

Title: Binary black hole merger: symmetry and the spin expansion

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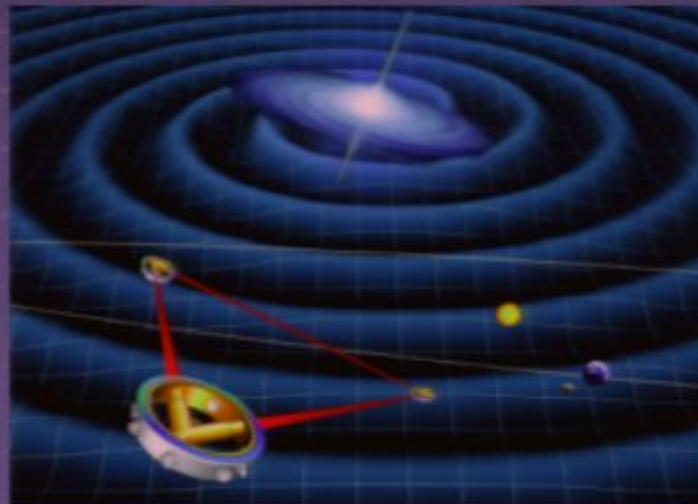


Near-Term Observations

LIGO



LISA



AGN



From Kerr to Kerr: *you can go home again*

- Relativists can now simulate the entire merger:
inspiral \rightarrow merger \rightarrow ringdown
- 2 widely separated Kerr BHs \rightarrow 1 final Kerr BH
- “No hair” theorem \rightarrow Kerr spacetime fully described by M , \mathbf{S} (and \mathbf{k} in general inertial frame)
- How much can we learn about BBH mergers purely from the symmetry of these simple initial and final states?

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What do we gain from the spin expansion?

- It is *simple*. It provides quantitative understanding about m , \mathbf{k} and \mathbf{s} --- even for NON-experts.
- It *complements* post-Newtonian and numerical approaches. Symmetries carry through the entire inspiral, merger, ringdown.
- It *separates* the dynamics of Einstein's equations (HARD) from more elementary geometry (MUCH EASIER).
- It is *efficient*. Calibrating with a handful of simulations, 7 parameter space $(q, \mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b})$ reduces to just 1 (q) .

Why is this an improvement?

Kidder formulae

- developed from PN expansions for *instantaneous* loss of E, L, P
- can only be applied at *merger*
- *linear* in the initial spins

$$\begin{aligned}\vec{V}_{\text{recoil}}(q, \vec{\alpha}_i) &= v_m \hat{e}_1 + v_{\perp} (\cos(\xi) \hat{e}_1 + \sin(\xi) \hat{e}_2) + v_{\parallel} \hat{e}_z, \\ v_m &= A \frac{q^2(1-q)}{(1+q)^5} \left(1 + B \frac{q}{(1+q)^2} \right), \\ v_{\perp} &= H \frac{q^2}{(1+q)^5} (\alpha_2^{\parallel} - q\alpha_1^{\parallel}), \\ v_{\parallel} &= K \cos(\Theta - \Theta_0) \frac{q^2}{(1+q)^5} (\alpha_2^{\perp} - q\alpha_1^{\perp}), \quad (1)\end{aligned}$$

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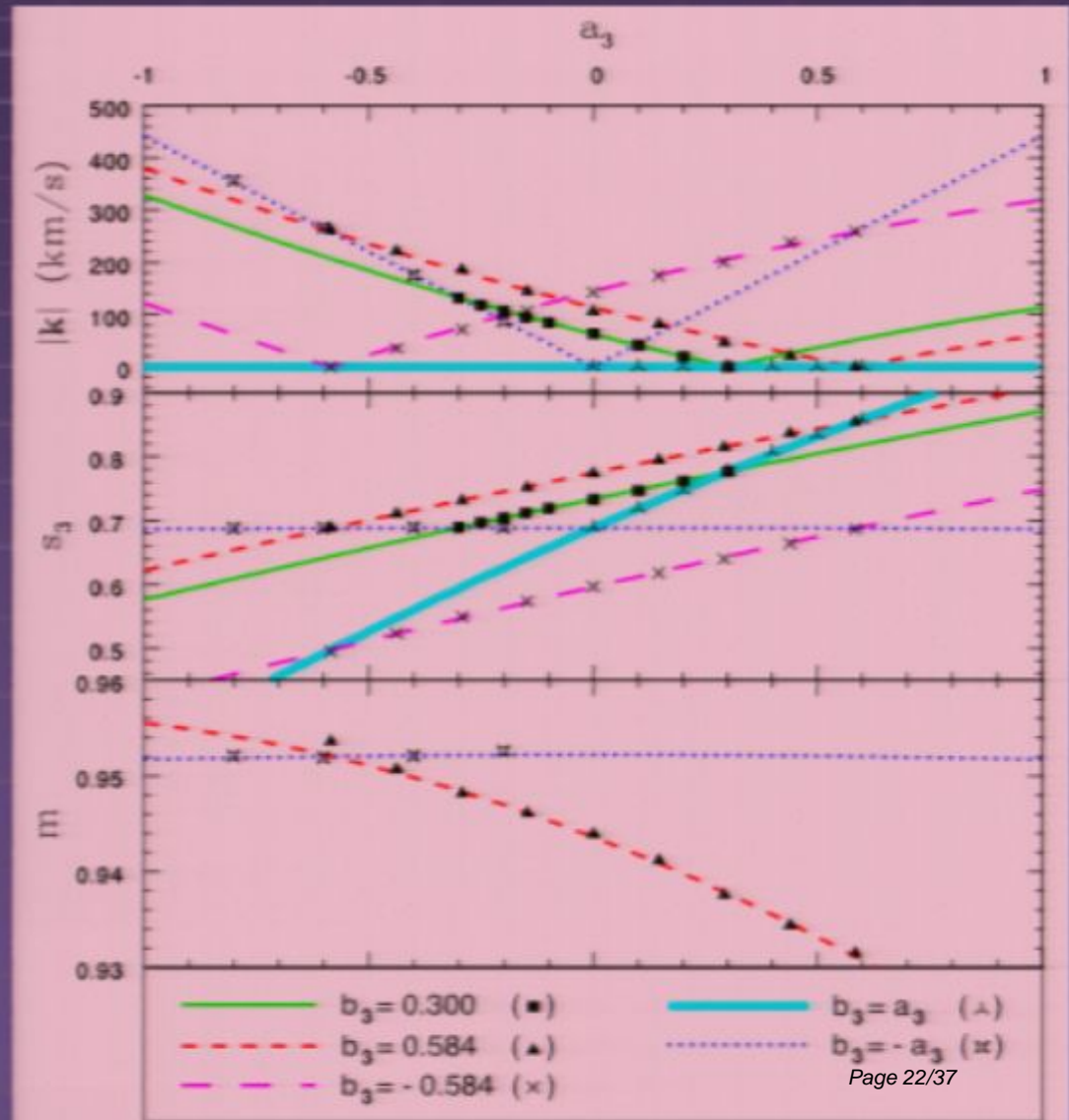
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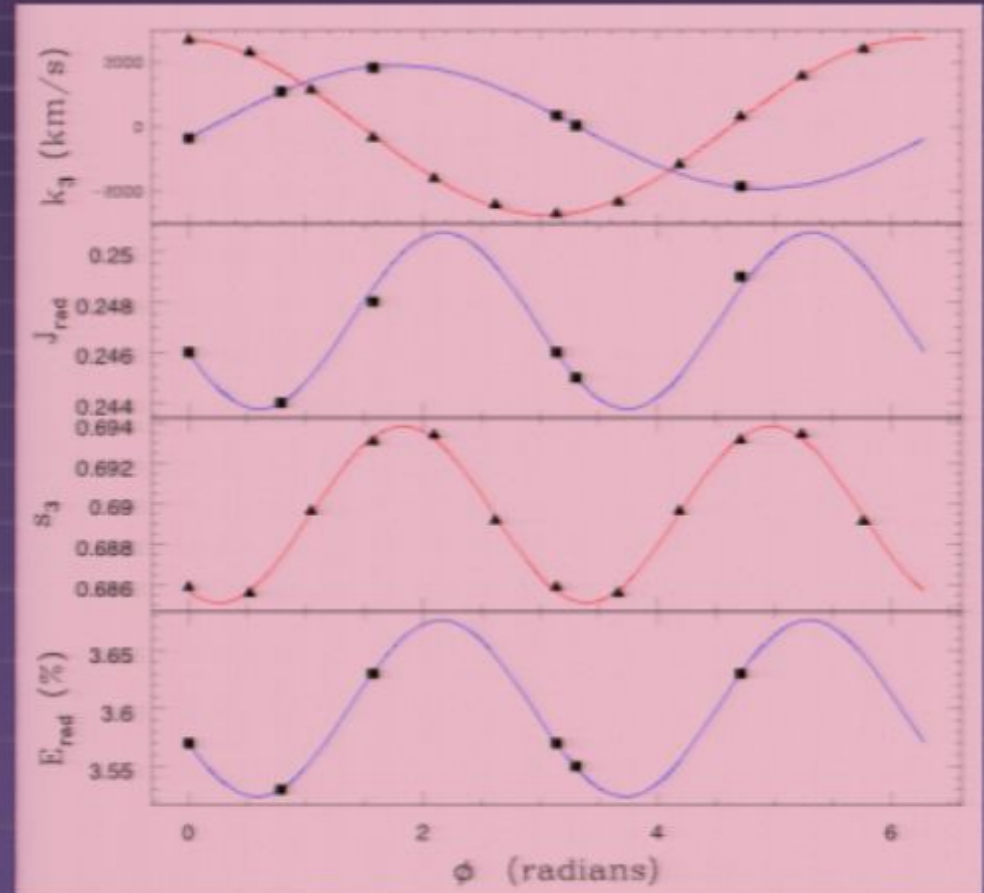
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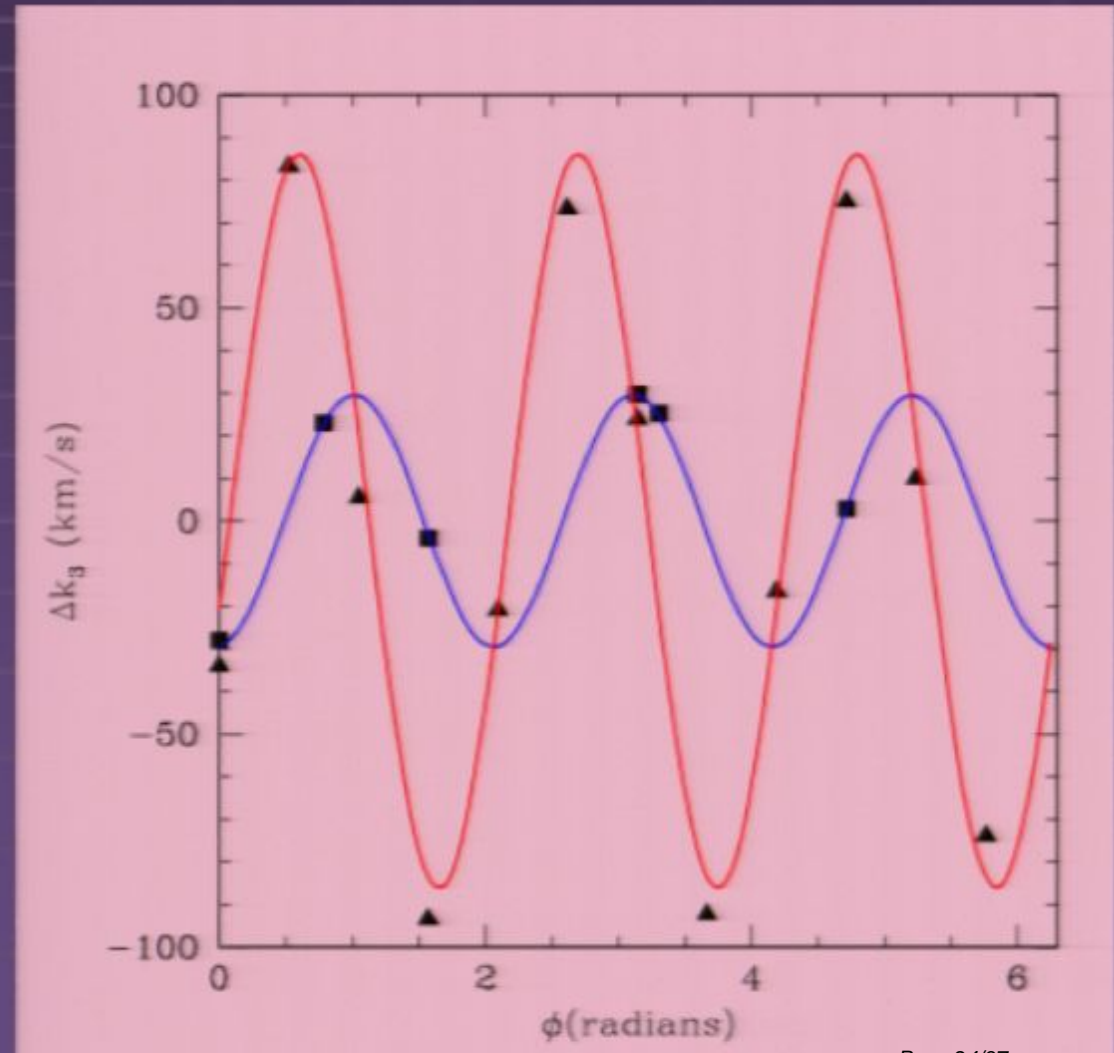
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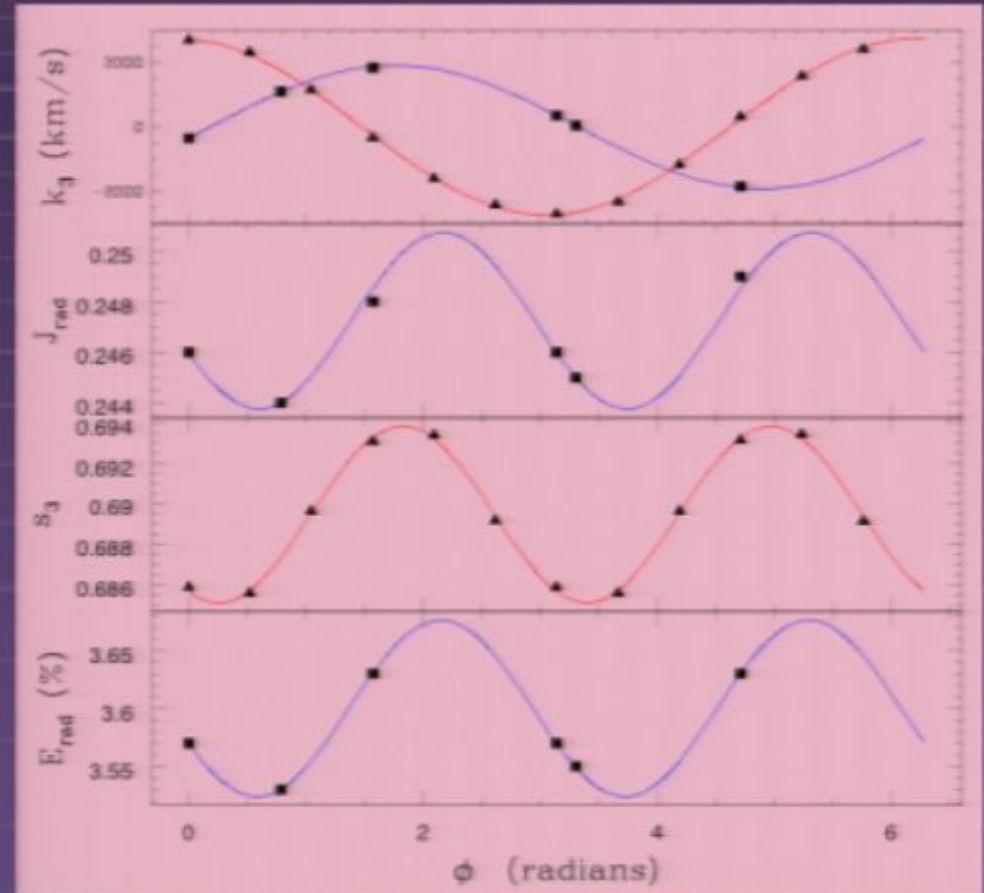
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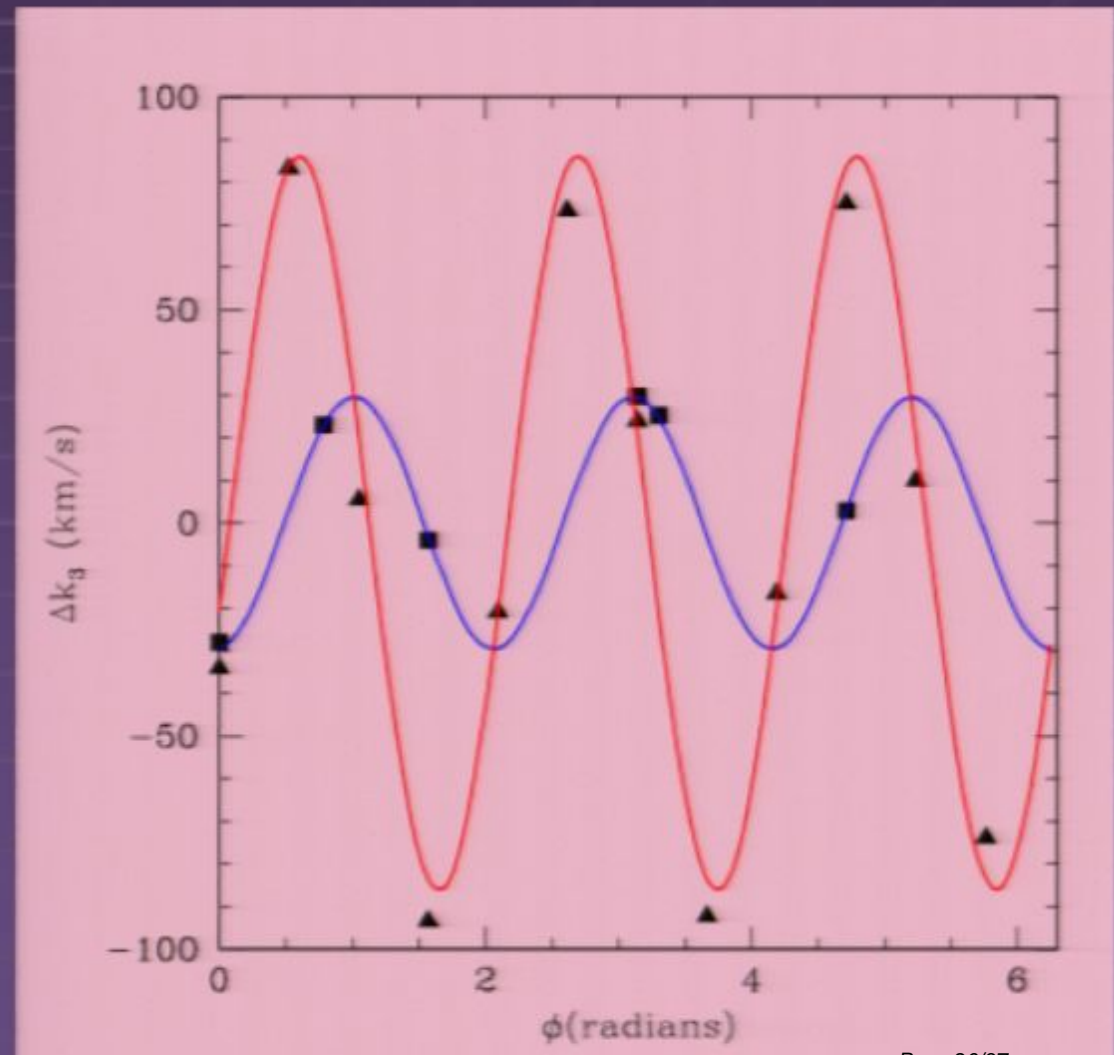
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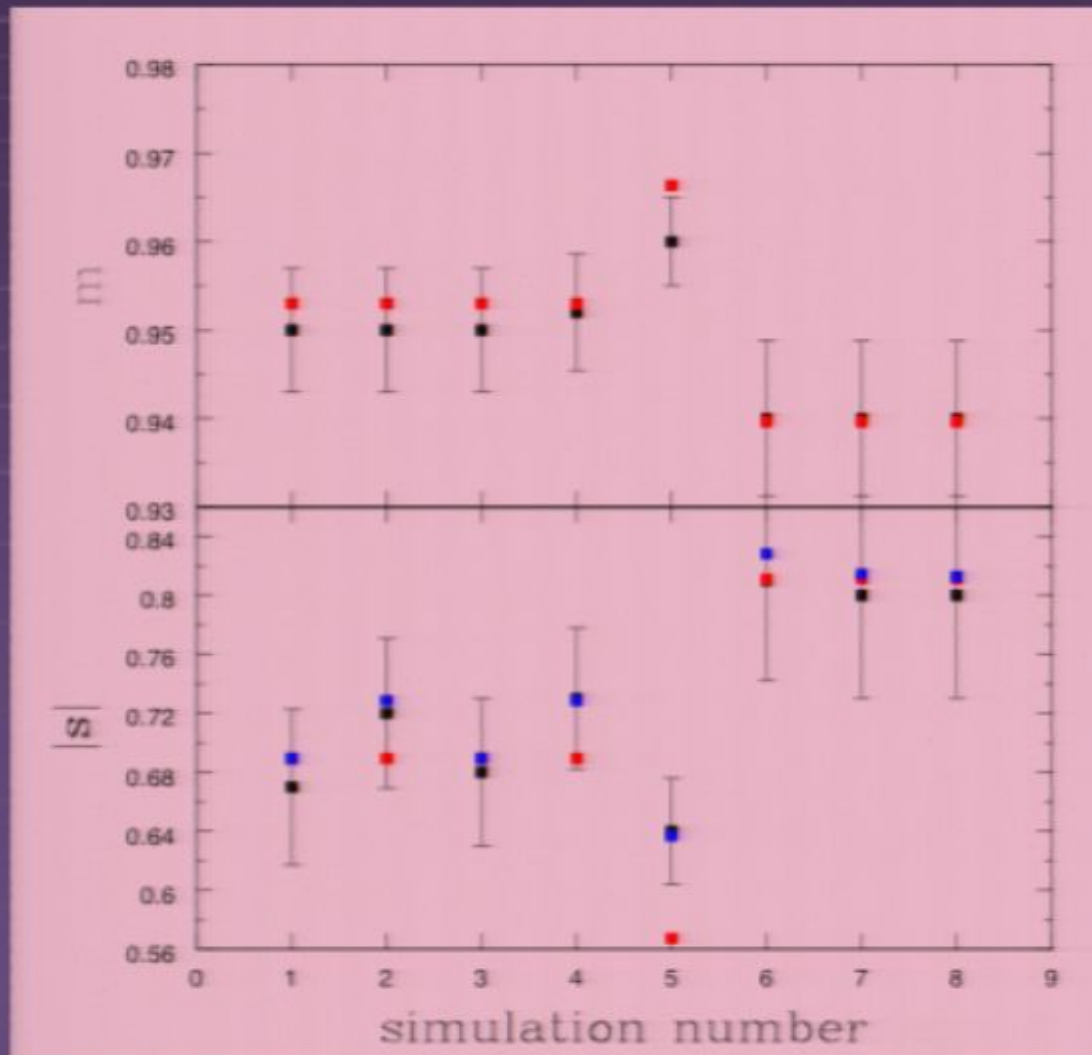
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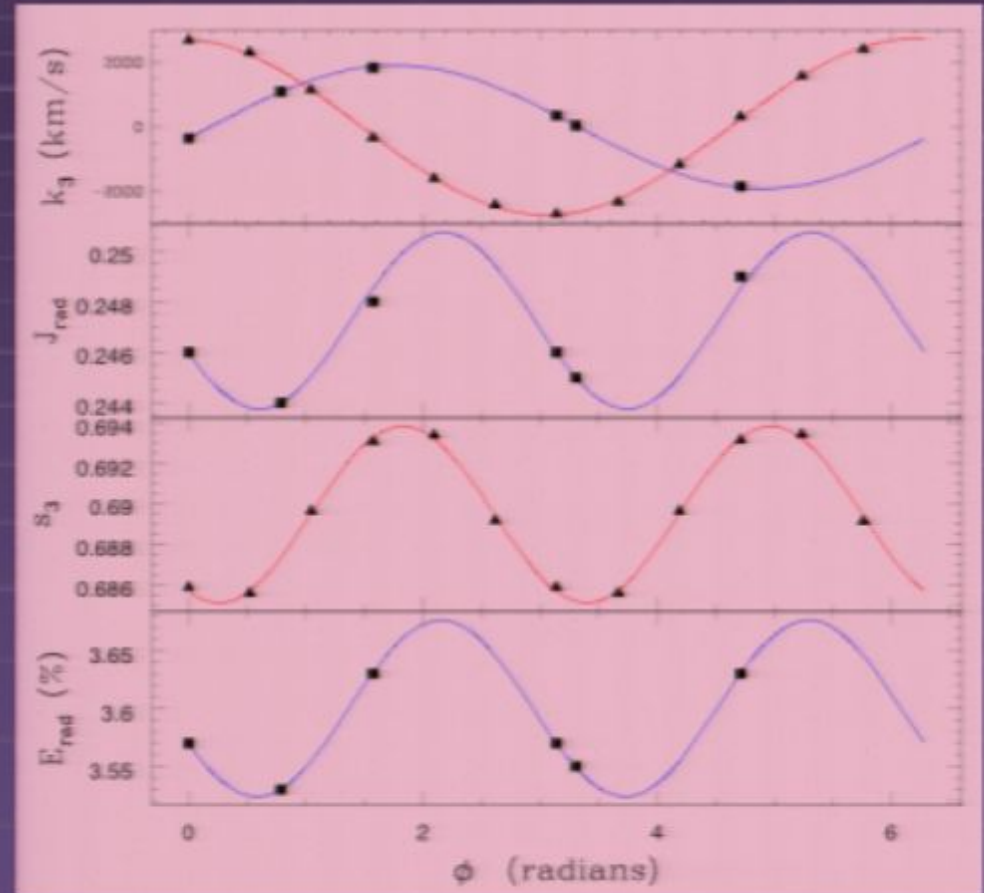
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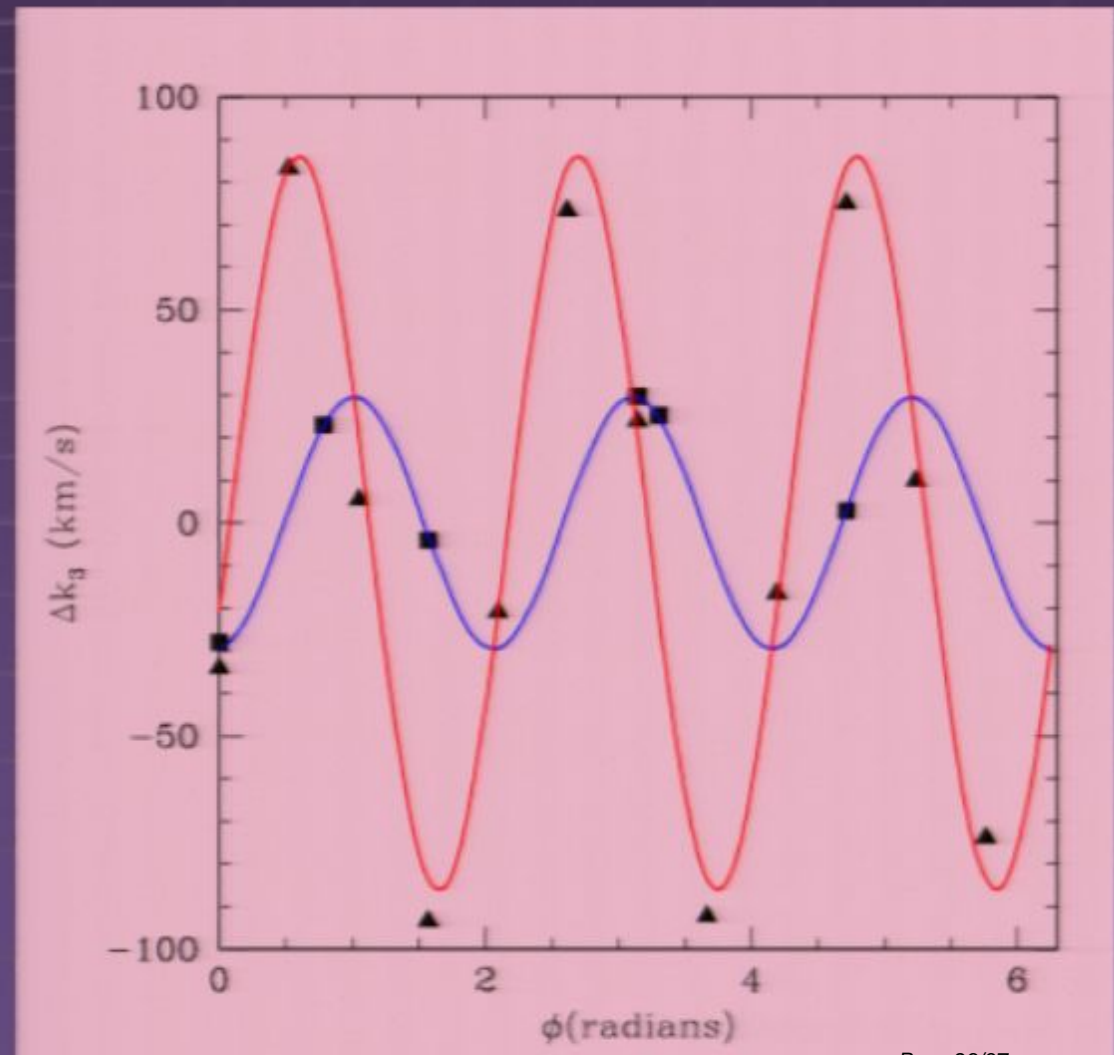
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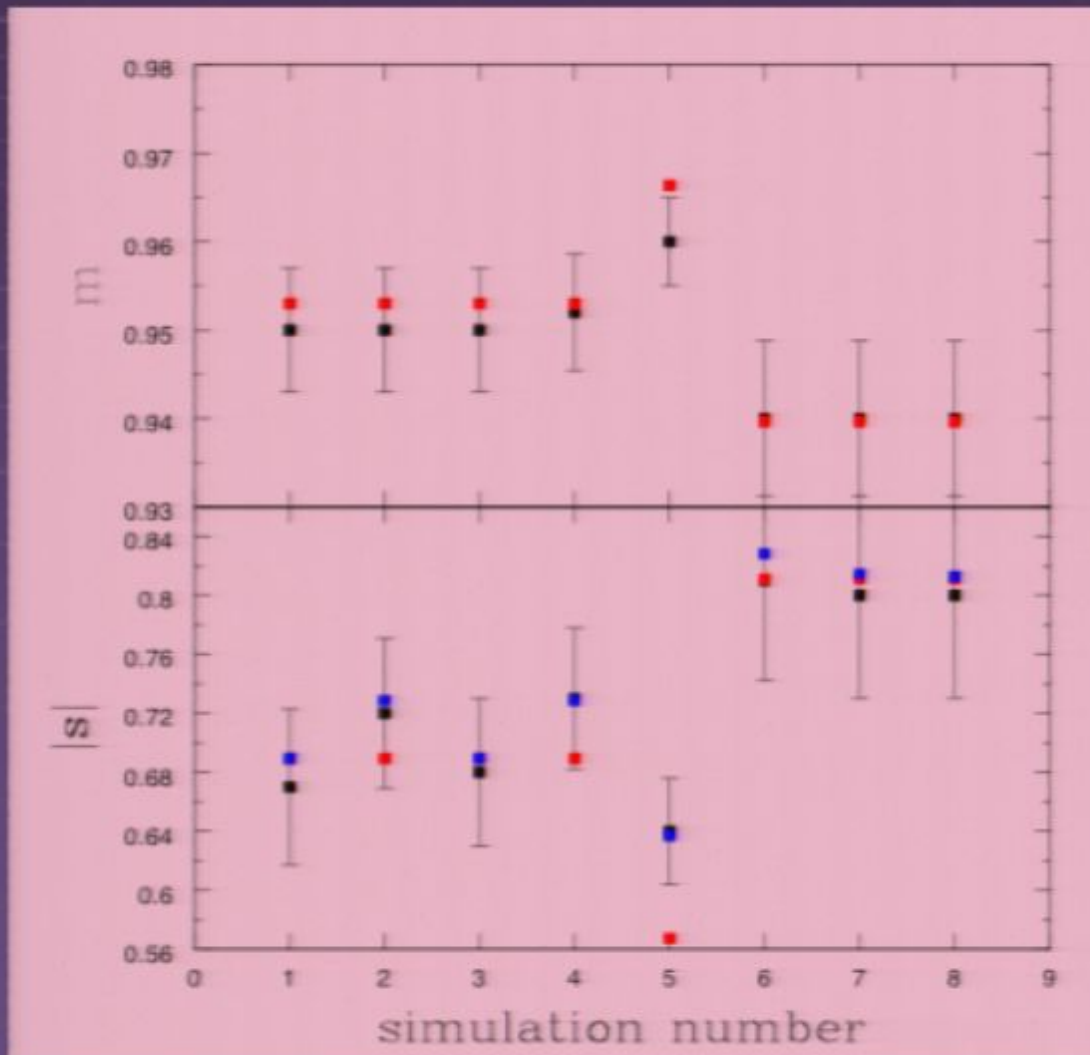
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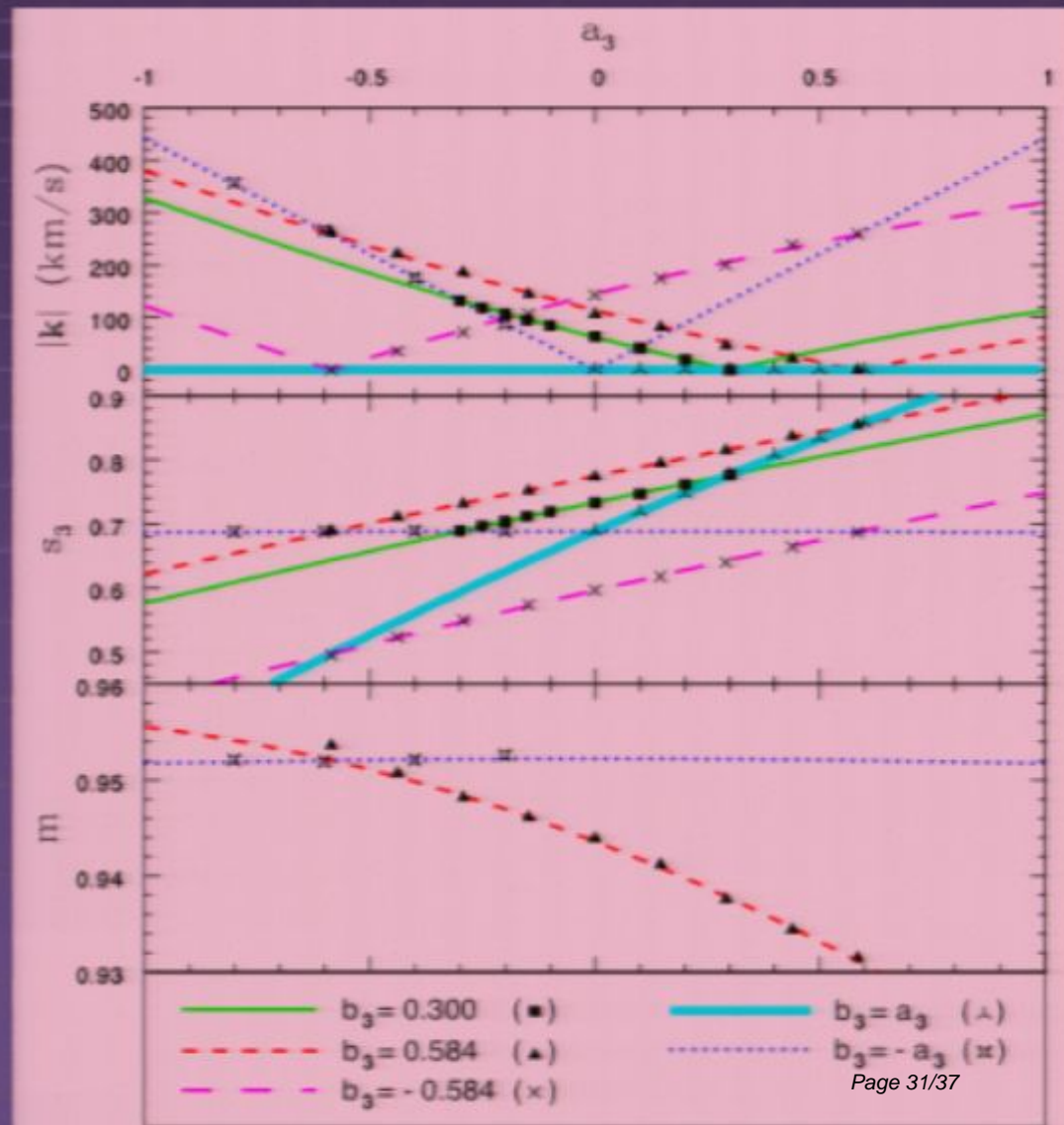
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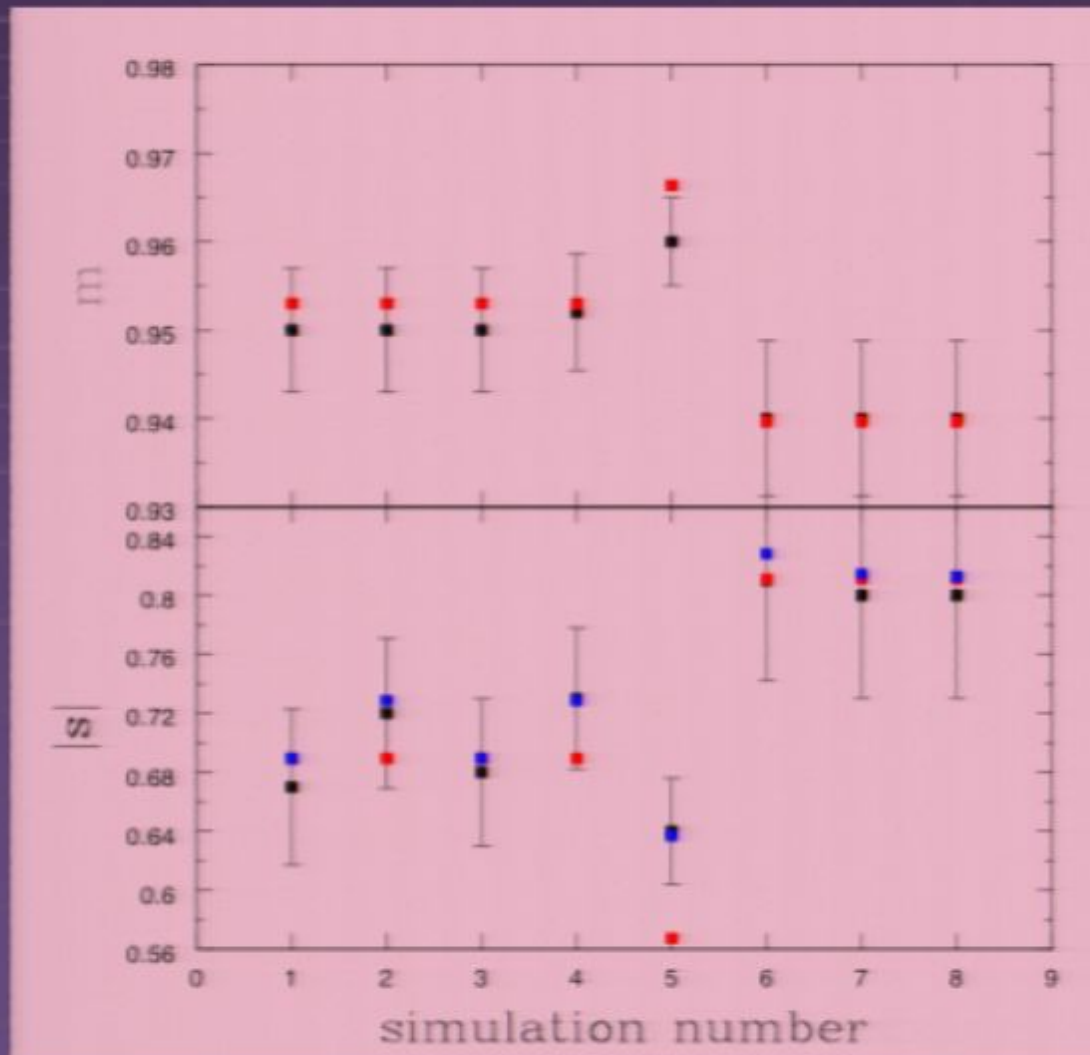
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Conclusions

- Numerical breakthroughs inaugurated a “Golden Age of Relativity”
- We introduce a “spin expansion” that is:
 - Simple
 - Complementary
 - Informative
 - Efficient
- We make a host of *quantitative* predictions waiting to be tested, e.g. for kick components in the case equal and opposite spins:

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