



Exploring galactic black hole binaries with LISA

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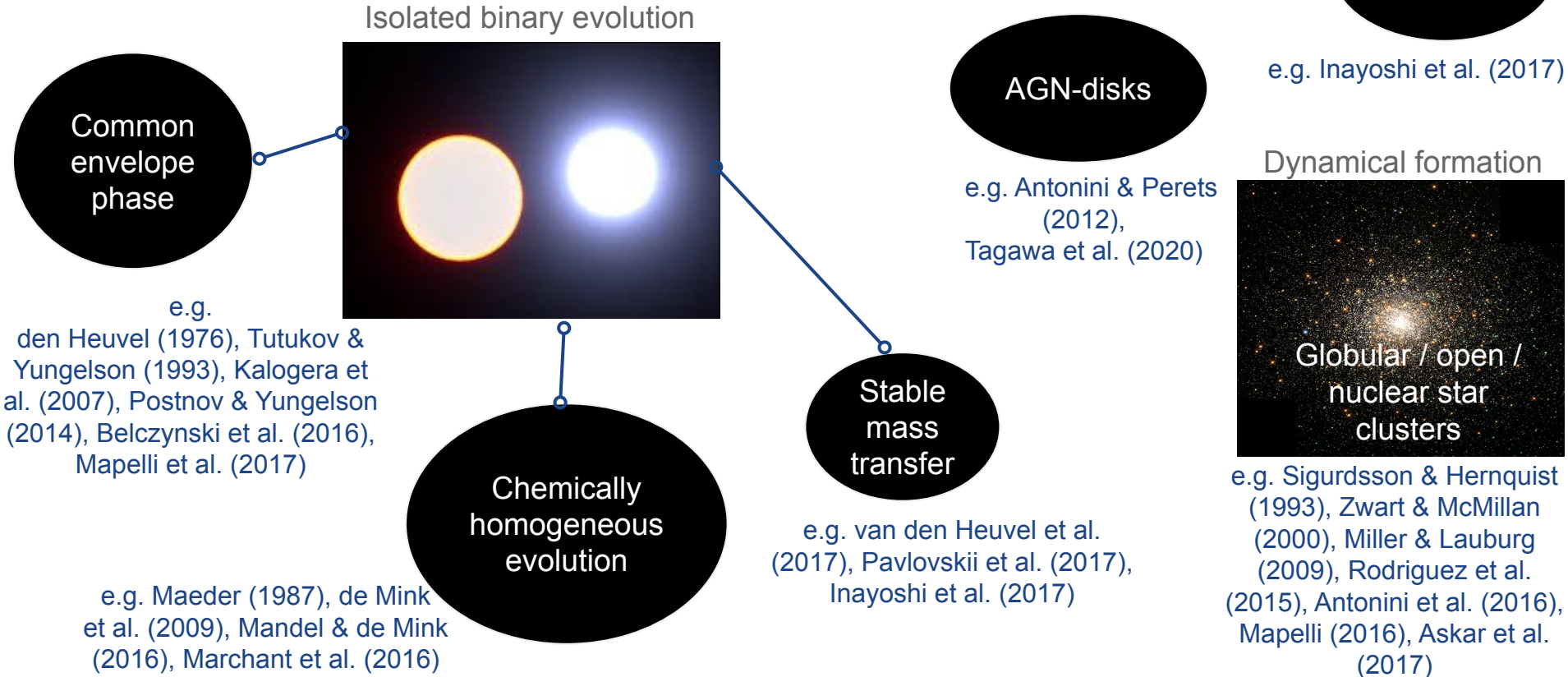
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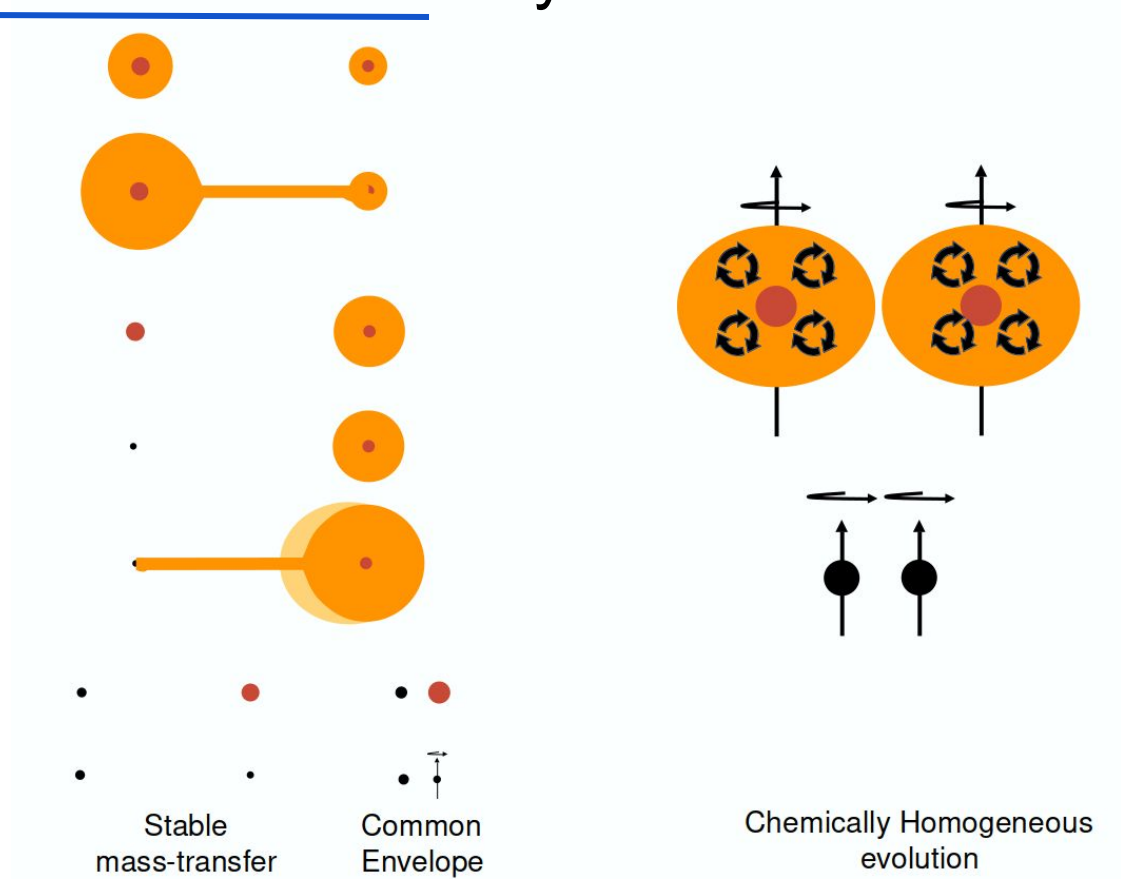
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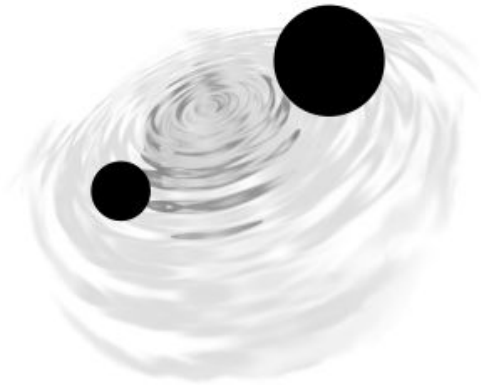
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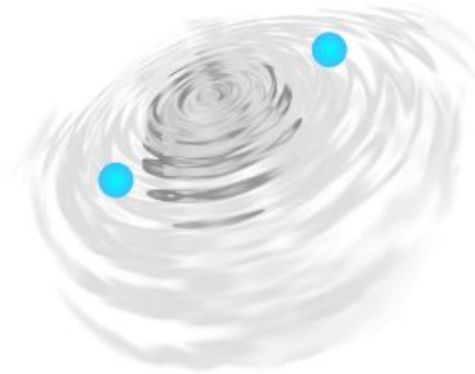


The Gravitational-Wave Transient Catalogue 2 (GWTC-2)



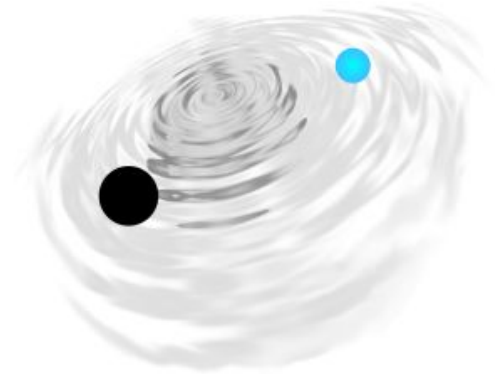
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new binary black holes
(BBHs)



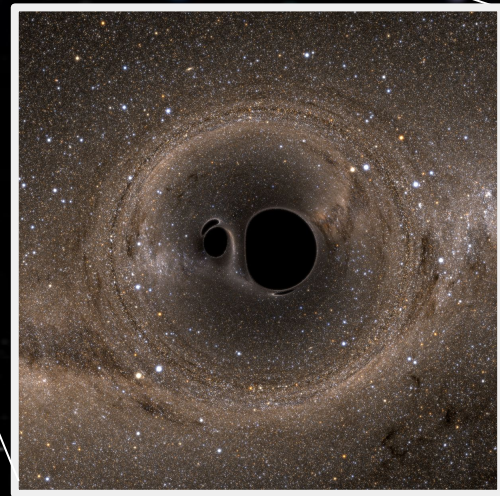
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new neutron star binary
(BNSs)



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new black hole-neutron star
pair (BH-NS)



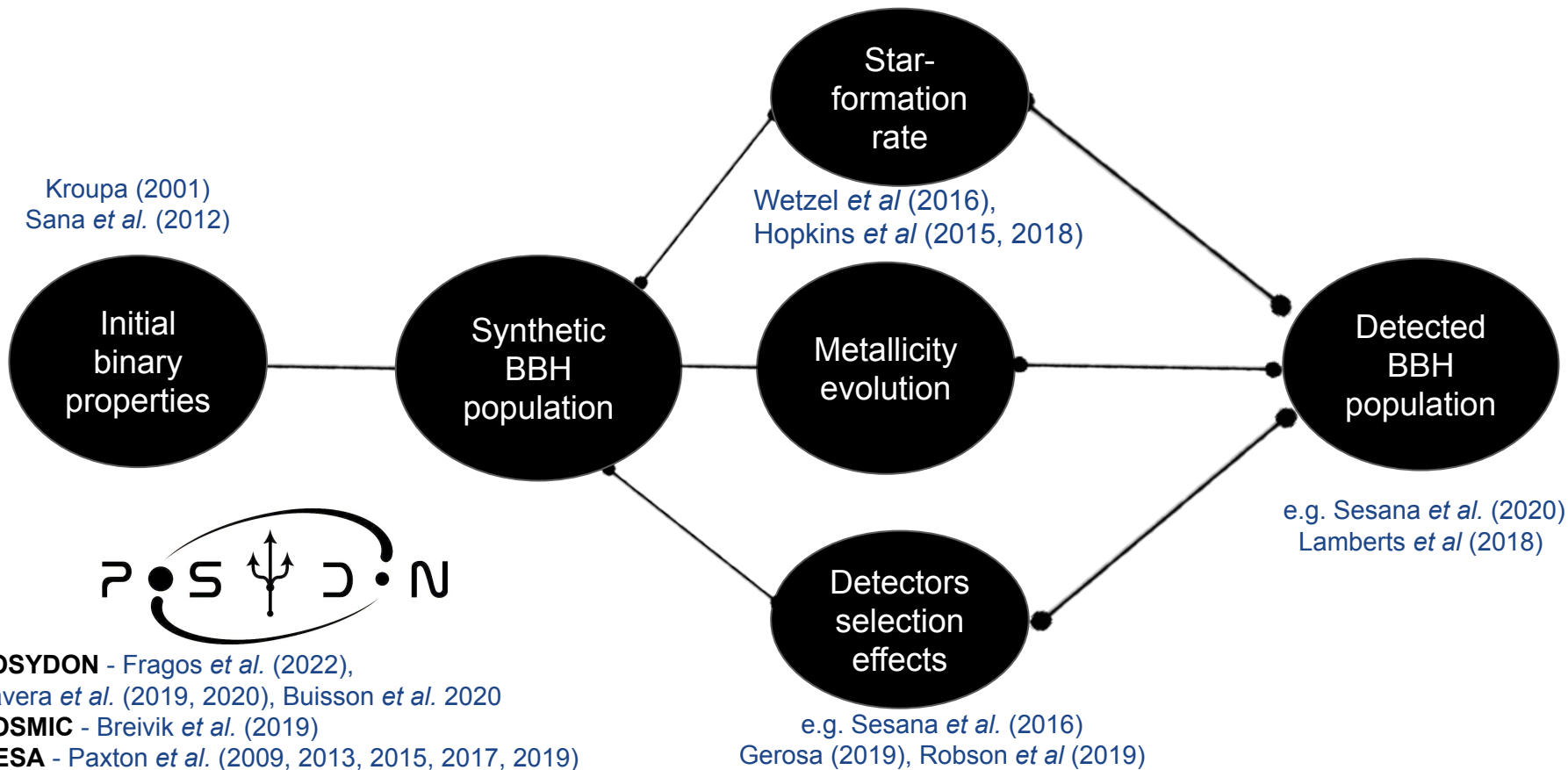
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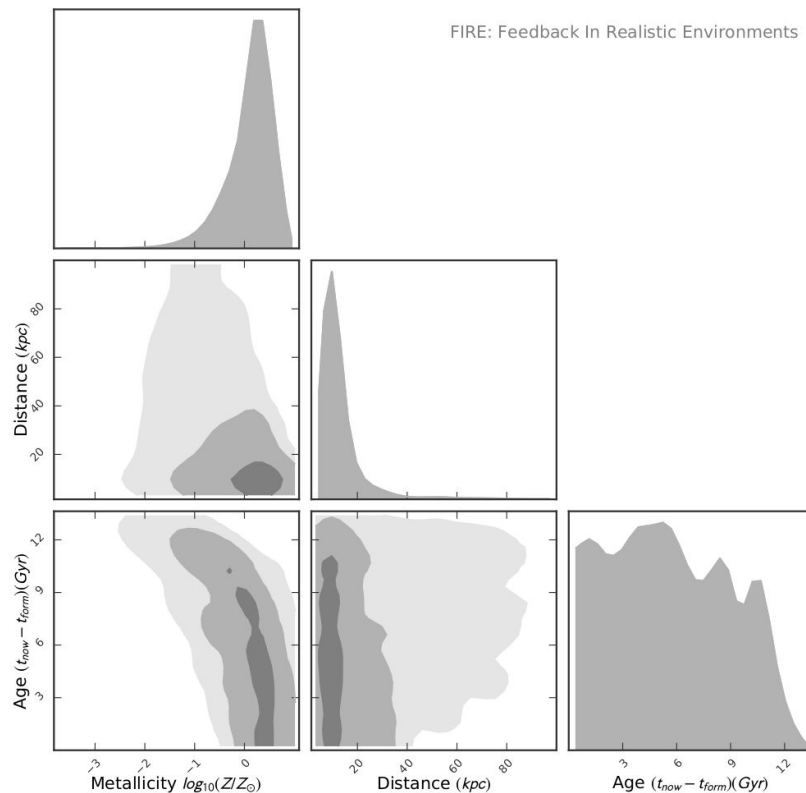


Preliminary results

Predicting the properties of binary black hole population:

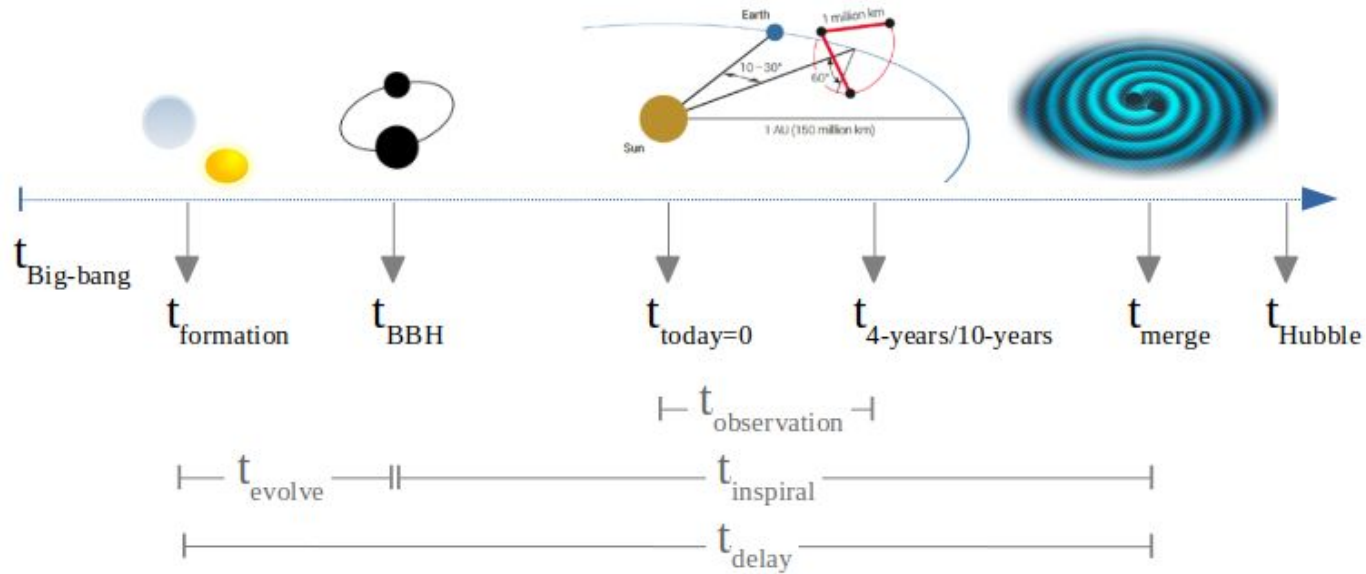


FIRE: Feedback In Realistic Environments:



Wetzel *et al* (2016)
Hopkins (2015)
Hopkins *et al* (2018)

Conventional Timescales:

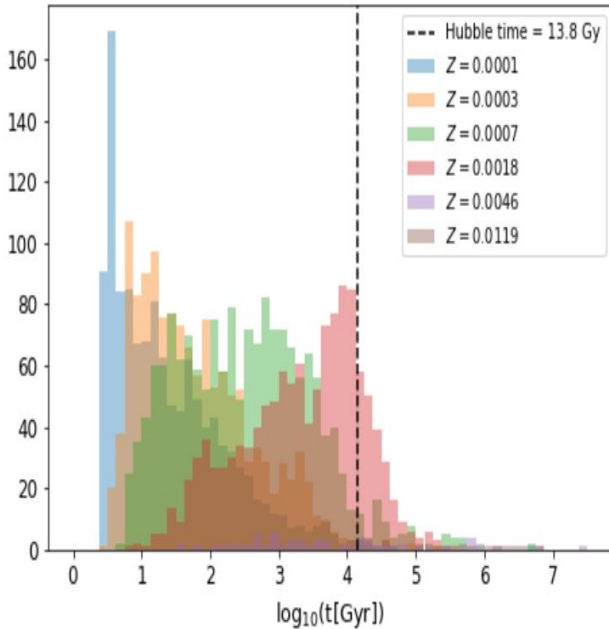


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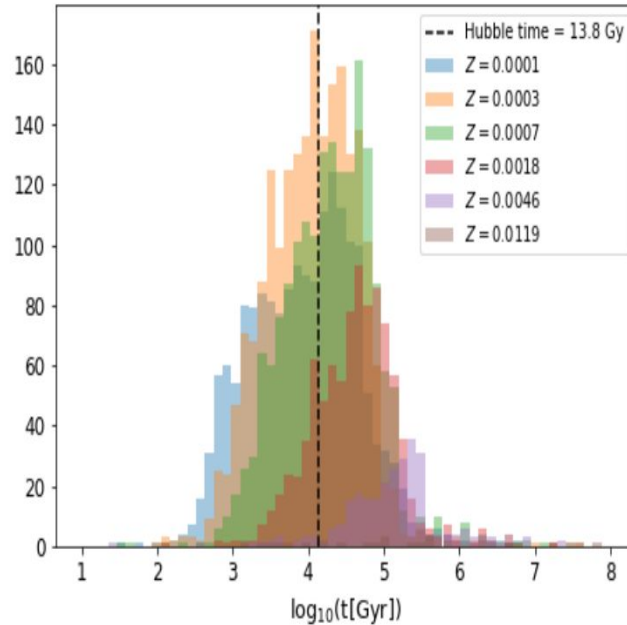
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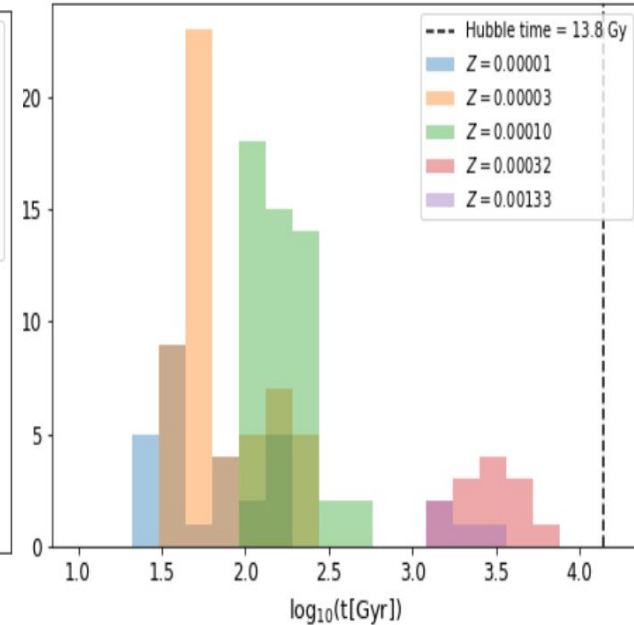
Metallicity dependent merger timescales:



Common Envelope

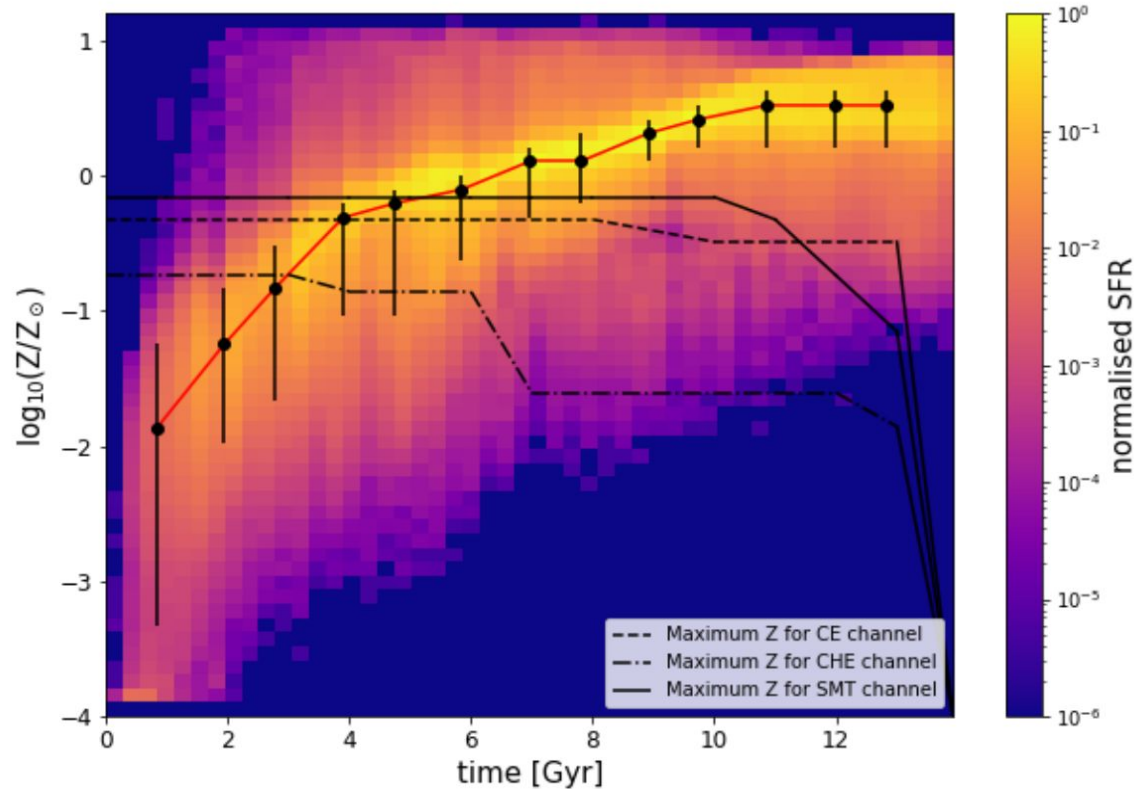


Stable Mass Transfer



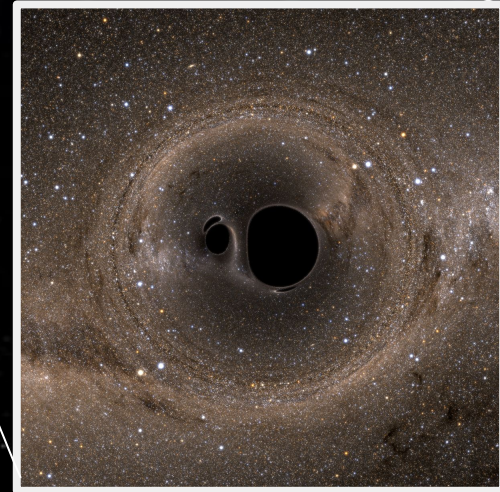
Chemically Homogeneous
Evolution

Star formation rate (SFR) of the Milky Way Galaxy:

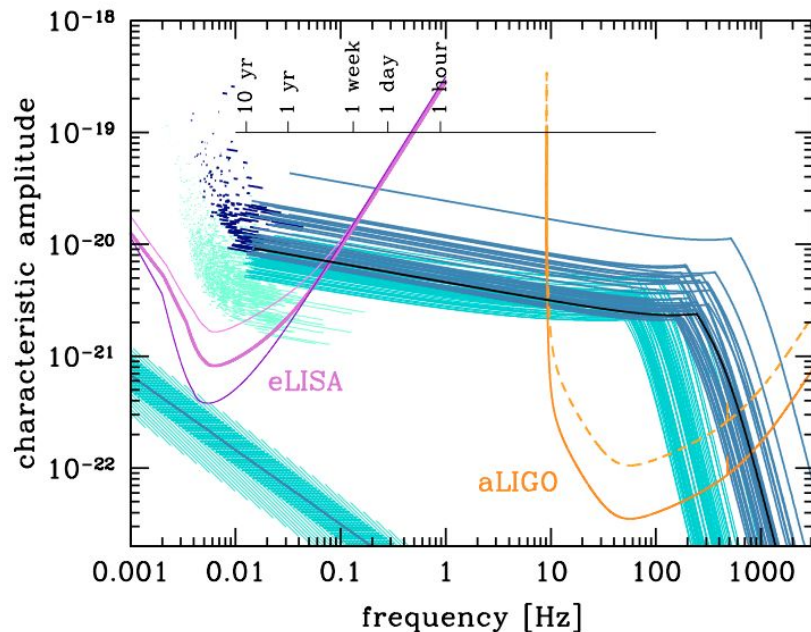


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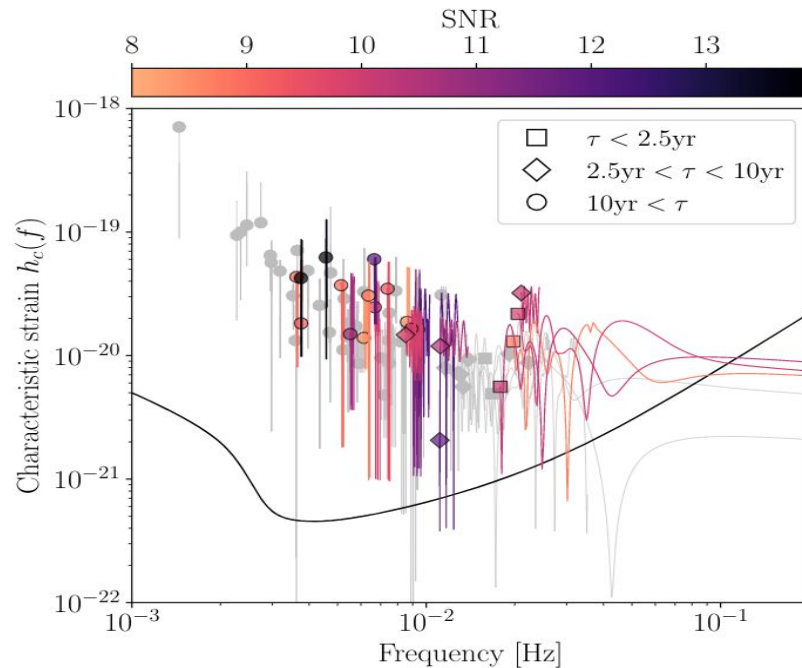
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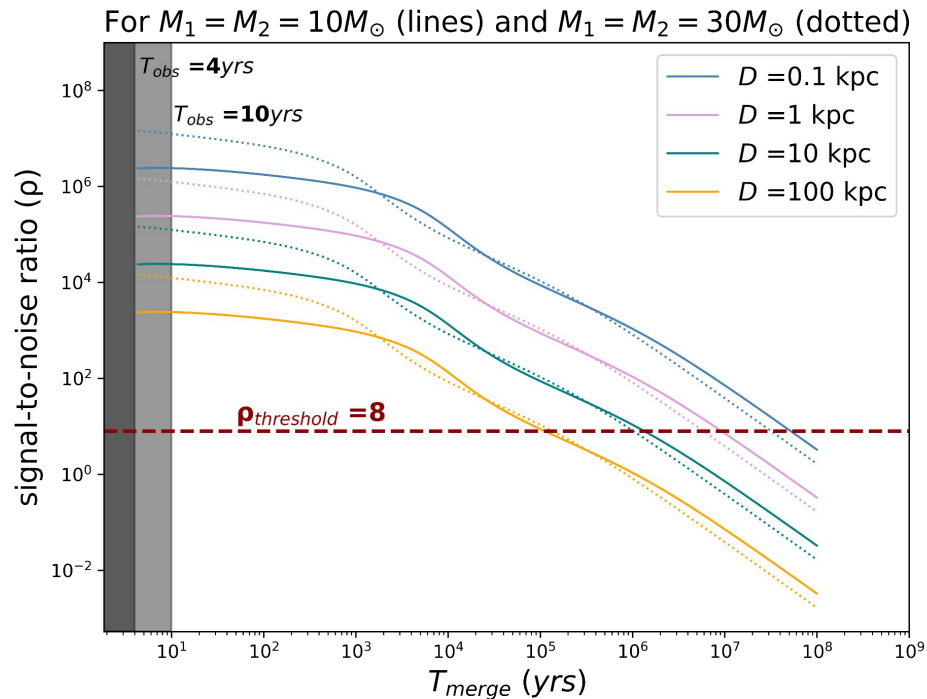


Sesana (2016)



Buscicchio *et al.*, (2021)

Signal-to-noise ratio as a function of merger time:



$$f(t_{\text{merger}}) = \frac{5^{3/8}}{8\pi} [M_c(1+z)]^{-5/8} t_{\text{merger}}^{-3/8}$$

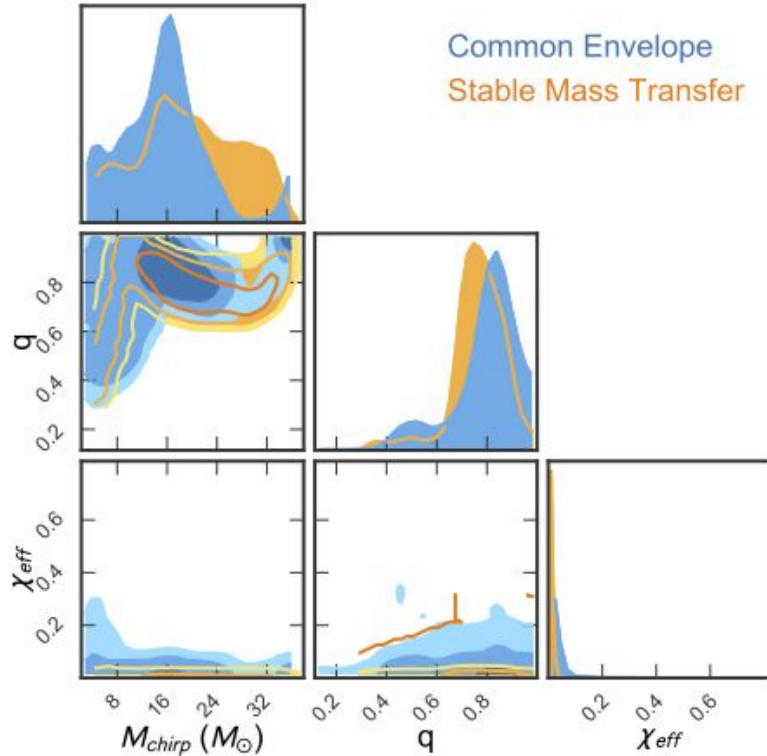
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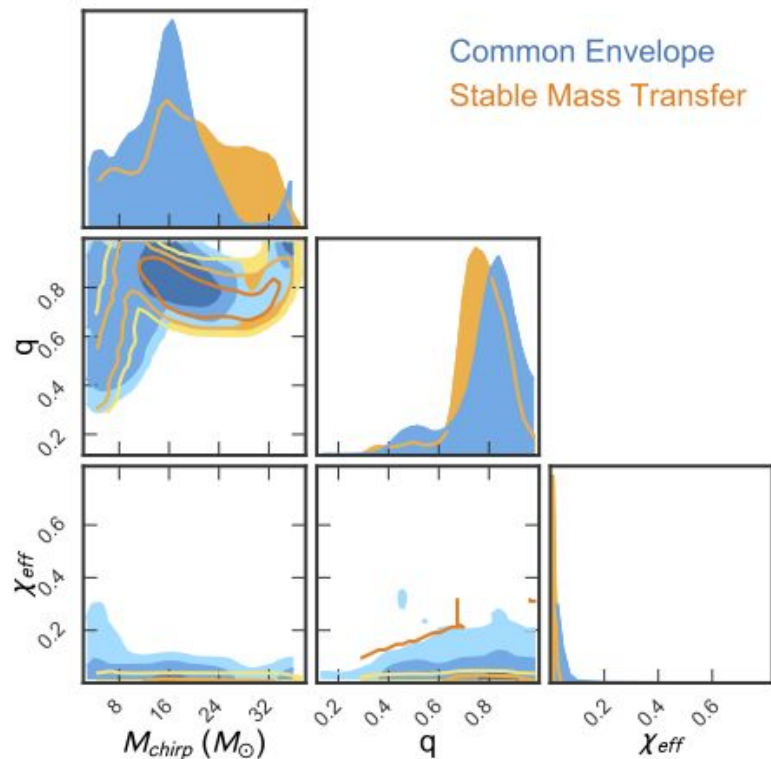
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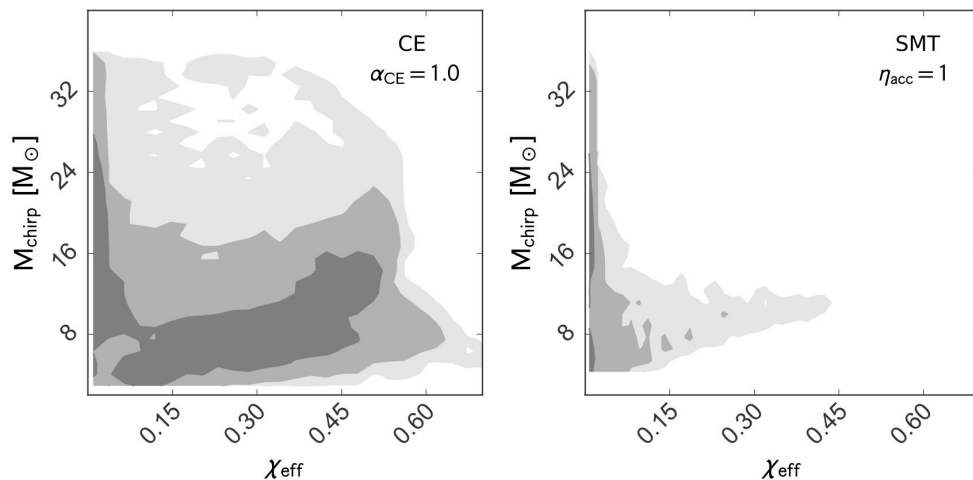


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Merging BBH in the entire Universe



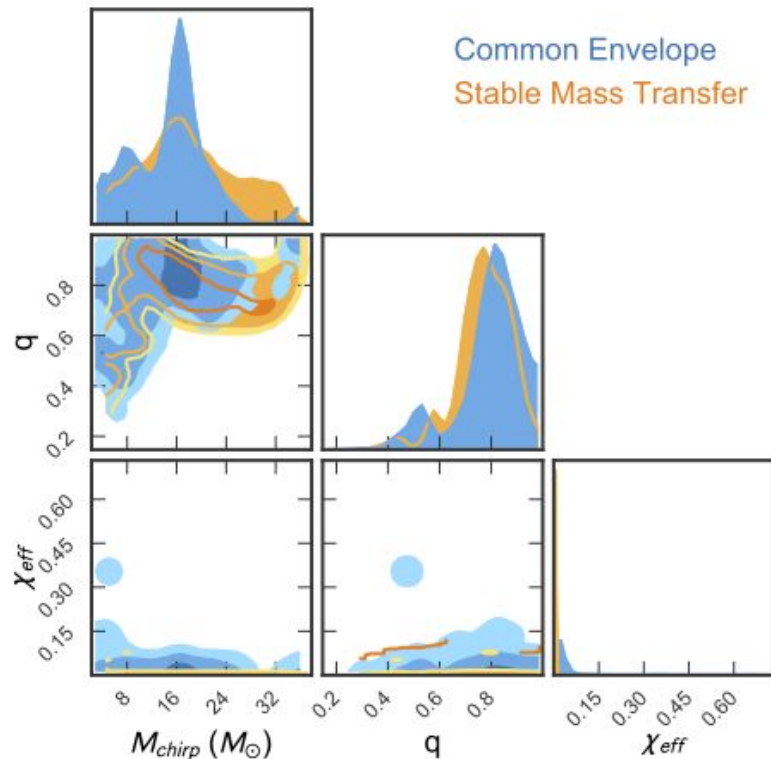
Bavera *et al.*, (2020b)

Properties of BBHs:

All binary black holes detectable by LISA

Orbital periods less than a few hours

BBHs with estimated SNR > 8, following [Robson et al \(2019\)](#)



“Tens to hundreds of BBHs will be detectable by LISA”

[Lamberts et al \(2018\)](#)

Conclusion:

Merging binary black holes can form in the Milky Way Galaxy via isolated binary evolution

Their property distributions is not the same as the binary black holes of the whole Universe

Preliminary results show that disentangling formation channels with LISA can be challenging. Observed eccentricity might be the key!

