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90 waves and counting

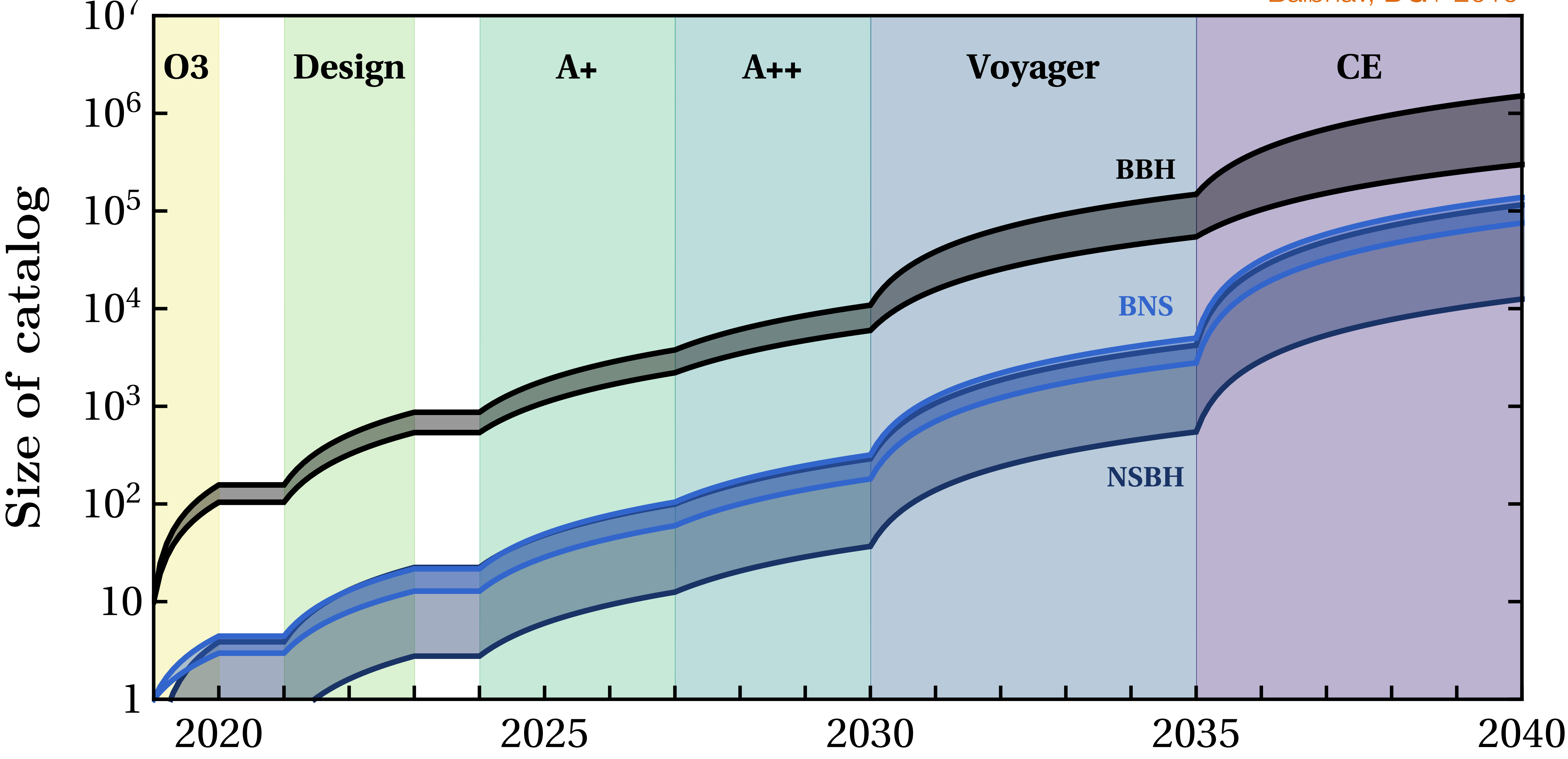
Discovering are piling up!

About 90 black-hole binary mergers detected so far.

LIGO 2021

Will become millions in ~20 years!

Baibhav, **DG**+ 2019



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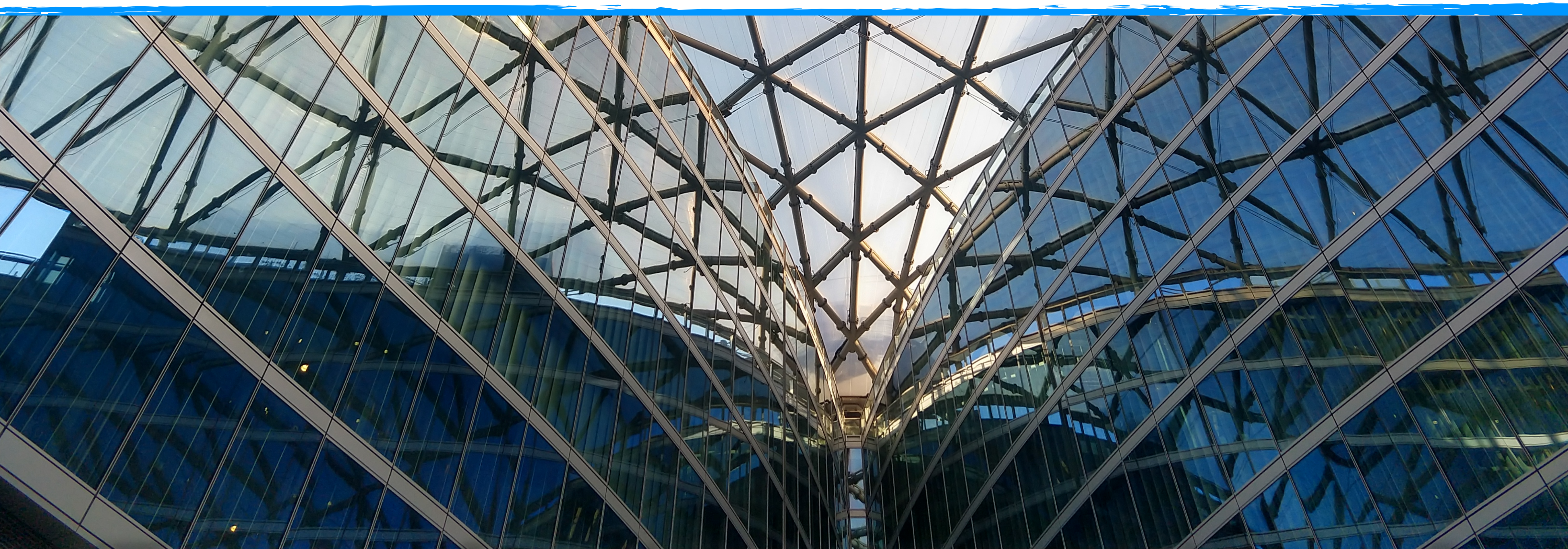

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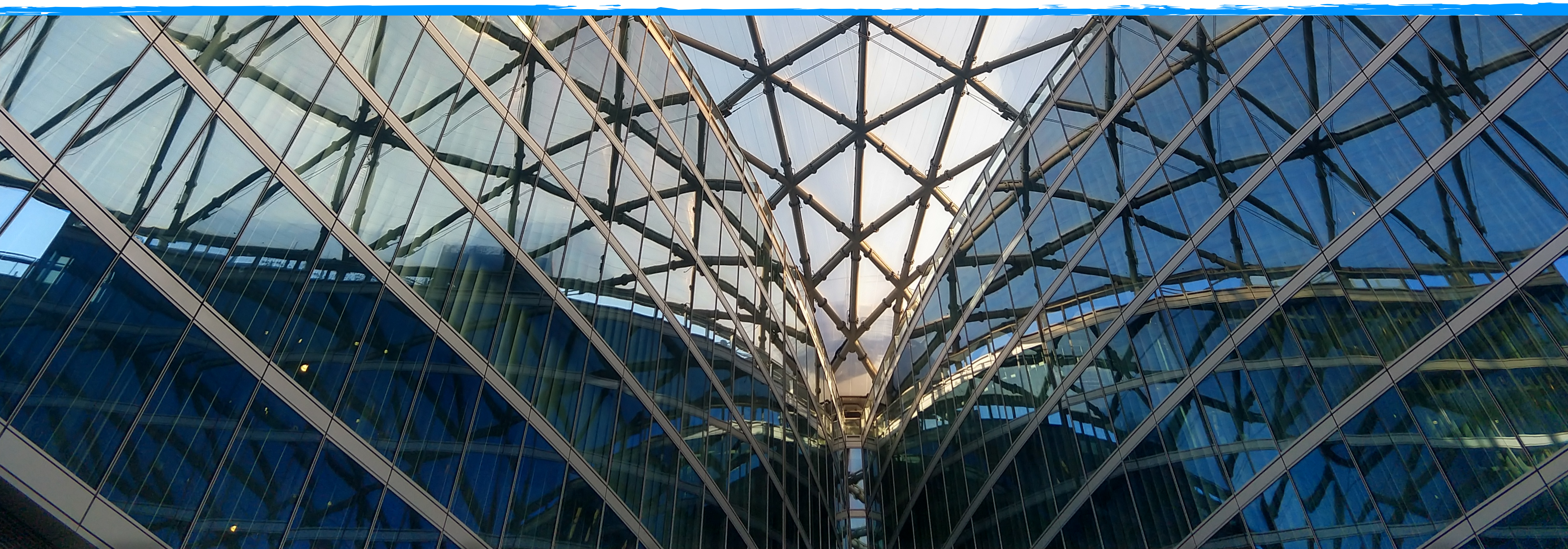


How we put things together

θ	**Single-event parameters:** masses, spins, redshifts
λ	**Population parameters:** spectral index of mass distribution, cutoffs

Inhomogeneous Poisson process:

Loredo 2004, Mandel+ 2019, Thrane, Talbot 2019, Vitale, **DG**+ 2022,

$$p(\lambda|d) \propto \pi(\lambda)\sigma^{-N}(\lambda)\prod_{i=1}^{N}\int p_{\rm pop}(\theta|\lambda)\mathcal{L}(d_i|\theta)\,\mathrm{d}\theta$$

Population posterior

Population prior

N events…

Population model

Single-event likelihood

Selection effects: $\sigma(\lambda) = \int p_{\rm pop}(\theta|\lambda)p_{\rm det}(\theta)\mathrm{d}\theta$

Detection probability

What model for the Universe?

Option 1: **Simple, parametrized functional forms**

LIGO/Virgo and many others

Evaluating $p_{\rm pop}(\theta|\lambda)$ is straightforward and can be done at each likelihood evaluation

__**But**__: *Astrophysicists like you guys put a lot of effort in simulating stellar evolution, clusters, AGN, and all of that!*

Option 2:

Can we instead interpret GW data using cool astro predictions *directly*?

Evaluating $p_{\rm pop}(\theta|\lambda)$ now is a costly simulation…

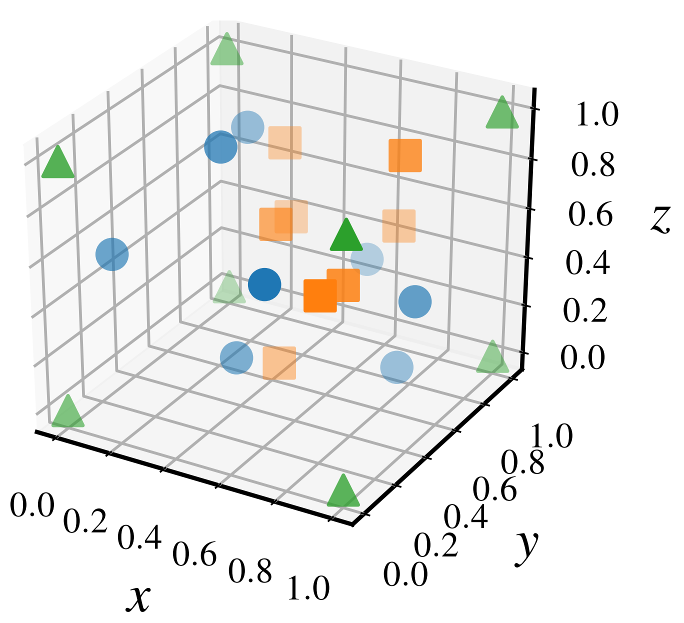
Ingredients in the blender

1. A population synthesis code

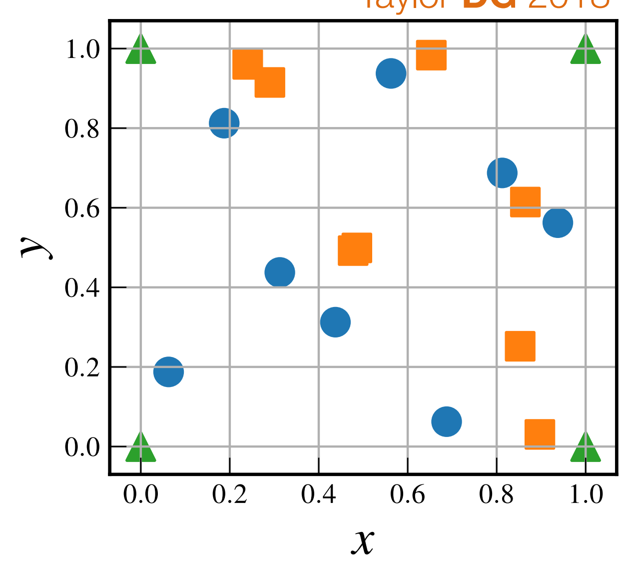
I'm not going to even try citing people here! So many excellent studies

- Early prototype with limited set of COMPAS runs Taylor **DG** 2018
- Current application: simple hierarchical merger populations Mould **DG** Taylor 2022
- Hopefully soon: full isolated formation channel inference
- (But can you help us doing dynamics?)

2. Design a training bank. Space filling algorithms



Taylor **DG** 2018



- Latin hypercubes
- Now working on implementing progressive hypercube sampling

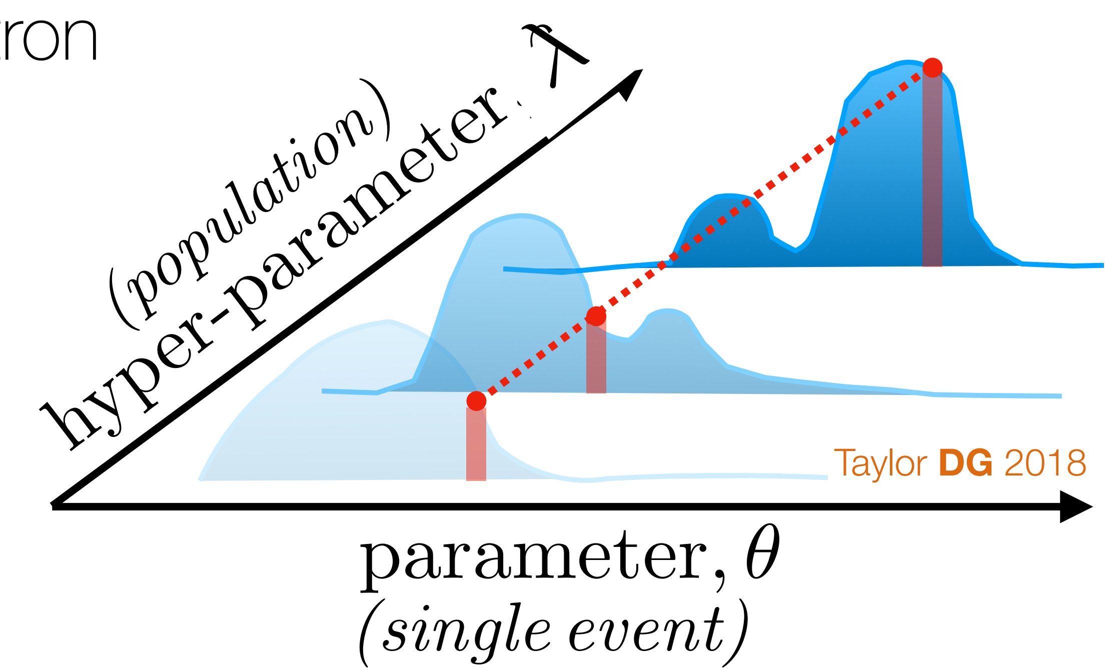
Ingredients in the blender

3. Some form of data compression

- Used principal component analysis successfully Taylor, **DG** 2018
- Tucker decomposition to avoid array raveling?
- Non-linear dimensionality reduction schemes?

4. A powerful conditional density estimation scheme $p_{\mathbf{pop}}(\theta|\lambda)$

- Gaussian process regression
  Taylor, **DG** 2018, Wong, **DG** 2019
- FFT-based KDE and a multilayer perceptron
  Mould **DG** Taylor 2022
- Autoregressive flows
  Wong, Contardo, Ho 2020



Ingredients in the blender

5. A model for the detector $p_{\rm det}(\theta)$

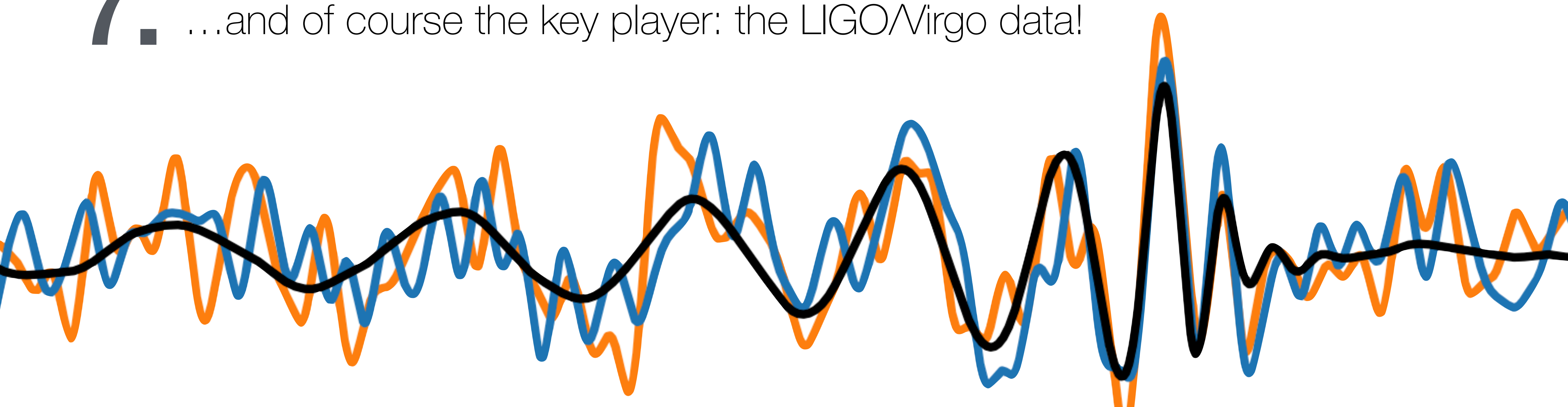
- A simple SNR cut? Finn Chernoff 1992
- Pipeline injections? LIGO/Virgo 2019, 2021
- Some attempts at machine-learn the GW detectability.

DG Pratten Vecchio 2020, Talbot Thrane 2022

6. A sampler for $p(\lambda|d)$

- A vanilla nested sampling for now… but should we?

7. …and of course the key player: the LIGO/Virgo data!



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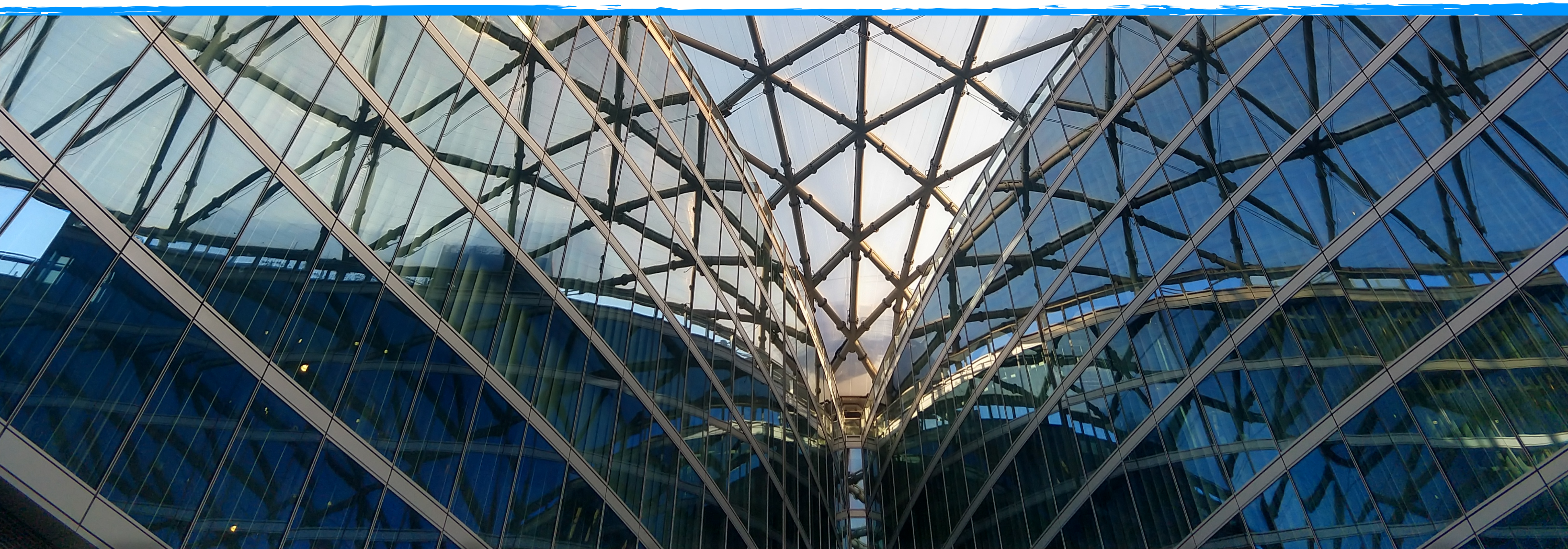
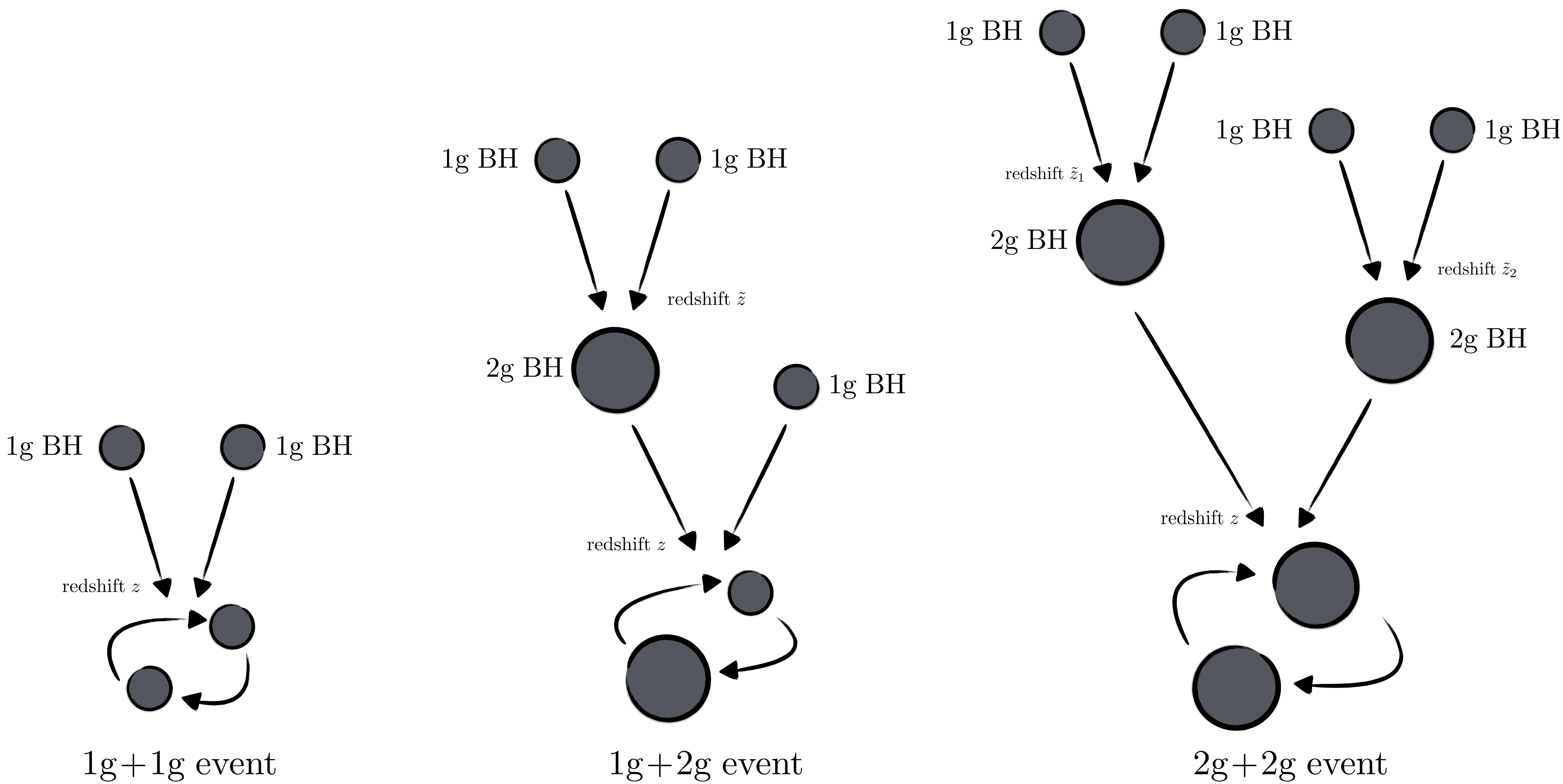


Hierarchical black-hole mergers

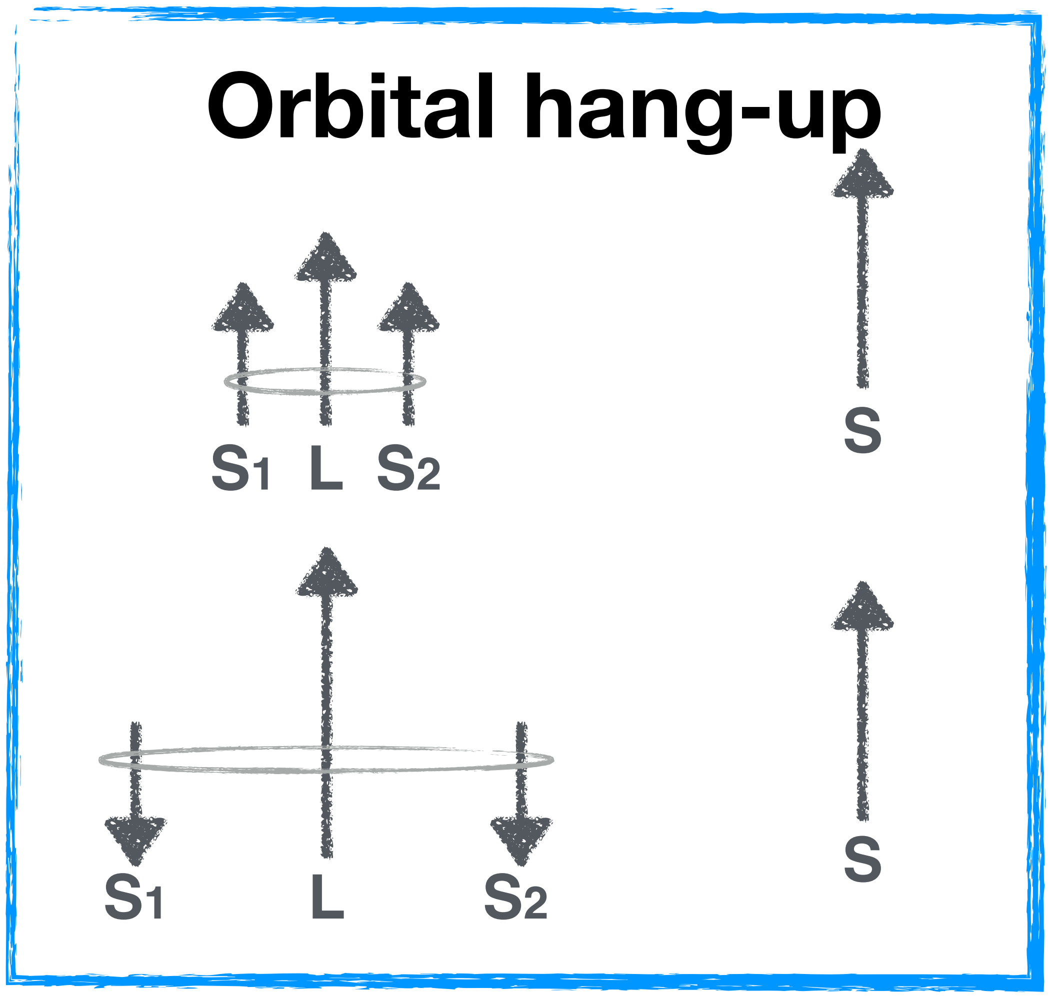
DG Berti 2017



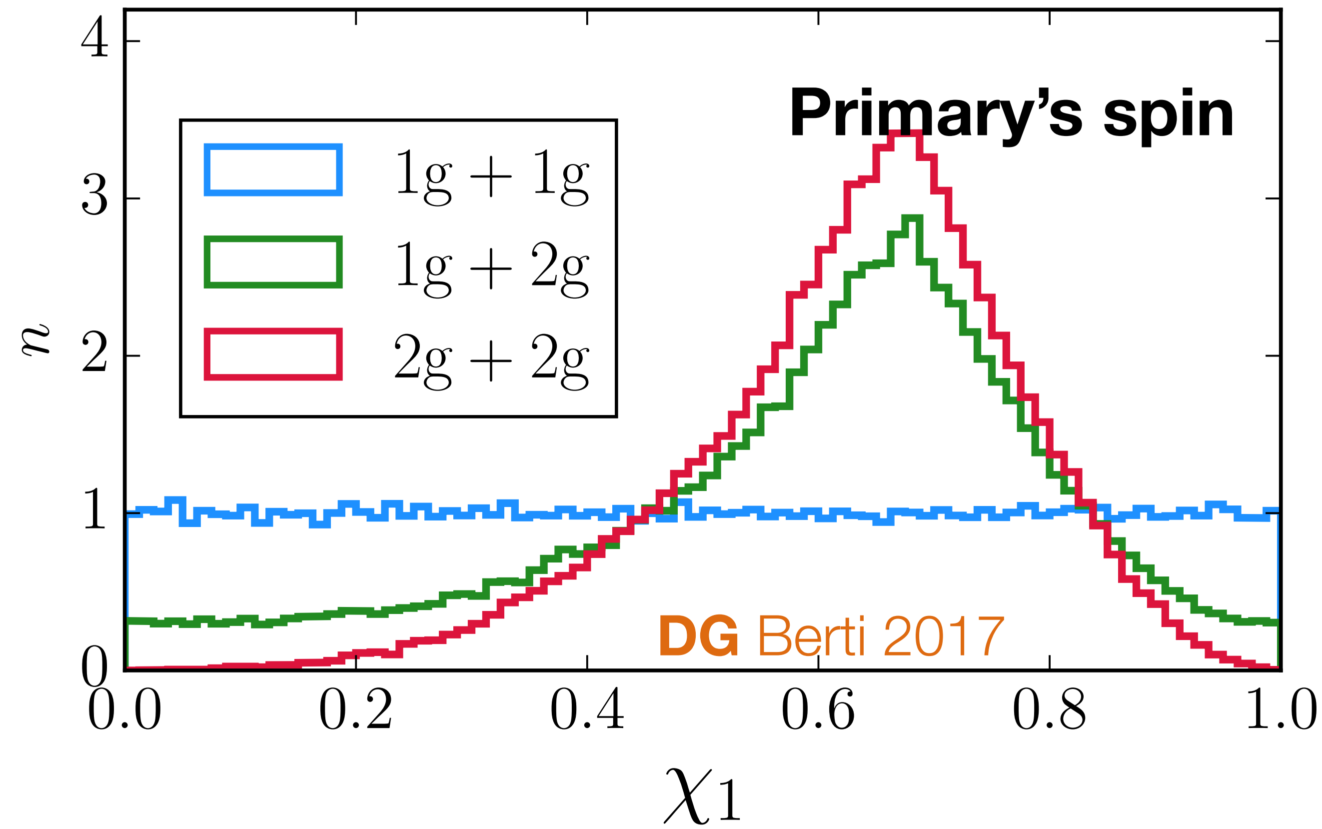
Orthogonal, but complementary, direction to the usual field vs. cluster debate

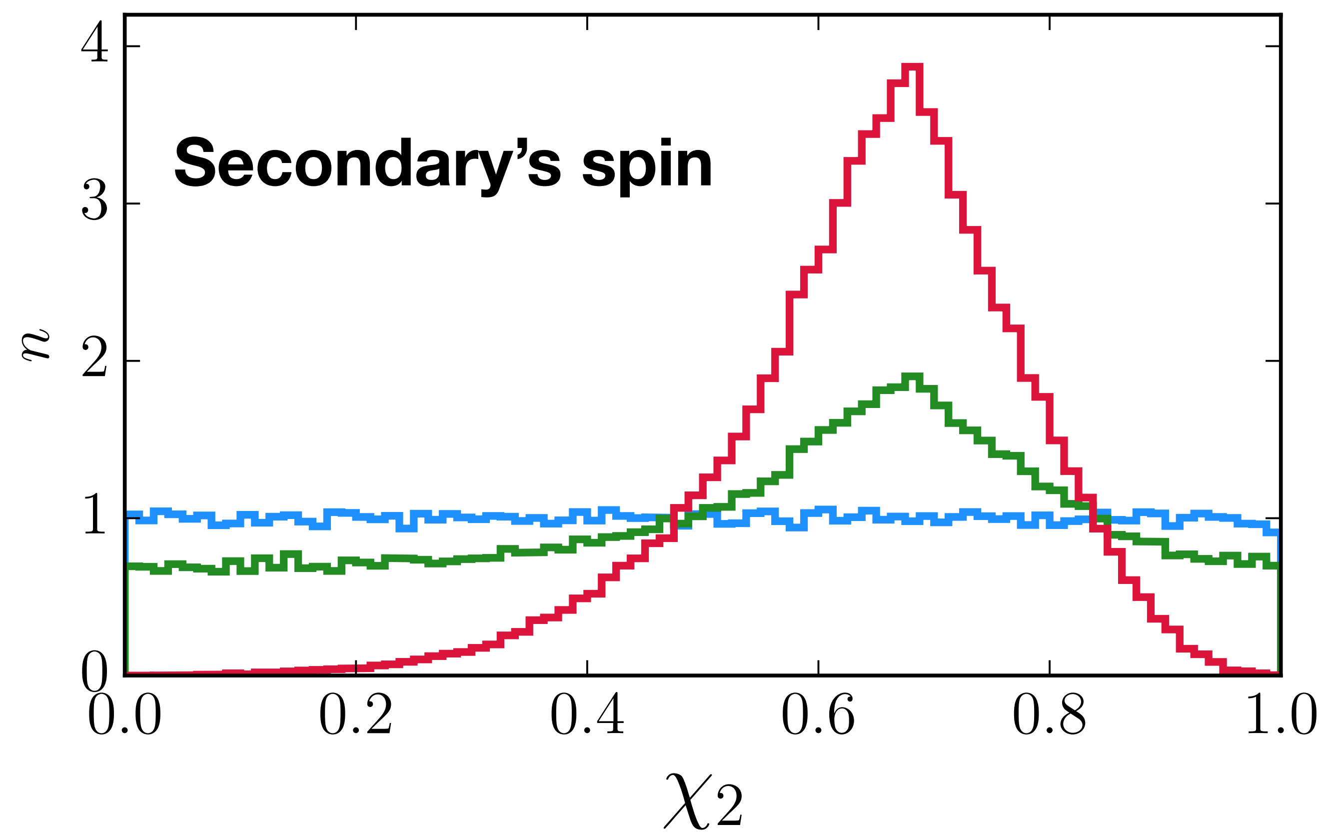
Spins: the magic number

DG Berti 2017, Fishbach+ 2017, Berti Volonteri 2008

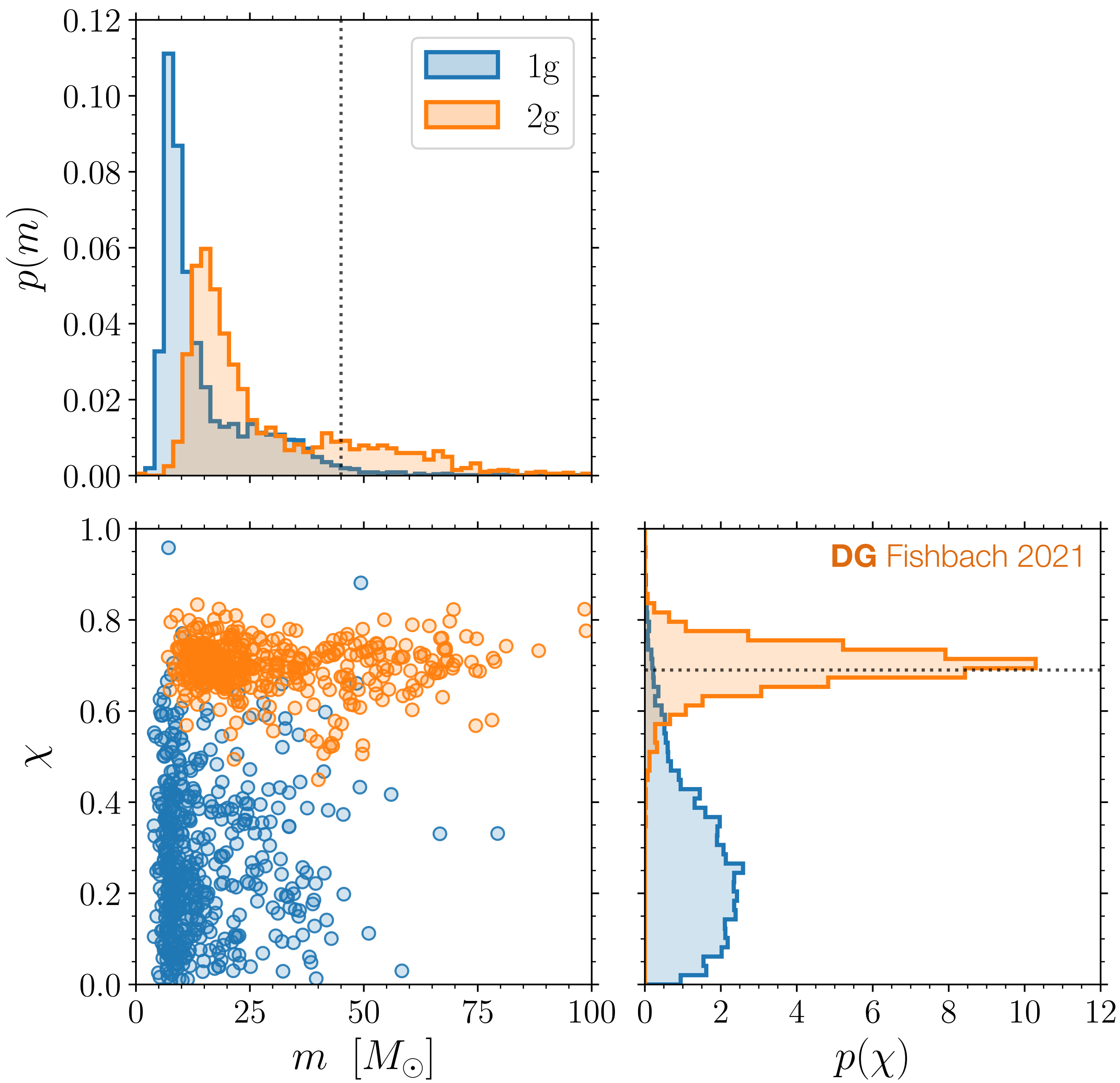


Peculiar spin distribution
peaked at **0.7**





An explosion of new predictions



- Masses in the pair-instability mass gap
  Heger+ 2003, Woosley+ 2007
- Peculiar spin distribution peaked at 0.7
  DG Berti 2017, Fishbach+ 2017
- But GW kicks require large escape speed
  DG Berti 2019
- Very frequent in AGNs
  Yang+ 2019, Tagawa+ 2020
- Promising for GW190412
  DG Vitale Berti 2020, Rogriguez+ 2020
- Leading explanation for GW190521
  LIGO/Virgo 2020
- Perhaps several events in the LIGO catalog?
  Kimball+ 2021
- An exclusion region
  DG Giacobbo Vecchio 2020
- … but don't overdo it!
  Zevin Holz 2022

And many more! Enough for a dedicated review **DG** Fishbach 2021

Just balls of black holes for now....

We need a population that is easy enough for now but non-analytic…

Key idea: **take a parametrized model but allow for hierarchical mergers**

In this talk a cluster is… a “thing” with a given escape speed $v_{\rm esc}$

DG, Berti 2019, **DG** Giacobbo Vecchio 2021, Zevin Holz 2022

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- Spins: $p(\chi) = {\rm const} \qquad \chi \in [0, \chi_{\rm max}]$
- Pairing: $p_{\rm pair}(m_1) \propto m_1^\alpha$
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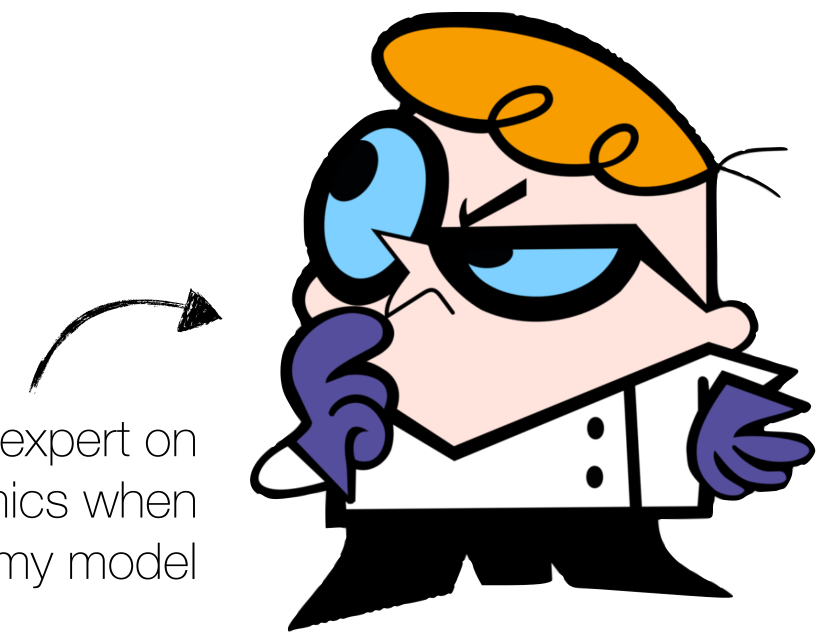
- Clusters: $p(v_{\rm esc}) \propto v_{\rm esc}^\delta$



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Six population parameters

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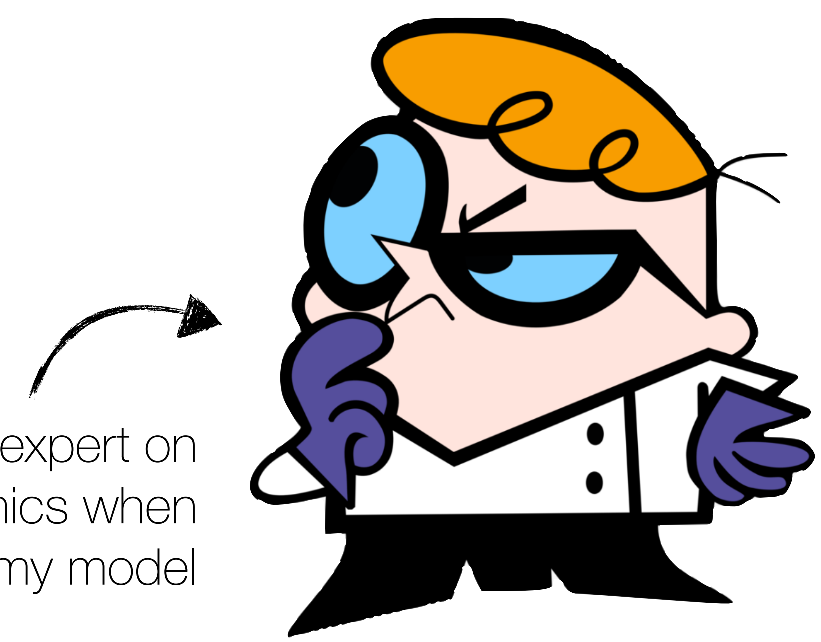
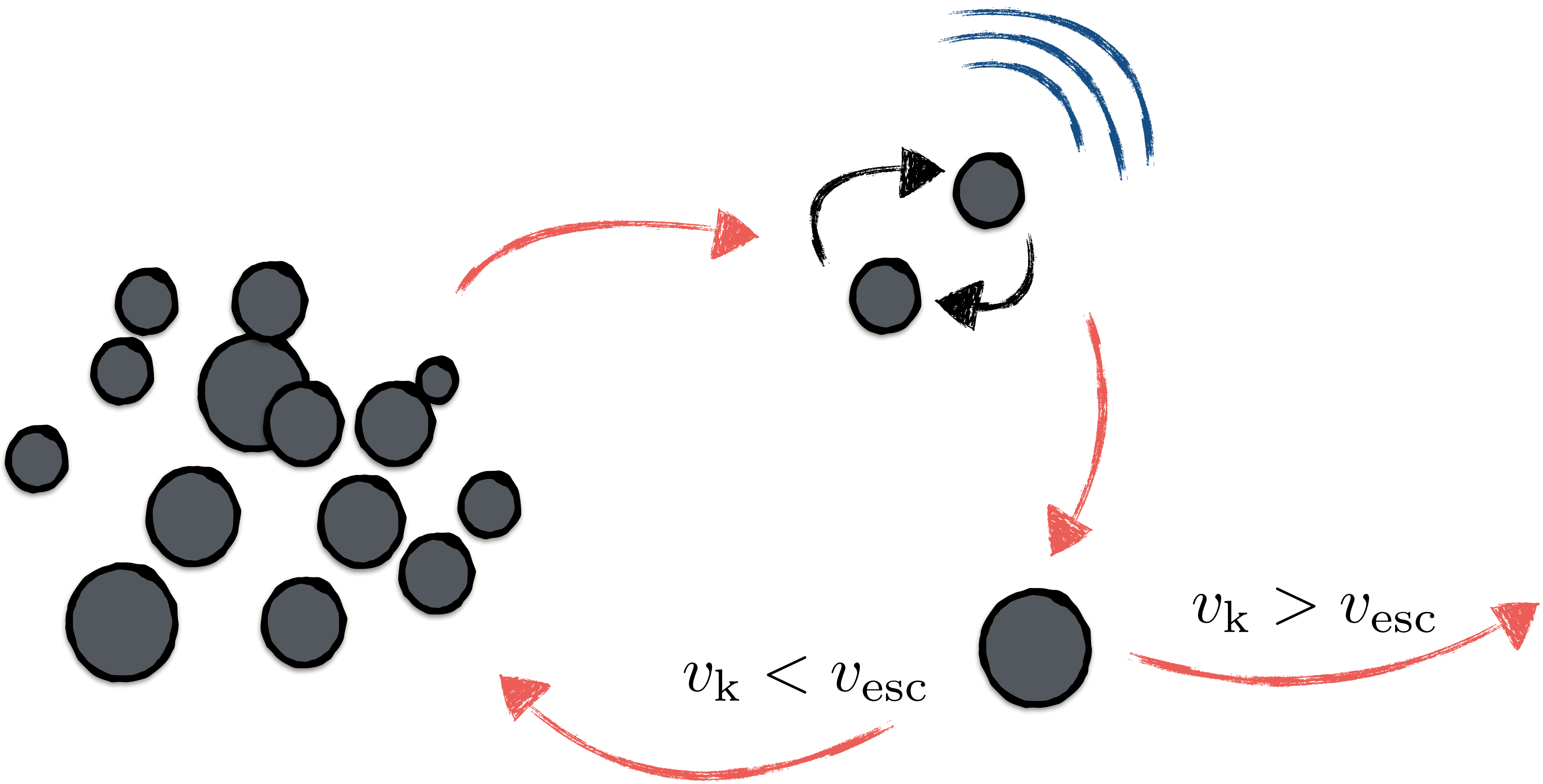


Out of the cluster, one kick at the time



Targeted populations

Tackling inference on four event parameters $\theta = \{M_c, q, \chi_{\rm eff}, \chi_{\rm p}\}$

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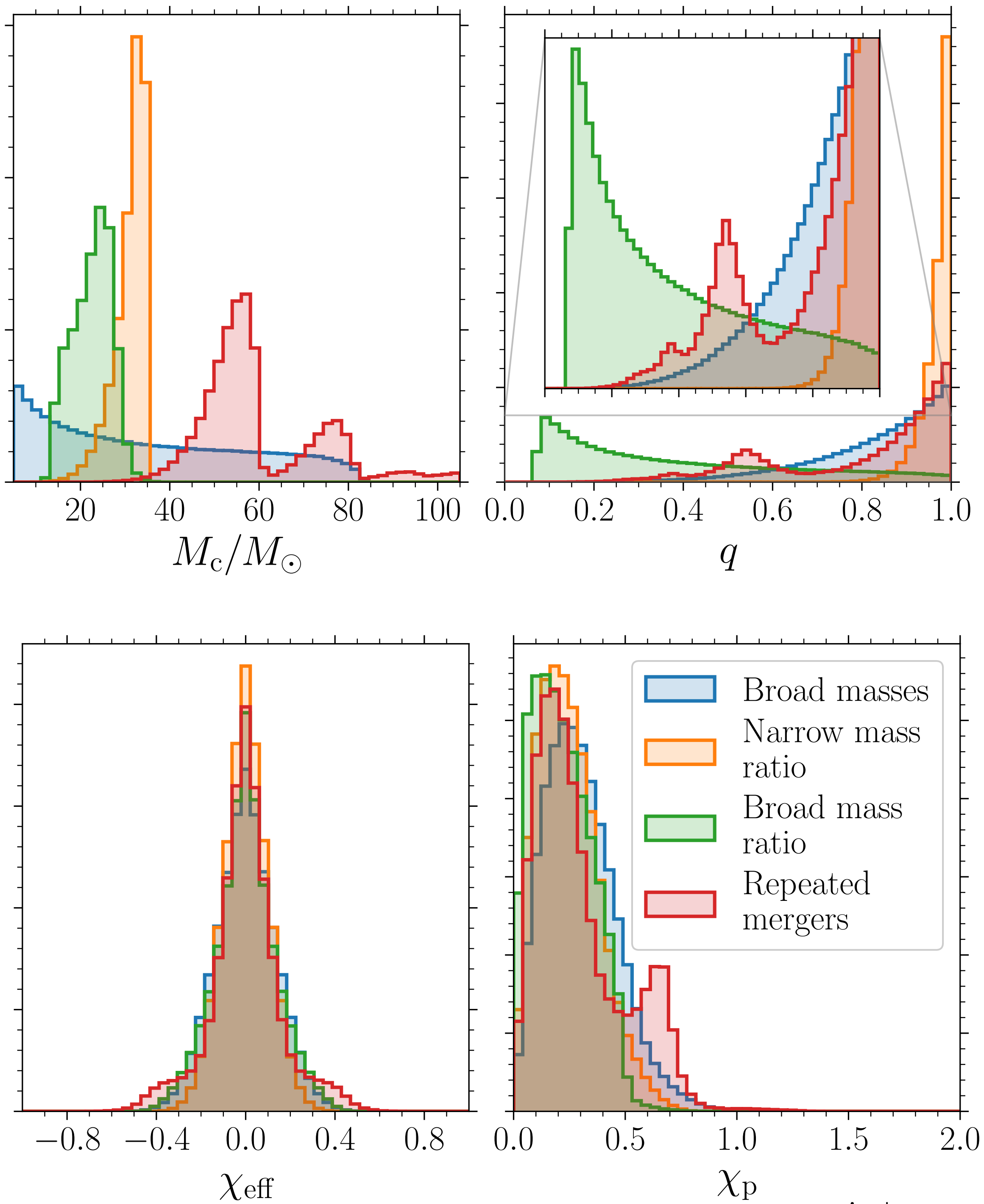
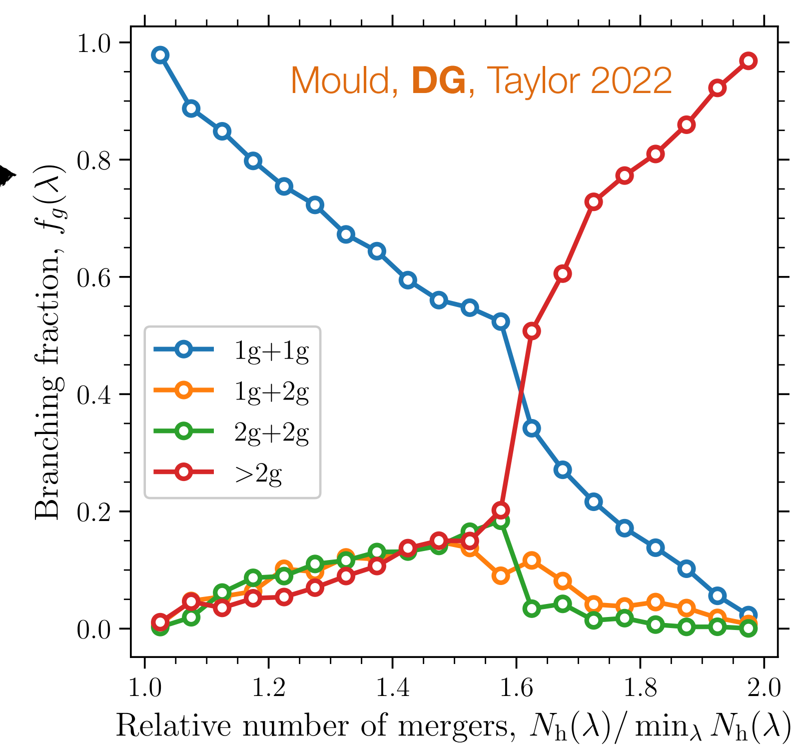


Four representative hyperparameter locations

This is a hard problem!
Strong correlations, multimodalities, spikes, gaps, degeneracies

… and we keep track of the merger generation



Ask me at coffee
why $\chi_{\rm p}$ goes up to 2… **DG+** 2021

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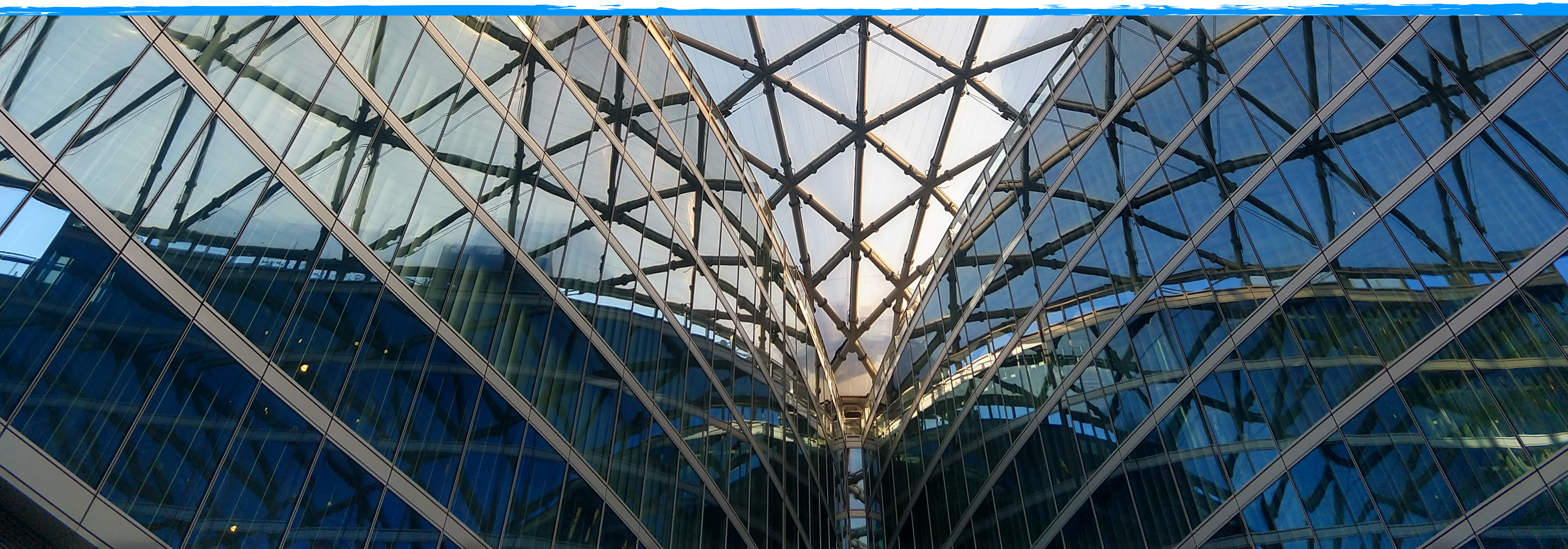

Full pipeline

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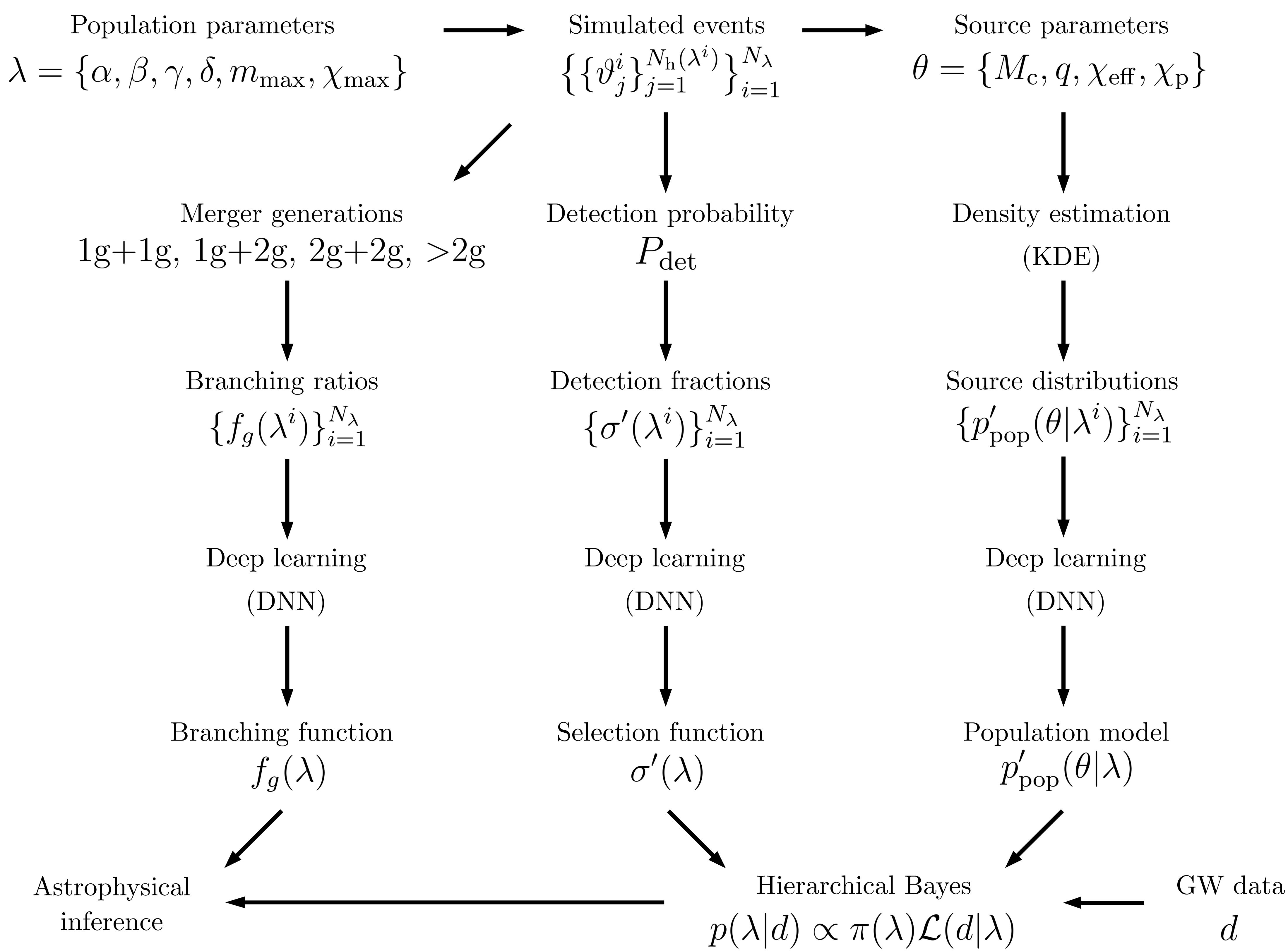

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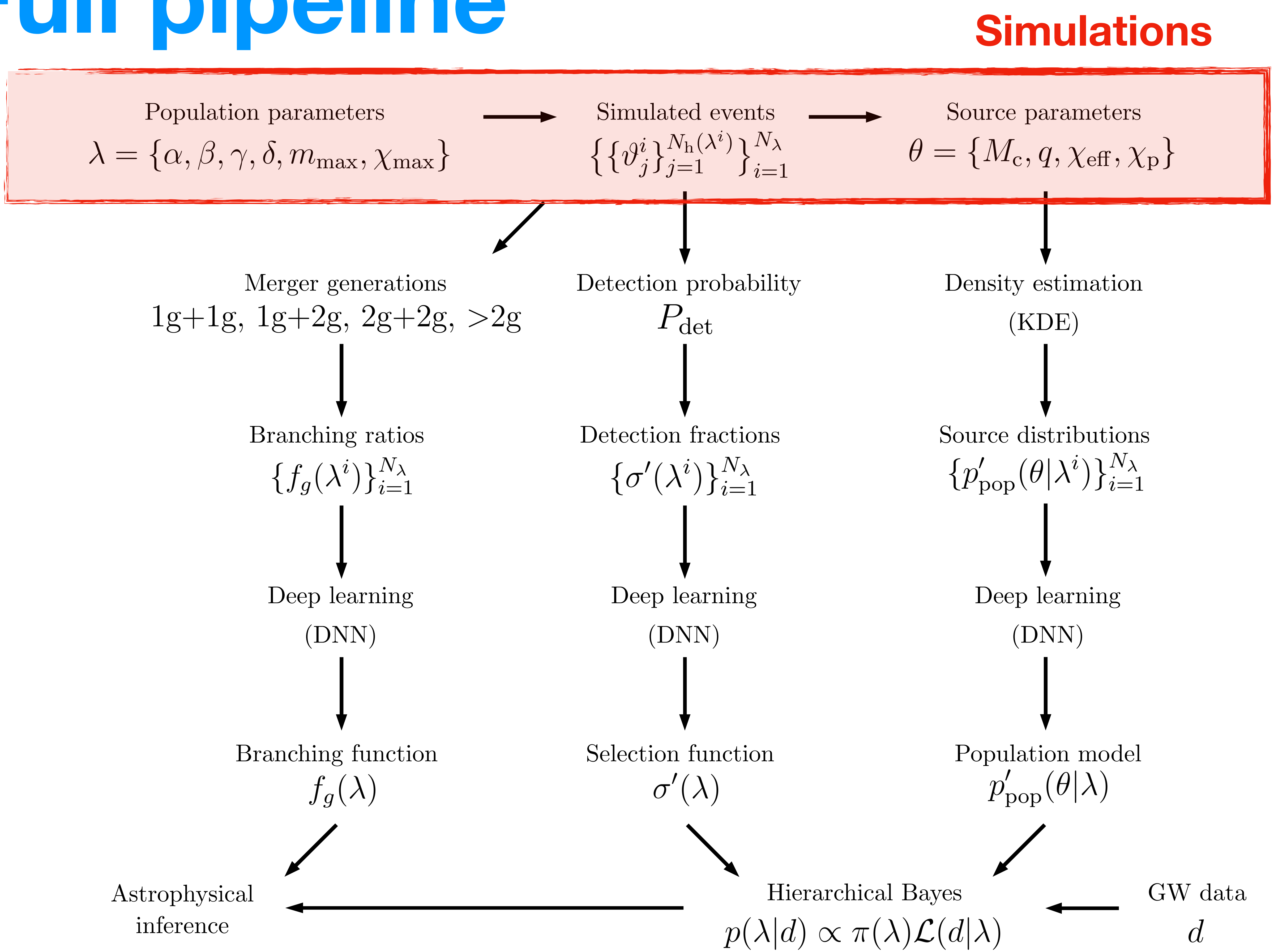

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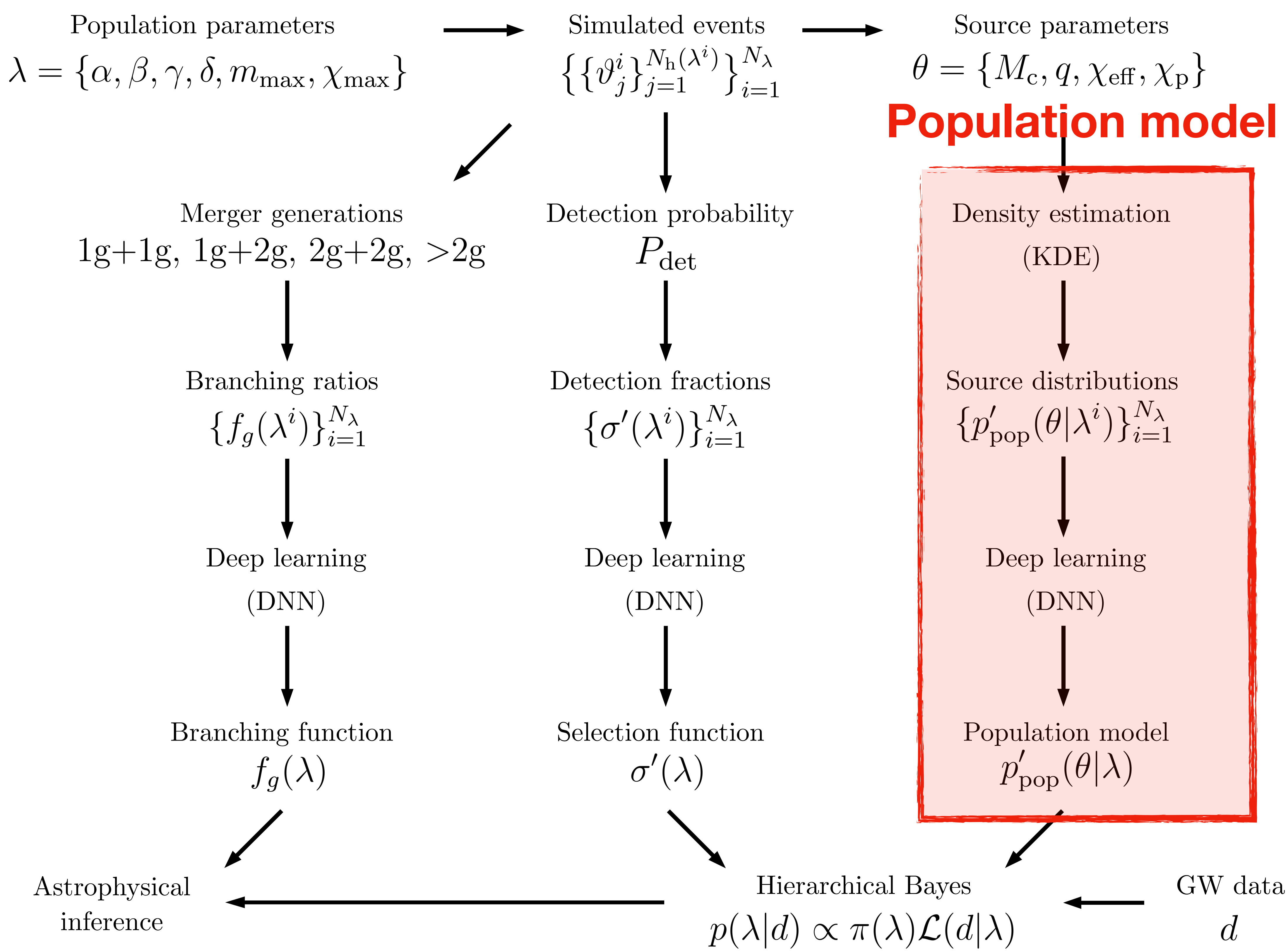

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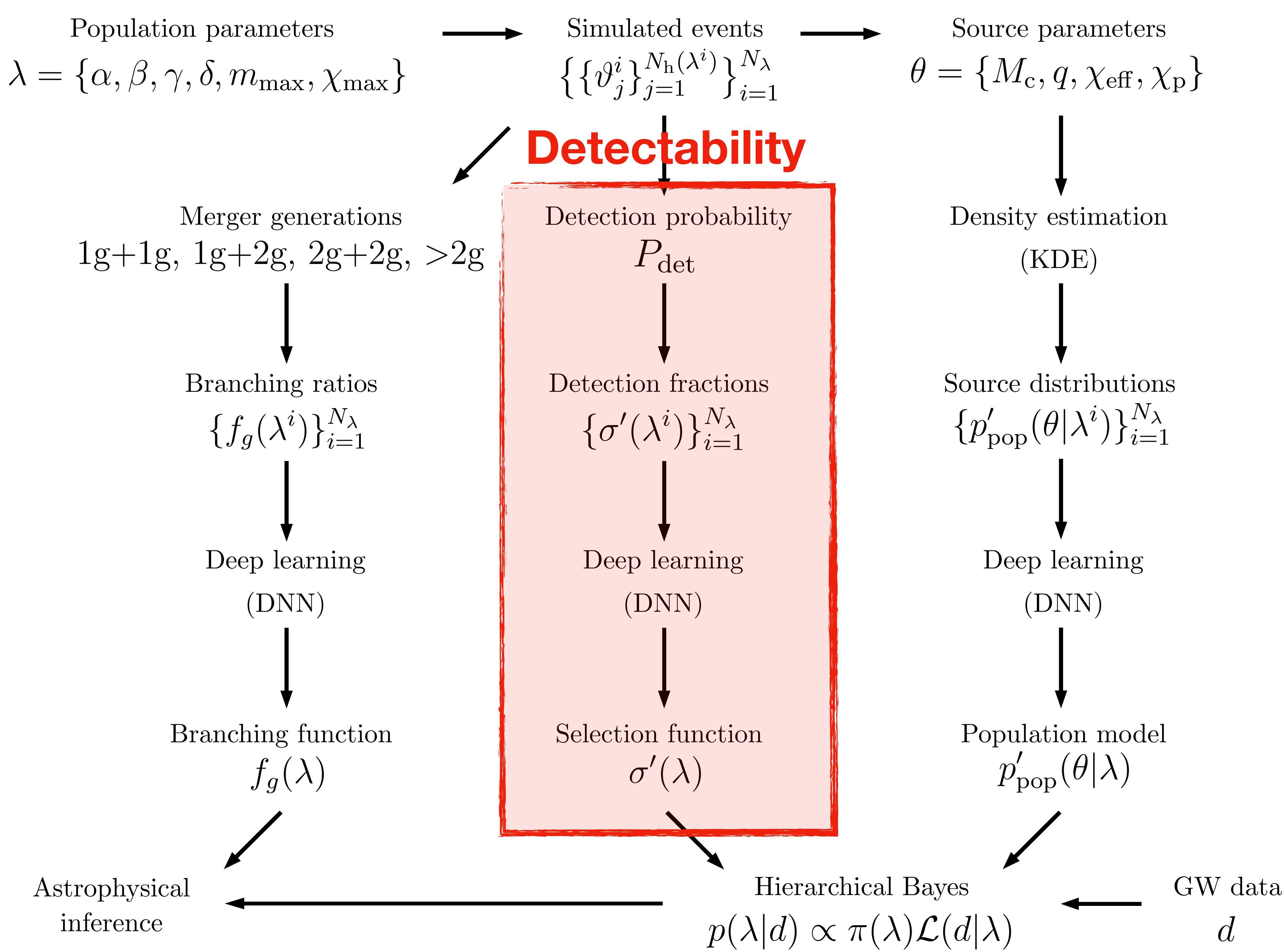

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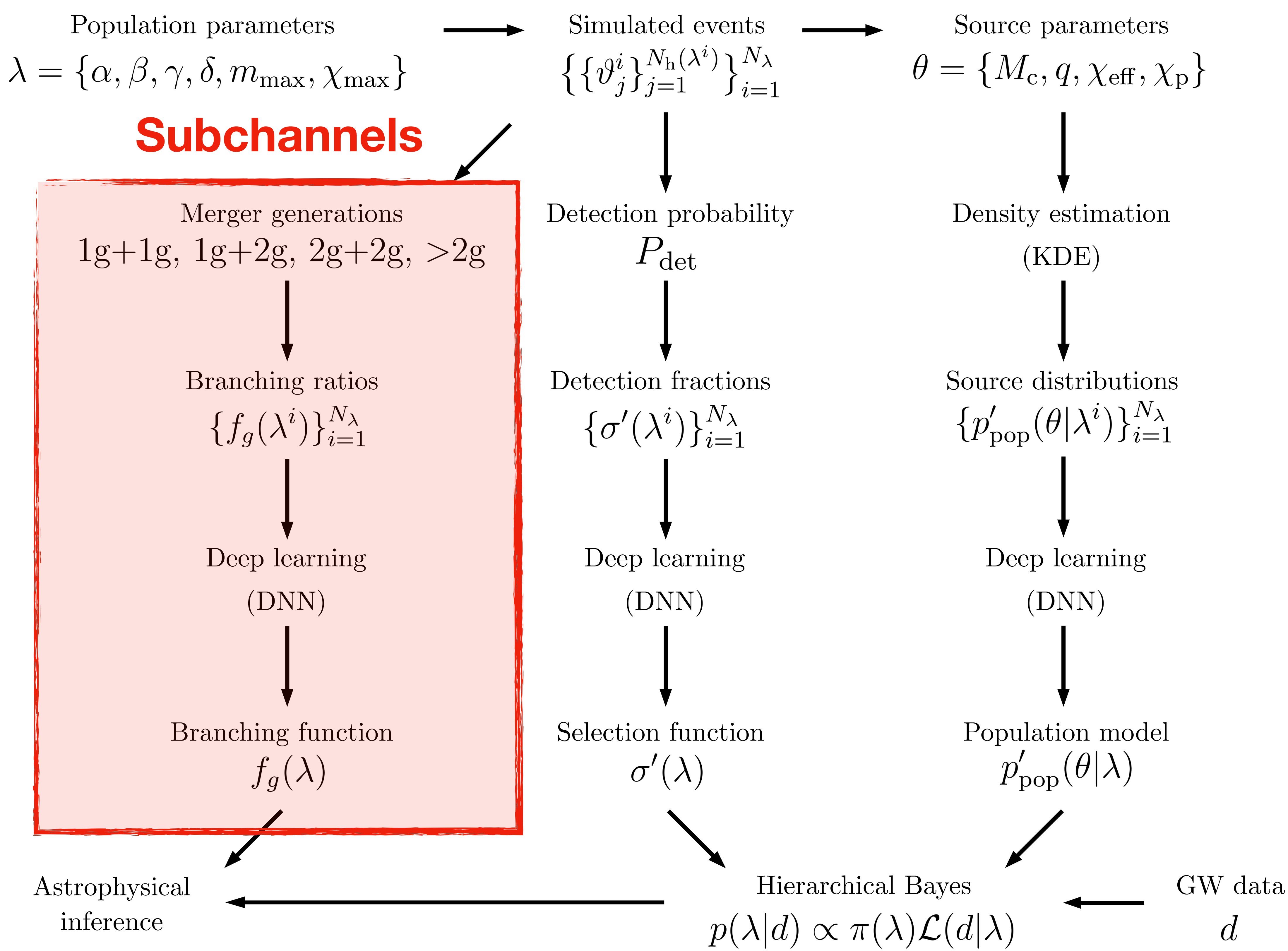

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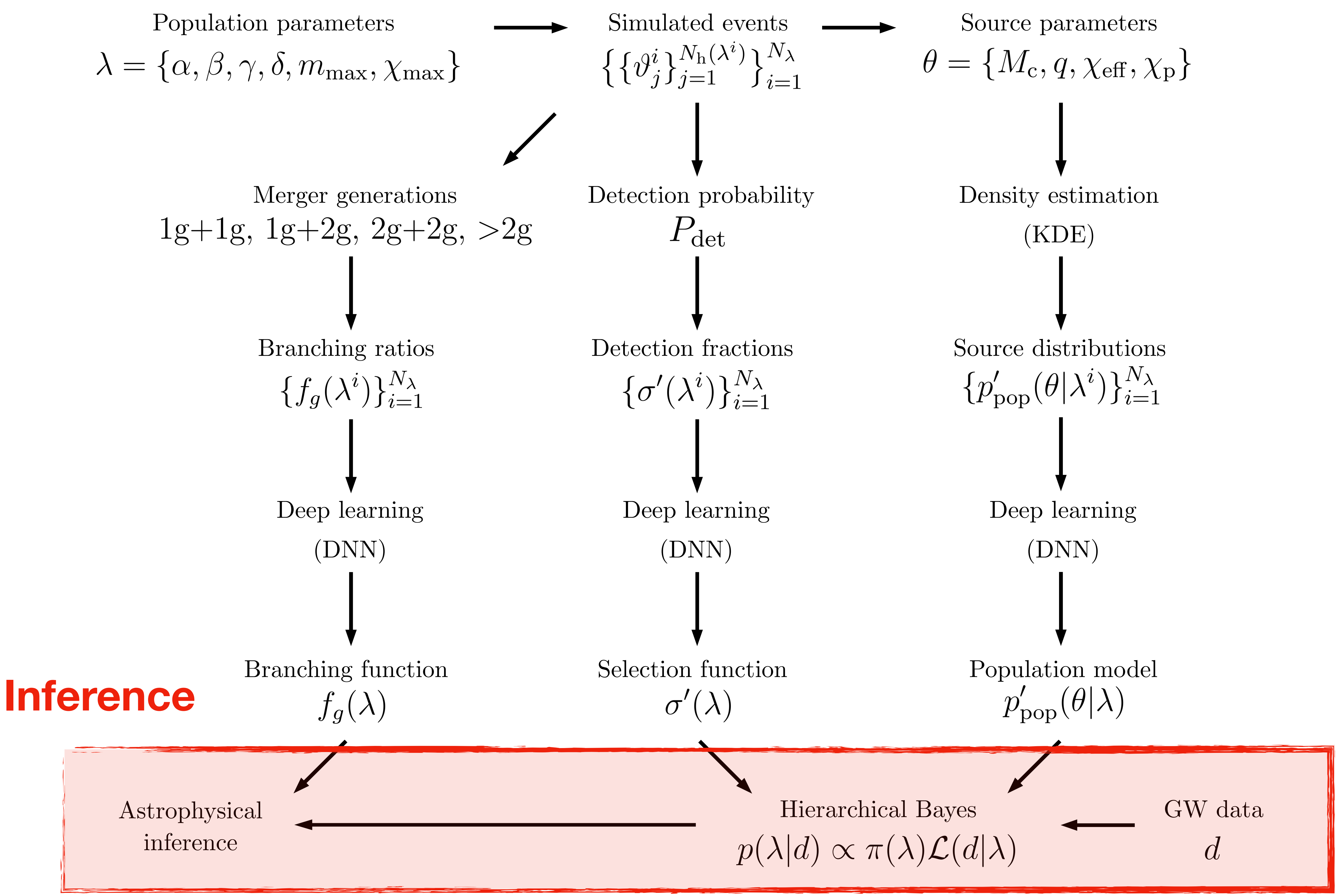
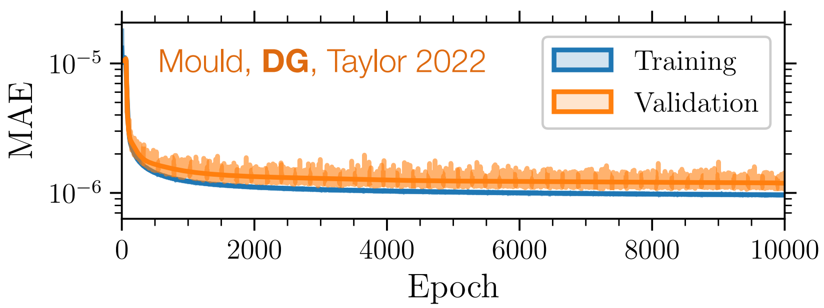


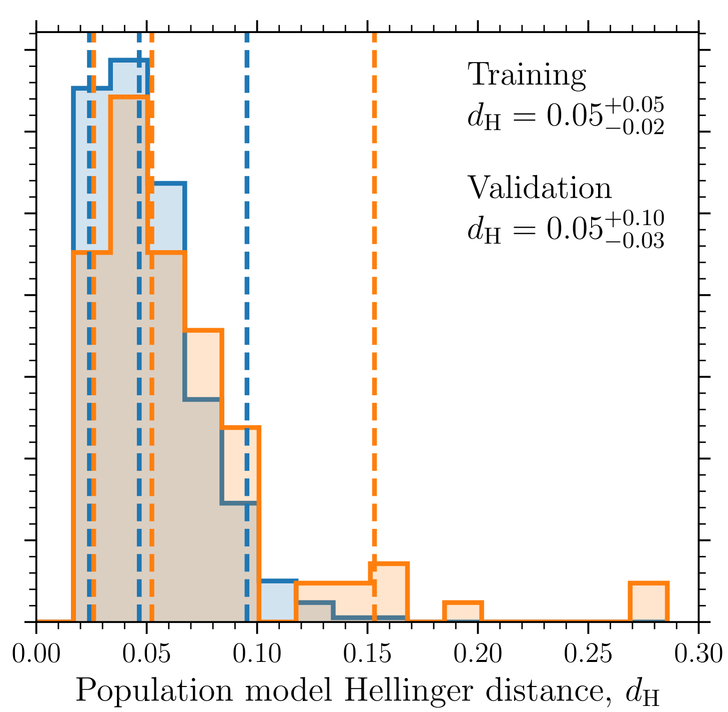
Population neural network

- A fully connected network
- A total of **~70k parameters**!
- Implemented in Google's Tensorflow
- Fast (~days) training on GPU

Layer	Neurons	Activation	Parameters
Input	10	–	0
Dense 1	128	RReLU	1408
Dense 2	128	RReLU	16,512
Dense 3	128	RReLU	16,512
Dense 4	128	RReLU	16,512
Dense 5	128	RReLU	16,512
Output	1	Absolute value	129
		Total	67,585



No significant overfitting



$$d_{\rm H}(p,q)^2 = 1 - \int \sqrt{p(x)q(x)}\,{\rm d}x\,.$$

Interpolated distributions are statistically the same

Able to capture spikes and almost-discontinuous features

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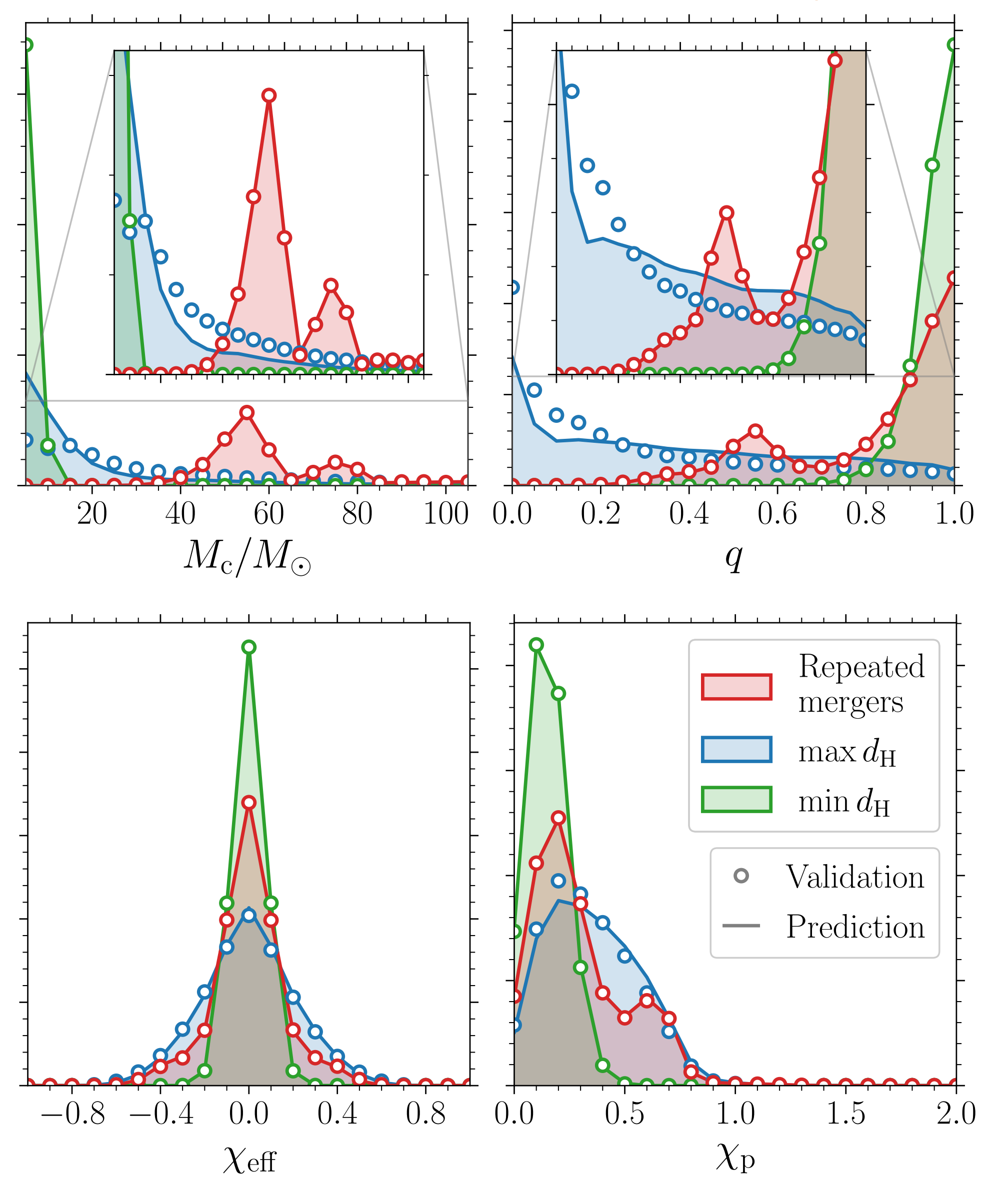

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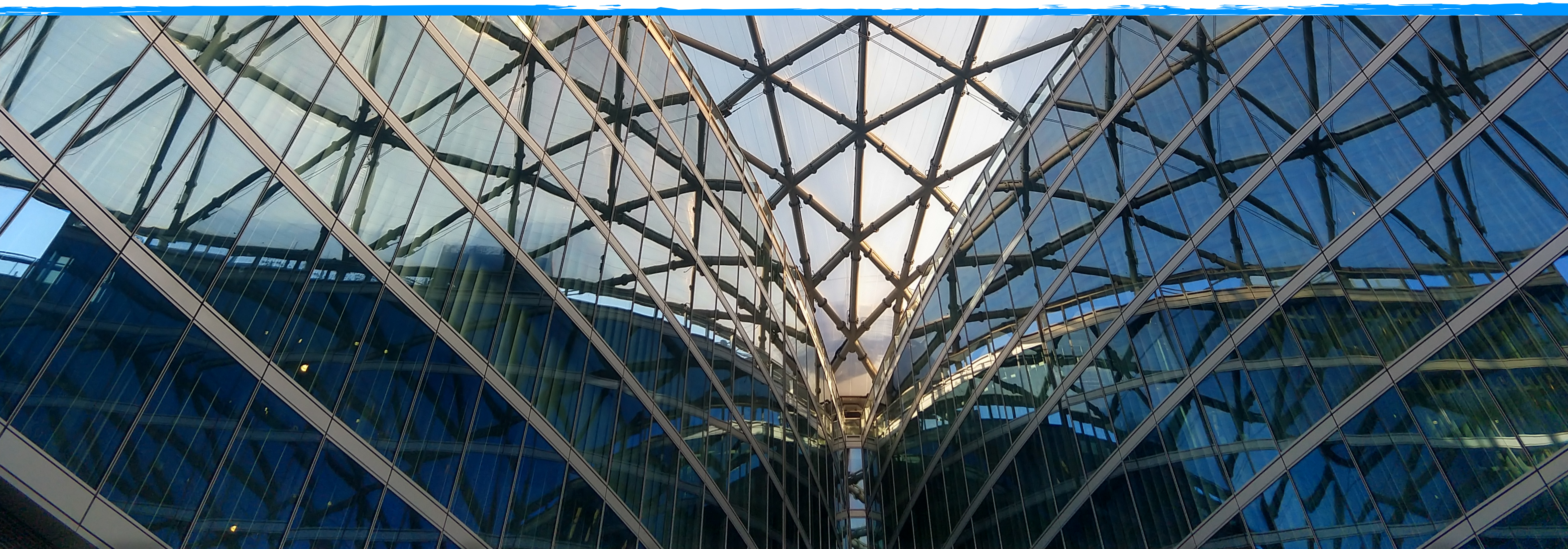
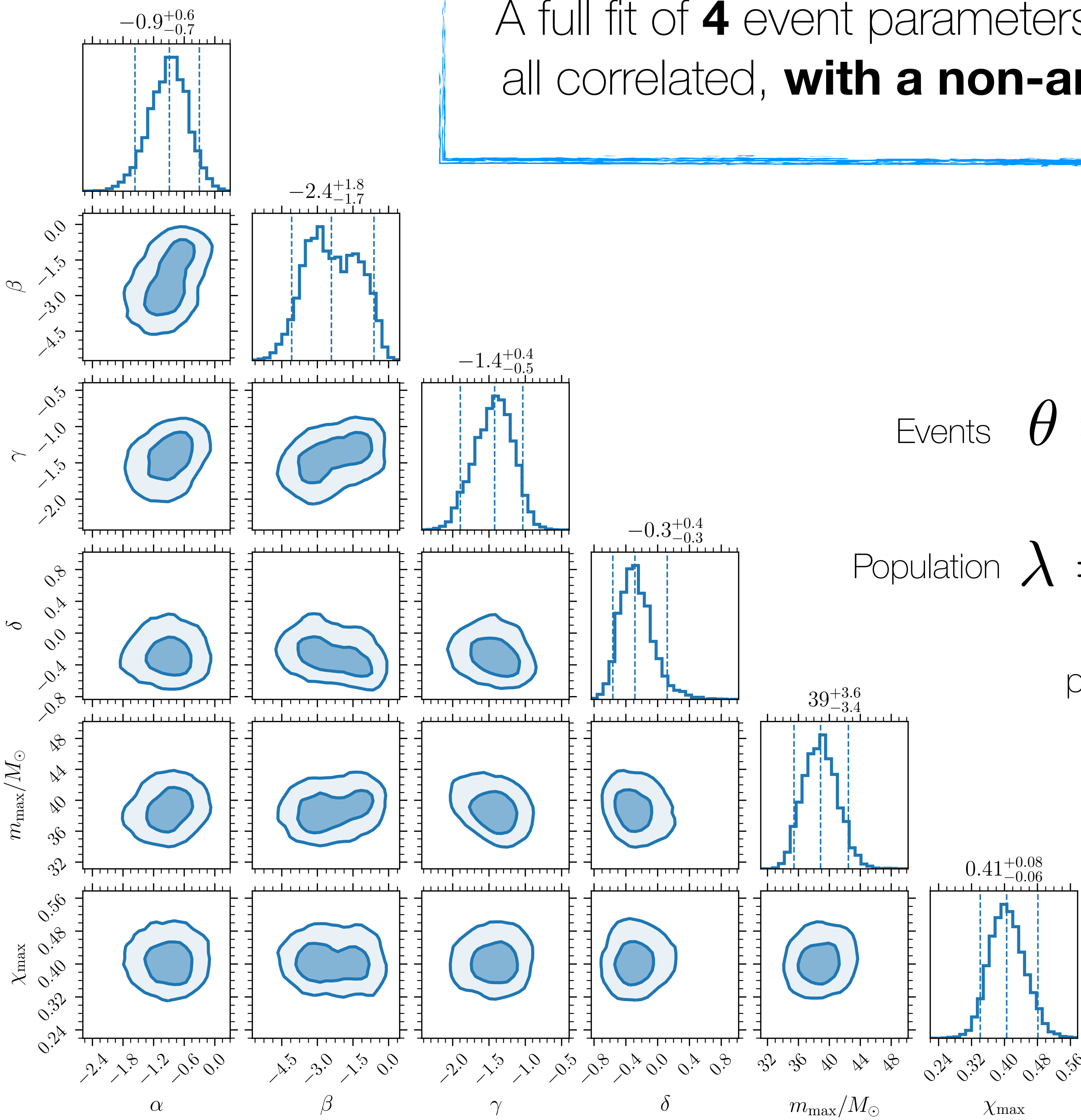


Full GWTC3 results

A full fit of **4** event parameters and **6** population parameters, all correlated, **with a non-analytical population model**!



chirp mass
mass ratio
effective spin
precession

Events $\theta = \{M_c, q, \chi_{\rm eff}, \chi_{\rm p}\}$

Population $\lambda = \{\alpha, \beta, \gamma, \delta, M_{\rm max}, \chi_{\rm max}\}$

pairing
pairing
1g mass slope
escape speeds
max 1g mass
max 1g spin

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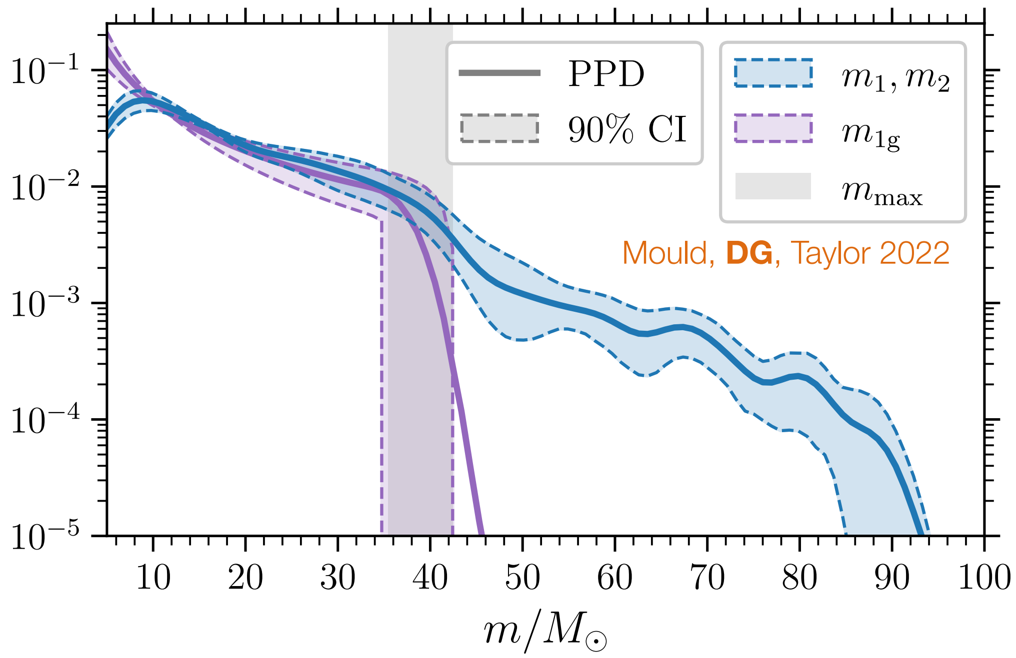
Inference and predictions

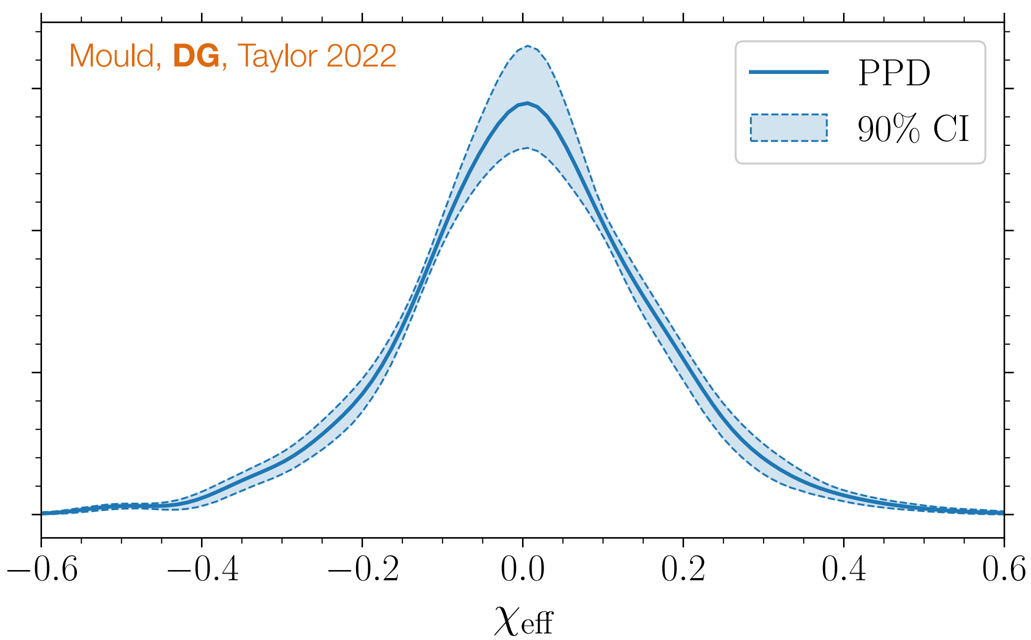


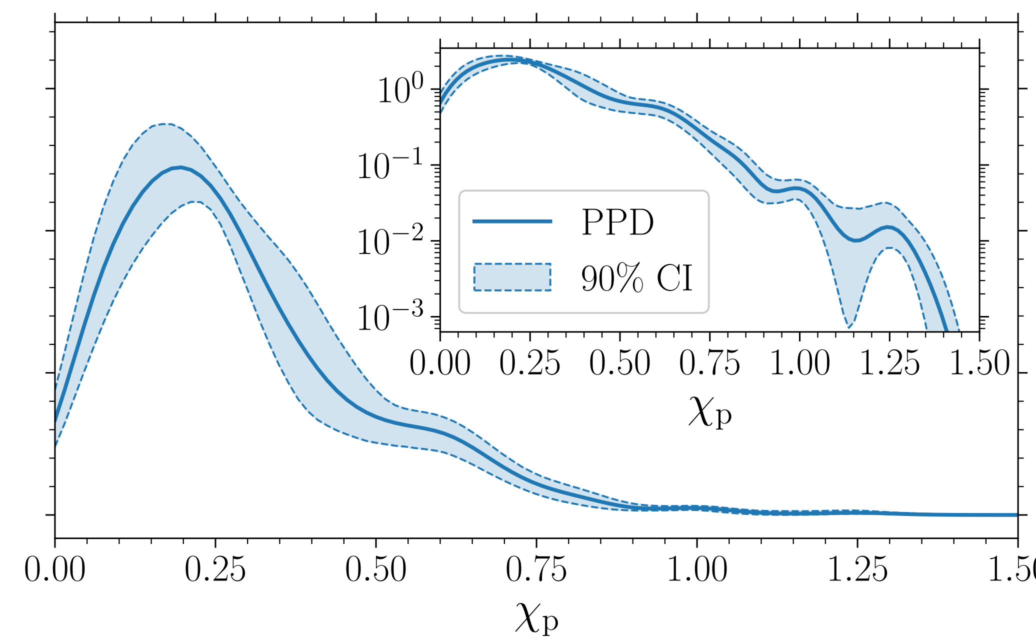
Masses

- Repeated mergers populate the upper mass gap
- 1g cutoff ok with pair instability SN?
- Additional structure <u>in the gap</u> due to higher generations

Spins

- Fat tails in the effective spin
- Fine structures in spin precession

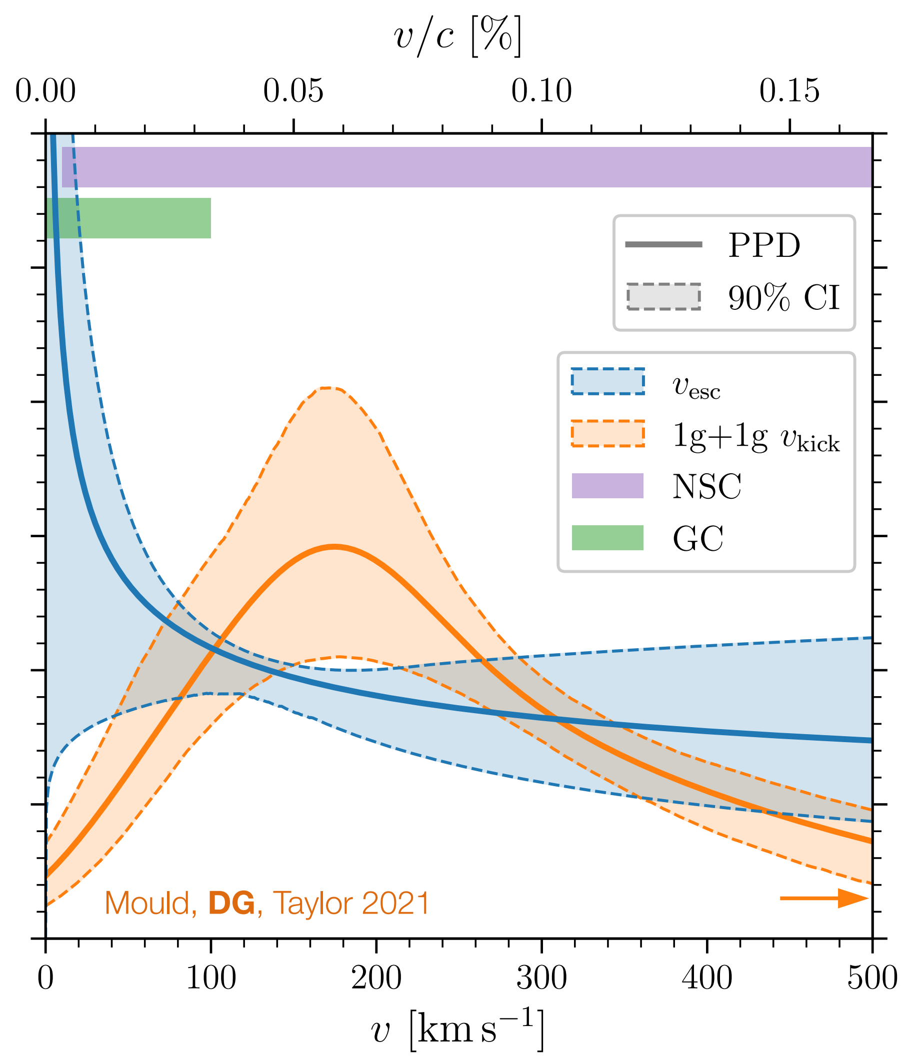




Inference and predictions

Escape speeds

- Easy to infer secondary population parameters (here the escape speed)
- But can go crazy! Metallicity, environments, etc



Generations

- If we allow for hierarchical mergers, the fit wants to go there! cf e.g. Kimball+ 2021
- Easy to infer subchannels (here the generation)
- But can go crazy! Any label in the population…

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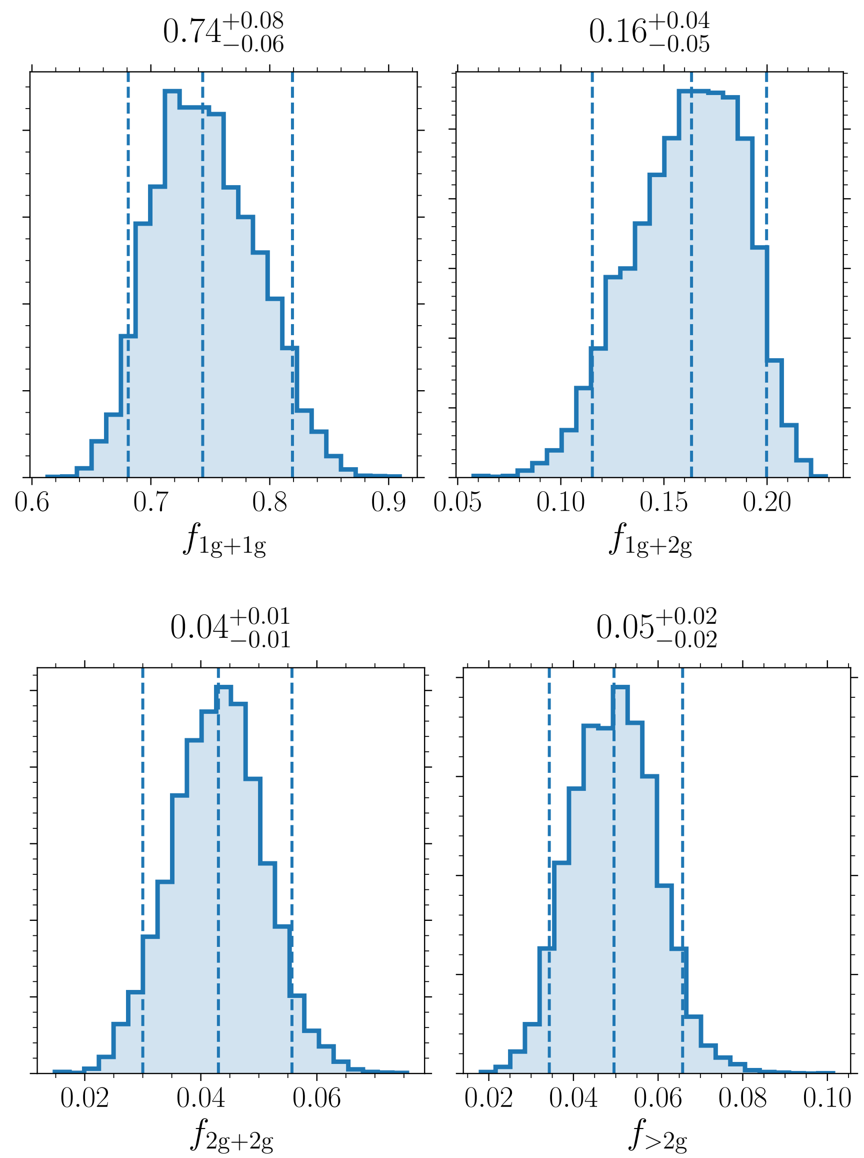

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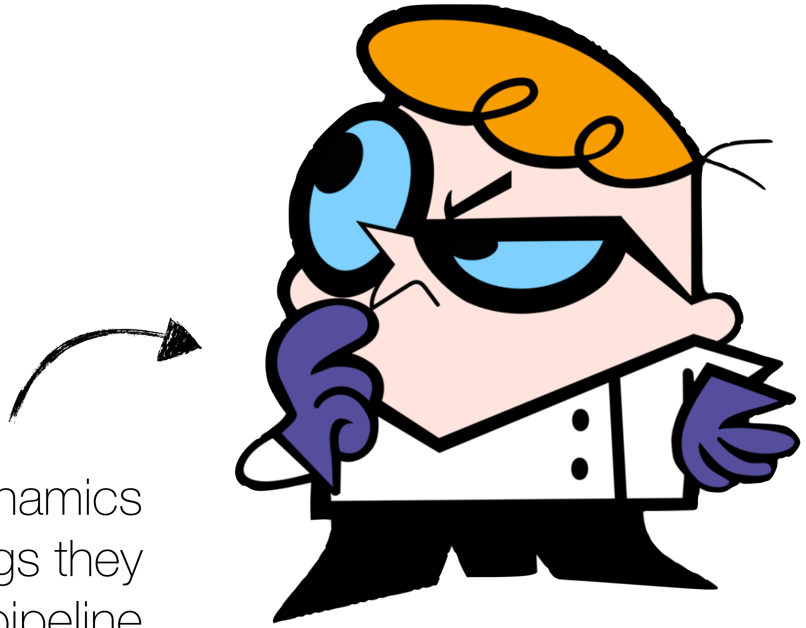
Ready to go!

- A complete, highly optimized population inference pipeline designed to digest outputs of astrophysical simulations and GW data
- **Deep learning is crucial here** (no other way, I think)
- Current astrophysics is admittedly too simple…
- …but we're ready to use this beast on state-of the art models!



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