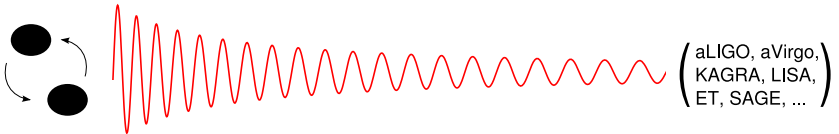


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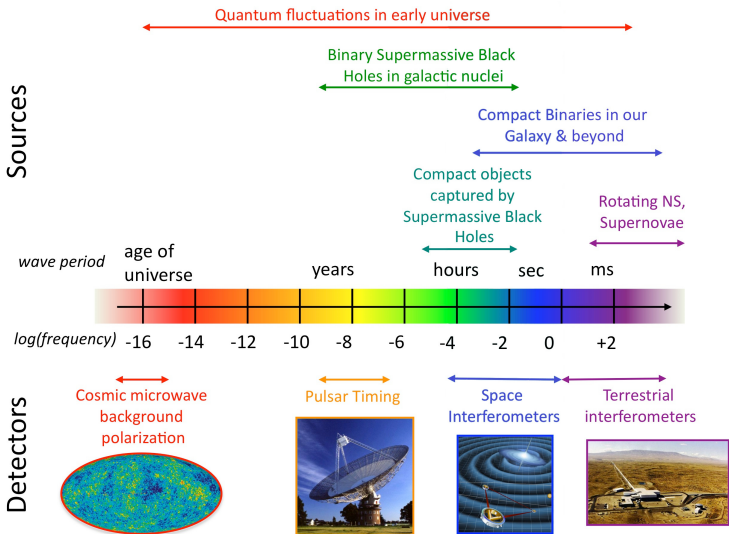
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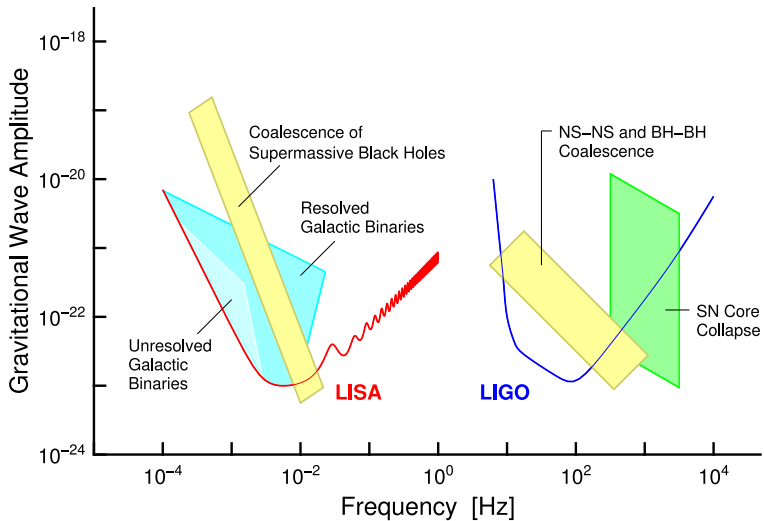
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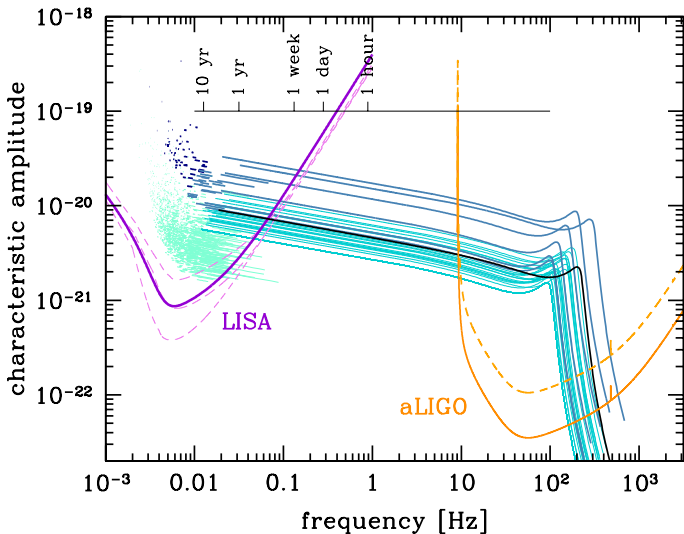
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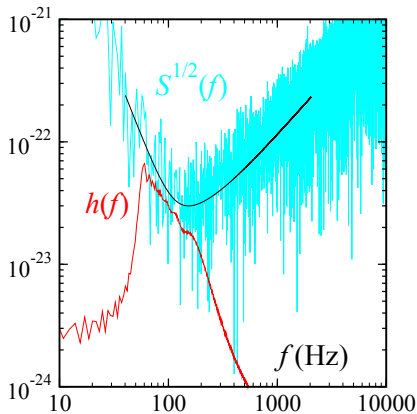
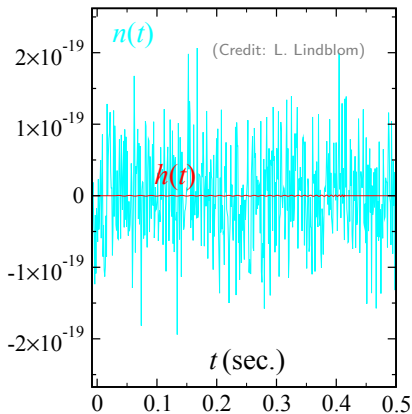
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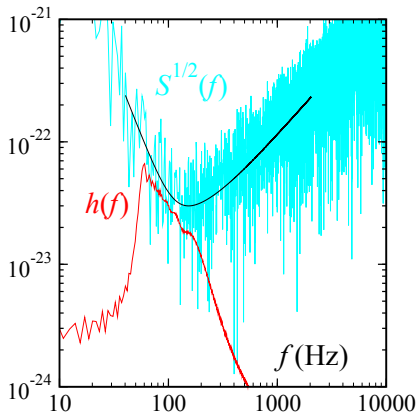
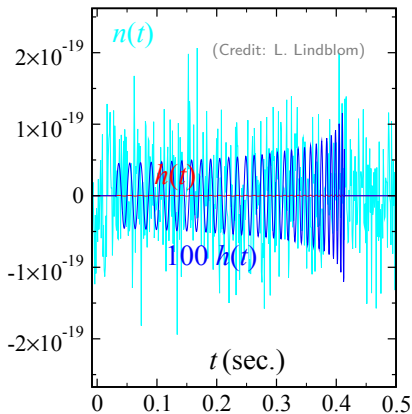
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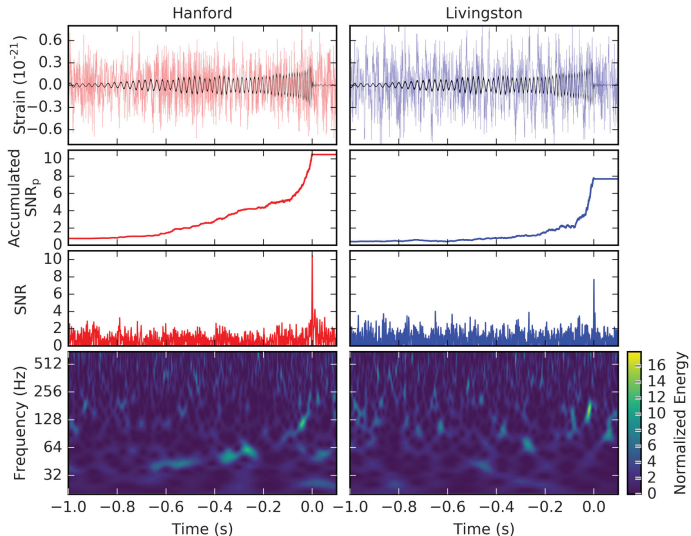
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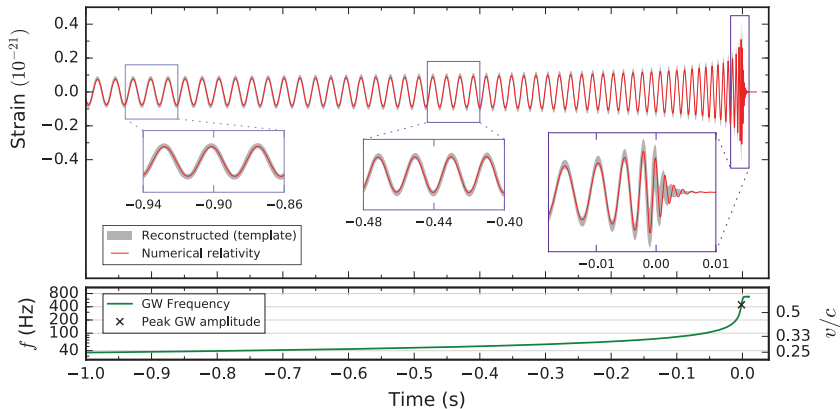


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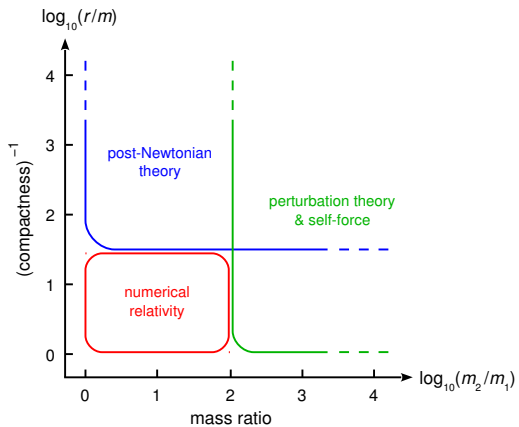
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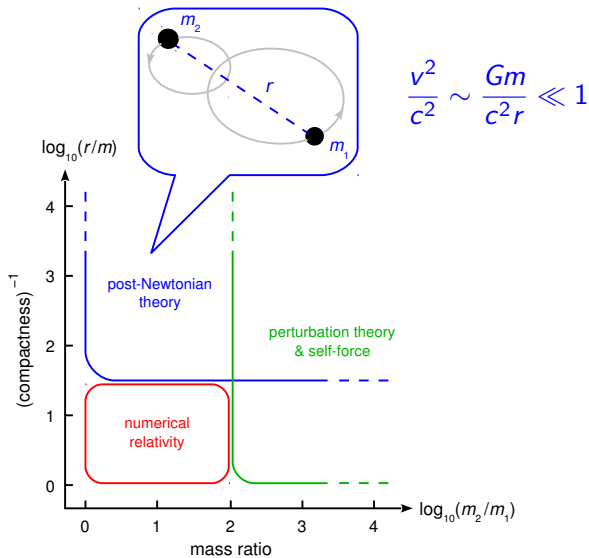
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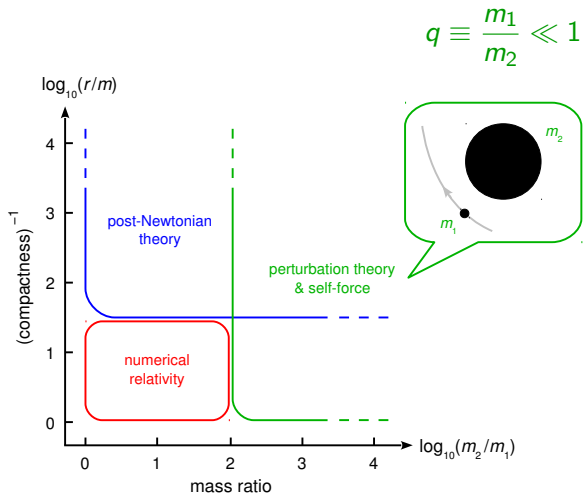
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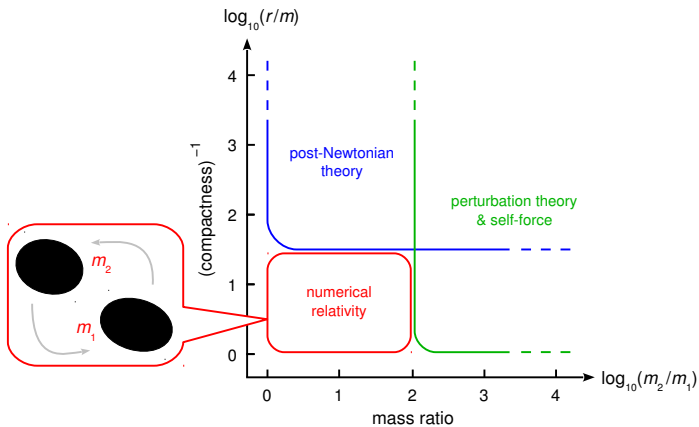
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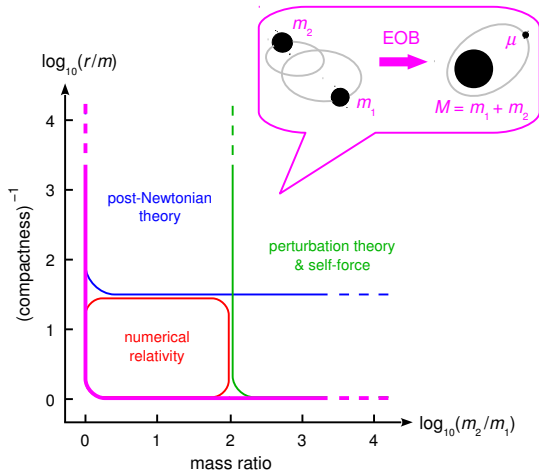
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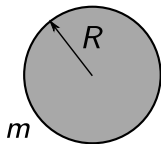
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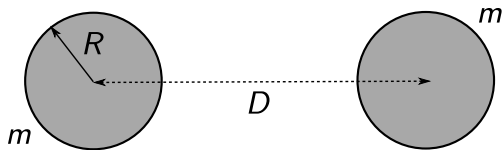
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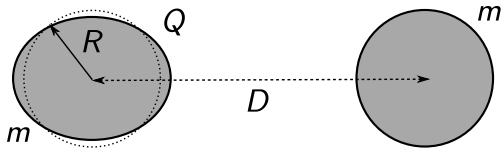
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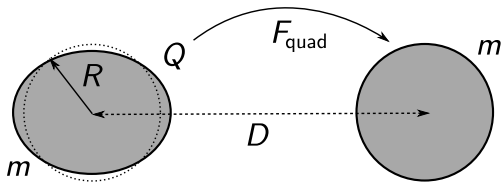


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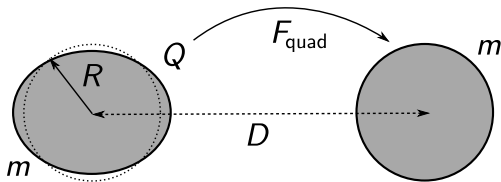
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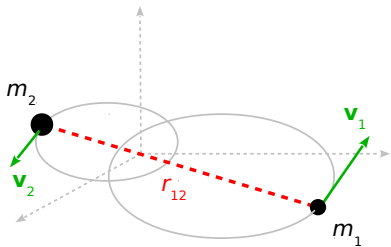
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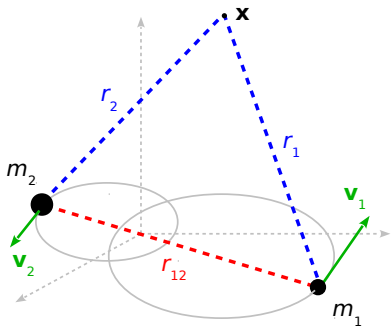
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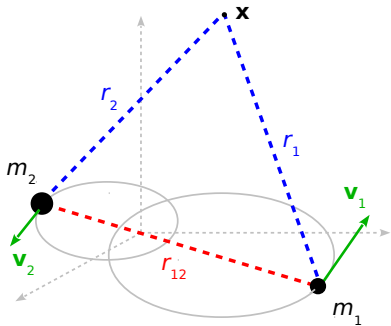


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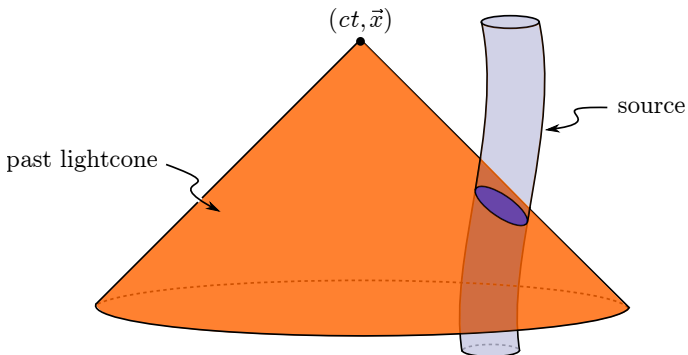
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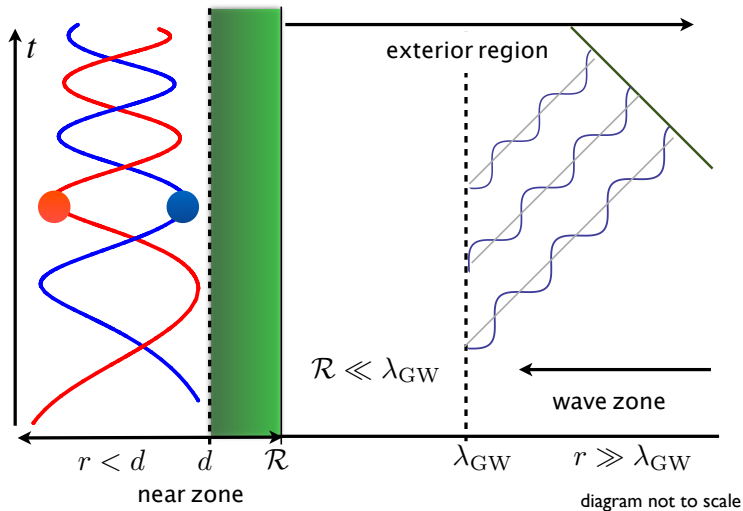
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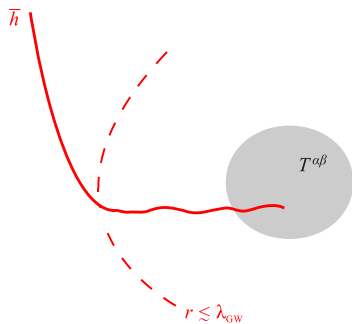
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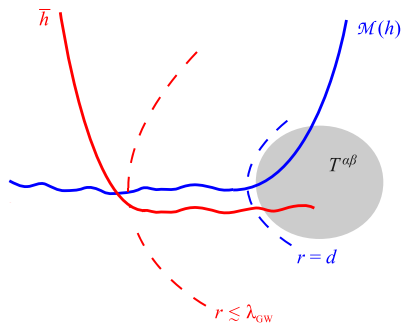
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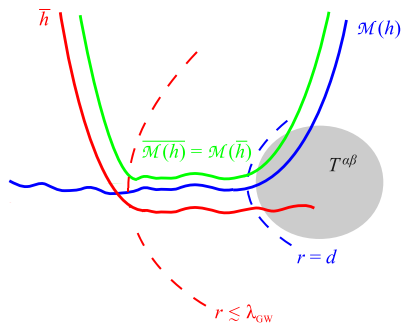
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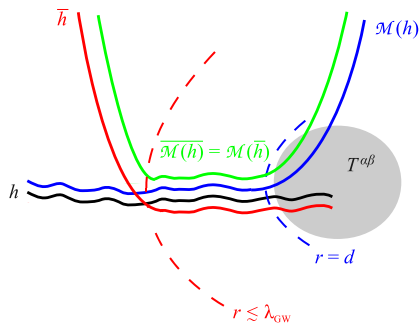
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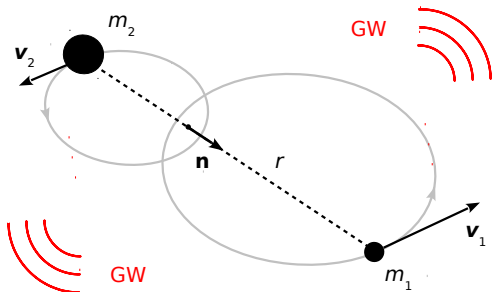
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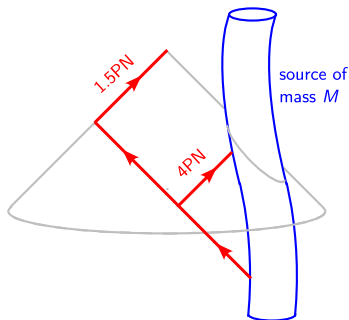
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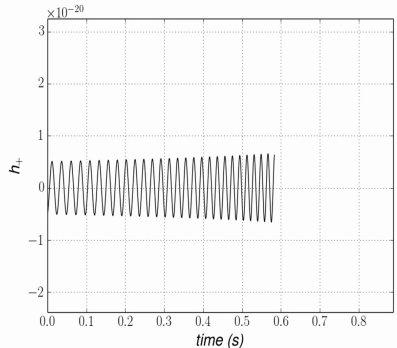
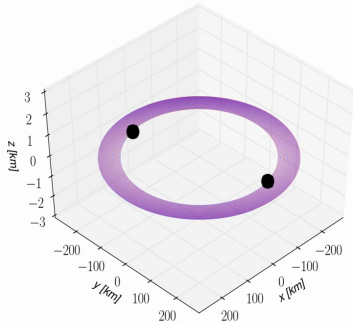
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$$\frac{dE}{dt} = -\mathcal{F} \implies \frac{d\omega}{dt} = -\frac{\mathcal{F}(\omega)}{E'(\omega)} \implies \phi(t) = \int^t \omega(t') dt'$$

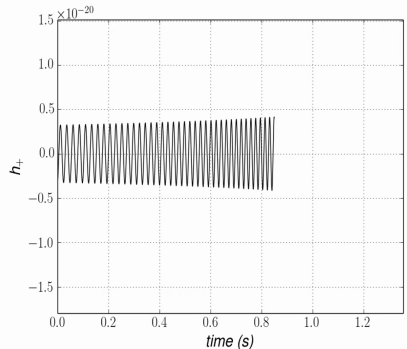
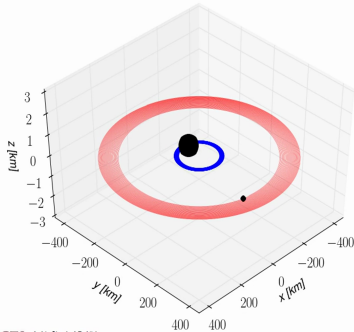
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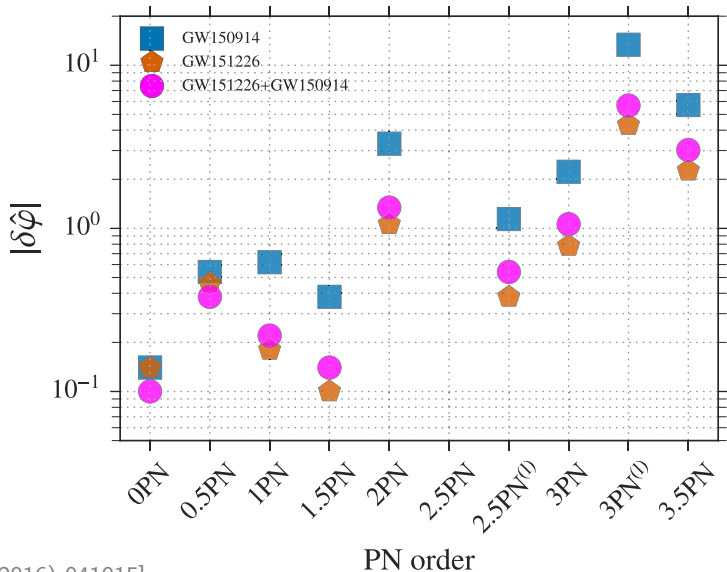


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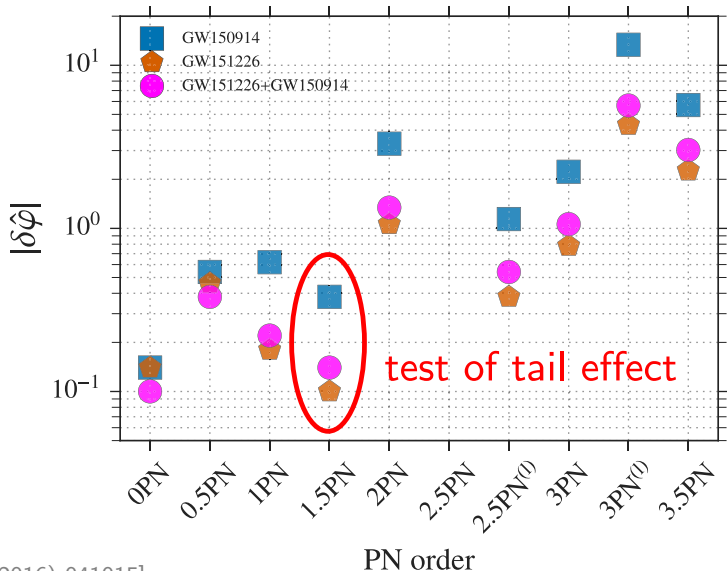
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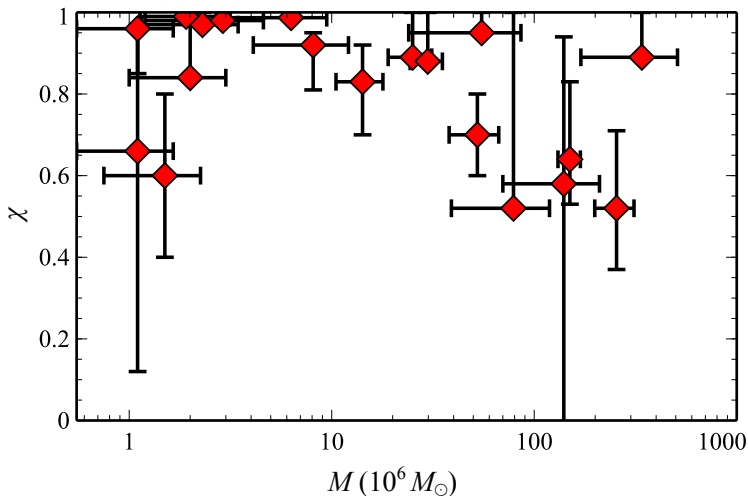
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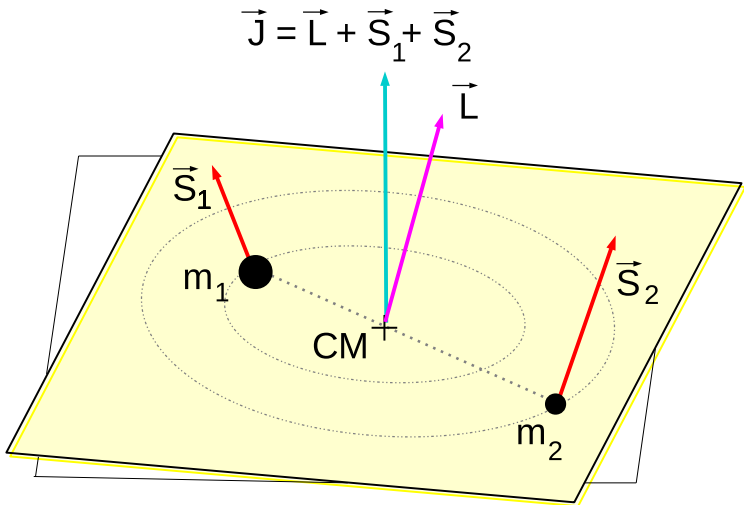
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Spins of supermassive black holes



Binary systems of spinning compact bodies



(Figure credit: L. Blanchet)

Spin-orbit coupling at leading order

[Barker & O'Connell 1975]



$$\frac{d\mathbf{S}_a}{dt} = \boldsymbol{\Omega}_a \times \mathbf{S}_a$$

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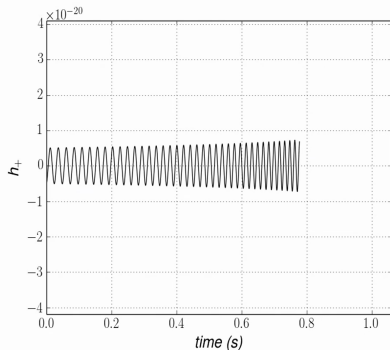
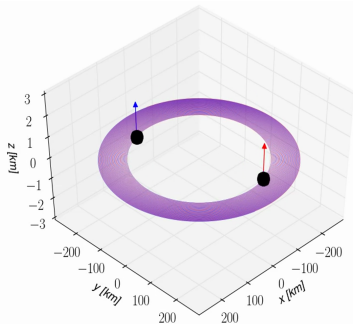
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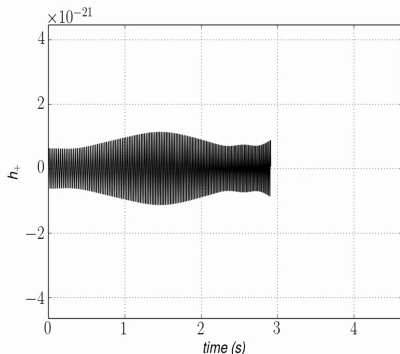
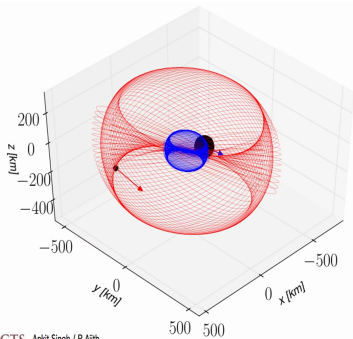
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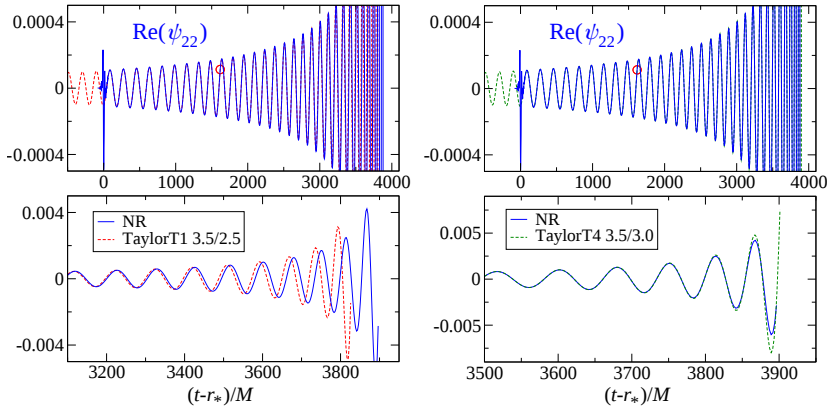


State of the art

	Spinless	Spin-Orbit	Spin-Squared	Tidal
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Energy flux	3.5PN	4PN	2PN	6PN
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Waveform amplitude	3PN	2PN	2PN	6PN

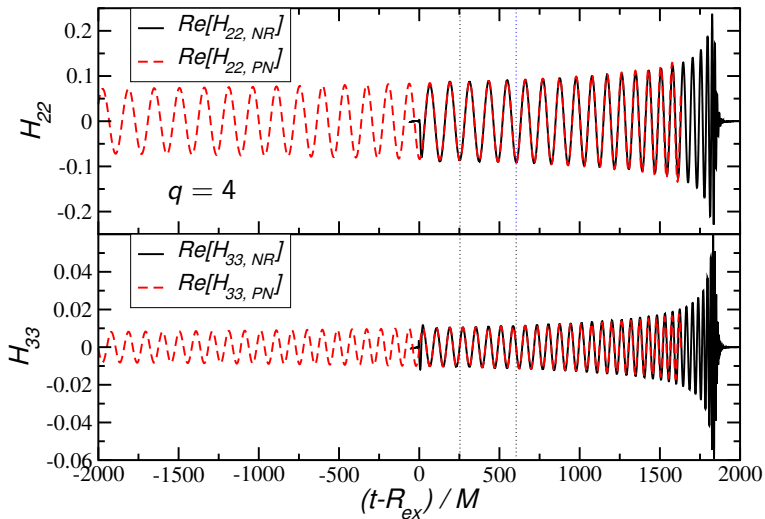
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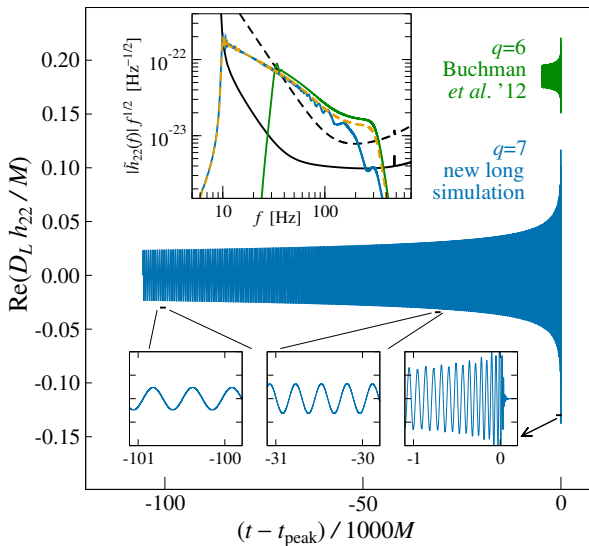
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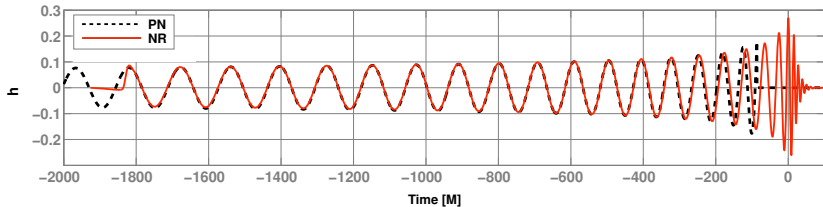


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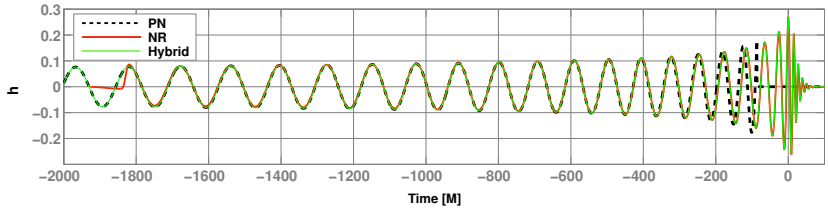
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Further reading

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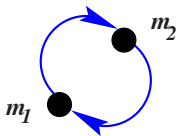
Topical books

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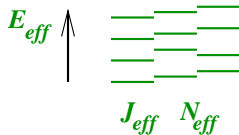
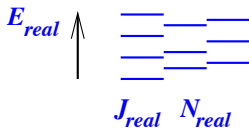
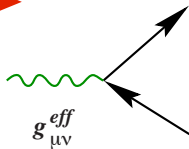
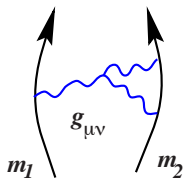
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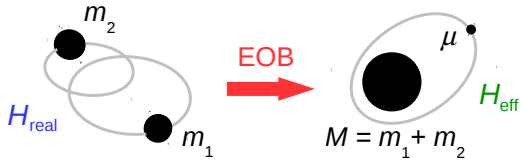
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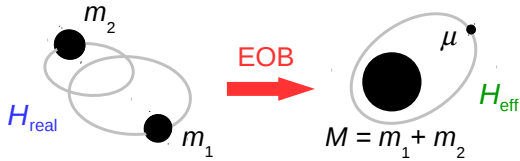
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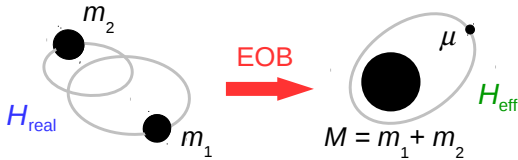
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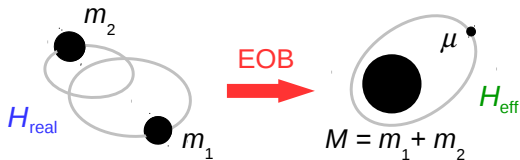
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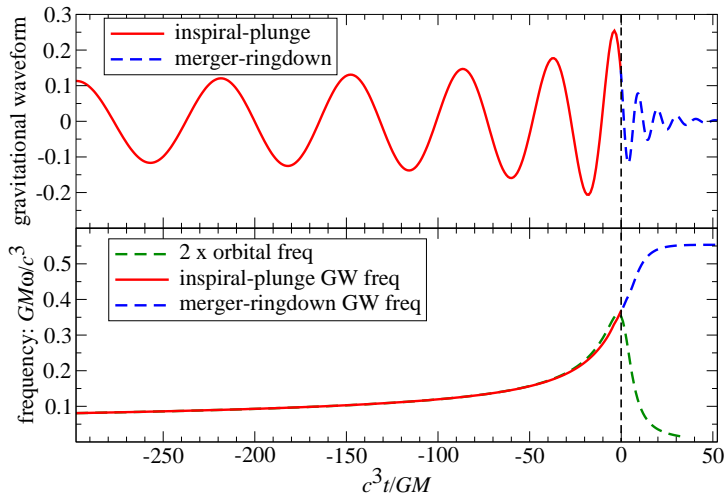
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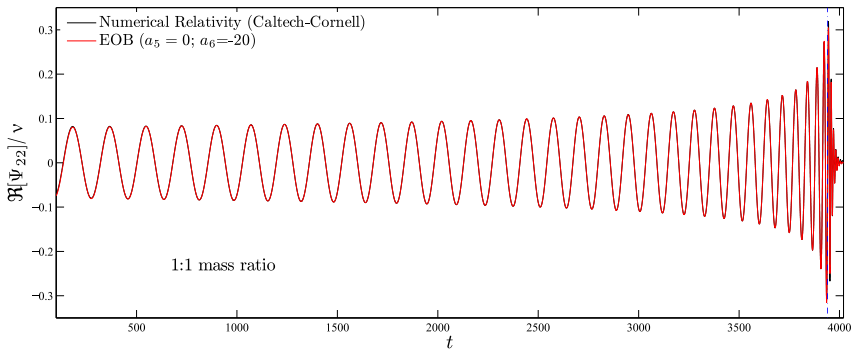
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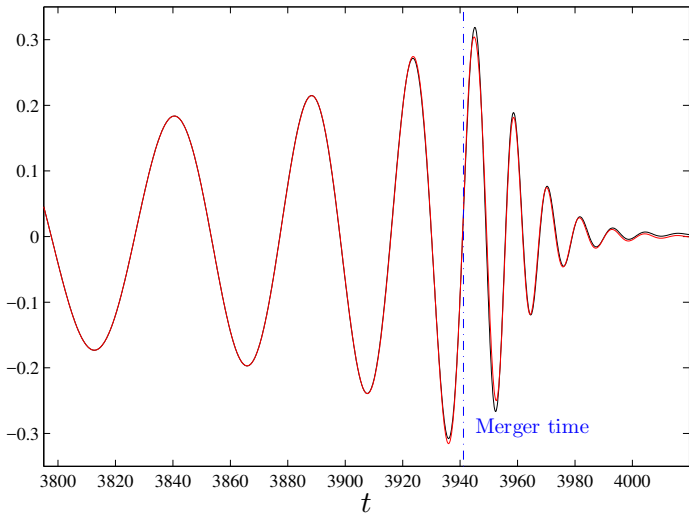
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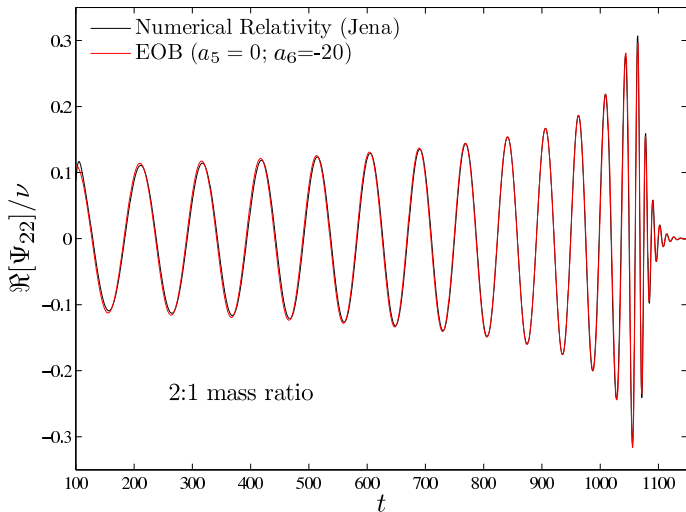
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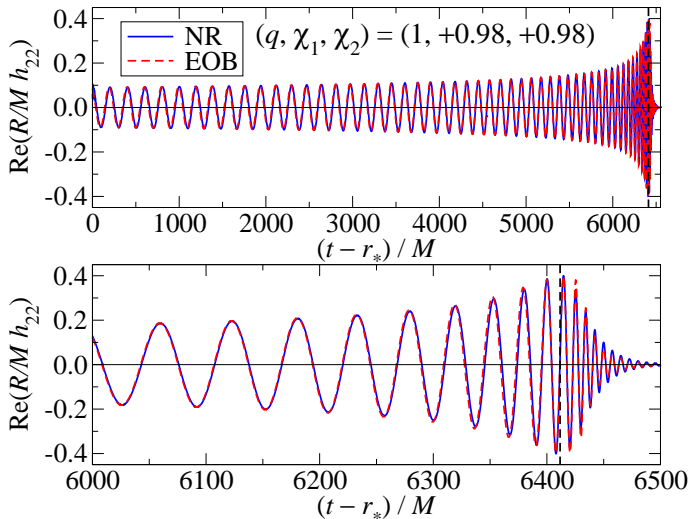
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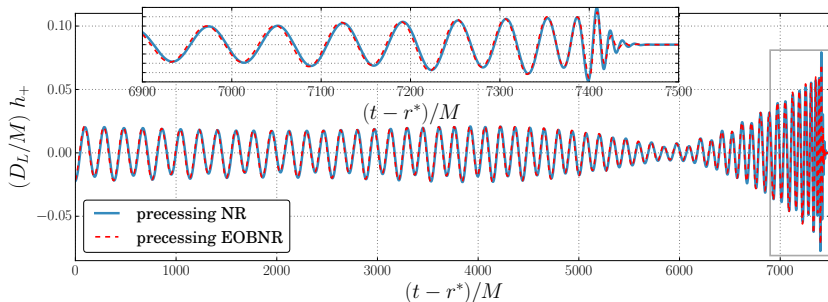
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