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# Black Hole Binary Formation through Stellar Dynamics in Galactic Nuclei



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# Extreme G environment

~Every galaxy has a Supermassive Black Hole  $10^6-9M_{\odot}$

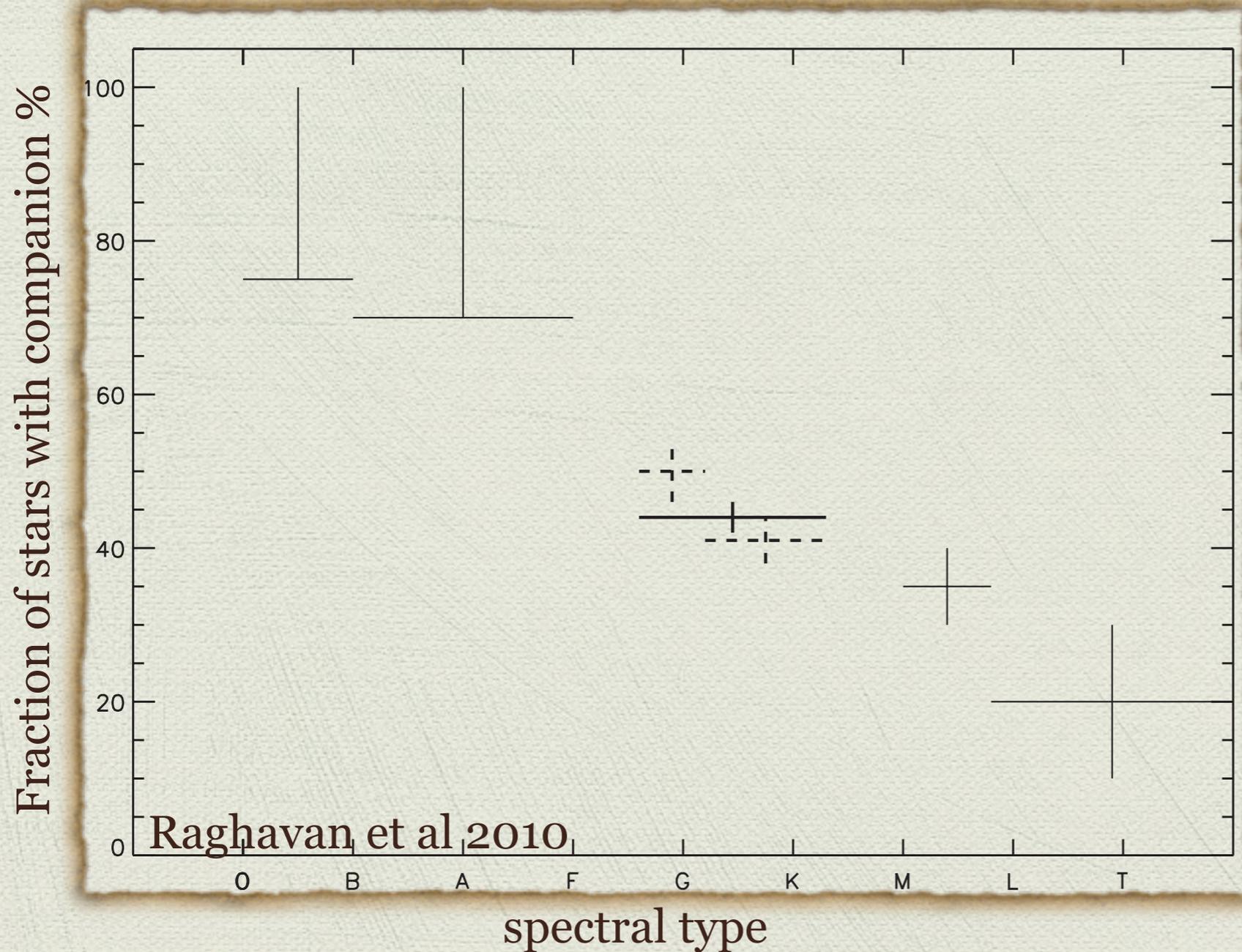
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## Densest environments



# Binaries in Galactic Nuclei

The majority of stars in *the field and clusters* are born in binaries or higher multiples, e.g., Sana et al 2012



# Extreme G environment 1 kiloyard

Laser Guide Star Infrared Image  
of the Galactic Center

← Sgr A\*

Keck/UCLA Galactic Center Group

1"

The central 10 arcsec  $\sim 0.4$ pc

Ghez et al 2005

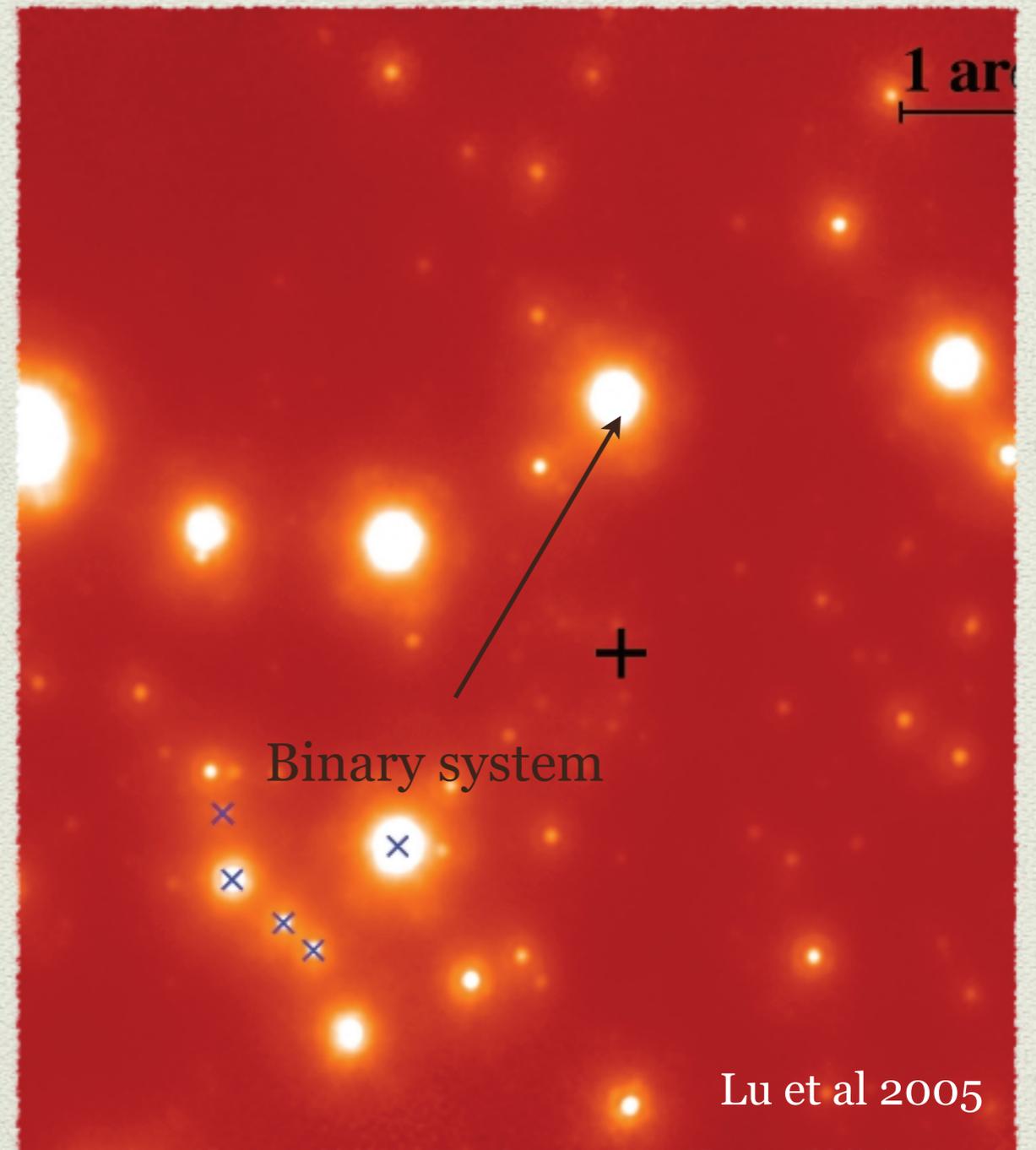
- \* Study and infer on the general population
- \* Finding new puzzles

Atlas Image Two Micron All  
Sky Survey (2MASS)

# Binaries in Galactic Nuclei

## Galactic Center - Observational evidence

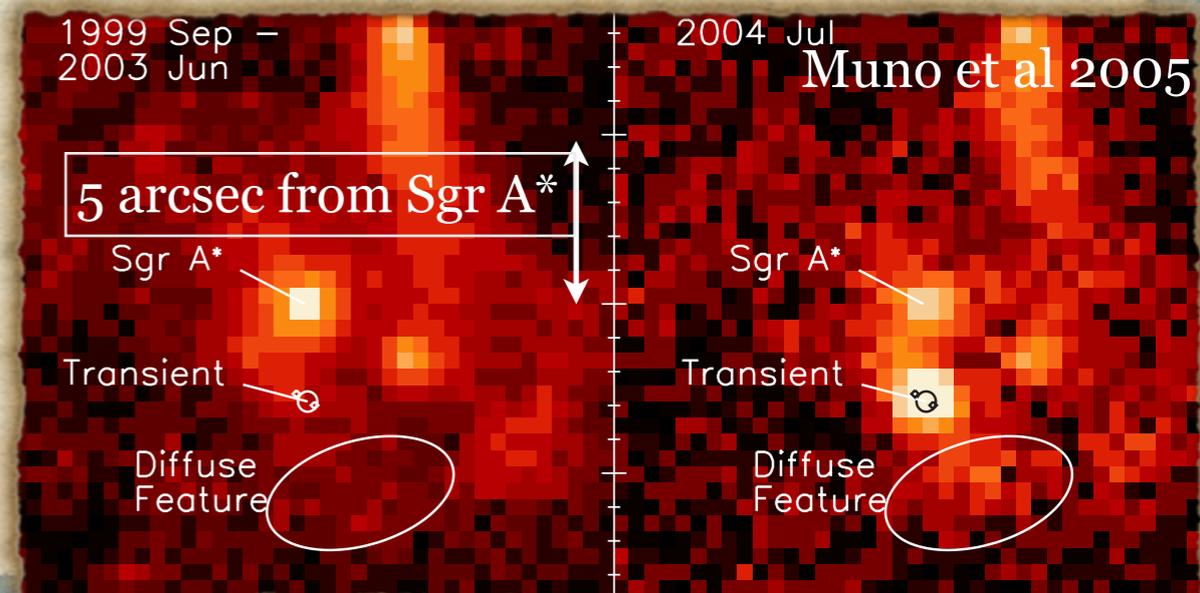
- ◆ 3 Known Binaries: IRS 16SW, ~19.5d,  $50M_{\odot}$  @ 0.05pc (Ott et al. 1999; Martins et al. 2006); IRS 16NE @ ~0.1pc, 224d,  $e \sim 0.3$  (Pfuhl et al. 2014); E60 @ ~0.1pc, 2.3d,  $30M_{\odot}$  (Pfuhl et al. 2014)
- ◆ Binary fraction of massive stars **may be** comparable to young clusters (e.g., Ott et al. 1999; Rafelski et al. 2007; Pfuhl et al. 2014) **or larger** (Alexander et al 2008)



# Binaries in Galactic Nuclei

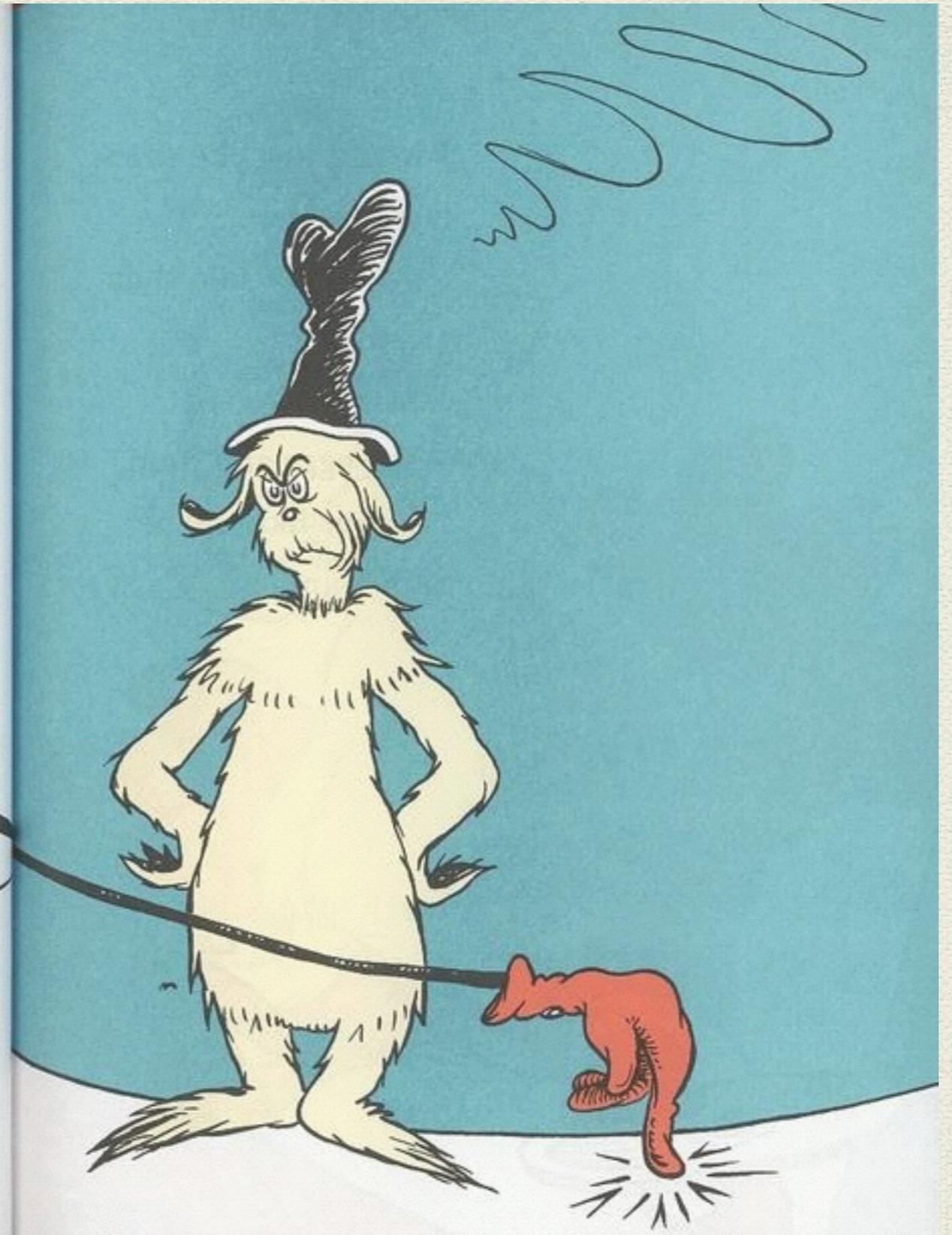
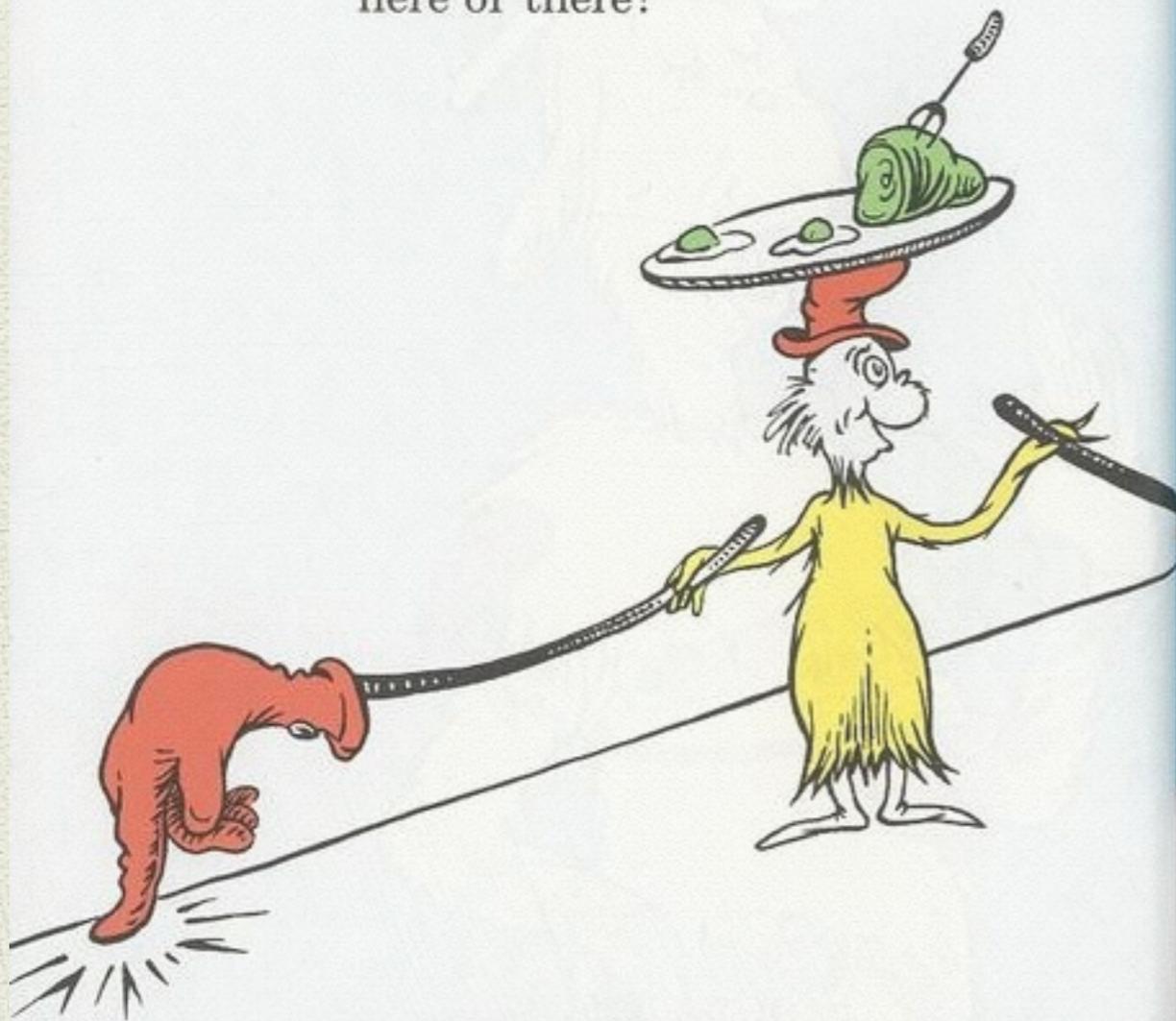
## Galactic Center - Observational evidence

- ◆ X-ray Binaries; Many in the inner 1pc (e.g., Muno et al 2005a,b, Hailey et al 2018)
- ◆ Hypervelocity stars  
(Brown et al 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, Hills 1988; Miralda-Escude & Gould 2000; Quillen & Gould 2003; Yu and Tremaine 2003; O'Leary & Loeb 2007, Perets et al. 2009; Perets 2009)
- ◆ \*Stellar disk properties = Large binary fraction (**Naoz** et al 2018)



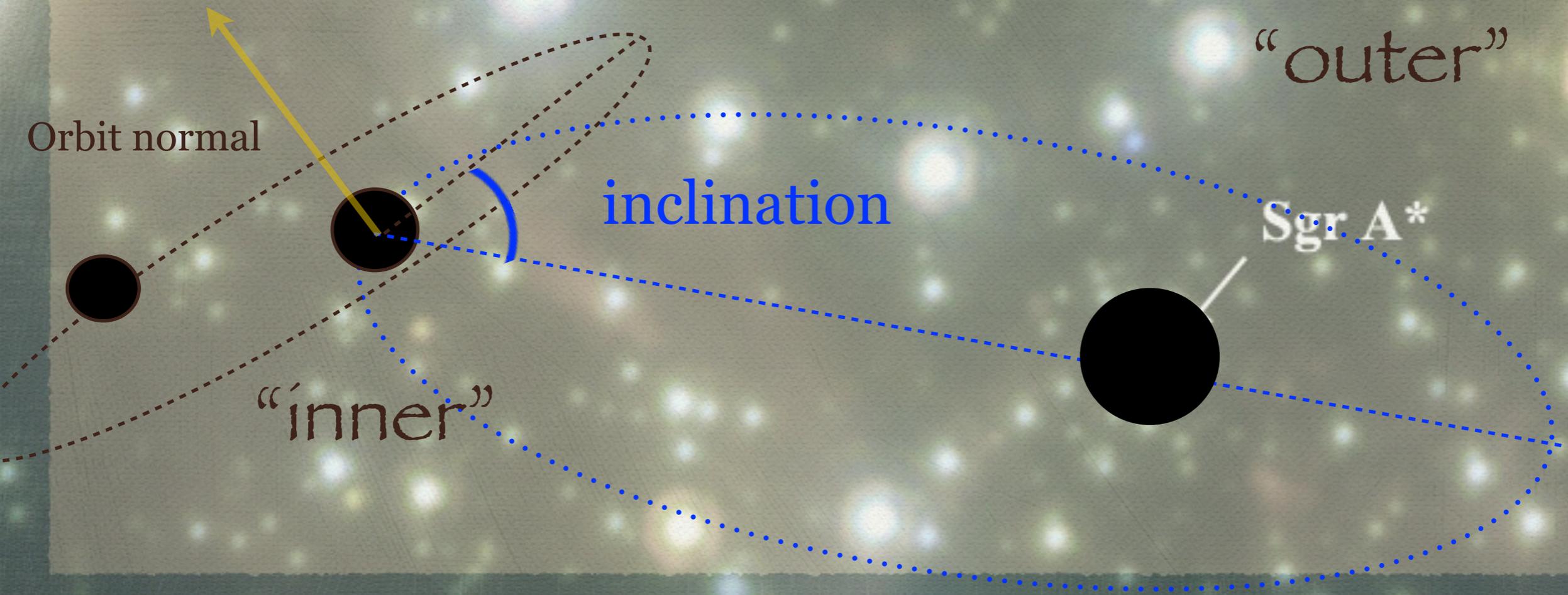
Binaries  
Here and There  
Binaries Are Everywhere

Would you like them  
here or there?



# Binaries in Galactic Nuclei

Hierarchical triple system  
Not to scale!



# Binaries in Galactic Nuclei

Hierarchical triple system

Kozai 1962, Lidov 1962

$$L_z \sim \sqrt{1 - e^2} \cos i = \text{const}$$

Not to scale!

$L_{z1}$  conserved **only** to lowest order  
(quadrupole= axis-symmetric  
potential) **and** for a test particle  
(massless particle)!

For initially inclined system  $\approx 40^\circ$

Orbit normal

“inner”

Sgr A\*

“outer”

**Naoz** et al, Nature (2011), arXiv:1011.2501

**Naoz** et al (2013), MNRAS, arXiv:1107.2414

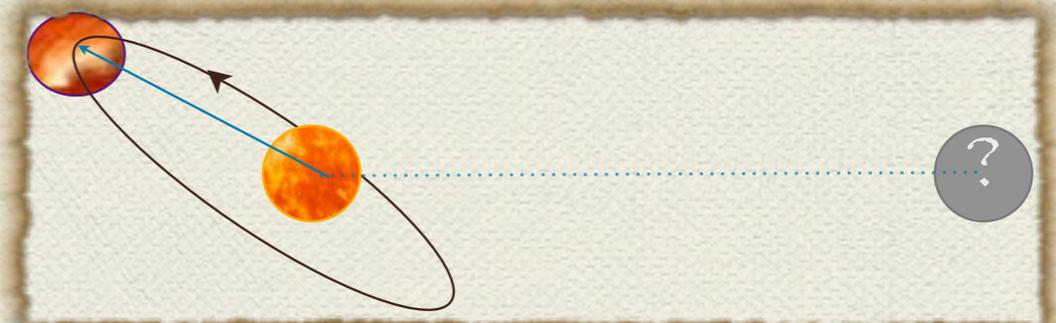
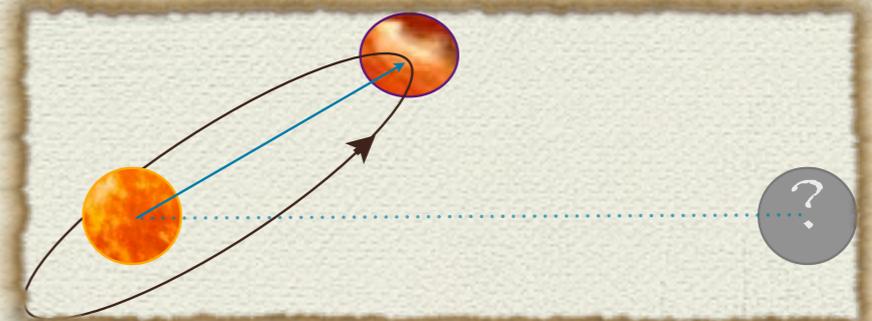
# The Eccentric Kozai-Lidov Mechanism

## EKL:

See for review: **Naoz** (2016), ARA&A

- ◆ Allow for the **z-component** of the angular momenta of the **inner** and **outer** orbit to change - already at the **quadrupole level**
- ◆ Expanding the approximation to the **octupole level** (*e.g., Ford et al 2000, Blaes et al 2002 - already done before us!!!*)
- ◆ Both the magnitude and orientation of the angular momentum can change

$i < 90$  deg - prograde



$i > 90$  deg - retrograde

larger parts of the parameter space

**Naoz** et al, Nature (2011), arXiv:1011.2501

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**Extreme  
eccentricities!**

# Binaries in Galactic Nuclei

GR effects: e.g., Ford et al 2000,  
Naoz, Kocsis, Loeb, Yunes 2013

$$m_1 = 10 M_\odot$$

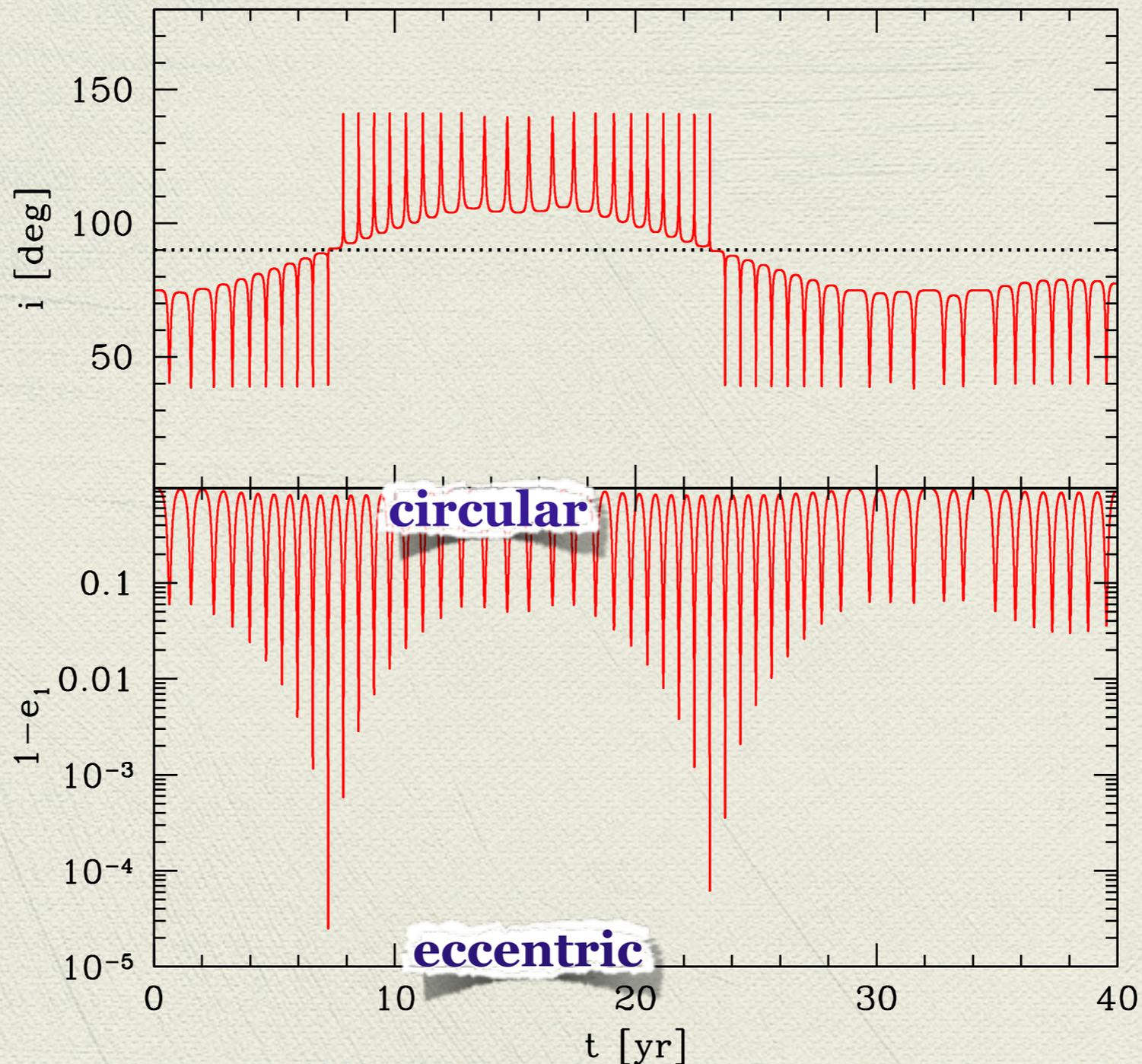
$$m_2 = 1 M_\odot$$

$$M_{SMBH} = 4 \times 10^6 M_\odot$$

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$$a_2 = 0.003 \text{ pc}$$

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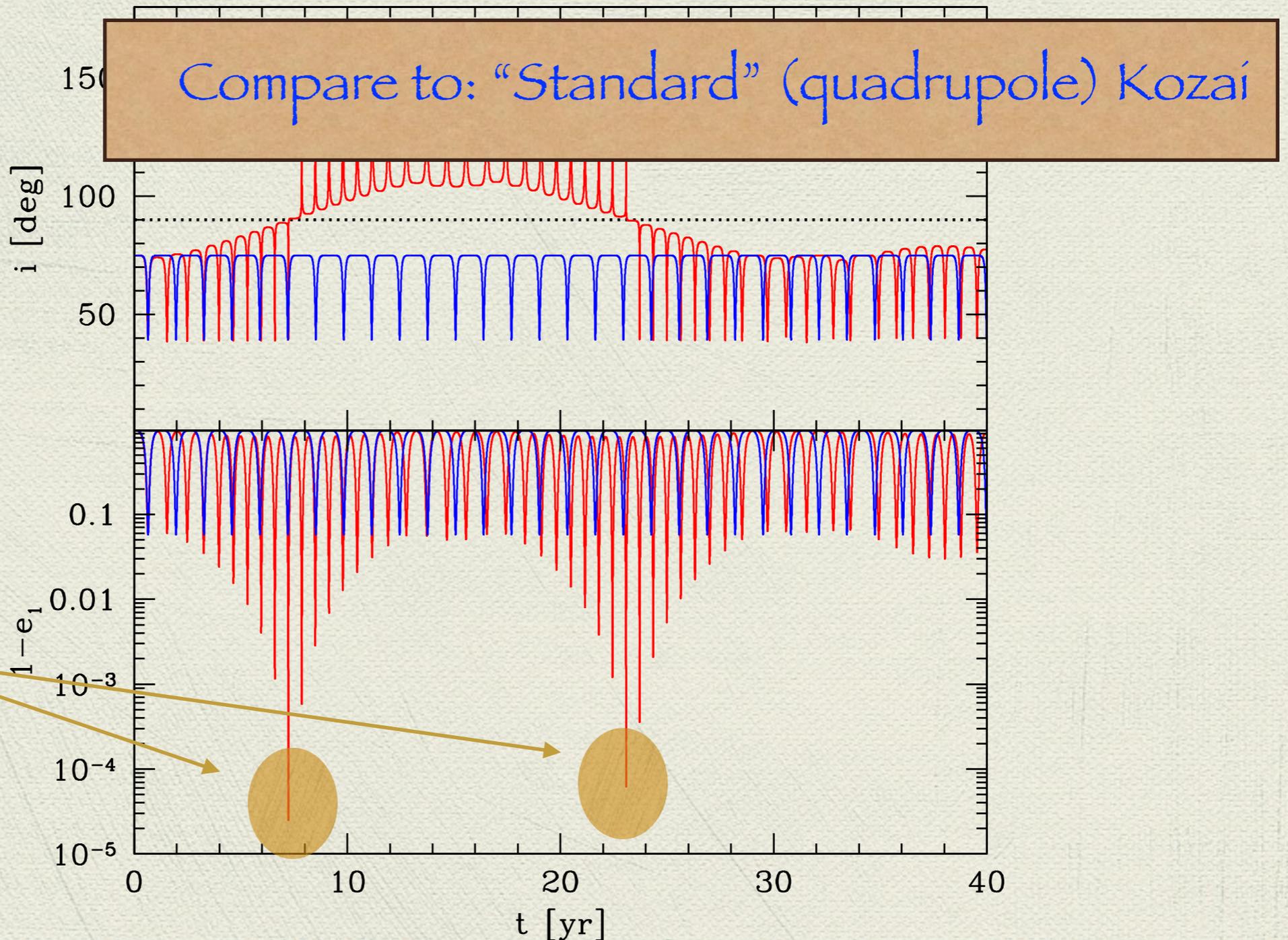
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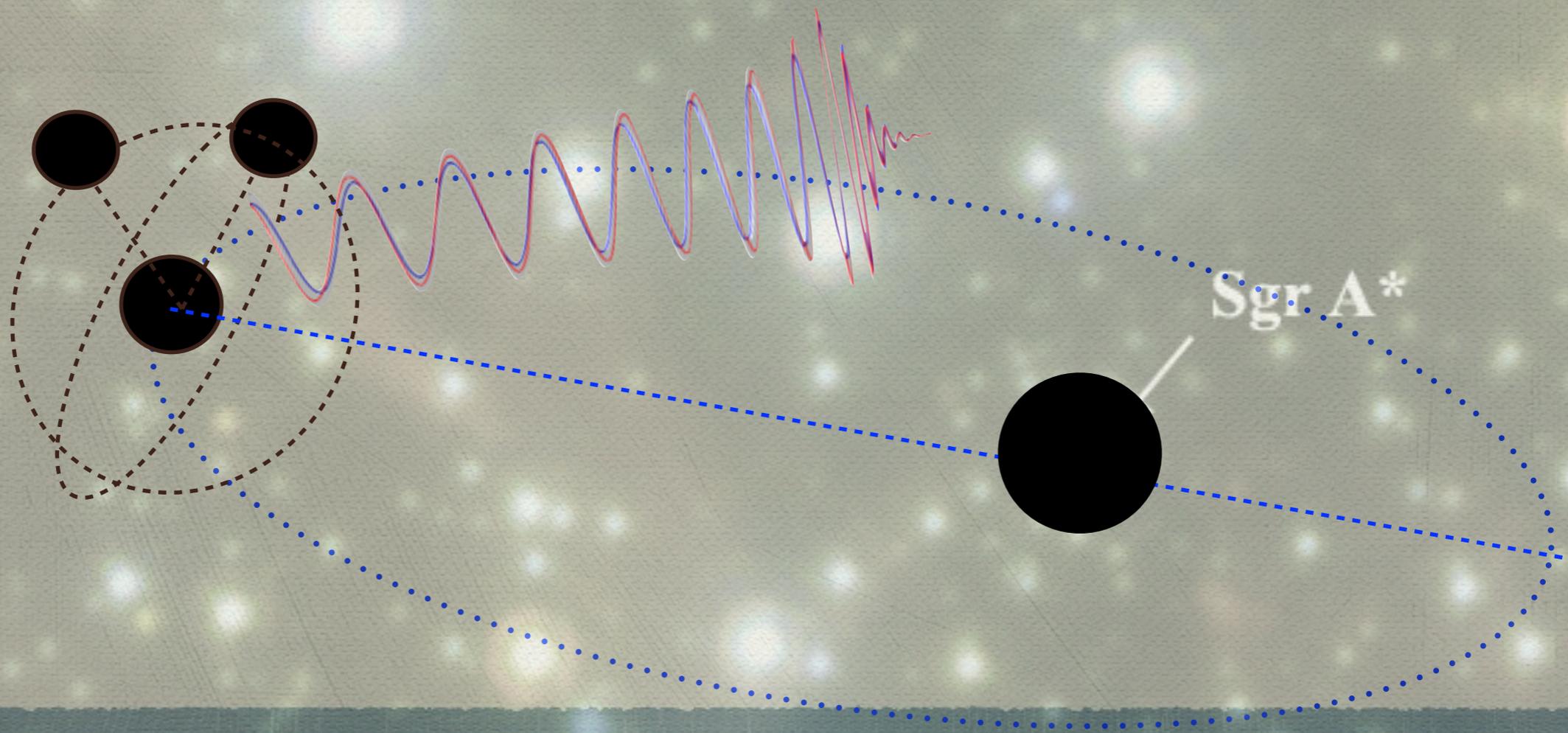
extreme  
eccentricity  
peaks



# Binaries in Galactic Nuclei

EKL

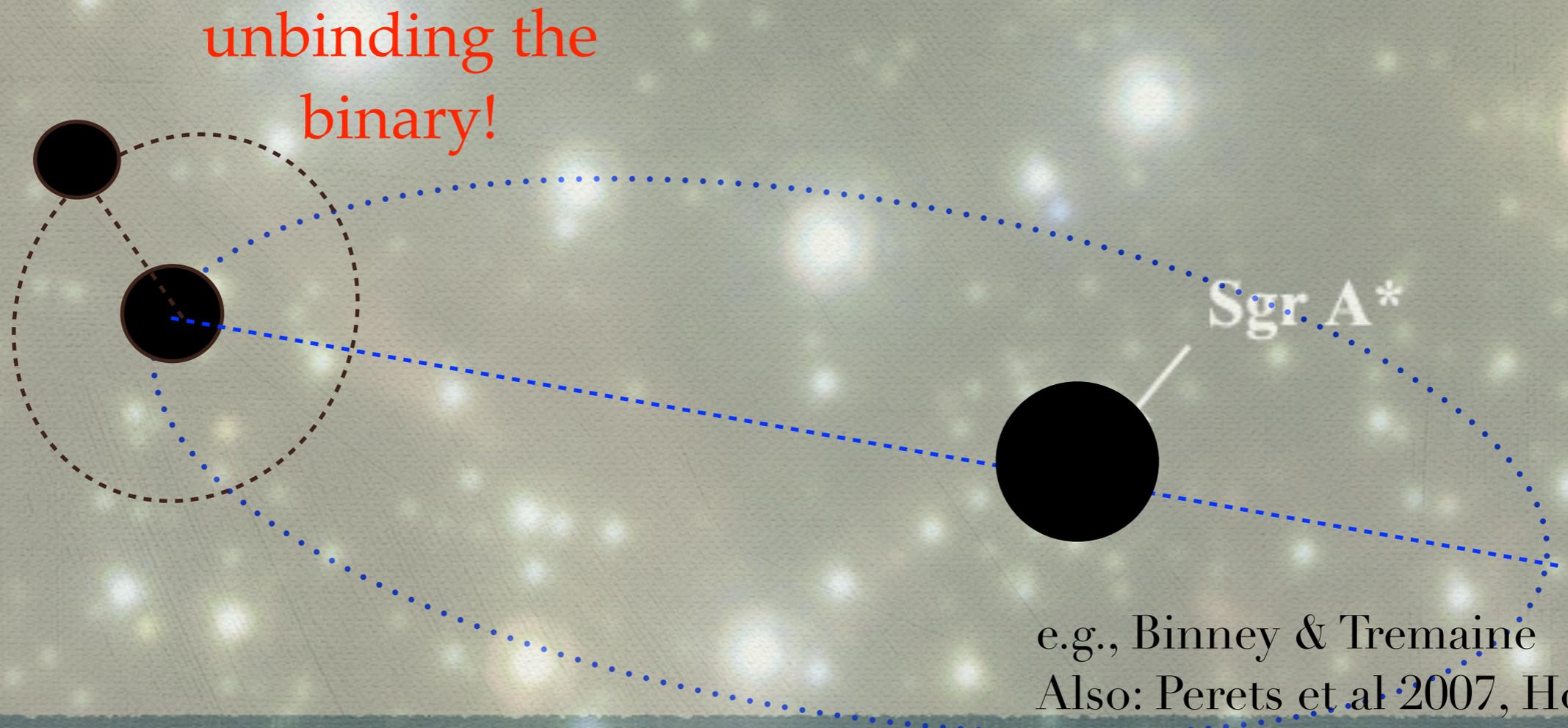
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# Binaries in Galactic Nuclei and their neighbors

no EKL

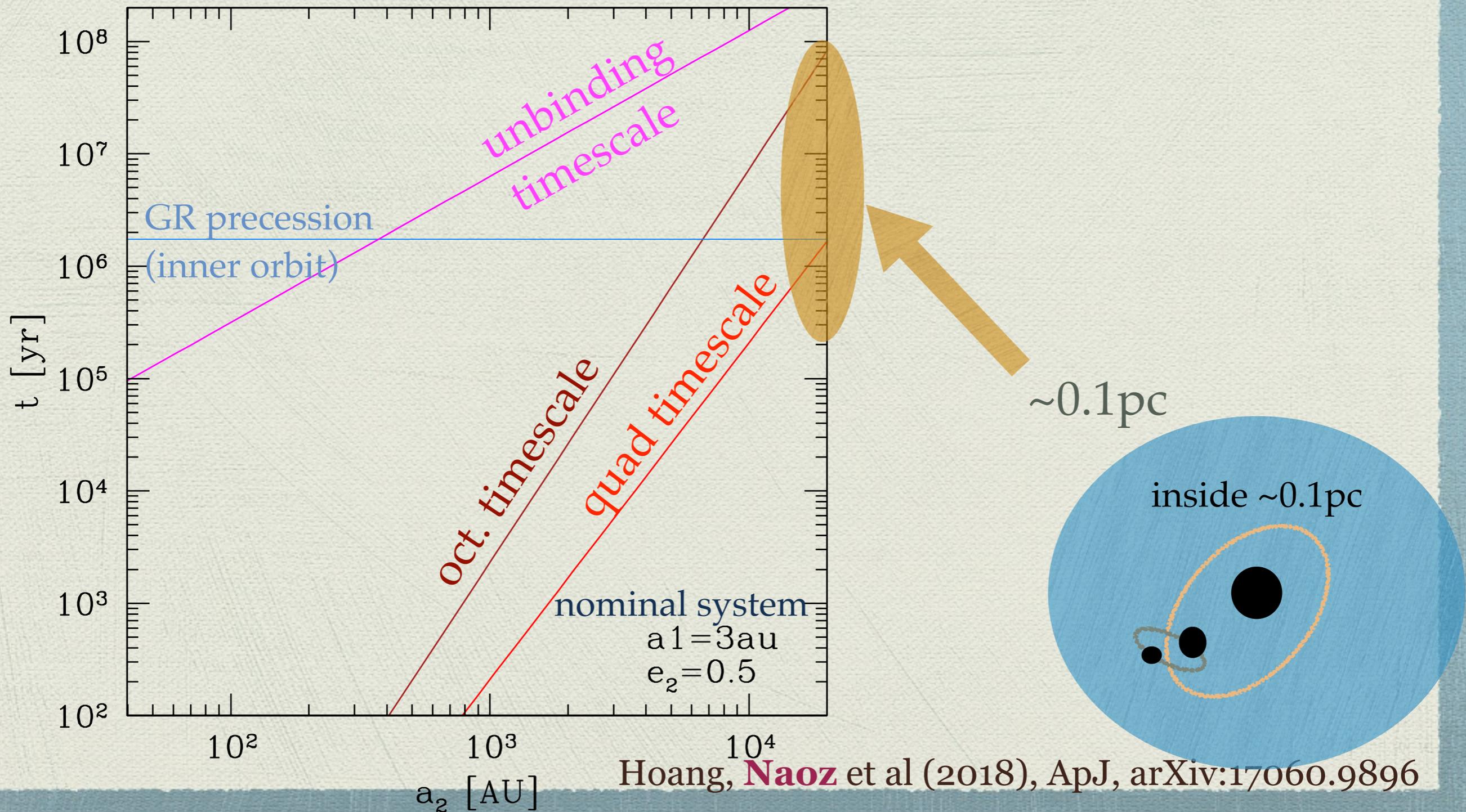
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e.g., Binney & Tremaine  
Also: Perets et al 2007, Hopman  
2009, Antonini et al 2010

# Binaries in Galactic Nuclei and their neighbors

## Soft Binaries



# Binaries in Galactic Nuclei

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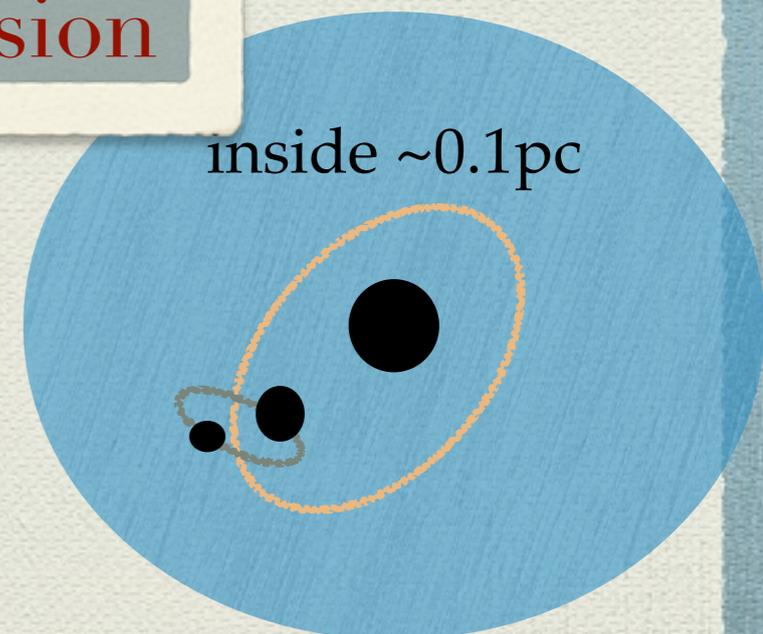
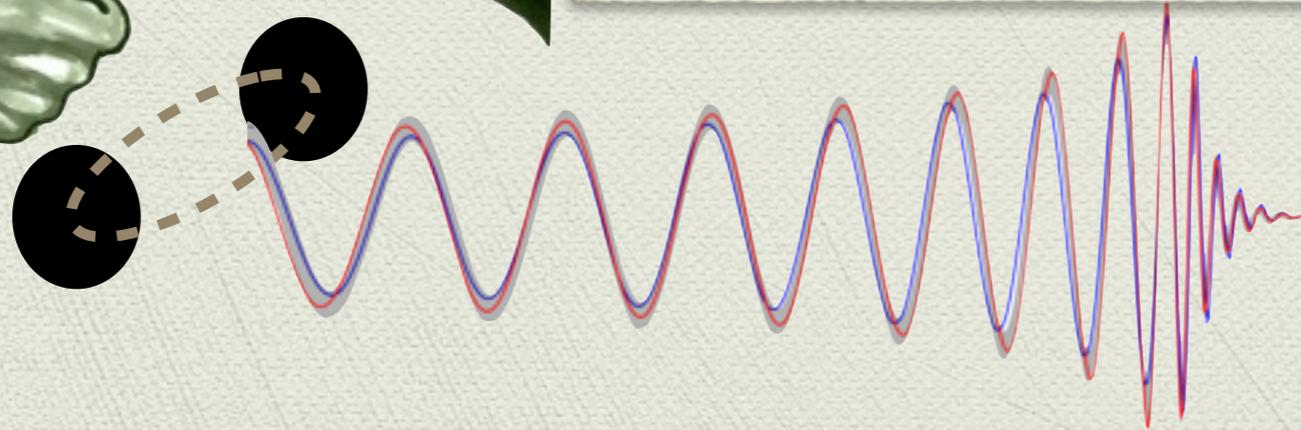


Looking at soft binaries

- + EKL
- + 1PN
- + GW
- + Unbinding
- + Disruption
- + Newtonian precession



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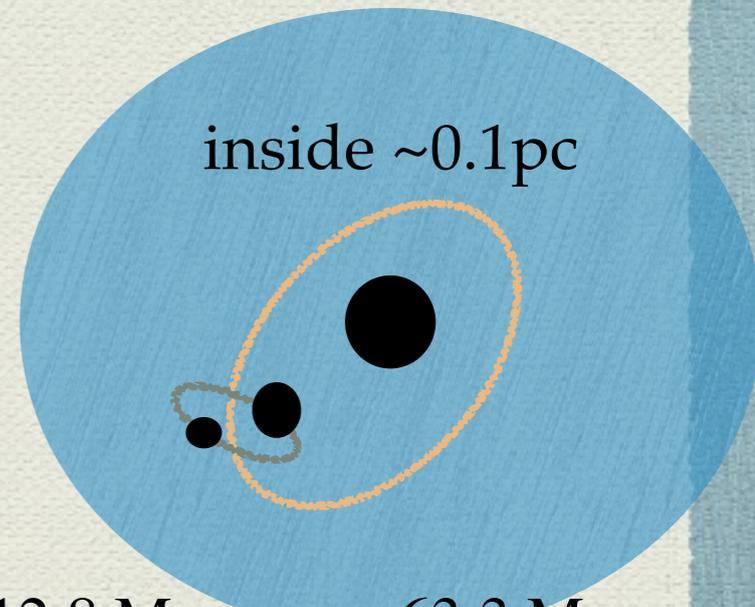
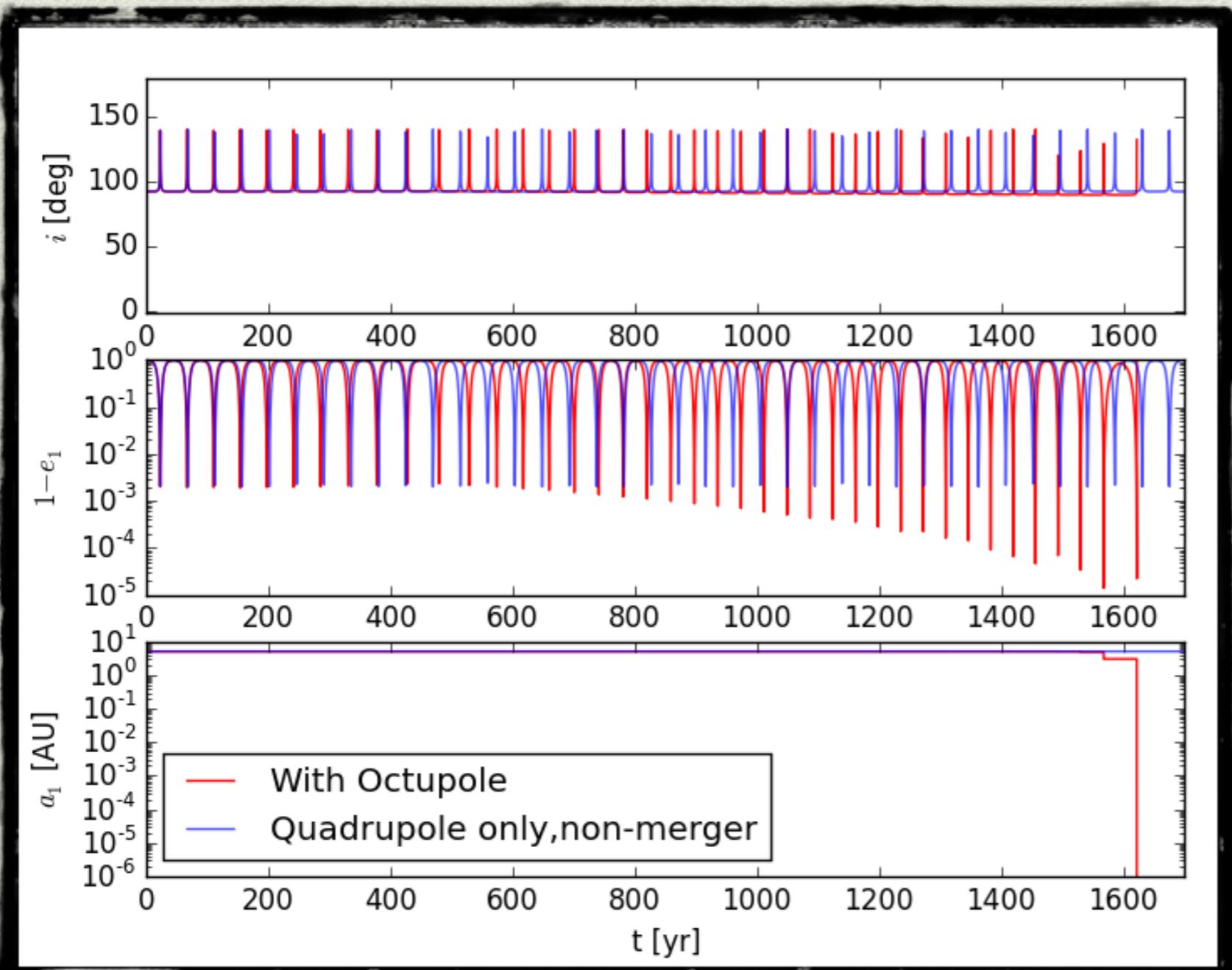
For hard binaries see: Antonini et al.  
2010; Antonini & Perets 2012

Hoang, **Naoz** et al (2018), ApJ, arXiv:17060.9896

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$m_1 = 12.8 M_{\odot}, m_2 = 63.3 M_{\odot}$   
 $m_{MBH} = 1 \times 10^7 M_{\odot}$   
 $a_1 = 5.1 \text{ AU}, a_2 = 936 \text{ AU},$   
 $e_1 = 0.014, e_2 = 0.4, i = 92.8$

see Randall & Xianyu (2018) for quad level

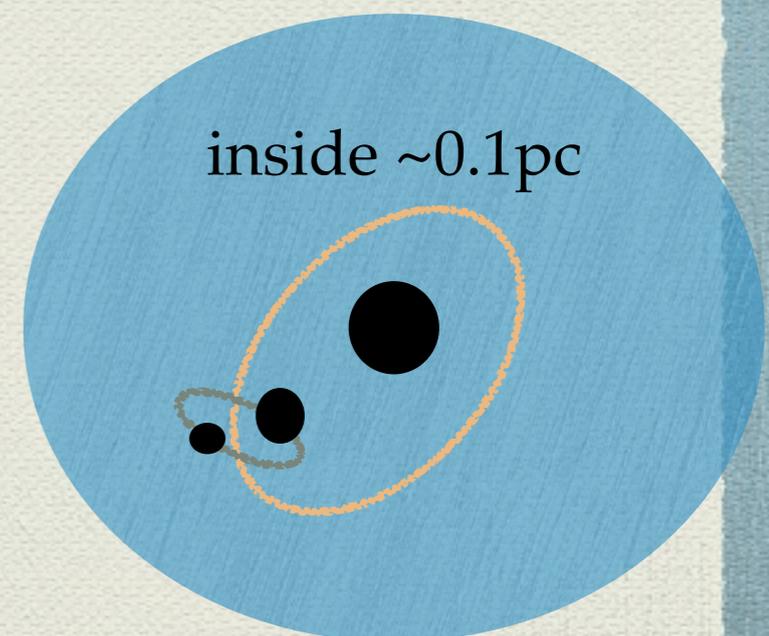
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# Binaries in Galactic Nuclei

Monte-Carlo simulations



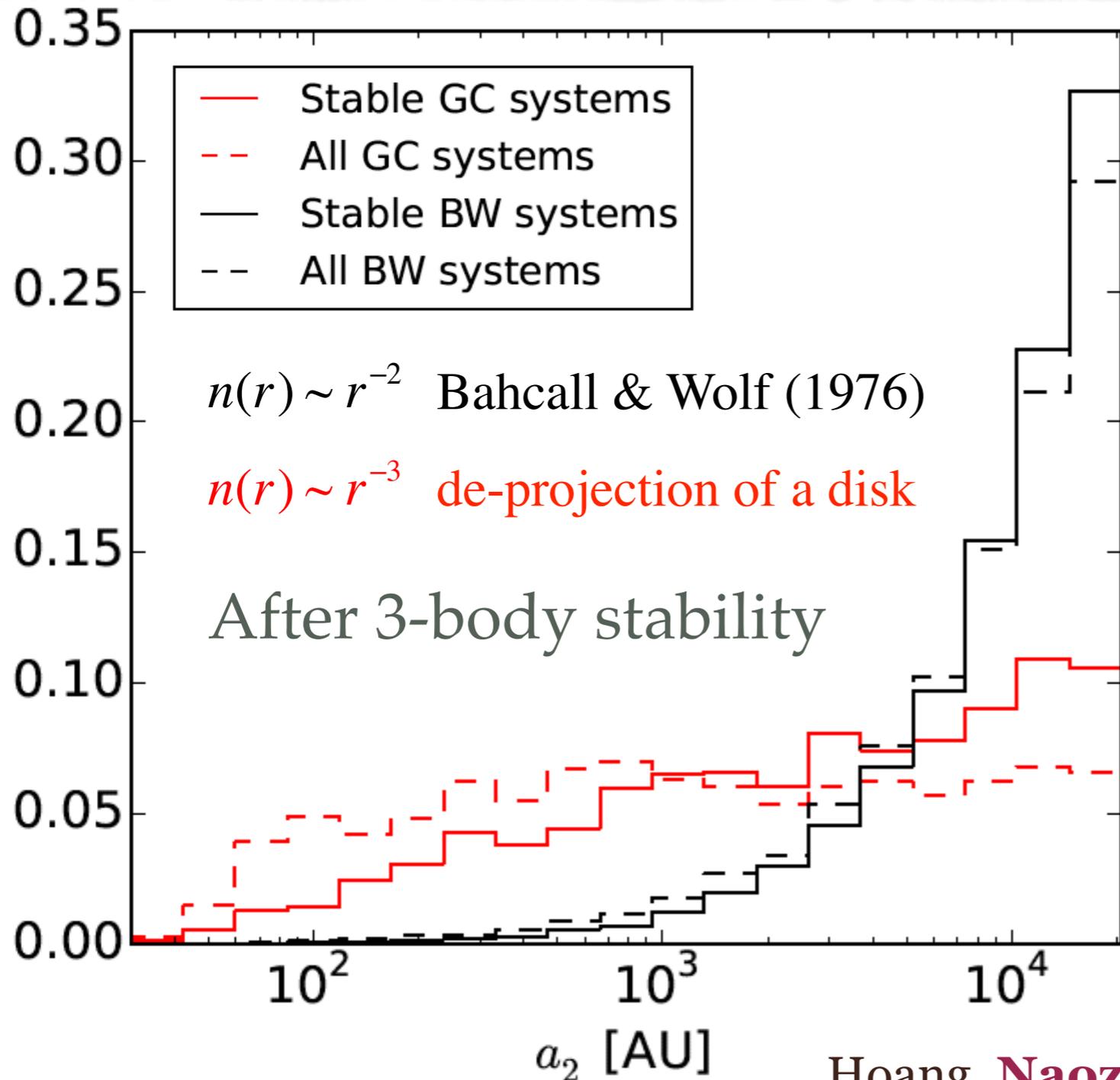
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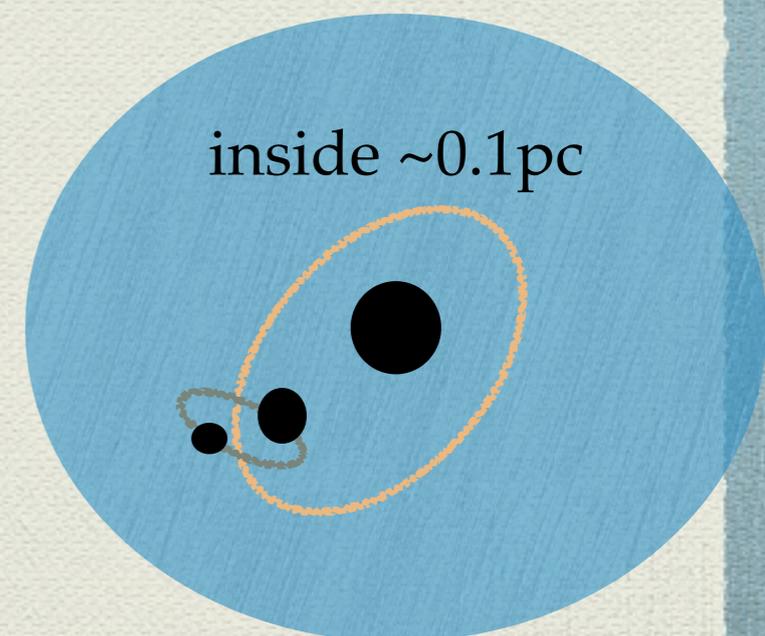
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## Monte-Carlo simulations



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# Binaries in Galactic Nuclei

## BH merger rate

$$\Gamma_{\text{tot}} = n_g f_{\text{SMBH}} \Gamma$$

$$\Gamma = N_{\text{bin}} f_{\text{merge}} \gamma_{\text{EKL}}$$



Insensitive to distribution

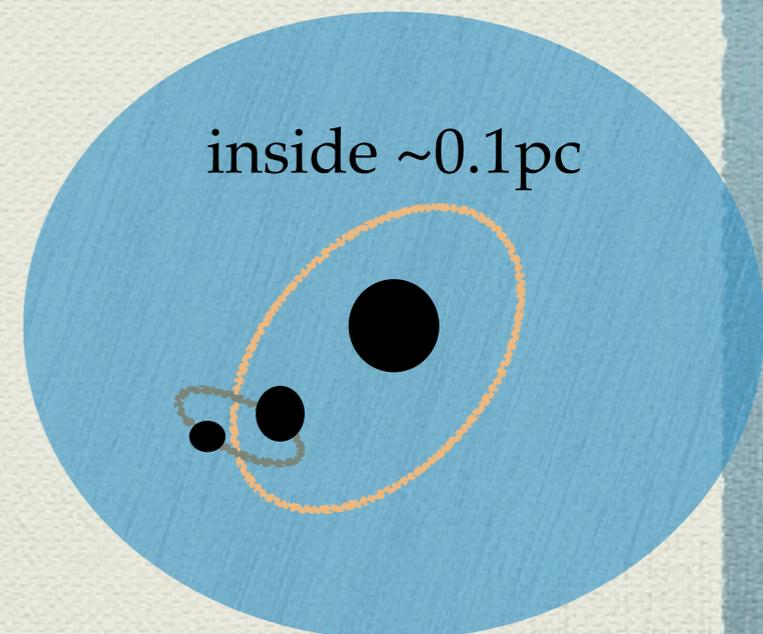
Galaxies # density:

$$n_g = 0.02 \text{ Mpc}^{-3} \text{ e.g., Conselice et al. (2005)}$$

$$\text{And: } f_{\text{SMBH}} \sim 0.5$$



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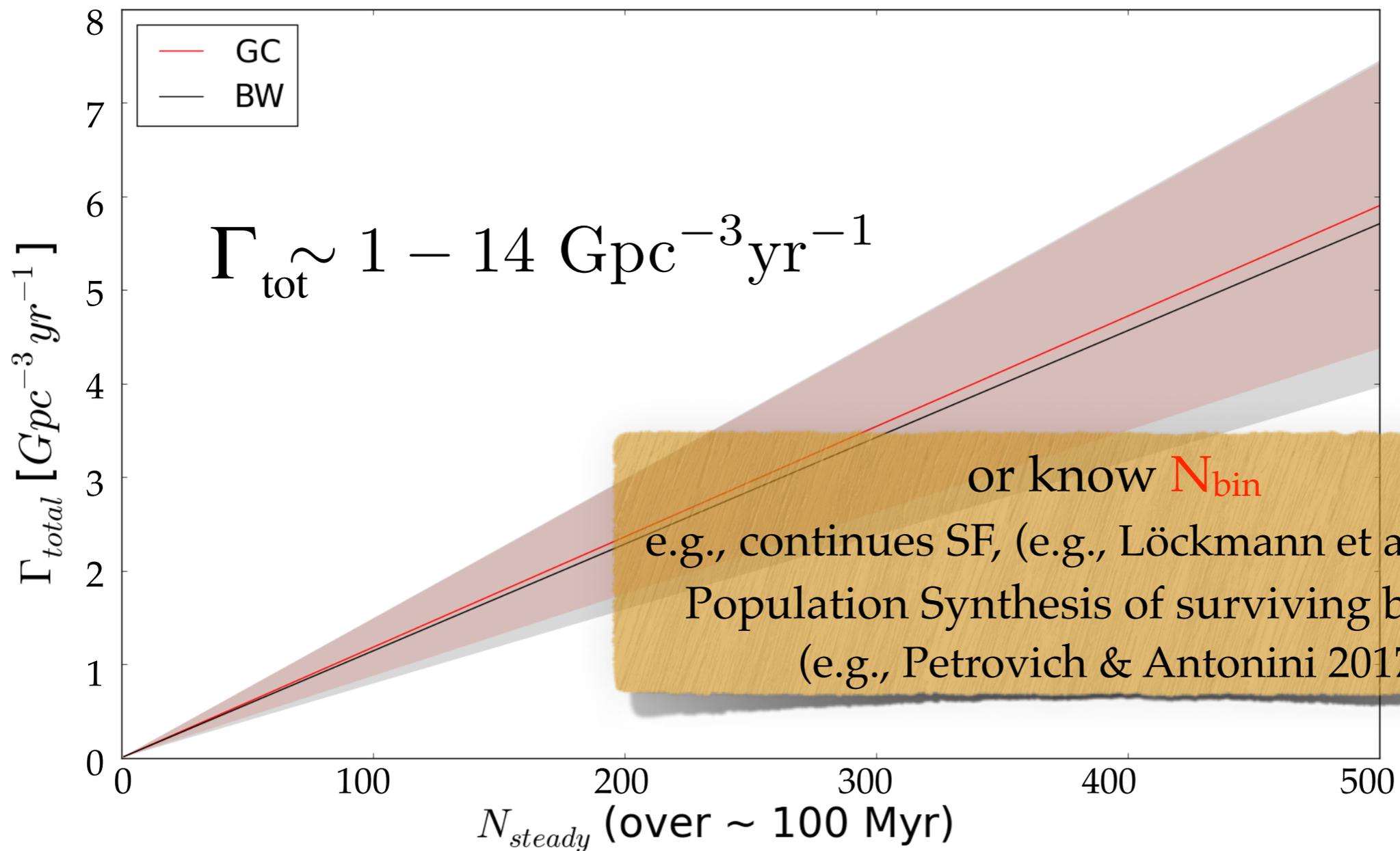


# Binaries in Galactic Nuclei

## BH merger rate



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# BH merger rate - Dynamical Channels

$\Gamma \sim 1-14 \text{ Gpc}^{-3} \text{ yr}^{-1}$  Hoang, **Naoz** et al (2018)

+

$\Gamma \sim 1.5 \text{ Gpc}^{-3} \text{ yr}^{-1}$  O'Leary et al (2009)  
Gondan et al (2018)

+

$\Gamma \sim 0.5-15 \text{ Gpc}^{-3} \text{ yr}^{-1}$  Petrovich & Antonini (2017)  
EKL derivative

+

$\Gamma \sim 5-50 \text{ Gpc}^{-3} \text{ yr}^{-1}$  Rodriguez et al (2016,2018)  
see Fred Rasio's talk

=

$\Gamma \sim 8-80.5 \text{ Gpc}^{-3} \text{ yr}^{-1}$

+ see Bartos et al (2018) for  
binaries near AGN accretion disk

GC

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inside few pc

inside  $\sim 0.1 \text{ pc}$

$\Gamma \sim 1-14 \text{ Gpc}^{-3} \text{ yr}^{-1}$

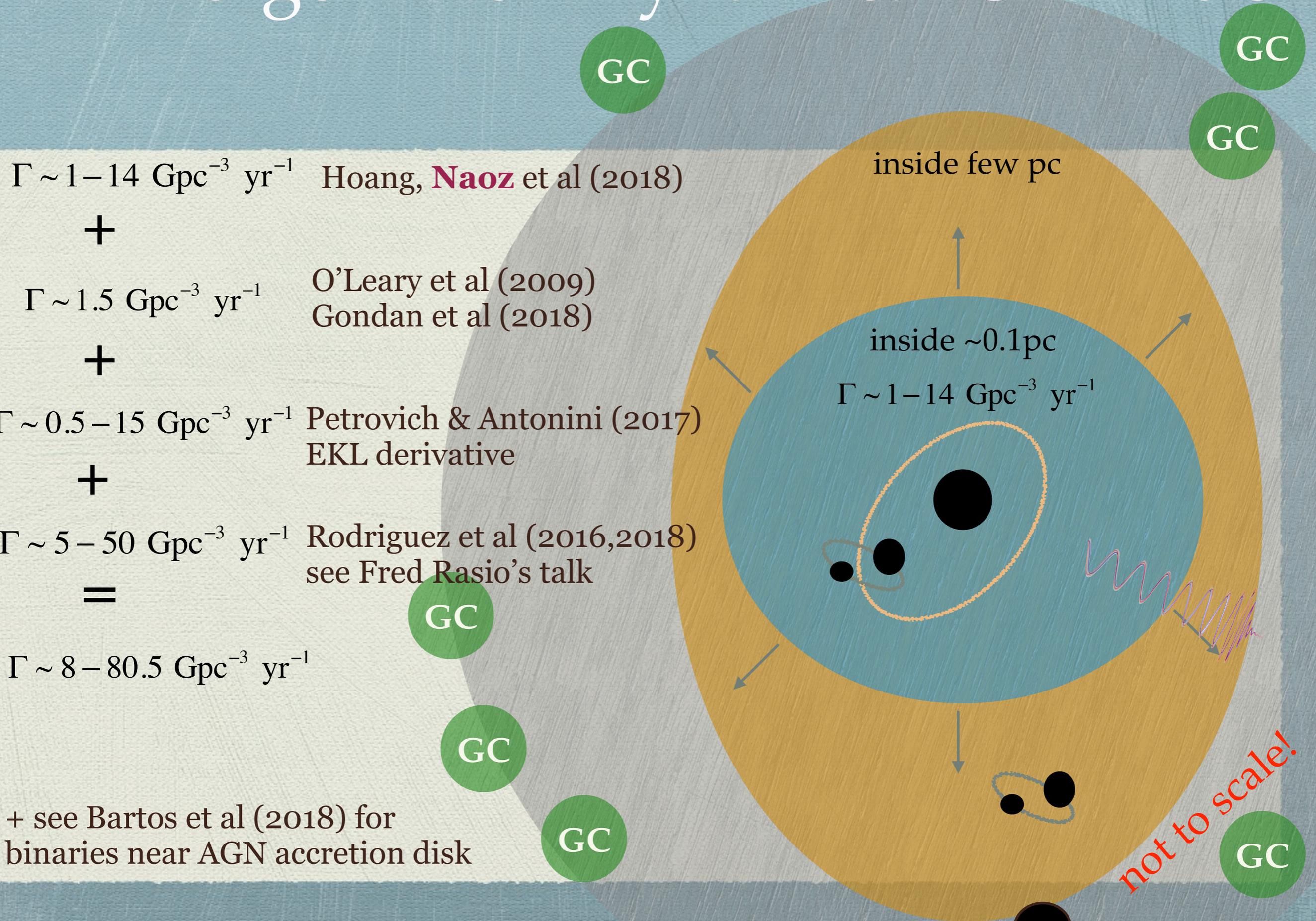
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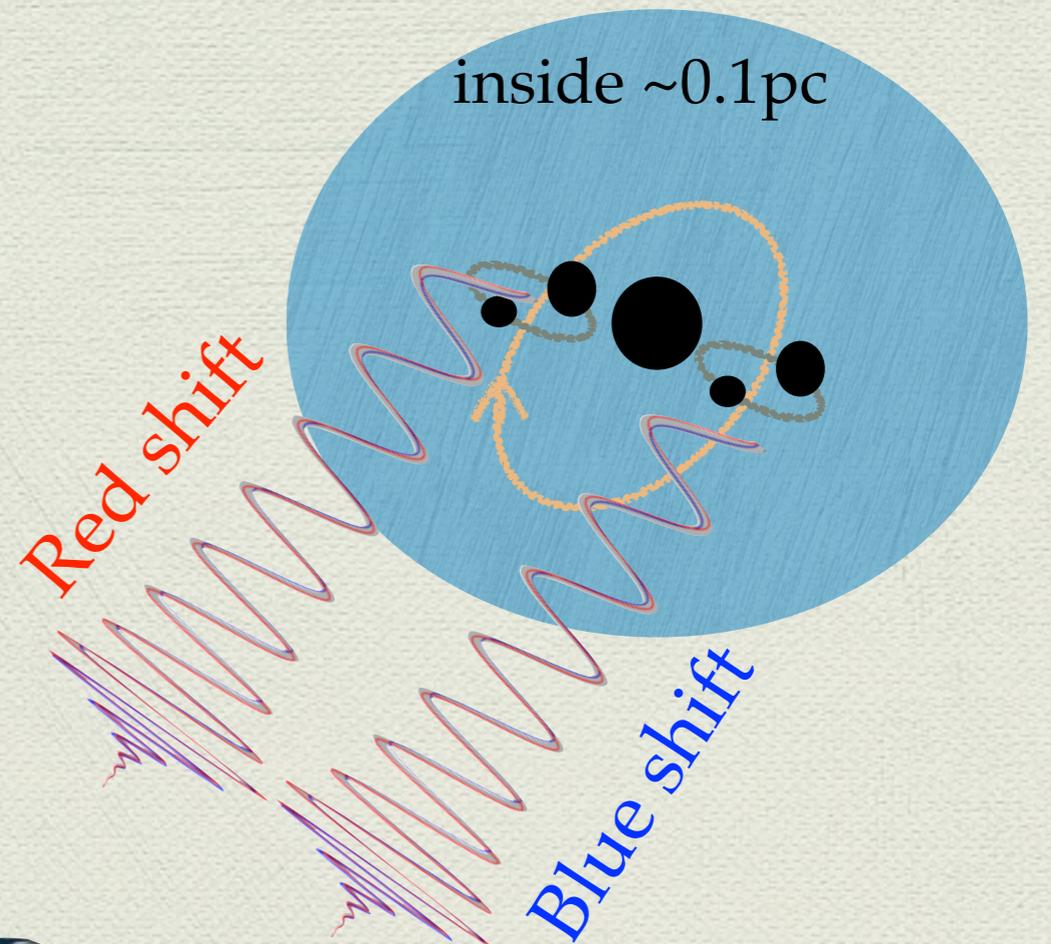
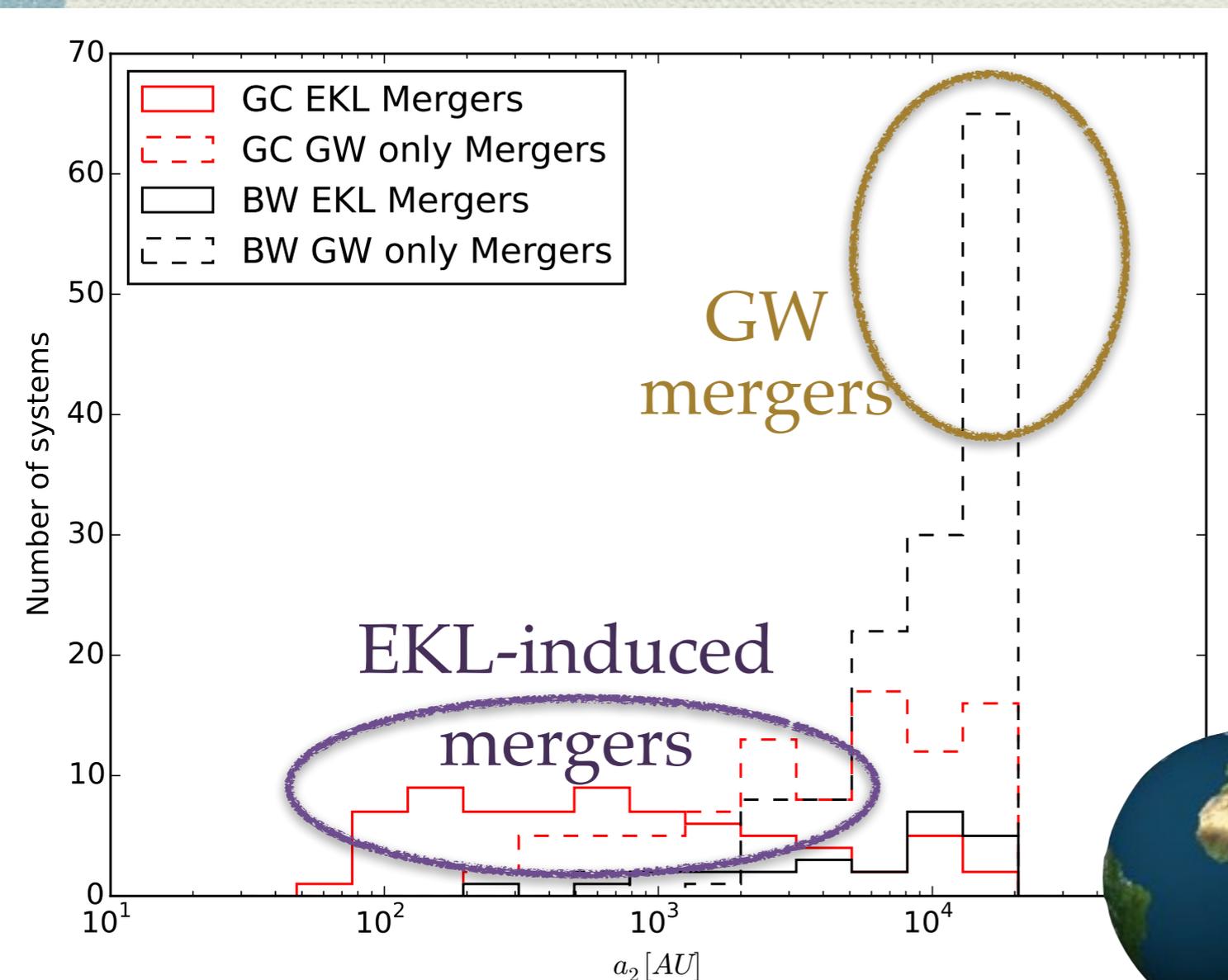
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# Can we disentangle between them?

## Binaries in Galactic Nuclei



e.g., Meiron, et al (2017);  
Inayoshi et al. (2017)

# Punchline

**SMASH!**



- SMBH at the galactic nuclei can lead to BH merger
- Insensitive to  $n \sim r^{-\alpha}$  or other outer orbit precession
- Rates comparable to other dynamical channels
- Possible distinguishable

