

# Mergers of Dark Matter Admixed Neutron Stars

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Dark Matter and Stars  
Multi-Messenger Probes of Dark Matter and Modified Gravity

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# Scenario

- Two orbiting neutron stars
- Neutron stars are made of baryonic matter and dark matter
- Baryonic and dark matter are modelled as two ideal fluids without direct interaction

# Matter

- Energy-momentum tensor

$$T_{\mu\nu} = T_{\mu\nu}^{(BM)} + T_{\mu\nu}^{(DM)}$$

$$T_{\mu\nu}^{(s)} = (e^{(s)} + p^{(s)}) u_\mu^{(s)} u_\nu^{(s)} + p^{(s)} g_{\mu\nu}$$

$e^{(s)}$  - proper energy density

$p^{(s)}$  - pressure

$u^{(s)\mu}$  - fluid four velocity

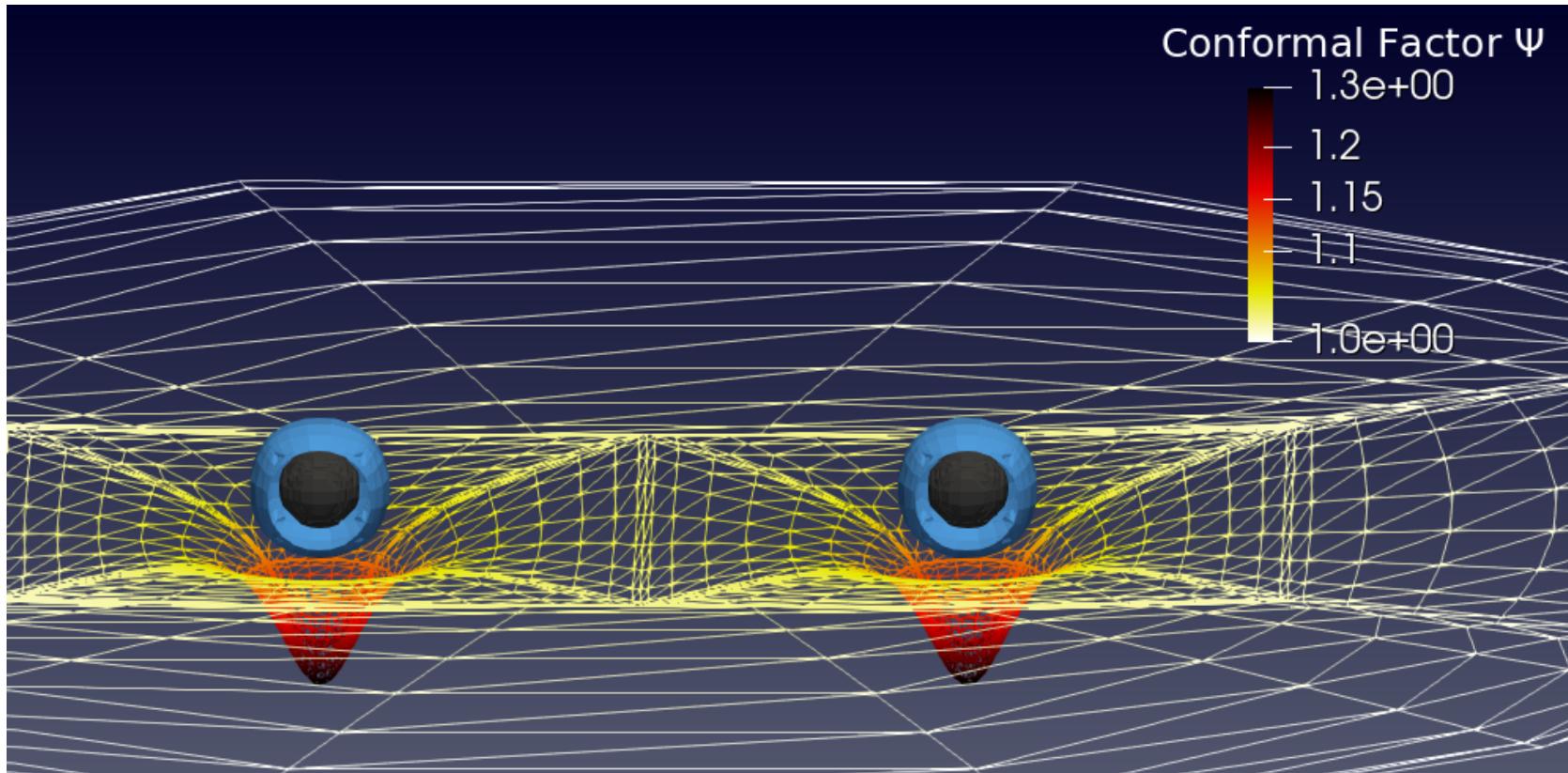
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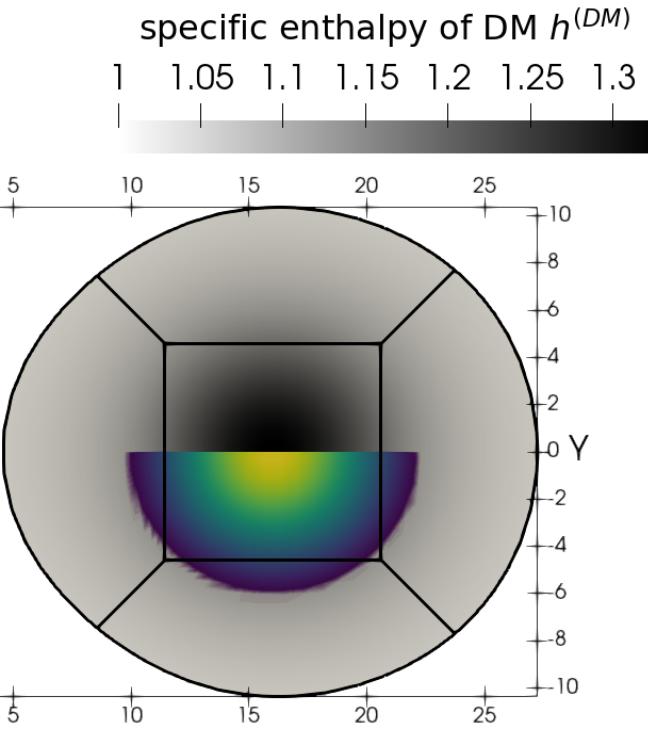
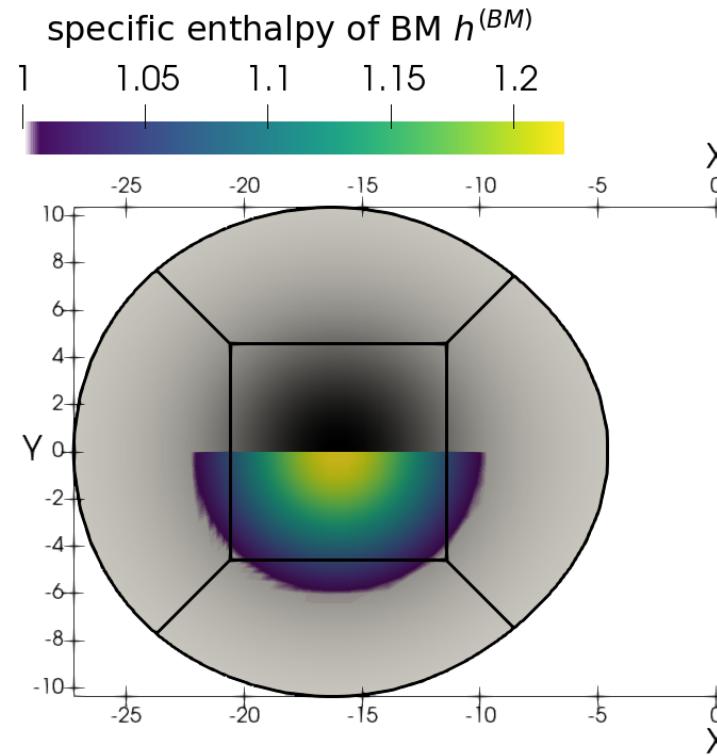
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  - Dark matter cloud extends beyond baryonic core
  - 170 MeV fermions, 0.5 % of mass

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# Dark Matter in Neutron Stars

- Capture of dark matter particles
  - Scattering cross section:  $\sigma_{DM-BM} \approx 10^{-45} \text{ cm}^2$   
 $\Rightarrow \sim 10^{-10} M_\odot$  dark matter core
- Dark matter from primordial over densities

# Motivation

- Dark matter core causes one-arm instability in the post-merger phase  
[Bezares *et al.* – PRD 100 (2019) 044049]
- $0.1 M_{\odot}$  core detectable by aLIGO  
 $0.01 M_{\odot}$  core detectable by ET  
[Bauswein *et al.* – arXiv:2012.11908 (2020)]

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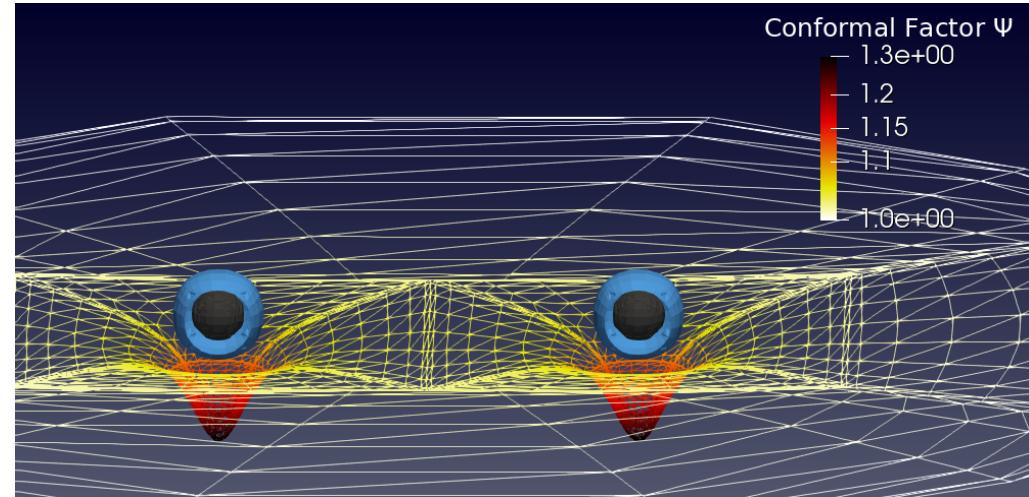
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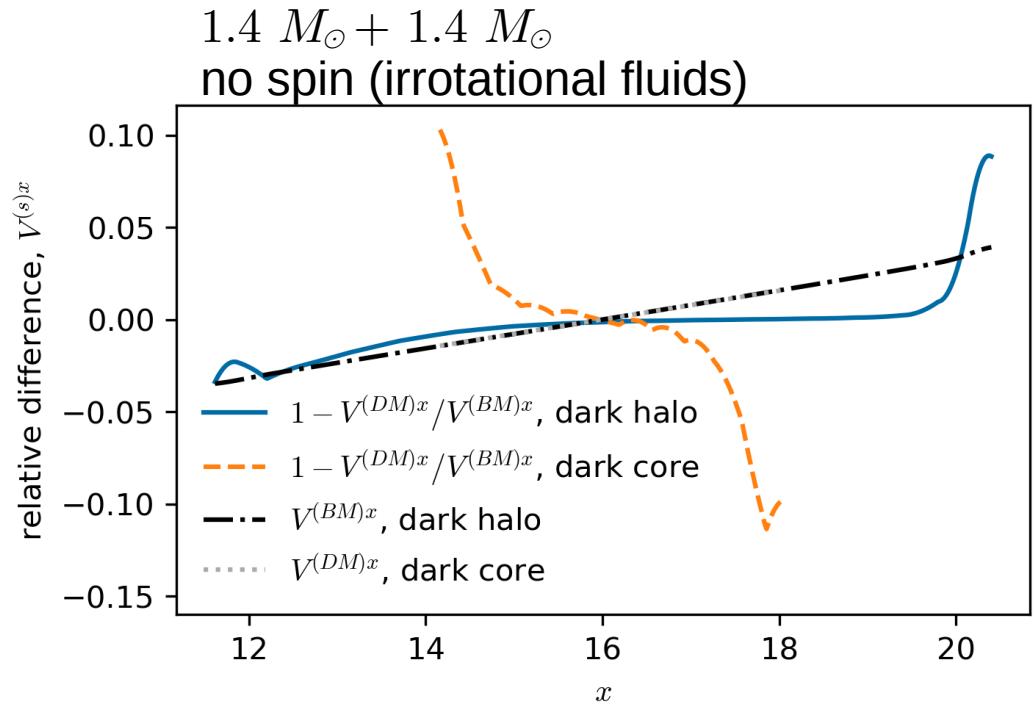
# Velocities

- residual three-velocity

$$V^{(s)i} = u^{(s)i}/u^{(s)0} - k^i$$

$$k^i = \Omega(-y, x - x_{CM}, 0)$$

In quasi-equilibrium configurations baryons and dark matter particles move with different velocities.

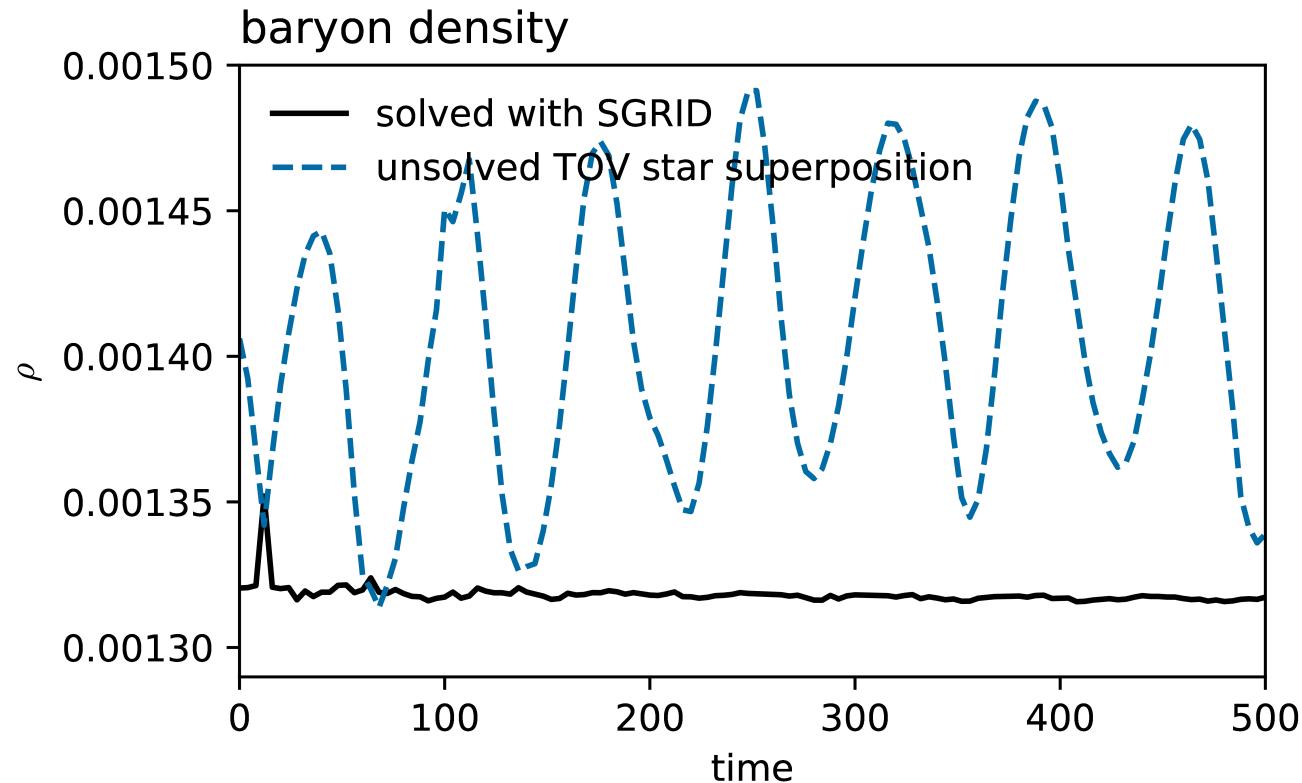


# Evolutions

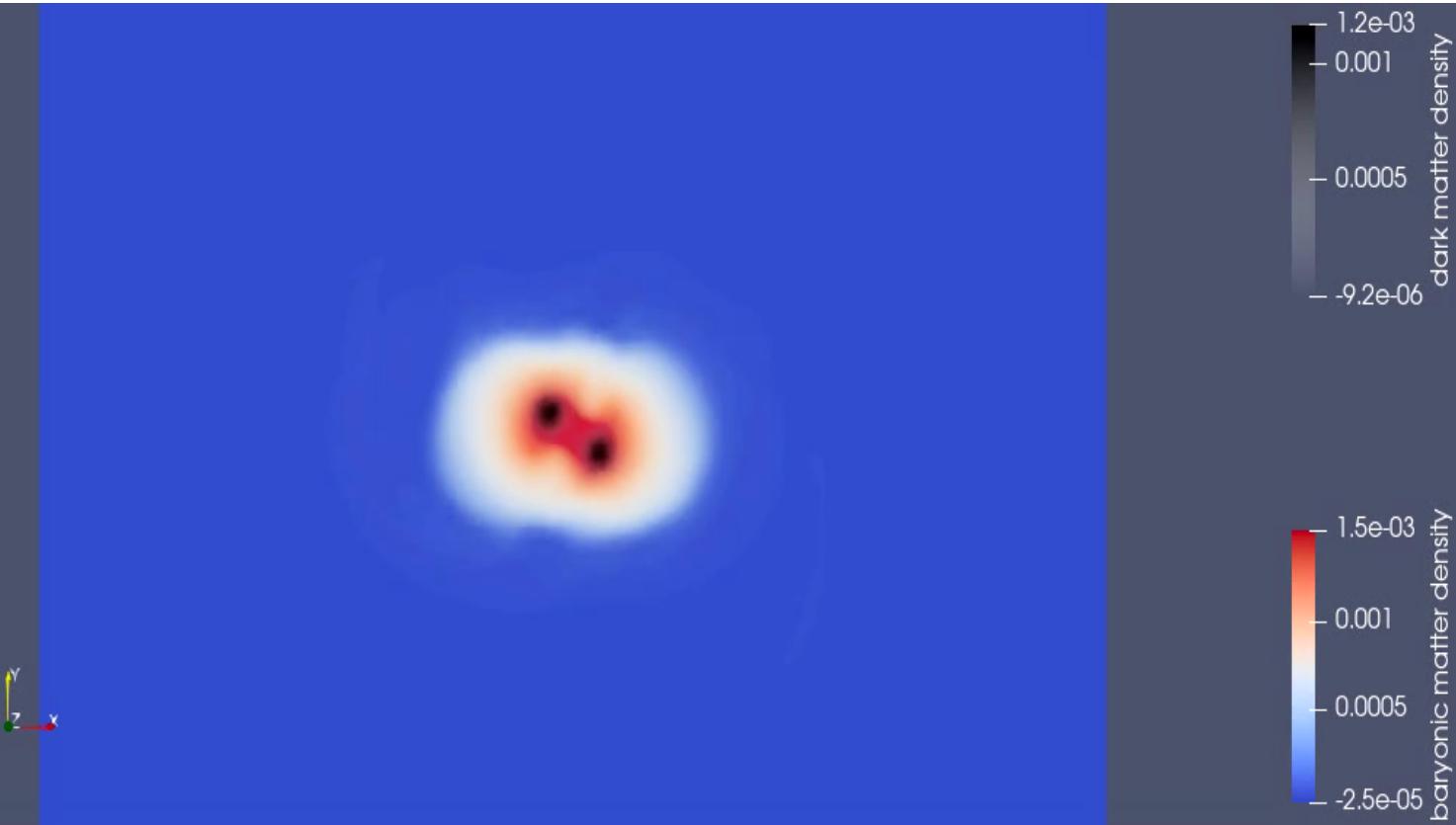
# Two Fluid Evolutions

- Using BAM code
  - Z4 for metric evolution
  - two-fluid hydrodynamics
- Evolution of mirror dark-matter admixed binaries by Mattia Emma *et al.* [Particles 5(3) 273 (2022)]
- Now extended to arbitrary equation of state for the dark matter

# Impact of Initial Data



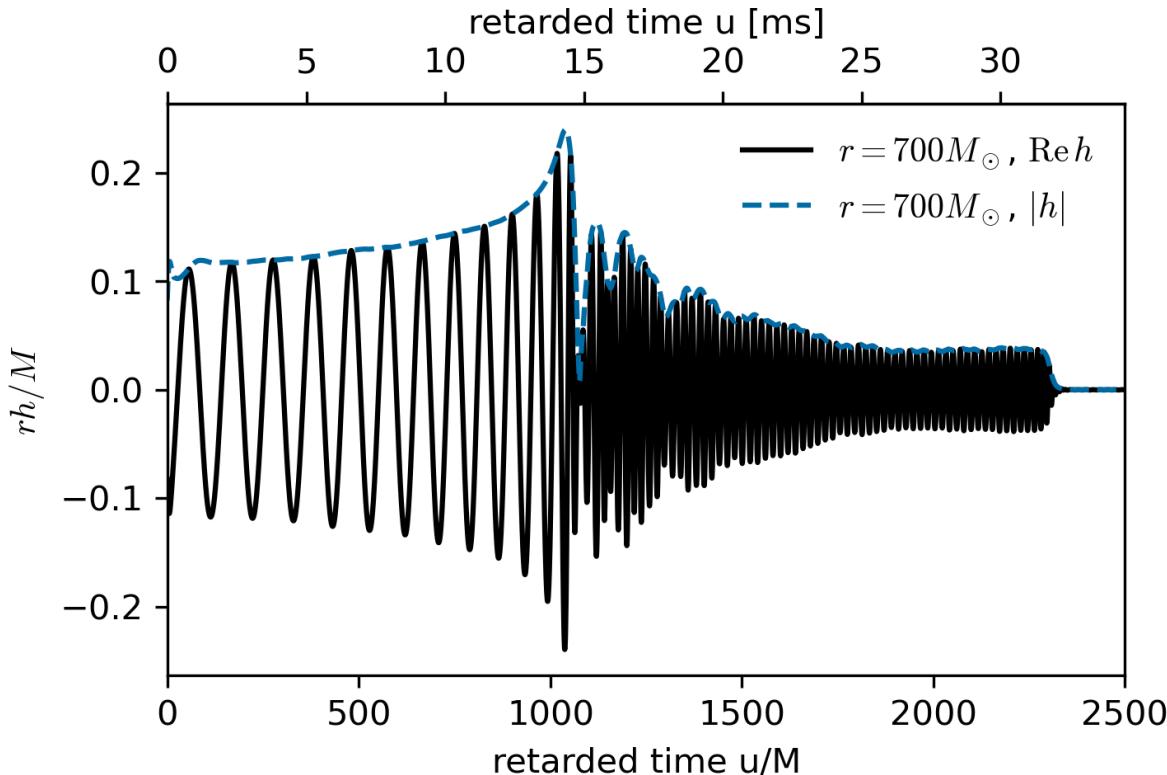
# Video



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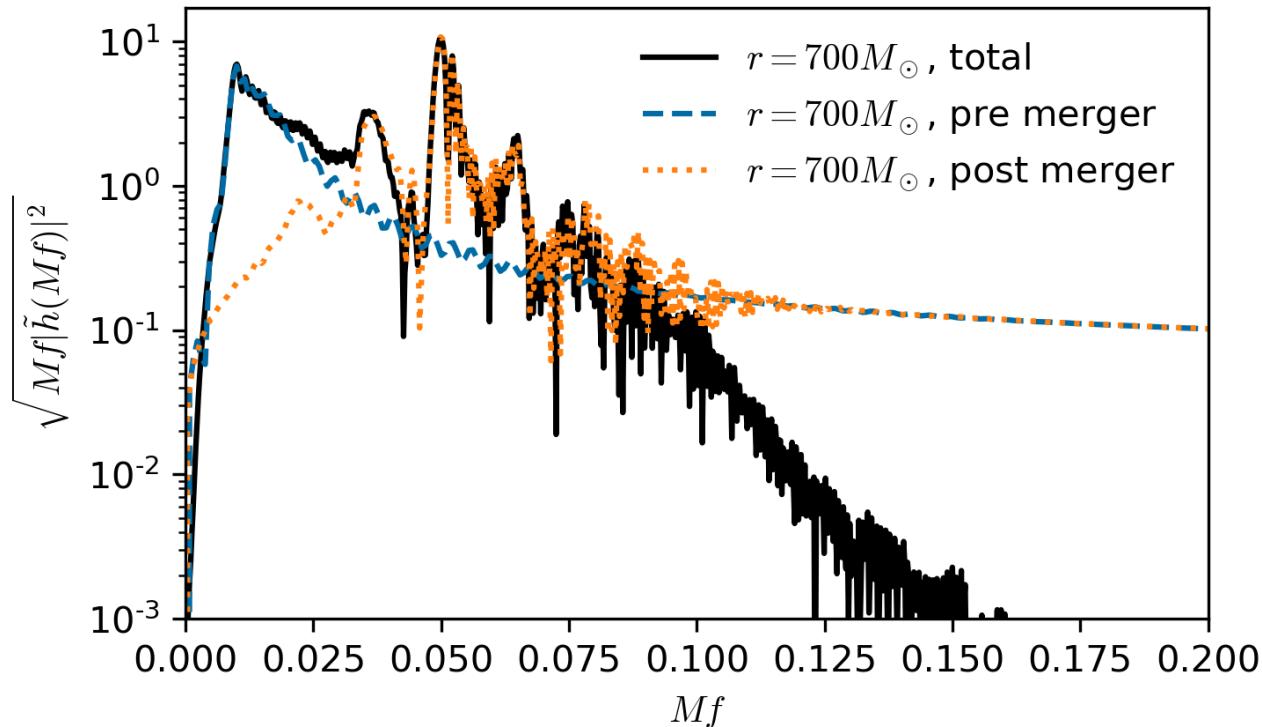
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# Quasi-Equilibrium

- Assume approximate „helical“ Killing vector

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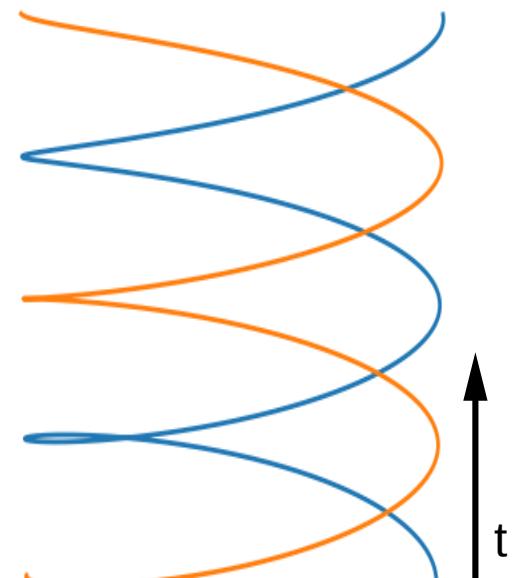
$$k^i = \Omega(-y, x - x_{CM}, 0) + \frac{v_r}{D}(r^i - r_{CM}^i)$$

$\Omega$  - orbital frequency

$r_{CM}^i$  - center of mass

$v_r$  - radial velocity

$D$  - distance



# Quasi-Equilibrium

- Equations of motion

- Energy-momentum conservation  $\nabla^\mu T_{\mu\nu}^{(s)} = 0$

- Particle number conservation  $\nabla^\mu (n_b u^\mu) = 0$

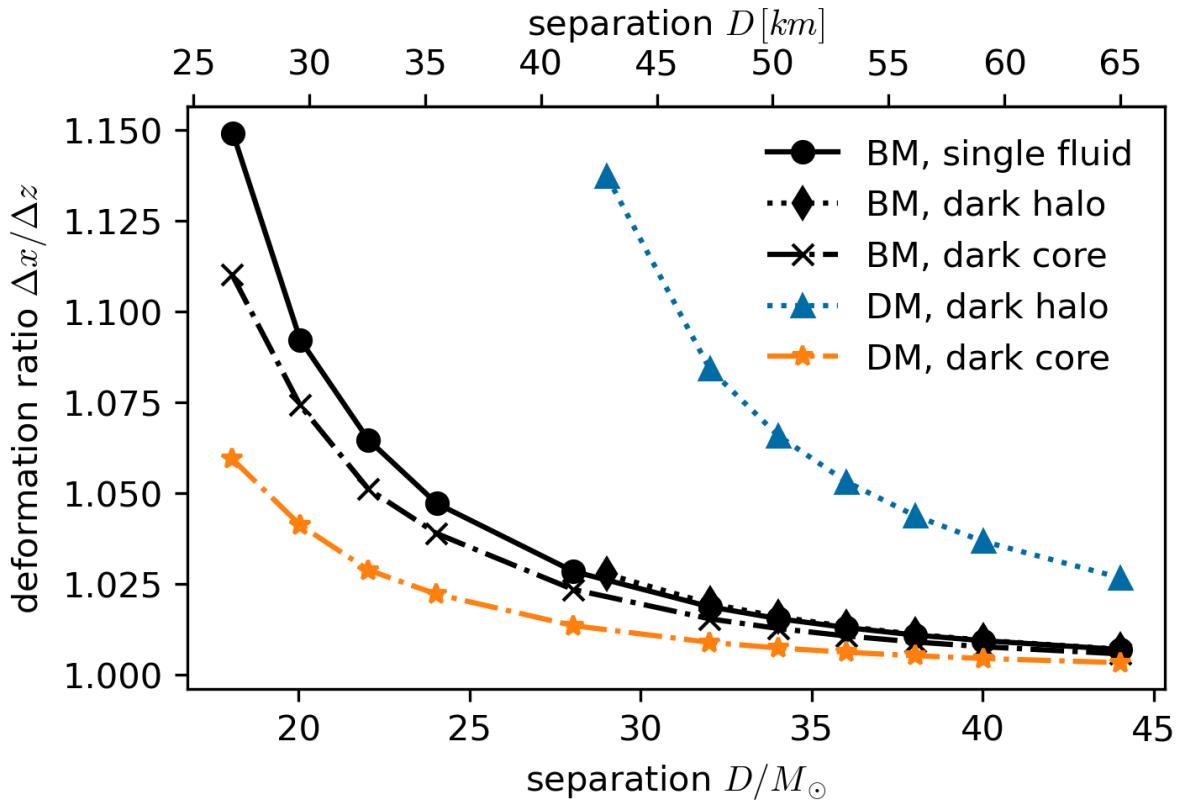
- Fix time derivatives:

$$\mathcal{L}_k e^{(s)} \approx 0$$

$$\mathcal{L}_k p^{(s)} \approx 0$$

$$\gamma_\mu^i u^{(s)\mu} = \frac{1}{h^{(s)}} (D^i \phi^{(s)} + w^{(s)i}) \quad \gamma_i^\mu \mathcal{L}_k (\nabla_\mu \phi^{(s)}) \approx 0$$

# Deformation



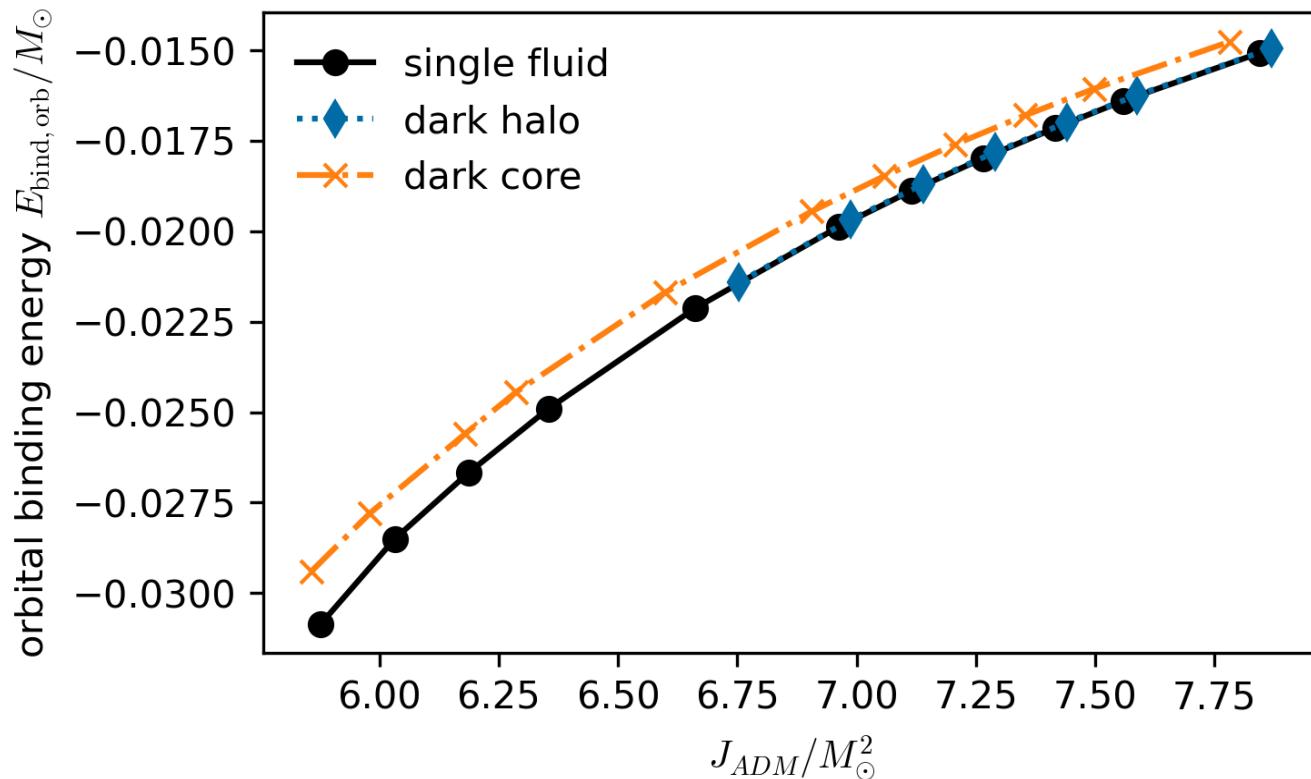
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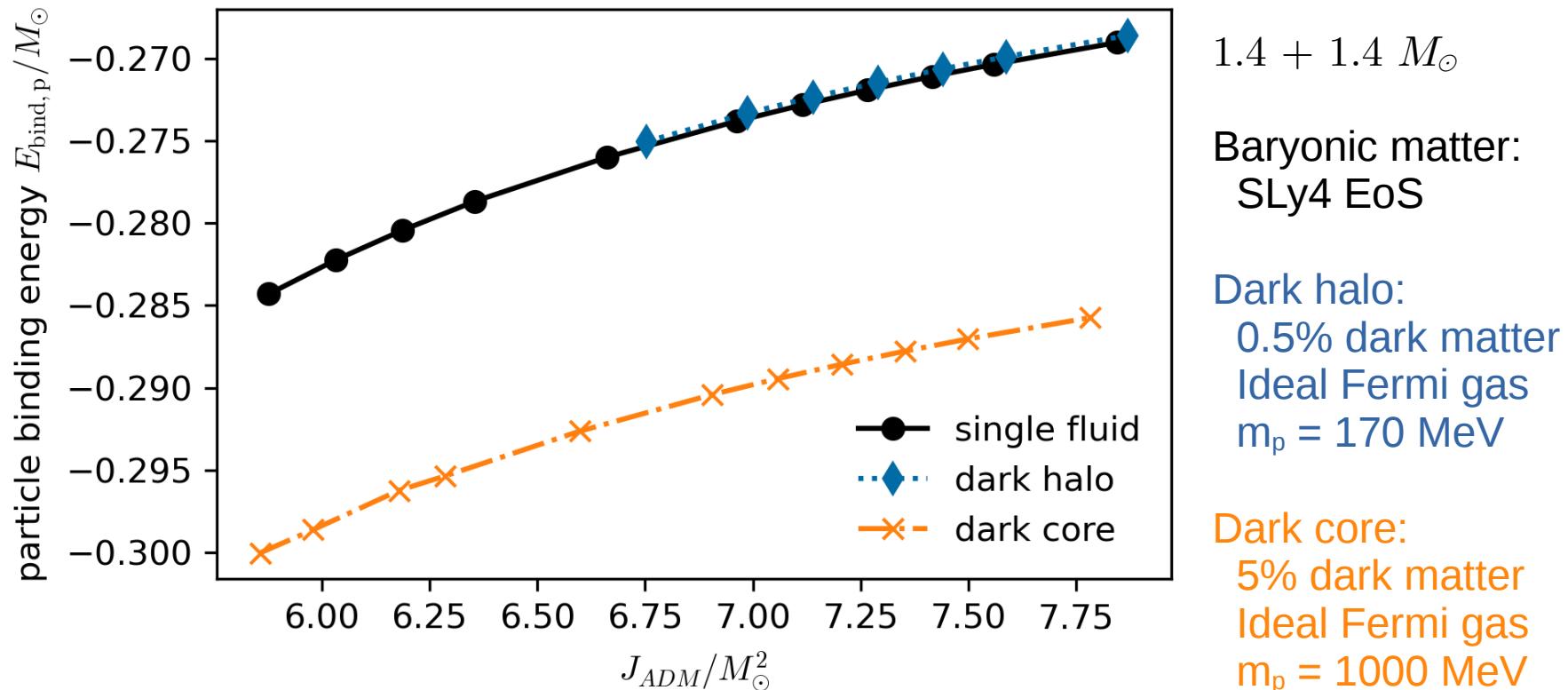
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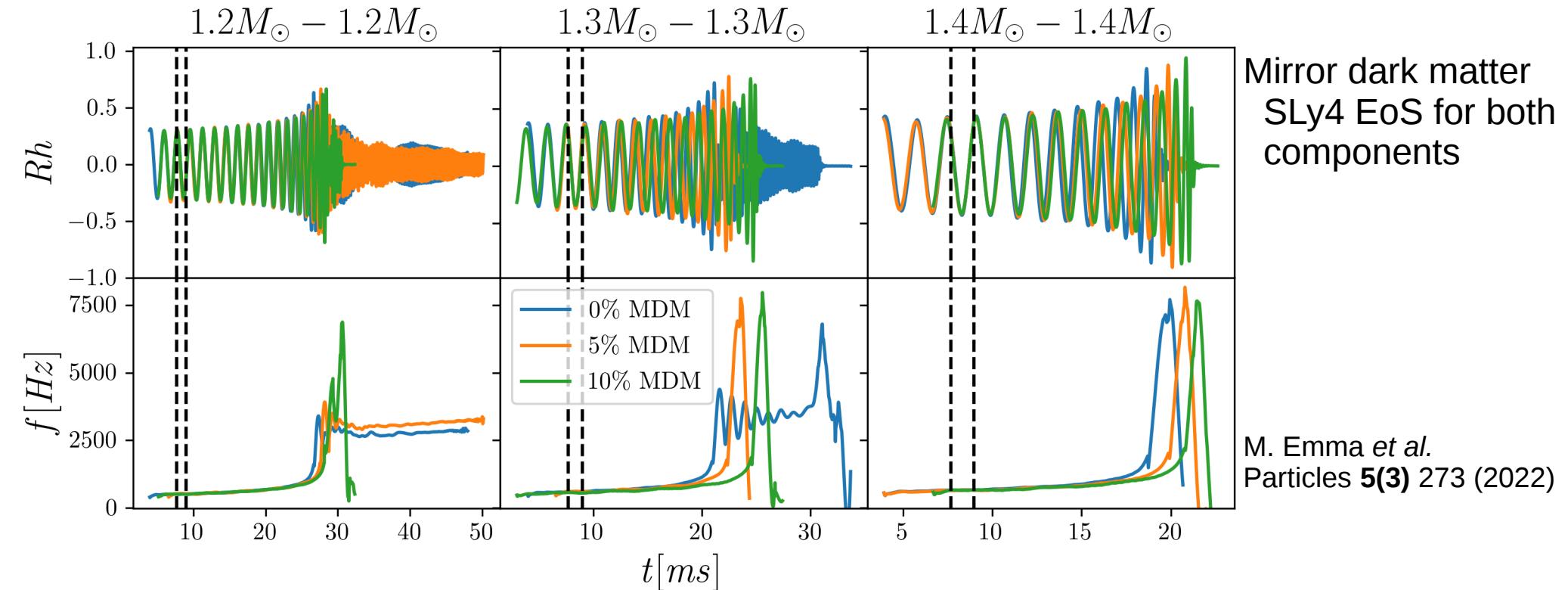
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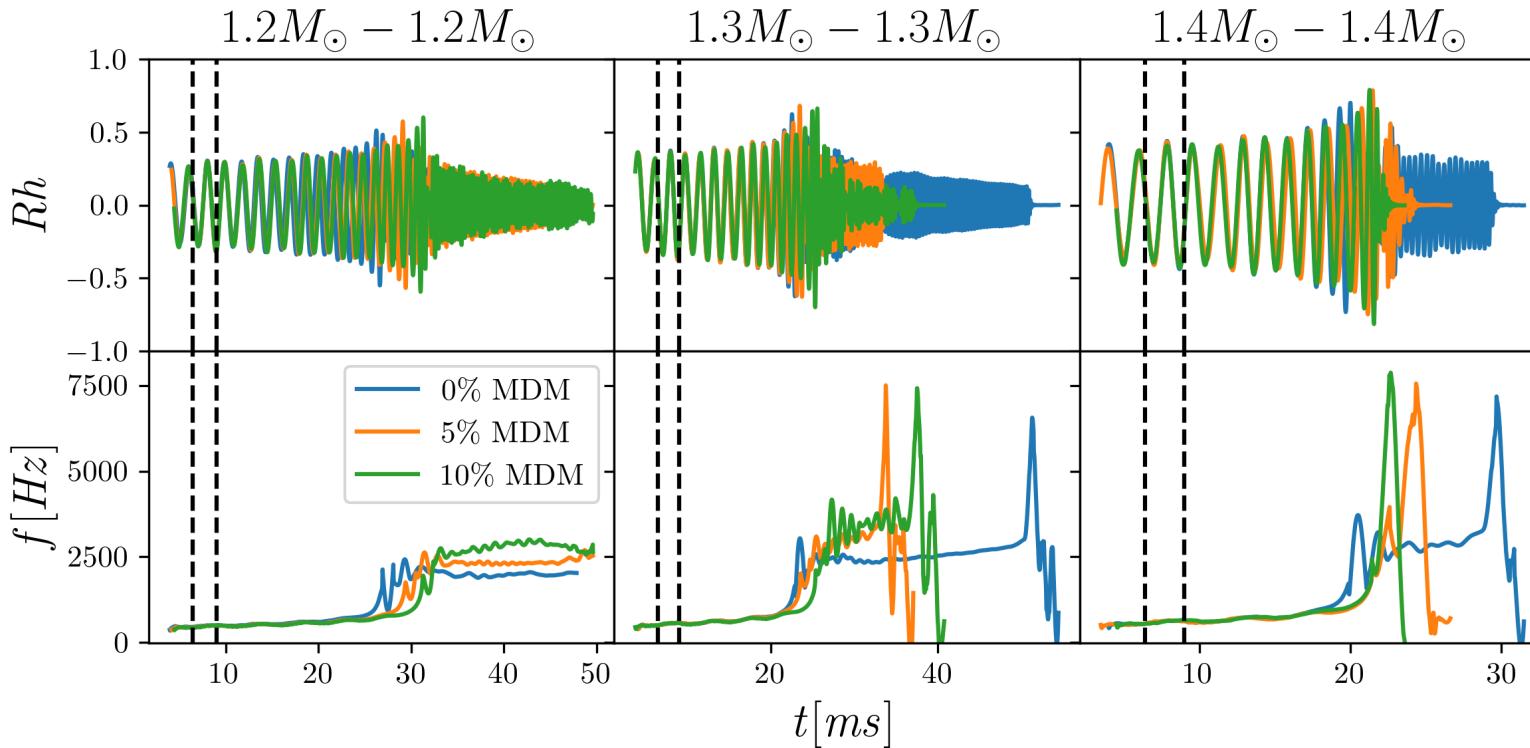
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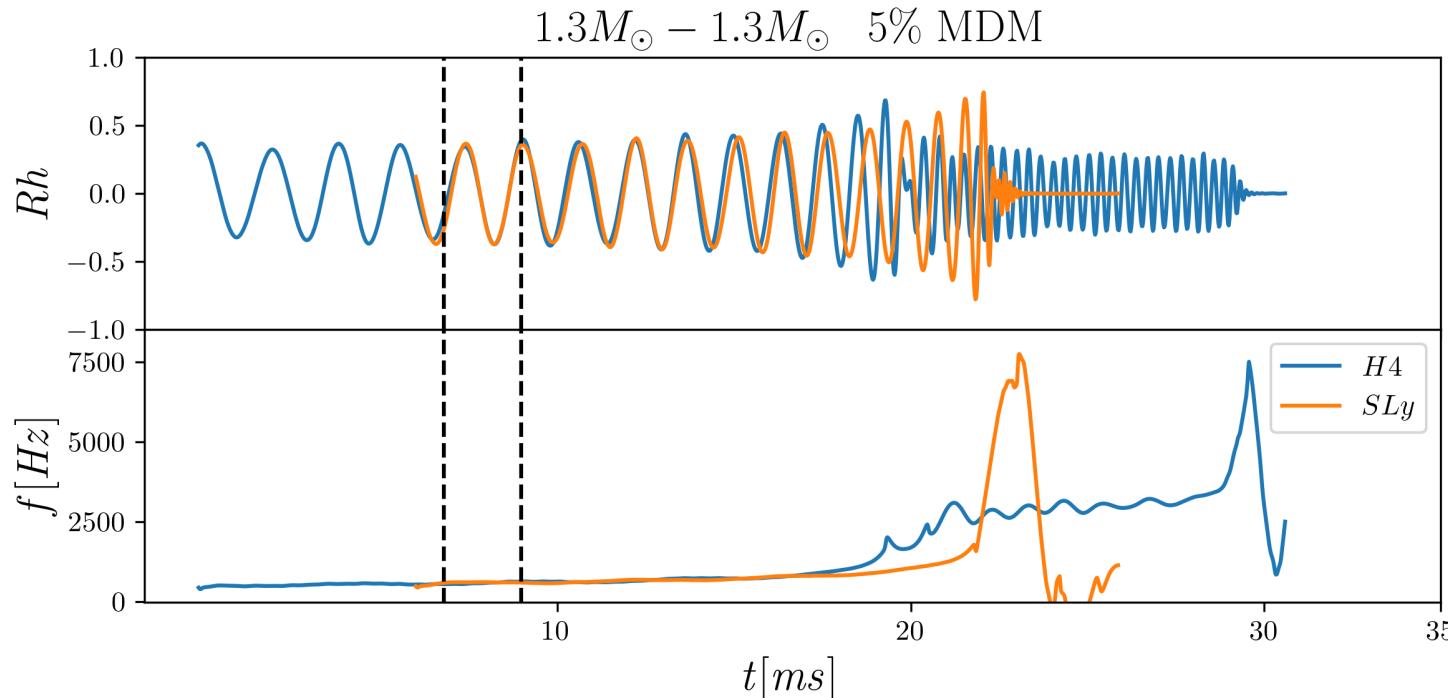
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# Impact of Equation of State



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