

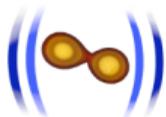
Describing EOS Effects in BNS Mergers

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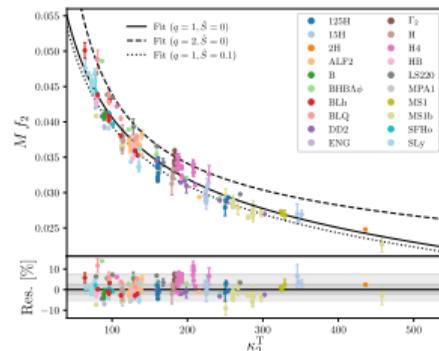
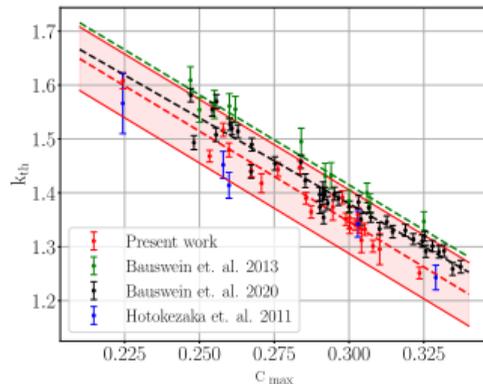


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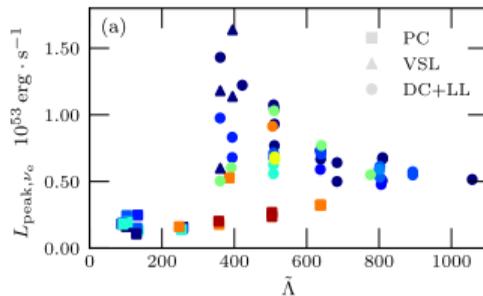
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EOS effects in BNS simulation

- ▶ EOS → major uncertainty in BNS mergers
 - ▶ Remnant evolution & fate
 - ▶ Inspiral & post-merger GW
 - ▶ Ejecta & EM counterpart
- ▶ Observation → constrain EOS
- ▶ Characterization of EOS effects needed
- ▶ Typically **single** quantity ($\tilde{\Lambda}$, $R_{1.6}^{\text{TOV}}$, M_{max} , ...)
- ▶ Empirical relations
- ▶ Small set of EOSs

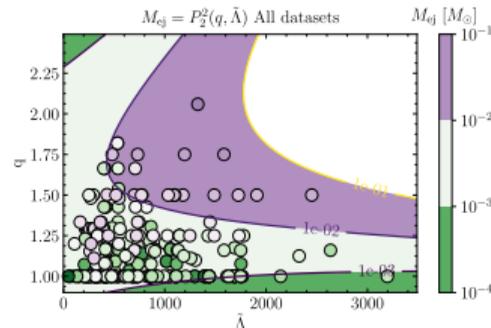


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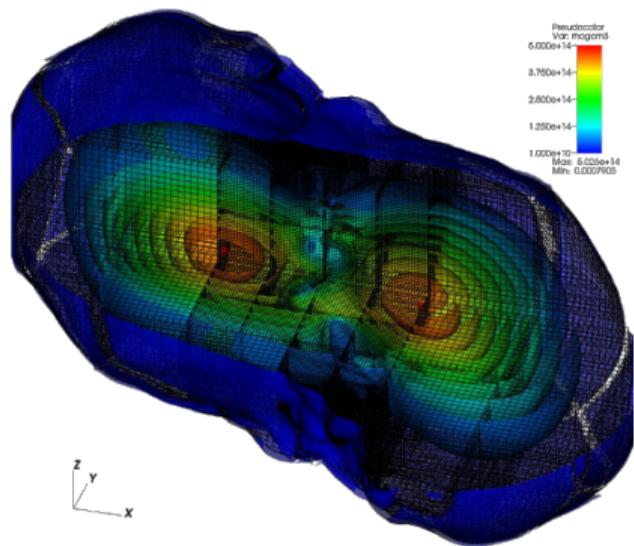
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Breschi+, Phys. Rev. D 109 (2024)



Nedora+ '20, CQG

Rezzolla & Takami 16'; Bauswein+ '16; Kiuchi+ '20; Most & Raithel '21; Gieg '25; Jacobi+ '23; ...



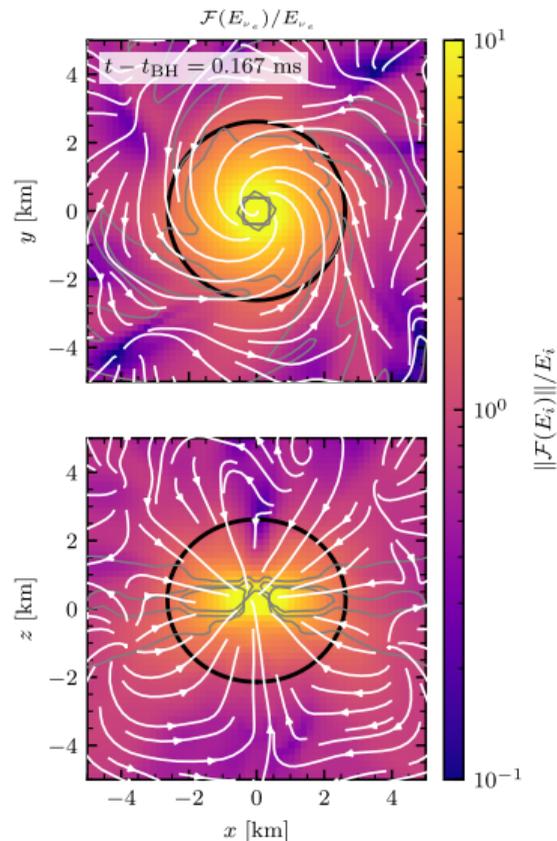
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► M1 neutrino transport

Daszuta+ '26, *in prep.* (Radice+ '22, MNRAS)



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bitbucket.org/andschn/sroeos

Schneider, Roberts, Ott, Phys. Rev. C 96 (2017)

- ▶ Uniform nuclear matter → energy density functional

$$e(n, x, T) = \sum_t \frac{\tau_t(n, x, T)}{2m_t^*(n)} - xn\Delta + \sum_{i=1}^5 [a_i + 4x(1-x)b_i] n^{\delta_i+1}$$

- ▶ $m_t^* = m_t, \delta_i = i$

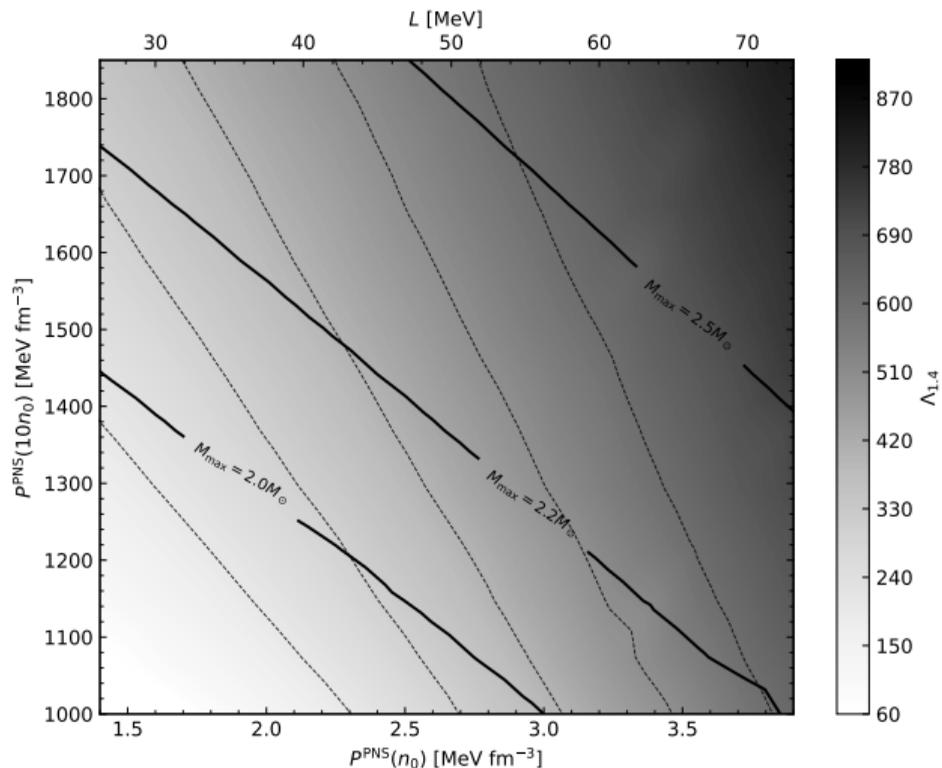
- ▶ 10 free parameters

- ▶ SNA → non-uniform matter
- ▶ NSE → low densities

Schneider+ '19, PRC Yasin+ '20, PRL Andersen+ '21, PRC

Fields+ '23, APJL

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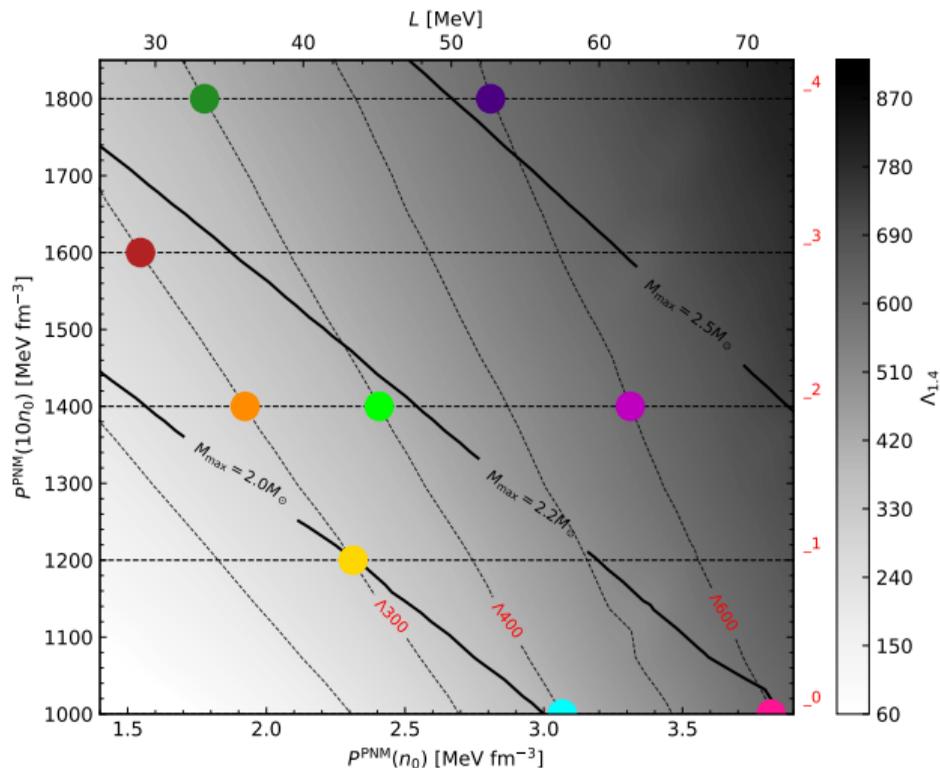
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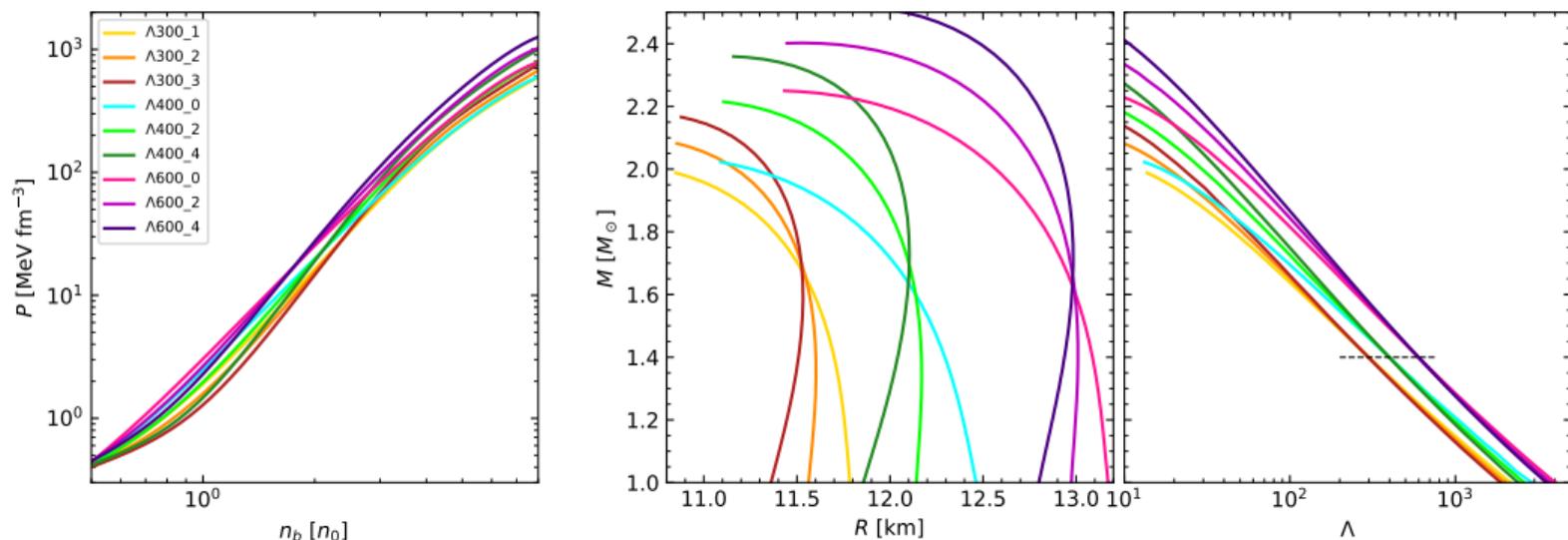
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► $\Lambda_{1.4} \in \{300, 400, 600\}$

► $P^{\text{PNM}} \in [1000, 1800]$ MeV fm $^{-3}$

EOS properties

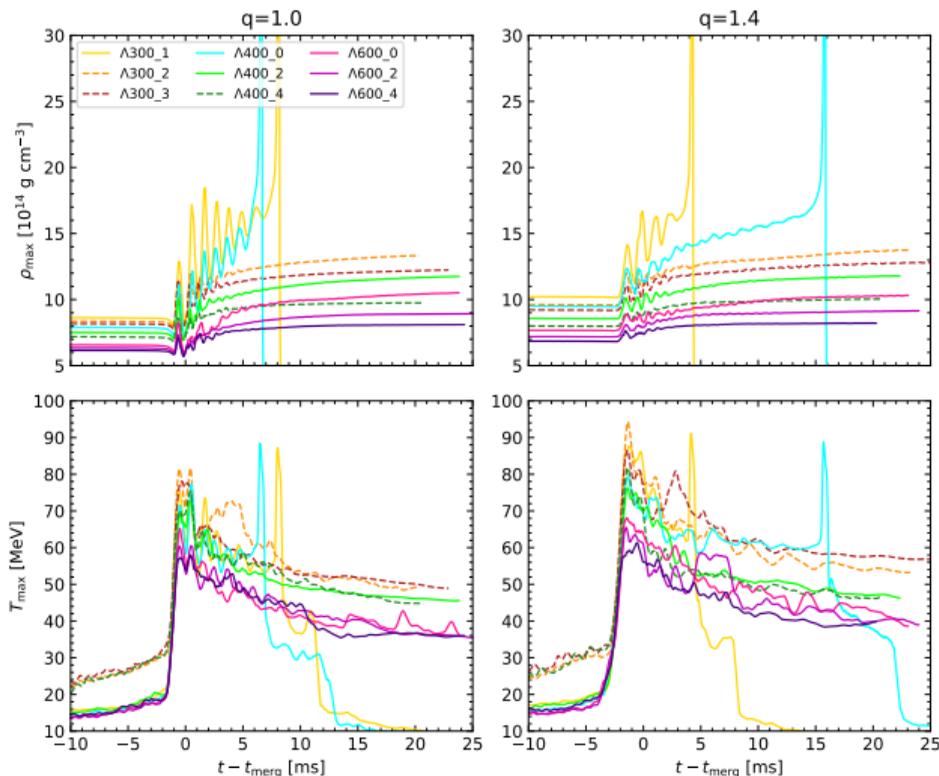


- ▶ EOSs with same Λ cross around $n \approx 2n_0$, $P \approx 20 \text{ MeV fm}^{-3}$
- ▶ MR diagrams cross around $M \approx 1.6M_\odot$

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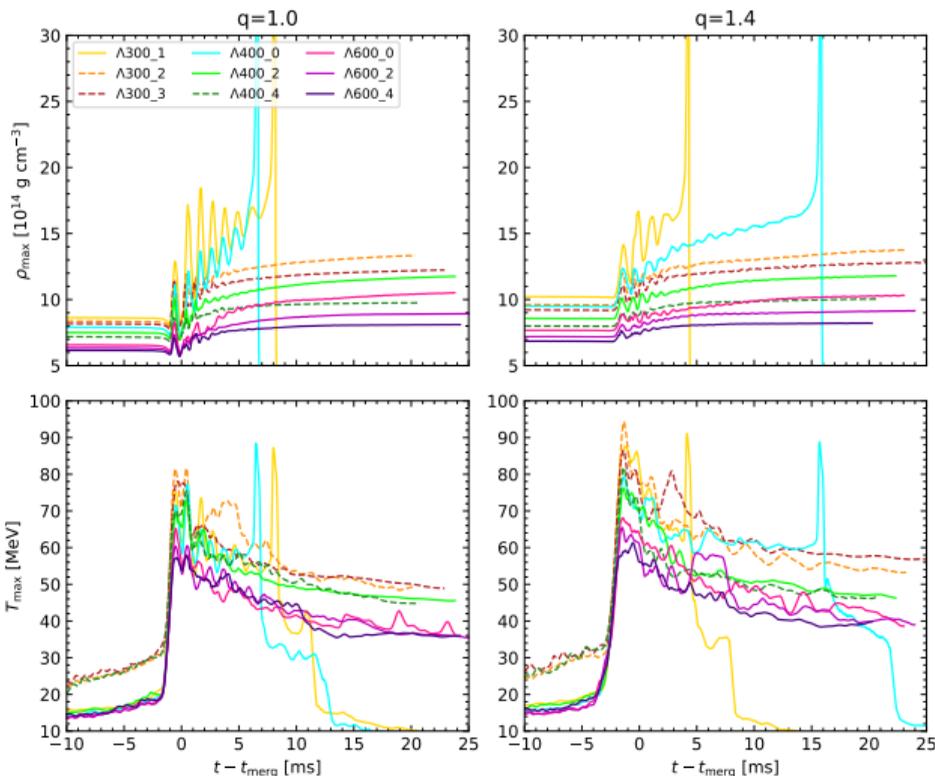
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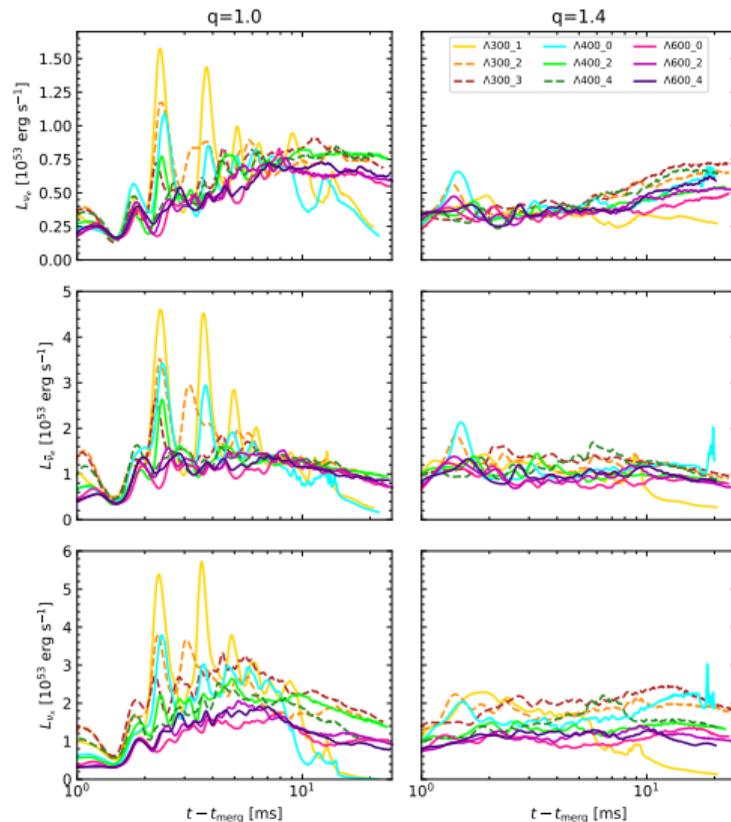
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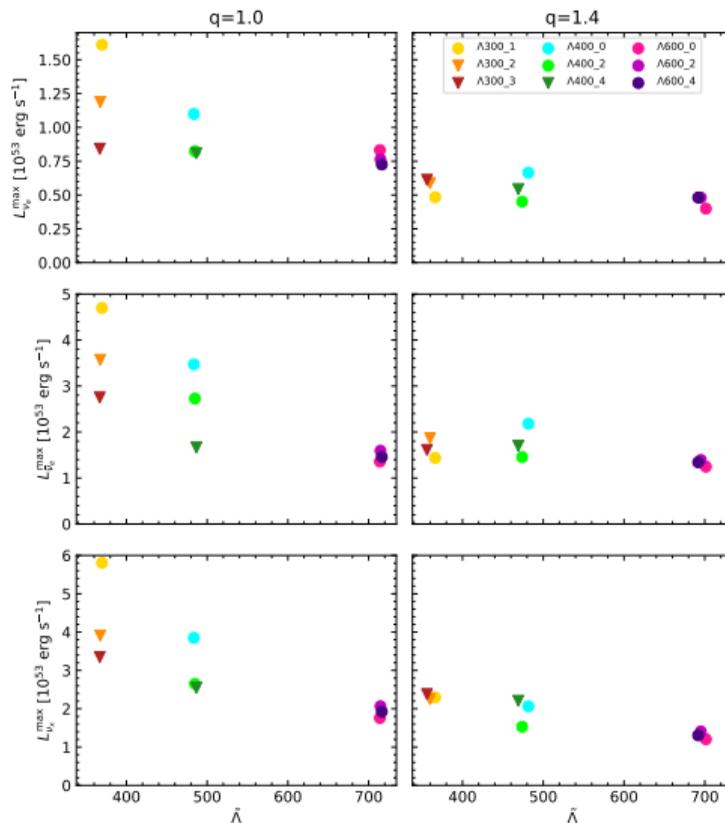


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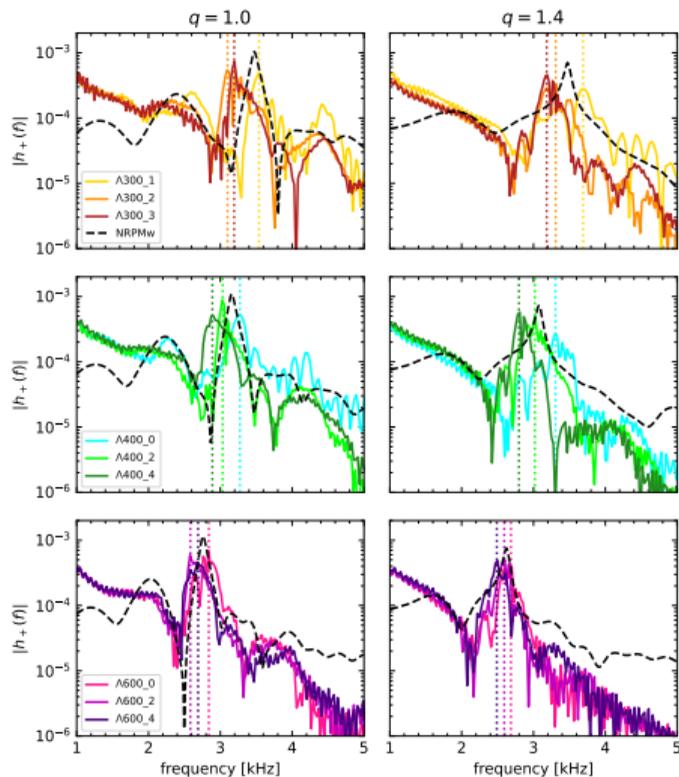
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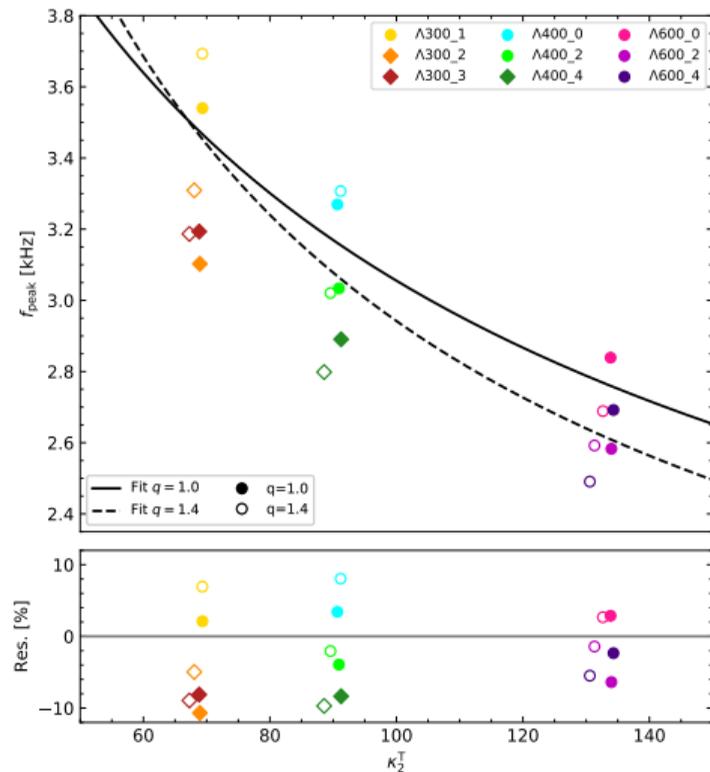
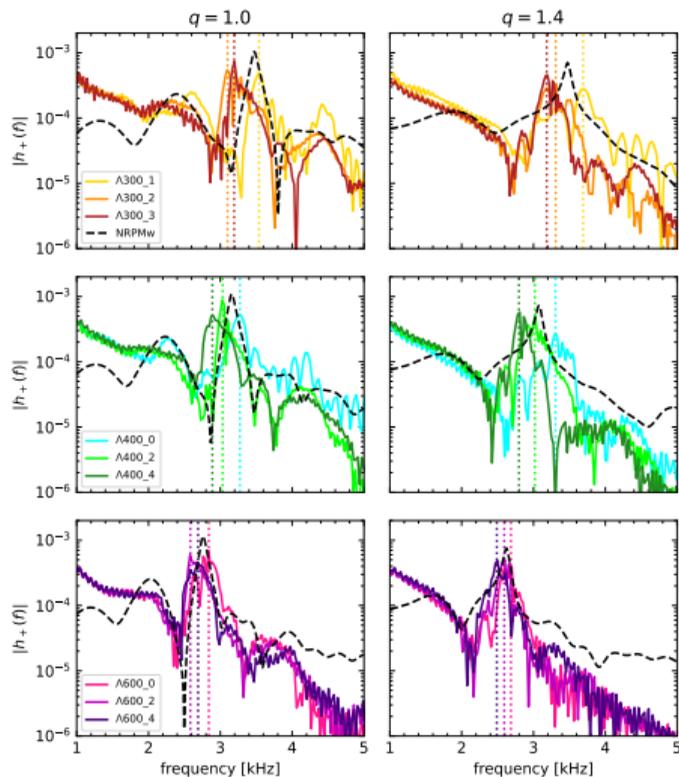


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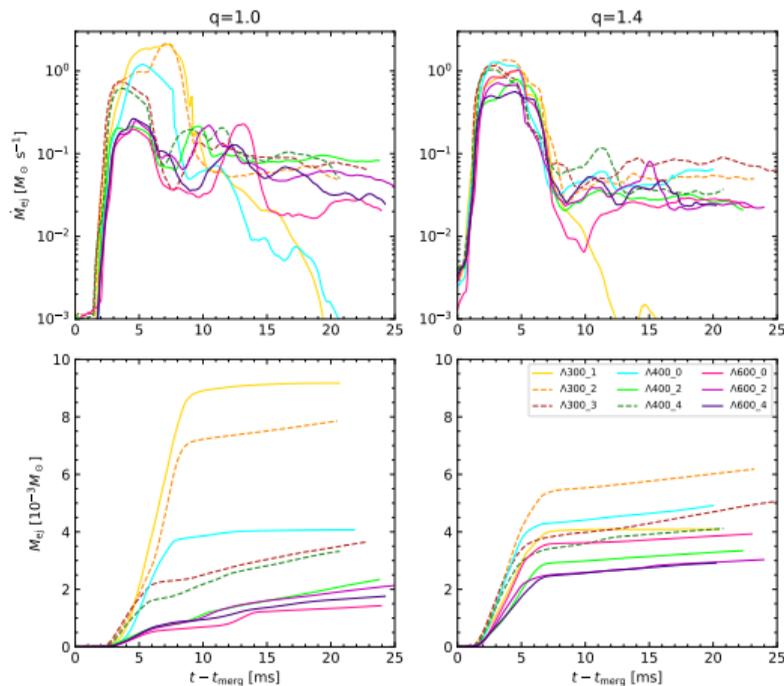
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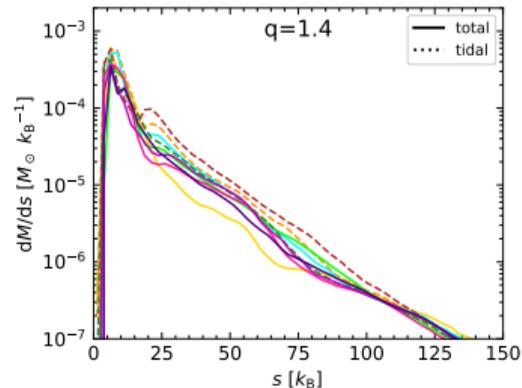
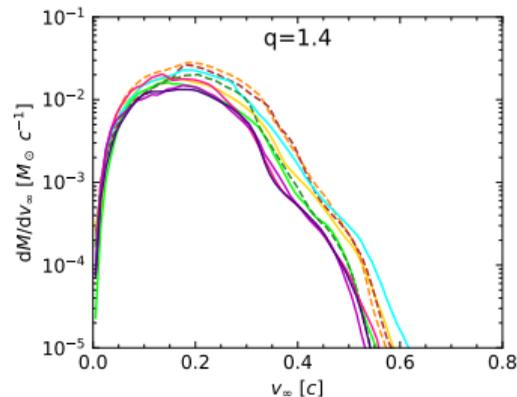
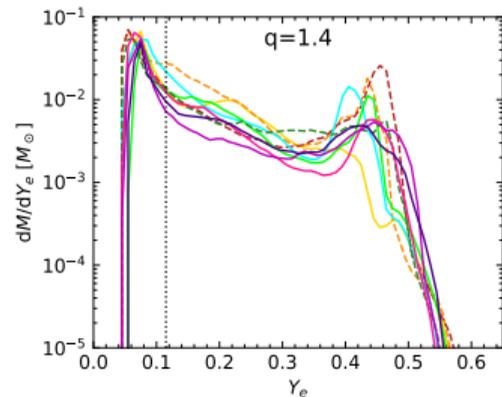
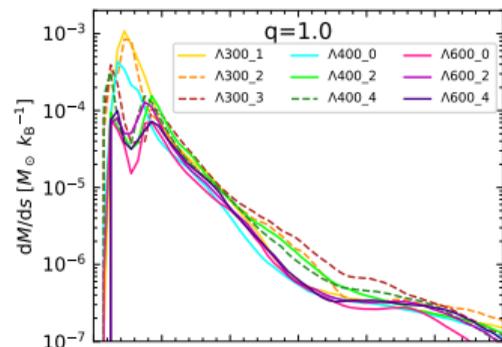
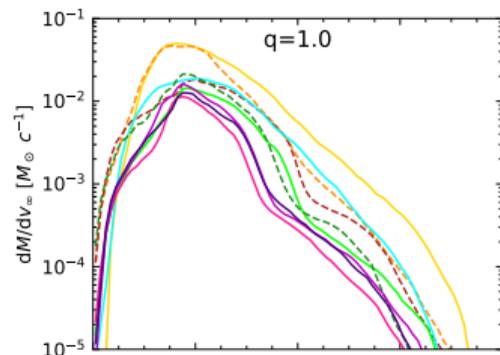
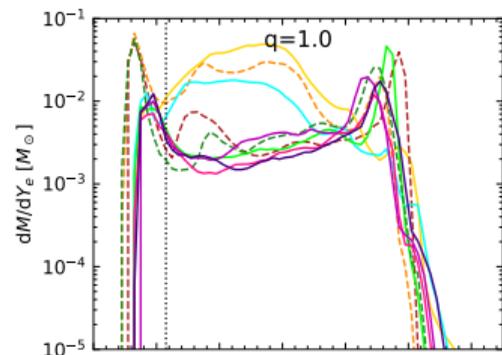
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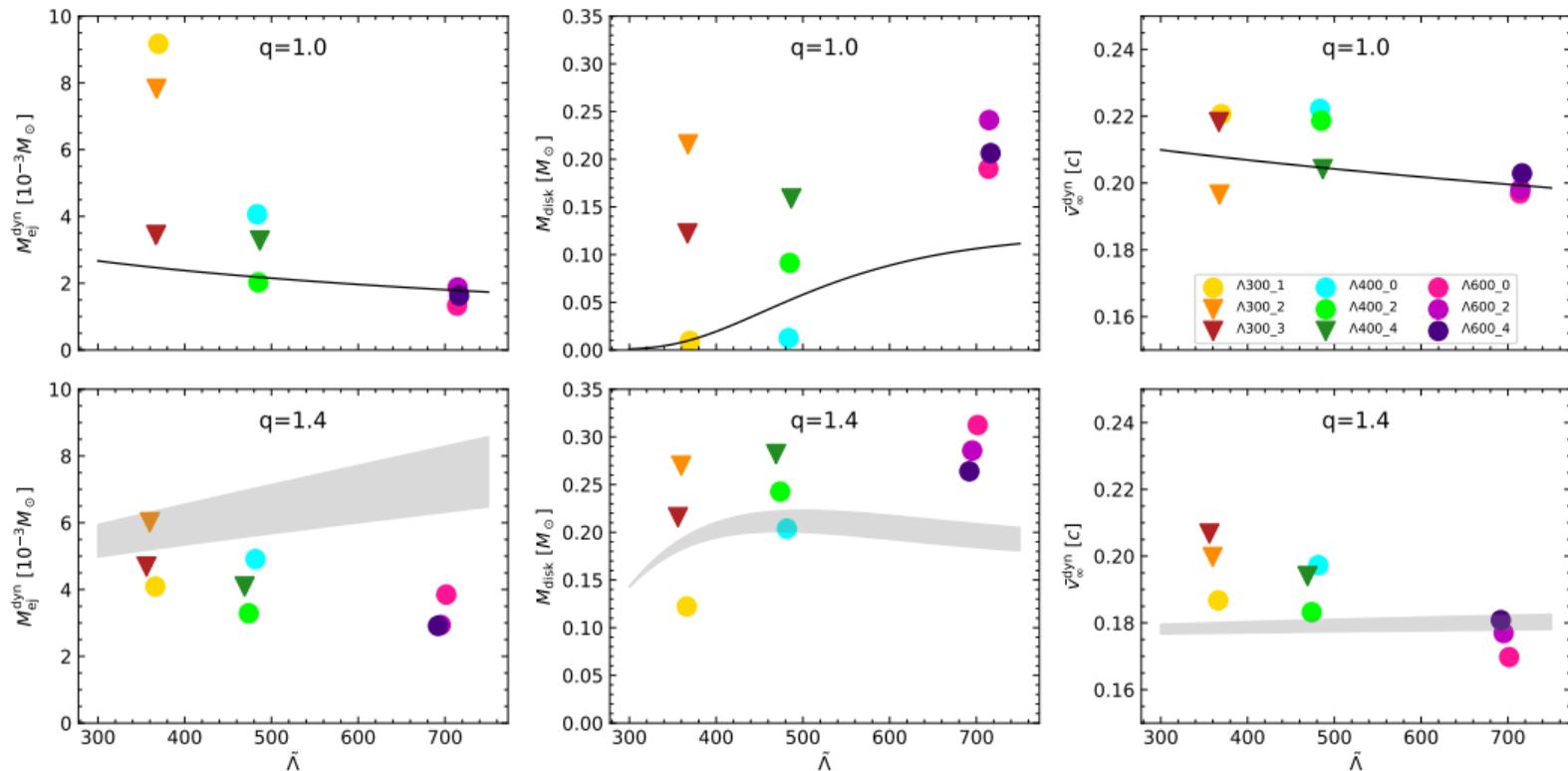


- ▶ Ejecta mass \sim EOS softness
- ▶ Extra bounces for soft NS cores
 - ▶ enhance M_{ej}
- ▶ “Hot inspiral” \rightarrow enhanced tidal ejecta

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fits from Breschi+ '24, A&A

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