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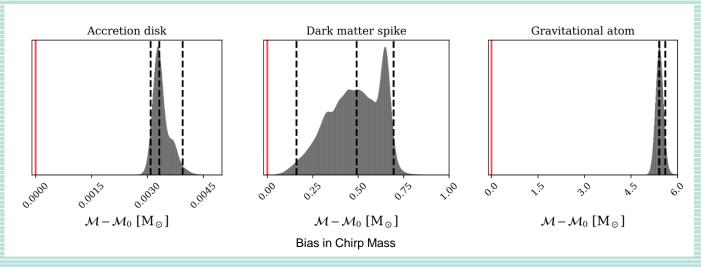
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Disks, spikes and clouds: Distinguishing environmental effects on binary black hole gravitational waves



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In the next decade, space-based gravitational wave detectors such as LISA or Taiji will enable the observation of an entire new frequency range. Upcoming discoveries such as intermediate and extreme mass ratio binary black hole inspirals open exciting new avenues for probing fundamental physics and physics beyond the standard model. Due to their nature, these binaries will remain in band for weeks, months or even years and as they inspiral they will slowly map the space-time around them. Environments around the black holes, can thus have a large effect on their motion and encode their properties on the emitted gravitational waveforms. In this talk, I will show that we can measure parameters with nested sampling not only for baryonic environments, such as accretion disks, but also exotic scenarios as the dark matter spike or clouds of scalar field (gravitational atoms). Furthermore, I will demonstrate the importance of surrogate modeling via machine learning in the hunt for these signals.

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