

# Advances and Challenges in Solving the Relativistic Two-Body Problem

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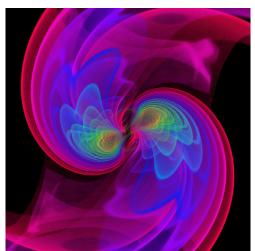
- Gravitational waves have become a groundbreaking tool to explore the Universe.
- Inferring astrophysical and cosmological information from GW observations, detecting possible deviations from GR and distinguishing them from astrophysical environmental and cosmological effects, rely on accurate predictions of two-body dynamics and gravitational radiation.
- What role waveform models have played in the detection of GW signals from binary systems and the extraction of unique scientific insights with the LIGO-Virgo-KAGRA detectors? What have been the main theoretical advances in this field?
- Upcoming runs with current and future detectors in space and on the ground, require ever more accurate and precise waveform models, which include all physical effects (spins, tides, eccentricity, beyond-GR effects, non-vacuum GR's effects, etc.).
- What theoretical challenges must be addressed to achieve these results?



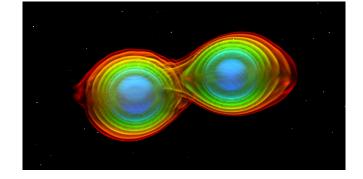


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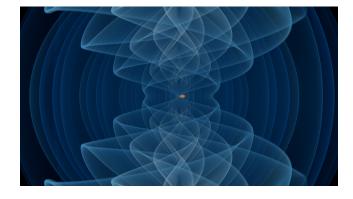
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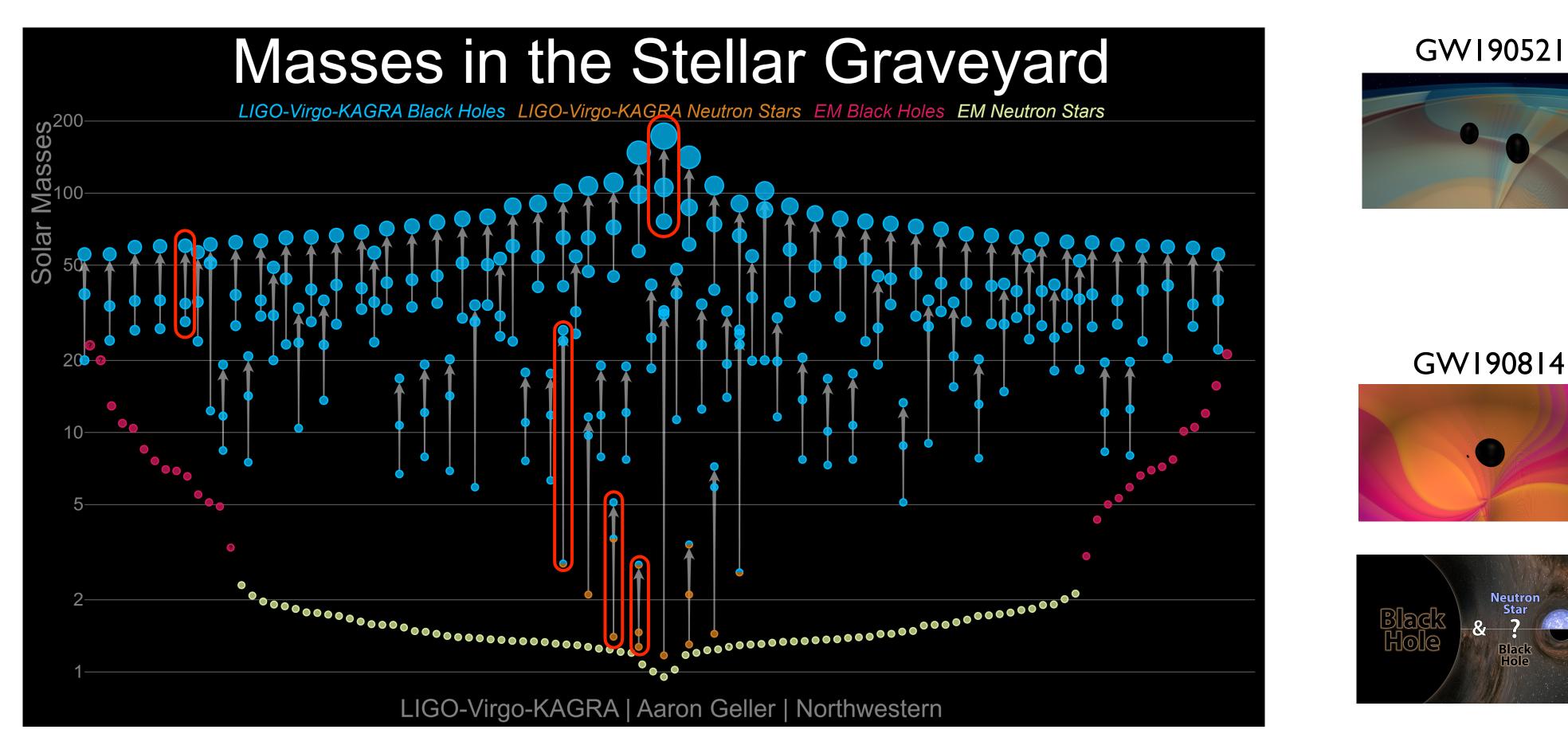


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# **Discovering/Characterizing Black Holes & Neutron Stars in the Universe**



#### • As today, GWs were observed by LIGO-Virgo detectors from 90 coalescences, plus tens of events pulled out from public

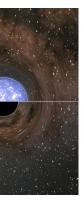
(Nitz+23, Mehta+23, Wadekar+23)

#### • Ongoing LIGO-Virgo-KAGRA observing run (O4) has already announced 122 signal candidates.











#### • First paper by Einstein on gravitational waves in 1916.

201 DOC. 32 INTEGRATION OF FIELD EQUATIONS

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Session of the physical-mathematical class on June 22, 1916

#### **Approximative Integration of the Field Equations of Gravitation** by A. Einstein

For the treatment of the special (not basic) problems in gravitational theory one can be satisfied with a first approximation of the  $g_{\mu\nu}$ . The same reasons as in the special theory of relativity make it advantageous to use the imaginary time variable  $x_4 = it$ . By "first approximation" we mean that the quantities  $\gamma_{\mu\nu}$ , defined by the equation

$$g_{\mu\nu} = -\delta_{\mu\nu} + \gamma_{\mu\nu}, \qquad (1)$$

are small compared to 1, such that their squares and products are negligible compared with first powers; furthermore, they have a tensorial character under linear, orthogonal transformations. In addition,  $\delta_{\mu\nu} = 1$  or  $\delta_{\mu\nu} = 0$  resp. depending upon  $\mu = \nu \text{ or } \mu \neq \nu.$ 

 Linearization of Einstein's equations (weak field), and wave equation for perturbations:

$$g_{\mu\nu} = \eta_{\mu\nu} + h_{\mu\nu} \qquad |h_{\mu\nu}| \ll 1$$
$$\Box \bar{h}_{\mu\nu} = -\frac{16\pi G}{c^4} T_{\mu\nu} \qquad R_{\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{2} g_{\mu\nu} R = \frac{8\pi G}{c^4} T_{\mu\nu}$$

#### **Gravitational Waves: Signatures of Dynamical Spacetime**



#### •Second paper by Einstein on gravitational waves in 1918.

GRAVITATIONAL WAVES DOC.1

It is clear that S is the density of the radially flowing gravitational radiation toward the "outside" in the direction  $(\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \alpha_3)$ , provided one puts

$$A_{\mu\nu} = \frac{\sqrt{\kappa}}{8\pi R} \ddot{\mathfrak{I}}_{\mu\nu}. \tag{29}$$

If one forms the mean value of S over all directions of space for a fixed value of  $A_{\mu\nu}$ , one obtains the mean density  $\bar{S}$  of the radiation. Finally,  $\bar{S}$  multiplied by  $4\pi R^2$  is the energy loss (per time unit) of the mechanical system due to gravitational waves. The calculation finds

$$4\pi R^2 \bar{S} = \frac{\kappa}{80\pi} \left[ \sum_{\mu\nu} \ddot{\mathfrak{S}}_{\mu\nu}^2 - \frac{1}{3} \left( \sum_{\mu} \ddot{\mathfrak{S}}_{\mu\mu} \right)^2 \right].$$
(30)

wrong by a factor 2! -

This result shows that a mechanical system which permanently retains spherical symmetry cannot radiate; this is in contrast to the result of the previous paper, marred by an error in calculation.

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#### •Quadrupole formula for the energy flux of gravitational waves.

• GW sources are objects like a "rotating dumbbell", e. g., realized by a binary star system.

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#### The Black-Hole Solution of Einstein's Equations

SCHWARZSCHILD: Über das Gravitationsfeld eines Massenpunktes

#### Über das Gravitationsfeld eines Massenpunktes nach der EINSTEINschen Theorie.

Von K. Schwarzschild.

(Vorgelegt am 13. Januar 1916 [s. oben S. 42].)

§ 1. Hr. EINSTEIN hat in seiner Arbeit über die Perihelbewegung des Merkur (s. Sitzungsberichte vom 18. November 1915) folgendes Problem gestellt:

Ein Punkt bewege sich gemäß der Forderung

wobei

$$\delta \int ds = 0,$$

$$ds = \sqrt{\sum g_{\mu\nu} dx_{\mu} dx_{\nu}} \quad \mu, \nu = 1, 2, 3, 4$$
(1)

ist, g., Funktionen der Variabeln x bedeuten und bei der Variation am Anfang und Ende des Integrationswegs die Variablen x festzuhalten sind. Der Punkt bewege sich also, kurz gesagt, auf einer geodätischen Linie in der durch das Linienelement ds charakterisierten Mannigfaltigkeit.

Die Ausführung der Variation ergibt die Bewegungsgleichungen des Punktes

$$\frac{d^2 x_{\alpha}}{ds^2} = \sum_{\mu,\nu} \Gamma^{\alpha}_{\mu\nu} \frac{dx_{\mu}}{ds} \frac{dx_{\nu}}{ds}, \ \alpha,\beta = 1,2,3,4$$
(2)

wobei

$$\Gamma^{\alpha}_{\mu\nu} = -\frac{1}{2} \sum_{\beta} g^{\alpha\beta} \left( \frac{\partial g_{\mu\beta}}{\partial x_{\nu}} + \frac{\partial g_{\nu\beta}}{\partial x_{\mu}} - \frac{\partial g_{\mu\nu}}{\partial x_{\beta}} \right)$$
(3)

ist und  $g^{\alpha\beta}$  die zu  $g_{\alpha\beta}$  koordinierte und normierte Subdeterminante in der Determinante  $|g_{uv}|$  bedeutet.

Dies ist nun nach der Einsteinschen Theorie dann die Bewegung eines masselosen Punktes in dem Gravitationsfeld einer im Punkt  $x_1 = x_2 = x_3 = 0$  befindlichen Masse, wenn die »Komponenten des Gravitationsfeldes «  $\Gamma$  überall, mit Ausnahme des Punktes  $x_1 = x_2 = x_3 = 0$ , den »Feldgleichungen«

- The Schwarzschild/Kerr solution to Einstein's gravitational equations turned out to describe the curvature of space-time around every astrophysical black hole, so far.
- Via simple mappings that involve the binary's mass ratio, the dynamics in the probe limit (test-body around BH) can also inform us about the two-body dynamics and radiation of comparable-mass BHs.

#### GRAVITATIONAL FIELD OF A SPINNING MASS AS AN EXAMPLE OF ALGEBRAICALLY SPECIAL METRICS

#### Roy P. Kerr\*

University of Texas, Austin, Texas and Aerospace Research Laboratories, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio (Received 26 July 1963)

Goldberg and Sachs<sup>1</sup> have proved that the algebraically special solutions of Einstein's emptyspace field equations are characterized by the existence of a geodesic and shear-free ray congruence,  $k_{\mu}$ . Among these spaces are the planefronted waves and the Robinson-Trautman metrics<sup>2</sup> for which the congruence has nonvanishing divergence, but is hypersurface orthogonal.

In this note we shall present the class of solutions for which the congruence is diverging, and is not necessarily hypersurface orthogonal. The only previously known example of the general case is the Newman, Unti, and Tamburino metrics,<sup>3</sup> which is of Petrov Type D, and possesses a four-dimensional group of isometries.

If we introduce a complex null tetrad ( $t^*$  is the complex conjugate of t), with

$$ds^2 = 2tt^* + 2mk,$$

then the coordinate system may be chosen so that

$$t = P(r + i\Delta)d\zeta,$$

$$k = du + 2 \operatorname{Re}(\Omega d\zeta),$$

$$m = dr - 2 \operatorname{Re}\left\{\left[(r - i\Delta)\dot{\Omega} + iD\Delta\right]d\zeta\right\} + \left\{r\dot{P}/P + \operatorname{Re}\left[P^{-2}D(D^*\ln P + \dot{\Omega}^*)\right] + \frac{m_1r - m_2\Delta}{r^2 + \Delta^2}\right\}k;$$
(1)

where  $\zeta$  is a complex coordinate, a dot denotes differentiation with respect to u, and the operator D is defined by

$$D=\partial/\partial\zeta-\Omega\partial/\partial u$$
.

P is real, whereas  $\Omega$  and m (which is defined to be  $m_1 + im_2$ ) are complex. They are all independent of the coordinate r.  $\Delta$  is defined by

$$\Delta = \operatorname{Im}(P^{-2}D^*\Omega).$$

There are two natural choices that can be made for the coordinate system. Either (A) P can be chosen to be unity, in which case  $\Omega$  is complex. or (B)  $\Omega$  can be taken pure imaginary, with P different from unity. In case (A), the field equations are

$$m - D^*D^*D\Omega) = |\partial_{\mu}D\Omega|^2, \qquad (2)$$

$$\operatorname{Im}(m - D^*D^*D\Omega) = 0, \qquad (3)$$

$$D^*m = 3m\dot{\Omega}.$$
 (4)

The second coordinate system is probably better, but it gives more complicated field equations.

It will be observed that if m is zero then the field equations are integrable. These spaces correspond to the Type-III and null spaces with





 $h \sim \frac{G}{c^4} \frac{\ddot{Q}}{D} \qquad h \sim \nu \frac{GM}{c^2D} \left(\frac{v}{c}\right)^2 \qquad \text{circular orbits: } v^2 = r^2 \omega^2 = \frac{GM}{r} \qquad \text{(binary)} \qquad m_1 \qquad m$ • Typical GW strength (or strain):

dimensionless

• The farther the source, the weaker the signal on Earth

•For a binary neutron star in Virgo Cluster:  $h \sim 10^{-21}$ 

 $\mathscr{L}_{\rm GW} \sim \nu^2 \frac{c^5}{G} \left(\frac{V}{c}\right)^{10}$ • Typical **GW luminosity** (or power):

 $\mathscr{L}_{\rm GW} \sim 10^{23} \mathscr{L}_{\rm Sun}^{\rm EM}$ 

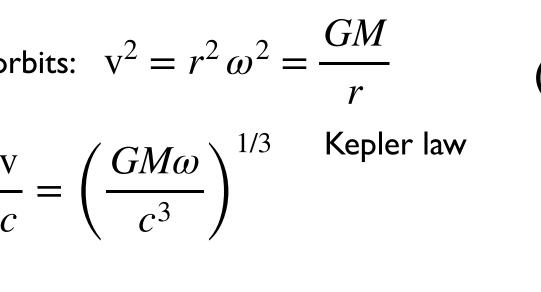
GW power can be similar or larger than the one of whole visible Universe.

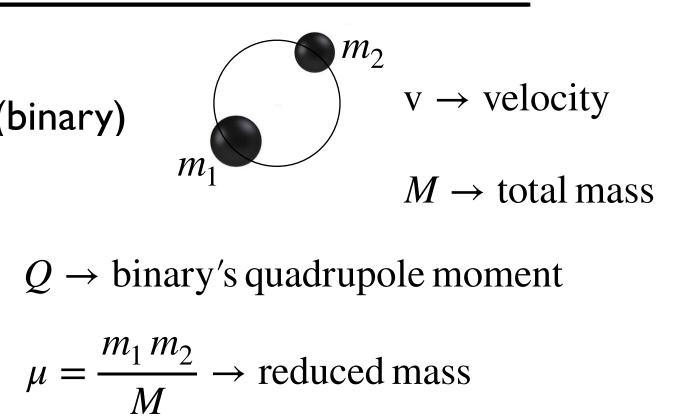
 $\frac{c^{5}}{C} \sim 10^{59} \frac{\text{erg}}{\text{sec}}$ 

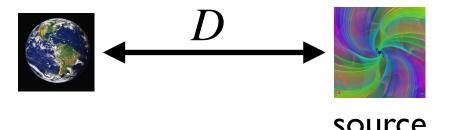
•GW propagation is (almost) unaffected by matter/energy: pristine probes.

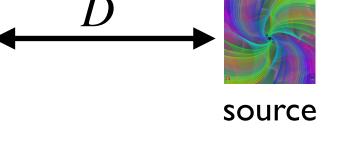
### What is the Strength of Gravitational Waves from Binaries?

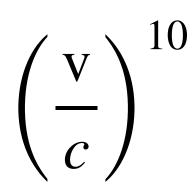


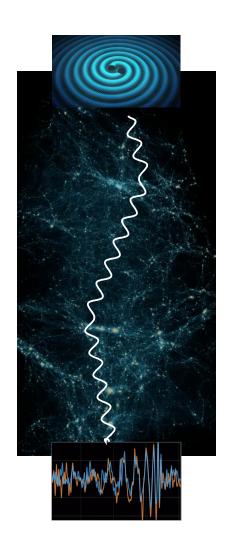








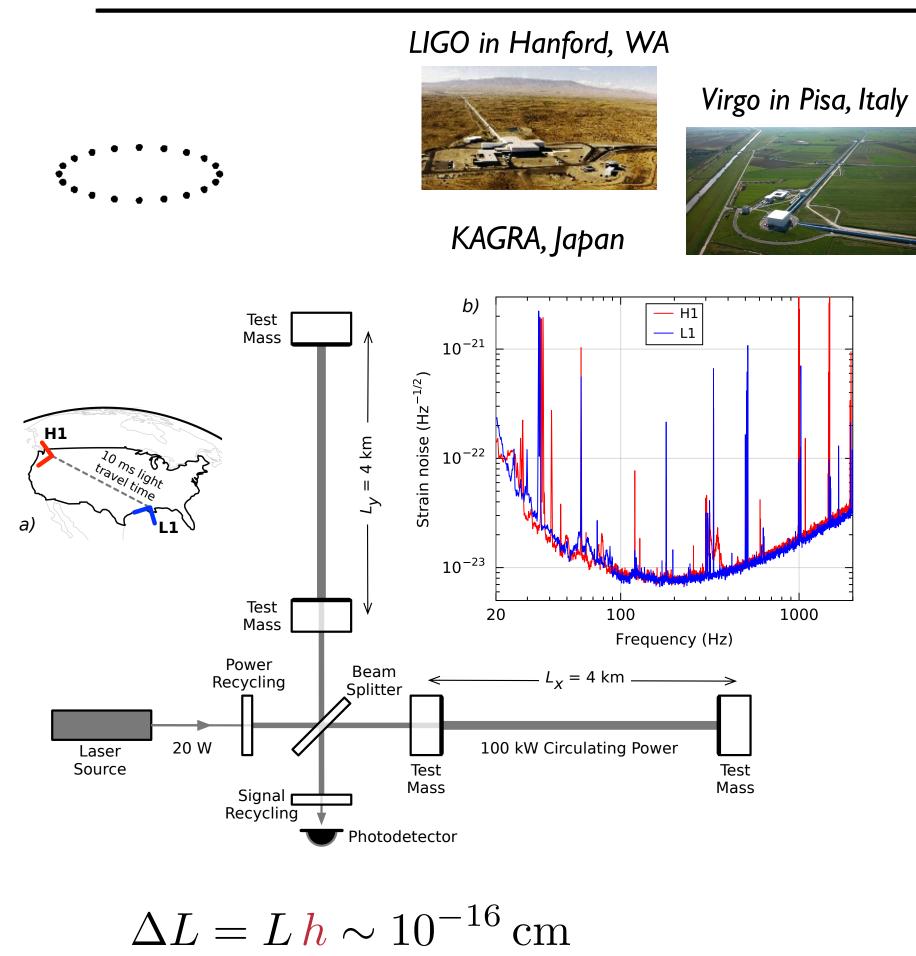




(credit: Zumalacarregui)

 $\nu = \frac{\mu}{M} \rightarrow \text{symmetric mass ratio} \qquad 0 \le \nu \le \frac{1}{\Lambda}$ 



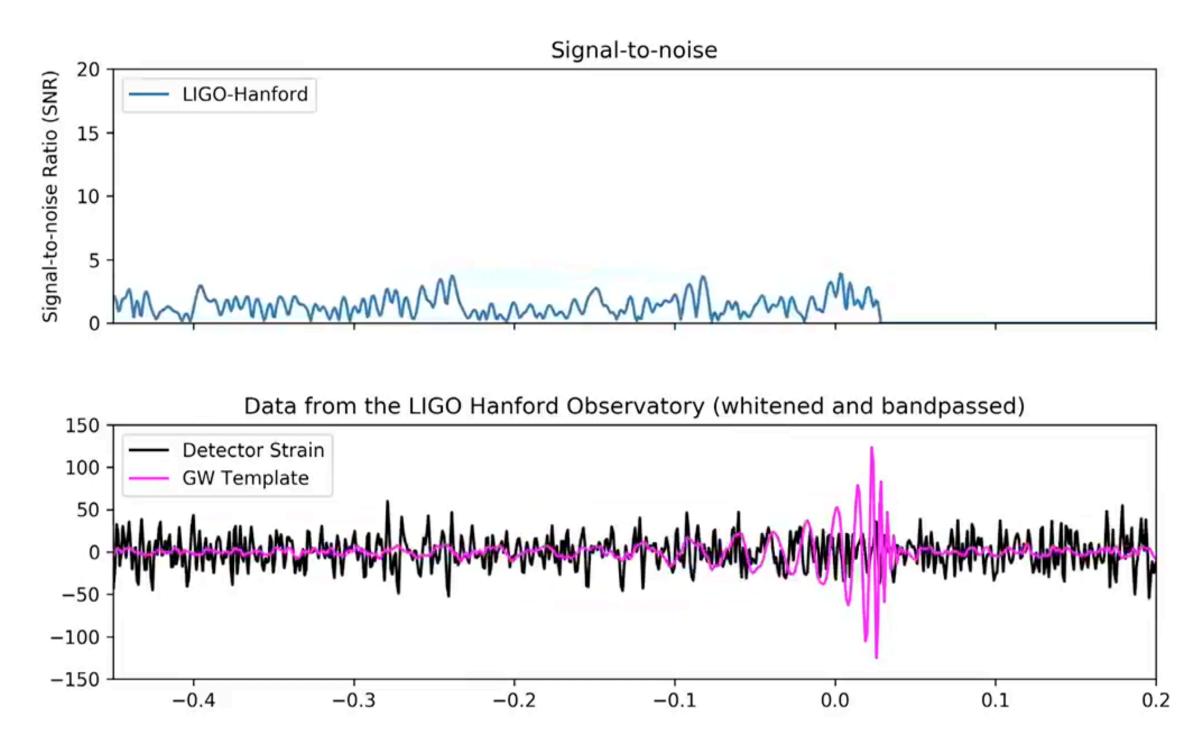


 $L = 4 \,\mathrm{km} \Rightarrow h \sim 10^{-21}$ 

•LIGO/Virgo measure displacements of mirrors at about a ten-thousandth of a proton's diameter.



• Matched filtering (or signal processing) is used to detect signals from coalescing binaries composed of black holes and neutron stars.



• Bank of templates contains several hundred thousands of signals; inference analyses upon detection to extract source properties use millions of waveform models.





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

• How do we determine the fast-varying GW phase  $\Phi_{GW}(t) = 2\Phi(t)$ ?

•GW luminosity: • Binding energy:

$$E(\mathbf{v}) = -\frac{\mu}{2} \mathbf{v}^2 + \cdots \qquad \qquad \mathscr{L}_{GW}(\mathbf{v}) = \frac{32}{5} \nu^2 \frac{c^5}{G} \left(\frac{\mathbf{v}}{c}\right)^{10} + \cdots$$

Newtonian gravity

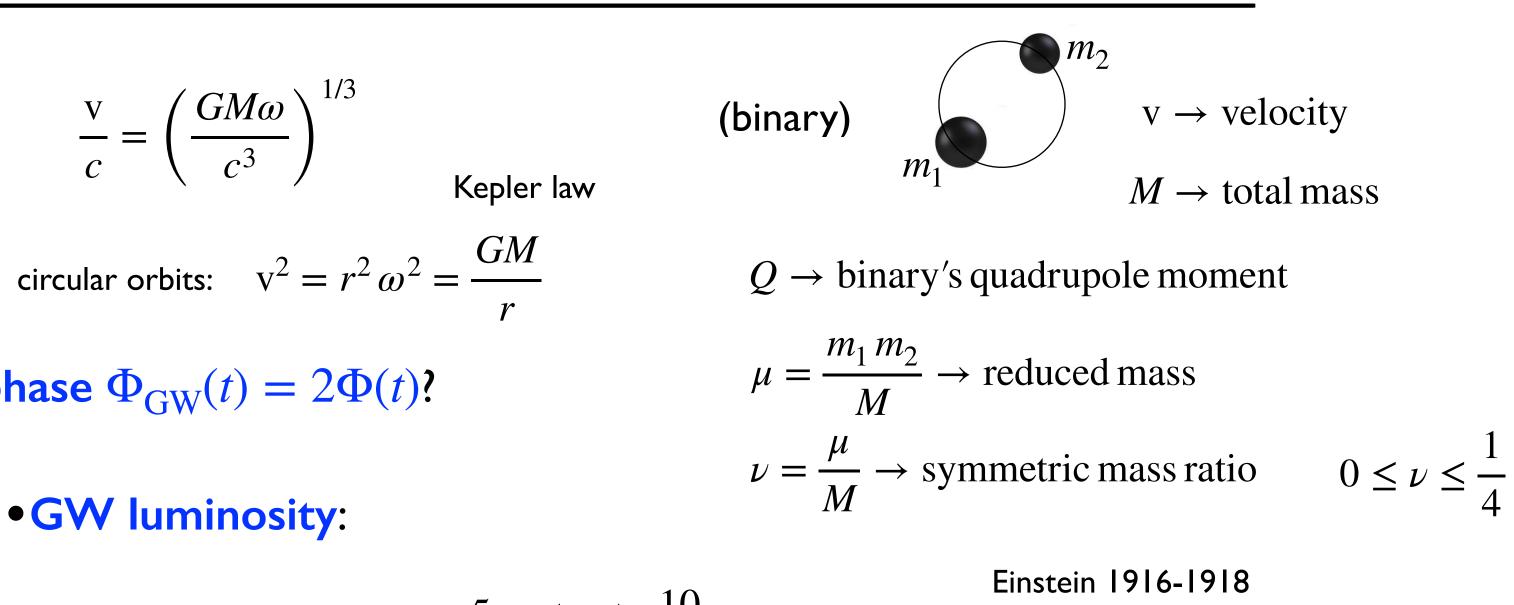
$$\frac{dE(\omega)}{dt} = -\mathscr{L}_{\rm GW}(\omega)$$

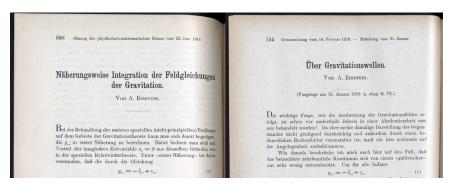
• Gravitational-wave phase:

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$$\bullet \quad \dot{\omega}(t) = -\frac{\mathscr{L}_{\rm GW}(\omega)}{dE(\omega)/d\omega}$$

$$= \frac{1}{\pi} \int^t \omega(t') \, dt$$



# **Properties of Astrophysical Sources via Gravitational Waves**

from time of arrival, amplitude and phase at detectors we infer sky location

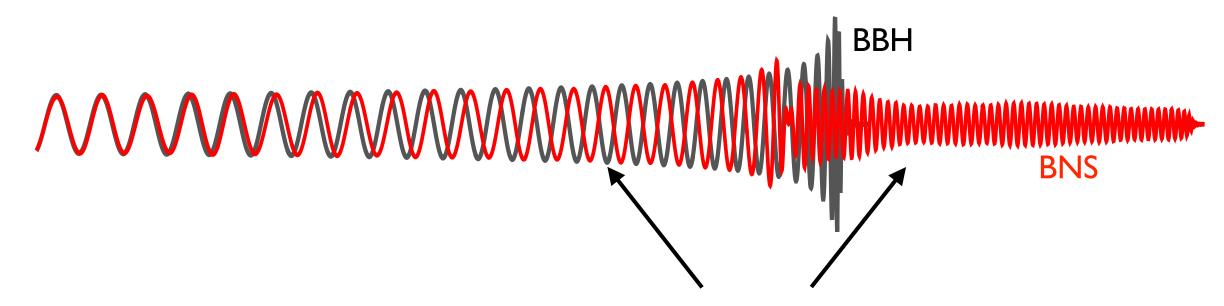
from modulations of amplitude and phase we infer spins and eccentricity

By comparing to waveforms with deviations from GR, we can probe the theory of gravity





from **amplitude** and **masses** we infer distance



from differences in late inspiral and merger of BBHs we infer tidal deformation, and NS composition





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- Einstein's field equations can be solved:
- -approximately, but analytically (fast way)
- -accurately, but numerically on supercomputers (slow way)
- Synergy between analytical and numerical relativity is crucial to provide GW detectors with templates to use for searches and inference analyses.
- Post-Newtonian (large separation, and slow motion)

expansion in

 $v^2/c^2 \sim GM/rc^2$ 



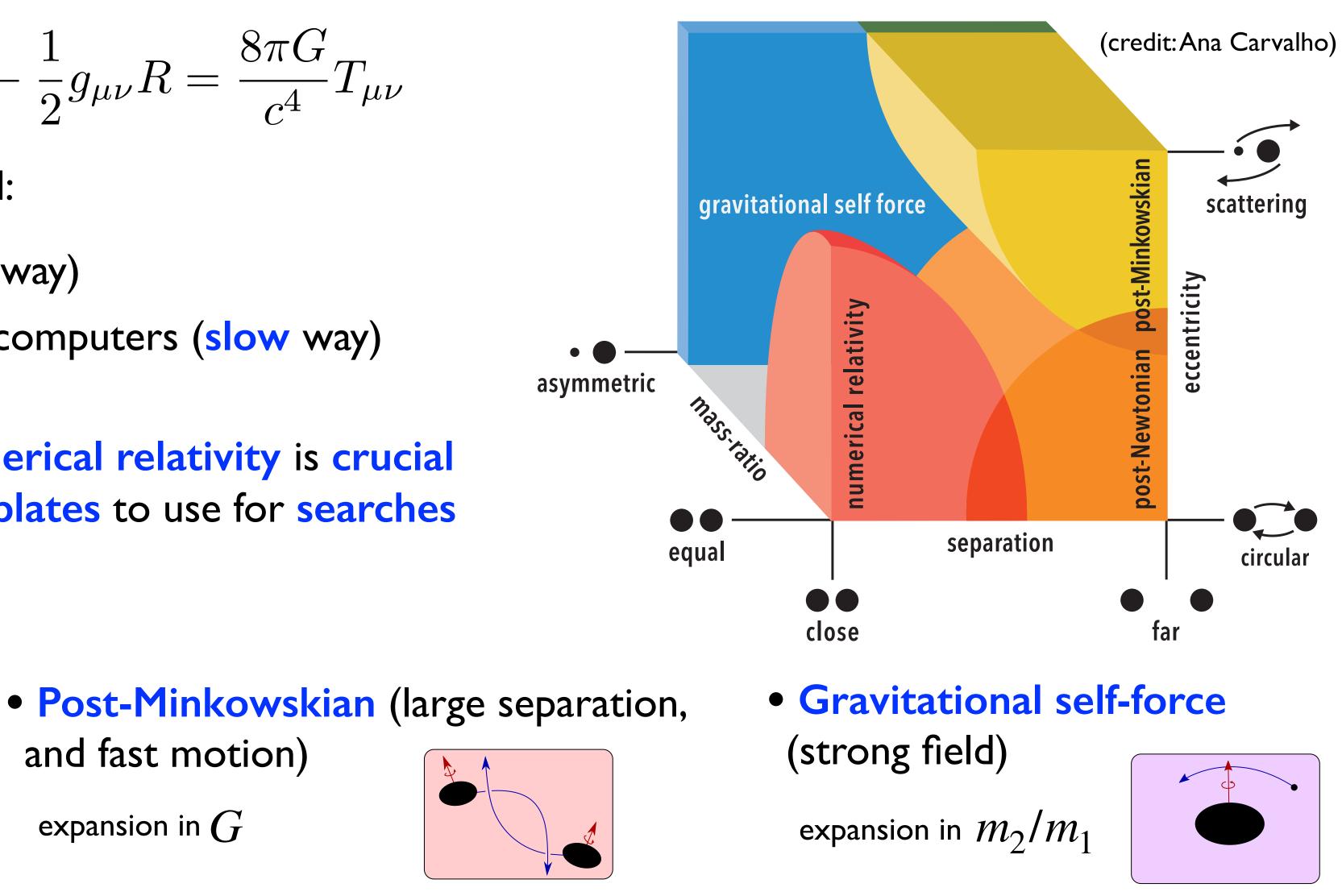
and fast motion)

expansion in G

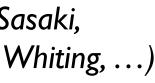
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# **Solving Two-Body Problem in General Relativity**





(Barack, Deitweiler, Mino, Poisson, Pound, Quinn, Sasaki, Tanaka, van de Meent, Wald, Warburton, Wardell, Whiting, ...)





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- Effective-one-body (EOB) theory (combines results from all methods, i.e., for entire coalescence)

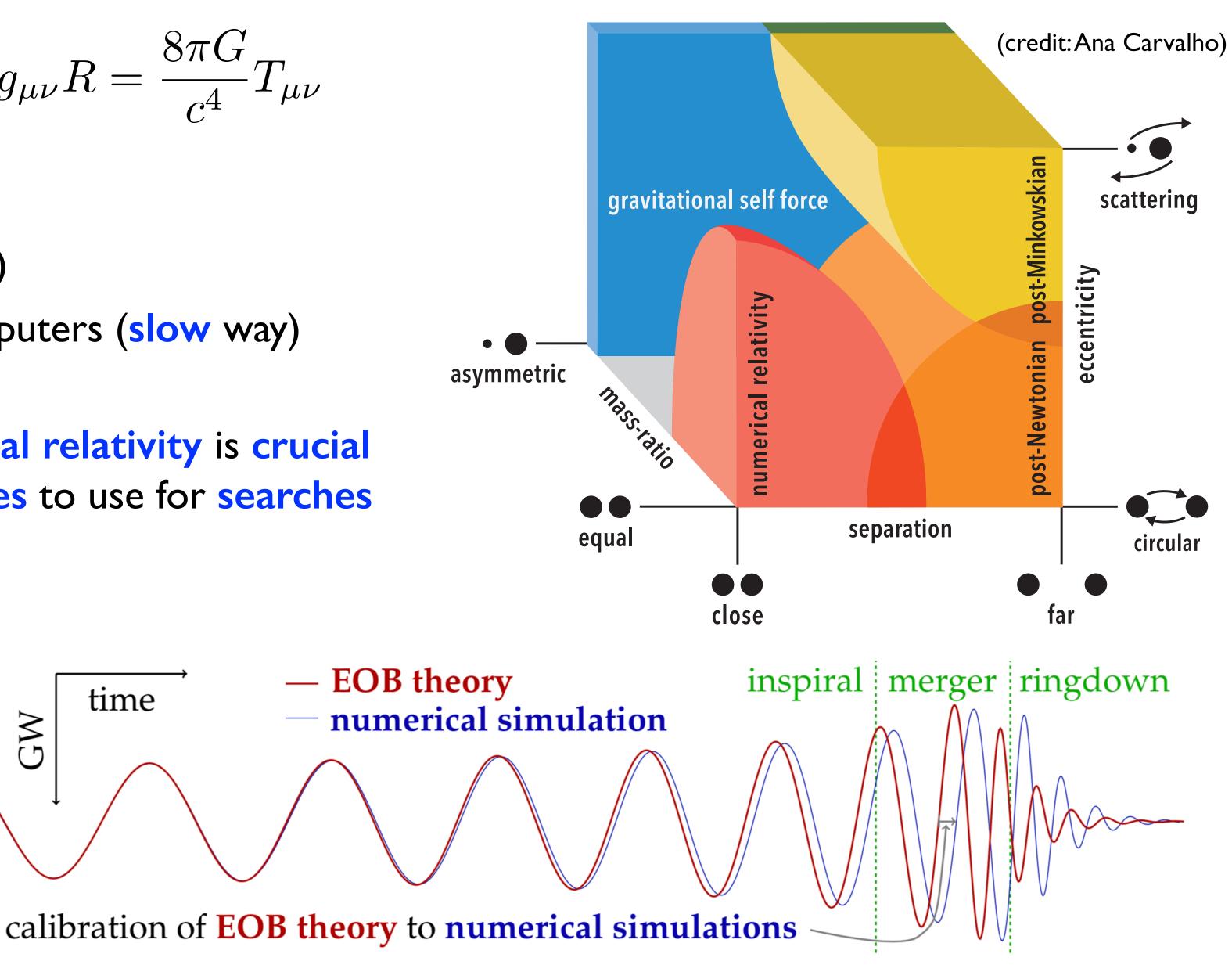
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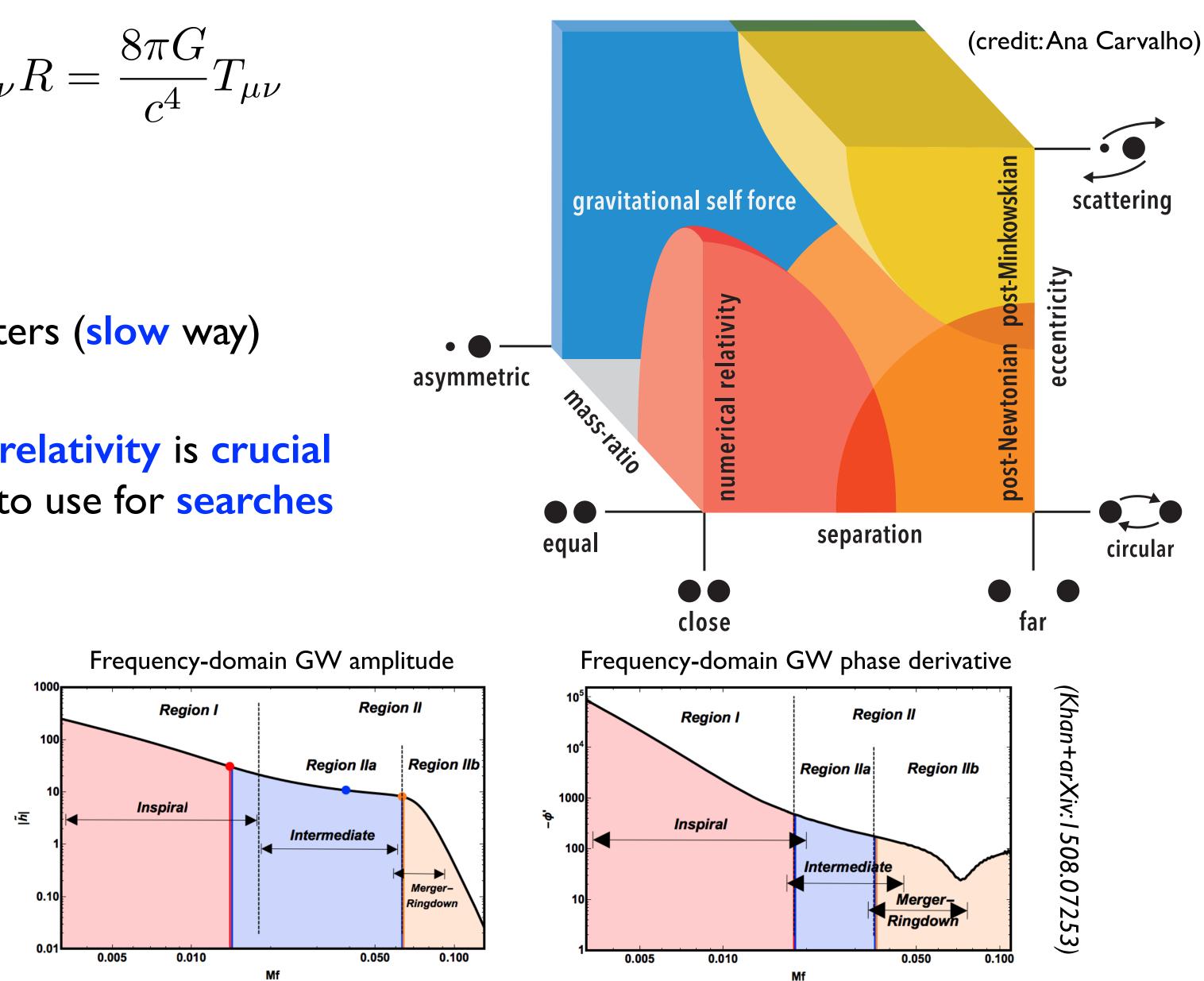






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- Phenomenological frequency-domain waveforms (Phenom) built fitting to EOB, PN and NR.

(Ajith, Hannam, Husa, Ohme, ... Bohé, Colleoni, García, Hamilton, Khan, London, Estellés, Pratten, Pürrer, Ramos-Buades, Quirós, Santamaria, Schmidt, Shrobana, Thompson, ...)

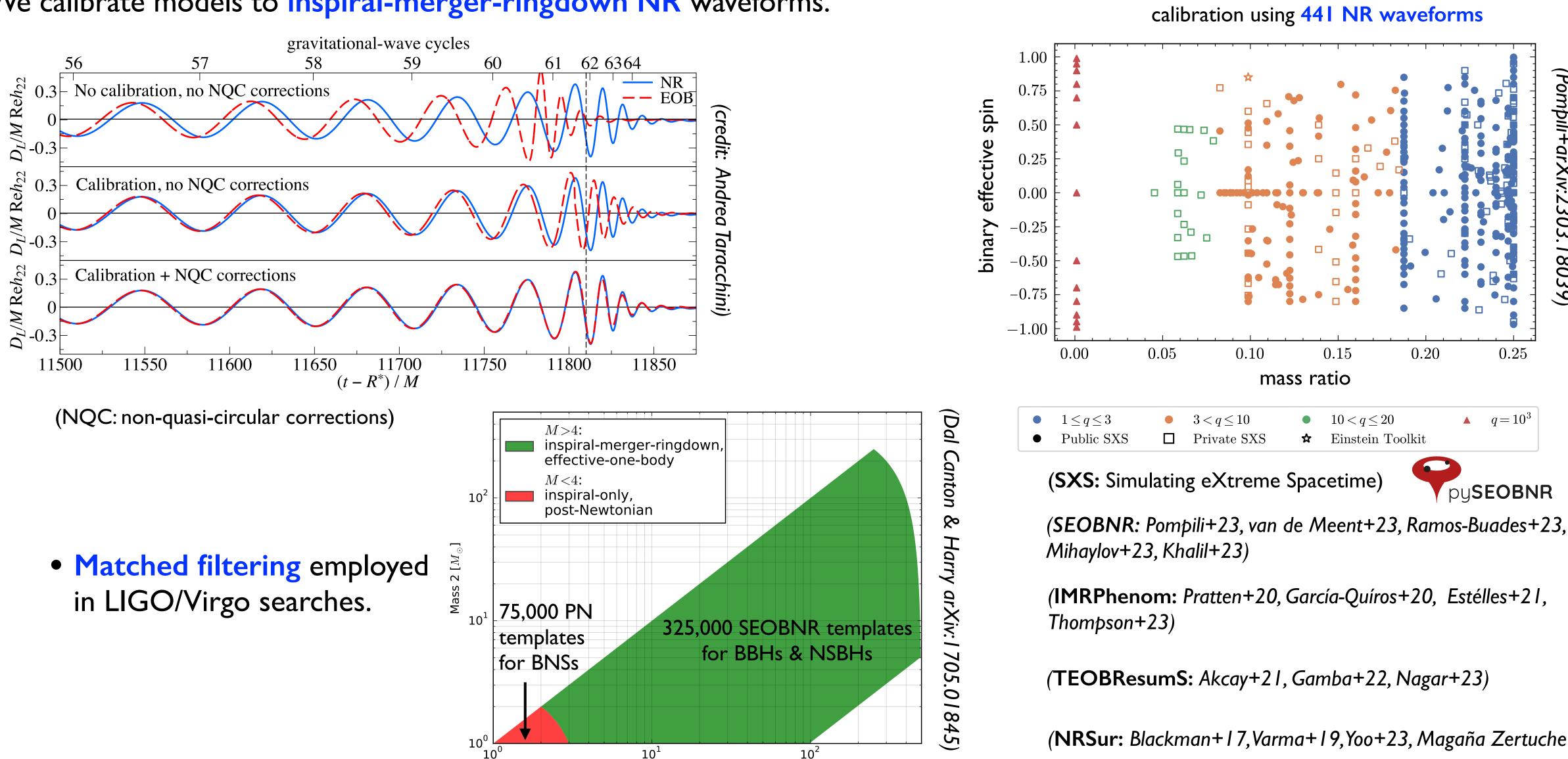


# **Solving Two-Body Problem in General Relativity**



# **Completing Waveform Models with NR Information & Template Bank**

#### • We calibrate models to inspiral-merger-ringdown NR waveforms.

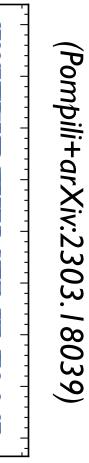


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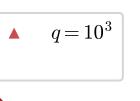


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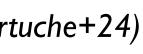
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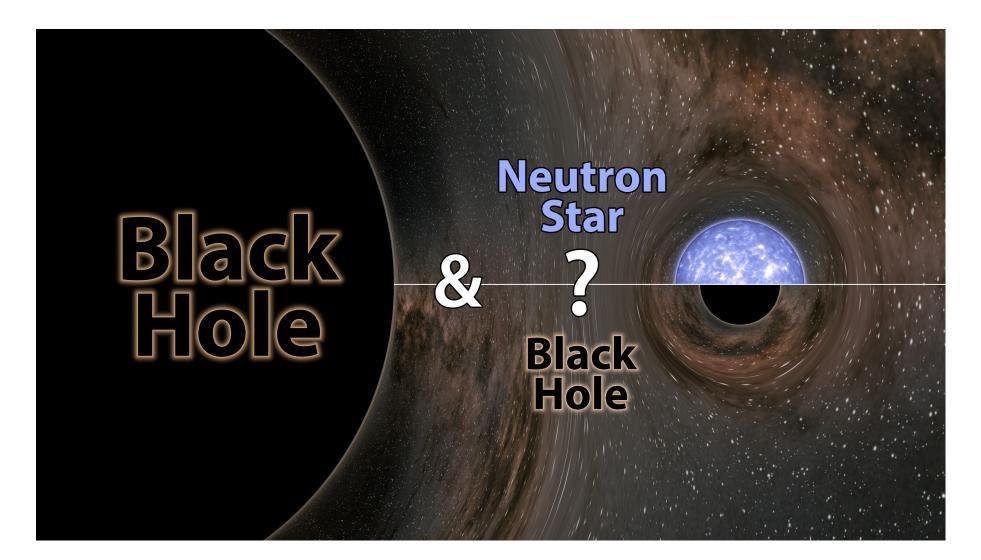






• Either the largest neutron star or the smallest black hole.

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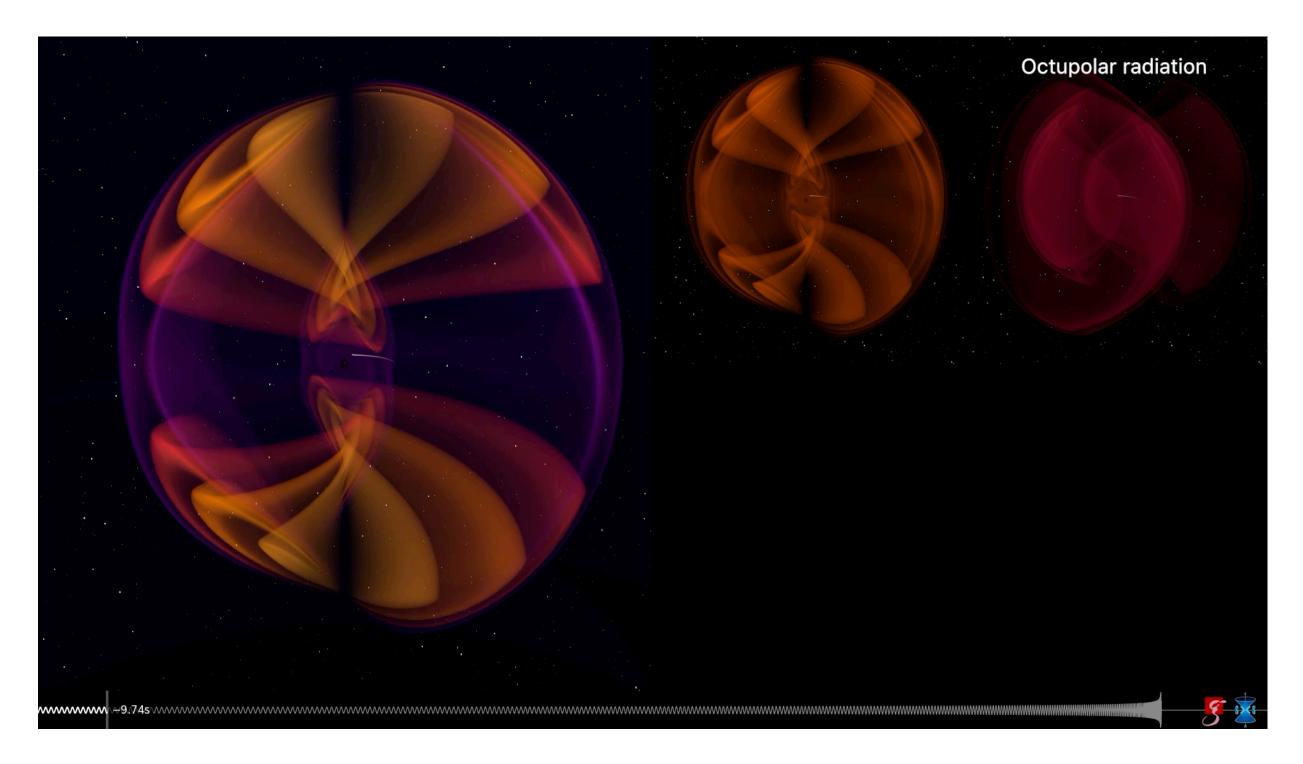


(LIGO/Caltech/MIT/R. Hurt (IPAC))



• The more substructure and complexity the binary has (e.g., masses or spins of BHs are different) the richer is the spectrum of radiation emitted.

$$h_{+} - ih_{\times} = \sum_{\ell,m} -2Y_{\ell m}(\varphi, \iota) h_{\ell m}(t)$$



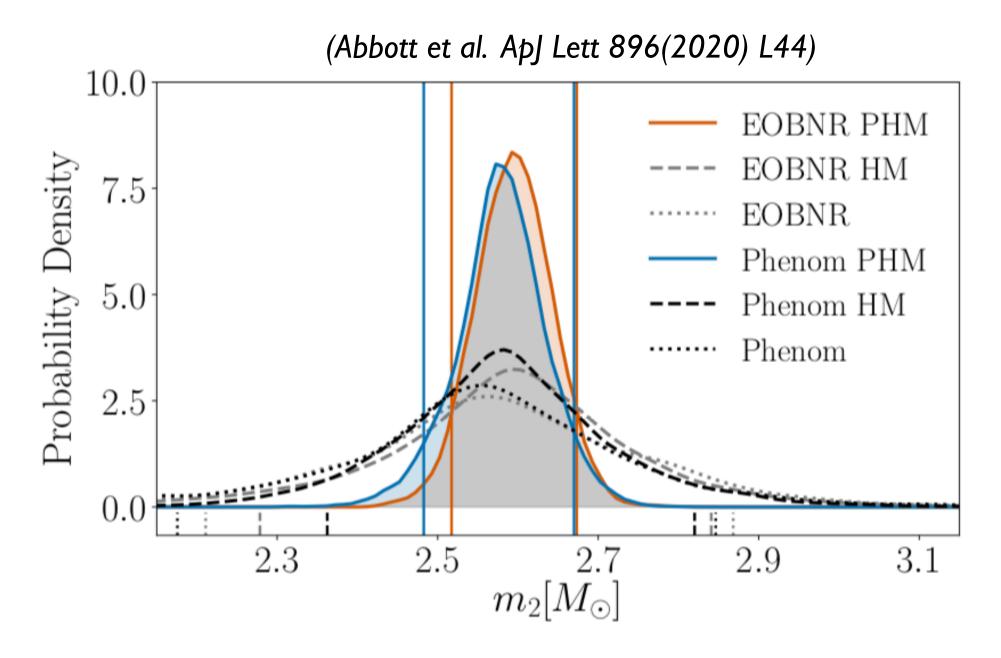
(credit: Fischer/Vu, Pfeiffer, Ossokine & AB; SXS Collaboration)





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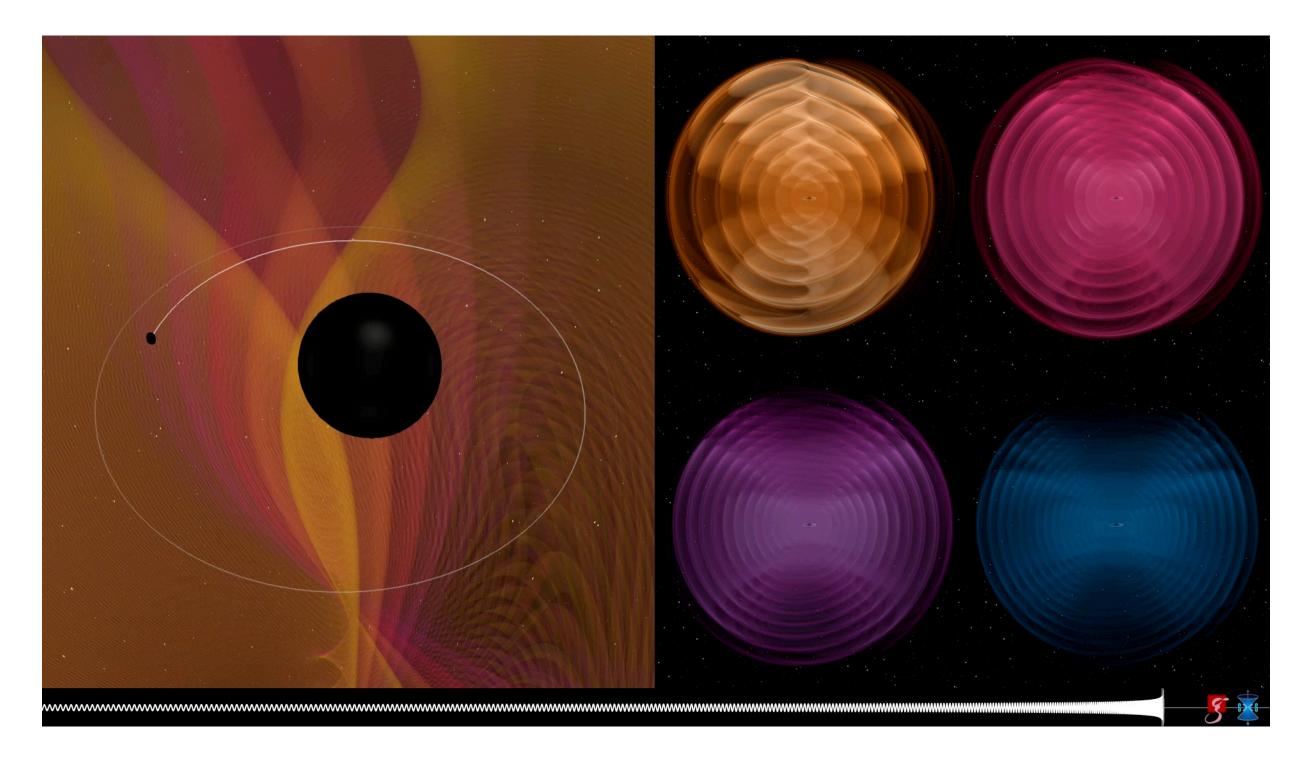


• Using waveform models with higher-modes and spin-precession constrains more tightly the secondary mass.



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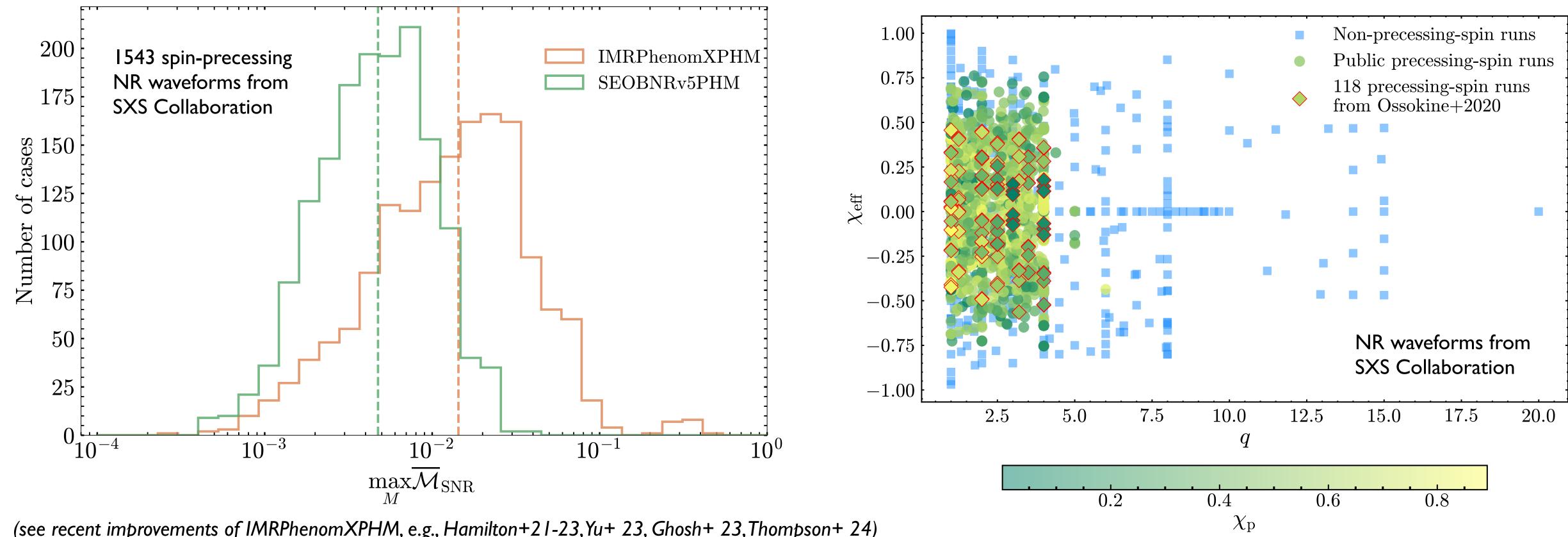




quasi-circular, spin-precessing case

$$\mathcal{M} = 1 - \max_{t_0, \phi_0} \frac{(h_{\text{model}}, h_{\text{NR}})}{\sqrt{(h_{\text{model}}, h_{\text{model}})(h_{\text{NR}}, h_{\text{NR}})}} \qquad (h, g) = 4\text{Re}\left[\int_{f_{\text{min}}}^{f_{\text{max}}} \frac{h(f)g^*(f)df}{S_n(f)}\right]$$

Mismatch  $\mathcal{M} = 0$  implies models & NR match perfectly



(see recent improvements of IMRPhenomXPHM, e.g., Hamilton+21-23, Yu+ 23, Ghosh+ 23, Thompson+ 24)

# **Accuracy of Spin-Precessing Waveform Models**



(Ramos-Buades, AB, Khalil, Estelles, Pompili & Ossokine, arXiv: 2303.18046)

$$\chi_{\rm eff} = \left(\frac{m_1}{M}\,\chi_1 + \frac{m_2}{M}\,\chi_2\right) \cdot \hat{\mathbf{L}}$$

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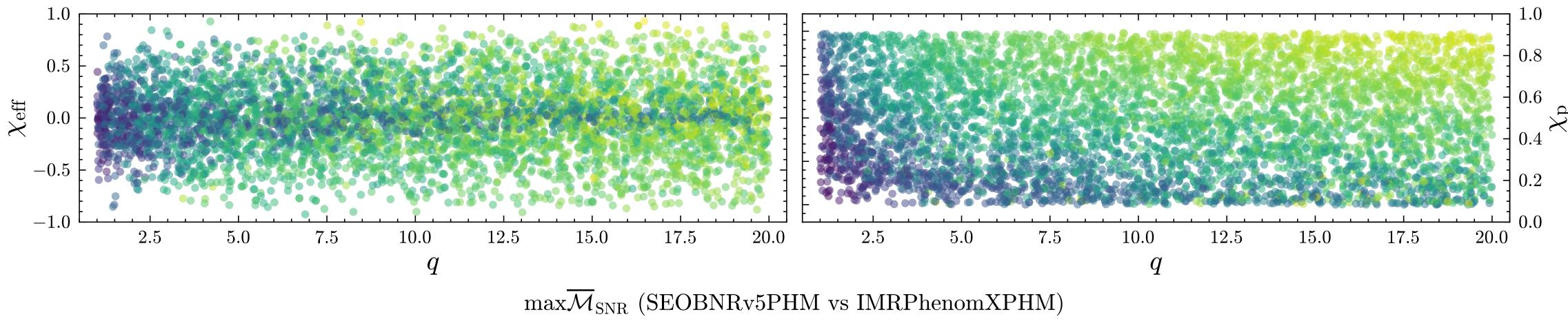




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mismatch against models



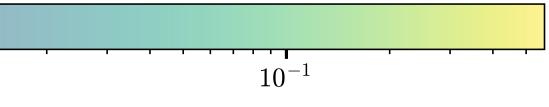
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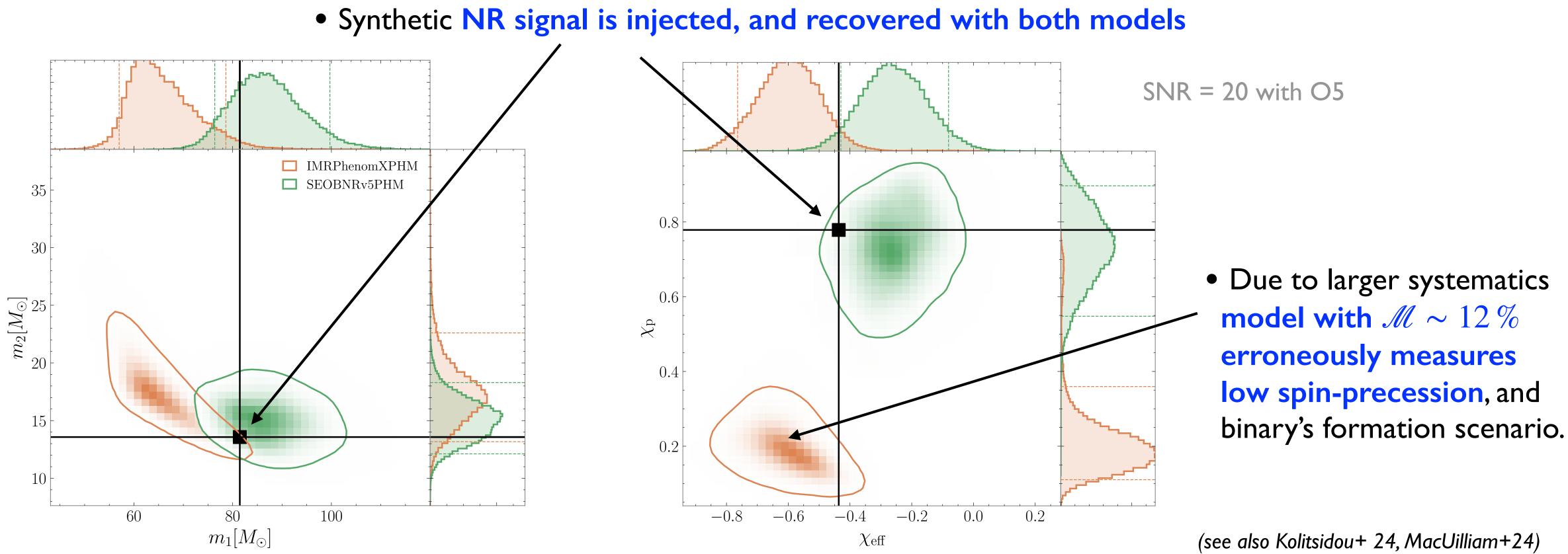


#### •We should care about systematics.



quasi-circular, spin-precessing case

 $\mathcal{M}(\mathsf{IMRPhenomXPHM}|\mathsf{NR}) = 12\%$   $\mathcal{M}(\mathsf{SEOBNRv5PHM}|\mathsf{NR}) = 2\%$ 



# Systematics in the Spin-Precessing Quasi-Circular Sector



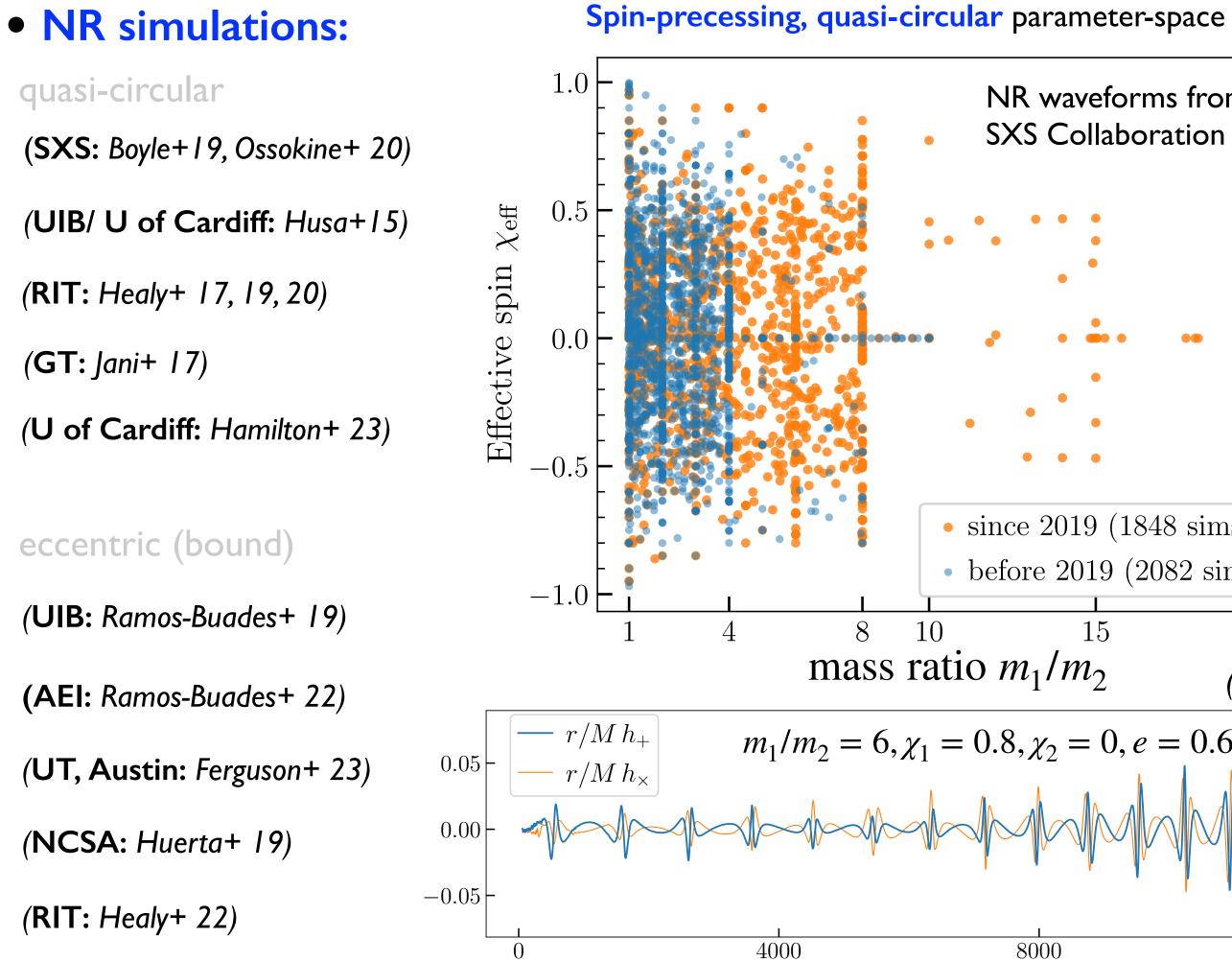
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simulations, which is also important for construction of NR surrogate waveform models.

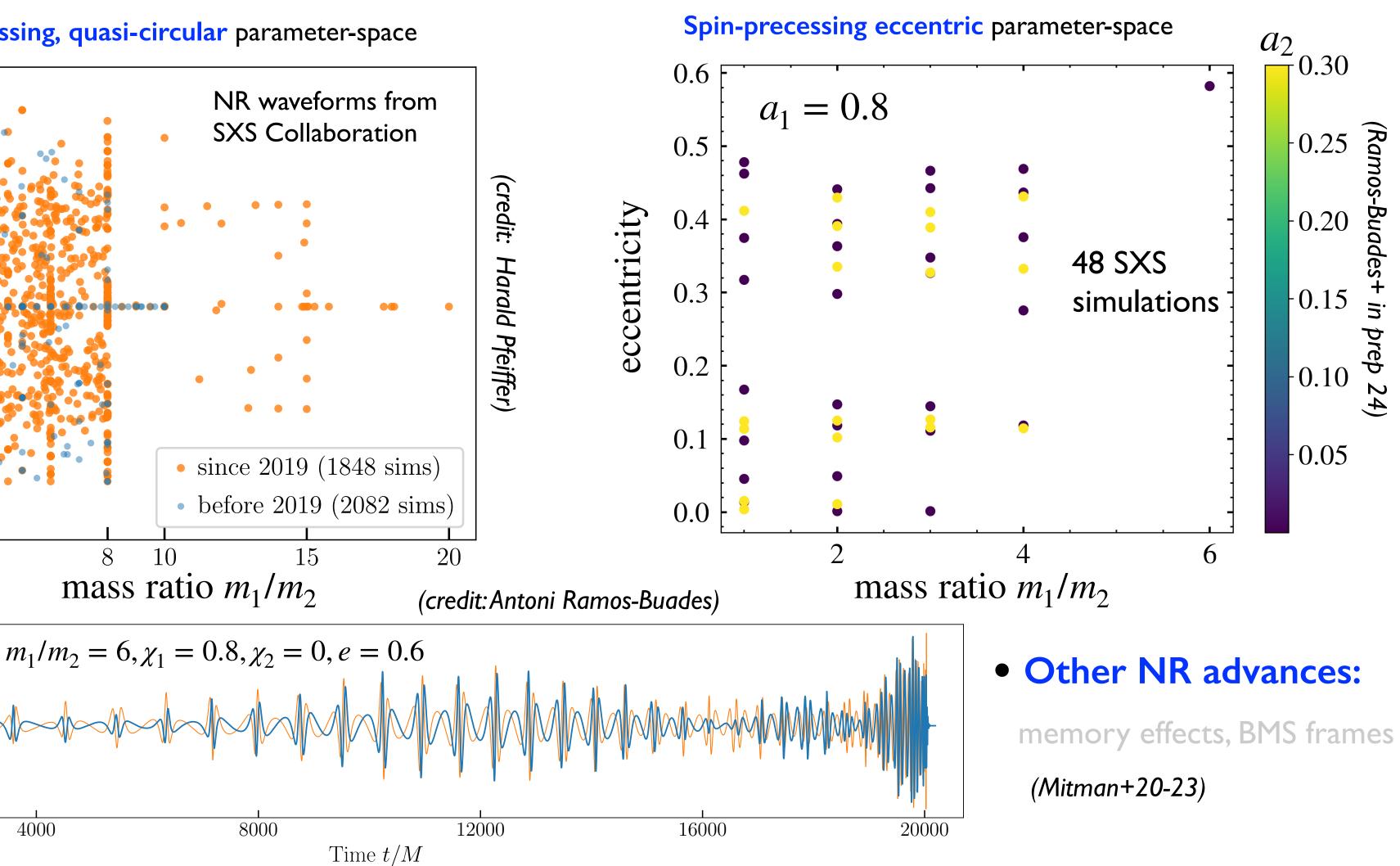


# 8 10 15 mass ratio $m_1/m_2$

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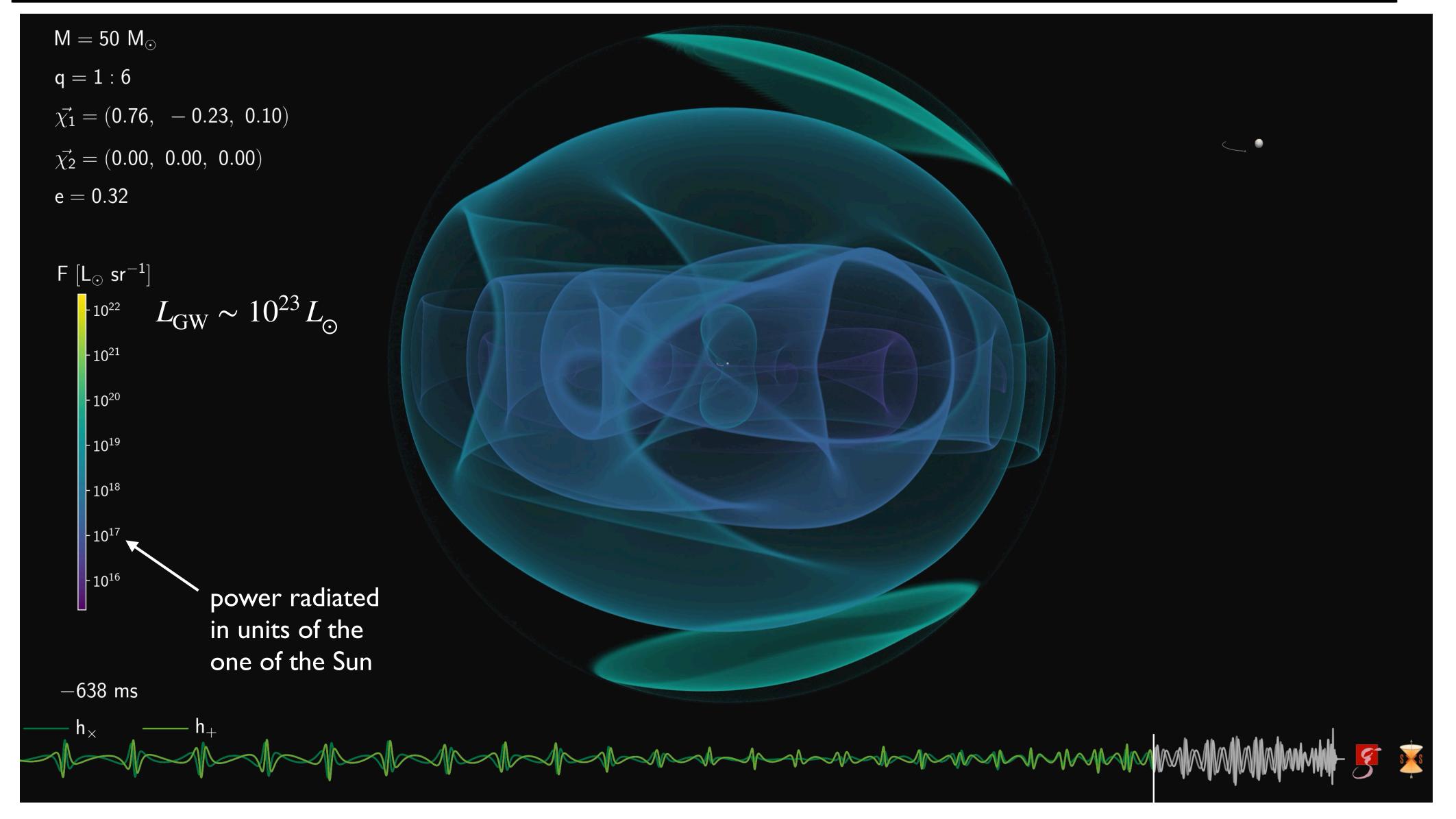
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# Frontier of GW Modeling: Compact Objects on Generic Orbits

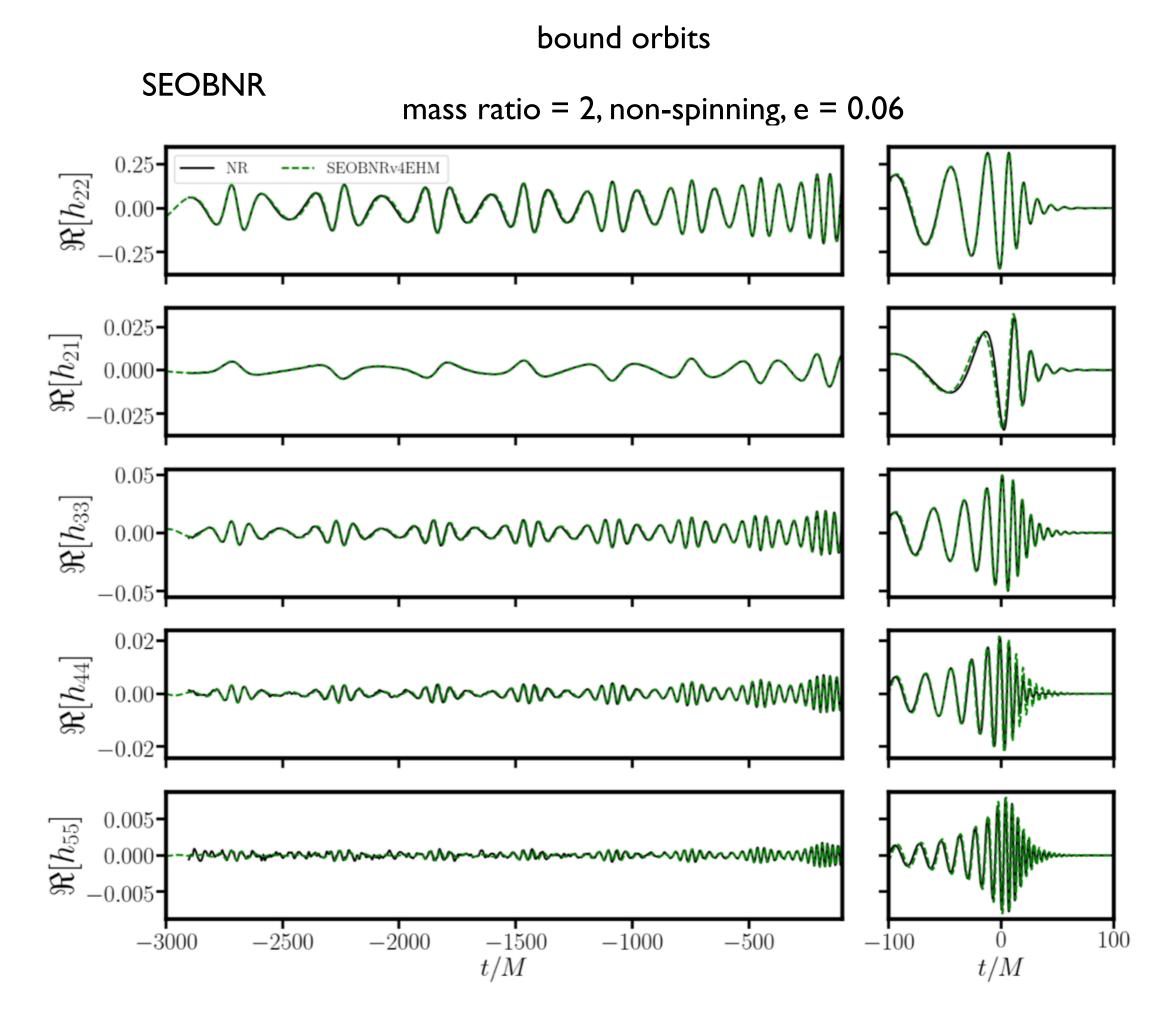


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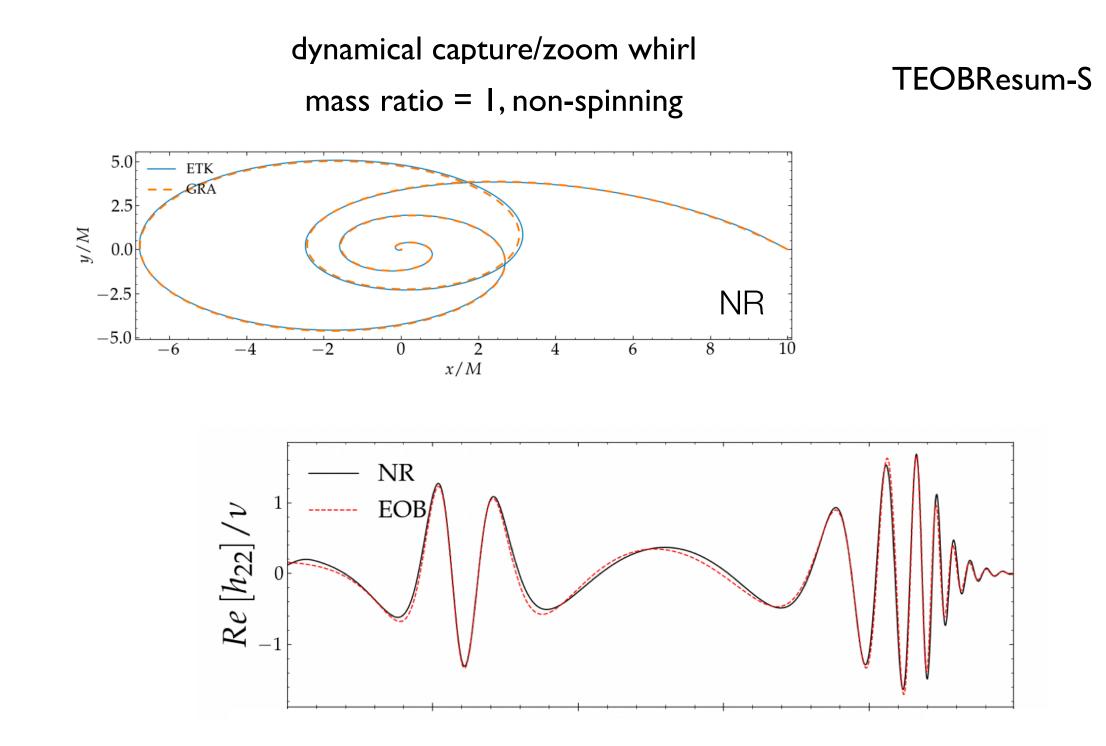
waveforms has been assessed only for low eccentricity (  $\leq 0.3$ ) and small spins.



• Several studies to infer eccentricity in LVK population.

# **Advances in Modeling Generic Orbits: Non-Precessing Spins and Eccentricity**

• Eccentric, spinning non-precessing IMR waveforms from EOB families are available, but accuracy against public NR

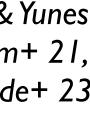


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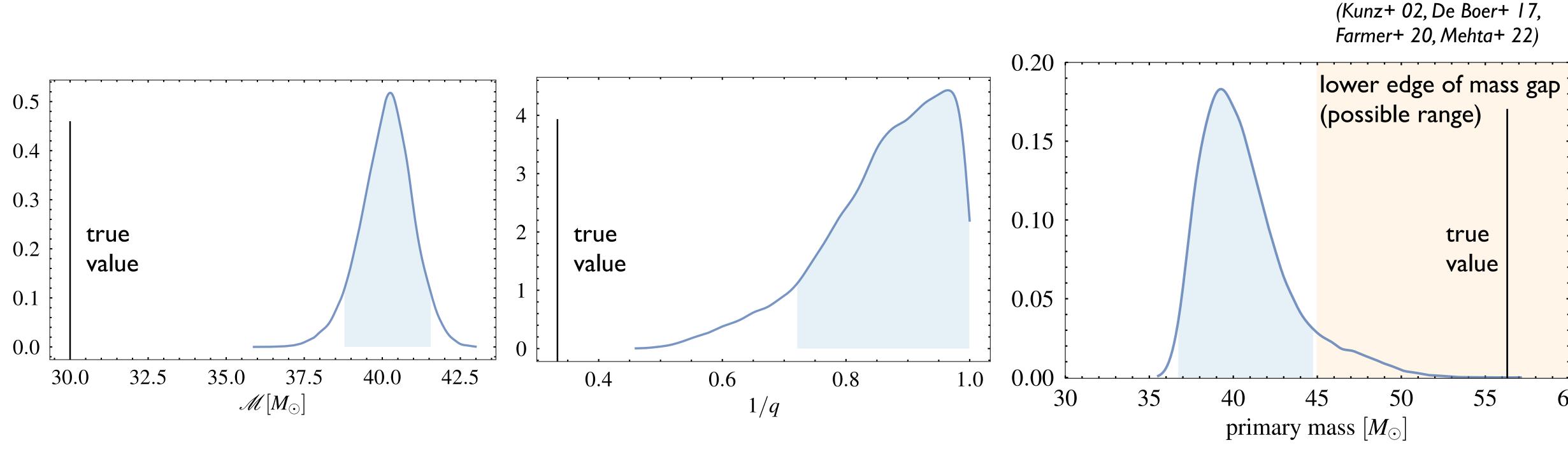




#### • Parameters of synthetic eccentric • Signal is recovered with quasi-circular signal that is injected: model using Bayesian analysis.

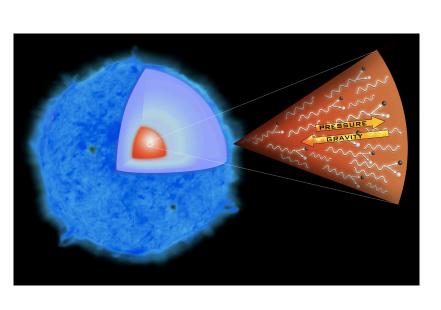
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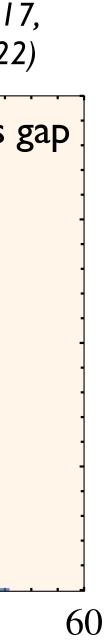


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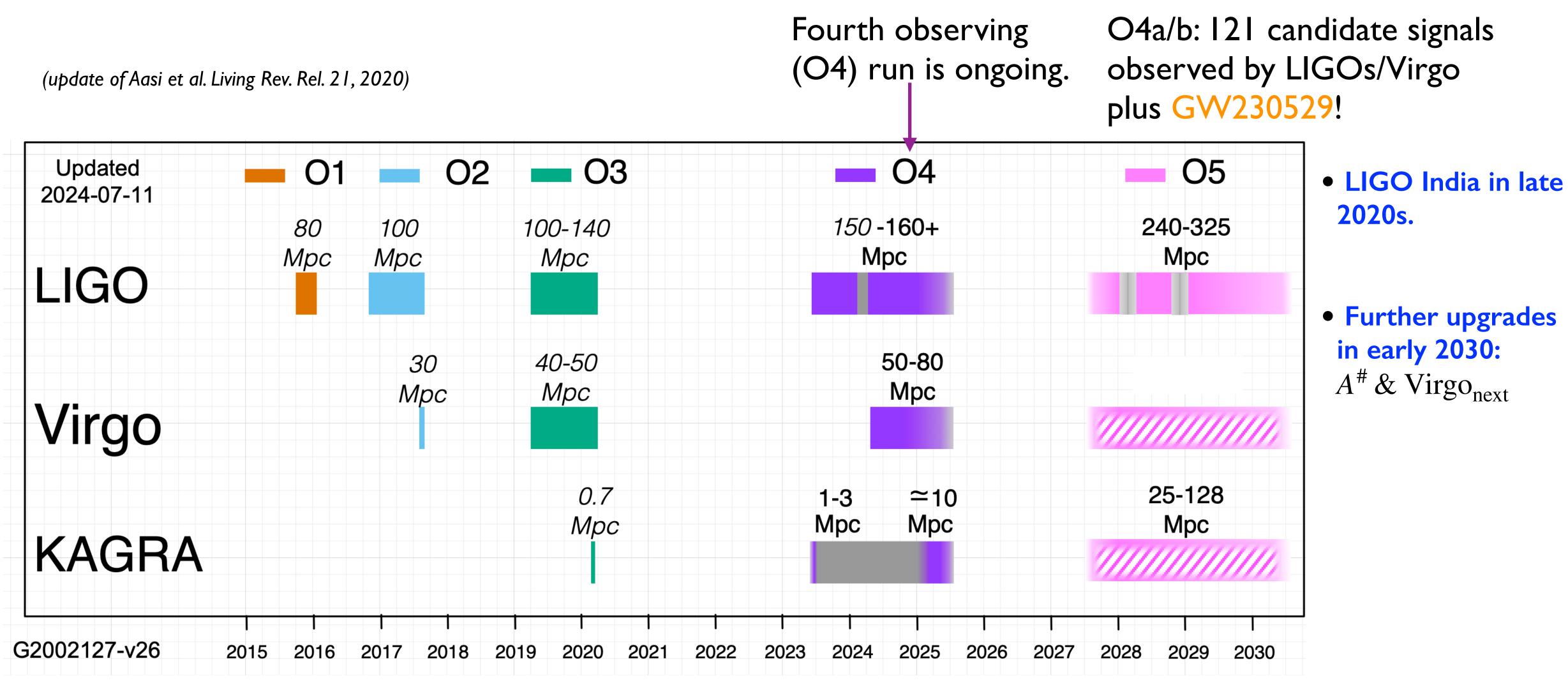












• Inference of astrophysical properties of BBHs, NSBHs and BNSs in local Universe ( $z \leq 1 - 2$ ).

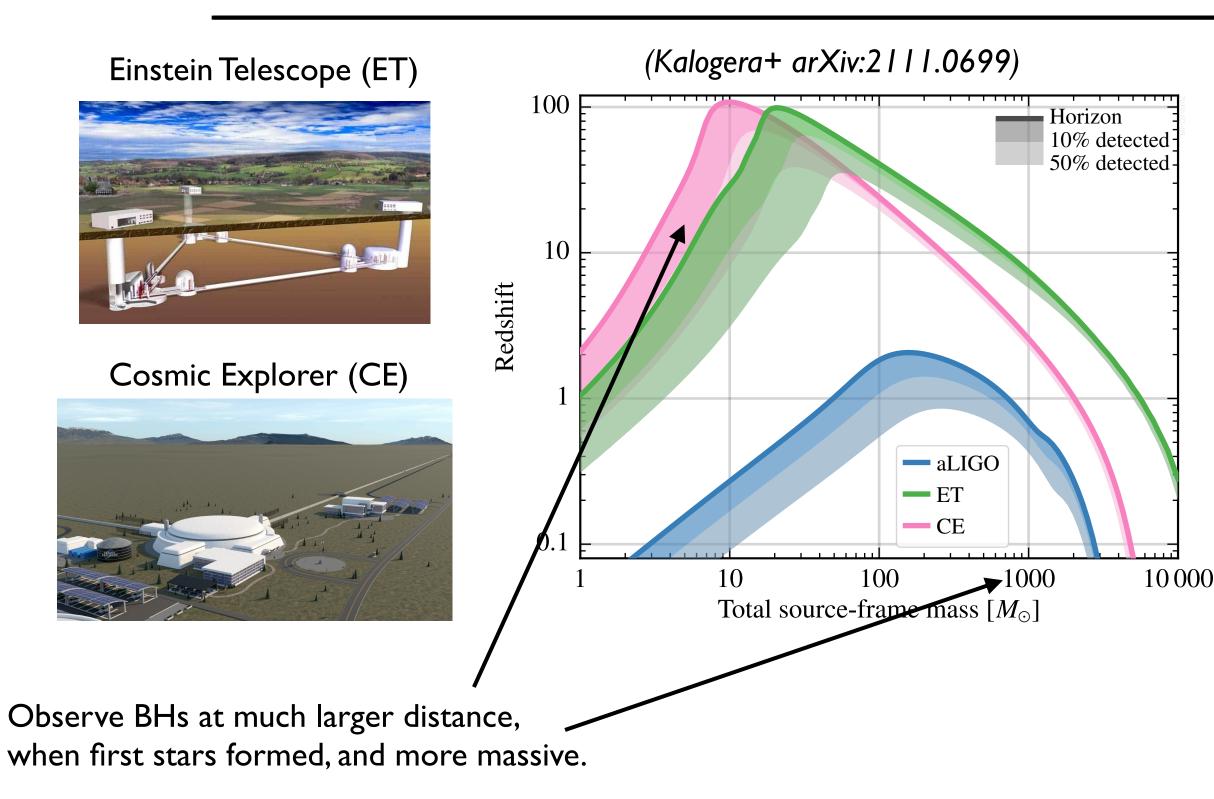
# **GW** Astronomy on the Ground until 2030











 Exquisite characterization of binary BHs (NSs): the number of events/yr with signal-to-noise ratio > 100 will be ~ 9,500 (380).

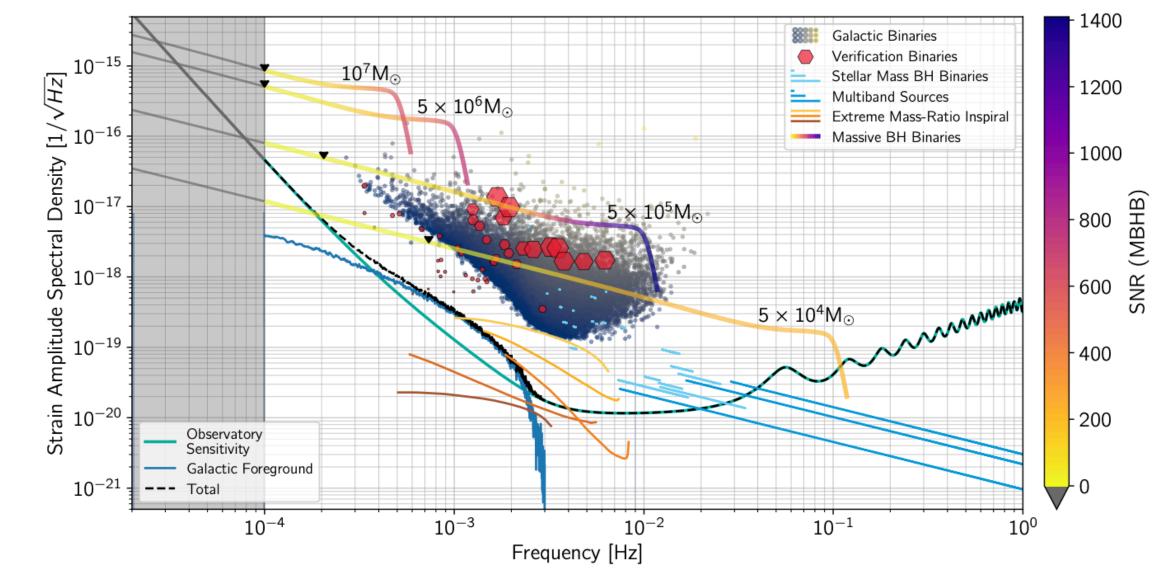
(Borhanian & Sathyaprakash 22; Gupta et al. 23)

# GW Astronomy on the Ground & Space in 2030s: from hectoHz to milli Hz



• GW signals will be loud and last for weeks/months.

(LISA Red Book arXiv:2402.07571)

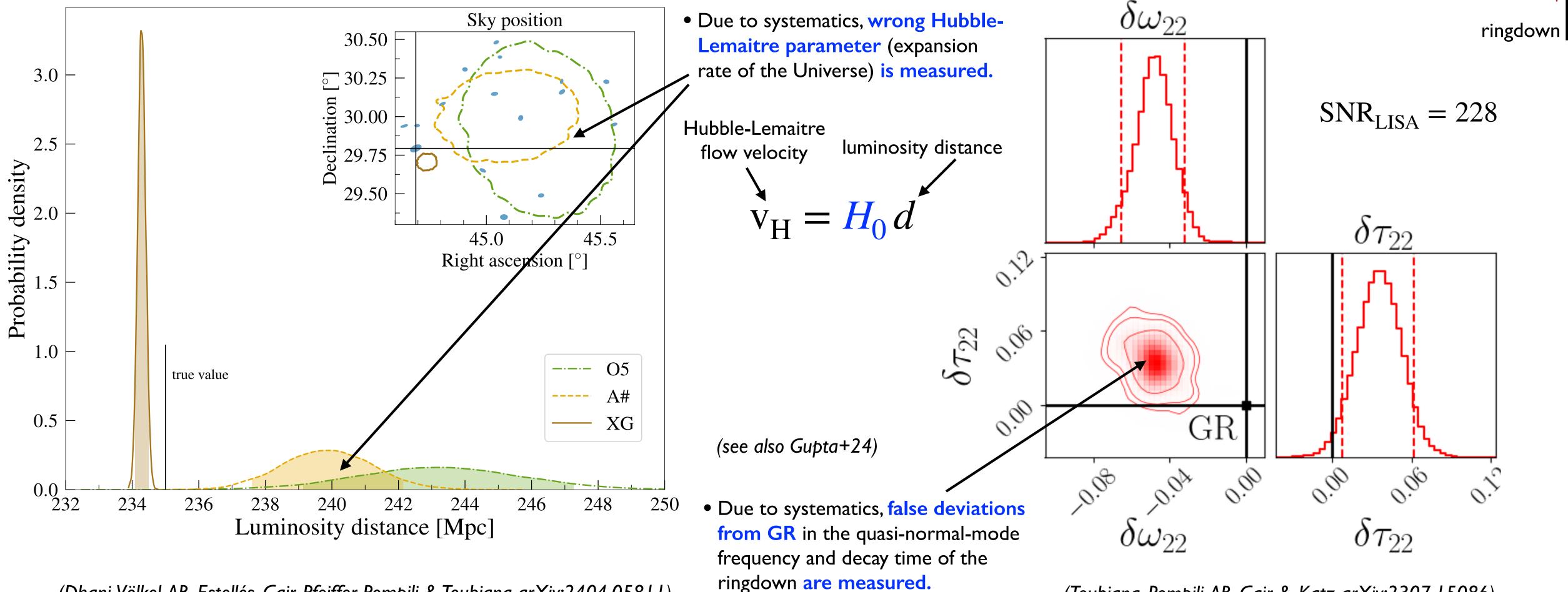






• BH binary GW190814-like ( $q \sim 10$ ), but highly precessing.

 $SNR_{O5} = 119$ ,  $SNR_{A\#} = 219$ ,  $SNR_{XG} = 2490$ 



<sup>(</sup>Dhani, Völkel, AB, Estellés, Gair, Pfeiffer Pompili & Toubiana arXiv:2404.05811)

# **Precision GW Astronomy: The Accuracy Challenge**



### Massive BH binary with moderate mass ratio and spins.



(Toubiana, Pompili, AB, Gair & Katz arXiv:2307.15086)

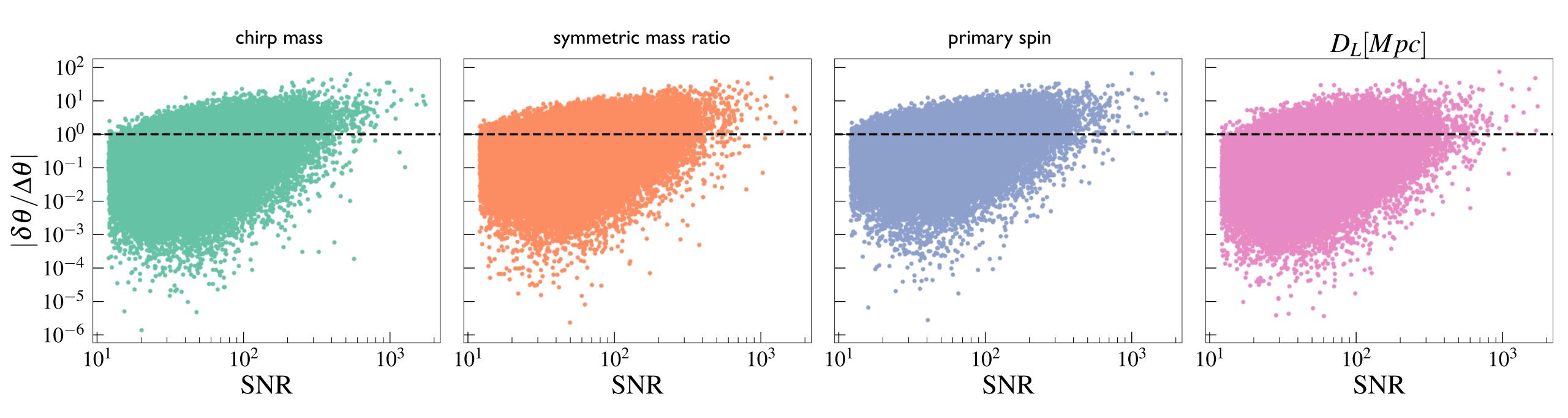




quasi-circular, spin-precessing case

- $\delta\theta$ : bias between SEOBNRv5PHM and IMRPhenomXPHM
- $\Delta\theta$ : statistical error (1 $\sigma$ ) using Fisher Information Matrix

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• SEOBNRv5PHM and IMRPhenomXPHM are not independent since the latter is also calibrated to SEOBNR waveforms.

(Flanagan & Hughes 98; Cutler & Vallisneri 07)

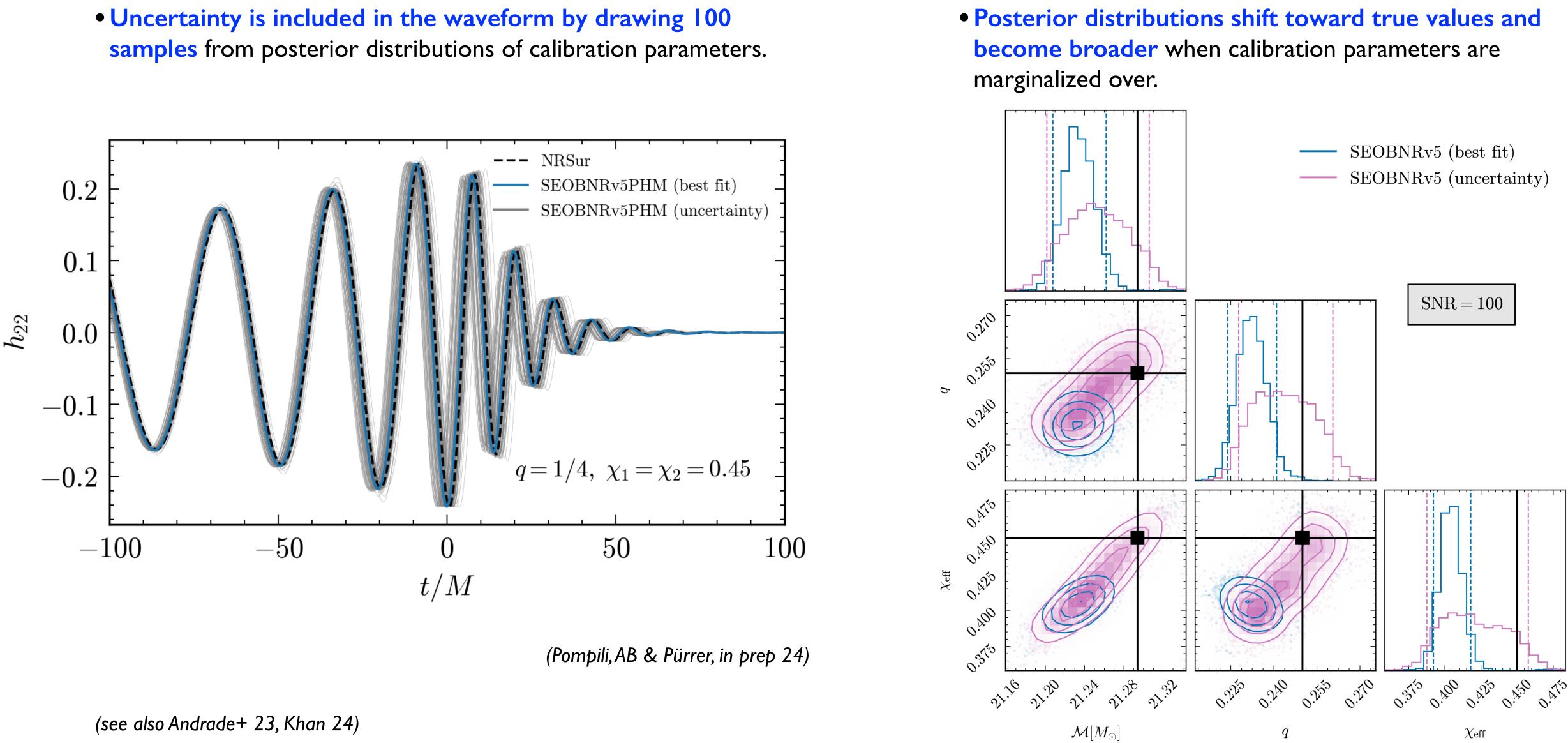
XG = ET/CE detectors

(see also Kapil+24)





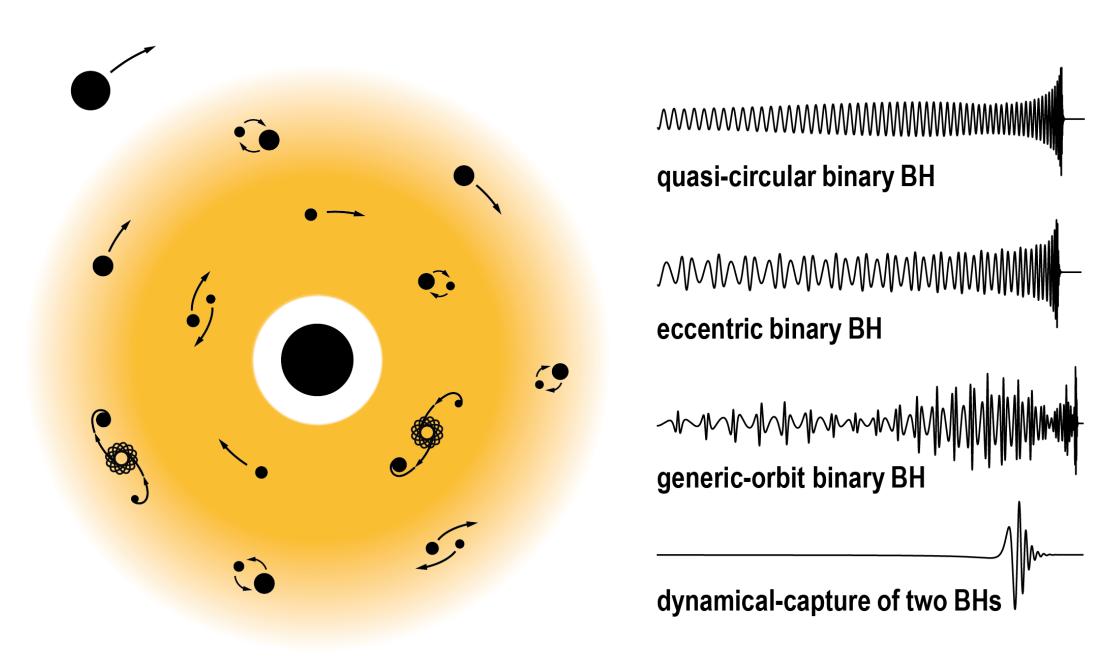




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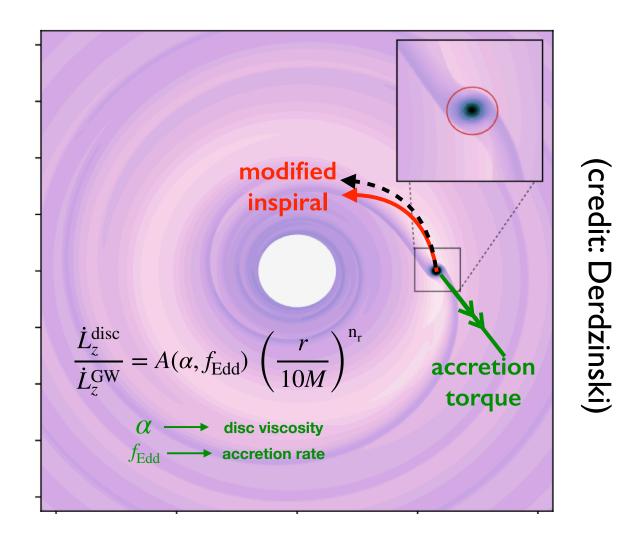
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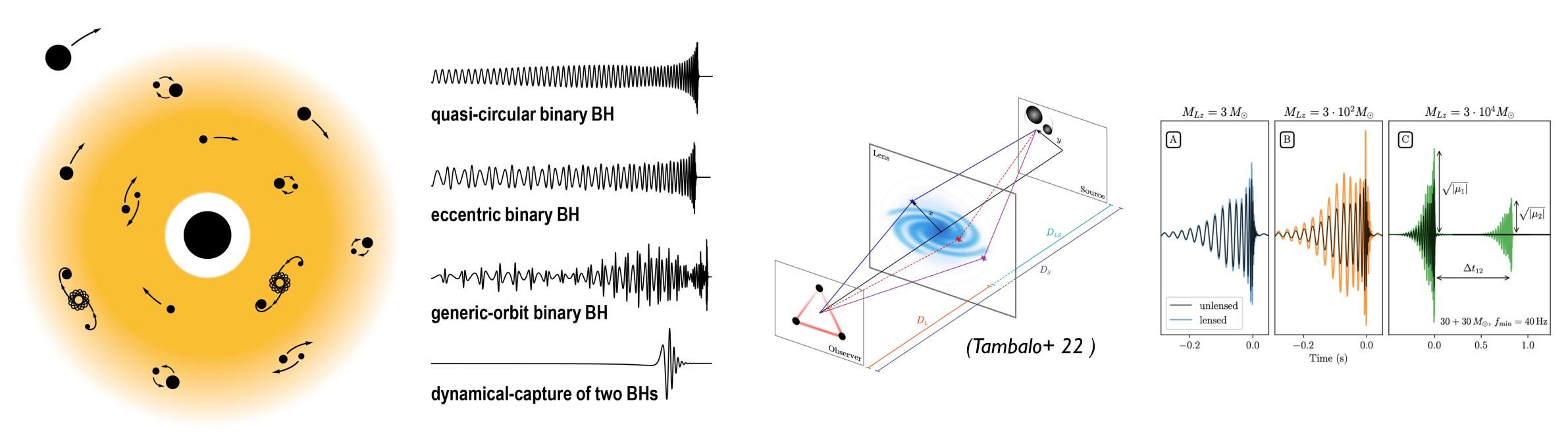


(Levin 03, Barausse+14, Speri+23, Zwick+23)



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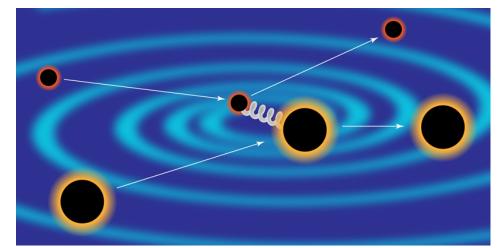
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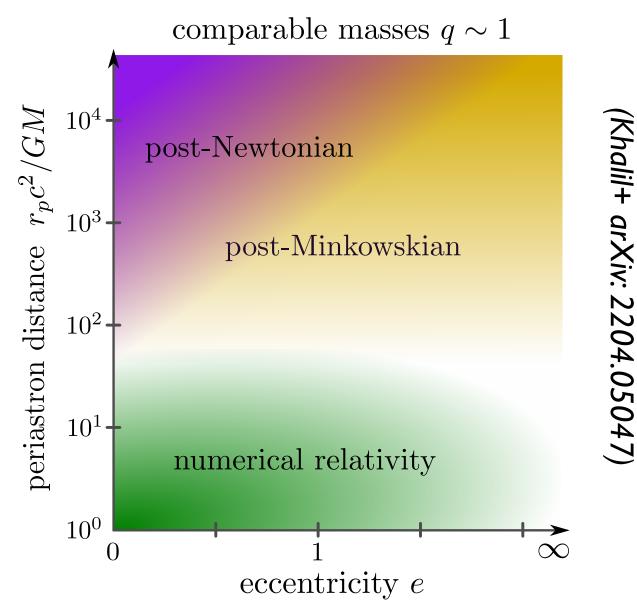
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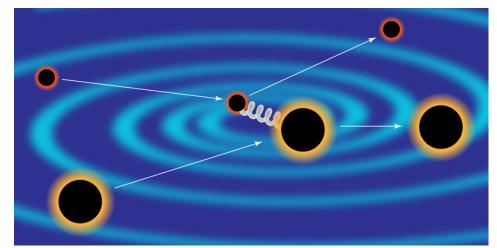
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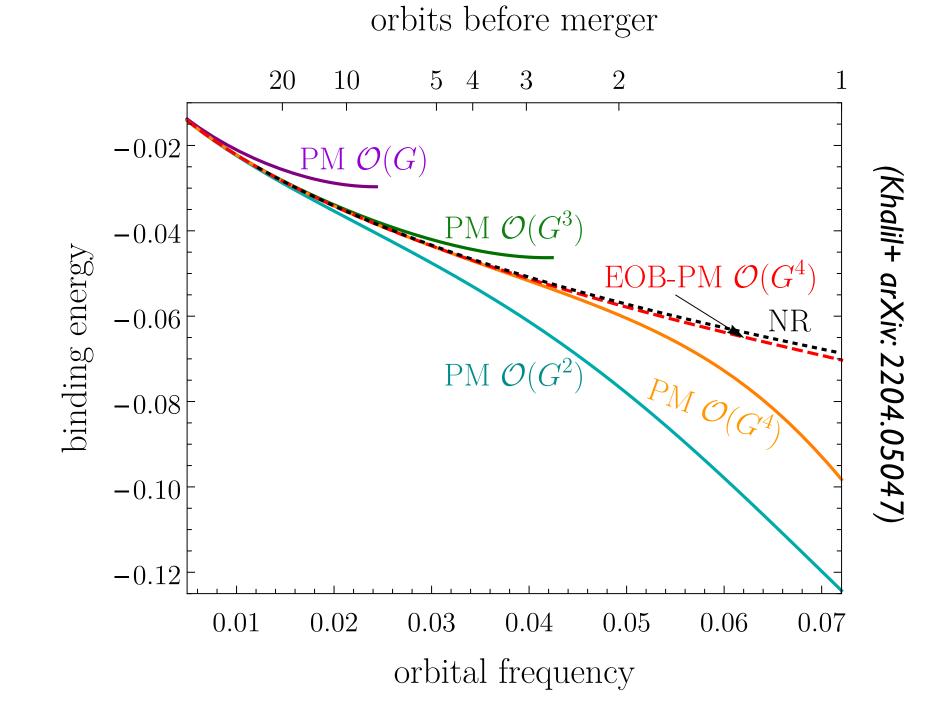
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#### • **PM results resummed** in the EOB formalism.



APS/Stonebraker)



 $oldsymbol{a}_1$  N • Two-body dynamics is mapped onto the dynamics of one-effective body moving in deformed black $m_1$ hole spacetime, deformation being the mass ratio.

 $\mu = m_1 m_2/M$   $M = m_1 + m_2$   $\nu = \mu/M$   $0 \le \nu \le 1/4$ 

$$H_{\rm EOB} = M \sqrt{1 + 2\nu \left(\frac{H_{\rm eff}}{\mu} - 1\right)}$$
(AB A)

G = 1 = c

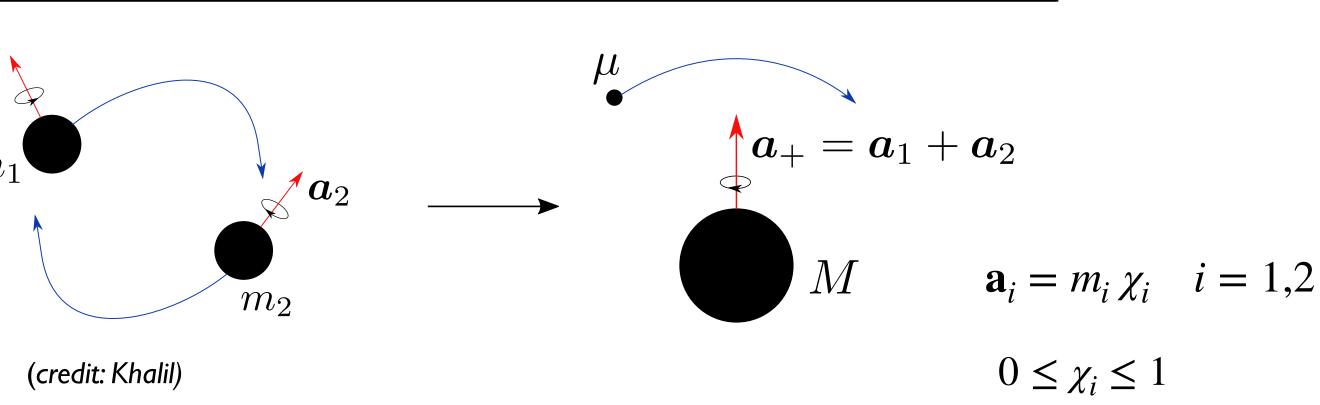
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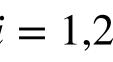


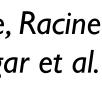
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(AB, Jakobsen & Mogull arXiv: 2402.12342)











#### • The SEOB-PM Hamiltonian is a deformation of the Kerr Hamiltonian, it is informed by available PM results, and it is complemented by PN bound-orbit corrections.

(AB, Mogull, Patil & Pompili arXiv: 2405.19181)

 $H_{\text{eff}} = \frac{M p_{\phi} (g_{a_{+}} a_{+} + g_{a_{-}} \delta a_{-})}{r^{3} + a_{+}^{2} (r + 2M)} + \sqrt{A \left(\mu^{2} + \frac{p_{\phi}^{2}}{r^{2}} + (1 + B_{\text{ng}}^{\text{K}})\right)}$  $A = \frac{(1 - 2u + \chi_{+}^{2} u^{2} + \Delta A)}{[1 + \chi_{+}^{2} u^{2} (2u + 1)]} \qquad g_{a_{\pm}} = \frac{\Delta g_{a_{\pm}}}{..2}$ 

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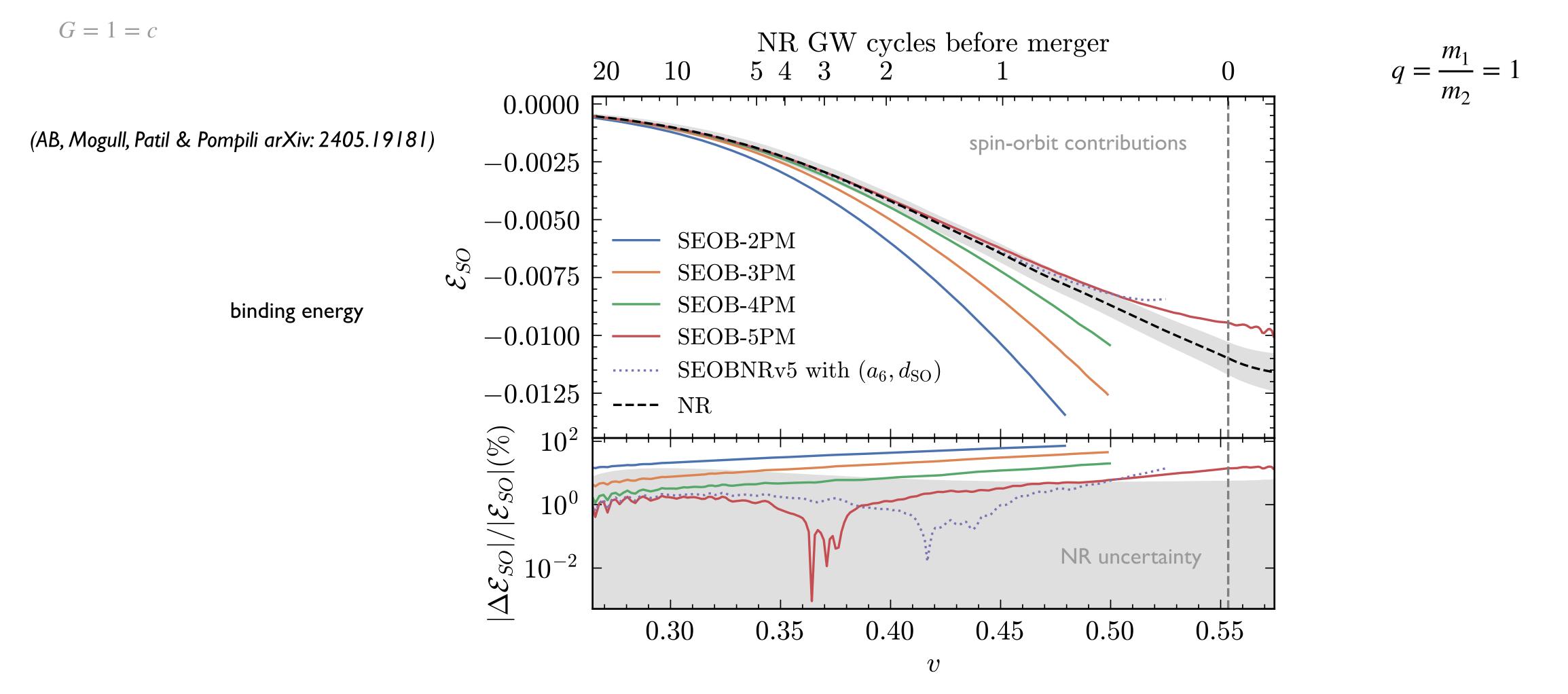
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# **Comparing SEOB-PM Binding Energy with Numerical Relativity**



spin-orbit coupling  $(d_{SO})$  sectors.

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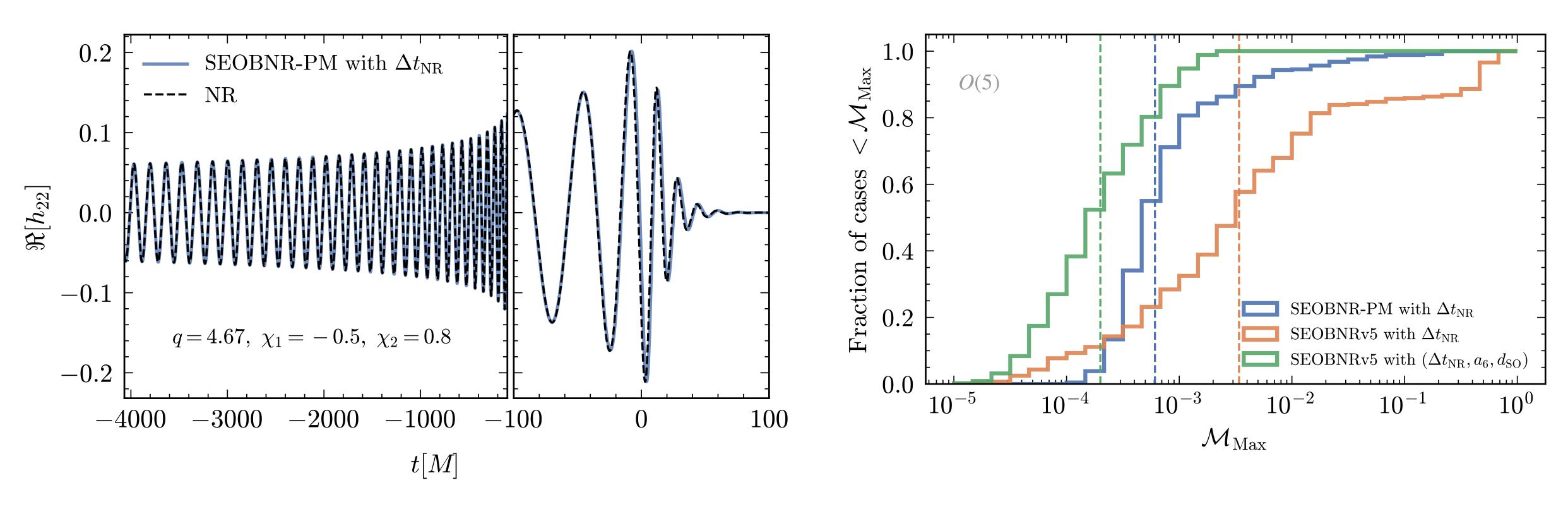






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#### Inspiral-Merger-Ringdown waveform with PM information



NR is better than when using the SEOBNR model based entirely on PN.



Mismatch  $\mathcal{M} = 0$  implies models & NR match perfectly

#### Mismatch against 441 NR SXS waveforms

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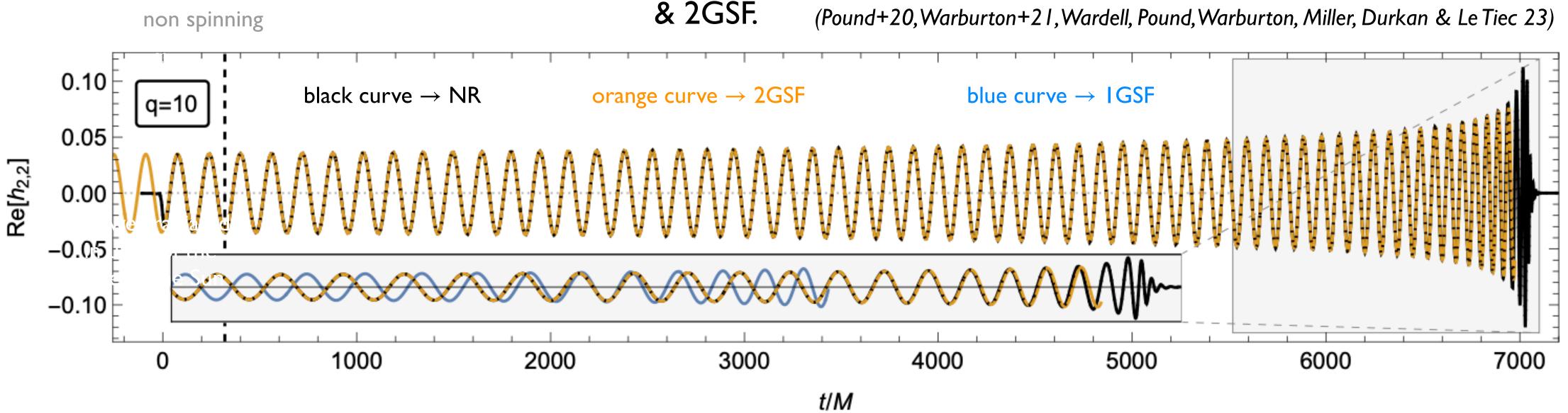
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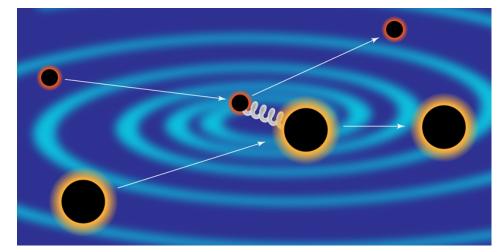
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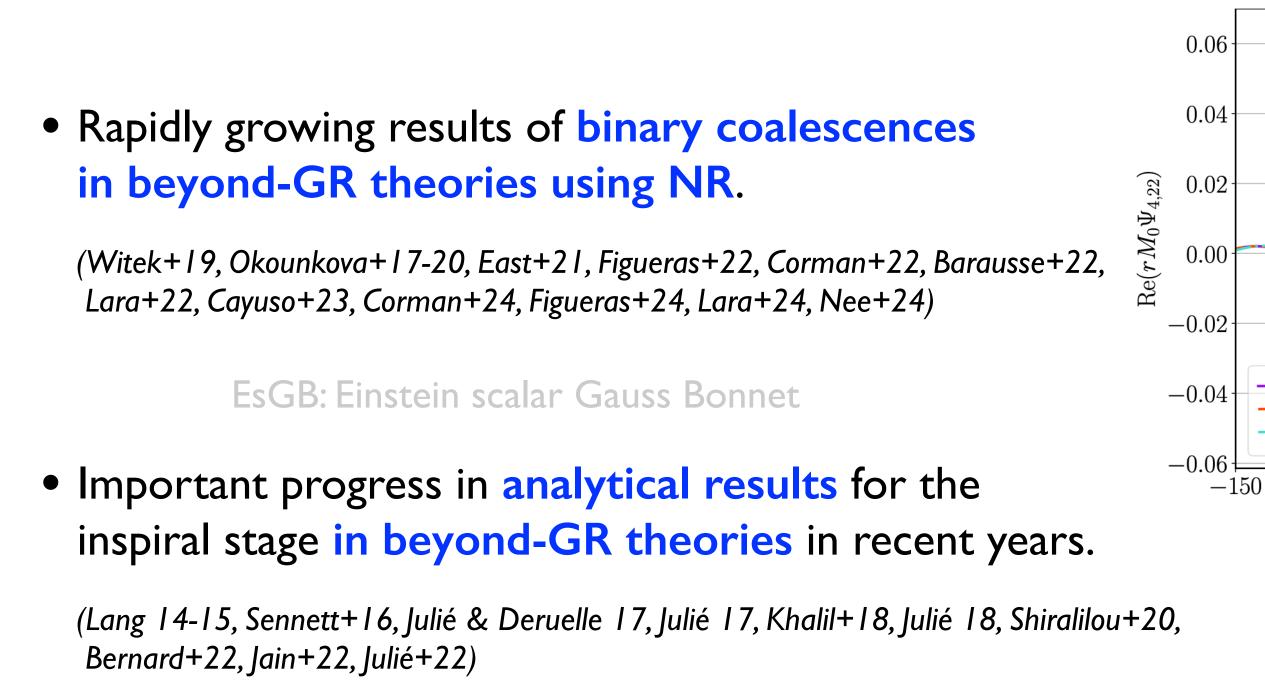
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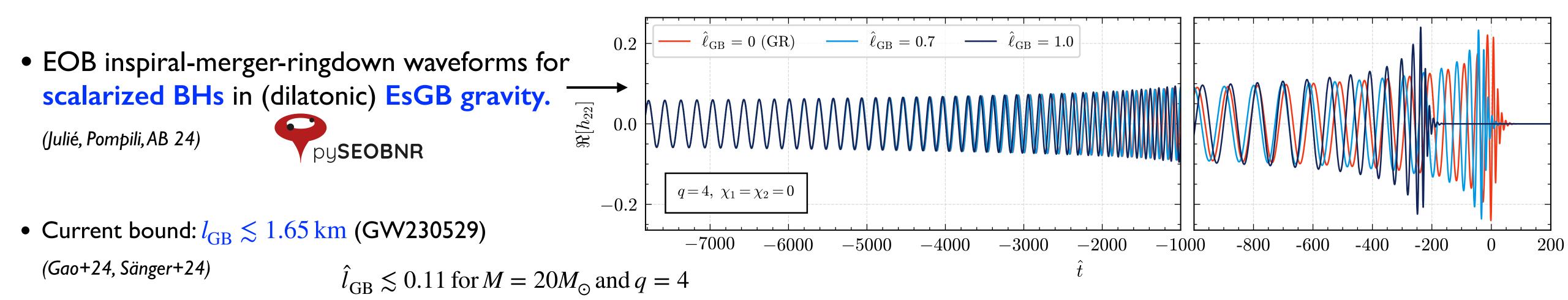
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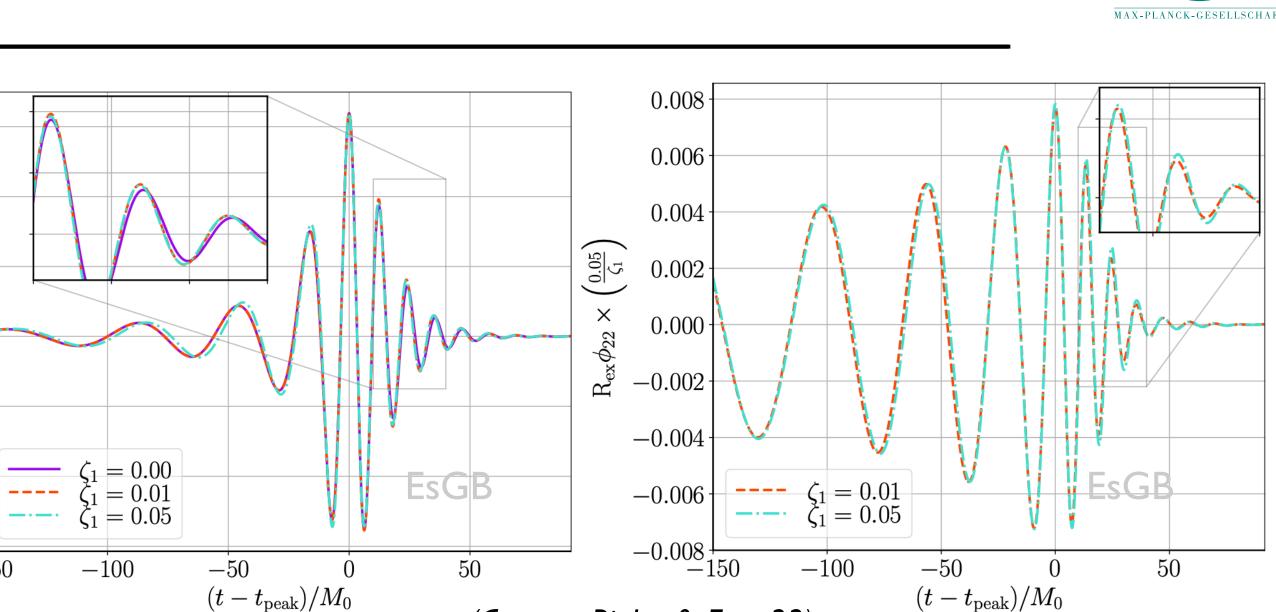
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(Corman, Ripley & East 22)

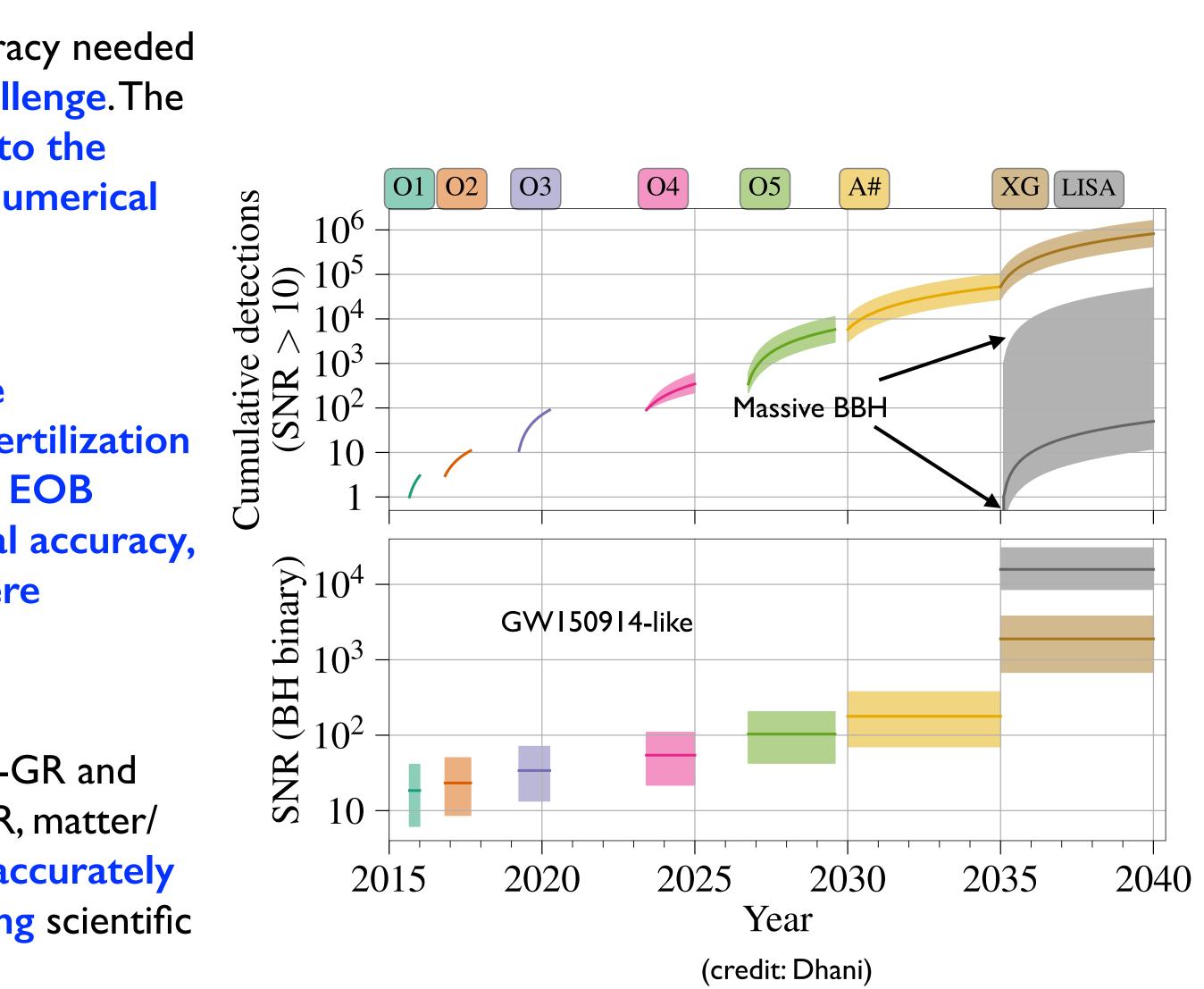




- Solving the relativistic two-body problem with the accuracy needed for today's GW observations has been a long-standing challenge. The last 20 years have seen tremendous progress thanks also to the synergistic work at the interface between analytical and numerical relativity.
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- Achieving a 100-fold improvement in accuracy for vacuum-GR and incorporating all physical effects (generic orbits, beyond-GR, matter/ environment) is a significant challenge. Yet, it's essential to accurately **interpret** future GW observations and avoid misinterpreting scientific results.

Summary & Outlook







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