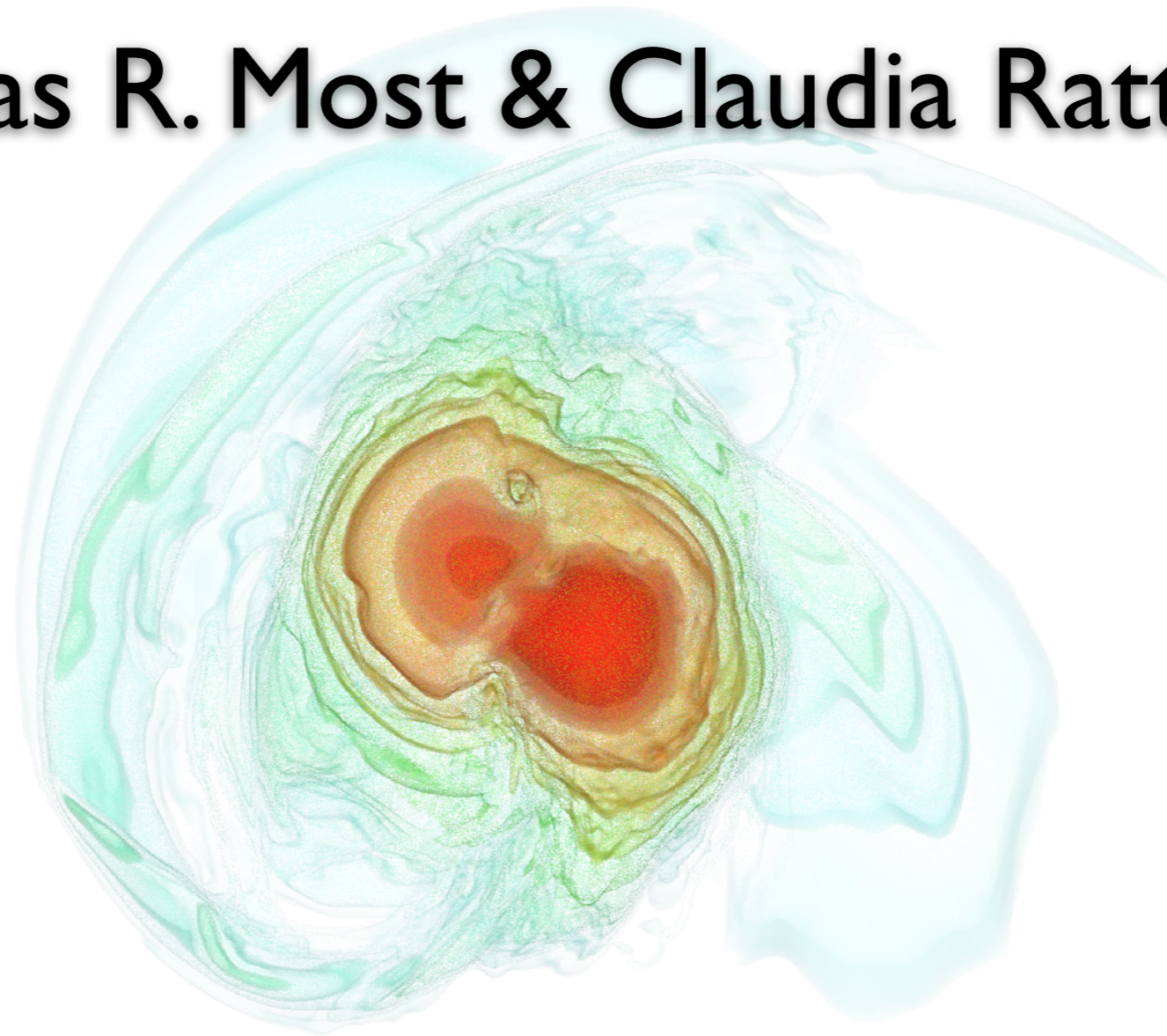


# Nuclear physics with gravitational waves

## Opportunities in the CE era

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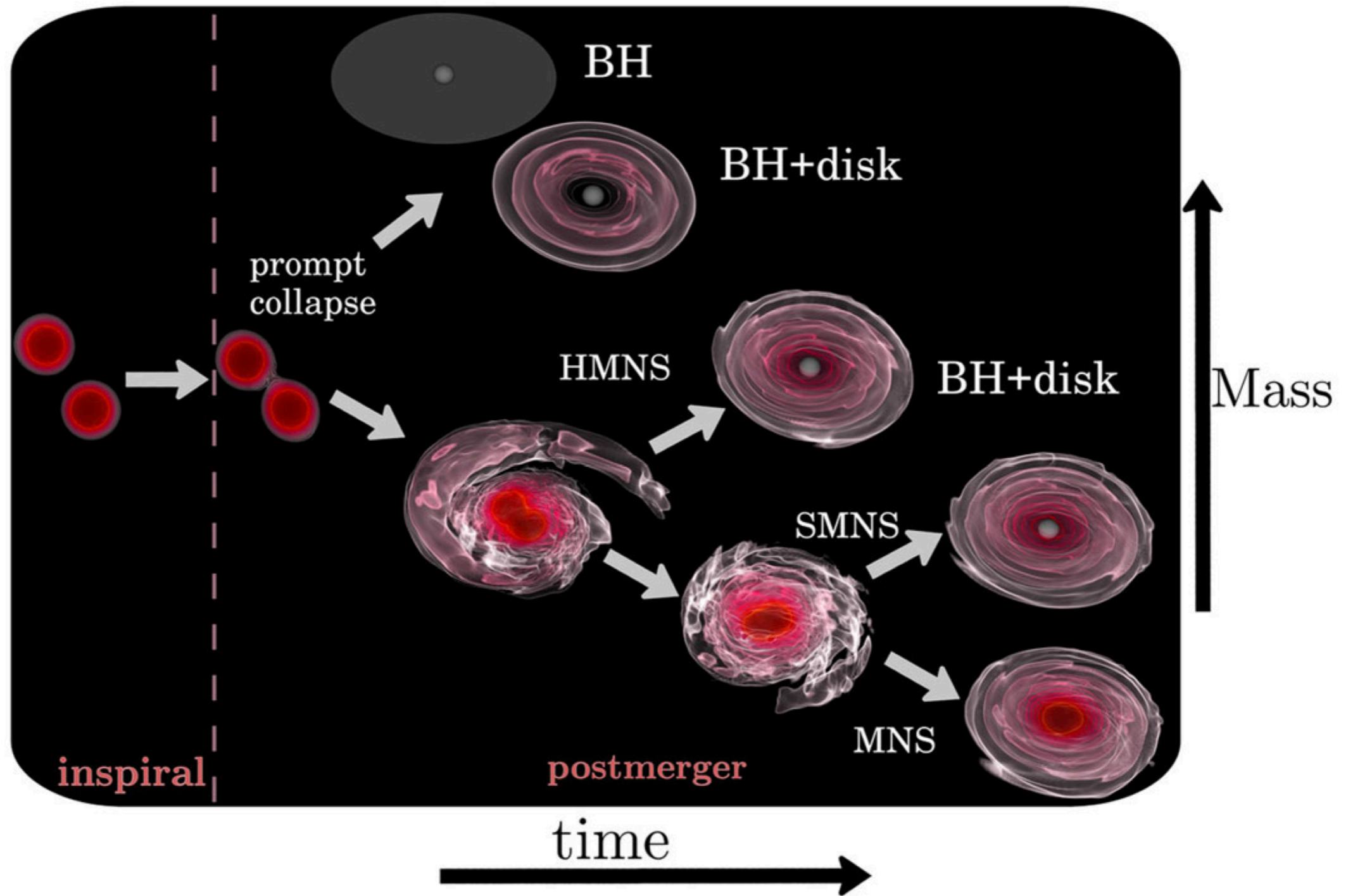


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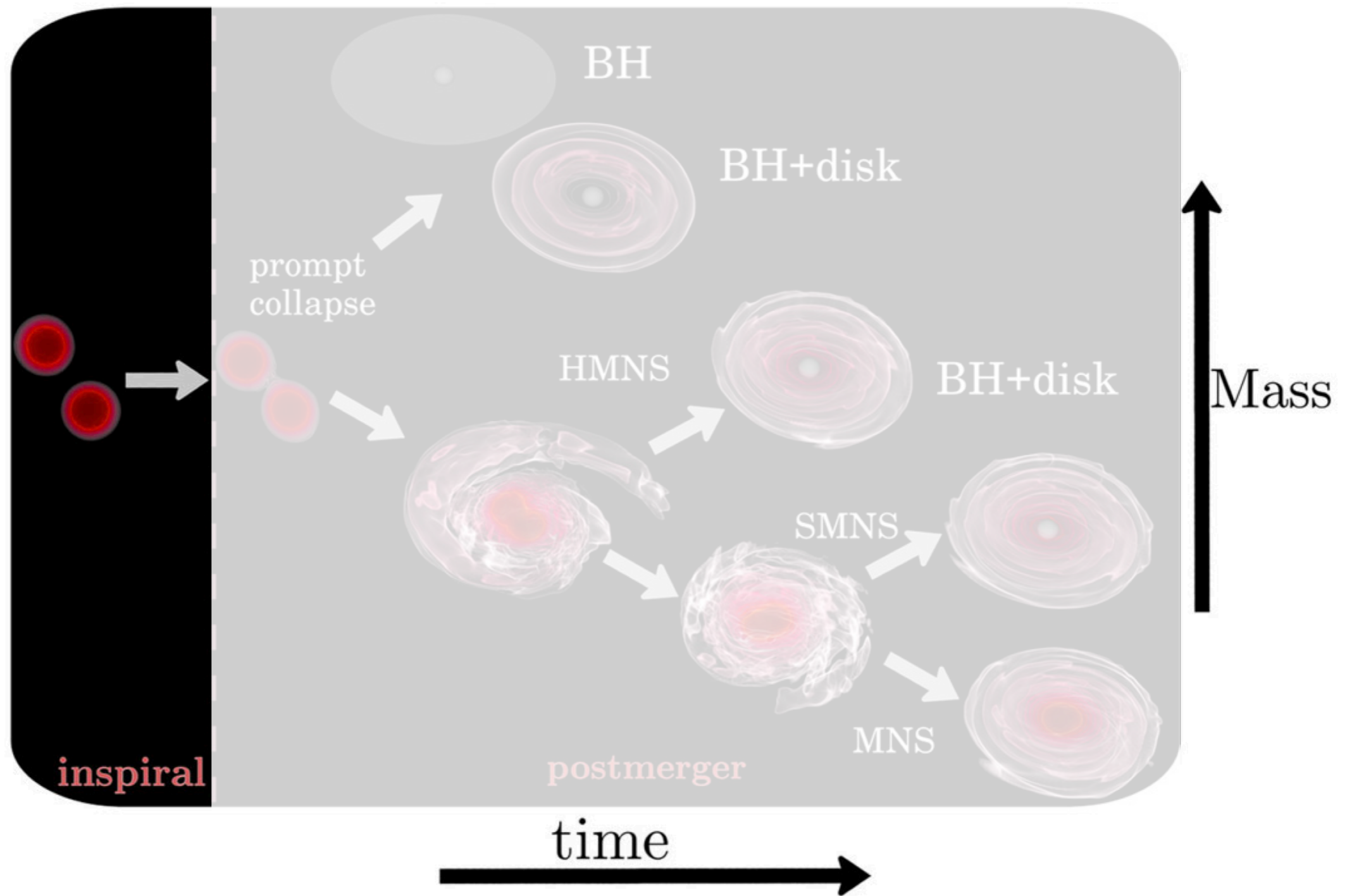
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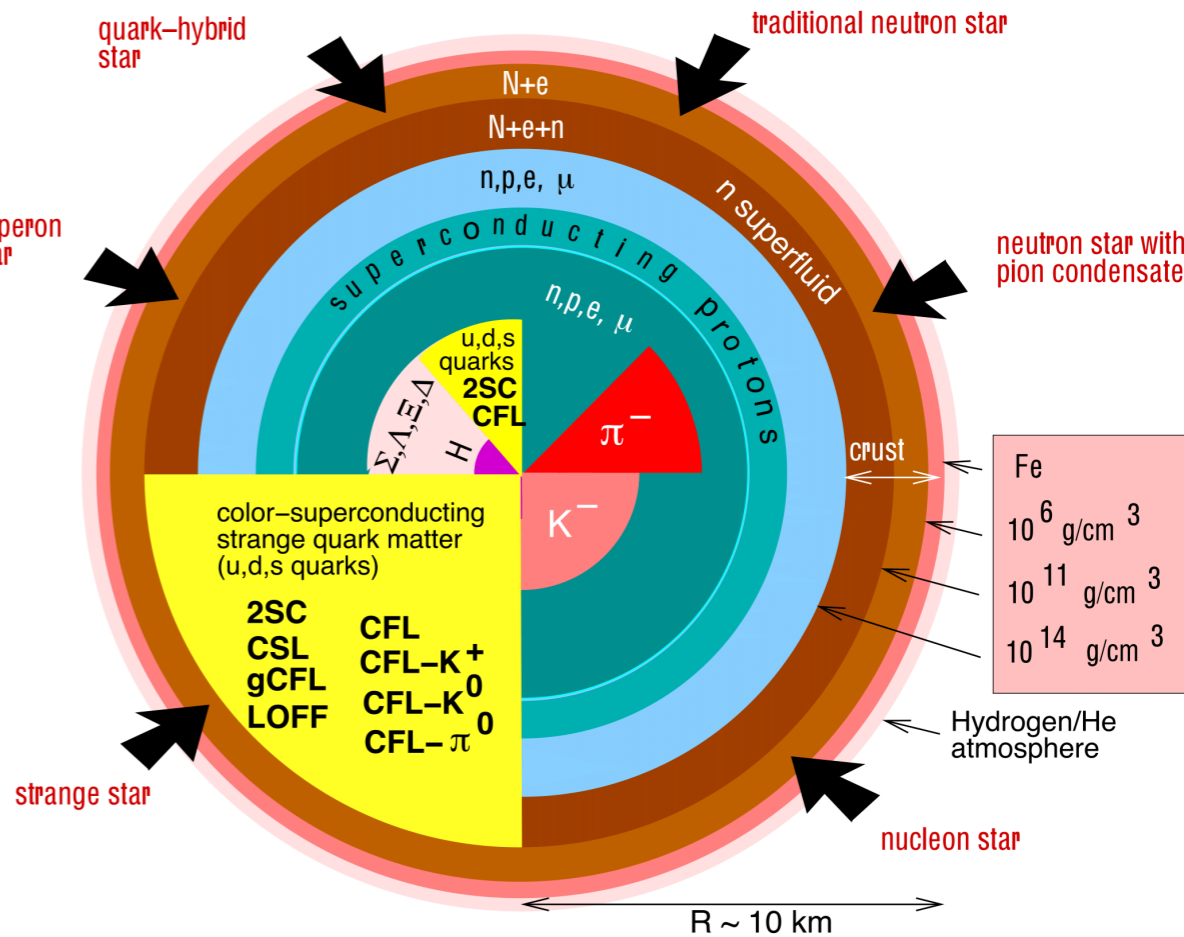
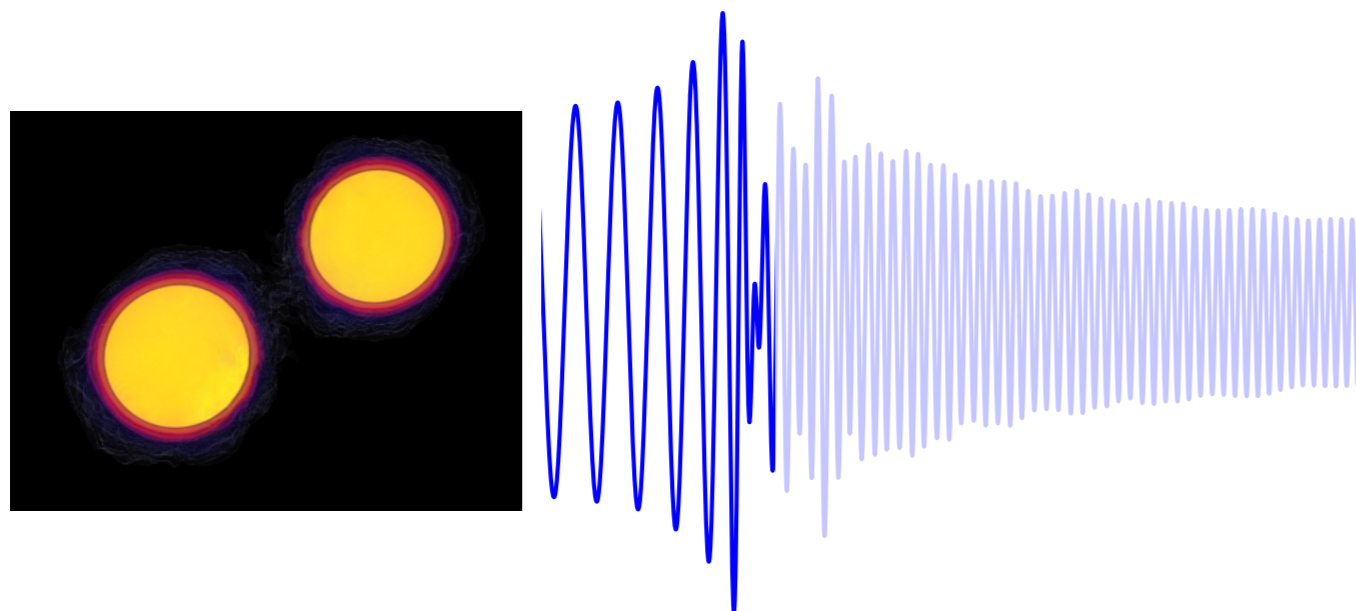
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# Equation of state from inspiral

Weber+(2007)



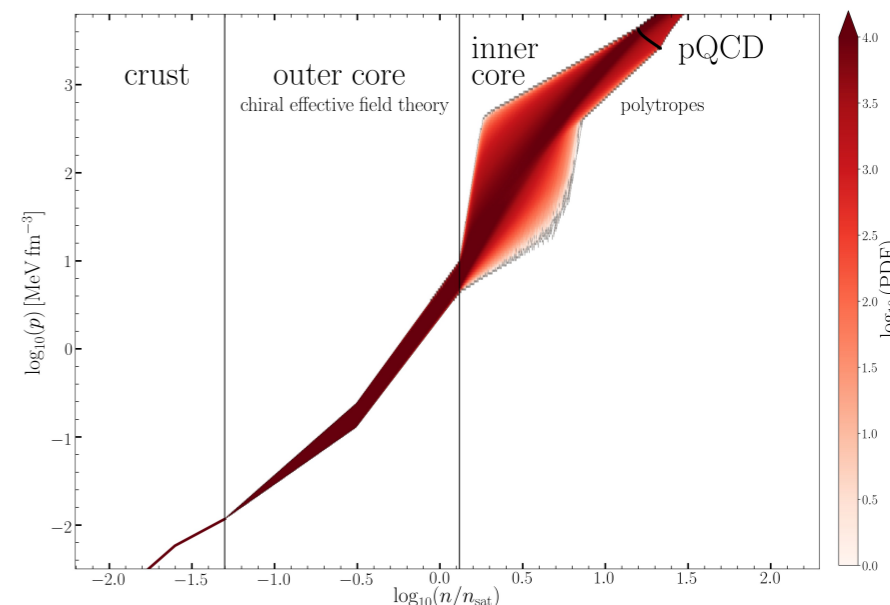
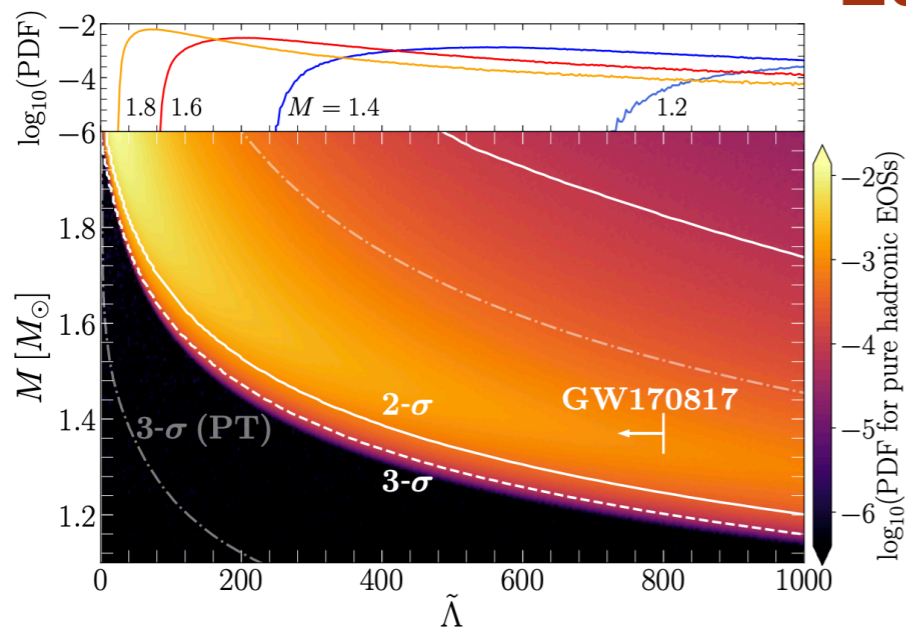
Tidal deformability

$$\tilde{\Lambda}$$



Equation of state

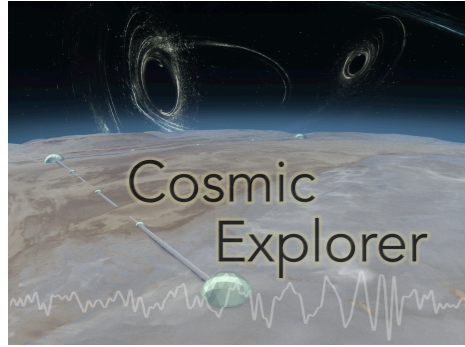
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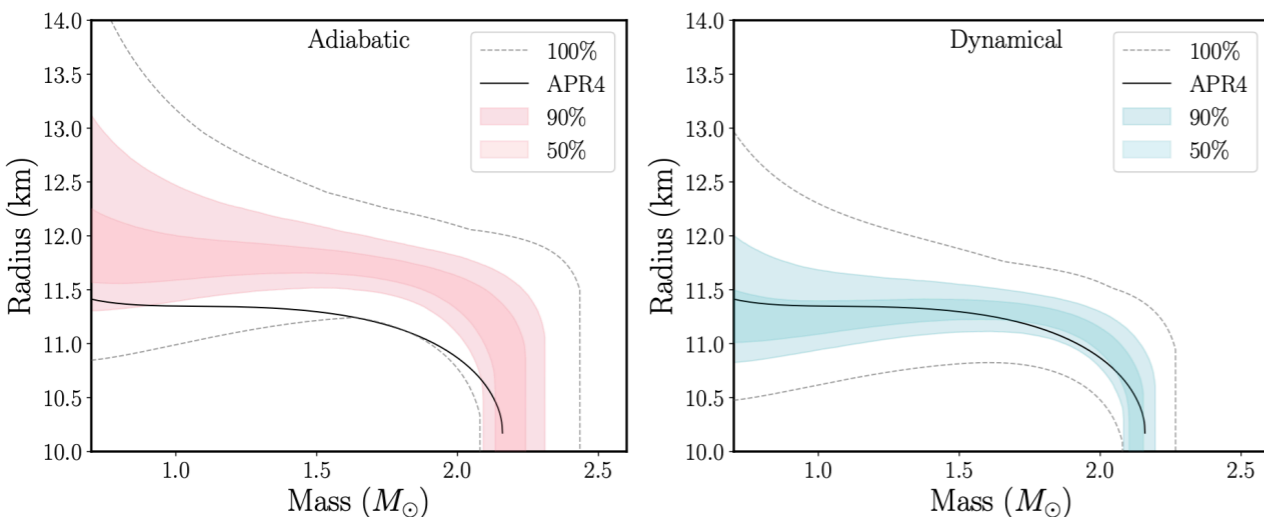
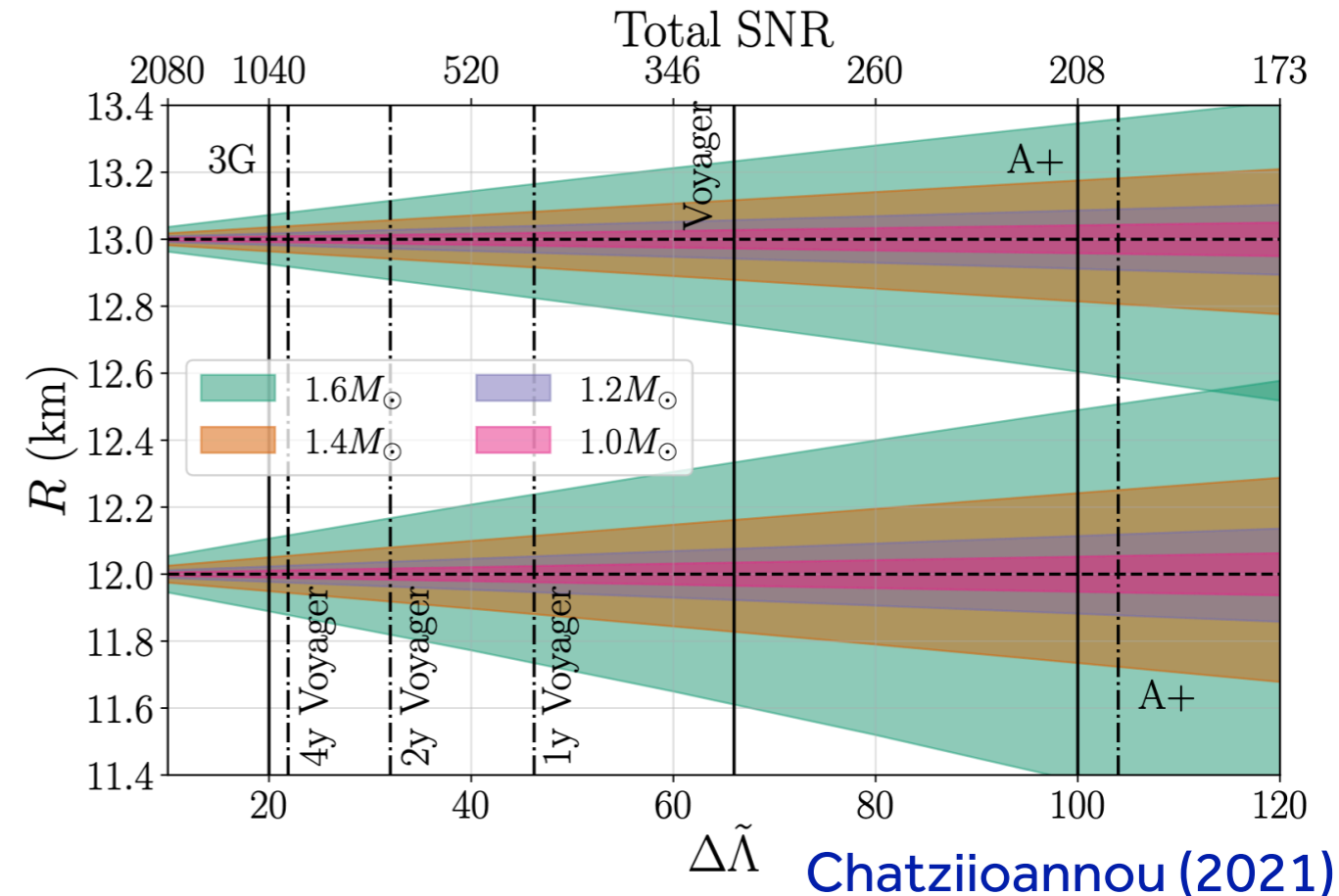
# Equation of state from inspiral

Evans+ arXiv:2109.09882



CE-era:  $\mathcal{O}(10^5)$  inspirals per year,  $\mathcal{O}(100)$  with SNR 100

Large number of high SNR events promises tight constraints on EoS



Pratten, Schmidt, Williams (2022)

Waveform systematics  
(e.g., dynamical tides)

Hinderer+, Steinhoff+, Pratten+, Gamba+

Uncertainties in recovery of  $\tilde{\Lambda}$

Gamba+, Read+, Yagi+, Raithel+, Chen+, ...

# Nuclear physics from the inspiral

Highly accurate inspirals could constrain nuclear matter parameters

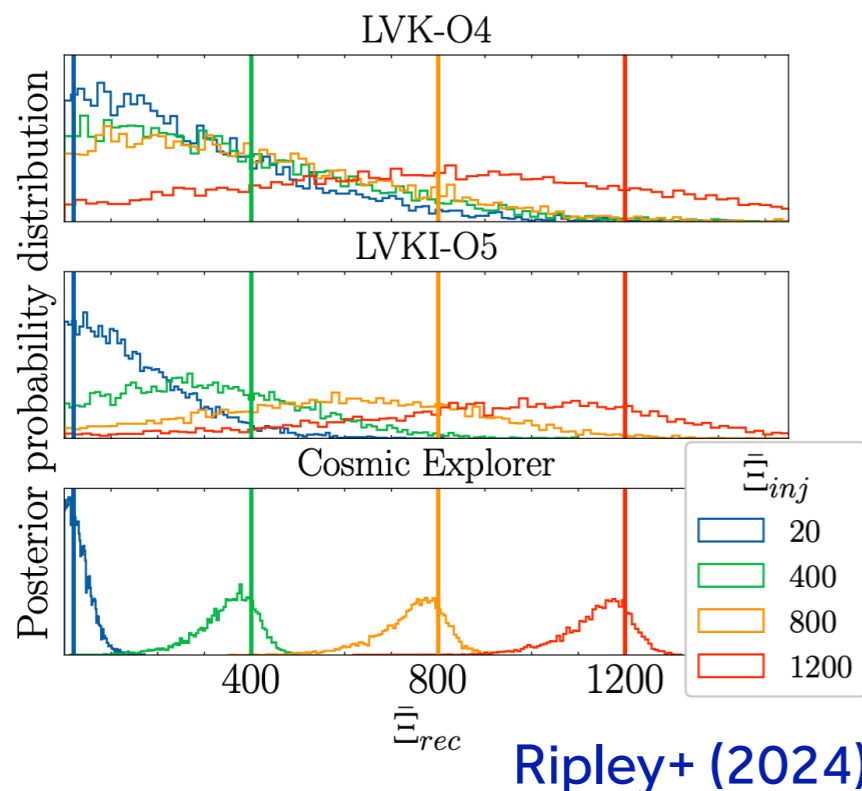
Phase transitions at  $\mu_B > 900$  MeV

Chatziioannou+, Han+, De+, Tews+, Essick+, Mroczek+, Tan+, Drischler+, Pang+, Annala+, Gorda+, ...

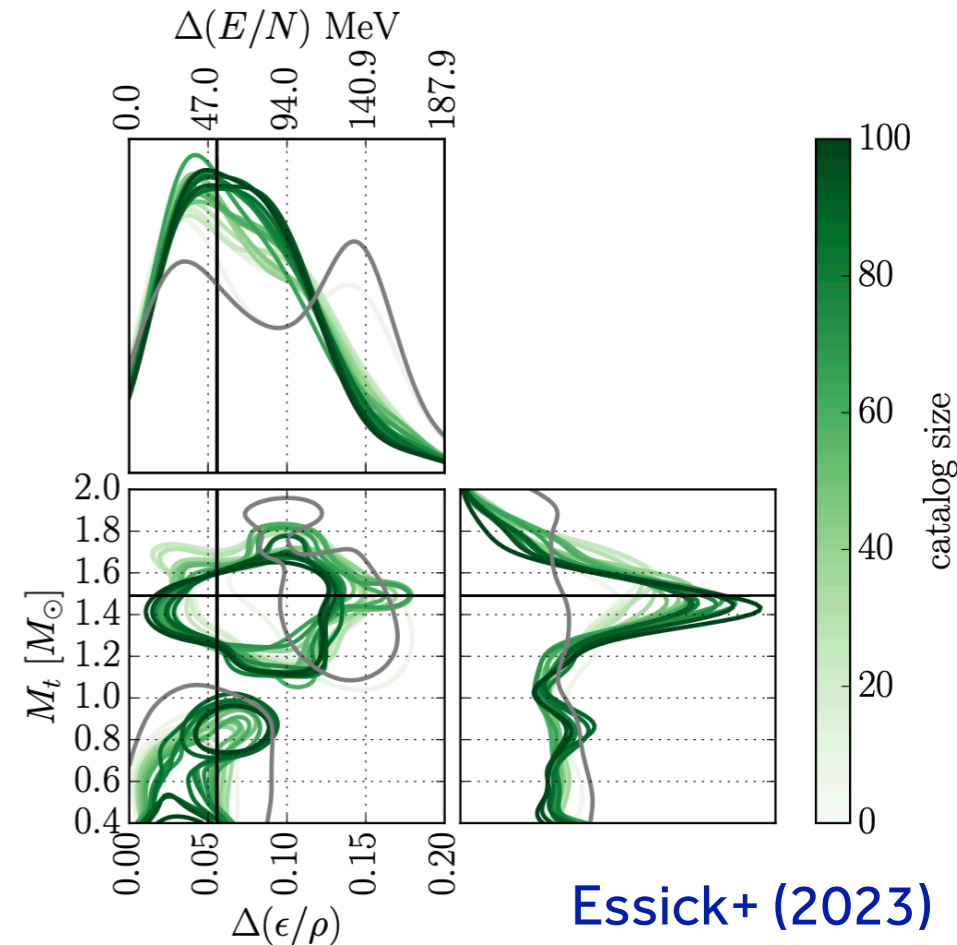
best for strong first-order transitions

Nuclear symmetry energy

Essick+, Li+, Holt+, ...



Ripley+ (2024)



Essick+ (2023)

Can also use data to try an look for dynamical EoS corrections

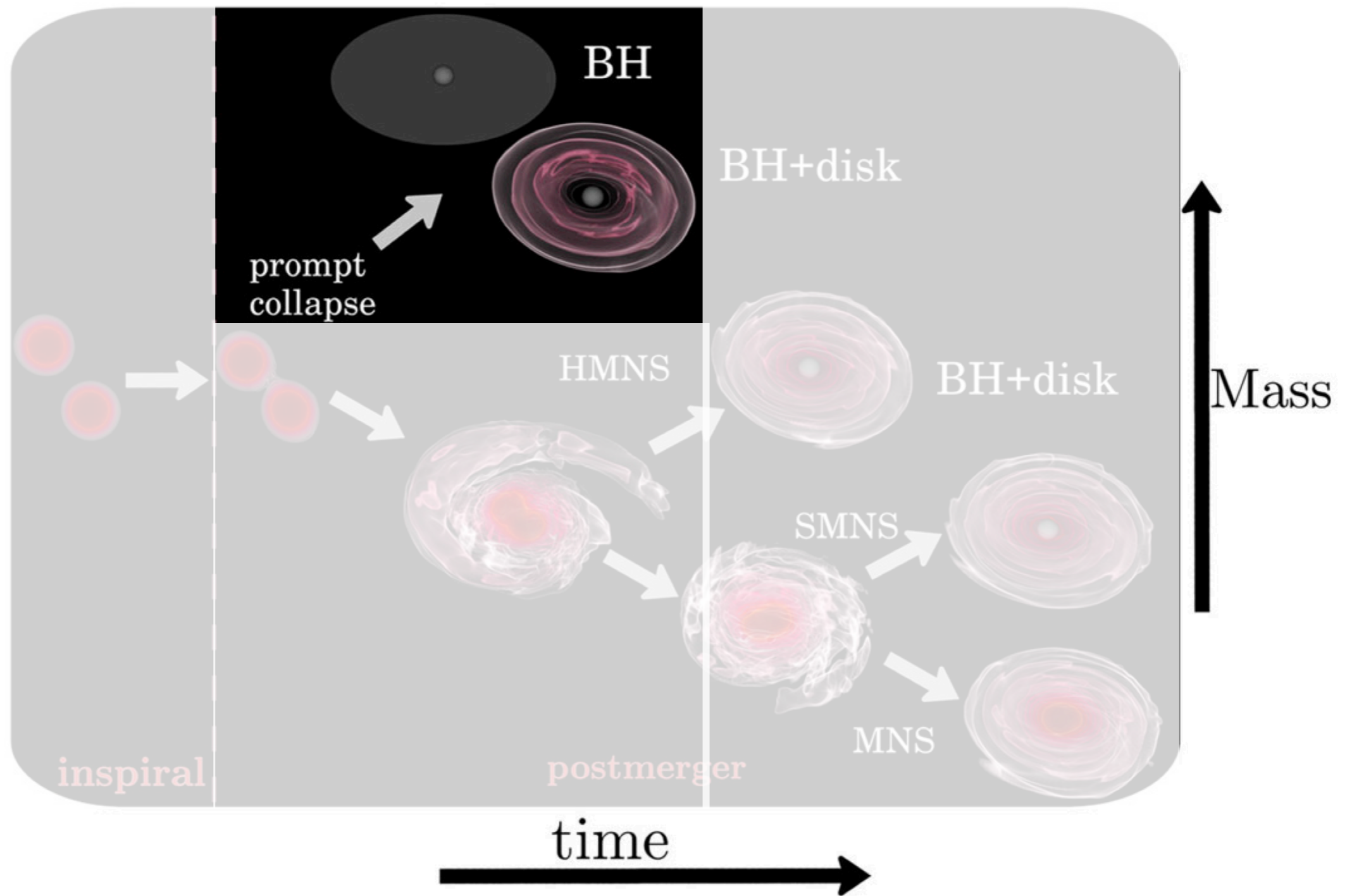
Chemical equilibration Yang+, Arras+, Weinberg+, Most+, ...

General viscosities Cutler+, Ripley+, ...

Phase conversion dissipation Han+, ...

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# Prompt-collapse and the maximum mass

Highest densities probed in  
maximum mass neutron stars

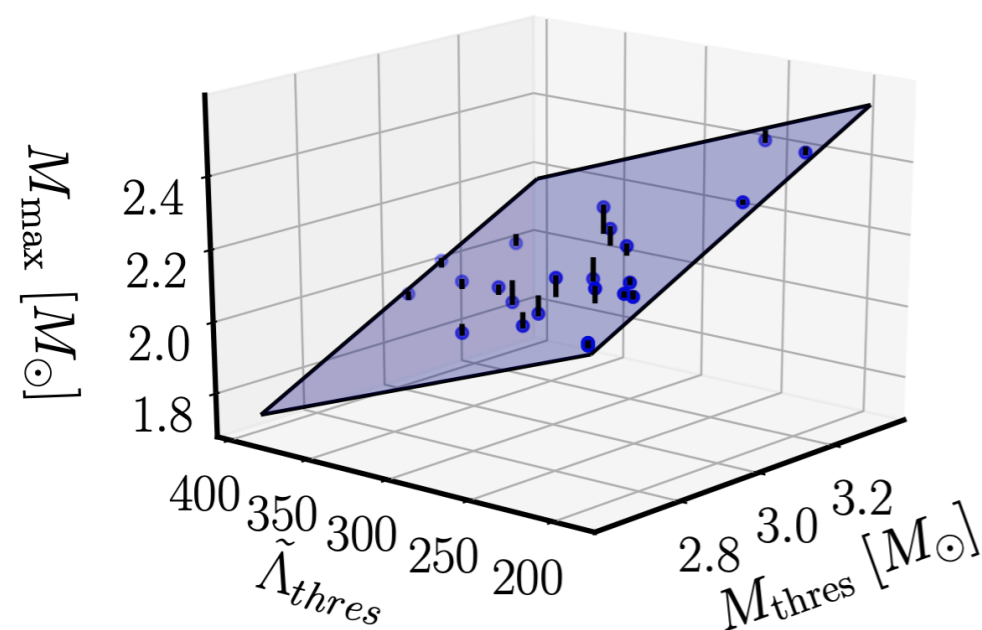
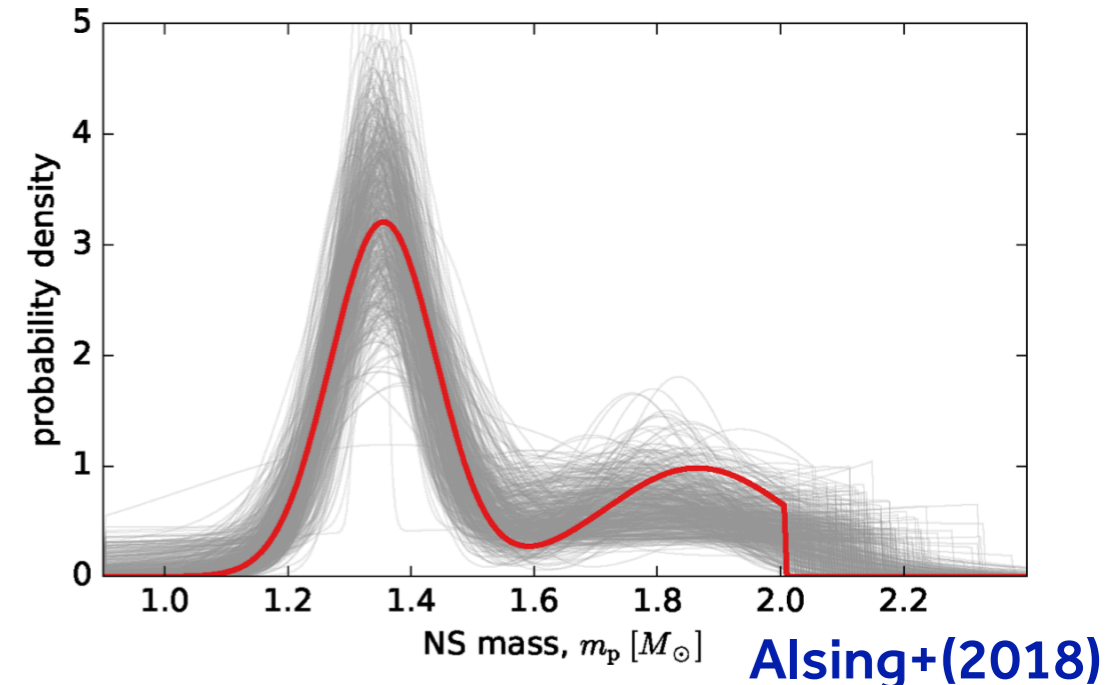
Can directly probe QCD and sound speed

Drischler+, Ecker+, Gorda+, Tews+...

Mergers may not probe higher densities

Ujevic+

See also Ye+, Fishbach+, Tan+, Landry+,  
Most+, Dexheimer+, Fattoyev+, Zevin+



Bauswein+(2020)

Numerical relativity simulations (in various approximations) have shown strong correlations between prompt black hole formation and maximum mass

$$M_{\max}(M_{\text{thres}}, \tilde{\Lambda}_{\text{thres}}) = aM_{\text{thres}} + b\tilde{\Lambda}_{\text{thres}} + c,$$

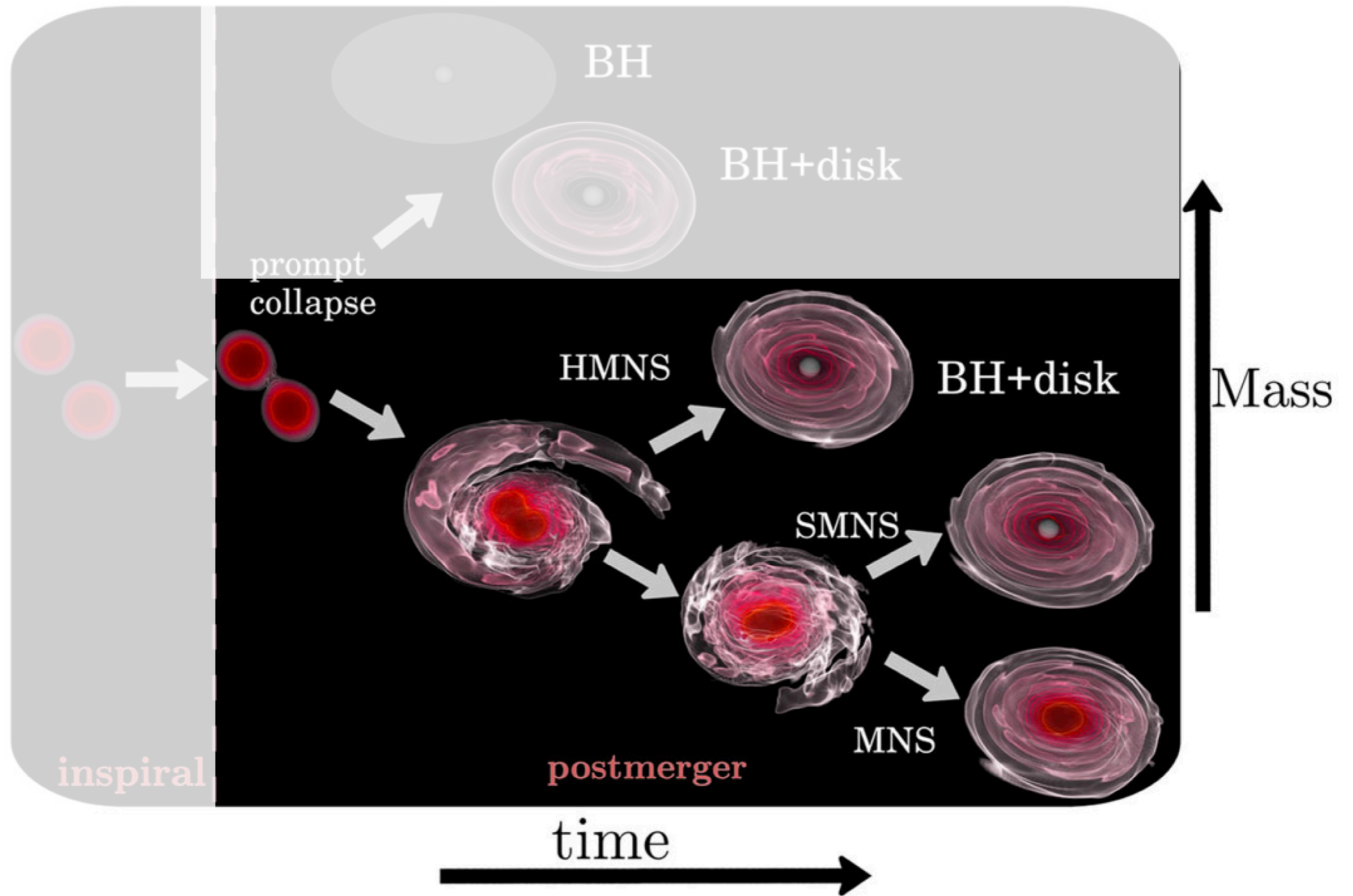
Bauswein+, Köppel+, Tootle+, Kölsch+, Kashyap+

Threshold mass may reveal compressibility

Perego+

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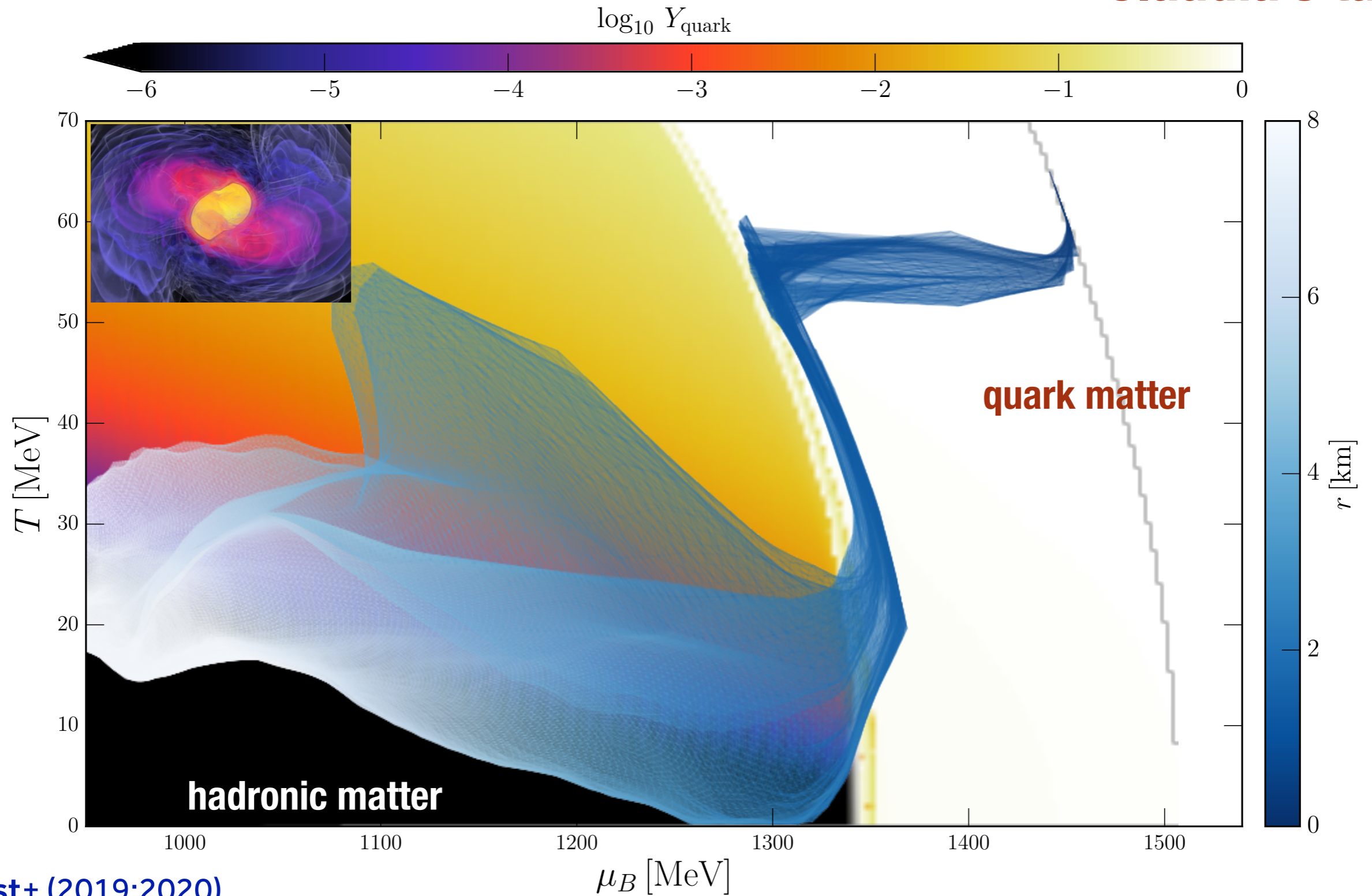
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# Cosmic Colliders: Hot and dense matter!

Bauswein+, Öchslein+, Most+, Raithel+, Figuera+, Kastaun+, Prakash+, Blacker+, Liebling+,  
Huang+, Perego+, Hammond+, Radice+...

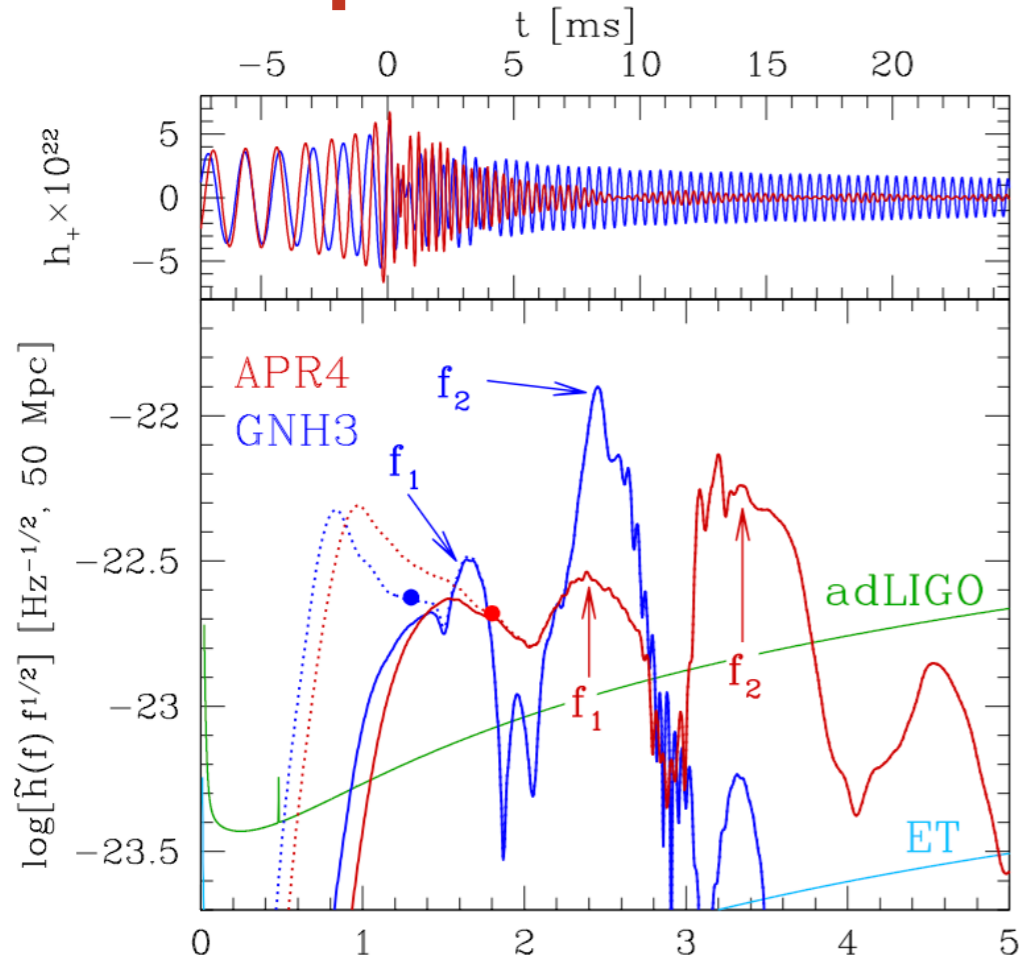
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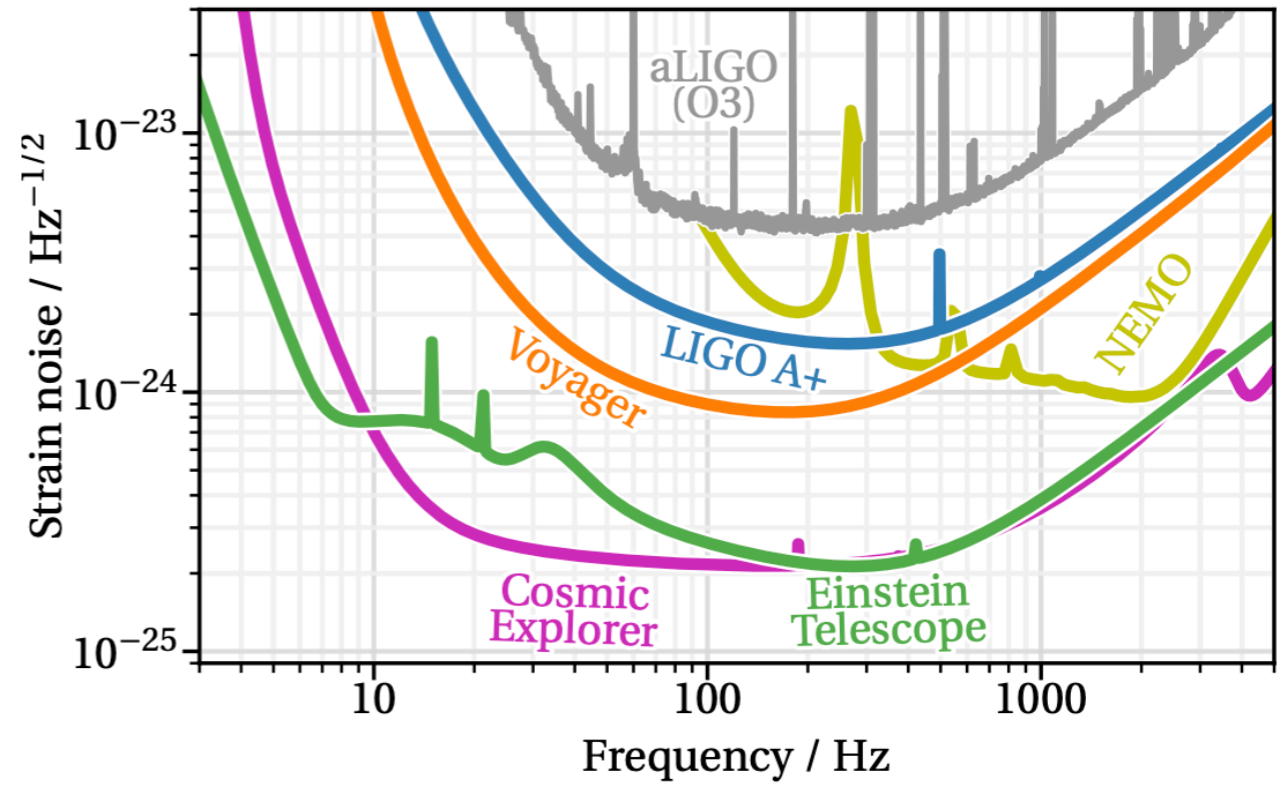
Most+ (2019;2020)



# Equation of state from post-merger



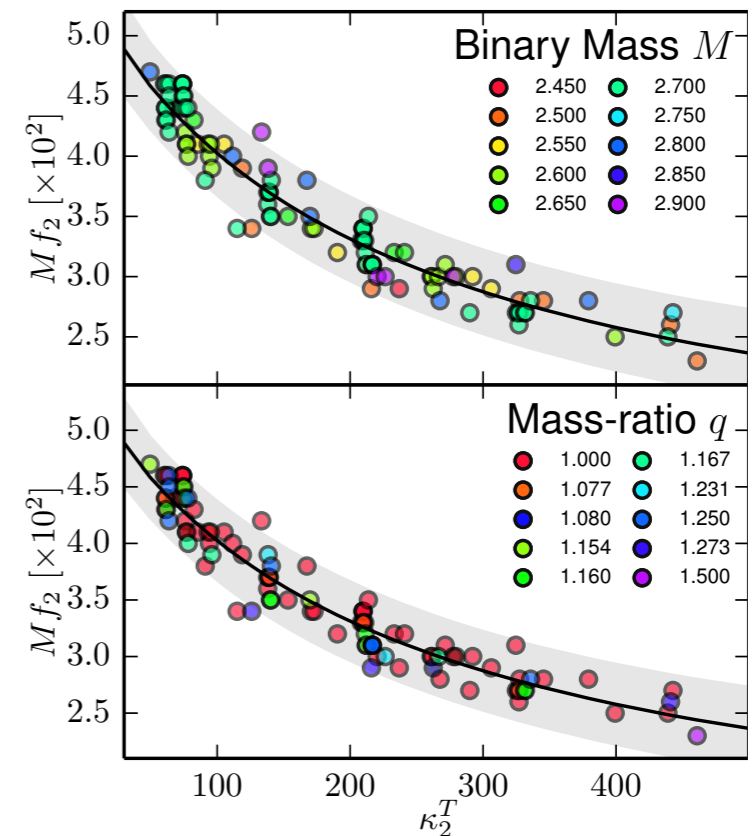
Takami+ (2014, 2015)  $f$  [kHz]



Post-merger frequency spectrum is quasi-universal!

Can correlate  $f_2/f_{\text{peak}}$  with EoS!

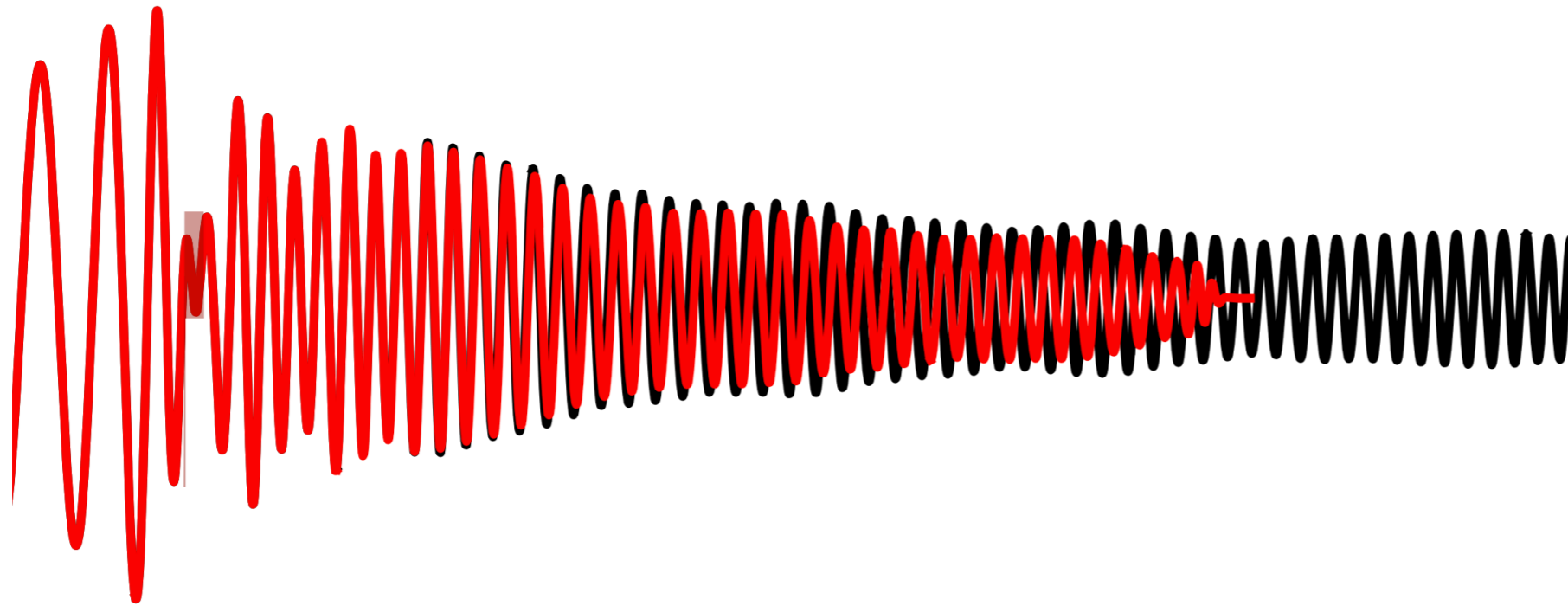
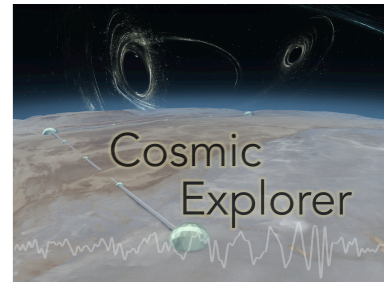
Shibata, Bauswein+, Stergioulas+, Hotokezaka+, Takami+, Bernuzzi +, Rezzolla+, Raithel+, Vretinaris+, ...



Bernuzzi+ (2015), see also Bauswein+(2014)

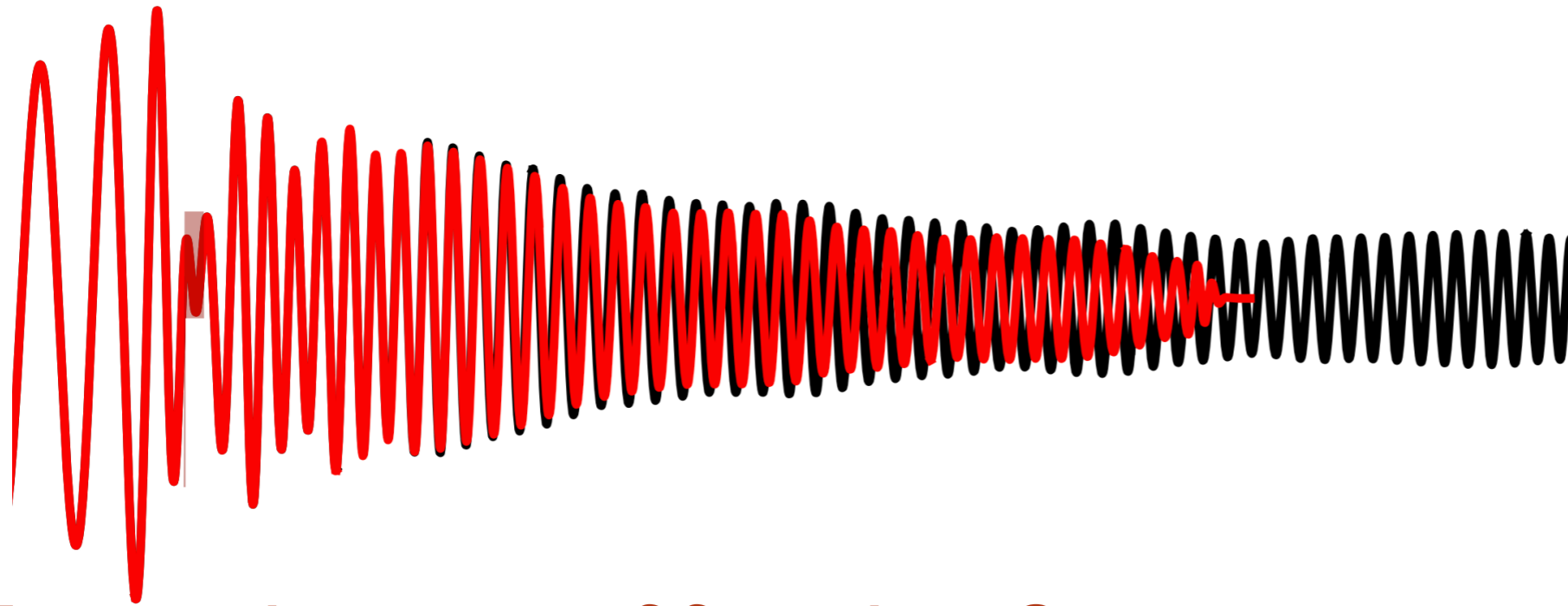
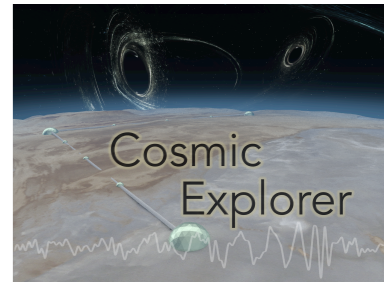
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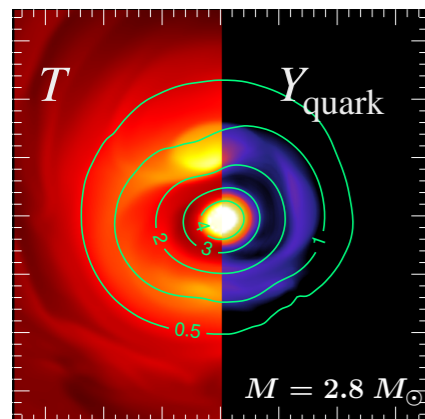
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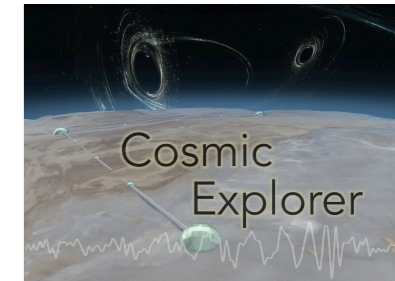
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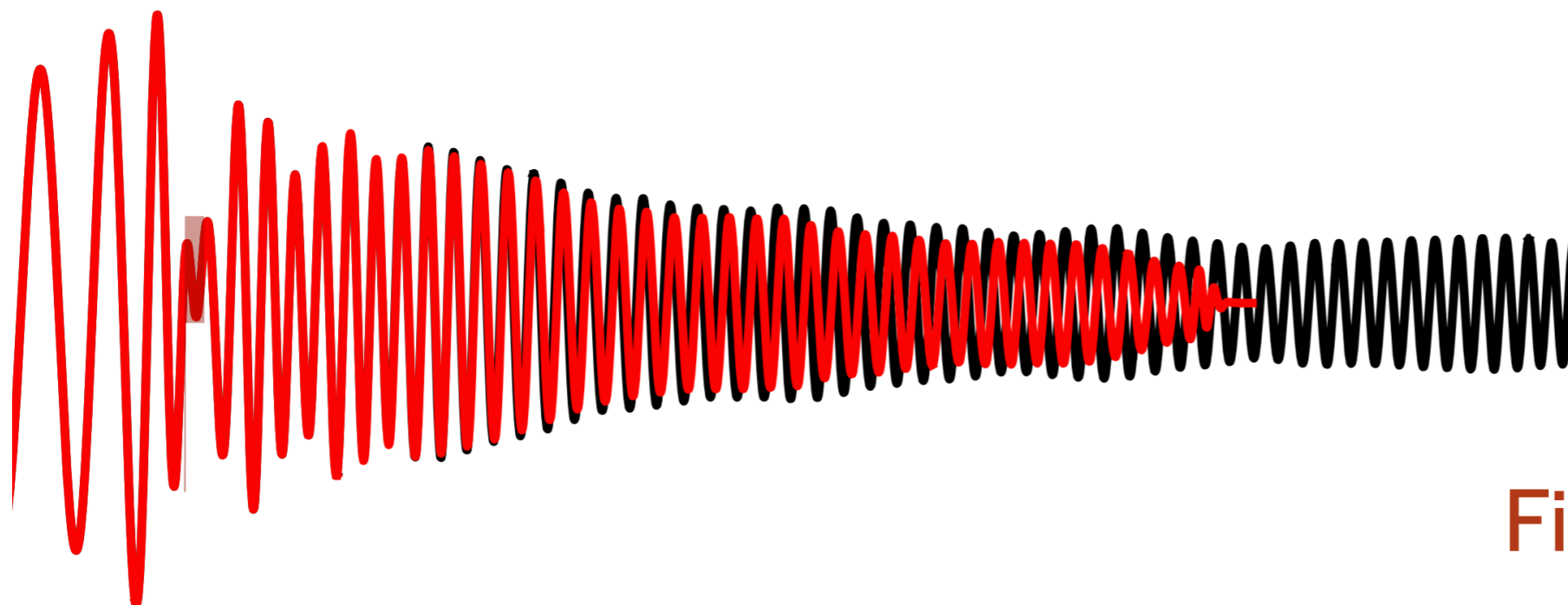




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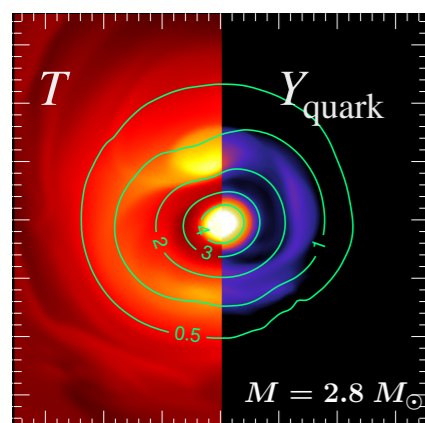


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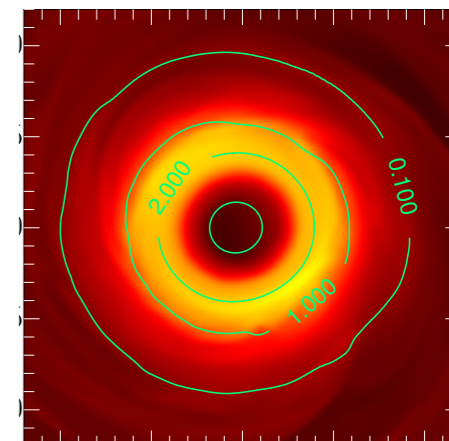
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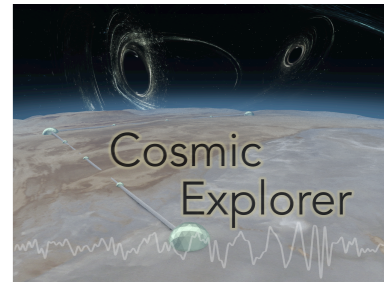


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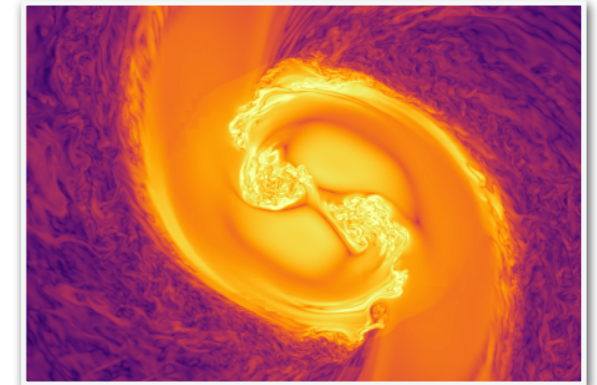
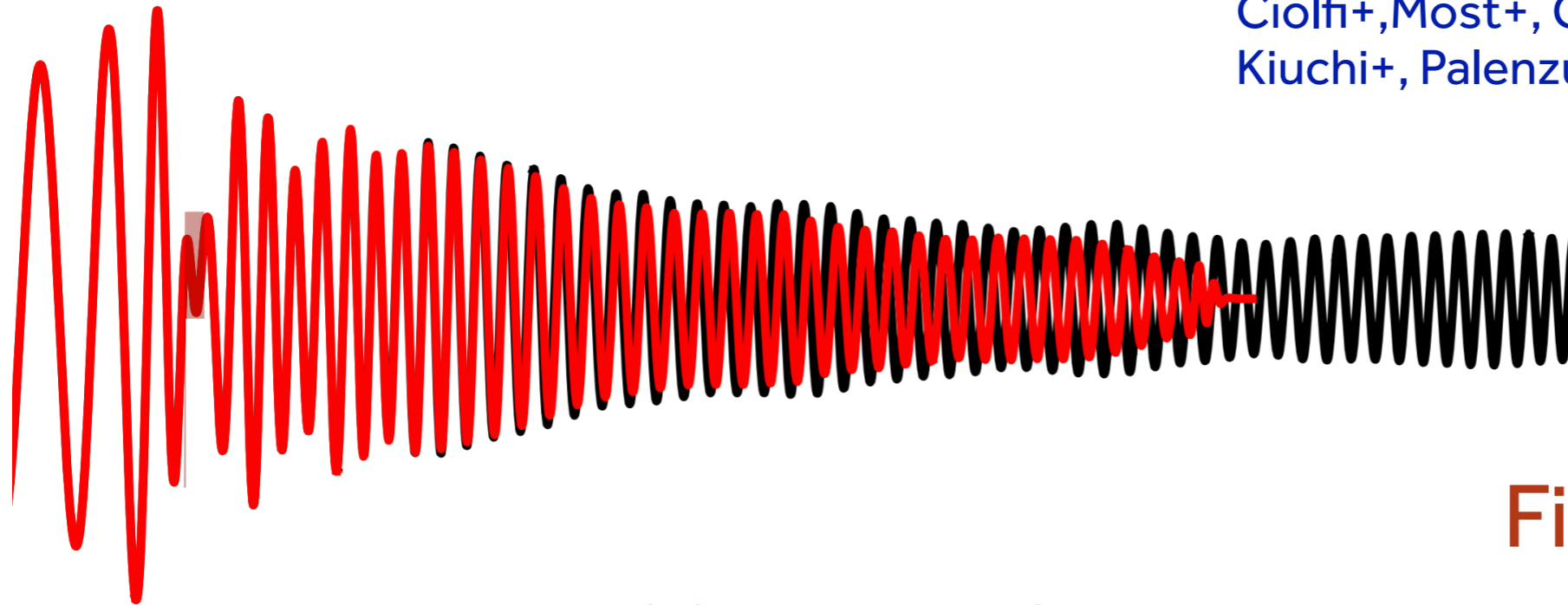
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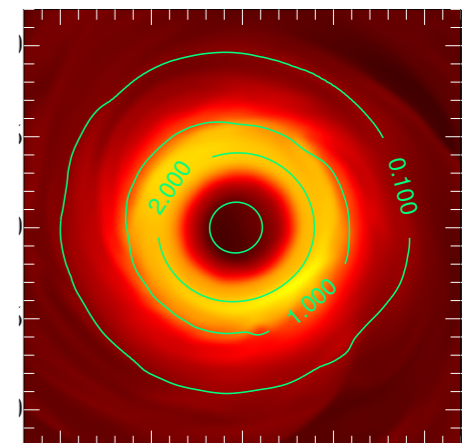
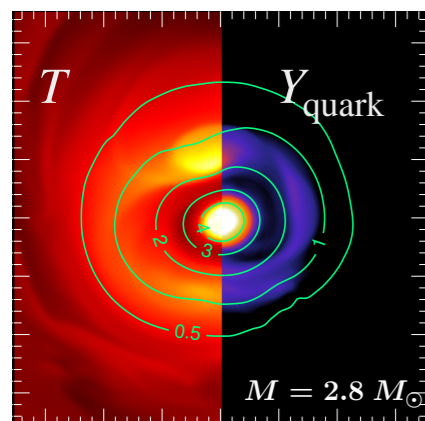


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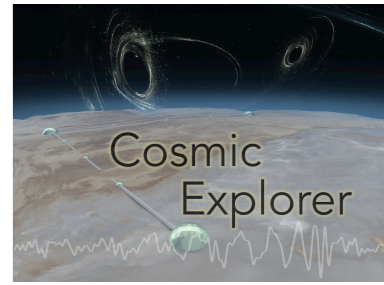
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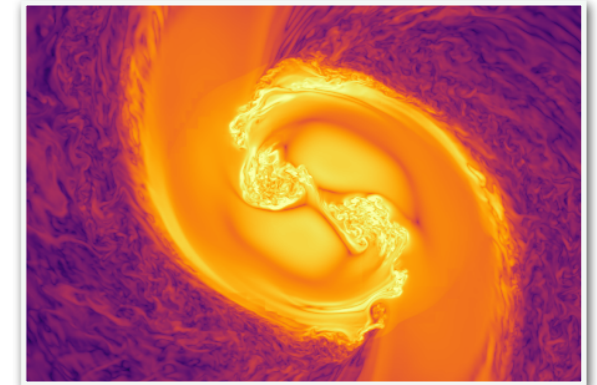
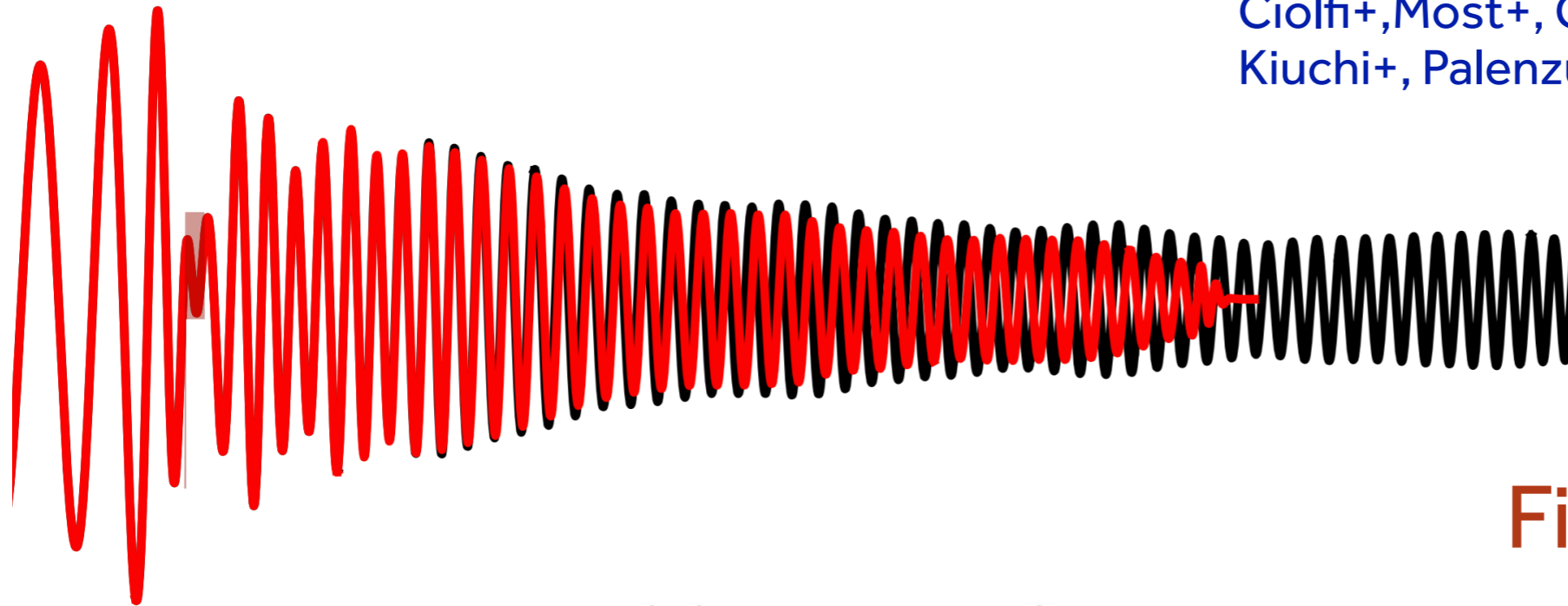
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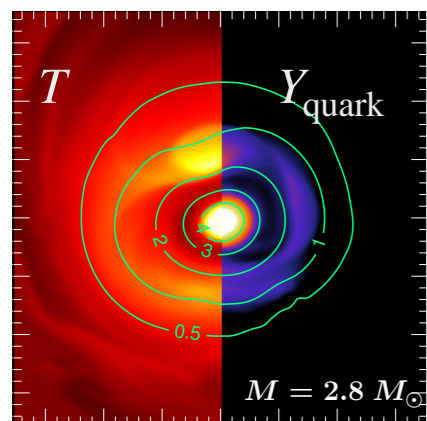


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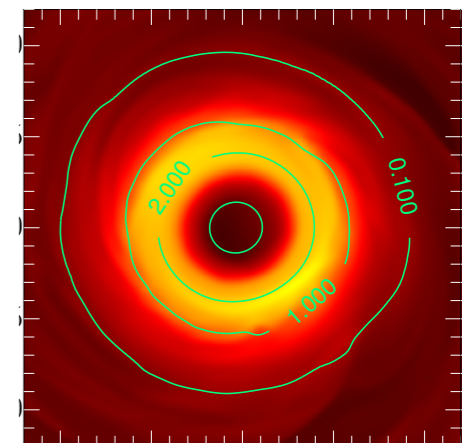
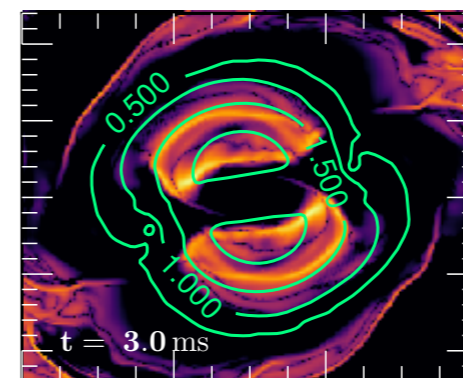
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Neutrino effects?  
(in dense matter)

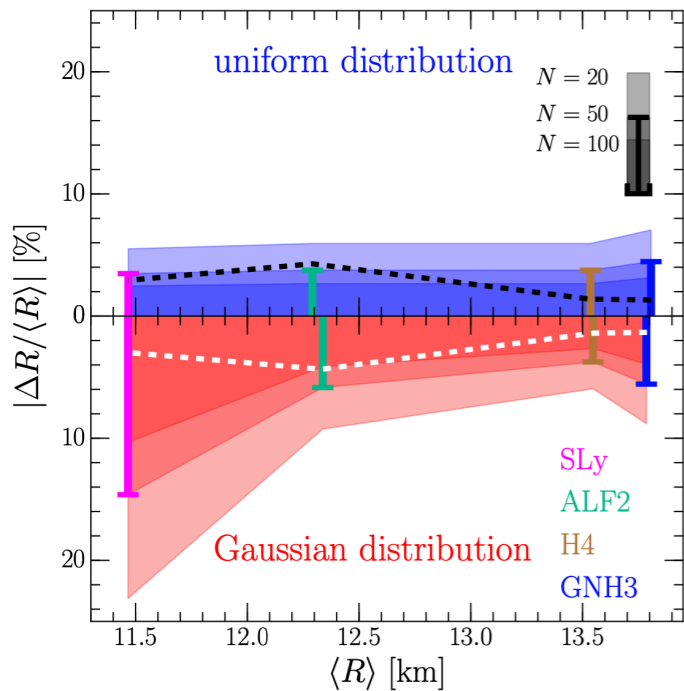
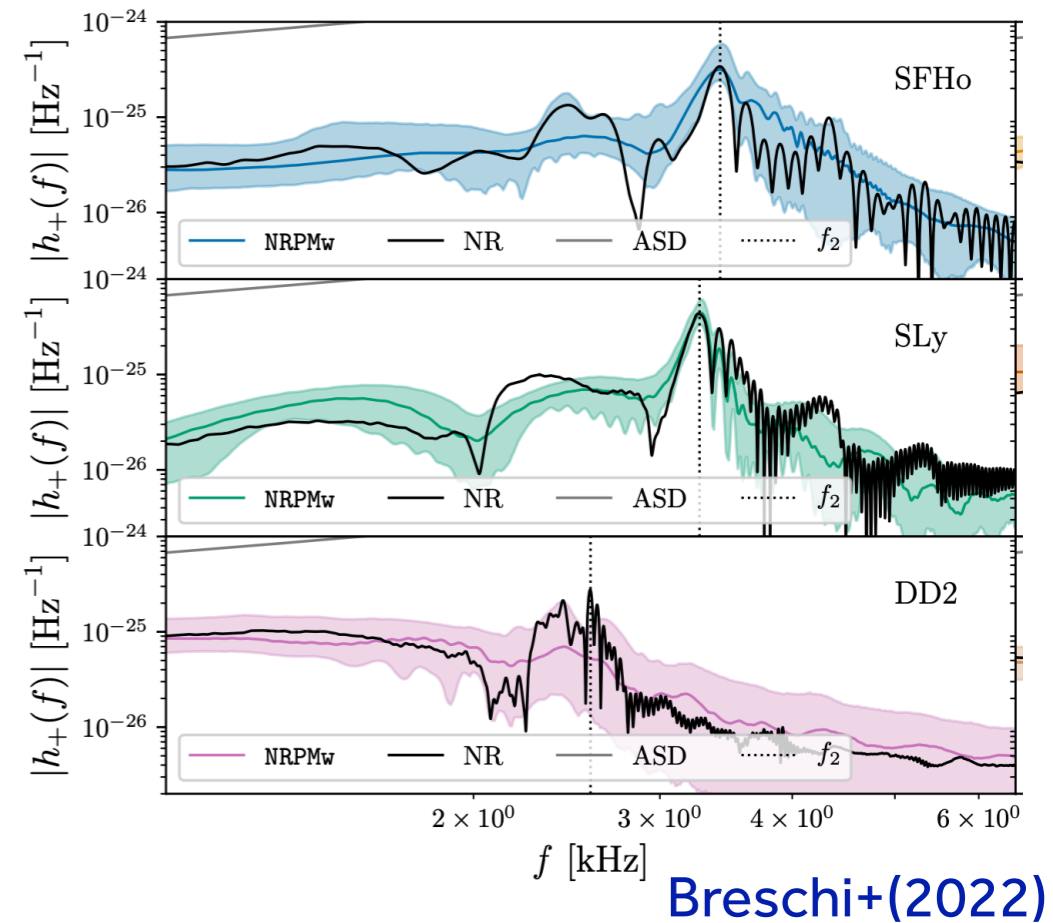
Alford+, Cameliolo+, Foucart+,  
Hammond+, Most+, Radice+,  
Shibata+, ...





# Nuclear physics from the post-merger

Inferences of the post-merger signal can be correlated with expectation from inspiral



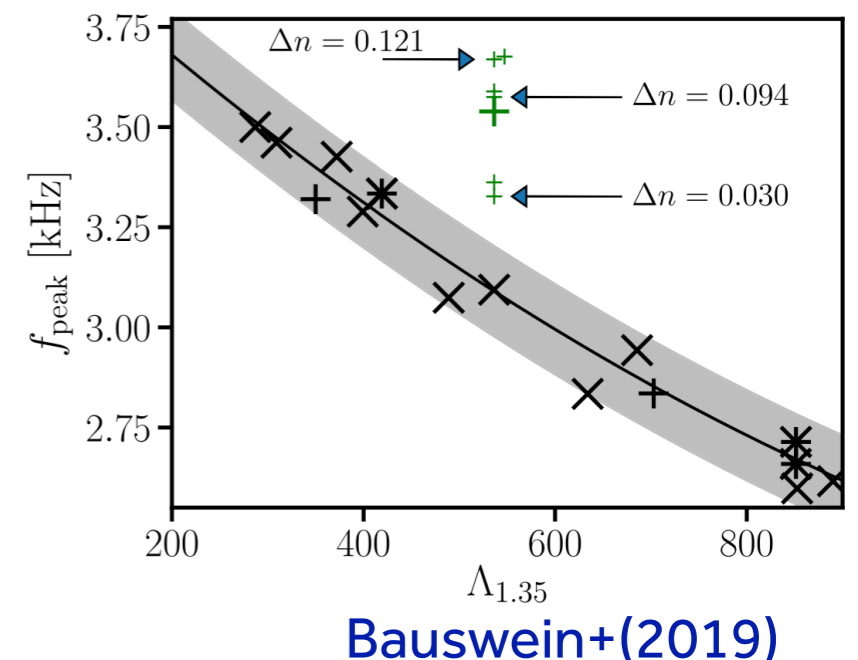
Improved radius constraints!

Bose+, Breschi+, Criswell+,  
Wijngaarden+,  
Chatziioannou+,...

Bose+(2019)

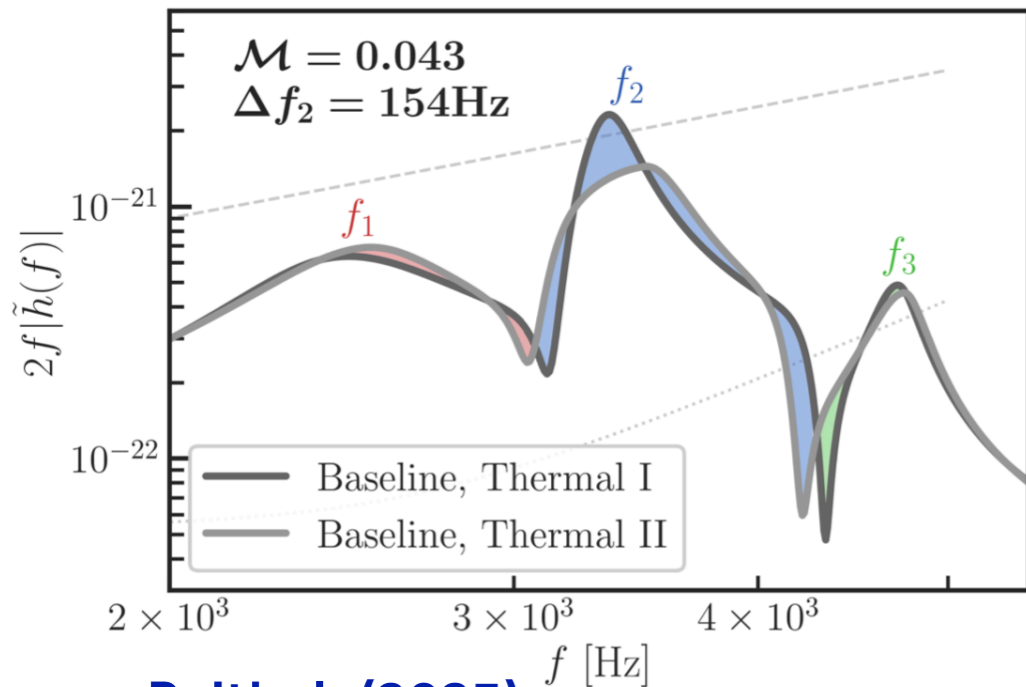
Deviations from inspiral could reveal new phases of matter (first-order PT)

Bauswein+, Most+, Huang+, Prakash+, Raithel+,...



# Nuclear physics from the post-merger

*Beyond the equation of state*



Raithel+(2023)

The merger probes **hot matter**.

**Finite temperature correction**

Bauswein+, Figura+, Raithel+, Hammond+, Fields+, ...

May depend on phases of matter (e.g., hyperons, muons, etc.)

Blacker+, Mroczek+, ...

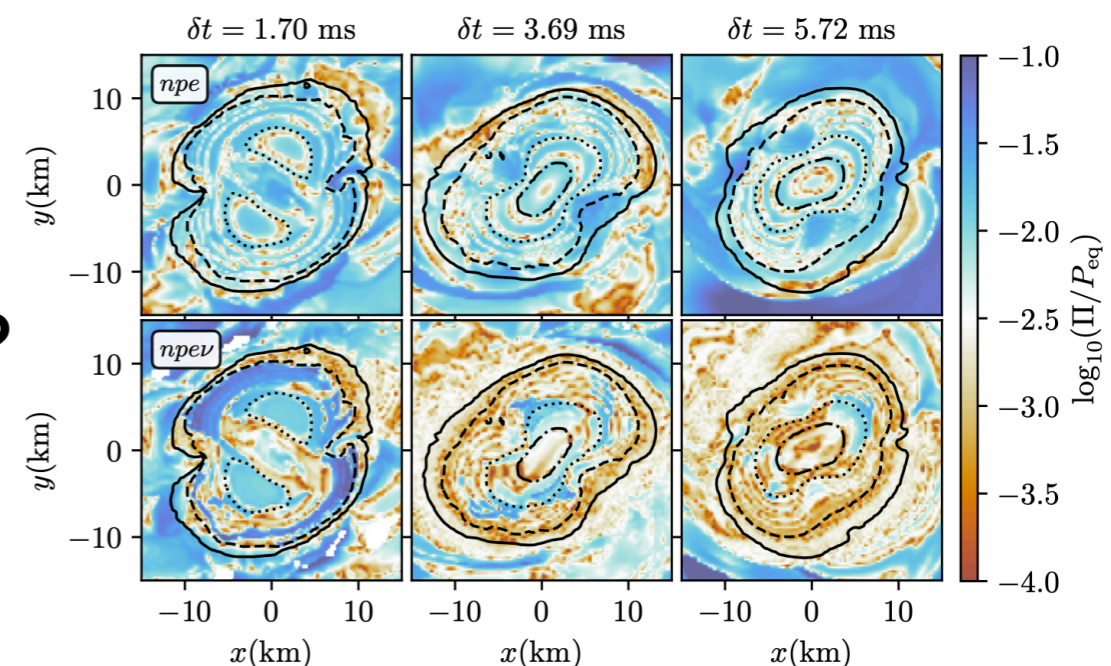
**Nuclear composition can potentially leave direct imprints**

**Bulk viscosity/chemical equilibration?**

Alford+, Hammond+, Most+, Espino+, Zappa+, Chabanov+

**Phase conversion dissipation??**

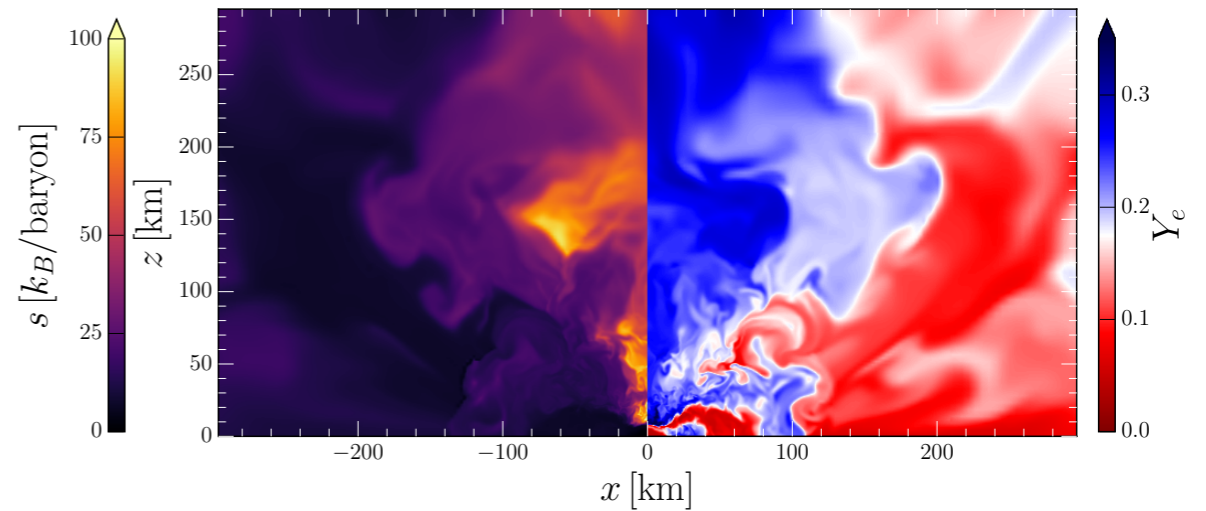
Han+



Espino+ (2023)

# Nuclear physics from multi-messenger

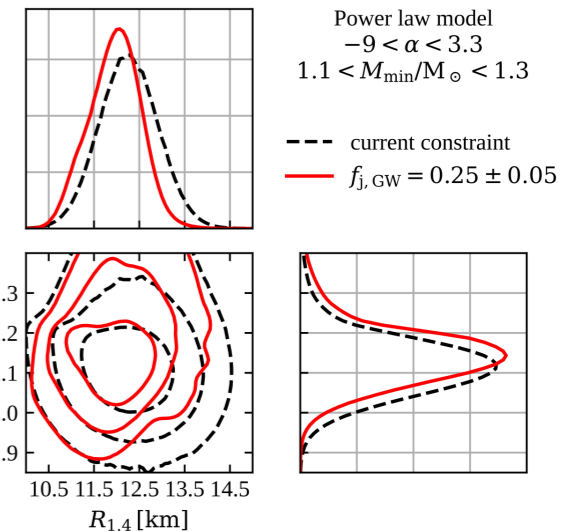
Mass ejecta and relativistic outflows can power **afterglows** and **gamma-ray bursts**!



## Multi-messenger constraints

on  $M_{\text{TOV}/\text{max}}$  and  $\tilde{\Lambda}$ ? **Margalit+, Rezzolla+, Shibata+, Ruiz+, Perego+ Nathanail+, Radice+, Coughlin+, Kiuchi+...**

(remnant life time & mass)

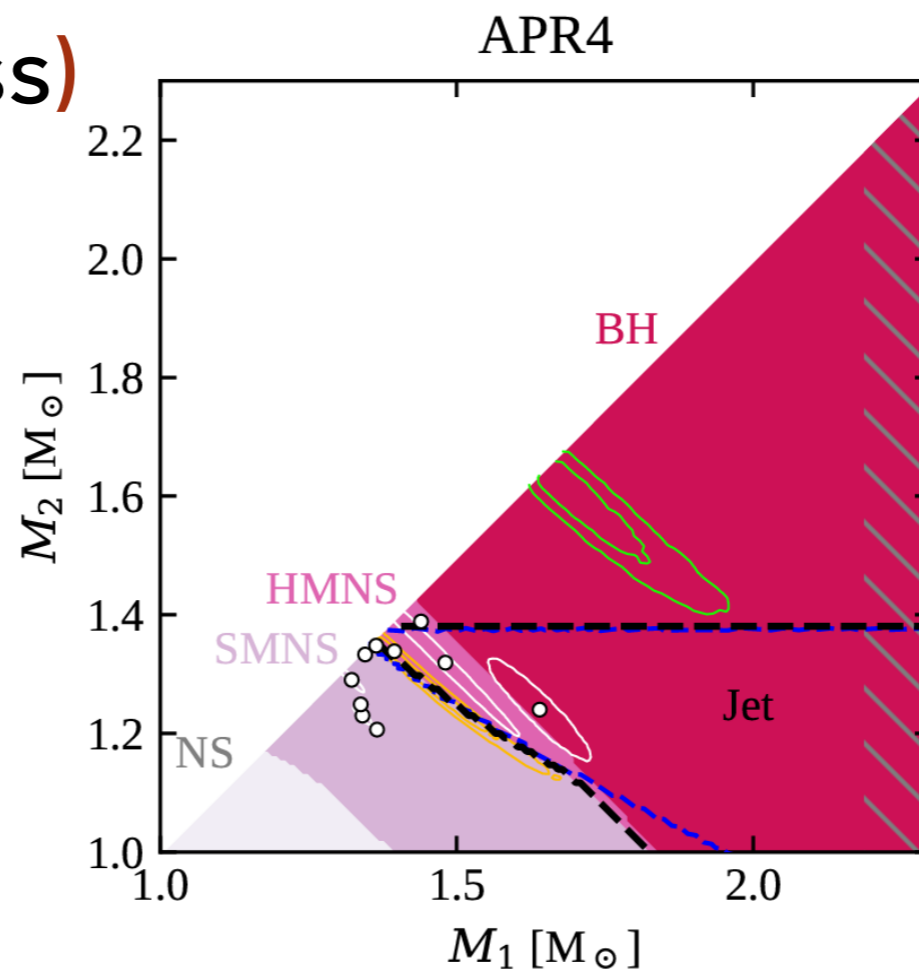


Other scenarios:

Resonant shattering flares?? **Tsang+, Neill+**

GRB QPOs??

**Chirenti+**

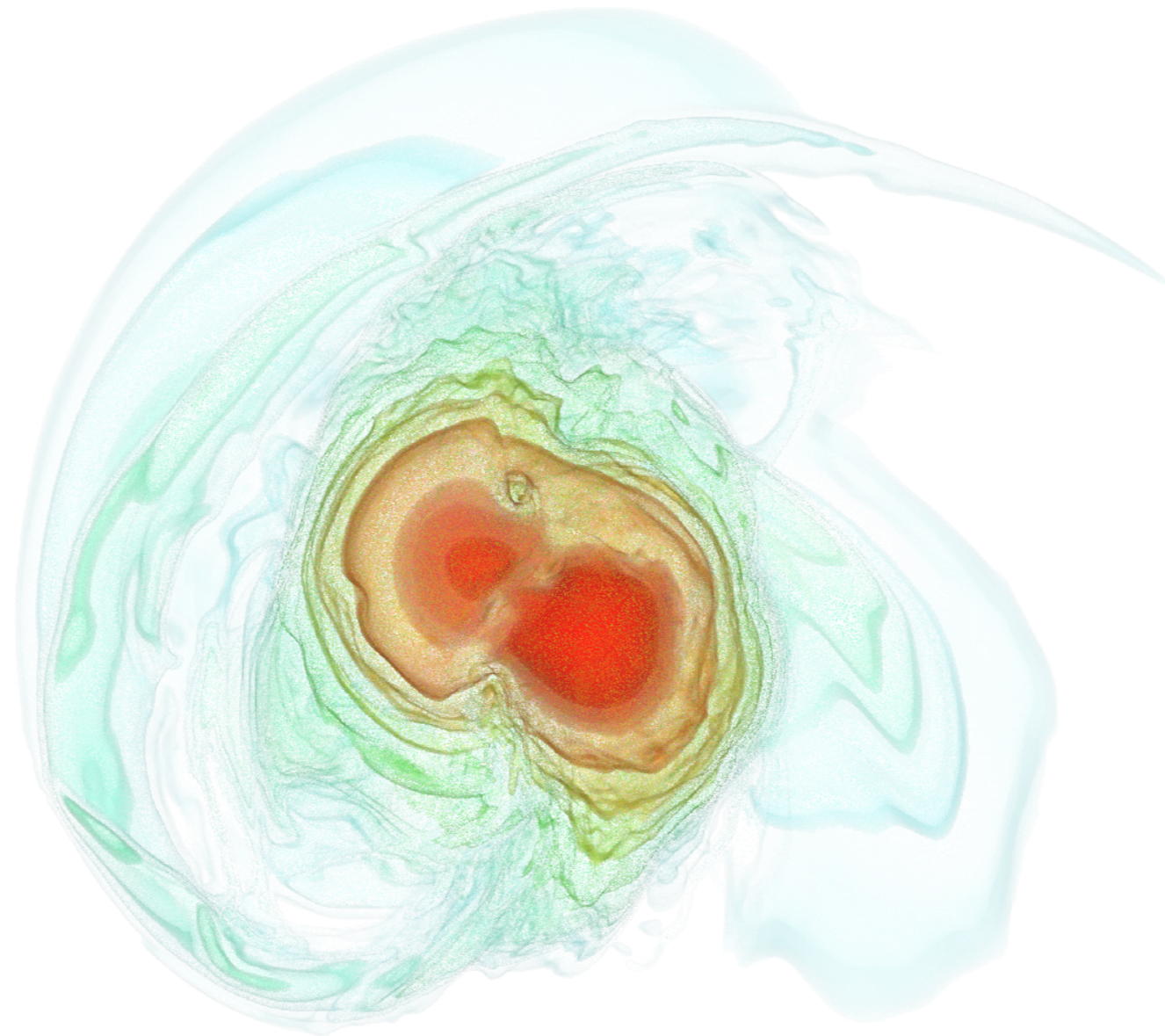


**Salafia+(2022), also Sarin+**

**Connections with GRB population!**



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