

THE MASSIVE BINARY BLACK HOLE POPULATION ACROSS COSMIC TIME SEEN UNDER A SEMI-ANALYTICAL PERSPECTIVE

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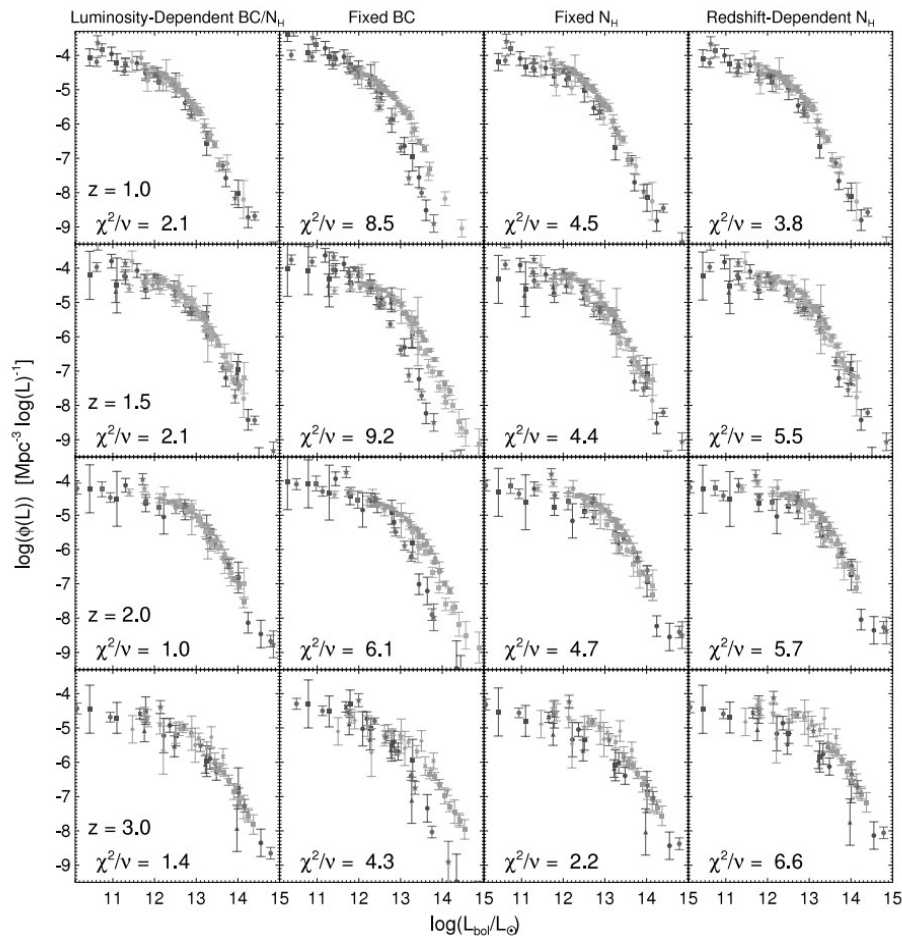
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OUTLINE

- * Introduction : Massive black holes and massive binary black holes
- * The model used to study the massive (binary) black holes in a cosmological context
- * Results
- * Conclusions

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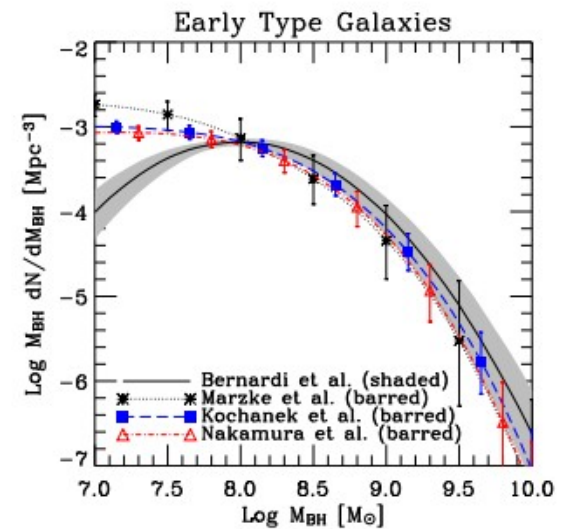
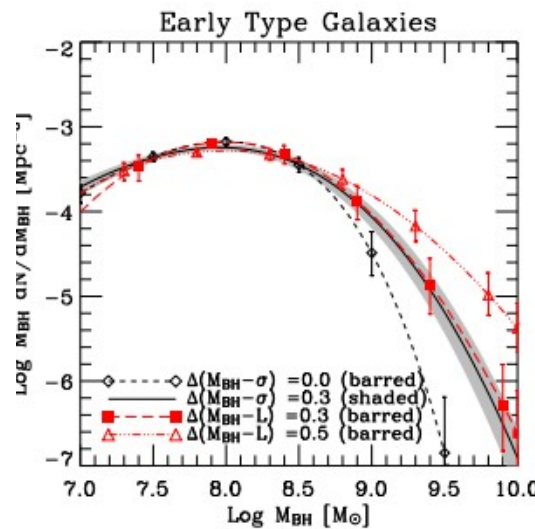
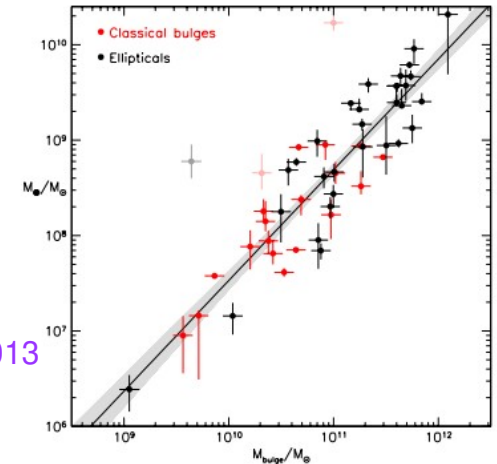
- * Our relationship with massive black holes started in 1963 when Schmidt M. found the first quasar
- * More and more people studied the population of quasars: Luminosity functions, scaling relations ...



Hopkins et al. 2009

Kormendy & Ho et al. 2013

Marconi et al. 2004



- * We reached the CONCLUSION that

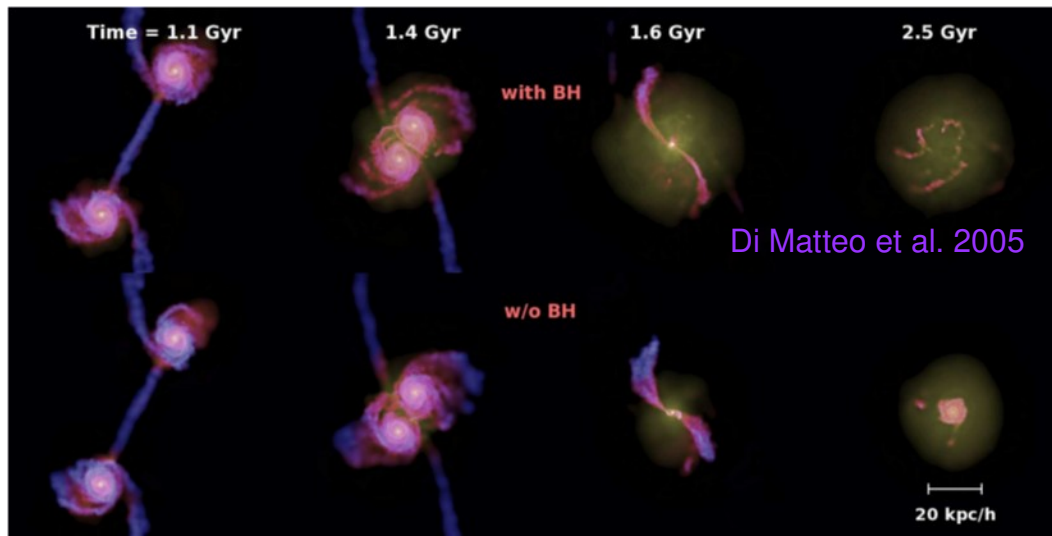
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* MASSIVE BLACK HOLES ($>10^6 M_{\text{sun}}$) ARE UBIQUITOUS IN ALL GALAXIES

HIERARCHICAL GROWTH OF THE STRUCTURES:

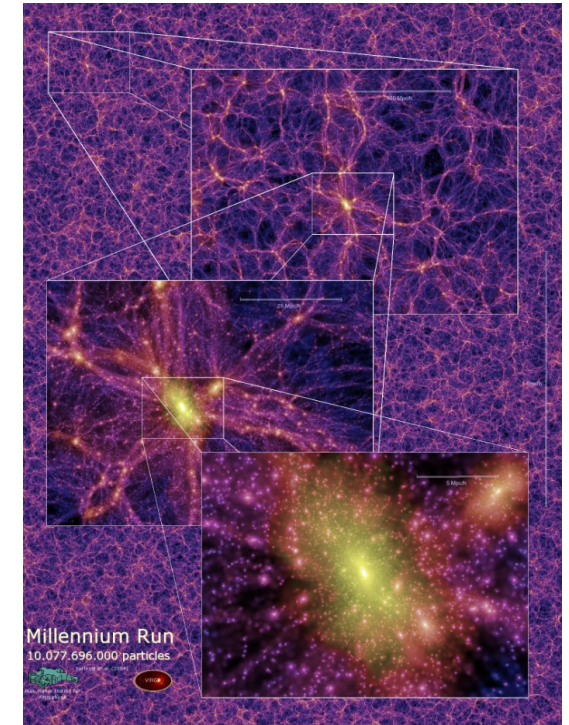
Mergers are one of the main drivers of galaxy evolution



GALAXIES MIGHT HOST **MORE** THAN ONE MASSIVE BLACK HOLE

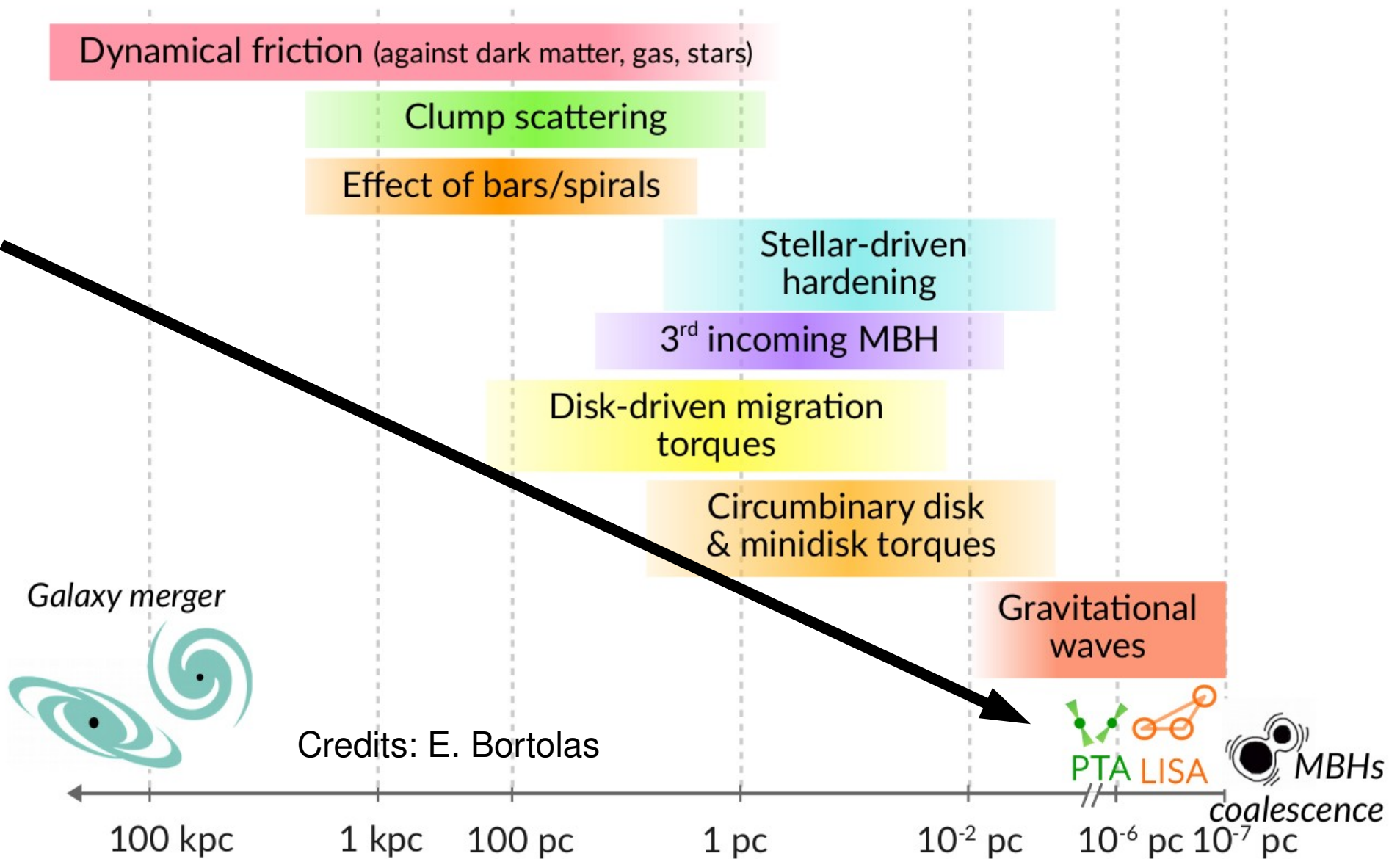
BLACK HOLES ARE DEPOSITED FAR AWAY ($> \text{kpc}$)

IS POSSIBLE BRING THE TWO BLACK HOLES TOGETHER ($\sim \text{pc}$) ?



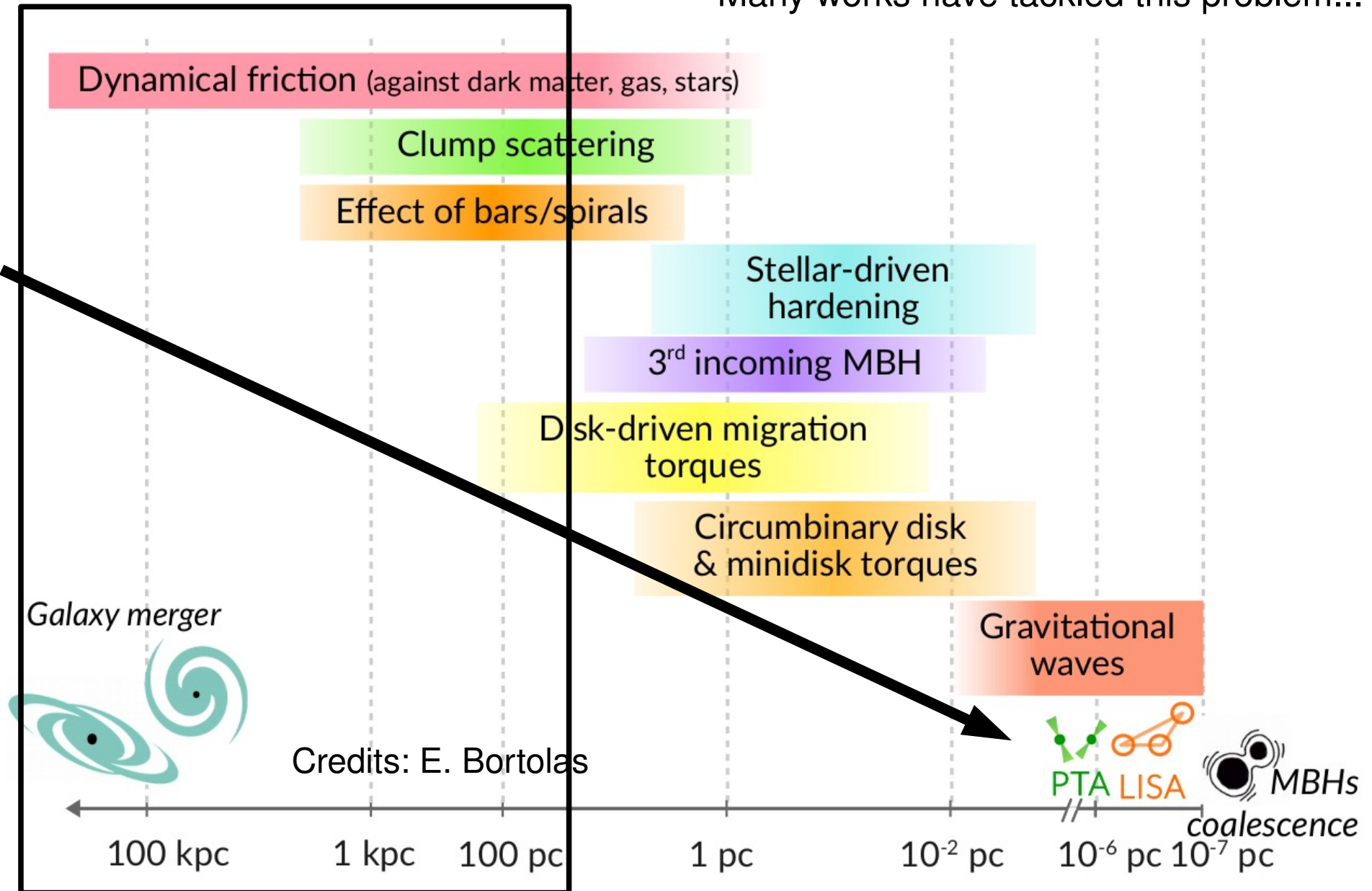
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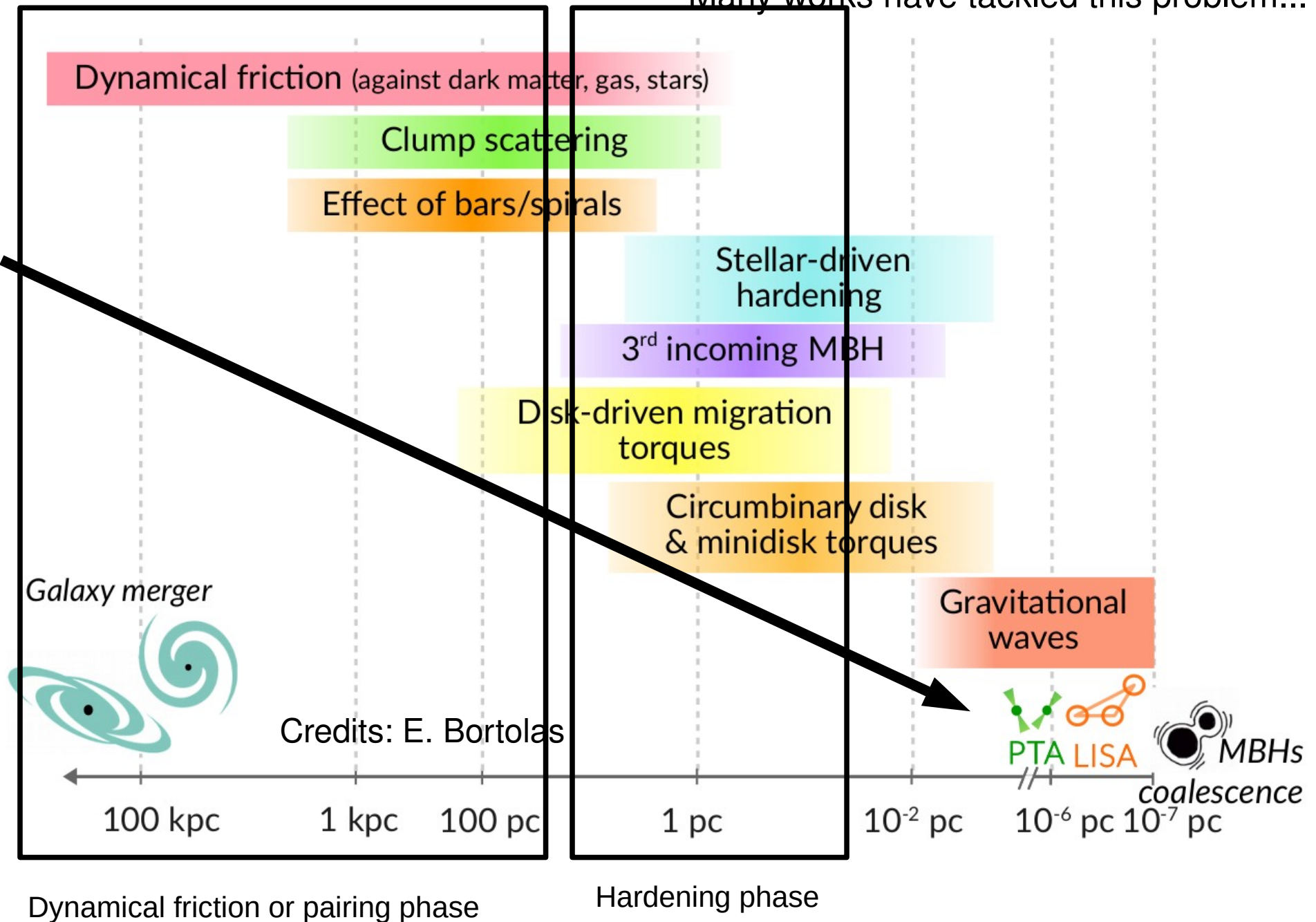
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Dynamical friction or pairing phase

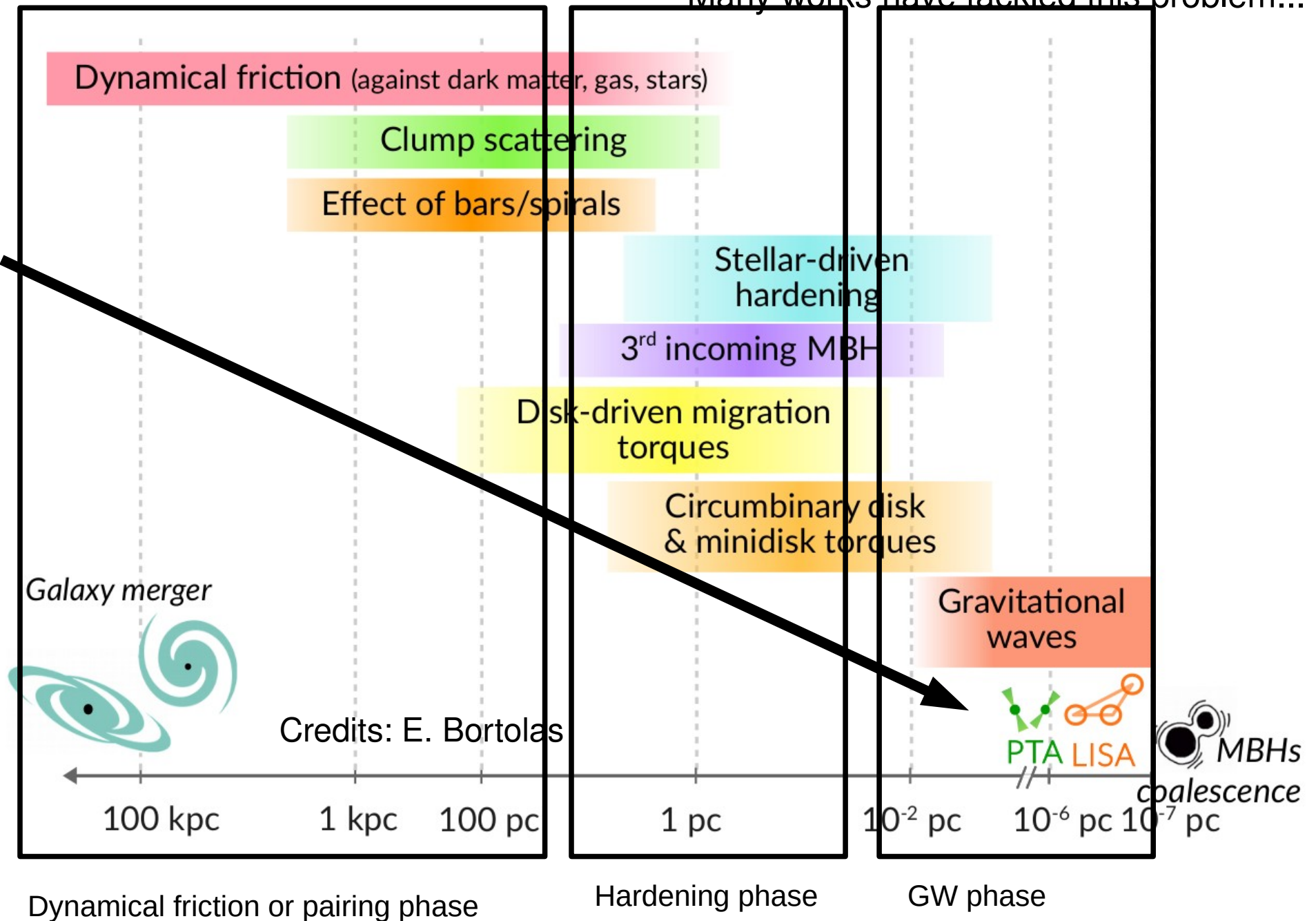
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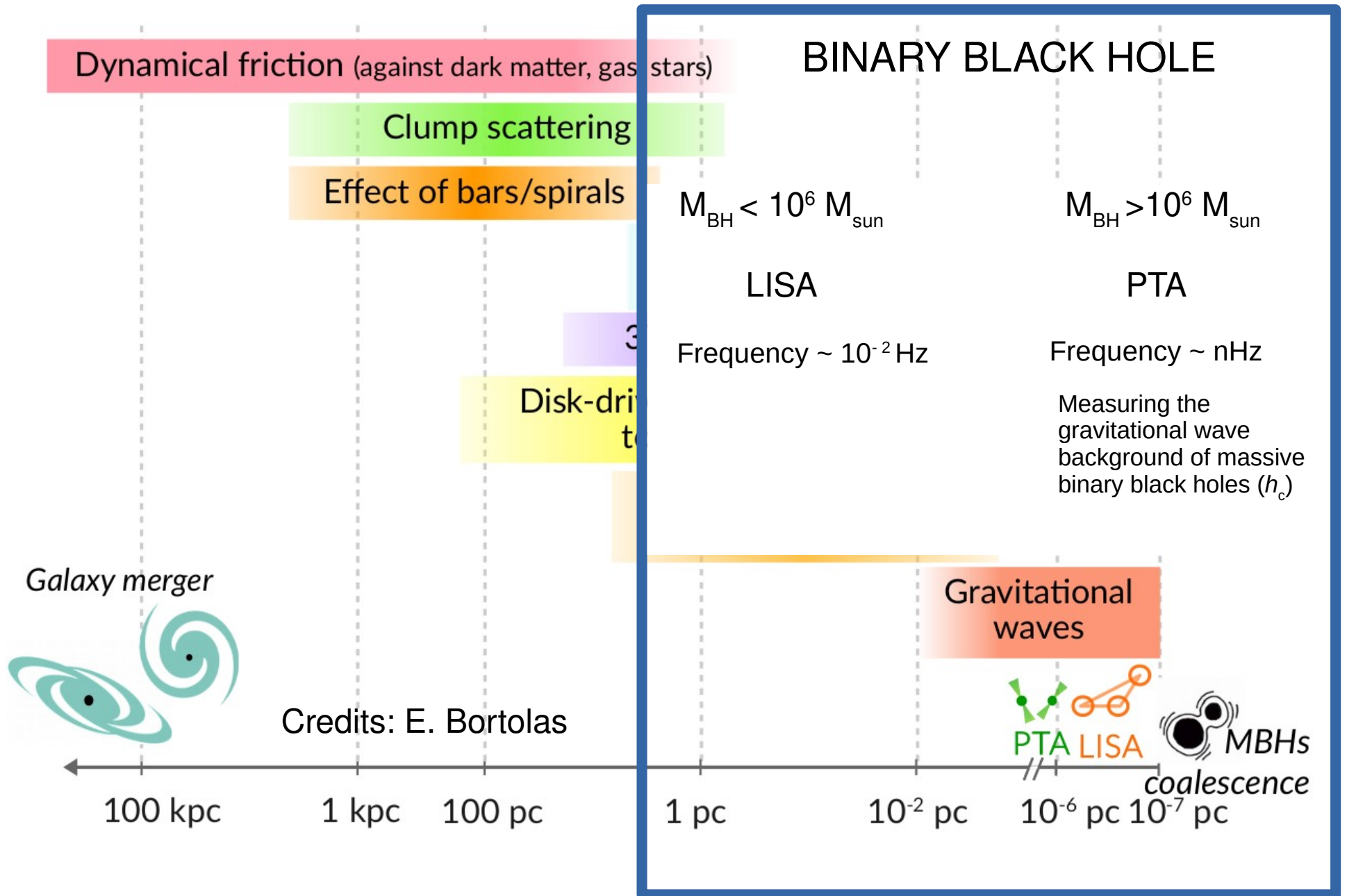


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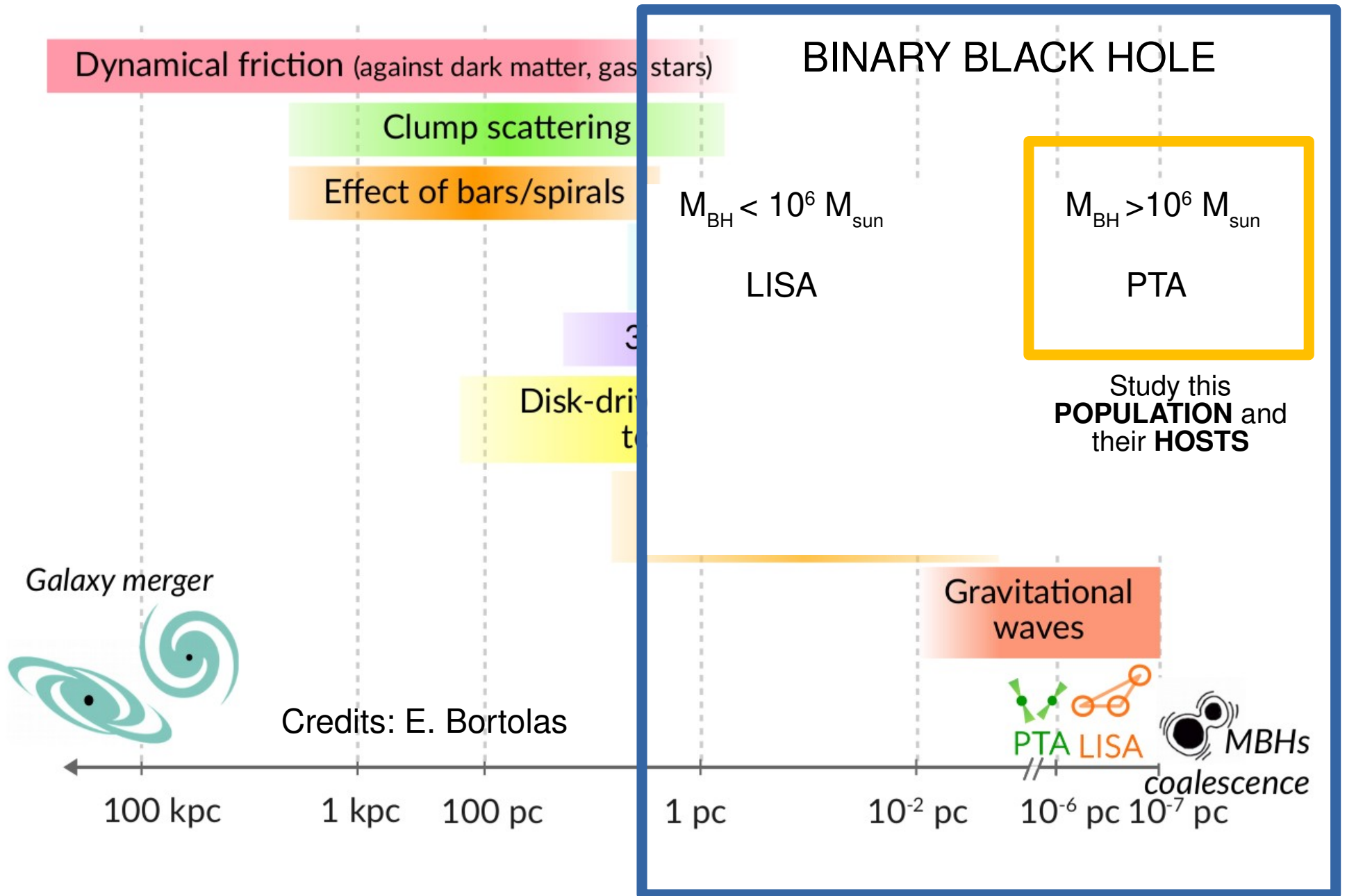
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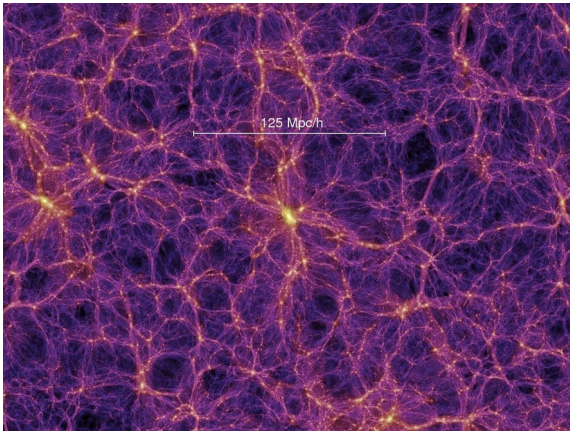
RELIABLE BLACK HOLE POPULATION

MODEL FOR THE BINARY POPULATION

1) MILLENNIUM SIMULATION [Springel et al. 2005](#)

$$L_{\text{box}} = 500 \text{ Mpc} / h$$

$$M_{\text{halo}} \sim 1.7 \times 10^{10} M_{\text{sun}}$$



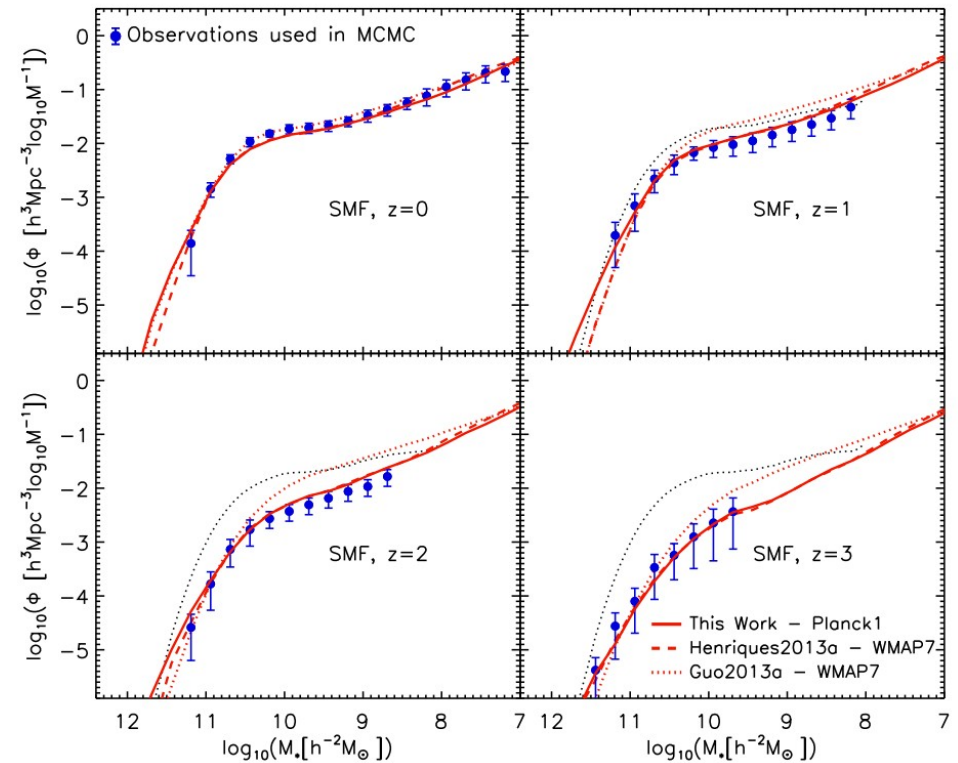
Proof of concept

2) SEMI-ANALYTICAL MODEL

[L-Galaxies](#), [Munich Galaxy Formation Model](#)

[Guo et al. 2011](#), [Henriques et al. 2015](#)

Evolution of the STELLAR MASS FUNCTION



[Henriques et al. 2015](#)

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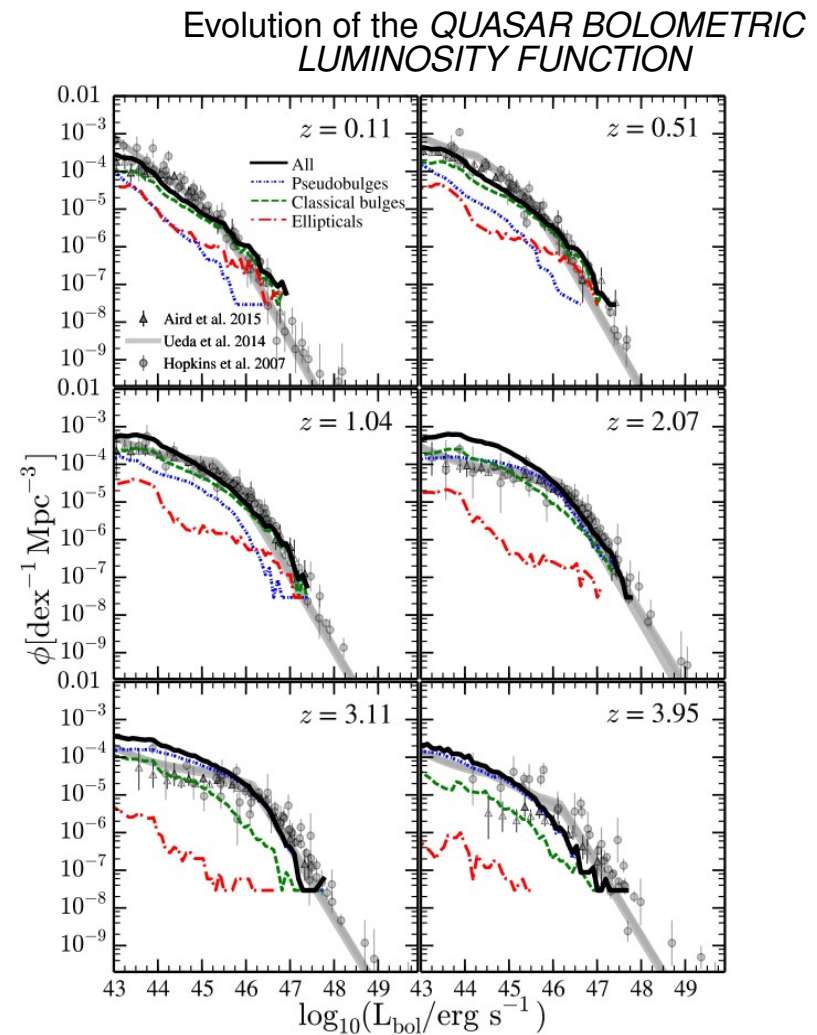
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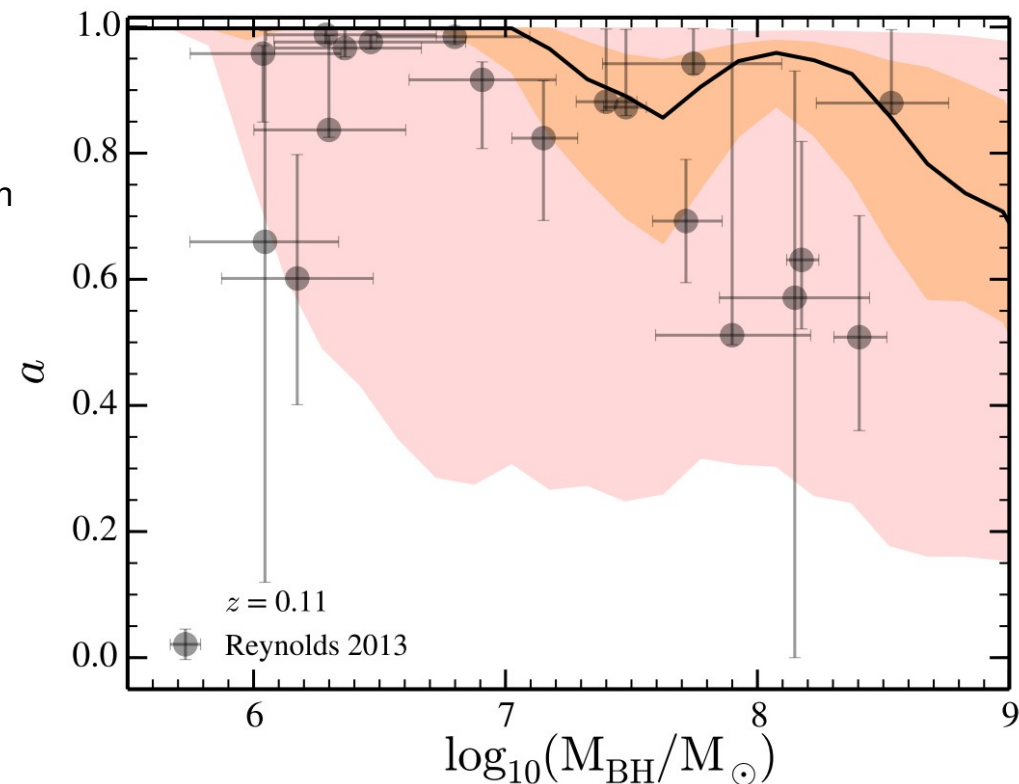
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SPIN PARAMETER AT $z = 0$



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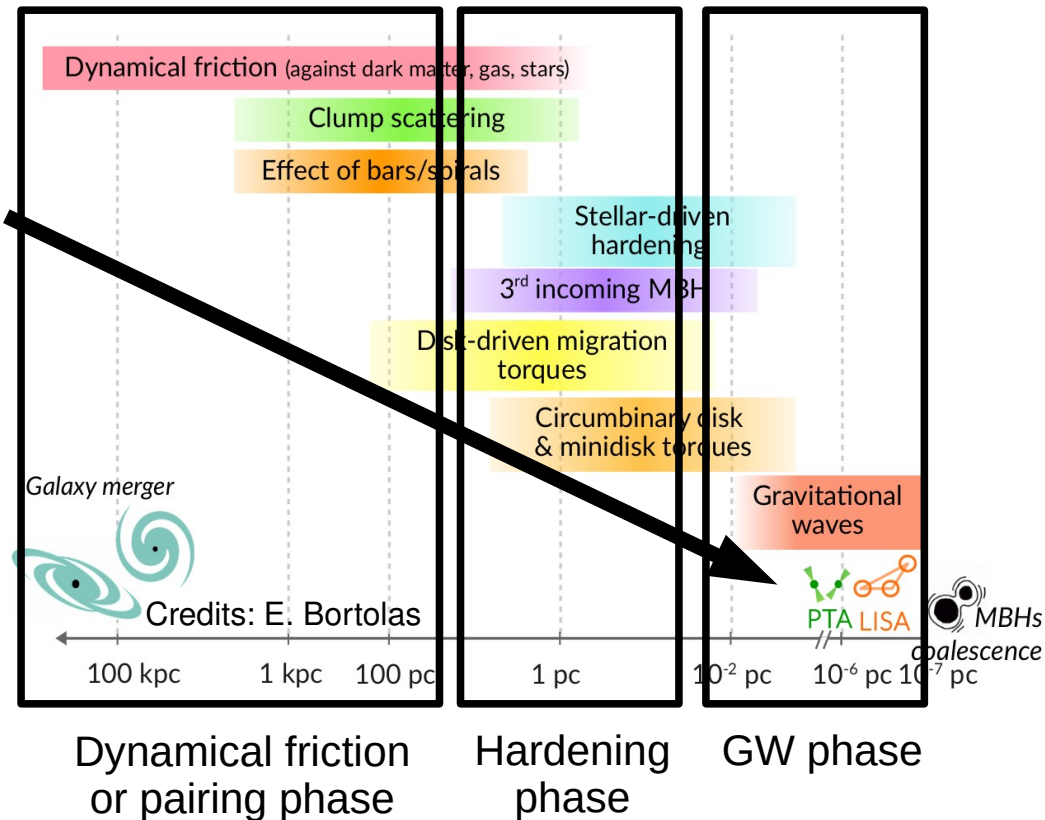
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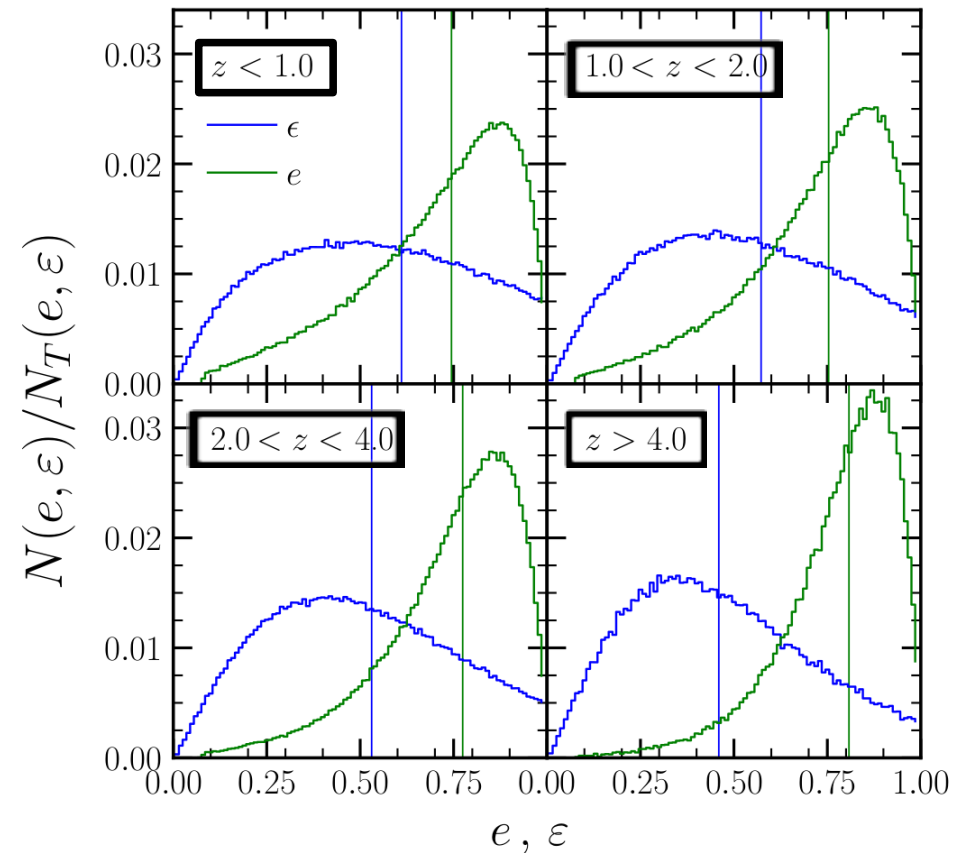
- Dynamical friction phase

$$t_{\text{dyn}}^{\text{BH}} = 19 f(\varepsilon) \left(\frac{r_0}{4 \text{ kpc}} \right)^2 \left(\frac{\sigma}{200 \text{ km/s}} \right) \left(\frac{10^8 M_{\odot}}{M_{\text{BH}}} \right) \frac{1}{\Lambda} [\text{Gyr}]$$

▼ **CIRCULARITY** of the black hole orbit

→ Computed from the circularity of the **GALAXY ORBIT**

- Hardening/GW phase



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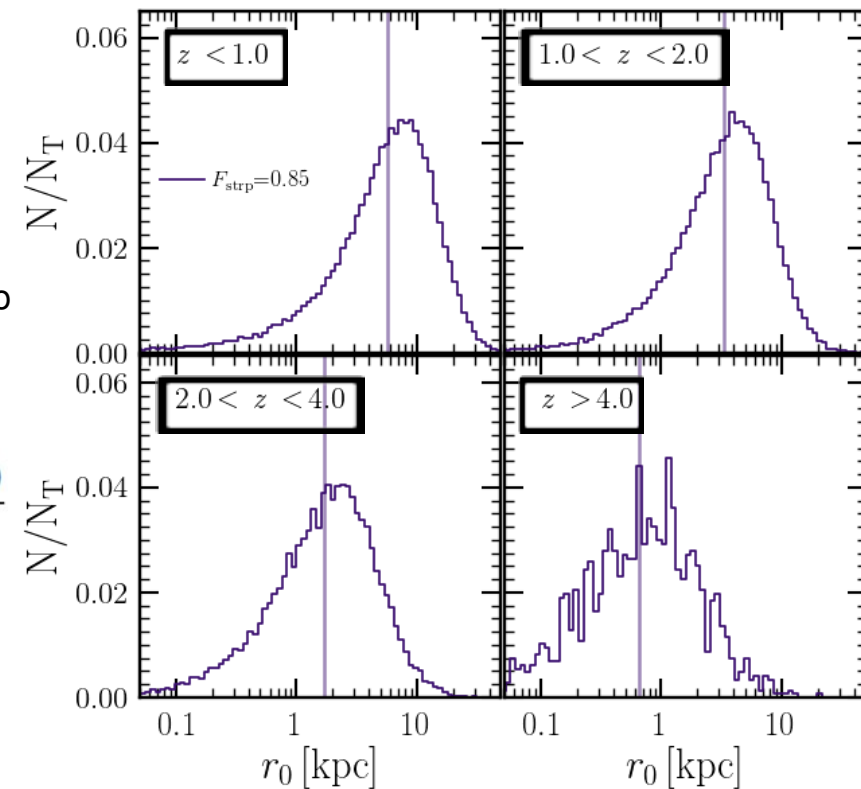
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INITIAL POSITION of the black hole

Computed according to
the galaxy
TIDAL RADIUS

- Hardening/GW phase

$$\frac{d^2 \Phi(r)}{dr^2} = \omega^2 - \frac{G M_{\text{sat}}(< R)}{R^3}$$



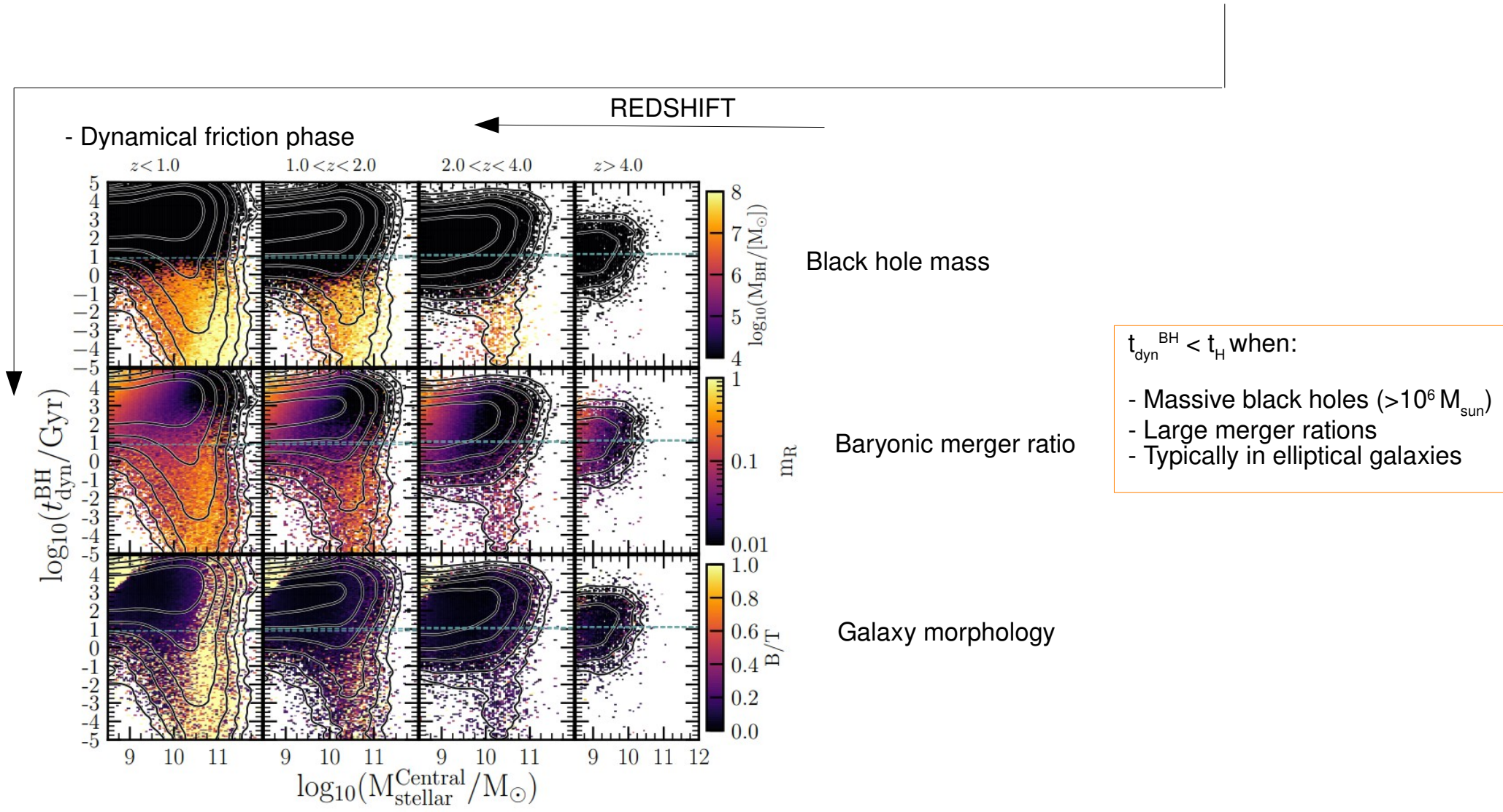
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- Hardening/GW phase: We have assumed a **Sérsic model profile** $\rho_B(r) = \rho_0 \left(\frac{r}{R_e}\right)^{-p} e^{-b\left(\frac{r}{R_e}\right)^{1/n}}$

Biava et al. 2019

1) **Gas rich mergers** : Disk torques driven the binary merge

$$\frac{da_{\text{BH}}}{dt} = - \frac{2\dot{M}}{\mu} \sqrt{\frac{\delta}{1-e^2}} a_{\text{BH}} \quad \text{Bonetti et al. 2018}$$

2) **Gas poor mergers** : The stellar background drives the binary merge [Sesana & Khan 2015](#)

$$\frac{da_{\text{BH}}}{dt} = \left(\frac{da_{\text{BH}}}{dt}\right)_{\text{Hard}} + \left(\frac{da_{\text{BH}}}{dt}\right)_{\text{GW}} = - \frac{GH\rho_{\text{inf}}}{\sigma_{\text{inf}}} a_{\text{BH}}^2 - \frac{64G^3(M_{\text{BH}_1} + M_{\text{BH}_2})^3 F(e)}{5c^5(1+q)^2 a_{\text{BH}}^3}$$

$$\frac{de}{dt} = a_{\text{BH}} \frac{G\rho_{\text{inf}}HK}{\sigma_{\text{inf}}} - \frac{304}{15} \frac{G^3 q (M_{\text{BH}_1} + M_{\text{BH}_2})^3}{c^5 (1+q)^2 a_{\text{BH}}^4 (1-e^2)^{5/2}} \left(e + \frac{121}{304} e^3 \right)$$

a) The initial eccentricity is assumed to be random between [0,1]

b) The initial separation is computed as $\tilde{M}_{\text{Bulge}}(<a_0) = 2M_{\text{BH},2}$

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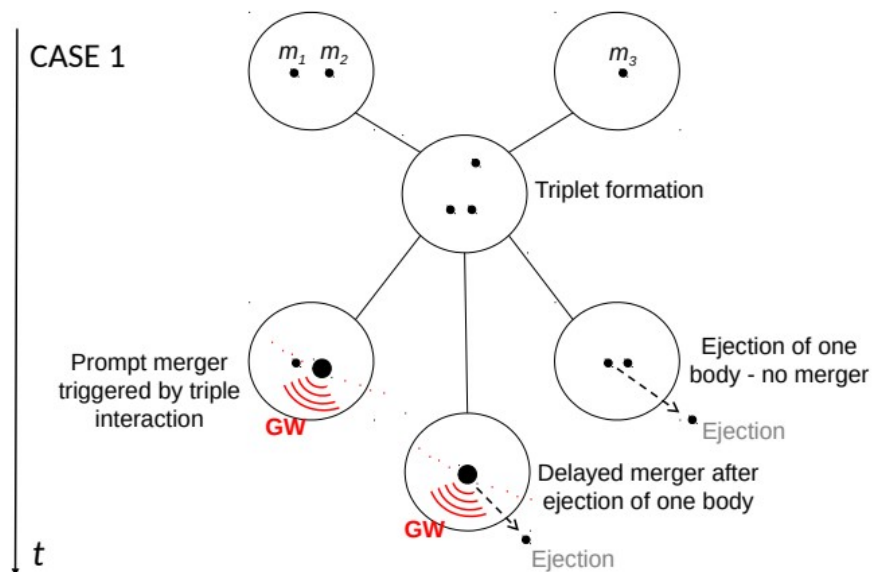
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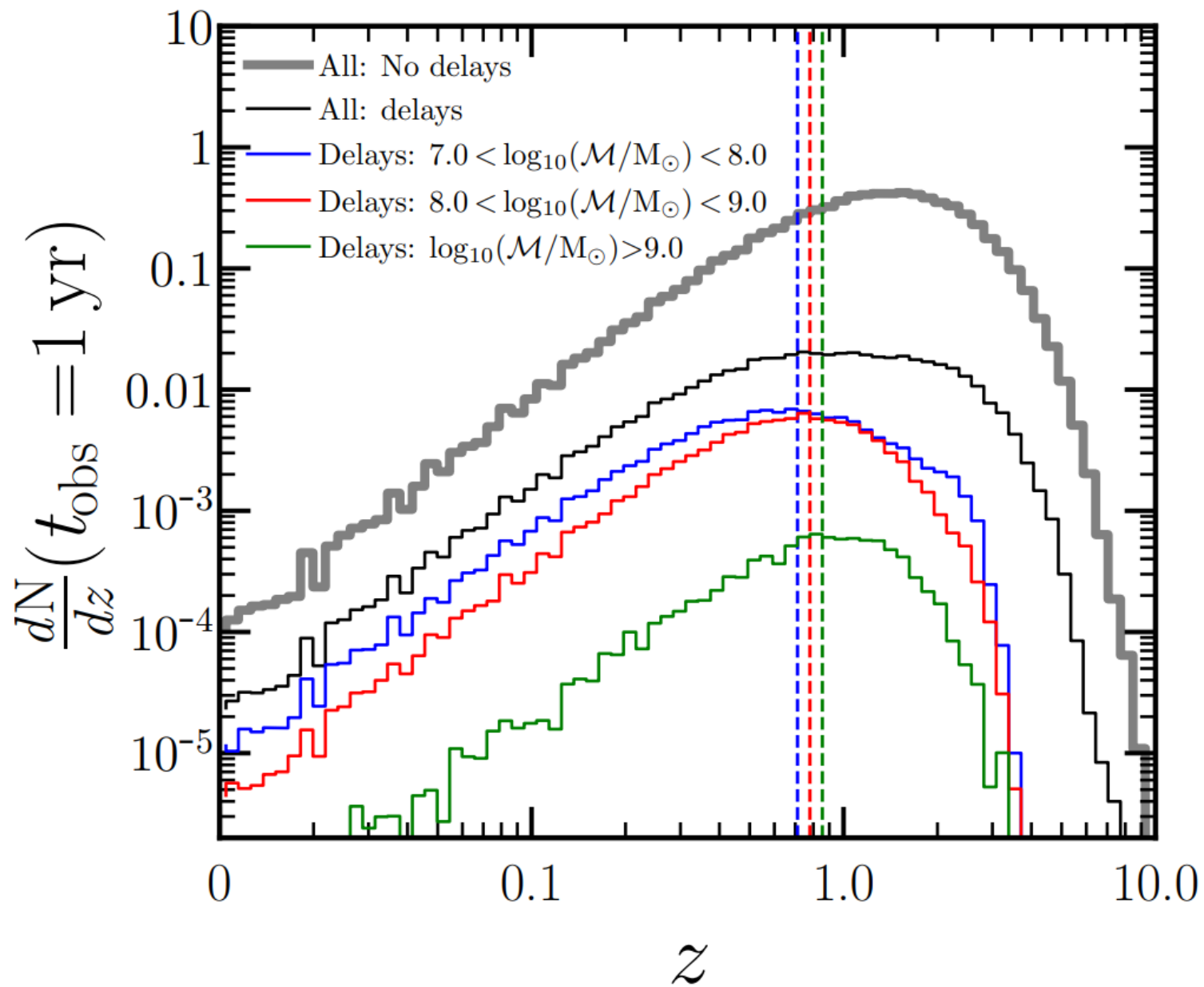
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- Dynamical friction phase
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- Merger caused by intruder massive black hole (Bonetti et al. 2018)



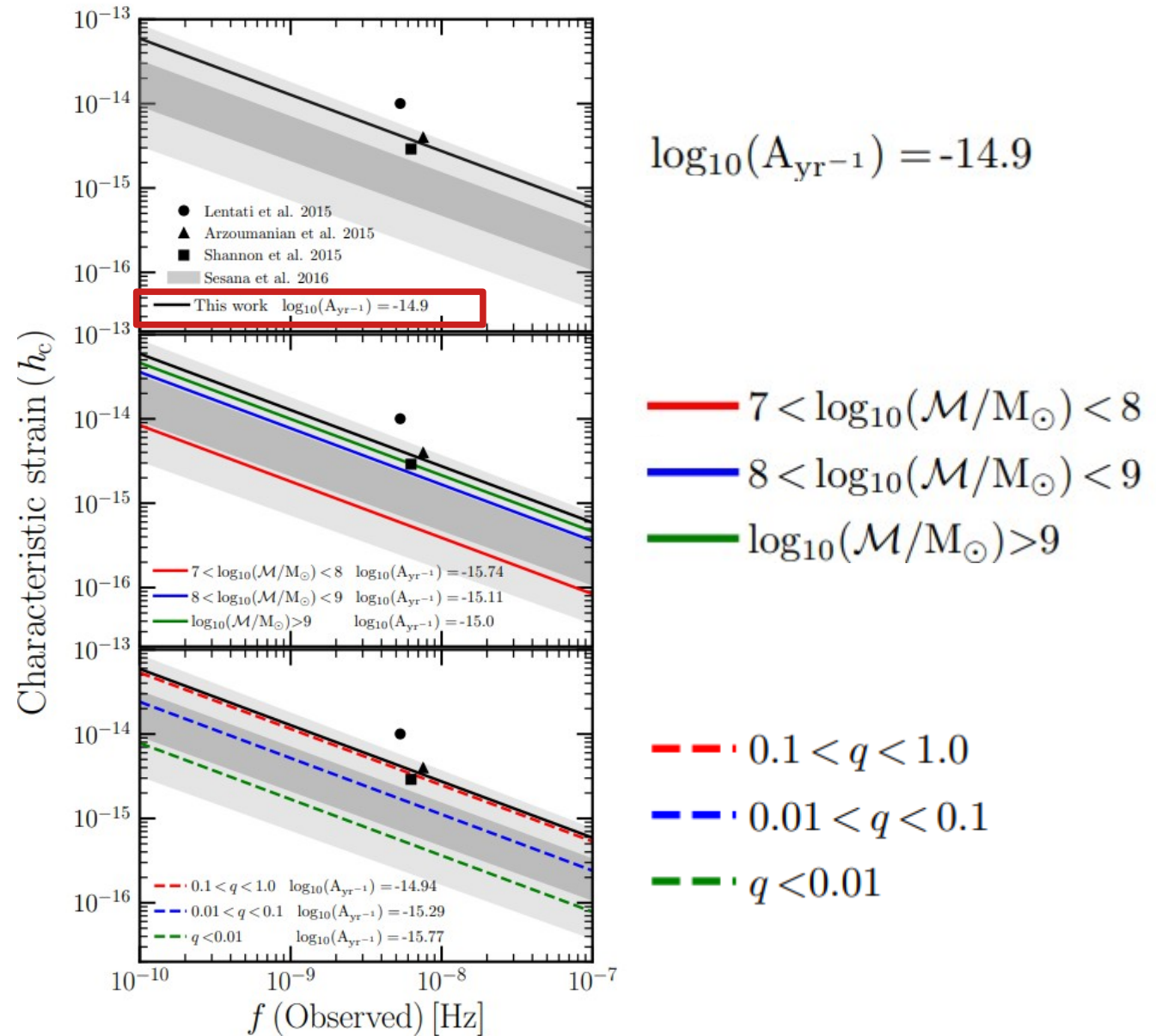
RESULTS

MERGER RATE



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AMPLITUDE OF THE GRAVITATIONAL WAVE BACKGROUND IN THE PTA BAND



CONCLUSIONS

- * We have tackled the formation and evolution of massive black hole binaries ($>10^6 M_{\text{sun}}$) in the PTA band
 - Dark matter merger trees from N-body simulations
 - Semi-analytical model
 - Proper treatment of the growth and spin evolution

- * For galaxies $M_{\text{stellar}} > 10^9 M_{\text{sun}}$ only black holes $>10^6 M_{\text{sun}}$ can reach the nucleus of its central galaxy
 - After baryonic merger with merger ratios > 0.1
 - Seems to have a correlation between the wandering time and the galaxy morphology

- * The merger rate of binary black holes of $>10^6 M_{\text{sun}}$ is quite low < 0.01 event per year

- * The amplitude of the gravitational wave background at nHz is consistent with the expectations AND most of the signal comes from binary black holes merging in elliptical galaxies

- * The amplitude of the gravitational wave background at nHz is produced by:
 - Very massive binaries: $M_{\text{chirp}} > 10^8 M_{\text{sun}}$
 - Binary merger ratios $q > 0.1$

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