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Towards LISA population study

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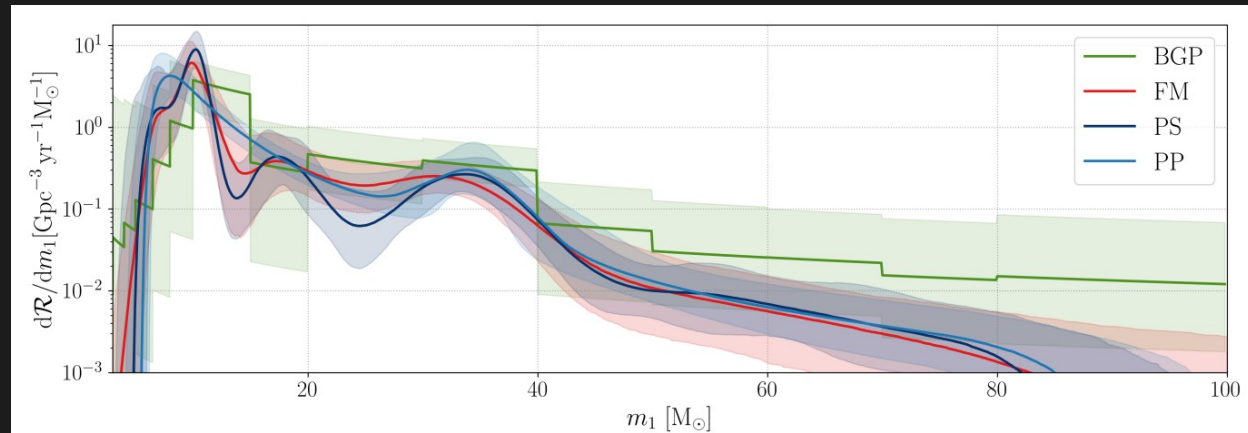
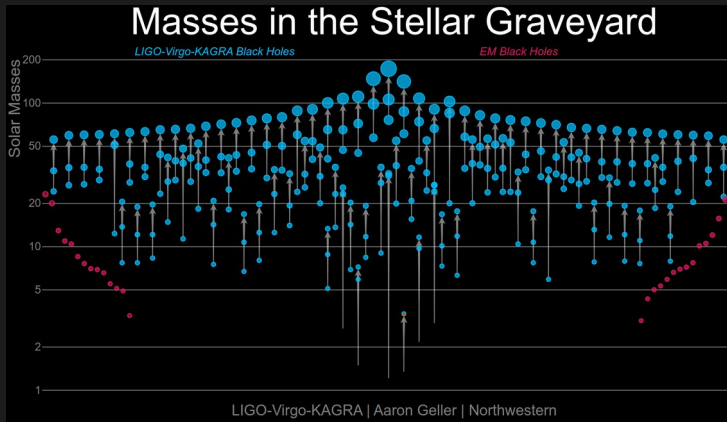
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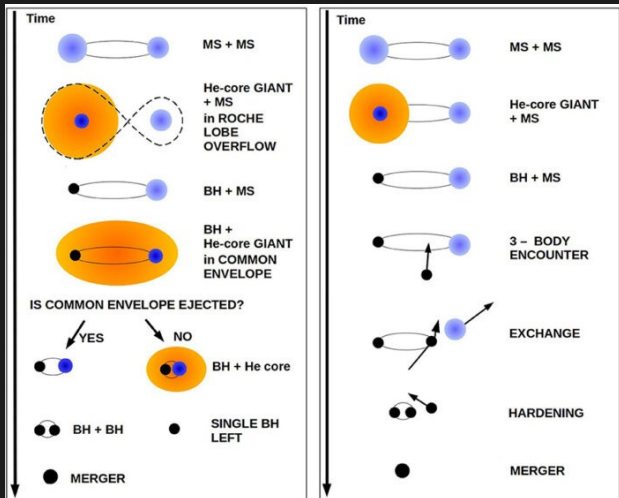
Toubiana, Gair, ongoing

Santini, Karnesis, Toubiana, on going

Population studies



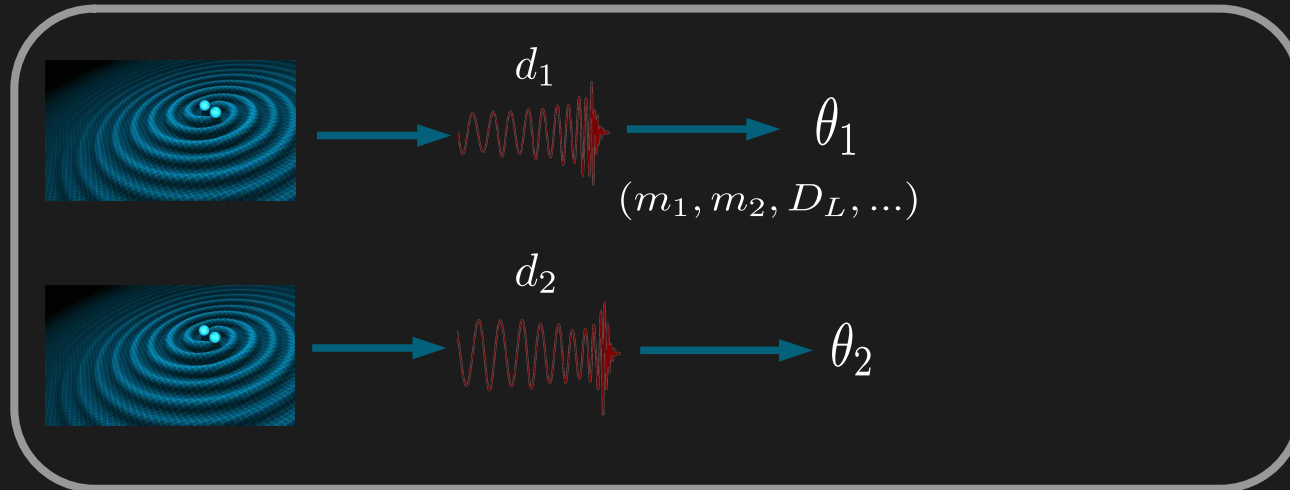
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Extract global properties of observations to allow the astrophysical interpretation

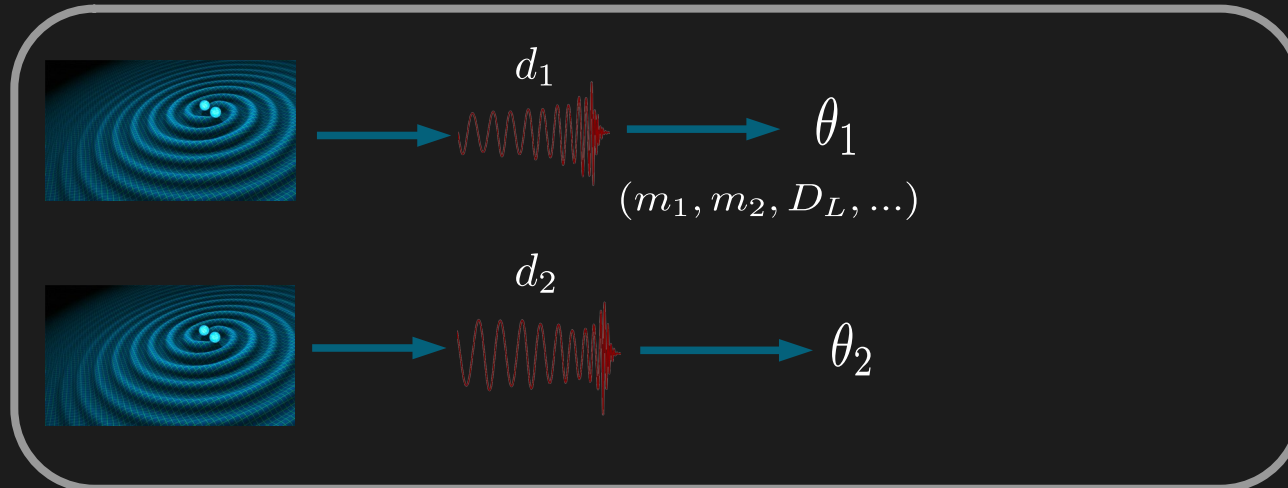
Steps for population studies

Parameter estimation

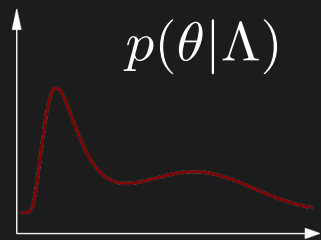


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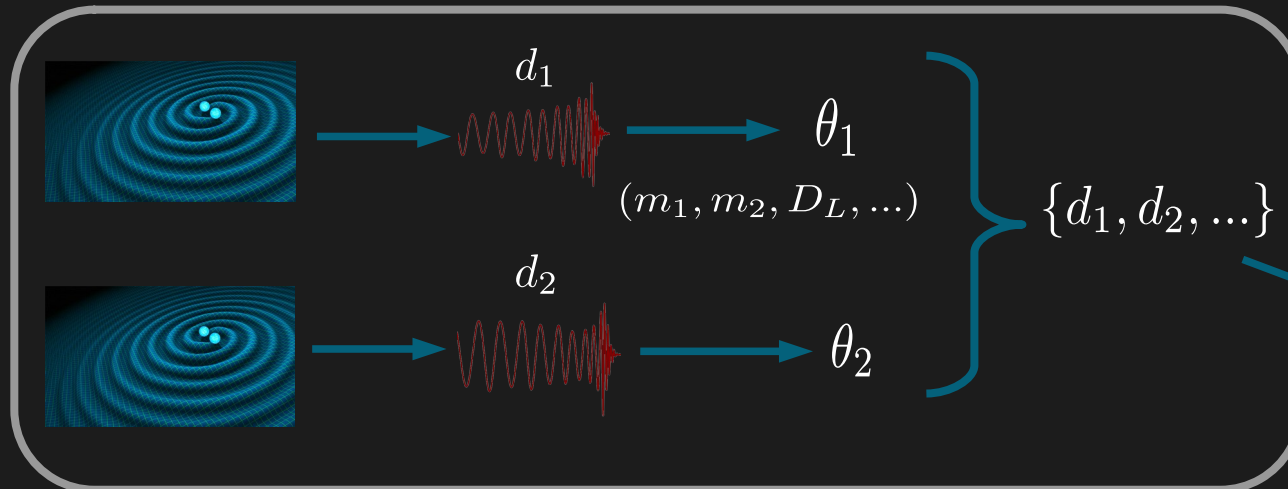
Population model



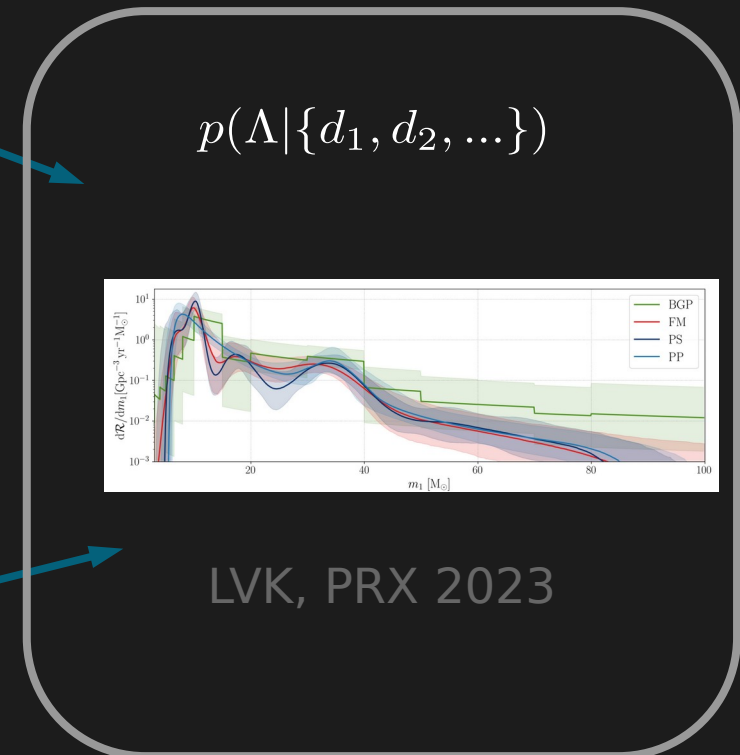
- astrophysical
- agnostic (parametric/non-parametric)

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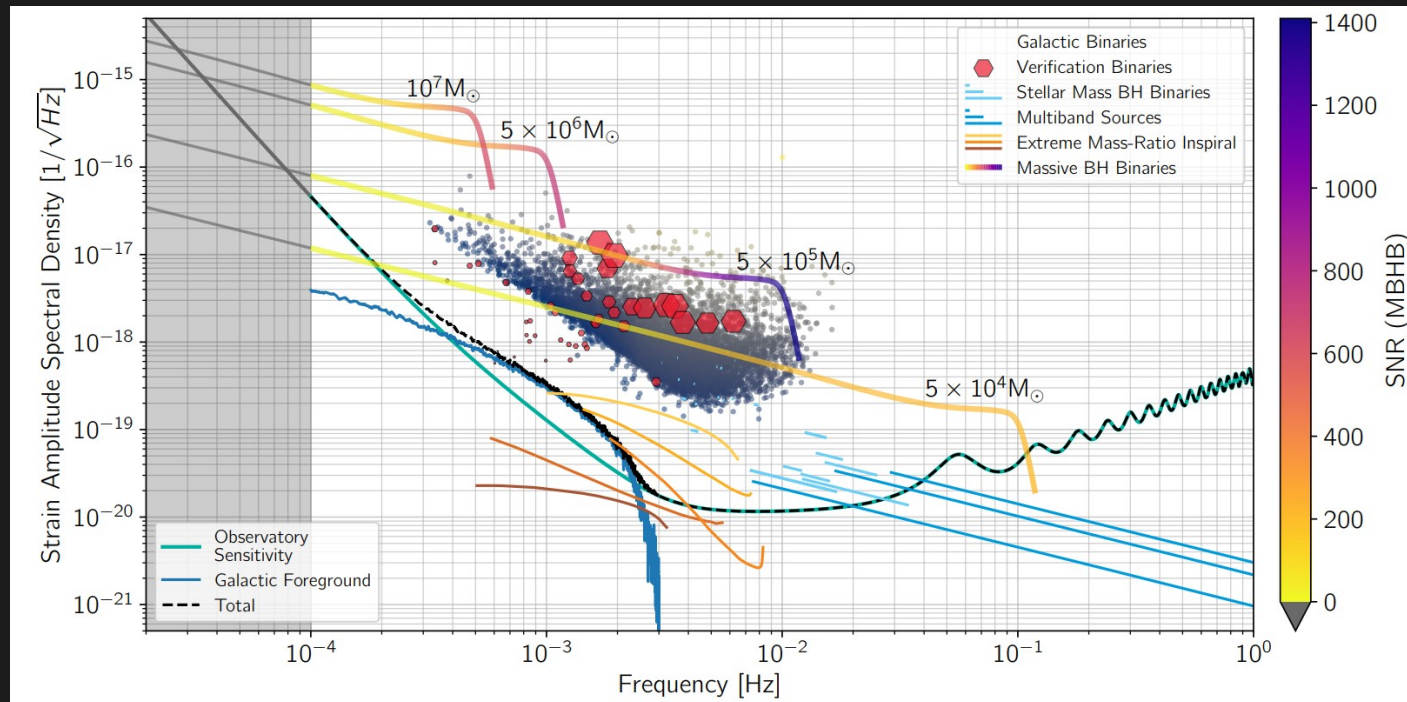
Hierarchical Bayesian analysis



Population model



Challenges for LISA



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- Lack of parametrised description of population of sources $p(\theta|\Lambda)$
- Need to fit data all together (Global Fit), problem for hierarchical analysis:
 - signals are not independent
 - variable number of sources
 - selection function?

Massive black hole binaries

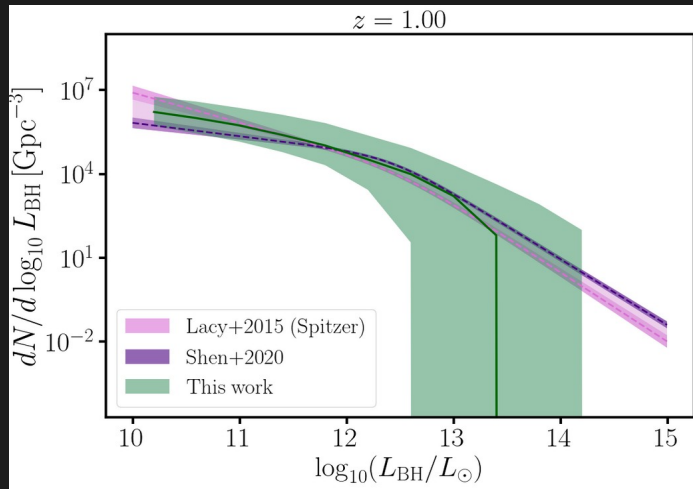
- Cosmological and semi-analytic models: explore impact of physical assumptions but high computational cost
- Toubiana+ PRD 2021: using a finite discrete set of model to describe the population can lead to biases
- Goal: develop a framework to describe the formation and evolution of massive black holes suited for analysing data (see also Langen, Tamanini, Marsat, Bortolas 2024)

Parametric model for massive ⁸ black holes

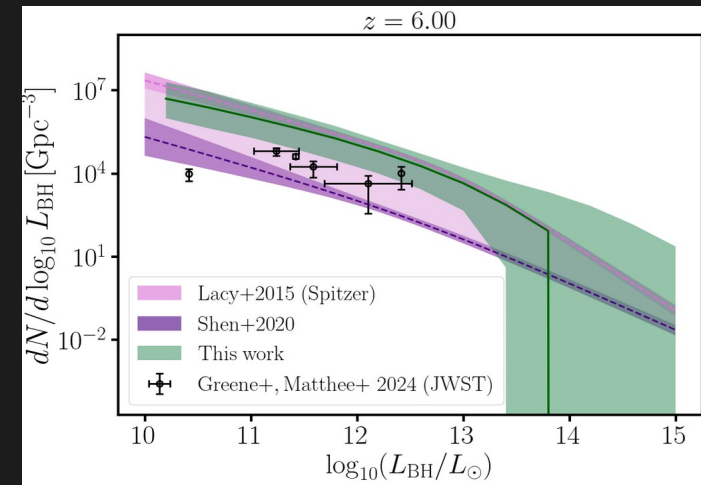
- POMPOCO: Parametrisation Of the Massive black hole POpulation for Comparison to Observations
(Toubiana, Sberna, Volonteri, Barausse +, in prep)
- Describe evolution of massive black holes inside host halos using parametric prescriptions for seeding, accretion and mergers
- Assess compatibility between electromagnetic observations of massive black holes and PTA GW spectrum running full Bayesian analysis, and obtain posterior on the 12 parameters of POMPOCO

Results of POMPOCO

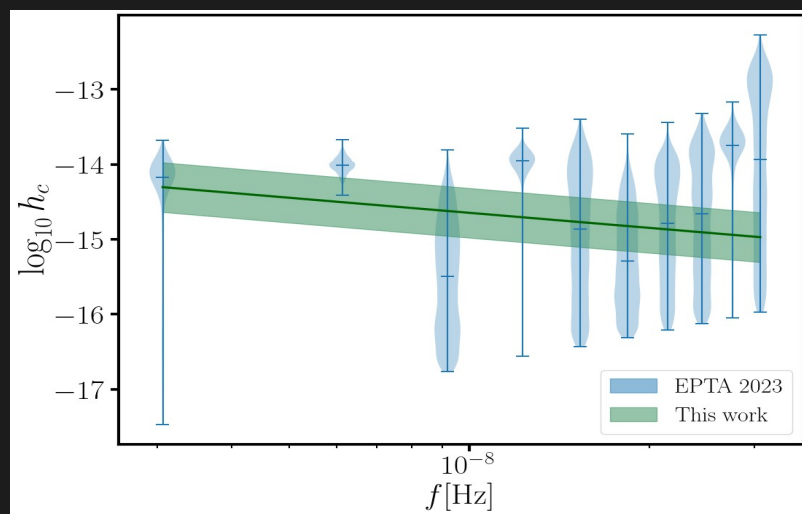
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MBH luminosity distribution in the nearby Universe



MBH luminosity distribution in the distant Universe (JWST)

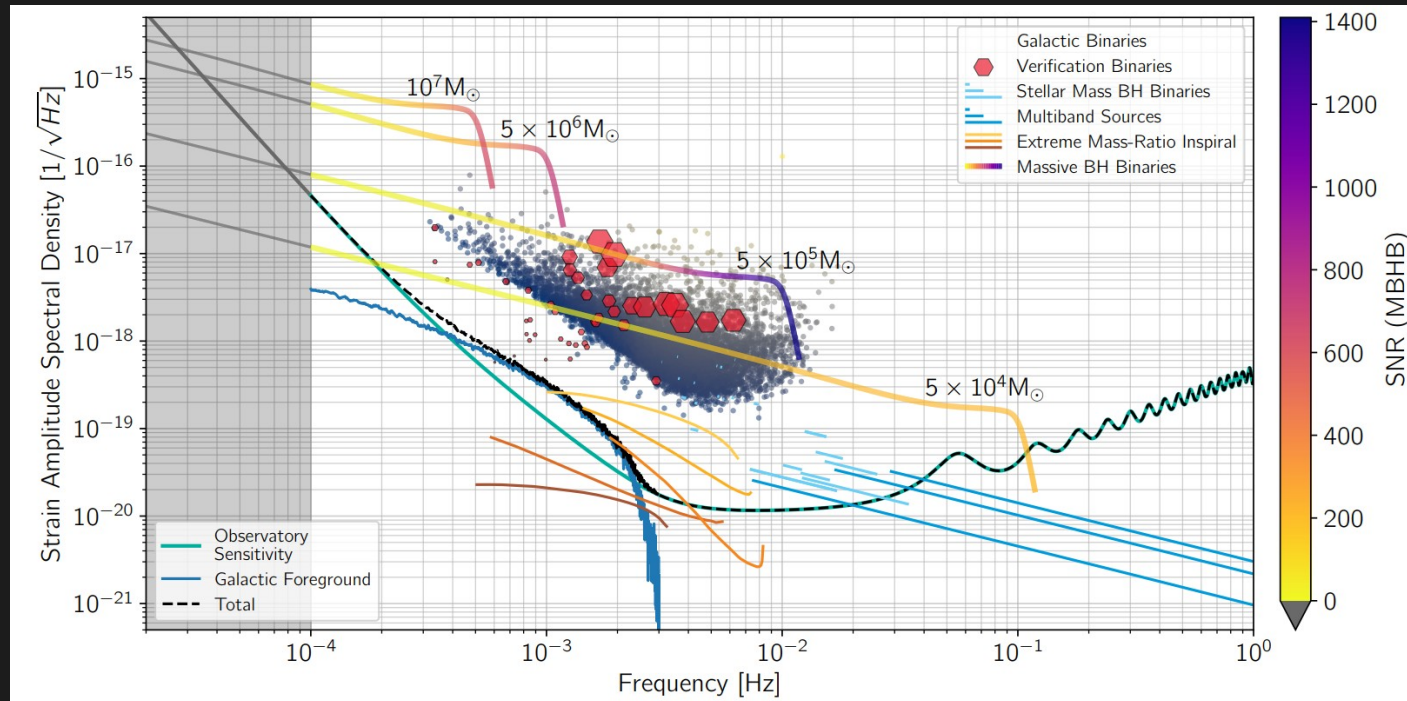


Pulsar Timing Array spectrum

Next:

- Include spins/eccentricity
- Mock LISA analysis

Double white dwarfs



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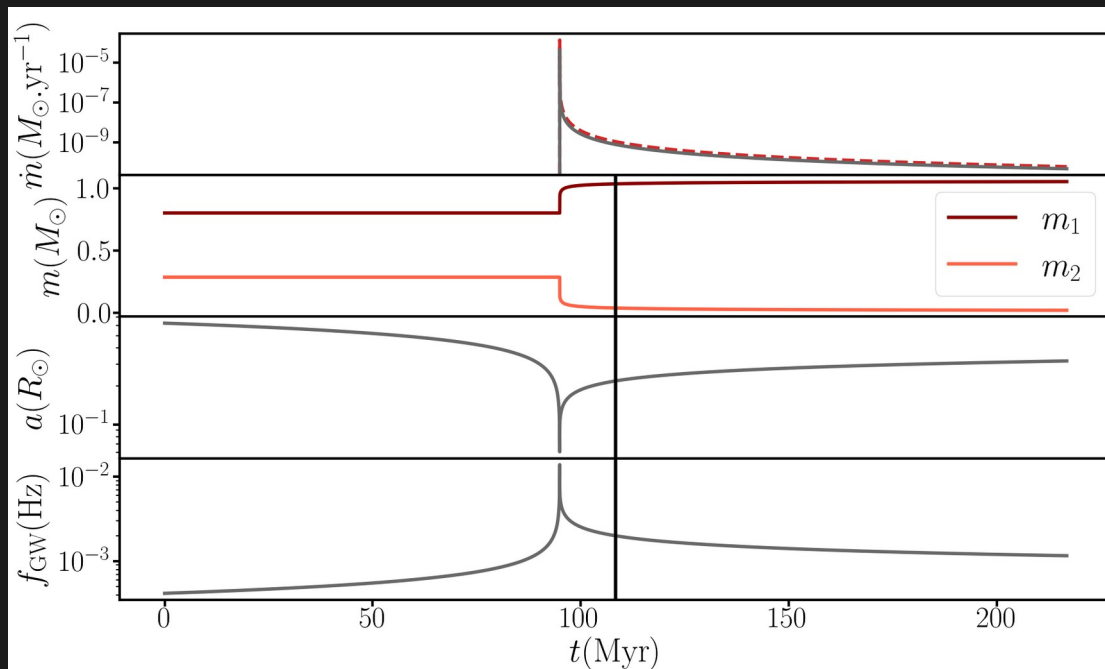
- Stochastic foreground + resolvable population
- Impact of tidal effects and mass transfer?

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Evolution of double white dwarfs

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- Semi-analytic model for the evolution of DWDs after formation (provided by Astrid's simulation)
- Includes the effect of GWs, tides, mass-transfer



Mass-transfer rate

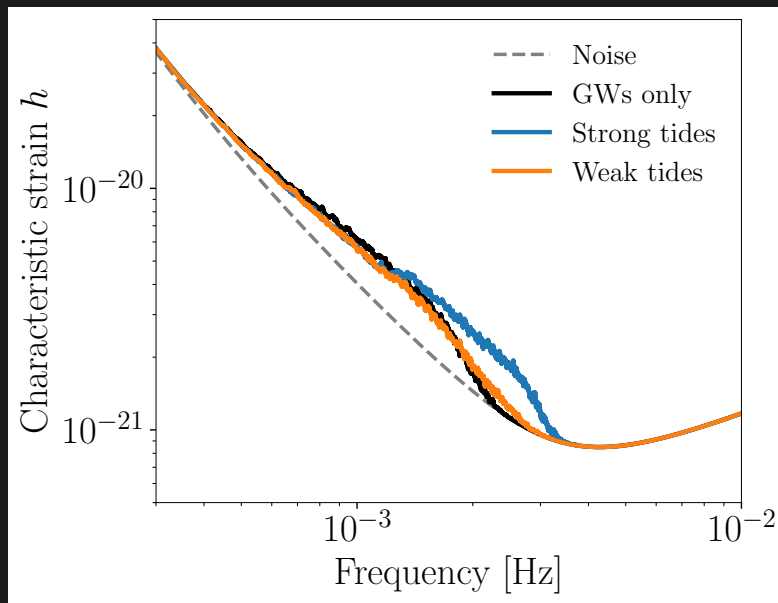
Masses evolution

Separation evolution

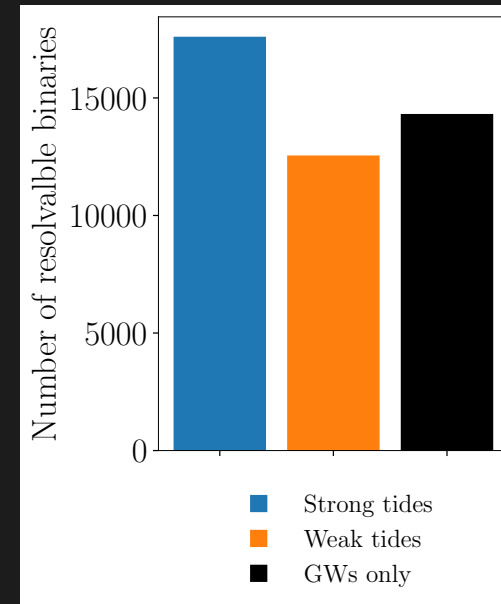
GW frequency evolution

- Tides help the binaries “survive” mass transfer

Impact on LISA observations



Total noise

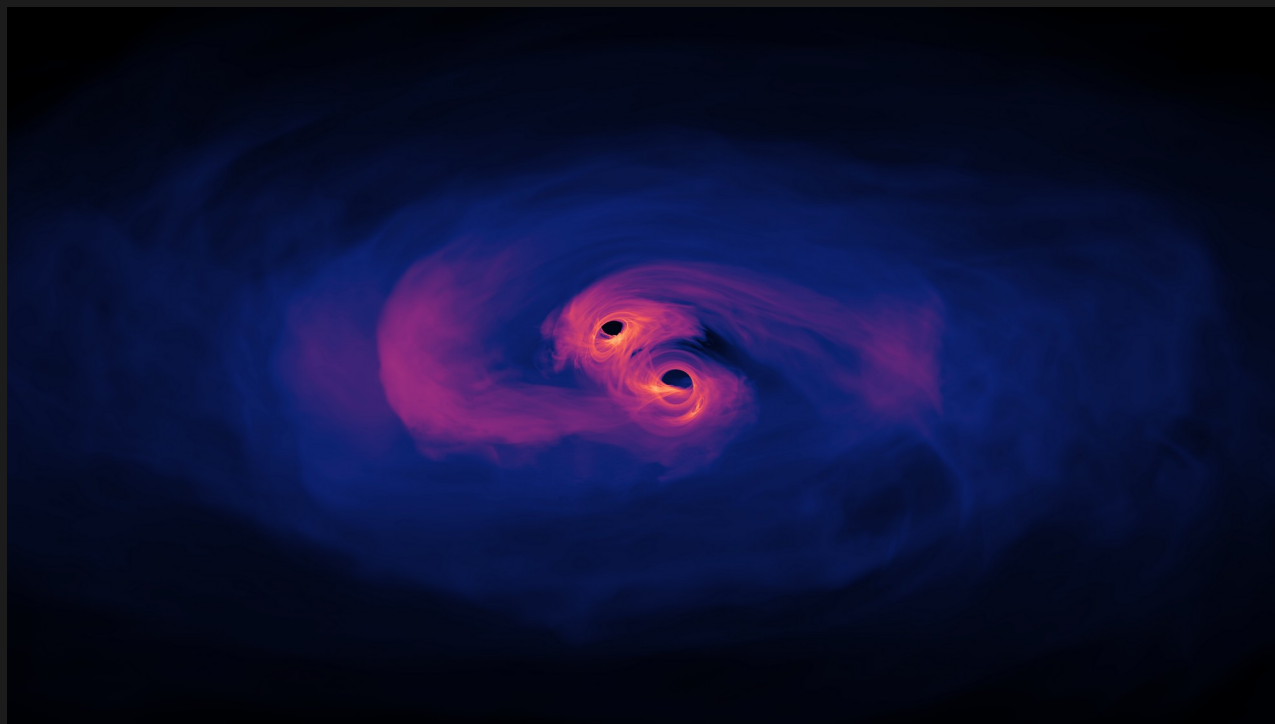


Number of resolvable sources

- Foreground can be used to measure intensity of tidal effects (Santini, Toubiana, Karnesis, on going)
- Combine foreground and resolvable sources for population study (Toubiana, Gair, on going):
 - inverse-mapping from foreground to underlying population?
 - “Selection function”?
 - confusion between populations?

Conclusions

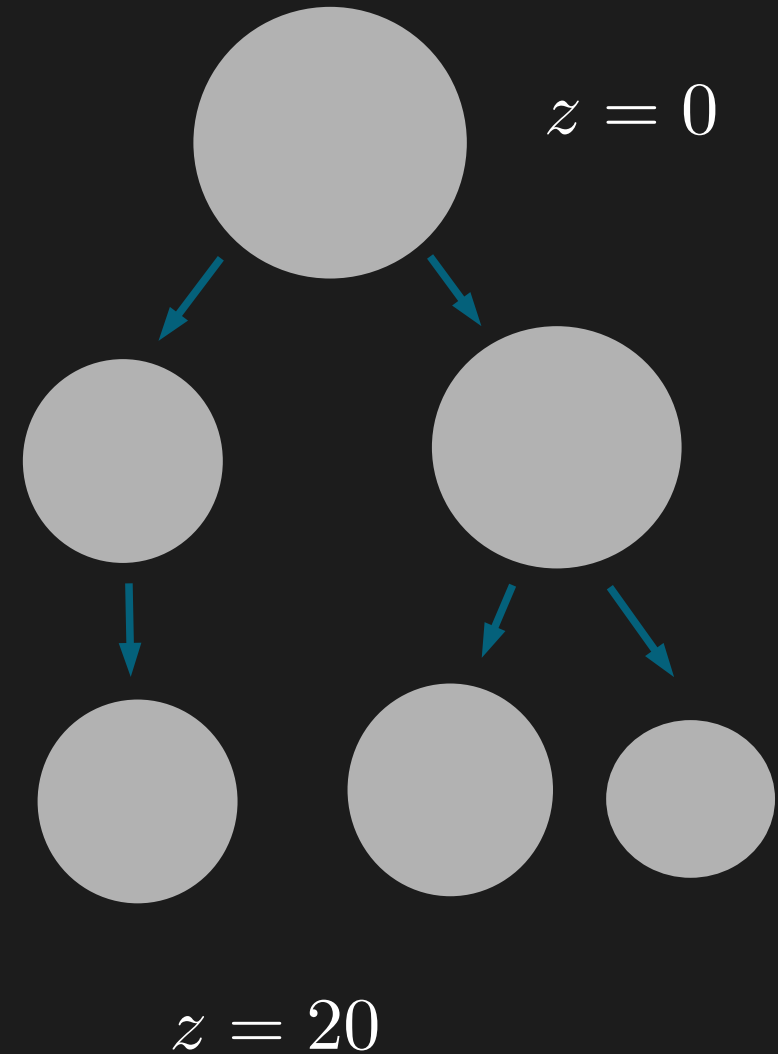
- “New” and numerous sources in LISA require new modelling and analysis techniques. Many challenges to be tackled!



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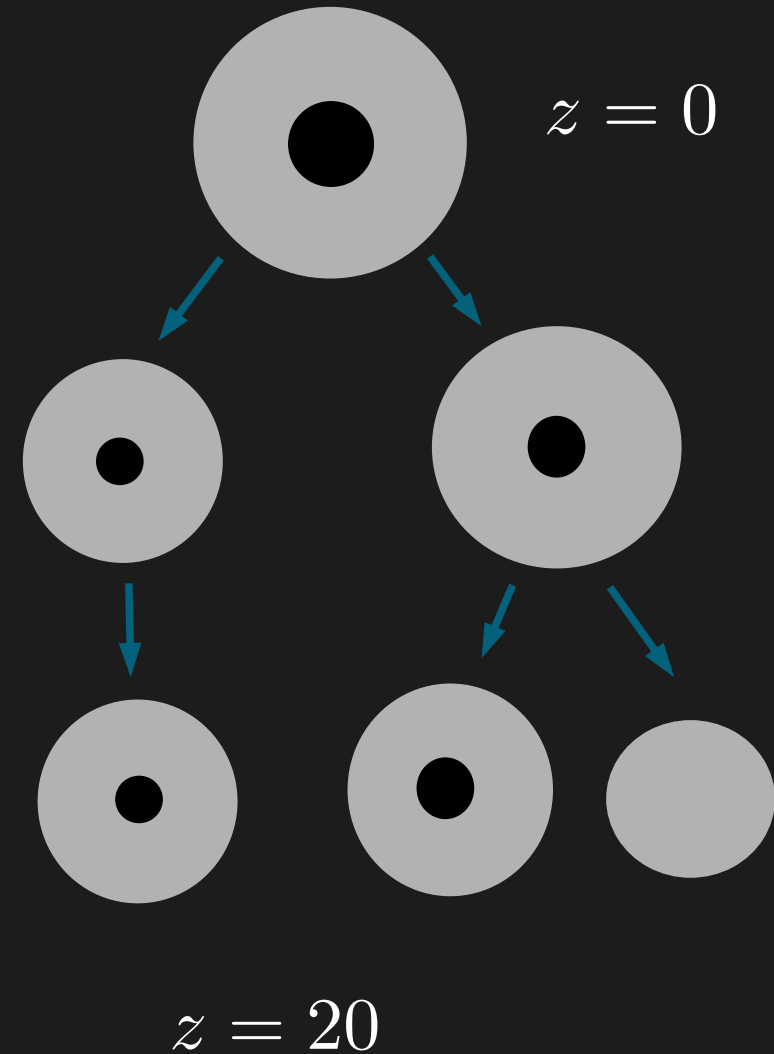
Merger tree

- Extended Press-Schechter (Parkison+2007)



Merger tree

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- Evolve MBHs using parametric prescriptions instead of semi-analytic ones
- Gain in computational power



Seeding

- Seed leaf halos at $z \geq 10$ with $M_{\text{halo}} > M_{\text{cut}}$ with probability f_{BH}

- Draw mass from log-normal distribution

$$\mathcal{N}(\log(\mu_0), \sigma_m)$$

- Limit to 10% of baryonic mass of halo

Accretion

$$\dot{m} = f_{\text{Edd}}(1 - \epsilon)\dot{m}_{\text{Edd}}, \quad \epsilon = 0.1$$

- Two accretion modes:

- steady mode: draw f_{Edd} every T_{steady}

$$p(\log_{10} T_{\text{steady}}) = \mathcal{U}[10^{-3}, 0.5] \text{Gyr}$$

$$p(f_{\text{Edd}}) \propto f_{\text{Edd}}^{\gamma_{\text{steady}} - 1}, \quad f_{\text{Edd}} \in [10^{-4}, 1]$$

- burst mode: draw f_{Edd} after major halo merger ($q_h > 0.13$), valid for time t_{burst}

$$p(f_{\text{Edd}}) \propto f_{\text{Edd}}^{\gamma_{\text{burst}} - 1}, \quad f_{\text{Edd}} \in [10^{-2}, 10]$$

- Stop accretion for $z < z_{\text{cut}}$, and

$$\log_{10} m_{\text{MBH}} > \log_{10} m_{\text{MBH},0}(1 + z)^\alpha$$

BH mergers

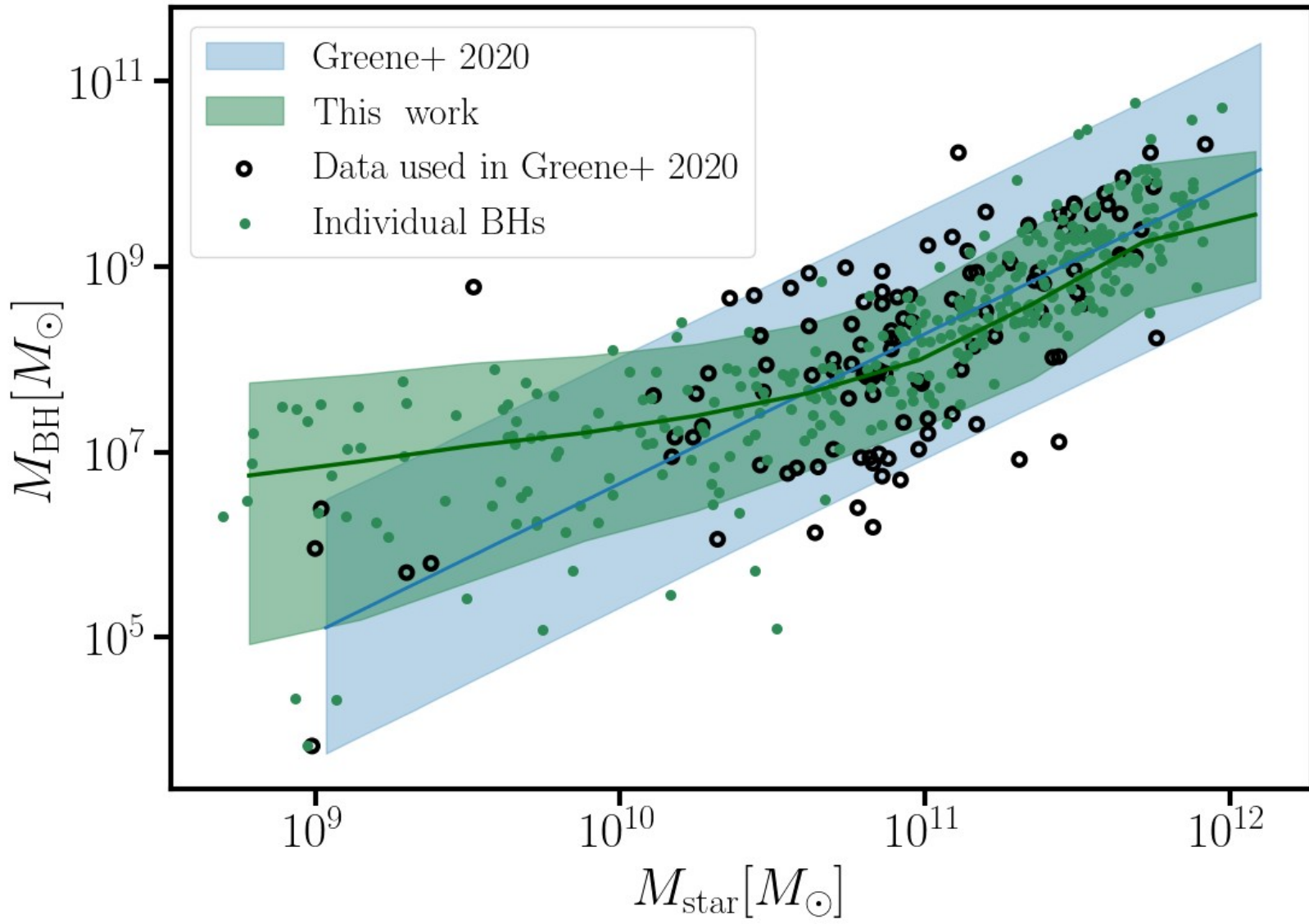
Following halo mergers:

- If major halo merger, ($q_h > 0.13$) black holes form a binary that merges after $t_{\text{dyn. fric.}} + t_{\text{delay}}$
- If minor halo merger, BHs in secondary halo sink for $t_{\text{dyn. fric.}}$ before forming a binary that merges within t_{delay}
- $t_{\text{dyn. fric.}}$ computed from Volonteri et al. 2003
- For triple/quadruple systems use results of Bonetti et al. 2018

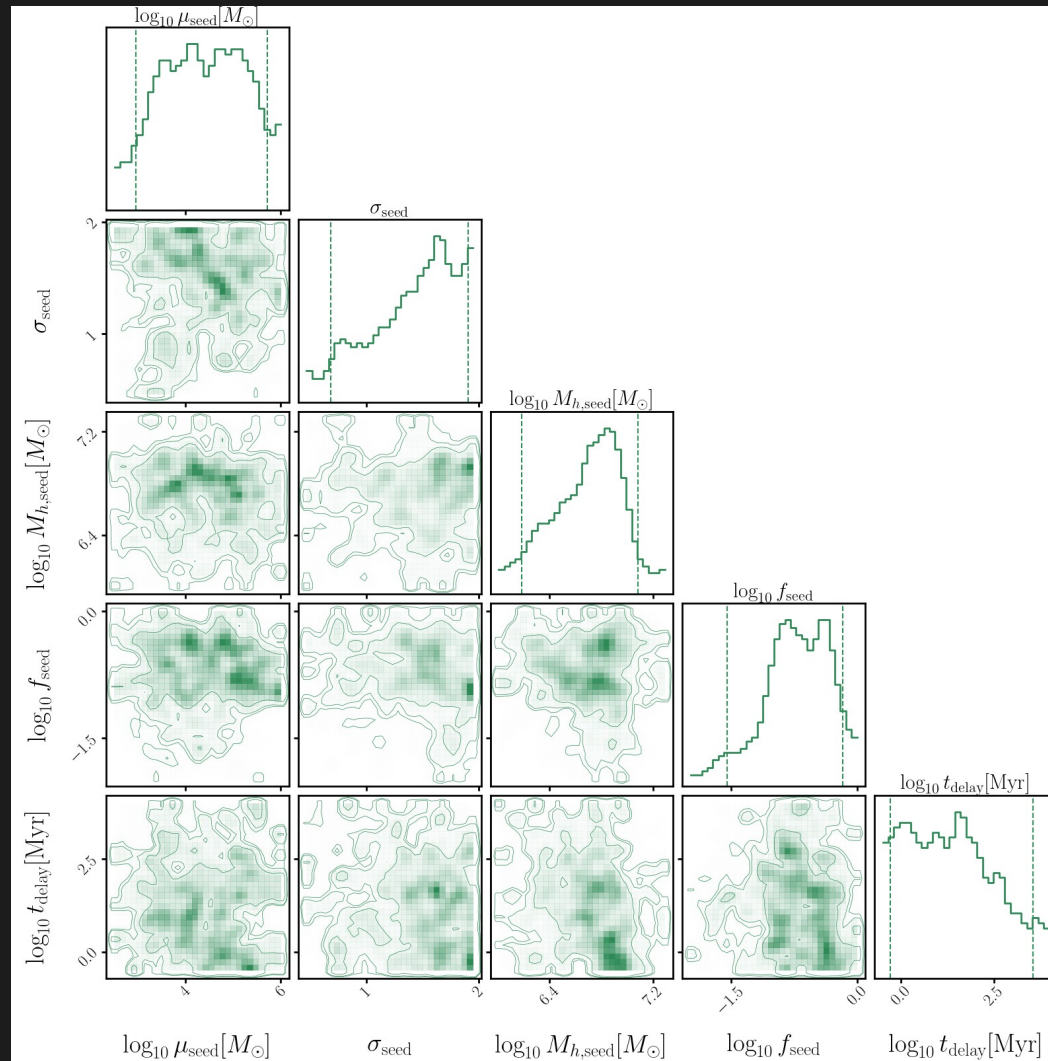
Summary of the model

- 12 free parameters:
 - seeding:
 $\mu_{\text{seed}}, \sigma_{\text{seed}}, M_{h,\text{seed}}, f_{\text{seed}}$
 - accretion:
 $\gamma_{\text{burst}}, t_{\text{burst}}, \mu_{\text{steady}}, \sigma_{\text{steady}}, z_{\text{cut}}, m_{\text{cut},0}, \alpha_{\text{cut}}$
 - Merger: t_{delay}
- ~1h to run 500 parameters
- Run MCMC to fit observations

Mstar-Mbh

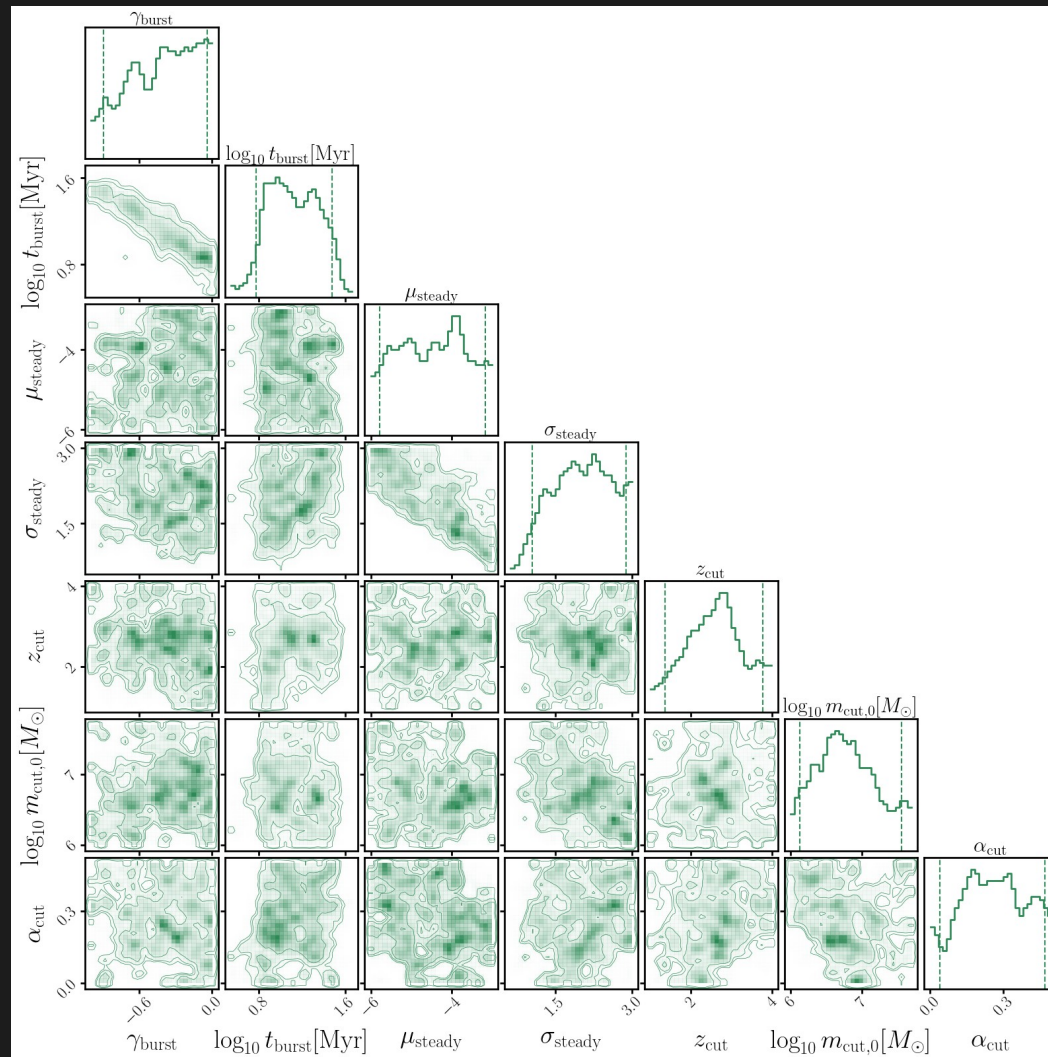


Posterior on hyperparameters

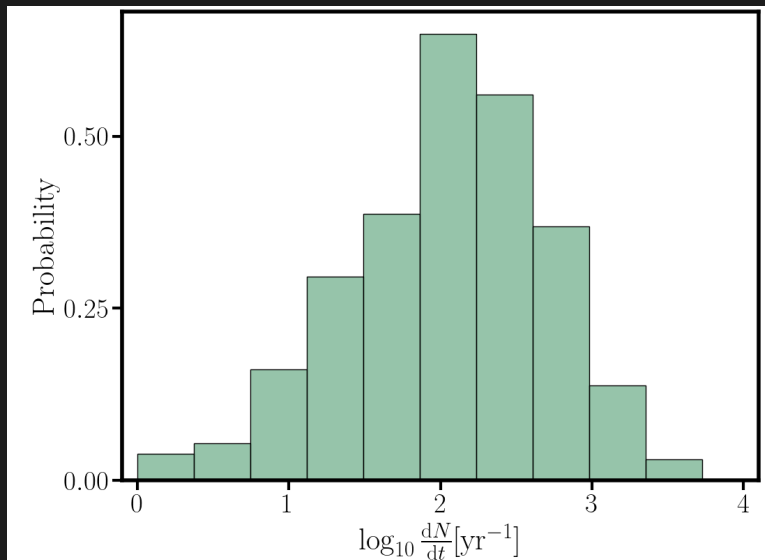
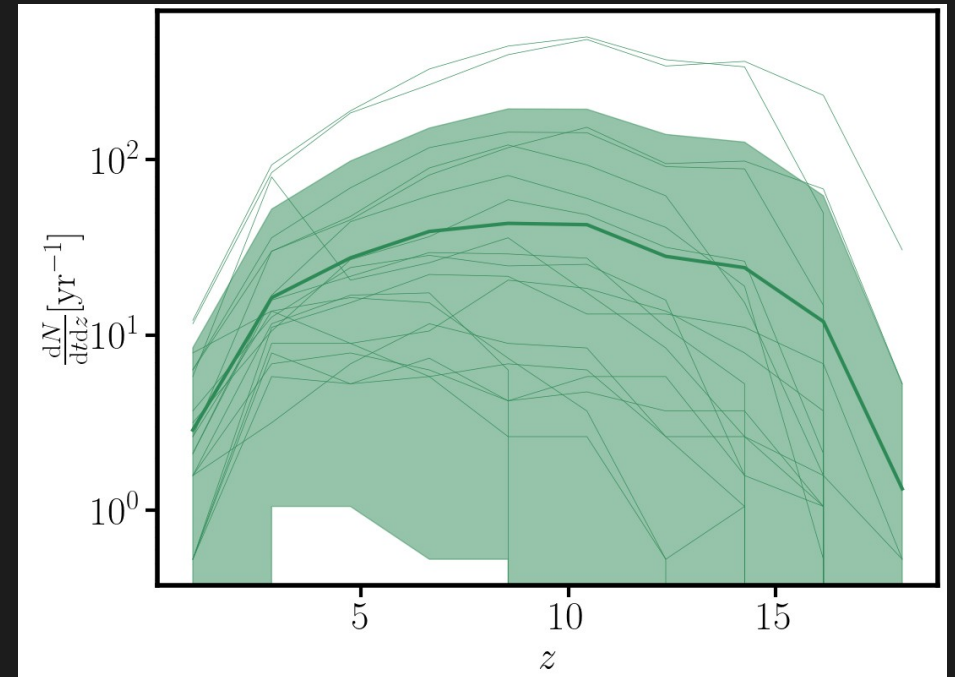
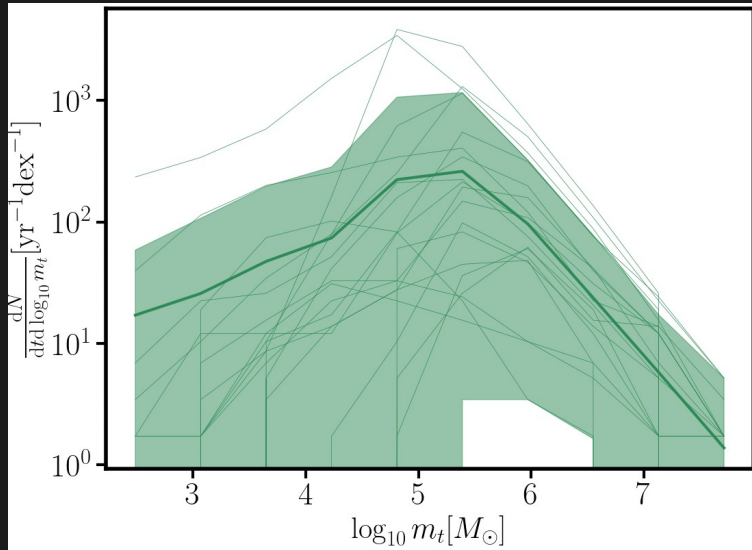


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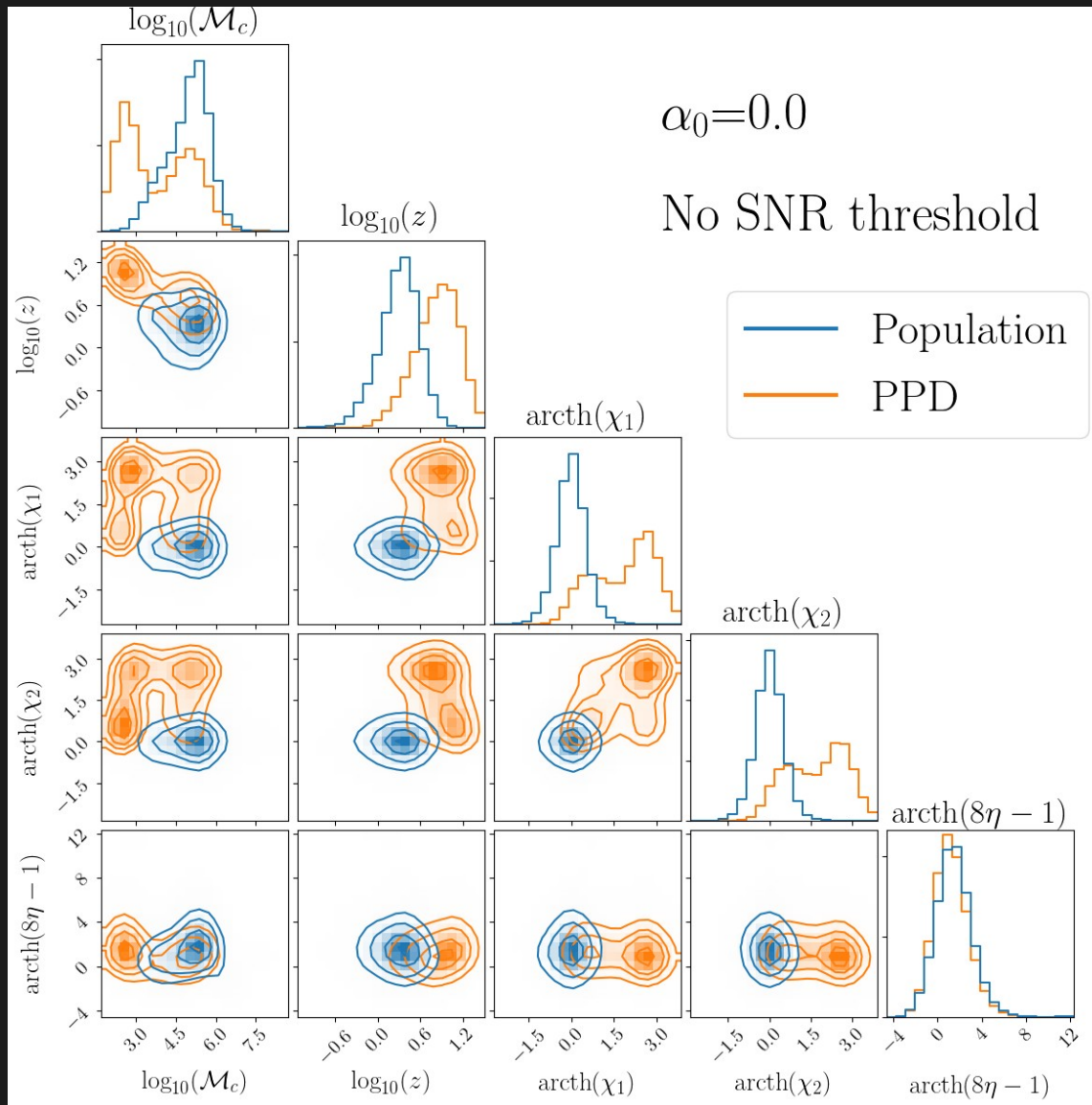
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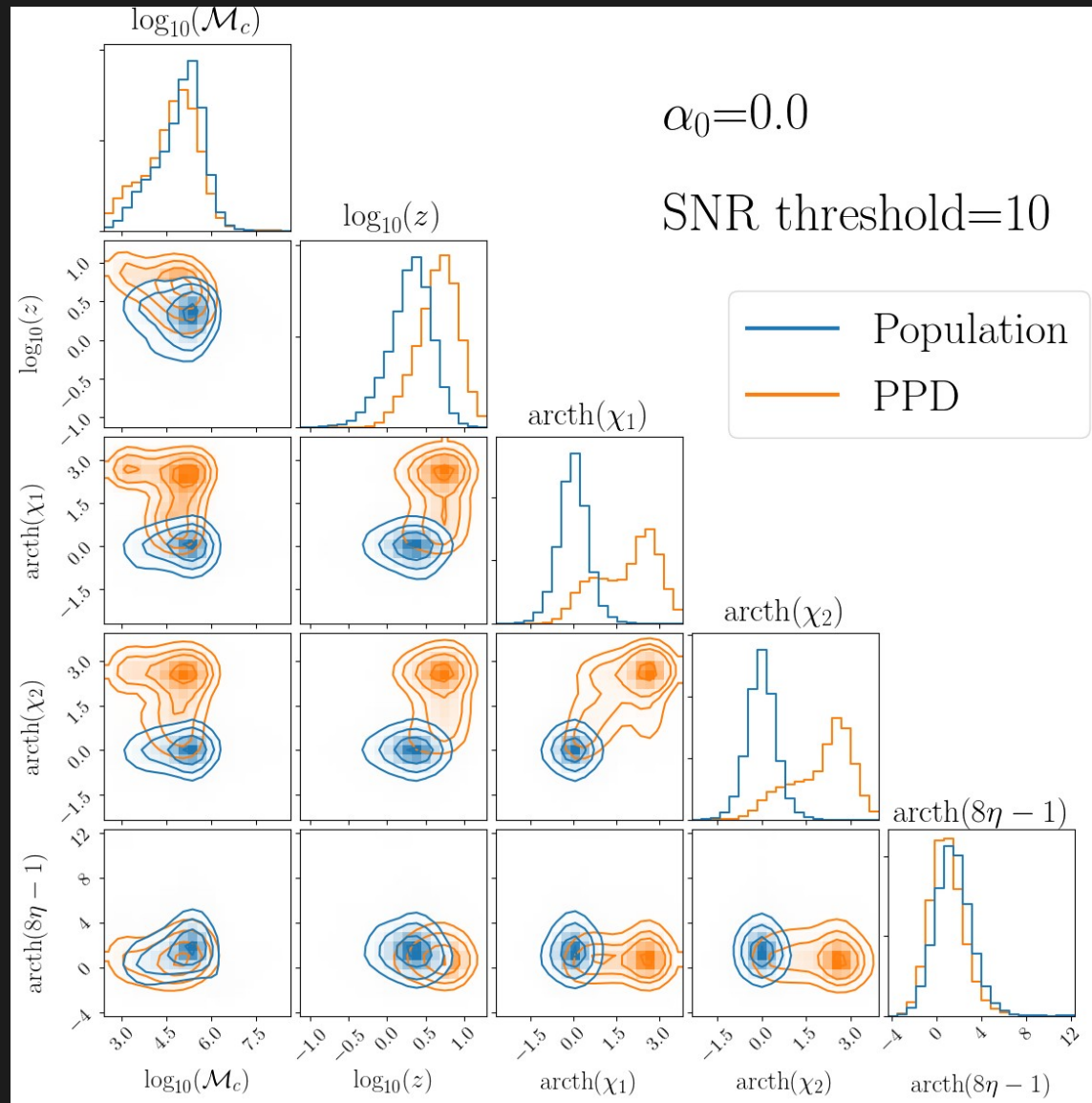
LISA prediction



“Systematics” in population



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POMPOKO

- Pompoco: Parametrisation Of the Massive black hole POpulation for Comparison to Observations ?



Evolution of double white dwarfs

- Angular momentum balance equation:

$$\dot{J}_{\text{orb}} + \dot{J}_1 + \dot{J}_2 = \dot{J}_{\text{GW}} + \dot{J}_{\text{loss}}$$

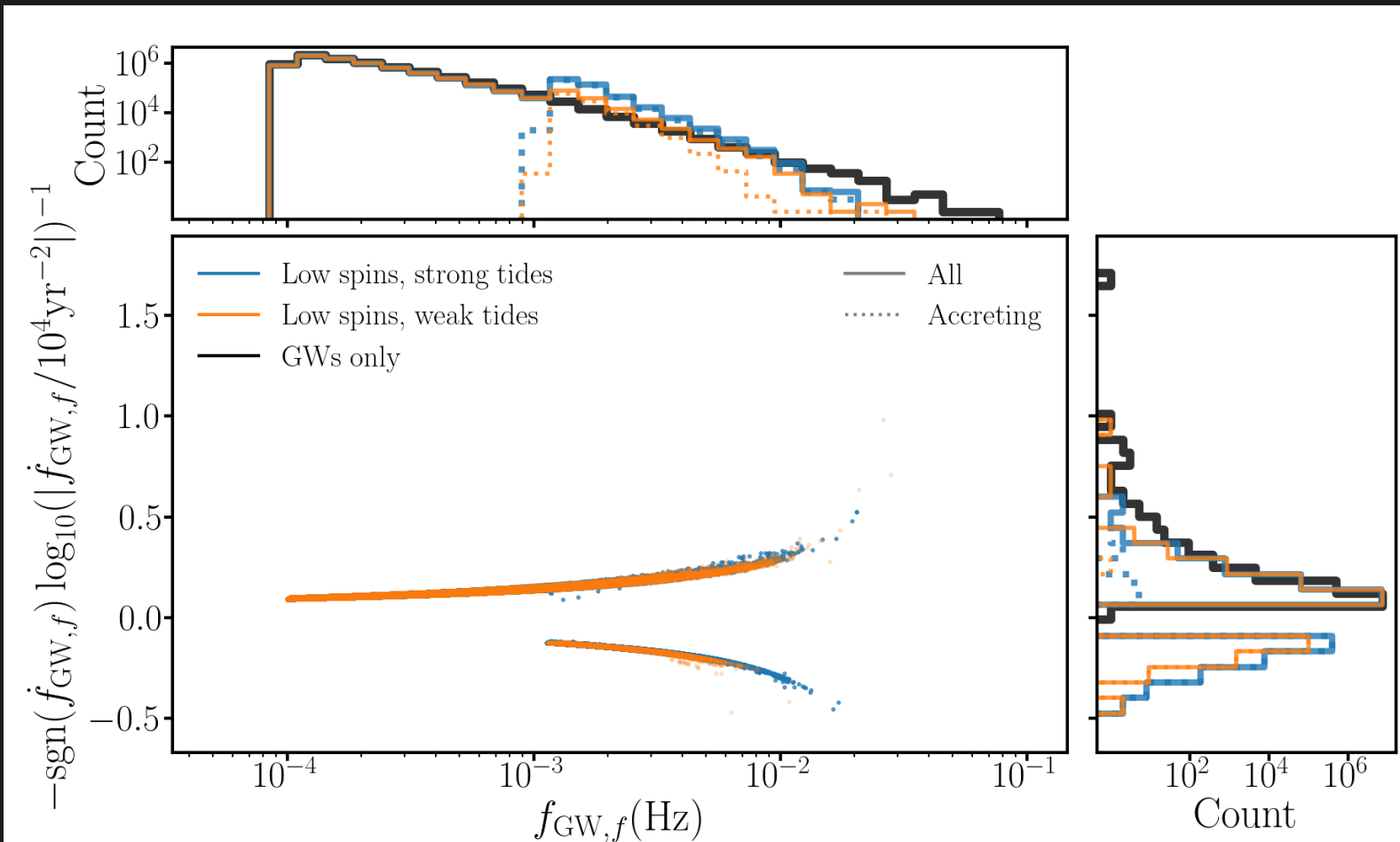
- Evolution of WD's angular momentum:

$$\dot{J}_i = j_i \dot{m}_i - \frac{I_i}{\tau_{s,i}} (\omega_i - \omega_{\text{orb}})$$

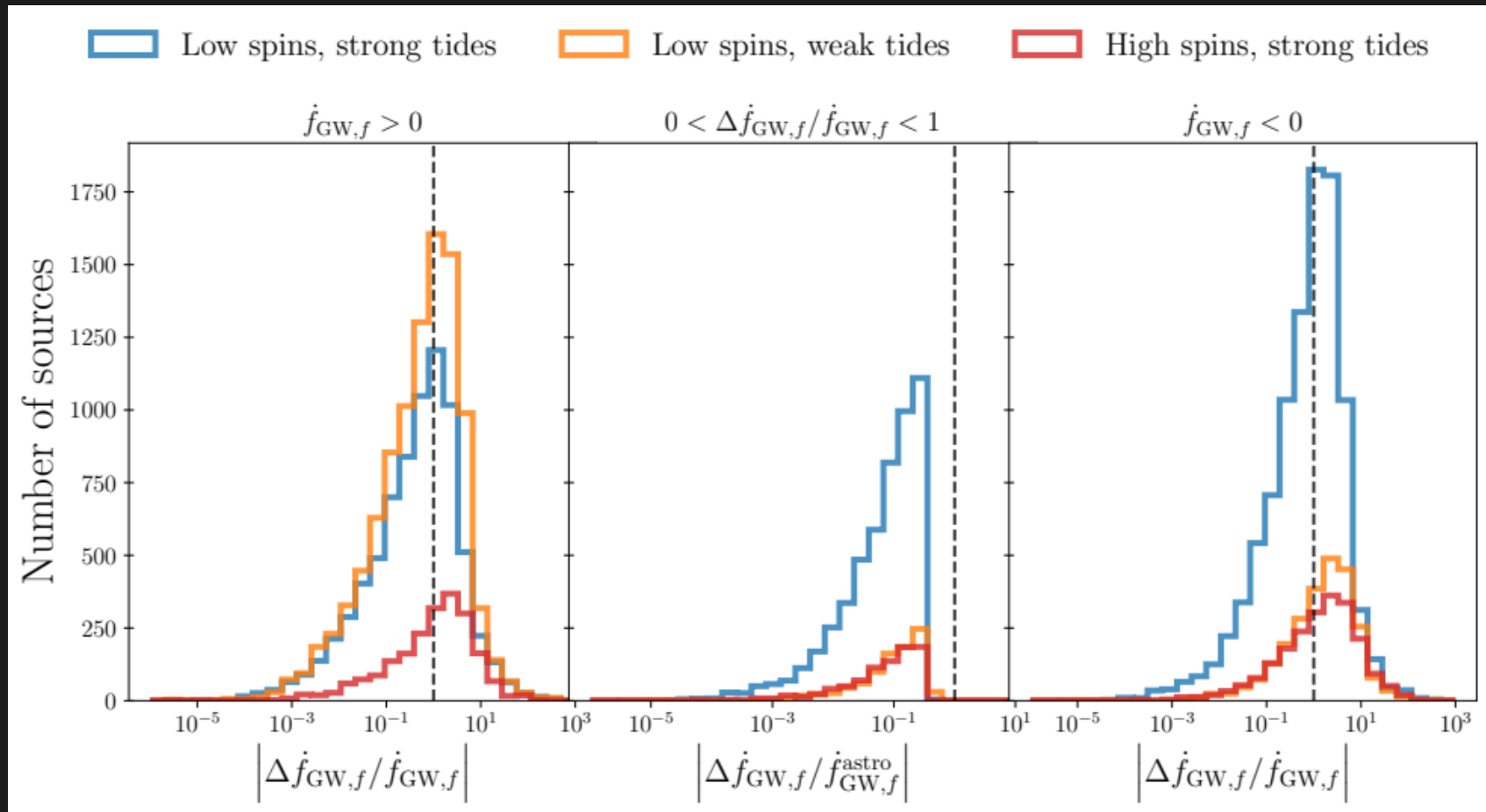
- Scaling of synchronisation timescale:

$$\tau_{s,i} \propto \left(\frac{m_i}{m_{-i}} \right)^2 \left(\frac{a}{R_i} \right)^6$$

Double white dwarf population



Double white dwarf population



$$\dot{f}_{\text{GW}}^{\text{astro}} = \dot{f}_{\text{GW}} - \dot{f}_{\text{GW}}^{\text{GR}}$$