

# Numerical relativity: what we knew **before** and what we know **after** GW170817

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# Plan of the talk

- \* The richness of merging binary neutron stars
- \* GW spectroscopy: EOS from frequencies
- \* GW170817: a number of lessons
  - ◆ Maximum-mass constraints
  - ◆ Radius constraints
  - ◆ What happened to GW170817's remnant?
- \* Signatures of quark-hadron phase transitions
- \* Magnetic fields and EM counterparts
- \* Ejected mass and nucleosynthesis

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Most's talk*

# The two-body problem in GR

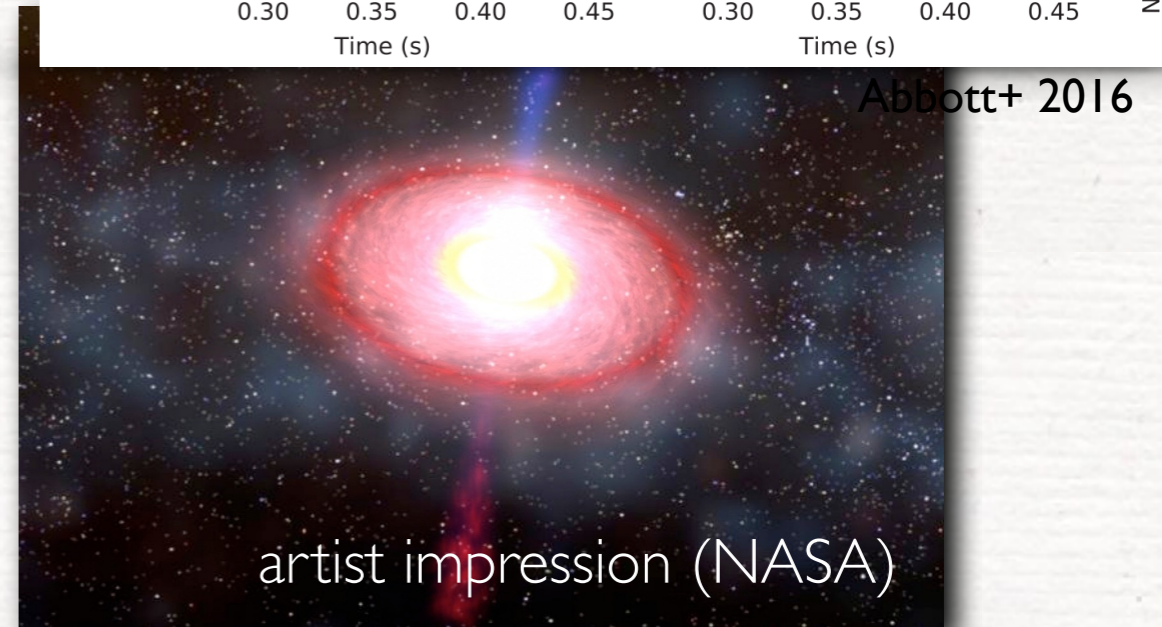
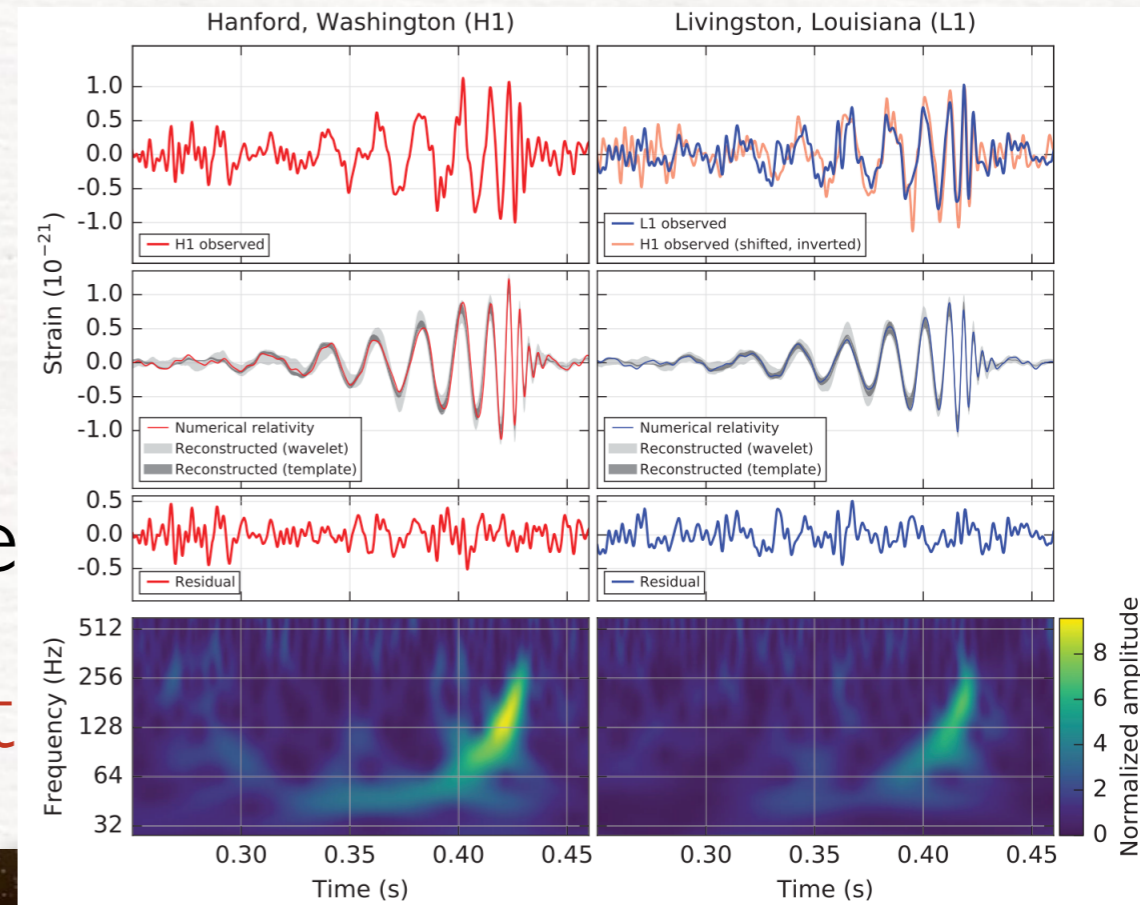
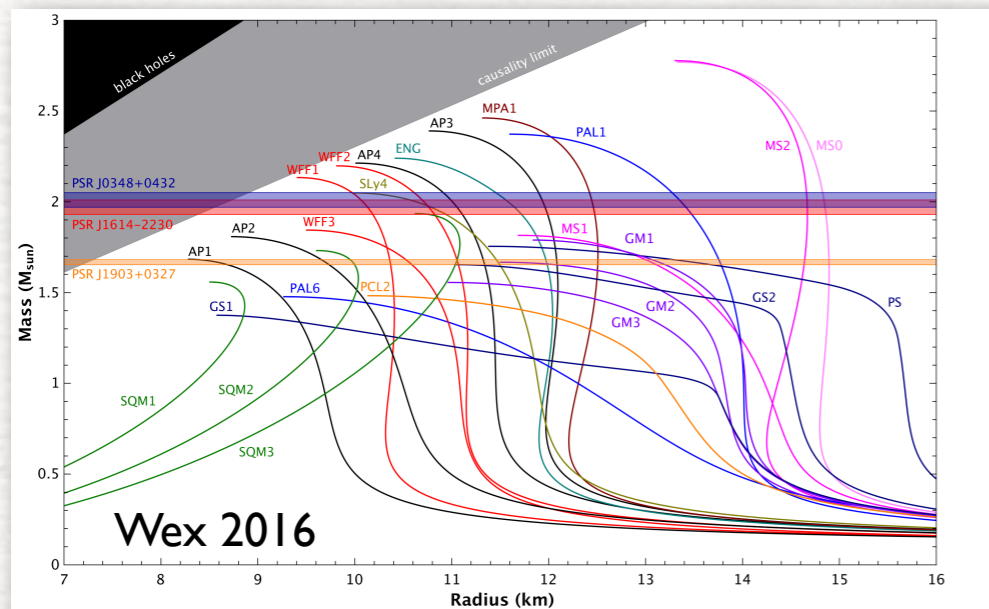
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- For NSs the question is more **subtle**: hyper-massive neutron star (HMNS), ie

$$\text{NS} + \text{NS} \longrightarrow \text{HMNS} + \dots ? \longrightarrow \text{BH} + \text{t}$$

- **HMNS** phase can provide clear information on **EOS**



- **BH+torus** system may tell us on the central engine of **GRBs**

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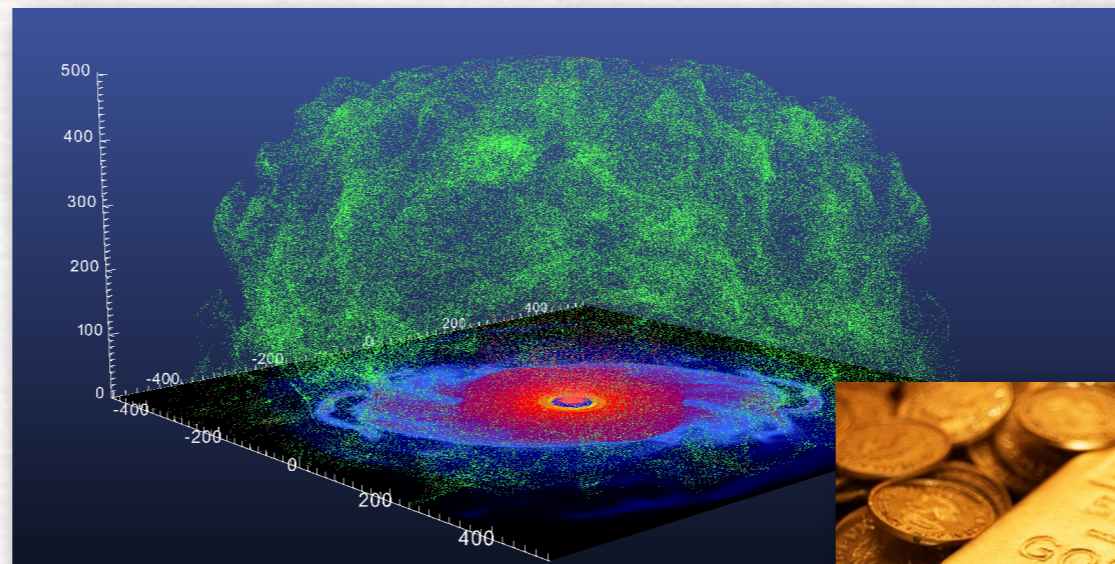
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- For NSs the question is more **subtle**: the merger leads to an hyper-massive neutron star (HMNS), ie a metastable equilibrium:



- **ejected matter** undergoes nucleosynthesis of heavy elements



A prototypical simulation with possibly  
the best code looks like this...



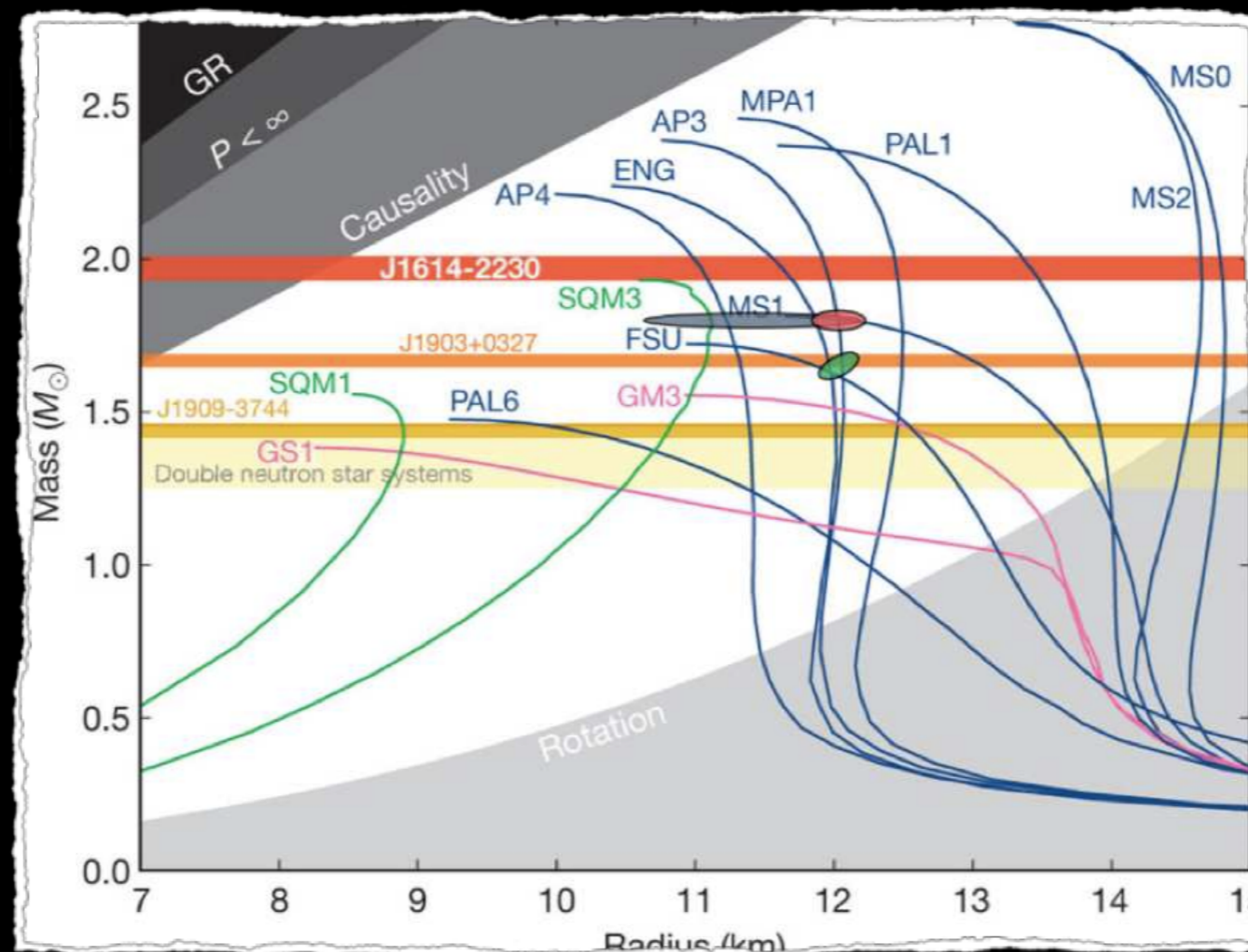
merger  $\longrightarrow$  HMNS  $\longrightarrow$  BH + torus

Quantitative differences are produced by:

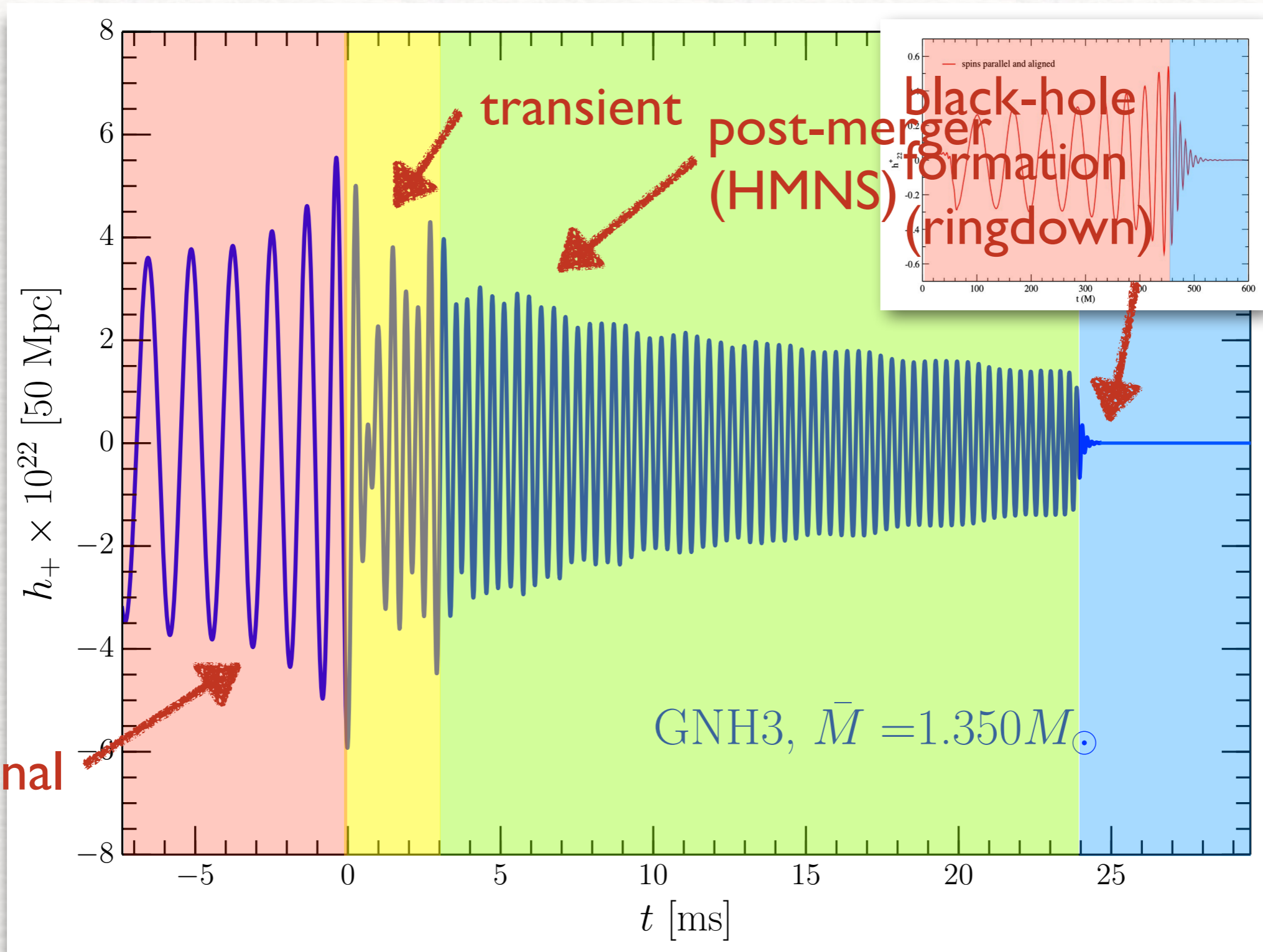
- total **mass** (prompt vs delayed collapse)
- mass **asymmetries** (HMNS and torus)
- soft/stiff **EOS** (inspiral and post-merger)
- **magnetic fields** (equil. and EM emission)
- **radiative** losses (equil. and nucleosynthesis)

# GW spectroscopy and how to constrain the EOS

Baiotti, Bose, LR, Takami PRL, PRD (2015-2018)



# Anatomy of the GW signal

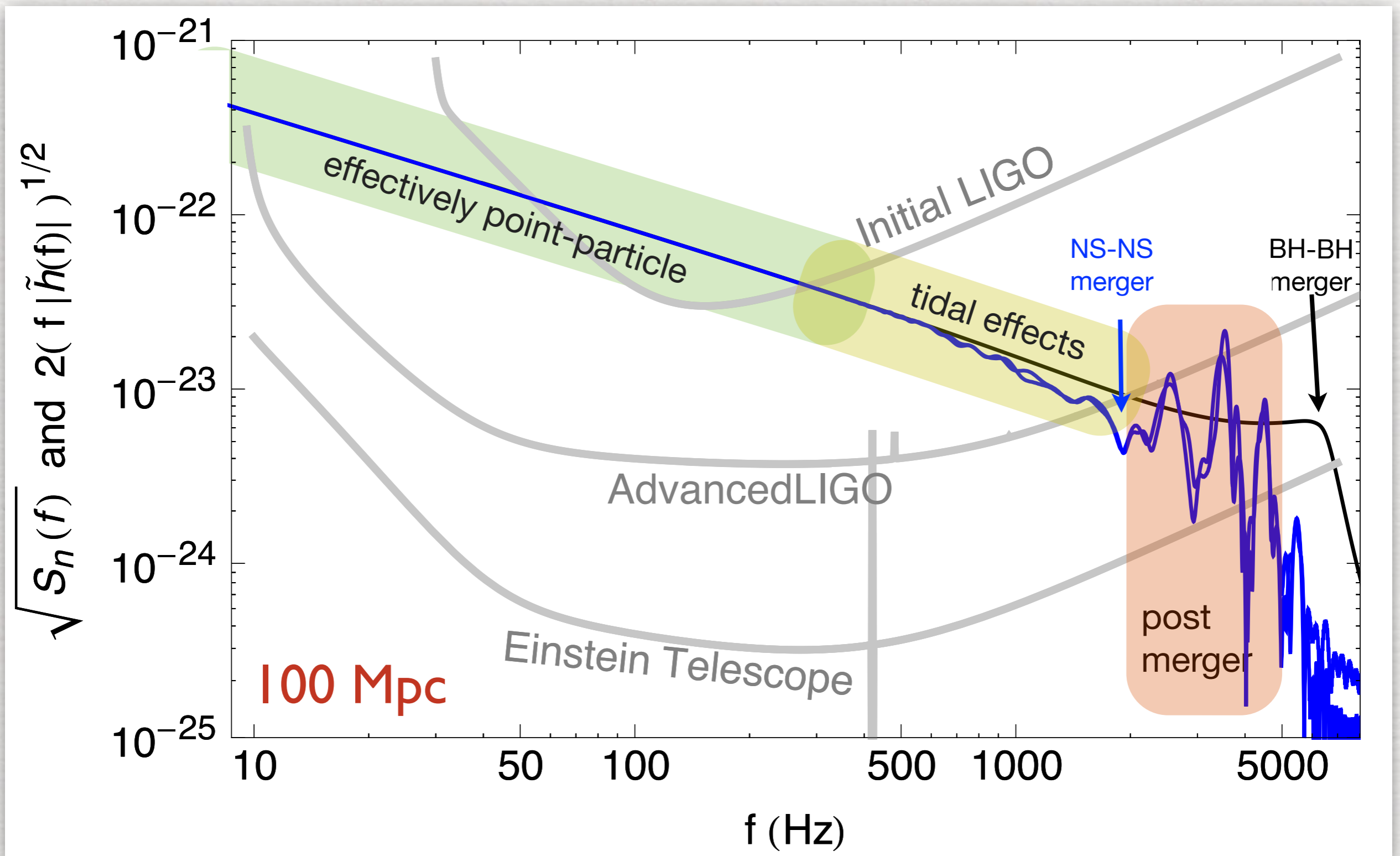


Chirp signal

Postmerger signal: peculiar of binary NSs



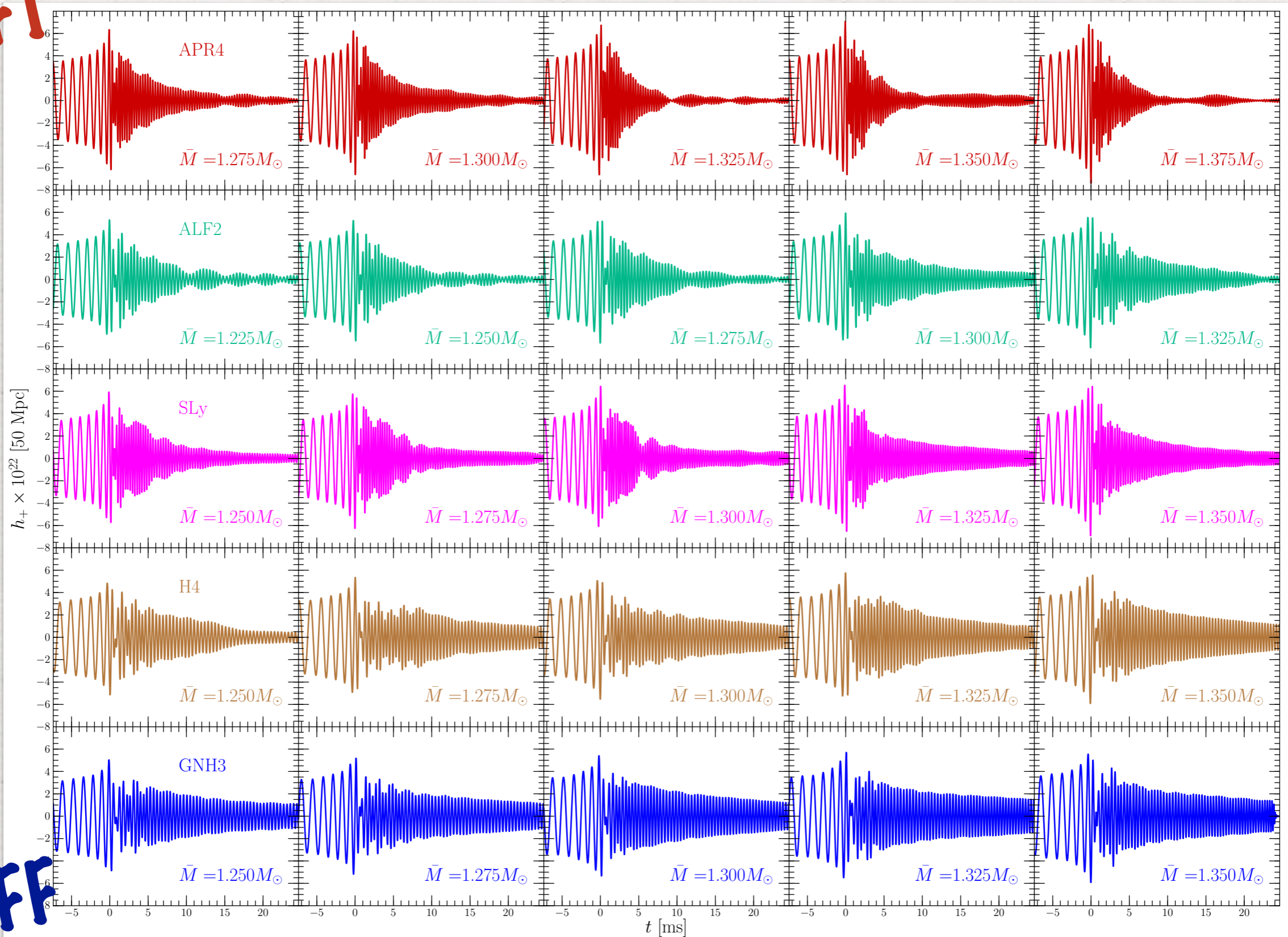
# In frequency space



# What we can do nowadays

Takami, LR, Baiotti (2014, 2015), LR+ (2016)

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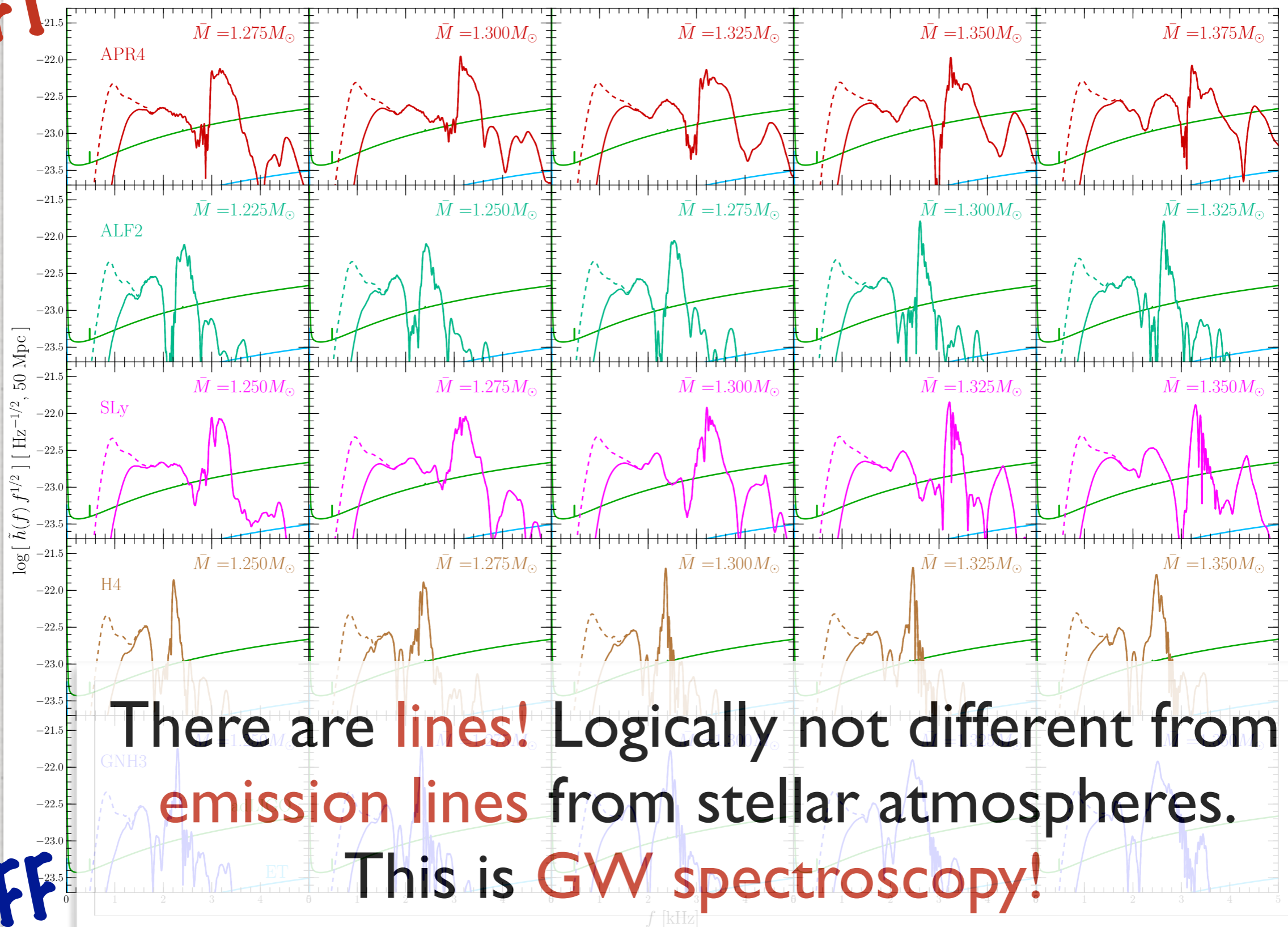


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# Extracting information from the EOS

Takami, LR, Baiotti (2014, 2015), LR+ (2016)

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There are **lines!** Logically not different from **emission lines** from stellar atmospheres.

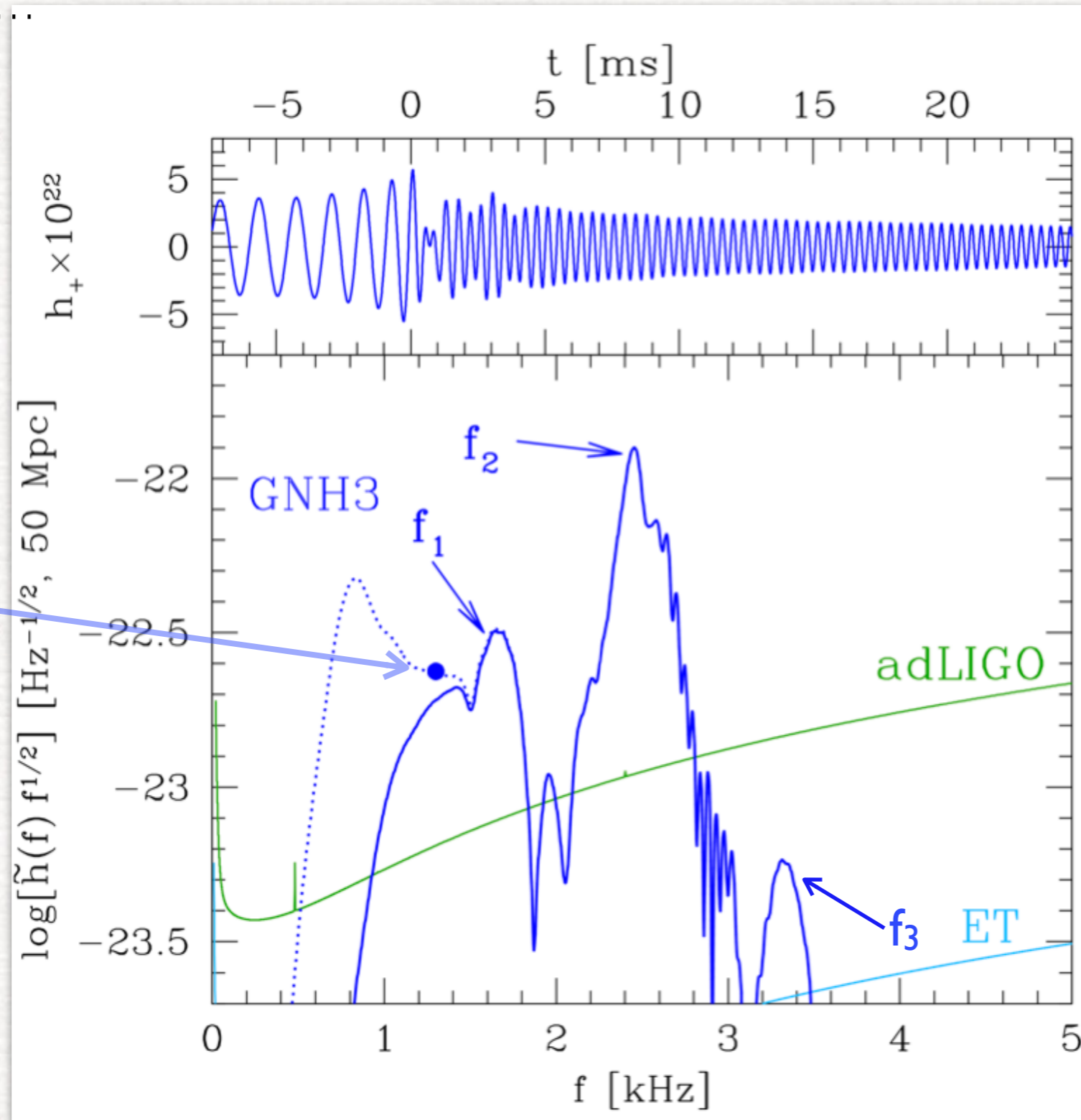
This is **GW spectroscopy!**

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# A spectroscopic approach to the EOS

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merger  
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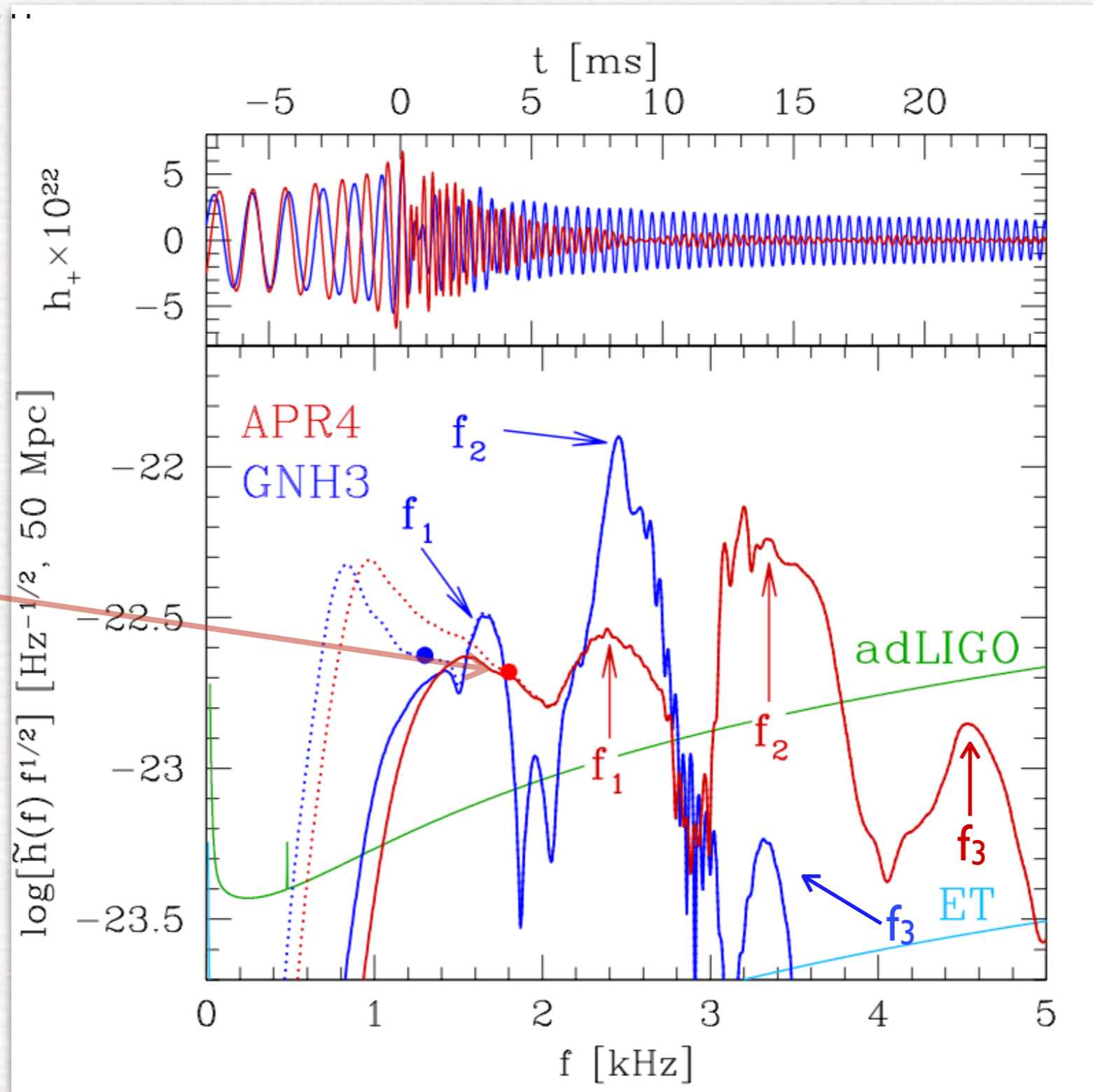


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see N. Stergioulas' talk

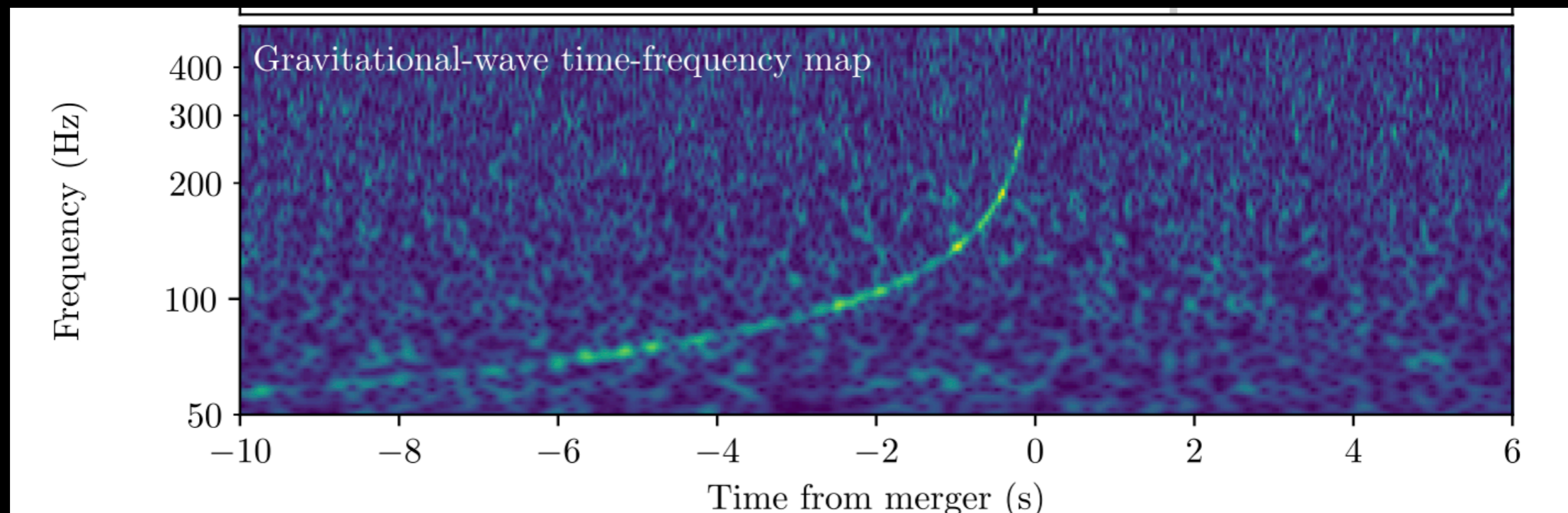
merger frequency



# GW170817, maximum mass, radii and tidal deformabilities

LR, Most, Weih, ApJL (2018)

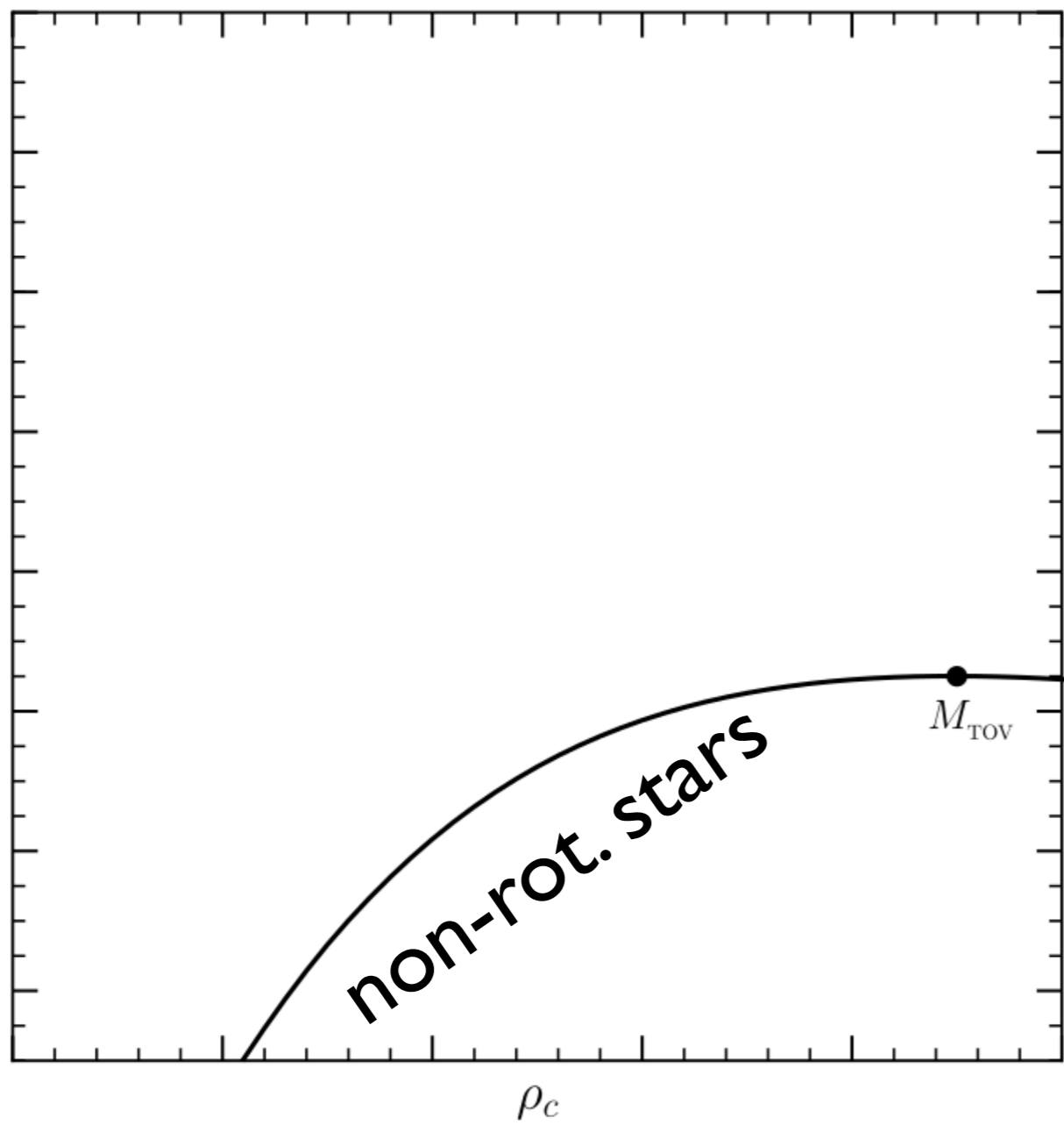
Most, Weih, LR, Schaffner-Bielich, PRL (2018)



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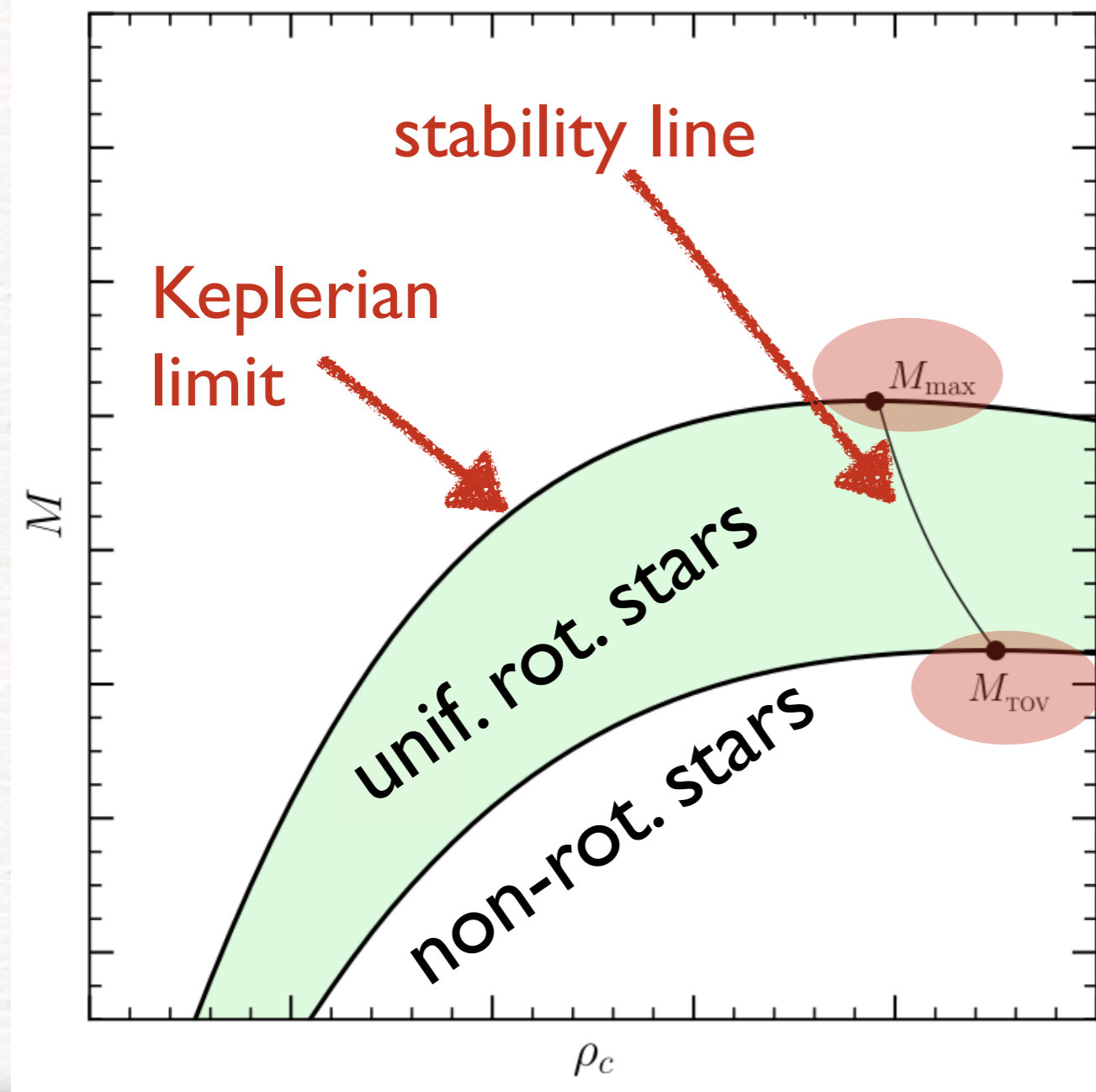


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- This is true also for **uniformly** rotating stars at mass shedding limit:  $M_{\max}$
- $M_{\max}$  simple and **quasi-universal** function of  $M_{\text{TOV}}$  (Breu & LR 2016)

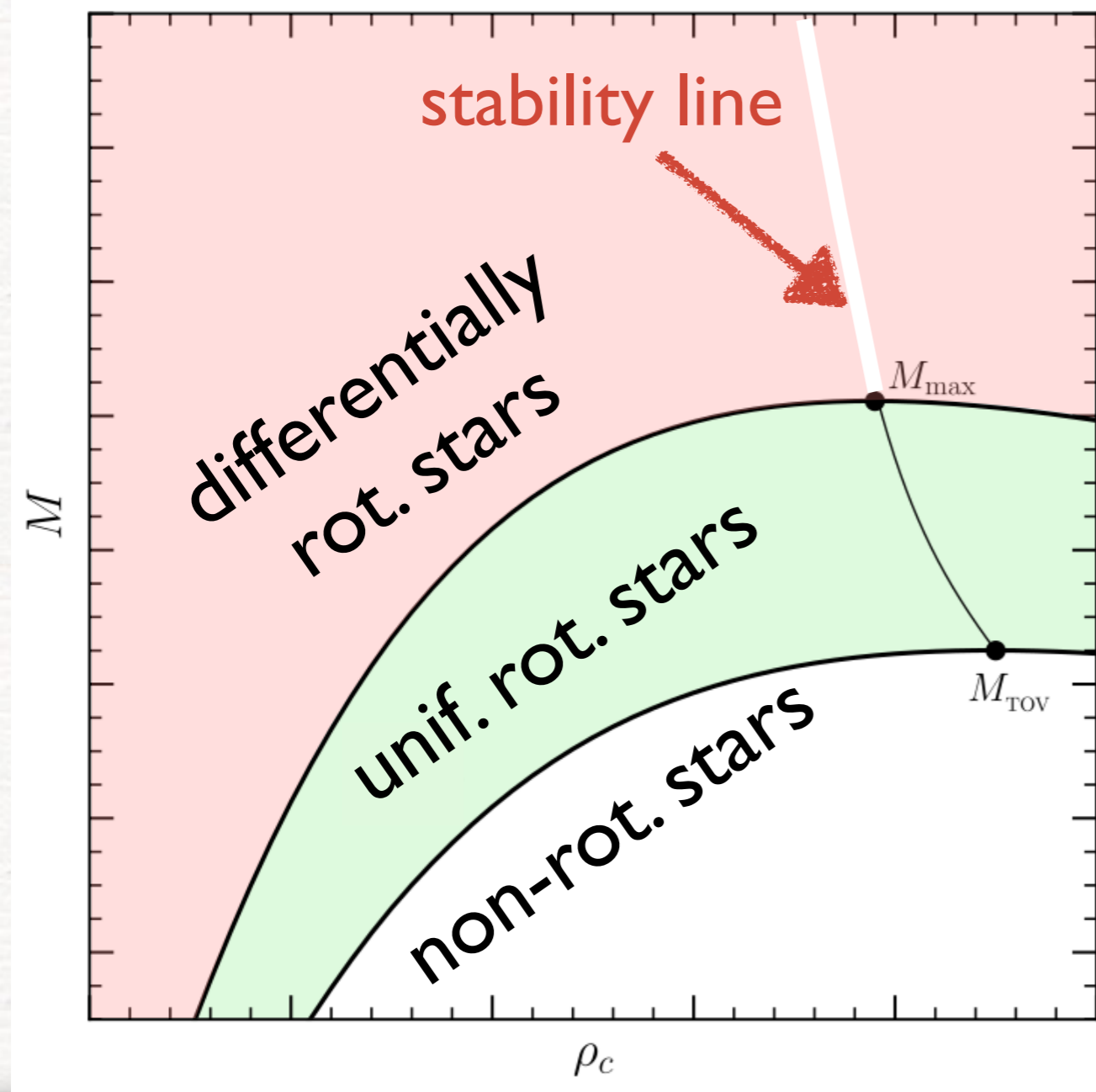
$$M_{\max} = (1.20_{-0.05}^{+0.02}) M_{\text{TOV}}$$



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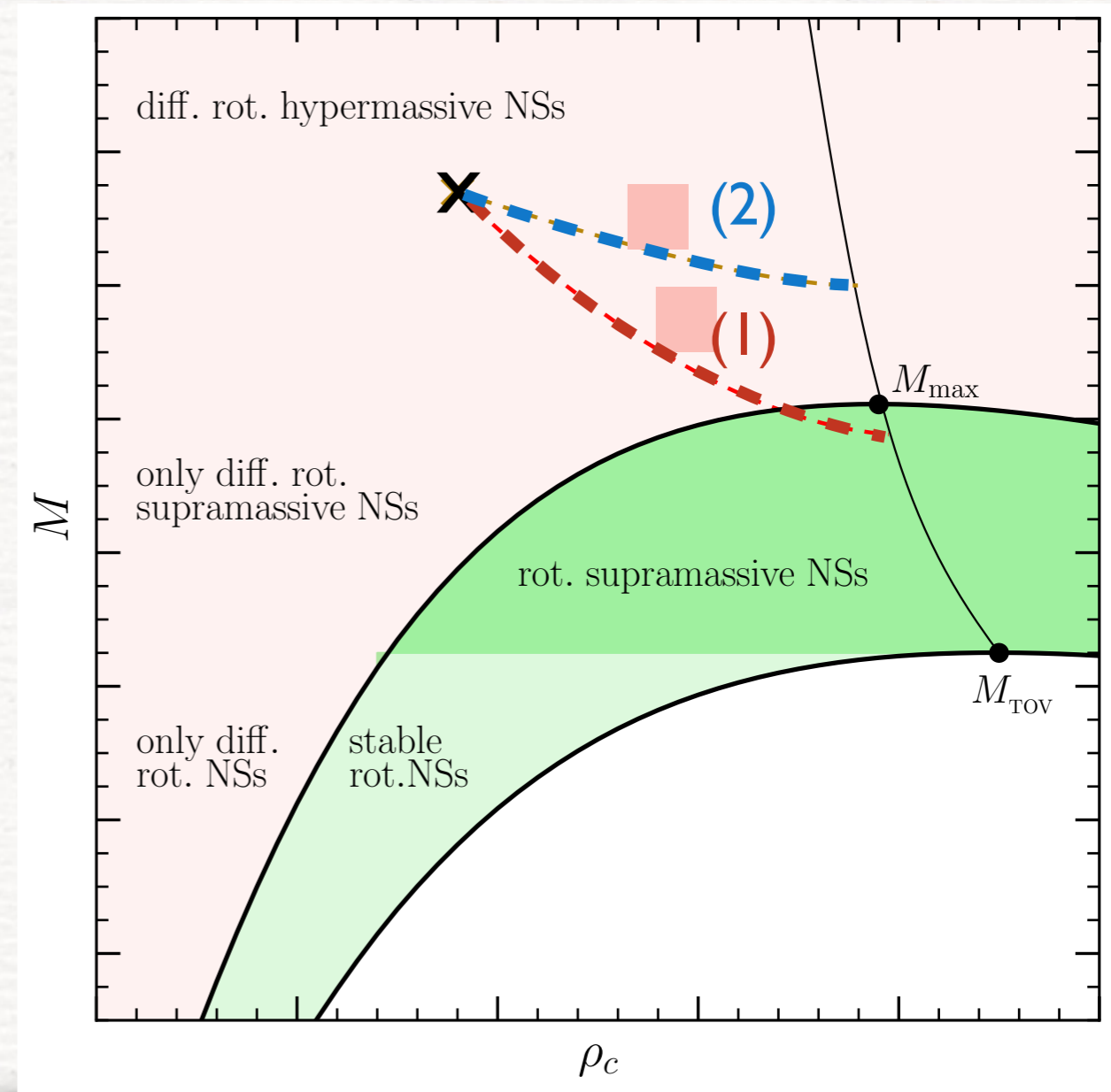
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- Green** region is for **uniformly** rotating equilibrium models.
- Salmon** region is for **differentially** rotating equilibrium models.
- Stability line is simply extended (Weih+18)

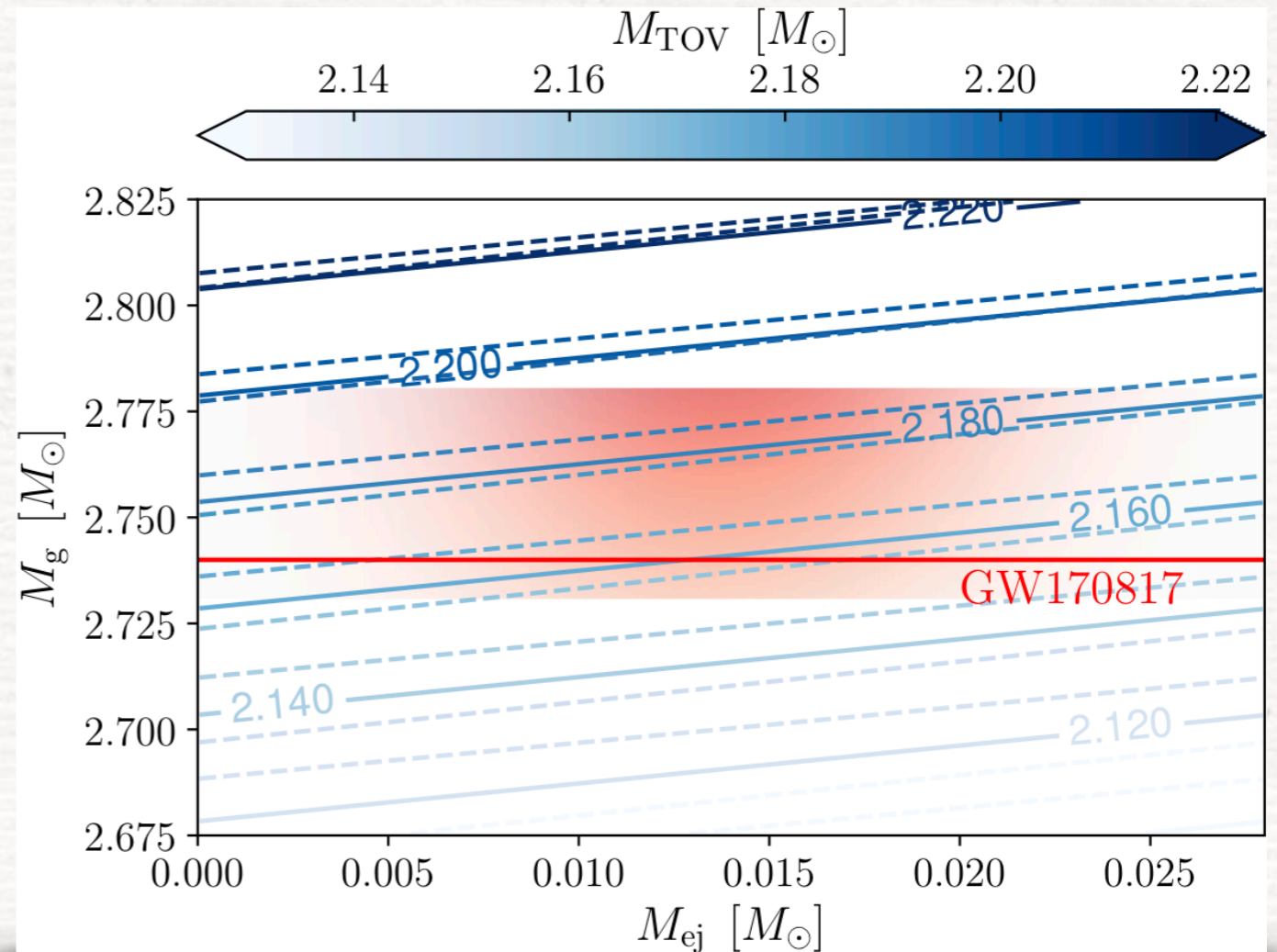
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- GW170817 produced object as "x"; GRB implies a BH has been formed: "x" followed two possible tracks: **fast (2)** and **slow (1)**
- It rapidly produced a BH when still **differentially** rotating **(2)**
- It lost differential rotation leading to a **uniformly** rotating core **(1)**.
- **(1)** is much more likely because of large ejected mass (long lived).
- Final mass is near  $M_{\max}$  and we know this is universal!



# let's recap...

- The merger product of GW170817 was initially **differentially** rotating but collapsed as **uniformly** rotating object.
- Use measured **gravitational** mass of GW170817
- Remove **rest mass** deduced from kilonova emission
- Use **universal relations** and account errors to obtain



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timing

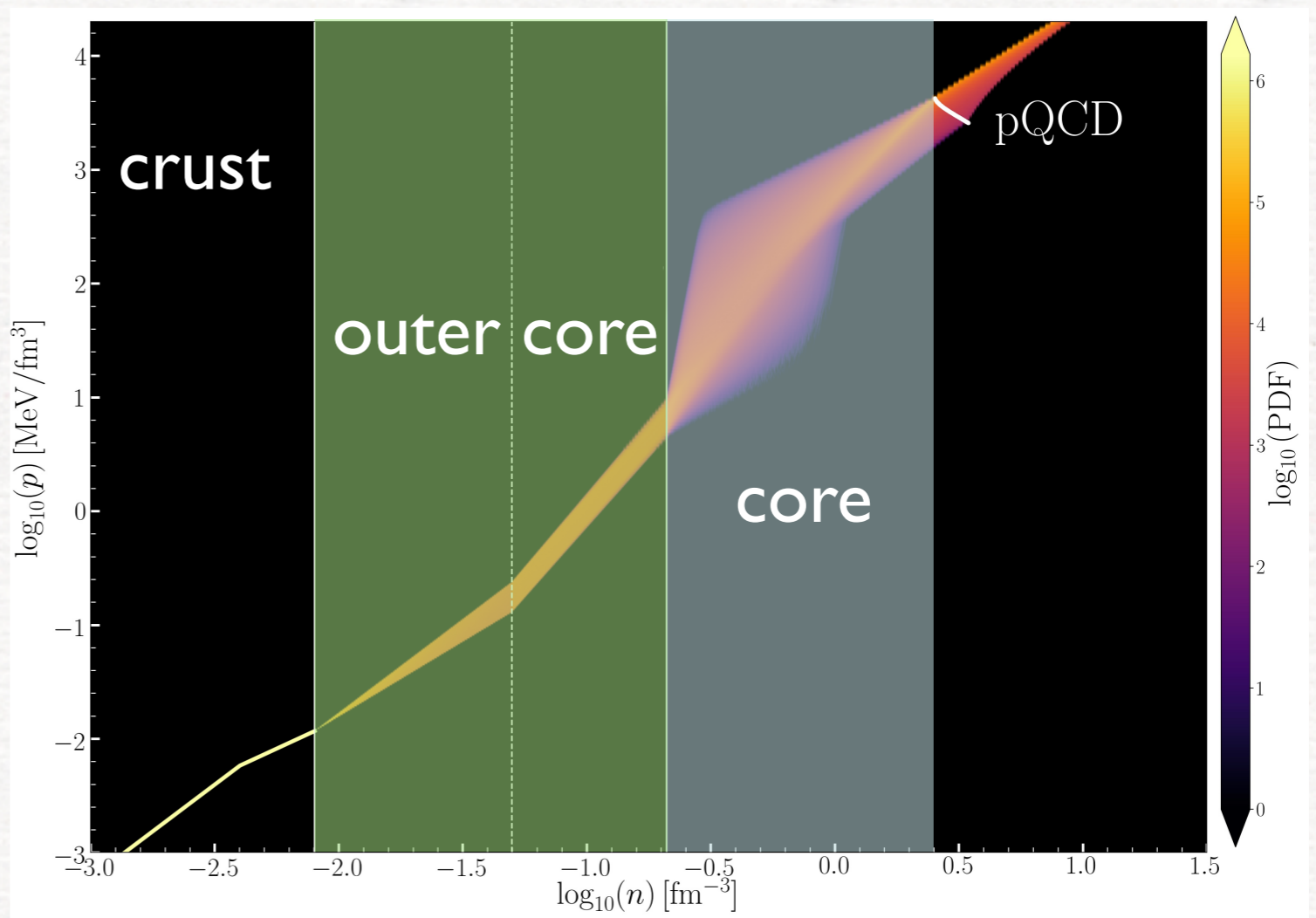
$$2.01^{+0.04}_{-0.04} \leq M_{\text{TOV}}/M_{\odot} \lesssim 2.16^{+0.17}_{-0.15}$$

universal relations  
and GW170817;  
similar estimates  
by other groups

# Limits on radii and deformabilities

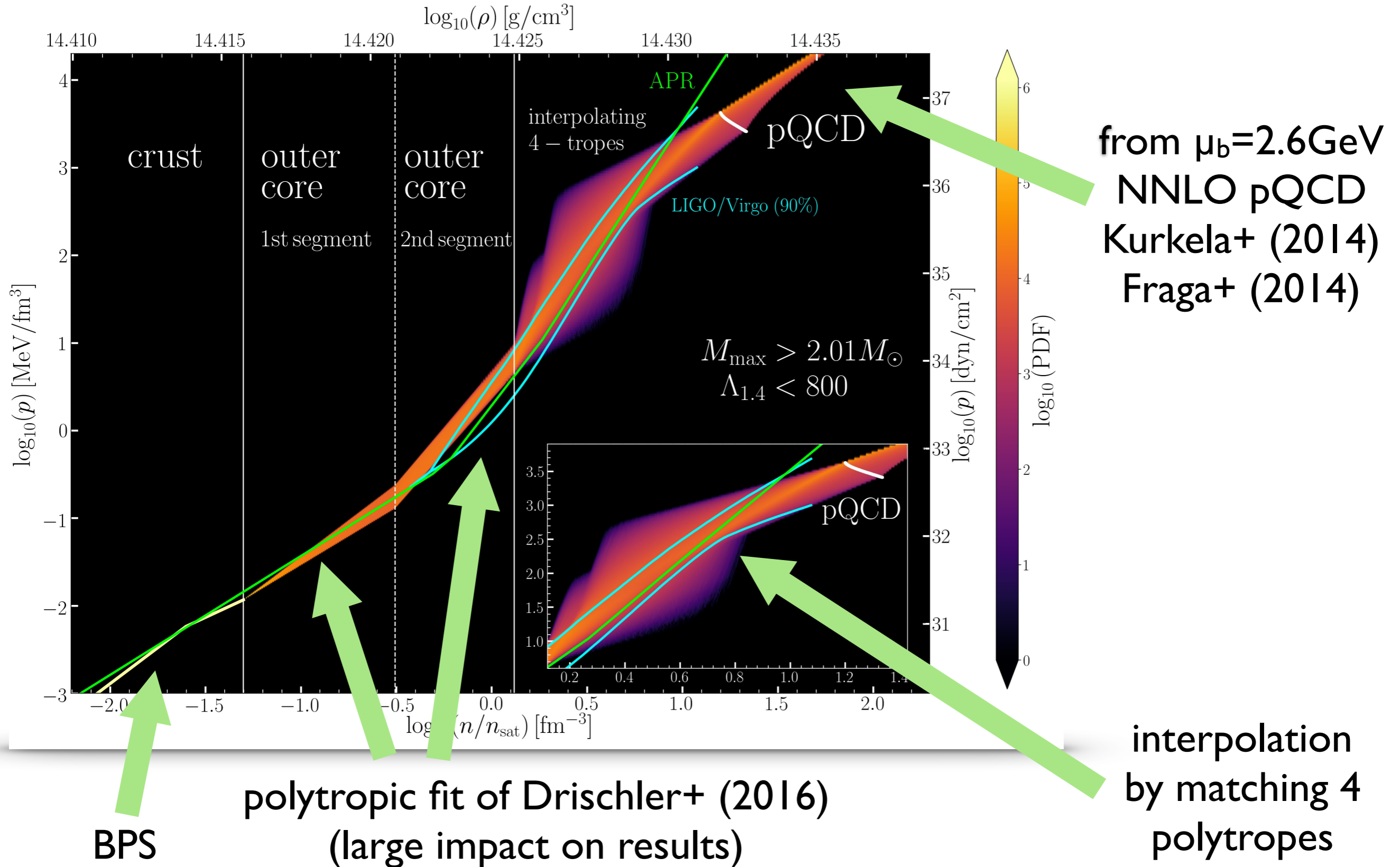
- Can new constraints be set on typical radius and tidal deformability by using GW170817?

- Ignorance can be parameterised and EOSs can be built arbitrarily as long as they satisfy specific **constraints** on **low** and **high** densities.



# parametrising our ignorance

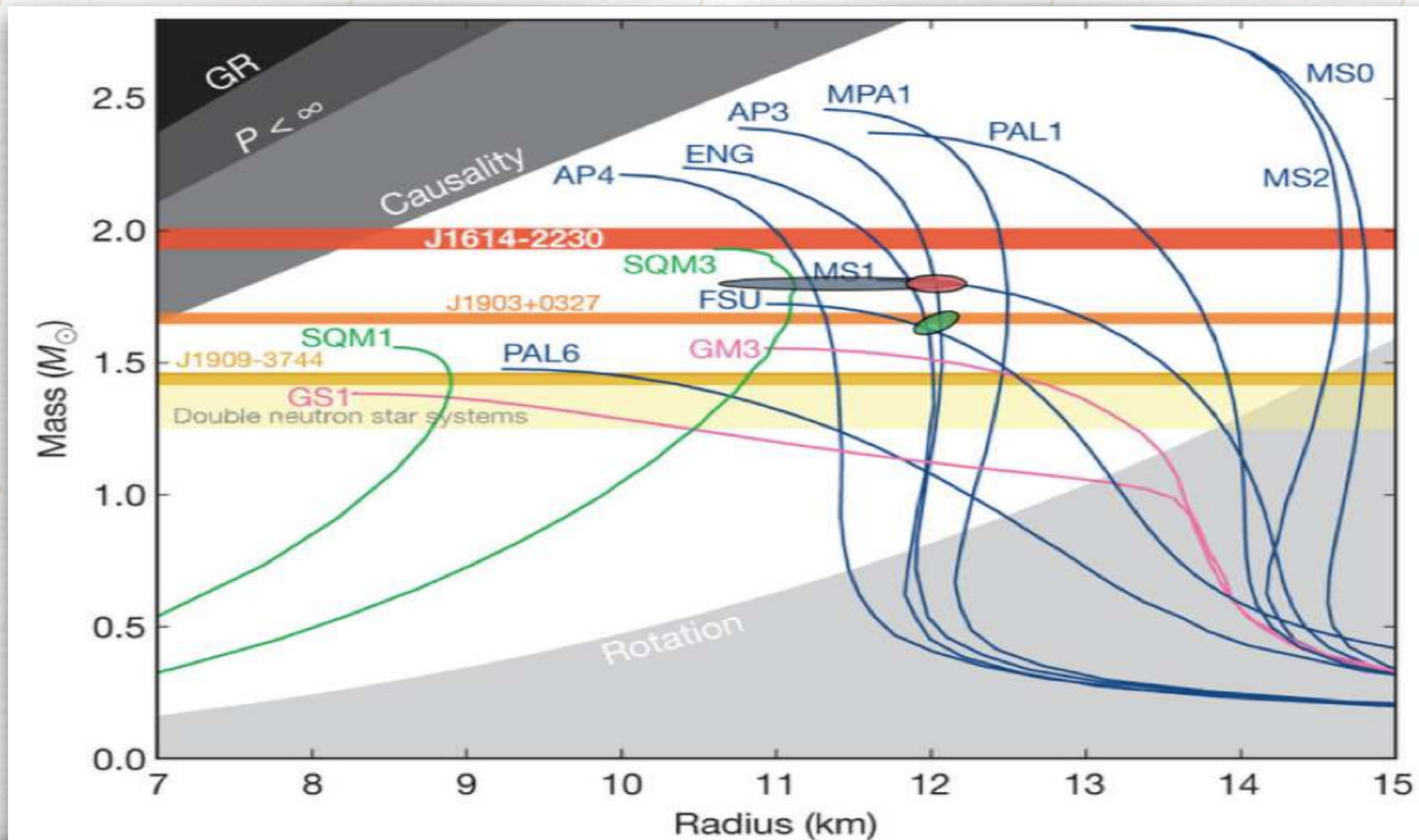
- Construct most generic family of NS-matter EOs



# Mass-radius relations

- We have produced  $10^6$  EOSs with about  $10^9$  stellar models.

- Can impose differential constraints from the **maximum mass** and from the **tidal deformability** from **GW170817**

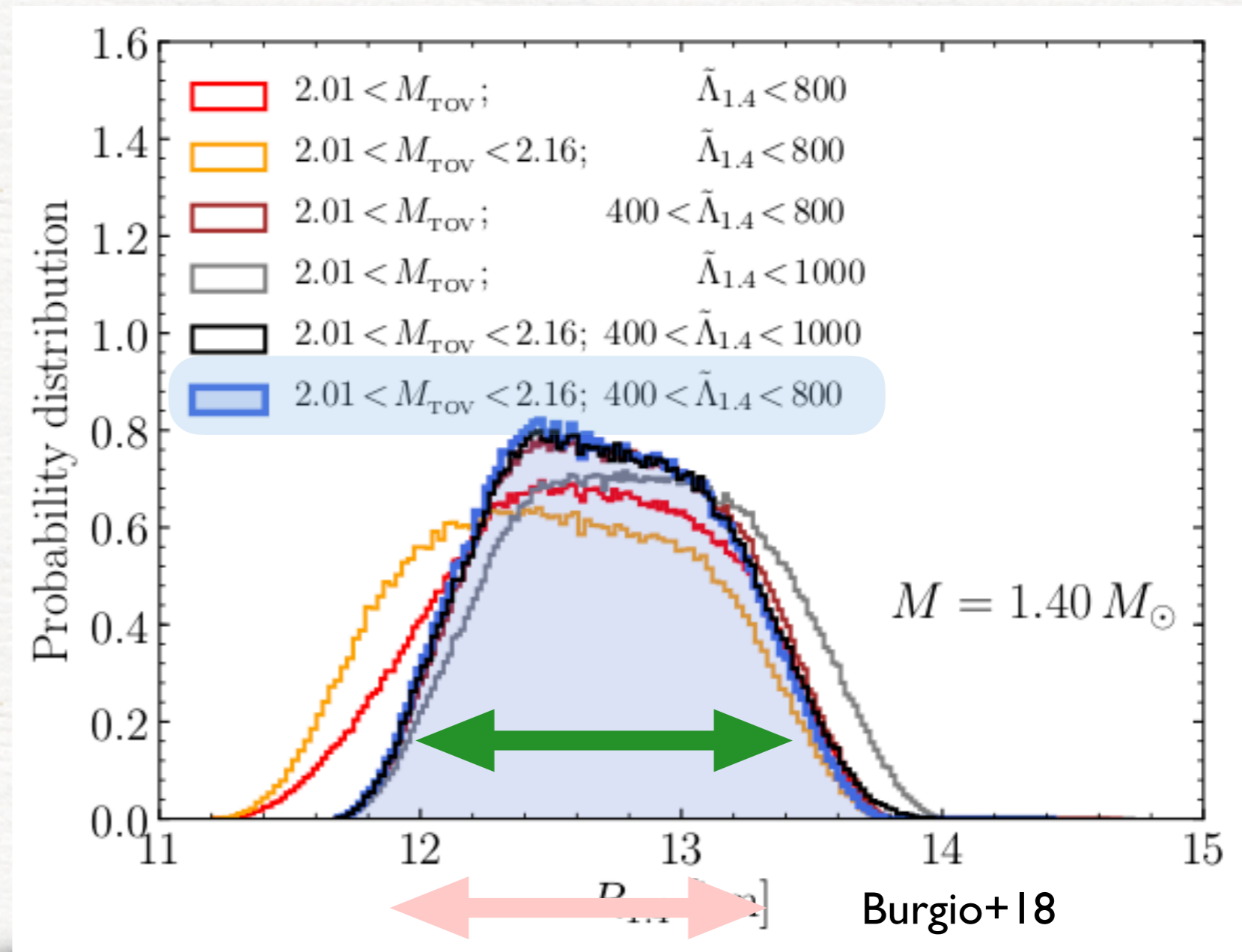


# one-dimensional cuts

- Closer look at a mass of  $M = 1.40 M_{\odot}$
- Can play with different constraints on maximum mass and tidal deformability.
- Overall distribution is very robust

$$12.00 < R_{1.4}/\text{km} < 13.45$$

$$\bar{R}_{1.4} = 12.45 \text{ km}$$



and many more estimates...



# Constraining tidal deformability

- Can explore statistics of all properties of our  $10^9$  models.
- In particular can study PDF of tidal deformability:  $\tilde{\Lambda}$

- LIGO has already set upper limit:

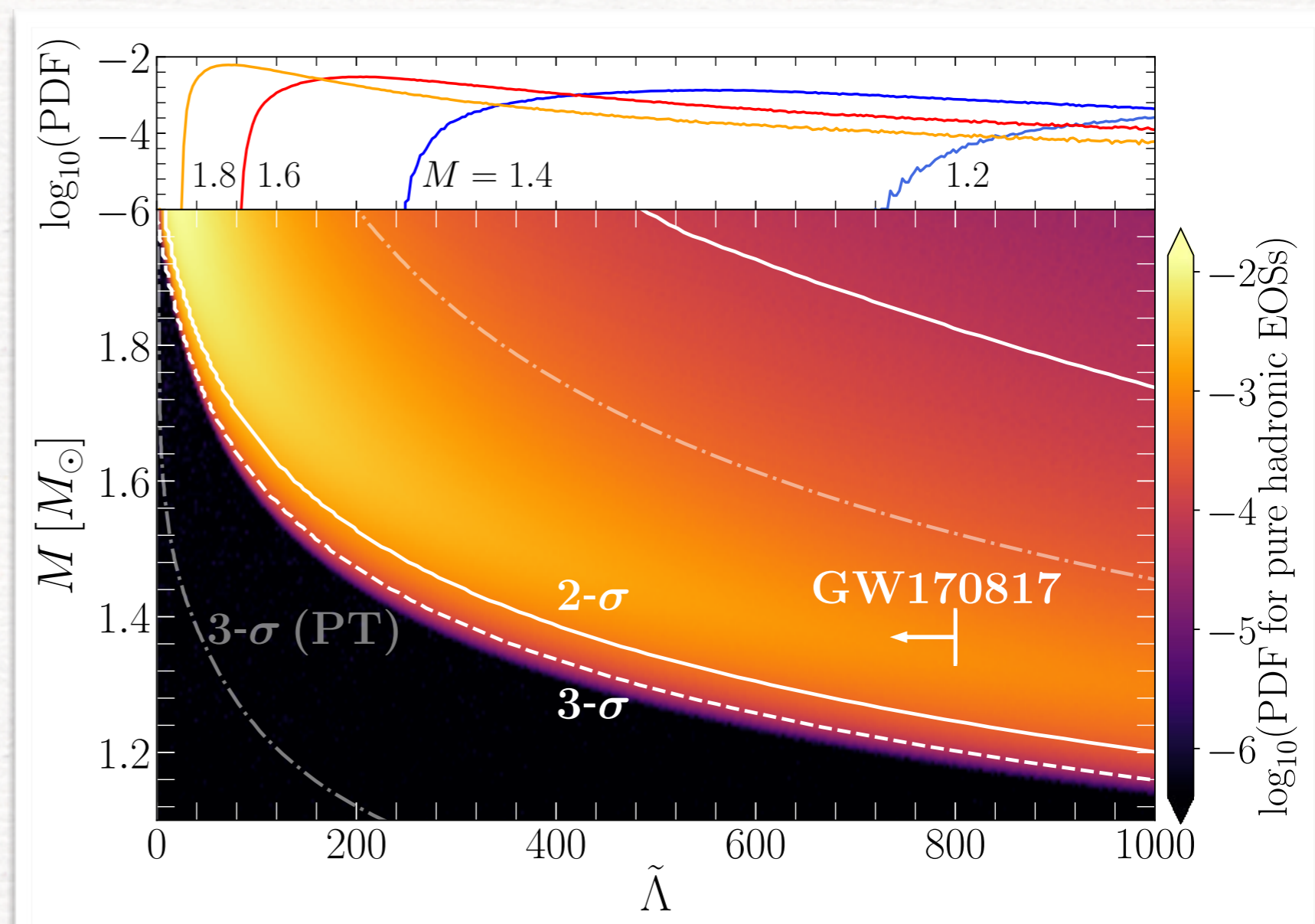
$$\tilde{\Lambda}_{1.4} \lesssim 800$$

$$70 < \tilde{\Lambda}_{1.4} < 720$$

- Our sample sets a lower limit:

$$\tilde{\Lambda}_{1.4} > 375$$

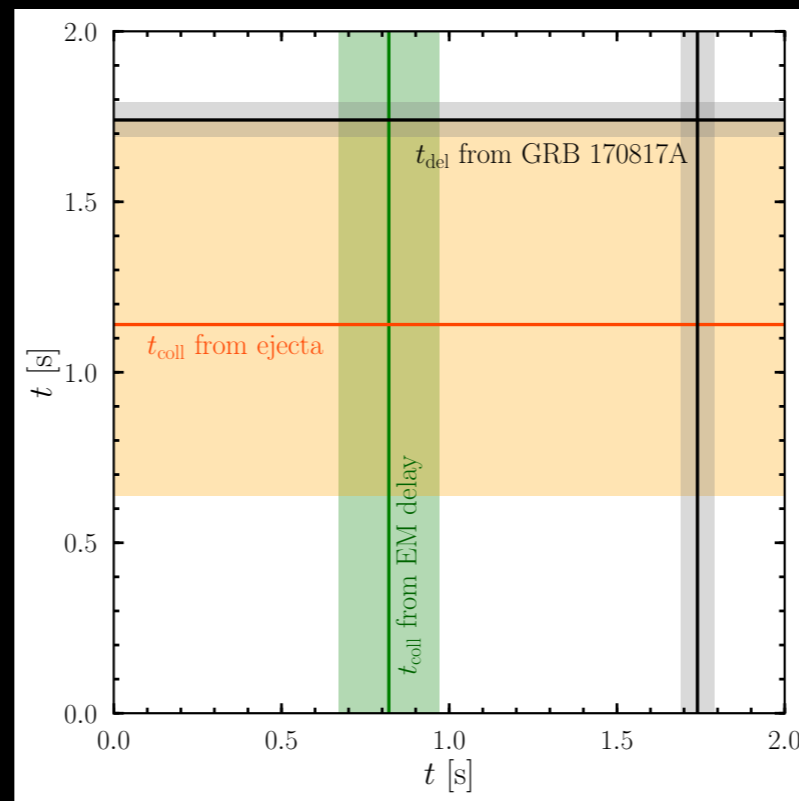
largest so far.





# When did the merger of GW170817 collapse to a BH?

Gill, Nathanael, LR (2019)



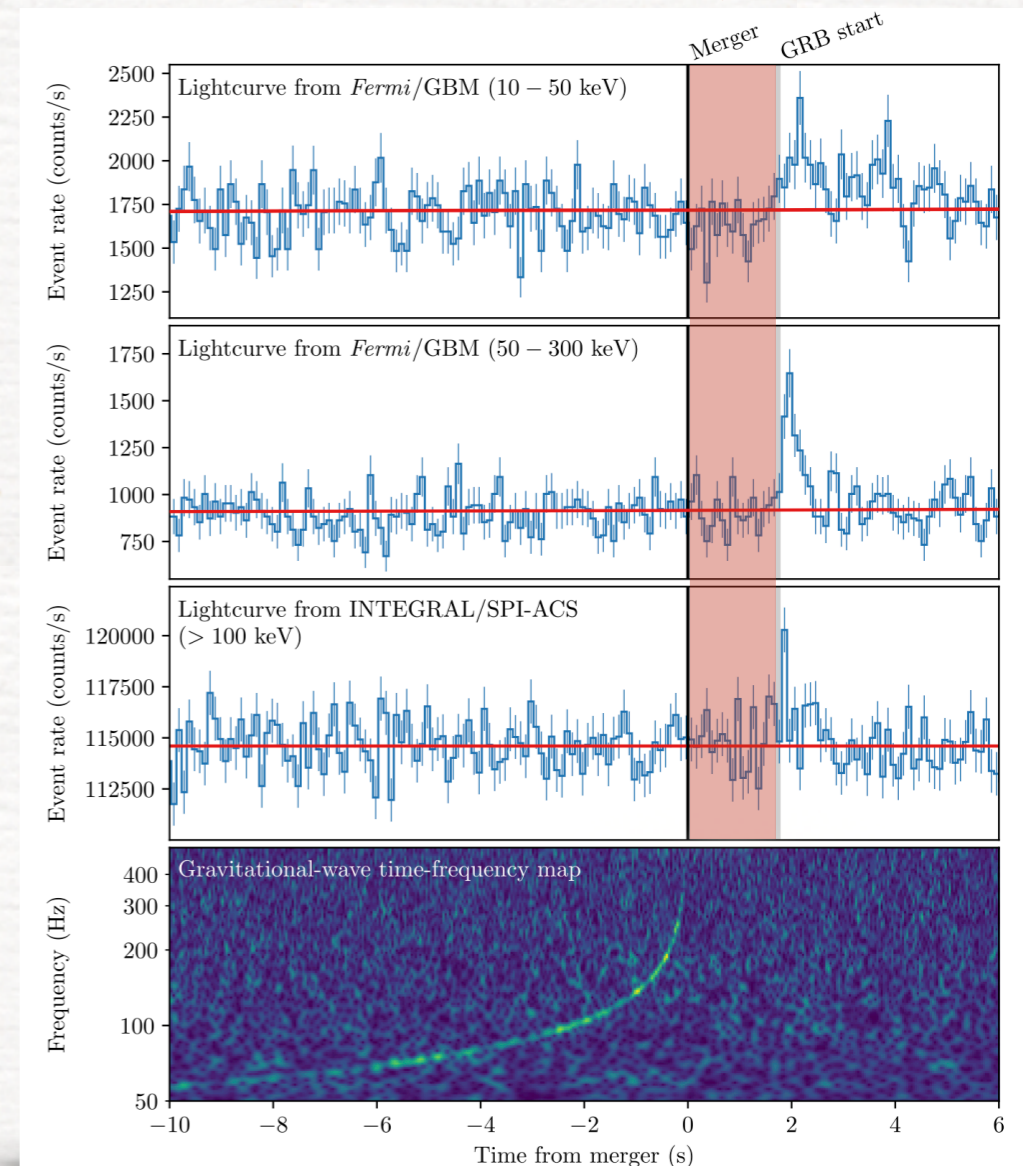
# Why is this important?

Conservative assumption: the remnant of GW170817 collapsed to a BH. GRB observed at  $t_{\text{del}} = 1.74 \pm 0.05 \text{ s}$

However, **when** did it actually collapse?



- If collapsed **too early**, not enough matter **ejected** for observed kilonova
- If collapsed **too late**, delay in the GRB would have been **longer** than 1.74 s.
- The more the mass ejected, the longer for the jet to bore its way and **breakout**.

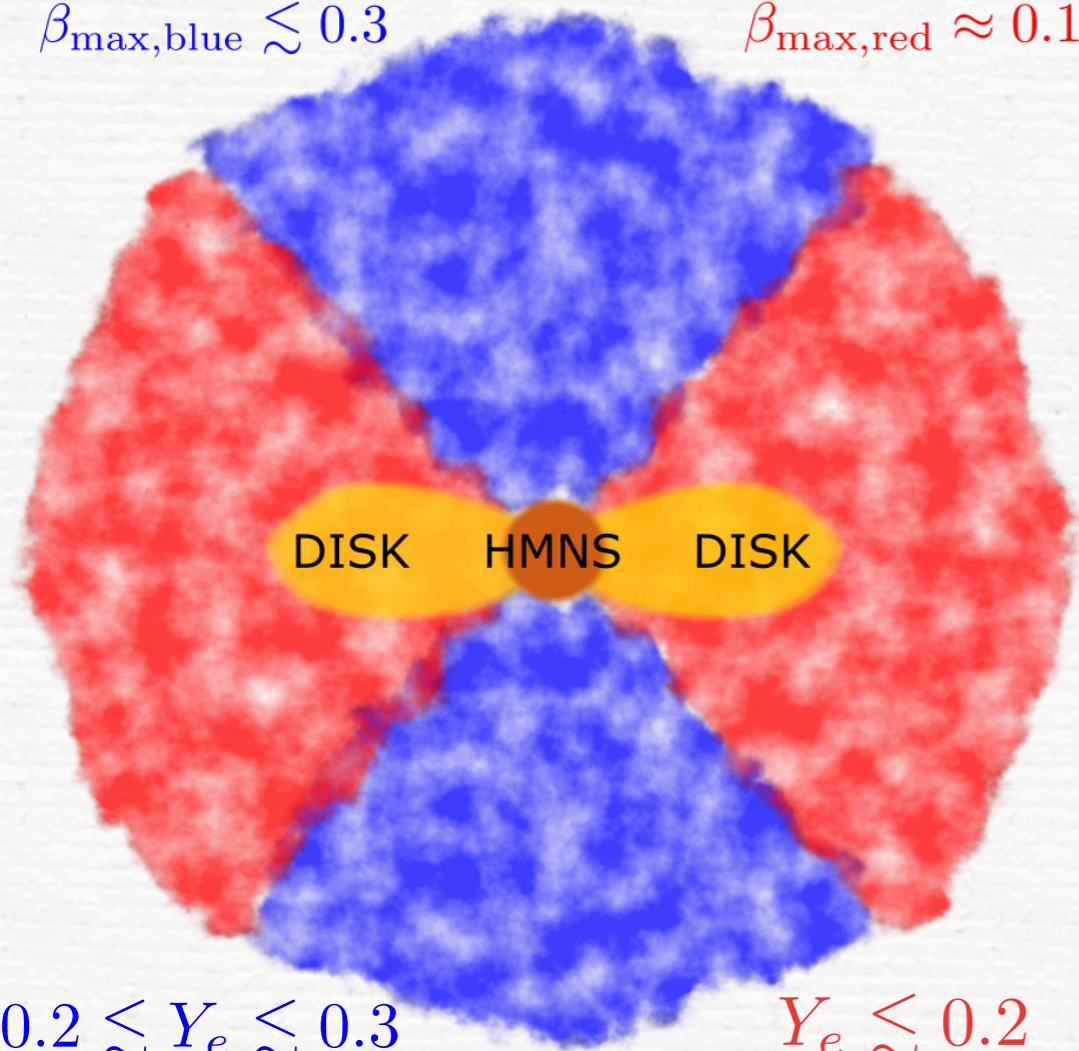


# Ejection of mass

- After merger mass is lost in many different **channels** (shock heating, neutrino or magnetic-driven winds) and on very different **timescales** (dynamical and secular).

$$M_{\text{ej,blue}} \simeq 0.025 M_{\odot}$$
$$\beta_{\text{max,blue}} \lesssim 0.3$$

$$M_{\text{ej,red}} \ll 10^{-2} M_{\odot}$$
$$\beta_{\text{max,red}} \approx 0.1$$



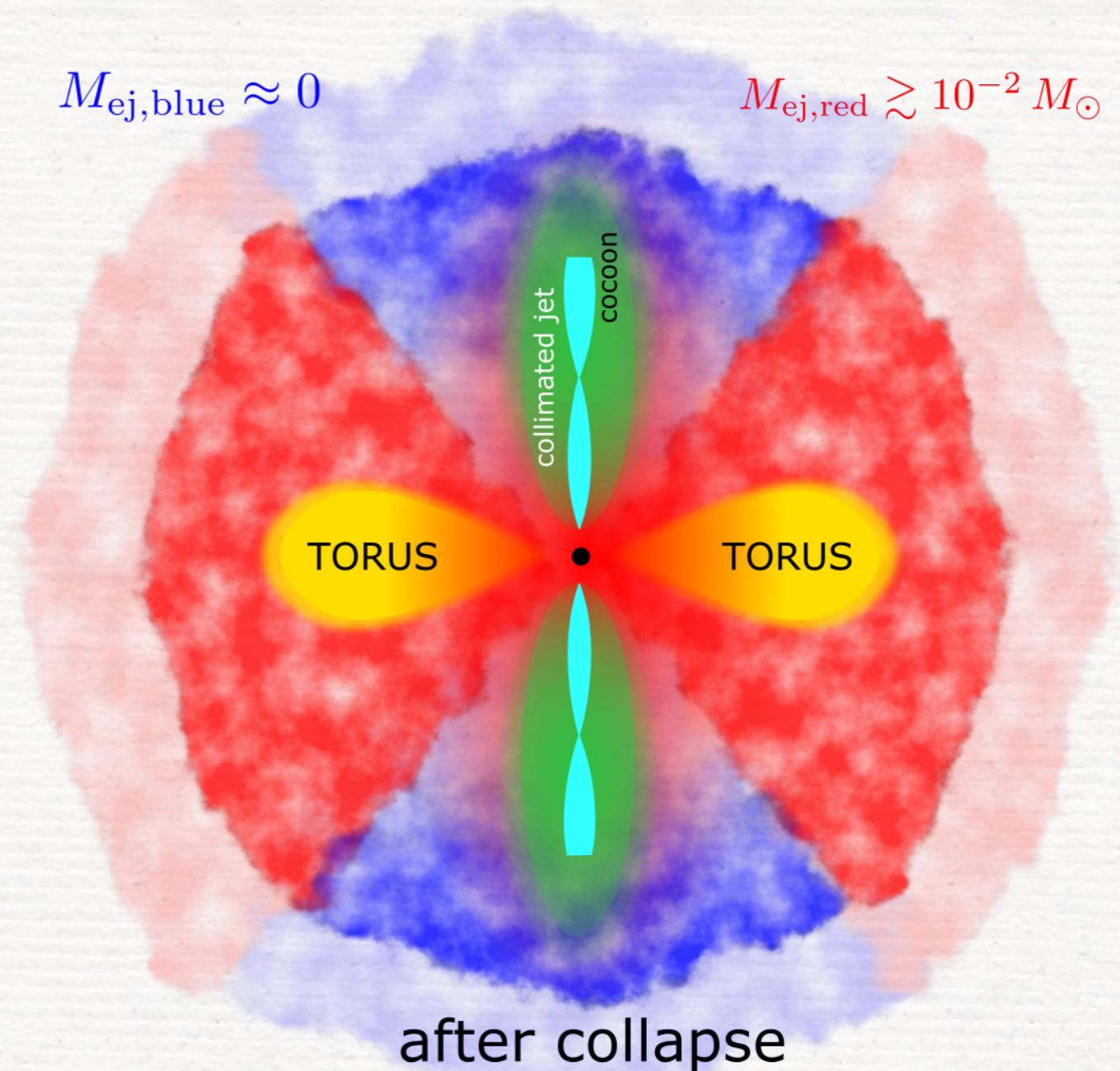
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before collapse

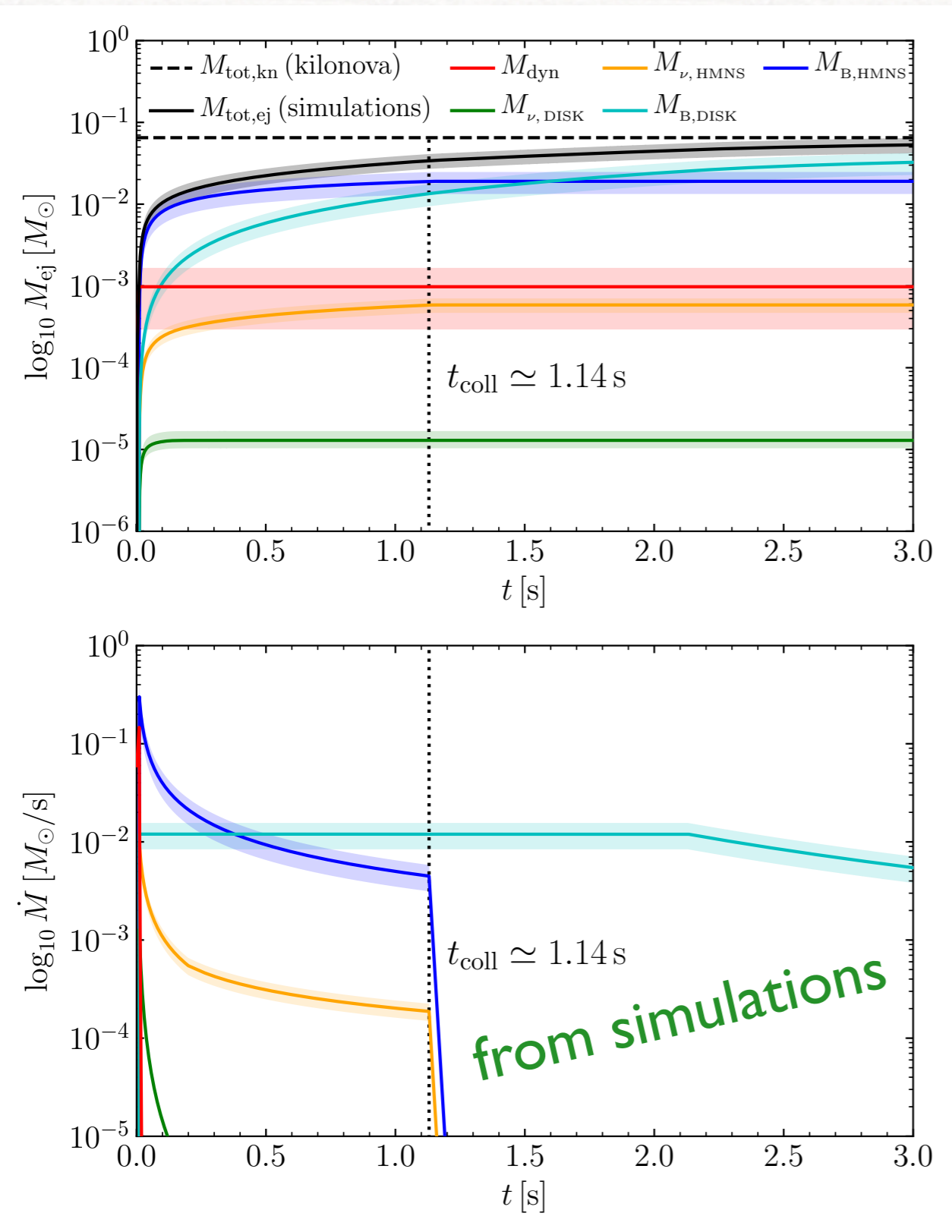
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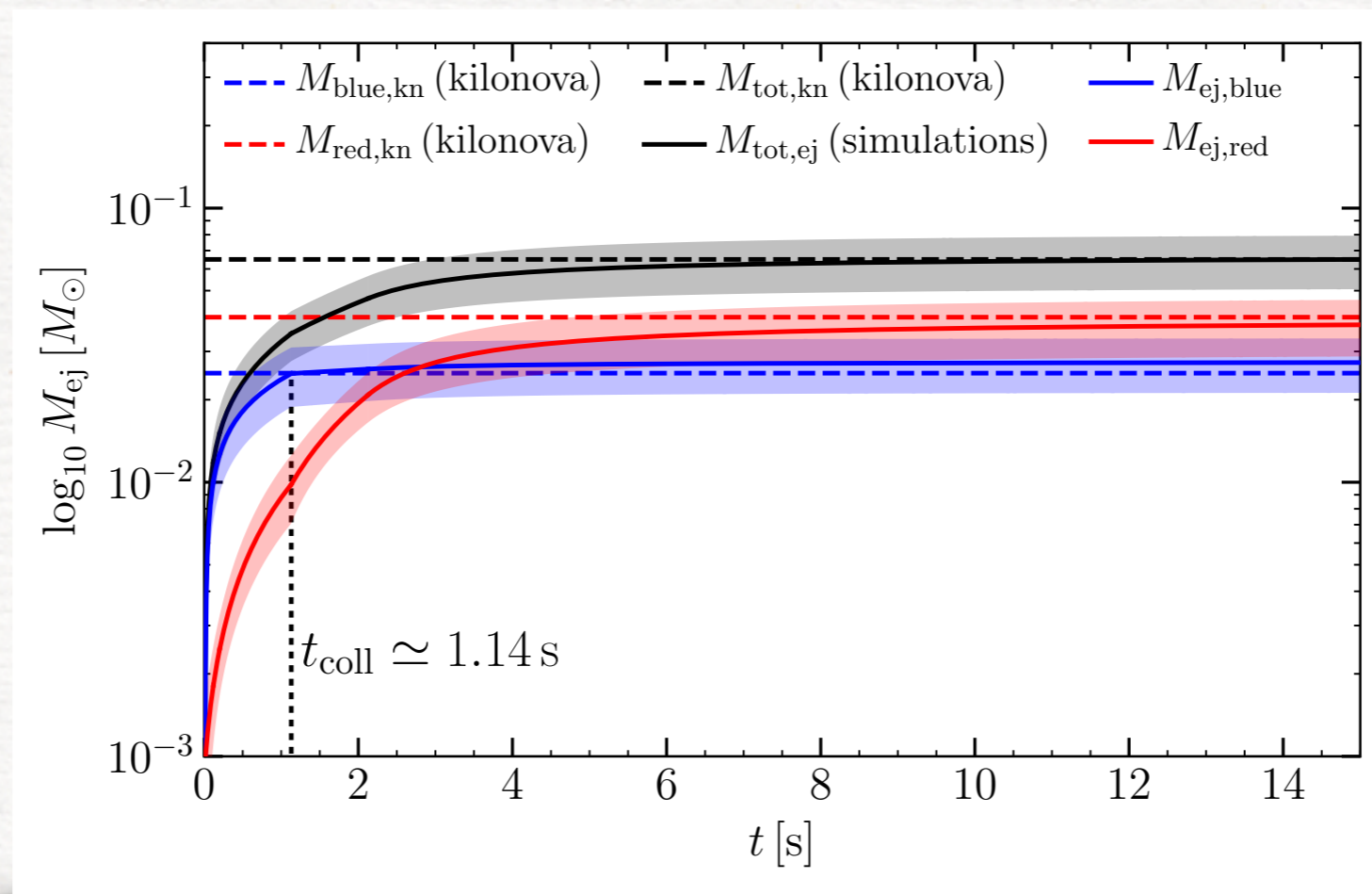
after collapse

# Ejection of mass



- Shown are the mass-ejection rates from numerical simulations.
  - $M_{\text{dyn}}$ : matter ejected dynamically
  - $M_{\nu}$ : matter ejected via neutrino-driven winds
  - $M_{\text{B}}$ : matter ejected via magnetically driven winds
- All channels have contribution from the central object and the disk. All channels provide both **blue** or **red** ejecta in different amounts.

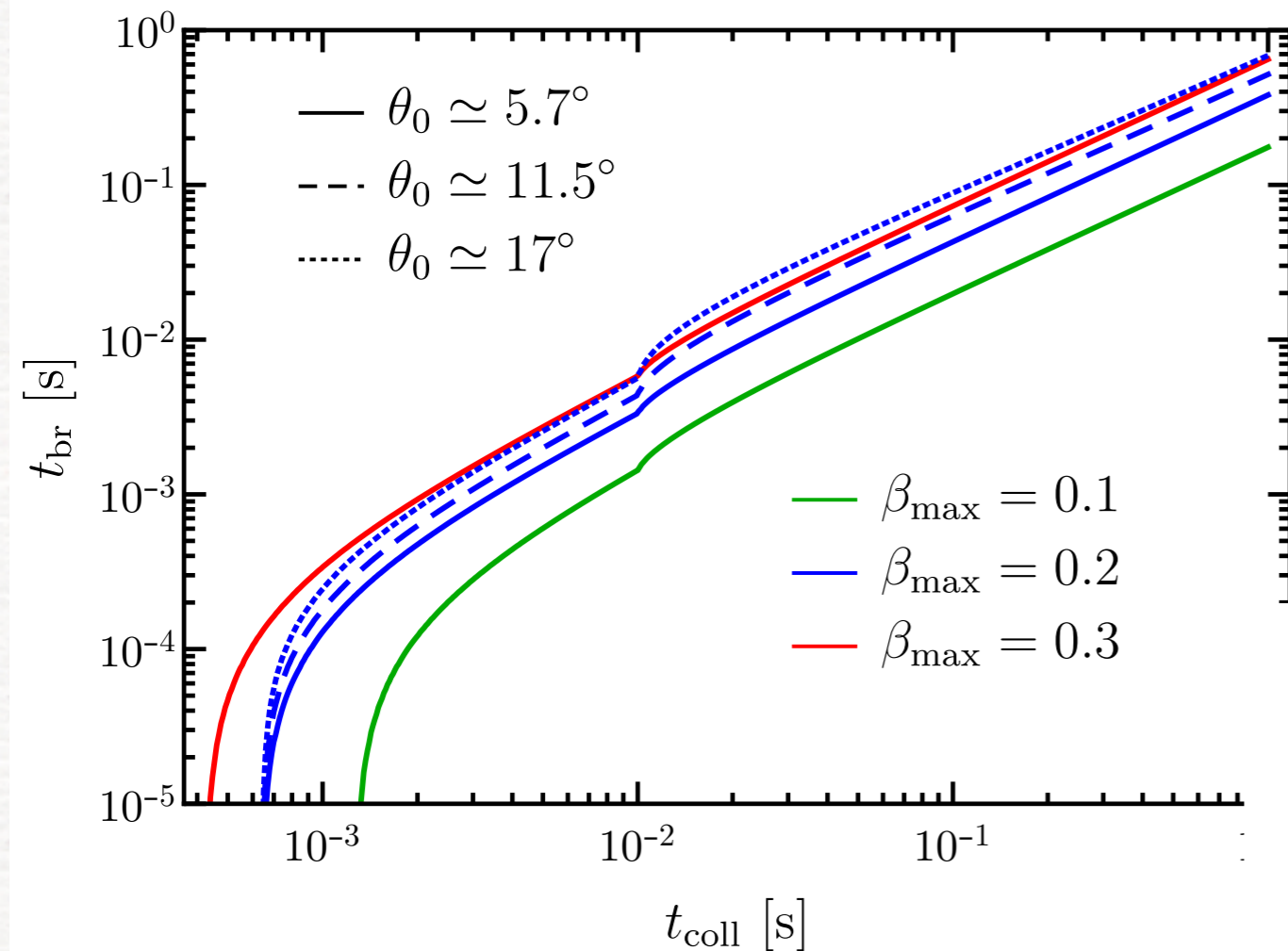
# Constraints from mass ejection



- Shown are the mass contributions (blue/red) on “long” timescales.
- Blue ejecta essentially stops after collapse and constraints collapse time **from mass ejection** to be

$$t_{coll} = 1.14^{+0.60}_{-0.50} \text{ s}$$

# Constraints from breakout

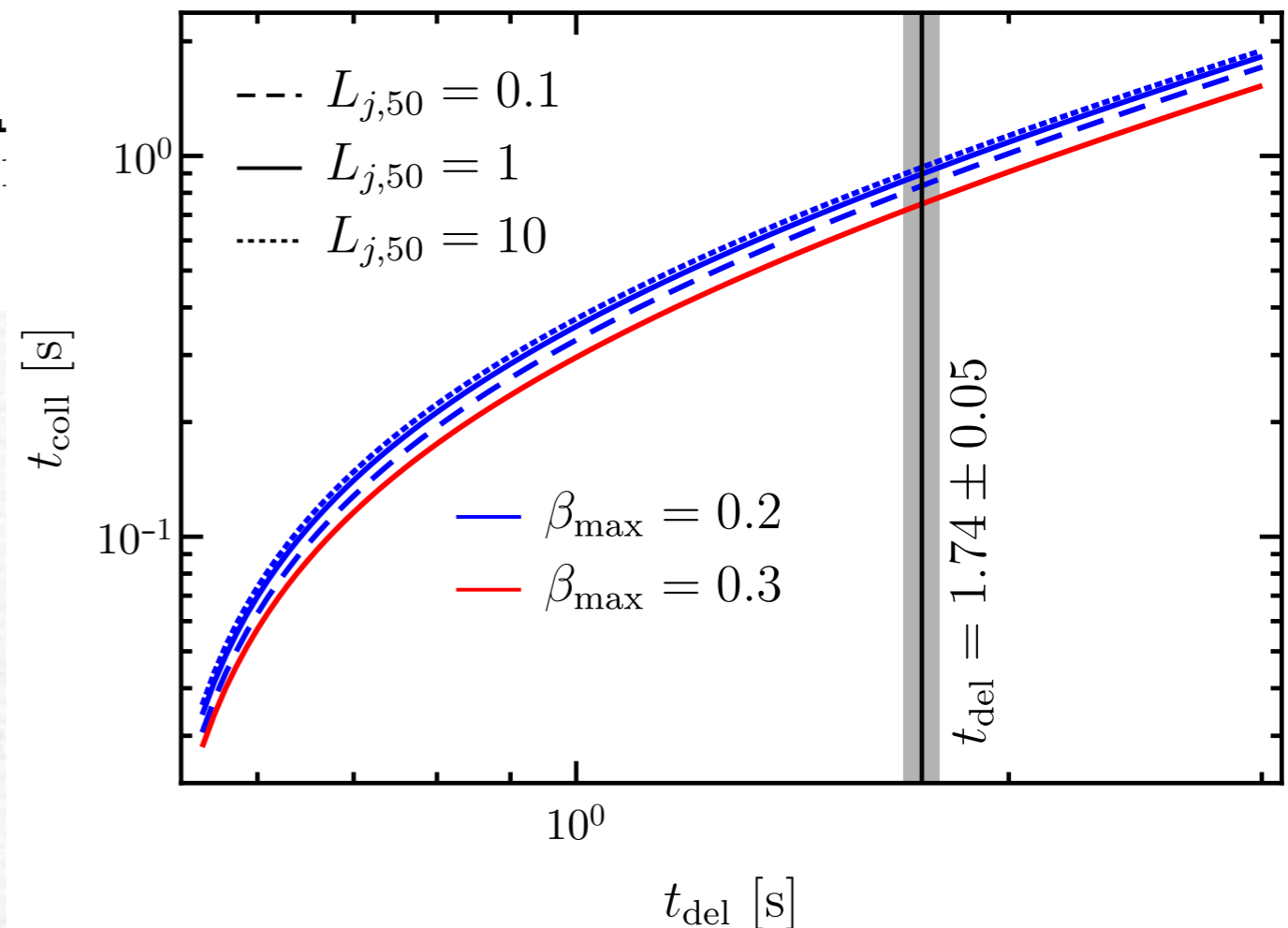


- Breakout time depends on collapse time, speed of ejecta jet opening angle, and energy injected (i.e., more and faster ejecta, longer time to escape).

- Given measured  $t_{\text{del}}$  we can constrain collapse time **from breakout** to be

$$t_{\text{coll}} = 0.82 \pm 0.15 \text{ s}$$

$$t_{\text{del}} = 1.74 \pm 0.05 \text{ s} = t_{\text{coll}} + t_{\text{br}}(t_{\text{coll}}) + t_R$$



# Putting things together

- Can combine two constraints and their uncertainties to obtain a single estimate

$$t_{\text{coll}} = 0.98^{+0.31}_{-0.26} \text{ s}$$

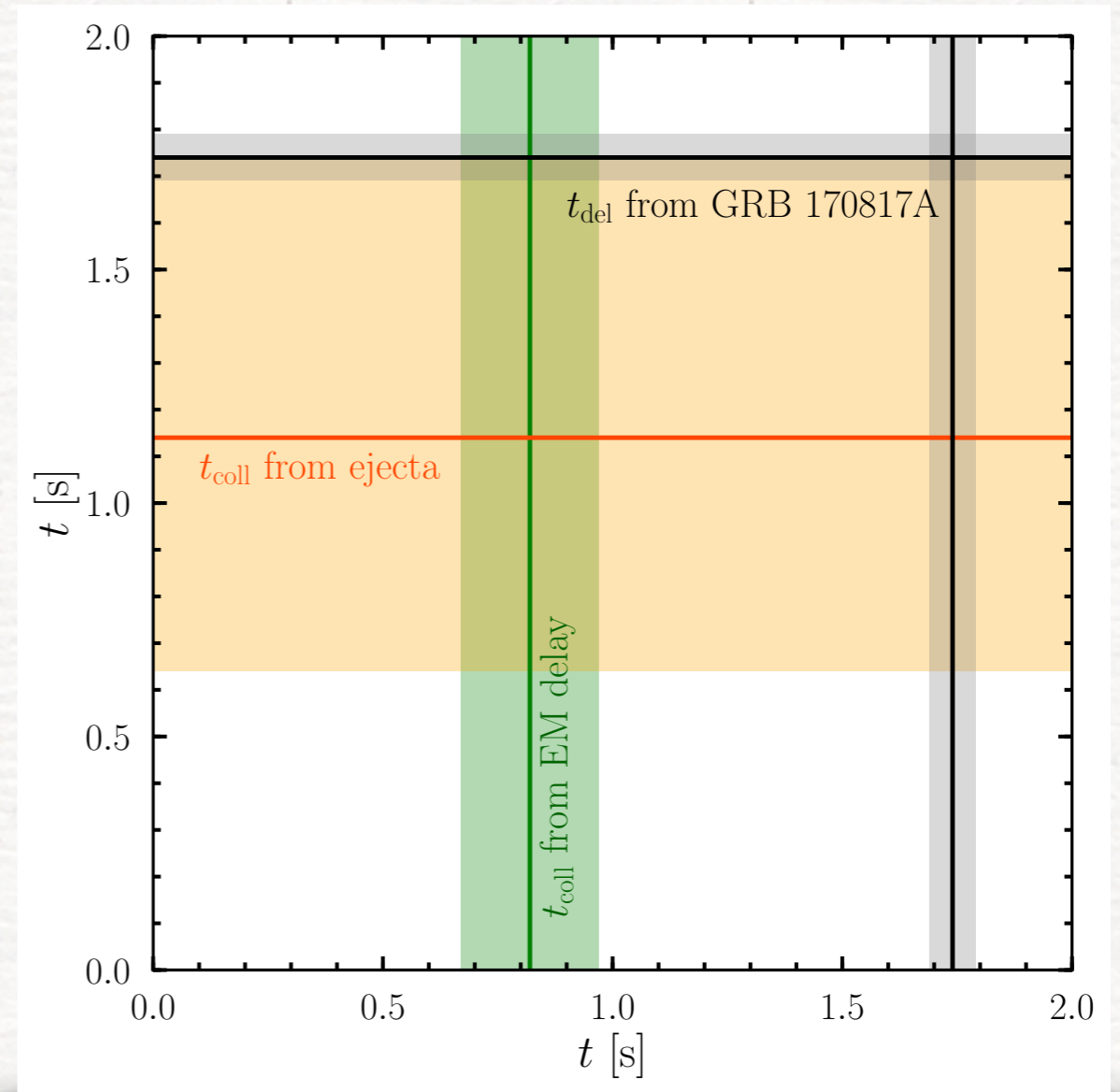
- What are the **implications?**

- \*correlates  $M_{\text{ej,blue}}$  and  $t_{\text{coll}}$  :  
to be tested new detections

- \*much longer than what can be simulated accurately ( $\sim 0.1$  s)

- \*mechanisms other than GWs for loss of angular momentum:  
spin down due to dipolar EM radiation appears reasonable

- \*this implies  $B \gtrsim 10^{16}$  G need to be produced **after** merger



# Conclusions

\* Spectra of post-merger shows peaks, some "quasi-universal".

\* When used together with tens of observations, they will set tight constraints on EOS: radius known with  $\sim 1$  km precision.

\* **GW170817** has already provided new limits on

$$2.01_{-0.04}^{+0.04} \leq M_{\text{TOV}}/M_{\odot} \lesssim 2.16_{-0.15}^{+0.17} \quad \text{maximum mass}$$

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\* First constraints on lifetime of **GW170817** remnant

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Gravitational physics is living its **Renaissance!**  
Also this time **Europe** will be its main **centre.**