

Constraining the neutron star equation of state with gravitational waves

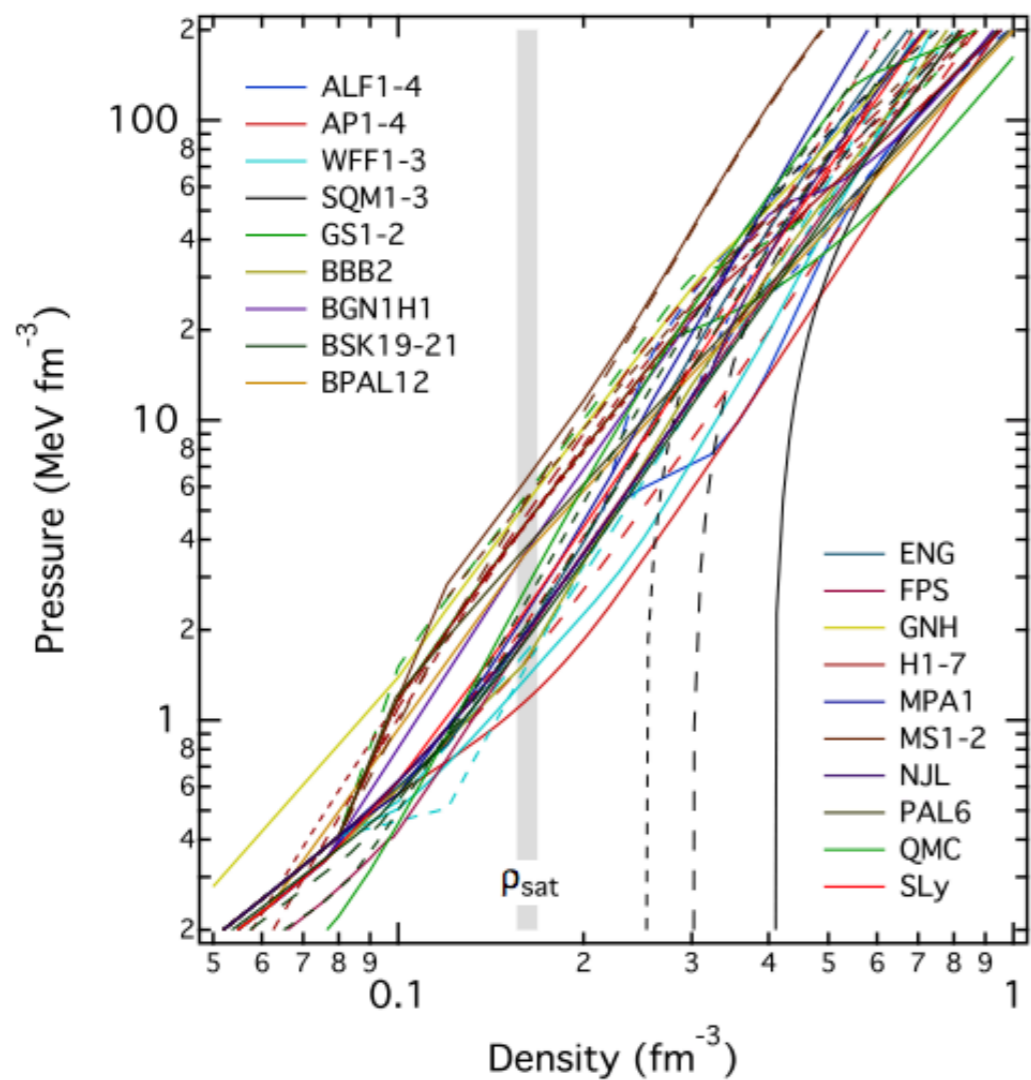
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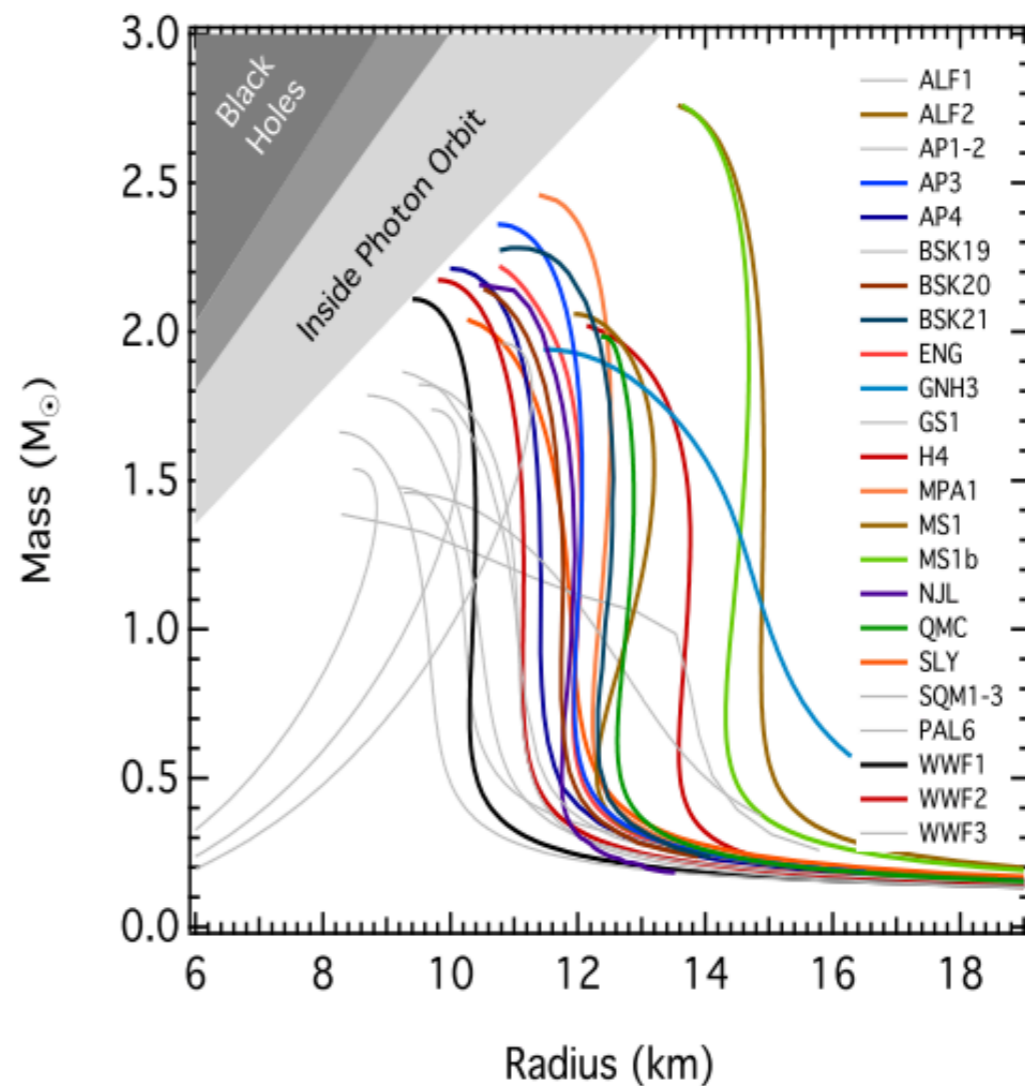
From heavy-ion collisions to neutron stars
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Neutron stars

Microscopic properties of dense matter in beta equilibrium

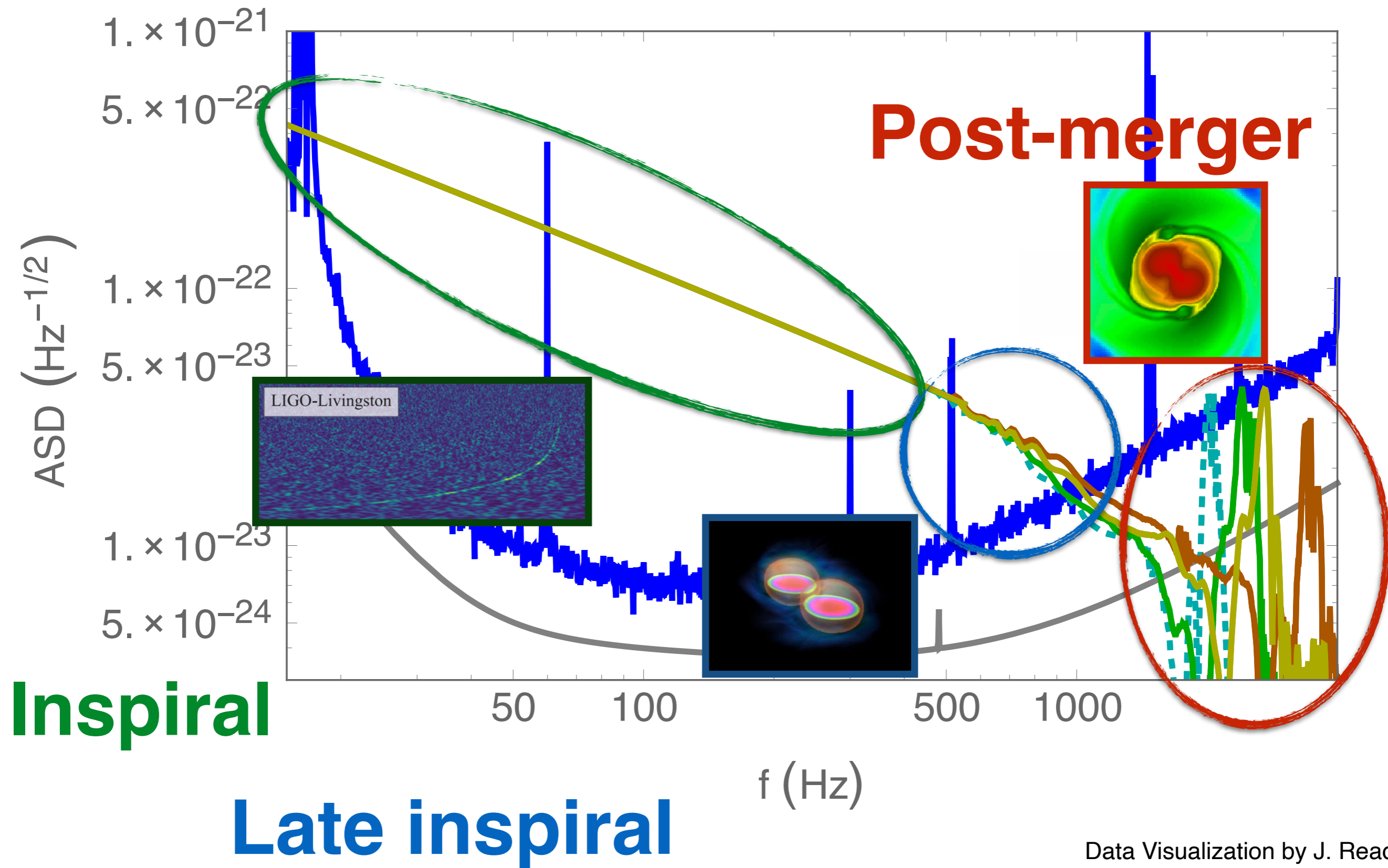


Macroscopic properties of compact objects

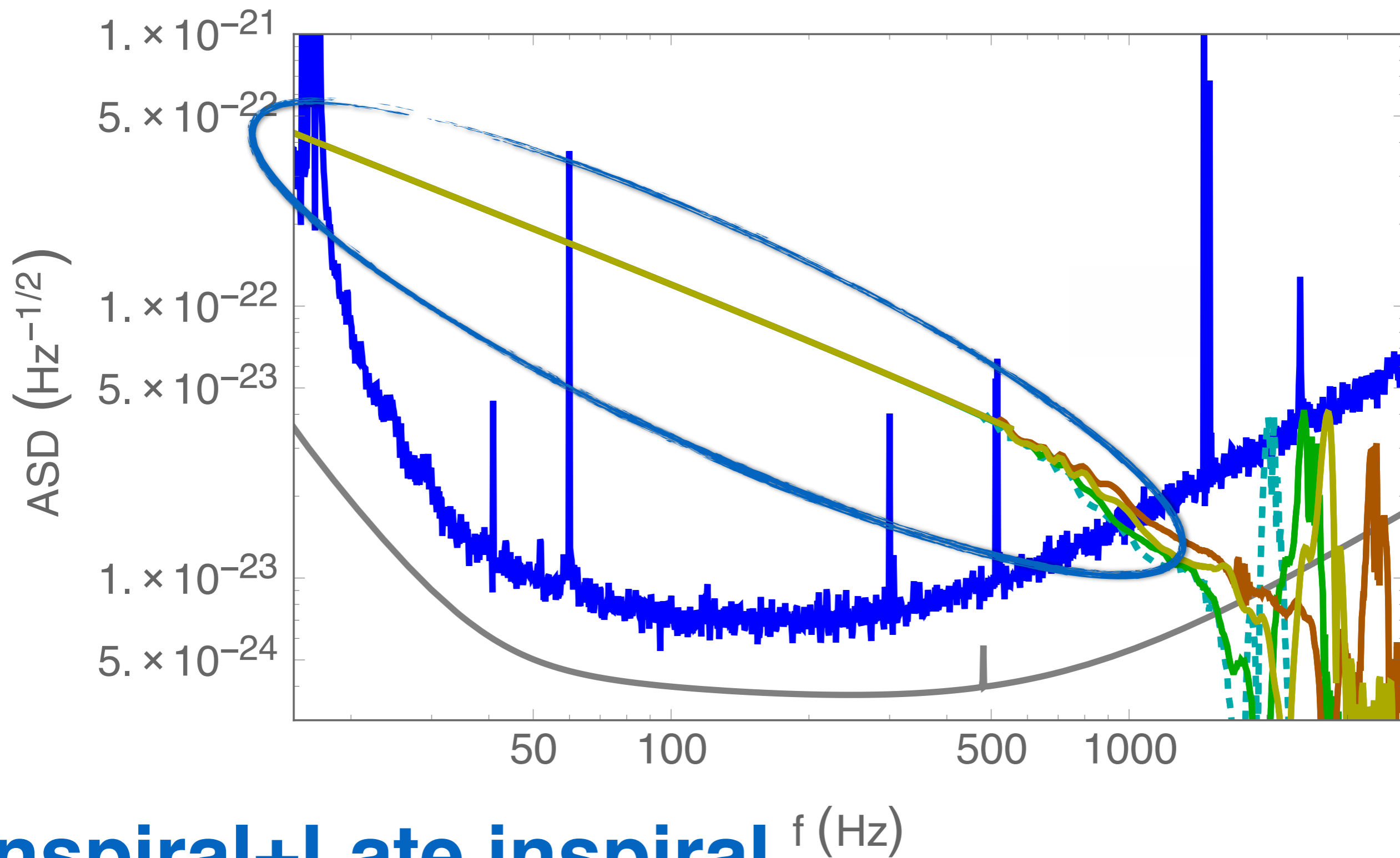


Joint study over 18 orders of magnitude

Anatomy of a BNS coalescence



Anatomy of a BNS coalescence: Late Inspiral



Inspiral+Late inspiral

f (Hz)

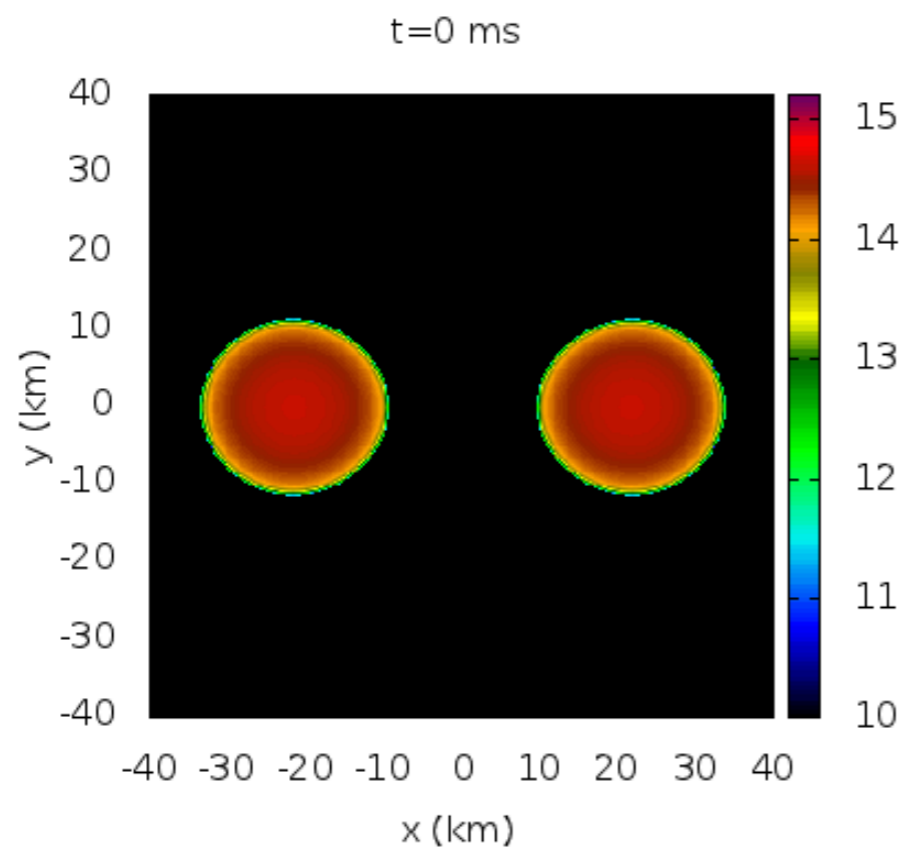
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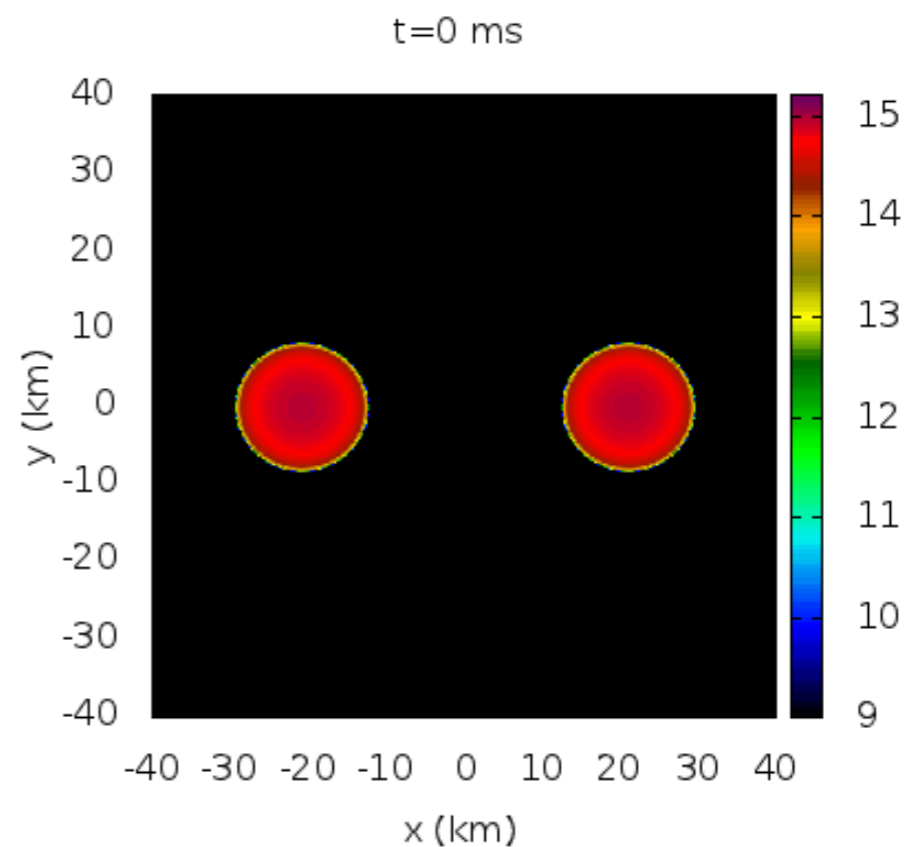
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Effect of equation of state

Larger NSs emit energy faster, accelerating the inspiral

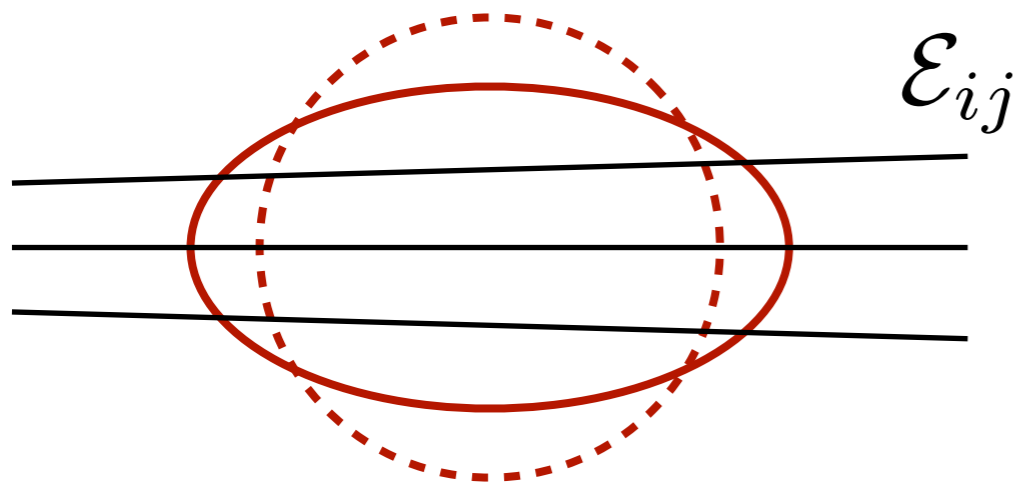


Smaller NSs take longer to merge



Simulations by Kenta Hotokezaka

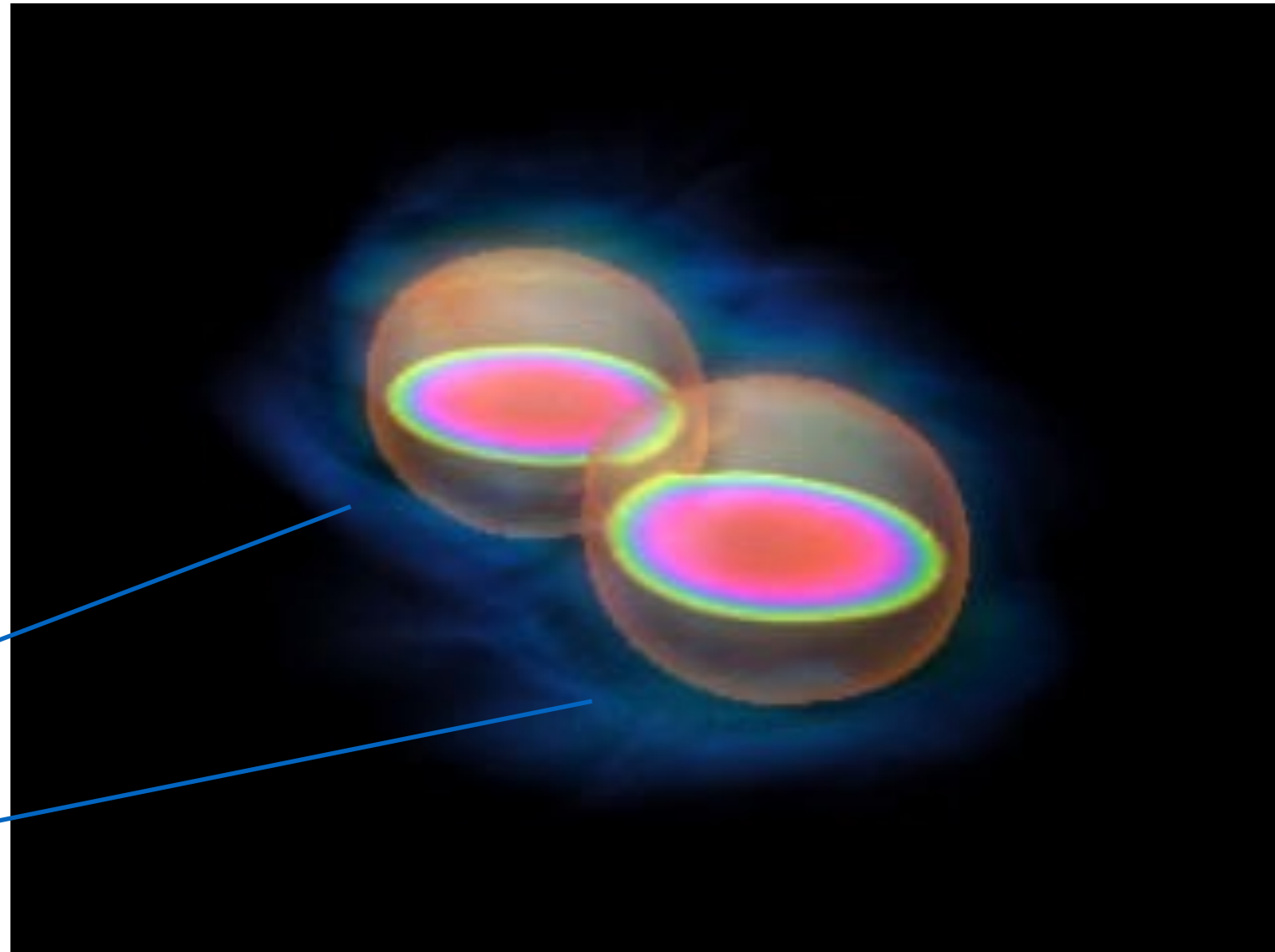
Tidal interactions



Credit: Aaron Zimmerman

Tidal deformability

$$Q_{ij} = -\lambda \mathcal{E}_{ij}$$



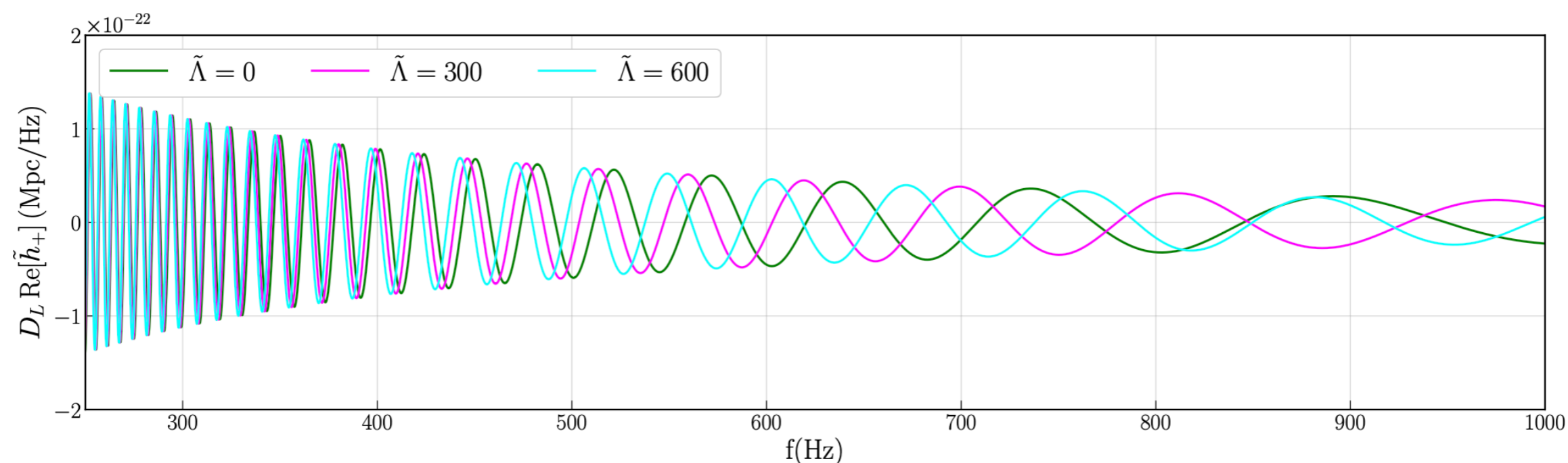
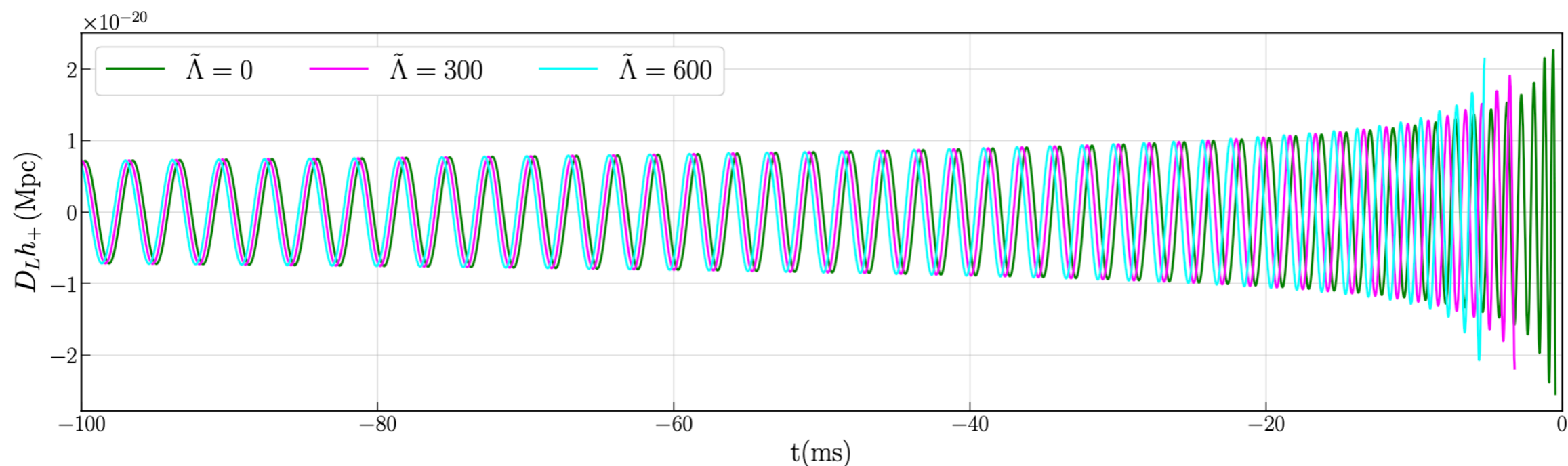
Calder

***The tidal deformation speeds up the inspiral (observable)
and it depends on the EoS***

Tidal interactions

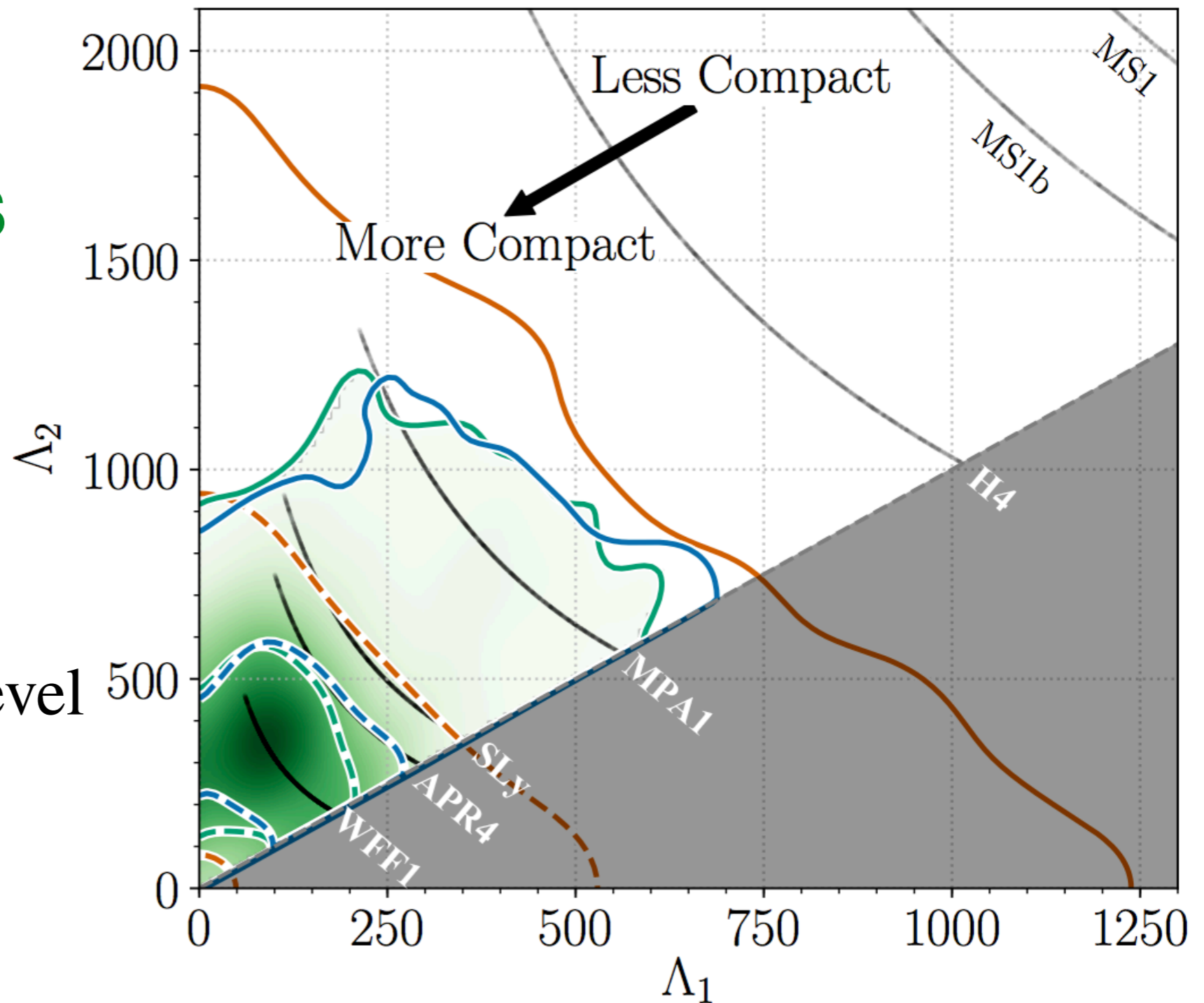
In practice with current sensitivity we only measure:

$$\tilde{\Lambda} \equiv \frac{16}{13} \frac{(m_1 + 12m_2)m_1^4\Lambda_1 + (m_2 + 12m_1)m_2^4\Lambda_2}{(m_1 + m_2)^5}$$



Independent EoSs
Same hadronic EoS
Spectral EoS parametrization

$\tilde{\Lambda} \lesssim 700$ at the 90% level



LVC (arxiv:1805.11581)

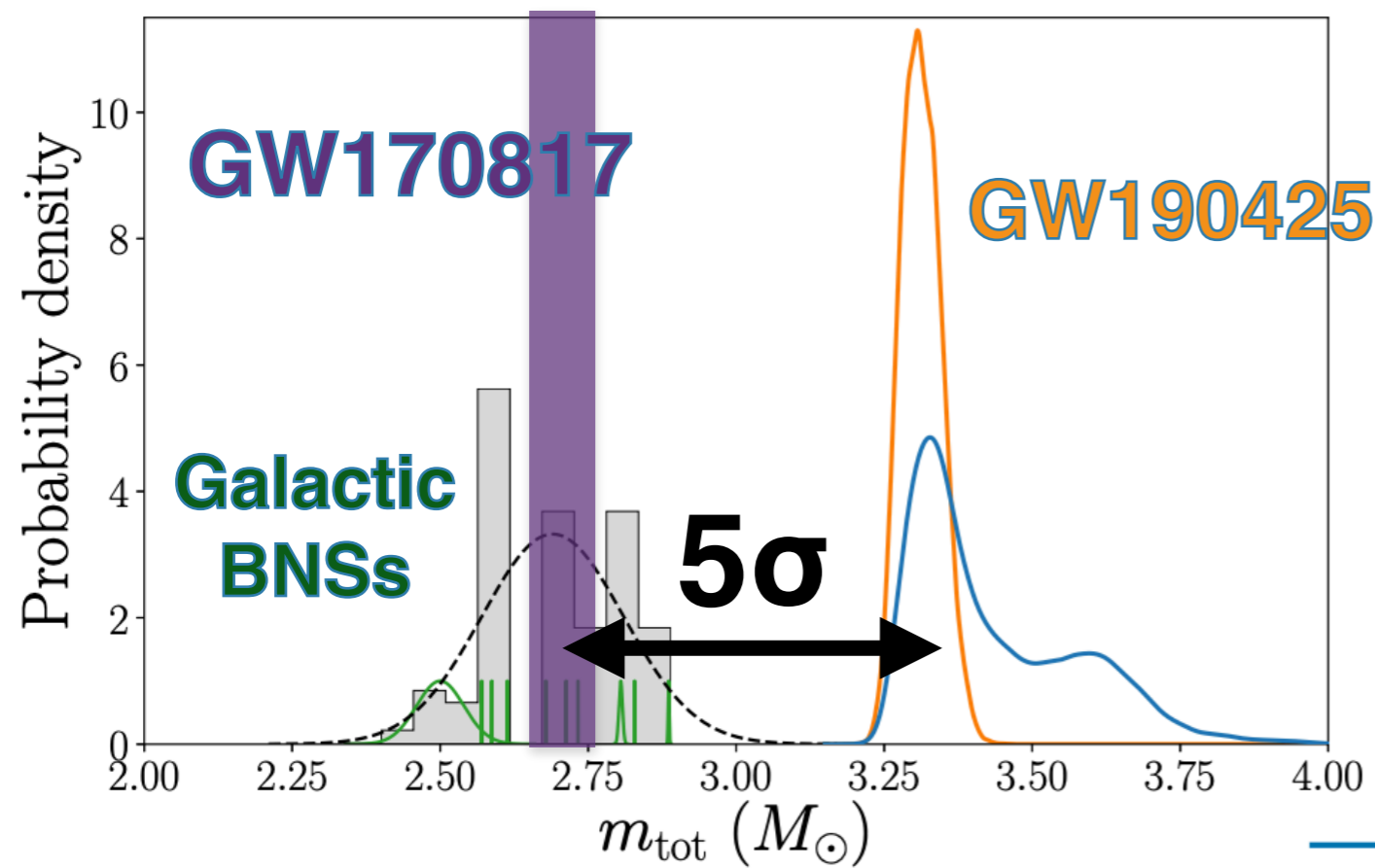
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Waveform: Dietrich+ (arxiv:1804.02235)

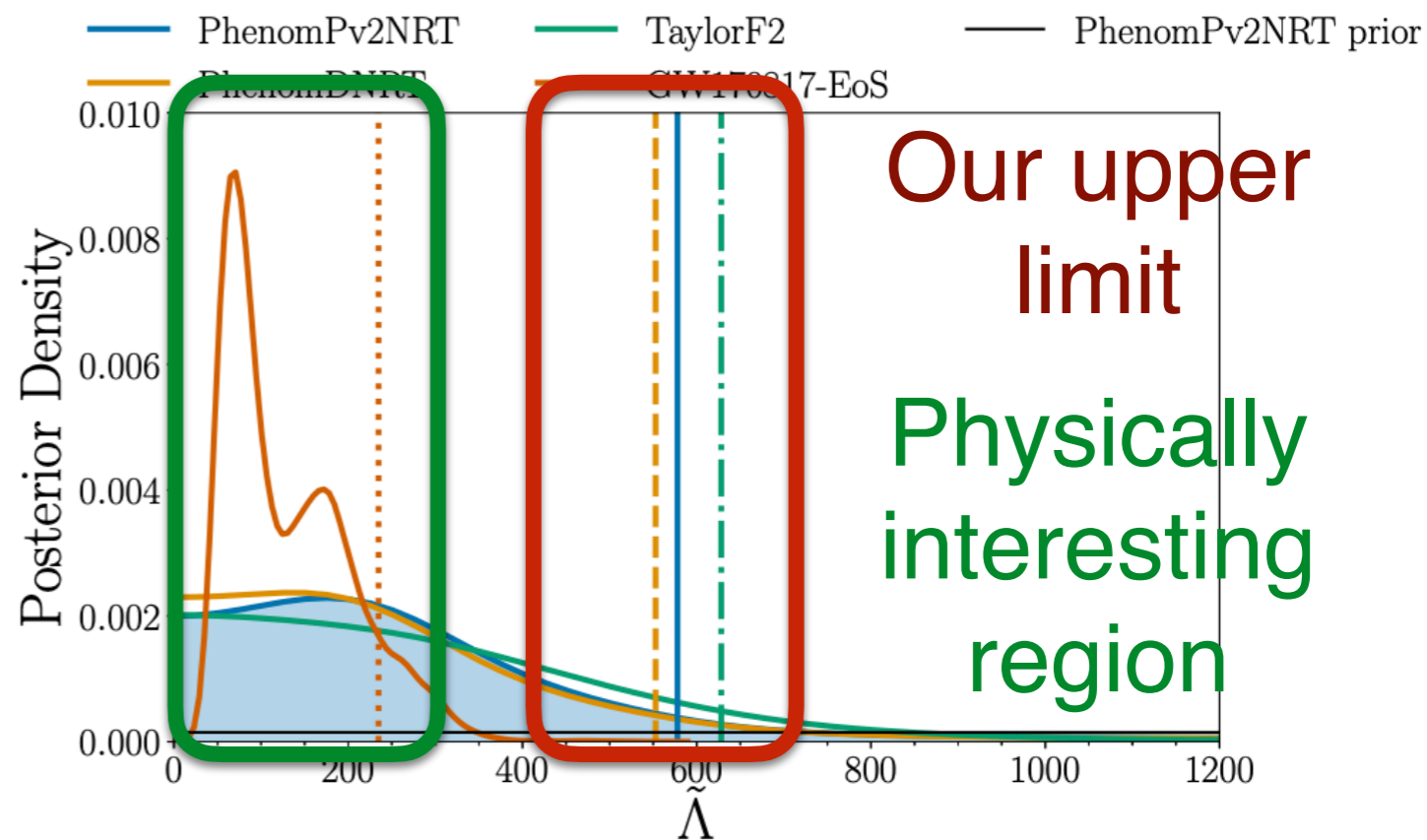
Universal relations: Yagi and Yunes (arxiv:1512.02639), Chatziioannou+ (arxiv:1804.03221)

EoS Parametrization: Lackey and Wade (arxiv:1410.8866), Carney+ (arxiv:1805.11217)

GW190425



Pro: massive NSs form binaries and merge
Con: tidal interactions are intrinsically weaker



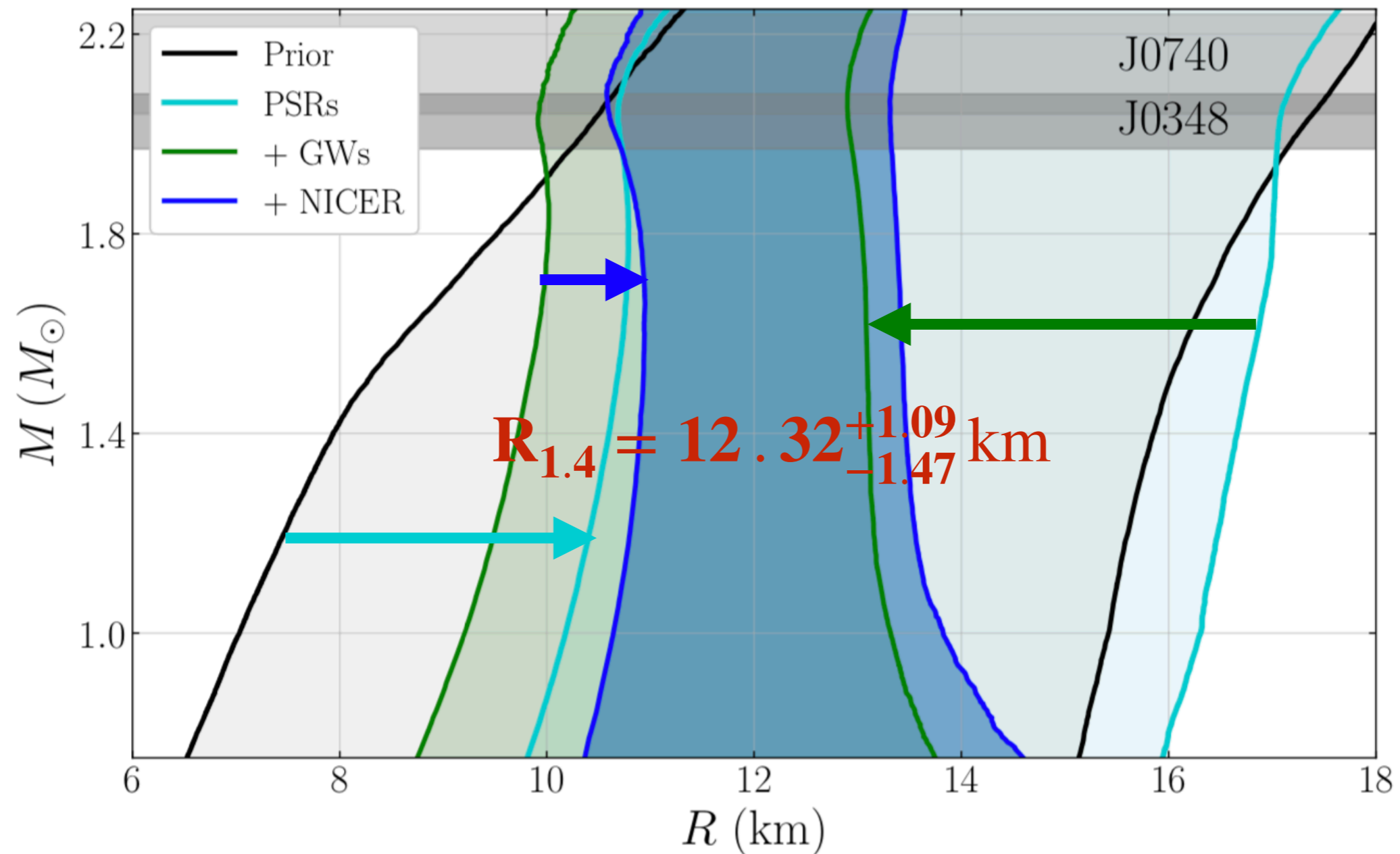
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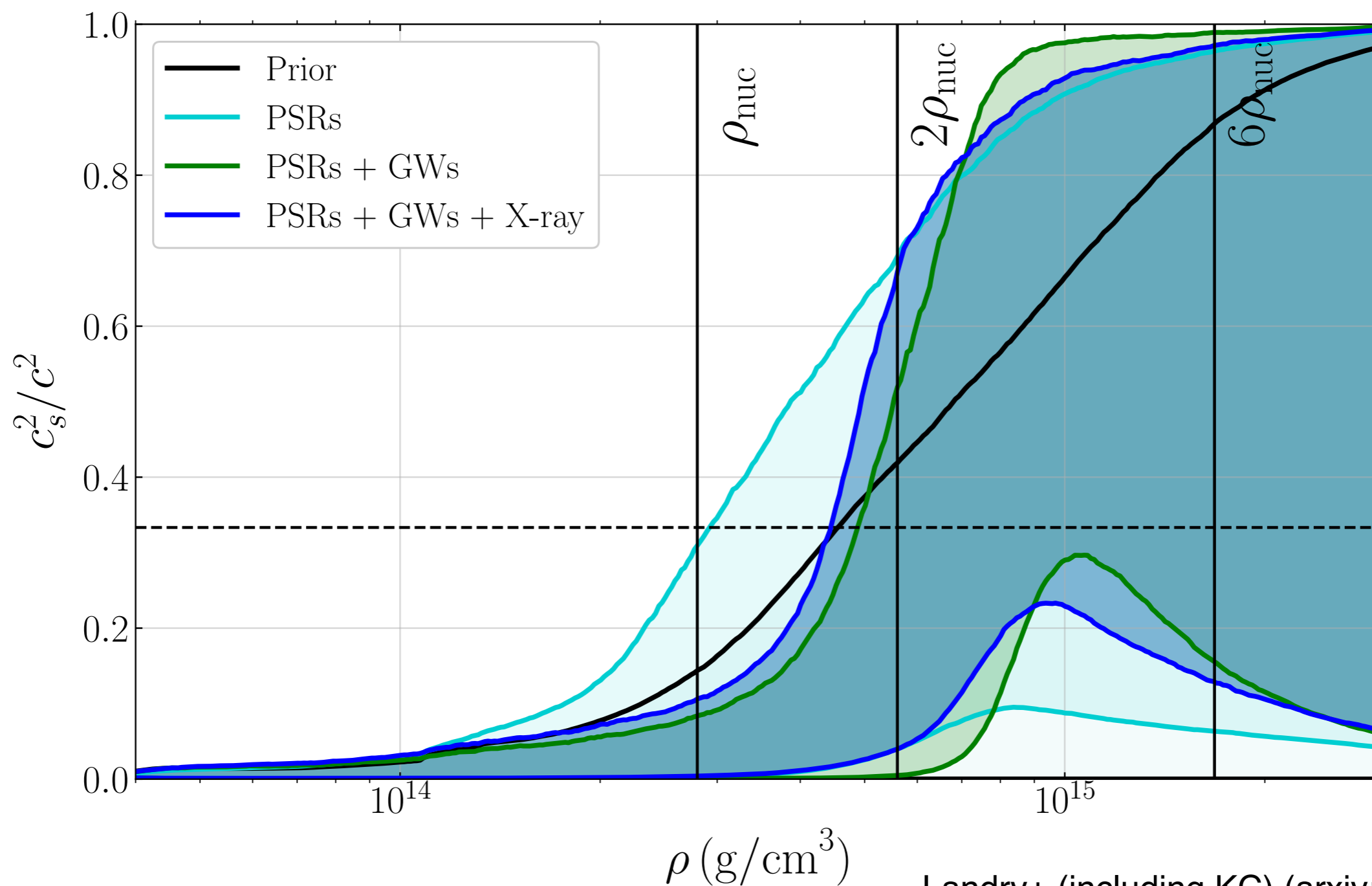
Non parametric constraints

EoS prior based on a gaussian process conditioned on **existing nuclear EoS models** of different compositions

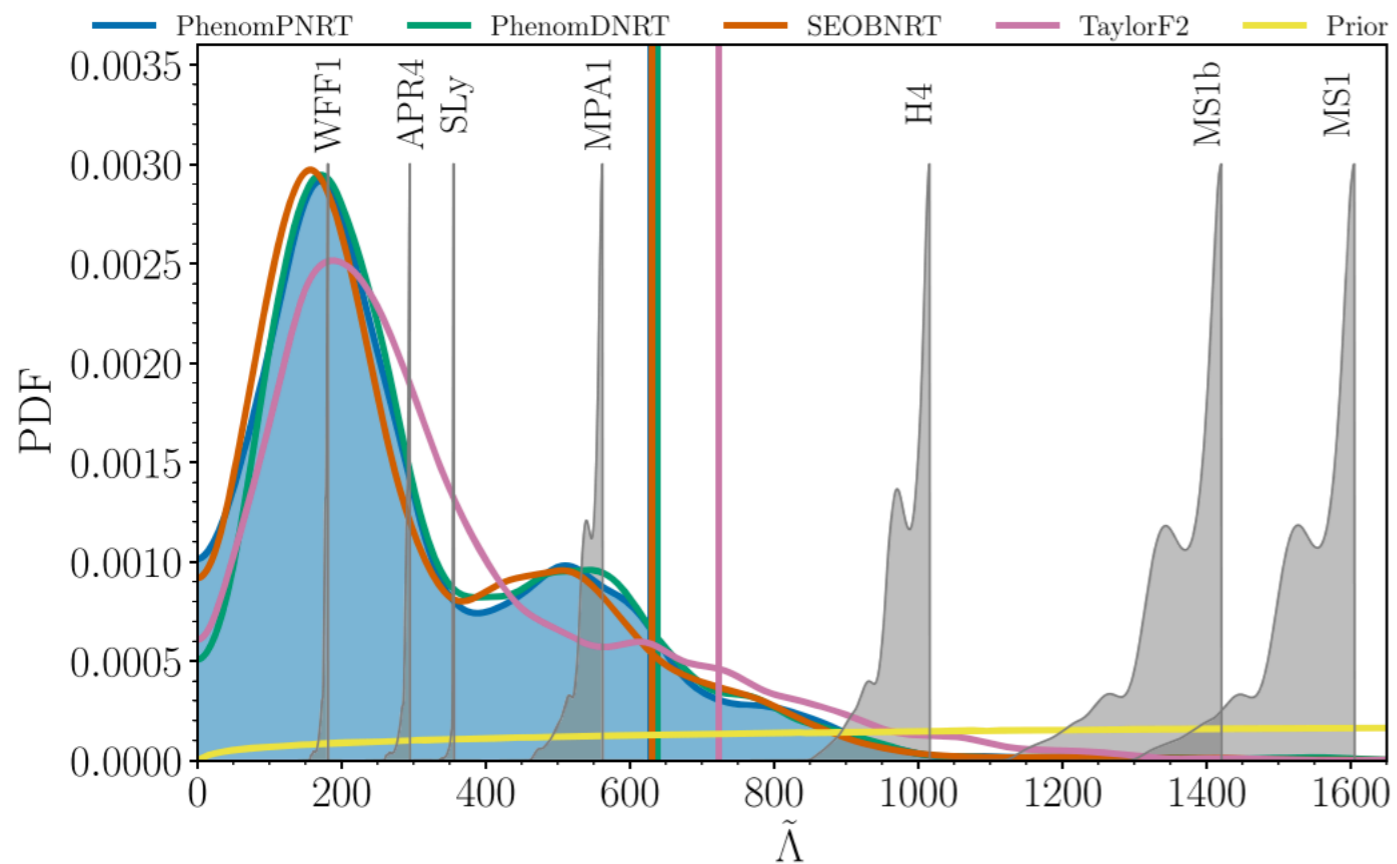


Speed of sound

soft at low densities (GW170817) +
stiff at high densities (Heavy PSRs) =
 $c_s^2 > 1/3$



Going forward: *Waveform systematics*



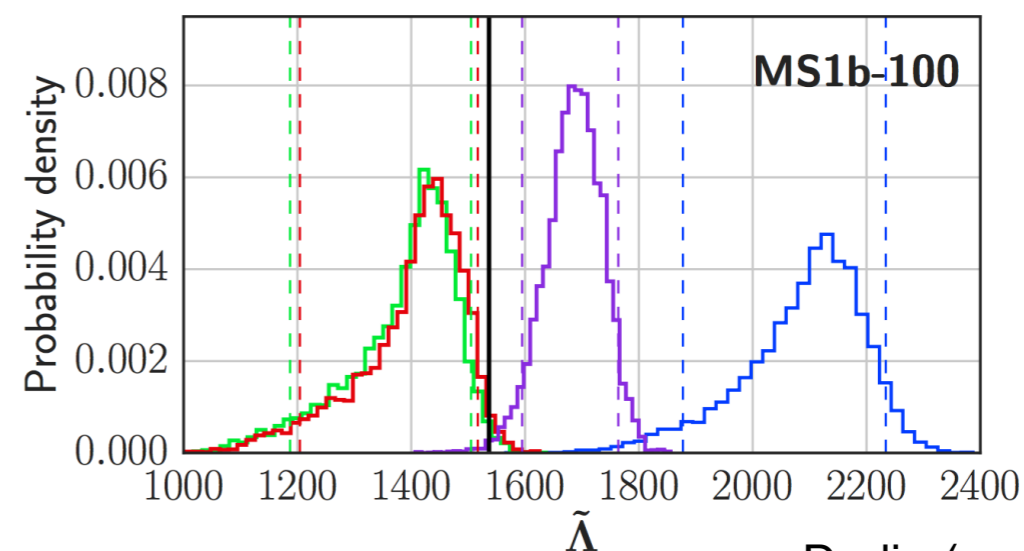
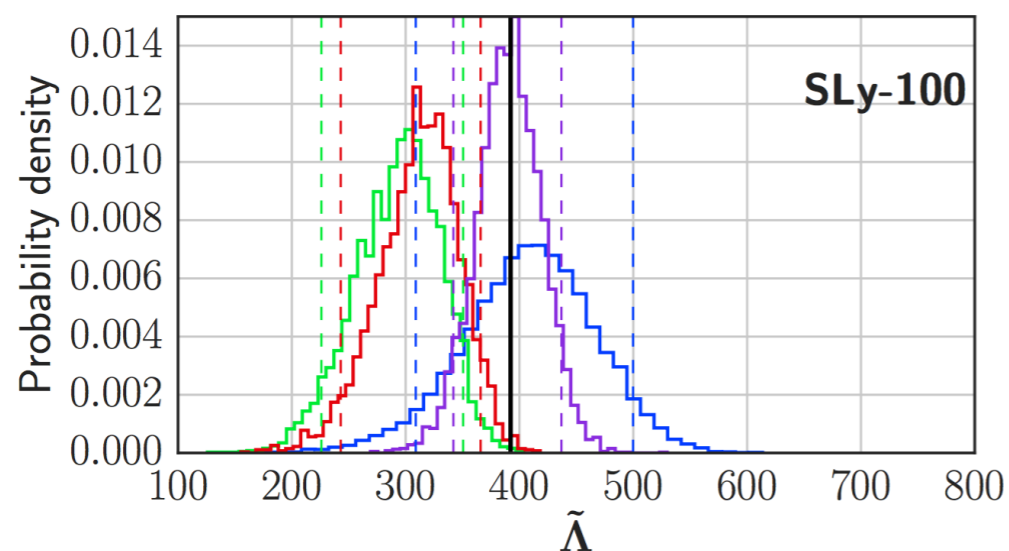
GW170817 tidal measurement with different waveform models

LVC (arxiv:1805.115)

PE: Veitch+ (arxiv:1409.7215)

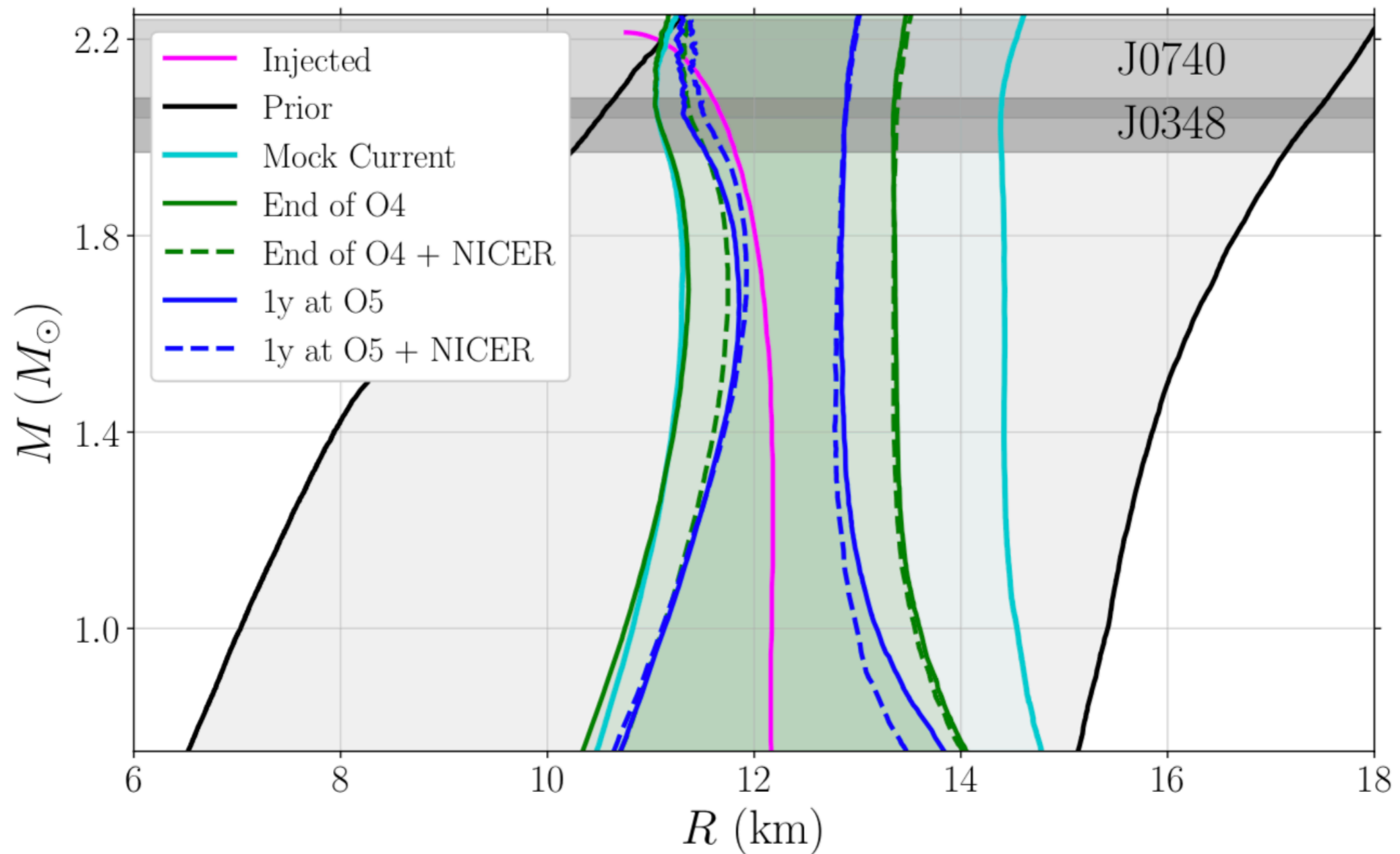
Waveforms: Dietrich+ (arxiv:1804.02235)

GW170817 at design sensitivity (in a few years) would be dominated by **systematic** errors



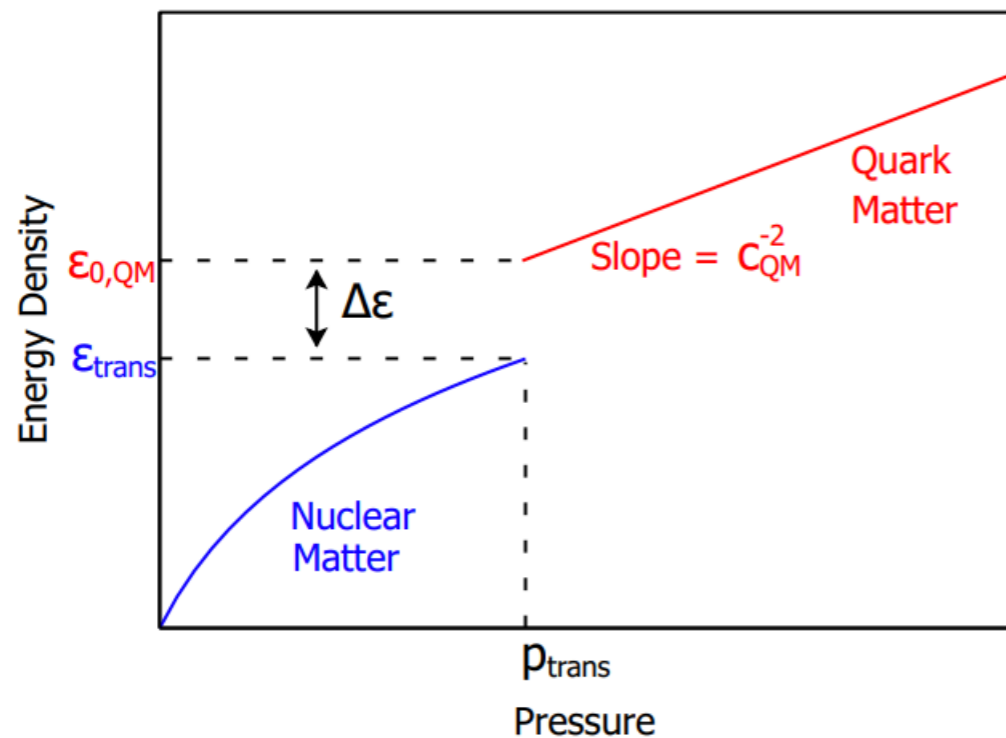
Dudi+ (arxiv:1808.09749)

Going forward: More observations

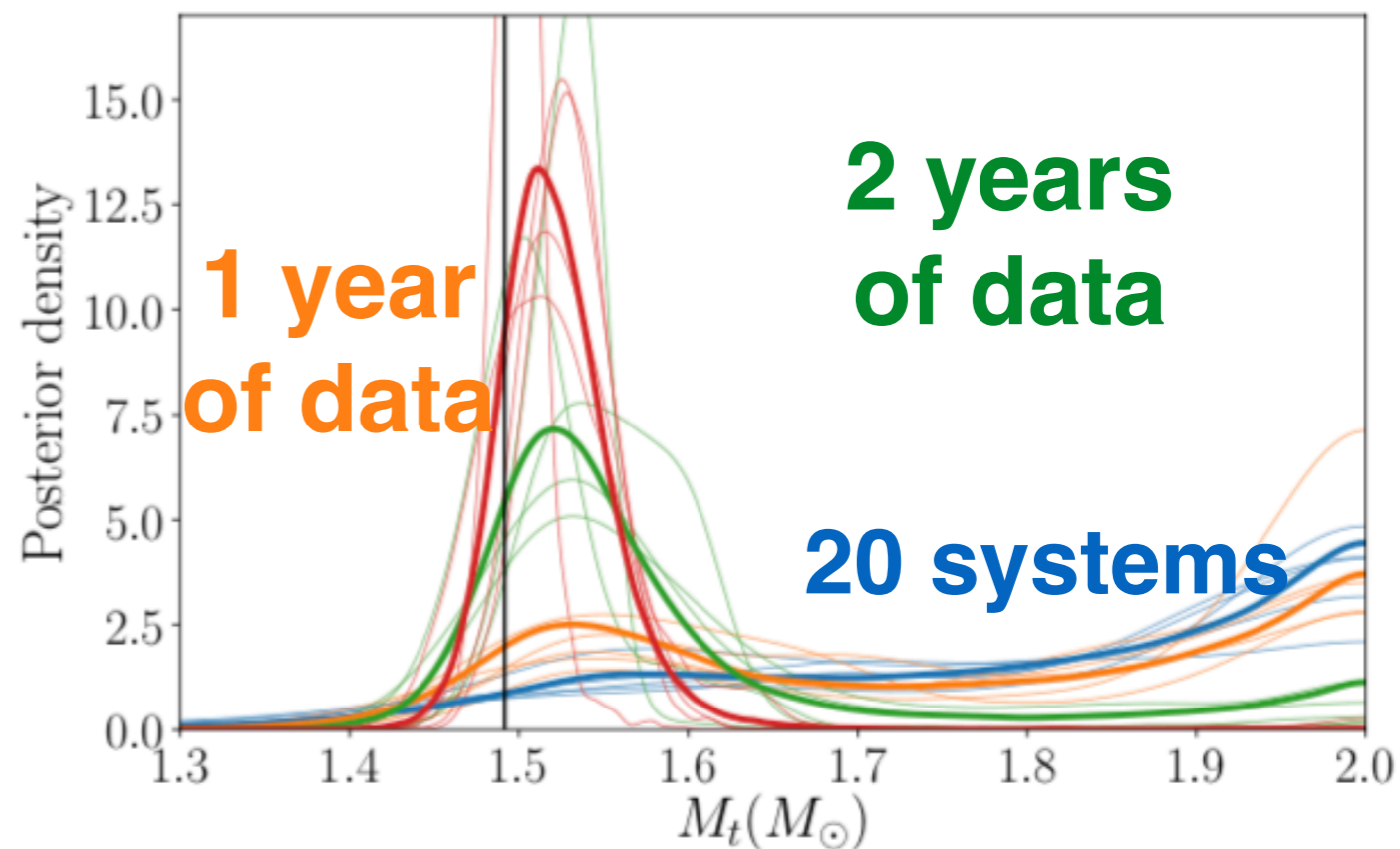
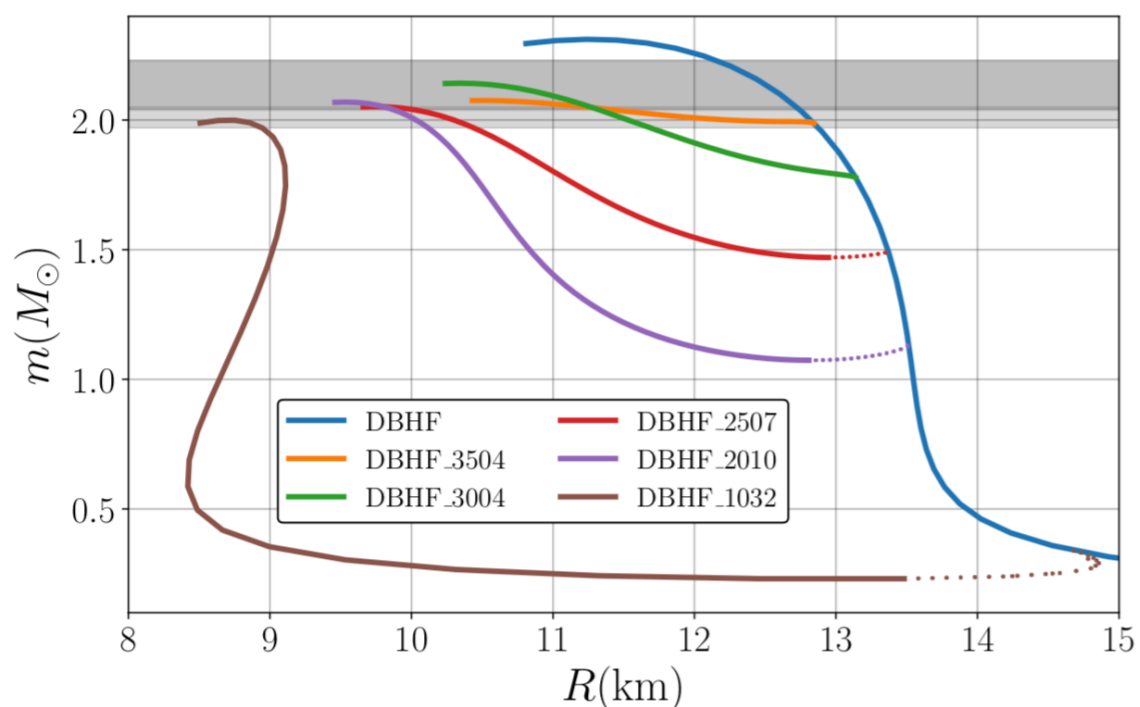


O(1km) radius determination in the coming years

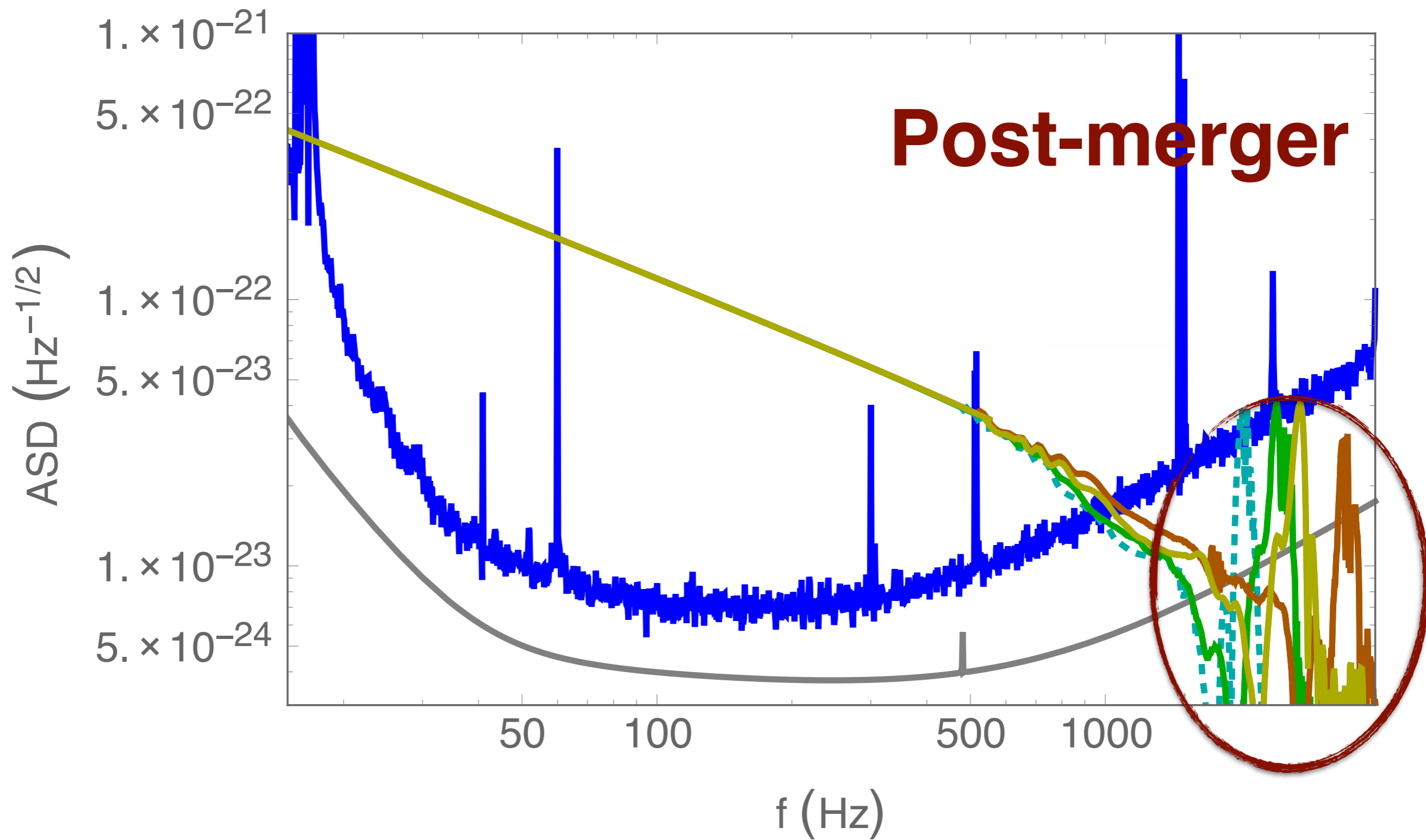
Going forward: Quark matter



A population of BNSs can lead to constraints on the properties of a **phase transition** in dense matter

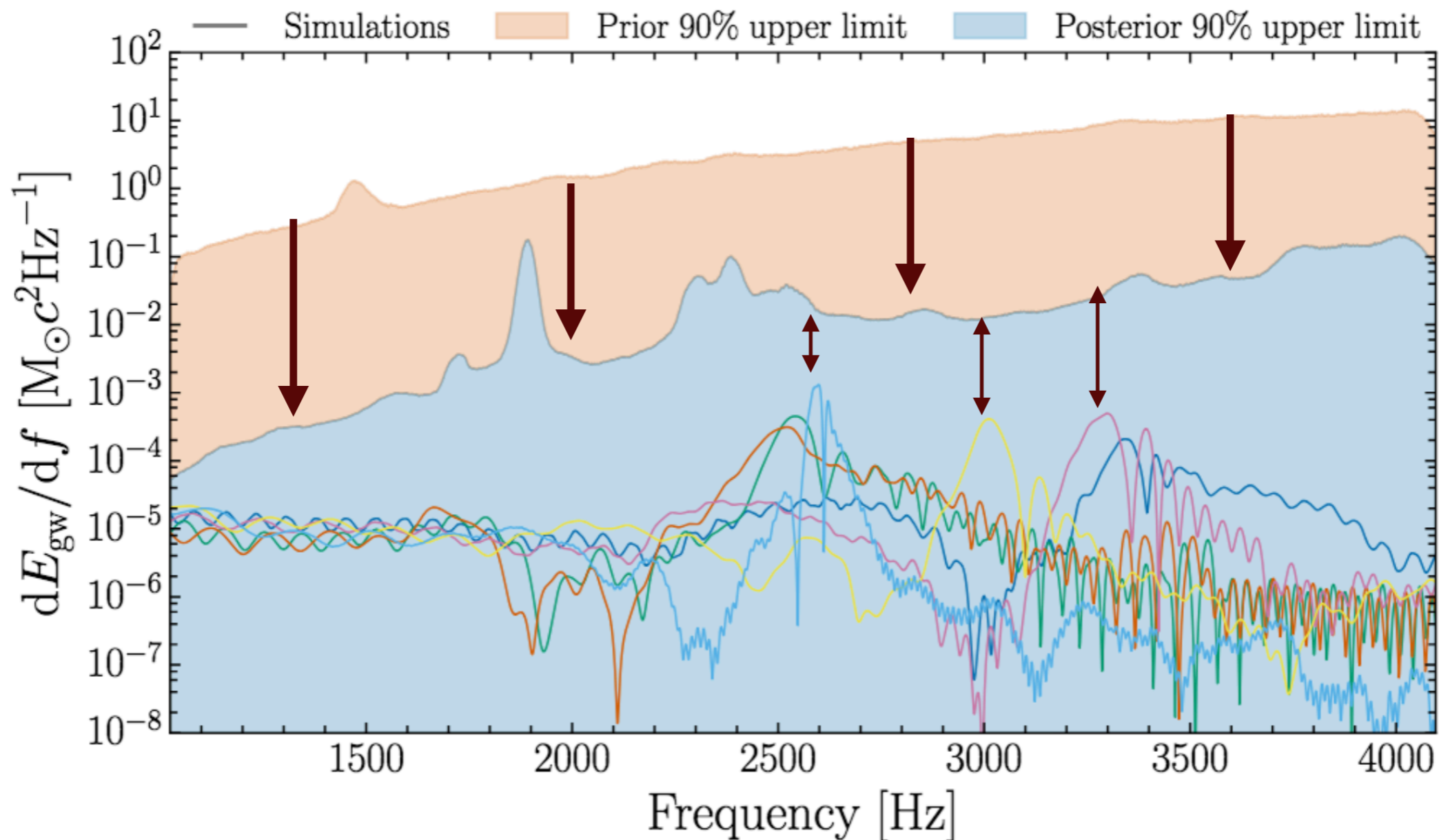


Anatomy of a BNS coalescence: post-merger



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No detectable post-merger emission, upper limits



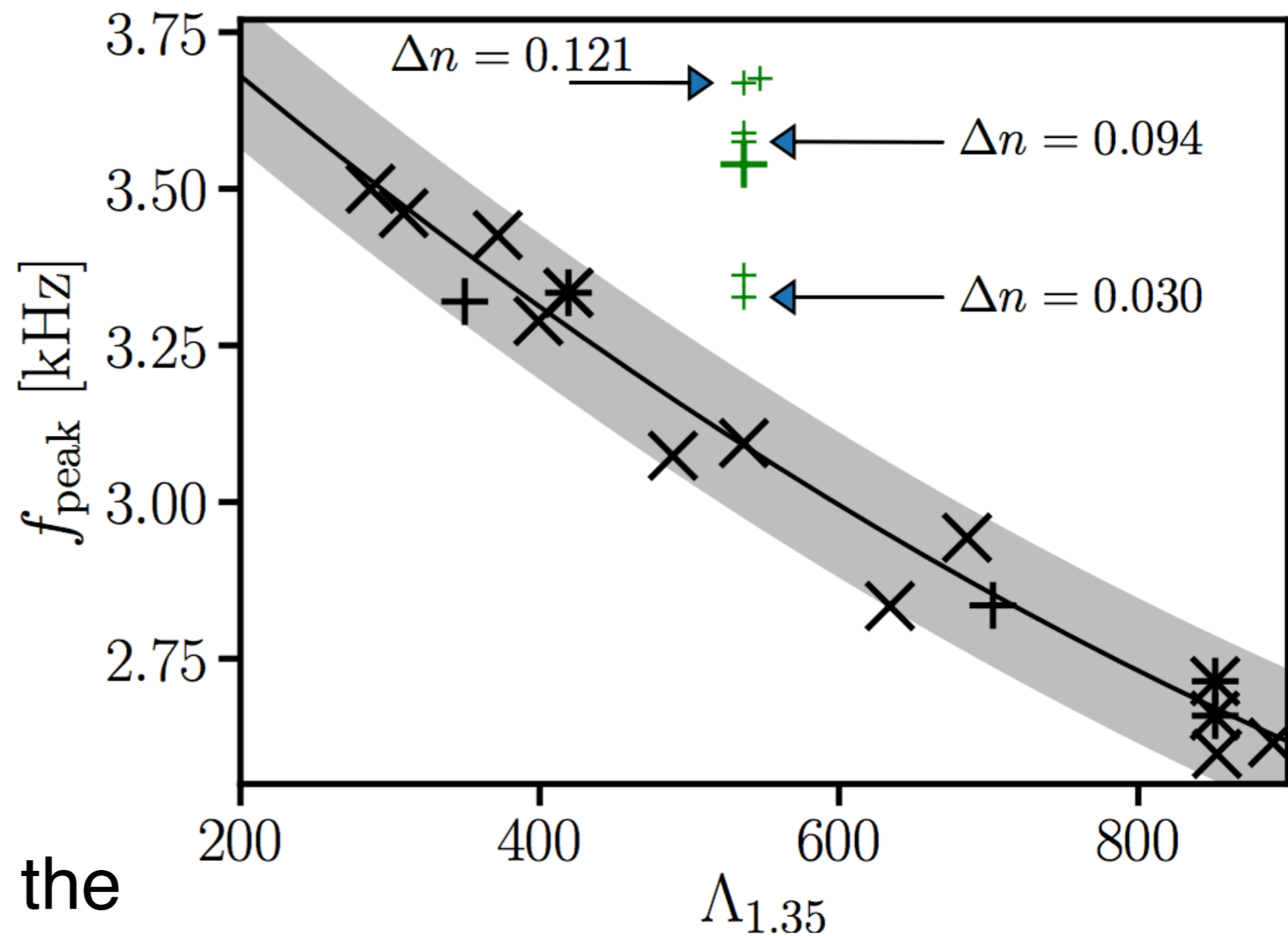
LVC (arxiv:1805.11579)

Analysis: Chatziioannou+ (arxiv:1711.00040)

Simulations: Bauswein+ (arxiv:1204.1888)

Complementary information

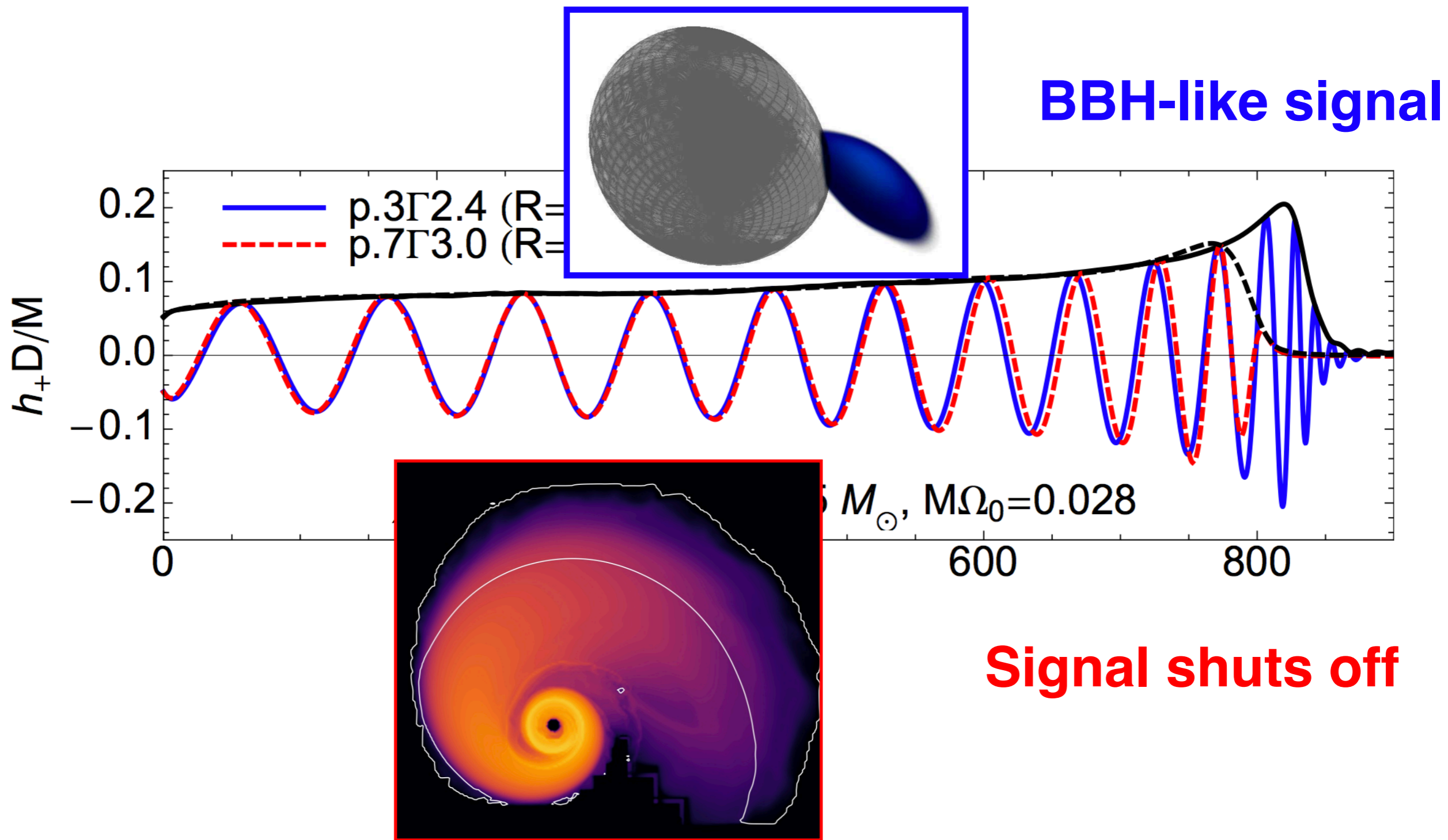
Measure from
post merger



Information from the
pre-merger phase
breaks the degeneracy

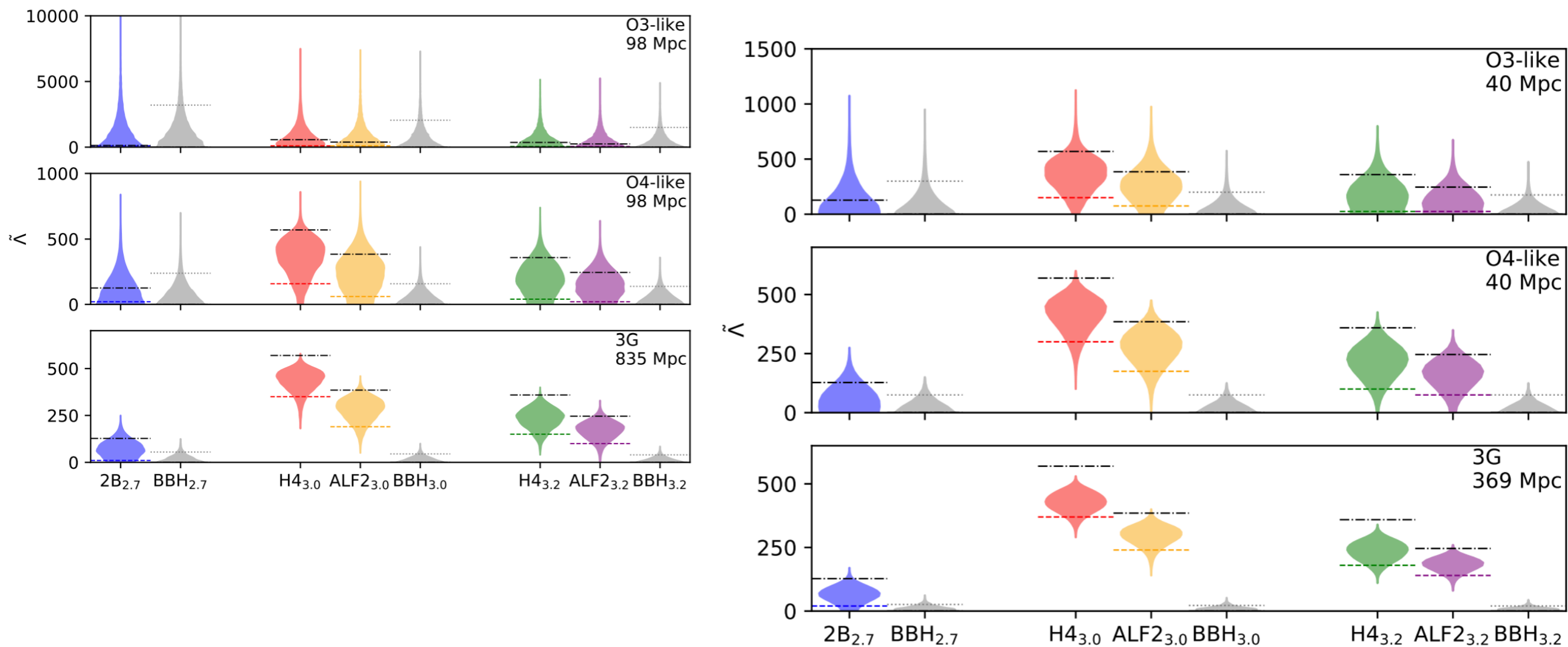
Measure from
pre merger

Anatomy of a NSBH coalescence



Relation between the **disruption radius** and the **“plunge” radius**

Going forward: High mass events



Chen+ (arxiv:2001.11470)

A non zero tidal parameter proves the existence of one NS. Up to what mass are we confident about the NS nature of the body?

Can we use external information?

The next steps

