

# Numerical Modeling of Massive Star Clusters: An Evolving Story of the Black Holes

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# Plan of the talk

## ■ Introduction

- Motivation, physical processes active in clusters, numerical techniques

## ■ Modeling star clusters using the Hénon-type Monte Carlo

### Code *CMC*

- Validation of *CMC*

## ■ BHs in clusters: the evolving story & current understanding

## ■ BHs are affected by cluster dynamics

- Properties, difference from field (undisturbed) population, aLIGO implications

## ■ Cluster is affected by its BHs

- Effects of uncertain BH-related physics

## ■ Summary and conclusion

# Star clusters Properties

## Star clusters in galaxies

Property	Open Clusters	Globular Clusters
Mass ( $M_{\odot}$ )	up to $\sim 10^3$	typical $\sim 10^5$
$\rho_c$ ( $M_{\odot}\text{pc}^{-3}$ )	up to $\sim 10^2$	typical $\sim 10^4$
Typical age	up to $\sim 7$ Gyr	9 - 12 Gyr
Binary fraction ( $f_b$ )	$\sim 50\%$	few - 20%
Metallicity	higher	low

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- Clusters are dense stellar environments
  - Higher formation rates of exotic stars in GCs compared to elsewhere in the galaxy, e.g., blue stragglers, X-ray binaries, cataclysmic variables, & BH binaries (e.g., Clark 1975, Pooley & Hut 2006; Rodriguez et al. 2015)
- Massive GCs are important targets in distant galaxies
  - The dynamical history of clusters provides important clues to the hierarchical formation of the Galaxy (e.g., Brodie & Strader 2006 for a review)
  - Spatial distribution can constrain the dark matter halo radius
  - Typical old ages provide a direct window to early major star formation episodes in the local universe (e.g., Brodie & Strader 2006)
- All stars are born in clusters of some size
  - All clusters lose stars from galactic tides
  - Low mass clusters dissolve completely within Hubble time (e.g., Giersz & Heggie 1997; Odenkirchen et al. 2003; Gieles et al. 2005; Lamers et al. 2005)



# Physical Processes

## ■ Two-body relaxation

- Cumulative effect of a sequence of weak pair-wise gravitational interactions is a slow outward diffusion of energy
- Mass segregation is a natural consequence as the system evolves towards equipartition of energy
- Typical timescale for Galactic GCs  $\sim 10^9$  yr

## ■ Binary-burning

- Energy production from strong super-elastic scattering involving hard binaries
- Interactions happen on a dynamical timescale

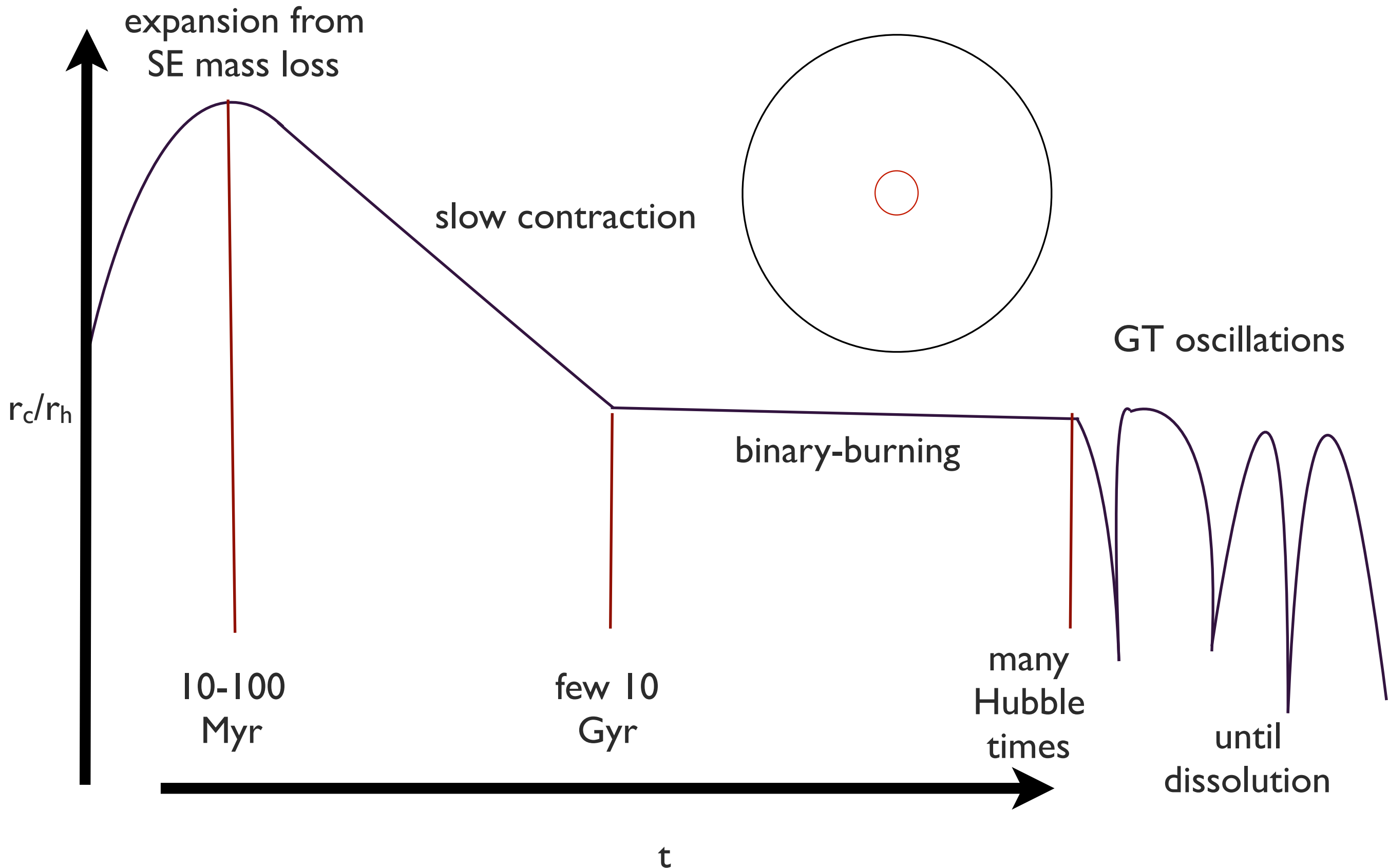
## ■ Stellar evolution

- Massive stars evolve on much shorter timescales compared to GC ages
- Wind mass loss, mass loss from compact object formation

## ■ Galactic tidal stripping



# Evolutionary stages of dense star clusters



# Numerical modeling of dense star clusters

## Methods

Method	Advantage	Disadvantage
Fokker-Planck	Fastest among the three	Hard to implement additional physics
Hénon-type Monte Carlo	Fast, easy to implement additional physics, as accurate as direct $N$ -body for $N \gtrsim 10^4$	Assumptions may not be valid for low $N \sim 10^2$
Direct $N$ -body	Exact gravitational forces	Computationally expensive, $\sim N^3$



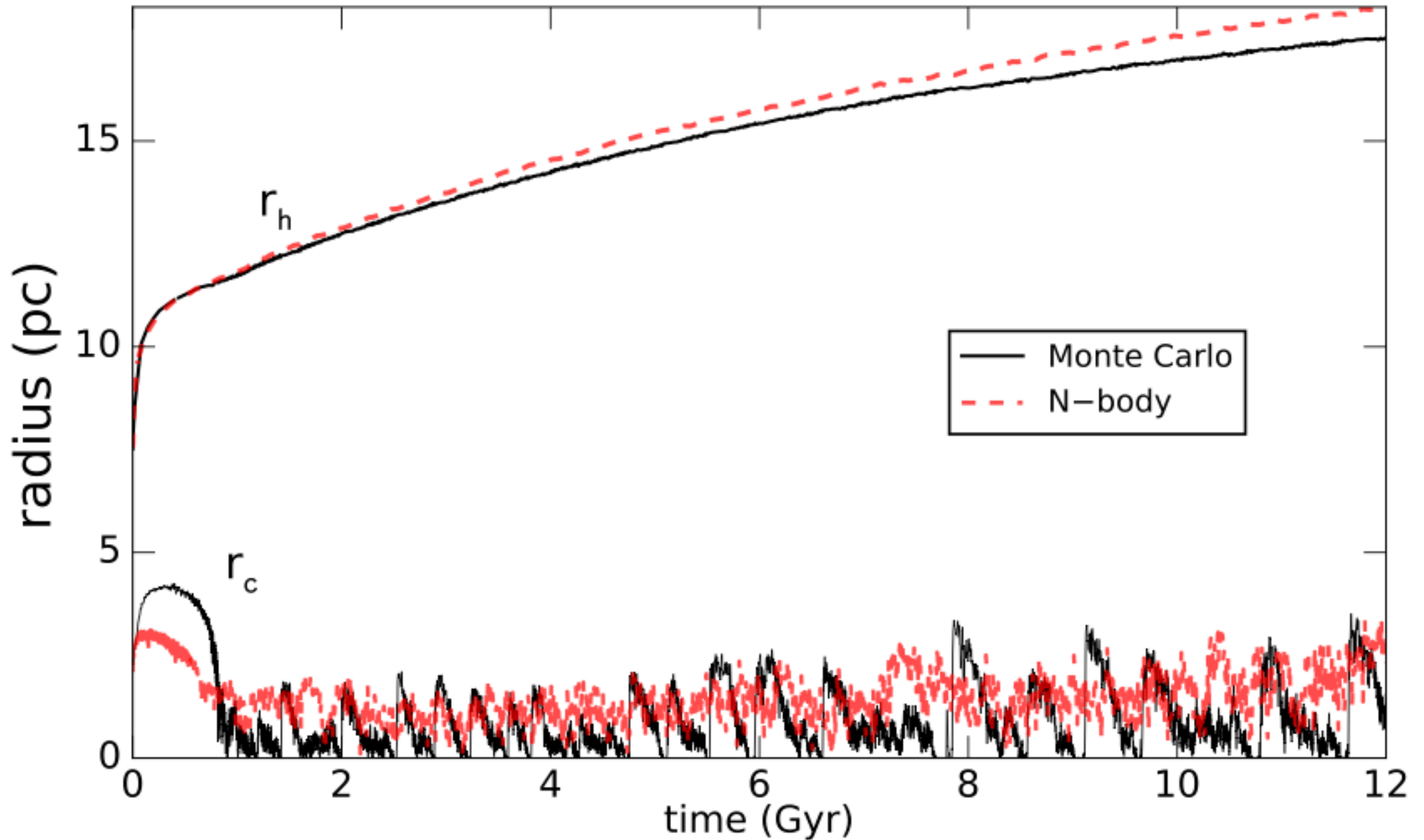
# Monte Carlo Code CMC

## Physical Processes & Parallelization

- Two-body relaxation (Joshi et al. 2000)
- Strong interactions: physical collisions, binary-mediated interactions (Fregeau & Rasio 2007)
- Galactic tidal stripping (Joshi et al. 2001; Chatterjee et al. 2010)
- Stellar evolution using BSE (Hurley et al. 2000, 2002; Chatterjee et al. 2008, 2010)
- Central IMBH with loss-cone physics (Umbreit et al. 2012)
- Rate-based 3-Body binary formation (Morscher et al. 2015)
- Parallelized using MPI & CUDA (Pattabiraman et al. 2012)

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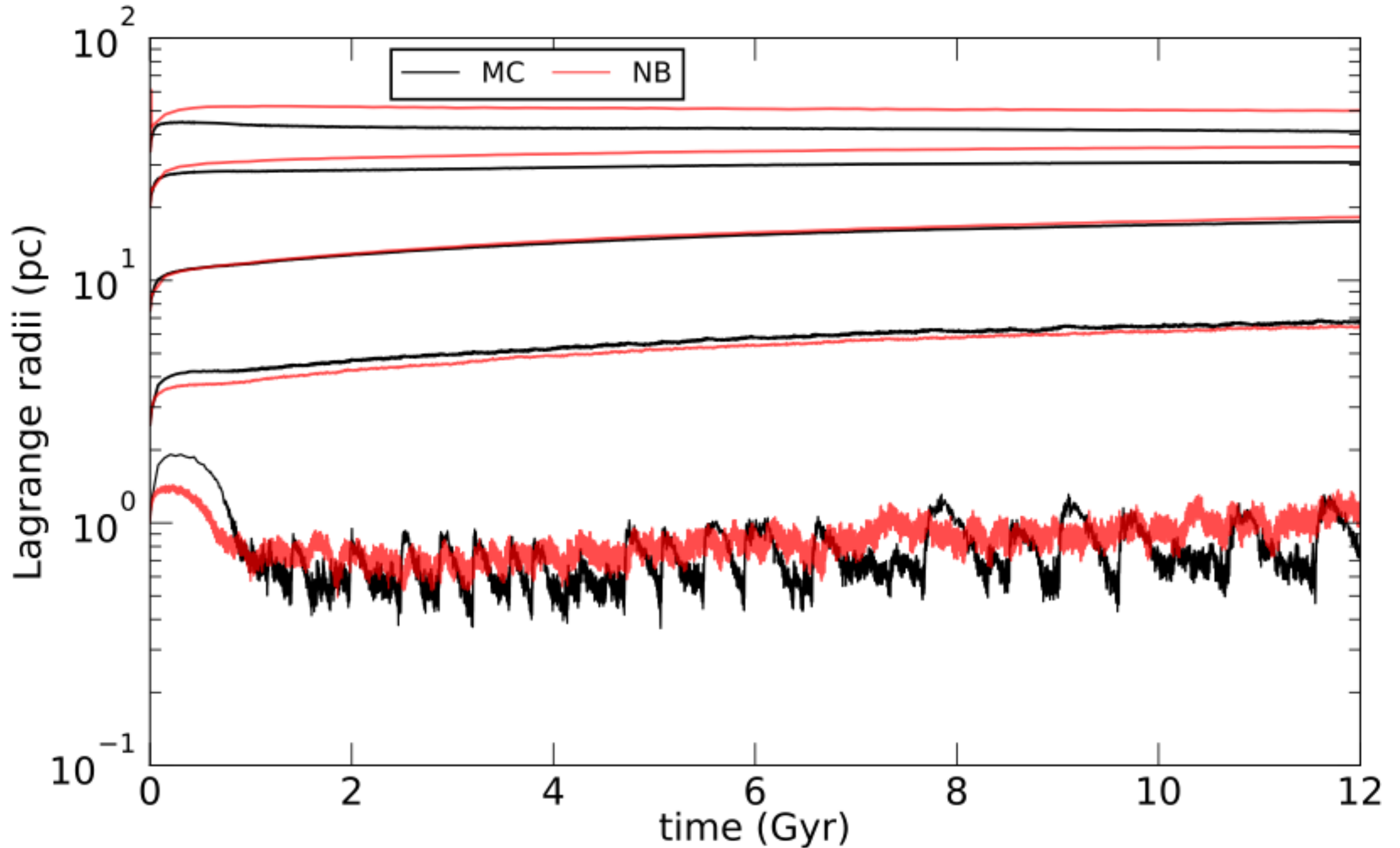
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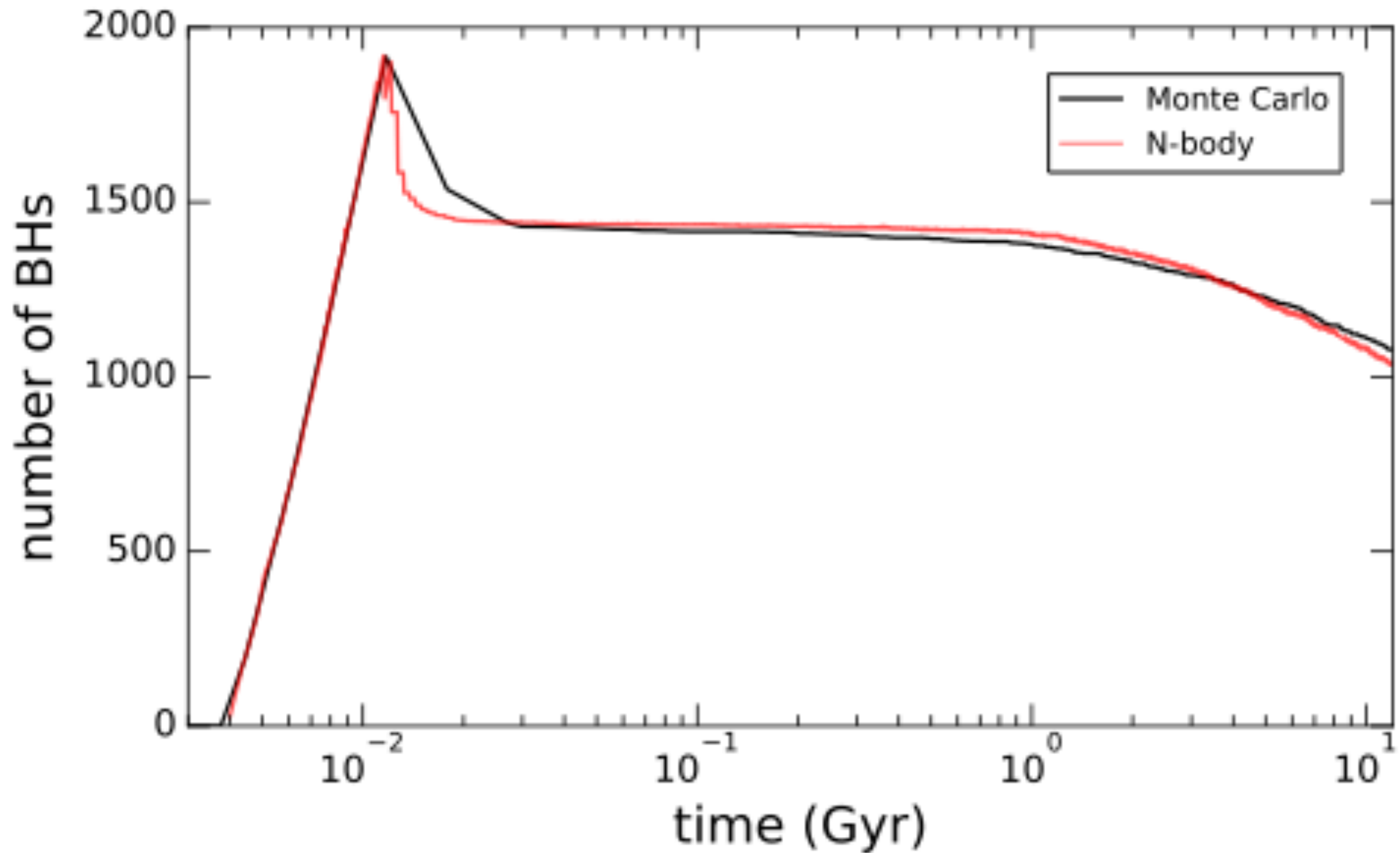
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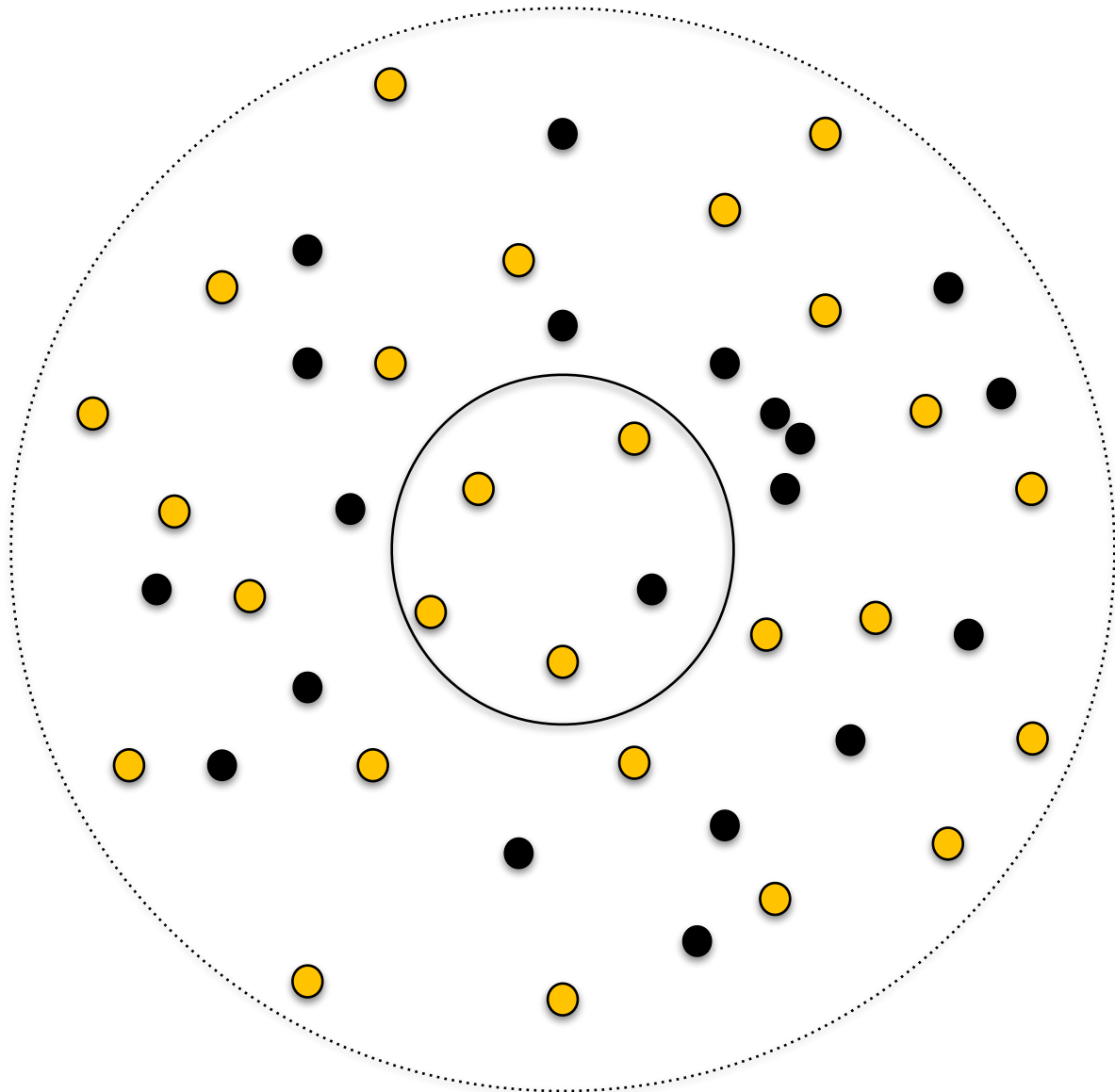
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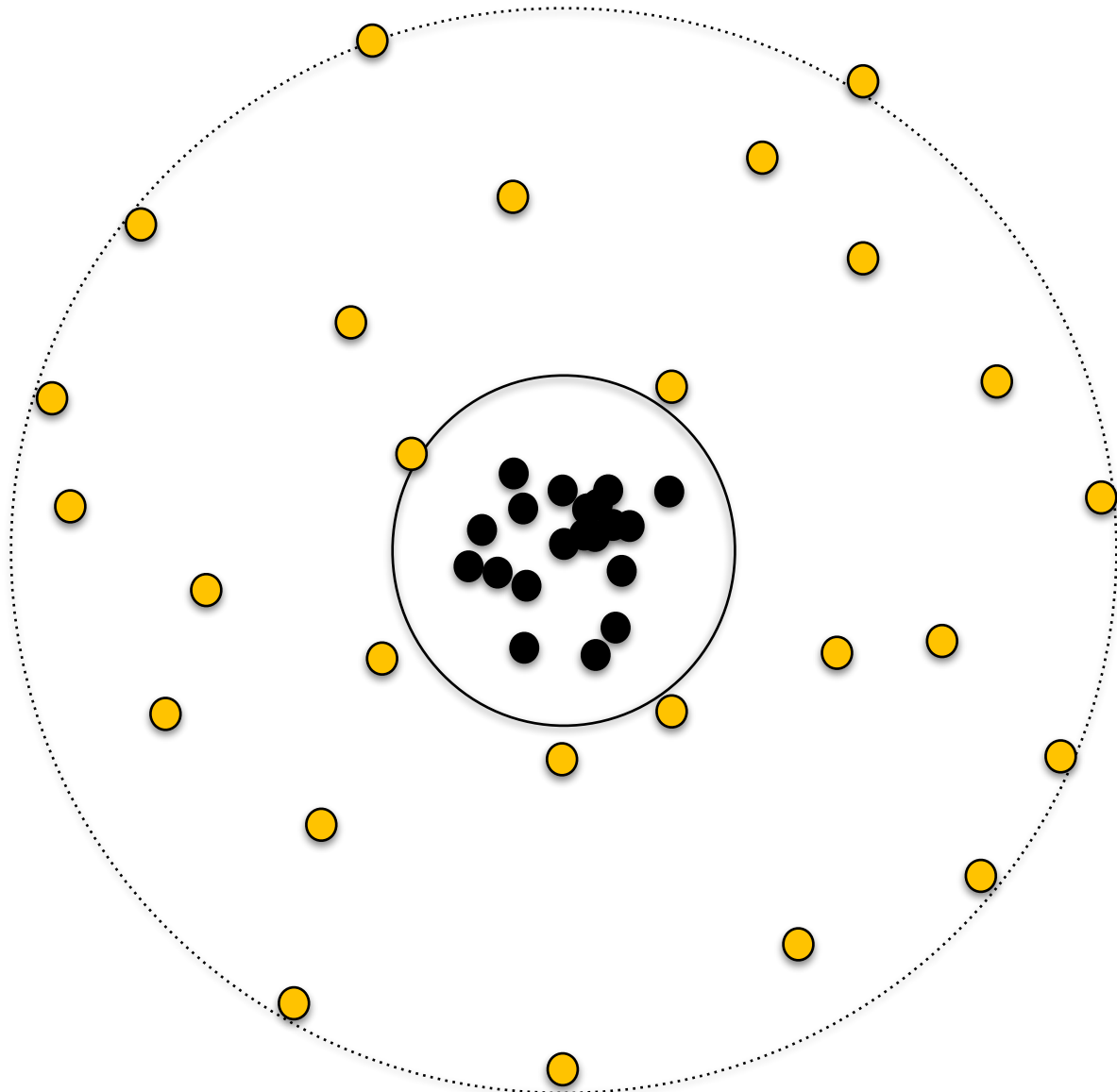


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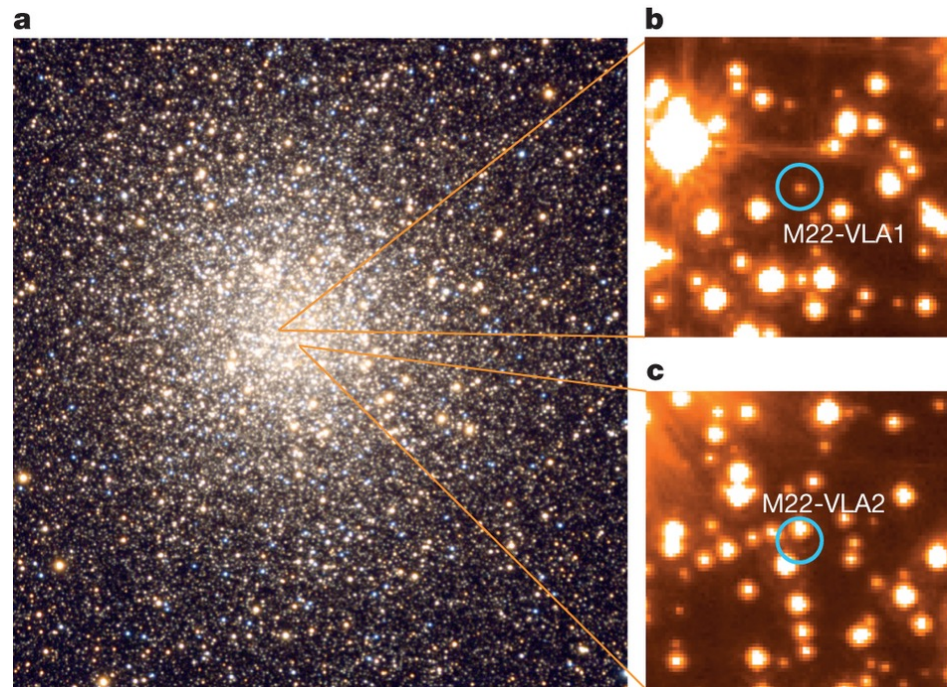
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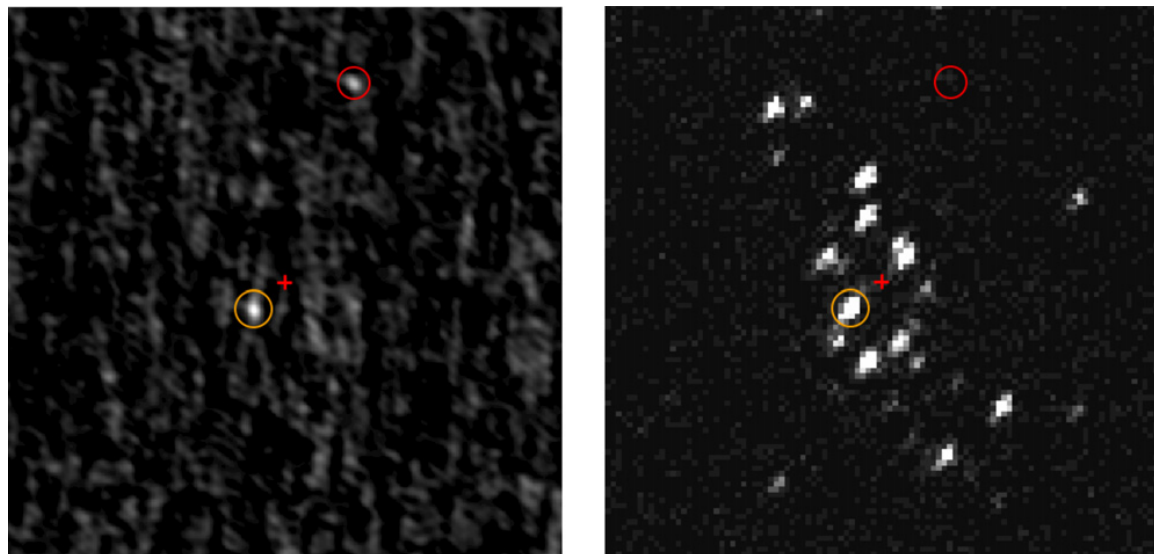
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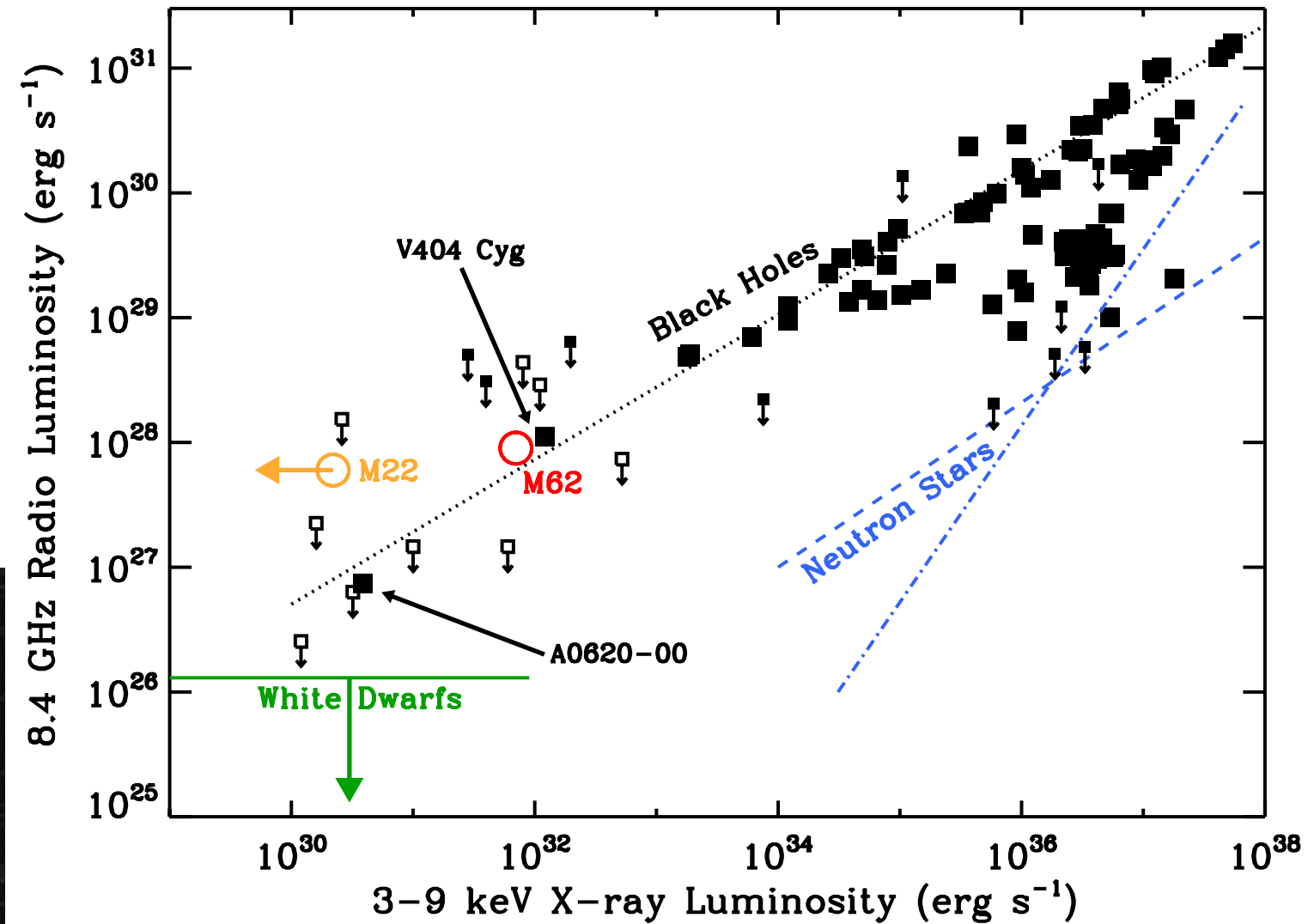
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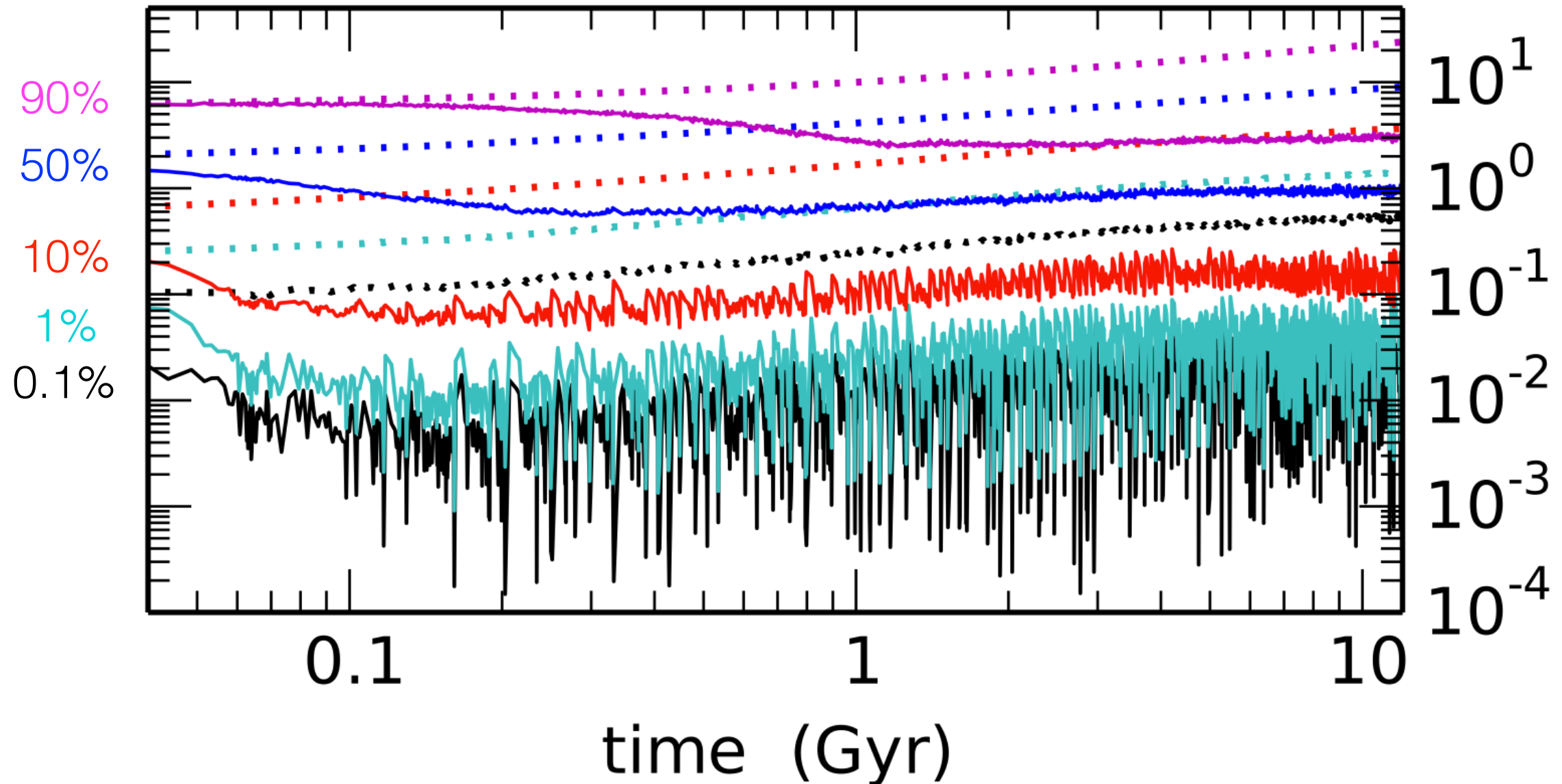
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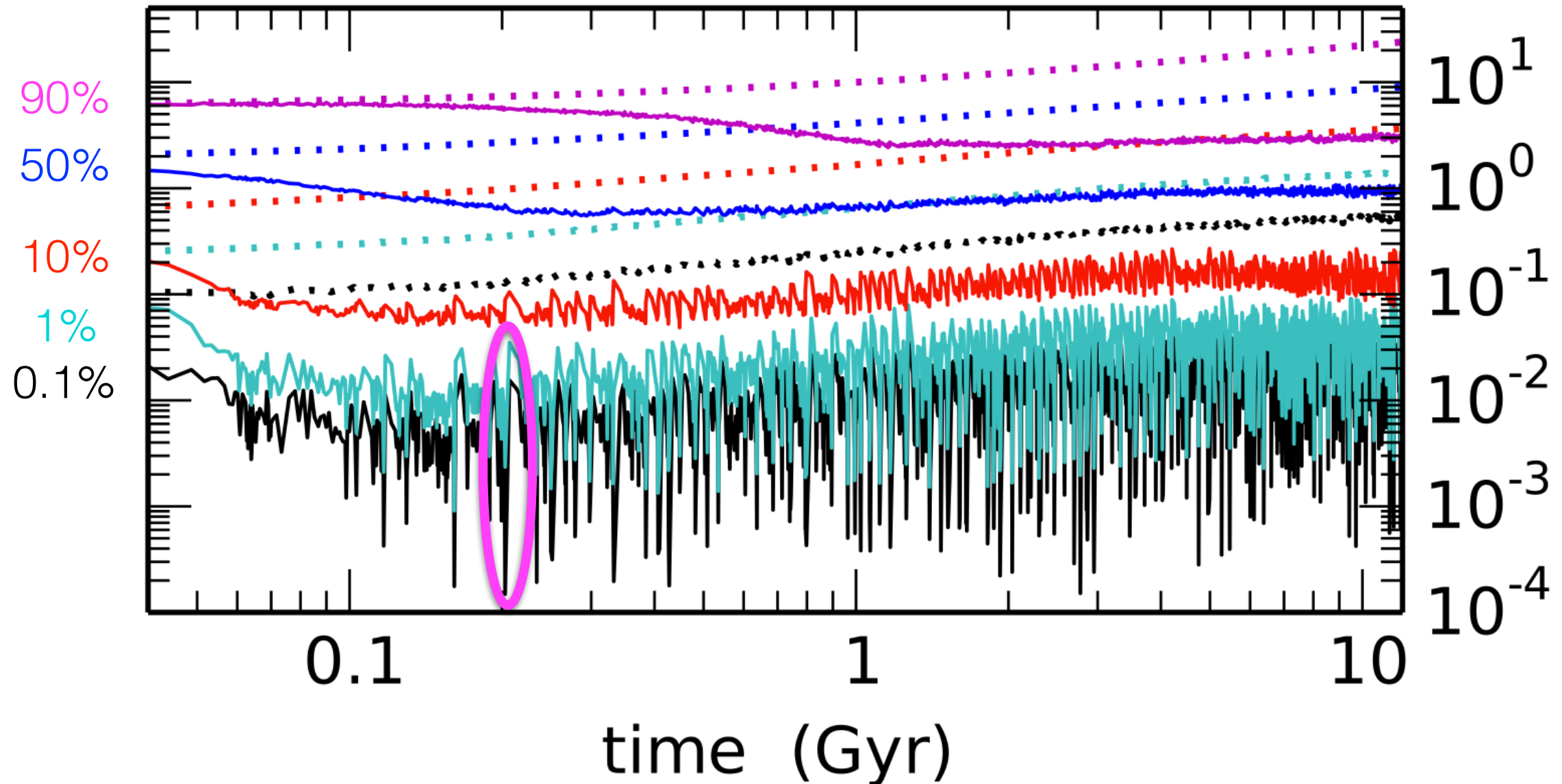
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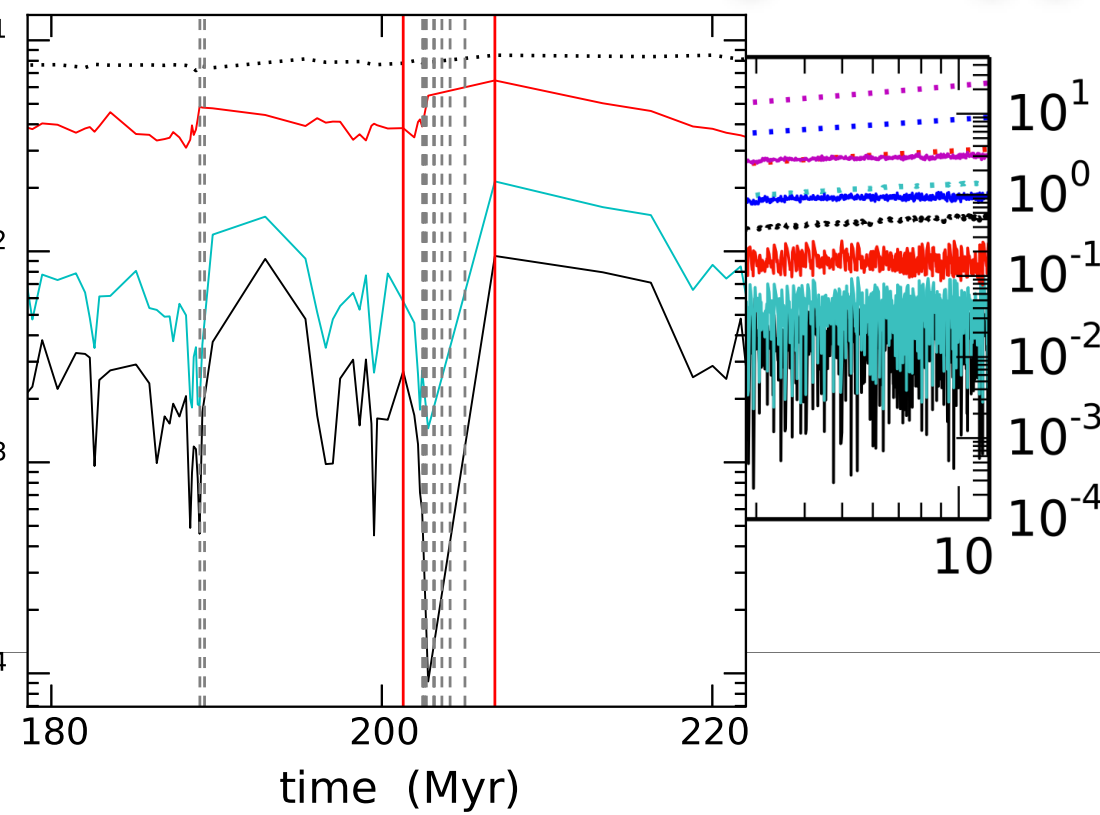
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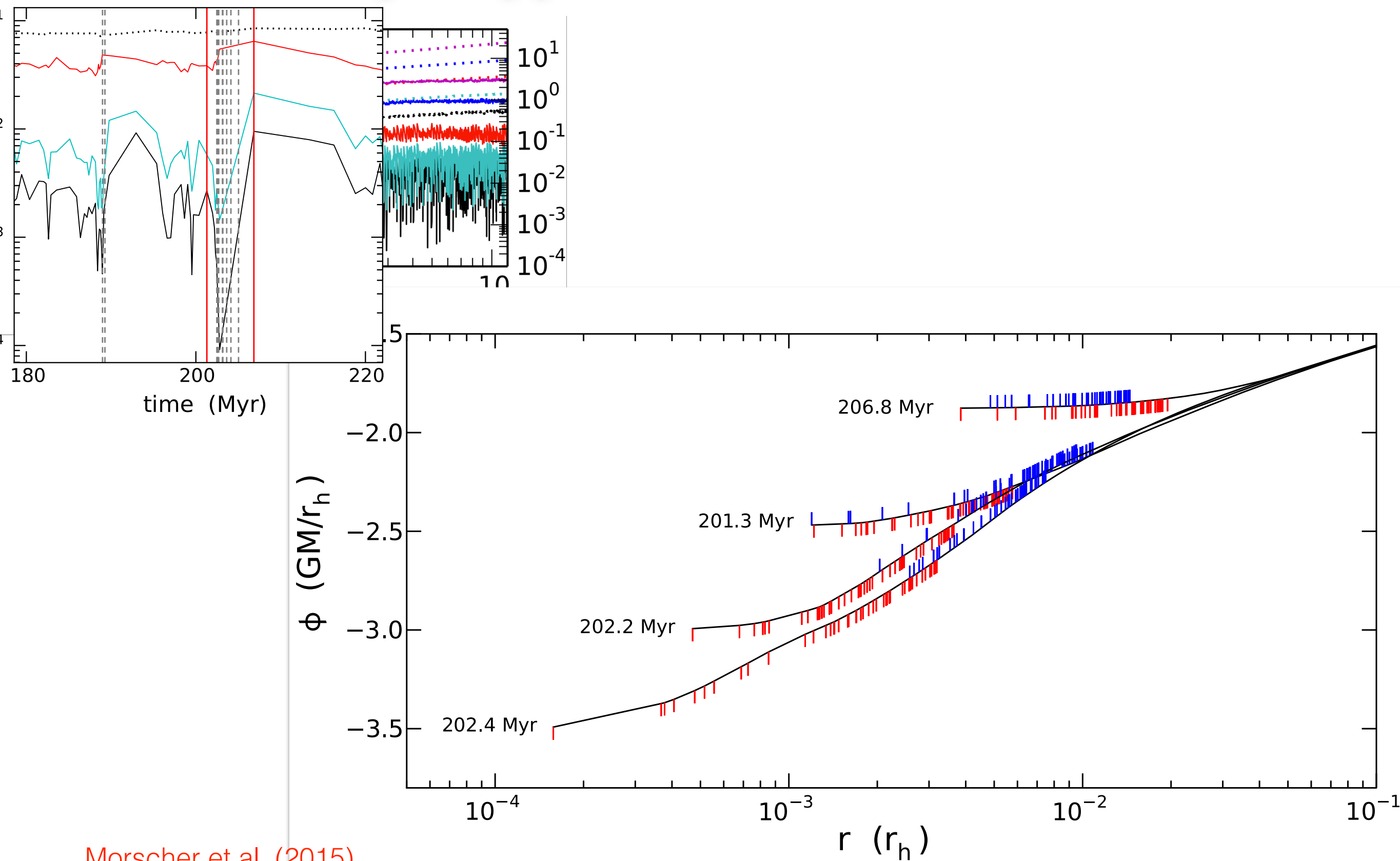


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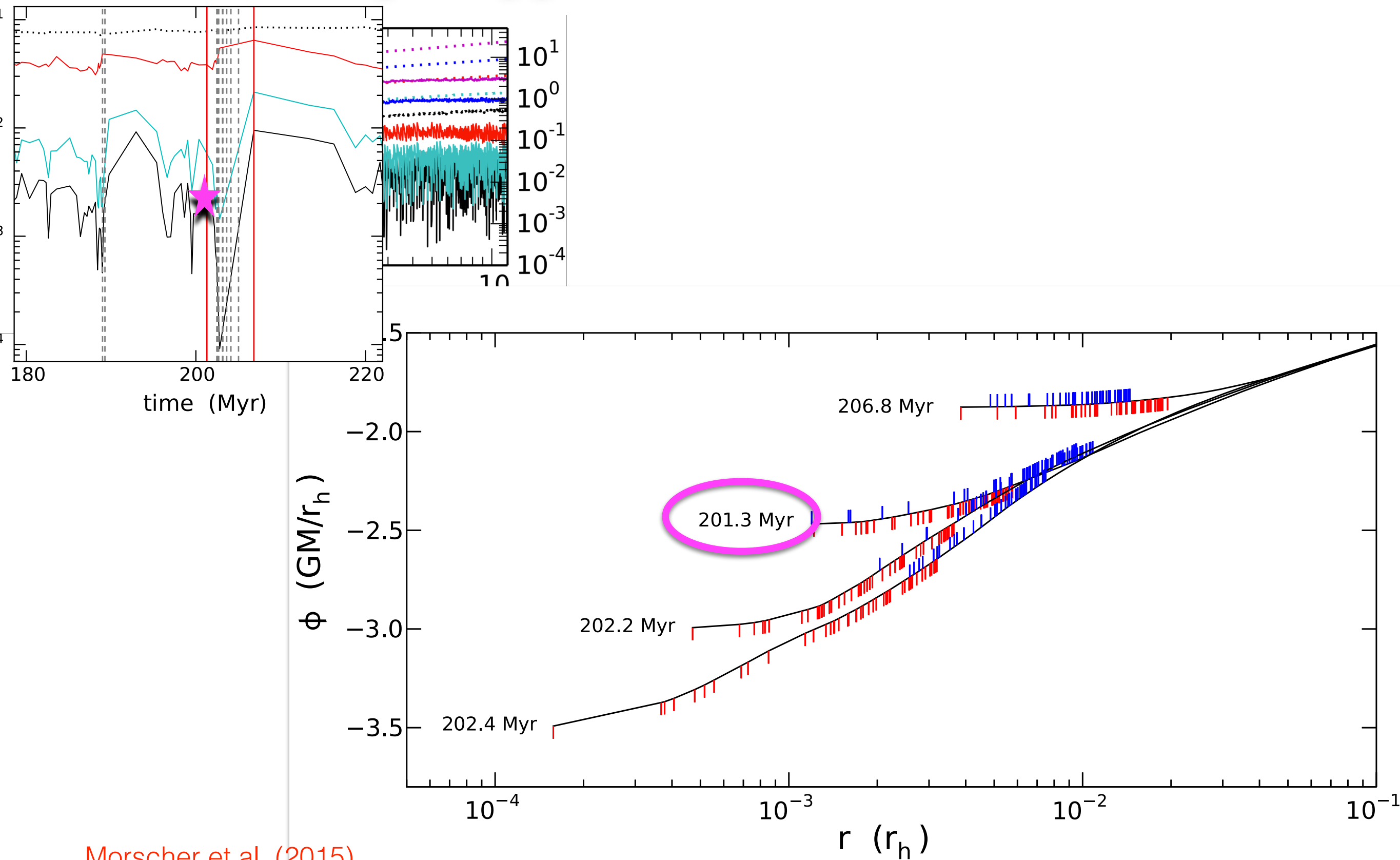


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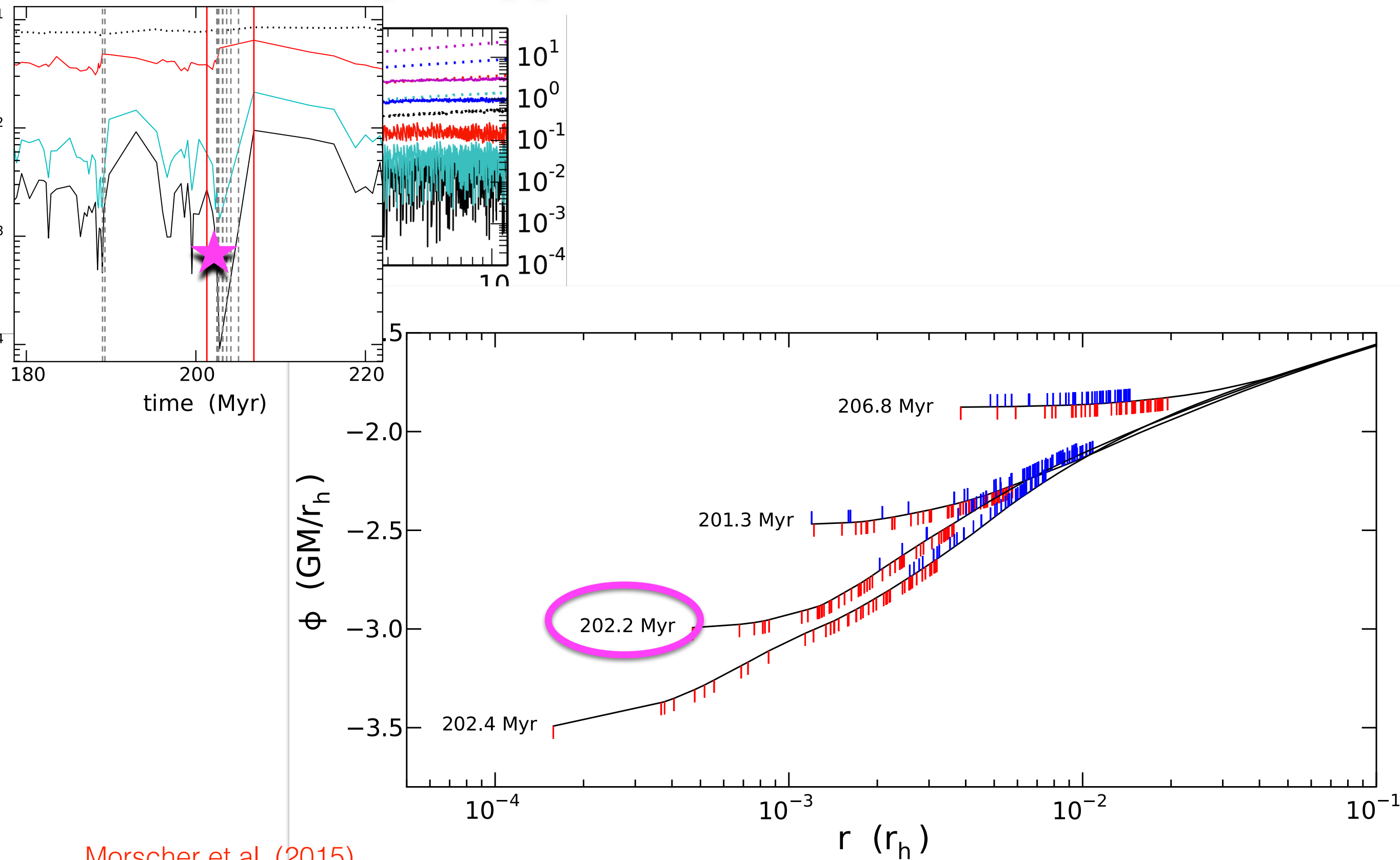
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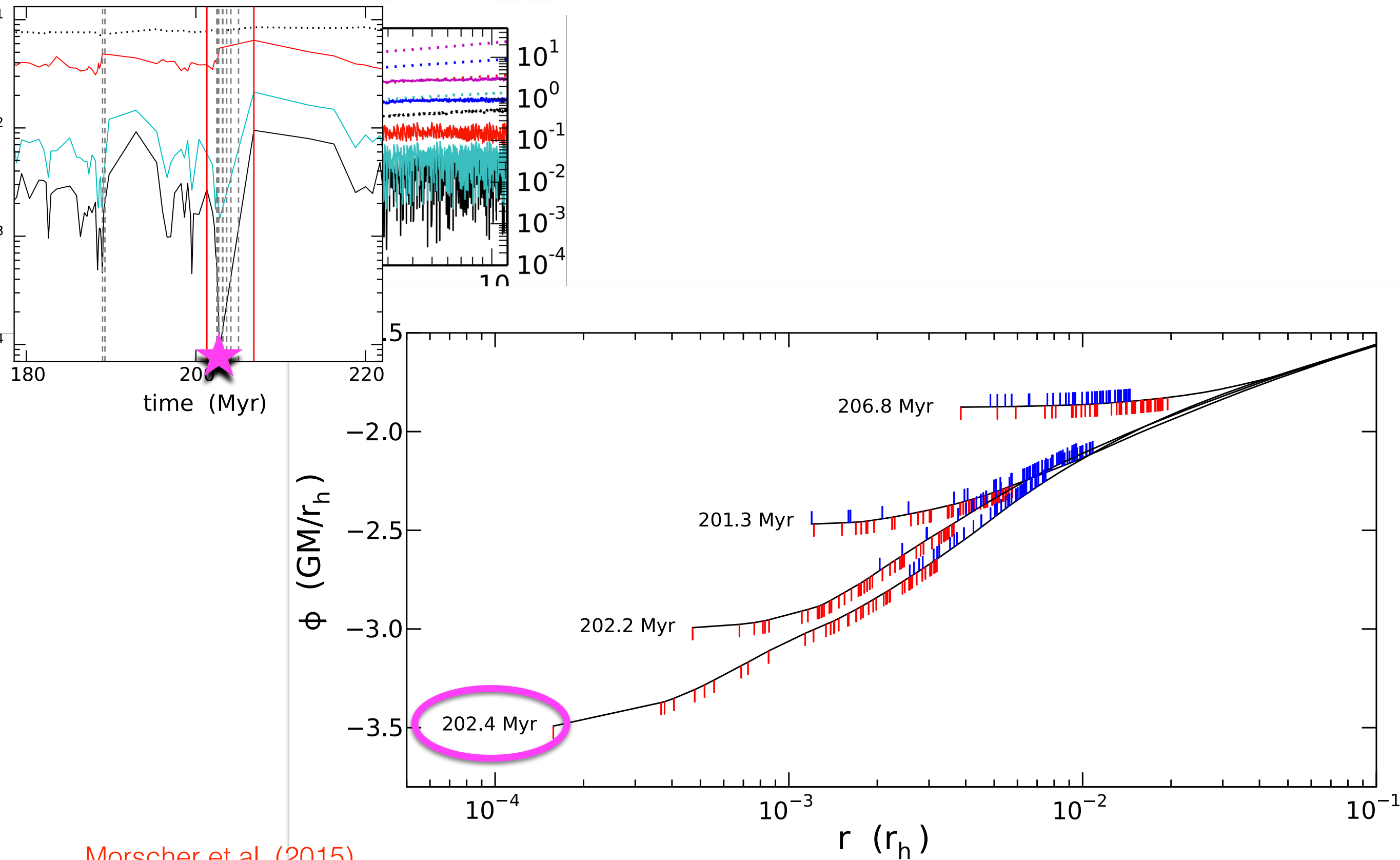
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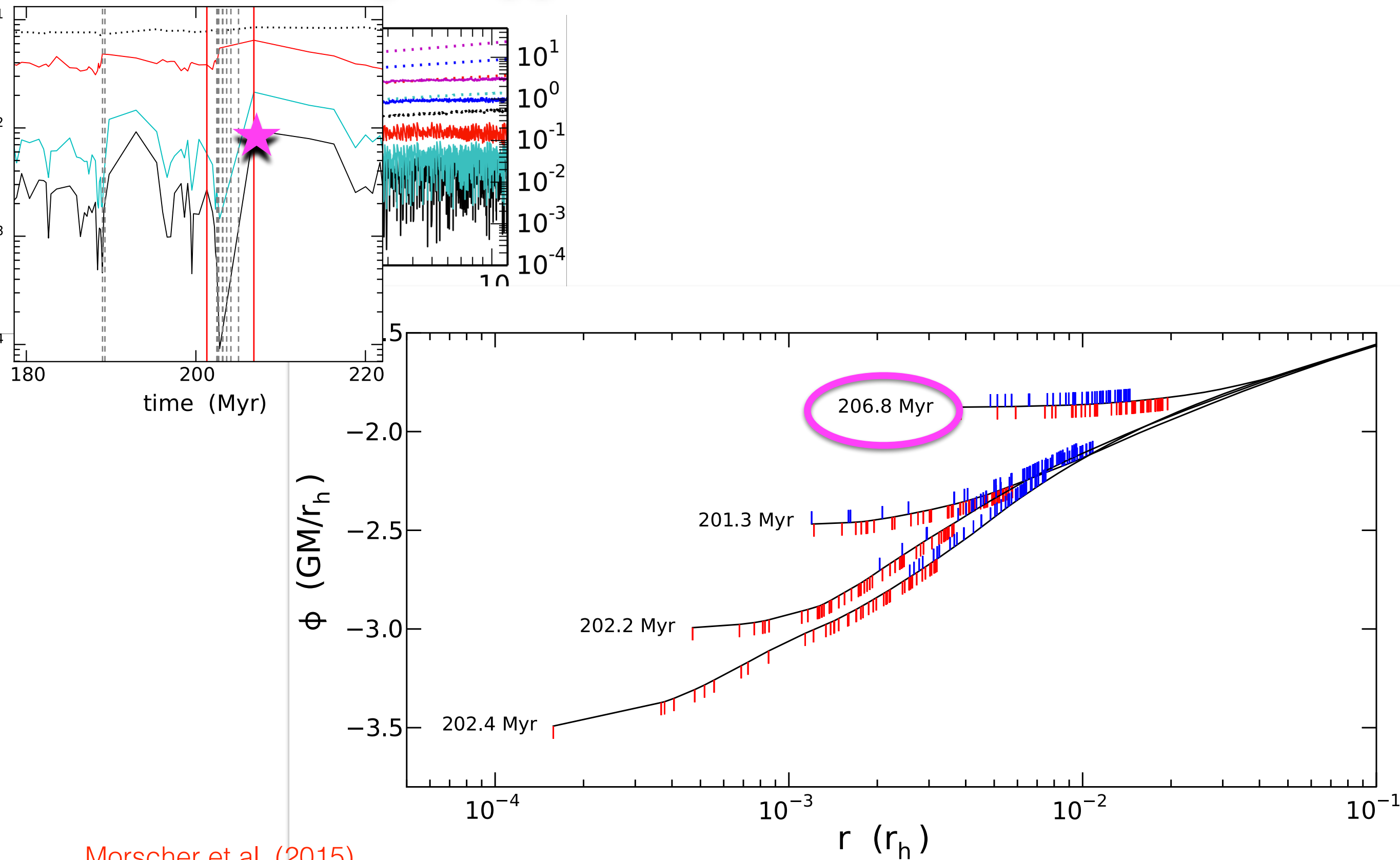
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Effects of Cluster Dynamics on  
BHs & Implications for aLIGO

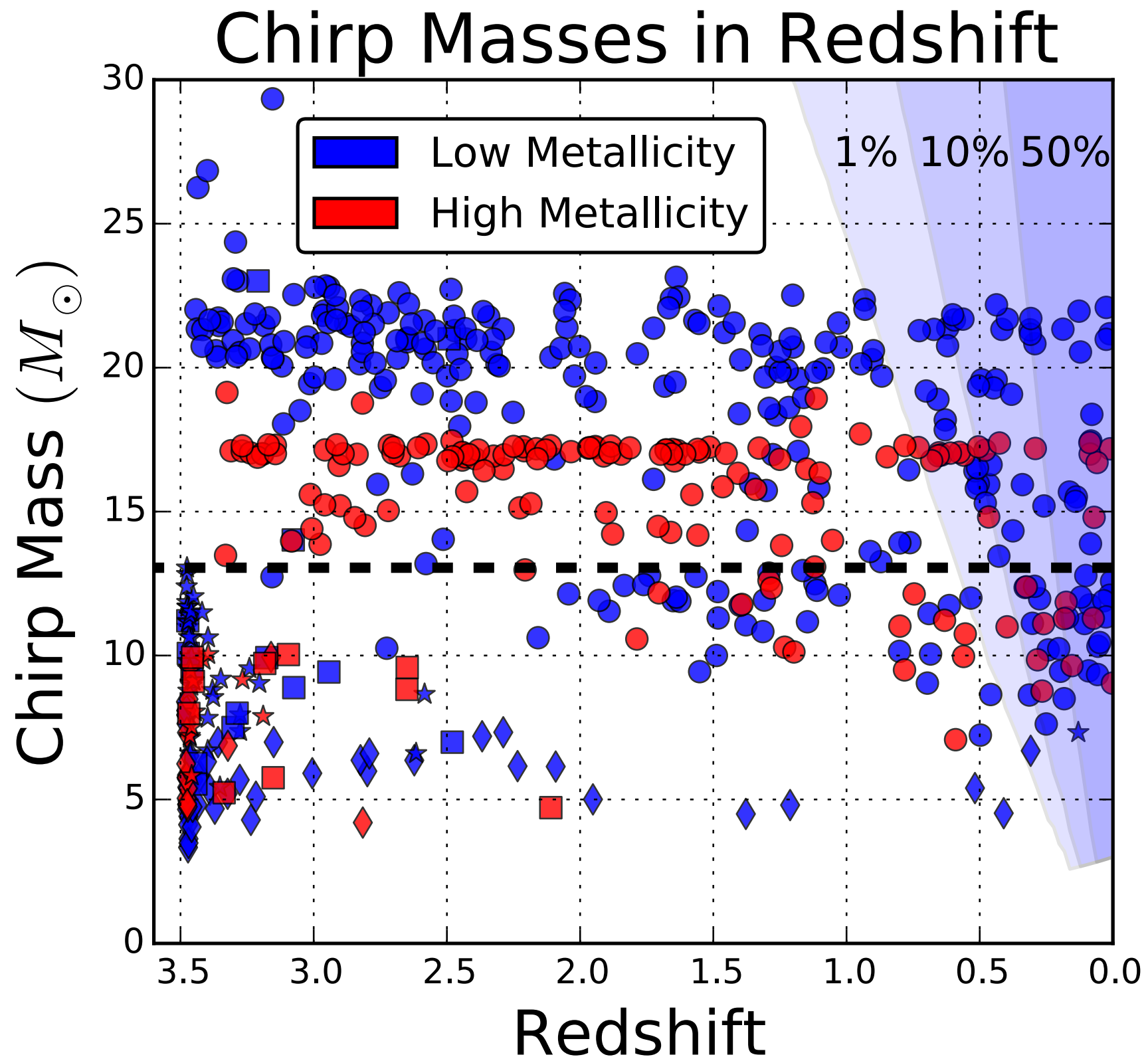
# Numerical Simulation Setup

- Hénon-type Monte Carlo simulations using *CMC*
- Coverage of a large parameter space
  - $N \sim 2 \times 10^5$  to  $2 \times 10^6$
  - $Z \sim 0.0005, 0.001$
  - King profile with  $w_0 = 5$
  - Initial  $f_b = 5$  to 10%
  - Kroupa (2001) IMF between  $0.08$  to  $150 M_\odot$
- BH formation kick distribution
  - Momentum conserving, dependent on progenitor mass and  $Z$  (Belczynsky 2012)
- Wind mass loss prescription



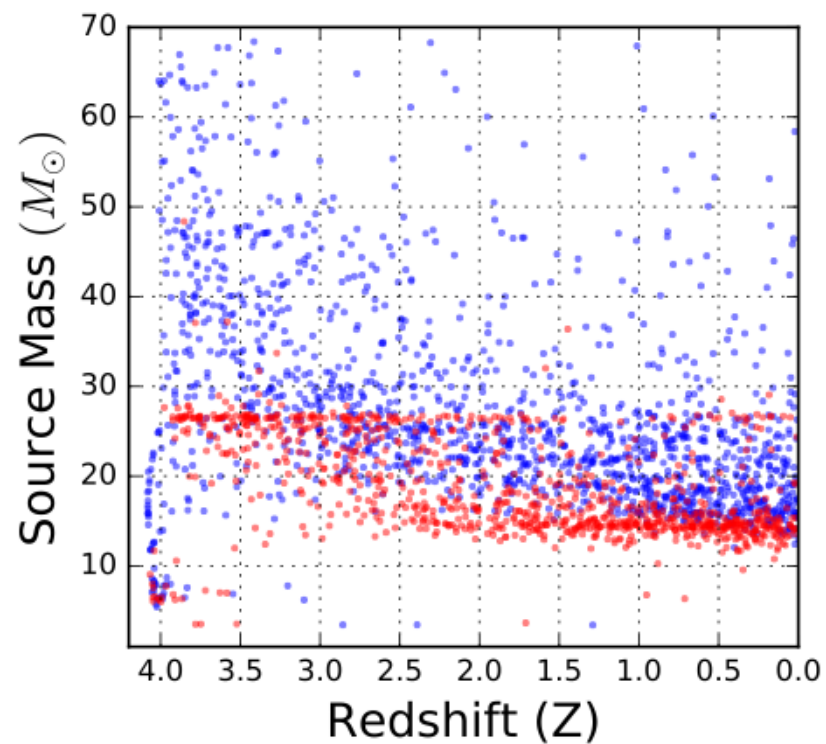
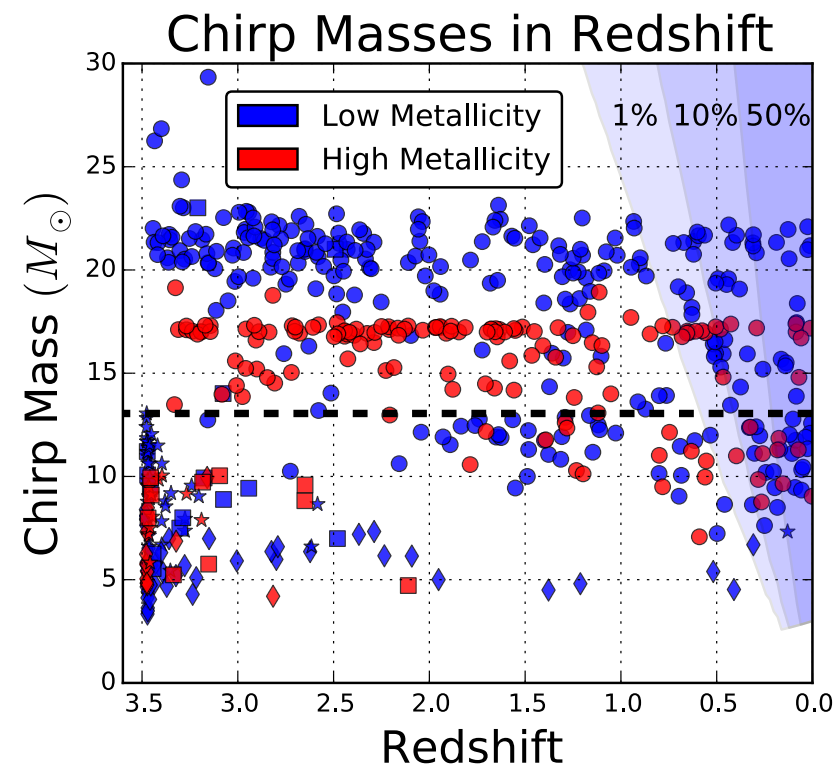
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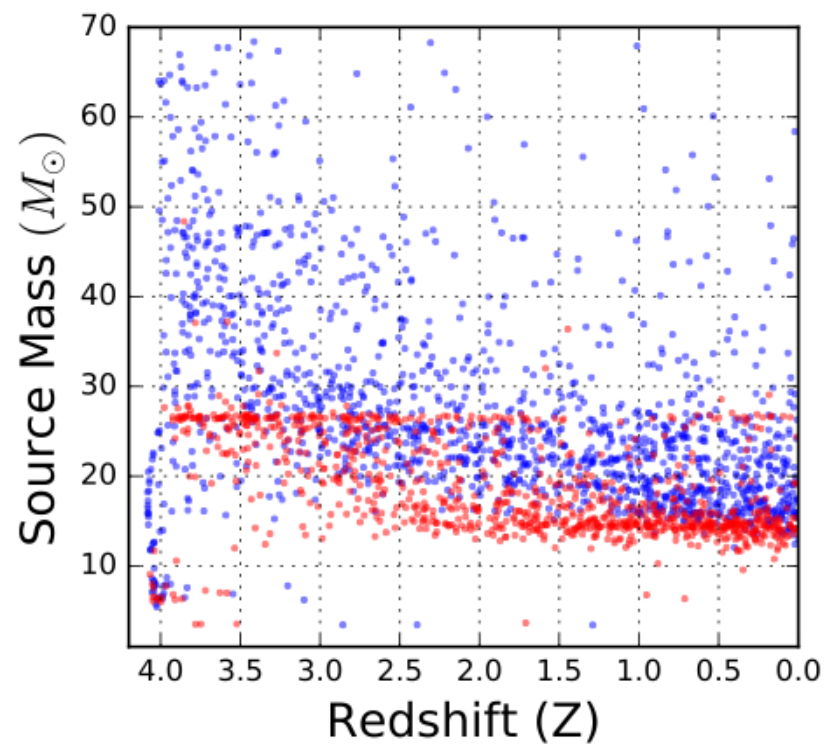
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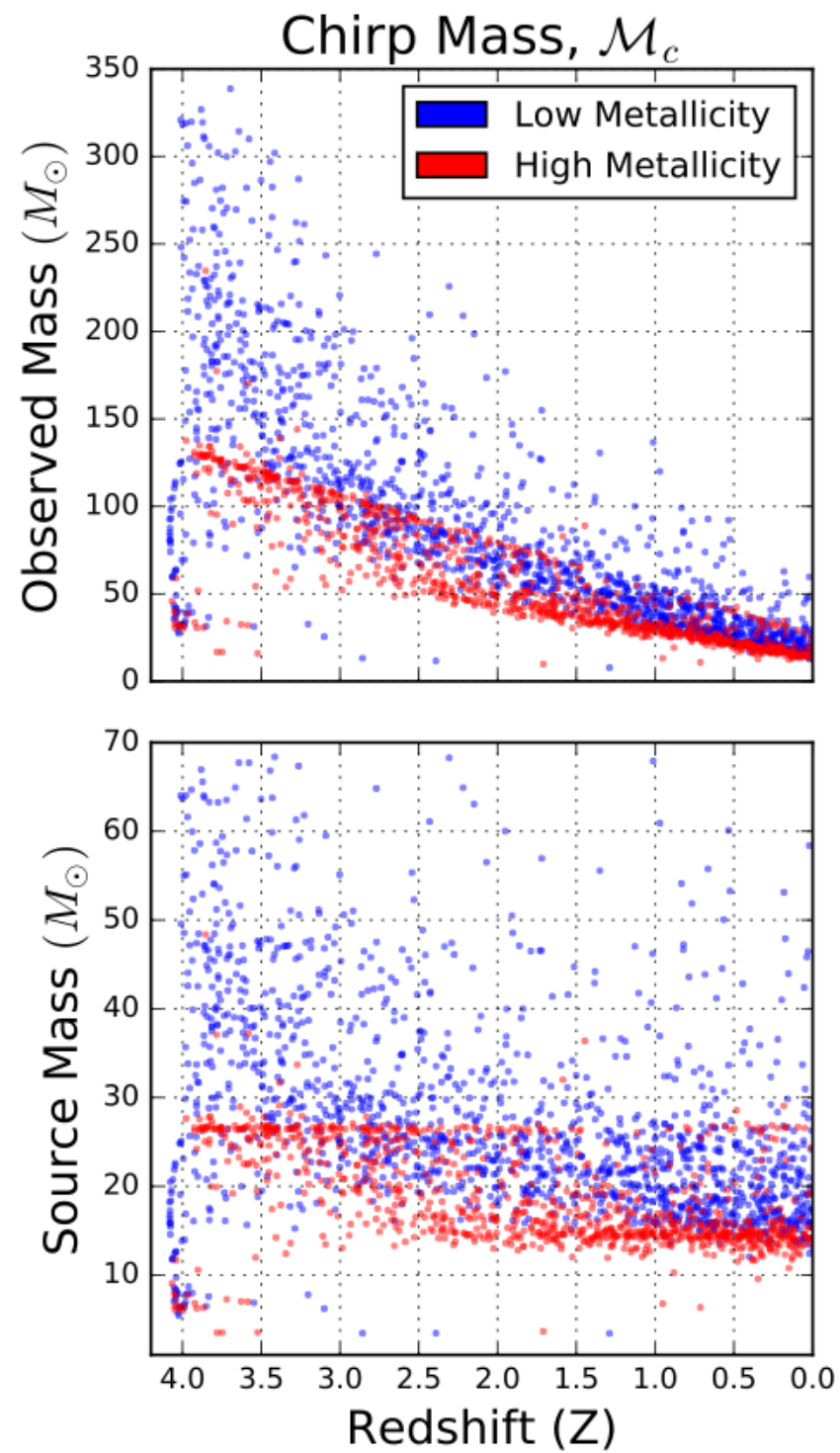
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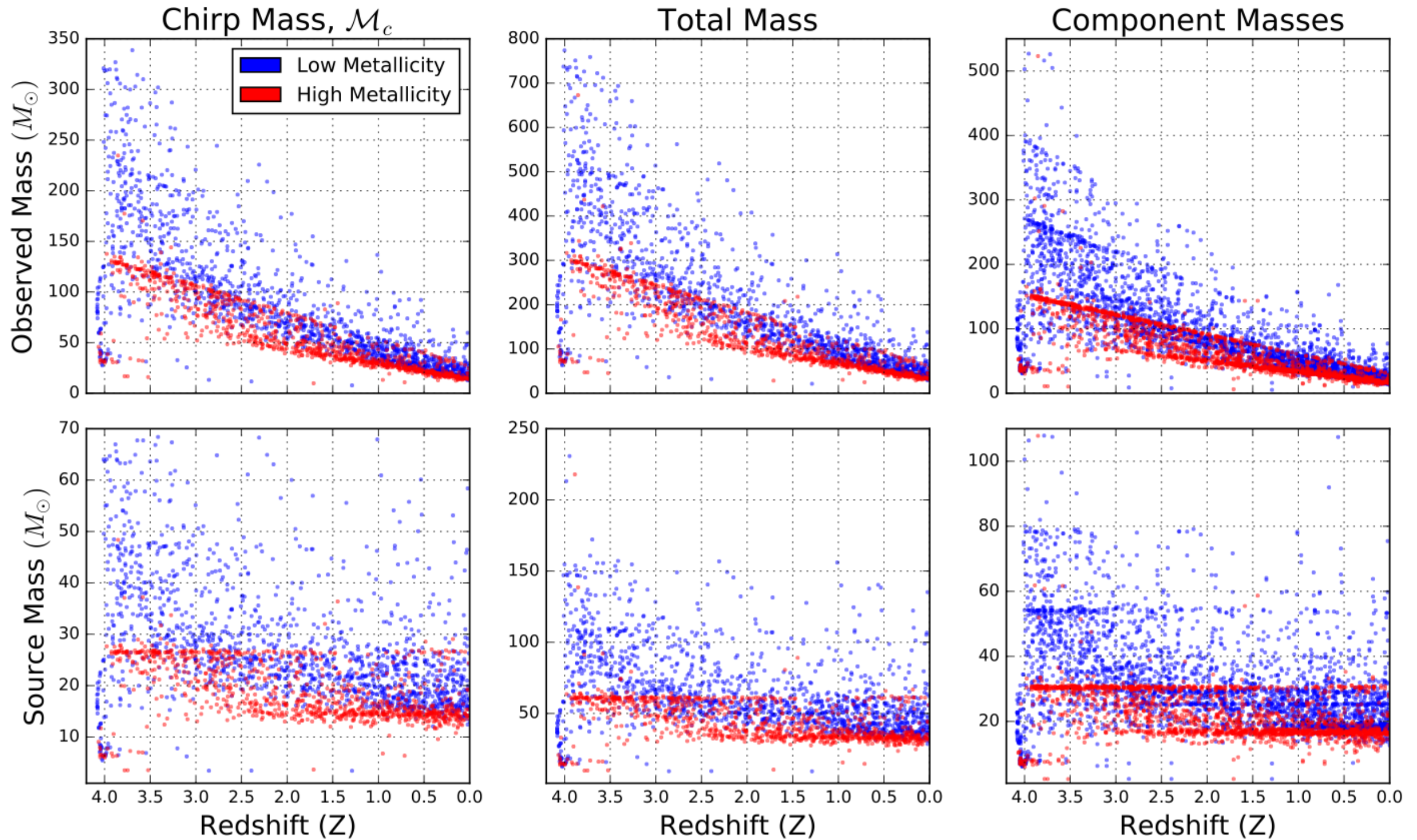
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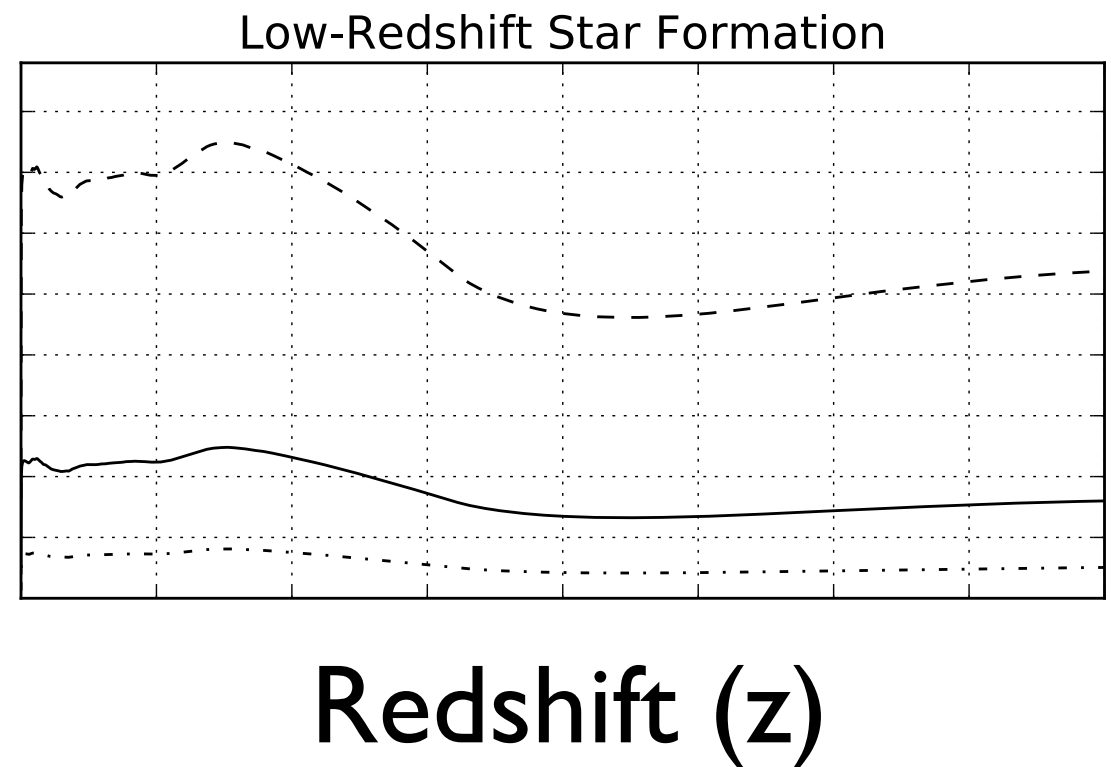
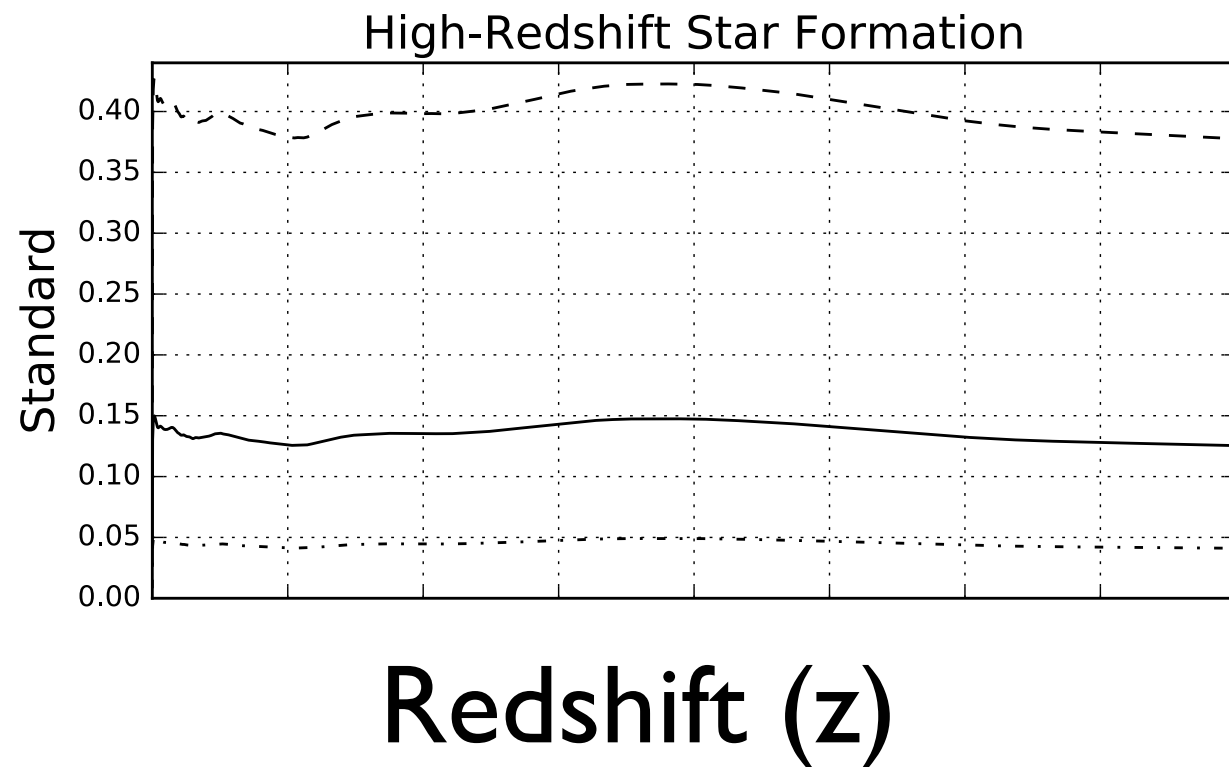


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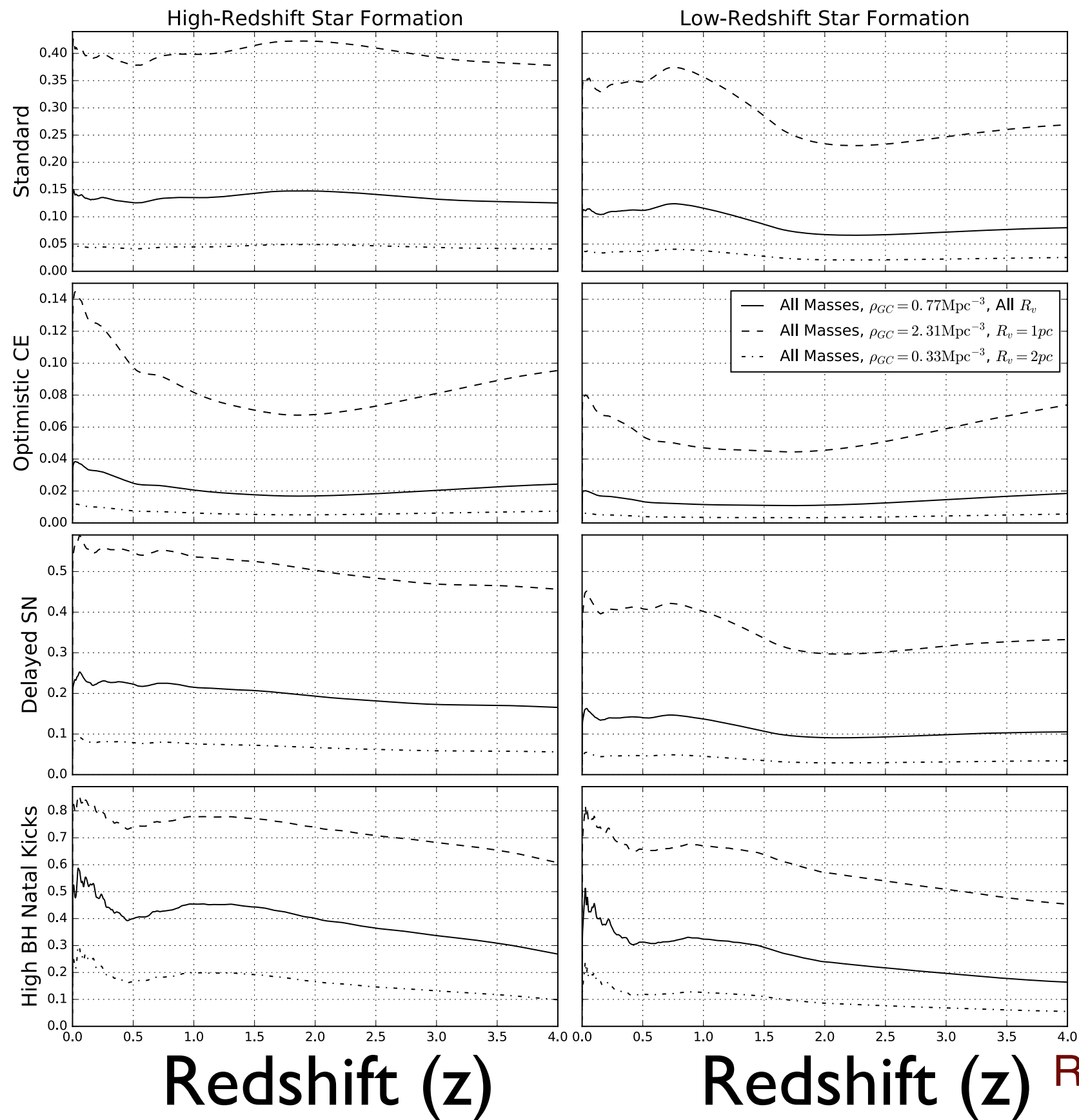
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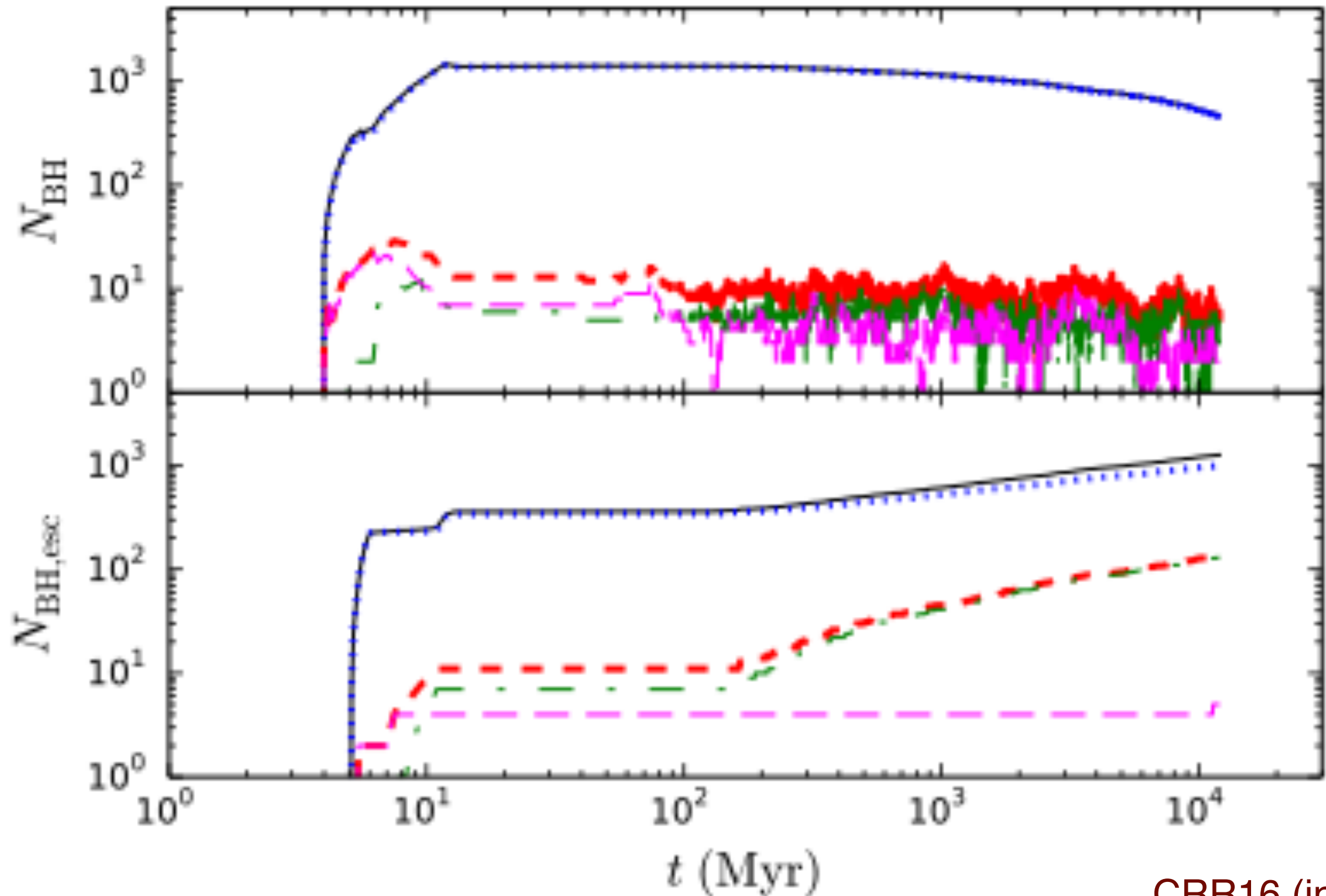
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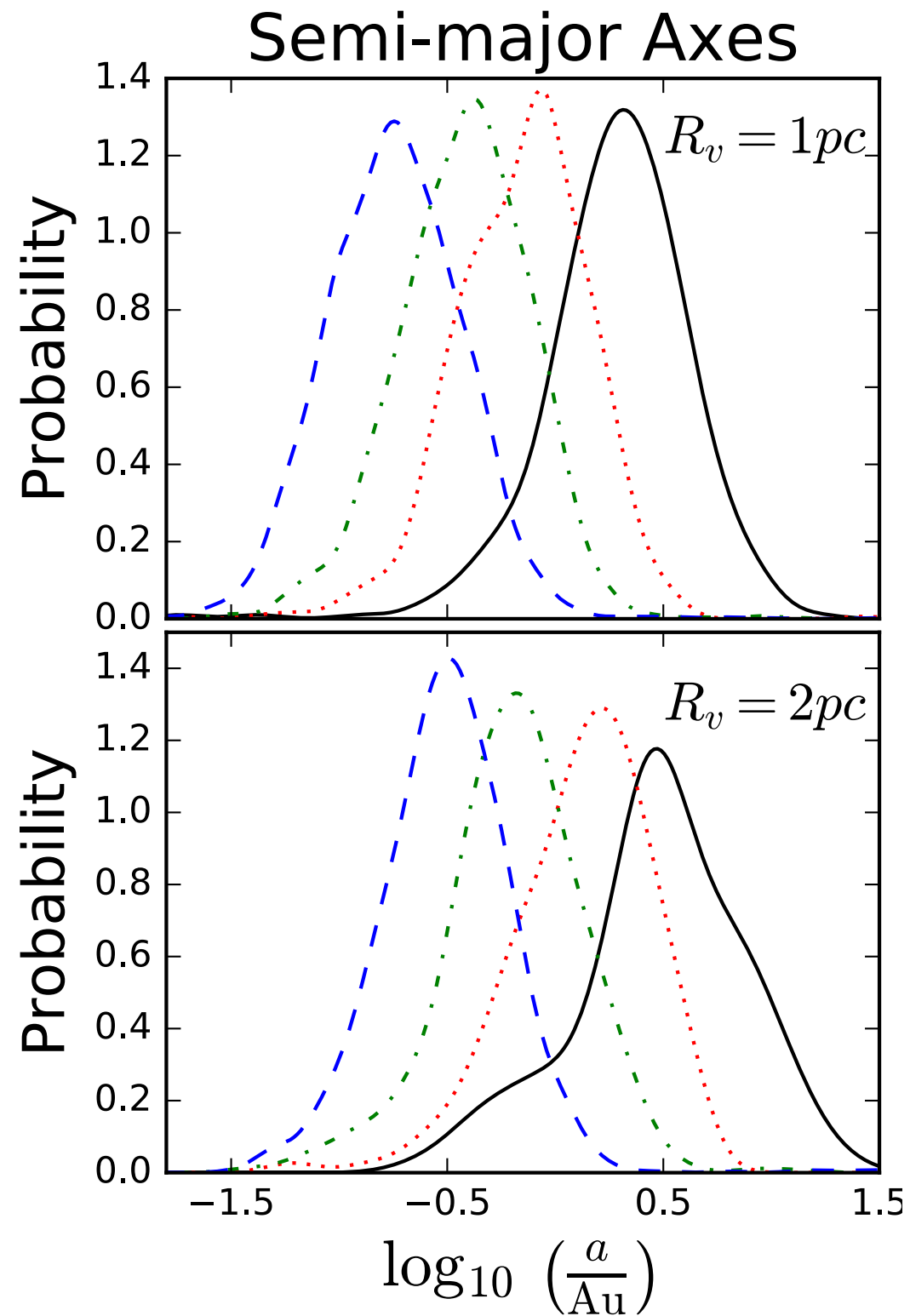


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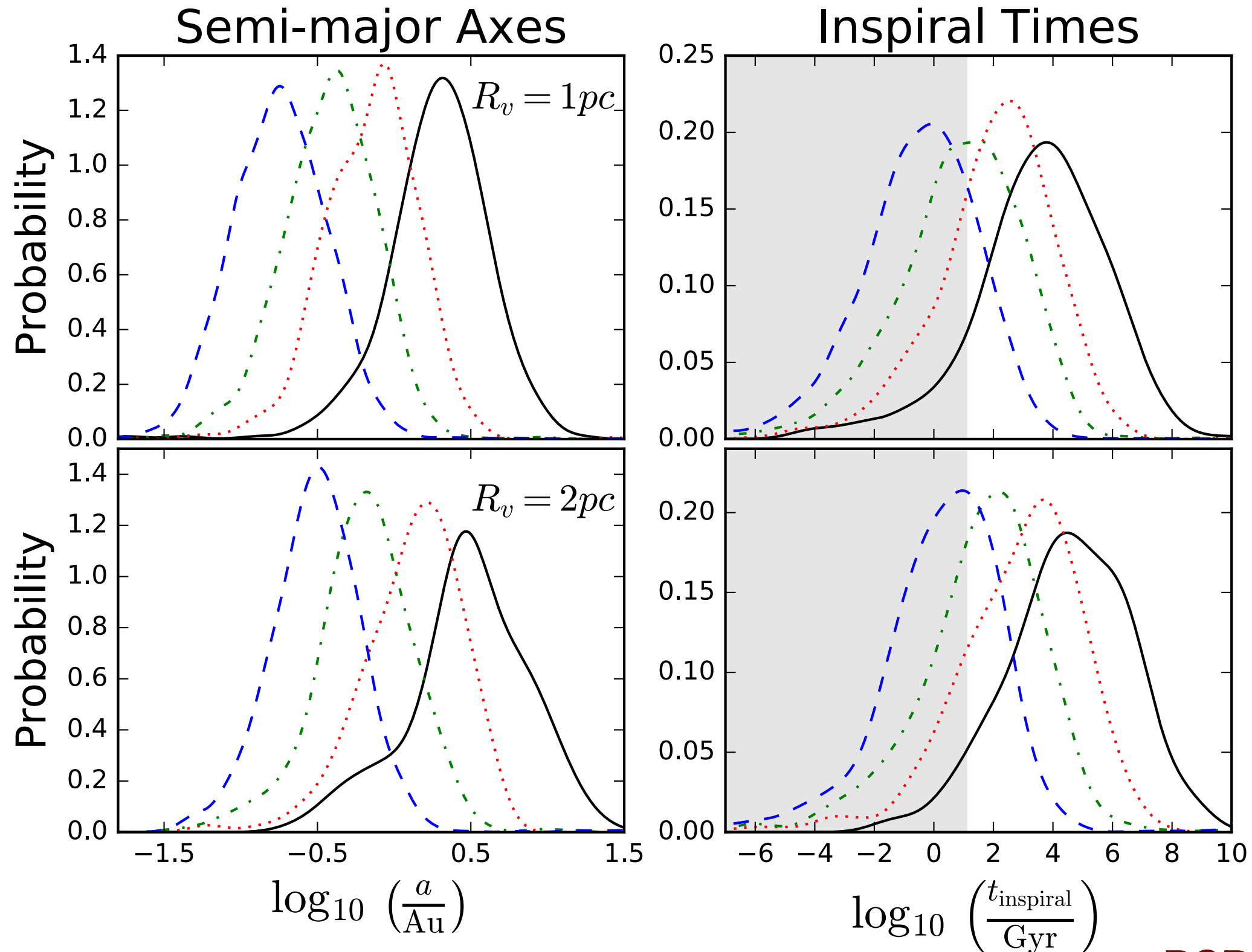




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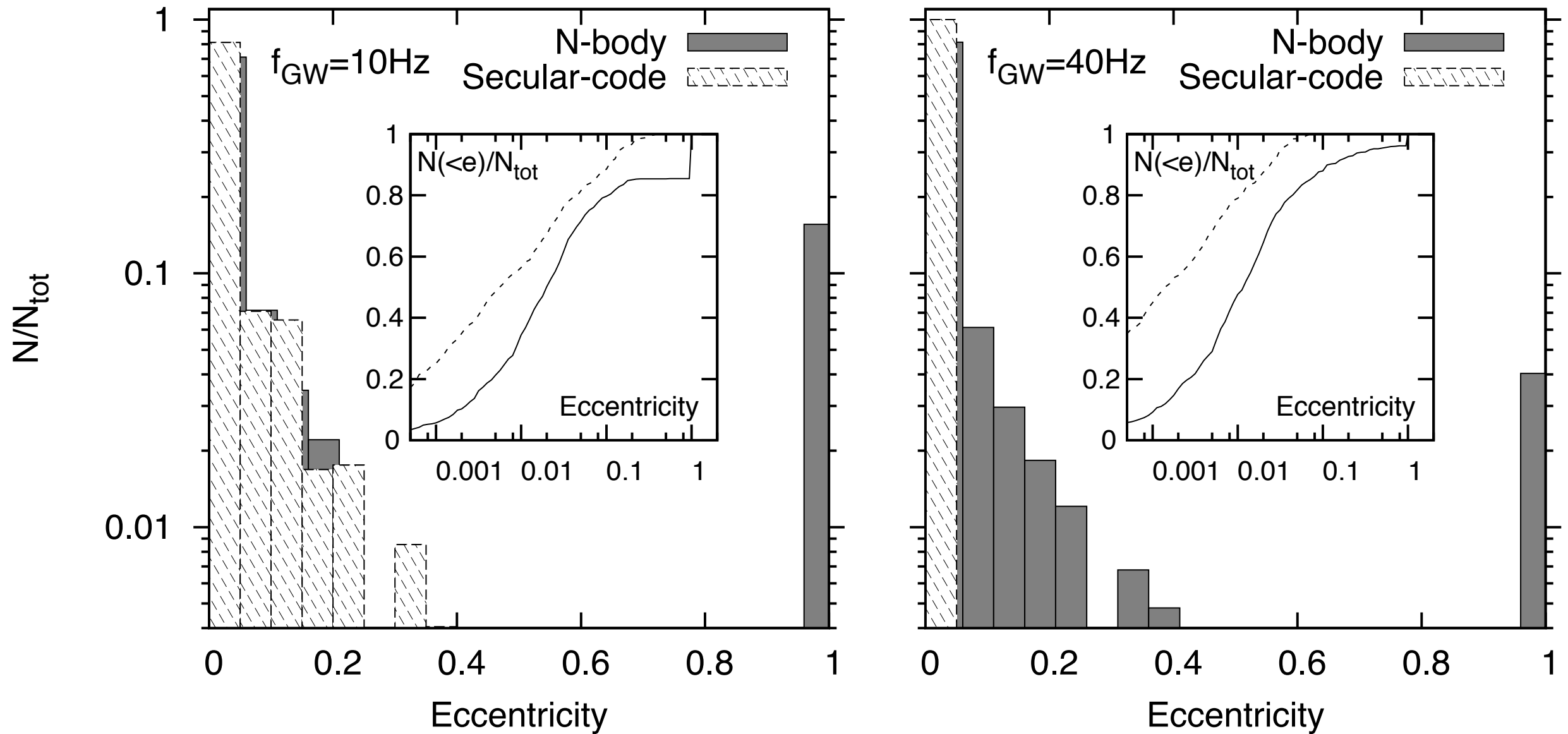


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# BH-BH Merger Properties

## Eccentricity





Uncertain BH Physics & Their  
Effects on Star Cluster Evolution



# Numerical Simulation Setup

- Hénon-type Monte Carlo simulations using CMC
- Understand how uncertain BH physics affects the cluster's evolution and survival.
- Same initial star cluster model, different assumptions of BH physics
  - **$N = 8e5$ ,  $r_v = 2$  pc, King profile,  $w_0 = 5$ ,  $f_b = 5\%$ , Kroupa IMF (0.1 – 100  $M_\odot$ )**
  - Formation kick distribution
  - IMF variations within published uncertainties
  - Binarity and binary properties of high-mass stars
  - Wind mass loss prescription

# How Does the Story Depend on *Uncertain* BH Physics?

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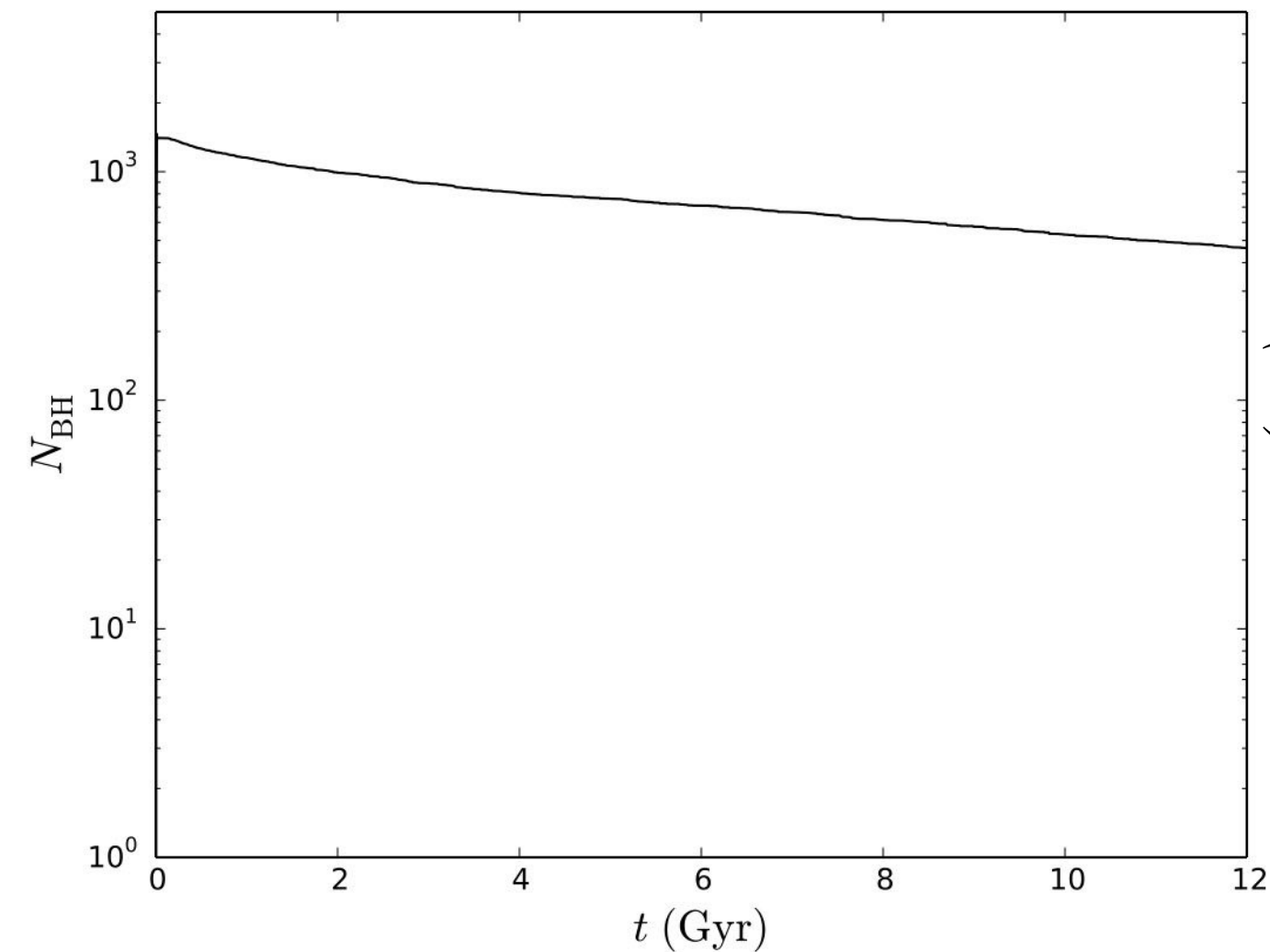
## BH birth kicks:

- **Do BHs get large kicks similar to NSs?**
  - Wide range in magnitudes from individual observed BH X-ray binaries (e.g., Brandt et al. 1995; Nelemans et al. 1999; Willems et al. 2005; Gualandris et al. 2005; Dhawan et al. 2007; Fragos et al. 2009; Wong et al. 2012, 2014).
- **Mass-dependent kicks?**
  - YES, should depend on the details of SN physics including fallback mass fraction (Fryer & Kalogera 2001; Belczynski et al. 2002)
  - MAYBE NOT (Repetto et al. 2012; Pejcha & Thompson 2015)

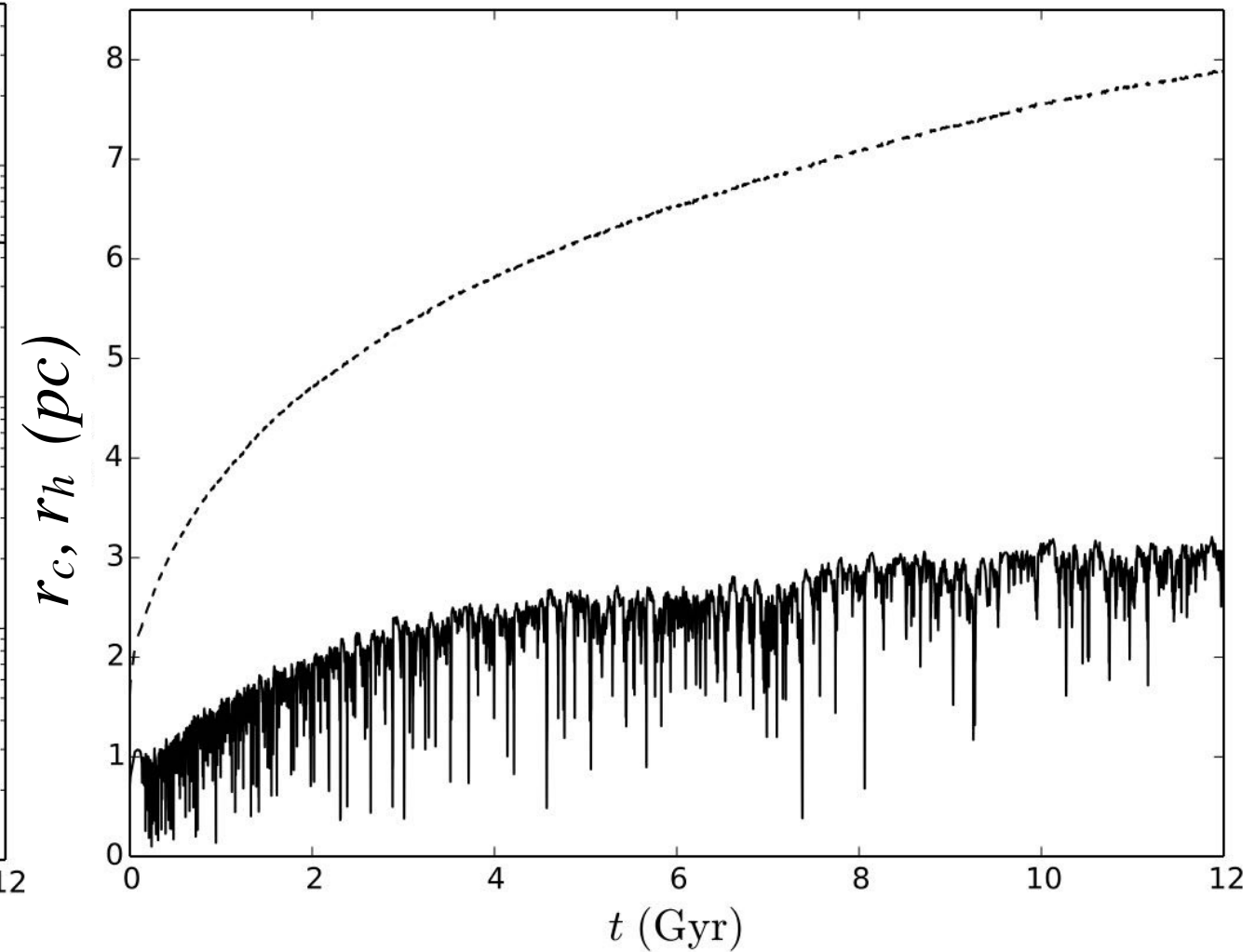
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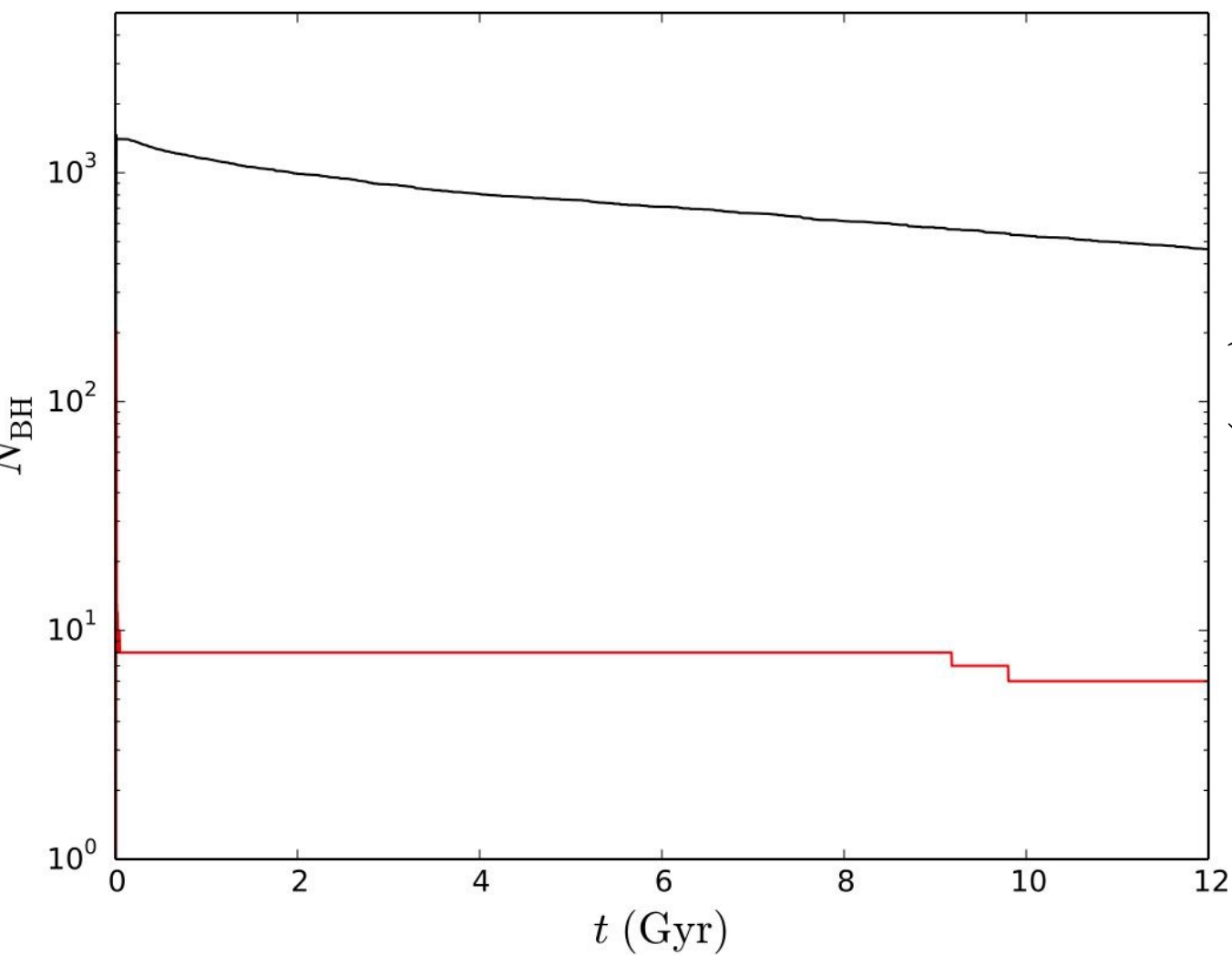
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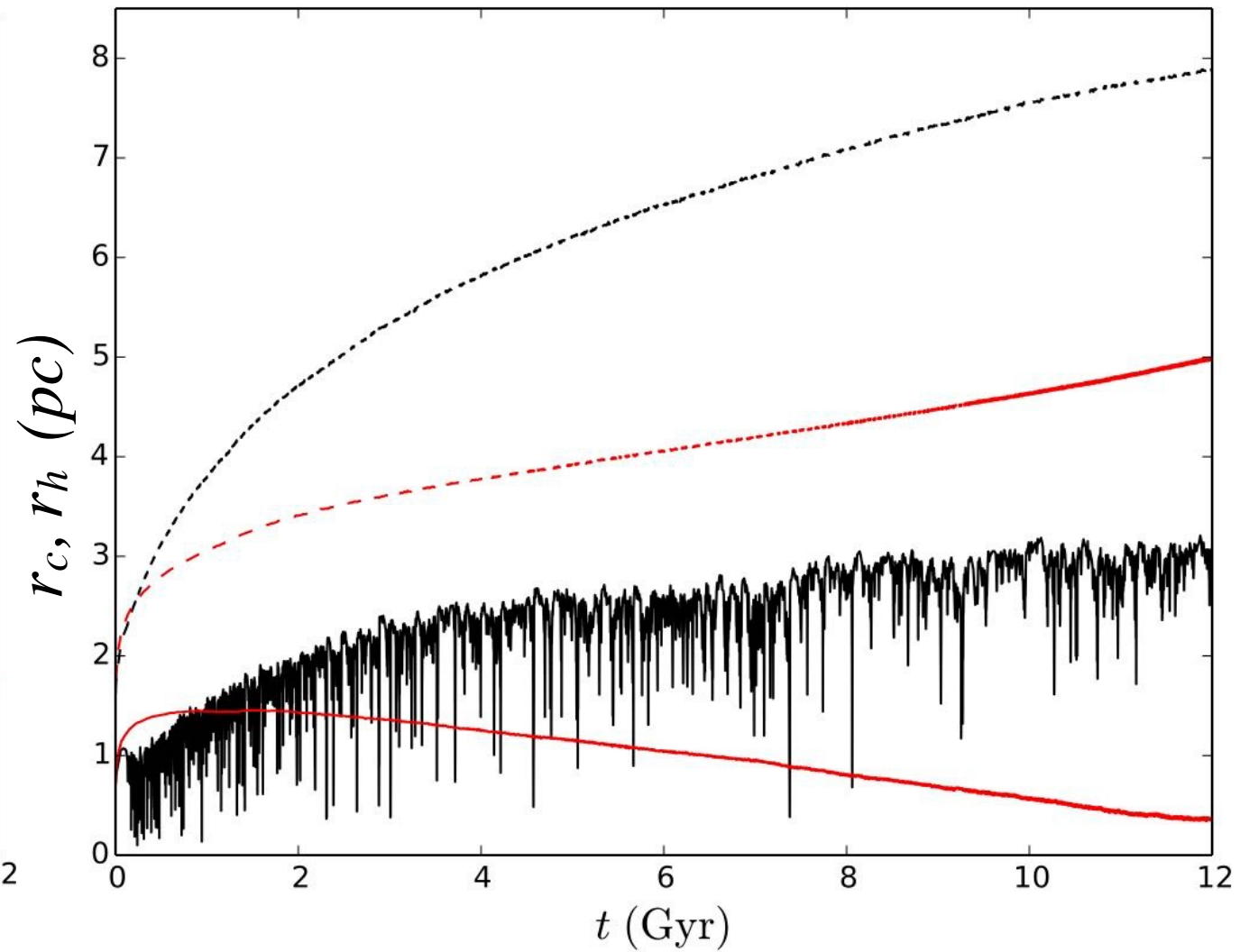
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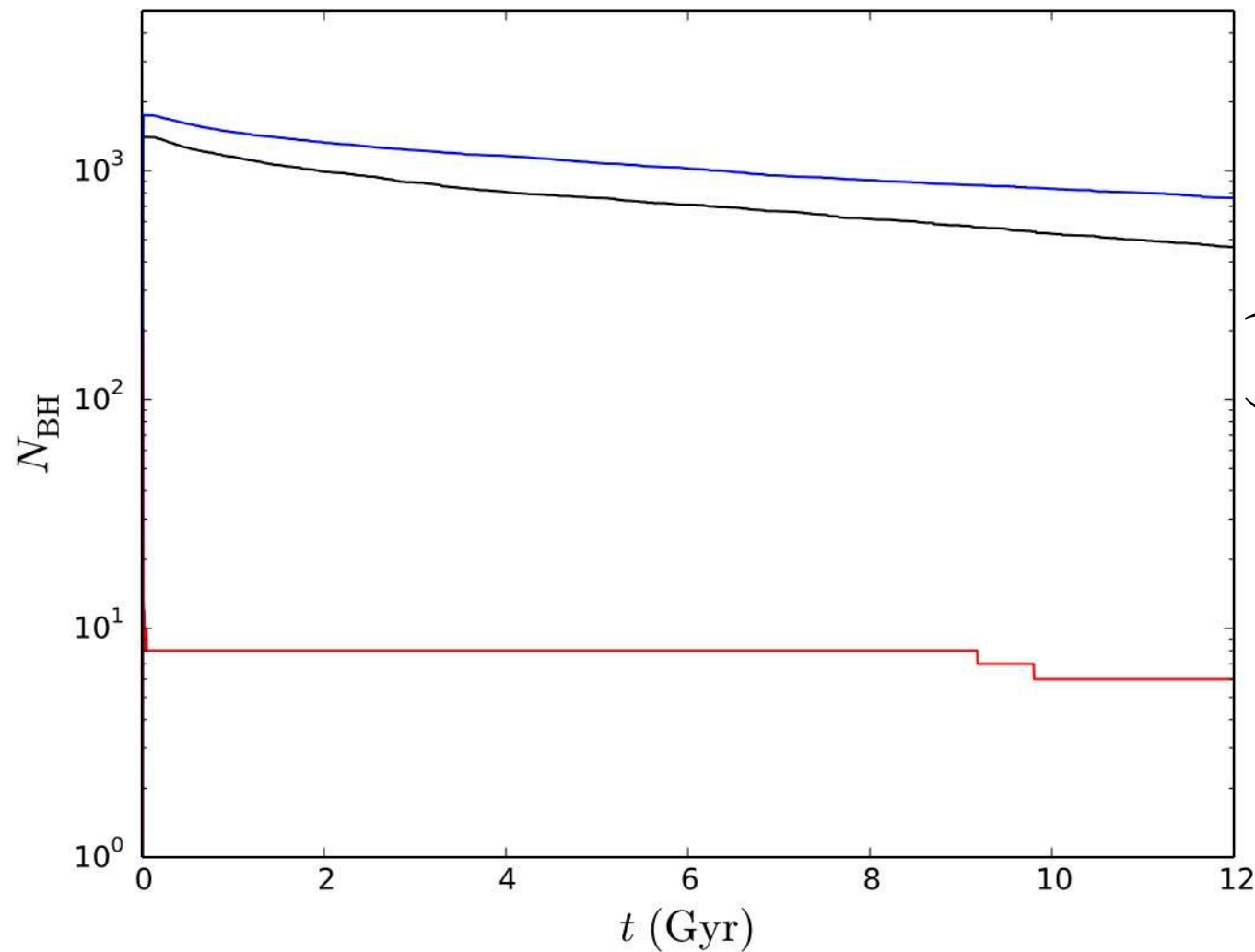
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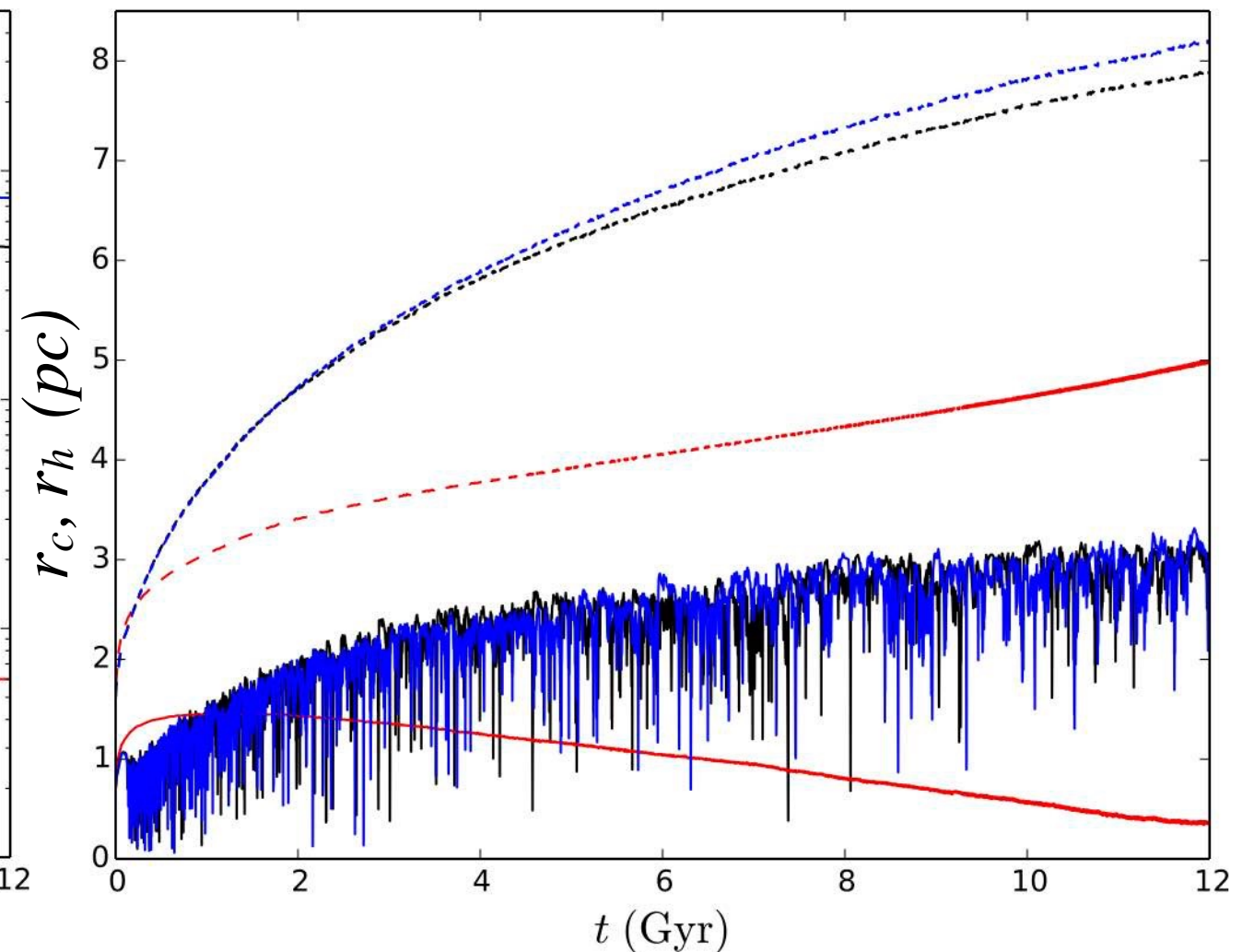
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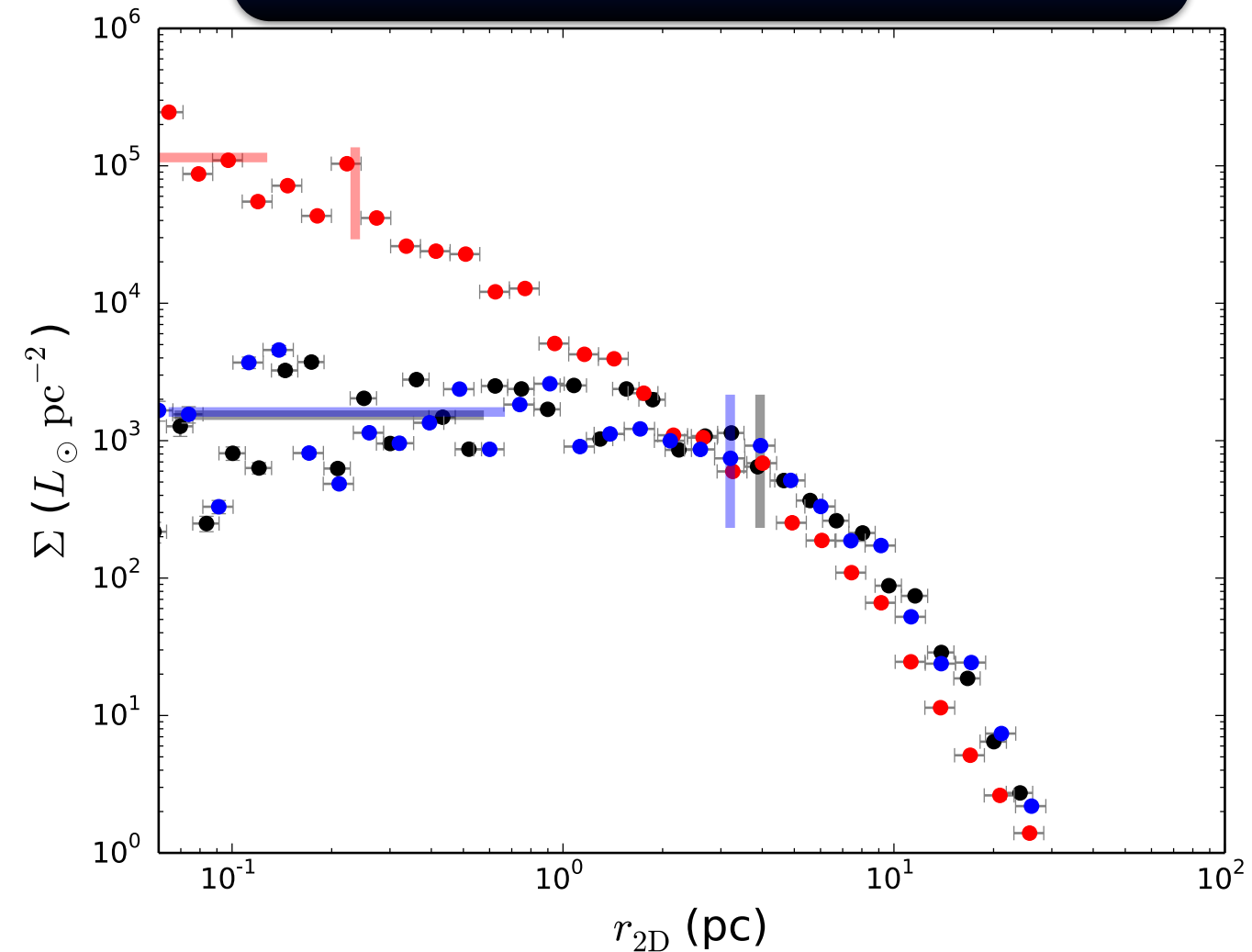
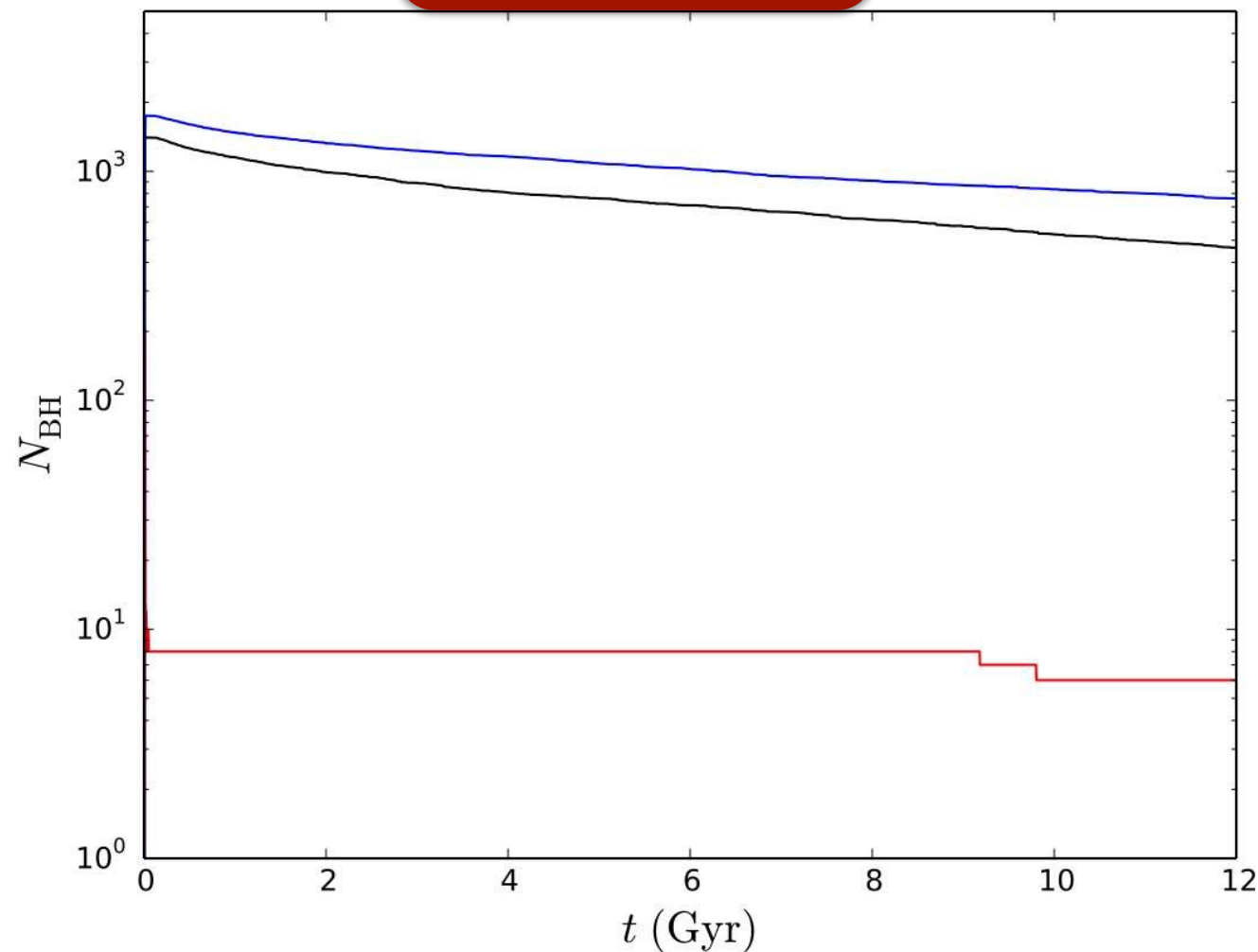
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Core-collapsed  
cluster

M & Z dependent  
(Belczynsky+02)

BH kicks are  
~1% of NSs

Puffy clusters with large cores  
and low central brightness



CRR16 (in prep.)

# How Does the Story Depend on *Uncertain* BH Physics?

## BH birth kicks:

- Do BHs get large kicks similar to NSs?
  - Wide range in magnitudes from individual observed BH X-ray binaries (e.g., Brandt et al. 1995; Nelemans et al. 1999; Willems et al. 2005; Gualandris et al. 2005; Dhawan et al. 2007; Fragos et al. 2009; Wong et al. 2012, 2014).
- Mass-dependent kicks?
  - YES, should depend on the details of SN physics including fallback mass fraction (Fryer & Kalogera 2001; Belczynski et al. 2002)
  - MAYBE NOT (Repetto et al. 2012; Pejcha & Thompson 2015)

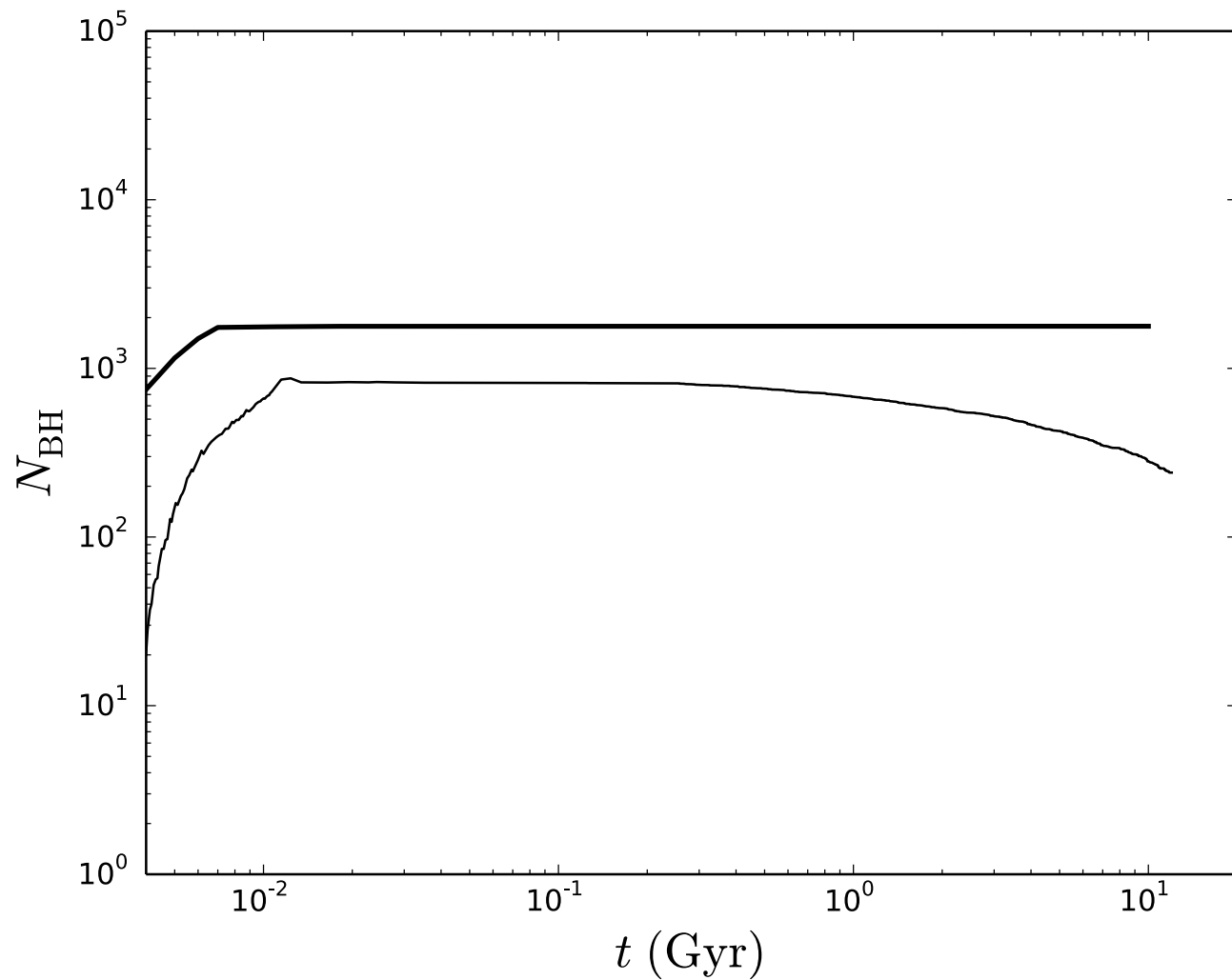
## IMF

- Standard IMFs have large uncertainties in the high-mass end
  - $\alpha = 2.3 \pm 0.7$  for  $m > 1 M_{\odot}$  where  $dn/dm = m^{-\alpha}$  (Kroupa 2001)

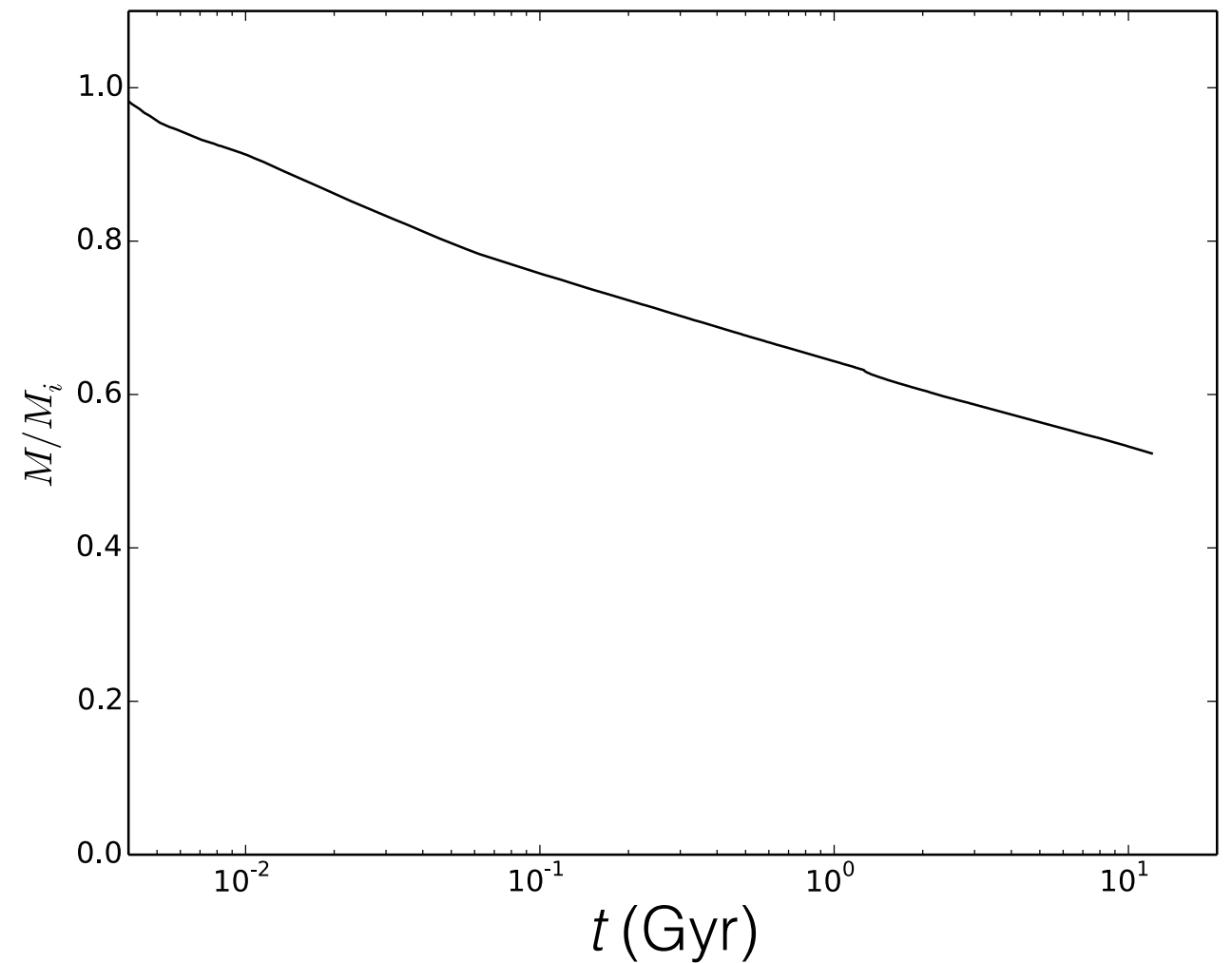
# Effects of BHs on Cluster Evolution

## IMF & Cluster Dissolution

$$dn/dm \sim m^{-2.3}$$



Number of retained BHs



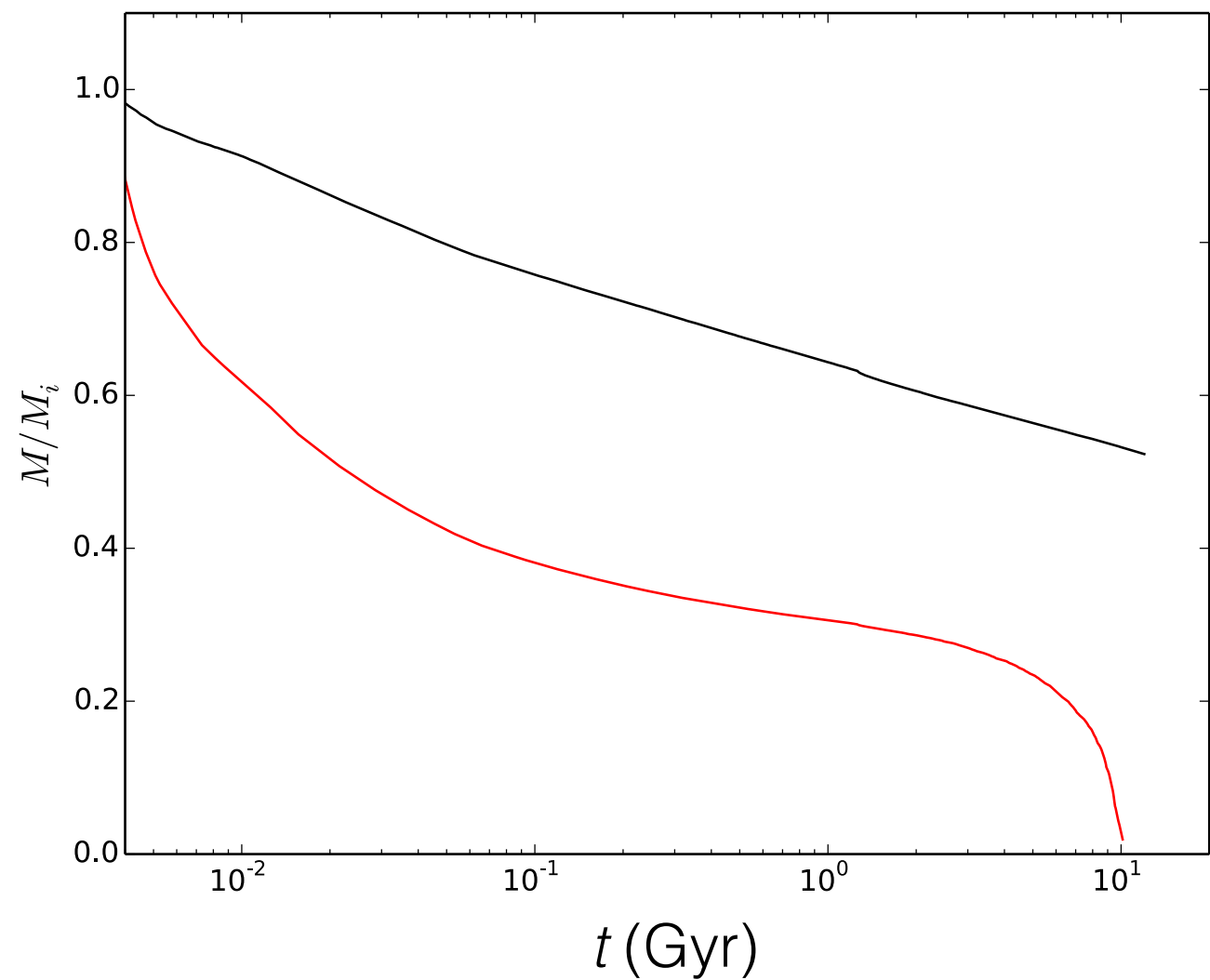
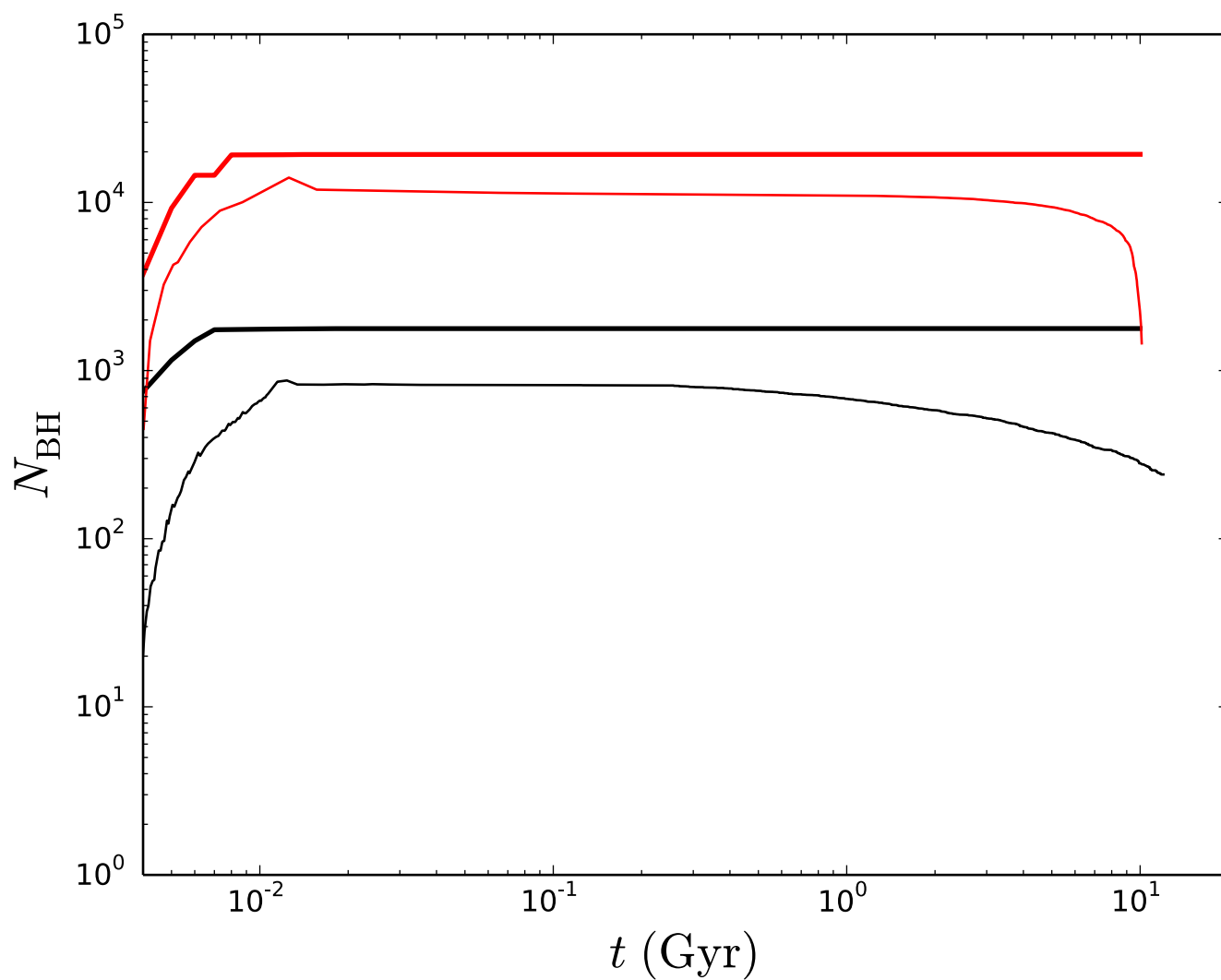
Cluster Mass

# Effects of BHs on Cluster Evolution

## IMF & Cluster Dissolution

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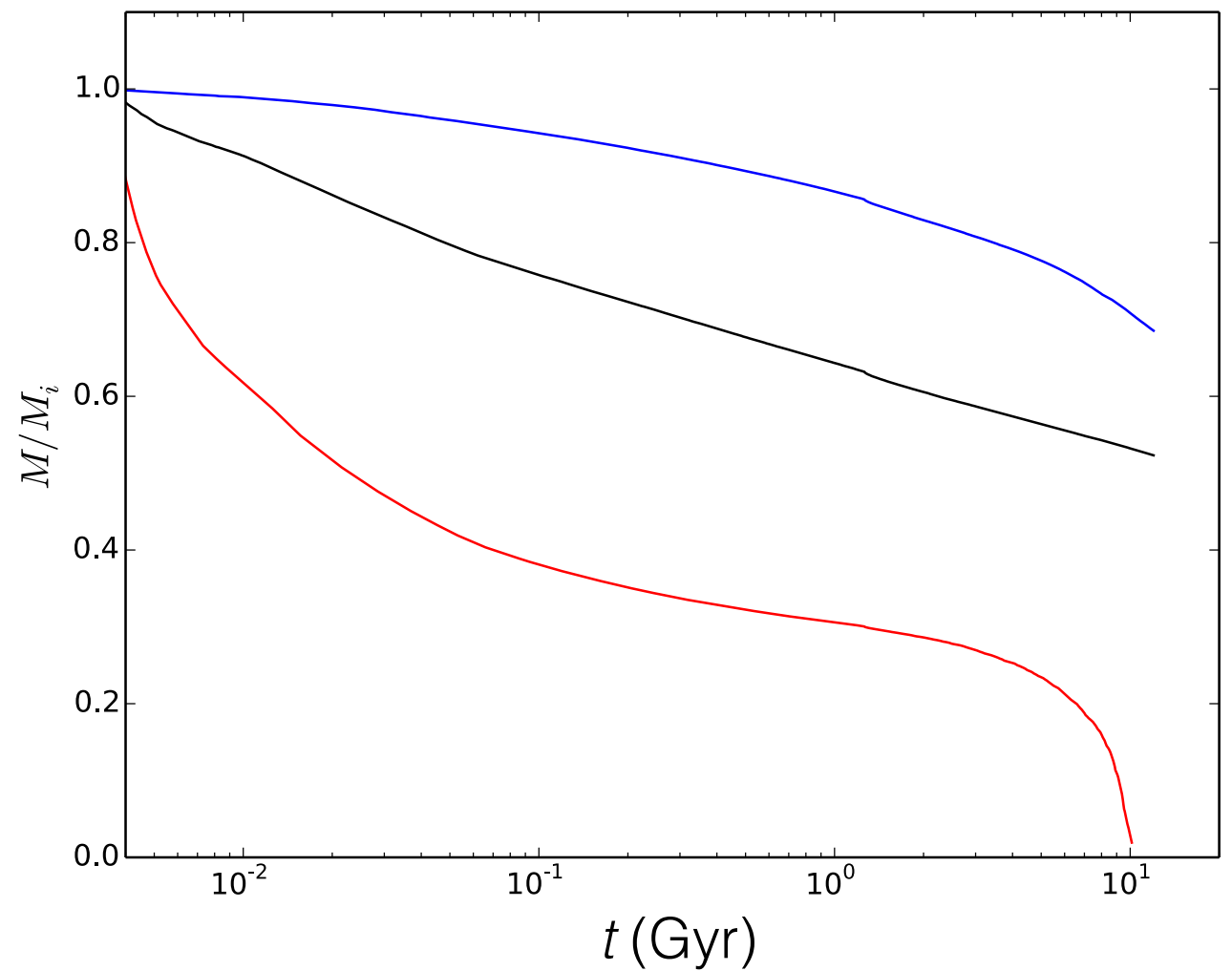
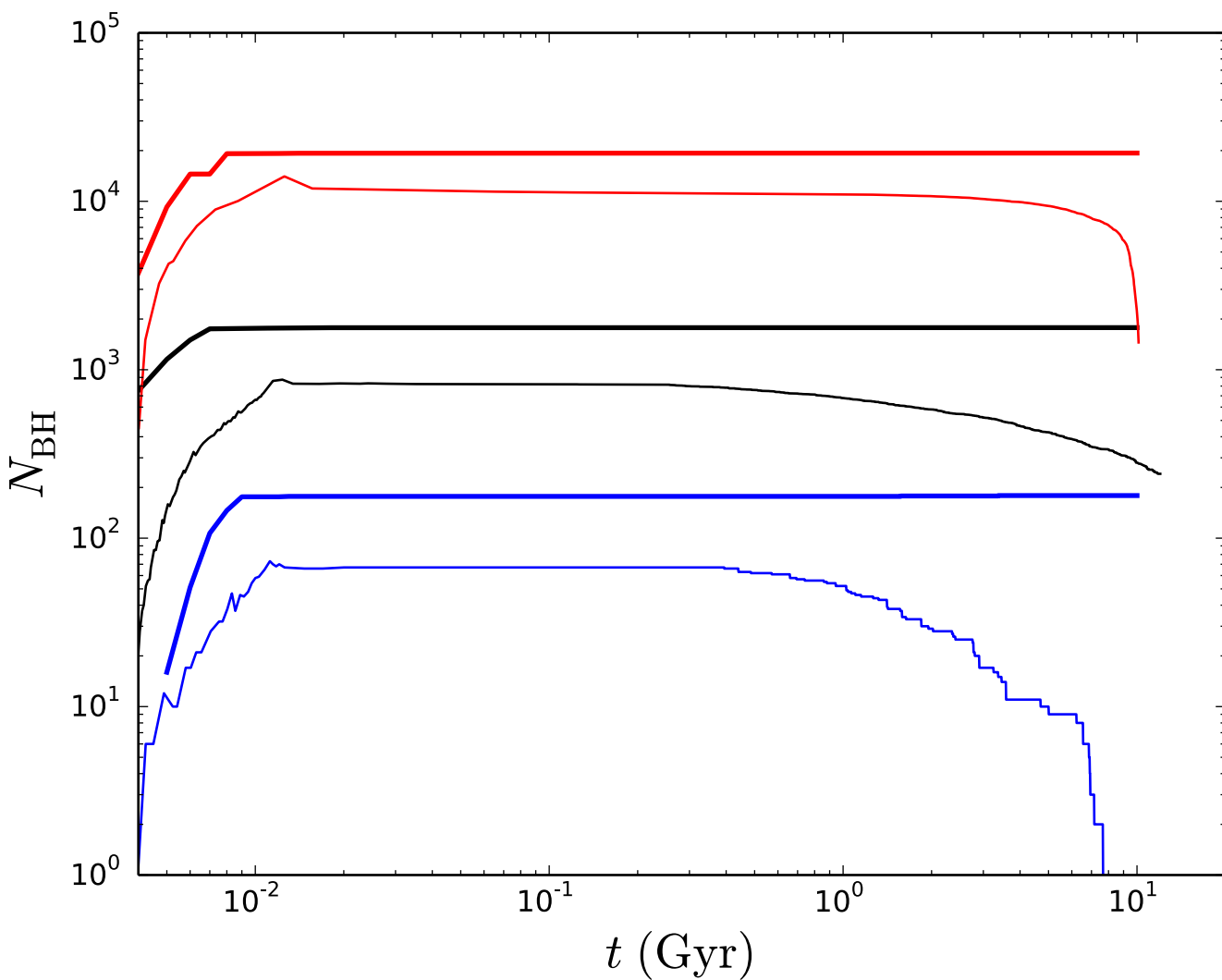
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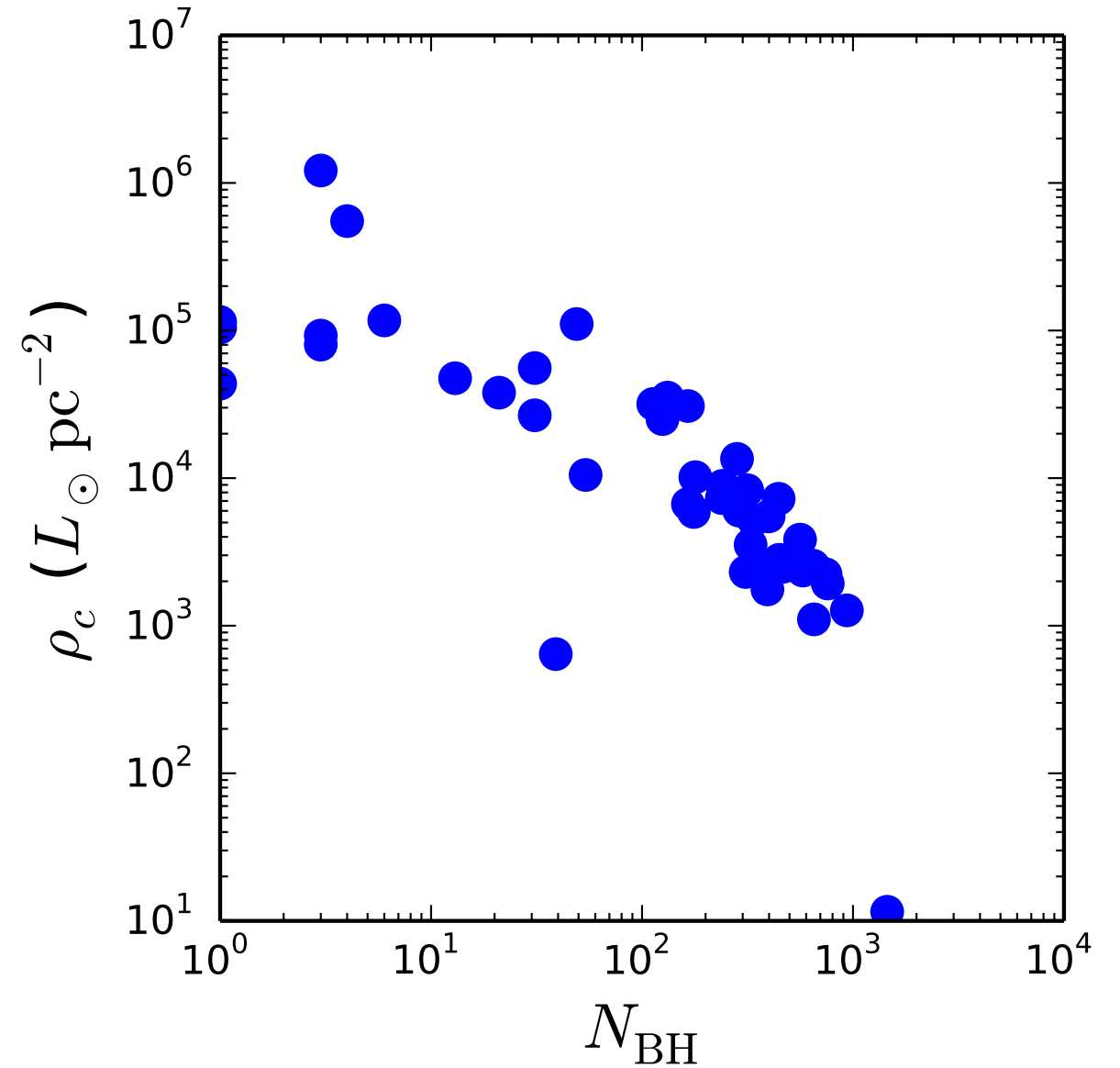
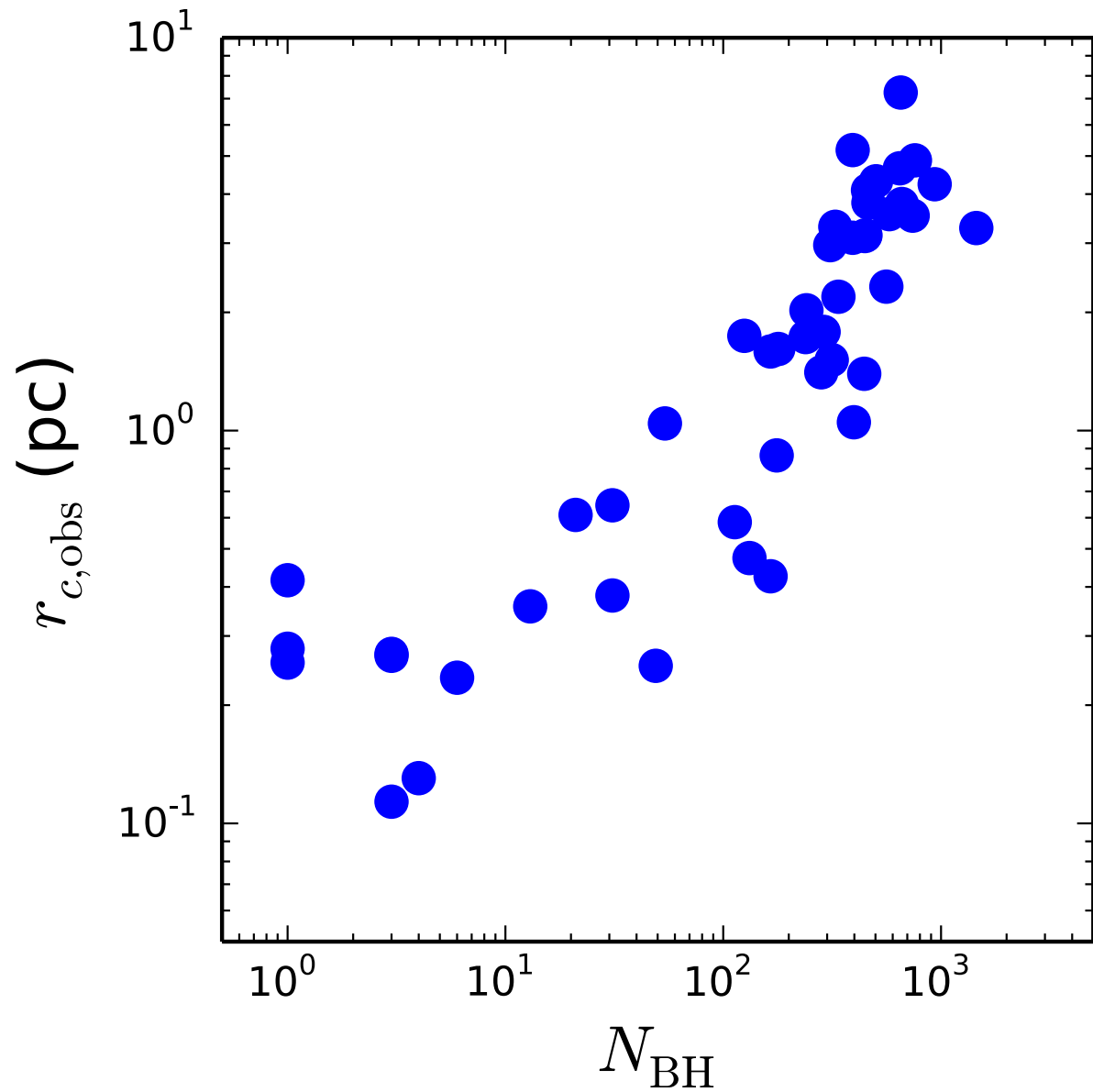
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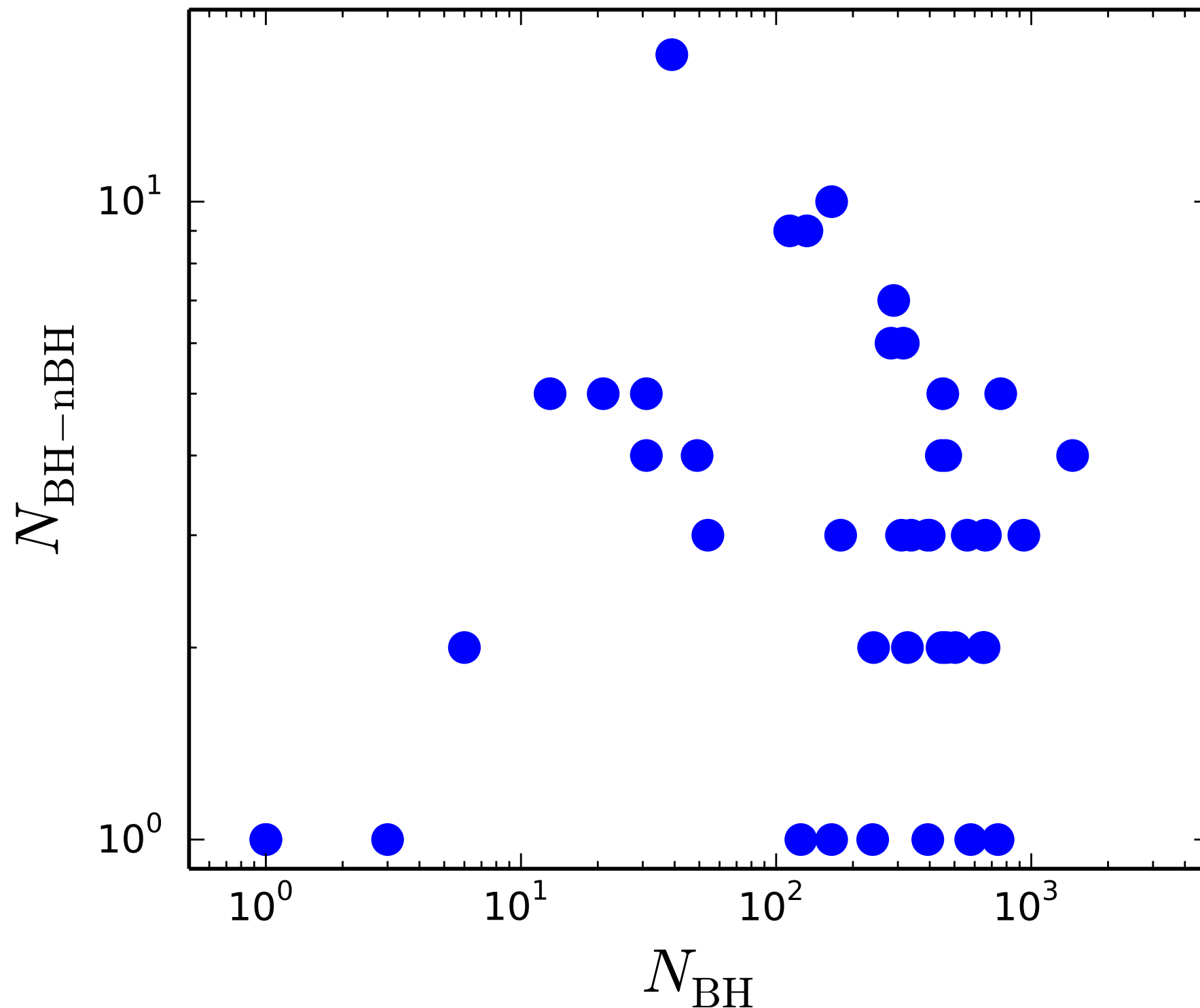
# Number of Retained BHs and GC Properties

Total number of Retained BHs vs  $r_c$  and  $\rho_c$



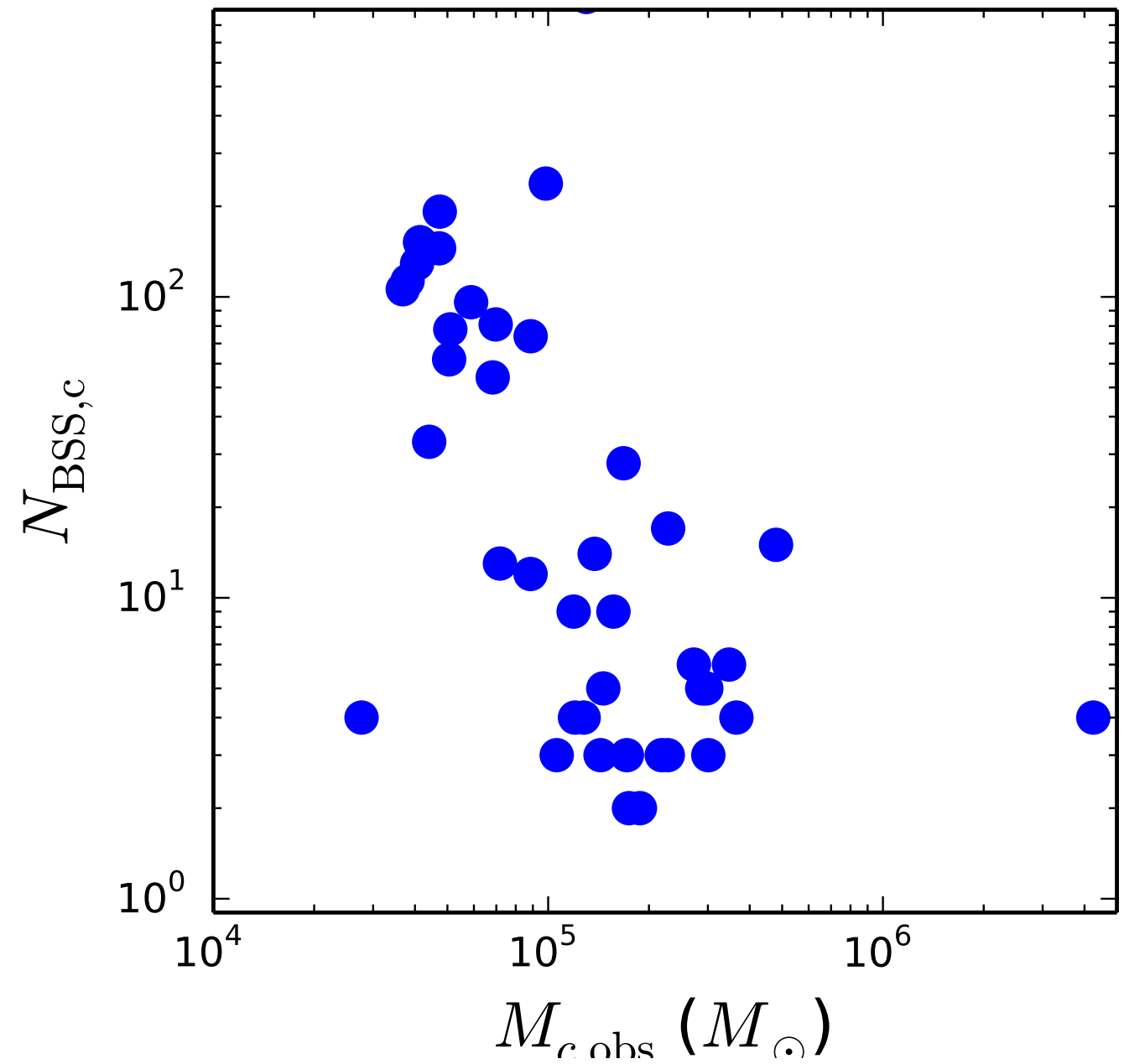
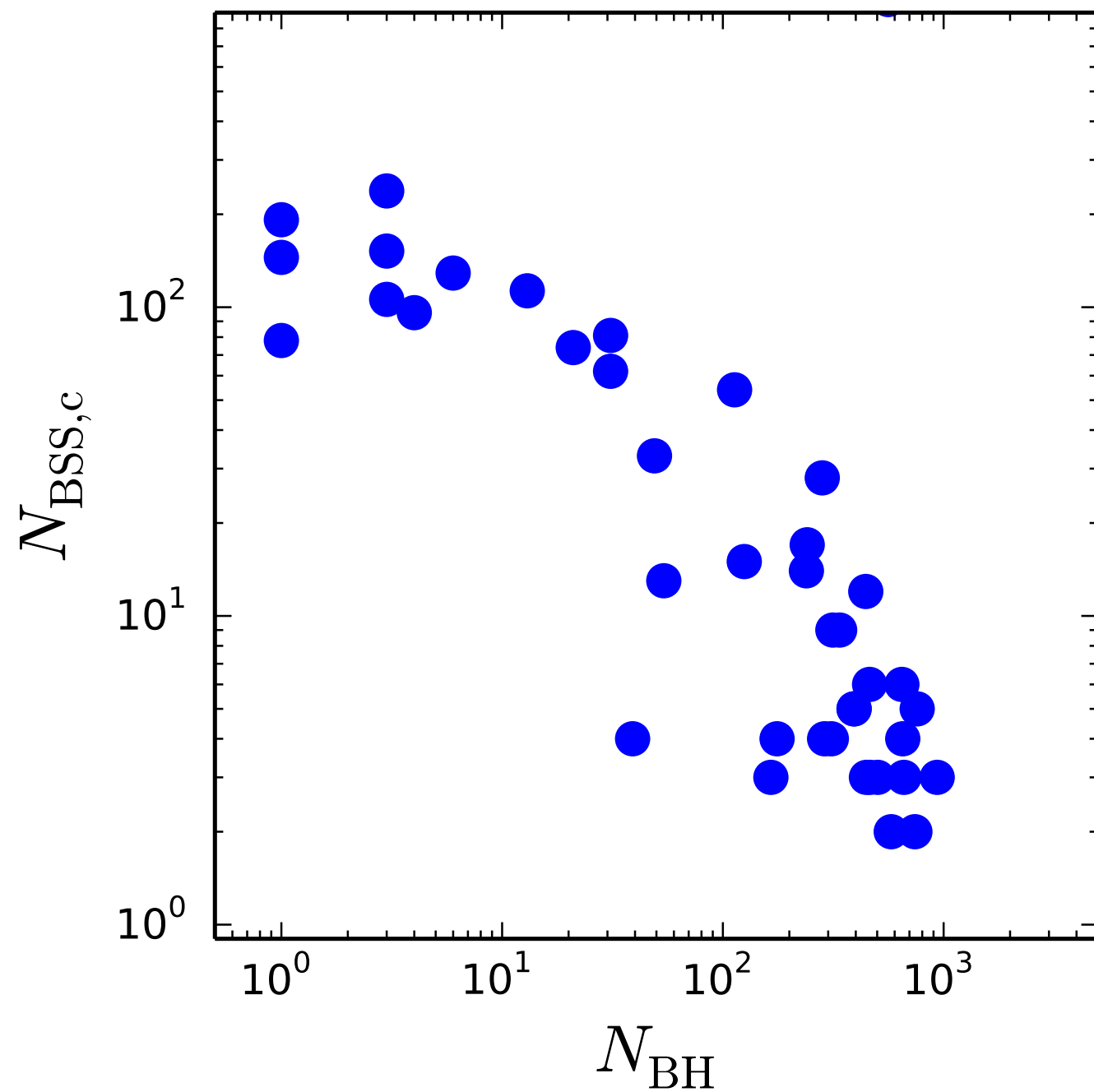
# Identifying Clusters that Host BHs

Little Correlation Expected Between  $N_{\text{BH}}$  and  $N_{\text{BH-nBH}}$



# Identifying Clusters that Host BHs

Other Dynamical Populations May Provide Important Clue



# Summary

- Overview of physical processes, & different numerical approaches.
- Old GCs still can retain large numbers of BHs (unless they are all ejected due to SN kicks).
- Cluster dynamics modify binary BH properties:
  - Implications for LIGO sources.
- Effects of uncertain physics that affects BHs and in turn can dramatically changes host cluster's evolution.
- Challenges in identifying GCs that may host large numbers of BHs. Some possible solution (e.g., BSSs).



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