



Testing cosmology with massive black hole binaries

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THE SPECTRUM OF GRAVITATIONAL WAVES



Observatories & experiments

Ground-based experiment



Space-based observatory



Pulsar timing array



Cosmic microwave background polarisation



Timescales

milliseconds

seconds

hours

years

billions of years

Frequency (Hz)

100

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10^{-2}

10^{-4}

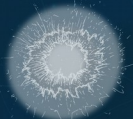
10^{-6}

10^{-8}

10^{-16}

Cosmic fluctuations in the early Universe

Cosmic sources



Supernova



Pulsar



Compact object falling onto a supermassive black hole



Merging supermassive black holes



Merging neutron stars in other galaxies



Merging stellar-mass black holes in other galaxies



Merging white dwarfs in our Galaxy

#lisa



Introduction

What are massive black holes (MBHs)?

We currently believe that MBHs are hosted at the center of galaxies with masses up to $\sim 10^9 - 10^{10} M_{\odot}$

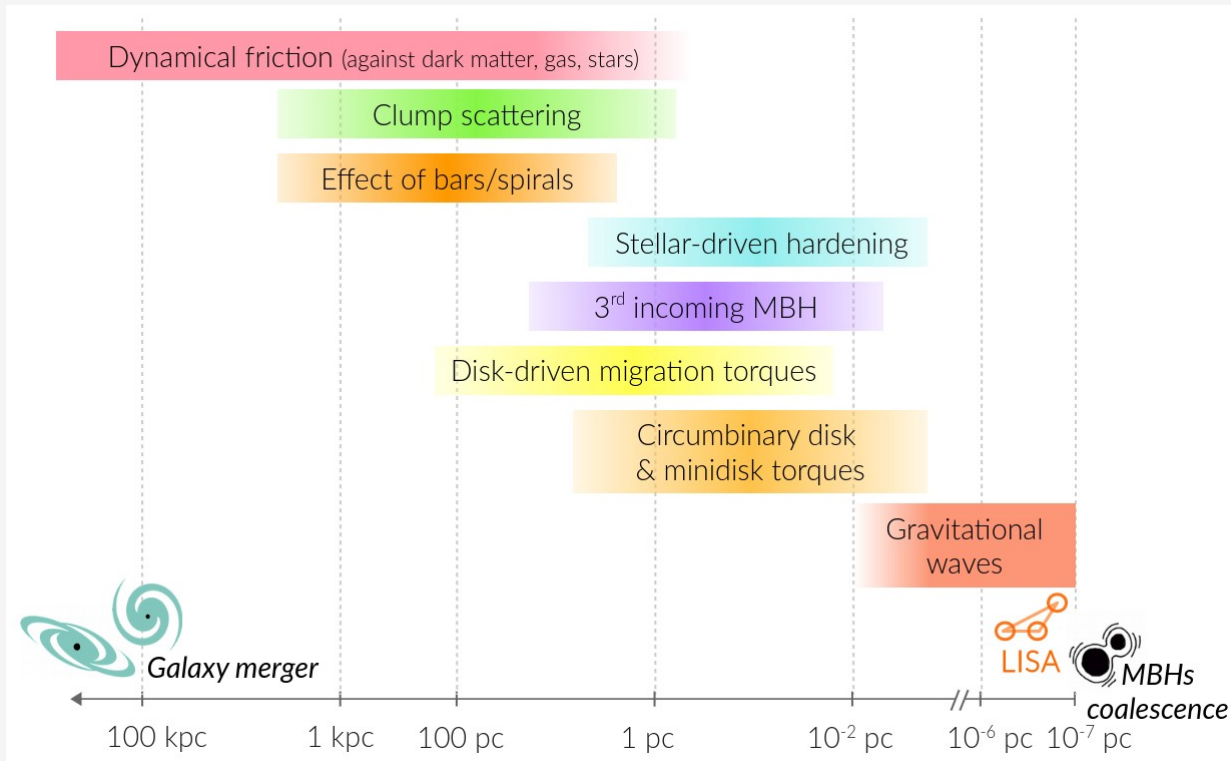


For today talk, let's focus on the interval

$$M_{\text{BH}} \sim 10^4 - 10^7 M_{\odot}$$

From galaxy mergers to MBH mergers

When two galaxies merge, the MBHs in their center form a binary and merge emitting gravitational waves (GWs) and electromagnetic (EM)/particles radiation



Courtesy of Elisa Bortolas

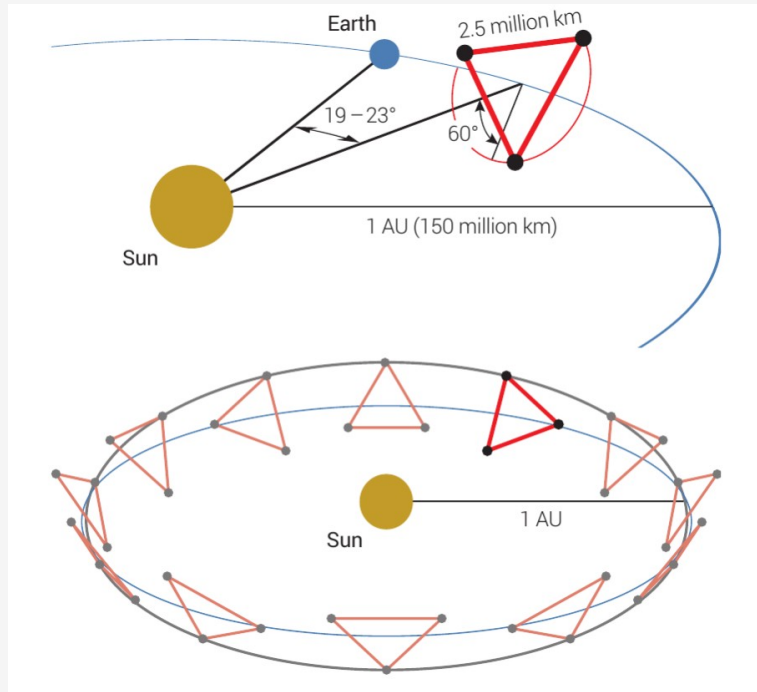
Large uncertainties in the formation and evolution processes :

- Seed mechanisms ?
- Accretion ?
- Time delays ?

(For reviews : Volonteri+10, Mayer+13, De Rosa+19, arXiv:2203.06016)

Observing the entire Universe with GWs

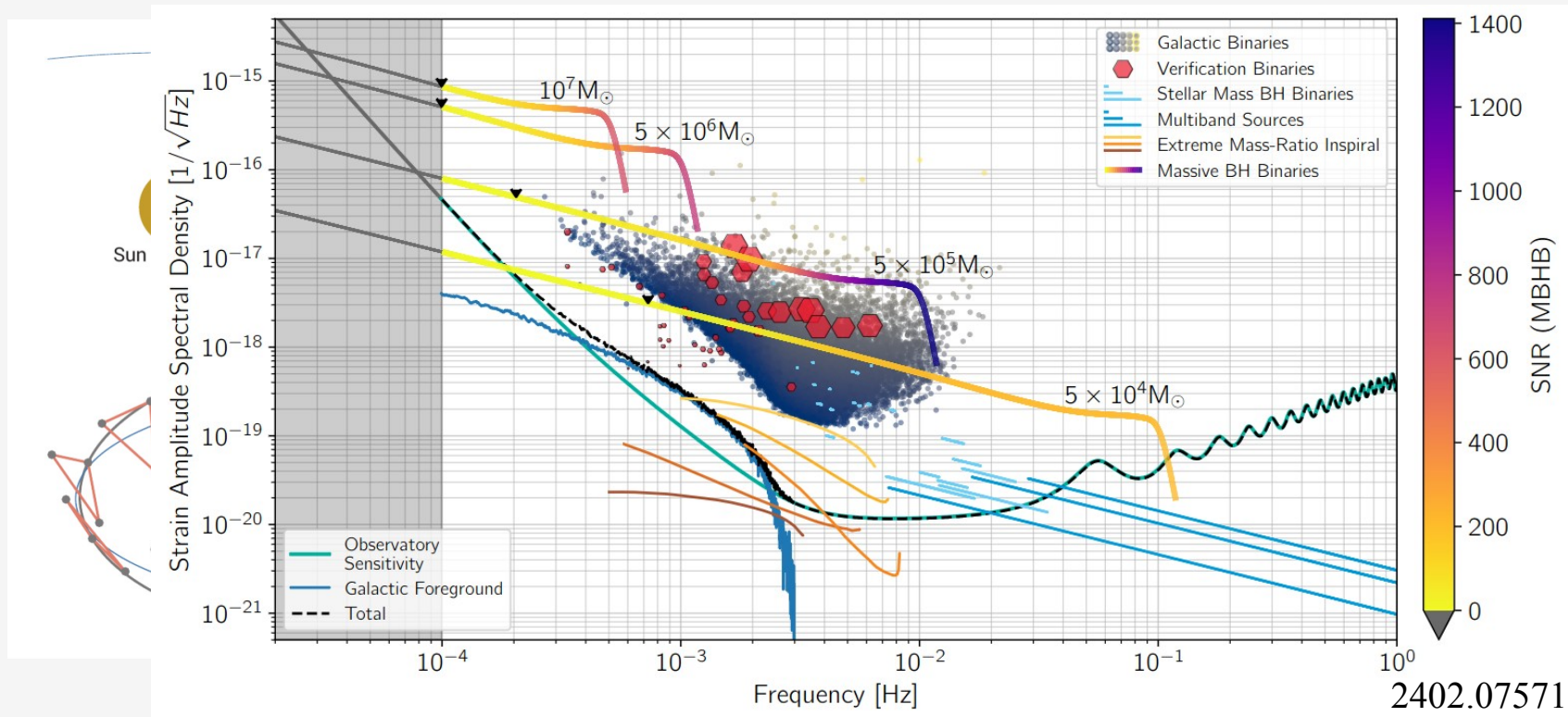
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ESA (European Space Agency) adopted LISA on January 25th 2024 with a budget of €1.7 billion



The image shows a screenshot of the European Space Agency's website. At the top, there is a dark blue header with the ESA logo on the right and navigation icons on the left. Below the header, a red banner reads "SCIENCE & EXPLORATION". The main headline is "Capturing the ripples of spacetime: LISA gets go-ahead" in large, bold, dark blue text. Below the headline, it says "25/01/2024 35917 VIEWS 178 LIKES". A breadcrumb trail reads "ESA / Science & Exploration / Space Science". The introductory text states: "Today, ESA's Science Programme Committee approved the Laser Interferometer Space Antenna (LISA) mission, the first scientific endeavour to detect and study gravitational waves from space."

LISA is under construction and will soon be a fundamental asset for GW physics

Massive Black Hole Binaries

Testing cosmology with MBHBs

How many multimessenger (GW+EM) MBHB events do we expect ?

ArXiv:2207.10678

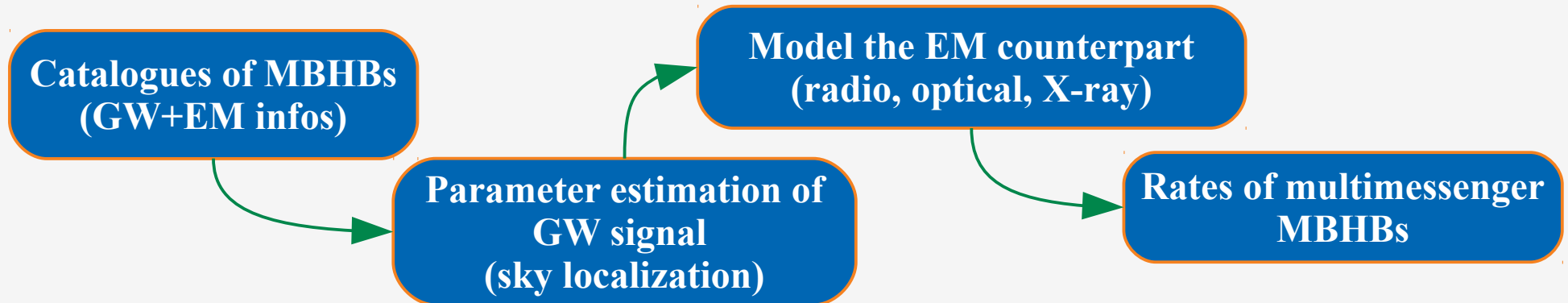
- Interactions between the MBHB and the circumbinary disk before&after the merger

What constraints we can put on the expansion of the Universe at $2 \leq z \leq 6$?

ArXiv:2312.04632

- $h \propto \frac{1}{d_L} \rightarrow$ No calibration errors and no intrinsic scatter
- Independent estimates from CMB/SNIa
- Redshift from the EM counterpart (*'bright sirens'*)

What do we need :



Catalogues of MBHBs

Three astrophysical models
(Barausse+12 and updates)

Light

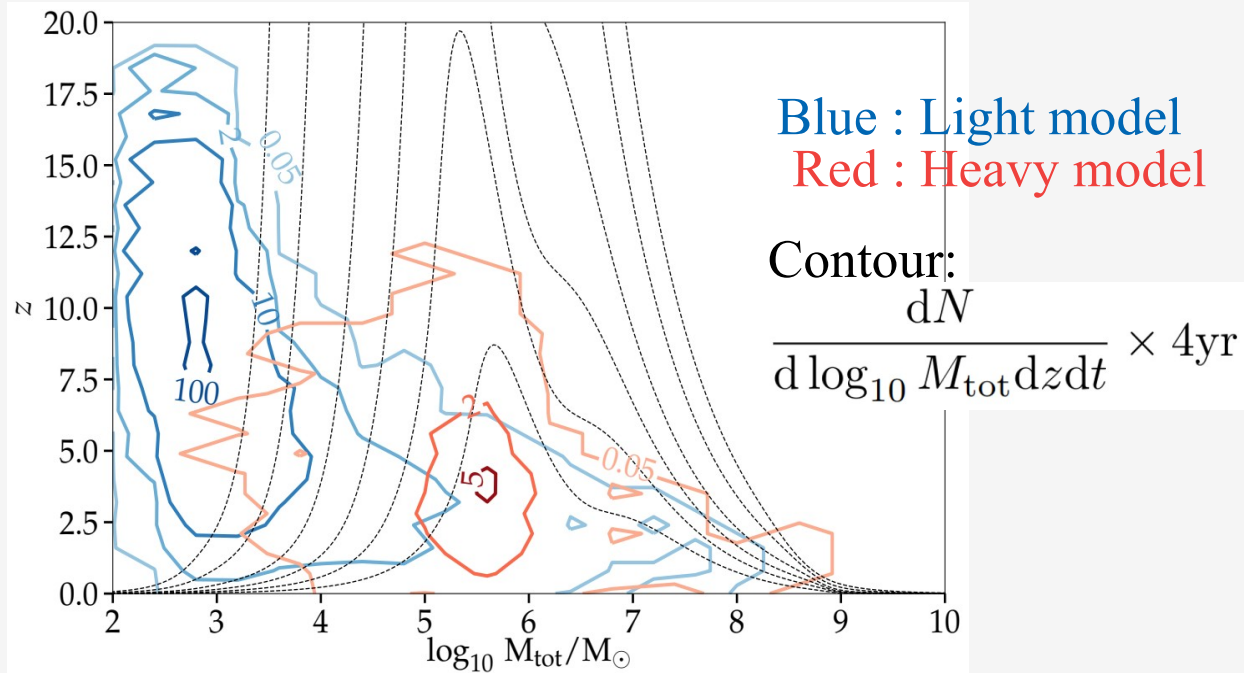
Remnants of PopIII stars
BHs $\sim 10^3 M_{\odot}$

Heavy

Collapse of hydrogen clouds
BHs $\sim 10^{4-6} M_{\odot}$

Heavy-no-delays

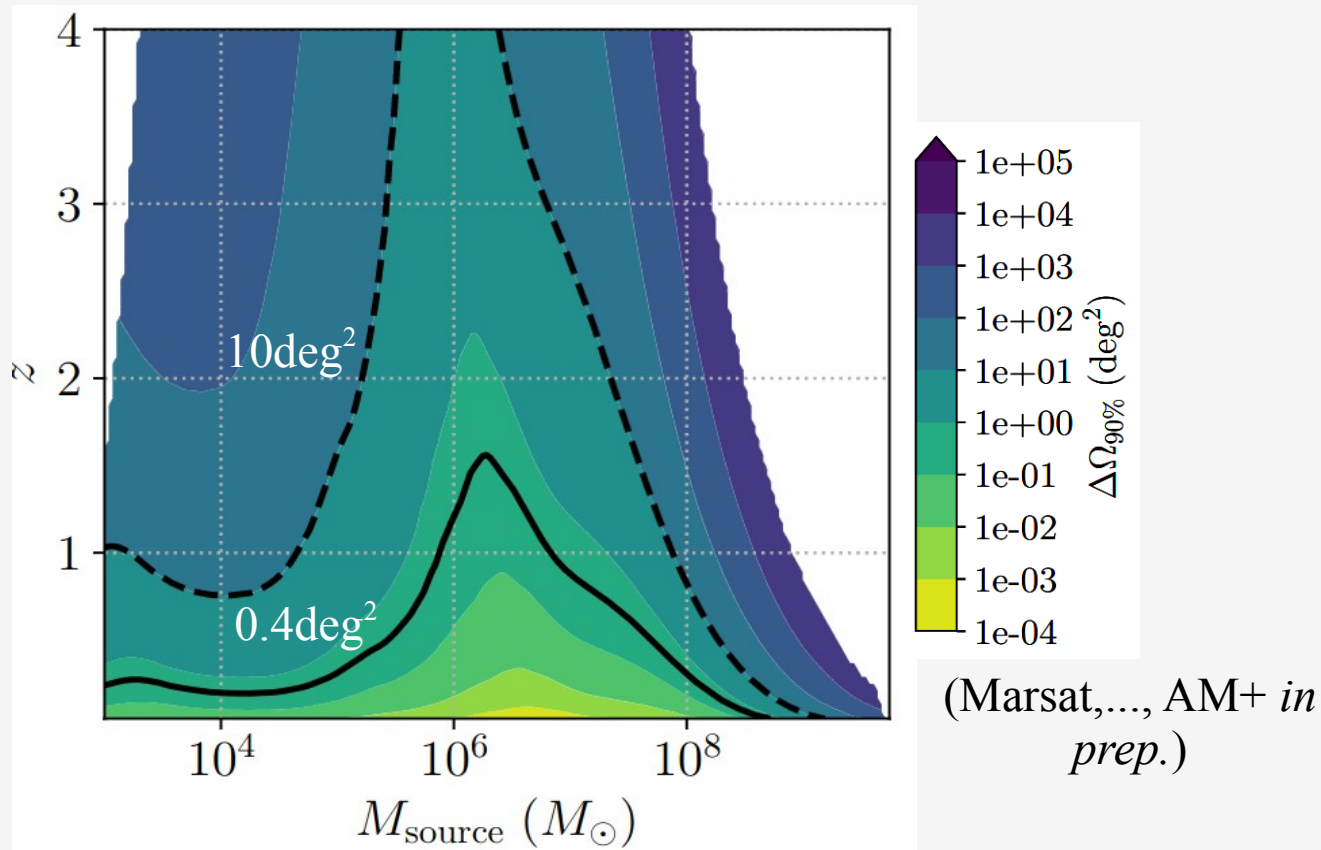
Same as Q3d but
without delay times



	Total catalogue	SNR > 10
Light	690.9	129.3
Heavy	30.7	30.4
Heavy-no-delays	475.5	471.1

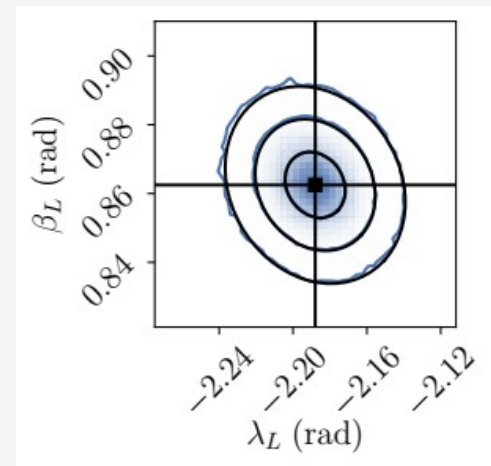
Parameter estimation of the GW signal with fisher

Sky localisation is a crucial quantity for multimessenger and GW observatories must tell to EM telescopes were to point in the sky.



Parameter estimation of the GW signal with MCMC

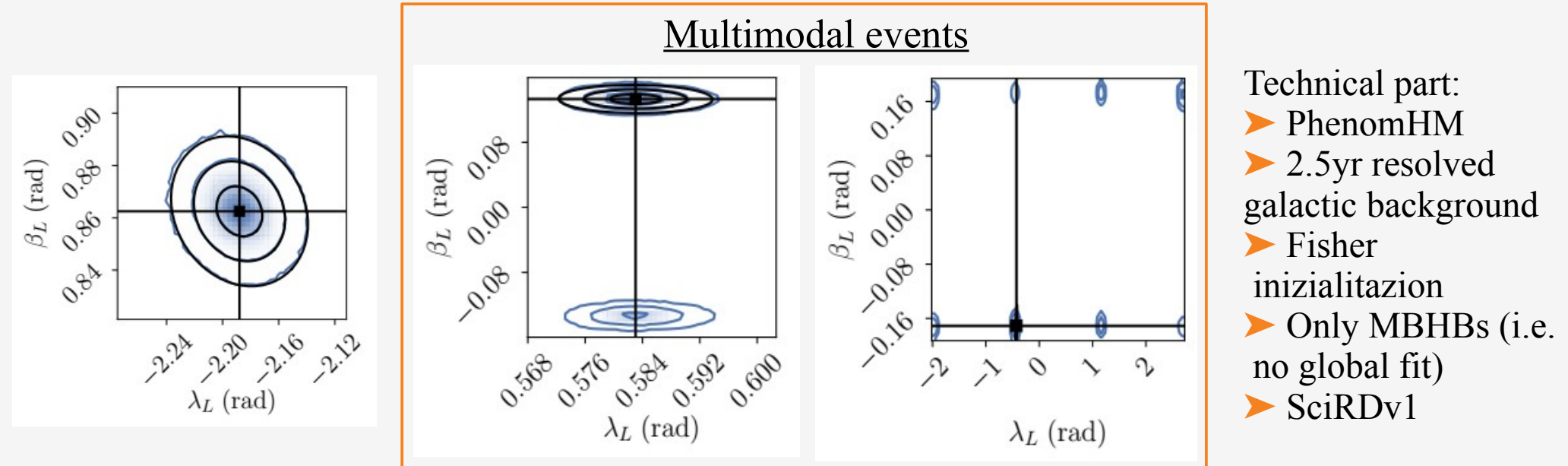
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- Technical part:
- PhenomHM
 - 2.5yr resolved galactic background
 - Fisher initialization
 - Only MBHBs (i.e. no global fit)
 - SciRDv1

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Degeneracies can be broken with :

- Orbital motion of the detector for $f \sim 10^{-4}$ Hz
- High frequency response of the detector for $f \sim 10^{-3} - 10^{-2}$ Hz

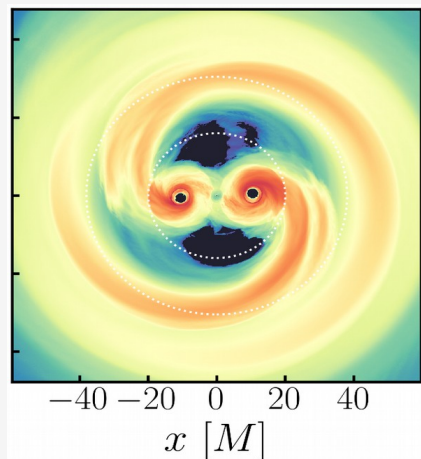
(see also
Marsat+20, Baibhav+20)

EM counterpart to MBHB mergers

What type of EM emission do we expect from MBHBs ?

- No transient AGN-like emission has been associated unambiguously to a MBHBs
- Uncertainties on BH of 10^4 – $10^7 M_{\odot}$ concerning bolometric correction, obscuration, spectra ...

Before the merger

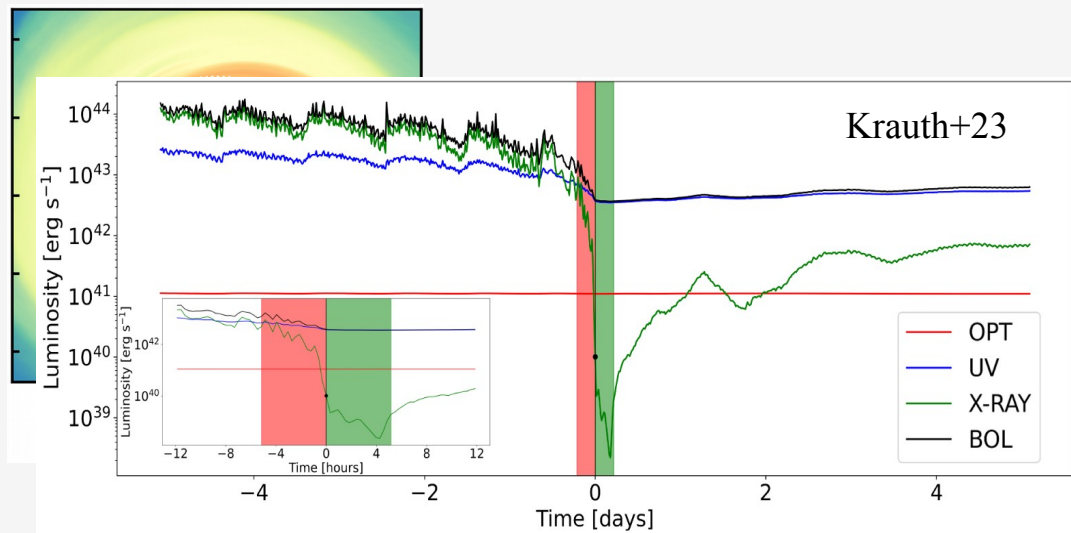


(Bowen+18, Haiman+17,
Tang+18, Nobel+21, Combi+22,
Cattorini+22, Gutiérrez+22 ...)

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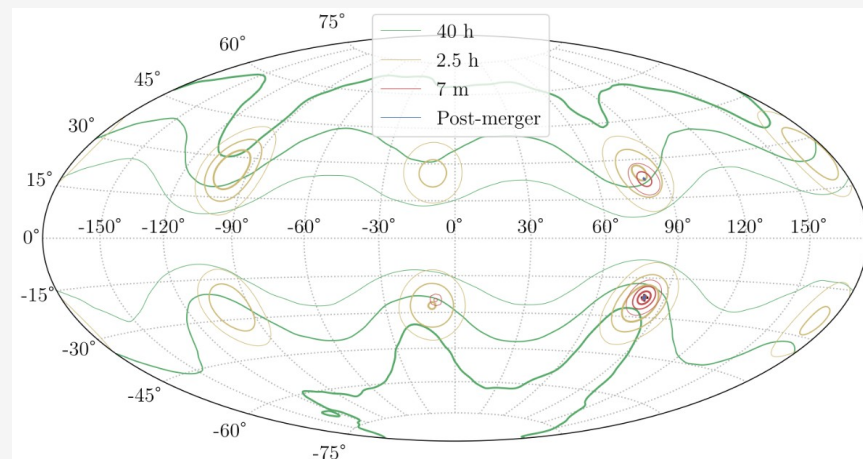
Before the merger



Both modulation and drop are unique hints of the presence of an underlying MBHB
(Dal Canton, AM+19)

Main caveats:

- Sky localization is strongly multimodal during the inspiral



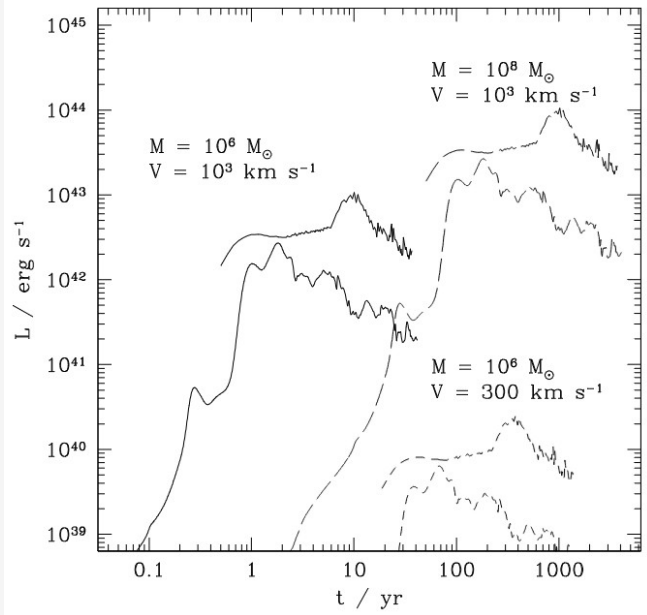
- Periodicity requires long exposure time

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After the merger

BH kick in the circumbinary disk



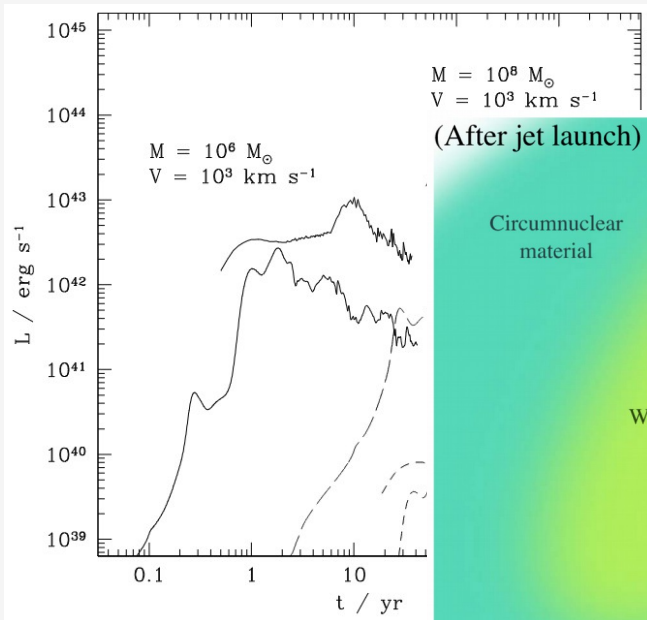
Rossi+10

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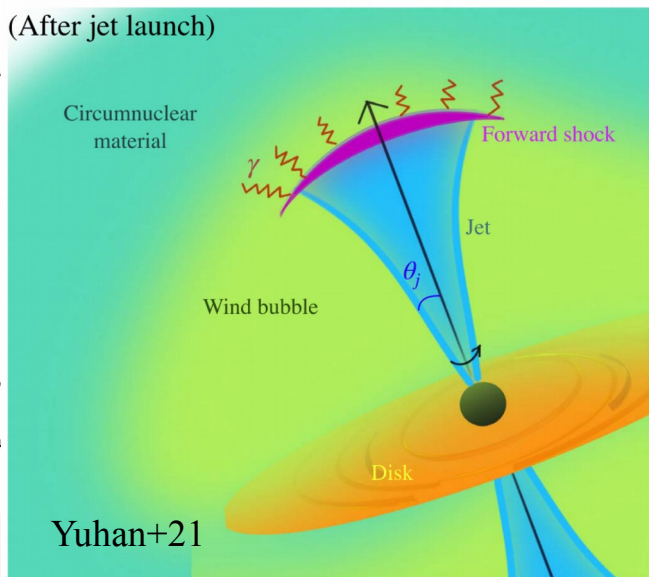
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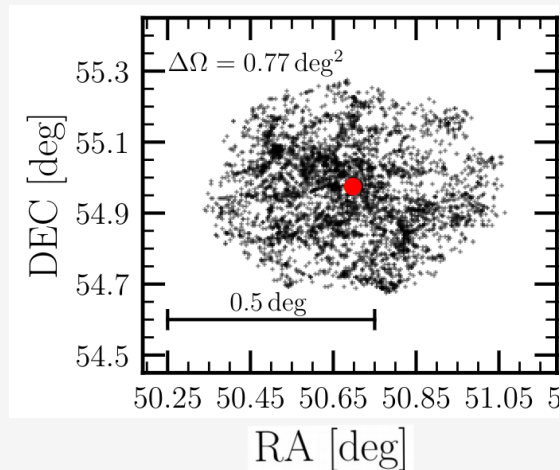
Afterglow emission



Main caveats:

- EM emerges weeks/months after the merger
- Identification: $\geq 10^2$ potential hosts in LISA error box

Detection \neq Identification



$$M_{\text{tot}} = 3 \times 10^6 M_{\odot}$$
$$z = 2$$

Constructing the population of MBHBs with EM counterpart

In AM+2207.10678 we estimate the rate of MBHBs with a detectable EM counterpart

Observing strategies

Optical

LSST, Rubin Obs.

- FOV $\sim 10 \text{ deg}^2$
- Identification+redshift

Radio

SKA

- FOV $\sim 10 \text{ deg}^2$
- Redshift with ELT

X-Ray

Athena

- FOV $\sim 0.4 \text{ deg}^2$
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We also explored the possibility of AGN obscuration and collimated radio emission

Number of EMcp in 4 yr

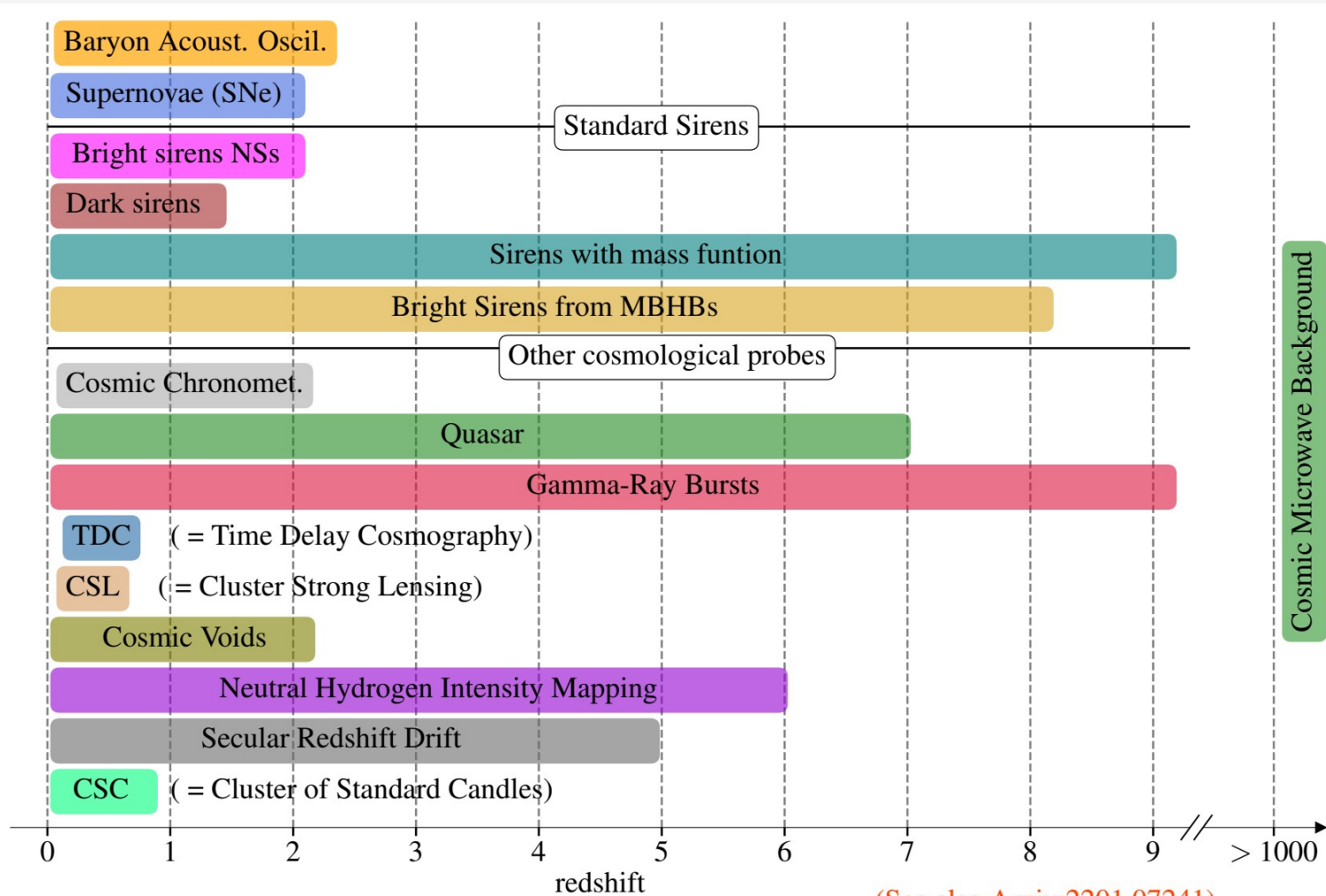
- Strong decrease with obscuration and radio jet
- Parameter estimation selects preferentially heavy
- Multimodal events do not contribute

(In 4 yr)	Standard	w Obsc./Colli. radio
Light	6.4	1.6
Heavy	14.8	3.3
Heavy-no-delays	20.7	3.5

Here we focus on the ‘Standard’ case

Testing cosmology with MBHBs

MBHBs can go up to high redshift



(See also Arxiv:2201.07241)

Luminosity distance and redshift estimates

Luminosity distance

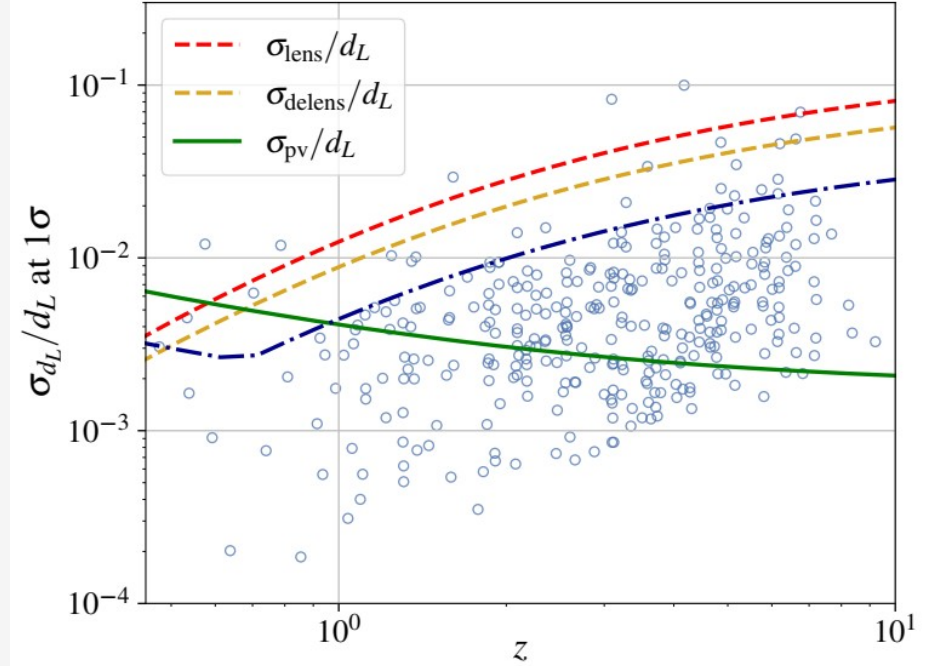
- Accurate estimate of luminosity distance $\rightarrow \Delta d/d_L < 10\%$
- Lensing relevant for $z > 2-3$
- Peculiar velocities are negligible

Redshift measurements

LSST/Rubin Obs.

- Photometric measurements with $\Delta z = 0.03(1 + z)$ (Laigle + 19)

ELT



	$m_{\text{gal,ELT}} < 27.2$	$27.2 < m_{\text{gal,ELT}} < 31.3$
$z \leq 0.5$	$\Delta z = 10^{-3}$	No redshift information
$0.5 < z \leq 5$		$\Delta z = 0.5$
$z > 5$		$\Delta z = 0.2$

Λ CDM Universe

- Λ CDM parametrization
2-parameters model: (H_0, Ω_m)

Dark energy/modified gravity

- CPL parametrization for $\omega(z)$
4-parameters model: $(H_0, \Omega_m, \omega_0, \omega_a)$
- Phenomen. modified gravity (Belgacem+19)
2-parameters model: (Ξ_0, n)

Modified matter

- Matter deviation with $\omega_m = \beta$
3-parameters model: (H_0, Ω_m, β)

At high redshift

- Redshift bins approach
Model-independent
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Matter-only approximation

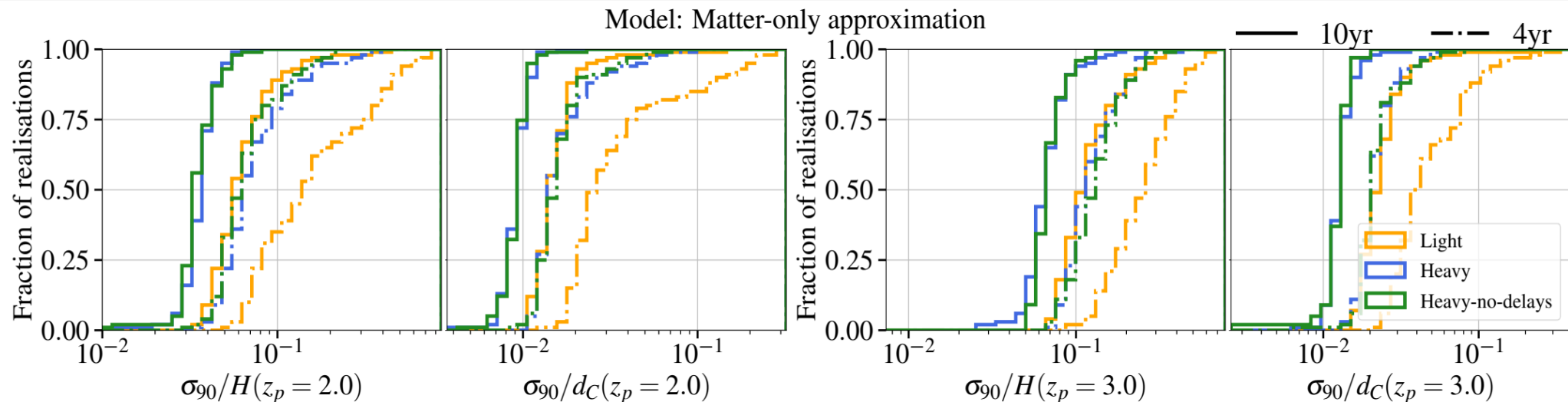
Fit: $d_C(z) = d_C(z_p) + 2(1+z_p)H^{-1}(z_p) \left(1 - \frac{\sqrt{1+z_p}}{\sqrt{1+z}} \right)$

(in 4yr)	$z_p = 2, z > 1$	$z_p = 3, z > 1.5$
Light	5.3	4.4
Heavy	12.5	10.9
Heavy-no-delays	17.3	14.5

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$H(z=2)$ constrained to few percent
and $H(z=3) \sim 10\%$

Splines interpolation

Fit: Luminosity distance at 6 fixed knots
redshifts at [0, 0.2, 0.7, 2, 4, 6]
with 10yr of LISA observations

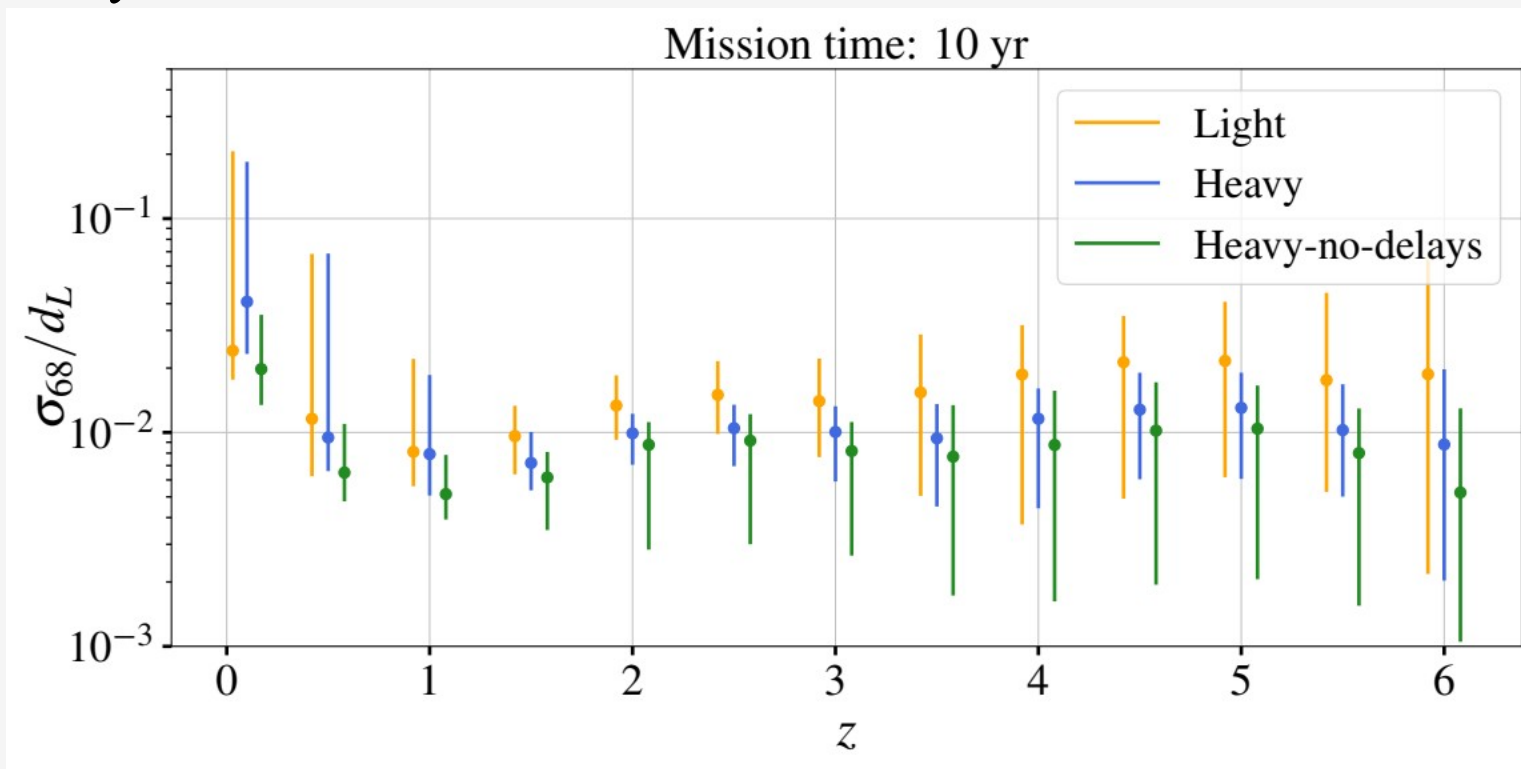
Light	Heavy	Heavy-no-delays
16.0	37.0	51.7

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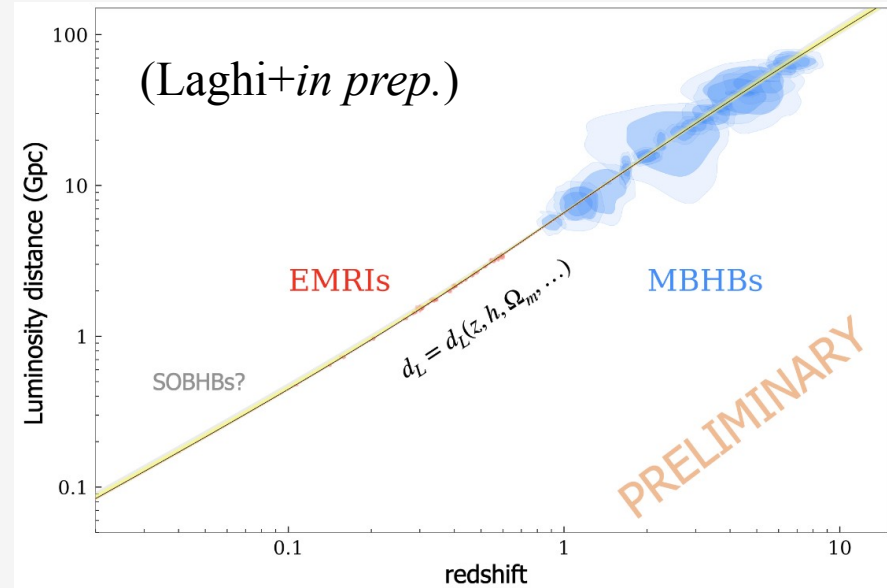
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- Information also on the comoving distance
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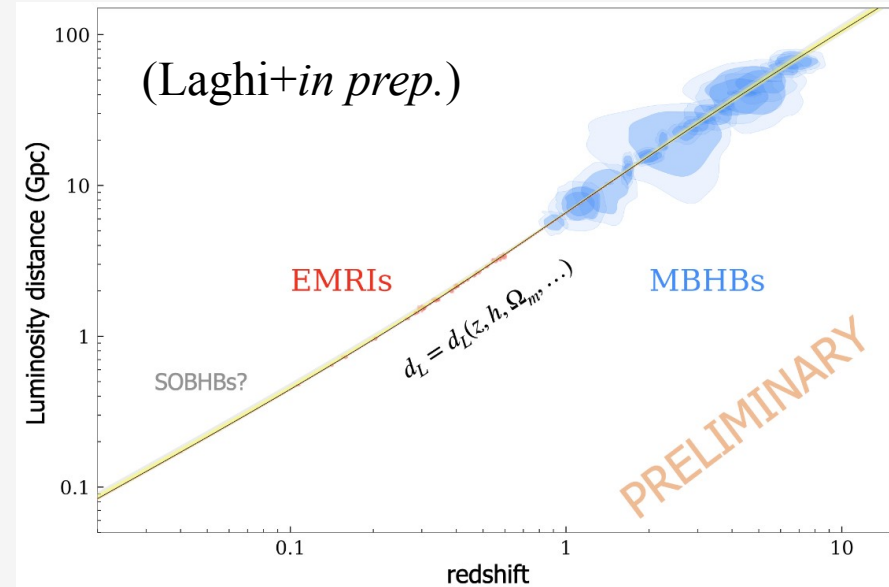
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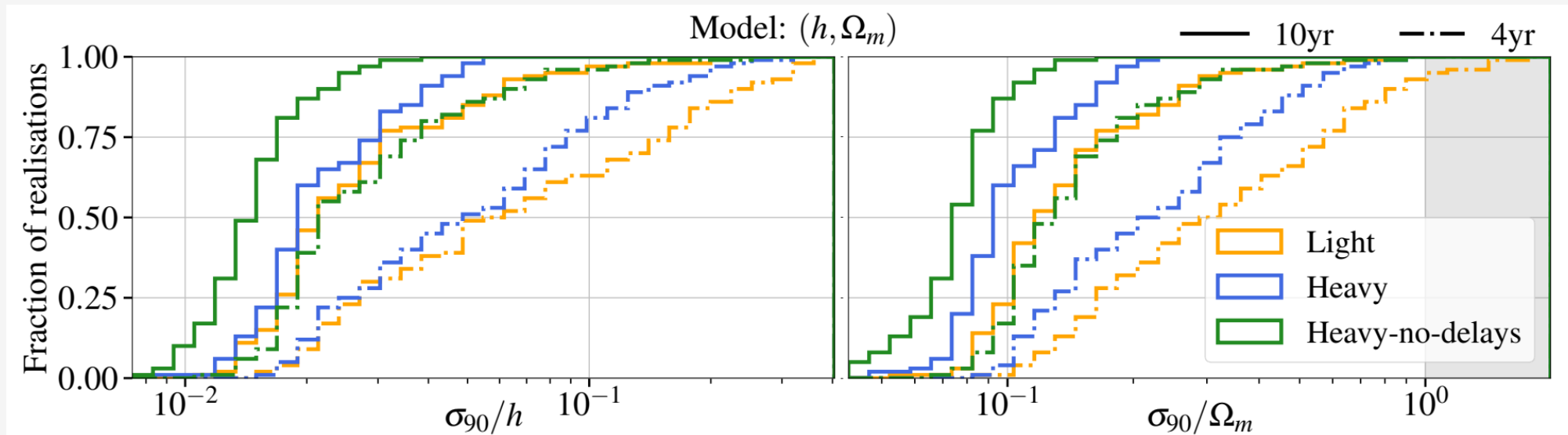


Backup slides

Prospects for H_0 and Ω_m

Fit: $H(z) = H_0 \sqrt{\Omega_m(1+z)^3 + (1-\Omega_m)}$ (in 4 yr)

Light	Heavy	Heavy-no-delays
6.4	14.8	20.7



H_0 can be constrained to few percent
Larger uncertainties on Ω_m

For CPL parametrization \rightarrow Poor constrains on ω_0 and no constrain on ω_a

Matter-only approximation and redshift bins

➤ Matter-only approximation

$$d_C(z) = d_C(z_p) + 2(1+z_p)H^{-1}(z_p) \left(1 - \frac{\sqrt{1+z_p}}{\sqrt{1+z}}\right)$$

with $z_p = 2-3$

We also remove EMcps at $z \leq 1-1.5$

➤ Redshift bins

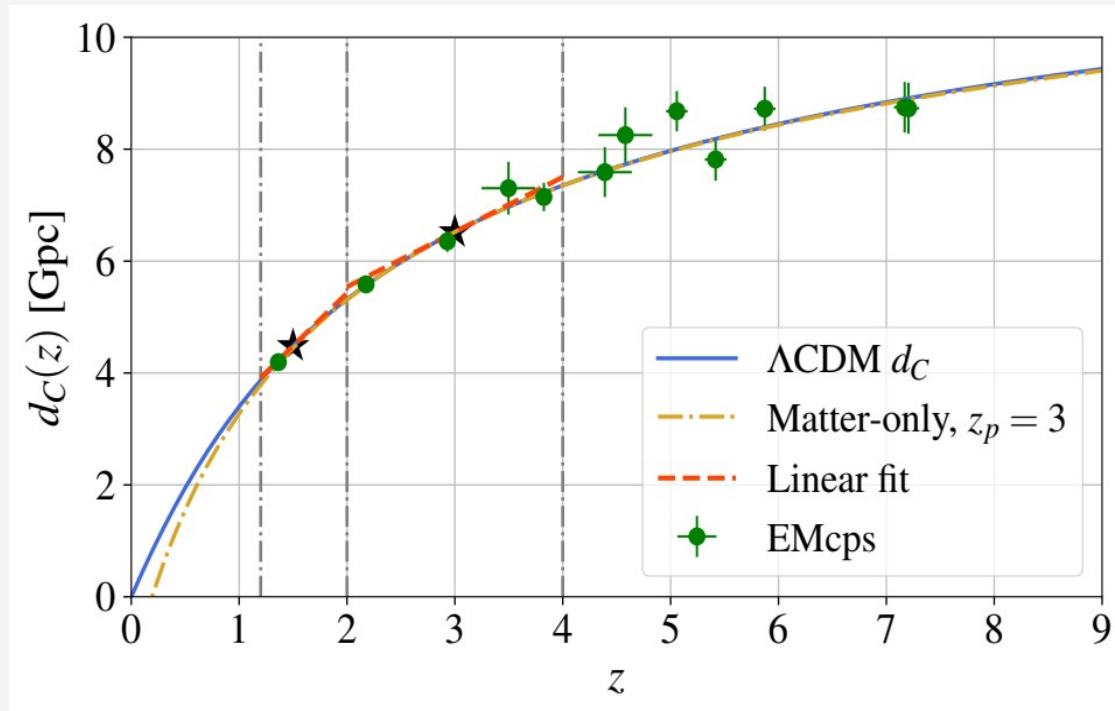
$$d_C(z) = c \int_0^z \frac{dz'}{H(z')} \quad H(z) = \left(\frac{dd_C}{dz}\right)^{-1}$$

Trade-off between:

- Bin size
- Number of EMcps in each bin

Requirement: $D(z)$ accuracy $\leq 5\%$

Not all the redshift bins are informative

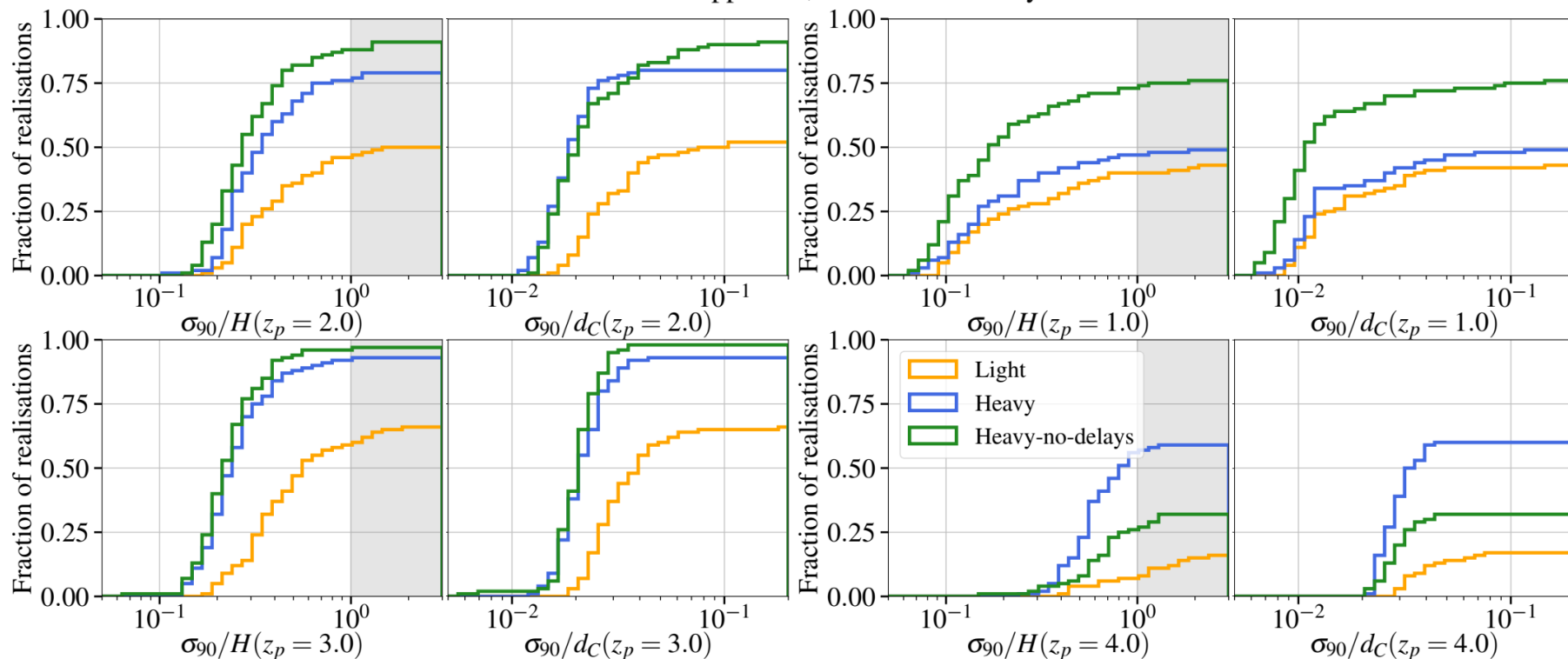


Redshift bins

Fit: $D(z) = D(z_p) + H(z_p)^{-1}(z - z_p)$
with 10yr of LISA observations

$z_p = 3$	Light	Heavy	Heavy-no-delays
$2 < z < 4$	6.1	14.6	20.7

Model: Bins approach; Time mission: 10yr



What to do with uninformative realisations?

No or few events in a
redshift bin



The realisation is not
informative



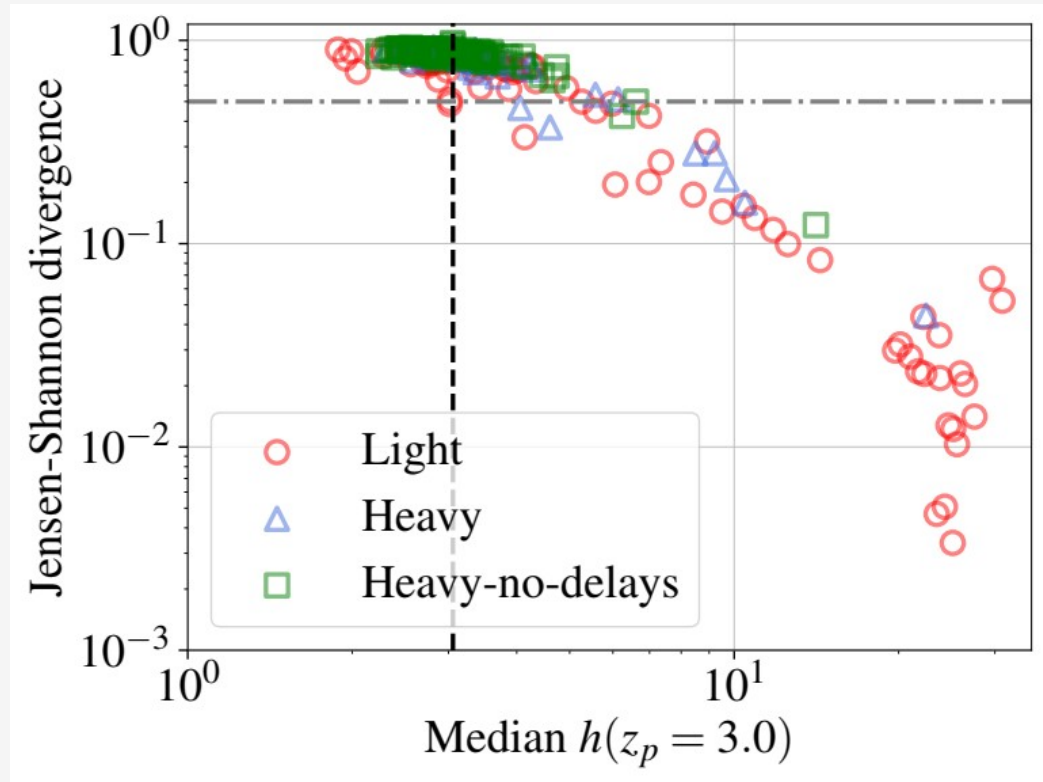
The posterior
distribution coincides
with the prior

Jensen-Shannon (JS) test

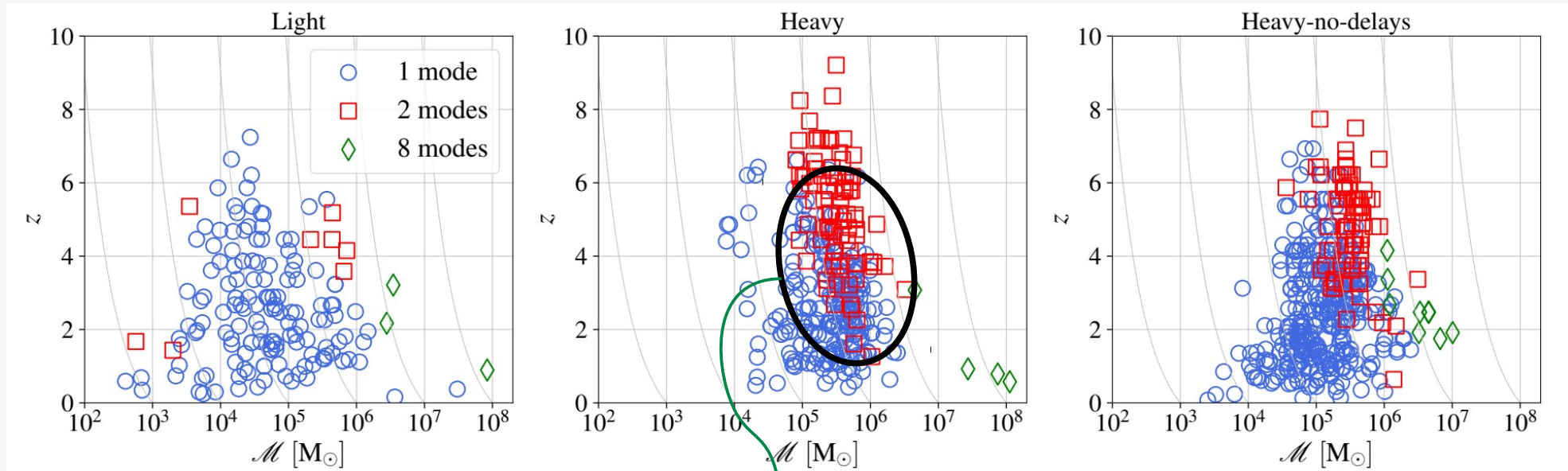
We compare the
posterior and the prior
distributions

- JS=0 if posterior == prior
- JS=1 if posterior != prior

In this case, uniform prior
for $h(z=3)$ in $[0.1, 50]$



Multimodality in the parameter space



Two systems with the same chirp mass and redshift might present different behaviour : multimodality depends also on extrinsic parameters !

Constructing the population of MBHBs with EM counterpart

Observing strategies

ArXiv:2207.10678

Optical

Rubin Observatory

$$L_{\text{bol}} = \min \left(\epsilon_{\text{rad}} \dot{M}_{\text{acc}} c^2, L_{\text{Edd}} \right)$$

$$L_{\text{opt}} = 0.1 L_{\text{bol}}$$

- $\Delta\Omega < 10 \text{ deg}^2$
- $m_{\text{lim, opt}} \sim 27.5$

X-Ray

Athena

$$L_{\text{X}} = \frac{L_{\text{bol}}}{c_1 \left(\frac{L_{\text{bol}}}{10^{10} L_{\odot}} \right)^{k_1} + c_2 \left(\frac{L_{\text{bol}}}{10^{10} L_{\odot}} \right)^{k_2}} \quad (\text{Shen+20})$$

- $\Delta\Omega < 0.4 \text{ deg}^2$
- $F_{\text{lim, X}} \sim 3 \times 10^{-17} \text{ erg/s/cm}^2$

Radio

SKA

$$L_{\text{radio}} = L_{\text{flare}} + L_{\text{jet}} \quad (\text{Meier01})$$

- $\Delta\Omega < 10 \text{ deg}^2$
- $F_{\text{lim, radio}} \sim 1 \mu\text{Jy}$

We focus on two scenarios

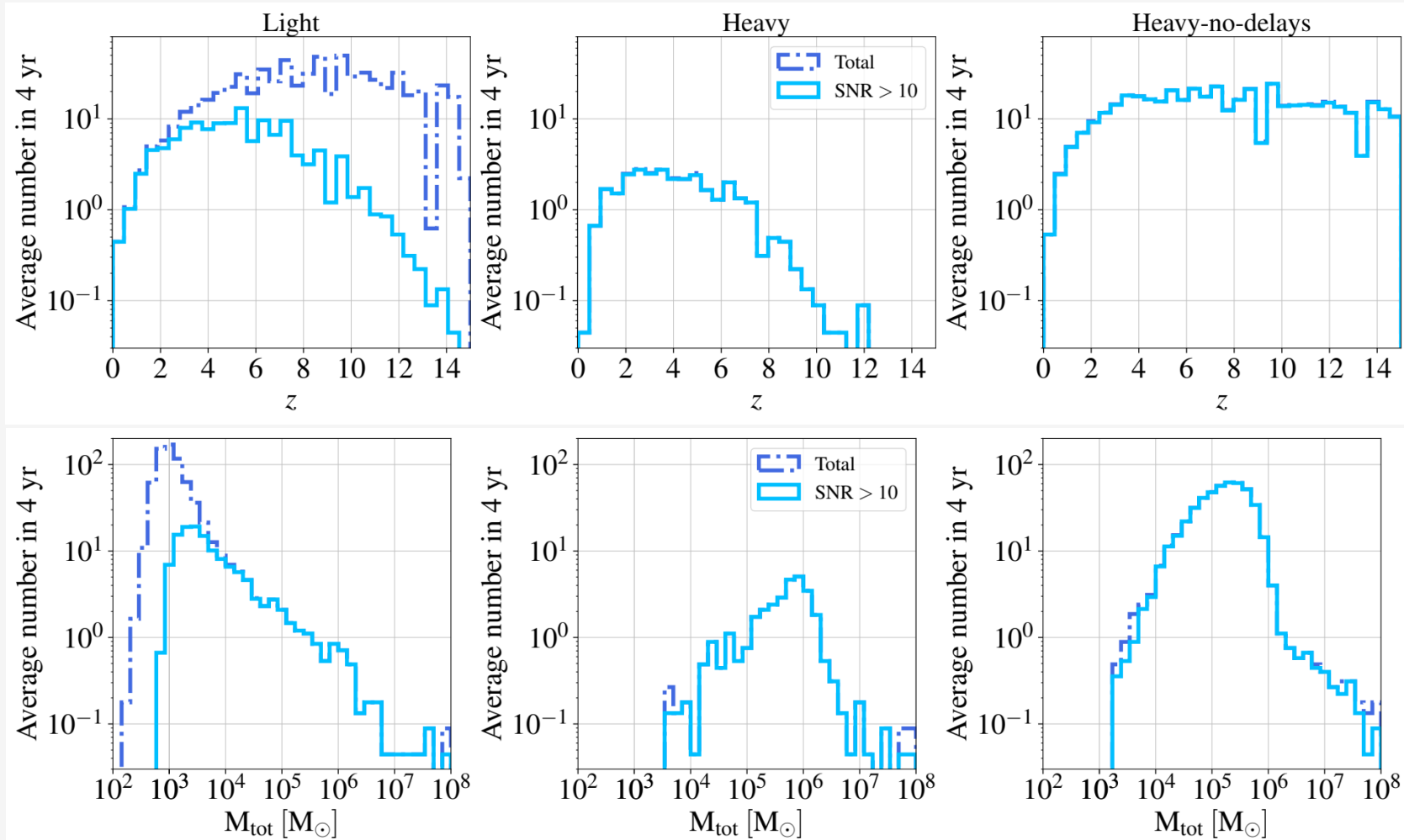
Maximising

- No AGN obscuration
- Isotropic radio emission

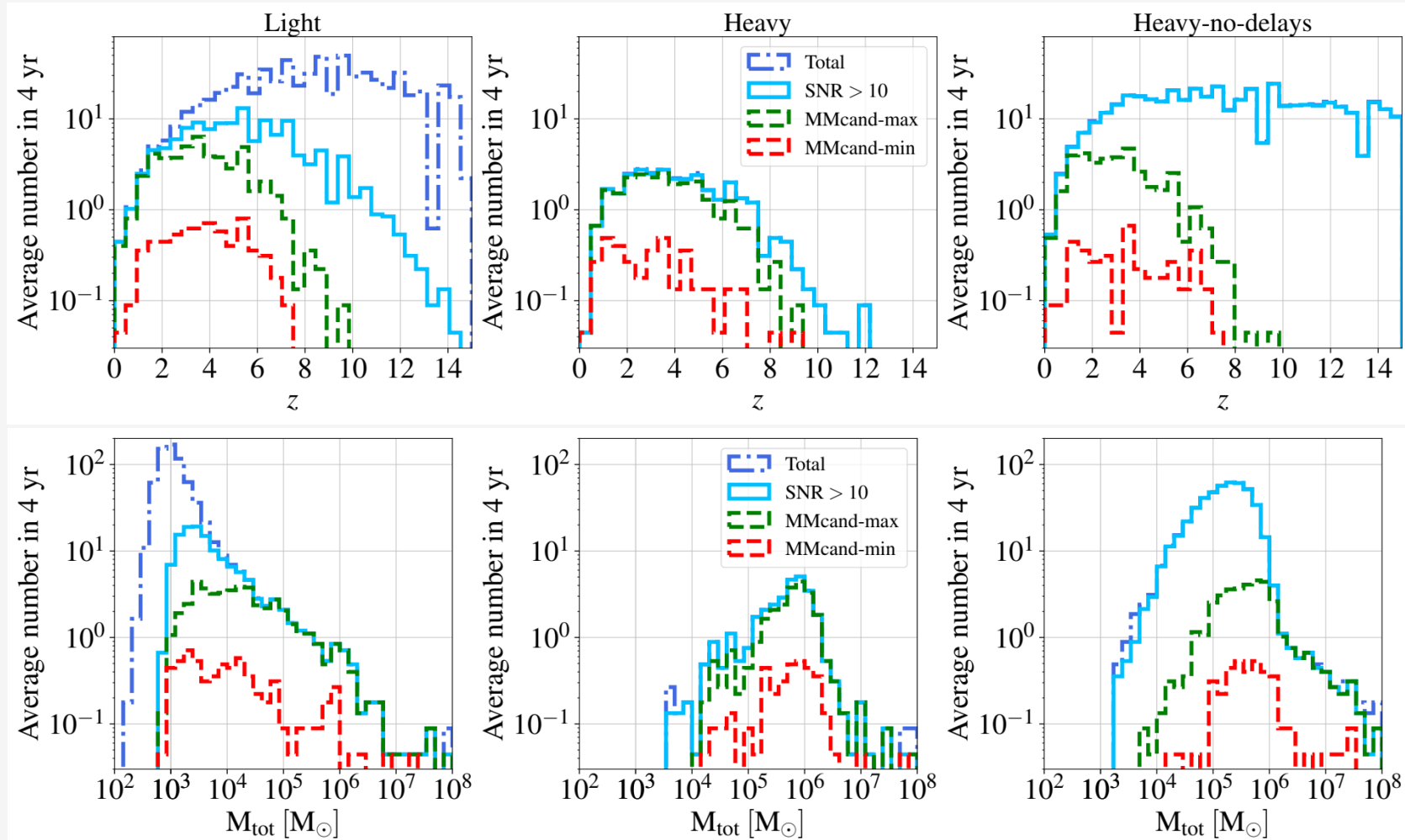
Minimising

- AGN obscuration included (Ueda+14, Gnedin+07)
- Collimated radio emission (Cohen+06)

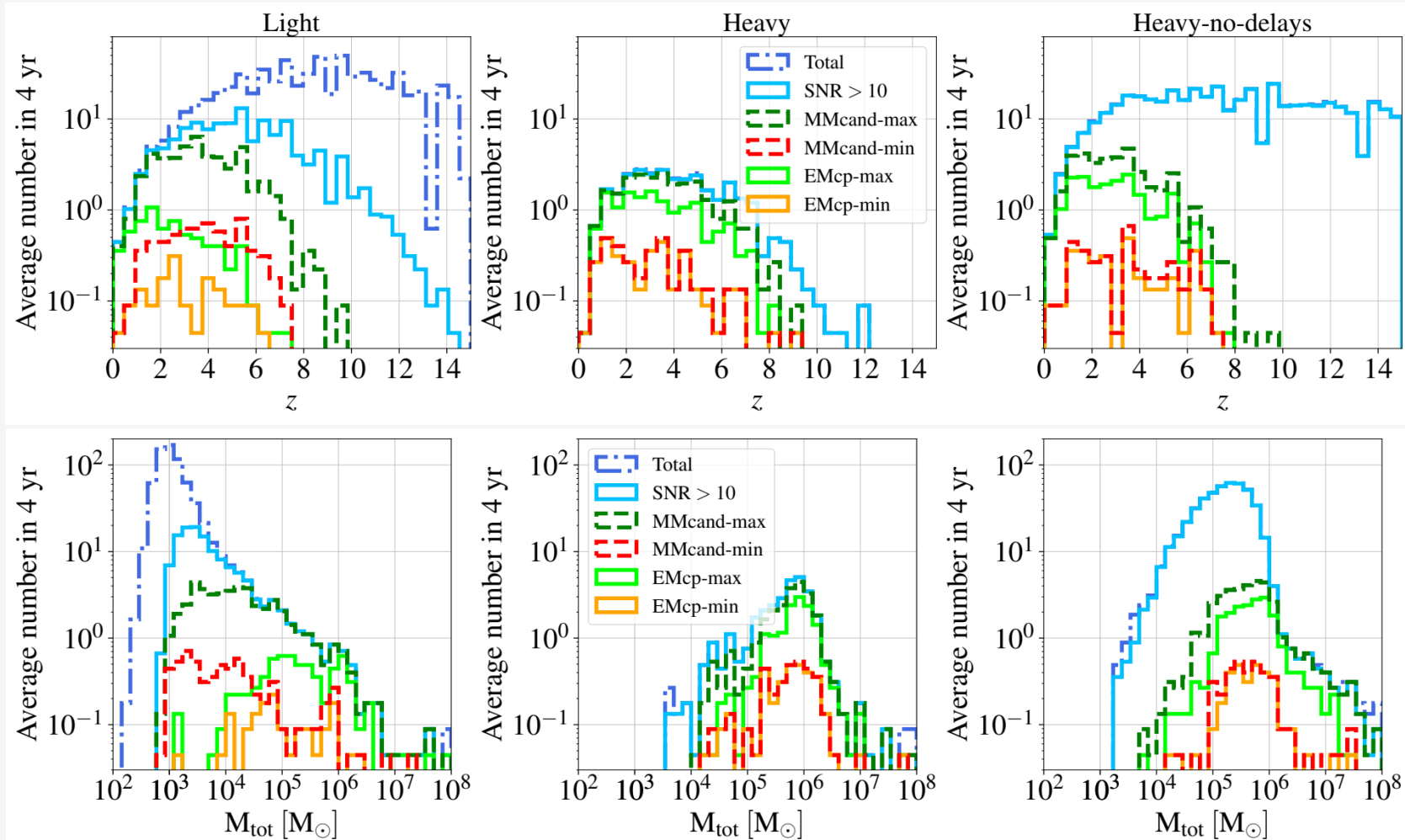
Redshift and total mass distributions



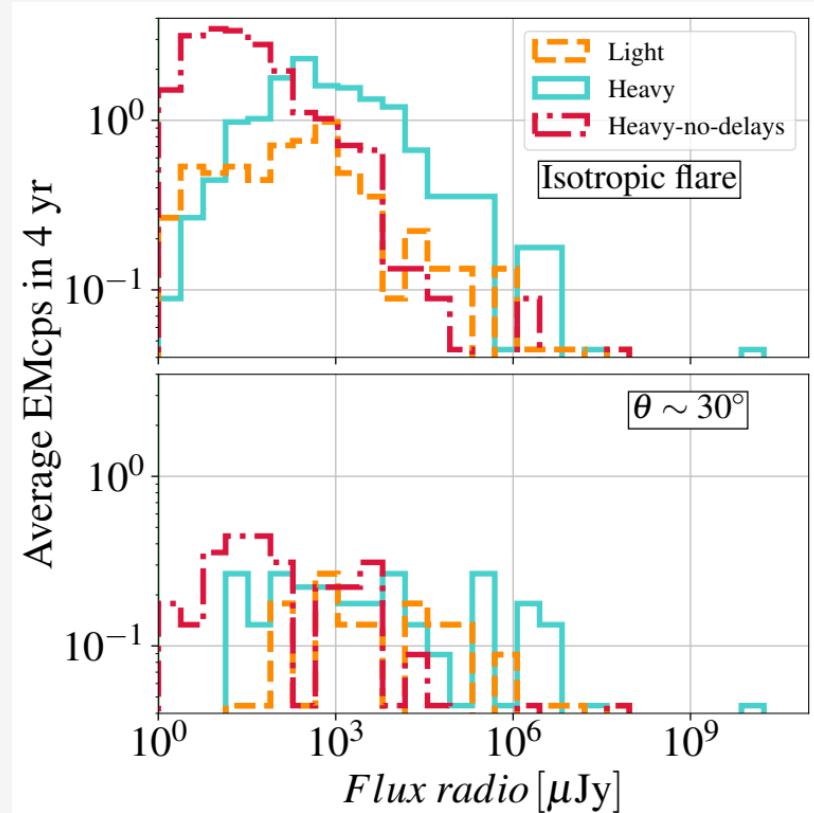
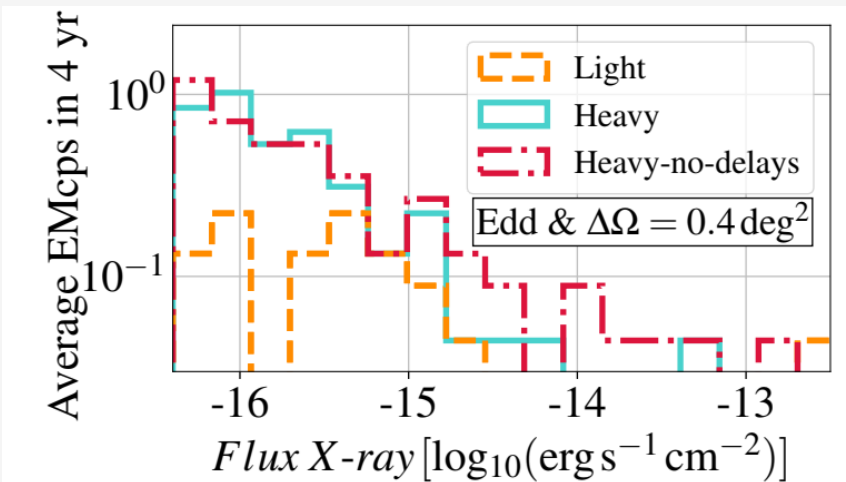
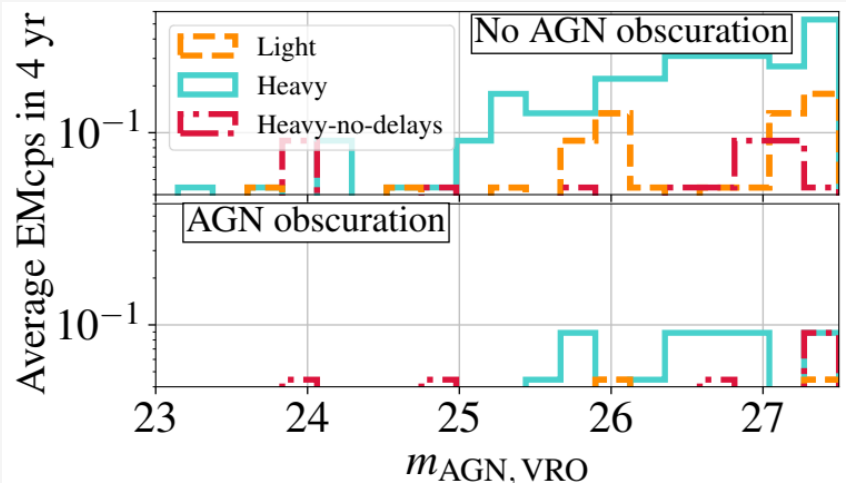
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EMcps in optical, X-ray and radio



LISA sources are intrinsically faint !

EMcps in 4 yr

(ln 4 yr)	LSST, VRO	SKA+ELT			Athena+ELT		
		Isotropic	$\theta \sim 30^\circ$	$\theta \sim 6^\circ$	Catalog $F_{X, \text{lim}} = 4e-17$	Eddington $F_{X, \text{lim}} = 4e-17$	
	$\Delta\Omega = 10 \text{ deg}^2$			$\Delta\Omega = 0.4 \text{ deg}^2$	$\Delta\Omega = 0.4 \text{ deg}^2$		
No-obsc.	0.84	6.4	1.51	0.04	0.49	1.02	Light
	3.07	14.8	2.71	0.04	2.67	3.87	Heavy
	0.53	20.3	3.2	0.04	0.58	4.4	Heavy-no-delays
Obsc.	0.13	6.4	1.51	0.04	0.04	0.13	Light
	0.75	14.8	2.71	0.04	0.22	0.18	Heavy
	0.35	20.3	3.2	0.04	0.18	0.27	Heavy-no-delays

- Dramatic decrease with obscuration and radio jet
- Parameter estimation selects preferentially heavy

(ln 4 yr)	Maximising	Minimising
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