

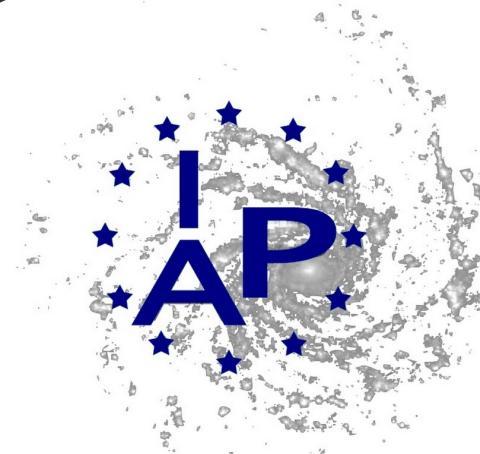
# Stochastic GW background from compact binary mergers

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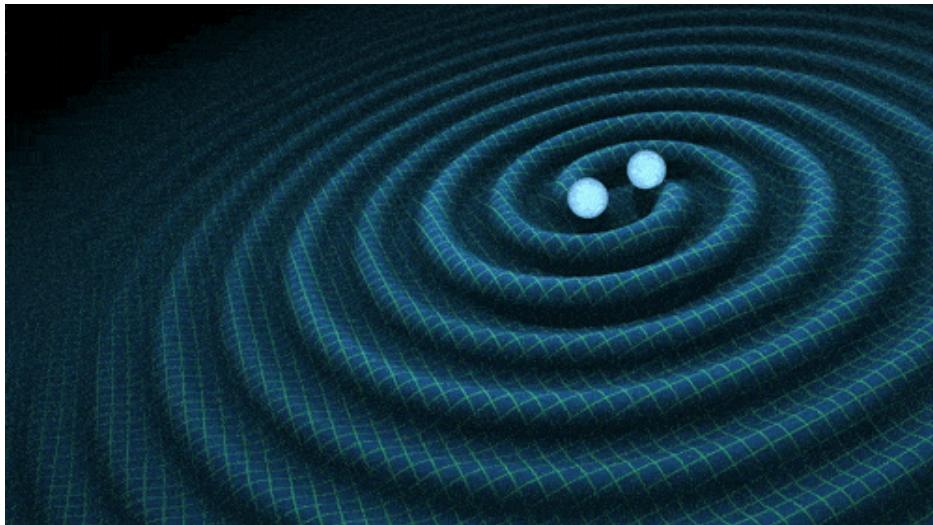
Collaborations : LISA, Einstein Telescope

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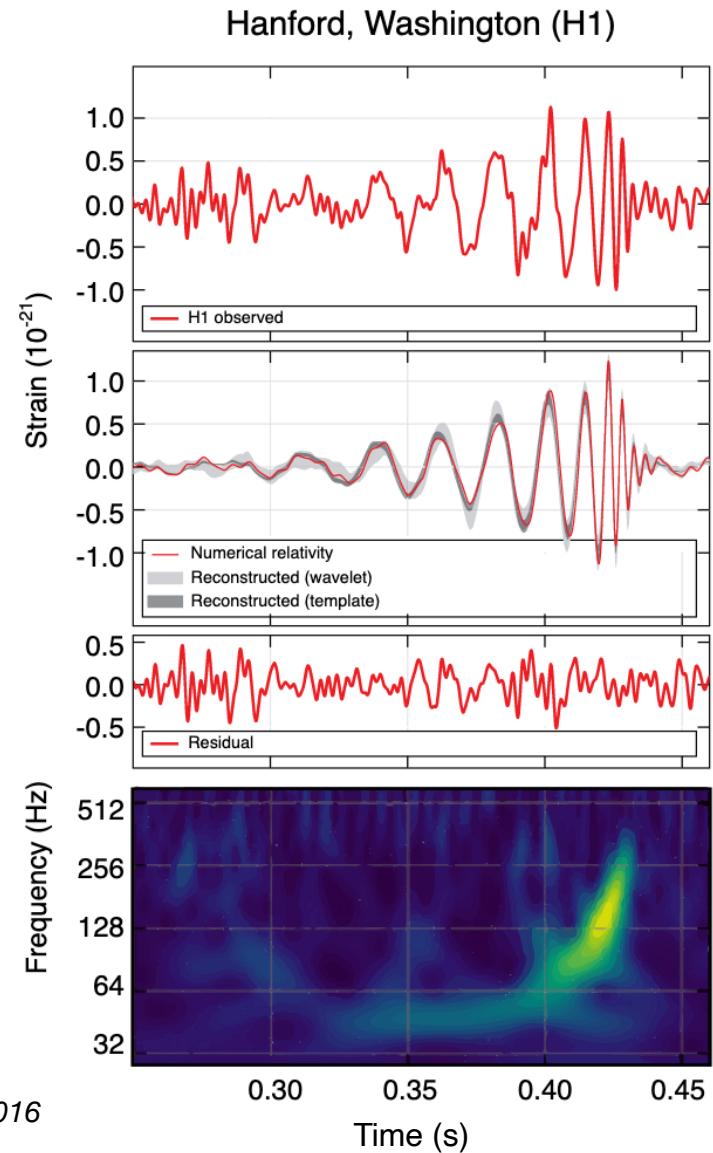


# Gravitational waves

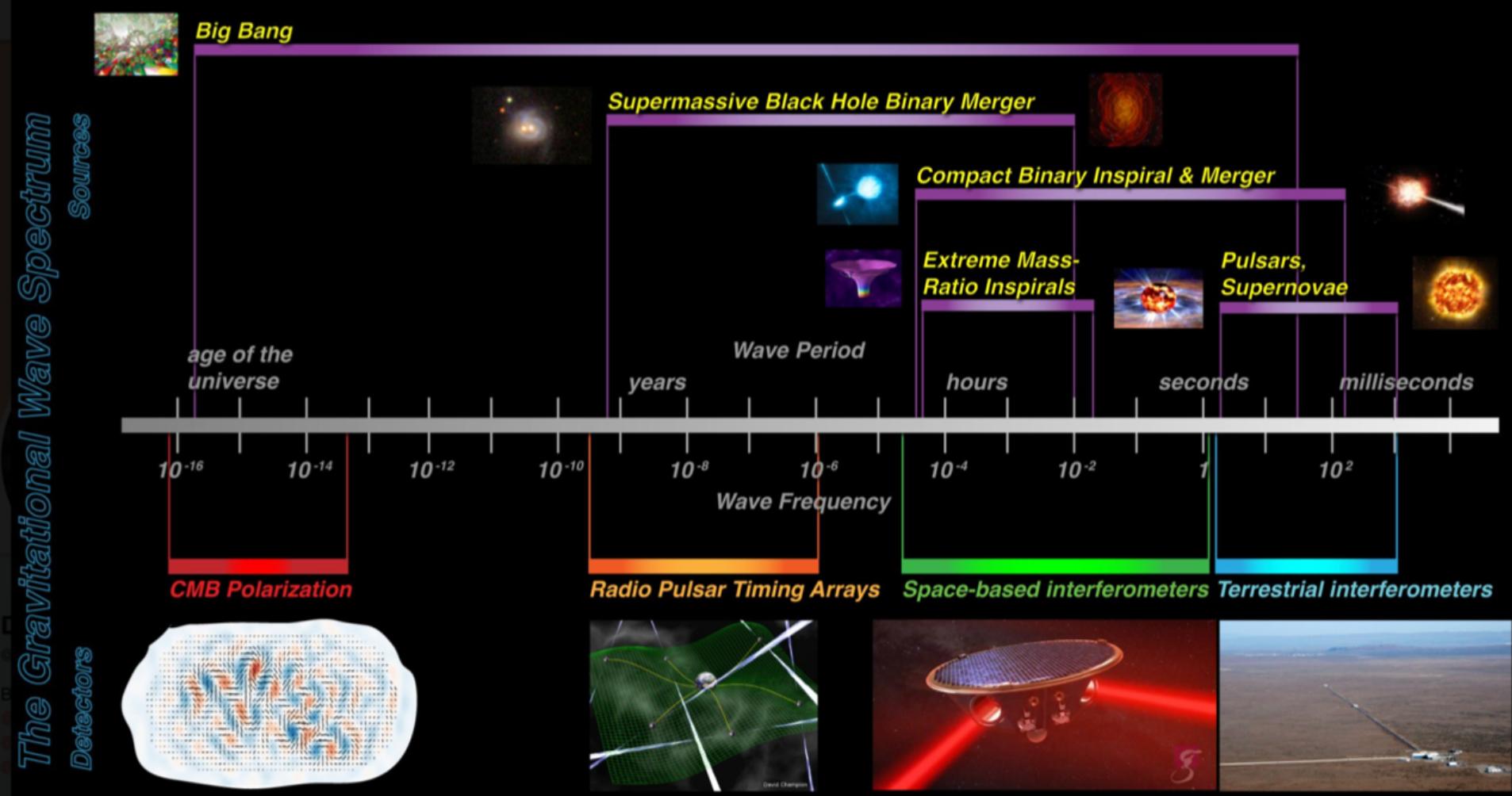
- ~ **90 BBHs** mergers detected
- ~ **2 BH-NS** mergers detected
- ~ **2 BNS** mergers detected



*Observation of Gravitational Waves from a Binary Black Hole Merger,  
B.P. Abbott et al. , Phys. Rev. Lett. 116, 061102 – Published 11 February 2016*



# Gravitational wave spectrum



Kelly Holley-Bockelmann and Joey Shapiro Key et al. Building a field: The future of astronomy with gravitational waves, a state of the profession consideration for astro2020. *arXiv: Instrumentation and Methods for Astrophysics*, 2019.

# Stochastic GW Background

There are two types of stochastic backgrounds:

- The **astrophysical background** (unresolved superposition)
- The **cosmological background** (produced in the primordial universe)

$$\Omega_{\text{GW}} = \frac{1}{\rho_c} \frac{d\rho_{\text{GW}}}{d \log f}$$

We are interested in the stochastic **astrophysical** background produced by **compact binaries** for **LIGO/Virgo** and **LISA**.

# Merger rate of compact binaries

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The equation shows the merger rate  $R_{\text{merg}}(t)$  as a double integral. The outer integral is over metallicity  $Z$  from 0 to  $Z_{\max}$ . The inner integral is over time delay  $t_d$  from  $t_{d,\min}$  to  $t_{d,\max}$ . The integrand is the product of mass efficiency  $\alpha(Z)$ , a Gaussian kernel  $\psi(t - t_d)$ , and three probability density functions:  $P(t_d|Z)$ ,  $P(Z|t - t_d)$ , and  $dt_d$ .

The diagram illustrates the components of the equation:

- Mass efficiency** (orange box):  $\alpha(Z)$
- Metallicity distribution** (green box):  $P(Z|t - t_d)$
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Arrows point from each component box to its corresponding term in the equation.

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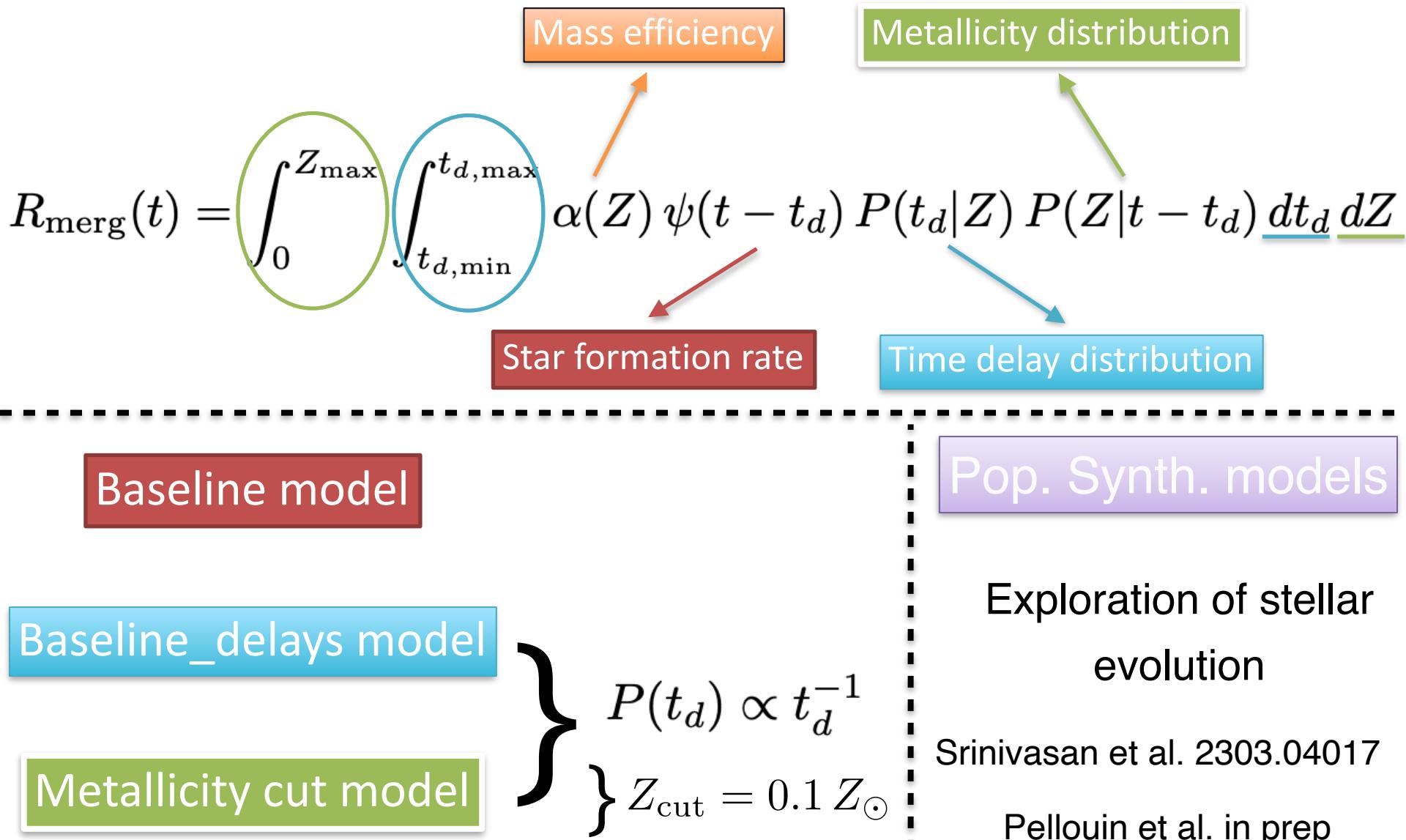
Baseline model

Baseline\_delays model

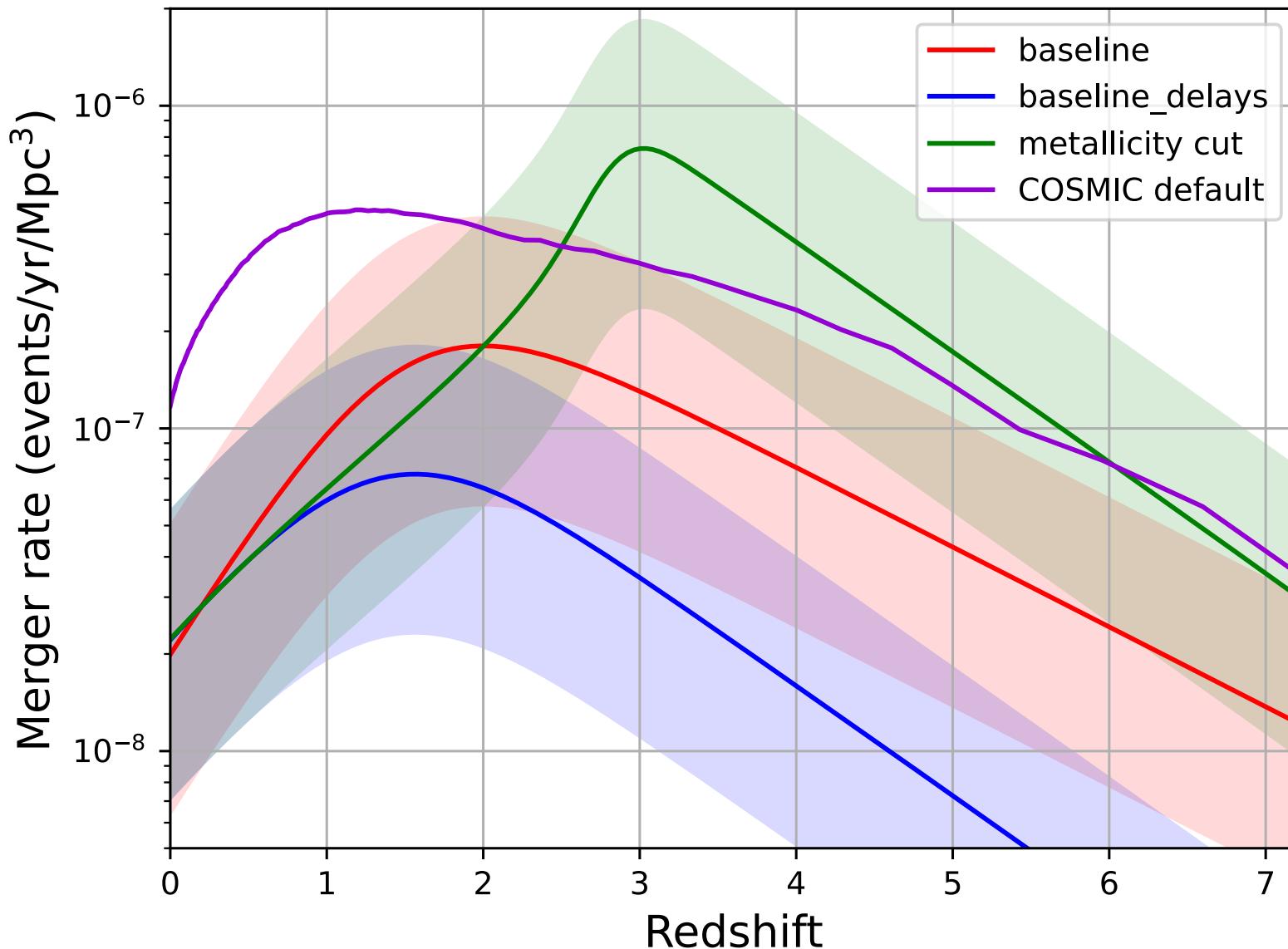
Metallicity cut model

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} P(t_d) \propto t_d^{-1} \\ Z_{\text{cut}} = 0.1 Z_\odot \end{array} \right\}$$

# Merger rate of compact binaries



# Merger rate of BBHs



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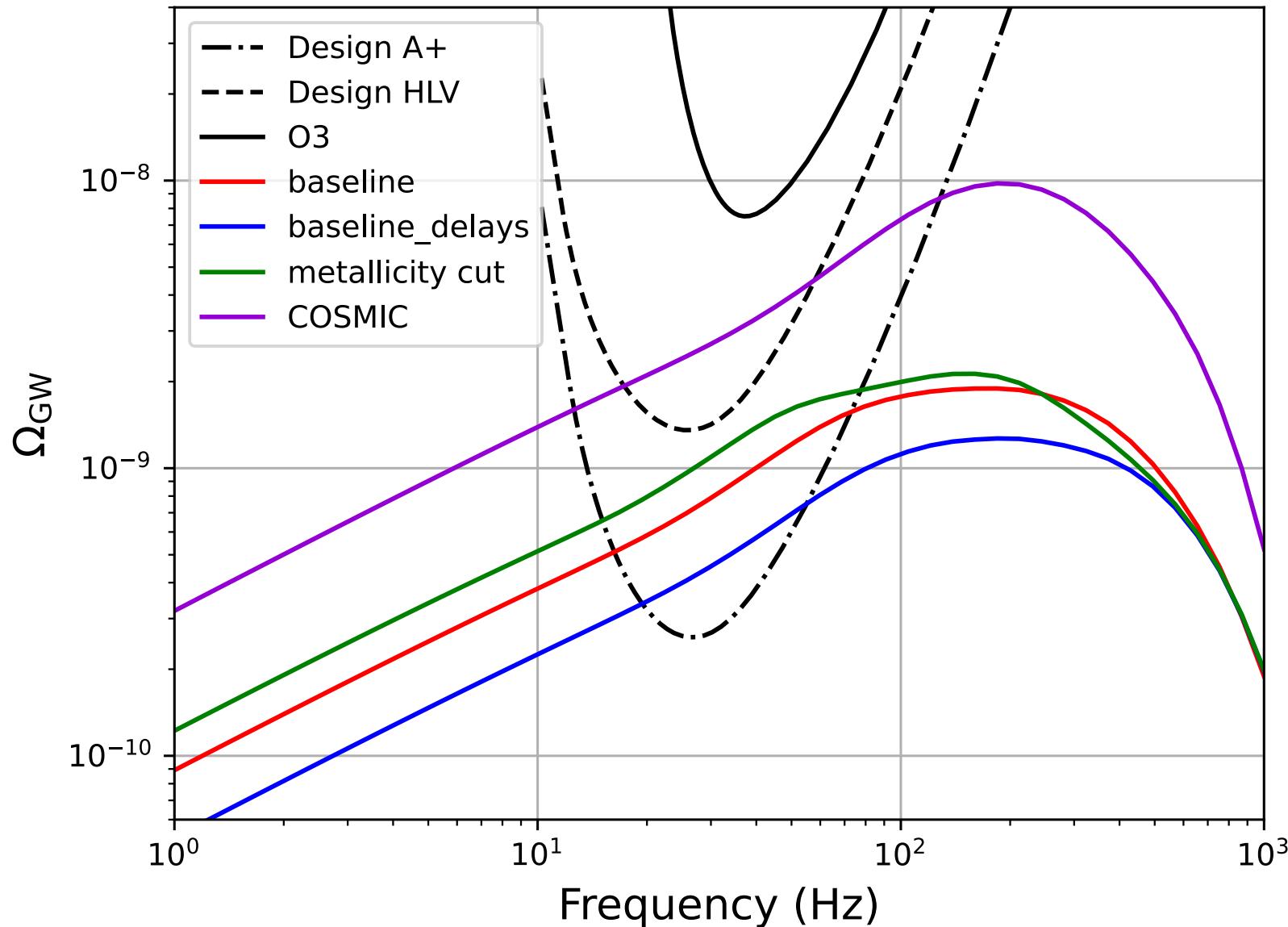
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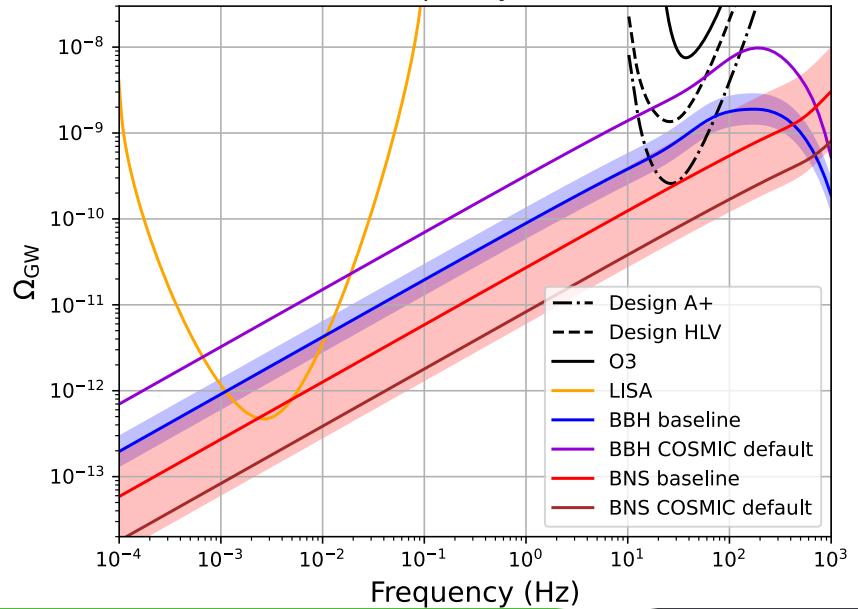
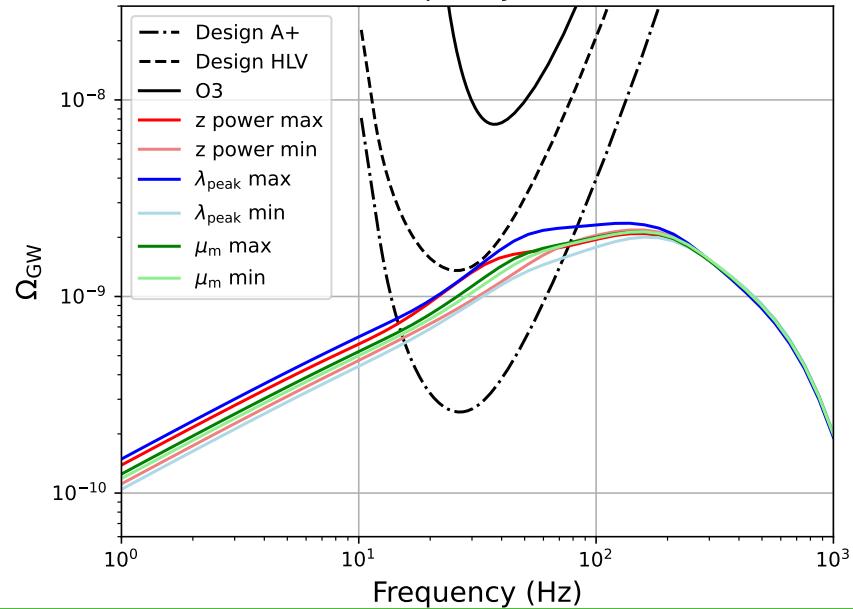
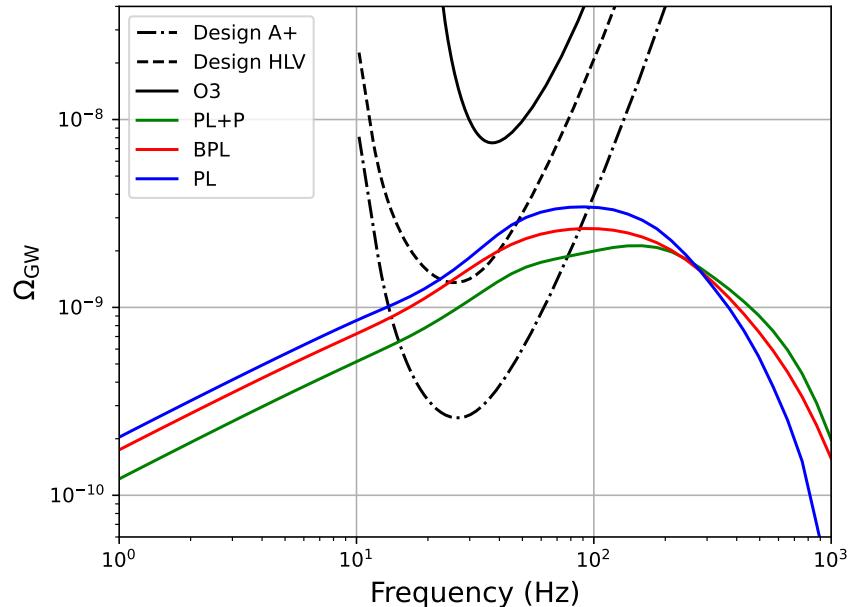
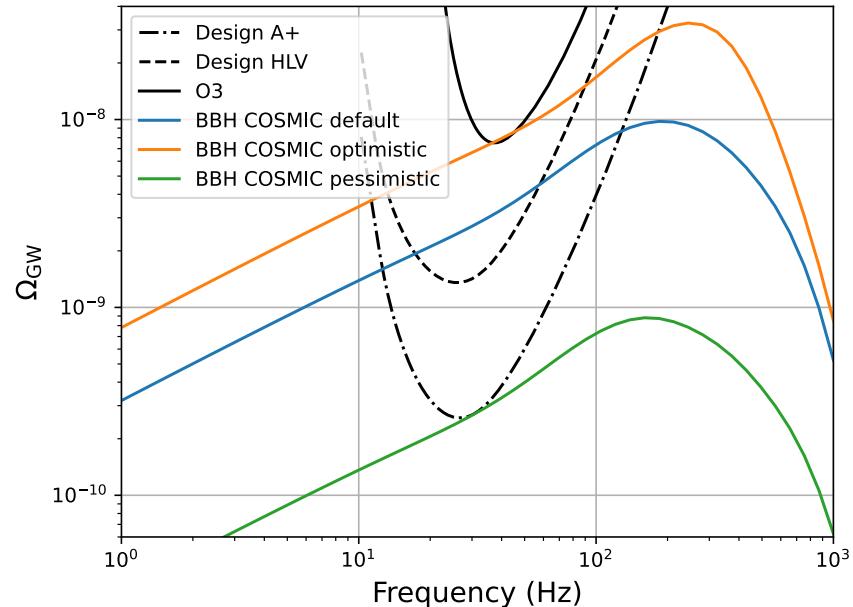
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