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# Real modes and null memory contributions in effective-one-body models

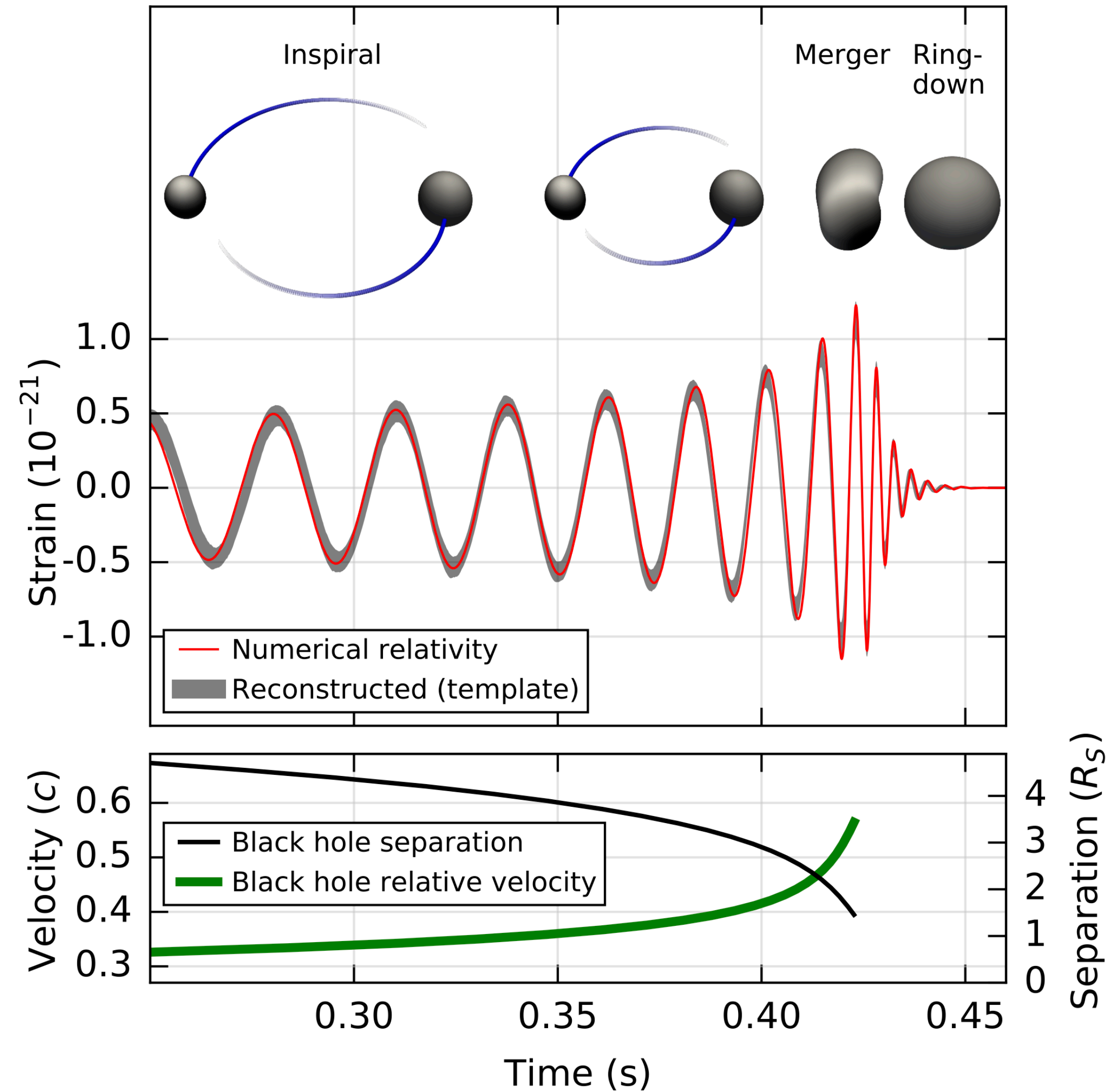
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# Complete EOBNR waveform

- “Pure” EOB approach describes inspiral+plunge
- EOB models completed with NR:
  - corrections to improve the late-inspiral/plunge
  - **ringdown model** to complete the EOB waveform
- Smooth connection between **EOB waveform** and ringdown model ensured by **NQC** (Next-to-Quasi-Circular) corrections

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# Ringdown modeling

- Modern ringdown models built in two steps [1]:
  1. fit the post-peak waveform with some phenomenological ansatz (**primary fits**)
  2. repeat for a sufficient large number of waveform and fit the found coefficients on the parameter space (**global fits**)

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$$\phi_{\bar{h}}(\tau) = -c_1^\phi \ln \left( \frac{1 + c_3^\phi e^{-c_2^\phi \tau} + c_4^\phi e^{-2c_2^\phi \tau}}{1 + c_3^\phi + c_4^\phi} \right)$$

$$c_1^A = \frac{c_5^A \alpha_1}{c_2^A} (A_{\text{peak}})^{c_5^A} e^{-c_3^A} (1 + e^{c_3^A})^2 \quad c_5^A = -\frac{\dot{A}_{\text{peak}}}{A_{\text{peak}} \alpha_1^2} + \frac{c_2^A}{\alpha_1} \frac{e^{c_3^A} - 1}{1 + e^{c_3^A}}$$

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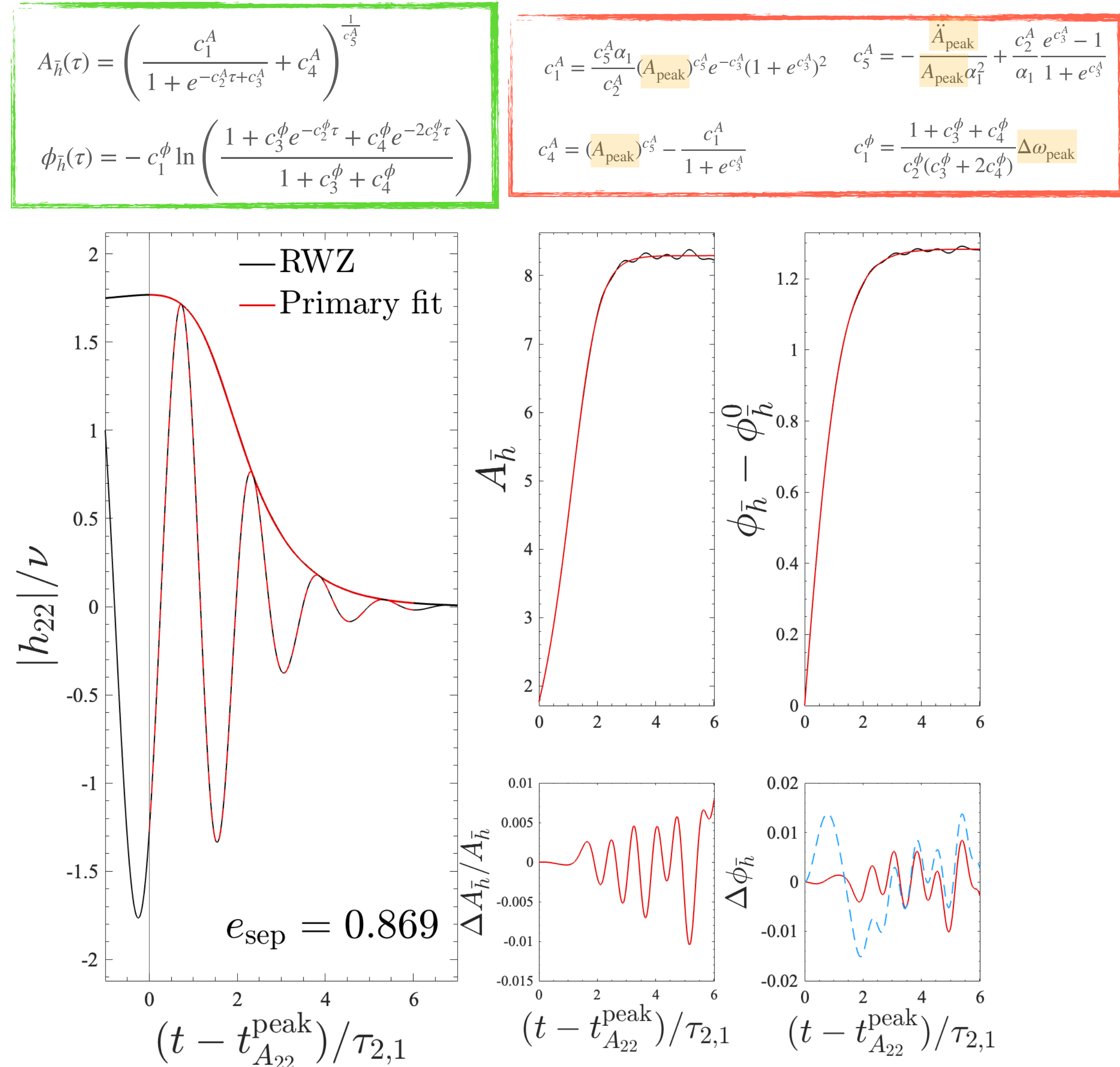
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- Example of application in the test-mass case:

- highly eccentric configuration
- numerical waveform computed with RWZHyp [2,3]
- For HMs, fits can be started at  $A_{22}^{\text{peak}}$  rather than at  $A_{\ell m}^{\text{peak}}$  [4]



[1] Damour,Nagar:1406.0401, [2] Bernuzzi,Nagar:1003.0597, [3] Bernuzzi+:1012.2456, [4] Cotesta+:1803.10701

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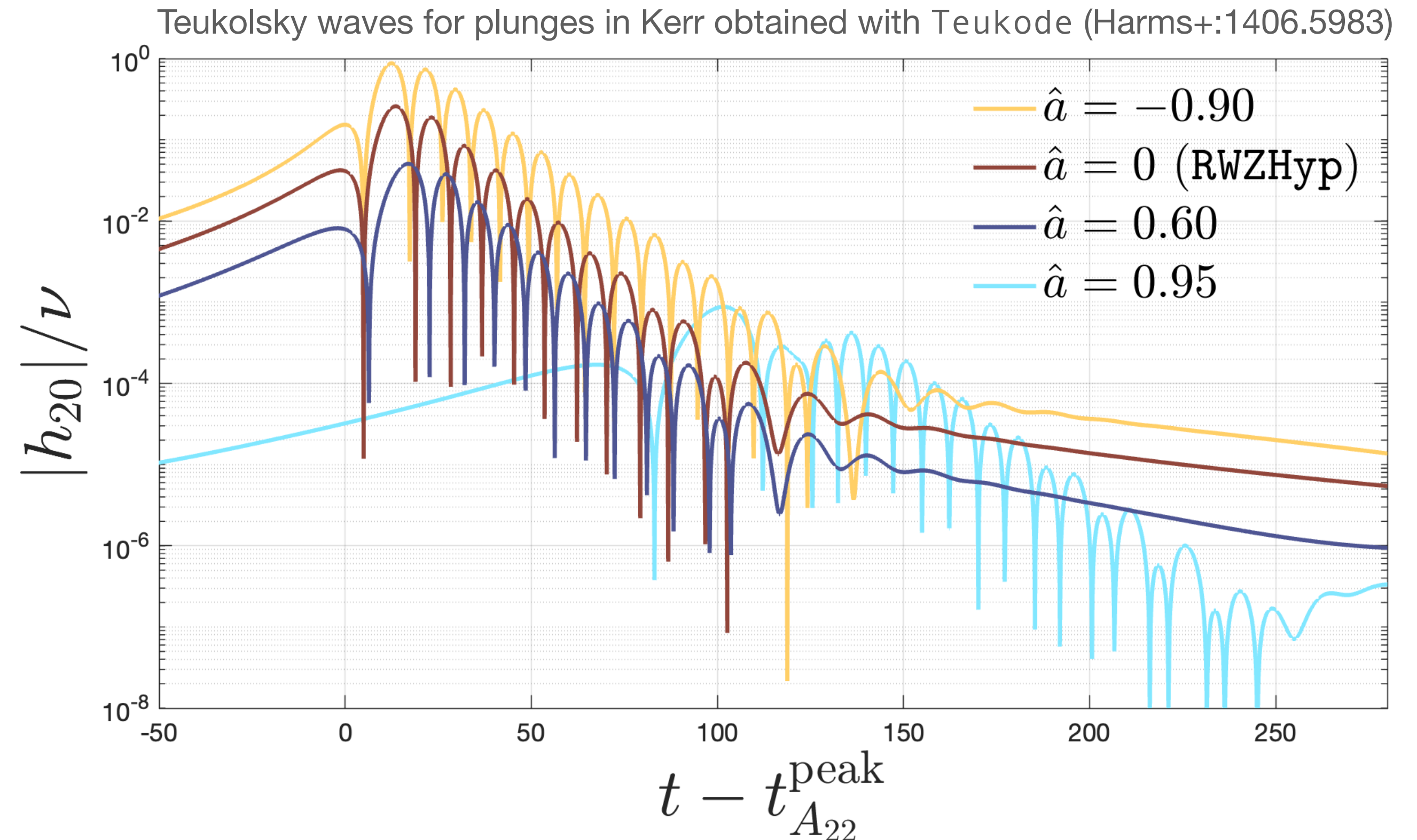
NQC acting on an extended time interval, but coefficients determined at a specific time:

→ having simple amplitude and phase behaviors helps the NQC to work properly



# Ringdown for $m = 0$ modes

- $m = 0$  modes usually neglected, but enhanced by radial motion  
→ relevant for generic orbits or quasi-circular plunges
- Ringdown model relies on complex ansatz and thus includes only  $m > 0$  modes
- Advantages of complex templates:
  - phase and amplitude are well defined and monotonic before merger
  - “easy” to match with the inspiral/plunge waveform using NQC
- Extension to real  $m = 0$  (real) with real (non-monotonic) templates would give issues with plunge/merger matching :(



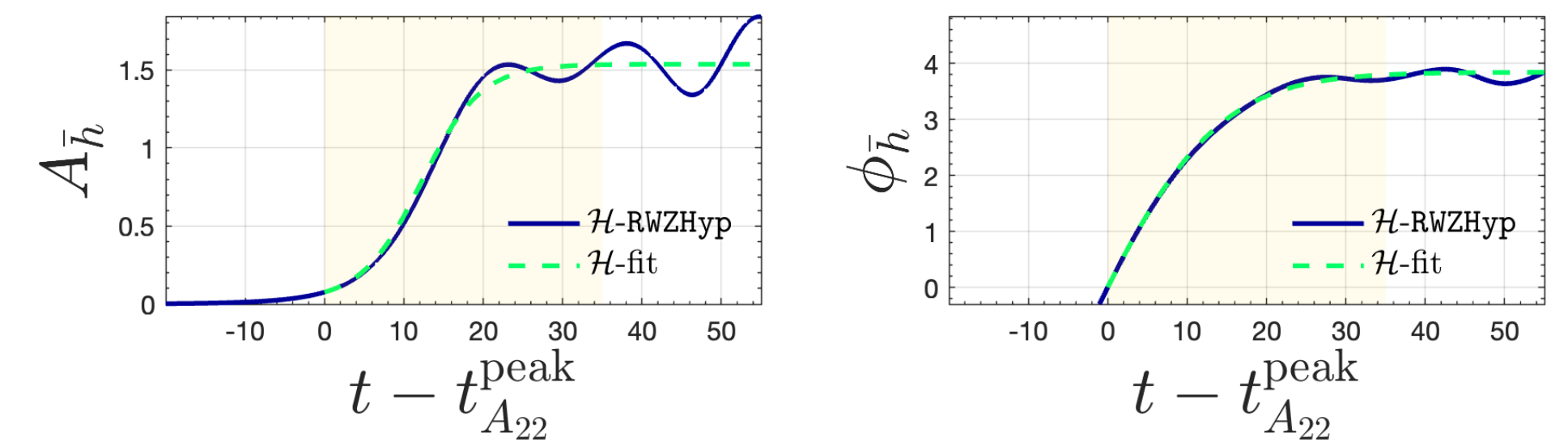
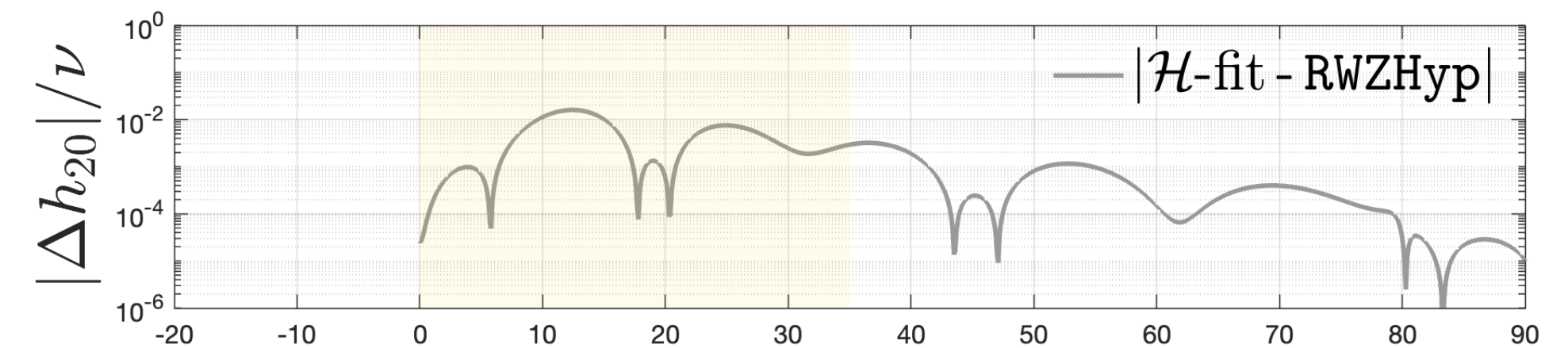
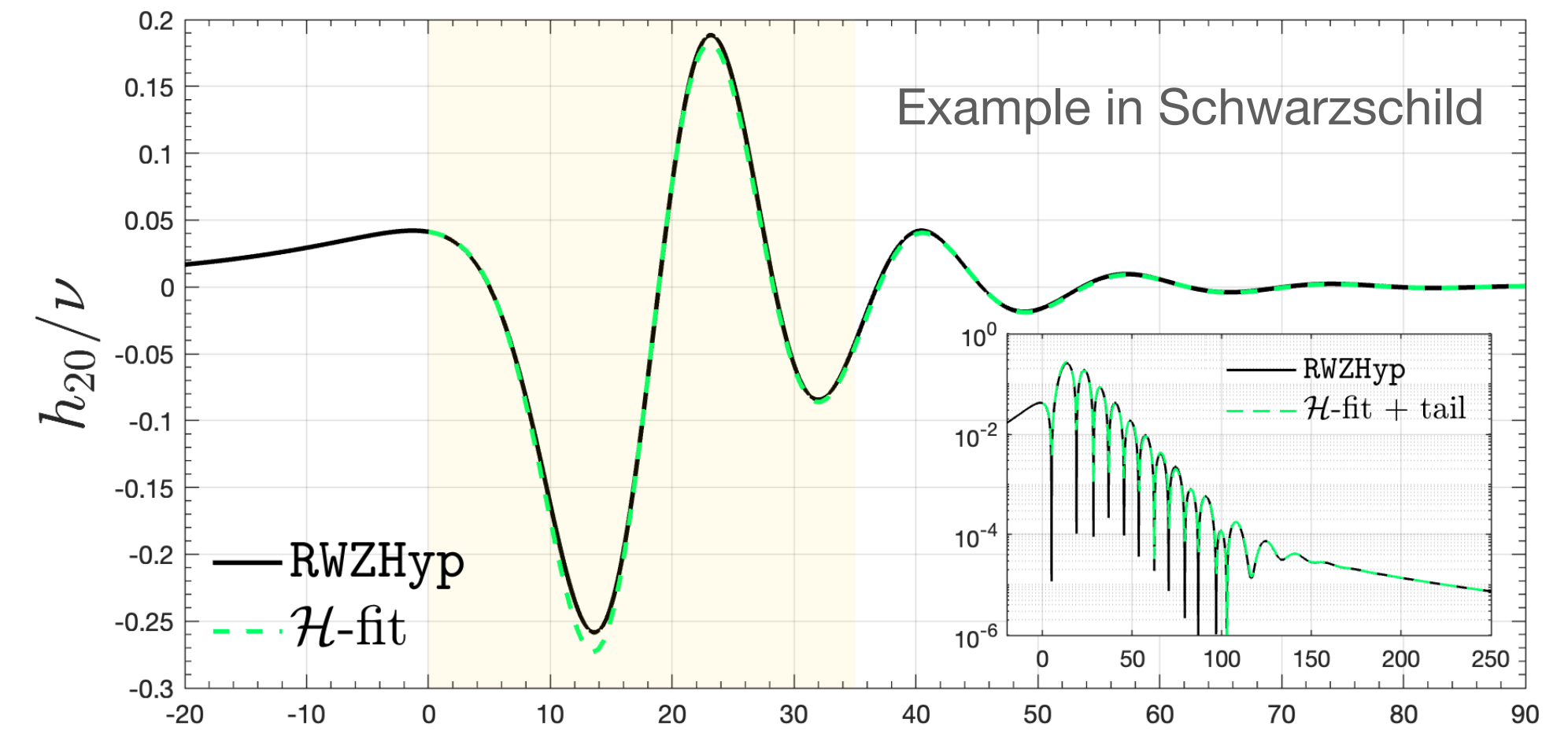
# Ringdown for $m = 0$ modes: basic idea

- New approach proposed
  - Complexify oscillatory part of  $m = 0$  modes via **Hilbert transform**  $\mathcal{H}[u]$

$$\mathcal{F}[\mathcal{H}[u]](\omega) = -i \operatorname{sgn}(\omega) \mathcal{F}[u](\omega),$$

analytic representation:  $u_{\mathcal{H}}(t) = u - i\mathcal{H}[u](t)$

- Apply usual machinery :)
  - primary fits with complex ansatz
  - global fits
  - match with (complexified) inspiral via standard NQC\*:  $h_{20}^{\text{inspiral}}/\nu \propto r\dot{r} + \dot{r}^2$  (to complexify before merger)
  - consider only the physical part of the signal (i.e. the real part)



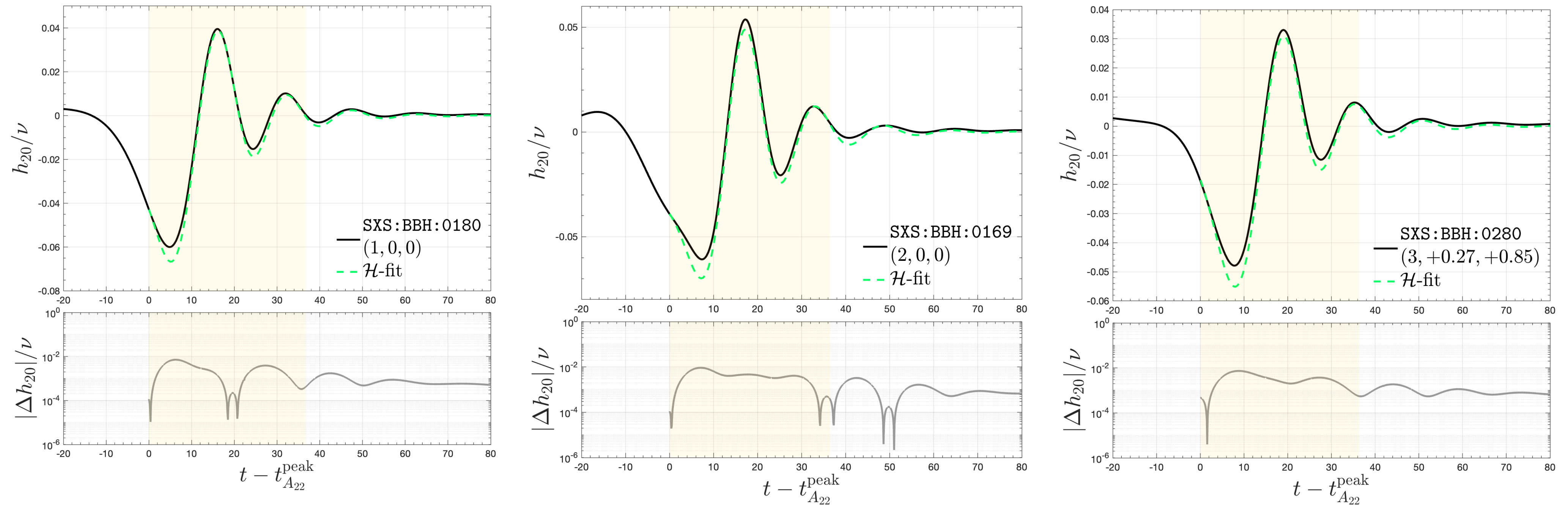
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\* Matching the (2,0) at the peak of  $A_{22}$



# Ringdown for $m = 0$ modes: comparable mass

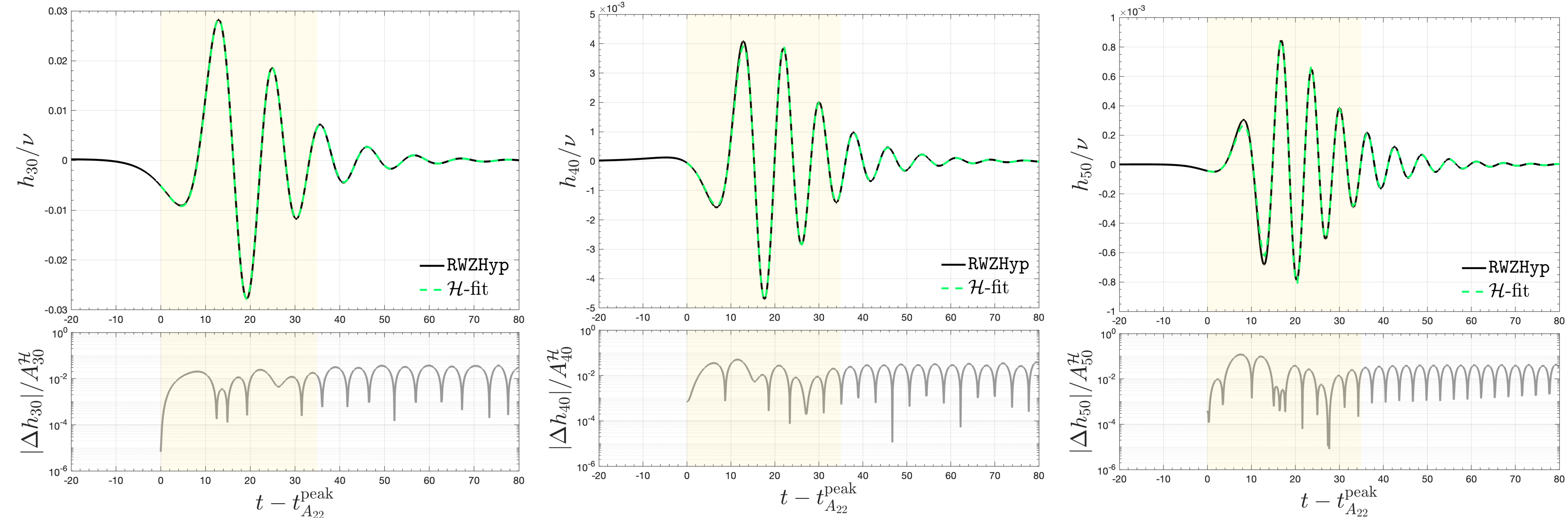
- Extension to comparable mass case: primary Hilbert-fits for a large number of NR-surrogate waveforms. Tried both direct-SXS (extrapolated from finite radius) and waves from **NRHybSur3dq8** [1], chosen the second to build the model



- Global fits** performed over  $\nu$  and the effective spin  $\tilde{a}_0$ : 
$$f_{2D}(\tilde{a}_0, \nu) = b_0 + b_1 \tilde{a}_0 + b_2 \tilde{a}_0^2 + (c_1 + d_{11} \tilde{a}_0 + d_{21} \tilde{a}_0^2) \nu + (c_2 + d_{12} \tilde{a}_0 + d_{22} \tilde{a}_0^2) \nu^2$$

# Ringdown for $m = 0$ modes: HMs

- Higher modes for a QC plunge in Schwarzschild



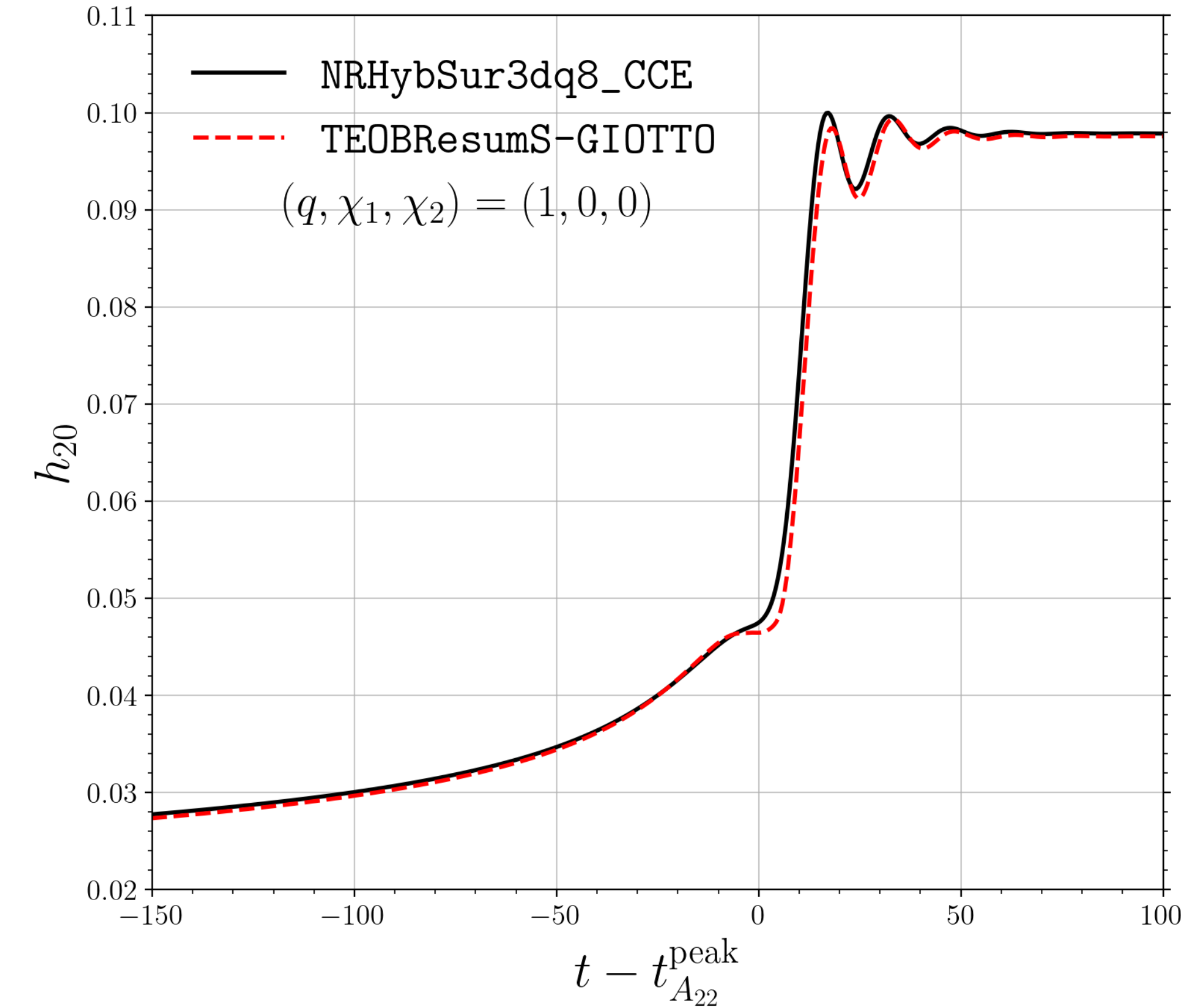


# Ringdown for $m = 0$ modes: null memory

- Once that the oscillatory part is modeled over the parameter space, we can add null memory [1] by means of BMS balance laws [2]
- The displacement is given by the integral of the energy flux over the past history of the binary. In terms of the most relevant multipoles [3]:

$$h_{20}^{\text{memo}}(t) = \frac{1}{7} \sqrt{\frac{5}{6\pi}} \int_{t_0}^t |\dot{h}_{22}|^2 dt - \frac{1}{14} \sqrt{\frac{5}{6\pi}} \int_{t_0}^t |\dot{h}_{21}|^2 dt + \\ + \frac{5}{2\sqrt{42\pi}} \int_{t_0}^t \left( \dot{h}_{22}^{\text{Re}} \dot{h}_{32}^{\text{Re}} + \dot{h}_{22}^{\text{Im}} \dot{h}_{32}^{\text{Im}} \right) - \frac{2}{11} \sqrt{\frac{2}{15\pi}} \int_{t_0}^t |\dot{h}_{44}|^2 dt$$

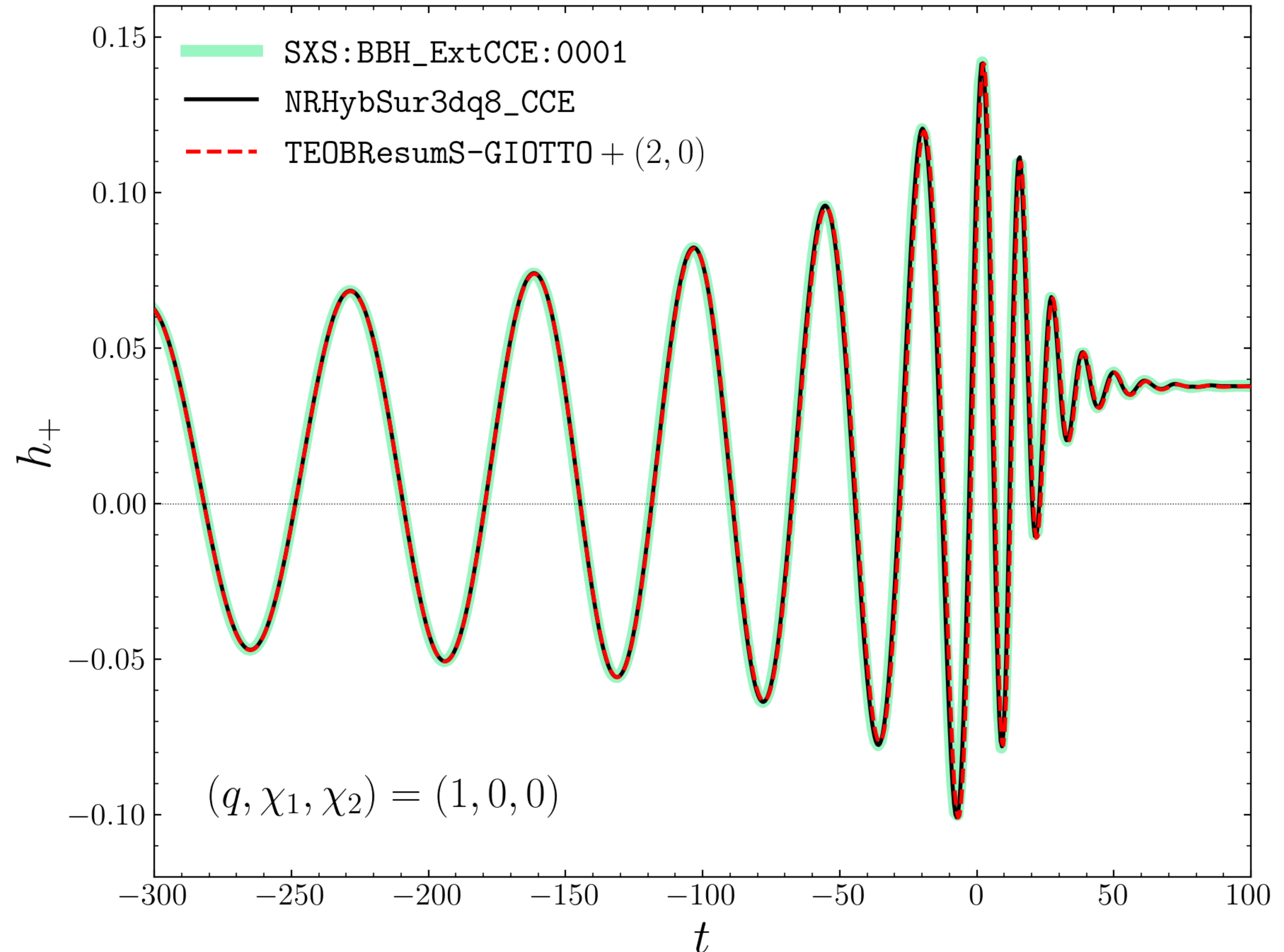
- Formally  $t_0 \rightarrow -\infty$ ; in practice  $t_0$  is the initial time of the EOB evolution
- To enforce  $h_{20}^{\text{memo}} \rightarrow 0$  for  $t_0 \rightarrow -\infty$ , we determine a shift using the 3.5 PN formula [4,5,6] (which has the “correct” low-frequency limit)



$$h_{20} = h_{20}^{\text{osc}} + h_{20}^{\text{memo}}$$

# Ringdown for $m = 0$ modes: generic mass ratio

- Complete model available for spin-aligned quasi-circular binaries based on **TEOBResumS-GIOTTO** [1] with generic mass ratios. Will be public at some point.
- Quadrupolar waveform for the equal mass nonspinning case



[1] Nagar+:2304.09662

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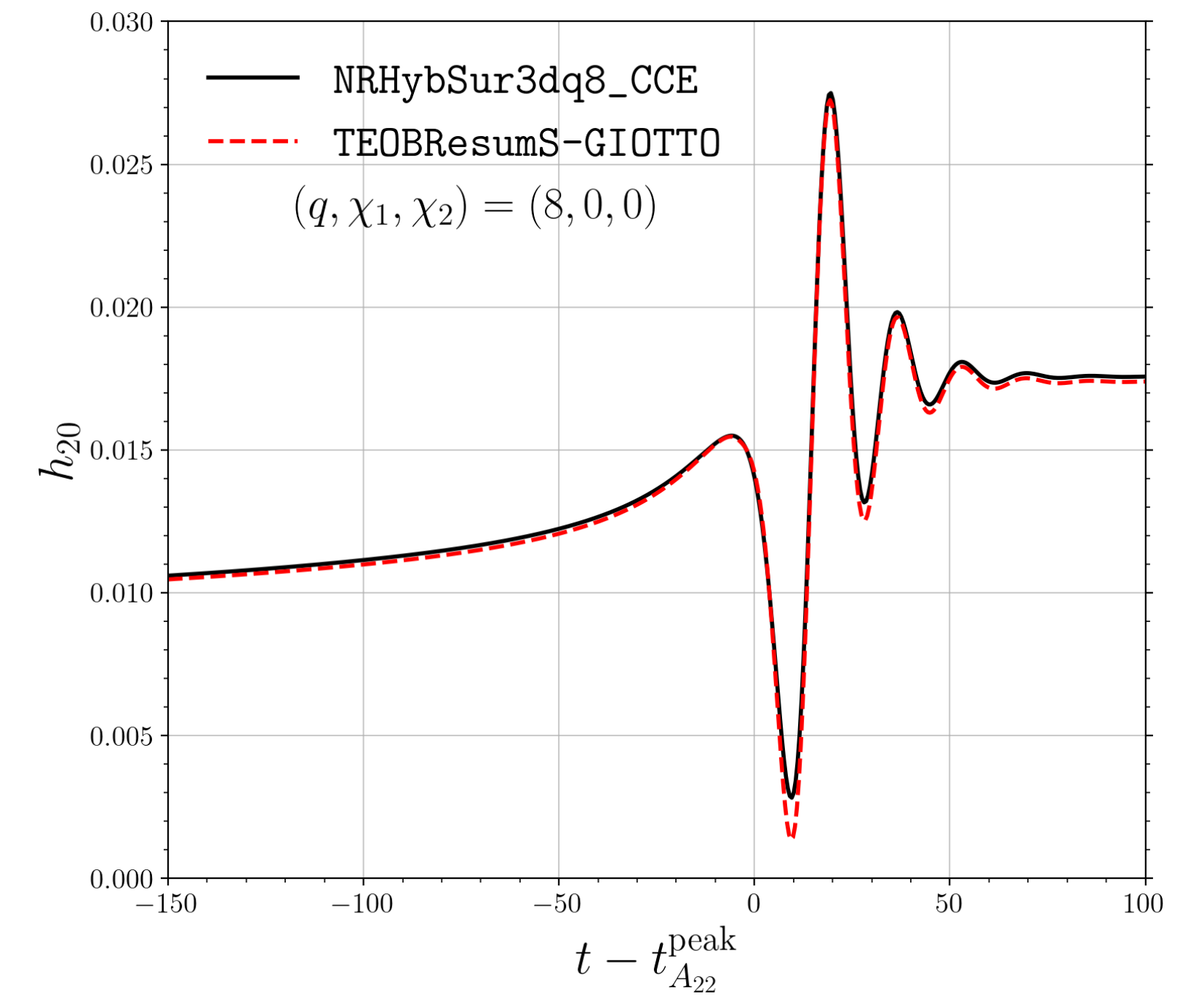
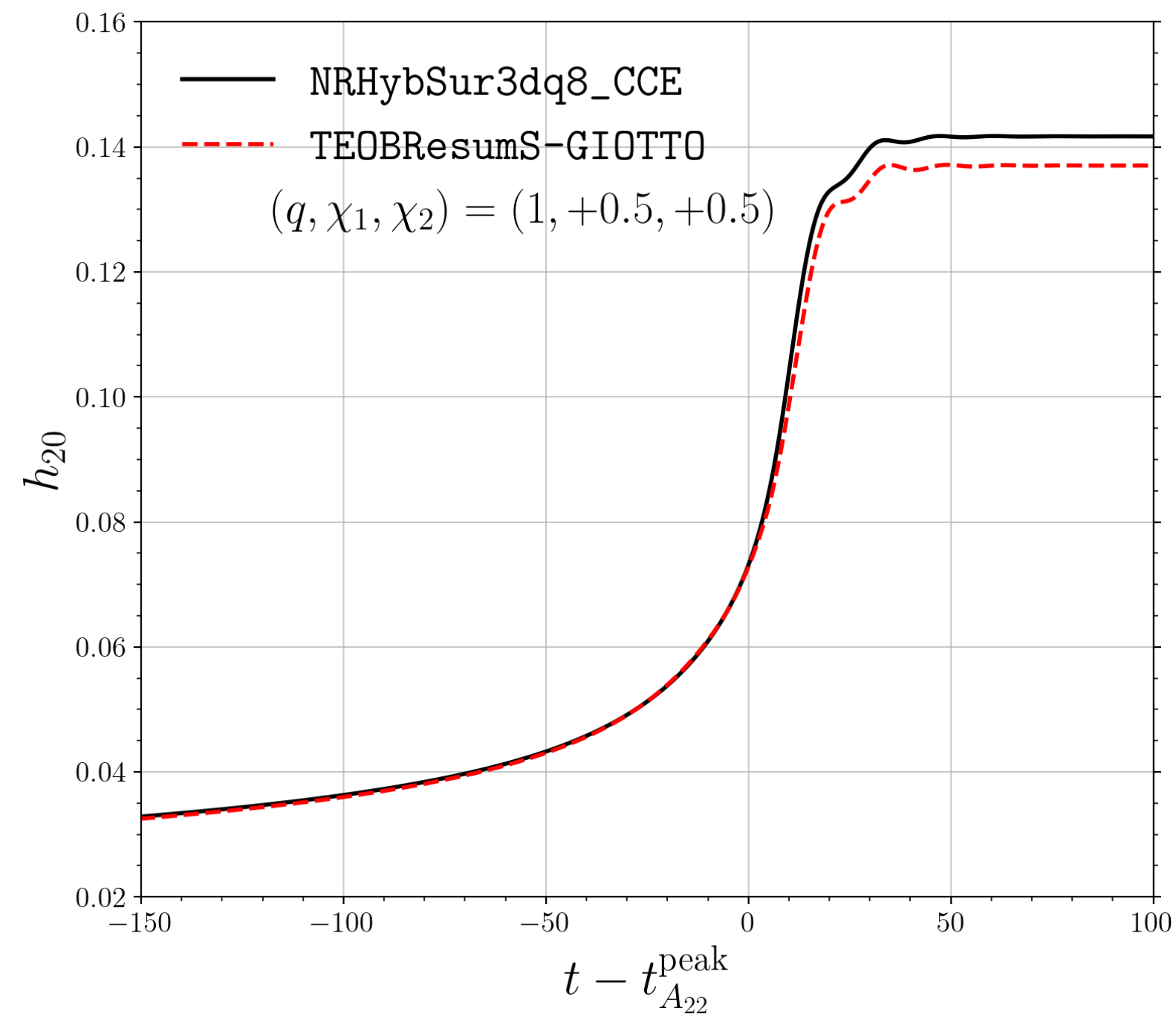
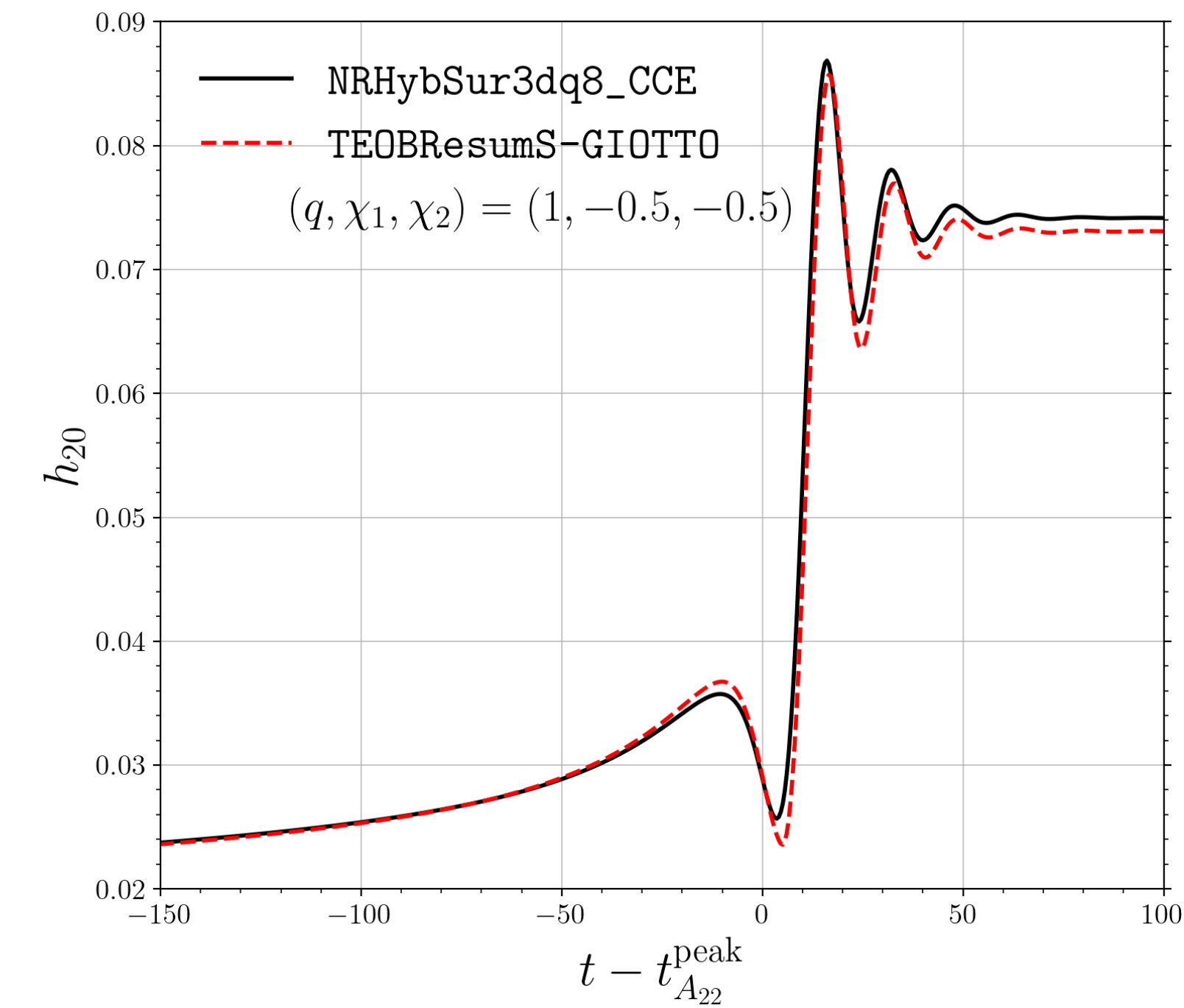
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**Thank you for the attention!**



# Additional comparisons



# Matching

