Neutron stars:
gravitational-wave sources that still matter

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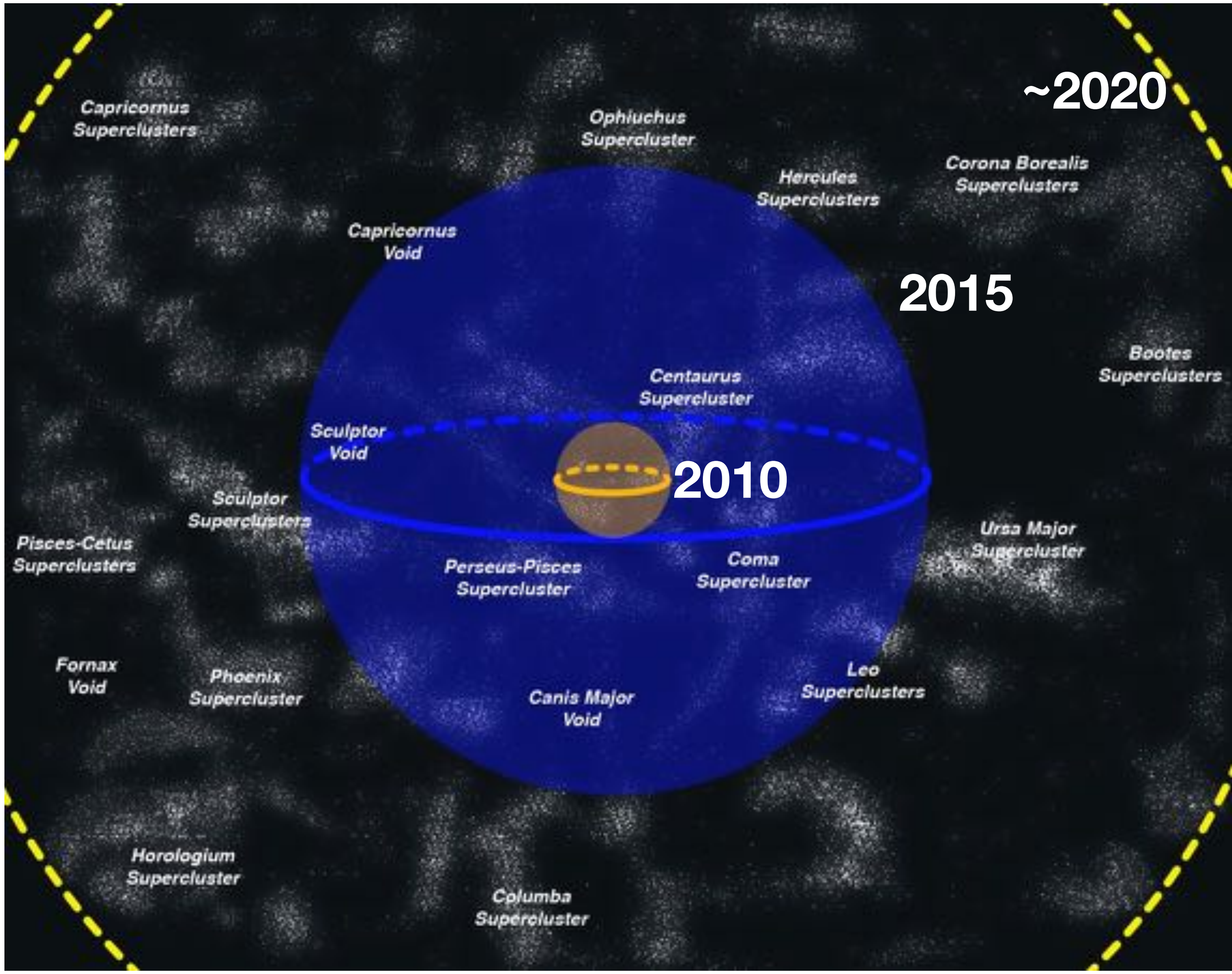
- Advanced LIGO results so far
    - Astrophysical implications
- Impact of matter on compact binaries
    - Measurement prospects and status
    - Waveform model

Detection prospects of Advanced LIGO design

- binary neutron star mergers to ~200 Mpc
- neutron star–(10 M_{sun}) black hole mergers to ~0.5 Gpc
- (10-10 M_{sun}) binary black hole mergers to ~1 Gpc

(LIGO White Paper: https://dcc.ligo.org/LIGO-T1400054/public, rates above sky-averaged)

initial LIGO BNS range: up to 20 Mpc
image: Shane Larson, Northwestern University

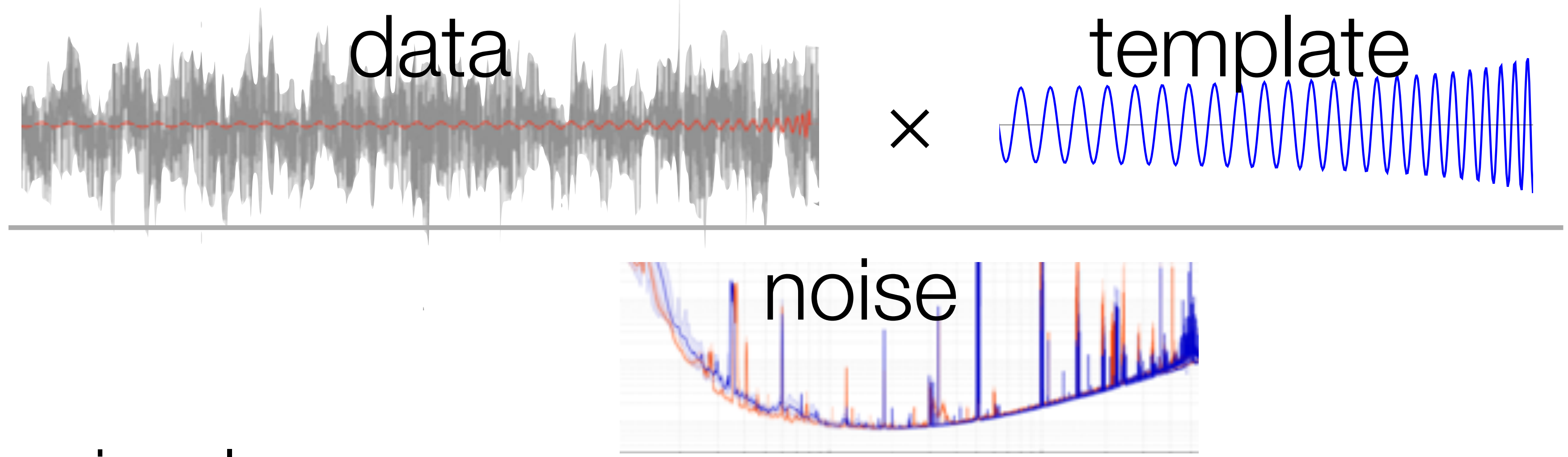


BNS expected 0.4 - 400 yr^{-1}
NSBH expected 0.2 - 300 yr^{-1}
LSC/Virgo 1003.2480

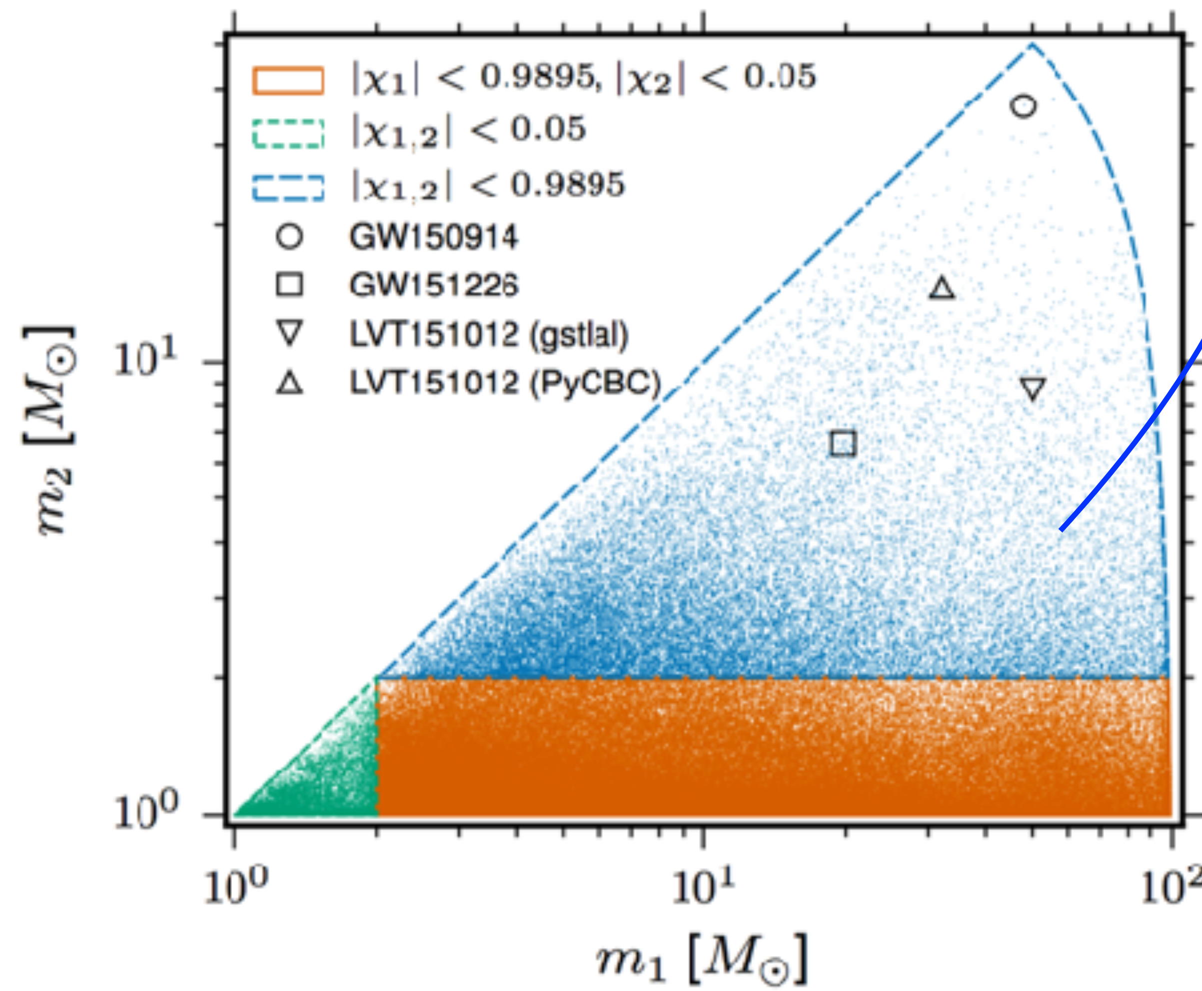
BBH expected 9 – 240 Gpc^{-3} yr^{-1}
LSC/Virgo 1606.04856

Matched-filter search for compact binary mergers

SNR =



- Integrate known signal predictions against data over many cycles, for coincident time and parameters
  - χ^2-weighted SNR, time slide background estimate
  - Estimate relative likelihood of noise and signal, single detector background estimate



"Binary Black Hole Mergers in the first Advanced LIGO Observing Run" https://arxiv.org/abs/1606.04856

First observing run (O1) from Sept 18 2015 to Jan 12 2016

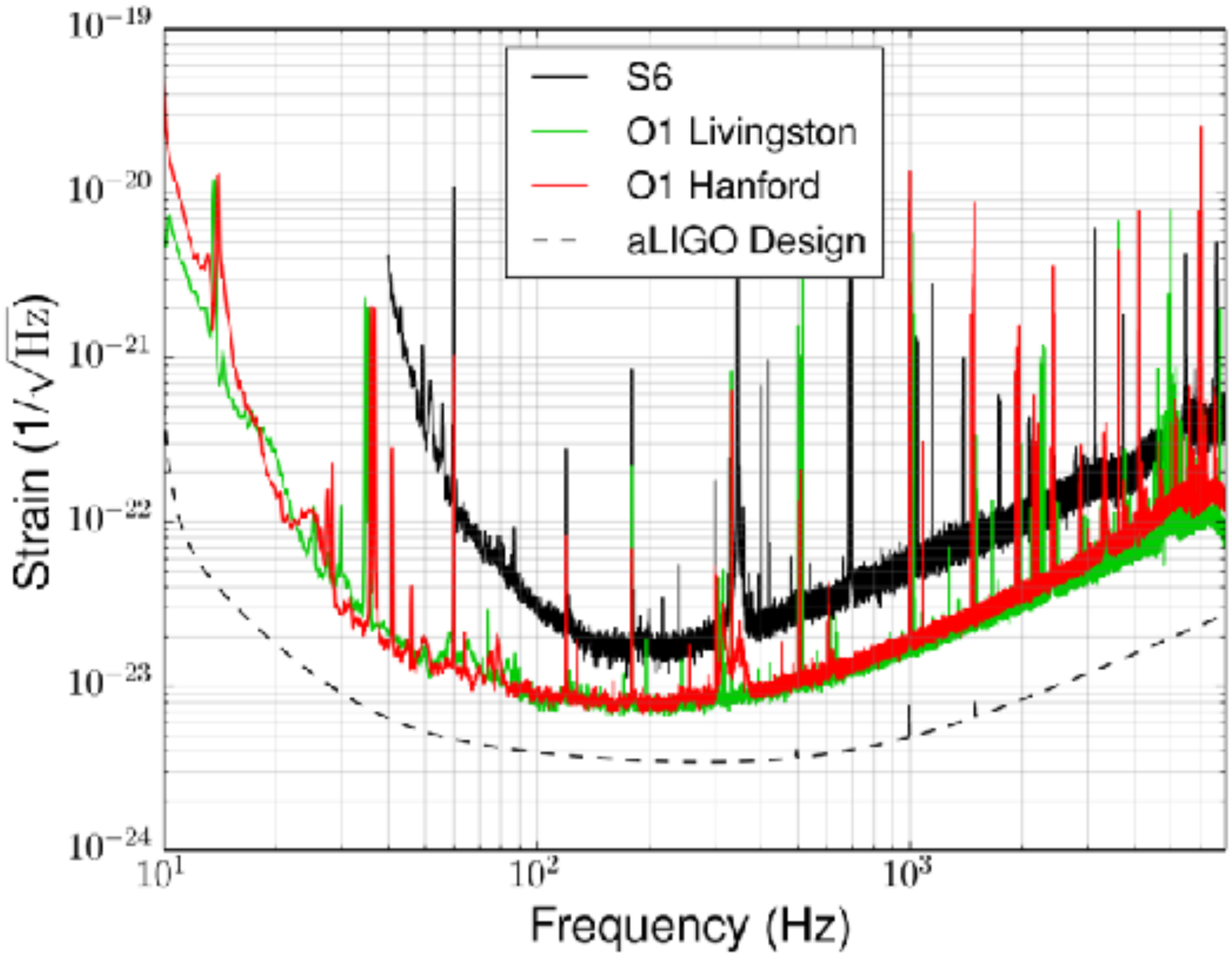


Figure by C. Messick

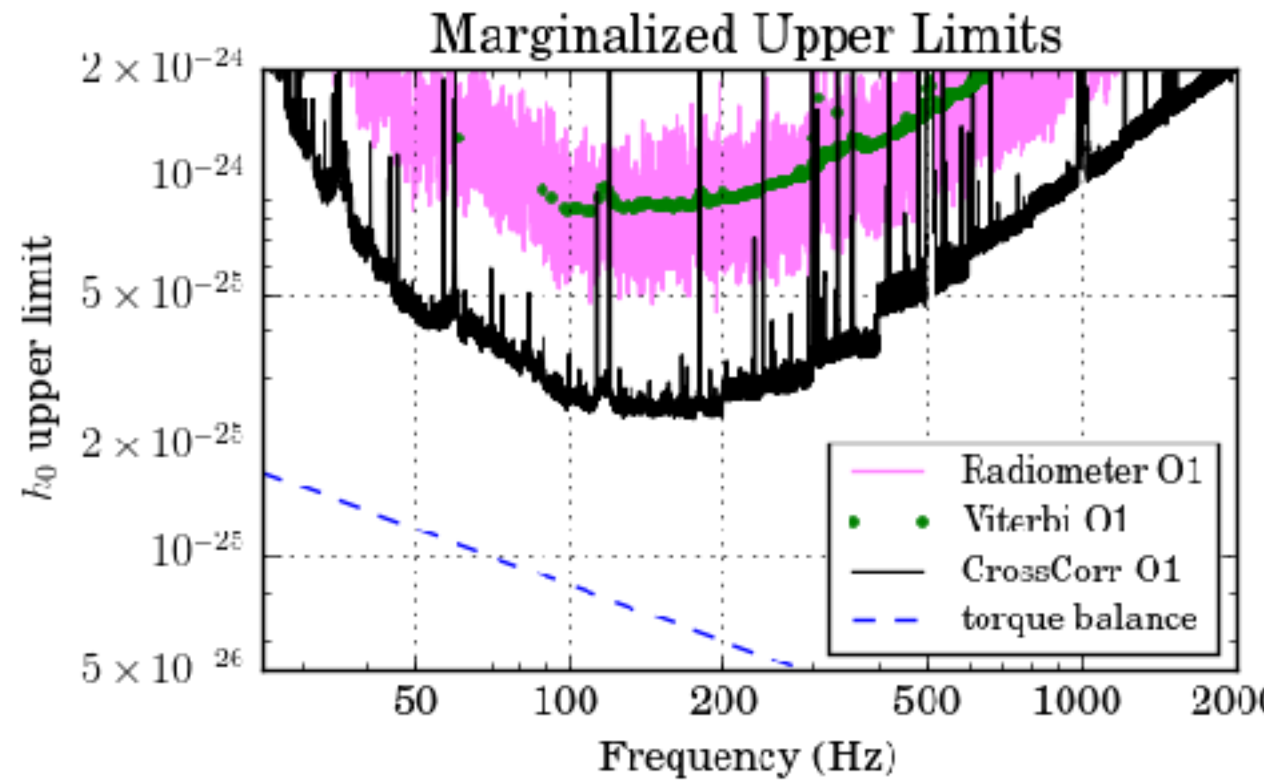
https://dcc.ligo.org/LIGO-G1500623/public , https://dcc.ligo.org/LIGO-T1100338/public

- 49 days coincident data
- ~70 Mpc reach for BNS
- No detections (or significant candidate detections) have low-mass components
- Upper limits on the rates of BNS and NSBH mergers
- https://arxiv.org/abs/1607.07456

Neutron stars as continuous-wave sources: O1 upper limits

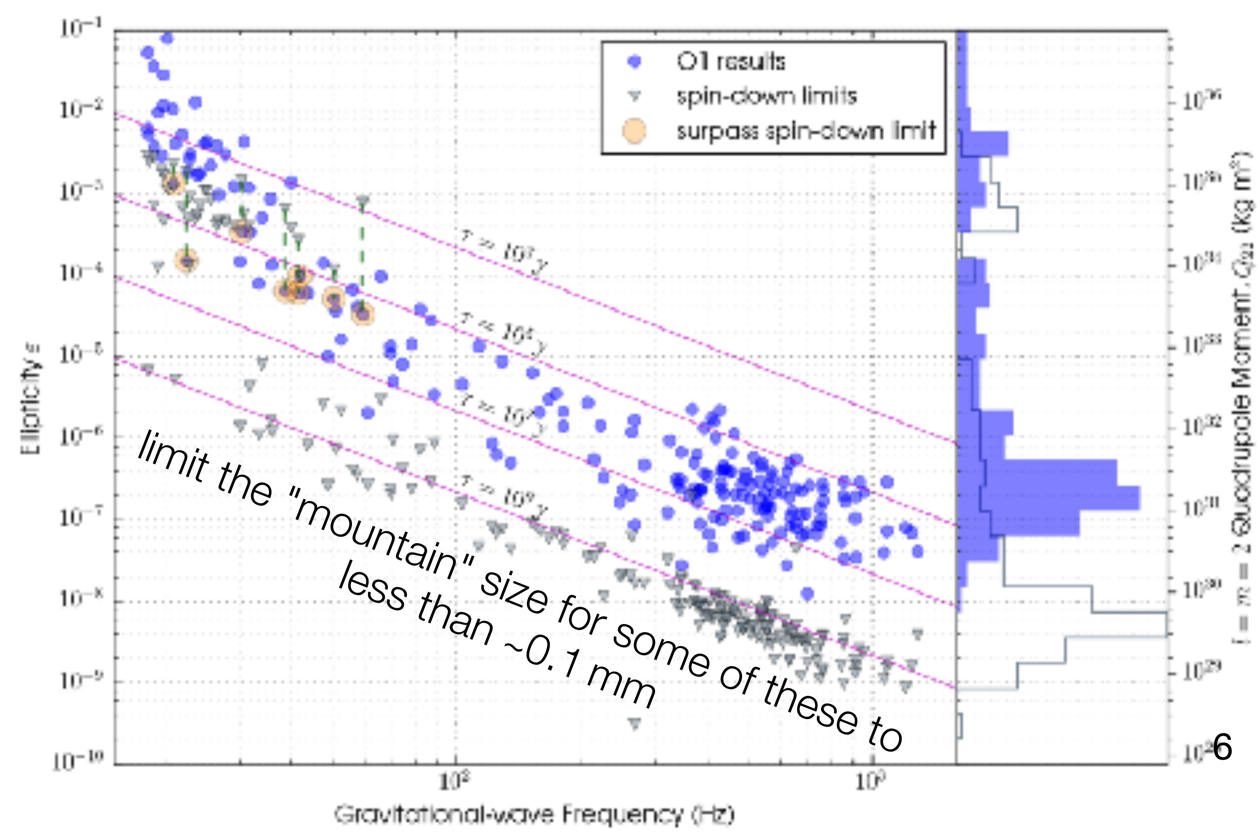
Upper Limits on Gravitational Waves from Scorpius X-1[…] in Advanced LIGO Data

LSC/Virgo arXiv:1706.03119



First search for gravitational waves from known pulsars with Advanced LIGO

LSC/Virgo arXiv:1701.07709



An unexpected lack of merging neutron stars?

Saltpeter initial mass function for BH vs NS progenitor star

$$\frac{N(M > 80M_\odot)}{N(M > 10M_\odot)} = \left(\frac{80M_\odot}{10M_\odot}\right)^{-1.35} \simeq 0.06.$$

Assume roughly the same ratio of merger rates

$$\frac{\mathcal{R}_{BH}}{\mathcal{R}_{NS}} = \left(\frac{80M_\odot}{10M_\odot}\right)^{-1.35} \simeq 0.06.$$

SNR scales with $\mathscr{M}^{5/6}$; detection volume ~ SNR^3

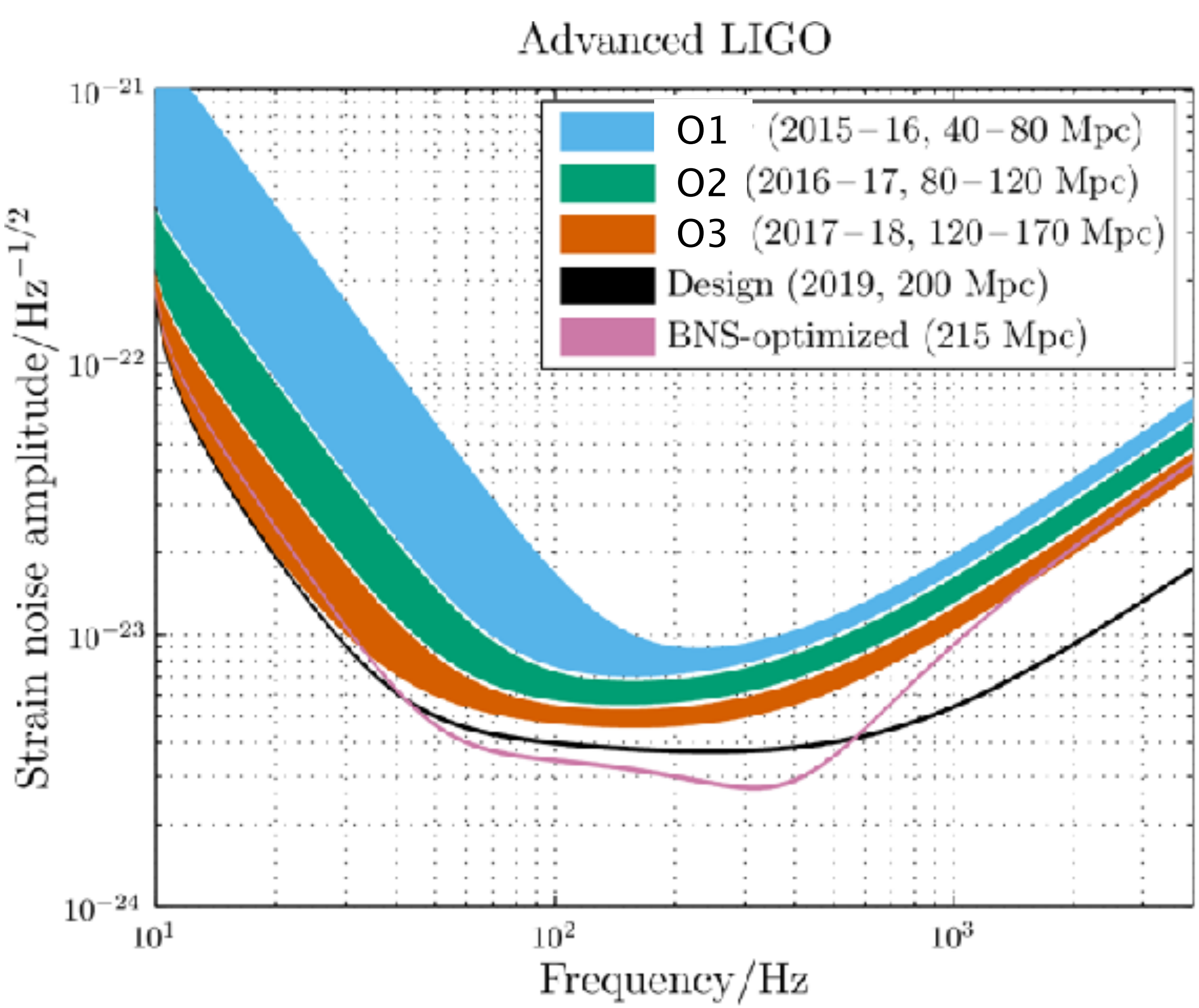
$$\frac{\mathcal{D}_{BH}}{\mathcal{D}_{NS}} = \frac{\mathcal{R}_{BH}}{\mathcal{R}_{NS}} \left(\frac{\mathcal{M}_{BH}}{\mathcal{M}_{NS}}\right)^{5/2}$$

$$\frac{\mathcal{D}_{BH}}{\mathcal{D}_{NS}} = \left(\frac{80M_\odot}{10M_\odot}\right)^{-1.35} \left(\frac{8.5M_\odot}{1.40M_\odot}\right)^{5/2} \simeq 5.5\,.$$

thanks to E. Berti for pointer!

L.P.Grishchuk, V.M.Lipunov, K.A.Postnov, M.E.Prokhorov, B.S.Sathyaprakash, astro-ph/0008481

2016 Roadmap for observing neutron-star mergers

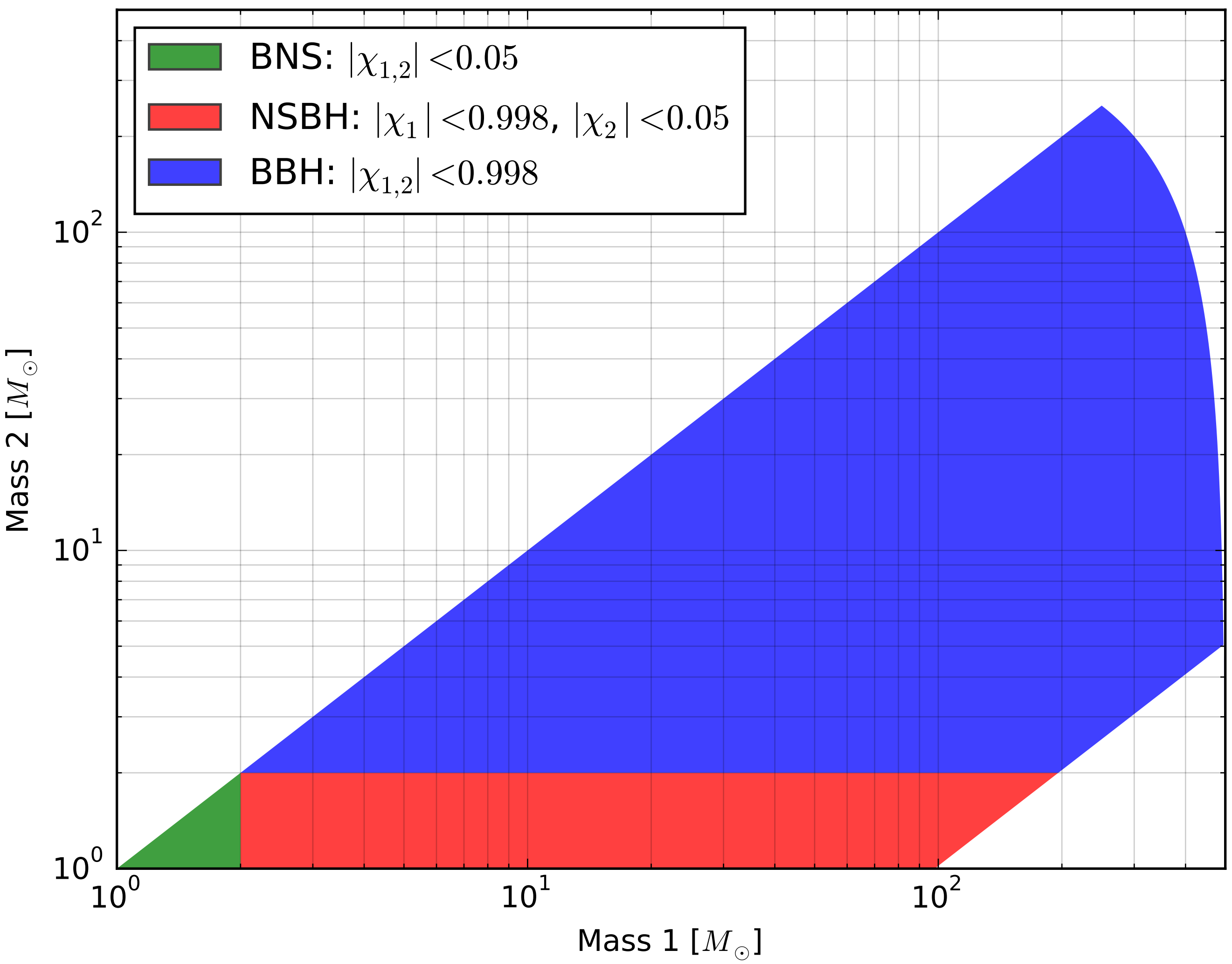


	BNS range/ Mpc	BNS detections expected (similar BHNS)
O1 4 mo	**70**	0.0005-4 (none detected)
O2 6 mo	80-120	0.006-20 (underway)
O3 9 mo	120-170	0.04-100
Design 1 year	200	0.2-200

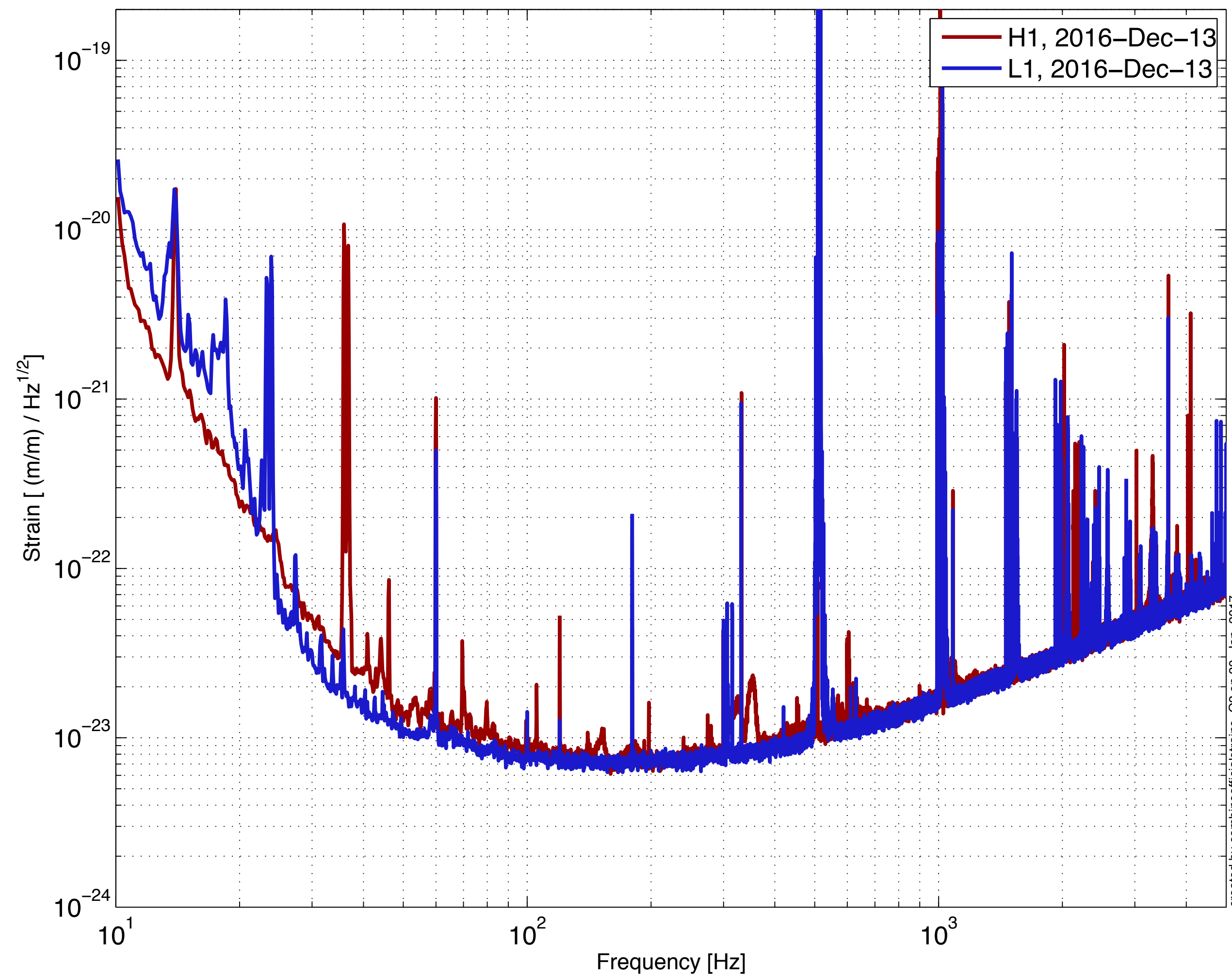
- LSC/Virgo Observing Scenarios http://arxiv.org/abs/1304.0670,
- Upper limits on the rates of binary neutron star and neutron-star--black-hole mergers from Advanced LIGO's first observing run https://arxiv.org/abs/1607.07456

Second observing run (30 Nov 2016–25 Aug 2017)

- ~81 days of coincident data as of June 23, ~70 Mpc reach for BNS
- 8 online analysis triggers sent for EM followup; one confirmed as BBH GW170104, remaining analysis in progress



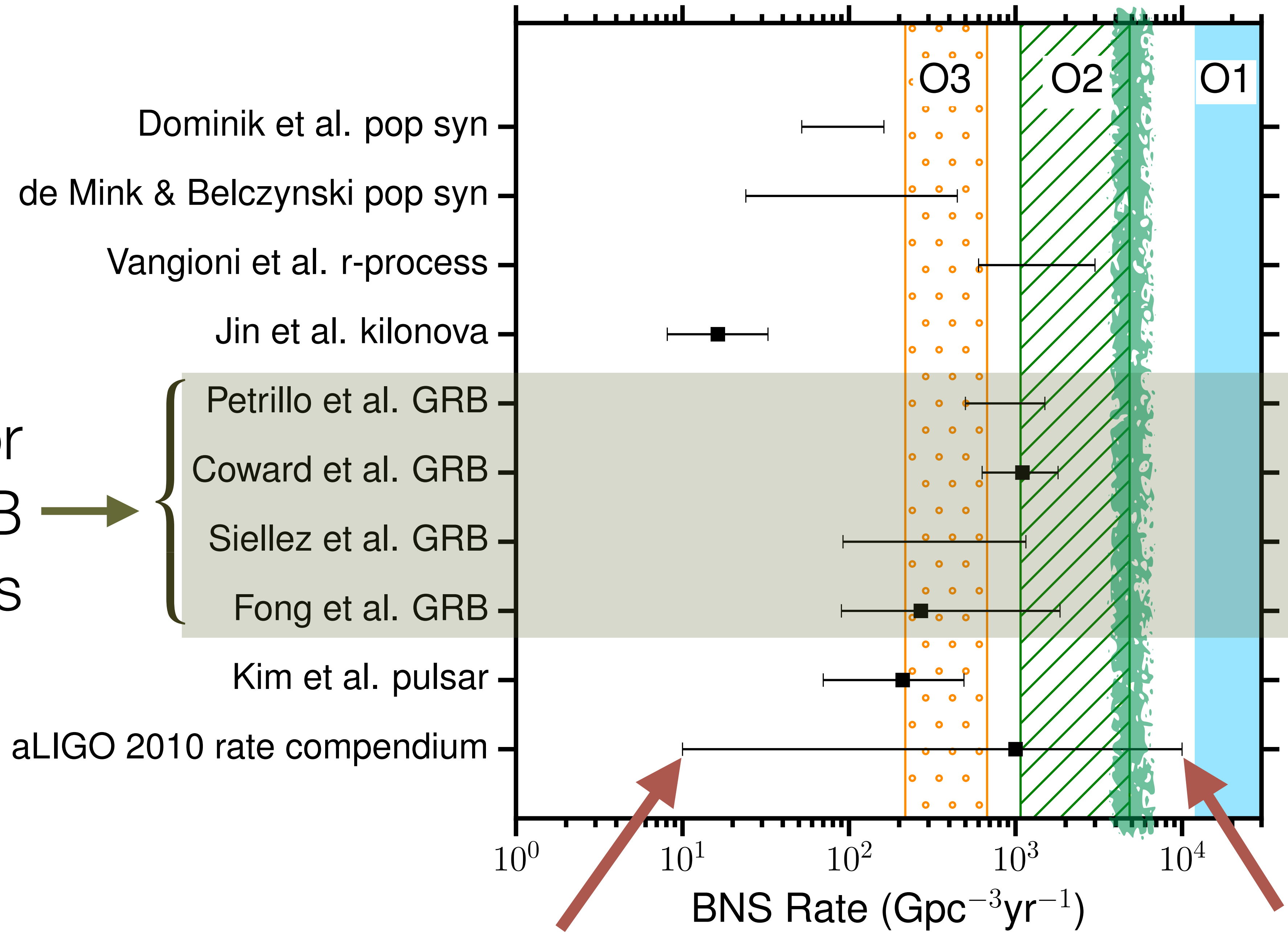
offline search template bank
del Canton and Harry, arXiv:1705.01845



Representative Early O2 Strain
https://dcc.ligo.org/LIGO-G1500623/

O1 rate constraints and future expectations: binary neutron star mergers

Rates for all sGRB progenitors



0.4/yr at design

400/yr at design

Upper limits on BNS and NSBH mergers https://arxiv.org/abs/1607.07456

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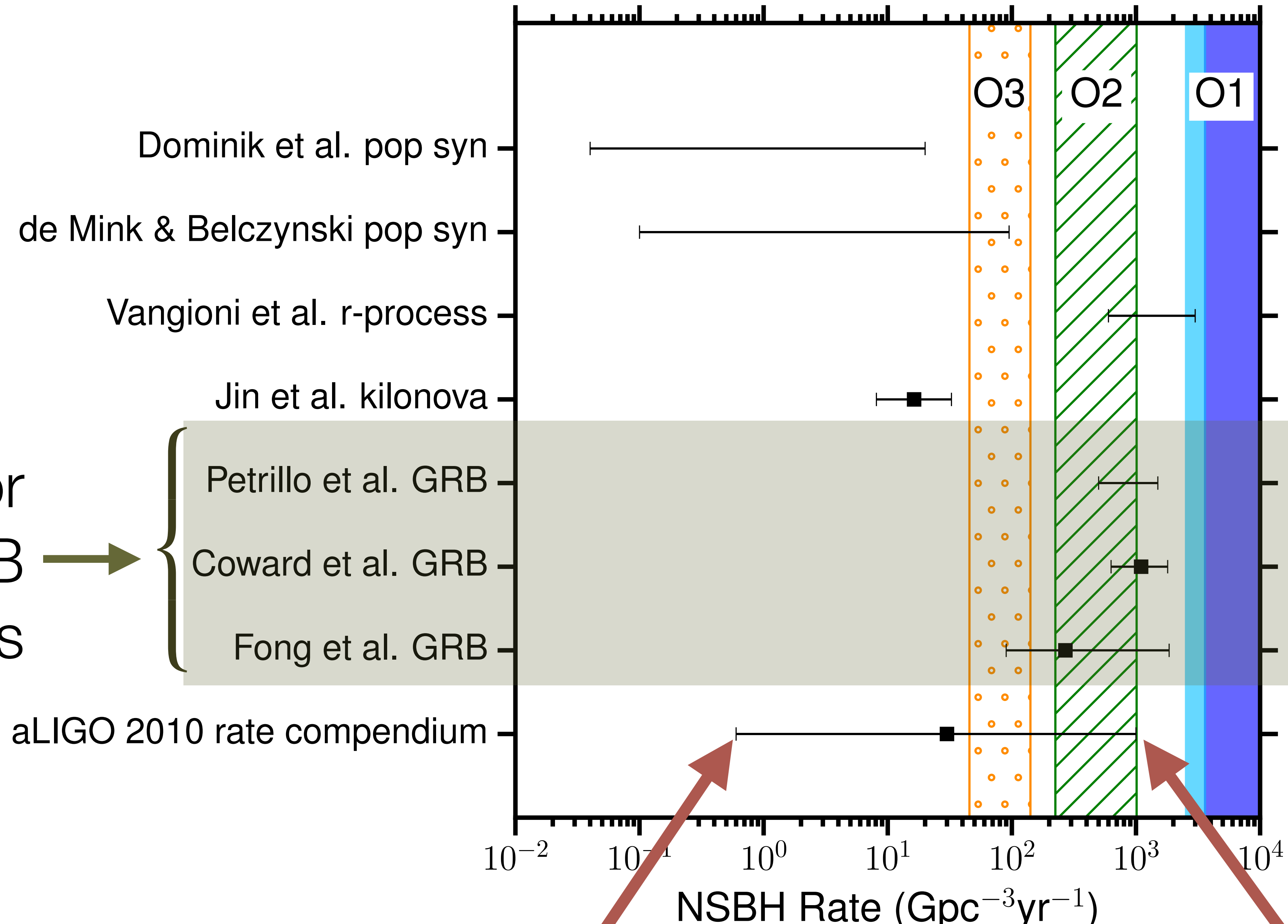


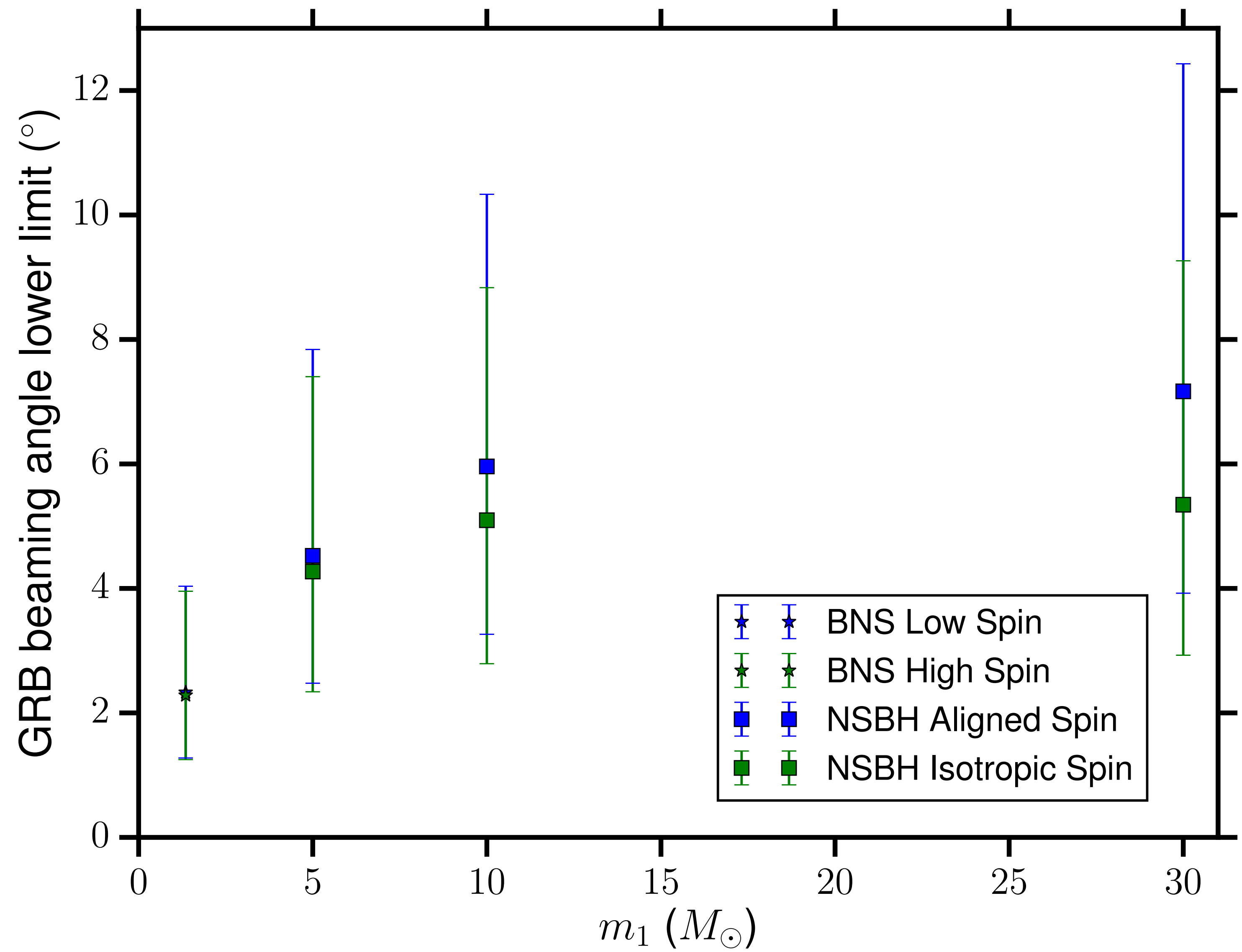
0.2/yr at design

300/yr at design

Upper limits on BNS and NSBH mergers https://arxiv.org/abs/1607.07456

Advanced LIGO upper limits vs sGRB rates: gamma-ray burst beaming angle limit

- Short GRB observed rate is 10^{+20}_{-7} Gpc^{-3} yr^{-1}
- Derive lower limit on beaming angles for a fixed class of progenitors using LIGO's 90% upper rate limits
- Beaming angle observations ~3–25°



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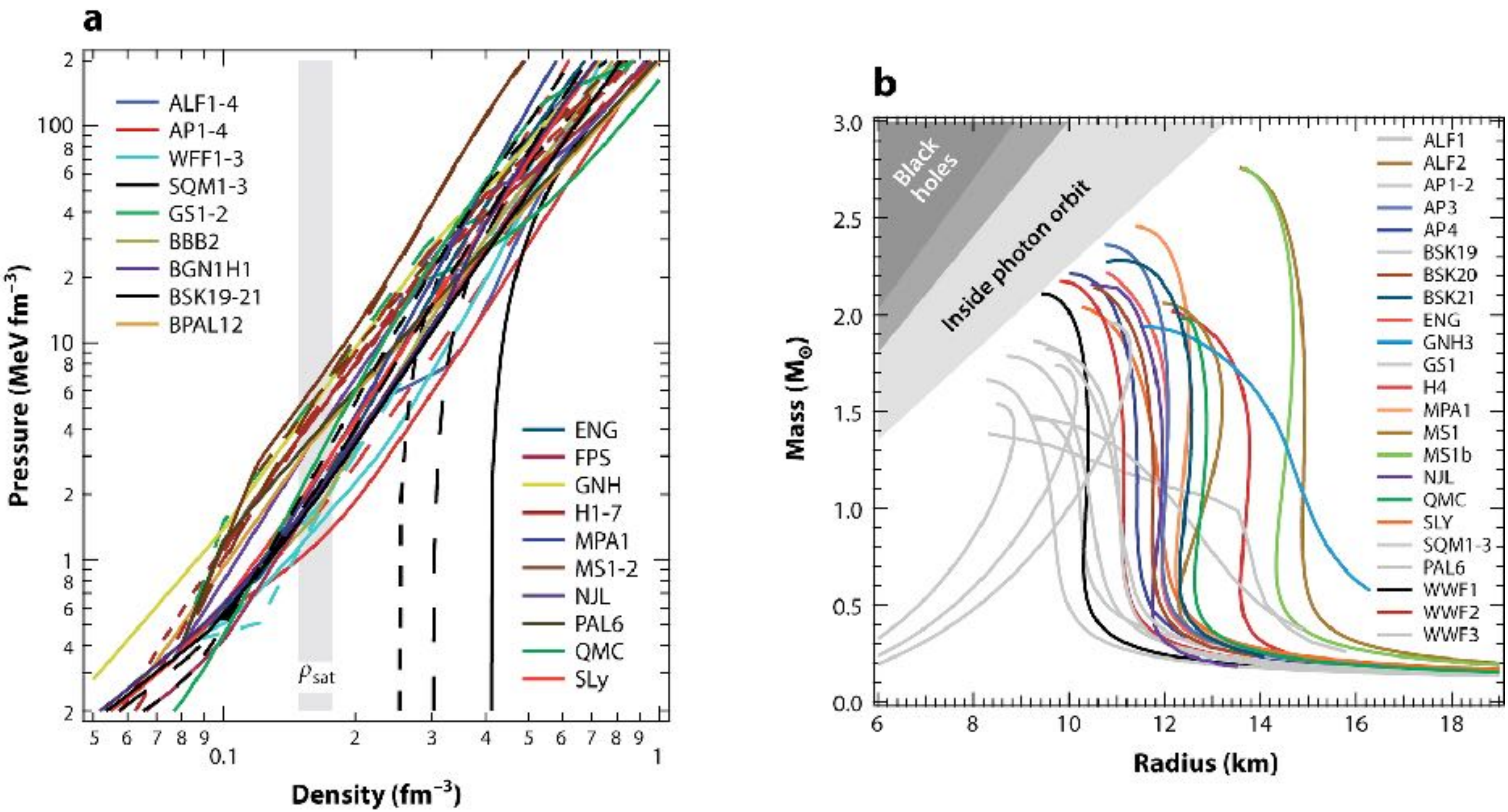
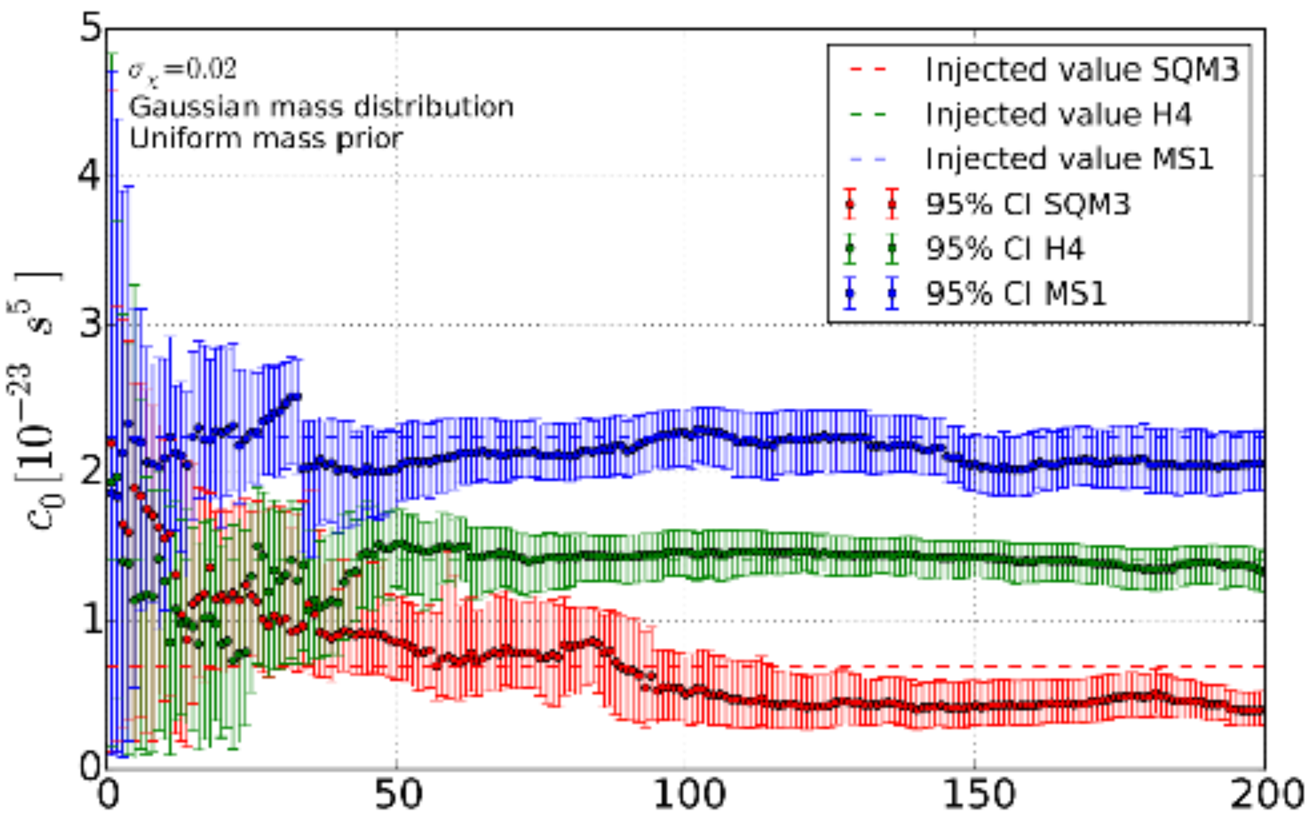
Neutron-star matter



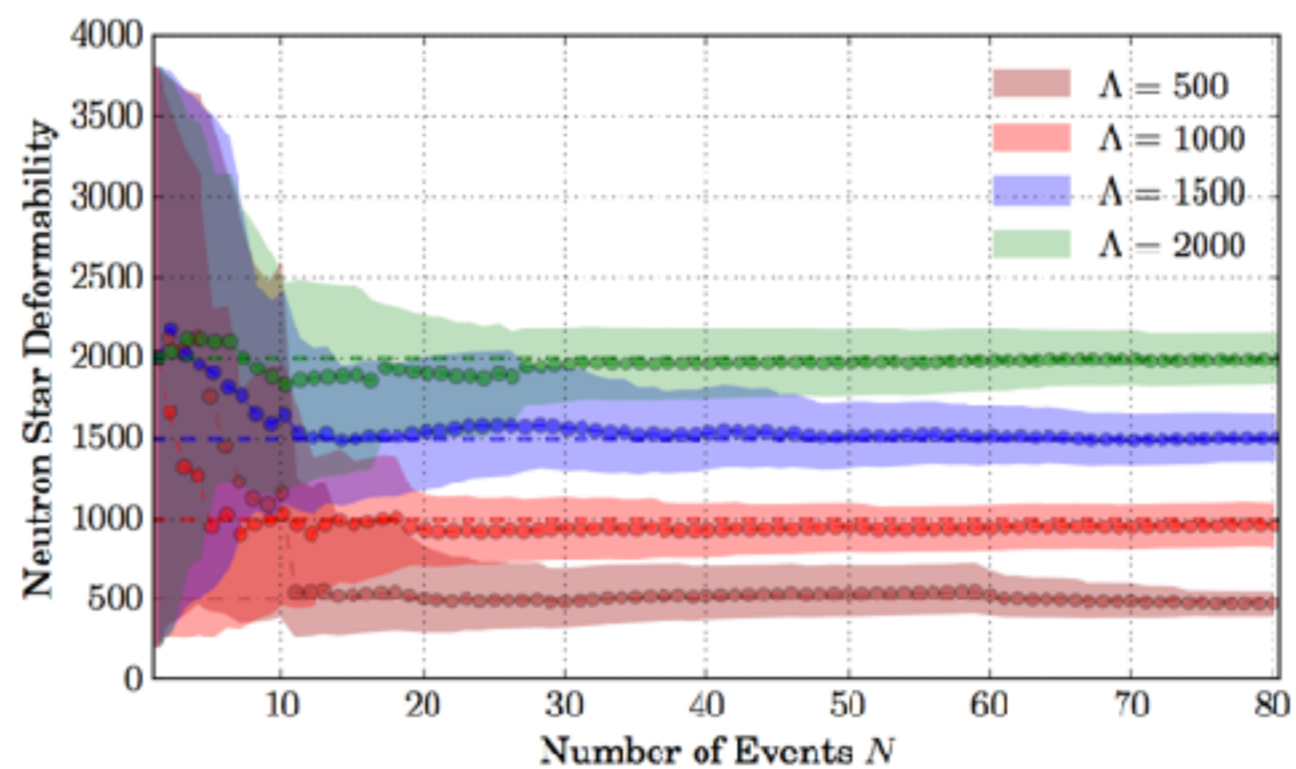
Özel F, Freire P. 2016.
Annu. Rev. Astron. Astrophys. 54:401–40

Learning about neutron-star matter from a population of GW signals

- Neutron-star mergers, or *disruptive* black-hole/neutron-star mergers: “Interesting” with ~tens of detections
- Relies on accurate waveform modeling!

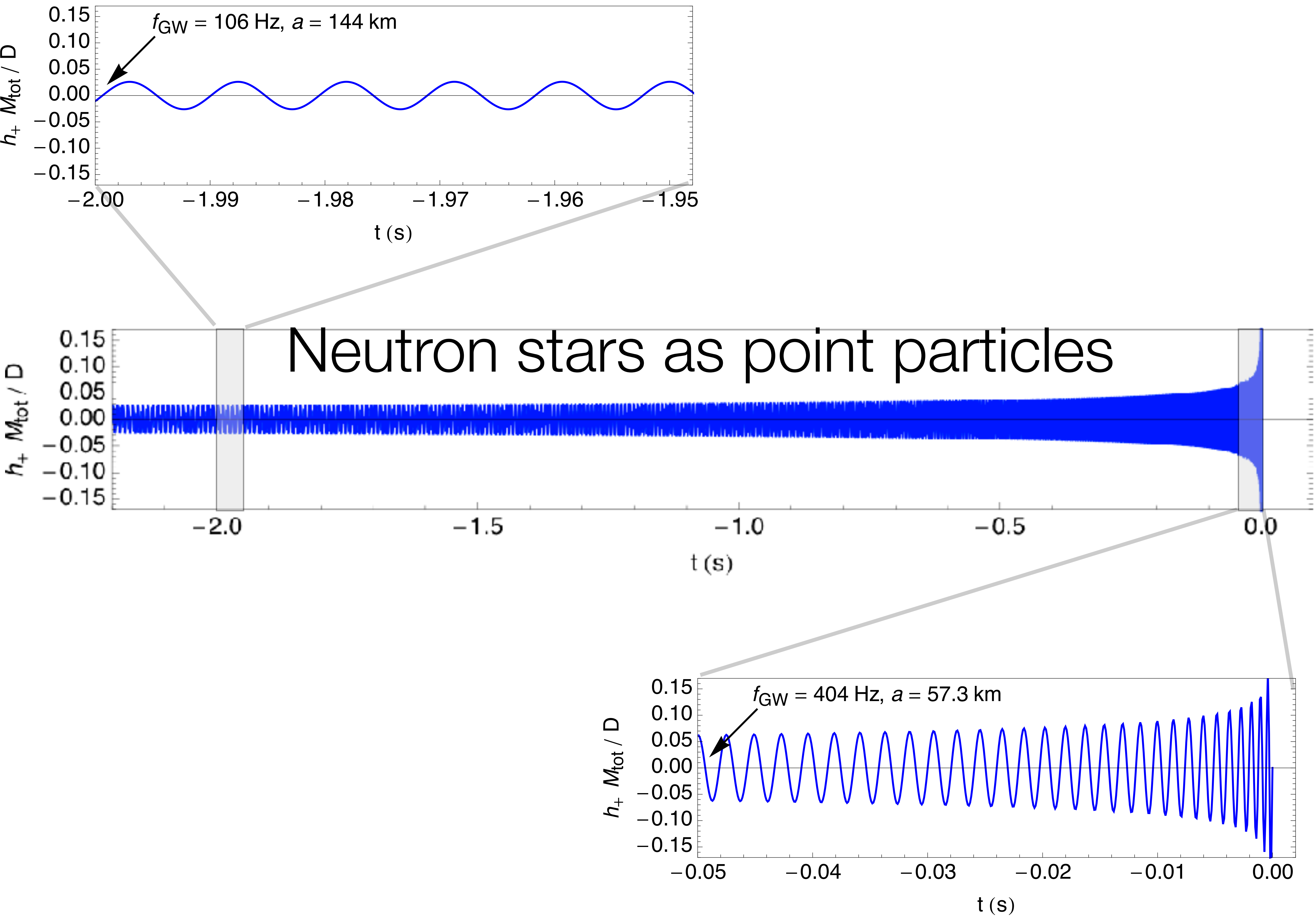


Agathos et al
arXiv:1503.05405

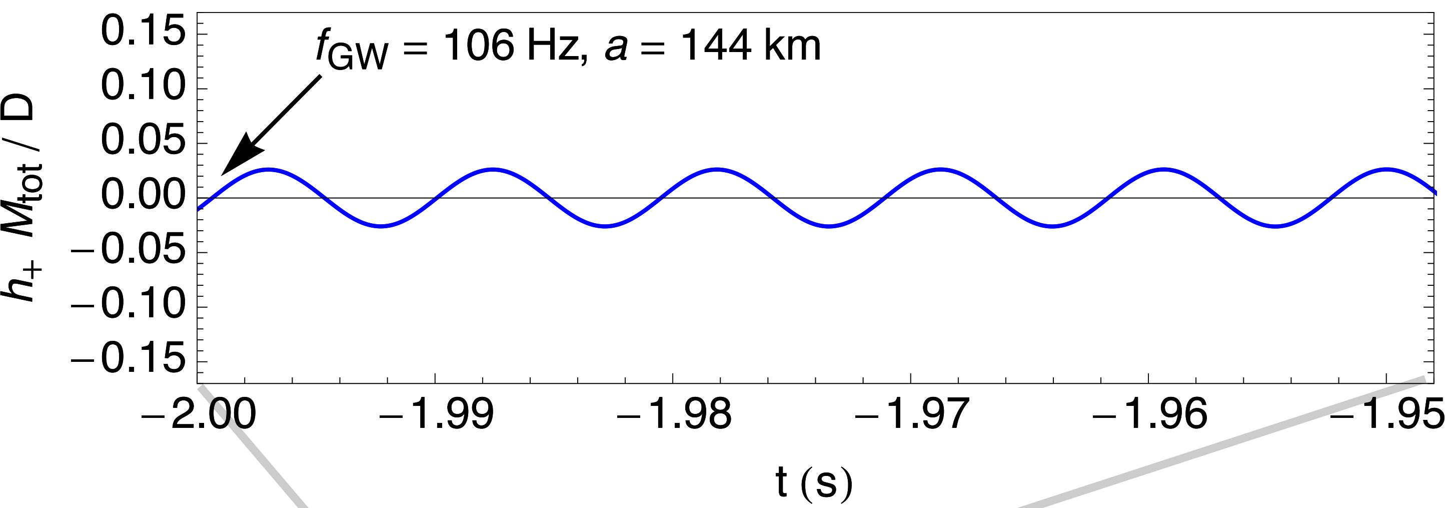


Kumar, Pürrer, Pfeiffer
arXiv:1610.06155

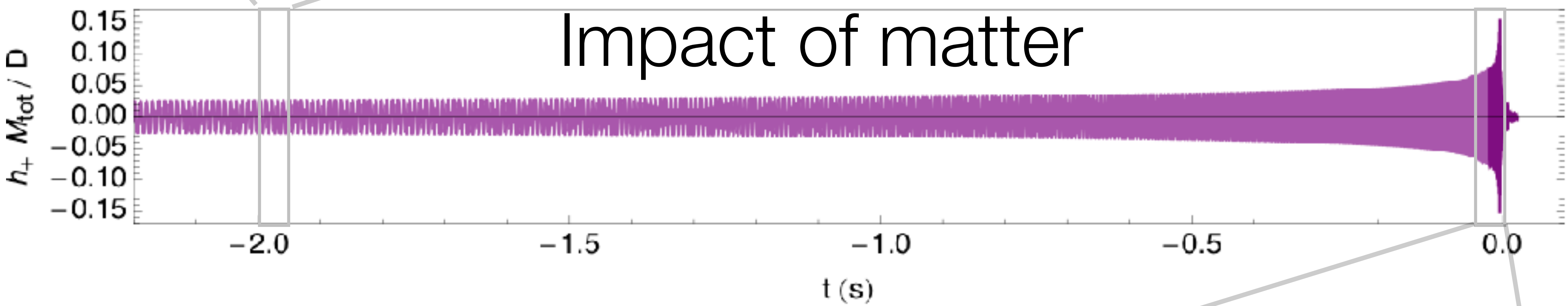
Neutron stars as point particles



Impact of matter

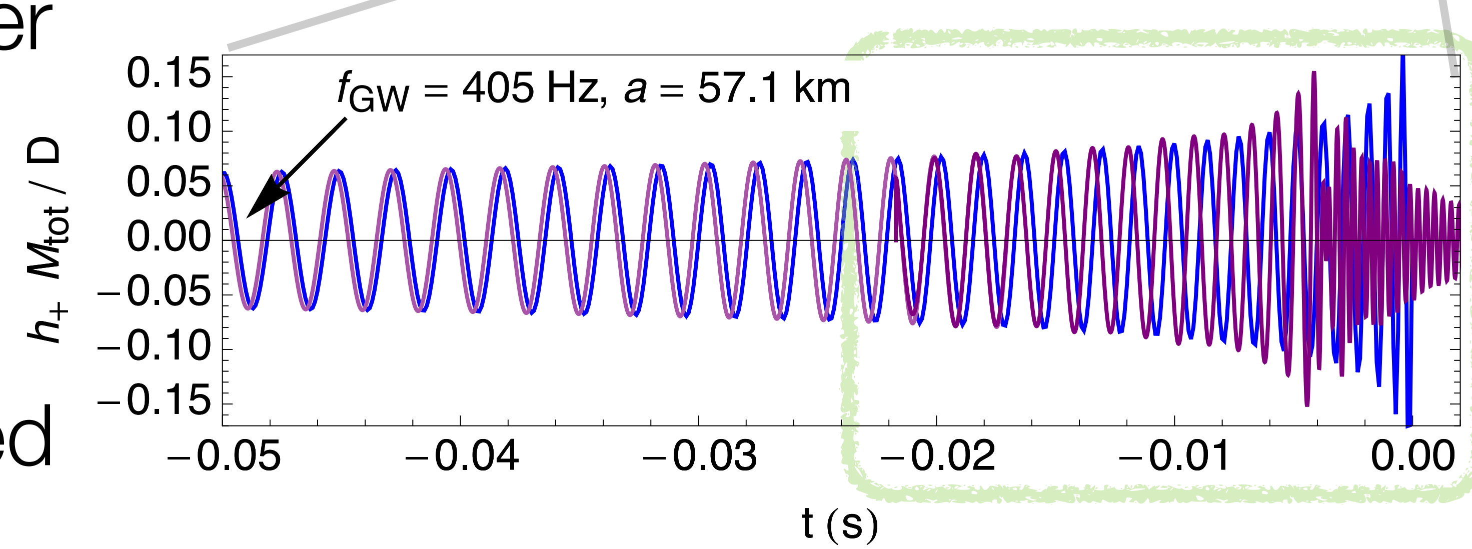


Hard to modify inspiral: transfer of ~10^{46} erg at ~100 Hz modifies phase by 10^{-3} radians (Crust shattering, Tsang et al 1110.0467)

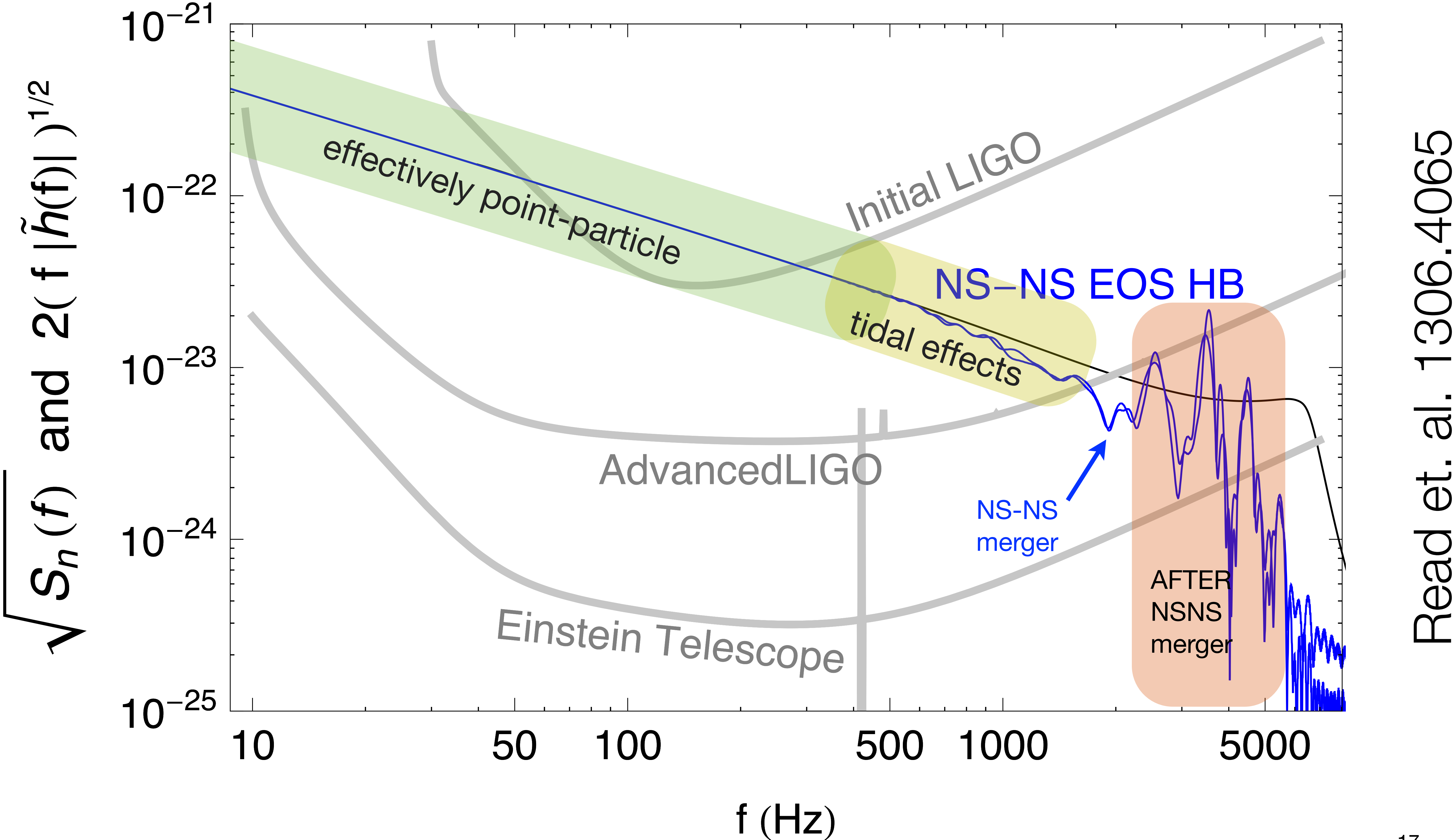


Tidal interactions lead to accumulated phase shift at higher frequencies.

For the final coalescence, numerical simulations are required



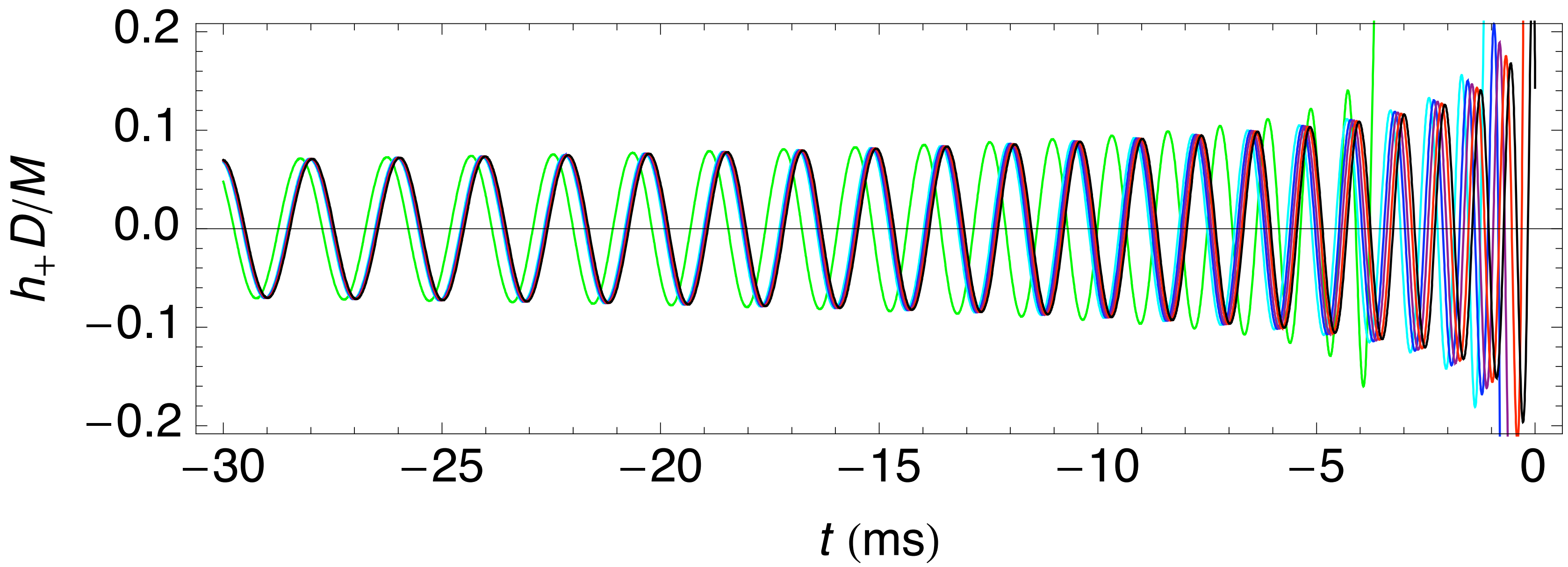
Gravitational-wave spectrum of BNS



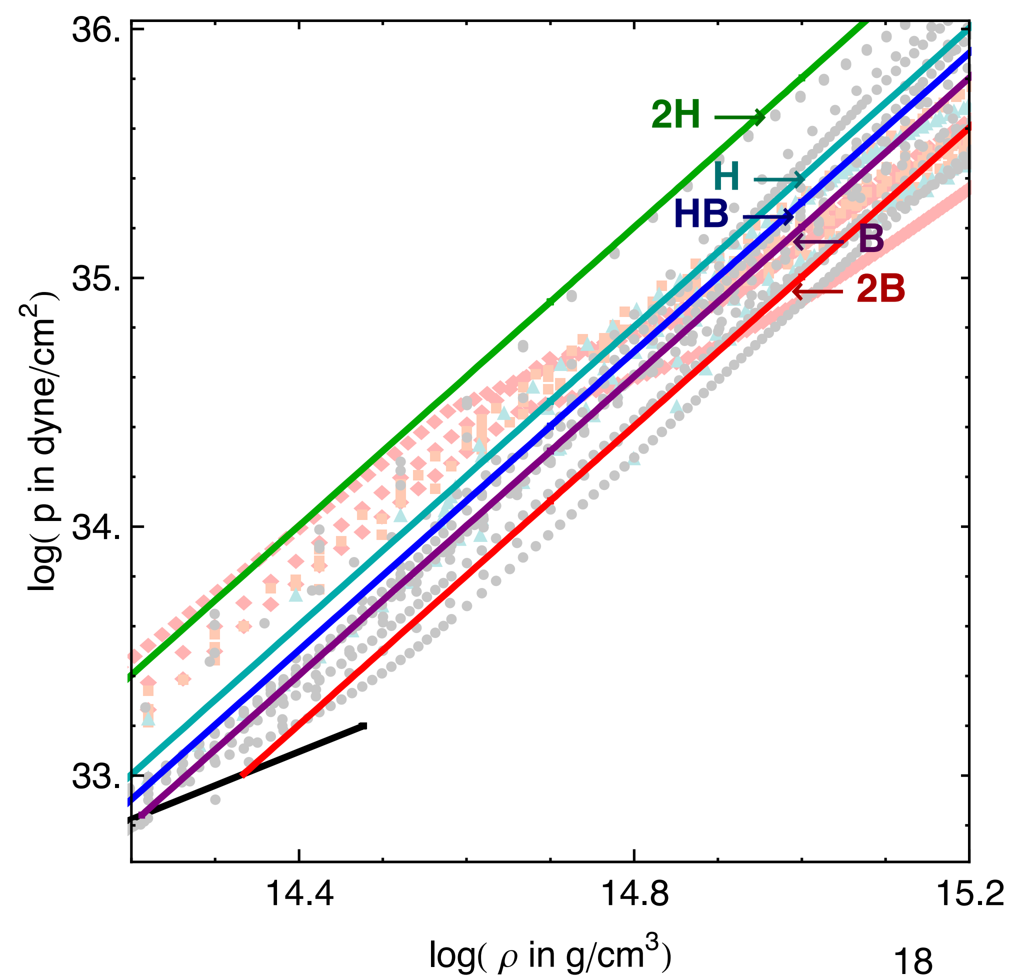
Tidal effects on inspiral

Haas et al arXiv:1604.00782

- Energy goes into deforming the neutron star(s), tidal bulges add a bit to the gravitational radiation.
- Modify GW at effectively high post-Newtonian order (Flanagan and Hinderer 0709.1915, Vines and Flanagan 1009.4919)



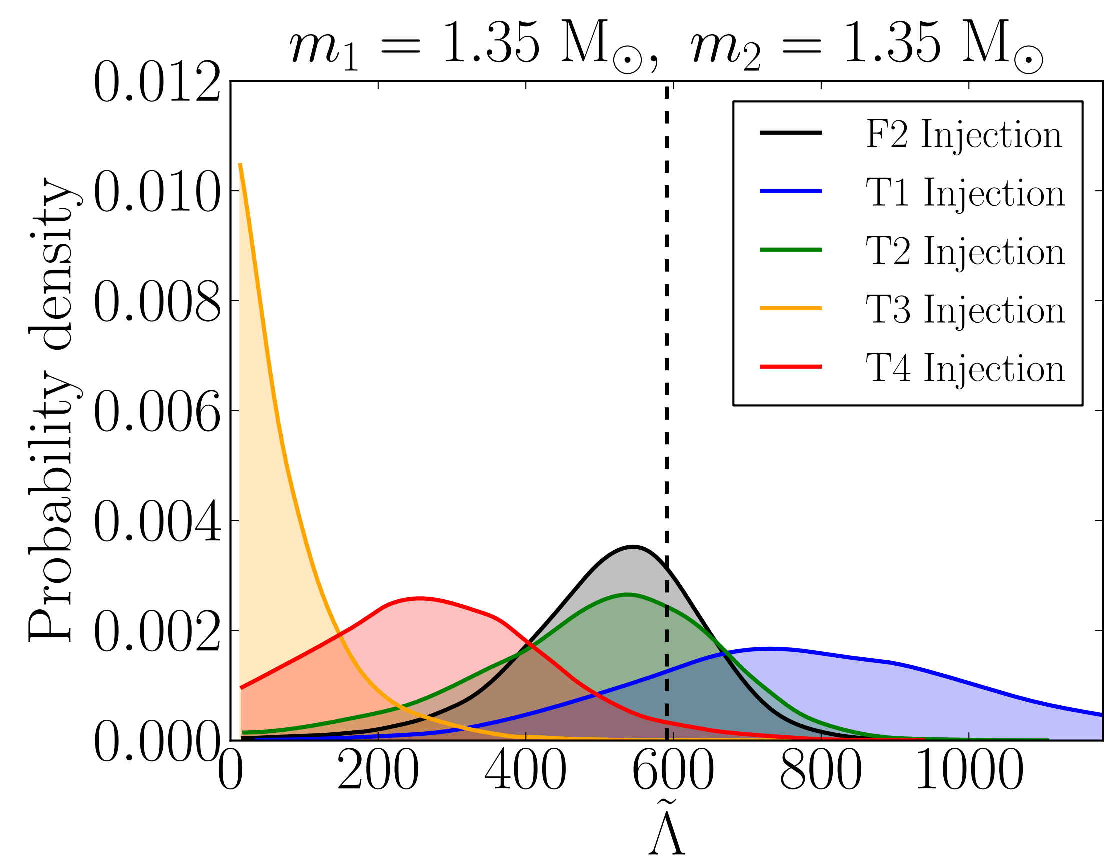
Size of effect on waveform goes as $\Lambda = \frac{2}{3} k_2 \left(\frac{R}{M}\right)^5$



Waveform models for parameter estimation: post-Newtonian tides for inspiral?

- Good estimates of the size and relevance of EOS-dependent (Damour et al 2012, Read et al 1306.4065)

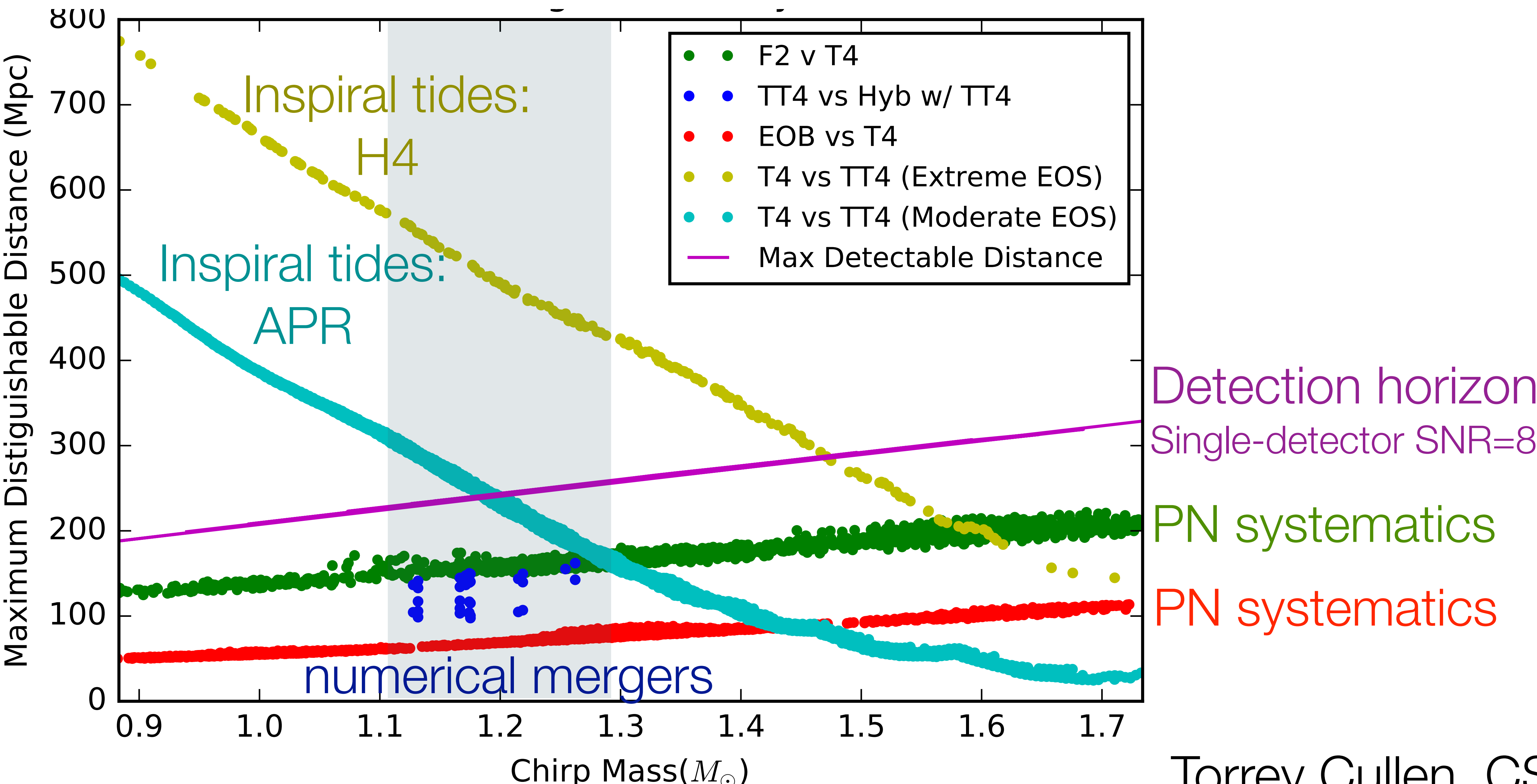
- **Not** sufficient for best measuring EOS effects (Favata 1310.8288,Yagi/ Yunes: 1310.8358, Wade et al.1402.5156)



Wade et al.1402.5156

Relative importance of effects in BNS waveforms

Maximum distinguishable distance: distance at which difference between waveforms has SNR 1



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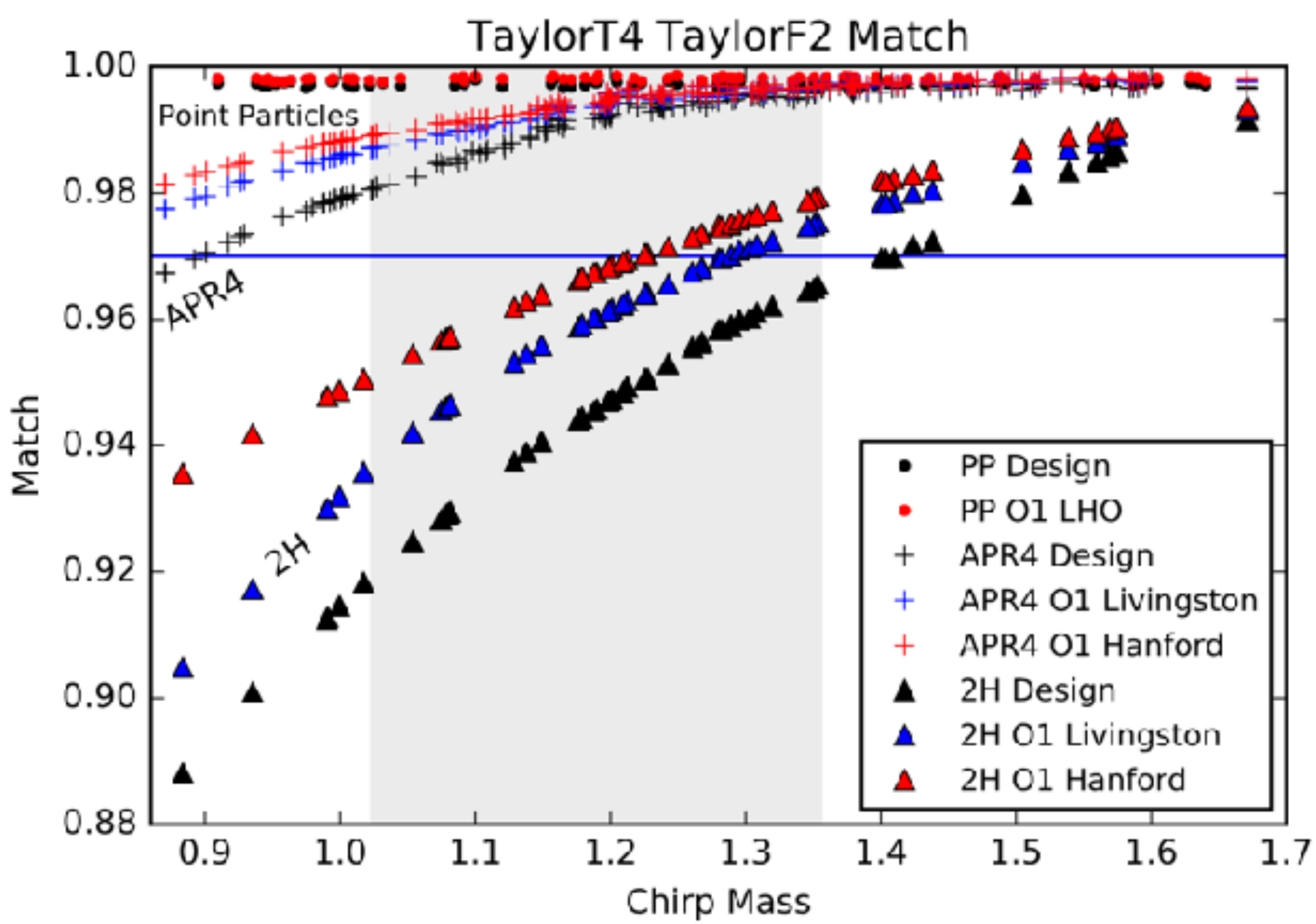
Matter impacts on search: extreme tides!

- If neutron stars are large, tidal effects induce waveform mismatch & reduce effective search volume



10% signal loss

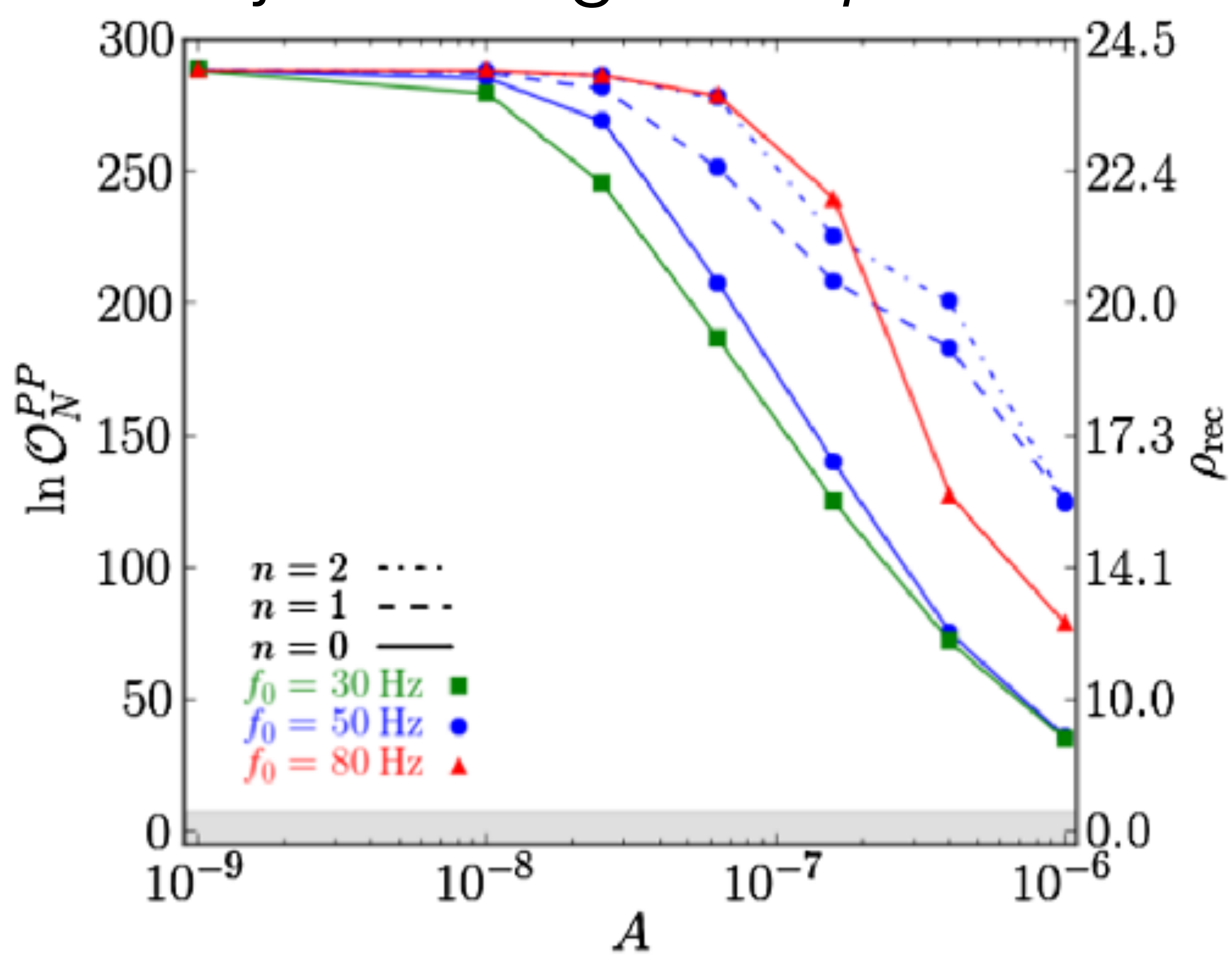
Cullen, Harry, Read, in prep.

Matter impacts on search: extreme tides!

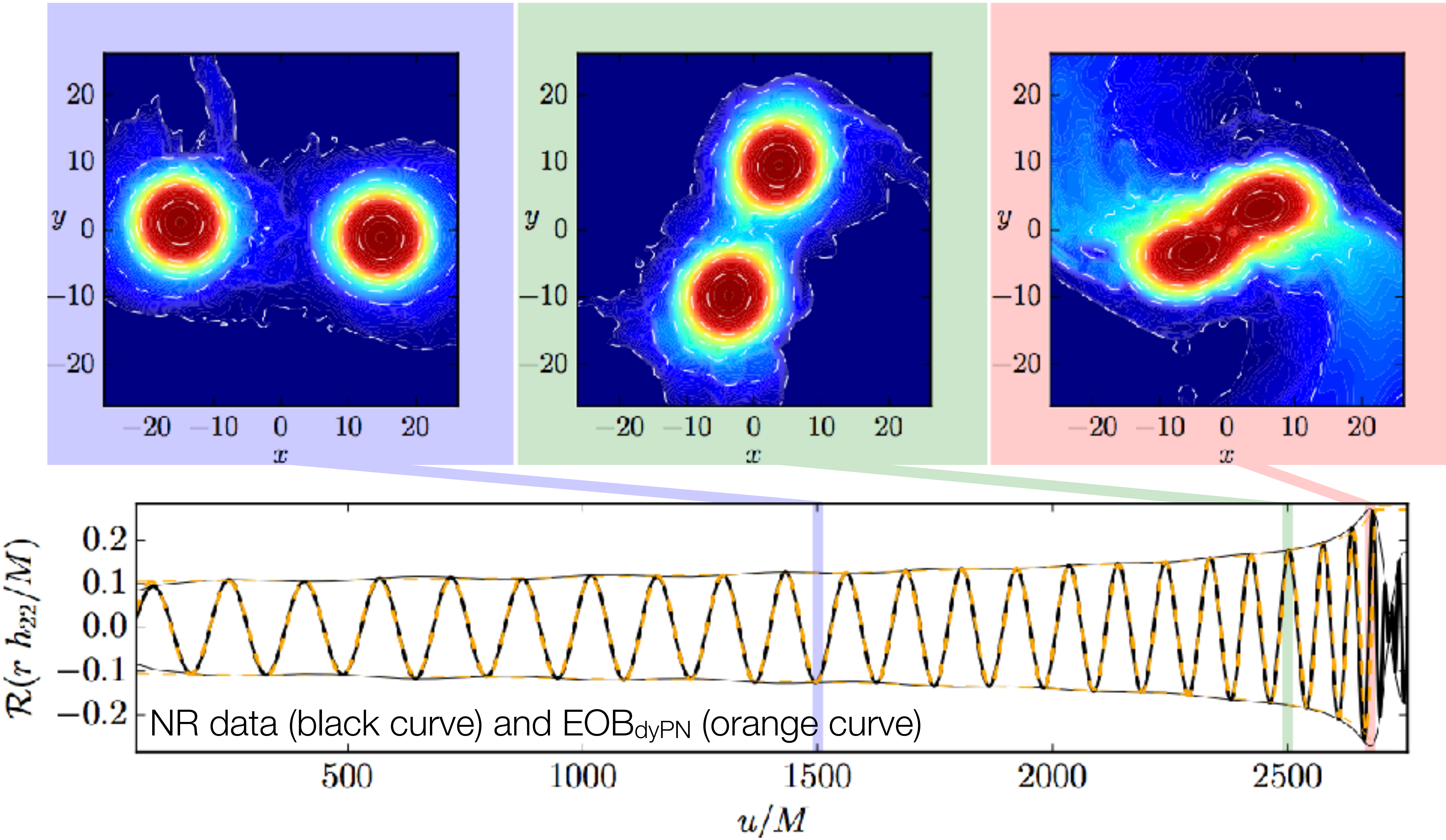
- Instability from nonlinear mode couplings could also disrupt inspiral, search, and parameter estimation (Essick, Vitale, Weinberg 1609.06362)

Resonant shattering illustration, D. Tsang

Injected signal at ρ=25

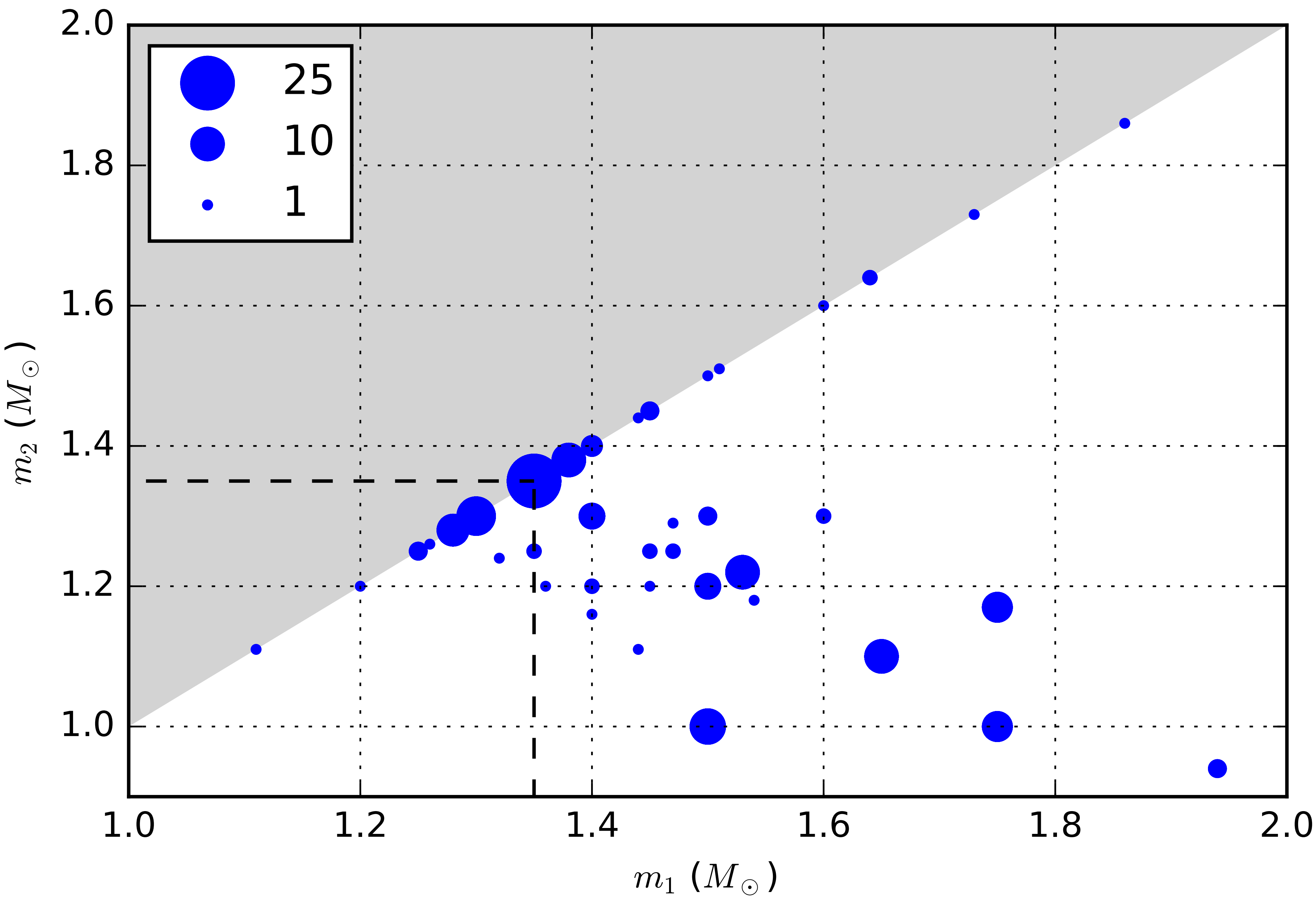


Dynamics of merger: accurate waveform models



Dietrich and Hinderer, arXiv:1702.02053

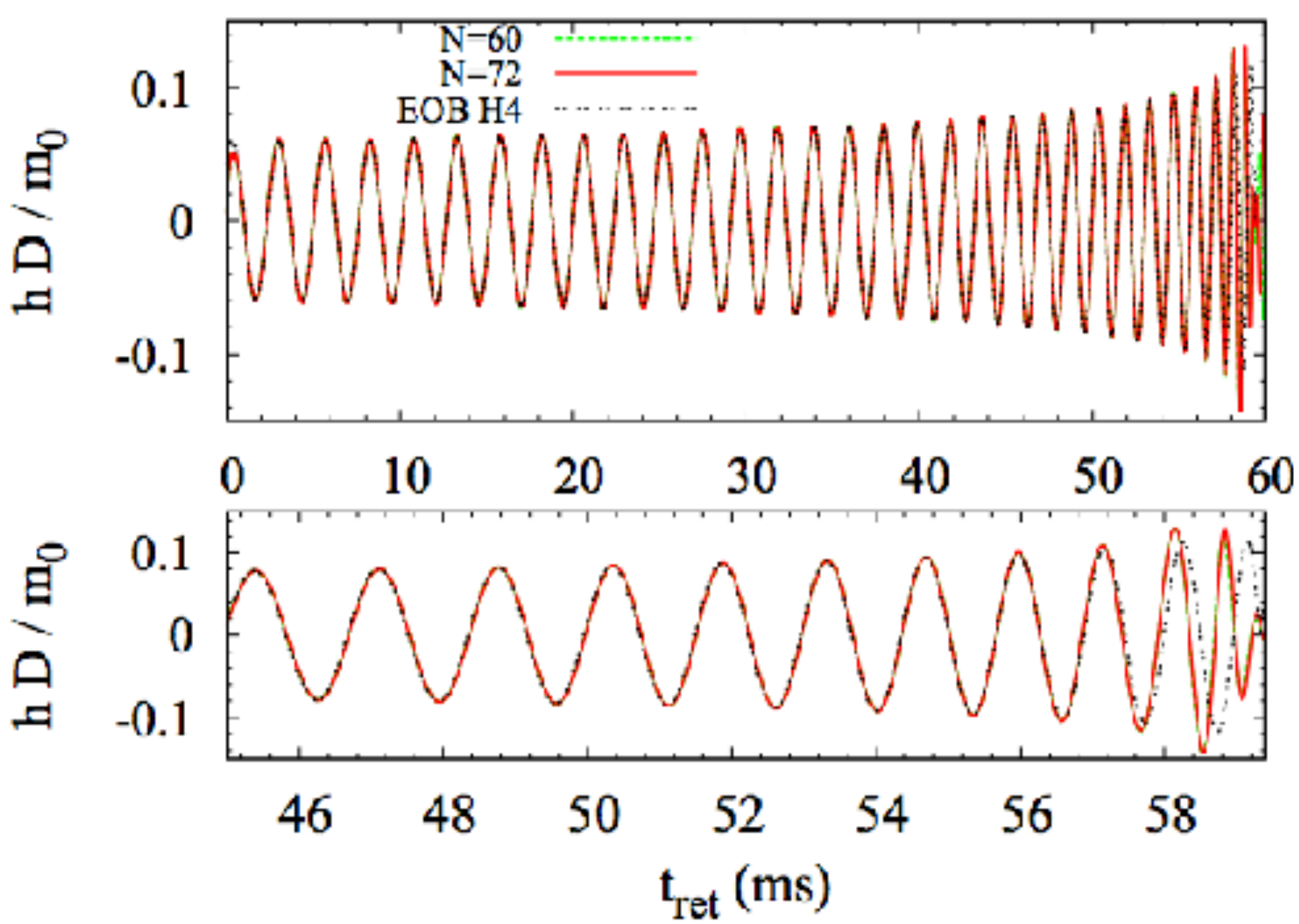
Status of BNS simulations: coverage of parameter space



Compilation by T. Cullen

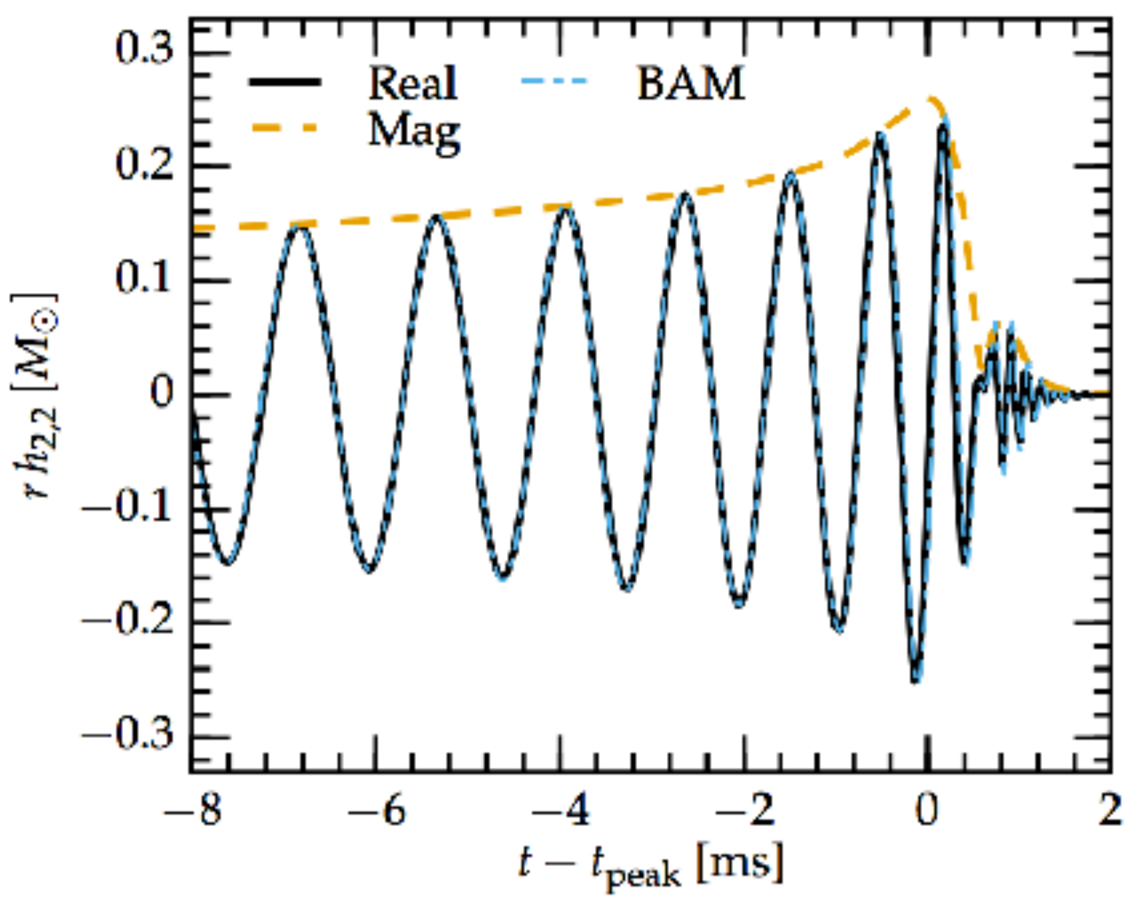
Long and high-accuracy BNS simulations

Hotokezaka et al 1502.03457v1



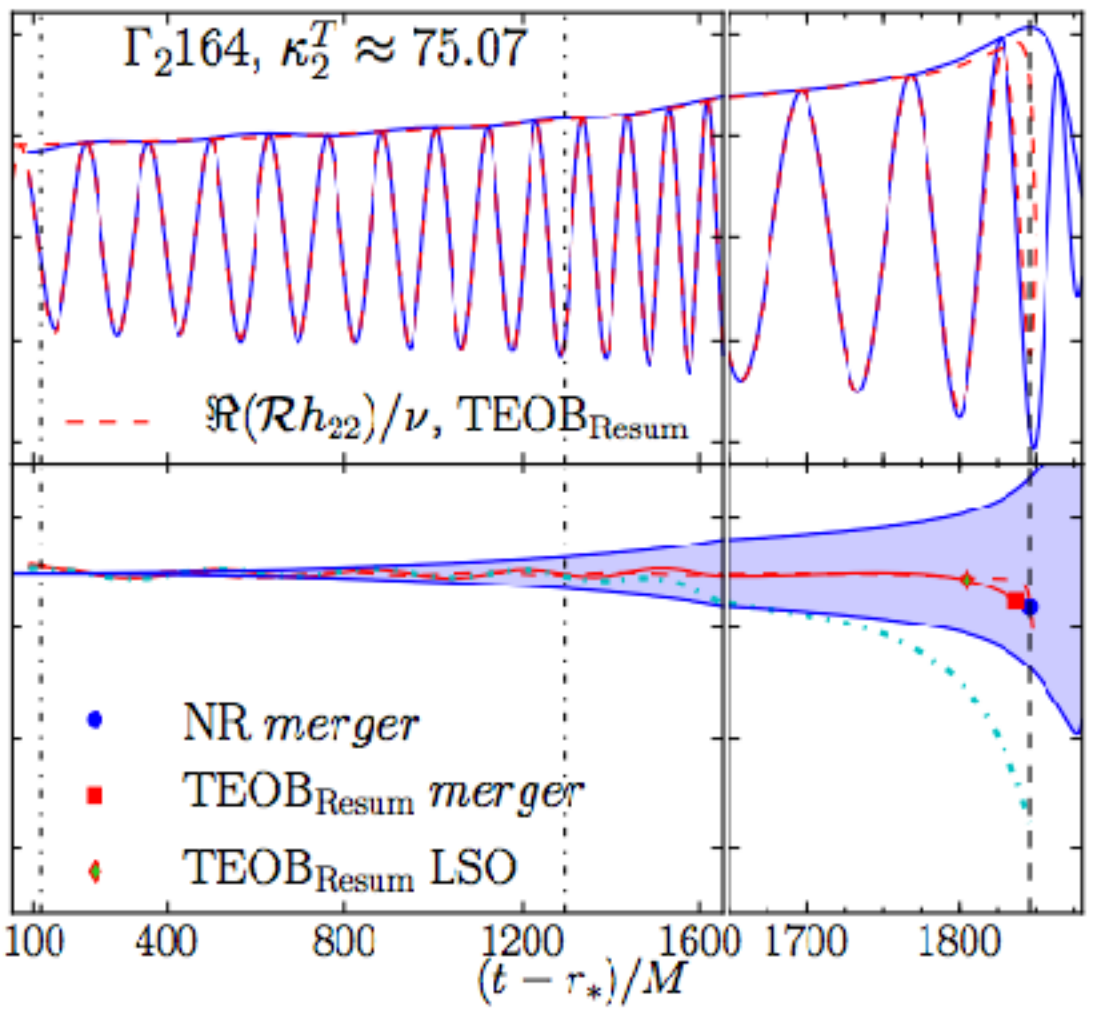
estimated total phase error
<1 radian over ~200 radians

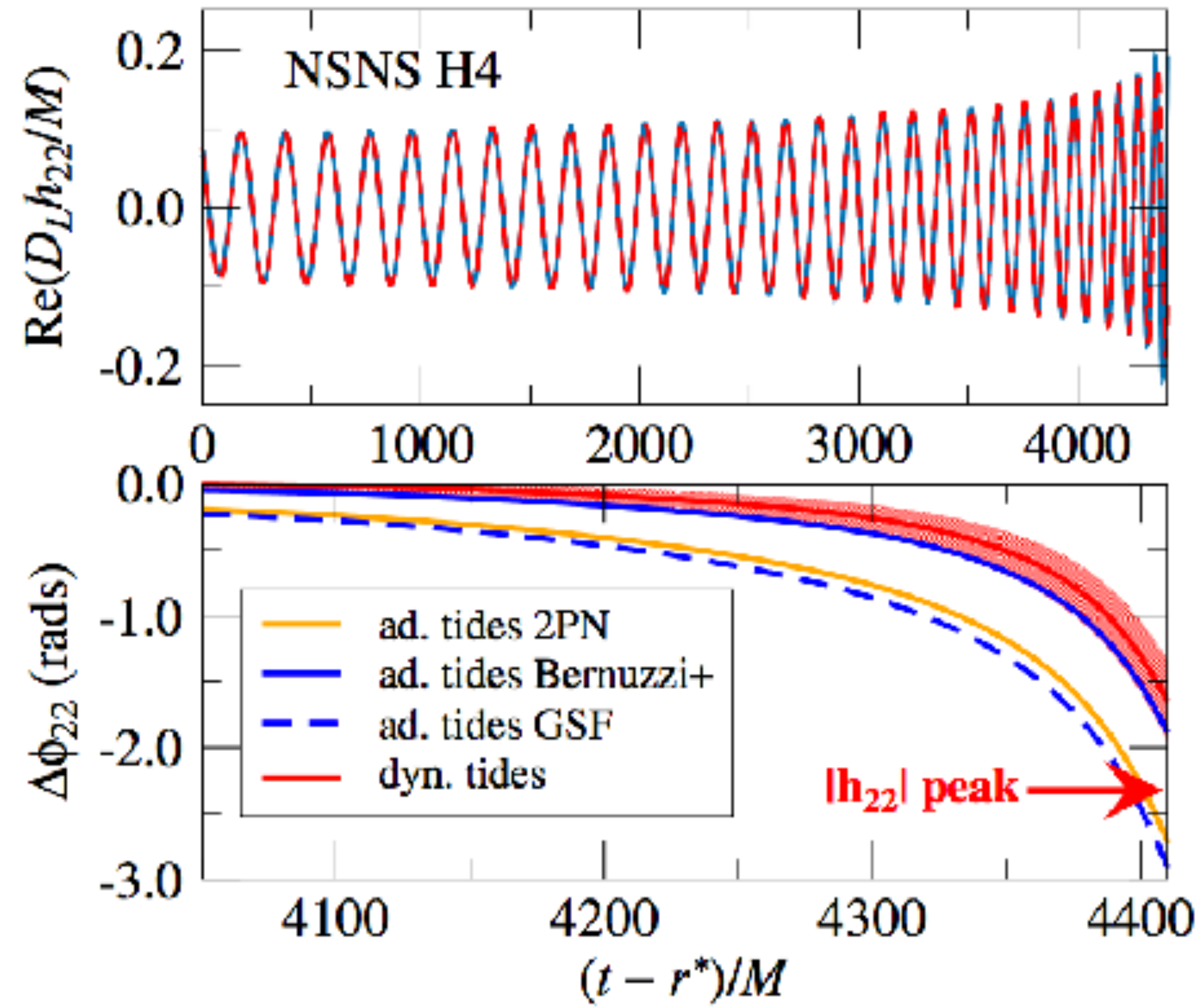
Haas et al 1604.00782
SXS comparison to BAM of
Bernuzzi et al 1412.4553



Waveforms aligned
before -13.3 ms

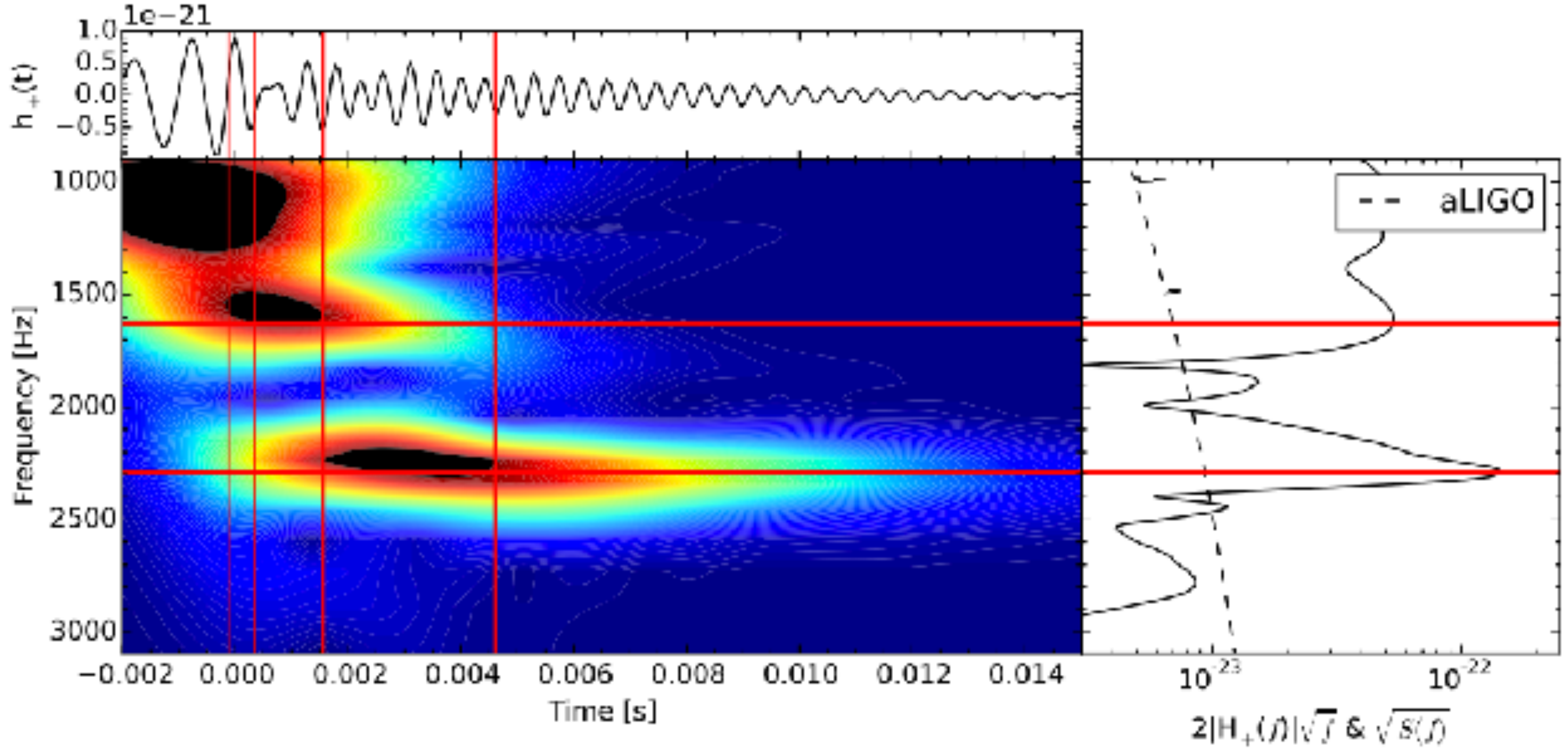
Tidal effects in EOB models:
Bernuzzi et al 1412.4553, Hinderer et al 1602.00599





- EOB plus tidal corrections plus higher-order effects
- Semi-analytic models capture merger phase

Post-merger?



Clark et al 1509.08522:

- burst follow-up to measure post-merger signals
  frequency measurement only for nearby (~ 30 Mpc) sources

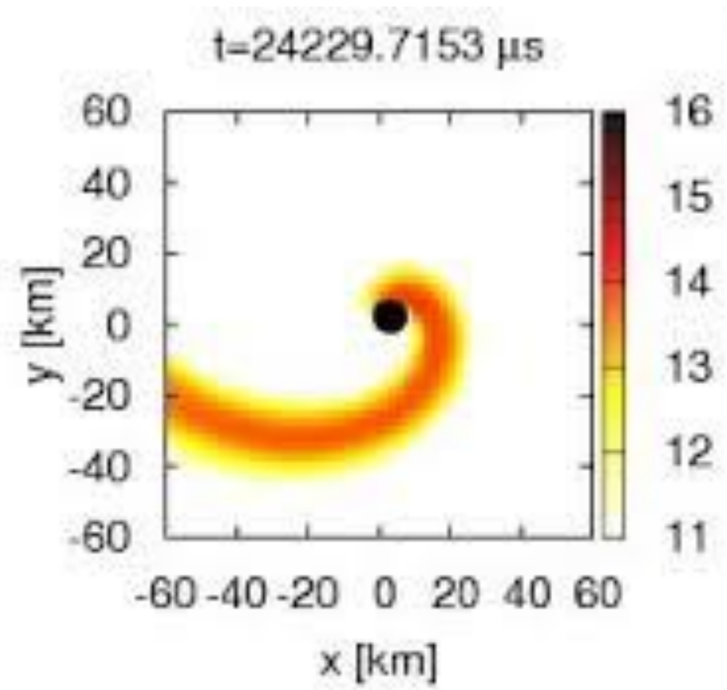
Potential to combine information from multiple sources:
Bose et al 1705.10850, Yang et al stacking 1707.00207

Black-hole/neutron-star mergers

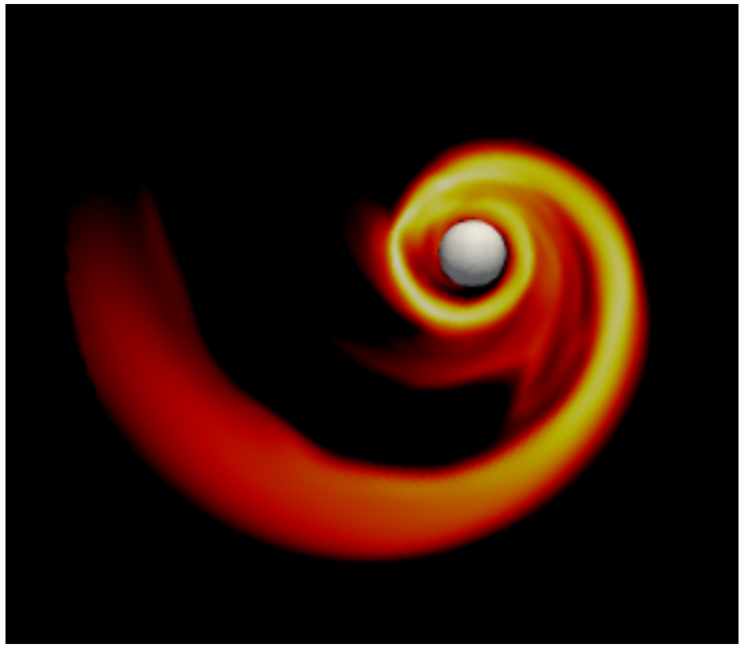
"disruptive" BHNS
Lackey et. al.1303.6298
EOS effects seen

$q = M_{BH}/M_{NS} = 2—5$

SACRA, K. Kyutoku

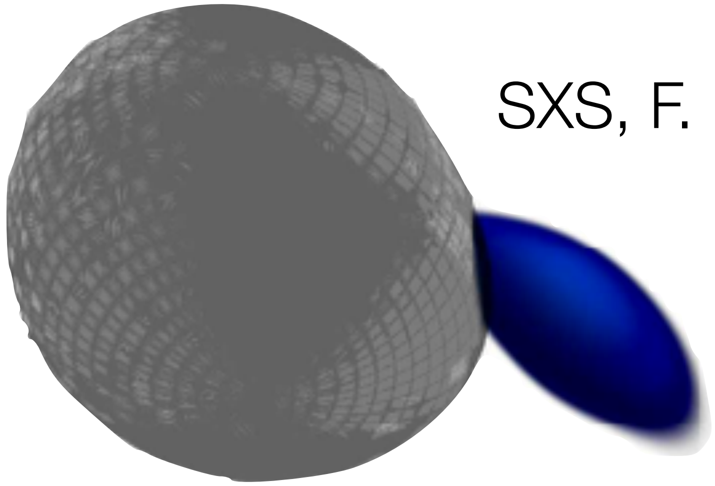


SXS, J Sanchez



"nondisruptive" BHNS
Foucart et al 1307.7685
indistinguishable from BBH

$q = M_{BH}/M_{NS} = 6$



SXS, F. Foucart

NSBH gravitational waves

“disruptive” BHNS
Lackey et. al.1303.6298
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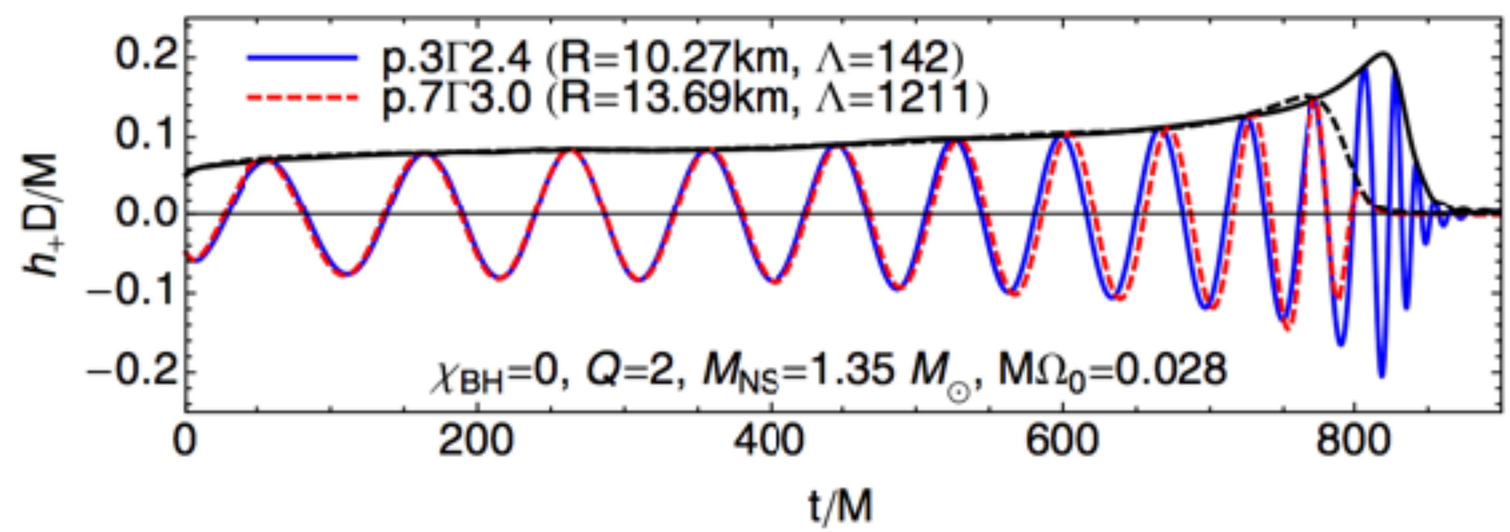

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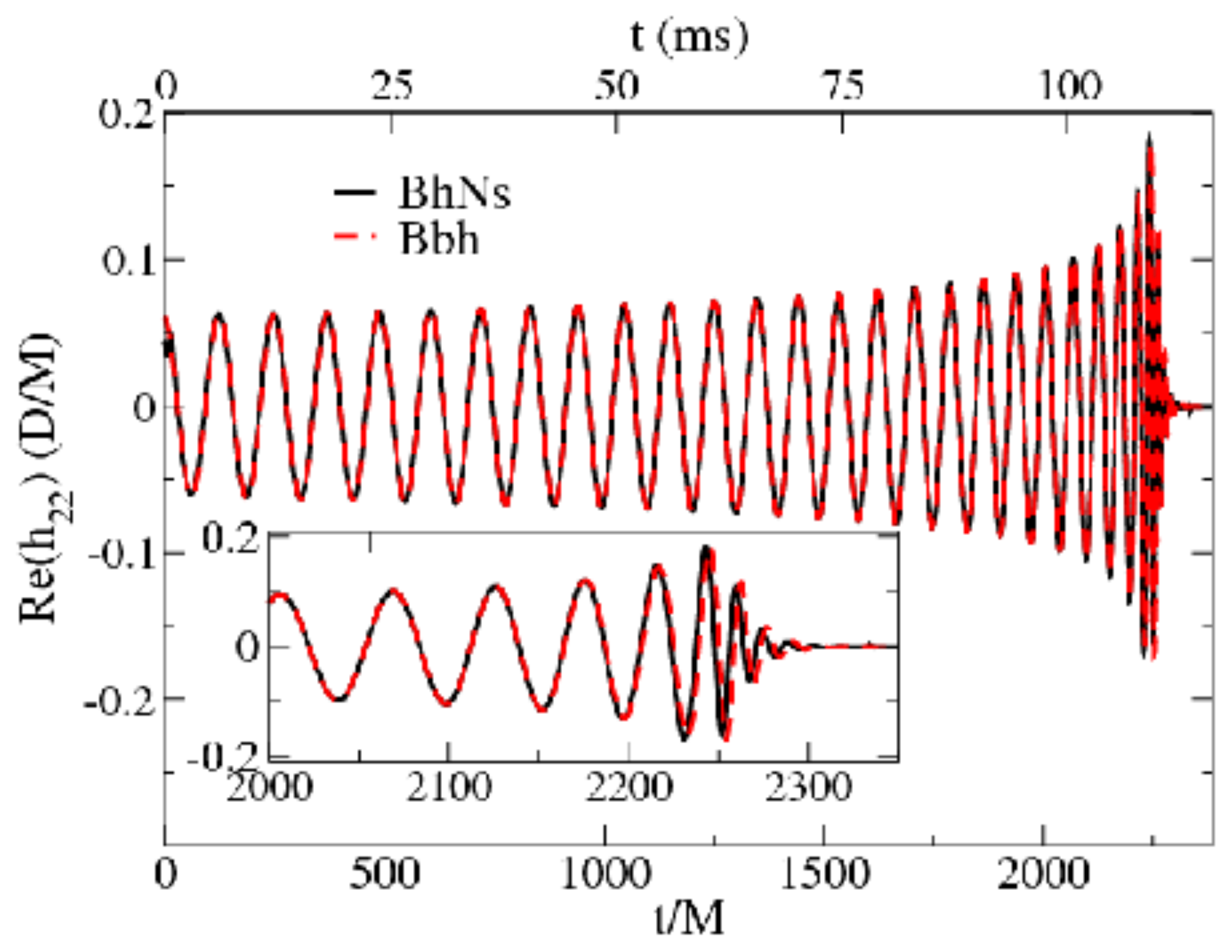

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NSBH spectra

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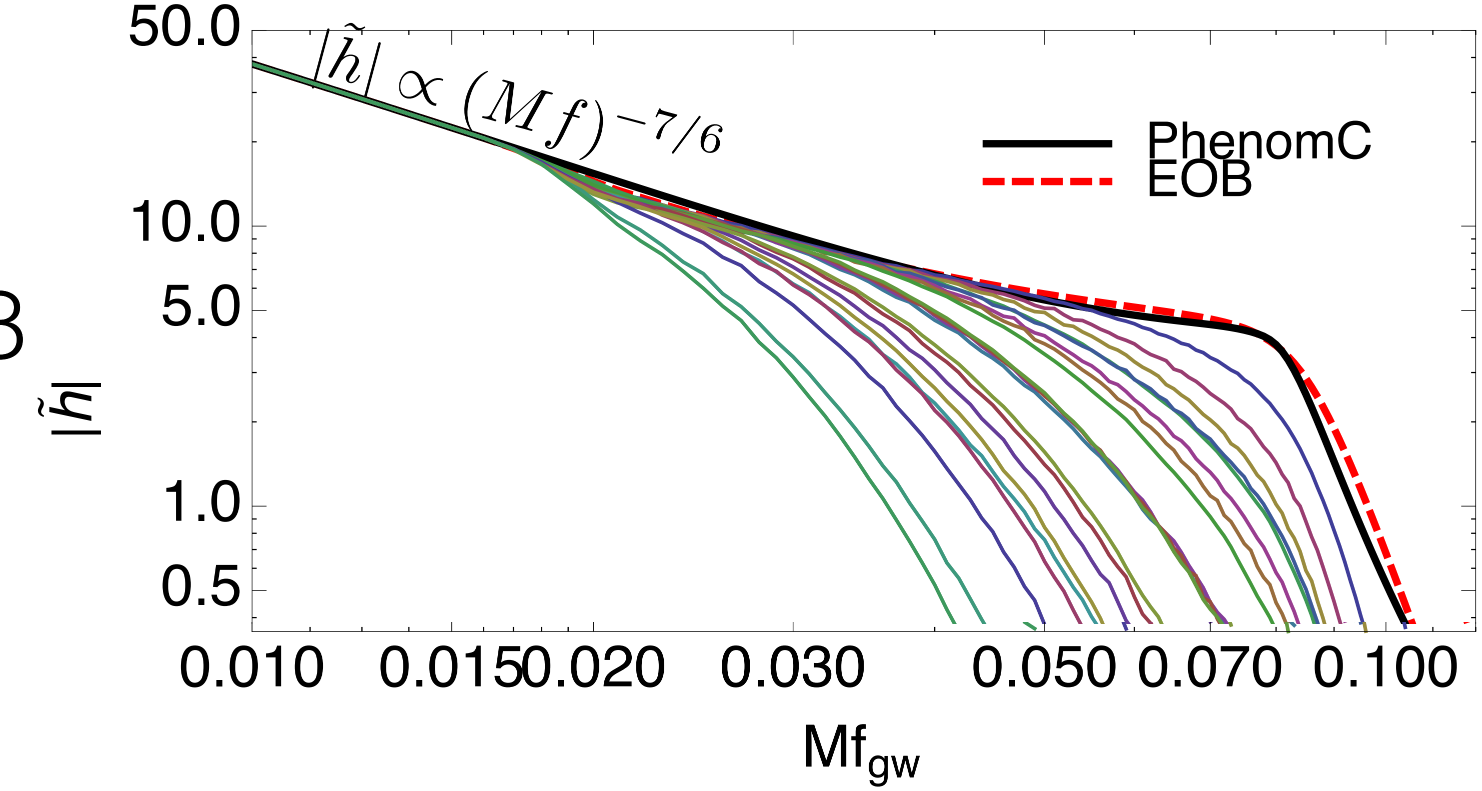

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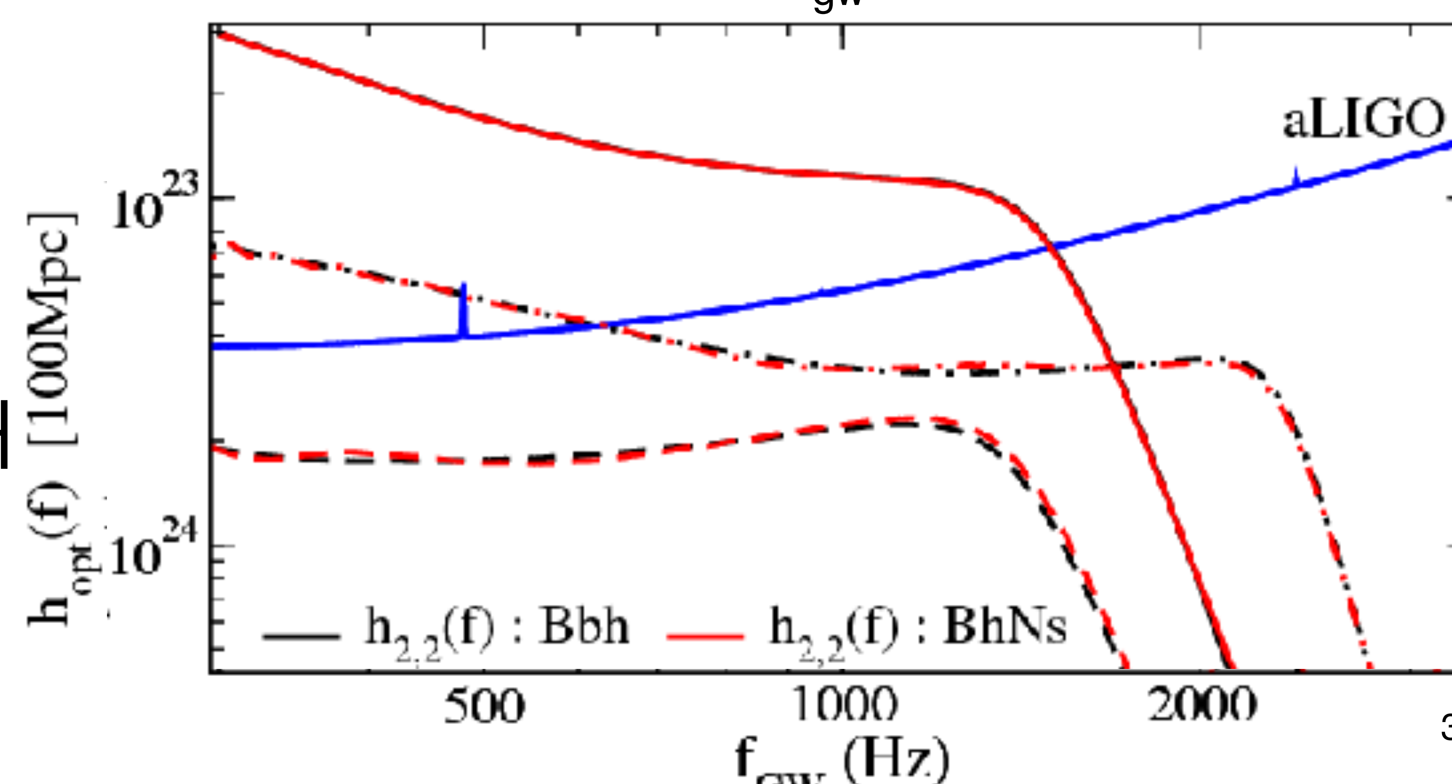
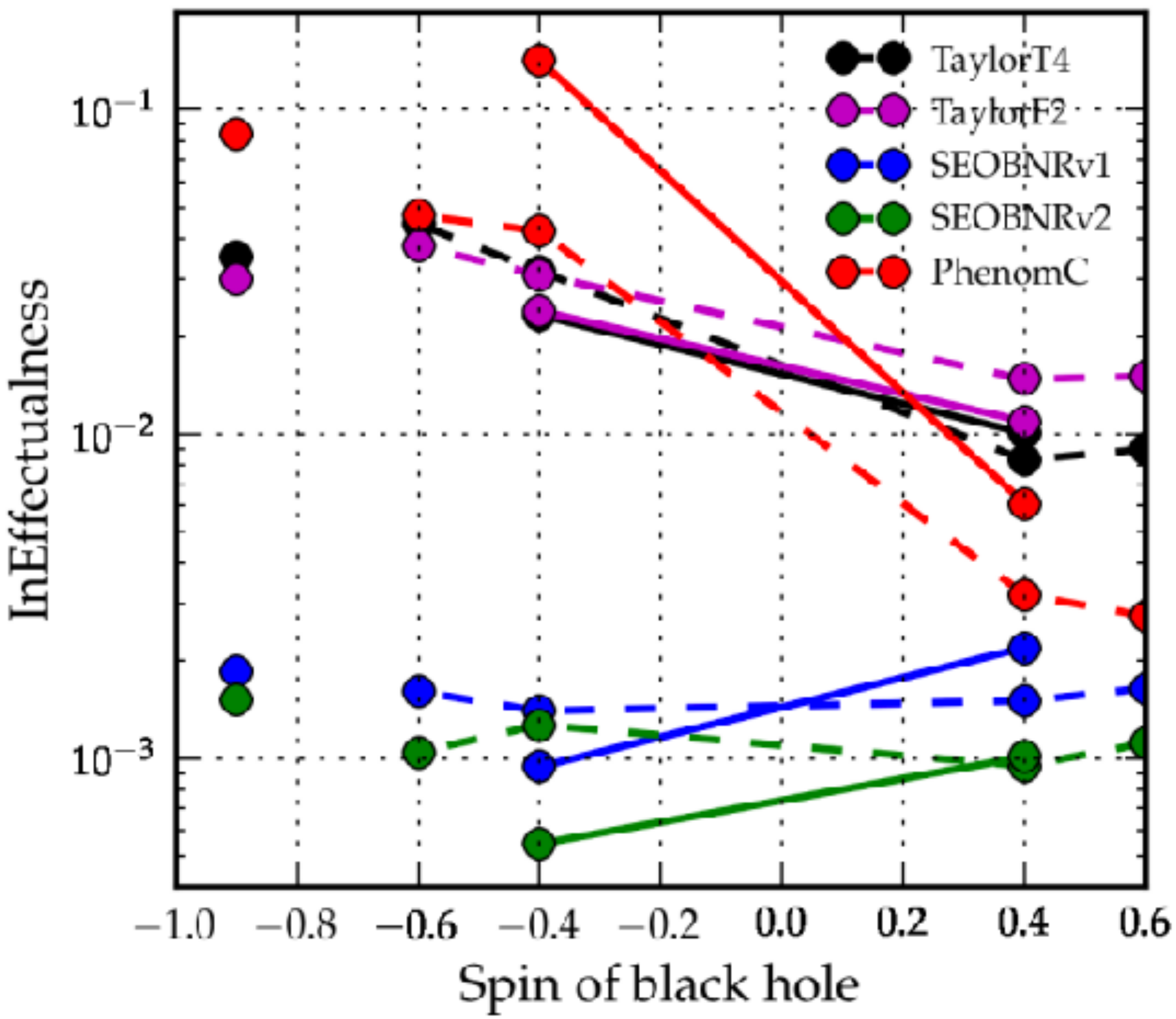
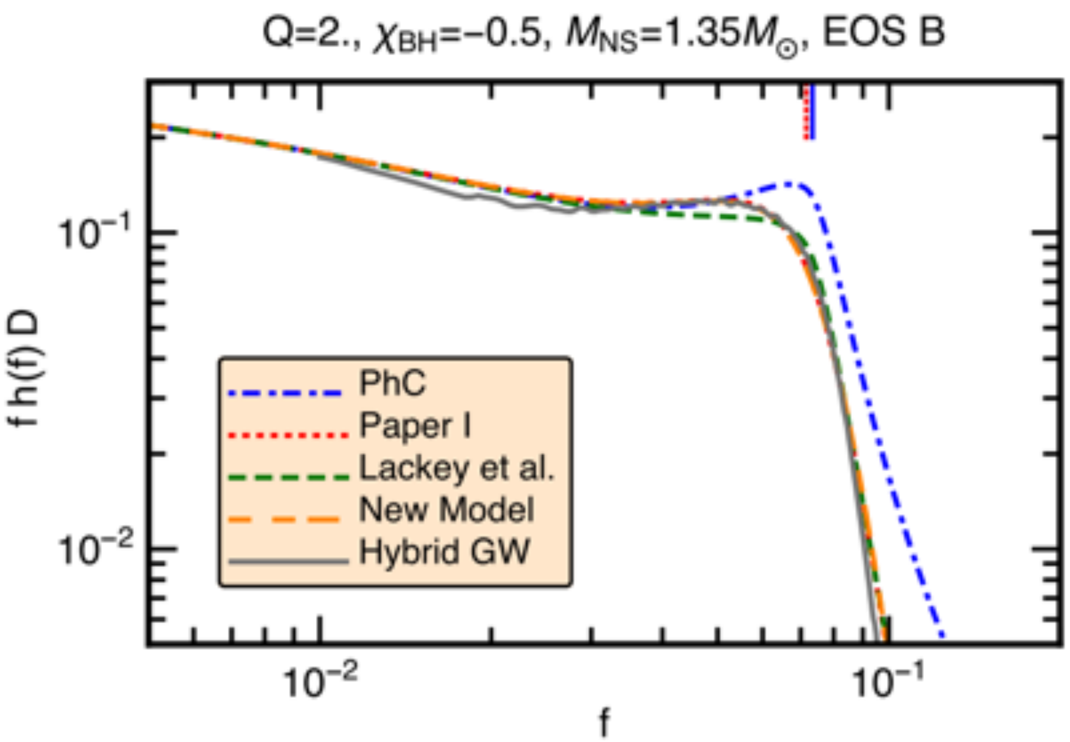


Nondisruptive BHNS require BBH inspiral-merger-ringdown waveform models

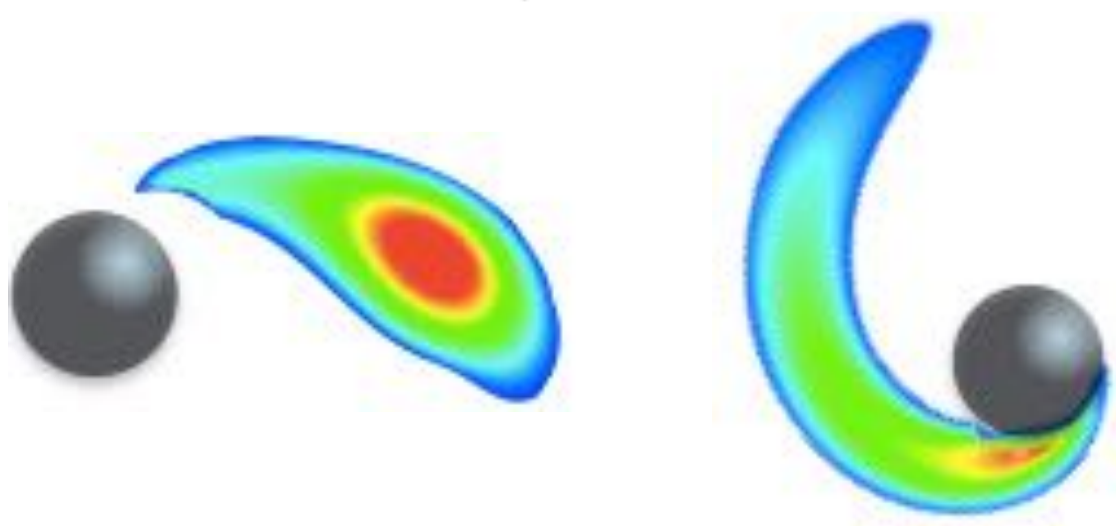


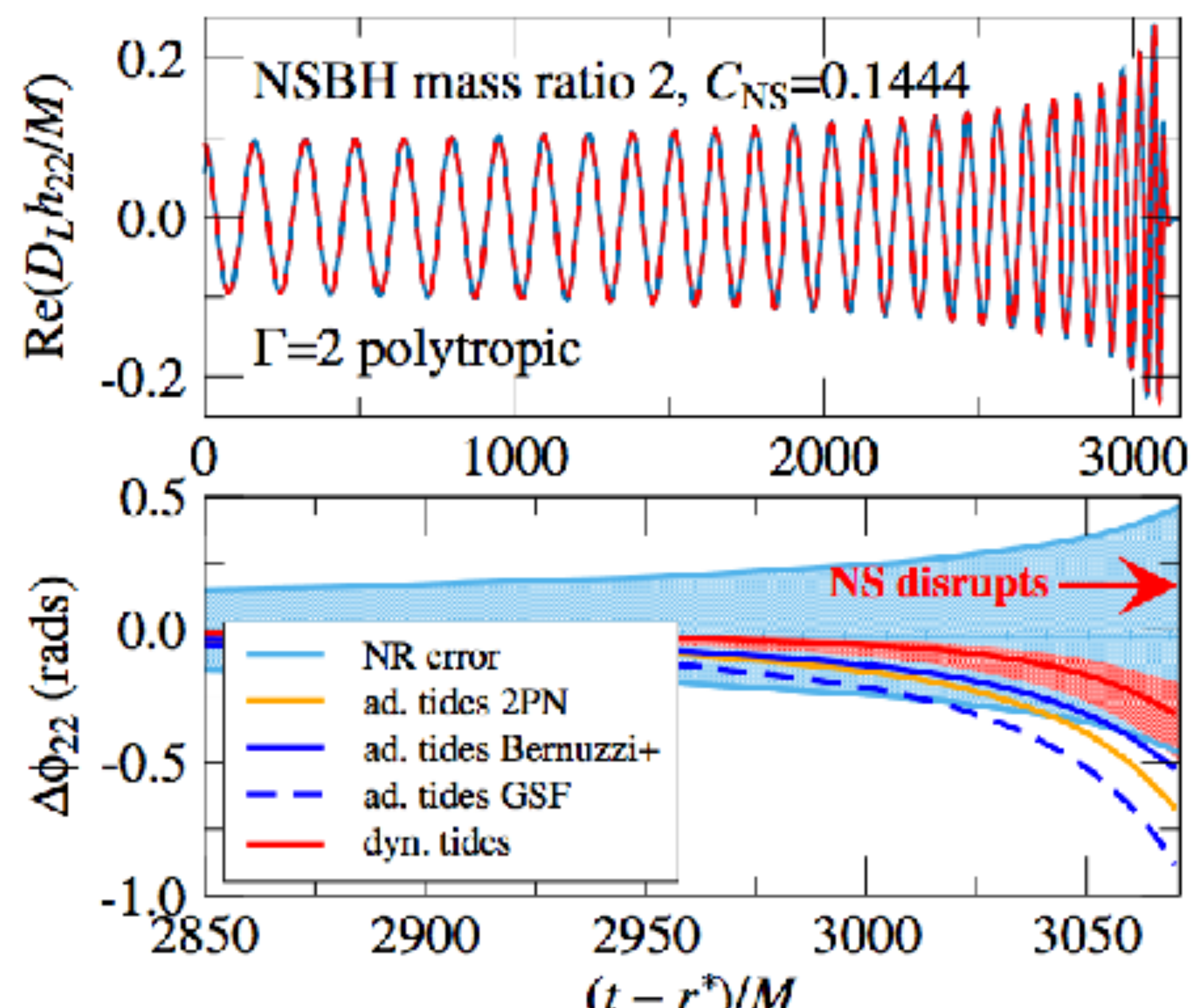
Kumar et al 1507.00103
Effectiveness of BBH waveform models for high mass-ratio NSBH

Disruptive NSBH: waveform models



Phenomenological NSBH waveform from hybrid fits Pannarale et al 1509.00512





EOB + higher order waveform Hinderer et al 1602.00599

Are we ready for matter?

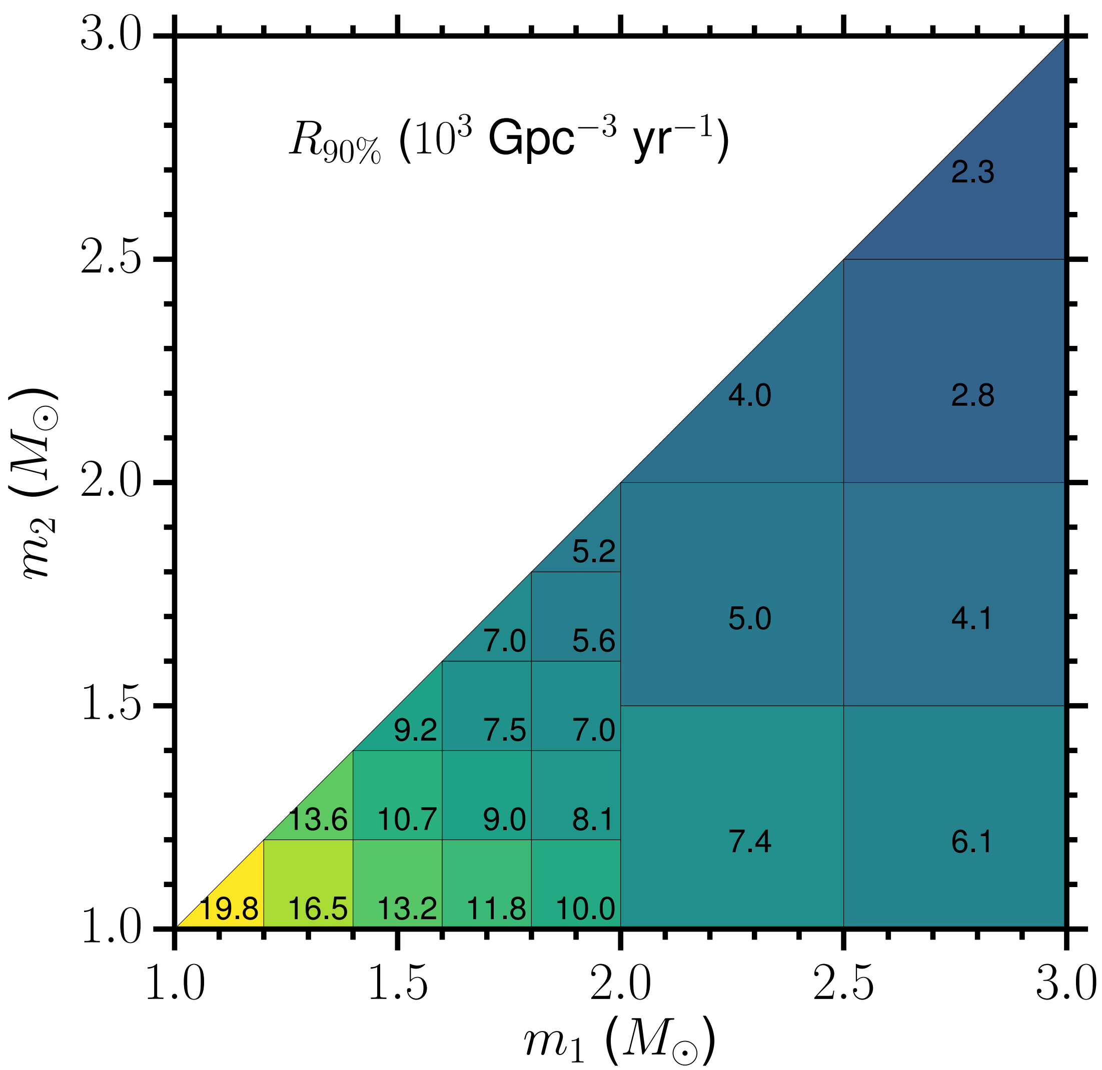
- Sophisticated waveform models incorporating matter are becoming available and being improved
    - Tidal EOB models for neutron stars
    - In development: Phenomenological neutron star mergers
    - Tidal EOB and Phenomenological models for disruptive NSBH mergers
- Bust follow-up can constrain post-merger
    - Possible to combine pre/post merger information?
- Careful assessment of systematic error is ongoing

Extra slides

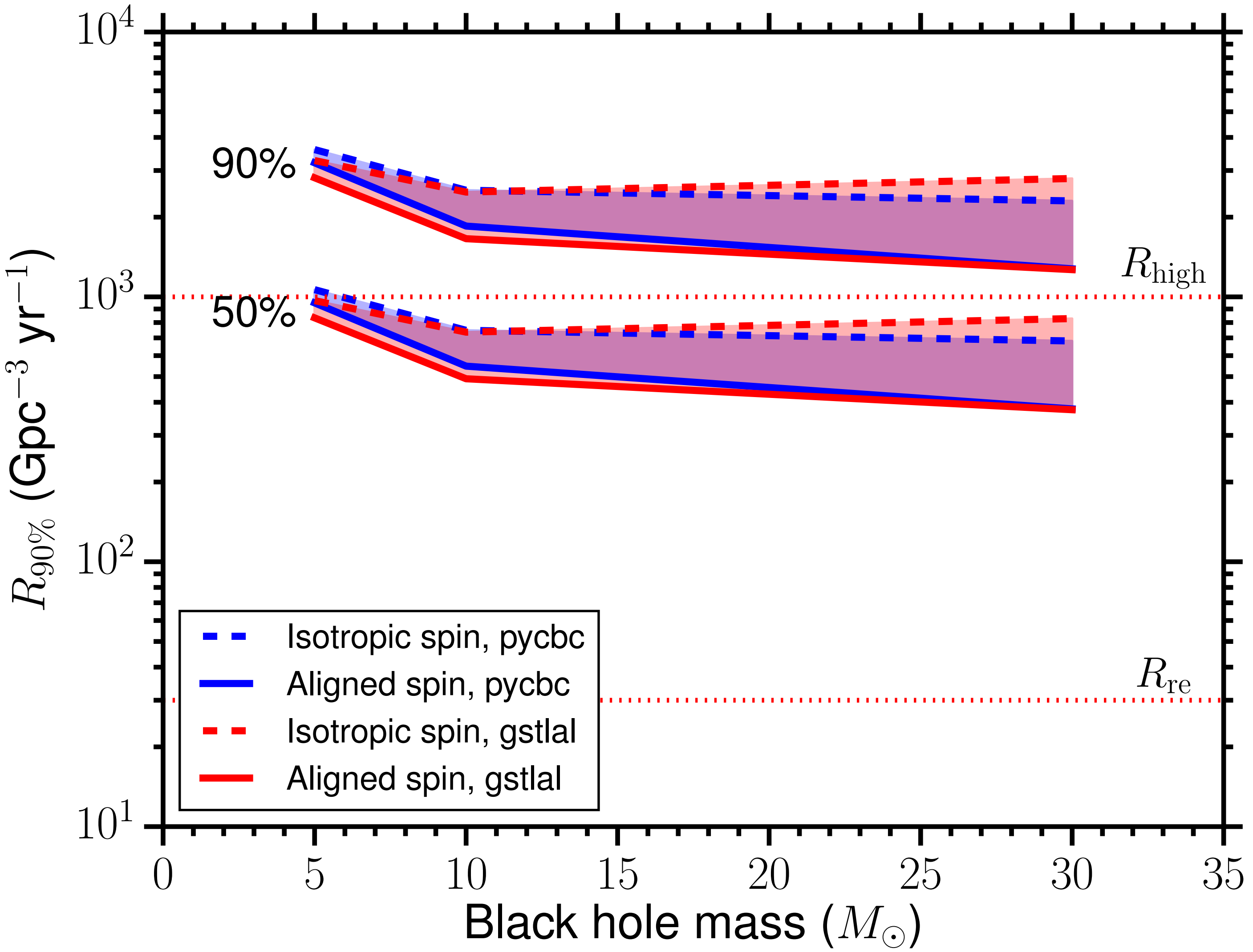
Implications of non-detection: rate constraint

- No candidates have low-mass components (Upper limits on BNS and NSBH mergers https://arxiv.org/abs/1607.07456)

[1,3] M⊙ neutron stars

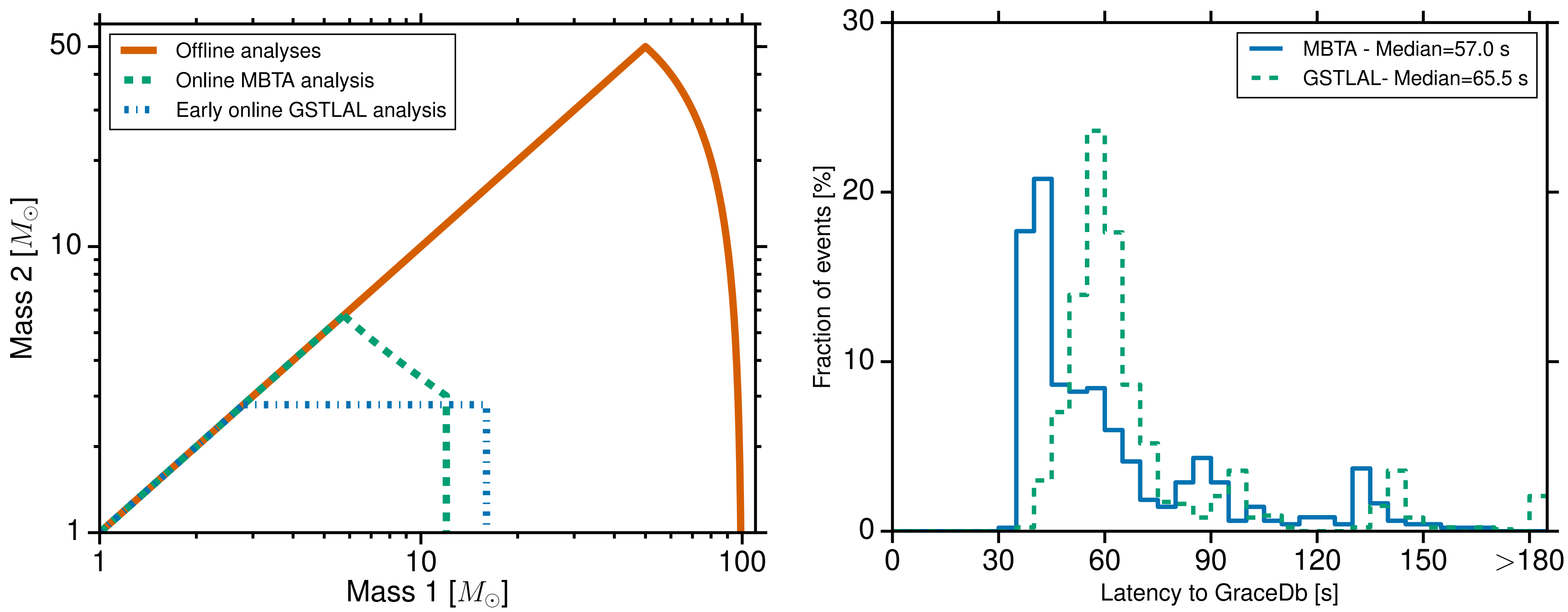


Black holes and 1.4 M⊙ neutron stars

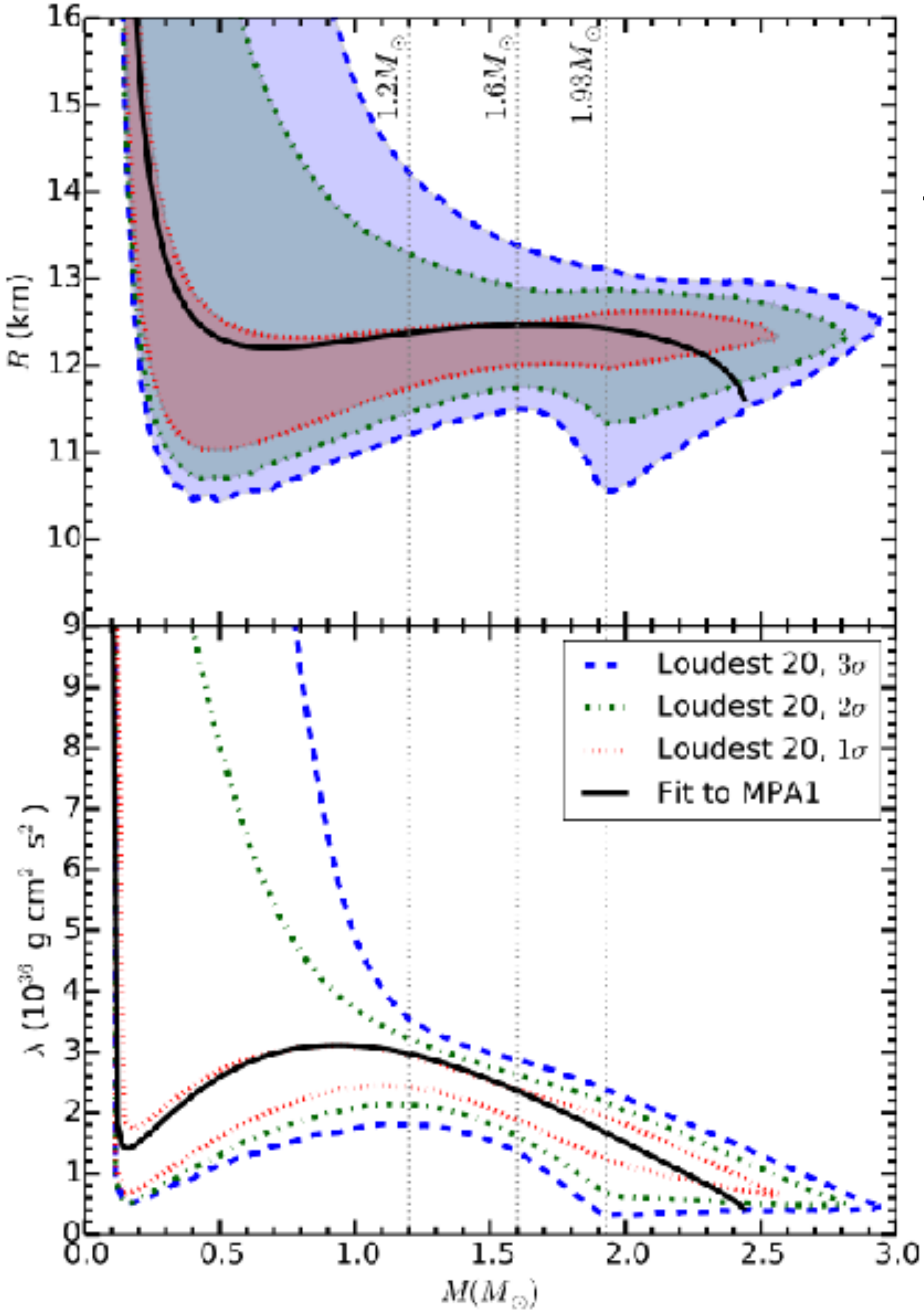


Rapid followup

- O1 low-latency search targeted potentially EM-bright parameters of particular interest for electromagnetic followup. (arxiv:1607.07456)



- O2 low-latency alerts include probability estimates for a neutron-star component and for a post-merger accretion disk
  - Notes on the EM-bright classification (https://dcc.ligo.org/LIGO-T1600571/public)



Lackey and Wade (40 signals)

http://arxiv.org/abs/1410.8866