

## Beyond the Horizon

The status and future of gravitational-wave source modelling in general relativity

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- Aim of talk is to highlight some of the key developments in recent years
  - **Impossible** to cover all work by the community over the past N+ years
  - Provide a **broad overview** of the key approaches
  - **Signpost** some of the talks throughout this week
  - Stimulate discussion during the **coffee** breaks!
- Focus on **inspiral-merger-ringdown** (IMR) models
  - A lot of complementary work on perturbative approaches

# Why Waveform Modelling?

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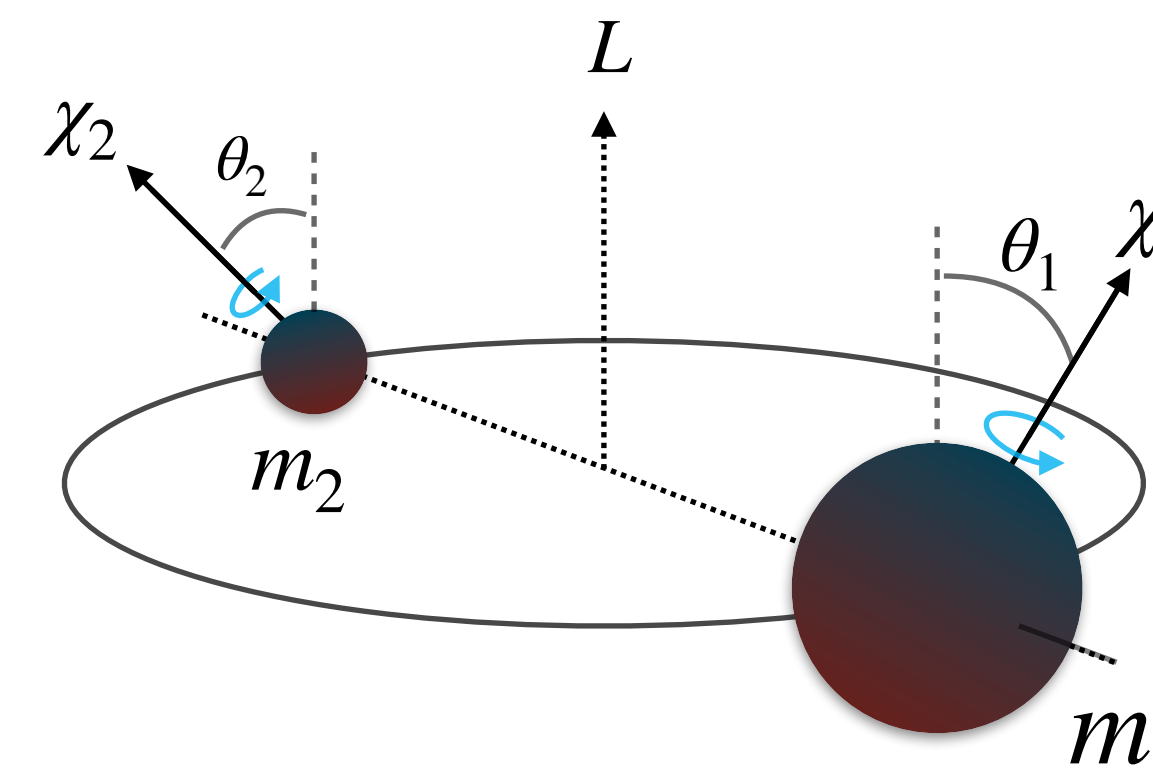
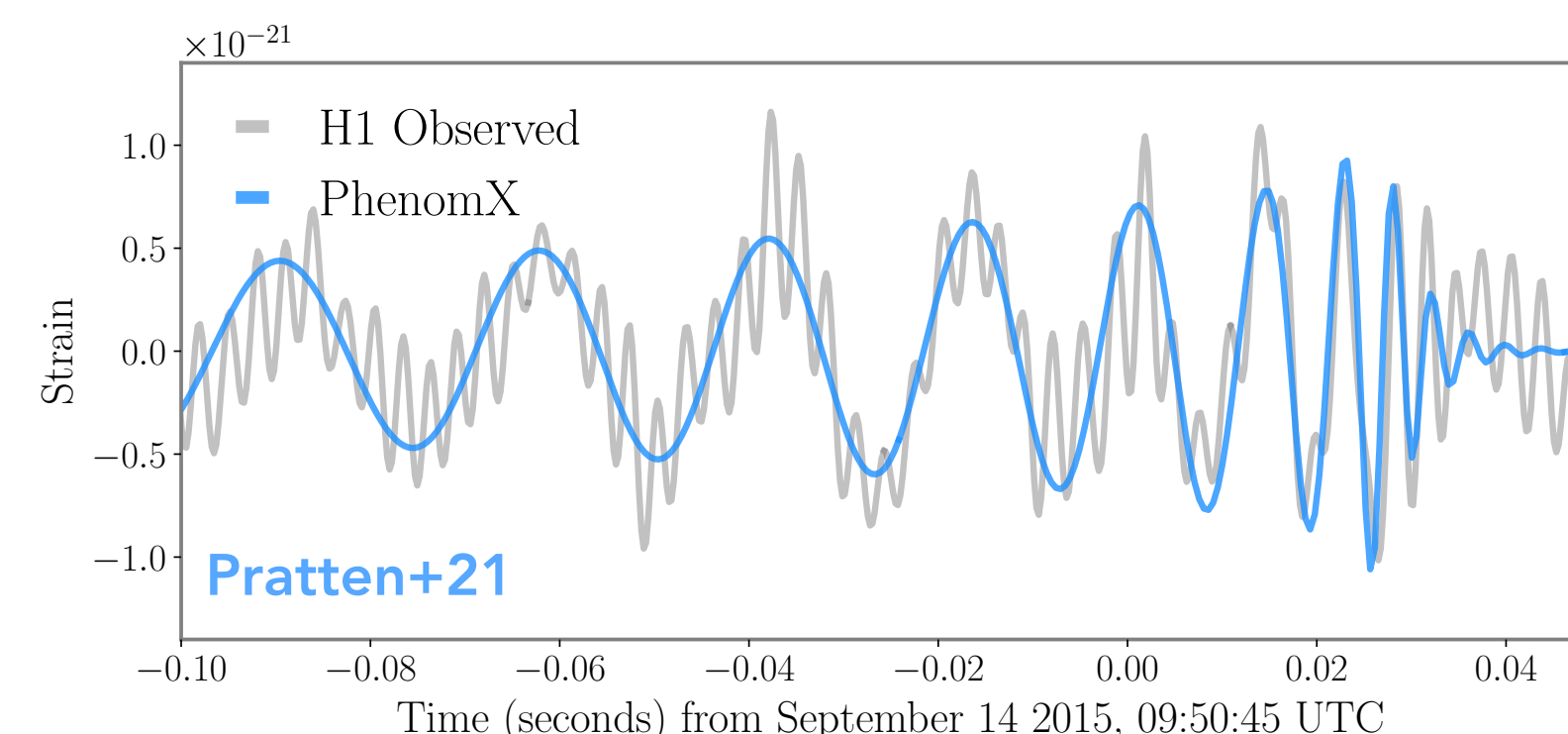
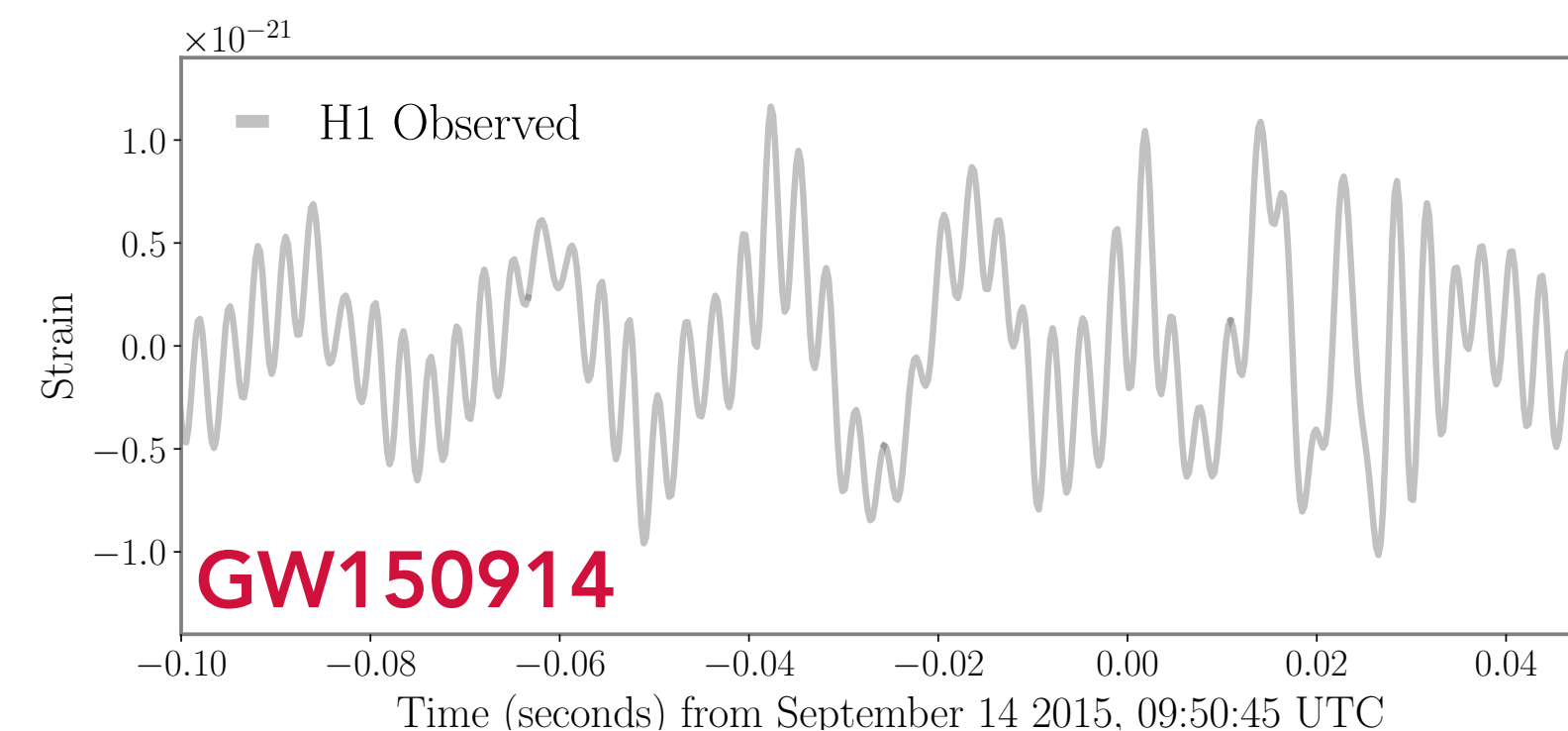
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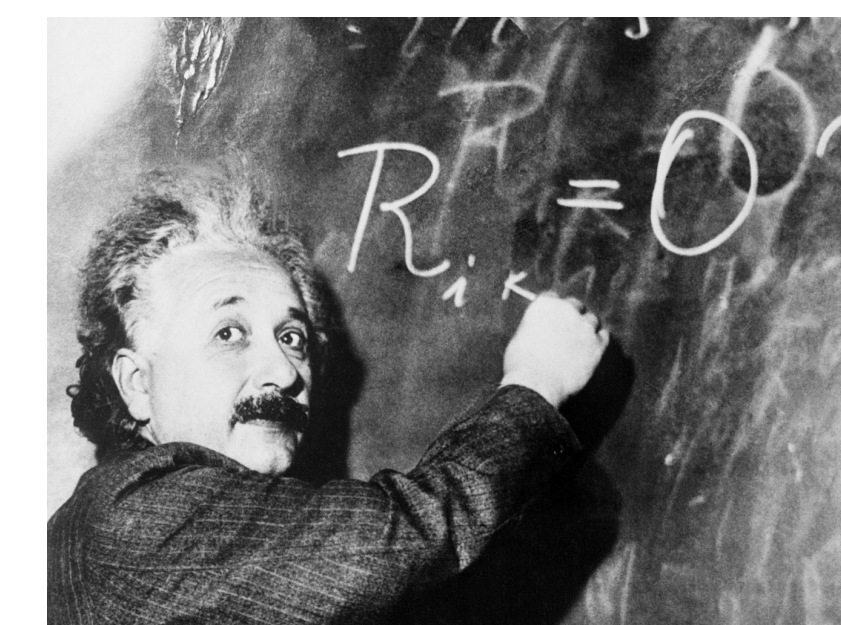
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Signal observed by detectors: LIGO, Virgo



Compare signal to **theoretical models**



Mine **astrophysical information**: masses, spins, fundamental physics, ...

## THE SPECTRUM OF GRAVITATIONAL WAVES



Observatories & experiments

Ground-based experiment



Space-based observatory



Pulsar timing array



Cosmic microwave background polarisation



Timescales

milliseconds

seconds

hours

years

billions of years

Frequency (Hz)

100

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$10^{-2}$

$10^{-4}$

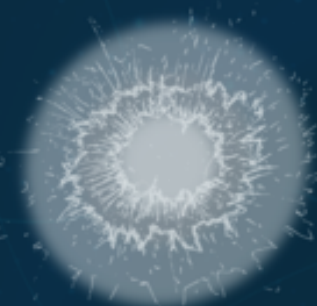
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Cosmic fluctuations in the early Universe

Cosmic sources



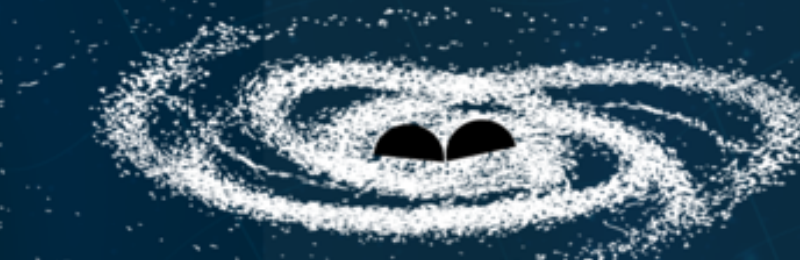
Supernova



Pulsar



Compact object falling onto a supermassive black hole



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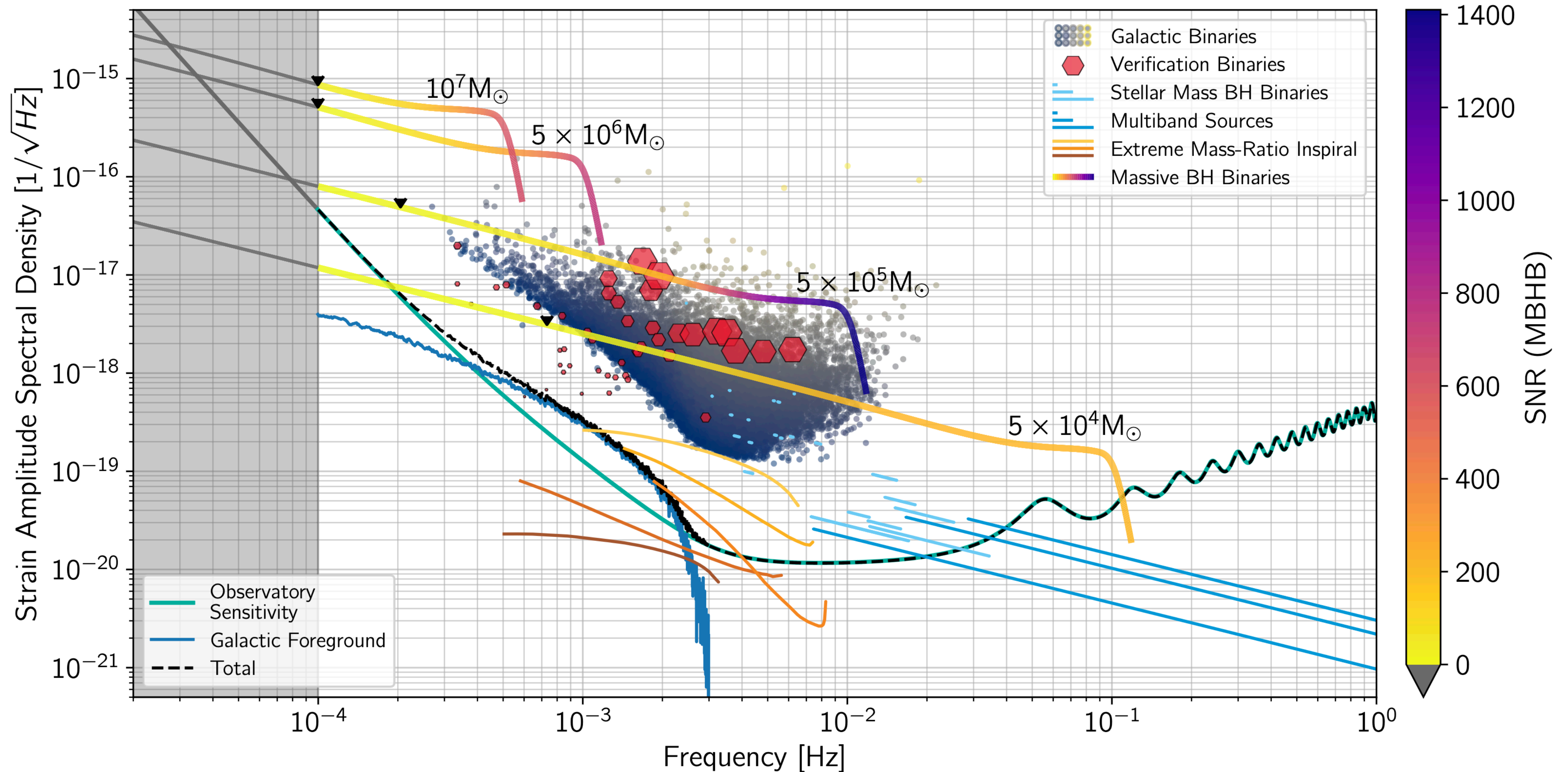
Merging white dwarfs in our Galaxy

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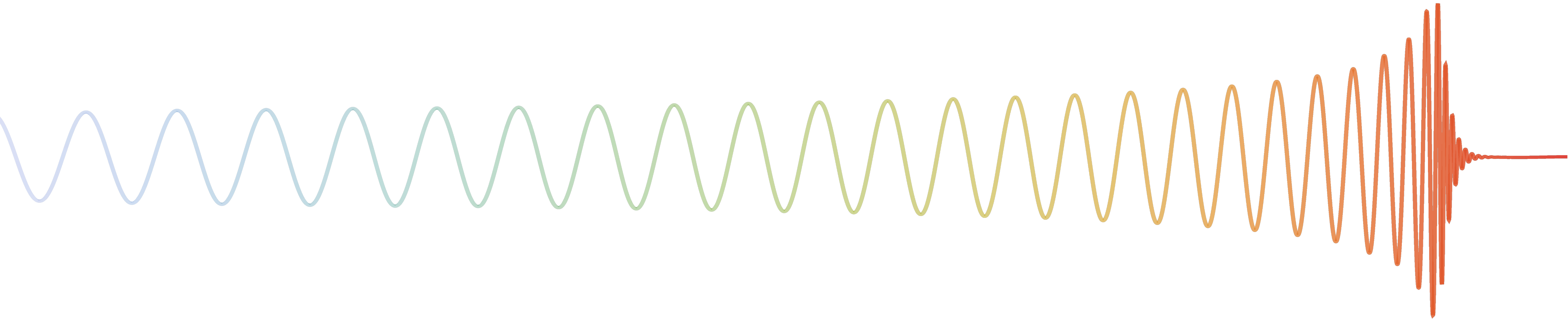


- Wealth of signals at low frequencies both **distinct** and **complementary** to ground-based detectors

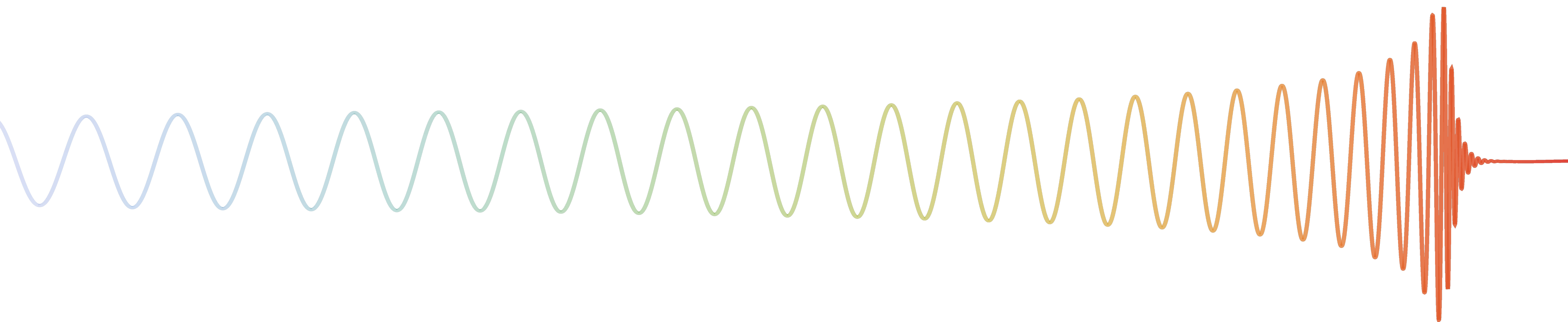


# The Morphology of Binary Black Hole Mergers

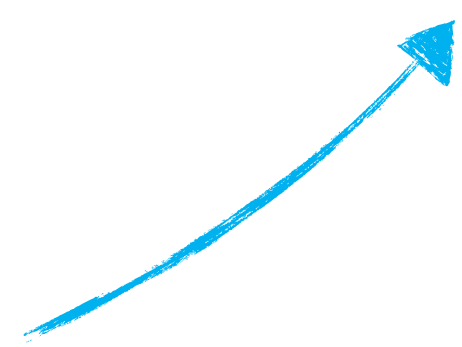
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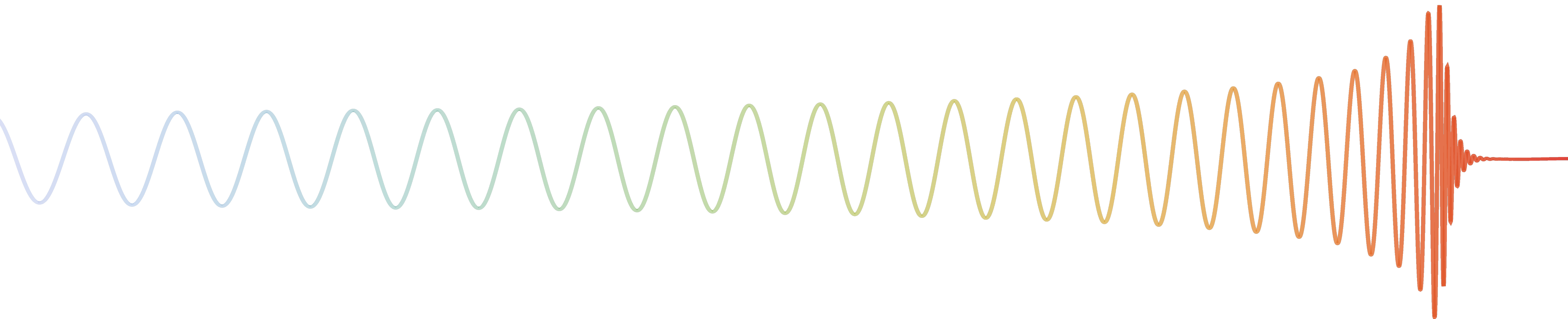
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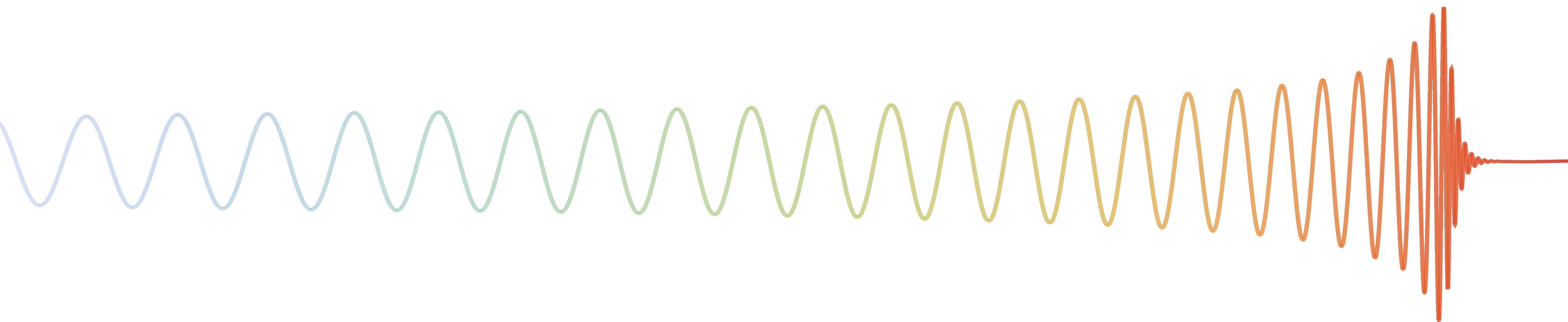
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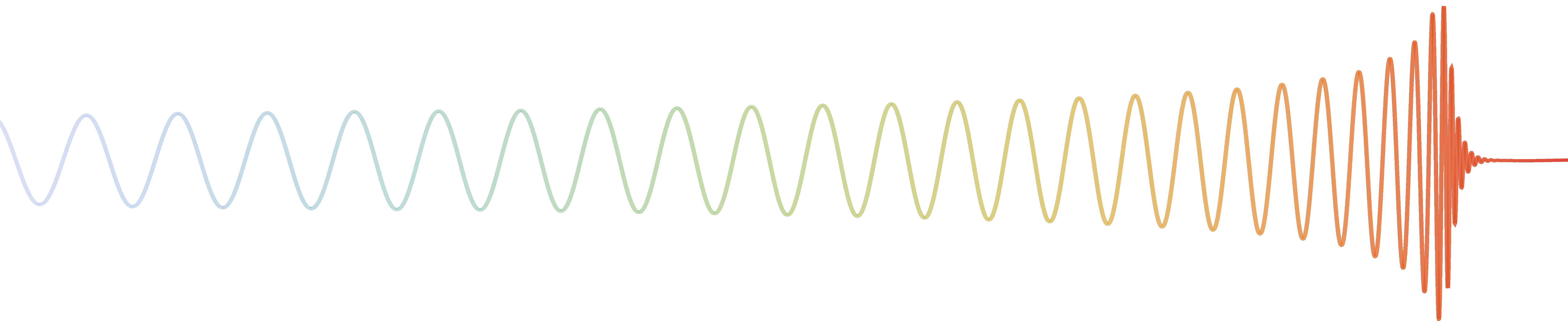
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post-Newtonian (MPM)

$$h_{(1)}^{\alpha\beta} = \sum_{\ell=0}^{+\infty} \partial_L \left( \frac{K_L^{\alpha\beta}(t-r/c)}{r} \right)$$

scattering amplitudes

$$\mathcal{M}^{\Delta+\nabla} = \frac{2\pi^2 G^2 \epsilon_1 \cdot \epsilon_4 \epsilon_2 \cdot \epsilon_3}{\sqrt{-q^2}} \sum_{n,i} \alpha^{(n,i)} \mathcal{O}^{(n,i)}$$

numerical relativity

$$\partial_t \gamma_{ij} = -2\alpha K_{ij} + D_i \beta_j + D_j \beta_i$$

$$\partial_t K_{ij} = \dots$$

BH perturbation theory

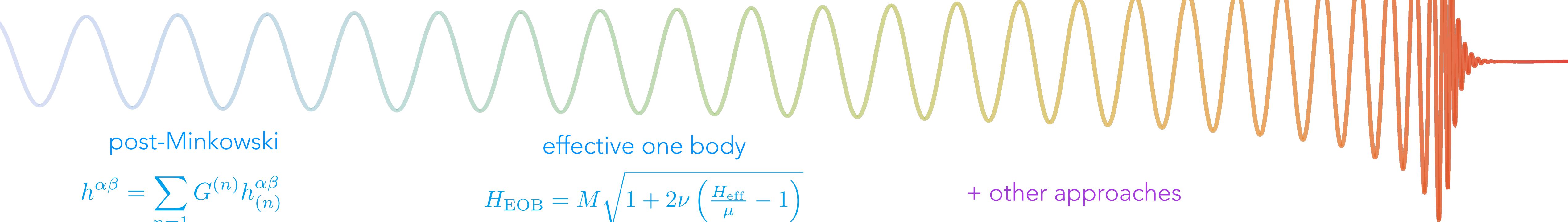
$$h = \sum C_{[p]lmn} e^{-i\tilde{\omega}_{[p]lmn} t} {}_{-2}S_{[p]lmn}(t, \varphi)$$

EFT

$$S_{\text{eff}} = -\frac{1}{16\pi G} \int d^4x \sqrt{\bar{g}} R[\bar{g}_{\mu\nu}] + \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} C_i(r_s) \int d\sigma \mathcal{O}_i(\sigma)$$

gravitational self-force

$$g_{\alpha\beta} + \sum_{m=-\infty}^{\infty} \left[ q h_{\alpha\beta}^{1,m}(\Omega) + q^2 h_{\alpha\beta}^{2,m}(\Omega) \right] e^{-im\phi} + \mathcal{O}(q^3)$$



post-Minkowski

$$h^{\alpha\beta} = \sum_{n=1} G^{(n)} h_{(n)}^{\alpha\beta}$$

effective one body

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

+ other approaches

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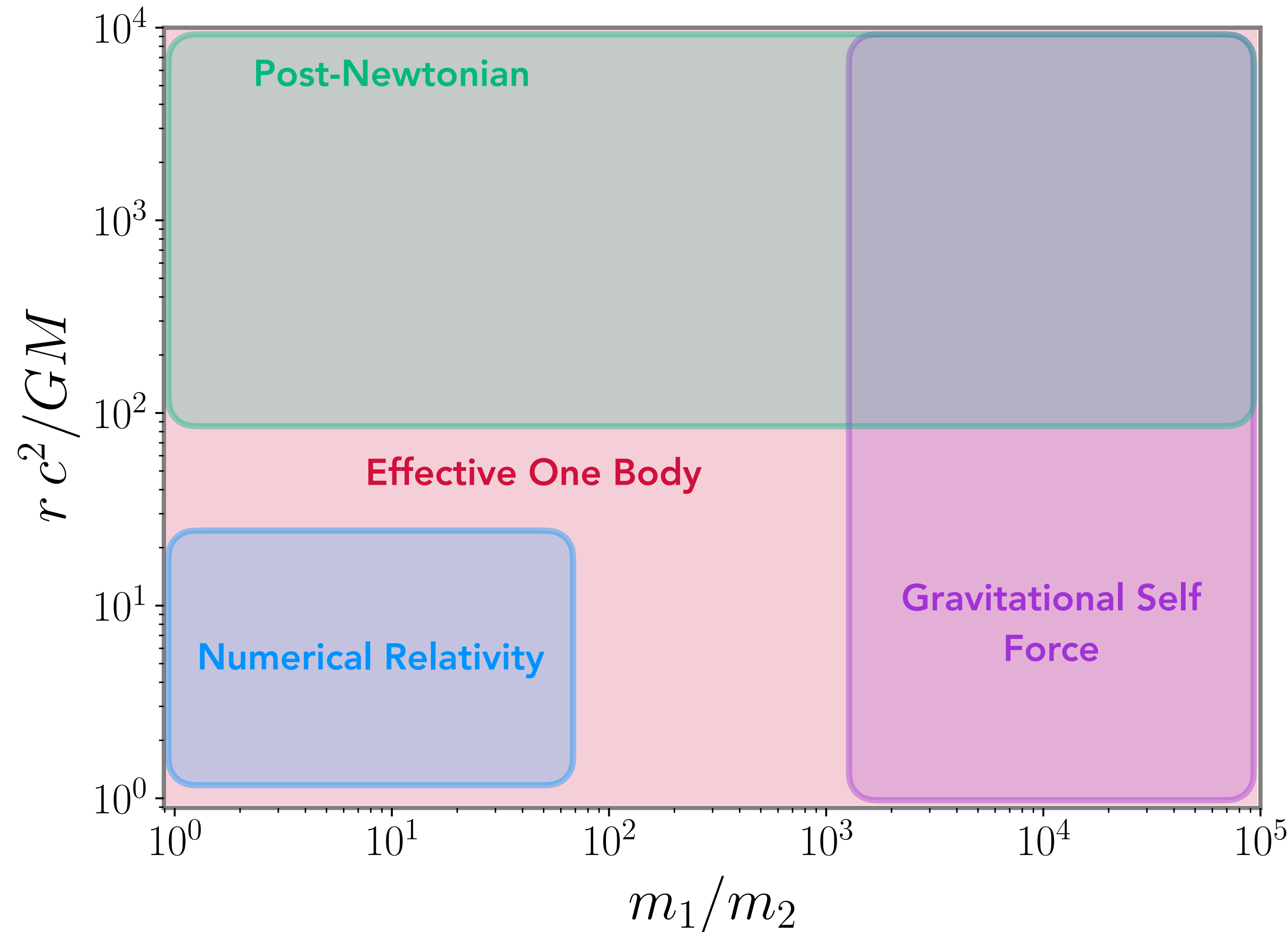




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e.g. Buonanno & Sathyaprakash 14



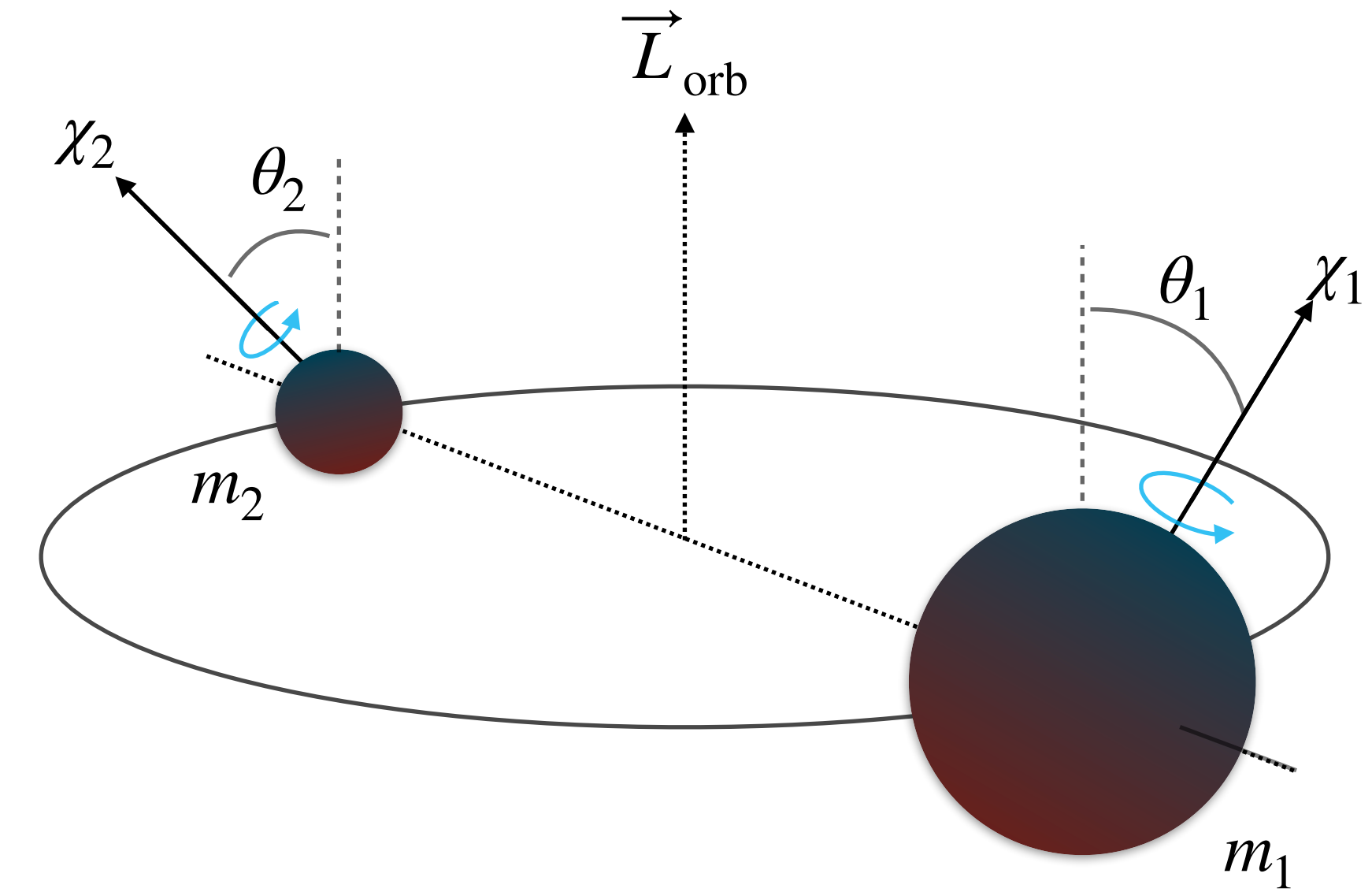
each approach has a parameter-dependent domain of validity  
**Synergy!**

Talk by Niels Warburton

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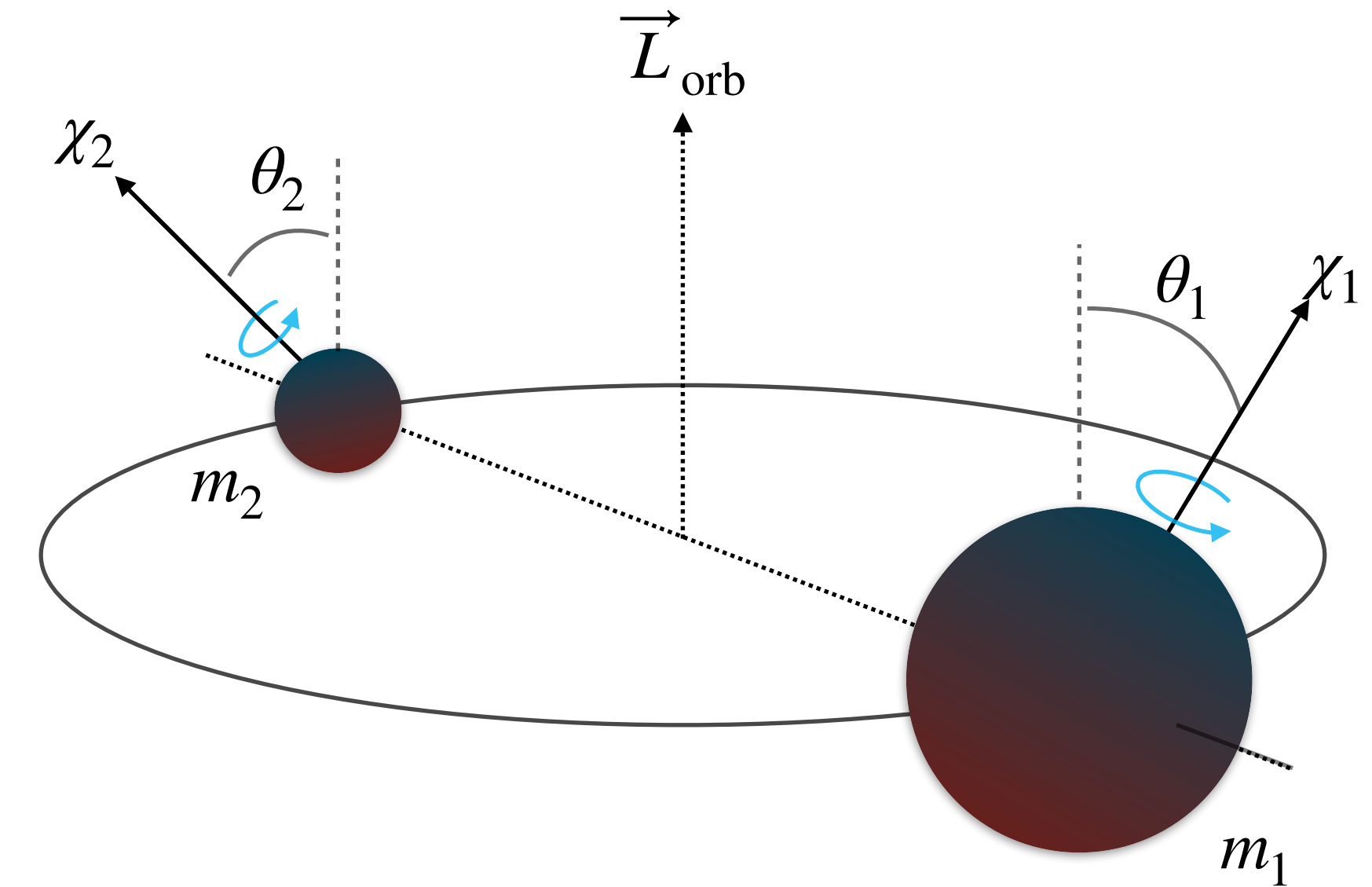


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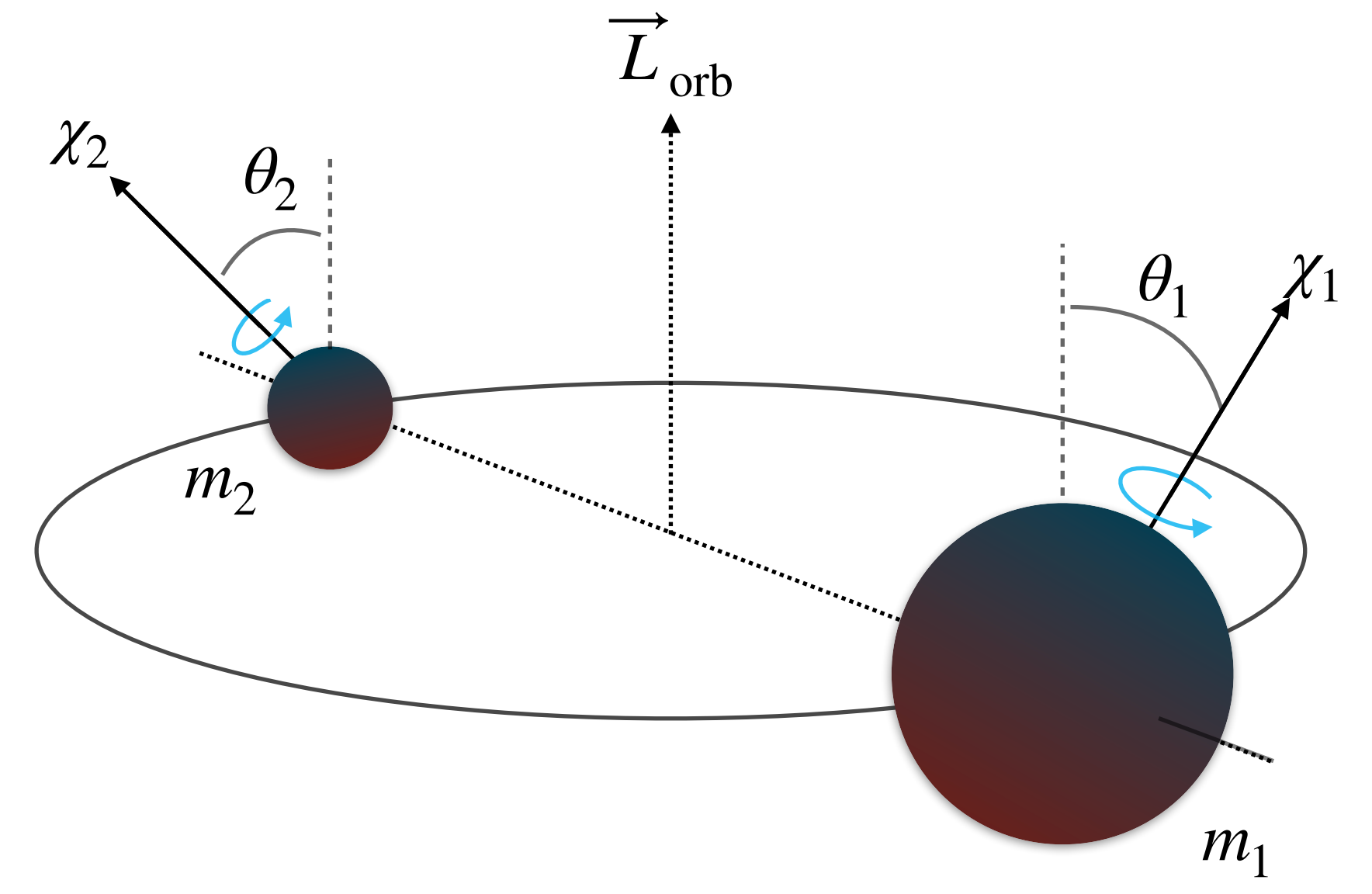
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Recent efforts have been working to relax this assumption!  
We will come back to this later...

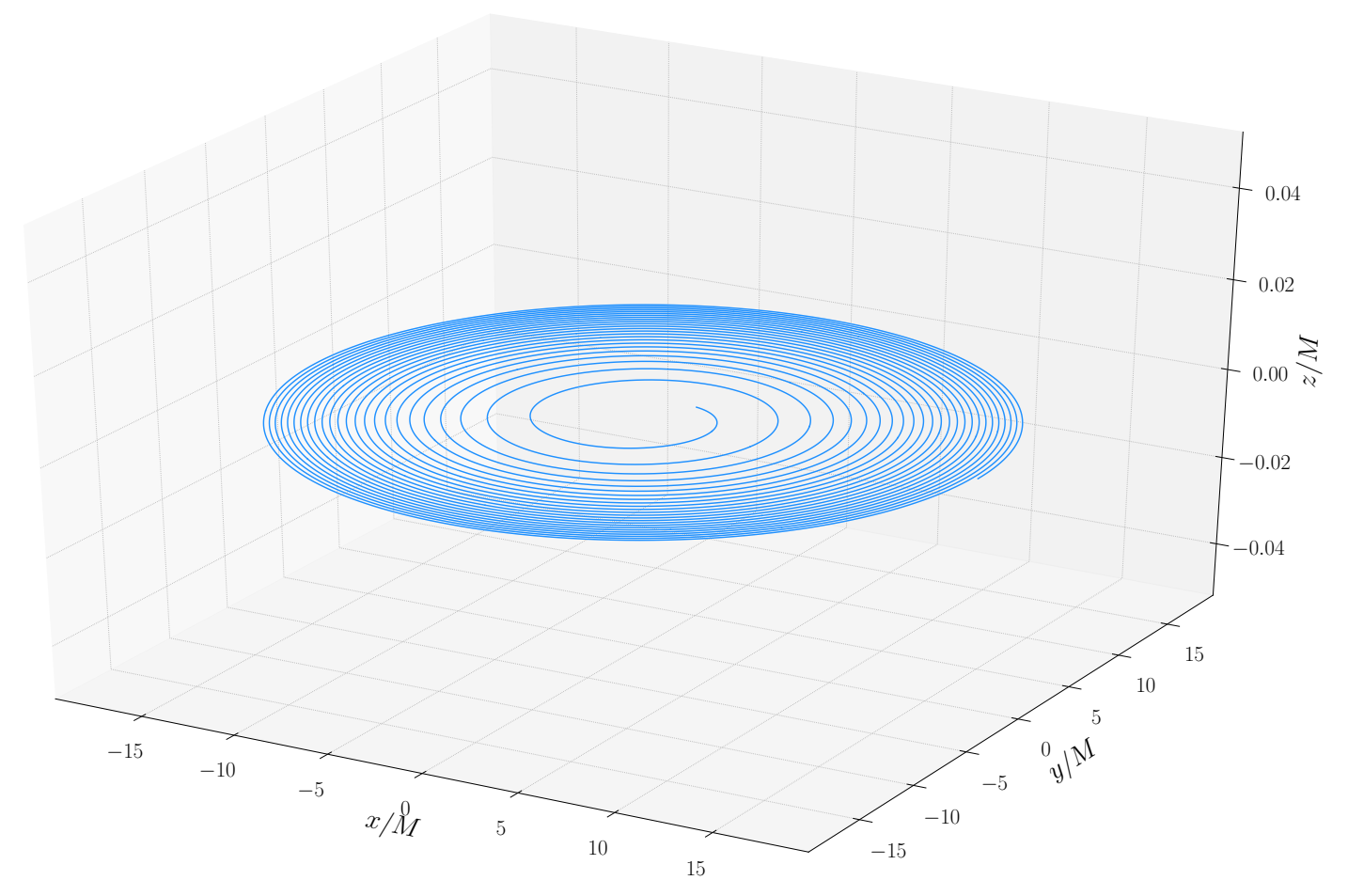


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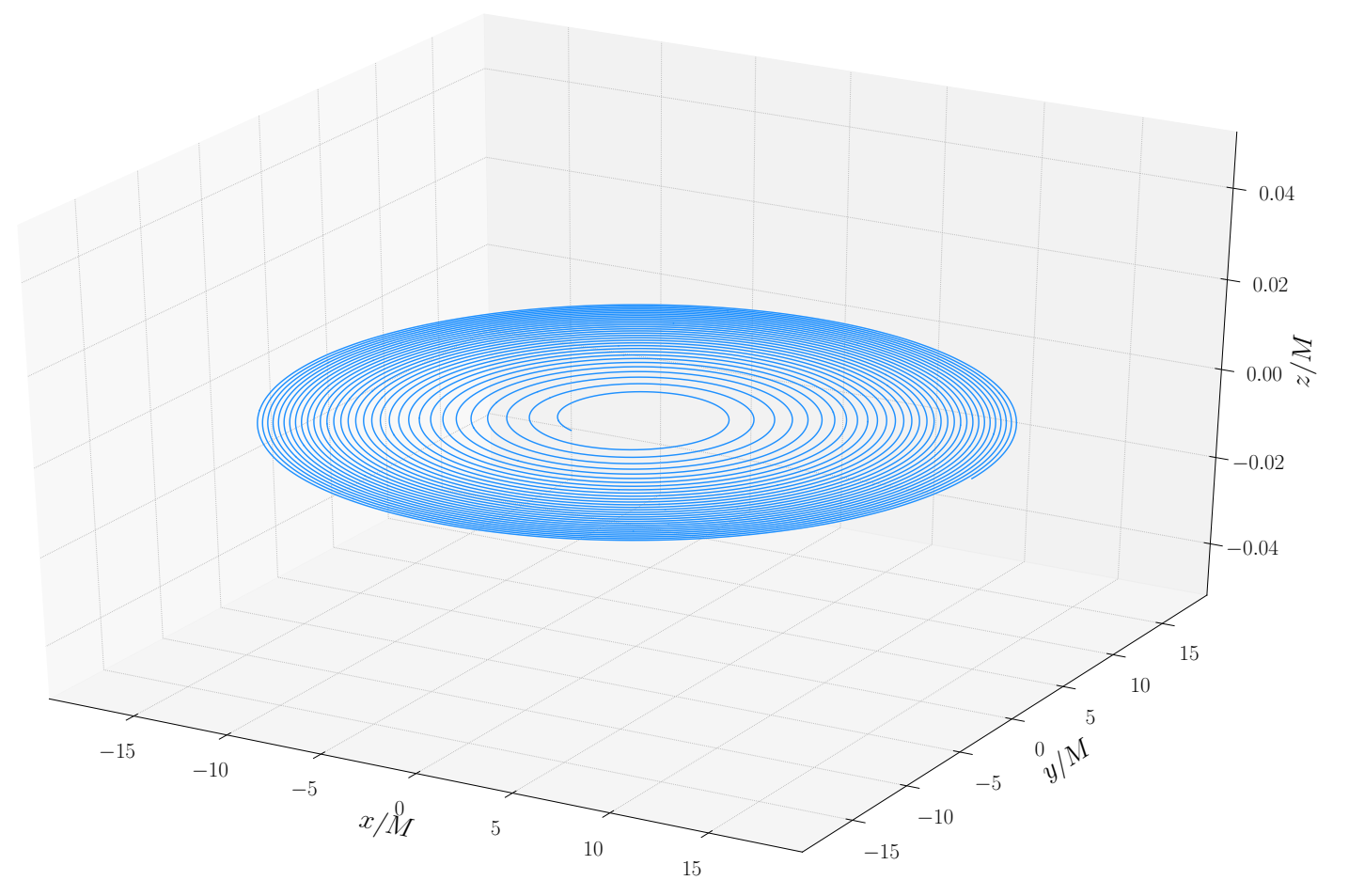
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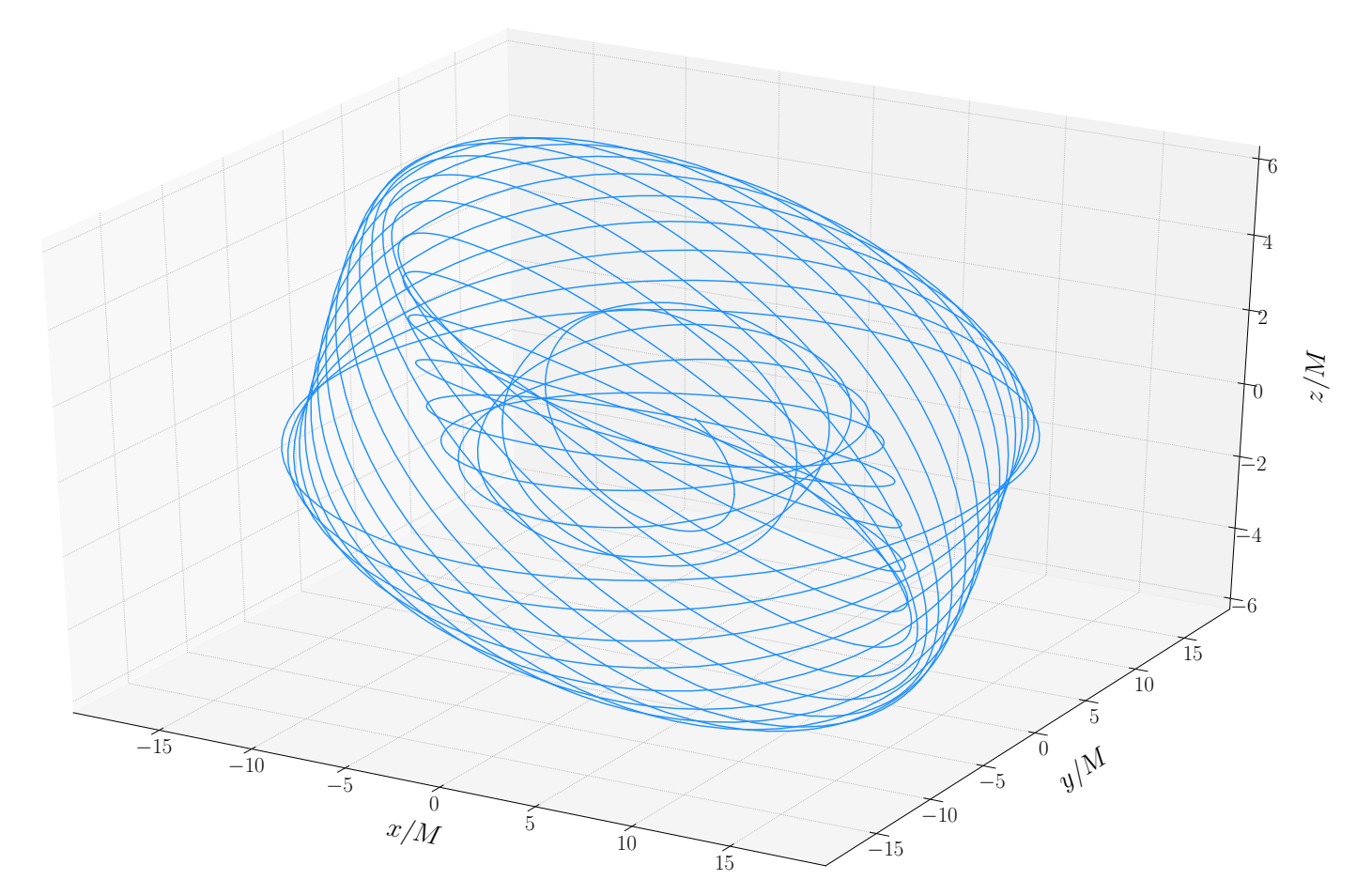
Non-Spinning



Aligned Spins



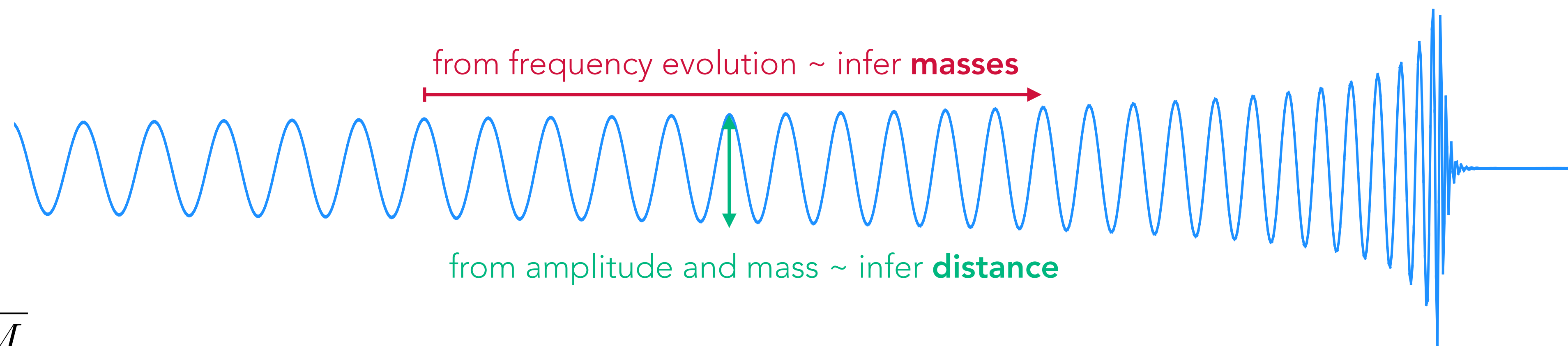
Precessing Spins



# Gravitational Waves: Cosmic Fingerprints



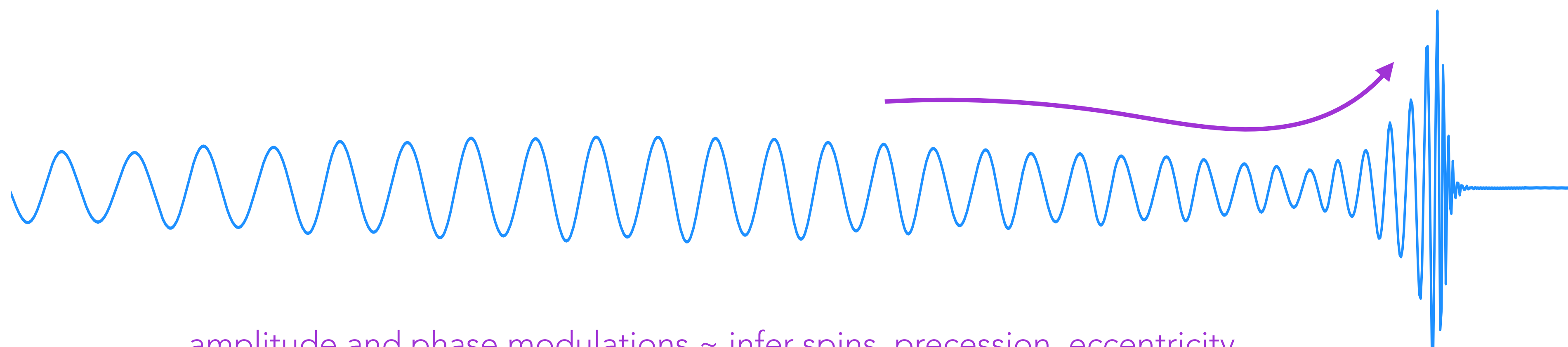
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$$\omega_{\text{orb}} = \sqrt{\frac{GM}{r^3}}$$

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**time of arrival, amplitude and phase** at detectors ~ infer **sky location**



amplitude and phase modulations ~ infer spins, precession, eccentricity, ...

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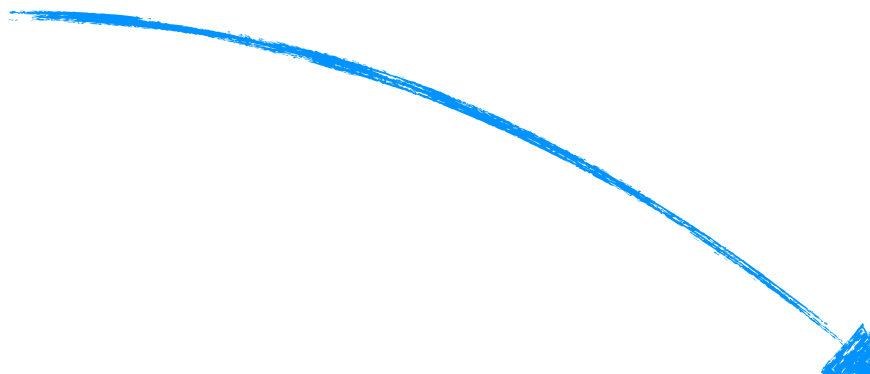
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see also coorbital frame modes  
[Boyle+, Blackman+, Varma+]

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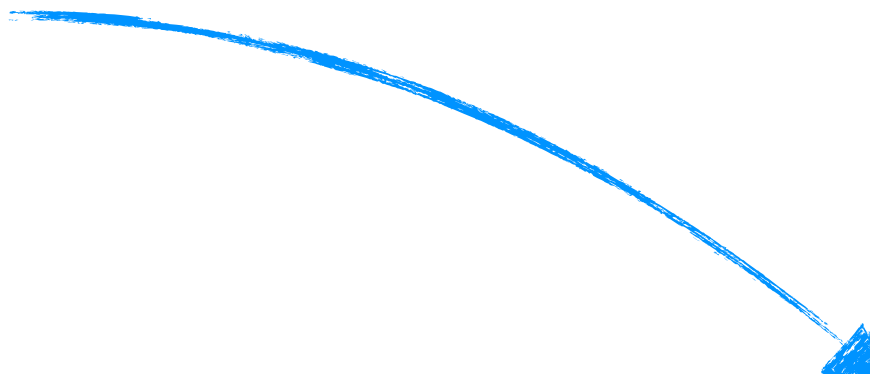

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Euler angles :  $\{\alpha, \beta, \gamma\}$

quaternions :  $\vec{q}$


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- So how does one *schematically* construct a surrogate model?



- Step 1: Build a *reduced basis* that represents function space in terms of N-dim orthonormal basis to a specified tolerance  $\sigma$

$$h(t, \vec{\lambda}) \approx \sum_{i=1}^N c_i(\vec{\lambda}) \hat{e}_i(t)$$

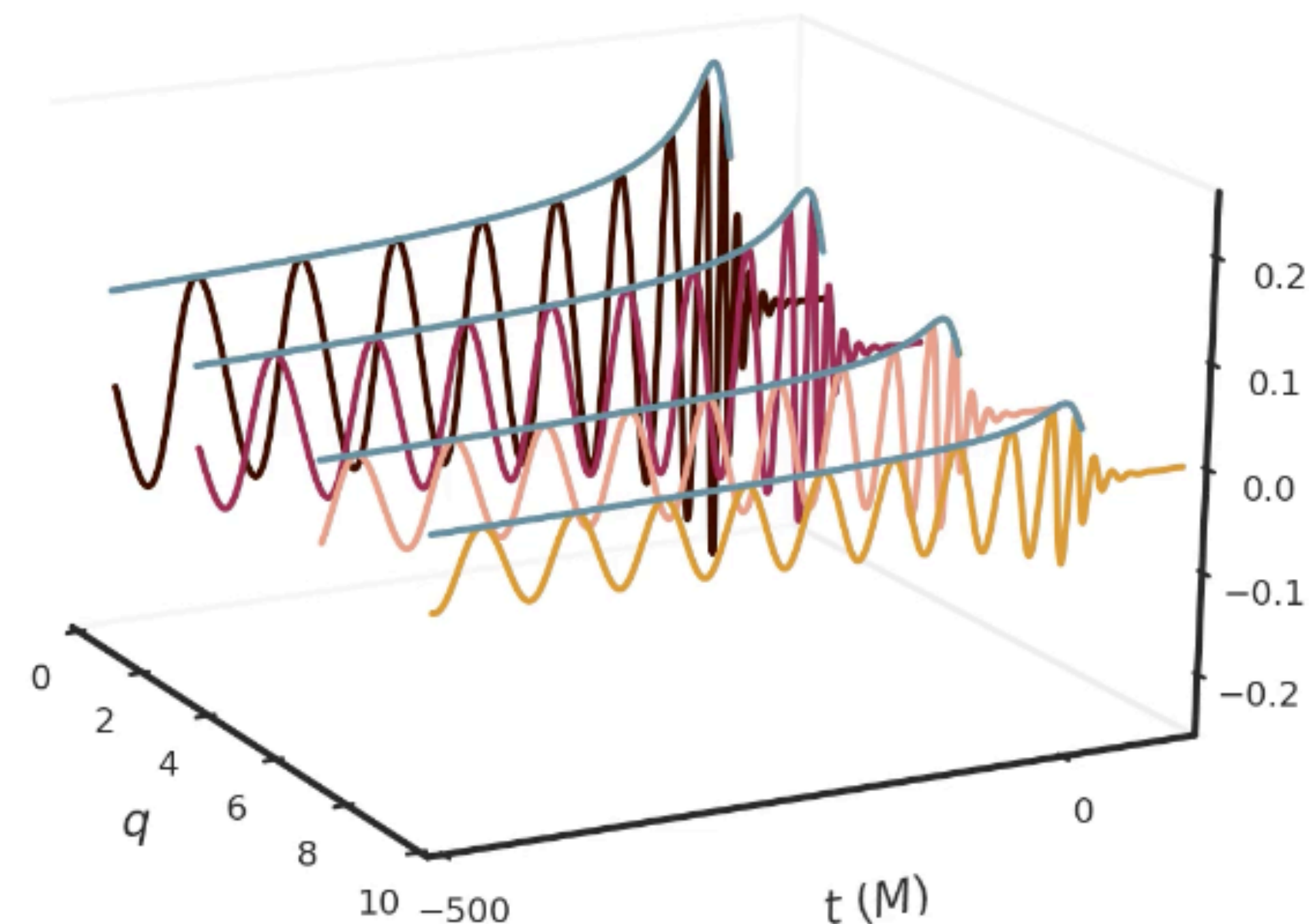
projection coefficients

orthonormal basis

$$\max \epsilon = \max \left\| h(t; \vec{\lambda}) - \sum_{i=1}^n c_i(\vec{\lambda}) \hat{e}_i(t) \right\|^2 \leq \sigma$$

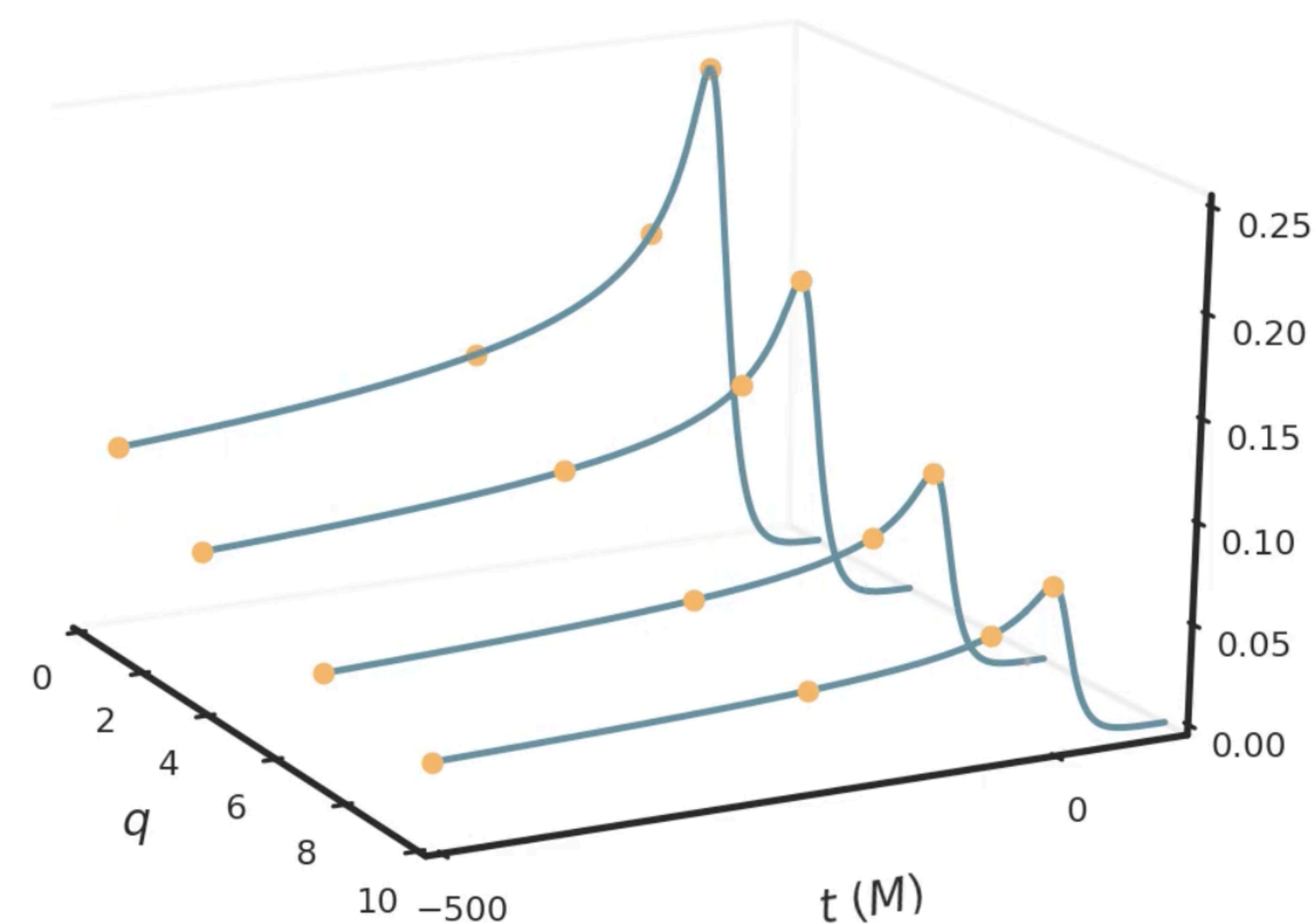
e.g.  $L^2$ -norm

- Range of techniques to find orthonormal basis
  - Greedy algorithms, SVD, PCA, etc
  - Works best on smoothly/slowly varying data



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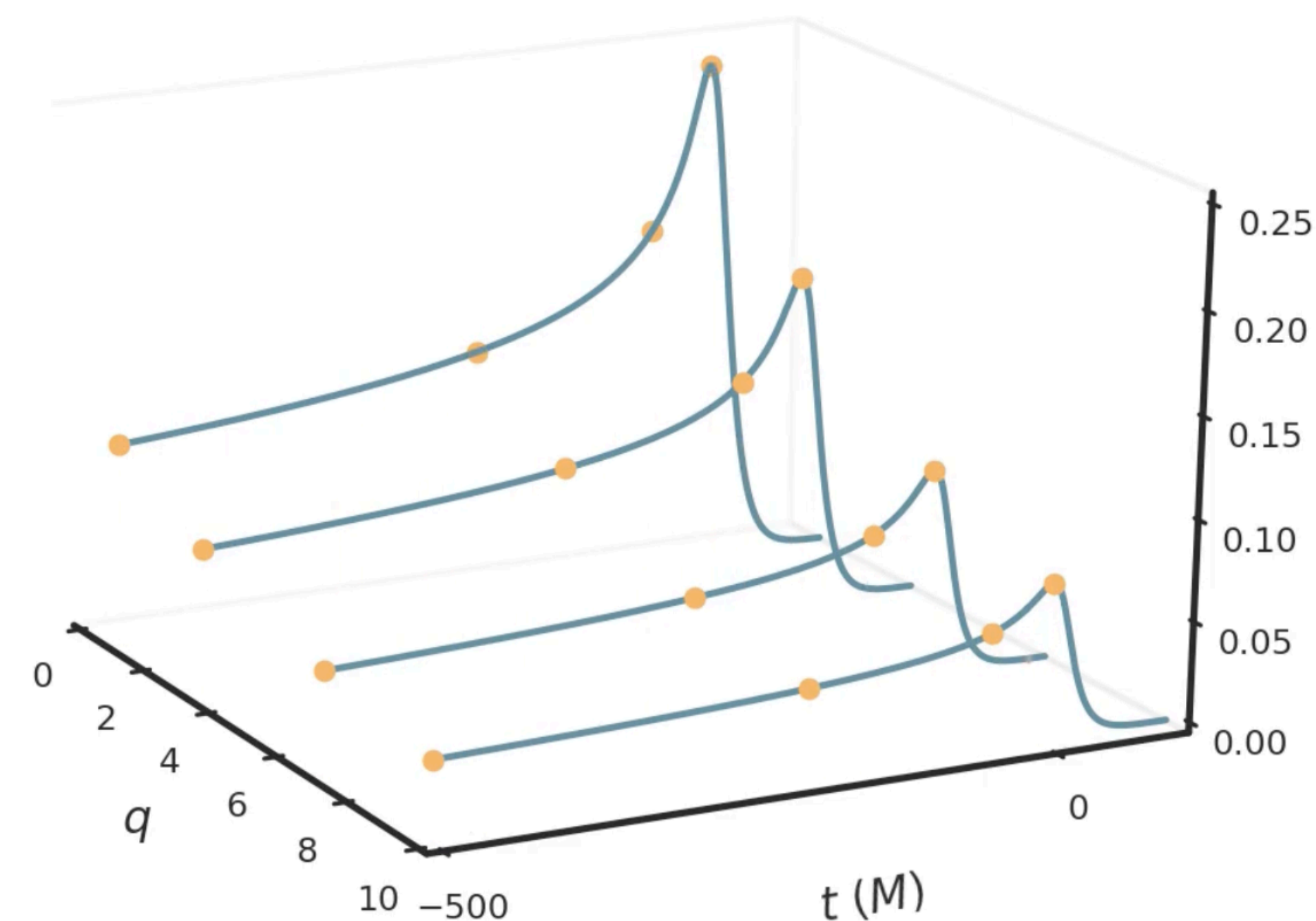
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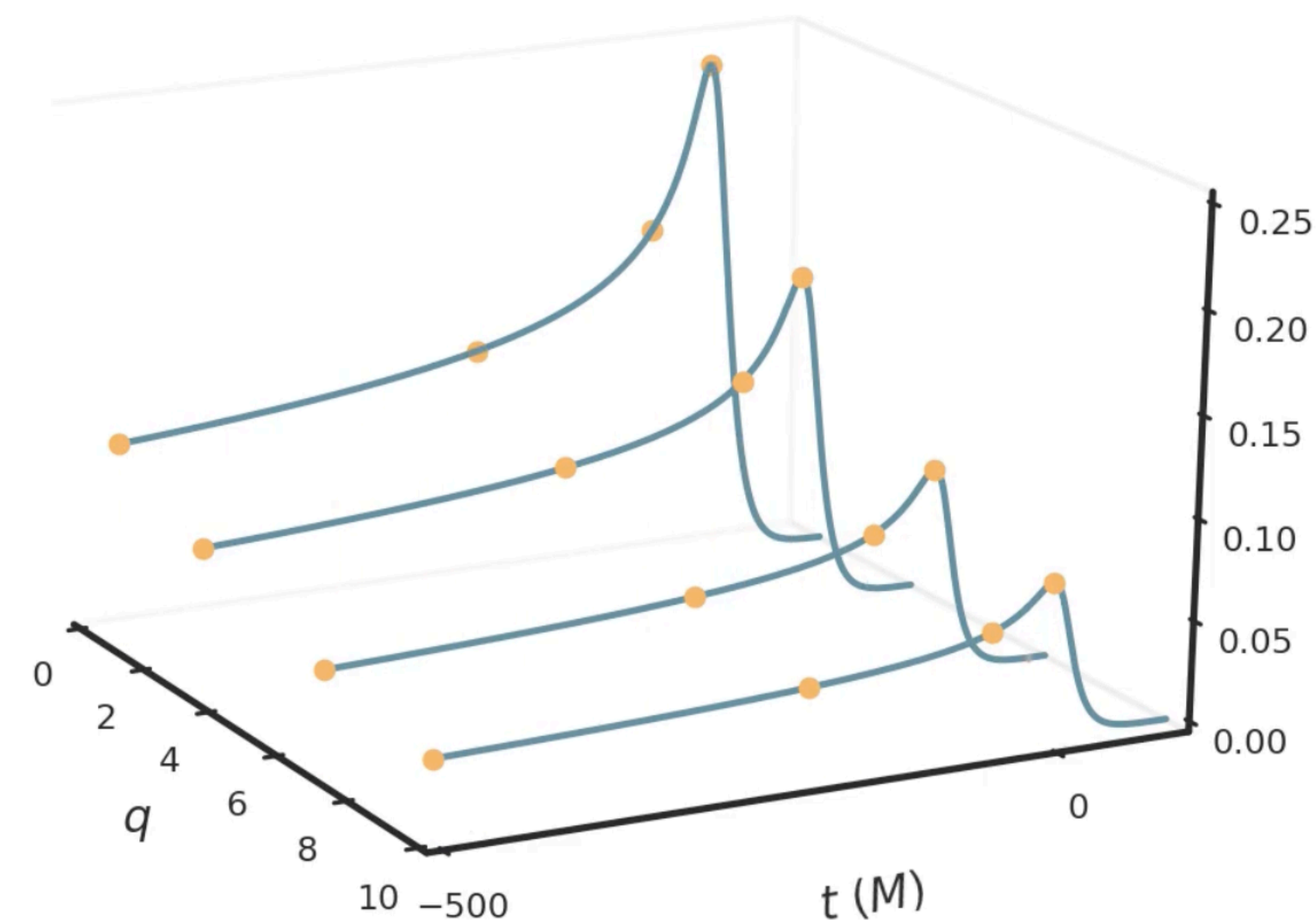
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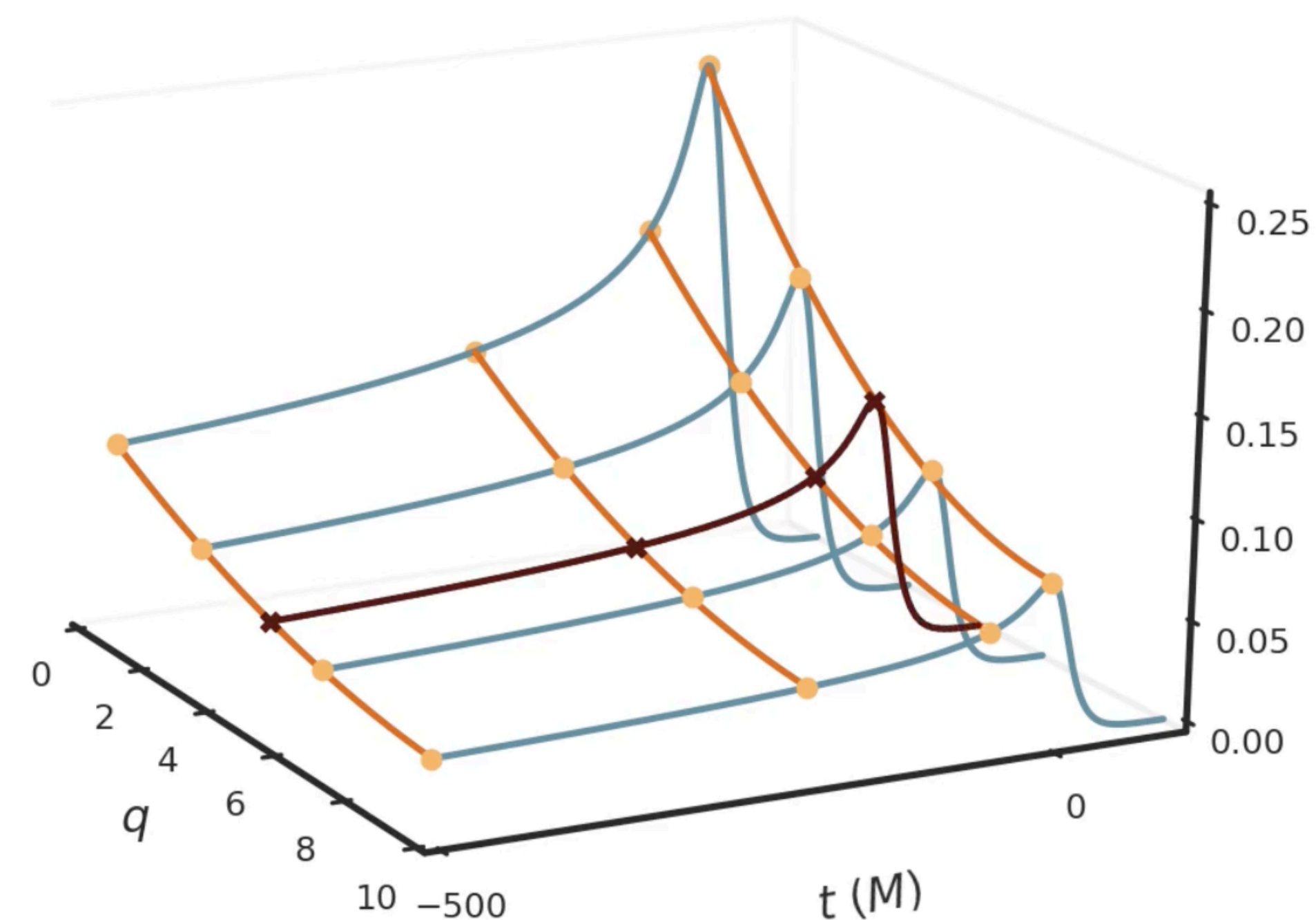


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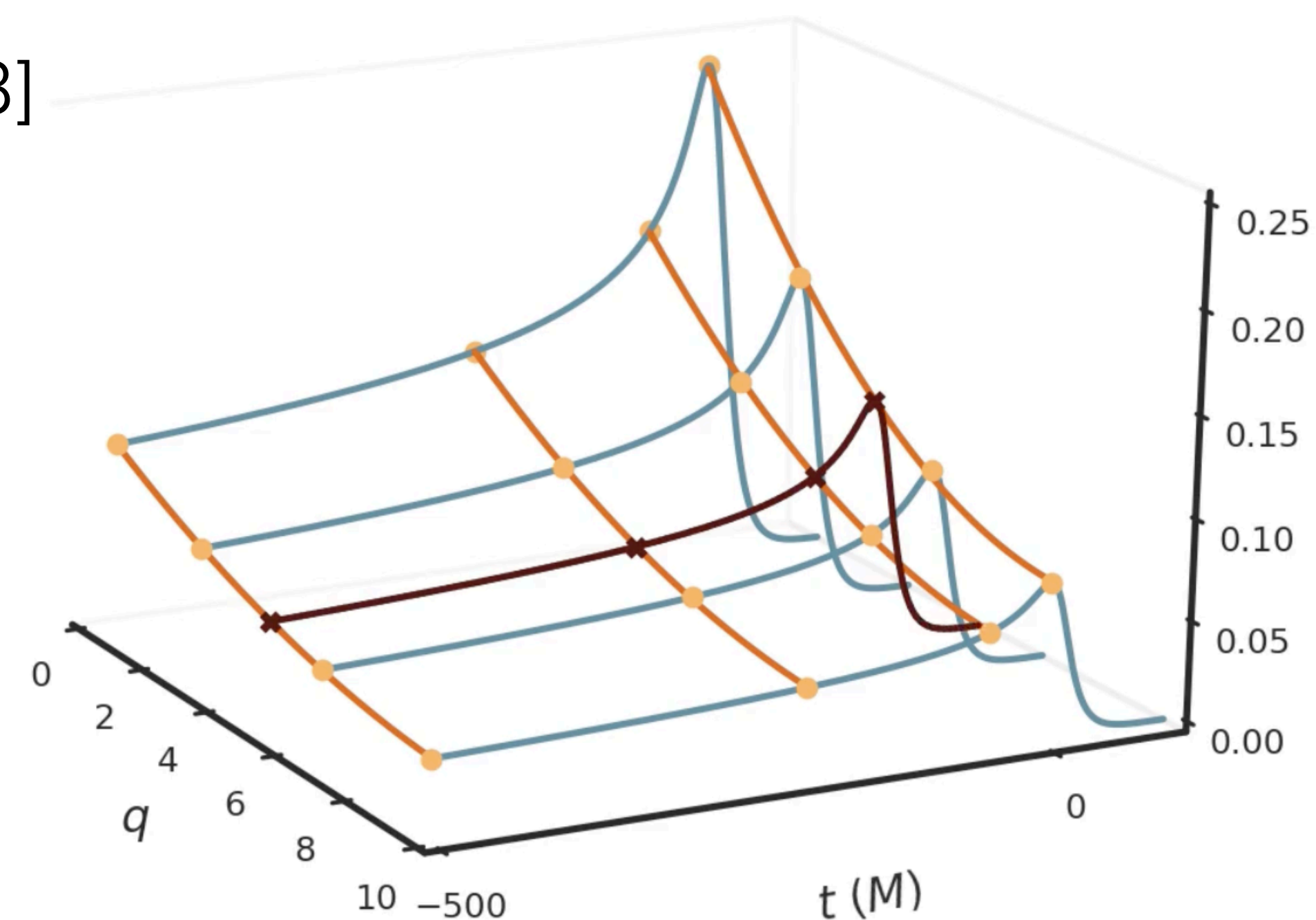


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  - Parametric fit across parameter space [e.g. Varma+19]
  - Neural networks [e.g. Thomas+22 inc GP]
  - Gaussian process regression [e.g. Varma+19, Boschini+23]

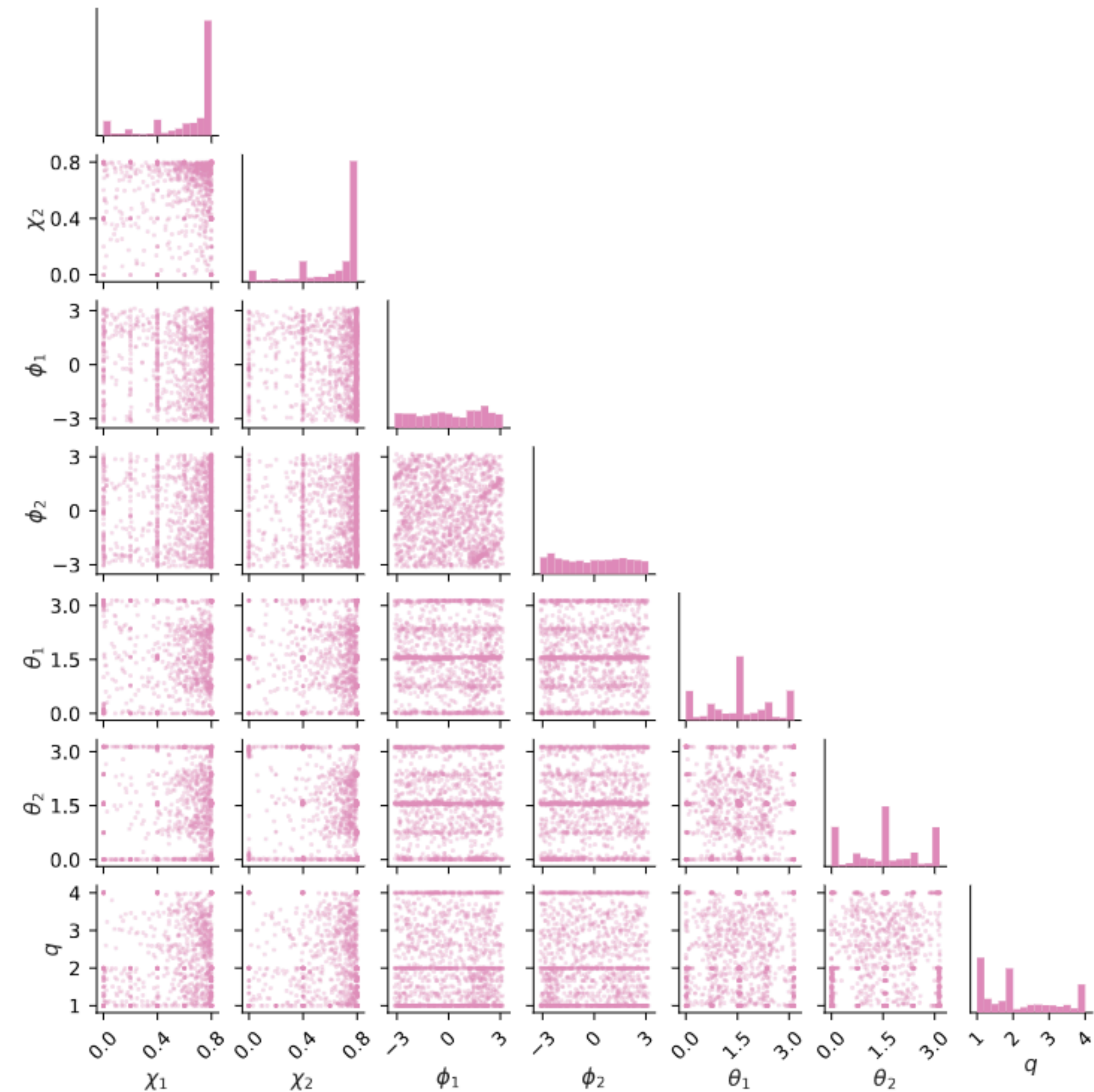
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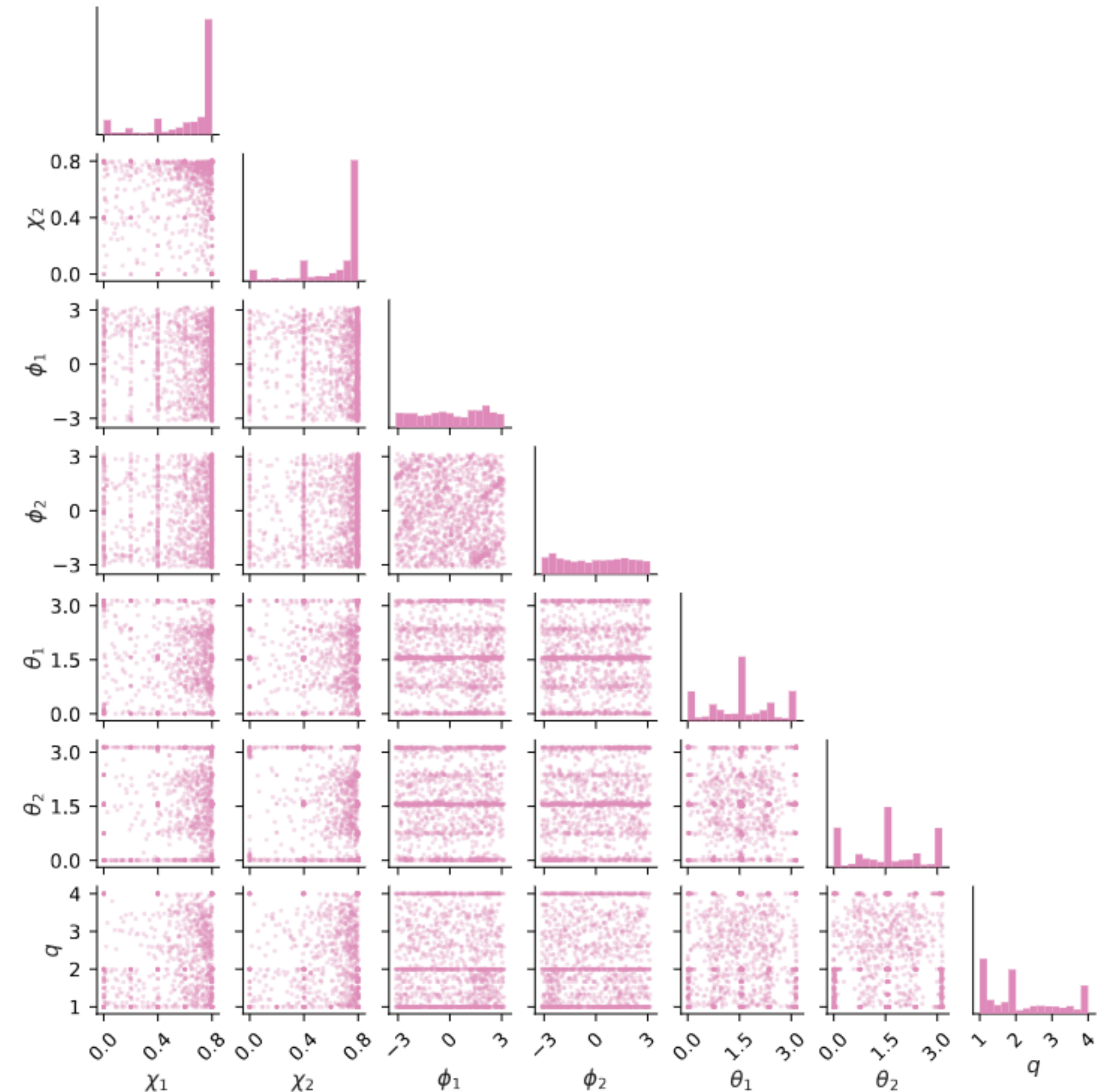




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  - Aligned-spin NR+PN/EOB [Varma+]
  - Memory effects using CCE waveforms [Yoo+23]
  - Extreme mass ratios [Islam+22]
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  - Remnant surrogate [Varma+19, Boschini+23]
  - Effective One Body [Thomas+22, Pompili+23]

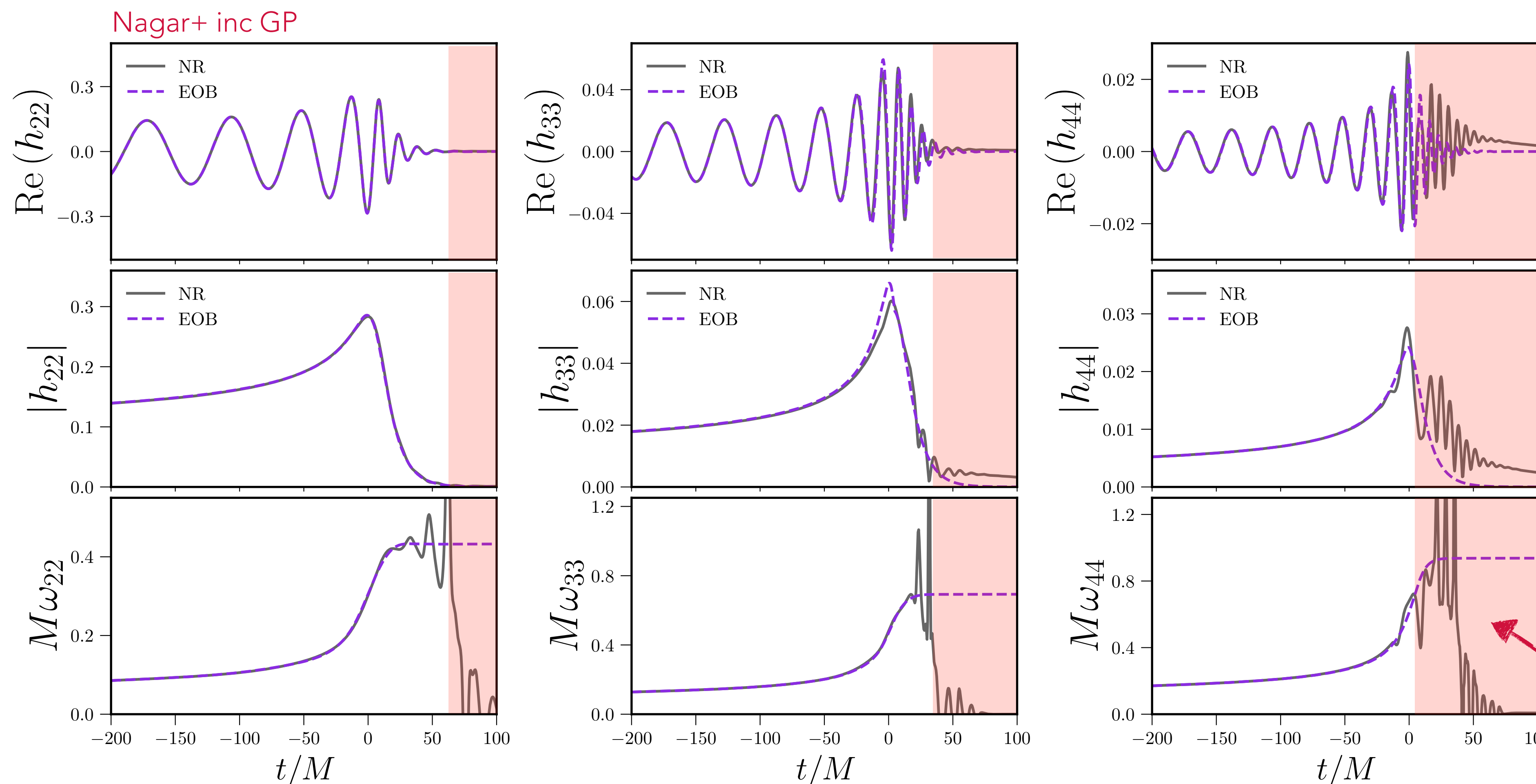




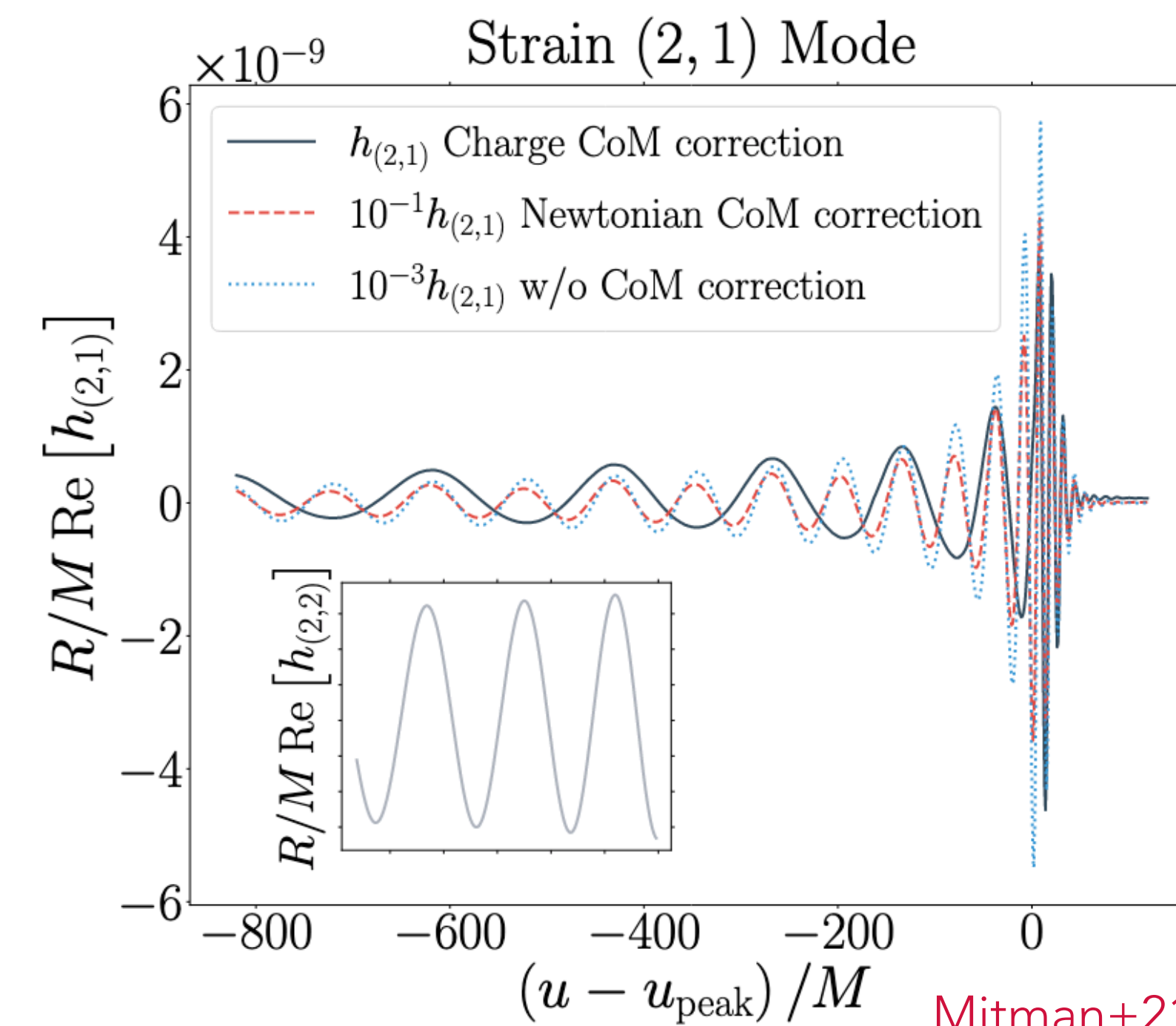
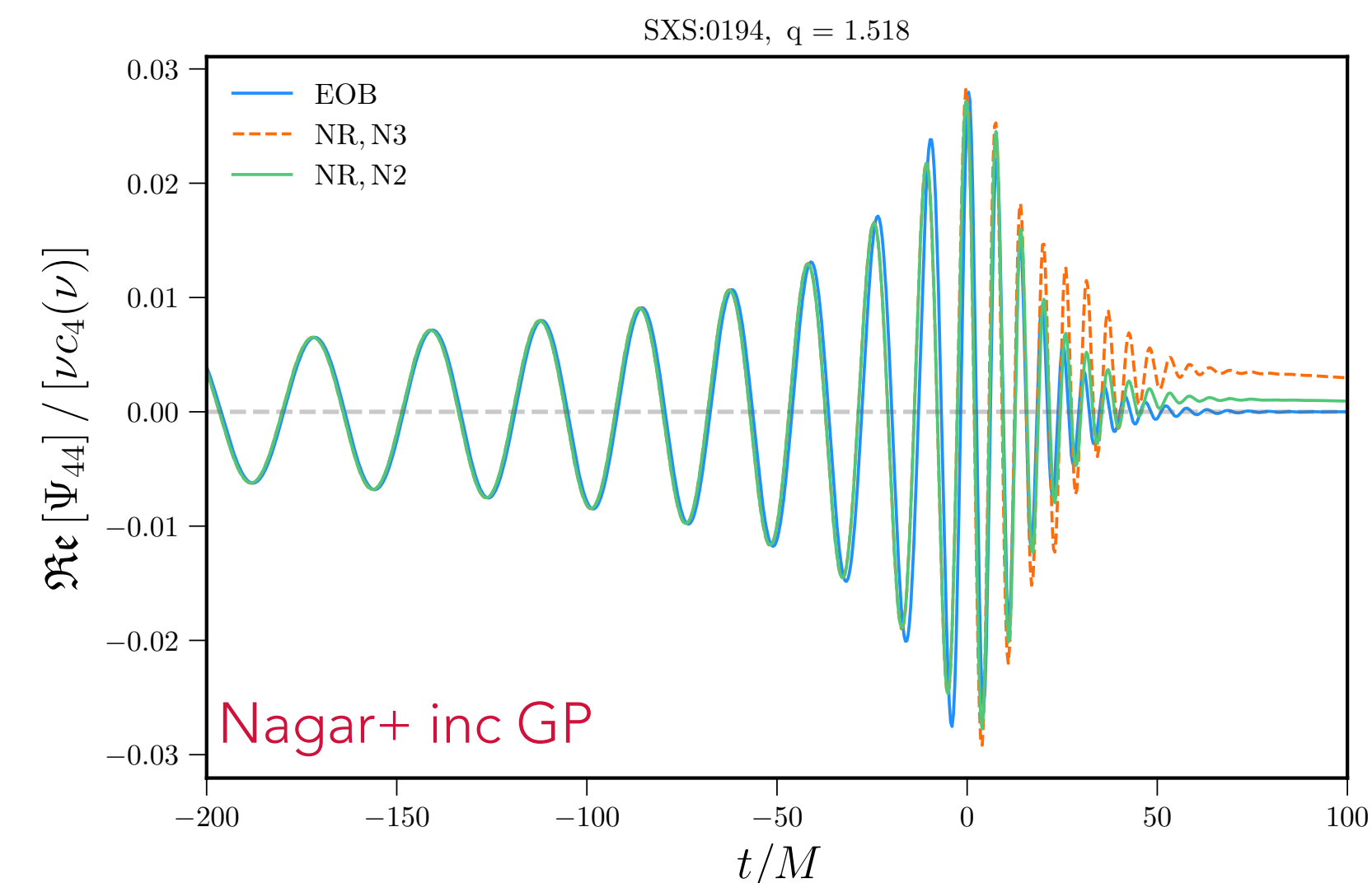
# Incorporating Numerical Information?



- Numerical relativity allows us to incorporate full non-perturbative information in strong-field regime
- **Not** free from **systematics** and couples to how models are informed and calibrated



- Extrapolation of waveforms to  $\mathcal{I}^+$  can introduce unphysical features [Chu+, Boyle+, Nagar (inc GP)+]
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- Recent work to understand impact of frame choice on waveform
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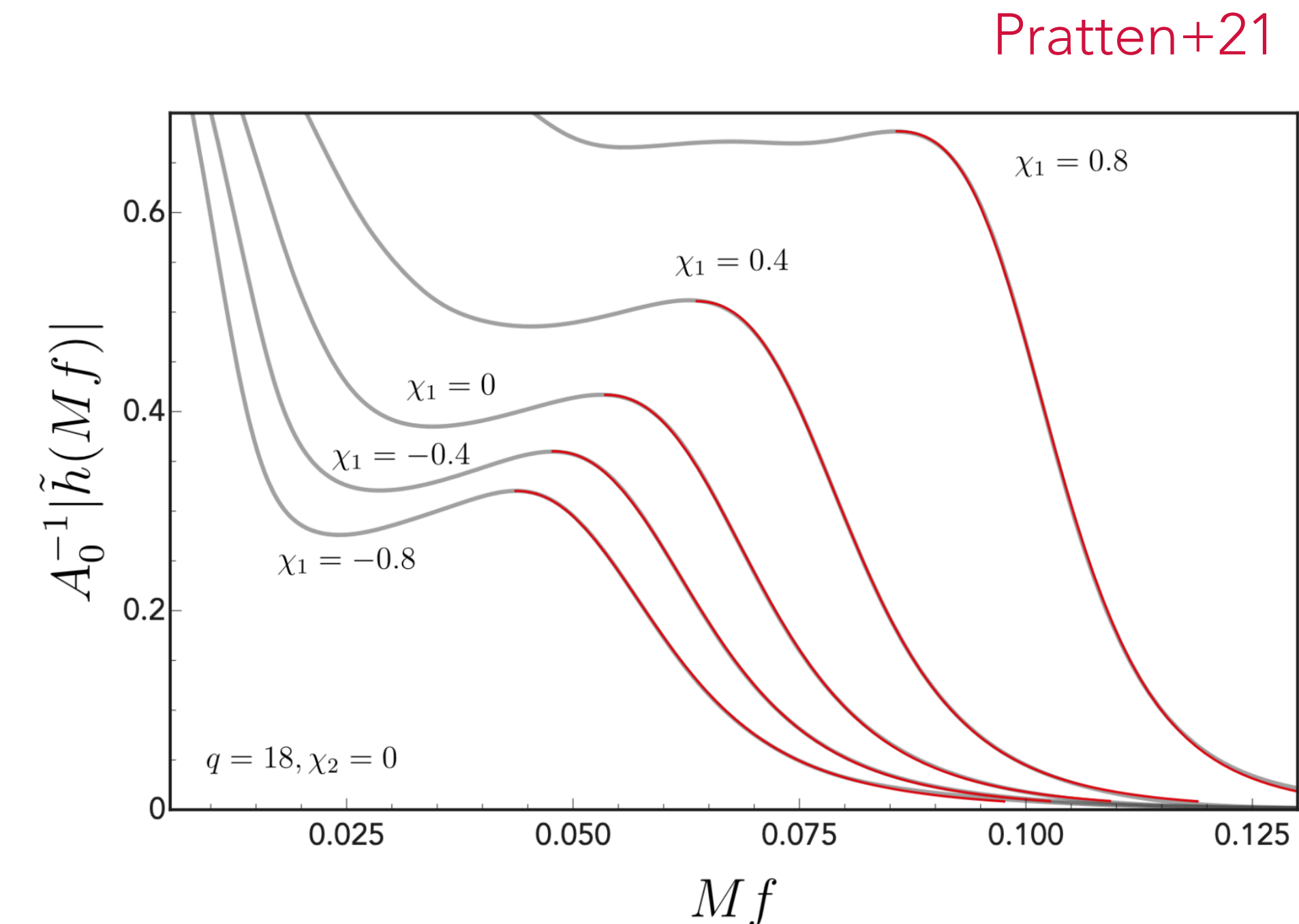


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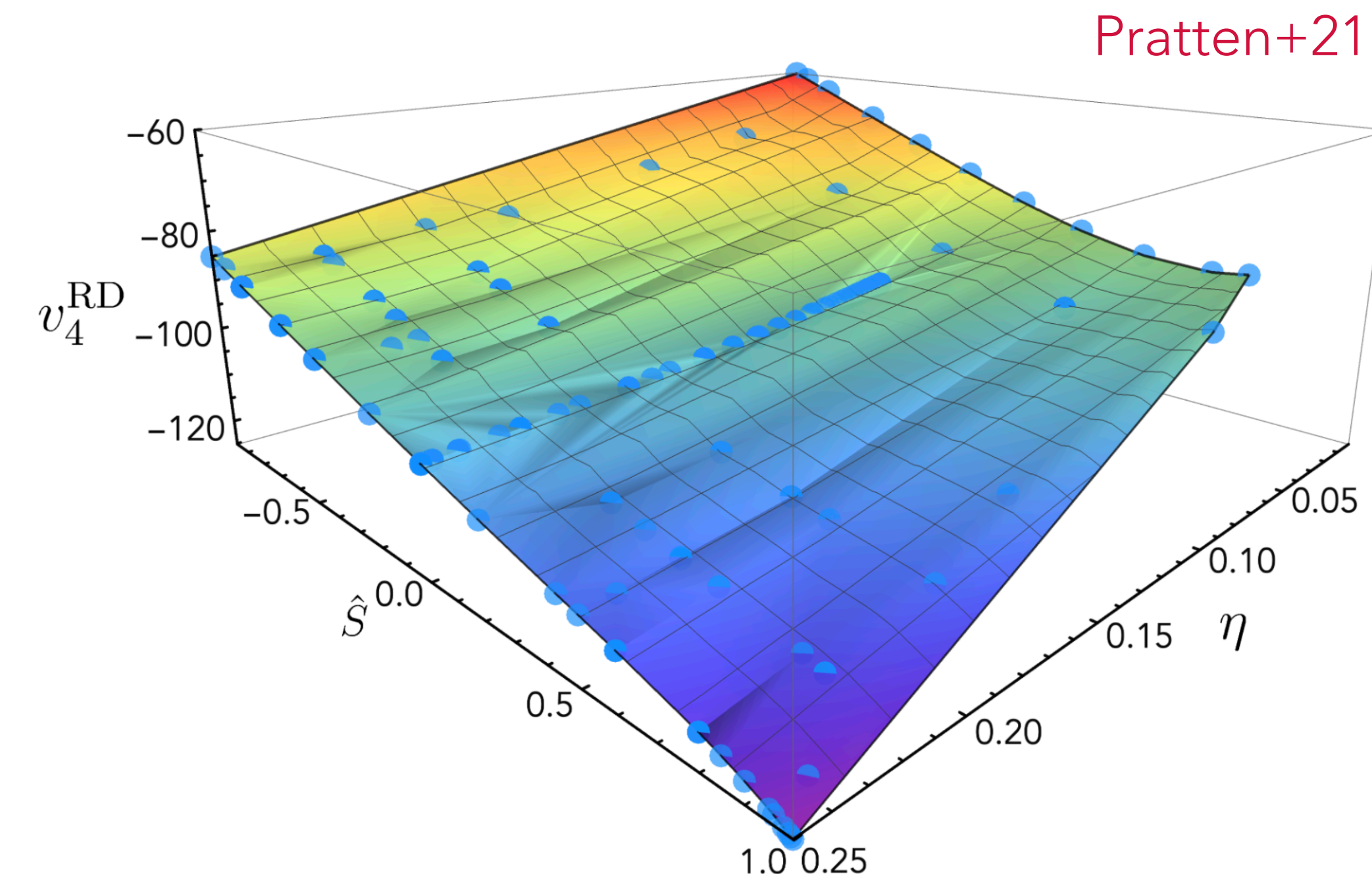
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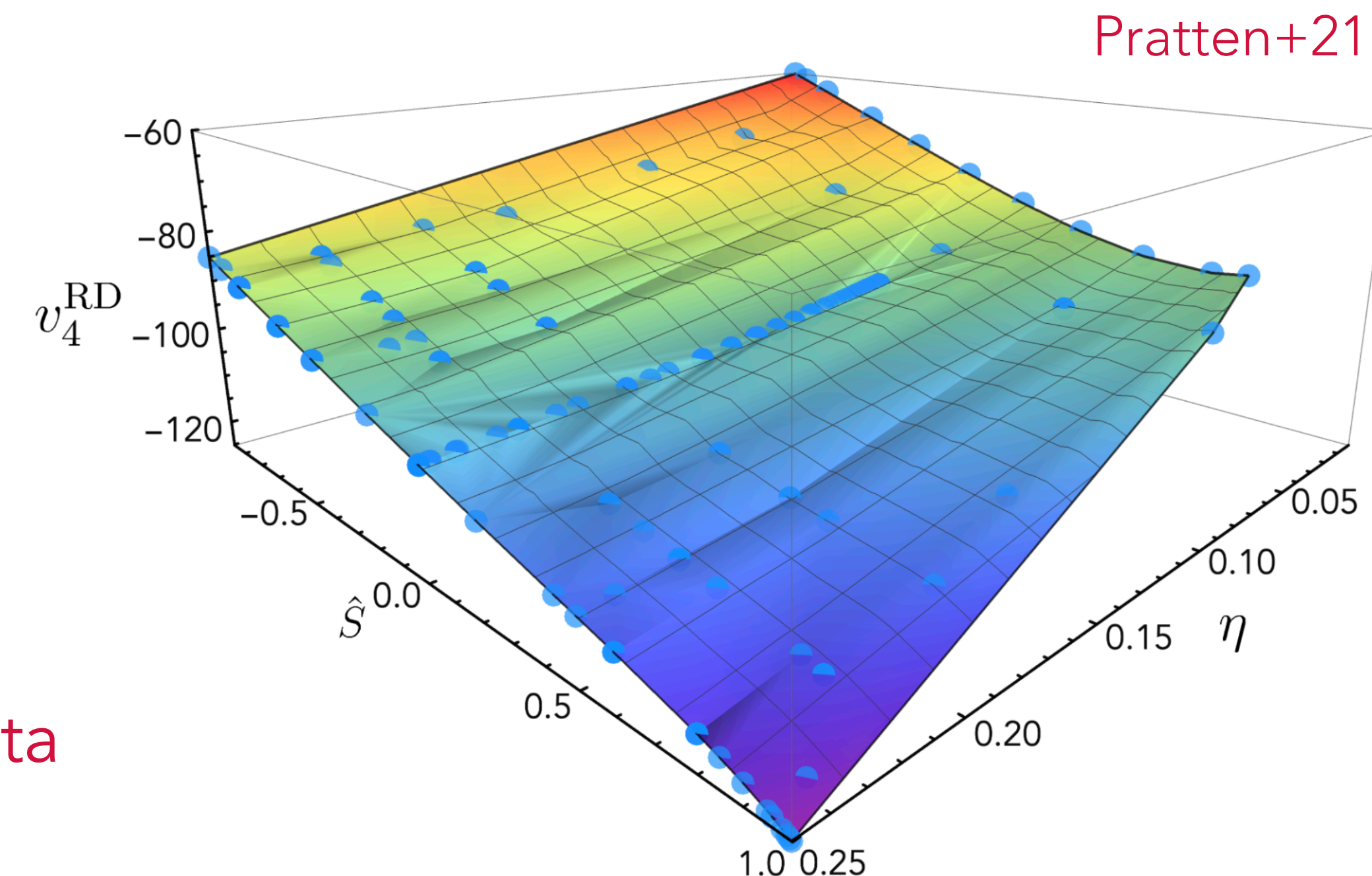
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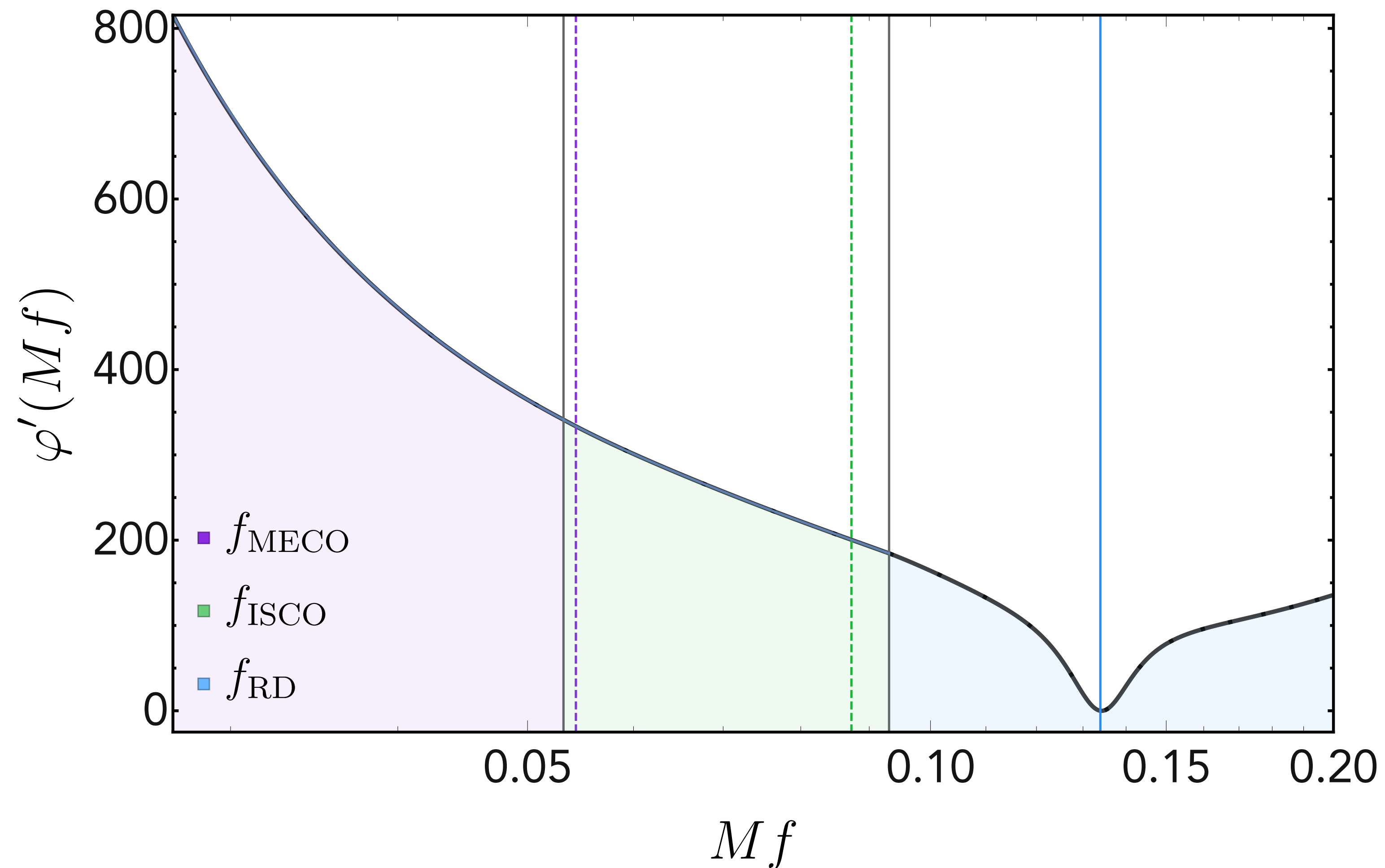


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- Decompose GW signal into different regimes: *inspiral*, *intermediate*, *merger-ringdown*



- **Inspiral** from post-Newtonian theory

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

centre-of-mass energy (conservative dynamics)

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

GW luminosity (dissipative dynamics)

- Balance equation can be used to derive the GW phase

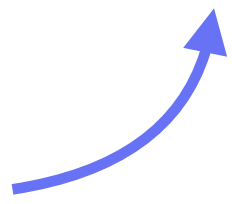
$$\frac{dE(\omega)}{dt} = -\mathcal{F}(\omega) \quad \text{---} \quad \dot{\omega}(t) = -\frac{\mathcal{F}(\omega)}{dE(\omega)/d\omega} \quad \text{---} \quad \varphi_{\text{GW}}(t) = \frac{1}{\pi} \int^t \omega(t') dt'$$


- Cautionary note: care to distinguish between conservative and dissipative effects when comparing GW results to other experiments

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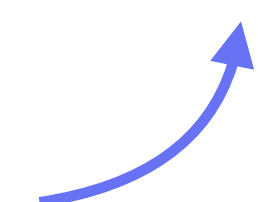
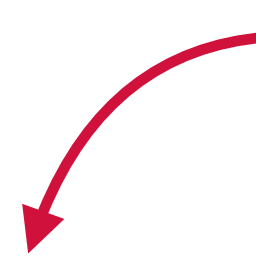
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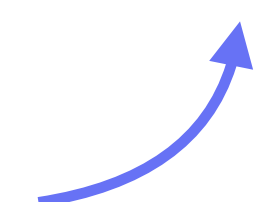
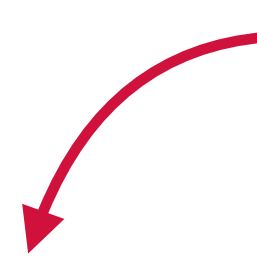
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Spin effects at 1.5PN
Tail terms ~ back reaction due to scattering
Tidal effects first enter here...

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Coefficients calibrated against NR but *not* expressed in parameters relevant to GR or any modified theory of gravity...

$$\varphi_{\text{MR}} \sim \frac{1}{\eta} \left\{ \alpha_0 + \alpha_1 f - \alpha_2 f^{-1} + \frac{4}{3} \alpha_3 f^{3/4} + \alpha_4 \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{f - \alpha_5 f_{\text{RD}}}{f_{\text{damp}}} \right) \right\}$$

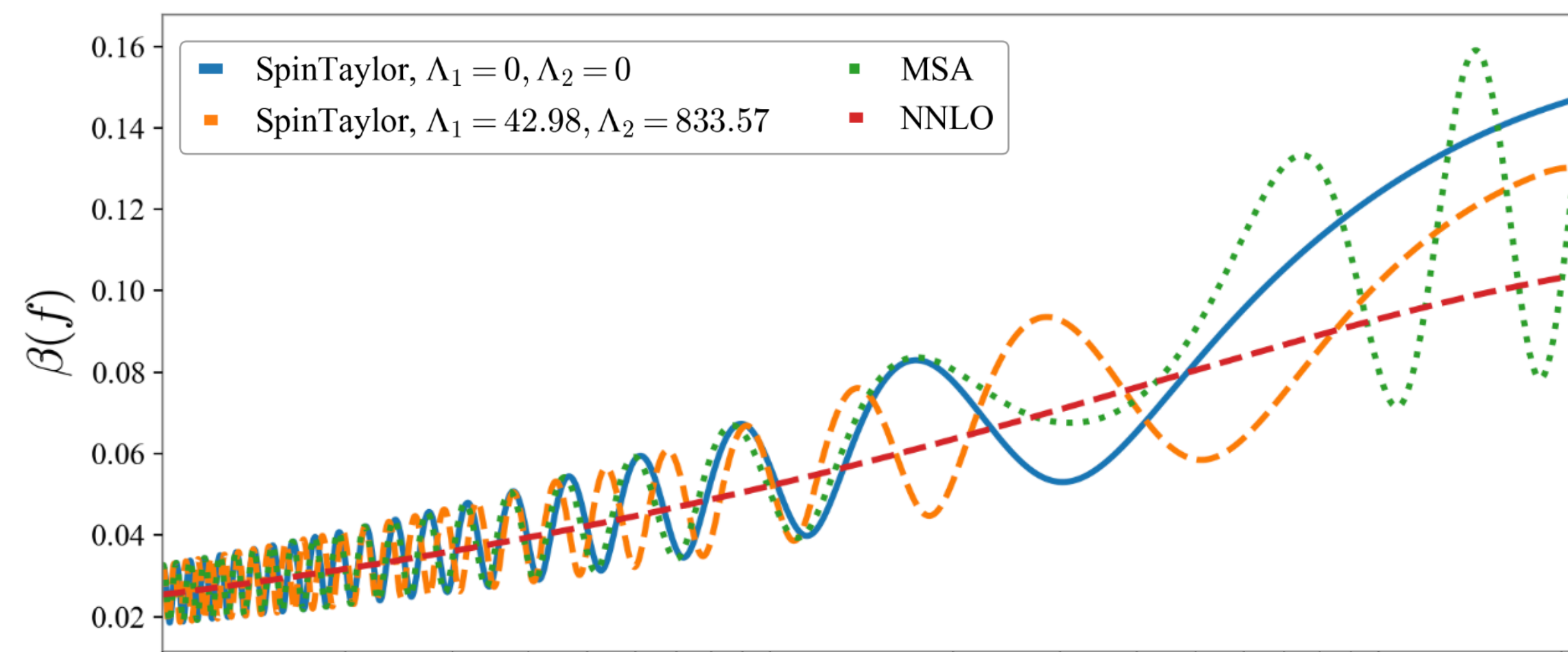
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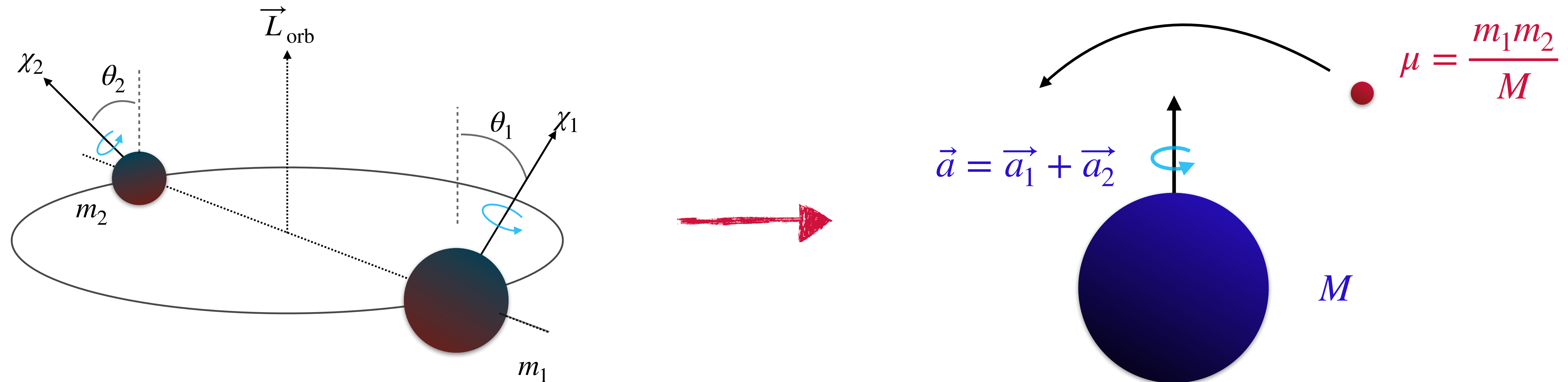
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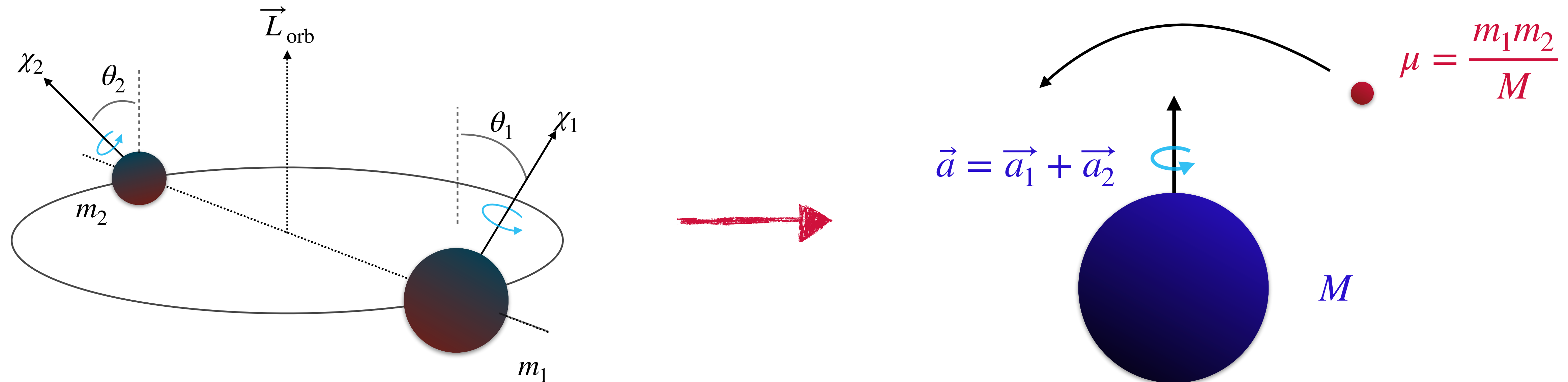
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		IMRPhenomTHM	✓	(2,±2),(2,±1),(3,±3), (4,±4),(5,±5)		
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✗ no spins      ✓ spins aligned with orbital angular momentum      ✓✓ precessing spins      CP mode content in co-precessing frame						

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- Currently two main EOB families: SEOBNR and TEOBResumS

TABLE II. Summary of the main differences of the SEOBNRv5 Hamiltonian derived here, which builds on the results of Refs. [103, 104], compared to that of SEOBNRv4 and TEOBResumS.

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spin-orbit part	3.5PN, in $(r, L^2)$ gauge, Taylor expanded	3.5PN, added in the spin map	3.5PN, in $(r, p_r^2)$ gauge, inverse-Taylor resummed
higher-order spin information	NNLO SS (4PN), LO $S^3$ (3.5PN), LO $S^4$ (4PN)	LO SS (2PN)	NNLO SS (4PN) for circular orbits
precessing-spin Hamiltonian	yes	yes	no
spin-multipole constants included	yes	no	yes (in the SS contributions for circular orbits)

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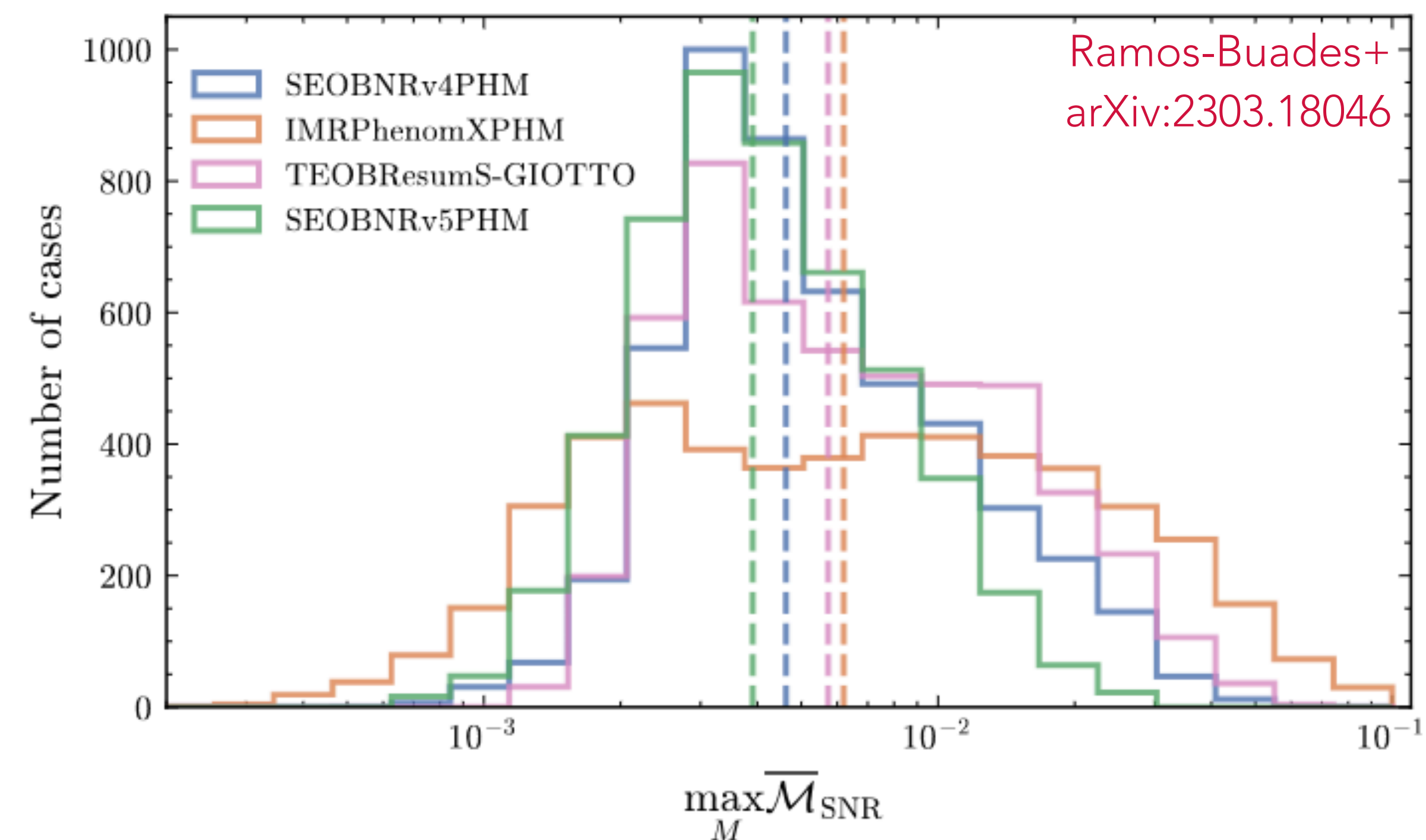
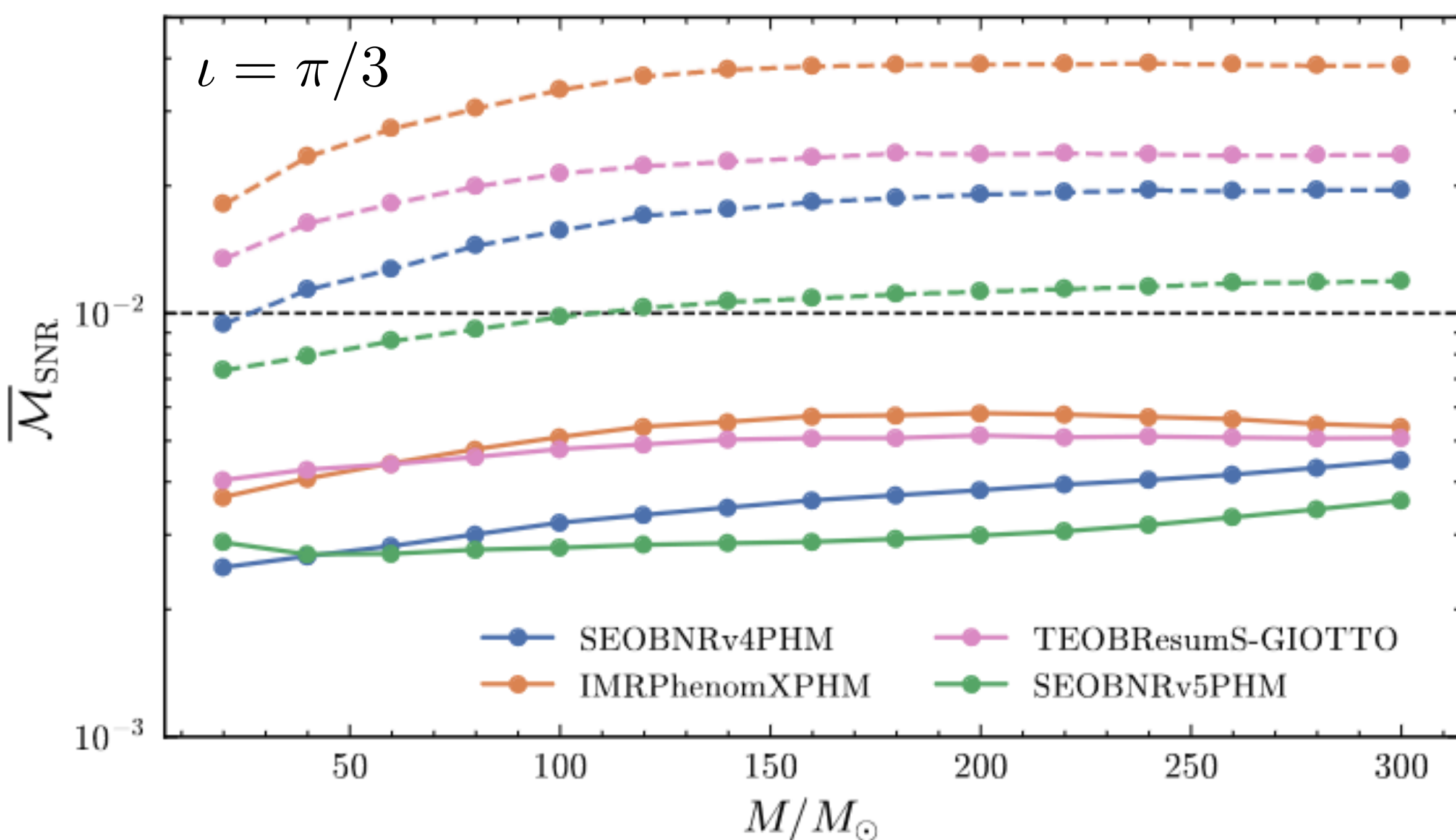
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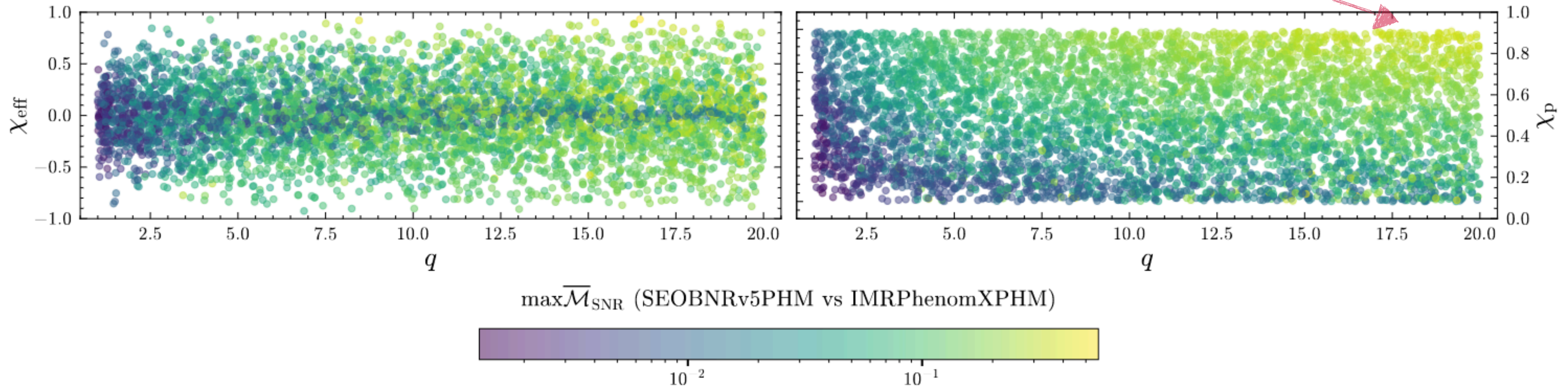


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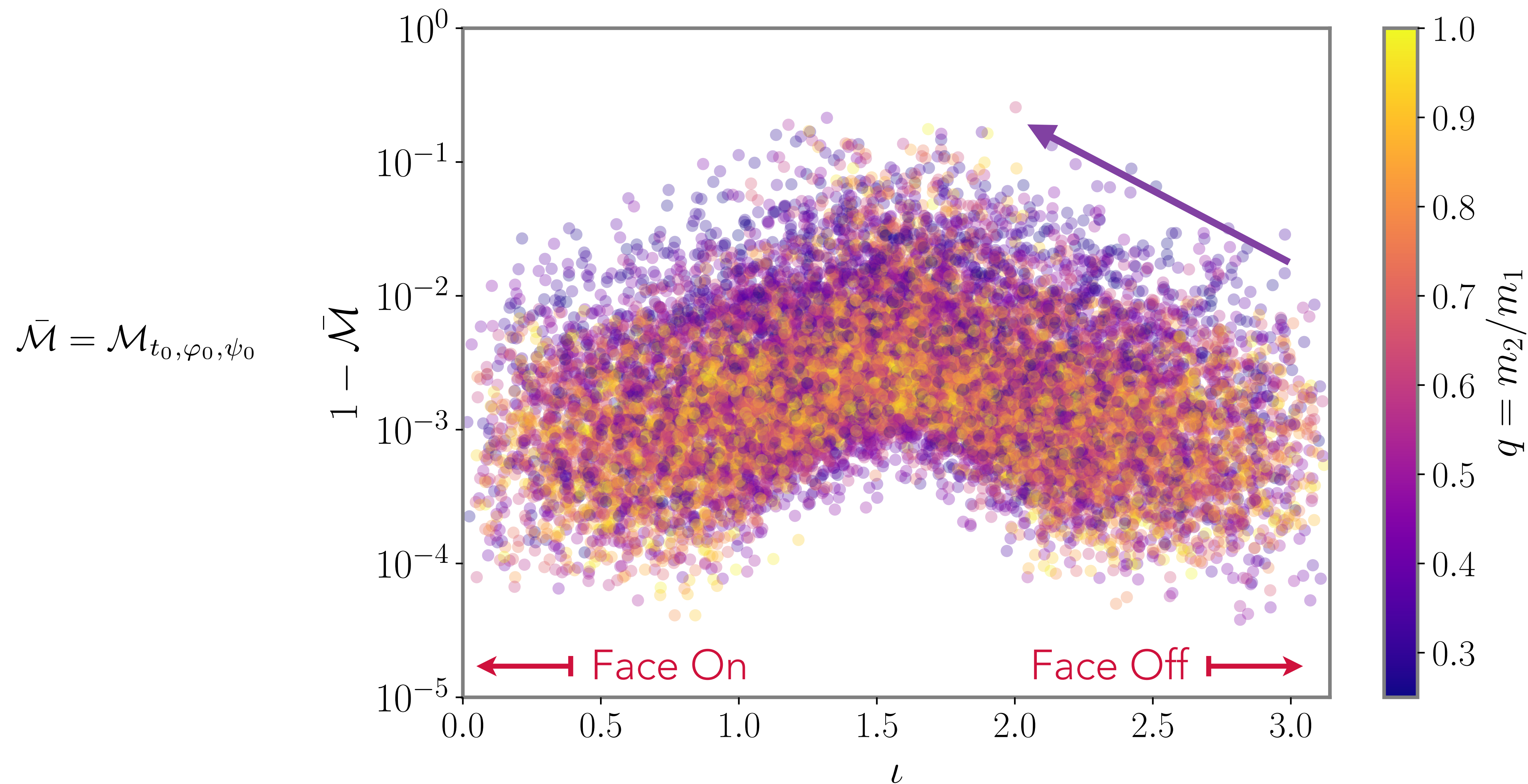
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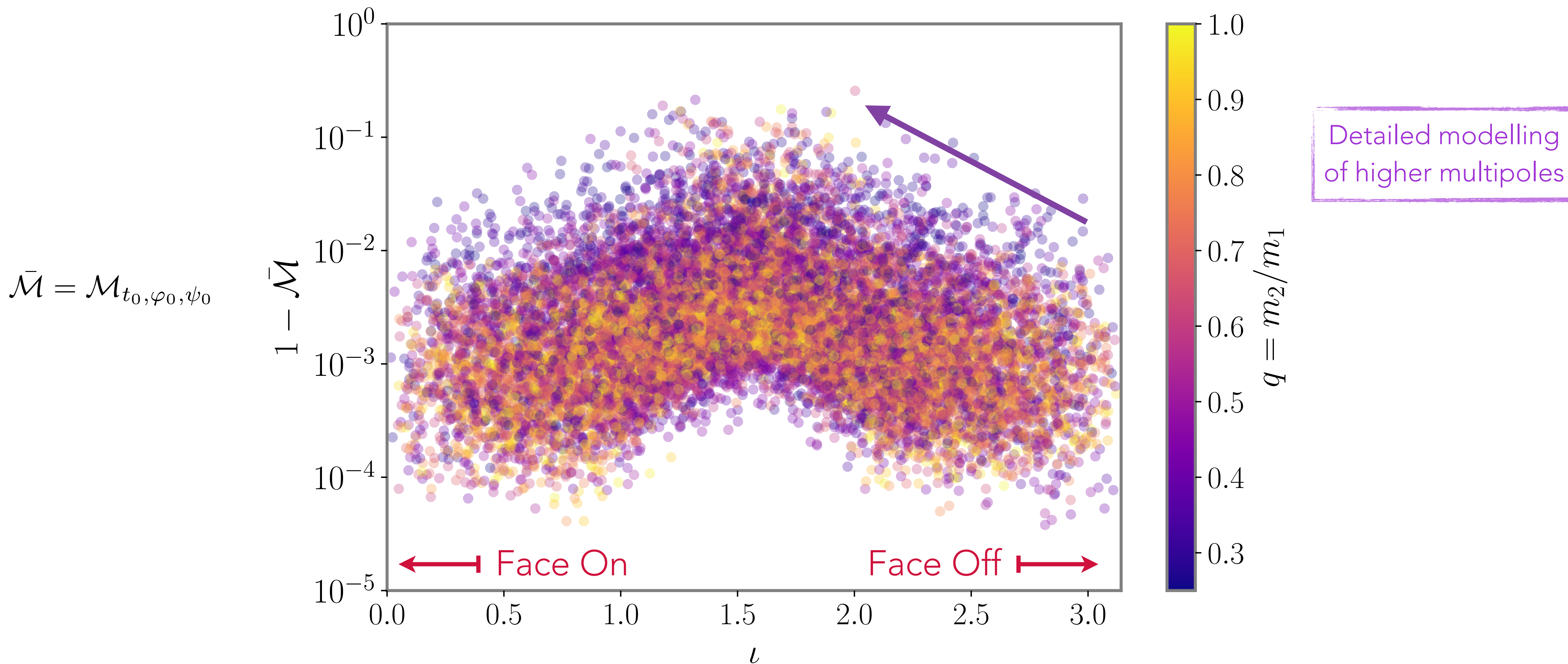




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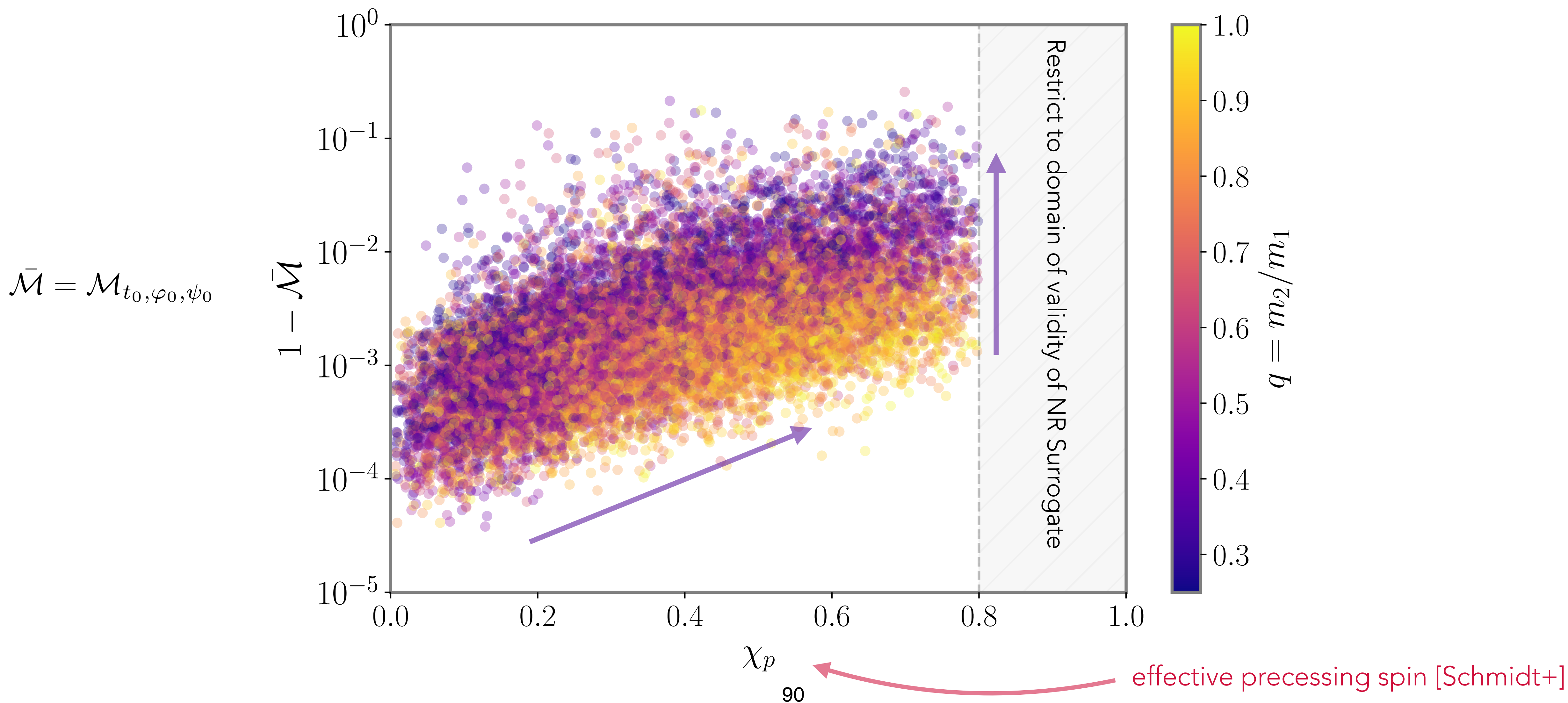
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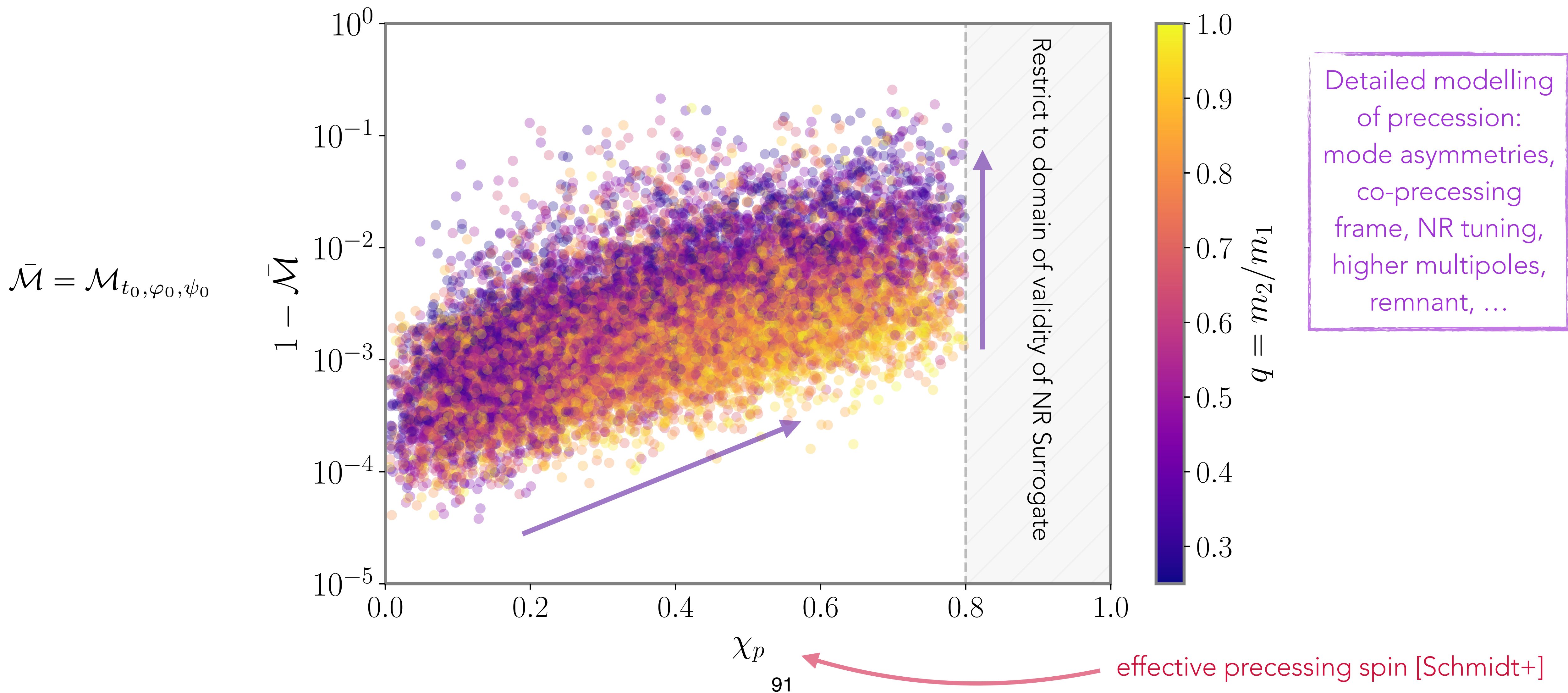
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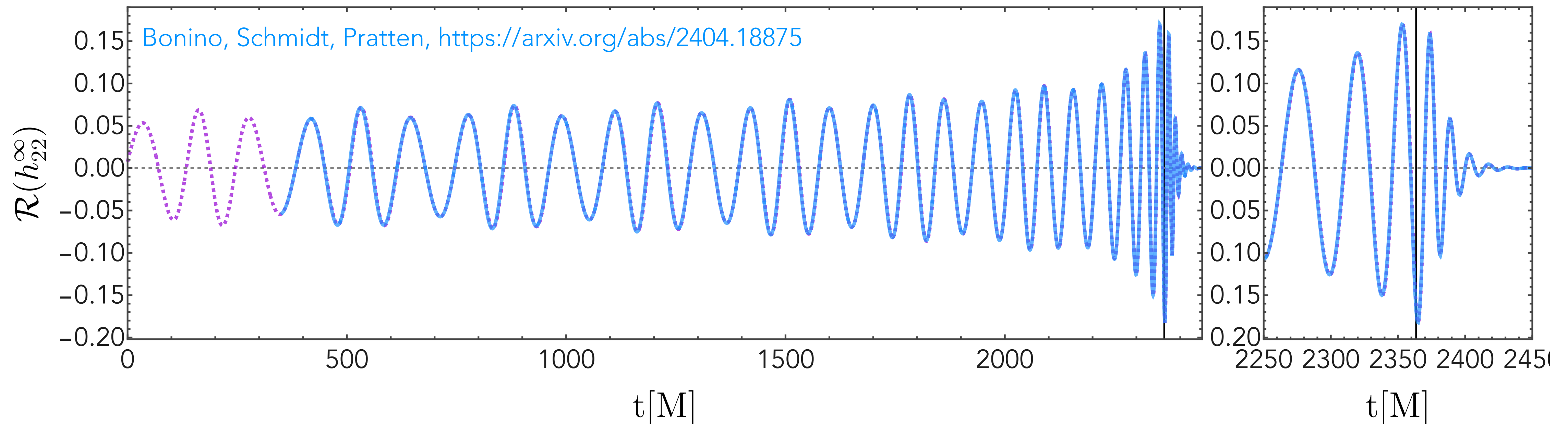
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+ see talk by Khun Sang Phukon on eccentric searches

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[Albertini, Albanesi, Bernuzzi, Chiaramello, Gamba, Nagar, Placidi Rettegno, + many others]

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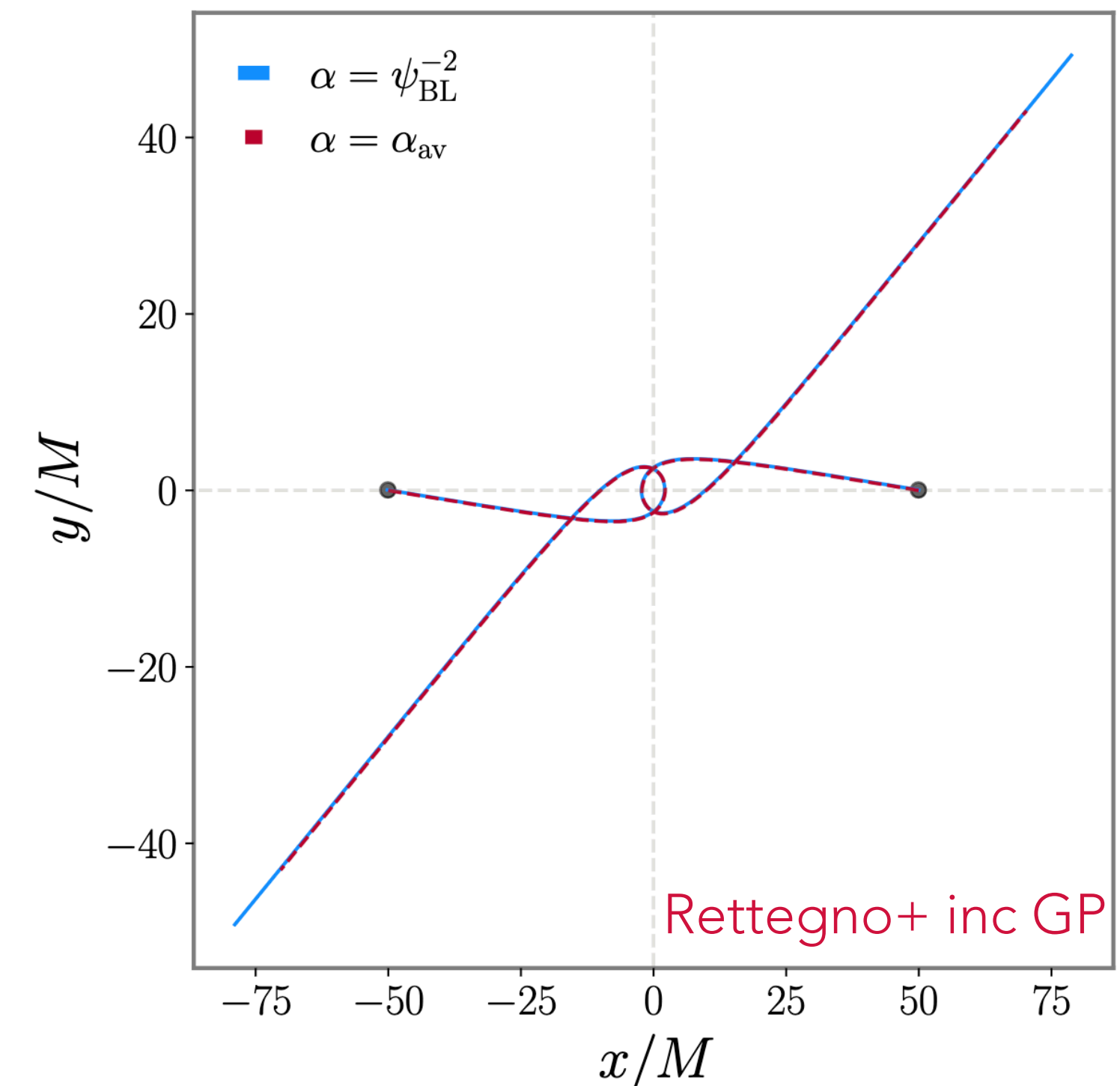
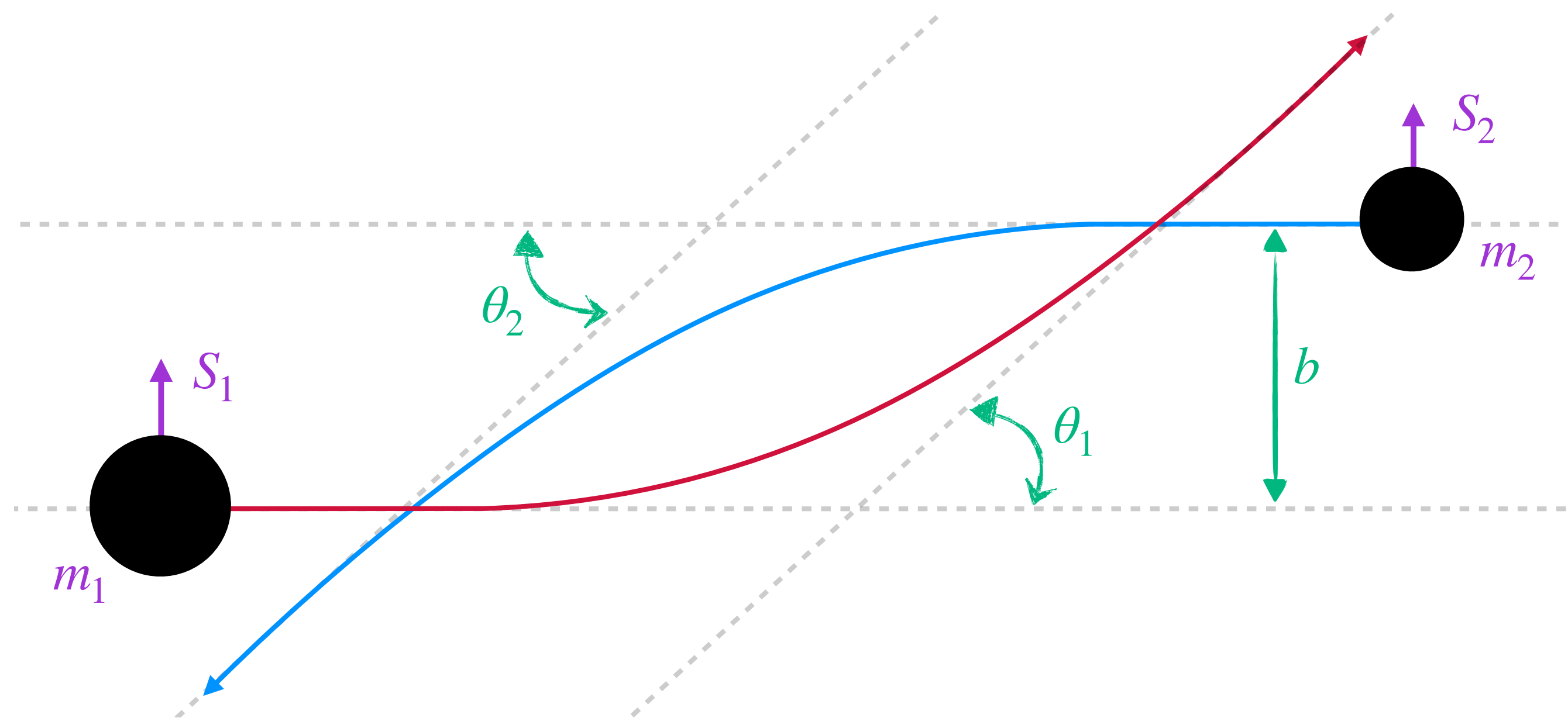


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