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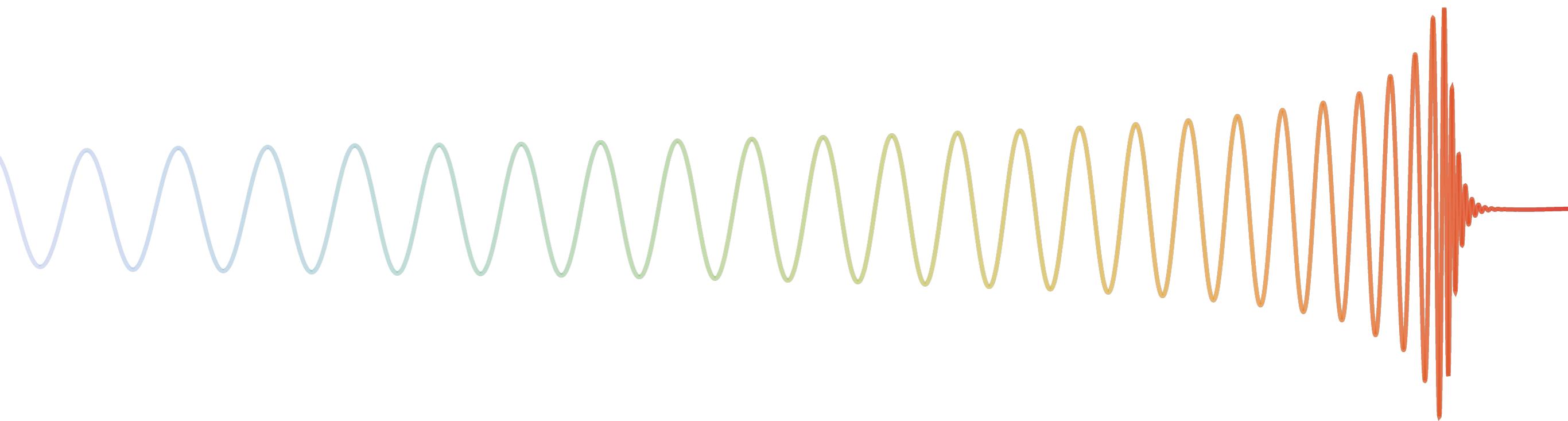
Waveform Modelling and Numerical Relativity: What do We Need?

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Phenomenology of Binary Black Holes



Inspiral:

Post-Newtonian Theory
Effective One Body

Flux Balance:

$$\frac{dE_{\text{orbital}}}{dt} = \mathcal{L}_{\text{GW}} \approx \frac{32}{5} \frac{c^5}{G} \frac{(m_1 m_2)^2}{M^4} \left(\frac{v}{c}\right)^5$$

Analytical approximations begin to break down

Merger:

No analytical model

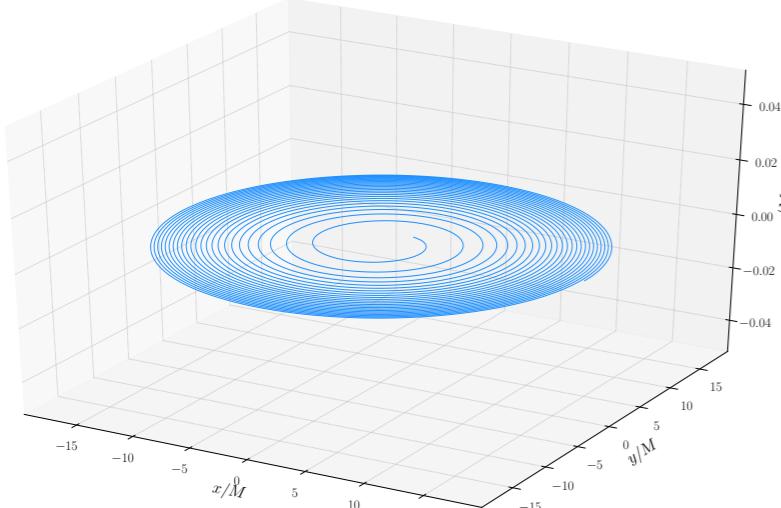
Ringdown:

Black Hole Perturbation Theory

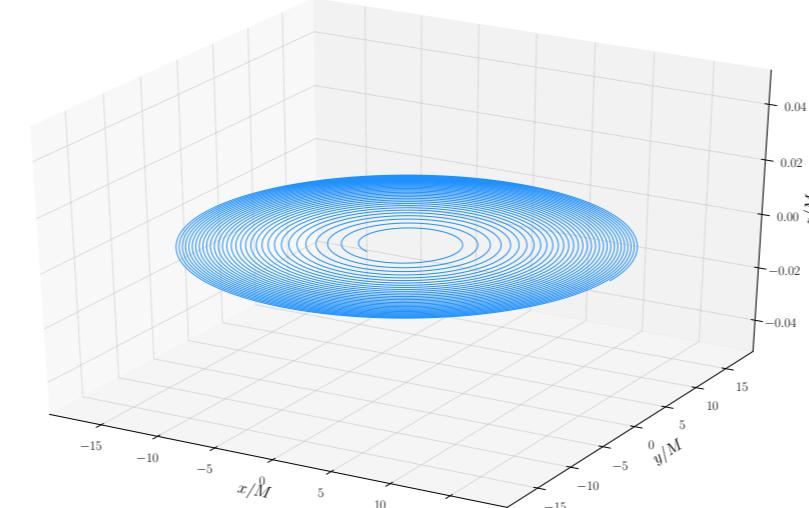
Phenomenology of Binary Black Holes

- Spin-orbit and spin-spin couplings can change the phenomenology of the binary dramatically

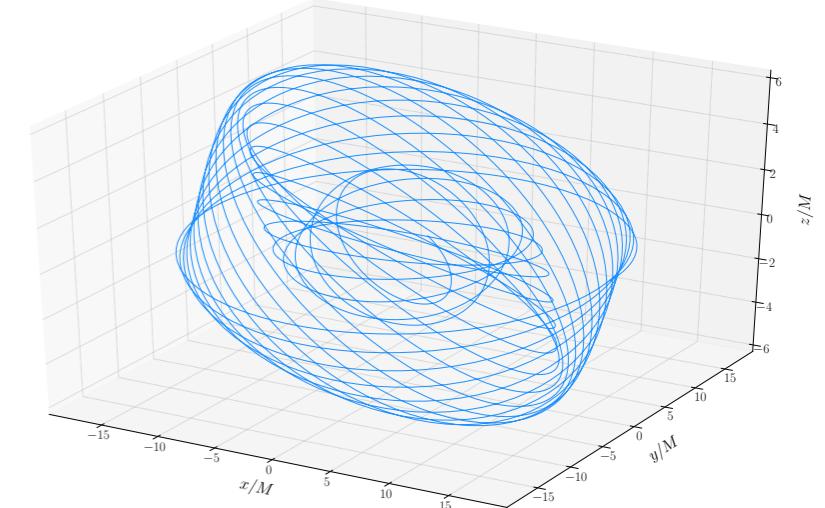
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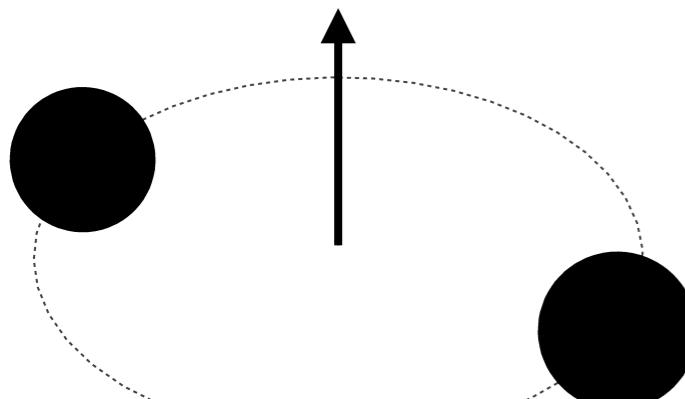
Aligned Spins



Precessing Spins

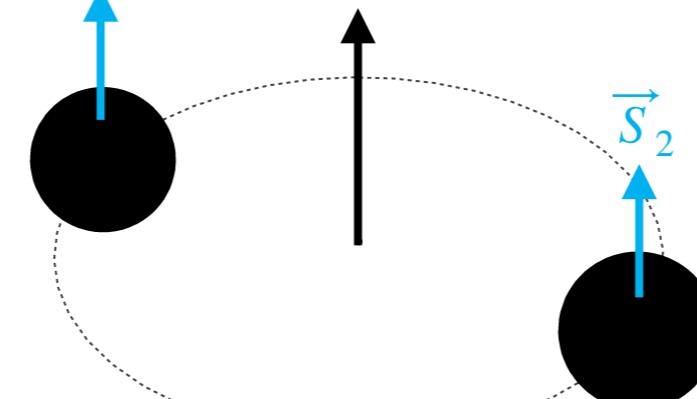


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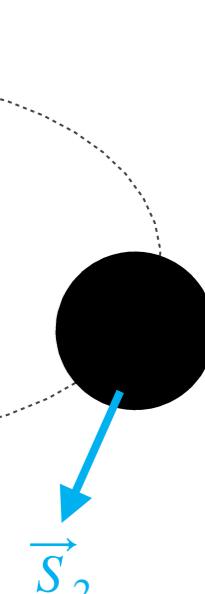
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Waveform Modelling: Key Approaches

Numerical Relativity

- Solve full Einstein Field Equations
- Coupled system of PDEs
- Time integration

Effective One Body

- Hamiltonian framework
- System of ODEs
- Time integration
- Evolve dynamics, obtain GW emission

Phenomenological

- Direct fit to GW signal
- Closed-form expressions
- Frequency domain model

Computational Efficiency

Model Complexity

Numerical Relativity



Numerical Relativity: 50 years of history and growing!

1962 ADM 3+1 Formulation	1992, Choptuik; Abrahams & Evans, Critical Phenomena	99-00, AEI/PSU, Grazing Collisions	2005, Pretorius, IMR w/ Harmonic Gauge	2007, Ajith, AEI, Jena, Phenom GW Models	2011, Lousto ea, q100
1964 Hahn-Lindquist, 2 wormholes	1997, Brandt-Brügmann, Puncture Data	00, Choptuik; Schnitter; Brügmann, Mesh Refinement	2005-06, UTB; NASA; IMR w/ BSSN + punctures	2009, UMD, SXS, EOB GW Models	2014, Schmidt ea, Precessing waveform models
1984, Unruh, Excisions			2006-08, Caltech/Cornell, IMR w/ Spectral	2011, Schmidt ea, Radiation aligned frame & precession	2015, Szilagyi ea, 175 orbits



1975-77, Smarr-Eppley, Head on Collisions	1994, Cook, Bowen-York Initial Data	1999, BSSN	2006-07, Baker ea, Gonzalez ea, Non-spinning BBH Kicks	2008, All of NR, NINJA	2011, Lovelace ea, Spins ~ 0.97
1979, York, Kinematics & Dynamics of GR	1994, NCSA-Wash., Improving head on collisions	1999, York, Conformal Thck Sandwich ID	2007, SXS, PN-NR	2009-11, Bishop, CCE	
1989-95, Bona-Masso, Modified ADM (hyperbolicity!)	99-05, JW York, Cornell, Caltech, LSU, Hyperbolic Formulations	2000-02, Alcubierre, Gauge Conditions	2007-11, RIT; Jena; AEI, BBH Superkicks	2011-, Le Tiec ea, self-force	
		2000 Ashtekar, Isolated Horizons	2010, Bernuzzi et al, CCZ4/Z4c	2015-, All NR, GW150914 NR Follow-up	
		2004, Brügmann et al, One Orbit	2007-11, RIT; Jena; AEI, BBH Superkicks		

Numerical Relativity: Broad Overview

- Einstein Field Equations: 10 coupled non-linear 2nd order partial differential equations

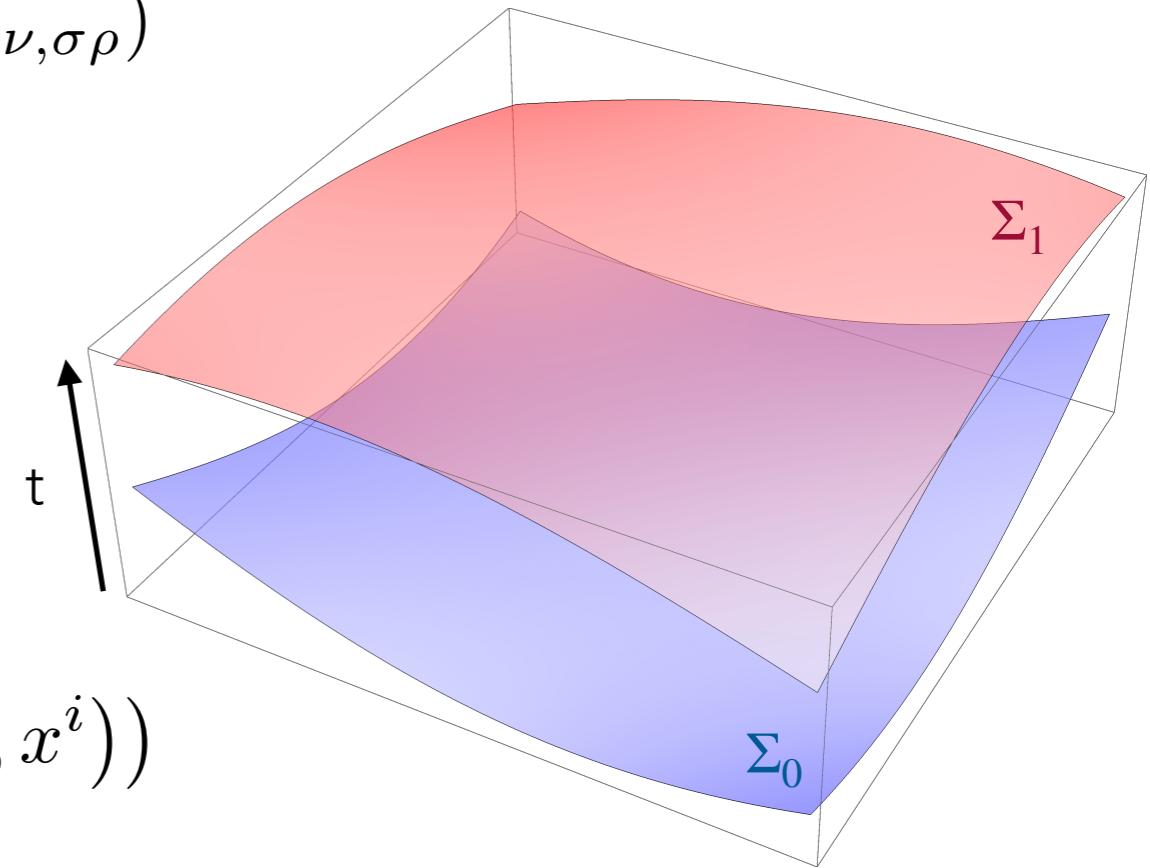
$$R_{\mu\nu} \equiv \frac{1}{2} g^{\sigma\rho} (g_{\sigma\nu,\mu\rho} + g_{\mu\rho,\sigma\nu} - g_{\sigma\rho,\mu\nu} - g_{\mu\nu,\sigma\rho})$$

$$+ g^{\sigma\rho} (\Gamma_{\mu\rho}^m \Gamma_{m\sigma\nu} - \Gamma_{\mu\nu}^m \Gamma_{m\sigma\rho})$$

$$\Gamma_{\nu\sigma}^\mu \equiv \frac{1}{2} g^{\mu\rho} (g_{\rho\nu,\sigma} + g_{\rho\sigma,\nu} - g_{\sigma\rho,\nu})$$

- Formulate as an initial boundary value problem

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} u(t, x^i) = F(u(t, x^i), \partial u(t, x^i), \partial^2 u(t, x^i))$$



- Initial data $u(0, \mathbf{x}) = f(\mathbf{x})$ evolved forward in time with evolution equations
- $\partial_t u(t, \mathbf{x}) = F(u, \partial u, \partial^2 u)$
- Constraint equations can be defined on surfaces of equal time Σ_t

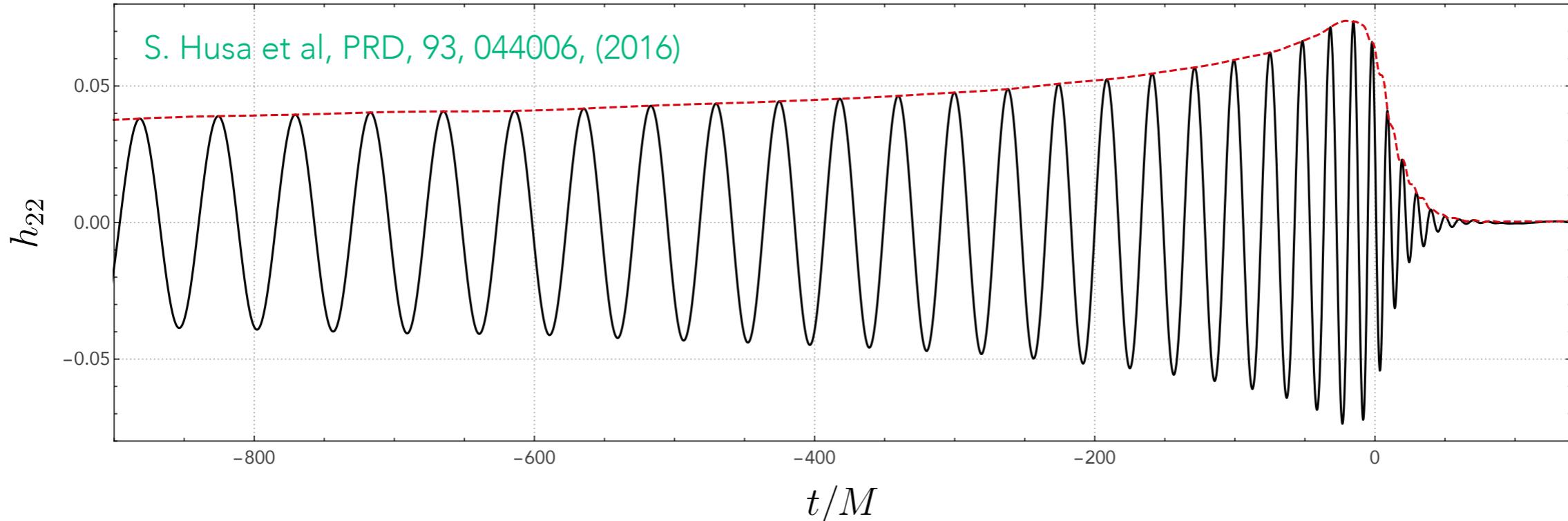


Numerical Relativity: The Two Main Approaches

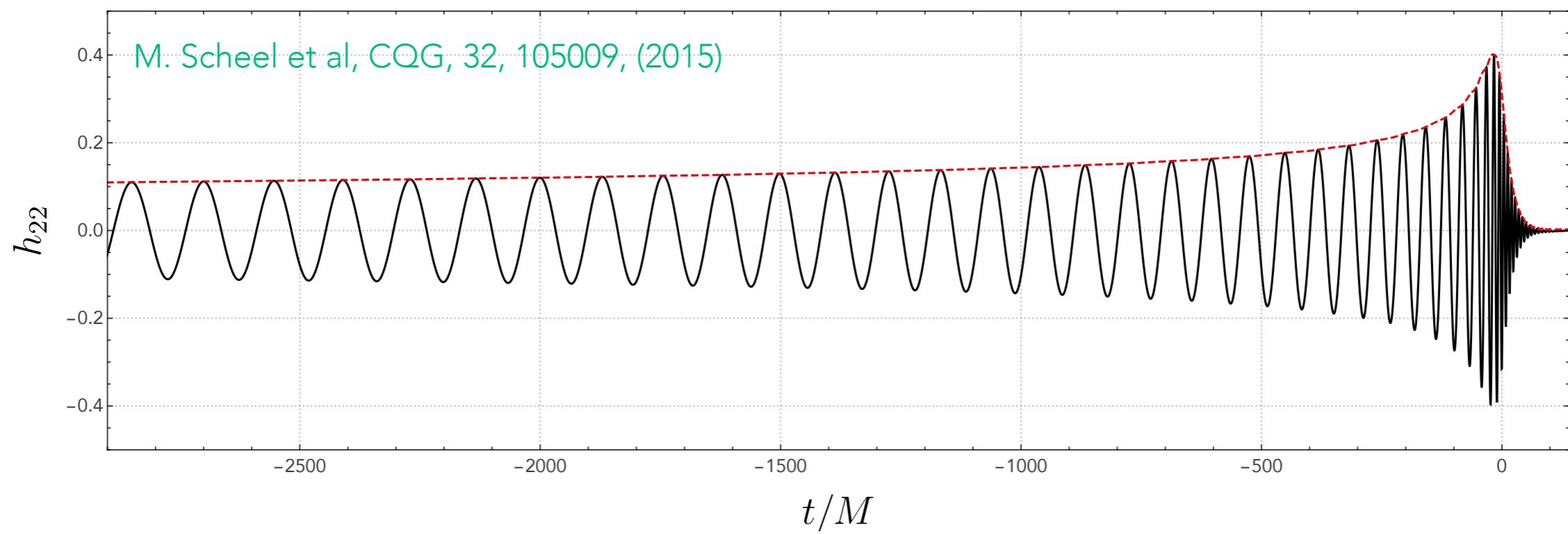
- Puncture initial data (Brandt & Brügmann 97)
 - BSSN or CCZ4 formulation with moving punctures (Campanelli ea 06, Baker ea 06, Bernuzzi et 10, Alec ea 12)
 - Gauge conditions: 1+log, Gamma-driver, Sommerfeld outer BC
 - Finite differences with AMR
 - Historic groups: RIT, GATech, Goddard, Jena, UIB Palma, Cardiff, Perimeter
 - Codes: BAM, Einstein Toolkit, LEAN, GRChombo, SACRA, ...
- Quasi-equilibrium excision initial-data (Cook&Pfeiffer 04, Lovelace ea 08)
 - Generalized harmonic with constraint damping (Gundlach ea 05, Pretorius 05)
 - Gauge conditions: damped harmonic gauge, constraint preserving, minimally reflective outer BCs
 - Multi-domain spectral methods
 - Historic groups: The SXS collaboration, Cornell, Caltech, CITA, WSU, Fullerton, AEI
 - Codes: SpEC, BAMPS, ...
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- Some overlapping approaches, e.g. Pretorius used GH + FD + AMR

Numerical Relativity: Extreme Cases

- High mass ratio q18 series produced with BAM code: $\chi_1 \in \{-0.8, -0.4, 0.0, +0.4, +0.8\}$



- High spin, equal-mass series produced with SpEC code, e.g. $\chi_1 \in \{0.995\}$



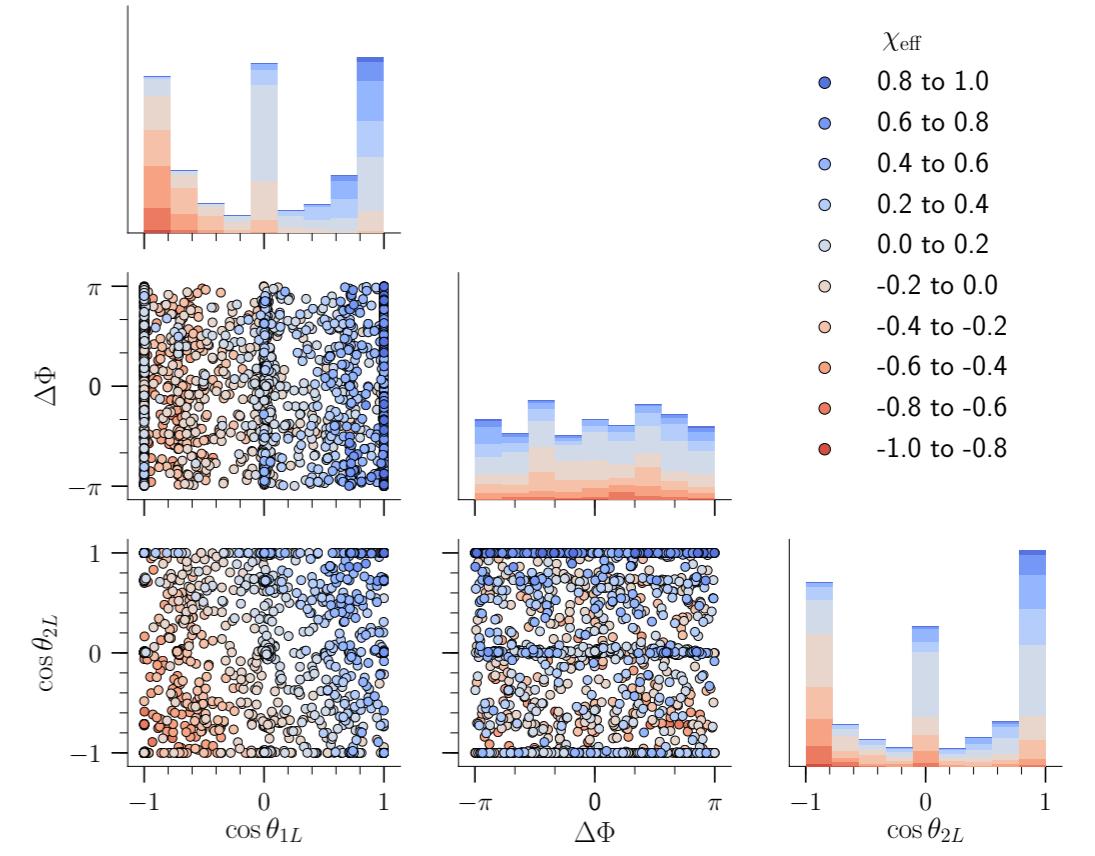
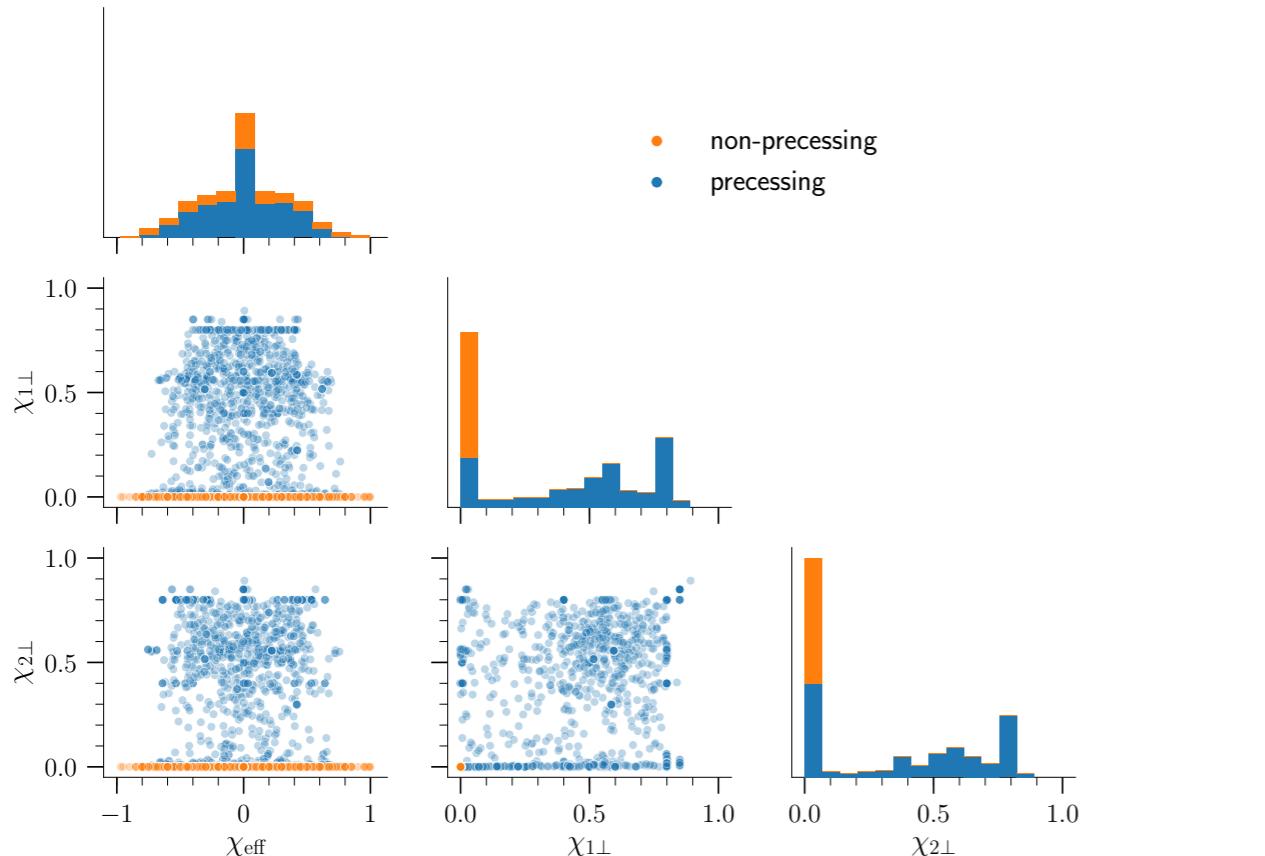
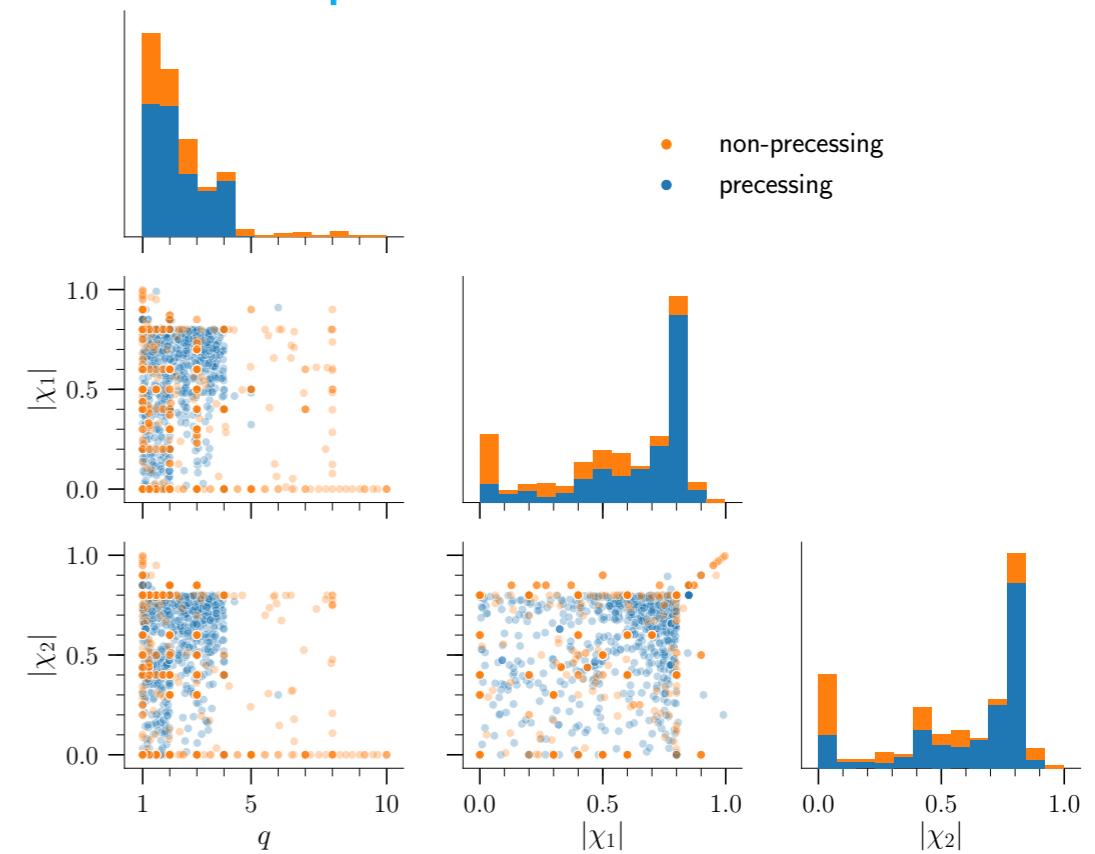
Numerical Relativity: Coverage of Parameter Space

- SXS Catalog, Boyle et al, CQG, 36, 195006, (2019): 2018 distinct configurations
- 1426 precessing configurations (covers mass ratios up to $q \sim 4$)
- Median length ~ 39 cycles

$$q = m_1/m_2$$

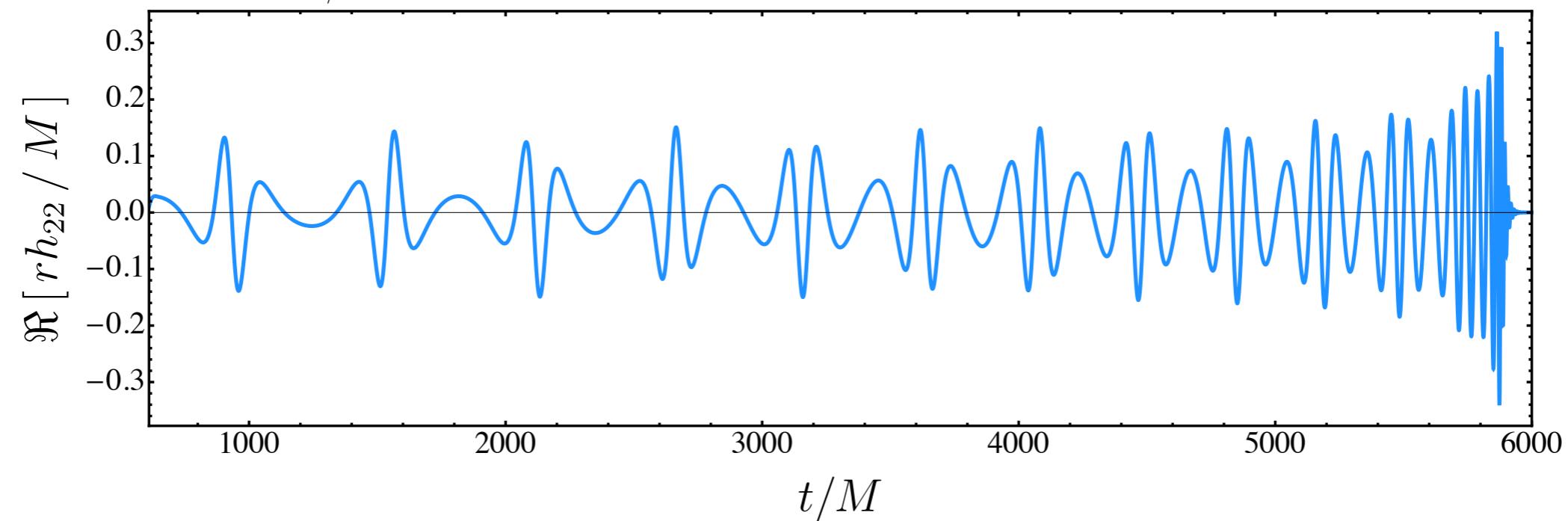
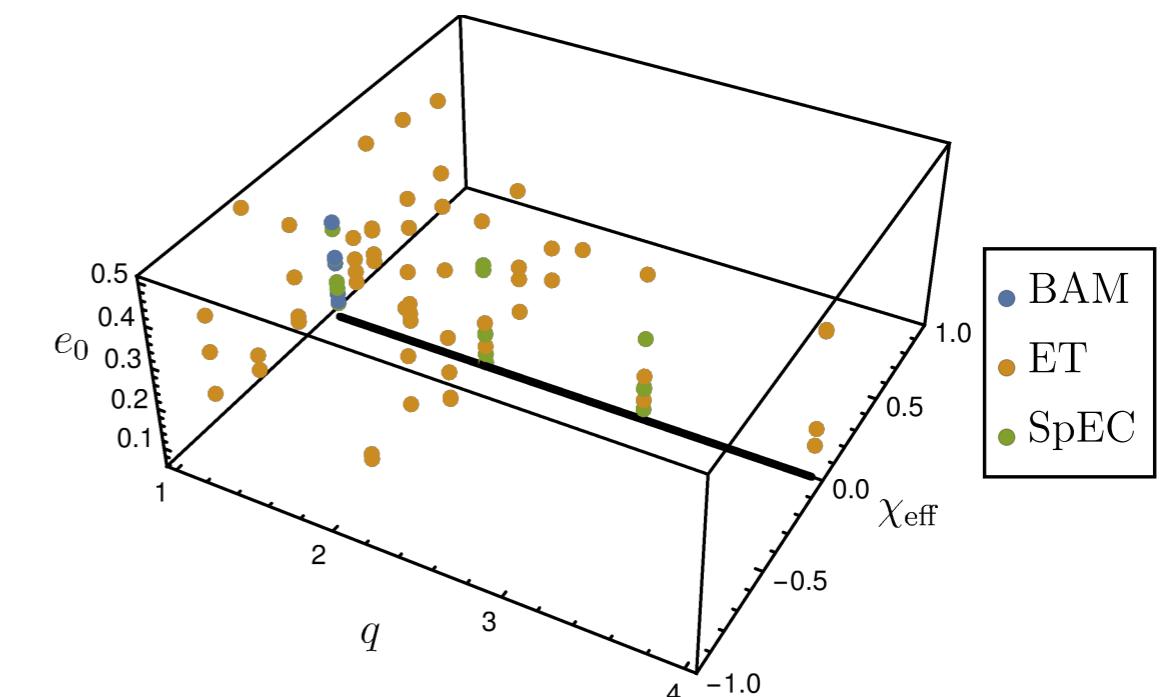
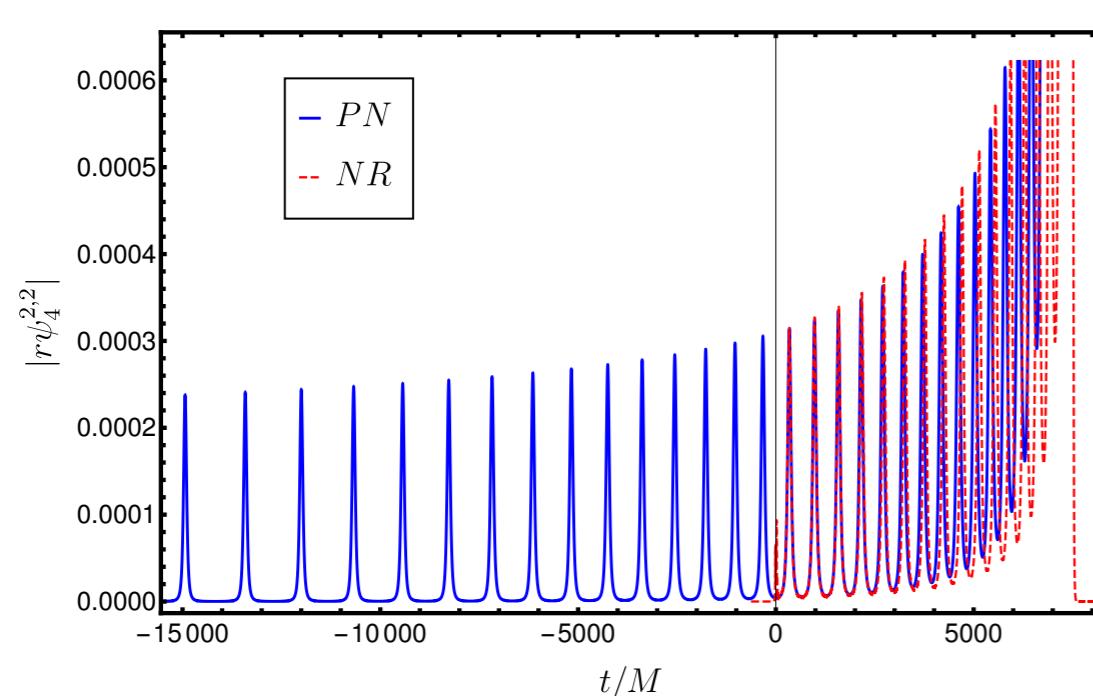
$$\eta = (m_1 m_2)/M^2$$

$$\chi_i = \frac{c}{G} \frac{S_i}{m_i^2}$$

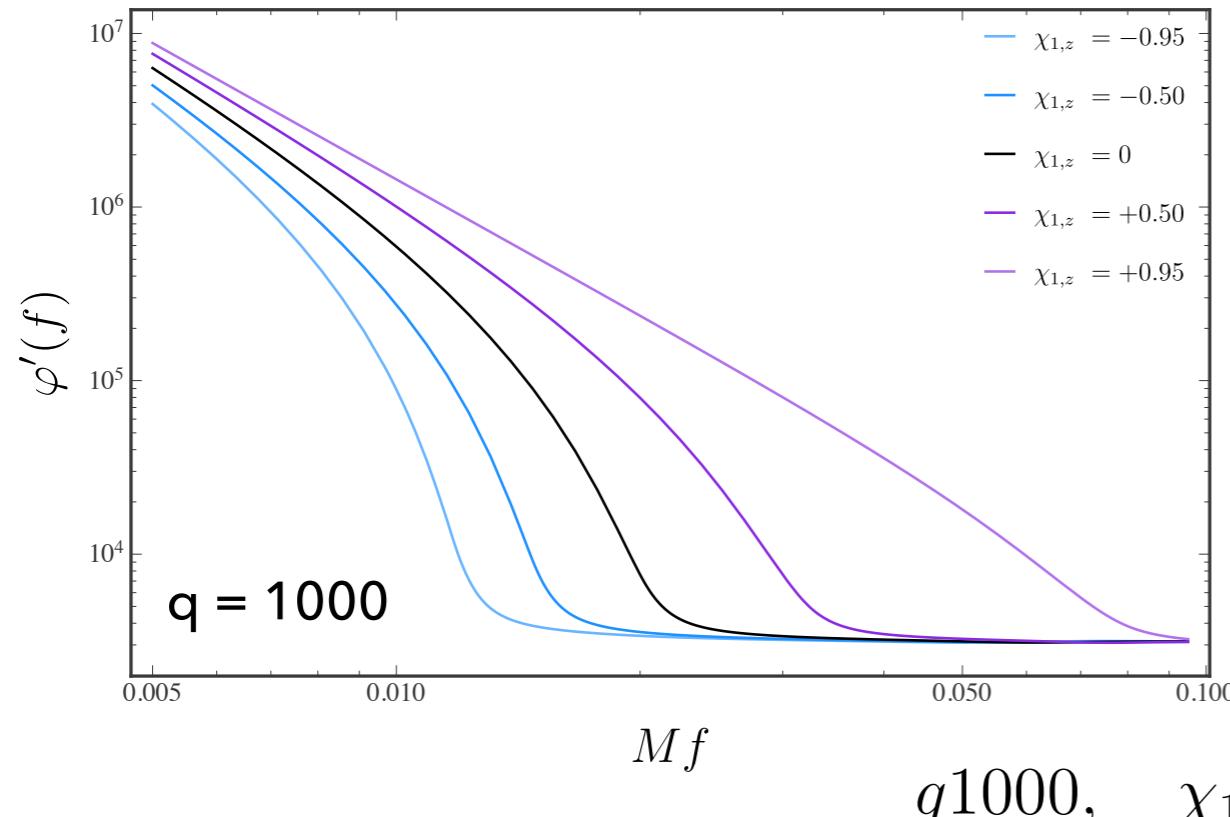


Numerical Relativity: Coverage of Parameter Space

- Eccentric ET/BAM/SXS Catalog: A. Ramos-Buades et al + GP, arXiv:1909.11011, (2019)
- Explore parameter space systematically: non-spinning, aligned-spin, precessing, etc
- NR waveforms hybridised against eccentric PN, good for low-mass studies

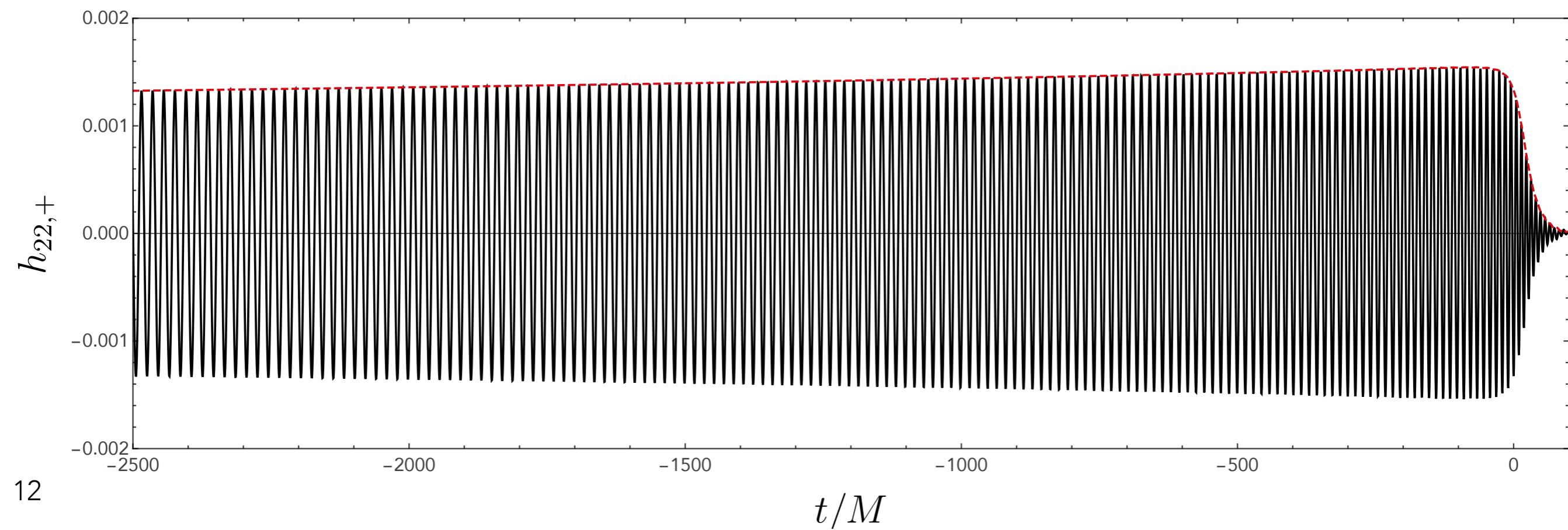


Numerical Relativity: Bridging the Test Particle Limit?



- NR simulations diverge in time as $\eta \rightarrow 0$
- Numerically solve black hole perturbation equations in extreme mass ratio limit
- Positive aligned spins \sim highly adiabatic \sim many quasi-circular orbits before merger
- Negative aligned spins \sim un-adiabatic \sim rapid plunge

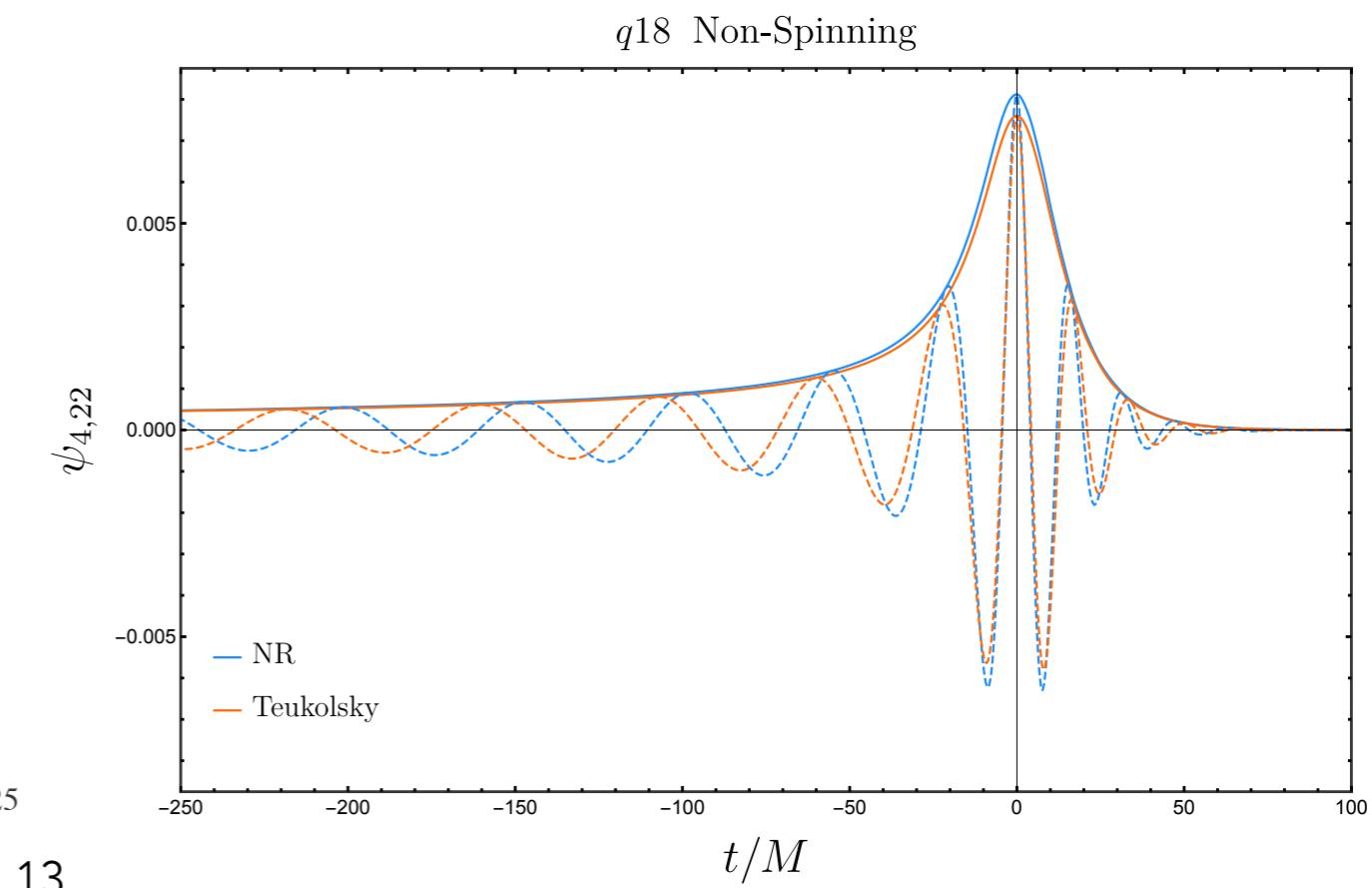
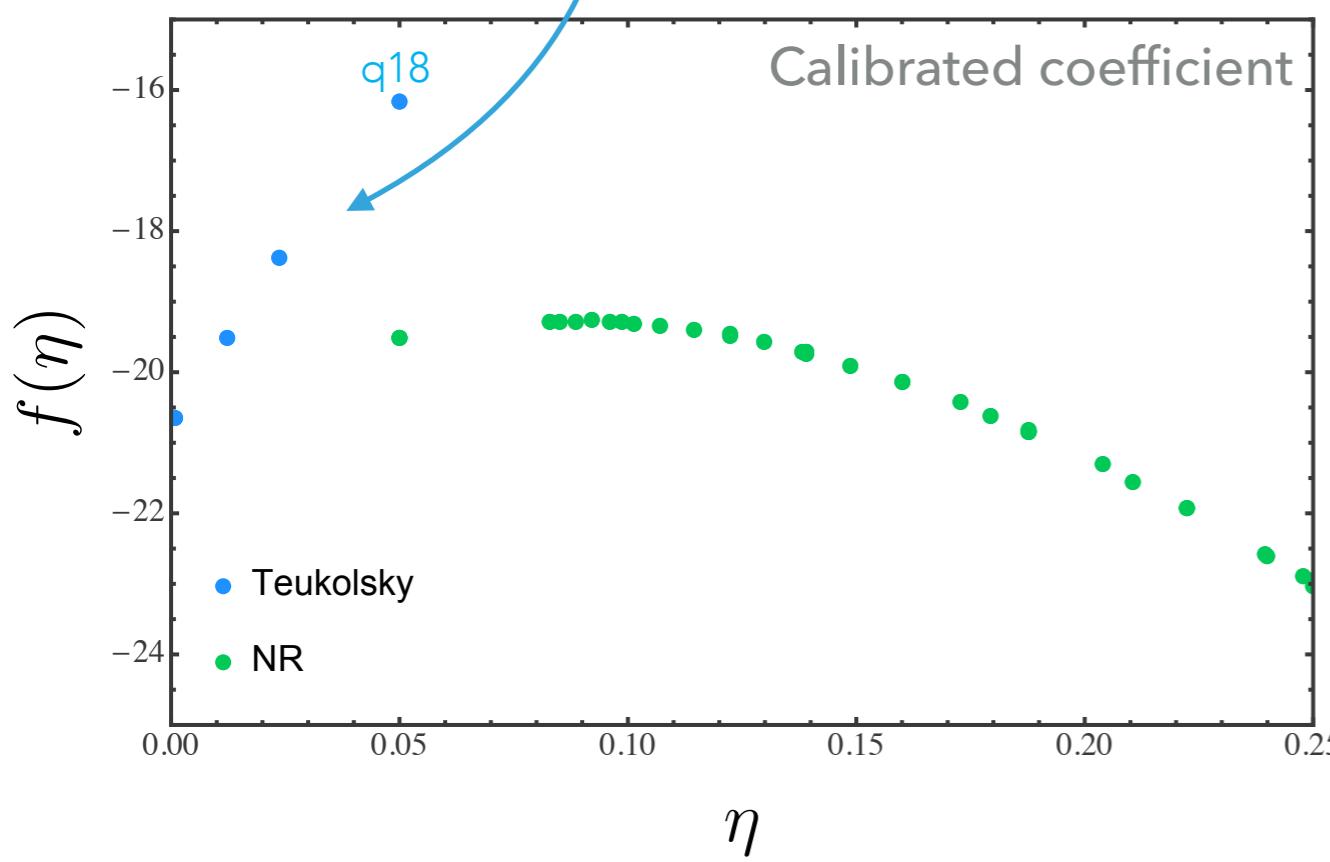
$q1000, \quad \chi_1 = 0.95, \quad \chi_2 = 0.0$



Numerical Relativity: Bridging the Test Particle Limit?

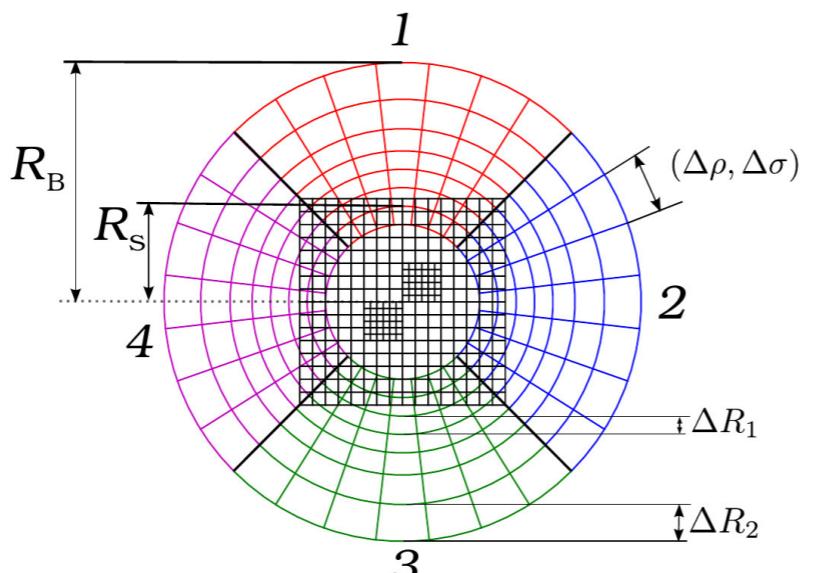
- Can we extrapolate these results to the comparable mass regime?
- Not yet! Work to do on both numerical and analytical side to bridge the gap!
- Comparisons between full NR and Teukolsky code show disagreements
- Tackle problem from both directions: push NR to higher mass ratios and invest in significantly improving analytical knowledge (e.g. second order self-force, see talk by [Niels Warburton!](#))

Test particle waveforms follow discrepant branches
to NR when calibrating waveform models



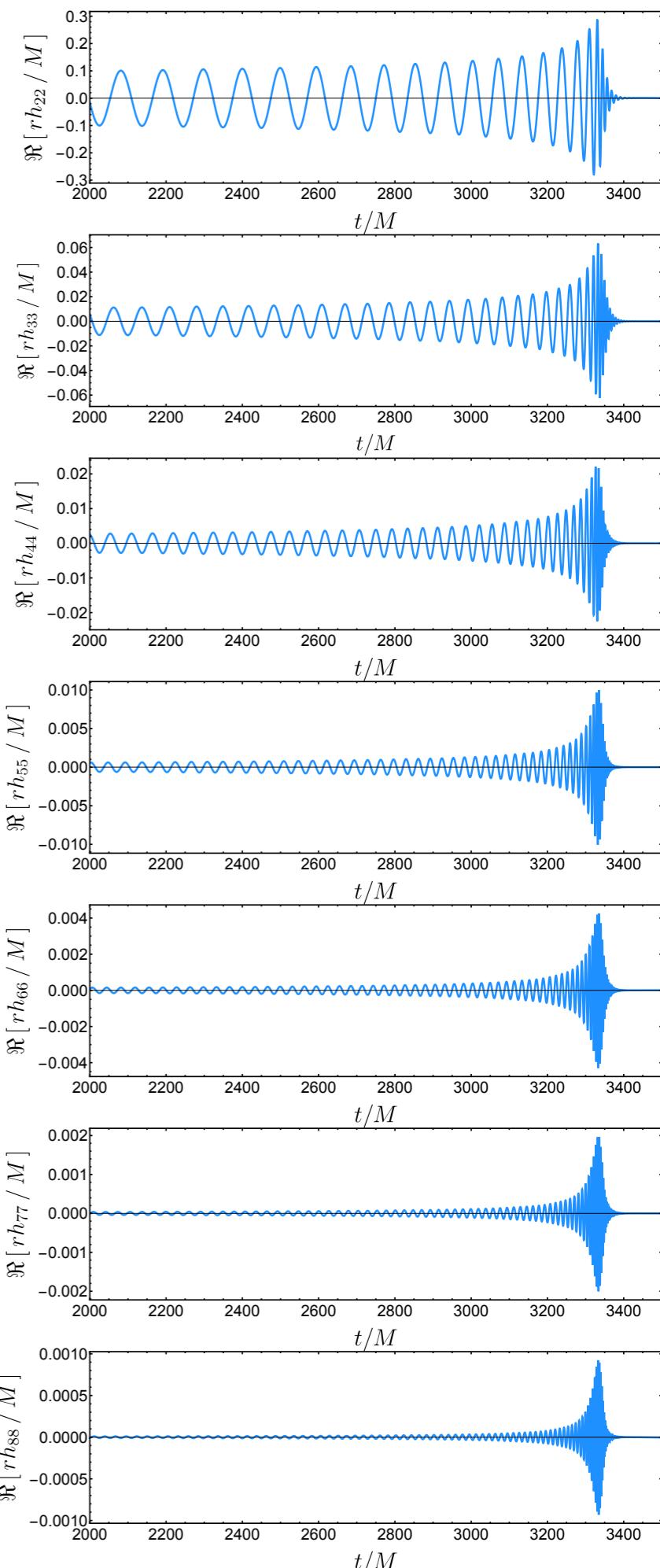
Numerical Relativity: Directions?

- Need improved understanding of systematics in NR codes
 - Comparable mass regime is well understood - need to explore more challenging regions of the parameter space
 - High mass ratios and high spins or particular importance
- Ever improving initial data vital for exploring extremal spin configurations - also needs more detailed understanding of gauge conditions!
- Cartesian AMR schemes hugely wasteful - use spherical topology of wave extraction zones (spectral methods, multi-patch grid)



Pollney et al, PRD,
83, 044045, (2011)

- Paradigm shift? Consider novel AMR schemes based on alternative methods? Wavelets? Much ongoing work, too early to say!



Phenomenological Waveform Models

Phenomenological Waveform Models: The Basic Framework

- Data-driven approach: want accurate but computationally efficient waveforms
 - Modern parameter estimation can require $\sim \mathcal{O}(10^6)$ or more waveform evaluations
- Basic ideology: model the amplitude and phase of the GW signal directly

$$h(f) = \sum_{\ell,m} {}_{-2}Y_{\ell m} h_{\ell m} \approx {}_{-2}Y_{22} h_{22} = A(f)e^{i\varphi(f)}$$

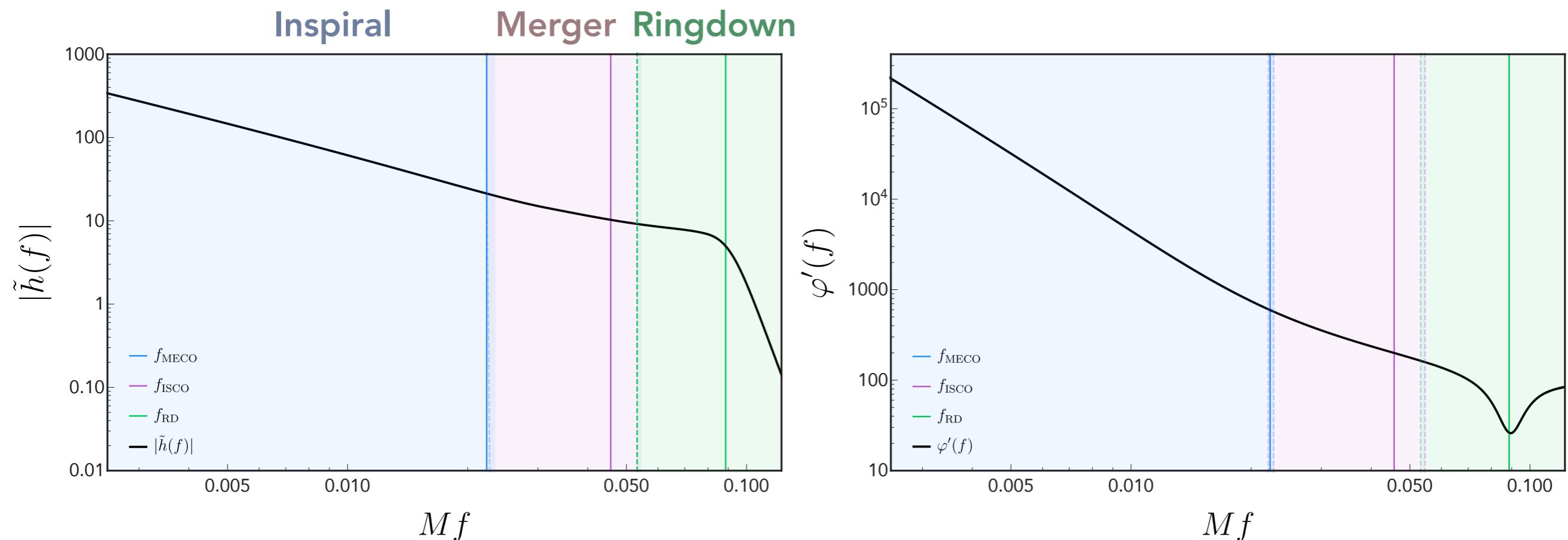


Initially focus on modelling the dominant harmonic

- Initial focus on the dominant harmonic in non-precessing limit
 - Forms the basis for nearly all extensions in the Phenom framework: higher multipoles, precession, etc
 - Non-precessing limit is well understood: the perfect playground for understanding subdominant effects in a **clean** way
 - Will discuss the extensions in a few slides!

Phenomenological Waveform Models: The Basic Framework

- Modular approach that splits waveform into 3 key regions: inspiral, merger and ringdown
- Gauge ambiguities from freedom in time and phase shifts (these are not physical)
- Working with phase derivative helps with some of these ambiguities



Phenomenological Waveform Models: The Basic Framework

- Inspiral built from post-Newtonian theory + stationary phase approximation (TaylorF2)
 - Capture as-of-yet unknown PN terms via calibration to hybridised NR waveforms
 - Hybrid baseline is SEOBNRv4 (leads to better low-frequency behaviour)

$$\begin{aligned}\phi_{\text{Ins}} = & \phi_{\text{TF2}}(Mf; \boldsymbol{\theta}) \\ & + \frac{1}{\eta} \left(\sigma_0 + \sigma_1 f + \frac{3}{4} \sigma_2 f^{4/3} + \frac{3}{5} \sigma_3 f^{3/5} + \frac{1}{2} \sigma_4 f^2 \right)\end{aligned}$$

- Intermediate region has no known analytical form
 - Use a simple polynomial ansatz to smoothly connect inspiral to ringdown

$$\eta\phi'_{\text{Int}} = c_{\text{Int}} + a_4 f^{-4} + a_2 f^{-2} + a_1 f^{-1} - \frac{4a_0 a_\phi}{(f - f_{\text{RD}})^2 + (2f_{\text{damp}})^2}$$

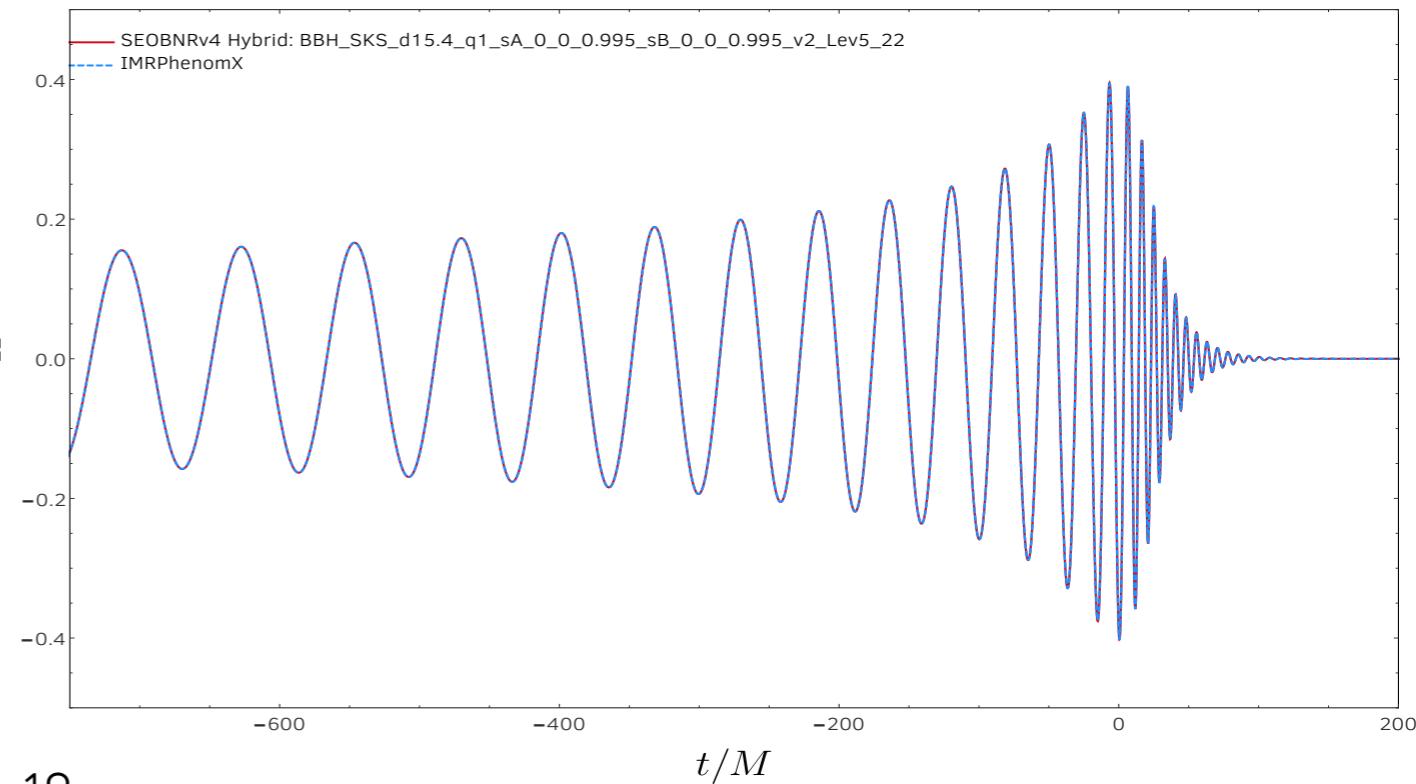
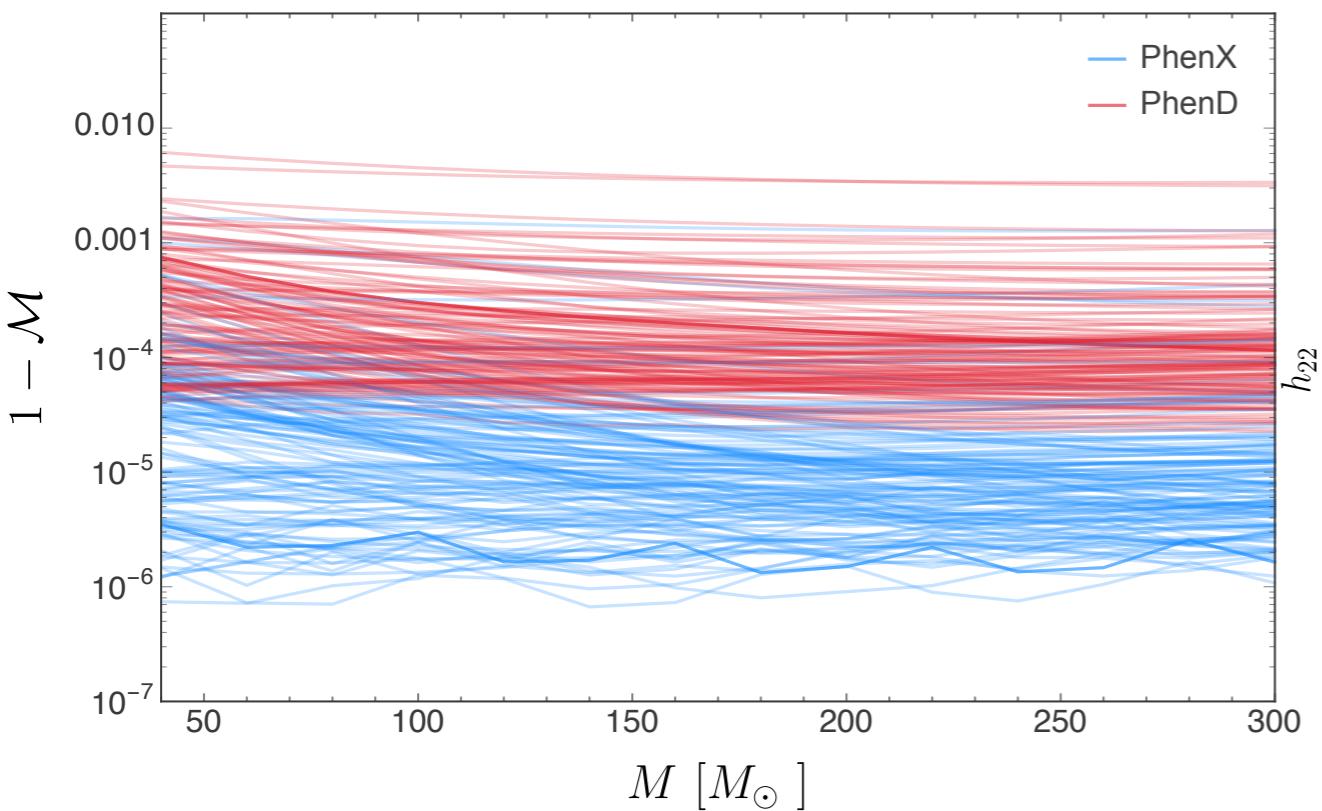
- Ringdown from black hole perturbation theory
 - Well captured by deformed Lorentzian in non-linear background from merger

$$\eta\phi'_{\text{RD}} = c_{\text{RD}} + \sum_i^n c_i f^{-p_i} + \frac{c_0 a_\varphi}{f_{\text{damp}}^2 + (f - f_{\text{RD}})^2}$$

Phenomenological Models: Next Generation of Models?

- State of the art Phenomenological waveform model IMRPhenomX [G. Pratten et al, in prep. (2019)] + extension to higher modes [C. García Quirós et al + GP, in prep., (2019)]
- Calibration against large suite of NR hybrids (~ 376 waveforms)
- Order(s) of magnitude improvement over previous generation of Phenom models

$$\langle h_1, h_2 \rangle = 4 \operatorname{Re} \int_{f_{\min}}^{f_{\max}} \frac{\tilde{h}_1(f) \tilde{h}_2^*(f)}{S_n(f)} df$$



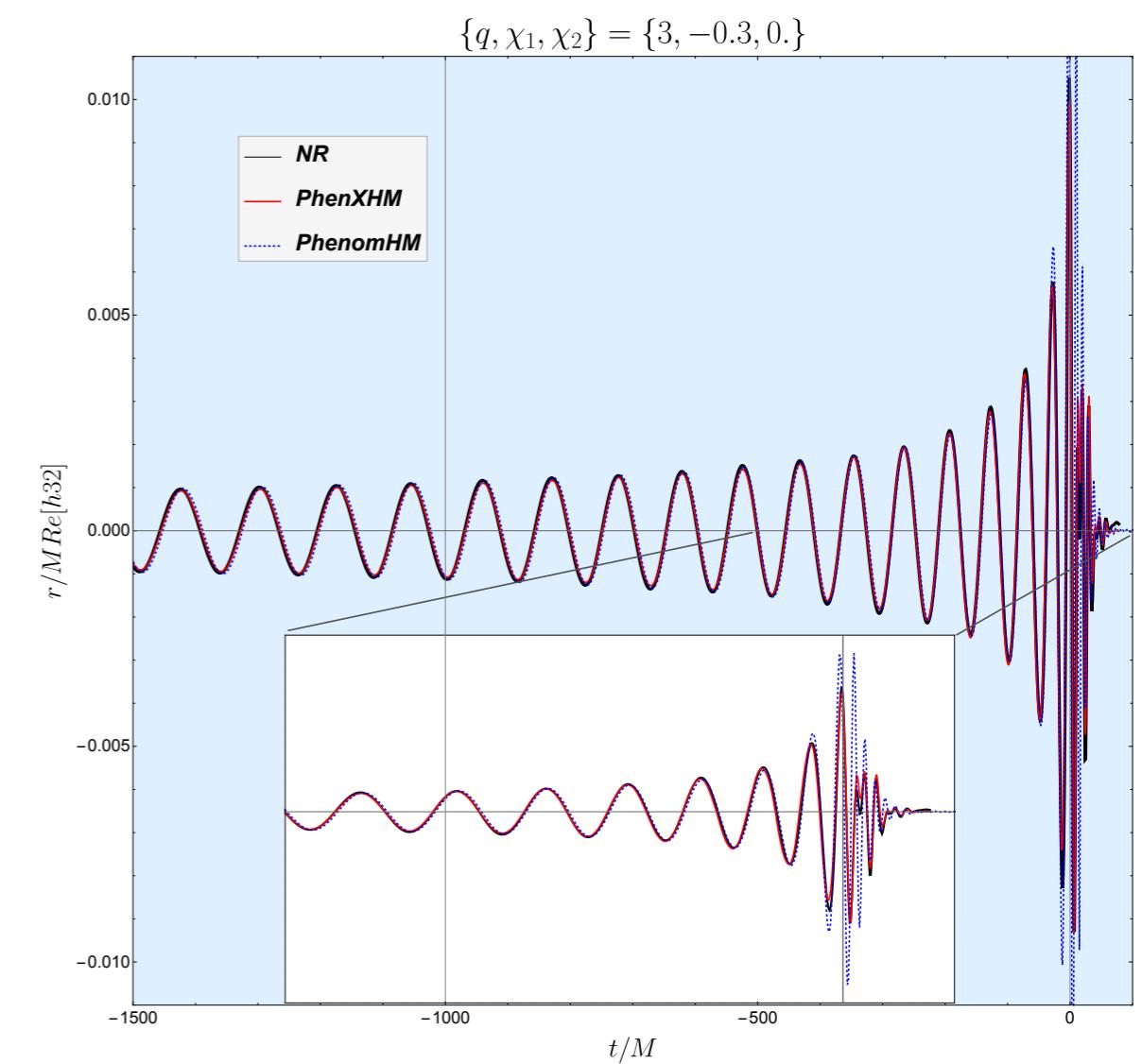
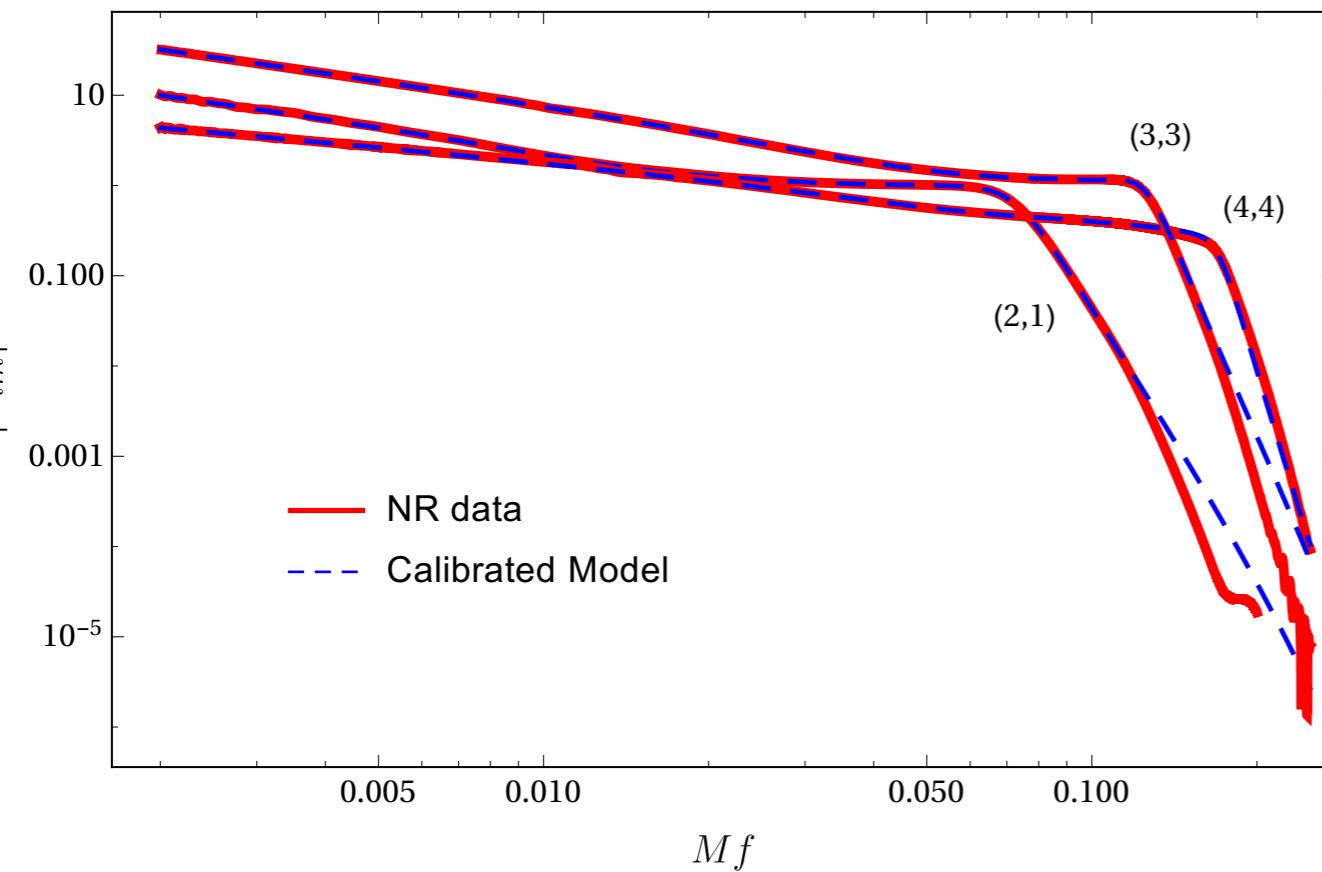
Phenomenological Models: Higher Multipoles

- Model subdominant spherical harmonics

$$h(t, \theta, \varphi) = \sum_{\ell=2}^{\ell_{\max}} \sum_{m=-\ell}^{+\ell} h_{\ell m}(t) {}_{-2}Y_{\ell m}(\theta, \varphi)$$

- Two key approaches: use simple PN-inspired rescaling ([IMRPhenomHM](#)) or calibrate the waveform model against NR ([IMRPhenomXHM](#))
- Mode-mixing requires special treatment!

$$\{q, \chi_1, \chi_2\} = \{3., 0., 0.\}$$



Phenomenological Models: Precession

- Spins mis-aligned with orbital angular momenta induces precession of orbital plane and spins = complex amplitude and phase modulations!
- **Key insight:** approximate decoupling between inspiral dynamics and precession dynamics (Schmidt+11)
- **Key insight:** waveforms in a preferred radiation frame approximately resemble aligned-spin waveforms (Schmidt+11, Schmidt+12)
- Use aligned-spin waveforms as basis for precessing waveform model

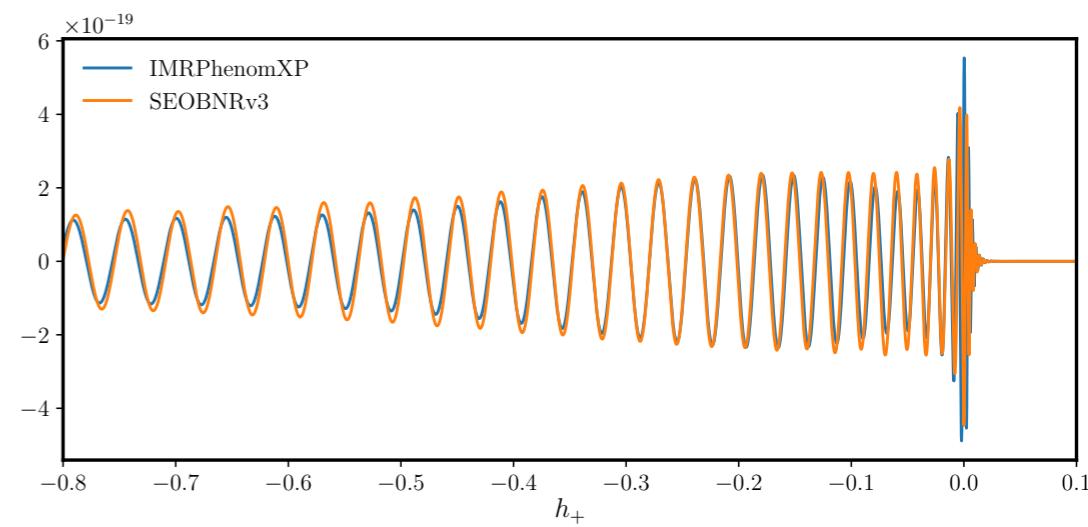
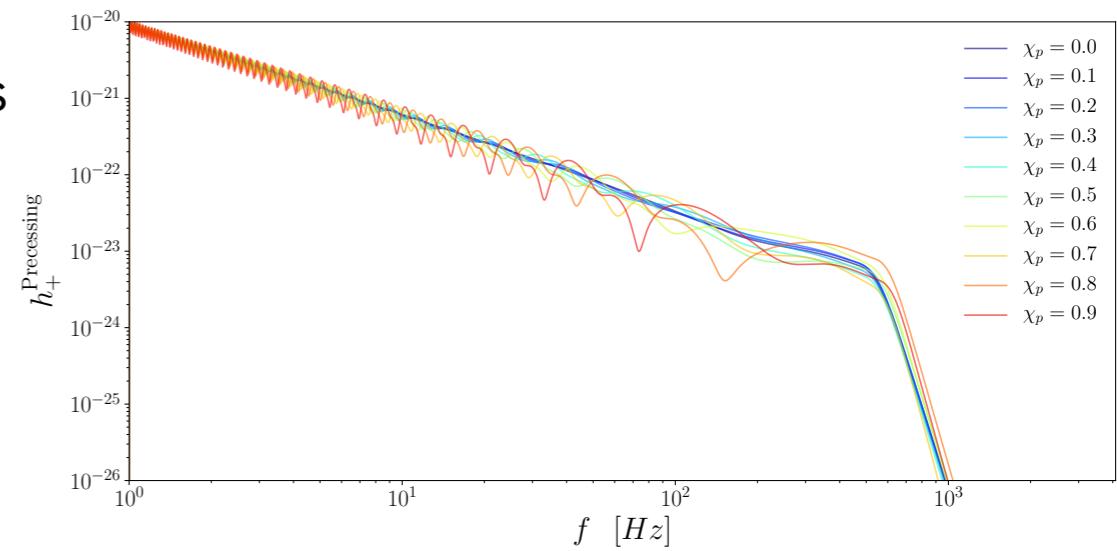
$$h_{\ell m}^I = \sum_{m=-\ell}^{\ell} \mathcal{D}_{mm'}^{\ell*}(\alpha, \beta, \gamma) h_{\ell m'}^P$$



Encodes precession of orbital plane: [P. Schmidt et al, PRD, 84, 024046, (2011); P. Schmidt et al, PRD, 86, 104063, (2012); M. Hannam & P. Schmidt et al + GP, PRL, 113, 151101, (2014)]

- Effective spin parameterisation ~ dominant effect

$$\chi_p = \frac{S_p}{A_2 m_2^2} \quad S_p = \text{Max}(A_1 S_{1\perp}, A_2 S_{2\perp}) \quad A_1 = 2 + \frac{3q}{2}; A_2 = 2 + \frac{3}{2q}$$



Phenomenological Models: Waveform Generation Cost?

- Phenom models defined in frequency domain - closed form expressions make these exceptionally quick to evaluate!
- Two main paths to improving performance: **multibanding** and **reduced order quadrature**
- **Multibanding** ~ sampling across non-uniform grid to adaptively resolve features in waveform [S. Vinciguerra et al, CQG, 34, 11, (2017); C. Garcíá-Quiros et al, in prep, (2019)]

$$\hat{A}_k = A_j + \frac{\hat{f}_k - f_j}{f_{j+1} - f_j} (A_{j+1} - A_j)$$

Accelerate waveform generation cost!

$$\hat{\phi}_k = \phi_j + \frac{\hat{f}_k - f_j}{f_{j+1} - f_j} (\phi_{j+1} - \phi_j)$$

- **Reduced order quadrature (ROQ)** ~ approximation to overlap integral using empirical interpolant [P. Canizares et al, PRL, 114, 071104, (2015)]

$$\left(h_A(\vec{\lambda}), h_B(\vec{\lambda}) \right)_{\text{ROQ}} \approx \sum_{k=1}^{N_O} \psi_k \tilde{h}_A \left(\mathcal{F}_k; \vec{\lambda} \right) \tilde{h}_B^* \left(\mathcal{F}_k; \vec{\lambda} \right)$$

- Enables rapid approximation to likelihood **significantly improving parameter estimation costs**



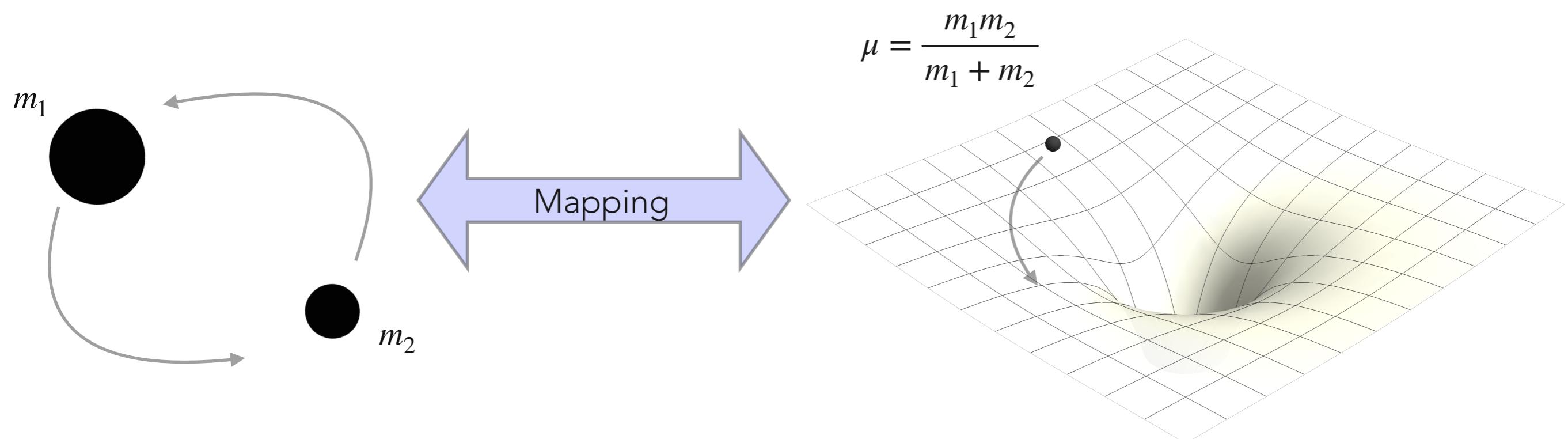
Phenomenological Models: Key Models on the Market

- **IMRPhenomD** [Husa et al, PRD, 93, 044006, (2016); Khan et al, PRD, 93, 044007, (2016)]:
 - Aligned-spins, calibration up to $q \sim 18$, spins ~ 0.85
- **IMRPhenomPv1/v2** [M. Hannam & P. Schmidt et al + GP, PRL, 113, 151101, (2014)]:
 - First precessing IMR waveform model and currently used in LVC analysis of GW data
- **IMRPhenomHM** [London et al, PRL, 120, 161102, (2018)]:
 - Calibrated 22-only higher-multipole model
- **IMRPhenomPv3** [Khan et al, PRD, 100, 024059, (2019)]:
 - Improved treatment of PN inspiral to help capture double spin effects
- **IMRPhenomX** [G. Pratten et al, In. Prep., (2019); C. García Quirós et al + GP, In. Prep., (2019)]
 - New aligned spin model, calibrated up to $q \sim 1000$, calibrated higher modes
 - Extensions to precession (IMRPhenomXP), higher modes (IMRPhenomXHM) and precessing higher modes (IMRPhenomXPHM)
 - Improvements (both significant and incremental) in all aspects of model construction

Effective One Body Formalism

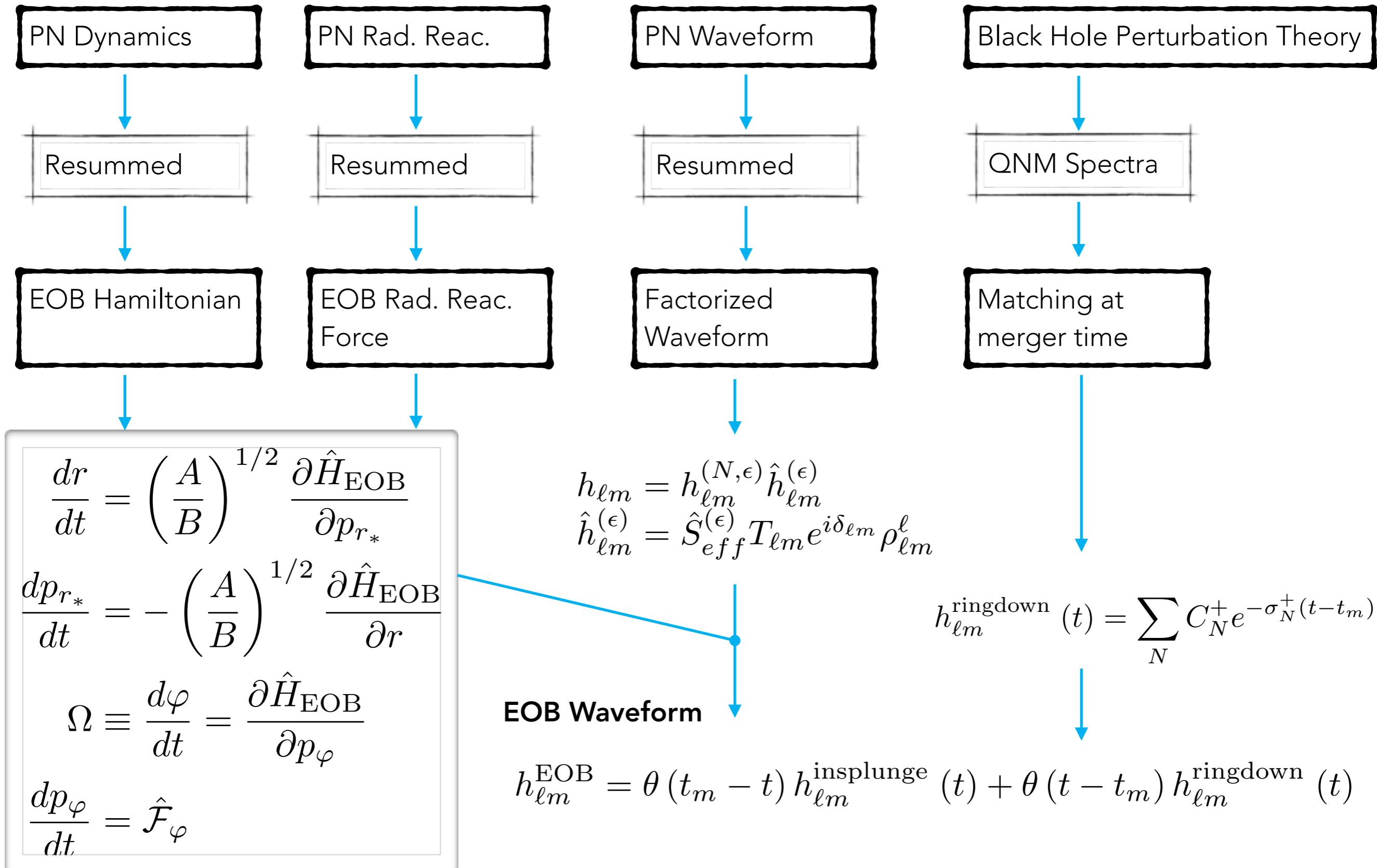
Effective One Body Formalism: Introduction

- Replace two-body dynamics (m_1, m_2) with dynamics of particle of mass μ in an effective metric $g_{\mu\nu}^{\text{eff}}(u)$



- Effective mapping first given by Buonanno & Damour [PRD, 59, 084006, (1999)]
- Many significant breakthroughs in EOB modelling since

Effective One Body Formalism: The General Framework



Effective One Body Formalism: The Hamiltonian

- EOB Hamiltonian

$$H = M \sqrt{1 + 2\nu \left(\frac{H_{\text{eff}}}{\mu} - 1 \right)}$$

- Decompose the effective Hamiltonian into orbital (includes all terms even in the spins) and two spin-orbit pieces

$$H_{\text{orb}}^{\text{eff}} = \sqrt{p_{r_*}^2 + A(r, \nu, S_1, S_2) \left(\mu^2 + \frac{L^2}{r_c^2} + Q_4 \right)}$$

Centrifugal radius with NLO spin-spin terms:

$$r_c^2 = r^2 + \hat{a}_0^2 \left(1 + \frac{2}{r} \right) + \delta \hat{a}^2$$

~ quadrupole deformation of each BH induced by rotation

- PN expansion of EOB radial potential where $u = 1/r$

Resummation!

$$A_{\text{orb}}^{\text{PN}}(u_c) = 1 - 2u_c + 2\nu u_c^3 + \nu a_4 u_c^4 + \nu \left(a_5^c + a_5^{\log} \ln u_c \right) u_c^5 + \nu \left(a_6^c + a_6^{\log} \ln u_c \right) u_c^6 \quad \longrightarrow \quad A_{\text{orb}}(u_c, \nu) = P_5^1 [A_{\text{orb}}^{\text{PN}}](u_c)$$

- Spin-orbit interactions enter the Hamiltonian as

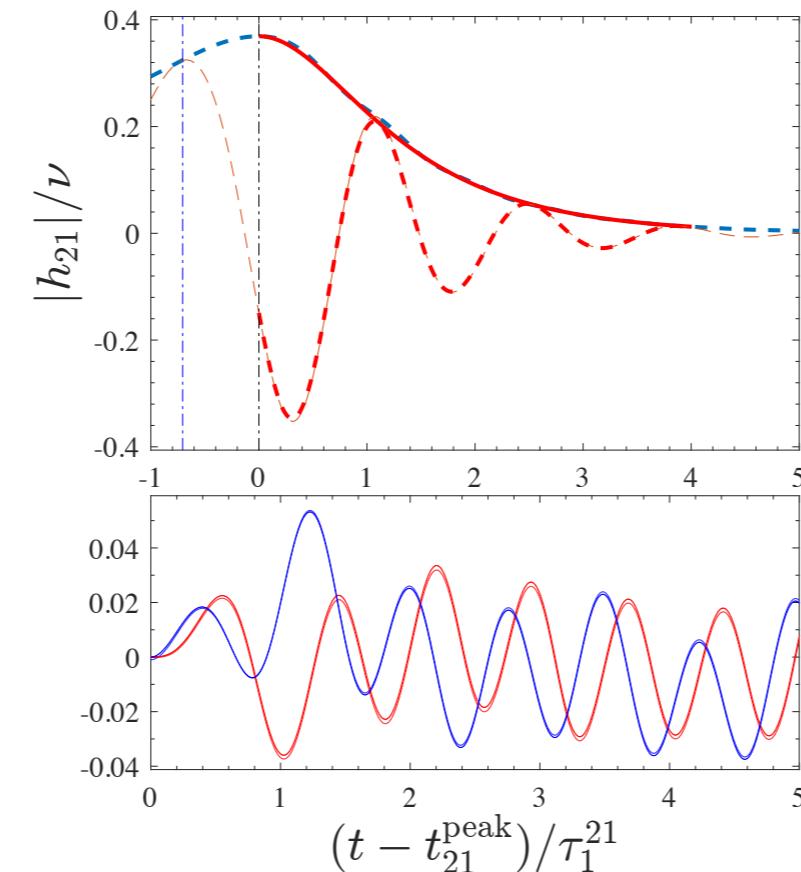
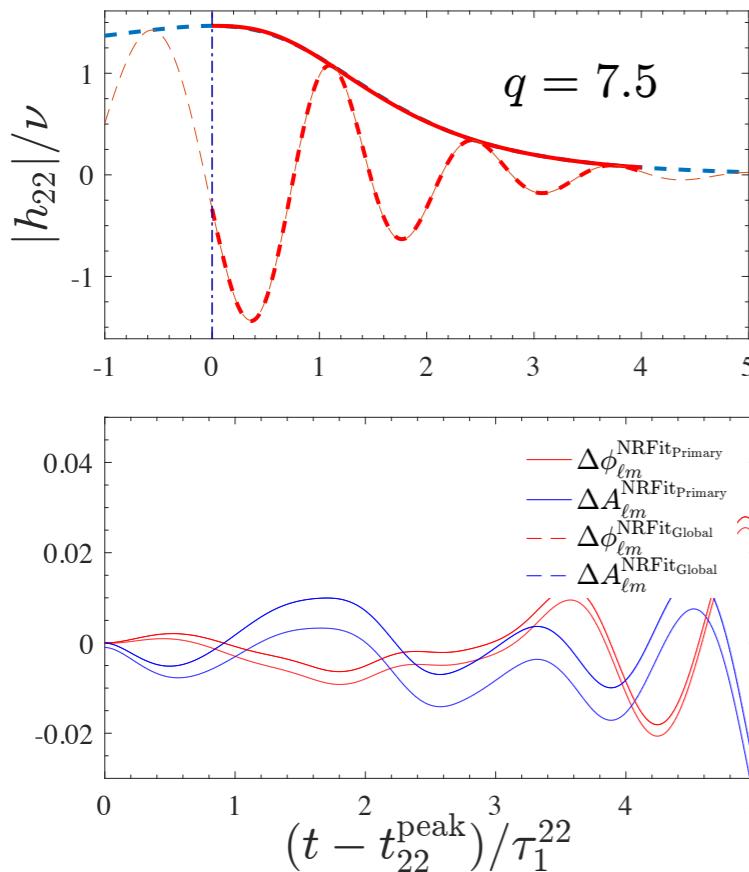
$$\hat{H}_{\text{eff}}^{S, S^*} = \frac{g_S^{\text{eff}}}{r^3} \mathbf{L} \cdot \mathbf{S} + \frac{g_{S^*}^{\text{eff}}}{r^3} \mathbf{L} \cdot \mathbf{S}^*$$

*Hamiltonian and constituent components is non-unique!
Many different formulations possible!*

Effective One Body Formalism: Post-Merger and Ringdown?

- New paradigm: multiplicative decomposition, factorize fundamental QNM [Damour & Nagar, PRD, 90, 024054, (2014)]
- Phenomenological ansatz for remainder:

E.g Nagar et al + GP, arXiv:1904.09550, (2019)

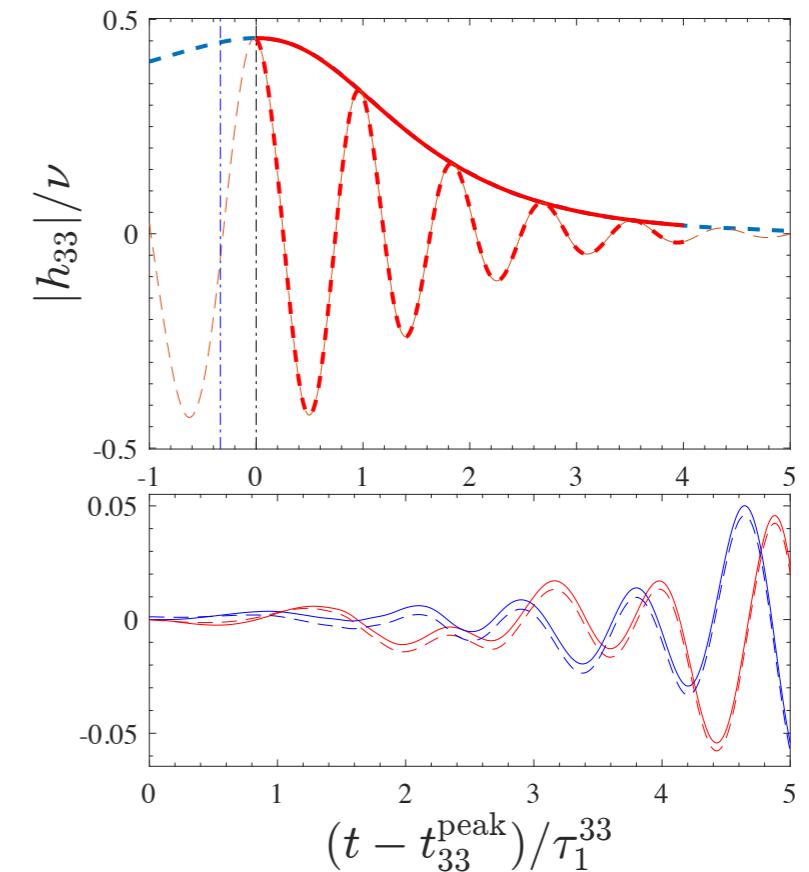


$$h(\tau) = e^{\sigma_1 \tau - i\phi_0} \bar{h}(\tau)$$

$$\bar{h}(\tau) \equiv A_{\bar{h}} e^{i\phi_{\bar{h}}(\tau)}$$

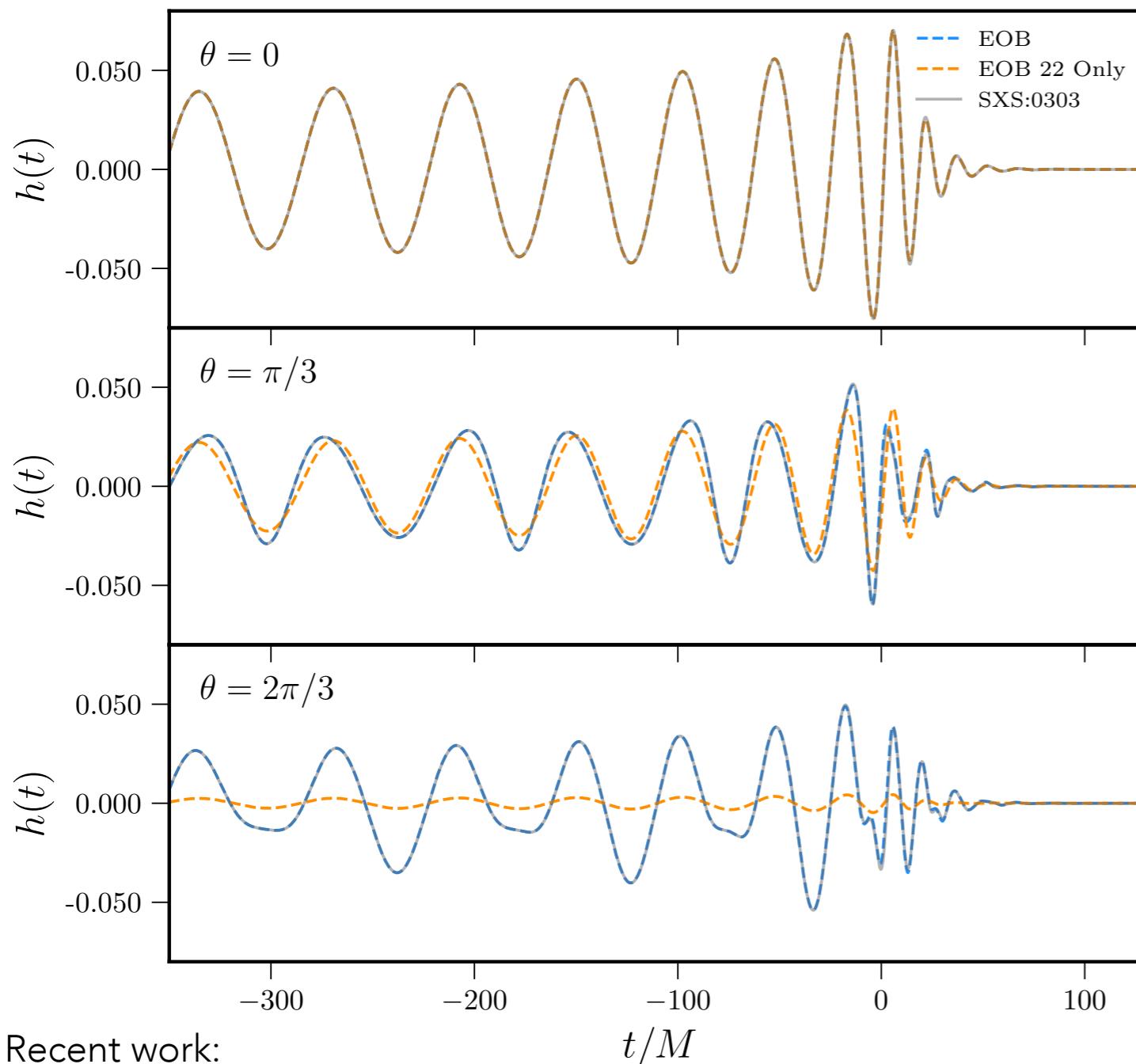
$$A_{\bar{h}}(\tau) = c_1^A \tanh(c_2^A \tau + c_3^A) + c_4^A$$

$$\phi_{\bar{h}}(\tau) = -c_1^\phi \ln \left(\frac{1 + c_3^\phi e^{-c_2^\phi \tau} + c_4^\phi e^{-2c_2^\phi \tau}}{1 + c_3^\phi + c_4^\phi} \right)$$



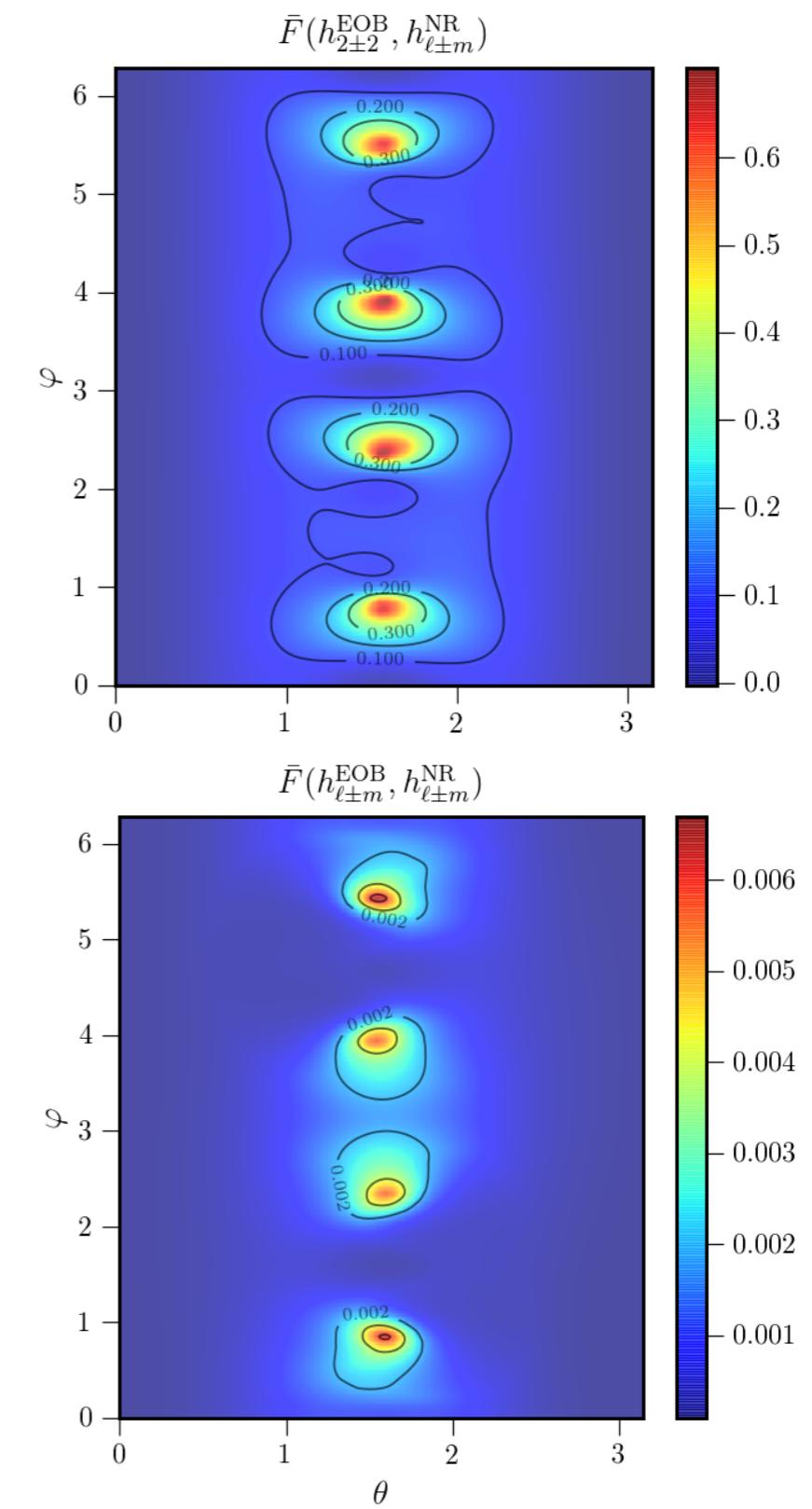
Effective One Body Formalism: Higher Multipoles?

- Framework can be extended to modelling higher multipoles in analogous way to 22 mode



Recent work:

- Cotesta et al, PRD, 98, 084028, (2018)
- Nagar et al + GP, arXiv:1904.09550 (2019)
- Riemschneider et al + GP, In. Prep. (2019)



Effective One Body Formalism: Waveform Generation Costs?

- EOB models intrinsically defined in time domain - computationally expensive to solve system of ODEs and perform FFTs
- Significant effort developing novel tools to improve waveform generation costs
- Reduced order models (ROM):

- Sample waveform over parameter space & construct orthonormal bases (SVD, greedy, etc)

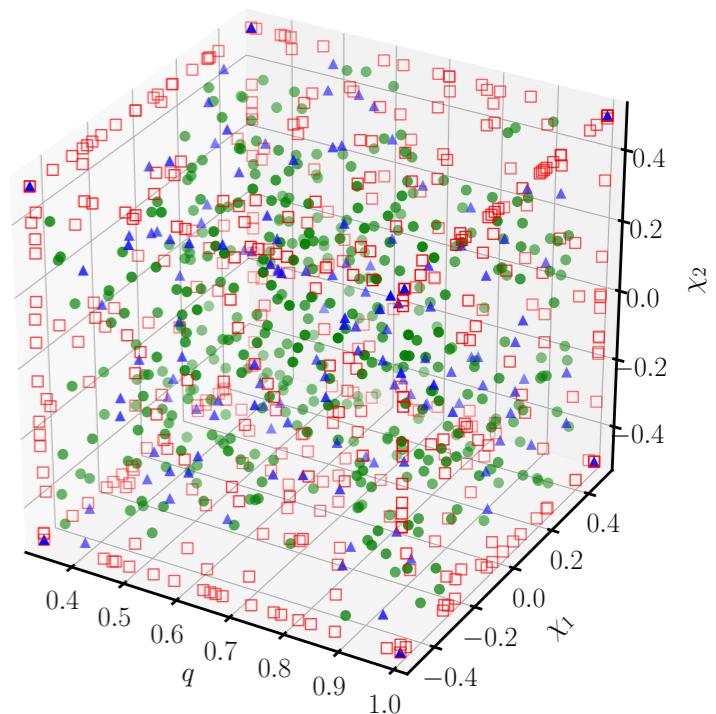
$$h(f; \vec{\lambda}) \approx \sum_{i=1}^m c_i(\vec{\lambda}) e_i(f) \quad c_i(\vec{\lambda}) = \langle h(\cdot; \vec{\lambda}), e_i(\cdot) \rangle$$

- Interpolation of coefficients (e.g. tensor-product interpolation)

$$\mathcal{I}_{\otimes}[g](\vec{\lambda}) = \sum_{i=1}^{n_\eta} \sum_{j=1}^{n_{\chi_1}} \sum_{k=1}^{n_{\chi_2}} g_{ijk} (\Psi_\eta \otimes \Psi_{\chi_1} \otimes \Psi_{\chi_2})_{ijk}(\vec{\lambda})$$

- ROM for amplitude and phase separately

$$\tilde{h}_m(\vec{\lambda}; M; f) := A_0(\vec{\lambda}, M) \mathcal{I}_f \left[\mathcal{B}_{\mathcal{A}} \cdot \mathcal{I}_{\otimes} [\mathcal{M}_{\mathcal{A}}](\vec{\lambda}) \right] \exp \left\{ i \mathcal{I}_f \left[\mathcal{B}_{\Phi} \cdot \mathcal{I}_{\otimes} [\mathcal{M}_{\Phi}](\vec{\lambda}) \right] \right\}$$



Effective One Body Formalism: Waveform Generation Costs?

- Can we use adiabatic nature of waveform directly? Yes!
[Nagar & Rettegno, PRD, 99, 021501, (2019)]

- Adiabatic limit \sim no radiation reaction \sim circular orbits

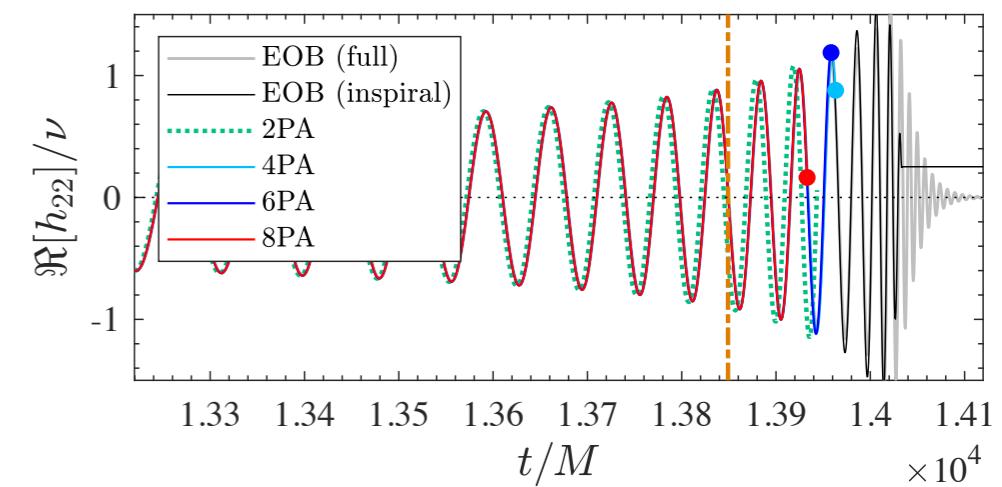
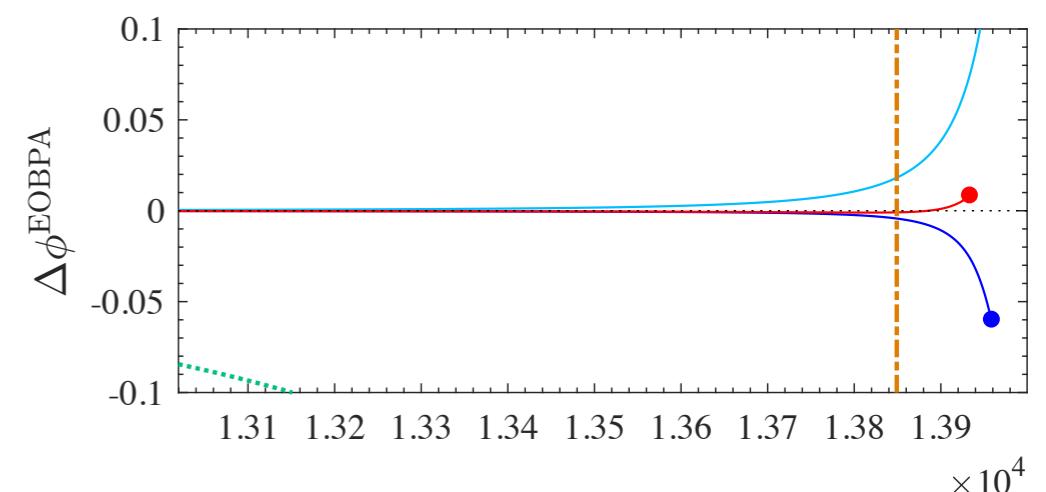
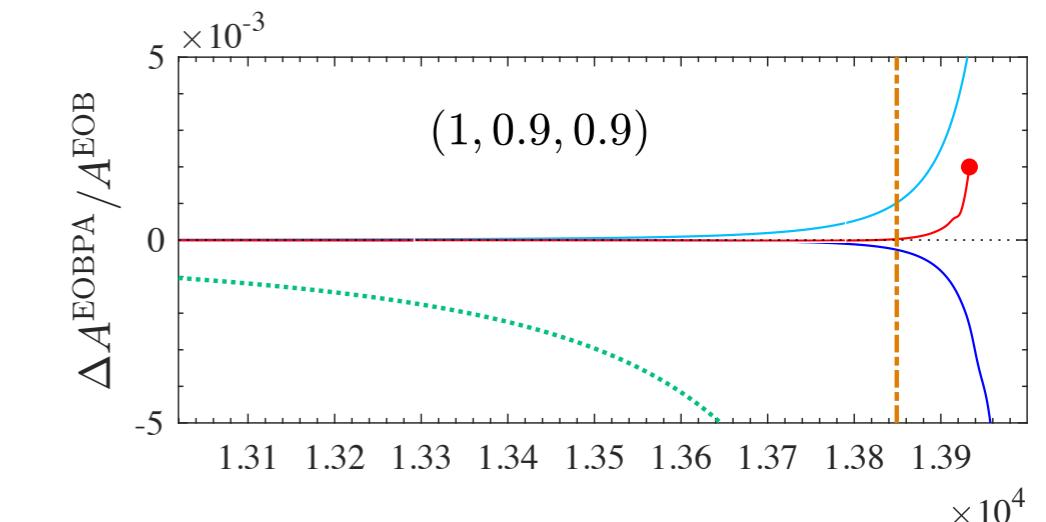
- Perturbatively solve about circular orbit (post-adiabatic correction)

$$\frac{dp_\varphi}{dr} = \hat{\mathcal{F}}_\varphi \left(\frac{dr}{dt} \right)^{-1}$$

- Write solution of EOB equations as formal expansion and iteratively solve = semi-analytic expressions! Time and phase obtained via quadratures

$$p_\varphi^2(r) = j_0^2(r) \left(1 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} k_{2n}(r) \varepsilon^{2n} \right)$$

$$p_{r_*}(r) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \pi_{2n+1}(r) \varepsilon^{2n+1}$$





Effective One Body Formalism: Key Waveform Models on the Market

- Two major families of EOB: SEOBNR and TEOBResumS
- **SEOBNRv***:
 - Main development by AEI / Maryland
- **SEOBNRv3** [Pan et al, PRD, 89, 084006, (2014)] :
 - Precessing-spins, based on (older) SEOBNRv2 Hamiltonian [Taracchini et al, PRD, 86, 024011, (2012)]
 - Also see [Buonanno et al, PRD, 74, 104005, (2006)]
- **SEOBNRv4** [Bohé et al, PRD, 95, 044028, (2017)] :
 - Aligned-spins
- **SEOBNRv4HM** [Cotesta et al, PRD, 98, 084028, (2018)]:
 - Higher multipole extension of SEOBNRv4
- **SEOBNRv4P/v4PHM** [Marsat et al, In. Prep. (2019)]:
 - Precessing variant of SEOBNRv4, extension to precession + higher multipoles
- **TEOBResumS** [Nagar et al + GP + P. Schmidt, PRD, 98, 104052, (2018)]
 - Main development by IHES, Turin, Jena, Birmingham
 - Aligned-spins, higher multipoles [Nagar et al + GP, arXiv:1904.09550 (2019); Riemenschneider et al + GP, In. Prep. (2019)]
 - Precessing development ongoing