

# Equilibrium and Dynamics of Remnants of Binary Neutron Star Mergers

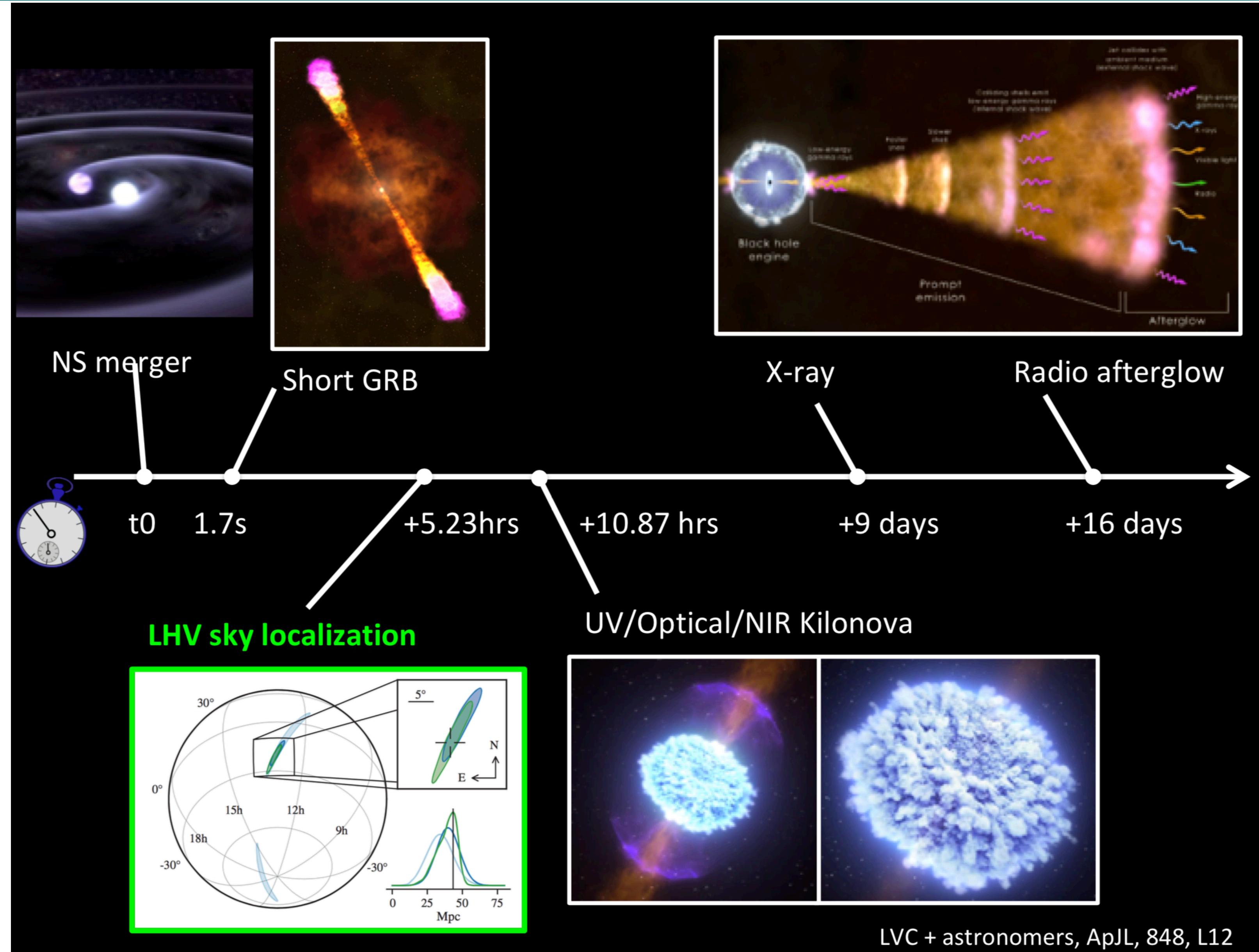
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# GW170817 BINARY NEUTRON STAR MERGER



LVC + astronomers, ApJL, 848, L12

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# PLANNED OBSERVATIONS FOR THE NEXT FEW YEARS

Next observing run: O4  
(starting date  
~ summer 2022)

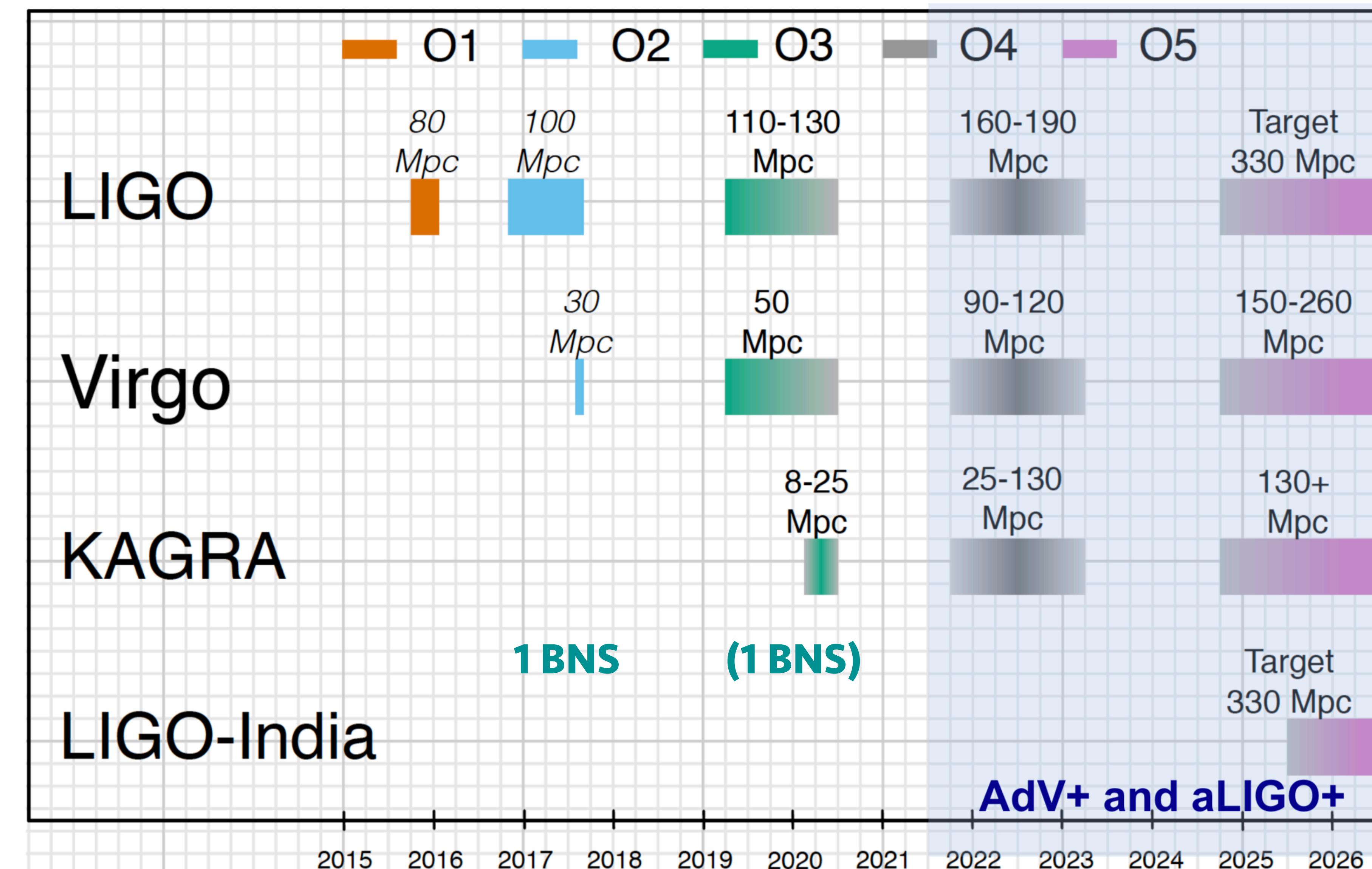
We may expect

$$10^{+52}_{-10}$$

BNS detections with the  
HLVK network.

O5 may reach ~2 x further,  
or ~8 x volume

Abbott et al. LRR (2020)



# DETECTION EFFICIENCY OF BNS MERGERS WITH 3G DETECTORS

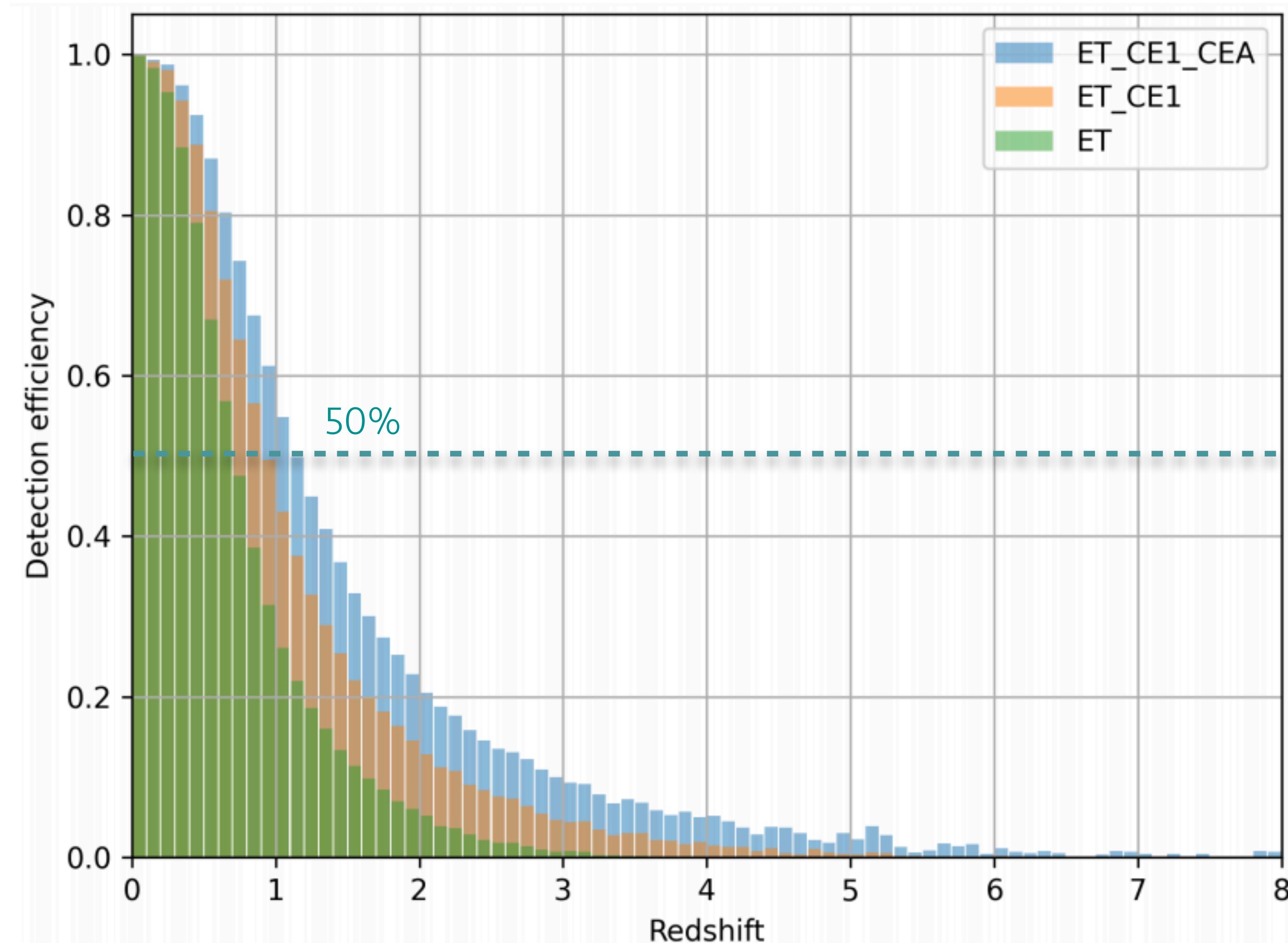
Detection efficiency of BNS mergers with various networks of 3G detectors.

(Assuming a population randomly oriented and located in space and detection SNR of 8.)

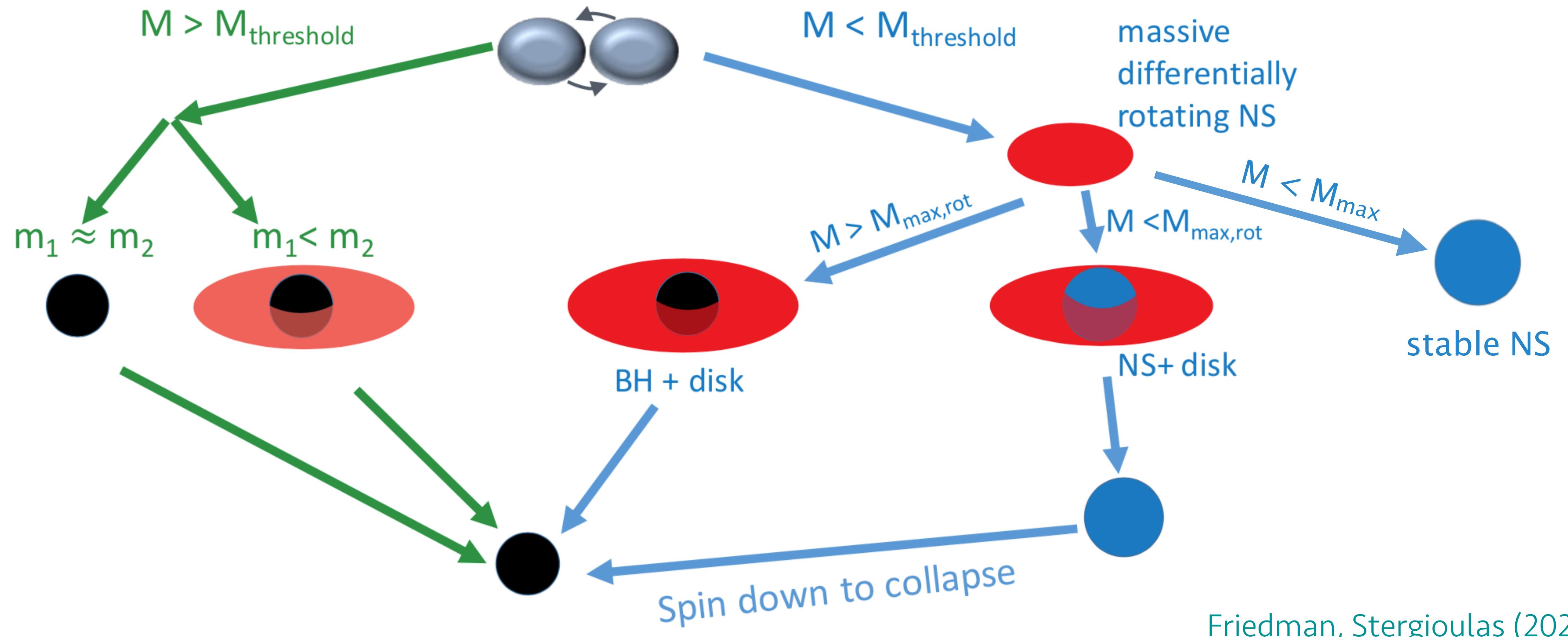
Rosati et al. arxiv2104.09535 (2021)

Joint GW + sGRB detections with THESEUS: up to *a few tens per year* (incl. aligned and misaligned jet w.r.t. the observer)

Ciolfi et al. arxiv2104.09534 (2021)



# POSSIBLE OUTCOMES OF BNS MERGERS



Significant differences in post-merger E/M emission, depending on the outcome of BNS mergers  
*The accurate determination of  $M_{\text{thres}}$  is important for GW and multi-messenger astronomy.*

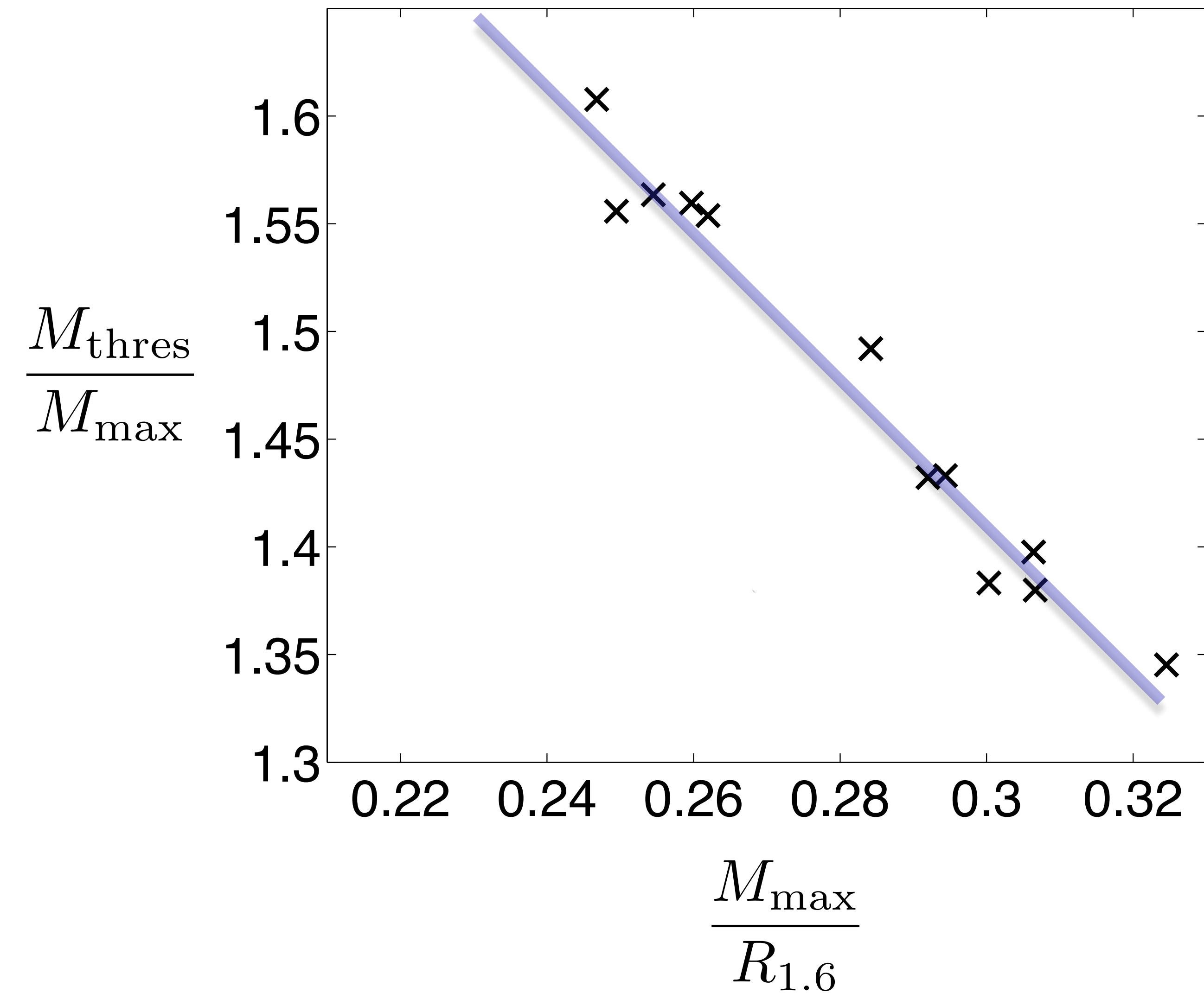
# THRESHOLD MASS TO PROMPT COLLAPSE

Simulations with SPH+CFC code in GR:

- Equal mass mergers
- 12 fully temperature-dependent EOS
- 340k SPH particles

Empirical relation for the threshold mass to prompt collapse, in terms of the maximum TOV mass and the radius of  $1.6 M_{\odot}$  stars:

$$M_{\text{thres}} = \left( -3.606 \frac{GM_{\text{max}}}{c^2 R_{1.6}} + 2.38 \right) \cdot M_{\text{max}}$$



Bauswein, Baumgarte, Janka (2013)

# EXTENSION OF EMPIRICAL RELATION FOR THRESHOLD MASS

Extended set of simulations with SPH+CFC code in GR:

- 33 hadronic EOS (fully temperature dependent or with an added thermal part)
- Mass ratio  $0.7 \leq q \leq 1$
- Threshold mass determined within  $0.025M_{\odot}$

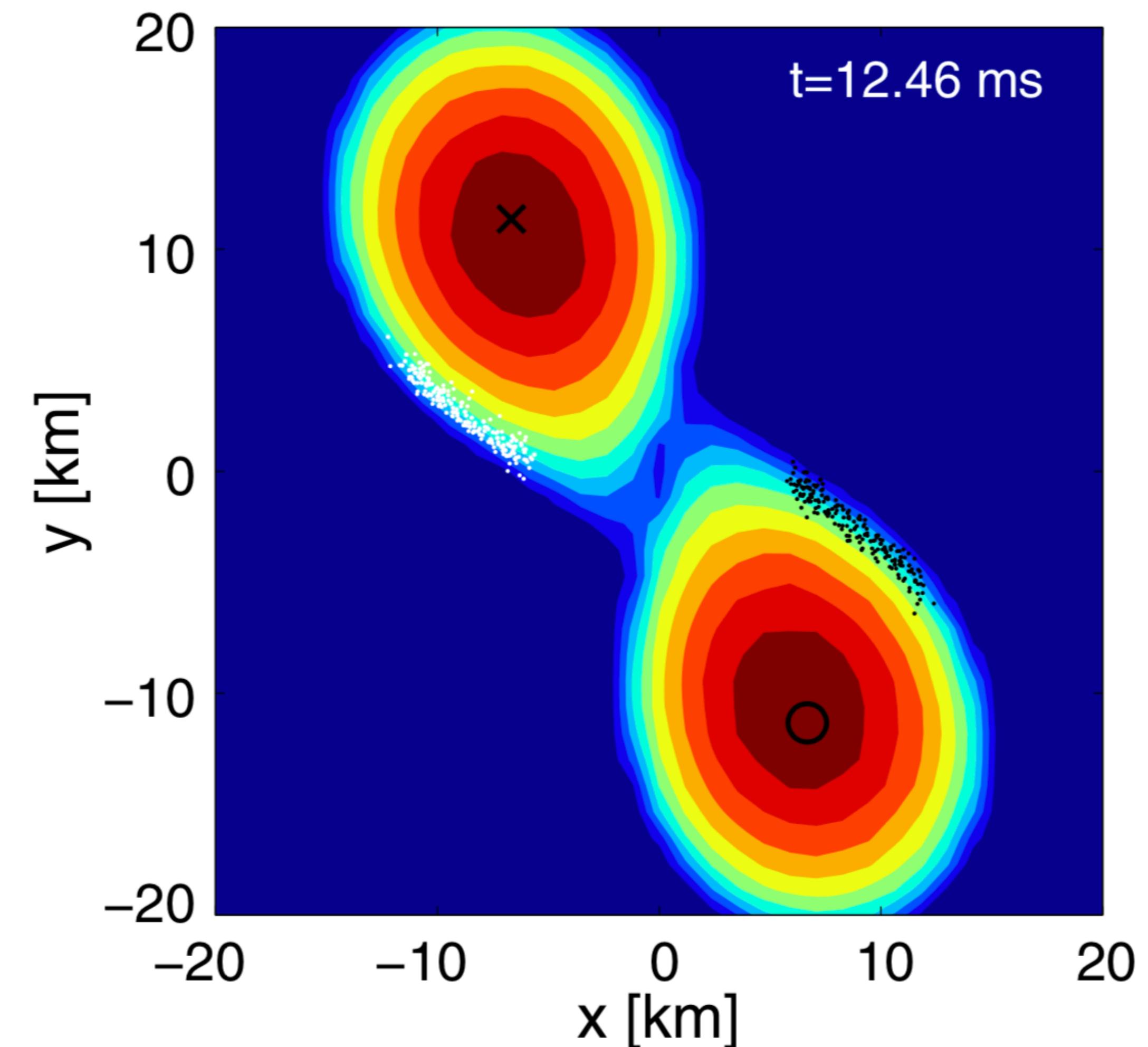
New, bilinear empirical relations of the form

$$M_{\text{thres}}(M_{\odot}) = aM_{\max} + bR_{1.6} - c$$

or

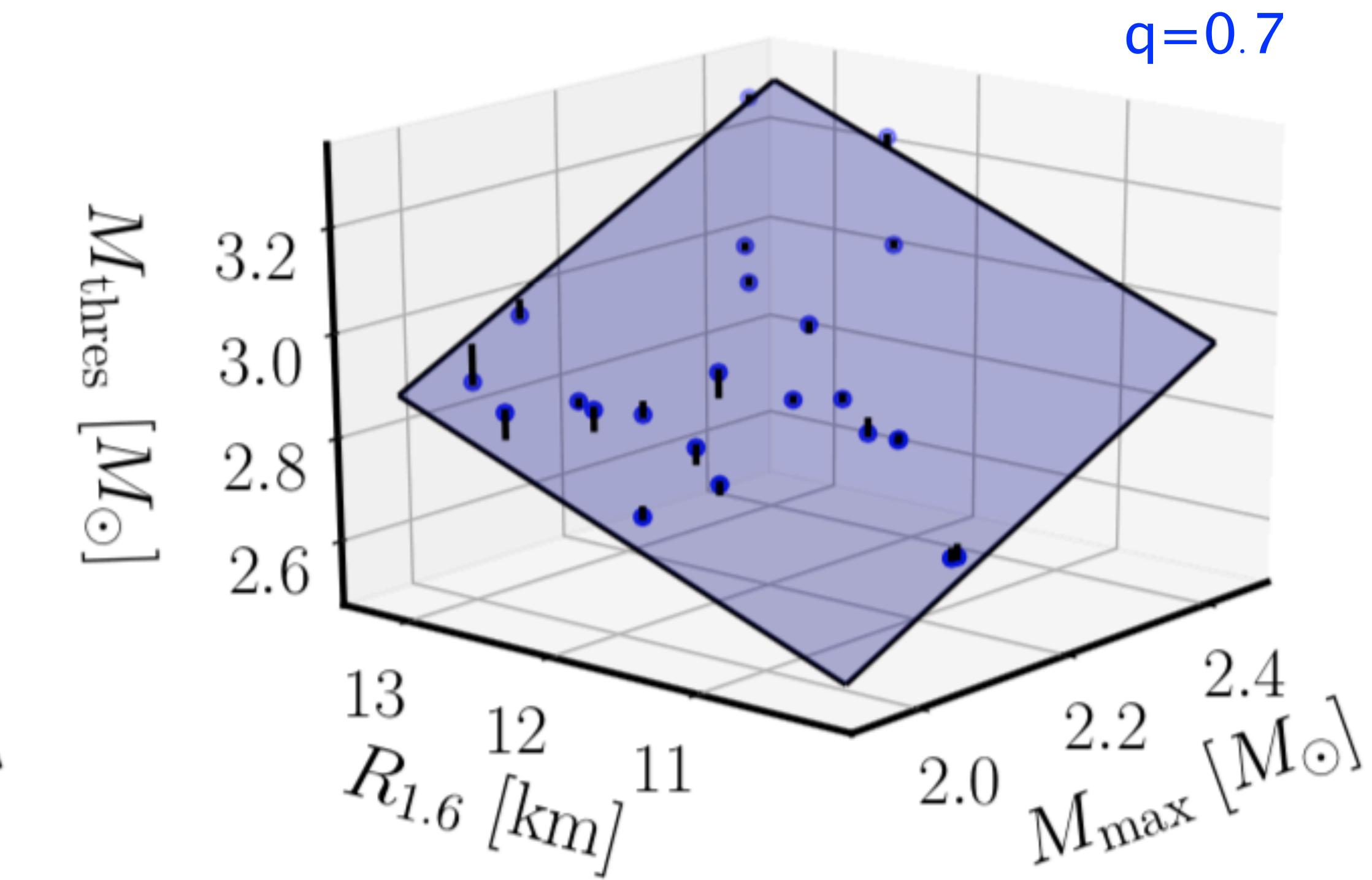
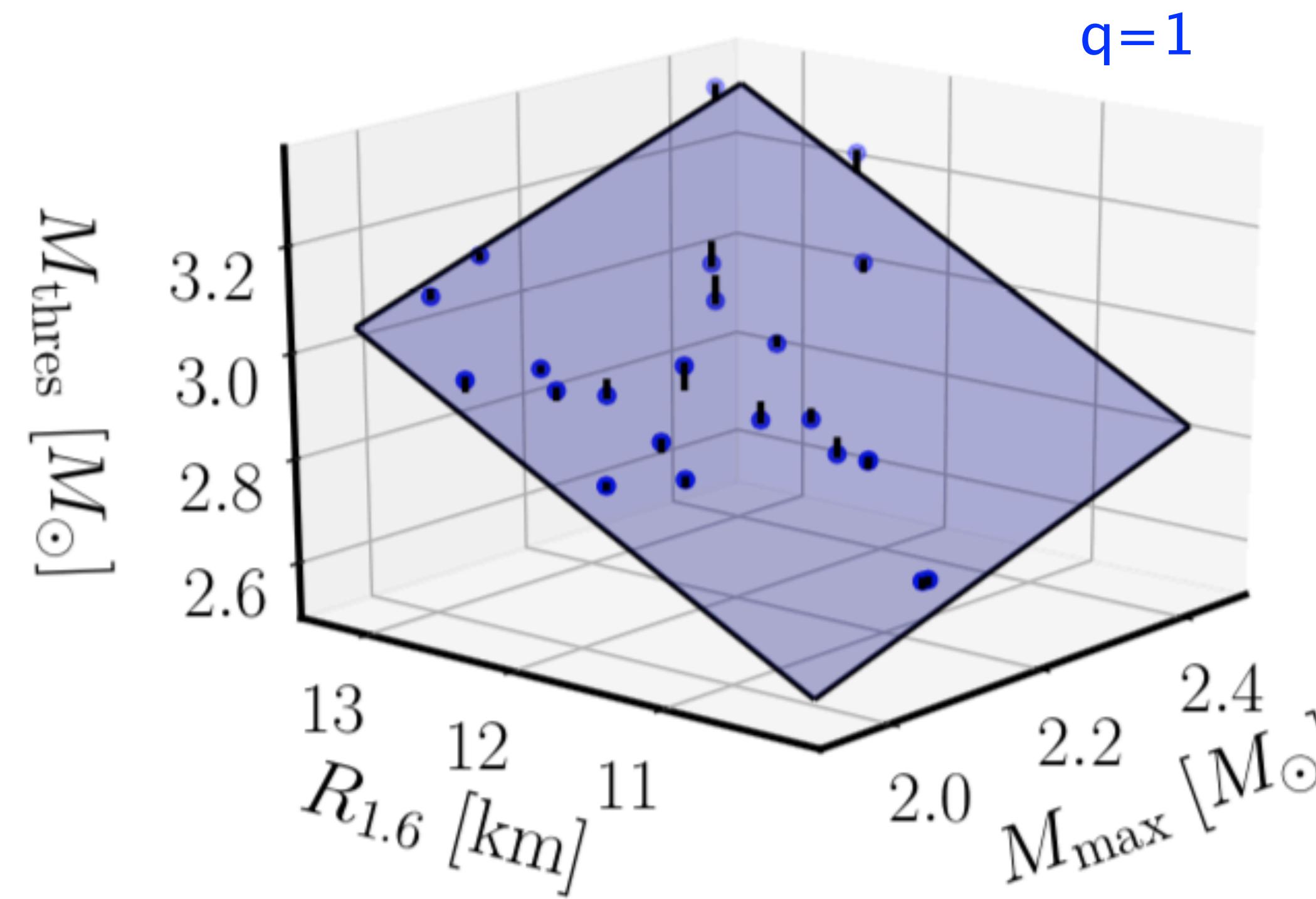
$$M_{\text{thres}}(M_{\odot}) = aM_{\max} + b\Lambda_{1.4} - c$$

Bauswein et al. (2021)



# THRESHOLD MASS TO PROMPT COLLAPSE FOR DIFFERENT MASS RATIOS

New bilinear empirical relations of the form  $M_{\text{thres}} = aM_{\max} + bR_{1.6} + c$



$$M_{\text{thres}}(M_{\odot}) = 0.547M_{\max} + 0.165R_{1.6} - 0.198 \quad (\pm 0.042)$$

(max. dev.)

$$M_{\text{thres}}(M_{\odot}) = 0.832M_{\max} + 0.116R_{1.6} - 0.276 \quad (\pm 0.067)$$

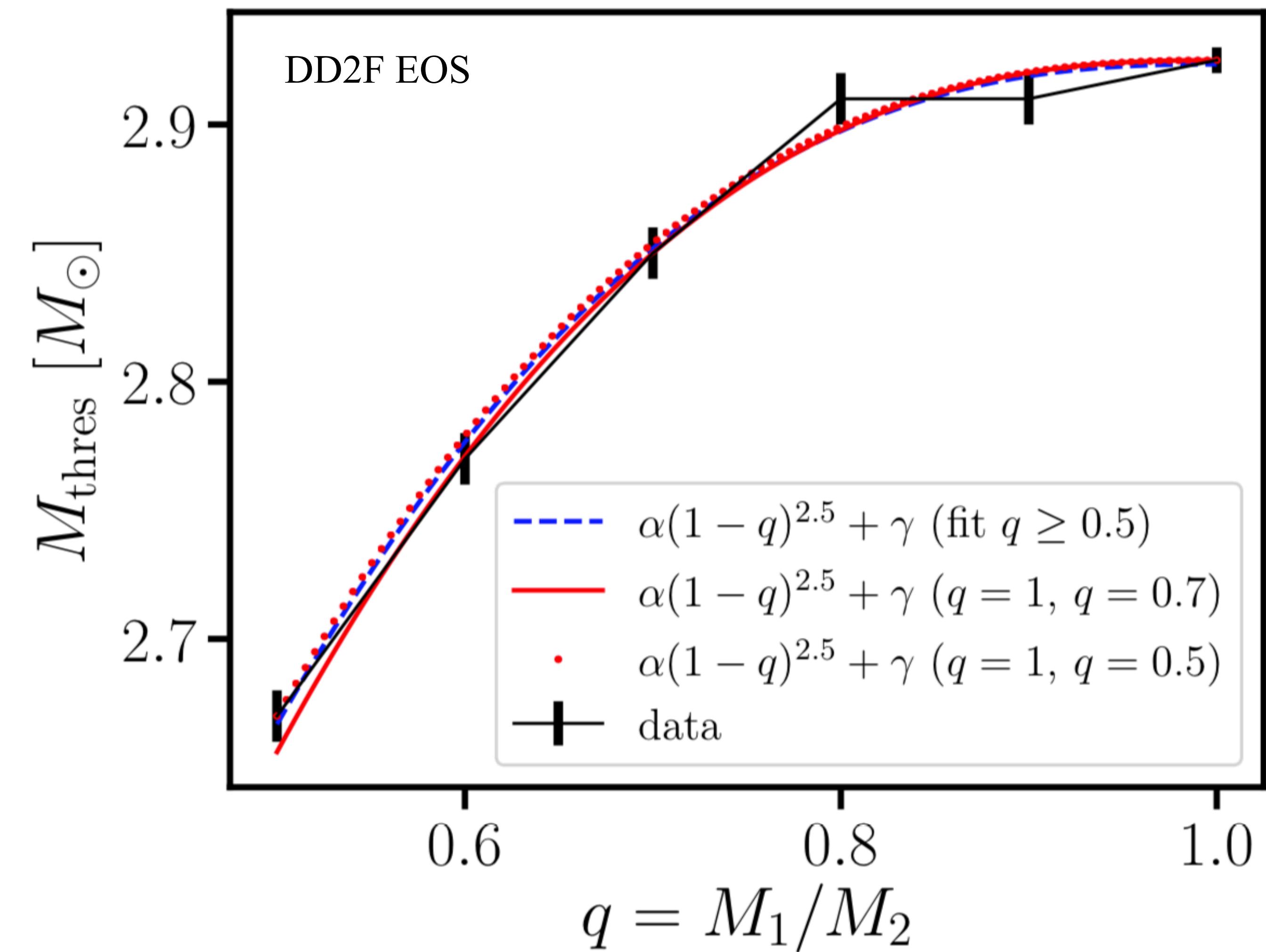
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# $q$ -DEPENDENT EMPIRICAL RELATION FOR SPECIFIC EOS

For a few EOS we construct a fit in the range  $0.5 \leq q \leq 1$  of the form

$$M_{\text{thres}}(q) = \alpha(1 - q)^n + \gamma$$

and find that  $2.5 \leq n \leq 3.5$  within this sample.



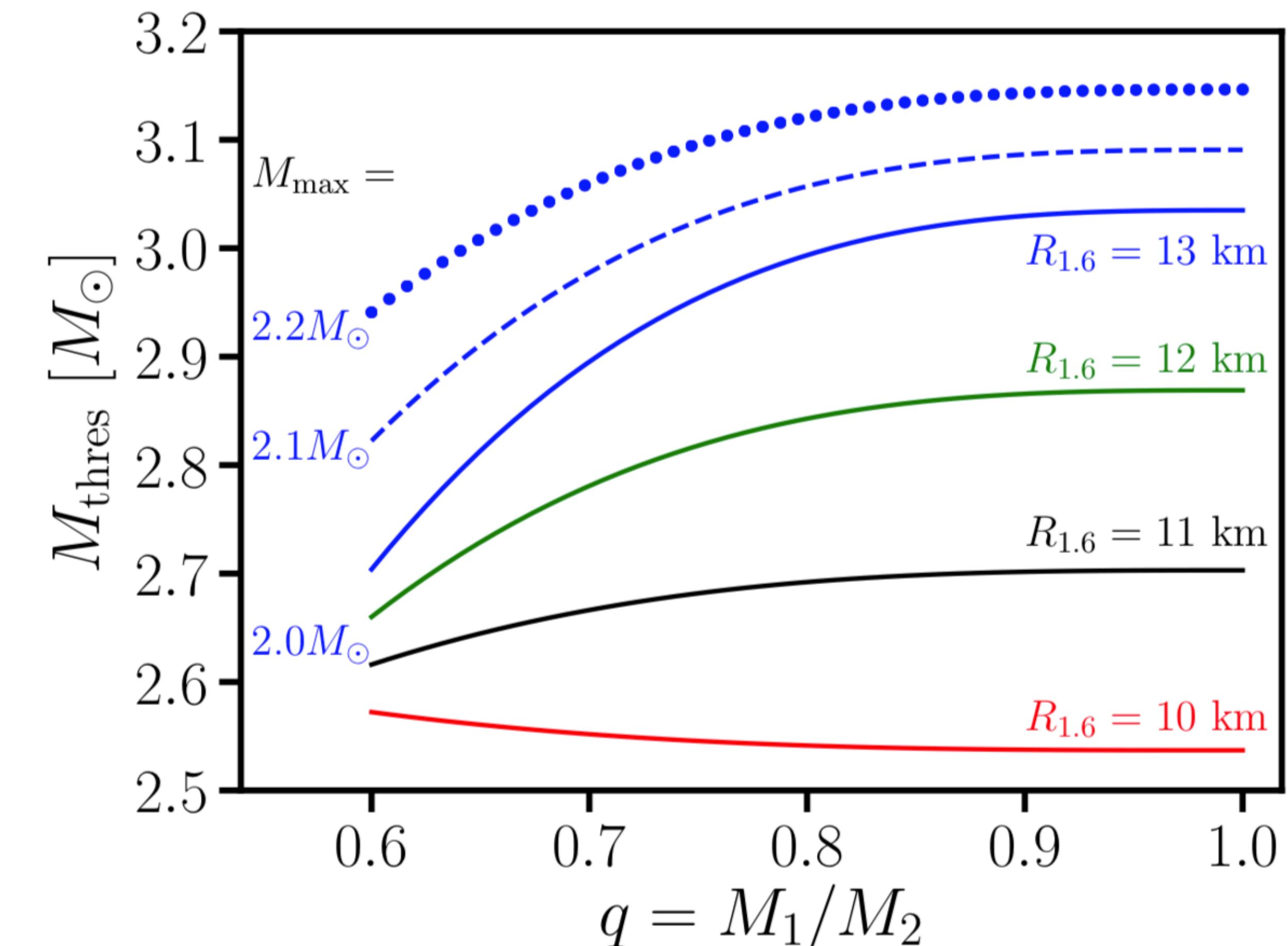
# GENERALIZED EMPIRICAL RELATION FOR THRESHOLD MASS

We take  $n=3$  as an average value and arrive at the **generalized empirical** relation that also depends on the mass ratio:

$$M_{\text{thres}}(q, M_{\max}, R_{1.6}) = c_1 M_{\max} + c_2 R_{1.6} + c_3 + c_4 \delta q^3 M_{\max} + c_5 \delta q^3 R_{1.6} + c_6 \delta q^3$$

$$\delta q \equiv 1 - q$$

For the base sample  $q=1$  and  $q=0.7$  with 23 hadronic EOS, the maximum residual is only  $0.067 M_{\odot}$ .



# ROTATION PROFILE OF BNS REMNANTS

## Key properties:

- Maximum angular velocity about twice the central angular velocity

$$\Omega_{\max} \sim 2\Omega_c$$

- Angular velocity at equator comparable to central angular velocity

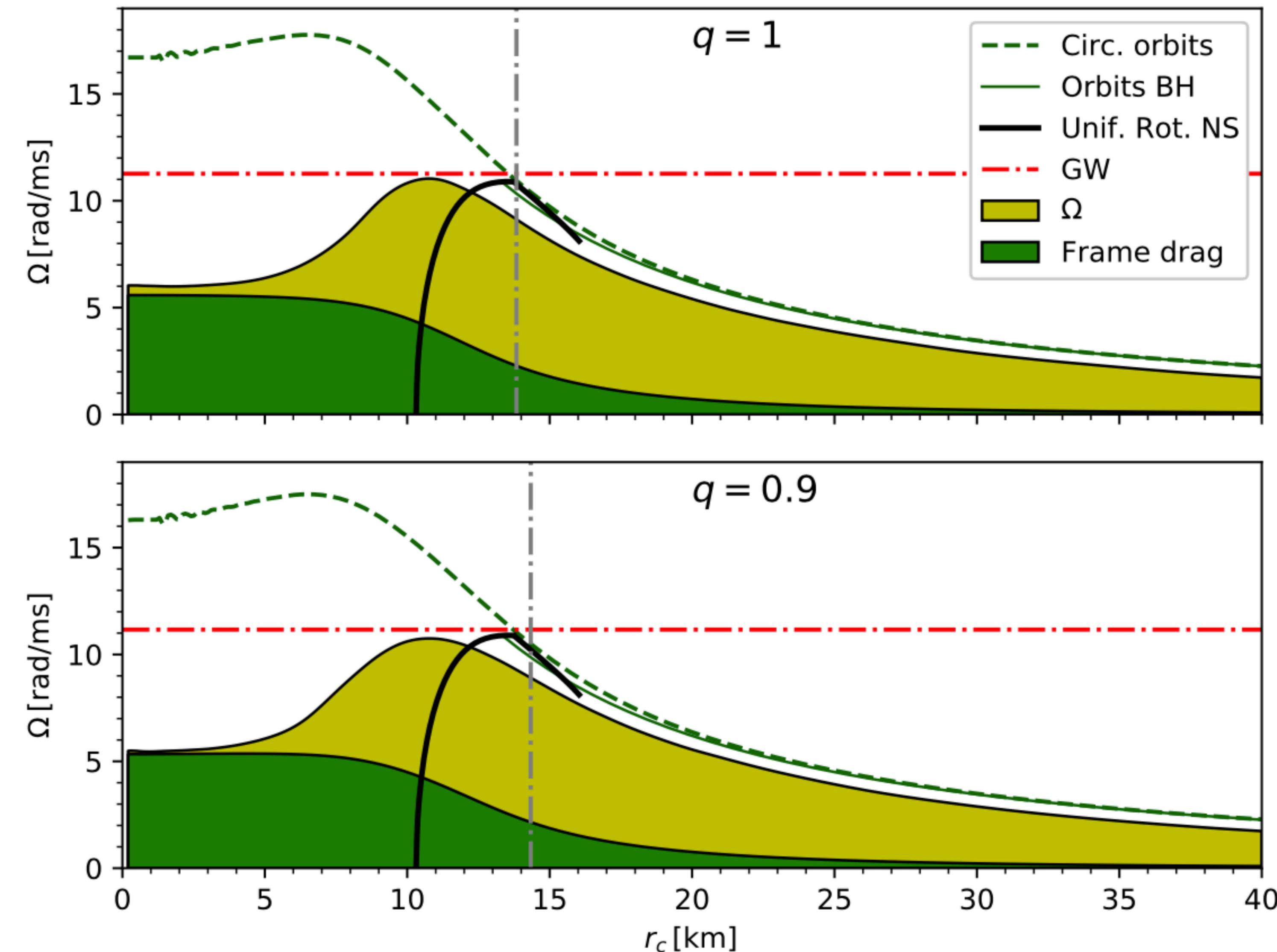
$$\Omega_e \sim \Omega_c$$

- Central angular velocity mostly due to frame dragging

$$\Omega \sim \omega$$

- Frequency of main post-merger GW peak about half of the maximum angular velocity

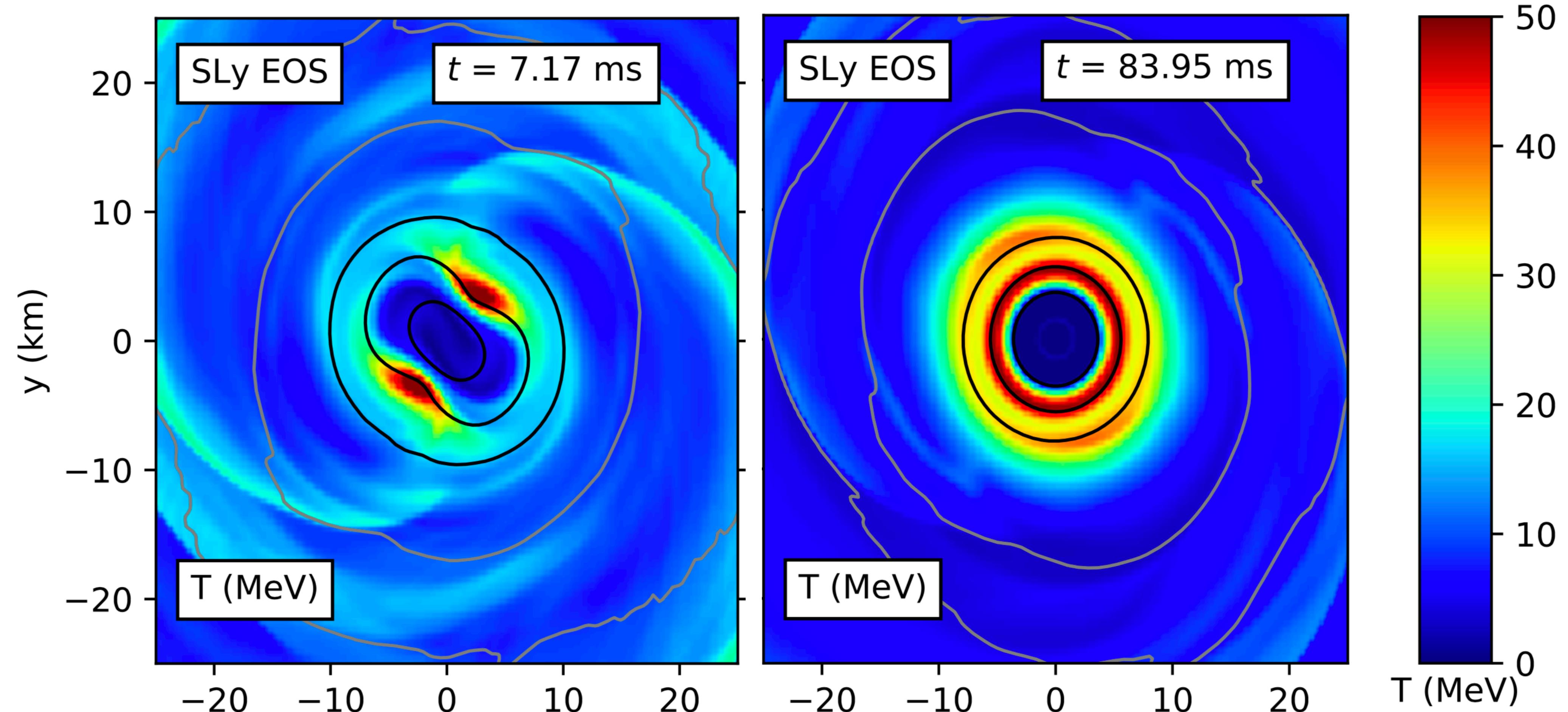
$$\Omega_{\max} \sim \Omega_{\text{GW}}/2$$



Kastaun, Galeazzi (2015); Kastaun, Ohme (2021)

# THERMAL PROFILE OF POST-MERGER REMNANTS

Cold core + hot envelope of several tens MeV.



De Pietri et al. (2019)

# ANGULAR MOMENTUM OF POST-MERGER REMNANTS

The angular momentum of post-merger remnants at the moment of collapse is given by an EOS-insensitive empirical relation of the form (Bauswein, Stergioulas, 2017)

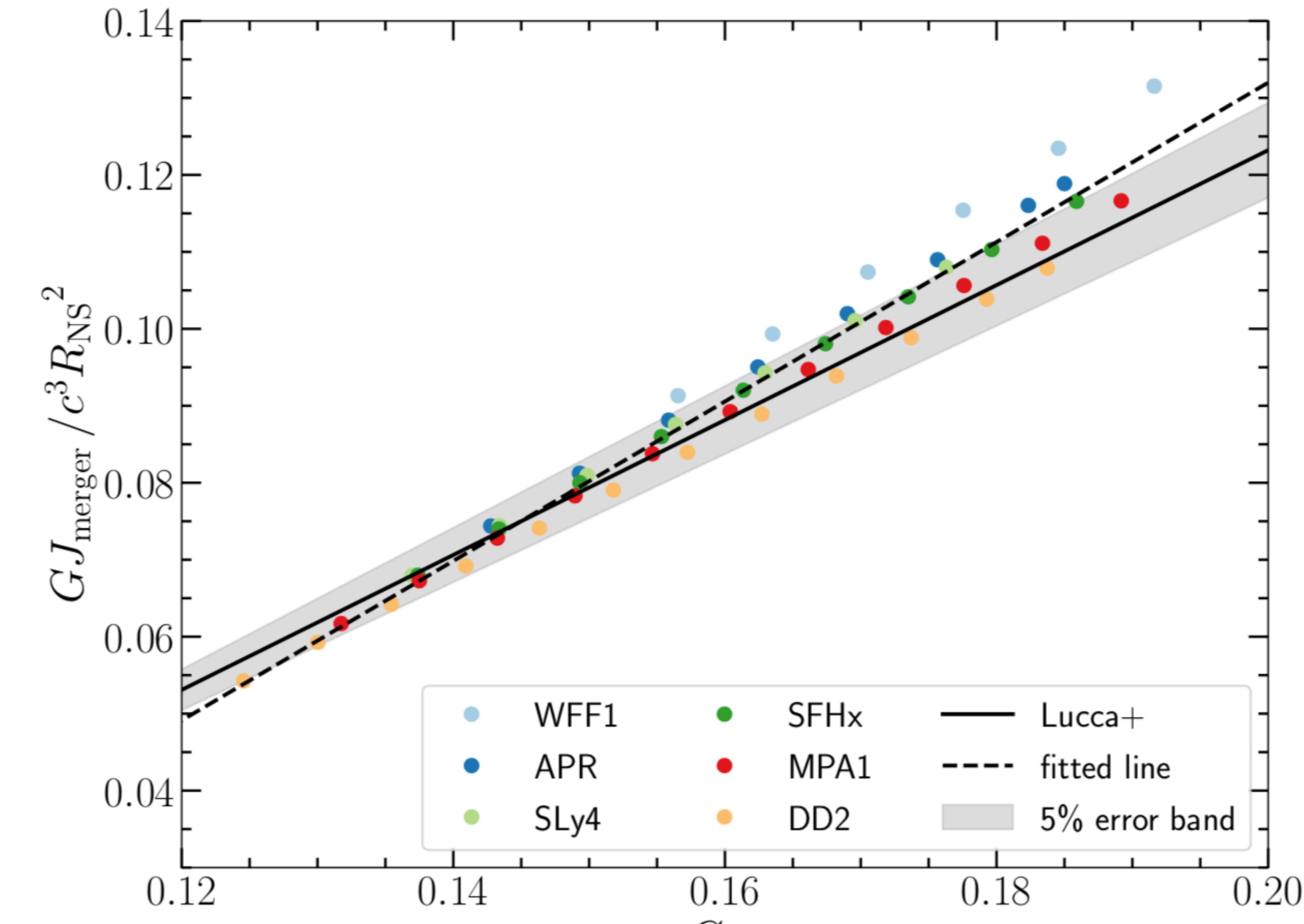
$$\frac{cJ_{\text{merger}}}{GM_{\odot}^2} \approx a \frac{M_{\text{tot}}}{M_{\odot}} - \left( b + \frac{R_{1.5} - R_{1.5}^{\text{DD2}}}{10 \text{ km}} \right)$$

with  $a=4.041$  and  $b=4.658$ .

An alternative form is (Lucca et al. 2021)

$$\frac{GJ_{\text{merger}}}{c^3 R_{\text{NS}}^2} = 0.875 C_{\text{NS}} - 5.209$$

Where  $C_{\text{NS}} = GM_{\text{NS}}/c^2 R_{\text{NS}}$  is the compactness of a TOV model with  $M_{\text{NS}} = M_{\text{tot}}/2$



Iosif, Stergioulas (2021)

# EQUILIBRIUM MODELS OF POST-MERGER REMNANTS

We construct merger sequences of equilibrium models of post-merger remnants, with the following characteristics:

- 4-parameter rotation law by Uryu et al. (2017), with  $p=1$ ,  $q=3$ .

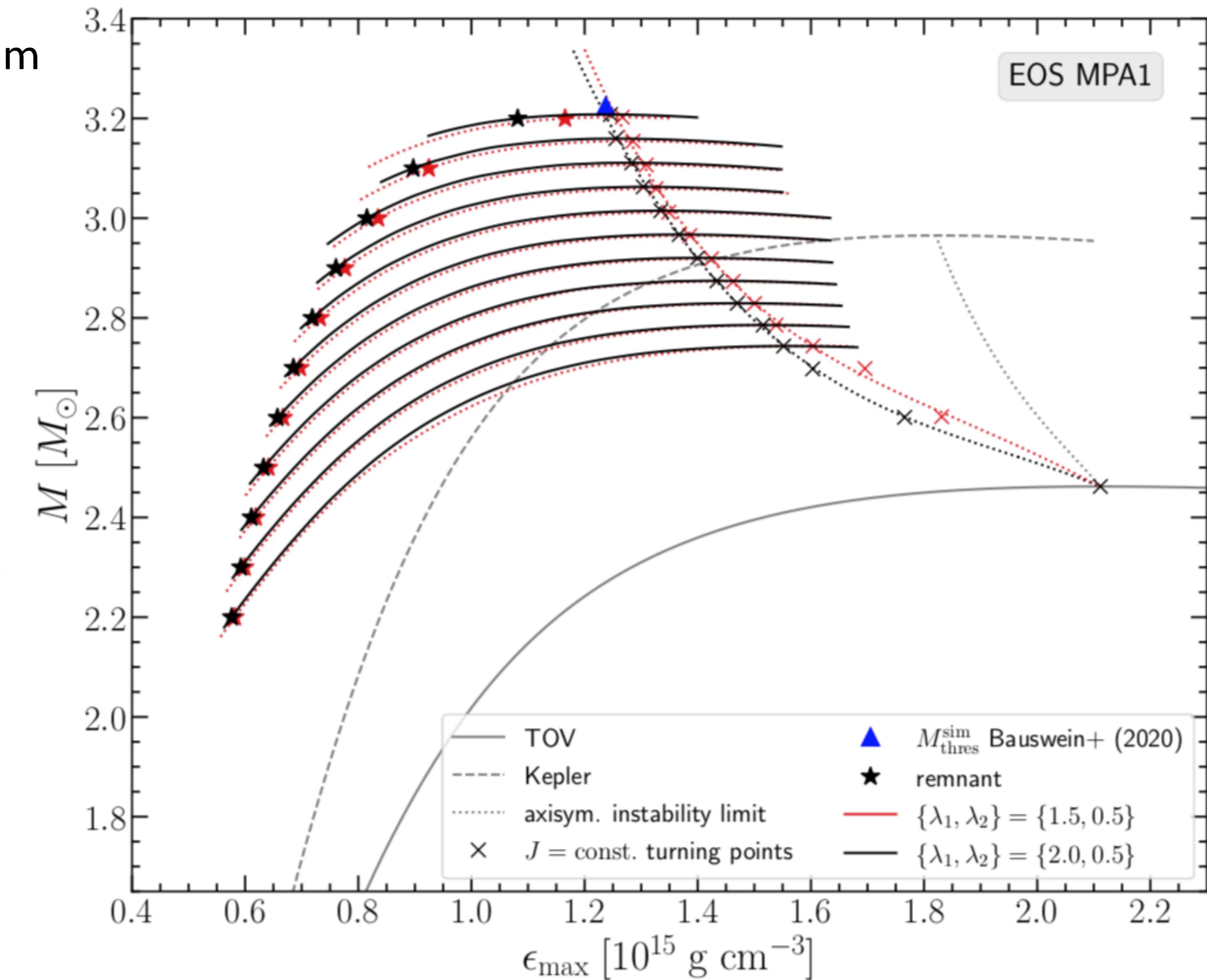
$$\Omega = \Omega_c \frac{1 + \left( \frac{F}{B^2 \Omega_c} \right)^p}{1 + \left( \frac{F}{A^2 \Omega_c} \right)^{q+p}}$$

$F \equiv u^t u_\phi$

- The remaining two parameters A, B are redefined as

$$\lambda_1 \equiv \frac{\Omega_{\max}}{\Omega_c} \quad \lambda_2 \equiv \frac{\Omega_e}{\Omega_c}$$

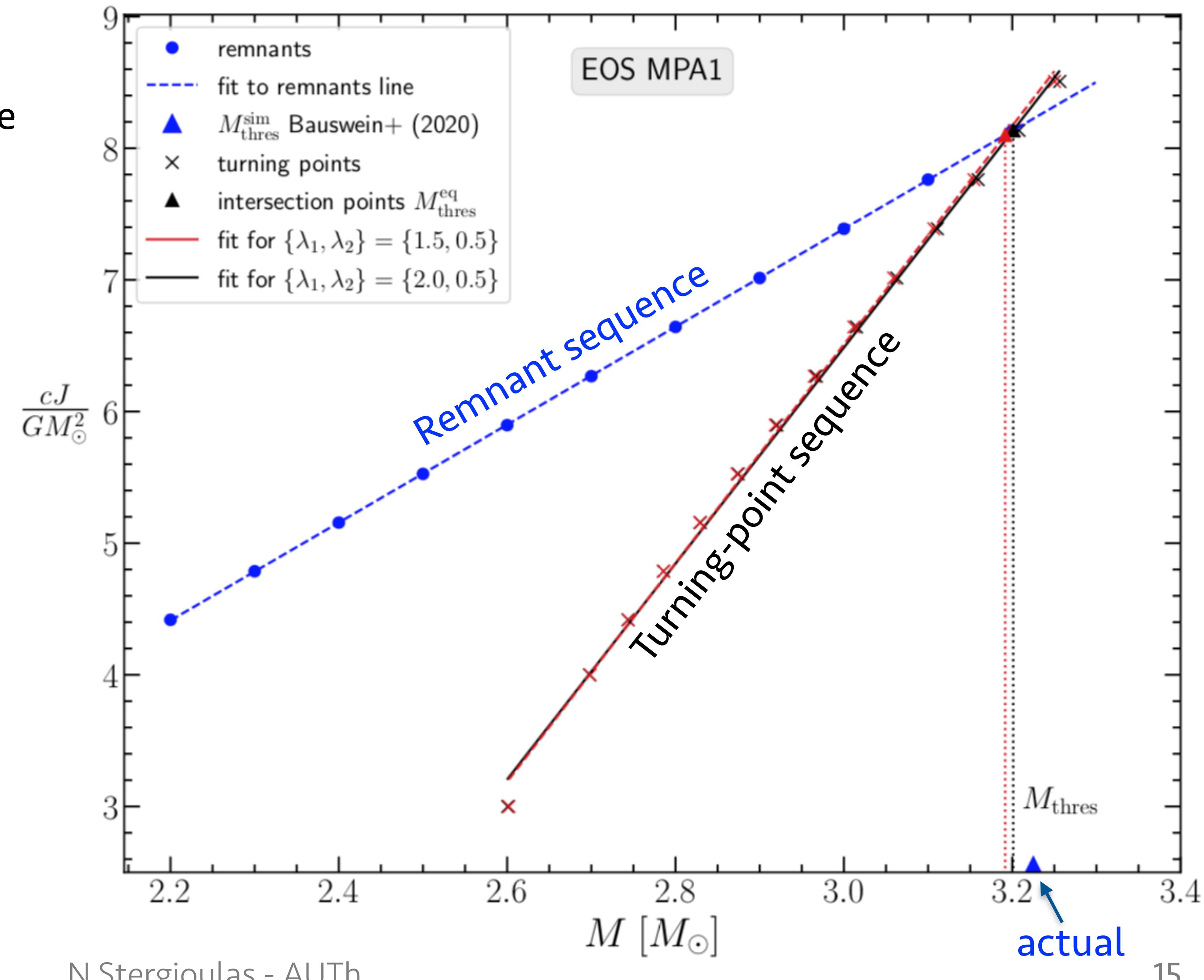
- We consider 3 hadronic EOS with radii between 11km and 13km for typical NS.



# REPRODUCTION OF THE THRESHOLD MASS

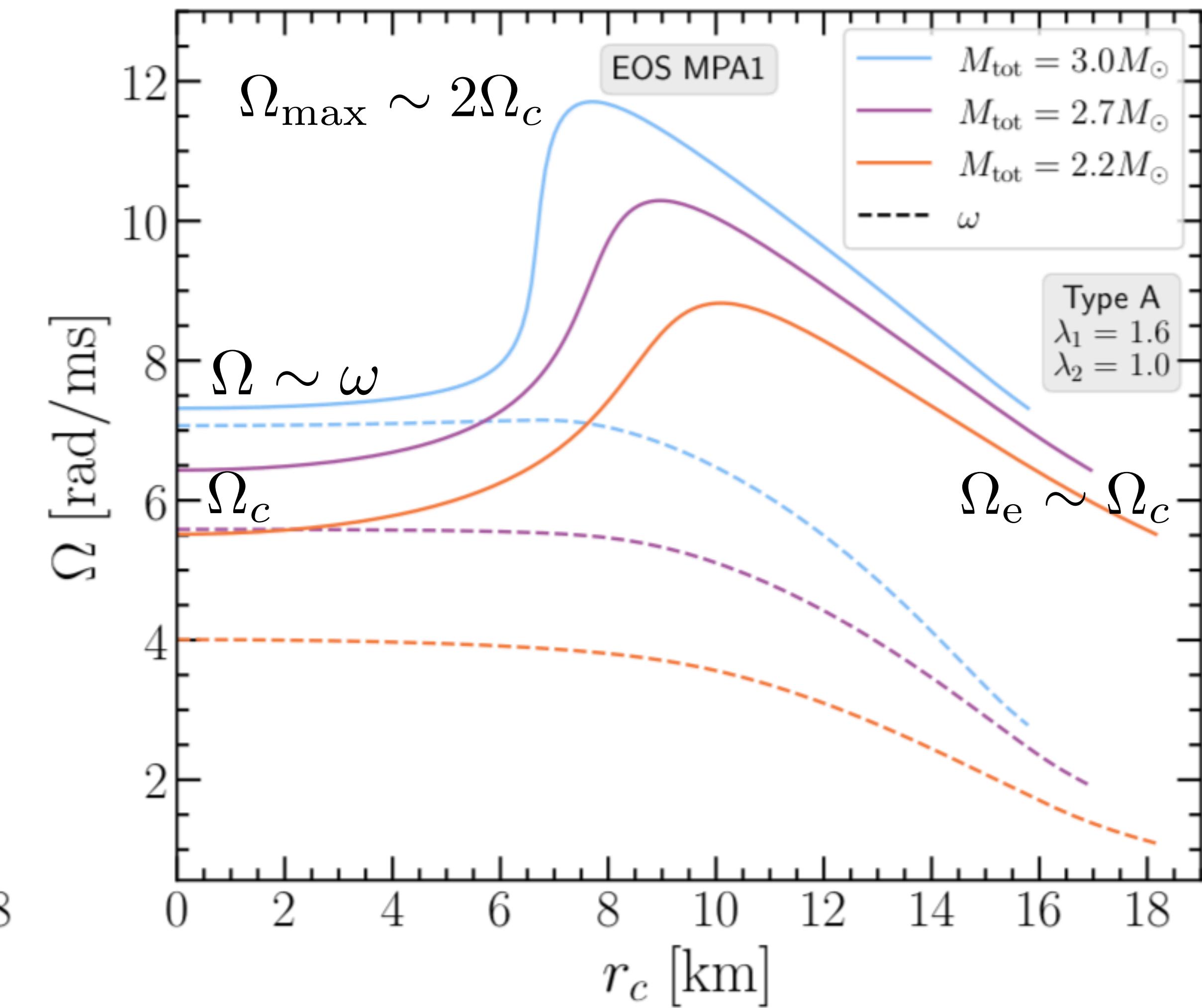
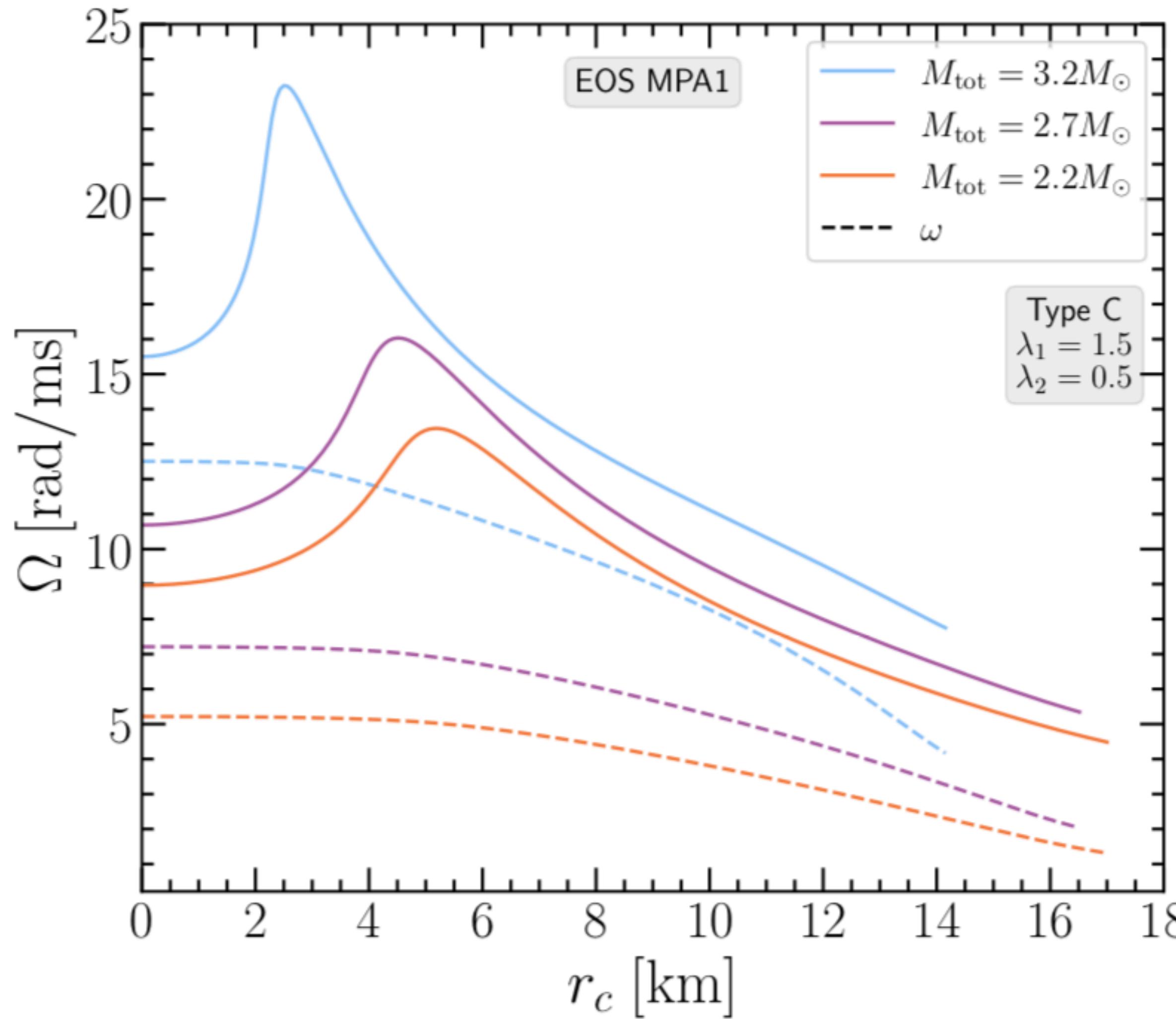
The intersection between the sequence of merger remnants and the turning-point line determines a threshold mass that agrees remarkably well for all 3 EOS.

EOS	$M_{\text{thres}}^{\text{eq}}$ [ $M_{\odot}$ ]	$J_{\text{thres}}^{\text{eq}}$ [ $\frac{GM_{\odot}^2}{c}$ ]	$M_{\text{sim thres}}$ [ $M_{\odot}$ ]	$\delta M_{\text{thres}}$ [%]
APR			2.825	
{2.0, 0.5}	2.851	6.524		0.92
{1.5, 0.5}	2.842	6.492		0.60
DD2			3.325	
{2.0, 0.5}	3.302	8.766		0.69
{1.5, 0.5}	3.285	8.697		1.20
MPA1			3.225	
{2.0, 0.5}	3.201	8.136		0.74
{1.5, 0.5}	3.192	8.100		1.02



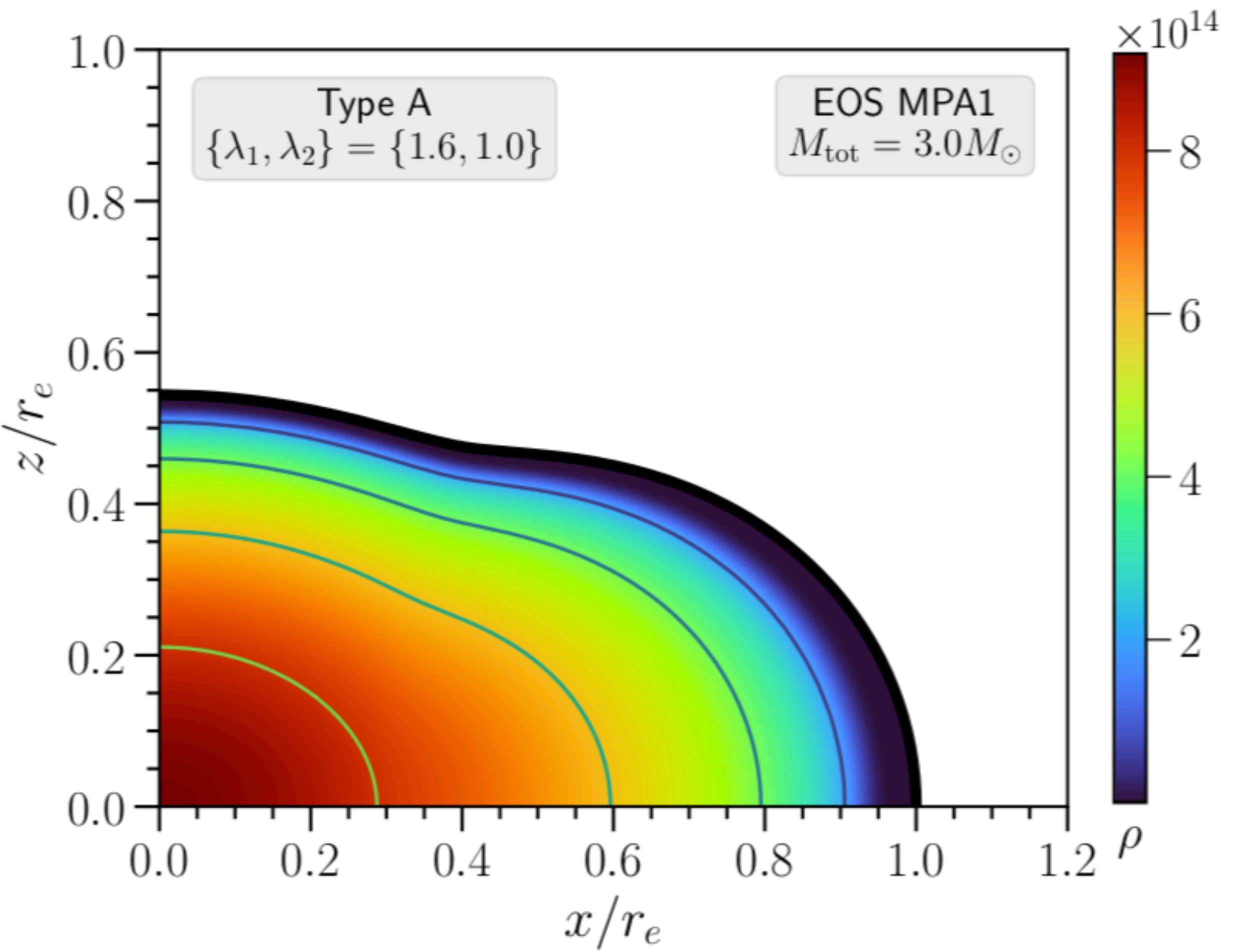
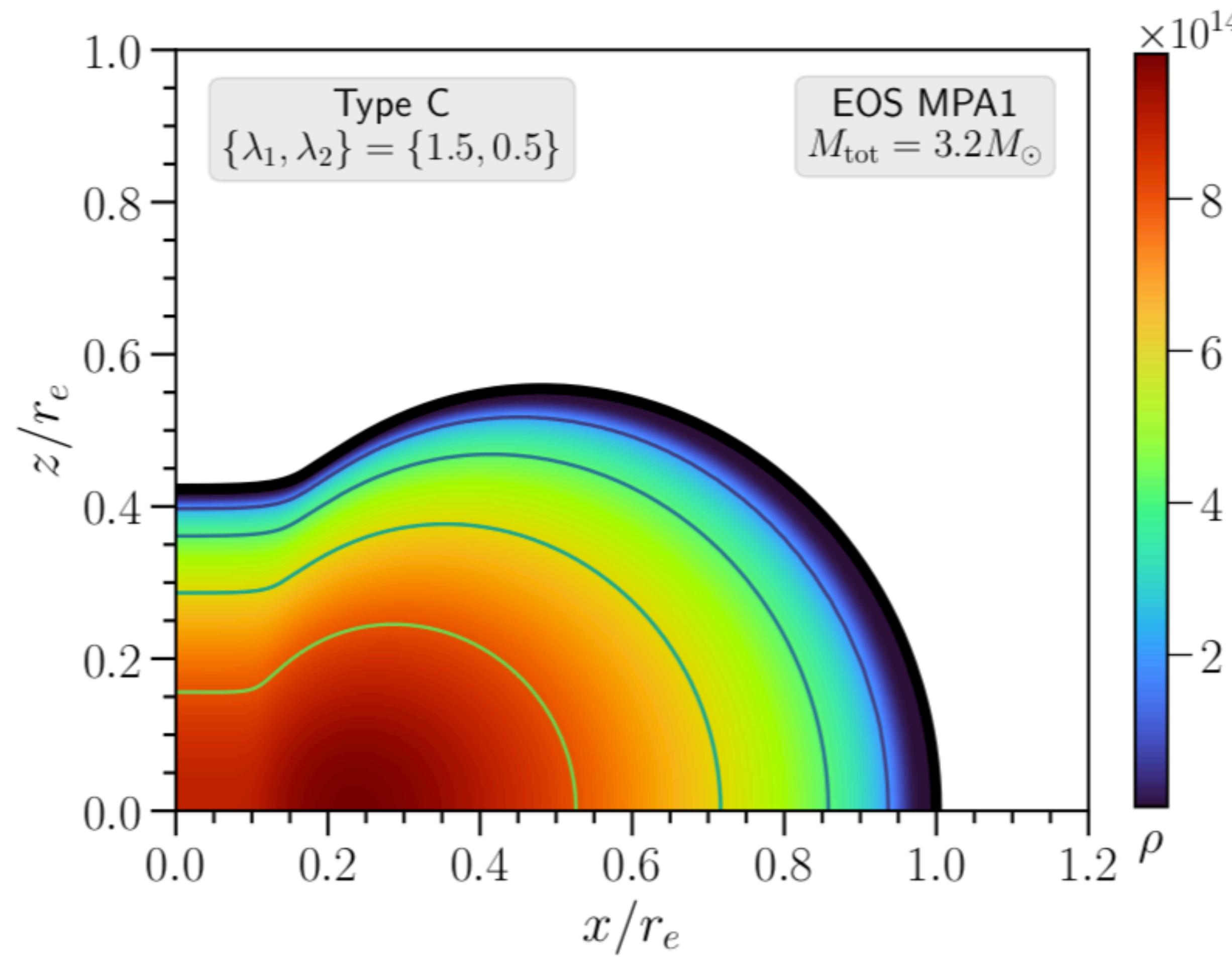
# ROTATION PROFILES

The rotation profiles show a qualitative agreement with those extracted from simulations.



# DENSITY DISTRIBUTION OF REMNANT MODELS

We find both quasi-toroidal (Type C) and quasi-spherical (Type A) models.



# EQUATORIAL COMPACTNESS AT PROMPT COLLAPSE

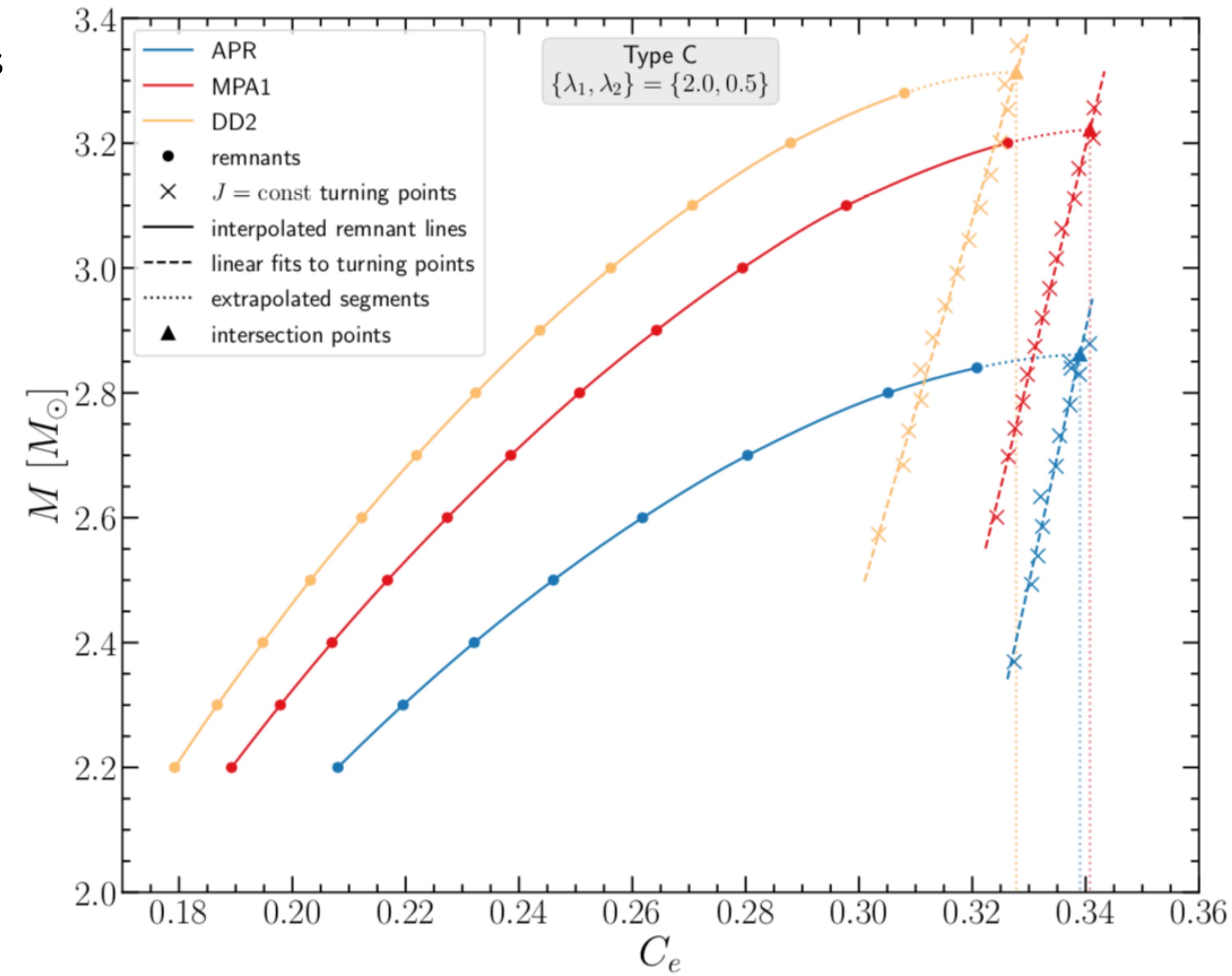
We define the “equatorial compactness” as

$$C_e = M/R_e$$

and find that the models at the threshold mass have

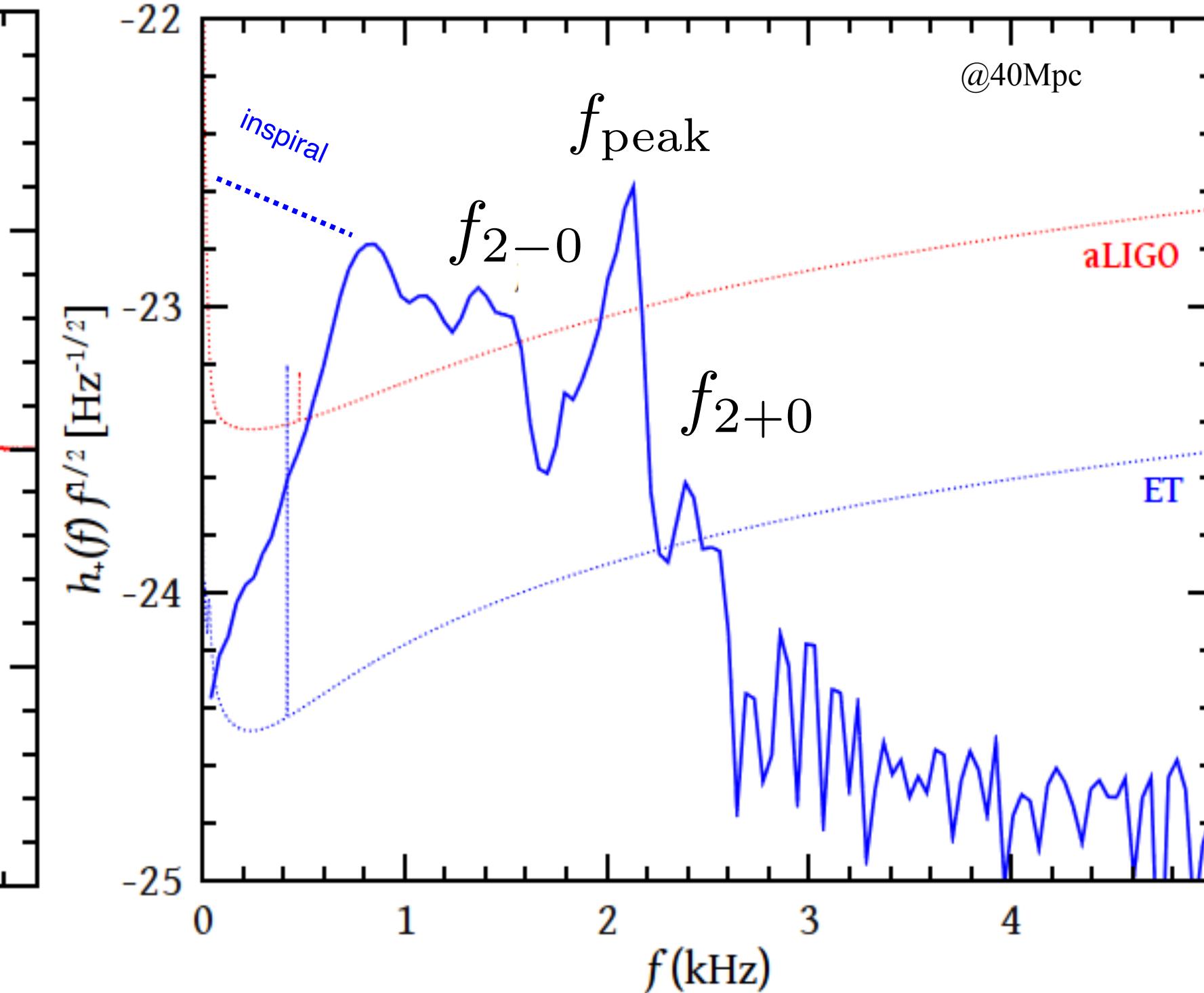
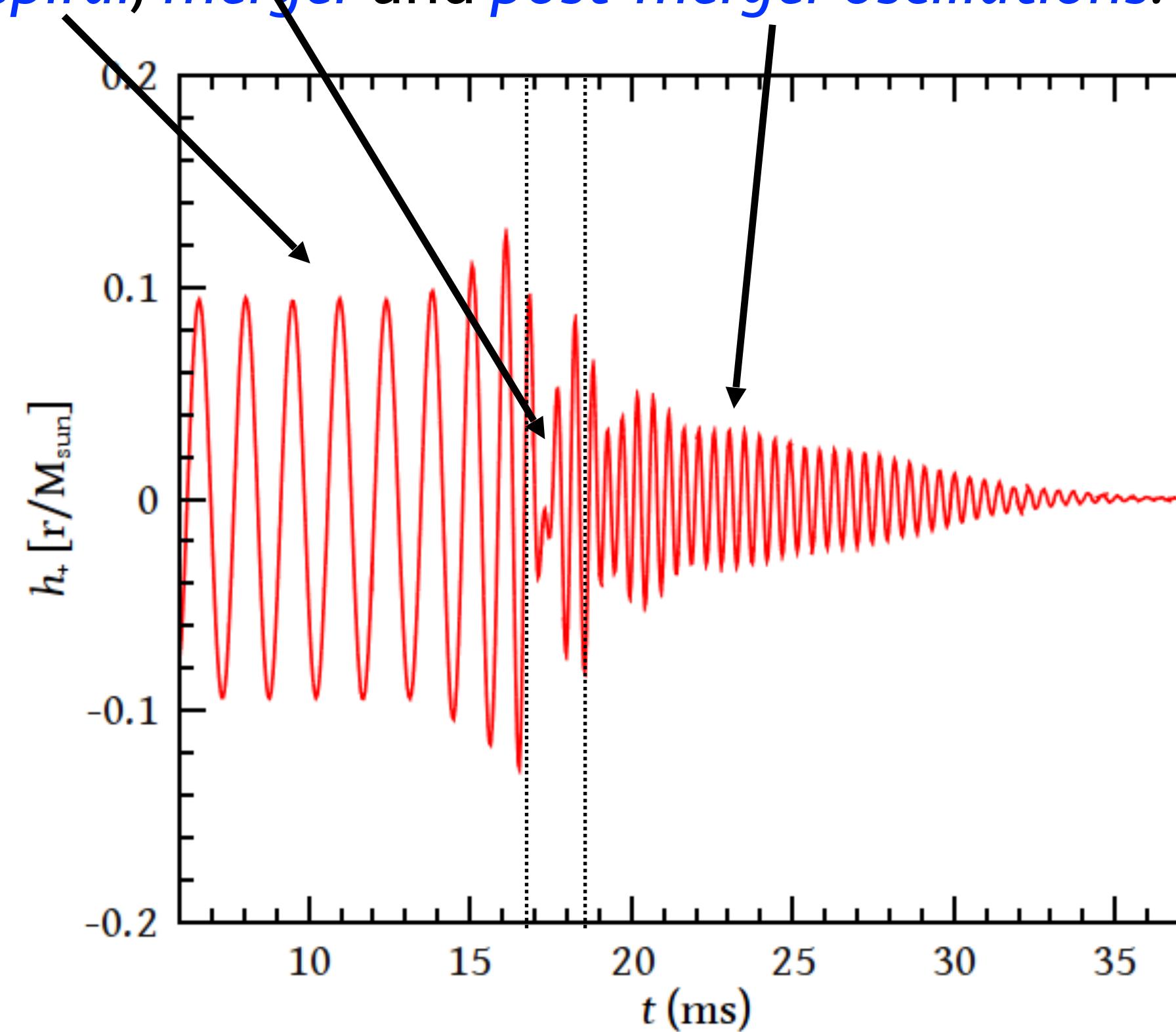
$$C_e \sim 0.33$$

This supports the conjecture by Kastaun, Ohme (2021) that remnants collapse when their slowly rotating, cold core has a compactness comparable to  $C_{\max}^{\text{TOV}}$ .



# POST-MERGER PHASE IN BNS MERGERS

The GW signal can be divided into three distinct phases:  
*inspiral*, *merger* and *post-merger oscillations*.



$$f_{\text{peak}} = f_2$$

is due to the fundamental  $|l=m=2$   $f$ -mode oscillation

$$f_{2-0} = f_2 - f_0$$

are quasi-linear combination tones

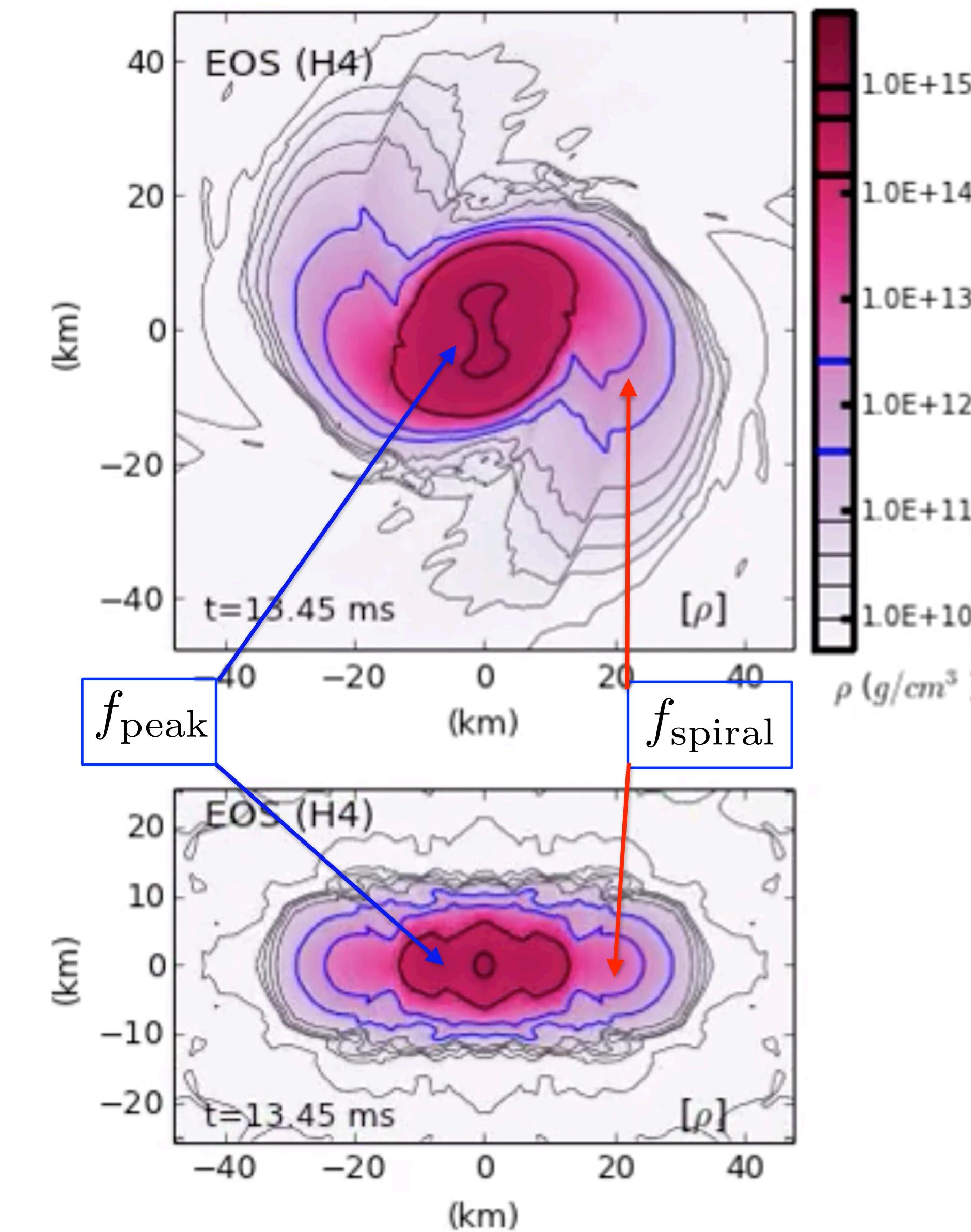
Stergioulas et al. (2011)

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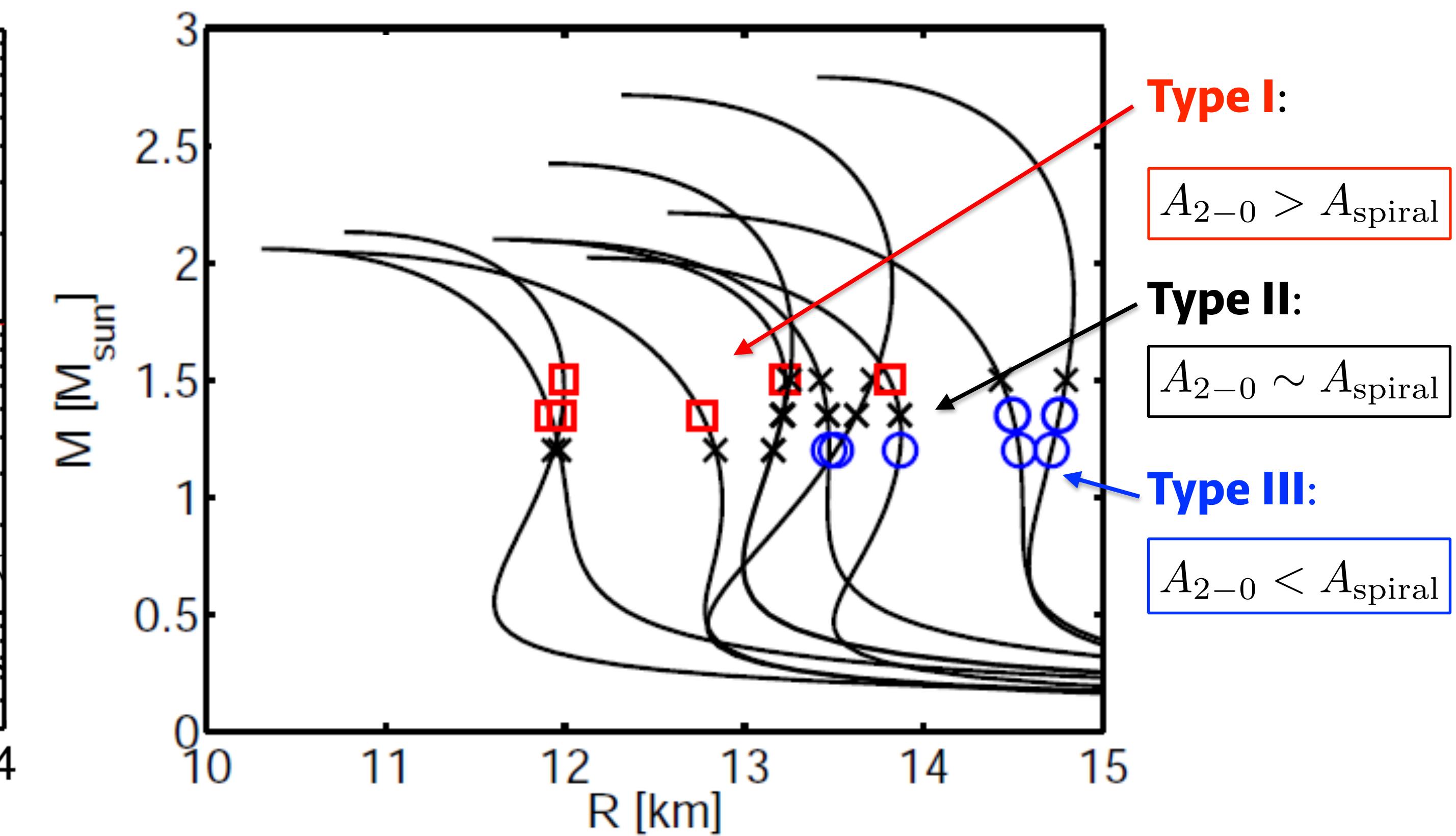
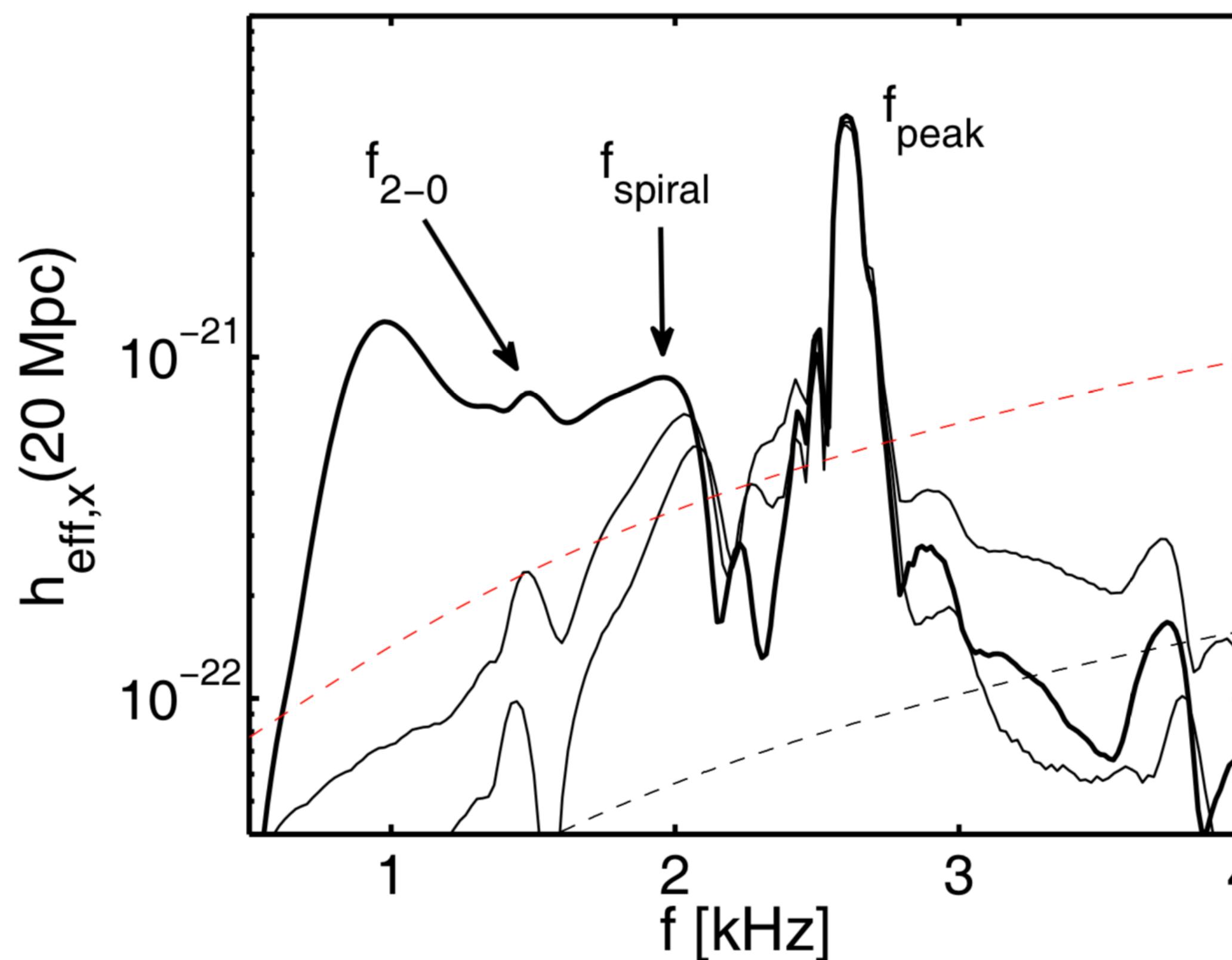
Orbiting spiral arms also lead  
to a distinct frequency

$$f_{\text{spiral}}$$

Bauswein & Stergioulas (2015)

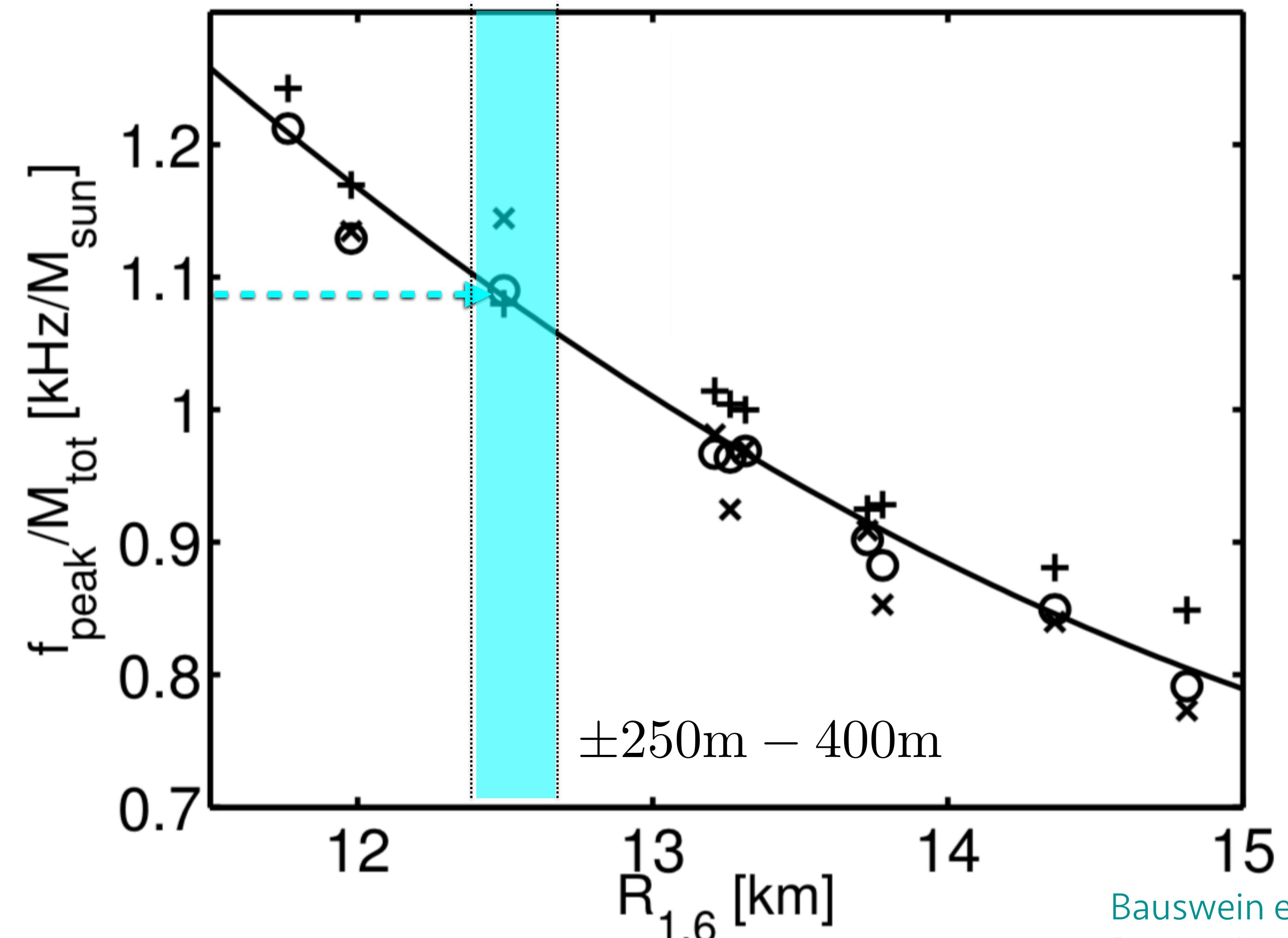


# SPECTRAL CLASSIFICATION OF POST-MERGER GW EMISSION



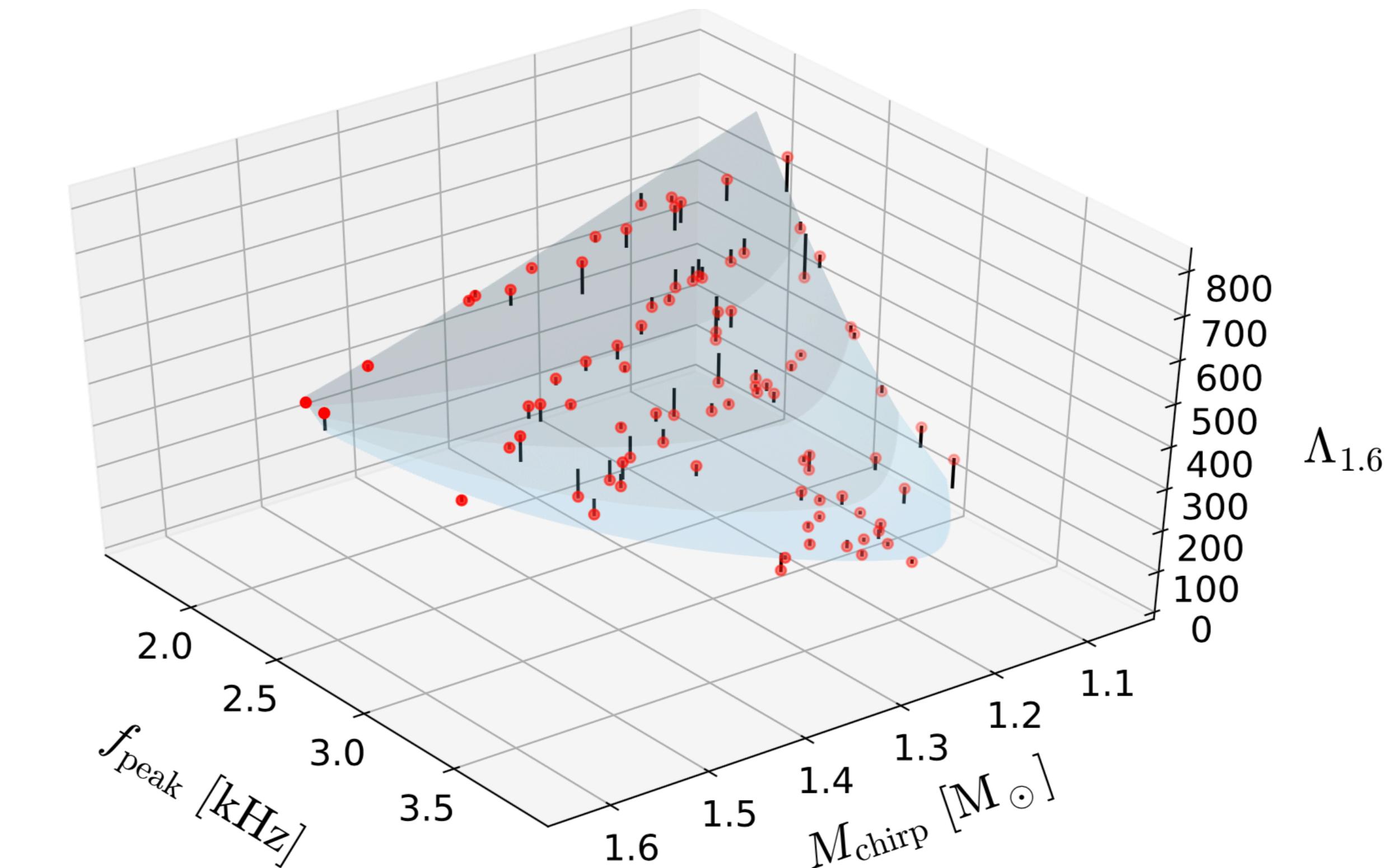
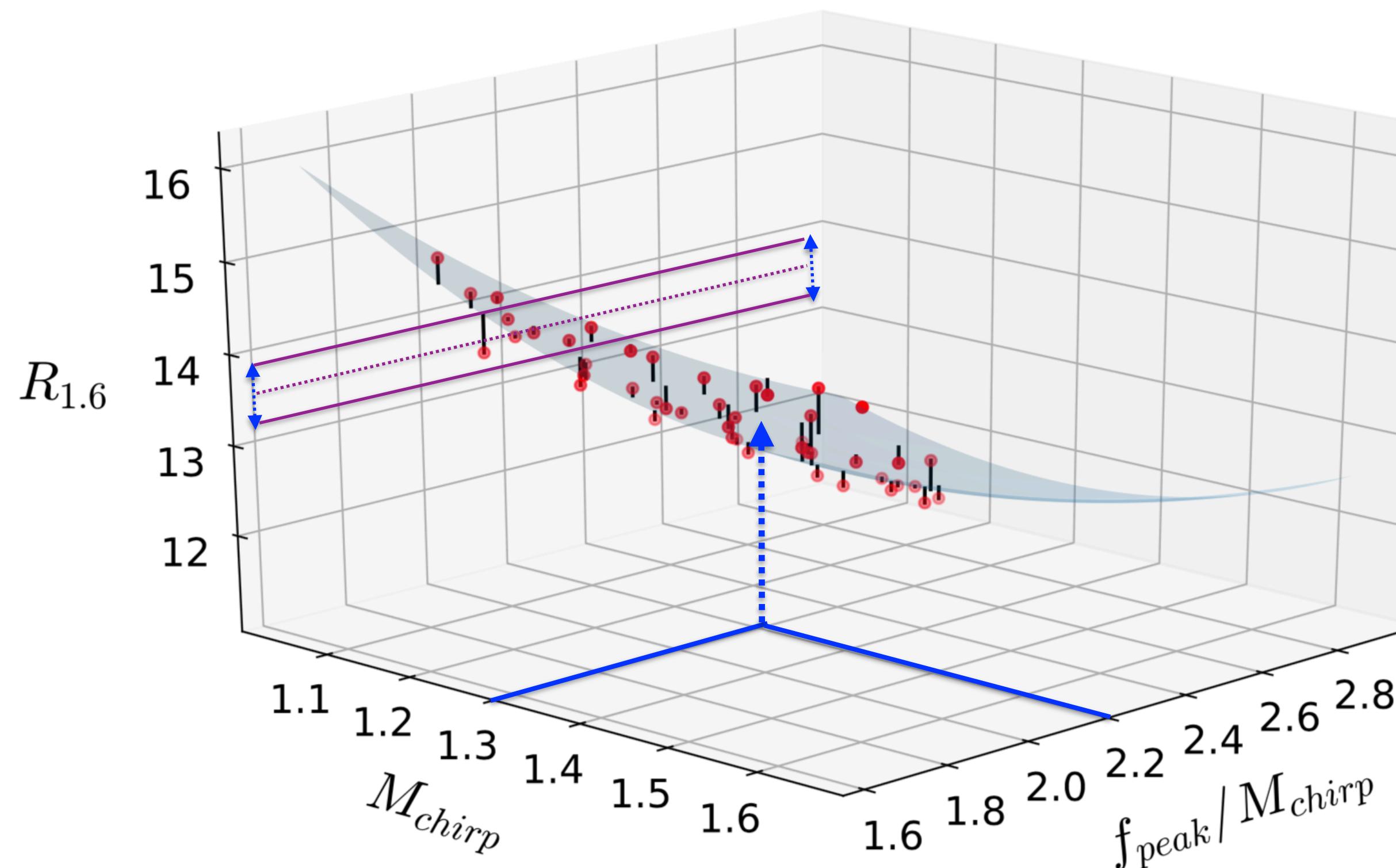
Bauswein & Stergioulas (2015)

# RADIUS DETERMINATION THROUGH POST-MERGER GWs



Bauswein et al. (2012)  
Bauswein, Stergioulas, Janka (2016)

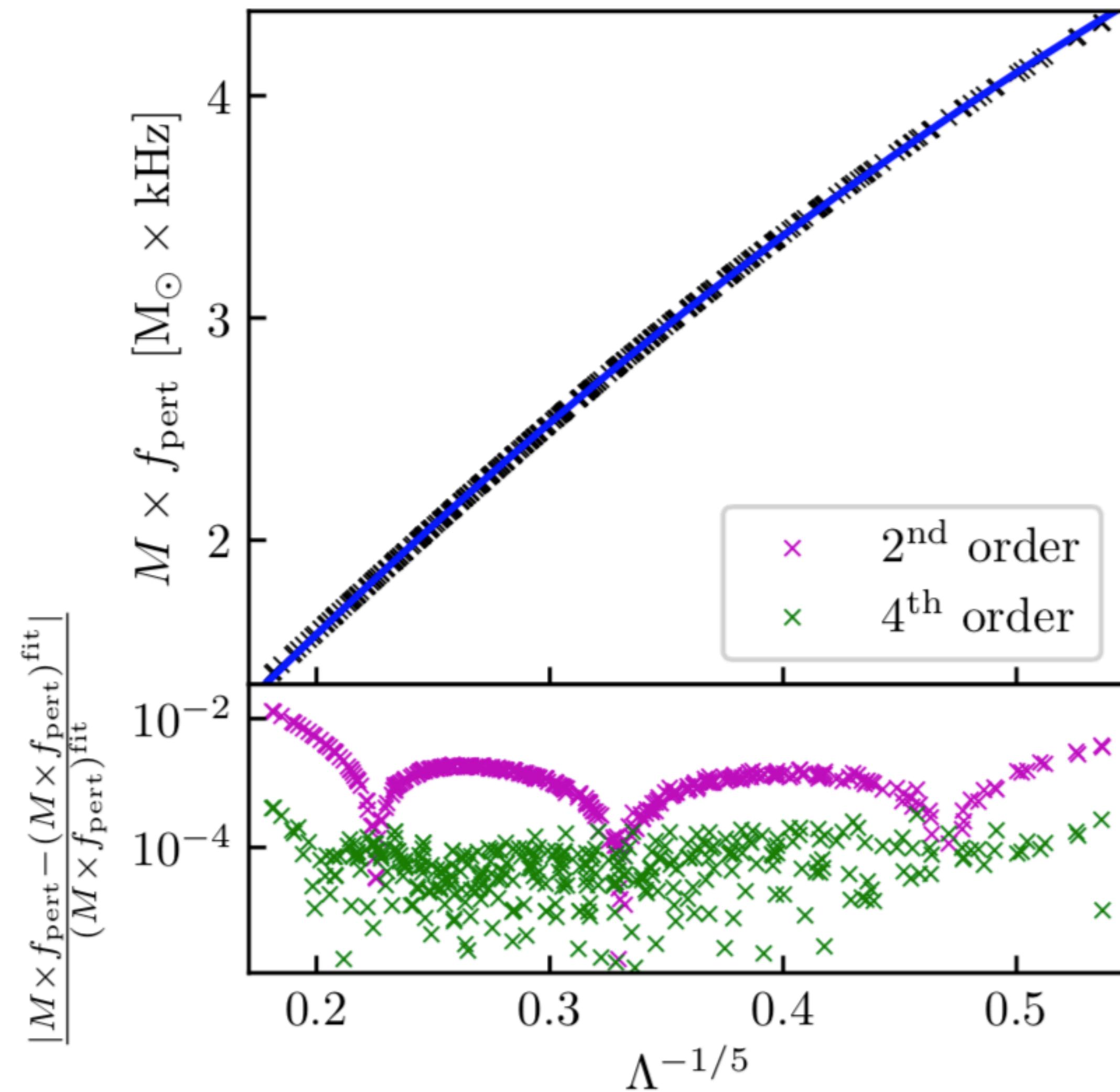
# EMPIRICAL RELATIONS FOR GW ASTEROSEISMOLOGY OF BNS MERGERS



Vretinaris, Stergioulas & Bauswein (2020)

# HIGHLY ACCURATE UNIVERSAL RELATION FOR NONROTATING STARS

$l=2$  mode in  
nonrotating NS



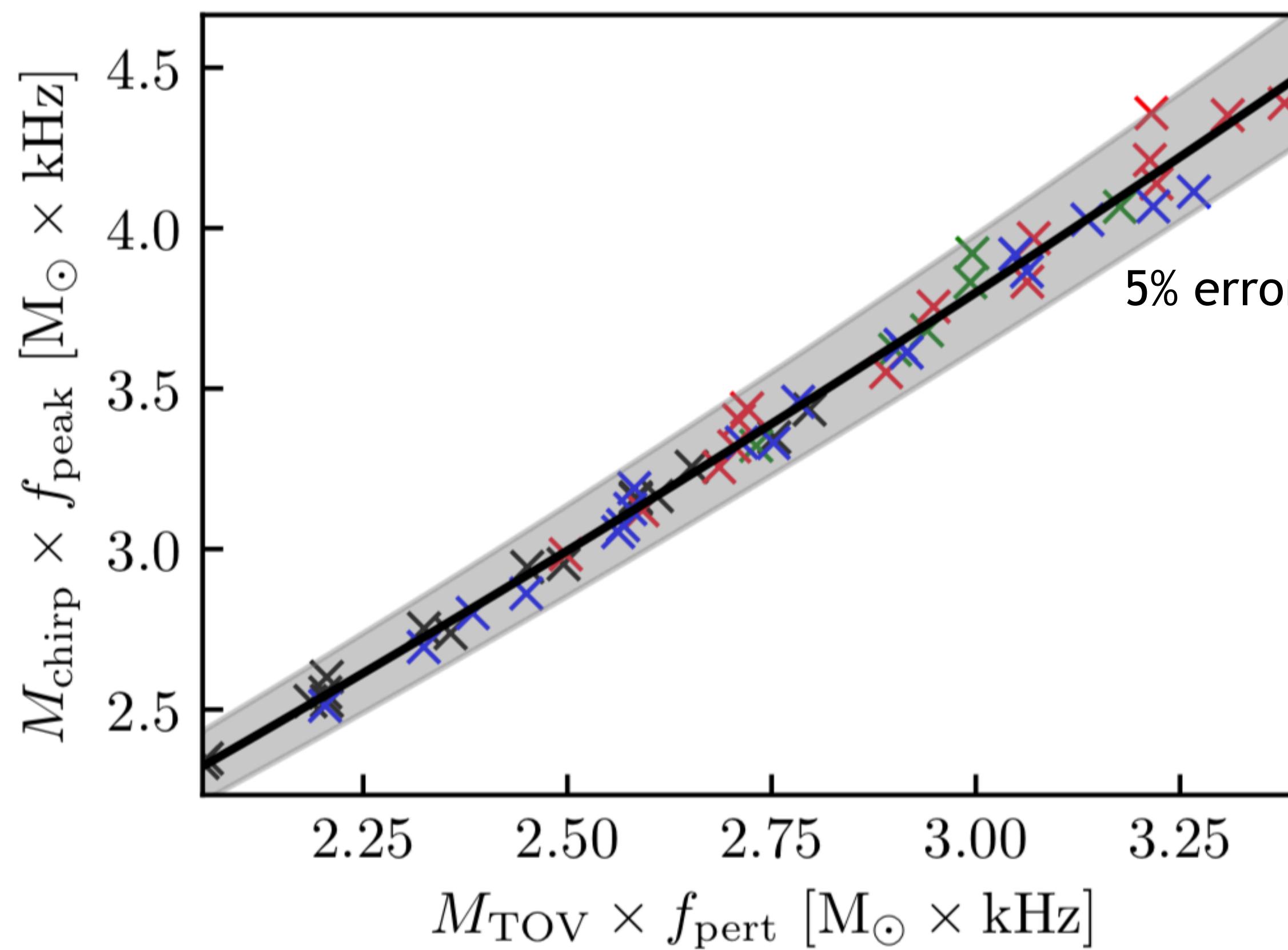
Lioutas, Bauswein, Stergioulas (2021)

$$M f_{\text{pert}} = -0.24 + 7.726 \Lambda^{-1/5} + 11.88 \Lambda^{-2/5} - 27.65 \Lambda^{-3/5} + 15.39 \Lambda^{-4/5}$$

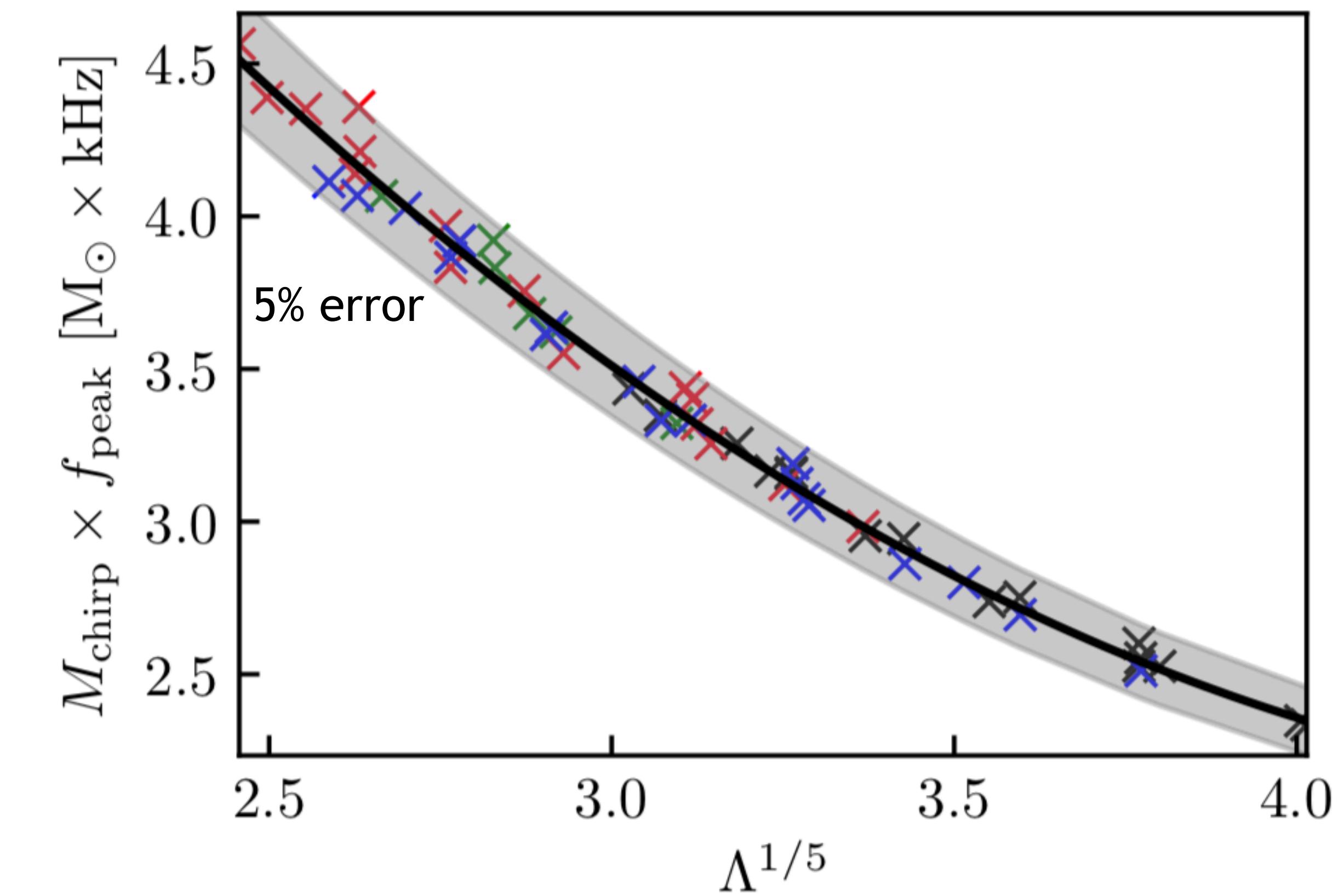
# NEW UNIVERSAL RELATIONS BETWEEN REMNANTS AND NONROTATING STARS

- Using the correspondence  $M_{\text{Tov}} = \sqrt[5]{2} \times M_{\text{tot}}/2$

$f_{\text{peak}}$  (post-merger) vs.  $f_{\text{pert}}$  (nonrotating star)



$f_{\text{peak}}$  (post-merger) vs.  $\Lambda^{1/5}$  (nonrotating star)



# DETECTABILITY OF POST-MERGER PHASE

Single-detector detectability ( $S/N > 5$ , optimal orientation)

Instrument	$SNR_{full}$	$SNR_{post}$	$D_{hor}$ [Mpc]	$\dot{N}_{det}$ [ $year^{-1}$ ]
aLIGO	$2.99^{3.86}_{2.37}$	$1.48^{1.86}_{1.13}$	$29.89^{38.57}_{23.76}$	$0.01^{0.03}_{0.01}$
A+	$7.89^{10.16}_{6.25}$	$4.19^{5.35}_{3.26}$	$78.89^{101.67}_{62.52}$	$0.13^{0.20}_{0.10}$
LV	$14.06^{18.13}_{11.16}$	$7.28^{9.30}_{5.64}$	$140.56^{181.29}_{111.60}$	$0.41^{0.88}_{0.21}$
ET-D	$26.65^{34.28}_{20.81}$	$12.16^{15.31}_{9.34}$	$266.52^{342.80}_{208.06}$	$2.81^{5.98}_{1.33}$
CE	$41.50^{53.52}_{32.99}$	$20.52^{25.83}_{15.72}$	$414.62^{535.221}_{329.88}$	$10.59^{22.78}_{5.33}$

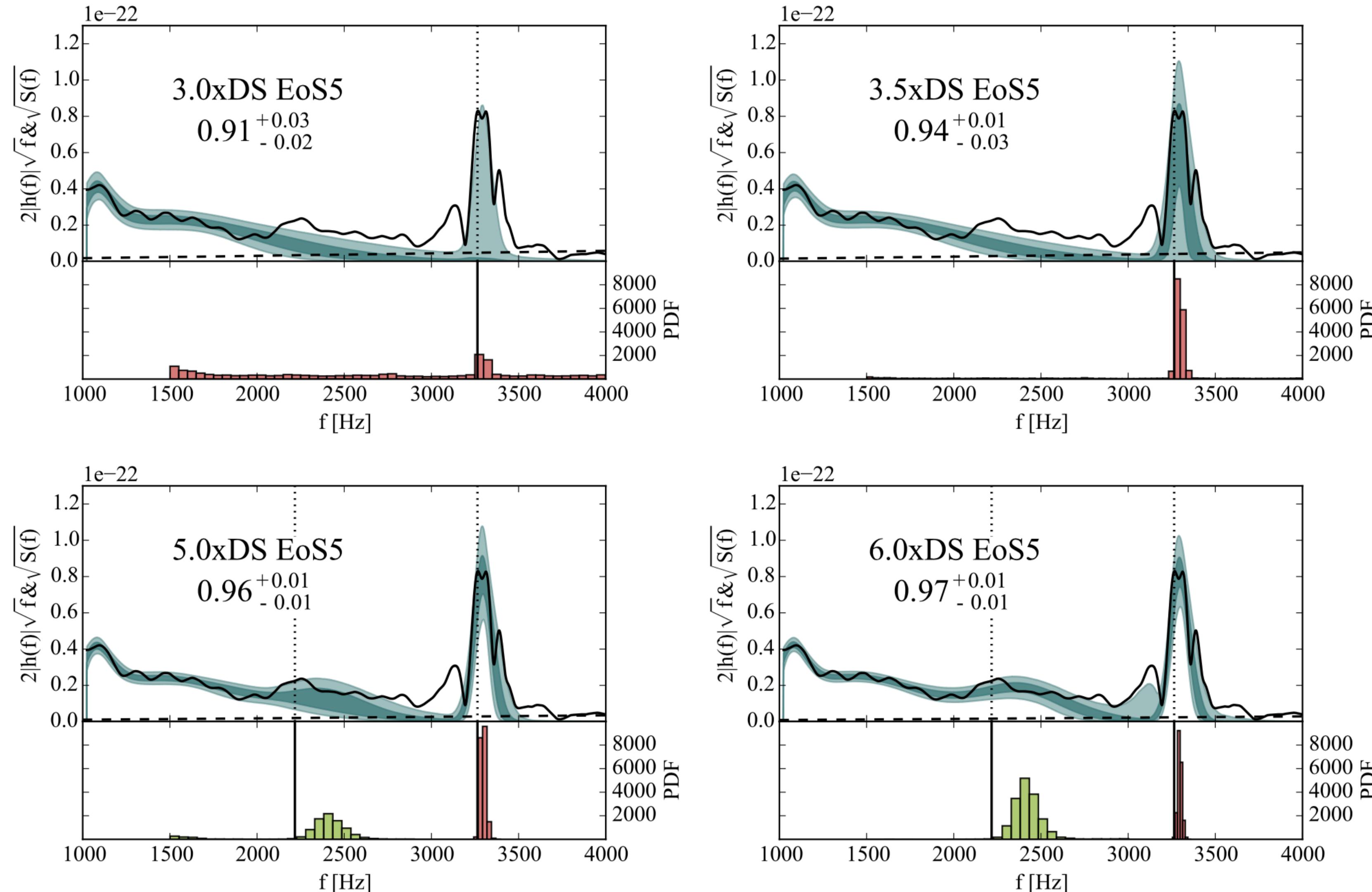
Clark, Bauswein, Stergioulas, Shoemaker (2016)

Possible Improvements:

- Network of 5 detectors
- Stacking of several detections
- Improved templates

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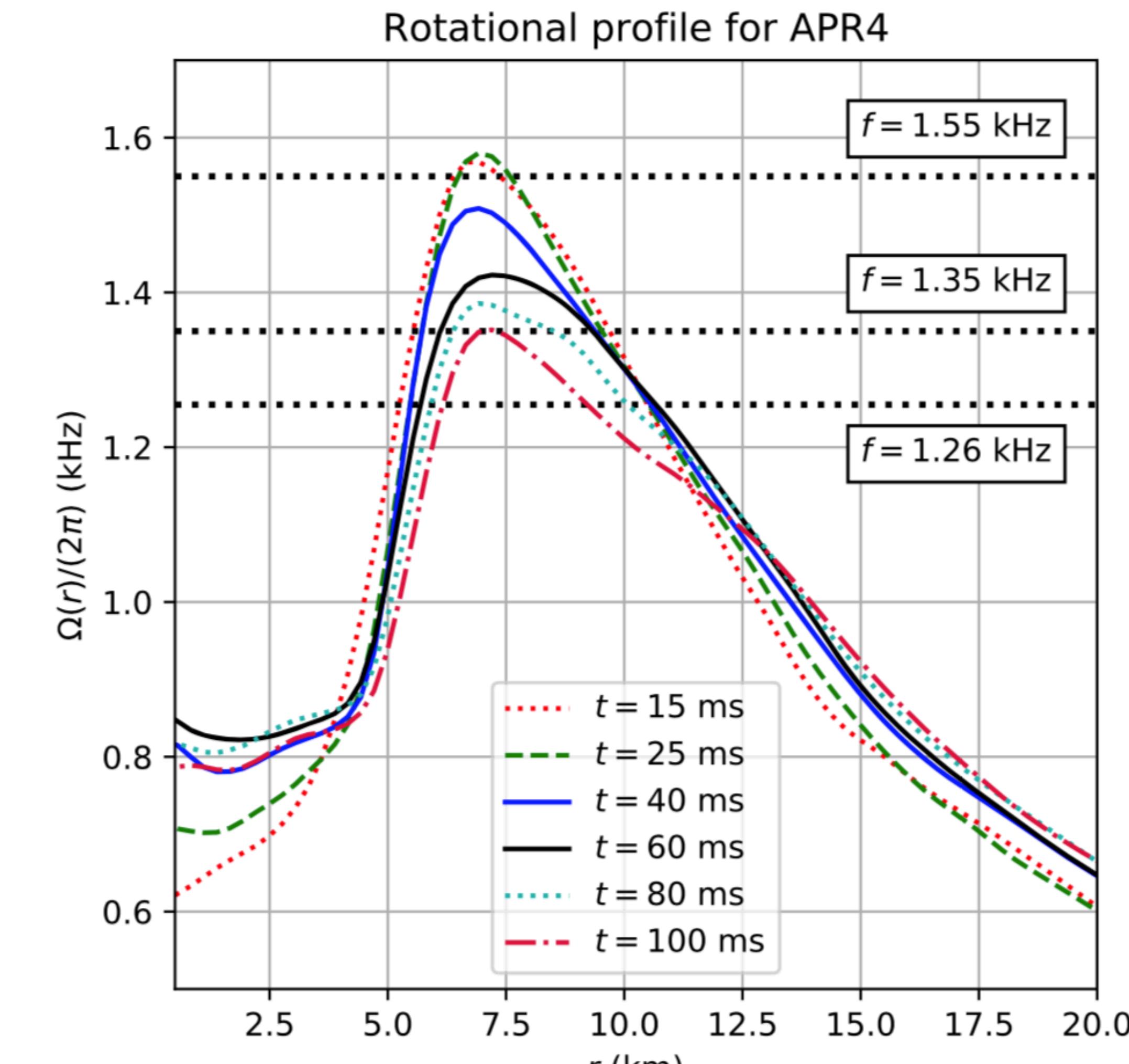
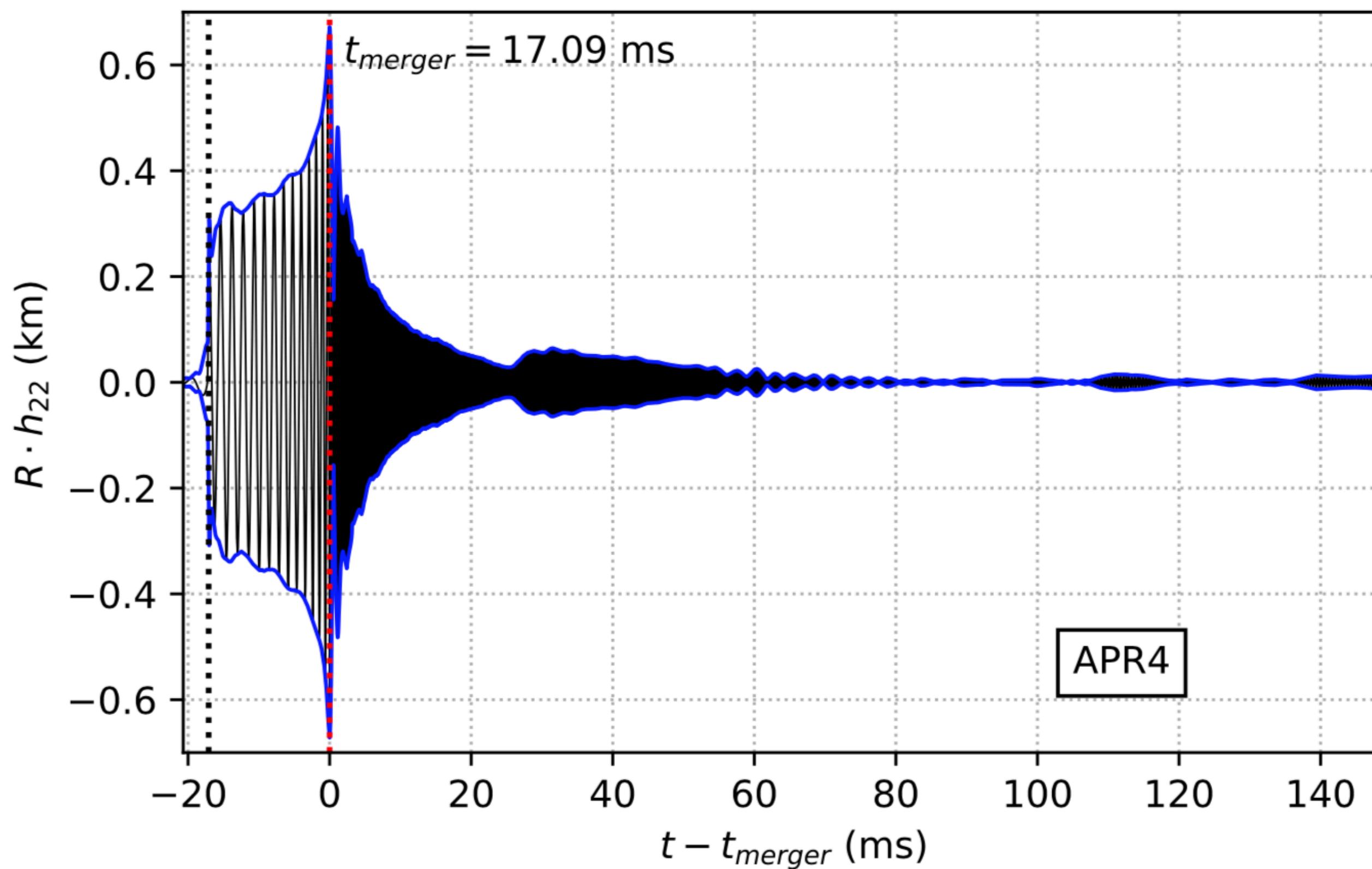
Wavelet-based reconstruction algorithm **BayesWave**



Torres-Rivas, Chatzioannou, Bauswein, Clark (2019)

# LOW $|T/W|$ INSTABILITIES IN POST-MERGER REMNANTS

Revival of the  $m=2$  mode at late times, due to a low  $|T/W|$  shear instability, triggered by corotation points.



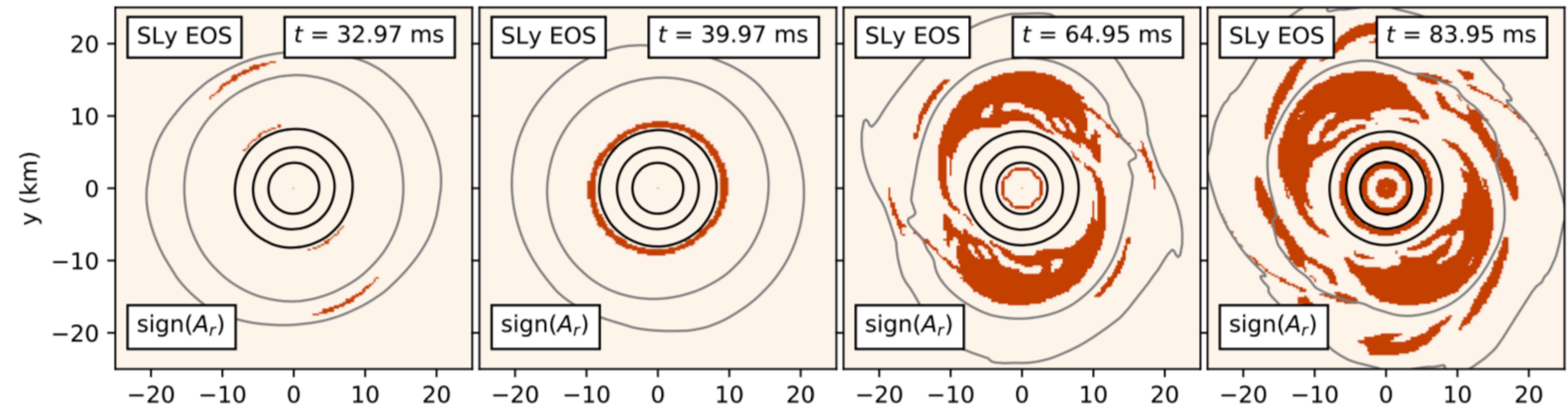
De Pietri et al. (2020)

see also Passamonti, Andersson (2020); Xie et al. (2020)

# CONVECTIVE INSTABILITIES AND INERTIAL MODES IN POST-MERGER REMNANTS

At late times, convective instabilities trigger (gravito)-inertial oscillations.

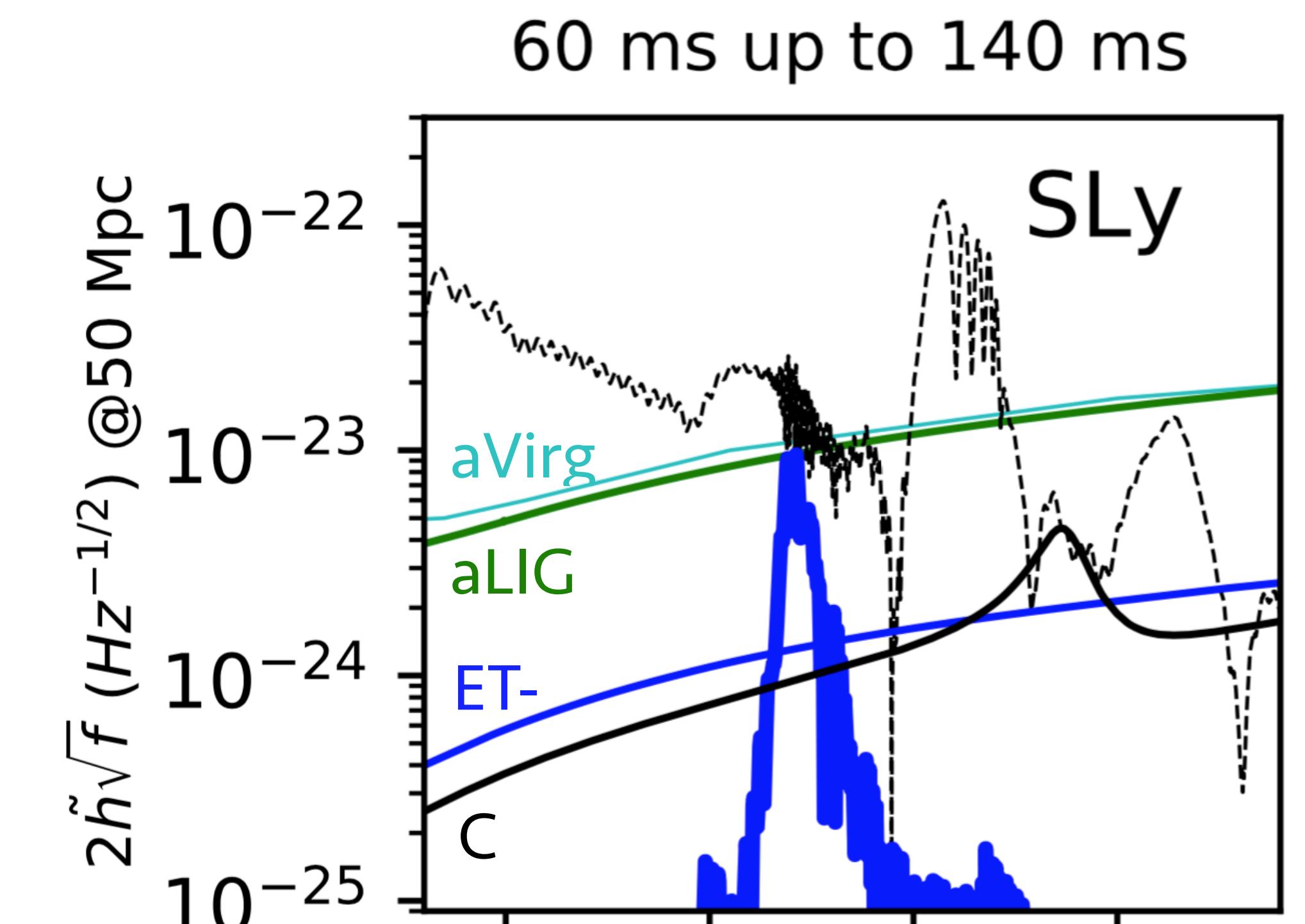
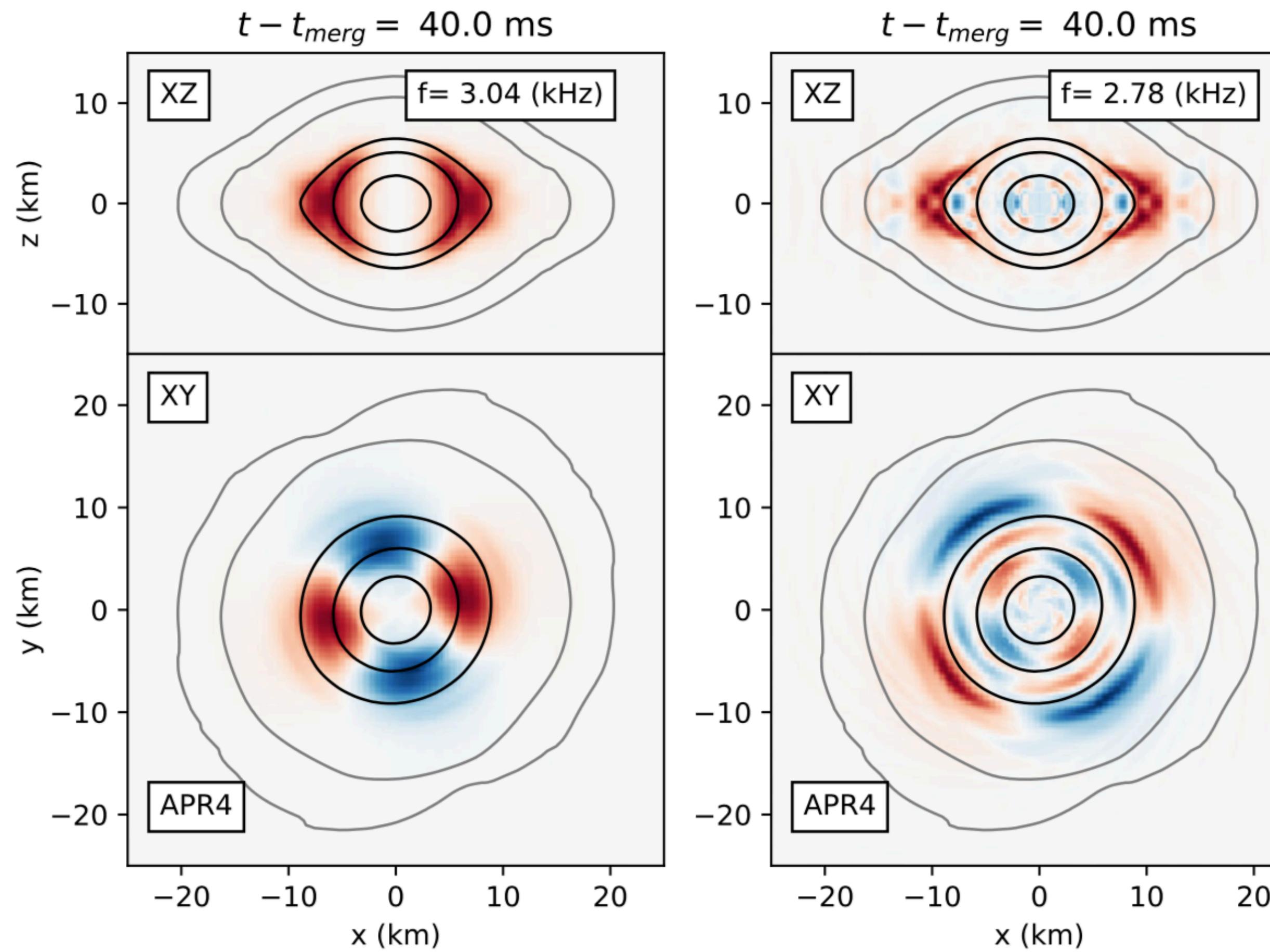
Sign of Schwarzschild discriminant in equatorial plane:



De Pietri et al. (2018) ; De Pietri et al. (2020)

# CONVECTIVE INSTABILITIES AND INERTIAL MODES IN POST-MERGER REMNANTS

Potentially detectable with 3G detectors, unless suppressed by strong effective viscosity (e.g. due to MRI).



De Pietri et al. (2018) ; De Pietri et al. (2020)

# CONCLUSIONS

- 1) The post-merger phase has rich GW phenomenology and good prospects for constraining EOS
- 2) The frequency of the main post-merger GW peak shows a tight correlation with the frequency of the fundamental quadrupole oscillation of isolated neutron stars.
- 3) We construct accurate empirical relations for the threshold mass  $M_{\text{thres}}$ , including asymmetric binaries.
- 4) We construct equilibrium models of post-merger remnants with realistic rotation profiles.
- 5) Using the equilibrium models, we can reproduce the threshold mass to collapse with remarkable accuracy.