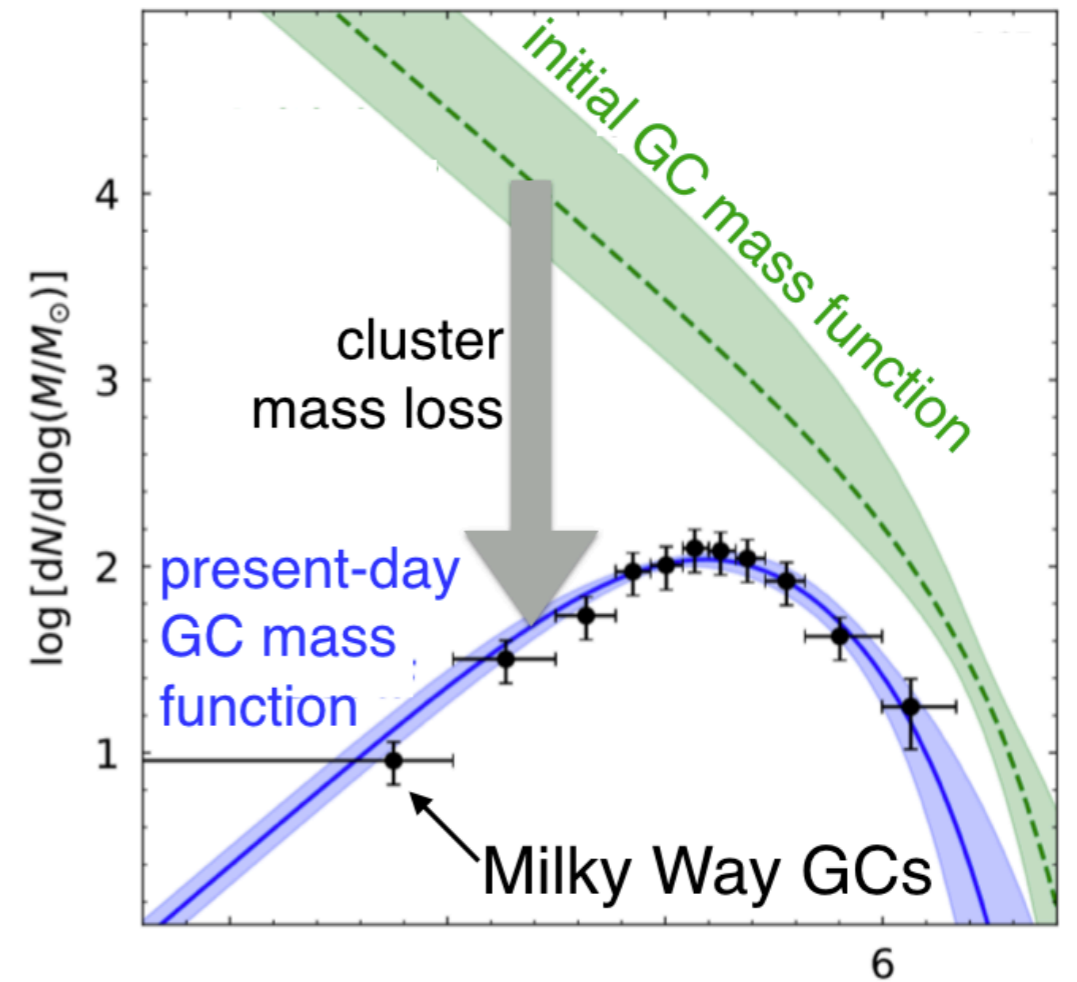
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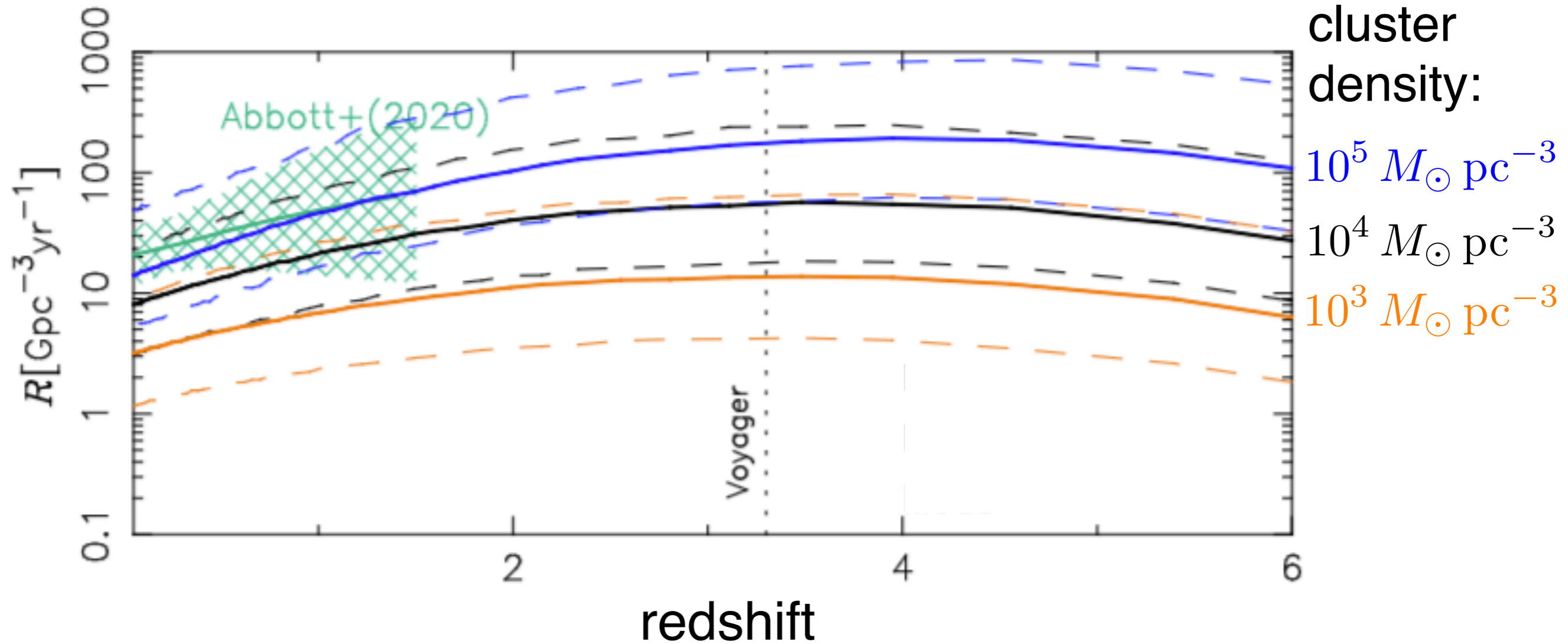
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Monte Carlo
(20 million clusters)



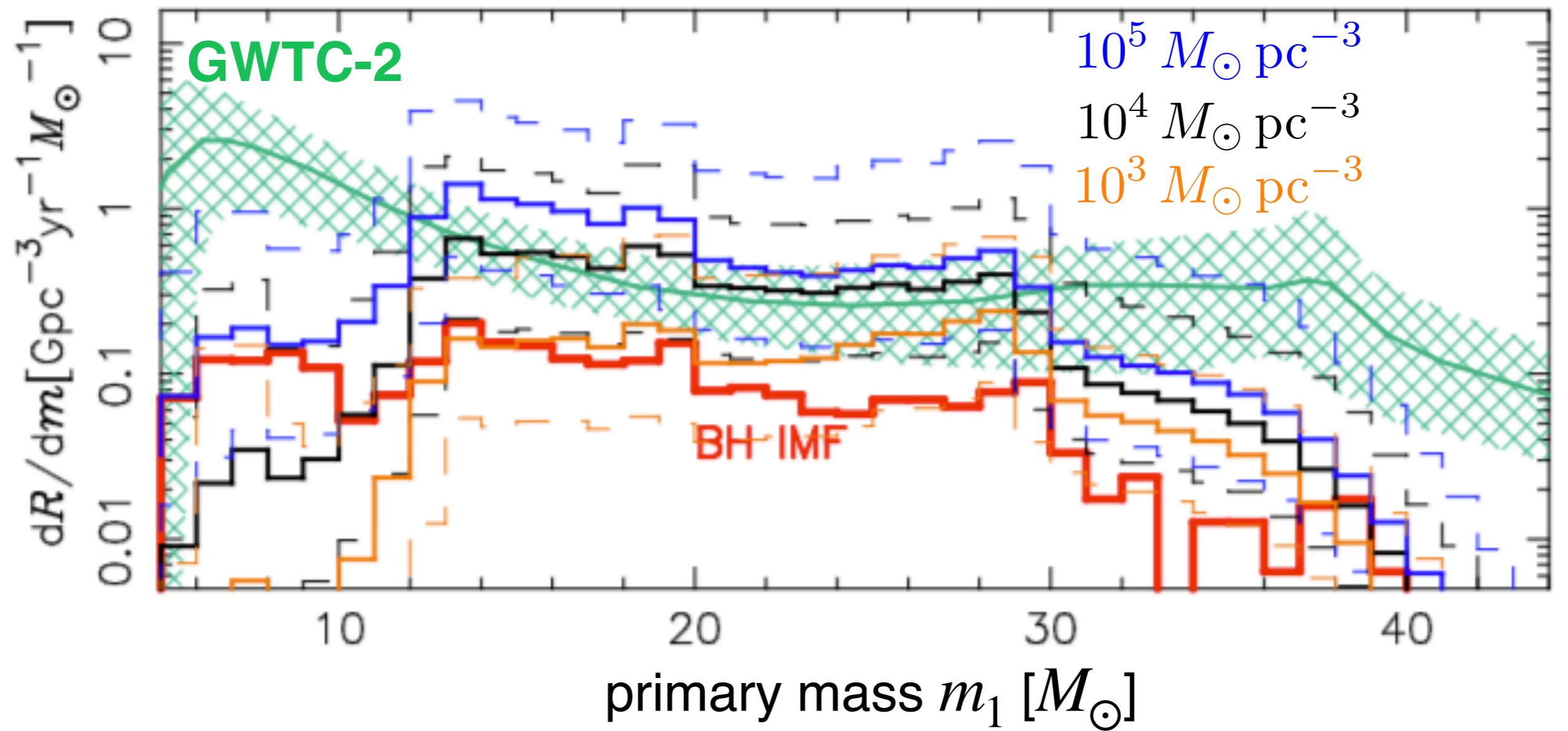
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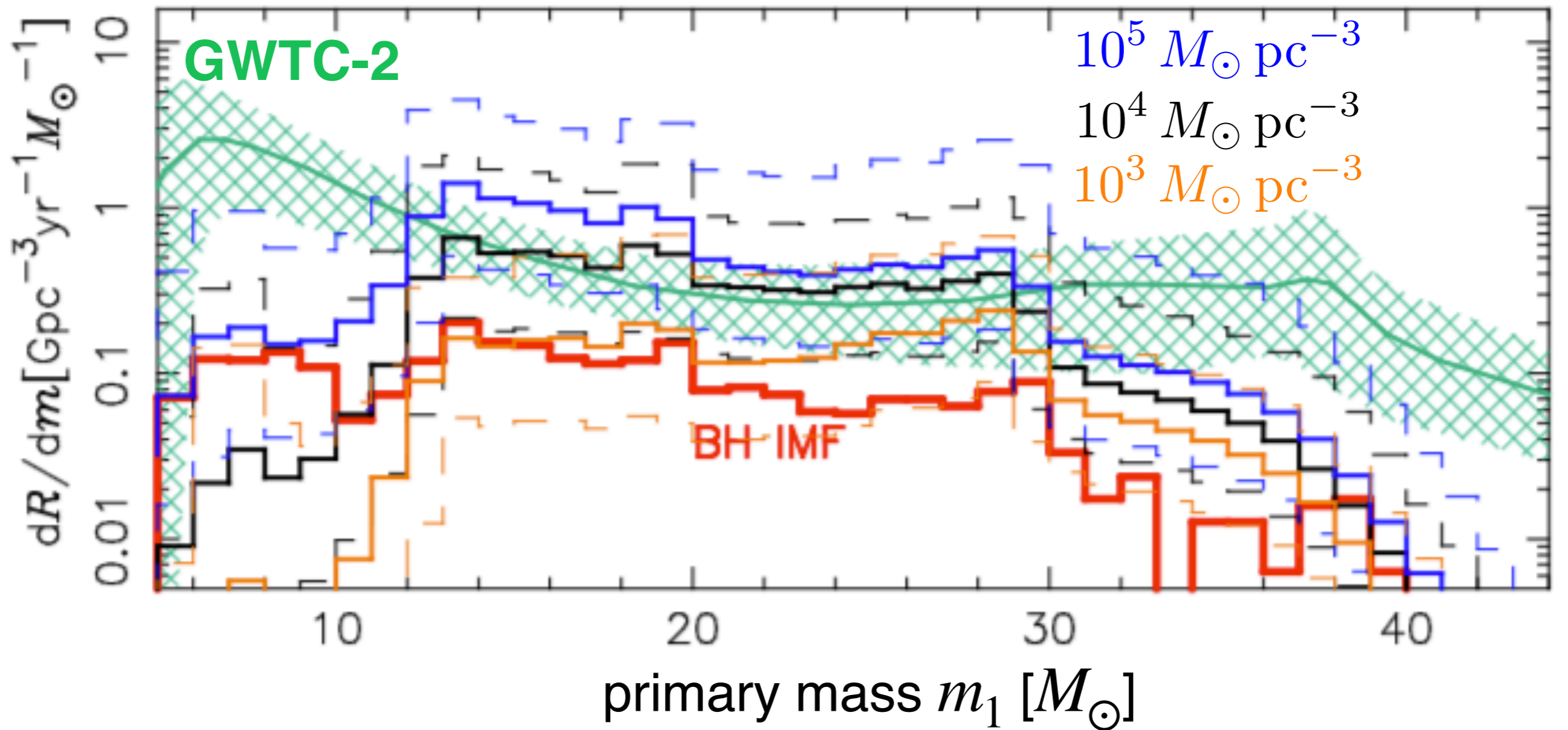
$$\mathcal{R}_0 = 7.2^{+21.5}_{-5.5} \text{ Gpc}^{-3} \text{ yr}^{-1}$$

$$\text{GWTC-2: } 19.1^{+16.2}_{-9.0} \text{ Gpc}^{-3} \text{ yr}^{-1}$$

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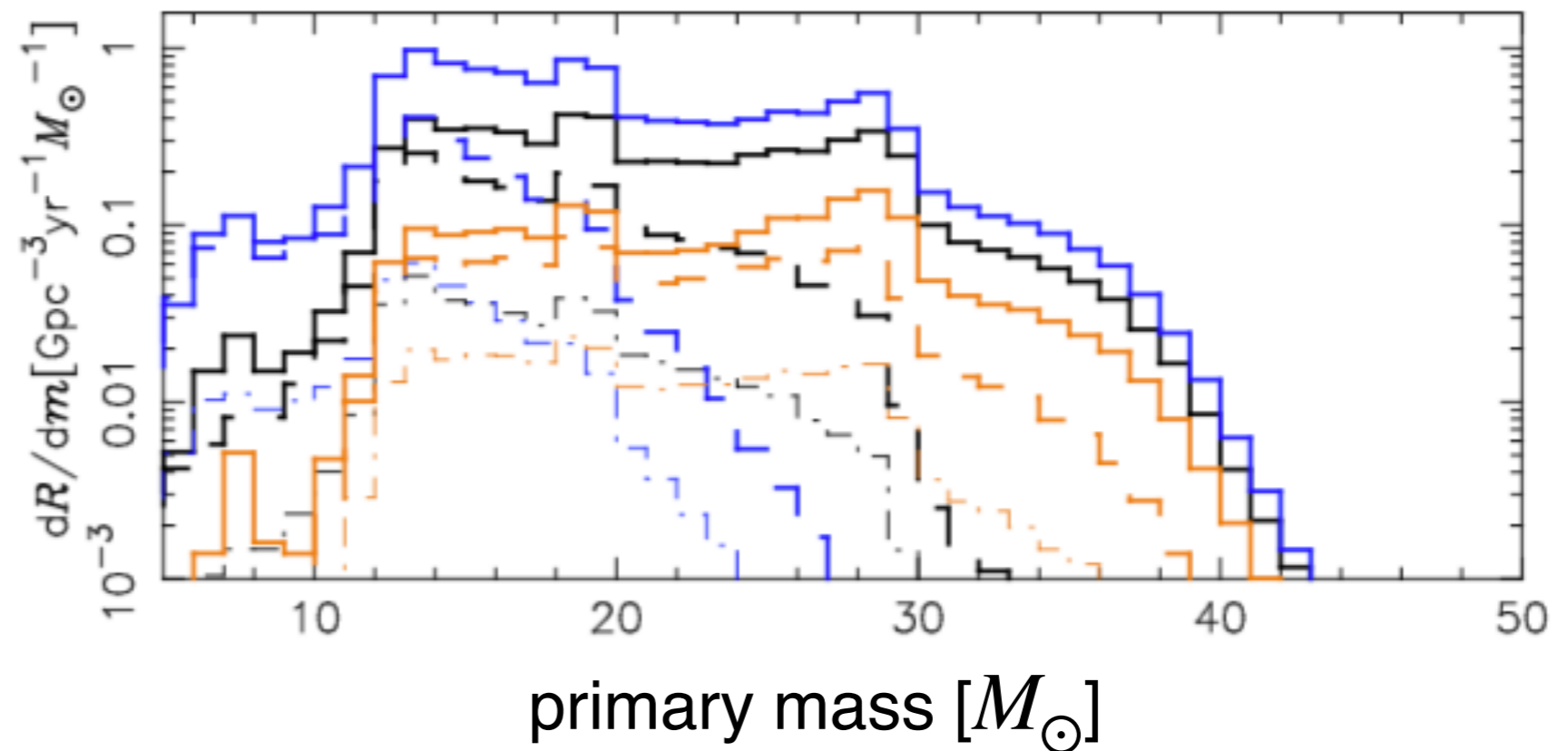
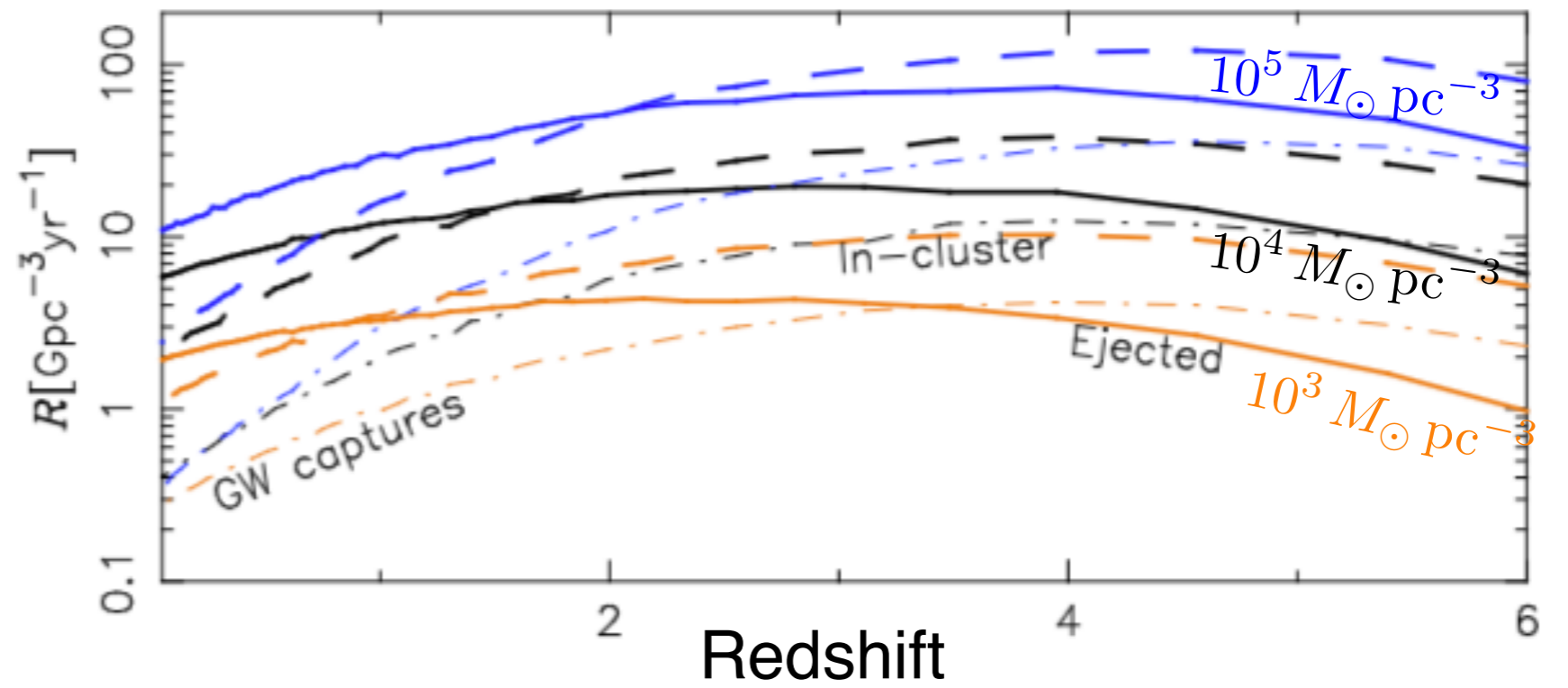
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$\rho_0 = 10^5 M_{\odot} \text{pc}^{-3}$ reproduces the total rate

$\rho_0 = 10^4 M_{\odot} \text{pc}^{-3}$ reproduces the *mass-dependent* rates between 13-30 M_{\odot}

In-cluster / ejected / GW captures

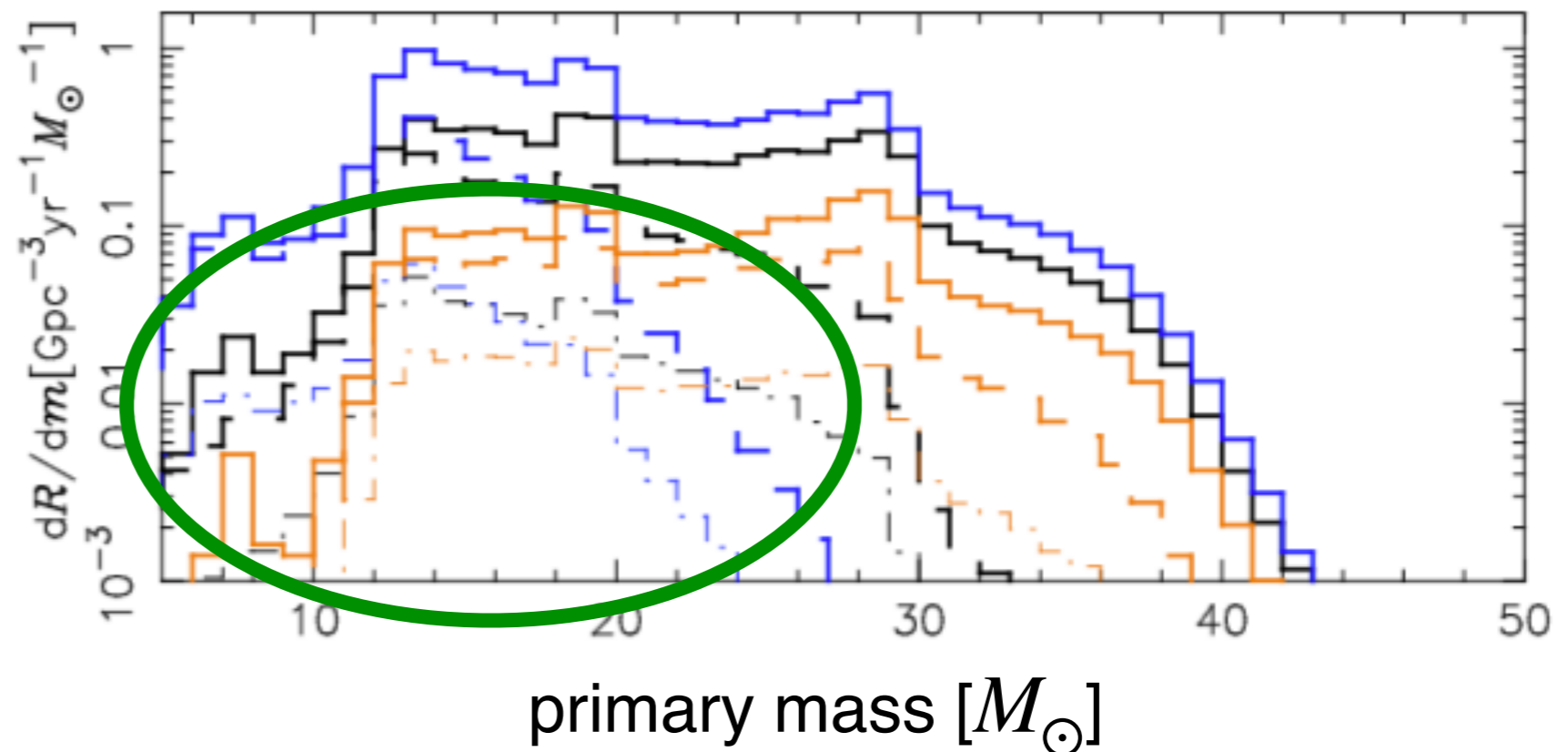
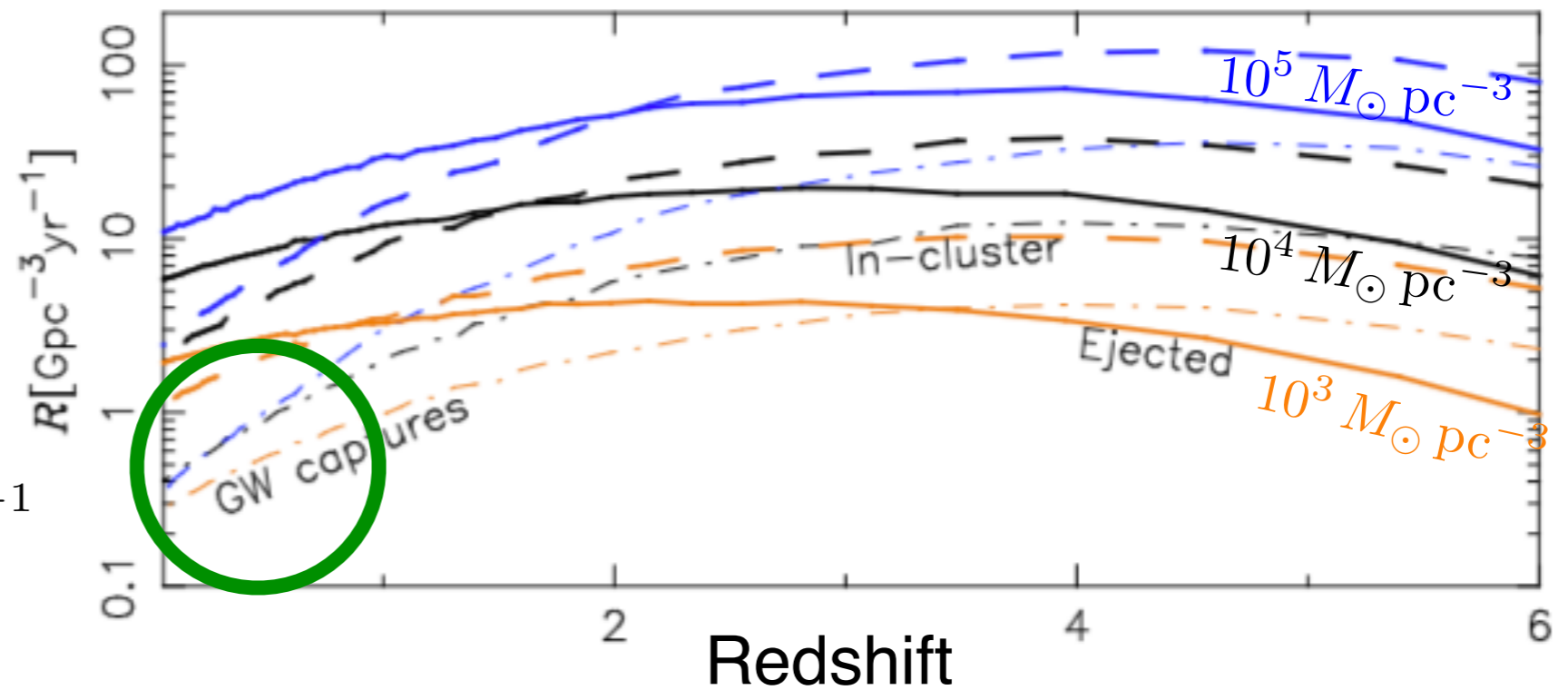


In-cluster / ejected / GW captures

$$\mathcal{R}(e > 0.1) \simeq 0.4 \text{ Gpc}^{-3} \text{ yr}^{-1}$$

1. insensitive to ρ_0
2. steep z dependence
3. $\sim 4\text{-}10\%$

3. low mass



eBBHs

model predictions

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[Banerjee 2021](#)

observations

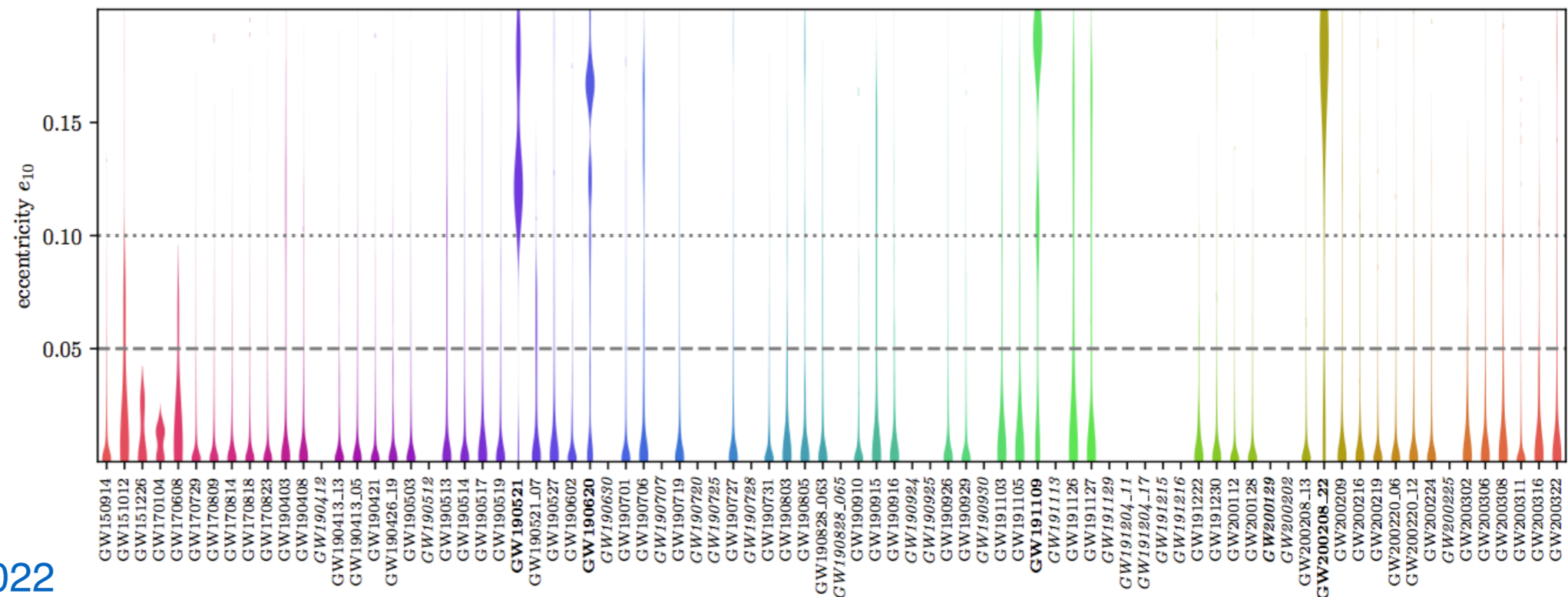
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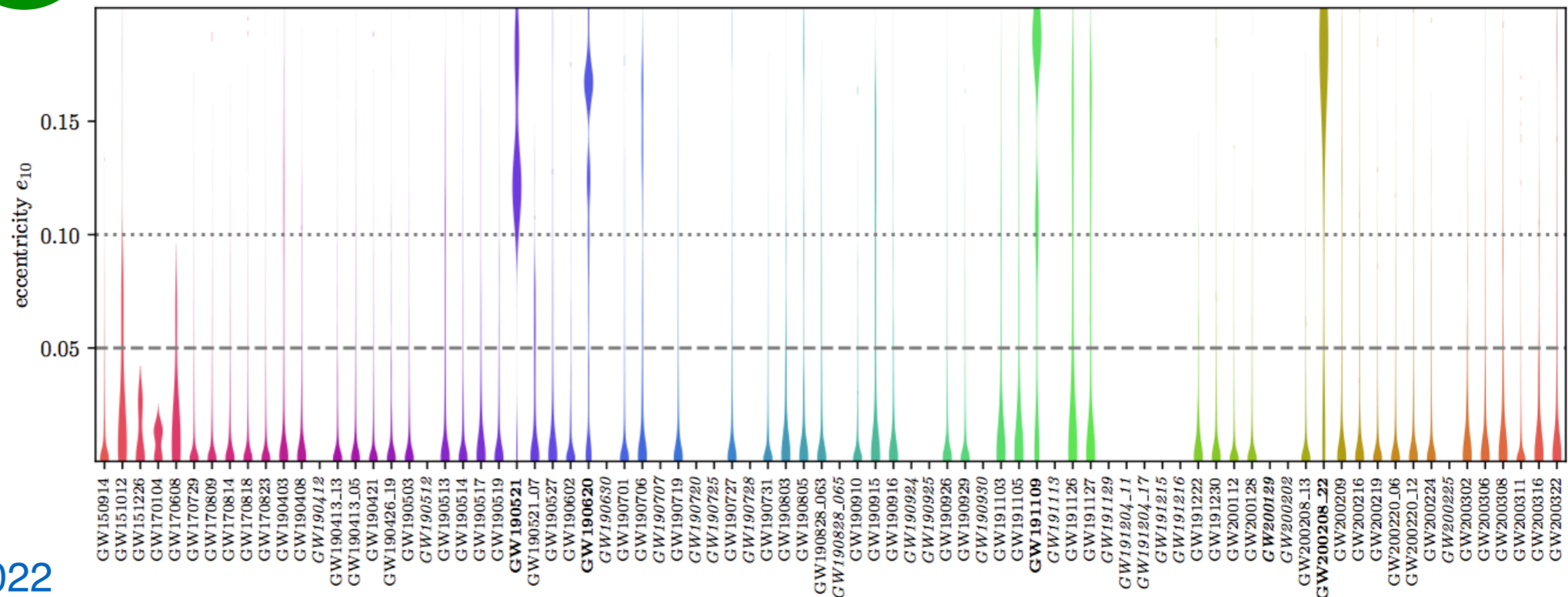
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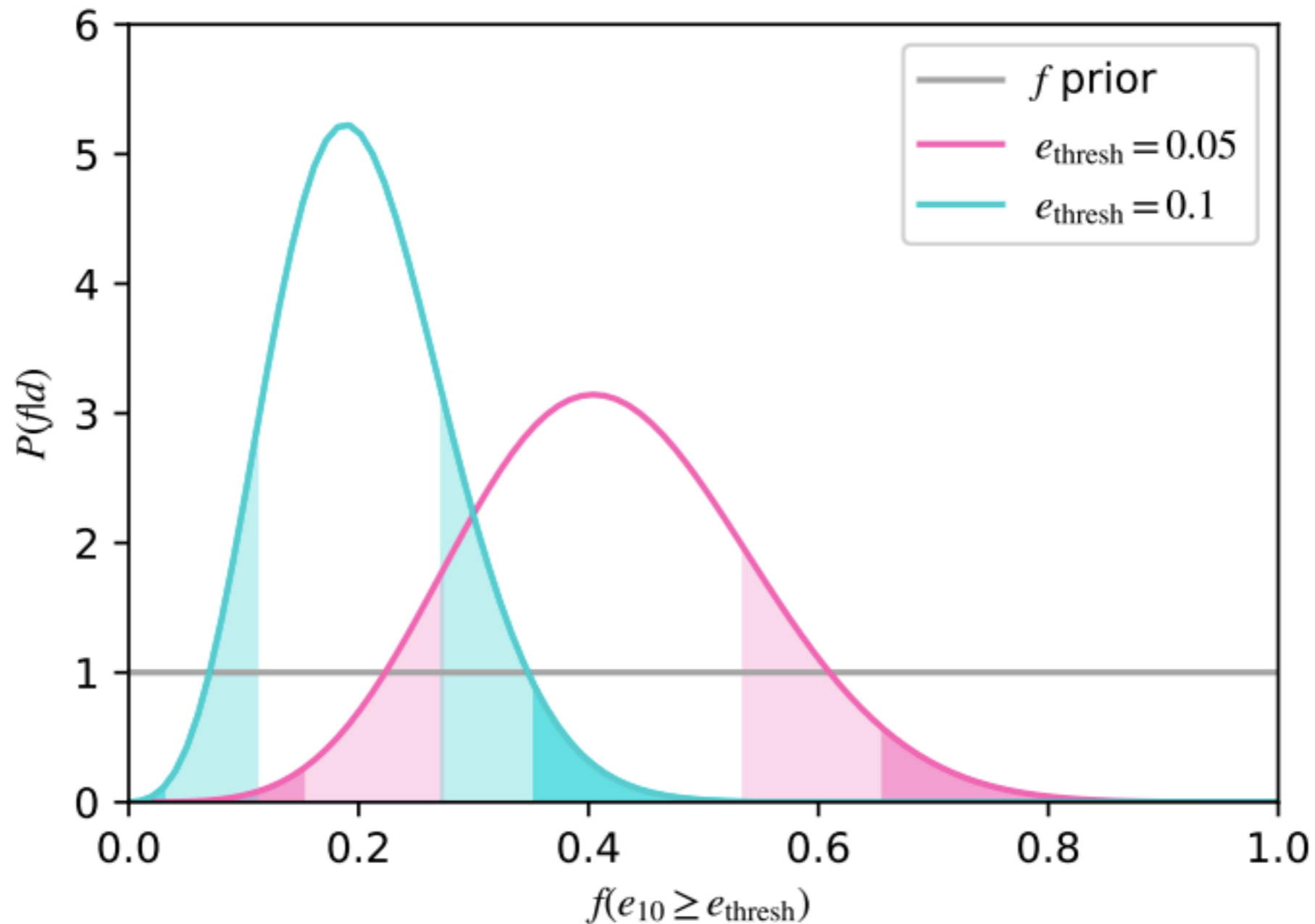
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Small fraction of eBBH detectable, all BBH dynamical?



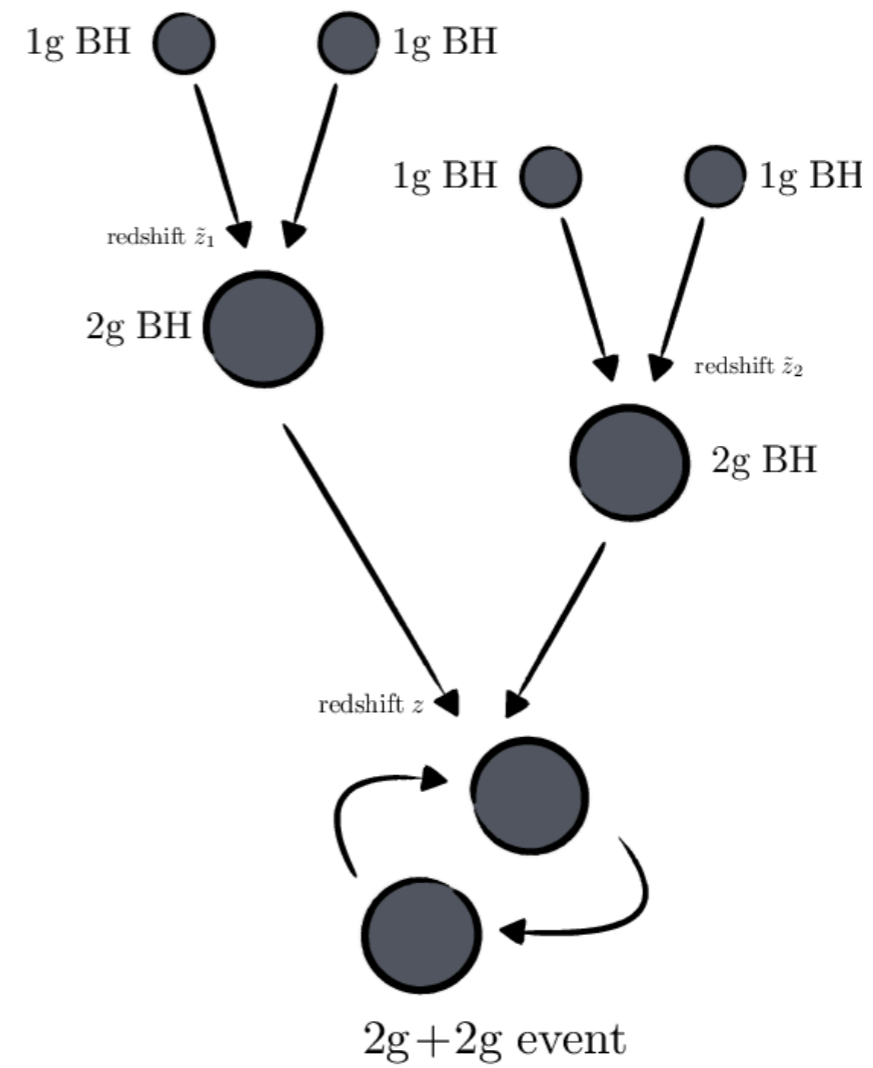
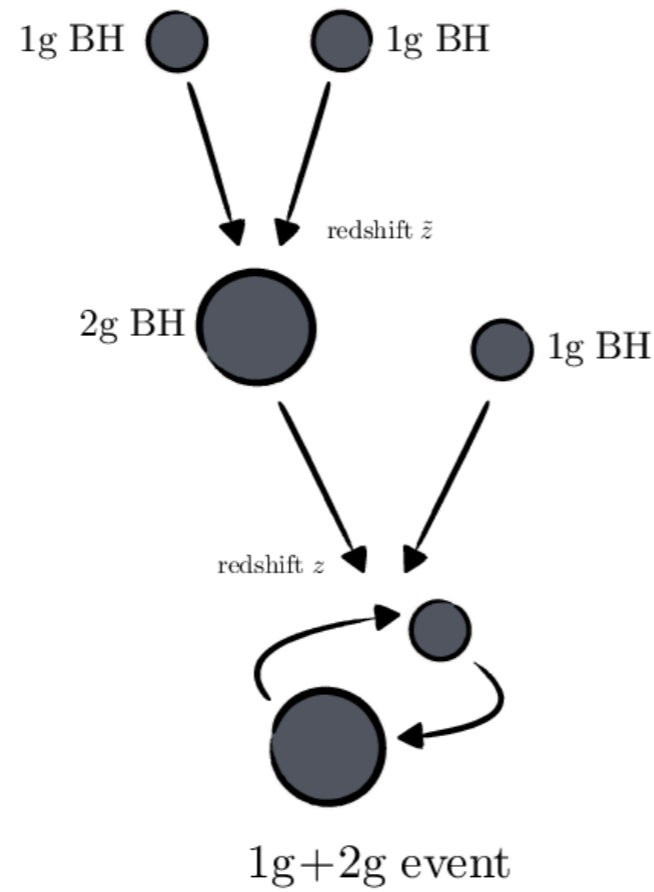
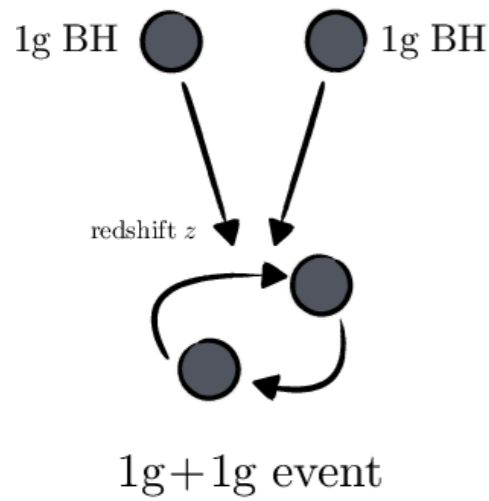
Fast model for dynamical BHB mergers

Population modelling and compare to GWTCs

Ongoing work

Recent improvements: 1. Hierarchical mergers

Merger retained if $v_{\text{esc}} > v_{\text{GW,kick}}$ (Rezzolla+ 2008)

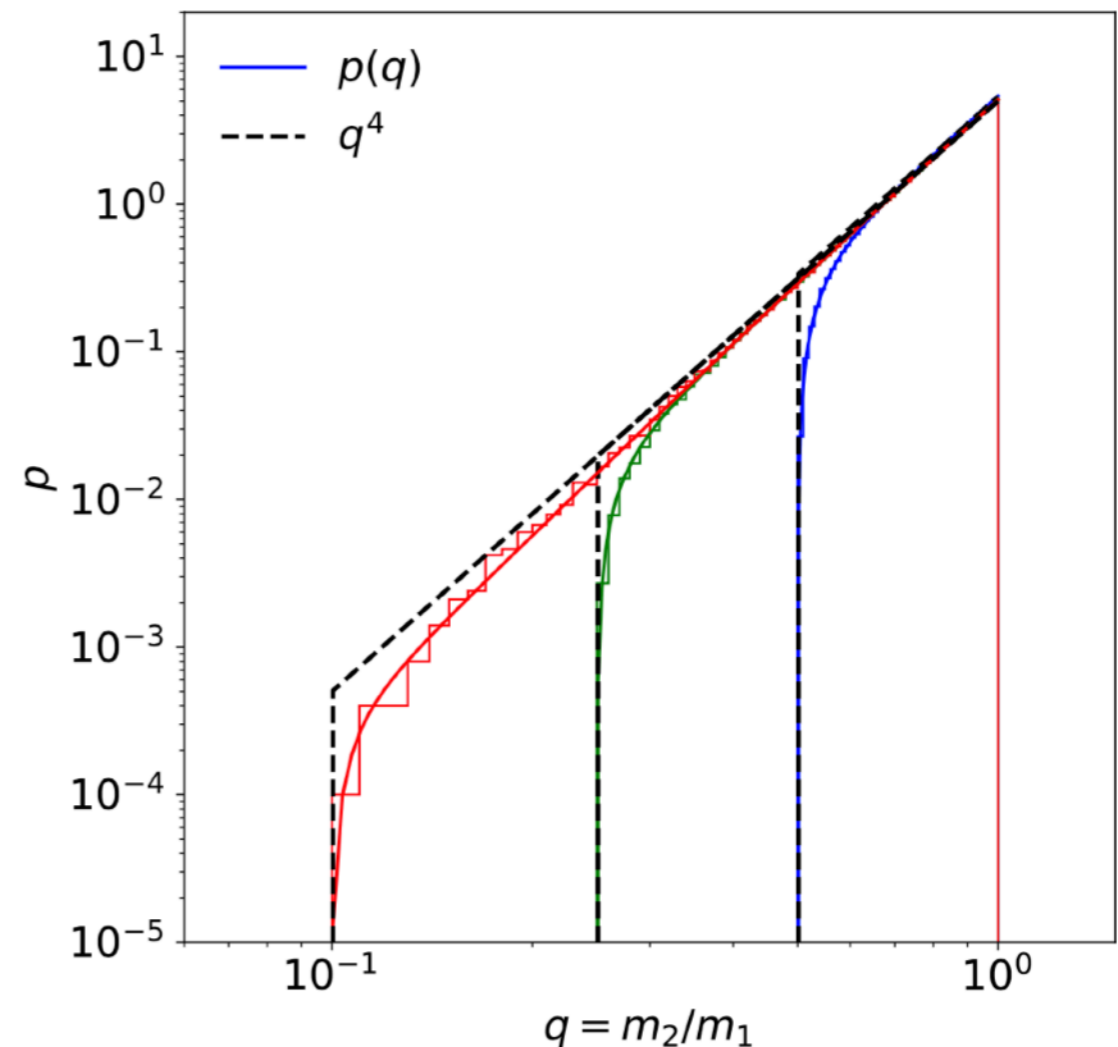
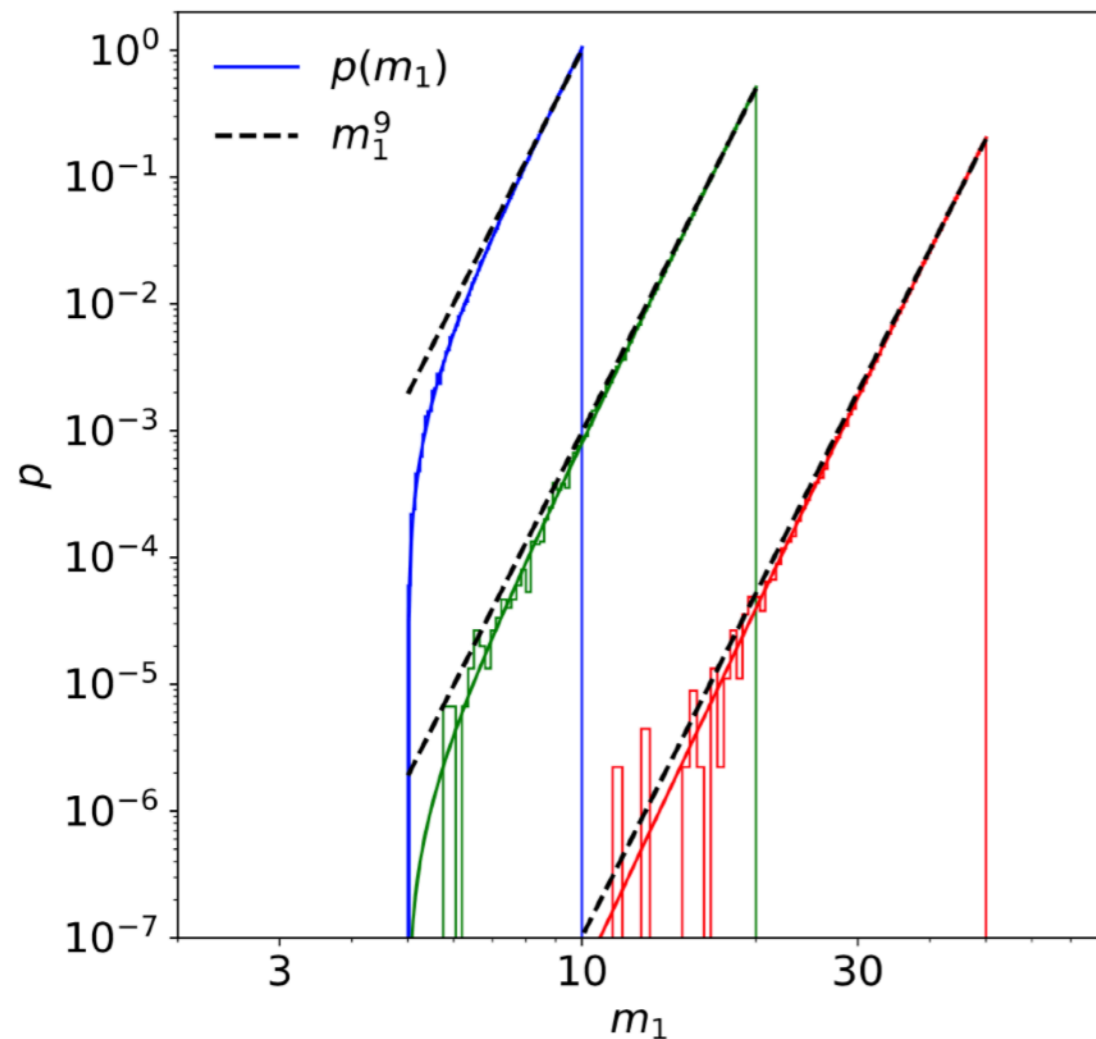


Recent improvements: 2. Sample m_1, q, m_3

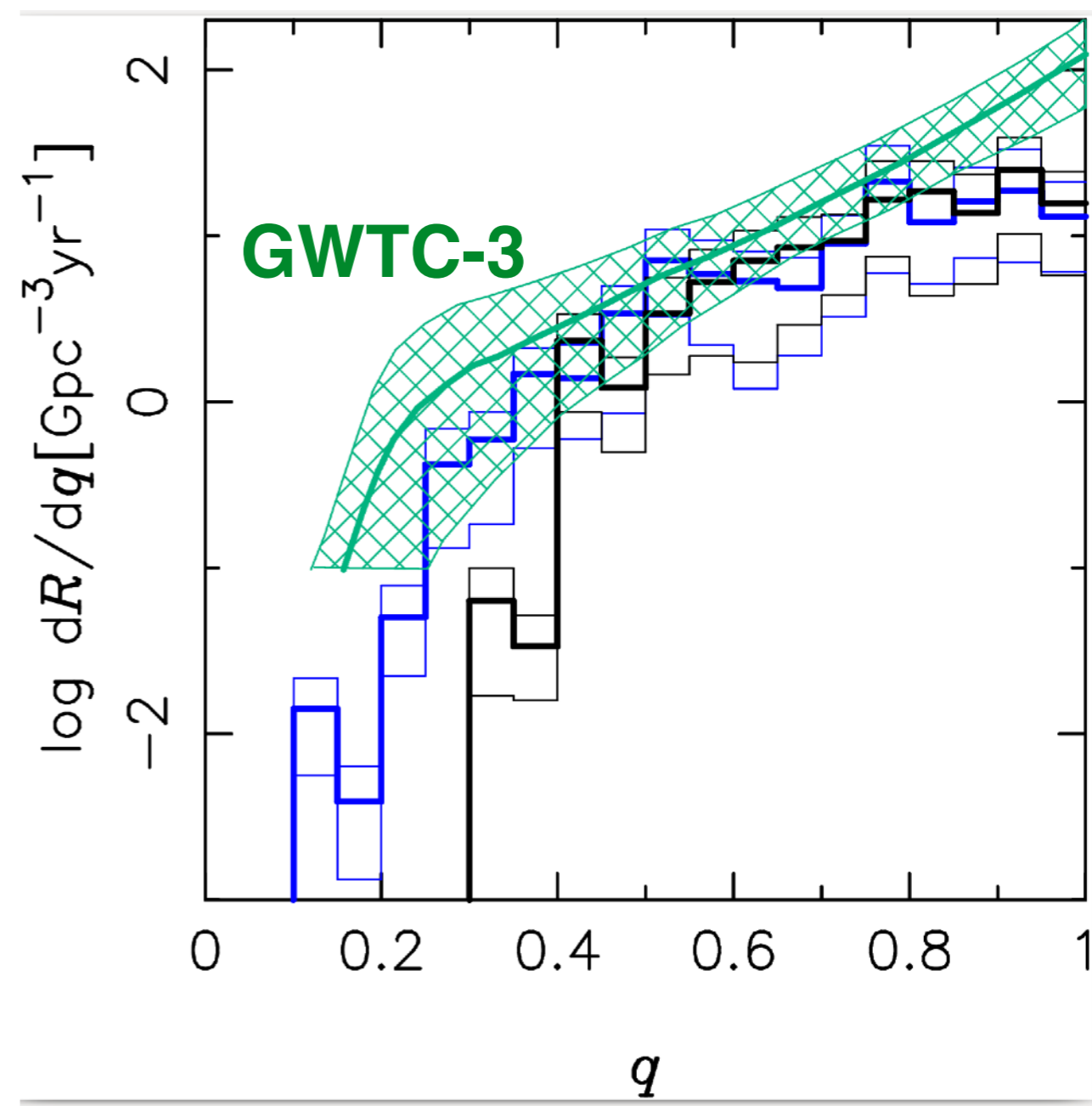
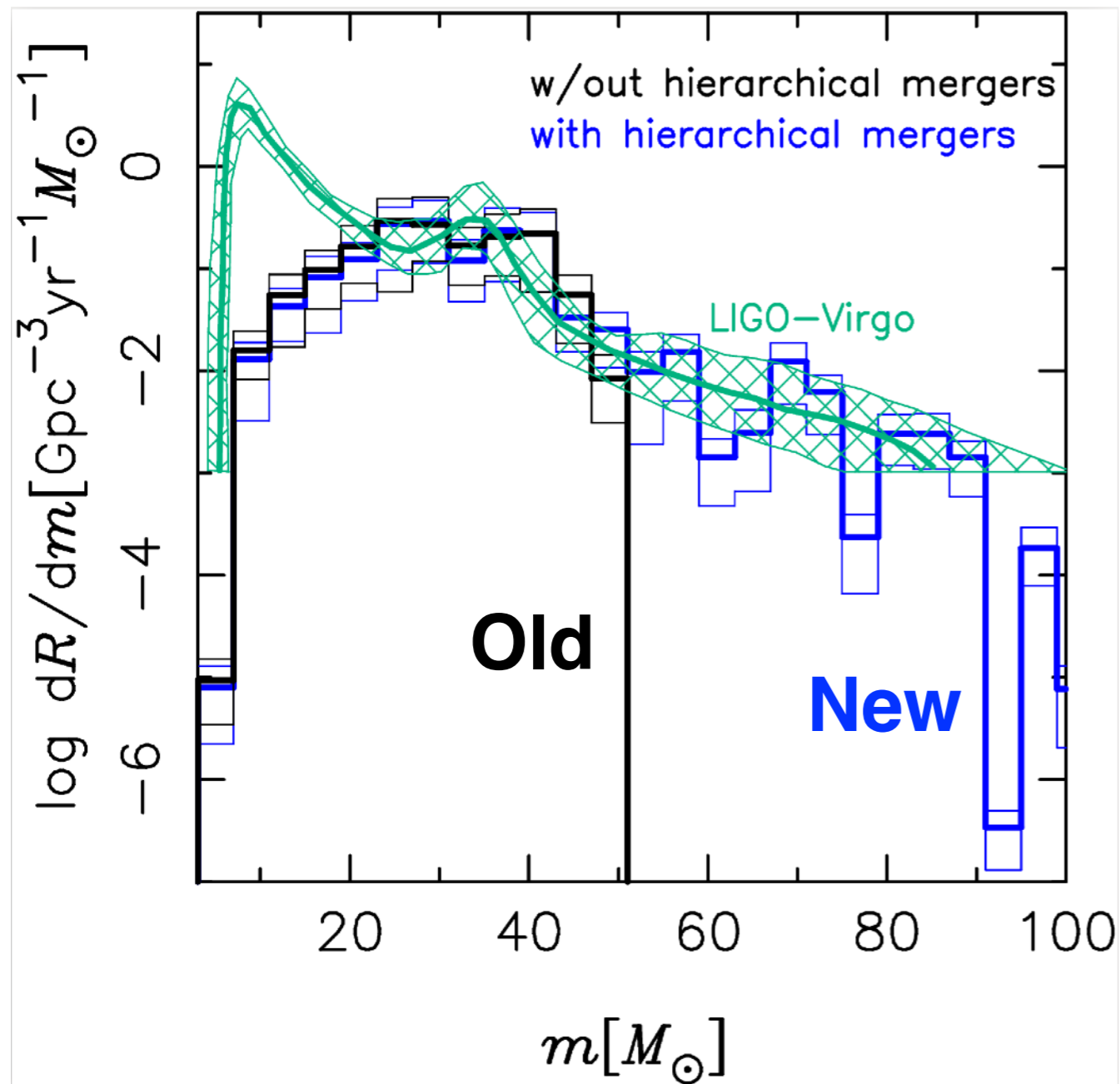
- Use: 1. BH mass function : $p(m) \propto m^\alpha$
2. Heggie's 3-body formation rate: $\Gamma_{3b}(m_1, m_2, m_3)$
3. Cross section for masses of interacting single BHs

$$p(m_1) \propto m_1^{2\alpha+8}$$

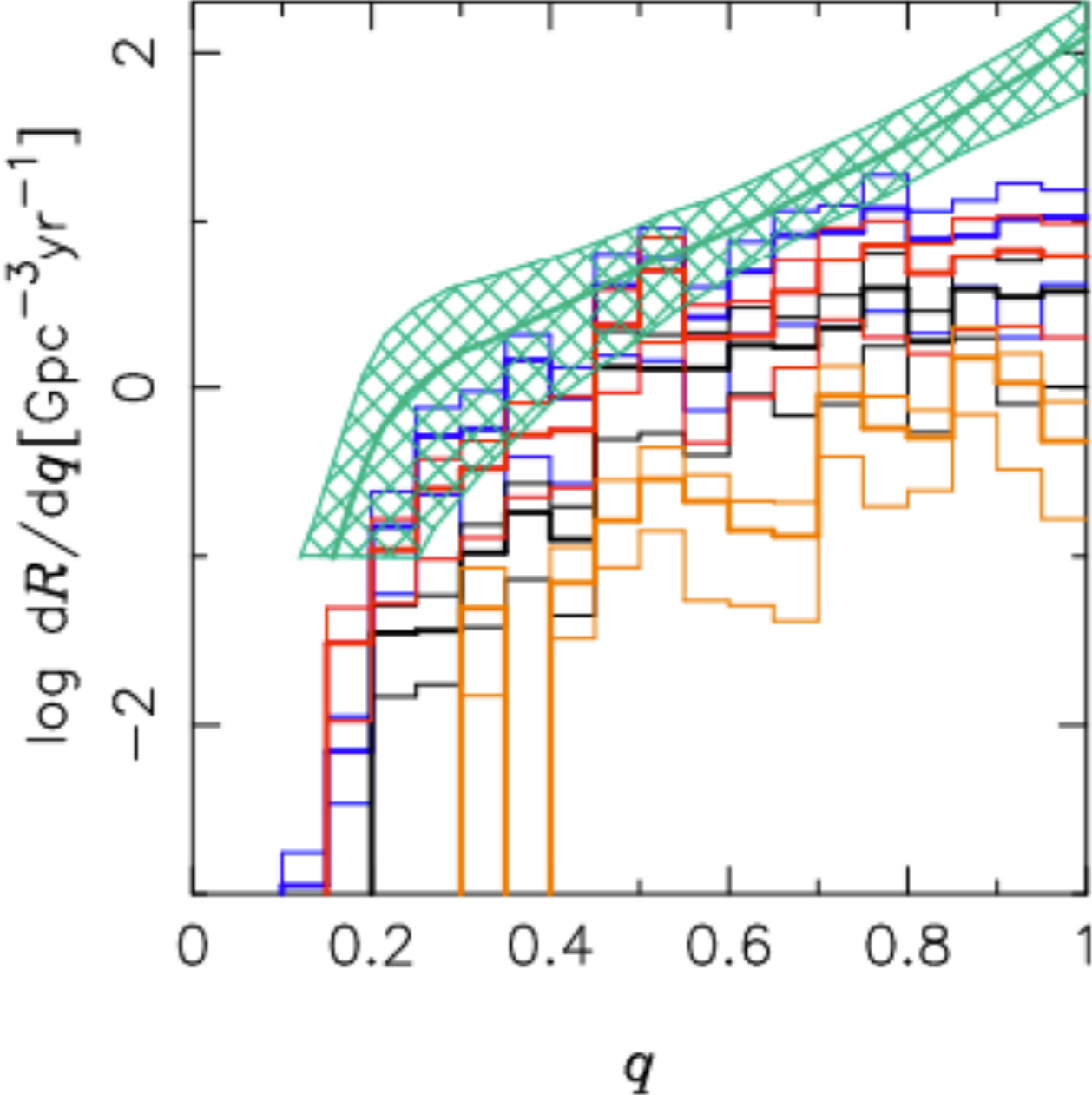
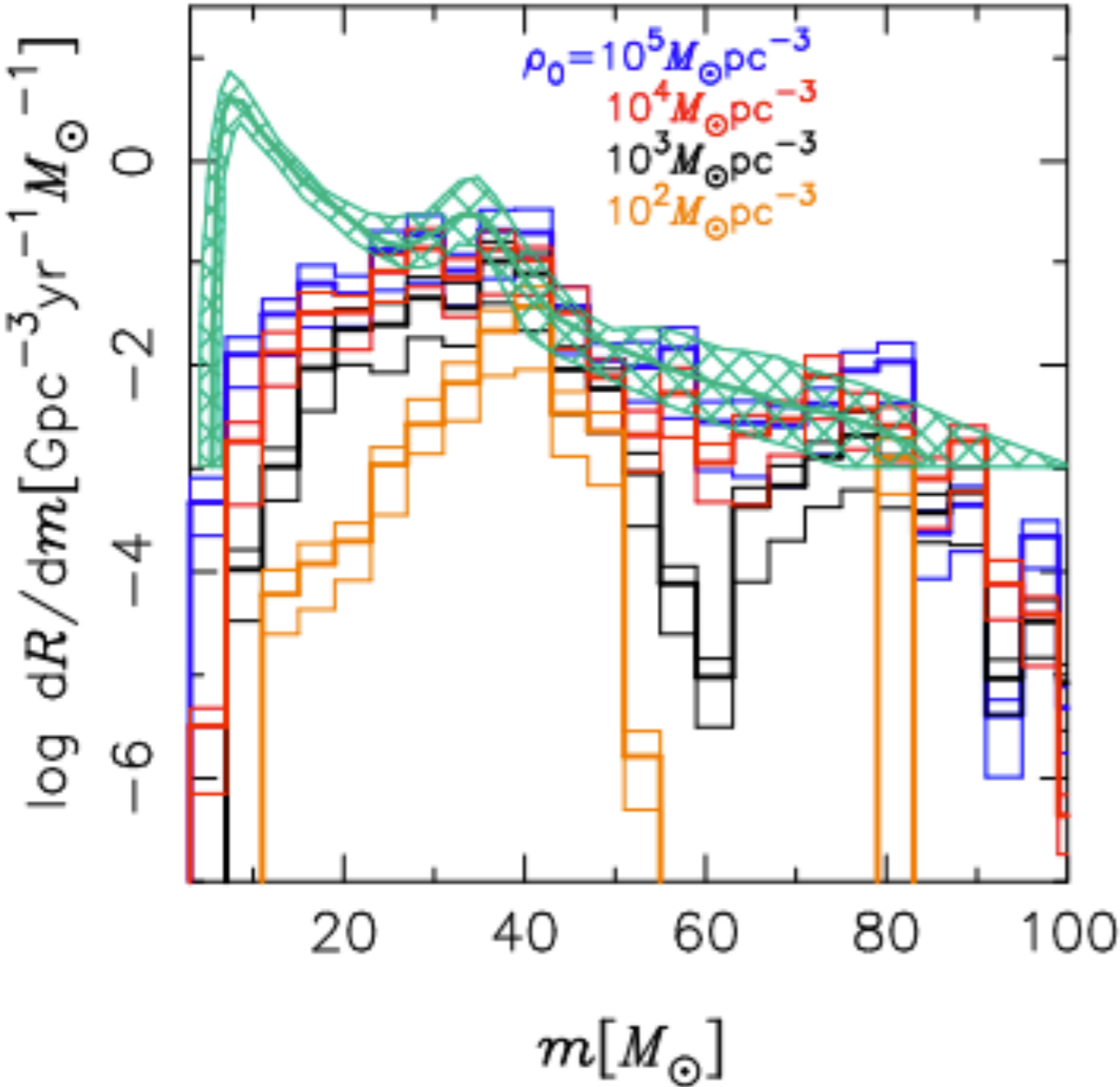
$$p(q) \propto q^{\alpha+3.5}$$



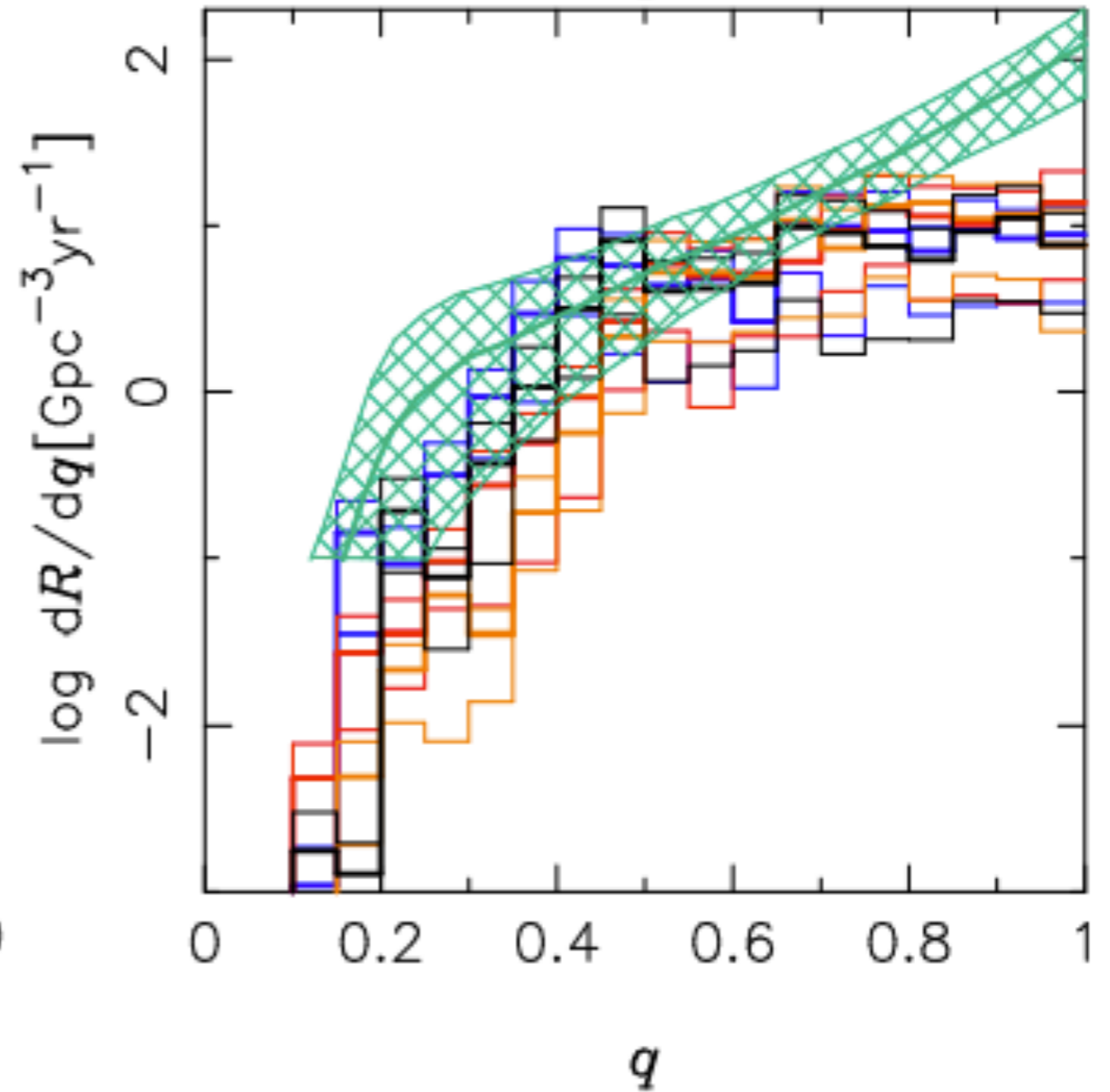
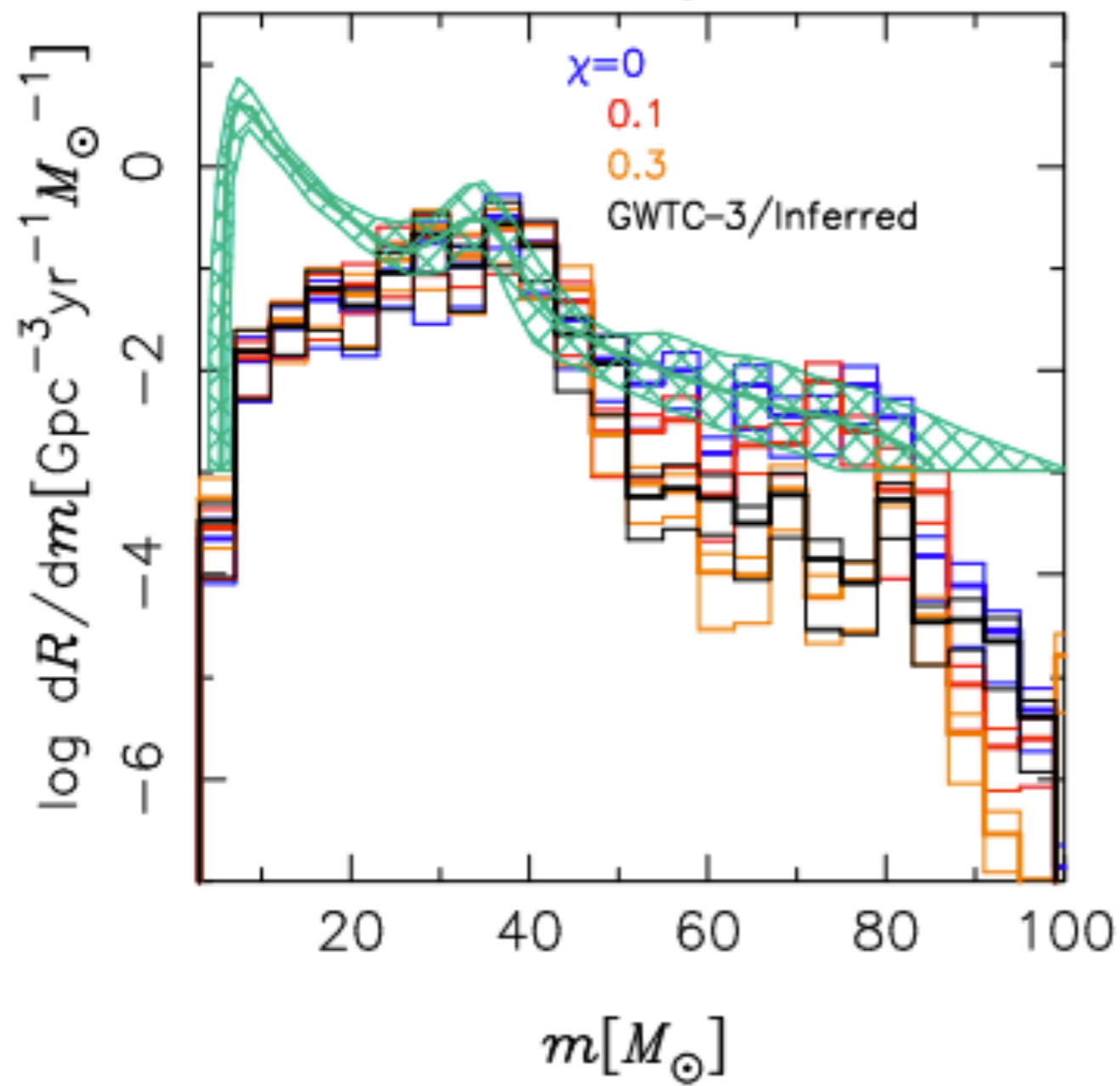
Hierarchical mergers and m_{BH} sampling



Cluster density



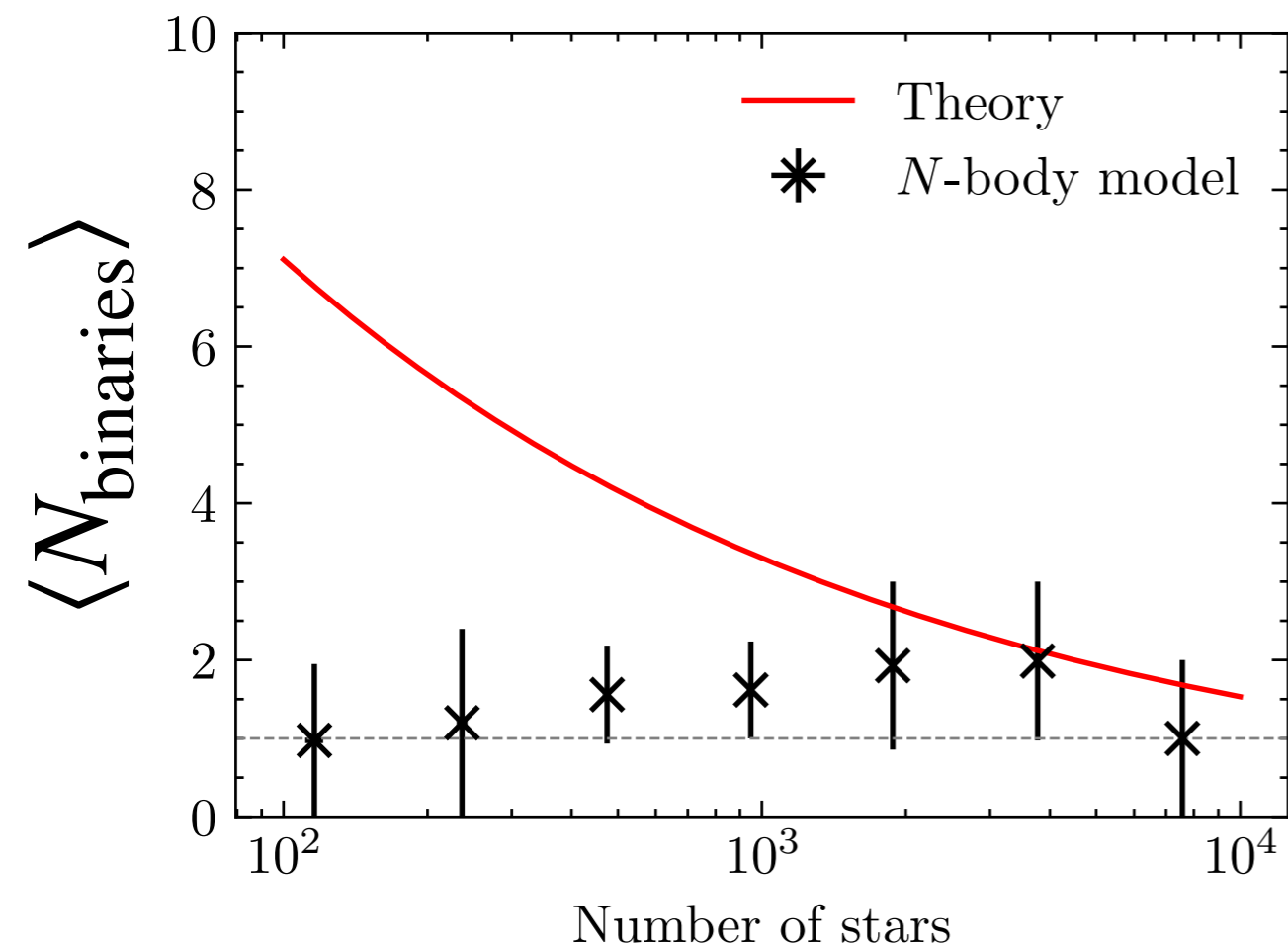
BH spin



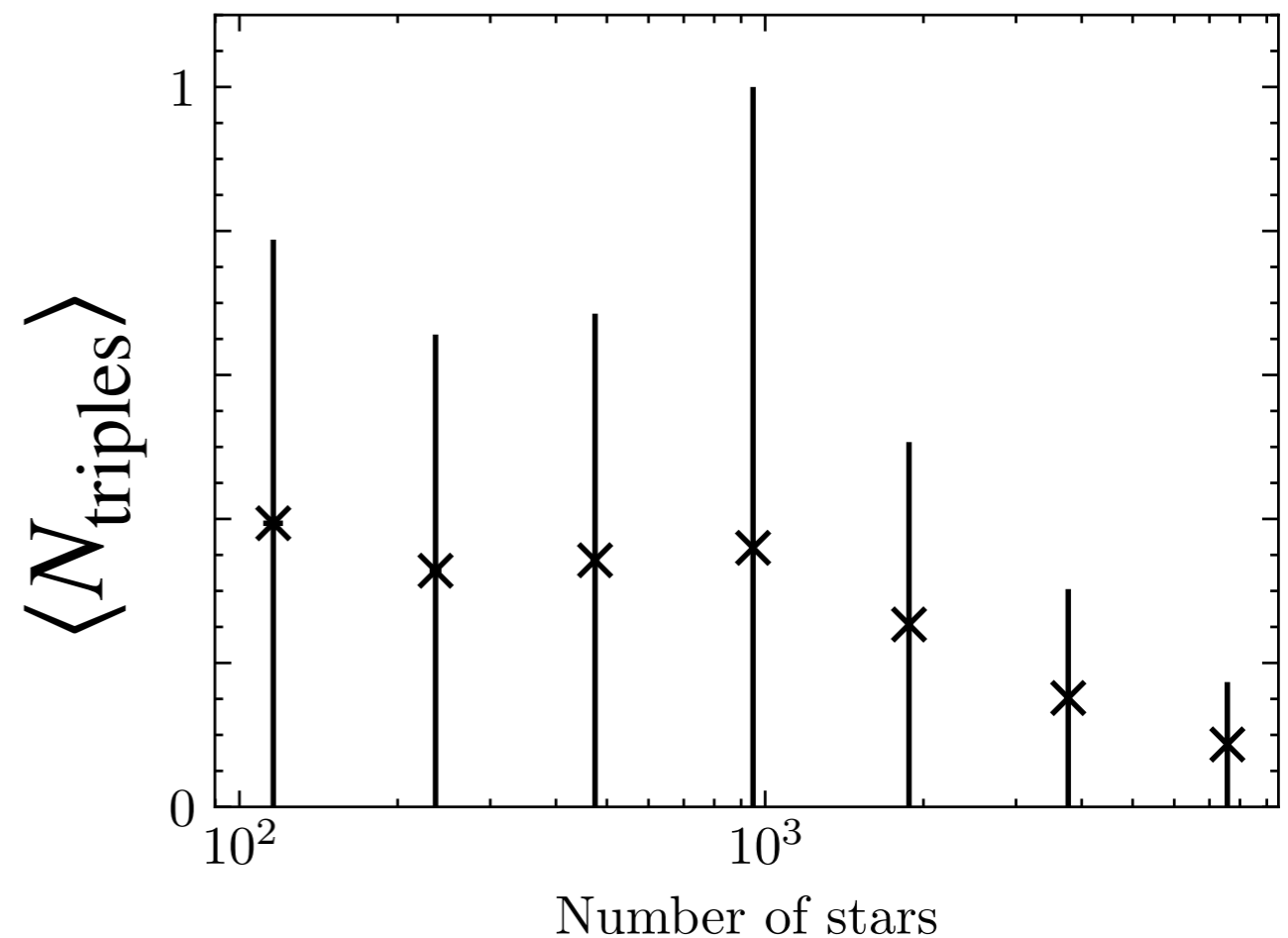
Hierarchical eBBHs?

Testing model assumptions: Single binary?

N -body model: efficient binary disruption \rightarrow binary-binary encounters \rightarrow eccentric mergers [Zevin+ 2019](#)



Or: number of BHs



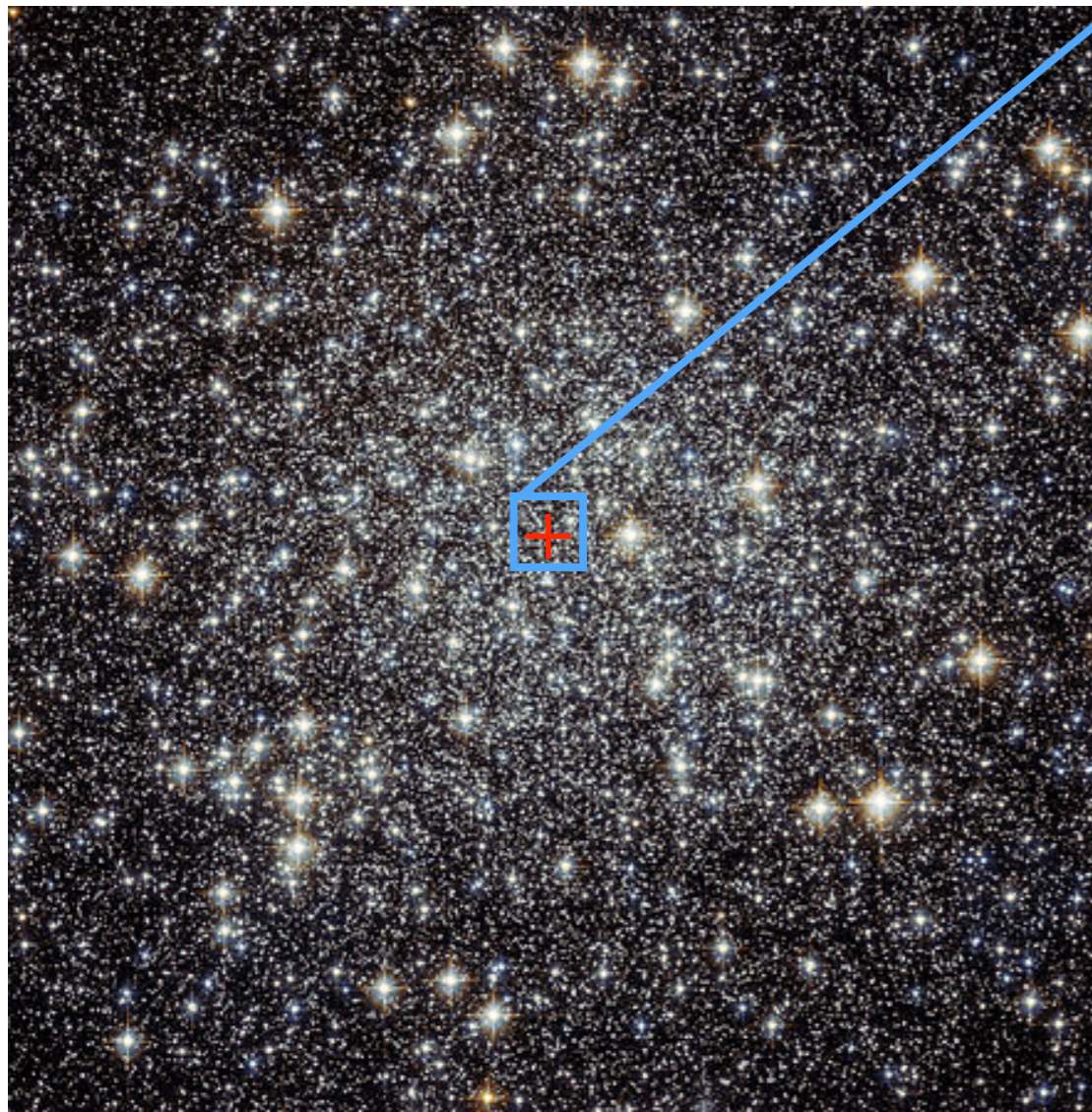
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Dynamics can explain mergers $m_1 \gtrsim 20 M_\odot$

5-10% of dynamical BBHs are eccentric ($e \gtrsim 0.05$)

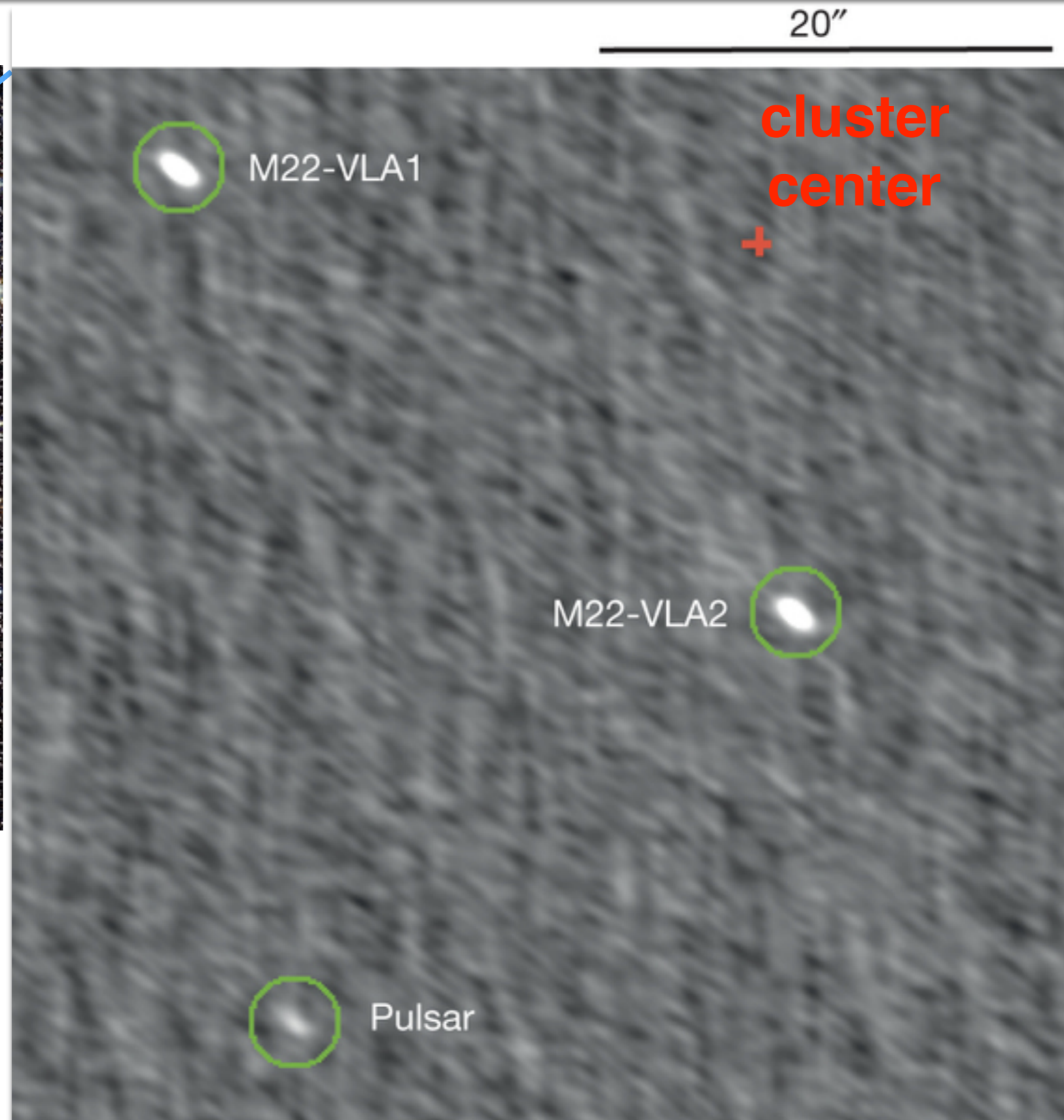
Interpretation of detected eBBHs challenging: most eBBHs likely missed

(Accreting) stellar-mass BHs in GCs

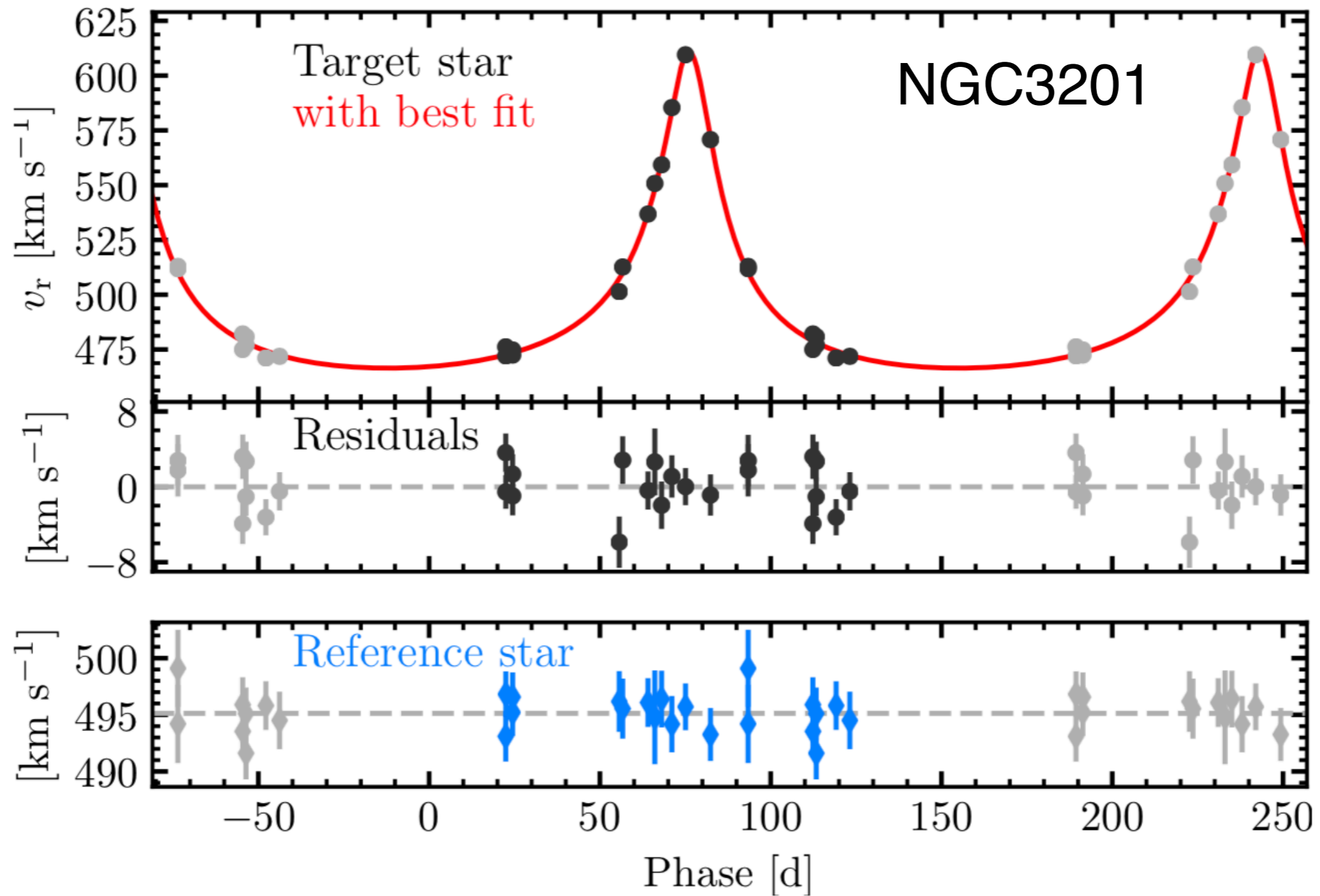


Strader+ 2012; Tremou+ 2018

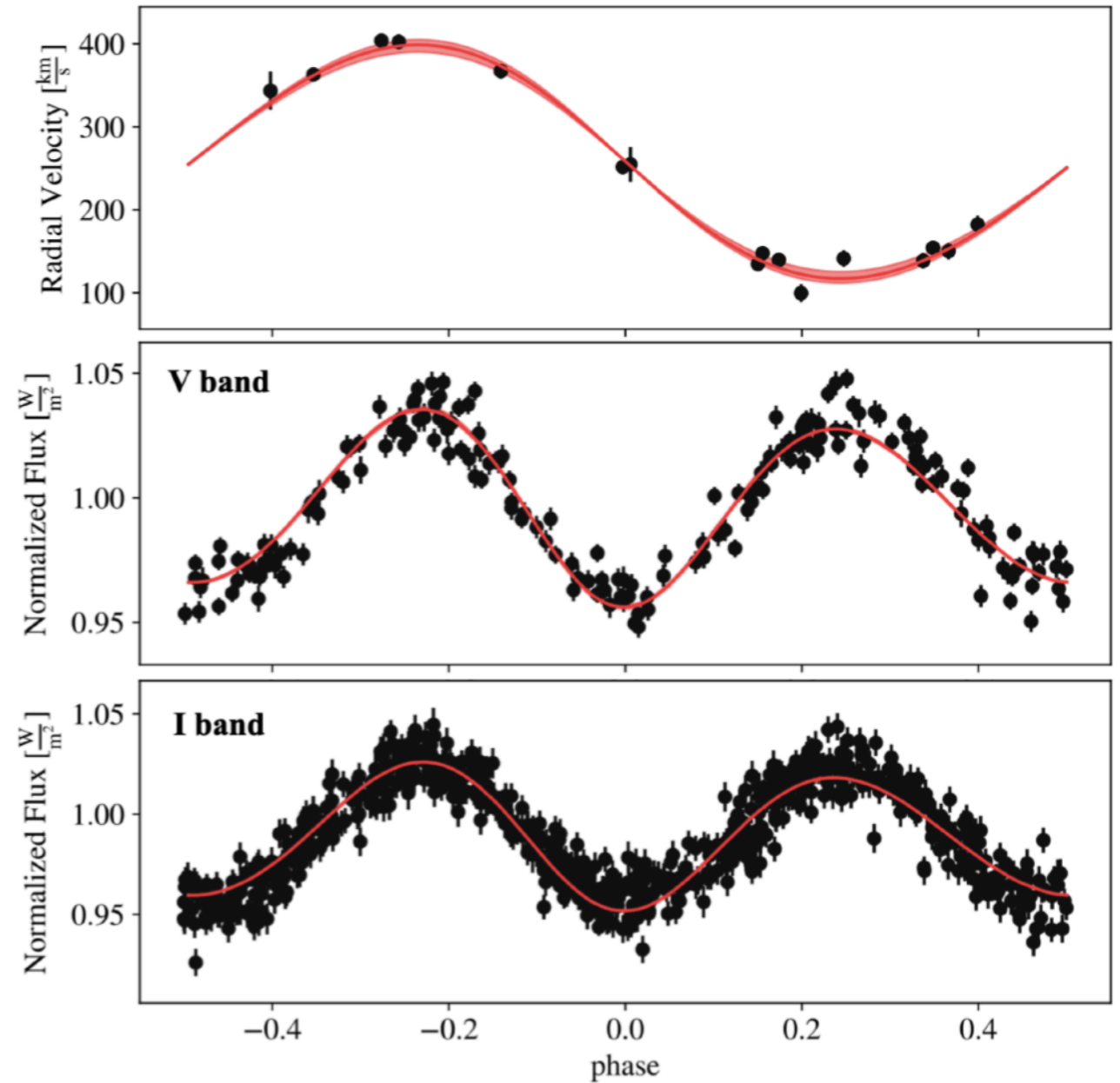
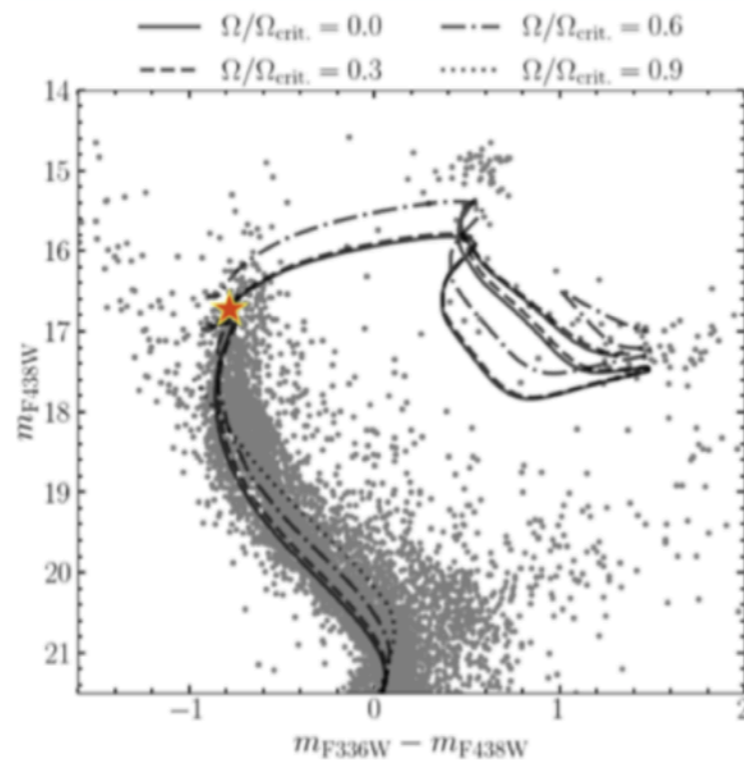
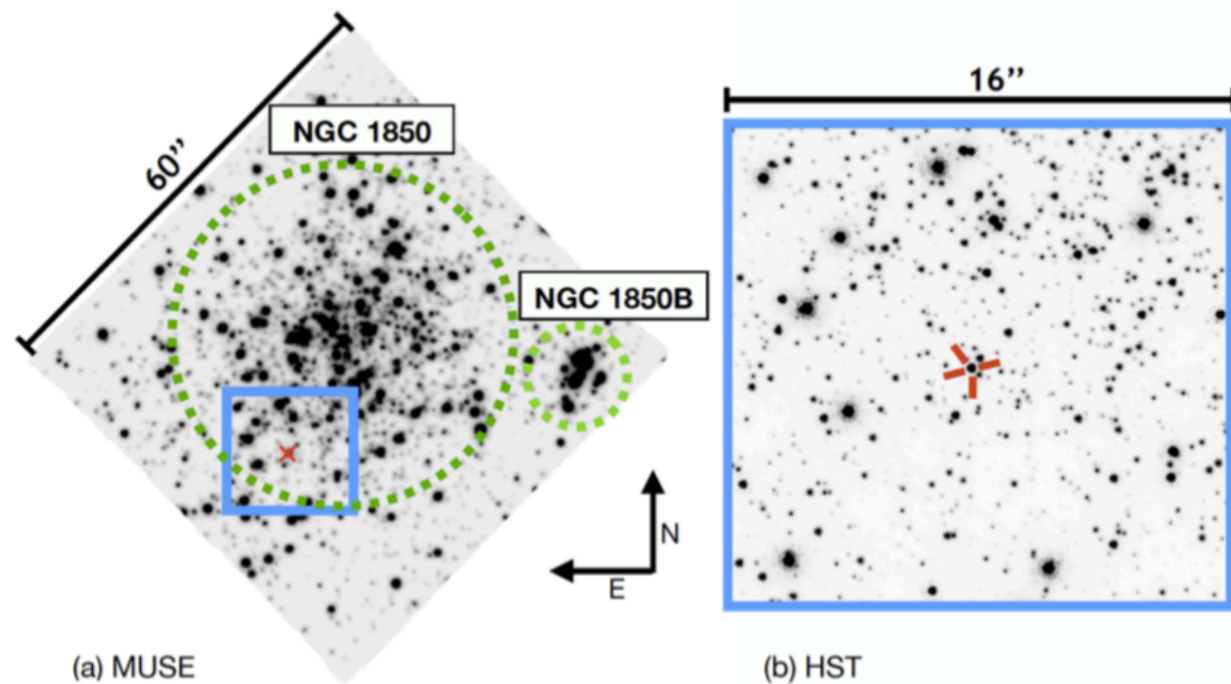
also: Chomiuk+ 2013 (M62);
Miller Jones+ 2015 (47 Tuc)



More BHs in GCs: 3 detached binaries with $M. > 4 M_{\odot}$



A semi-detached binary in 100 Myr cluster: $M_{\bullet} \simeq 11 M_{\odot}$



Saracino+ 2021

But see: El-Badry & Burdge 2022, but wait for Saracino+ in prep

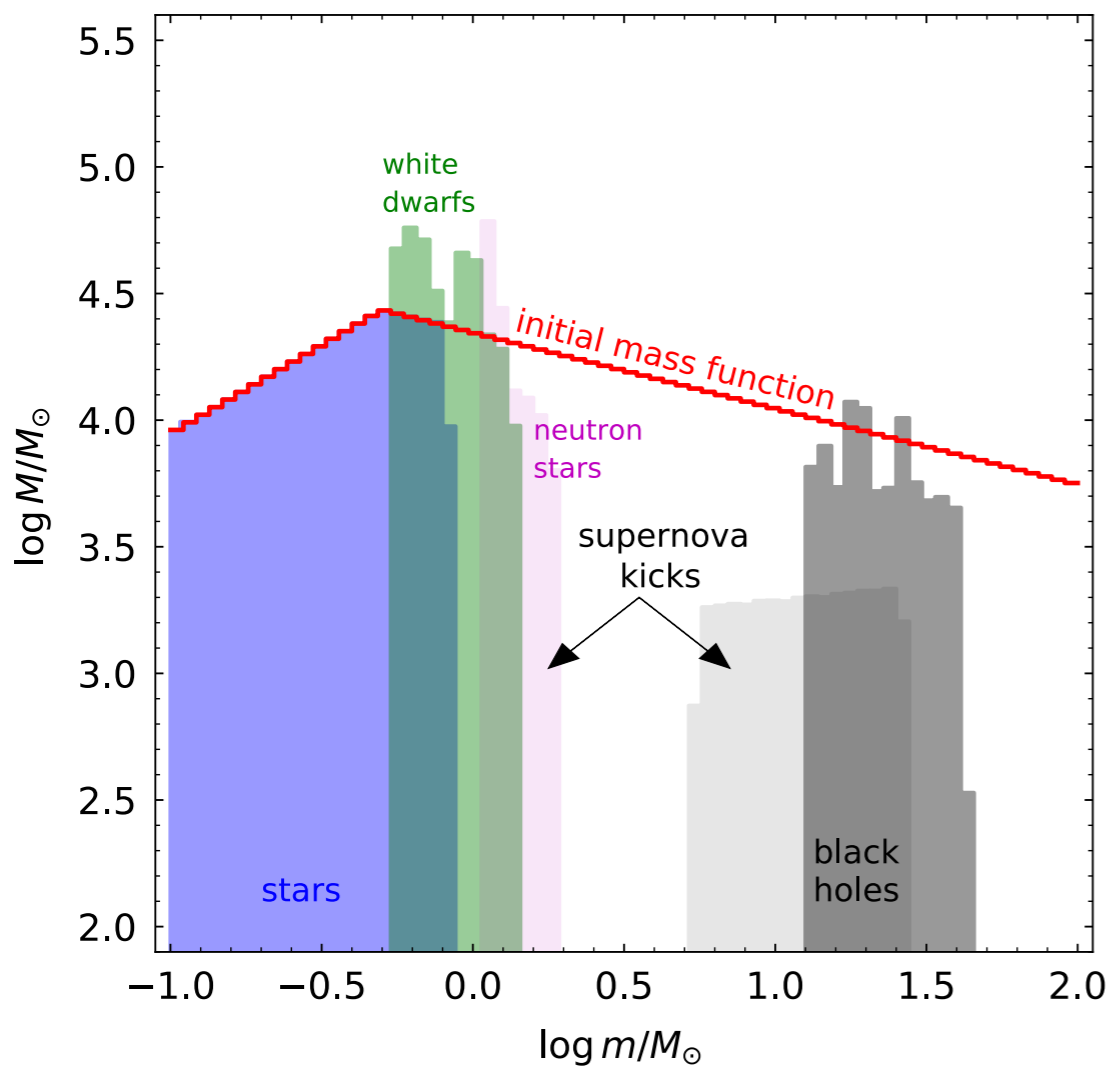
How many BHs can we expect?

IMF = Kroupa 2001

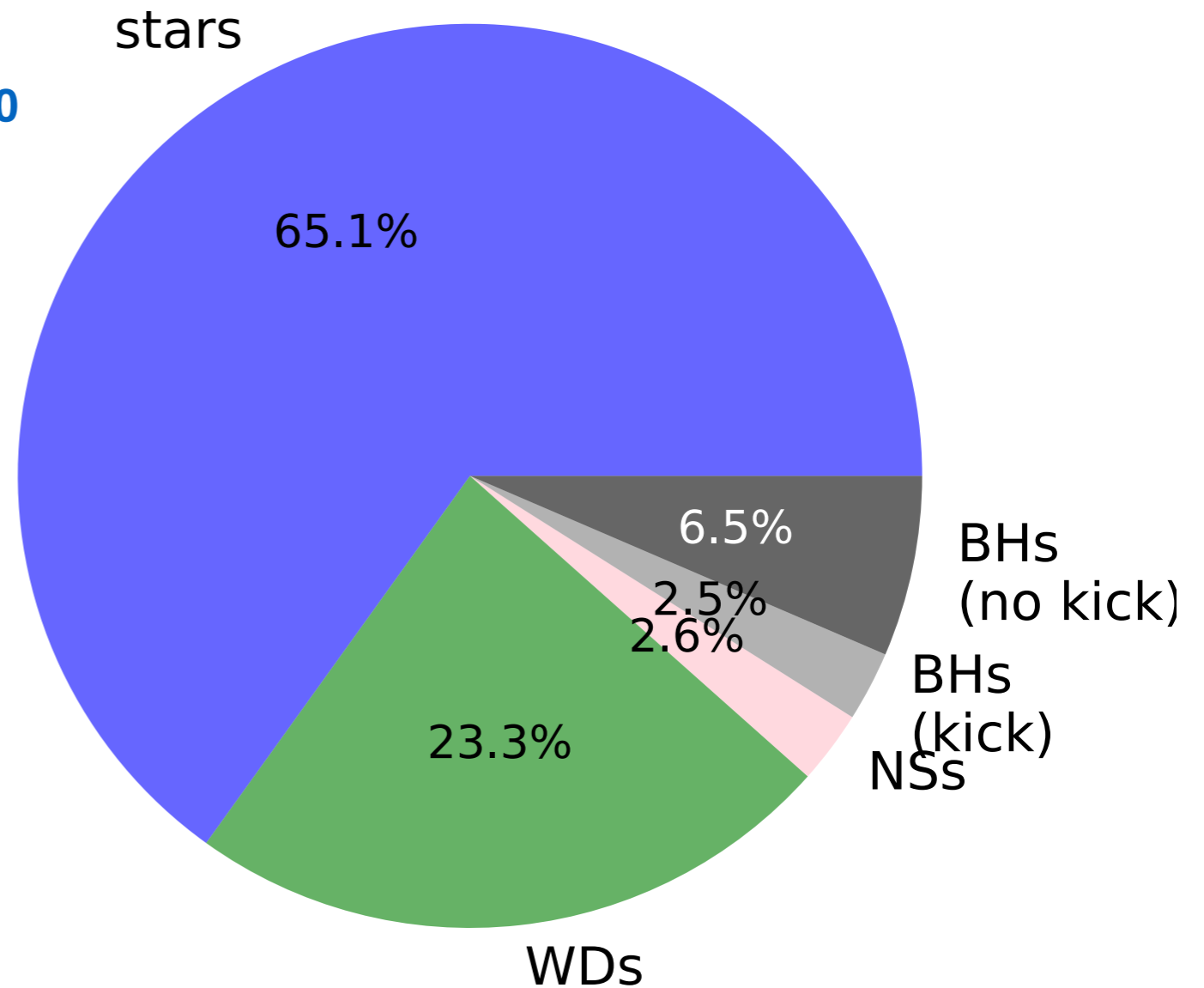
Mass = $10^6 M_{\odot}$

[Fe/H] = -1.5

Evolve with SSE [Hurley+ 2000](#); [Banerjee 2020](#)



mass fractions @12 Gyr

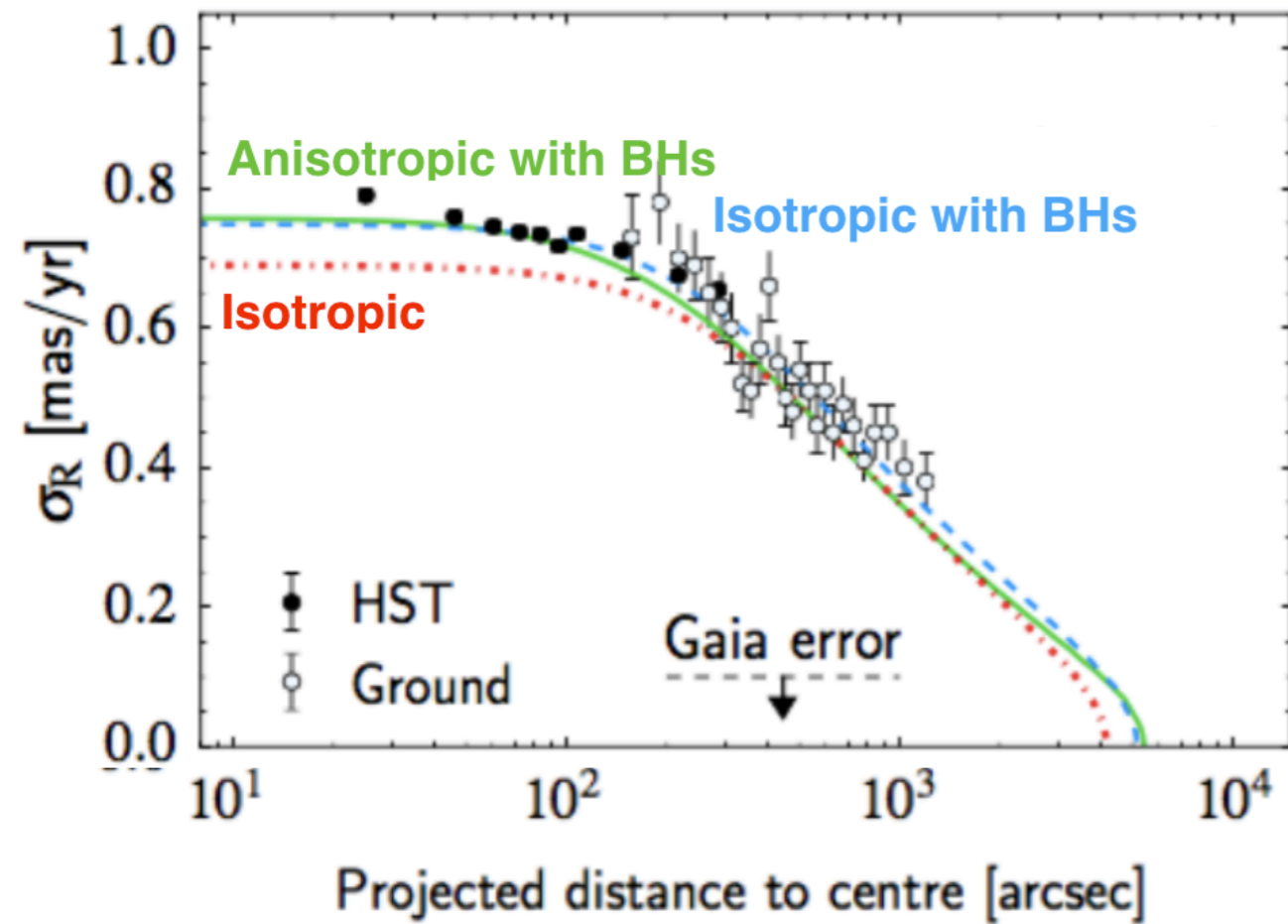


$10^5 M_{\odot}$ BH population in Omega Centauri (ω Cen)

5% of total mass!

velocity dispersion

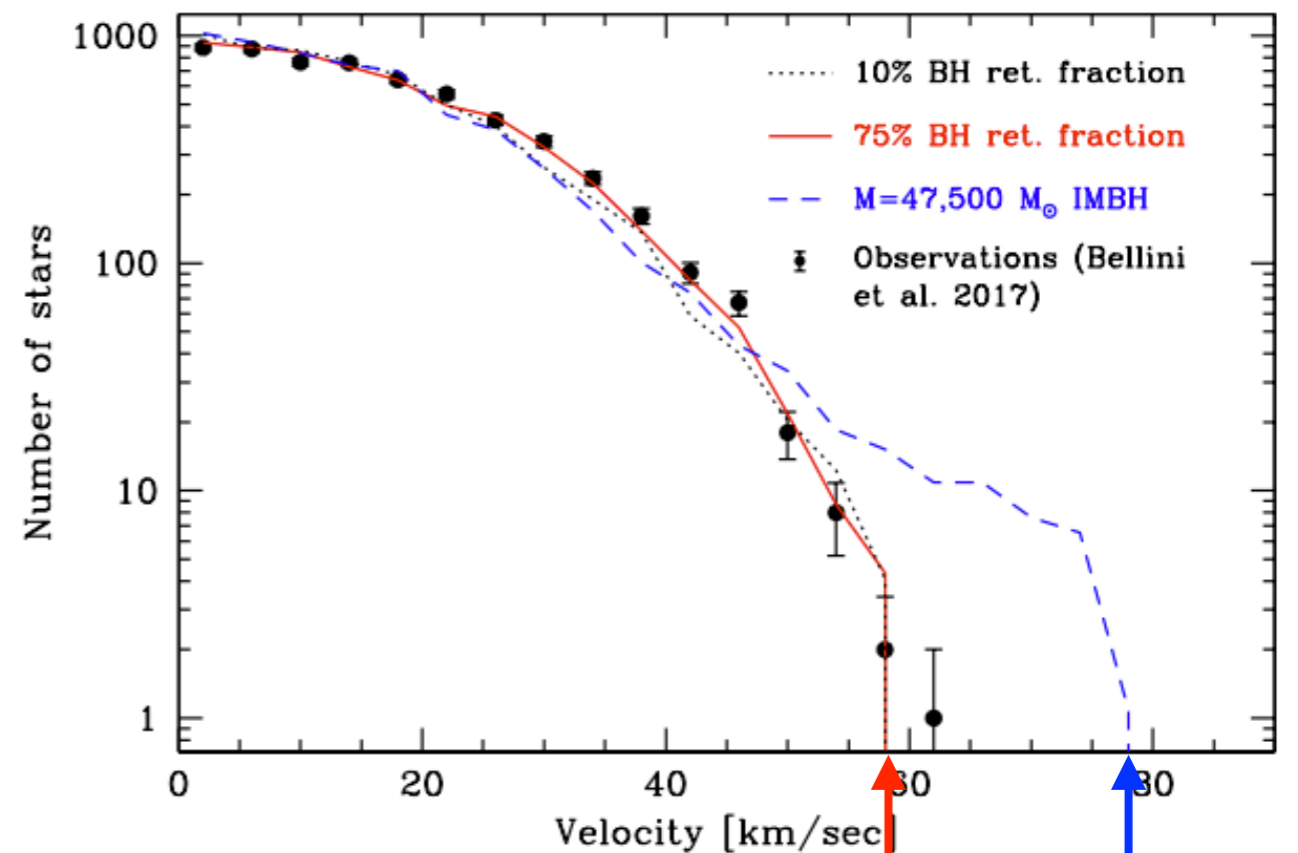
DF-based models (1 limepy)



Zocchi+ 2019

LOS velocity distribution

N-body models

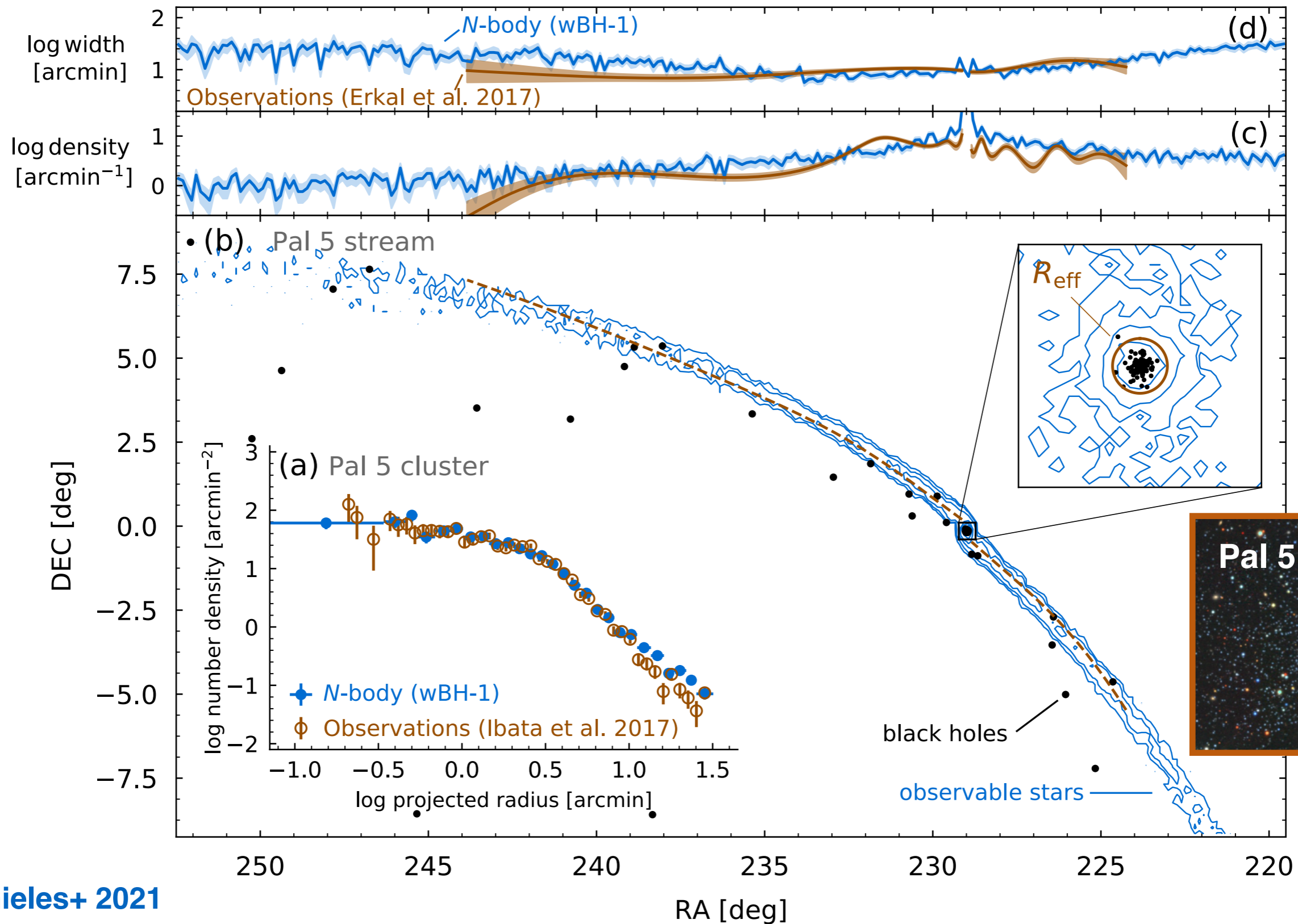


Baumgardt+ 2019

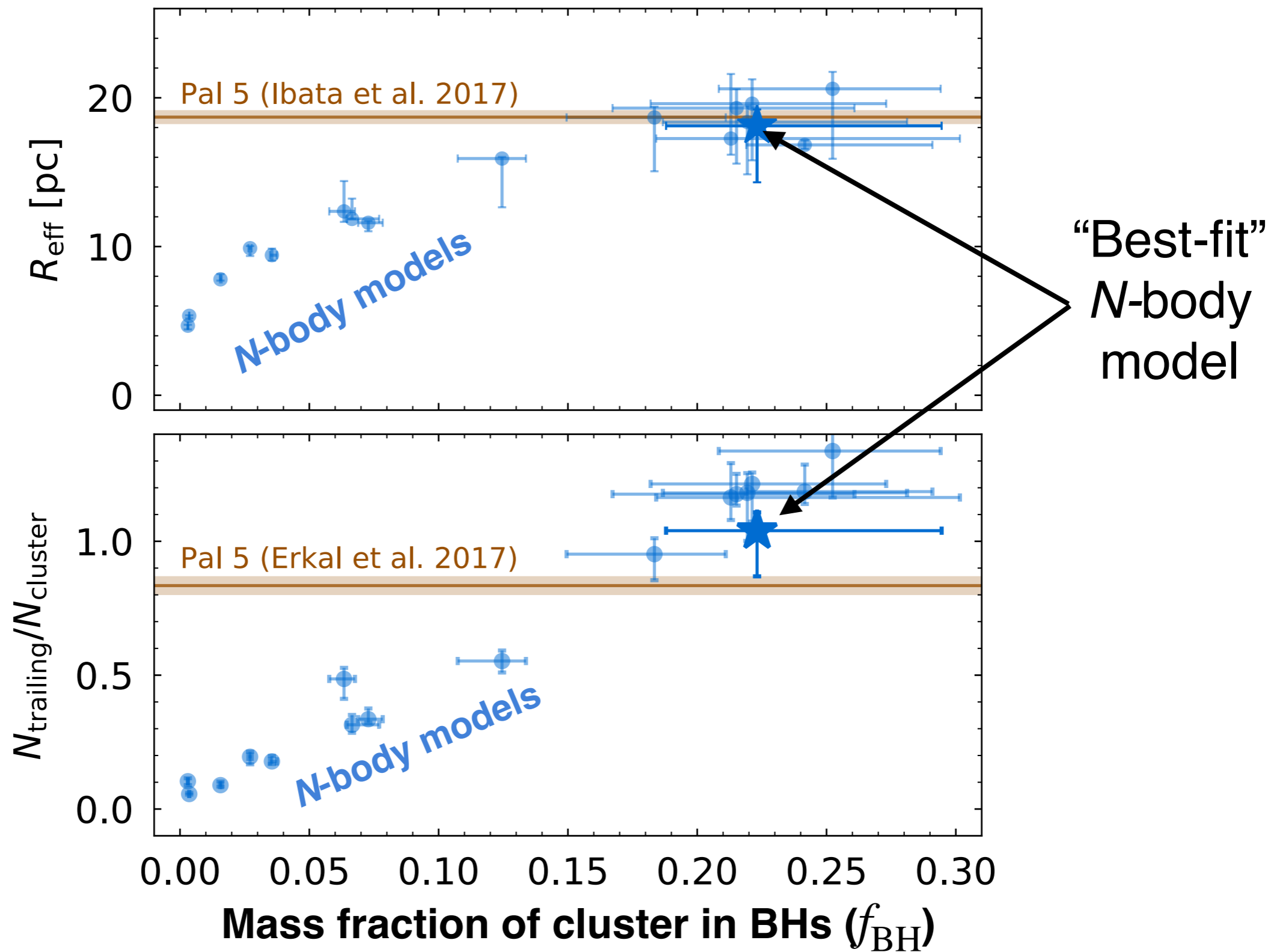
model with
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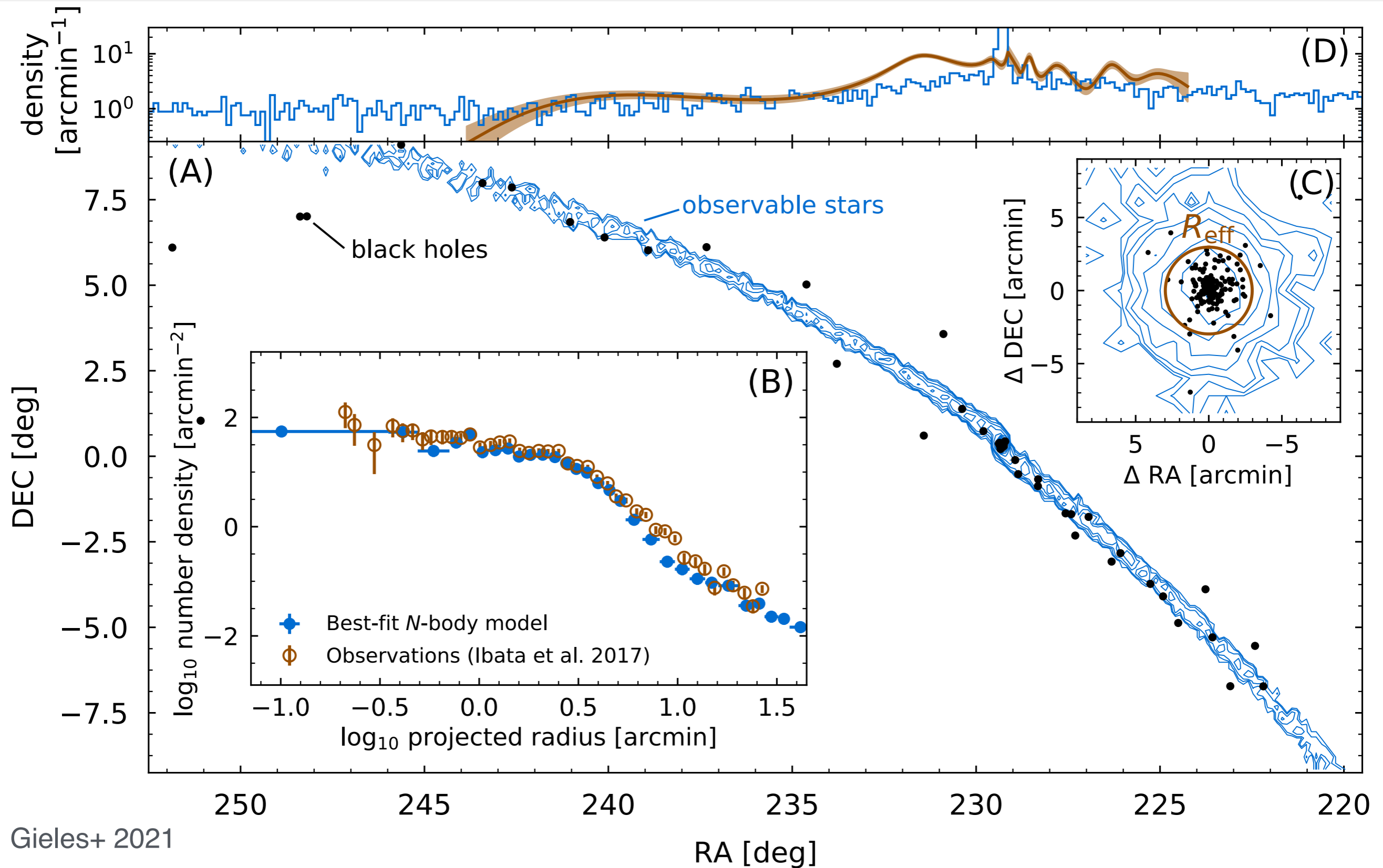
BHs needed to explain radius and tidal tails of Pal 5



R_{eff} and tidal tails as a proxy for BHs



N-body model Pal 5: 20% of mass in BHs



Mass modelling

