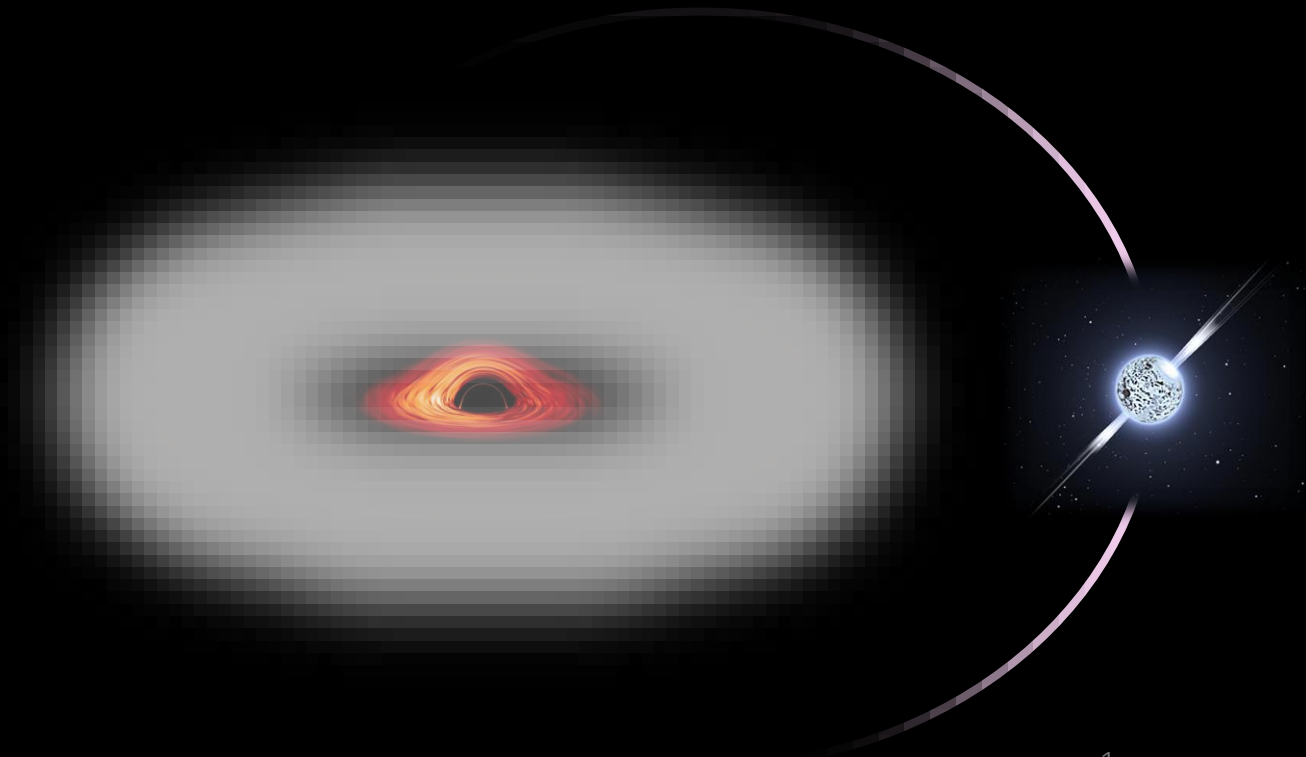


Survival of the Fittest: Testing Superradiance Termination with Simulated Binary Black Hole Statistics

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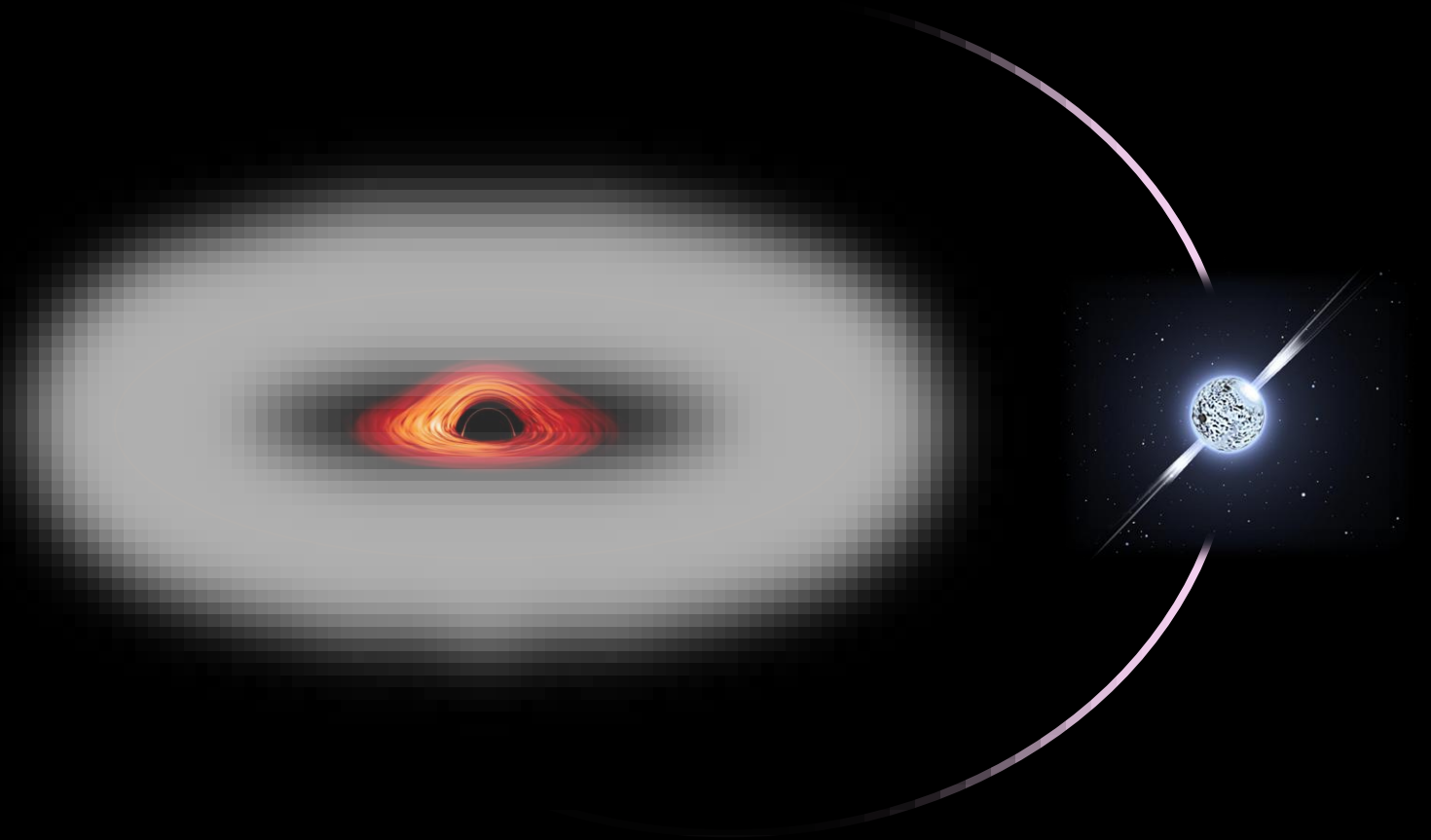
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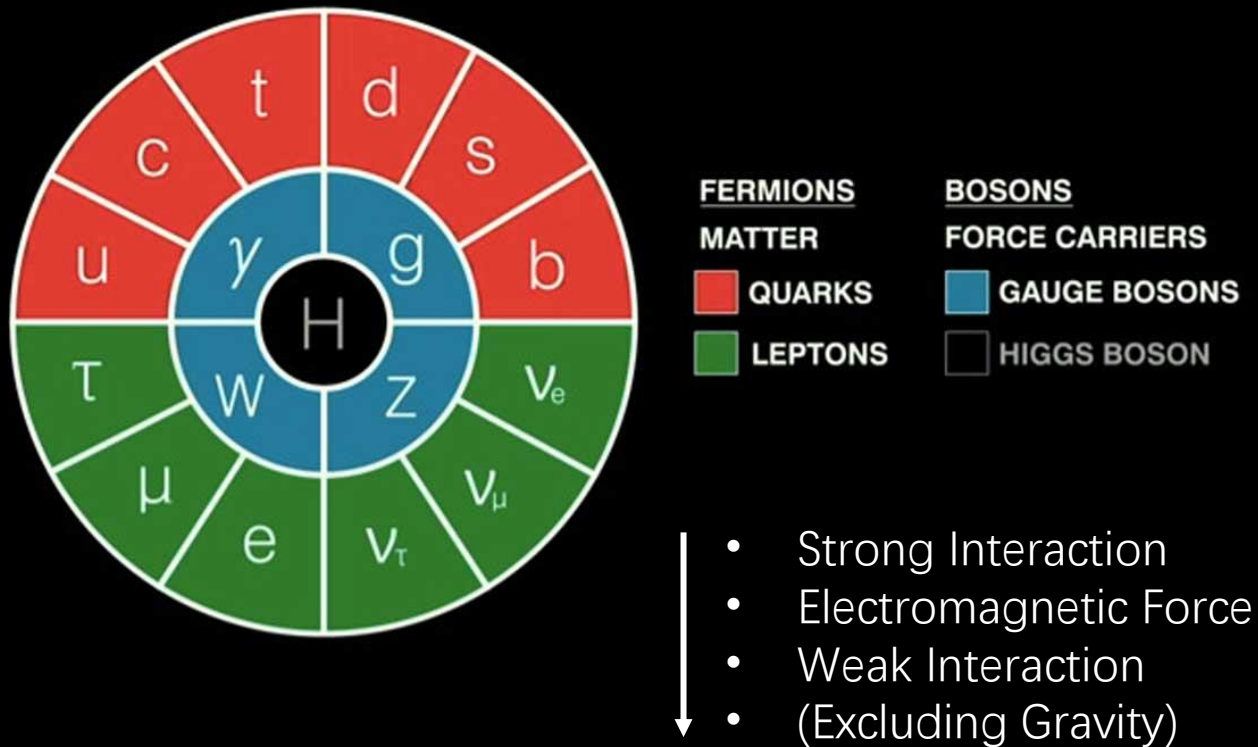


Outline

- Black Hole Superradiance and Gravitational Atom
- Off Resonance Termination of Superradiance
- Statistical Test on Superradiant Termination
- Summary



Standard Model?



Unsolved mysteries Beyond Standard Model (BSM)

- Galaxy rotation curves
- Galaxy clusters
- Gravitational lensing
- ...

Dark Matter!

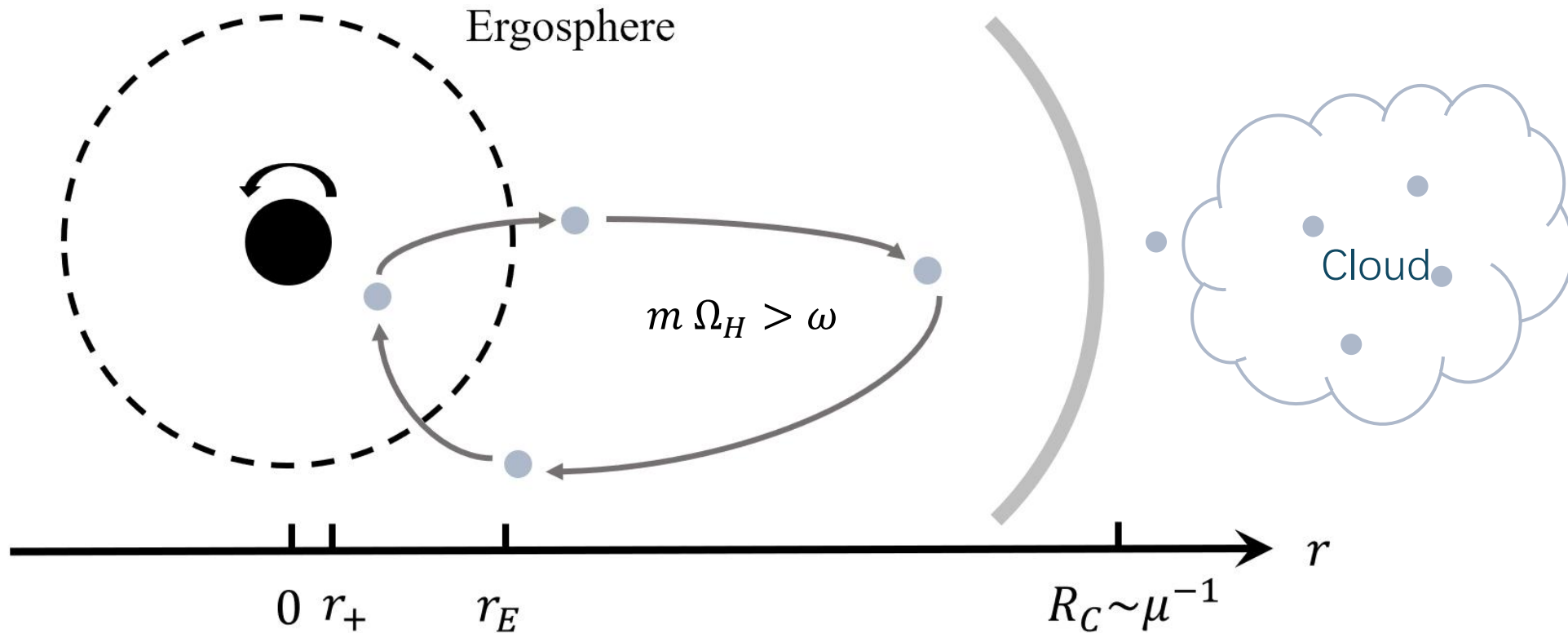
Colliders?



BH is a good tool to test BSM particle

Superradiant Instability

[Press & Teukolsky, 1972]
[Damour et al. 1976]

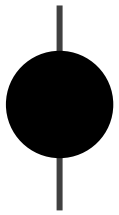


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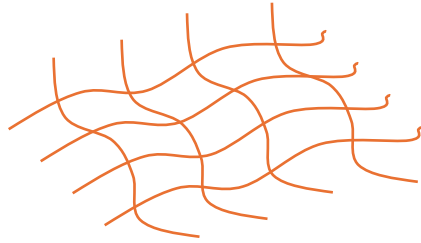


Kerr BH grows a ultralight bosonic cloud

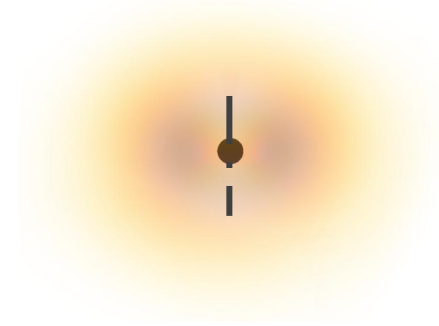
BH as a GA



Kerr BH of mass M



Bosonic field of mass μ



Gravitational Atom

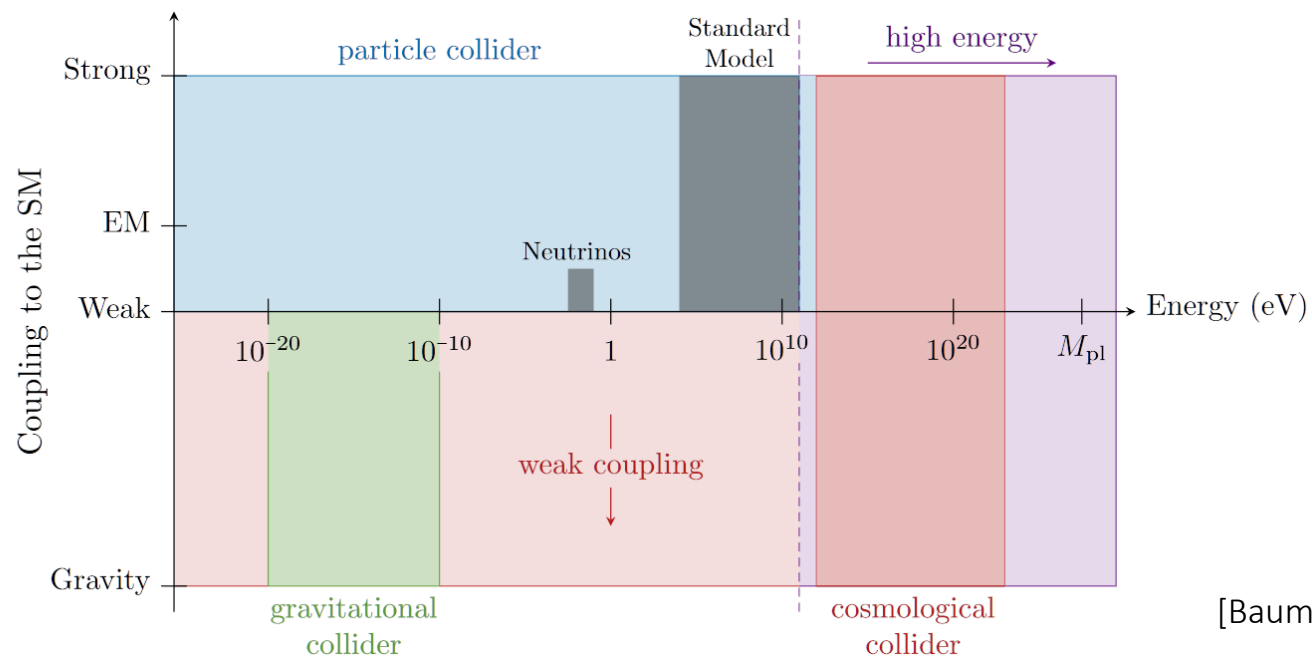
$$\mu^{-1} > GM$$

Compton
wavelength

Black hole
radius

BH

Ke



[Baumann et al, 2019]

$$M_B \sim [10M_\odot, 10^{10}M_\odot]$$

$$\mu^{-1} > GM$$

Compton
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BH as a GA

KG in Kerr:

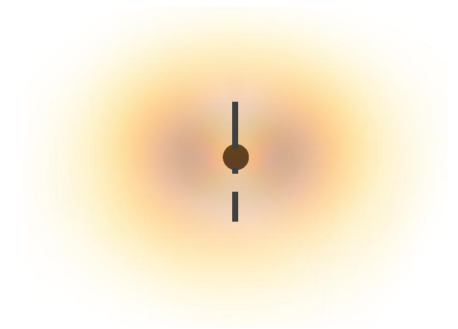
$$(g^{\alpha\beta} \nabla_\alpha \nabla_\beta - \mu^2) \Phi = 0$$

Gravitational fine structure constant

$$\alpha \equiv GM\mu \sim \frac{R_S}{\lambda_C} < 1$$

Factoring out the rest mass

$$\Phi \equiv \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\mu}} e^{-i\mu t} \psi + \text{c.c.}$$



Gravitational Atom

Hydrogen-like Schrodinger eq

$$i\partial_t \psi(t, \mathbf{r}) = H_0 \psi(t, \mathbf{r}) , \quad H_0 \equiv -\frac{1}{2\mu} \partial_{\mathbf{r}}^2 + V(r)$$

with $V(r) = -\frac{\alpha}{r} + \mathcal{O}(\alpha^2)$

[Press & Teukolsky, 1972]

[Damour et al., 1976]

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[Baumann et al, 2019, 2020]

GA in a nutshell

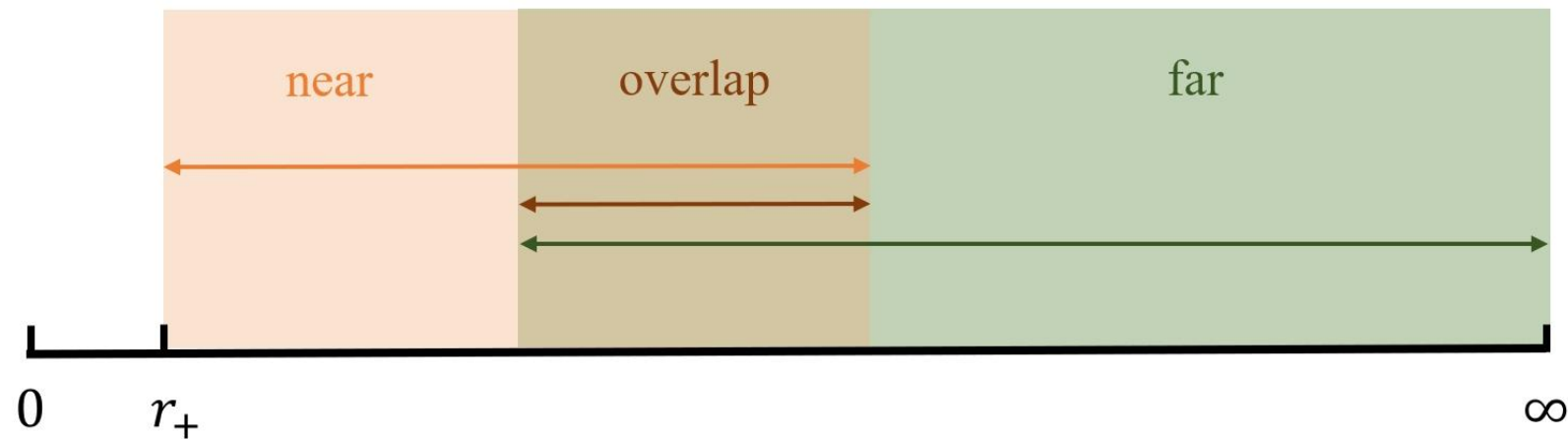
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- With **decaying B.C.** at infinity
- With **in-going B.C.** at the BH outer horizon

Solutions:

$|\psi_{nlm}\rangle$ with $\omega_{nlm} = E_{nlm} + i\Gamma_{nlm}$ ← By in-going B.C.

Determined by near far formalism :



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$$E_{nlm} = \mu \left(1 - \frac{\alpha^2}{2n^2} + \alpha^4 A(n, l) + \alpha^5 \tilde{a} m B(n, l) + \dots \right)$$

Rest mass

Bohr

Fine

Hyperfine

$$\Gamma_{nlm} \propto (m\Omega_H - \mu)\alpha^{4l+5} \begin{cases} > 0 & \text{Superradiance} \\ < 0 & \text{Absorption} \end{cases}$$



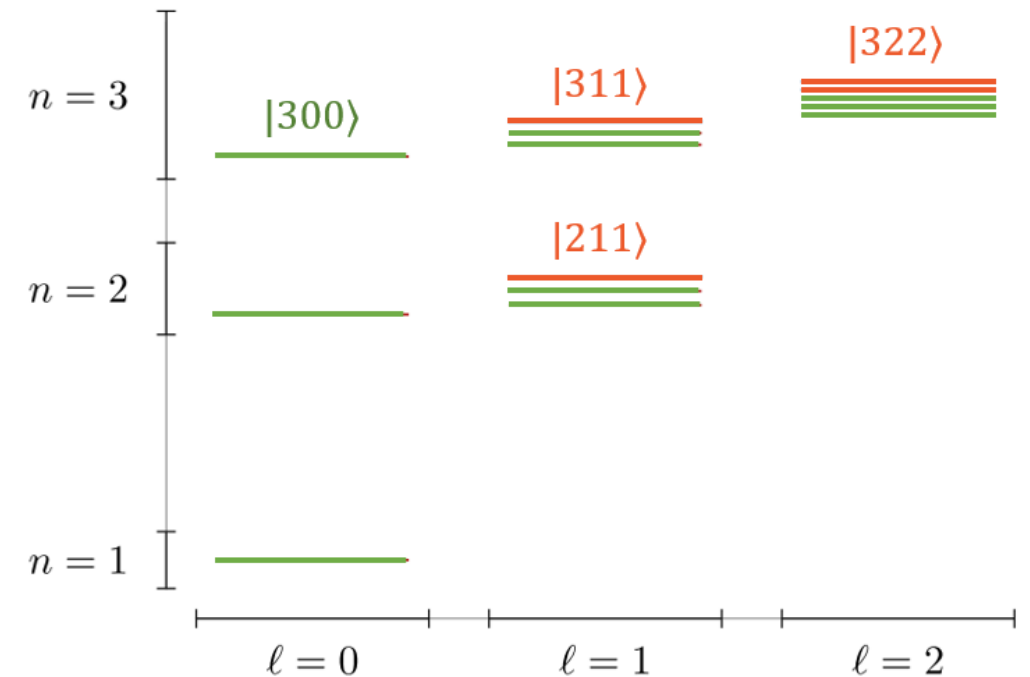
$$\psi_{nlm} \sim e^{-i\omega_{nlm}t} \sim e^{\Gamma_{nlm}t}$$

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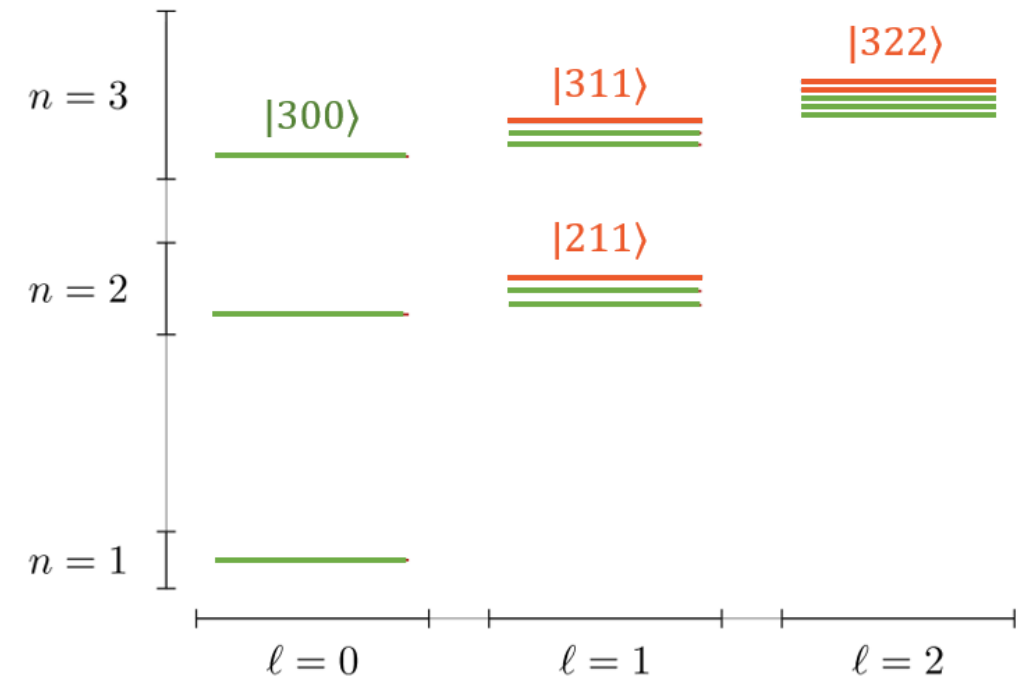
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$$\Gamma_{nlm} \propto (m\Omega_H - \mu)\alpha^{4l+5} \quad \text{with} \quad \alpha \equiv GM\mu \sim \frac{R_S}{\lambda_C} < 1$$

- From $m\Omega_H - \mu$
 - Cloud saturated when spin is small enough.
 - $m \leq 0$ mode always absorptive.
 - Lower m modes need higher spin.
- From α^{4l+5} :
 - The lower l modes grow much quicker.
 - $|211\rangle$ mode will dominant first if spin is enough.

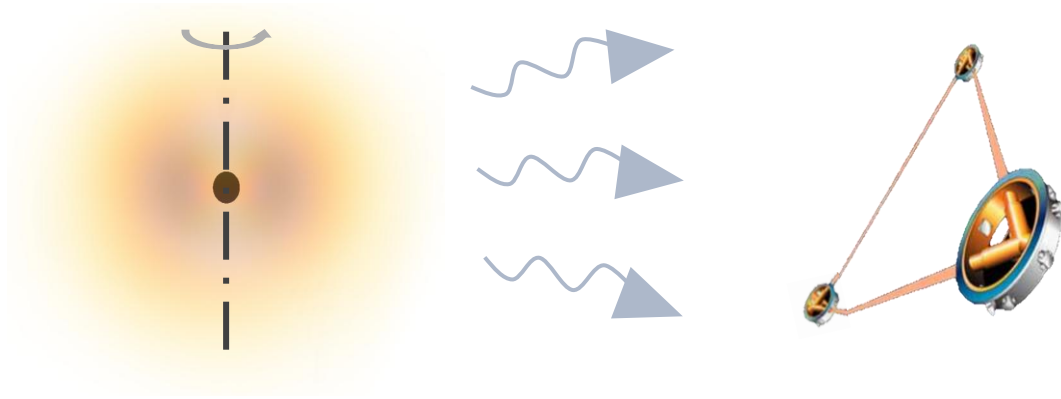




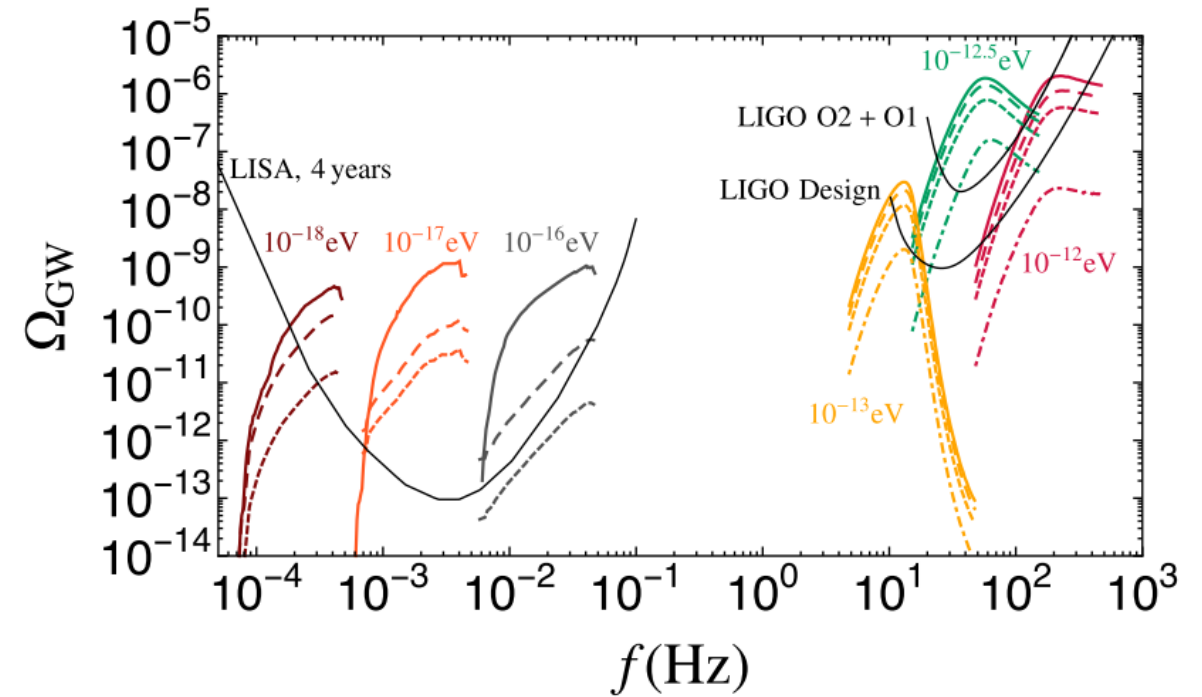
What phenomena does Gravitational Atom have?

GA phenomenology in isolation

- Near-monochromatic GW



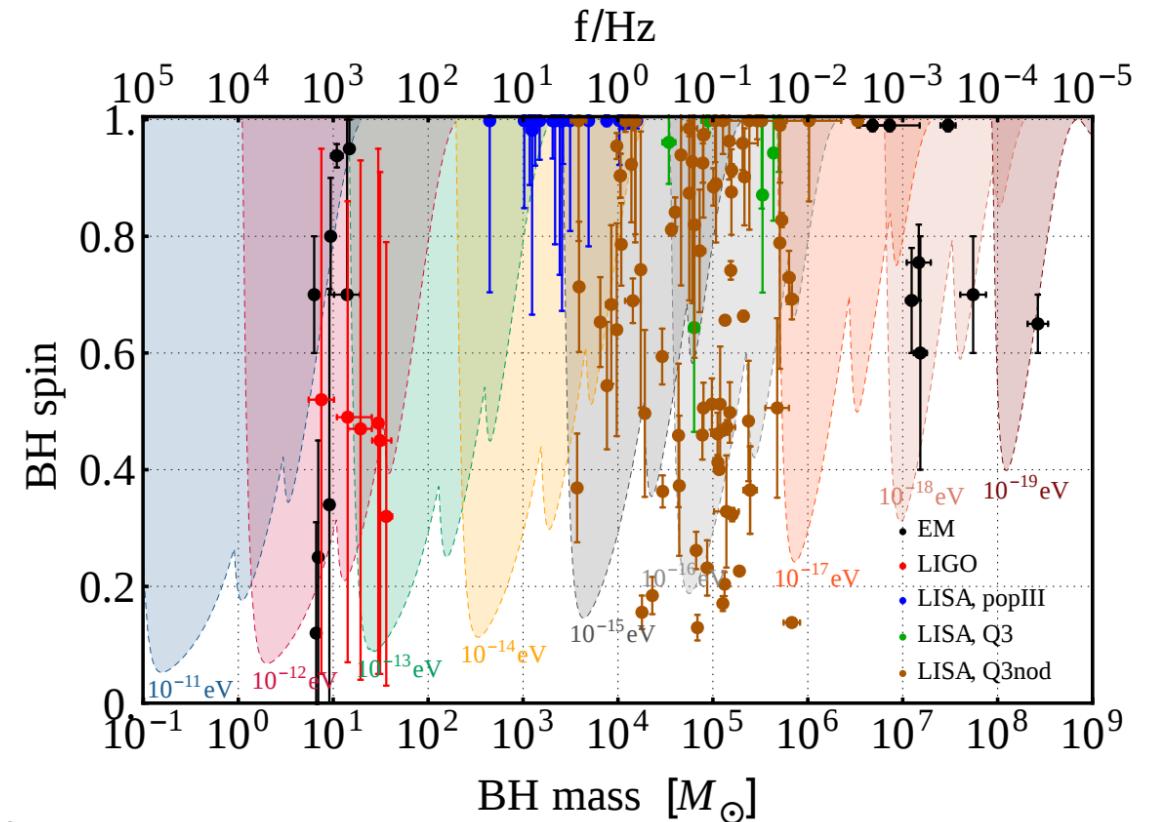
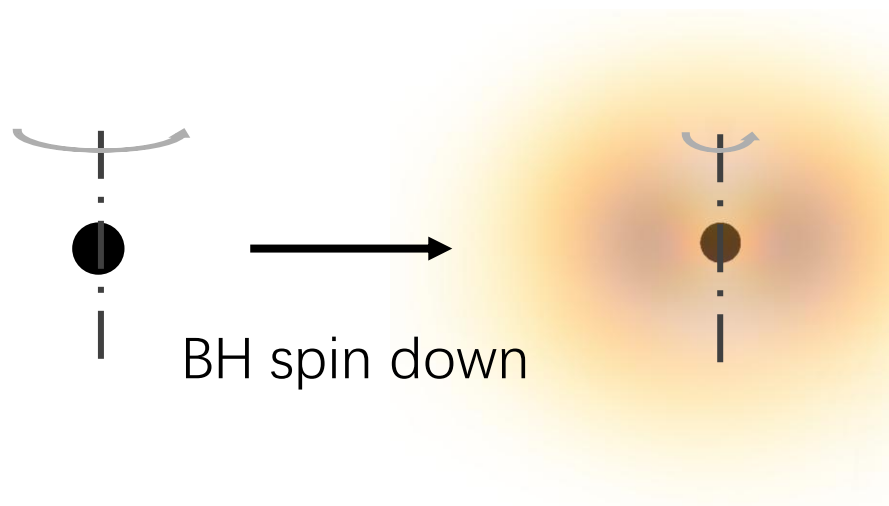
$$f_{\text{GW}} \sim \omega_R / \pi \sim 5 \text{ kHz} \left(\frac{\mu \hbar}{10^{-11} \text{ eV}} \right)$$



[Brito et al., 2017]

GA phenomenology in isolation

- Spin cutoff by superradiance



$$m\Omega_H \downarrow > \omega \sim \mu \quad \rightarrow \quad \frac{a}{M} = \frac{4m(M\omega)}{m^2 + 4(M\omega)^2} = \frac{4\alpha}{m} + \mathcal{O}(\alpha^3)$$

Spin at saturation

[Brito et al., 2017]

GA phenomenology in binaries

- Atomic resonant transitions

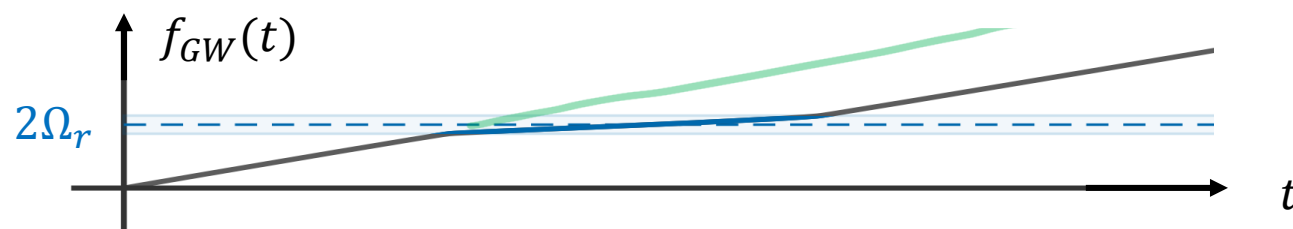
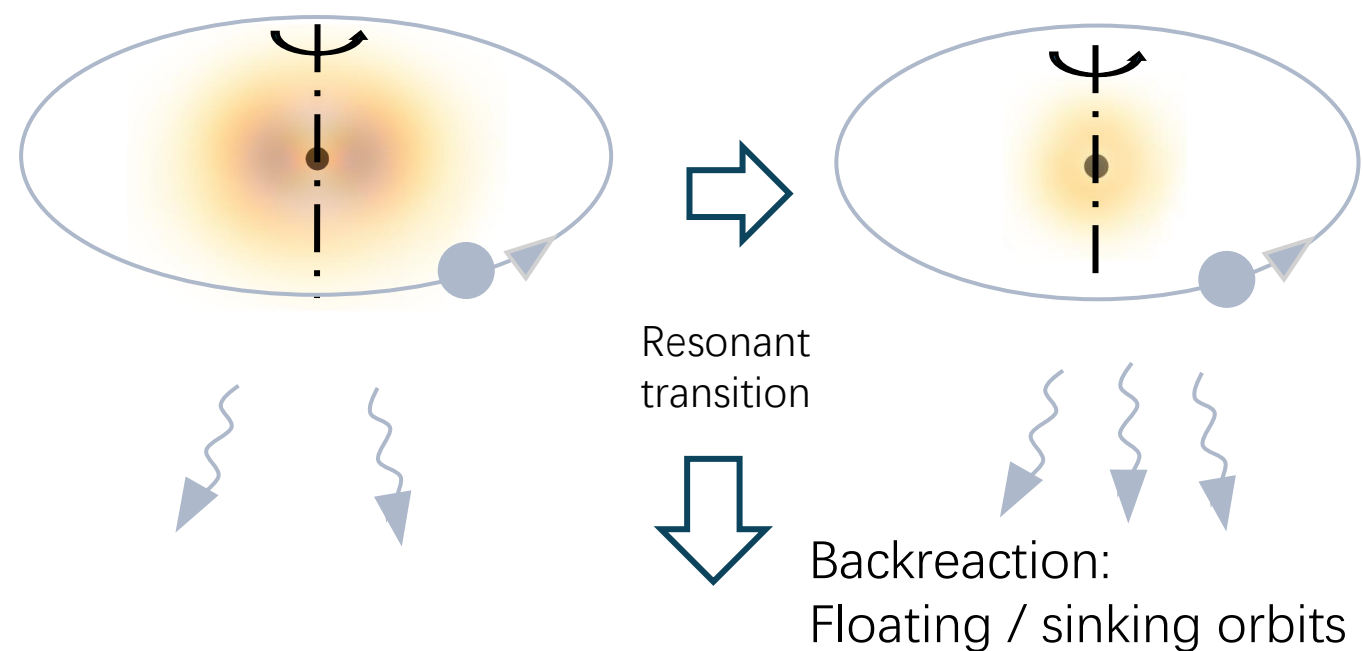
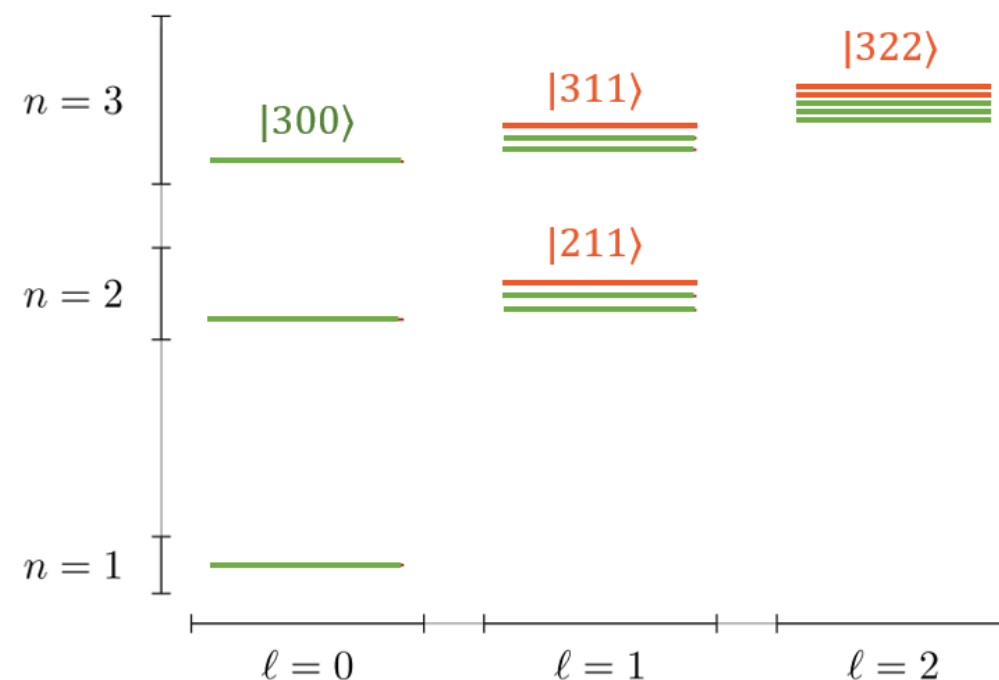


Figure adapted from [Baumann et al, 2020]

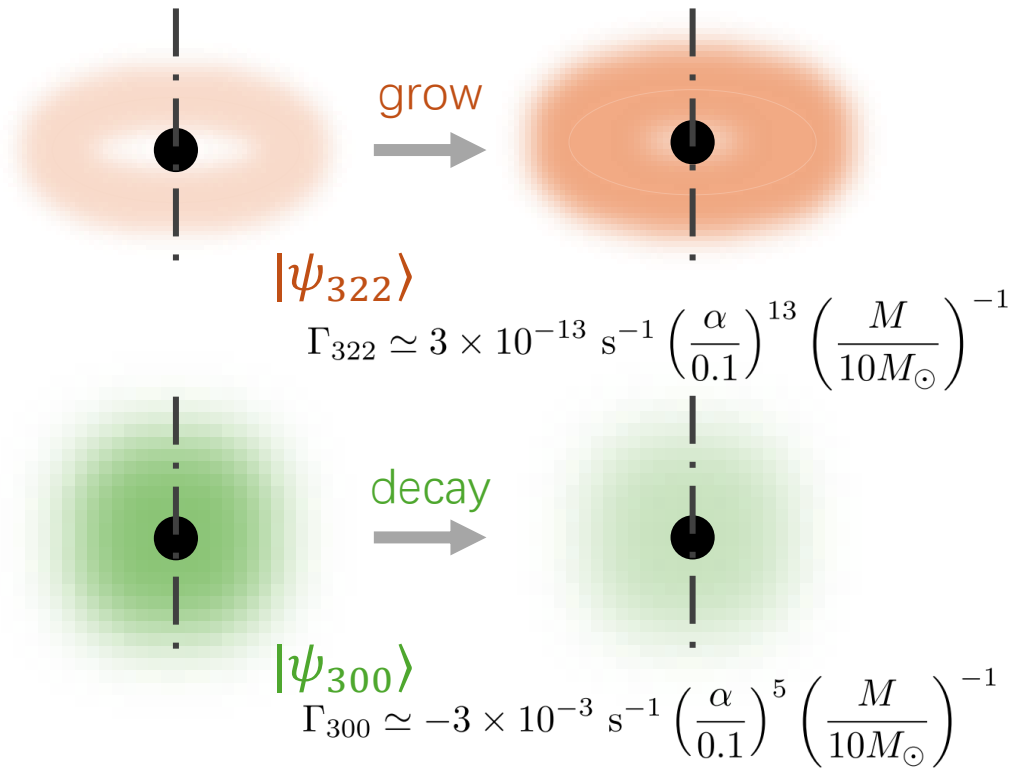




A hidden assumption: there *is* a boson cloud

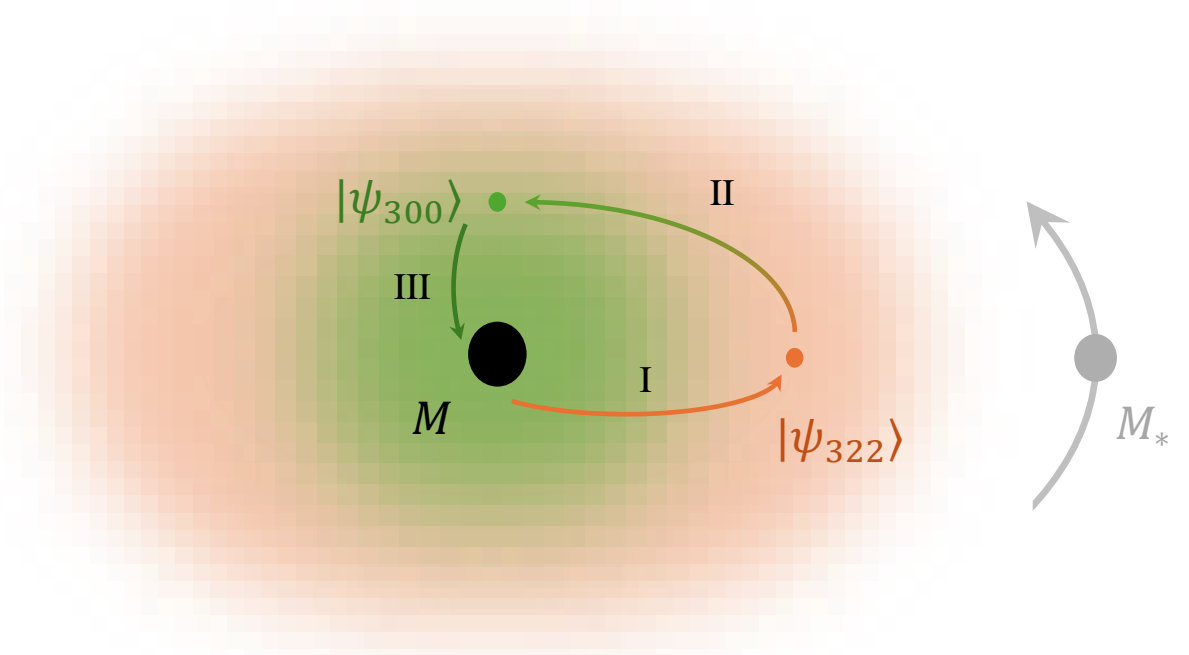
Effect of a binary companion: State mixture

GA in **isolation**

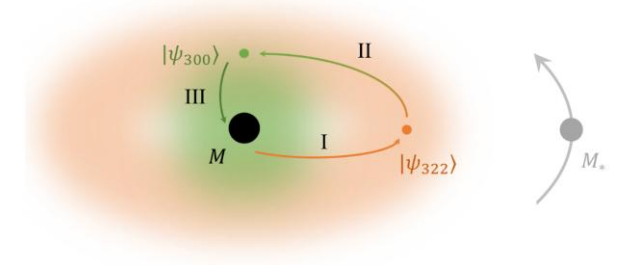


GA in a **binary**

[Tong, Wang & **Zhu**, 2022]



Superradiance Termination (ST)



[Tong, Wang & **Zhu**, 2022]

- GA isolated: $i\partial_t\psi(t, \mathbf{r}) = H_0\psi(t, \mathbf{r})$, $H_0 \equiv -\frac{1}{2\mu}\partial_{\mathbf{r}}^2 + V(r)$

- GA in a binary: $i\partial_t\psi(t, r) = H\psi(t, r)$, with $H = H_0 + V_*(t)$

- E.g., consider a two-state subspace $\{|1\rangle, |2\rangle\}$

$|1\rangle$ is superradiant with $\Gamma_1 > 0$, (e.g., $|322\rangle$)

$|2\rangle$ is absorptive with $\Gamma_2 < 0$, (e.g., $|300\rangle$)

$$V_* = -\alpha q \sum_{l_* \geq 2} \sum_{|m_*| \leq l_*} \mathcal{E}_{l_* m_*}(l_*, \varphi_*) Y_{l_* m_*}(\theta, \phi) \\ \times \left(\frac{r^{l_*}}{R_*^{l_*+1}} \Theta(R_* - r) + \frac{R_*^{l_*}}{r^{l_*+1}} \Theta(r - R_*) \right)$$

Tidal perturbation

“Free” cloud

$$H = \begin{pmatrix} E_1 + i\Gamma_1 & 0 \\ 0 & E_2 + i\Gamma_2 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} V_{11} & V_{12} \\ V_{21} & V_{22} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} \bar{E}_1 + i\Gamma_1 & \eta^* \\ \eta & \bar{E}_2 + i\Gamma_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$V_{ij} \equiv \langle i | V_* | j \rangle$$

$$\bar{E}_i \equiv E_i + V_{ii}$$

$$\eta \equiv V_{21}$$

Superradiance termination

[Tong, Wang & **Zhu**, 2022]

- Schrodinger eq: $i\partial_t|\psi\rangle = \begin{pmatrix} \bar{E}_1 + i\Gamma_1 & \eta^* \\ \eta & \bar{E}_2 + i\Gamma_2 \end{pmatrix} |\psi\rangle$

Eigenfrequencies: $\lambda_{\pm} \simeq \begin{cases} \bar{E}_1 + \frac{|\eta|^2}{\bar{E}_1 - \bar{E}_2} + i \left[\Gamma_1 - \frac{\Gamma_1 - \Gamma_2}{(\bar{E}_1 - \bar{E}_2)^2} |\eta|^2 \right], + \\ \bar{E}_2 + \frac{|\eta|^2}{\bar{E}_2 - \bar{E}_1} + i \left[\Gamma_2 - \frac{\Gamma_2 - \Gamma_1}{(\bar{E}_1 - \bar{E}_2)^2} |\eta|^2 \right], - \end{cases}$

$\Delta\Gamma_1$: Correction to the superradiance rate

- Significant correction if the binary is close:

At a binary separation $R_* = 10^5 M$

$$\Gamma_{322} \simeq 3 \times 10^{-13} \text{ s}^{-1} \left(\frac{\alpha}{0.1} \right)^{13} \left(\frac{M}{10M_{\odot}} \right)^{-1}$$

$$\Delta\Gamma_{322} \simeq -7 \times 10^3 \frac{q^2}{\alpha^{10}} \frac{M^5}{R_*^6}$$

20% reduction!

$$\simeq -0.6 \times 10^{-13} \text{ s}^{-1} \left(\frac{\alpha}{0.1} \right)^{-10} \left(\frac{q}{0.2} \right)^2 \left(\frac{M}{10M_{\odot}} \right)^{-1}$$

Superradiance termination

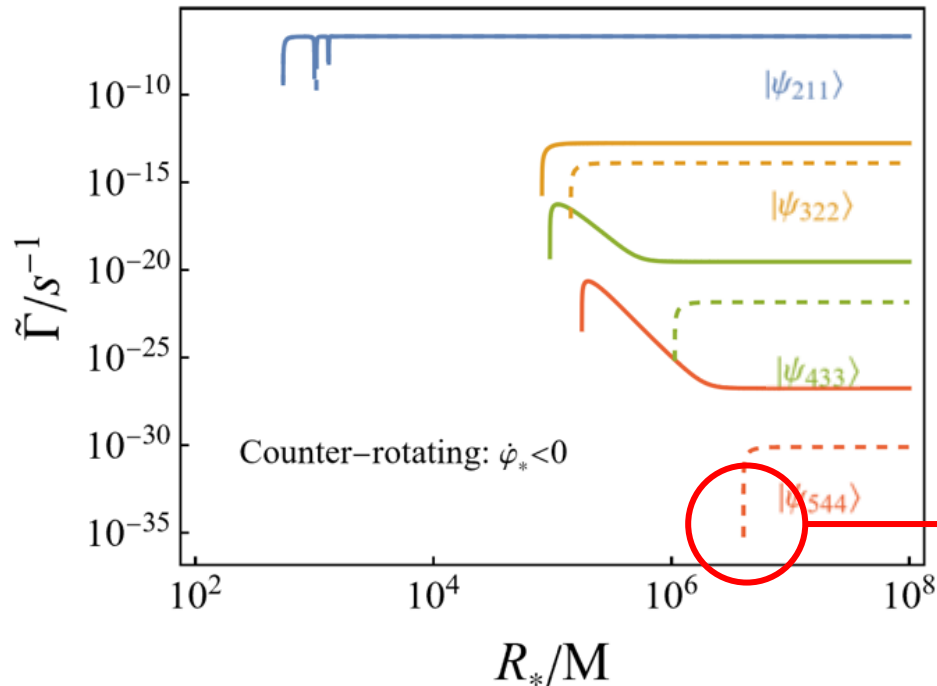
[Tong, Wang & **Zhu**, 2022]

- More generally, considering multiple states and rotation effects

Corrected superradiance rate $\tilde{\Gamma}_1 = \Gamma_1 + \Delta\Gamma_1$

$$\Delta\Gamma_1 \simeq \sum_{i=n'l'm'} \frac{\Gamma_1 - \Gamma_i}{[\bar{E}_1 - \bar{E}_i - (m_1 - m_i)\dot{\phi}_*(R_*)]^2} |\eta_{1i}(R_*)|^2$$

with $\eta_{ij} \equiv V_{ij} = \langle i|V_*|j\rangle$



$\tilde{\Gamma}$ drops to 0 at a finite binary separation,
terminating superradiance

Mass ratio: $q = \frac{M_*}{M}$

A critical distance

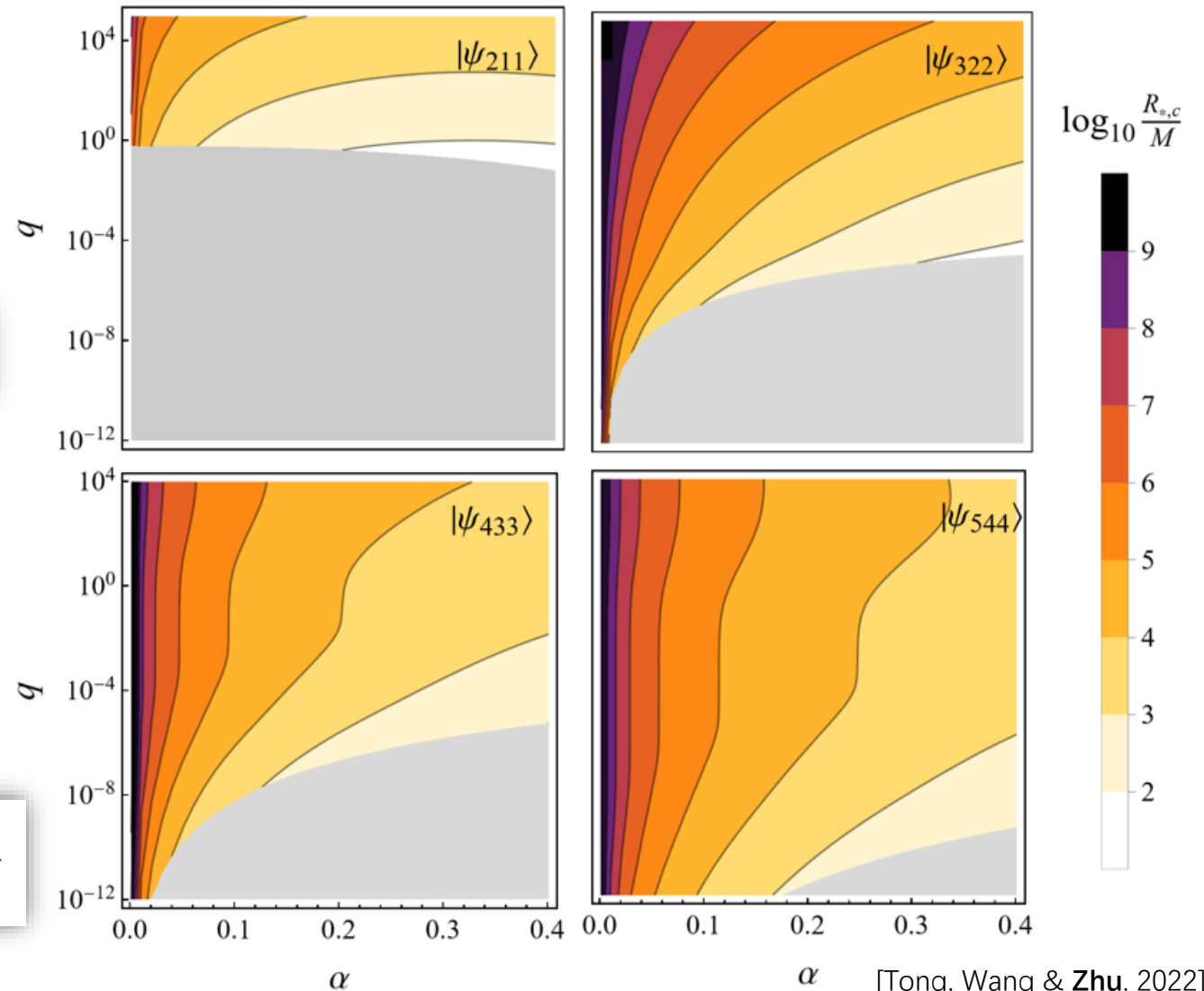
- The critical distance $R_{*,c}$ of $|\psi_{nlm}\rangle$ is defined as

$$\tilde{\Gamma}_{nlm}(R_{*,c}) = \Gamma_{nlm} + \Delta\Gamma_{nlm}(R_{*,c}) \equiv 0$$

- $R_{*,c}(nlm)$ is the distance below which no superradiance can happen

$$R_{*,c}(322) \simeq 10^6 \text{ km} \left(\frac{\alpha}{0.1}\right)^{-23/6} \left(\frac{q}{0.2}\right)^{1/3} \frac{M}{10M_\odot}$$

Fine structure const: $\alpha \equiv GM\mu$

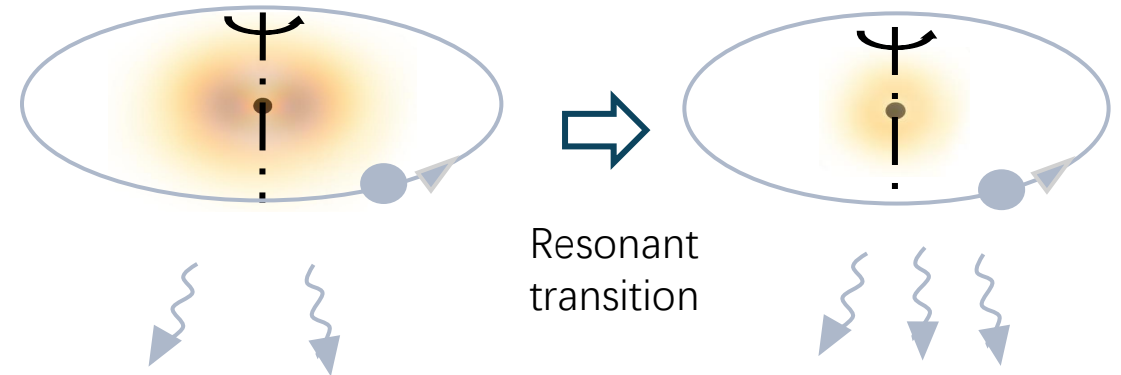
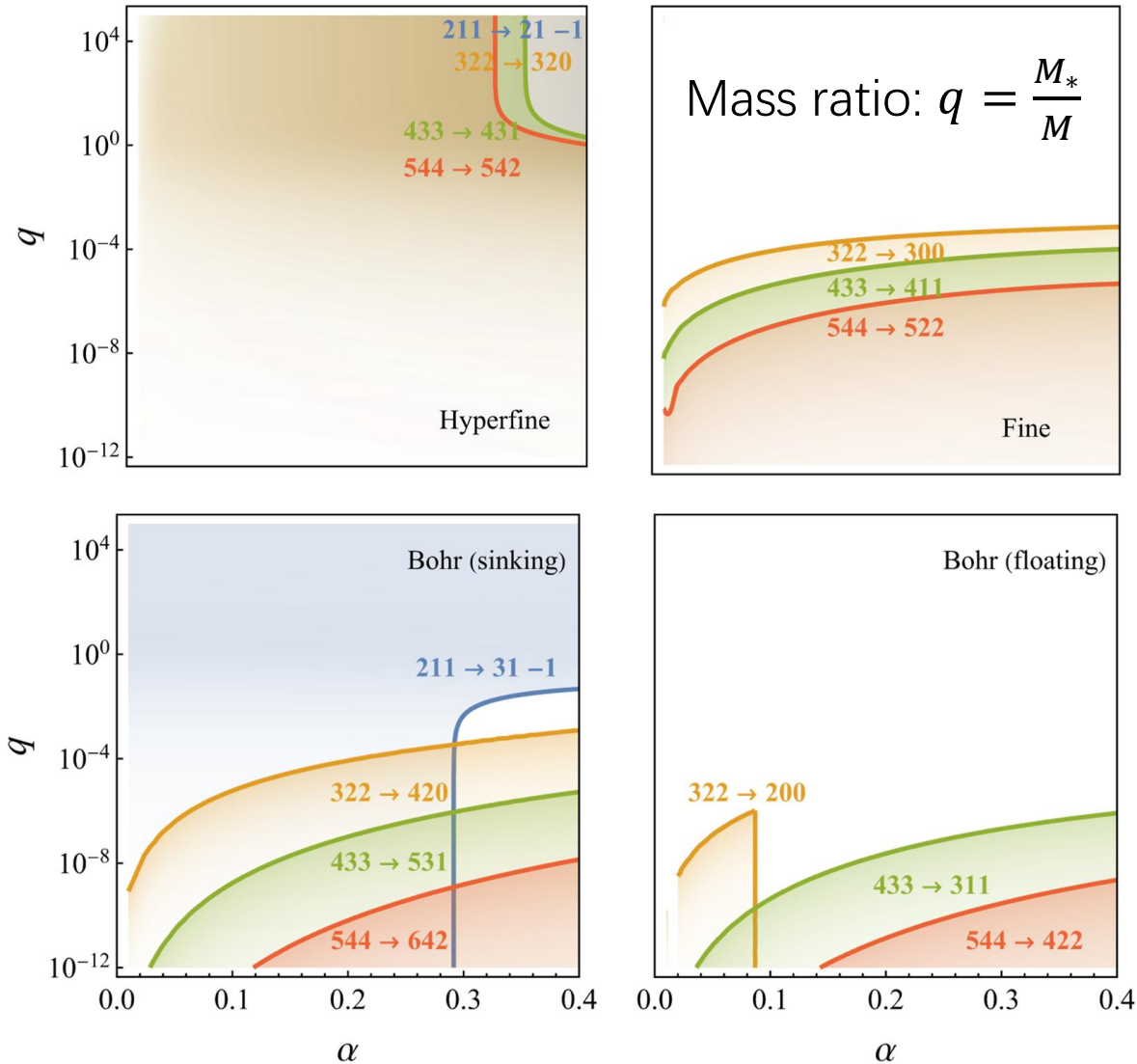


[Tong, Wang & Zhu, 2022]



- Superradiance is terminated below a critical binary distance
- What are the phenomenological consequences?

Consequences of ST: Impact on resonance



- Viable GCP transition requires

$$R_{*,r}(nlm \rightarrow n'l'm') > R_{*,c}(nlm)$$

[Tong, Wang & Zhu, 2022]

ST backreaction: Orbital flow of EMRIs ($q \ll 1$)

[Fan, Tong, Wang & **Zhu**, 2023]

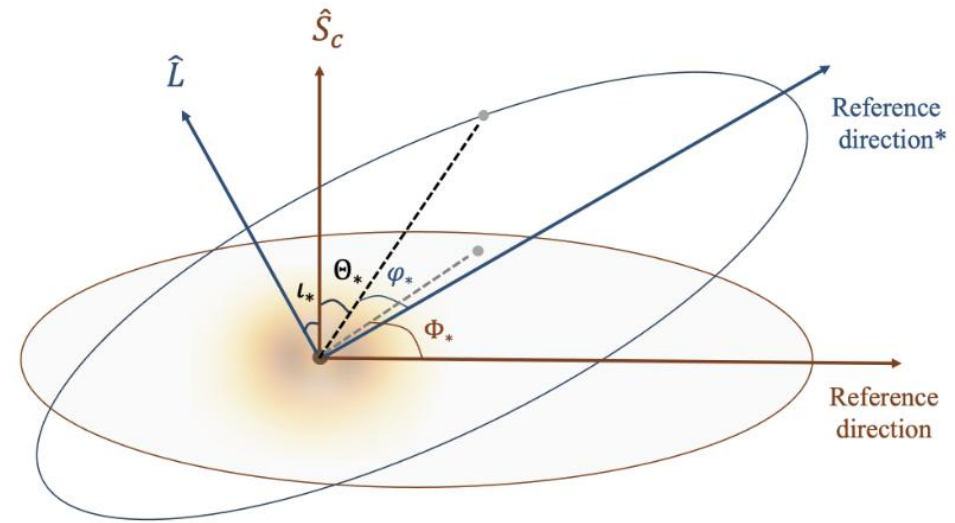
- General binary orbits: $\{p(t), e(t), \iota(t)\} \cup \{S_c(t)\}$
- Diagram illustrating the parameters of the general binary orbits:
- Cloud angular momentum (indicated by a grey arrow pointing to $S_c(t)$)
 - Inclination angle (indicated by a green arrow pointing to $\iota(t)$)
 - Eccentricity (indicated by a purple arrow pointing to $e(t)$)
 - Semi-latus rectum (indicated by a purple arrow pointing to $p(t)$)

$$\frac{d}{dt}[L(t) \cos \iota_*(t)] = \tau_c + \tau_{\text{bGW}} \cos \iota_*(t) ,$$

$$\frac{d}{dt}[L(t) \sin \iota_*(t)] = \tau_{\text{bGW}} \sin \iota_*(t) .$$

$$\frac{dE(t)}{dt} = P_c + P_{\text{bGW}} .$$

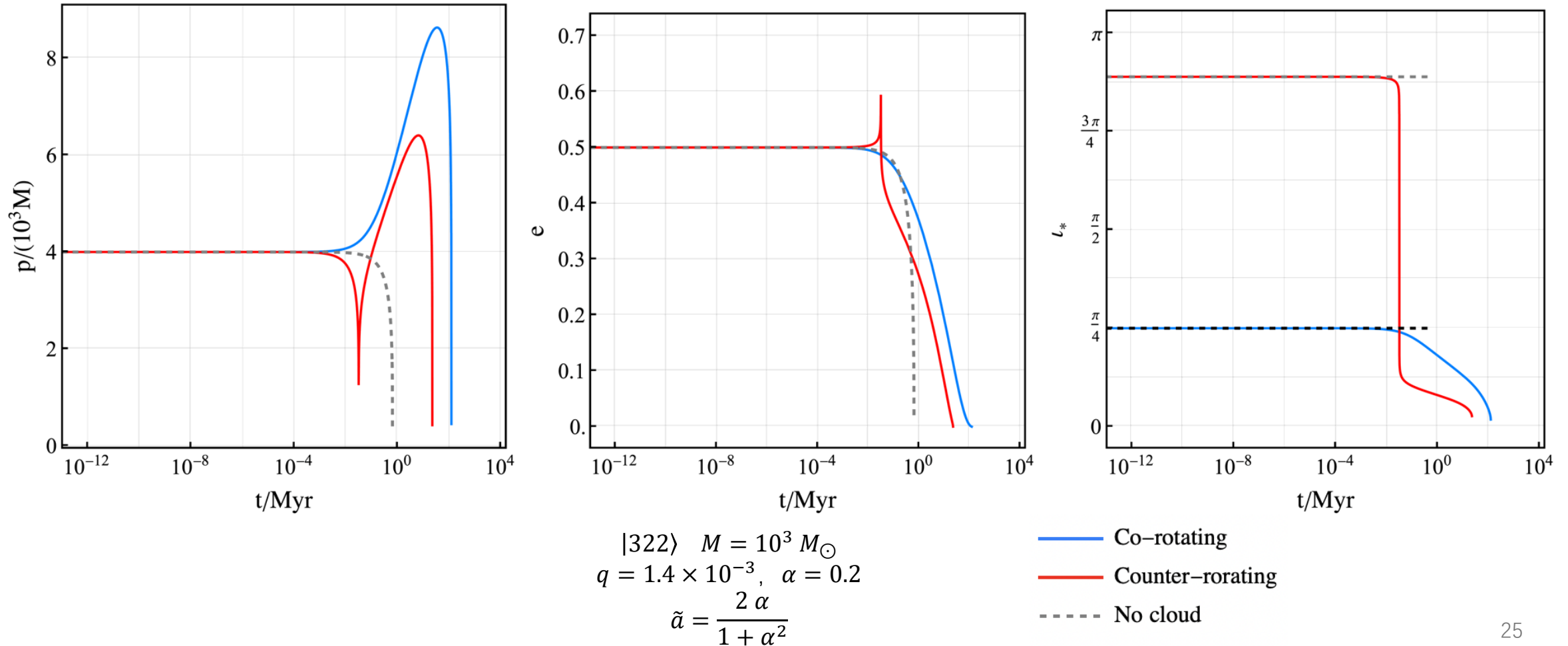
$$\frac{dS_c(t)}{dt} = \left(\frac{dS_c(t)}{dt} \right)_{\text{ST}} + \left(\frac{dS_c(t)}{dt} \right)_{\text{cGW}}$$



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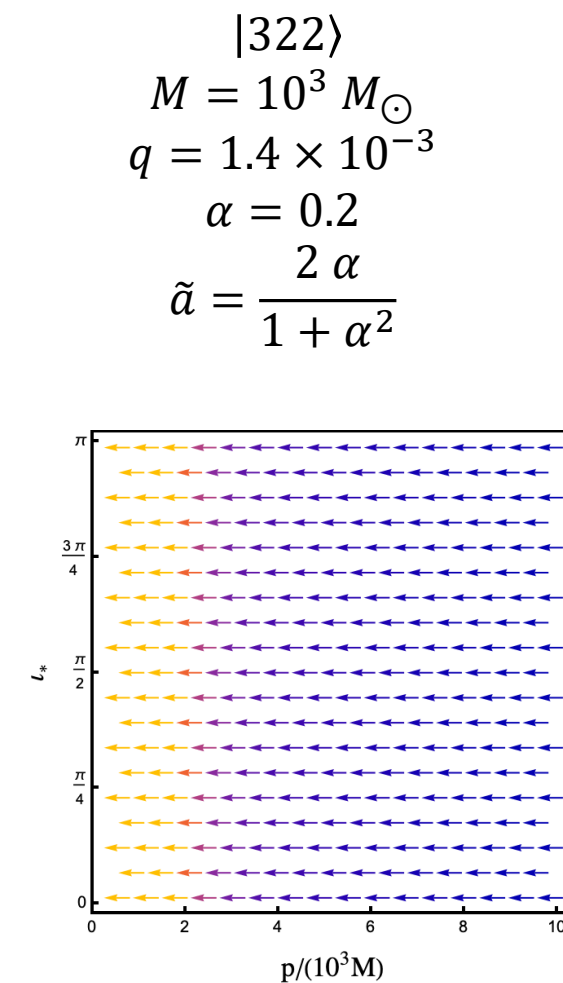
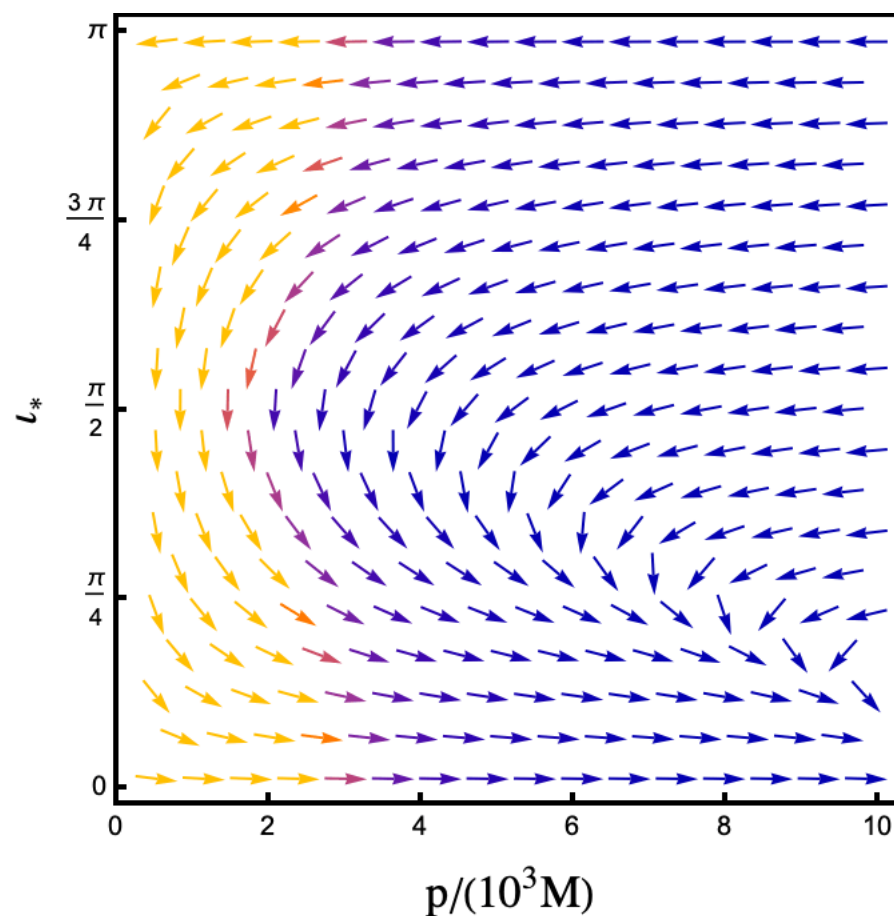
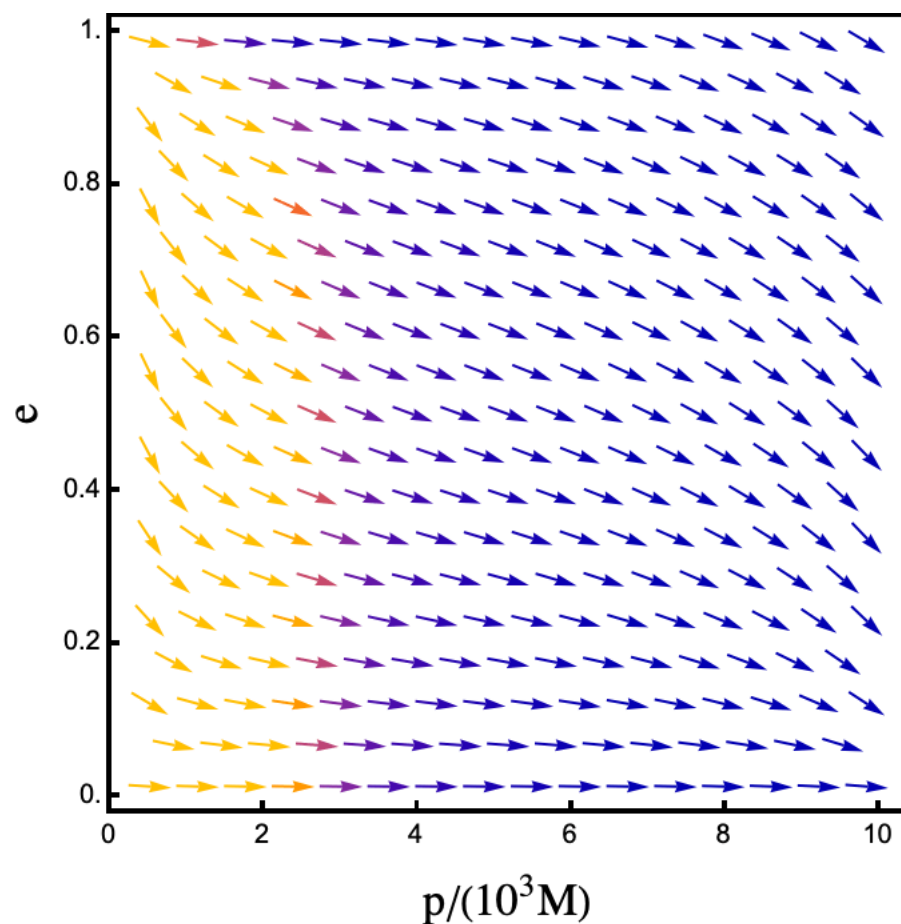
- Orbital evolution



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- Flow of orbital parameters





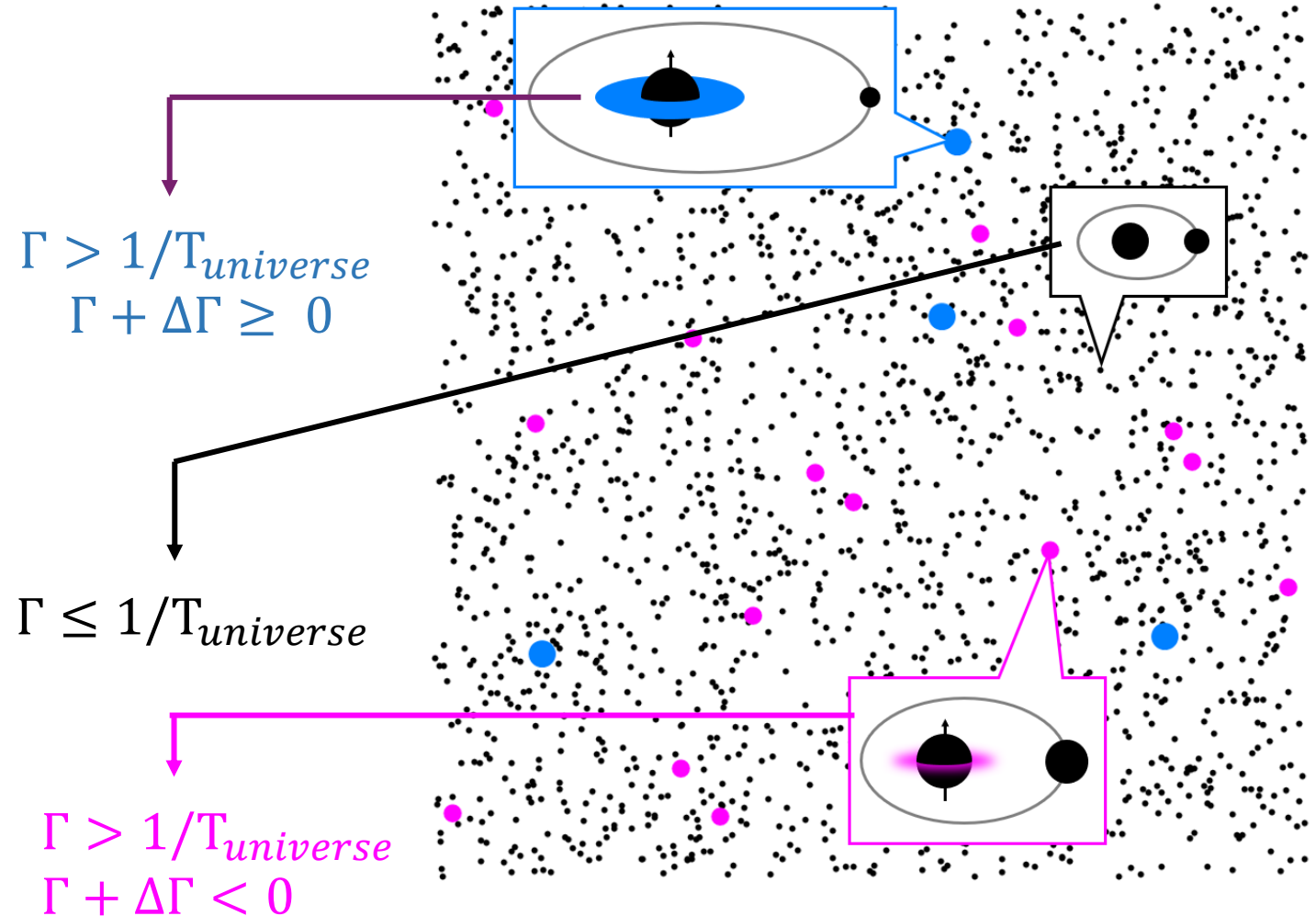
How significantly does ST influence the BBH systems in reality from a statistical standpoint?



ST Statistic: Survival Rate of GA

- Stellar Evolution for N-body (SEVN) for 8×10^6 BBH systems

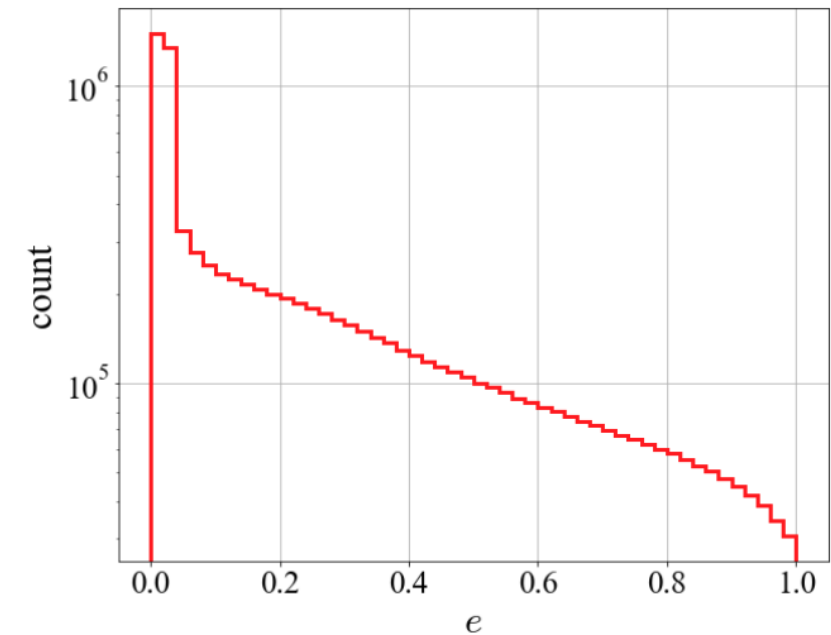
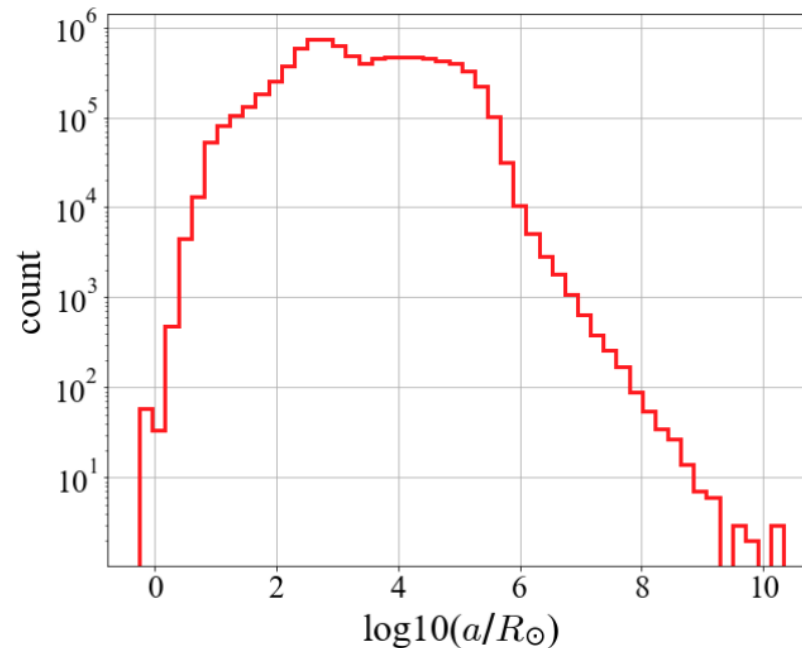
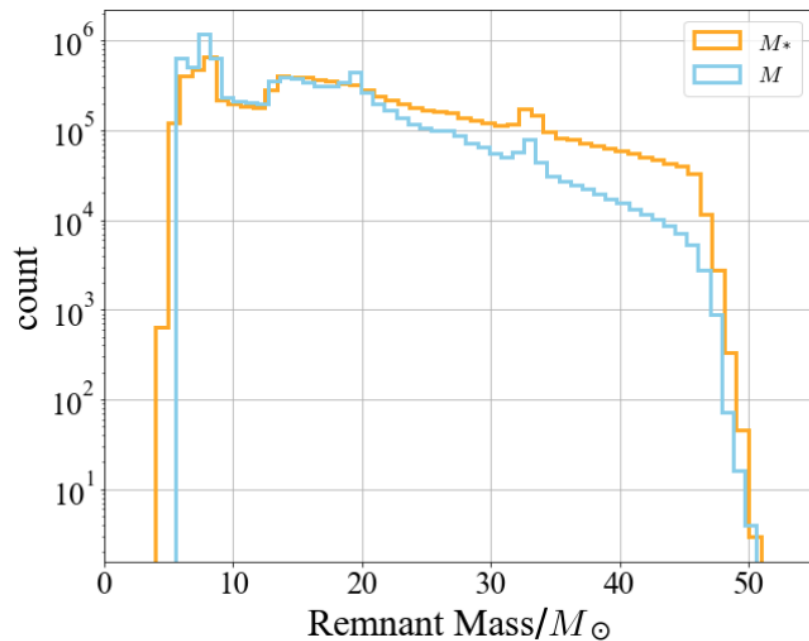
- List of
 - Mass M_B and M_*
 - Semi-major axis a
 - Eccentricity e
- Consider
 - Inclination $\iota = 0$
 - BH spin \tilde{a}





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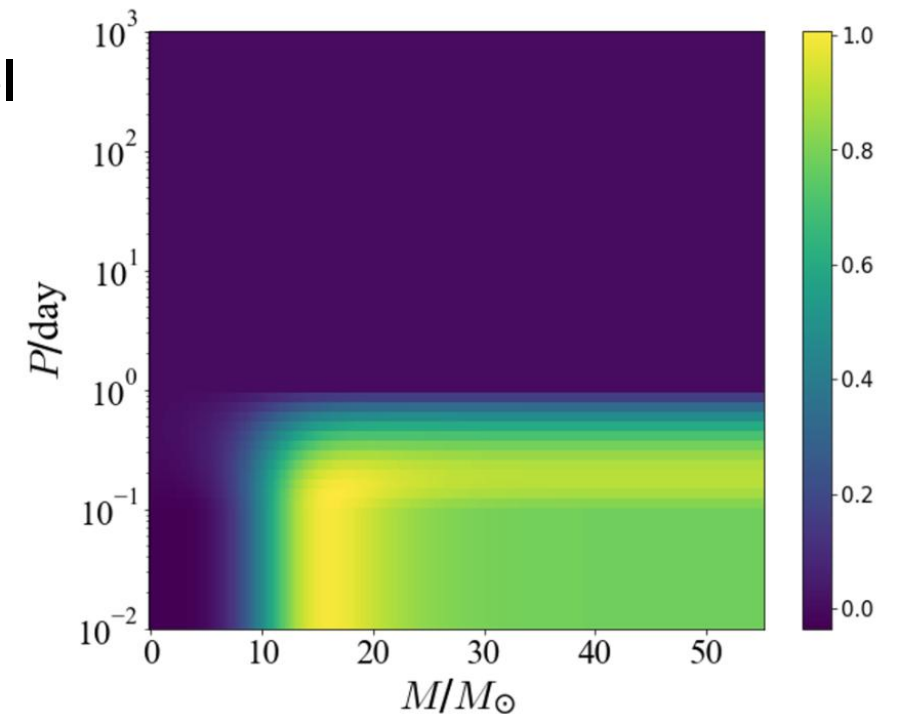


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- Spin Model of BBH : **Wolf-Rayet (WR) Spin Model**
 - Primary BH has small spin.
 - Secondary BH has spin :

$$\tilde{a} = \begin{cases} f^\alpha \log_{10}^2 \left(\frac{P}{\text{day}} \right) + f^\beta \log_{10} \left(\frac{P}{\text{day}} \right) & , 0.1 \leq \frac{P}{\text{day}} \leq 1 \\ 0 & , \frac{P}{\text{day}} > 1 \\ \tilde{a}|_{P=0.1 \text{ day}} & , \frac{P}{\text{day}} < 0.1 \end{cases}$$



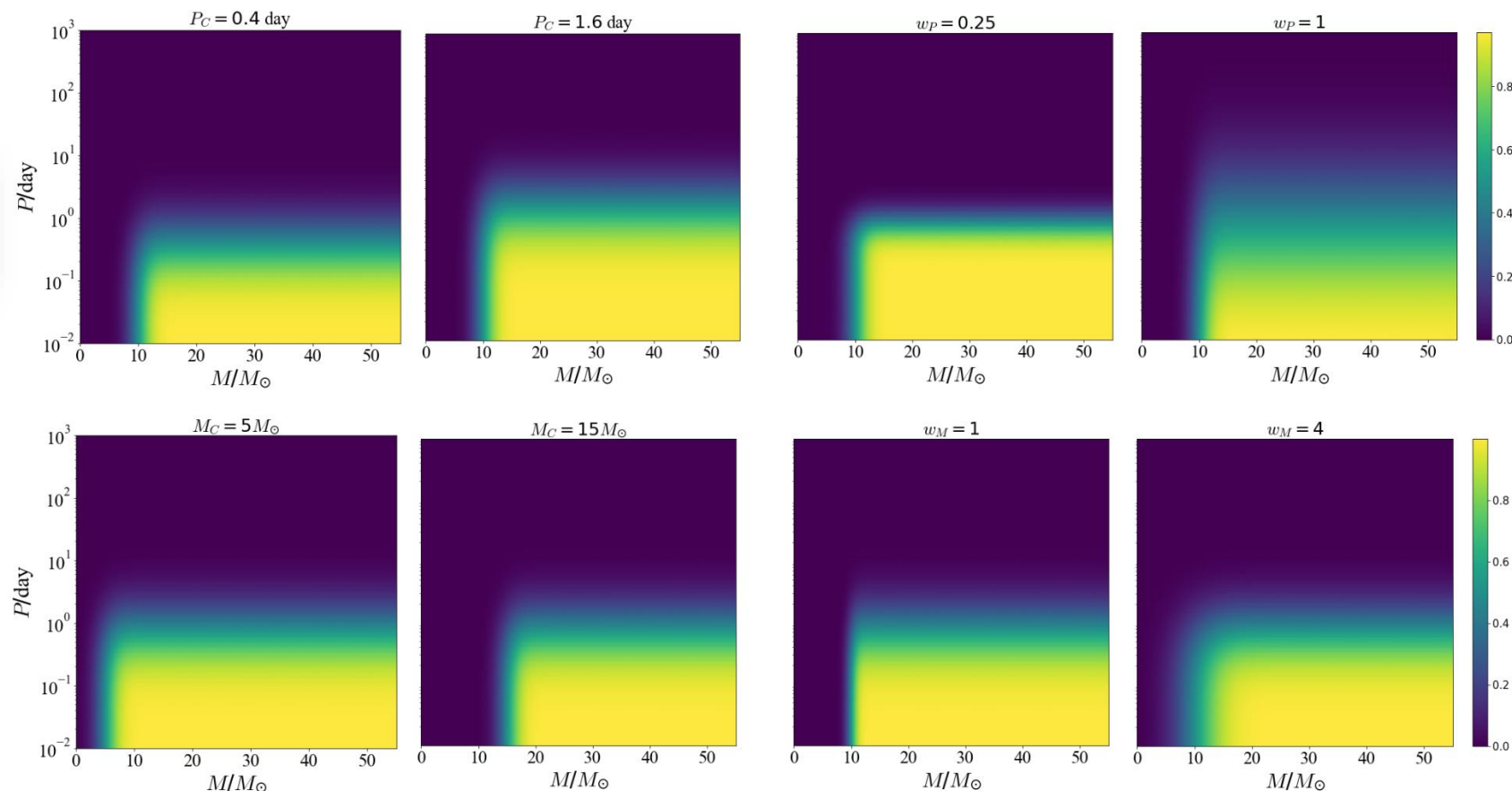
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- Spin Model of BBH : **Plateau (PT) Spin Model**

$$\tilde{a} = \frac{1}{4} \operatorname{erfc} \left(\frac{\ln P/P_C}{\sqrt{2}w_P} \right) \operatorname{erfc} \left(\frac{M_C - M}{\sqrt{2}w_M} \right)$$

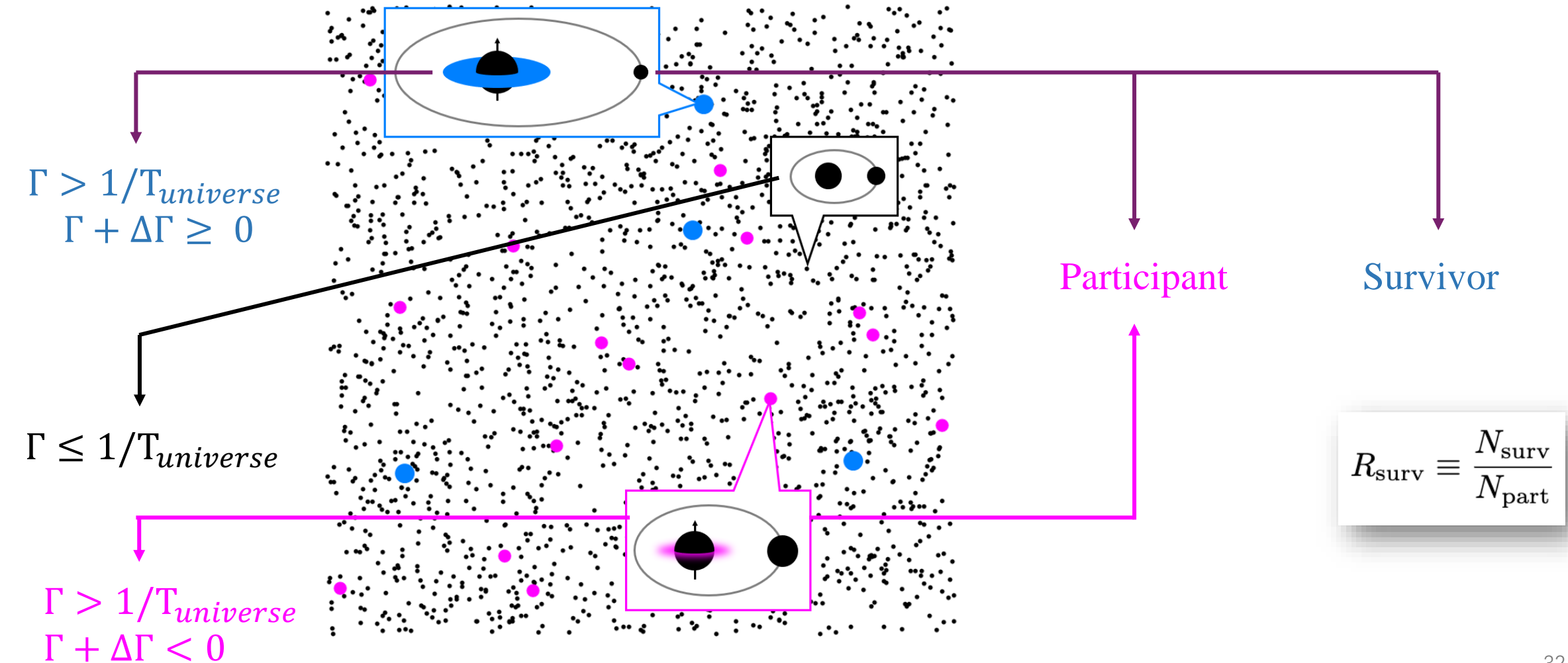
- P_C : Cut off of orbital period
- w_P : Width parameter of period
- M_C : Cut off of parameter of BH mass
- w_M : Width parameter of BH mass





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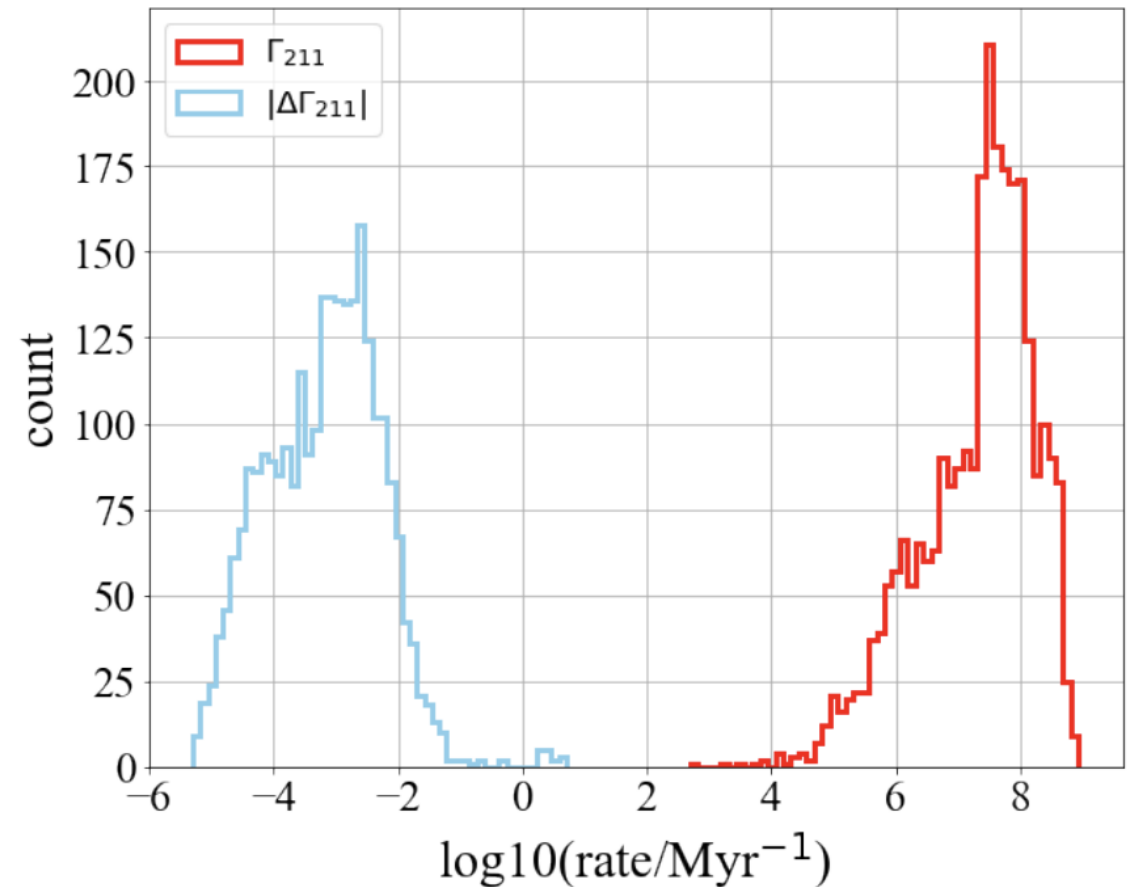
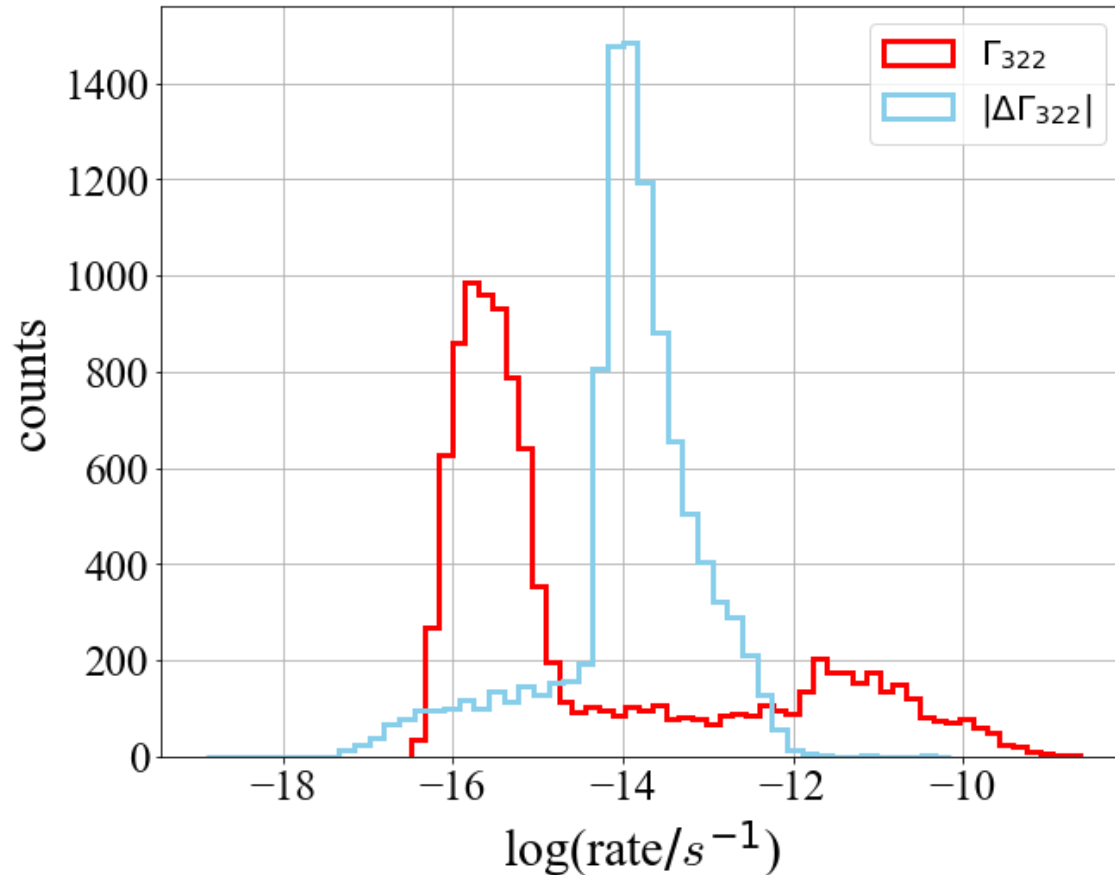
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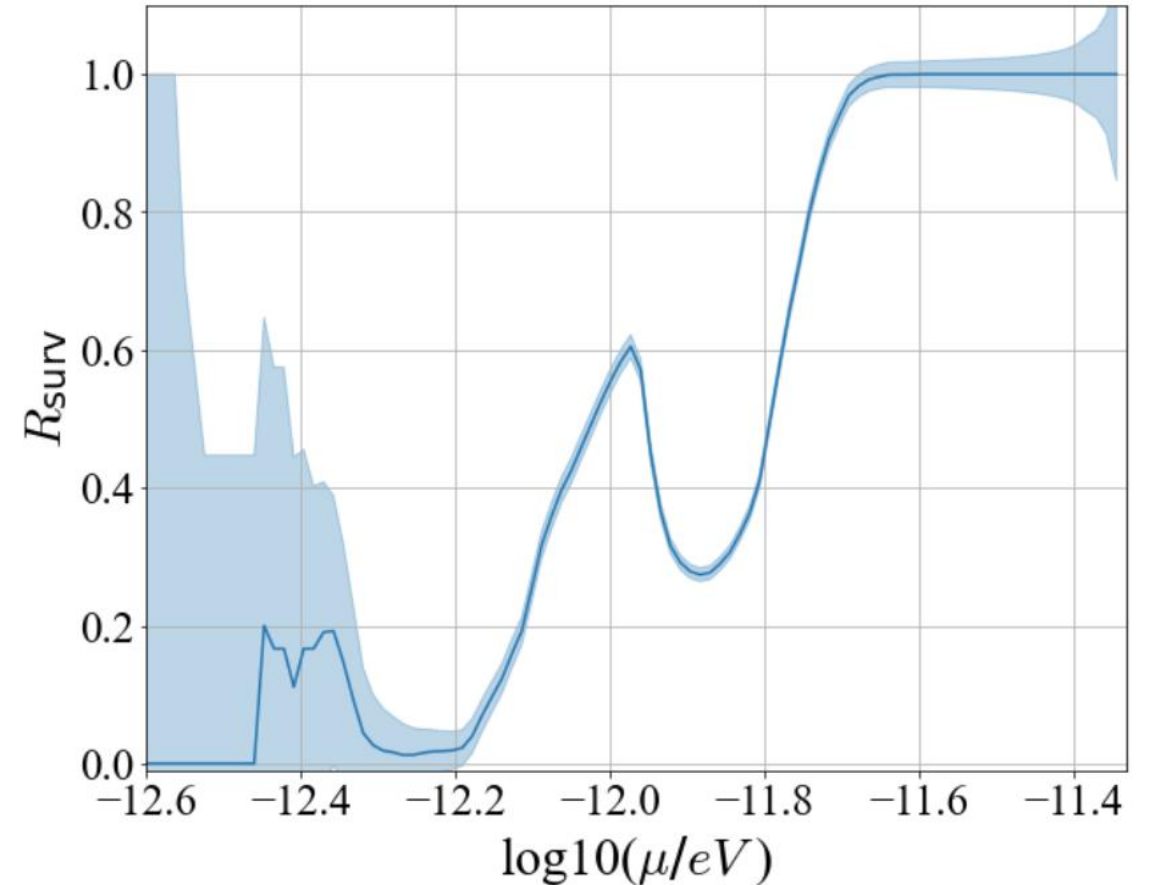
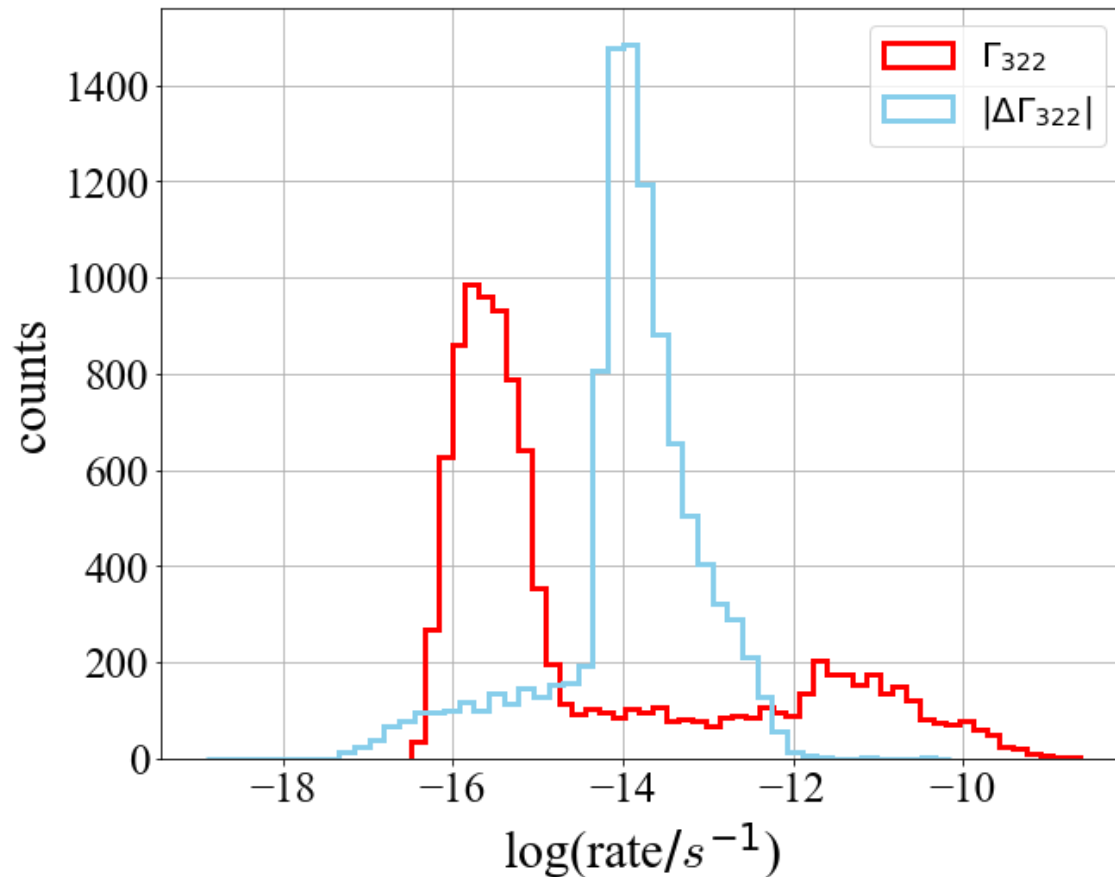
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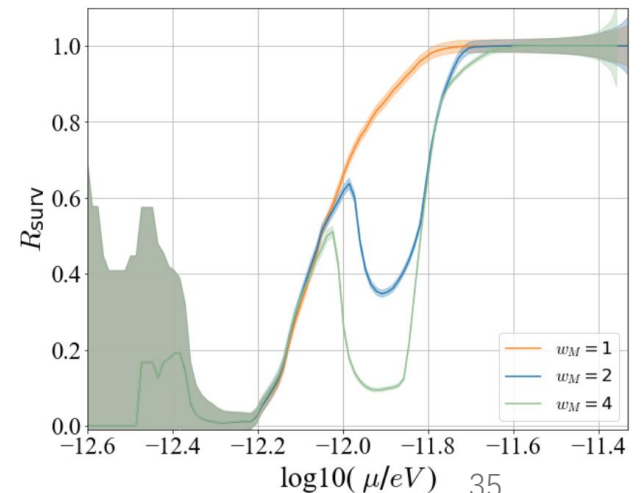
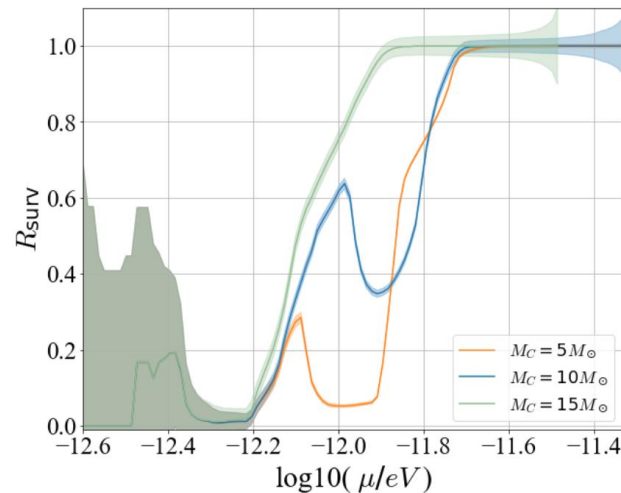
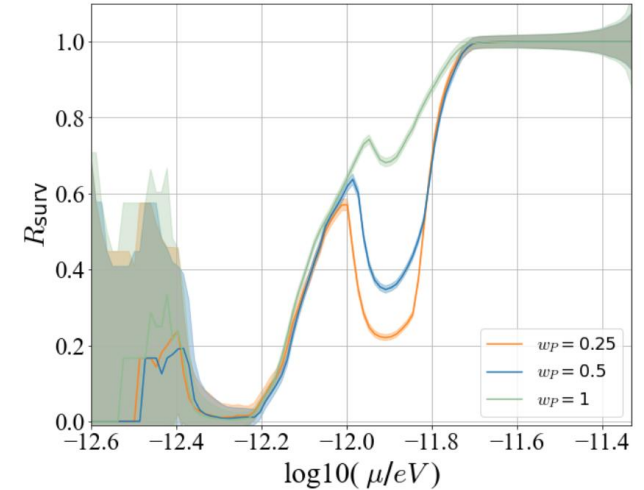
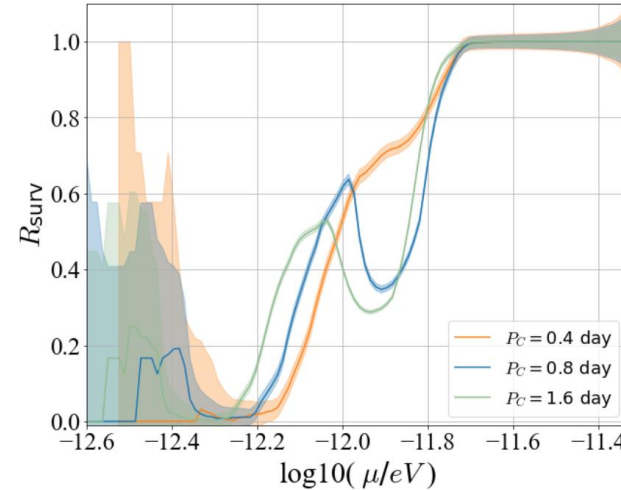
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- Stellar Evolution for N-body (SEVN) for 8×10^6 BBH systems with **PT spin model**
- Common behavior :
 - The survival rate is approximately an increasing function of the boson mass.
 - For small boson masses (typically around $\mu < 0.5 \times 10^{-12}$ eV), the survival rate can drop below 10%.
 - BHs that survive come from the highly superradiant tail of the participant sample.



Summary and outlook

- ✓ BH superradiance instability
- ✓ GA enjoys a rich phenomenology
- ✓ Yet a binary companion can destabilize the cloud
- ✓ This leads to ST at a critical distance
- ✓ ST poses tight constraints on possible GCP transitions and have backreaction
- ✓ For small boson masses (typically around $\mu < 0.5 \times 10^{-12}$ eV), the survival rate can drop below 10%.

Thank you for
listening!

Backup slides



What is our world made of?

Starting From The Very Beginning

Everything is composed of indestructible ***atoms***



Democritus
(460 - 370 BC)

Atoms are composed of ***electrons*** and ***nucleus***



Thomson
(1856—1940)
& Rutherford
(1871—1937)

Nucleus are composed of ***Protons*** and ***Neutrons***

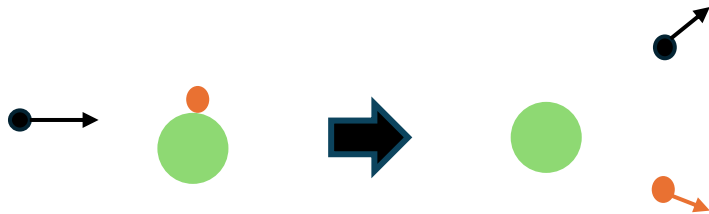


Chadwick
(1891-1974)

... **Standard Model**

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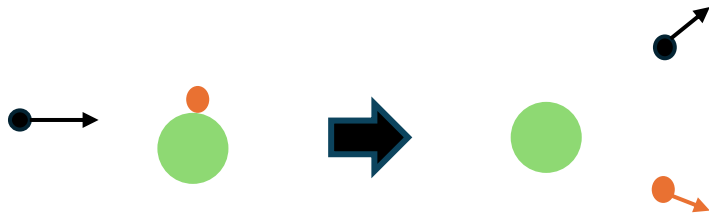
Dark Sector



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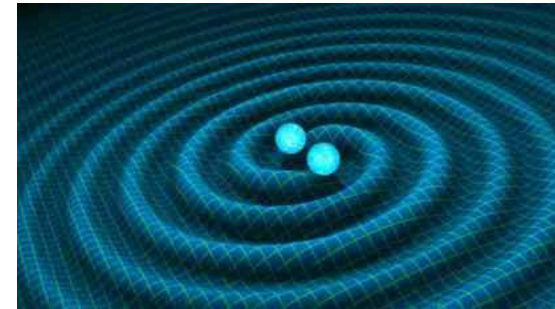
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Dark Sector



- Dark sector couple with rotational BH
- Gravitational wave signal carry the fingerprints of the properties of new particles
- **Gravitational Collider**

[Baumann et al, 2019]

Kerr Spacetime

Kerr spacetime in Boyer-Lindquist coordinates:

$$ds^2 = - \left(\frac{\Delta - a^2 \sin^2 \theta}{\Sigma} \right) dt^2 + \frac{\Sigma}{\Delta} dr^2 + \Sigma d\theta^2 + \left(\frac{(r^2 + a^2)^2 - \Delta a^2 \sin^2 \theta}{\Sigma} \right) \sin^2 \theta d\phi^2 \\ - \frac{2a \sin^2 \theta (r^2 + a^2 - \Delta)}{\Sigma} dt d\phi ,$$

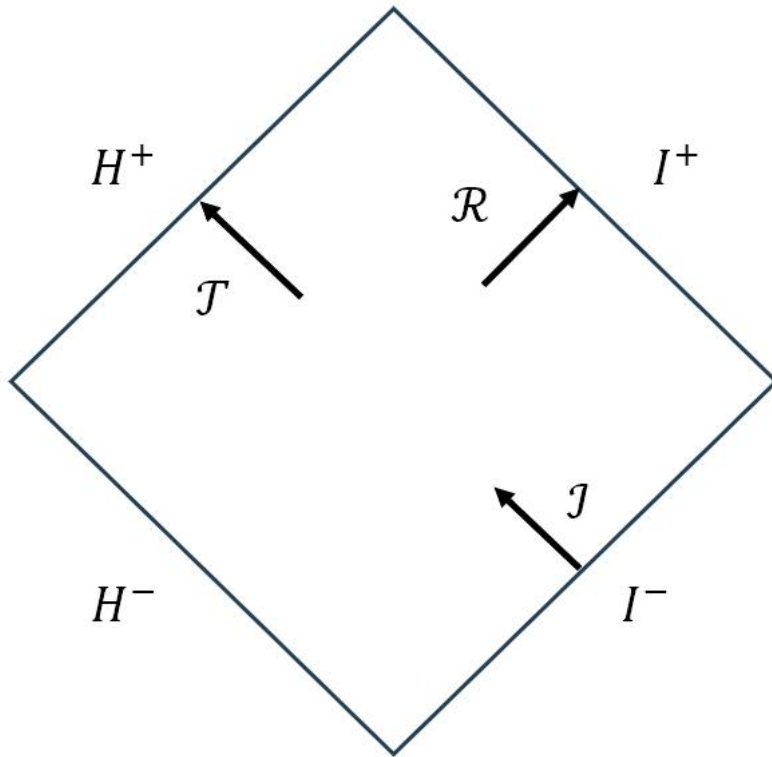
with

$$\Sigma = r^2 + a^2 \cos^2 \theta , \quad \Delta = r^2 - 2Mr + a^2 .$$

Two horizons are

$$r_{\pm} = M \pm \sqrt{M^2 - a^2} .$$

Superradiant Scattering



KG Equation in Kerr with tortoise coordinate:

$$dr_* = \frac{r^2 + a^2}{\Delta} dr ,$$

Asymptotic behavior:

$$\chi = \begin{cases} e^{-i\omega r_*} + \mathcal{R}e^{i\omega r_*} , & r \rightarrow \infty ; \\ \mathcal{T}e^{-ik_H r_*} , & r \rightarrow r_+ , \end{cases}$$

with

$$k_H = \pm(\omega - m\Omega_H) .$$

Wronskian Conservation

For Differential Equation

$$y'' + p(x)y' + q(x)y = 0$$

Define Wronskian

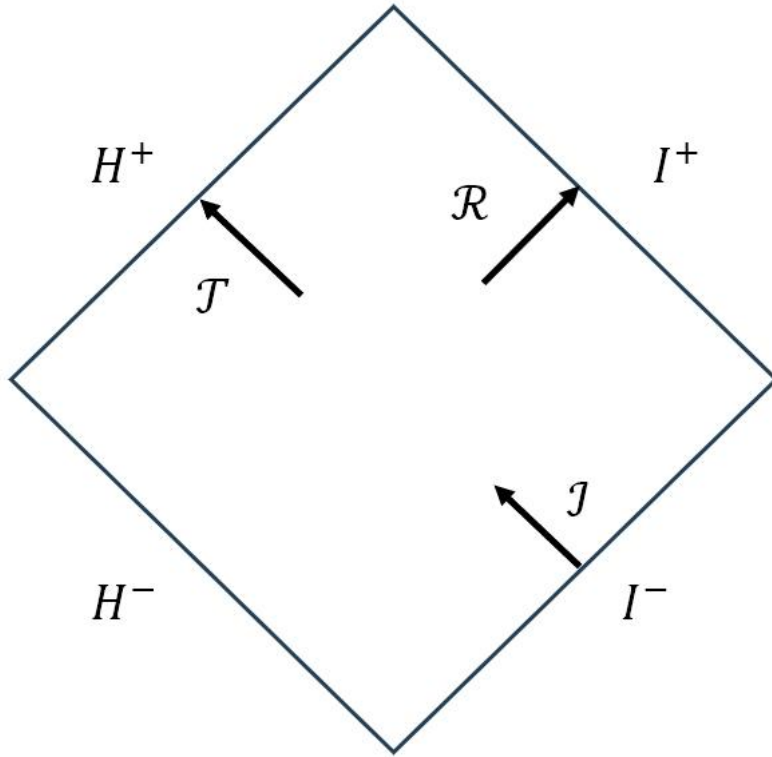
$$W = y_1 y_2' - y_2 y_1' \quad \text{so} \quad W' = -pW$$

For our EoM

$$\left[\frac{d^2}{dr_*^2} + V_{eff} \right] \chi(r_*) = 0$$

$$p = 0 \quad \rightarrow \quad W' = 0 \quad \rightarrow \quad \text{Wronskian Conserve}$$

Superradiant Scattering



Wronskian conservation:

$$W = \chi \frac{d\chi^*}{dr} - \chi^* \frac{d\chi}{dr} ,$$



$$|\mathcal{R}|^2 + \frac{\omega - m\Omega_H}{\omega} |\mathcal{T}|^2 = 1$$

When $\omega > m\Omega_H$, superradiant!

Selection Rules

- From angular integral

$$\mathcal{G}_{-m'm_*m}^{l'l_*l} = \int d\Omega Y_{l'-m'}(\Omega) Y_{l_*m_*}(\Omega) Y_{lm}(\Omega)$$

$$\int_{\theta=0}^{\pi} \int_{\varphi=0}^{2\pi} Y_{\ell}^m Y_{\ell'}^{m'*} d\Omega = \delta_{\ell\ell'} \delta_{mm'}, \quad \int |Y_{\ell}^m|^2 d\Omega = 1.$$

we obtain selection rules

$$\begin{cases} -m' + m_* + m = 0, \\ l + l_* + l' = 2k, \text{ for } k \in \mathbb{Z}, \\ |l - l'| \leq l_* \leq l + l'. \end{cases}$$

General Orbit Calculation Detail

ST torque comes from

$$\frac{dS_c(t)}{dt} = \left(\frac{dS_c(t)}{dt} \right)_{\text{ST}} + \left(\frac{dS_c(t)}{dt} \right)_{\text{cGW}} .$$

$$\left(\frac{dS_c(t)}{dt} \right)_{\text{ST}} = 2\overline{\Delta\Gamma}_1^{(\text{ACR})} S_c(t) , \quad \left(\frac{dS_c(t)}{dt} \right)_{\text{cGW}} = \gamma_1(S_c) S_c(t) , \quad \tau_c = - \left(\frac{dS_c(t)}{dt} \right)_{\text{ST}} .$$

Power from ST and GW reads

$$P_c = \frac{1}{T} \int dt \dot{\varphi}_* \tau_c \cos \iota_* \approx - \frac{2\pi}{T} \left(\frac{dS_c(t)}{dt} \right)_{\text{ST}} \cos \iota_*$$

$$P_{\text{bGW}} = - \frac{32}{5} \frac{M^5 q^2 (1+q)^{1/2}}{p^5} (1-e^2) \left(1 + \frac{73}{24} e^2 + \frac{37}{96} e^4 \right) ,$$

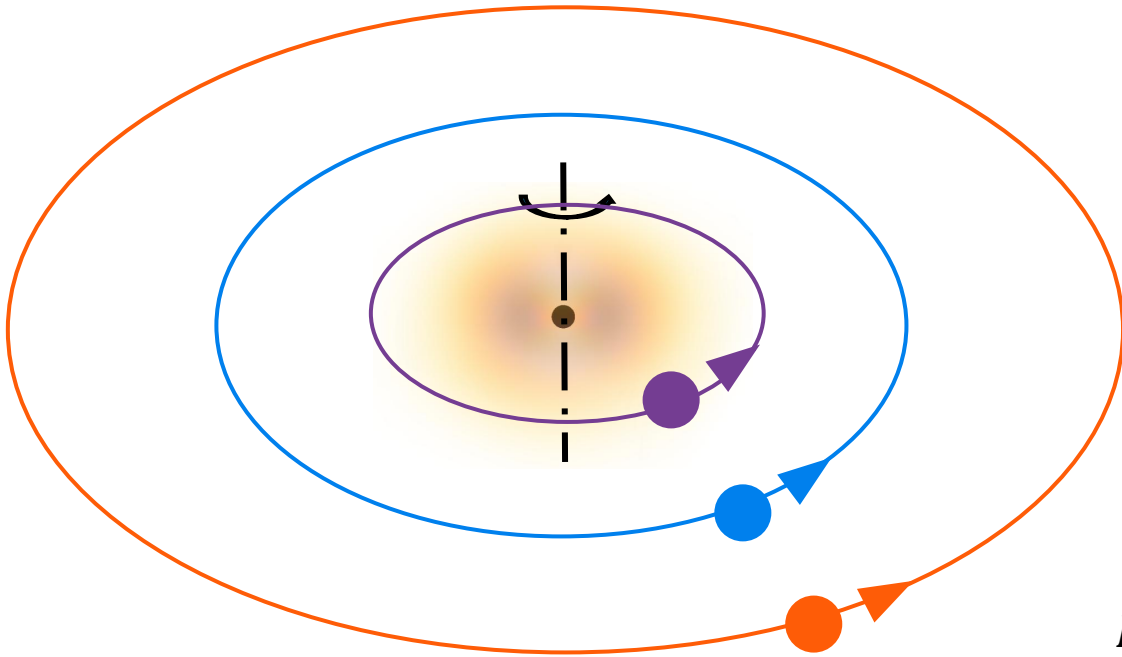


Gravitational wave observation is enough?

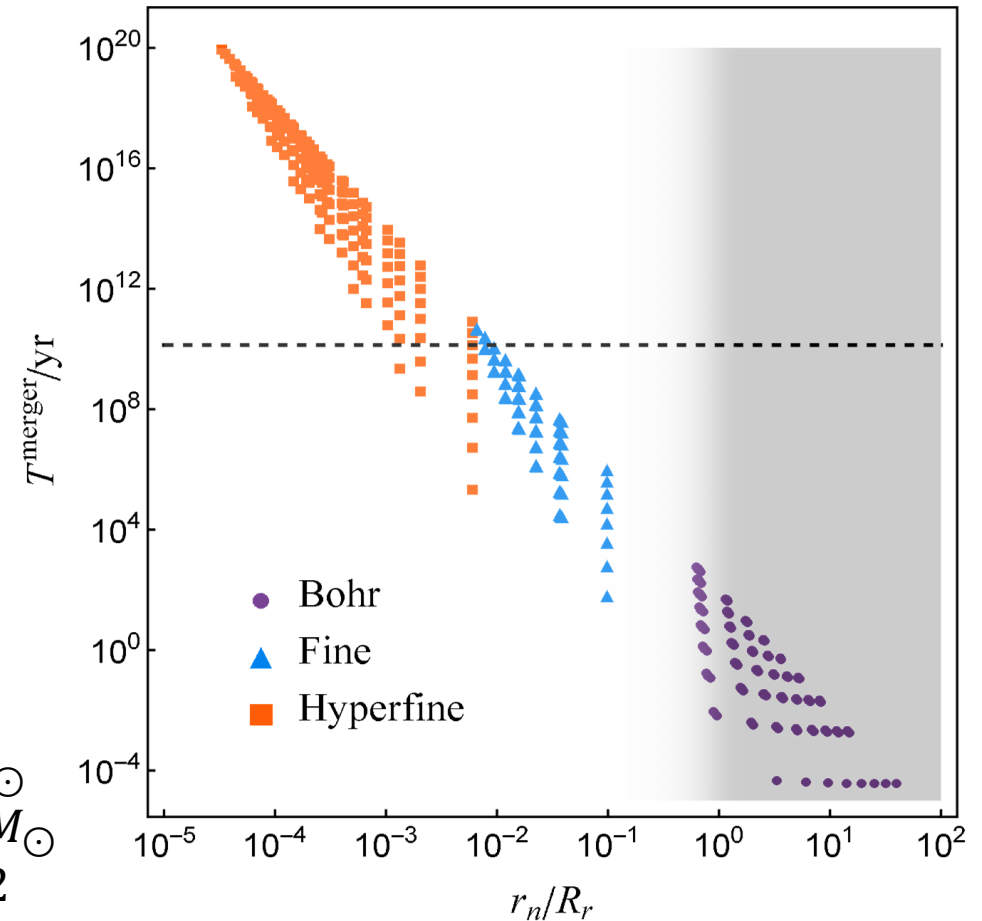
GA phenomenology in binaries

[Tong, Wang & **Zhu**, 2021]

- Atomic resonant transitions



$$\begin{aligned} M &= 5 M_{\odot} \\ M_* &= 1.4 M_{\odot} \\ \alpha &= 0.12 \end{aligned}$$



GA phenomenology in binaries

[Tong, Wang & Zhu, 2021]

	Transition	P_r (hr)	Δt (yr)	Δt_c (yr)	r_n/R_r	$T^{(\text{growth})}$ (yr)	$T^{(\text{deplete})}$ (yr)	$T^{(\text{merge})}$ (yr)
Bohr	$ 322\rangle \rightarrow 200\rangle$	6.4×10^{-4}	2.8×10^{-3}	2.2×10^{-3}	0.96	9600	10^{13}	7.9×10^{-3}
	$ 322\rangle \rightarrow 100\rangle$	9.9×10^{-5}	1.9×10^{-5}	2.8×10^{-5}	3.3	9570	10^{13}	5.5×10^{-5}
	$ 311\rangle \rightarrow 21-1\rangle$	7.0×10^{-4}	3.6×10^{-3}	1.4×10^{-2}	0.89	4.7×10^{-2}	10^5	1.0×10^{-2}
	$ 211\rangle \rightarrow 31-1\rangle$	7.1×10^{-4}	3.6×10^{-3}	-1.4×10^{-2}	0.89	1.7×10^{-2}	10^5	1.0×10^{-2}
Fine	$ 322\rangle \rightarrow 300\rangle$	1.9×10^{-2}	25	6.3	9.8×10^{-2}	9600	10^{13}	72
Hyperfine	$ 322\rangle \rightarrow 320\rangle$	12	7.5×10^8	2.2×10^7	1.3×10^{-3}	9600	10^{13}	2.1×10^9
	$ 321\rangle \rightarrow 32-1\rangle$	6.4	1.3×10^8	2.4×10^7	2.0×10^{-3}	6.4×10^5	10^5 - 10^{13}	3.8×10^8
	$ 311\rangle \rightarrow 31-1\rangle$	1.3	1.8×10^6	5.6×10^5	6.0×10^{-3}	4.7×10^{-2}	10^5	5.1×10^6
	$ 211\rangle \rightarrow 21-1\rangle$	0.38	7.0×10^4	3.3×10^4	6.0×10^{-3}	1.7×10^{-2}	10^5	2.0×10^5

Table. A comparison between Bohr transitions and fine/hyperfine transitions

New Approach: Pulsar Timing Method

- Mixing of cloud states backreacts on the binary orbit

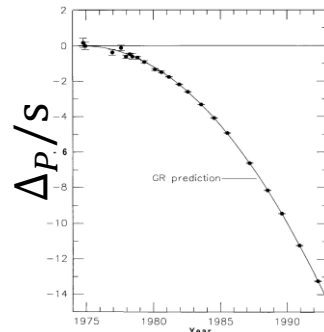
[Ding, Tong & Wang, 2020]
[Tong, Wang & **Zhu**, 2021]

$$\frac{(\dot{P})_C}{(P)_{GR}} \simeq -15 |c_{322}|^2 \left(\frac{\alpha}{0.1}\right)^{-9} \frac{q}{(1+q)^{7/3}} \left(\frac{M}{10M_\odot}\right)^{5/3} \left(\frac{P}{1 \text{ hr}}\right)^{-5/3}$$

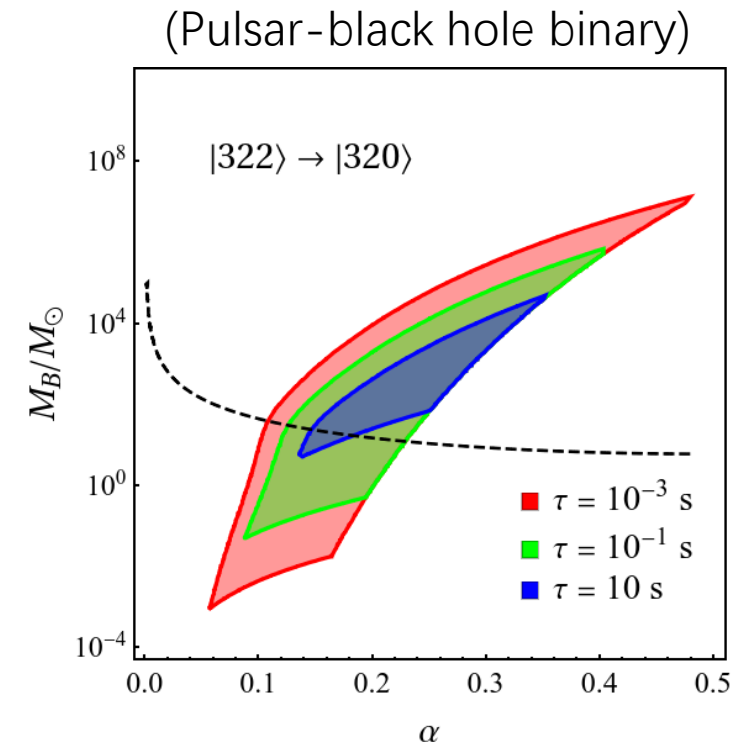
Extra period derivative due to the resonance

- Measuring the orbital derivative à la Hulse & Taylor

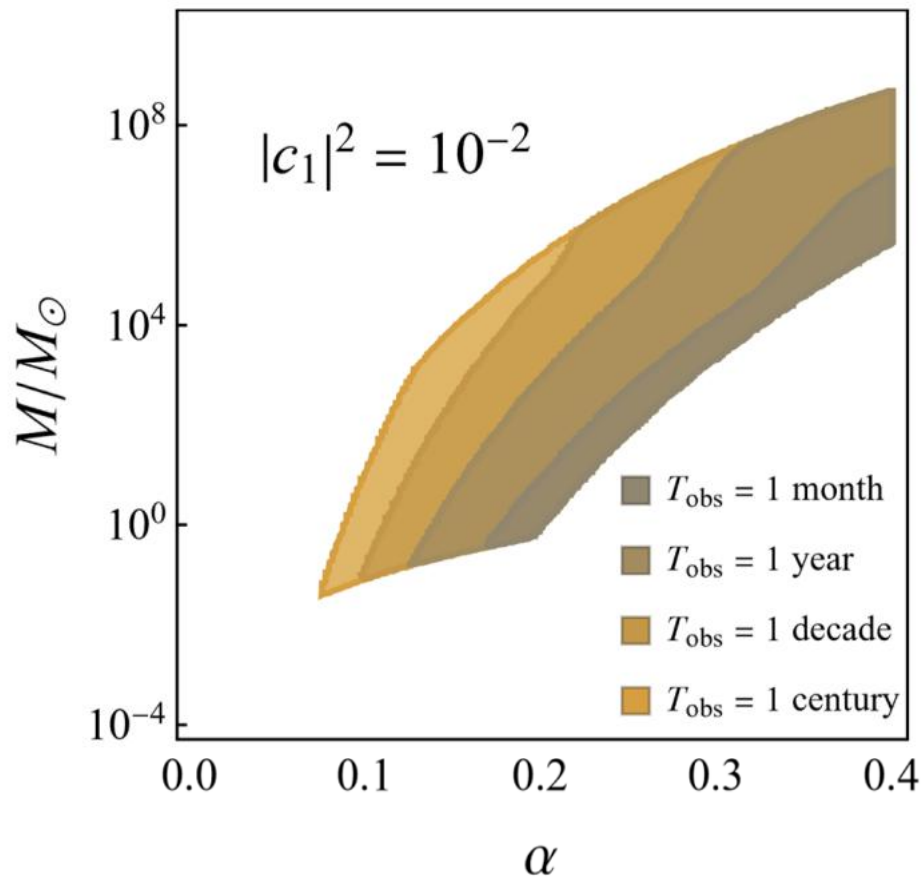
$$\Delta_P \equiv t - P(0) \int_0^t \frac{dt'}{P(t')} \approx \frac{1}{2} \frac{\dot{P}}{P} t^2$$



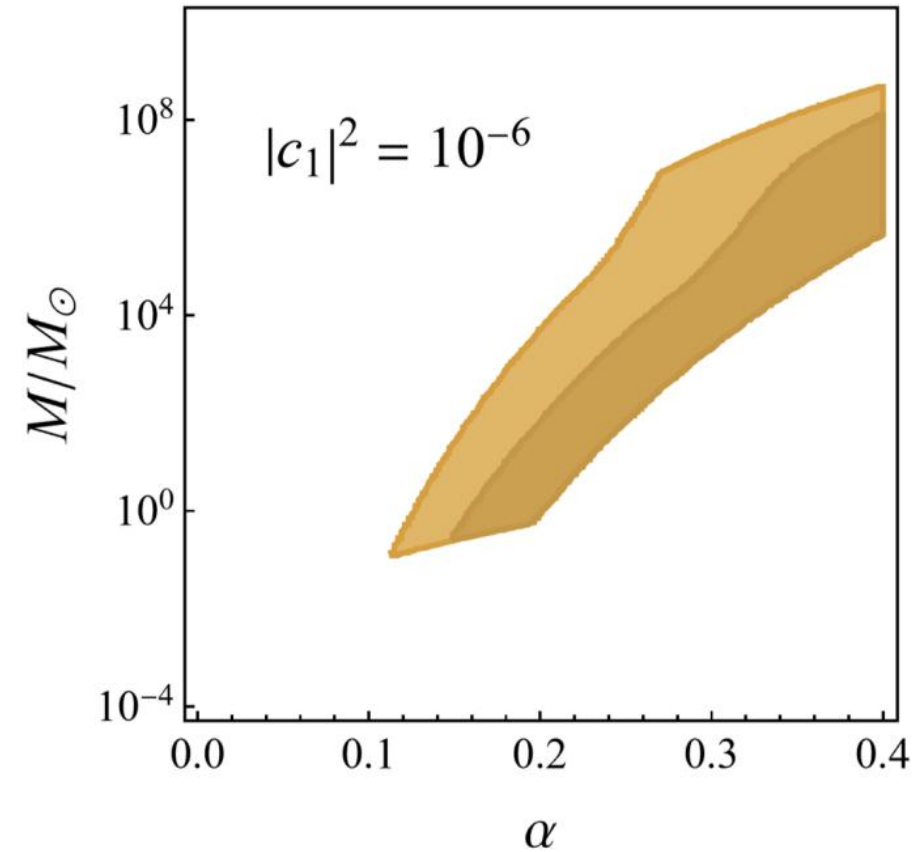
[Hulse & Taylor 1975]



Backreaction of ST Trough Pulsar Timing



$|322\rangle$
 $M_* = 1.4 \times 10^{-3}$



ST backreaction: Orbital flow of EMRIs ($q \ll 1$)

[Fan, Tong, Wang & **Zhu**, 2023]

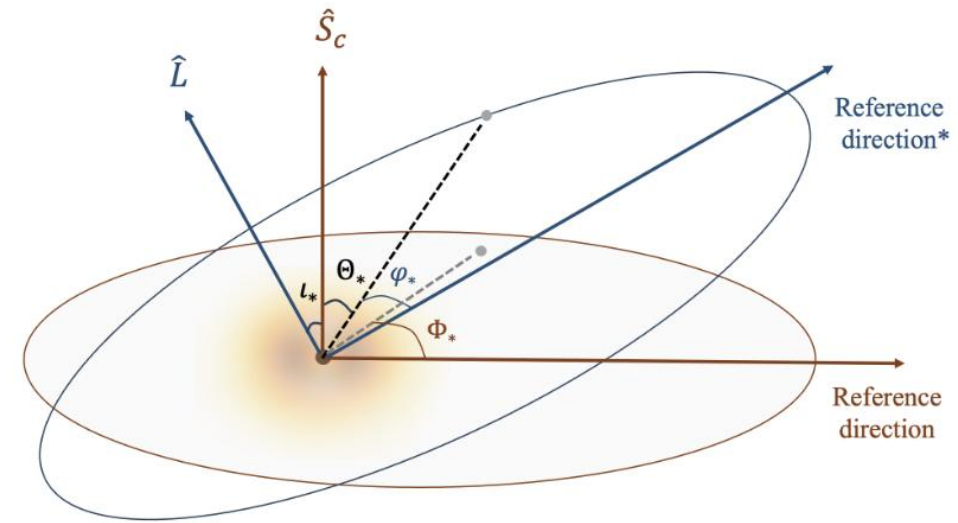
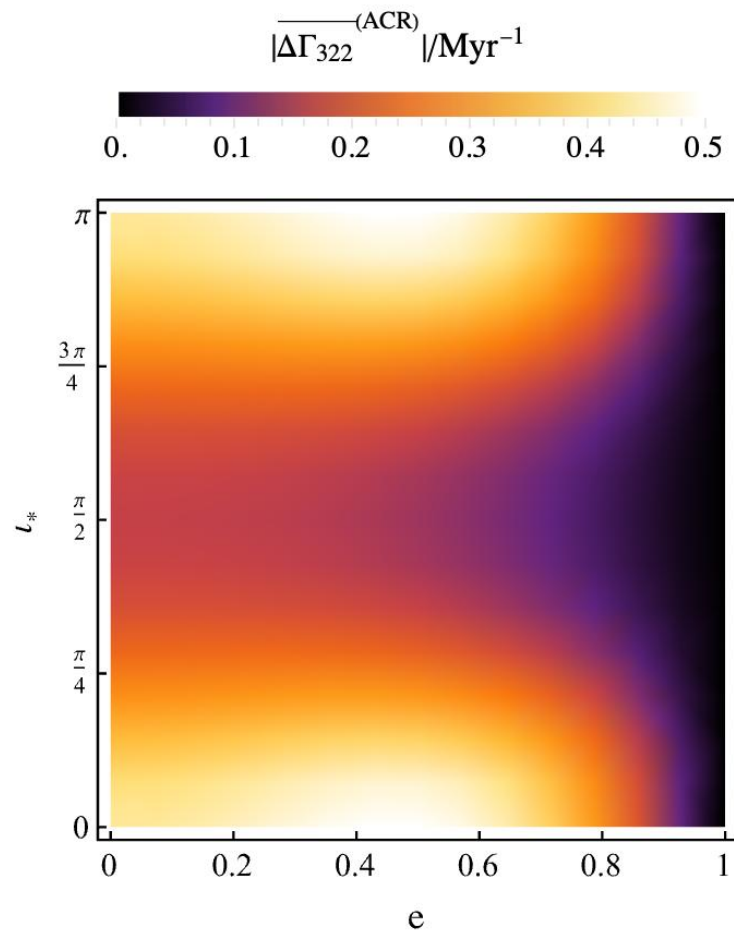
- General binary orbits: $\{p(t), e(t), \iota(t)\} \cup \{S_c(t)\}$

Cloud angular momentum

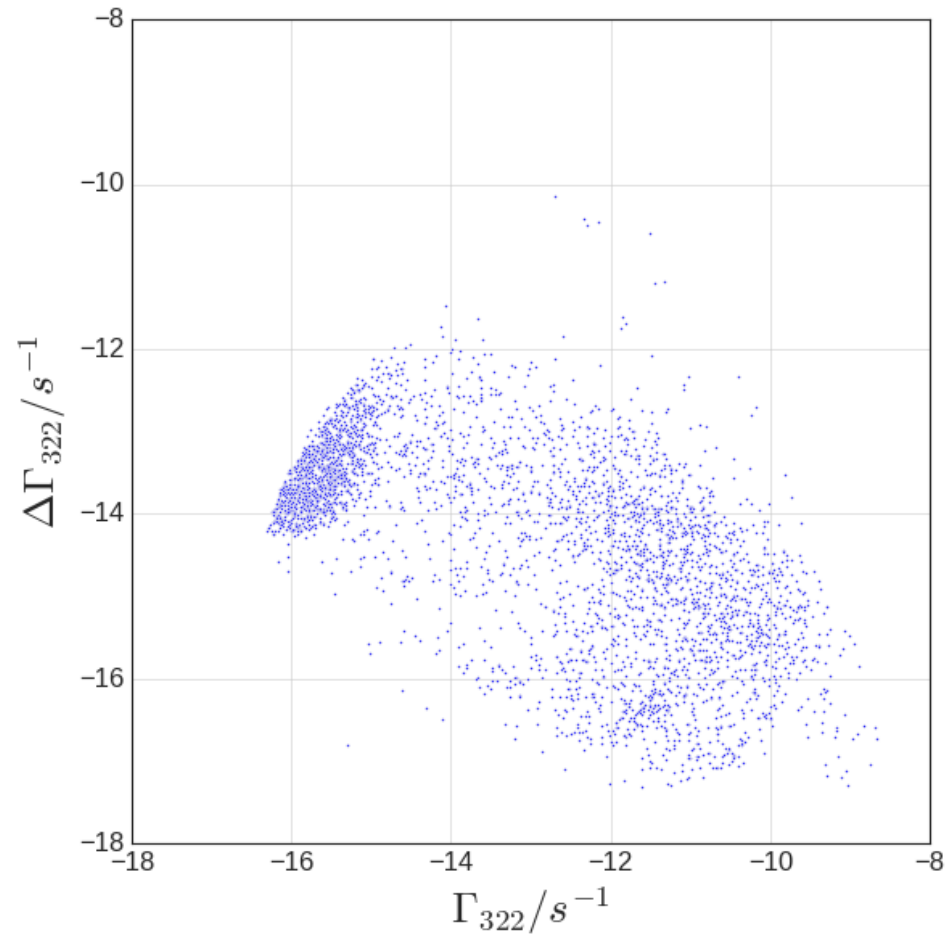
Inclination angle

Eccentricity

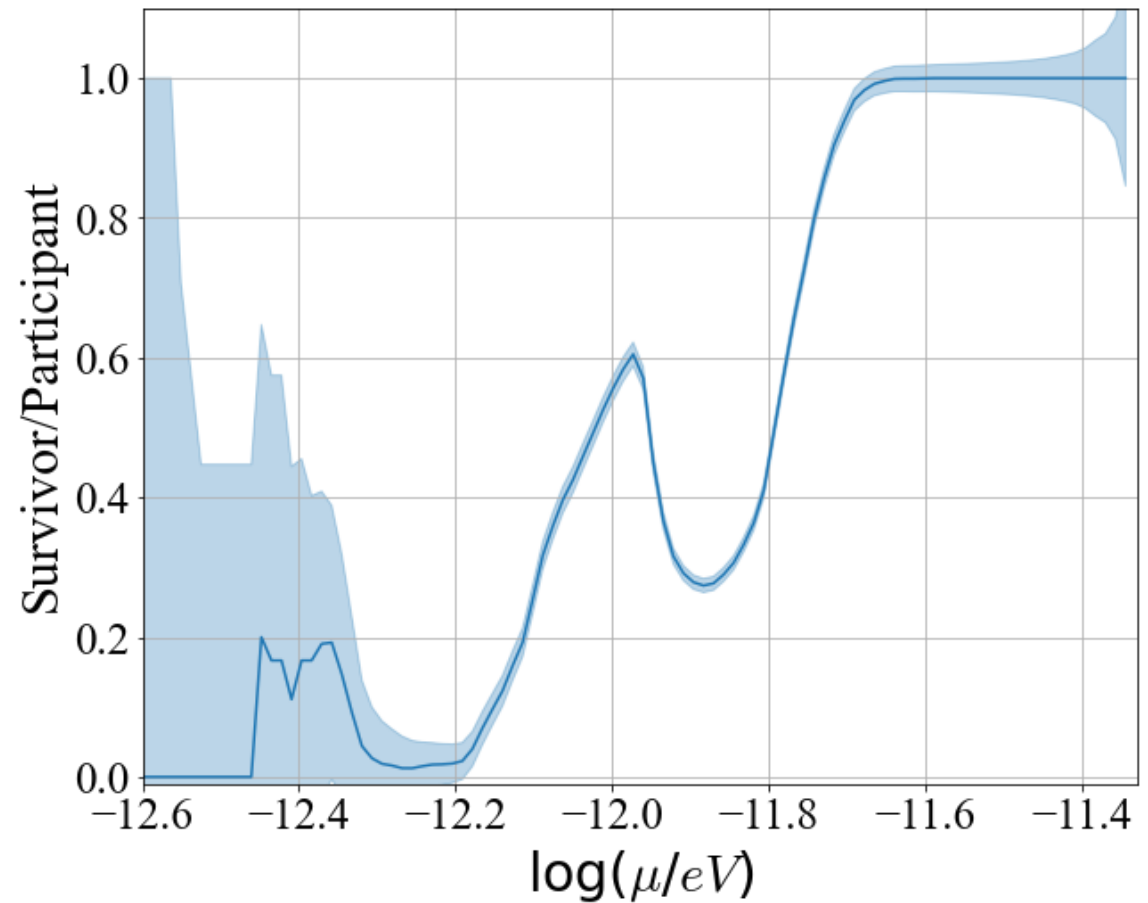
Semi-latus rectum



Statistical Test of ST



$$\mu = 1.34 \times 10^{-12} \text{ eV}$$

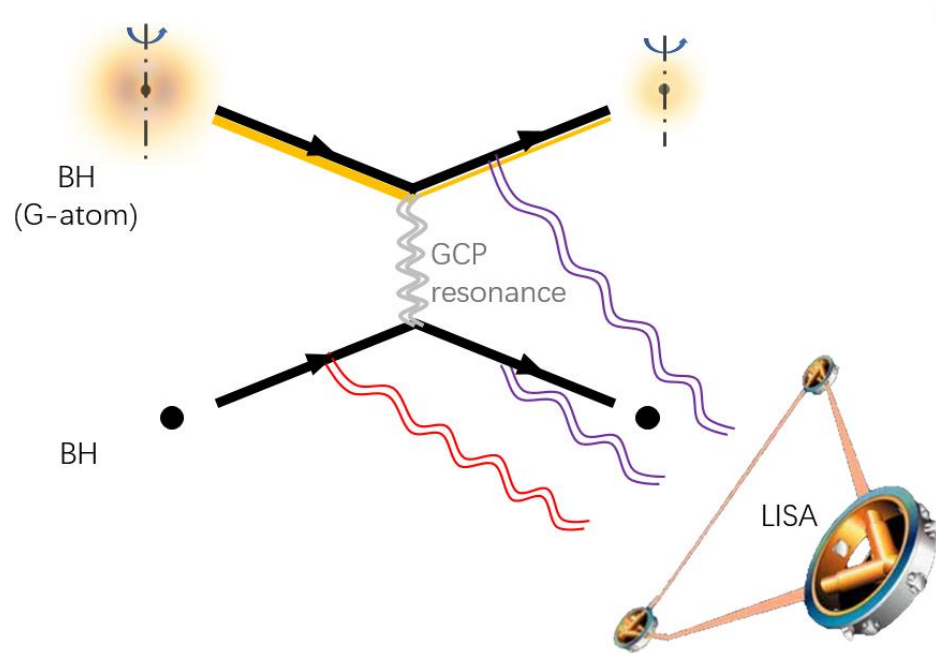


Pulsar Timing Accuracy

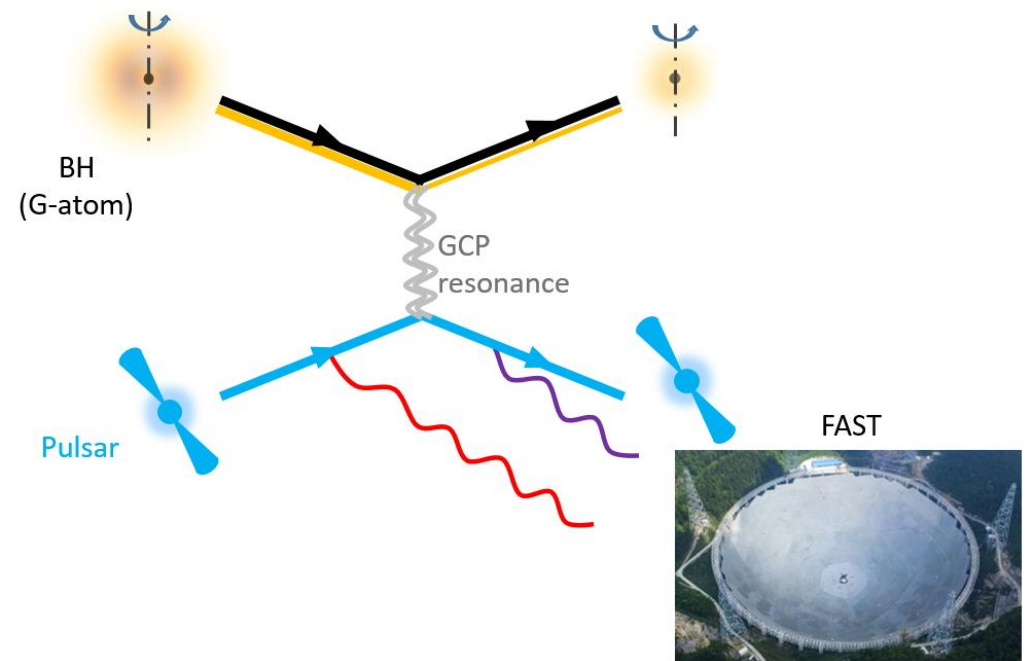
- Suppose we observe the pulsar for t_{obs} every day, and the pulse period τ .
- We can measure t_{obs}/P periods every day.
- The error for every single continuous measurement is $\tau/[\min(t_{obs}, t)/P]$.
- If we observe for $0 < t \leq T_{obs}$, where T_{obs} is the longest observation time. Then the uncertainty for Periastron time shift is

$$\sigma_{\Delta P} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\left[\frac{t}{1day}\right]}} \frac{\tau}{\min(t_{obs}, t) / P}$$

GCP channels



GCP: The BH-BH-GW channel
[Baumann et al,2019,2020]



GCP: The BH-PSR-Radio channel
[Tong et al, 2021]

The GA spectrum

$$E_{nlm} = \mu \left(-\frac{\alpha^2}{2n^2} - \frac{\alpha^4}{8n^4} - \frac{(3n - 2l - 1)\alpha^4}{n^4(l + 1/2)} \right) + \frac{2\tilde{a}m\alpha^5}{n^3l(l + 1/2)(l + 1)} + \mathcal{O}(\alpha^6).$$

$$\Gamma_{n00} = -\frac{4}{n^3} \left(1 + \sqrt{1 - \tilde{a}^2} \right) \mu \alpha^5,$$

$$\Gamma_{nlm} = 2\tilde{r}_+ C_{nl} g_{lm}(\tilde{a}, \alpha, \omega) (m\Omega_H - \omega_{nlm}) \alpha^{4l+5}.$$

$$C_{nl} \equiv \frac{2^{4l+1}(n+l)!}{n^{2l+4}(n-l-1)!} \left[\frac{l!}{(2l)!(2l+1)!} \right]^2,$$

$$g_{lm}(\tilde{a}, \alpha, \omega) \equiv \prod_{k=1}^l (k^2(1 - \tilde{a}^2) + (\tilde{a}m - 2\tilde{r}_+ M\omega)^2).$$

Going to the co-rotating frame

$$H = \begin{pmatrix} \omega_1 + V_{11} & V_{12} \\ V_{21} & \omega_2 + V_{22} \end{pmatrix} \equiv \begin{pmatrix} \bar{E}_1 + i\Gamma_1 & \eta^* \\ \eta & \bar{E}_2 + i\Gamma_2 \end{pmatrix},$$



$$H_D = U(t)^\dagger (H(t) - i\partial_t) U(t),$$

$$\text{with } U(t) \equiv e^{-i\varphi_*(t)L_z},$$

$$H_D = \begin{pmatrix} \bar{E}_1 + i\Gamma_1 - m_1\dot{\varphi}_* & |\eta| \\ |\eta| & \bar{E}_2 + i\Gamma_2 - m_2\dot{\varphi}_* \end{pmatrix}.$$

“Wick Rotation”

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{[\bar{E}_1 - \bar{E}_i - (m_1 - m_i)\dot{\varphi}_*(R_*)]^2} \\ & \rightarrow \frac{1}{(\bar{E}_1 - \bar{E}_i)^2 + [(m_1 - m_i)\dot{\varphi}_*(R_*)]^2}. \end{aligned}$$