

Binary neutron star mergers in massive scalar-tensor theory

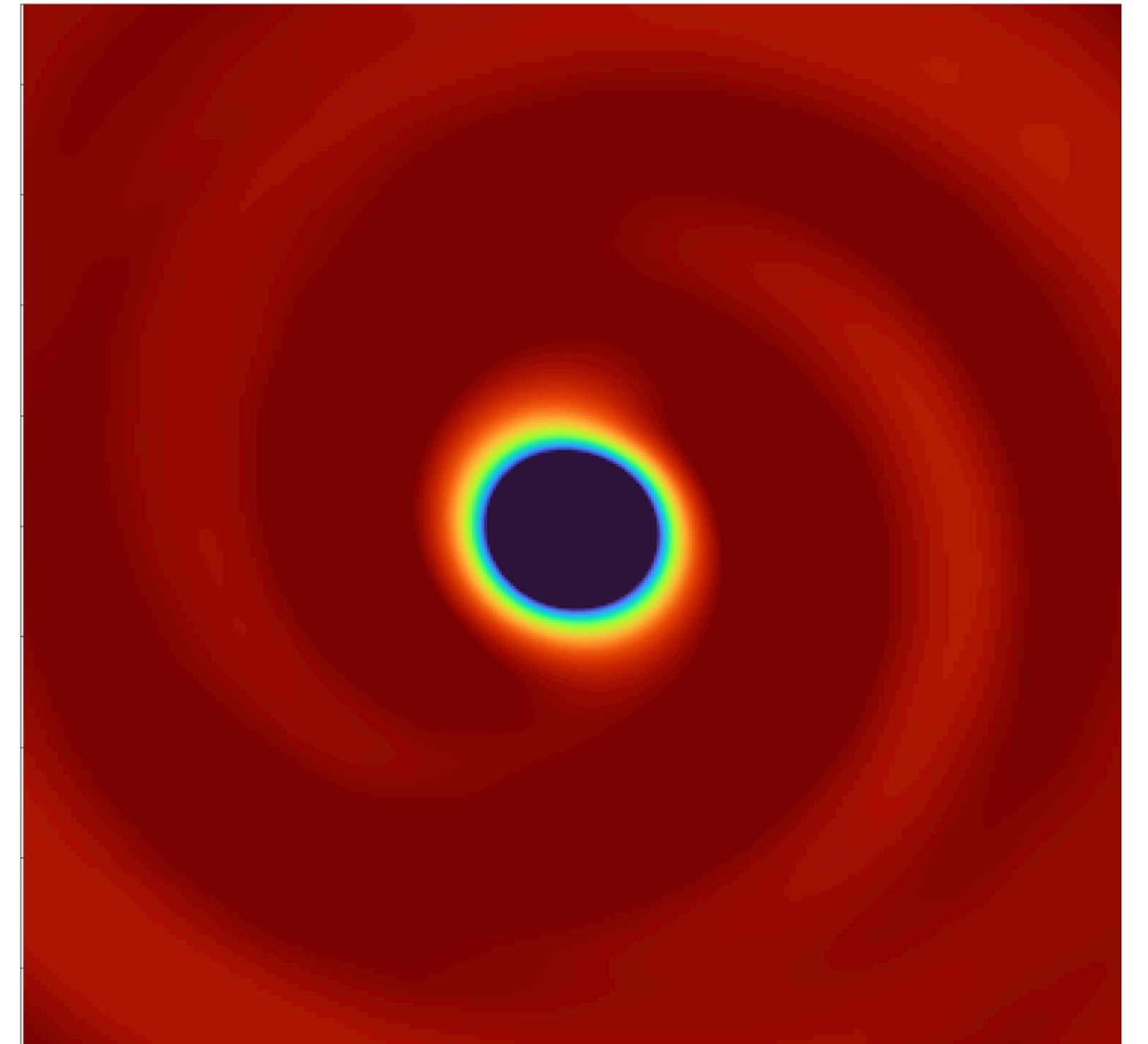
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Outline

- Scalar activities in compact binary systems
- Current valid parameter space for scalar-tensor theory
- Status on numerical simulations
- Adiabatic approximation to evolution — quasi-equilibrium states
- Parameters after GW170817 and how to proceed

DEF type of scalar-tensor theory throughout!!

$$\varphi \sim \alpha e^{-m_\phi r} / r$$

$$S = \frac{1}{16\pi} \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} \left[\phi \mathcal{R} - \frac{\omega(\phi)}{\phi} \nabla_a \phi \nabla^a \phi - U(\phi) \right] - \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} \rho (1 + \varepsilon),$$

Coupling const. **Scalar mass**

Interplays of scalar in compact binaries

- Two bodies with scalar charges can interact to feel an effective gravitational constant

Damour & Esposito-Farese, CQG (1992)

$$G_{\text{eff}} = G(1 + \alpha_1 \alpha_2)$$

Bare grav. Const.

Charge of body 1

Charge of body 2

$$F = \frac{G_{\text{eff}} m_1 m_2}{r^2}$$

- Difference in the scalar charges can emit scalar waves

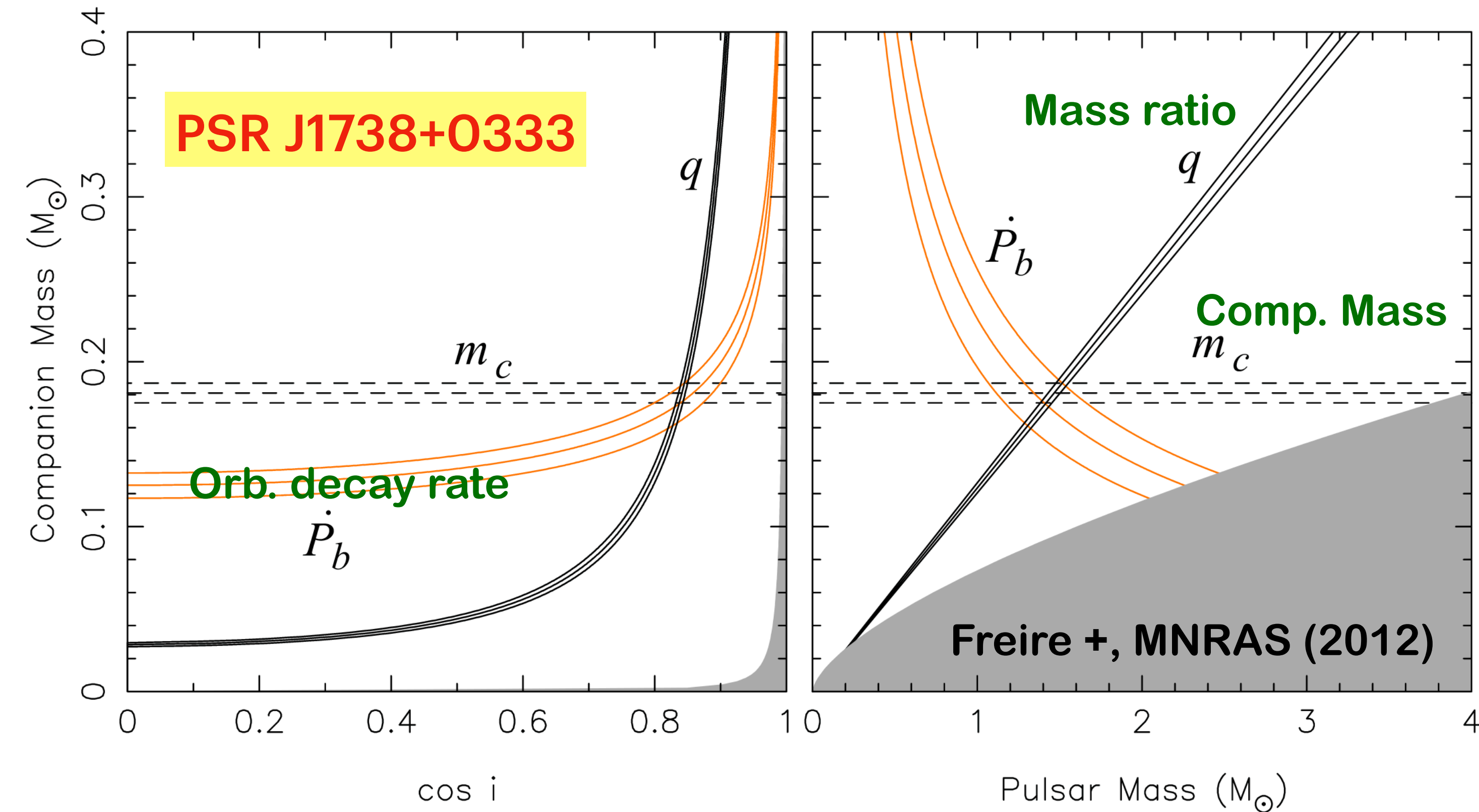
$$\dot{E}_{\text{quadrupole}} = \frac{32G}{5c^3} \left(\frac{G_{\text{eff}} m_1 m_2}{r^2} \right)^2 \left(\frac{v}{c} \right)^2$$

$$\dot{E}_{\text{dipole}} = \frac{G}{3c^3} \left(\frac{G_{\text{eff}} m_1 m_2}{r^2} \right)^2 (\alpha_1 - \alpha_2)^2$$

How pulsar binaries limit the theory?

Pulsar timing observation

By sizing the **excess orbital decay** when assuming GR



Negligible for pulsar-WD binaries

Sources for the excess:

1. Mass loss from binary
2. Tidal effects
3. Dipolar GW
4. Varying G

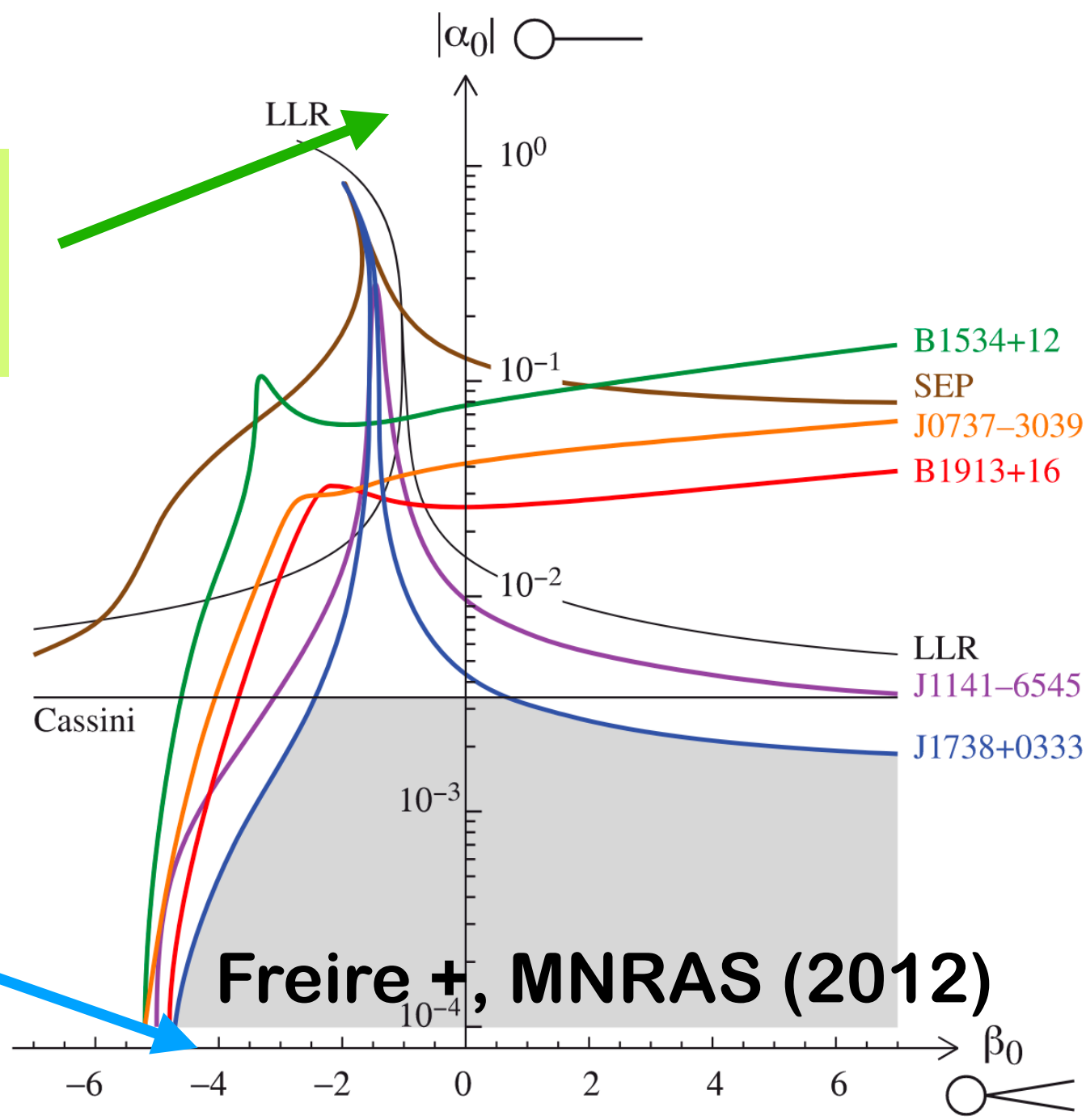
Test of GR

Damour & Taylor, ApJ (1991)

Pulsar timing observation (contd.)

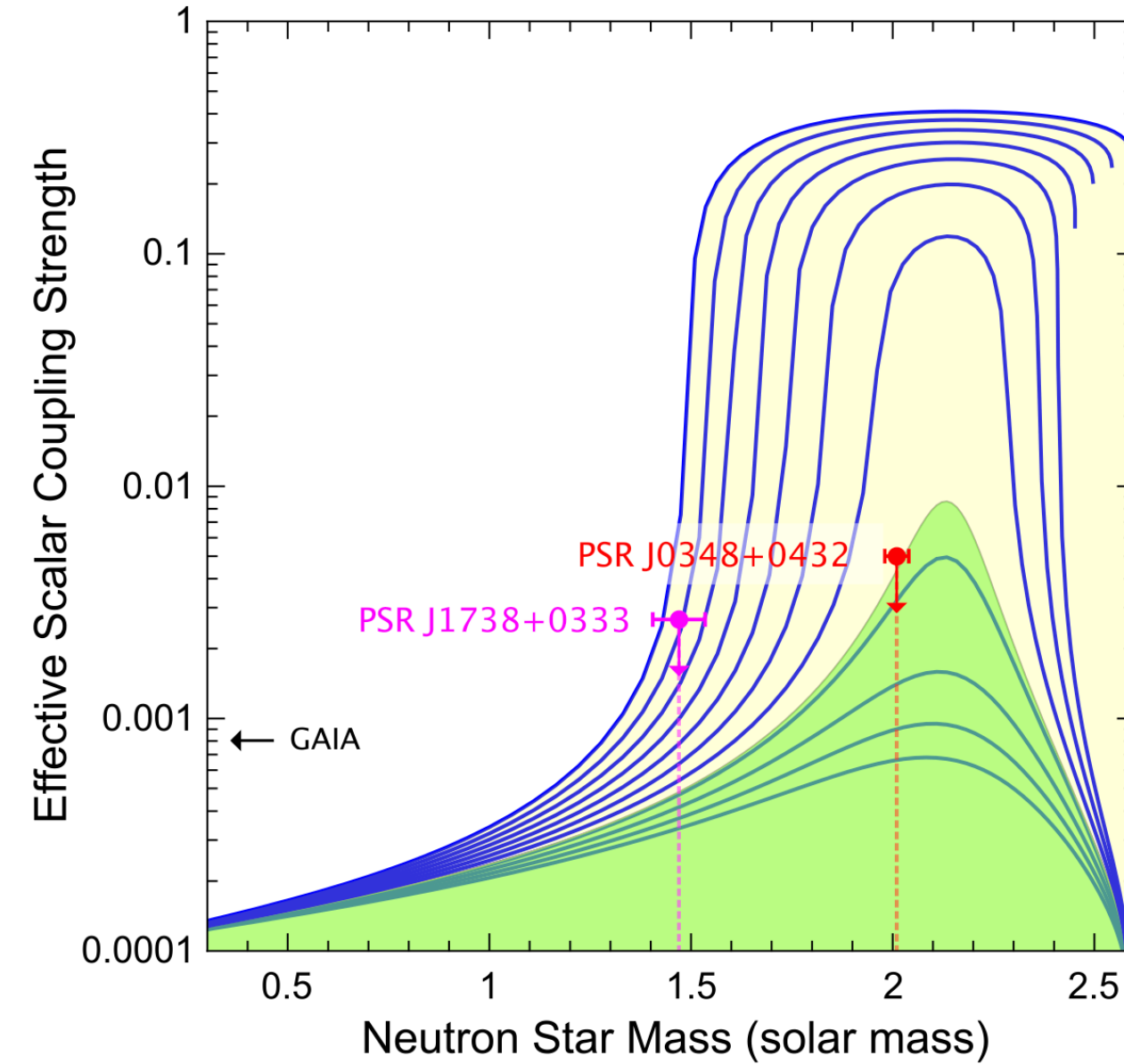
... then inject to a specific theory — DEF ST here but massless scalar

Cosmological value of scalar

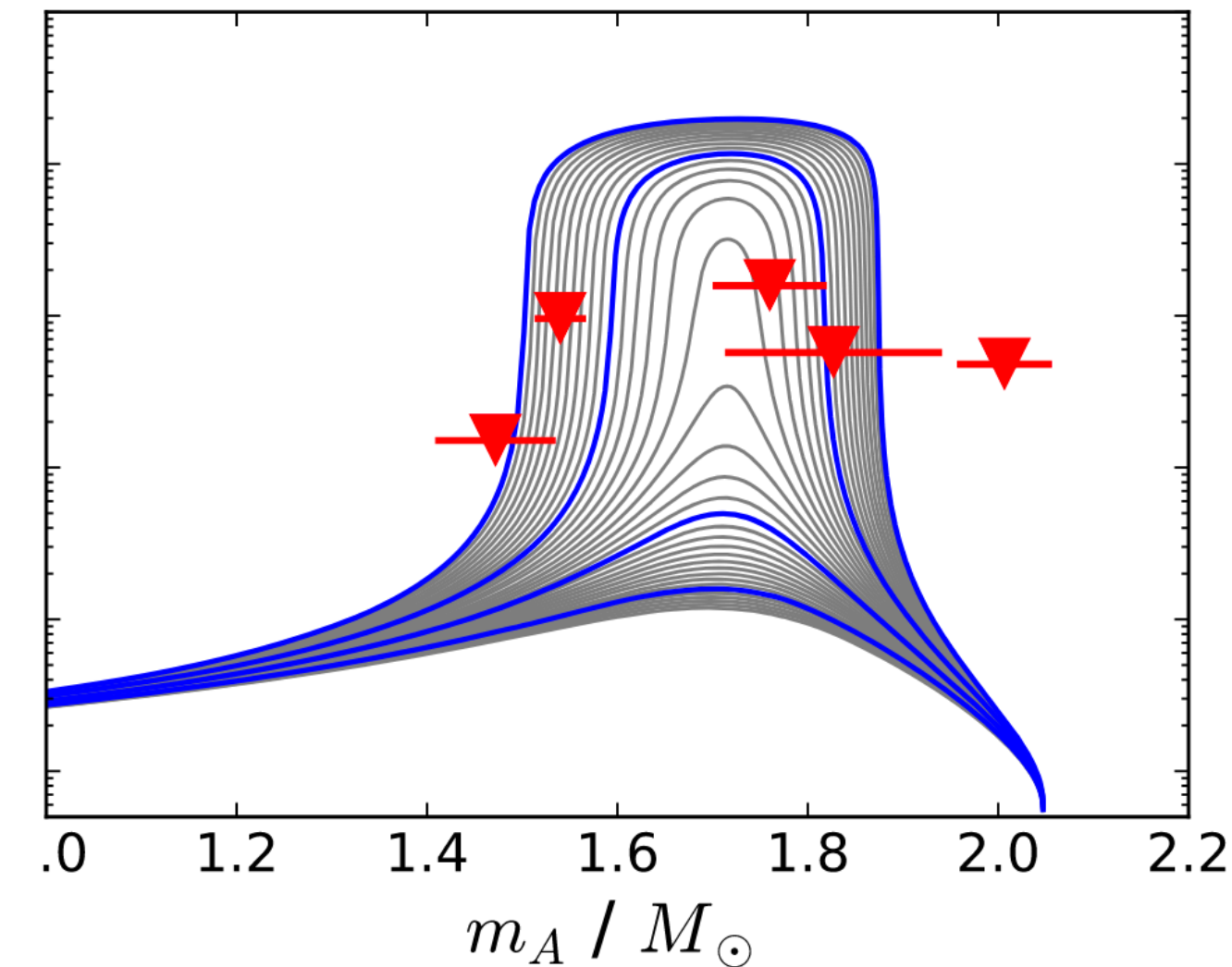


Coupling strength of scalar to GR

Antoniadis +, Science (2013)



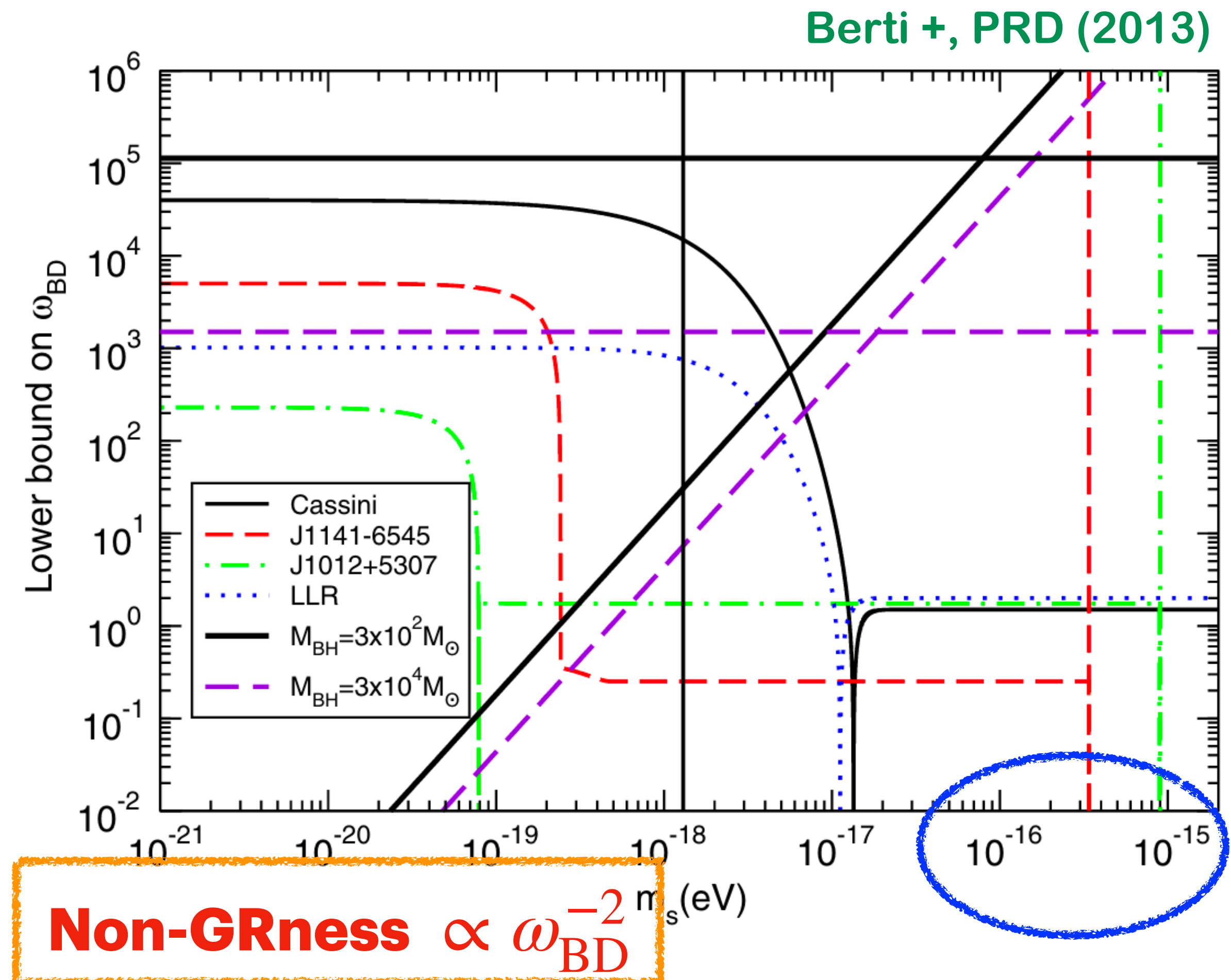
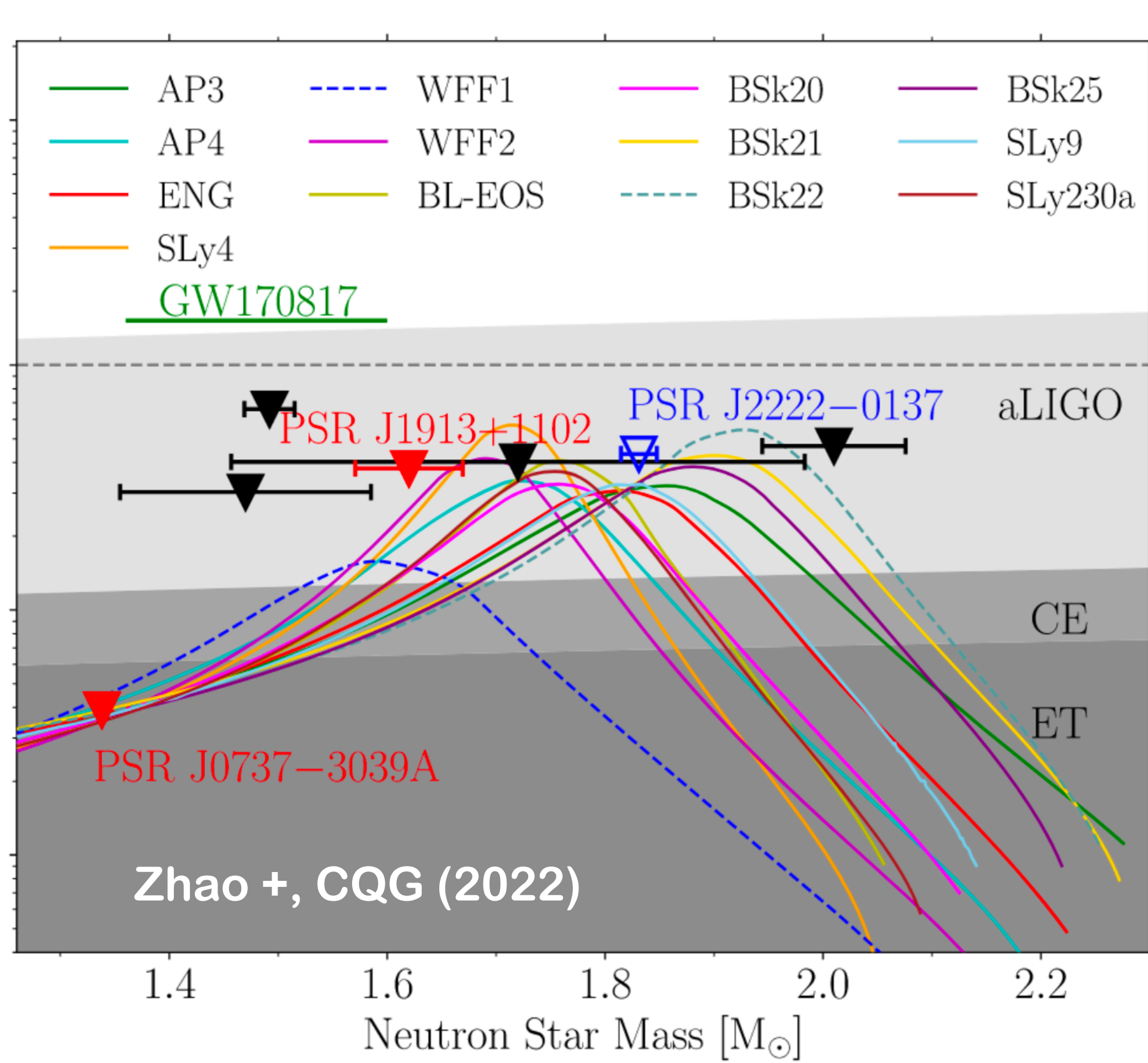
Shao +, PRX (2017)



The scheme: Damour & Esposito-Farèse, PRD (1996, 1998); Alsing +, PRD (2012); Anderson +, CQG (2019); Zhao +, CQG (2022) ...

A scalar mass is necessary

As of 2022, seven pulsars almost exclude the scalarization for all NS masses if the scalar is massless \rightarrow need mass, which gives Compton L



Non-GRness $\propto \omega_{\text{BD}}^{-2} m_s (\text{eV})$

How can BNS improve the current knowledge?

Existing binary simulations in DEF ST

- Simulations from a GR binary data:
 - BNS: studies on dynamical scalarization [Barausse +, PRD (2013); Palenzuela +, PRD (2014)]
 - BHNS: comparison of waveforms from NR to AR [Ma +, PRD (2023)]
- BBH GR data with ad hoc scalar cloud: presence of dipolar emission [Healy +, CQG (2011); Berti +, PRD (2013)]
- Consistent initial data for DEF: for waveform modelling over larger parameter space [Shibata +, PRD (2014); Taniguchi +, PRD (2015)]
- Above efforts are **in massless theory**; nice way to gain intuition but need to go to massive case!

Initial data for massive ST

- Adding a module to the public code **FUKA** [Jens Papenfort, PRD (2021)], which adopts **spectral method** solving PDEs
- A redefinition of scalar field to numerically solve is necessary

$$\varphi \propto e^{-m_\phi r} / r \quad \xi = \varphi \cosh(m_\phi r)$$

- **Simulation of BNS in massive ST** is now ready to be performed!

$$\Delta\varphi = 2\pi B\psi^4 \varphi \phi^{-1} T - \varphi f^{ij} (\partial_i \varphi) \partial_j \varphi - f^{ij} (\chi^{-1} \partial_i \chi + \psi^{-1} \partial_i \psi) (\partial_j \varphi) + m_\phi^2 \psi^4 \varphi \phi,$$

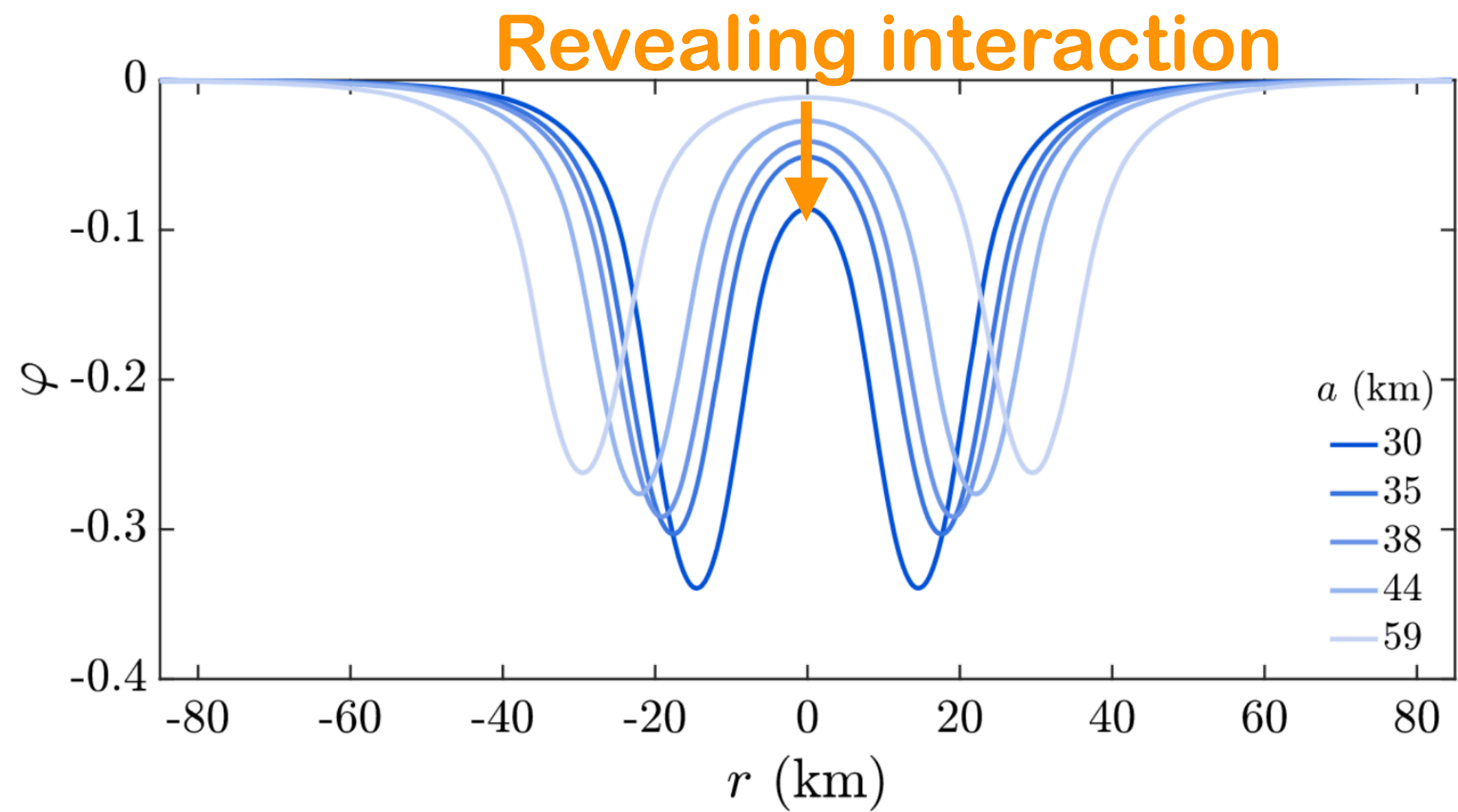


$$\begin{aligned} \Delta\xi = & m_\phi^2 [2 \cosh^{-2}(m_\phi r) + \psi^4 \phi - 1] \xi \\ & + \frac{2m_\phi \tanh(m_\phi r)}{r} \xi + 2m_\phi \tanh(m_\phi r) \hat{r}^i \partial_i \xi \\ & + 2\pi B\psi^4 \xi \phi^{-1} T - \cosh^{-2}(m_\phi r) \xi [f^{ij} \partial_i \xi \partial_j \xi \\ & - 2m_\phi \xi \tanh(m_\phi r) \hat{r}^i \partial_i \xi + m_\phi^2 \xi^2 \tanh^2(m_\phi r)] \\ & - (\chi^{-1} \partial_i \chi + \psi^{-1} \partial_i \psi) [f^{ij} \partial_j \xi - m_\phi \xi \tanh(m_\phi r) \hat{r}^i], \end{aligned}$$

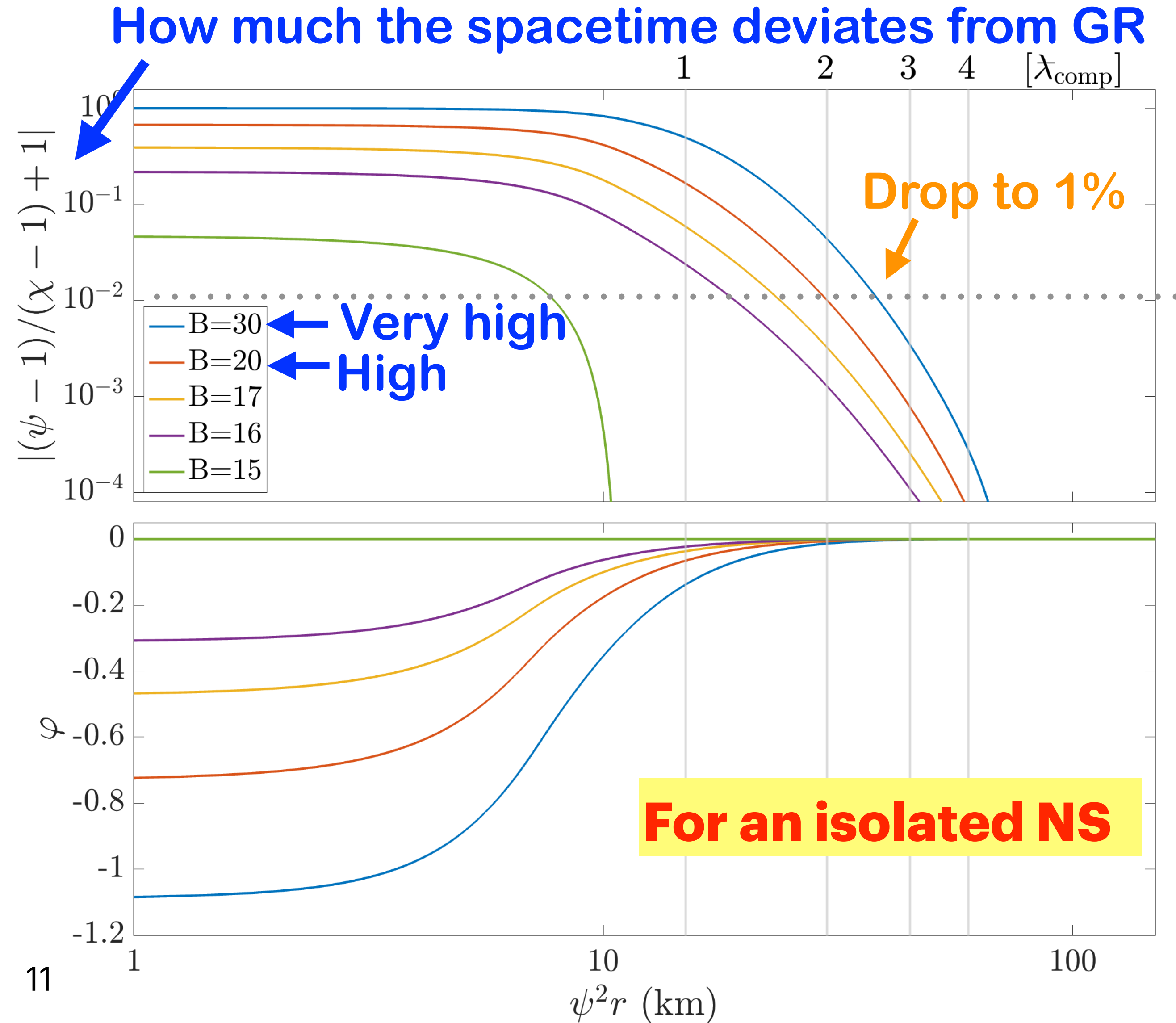
Mass effects

Scalar mass introduces:

1. a Yukawa-suppression to scalar interaction
2. Cutoff frequency on the scalar emission



Scalar cloud enhances for less separation

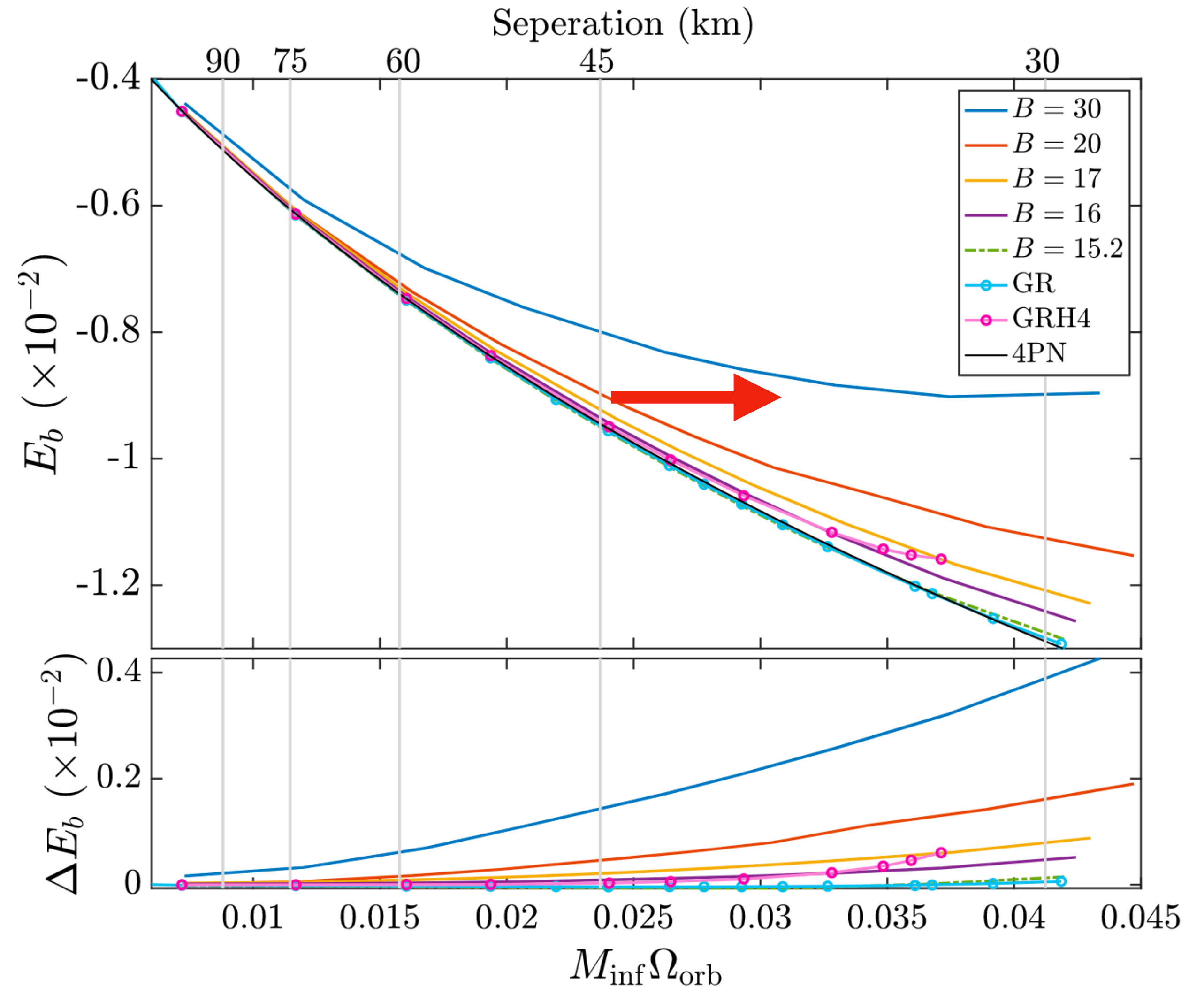


Quasi-equilibrium states of BNS

$$F = \frac{G_{\text{eff}} m_1 m_2}{r^2}$$

Damour & Esposito-Farese, CQG (1992)

- The scalar-type interaction offers additional “attracting force” => **larger orb. frequency for a given binding energy (gravitational state)**
- **Tidal interaction** can play the same role as well, however.



GW170817

- No clue of non-GR effects [Abbott +, PRL (2017,2018,2019)]
- Possible solutions to accommodate DEF with the observation:
 1. NS members are not spontaneously scalarized while dynamical scalarization after $f_{\text{gw}} = 500$ Hz reveals
 2. NS members are spontaneously scalarized but scalar effects are smeared out until $f_{\text{gw}} = 500$ Hz
 3. Scalar effects can only kink in for higher energy physics in the post-merger phase

New bound on the scalar mass by BNS

Bound can be updated by considering **adiabatic approximated coalescing BNS**

| Binary components | (m_ϕ, B) | \mathcal{N} |
|-----------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| $1.35M_\odot + 1.35M_\odot$ | (0.03, 10.5) | 25.66 |
| | (0.03, 11) | 24.62 |
| | (0.03, 12) | 23.33 |
| | (0.03, 15) | 21.86 |
| | (0.03, 19) | 19.80 |
| | (0.1, 15.2) | 27.27 |
| | (0.1, 16) | 26.65 |
| | (0.1, 17) | 25.92 |
| | (0.1, 20) | 22.13 |
| | (0.1, 30) | 21.13 |

Assuming the 3.5 PN energy flux in GR [Shibata +, PRD (2014)], we can estimate # of cycles

$$\mathcal{N} = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int \frac{\Omega_{\text{orb}}}{d\Omega_{\text{orb}}/dt} d\Omega_{\text{orb}}$$

$$= -\frac{1}{2\pi M_{\text{inf}}} \int \frac{x^{3/2}}{\mathcal{F}(x)} \frac{dE_b}{dx} dx$$

$$x = (M_{\text{inf}} \Omega_{\text{orb}})^{2/3}$$

Total mass of binary

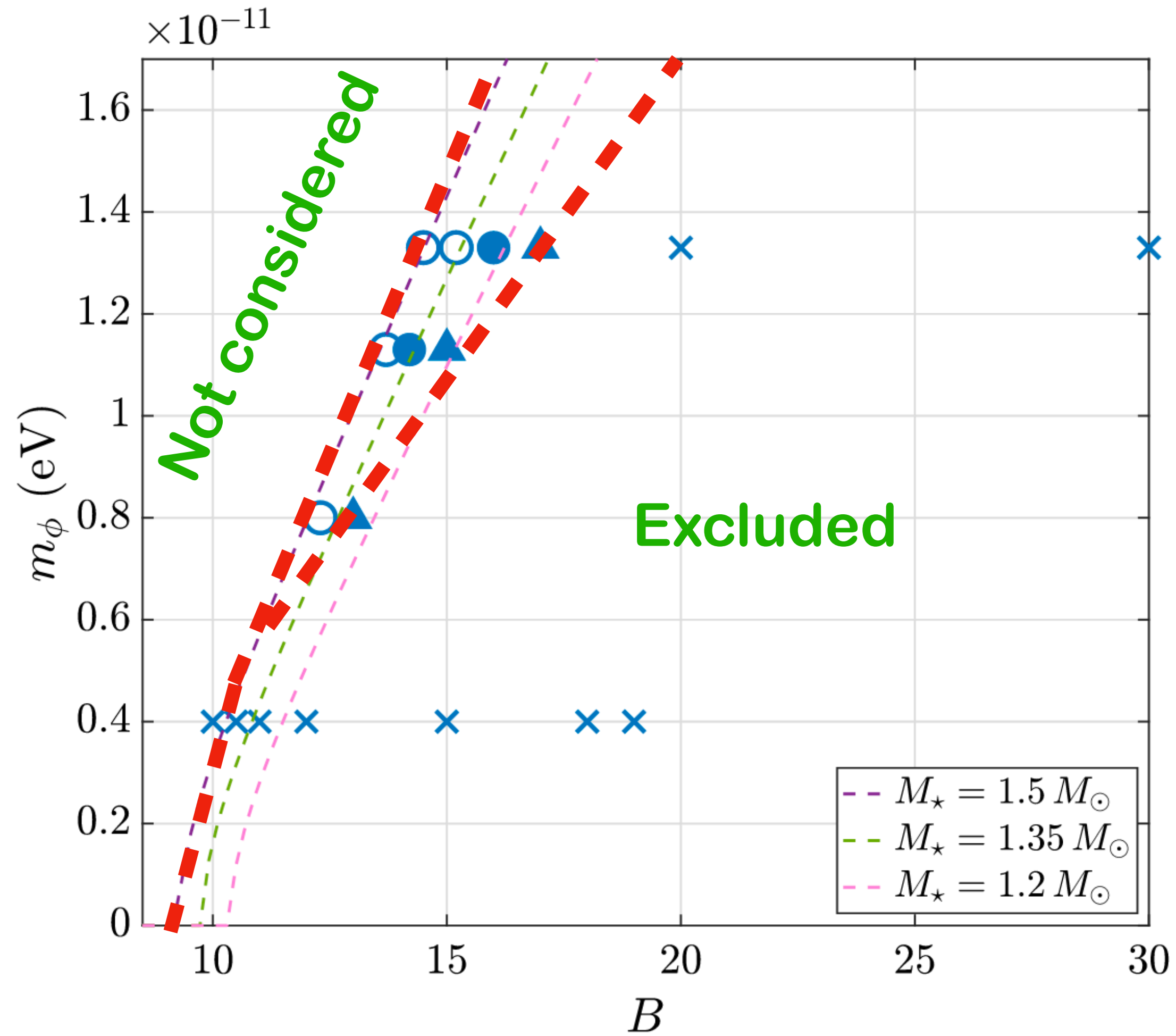
Within the accuracy of the detected waveform for GW170817, an uncertainty from APR4 to H4 remains.

The number of cycles obtained in GR are:

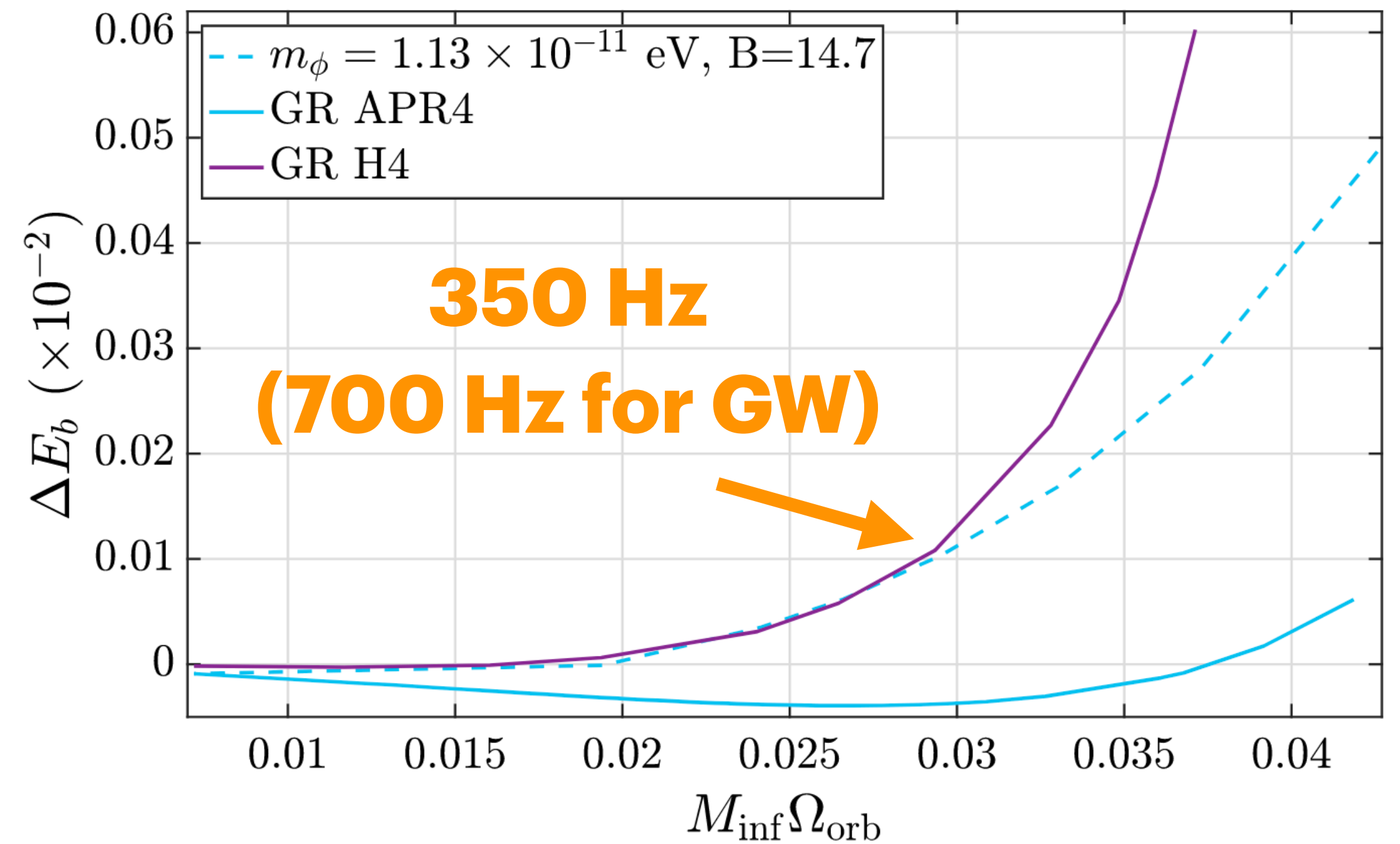
- 27.45 for APR4
- 26.24 for H4

=> Either small scalar mass or large coupling is disfavoured if spontaneous scalarization exists

New bound on the scalar mass by BNS (contd.)



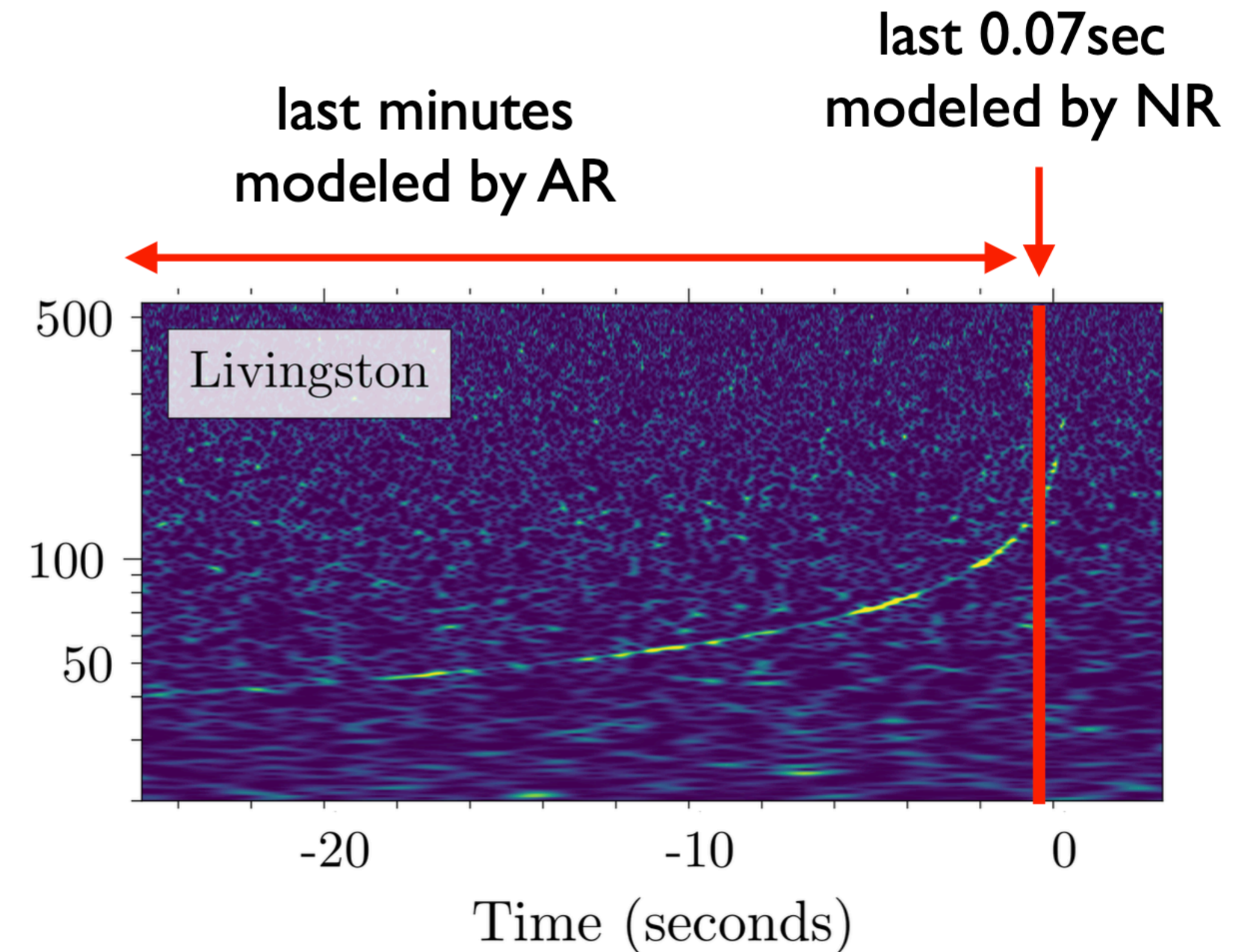
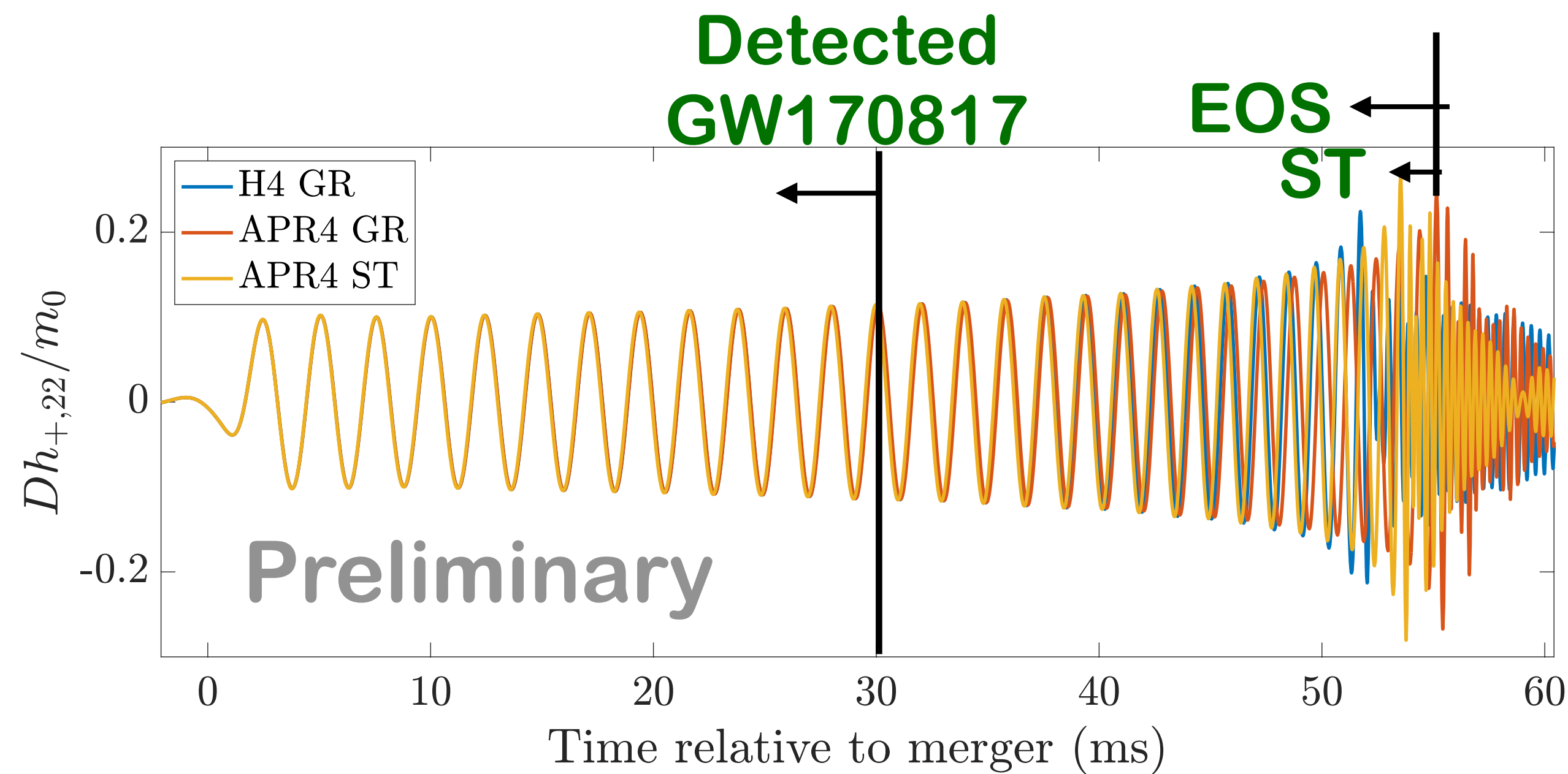
Issue for future study:
how to distinguish scalar and tidal effects?



Known where we stand! How to proceed with waveforms?

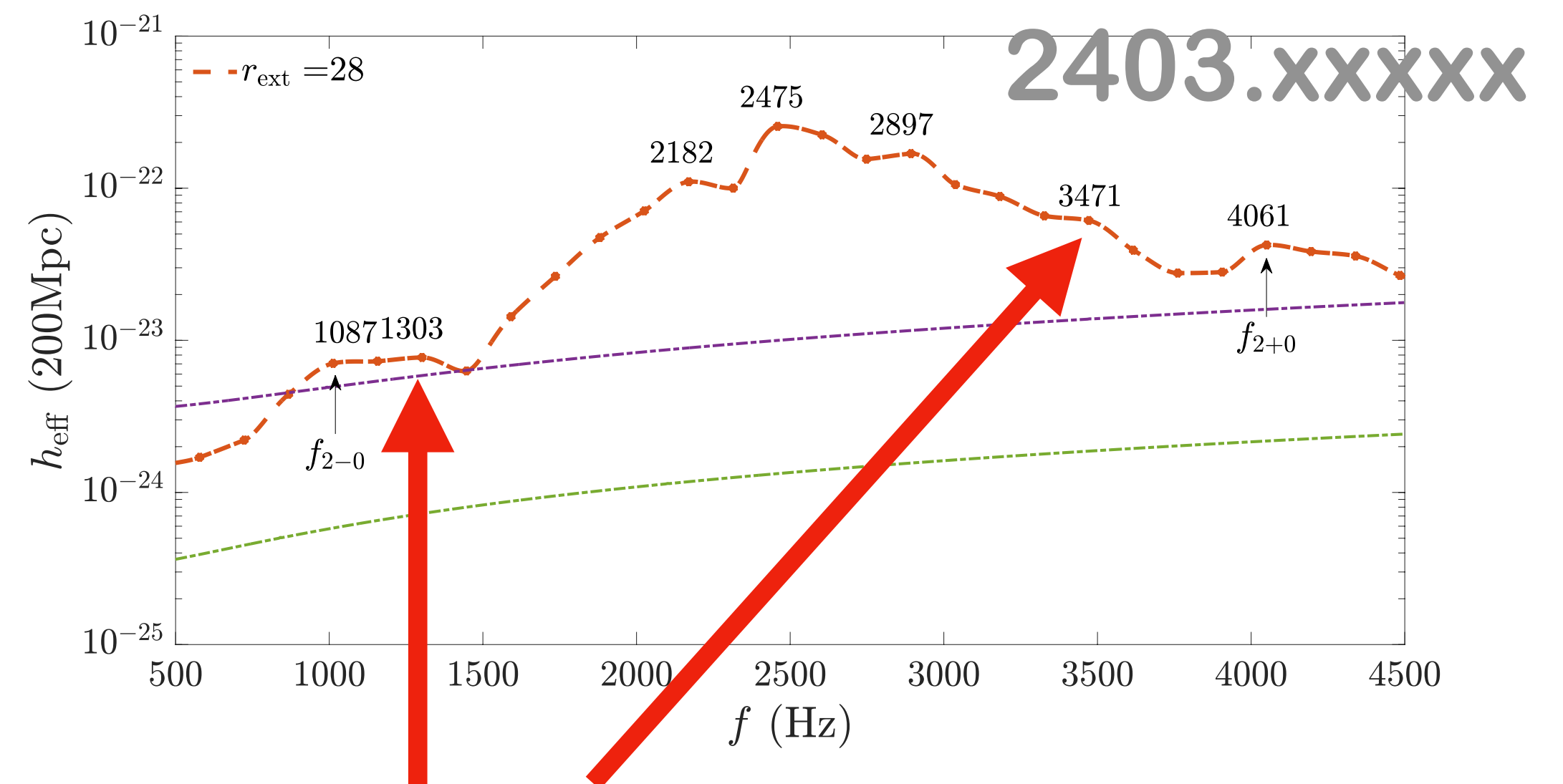
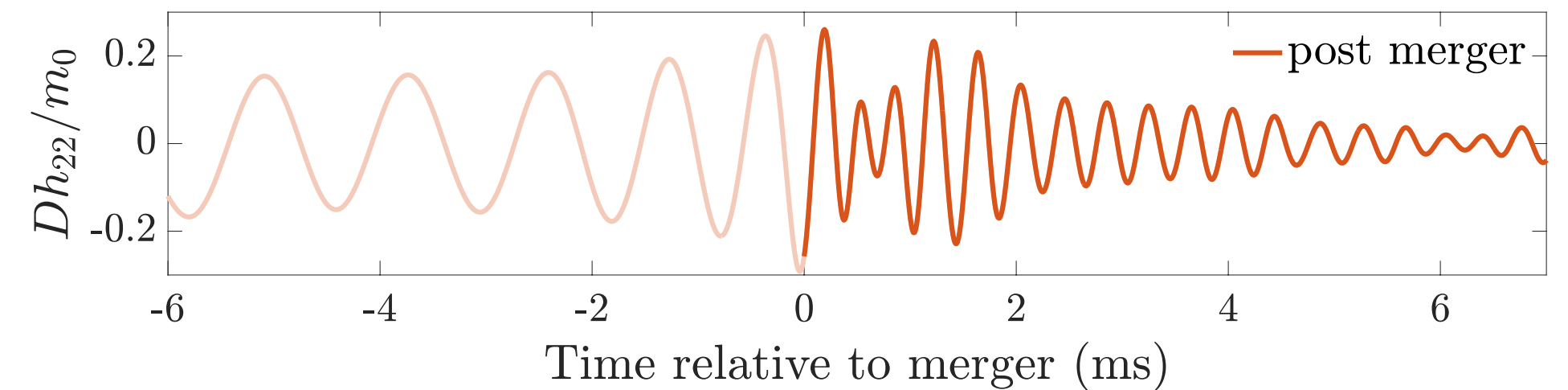
Waveforms as fingerprints of scalar field

- Degeneracy to EOS, or tidal effects, need to be analysed [Bernard, PRD (R) (2020)]
- Synergy between analytic and numerical relativity is crucial



Prospects of post-merger waveforms

- Complicated by the plethora outcomes of merger, while a pivotal channel to reveal the nature of remnants (Alan's talk)
- New features due to radial scalar mode
- Is pre- or post-merger waveform more promising channel? Universal relations connecting them?
- Superradiance in BH + torus remnant may fuel continuous waves — maybe year(s) long [Brito +, PRD (2017)]



Additional non-linear peaks

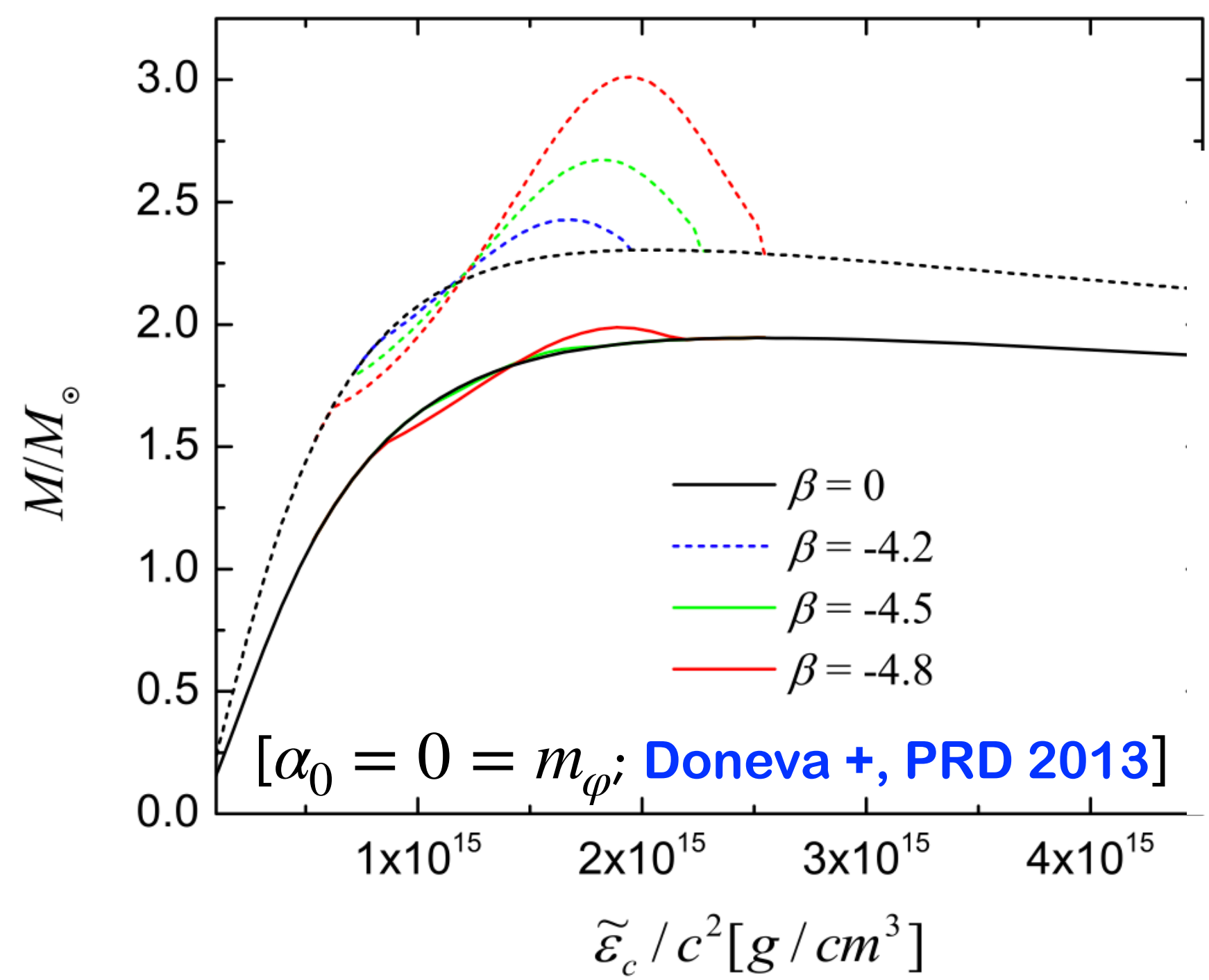
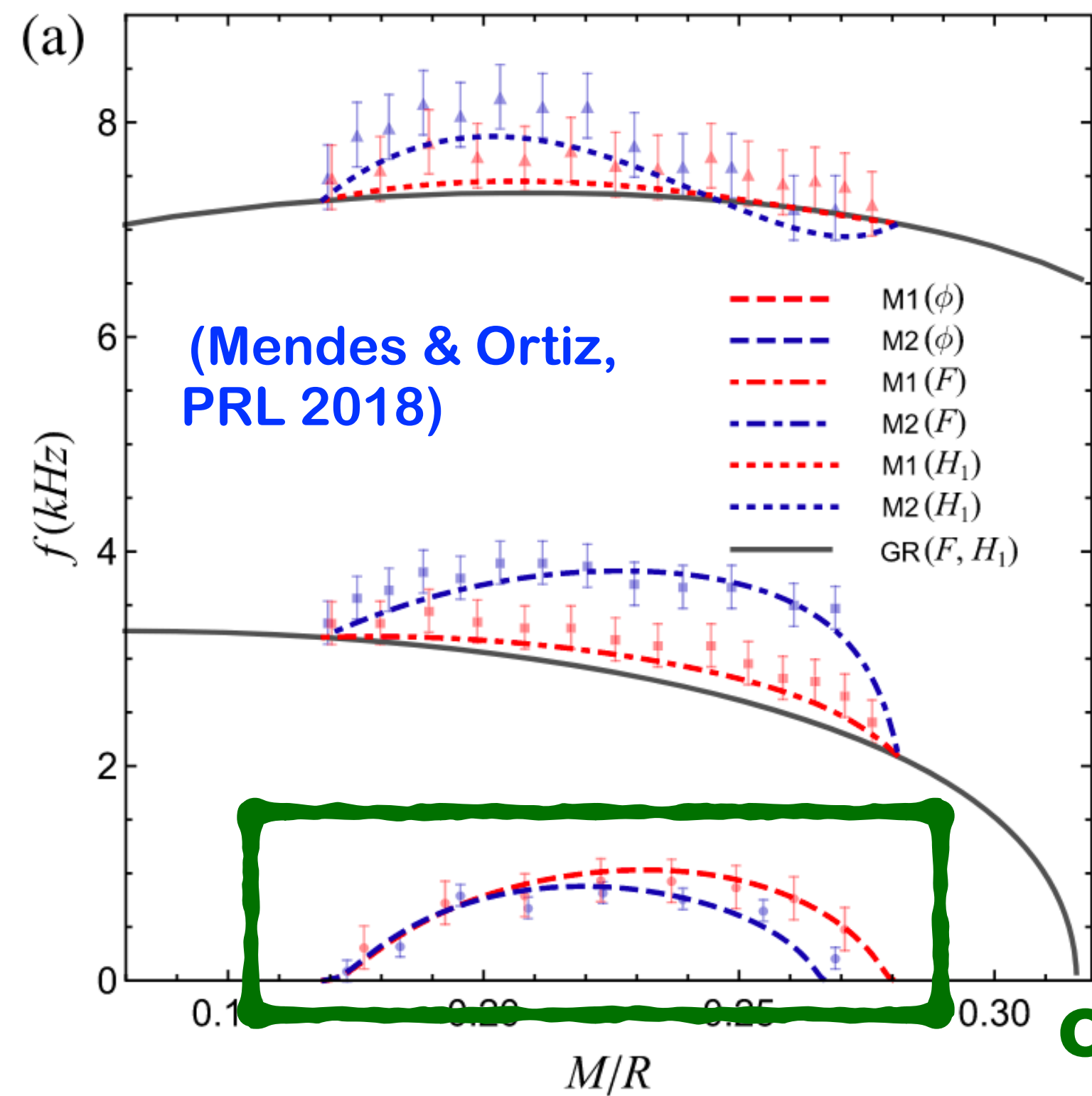
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Backup

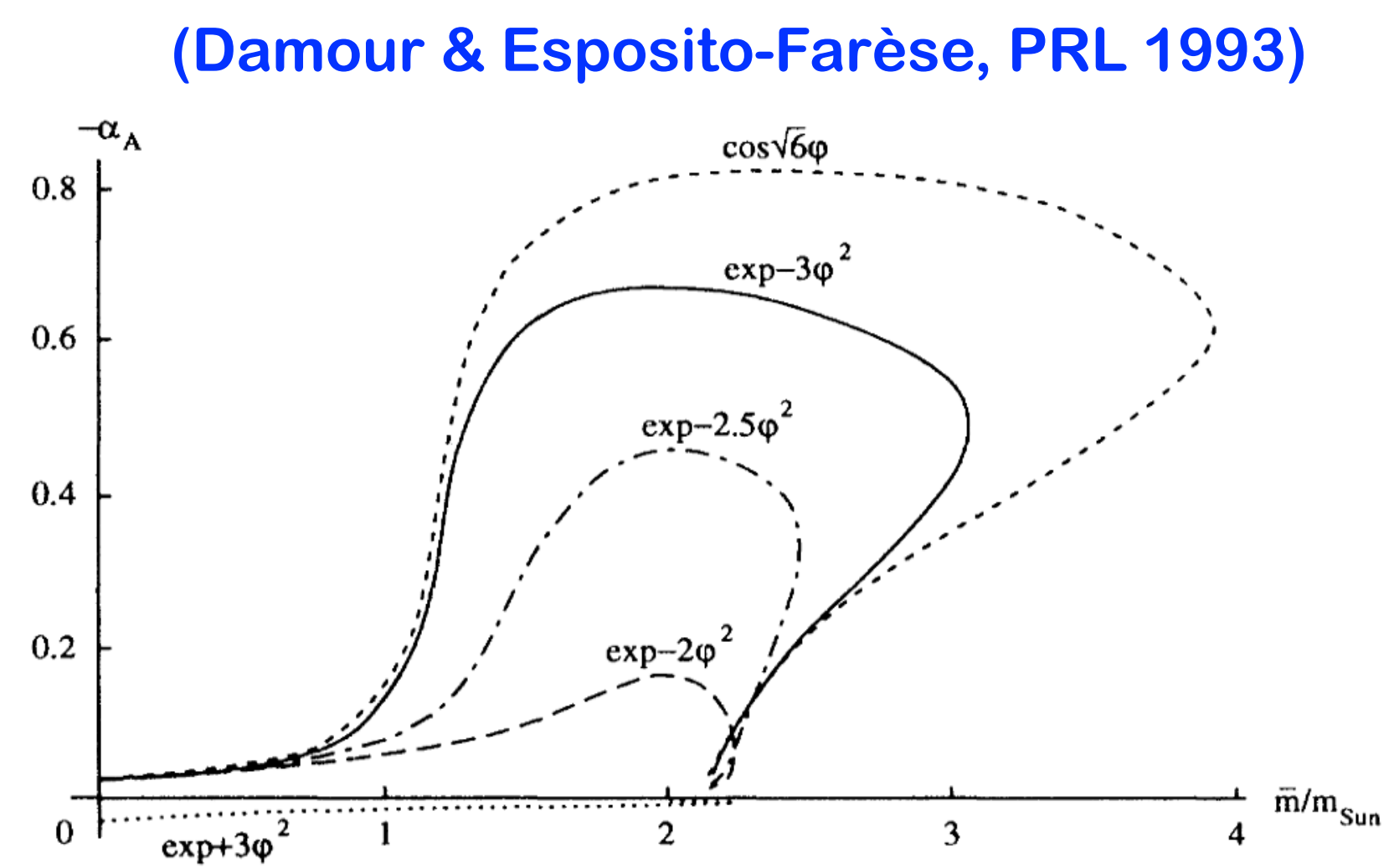
Spontaneous Scalarization

- The coupling between scalar field and matters becomes **non-trivial** over certain range of stellar equilibria.
- This range **coincides** with the range where the dynamics of the scalar field is unstable **at the perturbative level**; in particular, the **tachyon instability** operates where $m_\phi^2 + 4\pi\beta_0 |T| < 0$ (Ramazanoğlu & Pretorius, PRD 2016)
- The extent to which a NS is "scalarized" can be quantified by **scalar charge**

$$m_{\text{eff}} = \sqrt{m_\phi^2 + 4\pi\beta_0 |T|}$$

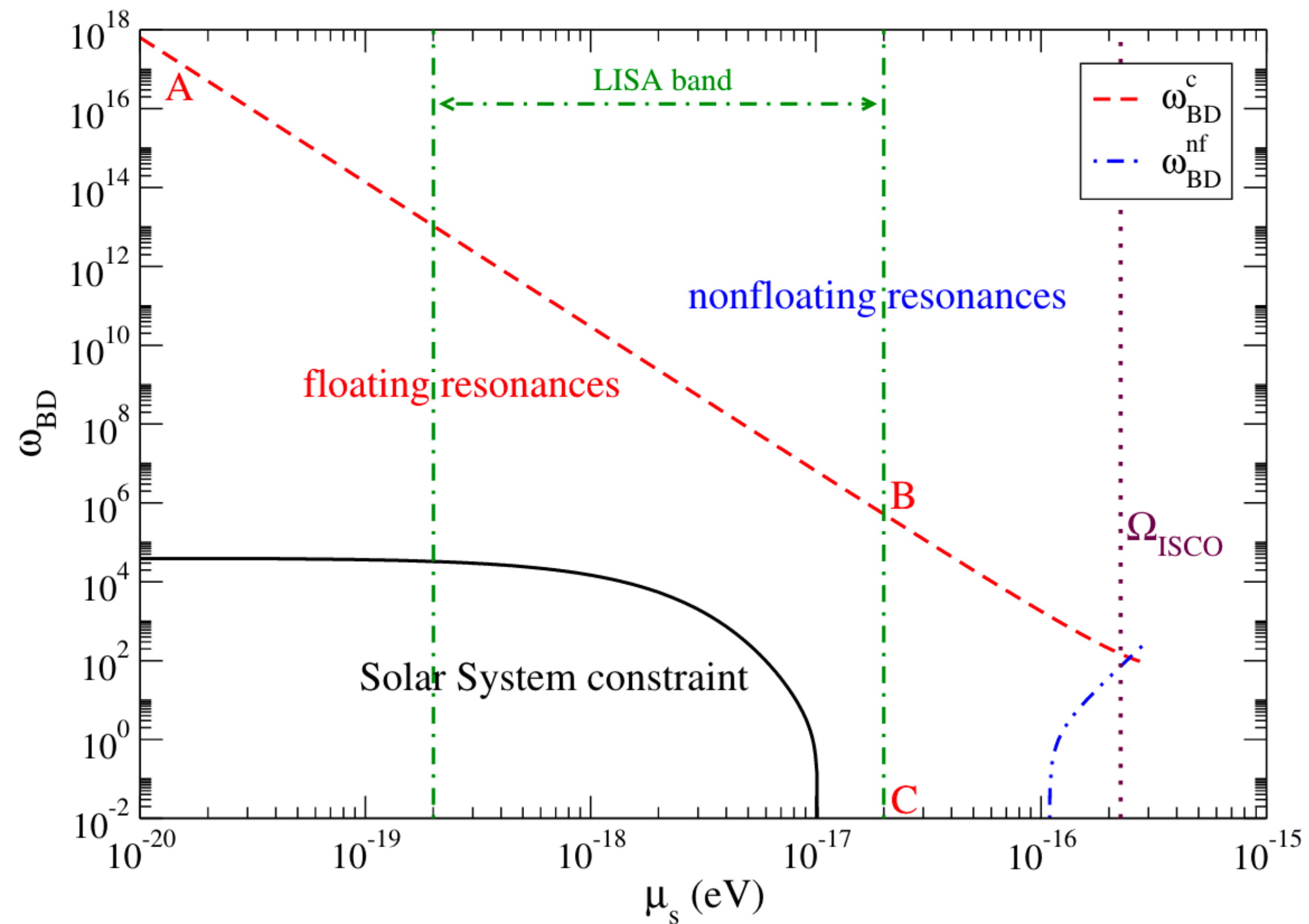


Only non-zero over certain range



Lower bound on the scalar mass (contd.)

To which extent can **EMRI** probe the scalar mass?



Yunes +, PRD (2012)

Energy flux from binary

- Dipolar radiation is supported by the difference in scalar charges, which is the leading-order scalar flux

$$\text{Energy flux} = \left\{ \frac{\text{Quadrupole}}{c^5} + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{1}{c^7}\right) \right\}_{\text{spin 2}} \quad \text{Esposito-Farèse, Fundam. Theor. Phys. (2011)}$$

$$+ \left\{ \frac{\text{Monopole}}{c} \left(0 + \frac{1}{c^2}\right)^2 + \frac{\text{Dipole}}{c^3} + \frac{\text{Quadrupole}}{c^5} + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{1}{c^7}\right) \right\}_{\text{spin 0}},$$

$$\frac{\dot{P}}{P} = -\frac{8}{5} \frac{\mu m^2}{r^4} \kappa_1 - \frac{\mu m}{r^3} \kappa_D \mathcal{S}^2,$$

where

$$\kappa_1 = \mathcal{G}^2 \left[12 - 6\xi + \xi \Gamma^2 \left(\frac{4\omega^2 - m_s^2}{4\omega^2} \right)^2 \Theta(2\omega - m_s) \right],$$

$$\kappa_D = 2\mathcal{G}\xi \frac{\omega^2 - m_s^2}{\omega^2} \Theta(\omega - m_s),$$

Alsing +, PRD (2012)

Dipolar scalar radiation in inspiral waveform

— stationary phase approximation —

For massive Brans-Dicke theory [Berti +, PRD (2012)]

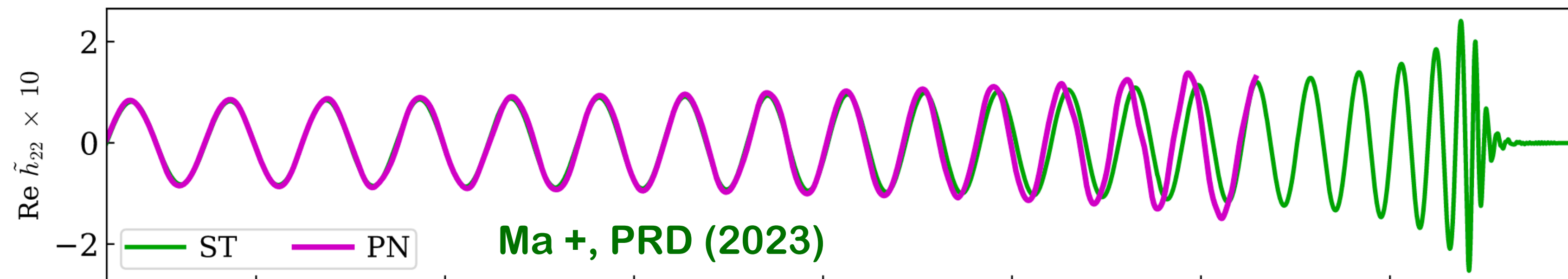
$$\begin{aligned}
 \psi(f) = & 2\pi f t_c - \phi_c - \frac{\pi}{4} + \frac{3}{128(\pi \mathcal{M} f)^{5/3}} \left\{ 1 + \zeta + \frac{20}{9} A \eta^{-2/5} (\pi \mathcal{M} f)^{2/3} - 16\pi \eta^{-3/5} (\pi \mathcal{M} f) + \dots \right. \\
 & + \xi \Gamma^2 \nu \left[\frac{5}{462} \eta^{6/5} (\pi \mathcal{M} f)^{-2} - \frac{\nu}{1632} \eta^{12/5} (\pi \mathcal{M} f)^{-4} \right] \Theta(2\pi f - m_s) \\
 & \left. + \xi \mathcal{S}^2 \left[\frac{25\nu}{1248} \eta^{8/5} (\pi \mathcal{M} f)^{-8/3} - \frac{5}{84} \eta^{2/5} (\pi \mathcal{M} f)^{-2/3} \right] \Theta(\pi f - m_s) \right\}
 \end{aligned}$$

0 PN (chirp mass) 1 PN 1.5 PN
 Mass square BD coupl. Charge diff. -1 PN Heaviside Scalar mass

Dipolar scalar radiation in inspiral waveform (contd.)

— stationary phase approximation —

For massless DEF theory [Sennett +, PRD (2016); Bernard +, JCAP (2022)]



- In the presence of dynamical scalarization, the waveform can be divided into **quadrupolar** and **dipolar emission dominant regions**.
- In GW170817, it should be in the quad-dominant regime up to $f_{\text{gw}} \gtrsim 500$ Hz
—> **spontaneous scalarization is excluded unless roughly equal mass**

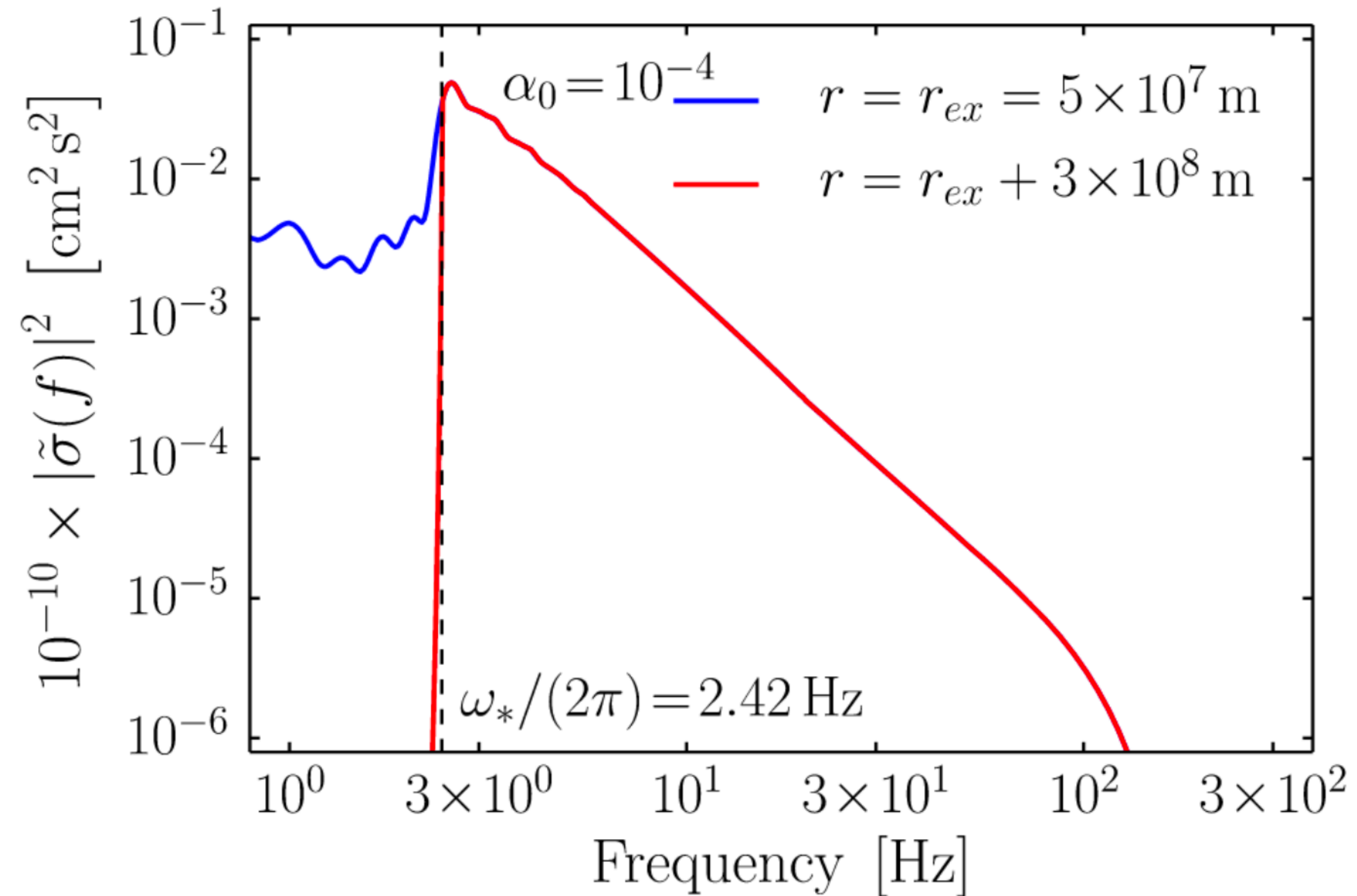
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$$\tilde{\sigma}(\omega; r) = \tilde{\sigma}(\omega; r_{\text{ex}}) \begin{cases} e^{-i\sqrt{\omega^2 - \omega_*^2}(r - r_{\text{ex}})} & \text{for } \omega < -\omega_*, \\ e^{+i\sqrt{\omega^2 - \omega_*^2}(r - r_{\text{ex}})} & \text{for } \omega > -\omega_*. \end{cases}$$



Sperhake +, PRL (2017)