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Neutron star mergers and matter under extreme conditions

The first compact star merger event – implictations for nuclear and particle physics

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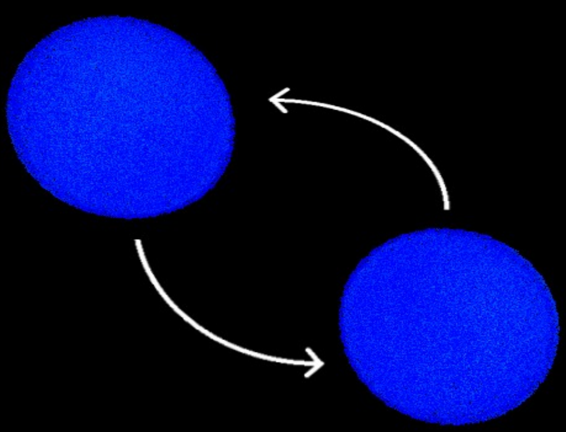
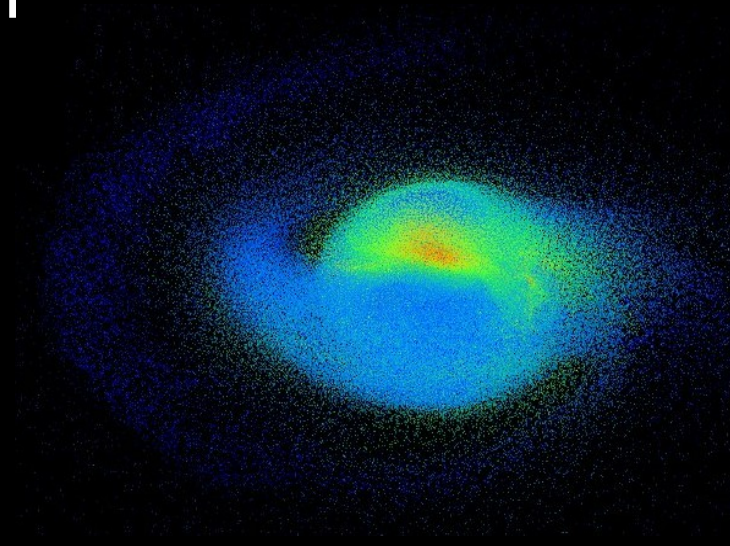


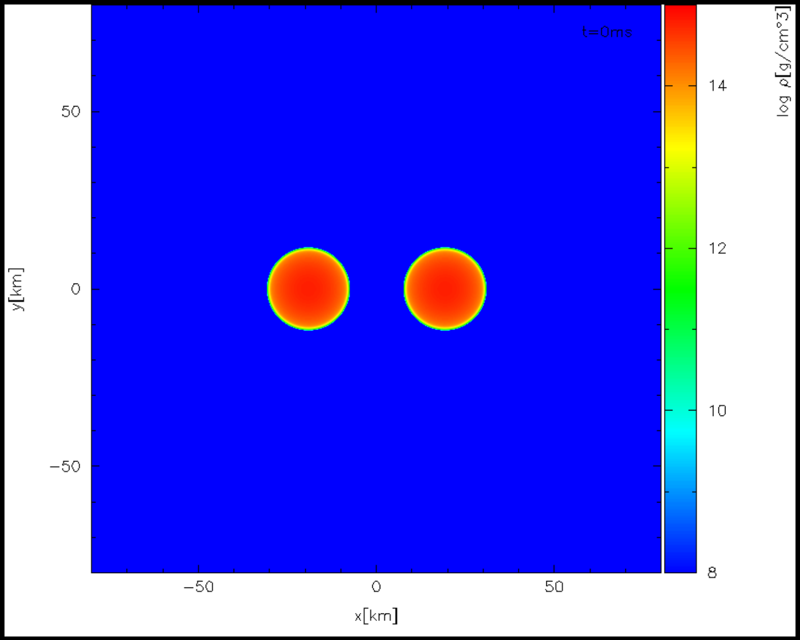


Outline

- R-process in NS mergers
- Multi-messenger interpretation of GW170817 → lower limit on NS radii

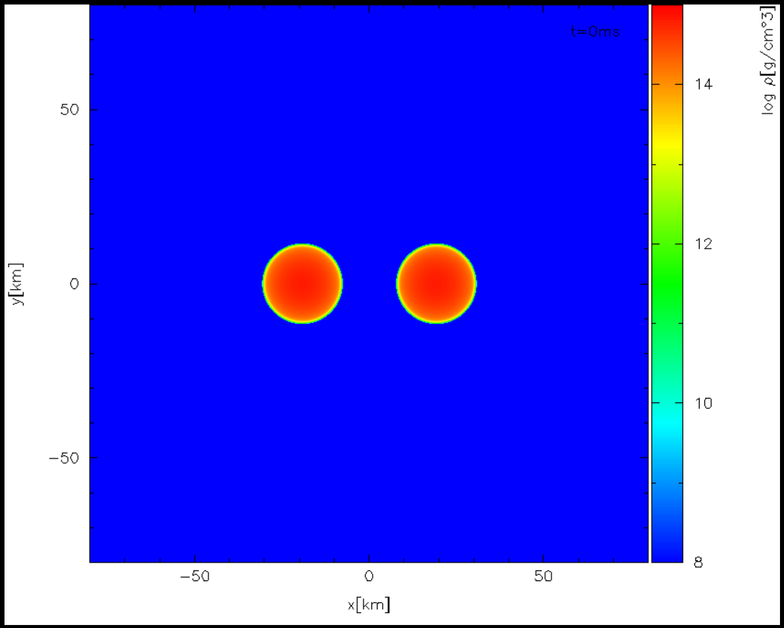
  → Collapse behavior (EoS dependence of BH formation)
- Postmerger GW emission
- Signatures of the QCD phase transition

Collapse behavior and multi-messenger EoS constraints



$M_{\rm tot} = 3.4\ M_\odot$ ←

$M_{\rm tot} = 3.5\ M_\odot$ →



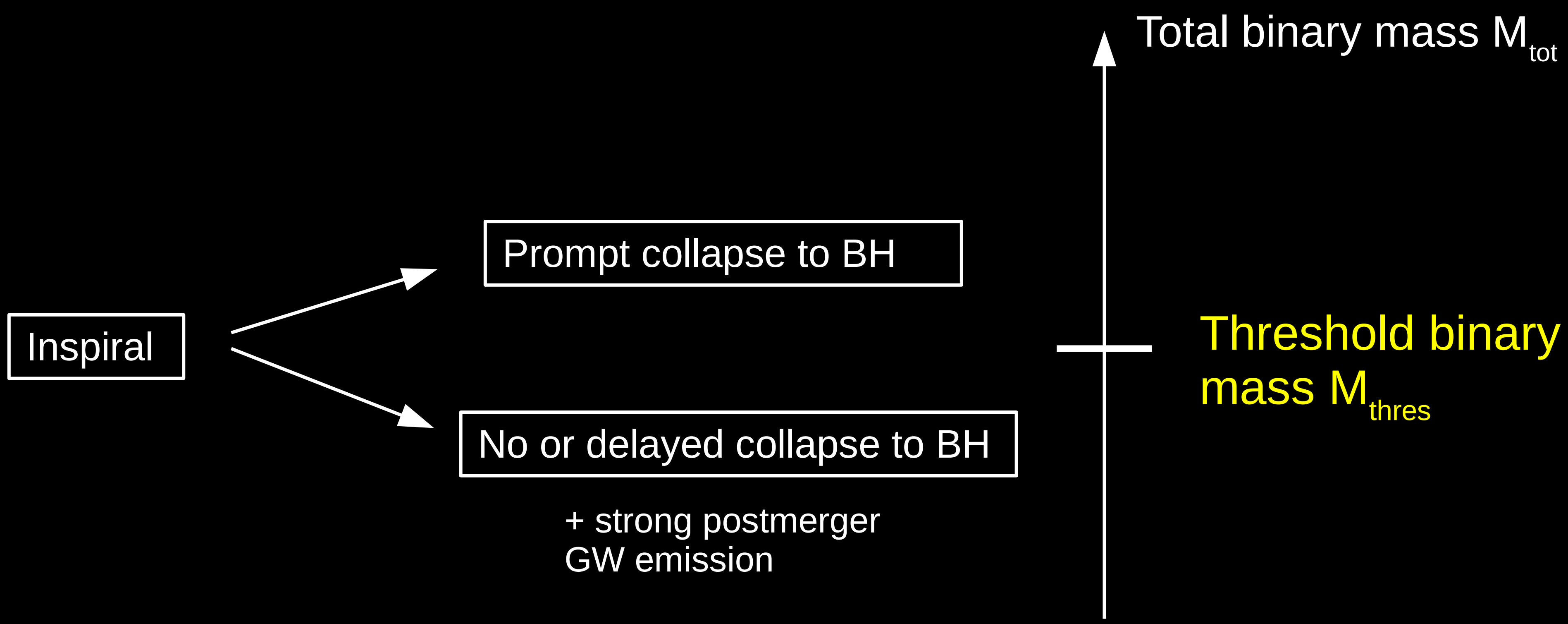
Shen EoS

$\longrightarrow\ M_{\rm thres} = (3.45 \pm 0.05)\ M_\odot$ (for this particular EoS)

Collapse behavior: Prompt vs. delayed (/no) BH formation

Relevant for: EoS constraints through M_{max} measurement, Conditions for short GRBs, Mass ejection, Electromagnetic counterparts powered by thermal emission, NS radius constraints !!!

Collapse behavior



EoS dependent - somehow M_{max} should play a role

Simulations reveal M_{thres}

TOV properties of nonrotating stars, i.e. EoS characteristics

Merger property from simulations

EoS	M_{max} ($M_\odot$)	R_{max} (km)	C_{max}	$R_{1.6}$ (km)	M_{thres} ($M_\odot$)
NL3 [37,38]	2.79	13.43	0.307	14.81	3.85
GS1 [39]	2.75	13.27	0.306	14.79	3.85
LS375 [40]	2.71	12.34	0.325	13.71	3.65
DD2 [38,41]	2.42	11.90	0.300	13.26	3.35
Shen [42]	2.22	13.12	0.250	14.46	3.45
TM1 [43,44]	2.21	12.57	0.260	14.36	3.45
SFHX [45]	2.13	10.76	0.292	11.98	3.05
GS2 [46]	2.09	11.78	0.262	13.31	3.25
SFHO [45]	2.06	10.32	0.294	11.76	2.95
LS220 [40]	2.04	10.62	0.284	12.43	3.05
TMA [44,47]	2.02	12.09	0.247	13.73	3.25
IUF [38,48]	1.95	11.31	0.255	12.57	3.05

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Smooth particle hydrodynamics + conformal flatness

Threshold binary mass

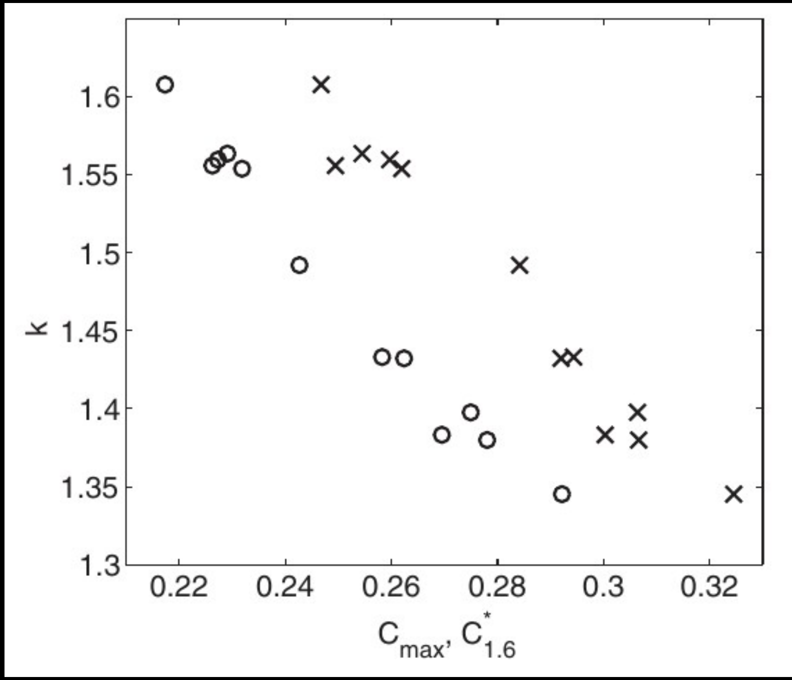
- Empirical relation from simulations with different M_{tot} and EoS
- Fits (to good accuracy):

$$M_{\rm thres} = M_{\rm thres}(M_{\rm max}, R_{\rm max}) = \left(-3.38 \frac{G M_{\rm max}}{c^2 R_{\rm max}} + 2.43\right) M_{\rm max}$$

$$M_{\rm thres} = M_{\rm thres}(M_{\rm max}, R_{1.6}) = \left(-3.6 \frac{G\, M_{\rm max}}{c^2\, R_{1.6}} + 2.38\right)\, M_{\rm max}$$

- Both better than 0.06 M_{sun},

$$k = M_{\rm thres}/M_{\rm max}$$



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EoS constraints from GW170817*

→ lower bound on NS radii

(recall: upper bound from tidal deformability)

* See also Margalit & Metzger 2017, Shibata et al. 2017, Radice et al. 2018, Rezzolla et al. 2018, Ruiz & Shapiro 2018, Capano et al 2019,... for other EoS constraints in the context of GW170817

A simple but robust NS radius constraint from GW170817

- High ejecta mass inferred from electromagnetic transient
  (high compared to simulations)
  → provides strong support for a delayed/no collapse in GW170817
  → even asymmetric mergers that directly collapse do not produce such massive ejecta

Reference	$m_{\rm dyn}$ $[M_\odot]$	$m_{\rm w}$ $[M_\odot]$
Abbott et al. (2017a)	$0.001 - 0.01$	–
Arcavi et al. (2017)	–	$0.02 - 0.025$
Cowperthwaite et al. (2017)	0.04	0.01
Chornock et al. (2017)	0.035	0.02
Evans et al. (2017)	$0.002 - 0.03$	$0.03 - 0.1$
Kasen et al. (2017)	0.04	0.025
Kasliwal et al. (2017b)	> 0.02	> 0.03
Nicholl et al. (2017)	0.03	–
Perego et al. (2017)	$0.005 - 0.01$	$10^{-5} - 0.024$
Rosswog et al. (2017)	0.01	0.03
Smartt et al. (2017)	$0.03 - 0.05$	0.018
Tanaka et al. (2017a)	0.01	0.03
Tanvir et al. (2017)	$0.002 - 0.01$	0.015
Troja et al. (2017)	$0.001 - 0.01$	$0.015 - 0.03$

Compilation in Cote et al 2018

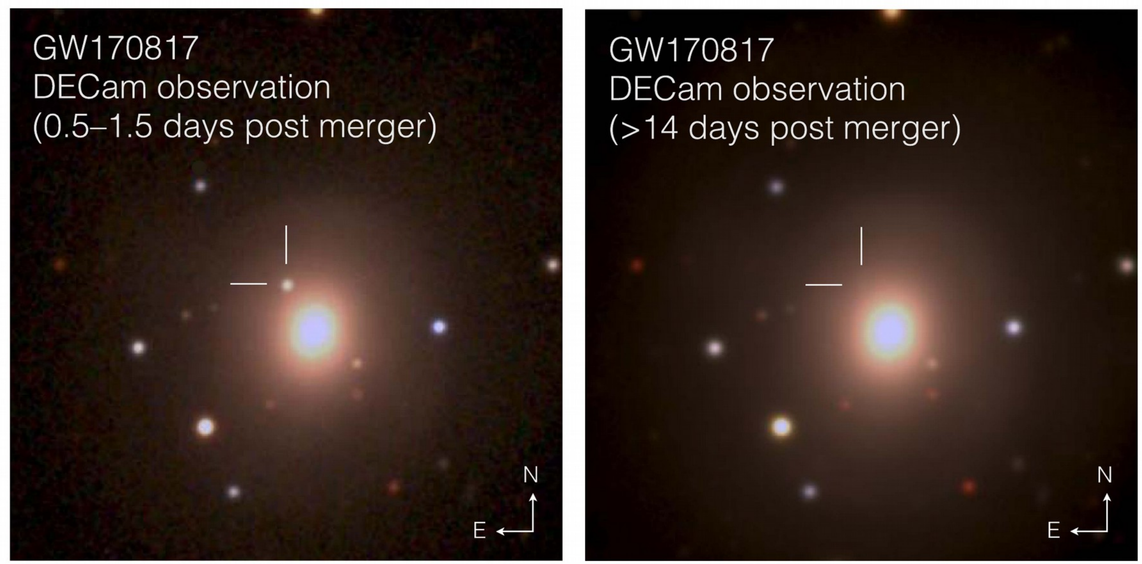
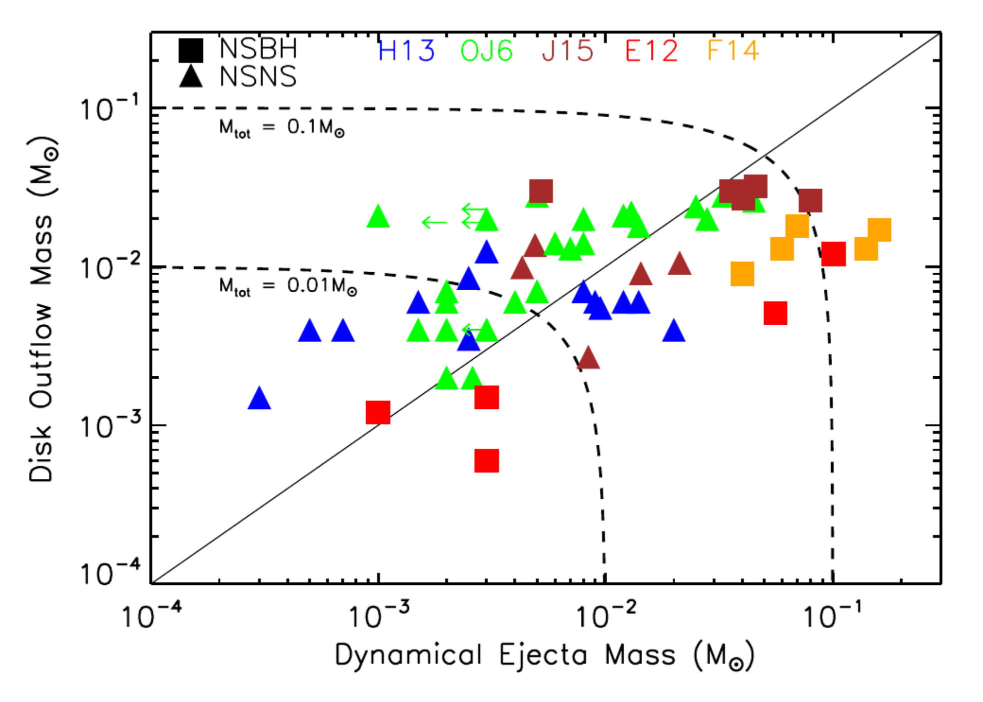


Figure 1. NGC4993 *grz* color composites (1.′5 × 1.′5). Left: composite of detection images, including the discovery *z* image taken on 2017 August 18 00:05:23 UT and the g and r images taken 1 day later; the optical counterpart of GW170817 is at R.A., decl. =197.450374, −23.381495. Right: the same area two weeks later.

Soares-Santos et al 2017

- Ejecta masses depend on EoS and binary masses
- Note: high mass points already to soft EoS (tentatively/qualitatively)
- Prompt collapse leads to reduced ejecta mass
- Light curve depends on ejecta mass:

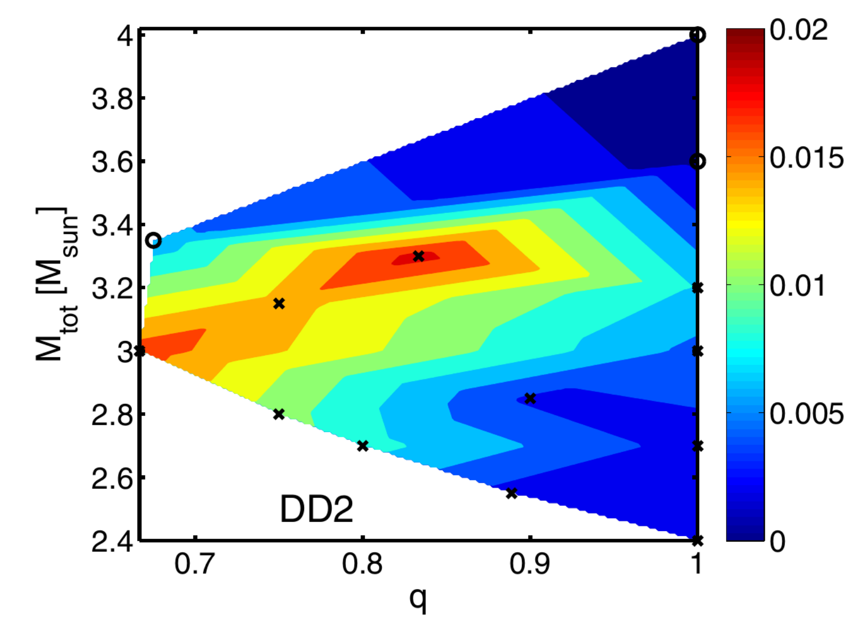
→ 0.02 - 0.05 M_{sun} point to delayed collapse

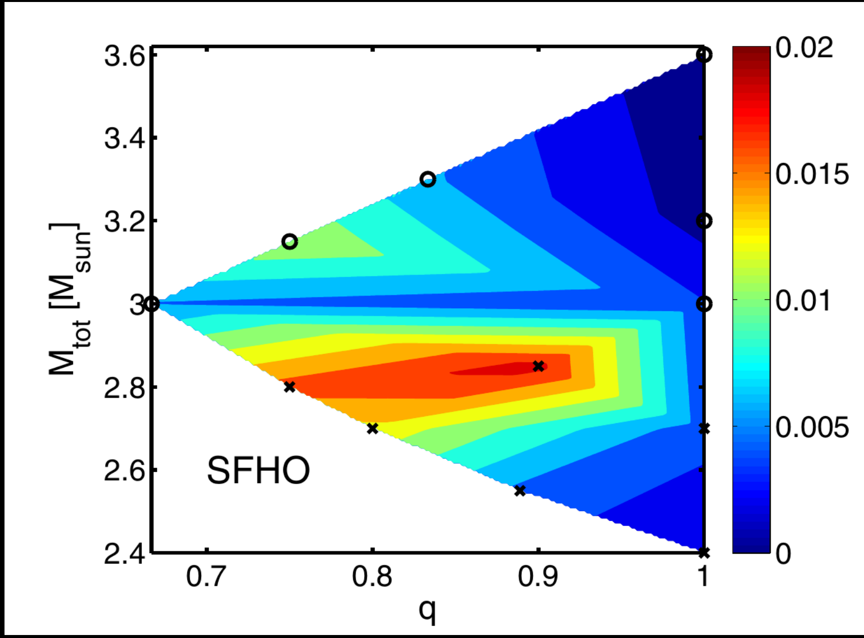


Compilation Wu et al 2016: dynamical and secular ejecta comparable

EoS and binary-mass dependence:

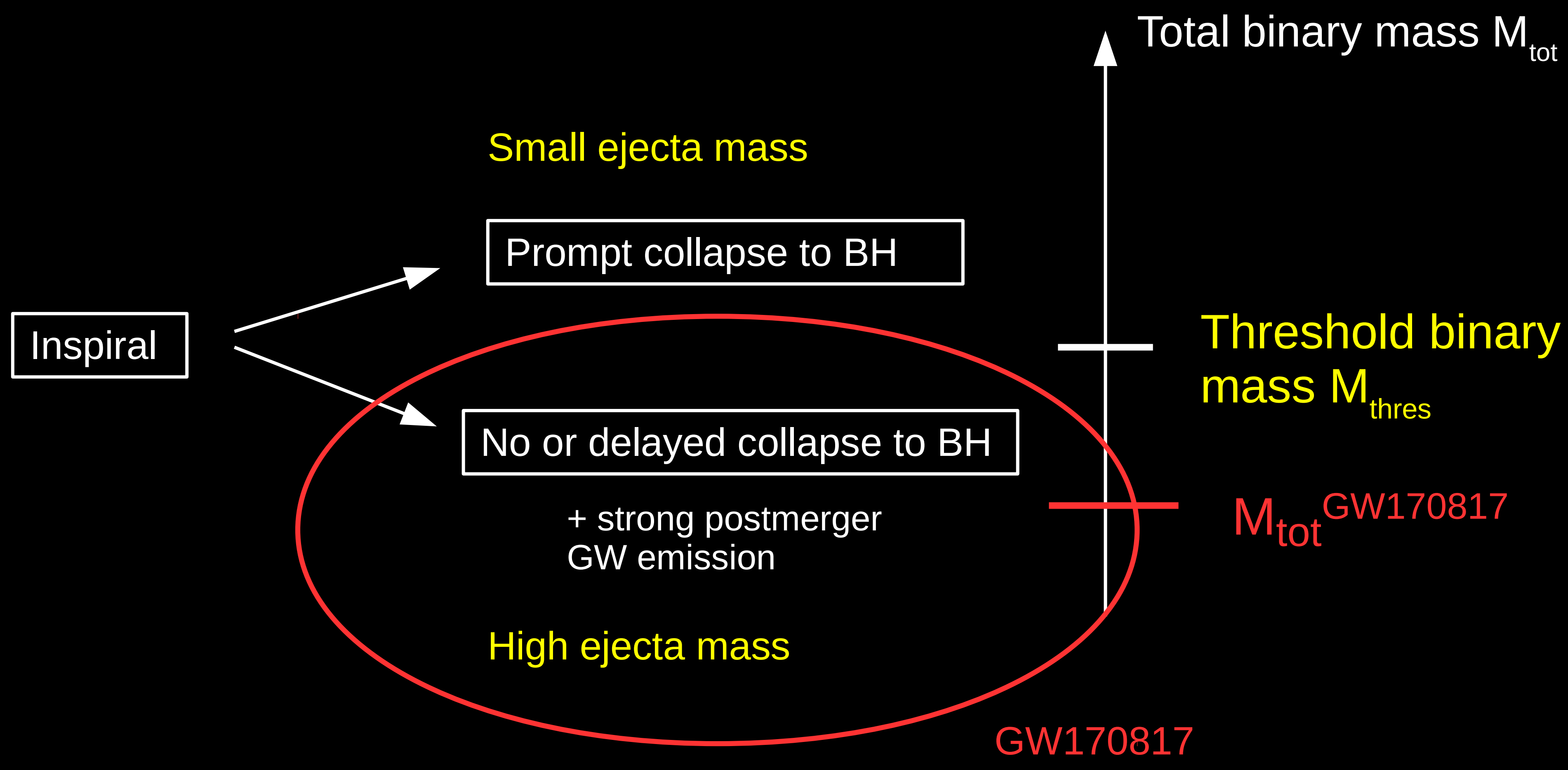
Bauswein et al. 2013





Only dynamical ejecta

Collapse behavior



(1) If GW170817 was a delayed (/no) collapse:

$$M_{\rm thres} > M_{\rm tot}^{GW170817}$$

(2) Recall: empirical relation for threshold binary mass for prompt collapse:

$$M_{\rm thres} = \left(-3.38\frac{G\,M_{\rm max}}{c^2\,R_{\rm max}} + 2.43\right)\,M_{\rm max} > 2.74\,\,M_\odot$$

(with M_{max}, R_{max} unknown)

(3) Causality: speed of sound $v_S \leq c$

$$\Rightarrow M_{\rm max} \leq \frac{1}{2.82}\frac{c^2\,R_{\rm max}}{G}$$

- Putting things together:

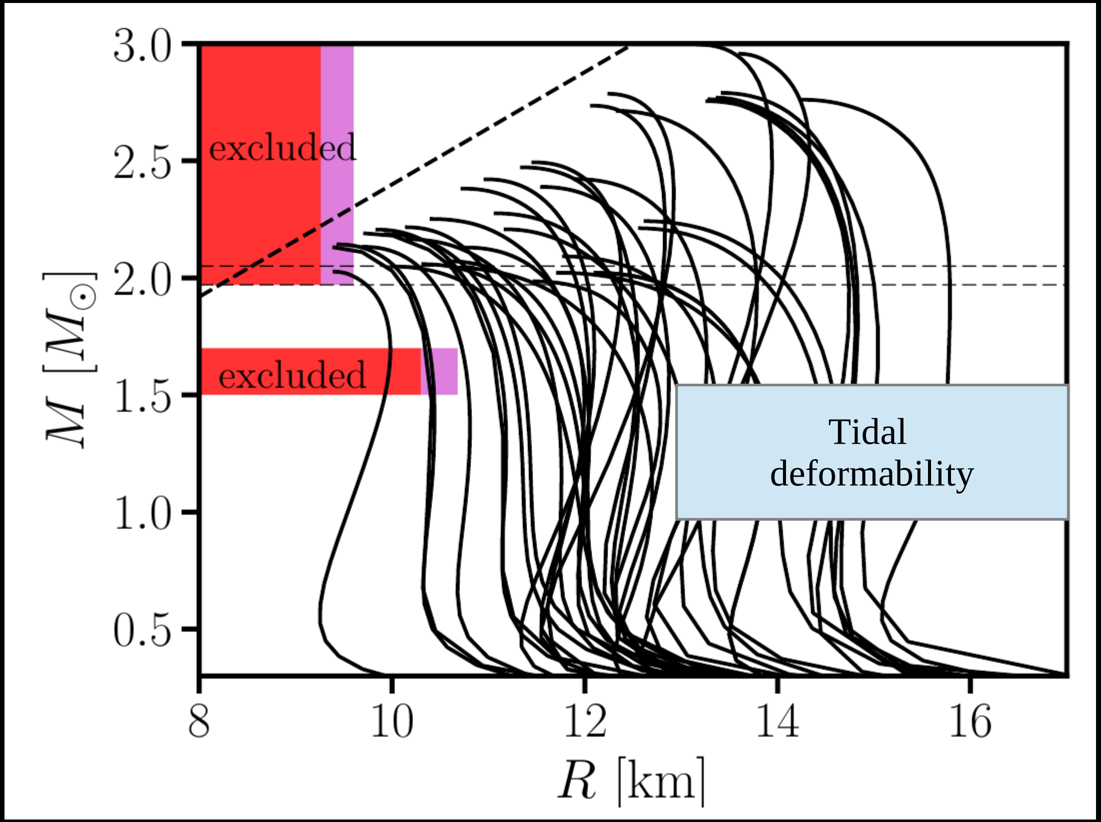
$$M_{\rm tot}^{GW170817} \leq \left(-3.38\frac{G\,M_{\rm max}}{c^2\,R_{\rm max}} + 2.43\right)M_{\rm max} \leq \left(-\frac{3.38}{2.82} + 2.43\right)\frac{1}{2.82}\frac{c^2\,R_{\rm max}}{G}$$

→ Lower limit on NS radius

Bauswein et al. 2017

NS radius constraint from GW170817

- R_{max} > 9.6 km
- $R_{1.6}$ > 10.7 km
- Excludes very soft nuclear matter
- Similar argument for Lambda in Radice et. al 2018
- follow-up Koeppel et al 2019 (same idea) arriving at similar constraints of 10.7 km
- See Capano et al. 2019 for an application within Bayesian statistics framework



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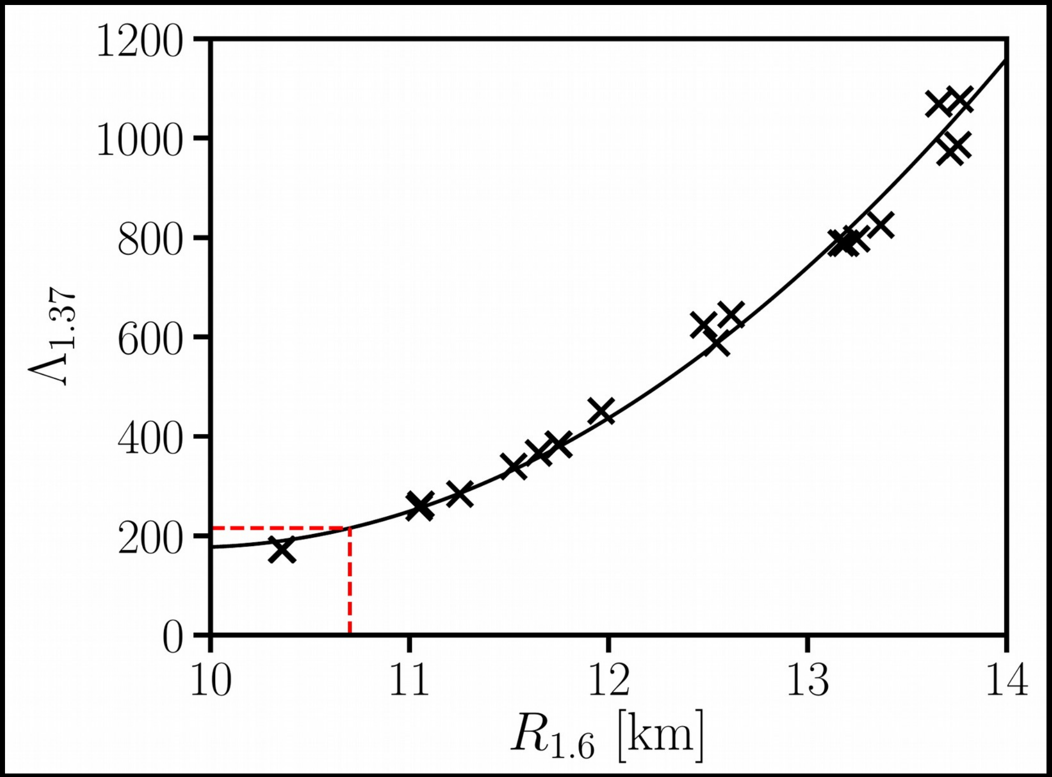
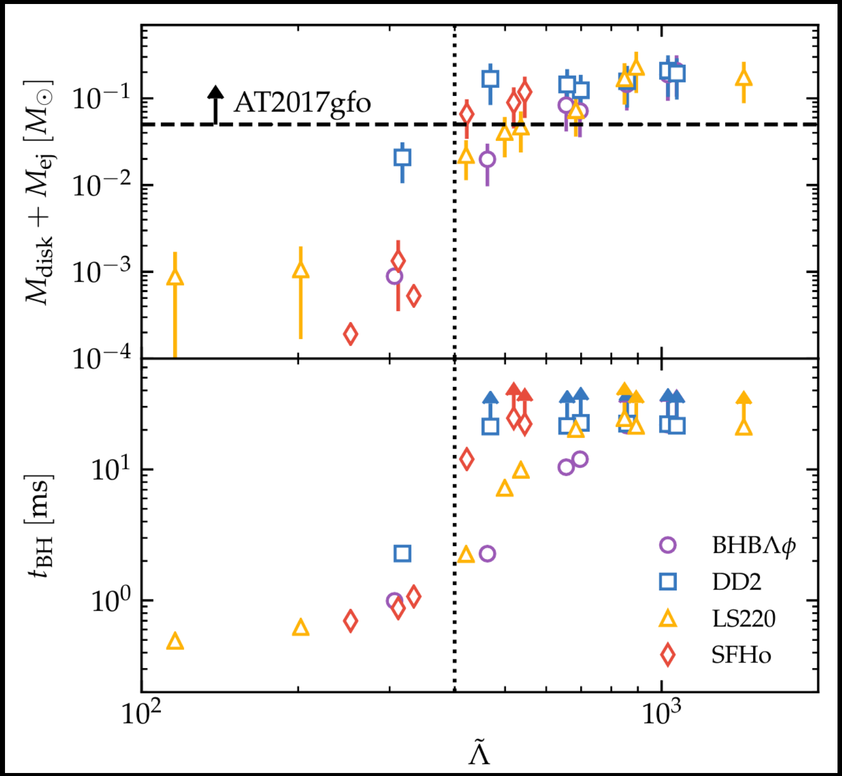
Radius vs. tidal deformability

Radice et al 2018





Bauswein et al. 2019

- Radius and tidal deformability scale tightly → **Lambda > 210**
- Limit cannot be much larger otherwise we could get no direct collapse / dim counterpart (unless one weakens some of the conservative assumptions)
- Radice et al. 2018 followed a very similar argument claiming Lambda > 400 (300 in Dai 2019)

  → only 4 EoS considered – no complete coverage existing simulation data/parameter space

  → no argument why fifth EoS shouldn't lie at Lambda<400 (see also Tews et al. 2018, Kiuchi 2019)

  → full EoS dependence (including Mmax) has to be investigated via Mthres

Discussion - robustness

- Binary masses well measured with high confidence error bar
- Clearly defined working hypothesis: delayed collapse

  → testable by refined emission models

  → as more events are observed more robust distinction
- Very conservative estimate, errors can be quantified
- Empirical relation can be tested by more elaborated simulations (but unlikely that MHD or neutrinos can have strong impact on M_{thres})
- Confirmed by semi-analytic collapse model
- Low-SNR constraint !!!

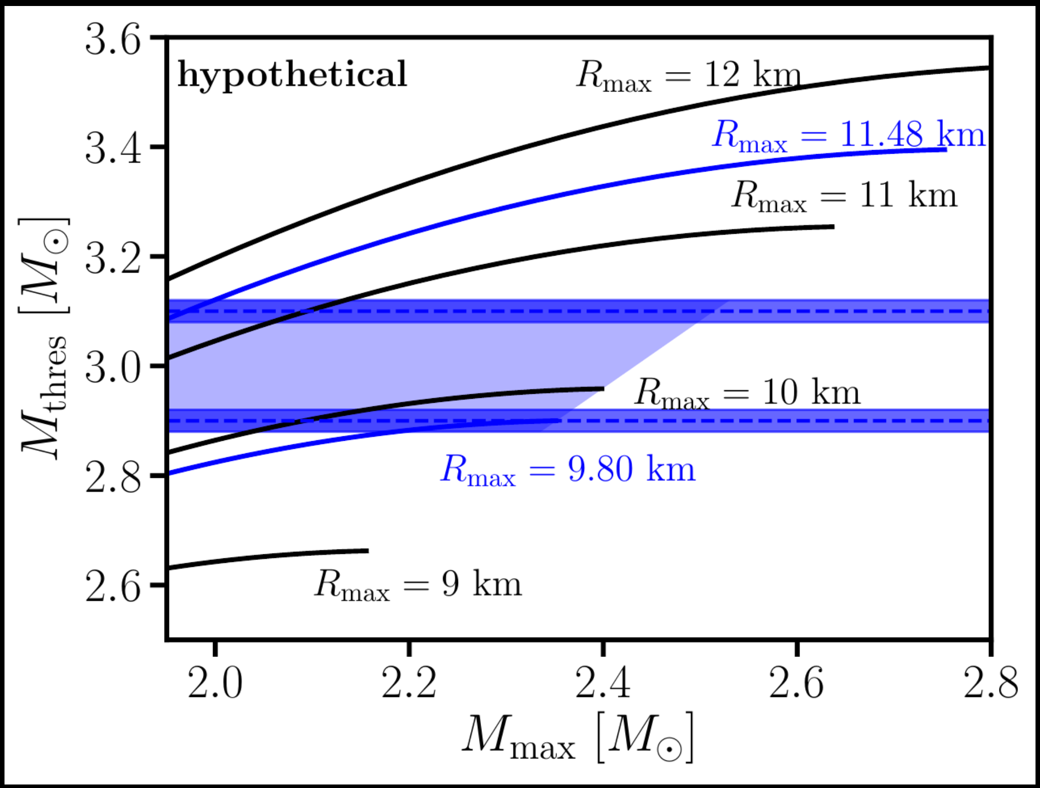
Future

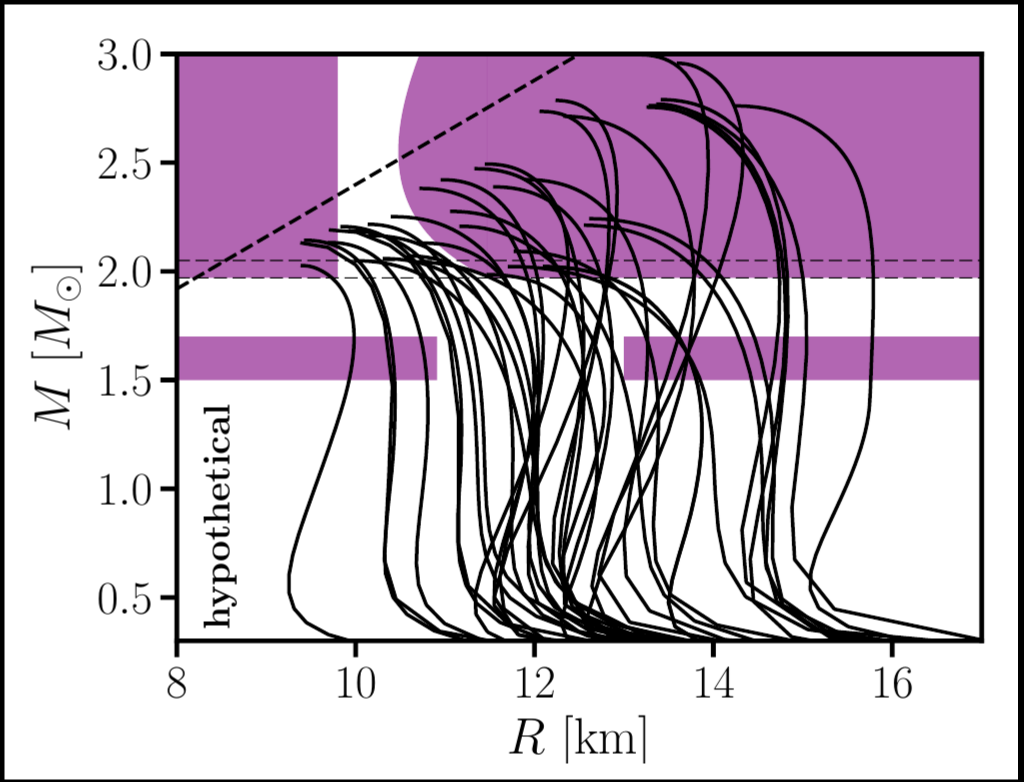
- Any new detection can be employed if it allows distinction between prompt/delayed collapse
- With more events in the future our comprehension of em counterparts will grow → more robust discrimination of prompt/delayed collapse events
- Low-SNR detections sufficient !!! → that's the potential for the future

  → we don't need louder events, but more

  → complimentary to existing ideas for EoS constraints

Future detections (hypothetical discussion)



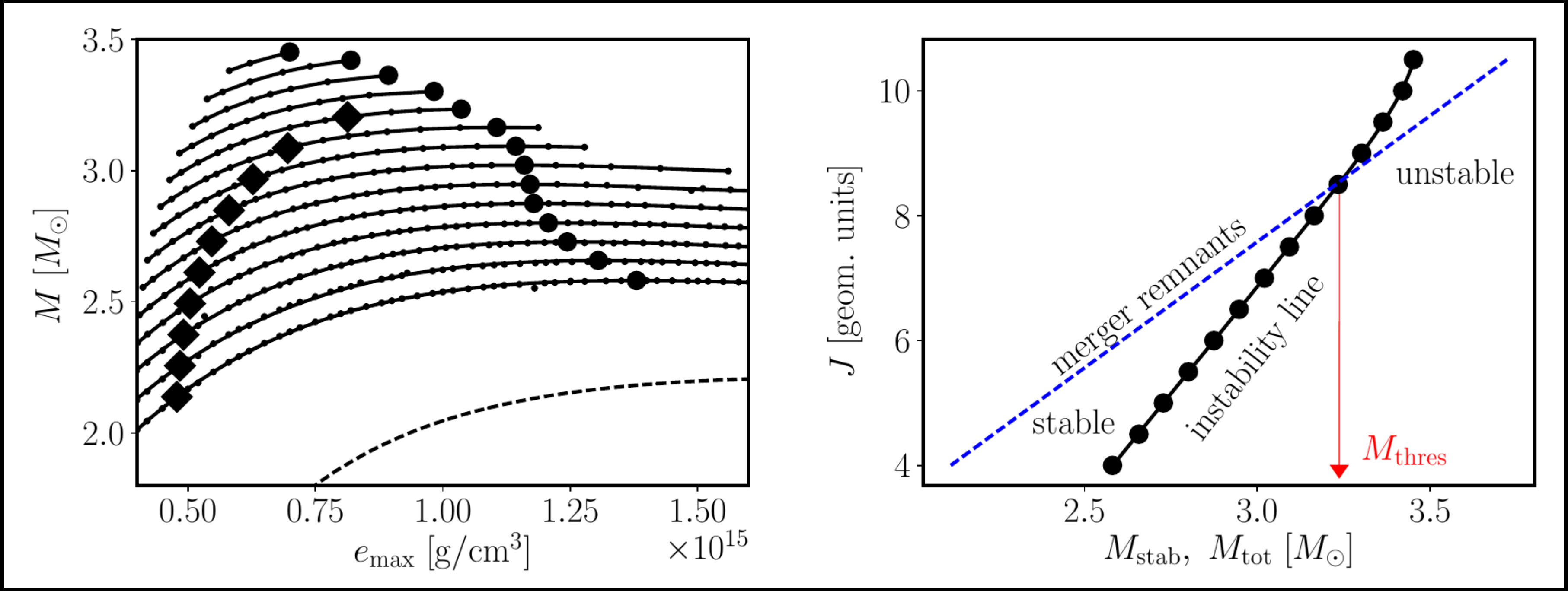


→ as more events are observed, bands converge to true M_{thres}
→ prompt collapse constrains M_{max} from above

Bauswein et al. 2017

Semi-analytic model: details

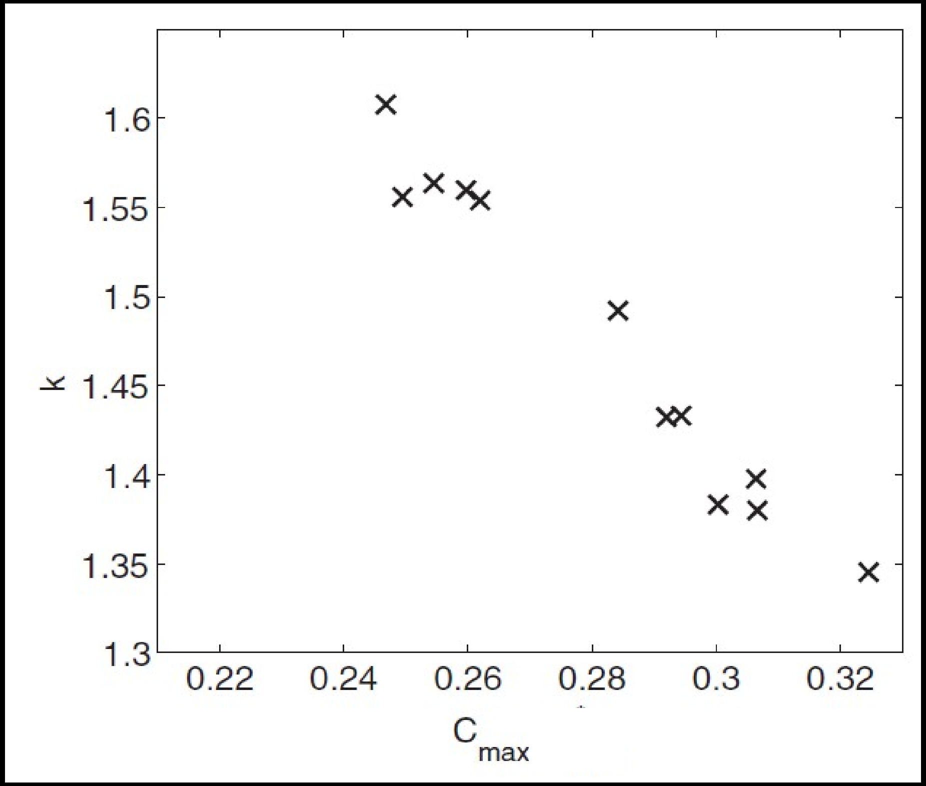
- Stellar equilibrium models computed with RNS code (diff. Rotation, T=0, many different microphysical EoS) => turning points => $M_{stab}(J)$
- Compared to $J(M_{tot})$ of merger remnants from simulations (very robust result) → practically independent from simulations



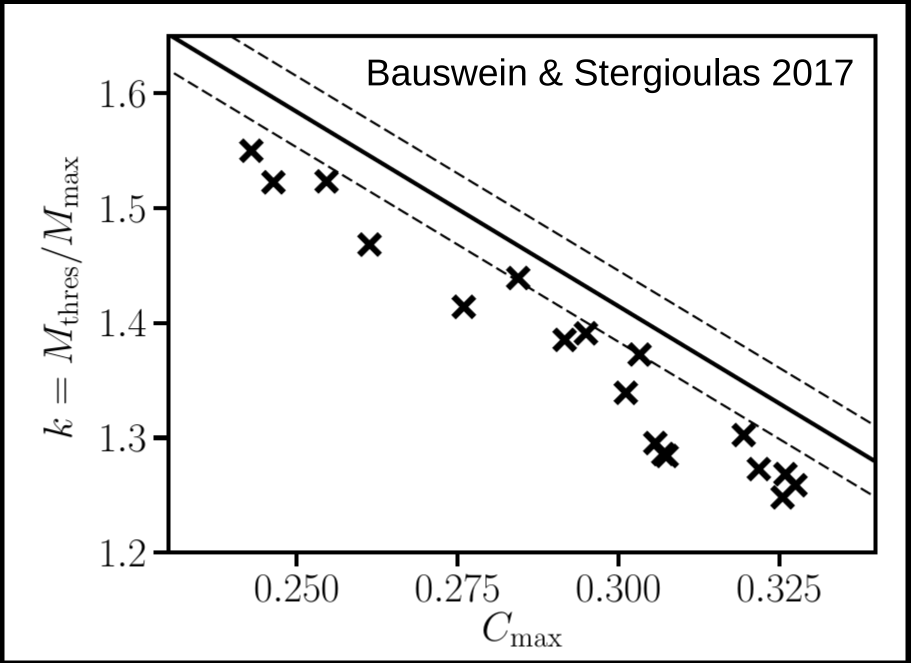
Bauswein & Stergioulas 2017

Semi-analytic model reproducing collapse behavior

Fractional increase of M_{max}



Bauswein et al 2013: numerical determination of collapse threshold through hydrodynamical simulations



Solid line fit to numerical data

Crosses stellar equilibrium models:

- prescribed (simplistic) diff. rotation
- many EoSs at T=0
- detailed angular momentum budget !

=> equilibrium models qualitatively reproduce collapse behavior

- even quantitatively good considering the adopted approximations

Future: Maximum mass

- Empirical relation

$$M_{\rm thres} = \left(-3.6\frac{G\,M_{\rm max}}{c^2\,R_{1.6}} + 2.38\right)\,M_{\rm max}$$

- Sooner or later we'll know $R_{1.6}$ (e.g. from postmerger) and M_{thres} (from several events – through presense/absence of postmerger GW emission or em counterpart)

=> direct inversion to get precise estimate of M_{max}

A.B., Baumgarte, Janka, PRL 2013

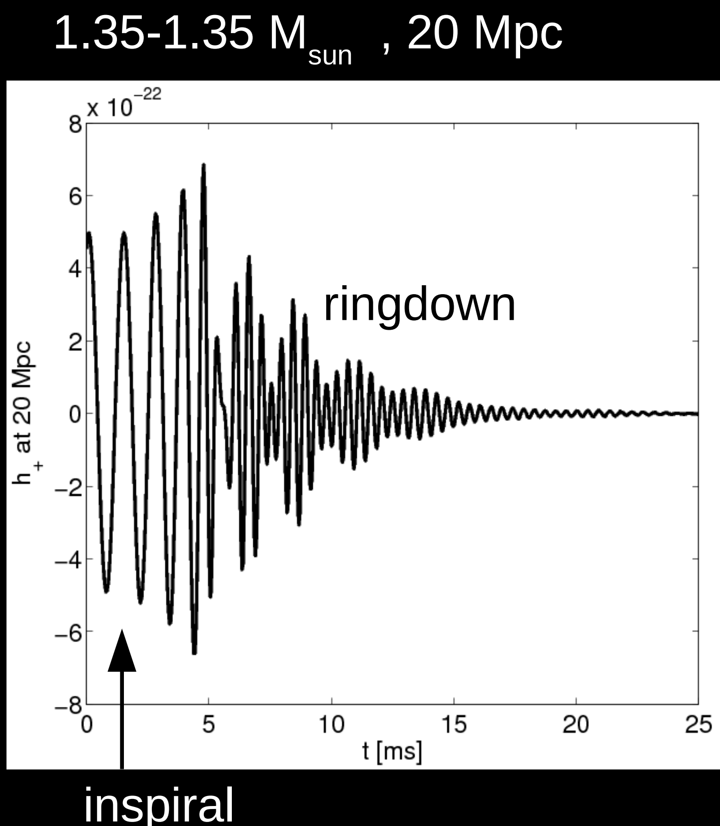
Postmerger GW emission*

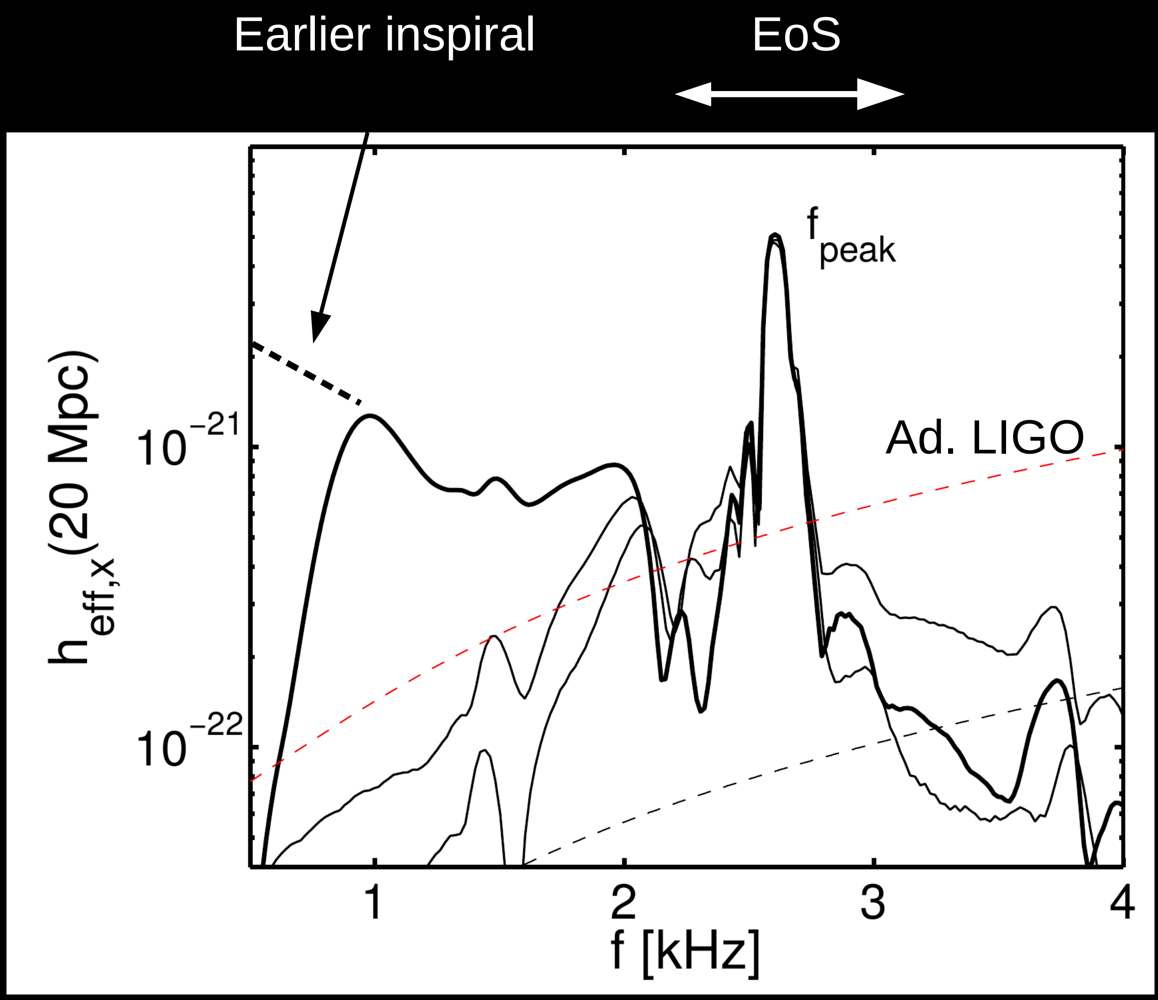
(dominant frequency of postmerger phase)

→ determine properties of EoS/NSs
→ complementary to inspiral

* not detected for GW170817 – expected for current sensitivity and d=40 Mpc (Abbott et al. 2017)

Postmerger

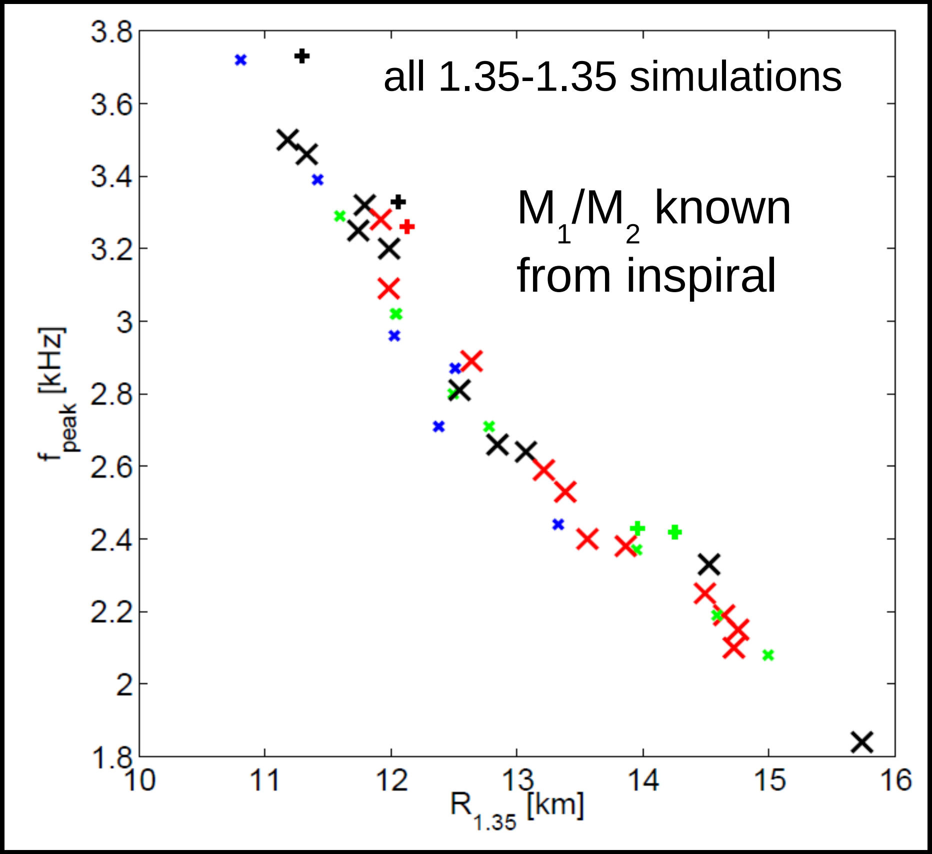


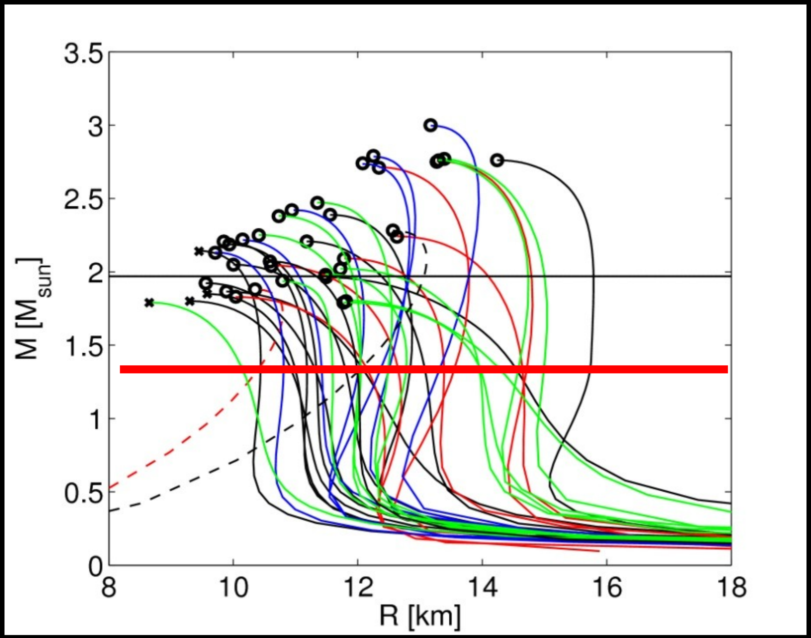


Dominant postmerger oscillation frequency f_{peak}

Very characteristic (robust feature in all models)

Gravitational waves – EoS survey





characterize EoS by radius of nonrotating NS with 1.35 M_{sun}

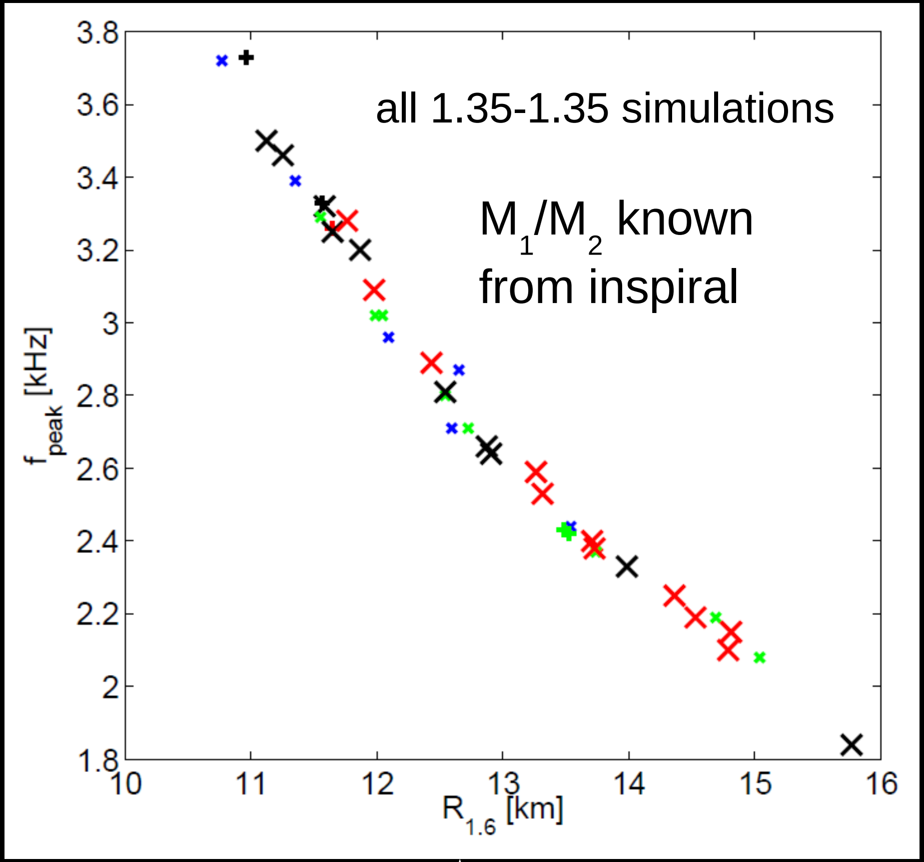
Bauswein et al. 2012

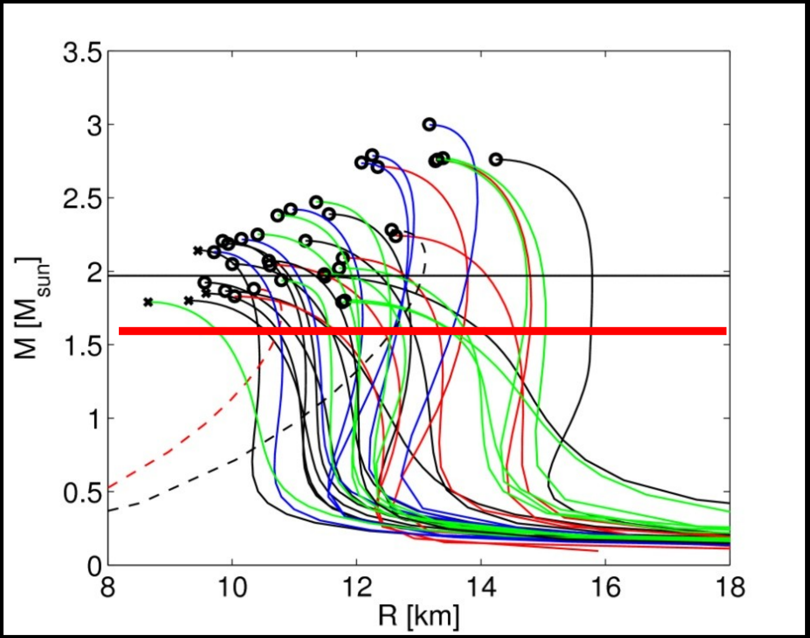
Pure TOV/EoS property => Radius measurement via f_{peak}

Here only 1.35-1.35 Msun mergers (binary masses measurable) – similar relations exist for other fixed binary setups !!!

~ 40 different NS EoSs

Gravitational waves – EoS survey





characterize EoS by radius of nonrotating NS with 1.6 M_{sun}

Bauswein et al. 2012

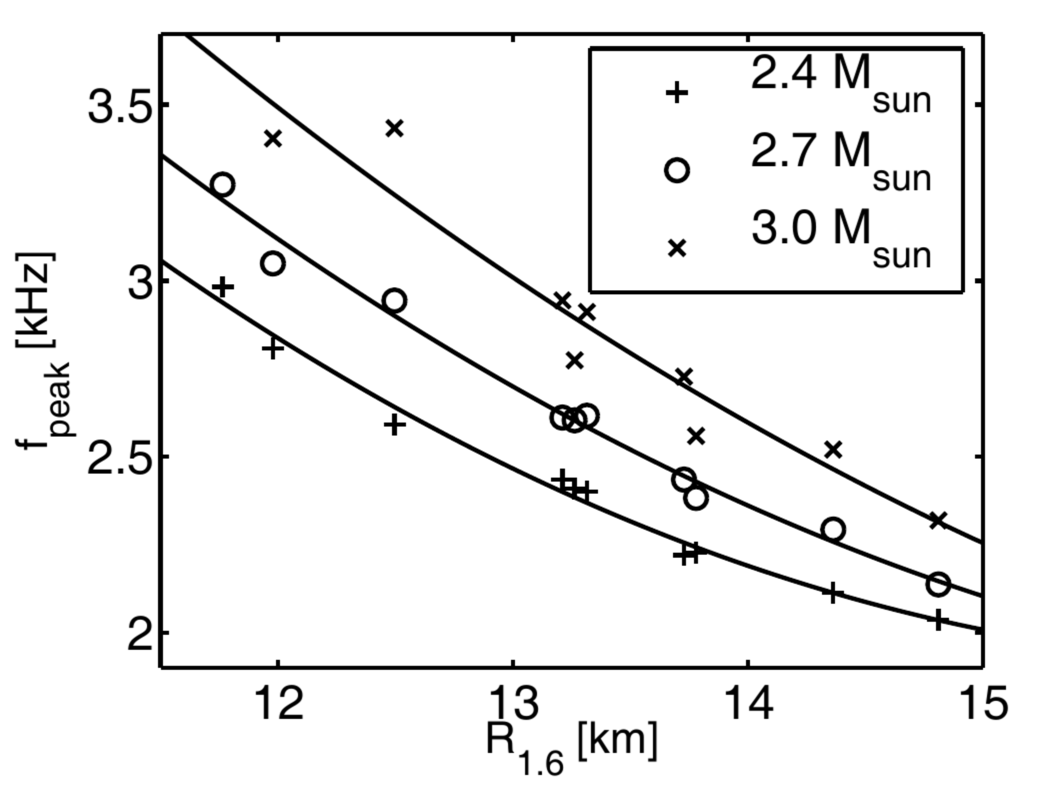
Pure TOV/EoS property => Radius measurement via f_{peak}

Smaller scatter in empirical relation (< 200 m) → smaller error in radius measurement

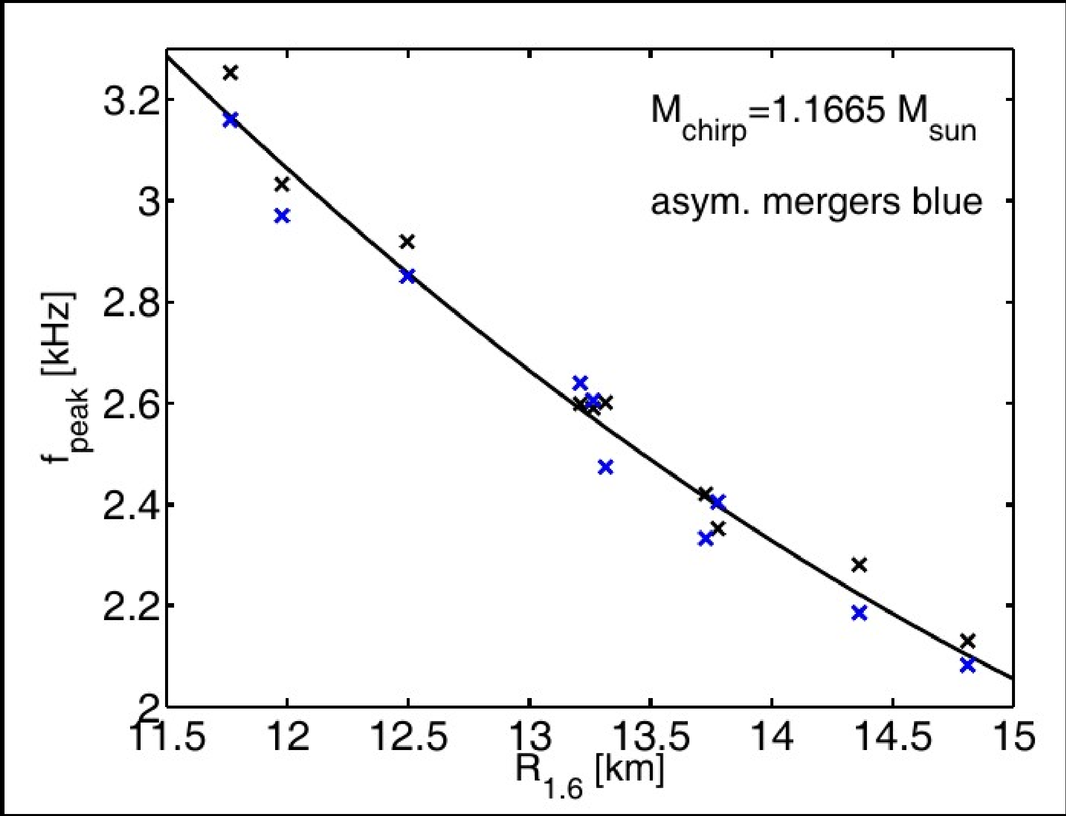
Note: R of 1.6 M_{sun} NS scales with f_{peak} from 1.35-1.35 M_{sun} mergers (density regimes comparable)

GW data analysis: Clark et al 2014, Clark et al 2016, Chatziioannou et al 2017, Bose et al. 2018, Torres-Riva et al 2019, Breschi et al 2019, … → detectable at a few 10 Mpc

Binary mass variations



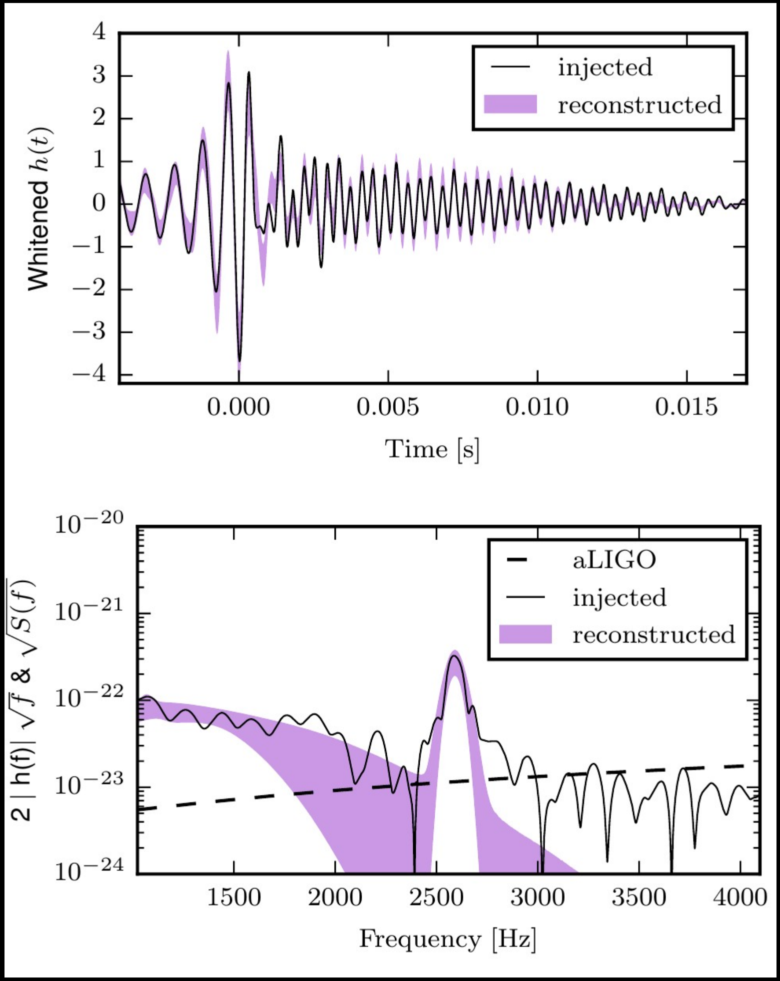
Different total binary masses (symmetric)



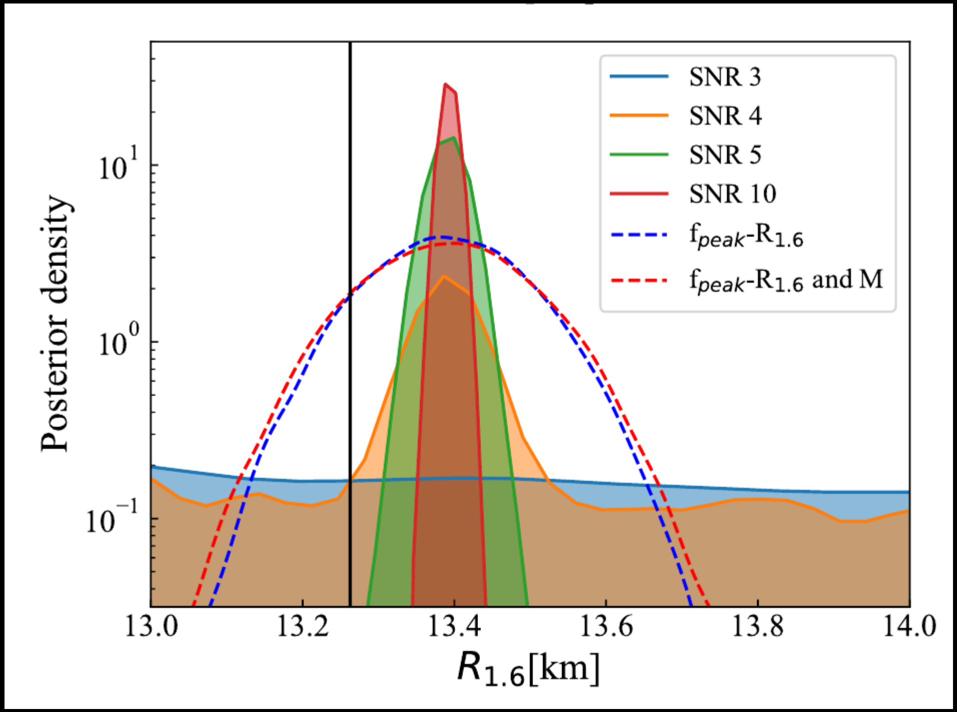
Fixed chirp mass (asymmertic 1.2-1.5 M_{sun} binaries and symmetric 1.34-1.34 M_{sun} binaries)

Bauswein et al. 2012, 2016

Model-agnostic data analysis



Based on wavelets

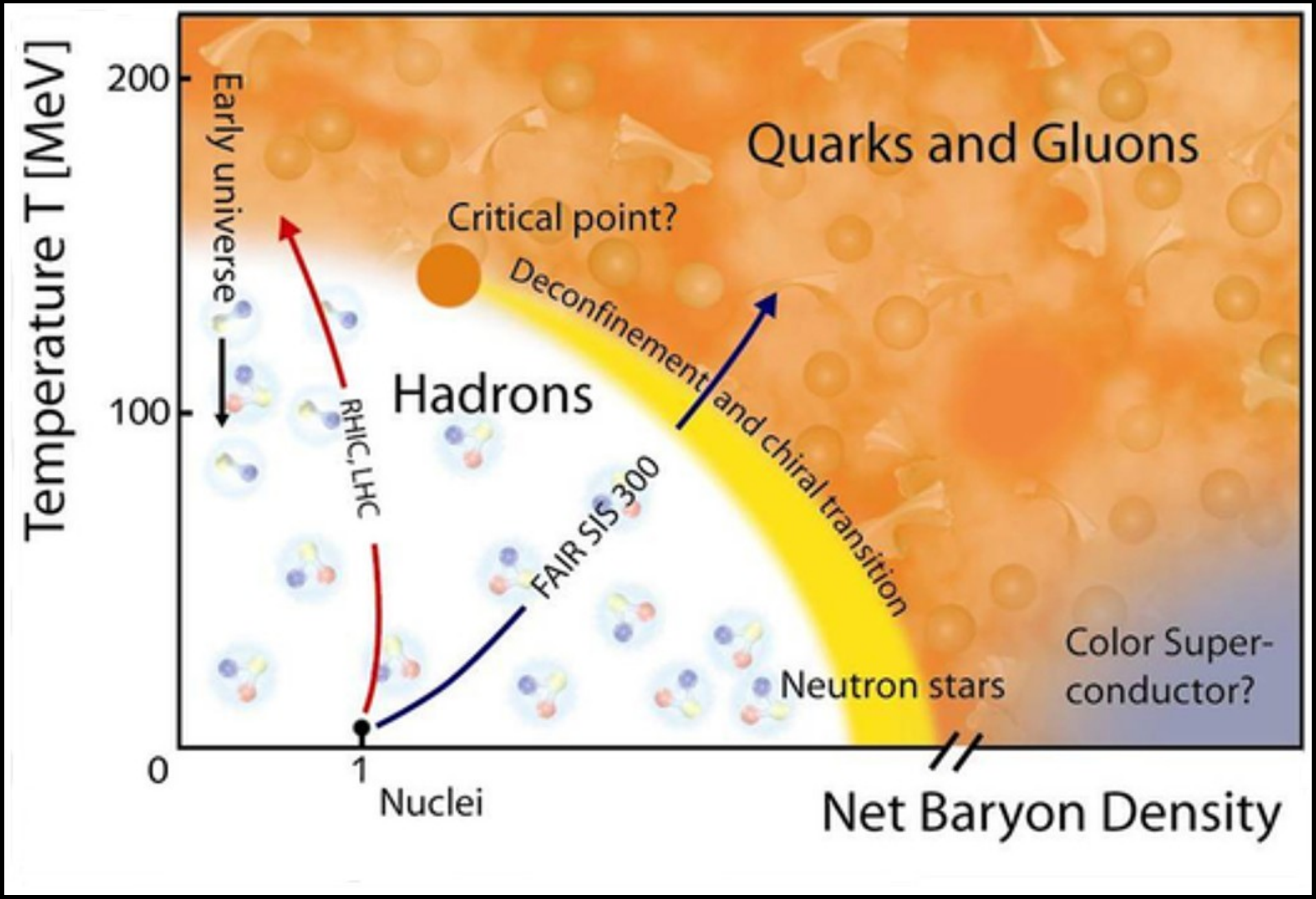


Chatziioannou et al. (2017) → detectable at a few 10 Mpc

See also Bauswein et al 2012, Clark et al 2014, Clark et al 2016, Chatziioannou et al 2017, Bose et al. 2018, Yang et al 2019, Torres-Riva et al 2019, Breschi et al 2019, Martynov et al 2019, …

Observable signature of (QCD) phase transition

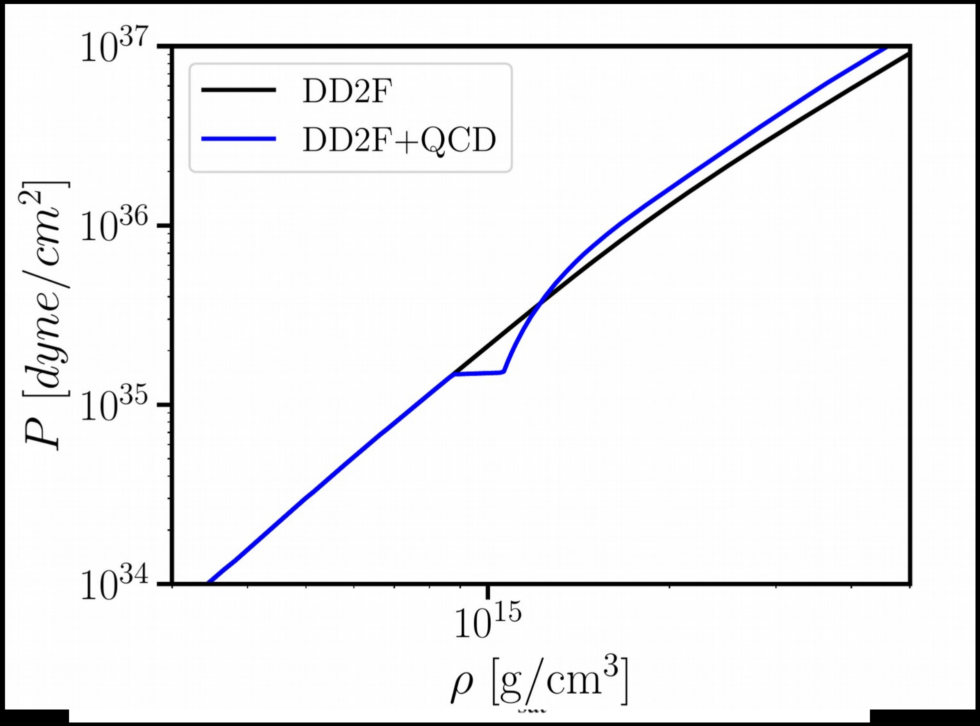
Phase diagram of matter

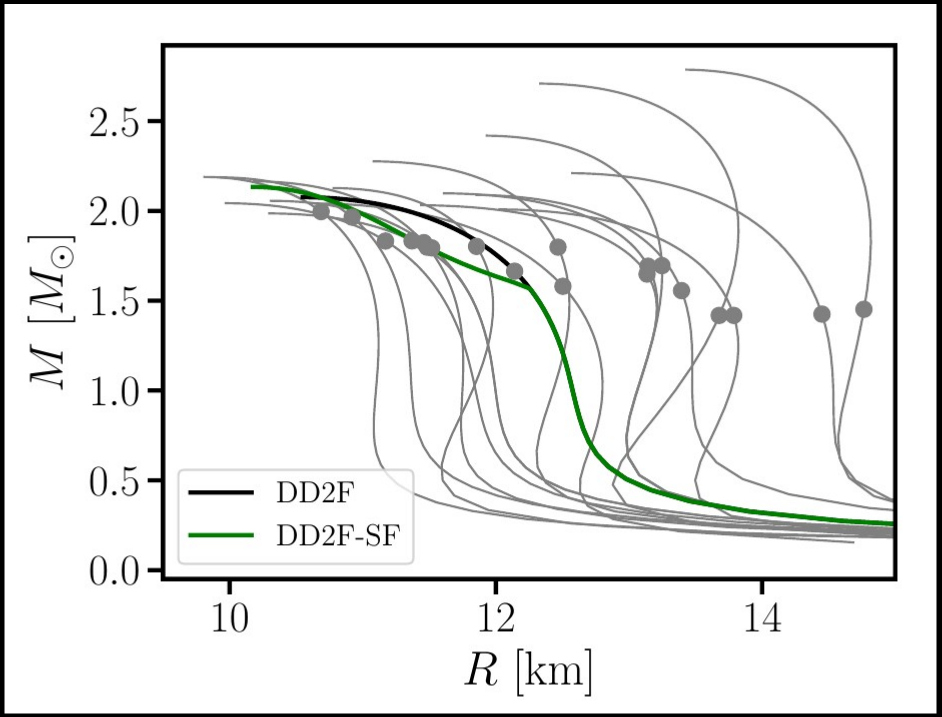


Does the phase transition to quark-gluon plasma occur (already) in neutron stars or only at higher densities ?

EoS with 1st-order phase transition to quark matter

Bauswein et al. 2019

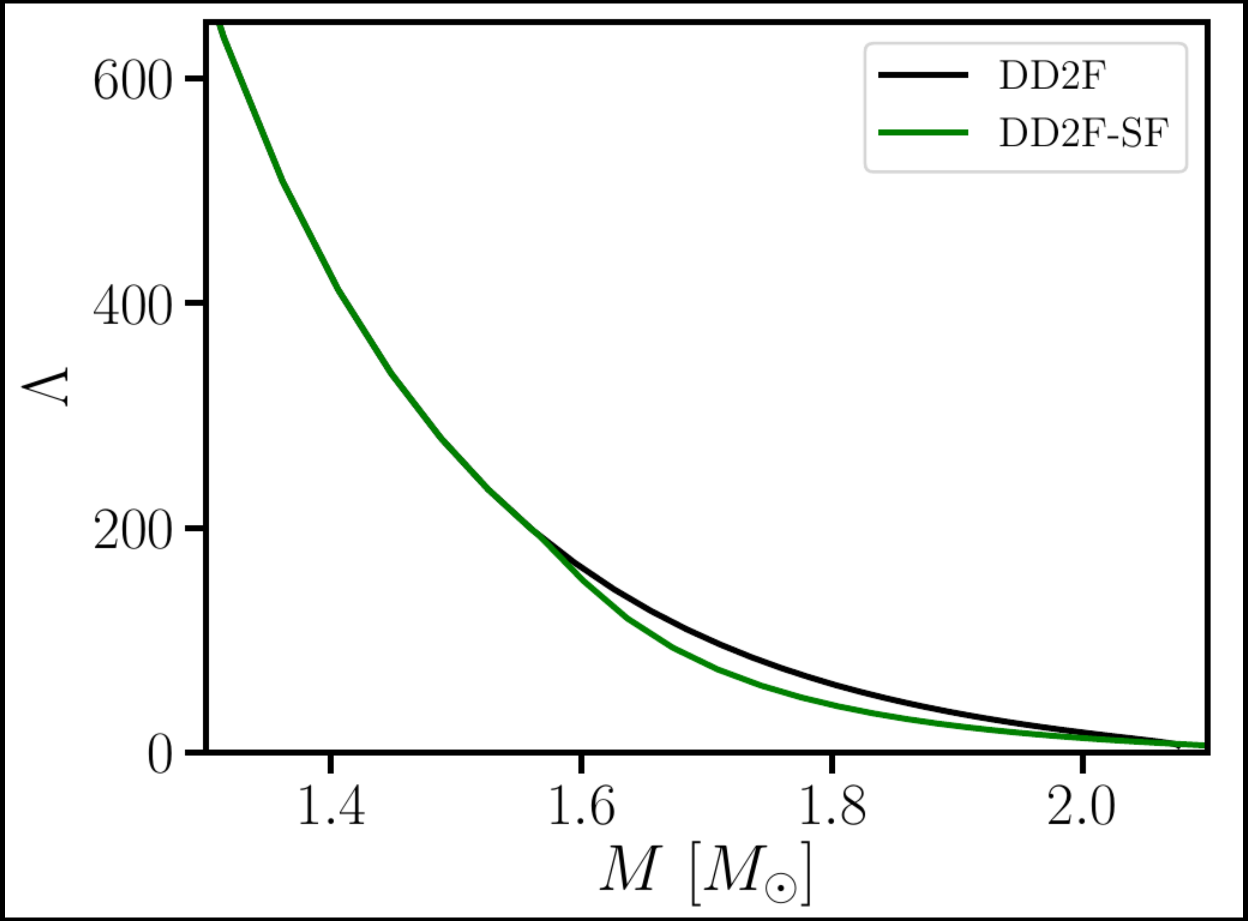




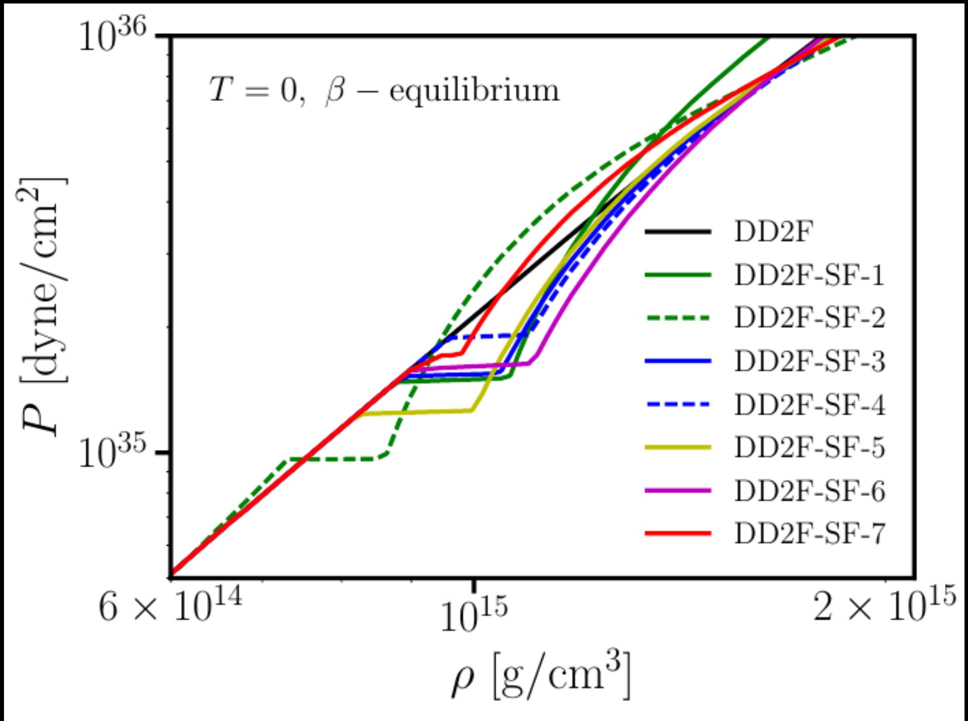
- EoS from Wroclaw group (Fischer, Bastian, Blaschke; Fischer et al. 2018) – as one example for an EoS with a strong 1st-order phase transition to deconfined quarks
- Difficult to measure transition in mergers through inspiral: Lambda very small, high mass star probably less frequent

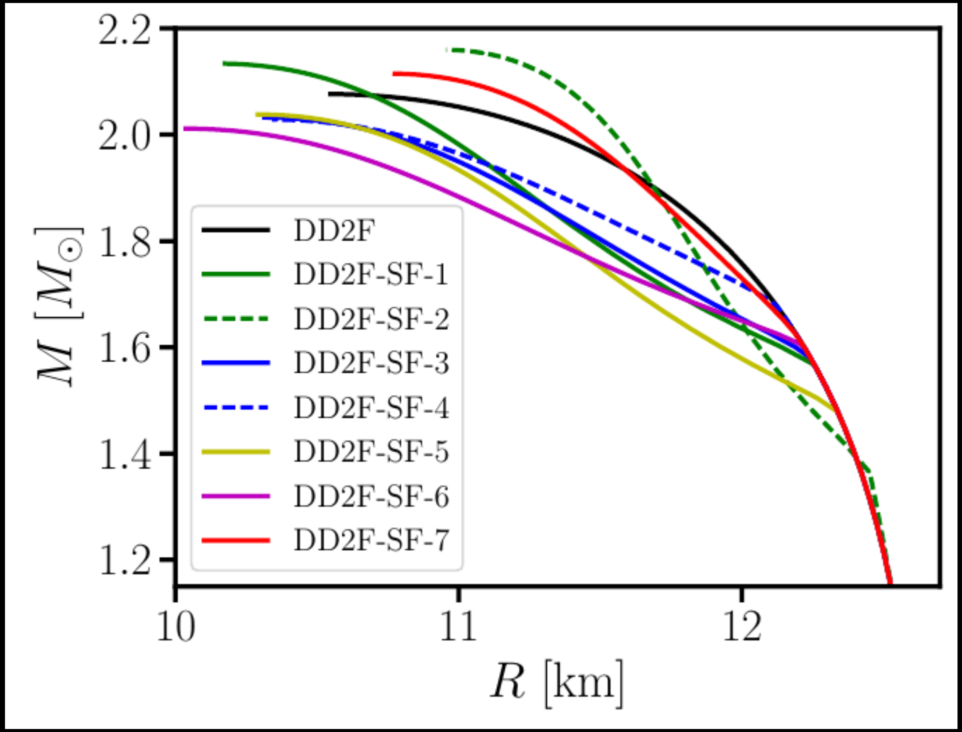
Phase transition

- Even strong phase transitions leave relatively weak impact on tidal deformability



- 7 different models for quark matter: different onset density, different density jump, different stiffness of quark matter phase





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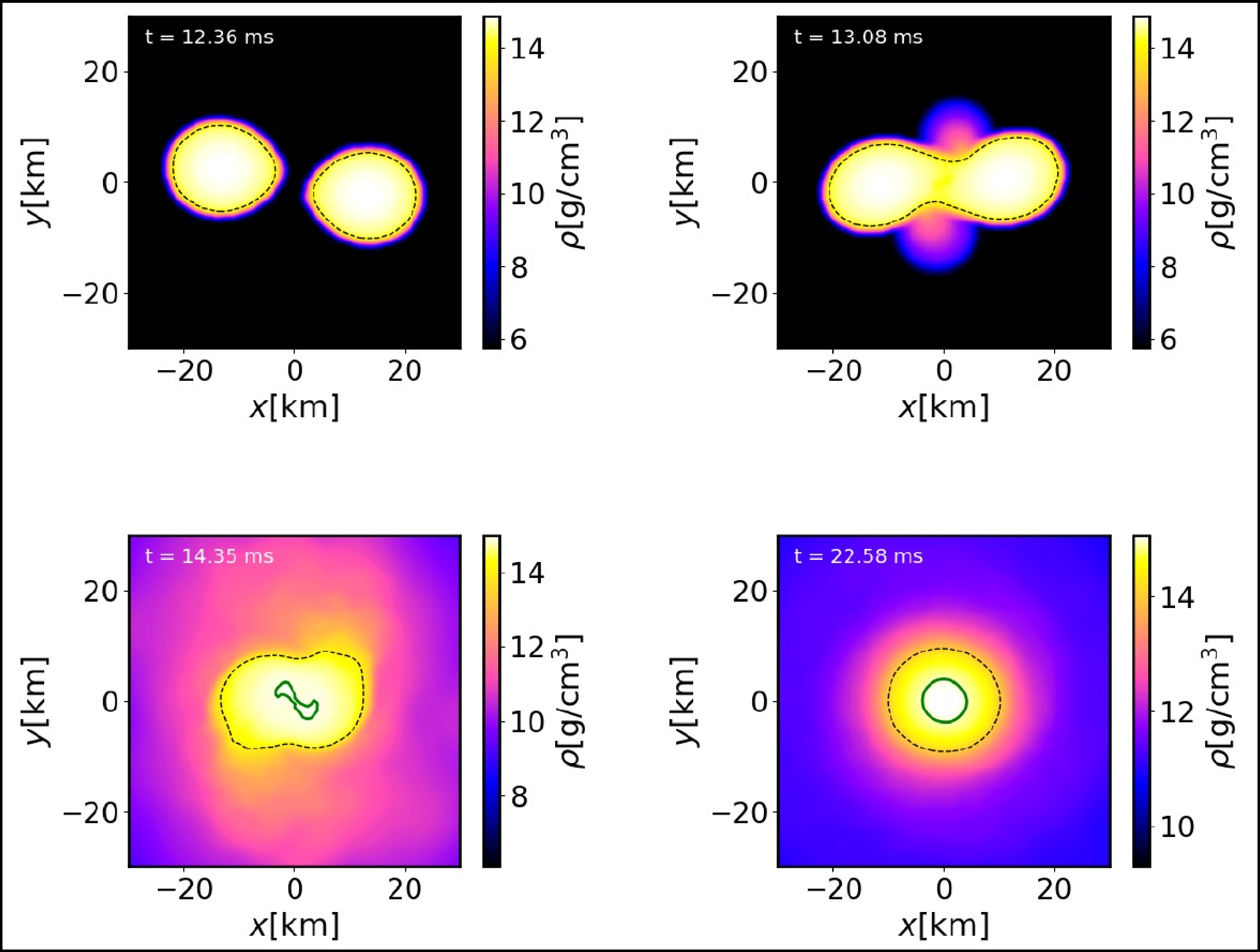
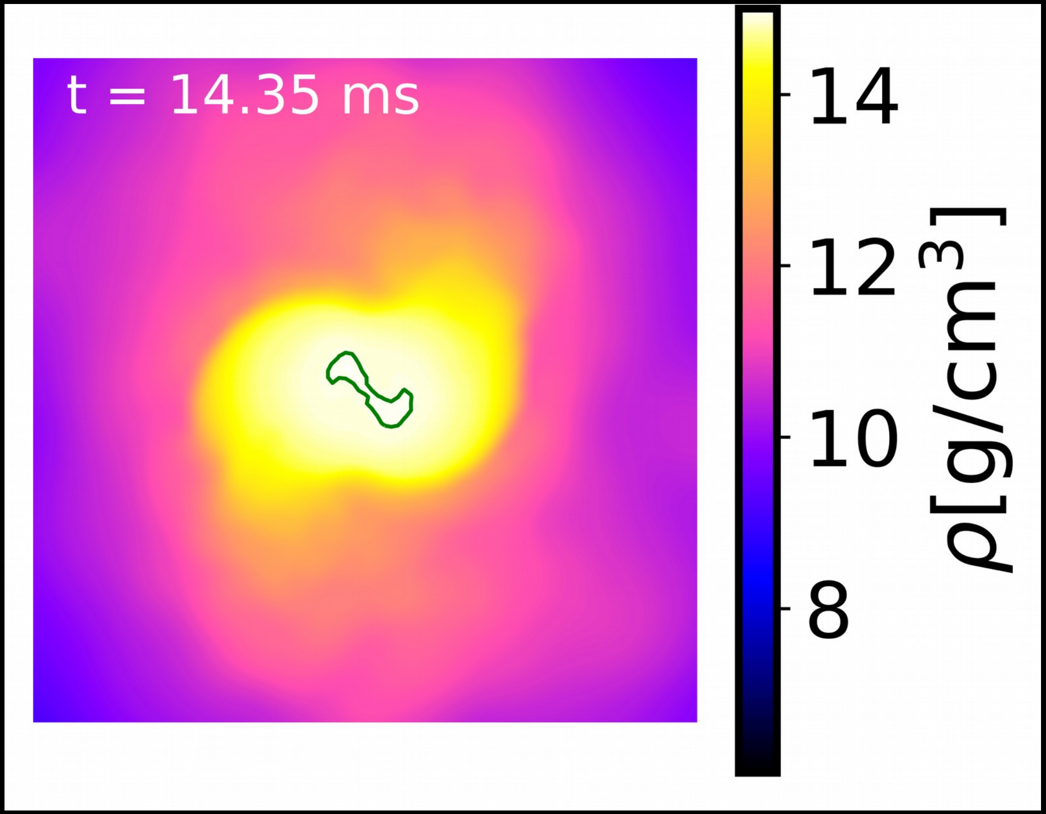
EoSs from Wroclaw group

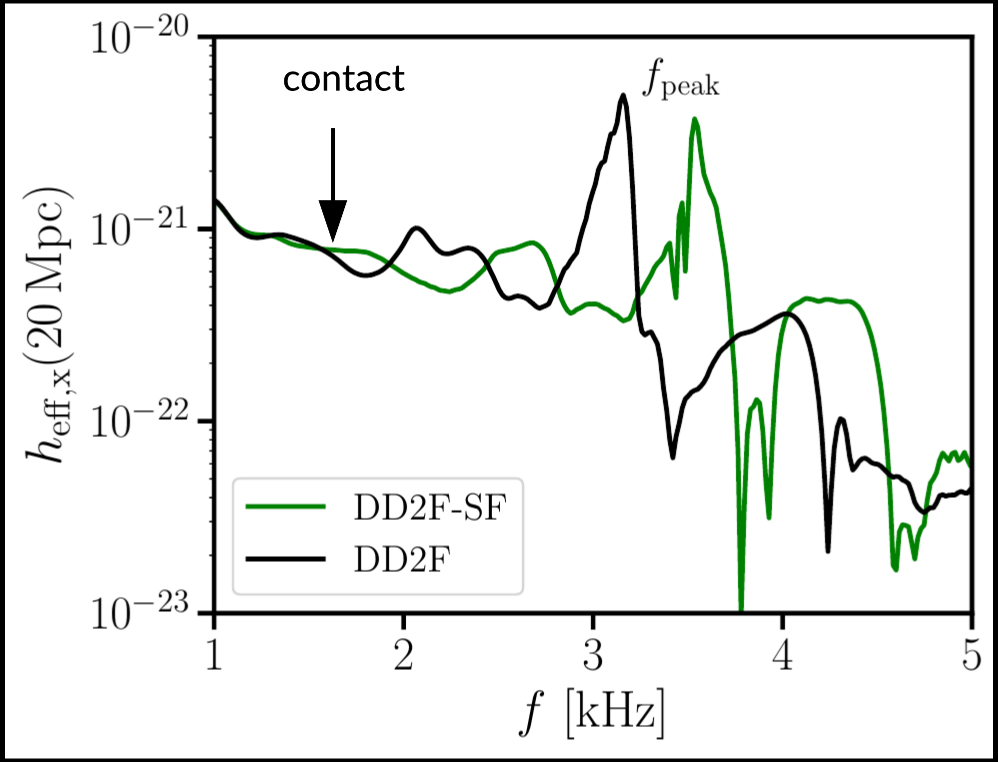


1.35-1.35 Msun - DD2F-SF-1

Merger simulations

- GW spectrum 1.35-1.35 Msun





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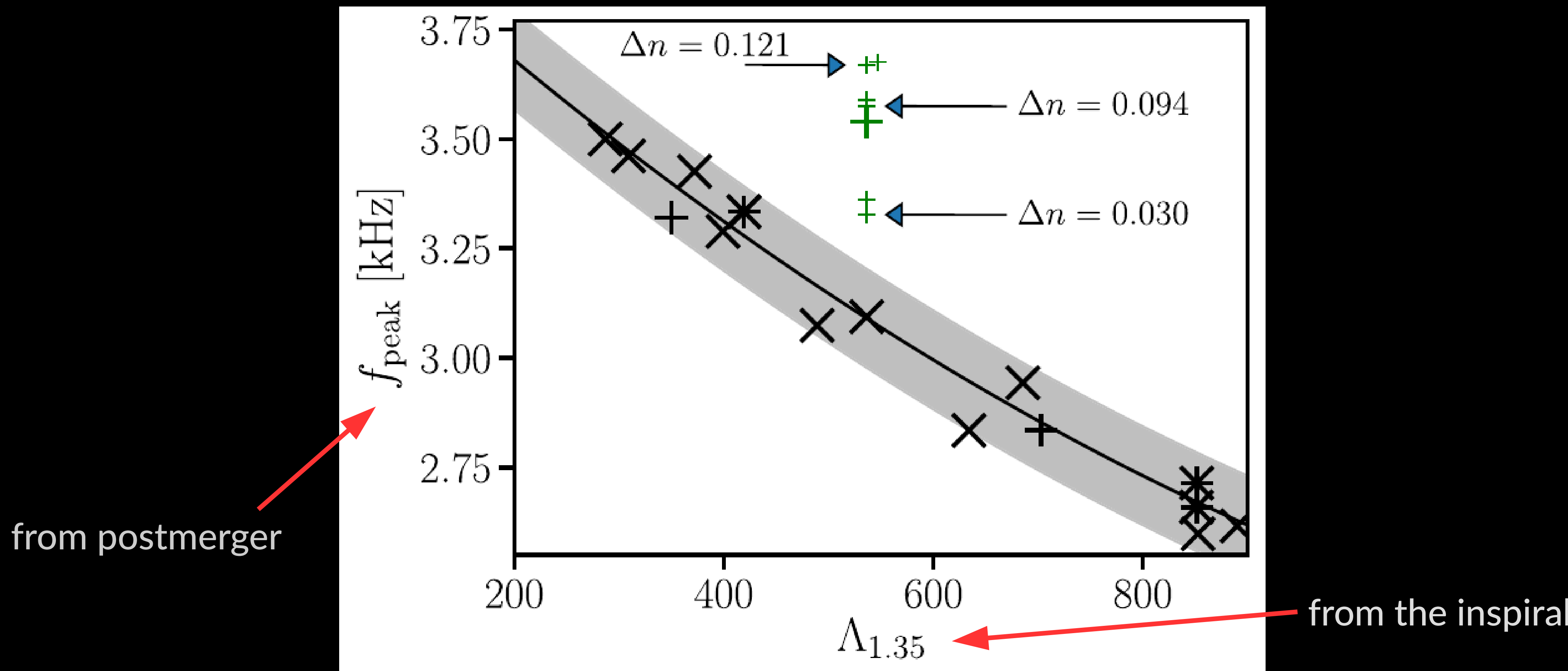
But: a high frequency on its own may not yet be characteristic for a phase transition

→ unambiguous signature

(→ show that all purely baryonic EoS behave differently)

Signature of 1st order phase transition



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- Tidal deformability measurable from inspiral to within 100-200 (Adv. Ligo design)
- Postmerger frequency measurable to within a few 10 Hz @ a few 10 Mpc (either Adv. Ligo or upgrade: e.g Clark et al. 2016, Chatzioannou et al 2017, Bose et al 2018, Torres-Rivas et al 2019)
- Important: "all" purely hadronic EoSs (including hyperonic EoS) follow fpeak-Lambda relation → deviation characteristic for strong 1st order phase transition

Discussion

- Consistency with fpeak-Lambda relation points to

  - purely baryonic EoS

  - (or an at most weak phase transition → no strong compactification)

  in the tested (!) density regime
- fpeak also determines maximum density in postmerger remnant
- postmerger GW emission provides complimentary information to inspiral

  → probes higher density regime

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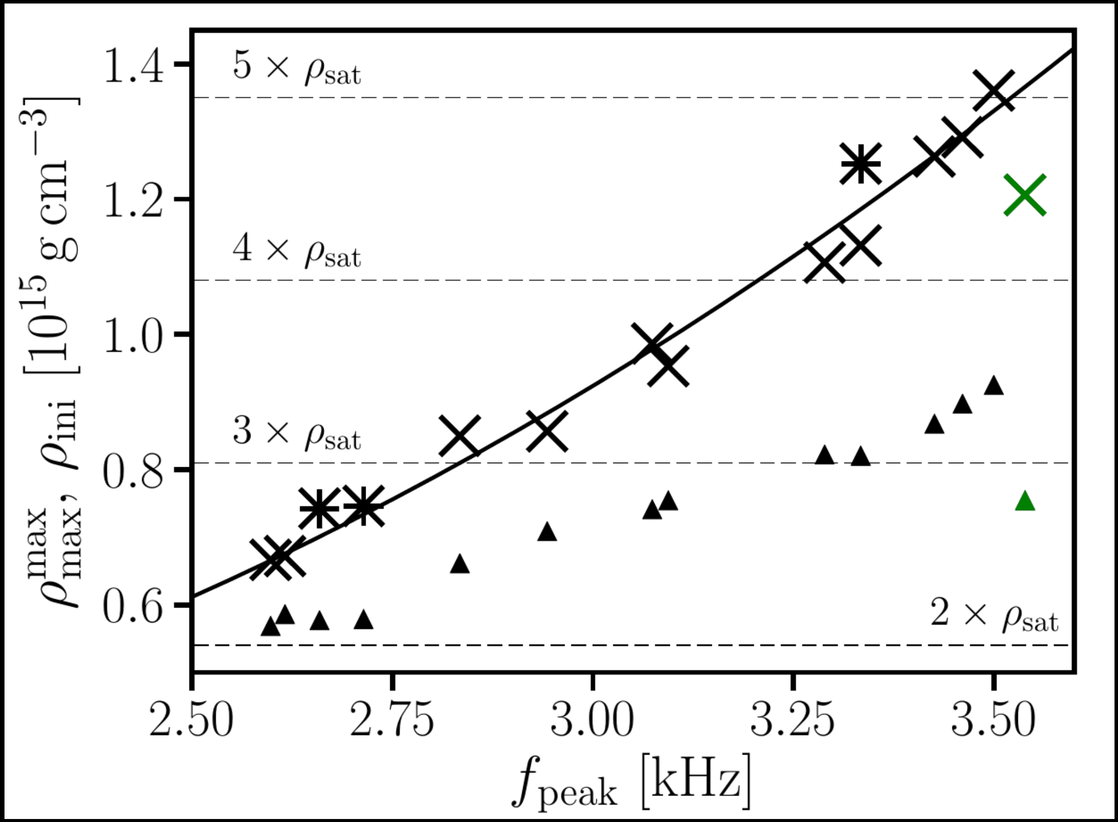
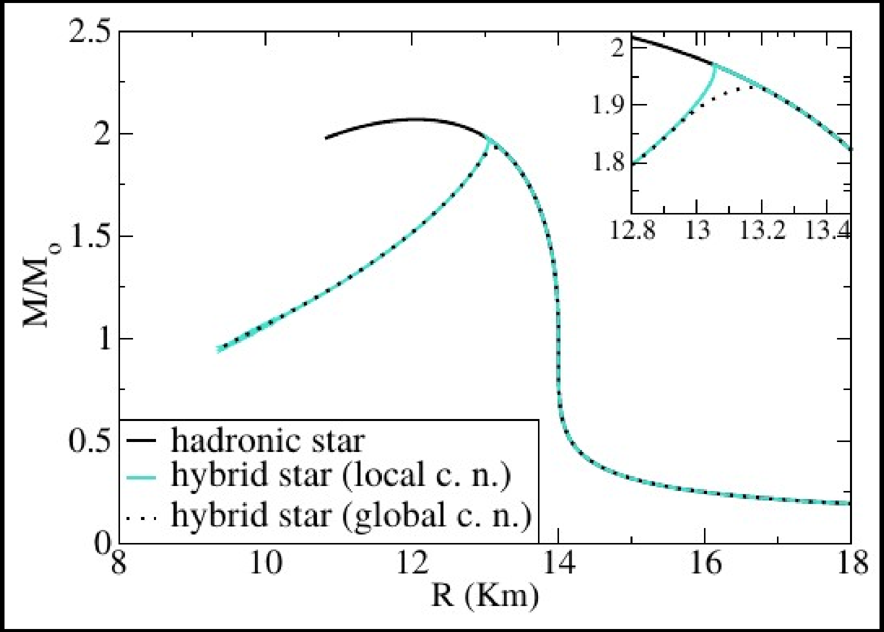


Different transitions

- Absolutely stable strange quark matter leads to similar shift (if still considered viable → requires re-hadronization to be compatible with GW170817)
- Phase transition without extended stable hybrid star branch → earlier collapse (not necessarily characteristic) → slight dephasing (small quark matter fraction) – similar frequencies, i.e. no strong and unambiguous signature of quark matter as hadronic EoS can lead to similar effects



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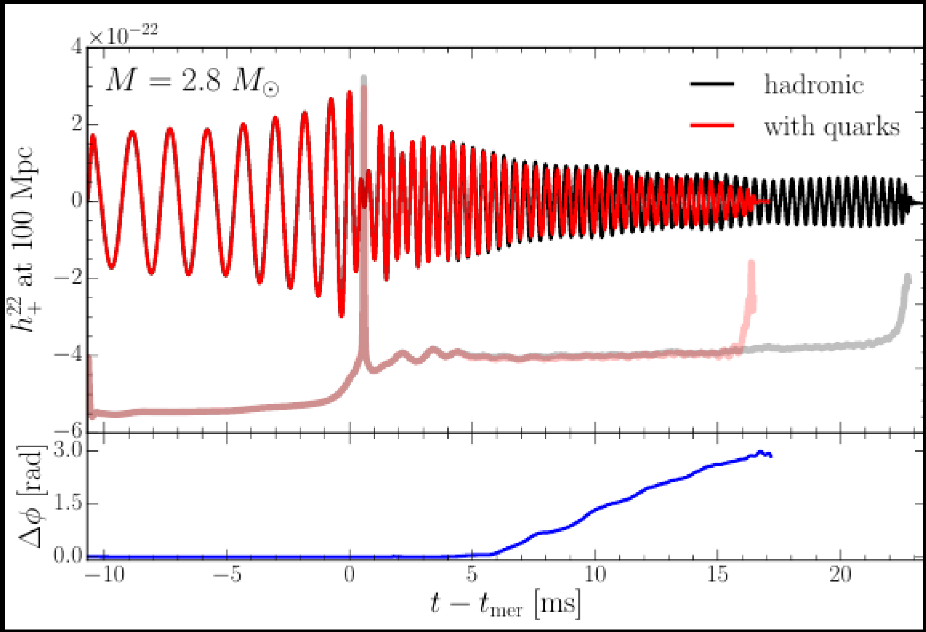

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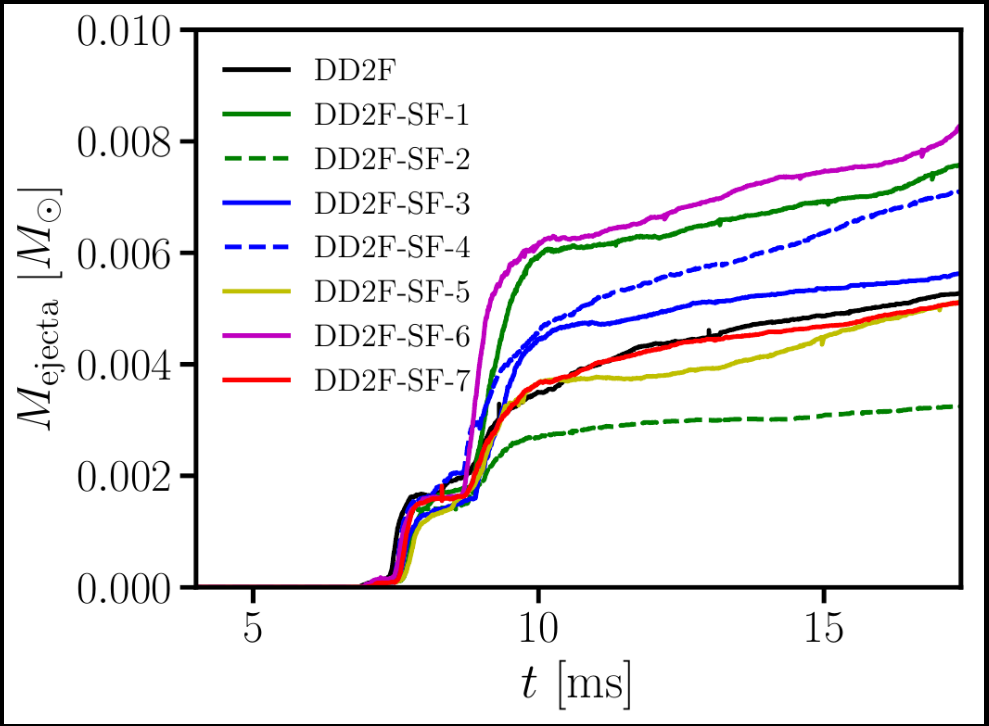
Em counterpart / nucleosynthesi

- Electromagnetic transient powered by radioactive decays (during / after r-process)

  → quasi-thermal emission in UV, optical, infrared
- Different ejecta components: dynamical, disk ejecta
- No obvious qualitative differences differences – quantitaive differences within expected “hadronic” scatter (simplistic considerations)
- More subtle impact possible, but unlikely (simple model wo neutrinos, network, disk evolution ...) - also other characteristic similar: outflow veocity, disk mass, ...



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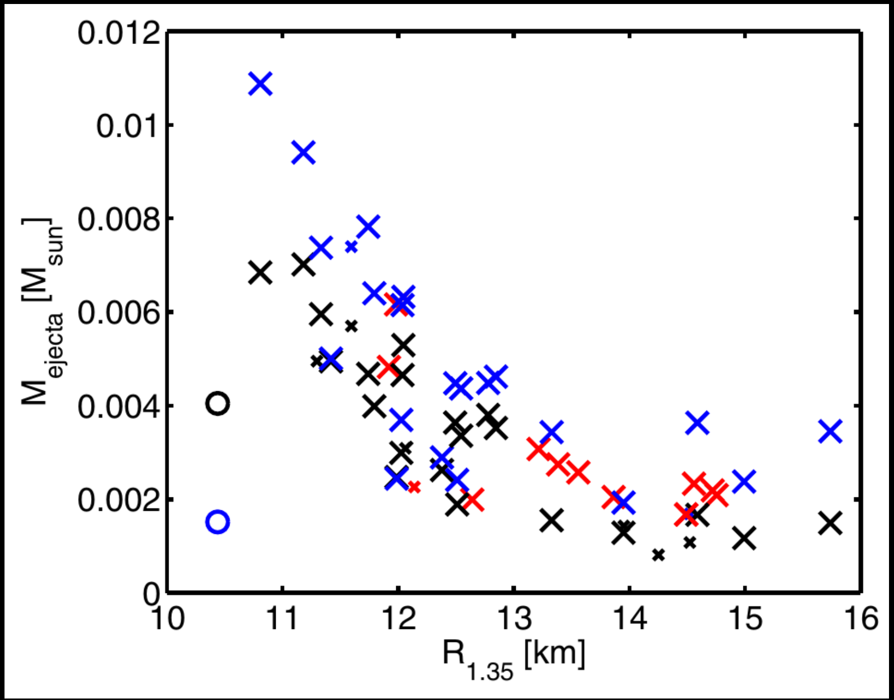

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Conclusions

- NS radius must be larger than 10.7 km (very robust and conservative), corresponds to Lambda > 200
- More stringent constraints from future detections
- Limit on Mmax !
- NS radius measurable from dominant postmerger frequency
- Explicitly shown by GW data analysis
- Threshold binary mass for prompt collapse → maximum mass M_{max}
- Strong 1st order phase transitions leave characteristic imprint on GW (postmerger frequency higher than expected from inspiral)
- Complementarity of inspiral and postmerger phase → postmerger probes higher density regime