

# PROSPECTS FOR OBSERVING MULTIPLE QUASINORMAL MODES WITH GRAVITATIONAL WAVE DETECTORS

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# BINARY BLACK HOLE MERGER

- ▶ Most LIGO sources are binary black hole mergers
- ▶ 3 stages: inspiral, merger and ringdown
- ▶ Ringdown is well approximated by *quasinormal modes*

GRAVITATIONAL WAVES FROM COLLIDING BLACK HOLES

GW150914

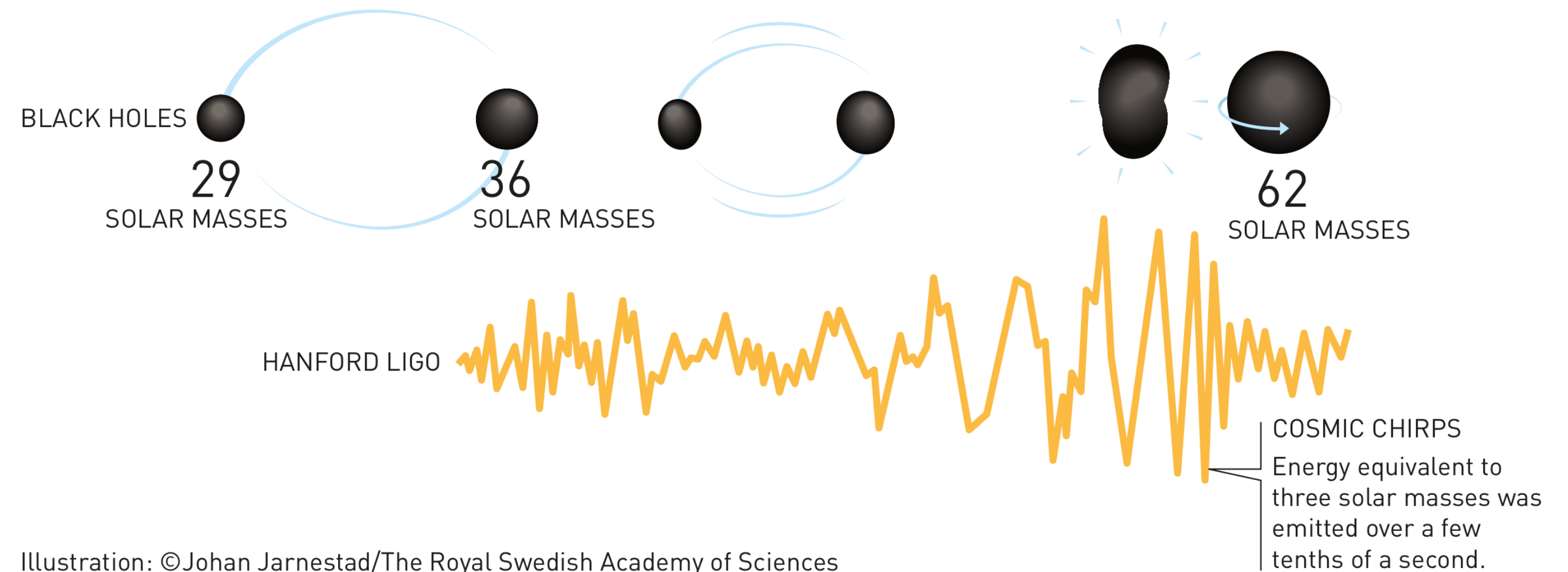
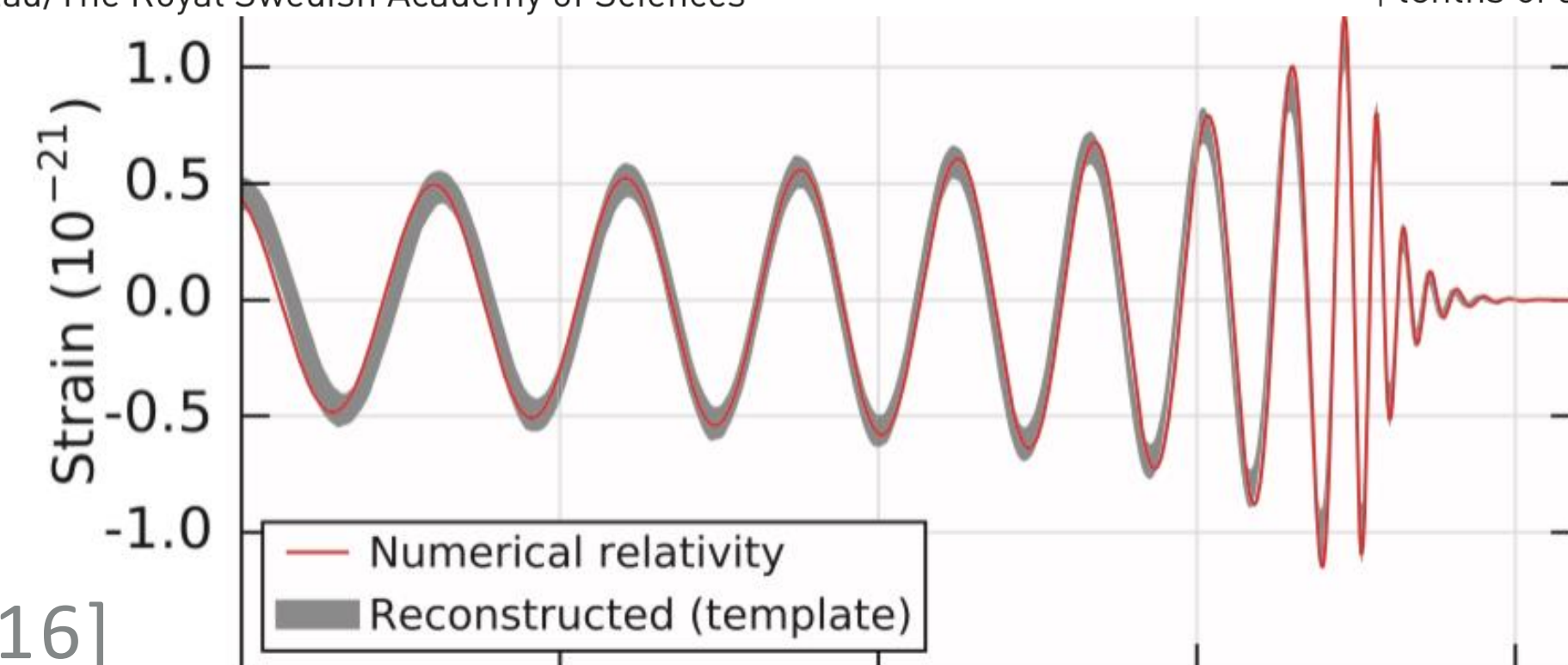


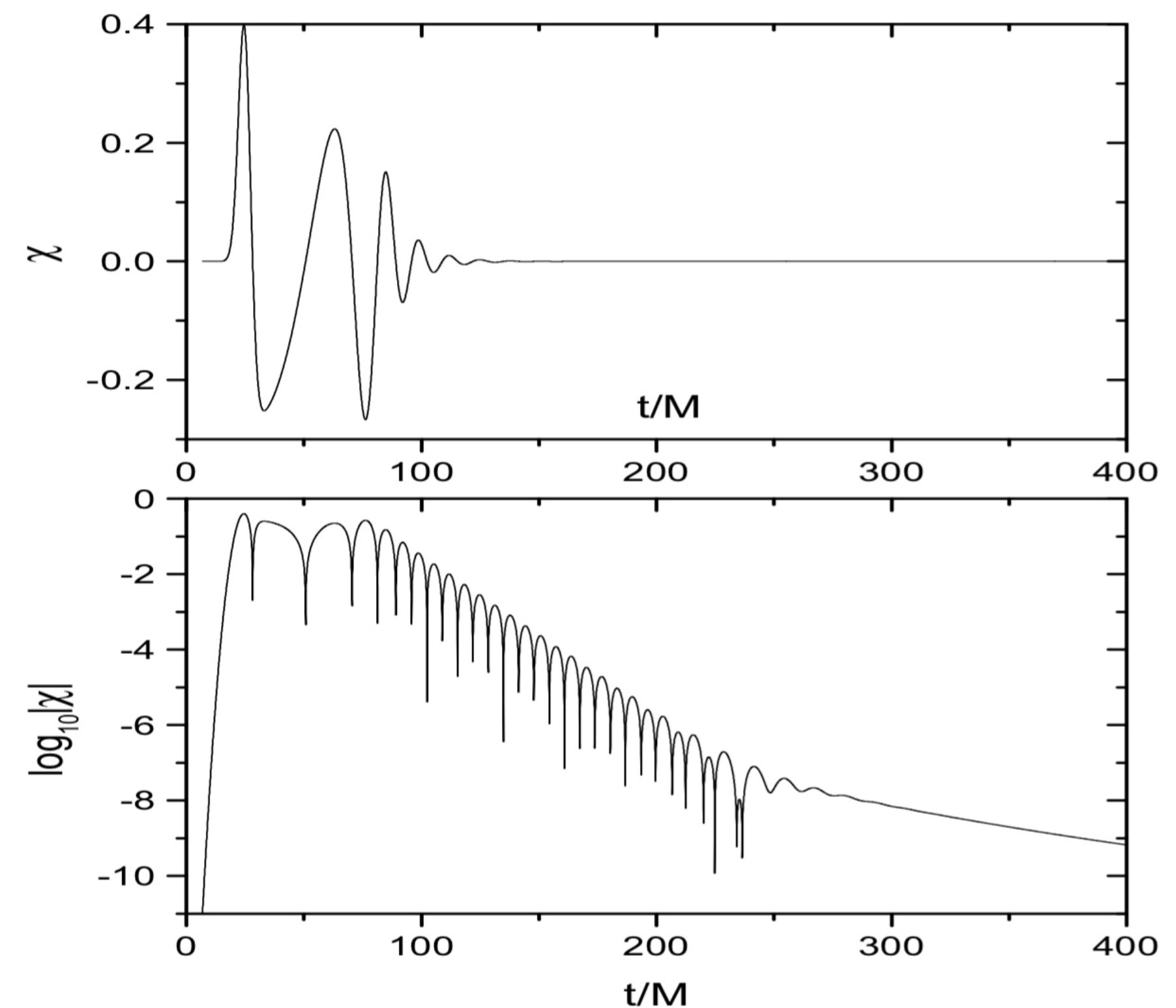
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[Abbott et al., 2016]

# BLACK HOLE LINEAR PERTURBATION

1. *Transient*: depends on initial perturbation
2. ***Quasinormal modes (QNMs)***: characteristic frequency of oscillation and damping time - encode information about the black hole
3. *Power law tail*: oscillation ceases



[Kokkotas and Schmidt, 1999]

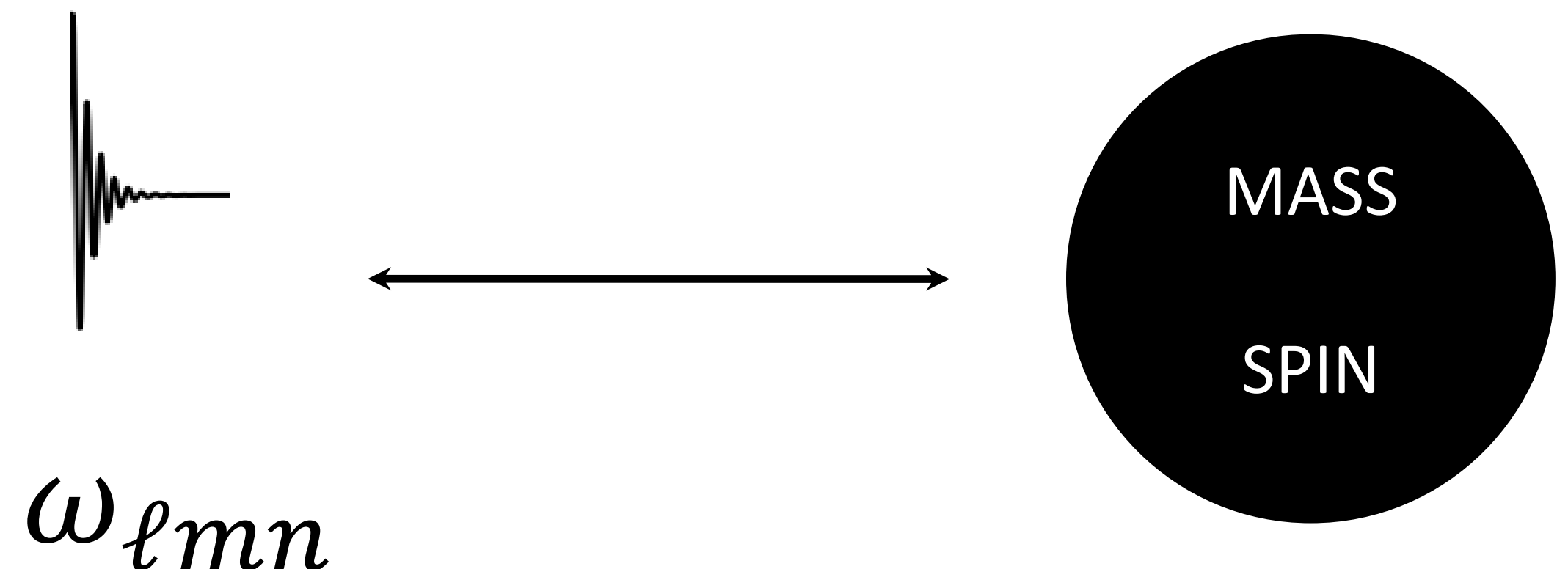
# THE NO-HAIR THEOREM

- ▶ *The no-hair theorem*: black holes are described by 3 numbers. Astrophysical black holes are described by only 2.
- ▶ QNMs frequencies depend only on mass and spin.

QNM waveform:

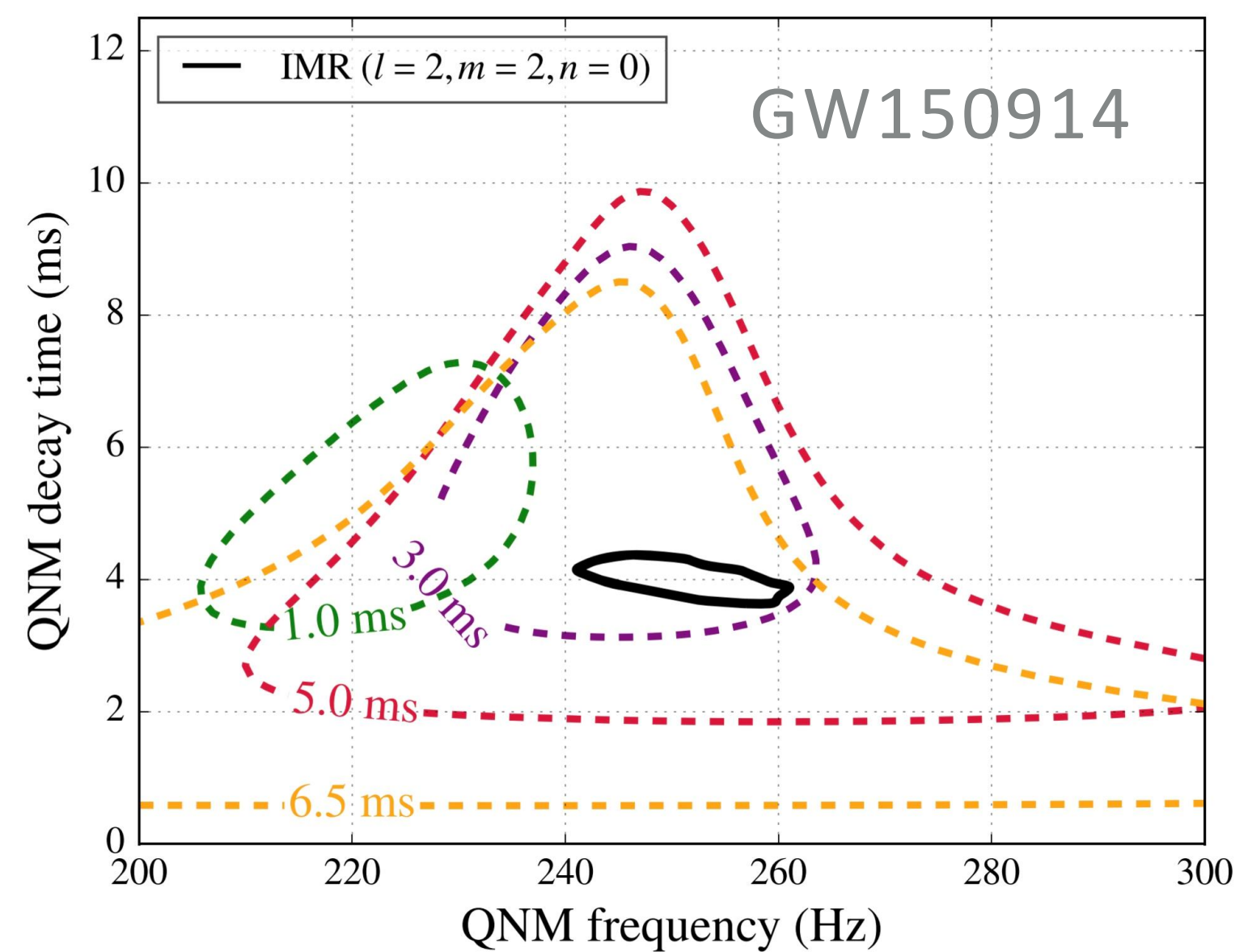
$$\psi = \sum \psi_{\ell mn} = \sum A_{\ell mn} e^{i\omega_{\ell mn} t + \phi_{\ell mn}}$$

complex frequency:  $\omega_{\ell mn} \equiv 2\pi f_{\ell mn} + i/\tau_{\ell mn}$



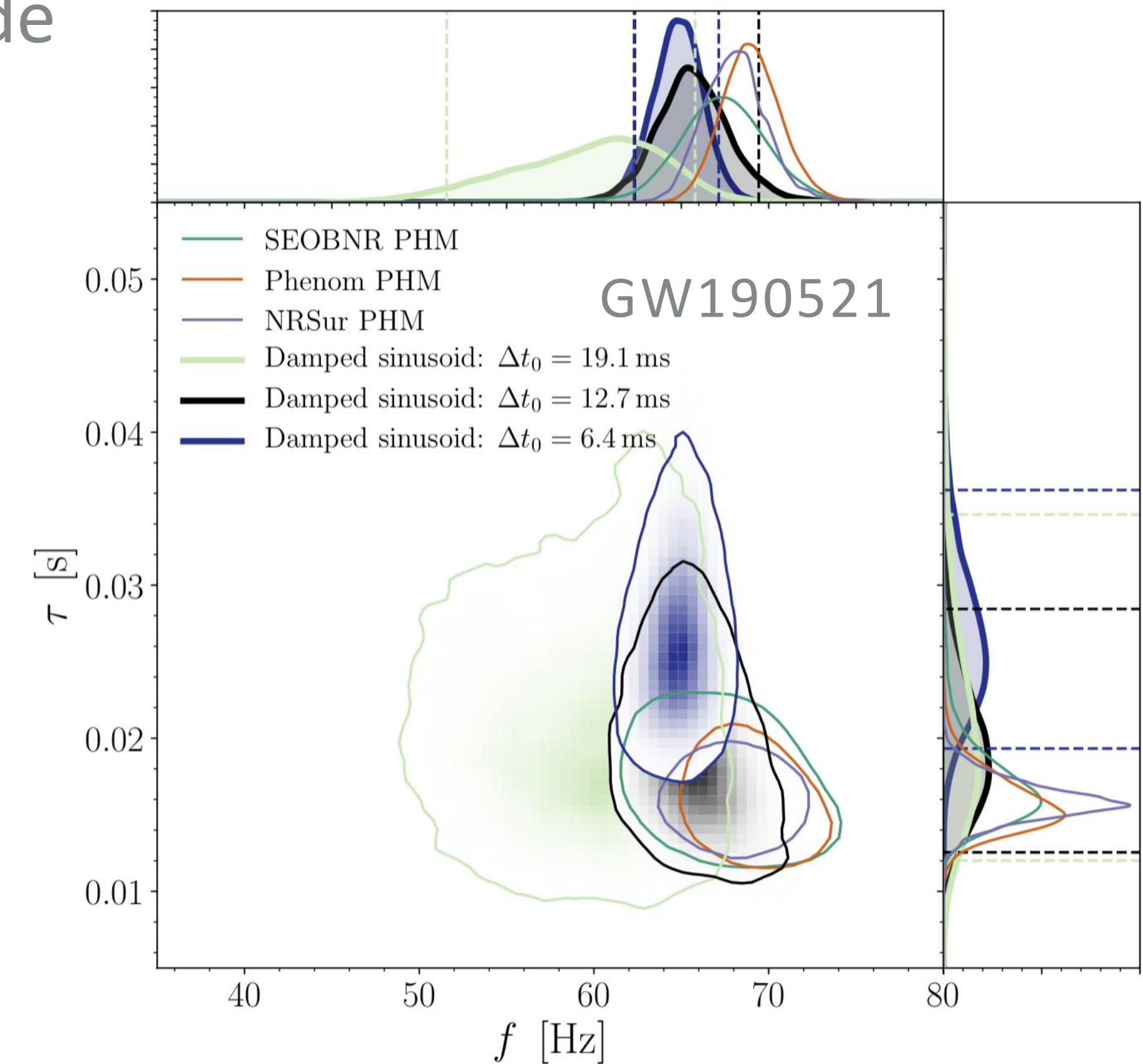
# DETECTION OF QUASINORMAL MODE

- ▶ The frequency and damping time of the dominant mode (2,2,0) can be determined in some LVC detections



[Abbott et al., 2016]

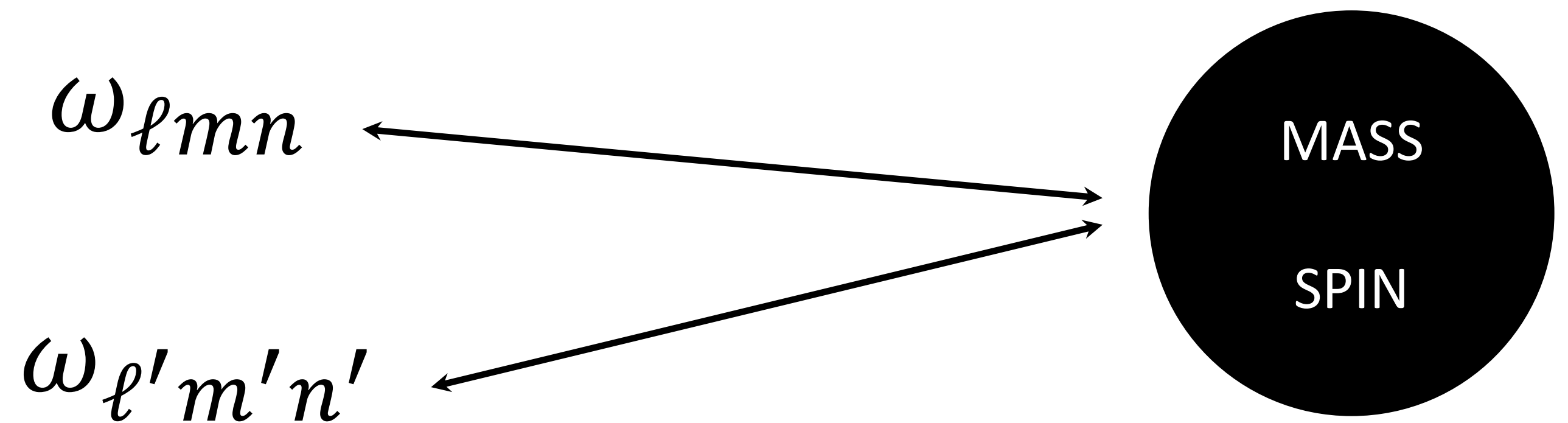
- ▶ This is a consistency test and **not** a test of the no-hair theorem



[Abbott et al., 2020]

# BLACK HOLE SPECTROSCOPY [Dreyer et al., 2004]

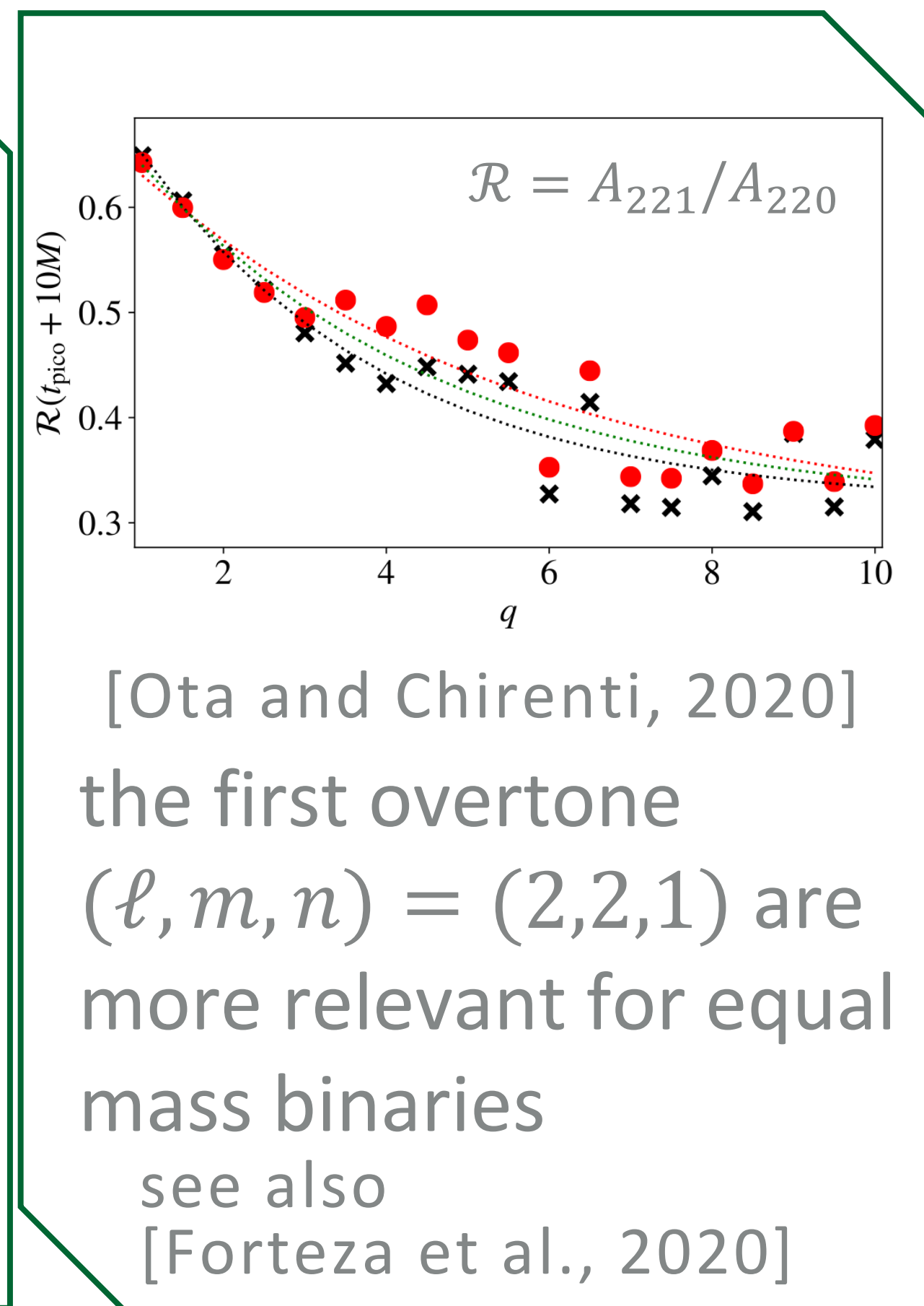
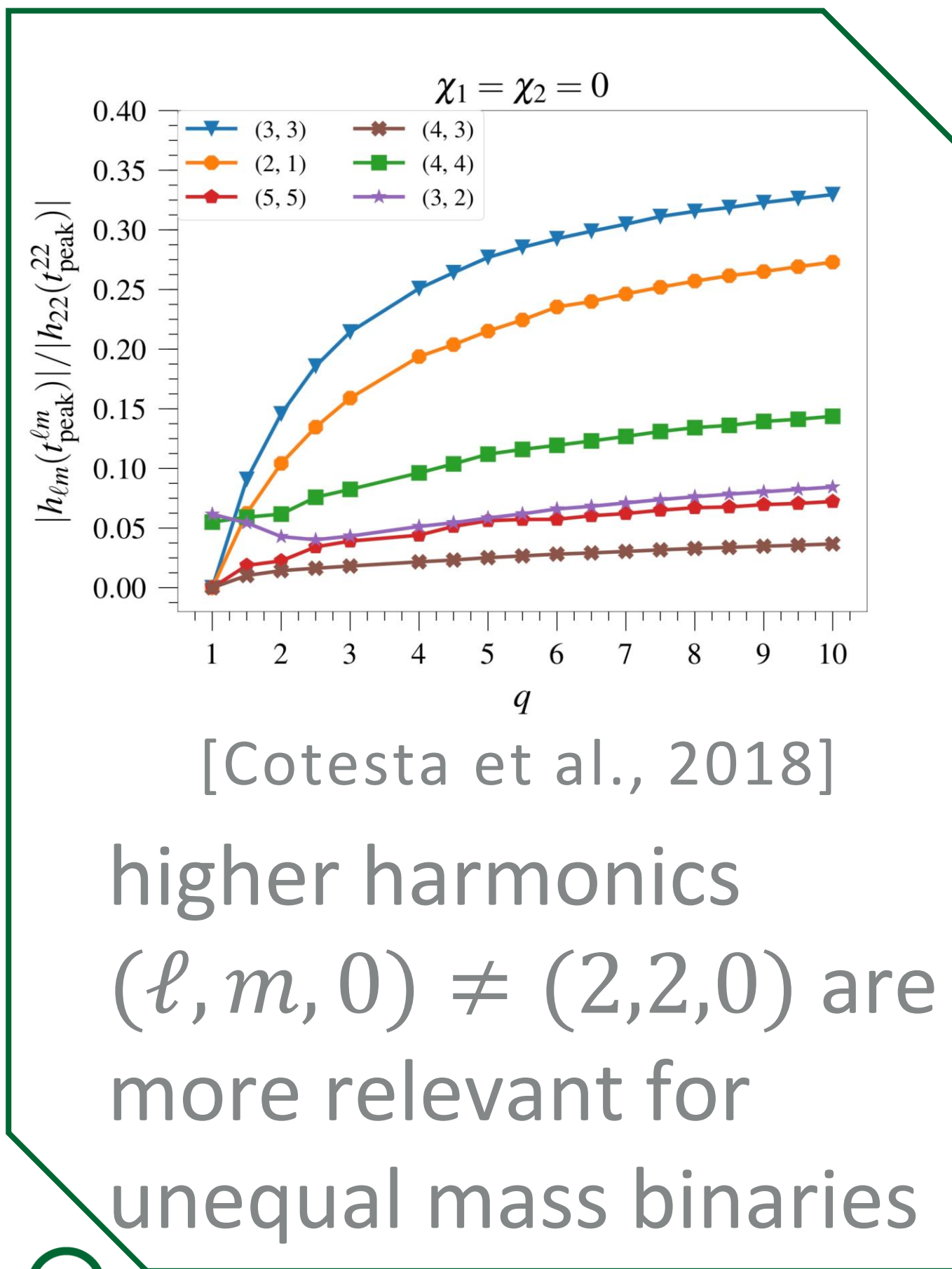
- ▶ Detection of 2 or more modes to test the no-hair theorem.
- ▶ Check if the remnant black hole is described by the Kerr metric.
- ▶ Independent test.
- ▶ Dominant mode:  $(\ell, m, n) = (2, 2, 0)$



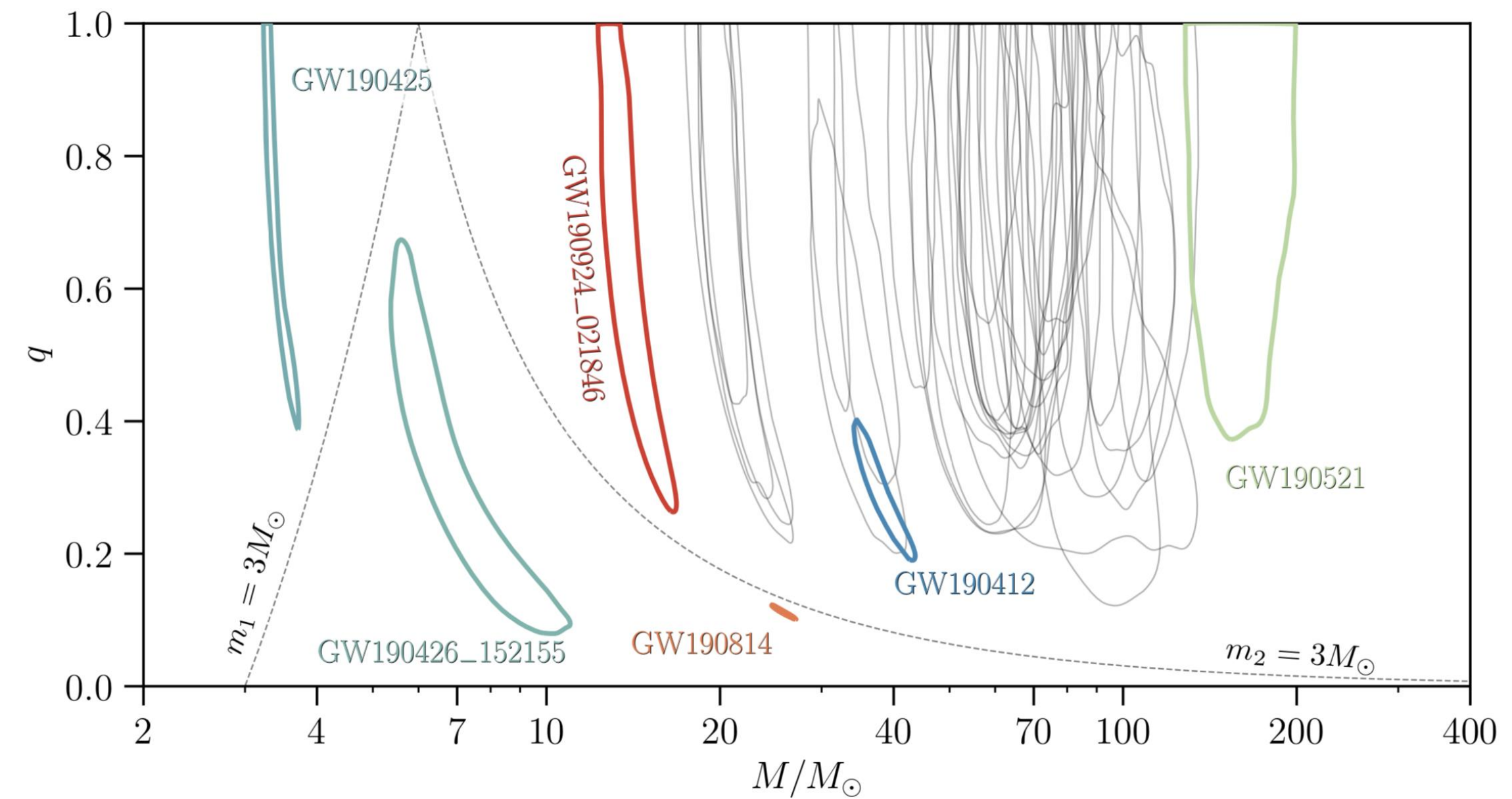
$$\omega_{\ell mn} \equiv 2\pi f_{\ell mn} + i/\tau_{\ell mn}$$

# SUB-DOMINANT MODES

(binaries with no initial spin and eccentricity)



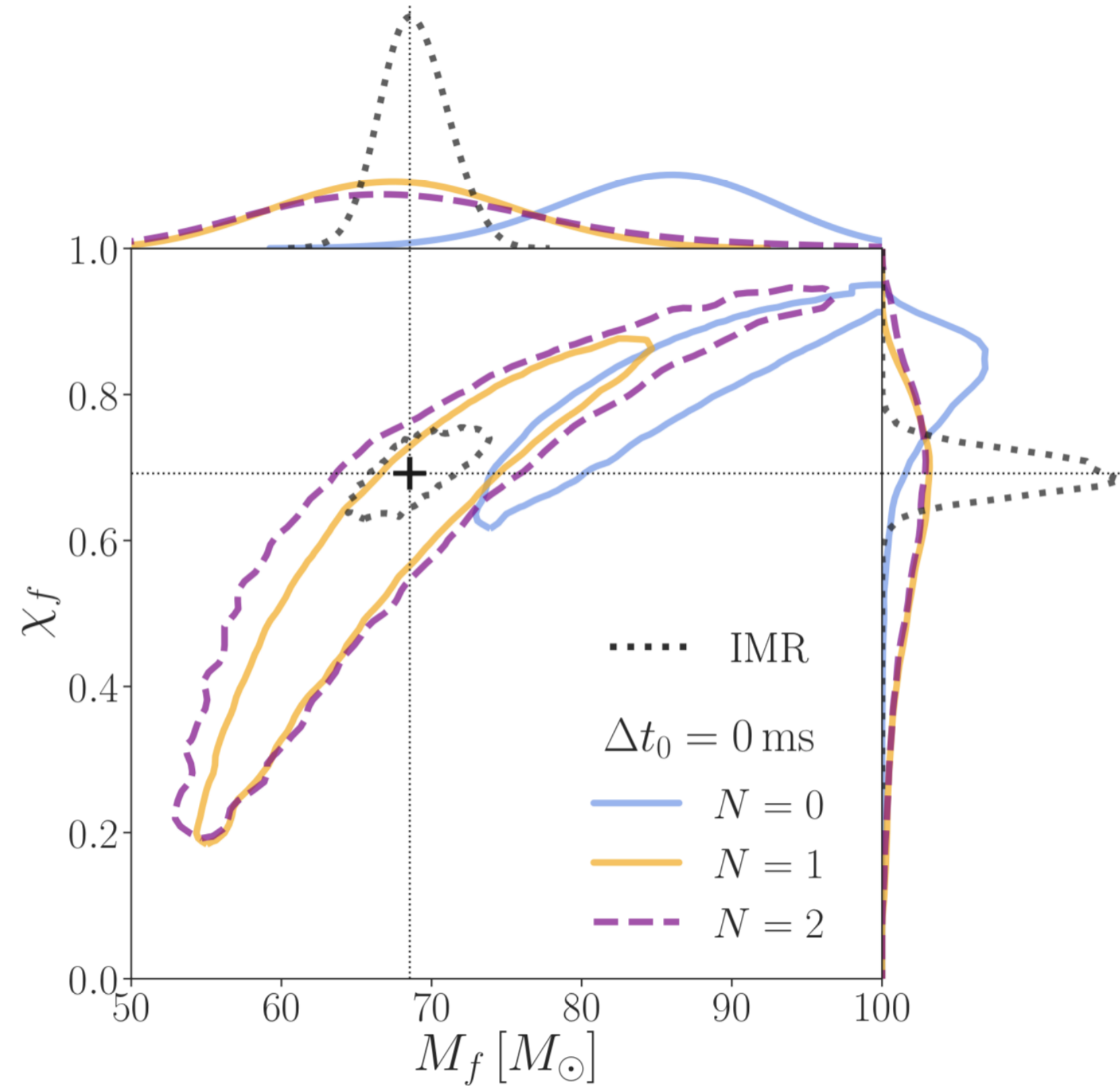
most LIGO sources are compatible with equal masses



[Abbott et al., 2020]

# SUB-DOMINANT MODES IN THE DATA

GW150914  $z \sim 0.09$



[Isi et al., 2019]

the inclusion of sub-dominant modes in the analyses decreases the error in the mass and spin but the data do **not** provide enough evidence for a second mode

[Carullo et al., 2019]

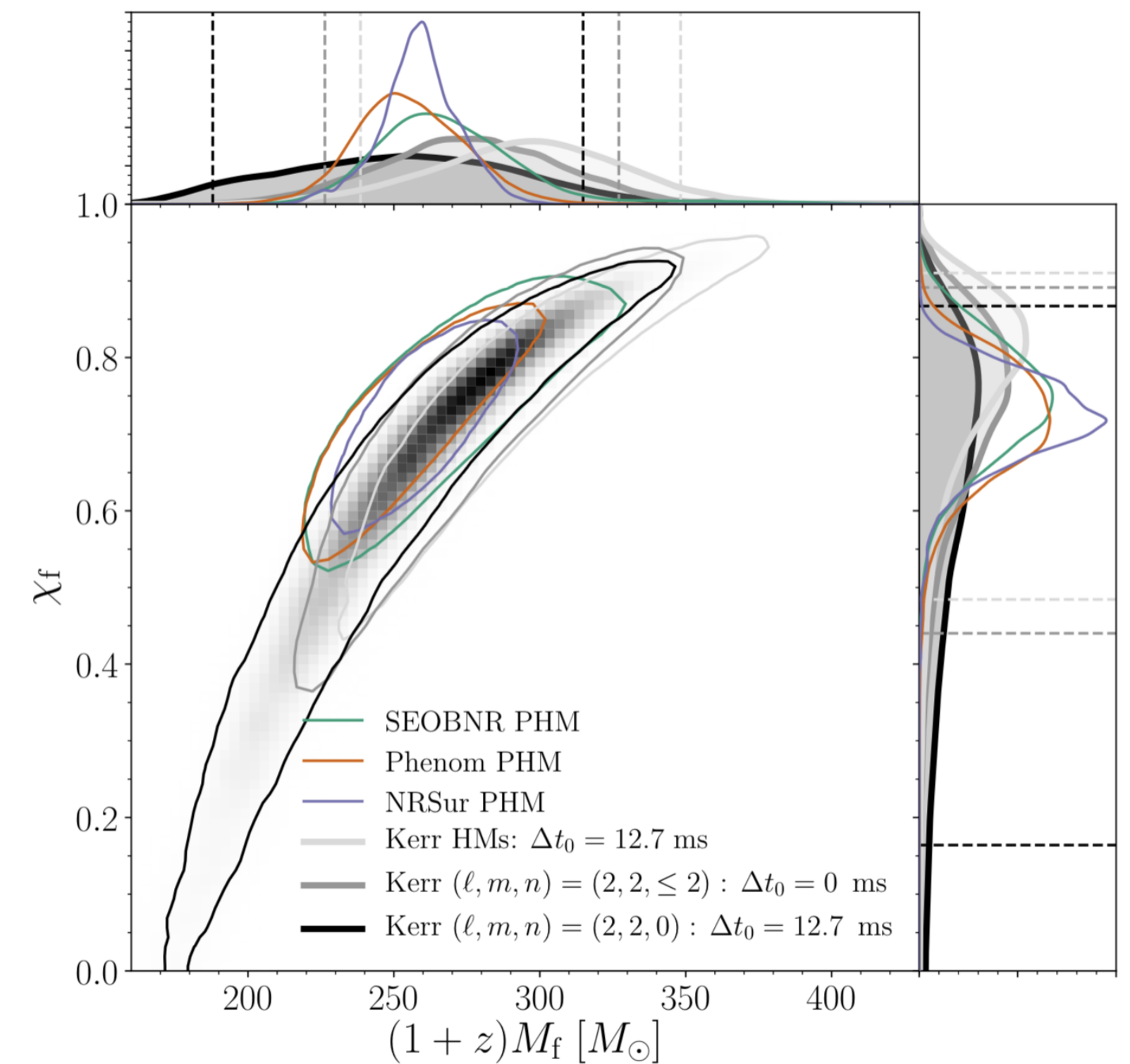
[Abbott et al., 2020]

[Bustillo et al., 2020]

[Isi et al., 2021]

[Capano et al., 2021]

GW190521  $z \sim 0.7$

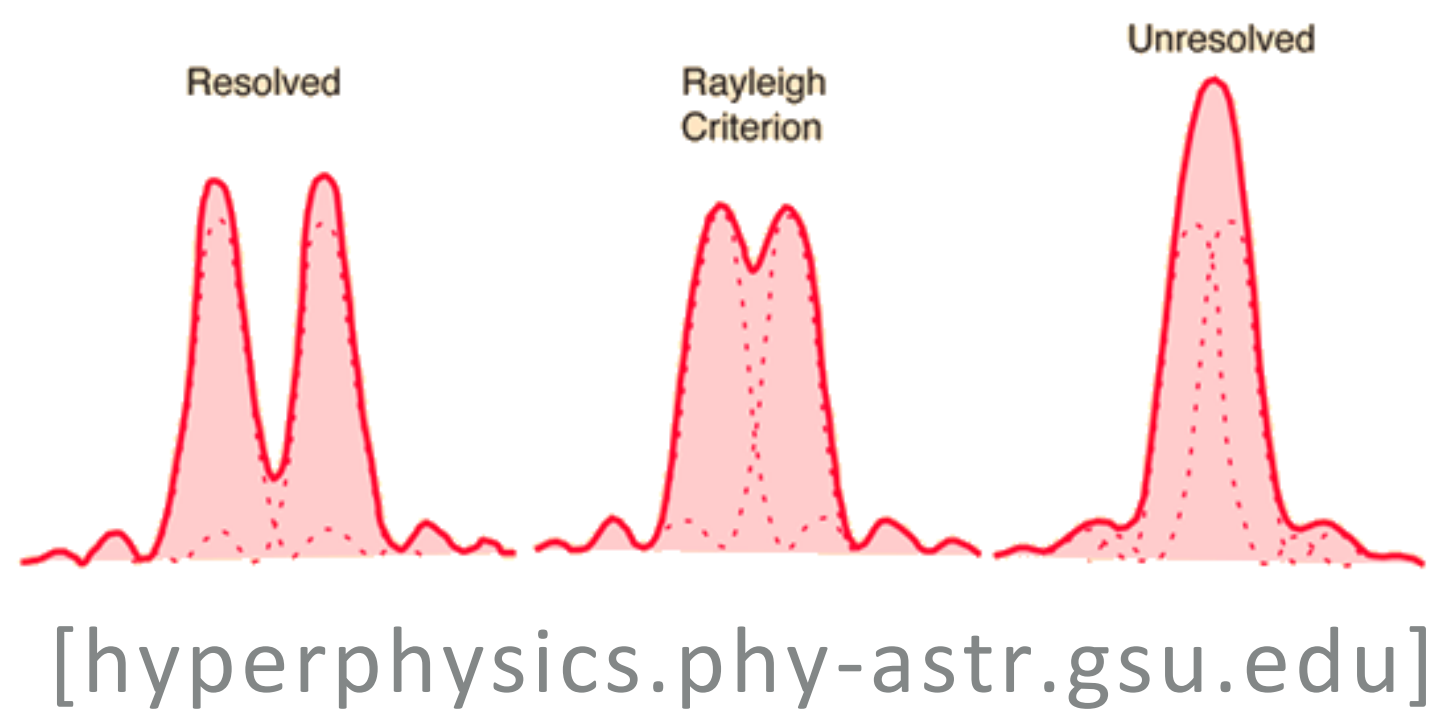


[Abbott et al., 2019]



# RESOLVABILITY: RAYLEIGH CRITERION

- Detectability is not enough for an independent test of the no-hair theorem!

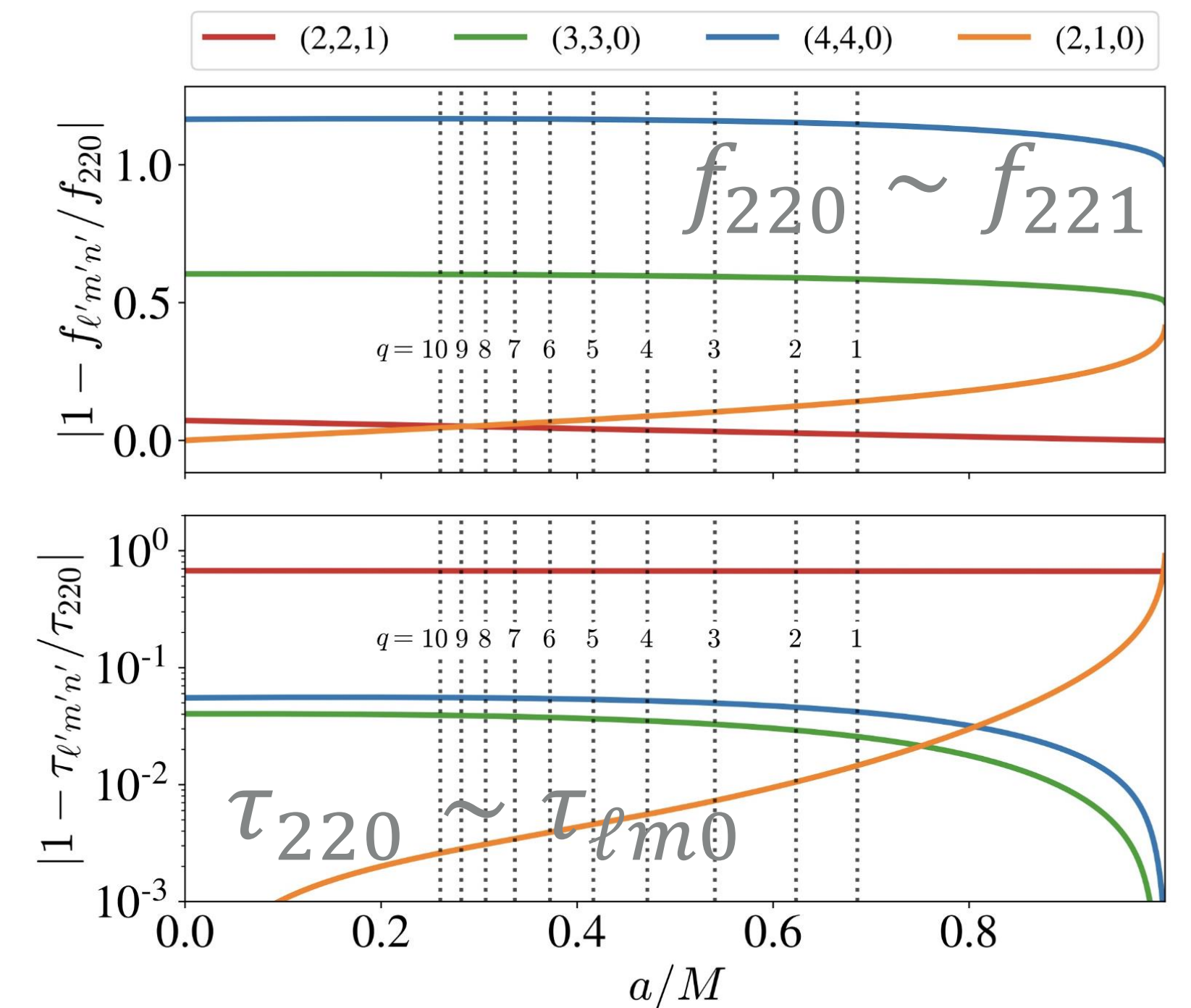


$$|f_{\ell mn} - f_{\ell' m' n'}| > \max(\sigma_{f_{\ell mn}}, \sigma_{f_{\ell' m' n'}})$$

$$|\tau_{\ell mn} - \tau_{\ell' m' n'}| > \max(\sigma_{\tau_{\ell mn}}, \sigma_{\tau_{\ell' m' n'}})$$

[Berti et al., 2006]

The Rayleigh criterion require resolvability of two modes for an independent test of the no-hair theorem



[Ota and Chirenti, in preparation]

errors computed using Fisher Matrix

# BAYESIAN INFERENCE AND MODEL COMPARISON

## Signal:

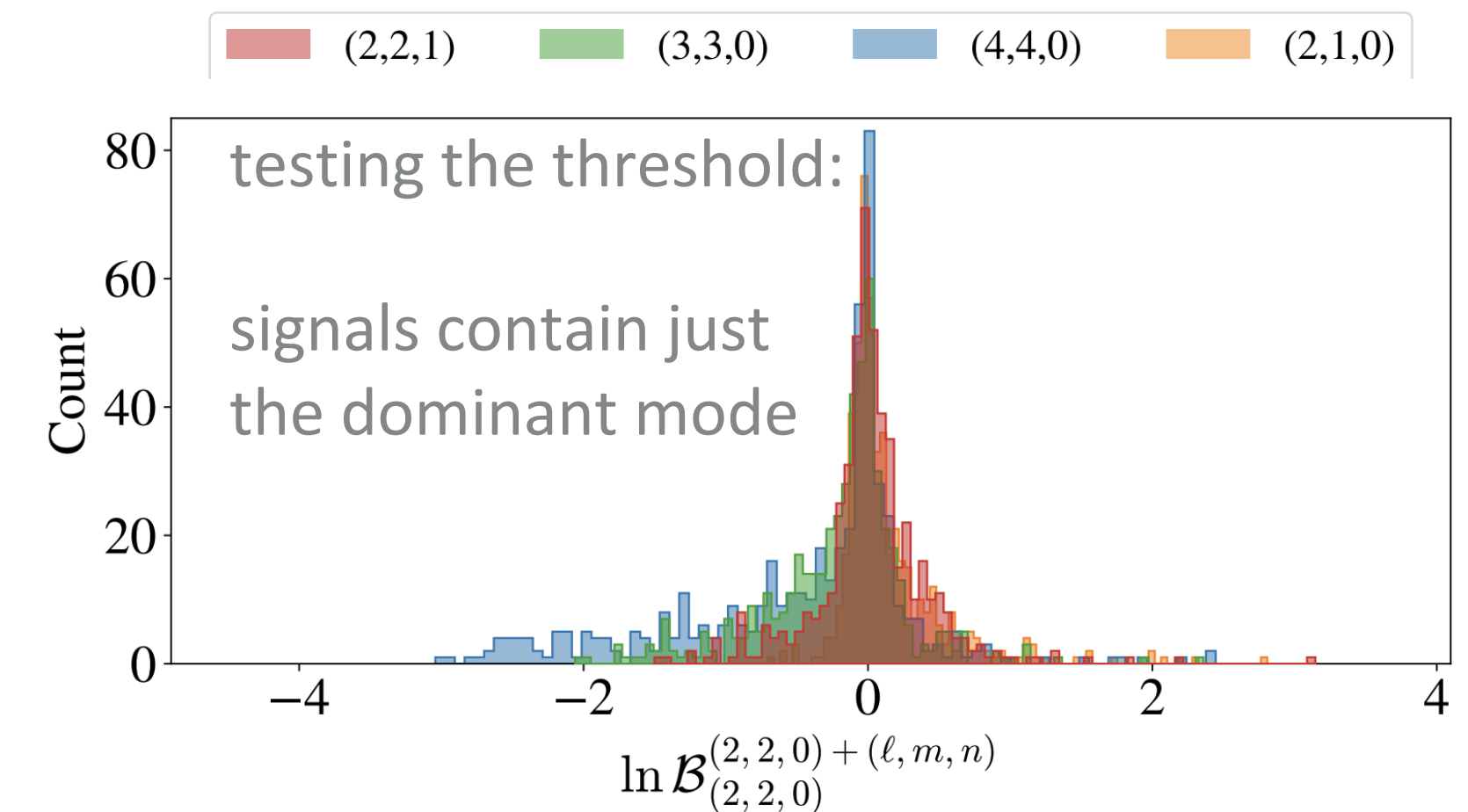
$$s = \psi_{220} + \psi_{\ell mn} + n$$

QNMs inject in the signal have parameters informed by NR simulations

## Models:

1) one mode:  $M_1 = \psi_{220}$

2) two modes:  $M_2 = \psi_{220} + \psi_{\ell mn}$



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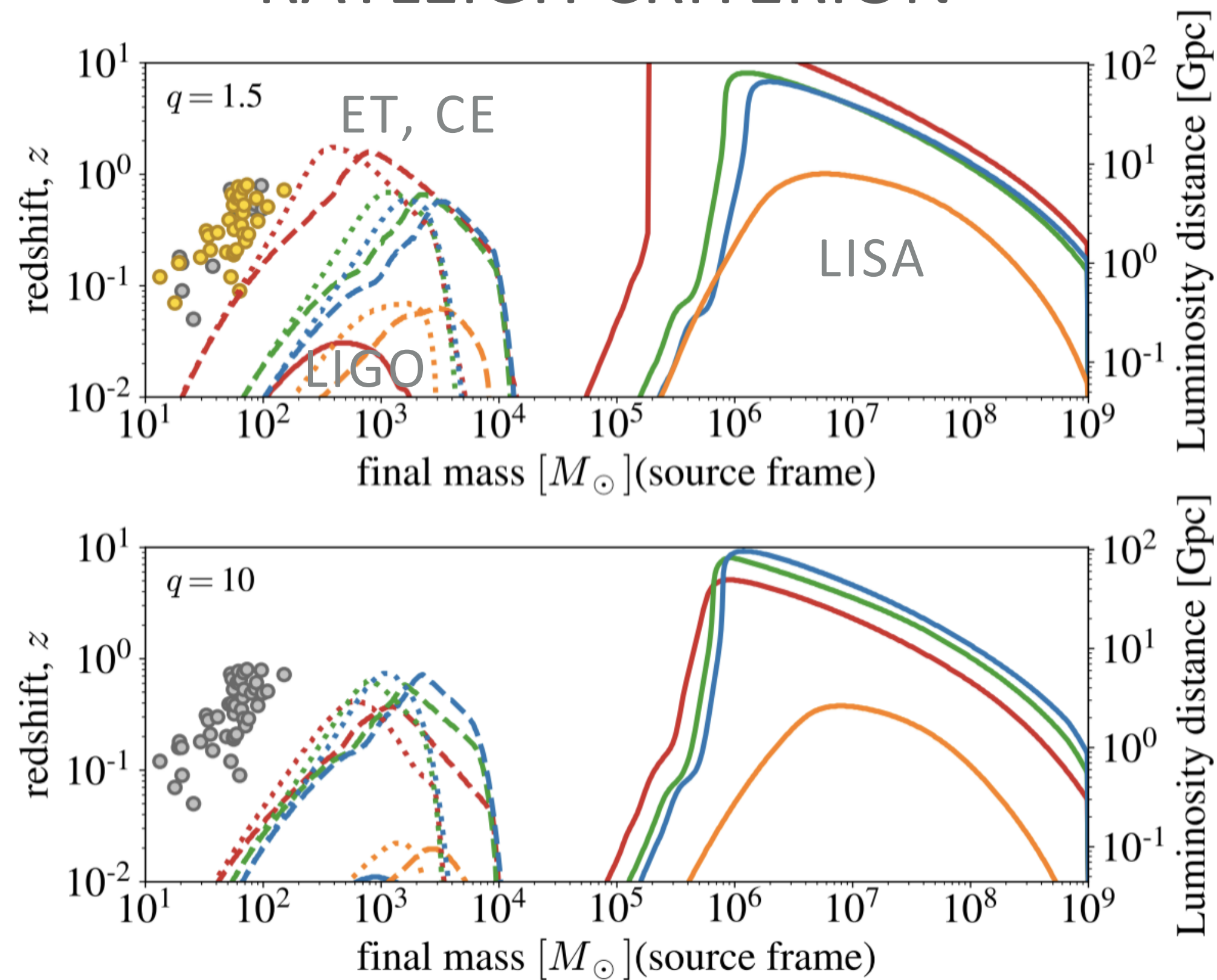
## Model comparison:

We require  $\ln \mathcal{B} > 8$  as our threshold to favor of 2 modes over 1 mode.

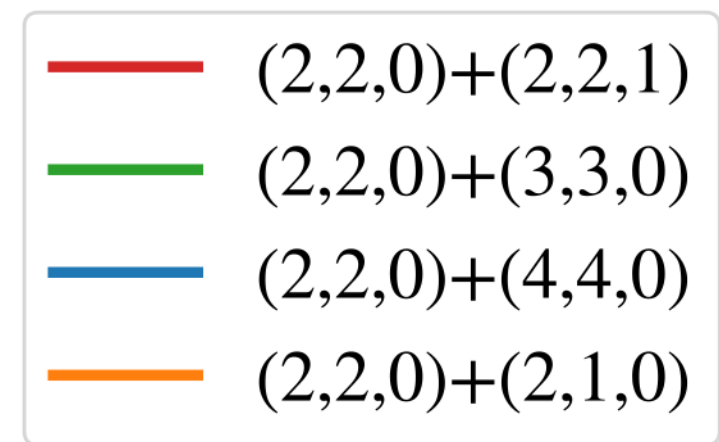
No cases with only one mode had a  $\ln \mathcal{B}$  in favor of two modes larger than 4.

# TWO MODES BH SPECTROSCOPY HORIZONS

## RAYLEIGH CRITERION

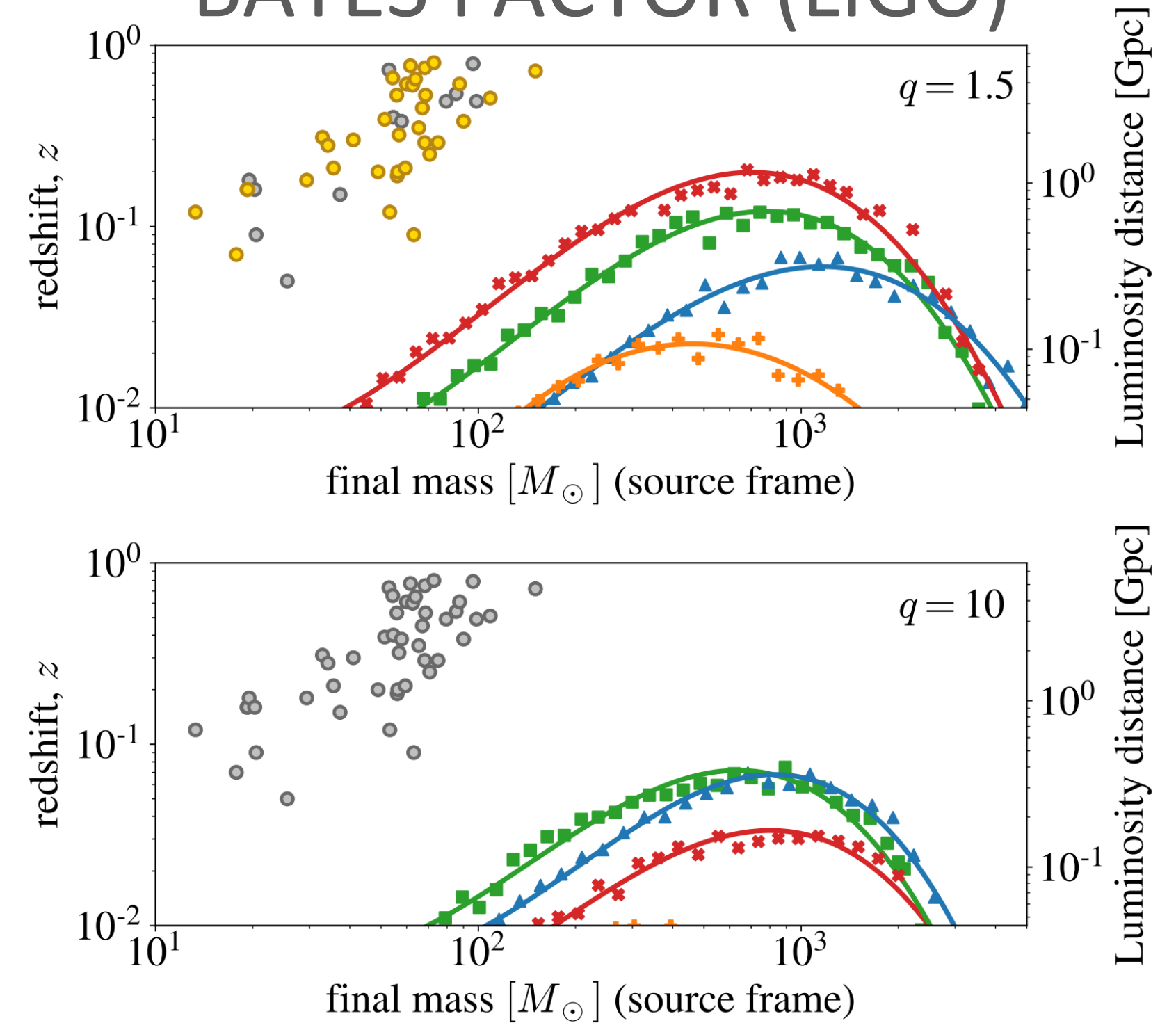


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- ▶ The detection of the first **overtone** is favored for **low** mass ratios
- ▶ **Higher harmonics** are favored for **high** mass ratios

## BAYES FACTOR (LIGO)

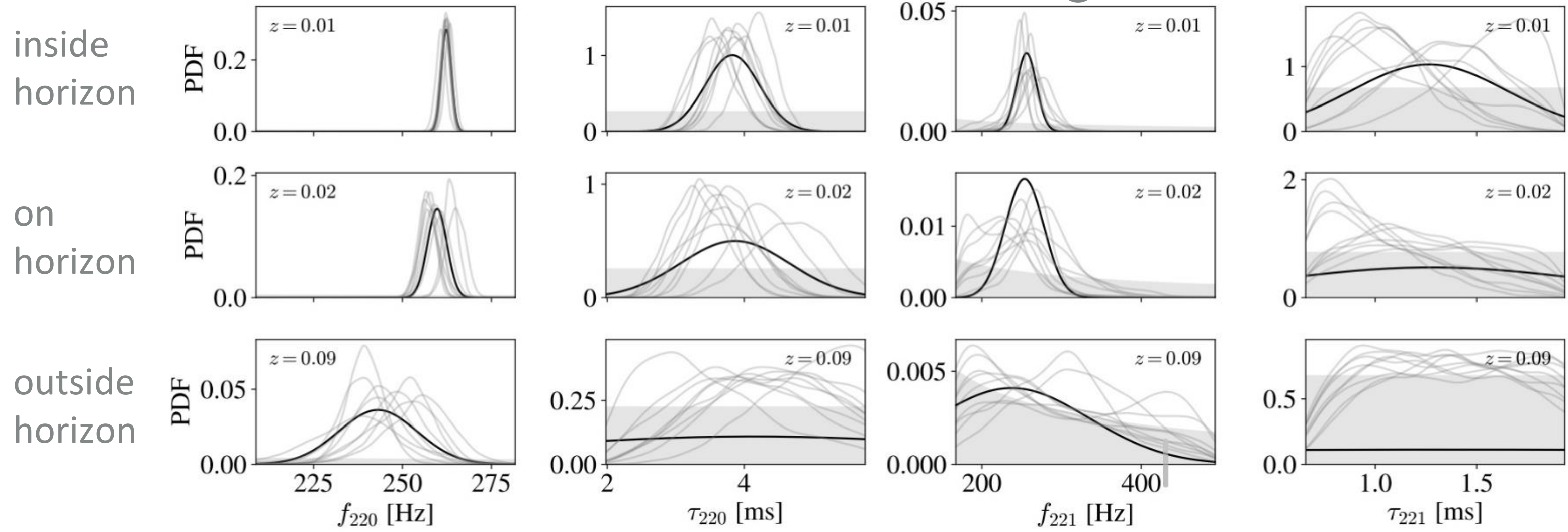


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The Rayleigh criterion is too restrictive!

# PARAMETER ESTIMATION: BAYESIAN VS FISHER MATRIX

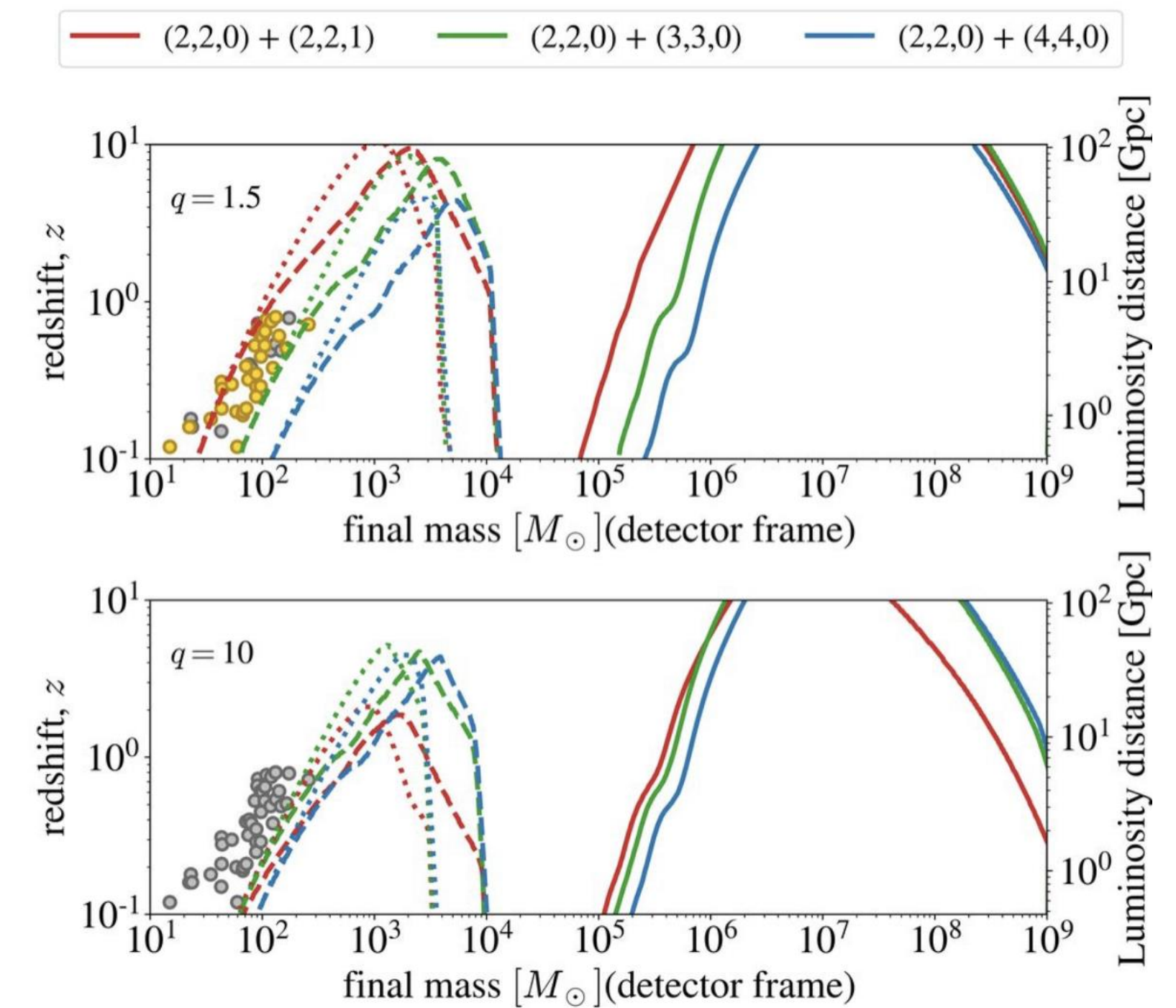
$q = 1.5, M = 63 M_{\odot}$



[Ota and Chirenti, in preparation]

The errors estimated with Fisher Matrix for the damping time are too big!

Rescaling Rayleigh criterion based on LIGO Bayes factor horizon



# MULTIMODE BH SPECTROSCOPY HORIZONS (LIGO)

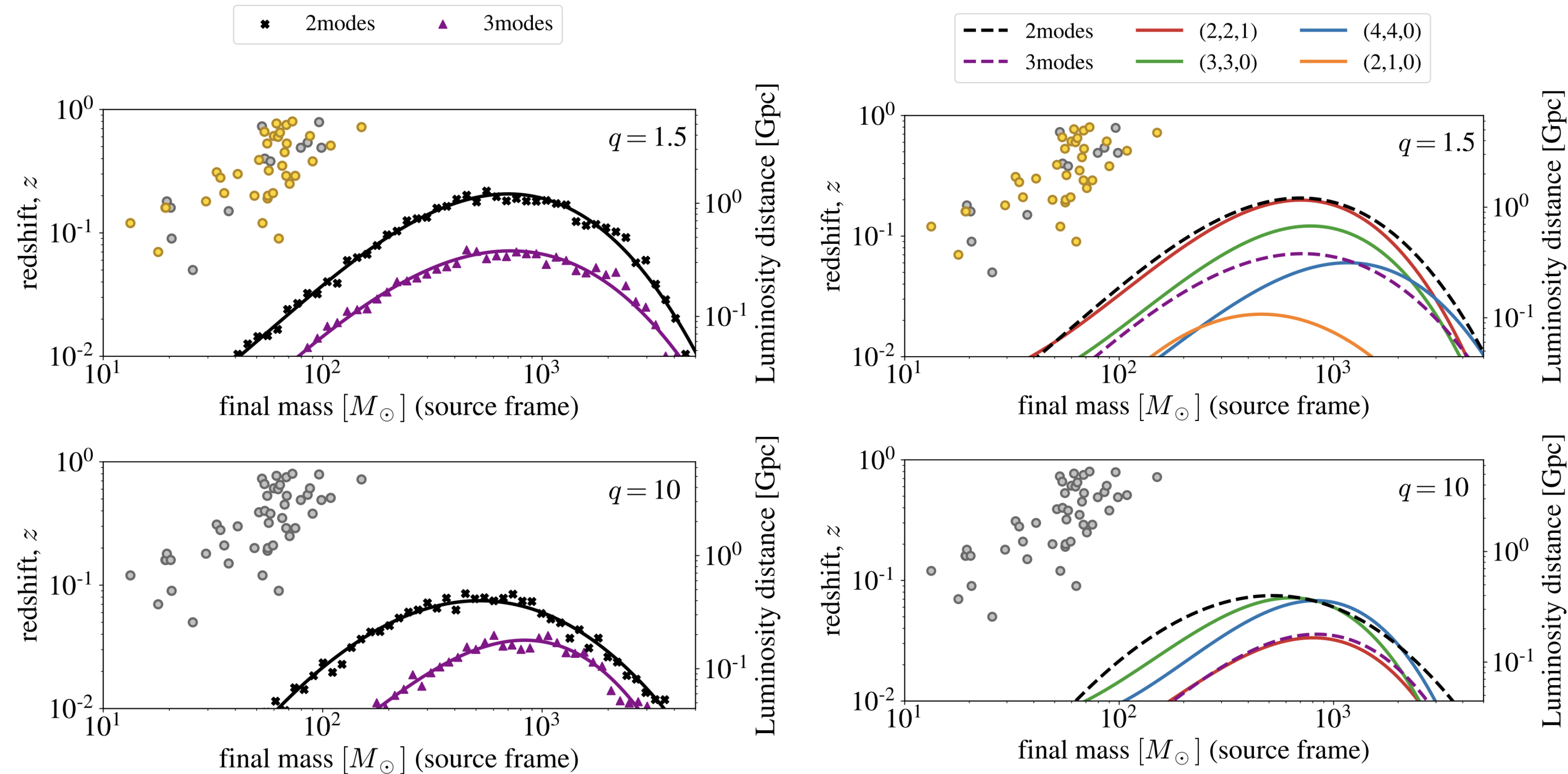
**Signal:**  $S = \psi_{220} + \psi_{221} + \psi_{330} + \psi_{440} + \psi_{210} + n$

**Models:**

1) one mode:  $M_1 = \psi_{220}$

2) two modes:  $M_2 = \psi_{220} + \psi_{\ell mn}$

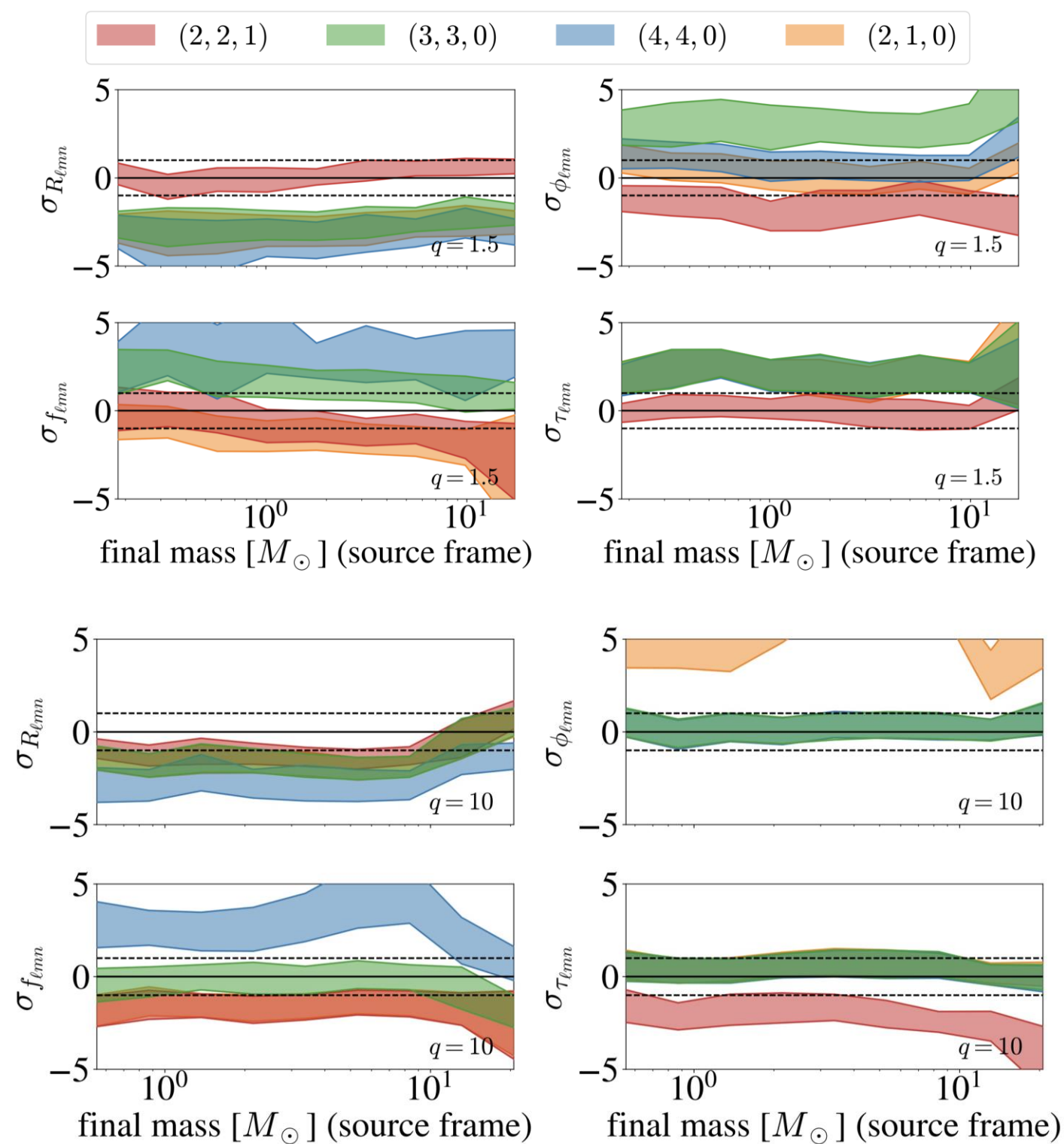
3) three modes:  $M_3 = \psi_{220} + \psi_{\ell mn} + \psi_{\ell' m' n'}$



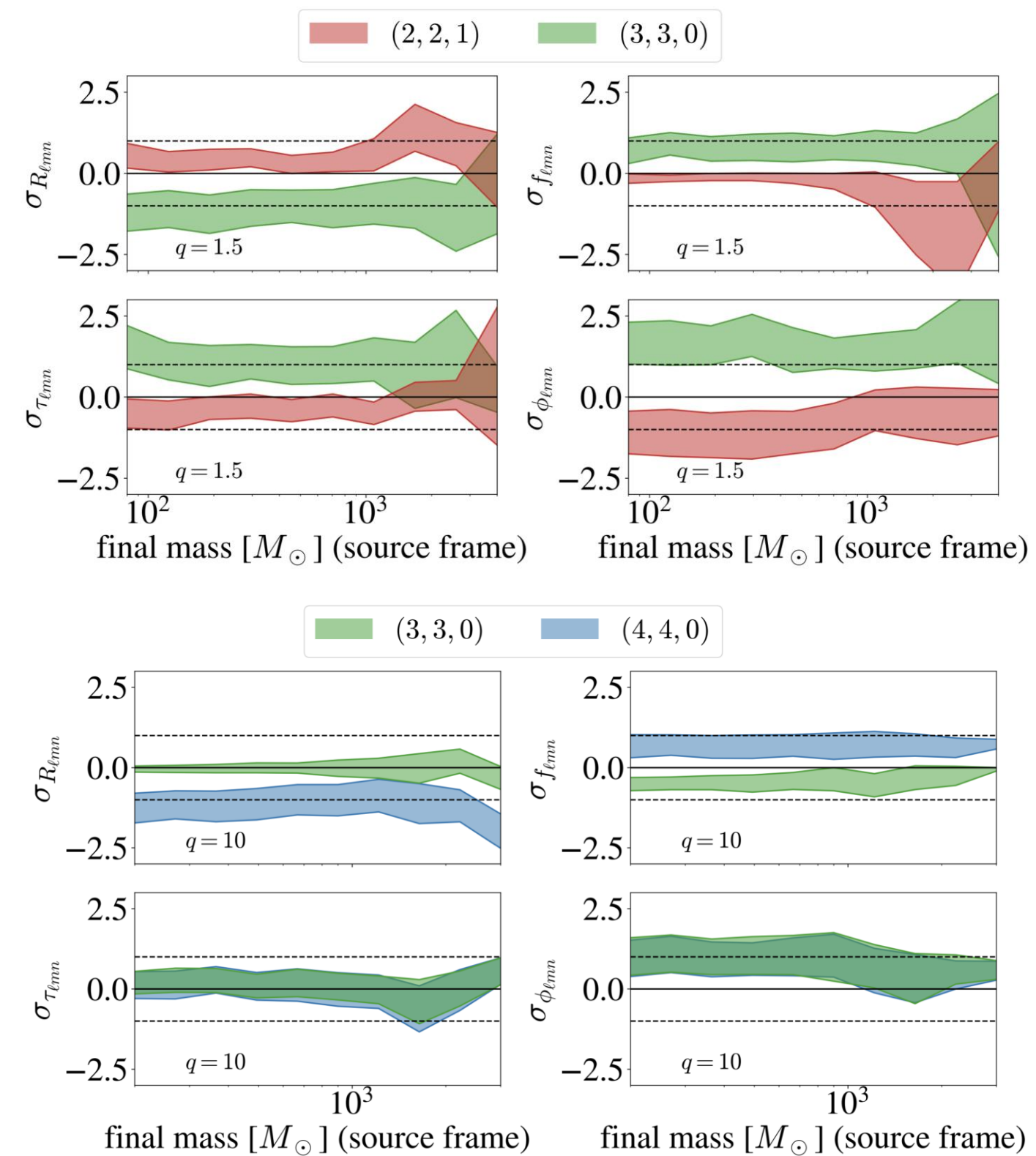
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# PARAMETER ESTIMATION: MULTIMODE HORIZONS

## TWO-MODES HORIZON



## THREE-MODES HORIZON



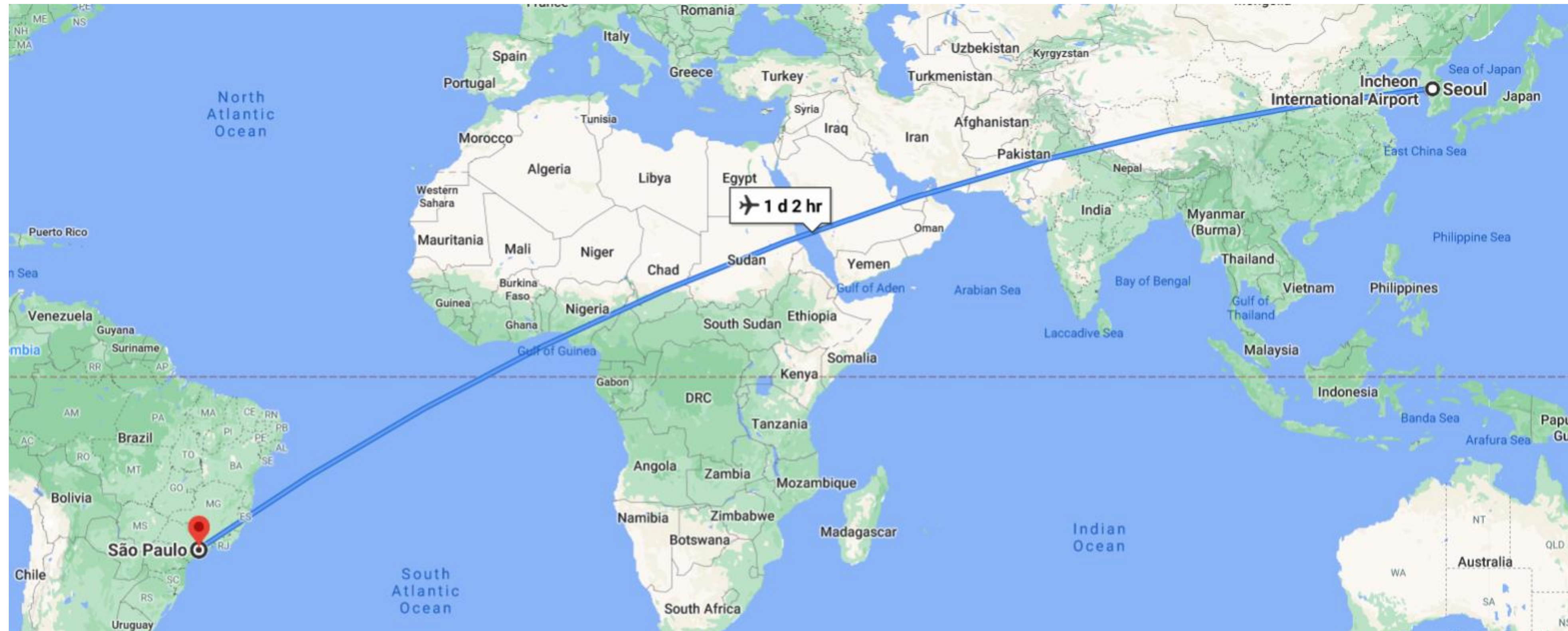
- ▶ For low mass ratios the overtone is the first mode detected followed by the (3,3,0) mode
- ▶ For high mass ratios it is easier to detect the (3,3,0) than the (4,4,0) mode

[Ota and Chirenti, in preparation]

## FINAL REMARKS

- ▶ There are exciting prospects for testing the nature of black holes with gravitational waves!
- ▶ Black hole spectroscopy provides an independent test of the no-hair theorem using information contained in the ringdown of a binary black hole merger.
- ▶ The first overtone is favored for binaries with more symmetric masses ( $q = 1$ ) and higher harmonics are favored for less symmetric masses ( $q = 10$ ).
- ▶ Einstein Telescope and Cosmic Explorer will be sensitive enough to resolve events similar to the events detected so far.
- ▶ LISA black hole spectroscopy horizons are very big, but its sources are still uncertain.
- ▶ Closer sources will be needed to perform black hole spectroscopy with a **single** LIGO. Multiple detections analysis and mode stacking may compensate the low sensitivity.

# QUESTIONS AT THE SLACK CHANNEL



[google.com/maps]