The mass-distribution of LIGO's events as a probe for primordial black holes

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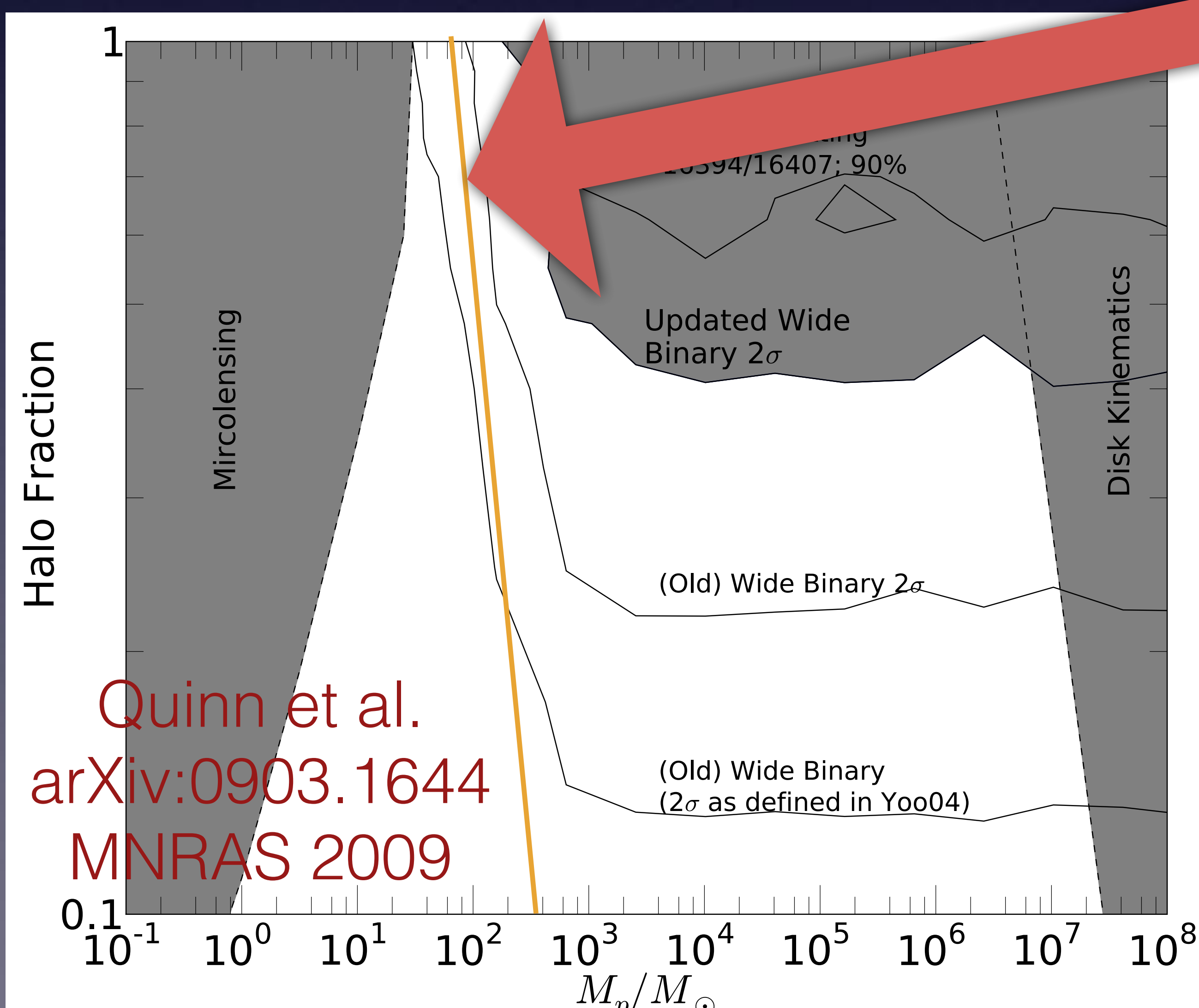

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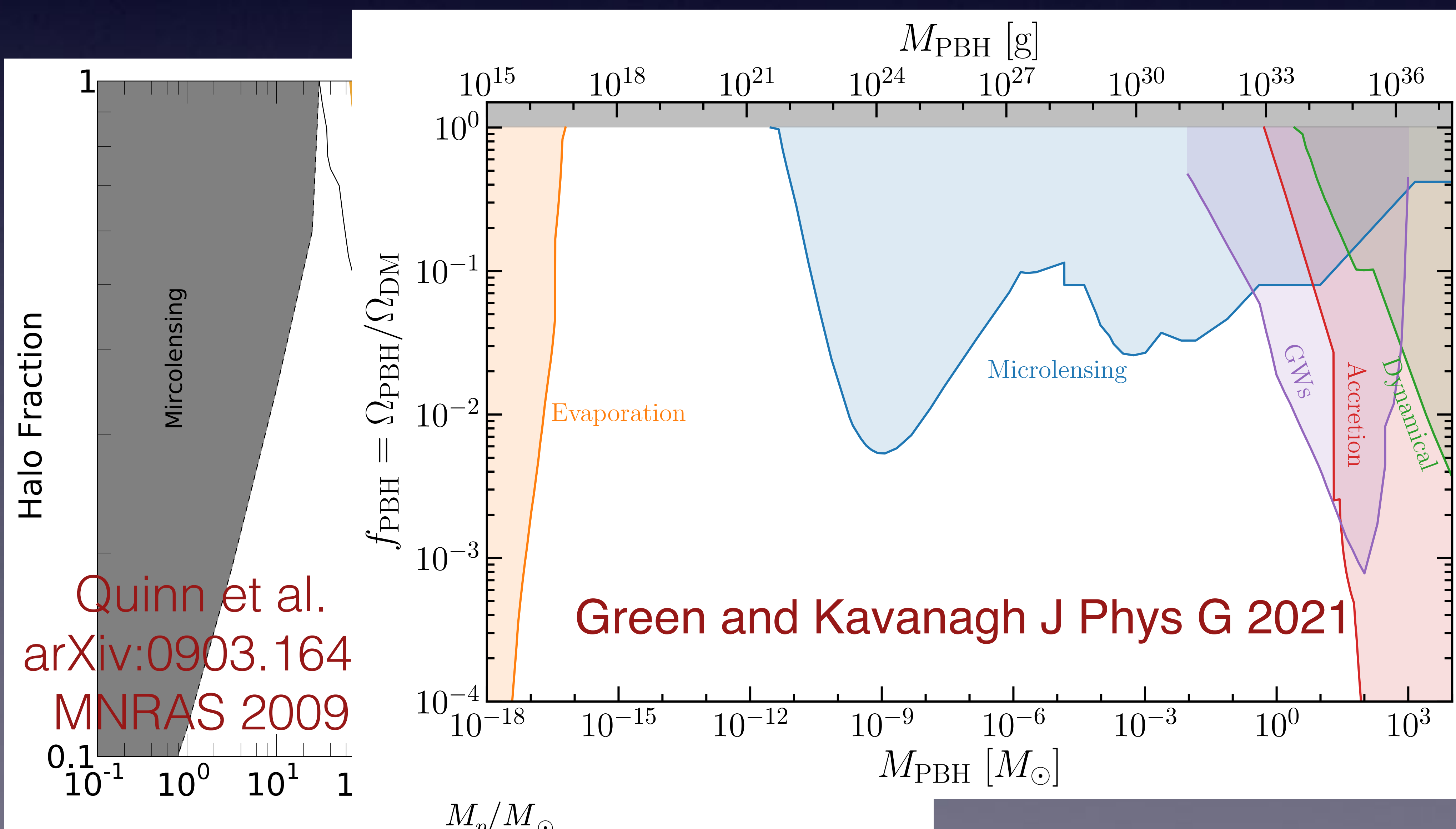

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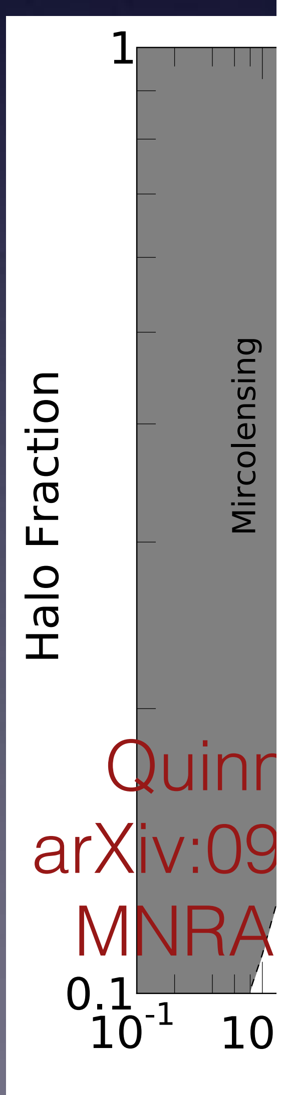
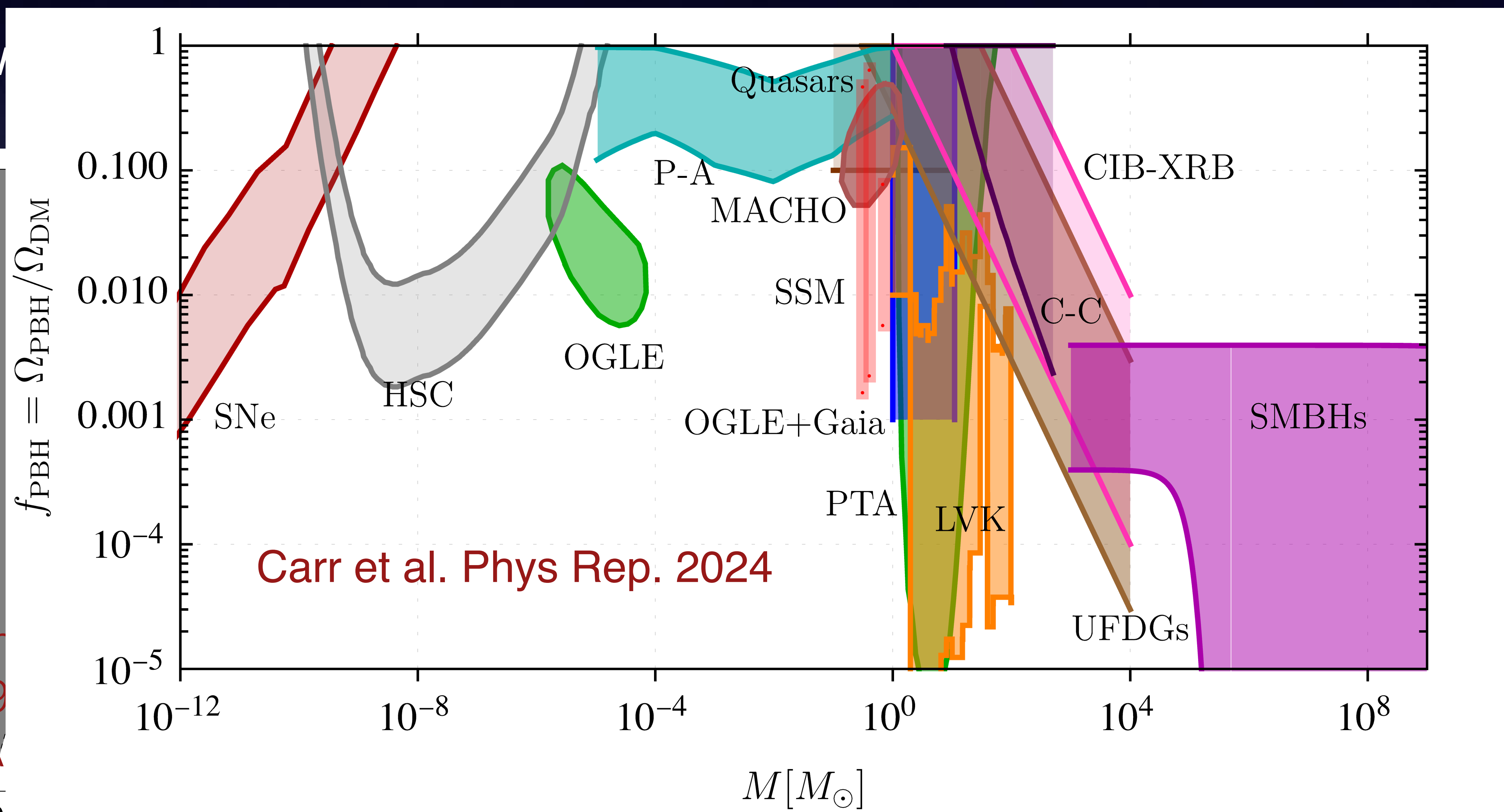
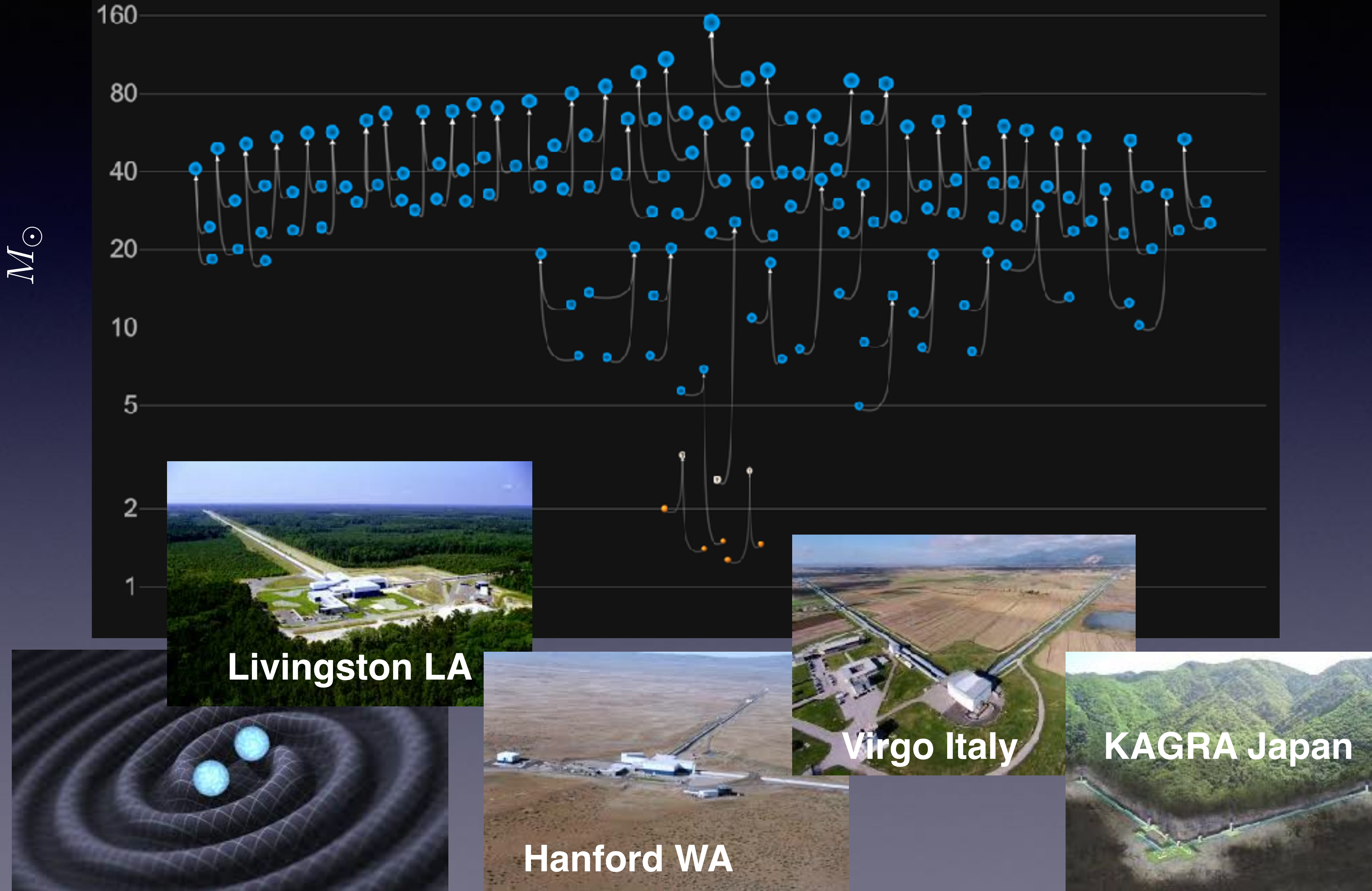


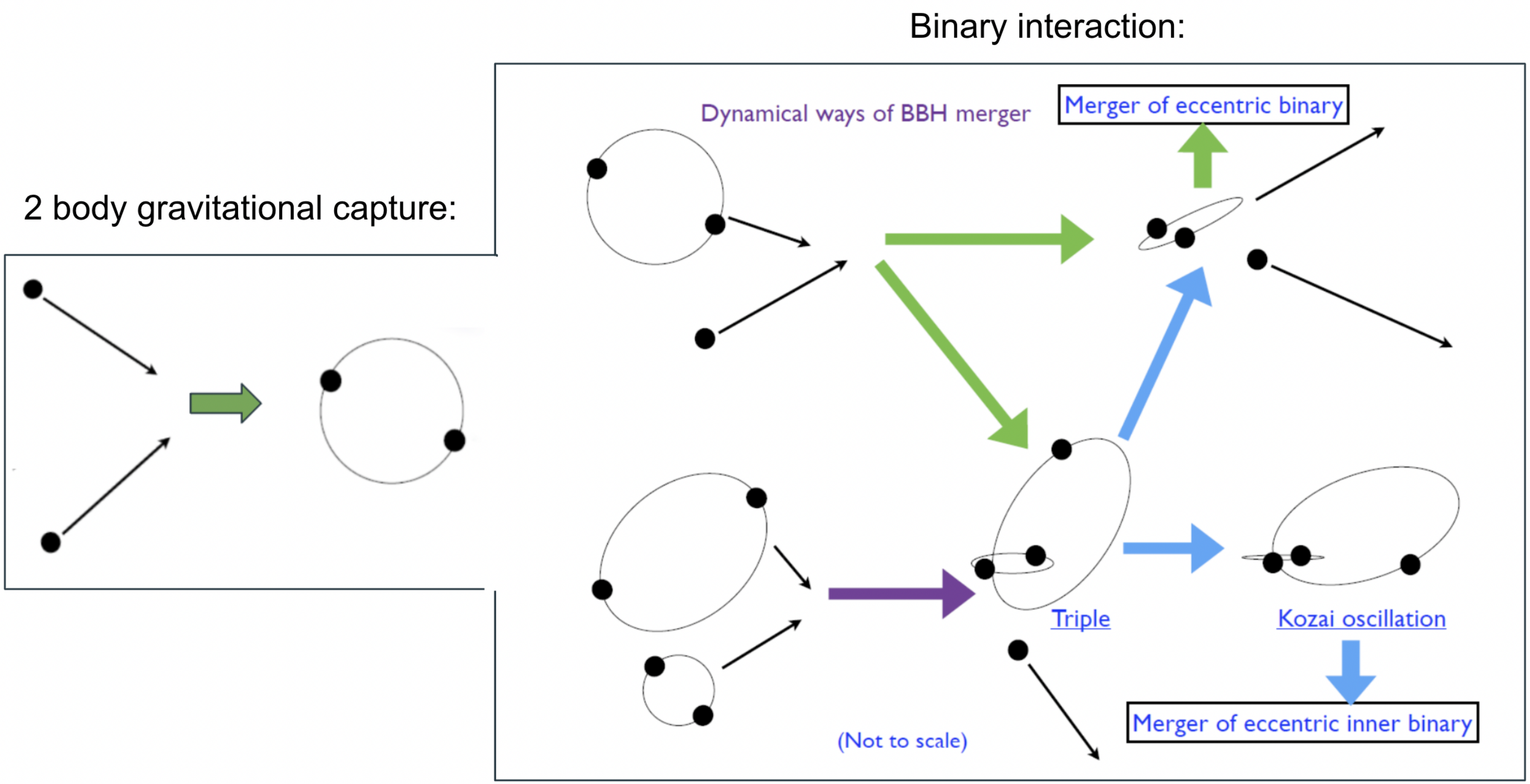


FOCUSING on the Stellar mass range

The LIGO-VIRGO-KAGRA list of GW Events' masses

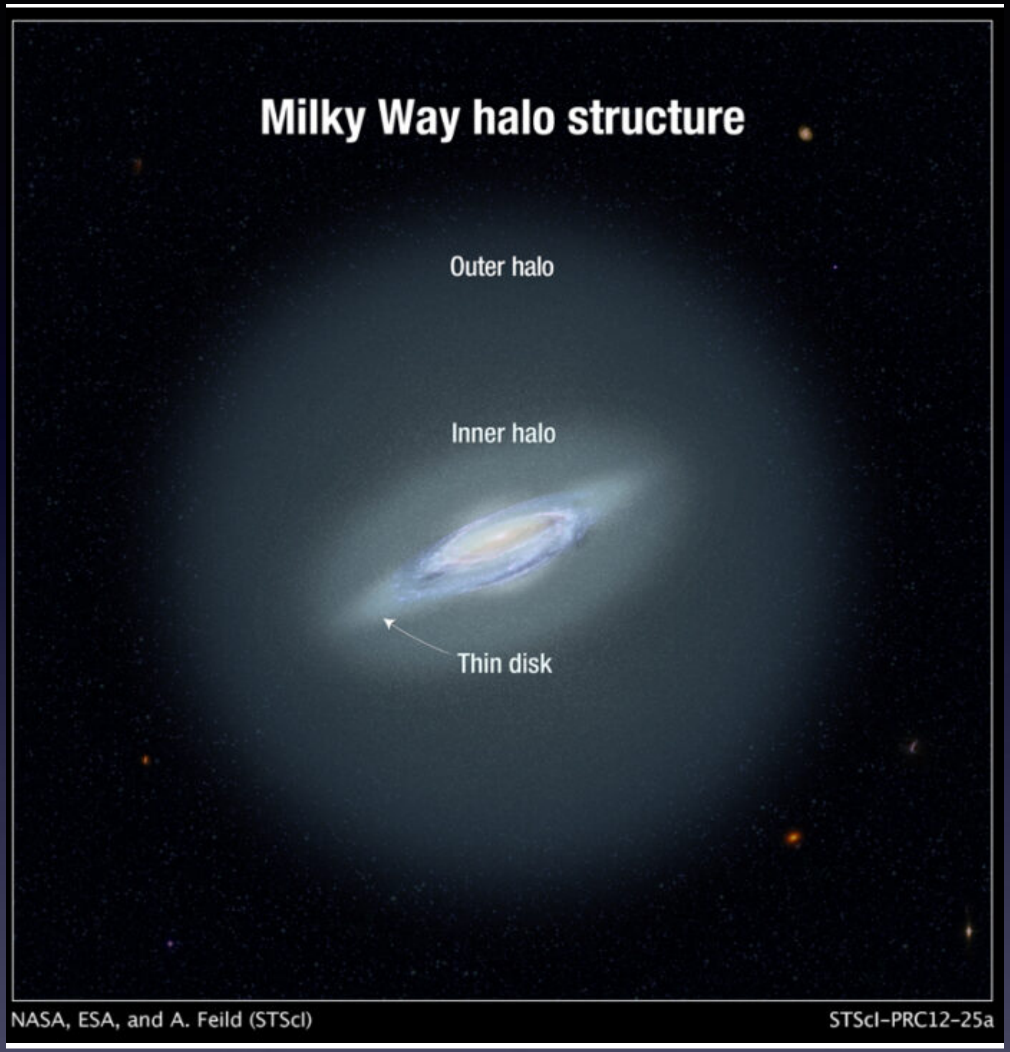


Possible paths for mergers of stellar-mass PBHs in dark matter halos



How fast do two BHs form a binary (from direct captures)?

$$\sigma = 2^{3/7}\,\pi\left(\frac{85\,\pi}{6\sqrt{2}}\right)^{2/7} R_s^2\left(\frac{v}{c}\right)^{-18/7}$$



In easy units:

$$\sigma = 1.37 \times 10^{-14}\, M_{30}^2\, v_{199}^{-18/7}\,\mathrm{pc}^2$$

Assuming an NFW profile for the PBHs:

$$\rho_{NFW}(r) = \frac{\rho_0}{(r/R_s)\cdot(1+r/R_s)^2}$$

One gets a Rate of PBHs mergers:

$$\mathcal{R} = 4\pi\int_0^{R_{\mathrm{vir}}} r^2\,\frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{\rho_{\mathrm{nfw}}(r)}{M_{\mathrm{pbh}}}\right)^2 \langle \sigma v_{\mathrm{pbh}}\rangle\, dr$$

Updates on PBH merger rates

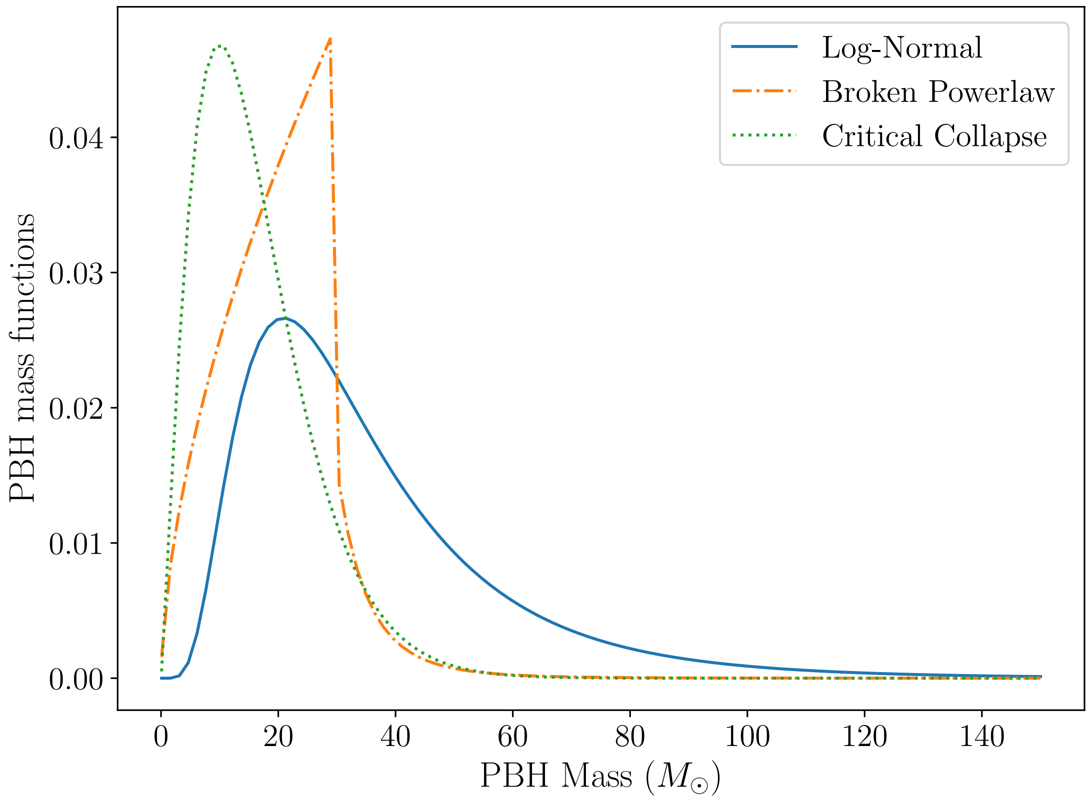


FIG. 6: Distributions of PBH mass: a) lognormal, broken power-law (BPL), and critical collapse (CC) mass function. b) log-normal distributions across various σ values

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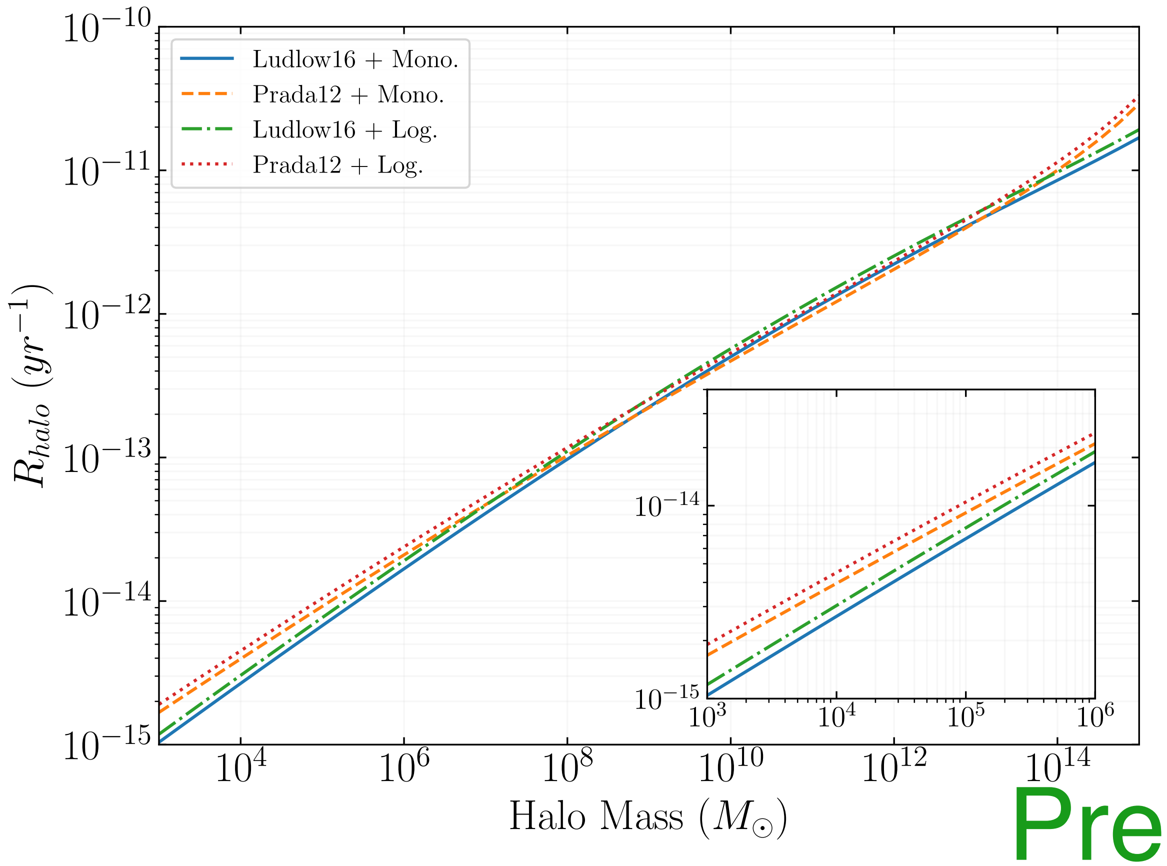

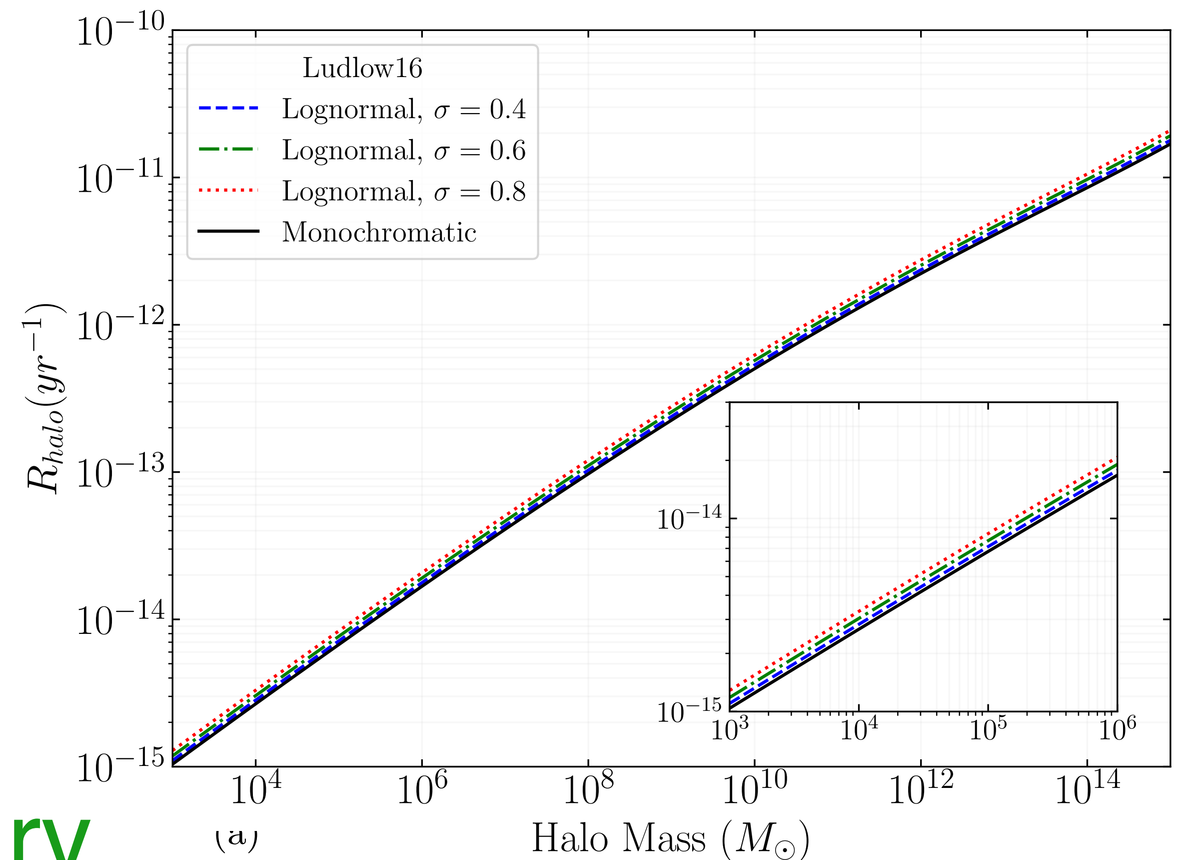

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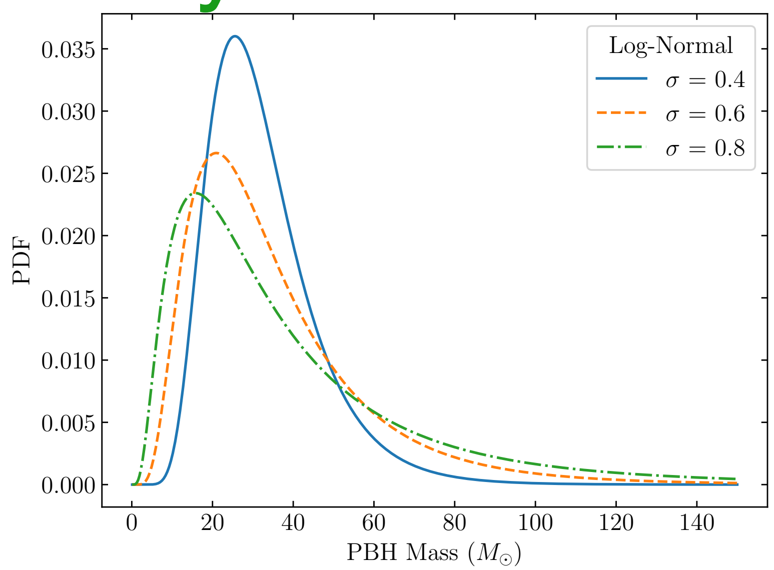

Taking a distribution of PBH-mass to peak around 30 $M_\odot$

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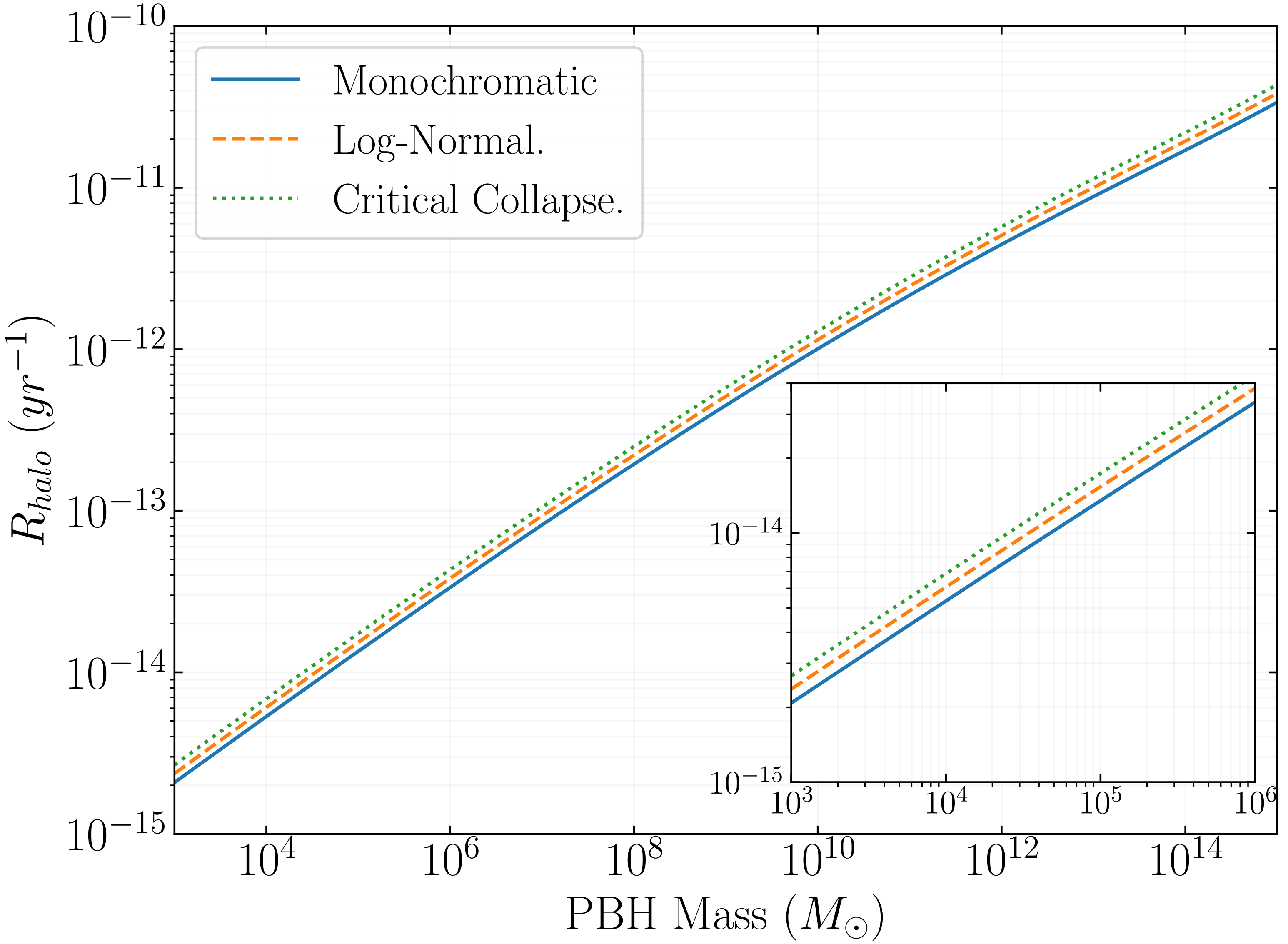

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Direct capture PBH merger rates vs redshift
Assuming all DM is in PBHs

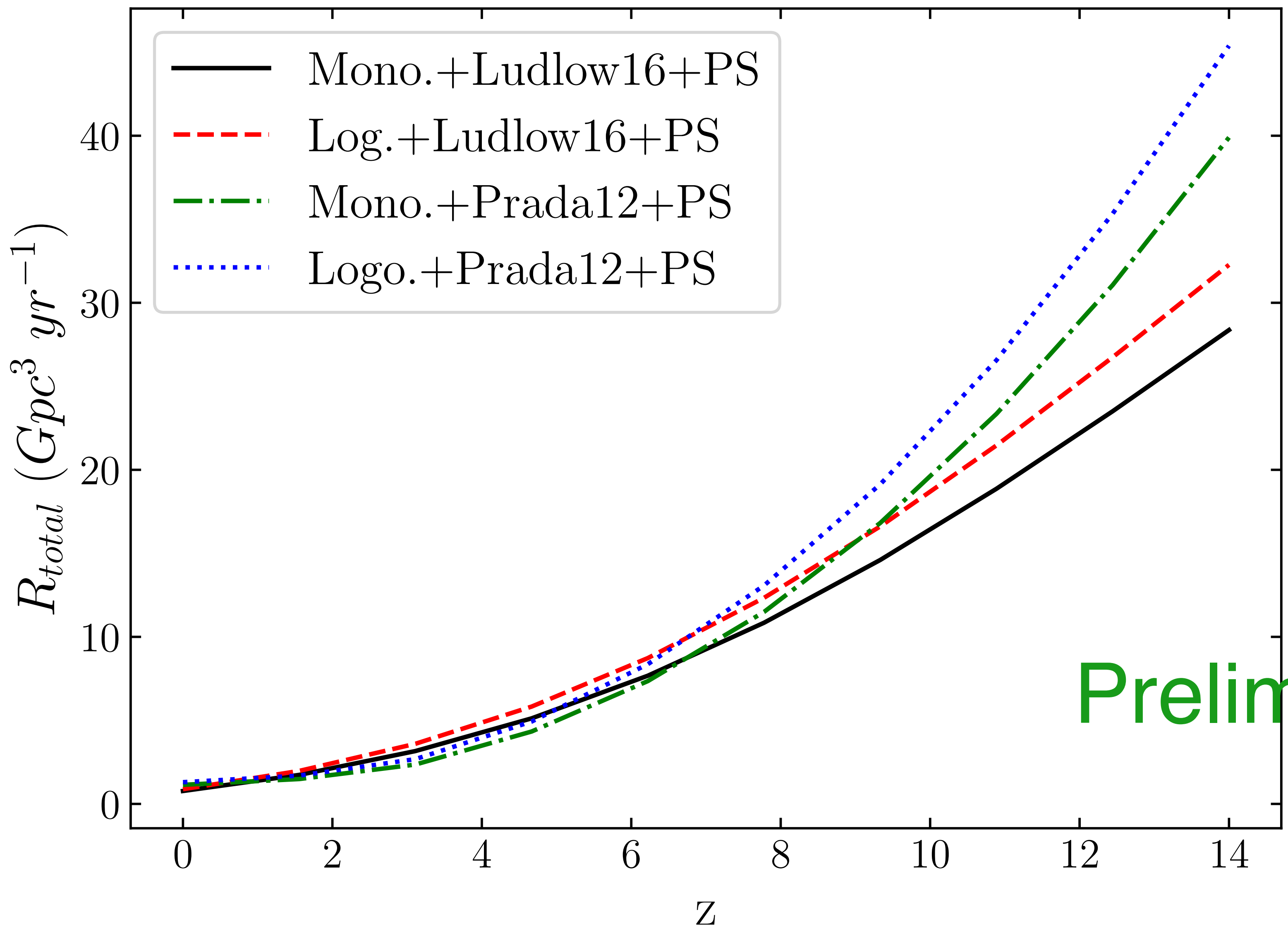

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FIG. 7: The total merger rate for Press-Shecter mass function

PBH merger rates from three-body interactions

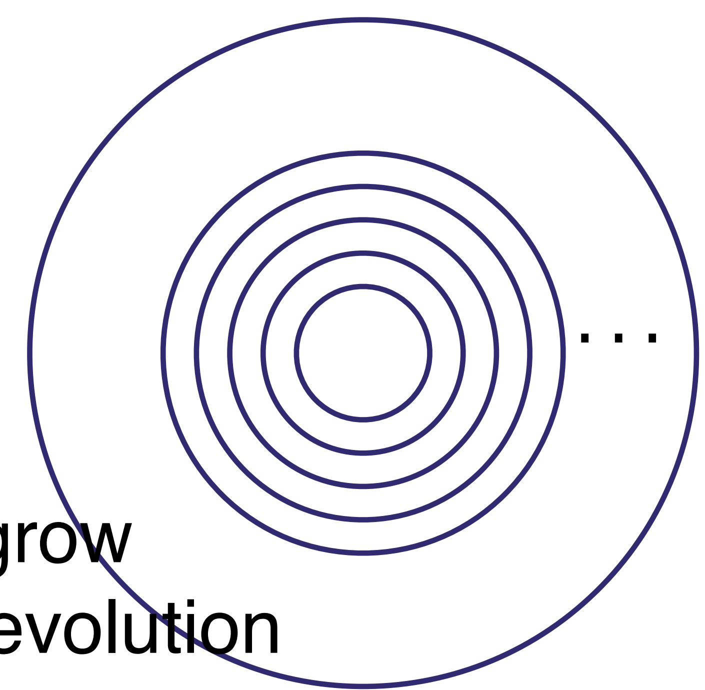
Within a DM halo some PBHs will be as single objects and others will be in binaries. We take a certain fraction of them in binaries. Of those binaries only those satisfying,

$$a_h = \frac{G m_1}{4 v_{dis}^2} \quad \text{with} \quad v_{dis.}(r) = \sqrt{\frac{2GM(r)}{r}}$$

will be hard binaries (surviving interactions with other PBHs)

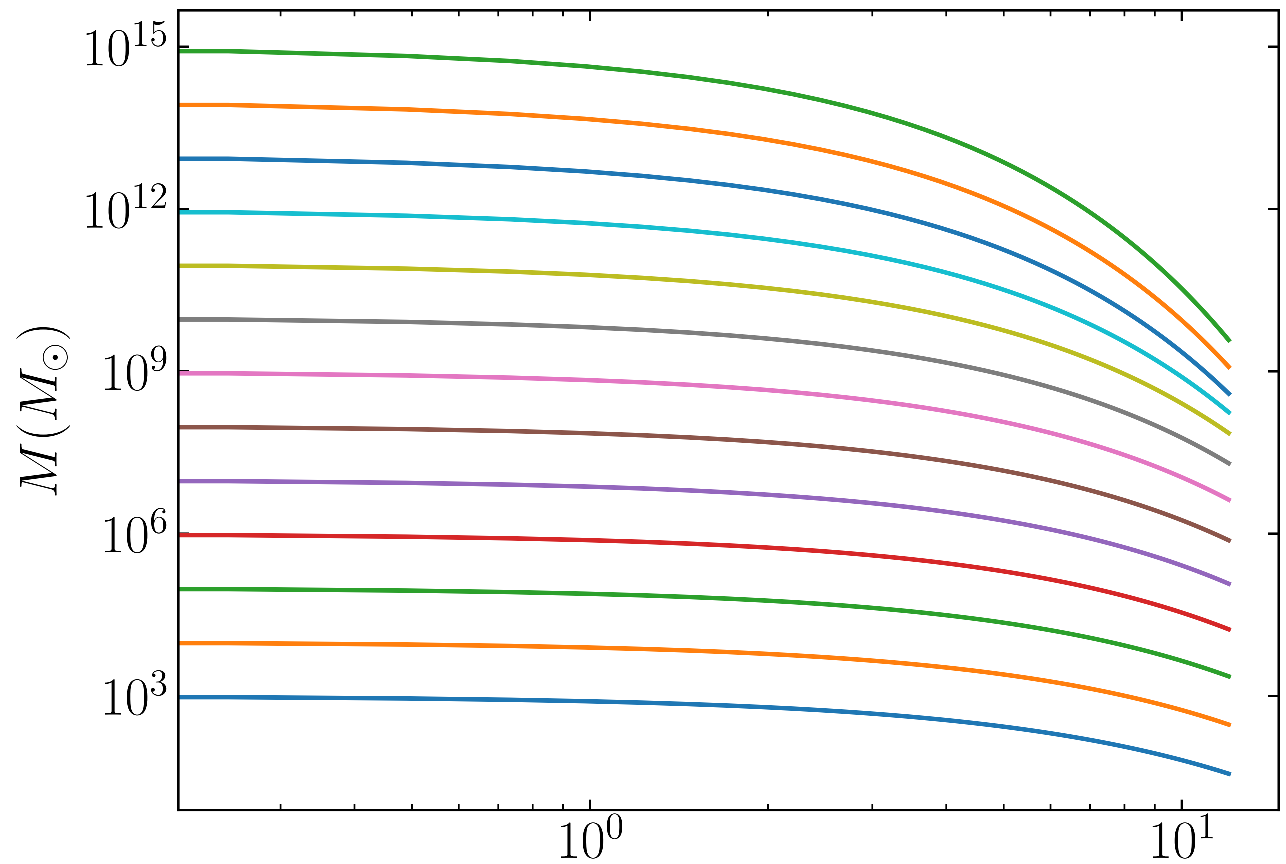
We subdivide the DM halos in 10 rings and evolve them since redshift of 12

This depends on the of the PBH-binaries location within the DM halo and the properties (mass and concentration) of the DM halo at a given redshift



The rings grow with the halo's evolution

Evolution of the total halo mass (we evolve each sub-shell)



We evolve the properties of the PBH hard-binaries:

$$\frac{da}{dt} = -\frac{G H \rho_{\text{environment}}}{\sigma_{\text{environment}}} a^2 - \frac{64}{5} \frac{G^3}{c^5 a^3} \times (m_1 + m_2) \cdot (m_1 \cdot m_2)\, F(e)$$

Peters GW emission terms

$$\frac{de}{dt} = \frac{G H K \rho_{environment}}{v_{dis.}} a - \frac{304}{15} \frac{G^3}{c^5 a^4} \times (m_1 + m_2)\, (m_1 \cdot m_2)\, D(e)$$

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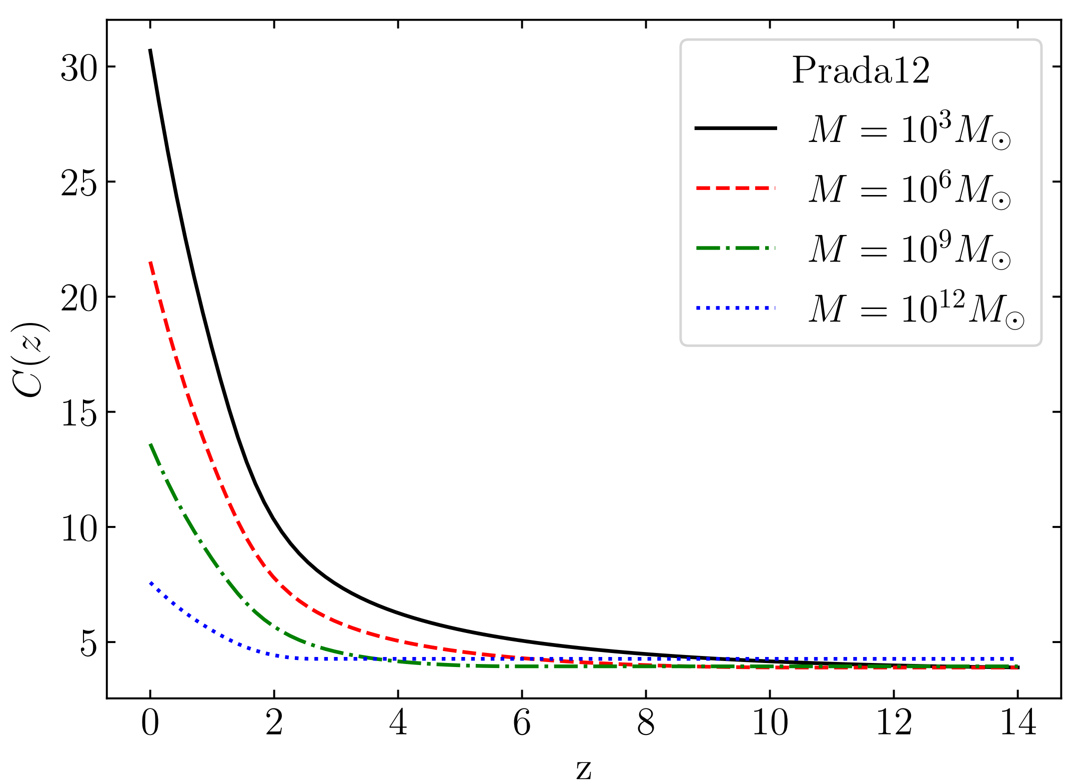
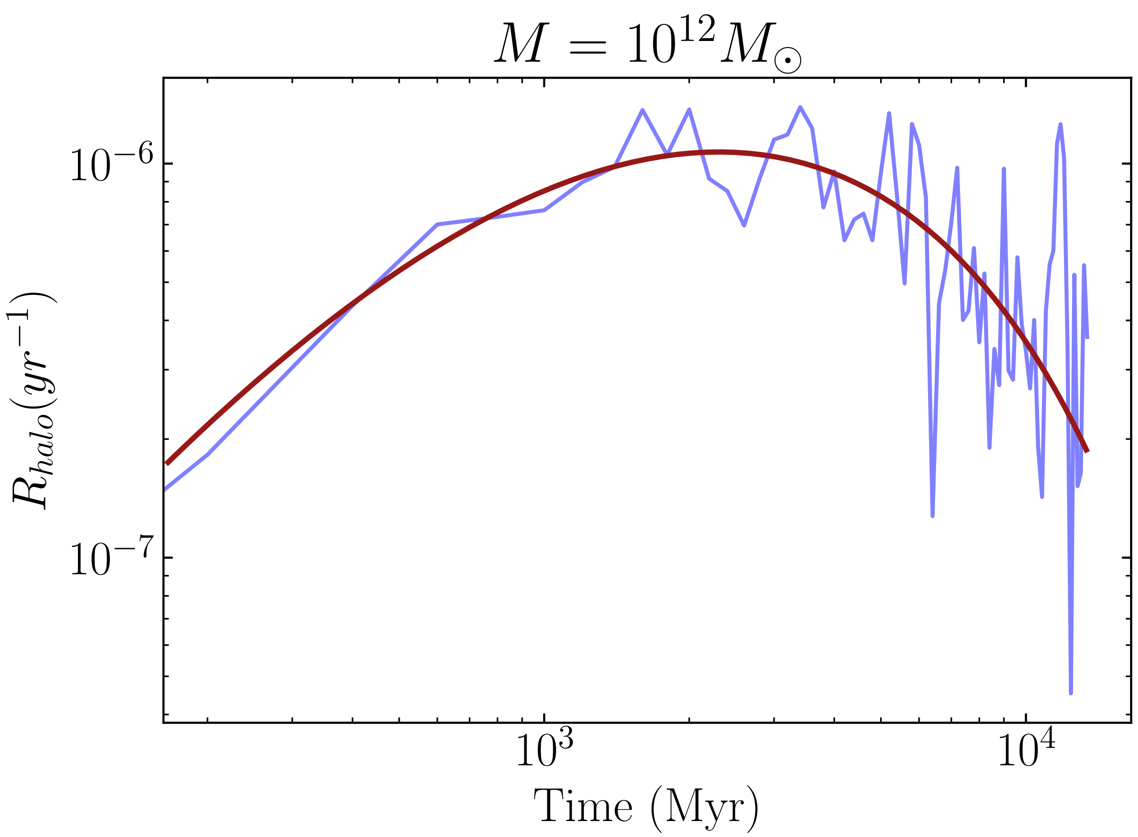
Interaction with PBH-binary environment

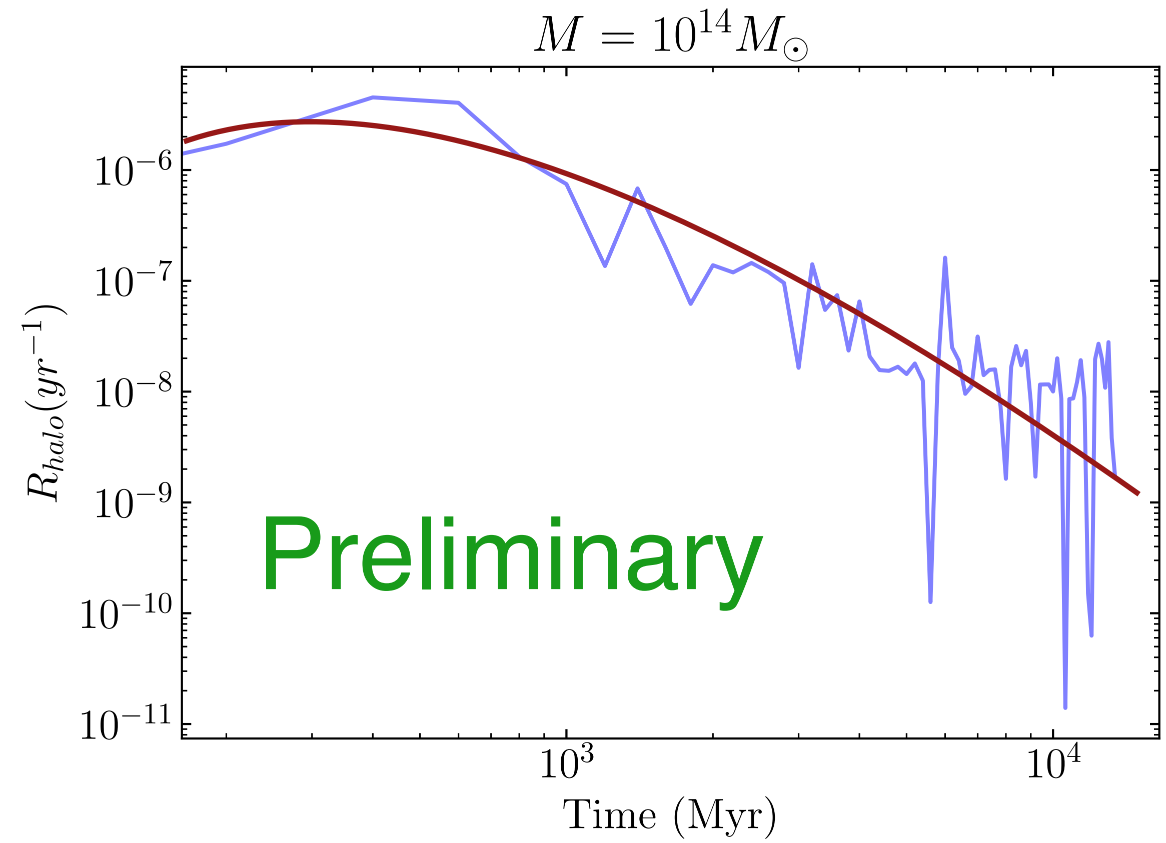


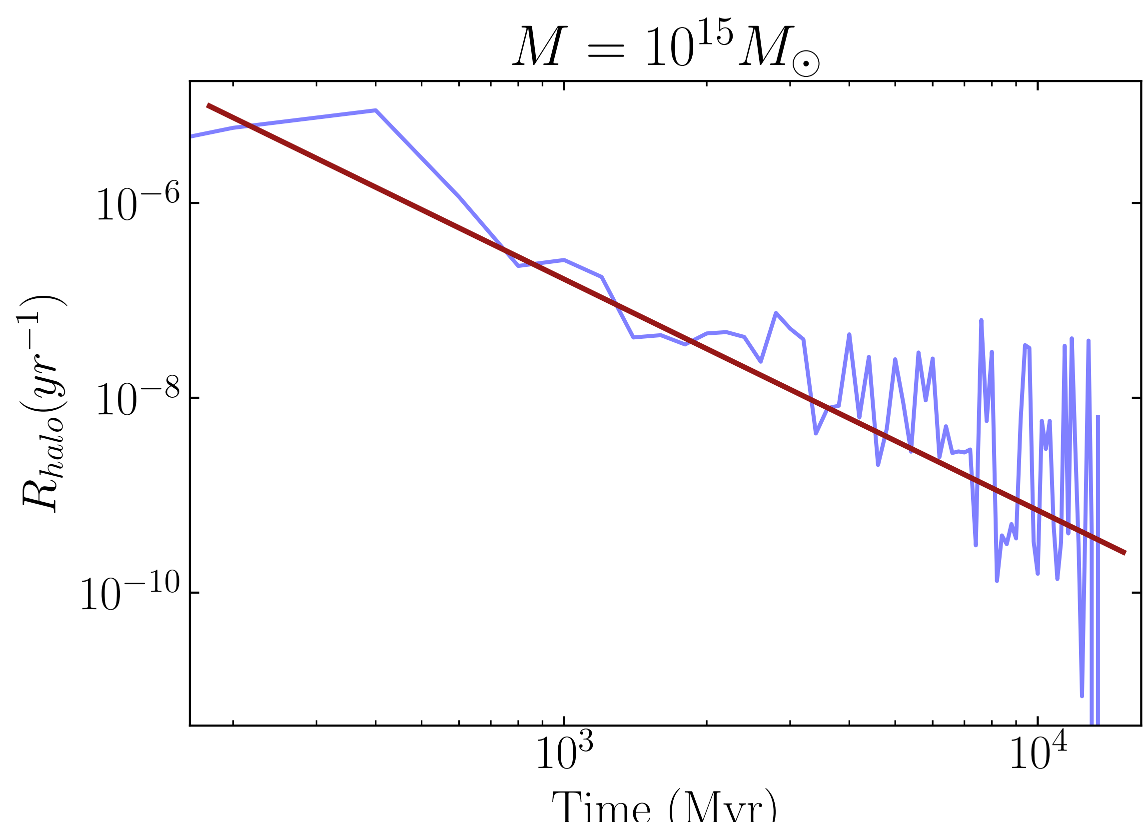
Environment (mass, concentration, density, velocity dispersion) evolve with time

PBH merger rates from three-body interactions vs time

Mass is halo mass at z=0







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Smaller PBH halos have a peak merger rate at later times…

We are in the process of including an updated three-body contribution

Connecting to the LIGO-VIRGO-KAGRA list of Binary Merger Events

The O1, O2, O3 (GWTC-3) list of LVK events

Name	$\mathrm{FAR}_{\min}$ (yr^{-1})	p_{astro}	$m_1/M_\odot$	$m_2/M_\odot$	$\mathcal{M}/M_\odot$	χ_{eff}	First appears in
GW150914	$< 1 \times 10^{-5}$	> 0.99	$35.6^{+4.7}_{-3.1}$	$30.6^{+3.0}_{-4.4}$	$28.6^{+1.7}_{-1.5}$	$-0.01^{+0.12}_{-0.13}$	[13]
GW151012	7.92×10^{-3}	> 0.99	$23.2^{+14.9}_{-5.5}$	$13.6^{+4.1}_{-4.8}$	$15.2^{+2.1}_{-1.2}$	$0.05^{+0.31}_{-0.20}$	[14]
GW151226	$< 1 \times 10^{-5}$	> 0.99	$13.7^{+8.8}_{-3.2}$	$7.7^{+2.2}_{-2.5}$	$8.9^{+0.3}_{-0.3}$	$0.18^{+0.20}_{-0.12}$	[15]
GW170104	$< 1 \times 10^{-5}$	> 0.99	$30.8^{+7.3}_{-5.6}$	$20.0^{+4.9}_{-4.6}$	$21.4^{+2.2}_{-1.8}$	$-0.04^{+0.17}_{-0.21}$	[16]
GW170608	$< 1 \times 10^{-5}$	> 0.99	$11.0^{+5.5}_{-1.7}$	$7.6^{+1.4}_{-2.2}$	$7.9^{+0.2}_{-0.2}$	$0.03^{+0.19}_{-0.07}$	[17]
GW170729	1.80×10^{-1}	0.98	$50.2^{+16.2}_{-10.2}$	$34.0^{+9.1}_{-10.1}$	$35.4^{+6.5}_{-4.8}$	$0.37^{+0.21}_{-0.25}$	[2]
GW170809	$< 1 \times 10^{-5}$	> 0.99	$35.0^{+8.3}_{-5.9}$	$23.8^{+5.1}_{-5.2}$	$24.9^{+2.1}_{-1.7}$	$0.08^{+0.17}_{-0.17}$	[2]
GW170814	$< 1 \times 10^{-5}$	> 0.99	$30.6^{+5.6}_{-3.0}$	$25.2^{+2.8}_{-4.0}$	$24.1^{+1.4}_{-1.1}$	$0.07^{+0.12}_{-0.12}$	[18]
GW170817	$< 1 \times 10^{-5}$	> 0.99	$1.46^{+0.12}_{-0.10}$	$1.27^{+0.09}_{-0.09}$	$1.186^{+0.001}_{-0.001}$	$0.00^{+0.02}_{-0.01}$	[19]
GW170818	$< 1 \times 10^{-5}$	> 0.99	$35.4^{+7.5}_{-4.7}$	$26.7^{+4.3}_{-5.2}$	$26.5^{+2.1}_{-1.7}$	$-0.09^{+0.18}_{-0.21}$	[2]
GW170823	$< 1 \times 10^{-5}$	> 0.99	$39.5^{+11.2}_{-6.7}$	$29.0^{+6.7}_{-7.8}$	$29.2^{+4.6}_{-3.6}$	$0.09^{+0.22}_{-0.26}$	[2]
GW190408_181802	$< 1 \times 10^{-5}$	> 0.99	$24.6^{+5.1}_{-3.4}$	$18.4^{+3.3}_{-3.6}$	$18.3^{+1.9}_{-1.2}$	$-0.03^{+0.14}_{-0.19}$	[4]
GW190412_053044	$< 1 \times 10^{-5}$	> 0.99	$30.1^{+4.7}_{-5.1}$	$8.3^{+1.6}_{-0.9}$	$13.3^{+0.4}_{-0.3}$	$0.25^{+0.08}_{-0.11}$	[20]

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We use binary black hole mergers with a false alarm rate (FAR) $< 1\ \mathrm{yr}^{-1}$

Take M_1 and M_2 values

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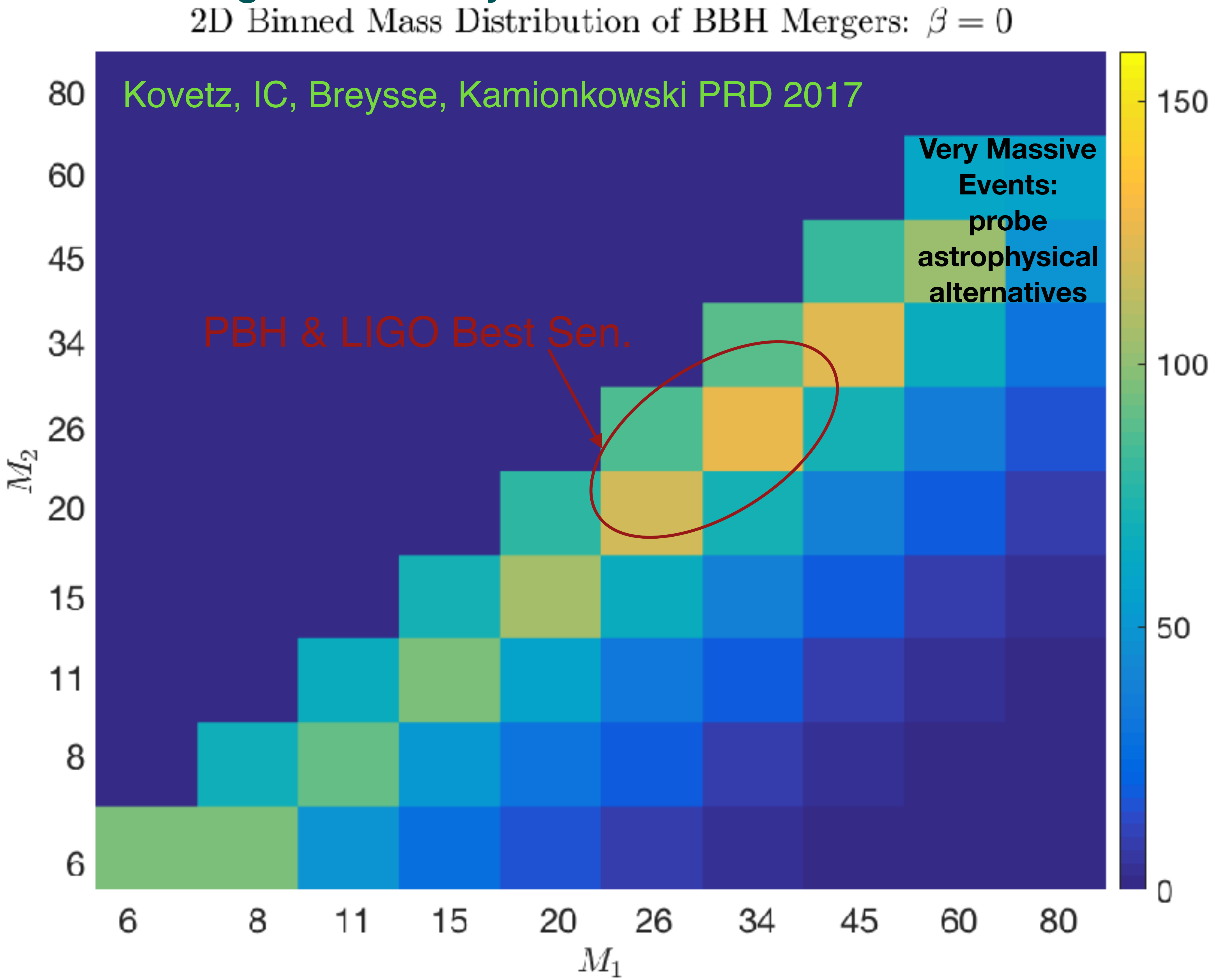
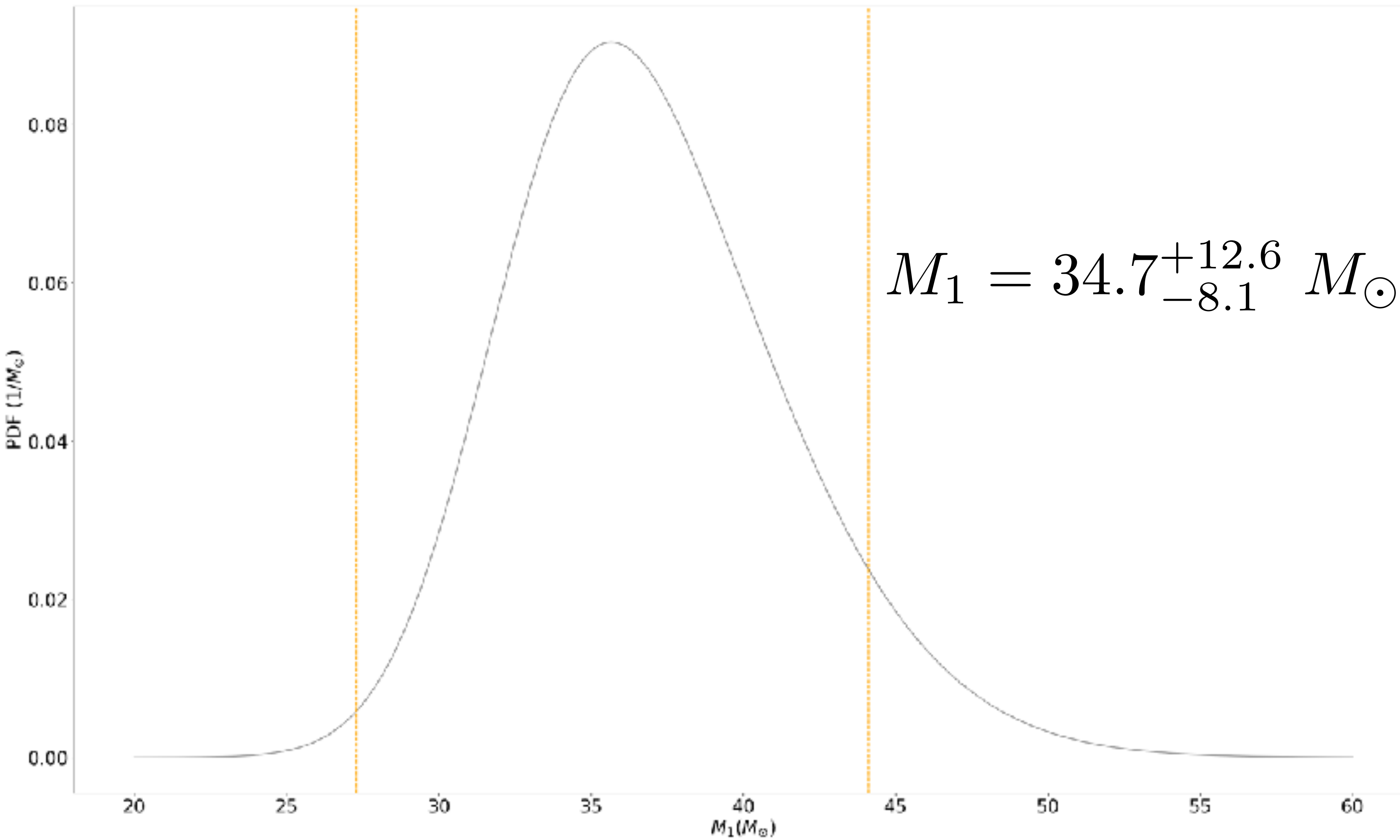
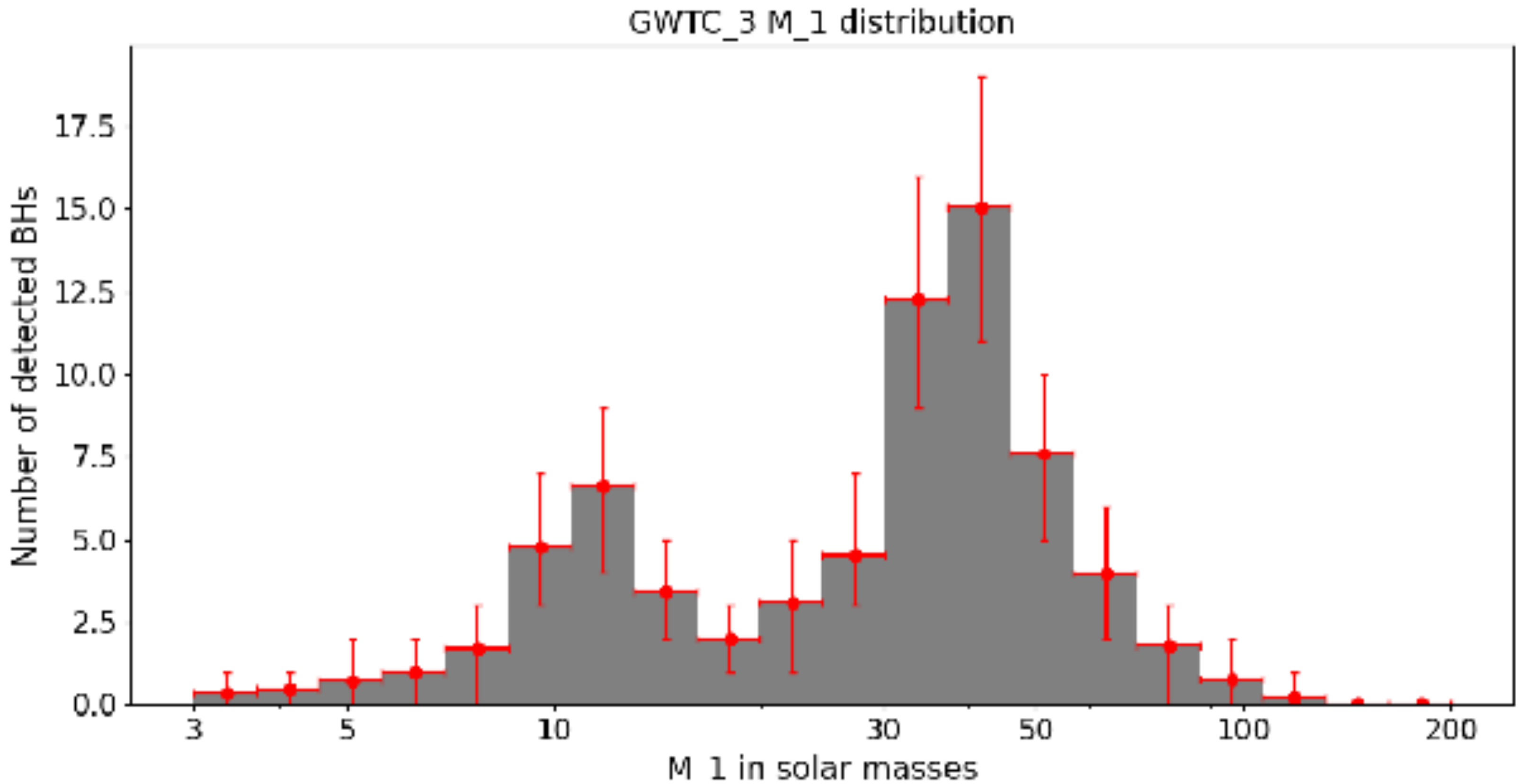
With aLIGO design sensitivity



Using a skew-normal distribution for each BBH merger event,



And then summing up the M_1 and M_2 distributions



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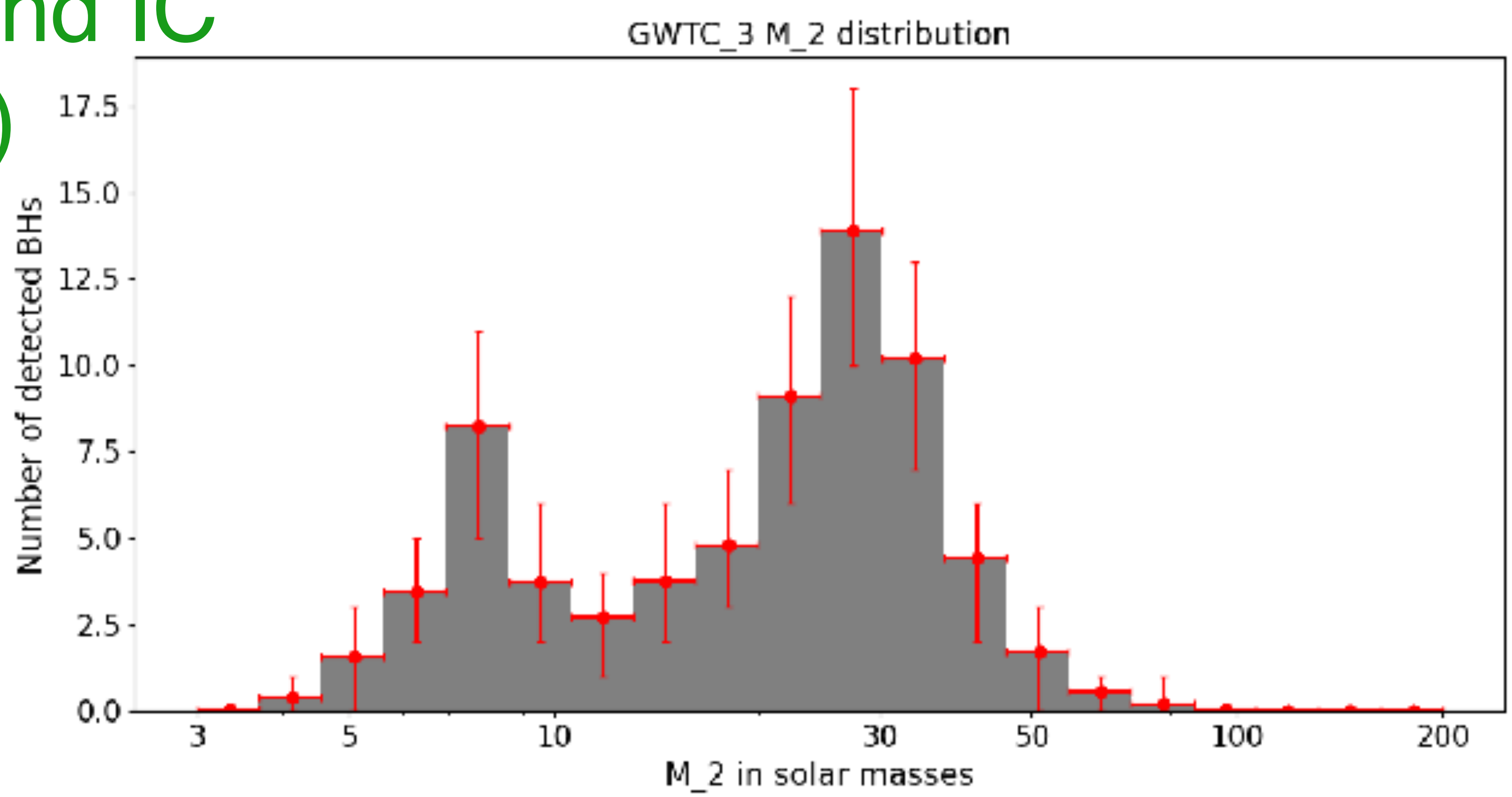

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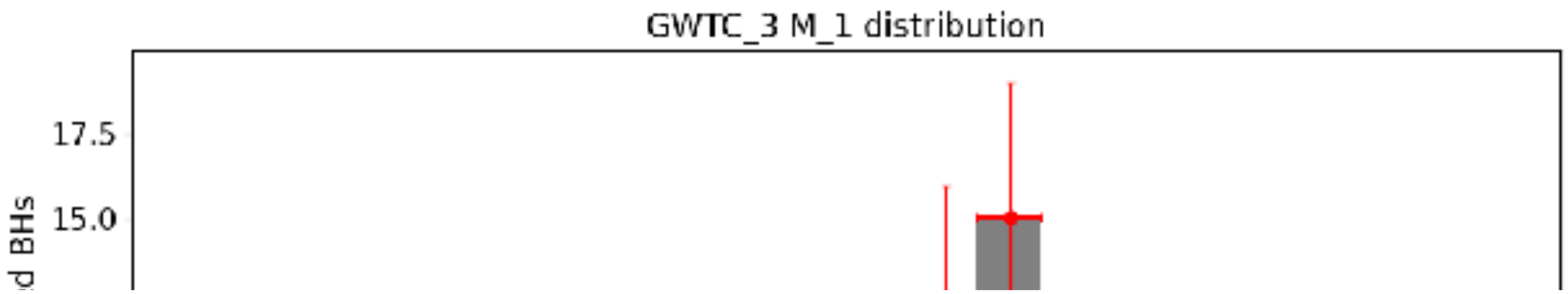
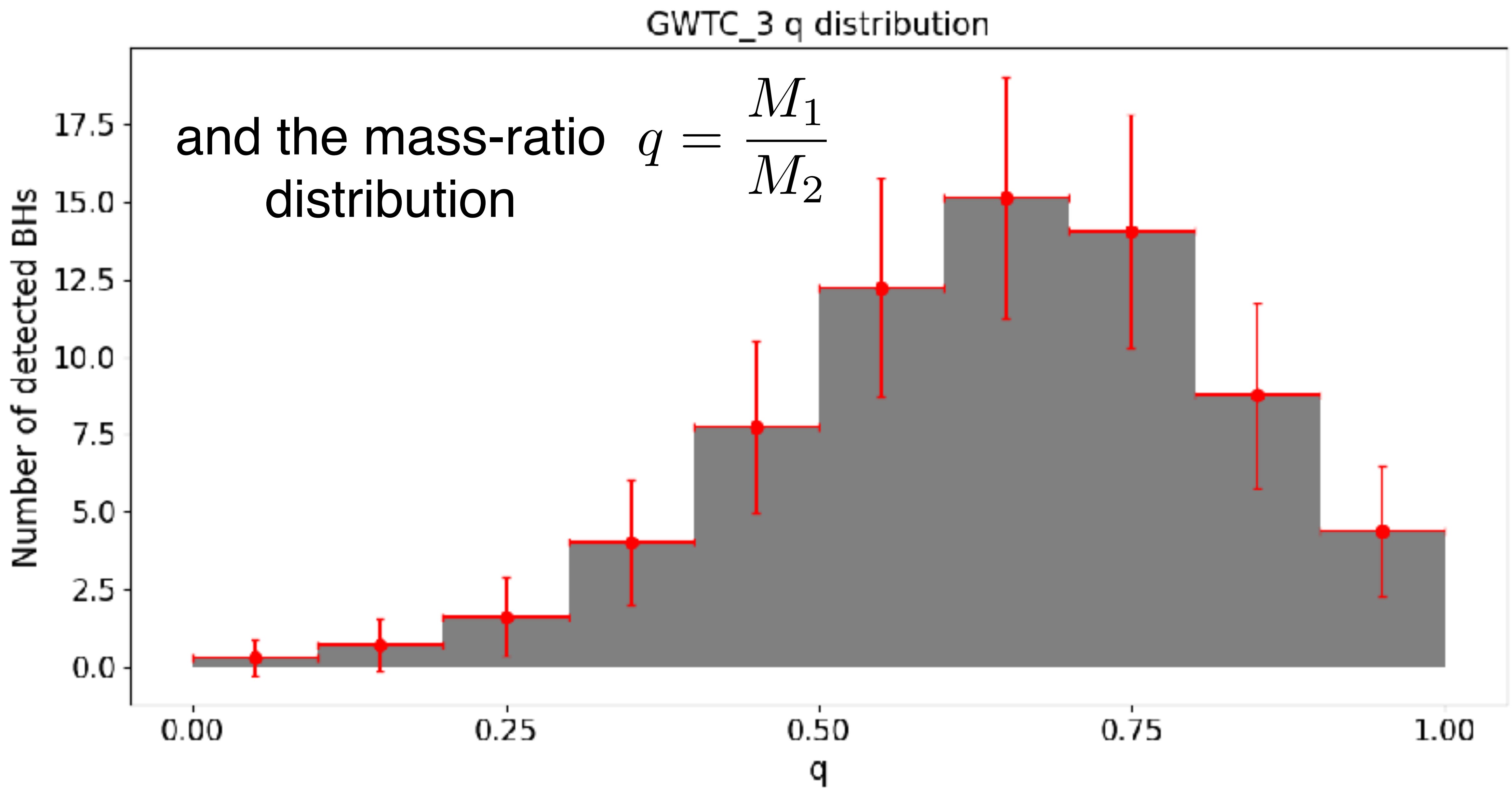
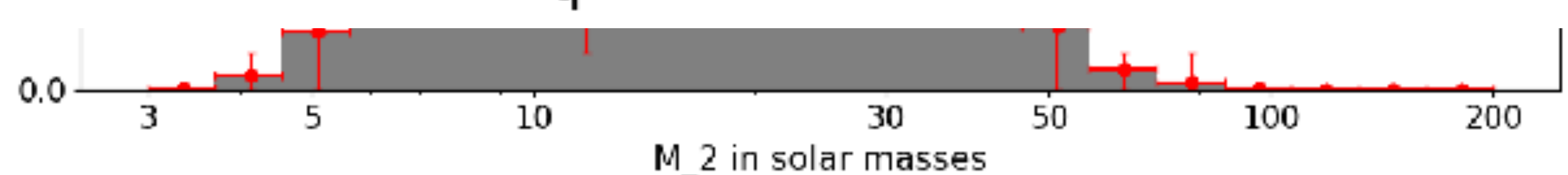




and the mass-ratio $q = \frac{M_1}{M_2}$ distribution



We then simulate BBH populations.

I) A regular population of stellar-origin BBHs with:

$$\frac{dN}{dM_1} \propto H[M_1 - M_{min}]\, M_1^{-\alpha}$$

or

$$\frac{dN}{dM_1} \propto H[M_1 - M_{min}]\, M_1^{-\alpha}\, exp\{-\frac{M_1}{M_{cut}}\}$$

with

$$\frac{dN}{dq} \propto q^{\beta}$$

and

$$\frac{dN}{d(z+1)} \propto (1+z)^{\kappa}$$

II) A Binary PBH population

And calculate the Signal to Noise ratio for the LVK sensitivities

And then fit to the LVK data

An example of $\alpha = 2.52, \beta = 0.2, \kappa = 2.9$

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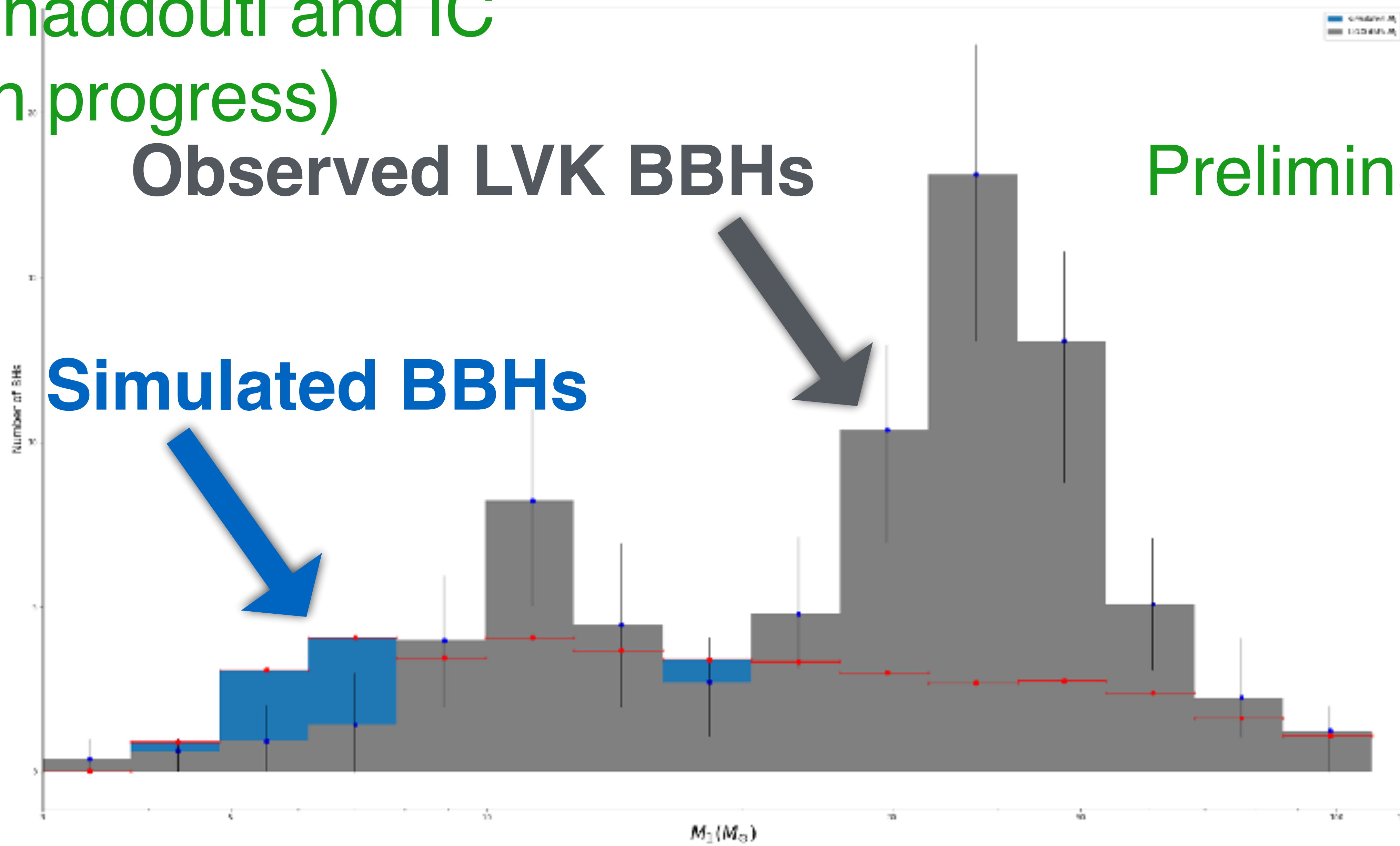

We find that the second peak at ~40 solar masses forces us to assume somewhat strange assumptions on the stellar-origin BBH population. However, LVK O4 runs will truly determine if indeed this is significant enough. In the process of deriving PBH limits.

Conclusions

- The rate of stellar-mass PBHs mergers from direct captures depends only within a factor of 3 on the exact mass-distribution (for the LIGO-Virgo-KAGRA range)
- We have included three-body PBH-binary to PBH interactions by evolving the DM halos properties. Most of the three-body interactions happen early on in the history of the DM halos.
- At early times the three-body interactions are important to include
- We are in the process of updating PBH limits form the LIGO-Virgo-KAGRA observations

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