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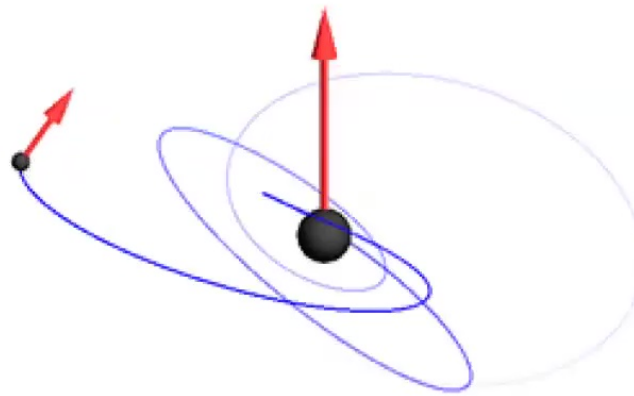
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# Gravitational Self-Force & You

## An Introduction to Everybody's Capra talk

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# First principle approaches to modelling relativistic binaries

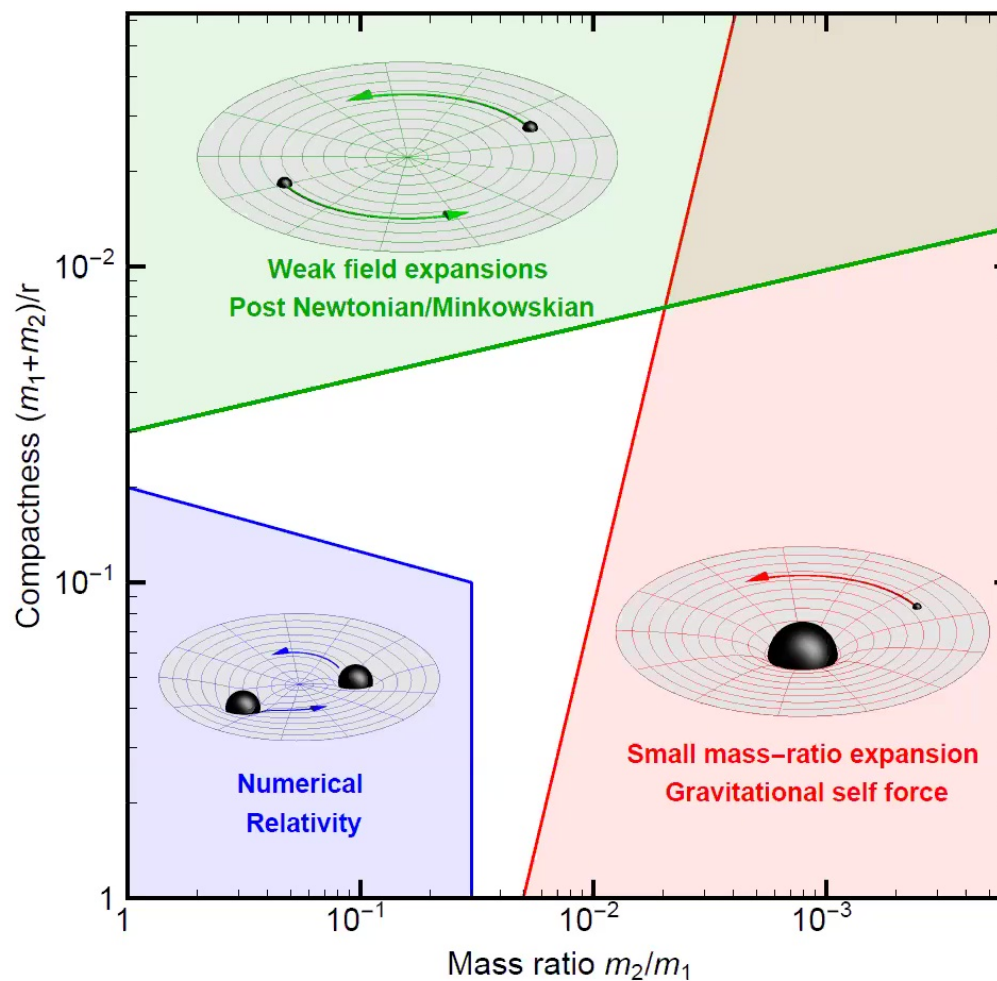
## Weak Field

- Analytical
- LO: Newtonian dynamics
- Does not converge in strong field

## Numerical Relativity

- Numerical
- "GR on a grid"
- Limited in length and mass-ratio

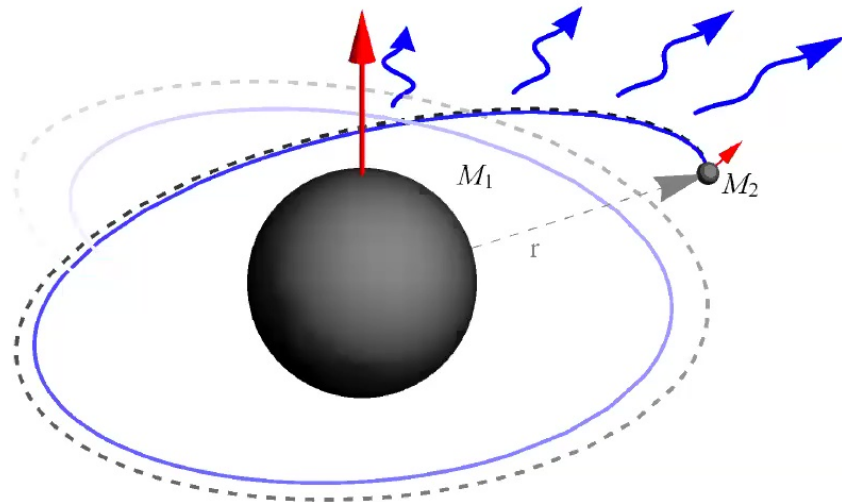
See: Rüter's talk



## Small mass-ratio

- Numerical/Analytical
- Black hole perturbation theory
- LO: geodesics
- Works for complete Inspiral-Merger-Ringdown

# The canonical setup: Extreme Mass Ratio Inspiral



## Primary object

- Kerr black hole
- mass  $M_1$  (typical:  $10^6 M_\odot$ )
- spin  $a_1 = S_1/M_1$

## Secondary object

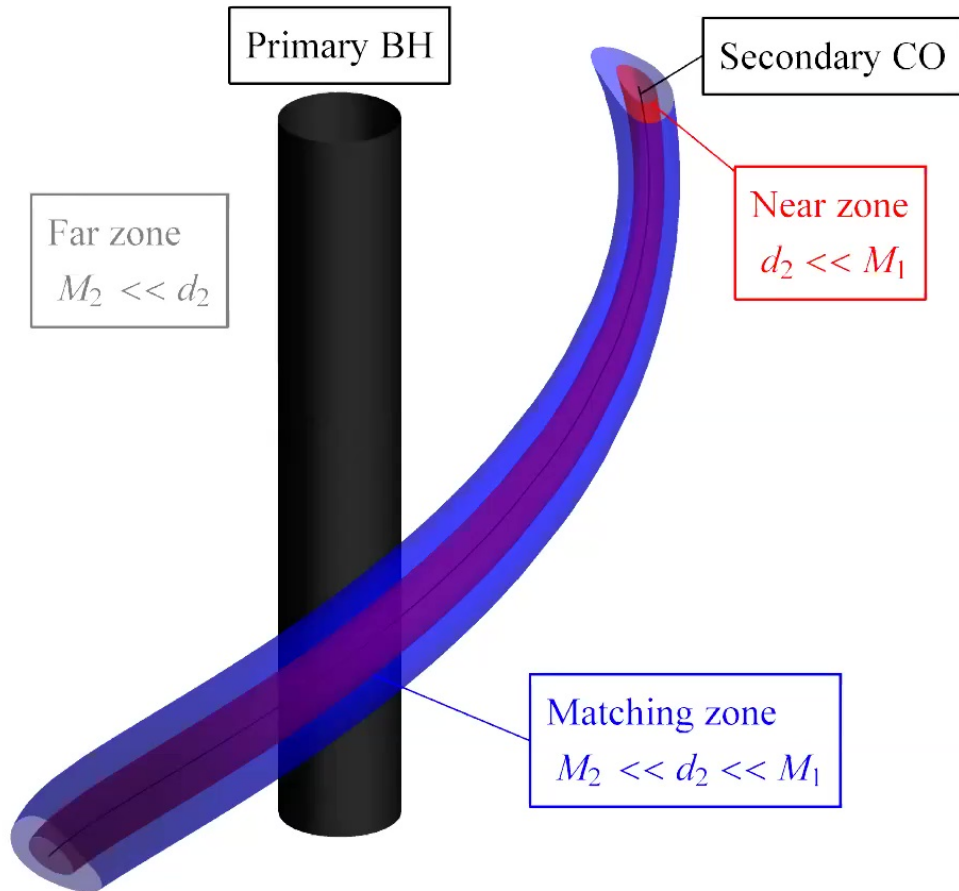
- Compact object (black hole/neutron star/white dwarf/ECO)
- mass  $M_2$  (typical:  $1 - 30 M_\odot$ )
- size  $\mathcal{O}(M_2)$
- spin  $a_2 = S_2/M_2 = \mathcal{O}(M_2)$

## Notations/Conventions

- $G = c = 1$  (What else would they be?)
- $q = M_2/M_1 \ll 1$  mass-ratio (typical:  $10^{-5}$ )
- $\nu = M_1 M_2 / (M_1 + M_2)^2 = \mathcal{O}(q)$  symmetric mass-ratio

# Equations of Motion: Matched asymptotic expansions

[Mino, Sasaki & Tanaka, 1997] [Poisson, 2003][Pound, 2008-]



## Near zone

Geometry of **secondary** (in rest frame) plus perturbations generated by **primary**. General solution as expansion in  $\delta = d_2/M_1$ :

$$g_{\mu\nu}^{\text{near}} = g_{\mu\nu}^{\text{CO}} + \delta h_{\mu\nu}^{\text{near},1} + \delta^2 h_{\mu\nu}^{\text{near},2} + \mathcal{O}(\delta^3)$$

## Far zone

Kerr geometry of **primary** plus perturbations generated by **secondary**. General solution as expansion in  $q$ :

$$g_{\mu\nu}^{\text{far}} = g_{\mu\nu}^{\text{Kerr}} + q h_{\mu\nu}^{\text{far},1} + q^2 h_{\mu\nu}^{\text{far},2} + \mathcal{O}(q^3)$$

## Matching

In the **matching zone** both approximations are valid, and the two expansions can be matched.



# Equations of Motion: Matched asymptotic expansions II

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## Results

Coupled equations for metric:

$$g_{\mu\nu}^{\text{far}} = g_{\mu\nu}^{\text{Kerr}} + q h_{\mu\nu}^1[z^\mu] + q^2 h_{\mu\nu}^2[z^\mu] + \mathcal{O}(q^3)$$

and secondary is parallel transported along an effective worldline in the background metric

$$\frac{D}{d\tau} z^\mu(\tau) = q F_1^\mu[h^1] + q^2 F_2^\mu[h^1, h^2] + \mathcal{O}(q^3)$$

## Leading order

- Metric is given by the Kerr metric of the primary.
- The effective worldline of the secondary is given by a geodesic.

## First order

- The first order metric perturbation  $h_{\mu\nu}^1$  is sourced by a point mass  $M_2$ .
- Split into a singular  $h_{\mu\nu}^{1,S}$  and regular part  $h_{\mu\nu}^{1,R}$  [Detweiler&Whiting, 2003]
- Effective worldline is a geodesic in the effective spacetime  $g_{\mu\nu}^{\text{Kerr}} + q h_{\mu\nu}^{1,R}$ ,
- corrected by the Mathisson-Papapetrou-Dixon force due to  $a_2$ .

## Second order See: Pound's talk

- $h_{\mu\nu}^2$  is sourced by  $h_{\mu\nu}^1$ ,  $M_2$ , and  $a_2$ .
- Can't use point source, solve directly for  $h_{\mu\nu}^{2,R}$ .
- Effective worldline is a geodesic in the effective spacetime  $g_{\mu\nu}^{\text{Kerr}} + q h_{\mu\nu}^{1,R} + q^2 h_{\mu\nu}^{2,R}$ ,
- corrections due to spin and quadrupole coupling to background.



# Evolution and waveforms: two-timescale expansion [Hinderer&Flanagan, 2008][MvdM&Warburton, 2018]

[Pound&Wardell, 2021][Miller&Pound, 2021]

Two approaches:

## 1. Self-consistent evolution

Simultaneous solve for both worldline and metric in time domain. Issues:

- Computationally expensive ( $\Rightarrow$  slow!)
- Tricky numerical stability over  $\mathcal{O}(10^5)$  orbital cycles.

## 2. Two-timescale expansion

Split dynamics in processes that happen on the orbital timescale ( $\mathcal{O}(M_1)$ ) and processes that happen on the much longer inspiral timescale ( $\mathcal{O}(M_1^2/M_2)$ ).

Advantages:

- Strain and gravitational self-force can be calculated as “snapshots” starting from a geodesic.
- Given precomputed strain and self-force data covering the parameter space, inspirals and waveforms can be generated efficiently and robustly.



# Evolution and waveforms: Post-Adiabatic expansion [Hinderer&Flanagan, 2008][MvdM&Warburton, 2018]

[Pound&Wardell, 2021][Miller&Pound, 2021]

When expanding the waveform in powers of  $q$ , the separation of timescales leads to reordering of the terms with respect to the equations of motion. Secular dissipative terms are promoted relative to their conservative and oscillatory counterparts.

## Adiabatic order (0PA)

- Accumulated phase error over inspiral  $\mathcal{O}(q^{-1})$ .
- Needs: strain generated by geodesic.
- Needs: orbited averaged dissipative part of  $F_1$  ("Fluxes").

## 1-post adiabatic order (1PA)

- Accumulated phase error over inspiral  $\mathcal{O}(q^0)$ .
- Needs: full  $F_1$
- Needs: orbited averaged dissipative part of  $F_2$ .
- Needs: MPD corrections due to  $a_2$

## 2-post adiabatic order (2PA)

- Accumulated phase error over inspiral  $\mathcal{O}(q)$ .
- Needs: second order correction to the snapshot strain.
- Needs: full  $F_2$  and orbited averaged dissipative part of  $F_3$ .
- Needs: corrections due to  $a_2$  and secondary quadrupole.





# Evolution and waveforms: Orbital Resonances

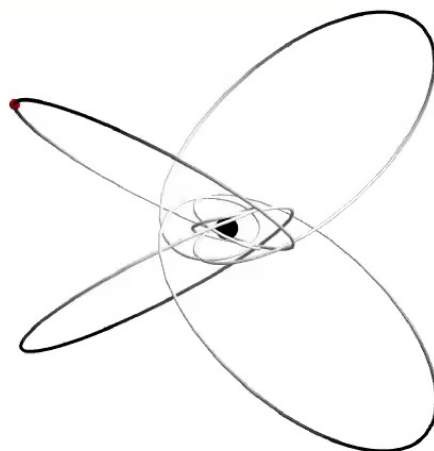
- Occur when integer combination  $n\Omega_r + k\Omega_\theta + m\Omega_\phi$  vanishes.
- Temporarily transforms oscillatory effect into secular effect.
- Introduces a third time-scale  $\mathcal{O}(q^{-1/2})$  in the dynamics.

## Types:

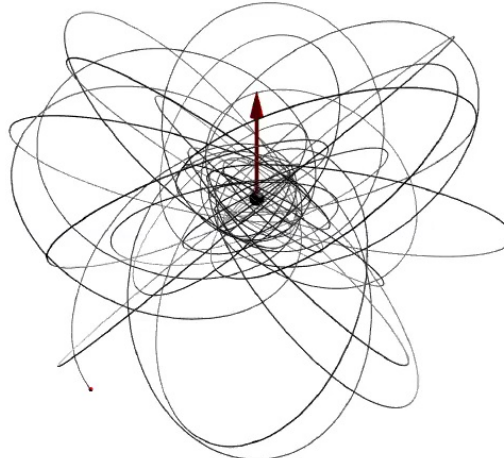
- $r$ - $\theta$  [Flanagan&Hinderer, 2012]
- $r$ - $\phi$  [MvdM, 2014]
- $\phi$ - $\theta$  [Hirata, 2011]

## Drivers:

- Gravitational self-force [Flanagan&Hinderer, 2012]
- Astrophysical perturbations e.g. [Yang&Casals, 2017][Bonga et al., 2019]
- Deviations from Kerr e.g. [Lukes-Gerakopoulos et al., 2010]



VS.



## Duration:

- Transient
- Sustained/Locked [MvdM, 2013]

## Effects:[Flanagan&Hinderer, 2012]

- Resonant episode causes  $\mathcal{O}(\epsilon q^{-1/2})$  “kick” to orbital parameters.
- Grows to a  $\mathcal{O}(\epsilon q^{-3/2})$  phase correction over the remaining inspiral
- Size of kick depends on orbital phases. (“Phase microscope”)

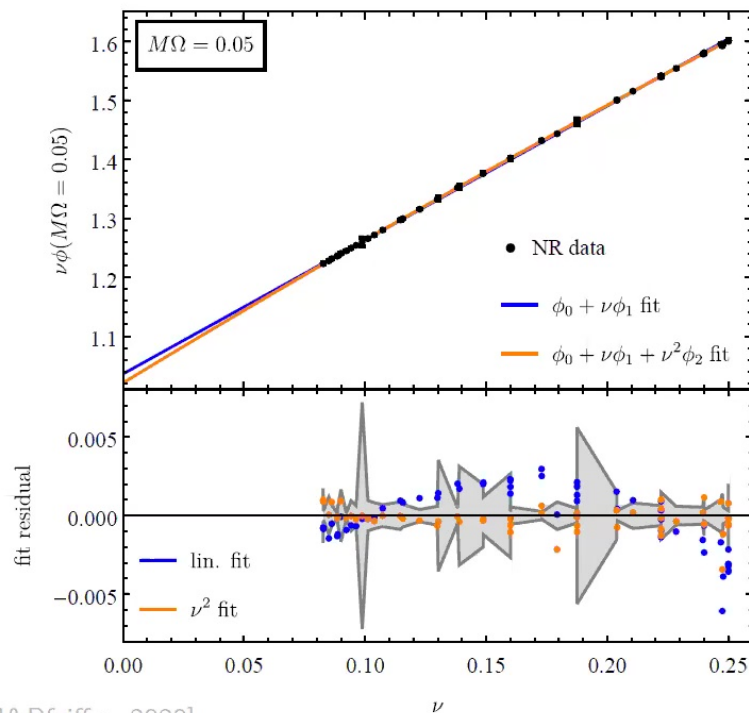
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See: Speri’s talk  
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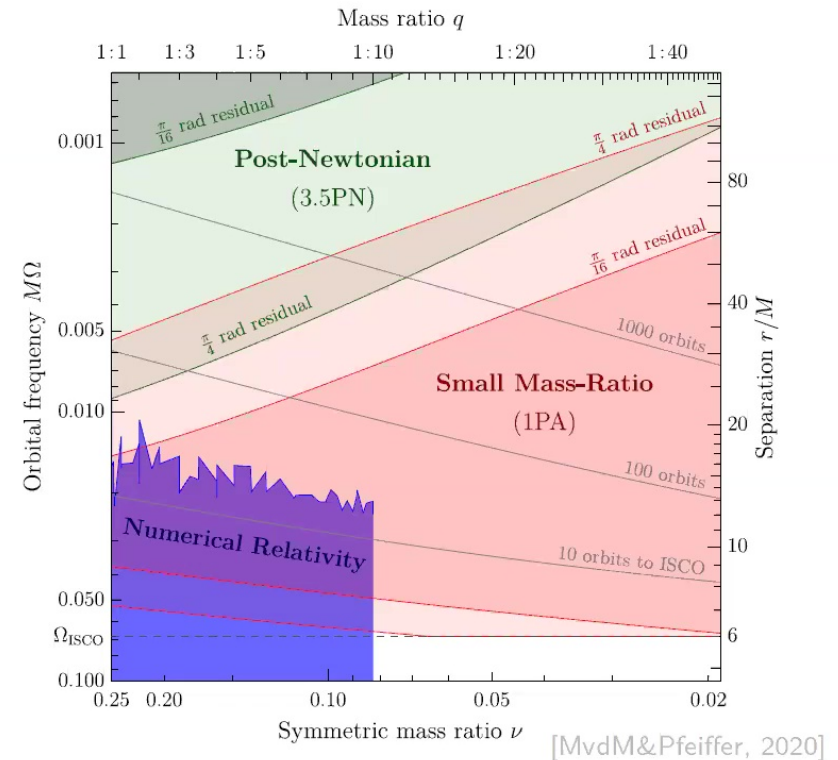


# How many PA orders are needed? [MvdM&Pfeiffer,2020]

- How far do we have to go in the PA expansion to obtain result that are accurate enough to for use in gravitational wave observations? How small does  $\nu$  have to be? Is  $\nu = 1/4$  (equal mass) “small”?
- Can get an idea by looking at quasicircular non-spinning numerical relativity simulations.



[MvdM&Pfeiffer, 2020]



[MvdM&Pfeiffer, 2020]

## Take home

- 0PA is insufficient at any mass-ratio
- 2PA (and higher contributions) are small
- Effect of eccentricity? See: Ramos-Baude's talk



# Status of OPA: Geodesics, Strains, and Fluxes

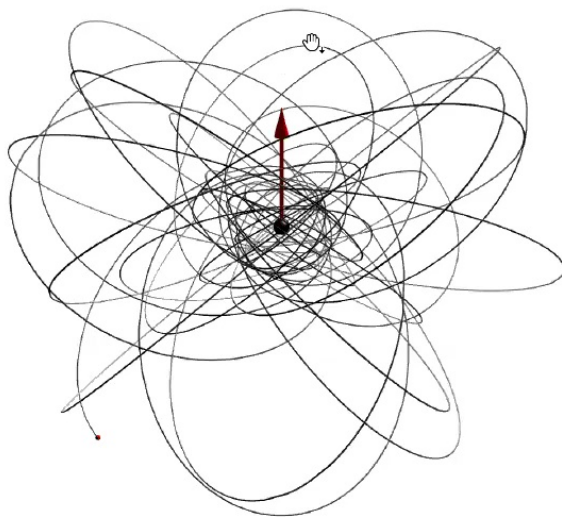
## Geodesics

Closed form analytic expressions for bound geodesics available, including analytic expressions for orbital frequencies etc. [Carter, 1968]

[Schmidt, 2002] [Fujita&Hikida, 2009]

[Hackmann et al., 2008-] [MvdM, 2019]

See: Hackmann's talk



## Strain

The gravitational wave strain for a distant observer can be obtained by solving the Teukolsky equation with a point mass source following a geodesic. (This sufficient for 1PA waveforms.)

## “Fluxes”

- Orbit averaged changes in  $E$  and  $L$ , can be obtained directly from solution to the Teukolsky equation [Teukolsky&Press, 1974].
- Changes to  $Q$  can also be obtained. [Sago et al., 2005][Isoyama et al., 2019]  
See: Grant's talk

## Available codes:

Currently three Teukolsky Frequency domain codes can handle generic orbits. (That I know of.)

- GREMLIN [Drasco&Hughes, 2006]
- “Kyoto” code [Fujita et al., 2009]
- ModGEMS [MvdM, 2018]





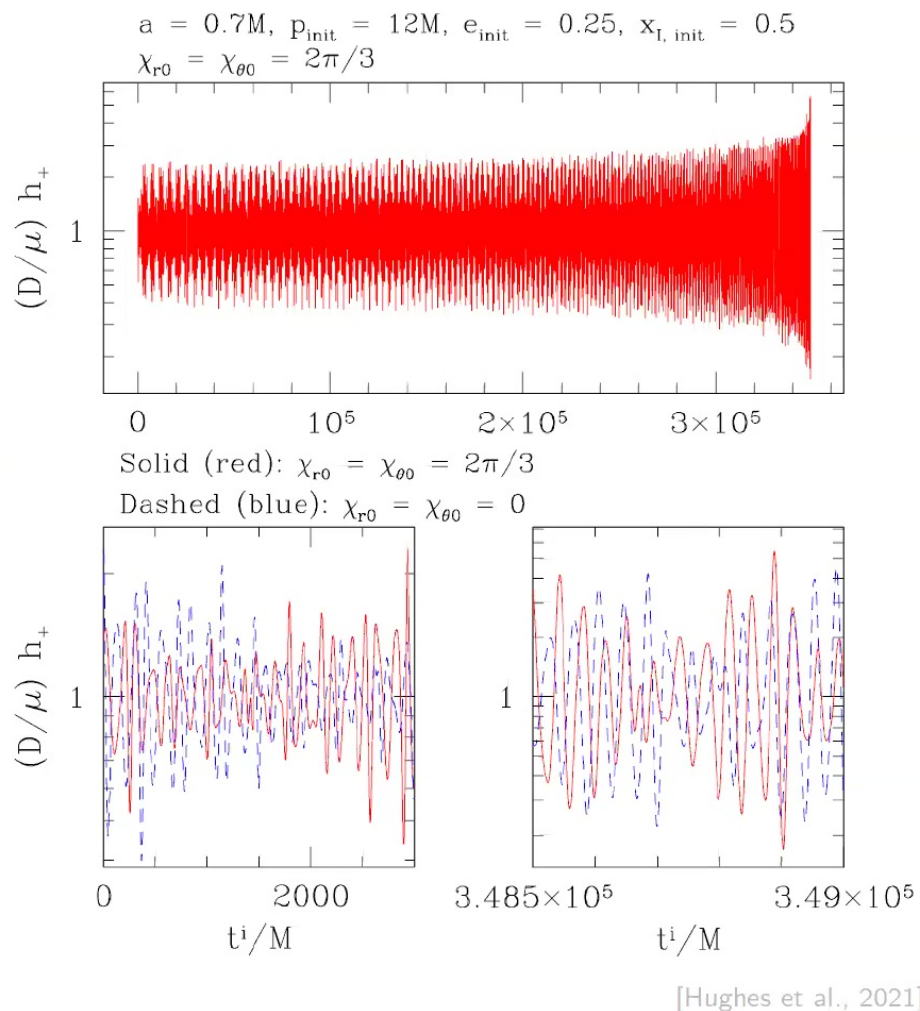
# Status of 0PA: Evolution and Waveforms

## Tasks:

- Cover parameter space with flux and strain data
- Interpolate
- Generate inspiral trajectory
- Generate waveform

## Progress:

- “Fast EMRI Waveforms” (FEW) framework (currently non-spinning, eccentric) [Chua et al., 2020] [Katz et al., 2021]
- First generic adiabatic inspiral [Hughes et al., 2021]



## This Capra

See: Burke's talk  
See: Islam's talk  
See: Isoyama's talk  
See: Küchler's talk

# Status of 1PA: First-order gravitational self-force

## “Regularization”

- Mode sum [Barack, 2001]
- Effective Source (“puncture”) [Barack&Golbourn, 2007]
- Green’s Function [Mino,Sasaki,Tanaka, 1997] See: Aruquipa’s talk & See: O’Toole’s talk

## Mode decompositions

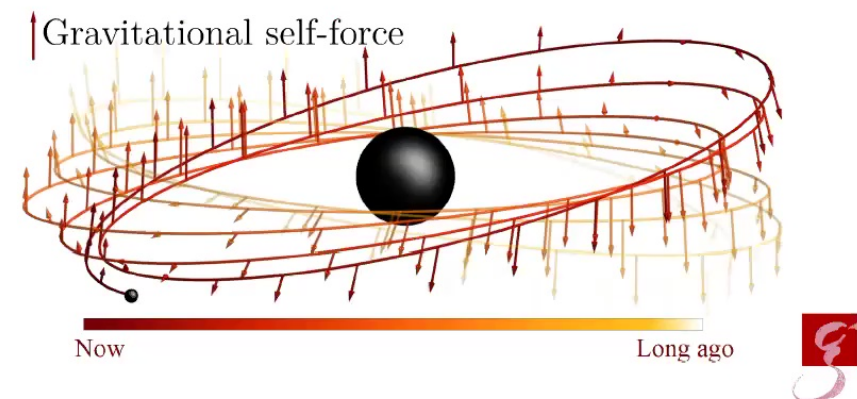
- Time domain [Barack&Lousto, 2002]  
See: Gomes Da Silva’s talk & See: Markakis’s talk & See: Long’s talk
- Frequency domain [Detweiler, 2008]  
See: Nishimura’s talk & See: Osburn’s talk

## Gauge

- Lorenz See: Nishimura’s talk & See: Osburn’s talk
- Regge-Wheeler/Zerilli See: Gomes Da Silva’s talk & See: Markakis’s talk
- Radiation See: Long’s talk

## History of progress

- 2007 quasicircular, non-spinning  
[Barack&Sago, 2007]
- 2011 Eccentric, non-spinning  
[Barack&Sago, 2010]
- 2012 Circular, spinning, non-precessing  
[Shah et al., 2012][Barack&Dolan, 2012]
- 2015 Eccentric, spinning, non-precessing  
[MvdM&Shah, 2015]
- 2018 Eccentric, spinning, and precessing  
[MvdM, 2018]

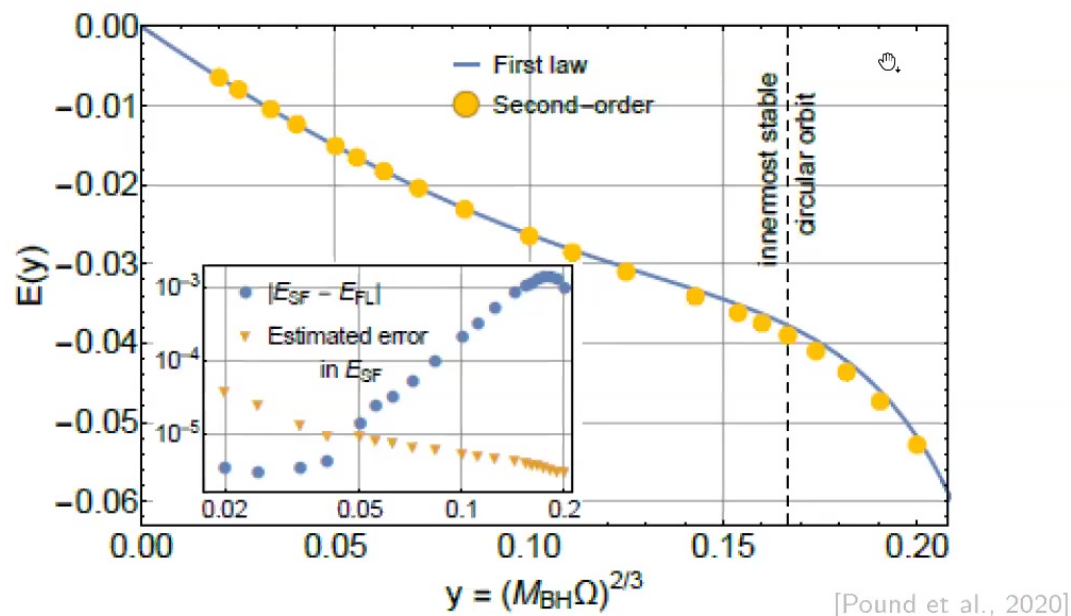




# Status of 1PA: Second-order gravitational self-force See: Pound's talk

## The Final Frontier

- The second order gravitational self-force is the last missing piece needed to obtain full 1PA waveforms.
- General framework in place
- First results for quasi-circular, non-spinning [Pound et al., 2020]
- See: Pound's talk



## This Capra

See: Durkan's talk  
See: Green's talk  
See: Kavanagh's talk  
See: Leather's talk  
See: Pound's talk  
See: Spiers's talk  
See: Toomani's talk  
See: Upton's talk  
See: Warburton's talk  
See: Wardell's talk  
See: Zimmerman's talk

# Status of 1PA: Effects of secondary spin

## Parallel Transport

- Leading order equation of motion for secondary spin
- Closed form analytic solutions known.

[Marck, 1983][Ruangsri, 2016][MvdM, 2019]

## Self-Torque

- At first order in  $\nu$  the spin is parallel transported in the effective metric, resulting in an effective **gravitational self-torque**.
- Gauge invariant correction to the spin precession, calculated for
  - circular orbits Schwarzschild [Dolan et al., 2013]
  - eccentric orbits Schwarzschild [Akca et al., 2016]
  - circular equatorial orbits Kerr [Bini et al. & MvdM, 2019]
- To Do:
  - generic orbits in Kerr
  - full self-torque

## MPD force

- Conservative correction to EoMs due to secondary spin are known analytically.
- Many studies studying their impact. This Capra:
  - See: Druart's talk
  - See: Timogiannis's talk

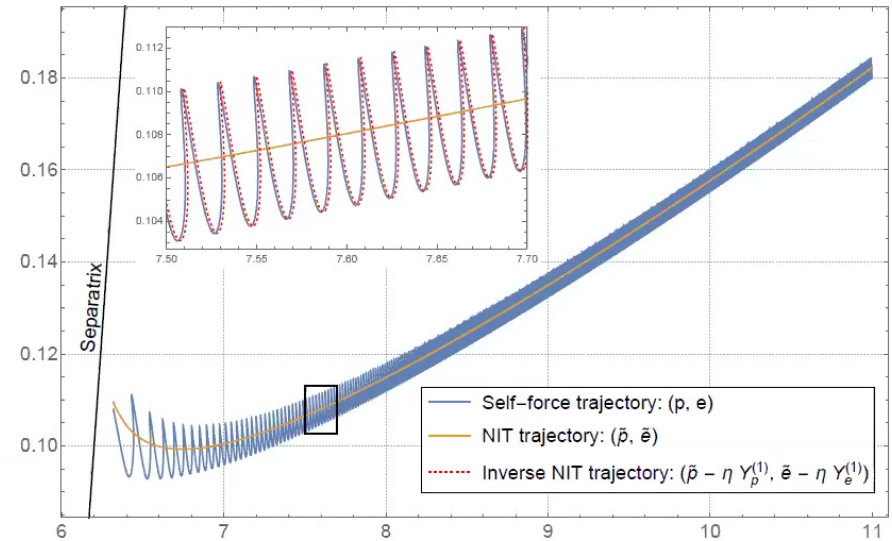
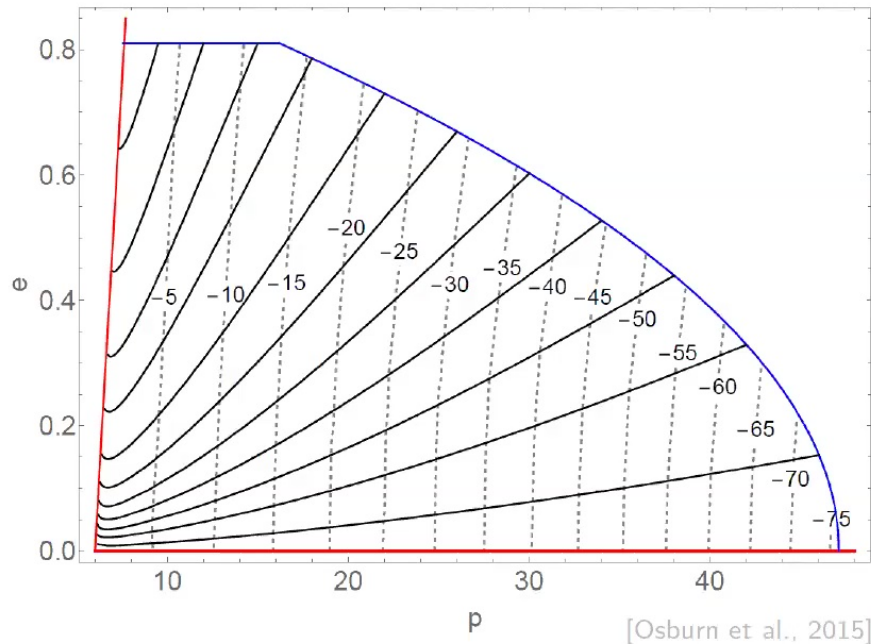
## Spin corrections to GSF

- Since  $a_2 = \mathcal{O}(m_2)$ , the effective metric see the first secondary spin contributions at  $\mathcal{O} q^2$ .
- Corrections to fluxes have been calculated
  - Circular Schwarzschild [Akca et al., 2020]
  - Eccentric equatorial Kerr [Skoupý & Lukes-Gerakopoulos, 2021] See: Skoupý's talk
- Conservative effects See: Mathews's talk



# Status of 1PA: Evolution and Waveforms

- Consistent 1PA evolution requires 2nd order GSF
- Evolution with just 1st order conservative GSF has been explored for non-spinning binaries. [Warburton et al., 2012][Osburn et al., 2015]
- Kerr? See: Lynch's talk



## Near-Identity-Transforms (NITs)

- Evolving inspirals with the full self-force is slow, because all  $\mathcal{O}(10^5)$  cycles need to be resolved.
- Can be solved semi-analytically using NITs to obtain fast and robust evolution. [MvdM&Warburton, 2018]







*That's all Folks!*