

# The origin of the coalescing compact object binaries

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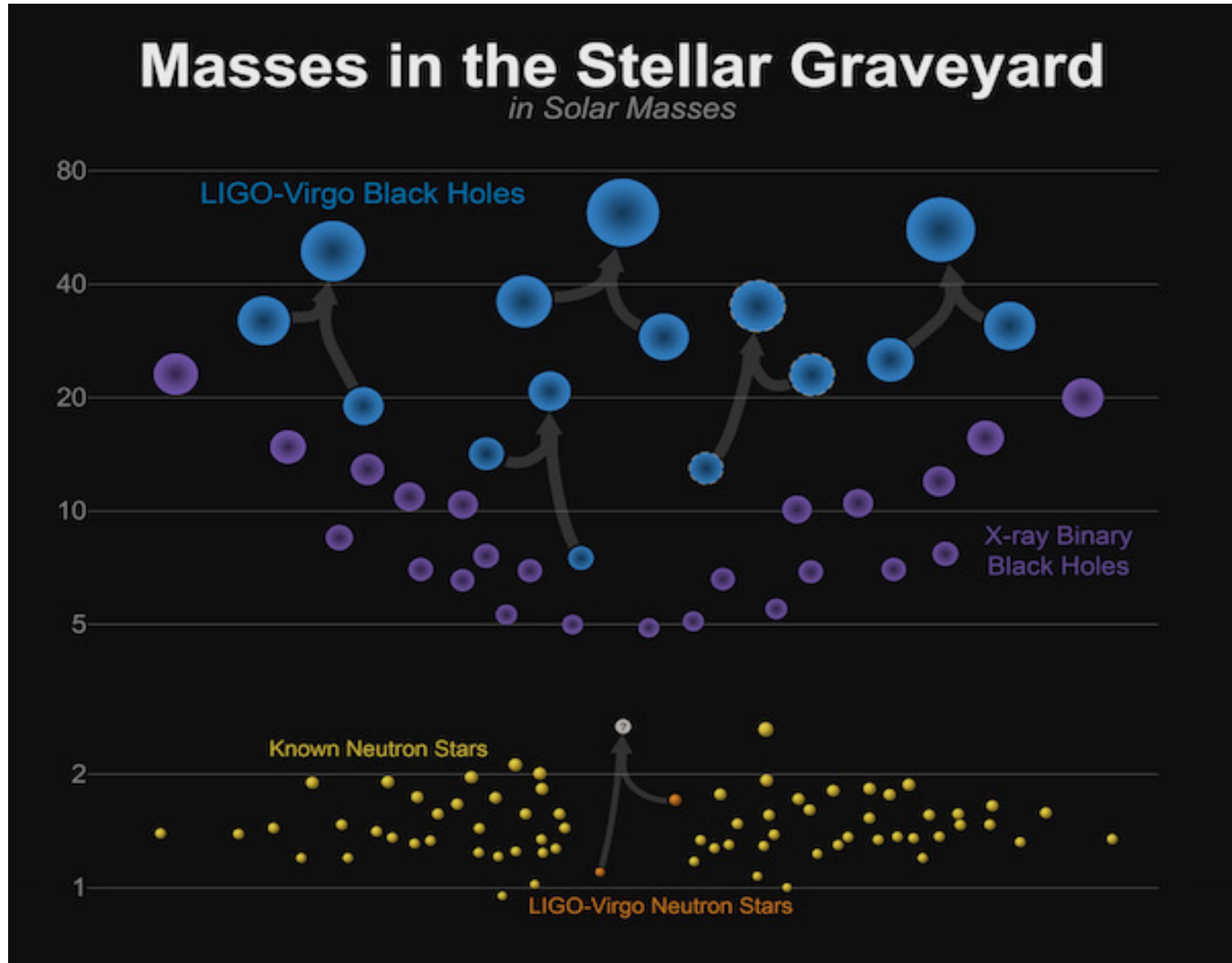
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# Observations

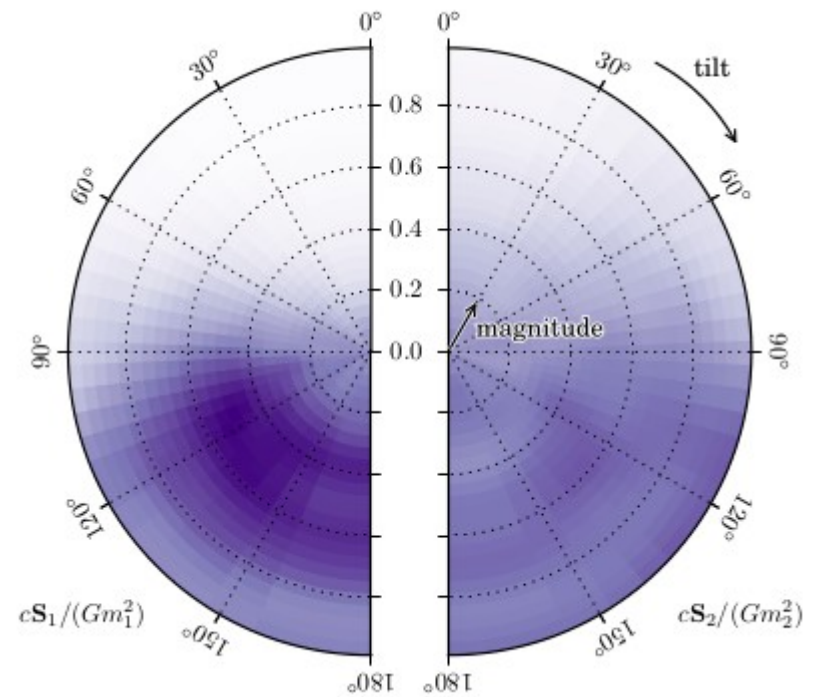
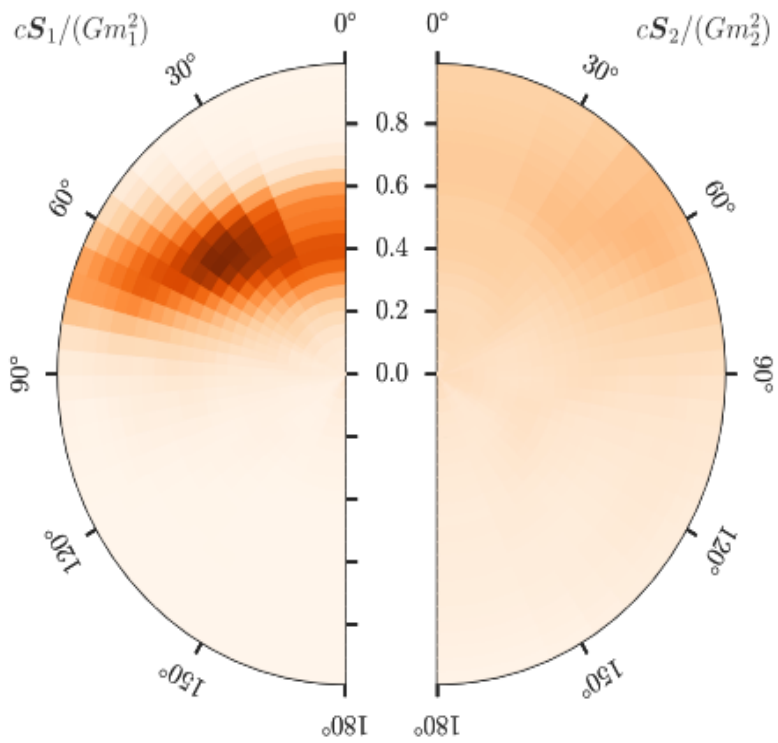
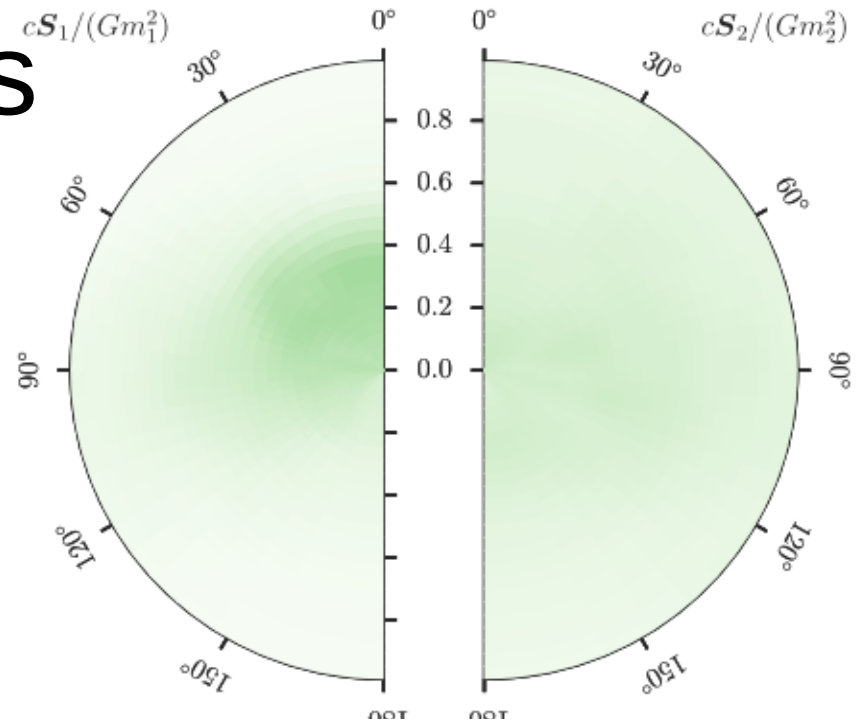
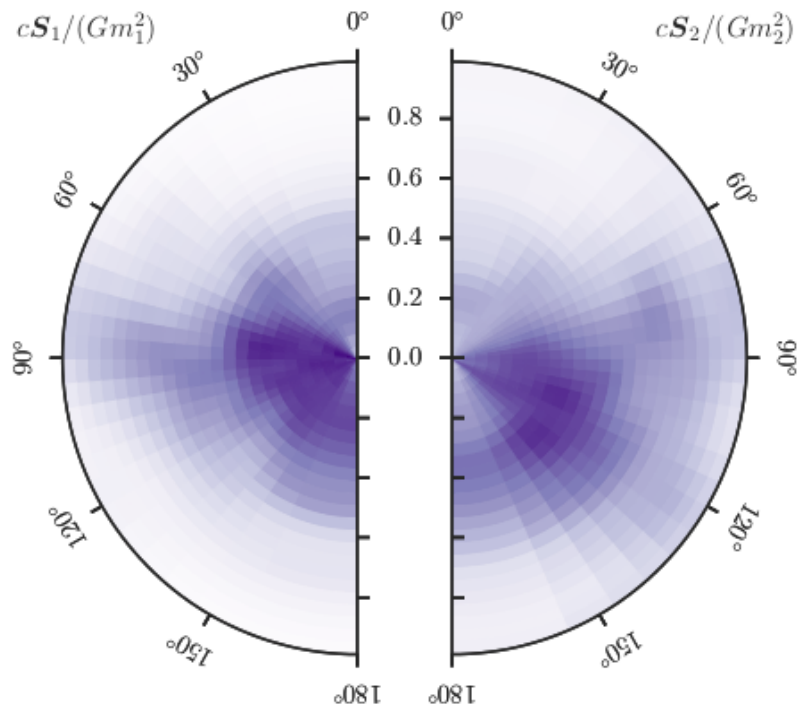
- Masses
- Spins
- Rate densities
- Locations
- Counterparts



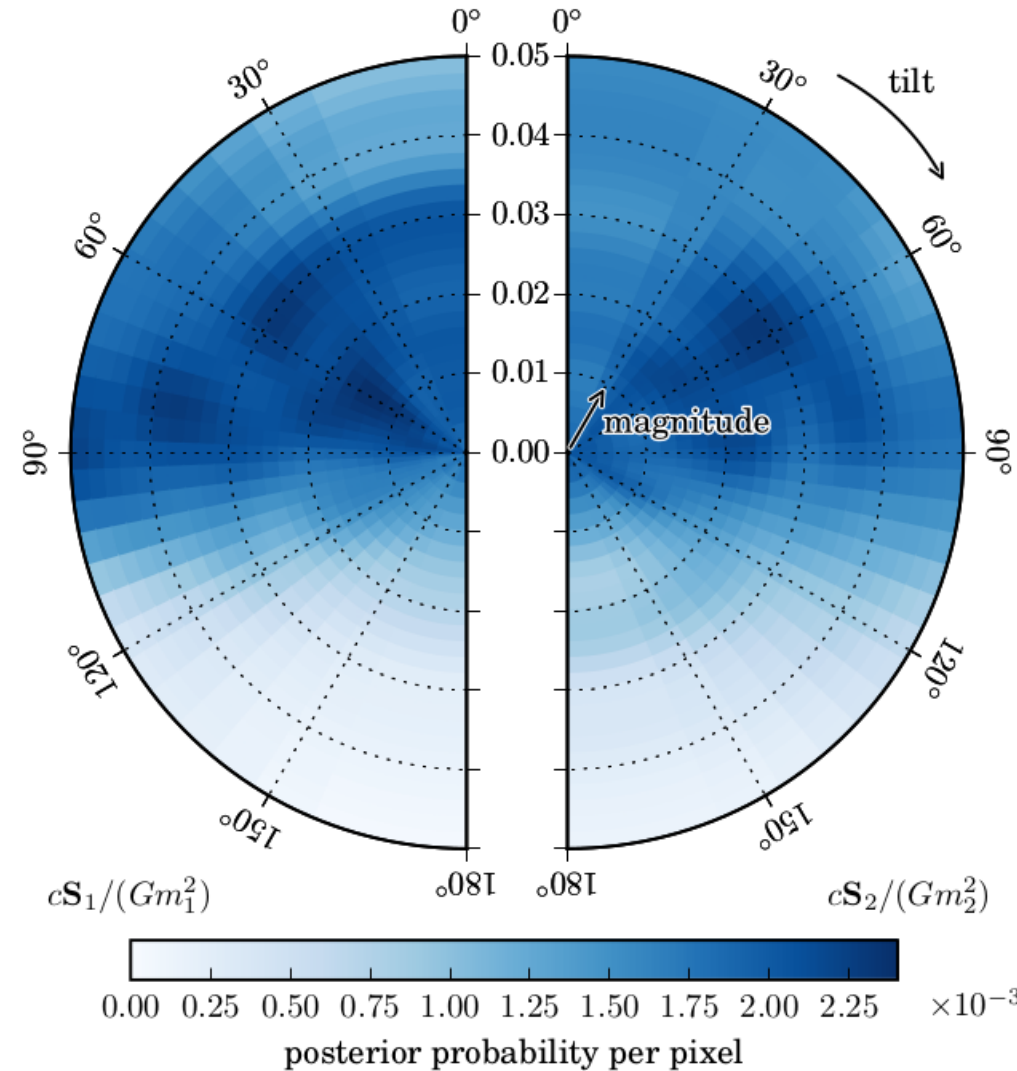
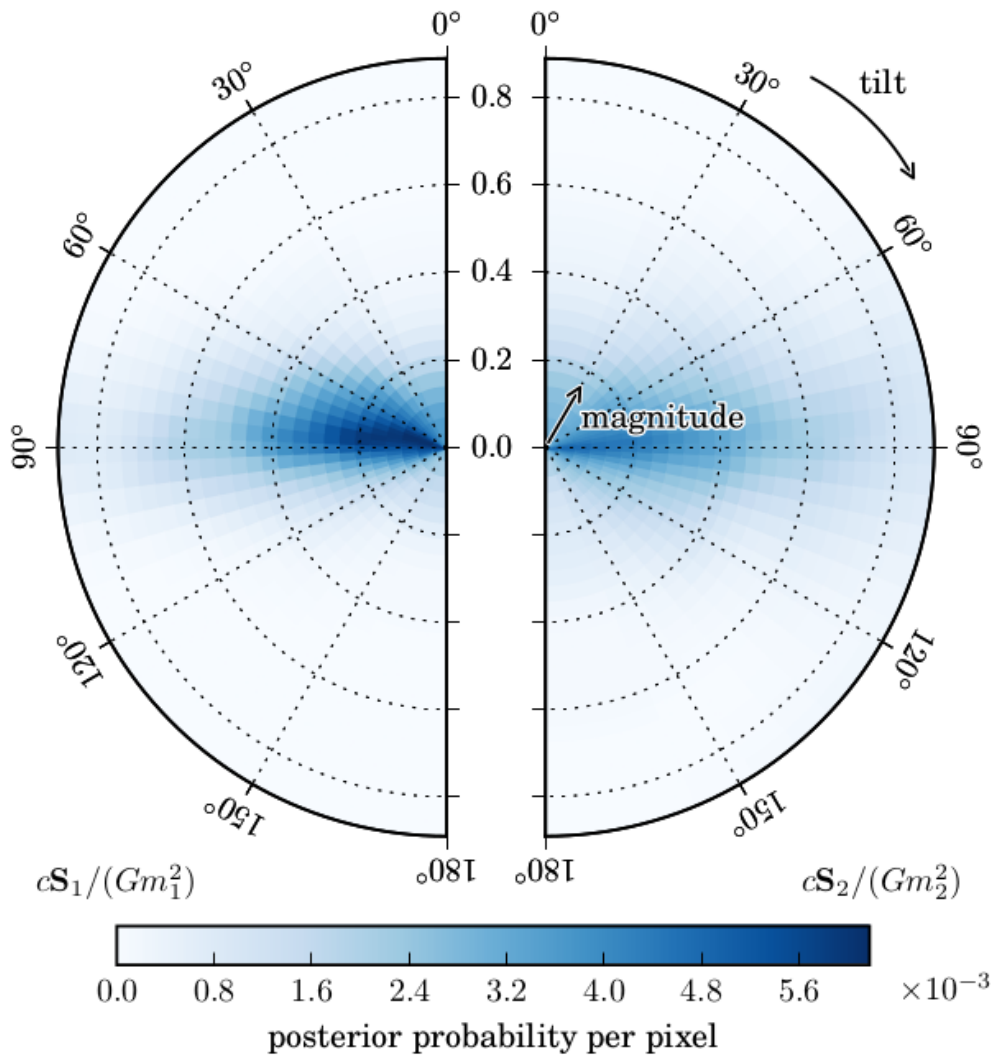
# Observations - masses



# Spins



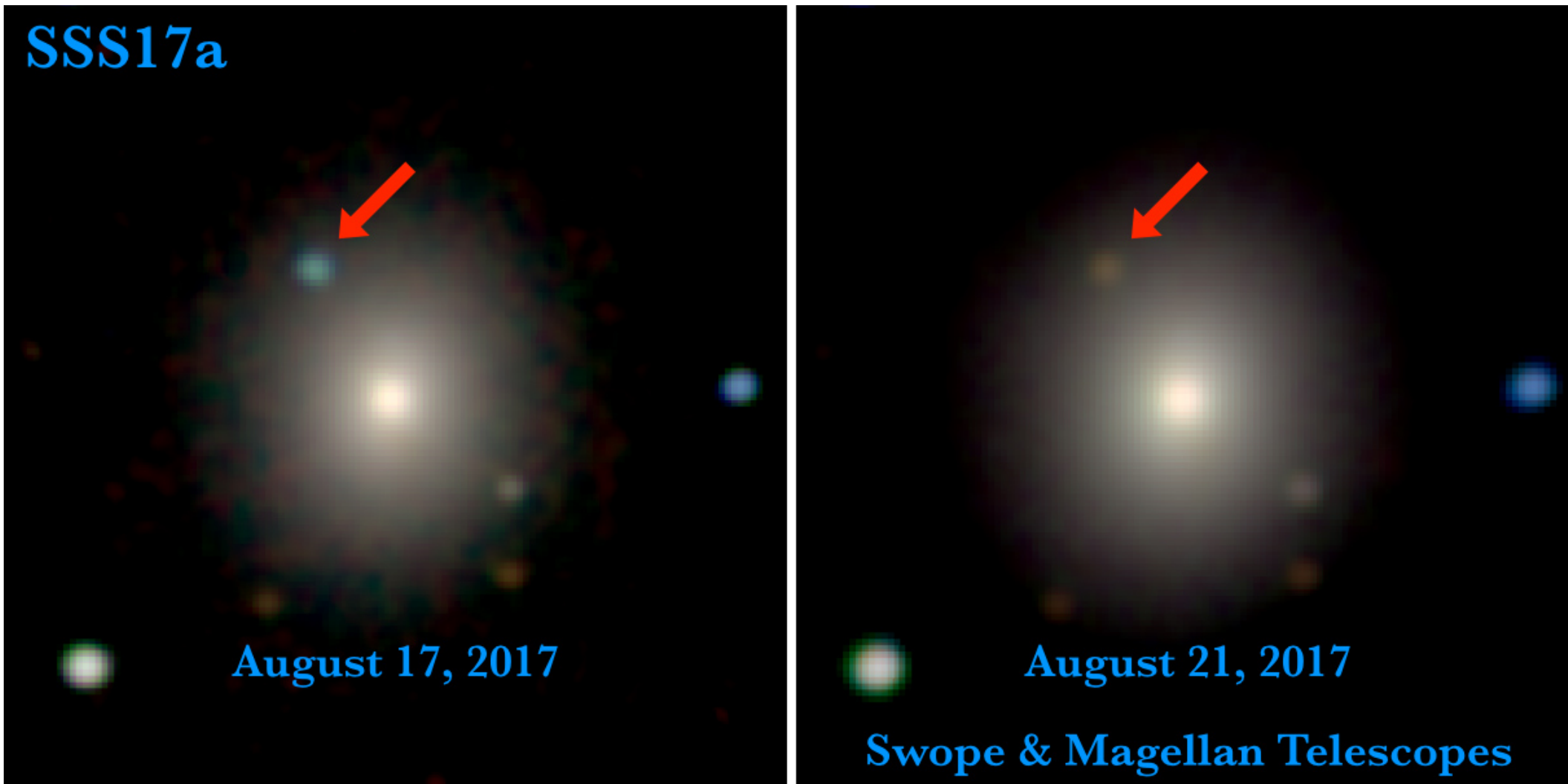
# BNS spins



# The merger rate densities

- BBH estimate  $12-213 \text{ Gpc}^{-3}\text{yr}^{-1}$
- BNS estimate  $R = 1540_{-1220}^{+3200} \text{ Gpc}^{-3}\text{yr}^{-1}$
- 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 NS: 1 in 100 is in a merging binary!

# BNS: all that + host galaxy



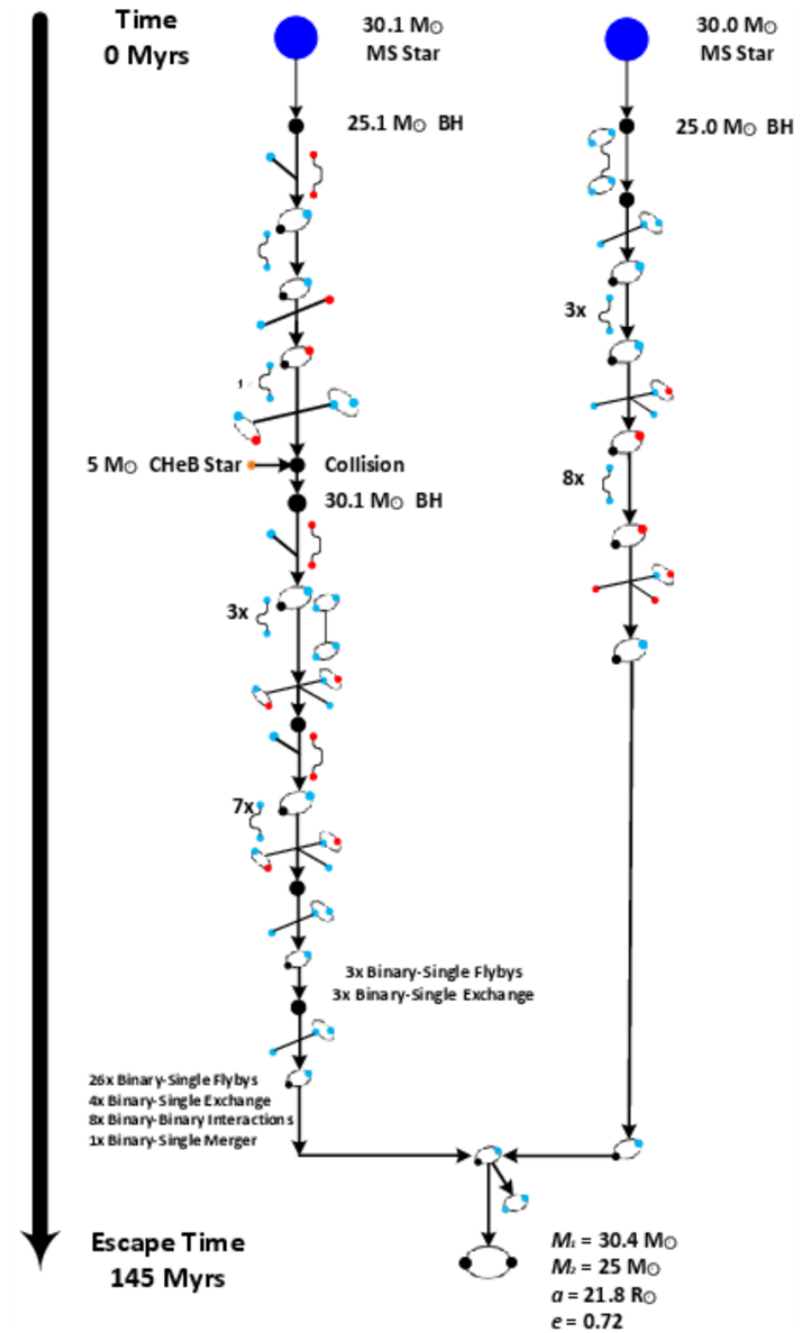
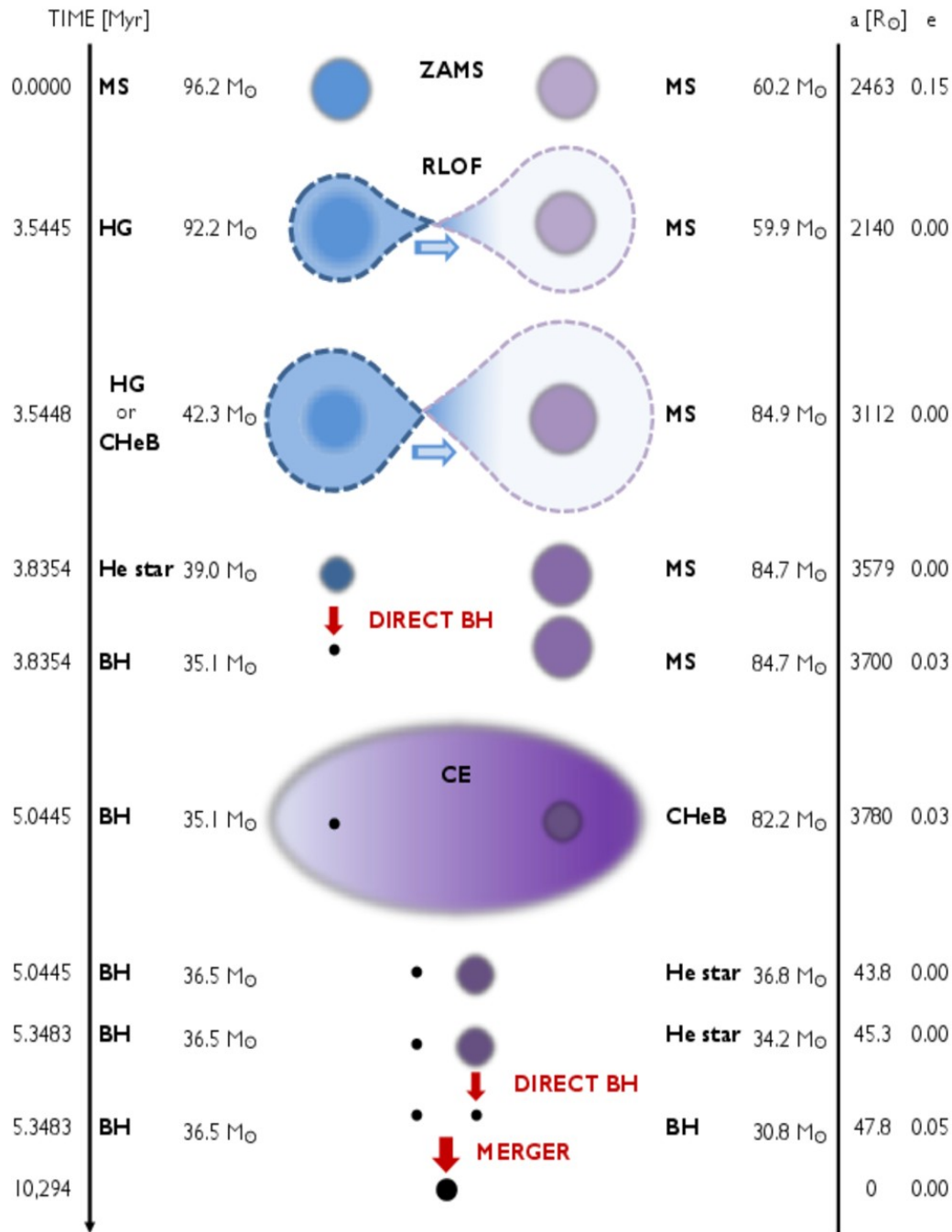
NGC 4993 – old elliptical with no traces of star formation for the last 1-2 Gyrs, merger on the outskirts of the galaxy.

# What options do we have?

- Binary evolution
  - Standard
  - Chemically homogenous case
- Evolution in the clusters
- Exotica
  - Pop III stars
  - Exceptional environments.



# Scenarios



# Rates



Trace the evolution backwards to original SFR population to estimate the rate

# Rates

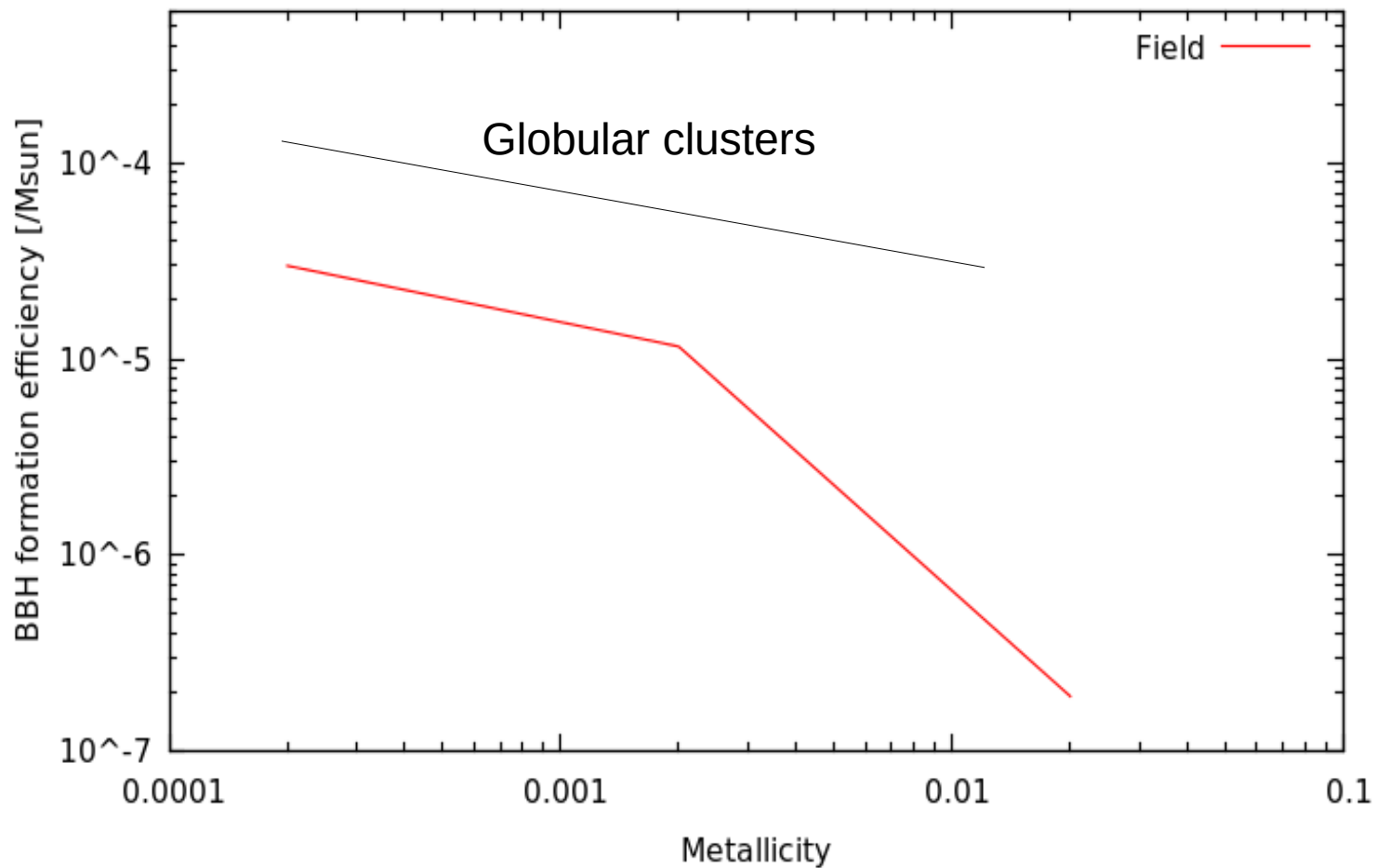
- BHBH production efficiency:
  - Number of merging BBH per unit mass
- Delay times
- Mass distribution
  - Intrinsic vs observed: range and redshift effect
- Rate density: local and as a function of redshift

# BHBH formation efficiency

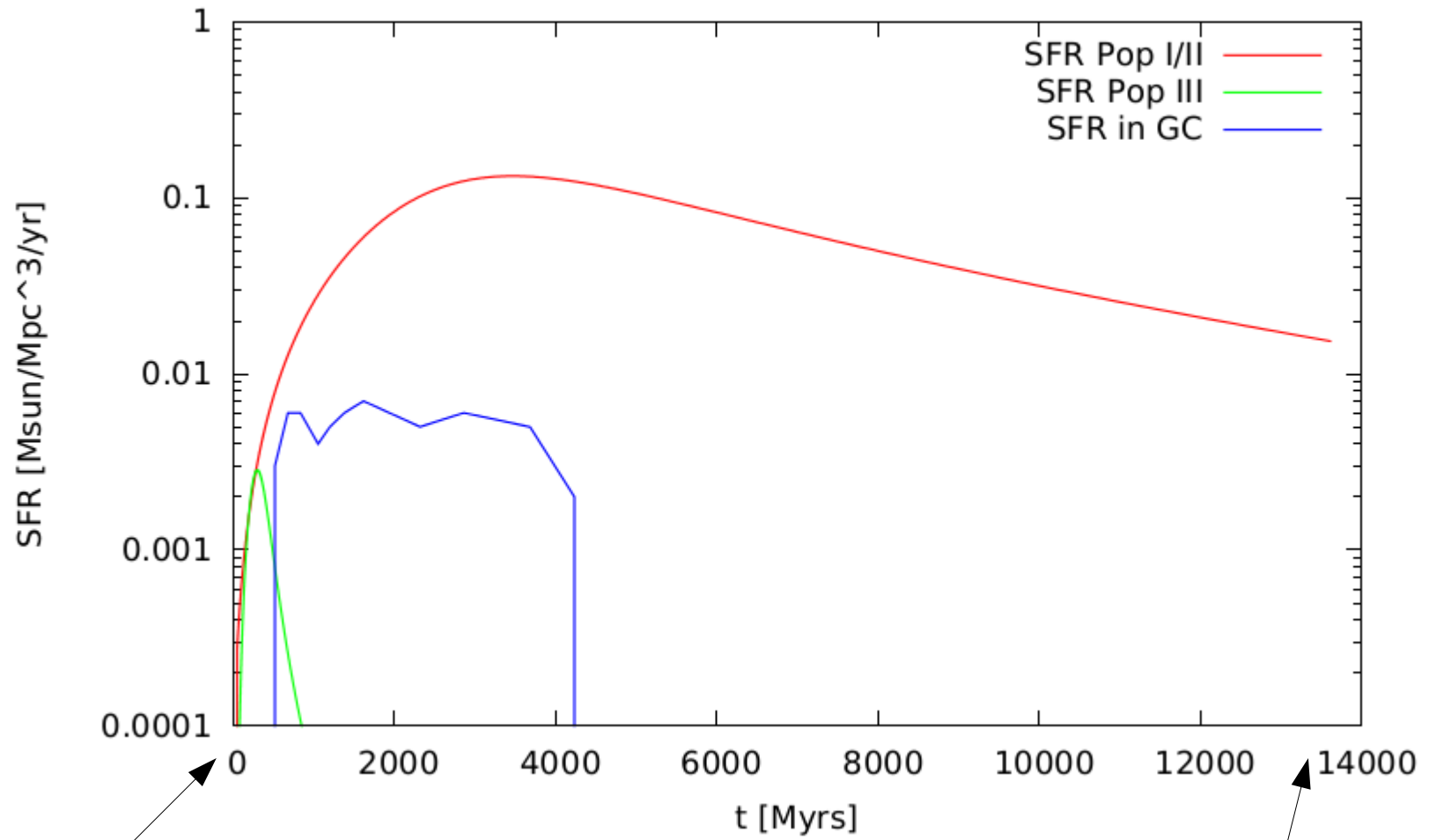
$$X_{BHBH} = \frac{N_{BHBH}}{M_*}$$

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

$$X_{BHBH}^{max} = 1.8 \times 10^{-3} M_{\odot}^{-1}$$



# SFR



Big Bang

Today

# Basic rate arguments

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

## The rate implications

- Total GW luminosity density in the sky from NSNS mergers

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

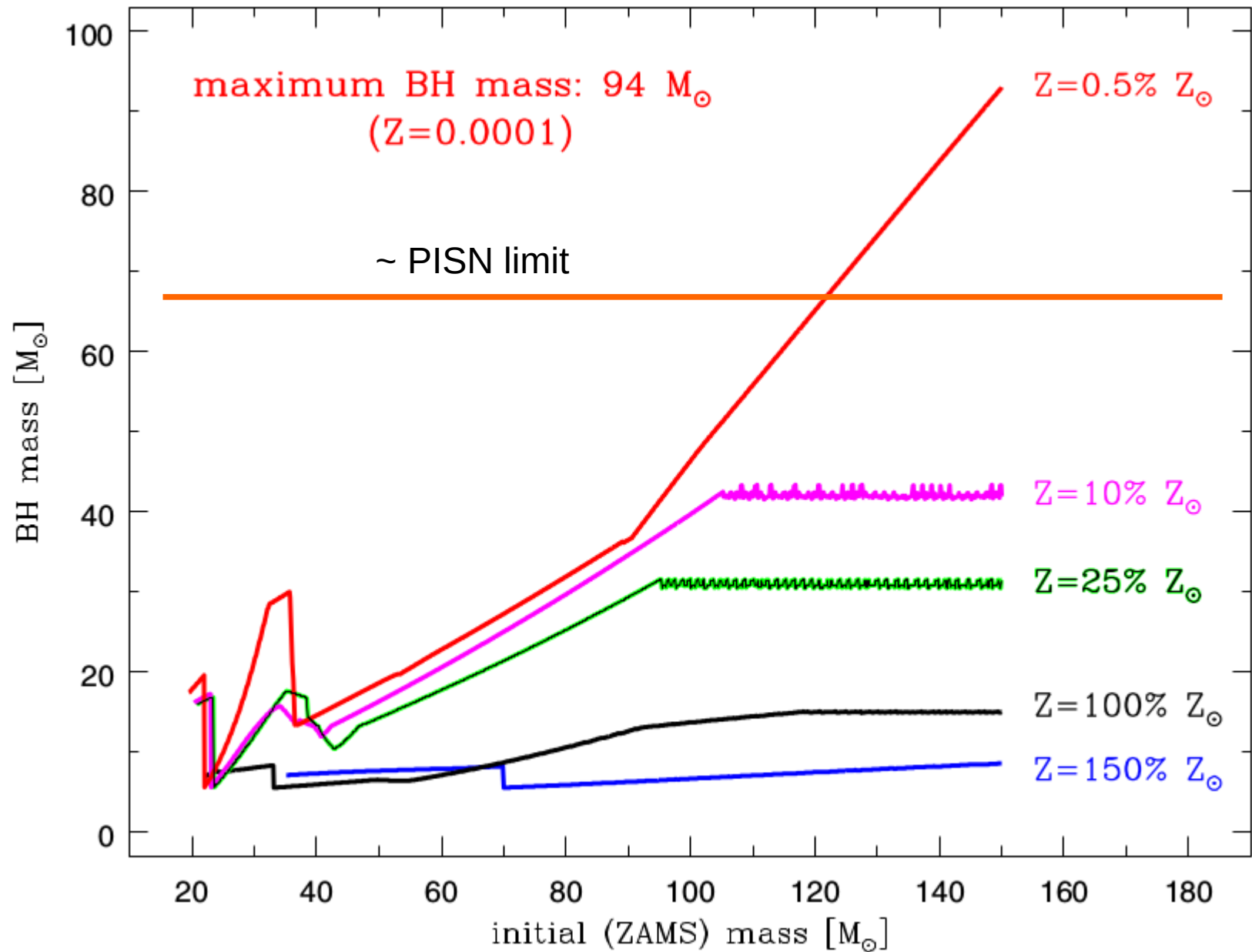
- The luminosity density of BHBH mergers is about 10 times larger

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

- 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

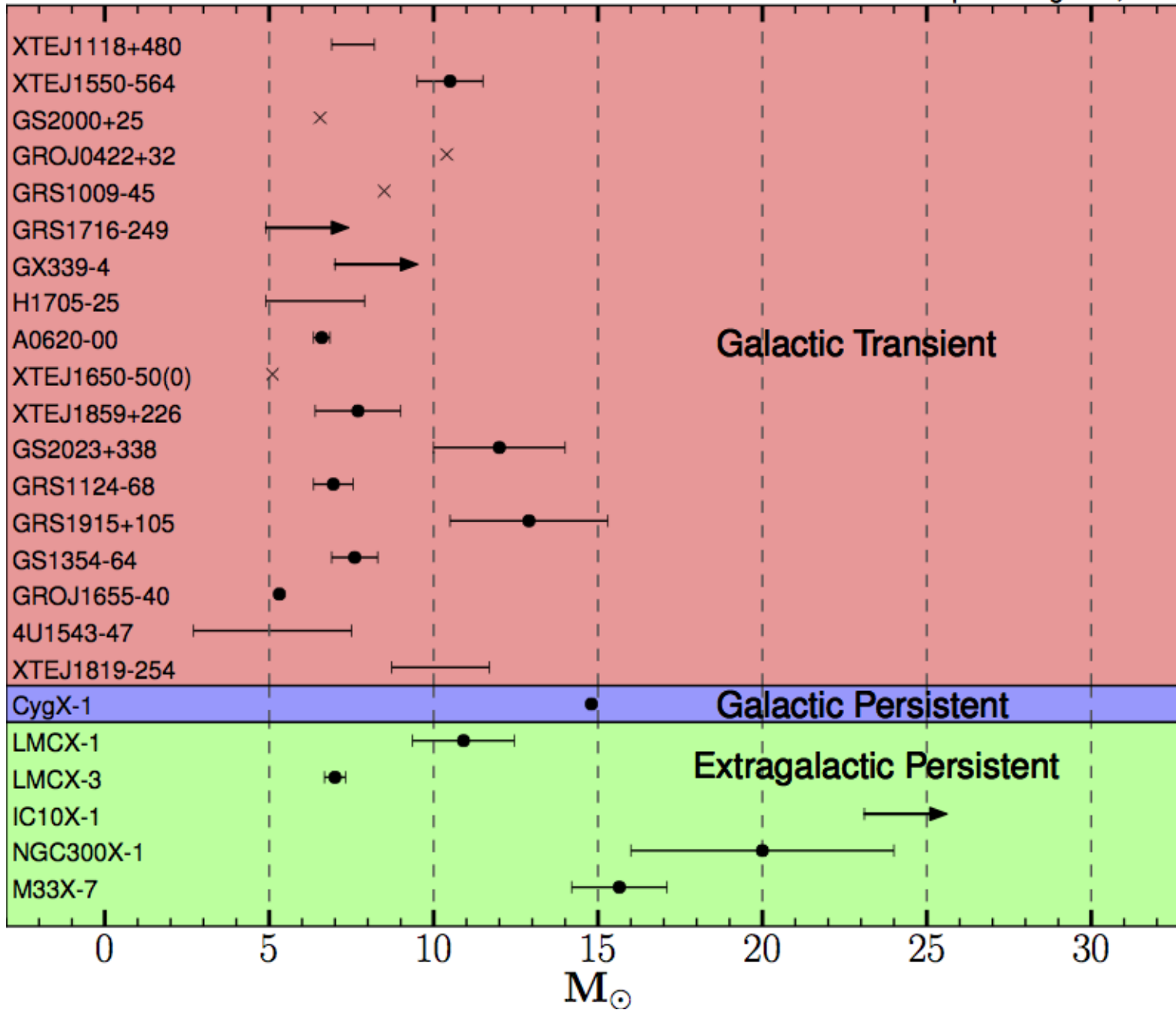




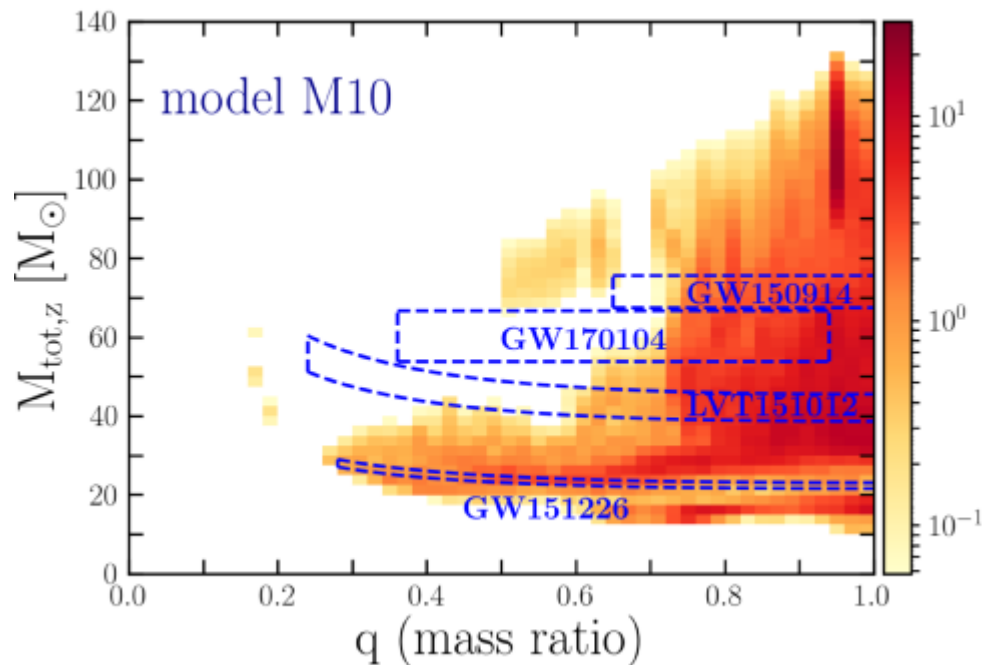
# Range of masses in GW binaries



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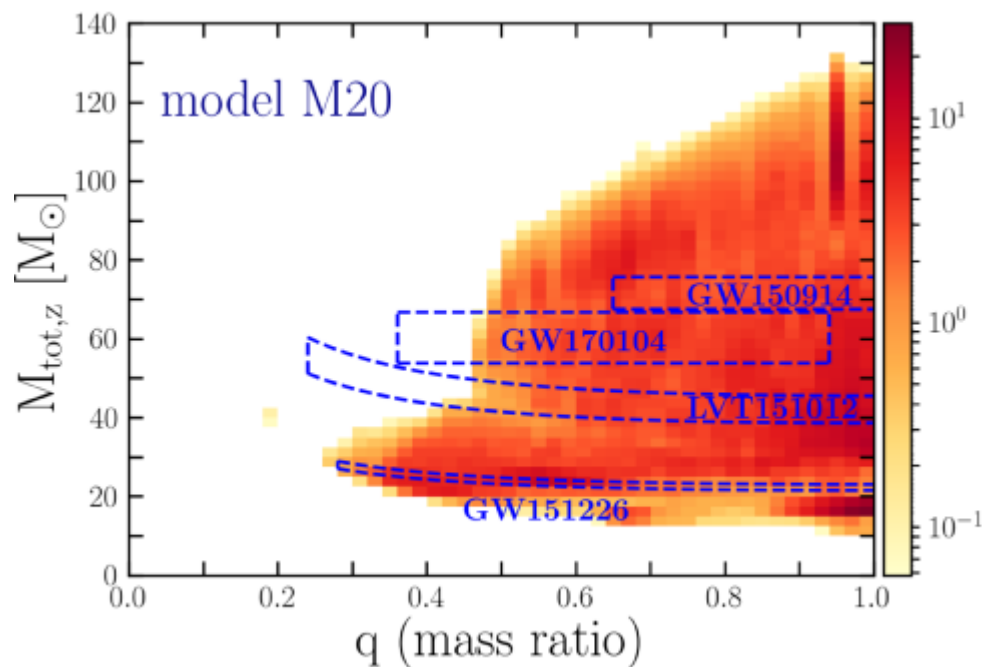


# Mass distribution

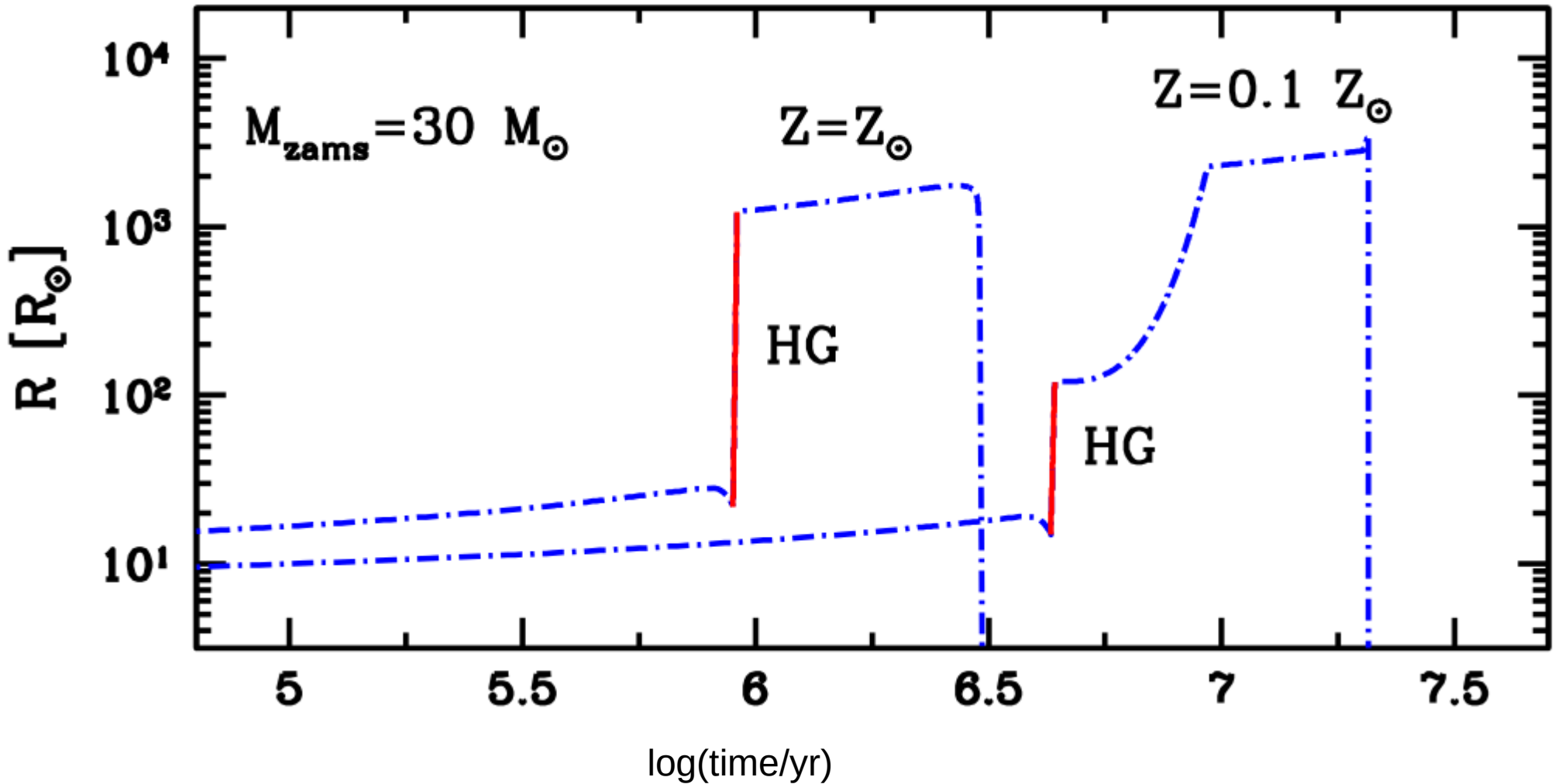


Detailed modeling can reproduce observed masses

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



# Low metallicity – helps with CE

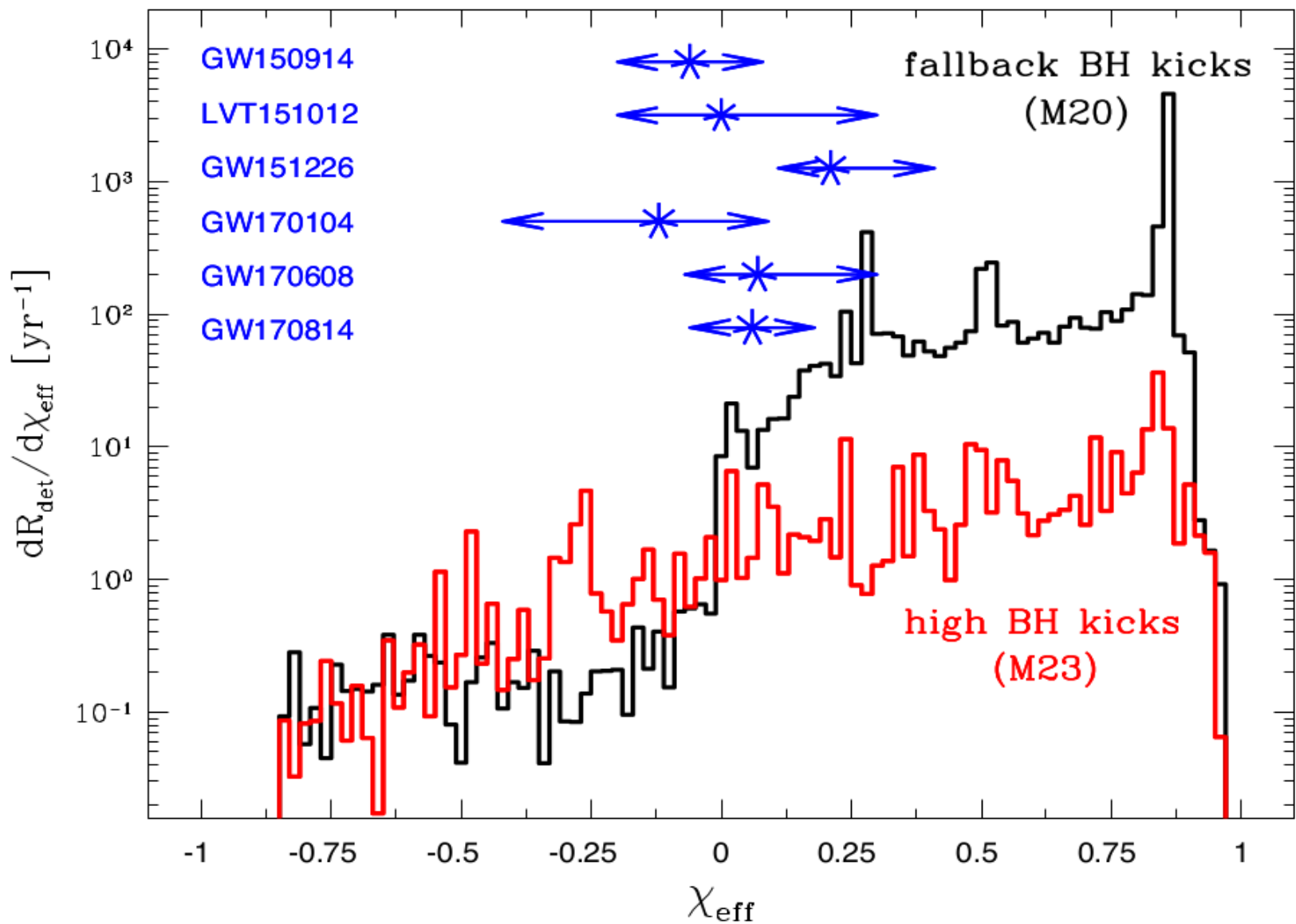


# Spin constraints

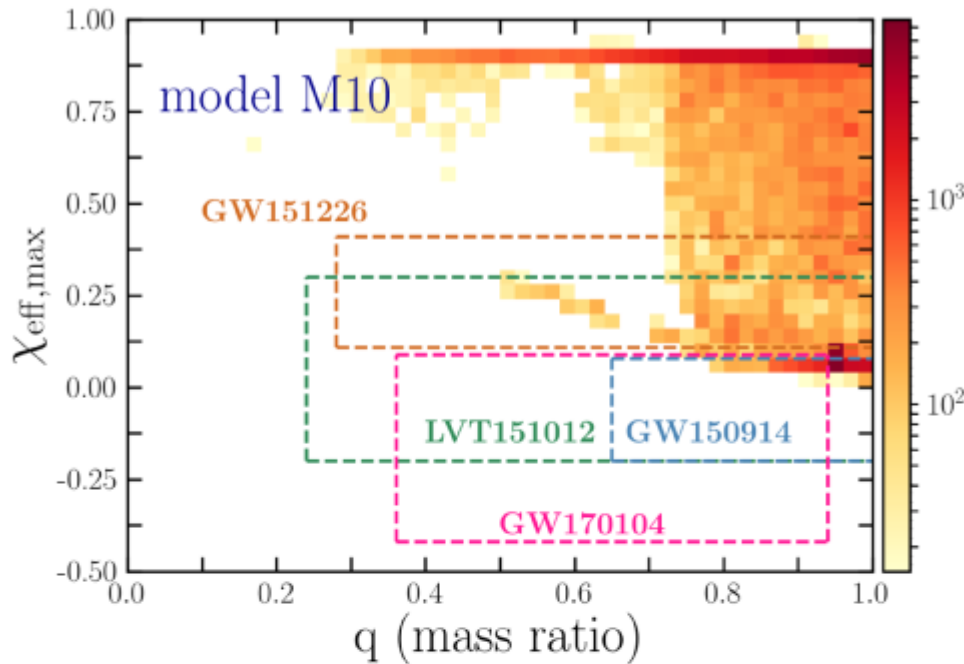
- Main question:  
What are the BH initial spins?  
Do they depend on mass, metallicity?  
Do they differ in X-rays and in GW?

# Spins – effective spins

Small spins?



# Spin modeling

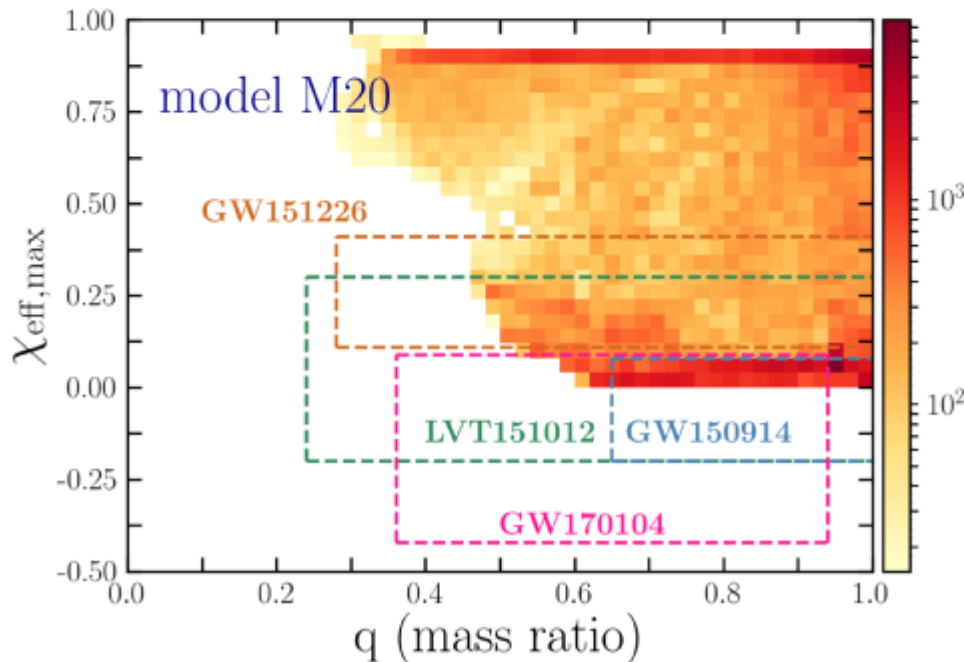


Our current models show a preference for large effective spins.

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

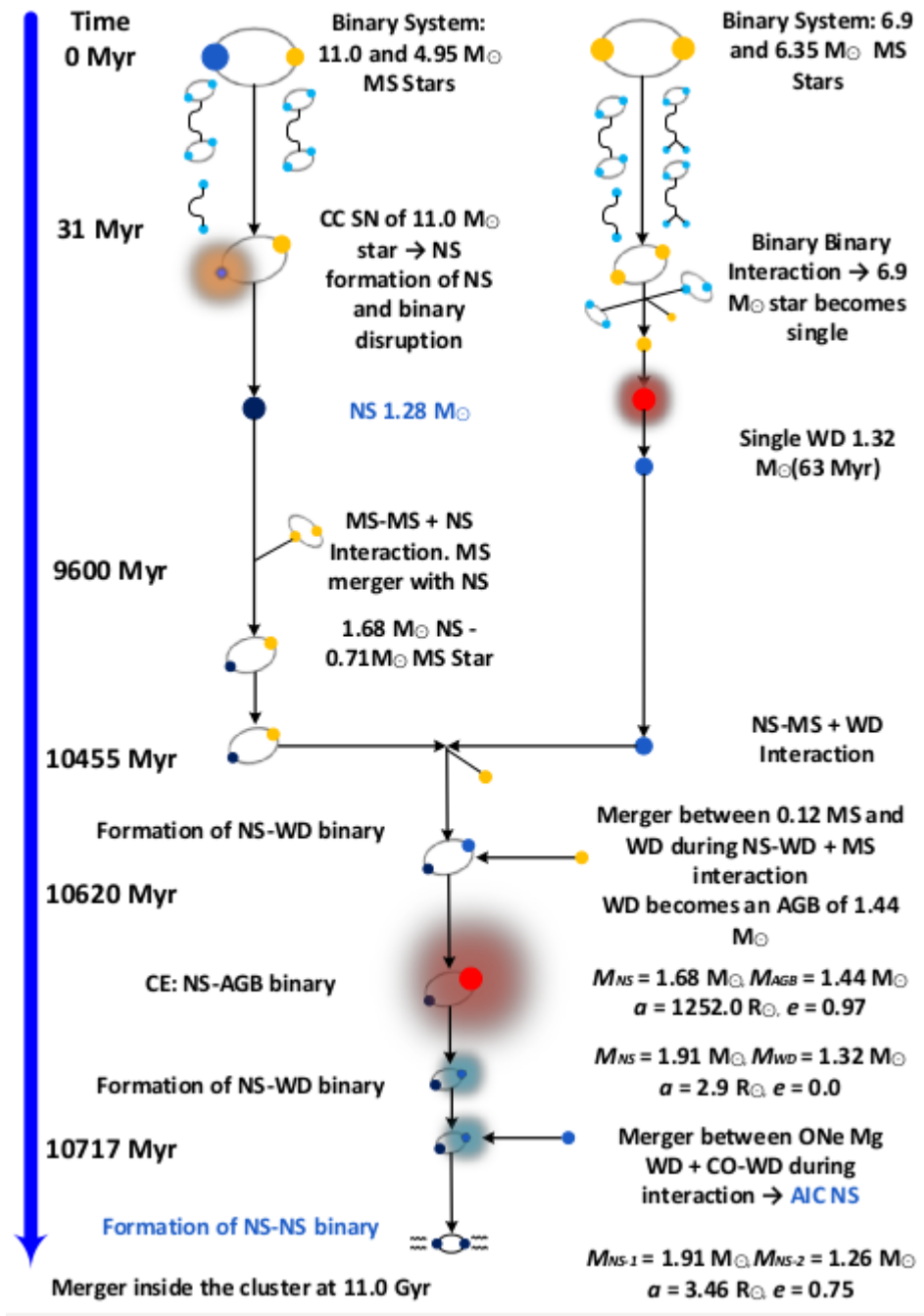
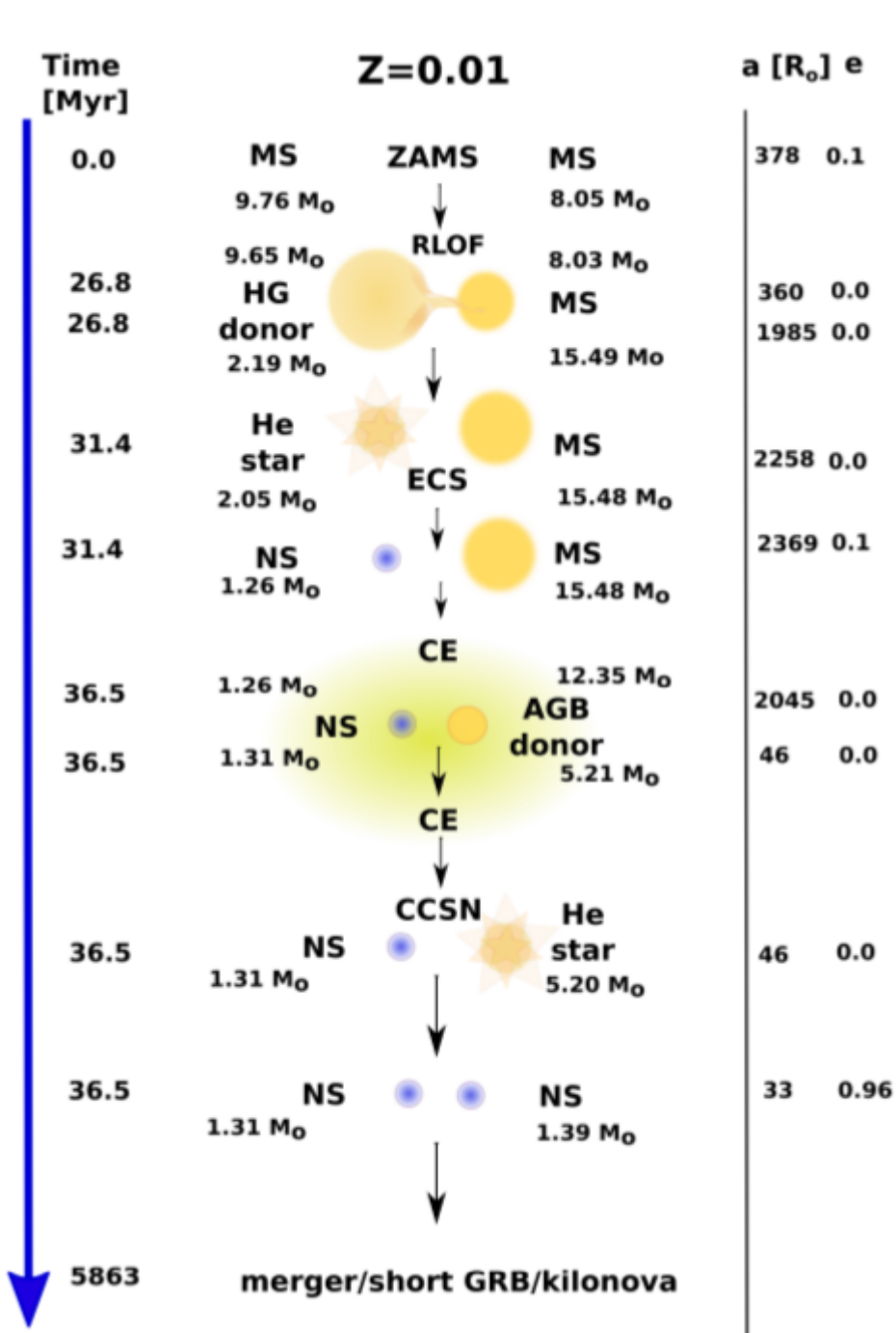
Observations indicate that spins are small for all BHs in merging systems

Are BH initial spins always small?

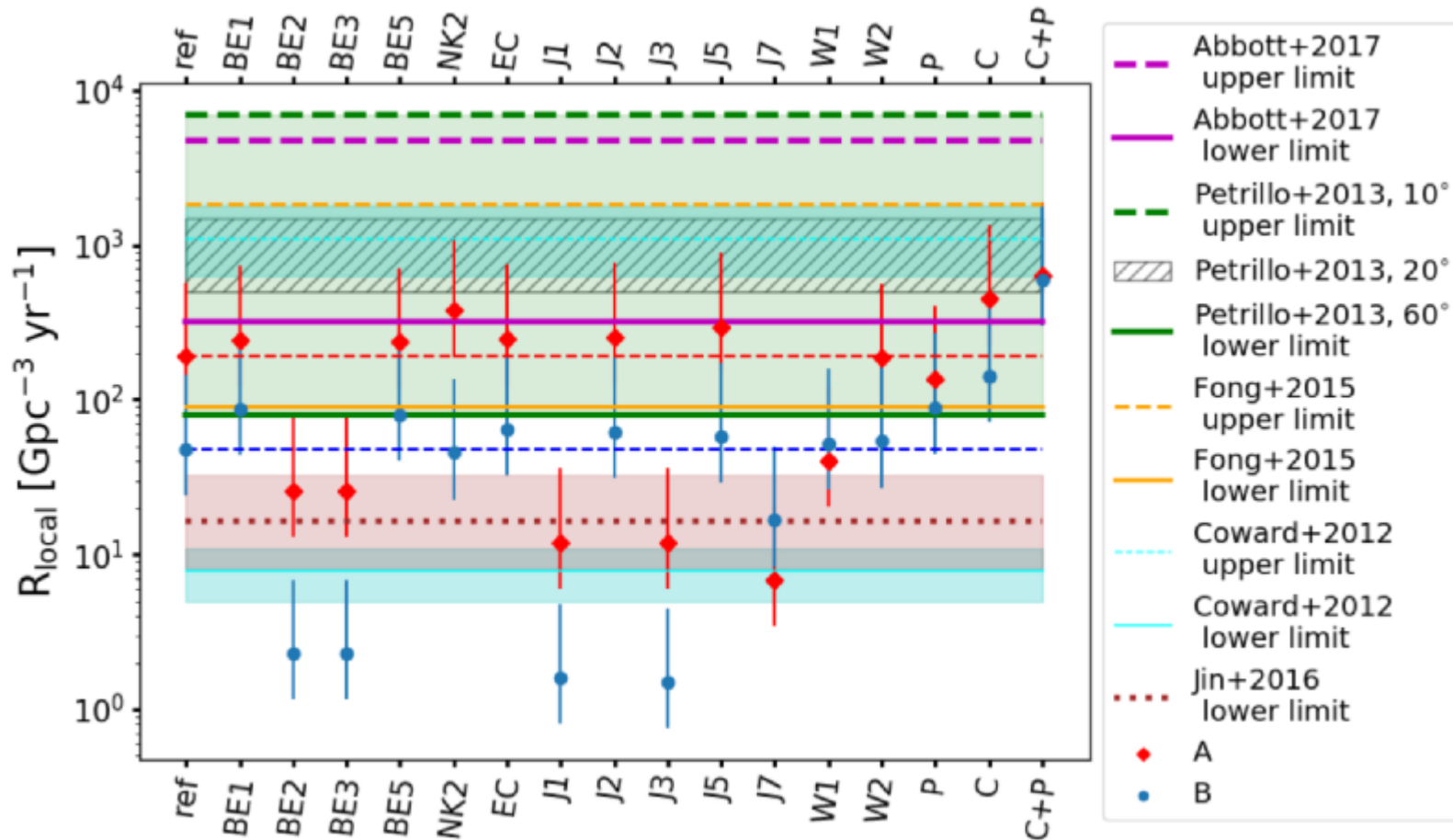


In GC expect random orientations and high spins for hierarchical mergers.

# BNS



# Rates



NS-NS rates up  $1000/\text{Gpc}^3/\text{yr}$  but overproduction of BHBH

**Diamonds** / **circles** – different modes of Common Envelope evolution

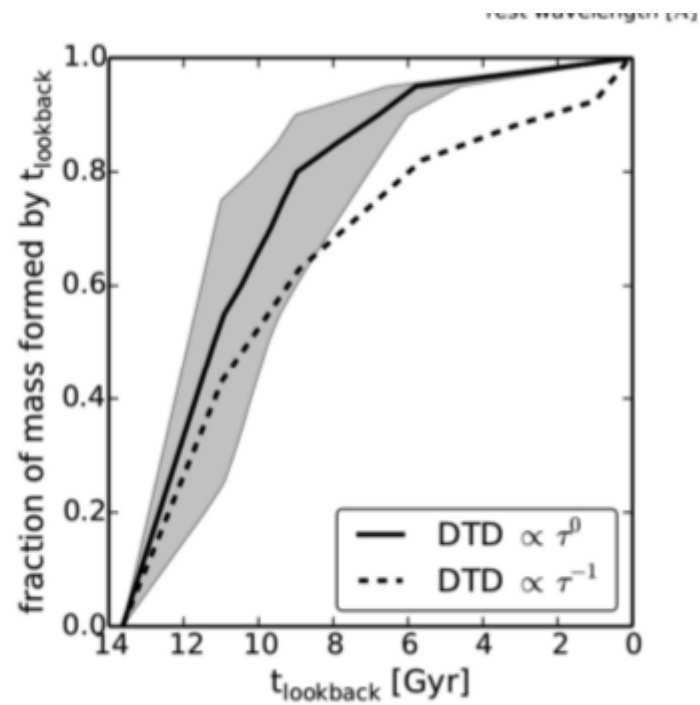
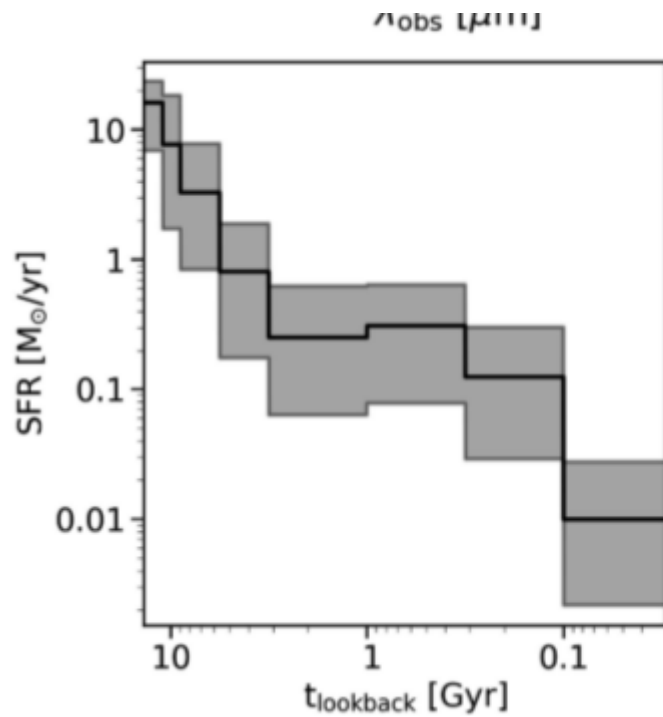


# Host galaxy

- Quite a challenge
- No SFR - long delay time  
~2Gyrs
- Simulations and observations indicate short delay times < 100 Myrs



# Star formation history estimate



# Open issues

- Place the scenarios within astrophysical landscape
- Rates seem to be high
  - There are models that are marginally consistent with the rates
  - Globular cluster origin – tough to reconcile with all observations
  - Many paths may contribute
- 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

# What next?

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



