

Interpreting
gravitational wave measurements
as
constraints on binary evolution?

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Outline I : Internal

- * background
 - GW measurements of binaries: review slides (lots available)
 - Expected rates & therefore number (conservative assumptions to be described later)
 - What will we get out... put into context
- Formation model
 - Stellar ev (?) and binary ev (?)
 - Uncertainties I: Model itself
 - Evolution (CE2); SN kicks; winds (strength + character)
 - Uncertainties II: Input uncertainties
 - SFR
 - Z distribution (detection-weighted); Z evolution
- Mass distribution constraints
 - Speculation re generic constraints
- Conclusions
 - Lots of info...but hard to break degeneracies of metallicity
 - Spin alignment helpful...probably distinguishable

Outline

- GW measurements of binaries
- Predictions and uncertainties: Binary evolution
- Constraints: Mass distribution only
- Spin and alignment?
- Conclusions

Binary sources

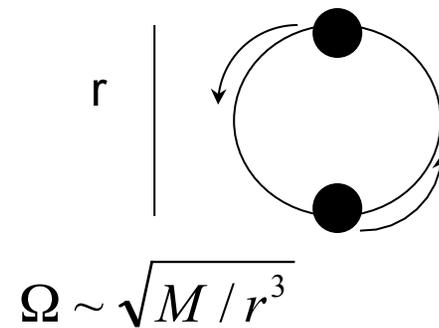
- Example:**

Two black holes

Newtonian circular orbit

$$f = 2 f_{orb} = 2(\Omega / \pi)$$

$$f = 10^3 \text{ Hz} (M / 8M_o)^{-1} (r / 6M)^{-3/2}$$



- Characteristic relative length changes**

~ (kinetic energy)/(distance)

$$h \sim \frac{1}{d} \frac{d^2 I}{dt^2} \sim \frac{Mv^2}{d} \sim \frac{M}{d} \left(\frac{v}{c}\right)^2$$

$$h \sim 10^{-21} (M / 8M_o)^{5/3} (d / 3 \text{ pc})^{-2}$$

Sensitivity needed? (LIGO)

$$\Delta L \sim h L \sim 10^{-21} 4\text{km}$$

$$\sim 4 \times 10^{-16} \text{ cm}$$

laser light $\sim 10^{-4} \text{ cm}$

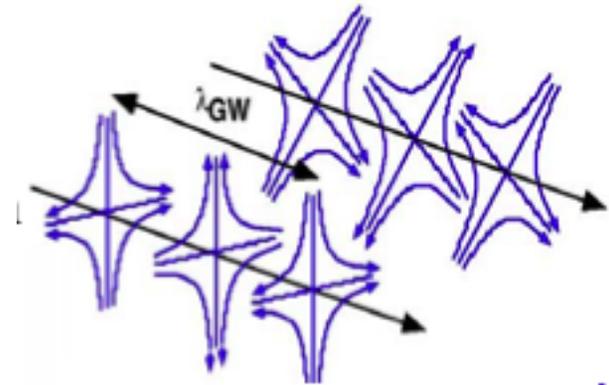
atom $\sim 10^{-8} \text{ cm}$

proton $\sim 10^{-13} \text{ cm}$

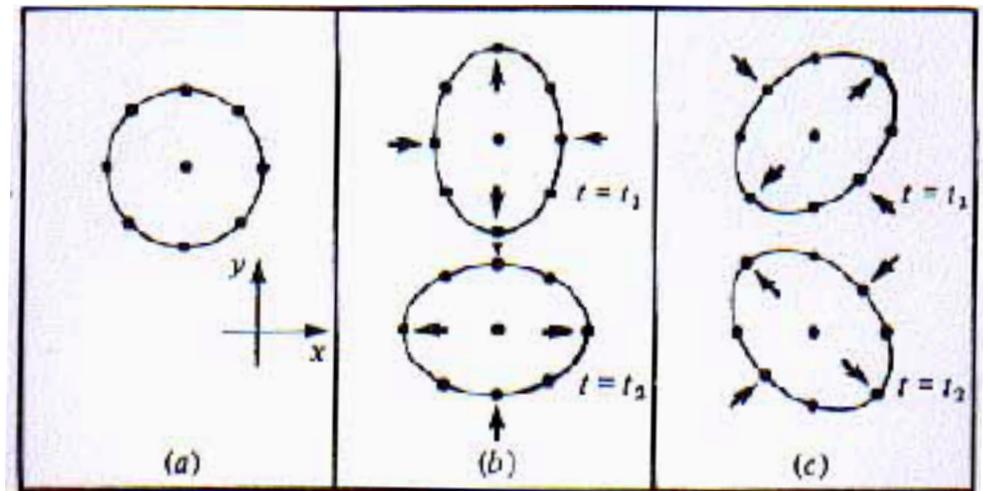
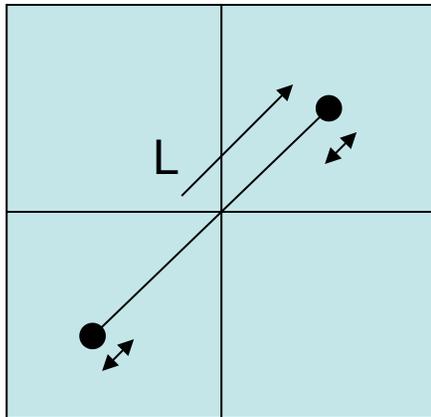


Gravitational plane waves

- Stretching and squeezing
Perpendicular to propagation
- Two **spin-2 (tensor)** polarizations



$$h \sim \Delta L/L$$



$$h_{xx} = -h_{yy} \quad h_{xy} = -h_{yx}$$

Detecting gravitational waves

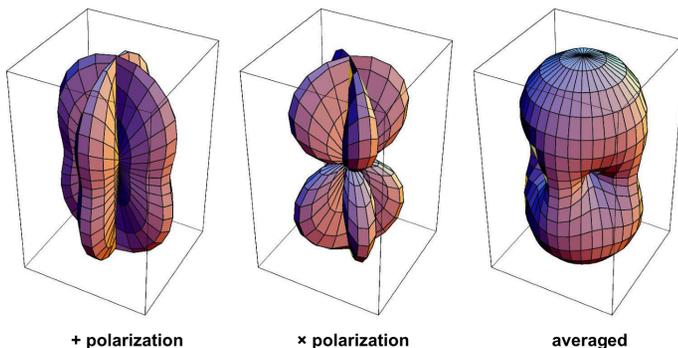
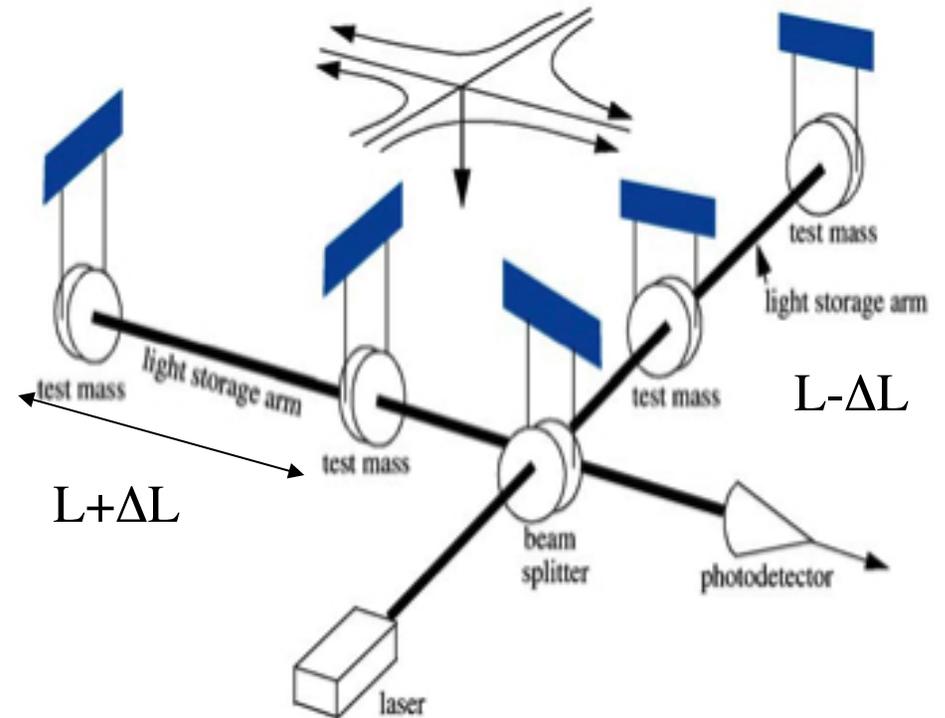
- Interferometer:

- Compares two distances
- Sensitive to

$$f \approx 1/t_{store}$$

[tunable]

- Each interferometer = (weakly) directional antenna



Jay Marx, [Texas symposium 2006](#)

GW measurements of binaries

- Mass

Must match!

df/dt -> mass

[mass ratio : fine structure]

- Distance

$$SNR \propto \frac{M^{5/6}}{d}$$

- Orbit orientation:

Measure beaming?...but

- Distance-inclination degeneracy

$$\delta X/X \simeq O(1)/\rho$$

significant vs beaming angle

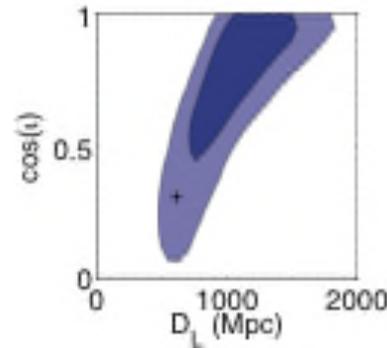
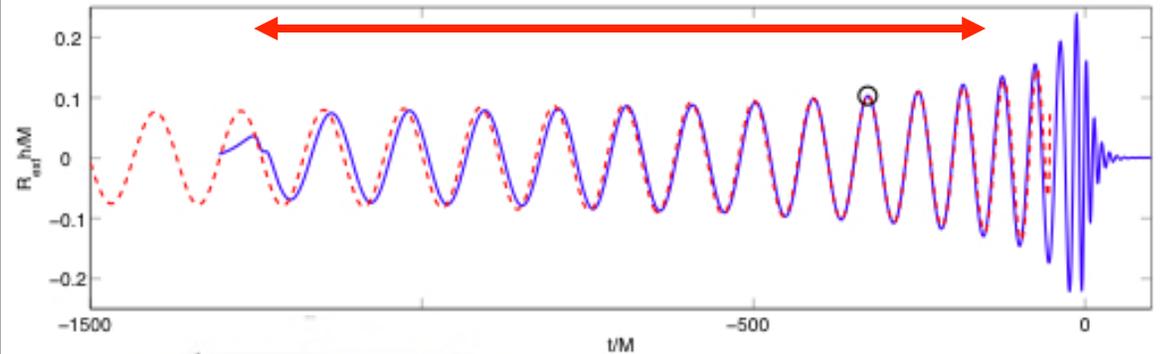
- (Black hole) spin

Precession

Only if extreme

Alignment test => cluster origin test?

- Possible
- Must correct
 - mild intrinsic bias for alignment
 - Significant search strategy bias against arbitrary spin



Nissanke et al 0904.1017

Polarisation and Orbit Inclination

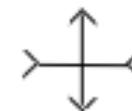
General circular inclined orbit



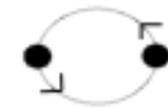
Edge-on



Linear polarization



Face-on



Circular polarization



**Beamed,
polarized
emission**



**Spin-orbit
coupling**

GW: Binary parameters

Rule of thumb:

$$\delta X/X \simeq O(1)/\rho$$

Real calculation:

Van der Sluys et al 0710.1897

$$a=0.5, \Theta=20^\circ$$

Table (SNR 17, 2-detector)

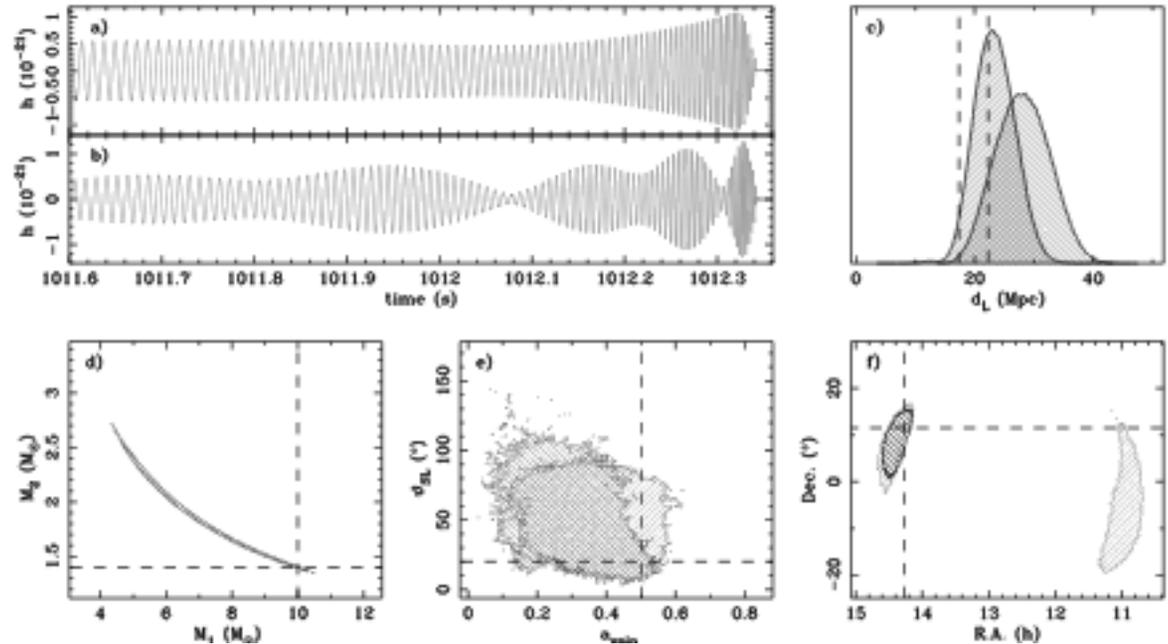


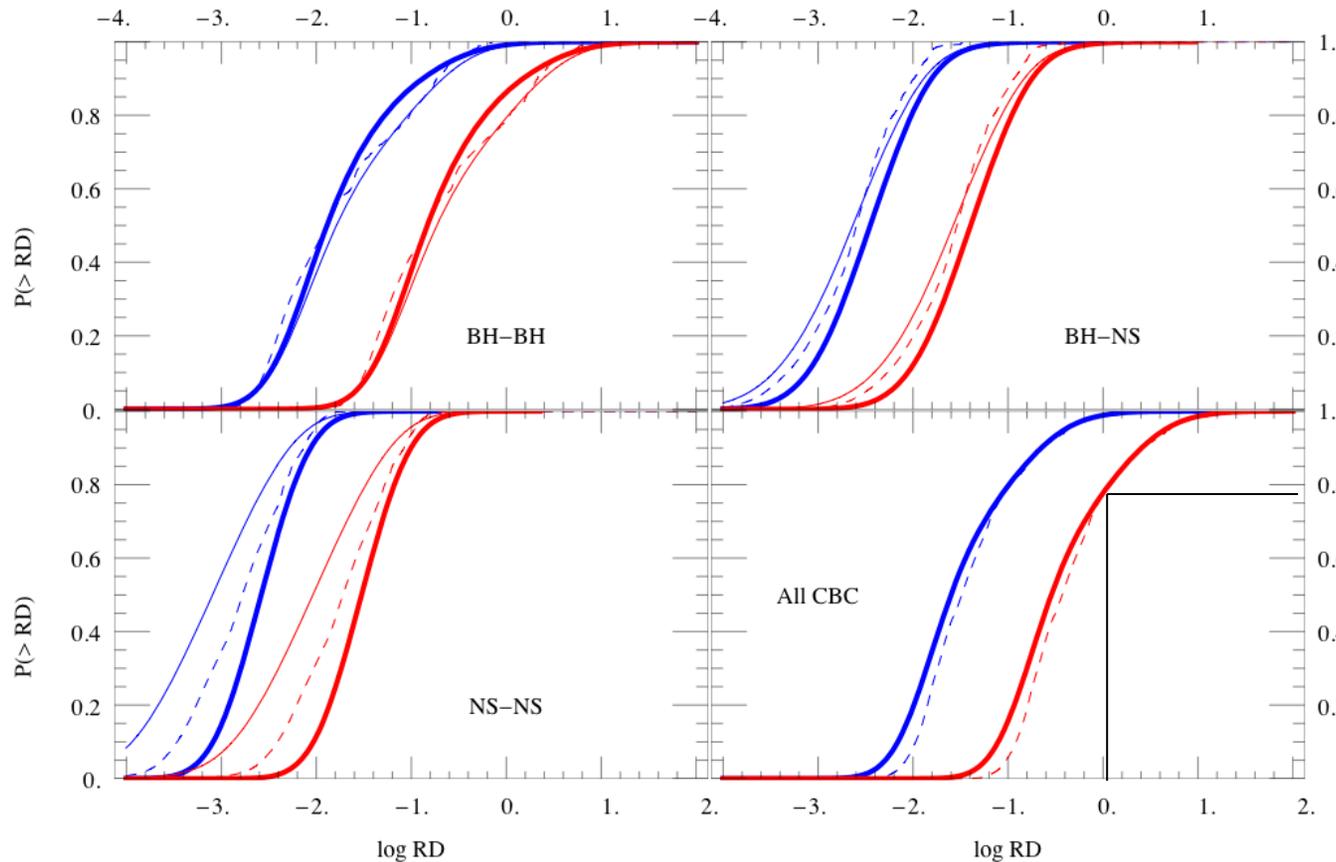
TABLE 1

INJECTION DETAILS AND WIDTHS OF THE 90%-PROBABILITY INTERVALS OF THE MCMC RUNS DESCRIBED IN THE TEXT

n_{det}	a_{spin}	θ_{SL} ($^\circ$)	d_L (Mpc)	M_1 (M_\odot)	M_2 (M_\odot)	\mathcal{M} (M_\odot)	η (%)	t_c (ms)	d_L (%)	a_{spin}	θ_{SL} ($^\circ$)	ϕ_c ($^\circ$)	α_c ($^\circ$)	Pos. ($^\circ^2$)	Ori. ($^\circ^2$)
2	0.0	0	16.0	95	83	2.6	138	18	86	0.63	—	323	—	537	19095
2	0.1	20	16.4	102	85	1.2	90	10	91	0.91	169	324	326 ^a	406	16653
2	0.1	55	16.7	51	38	0.88	59	7.9	58	0.32	115	322	326	212	3749
2	0.5	20	17.4	53 ^b	42 ^a	0.90	50 ^b	5.4	46 ^c	0.26	56	330	301 ^b	111 ^a	3467 ^c
2	0.5	55	17.3	31	24	0.62	41	4.9	21	0.12	24	323	269 ^d	19.8	178 ^e
2	0.8	20	17.9	54 ^a	42 ^a	0.86 ^c	54 ^a	6.0	56	0.16	25 ^a	325	319	104 ^a	1540
2	0.8	55	17.9	21	16	0.66	29	4.7	22	0.15	15	320	323	22.8	182 ^e

Roever et al gr-qc/0609131
 Cutler and Flanagan
 Van den Broeck and Sengupta
 Bose and Ajith 0901.4936

Expected measurements



Key

Blue : $D_{\text{bns}} = 15$ Mpc
 Red : $D_{\text{bns}} = 27$ Mpc

Heavy : best
 (errors+ constraints)

Dashed :
 raw simulation data

Thin :
 no PSR constraints

Net detection probability (slightly out of date):

$$P_{\text{detect}} = 0.34 + 0.64 \log \frac{VT}{V_{\text{cyr}}}$$

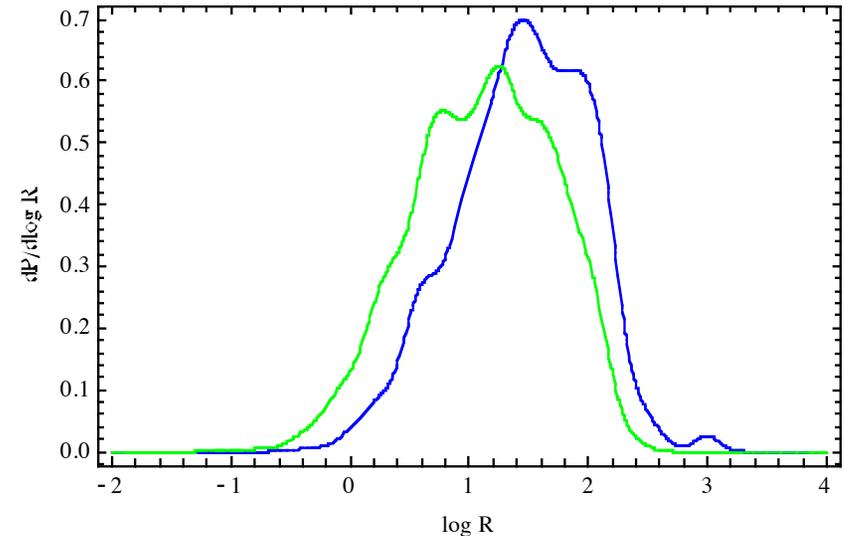
Expected measurements

Advanced detectors

Isolated binary evolution: $O(3-100/\text{yr})$

aLIGO network with **blind search**, SNR 8

SNR range: 8 (min) $\rightarrow 8n^{1/3} \lesssim 17$



O' Shaughnessy et al 2009, in prep

sGRB coincident signals?

Overall: $O(70-200/\text{yr})$ all sky (above BATSE/Swift photon count cut)

Estimate: Roughly uniform in z

$$\begin{aligned} R_{GRB+GW} &\simeq D_{LIGO} H_0 \frac{R_{GRB}}{\Delta z} \\ &\simeq 0.1 R_{GRB} \simeq O(7 - 20/\text{yr}) \\ &\simeq 0.2 R_{GRB} \simeq O(14 - 40/\text{yr}) \end{aligned}$$

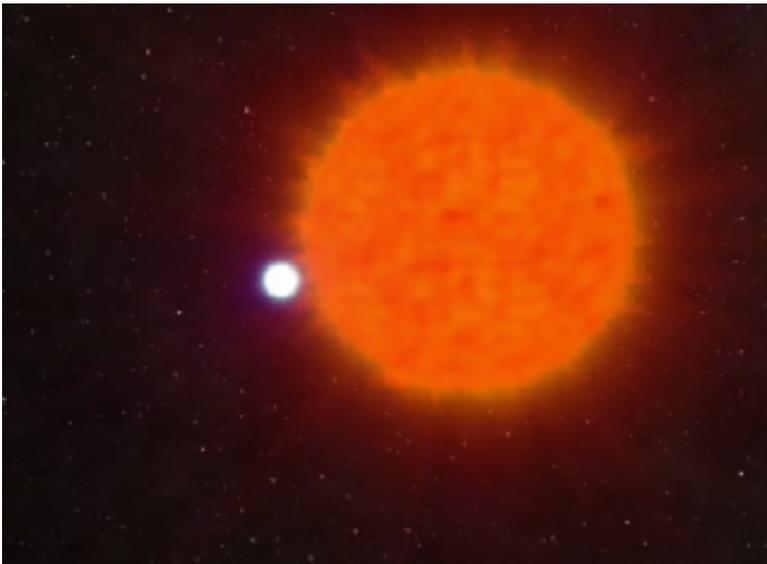
cf Dietz [0904.0347](#)
Beware short-distance/
low-L extrapolation

Formation model

Isolated binary evolution

Outline of typical evolution

- Evolve and **expand**
- Mass transfer (perhaps)
- Supernovae #1
- Mass transfer (perhaps)
- Supernovae #2



Movie: [John Rowe](#)

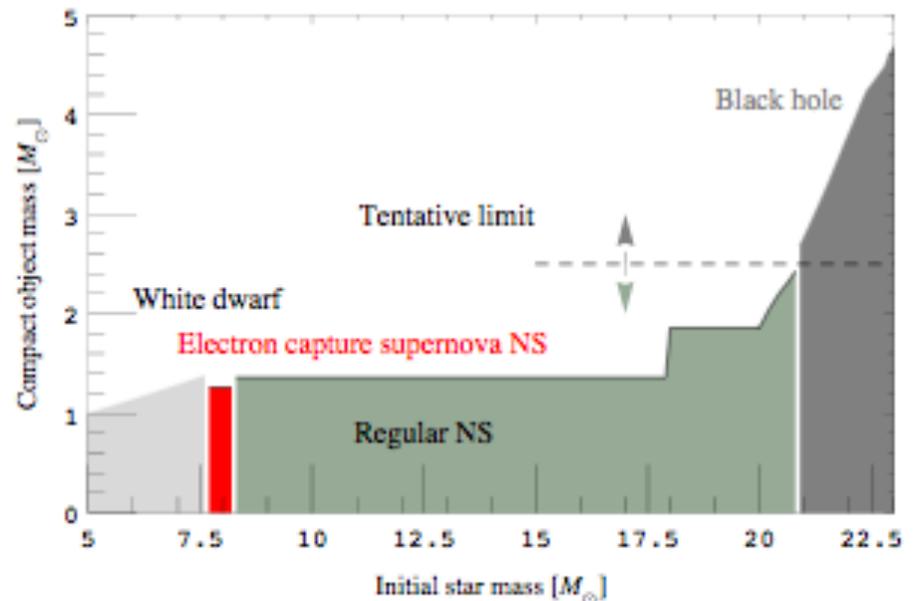
Model uncertainties

- Evolution model
Hertzprung gap merger

Others...

Bondi accn rate (& AIC)

NS maximum mass



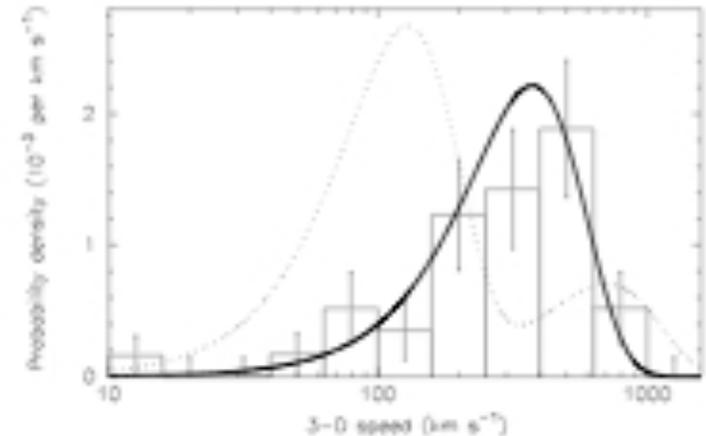
Model uncertainties

- Evolution model
- Supernova kicks

Isotropic kicks?

Hobbs vs Arzoumanian

Group: explore all



Hobbs et al

Polar?

Motivation: Spin-kick alignment?

(e.g., neutrino/B/. kick)

For: obs claims (Lai et al 2001; Wang; Ng Romani Kaplan et al 2008);

Against: Willems et al 2008 (low kicks required to fit PSR-NS e;
high kicks seem required for others)

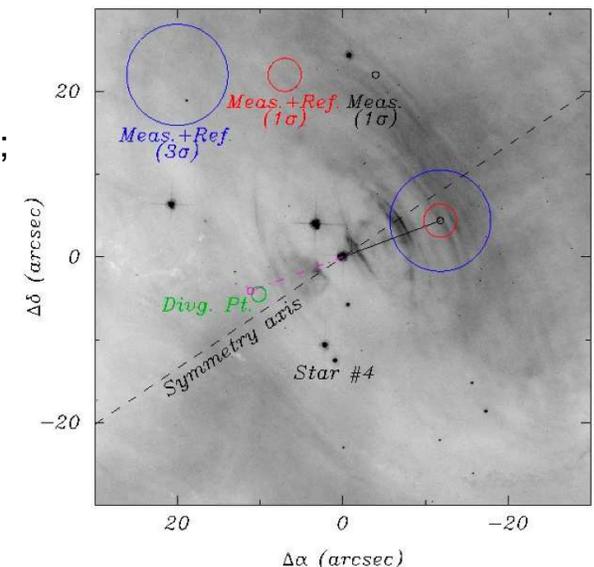
Impact for us:

huge rate reduction b/c never “kicking closer”

Kuranov et al 0901.1055; Postnov & Kuranov 0710.4465

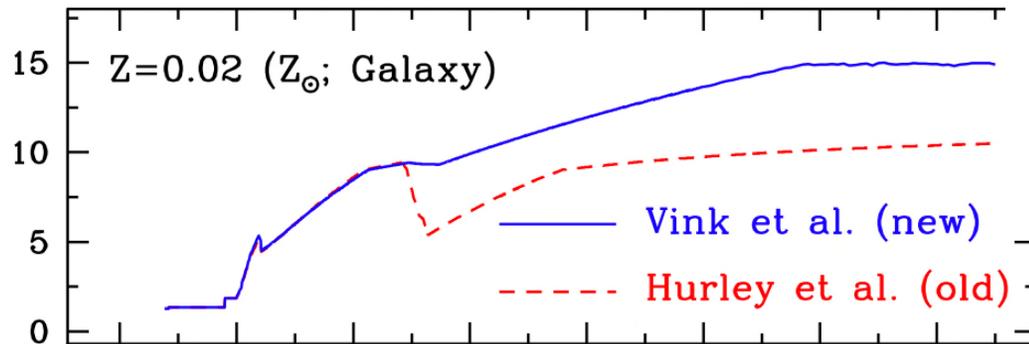
Group: not explored extensively now; could be

Crab motion



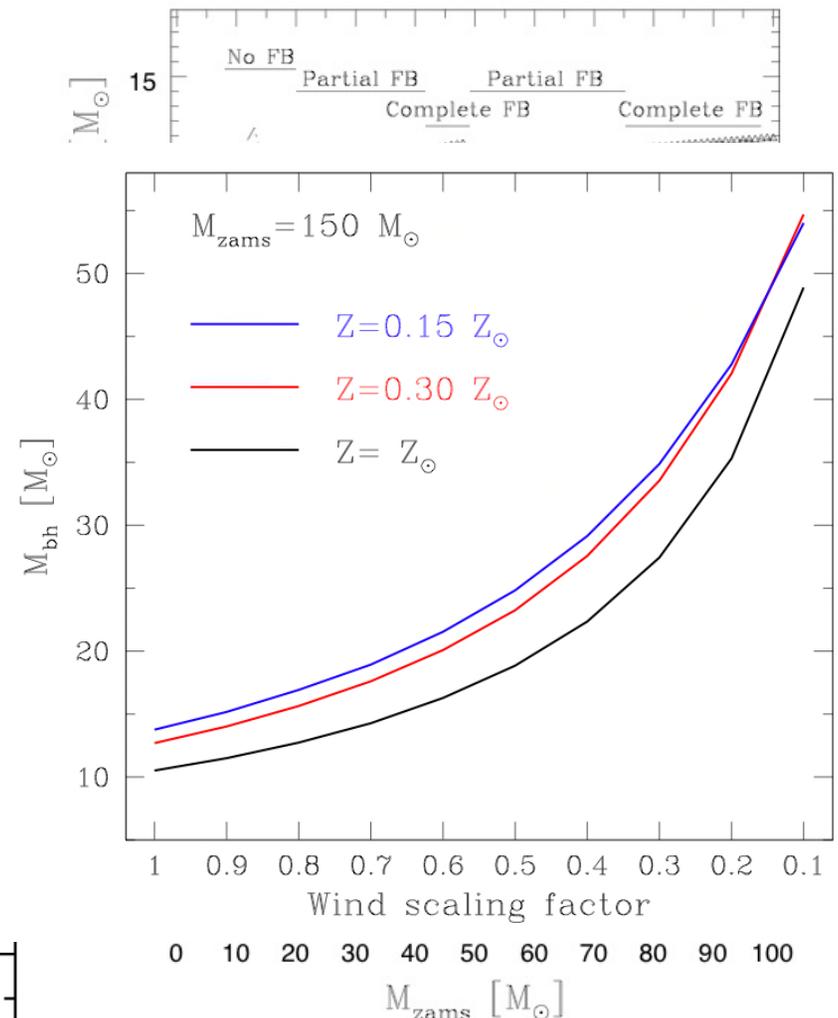
Model uncertainties

- Evolution model
- Supernova kicks
- Winds
Strong effect on star->BH mass
Recent update



Belczynski et al 2009

“revised” winds



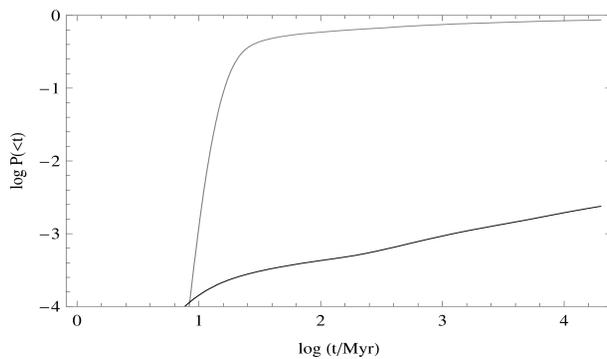
Belczynski et al 2002

“original” winds + scale factor

Input uncertainties

Star formation history

- Normalization nearby
 - Normalization at $z \sim 1$
- + long merger delays



$\log [P(<t)]$ (cumulative)

NS-NS : Gray

- More from **short** delays
(extremely short in example)

BH-BH : Black

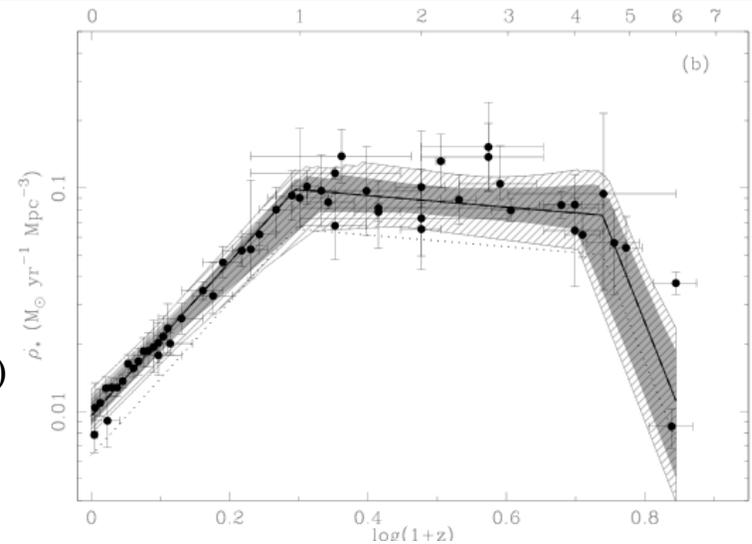
- mostly from **long** delays (Gyr)
(note *log* scale)

Plot:
Birth time for
present-day mergers

Binary fraction

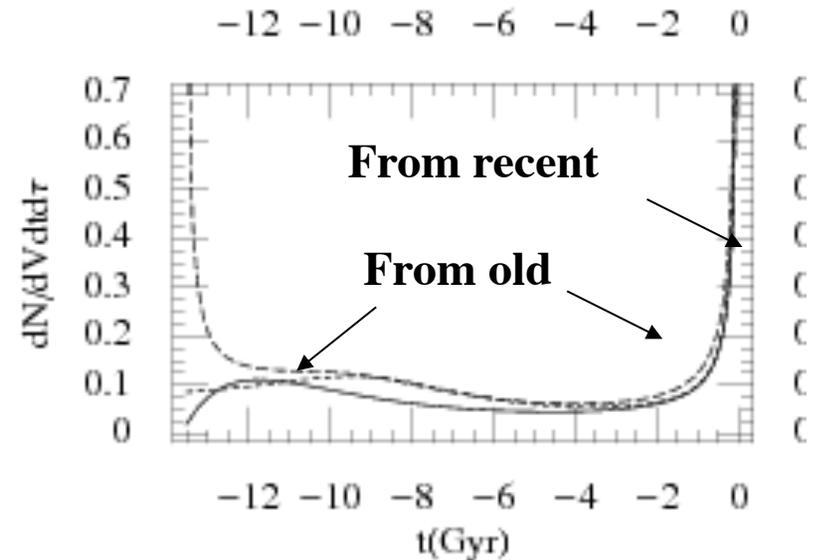
Abt 1983; Duquennoy and Mayor 1991;

Lada 2006



Hopkins & Beacom ApJ 651 142 2006

([astro-ph/0601463](https://arxiv.org/abs/astro-ph/0601463)): Fig. 4



Input uncertainties

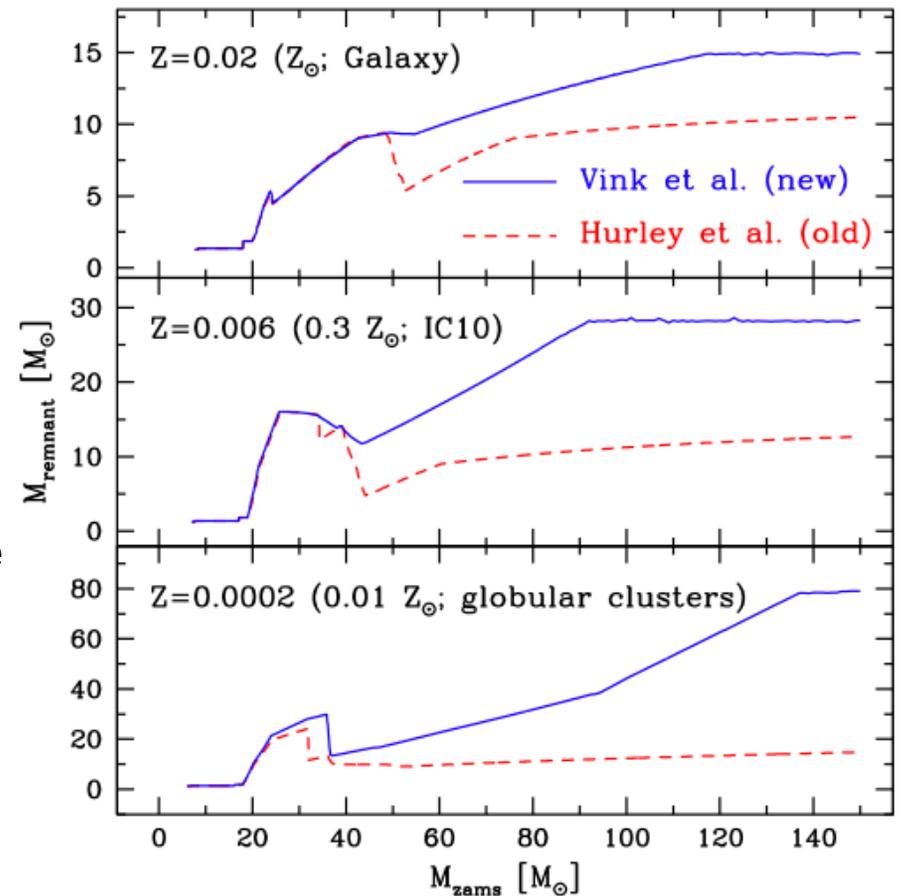
Metallicity

- BH-BH progenitor observed in low-Z environment (IC 10 X-1)
(Bulik et al 0803.3516)
- BH mass, via winds, sensitive to Z
(e.g., Belczynski et al 0904.2784)

Metallicity evolves significantly over time
+ long merger delays

and metallicity distribution even now

....expect atypical/low-Z environments to
dominate detection rate?

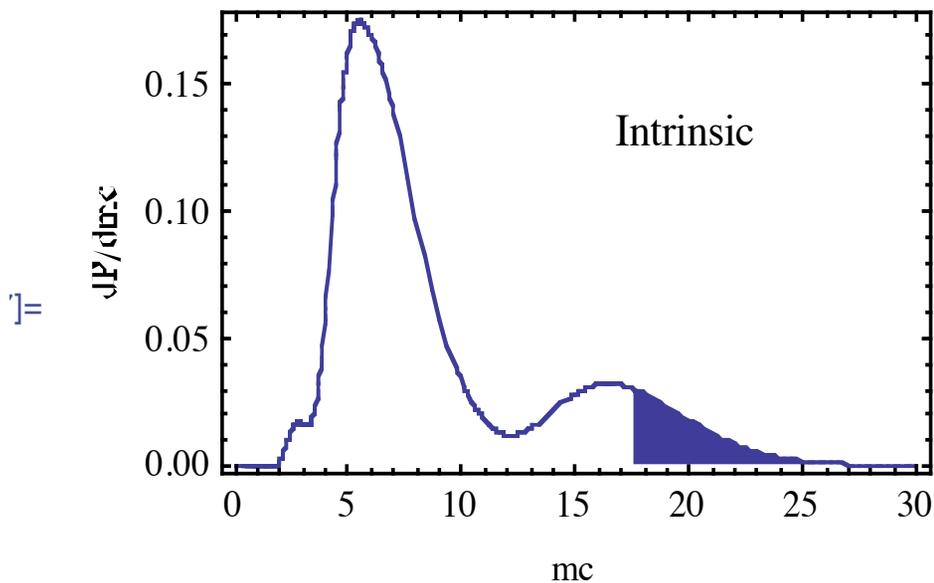


Belczynski et al 0904.2784

Practical challenges

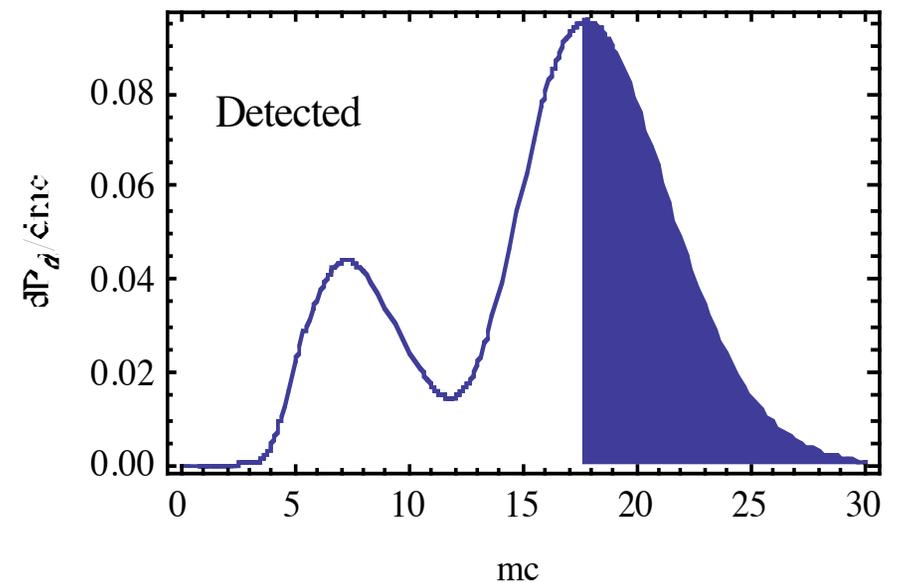
Detection-weighted bias...

Intrinsic



High mass: 10%

Detected



High mass: 50%

...makes BH-BH important, but ...

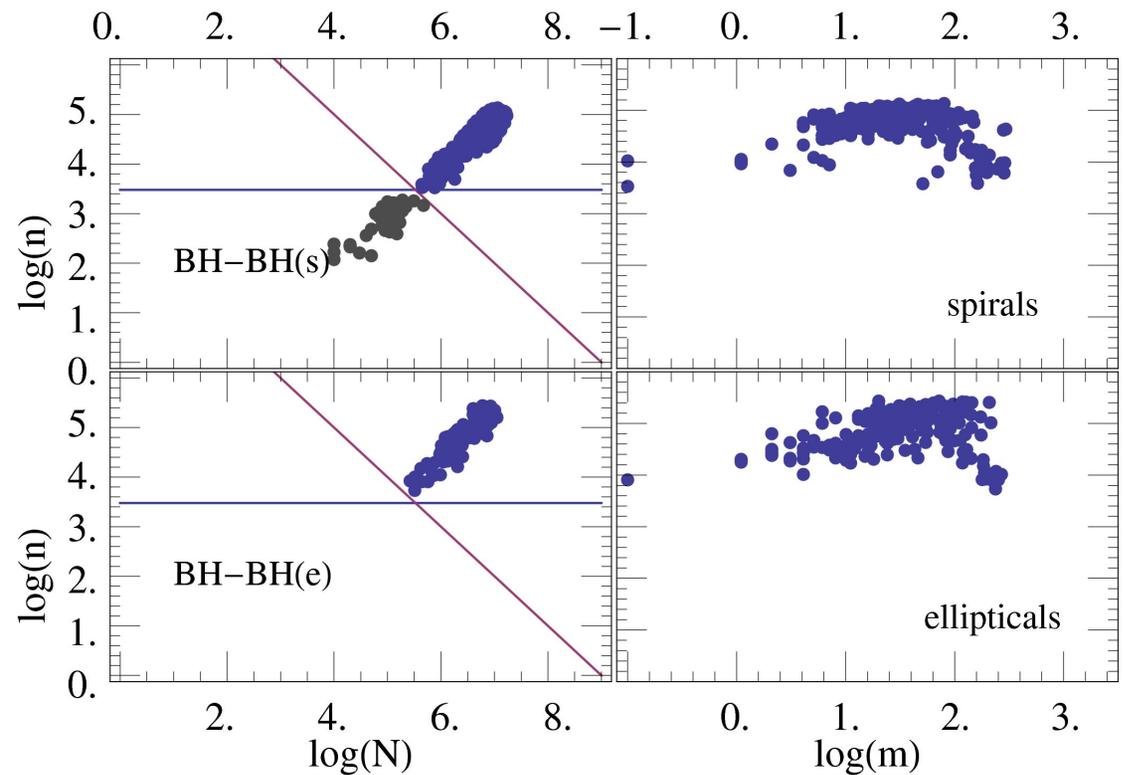
Practical challenges

BH-BH statistics require long computations

IMF -> rare, but

Don't want to cut off low mass
a priori, usually

1200 bin/hour/CPU -ish



Model-data comparisons

Number only

Method:

- Try each model H_k (= many trials of 'n')
- Ambiguity function
 - $P(k|q)$: poisson-ish

Outputs:

- *Model fraction left*: $F(k)$ (90% probability)

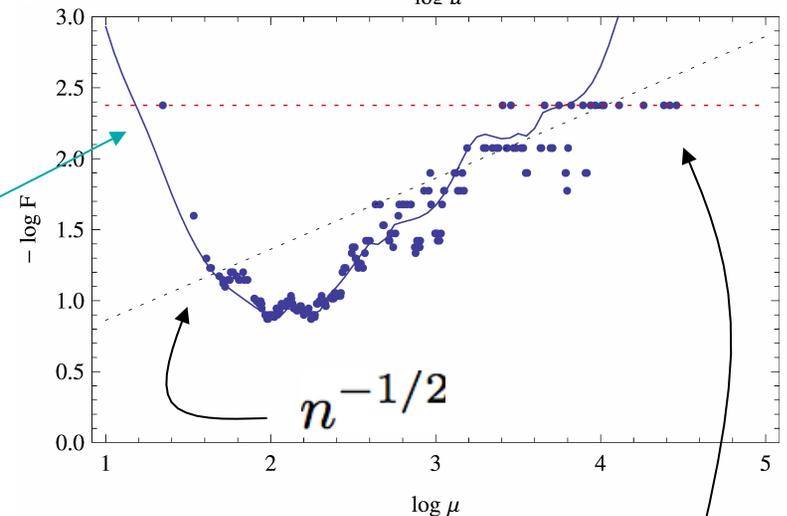
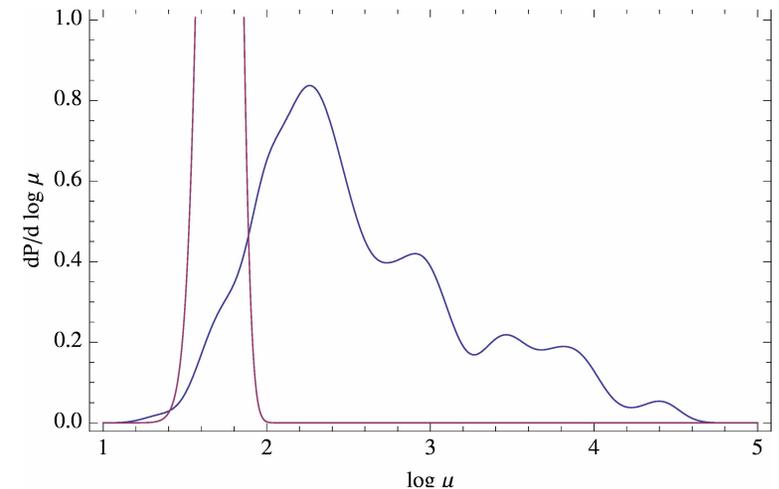
Intuition: $F \sim$

Really:

- accuracy + **how $n^{-1/2}$ simulations occur**
- very high, low rates excluded

Comments:

- Many uncertainties not added here:
 - simulation accuracy (monte carlo);
 - star formation rate; metallicity;
 - “fuzzy” detection surface
 - realistic detection issues
(waveform model systematics; calibration; ...)



Direct tests
Limited by
 $1/(\# \text{ of simulations})$

Model-data comparisons

Expected improvement?

- No model constraints?:

Each detection specifies $\sim b$ “new” bits

$$b = - \int p(M_c) \log_2 [p(M_c) \sigma_m \sqrt{2\pi e}]$$

$$\simeq 3.5 - 9$$

.... **but** : predicted mass distributions
very similar ; overcounting “new” bits

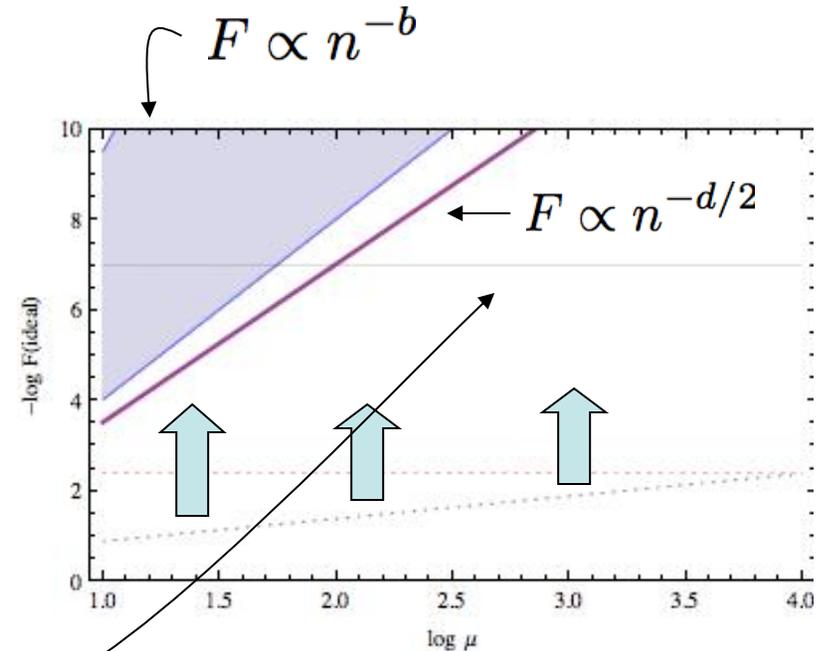
- Local likelihood: fisher matrix?:

.... **but** : weak constraints;
partial localization usual until
 $F \sim (0.1)^d$ -ish
(depending on natural scale in $L(x)$)

- Effective dimension!:

- Count of “currently measured” params
- Increases \sim monotonically

$$d_{eff} = -2d \log F / d \log L$$



$$\delta L \simeq -\frac{1}{2} n \Gamma_{ab} \delta x^a \delta x^b$$

$$|\delta L| < \Delta \rightarrow [\delta x]^d \propto n^{-d/2}$$

...**but** : unless many simulations,
bound below

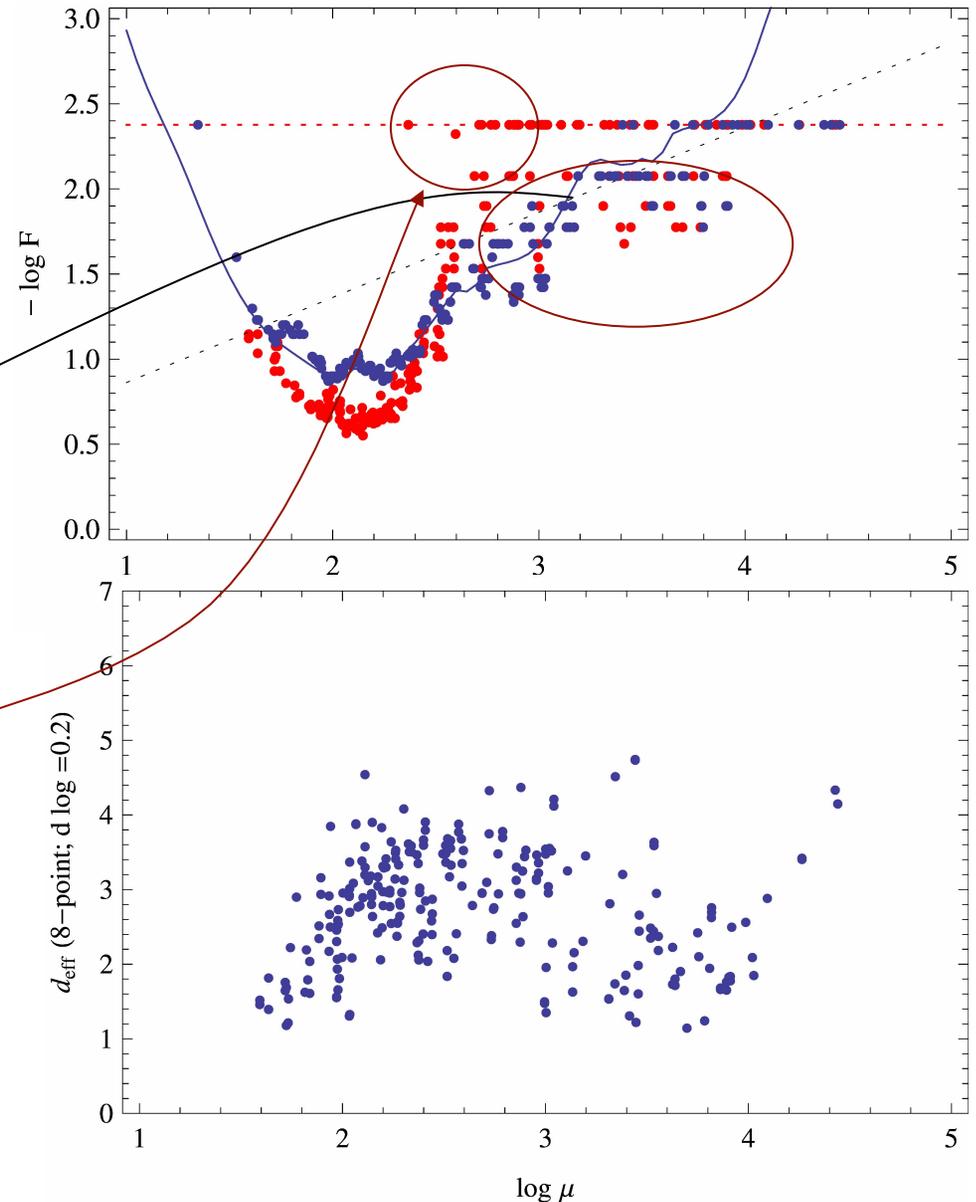
Model-data comparisons

Rate + shape

- Low n:
 - Rate discrimination most important
 - Slight “scatter” :
small mass distribution effects
- Large n: **not unique** scaling
 - Similar distributions:
Little gain from mass info
Rate dominates: scales as \sqrt{n}
Not localized in model space:
no \sim quadratic degree of freedom
 - Less typical distributions:
Possibly localized?
Higher convergence

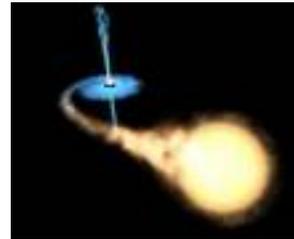
Estimating effective dimension:

- Local fits to likelihood
- Attainable .. **if BNS range** ($\rightarrow n$) higher



Spin?

Alignment = signature!



Isolated binaries
Aligned spins



Star forming gas

References include

- Belczynski, Kalogera, Bulik 2002; Belczynski
 - O' Shaughnessy et al. in prep
- + astro-ph/0610076; 0609465; 0504479

Interacting clusters' stellar mass binaries
Random spin alignment

References include

- Sadowski et al 2008
- O' Shaughnessy et al PRD 76 061504
- O' Leary et al astro-ph/0508224

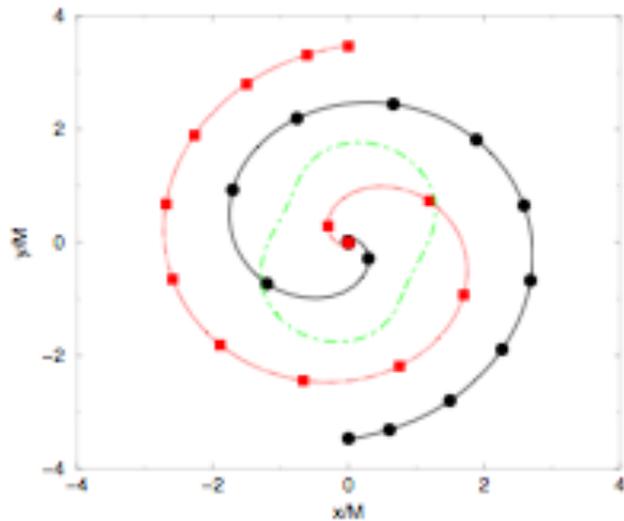


Spin alignment test

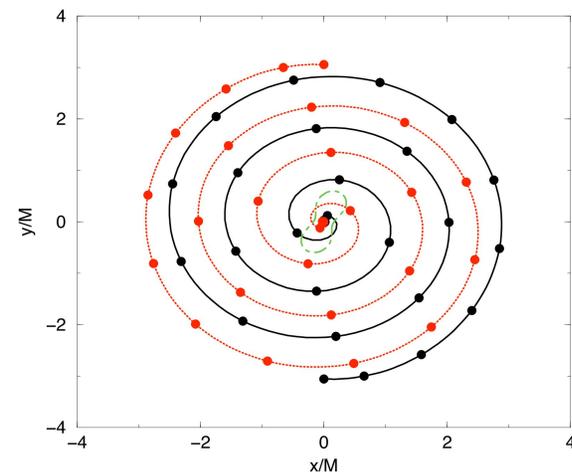
Qualitatively: Duration

Longer waveform \leftrightarrow longer hangup \leftrightarrow spins aligned

Campanelli et al gr-qc/0604012



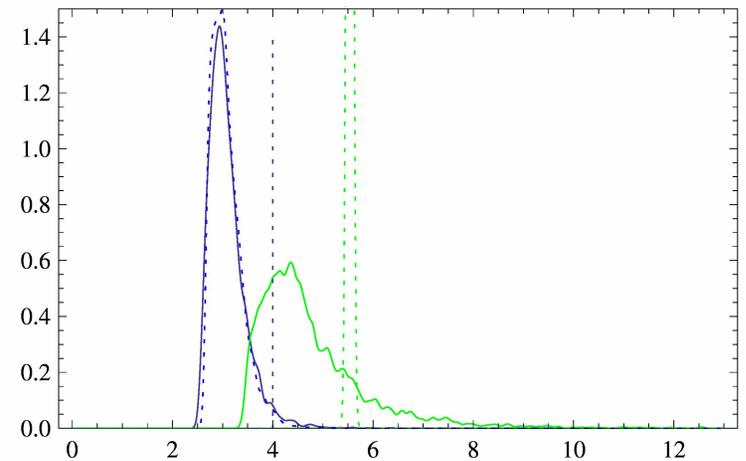
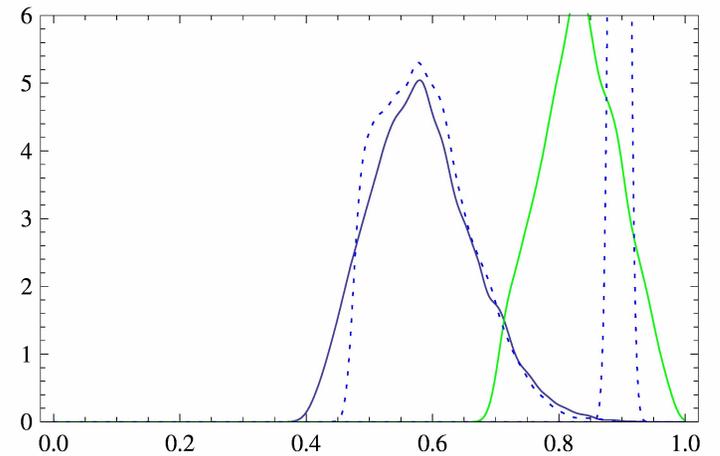
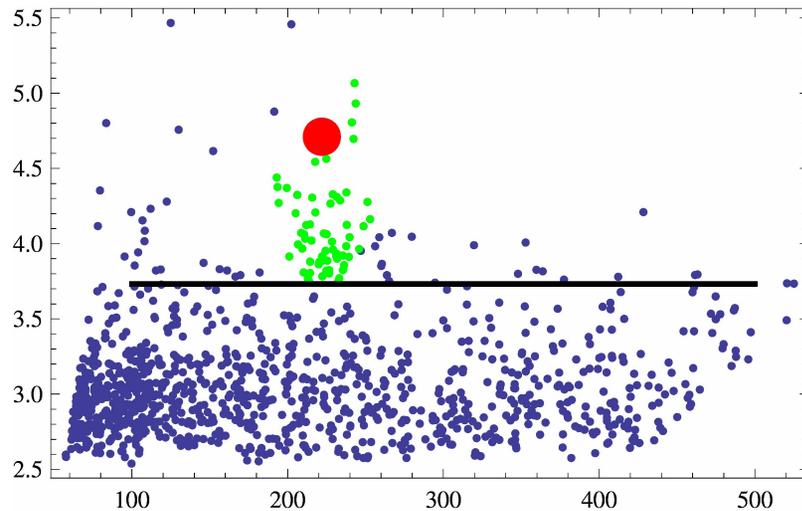
Both down



Both up

Spin alignment test?

Example: Ringdown



Spin alignment test?

Example: Inspiral waves (beta, sigma)

$$\begin{aligned}\psi_f(t_f) &= 2\pi f t_{\text{ref}} - \phi_{\text{ref}} + \psi_N \sum_{k=0}^5 \psi_k (\pi m f)^{(k-5)/3} \\ \psi_N &= \frac{3}{128\eta}, \quad \psi_0 = 1, \quad \psi_1 = 0, \\ \psi_2 &= \frac{5}{9} \left(\frac{743}{84} + 11\eta \right), \quad \psi_3 = -16\pi, \\ \psi_4 &= \frac{5}{72} \left(\frac{3058673}{7056} + \frac{5429}{7}\eta + 617\eta^2 \right), \\ \psi_5 &= \frac{5}{3} \left(\frac{7729}{252} + \eta \right) \pi + \frac{8}{3} \left(\frac{38645}{672} + \frac{15}{8}\eta \right) \ln \left(\frac{v}{v_{\text{ref}}} \right) \pi.\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}v &= (\pi M f)^{1/3} \\ \Psi(f) &= 2\pi f t_c - \phi_c - \pi/4 \\ &+ \frac{3}{128} (\pi M_c f)^{-5/3} \left[1 + \frac{20}{9} \left(\frac{743}{336} + \frac{11}{4}\eta \right) v^2 \right. \\ &\quad \left. - 4(4\pi - \beta)v^3 \right. \\ &\quad \left. 10 \left(\frac{3058673}{1016064} + \frac{5429}{1008}\eta + \frac{617}{144}\eta^2 - \sigma \right) v^4 \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \left(\frac{38645\pi}{252} - \frac{65}{3}\eta \right) \ln v \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \left(\frac{11583231236531}{4694215680} - \frac{640\pi^2}{3} - \frac{6848\gamma}{21} \right) v^6 \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \eta \left(\frac{15335597827}{3048192} + \frac{2255\pi^2}{12} + \frac{47324}{63} - \frac{7948}{9} \right) v^6 \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \left(\frac{76055}{1728}\eta^2 - \frac{127825}{1296}\eta^3 - \frac{6848}{21} \ln 4v \right) v^6 \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \pi \left(\frac{77096675}{254016} + \frac{378515}{1512}\eta - \frac{74045}{756}\eta^2 \right) v^7 \right]\end{aligned}$$

....A. Lundgren says?

$$\begin{aligned}\beta &= \frac{\hat{L}}{M^2} \cdot \left[\left(\frac{113}{12} + \frac{25m_2}{4m_1} \right) S_1 + \left(\frac{113}{12} + \frac{25m_1}{4m_2} \right) S_2 \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{12} \left[(113(m_1/M)^2 + 75\eta) \hat{L} \cdot \hat{a}_1 + (1 \leftrightarrow 2) \right] \\ \sigma &= \frac{\eta}{48} \left[-247\hat{a}_1 \cdot \hat{a}_2 + 721(\hat{L} \cdot \hat{a}_1)(\hat{L} \cdot \hat{a}_2) \right]\end{aligned}$$

Summary

Even in best-known case (bin ev only),
large model space to constrain...

Model uncertainty: winds, kicks, NS mass, channels

Input uncertainty : dominant metallicity; f_b

...but measured distributions can do it, eventually...

“Infinite” number of DOF

Some features (BH mass peak; spin alignment) particularly helpful

...**if** we can correct for selection biases

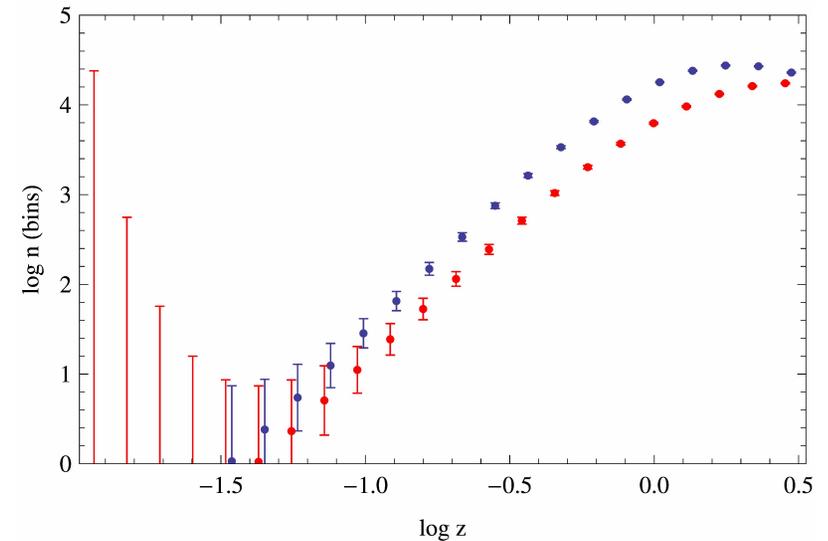
Intrinsic : e.g., aligned easier than nonaligned

Implementation : **report** $8d(s_1, s_2, m_1, m_2)$ efficiency/SNR threshold?

Bonus: Rate versus redshift

Key points:

- Use: High rate (NS-NS, BH-NS)
Large lags
- Method(s): Binned vs predicted ()
or smoothing; likelihood (like mass); χ^2 ..
- How to use?
 - **Input** uncertainties (SFR; metallicity)
+...many models similar up to scale
 - Large source model space, small variations



Conclusion:

High precision measurement of *something*