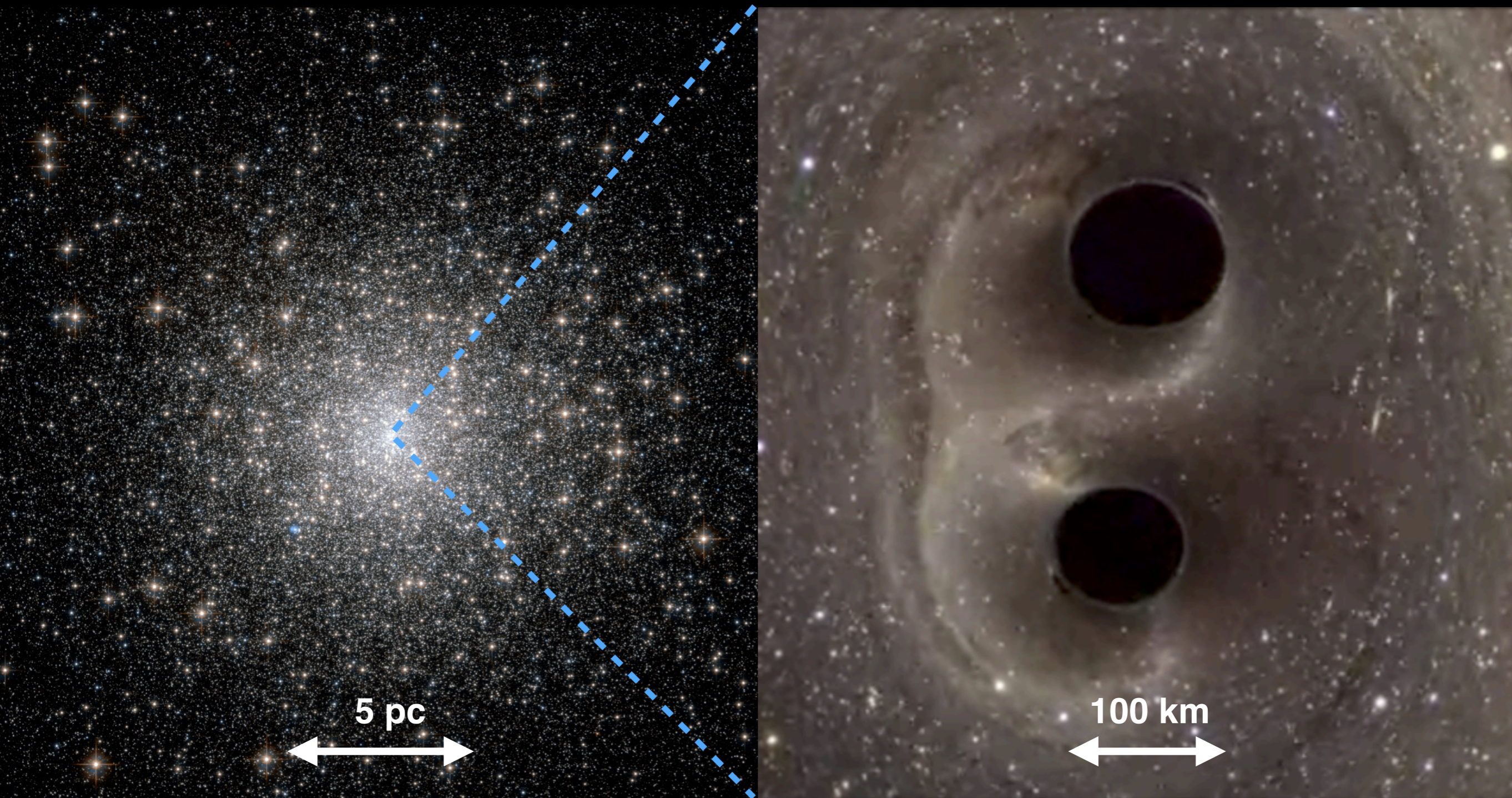


# Binary black holes: from formation to coalescence

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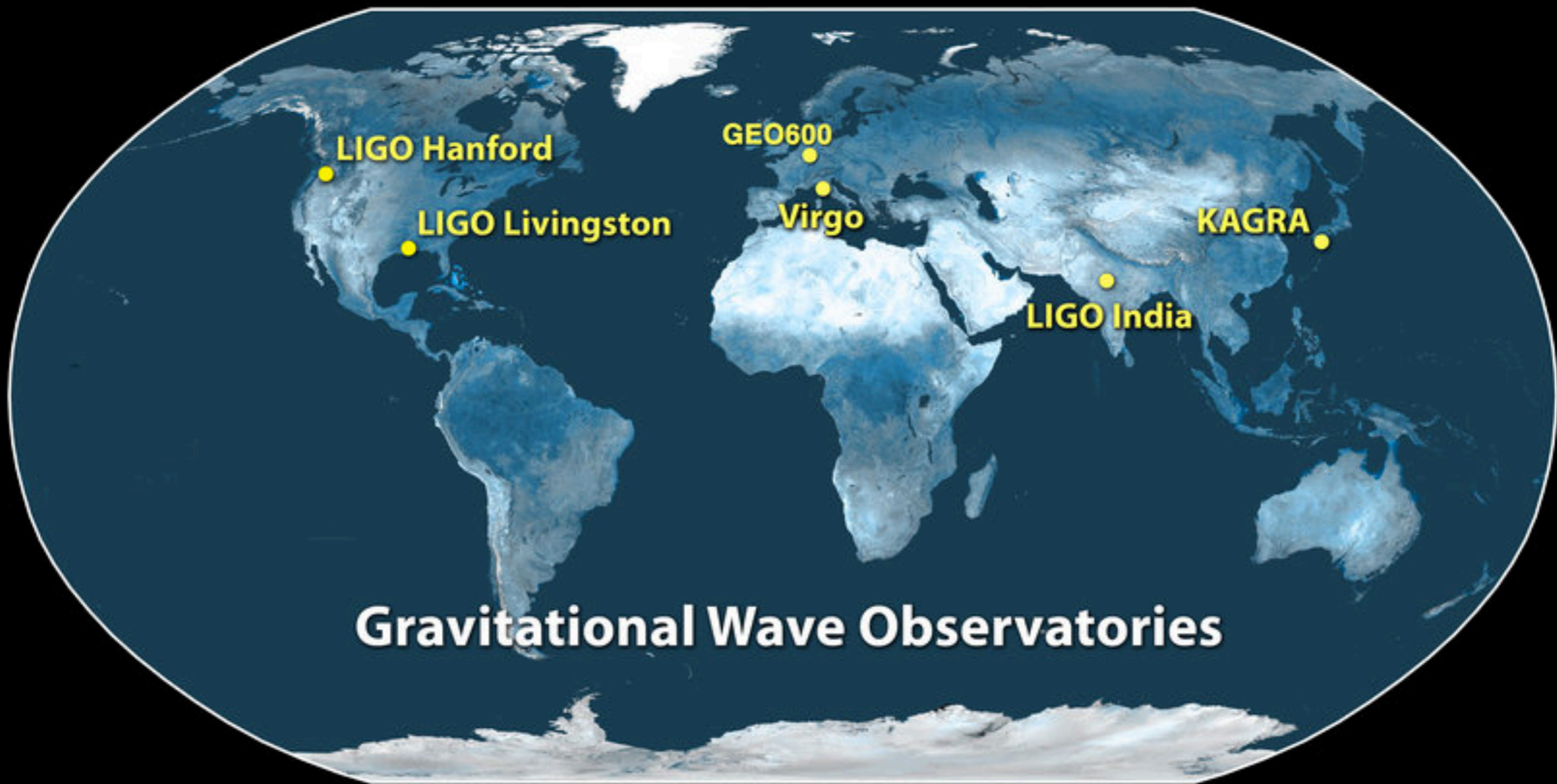
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O1

O2

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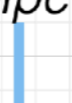
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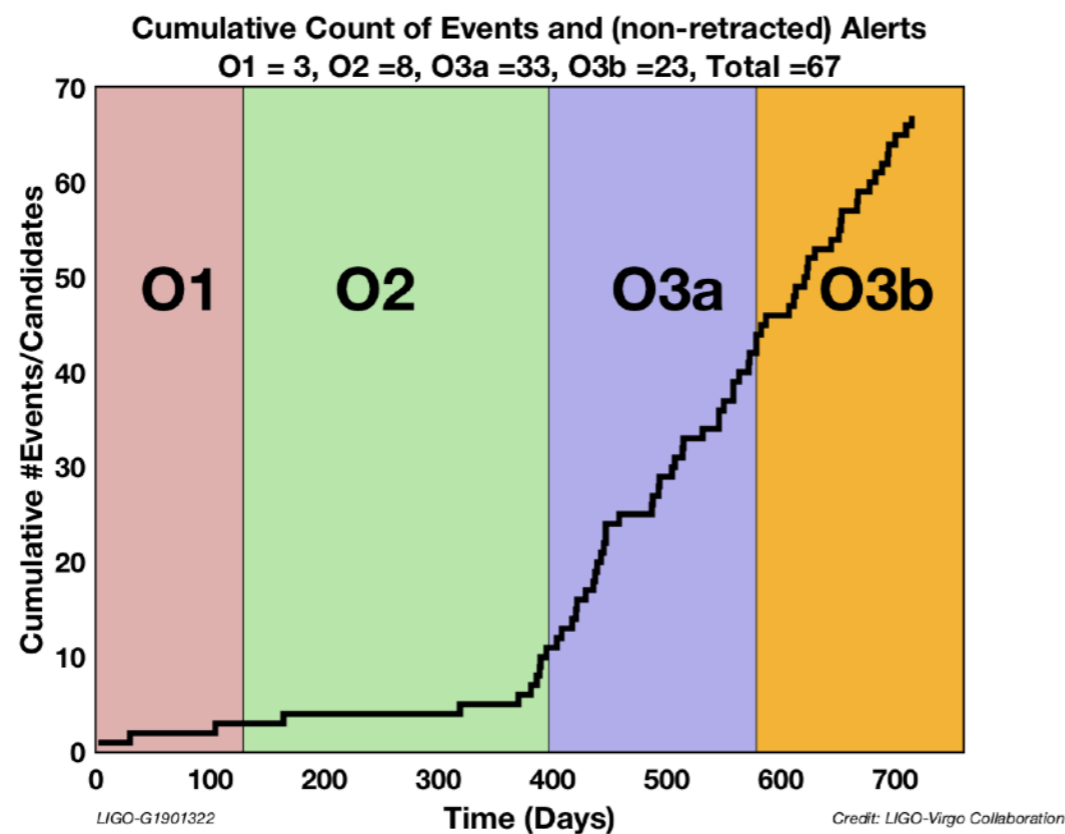
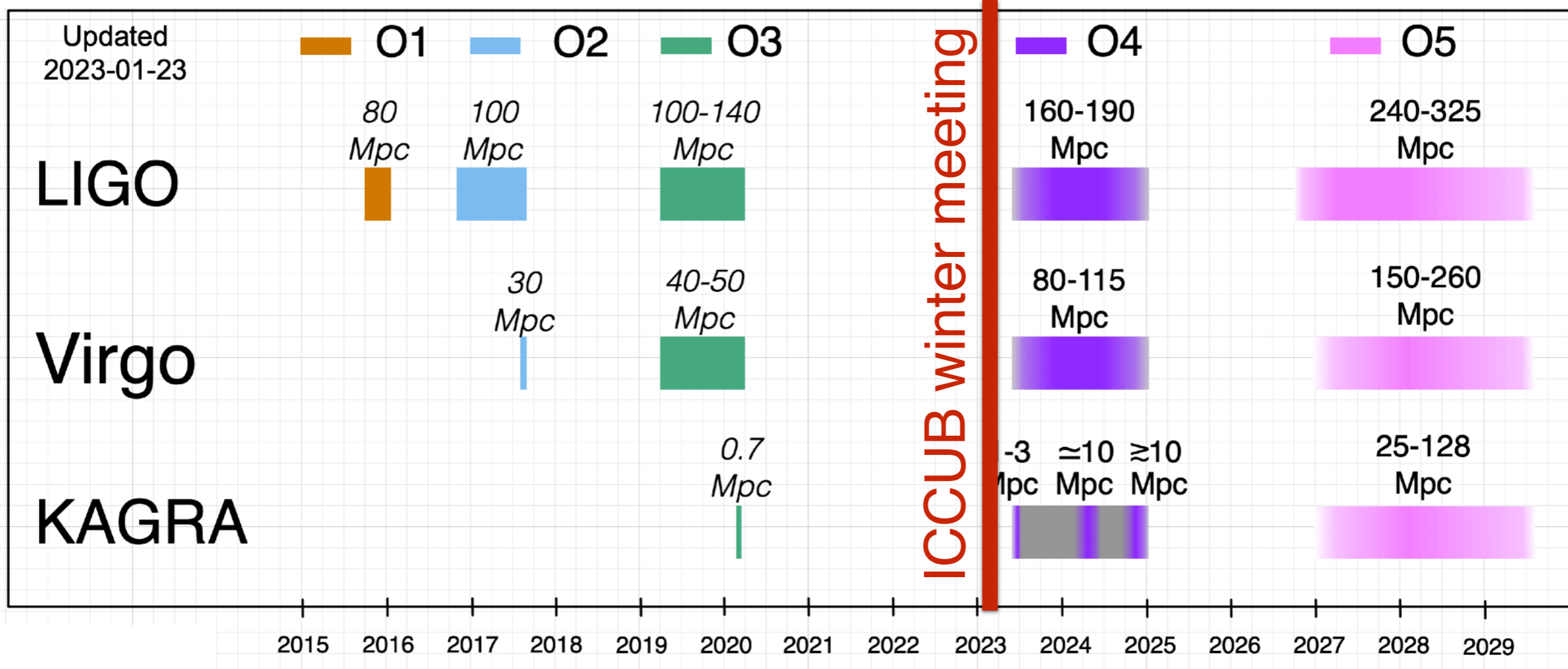
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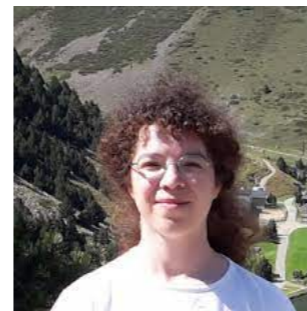
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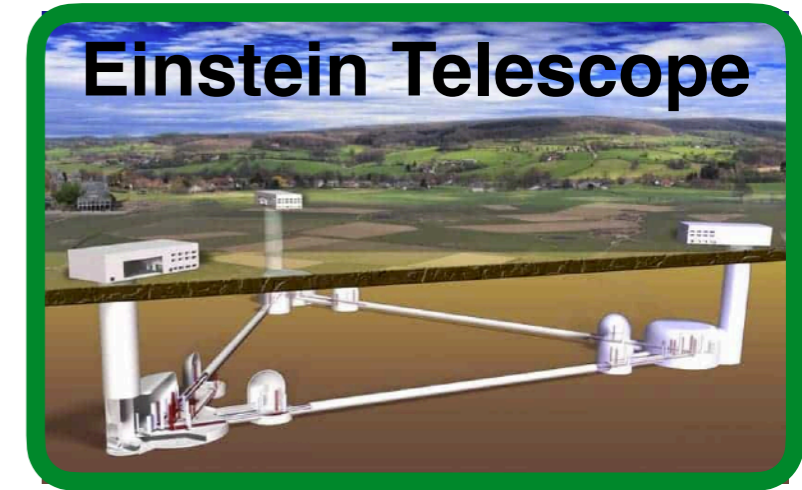
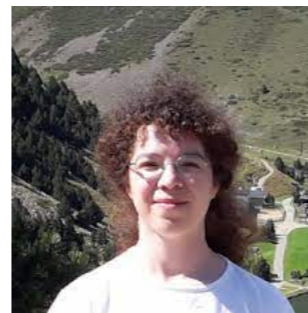
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In coordination with  
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Isabel Cordero

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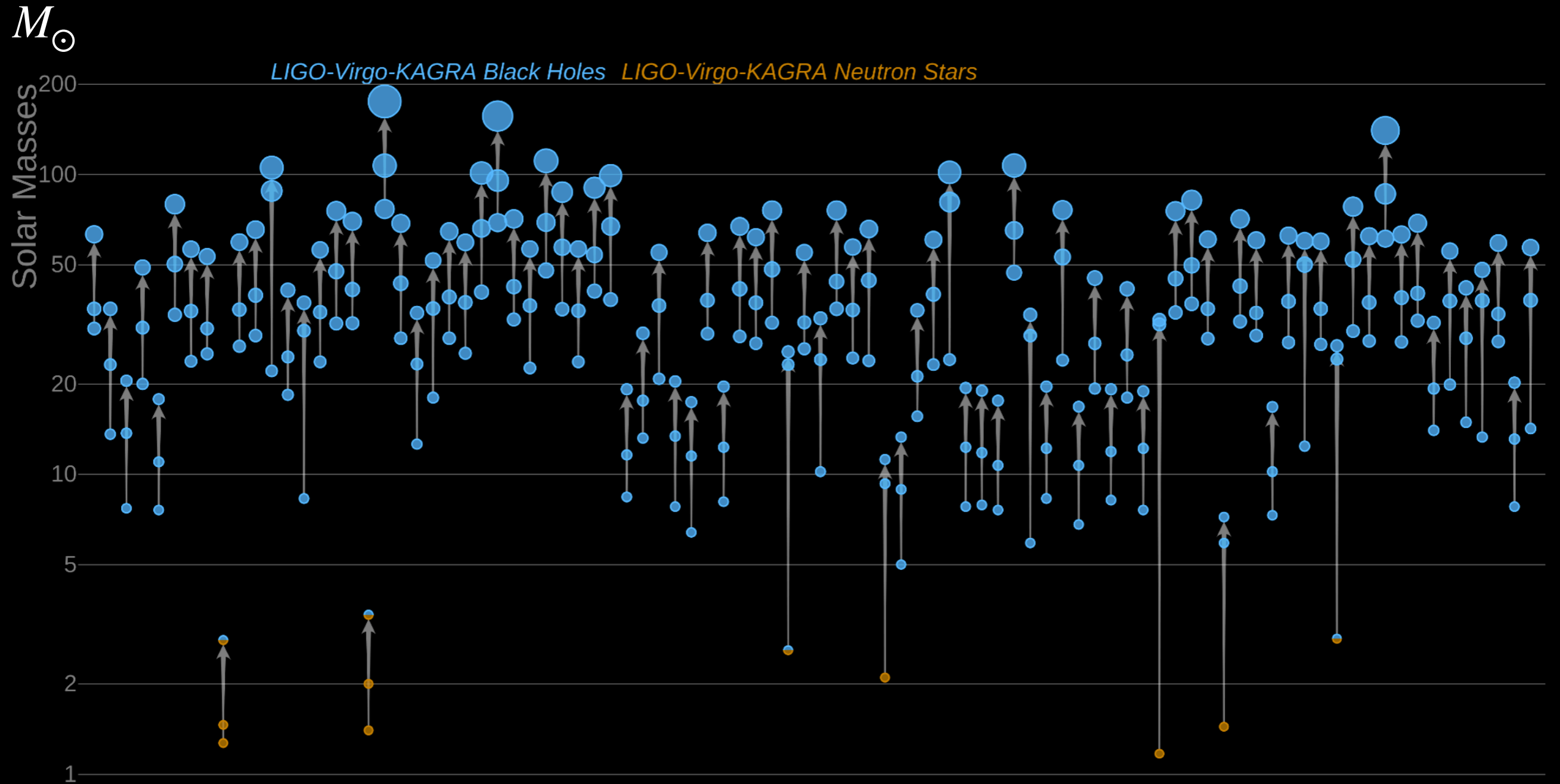
# Gravitational waves: an exploding field!

**2015-2020 LVK O1-3: 90 detections!**

*2023 May 18 LVK O4: several 100 detections expected*

*~2028 LVK O5  $\gtrsim 1000$  detections expected*

*~2035 Einstein Telescope: all BBH mergers up to  $z \sim 20$*





# How do binary black holes (BBHs) form?

isolated binaries



Belczynski+ 2002; de Mink & Mandel 2016; Mandel & de Mink 2016; Marchant+ 2016; Farr+ 2017; Mapelli+ 2017; Schneider+ 2017; Gerosa+ 2018; Broekgaarden+ 2022; Mandel & Broekgaarden 2022

dynamics



Portegies & Zwart & McMillan 2000; Samsing+2014; Rodriguez+ 2015; Antonini+ 2018; Hong+ 2018; Rodriguez & Loeb 2018; Antonini & Gieles 2020a,b

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primordial



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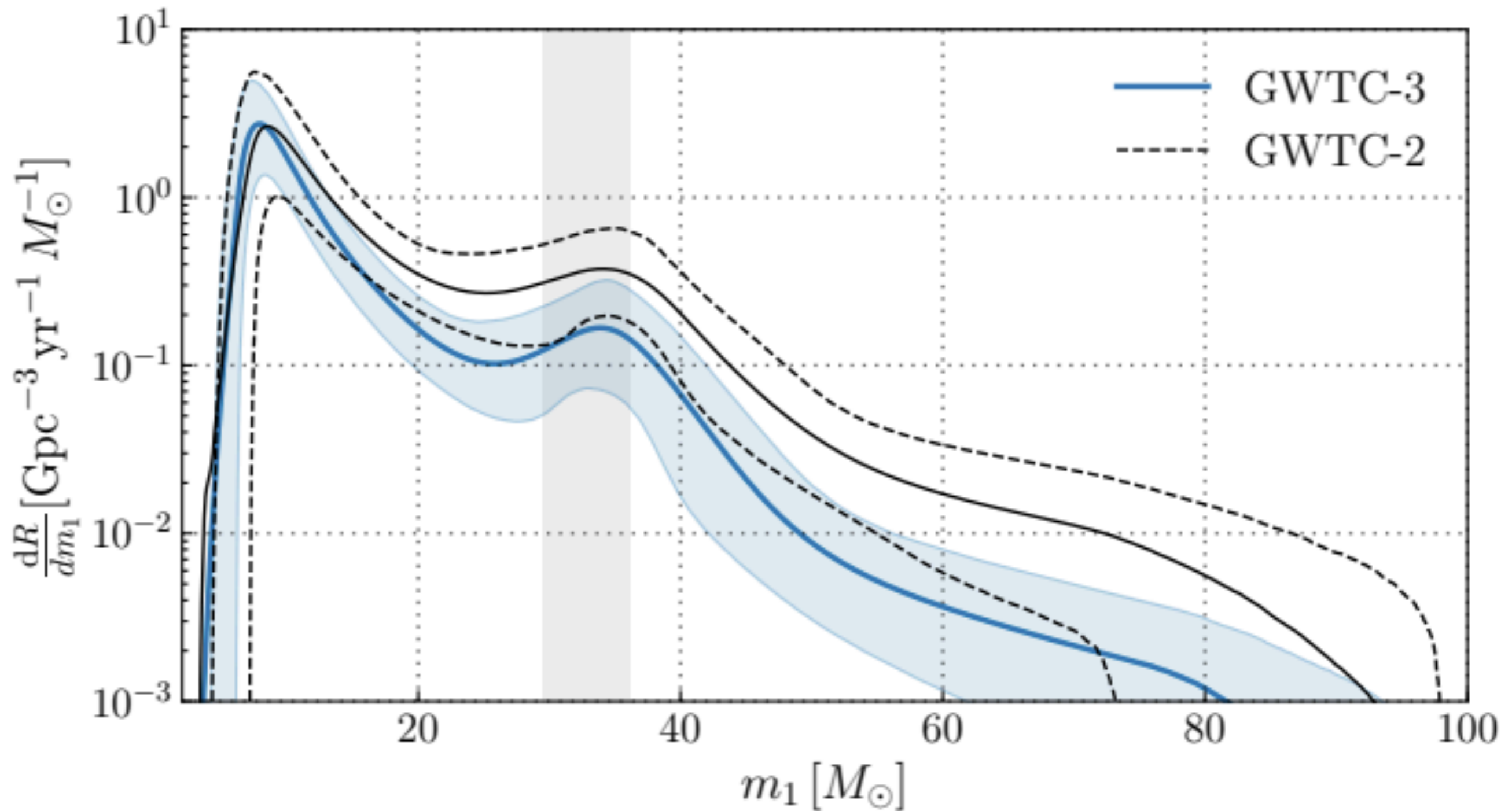
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# Mass-dependent BBH merger rates



# The isolated binary channel

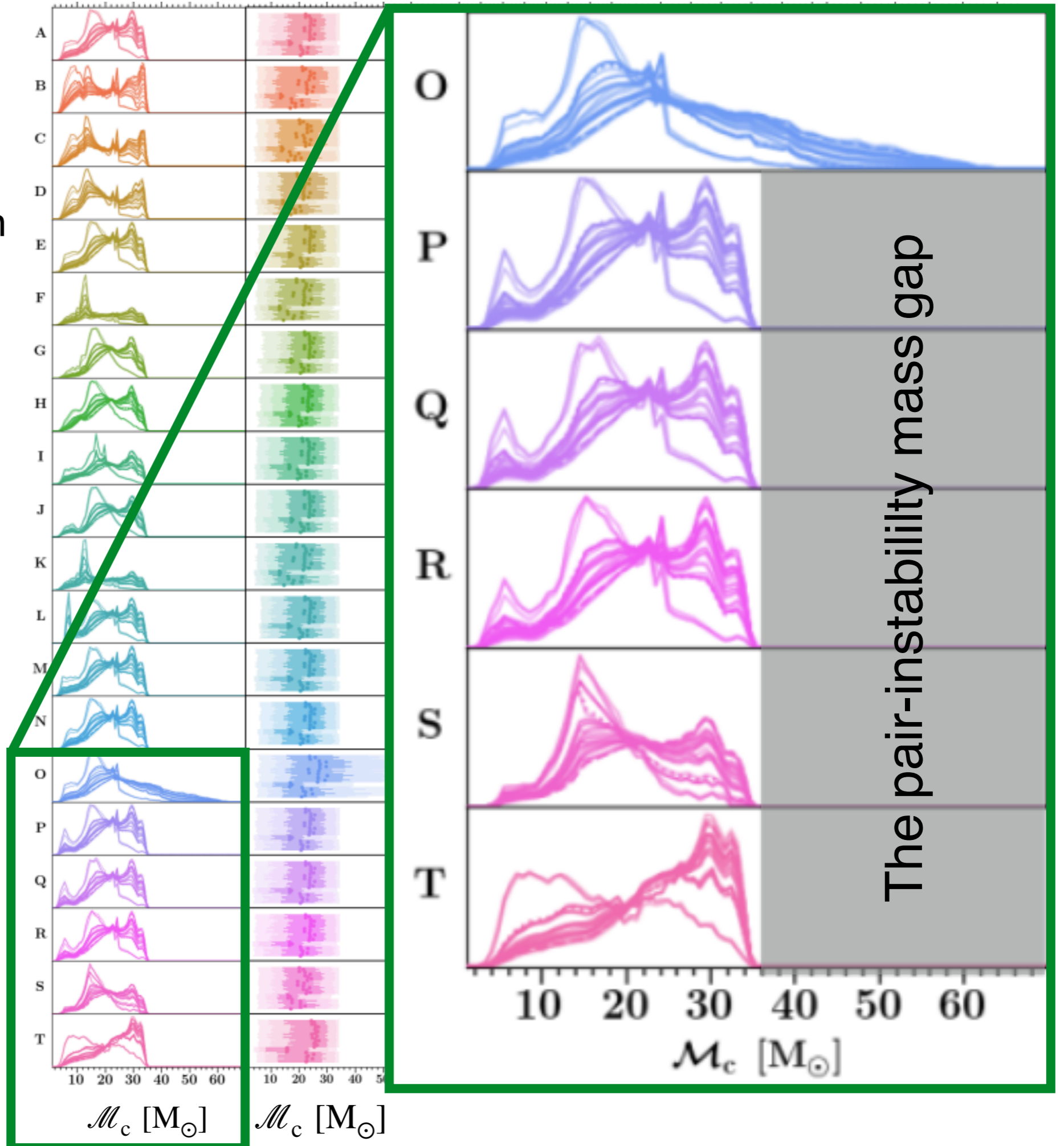
Results from population synthesis models

Broekgaarden+ 2022

Chirp mass:

$$\mathcal{M}_c = \frac{(m_1 m_2)^{3/5}}{(m_1 + m_2)^{1/5}}$$

$$\dot{f} \propto \mathcal{M}_c^{5/3} f^{11/3}$$





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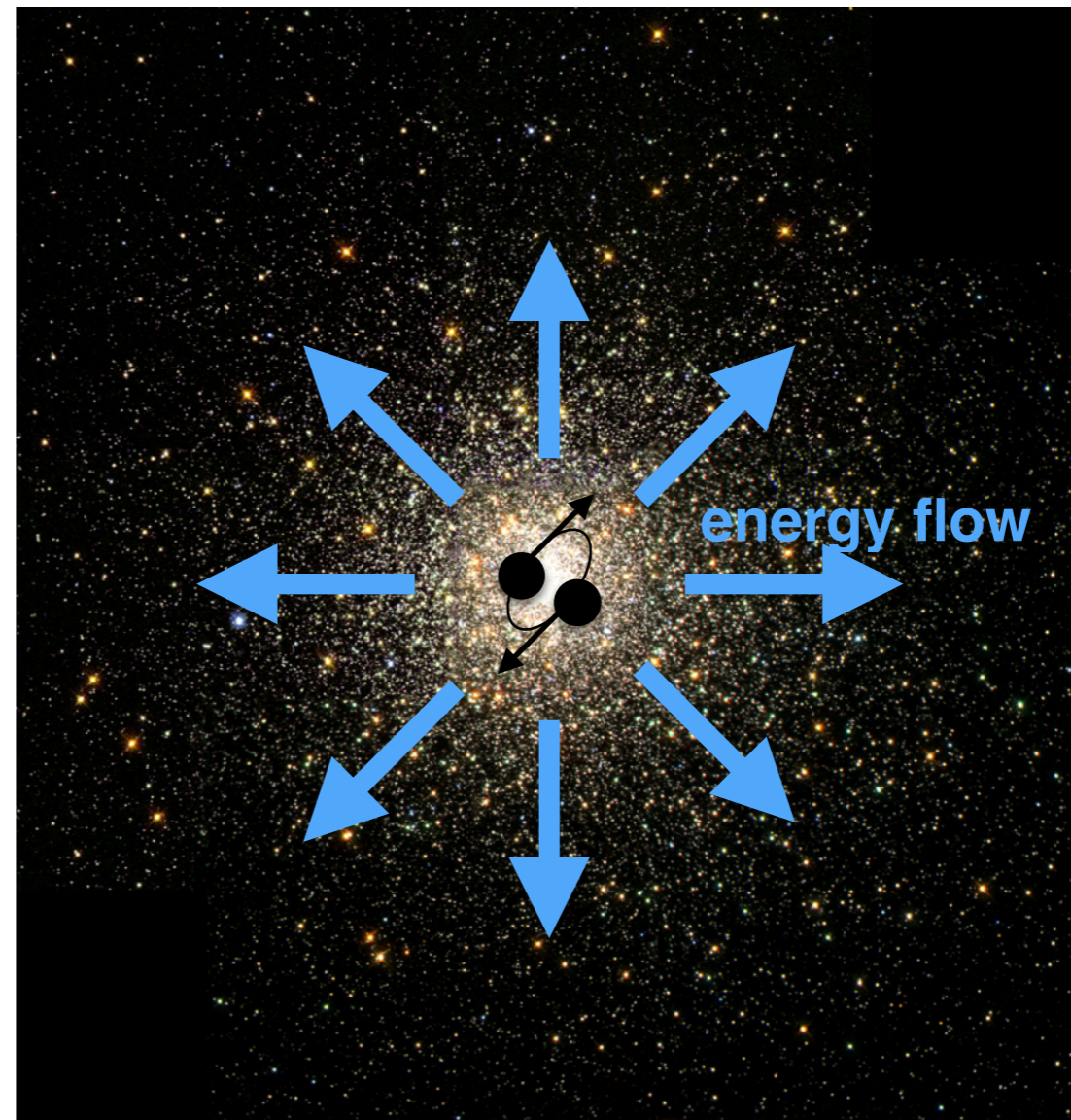
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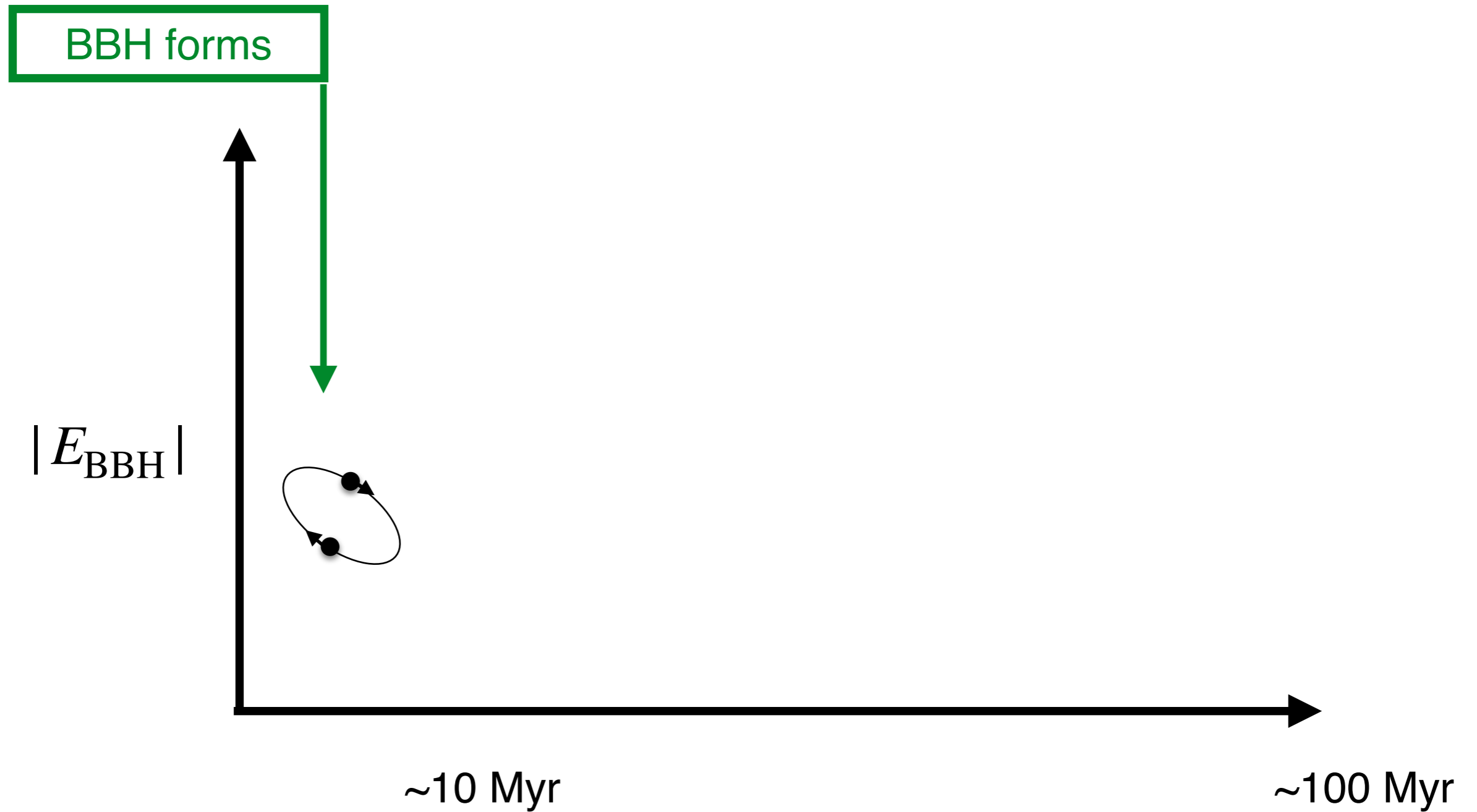
$$\dot{E}_{\text{BBH}} = -\dot{E}_{\text{cluster}}$$

Hénon 1961, 1965, 1975



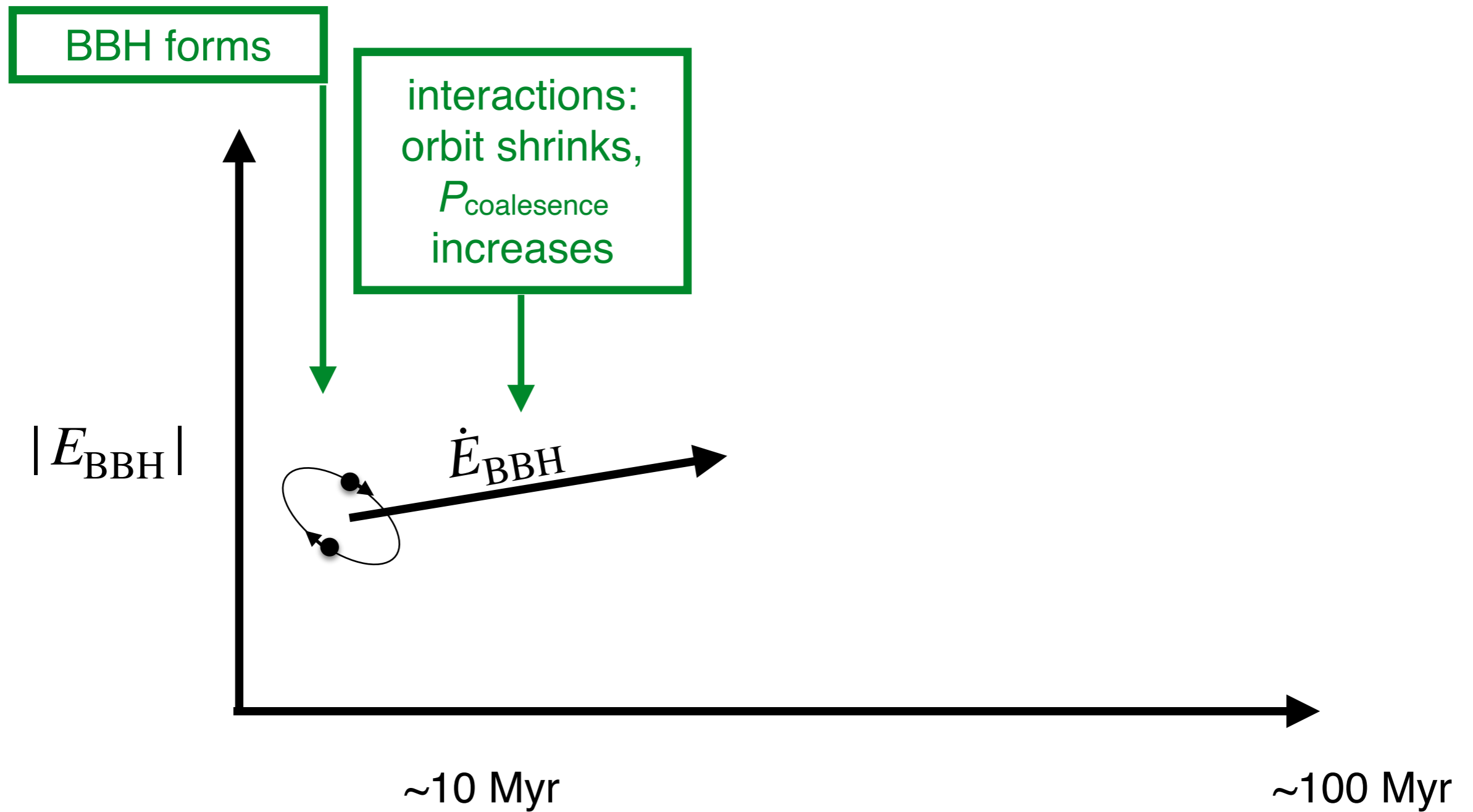


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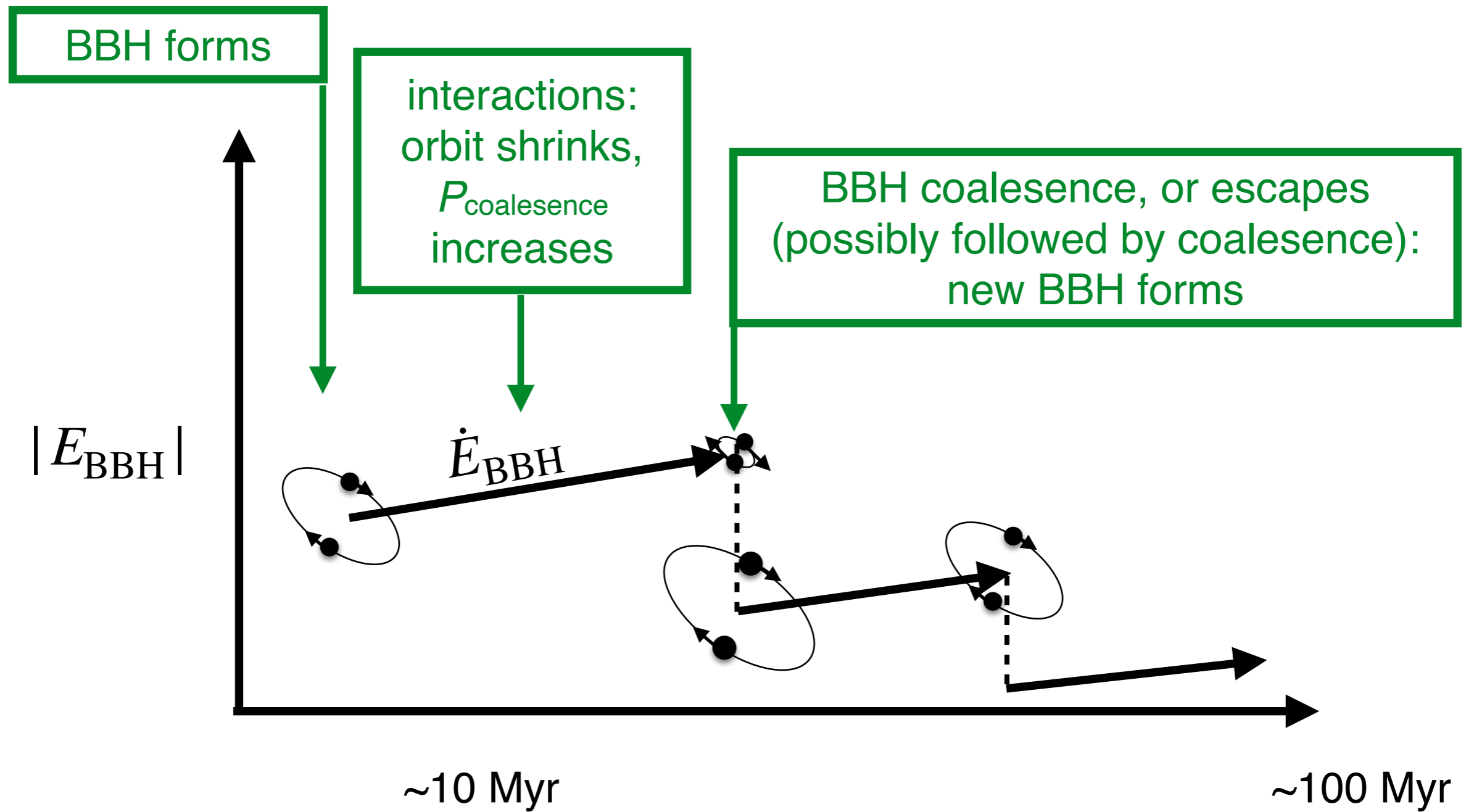


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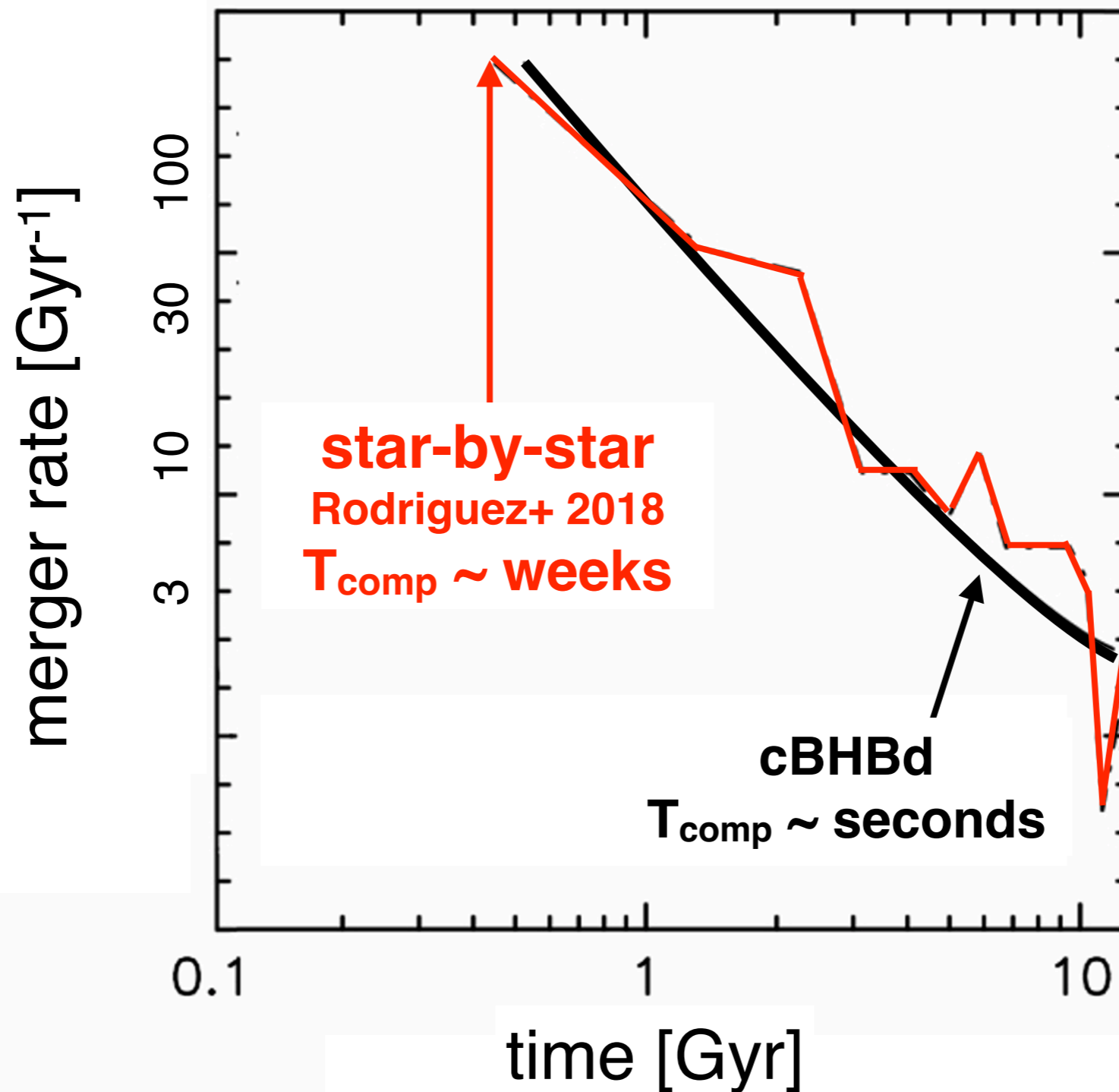
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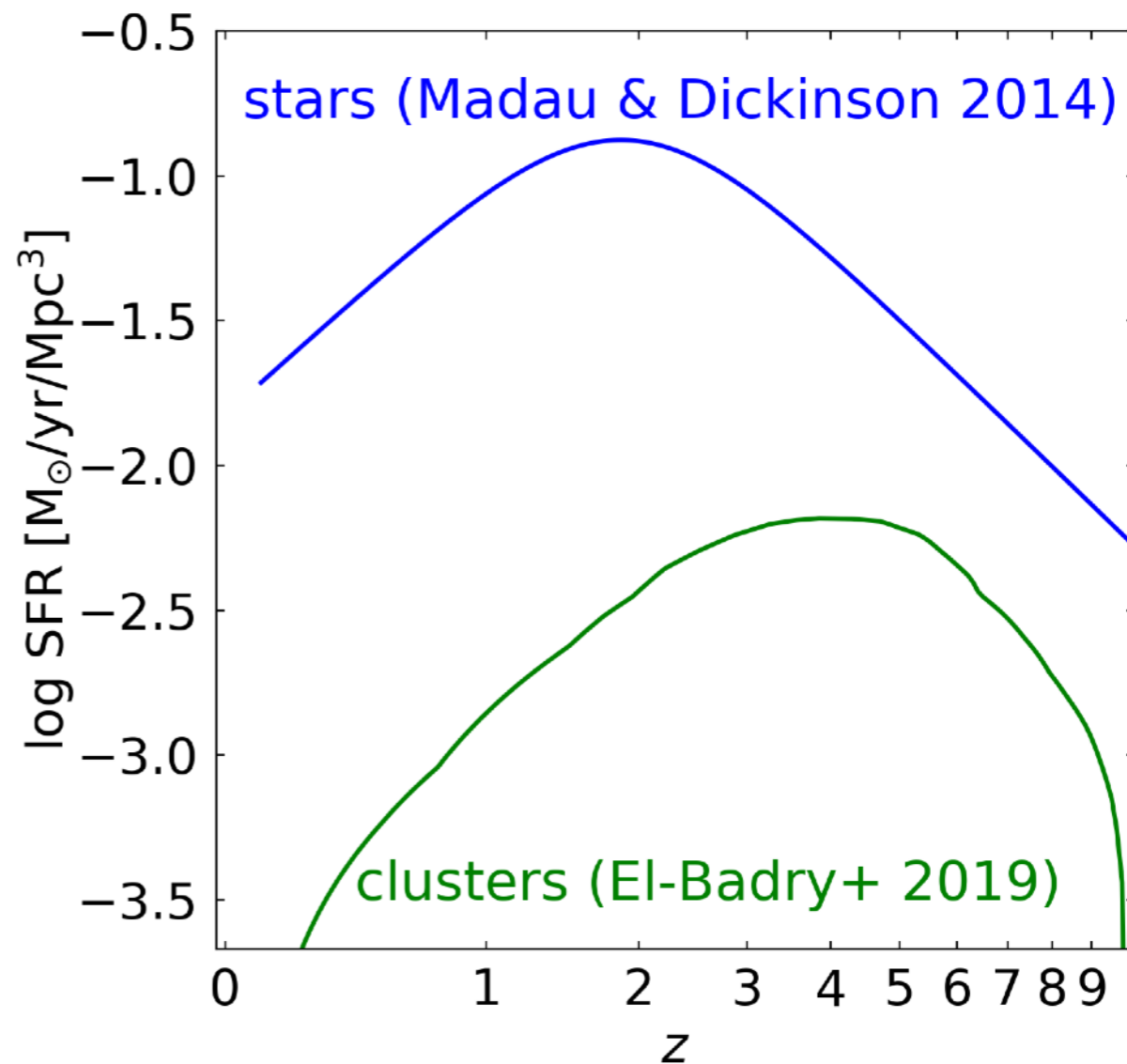
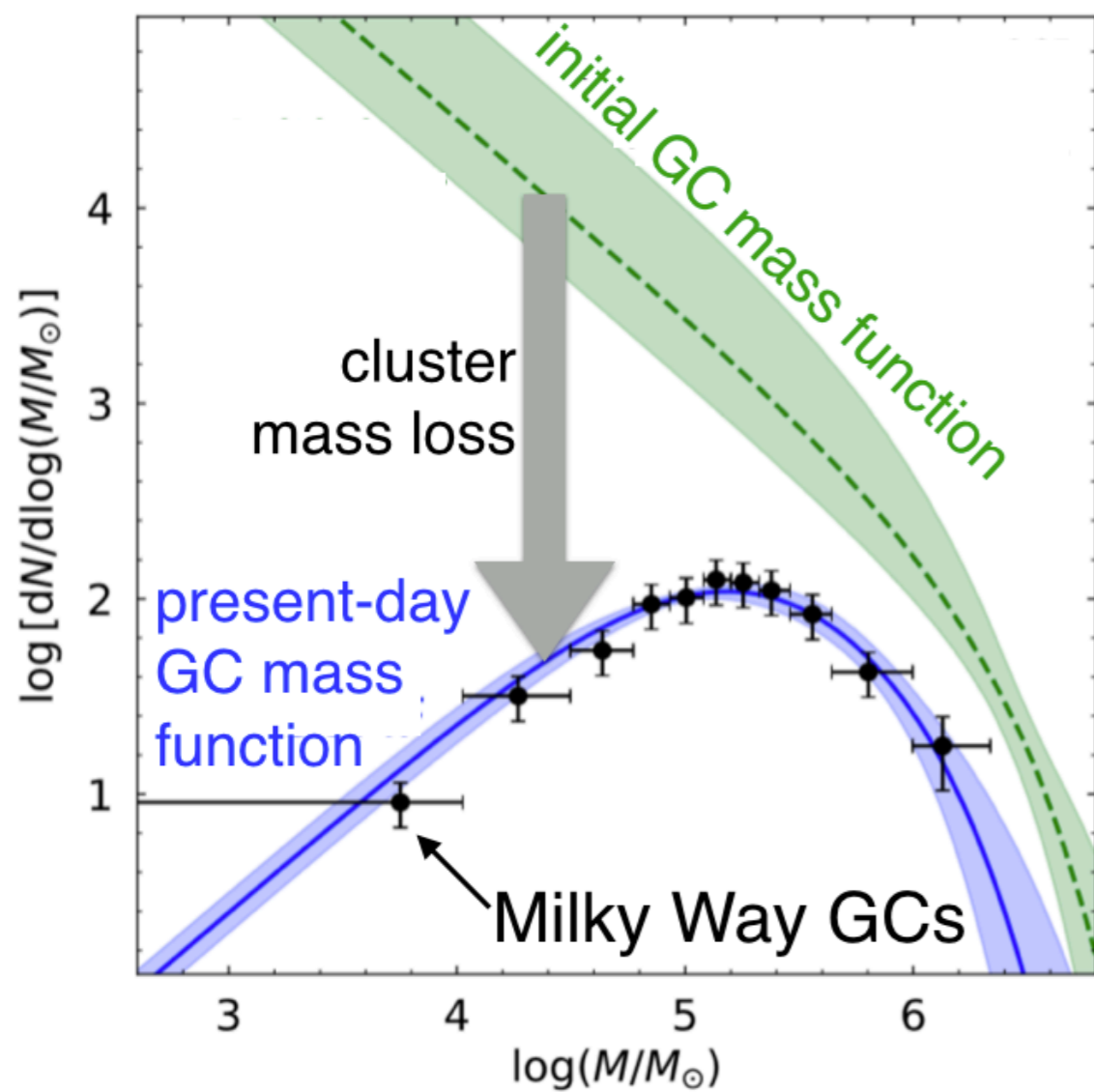
clusterBHBdynamics (cBHBd)

BBH mergers in 1 globular cluster model

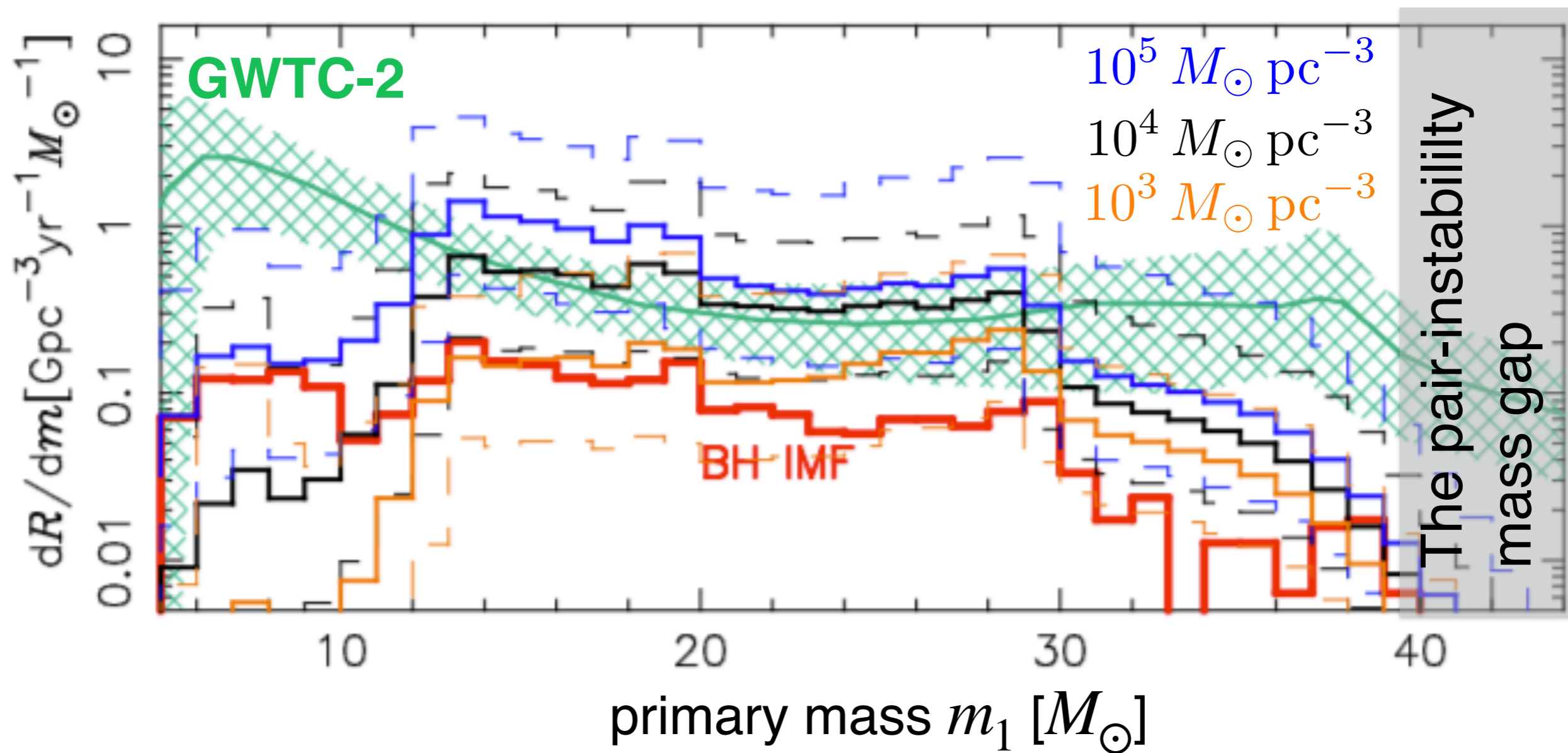




# Population synthesis of the dynamical channel

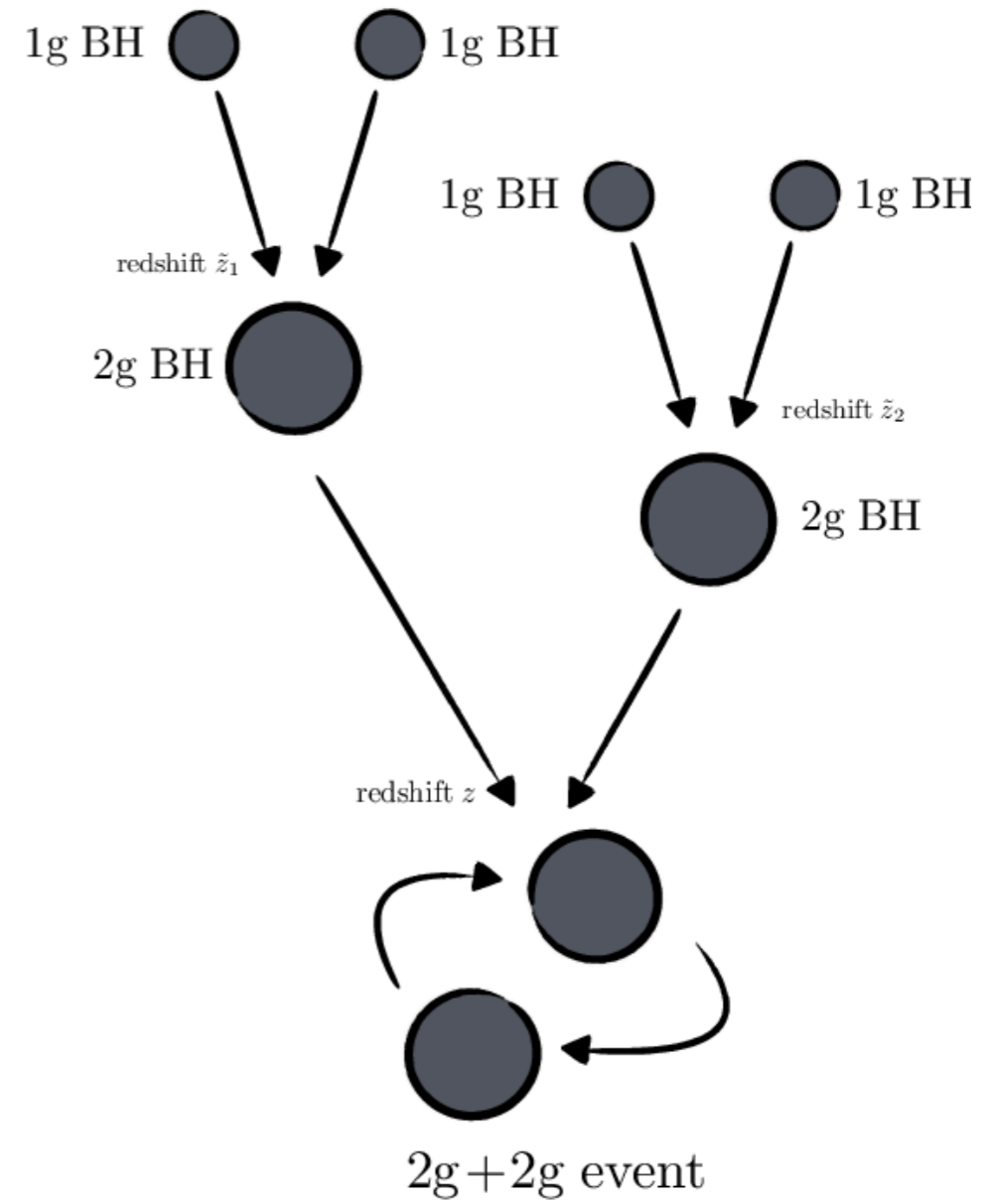
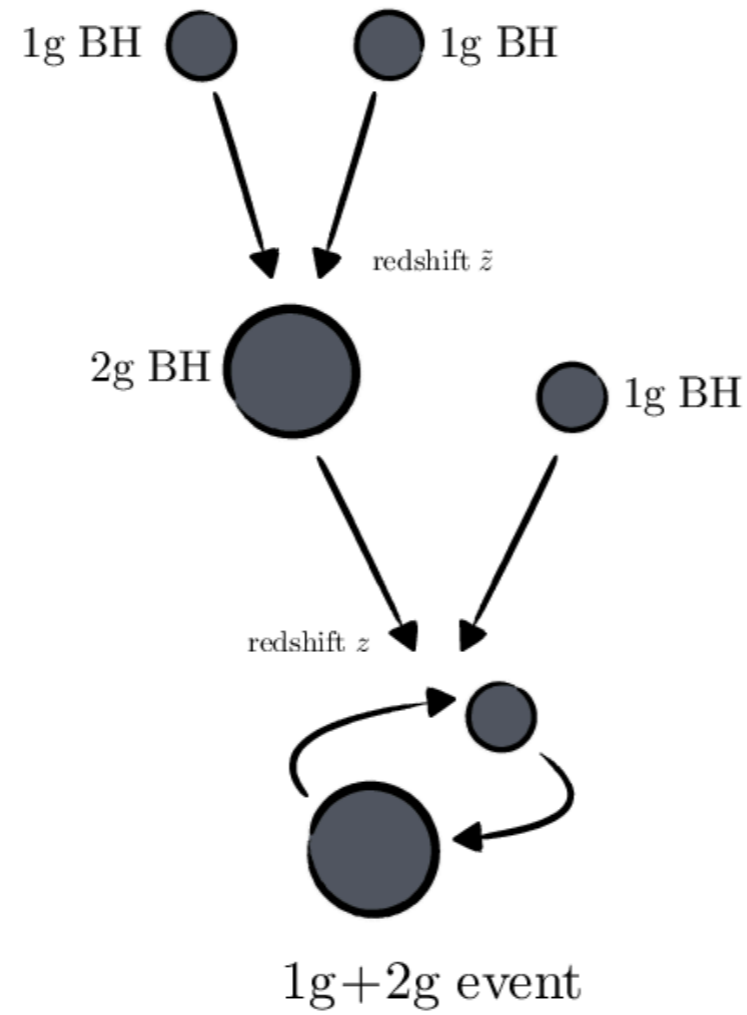
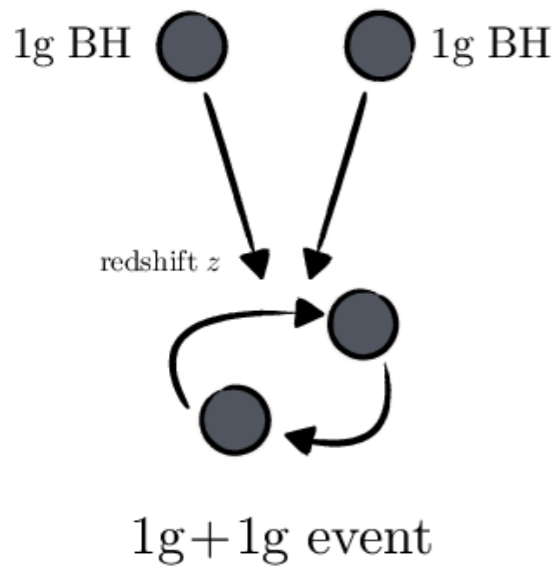


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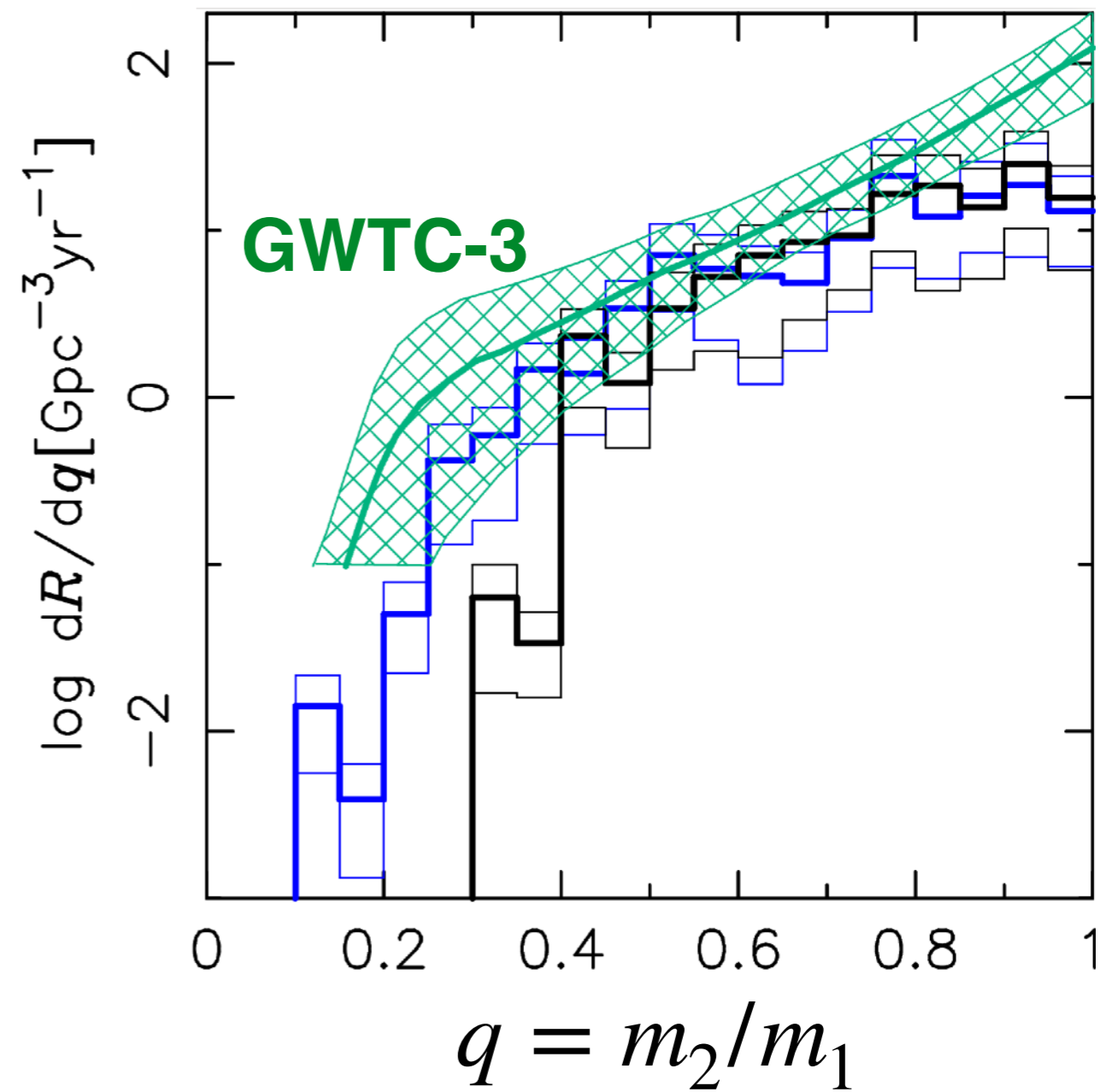
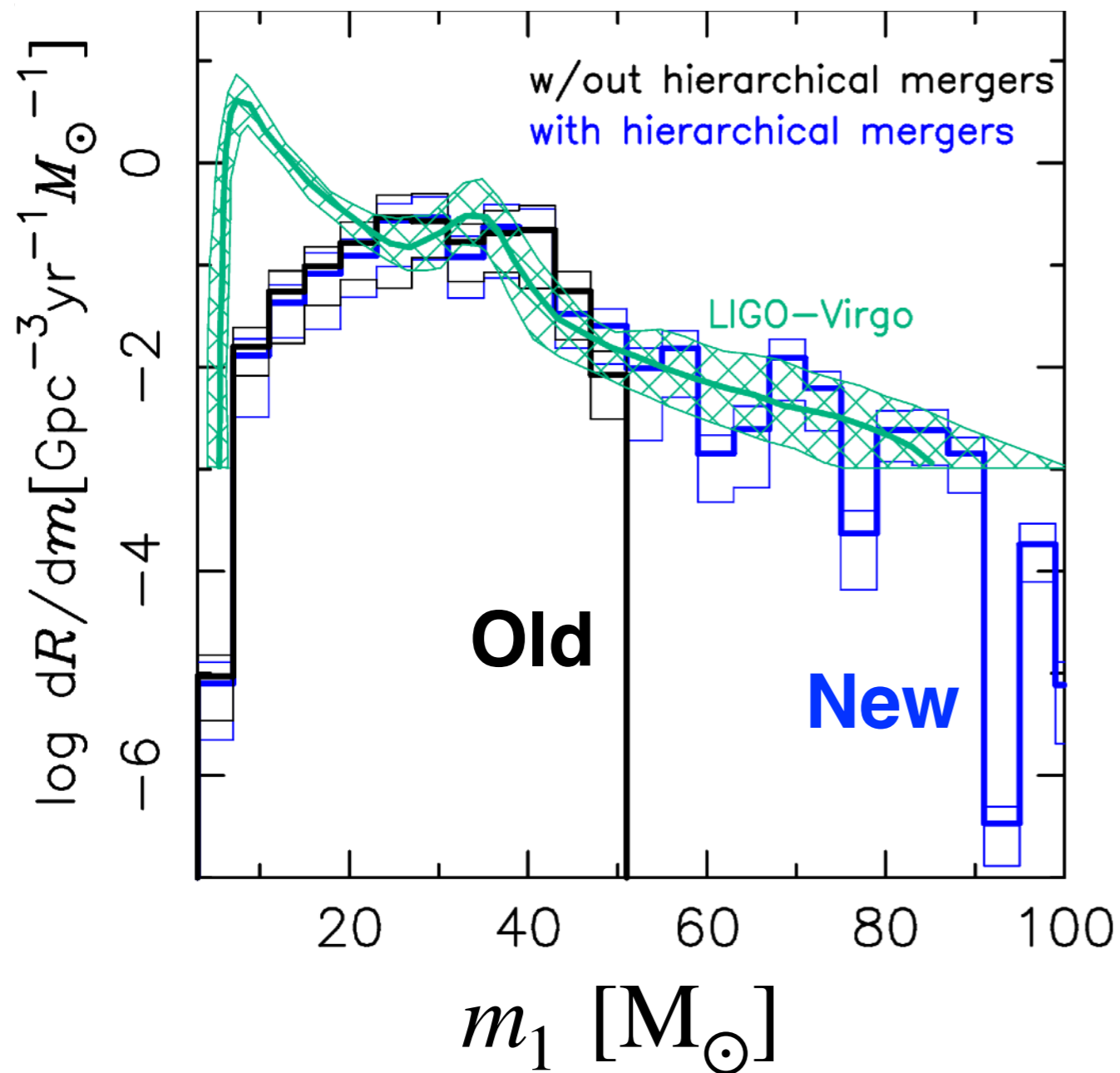




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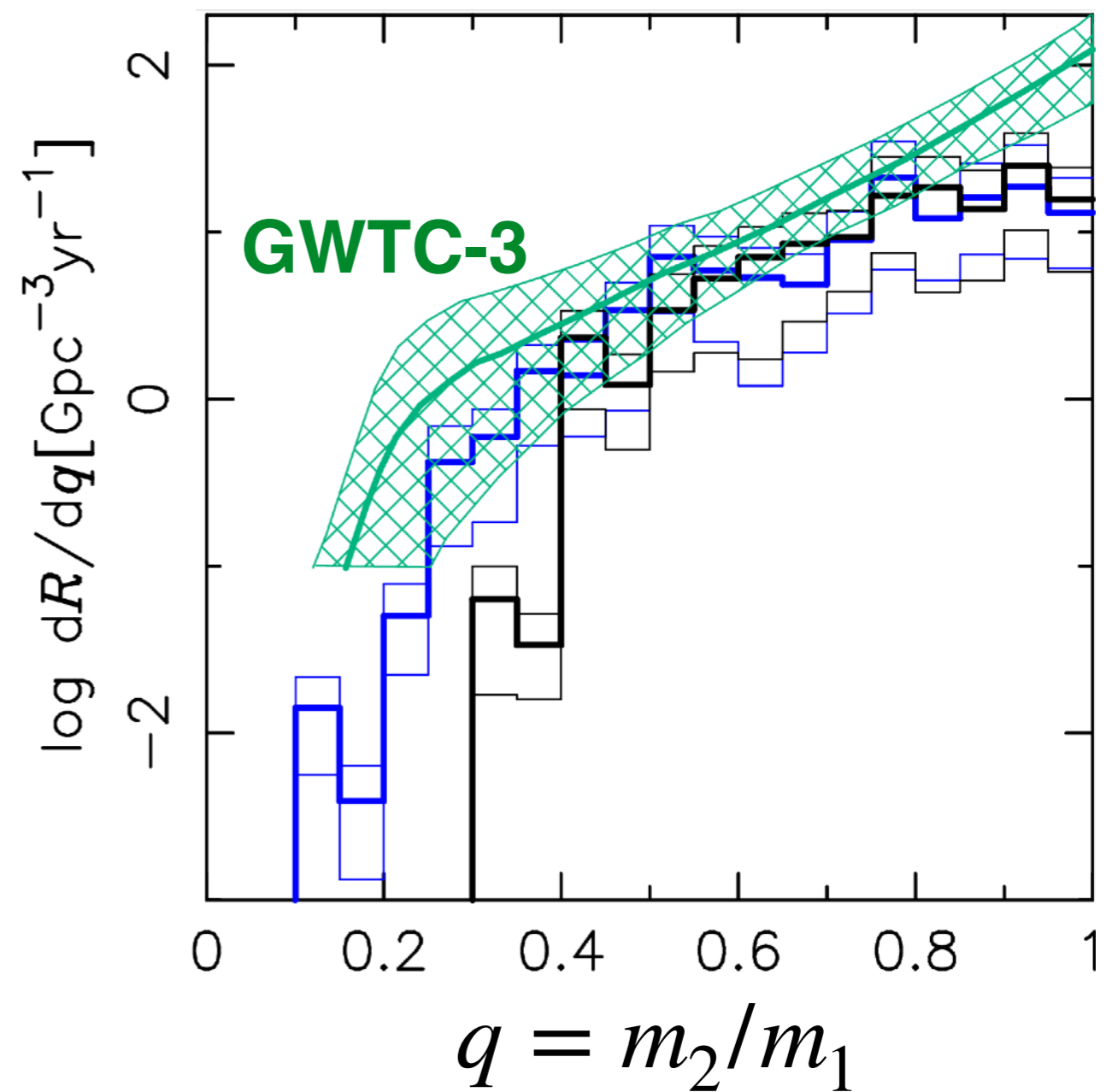
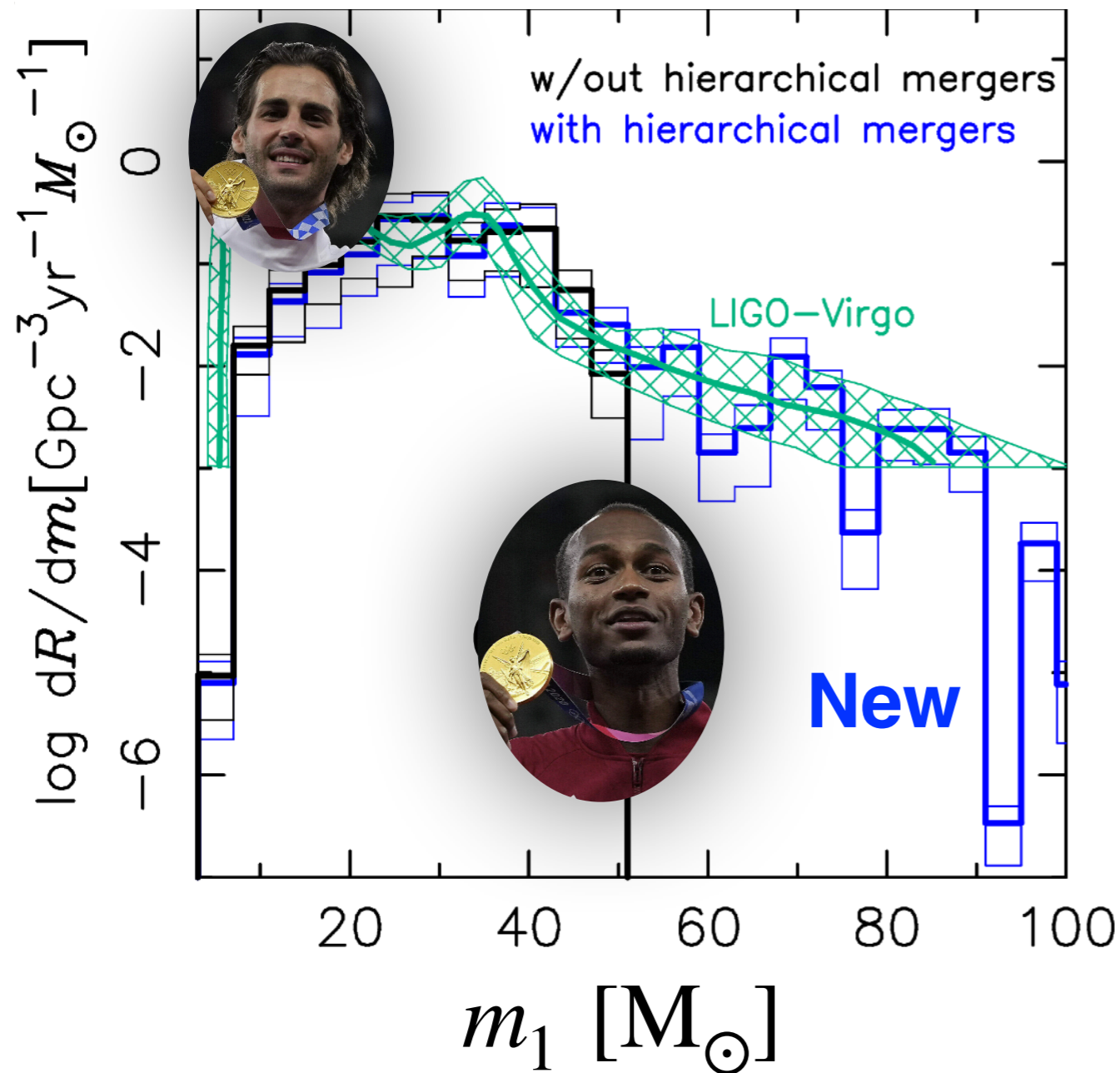


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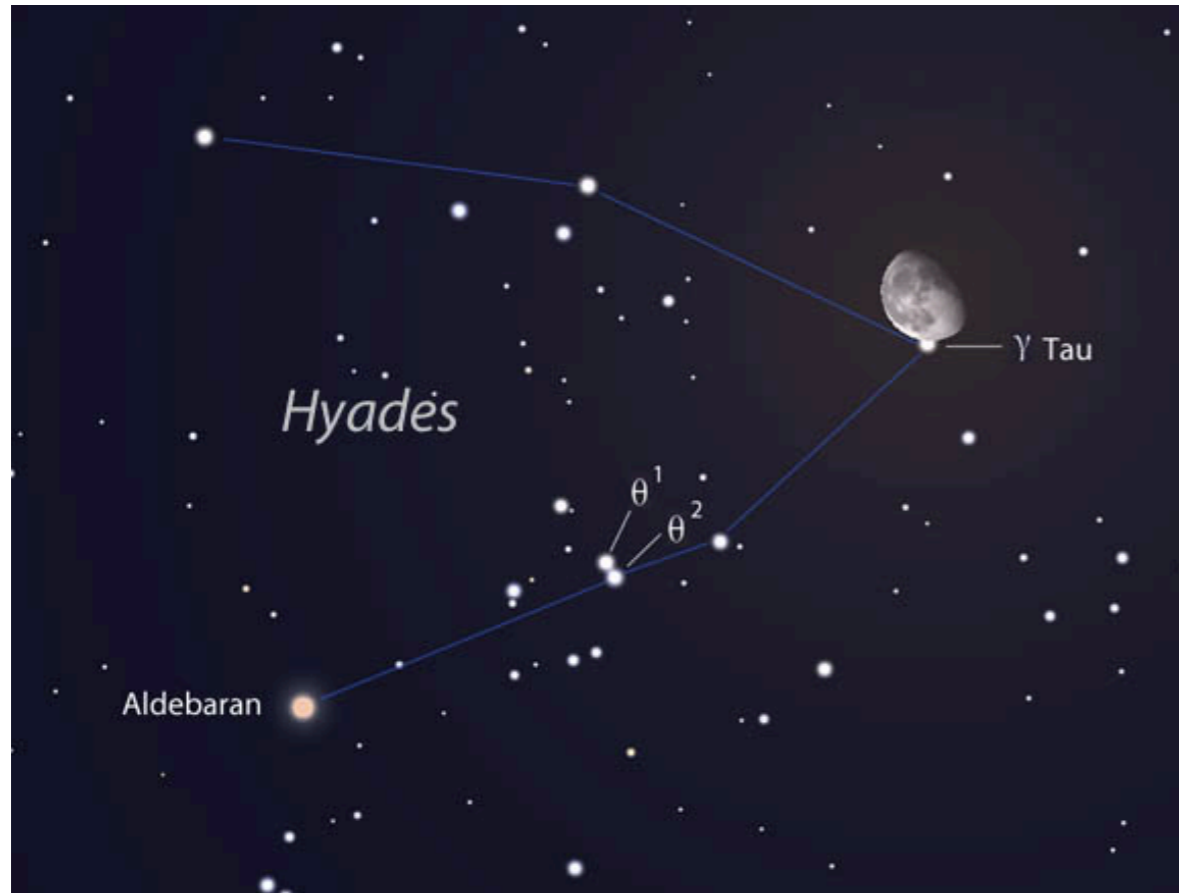


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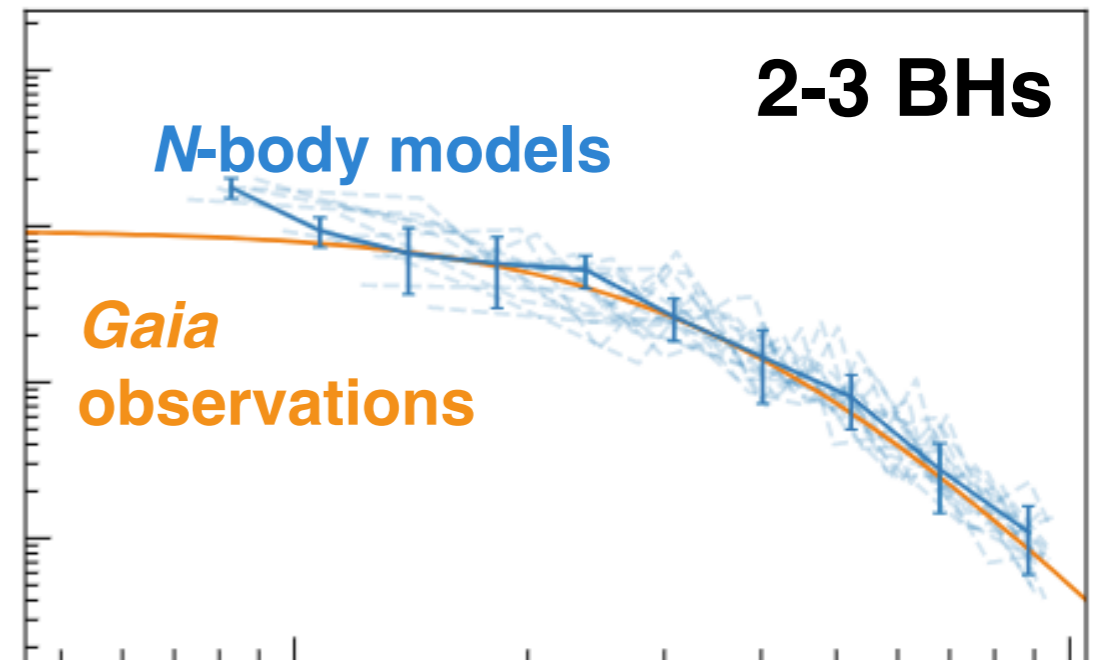
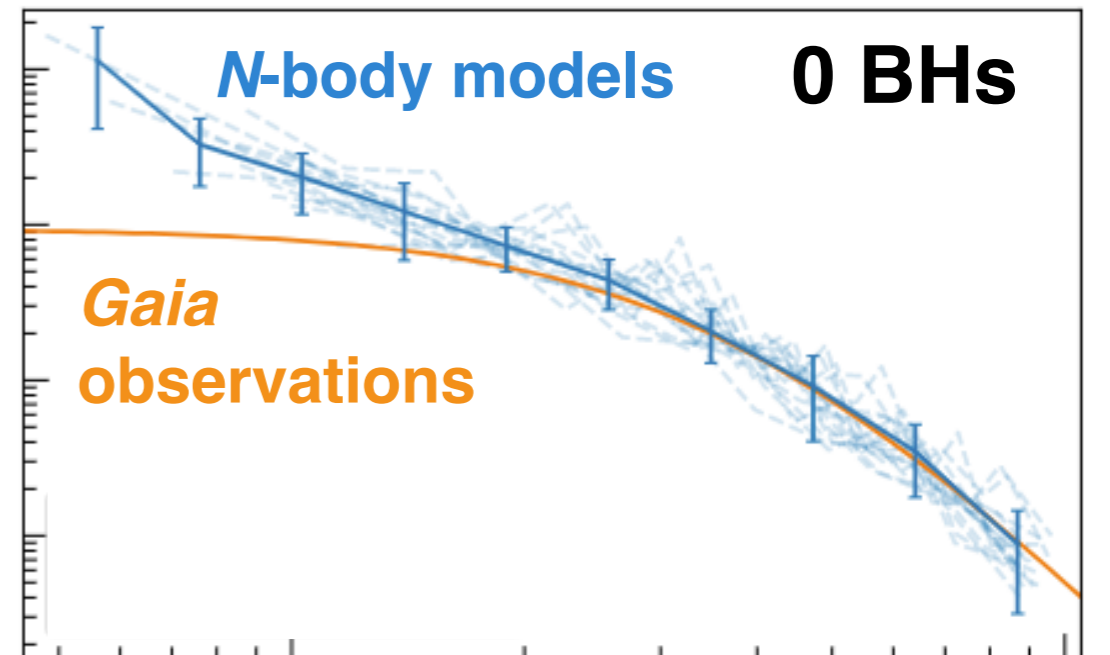


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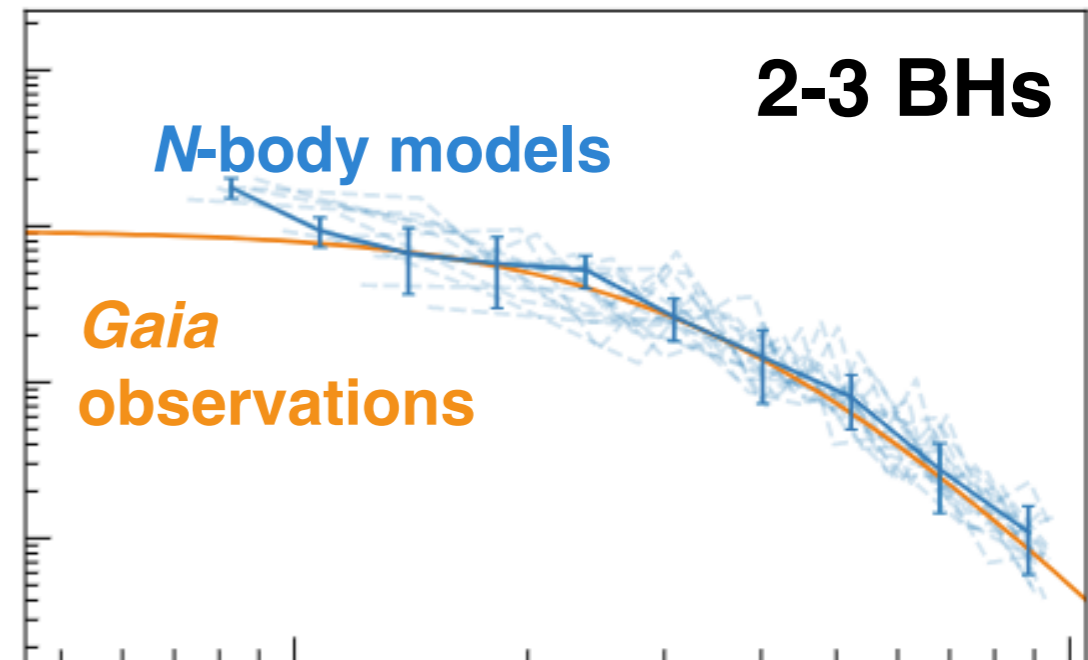
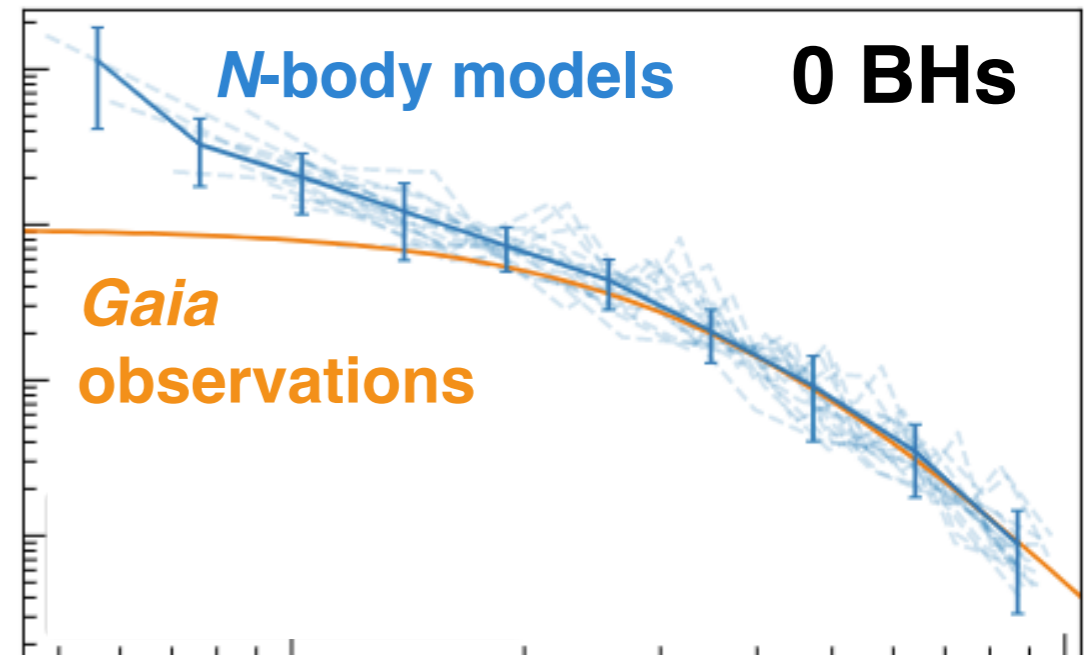


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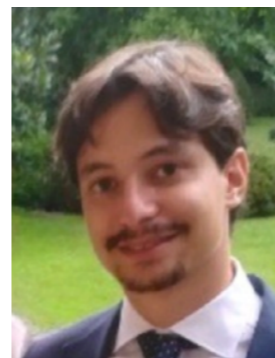
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Low-mass clusters form BH binaries, triples, quadruples, etc. → GW capture  
**Marín & Gieles 2023, to be submitted**



**Torniamenti+ 2023, to be submitted**

**~50% of BBH mergers ( $m_1 \gtrsim 20 M_\odot$ ) originate from  
globular clusters**

**Ongoing:  
charting BH demographics in globular and open clusters**

**(Near) future:  
O4 (18 May 2023), O5 (~2028), Einstein Telescope (~2035)**