

Long-Lived Inverse Chirp gravitational waves in scalar-tensor gravity

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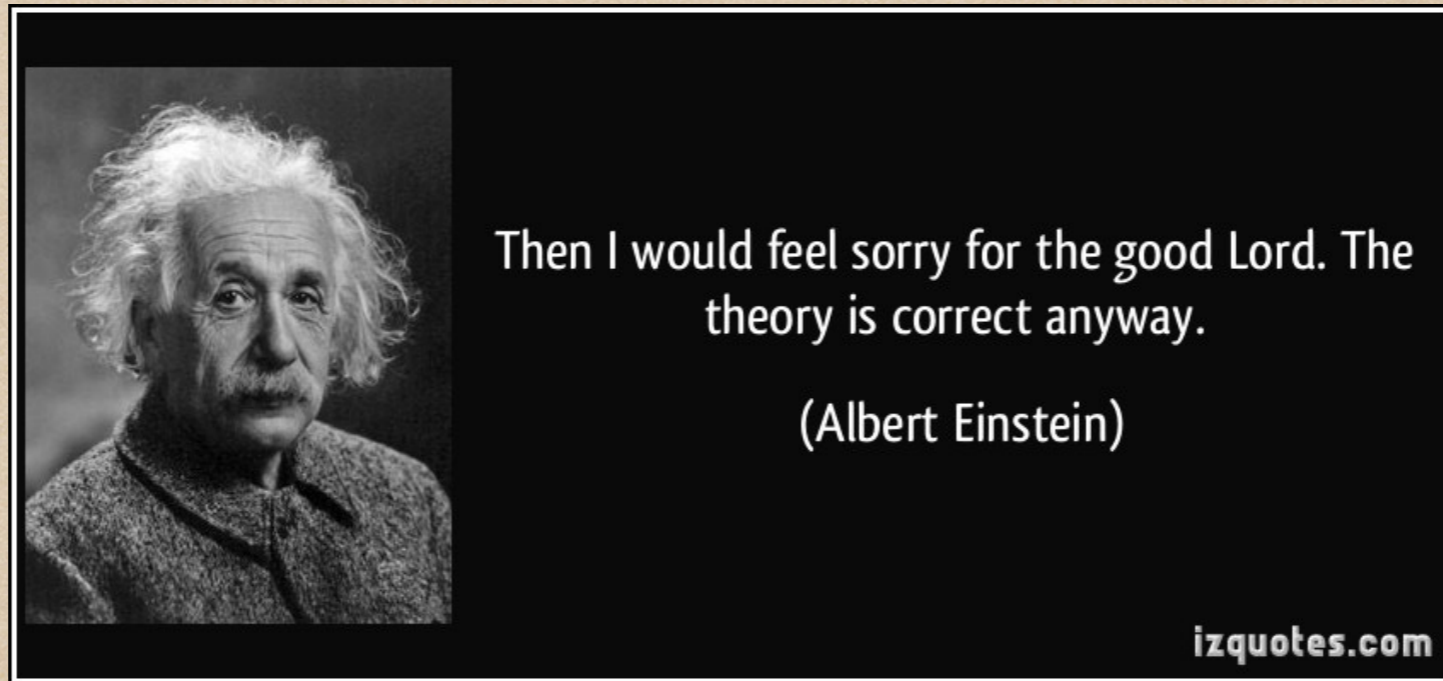
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Do we need a theory beyond GR?

- When asked what he would do if Eddington's mission failed...



- But we have reasons to search for "beyond GR"
 - **Renormalization:** Requires, e.g., higher curvature terms.
→ GR is low-energy limit of more fundamental theory
 - **Dark energy:** Why is Λ so small and why $\rho_{\text{dark}} \sim \rho_{\text{mat}}$
 - **Dark matter:** "Neptune" or "Vulcan" ?

Scalar tensor theory of gravity

- Scalars appear naturally in extra-dimensional theories
- Scalars prominent in cosmology
- ST theory well-posed; fairly well understood mathematically
- No-hair theorems limit potential of black-hole spacetimes
- Matter: Neutron stars, core-collapse
- Best example of smoking gun to date:
Spontaneous scalarization Damour & Esposito-Farese PRL 1993
- Collapse studies in massless case

Novak PRD 1998/1999

Novak & Ibanez ApJ 2000,

Gerosa+ CQG 2016



Core-collapse scenario to 0th order

- Massive stars: $M_{\text{ZAMS}} = 8 \dots 100 M_{\odot}$
- Core compressed from $\sim 1500 \text{ km}$ to $\sim 15 \text{ km}$
 $\sim 10^{10} \text{ g/cm}^3$ to $\gtrsim 10^{15} \text{ g/cm}^3$
- Released gravitational energy: $\mathcal{O}(10^{53}) \text{ erg}$
 $\sim 99 \%$ in neutrinos, $\sim 10^{51} \text{ erg}$ in outgoing shock, explosion
- Explosion mechanism: still uncertainties...
- Failed explosions lead to BH formation
- "Collapsar": possible engine for long-soft GRBs
- All of this handled for us by Woosley & Heger Phys.Rept. 2007
→ Initial pre-collapse profile

Theoretical framework

Einstein frame: conformal metric $\bar{g}_{\mu\nu} = F(\varphi) g_{\mu\nu}$

- Action

$$S = \frac{1}{16\pi} \int dx^4 \sqrt{-\bar{g}} [\bar{R} - 2\bar{g}^{\mu\nu} \partial_\mu \varphi \partial_\nu \varphi - 4V(\varphi)] + S_m[\psi_m, \bar{g}_{\mu\nu}/F(\varphi)]$$

- Energy momentum tensor: $T_{\alpha\beta} = \rho h u_\alpha u_\beta + P g_{\alpha\beta}$

- Spherical symmetry: $d\bar{s}^2 = \bar{g}_{\mu\nu} dx^\mu dx^\nu = -F\alpha^2 dt^2 + FX^2 dr^2 + r^2 d\Omega^2$

$$u^\alpha = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-v^2}} [\alpha^{-1}, vX^{-1}, 0, 0]$$

- Equations (gravity): $\partial_r \alpha = \dots, \quad \partial_r X = \dots$

$$\partial_t \partial_t \varphi = \dots$$

- Equations (matter): $(\rho, h, v) \leftrightarrow (D, S^r, \tau) \Rightarrow$ **HRSC**

GR1D code O'Connor & Ott CQG 2009

Equation of state

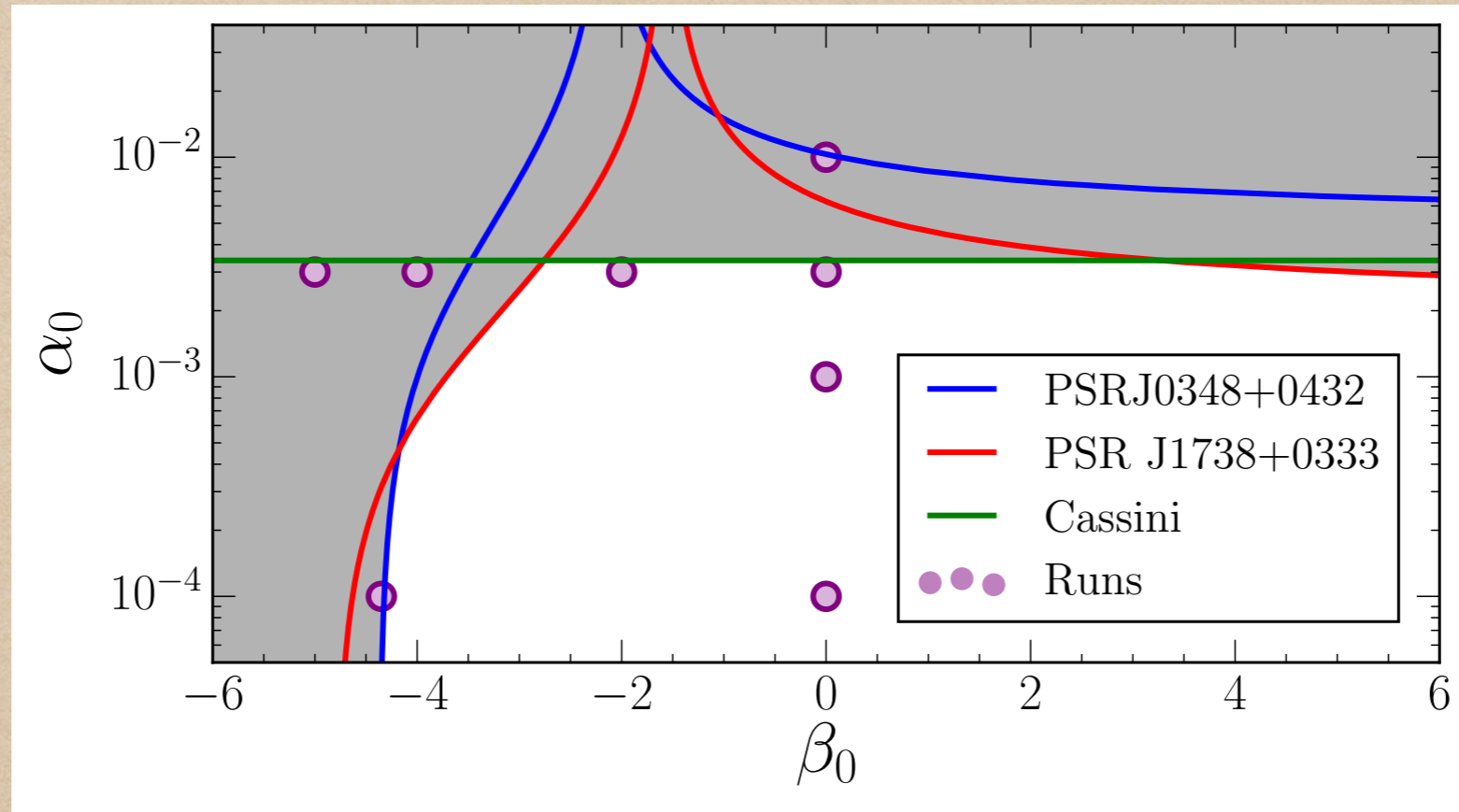
- Pressure: "cold" + "thermal" contribution: $P = P_c + P_{th}$
- Hybrid EOS for cold part: $P_c = \begin{cases} K_1 \rho^{\Gamma_1} & \text{if } \rho \leq \rho_{nuc} \\ K_2 \rho^{\Gamma_2} & \text{if } \rho > \rho_{nuc} \end{cases}$
- Internal energy from 1st law: $\epsilon_c = \begin{cases} \frac{K_1}{\Gamma_1 - 1} \rho^{\Gamma_1 - 1} & \text{if } \rho \leq \rho_{nuc} \\ \frac{K_2}{\Gamma_2 - 1} \rho^{\Gamma_2 - 1} + E_3 & \text{if } \rho > \rho_{nuc} \end{cases}$
- Thermal pressure: $P_{th} = (\Gamma_{th} - 1)\rho(\epsilon - \epsilon_{th})$
- Parameters: $\Gamma_1 = 1.3$, $\Gamma_2 = 2.5$, $\Gamma_{th} = 1.35$
 $K_1 = 4.9345 \times 10^{14}$ [cgs], $\rho_{nuc} = 2 \times 10^{14}$ g cm⁻³
 K_2 , E_3 from continuity at $\rho = \rho_{nuc}$

The coupling function and potential

- Coupling function, potential:

$$F(\varphi) = e^{-2\alpha_0\varphi - \beta_0\varphi^2}$$

$$V(\varphi) = \frac{1}{2}\mu^2\varphi^2$$



- Only for $\mu \lesssim 10^{-19}$ eV !! Here: $\mu[\text{eV}] \in [10^{-15}, 10^{-12}]$

Ramazanoglu & Pretorius PRD 2016

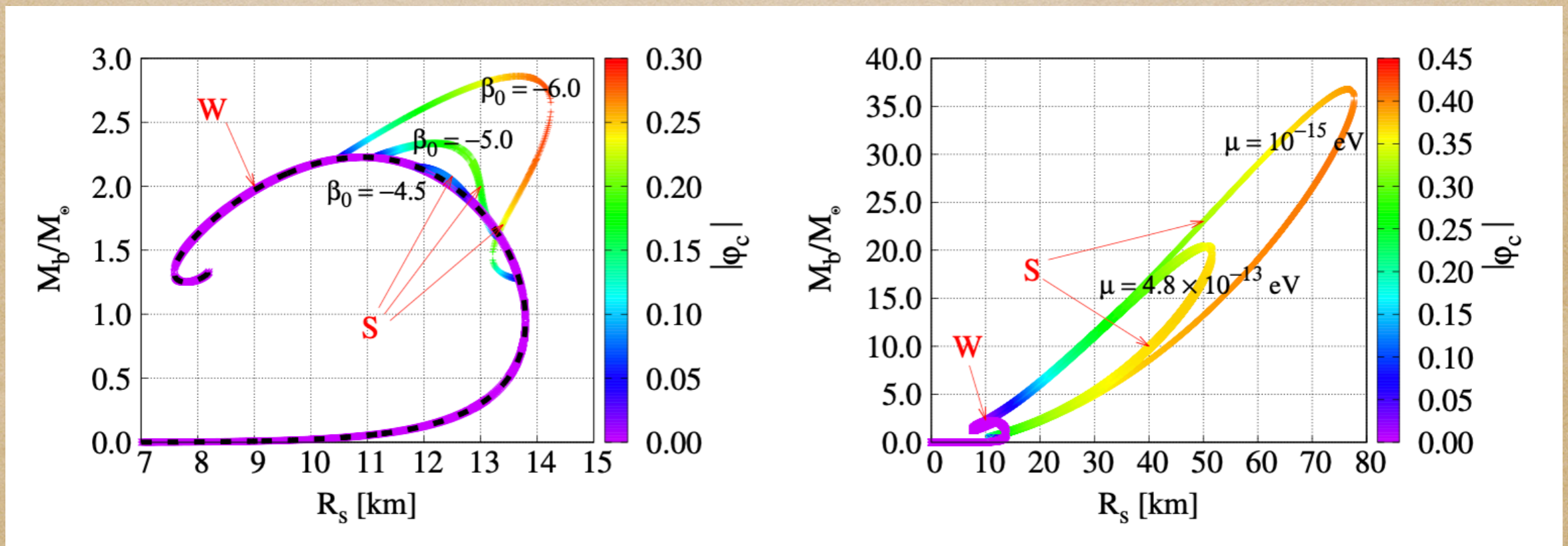
- Free parameters: $\mu, \alpha_0, \beta_0, \Gamma_1, \Gamma_2, \Gamma_{\text{th}}$ + progenitor M_{ZAMS}, ζ

Spontaneous scalarization

- Phase transition in the solution space as we vary β_0

Damour & Esposito-Farese PRL 1993

- $\beta_0 \lesssim -4.35 \Rightarrow$ New families of solutions



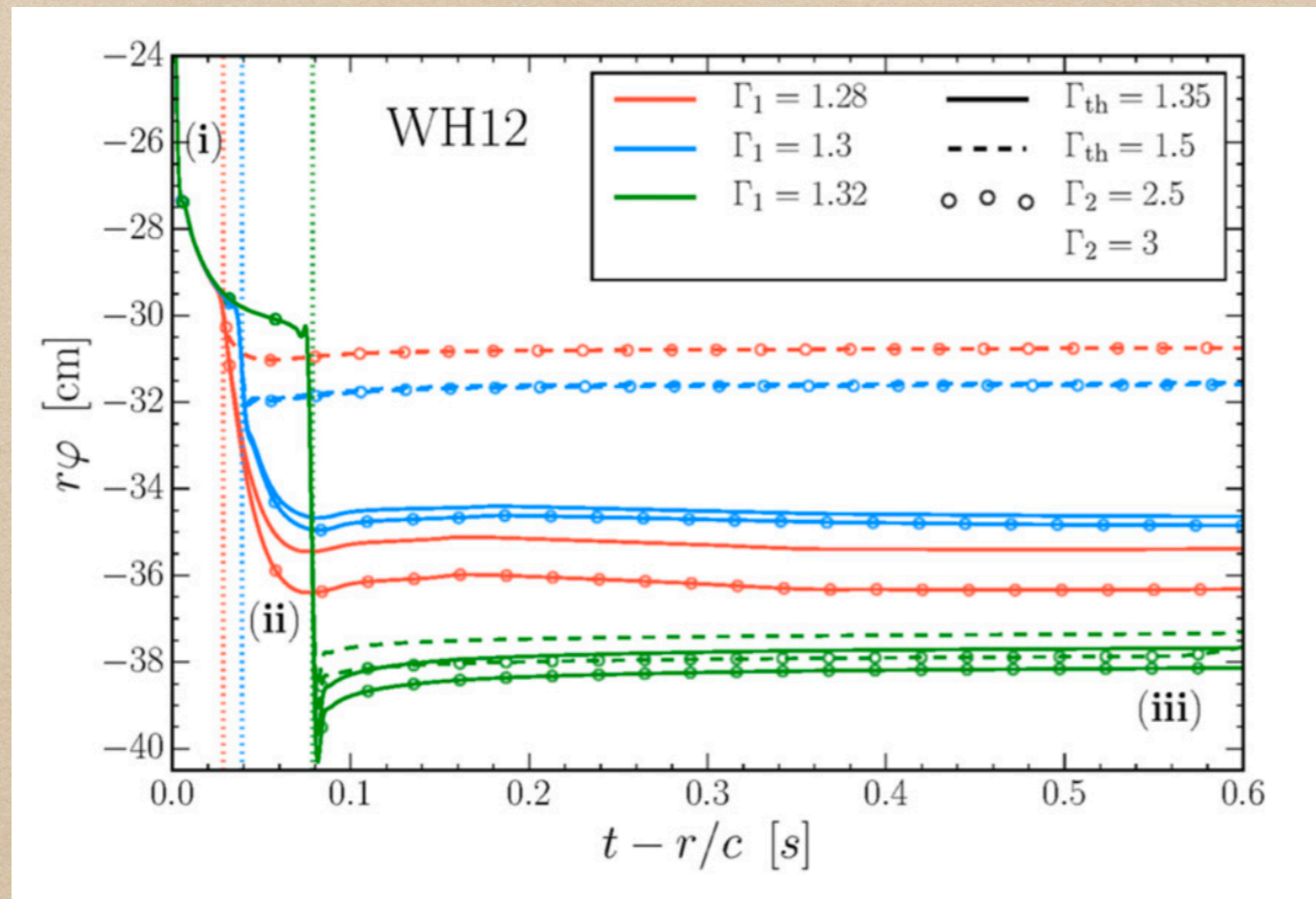
- Lots of substructure Rosca-Mead et al. Symmetry 2020
- Scalarized stars often energetically favored!

Time evolutions cooking book recipe

- Choose your Woosley-Heger progenitor M_{ZAMS}, ζ
- Specify parameters $\mu, \alpha_0, \beta_0, \Gamma_1, \Gamma_2, \Gamma_{\text{th}}$
- Specify the grid
- Run (may need checkpointing, but no Parallelization)
- Extract GW signals at $R_{\text{ex}} \sim \mathcal{O}(1)$ light second
- Propagate signal to astrophysical distances;
easy if $\mu = 0$, not easy if $\mu \neq 0$

Core collapse in massless ST theory

- Here: $\mu = 0 \Rightarrow V(\varphi) = 0$
 $\alpha_0 = 10^{-4}, \quad \beta_0 = -4.35$

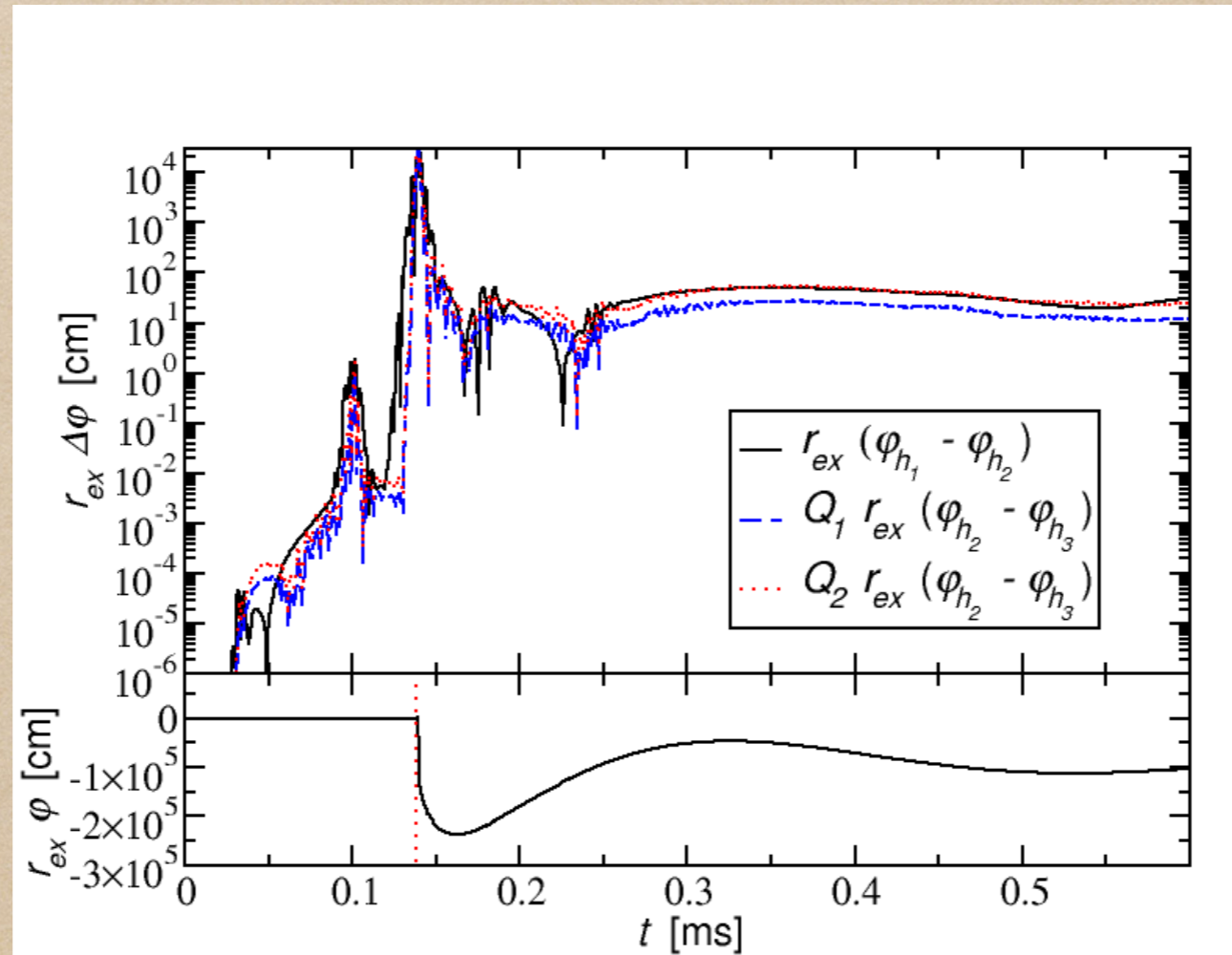


Gerosa, US, Ott CQG 2016

- Weak signals (β_0 constraints!), Heaviside like

Massive ST theory: Convergence test

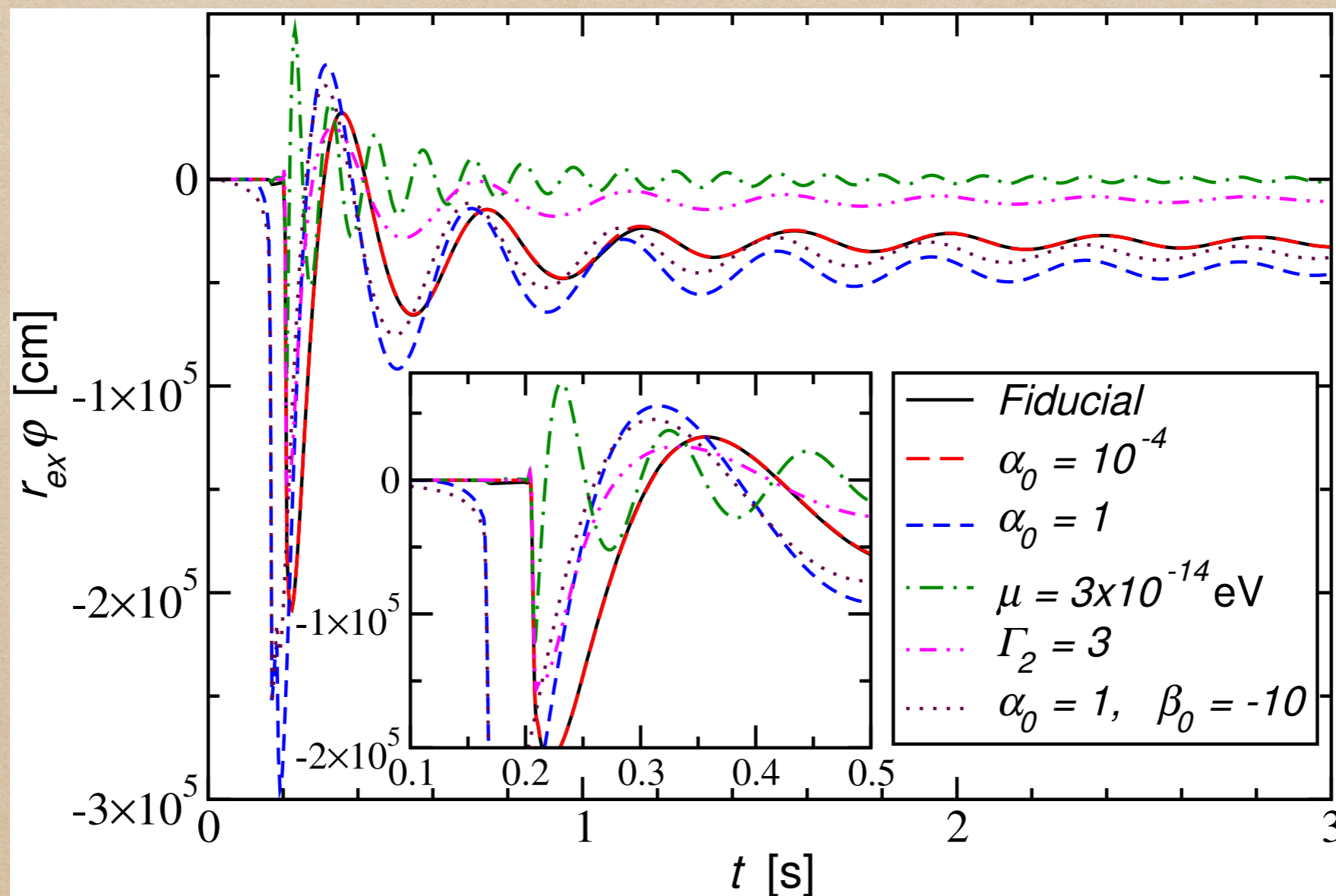
- For $\mu = 10^{-14}$ eV, $\alpha_0 = 10^{-4}$, $\beta_0 = -20$
 $\Gamma_1 = 1.3$, $\Gamma_2 = 2.5$, $\Gamma_{\text{th}} = 1.35$
- Using $N_1 = 5000$, $N_2 = 10000$, $N_3 = 20000$ points



- Discretization error: $\sim 5\%$

Waveforms "close to" the source

- For $\mu = 10^{-14}$ eV, $\alpha_0 = 10^{-2}$, $\beta_0 = -20$
 $\Gamma_1 = 1.3$, $\Gamma_2 = 2.5$, $\Gamma_{\text{th}} = 1.35$



- $r_{\varphi} \gg$ massless case; fairly insensitive to parameters; dispersion!

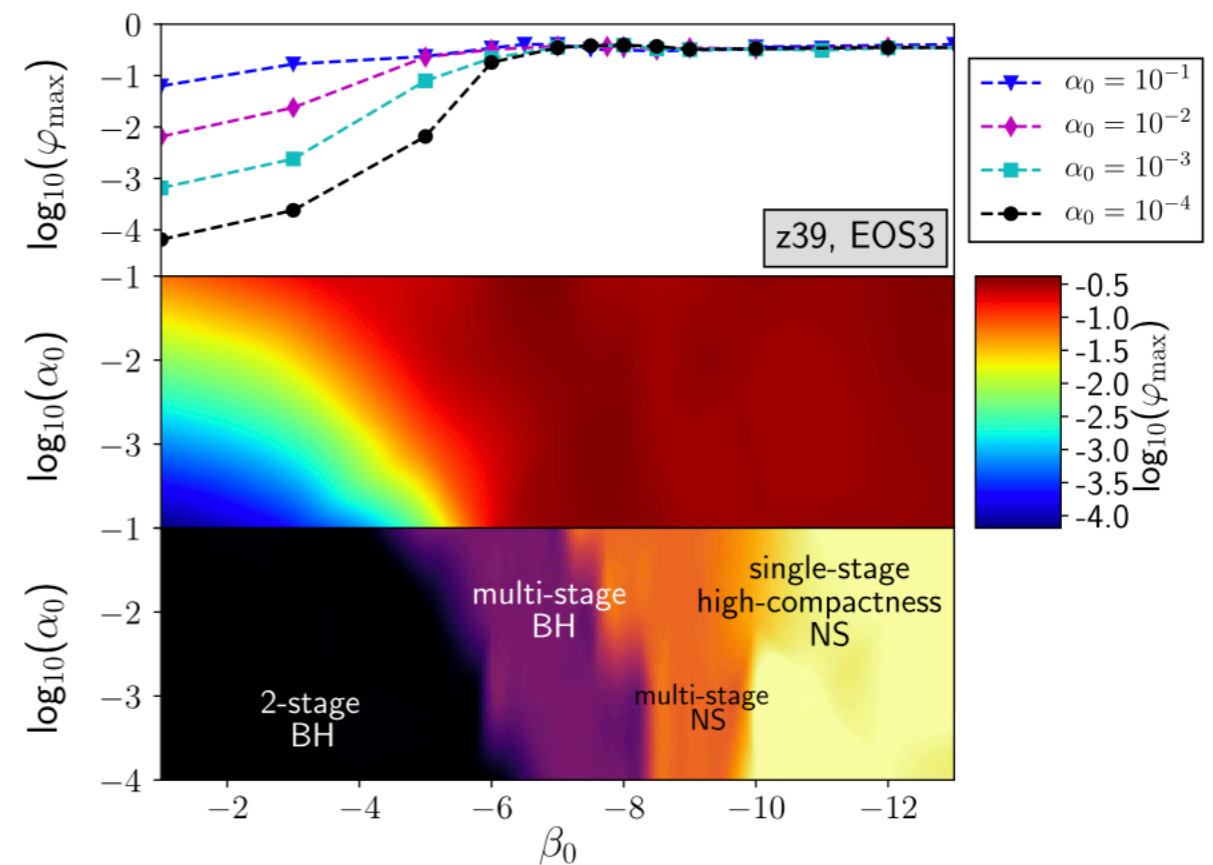
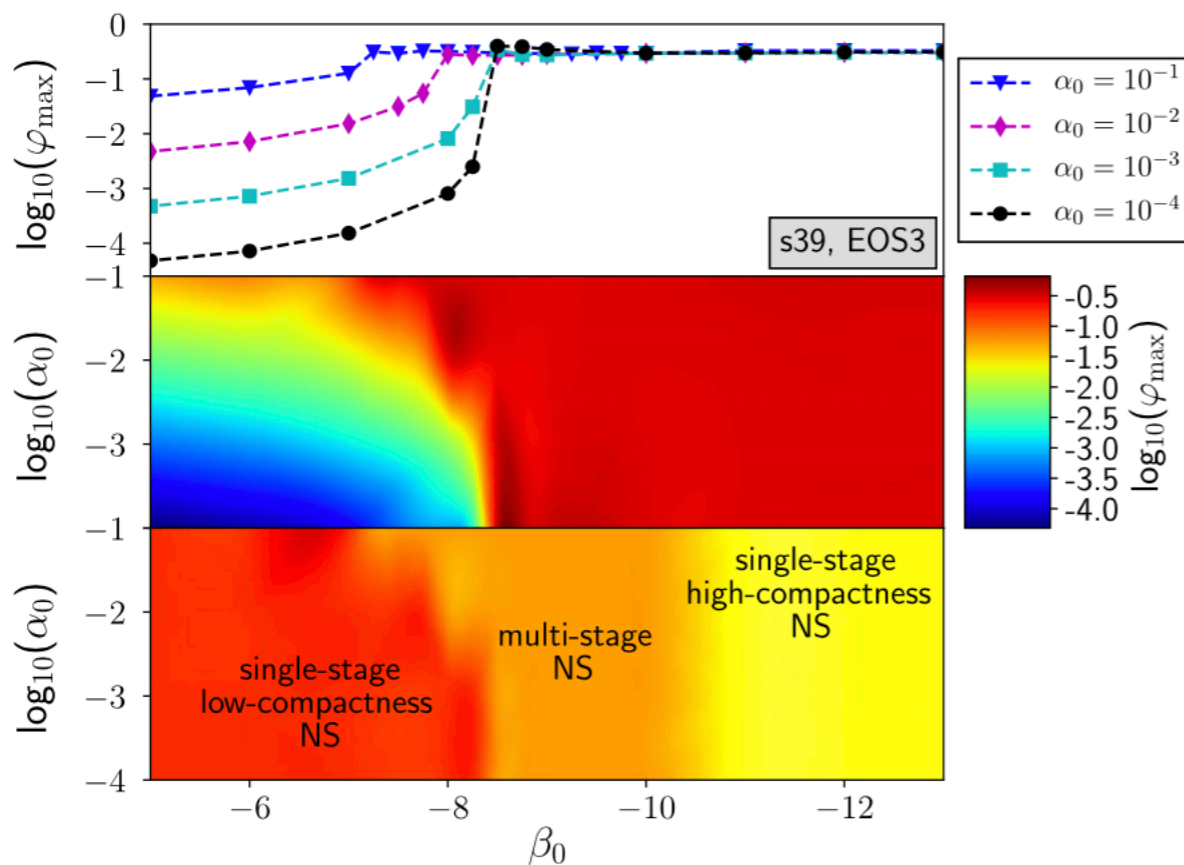
Classification of outcomes

- All collapse scenarios fall into 5 categories
- Check what happens in GR:

Neutron star



Black hole

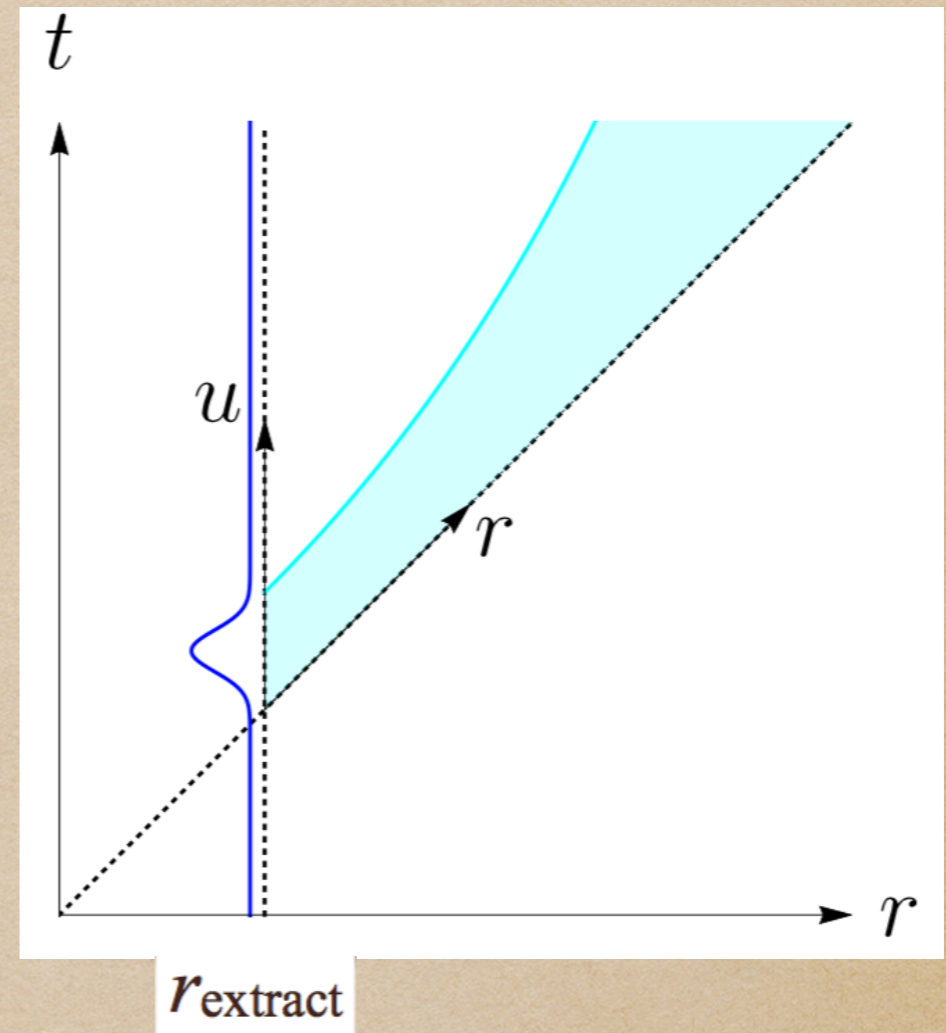
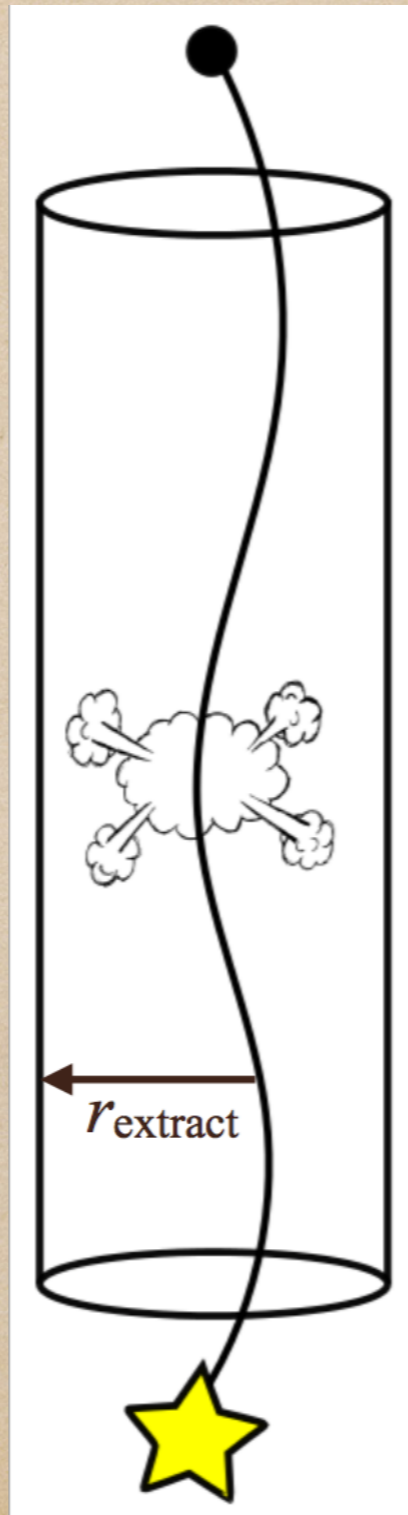


Waveforms “far from” the source

- LIGO will observe the above scalar profiles after they propagate to large distances
- In the massless case this is almost trivial

$$\varphi(t; r) = \frac{1}{r} \varphi(t - r; r_{\text{extract}})$$

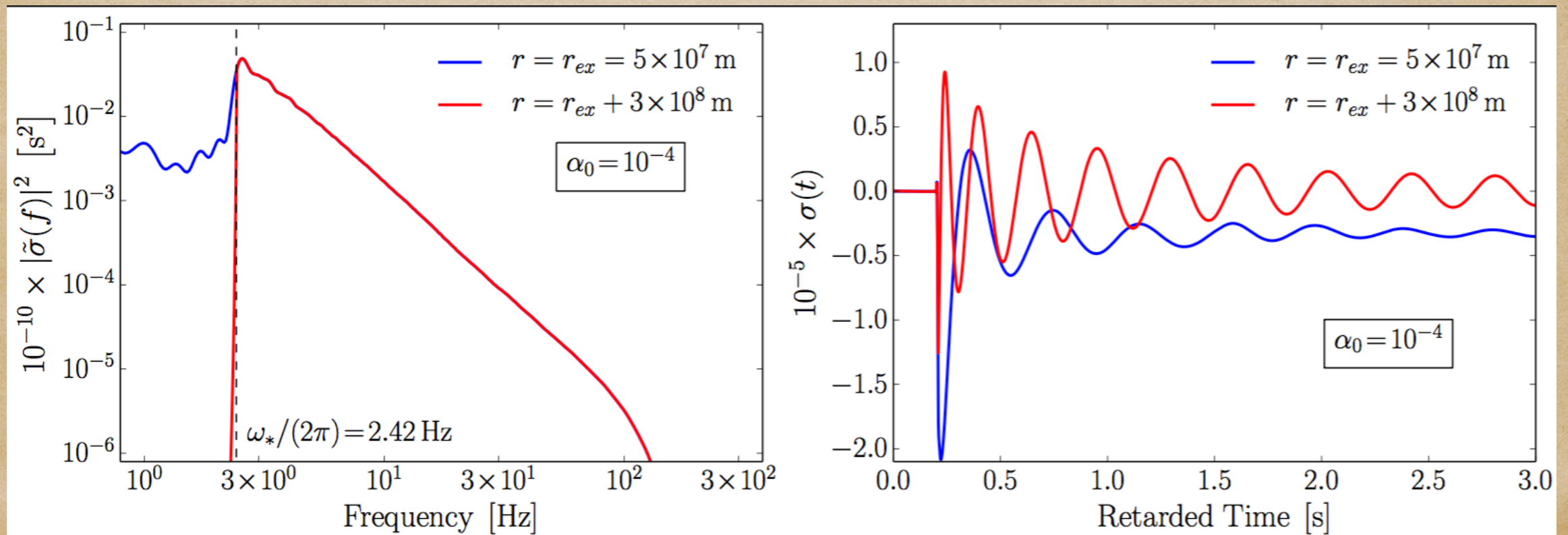
- In the massive case things are more complicated: signals propagate with **dispersion**



Waveforms "far from" the source

- Far from the source, scalar dynamics are governed by the flat-space Klein-Gordon wave equation $\partial_t^2 \varphi - \nabla^2 \varphi + \omega_*^2 \varphi = 0$
- Easier to work with the radially rescaled field $\sigma \equiv r\varphi$
- As the signal propagates outwards:
 - Low frequencies are suppressed
 - High frequency power spectrum is unaffected
 - Signal spreads out in time
 - High frequencies arrive earlier than low frequencies
 - Signal becomes increasingly oscillatory

The scalar field mass has a natural frequency $\omega_* = c^2 \mu / \hbar$



Waveforms “far from” the source

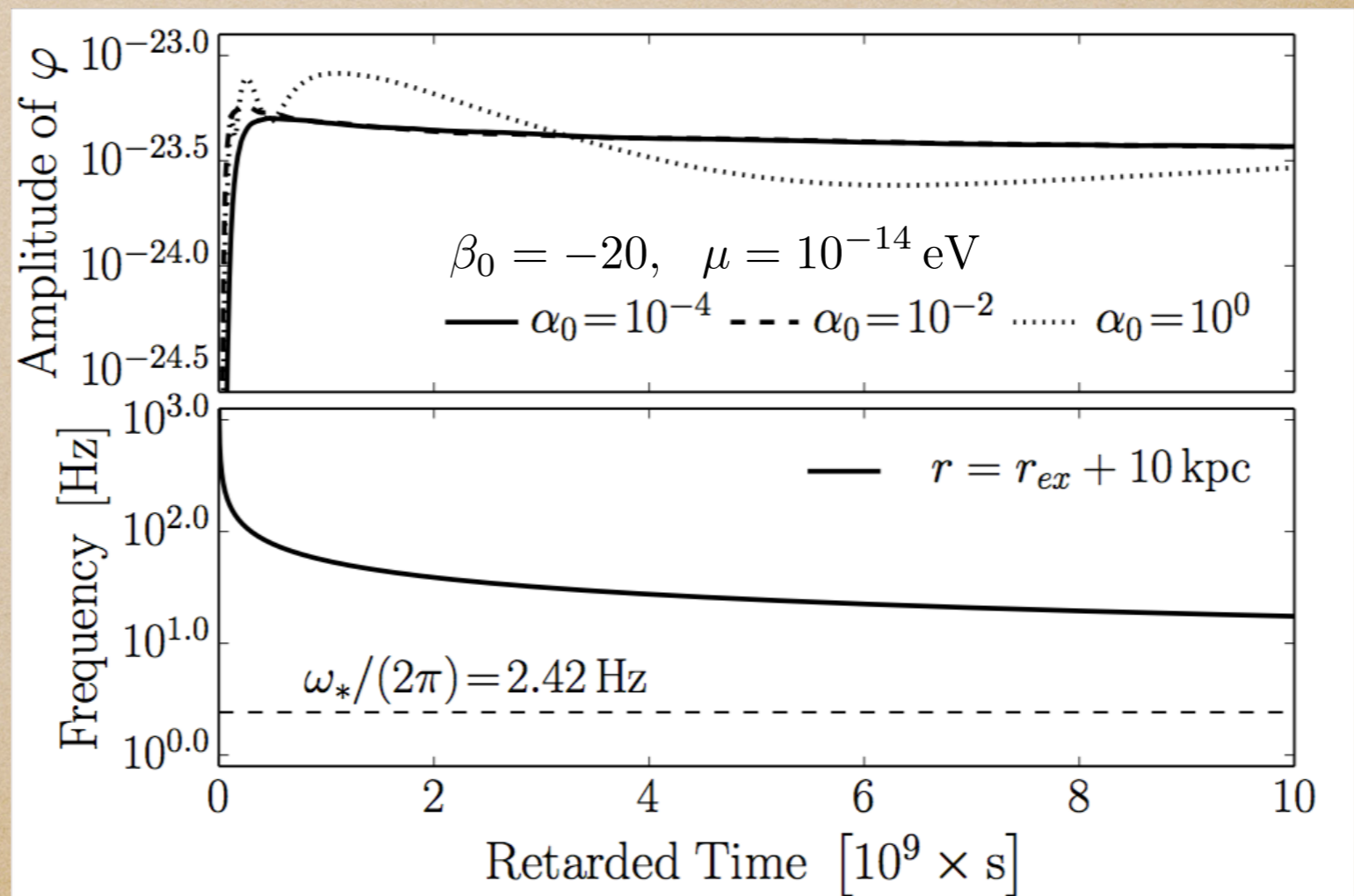
- signals become more oscillatory as they propagate outwards
- In the large-distance limit the stationary phase approximation applies \rightarrow analytic expression for the time domain signal
- Signals have a characteristic “inverse chirp” lasting many years
- Strain $h \propto \alpha_0 \varphi$

SPA frequency as
function of time
(Inverse Chirp)

$$F(t) = \frac{\omega_*}{2\pi} \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 - (d/t)^2}}$$

Distance to source

$$d = 10 \text{ kpc}$$



Stochastic background

- Events are stronger in GR and long-lived
 - ⇒ signals from the local universe overlap
- Task list:
 - Waveform catalog for parameters
 $\mu, \alpha_0, \beta_0, \Gamma_1, \Gamma_2, \Gamma_{\text{th}}, M_{\text{ZAMS}}, \zeta$
 - Wave propagation in expanding cosmos
 - SN event rate in local Universe
 - Integrate all events in frequency space

Rosca-Mead, Agathos, Moore, US arXiv:2210.?????

Catalog

- EOS: soft \rightarrow stiff

- ST: $\alpha_0 = 10^{-2}$

- Approximate

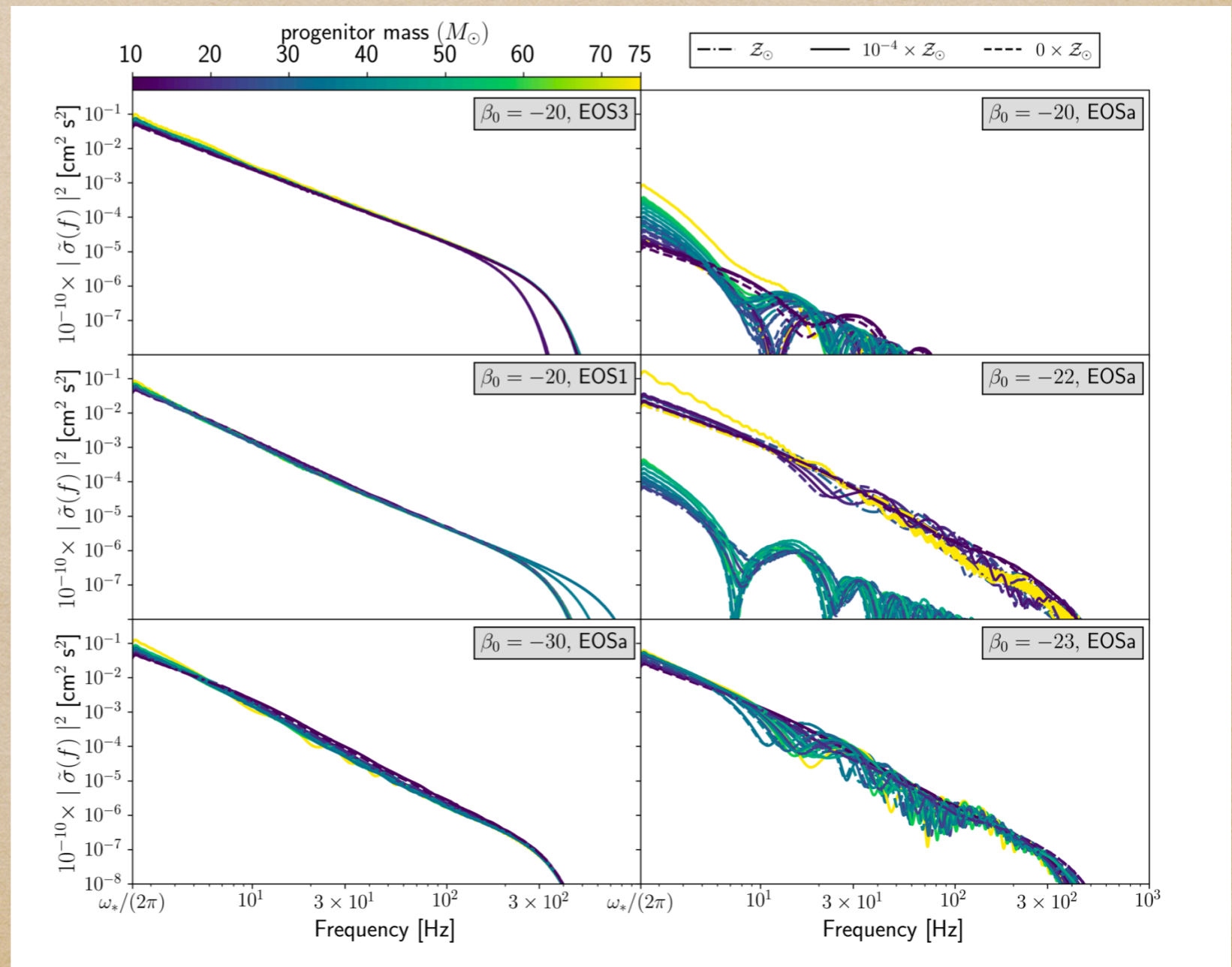
Universality!

- Only exception:

$$\beta_0 \approx \beta_{0,\text{thr}}$$

- Focus on EOS1

	Γ_1	Γ_2	Γ_{th}
EOS1	1.30	2.5	1.35
EOS3	1.32	2.5	1.35
EOSa	1.28	3.0	1.50



Wave propagation and event rate

- Very similar to flat space; wave equation in $k = 0$ cosmology:

$$ds^2 = -dt^2 + a(t)^2(dr^2 + r^2 d\Omega^2) ; \text{ conformal time } \frac{d\eta}{dt} = \frac{1}{a}, \quad \sigma = ar\varphi$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\partial_\eta^2 \sigma - \partial_r^2 \sigma - a^2 H^2 (1 - q) \sigma + \mu^2 a^2 \sigma = 0}$$

- Stationary phase approximation:

$$\text{Frequency } F(t) = \frac{\omega_*}{2\pi} \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 - (D_L/\tau)^2}}, \quad \omega_* = (1 + z)\mu$$

- That's no blueshift!!!

- Event rate: Power law in $(1 + z)$

$$\text{from local value } 2 \times 10^{-4} \text{ Mpc}^{-3} \text{yr}^{-1}$$

$$\text{constant for } z \geq 1$$

Integration of events

Energy density frequency space:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dE_{\text{GW}}}{df_s} &= \frac{c^3(2\pi f_s)^2}{16\pi G} \int \langle (\tilde{h}_+^{\text{TT}})^2 + (\tilde{h}_\times^{\text{TT}})^2 + (\tilde{h}_S^{\text{TT}})^2 \rangle d\Omega \\ &= \frac{c^3\pi^2 f_s^2}{G} \langle (\tilde{h}_S^{\text{TT}}(f_s))^2 \rangle \end{aligned}$$

Cosmology $H_0 = 67.4$ km/s

$$\Omega_m = 0.315$$

$$\Omega_\Lambda = 0.68$$

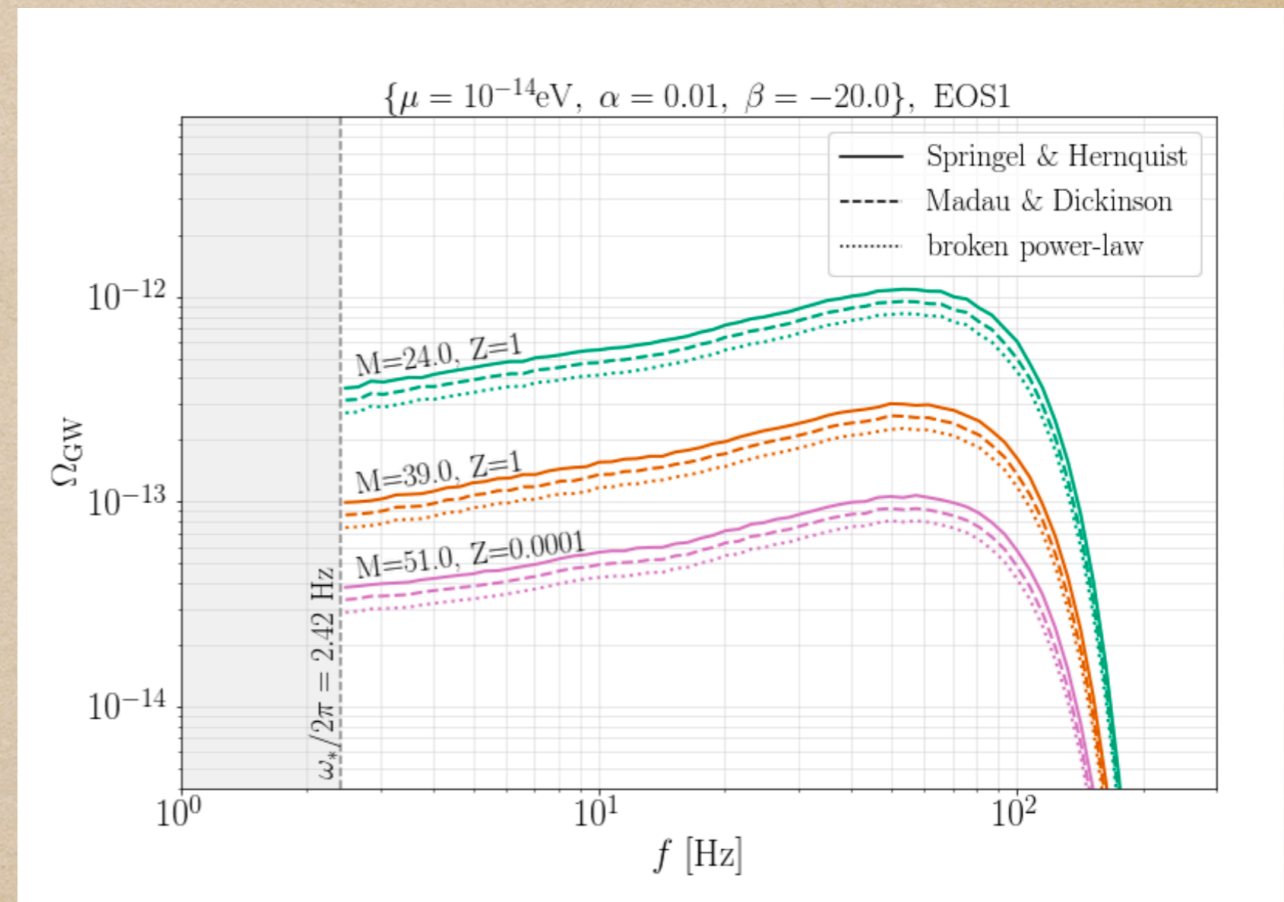
Aghanim et al 1807.06209

Energy density

$$\Omega_{\text{GW}}(25 \text{ Hz}) \approx 2 \times 10^{-12}$$

below current constraints,

but detectable with ET, CE, LIGO A+



Detection with LIGO-Virgo

GWs from core-collapse in ST gravity may fall into 3 classes:

- **Burst signals:** For light scalars ($\mu < 10^{-20}$ eV) and short distances (10 kpc), the pulse does not disperse significantly; will look like a < 1 s burst
- **Continuous wave signal:** for heavier scalars, long dispersion turns pulse into a quasi-monochromatic signal
→ capture using standard directed CW searches, assuming EM counterpart; e.g. SN1987A, Kepler1604
- **Stochastic background:**
 - Many quiet sources + very long duration (superposed)
 - Cosmological redshift + mass variation → smeared low- f cutoff around $\sim \omega_*$

Conclusions

- We have simulated stellar core collapse in massive ST theory
- Explored combined parameter space of EOS and ST theory.
parameters
- Spontaneous scalarization occurs as in massless case, but effect can be more dramatic because the scalar mass “screens” the effect of the scalar, allowing larger values of α_0, β_0 to be compatible with binary pulsar observations
- Signals propagate with dispersion, signals can last for years to centuries at kpc distances
- Signals can show up in LIGO/Virgo burst, CW or stochastic searches