

# Ever more Physics in Gravitational-Wave Models

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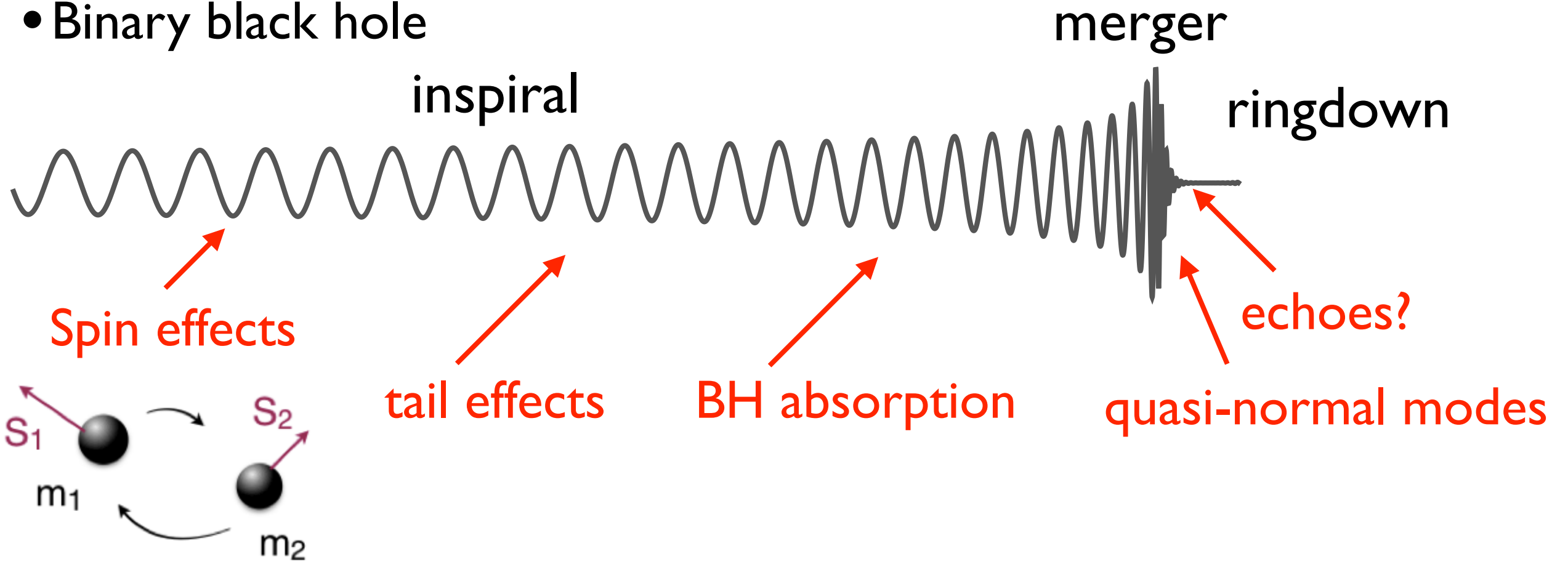
# Outline

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- **Science** from **GW experiments** stems on our **ability** to make **precise theoretical predictions** of gravitational waveforms.
- Are we **missing GW signals**? Are **current inference studies** in any way **affected** by **modeling error**?
- **Discovery potential** in next years, **ability to infer** more **precise** cosmological and astrophysical **information**, and **carry out** more **stringent tests** of GR require **more accurate** waveforms and with **more physics**.
- **What** are the **highest priorities**, and **what are the challenges** in waveform **modeling**.

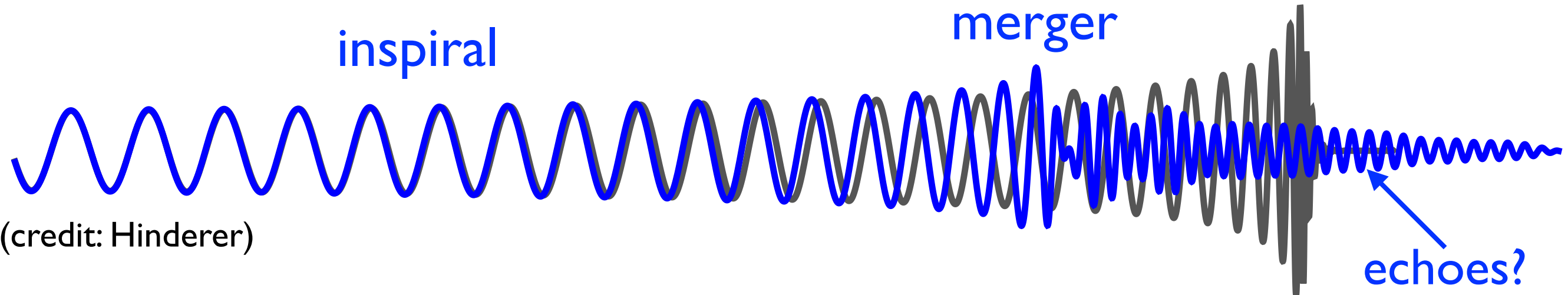
# Waveforms encode plethora of physical effects

- Binary black hole



(credit: Hinderer)

- Compact-object binary with matter or in modified theory to GR?

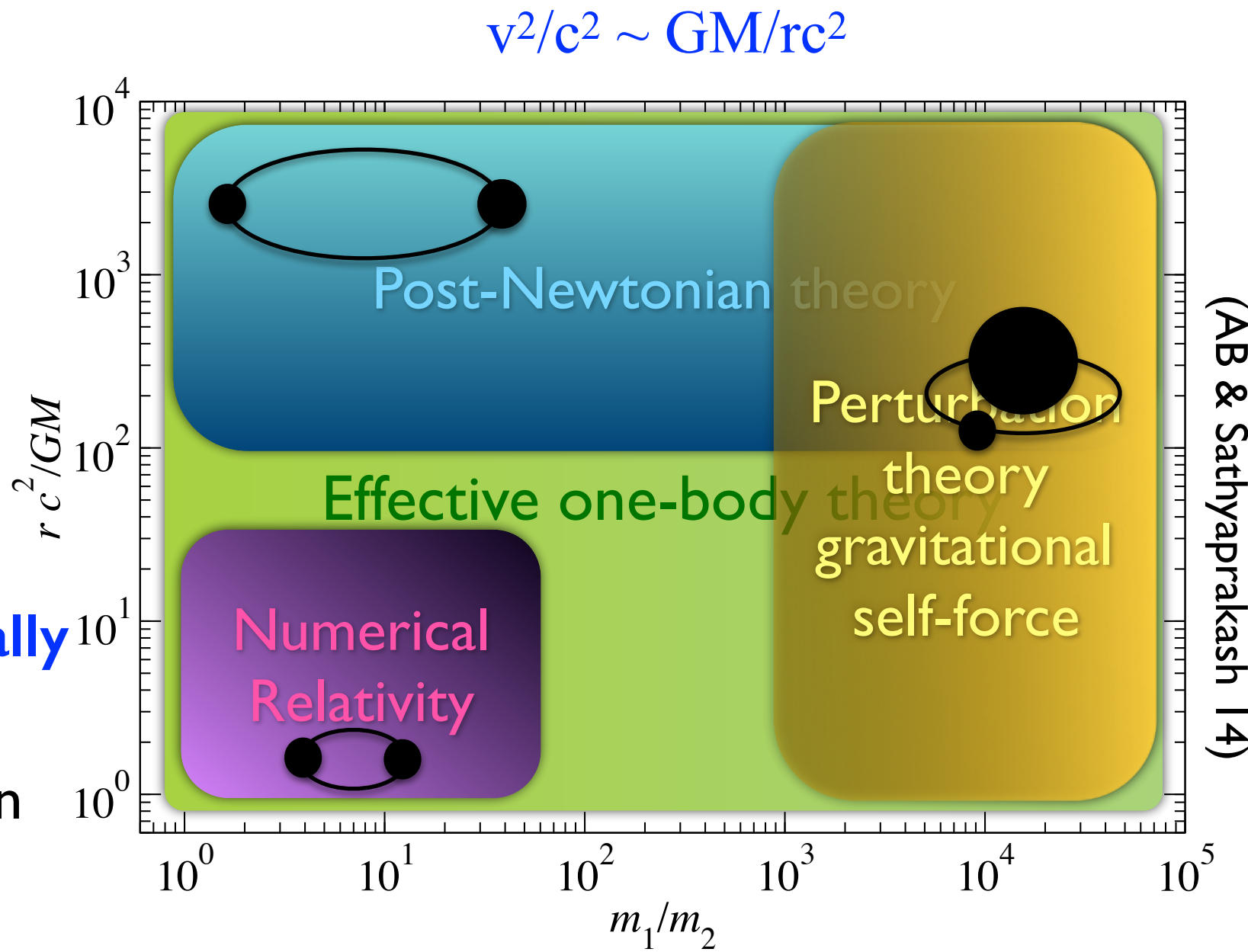


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# Solving two-body problem in General Relativity

$$R_{\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{2}g_{\mu\nu}R = \frac{8\pi G}{c^4}T_{\mu\nu}$$

- **GR** is **non-linear theory**.
- Einstein's field equations can be solved:
  - **approximately**, but **analytically** (fast way)
  - **“exactly”**, but **numerically** on supercomputers (**slow** way)



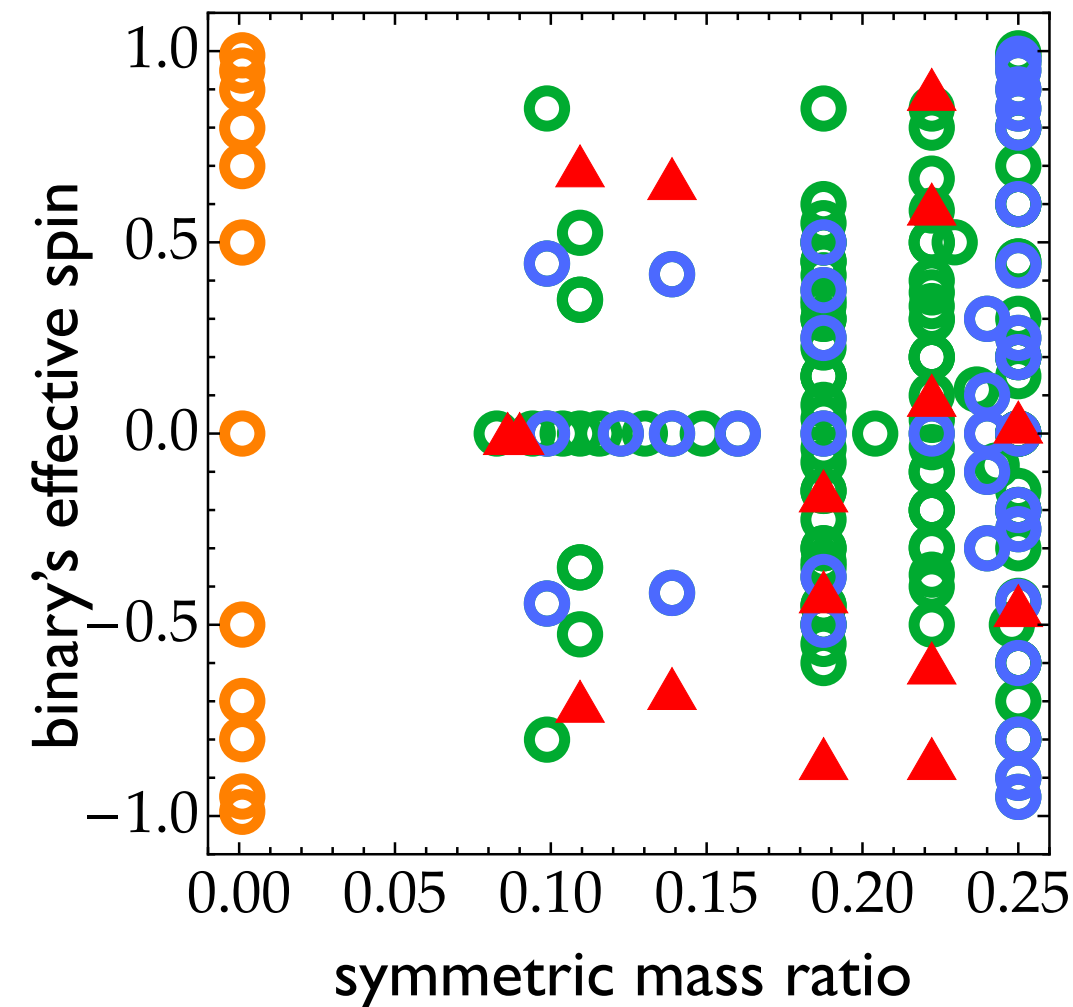
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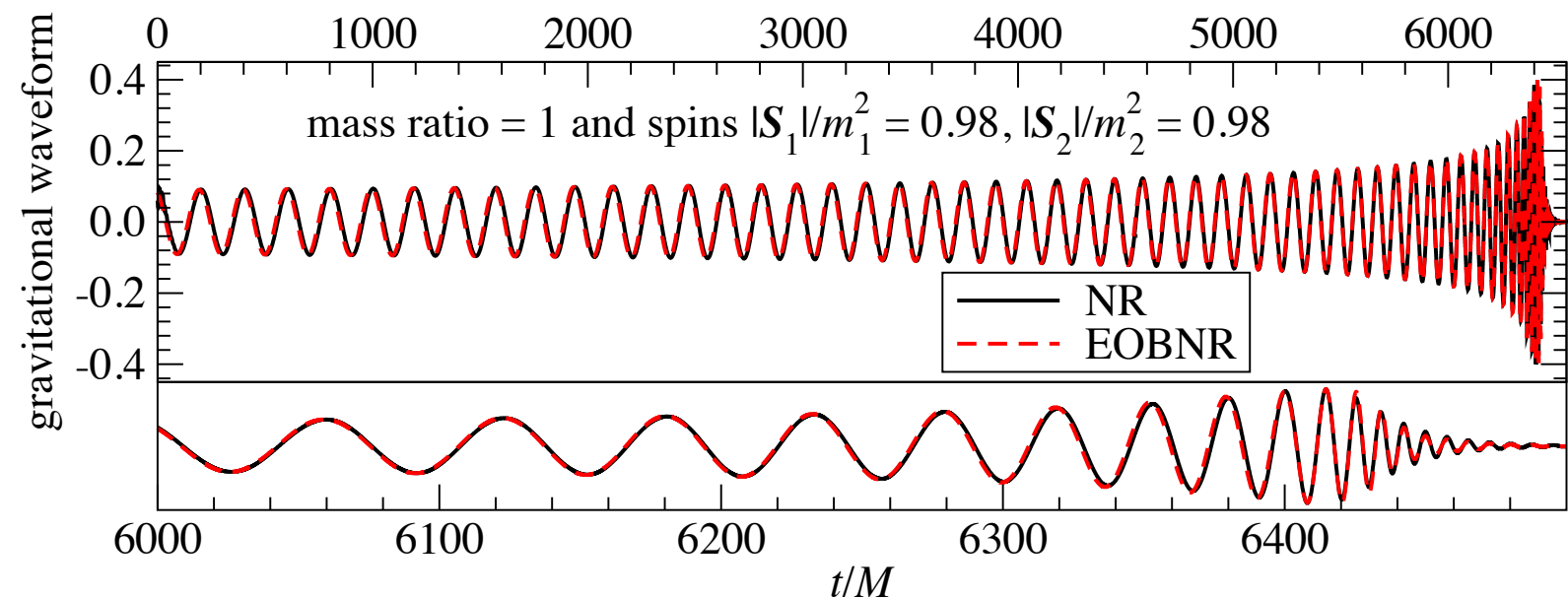
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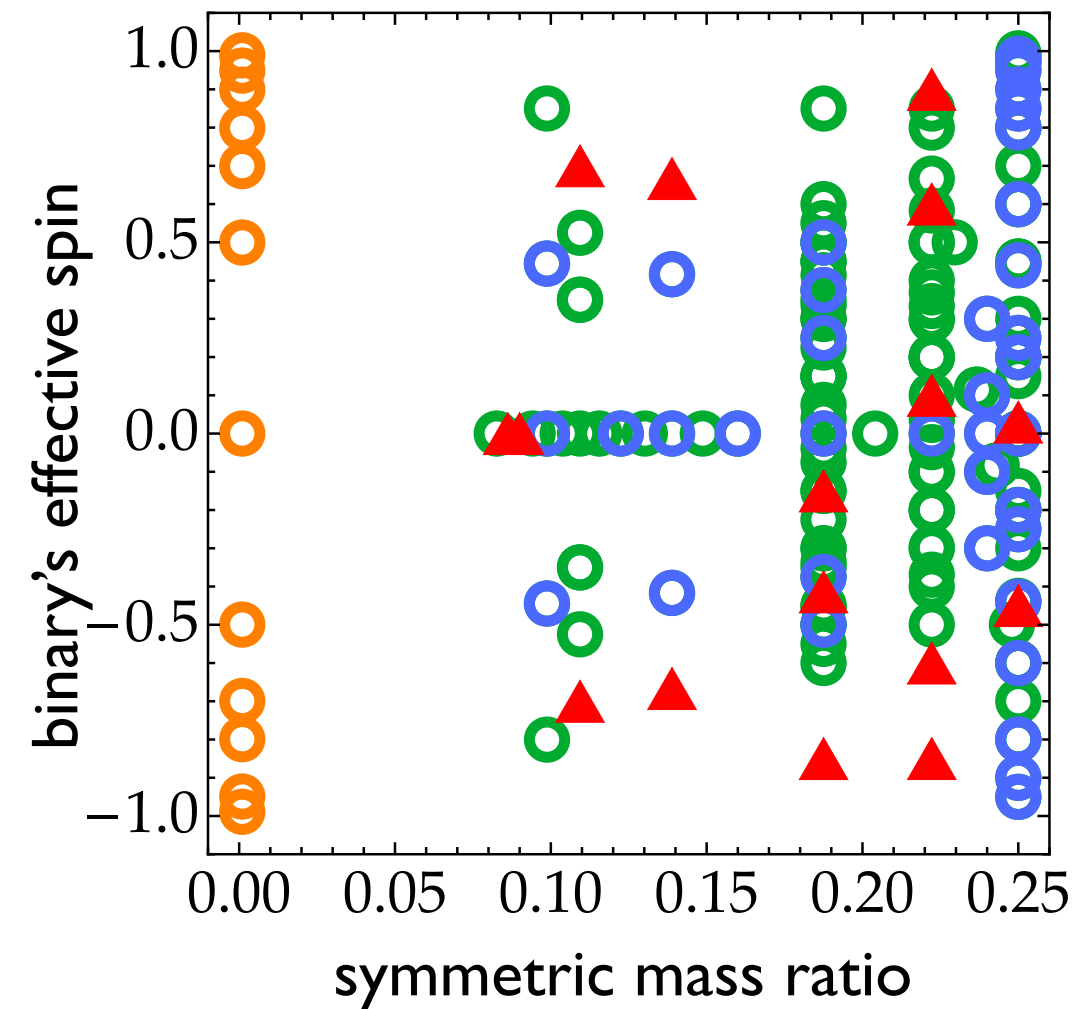
- **Inspiral-merger-ringdown phenomenological** waveforms fitting EOB & NR (IMRPhenom) (Khan et al. 16, Hannam et al. 16)

(If PN were used instead, accuracy will degrade, because of "gap" between PN and NR)

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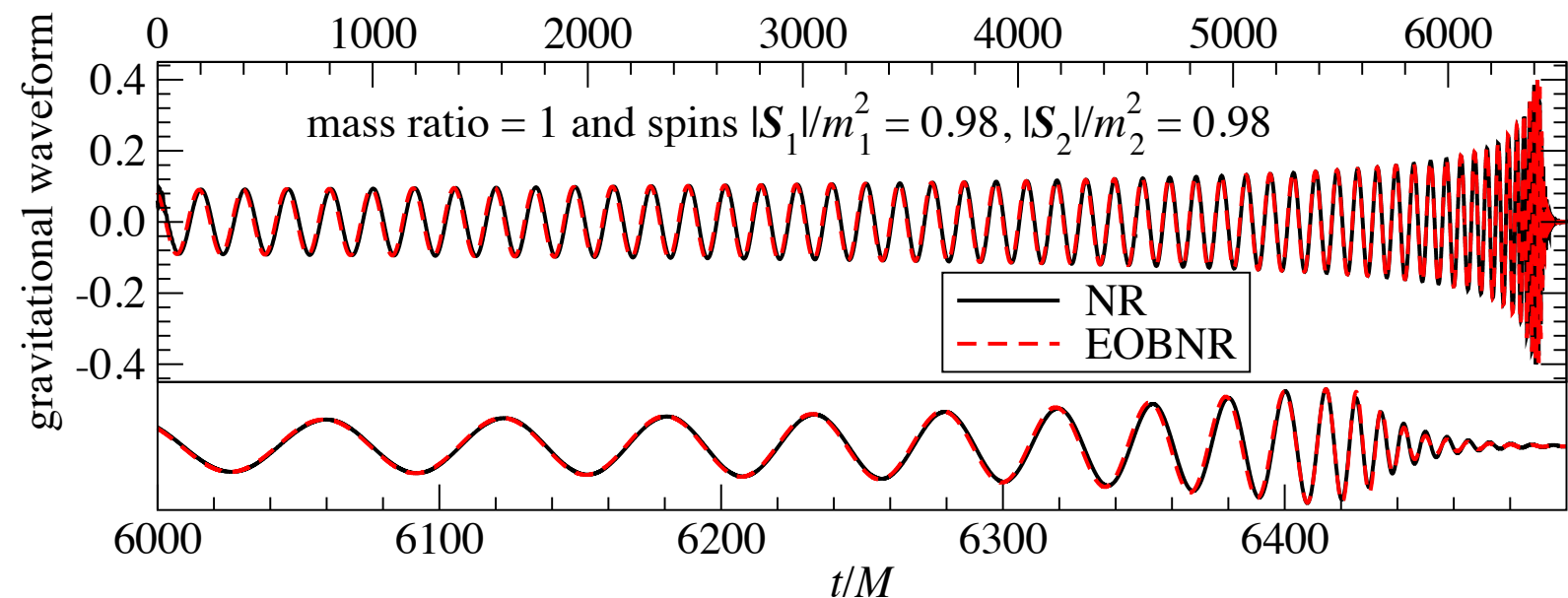
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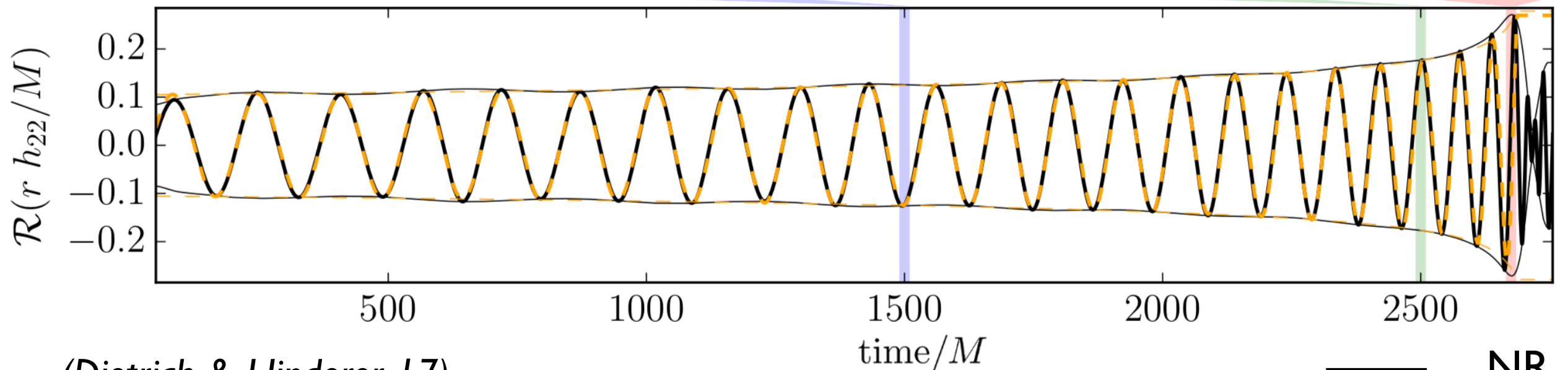
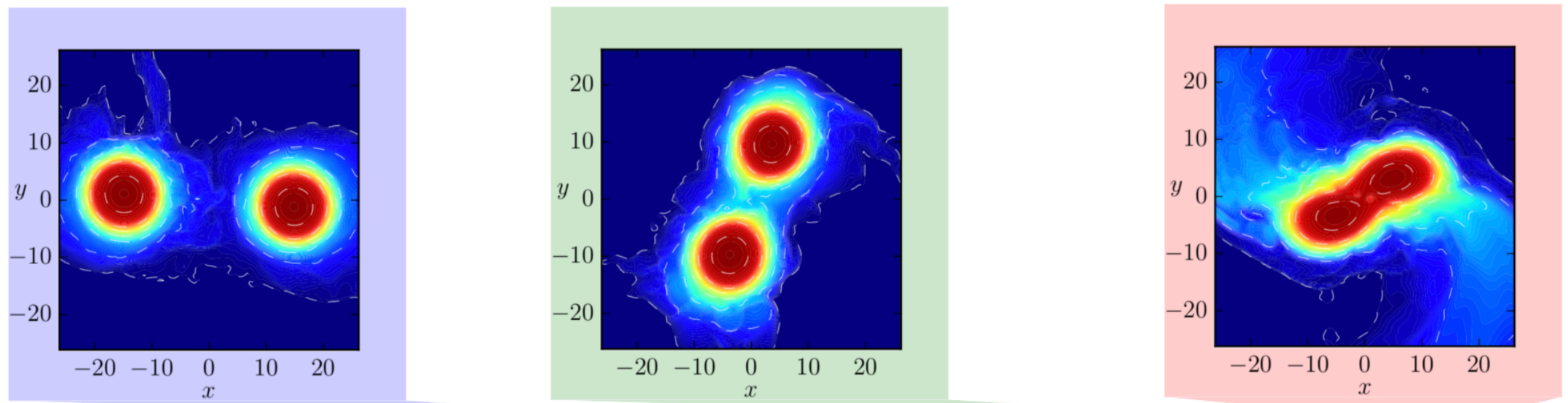


- **NR surrogate models** built **directly** interpolating **NR simulations**, which are **“selected”** in **parameter space** using analytical waveform models.

(Blackman et al. 17, Varma et al. 18, 19)

# Waveforms for BNS combining analytical & numerical relativity

- Synergy between **analytical** and **numerical work** is **crucial**.



(Dietrich & Hinderer 17)

— NR  
— SEOBNRT

(Damour 1983, Flanagan & Hinderer 08, Binnington & Poisson 09, Vines et al. 11, Damour & Nagar 09, 12, Bernuzzi et al. 15, Hinderer, ...AB ... et al. 16, Steinhoff, ... AB ... et al. 16, Dietrich et al. 17-19, Nagar et al. 18)

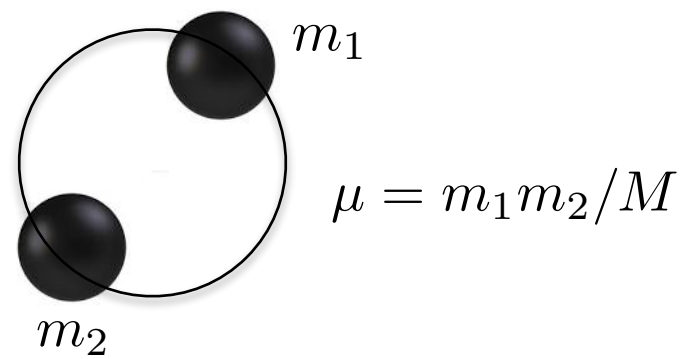
# Gravitational waveforms built from conservative & dissipative dynamics

- GW from time-dependent **quadrupole moment**:  $h_{ij} \sim \frac{G}{c^4} \frac{\ddot{Q}_{ij}}{D}$

$$h = \nu \left( \frac{GM}{c^2 D} \right) \frac{v^2}{c^2} \cos 2\Phi$$

$$\frac{v}{c} = \left( \frac{GM\omega}{c^3} \right)^{1/3}$$

$$\nu = \mu/M$$



- Center-of-mass energy:  $E(\omega)$

$$E(v) = -\frac{\mu}{2} v^2 + \dots$$

- GW luminosity:  $\mathcal{L}_{\text{GW}}(\omega) \equiv F(\omega)$

$$F(v) = \frac{32}{5} \nu^2 \frac{c^5}{G} \left( \frac{v}{c} \right)^{10} + \dots$$

- Balance equation:  $\frac{dE(\omega)}{dt} = -F(\omega) \rightarrow \dot{\omega}(t) = -\frac{F(\omega)}{dE(\omega)/d\omega}$

- Gravitational-wave **phase**:  $\Phi_{\text{GW}}(t) = 2\Phi(t) = \frac{1}{\pi} \int^t \omega(t') dt'$

# PN templates for compact-object binary inspirals

$$\begin{aligned}
 \varphi(f) = & \varphi_{\text{ref}} + 2\pi f t_{\text{ref}} + \frac{3}{128\nu} v^{-5} \left\{ 1 \right. \\
 & - \frac{5\hat{\alpha}^2}{336\omega_{\text{BD}}} v^{-2} - \frac{128}{3} \frac{\pi^2 D M \nu}{\lambda_g^2 (1+z)} v^2 \\
 & + \left( \frac{3715}{756} + \frac{55}{9} \nu \right) v^2 - 16\pi v^3 + 4\beta v^3 \\
 & + \left( \frac{15293365}{508032} + \frac{27145}{504} \nu + \frac{3085}{72} \nu^2 \right) v^4 - 10\sigma v^4 \\
 & \left. \dots - \frac{39}{2} \tilde{\Lambda}^t v^{10} + \dots \right\}
 \end{aligned}$$

dipole radiation  $\rightarrow$   $-\frac{5\hat{\alpha}^2}{336\omega_{\text{BD}}} v^{-2}$  (labeled -1PN)  
 $\frac{3}{128\nu} v^{-5}$  (labeled 0PN)  
 $-\frac{128}{3} \frac{\pi^2 D M \nu}{\lambda_g^2 (1+z)} v^2$  (labeled 1PN, graviton with non zero mass)  
 $16\pi v^3$  (labeled 1.5PN, spin-orbit)  
 $4\beta v^3$  (labeled 1.5PN, spin-orbit)  
 $\frac{3085}{72} \nu^2$  (labeled 2PN)  
 $10\sigma v^4$  (labeled spin-spin)  
 $\tilde{\Lambda}^t v^{10}$  (labeled 5PN, tidal)

$$\tilde{\Lambda}^t = f(m_1, m_2, \Lambda_1^t, \Lambda_2^t)$$

for NSBH:  $\tilde{\Lambda}^t \sim \frac{1}{q^4} \Lambda_{\text{NS}}^t \quad q \gg 1$

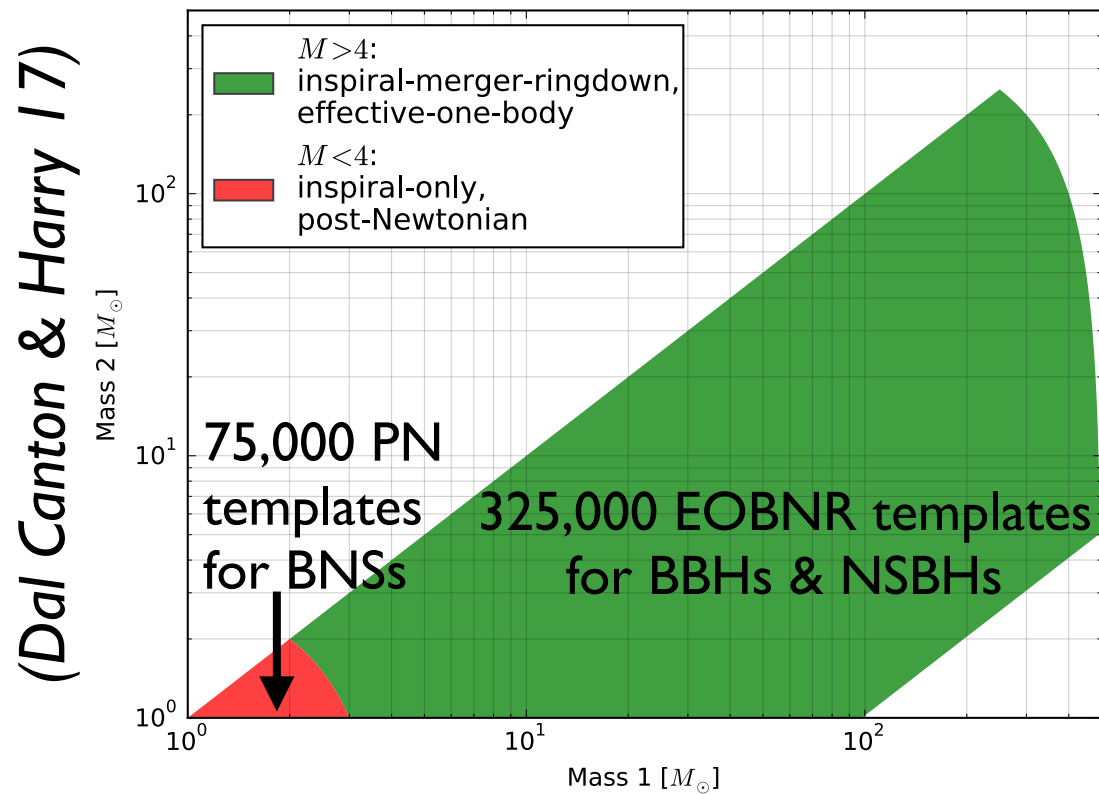
Depends on EOS & compactness  $\downarrow$  it can be large  $\downarrow$

$$\Lambda^t = \frac{2}{3} \kappa_2 \left( \frac{R_{\text{NS}}}{m_{\text{NS}}} \right)^5$$

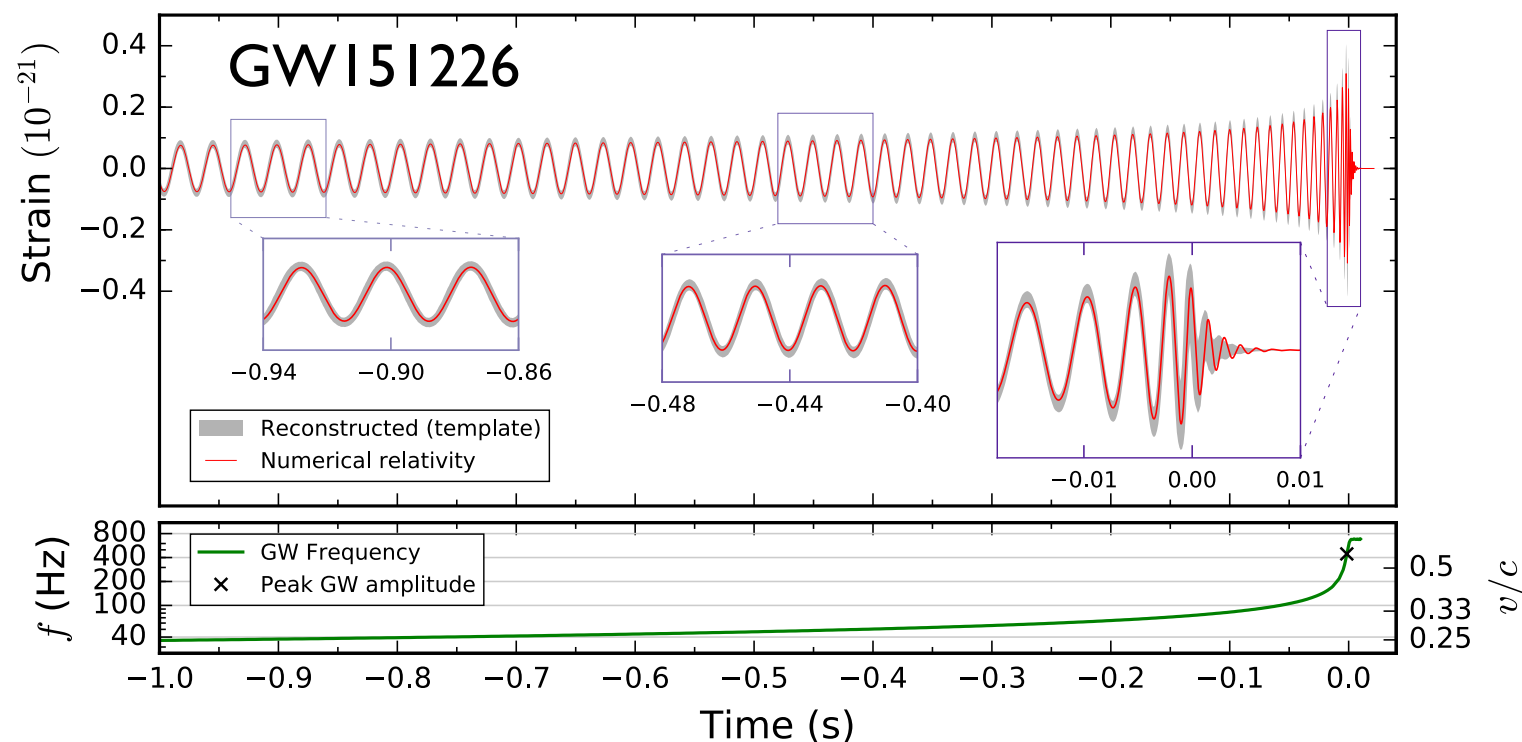


# Template bank for modeled search & possible systematics

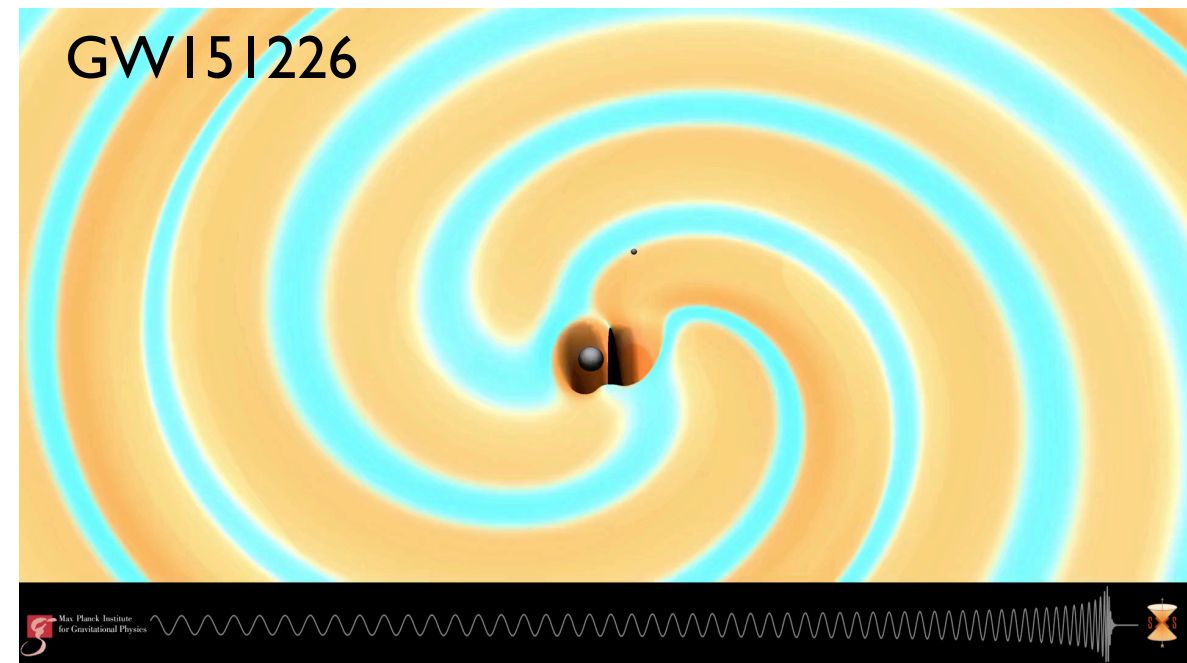
- **Matched filtering** employed



(Abbott et al. PRL 116 (2016) 241103)



(visualization credit: Dietrich, Haas @AEI)  
(Ossokine, AB & SXS project)



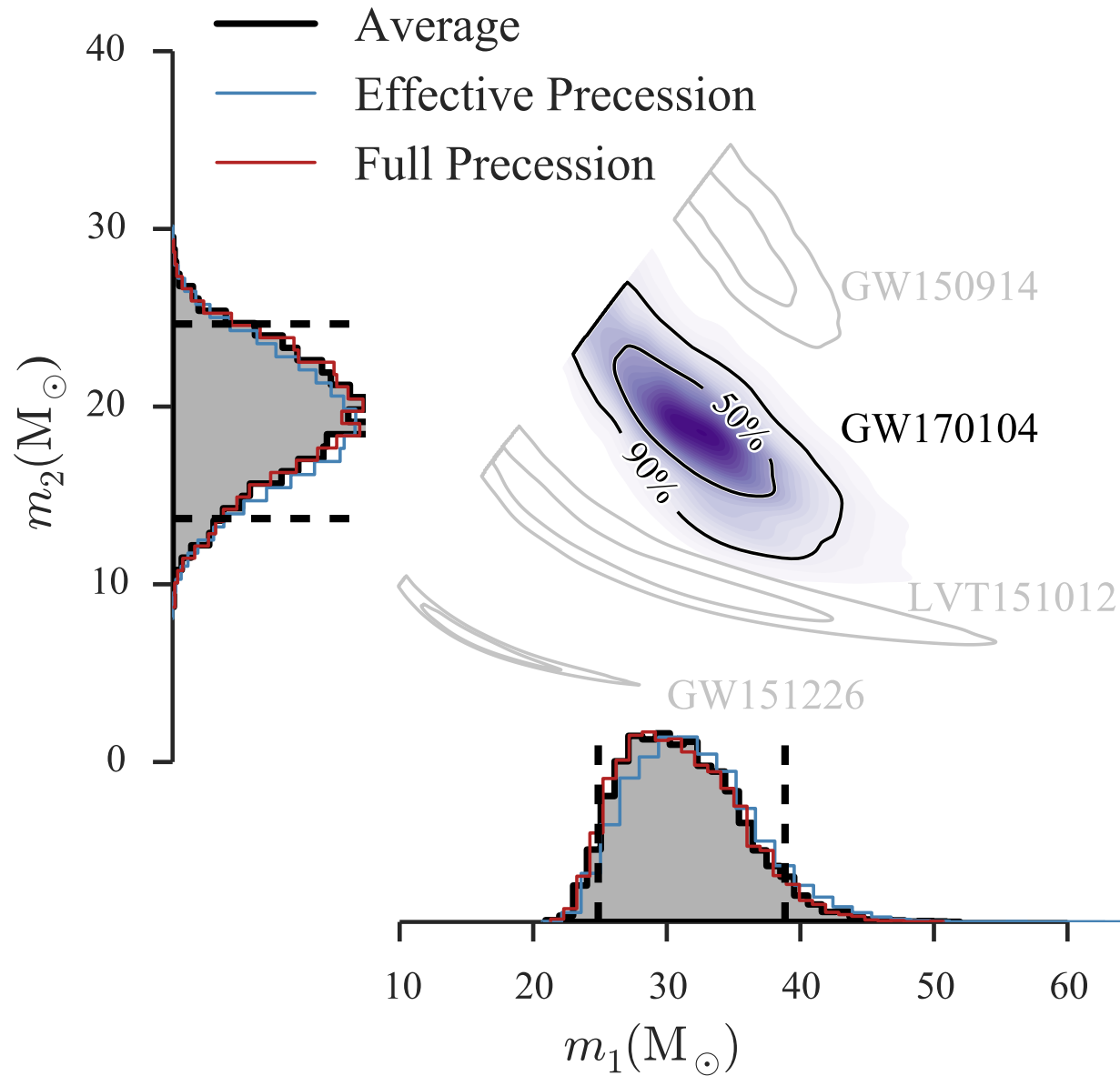
- **Systematics** due to modeling are **smaller than statistical** errors for GW events observed in **O1 & O2 runs**.

(Abbott et al. CQG 34 (2017) 104002)

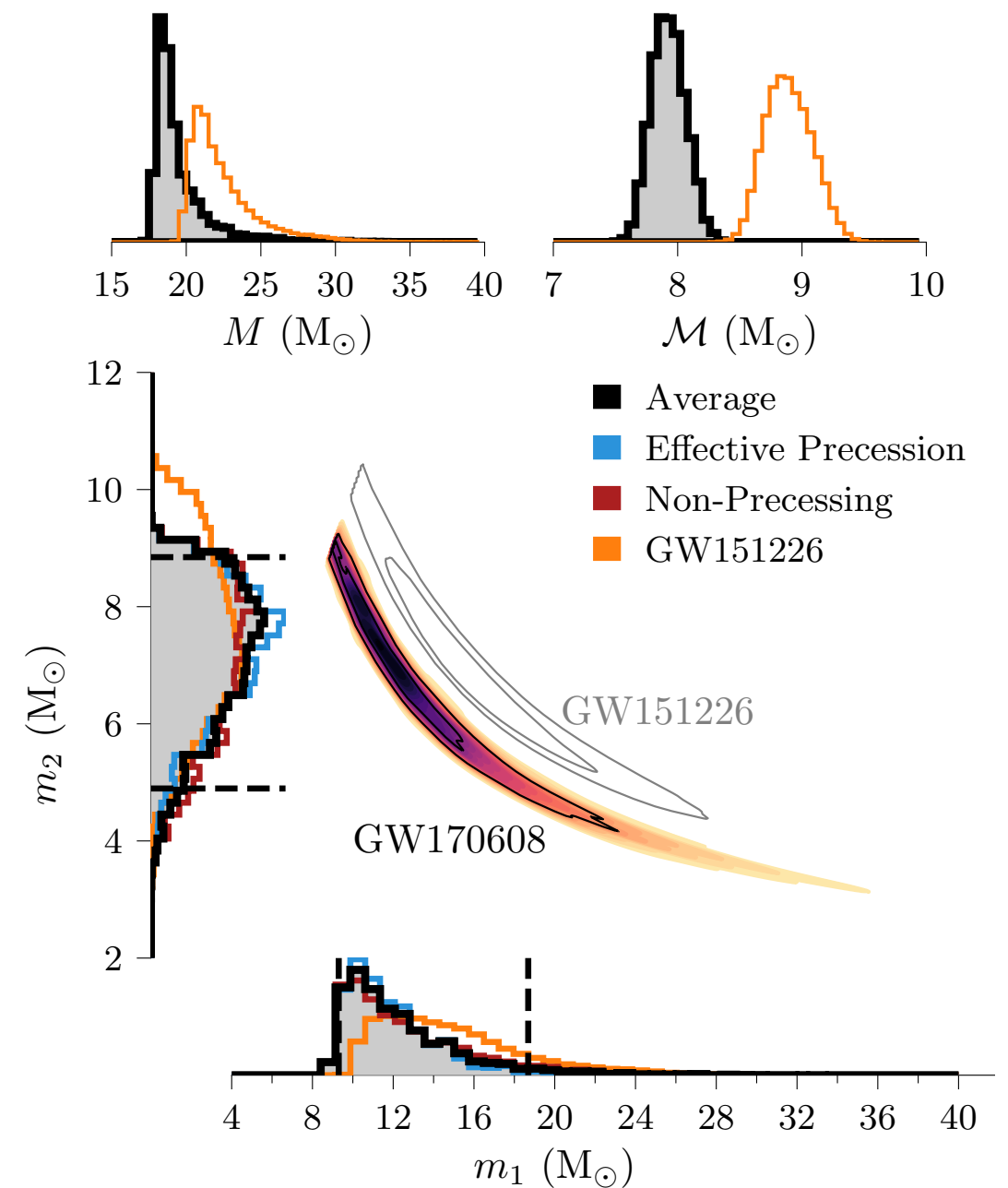


# Unveiling binary black-hole properties: masses

(Abbott et al. PRL 118 (2017) 221101)



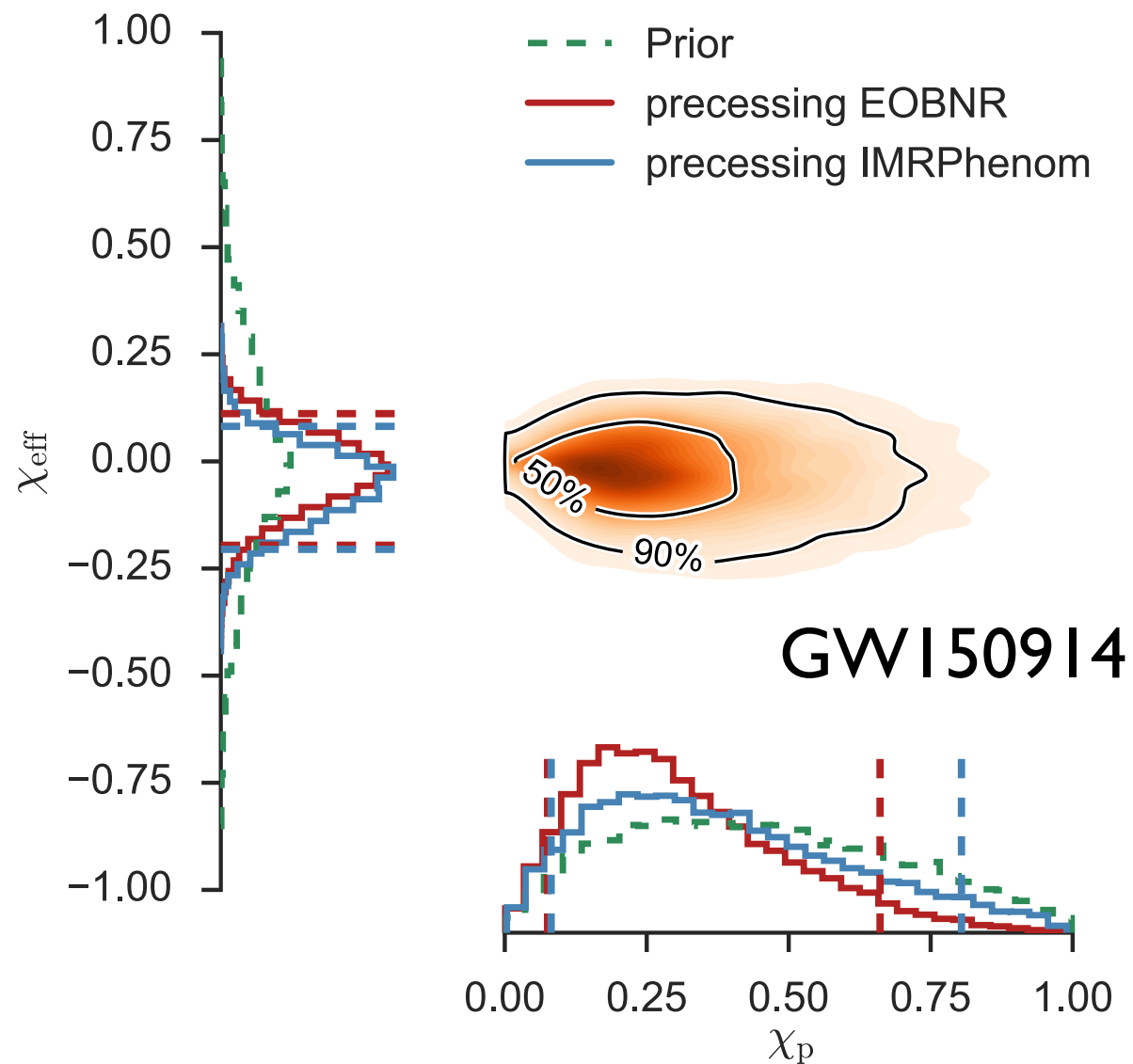
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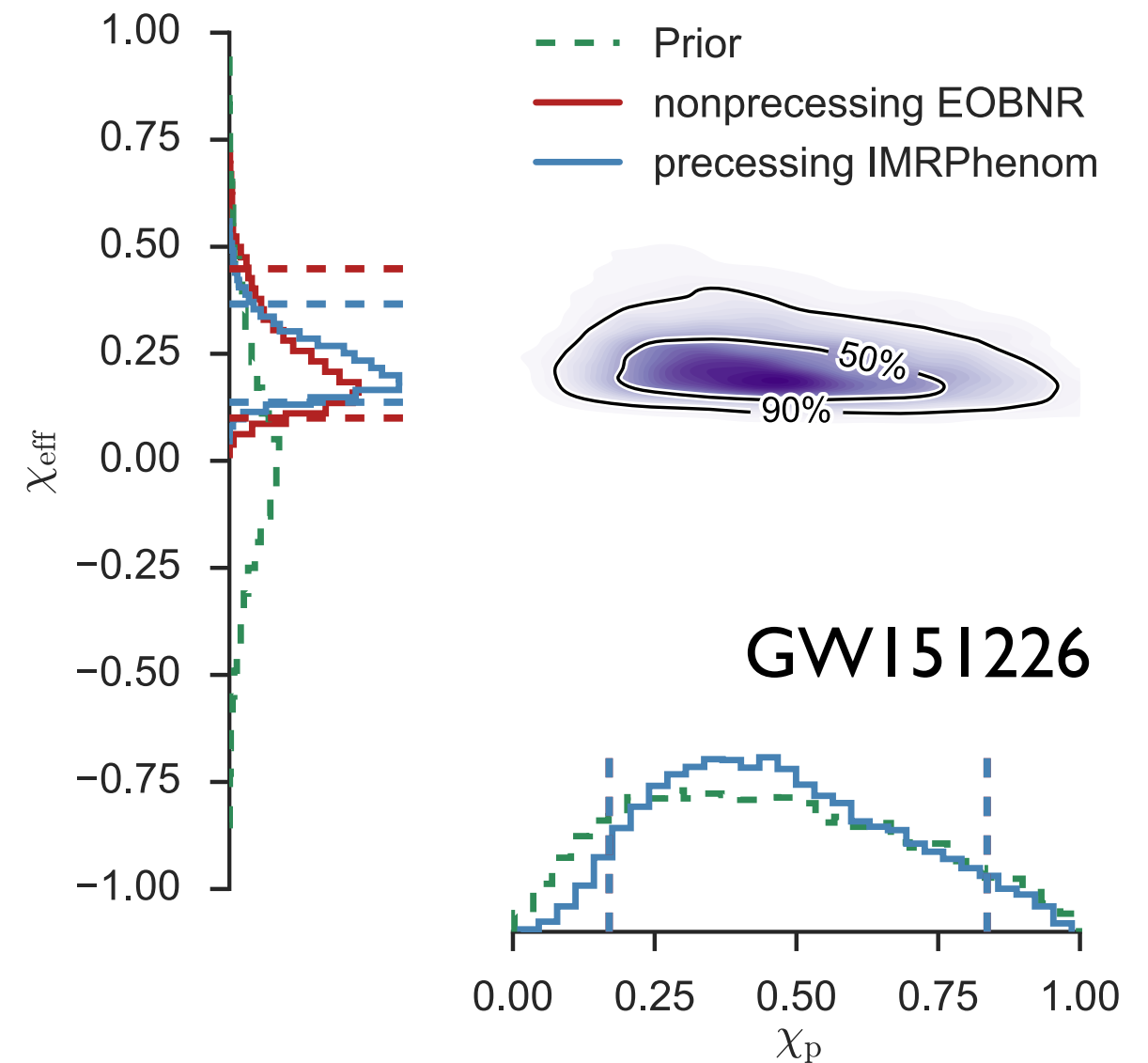
- Current **measurements** of masses **dominated by statistical error**.

# Unveiling binary black-hole properties: spins

(Abbott et al. PRX 6 (2016) 041014)



(Abbott et al. PRL 116 (2016) 241103)

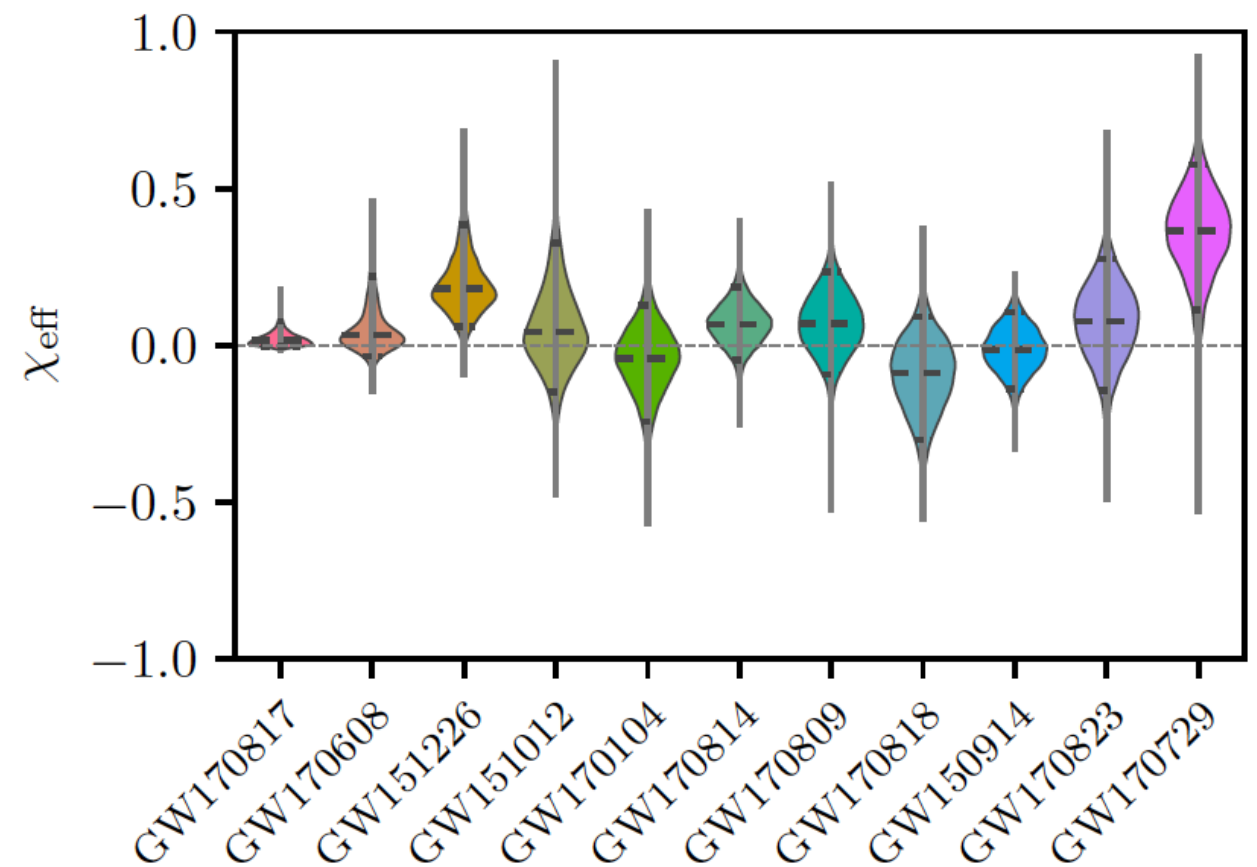
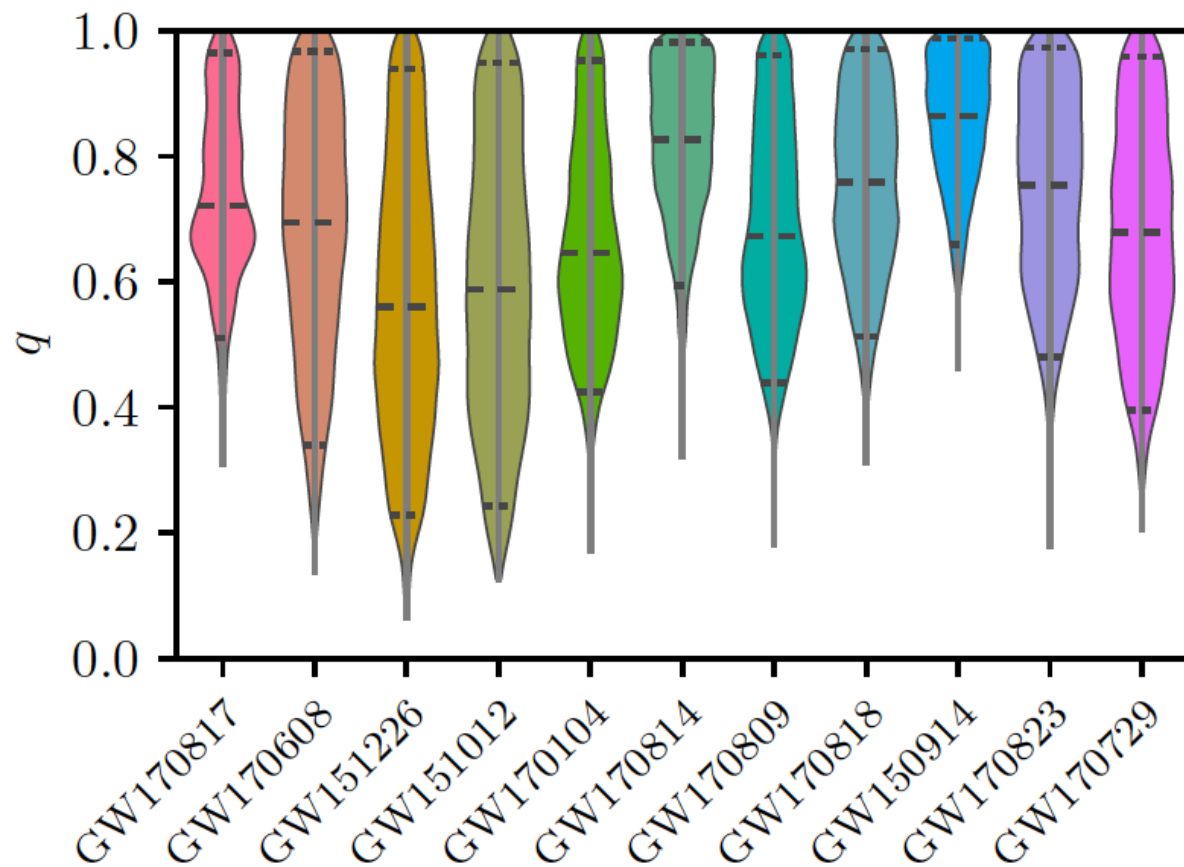


- **Current measurements of masses dominated by statistical error.**

(measurements @ 25Hz)

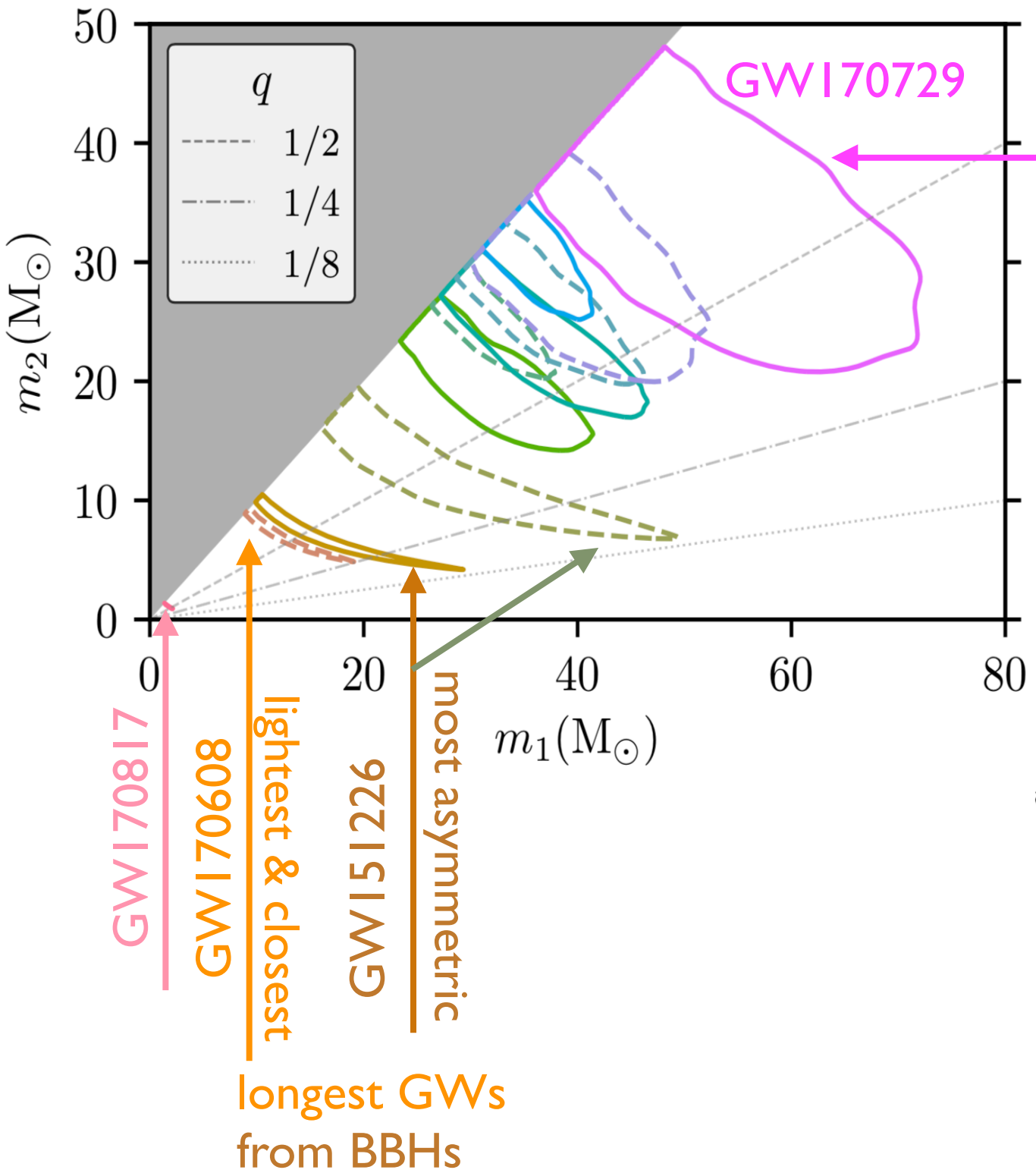
# Unveiling binary black-hole properties: results GWTC-I

(Abbott et al. arXiv:1811.12907)



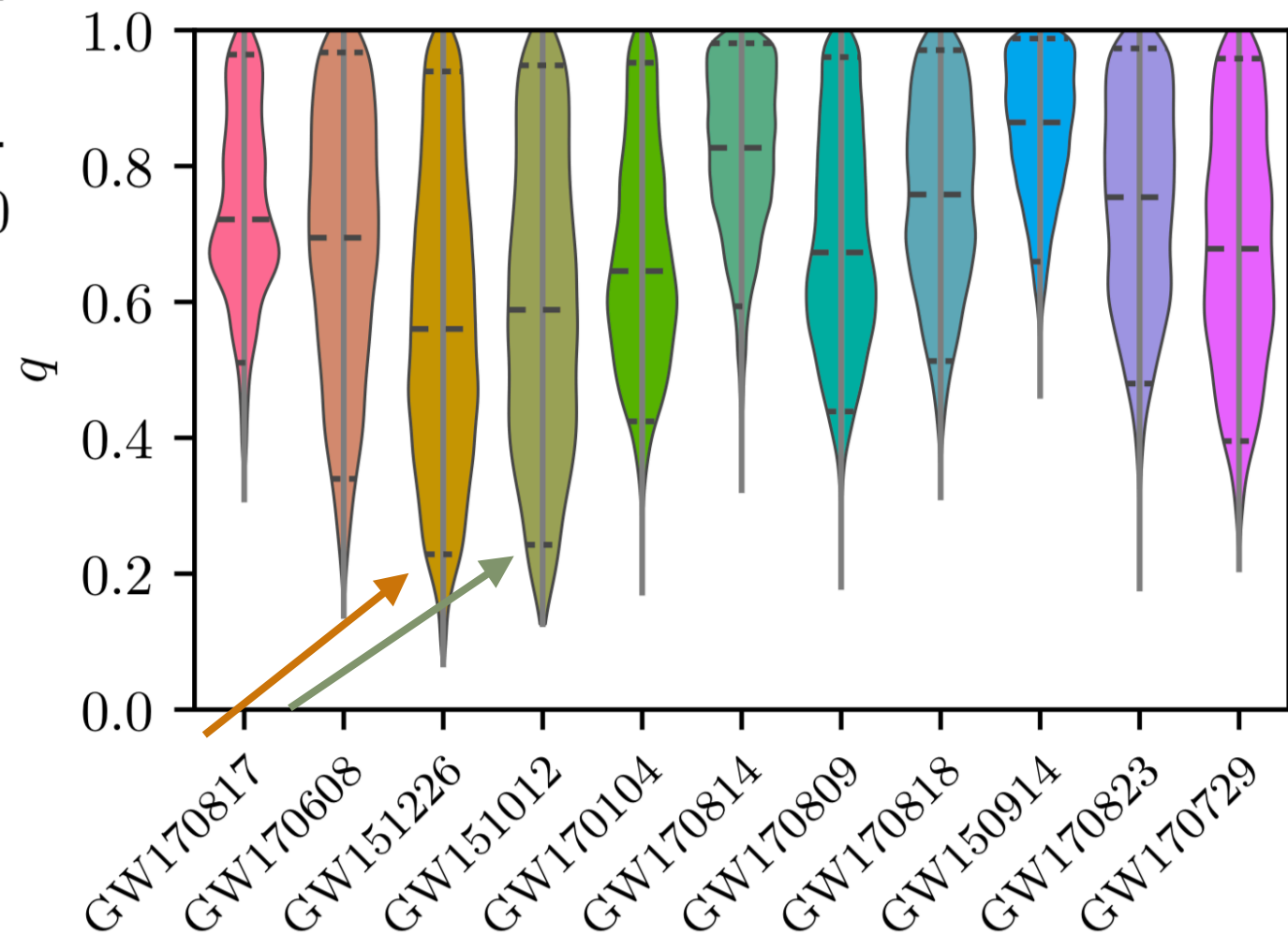
- Current **measurements** of masses and spins for GWTC-I **dominated by statistical instead of modeling** error.
- **Inferences** are obtained combining the **effective (IMRPhenom)** and **full (SEOBNR) spin-precessing** waveform models.

# Unveiling binary properties of GWTC-I: masses



(Abbott et al. arXiv:1811.12907)

heaviest & most distant BBH



# Unveiling binary properties of GWTC-I: spins

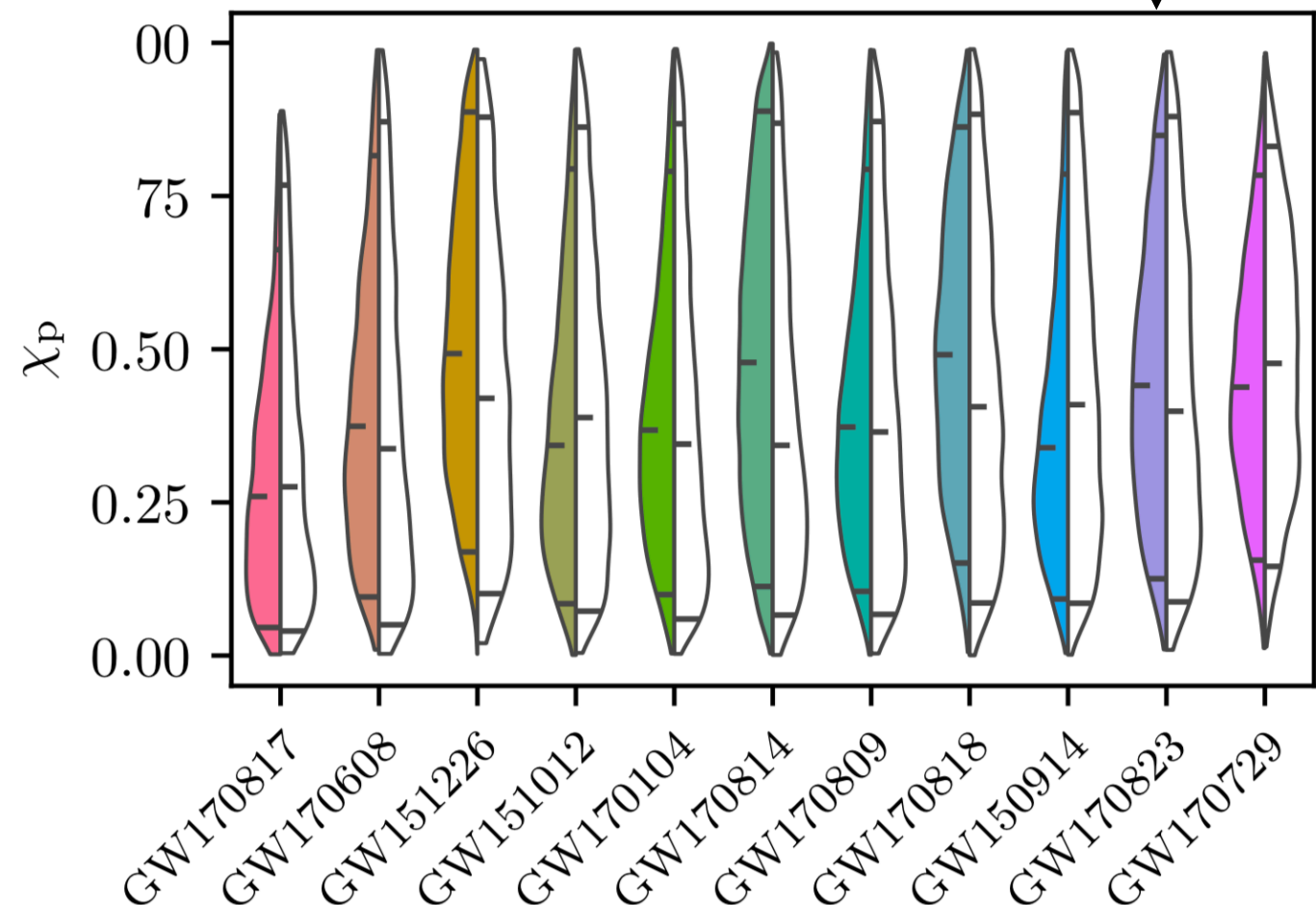
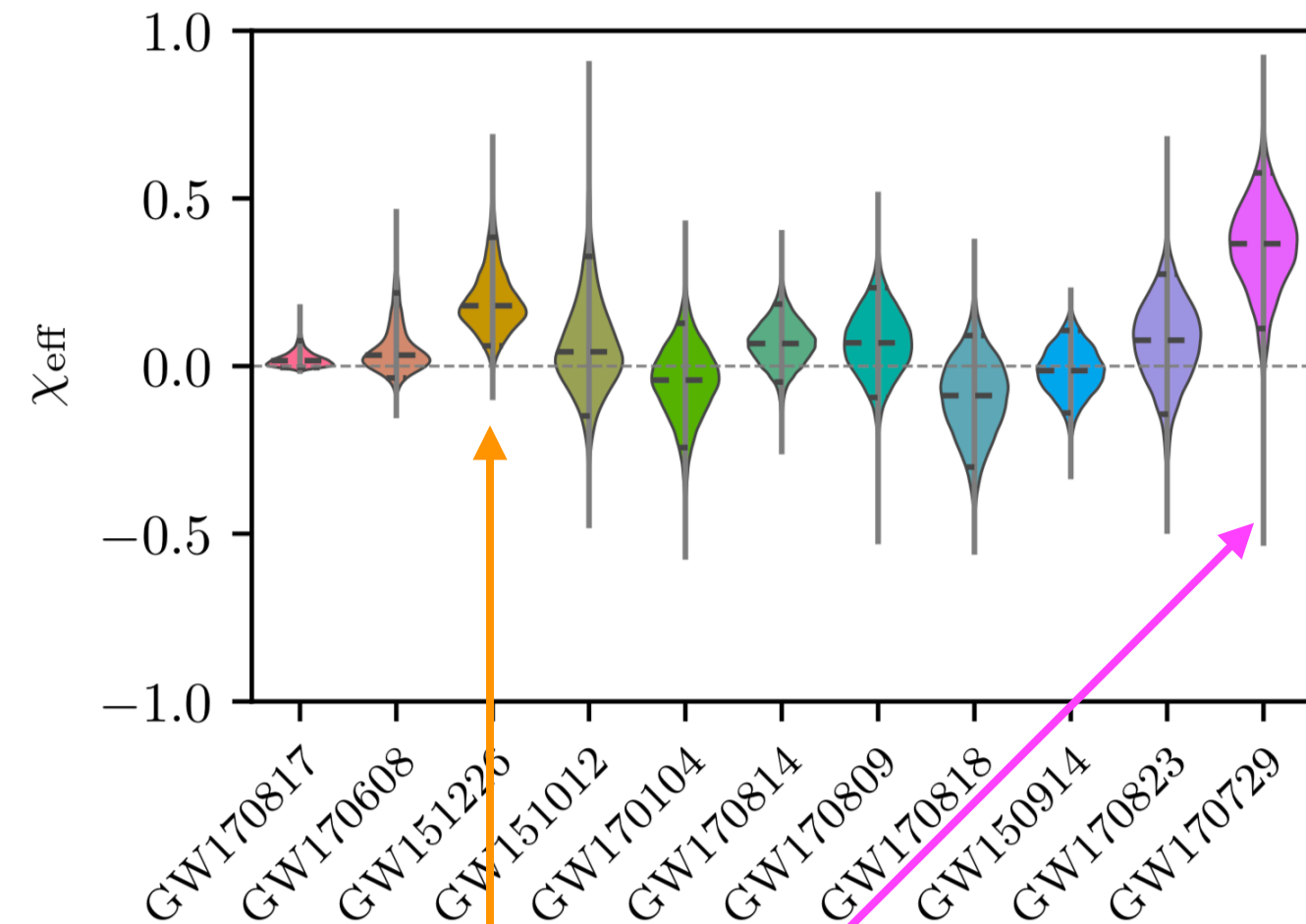
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$$\chi_{\text{eff}} = \frac{c}{GM} \left( \frac{\mathbf{S}_1}{m_1} + \frac{\mathbf{S}_2}{m_2} \right) \cdot \hat{\mathbf{L}}_N$$

measures spins perpendicular to orbital plane

$$\chi_p = \frac{c}{B_1 G m_1^2} \max(B_1 \mathbf{S}_{1\perp}, B_2 \mathbf{S}_{2\perp})$$

measures spins on the orbital plane



BH's spin larger than 0.2 at 99% confidence.

$\chi_{\text{eff}} = 0$  excluded at 90%

Robust conclusions:

- **Moderate spins**, say  $< 0.6$ .
- **No evidence** for **spin-precession**.

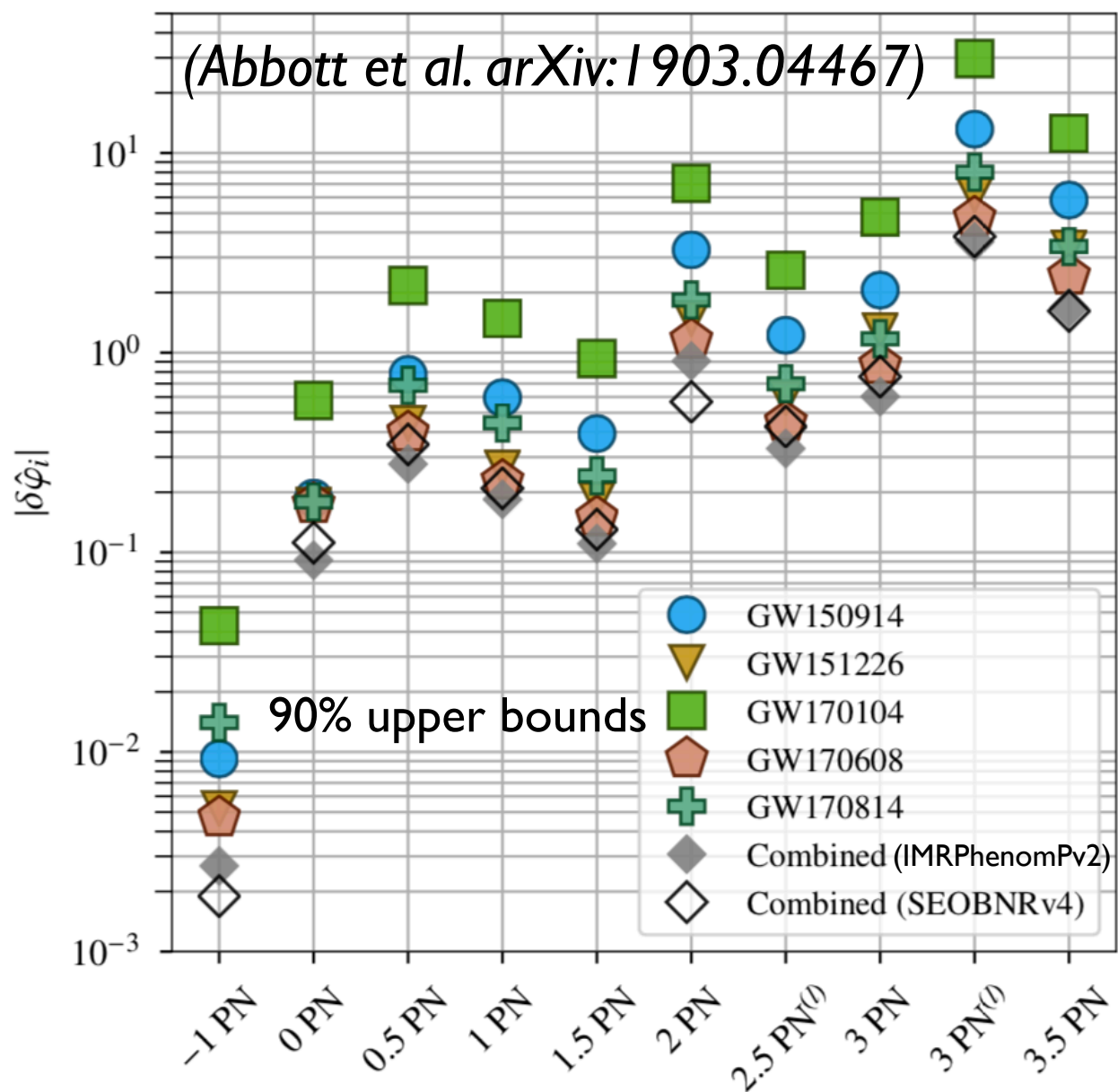
# Perturbative deviations from GR: null test

- **Rapidly varying orbital period** of observed GW events allows us to **bound PN coefficients** in gravitational phase.

$$\tilde{h}(f) = \mathcal{A}(f) e^{i\varphi(f)}$$

$$v = (\pi M f)^{1/3}$$

$$\varphi(f) = \varphi_{\text{ref}} + 2\pi f t_{\text{ref}} + v^{-5} \left[ \sum_{n=-2}^7 \varphi_n^{(\text{GR})} (1 + \delta\hat{\varphi}_n) v^n + \sum_{n=5}^6 \varphi_{n\ell}^{(\text{GR})} (1 + \delta\hat{\varphi}_{n\ell}) v^n \log v \right]$$



(Arun et al. 06 , Mishra et al. 10, Yunes & Pretorius 09, Li et al. 12)

- **PN parameters** describe: **tails** of radiation due to backscattering, **spin-orbit** and **spin-spin** couplings.
- **PN parameters** take **different values** in **modified theories** to GR.



# Bounding PN parameters: binary neutron star

- **Constraint** on time-varying **dipole moment**

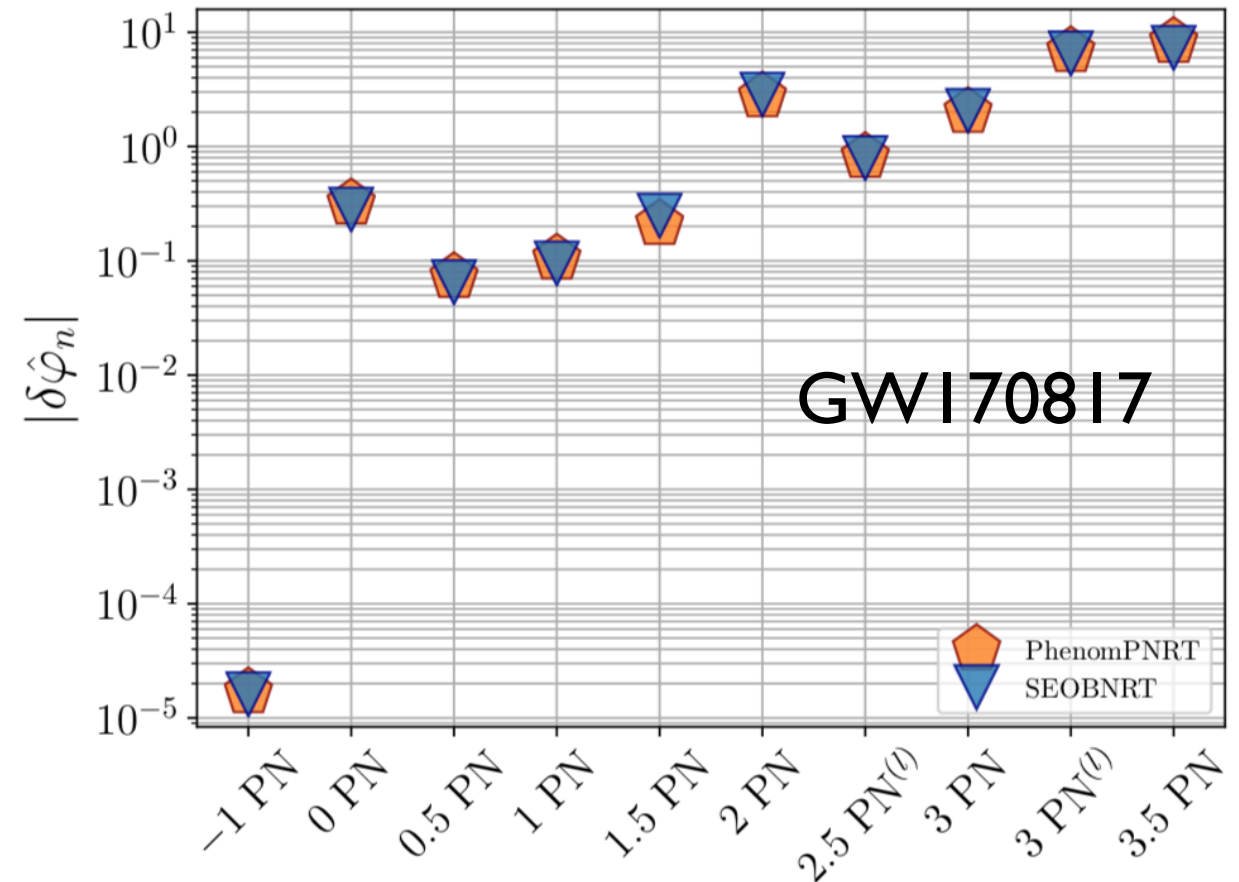
$$\mathcal{F}_{\text{GW}} = \mathcal{F}_{\text{GR}} (1 + B/v^2)$$

$$\delta\hat{\varphi}_{-2} = -4B/7 \quad B \leq 1.2 \times 10^{-5}$$

- **Constraint** from **binary pulsars**

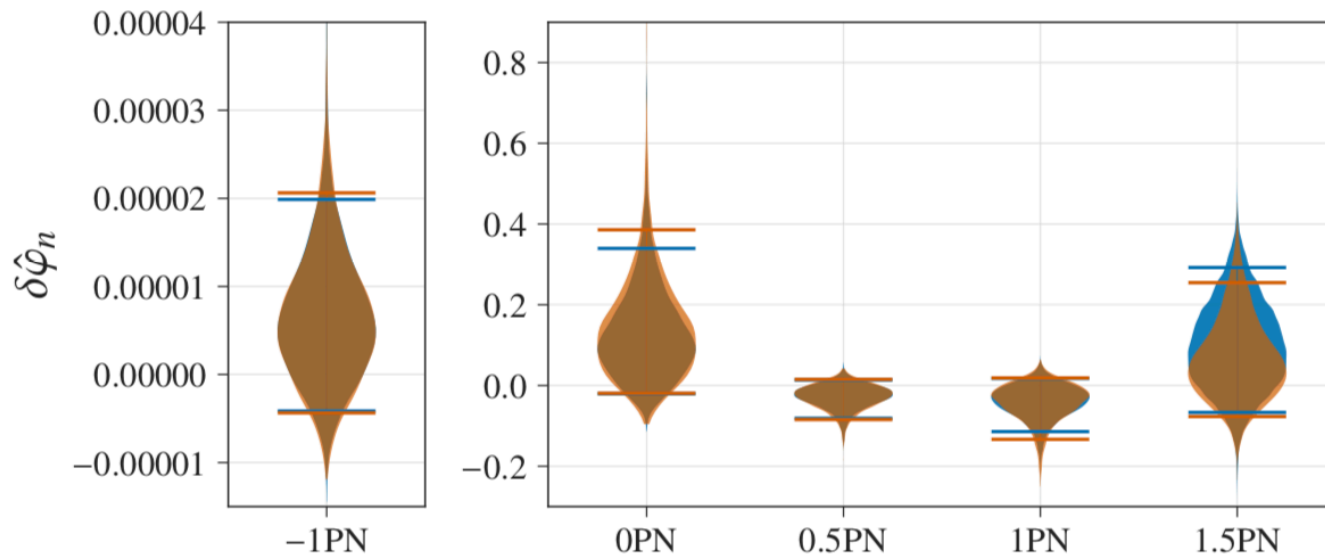
$$|B| \leq 6 \times 10^{-8}$$

(Abbott et al. arXiv:1811.00364)

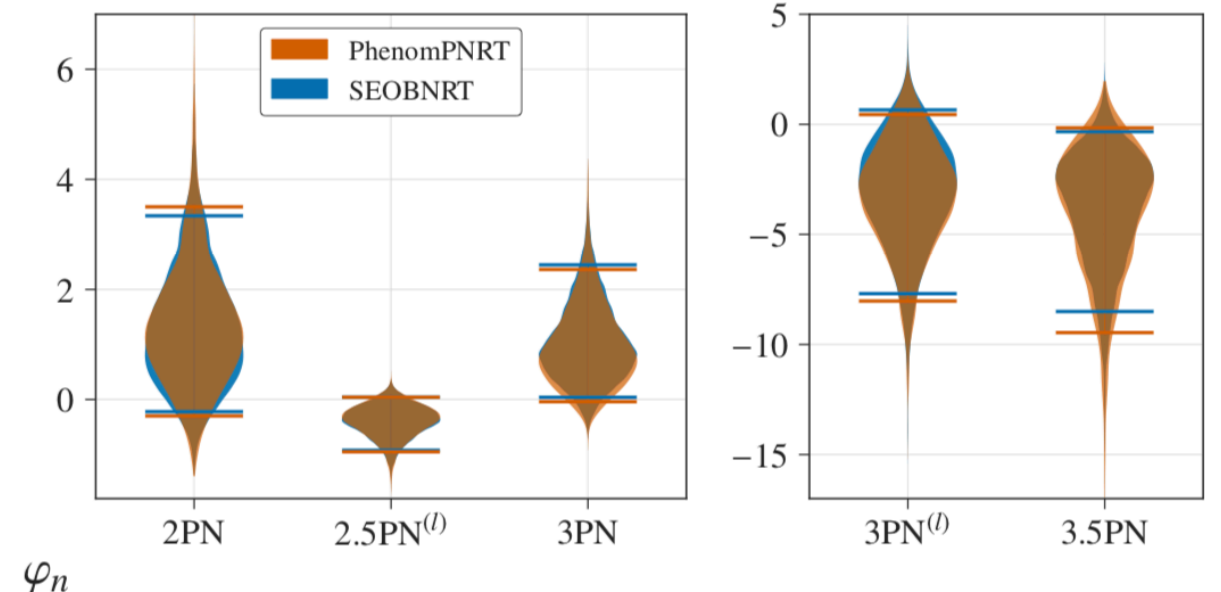


1 GW BNS

low frequency



high frequency

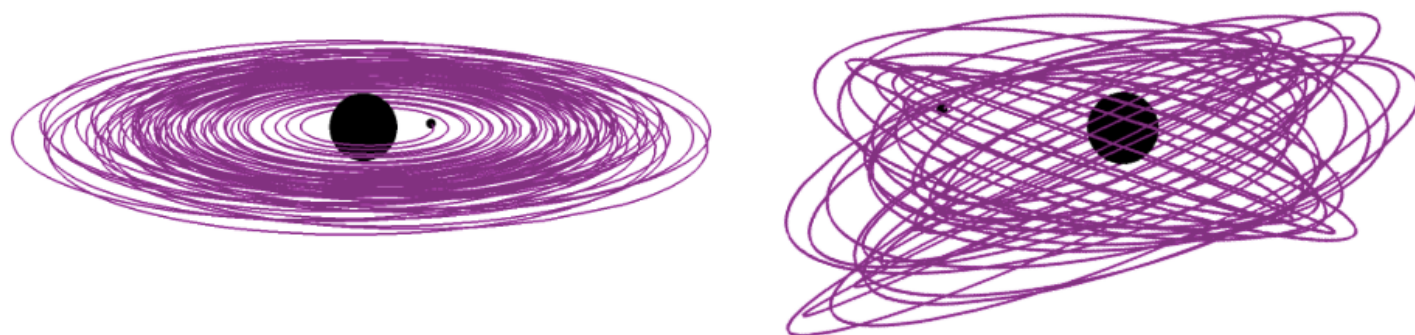


# Inferring best science by including more physical effects

- How to **discriminate** among binary's **formation scenarios**, and **probe astrophysical environment**? **Eccentricity** and **spin-precession** can disclose this information.

- **Eccentric** compact-object **binary**:

NR simulation



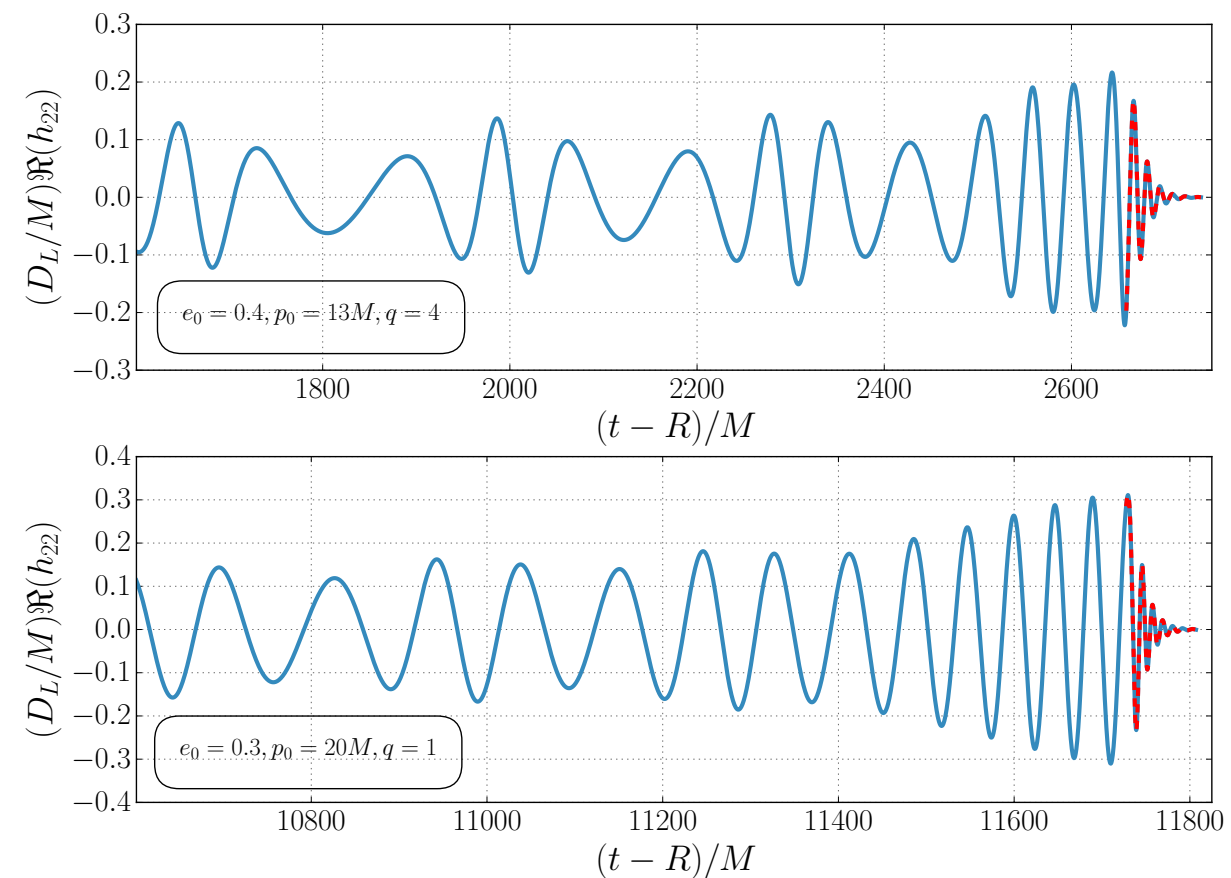
mass ratio = 7

(Lewis et al. 16)

(extensive PN work; East et al. 13, Huerta et al. 14, 16, 18, Hinder et al. 17, Loutrel & Yunes 16, 17, Huerta et al. 19, Ireland et al. 19, Moore & Yunes 19)

- **Current eccentric** waveform models **do not cover main physical effects** (e.g., spins and harmonics) **and all stages** of coalescence.

EOB waveform model

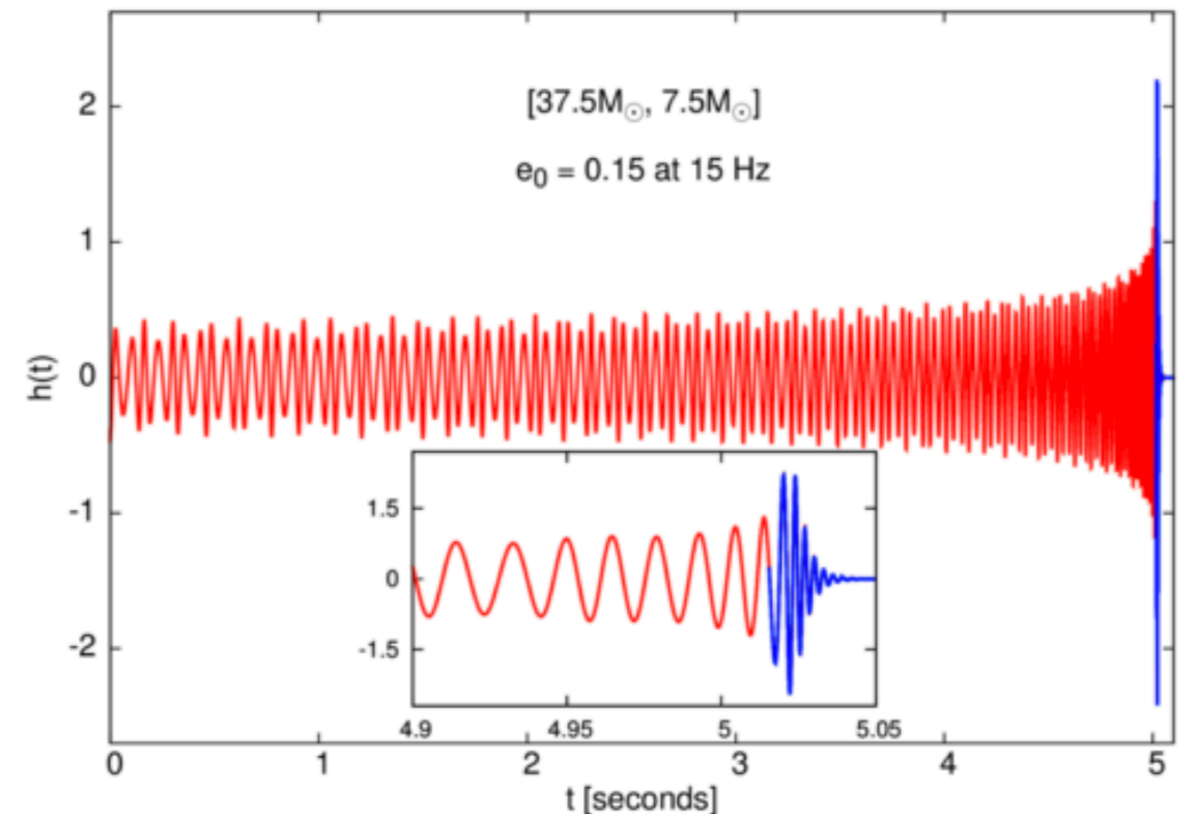
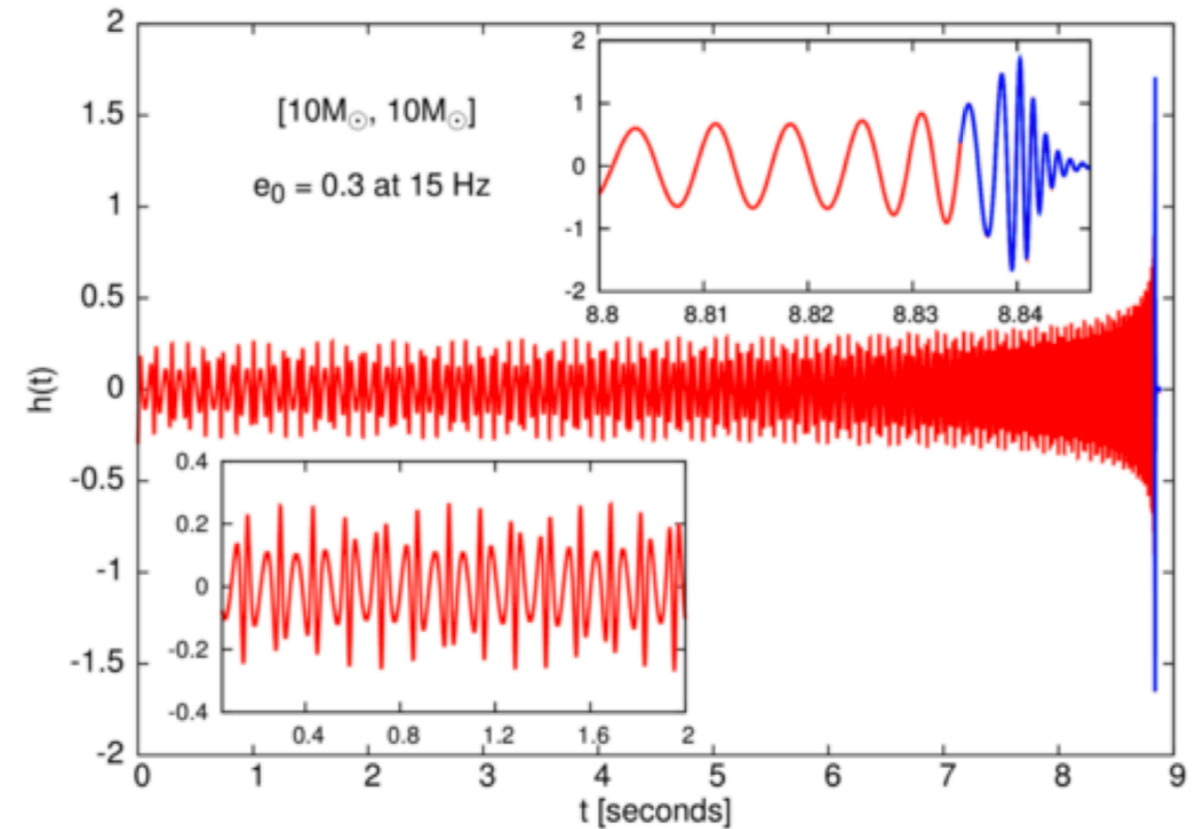


(Hinderer & Babak 17)

# Waveforms for eBBHs combining analytical & numerical relativity

(Huerta et al. 16, see also Hinder et al. 17)

- For **mild eccentricity**, **plunge-merger signal** almost **identical** to **quasi-circular** orbit one.
- Combine **inspiral** dynamics **with eccentricity** (PN, EOB, etc.) **with plunge-merger-ringdown non-eccentric** waveform (“IRS” model tuned to NR and EOBNR).
- **Non-spinning** eccentric model.



# Search of eccentric BBHs in O1 & O2

(Abbott et al. arXiv:1907.09384)

- **Minimal assumption search** (coherent Wave Burst). Sensitivity **independent** on eccentricity.
- **No detection**. Upper limit on rates of eccentric BBHs.

- BHs assumed to have **zero spin**.  
(East et al. 13)

- **BBH population:**

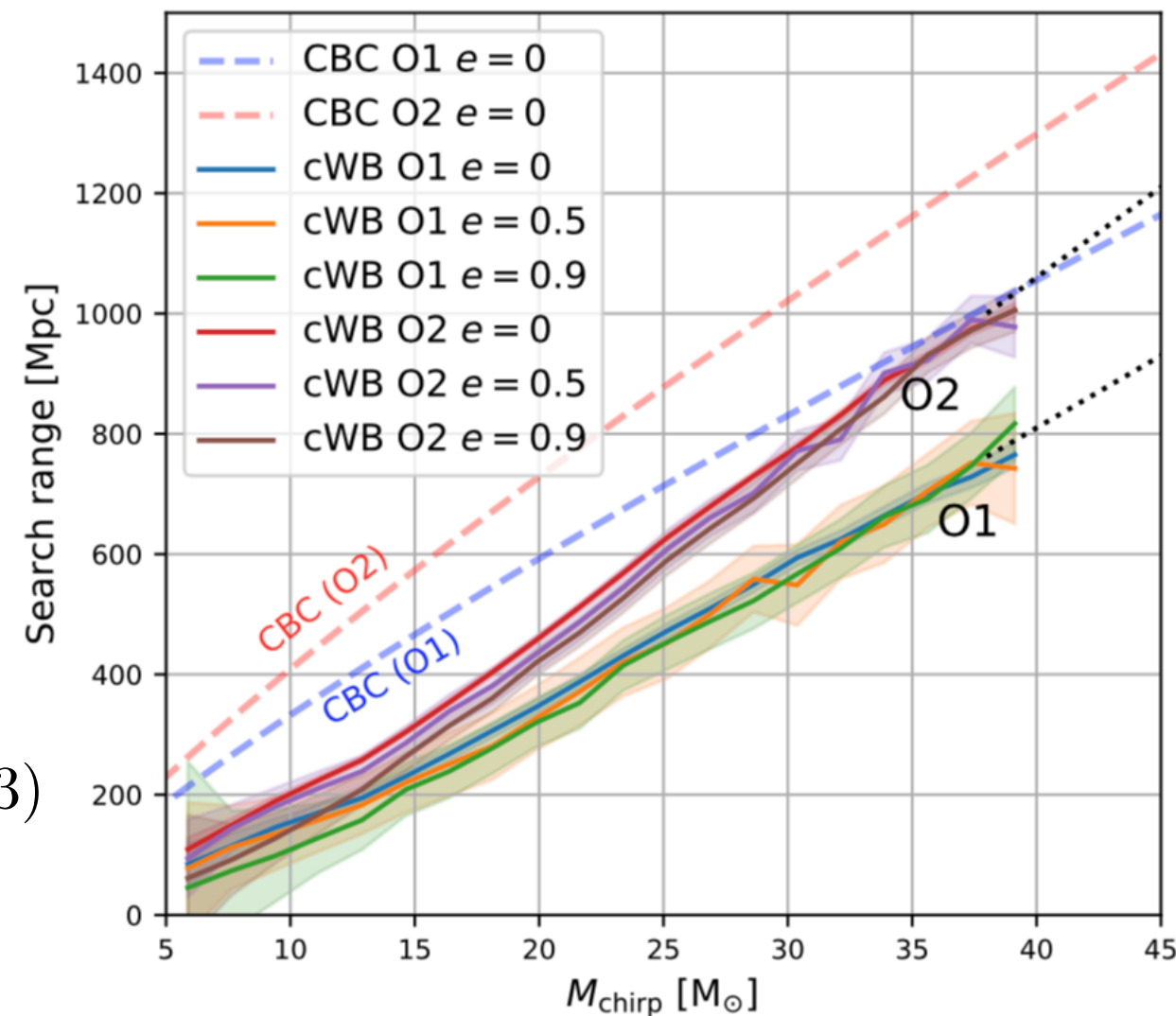
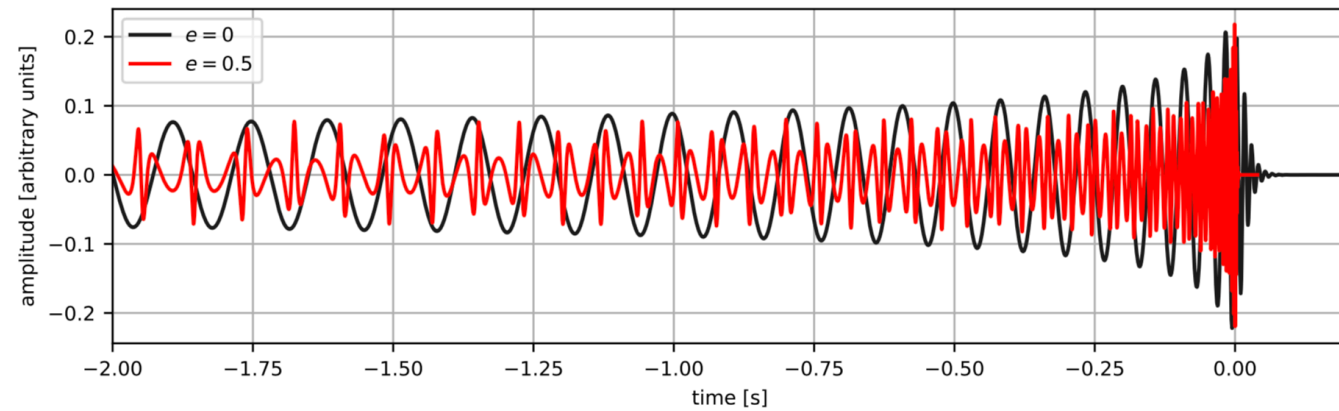
$$m_1, m_2 \in (5M_\odot, 50M_\odot)$$

$$P(m_1) \propto m_1^{-\beta} \text{ uniform in } m_2$$

$$VT(\beta) \sim (10^{-1}, 10^{-1.5}, 10^{-2}) \text{Gpc}^3 \text{yr} \text{ for } \beta = (1, 2, 3)$$

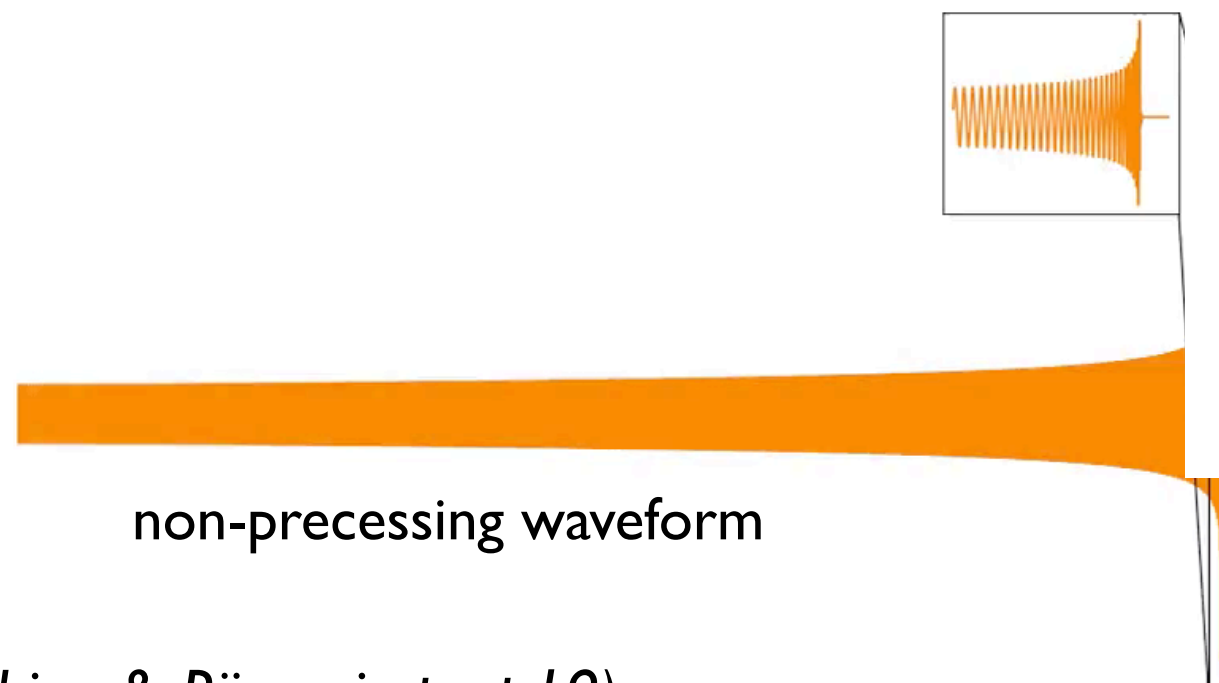
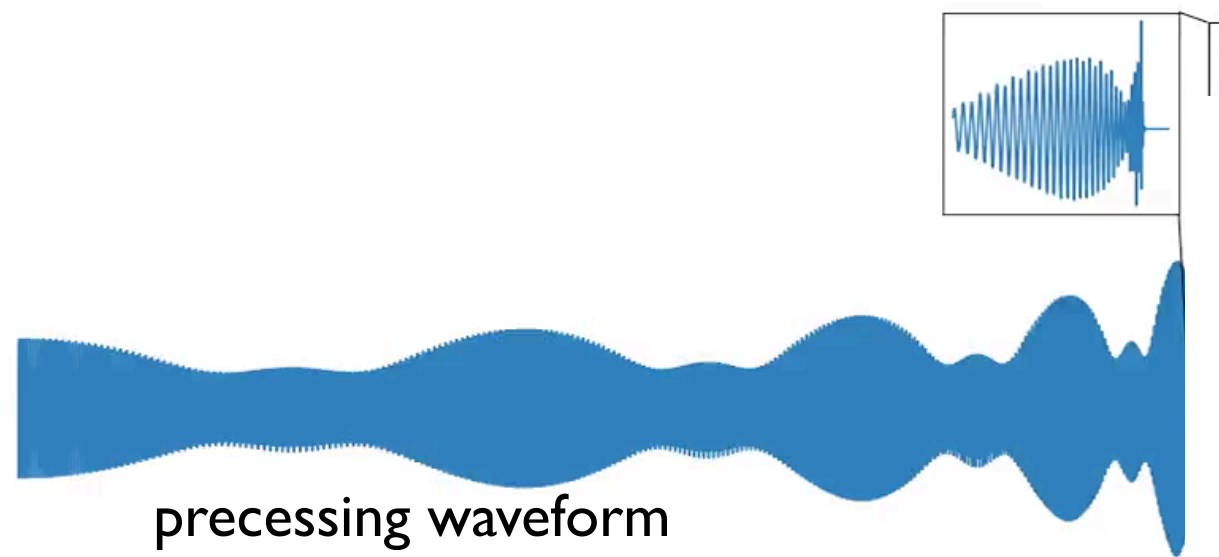
- **Upper limit at 90%:**

$$(30, 90, 300) \text{Gpc}^{-3} \text{yr}^{-1} \text{ for } \beta = (1, 2, 3)$$



# Characteristics of spin-precessing dynamics and waveform

(credit: Ossokine)



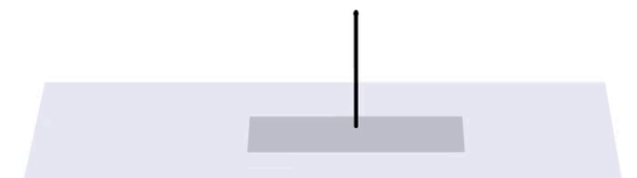
total mass = **29 Msun**

mass ratio = **5**

**574 GW** cycles, from 10 Hz

**5** precessional cycles

**40 sec** duration

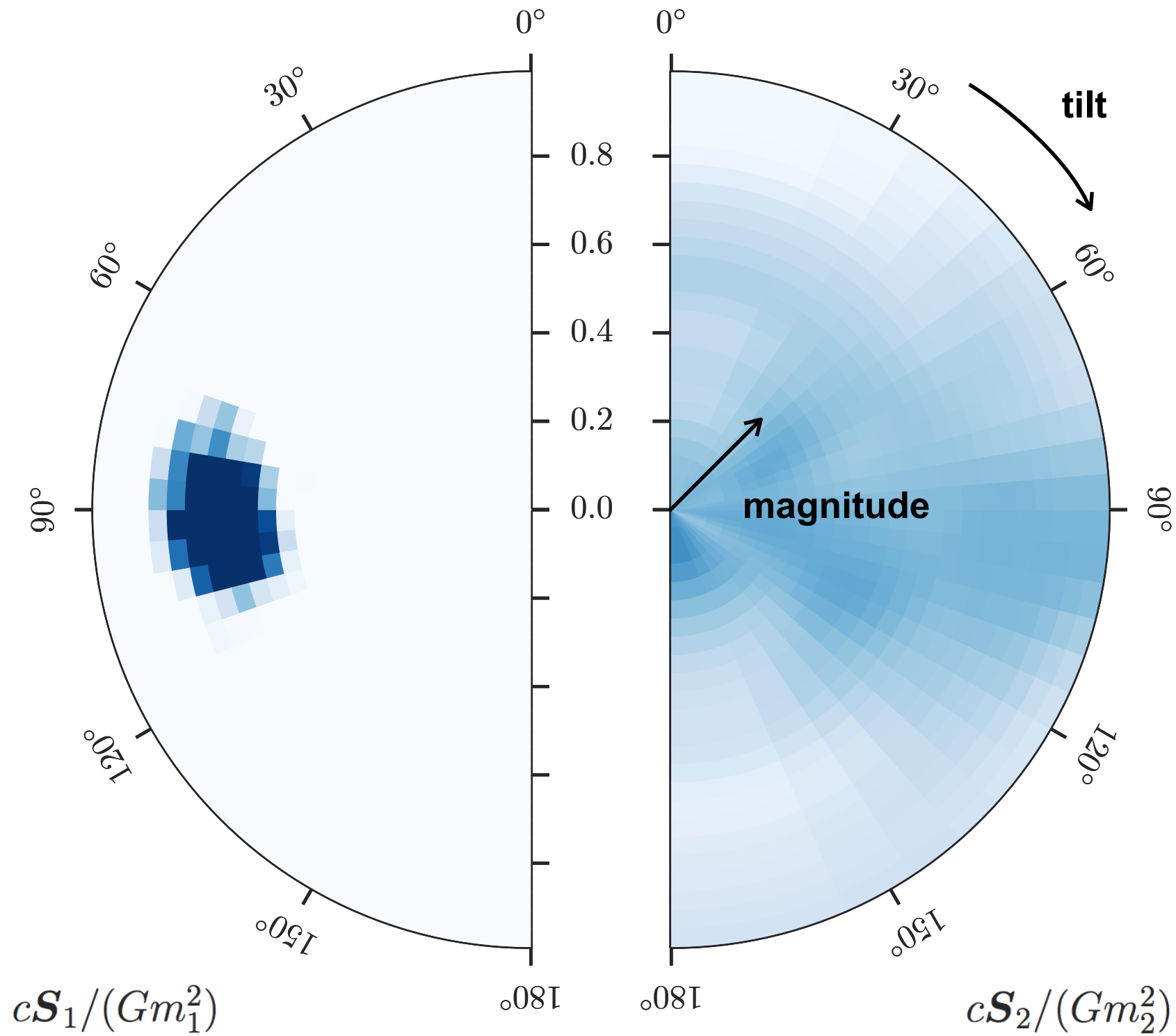


binary orbital plane

(Ossokine & Pürrer in prep 19)

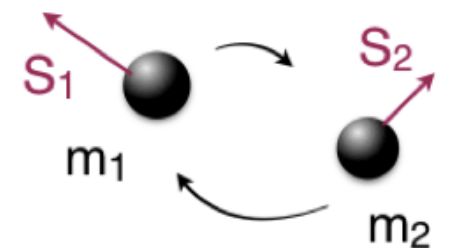


# Measuring spin-precession from collision of BHs



**SNR** ~ 25  
aLIGO/Virgo

(credit: Pürrer)



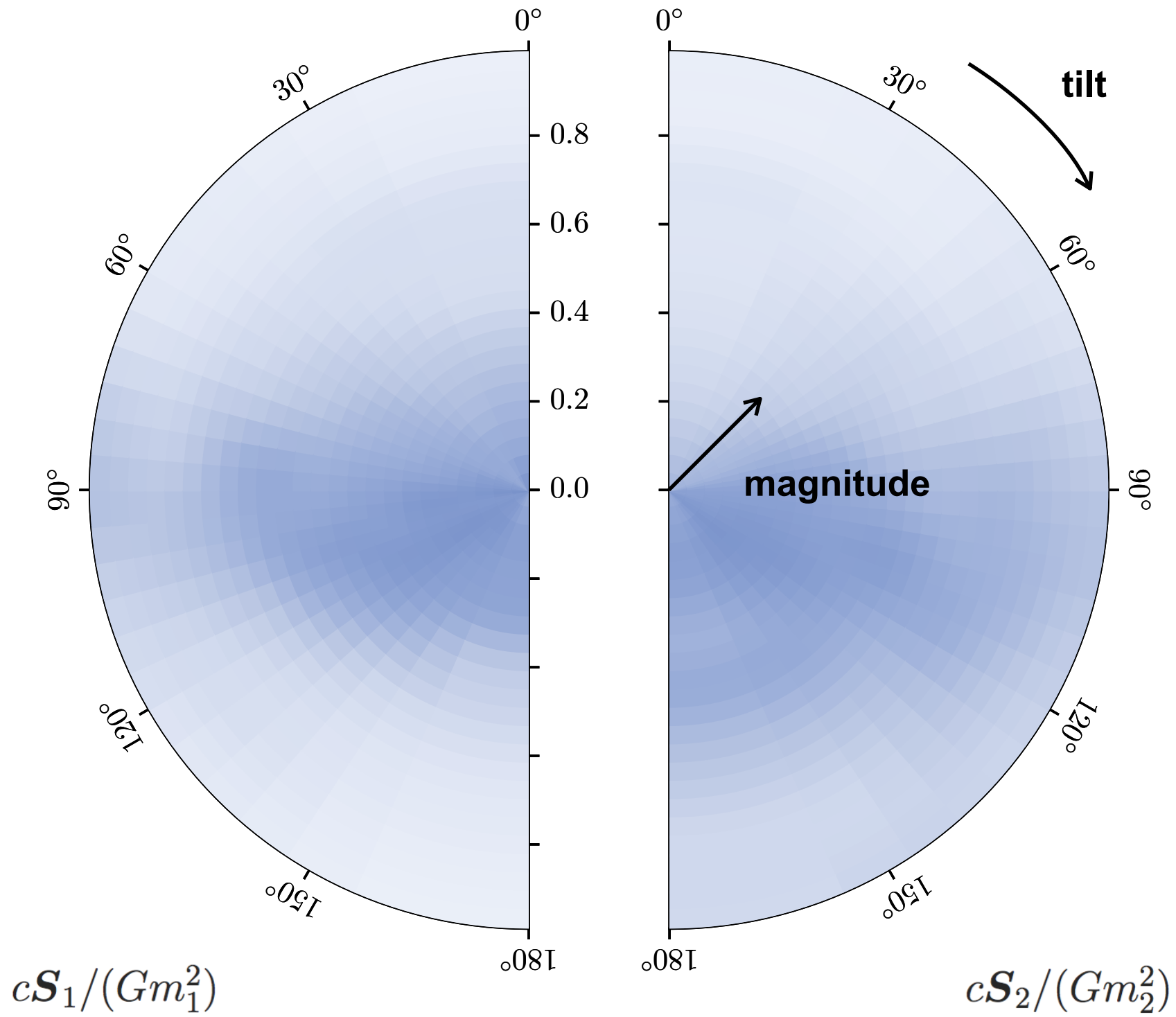
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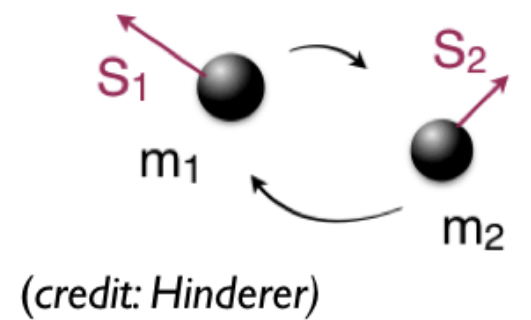


# Measuring spin-precession with GW150914

(Abbott et al. PRL 116 (2016) 061102)

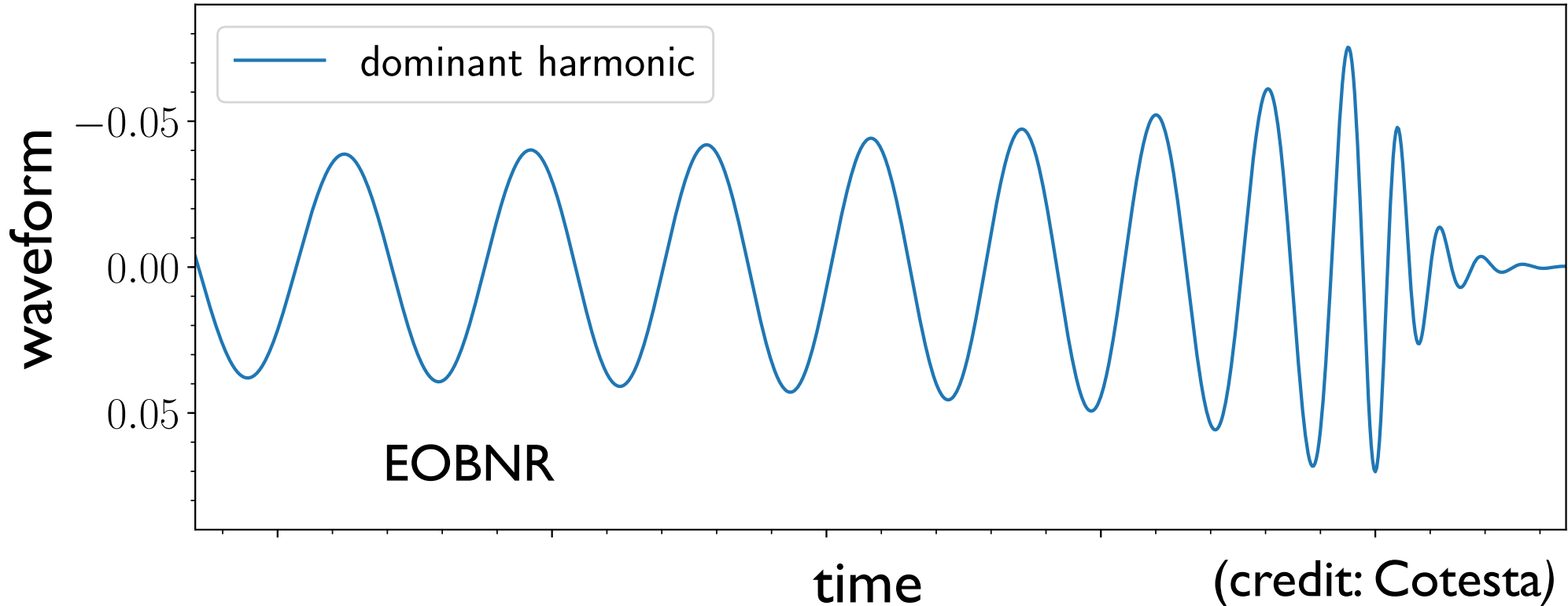


(credit: Pürrer/LIGO/Virgo)



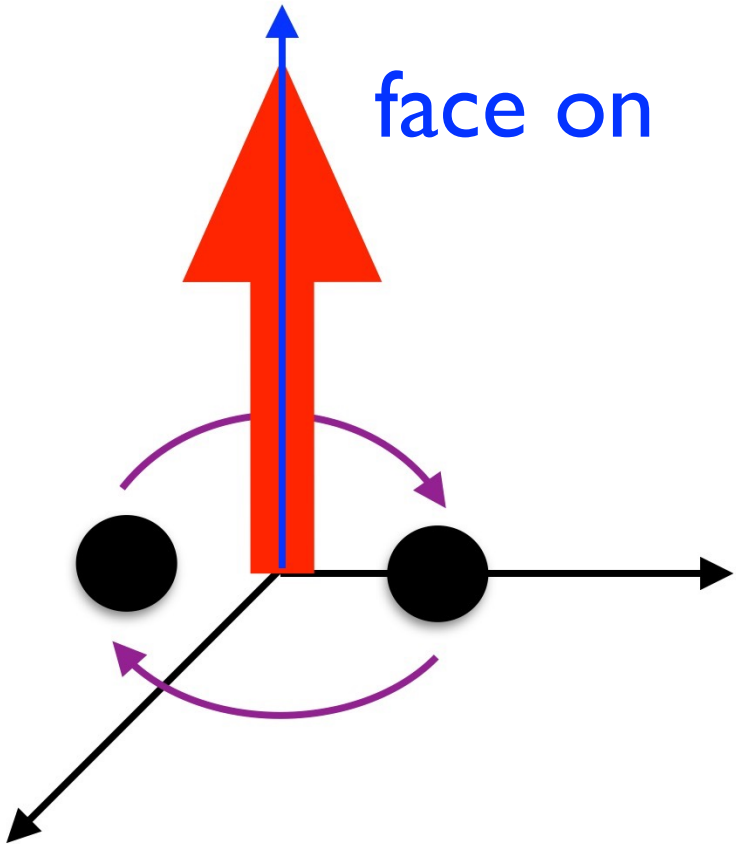
(credit: Hinderer)

# Enriching the GW symphony by tuning higher harmonics



face on

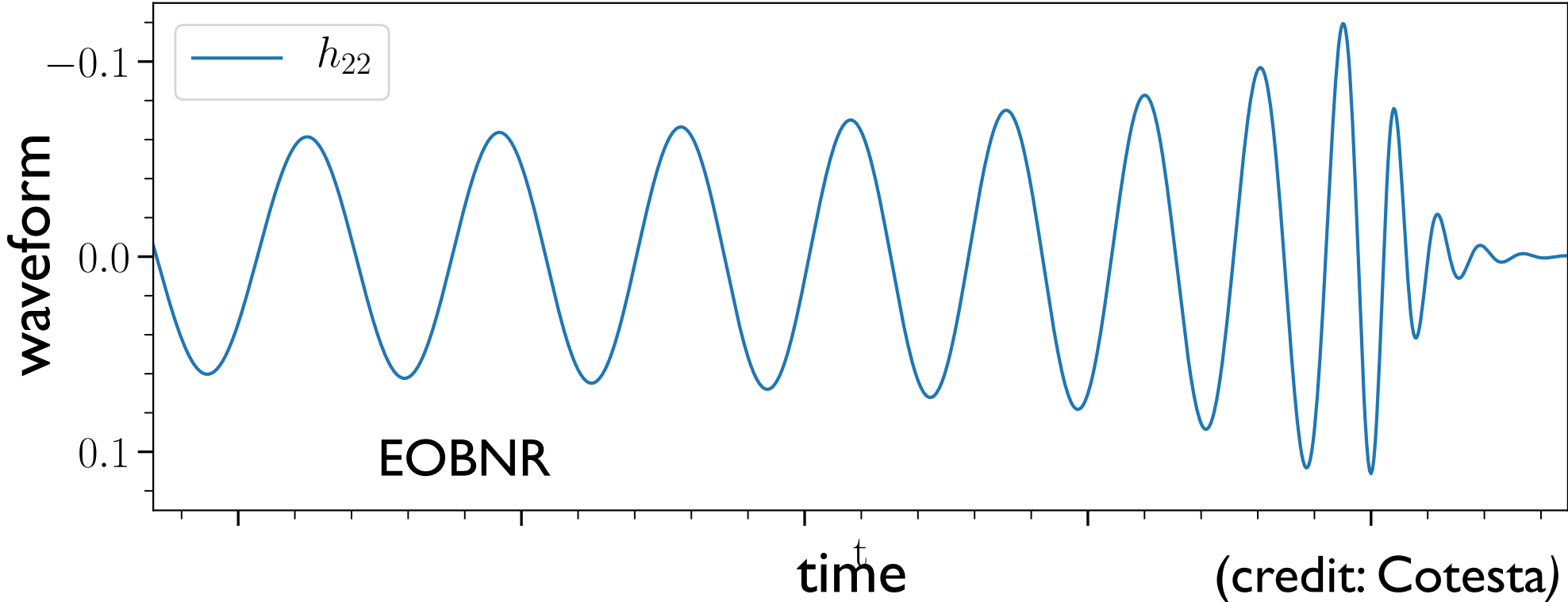
- So far, LIGO/Virgo **observed GW events mostly face-on/face-off.**
- **Face-on/face-off orientation** suppress **higher harmonics.**



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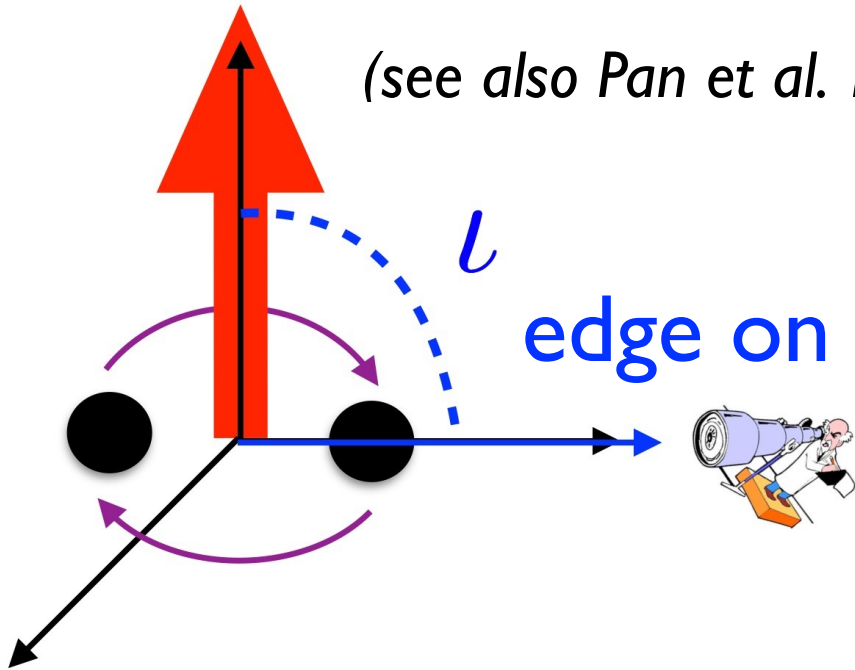


fundamental harmonic



(Cotesta, AB, Bohe, Taracchini, Hinder, Ossokine 18)

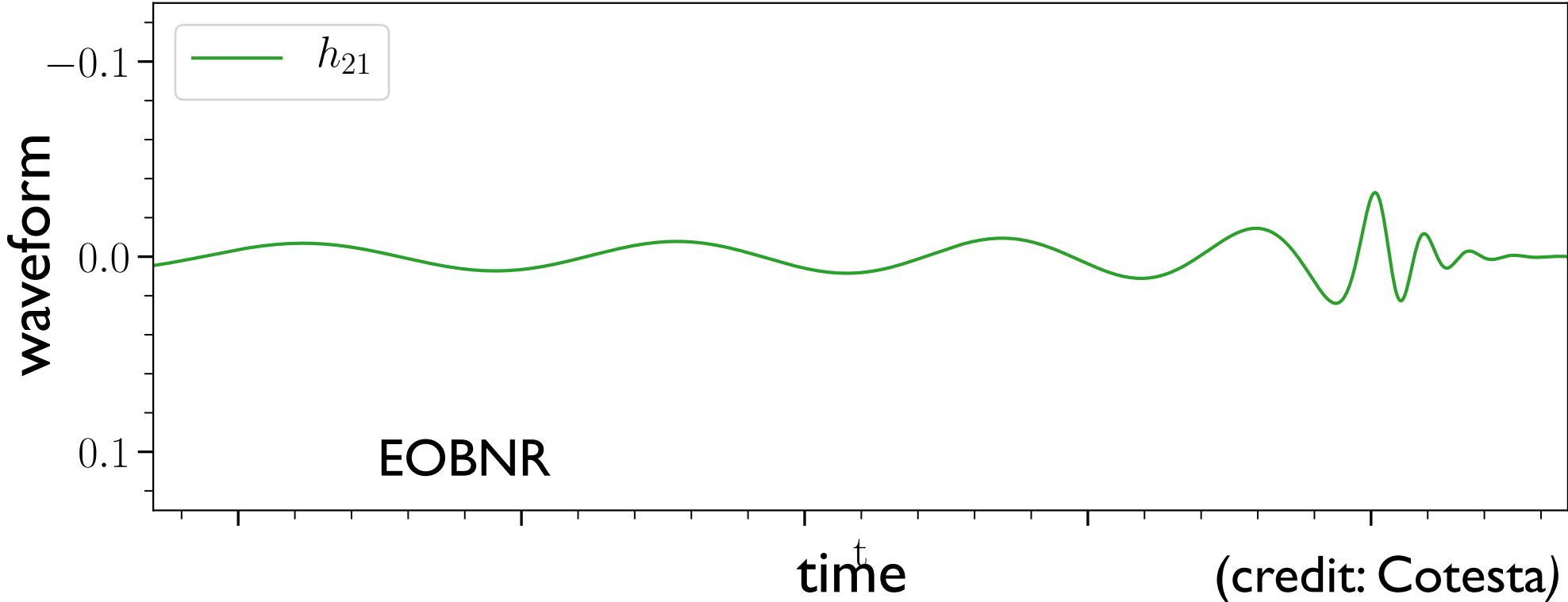
(see also Pan et al. 11, London et al. 17, Mehta et al. 17)



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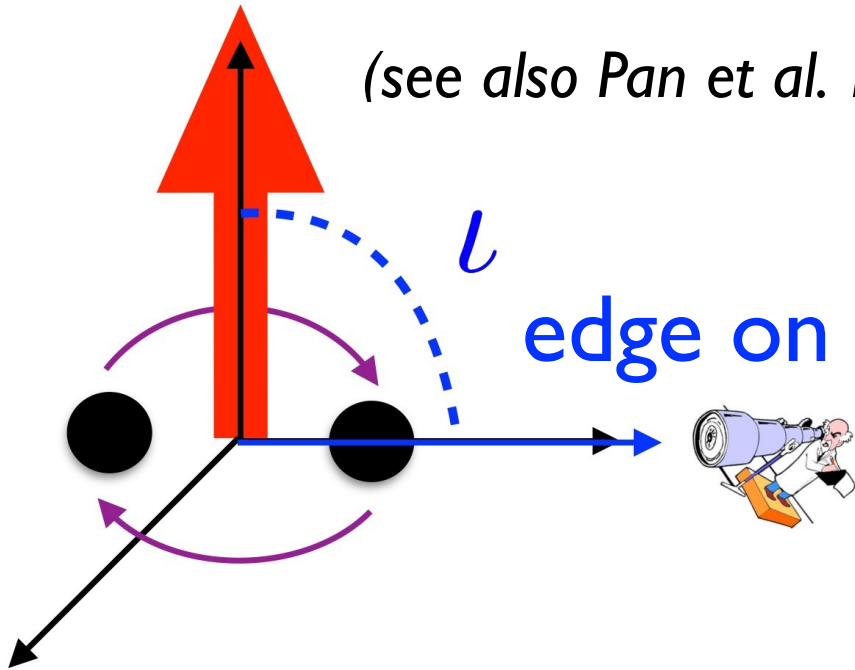


first harmonic



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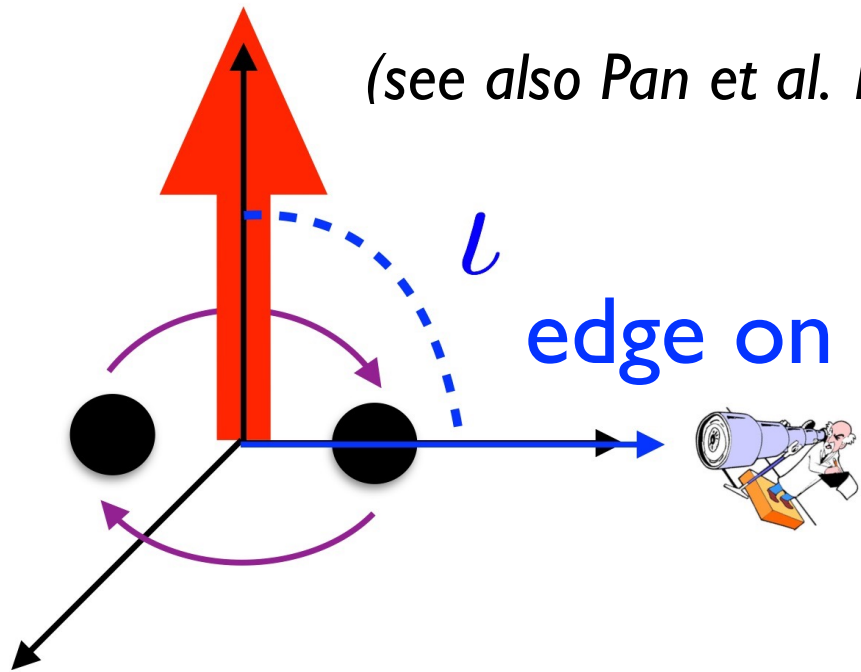


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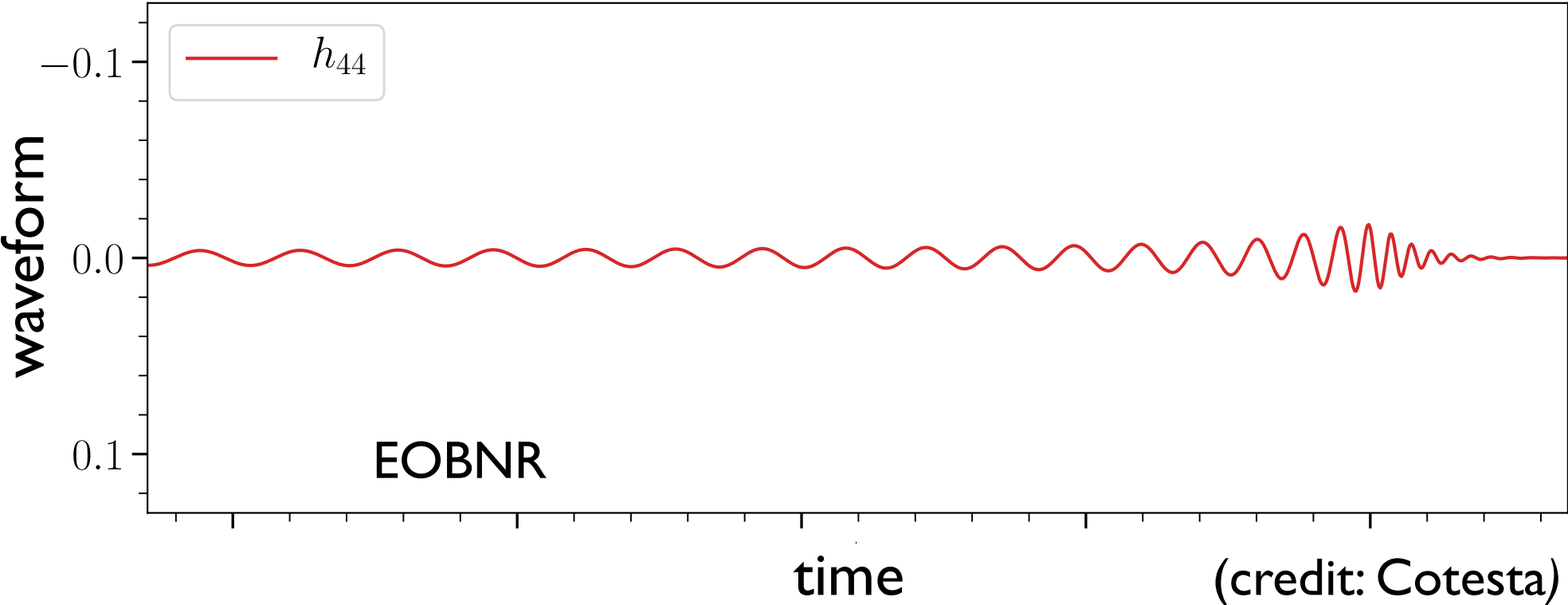
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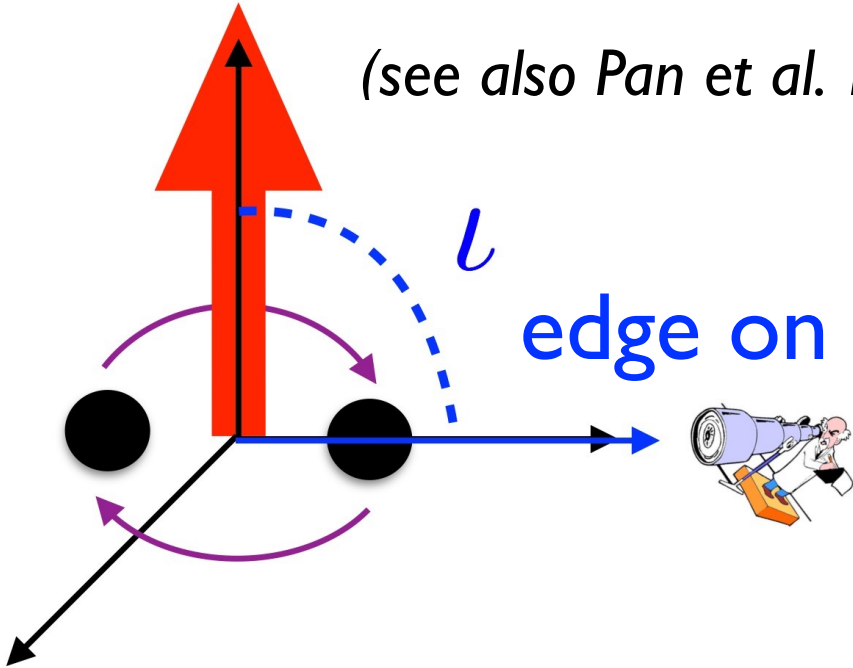


fourth harmonic



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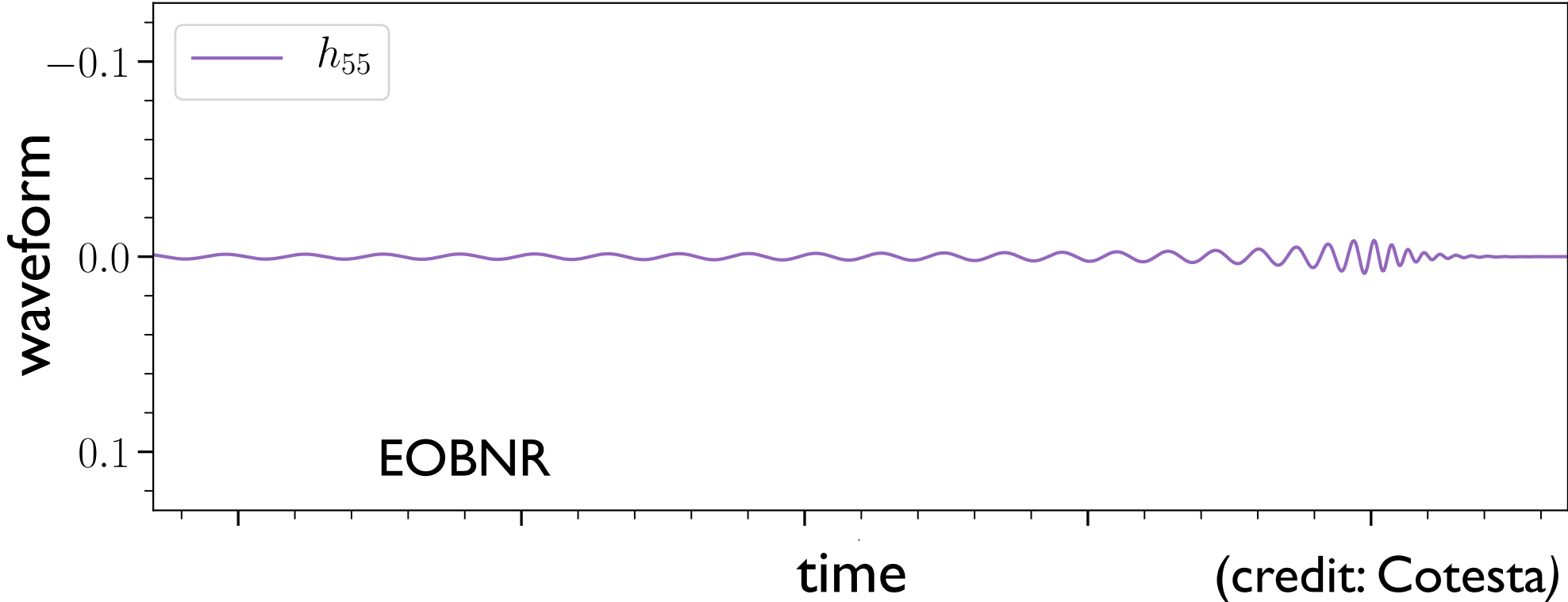




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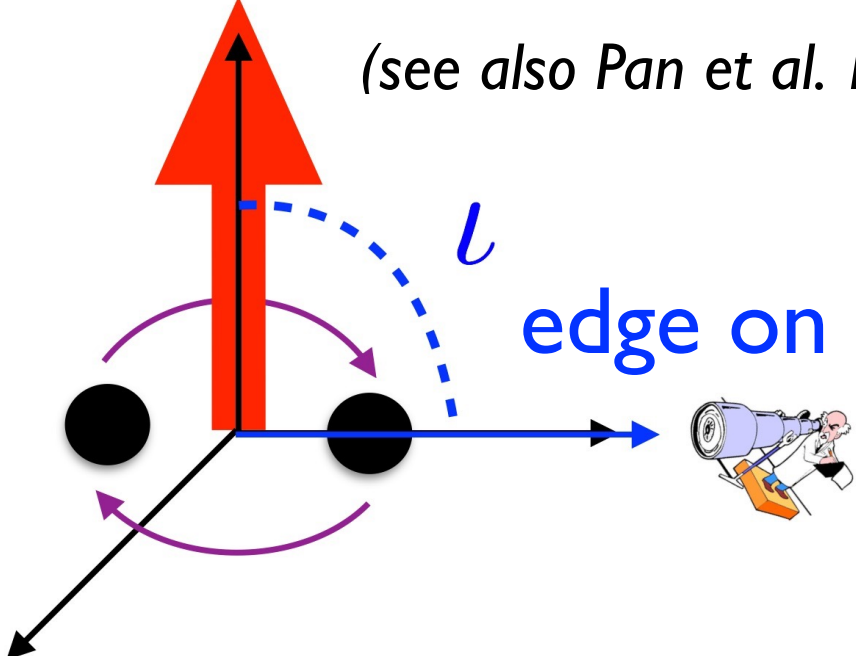


fifth harmonic



(Cotesta, AB, Bohe, Taracchini, Hinder, Ossokine 18)

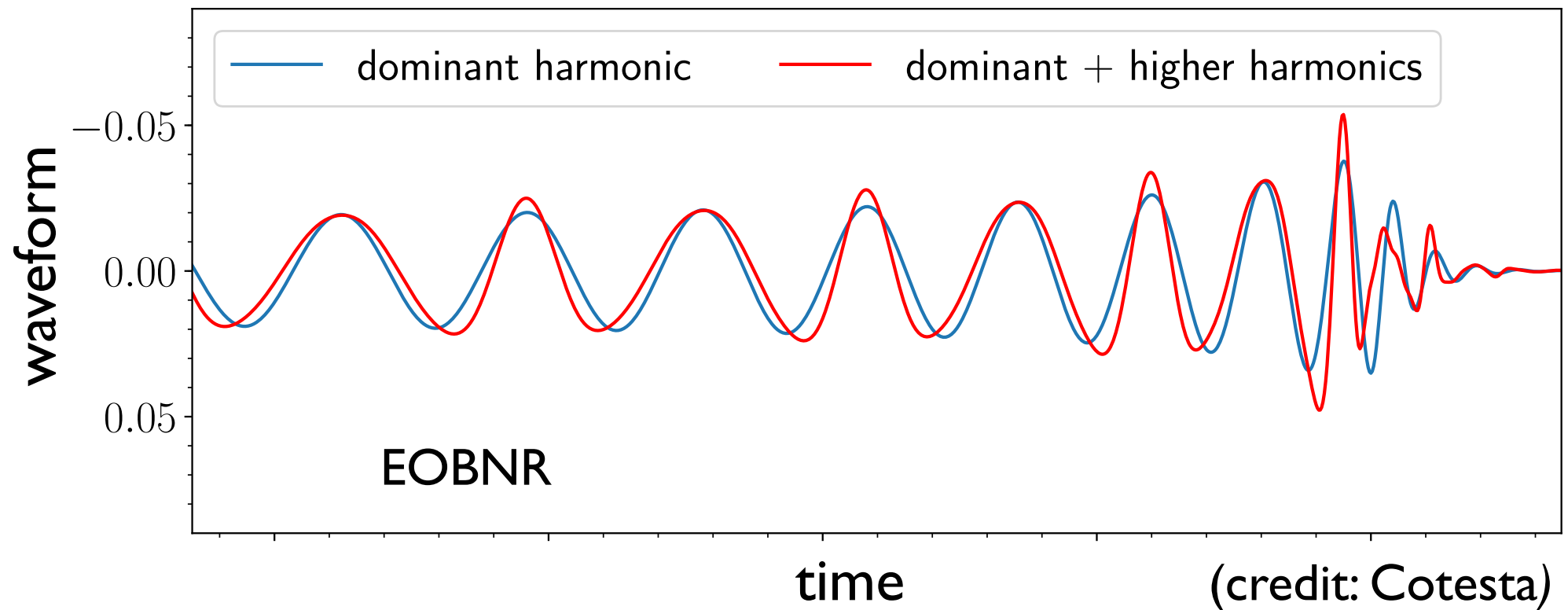
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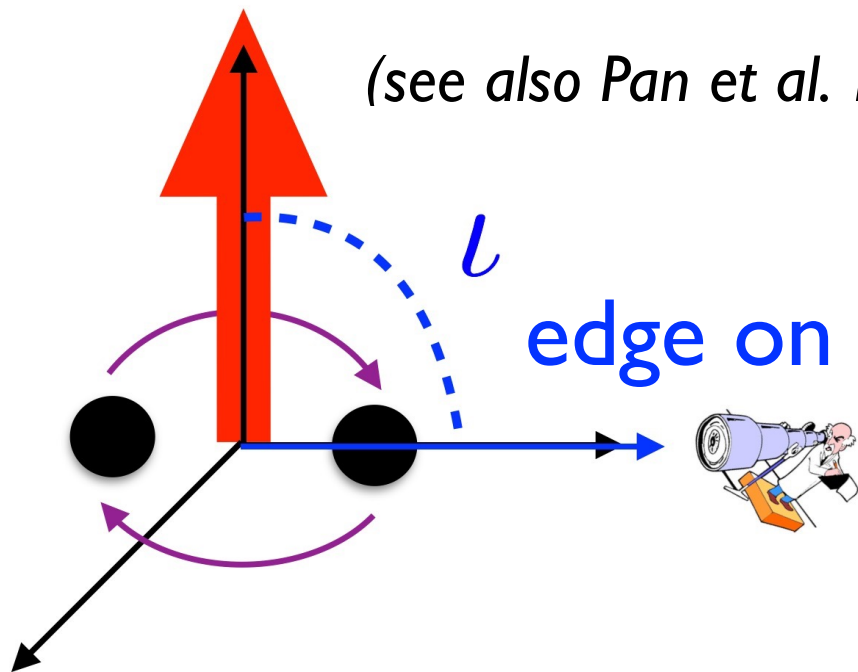


adding all five harmonics



(Cotesta, AB, Bohe, Taracchini, Hinder, Ossokine 18)

(see also Pan et al. 11, London et al. 17, Mehta et al. 17)



- We could **detect more rare** GW events.
- We could **infer source's properties more accurately**.
- We could **perform more stringent tests** of GR (e.g., BH spectroscopy)

# Relevance of higher harmonics for IMBBHs

- **Non-spinning EOBNR** waveform model with **(2,1), (3,3), (4,4) & (5,5) modes.**

(Pan, AB et al. 11)

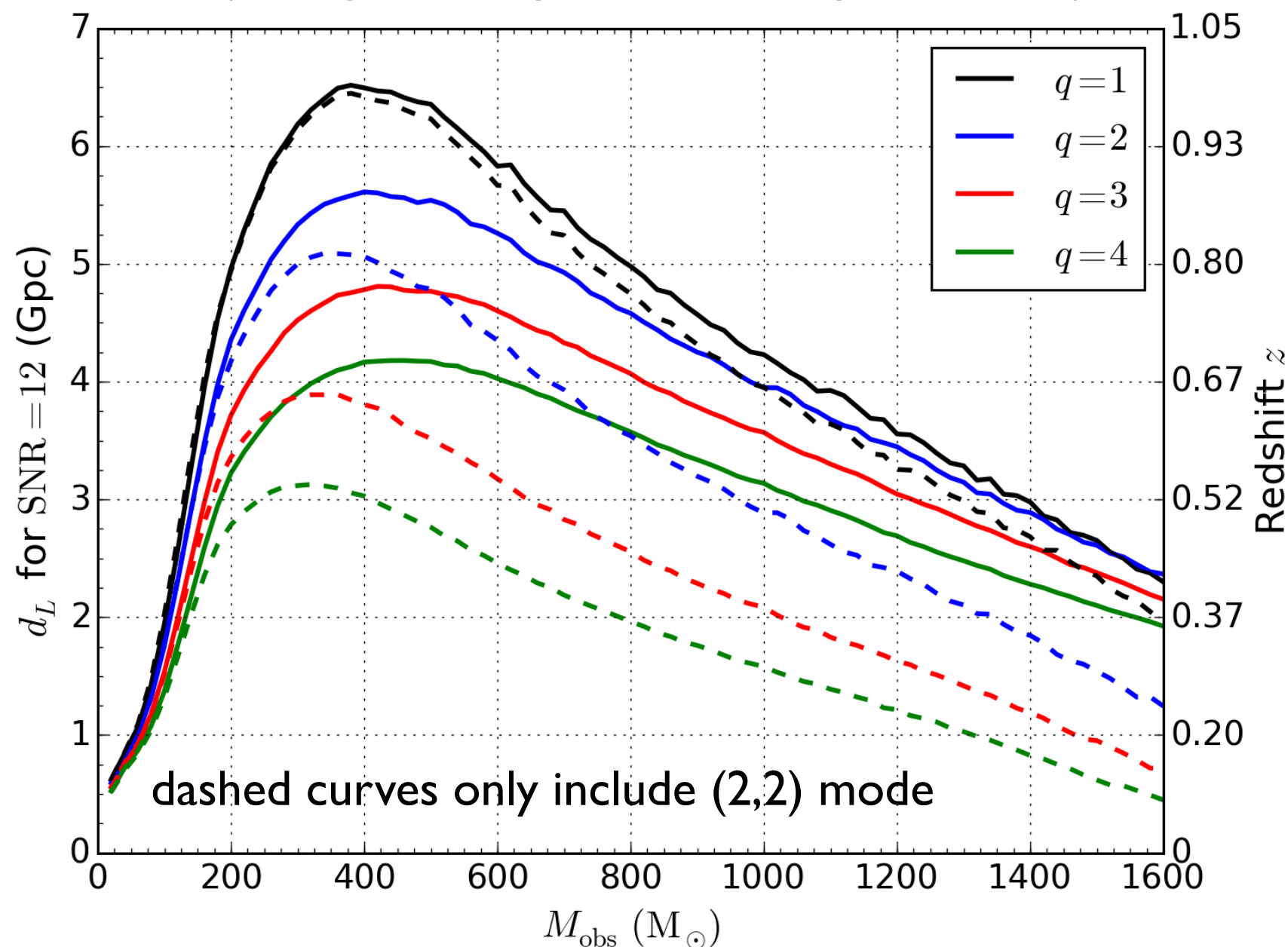
- **Improvements in measurement of masses & orientation angles** with higher harmonics.

- **Total mass better measured than chirp mass for IMBBHs.**

(see also Haster et al. 15)

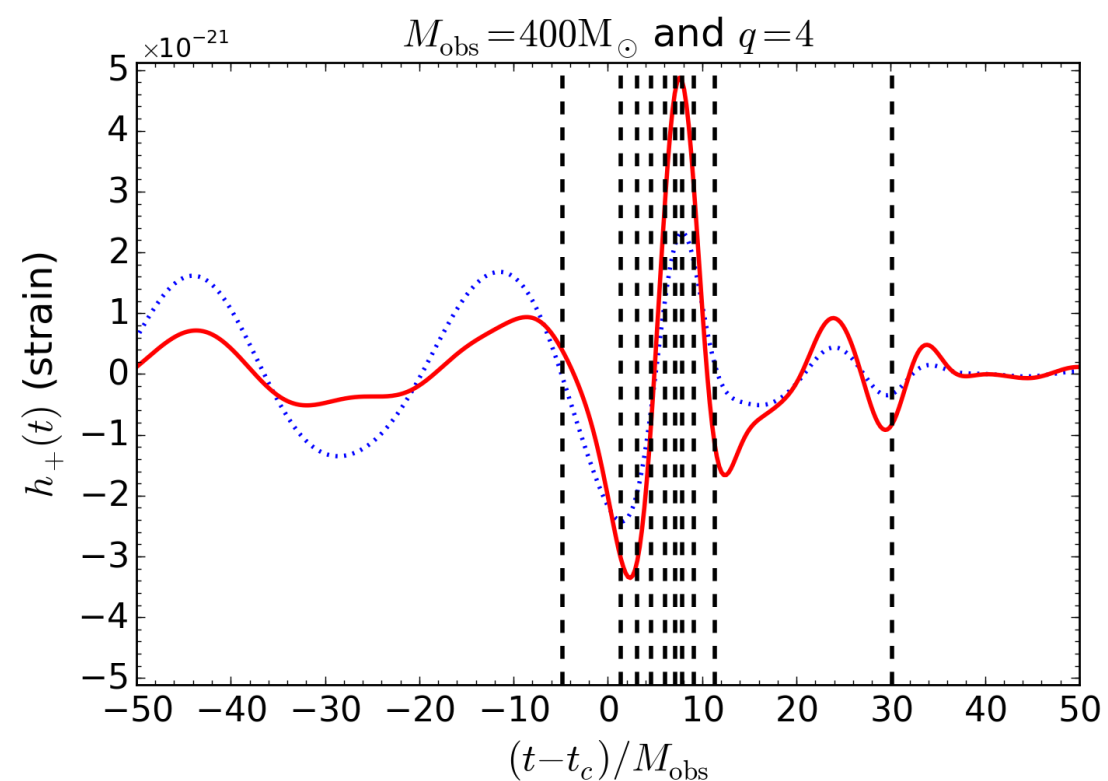
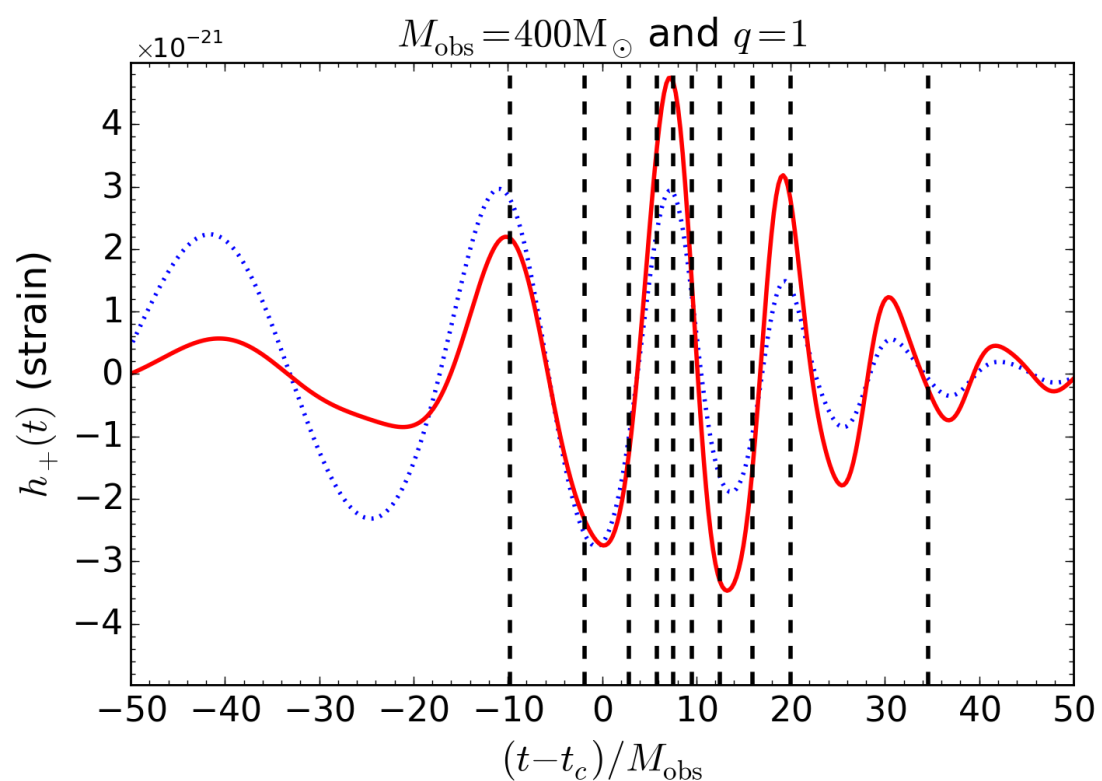
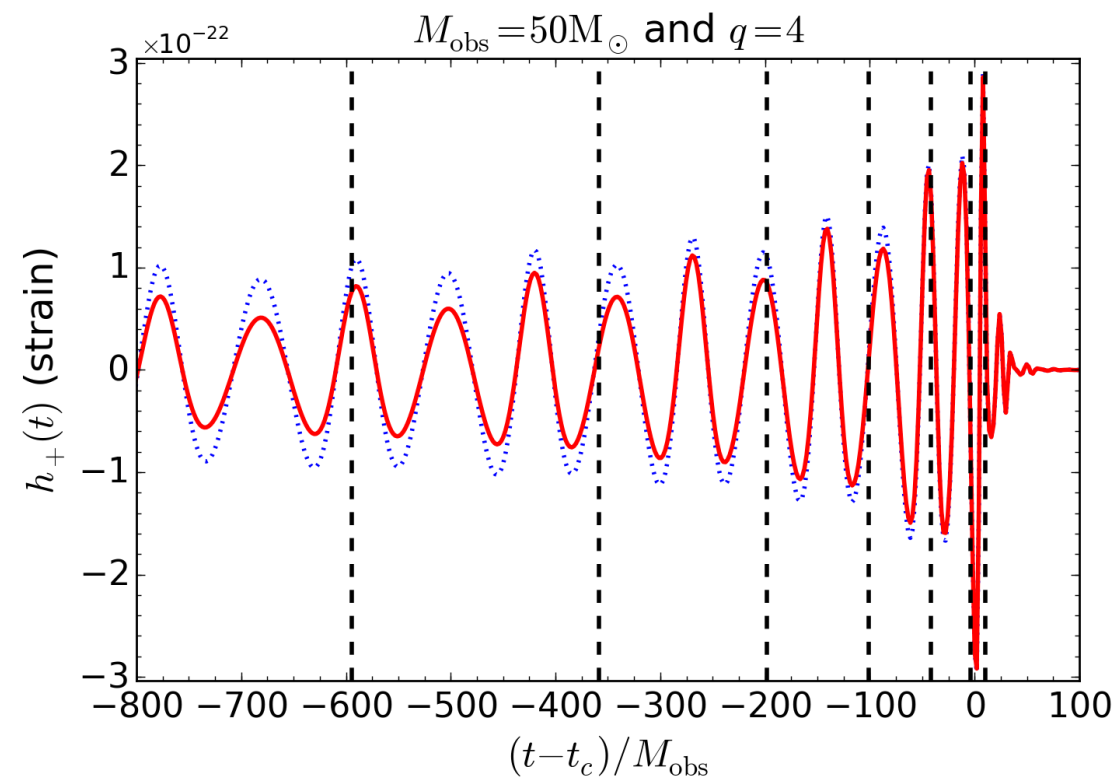
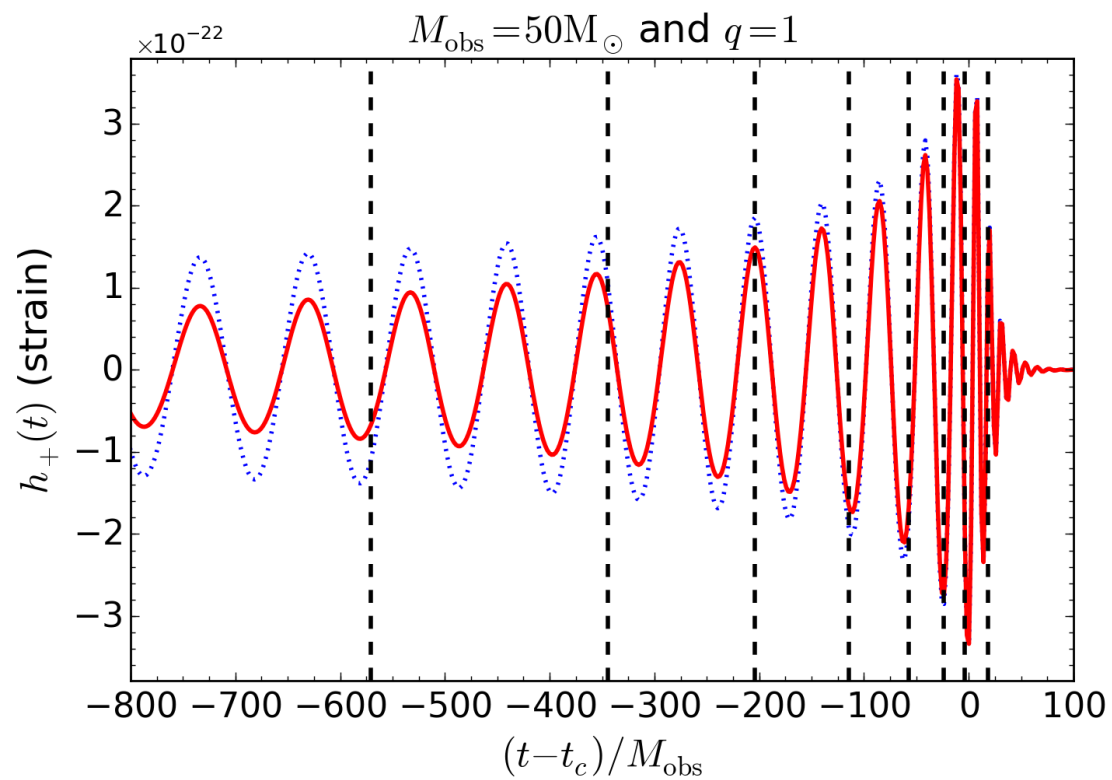
(Graff, AB & Sathyaprakash 15)

distance reach versus observed total mass  
(averaged on sky location and polarization)



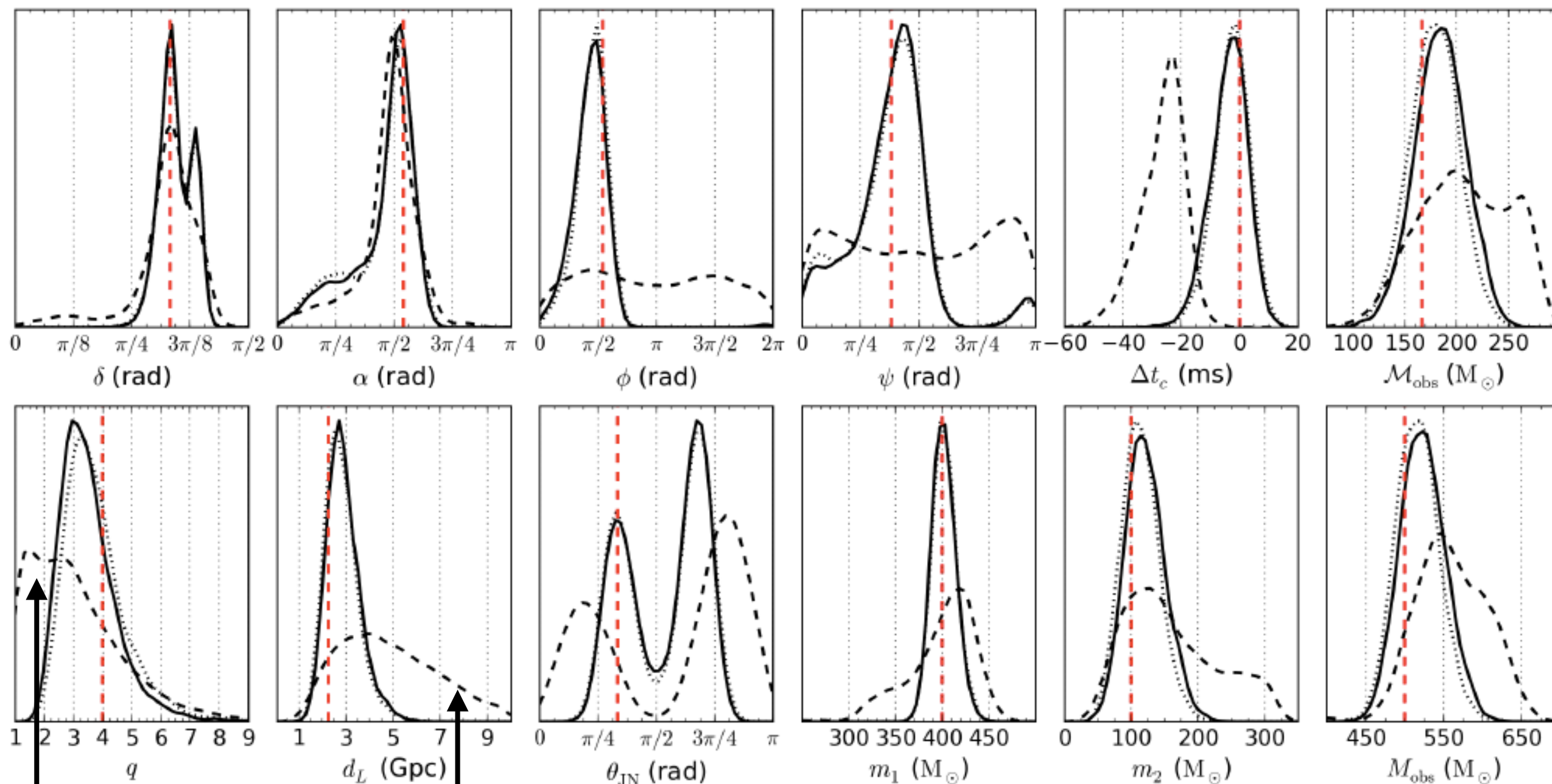
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(Graff, AB & Sathyaprakash 14)



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dashed curves only  
include (2,2) mode

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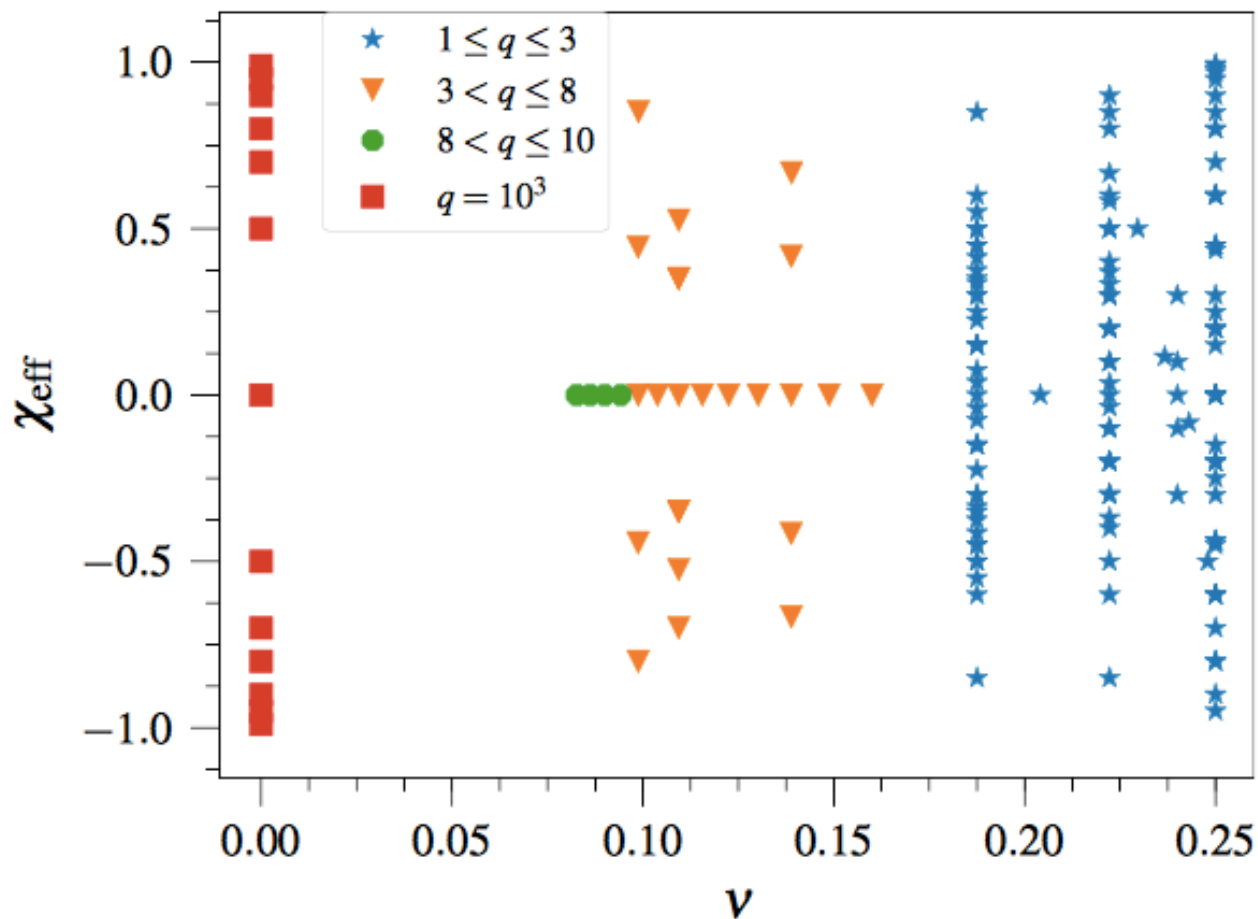


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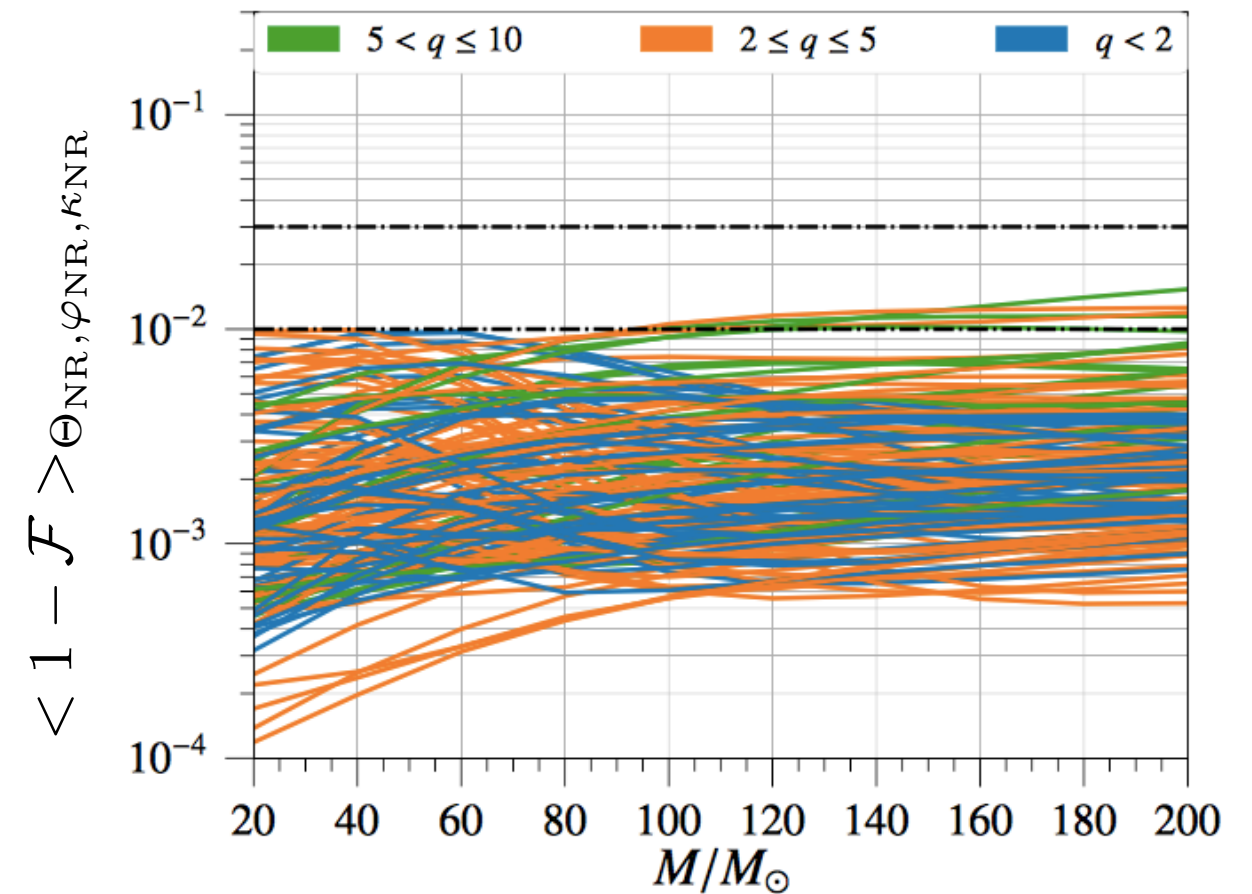
- Non-precessing spin EOBNR waveform model with (2,1), (3,3), (4,4) & (5,5) modes.

(Cotesta, AB et al. 18)

141 NR waveforms



NR( $\ell \leq 5, m \neq 0$ ) vs SEOBNRv4HM ( $\ell, m$ ) = [(2,2),(3,3),(2,1),(4,4),(5,5)]



(for modeling see also Mehta et al. 17, London et al. 17; for searches see Capano, ..., AB 16, Harry et al. 18)

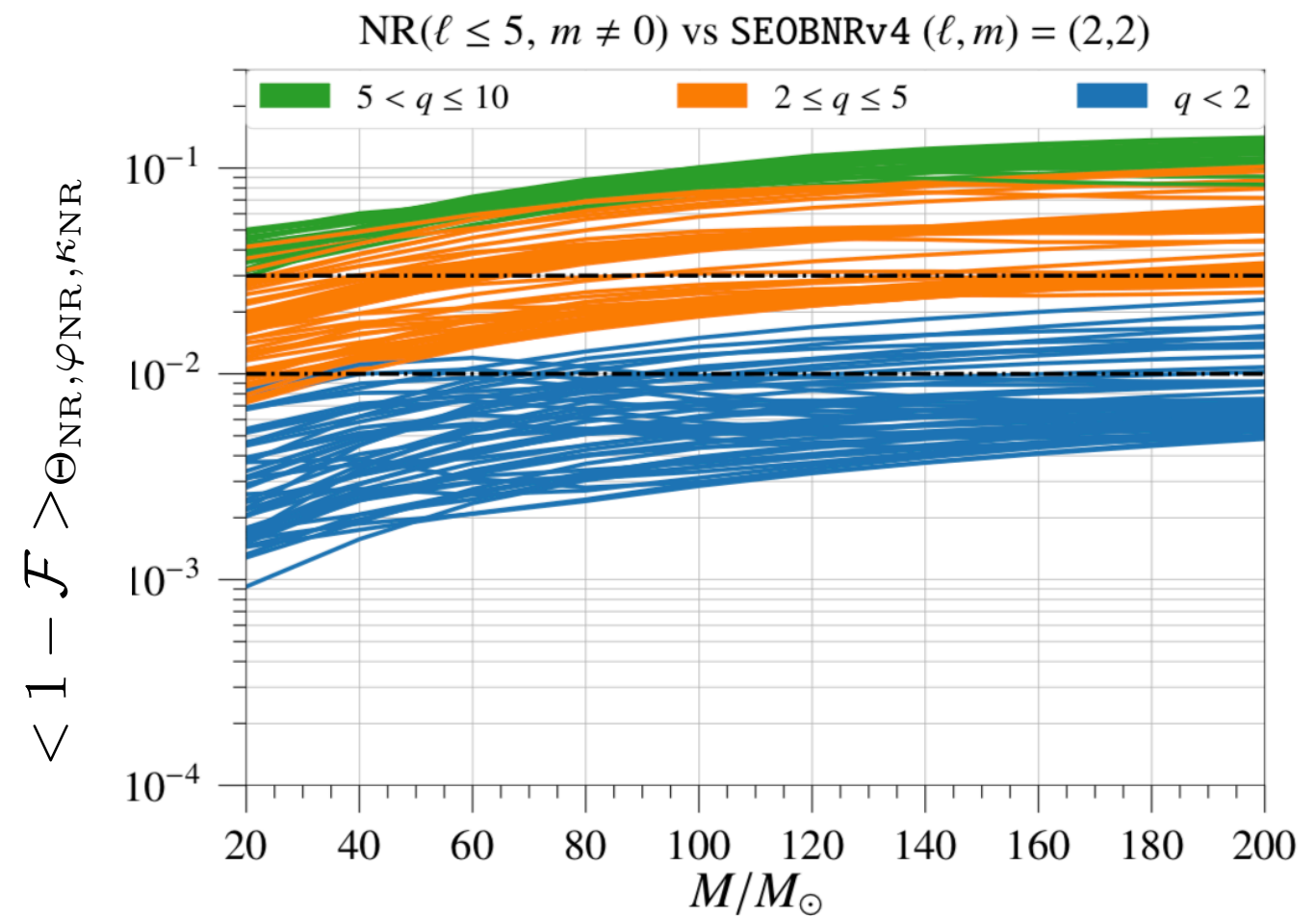
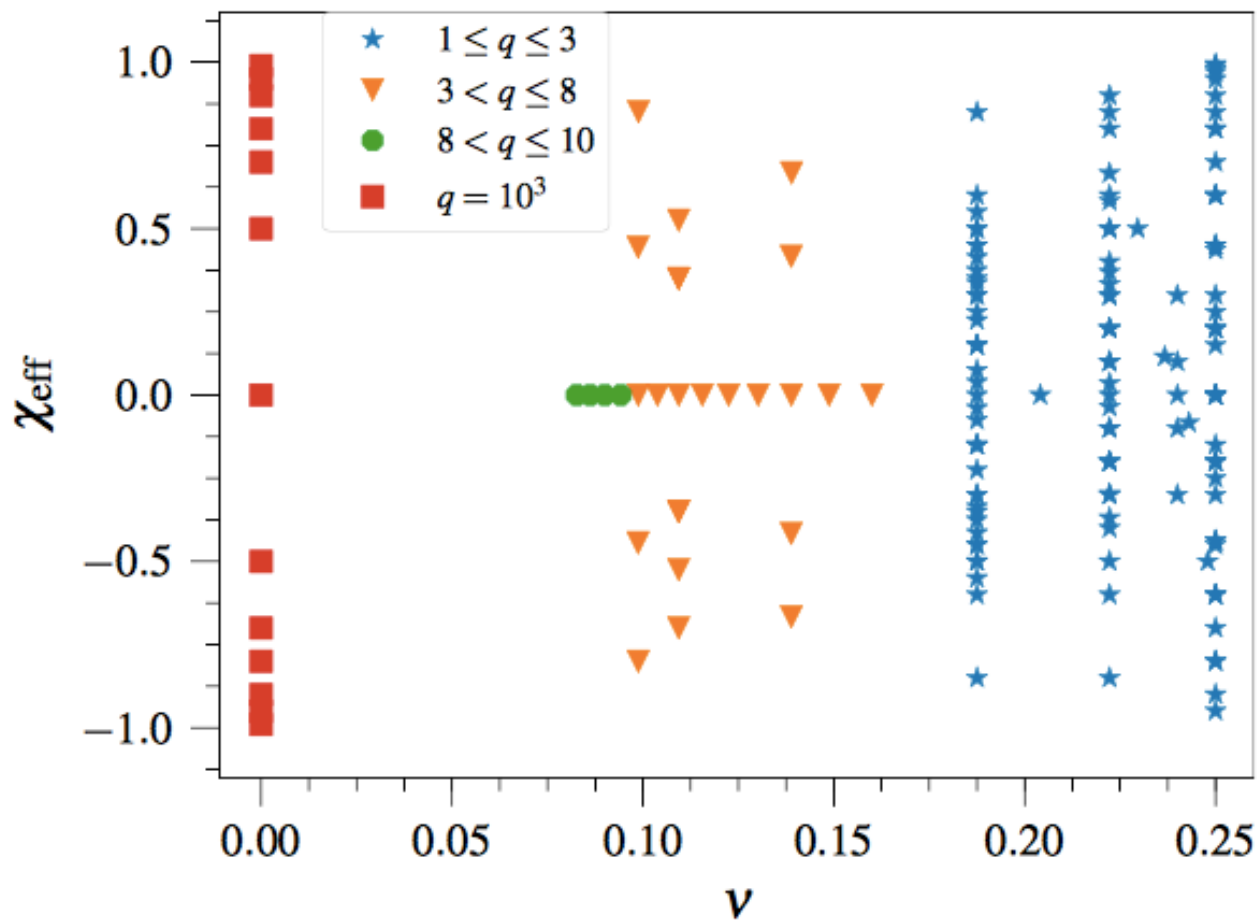


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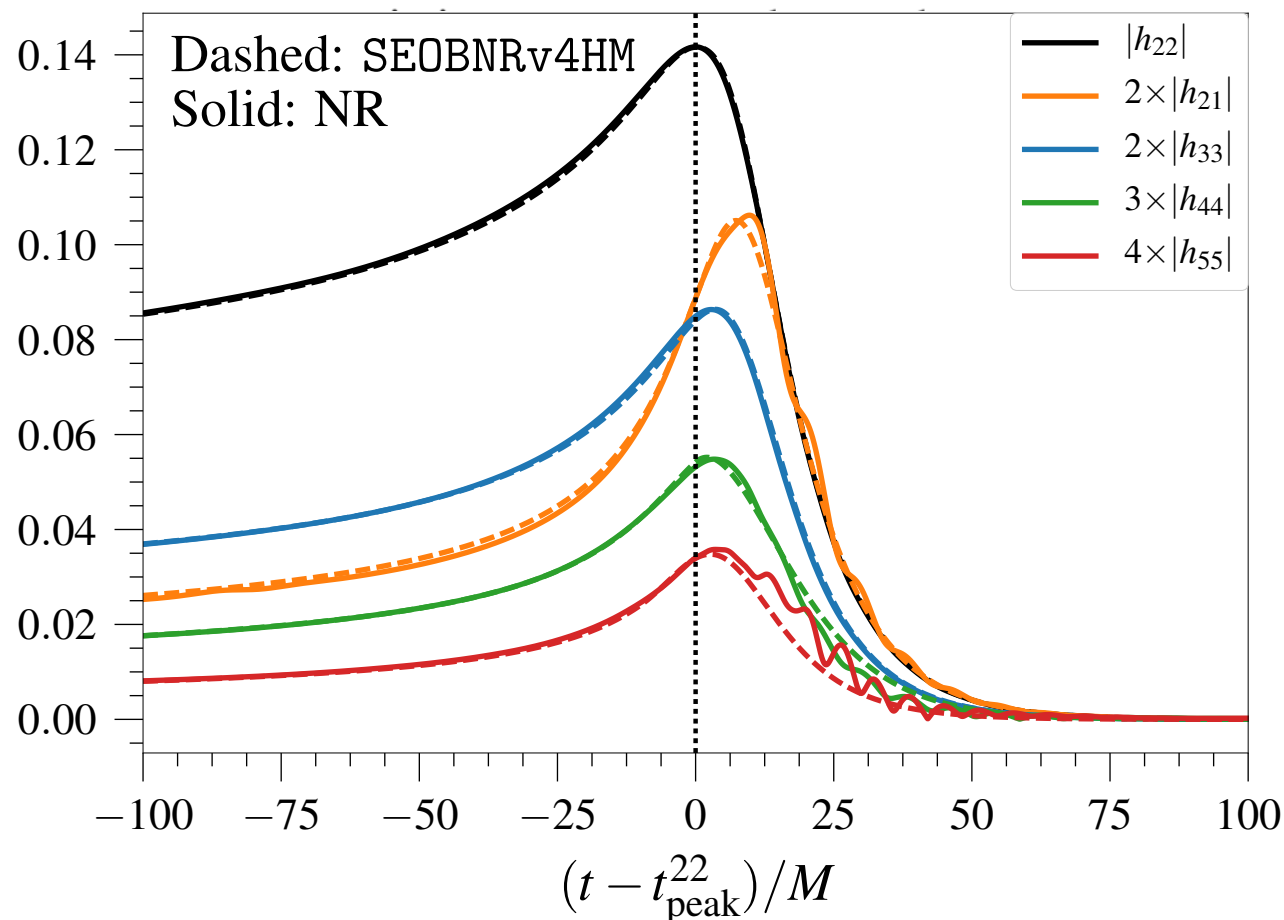
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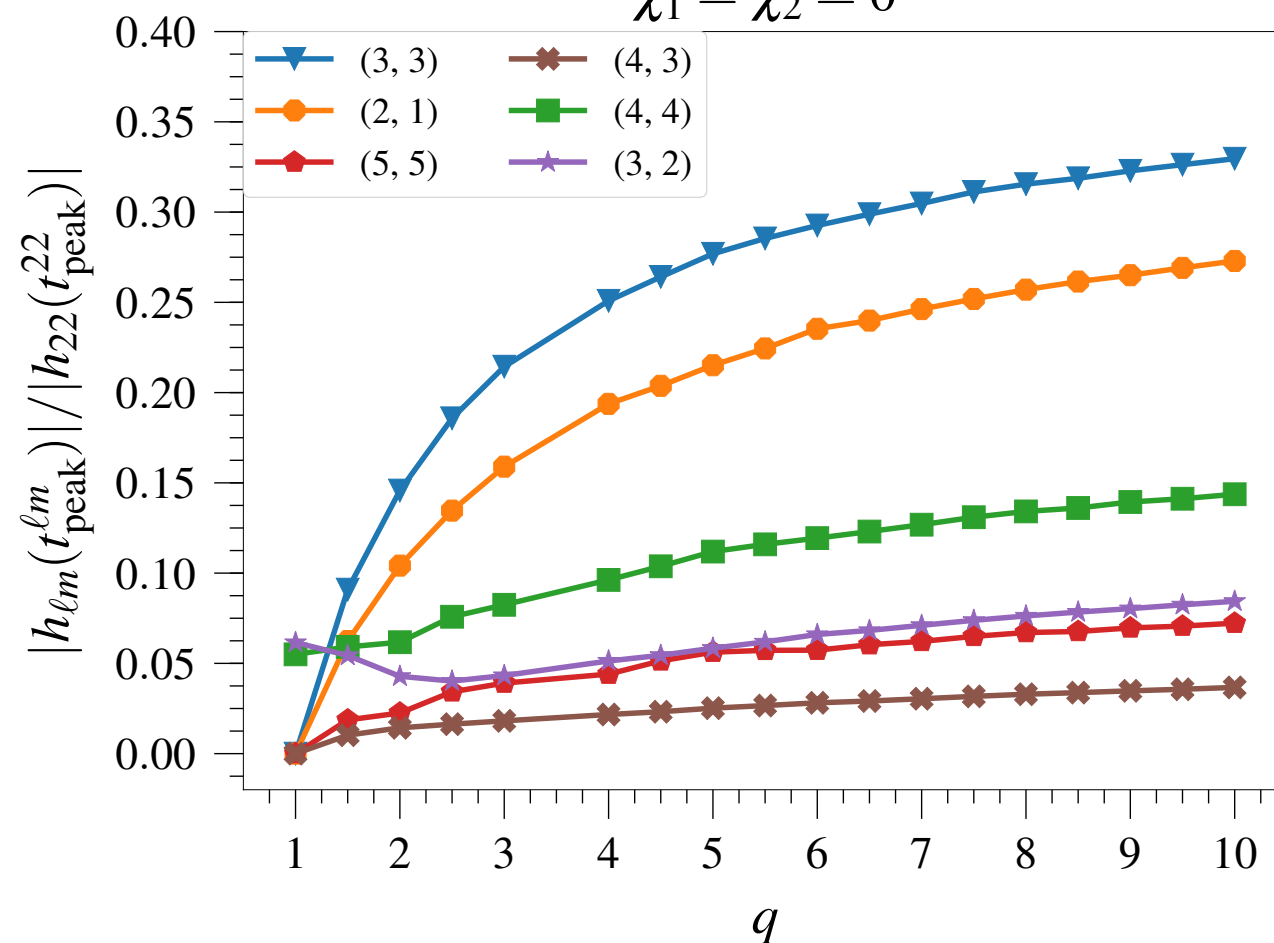
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(Cotesta, AB et al. 18)

( $q = 8, \chi_1 = -0.5, \chi_2 = 0$ )



$\chi_1 = \chi_2 = 0$



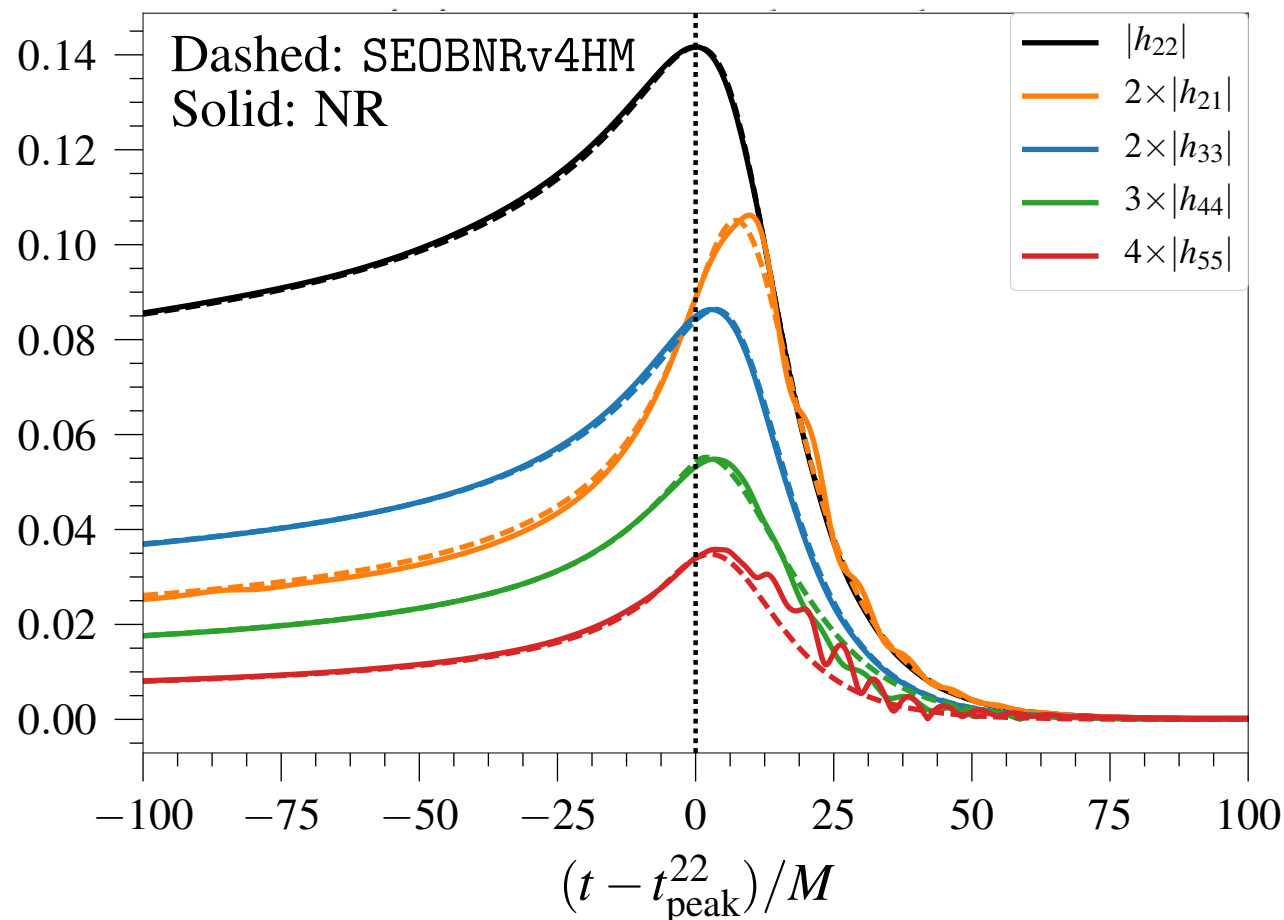
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# Importance of higher harmonics: varying spins

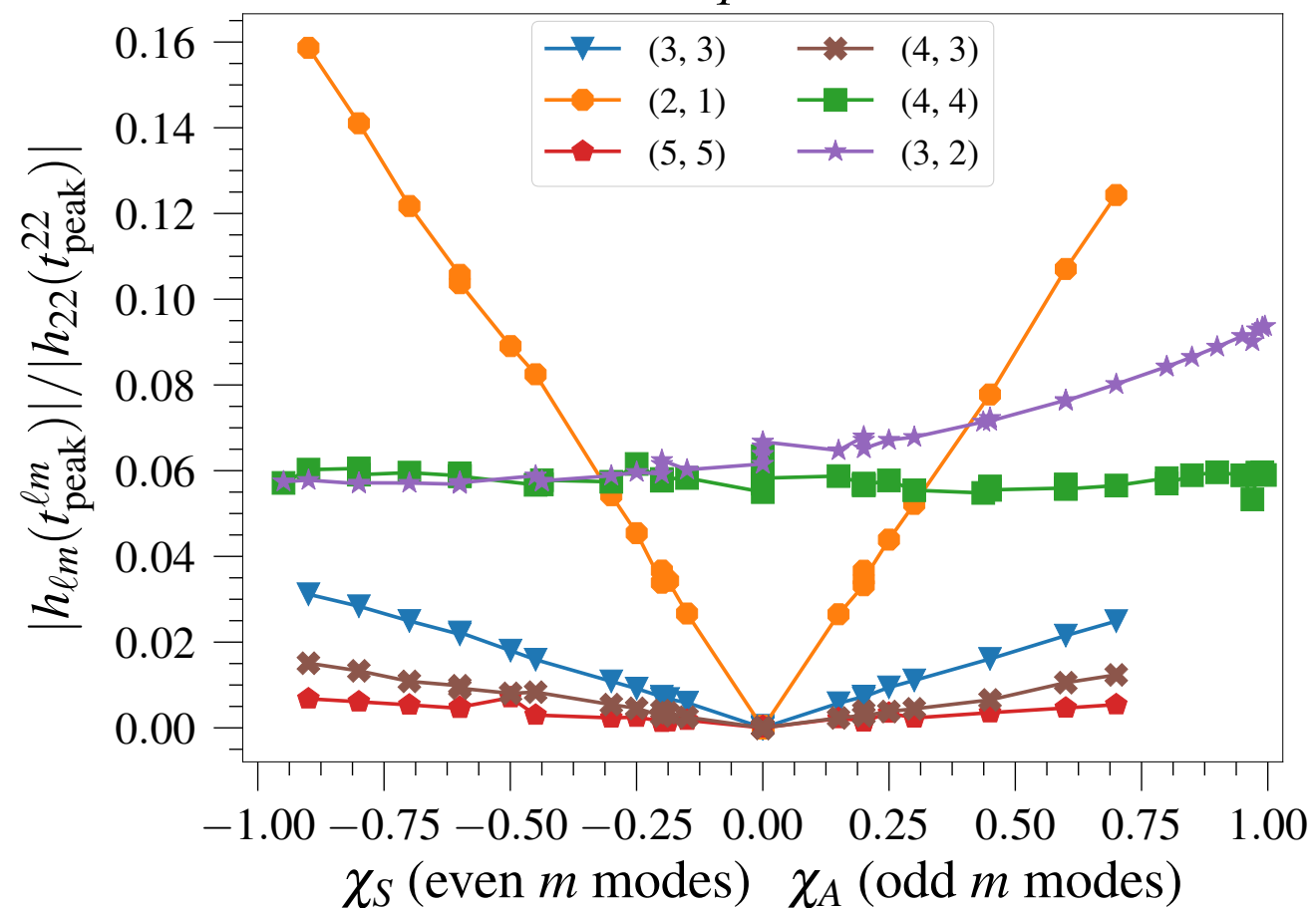
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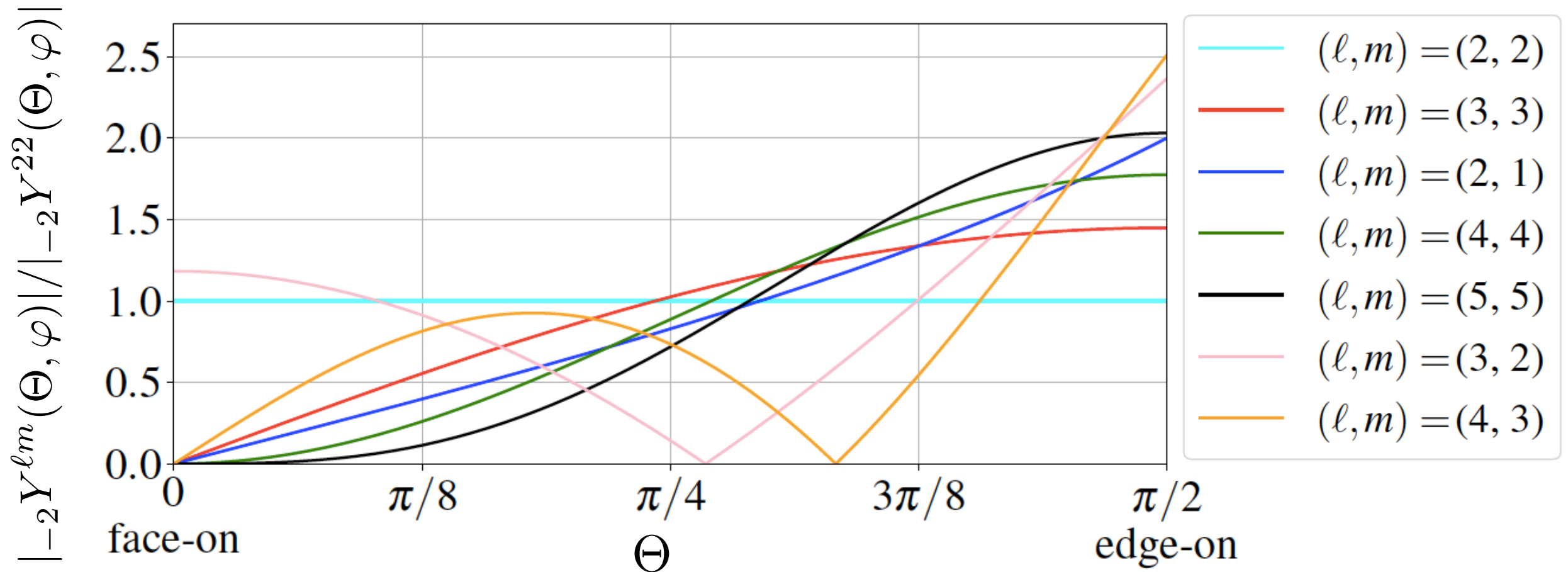
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# Importance of higher harmonics also depends on geometric factor

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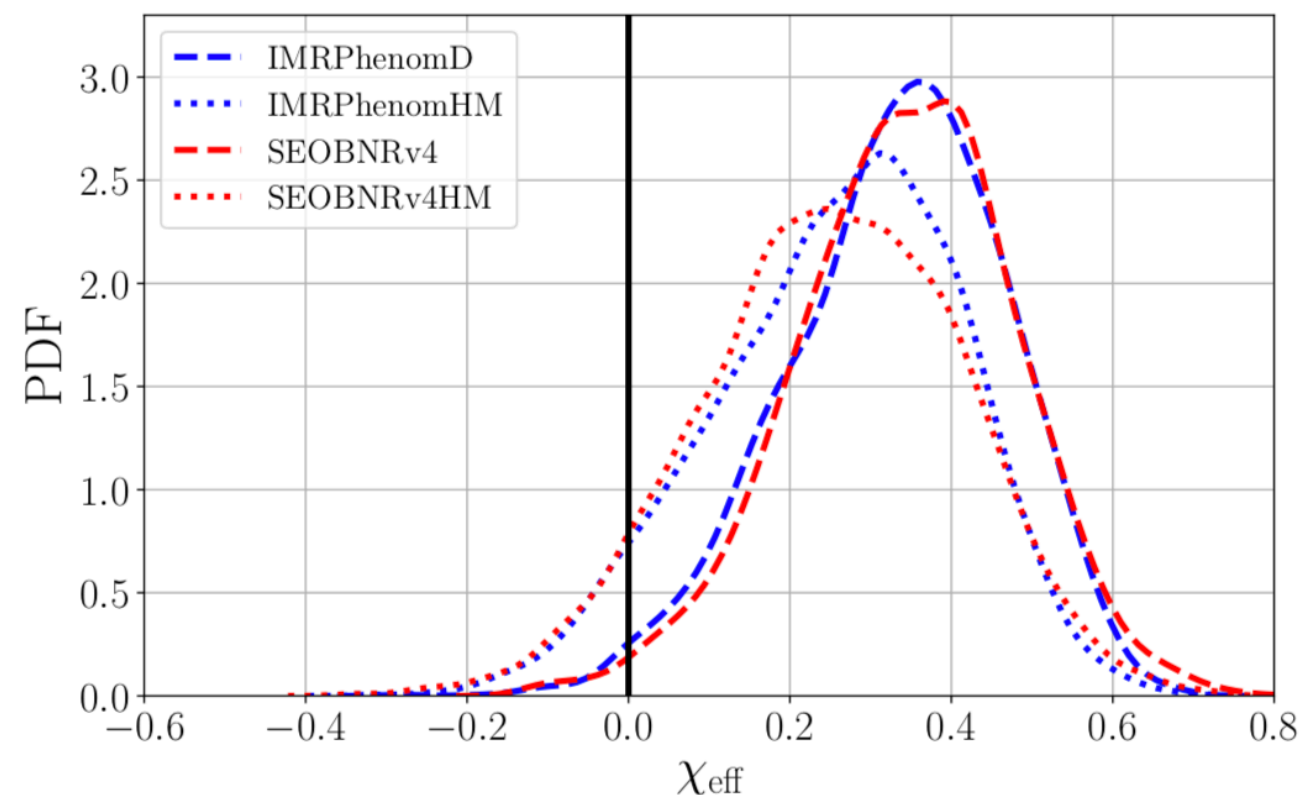
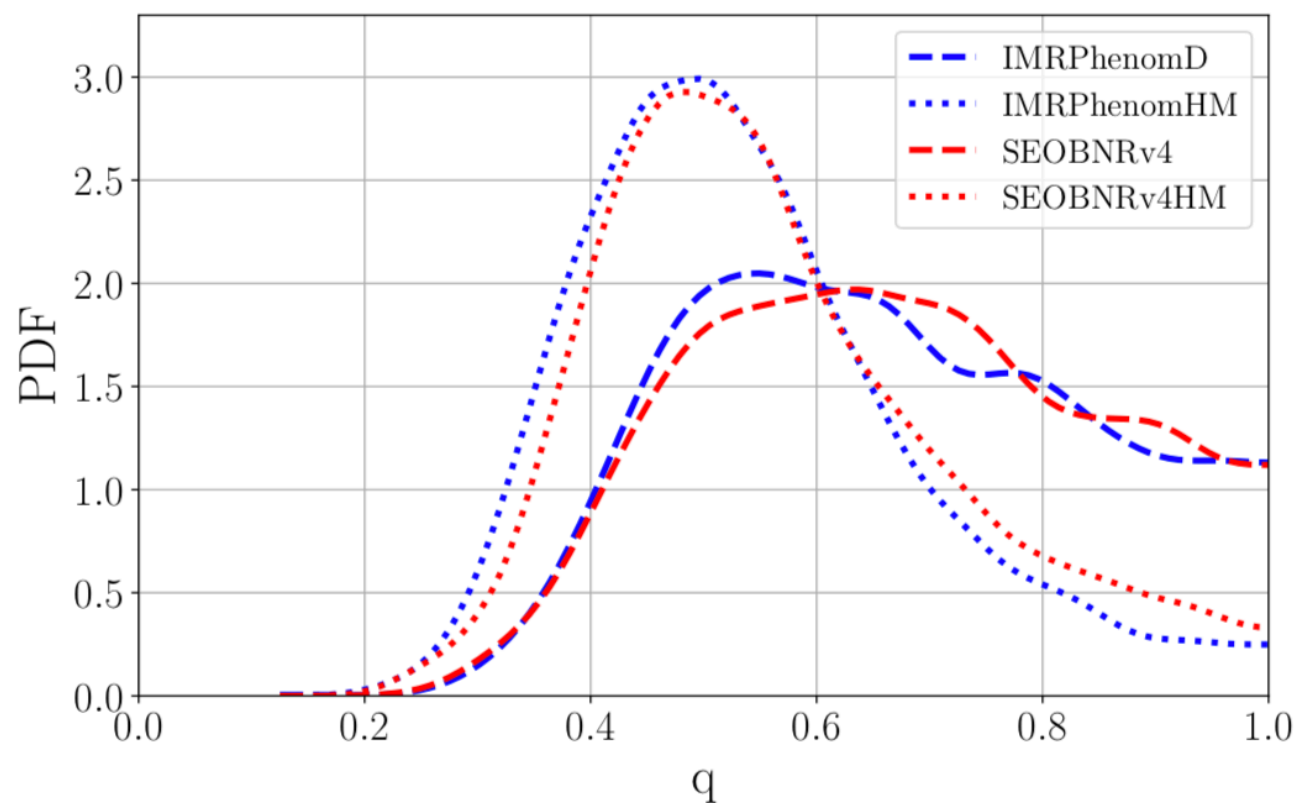
↑ **geometric factor** is important to determine **strength** of **higher harmonics**

(Cotesta, AB et al. 18)



# Inference of GW I70729 with higher-mode waveform models

(Chatziioannou, ... AB ..., 19)



- **Improved estimate** for mass ratio of **(0.3 – 0.8)** at 90%. Measurement **excludes equal masses** at 90%.

# Accuracy of multipolar precessing SEOBNR model against NR

- **SEOBNRv4PHM**:  
new spin-precessing waveform model

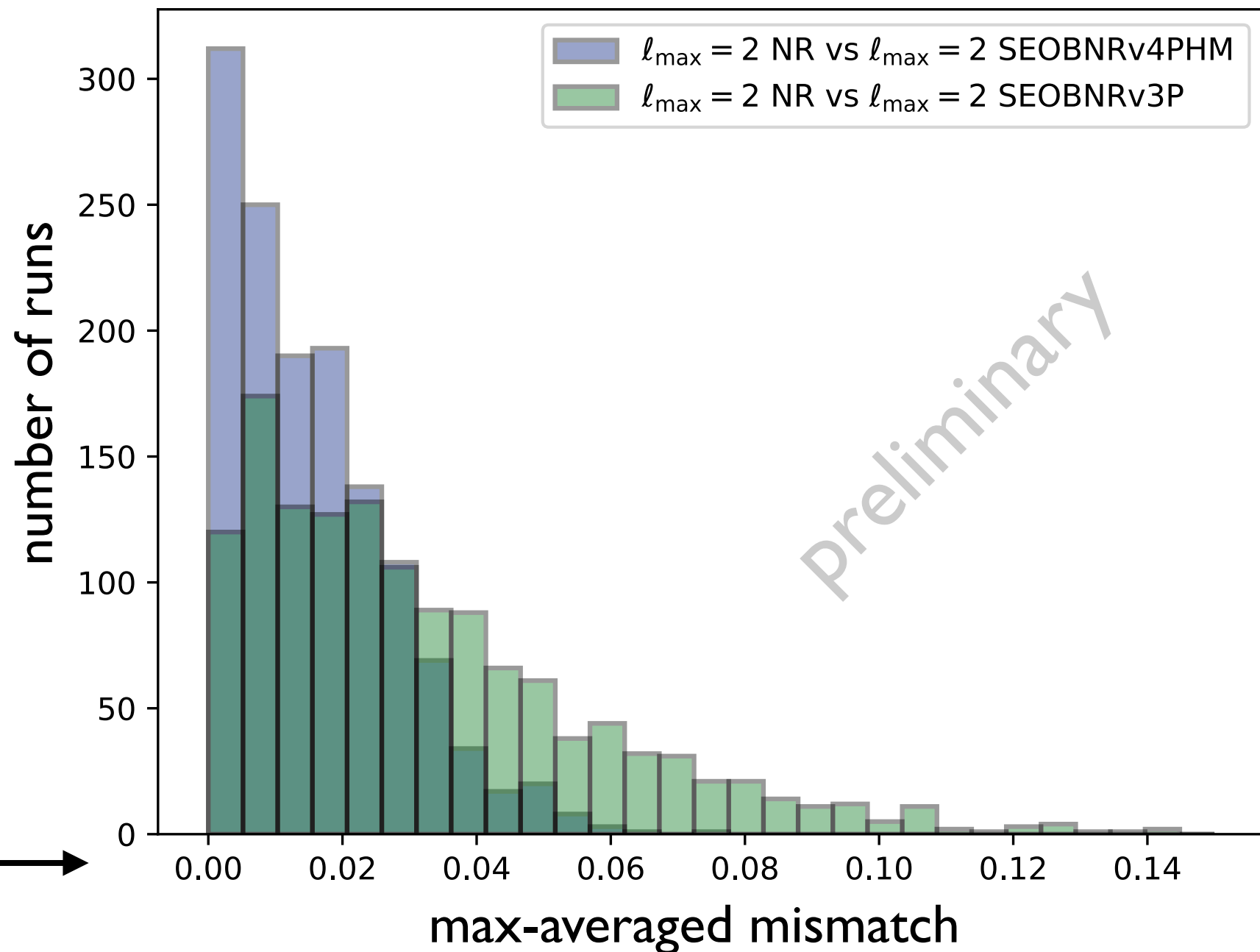
- **SEOBNRv3P**: old spin-precessing waveform model, **without HMs**, used in **O1 & O2**.

(Pan, AB et al. 13, Babak, ... AB 17)

- Mismatch against **public SXS** NR catalog (1344) plus **non-public SXS** NR waveforms (141).

(Boyle et al. 19)

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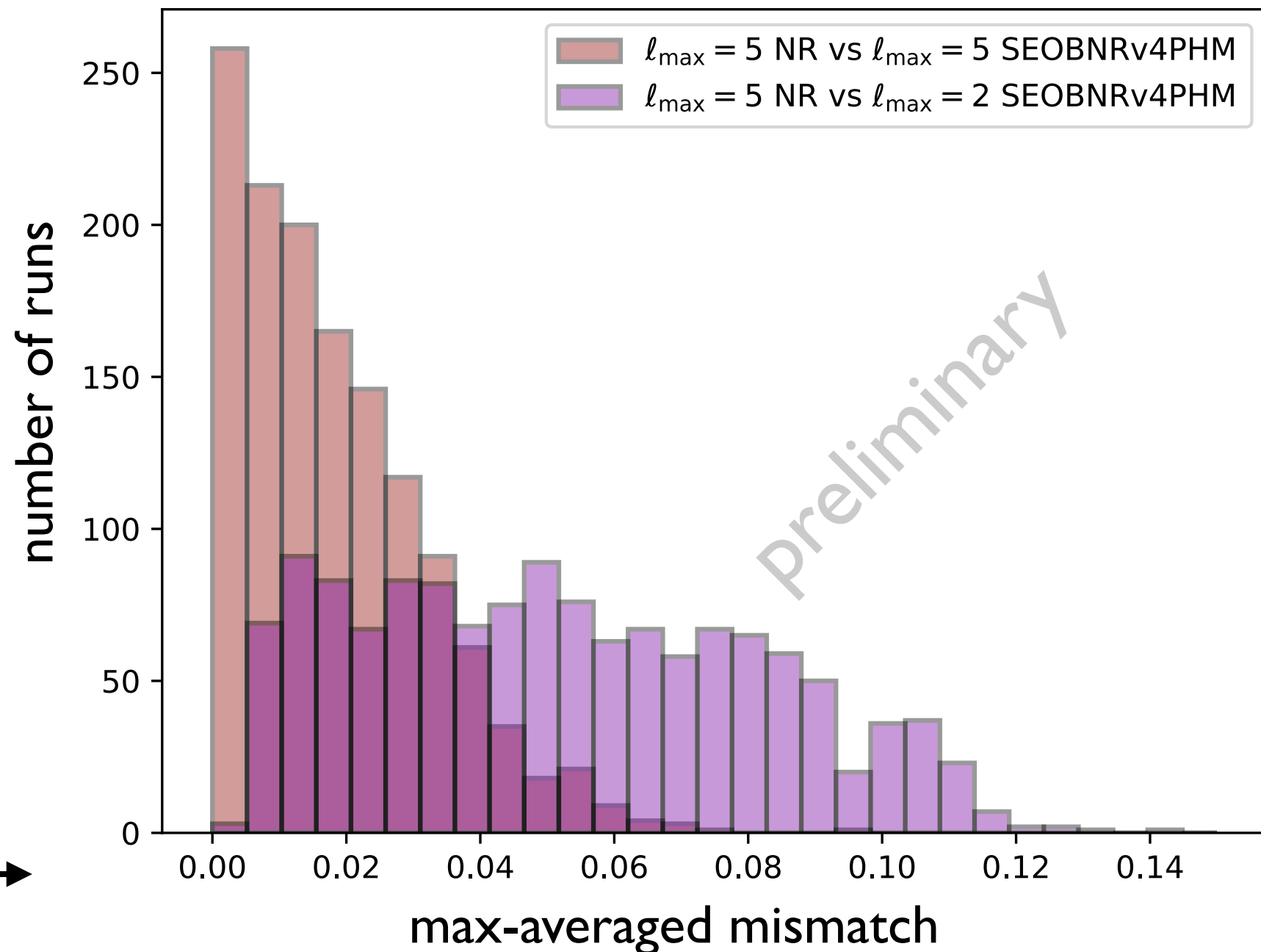
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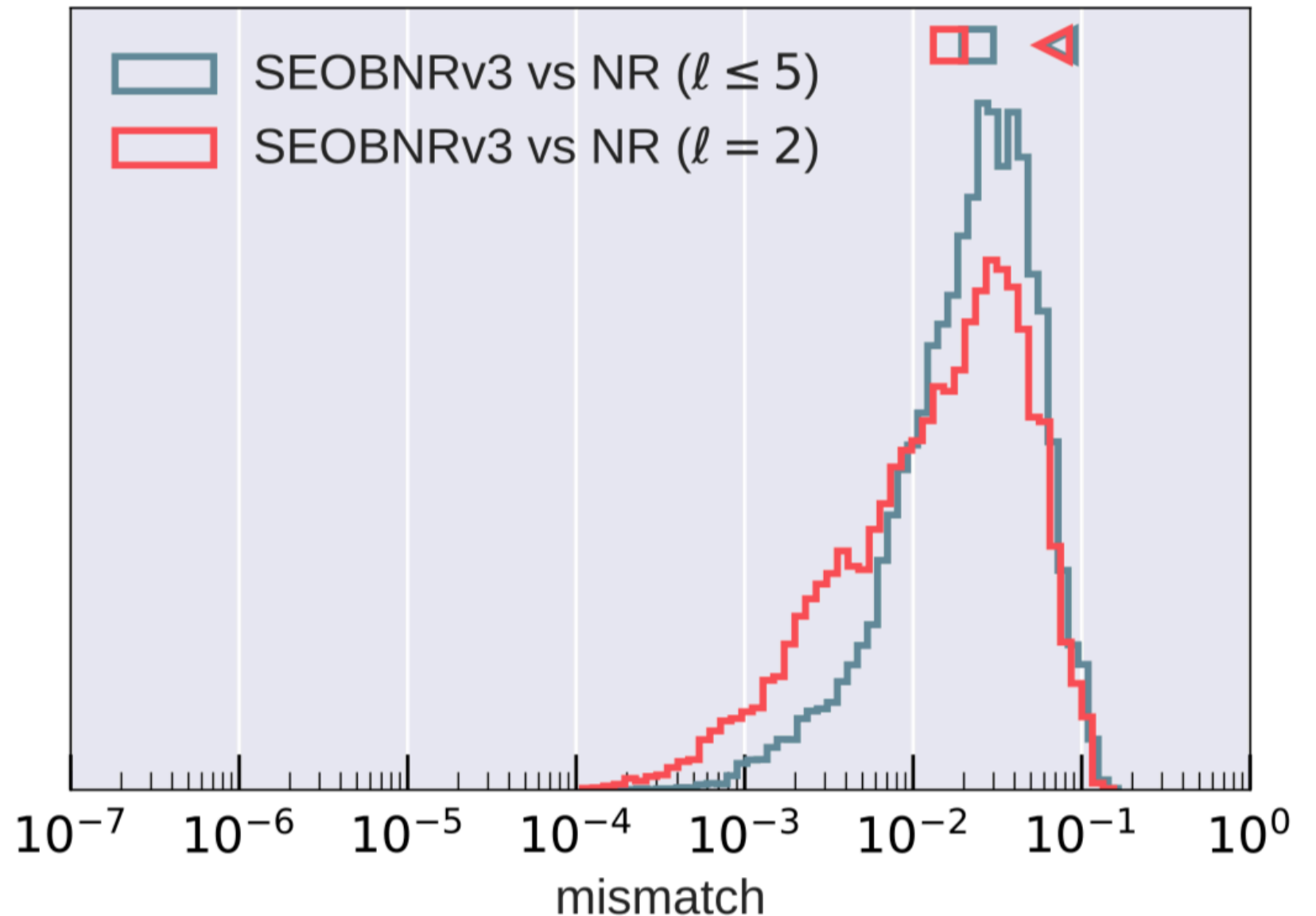
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# Accuracy of multipolar precessing (old) SEOBNR model

(Varma et al. 19)



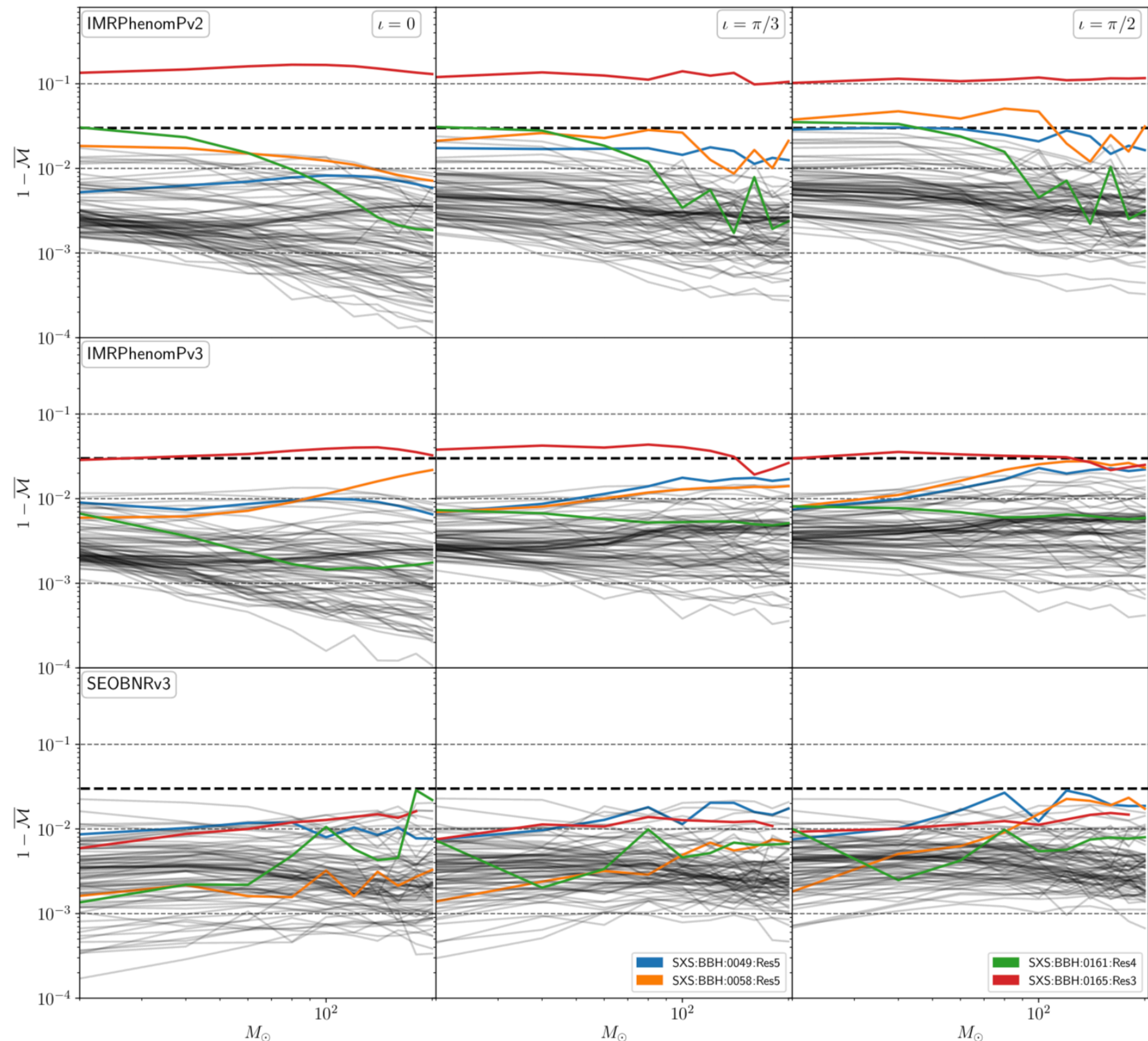
- **Surrogate NR model** for mass ratio  $< 4$  and spins  $< 0.8$ , and about **20 orbits**.

- **Surrogate NR models** accurate and efficient, but limited in binary's parameter space and length. (Blackman et al. 17, Varma et al. 18, 19)

# Comparing (precessing) SEOBNR & IMRPhenom models

(Khan et al. 18)

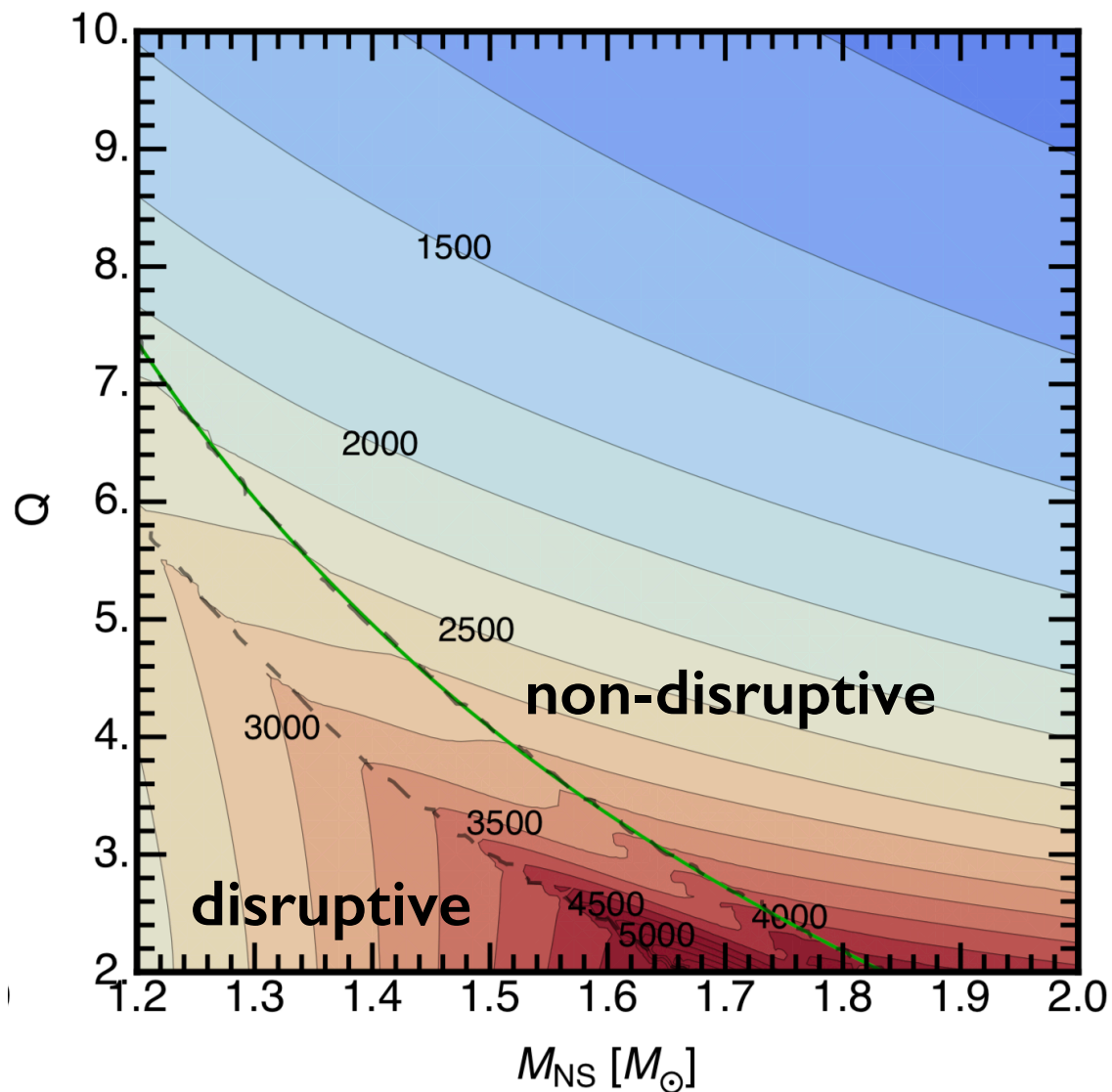
- IMRPhenomPv3: **two independent spins** in precessing dynamics.
- Mismatch against  $\sim 90$  **SXS** NR waveforms.



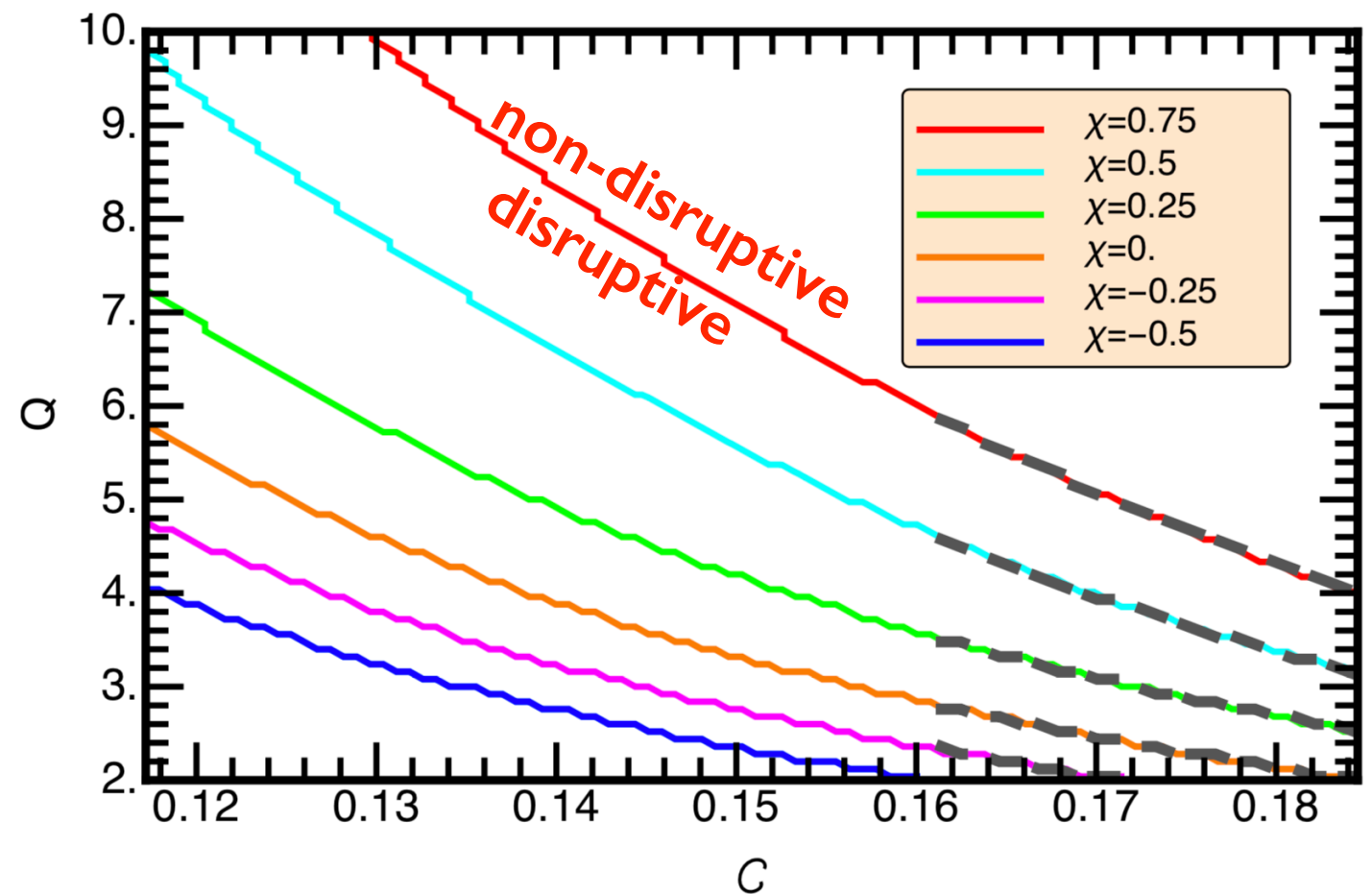
# Waveforms for NSBH combining analytical & numerical relativity

- Synergy between **analytical** and **numerical work** is **crucial**.
- **Current** waveform **models for NSBHs** are **not sufficiently accurate** to extract tidal effects (*Lackey et al. 14, Pannarale et al. 16, Pürrer et al. 17, Chakravarti et al. 17*)

EOS B,  $\chi=0.75$



(Pannarale et al. 16)

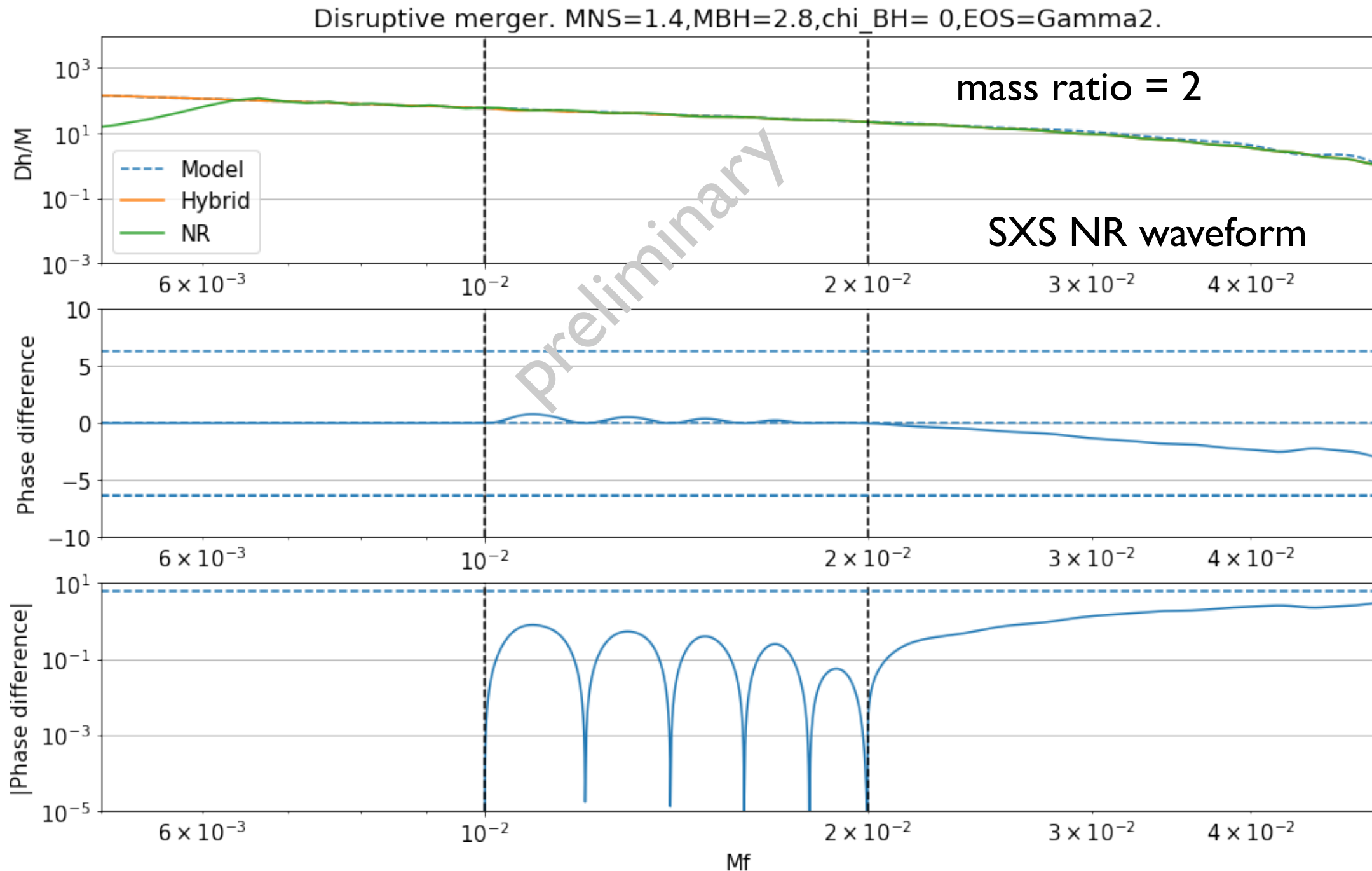


NSBH is disrupted whenever  $Q < Q_D(C, \chi)$

# Waveform model for NSBH: disruptive case

$$\tilde{h}(f) = \mathcal{A}(f)e^{i\varphi(f)} \quad \mathcal{A}(f) = \mathcal{A}_{\text{SEOBNRT}}(f)w_{f_0,\sigma}^- + \mathcal{A}_{\text{RD}}w_{f_0,\sigma}^+ \quad w_{f_0,\sigma}^\pm = \frac{1}{2} \left[ 1 \pm \tanh \left( \frac{4(f-f_0)}{\sigma} \right) \right]$$

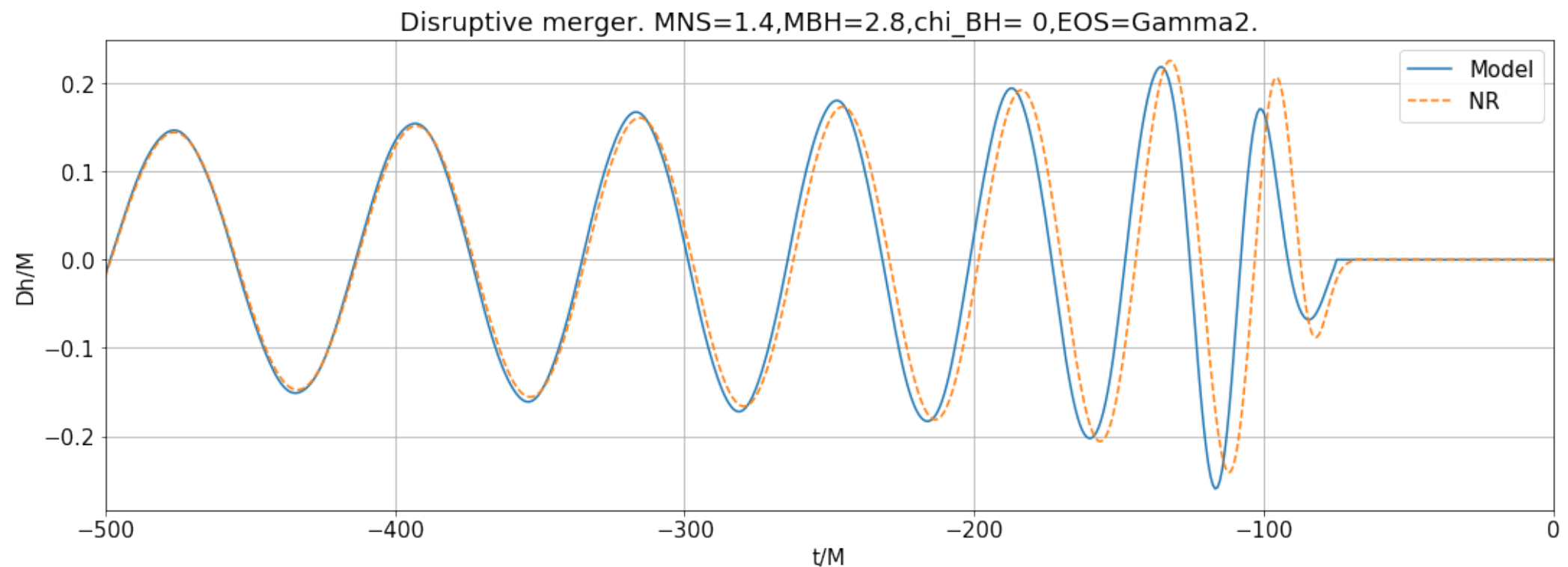
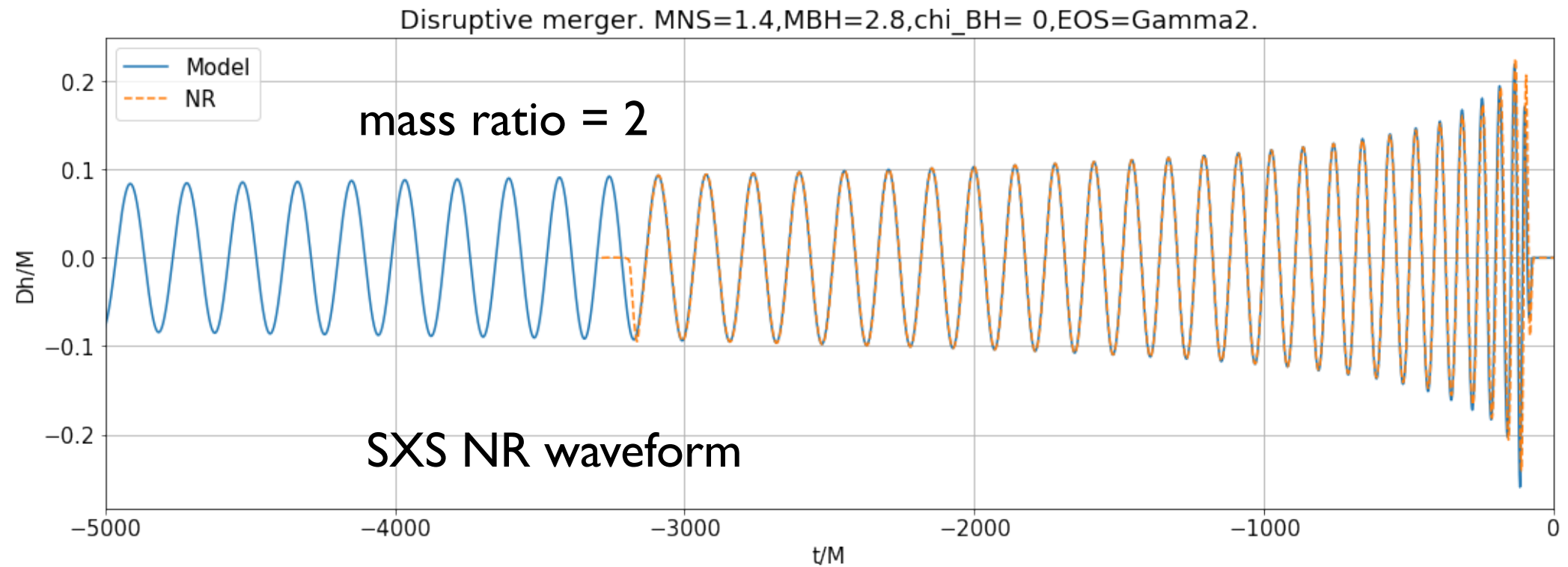
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# Waveforms for NSBH: disruptive case (contd.)

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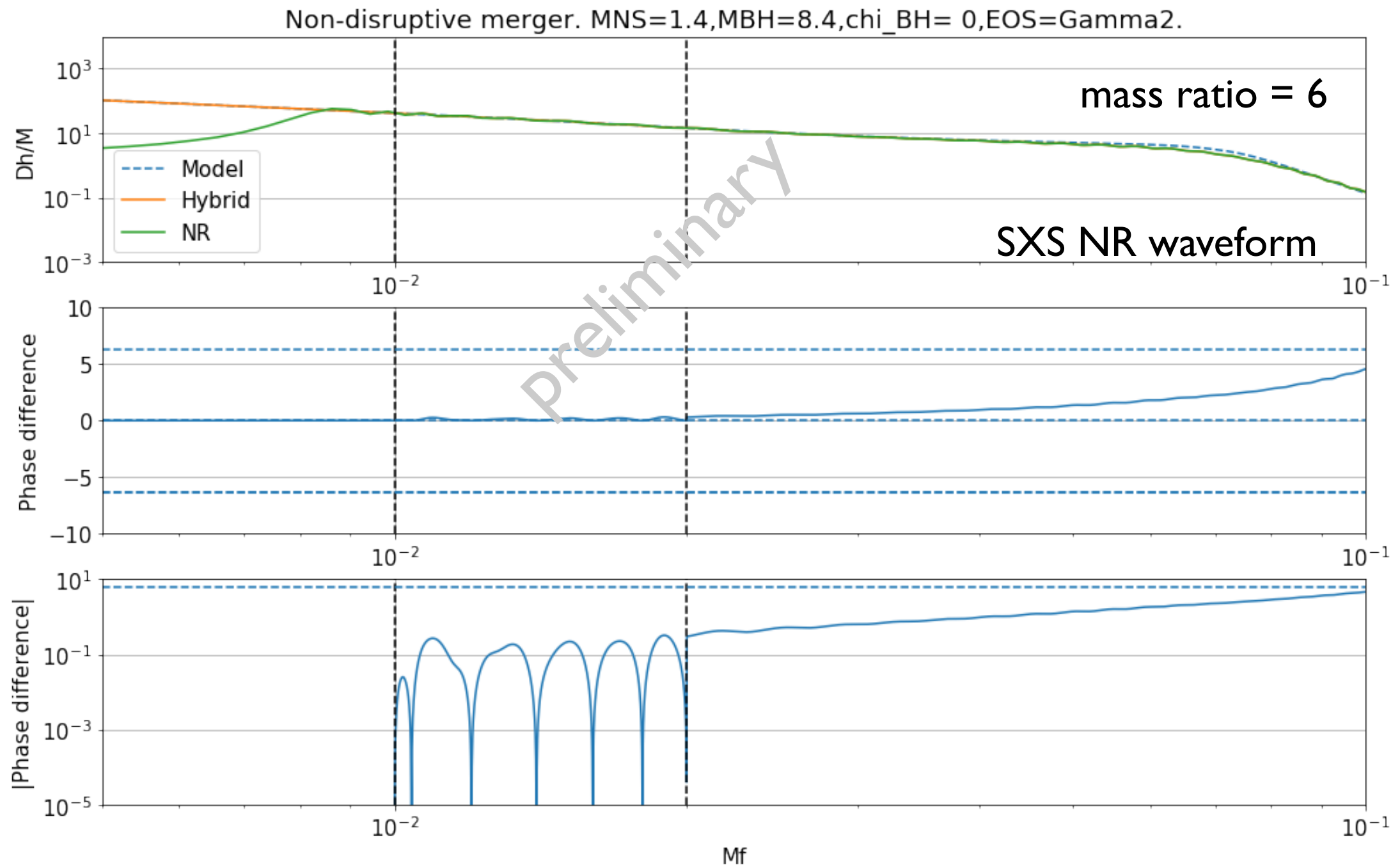




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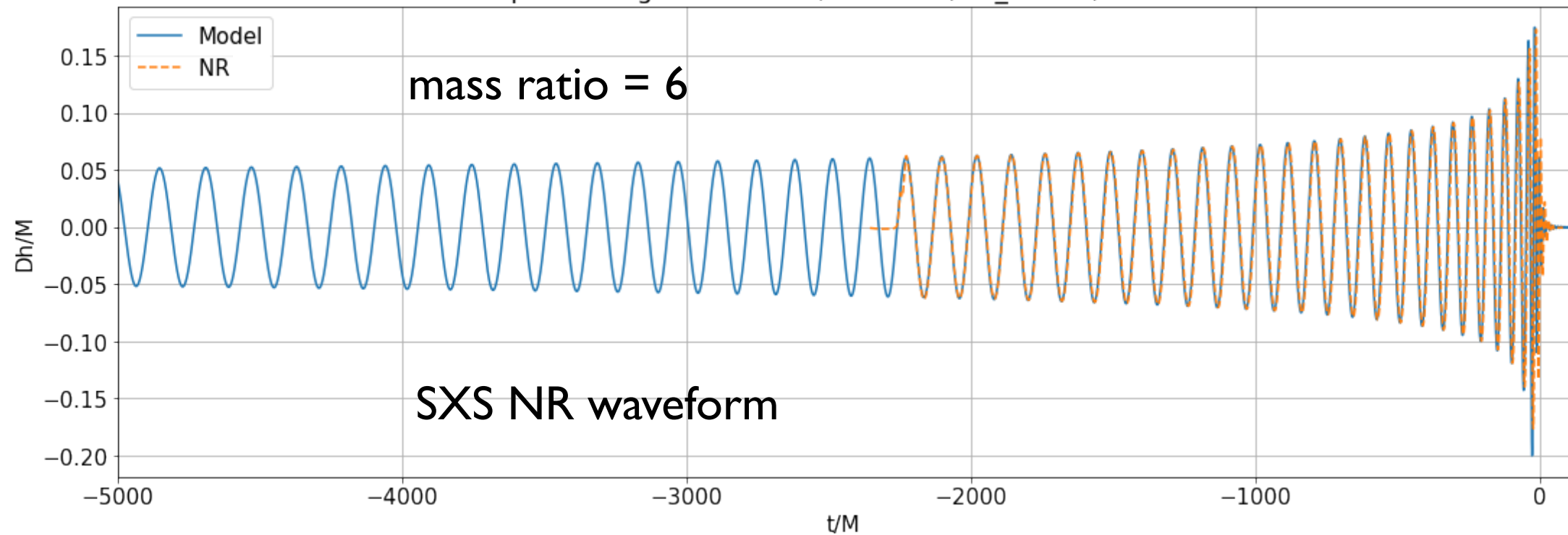
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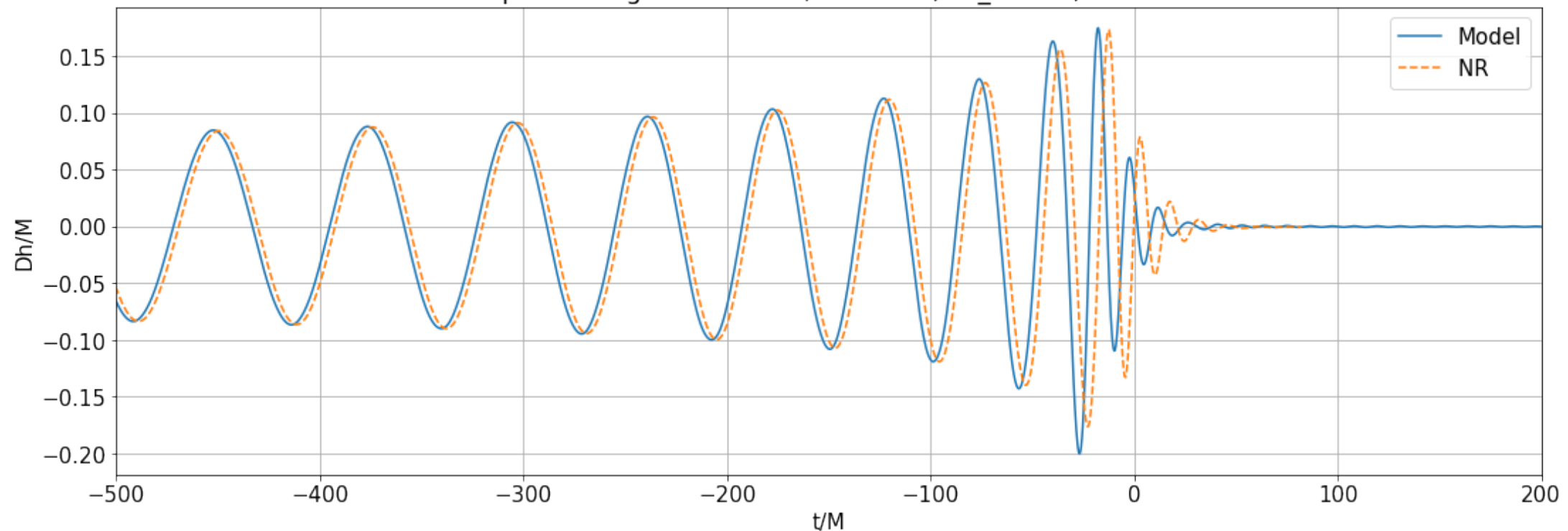
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(Matas, AB, Dietrich, Hinderer & Pürrer in prep 19)

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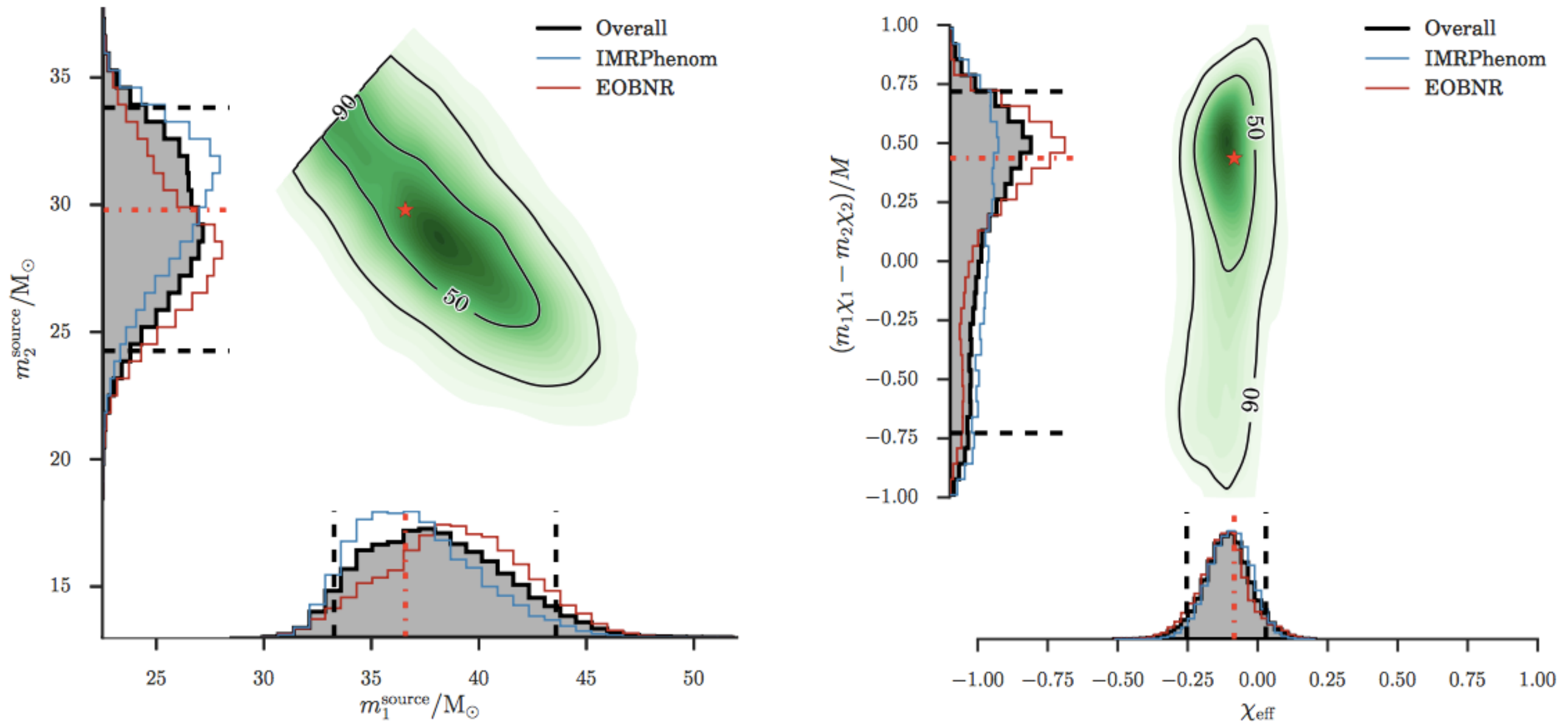
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# Systematics of waveform models used in O1 & O2

- **Mock signal** from NR simulation with parameters close to GW150914.

(Abbott et al. CQG 34 (2017) 104002)



- **Overall, no evidence for systematic bias** relative to the statistical error of original parameter recovery of GW150914.

# Systematics of waveform models used in O1 & O2 (contd.)

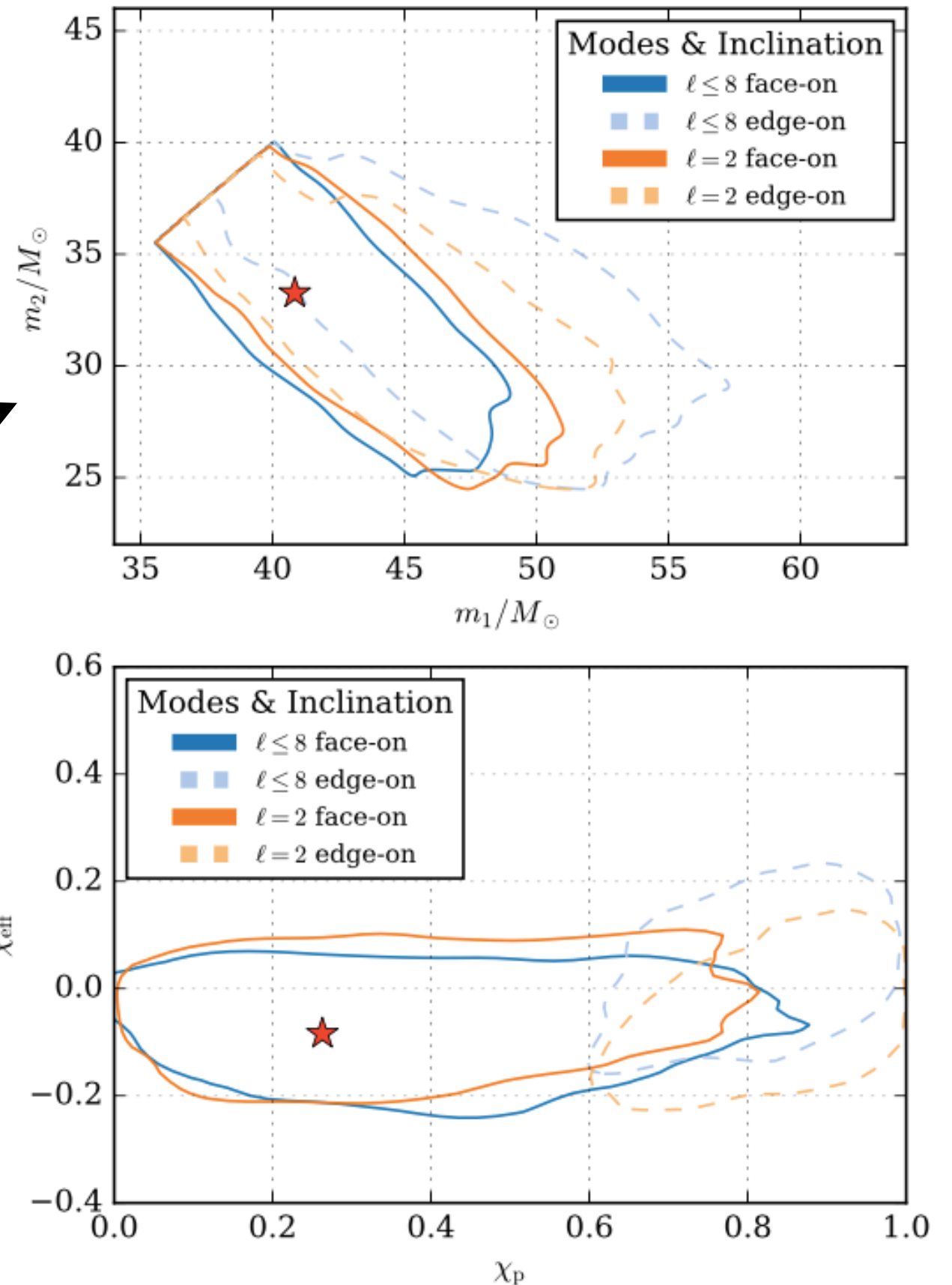
(Abbott et al. CQG 34 (2017) 104002 )

- **Parameter biases** are found to occur for some **configurations disfavored by data** of GW150914.
- E.g., biases are present for **binaries inclined edge-on to the detector** over a small range of choices of polarization angles.

(see also Williamson et al. 2017)

(see also Kumar et al. 18 using NR surrogate models)

- Biases can be present for **binaries with eccentricity  $> 0.05$** .

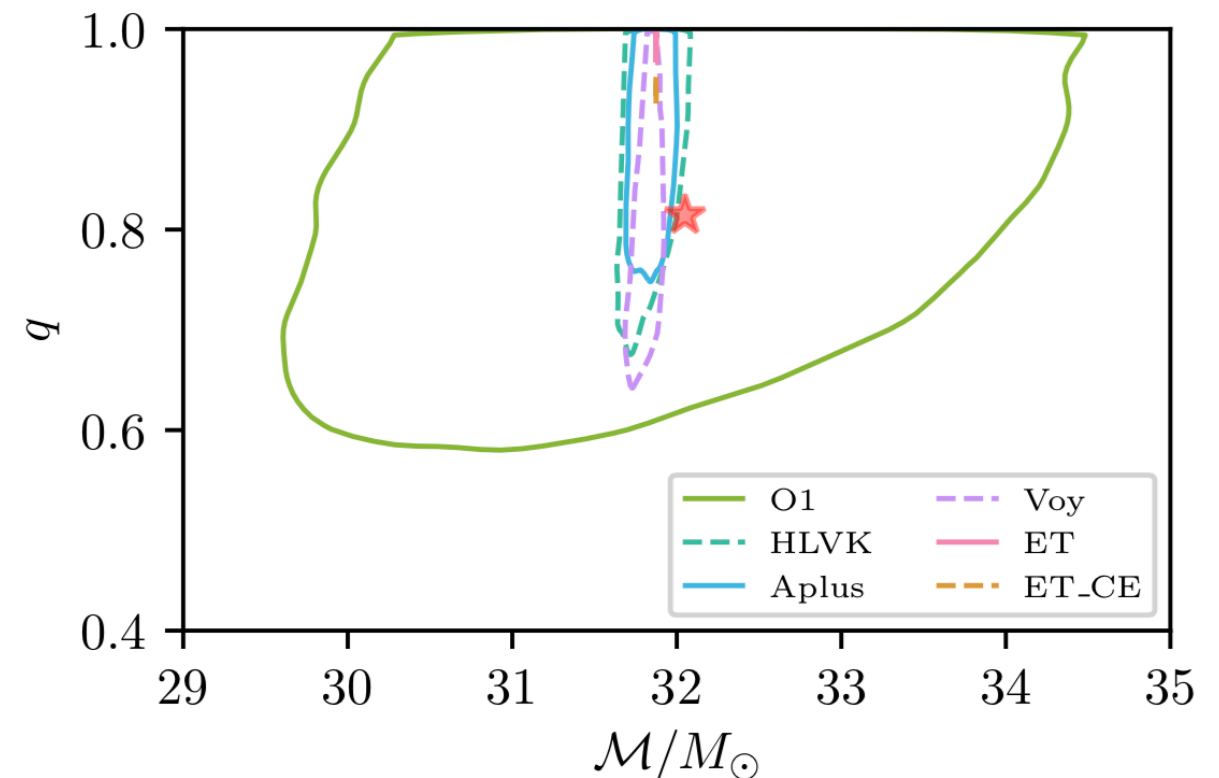
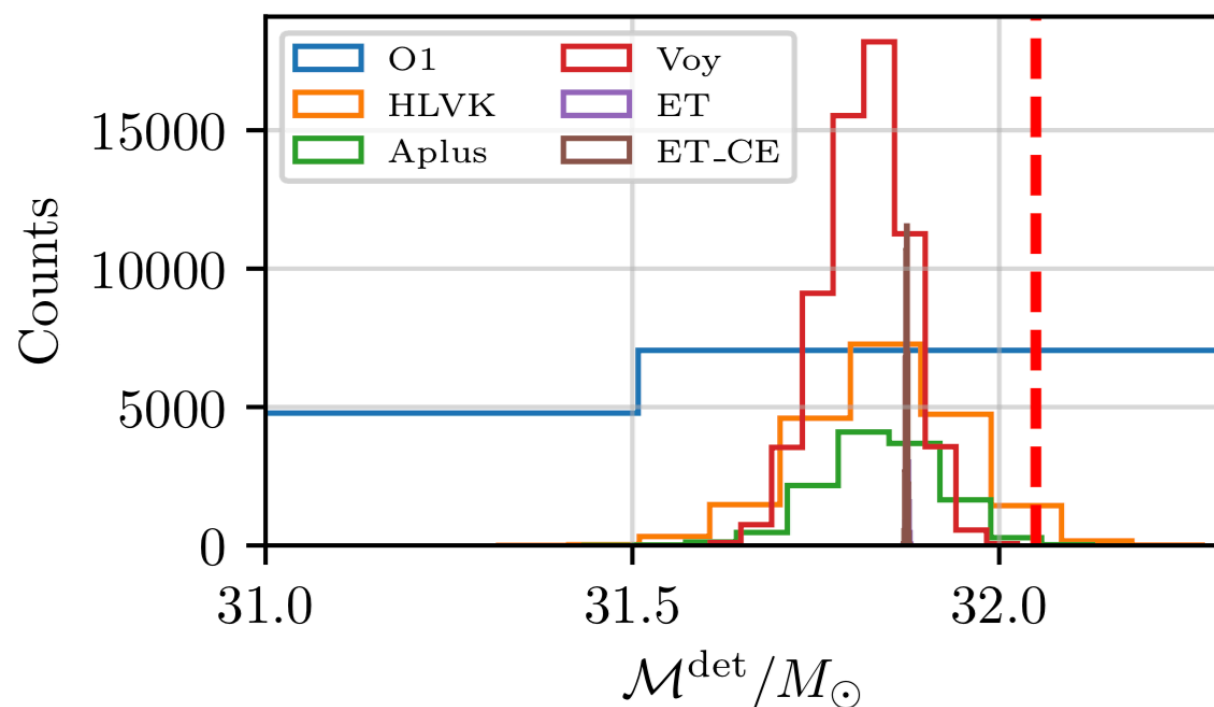


# Systematics due to modeling for GW150914-like event

- Synthetic GW signal of a **binary black hole** at **400 Mpc** is **injected** in Gaussian noise with **aLIGO design-sensitivity** noise-spectral density (**SNR  $\sim 70$** ).
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(Pürrer & Haster in prep 19)

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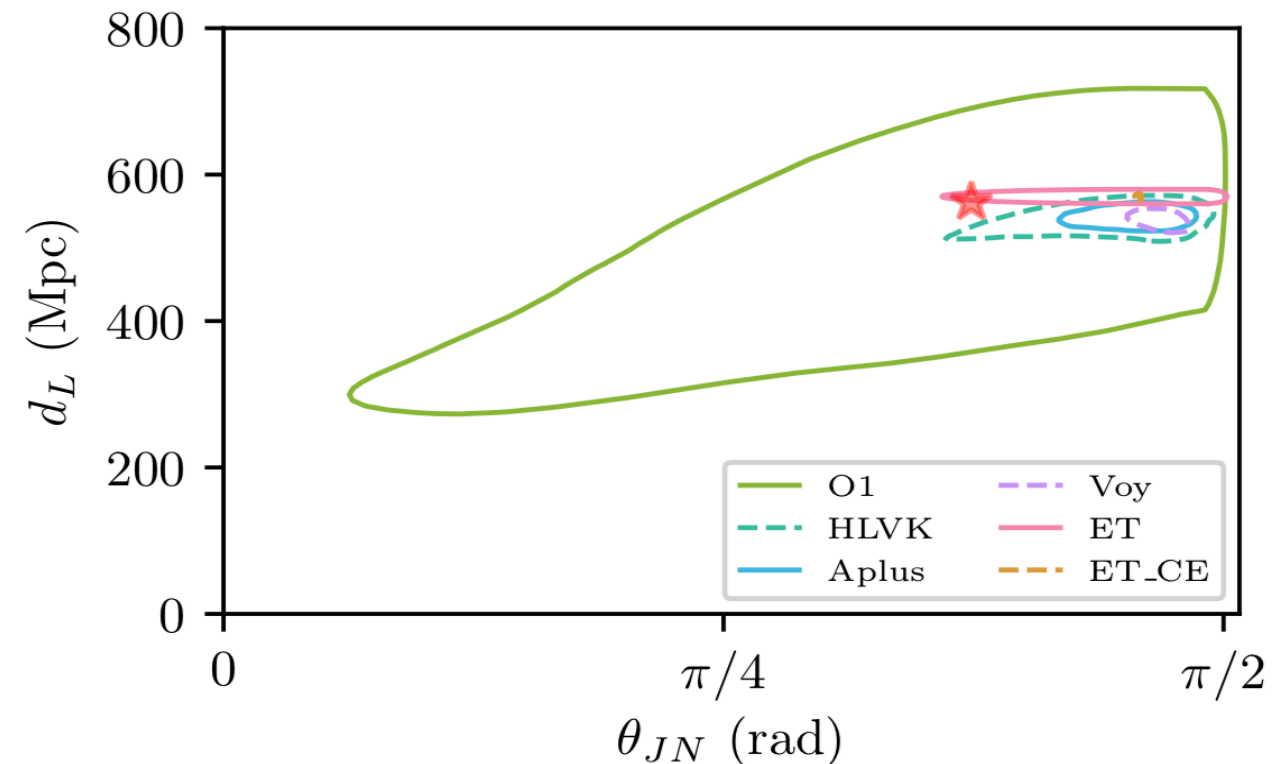
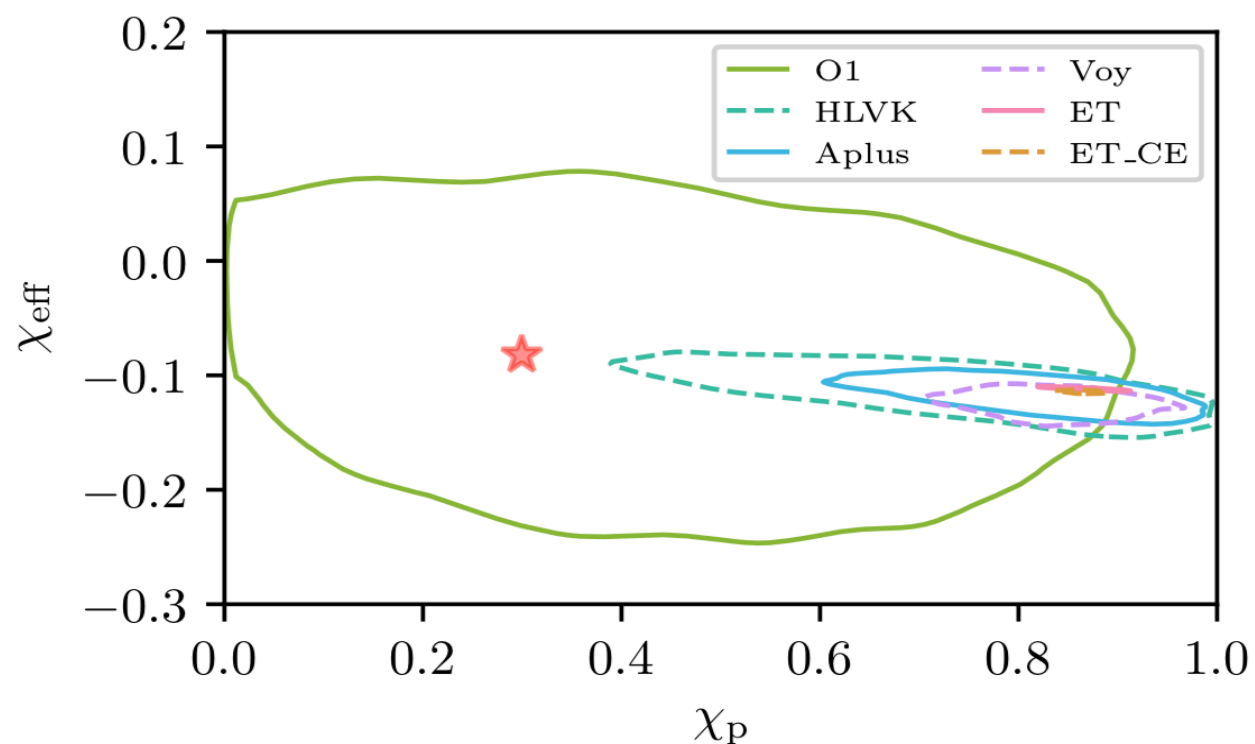


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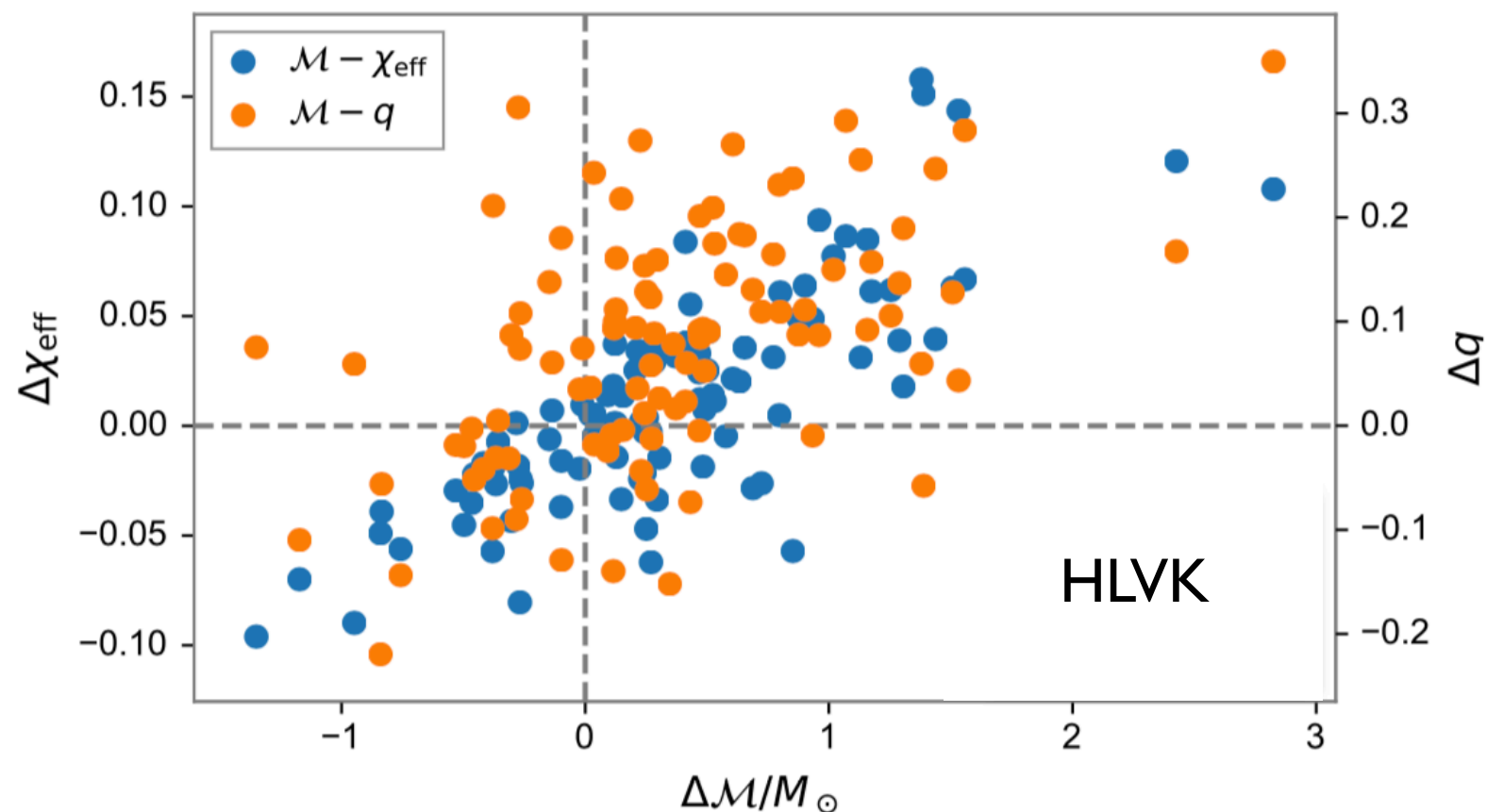
# Systematics due to modeling using population

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- **Inference** with **one** of currently used waveform models (IMRPhenom).

(Pürrer & Haster in prep 19) • **Population of 100 precessing NR signals** is injected

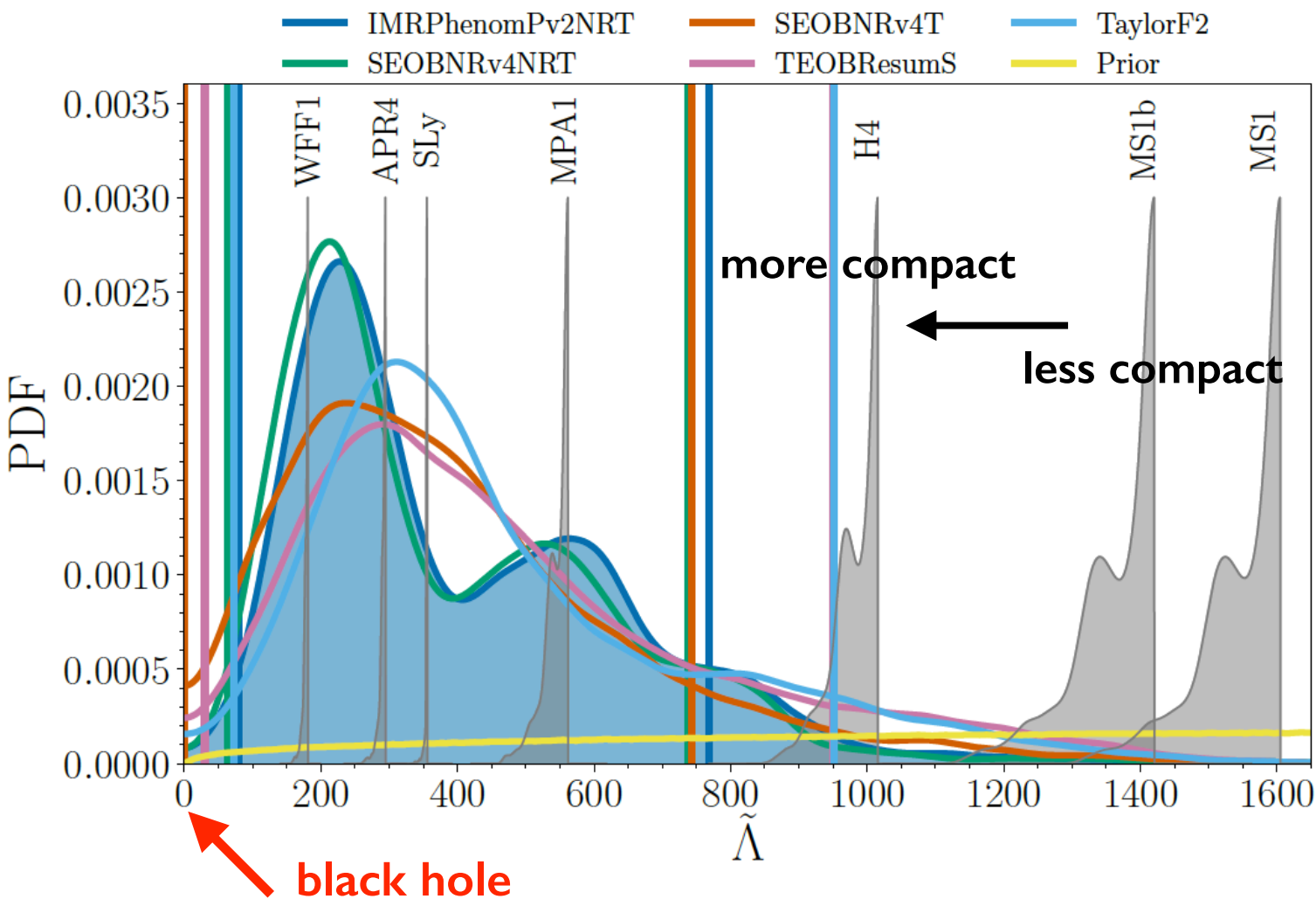
mass ratio = 1-2  
spins < 0.8



# Constraining NS equation of state with GW170817

(Abbott et al. arXiv:1811.12907)

$$|\chi| \leq 0.05$$



Depends on EOS & compactness

$$\Lambda = \frac{\lambda}{m_{\text{NS}}^5} = \frac{2}{3} k_2 \left( \frac{R_{\text{NS}} c^2}{G m_{\text{NS}}} \right)^5$$

- **Effective tidal deformability** enters **GW phase at 5PN order:**

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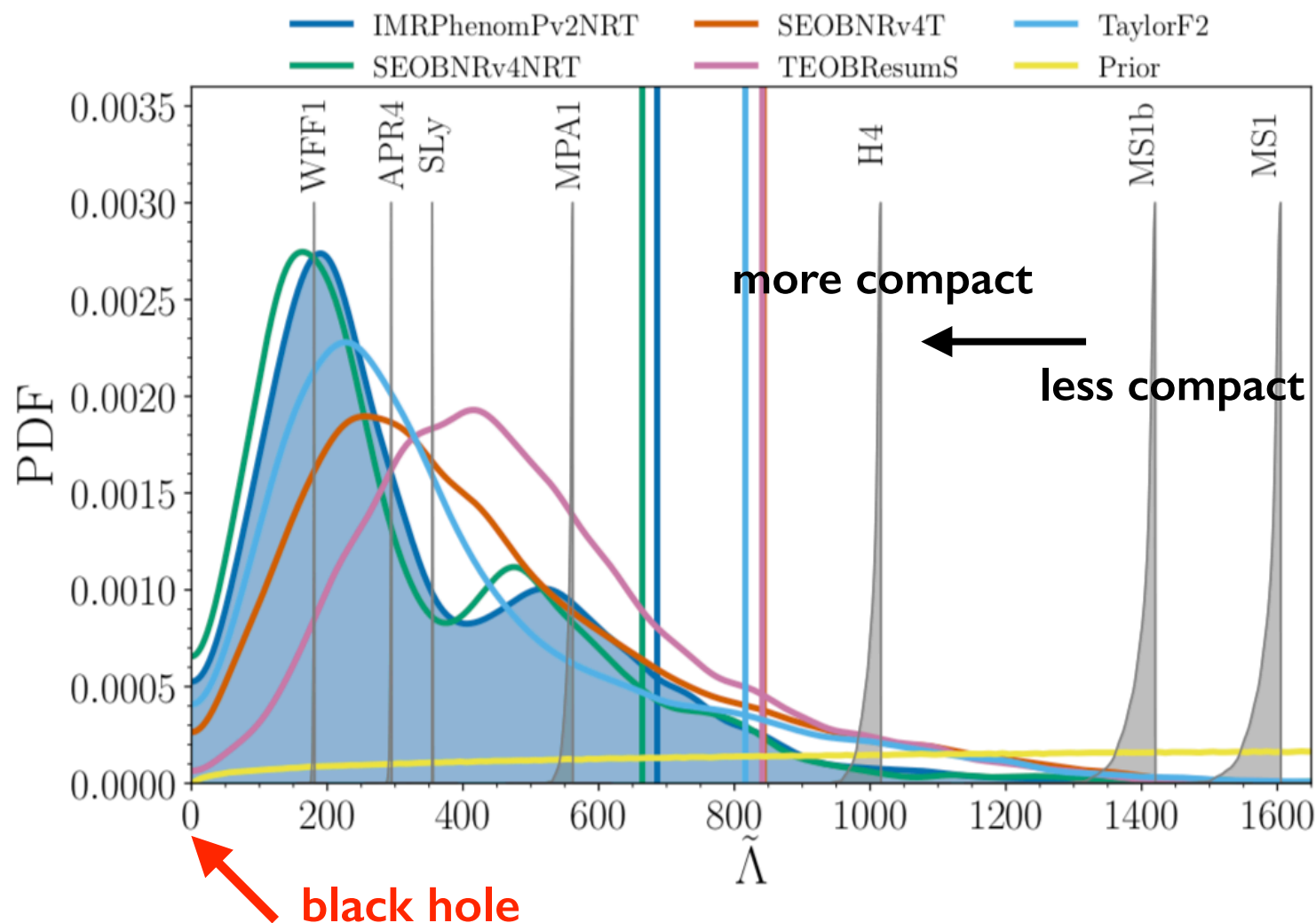
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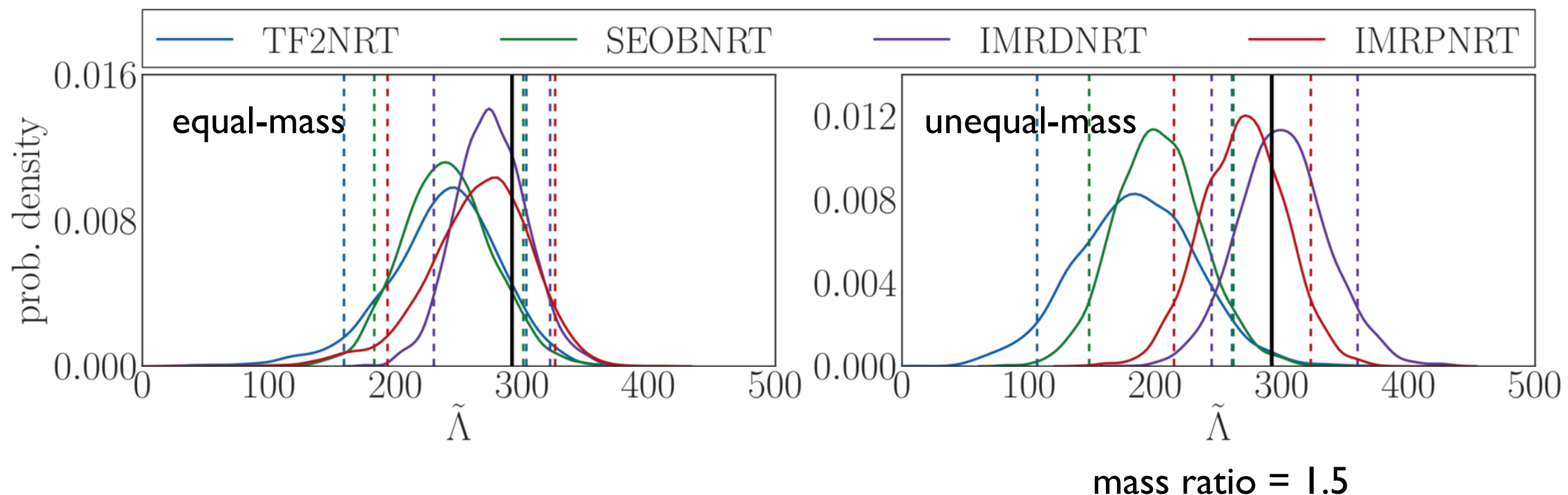
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- **Inference** with waveform models that have **same matter effects**, but **baseline point-mass model** is **different**.

(Samajdar & Dietrich 18)

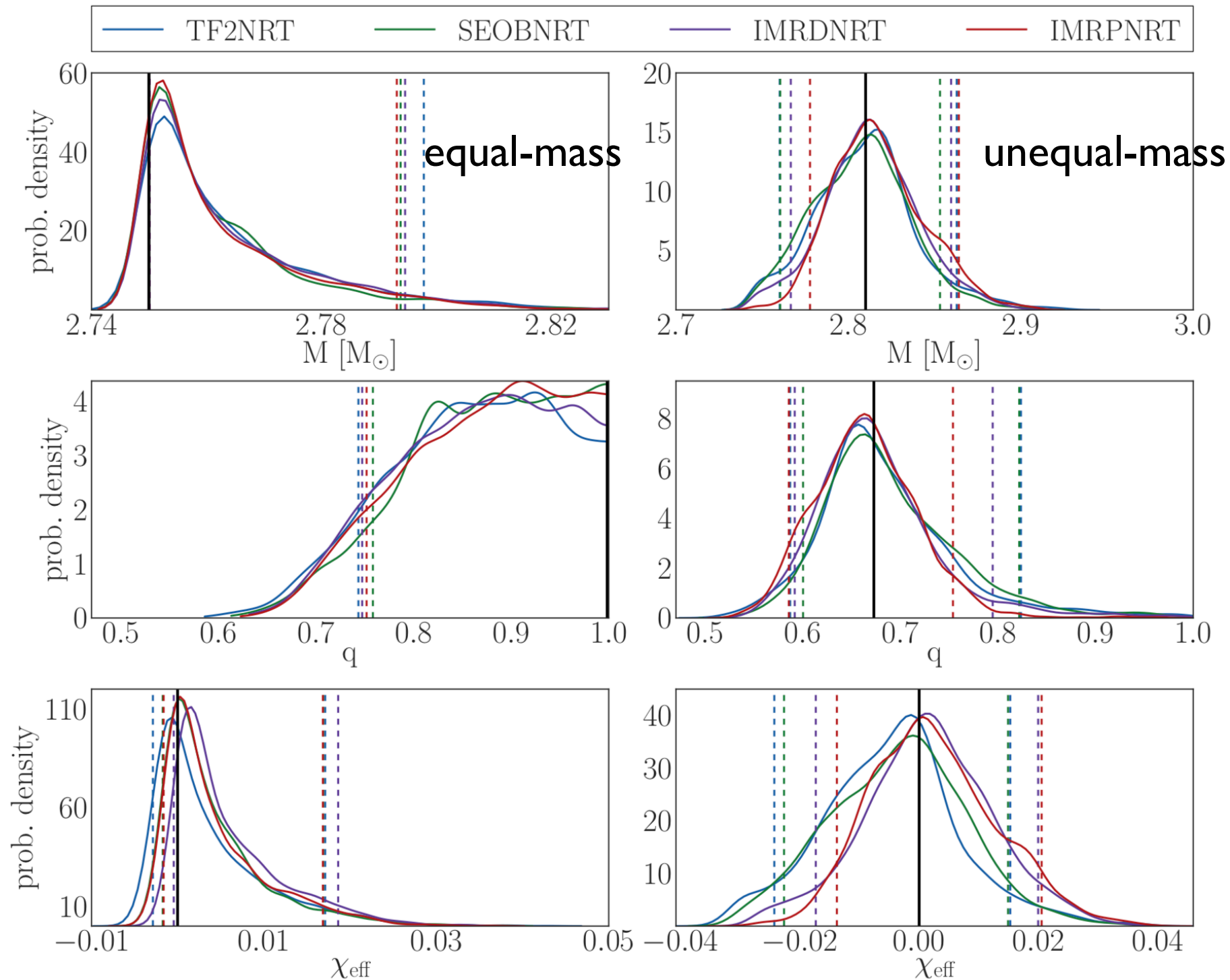
- **IMRPNRT** is injected



# Systematics due to modeling for GW170817-like event (contd.)

(Samajdar & Dietrich 18)

• **IMRPNRT** is injected



- For highly spinning BNS, **spin-related EOS effects** must be included to avoid biases. (Harry & Hinderer 18)

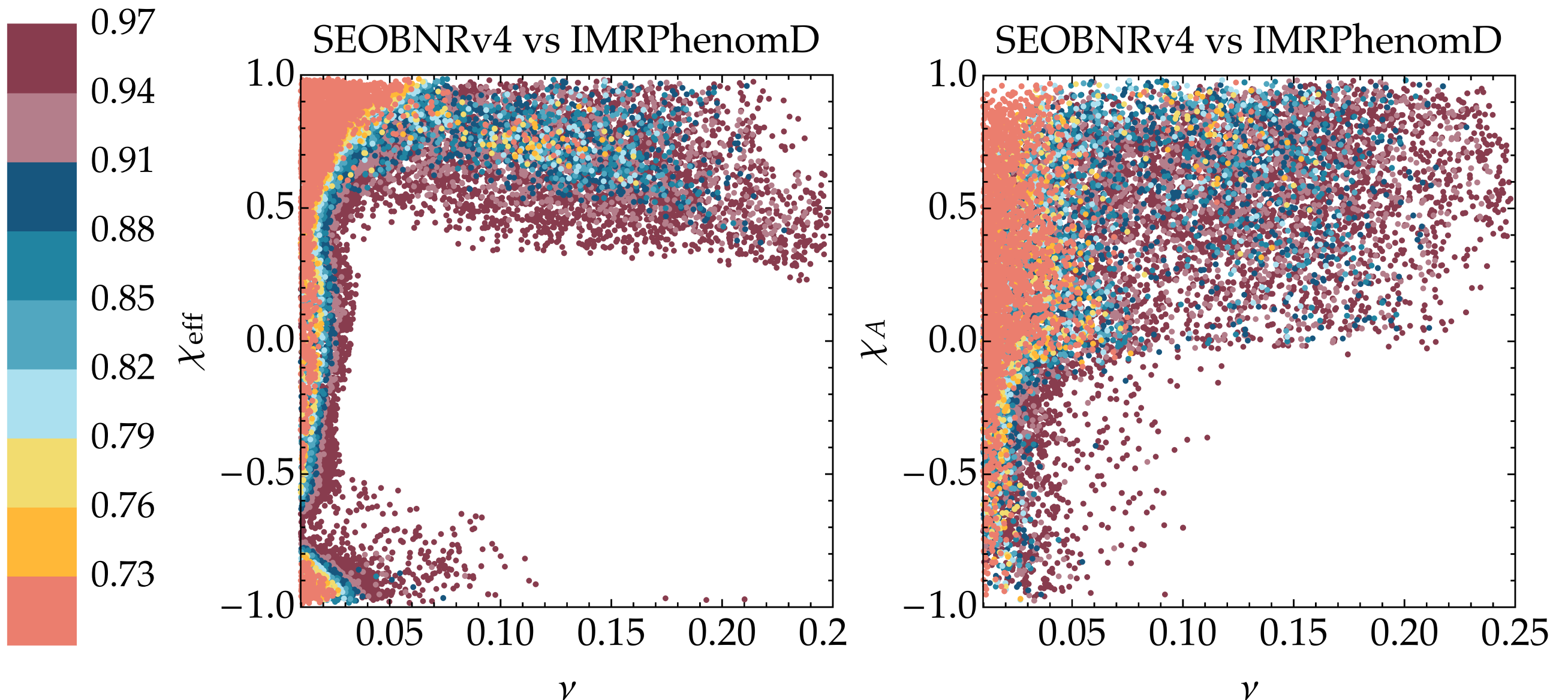


# Comparing (non-precessing) EOBNR & IMRPhenom models: inference

- **Aligned/anti-aligned** waveform models. Only dominant **(2,2) mode**.
- Differences for **large mass ratios** ( $> 4$ ) and **large spins** ( $> 0.8$ ).

## Faithfulness

(Bohe',..., AB et al. 16)

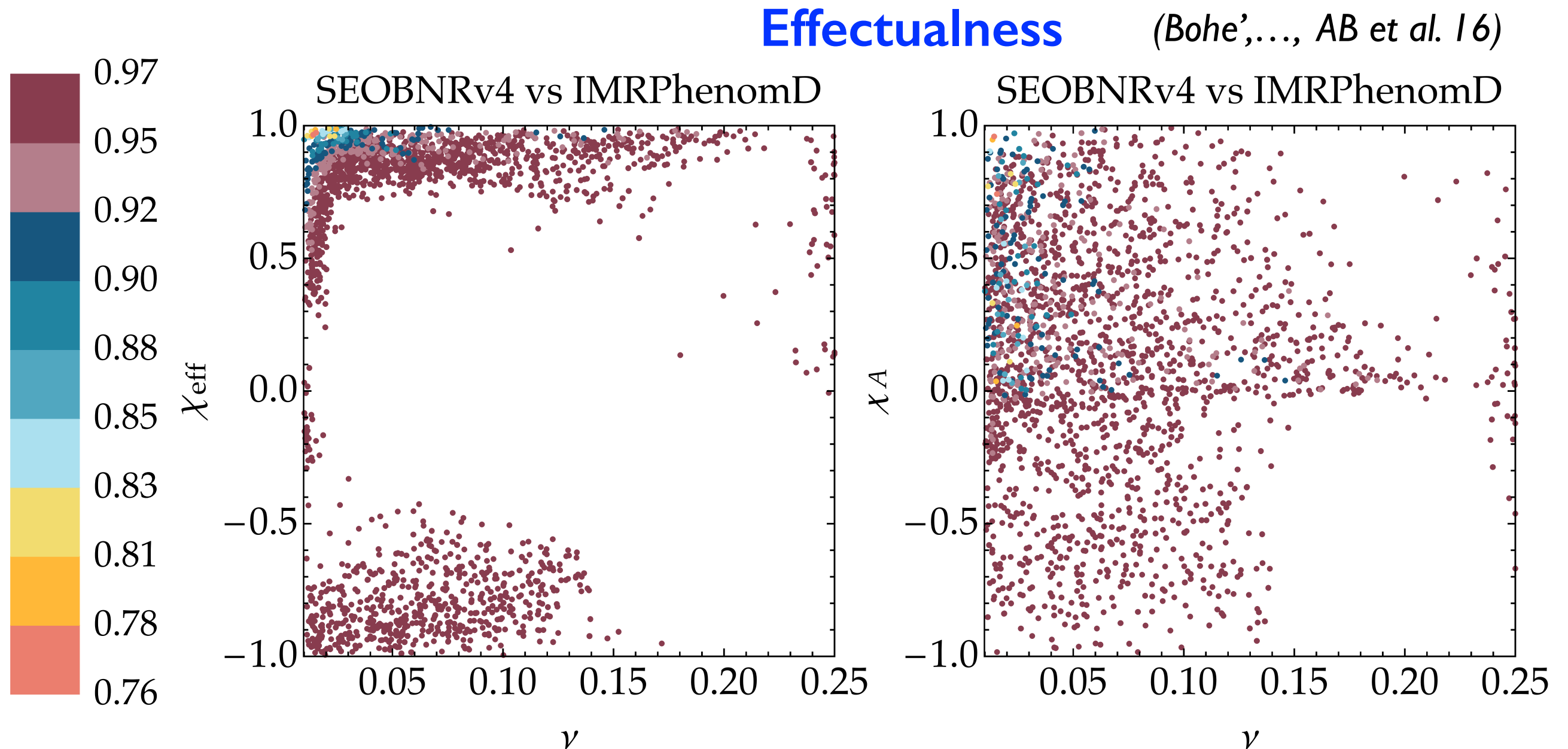


[Note that only 7% of 200,000 points have matches  $< 97\%$ .]



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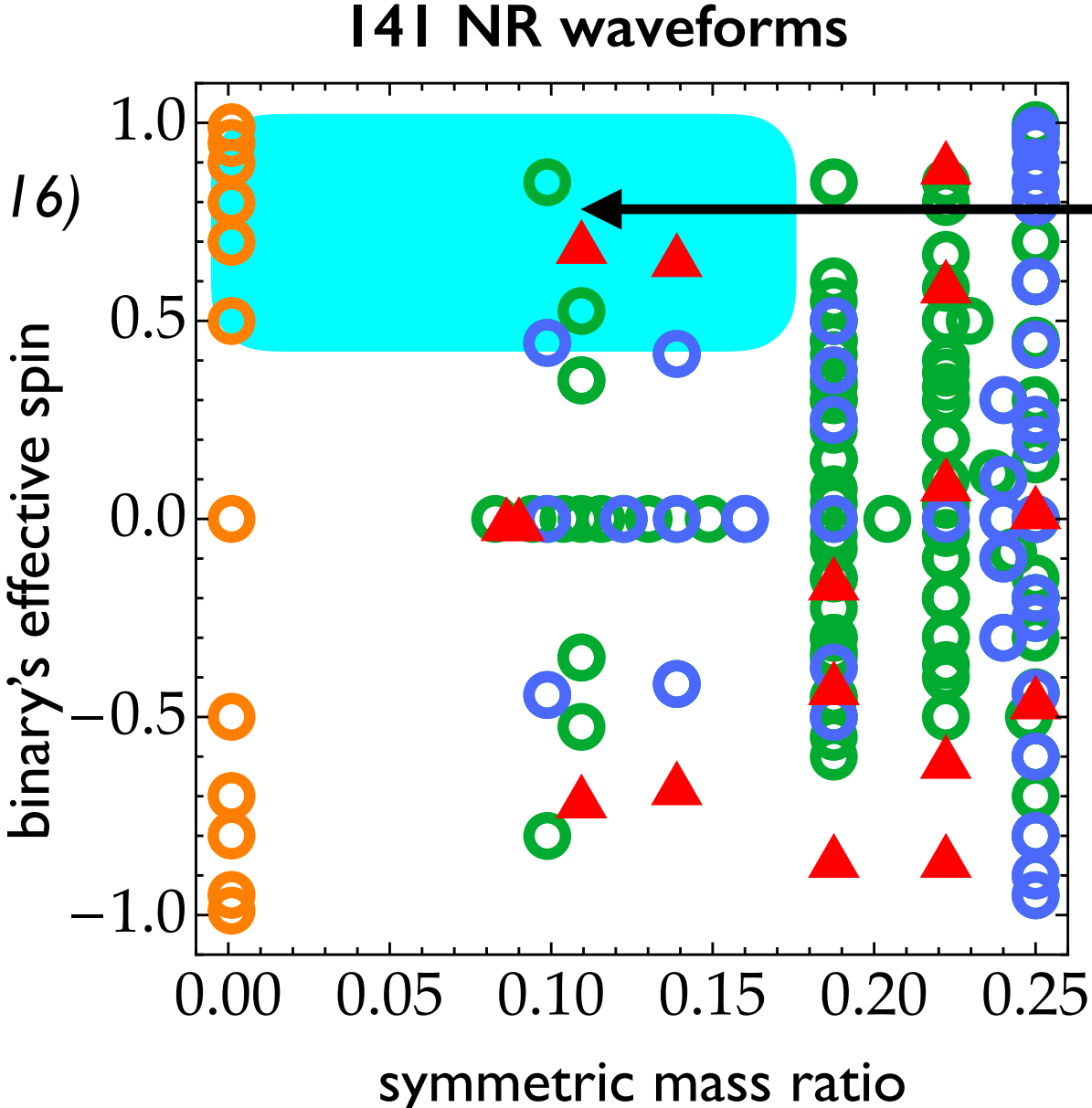


[Note that only 2.1% of 100,000 points have matches < 97%.]

# Extending waveform model in all parameter space: systematics

- Difficult to run **NR simulations** for **large mass ratios** ( $> 4$ ) and **large spins** ( $> 0.8$ ), with **large number** of GW **cycles** ( $> 50$ ).

(Bohe',..., AB et al. 16)



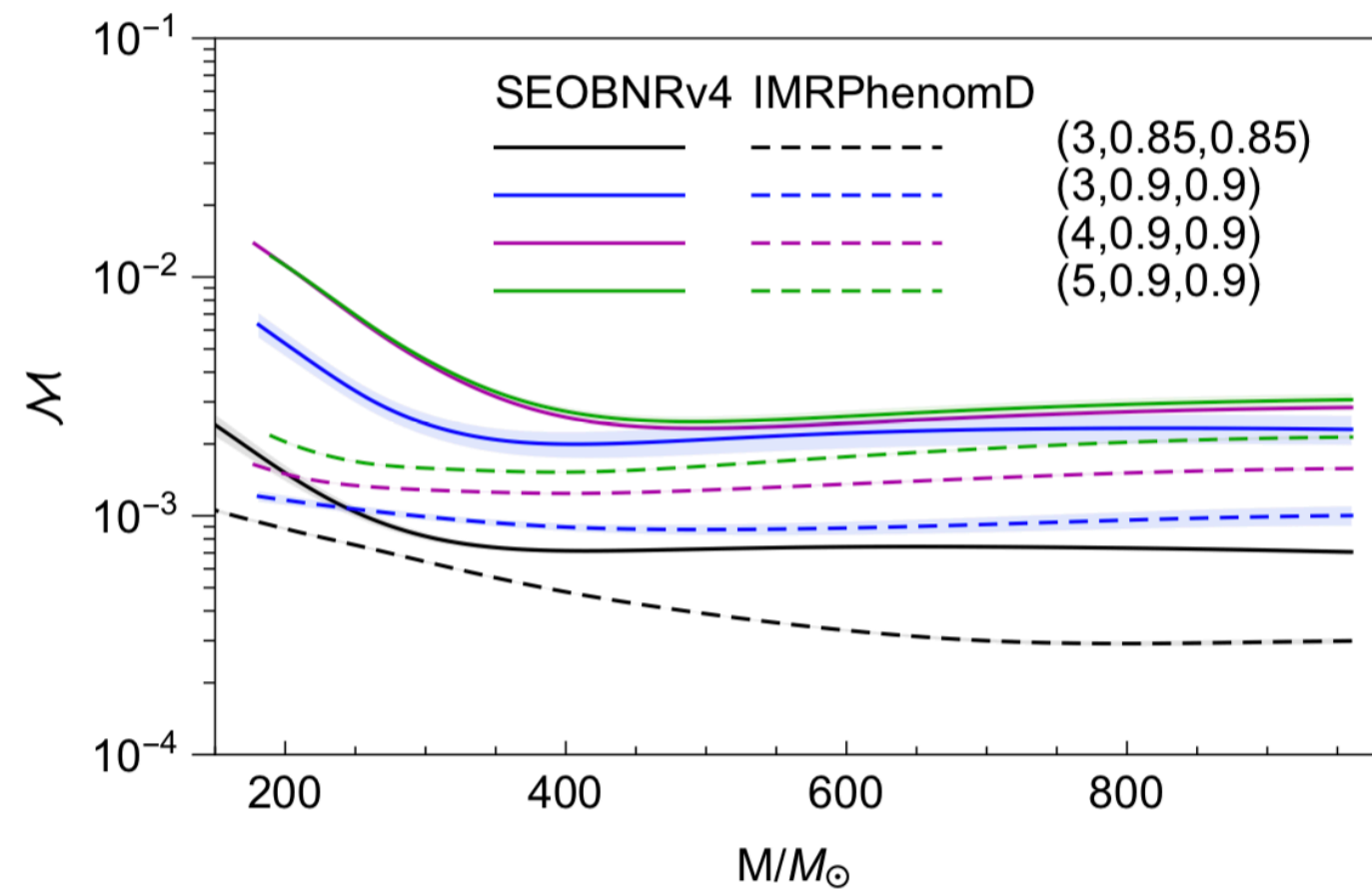
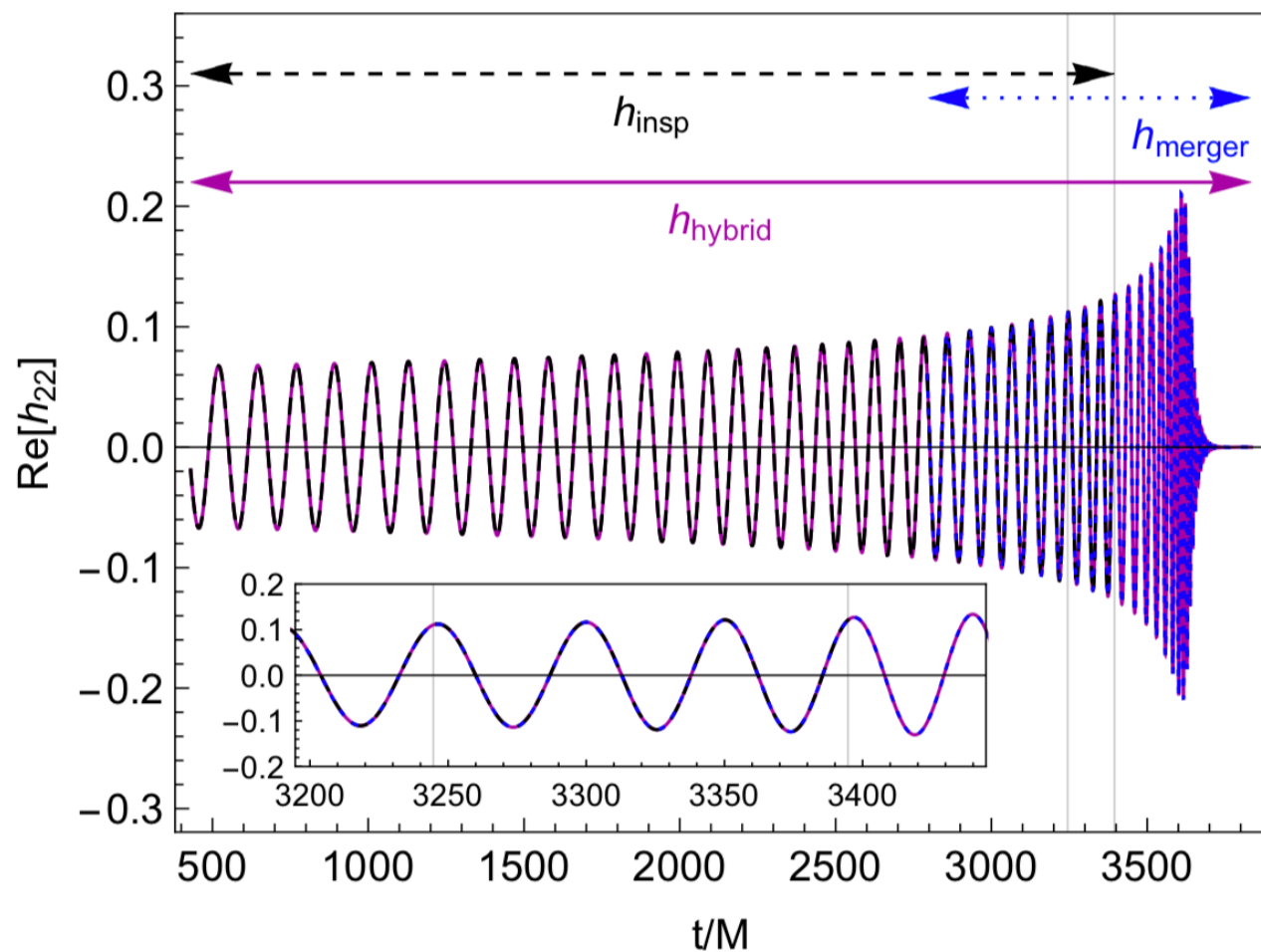
$(q = 8, \chi_1 = 0.85, \chi_2 = 0.85)$   
NR waveform with only **15 GW cycles**, it **constrains** EOBNR model only for **masses larger than 150 Msun**.

- **Synergistic** use of **NR** codes.  
(Hinder, Ossokine, Pfeiffer, AB 18)

- **Surrogate NR models** accurate and efficient, but limited in binary's parameter space and length (unless hybridized with analytical models).  
(Blackman et al. 17, Varma et al. 18, 19)

# “Temporary” solution? Waveforms combining NR codes

- Synergistic use of finite-difference (Einstein Toolkit, ET) & pseudo spectral (SpEC) NR codes.

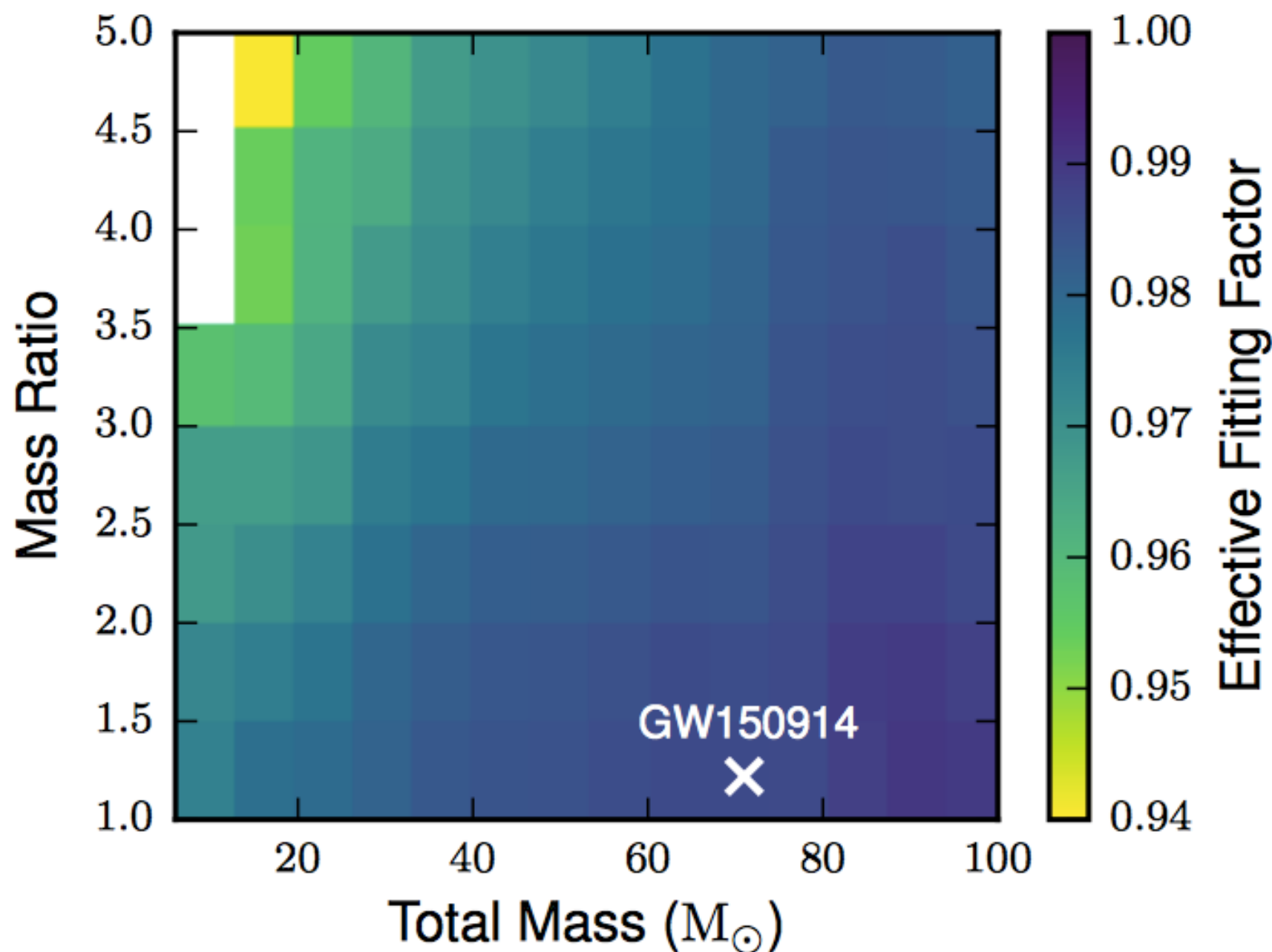


(Hinder, Ossokine, Pfeiffer & AB 18)

# Are we missing GWs from spin precessing BBHs?

- Modeled searches in O1 & O2 used templates with aligned/anti-aligned spins.

(Abbott et al. PRD93 (2016)122003 )



(Apostolatos et al. 1996, AB et al. 03; Harry, Privitera, Bohe' & AB 16)

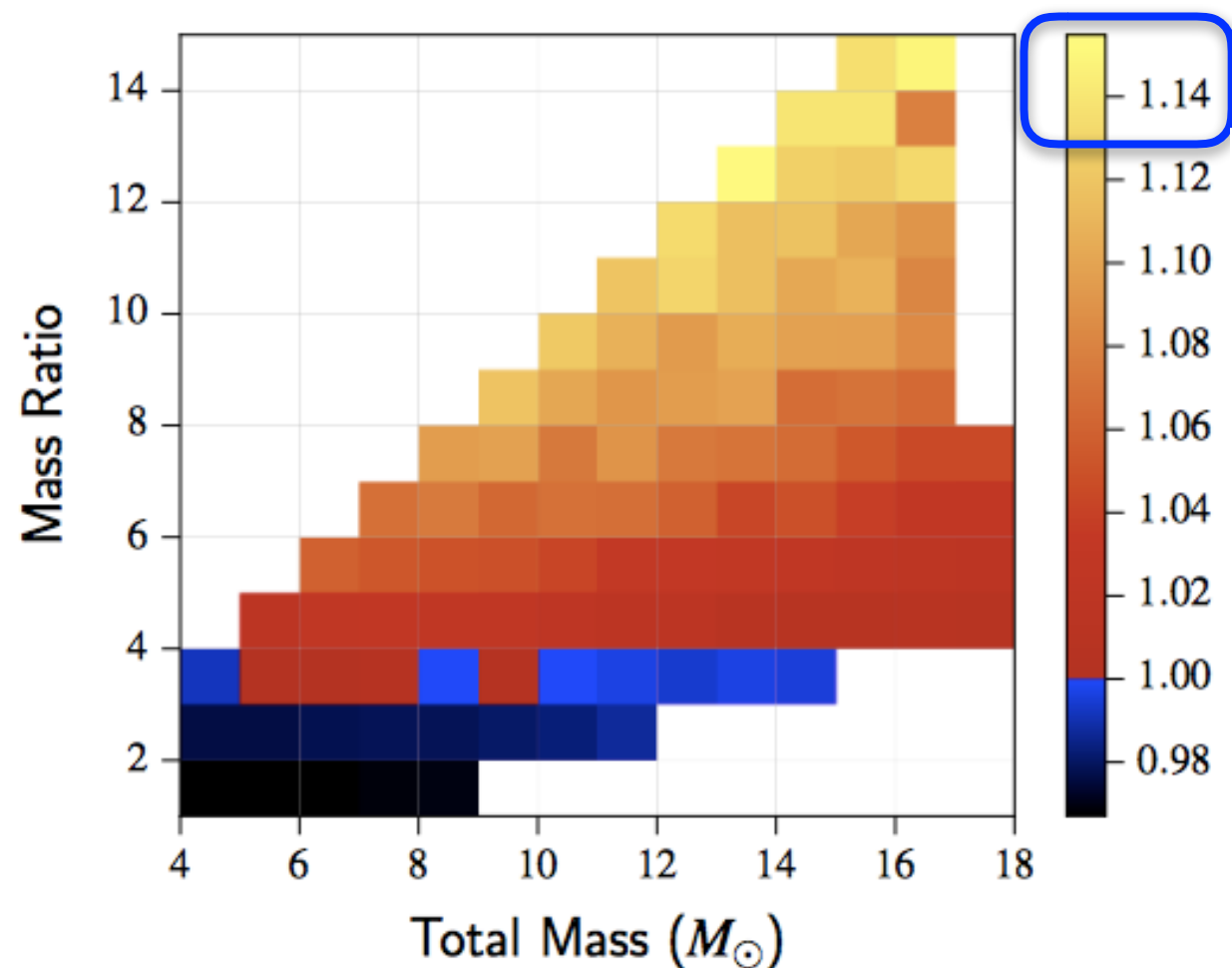
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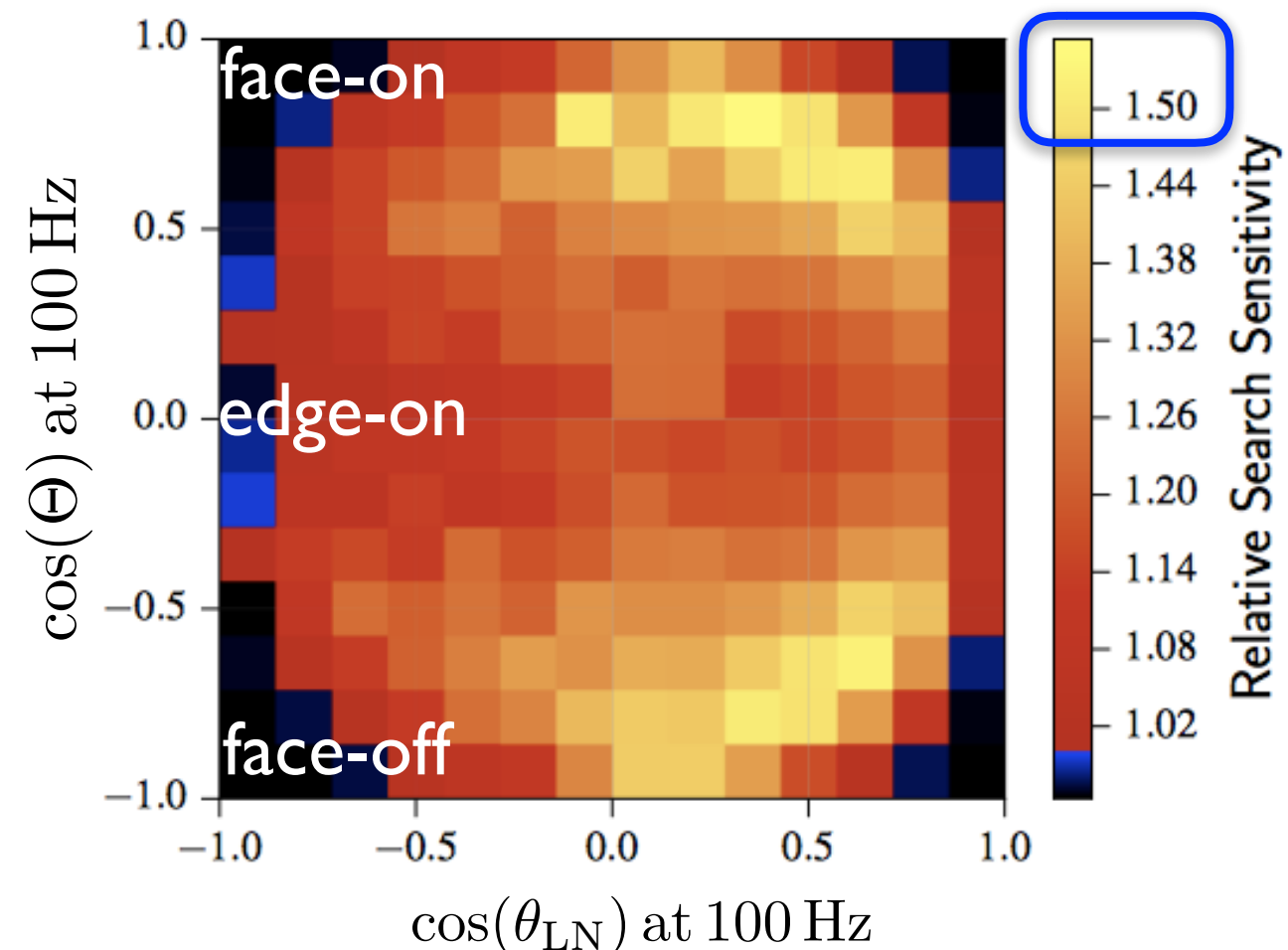
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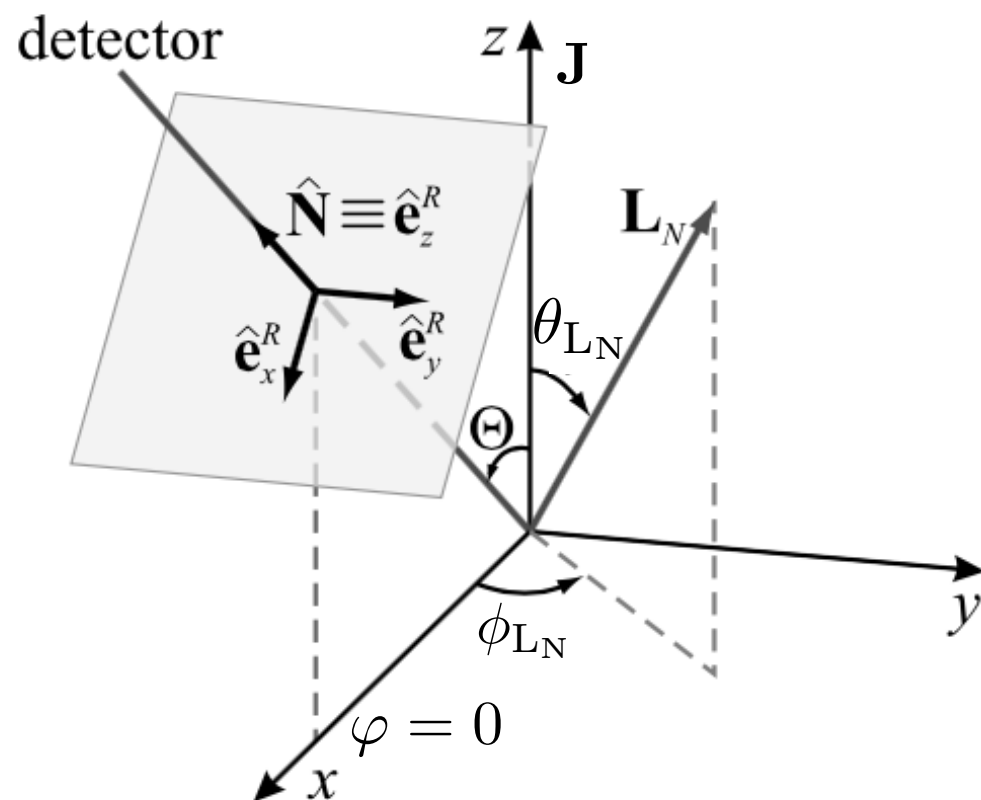
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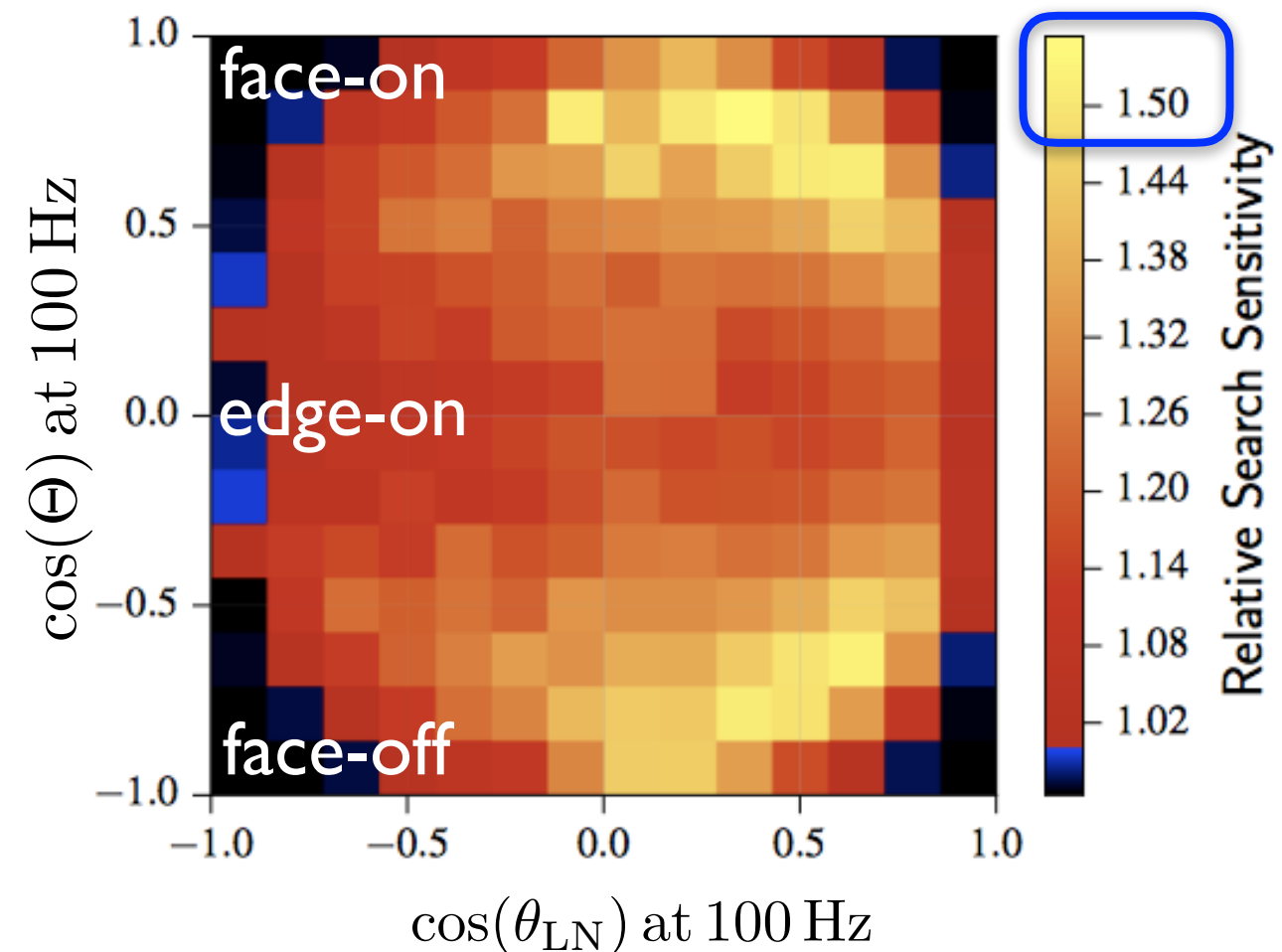
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# Toward the era of precision gravitational-wave astrophysics

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- Theoretical groundwork in **analytical and numerical relativity** has allowed us to build **faithful waveform models** to **search** for signals, **infer properties** and **test GR**.
- We have **not missed “loud” events**. For **sub-threshold events**, it might be **critical** to use waveform models with **more physics**.
- So far, **inference from GW** observations is **dominated by statistical** instead of modeling **error**.
- **Highest priorities:**
  - **NSBH** modeling
  - inclusion of **eccentricity** and **spins** in **IMR waveforms**
  - NR simulations with **large mass ratios** ( $> 4$ ) and **large spins** ( $> 0.8$ ), with **larger number** of GW **cycles** ( $> 50$ )
- More **extensive** studies to **assess real biases** of waveform models are needed, comparing models **among themselves** and **against NR**.