

# Improving Aligned Spin Phenomenological Models: Extreme Mass Ratios and Double Spins



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# Overview Of Current Status

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## Phenomenological Models:

- Focus here is on aligned spin waveform models

$$\chi_{iL} = \frac{c \mathbf{S} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{L}}}{Gm_i^2}$$

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- Spins *aligned* with orbital angular momentum
- Orbital plane fixed  $\hat{L} = \text{const}$

- IMRPhenomD calibrated to 19 hybrids (*uncalibrated* SEOBNRv2)
- Calibrated to mass ratios 1:18
- Calibrated to spins  $|a/M| \sim 0.85$  (0.98 for equal mass)
- Target model mismatch  $\lesssim 10^{-2}$
- Accurate aligned spin models *necessary*:
  - Avoid confusion with **subdominant** effects (e.g. higher modes)
  - Basis for precessing phenomenological models IMRPhenomP
  - Parameterised *tests of GR* need accurate/low bias waveform models

# Model Construction: Frequency Regimes

Signal Amplitude & Phase:

- Waveform is function of binary parameters:

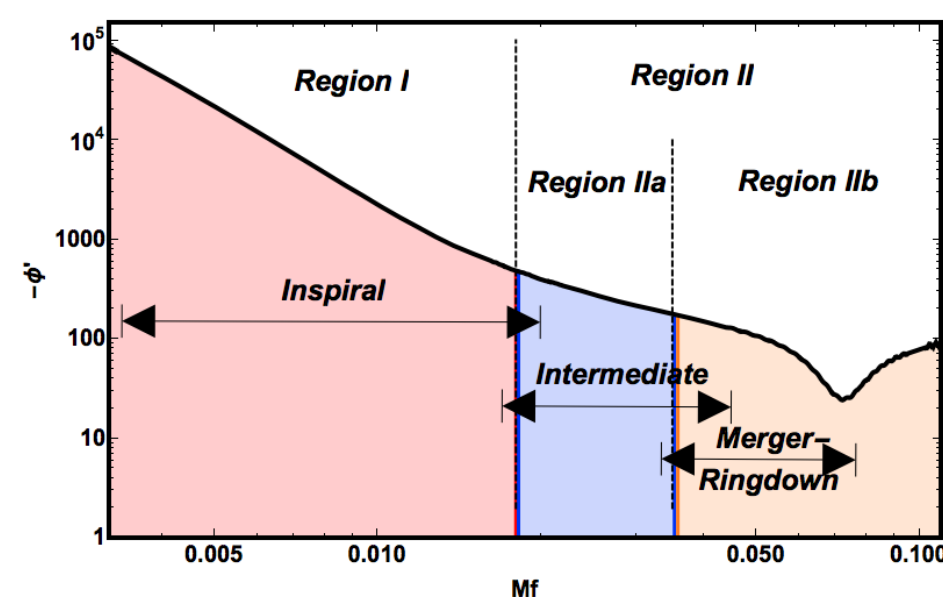
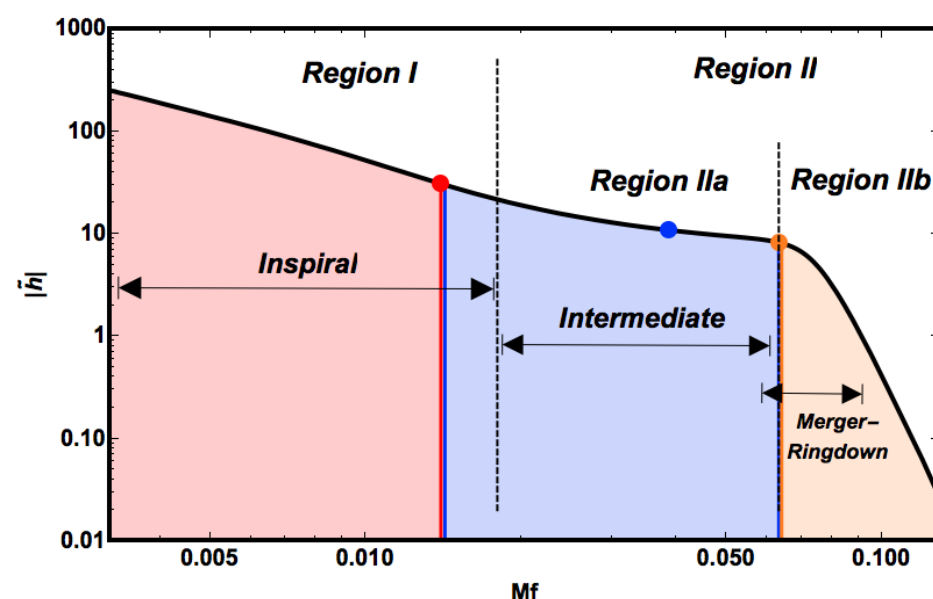
$$\Xi \in \{M, \eta, \chi_1, \chi_2\}$$

- Separately model the amplitude and phase as a function of frequency

$$\tilde{h}_{22}(f; \Xi) = A(f; \Xi) e^{-i\phi(f; \Xi)}$$

Frequency Regimes

- Adopt a modular approach
- Identify 3 separate frequency regimes: **Inspiral**, **Intermediate**, **Ringdown**



# Model Construction: **Inspiral**

## Hybrids

- NR Waveforms are too short!
- Target model that will be valid down to low frequencies  $\sim 10\text{Hz}$
- Overcome by hybridising NR waveforms with **SEOBNRv4**

$$h(t) = \omega_{t_0, t_0+T}^- e^{i\varphi_0} h_{\text{PN}}(t + \delta t) + \omega_{t_0, t_0+T}^+ e^{i\varphi_0} h_{\text{NR}}(t + \delta t)$$

## Inspiral Phase

- Built on TaylorF2 phase calibrated with 3 *pseudo*-PN coefficients

$$\varphi_{\text{Ins}} = \varphi_{\text{TF2}}(Mf; \Xi) + \frac{1}{\eta} \left( \sigma_0 + \sigma_1 f + \frac{3}{4} \sigma_2 f^{3/4} + \frac{3}{5} \sigma_3 f^{5/3} + \frac{1}{2} \sigma_4 f^2 \right)$$

$$A_{\text{Ins}} = A_{\text{PN}} + A_0 \sum_{i=1}^3 \rho_i f^{(6+i)/3}$$

- *Improve* calibration by fitting to **SEOBNRv4** (compared to v2 in PhenomD)
- +3.5PN cubic-in-spin terms (Marsat 2015)
- +3PN quadratic-spin terms (Bohé et al 2015)

# Model Construction: Intermediate

Phase ansatz for intermediate (merger) regime:

- Freedom in *time* and *phase* shifts - use phase derivative!

$$\varphi(f) \rightarrow \varphi(f) + \varphi_0 + 2\pi t$$

- Conceptual shift from previous polynomial fits
- Opt for a *double Lorentzian* model (merger & ringdown)
- More robust - especially when including extreme mass ratio limit

$$\varphi'_{\text{MR}} = \alpha_1 + \sum_{i=2}^n \alpha_n f^{-p_n} + \frac{a}{f_{\text{damp}}^2 + (f - f_{\text{ring}})^2}$$

Amplitude ansatz for intermediate (merger) regime:

- Use a fifth order polynomial with 2 free *collocation* points

$$A_{\text{Int}} = A_0 (\delta_0 + \delta_1 f + \delta_2 f^2 + \delta_3 f^3 + \delta_4 f^4 + \delta_5 f^5)$$

# Model Construction: Ringdown

Phase ansatz for ringdown:

- Lorentzian model as used in previous phenom models

$$\varphi'_{\text{MR}} = \alpha_1 + \sum_{i=2}^n \alpha_n f^{-p_n} + \frac{a}{f_{\text{damp}}^2 + (f - f_{\text{ring}})^2}$$

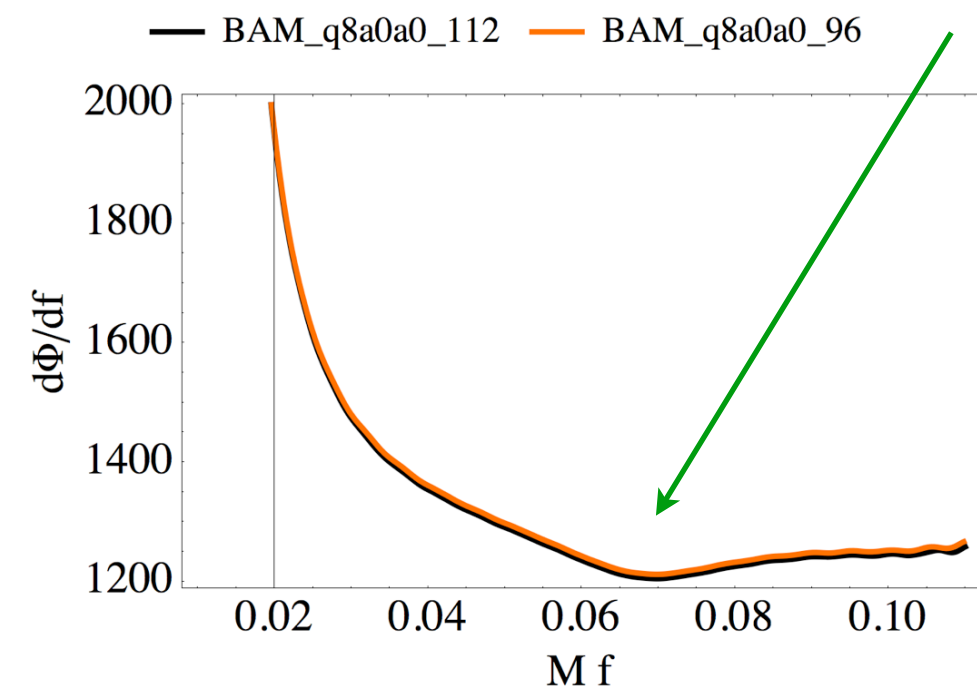
Amplitude ansatz for ringdown:

- As in PhenomD we use a deformed Lorentzian

Ringdown frequency

$$h_{\text{RD}} = \frac{a e^{-\lambda(f - f_{\text{RD}})}}{(f - f_{\text{RD}})^2 + \sigma^2}$$

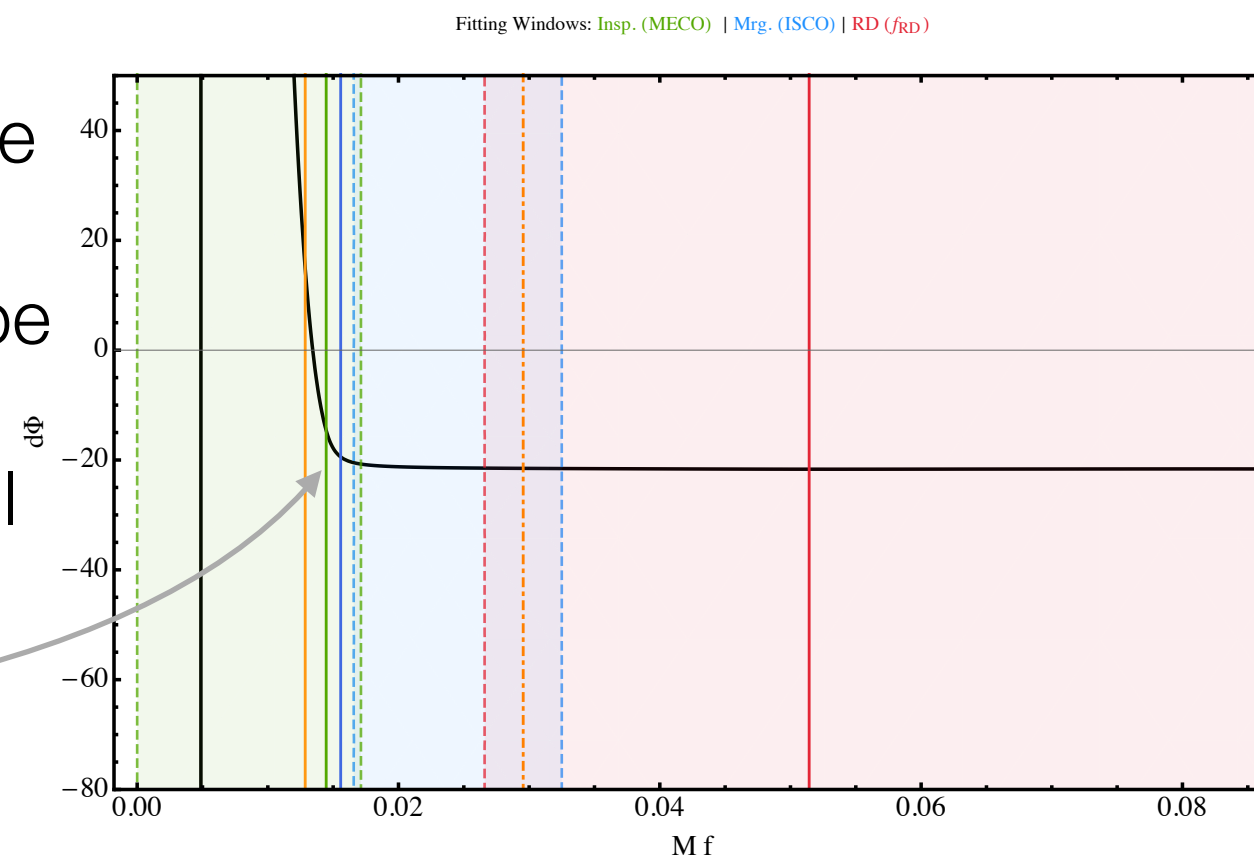
- Peak ~ ringdown frequency
- Width ~ damping frequency
- High f falloff > polynomial



# Model Construction: Extreme Mass Ratio Limit

EMR limit:

- Features in waveform can become exaggerated
- Transition of inspiral/merger can be sharp
- Transition frequency needs careful choice
- *A better choice is  $f \sim f_{\text{MECO}}$*



*Cabero+ PRD95 (2017)*

Time domain waveforms used in EMR limit:

- Numerical approach + semi-analytic EOB test-mass dynamics (5.5PN)
- Conservative motion + linear-in- $\eta$  radiation reaction
- Hyperboloidal coordinates - unambiguous waveforms at  $\mathcal{I}^+$

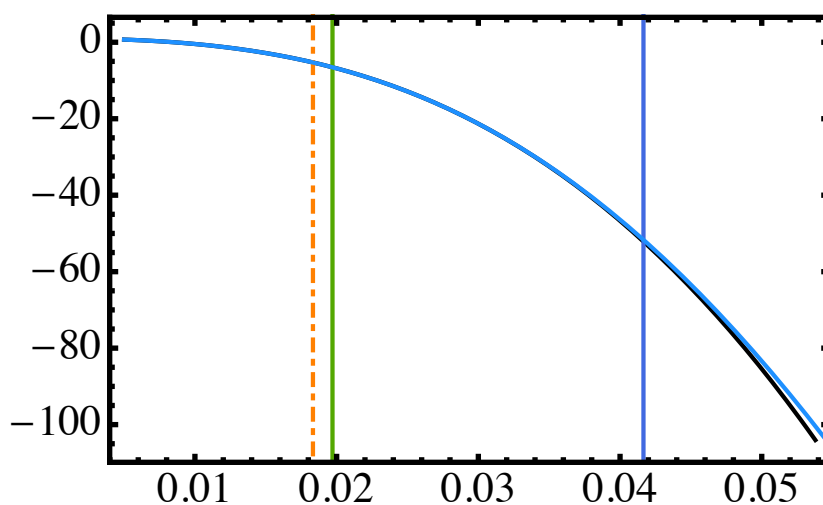
*Bernuzzi+ PRD84 (2011), Harms+ CQG31 (2014)*

# Hierarchical Fit: Collocation Points

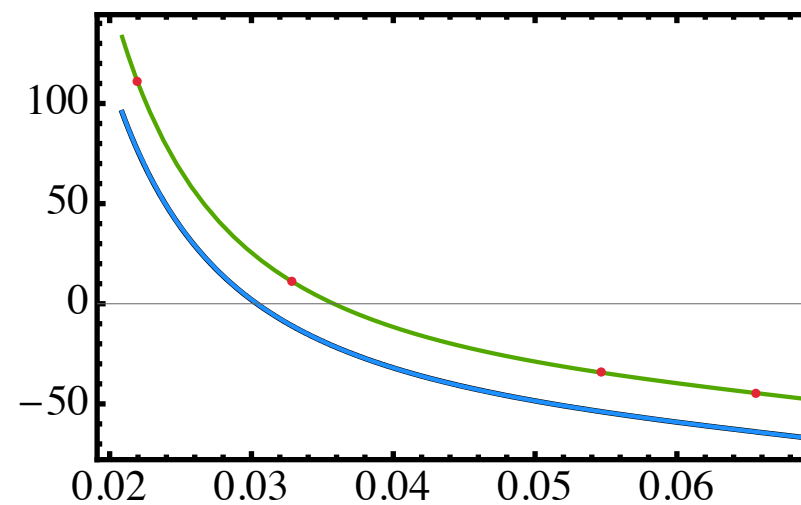
Need to map from phenomenological coefficients to physical parameters

- Advocate use of collocation points
- *“Fitting for value at fixed frequencies and differences between values”*
- Find they are better conditioned than basis coefficients
- Accurate polynomial fits may require high order
- For ideal ansatz - may need only a few coefficients in some direction

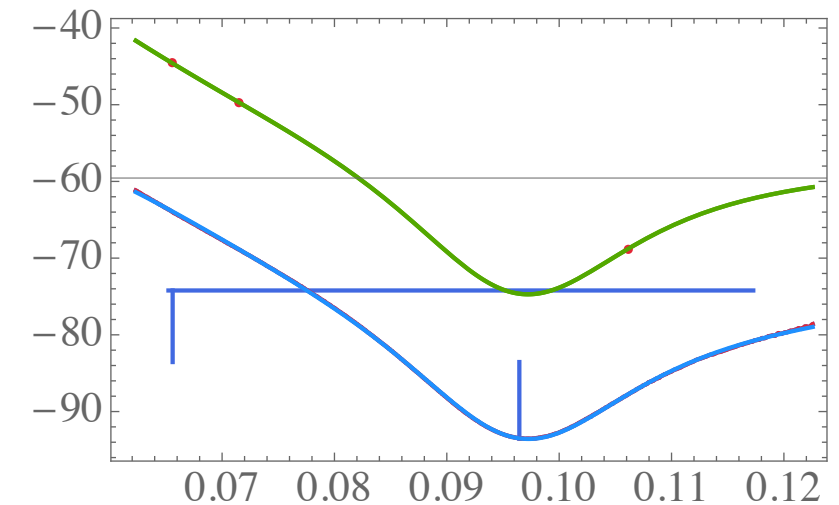
Data vs. Inspiral Fit to  $f_{\text{matchIM}}$



Data | Fit | PhenomX



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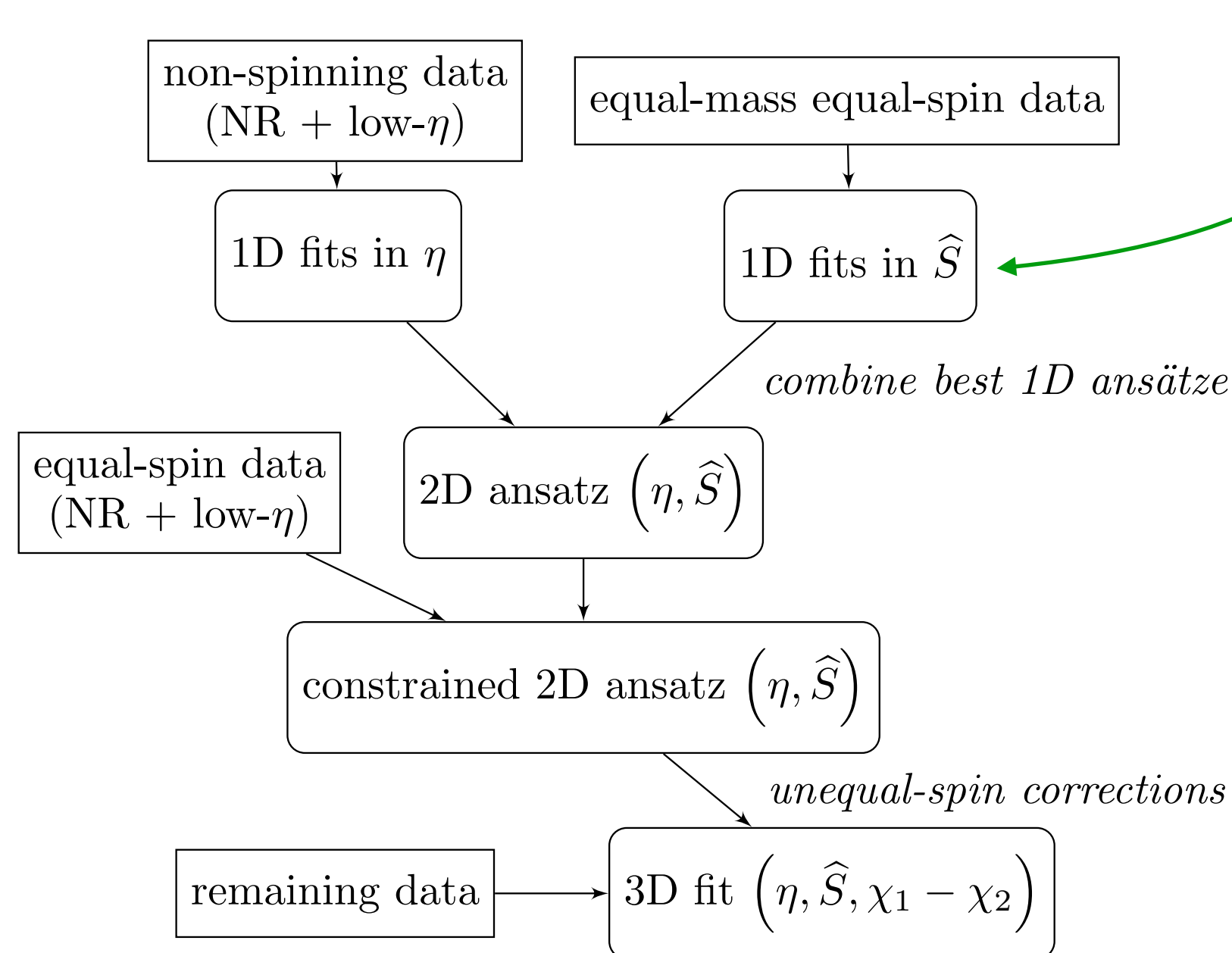




# Hierarchical Fits: Workflow

- Insight from luminosity & final mass/spin fits

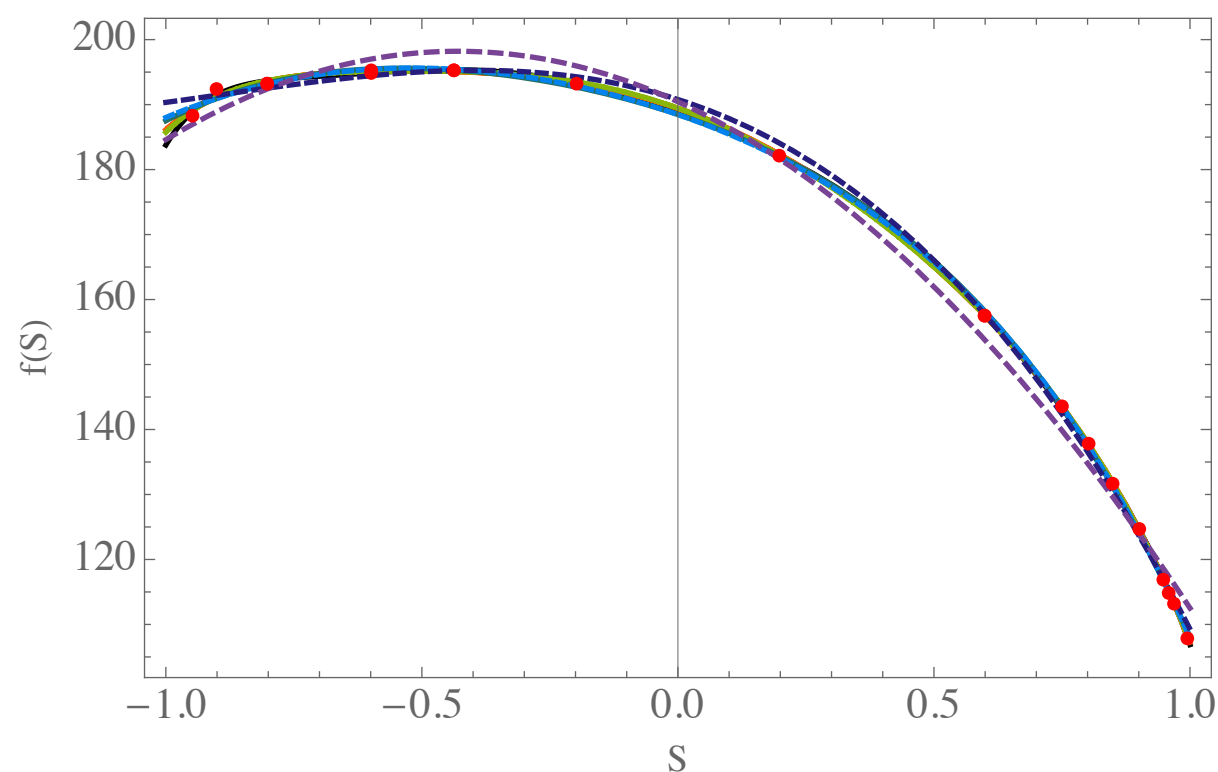
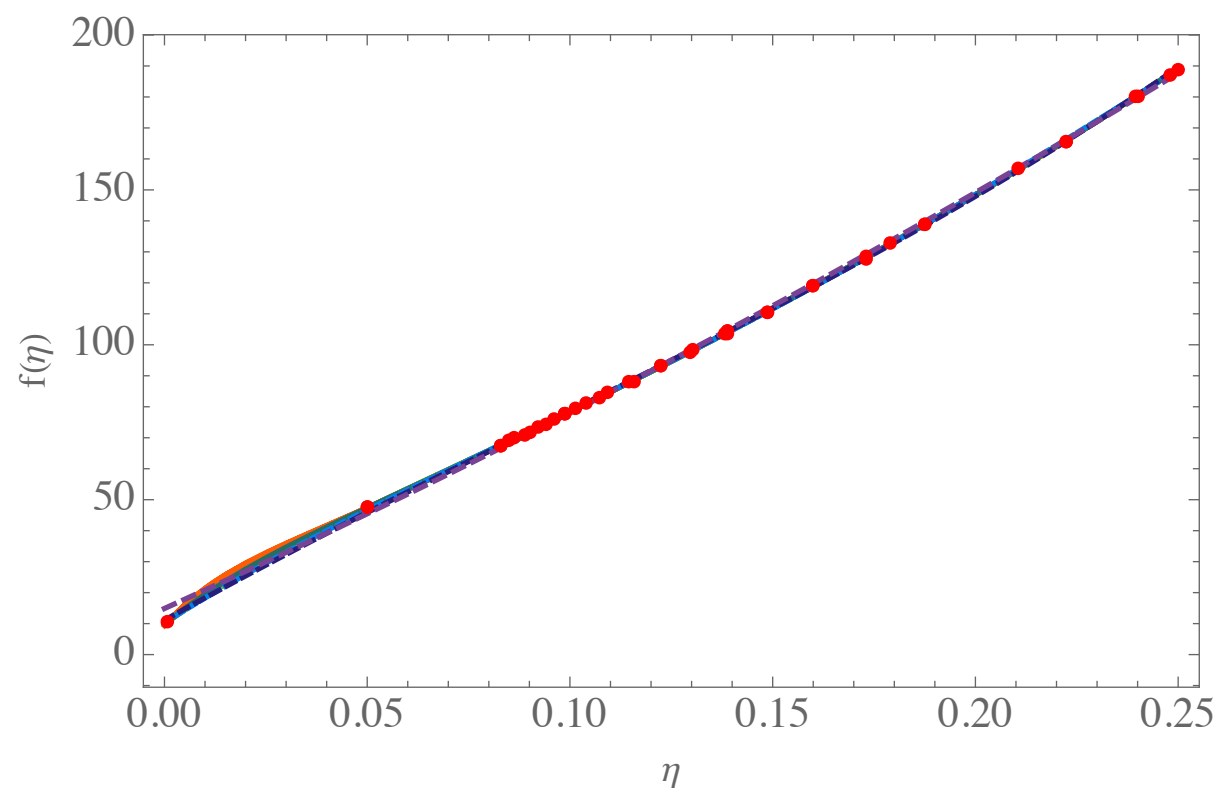
Spin Parameterisation:  $\hat{S}$



# Hierarchical Fit: 1D Fits

Start by constructing 1D fits: non-spinning and equal mass, equal spin

- Parameter space is densely sampled by accurate NR simulations
- Can construct well conditioned and tightly constrained fits

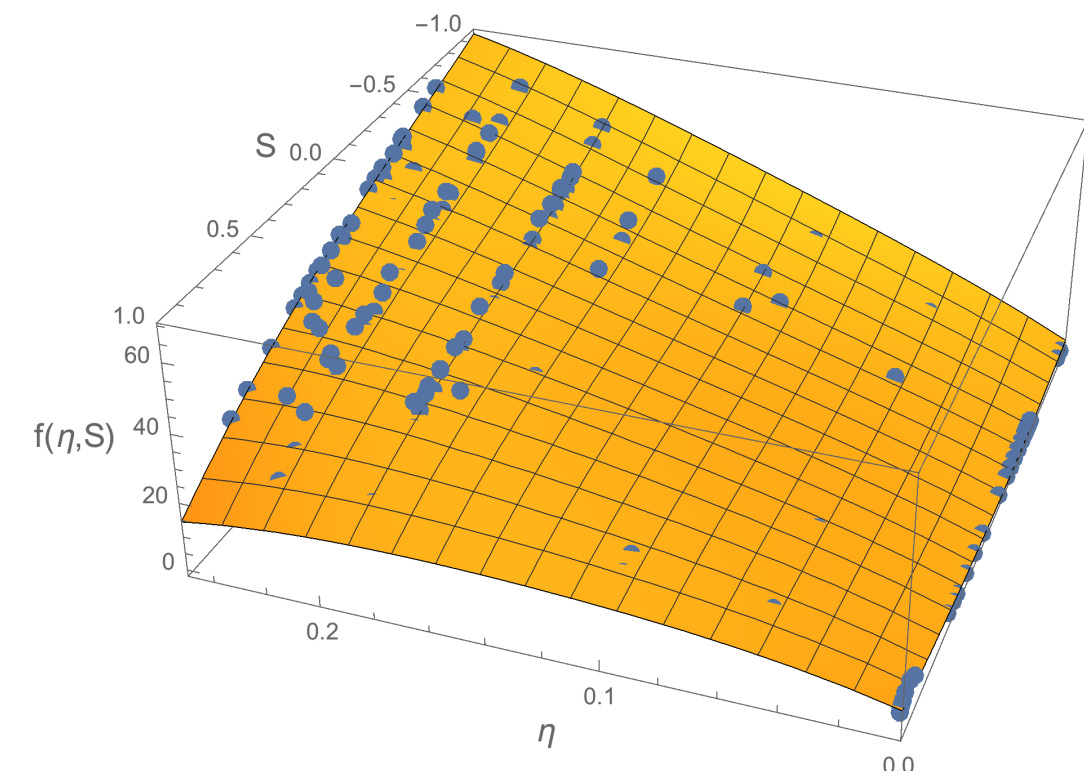


# Hierarchical Fit: Equal Spin 2D Fit

- Fits informed using information criteria: BIC, AIC, AICc and residuals

$$\text{BIC} = -2 \ln \mathcal{L}_{\max} + N_{\text{coeff}} \ln(N_{\text{data}})$$

- Start from 1D non-spinning  $f(\eta)$  or equal spin  $f(S)$   $\rightarrow$  2D  $f(\eta, S)$



- Can choose spin parameterisation:

$$\hat{S} = \chi_{\text{eff}} = \frac{m_1 \chi_{1L} + m_2 \chi_{2L}}{m_1 + m_2}$$

Works well for final-state

$$\hat{S} = \frac{m_1^2 \chi_{1L} + m_2^2 \chi_{2L}}{m_1^2 + m_2^2}$$

$$\hat{S} = \hat{\chi}_{\text{PN}} = \left(1 - \frac{76\eta}{113}\right)^{-1} \left(\chi_{\text{eff}} - \frac{38\eta}{113}(\chi_{1L} + \chi_{2L})\right)$$

Leading order spin effect on binary phasing - good for IMR

# Hierarchical Fit: Unequal Spins

Unequal spin effects are a subdominant effect

- Functional form can be inferred from PN & BH perturbation theory

$$\mathcal{F}_{\text{SO}}^{\text{LO}} \propto \sqrt{1 - 4\eta} \left( -\frac{13}{16} + \frac{43}{4}\eta \right) \Sigma_\ell$$

- Motivates a general fit of the form

$$\lambda \left( \eta, \hat{S}, \Delta\chi \right) = f_1(\eta)\Delta\chi + \underbrace{f_2(\eta)\Delta\chi^2 + f_3(\eta)\hat{S}\Delta\chi}_{\text{Next-to-Leading Order}}$$

$$f_1(\eta) = \sqrt{1 - 4\eta}P(\eta)$$

- In equal mass limit terms linear in  $\Delta\chi$  must vanish due to  $\sqrt{1 - 4\eta}$

$$\Sigma_\ell = m_2 \vec{\chi}_2 \cdot \vec{\ell} - m_1 \vec{\chi}_1 \cdot \vec{\ell}$$

# Hierarchical Fit: Unequal Spins

Fit residual of 2D surface with unequal spin effects

- Take dominant linear contribution to avoid overfitting noisy data

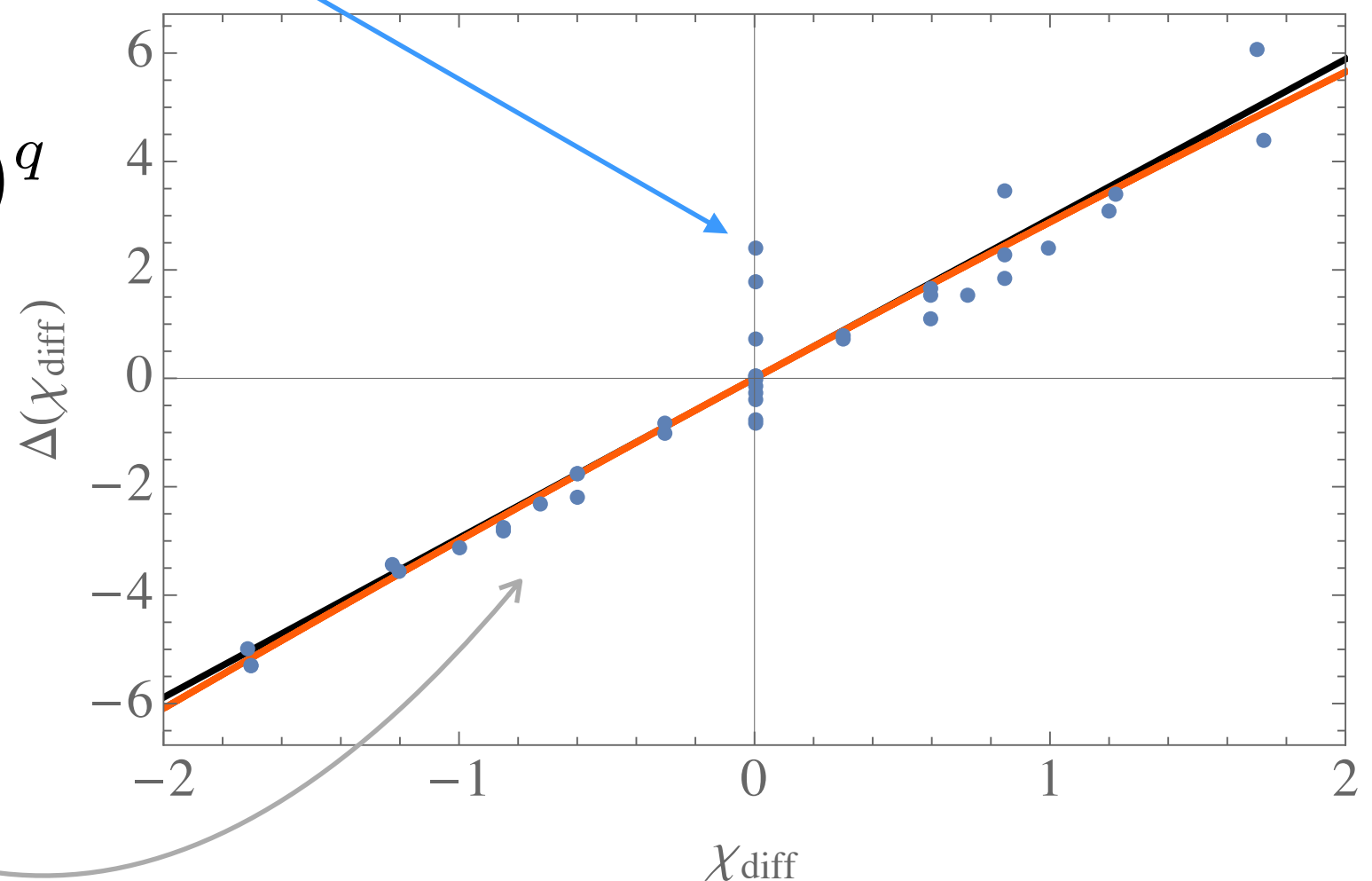
$$X = X_{Eq} + f(\eta) (\chi_1 - \chi_2) + \dots$$

- General functional form

$$f(\eta) = a_0 \eta^p (1 - 4\eta)^q$$

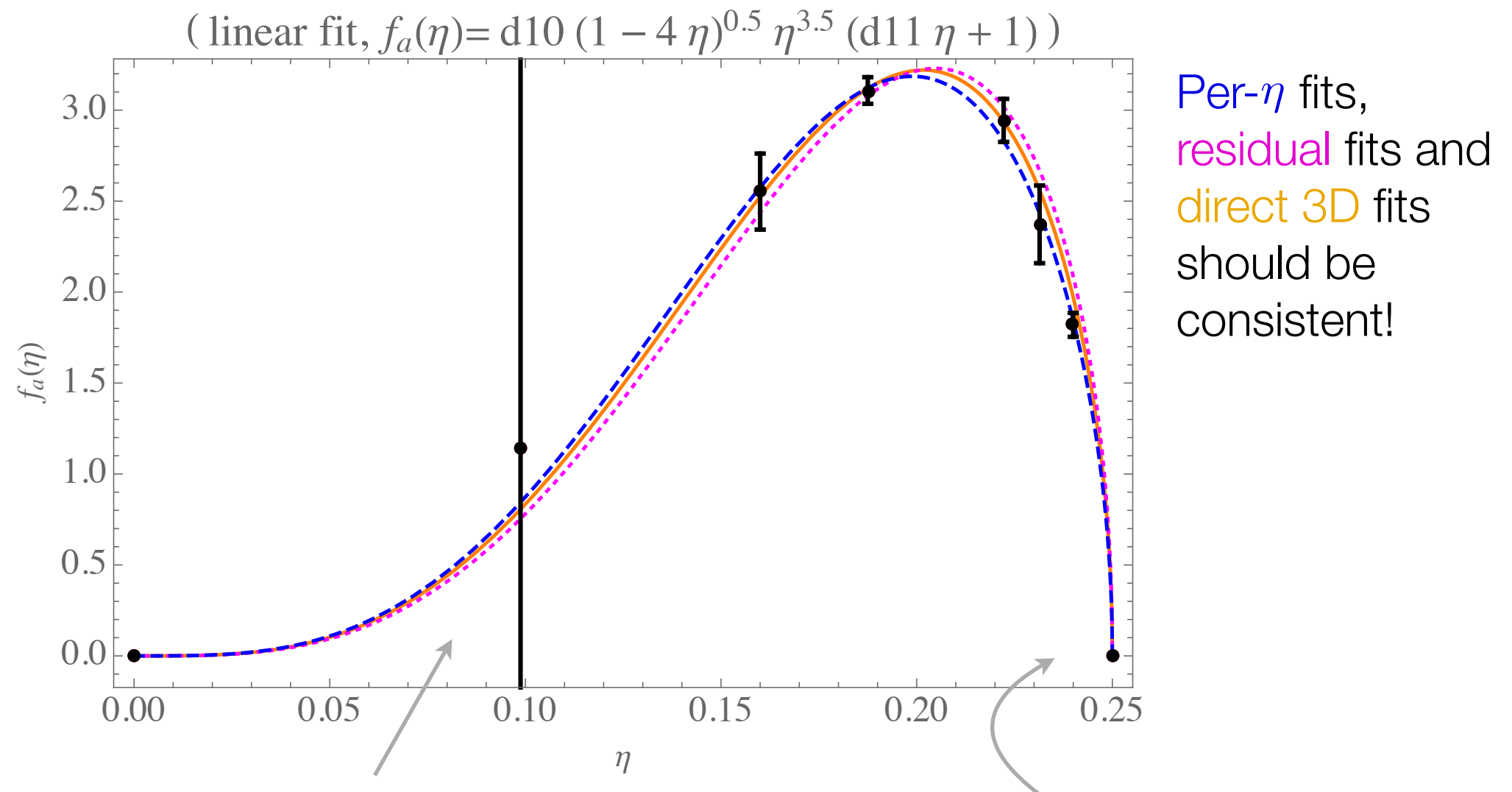
Fits per mass ratio: linear and quadratic

Outliers can be informative about data quality or poor ansatz



# Hierarchical Fit: Unequal Spins

- We can now perform the same procedure to fit all **phenomenological** coefficients!
- More prominent in some coefficients - physical intuition behind this as well!

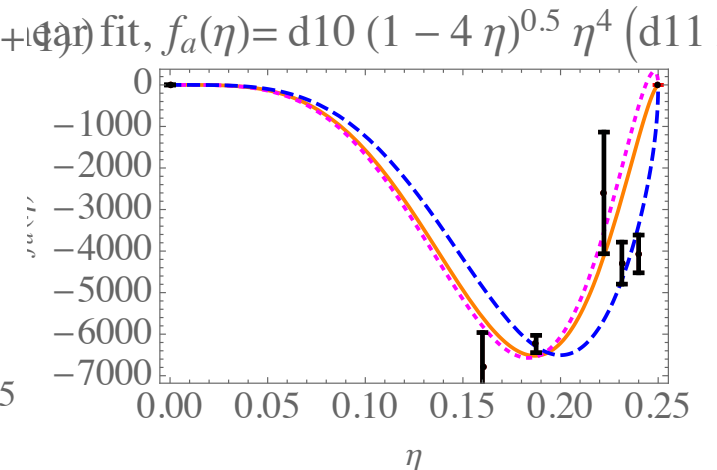
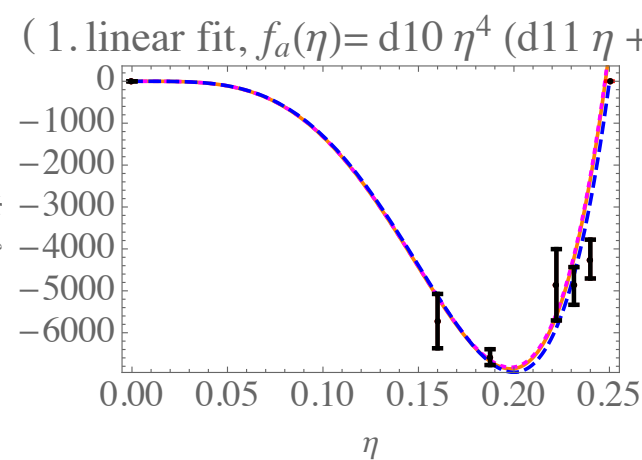
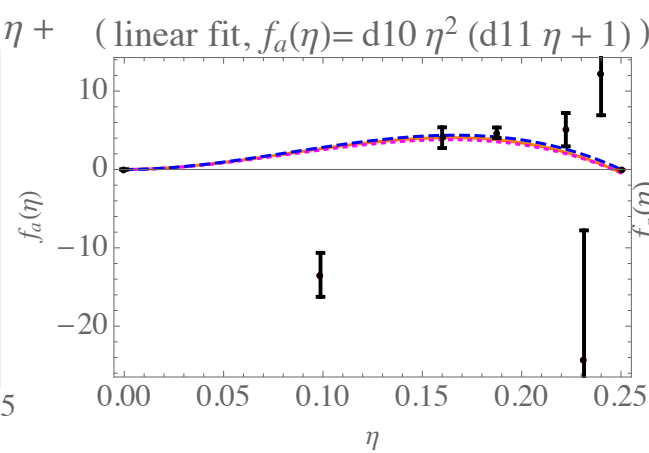
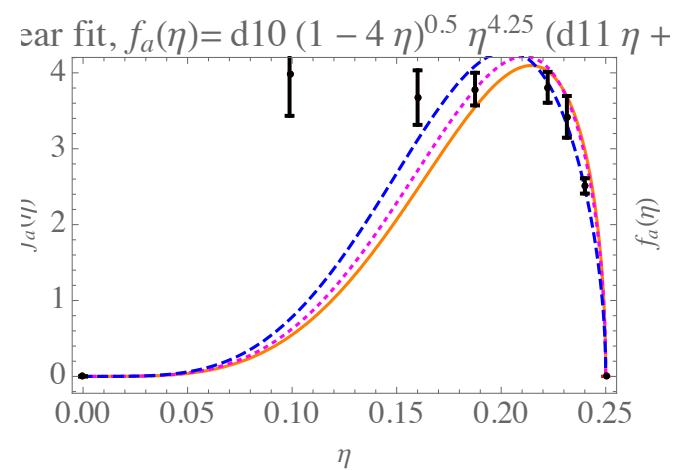
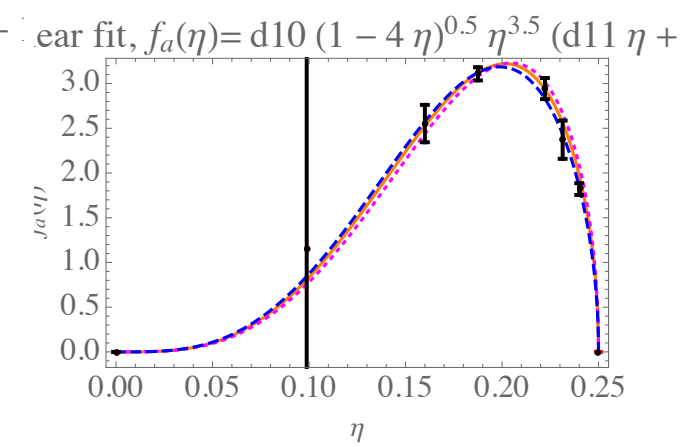
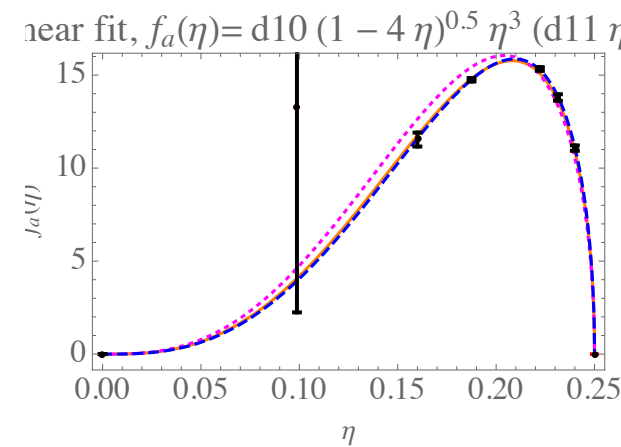
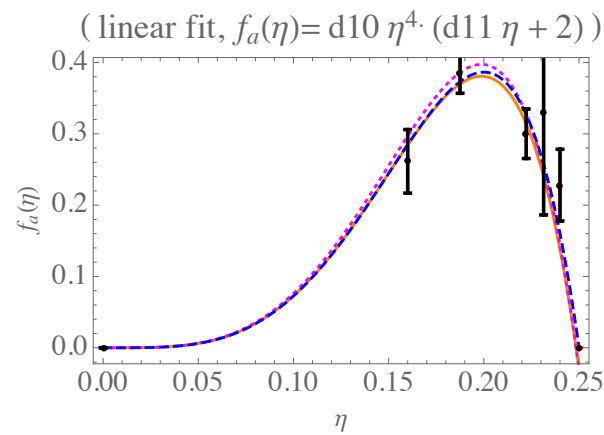
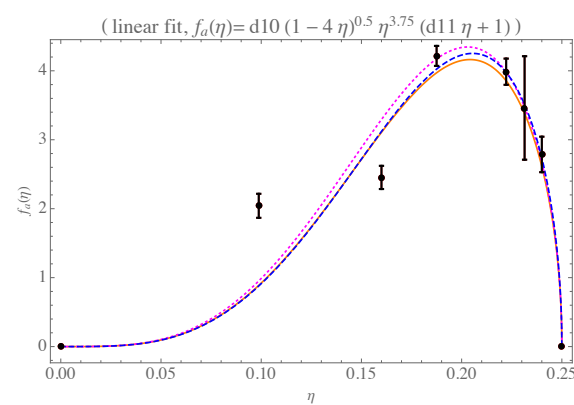


Error bars larger/unreliable in regions poorly sampled by NR

Vanishes in equal mass limit

# Hierarchical Fits: Unequal Spins, Outlook

- Rapid improvements with *more data* and better *control of systematics*



# Model Validation: Preliminary Mismatches

Standard model validation tools:

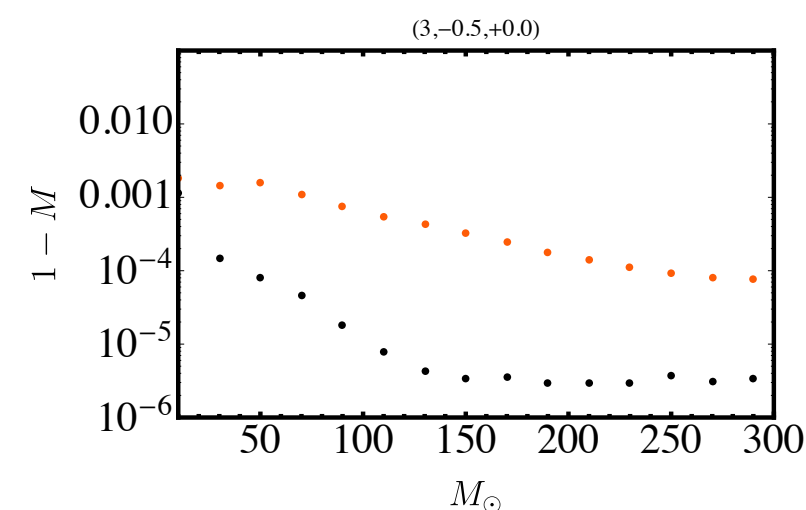
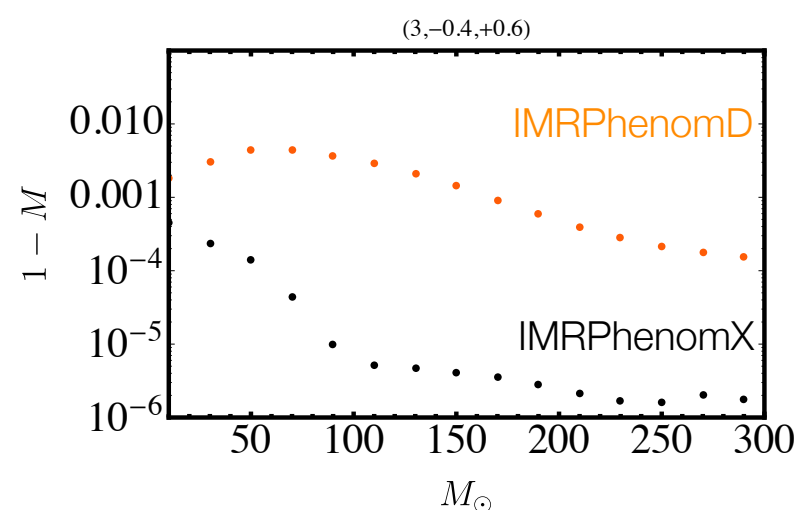
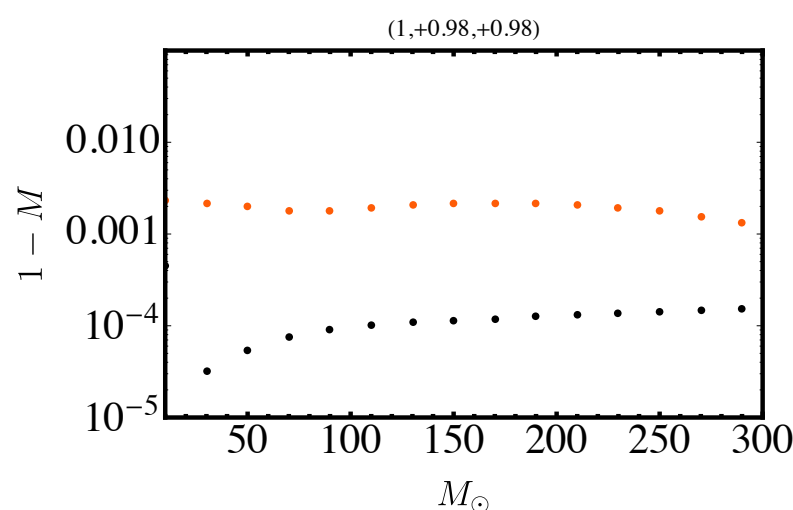
- The overlap is the noise weighted inner product

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

- Calculate *mismatch* between *normalised* waveforms  $\hat{h} = h / \sqrt{\langle h, h \rangle}$

$$\mathcal{M}(h_1, h_2) = 1 - \max_{t_0, \phi_0} \langle \hat{h}_1, \hat{h}_2 \rangle$$

- Indistinguishability  $\mathcal{M} \lesssim (2\rho^2)^{-1} \leftarrow \rho \lesssim 25$  need  $\mathcal{M} \lesssim 8 \times 10^{-4}$





# Summary

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- Focus has been on completing non-precessing 22-mode model (HM extensions discussed by Cecilio!)
  - *Need* high fidelity models for O3 and beyond (ET)!
  - Have robust method to fit to the non-precessing parameter space [ Jiménez+ (PRD2017), Keitel+ (arXiv:2016) ]
  - Have calibrated for the unequal spin effects
  - *Extreme mass ratio limit* constrains model - avoids **pathological** boundary conditions
  - Matching regions guided by *MECO*, *ISCO* and *ringdown* frequencies
  - **Preliminary** typical matches @ 20-200 solar masses  $\sim 10^{-4}$  to  $10^{-6}$
  - In Progress: Parameter estimation / Improved precessing models