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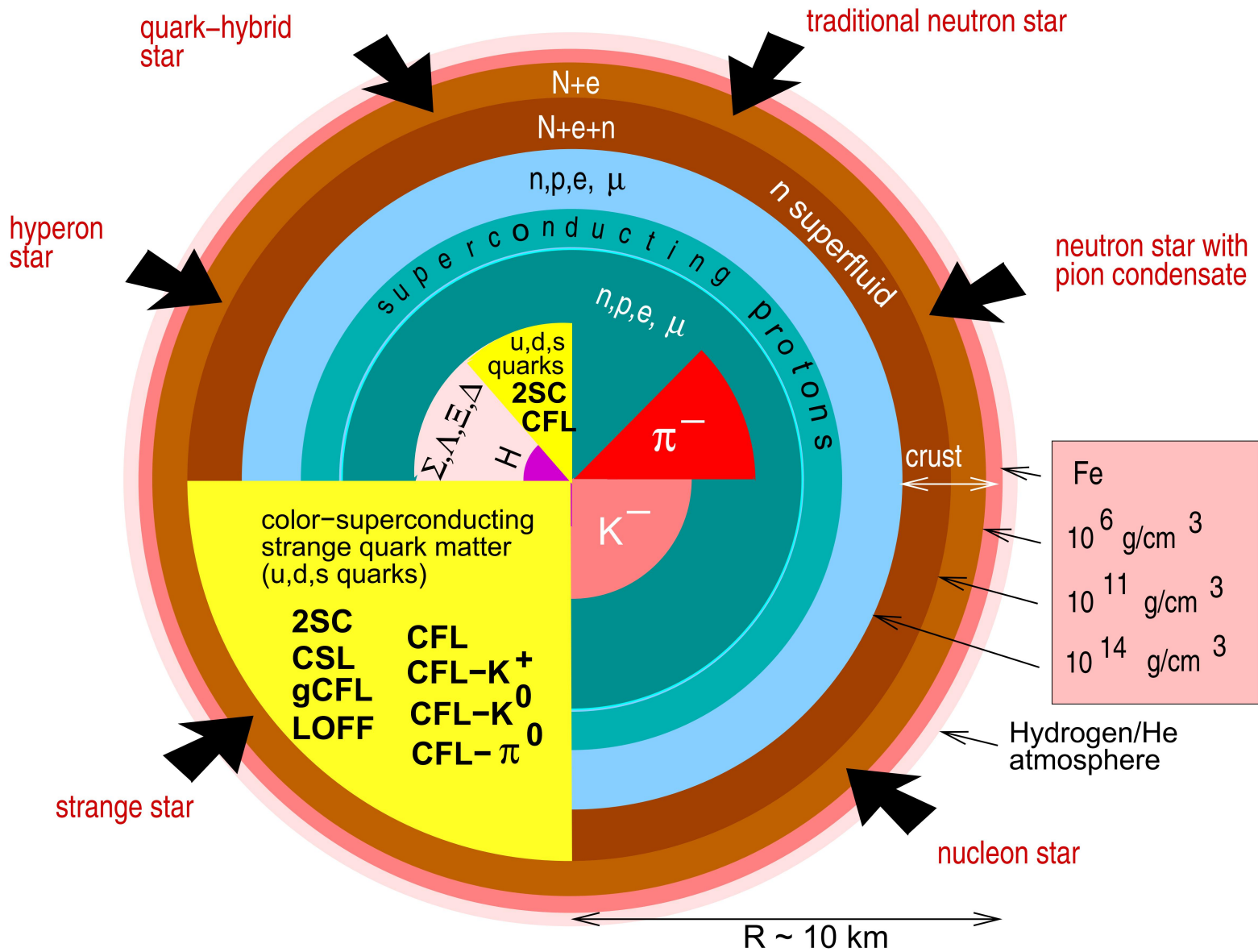
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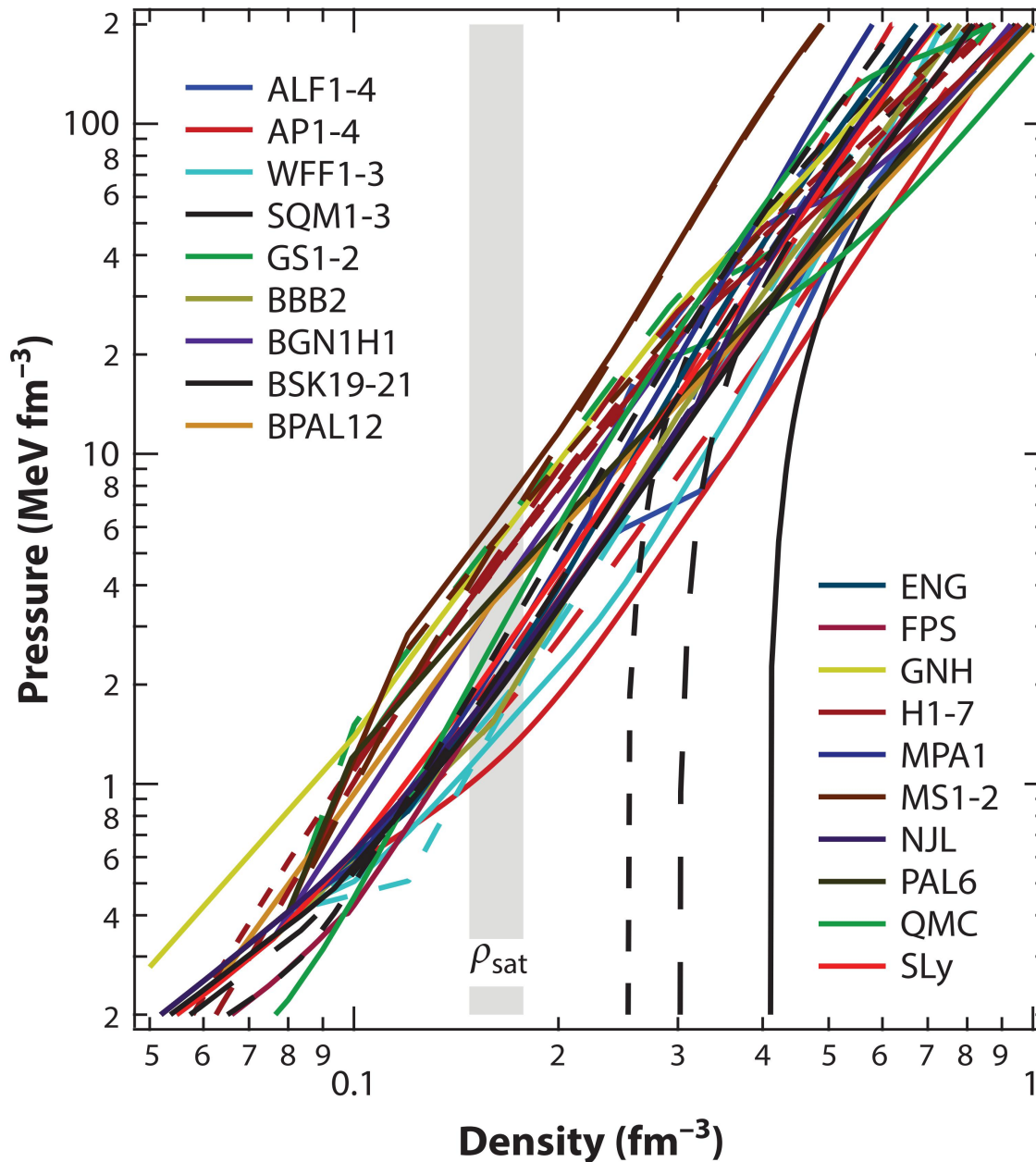
Pines Theorem (David Pines 1990)

Neutron Stars are Superstars.

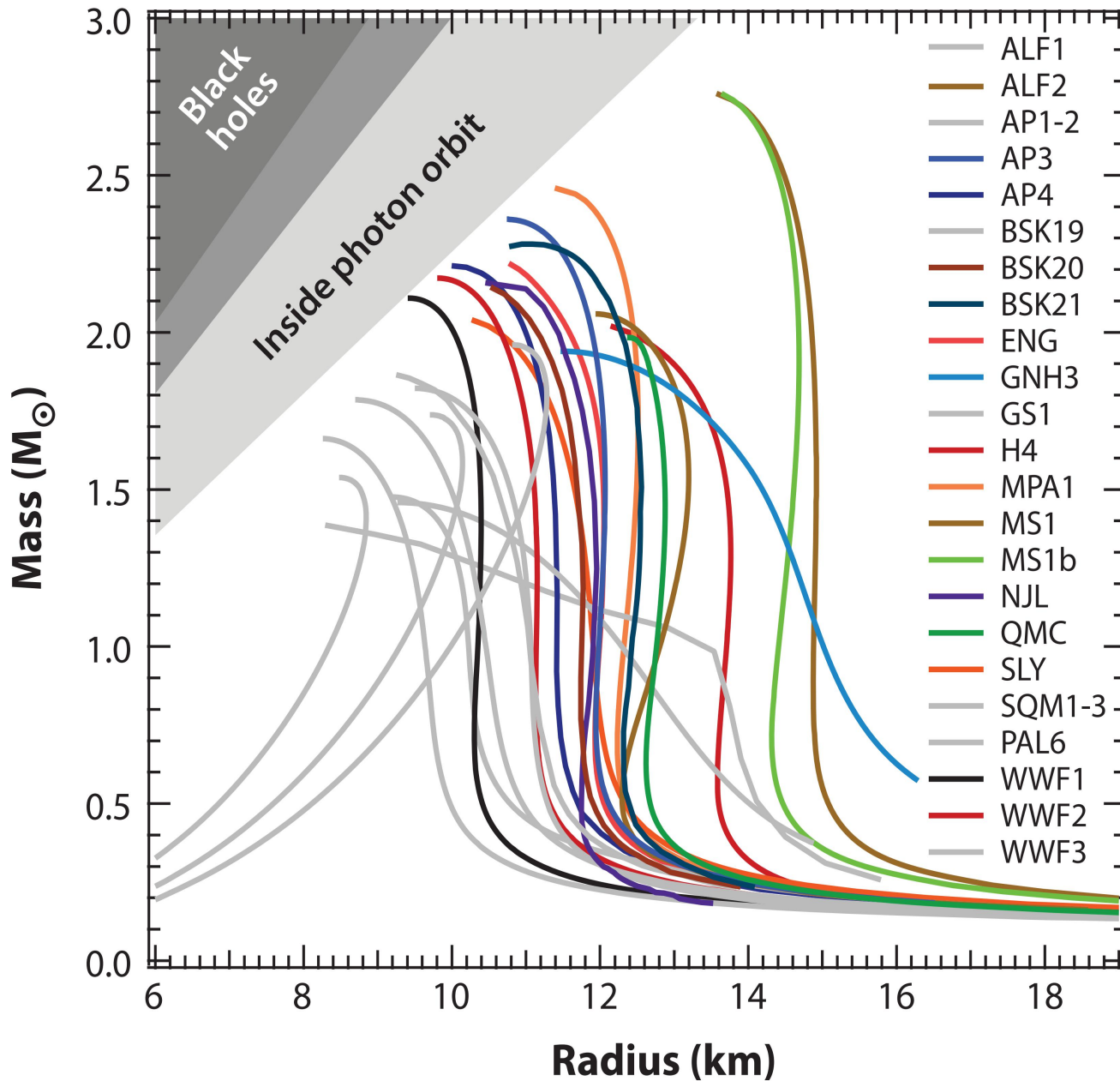
Proof: Neutron stars are *superdense* objects, *superfast* rotators, *superfluid* and *superconducting* inside, *superaccelerators* of high-energy particles, sources of *superstrong* magnetic fields, *superprecise* timers, *superglitching* objects, and *superrich* in the range of physics involved. 🌟 Neutron stars are related to *many branches* of contemporary physics and astrophysics.



Neutron star structure: Weber 2005, Prog.Part.Nucl.Phys., 54, 193



Neutron-star equations of state: Ozel & Freire, 2016, ARA&A, 54, 401



Neutron-star mass-radius relations: Ozel & Freire, 2016, ARA&A, 54, 401

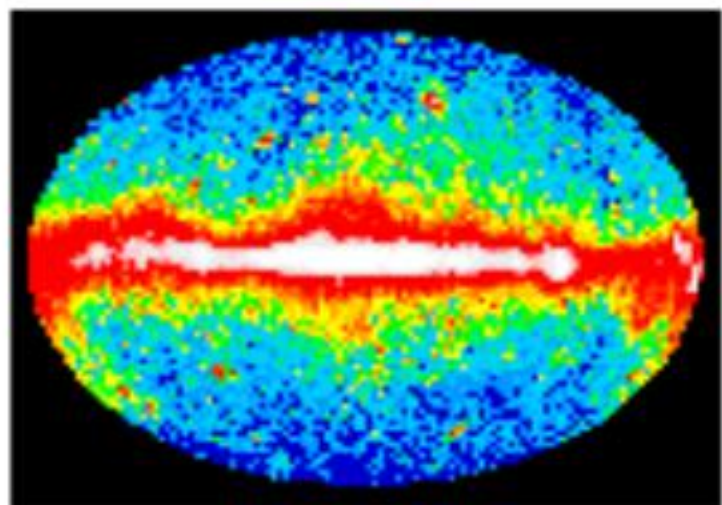
BNS merger process

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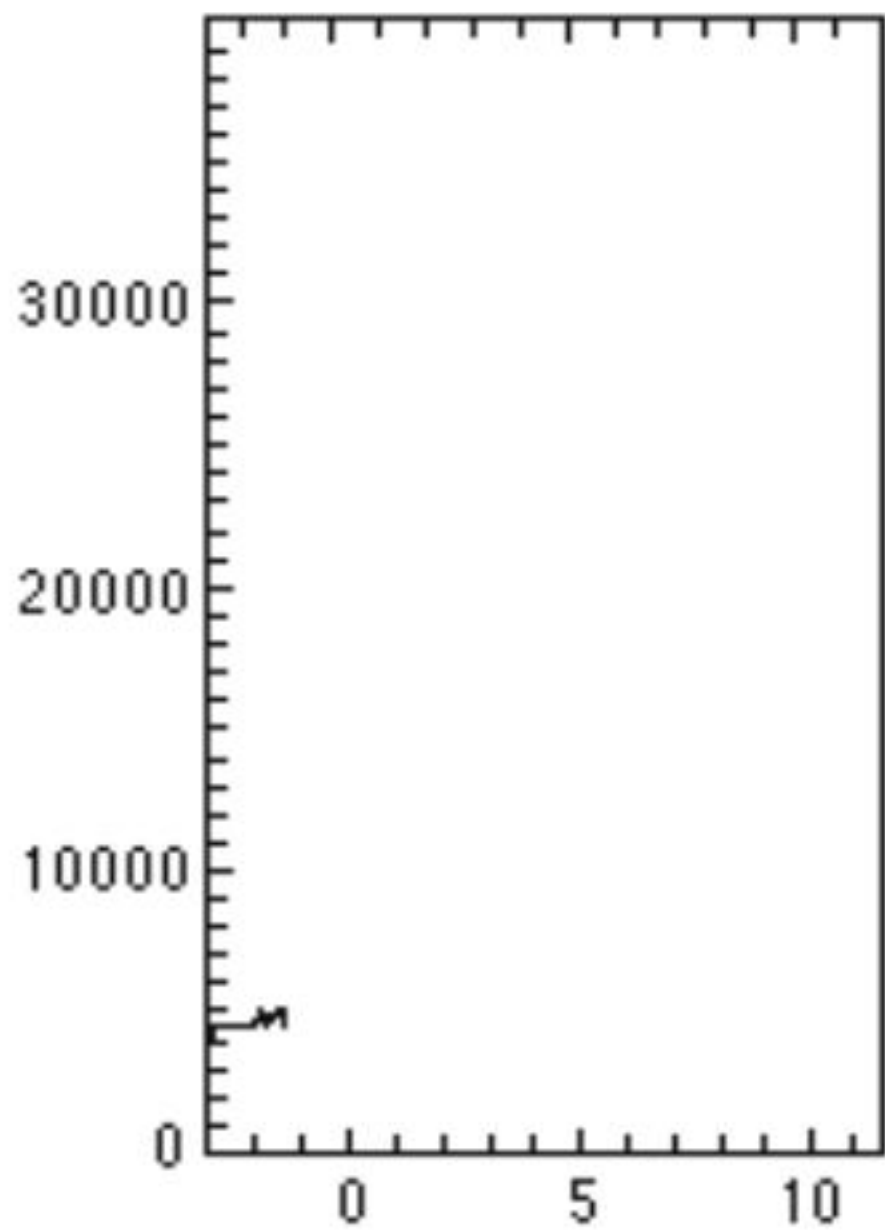
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Counts per Second



Time in Seconds

Binary: PSR1913+16 (Hulse & Teukolski 1975, Taylor & Hellwig 1977, Hellwig & Taylor 1979, Taylor & Hellwig 1980, Hellwig & Taylor 1981, Taylor & Hellwig 1982, Hellwig & Taylor 1983, Taylor & Hellwig 1984, Hellwig & Taylor 1985, Taylor & Hellwig 1986, Hellwig & Taylor 1987, Taylor & Hellwig 1988, Hellwig & Taylor 1989, Taylor & Hellwig 1990, Hellwig & Taylor 1991, Taylor & Hellwig 1992, Hellwig & Taylor 1993, Taylor & Hellwig 1994, Hellwig & Taylor 1995, Taylor & Hellwig 1996, Hellwig & Taylor 1997, Taylor & Hellwig 1998, Hellwig & Taylor 1999, Taylor & Hellwig 2000, Hellwig & Taylor 2001, Taylor & Hellwig 2002, Hellwig & Taylor 2003, Taylor & Hellwig 2004, Hellwig & Taylor 2005, Taylor & Hellwig 2006, Hellwig & Taylor 2007, Taylor & Hellwig 2008, Hellwig & Taylor 2009, Taylor & Hellwig 2010, Hellwig & Taylor 2011, Taylor & Hellwig 2012, Hellwig & Taylor 2013, Taylor & Hellwig 2014, Hellwig & Taylor 2015, Taylor & Hellwig 2016, Hellwig & Taylor 2017, Taylor & Hellwig 2018, Hellwig & Taylor 2019, Taylor & Hellwig 2020, Hellwig & Taylor 2021, Taylor & Hellwig 2022, Hellwig & Taylor 2023, Taylor & Hellwig 2024, Hellwig & Taylor 2025)

$$\dot{\omega} = \frac{6\pi GM_2 \sin i}{a_1 \sin i (1 - e^2) P c^2}$$

$$= \frac{3G^{2/3} (M_1 + M_2)^{2/3}}{(1 - e^2) c^2} \left(\frac{2\pi}{P} \right)^{5/3}$$

$$\gamma = \frac{G^{2/3} M_2 (M_1 + 2M_2) e}{(M_1 + M_2)^{4/3} c^2} \left(\frac{P}{2\pi} \right)^{1/3}$$

$$= (0.0007344 \text{ s}) M_2 (2.8278 + M_2)$$

$$\dot{P} = \frac{-192\pi}{5} \frac{G^{5/3} M_1 M_2 f(e)}{c^5 (M_1 + M_2)^{1/3}} \left(\frac{2\pi}{P} \right)^{5/3}$$

$$= -1.202 \times 10^{-12} M_2 (2.8278 - M_2)$$

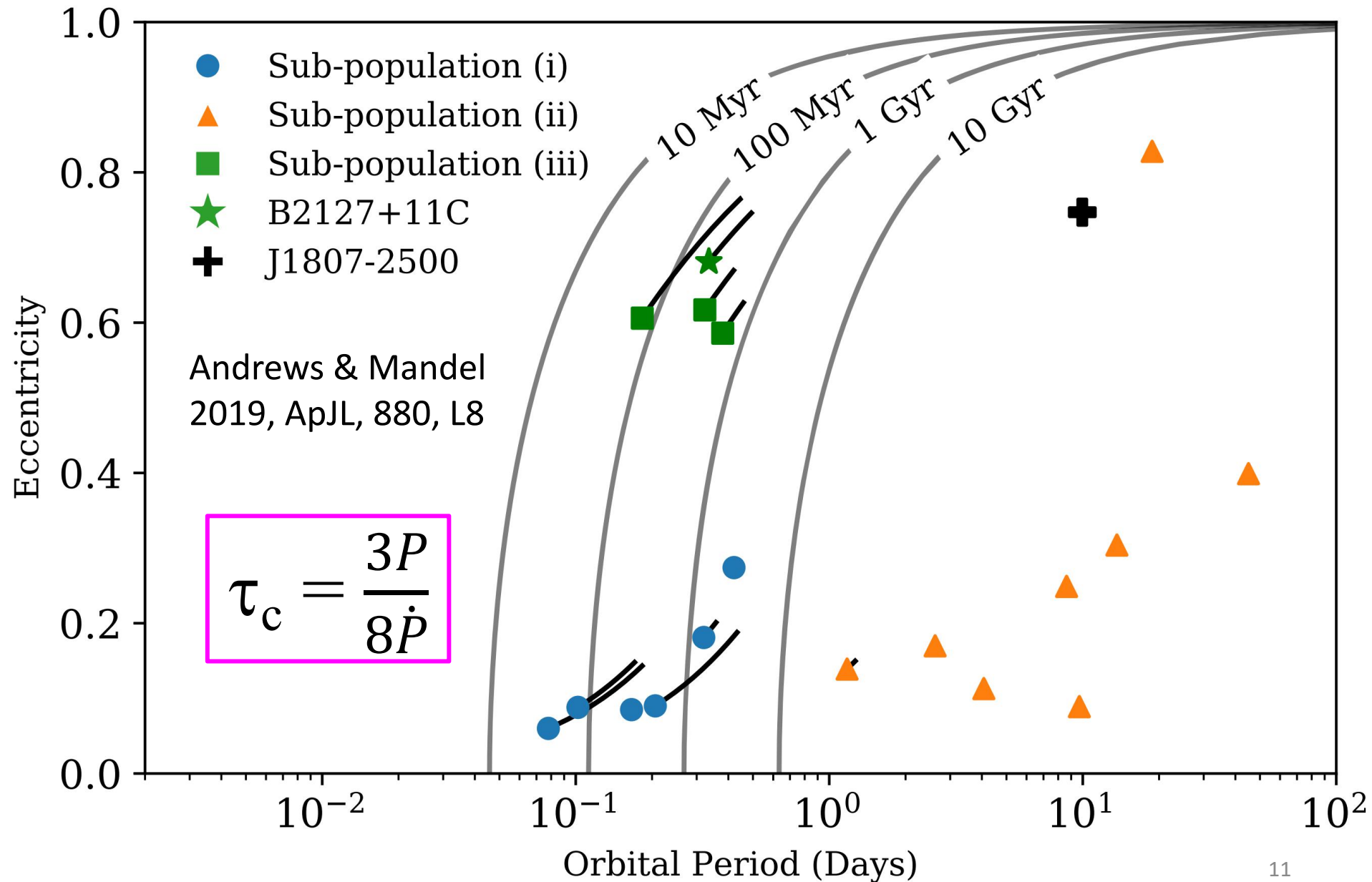
Parameters for the Binary Pulsar^a

Parameter	Value
P_p (s)	0.0590299952709(20)
\dot{P}_p (10^{-18})	8.628(20)
\ddot{P}_p (10^{-30} s^{-1})	-58(1200)
$(a_1 \sin i)/c$ (s)	2.34186(24)
e	0.617139(5)
P (s)	27906.98161(3)
ω (deg)	178.8656(15)
T_0 (Julian Day No.)	2442321.4332092(15)
$\dot{\omega}$ (deg yr ⁻¹)	4.2261(7)
γ (s)	0.00438(24)
\dot{P} (10^{-12})	-2.30(22)

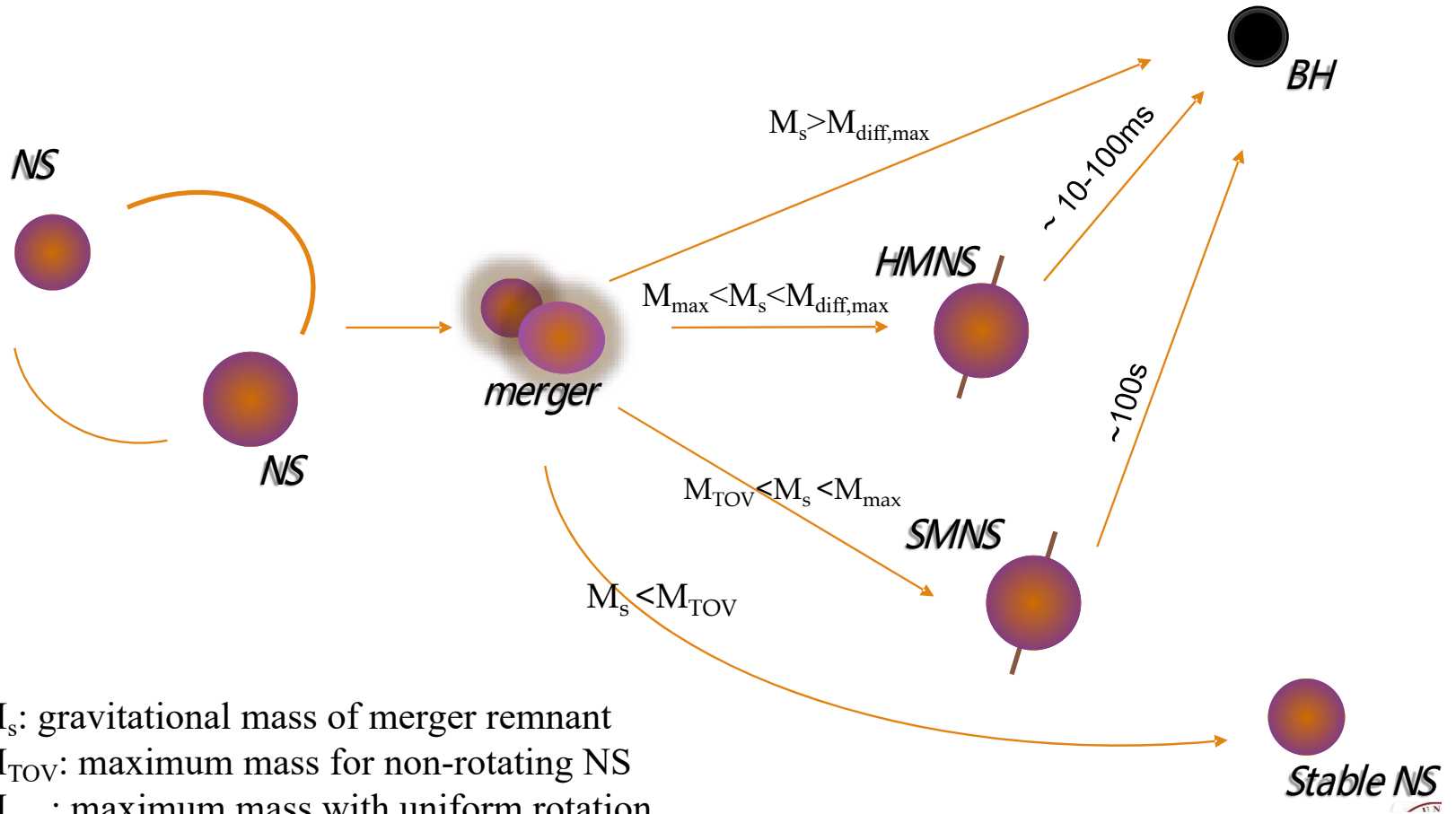
Periastron advance

- GR predicts -2.40×10^{-12} , proving gravitational waves. **1993 Nobel Prize** motivates LIGO's detections.

19 BNS Systems in our Galaxy

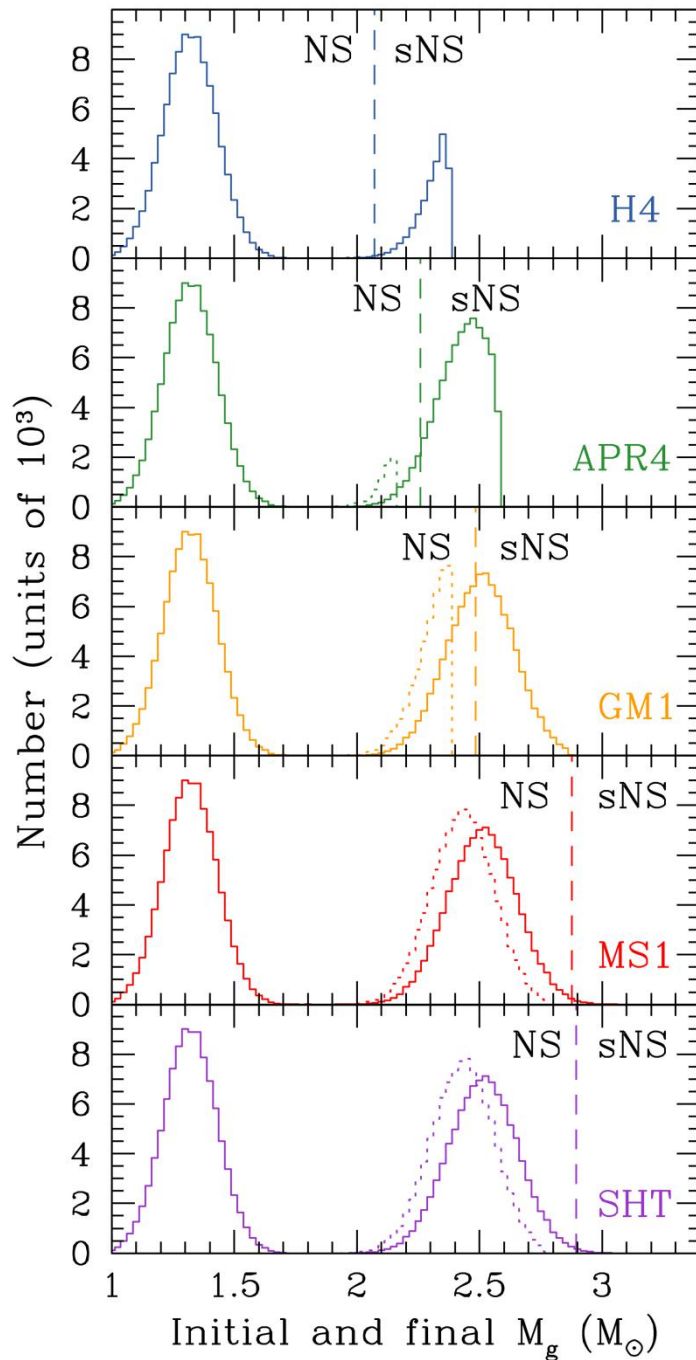


Central engines post BNS mergers



M_s : gravitational mass of merger remnant
 M_{TOV} : maximum mass for non-rotating NS
 M_{max} : maximum mass with uniform rotation
 $M_{\text{diff,max}}$: maximum mass with differential rotation

From Bing Zhang



**Piro, Giacomazzo & Perna
2017, ApJL, 844, L19: “The
fate of binary NS mergers”
by Monte Carlo techniques**

NS – stable NS
sNS – supramassive NS

Right two bumps:
Solid lines – mass shedding
Dotted lines – no spin

- The merger of a NS-NS binary as a potential **GRB progenitor** was briefly mentioned in Blinnikov et al. (1984), Paczynski (1986), Goodman (1986), and Goodman et al. (1987).
- The association of NS-NS mergers with GRBs was discussed in detail for the first time by Eichler et al. (1989, Nature) and later by Narayan et al. (1992).
- Similar models of a BH-NS binary as a possible progenitor were discussed by Paczynski (1991), Narayan et al. (1992), and Mochkovitch et al. (1993).
- **Two post-merger central engines** were proposed: (I) BHs + accretion disks, (II) millisecond magnetars.

(I) Black holes + disks

- Forming an accretion disk in a NS-NS merger: $0.03-0.3M_{\odot}$ (Rosswog et al. 1999, 2000, 2001)
- Forming an accretion disk in a BH-NS merger: $0.1-0.3M_{\odot}$, depending on $q=M_{\text{NS}}/M_{\text{BH}}$ (Janka et al. 1999; Davies et al. 2005)
- Neutrino-dominated accretion rate and disk's lifetime (Narayan et al. 2001; Liu et al. 2015a):

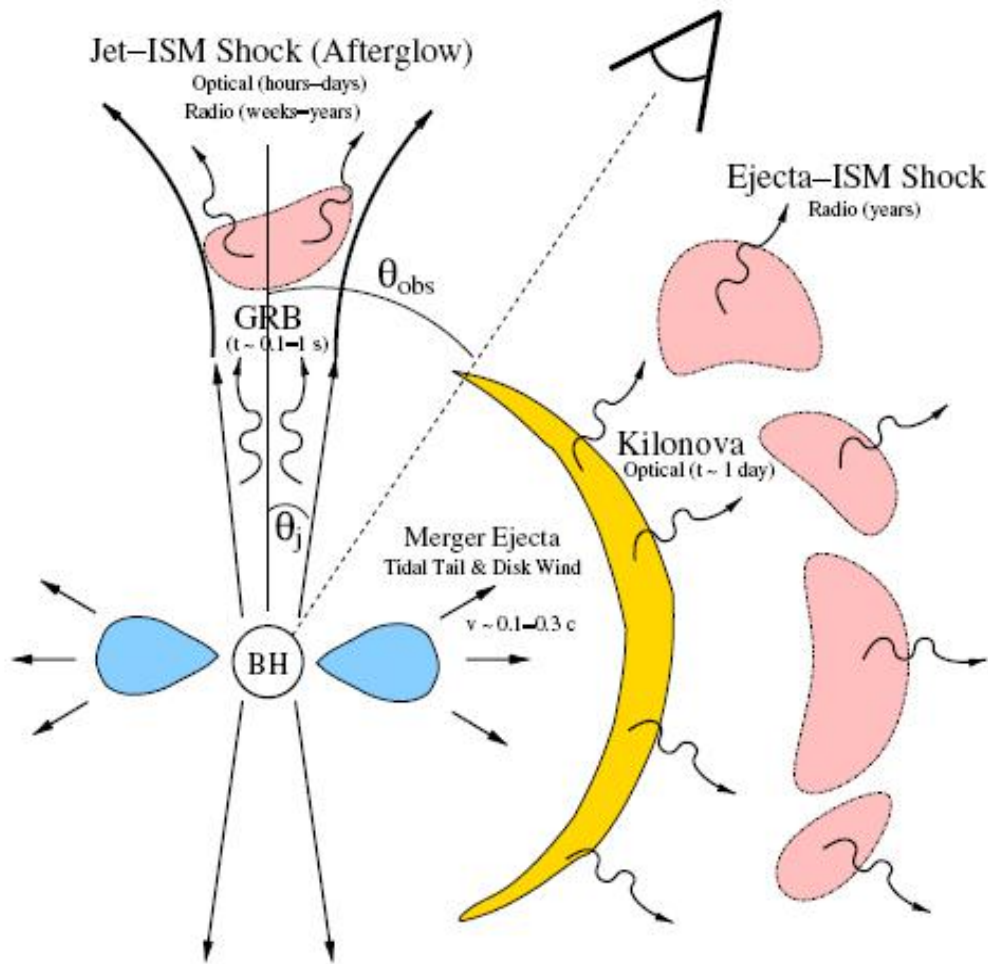
$$\dot{M}_{\text{acc}} = 0.6 \left(\frac{\alpha}{0.1}\right) \left(\frac{M_{\text{BH}}}{3 M_{\odot}}\right)^{-13/7} \left(\frac{M_{\text{d}}}{0.1 M_{\odot}}\right)^{9/7} \left(\frac{R_{\text{d}}}{10 R_{\text{s}}}\right)^{-3/2} M_{\odot} \text{ s}^{-1}$$

$$t_{\text{acc}} = 0.2 \left(\frac{\alpha}{0.1}\right)^{-1} \left(\frac{M_{\text{BH}}}{3 M_{\odot}}\right)^{13/7} \left(\frac{M_{\text{d}}}{0.1 M_{\odot}}\right)^{-2/7} \left(\frac{R_{\text{d}}}{10 R_{\text{s}}}\right)^{3/2} \text{ s}$$

➤ Launching a jet

- ① Neutrino-driven jet (Goodman et al. 1987; Eichler et al. 1989; Narayan et al. 2001; Di Matteo et al. 2002; Liu et al. 2015b): neutrino annihilation efficiency $\sim 0.01-0.001$, $E_{\text{jet}} \sim 10^{49} (M_{\text{disk}}/0.1M_{\odot})$ erg.
- ② Magnetically-driven (BZ) jet (Narayan et al. 1992; Meszaros & Rees 1997): $E_{\text{jet}} \sim 10^{51} (M_{\text{disk}}/0.1M_{\odot})$ erg.

EM signals from post-merger BHs



Metzger & Berger 2012

Short GRBs and afterglows

Multiwavelength transients

Durations ~ seconds, days, weeks, years

Radioactively-powered kilonovae

Li & Paczyński 1998

Dark optical transients

Duration ~ a few days

Forward shock emission

Nakar & Piran 2011

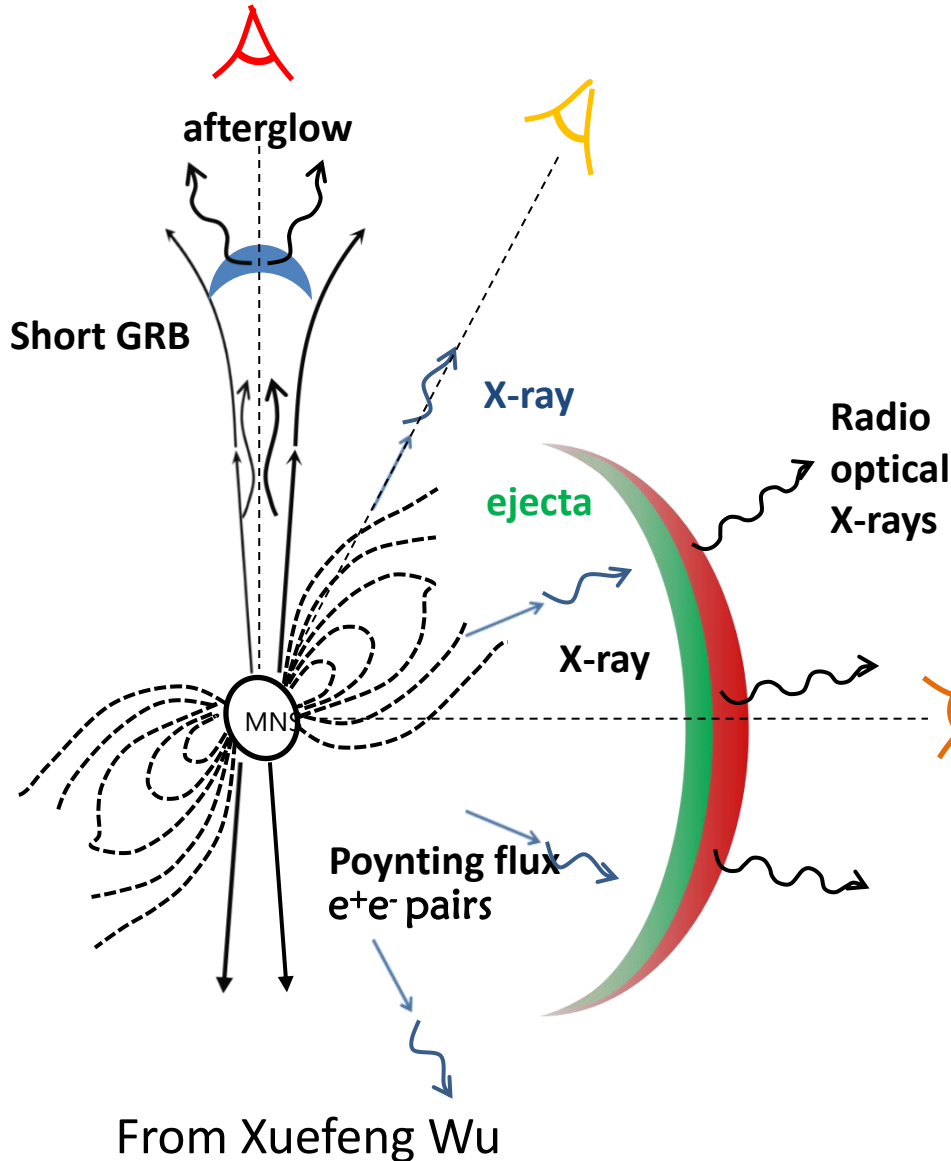
Radio afterglows

Duration ~ years

(II) Millisecond magnetars

- A **transient** hypermassive or supramassive NS (Kluźniak & Lee 1998; Baumgarte et al. 2000; Shapiro 2000; Rosswog & Davies 2002; Rosswog & Ramirez-Ruiz 2002; Rosswog et al. 2003; Shibata et al. 2006; Duez et al. 2006).
- A post-merger **stable** massive NS or a strange quark star (Dai & Lu 1998a, 1998b; Dai et al. 2006, Science, 311, 1127; Fan & Xu 2006; Gao & Fan 2006; Zhang 2013).
- A short GRB could be due to differential rotation in the interior (Kluźniak & Ruderman 1998; Dai & Lu 1998b) or an accretion disk (Zhang & Dai 2008, 2009, 2010).

EM signals from post-merger magnetars



Short GRBs and afterglows

Long-lasting activity

→ *plateaus and flares*

Dai & Lu 1998a, 1998b; Dai et al. 2006

Wind dissipation-induced emission

1000 to 10000 s *Dai 2004; Zhang 2013*

Rotationally-powered **mergernovae**

Luminous optical transients

Duration ~ days *Yu, Zhang & Gao 2013*

Forward shock emission

Luminous transients

Durations ~ hours, days, months, years

Gao, Ding, Wu, Zhang & Dai 2013

Wang & Dai 2013; Wu et al. 2014

Why short GRBs/NS-NS or NS-BH mergers?

- The energy release $E_{\text{iso}} \sim 10^{48} - 10^{51}$ erg, and the duration is a fraction of one second;
 - The medium density $n \sim 10^{-4} - 10^{-2}$ cm⁻³;
 - The host galaxies are old and short GRBs are usually in their outskirts ($\sim 10 - 100$ kpc);
 - No supernovae are associated with short GRBs.
- ➔ Support NS-NS or NS-BH merger models!
Only **indirect evidence** for these models!

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GW170817: Observation of Gravitational Waves from a Binary Neutron Star Inspiral

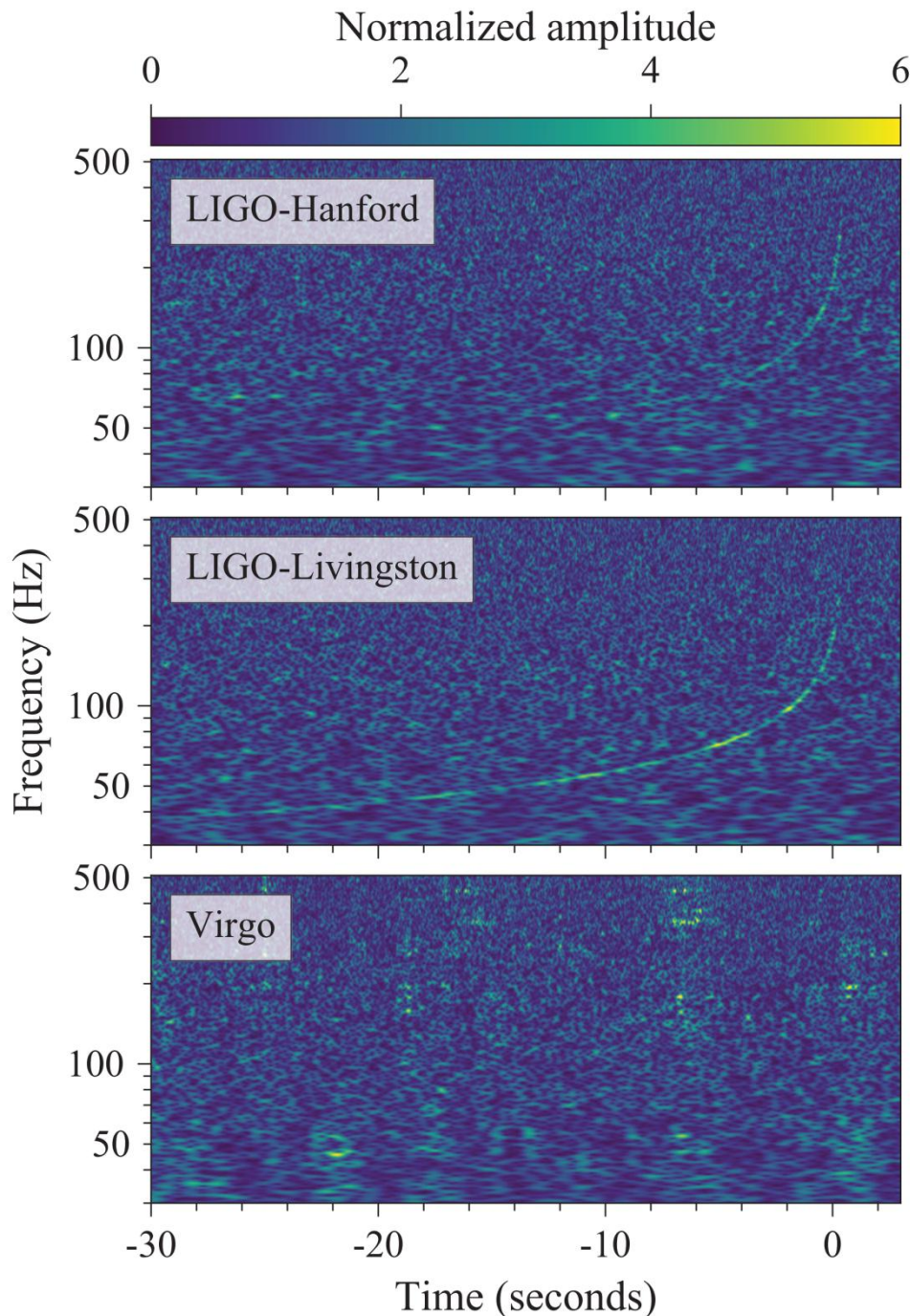
B. P. Abbott *et al.**

(LIGO Scientific Collaboration and Virgo Collaboration)

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On August 17, 2017 at 12:41:04 UTC the Advanced LIGO and Advanced Virgo gravitational-wave detectors made their first observation of a binary neutron star inspiral. The signal, GW170817, was detected with a combined signal-to-noise ratio of 32.4 and a false-alarm-rate estimate of less than one per 8.0×10^4 years. We infer the component masses of the binary to be between 0.86 and $2.26 M_{\odot}$, in agreement with masses of known neutron stars. Restricting the component spins to the range inferred in binary neutron stars, we find the component masses to be in the range 1.17–1.60 M_{\odot} , with the total mass of the system $2.74_{-0.01}^{+0.04} M_{\odot}$. The source was localized within a sky region of 28 deg² (90% probability) and had a luminosity distance of 40_{-14}^{+8} Mpc, the closest and most precisely localized gravitational-wave signal yet. The association with the γ -ray burst GRB 170817A, detected by Fermi-GBM 1.7 s after the coalescence, corroborates the hypothesis of a neutron star merger and provides the first direct evidence of a link between these mergers and short γ -ray bursts. Subsequent identification of transient counterparts across the electromagnetic spectrum in the same location further supports the interpretation of this event as a neutron star merger. This unprecedented joint gravitational and electromagnetic observation provides insight into astrophysics, dense matter, gravitation, and cosmology.

GW170817及其电磁波信号的位置



GW170817

At early times, for low orbital and GW frequencies, the chirp-like time evolution of the GW frequency is determined primarily by the **chirp mass** (a specific combination of the component masses m_1 and m_2).

As the orbit shrinks and the GW frequency grows rapidly, the GW phase is increasingly influenced by relativistic effects related to the **mass ratio** $q = m_2/m_1$, where $m_1 \geq m_2$, as well as spin-orbit and spin-spin couplings.

Abbott et al. 2017, PRL, 119, 161101

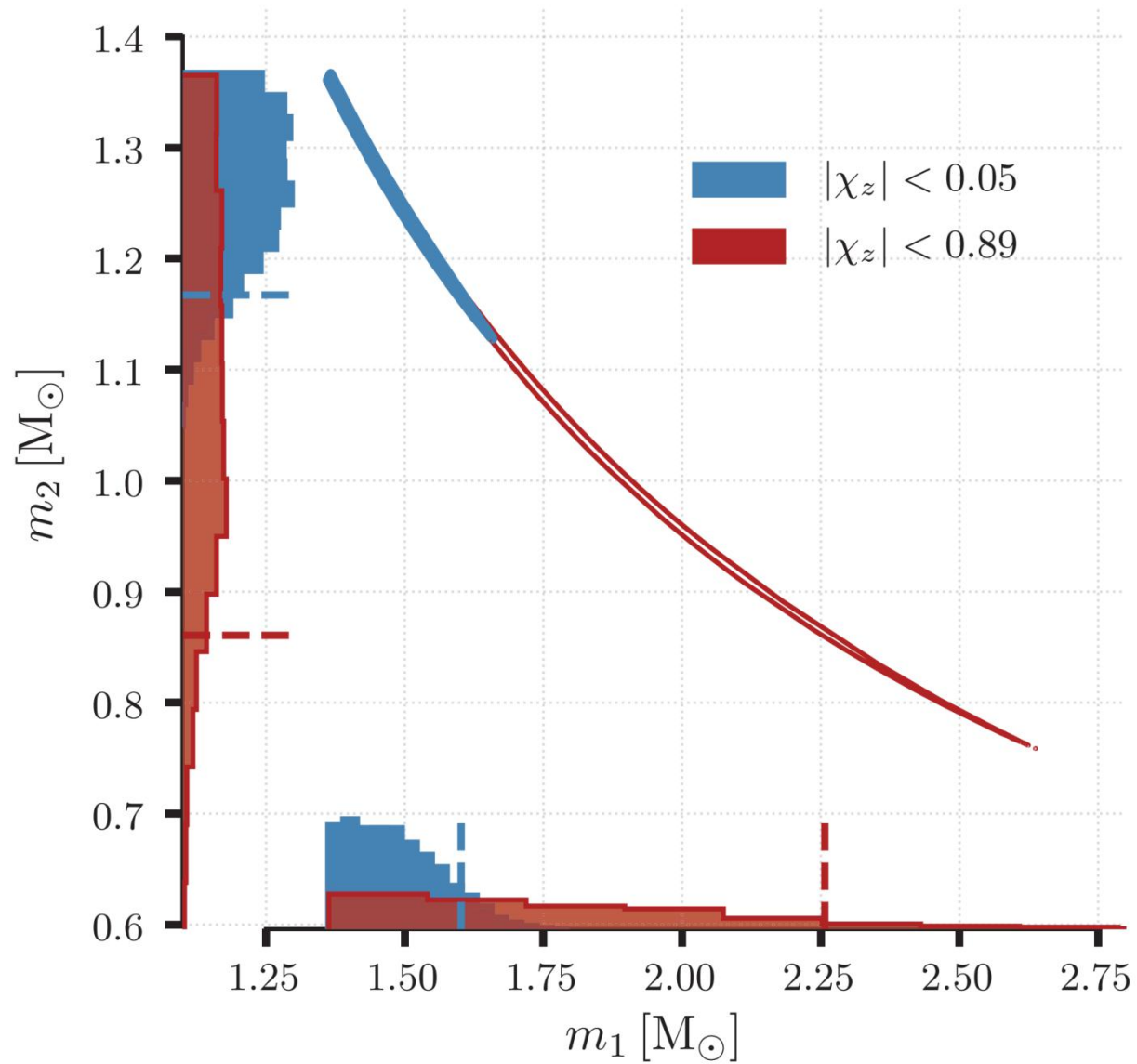
Some key equations

Chirp mass: $\mathcal{M} = \frac{(m_1 m_2)^{3/5}}{(m_1 + m_2)^{1/5}} = \frac{c^3}{G} \left[\frac{5}{96} \pi^{-8/3} f^{-11/3} \dot{f} \right]^{3/5}$

Tidal Love number k_2 : $Q_{ij} = -k_2 \frac{2R^5}{3G} E_{ij}$ (Love 1909)

Tidal deformability: $\Lambda = (2/3)k_2 [(c^2/G)(R/m)]^5$

→ $\tilde{\Lambda} = \frac{16}{13} \frac{(m_1 + 12m_2)m_1^4 \Lambda_1 + (m_2 + 12m_1)m_2^4 \Lambda_2}{(m_1 + m_2)^5}$

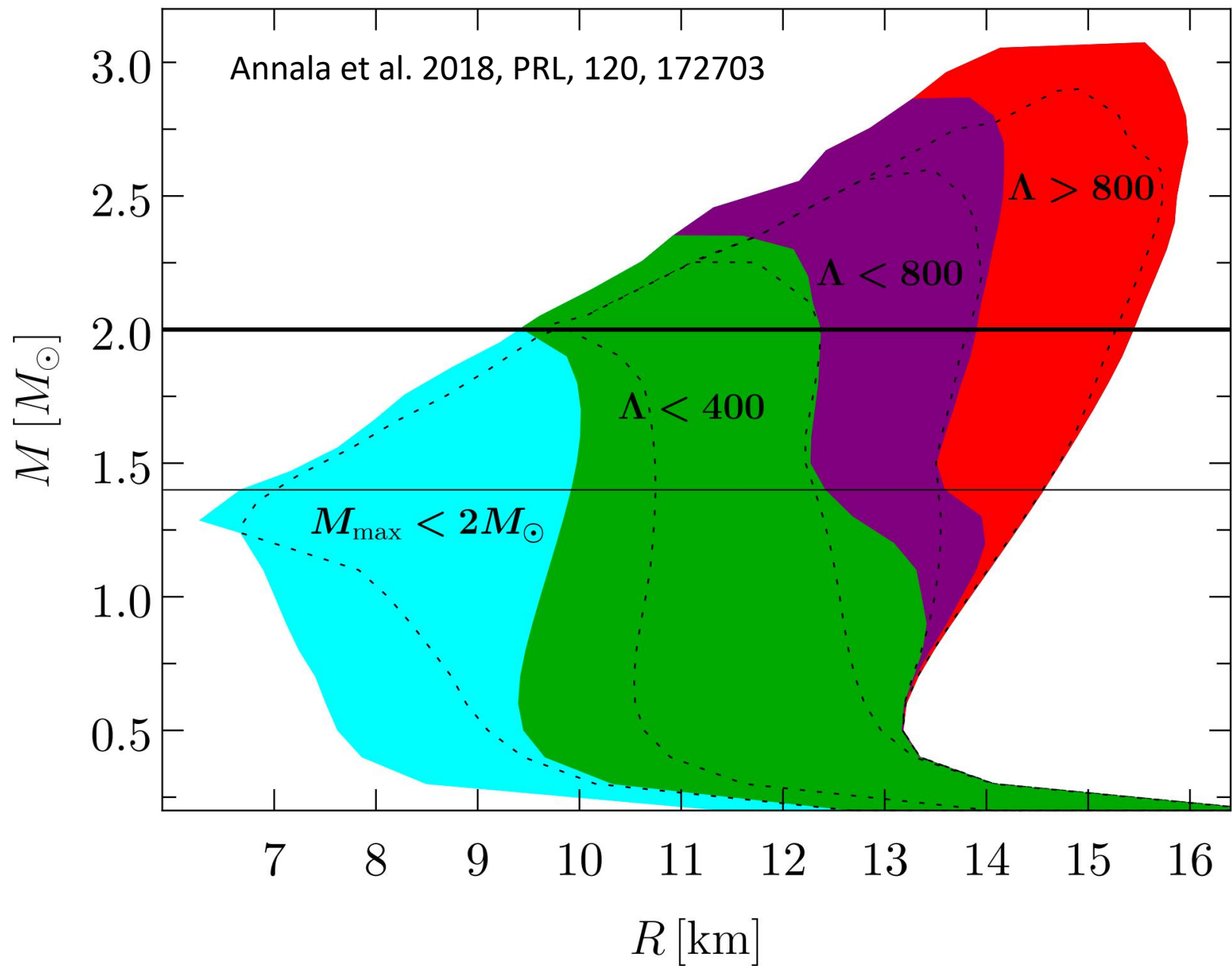


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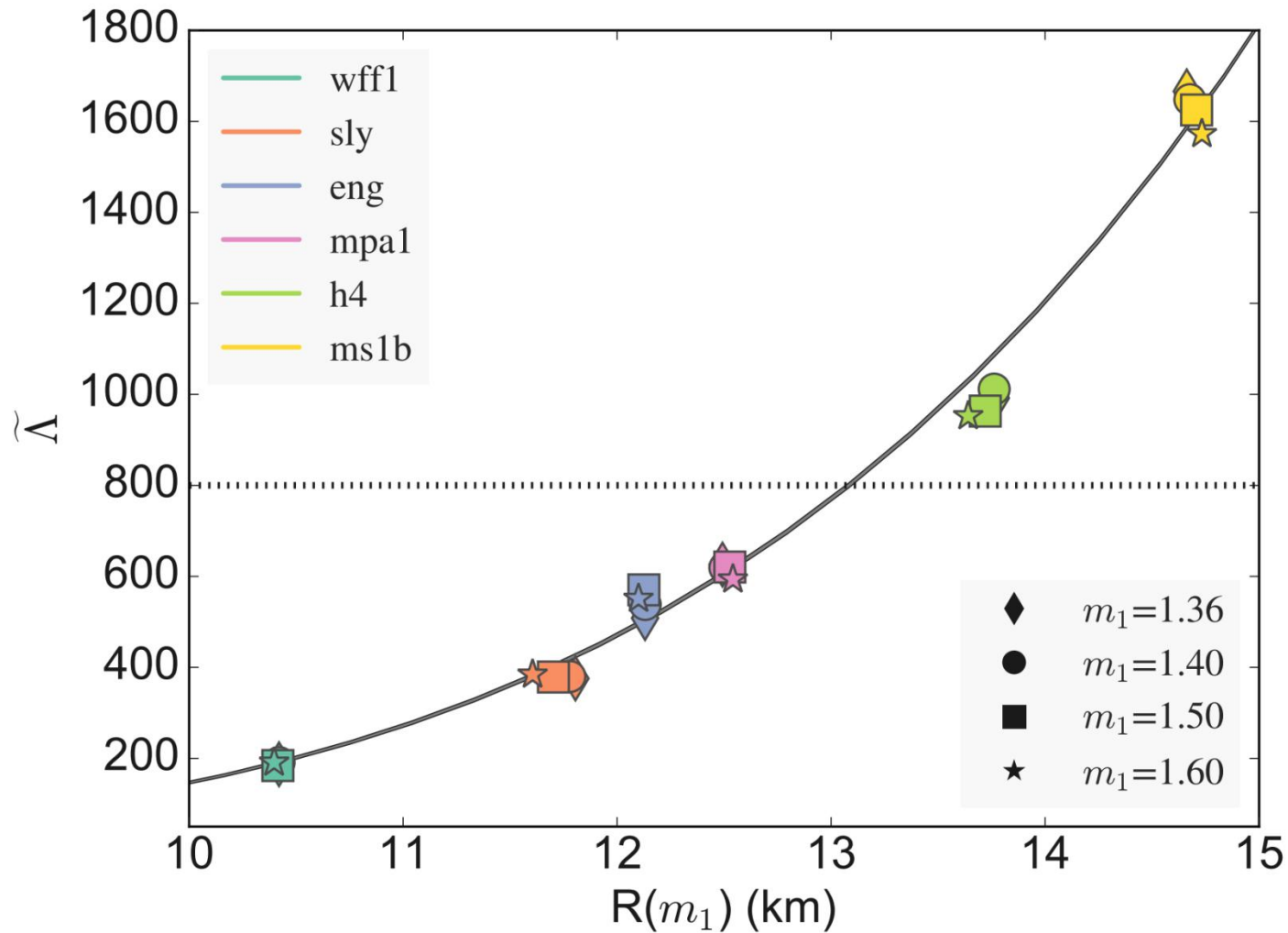
Source properties for GW170817

	Low-spin priors ($ \chi \leq 0.05$)	High-spin priors ($ \chi \leq 0.89$)
Primary mass m_1	1.36–1.60 M_\odot	1.36–2.26 M_\odot
Secondary mass m_2	1.17–1.36 M_\odot	0.86–1.36 M_\odot
Chirp mass \mathcal{M}	1.188 $^{+0.004}_{-0.002}$ M_\odot	1.188 $^{+0.004}_{-0.002}$ M_\odot
Mass ratio m_2/m_1	0.7–1.0	0.4–1.0
Total mass m_{tot}	2.74 $^{+0.04}_{-0.01}$ M_\odot	2.82 $^{+0.47}_{-0.09}$ M_\odot
Radiated energy E_{rad}	$> 0.025 M_\odot c^2$	$> 0.025 M_\odot c^2$
Luminosity distance D_L	40 $^{+8}_{-14}$ Mpc	40 $^{+8}_{-14}$ Mpc
Viewing angle Θ	$\leq 55^\circ$	$\leq 56^\circ$
Using NGC 4993 location	$\leq 28^\circ$	$\leq 28^\circ$
Combined dimensionless tidal deformability $\tilde{\Lambda}$	≤ 800	≤ 700
Dimensionless tidal deformability $\Lambda(1.4M_\odot)$	≤ 800	≤ 1400

Abbott et al. 2017, PRL, 119, 161101



Constraint on neutron-star radius



Raithel, Ozel & Psaltis 2018, ApJL, 857, L23

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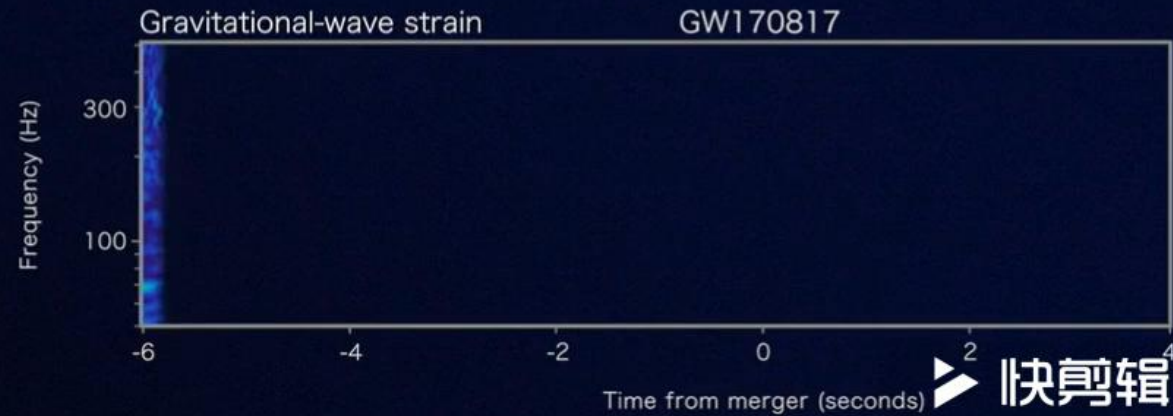
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(I) GRB170817A

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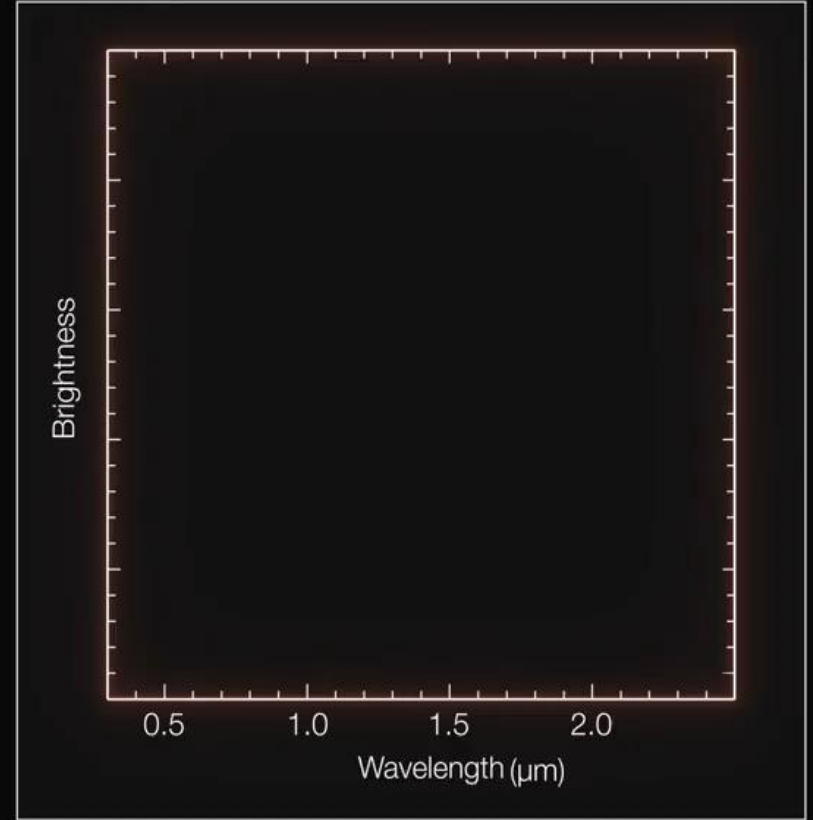
Properties of GRB 170817A

total spanning duration (s)	~ 2.05
spectral peak energy (first peak) E_p (keV)	$158.1^{+180.4}_{-33.7}$
total fluence (erg cm^{-2})	$(4.46 \pm 0.1) \times 10^{-7}$
spectral lag (25-50 keV vs 50-100 keV)	0.03 ± 0.05 s
redshift z	~ 0.009
luminosity distance D_L (Mpc)	39.472
total isotropic energy E_{iso} (erg)	$(4.58 \pm 0.19) \times 10^{46}$
peak luminosity L_{iso} (erg s^{-1})	$(1.7 \pm 0.1) \times 10^{47}$

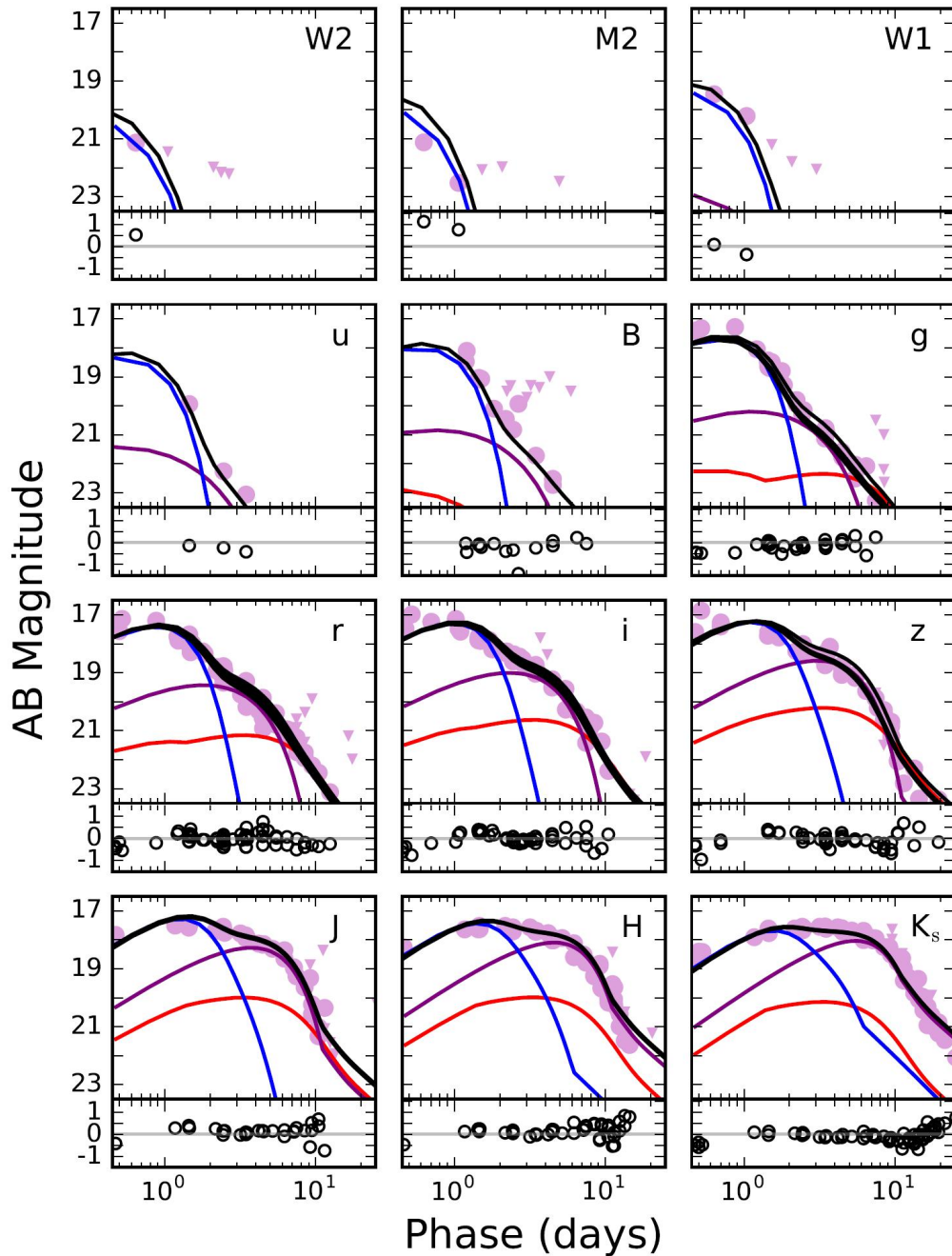
Zhang, B.-B. et al. 2018, Nature Communications, 9, 447

(II) Kilonova: AT2017gfo





Time: -1225 days

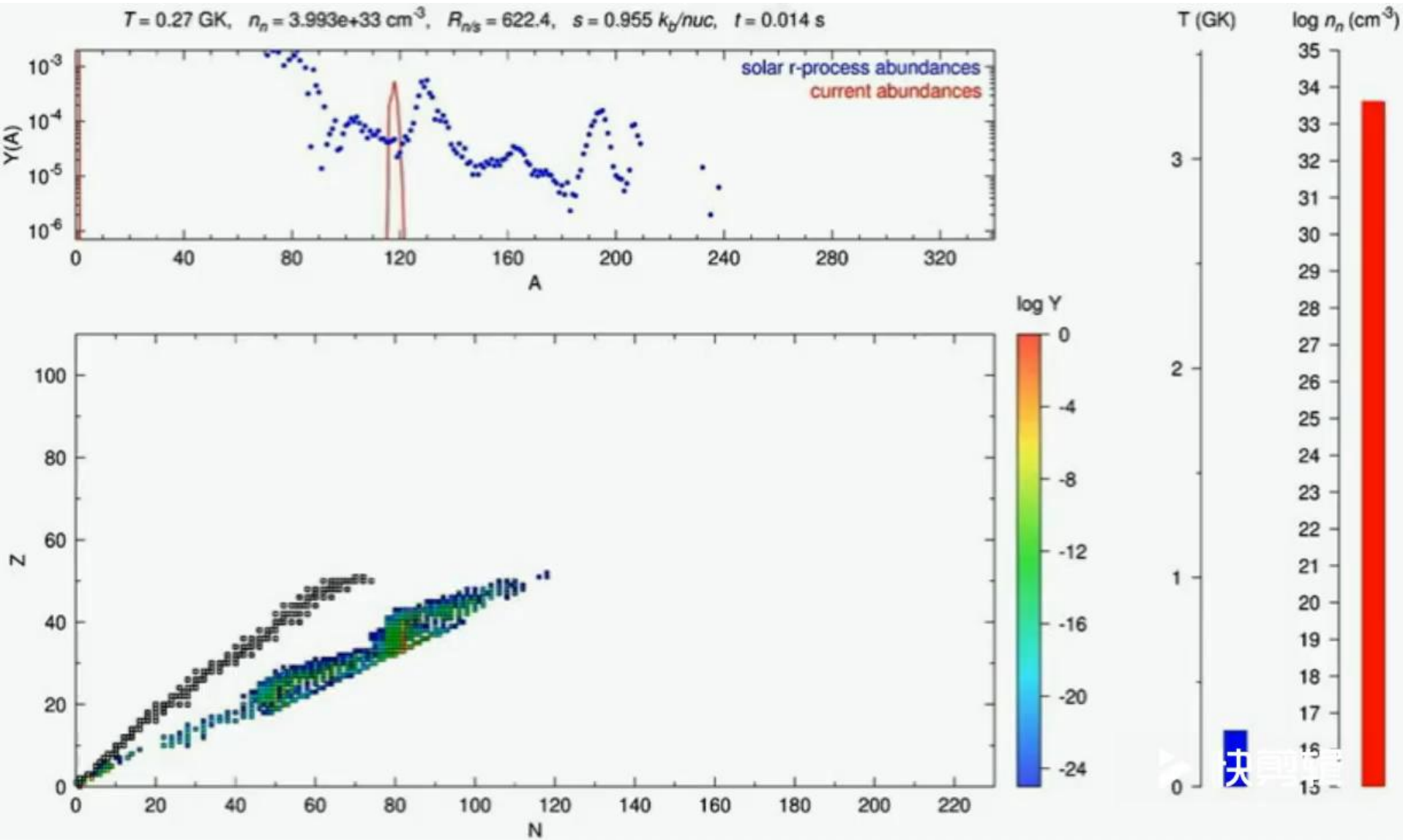


Villar et al. (2017, ApJL, 851, L21) modeled the complete UVOIR dataset for kilonova:







- ① a **blue** lanthanide-poor component ($\approx 0.5 \text{ cm}^2/\text{g}$, $M_{\text{ej}} \approx 0.016 M_{\odot}$ & $v_{\text{ej}} \approx 0.27c$);
- ② an intermediate opacity **purple** component ($\approx 3 \text{ cm}^2/\text{g}$, $M_{\text{ej}} \approx 0.040 M_{\odot}$ & $v_{\text{ej}} \approx 0.14c$);
- ③ a **red** lanthanide-rich component ($\approx 10 \text{ cm}^2/\text{g}$, $M_{\text{ej}} \approx 0.009 M_{\odot}$ & $v_{\text{ej}} \approx 0.08c$).

$M_{\text{ej,tot}} \approx 0.065 M_{\odot}$, too large!

Nucleosynthesis in BNS Merger Outflow



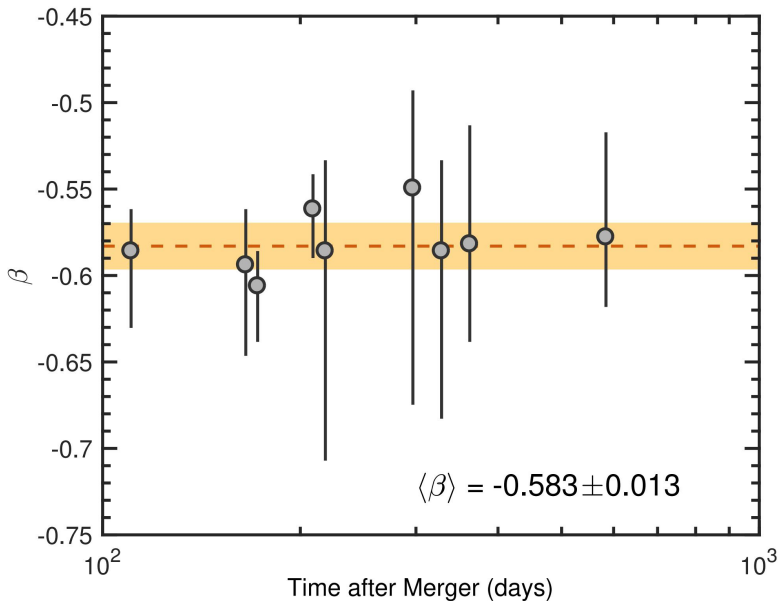
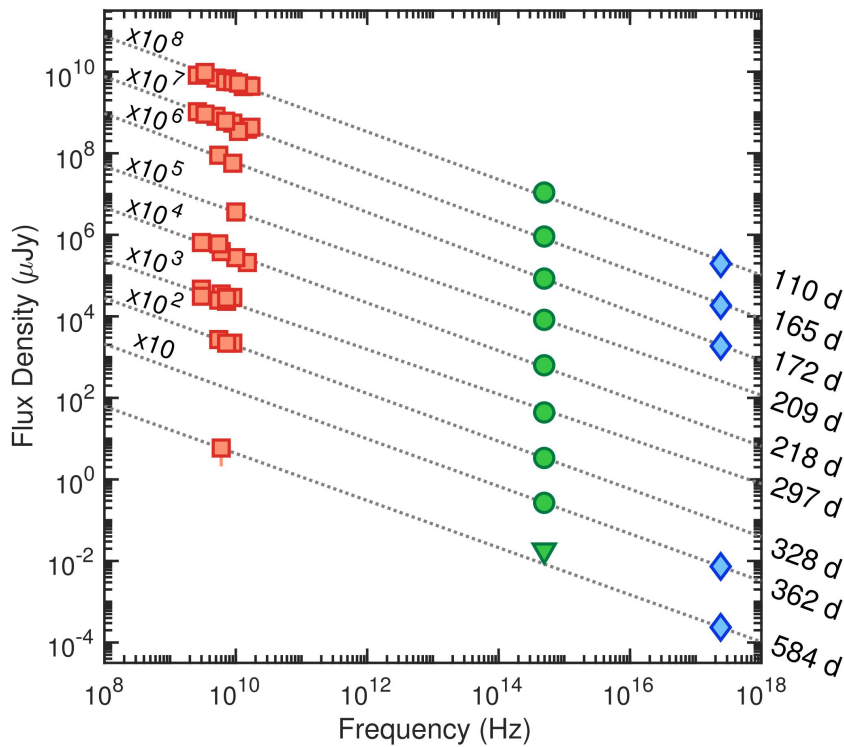
The Origin of the Solar System Elements

1 H	big bang fusion 										cosmic ray fission 					2 He	
3 Li	4 Be	merging neutron stars 					exploding massive stars 					5 B	6 C	7 N	8 O	9 F	10 Ne
11 Na	12 Mg	dying low mass stars 					exploding white dwarfs 					13 Al	14 Si	15 P	16 S	17 Cl	18 Ar
19 K	20 Ca	21 Sc	22 Ti	23 V	24 Cr	25 Mn	26 Fe	27 Co	28 Ni	29 Cu	30 Zn	31 Ga	32 Ge	33 As	34 Se	35 Br	36 Kr
37 Rb	38 Sr	39 Y	40 Zr	41 Nb	42 Mo	43 Tc	44 Ru	45 Rh	46 Pd	47 Ag	48 Cd	49 In	50 Sn	51 Sb	52 Te	53 I	54 Xe
55 Cs	56 Ba	72 Hf	73 Ta	74 W	75 Re	76 Os	77 Ir	78 Pt	79 Au	80 Hg	81 Tl	82 Pb	83 Bi	84 Po	85 At	86 Rn	
87 Fr	88 Ra																
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(III) X-ray, optical & radio afterglow

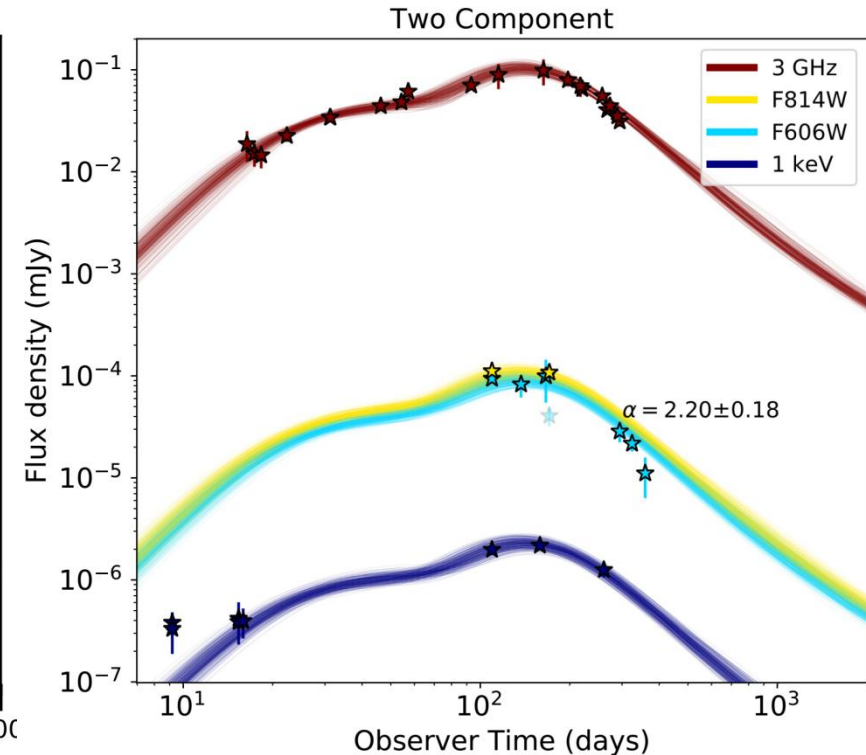
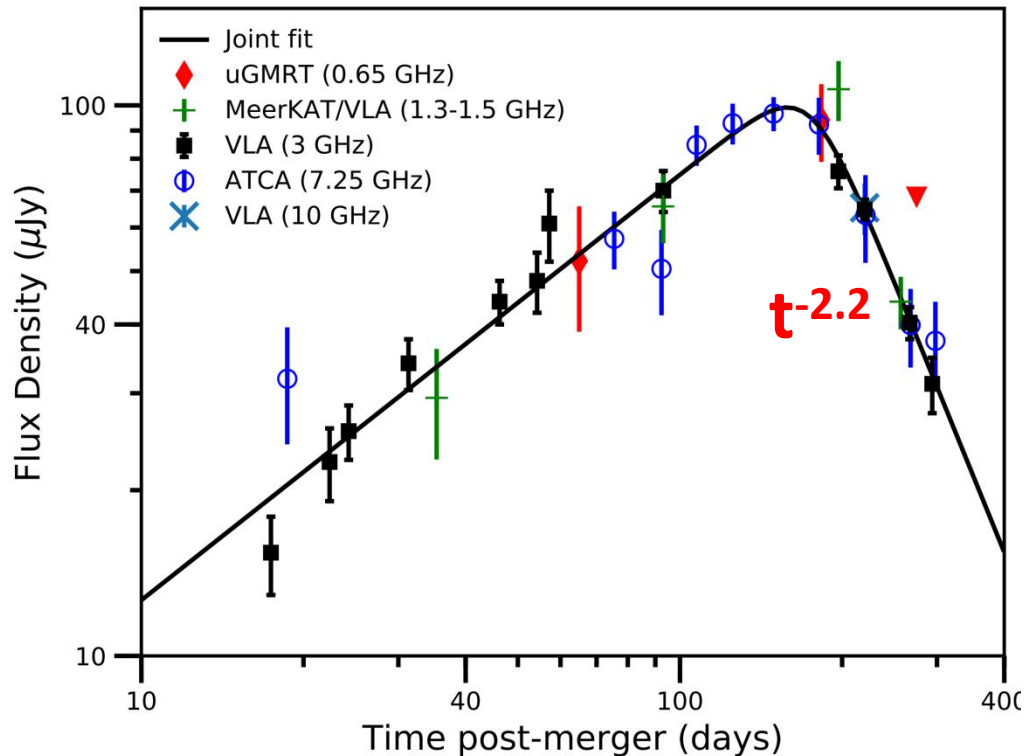


Fong et al. 2019, ApJL, 883, L1: **Evolution of the broad-band SED** from 110 d to 584 d since merger.

$$\text{SED: } F_{\nu} \propto \nu^{\beta}$$

A Strong Jet Signature in Late-Time Lightcurves

$$F_{\nu} \propto t^{-\alpha} \text{ after jet break}$$

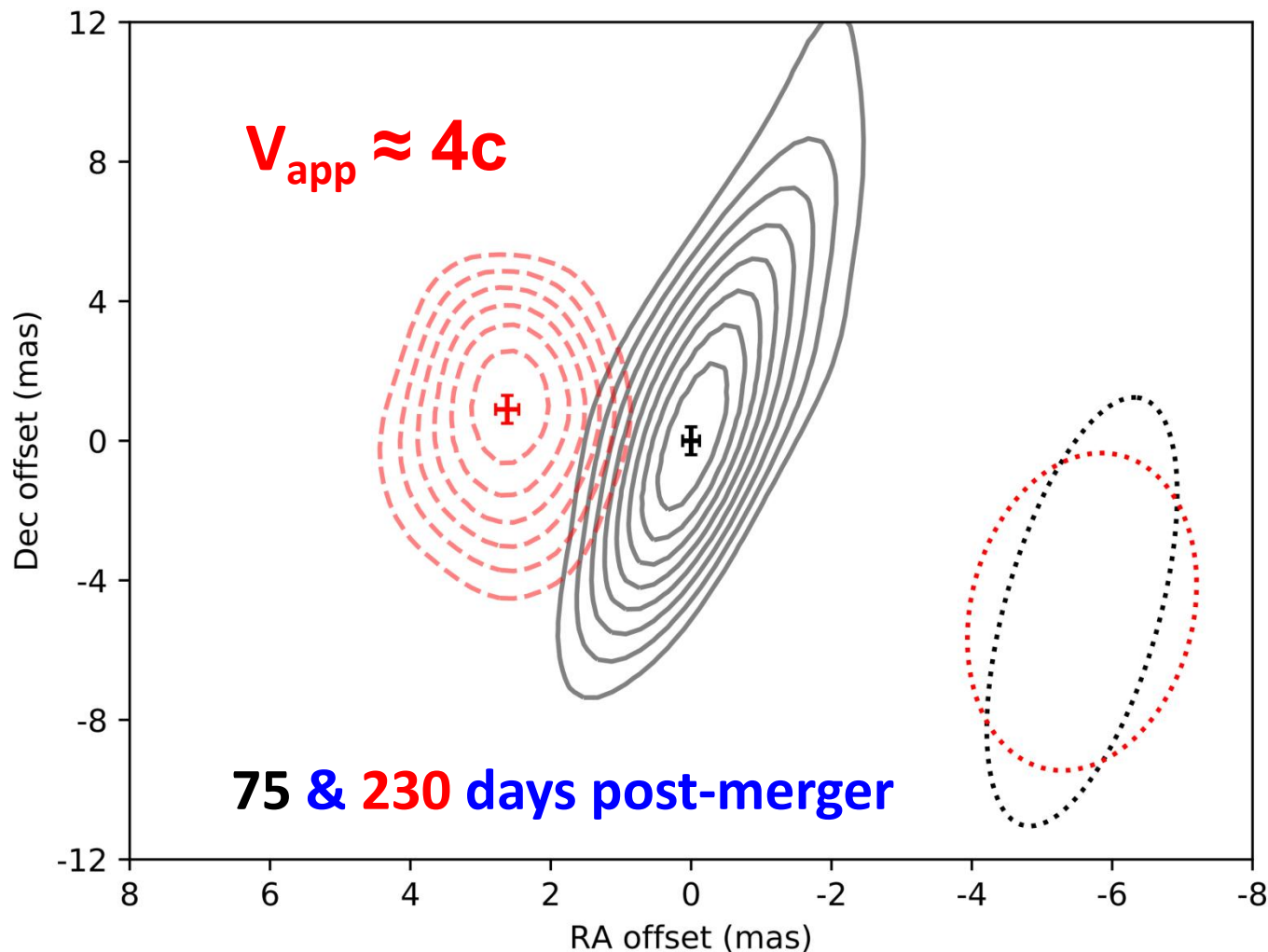


Radio: Mooley et al. 2018, ApJL, 868, L11

Optical: Lamb et al. 2019, ApJL, 870, L15

Superluminal motion of a relativistic jet in GW170817

by VLBI observations: Mooley et al. 2018, Nature, 561, 355

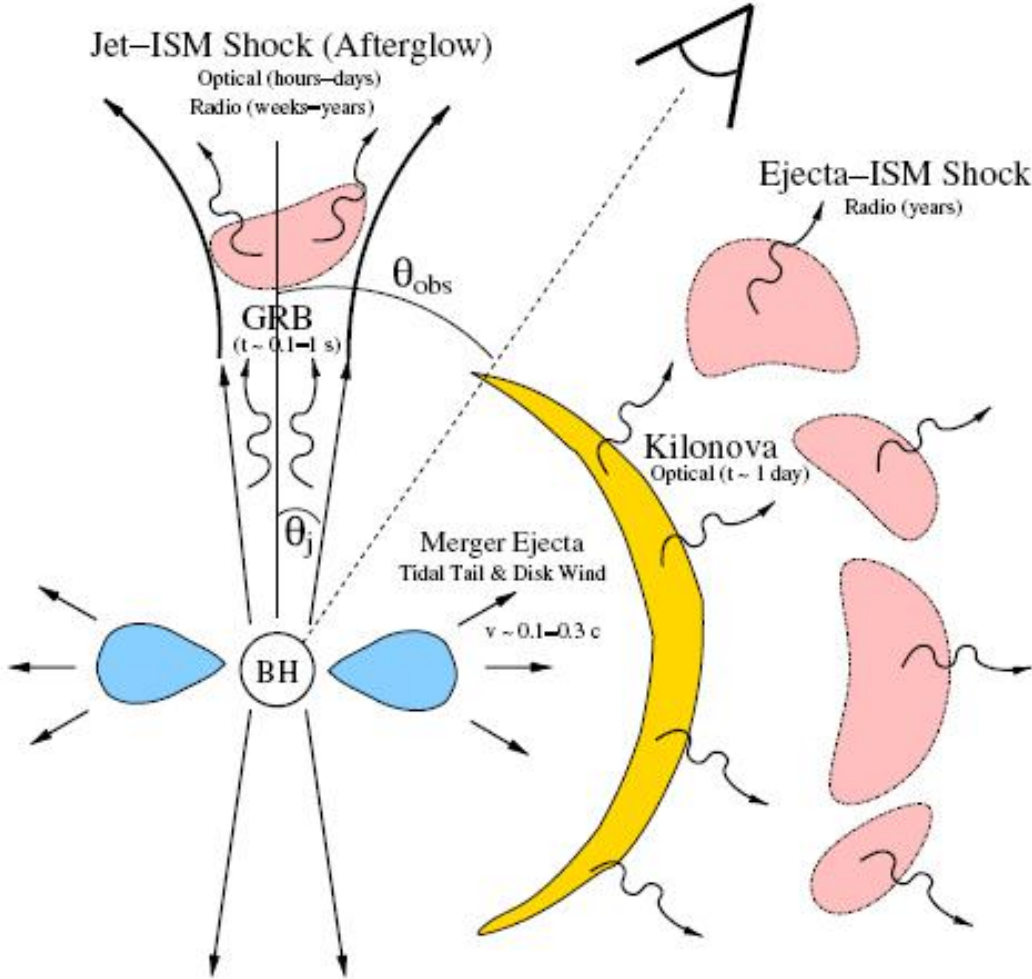


Ghirlanda et al. 2019, Science, 363, 968

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GW170817/GRB 170817A



Why off-axis?

- High detection rate
- Low-luminosity GRB
- Faint afterglow
- Superluminal motion
- Dominated kilonova

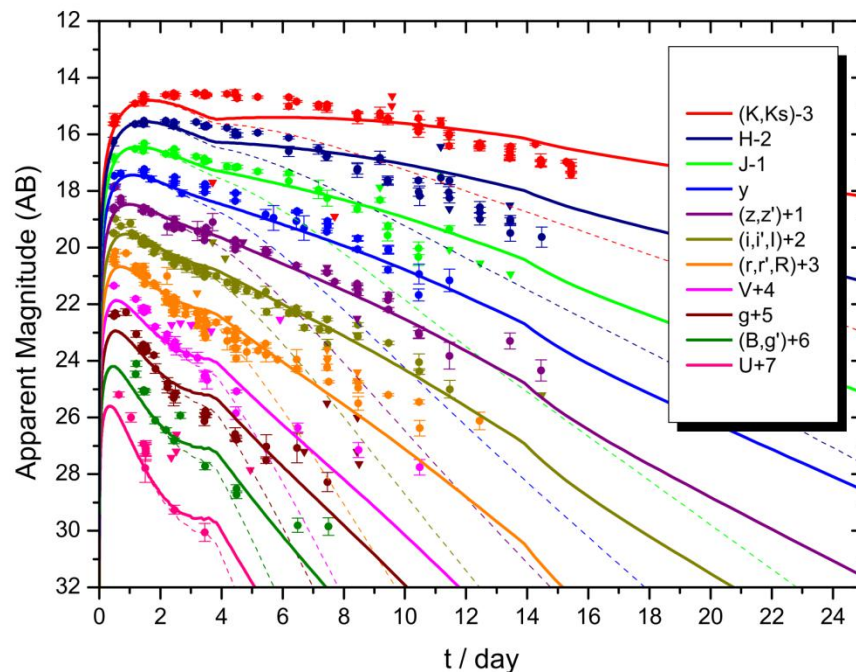
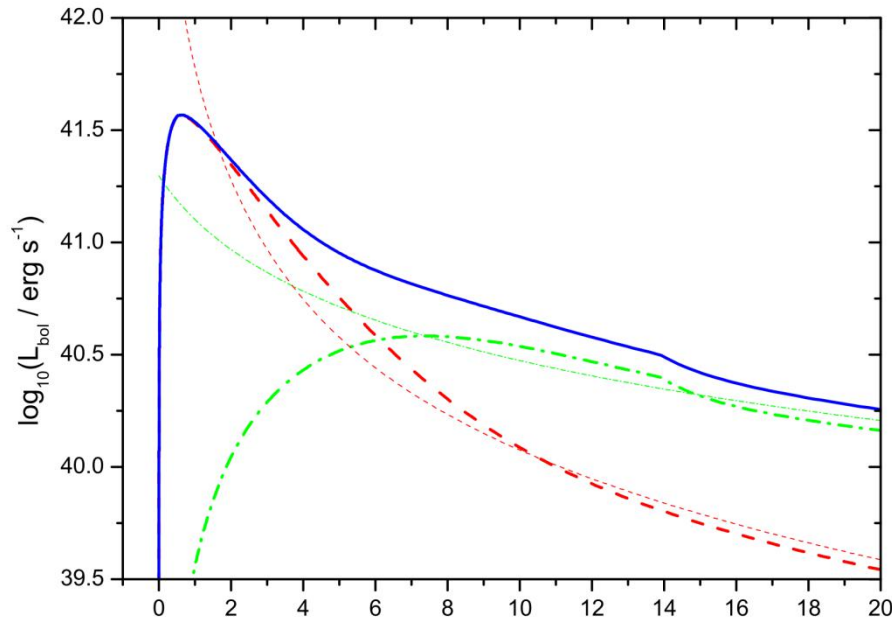
Standard picture (Metzger & Berger 2012)

Kilonova

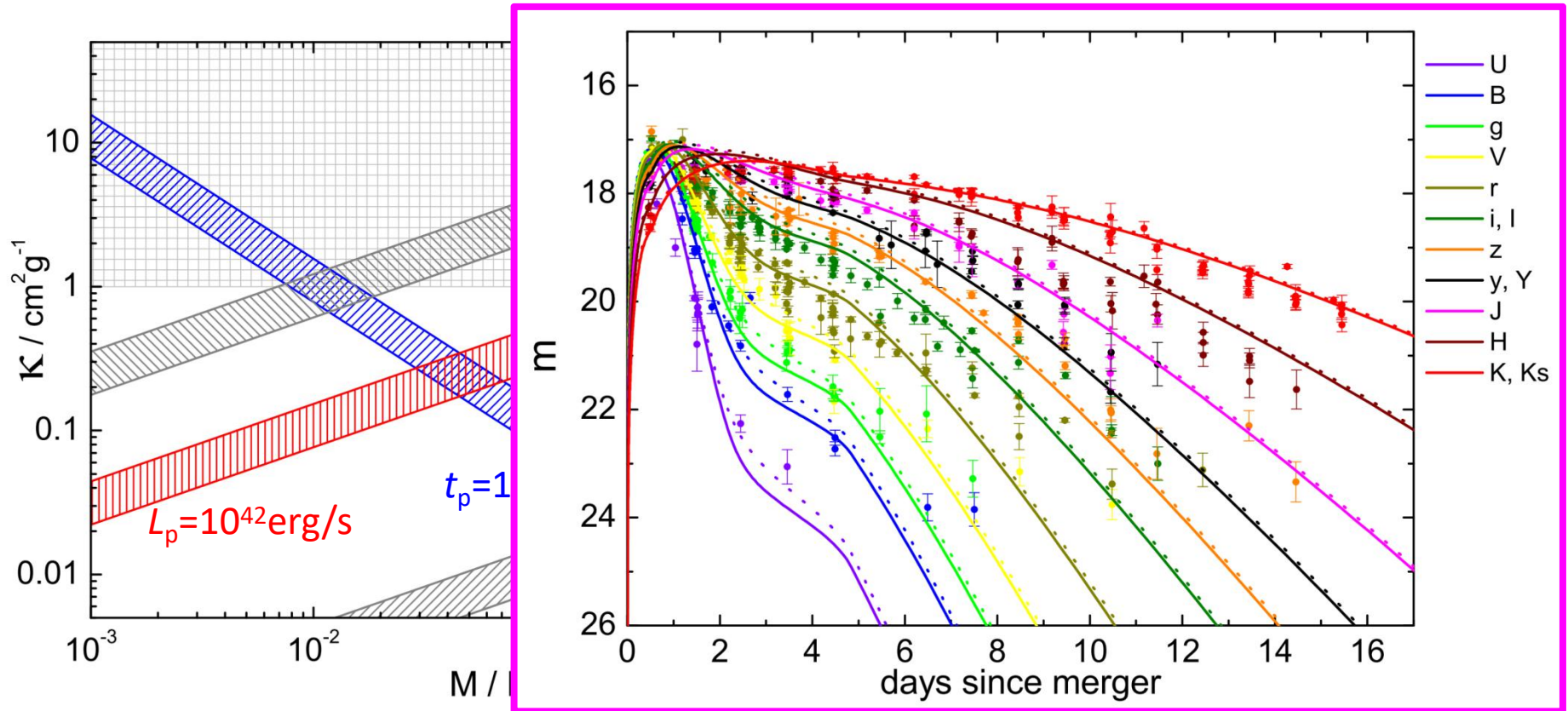
Question of the popular model: **too massive M_{ej}**

Yu, Liu & Dai 2018, ApJ, 861, 114: **A long-lived neutron star remnant after GW170817, in a hybrid-energy model.**

The ejecta parameters:
opacity $\kappa=0.97 \text{ cm}^2/\text{g}$,
mass **$M_{ej}=0.03M_{\odot}$** ,
velocity $v_{\min}=0.10c$,
 $v_{\max}=0.40c$, & $\delta=1.46$.



No radioactivity, only pulsar power



Li, Liu, Yu & Zhang, ApJL, 861, L12: $M_{ej} \approx 0.006 M_\odot$

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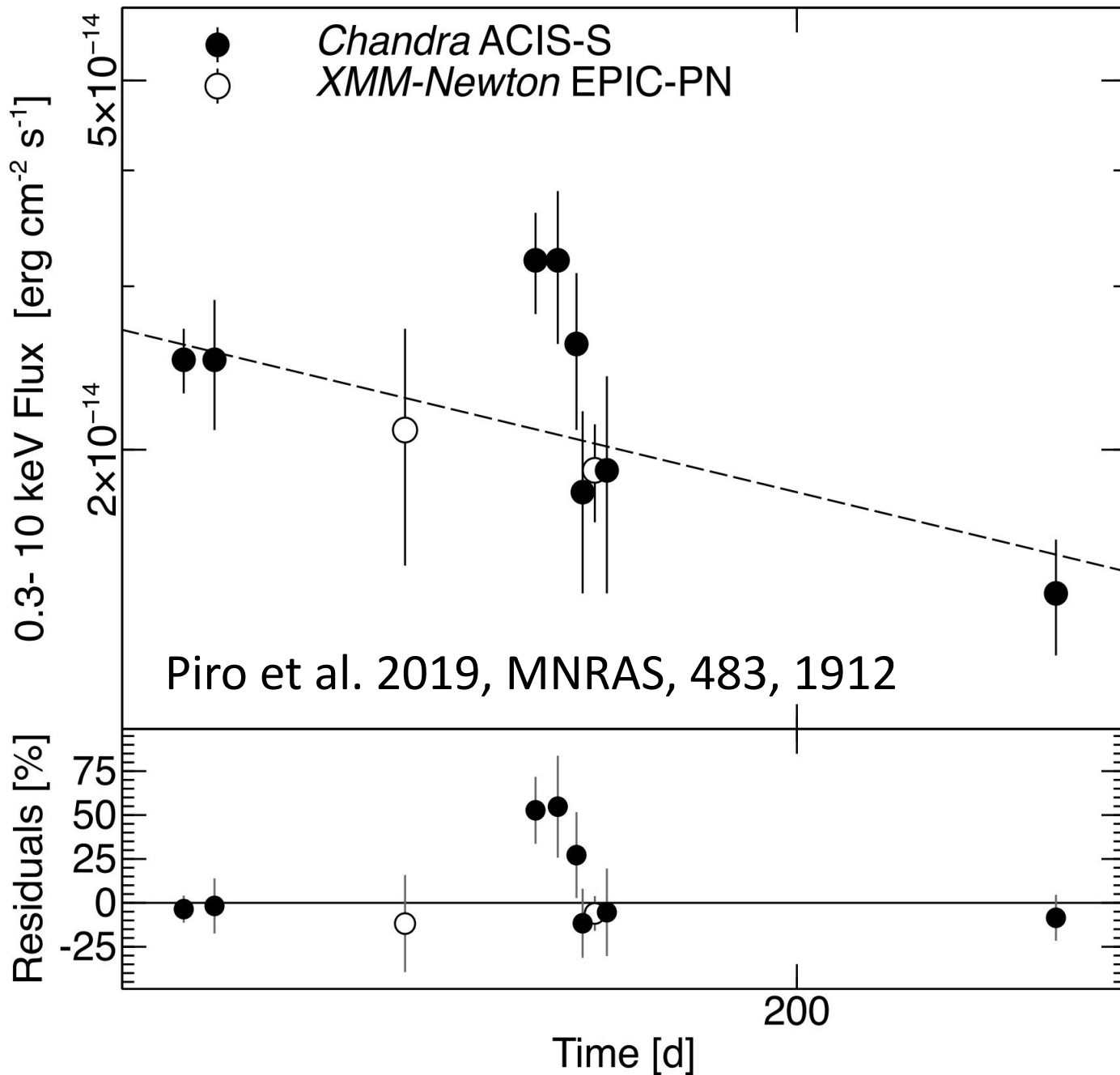
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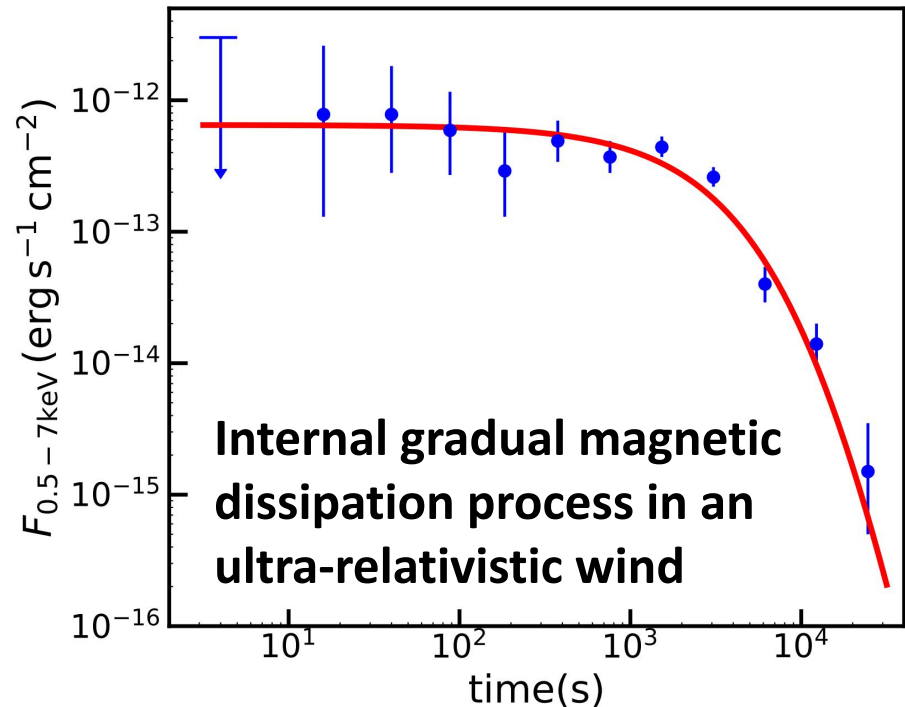
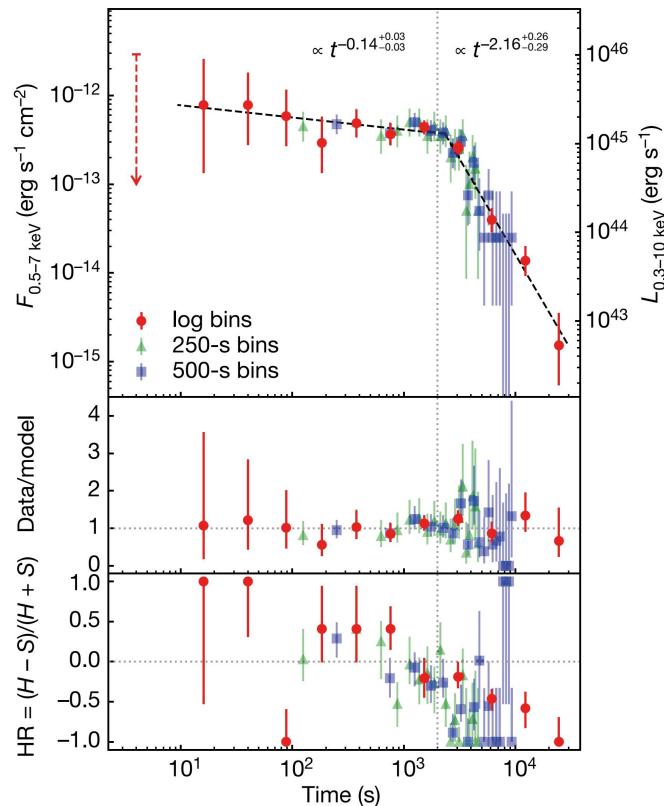
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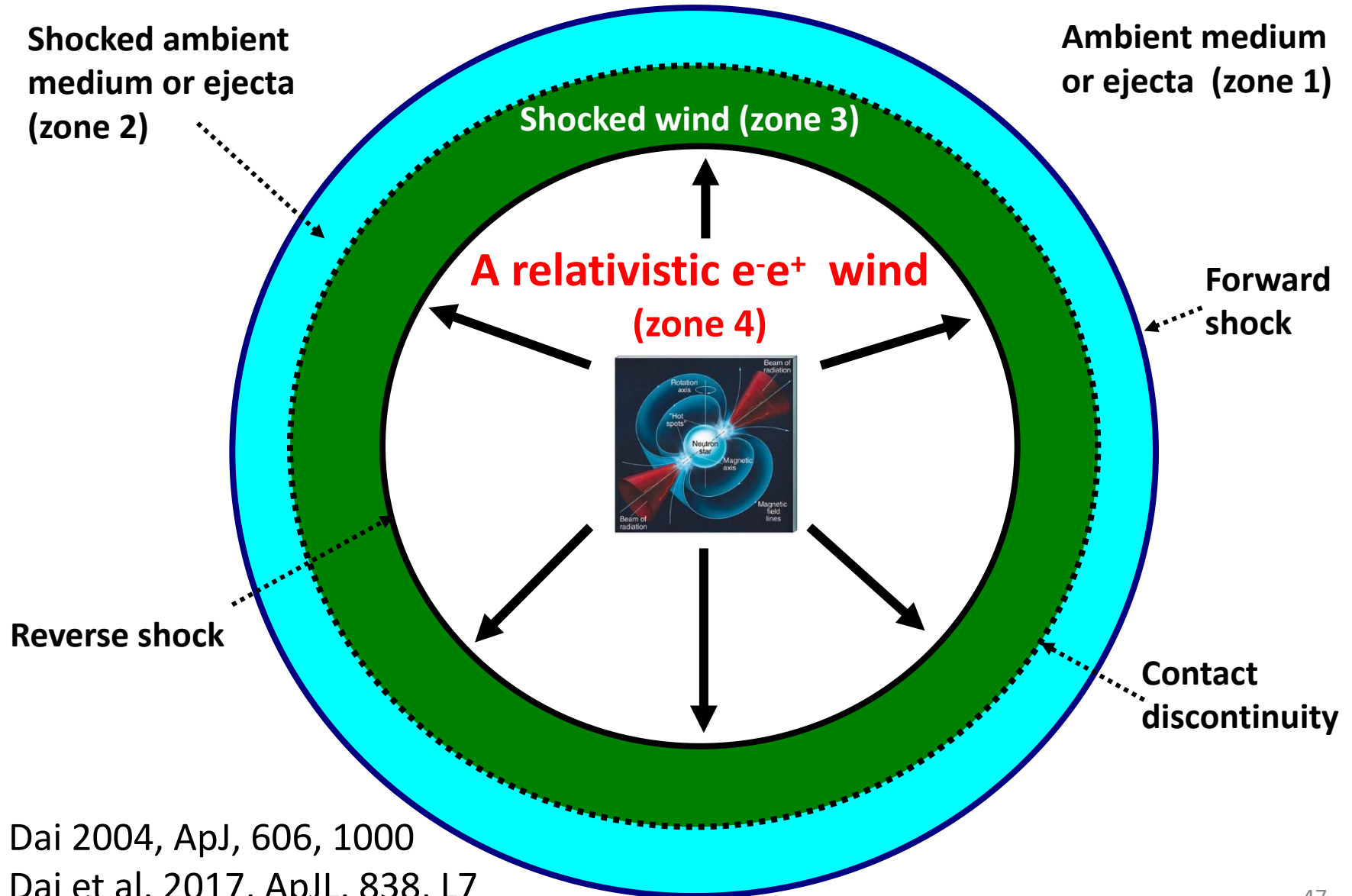
A magnetar-powered X-ray transient as the aftermath of a binary neutron-star merger

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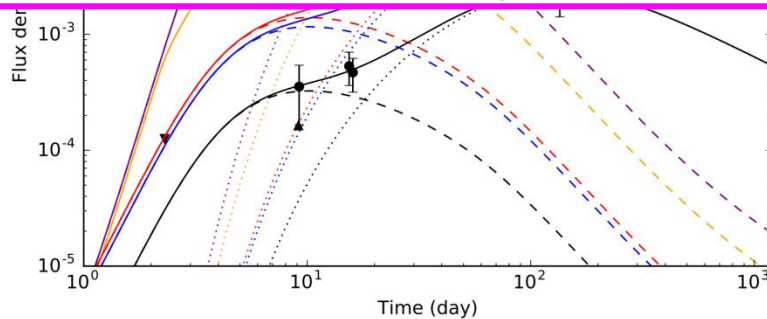
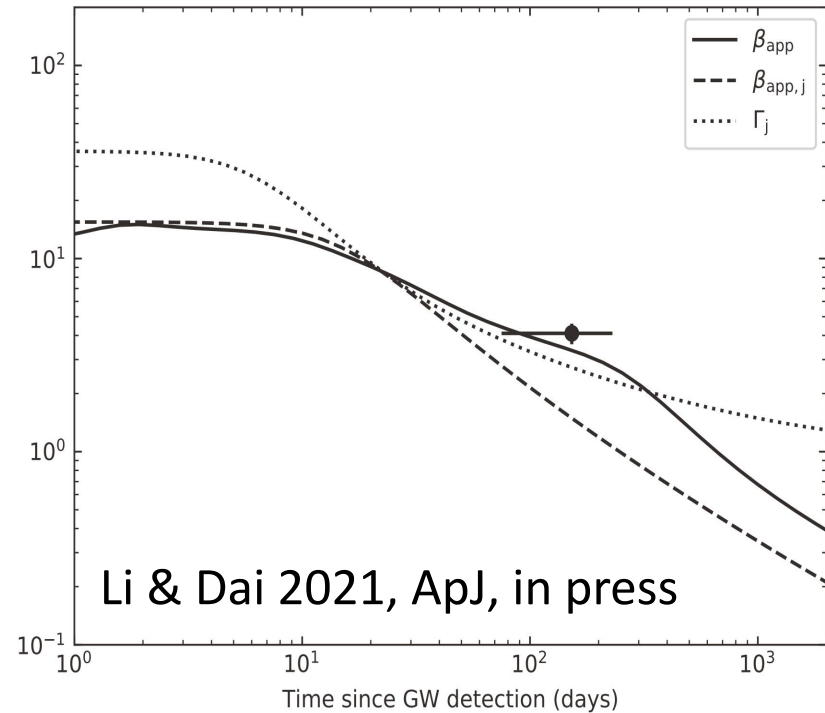
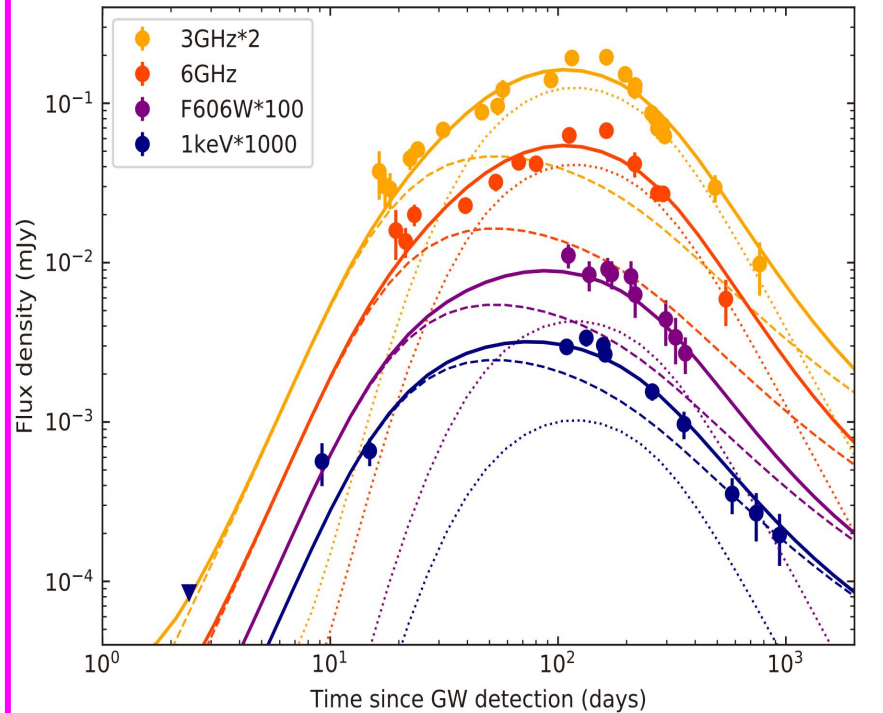
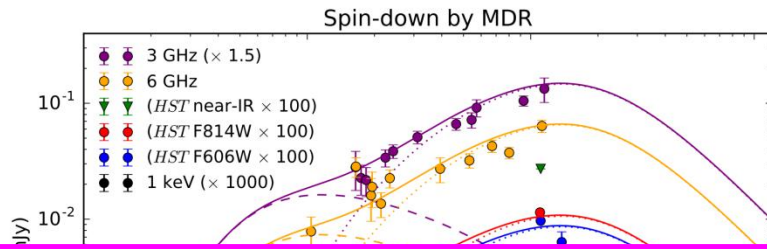
Xiao, Zhang & Dai 2019, ApJL, 879, L7

Relativistic Pulsar Wind Nebula for afterglow



Pulsar-powered relativistic jet

(Geng, Dai, Huang et al. 2018, ApJL, 856, L33)



This model is also consistent with **position** and **polarization** measurements (Lan, Geng, Wu & Dai 2019, ApJ, 870, 96)

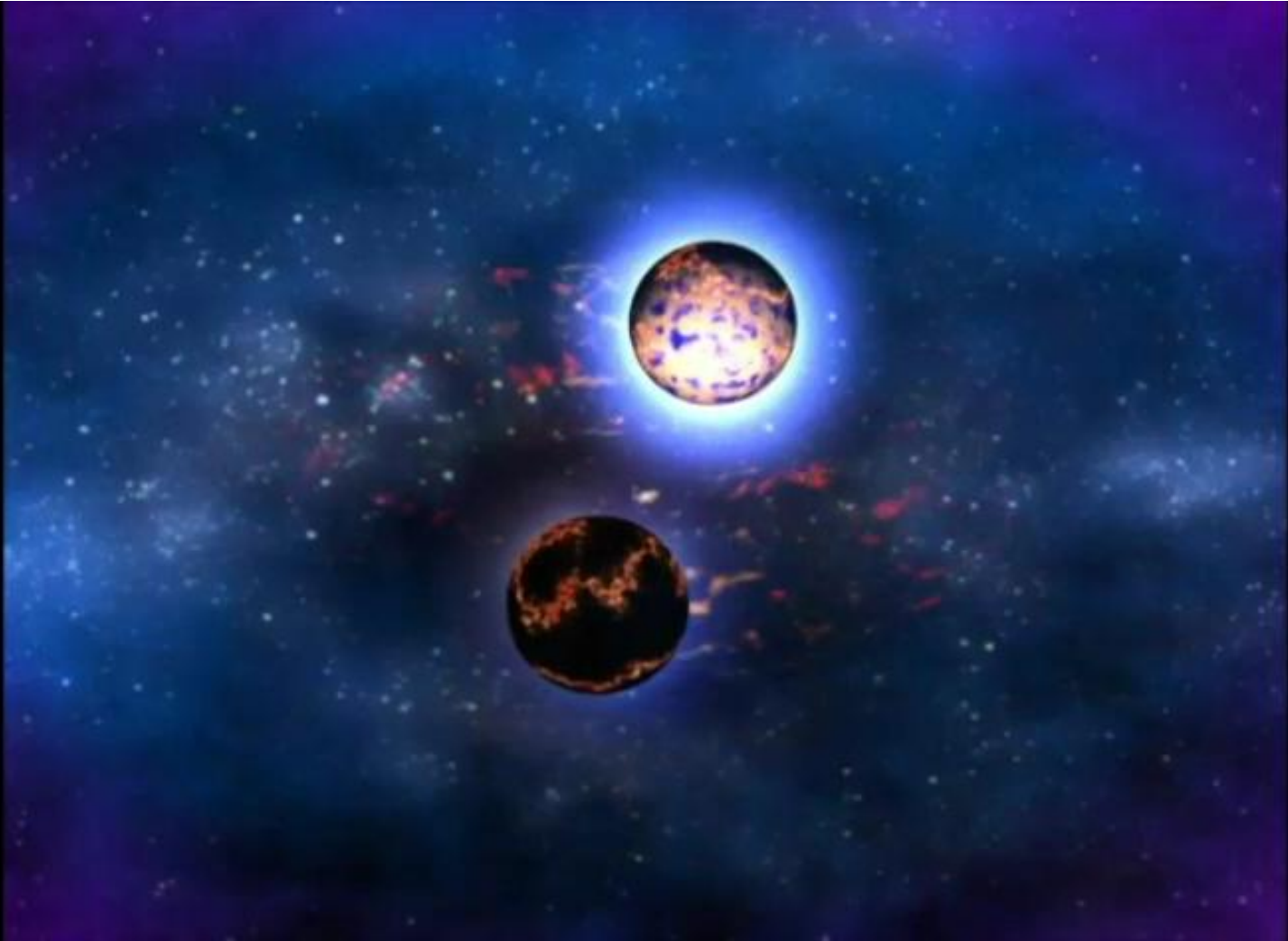
Outline

1. Short gamma-ray bursts
2. GW170817 from a BNS merger
3. EM signals from a BNS merger
(γ -rays, kilonova, afterglow)
4. Models and conclusions
5. **Questions and prospects**

Questions

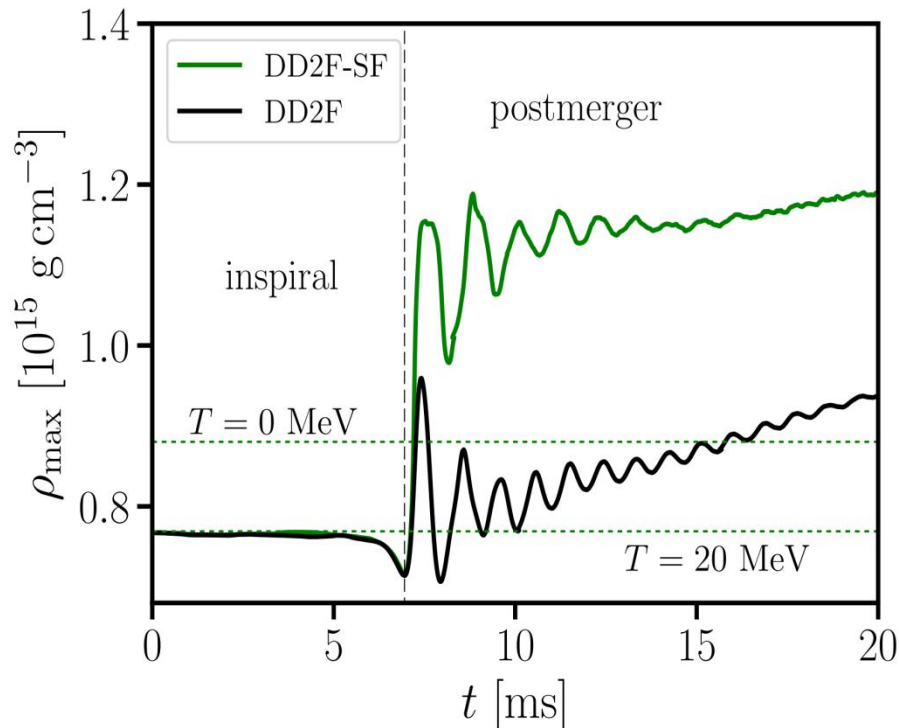
- More low- L short GRBs? Prompt emission mechanisms?
Merger rate? Luminosity function up to high- L short GRBs?
- **EOS for NS matter**? Post-merger BHs or NSs or quark stars?
- Nucleosynthesis during mergers? Distributions of composition, opacity, mass, and velocity in ejecta? Radioactive heating?
- Tests of the basic physics such as Lorentz invariance & WEP?
- **Triples**: GW event/**fast radio burst** (X-ray precursor)/GRB?
- GW and EM signals from **black hole-neutron star** mergers?
- **Independent constraints** on the cosmological parameters?

Fast radio burst from inspiral of two NSs



GWs from postmerger radially pulsating NSs

Dai 2019, A&A, 622, A194



Bauswein et al. 2019, PRL, 122, 061102

- Maximum density variation implies a radial pulsation;
- Radial pulsation amplitude $\alpha \sim 0.03-0.1$;
- Stellar interior temperature $kT > 10-20 \text{ MeV}$.

Damping mechanisms and implications

Damping mechanisms: GWs, bulk viscosity, and pulsational magnetic radiation. GWs damp radial pulsations efficiently.

$$\omega = \left[\frac{4\pi}{3} (3\gamma - 4) G \rho \right]^{1/2} = 2.6 \times 10^4 \eta_\gamma^{1/2} \left(\frac{M}{2.5M_\odot} \right)^{1/2} R_6^{-3/2} \text{ s}^{-1} \quad \eta_\gamma \equiv (3\gamma - 4)/2$$

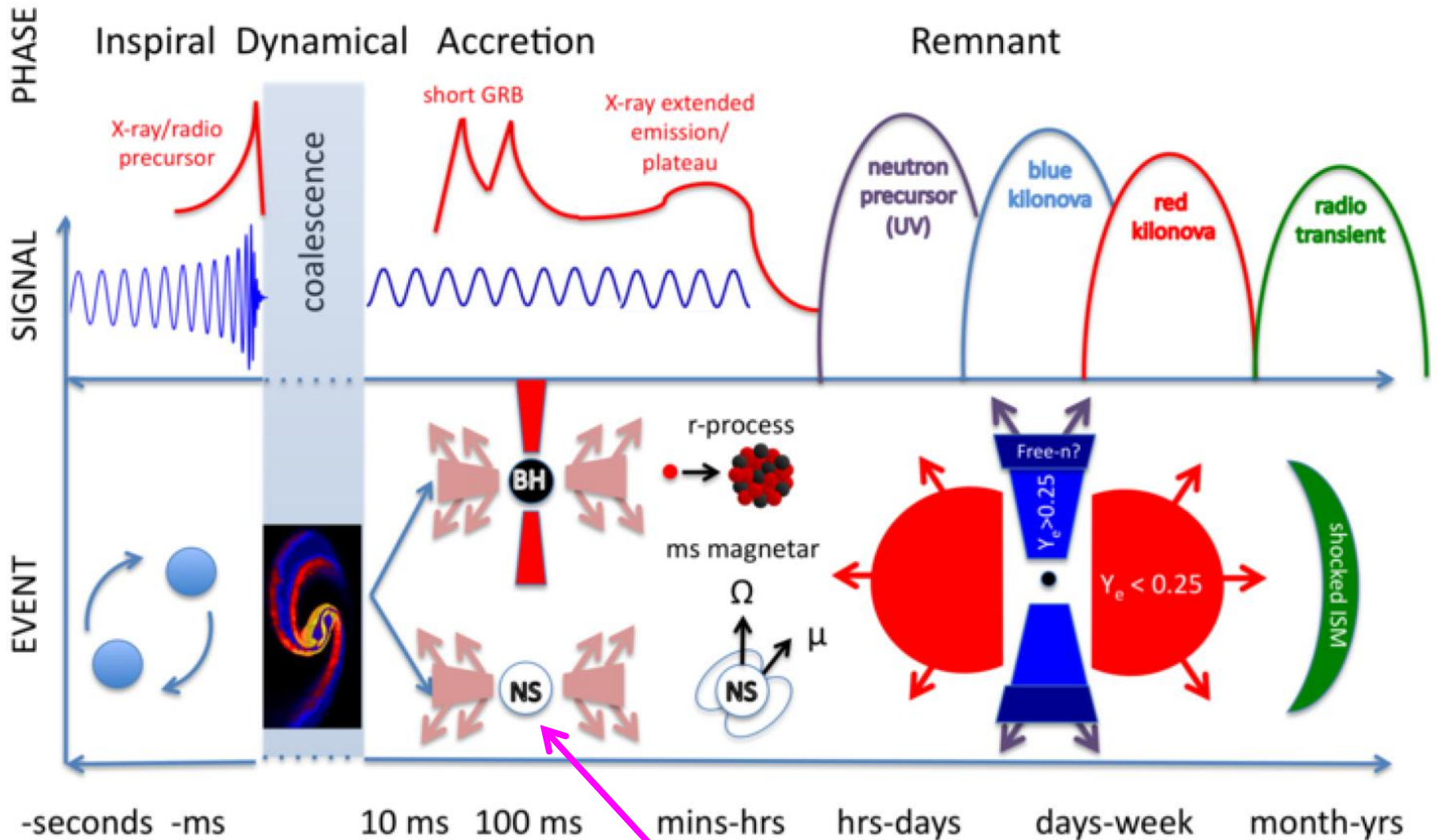
$$t_{\text{GW}} \equiv \frac{\mathcal{E}}{\dot{\mathcal{E}}_{\text{GW}}} = 6.3 \kappa_\gamma^{-2} \left(\frac{M}{2.5M_\odot} \right)^{-1} R_6^{-2} P_{-3}^4 \text{ ms} \quad \kappa_\gamma \equiv (225\gamma - 36)/414$$

$$h_c \simeq 4.5 \times 10^{-22} \eta_\gamma^{1/4} \alpha_{-1} R_6^{1/4} \left(\frac{M}{2.5M_\odot} \right)^{3/4} \left(\frac{d}{100 \text{ Mpc}} \right)^{-1}$$

- GWs make a leading contribution to the high-frequency spectrum.
- If $\alpha \sim 0.1$, detectable rate $\sim 20/\text{yr}$ for aLIGO and $\sim 7 \times 10^4/\text{yr}$ for ET;
If $\alpha \sim 0.03$, detectable rate $\sim 0.6/\text{yr}$ for aLIGO and $\sim 2 \times 10^3/\text{yr}$ for ET.
- α , P_{NS} , and M - R relation would be constrained with detected GWs.

Triplets: **GWB**, **FRB**, & **GRB** from a BNS merger

Fernández & Metzger (2016)



Dai & Lu 1998, *Phys. Rev. Lett.*, 81, 4301; Dai et al. 2006, *Science*, 311, 1127

Black Hole-Neutron Star Mergers

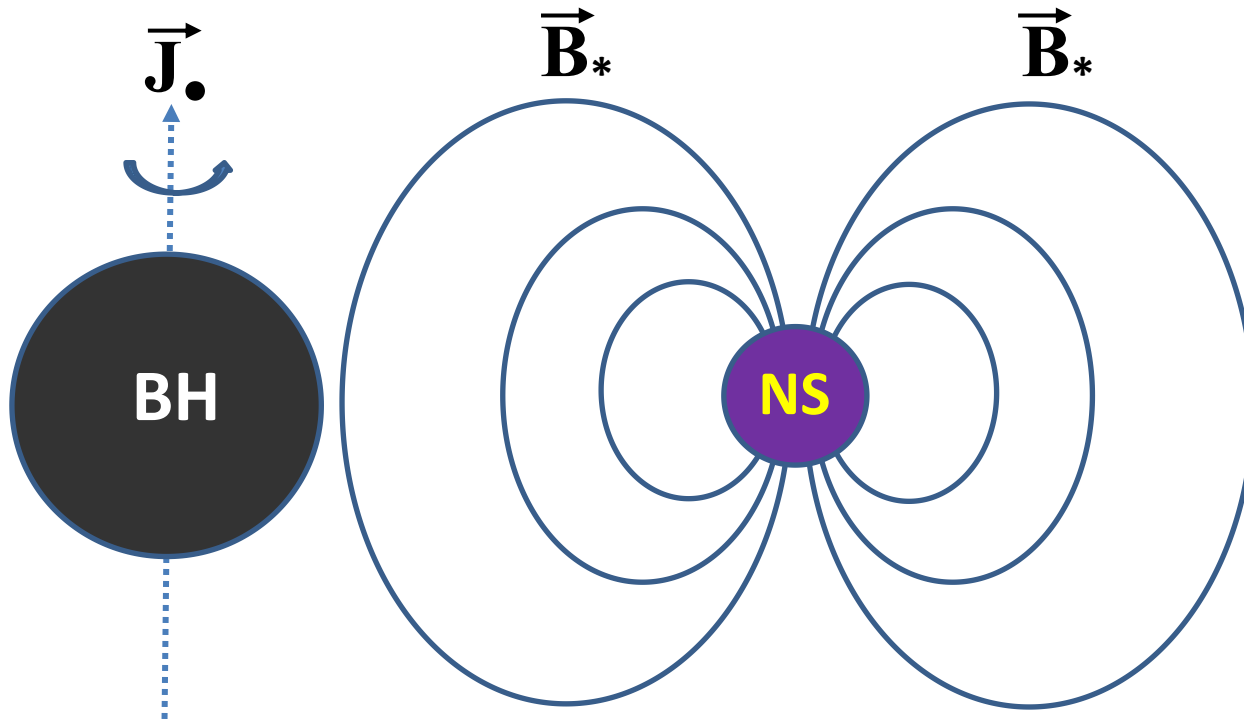
GW190814 & others: BH-NS merger candidates

- Gravitational waves stronger than BNS mergers
- EM signals (short GRBs, kilonovae & afterglows)
- Necessary condition: tidally disrupted ejecta
- If $M_{\text{BH}} > 7M_{\odot}$ & $M_{\text{NS}} = 1.4M_{\odot}$, then NS as a whole will plunge into BH, leading to **no EM signals**.
- One model was proposed: initially & constantly charged BH or NS (Zhang 2019, ApJL, 873, L9).
- Question of model: instantaneous discharge from an ionized ISM (Levin et al. 2018).



Inspiral of a Spinning Black Hole–Magnetized Neutron Star Binary: Increasing Charge and Electromagnetic Emission

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Astrophysical origins: (1) high-mass X-ray binaries and (2) **wandering** NSs captured by **isolated** high-spin BHs!

Charging mechanism of Wald (1974)

$$Q_W = \frac{2G}{c^3} J_{\bullet} B_* = \frac{1}{2} a_{\bullet} R_{S,\bullet}^2 B_*$$

$$|\mathbf{m}_{\bullet,1}| = \frac{J_{\bullet}}{M_{\bullet} c} Q_W = \frac{1}{4} a_{\bullet}^2 R_{S,\bullet}^3 B_*$$

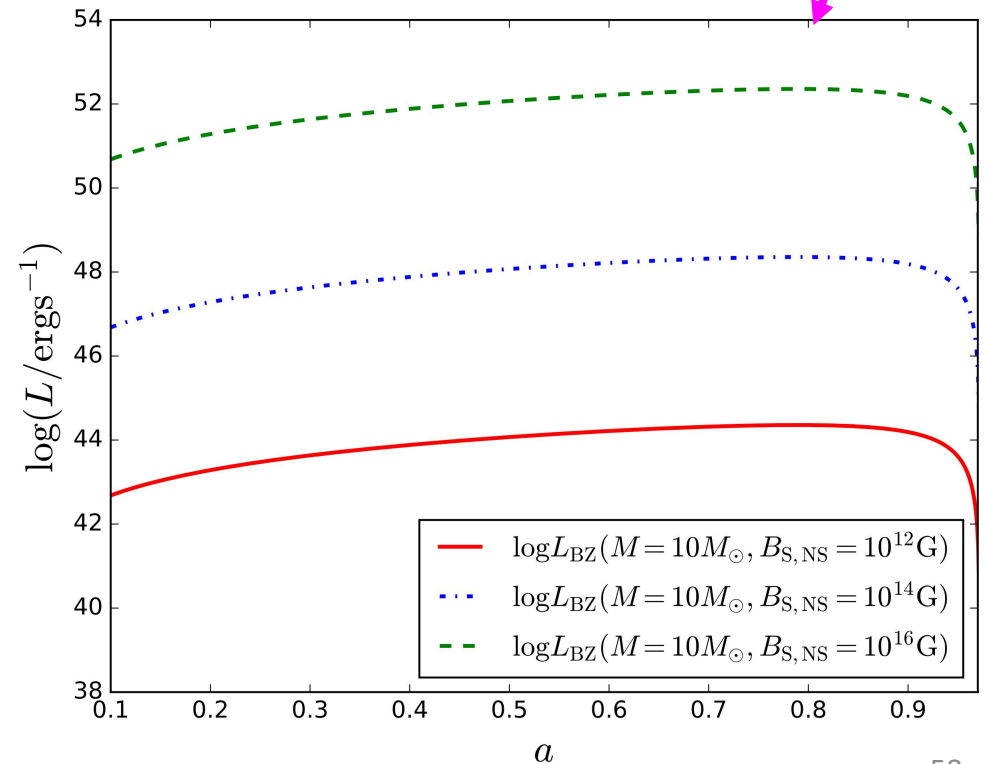
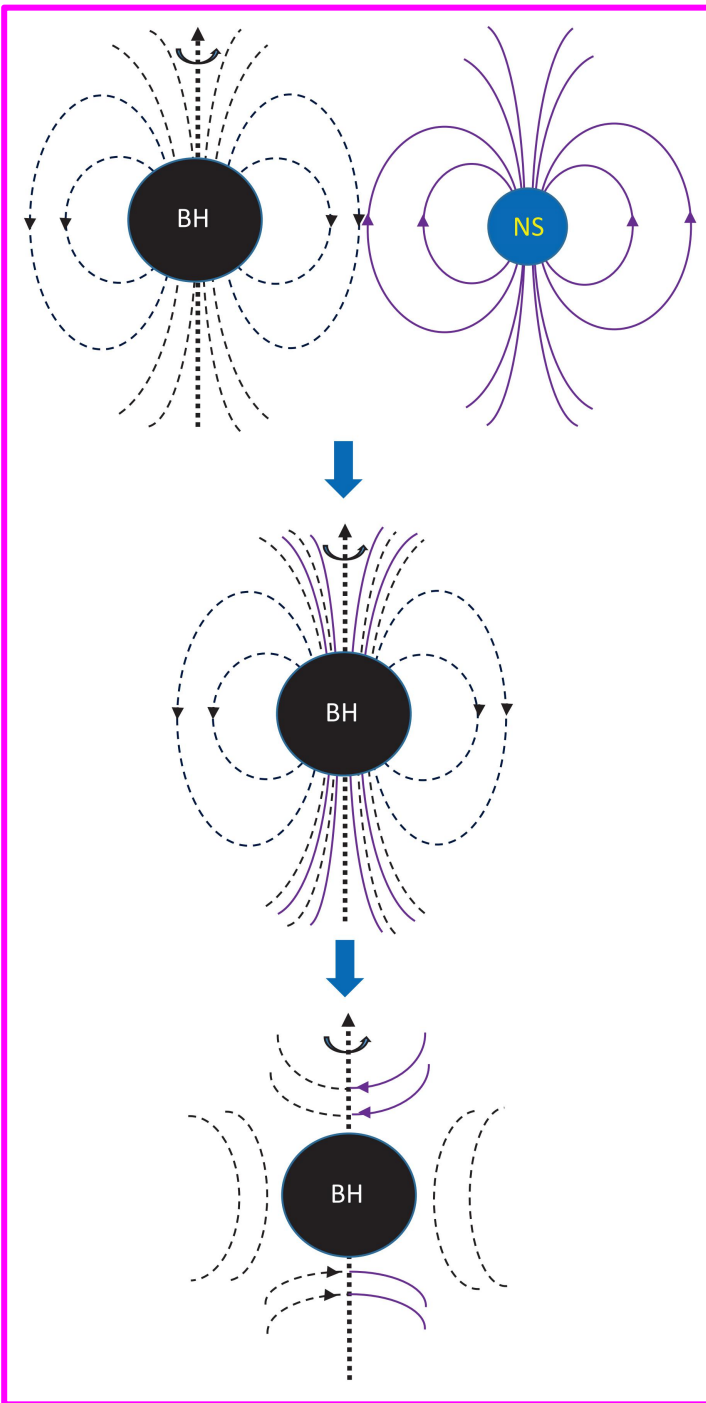
$$|\mathbf{m}_{\bullet,2}| = \frac{\pi r_{\bullet}^2}{c} \frac{Q_W}{P}$$

Magnetic dipole radiation, electric dipole radiation, & magnetic reconnection generate **short EM signals** such as X-ray transients and/or fast radio bursts.

Zhong, Dai & Deng 2019, ApJL, 883, L19

Chen & Dai 2021, ApJ, 904, 4: **EM emission during the merger of a spinning BH-magnetized NS binary**

----- fast radio bursts & short GRBs



γ -Ray Bursts and Afterglows from Rotating Strange Stars and Neutron Stars

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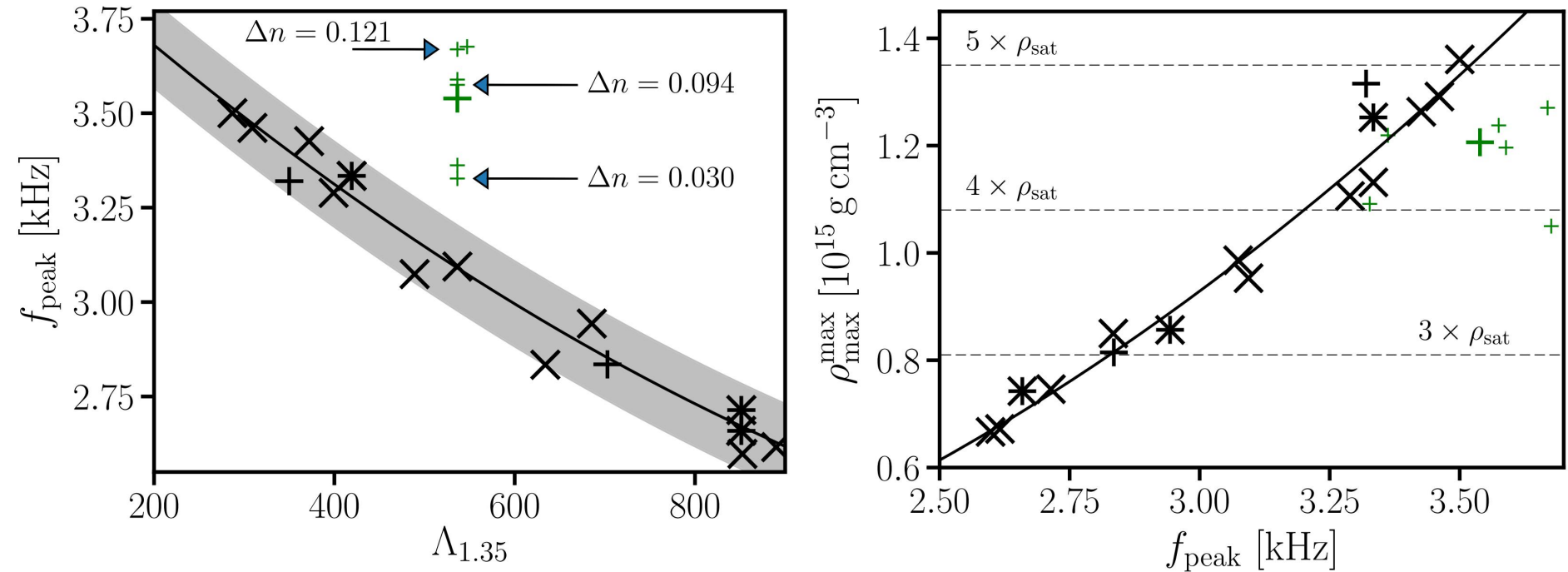
(Received 8 May 1998)

We here discuss a new model of γ -ray bursts (GRBs) based on differentially rotating strange stars. Strange stars in this model and differentially rotating neutron stars in the Kluźniak-Ruderman model can produce extremely relativistic, variable fireballs required by GRBs and then become millisecond pulsars. The effect of such pulsars on expansion of the postburst fireballs through magnetic dipole radiation is studied. We show that these two models can explain naturally not only various features of GRBs but also light curves of afterglows. [S0031-9007(98)07701-1]

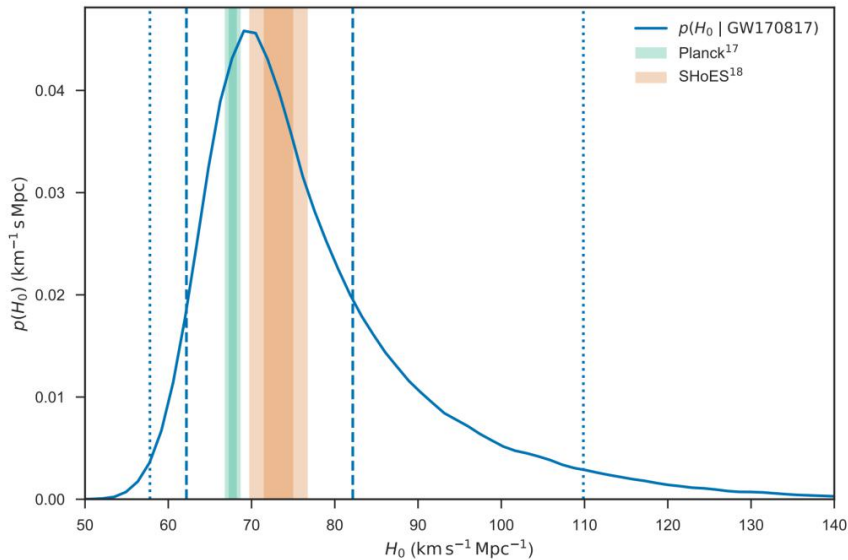
stable neutron stars [21]. If the EOS for neutron matter is sufficiently stiff, therefore, the postmerger objects of Hulse-Taylor-like binaries may be massive neutron stars rather than black holes. The same outcome would be achieved if the initial masses of the merging neutron stars were low, e.g., $M \sim 1M_{\odot}$. According to the first scenario, these massive neutron stars will subsequently convert to strange stars.

Identifying a First-Order Phase Transition in Neutron-Star Mergers through Gravitational Waves

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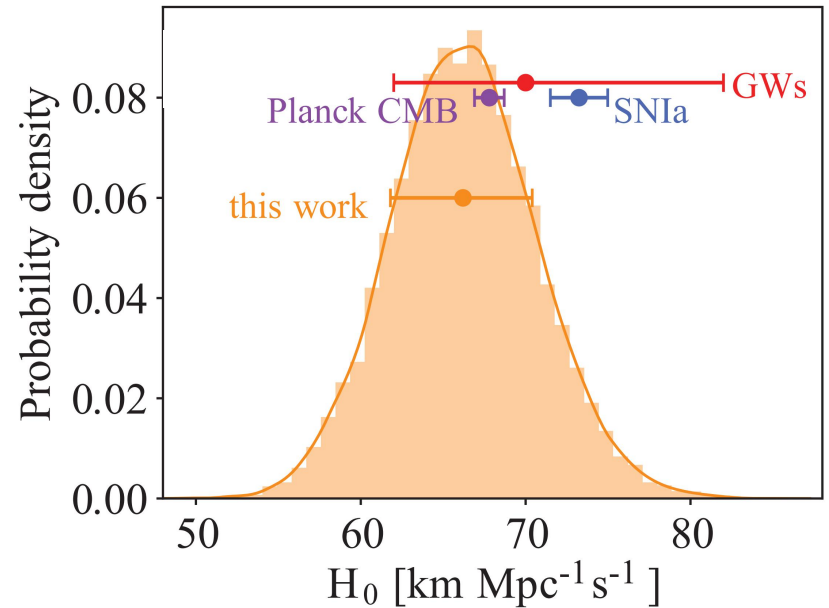
Constraint on Hubble constant



$$H_0 = 70.0^{+12.0}_{-8.0} \text{ km s}^{-1} \text{ Mpc}^{-1}$$

GW170817 only:

Abbott et al. 2017, Nature, 551, 85

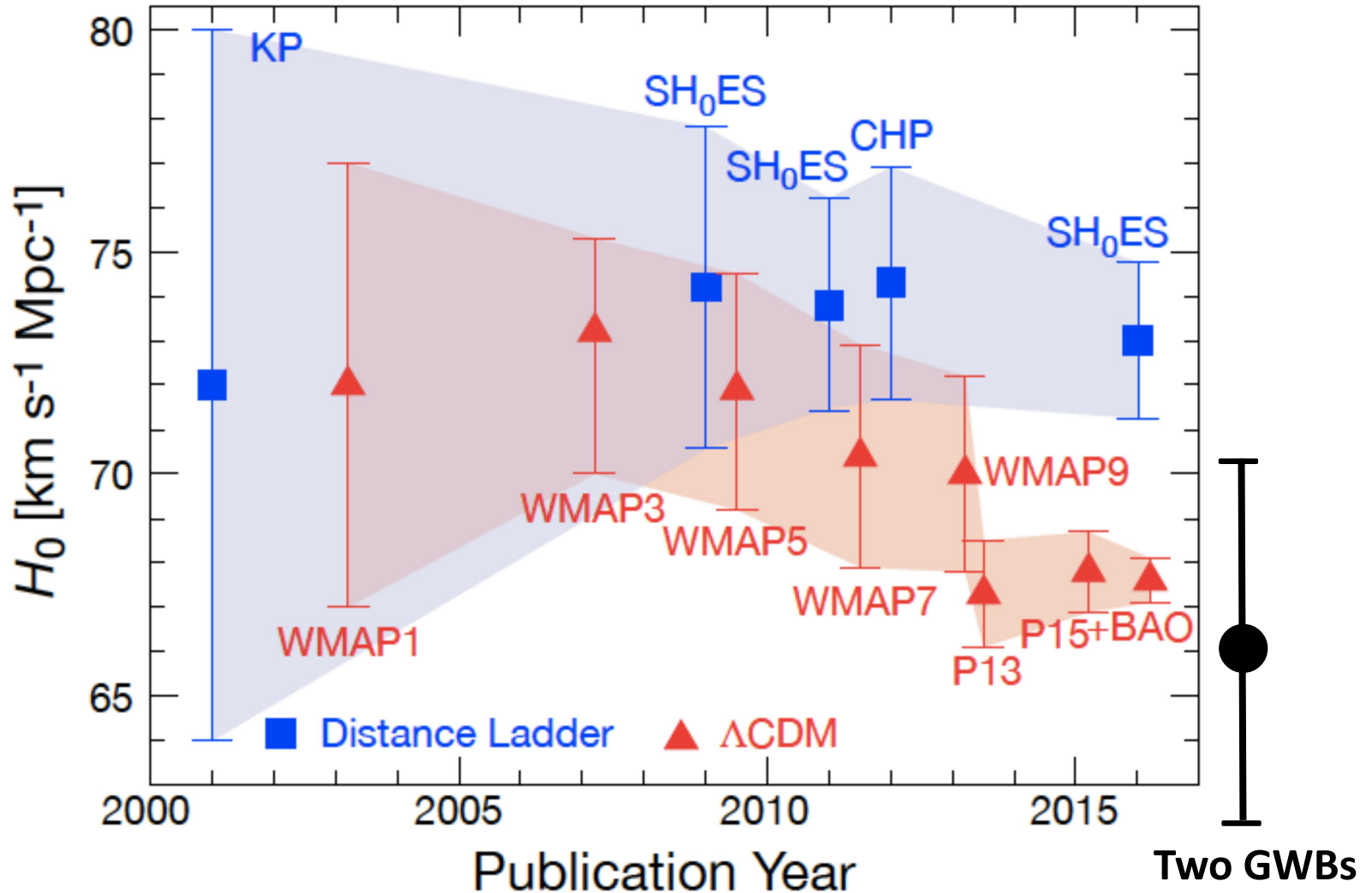


$$H_0 = 66.2^{+4.4}_{-4.2}$$

GW170817 and EM waves:

Dietrich et al. 2021, Science, 370, 1450

H_0 tension: crisis in cosmology



Freeman 2017, Nature Astronomy, 1, 0169: **disagreement at $>3\sigma$**

10 Nobel Prizes in High-Energy Astrophysics

Since 1936, **18 Nobel Prizes** in astrophysics

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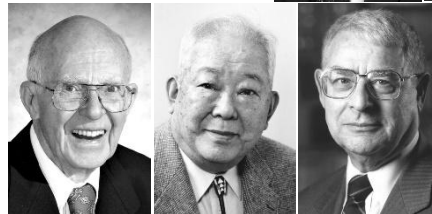
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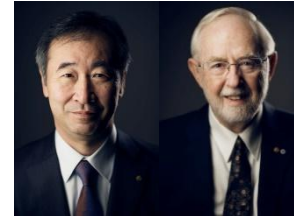
Cosmic neutrinos
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X-ray sources
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Type-Ia supernovae
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GWs and BH-BH mergers

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Black holes: R. Penrose,
R. Genzel, and A. Ghez

Future possibilities: EOS, QS, H_0

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Prospects

- **Telescopes:** large field of view, high sensitivity, good seeing, and good luck;
- **A new, great era:** GW170817 marks the beginning of multi-messenger, time-domain astronomy;
- **A new opportunity:** new ideas and new discoveries.