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# Solar System and Pulsar Tests \*

Parametrized post-Newtonian (PPN) formalism,  
parametrized post-Keplerian (PPK) formalism,  
and a theory-space approach

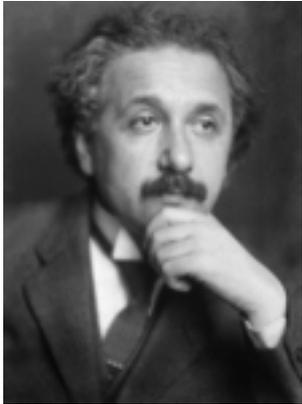
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*Unifying Tests of General Relativity, Caltech, July 19<sup>th</sup>, 2016*

\* Partly modified compared to slides in the lecture. Some unpublished material has been removed.

# November 1915 - the completion of general relativity



Nov. 4<sup>th</sup>, 1915

Zur allgemeinen Relativitätstheorie.

VON A. EINSTEIN.

Nov. 11<sup>th</sup>, 1915

Zur allgemeinen Relativitätstheorie (Nachtrag).

VON A. EINSTEIN.

Nov. 18<sup>th</sup>, 1915

Erklärung der Perihelbewegung des Merkur aus  
der allgemeinen Relativitätstheorie.

Nov. 25<sup>th</sup>, 1915

Die Feldgleichungen der Gravitation.

VON A. EINSTEIN.

$$G_{im} = -\kappa \left( T_{im} - \frac{1}{2} g_{im} T \right),$$

Damit ist endlich die allgemeine Relativitätstheorie als logisches Gebäude abgeschlossen. Das Relativitätspostulat in seiner allgemeinsten Fassung, welches die Raumzeitkoordinaten zu physikalisch bedeutungslosen Parametern macht, führt mit zwingender Notwendigkeit zu einer ganz bestimmten Theorie der Gravitation, welche die Perihelbewegung des Merkur erklärt. Dagegen vermag das allgemeine Re-

Gesamtsitzung vom 18. November 1915

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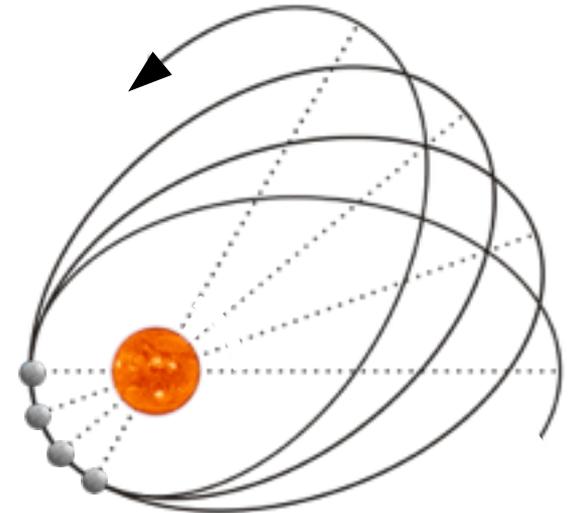
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Albert Einstein to Arnold Sommerfeld (Dec 9<sup>th</sup>, 1915):

*Wie kommt uns da die pedantische Genauigkeit der Astronomie zu Hilfe, über die ich mich im Stillen früher of lustig machte!"*

[ *"How helpful to us here is astronomy's pedantic accuracy, which I often used to ridicule secretly!"* ]



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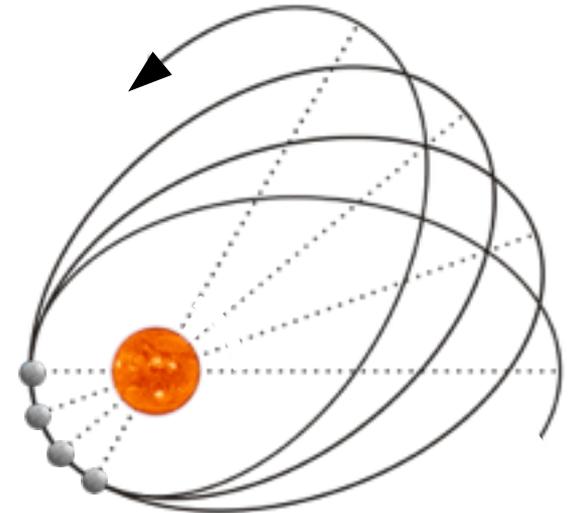
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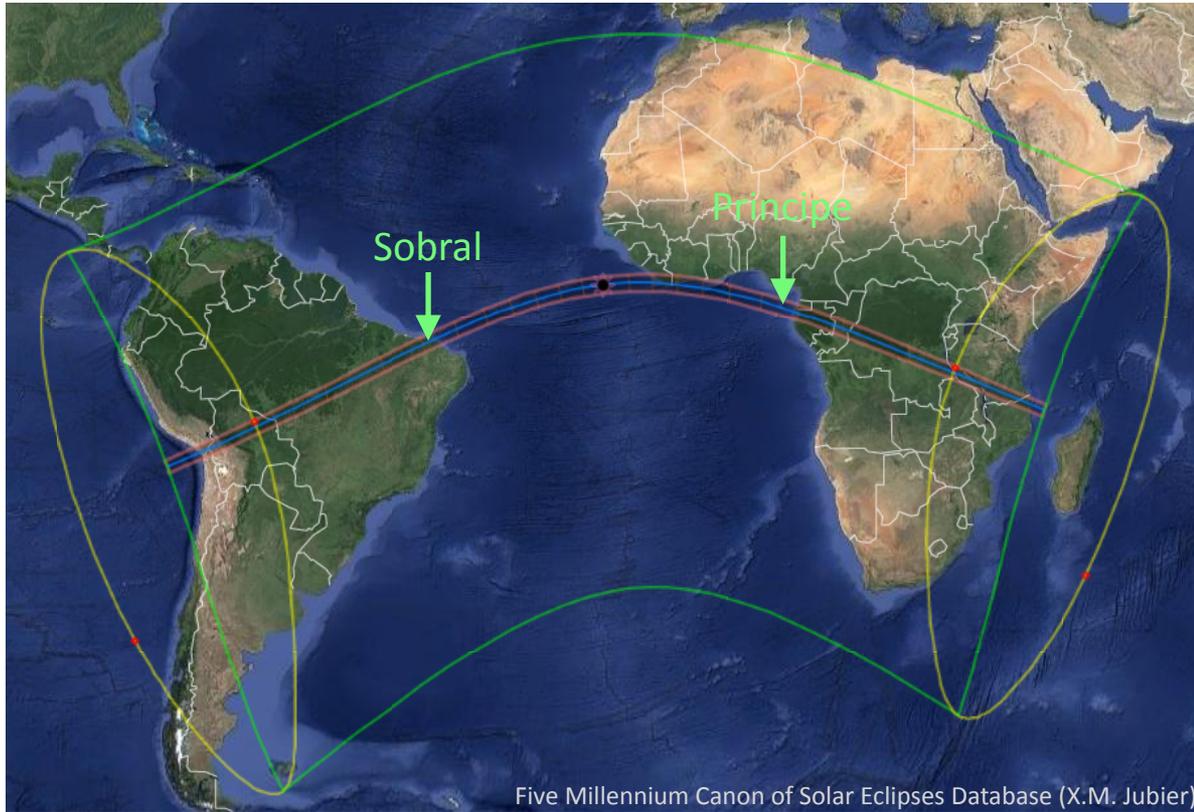
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### Deflection of light by the Sun, gravitational redshift

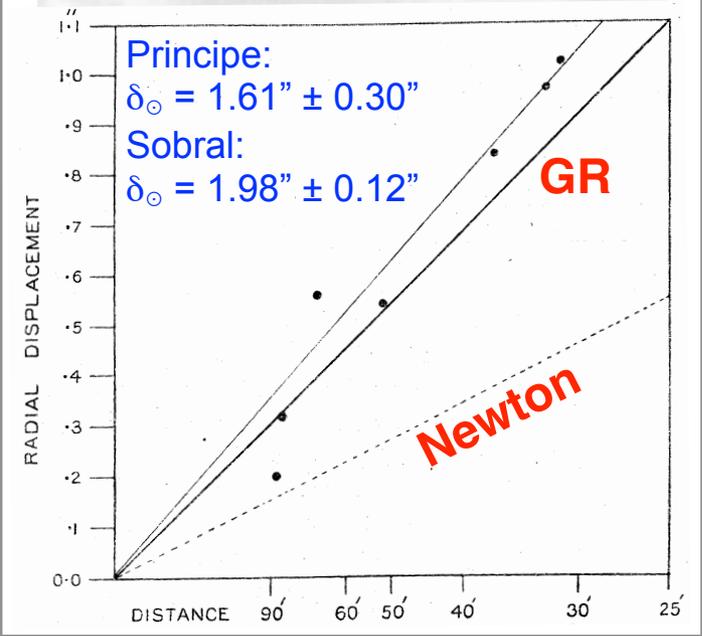
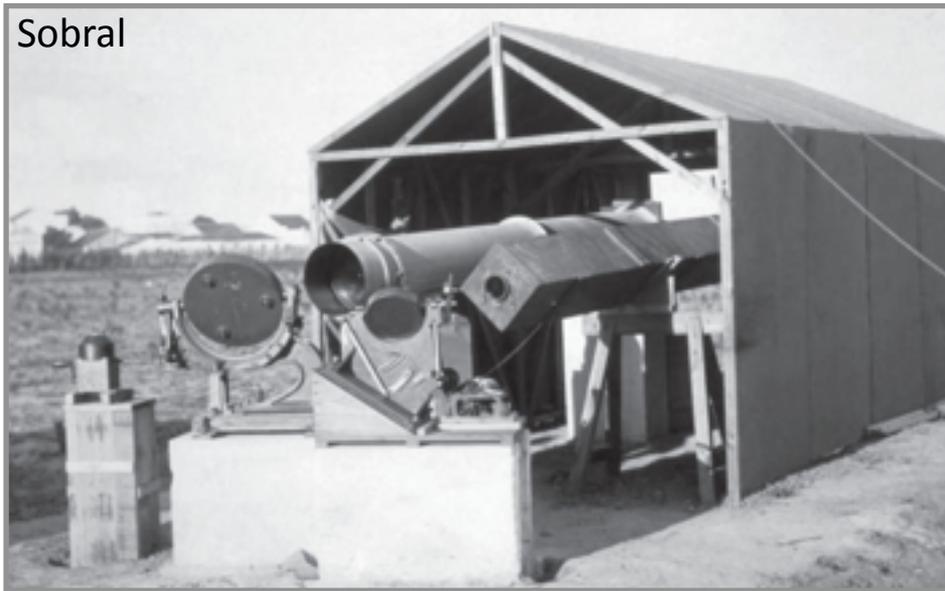
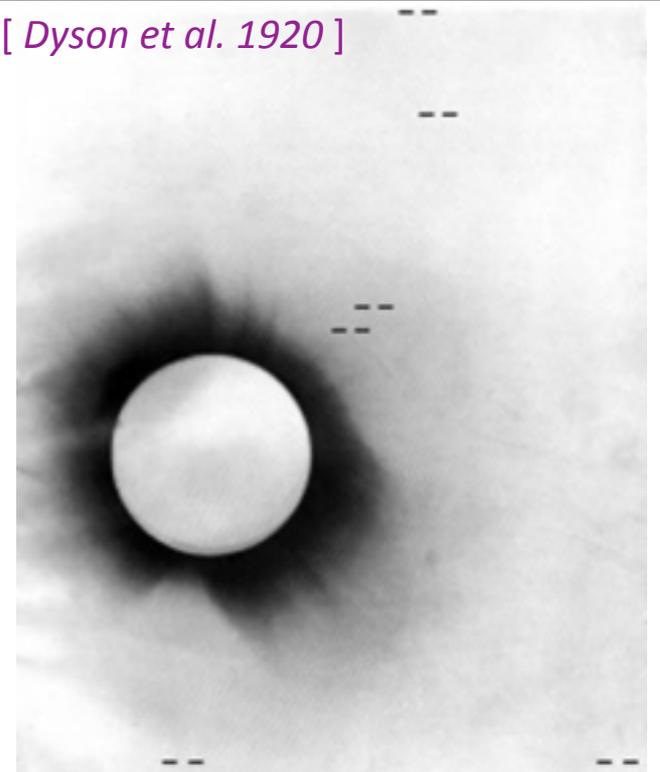
ergeben hatten. Ein an der Oberfläche der Sonne vorbeigehender Lichtstrahl soll eine Ablenkung von  $1.7''$  (statt  $0.85''$ ) erleiden. Hingegen bleibt das Resultat betreffend die Verschiebung der Spektrallinien durch das Gravitationspotential, welches durch HERRN FREUNDLICH an den Fixsternen der Größenordnung nach bestätigt wurde, ungeändert bestehen, da dieses nur von  $g_{44}$  abhängt.



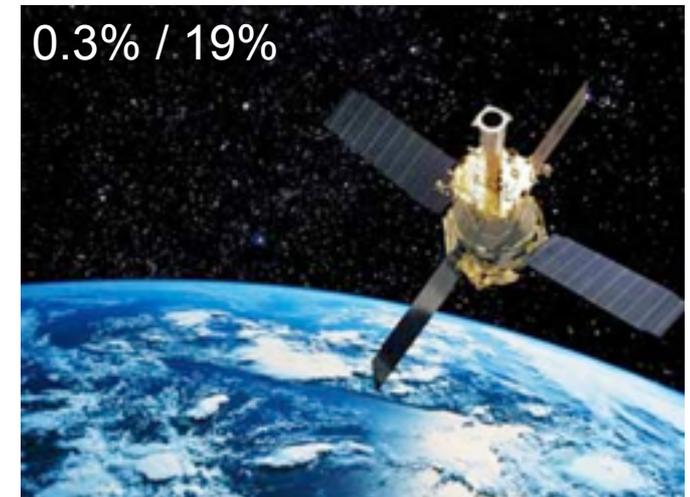
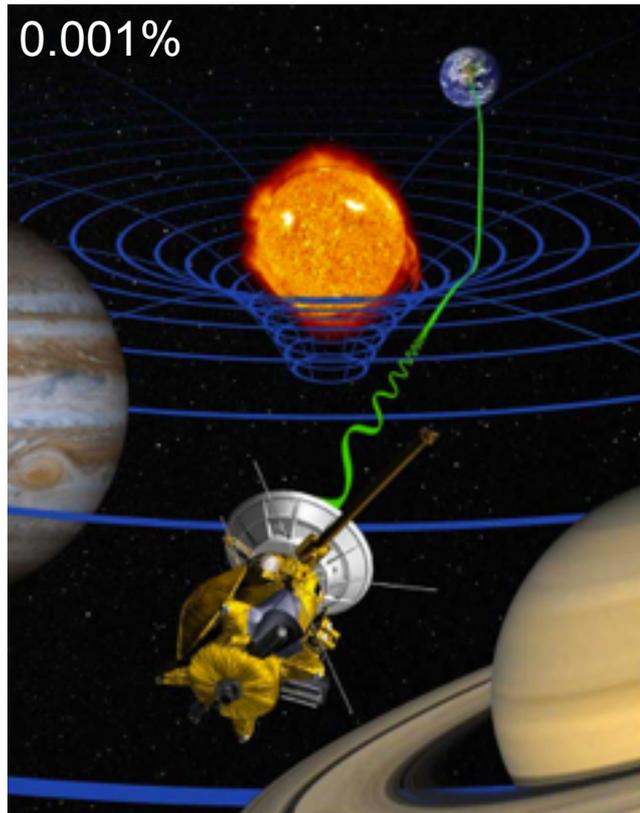
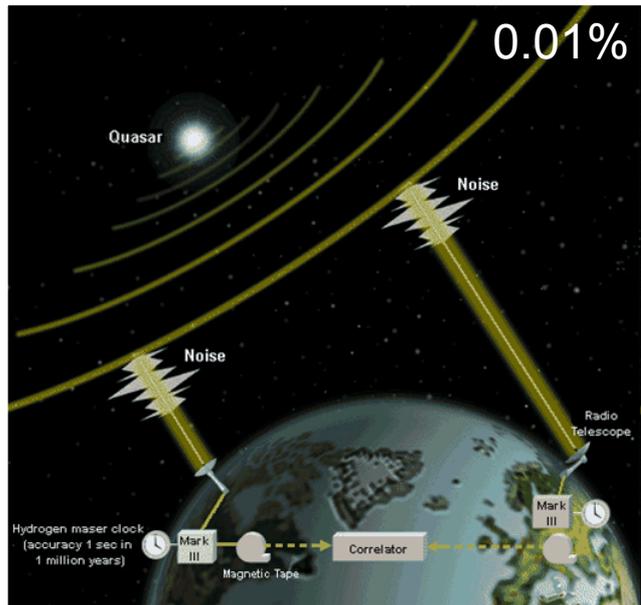
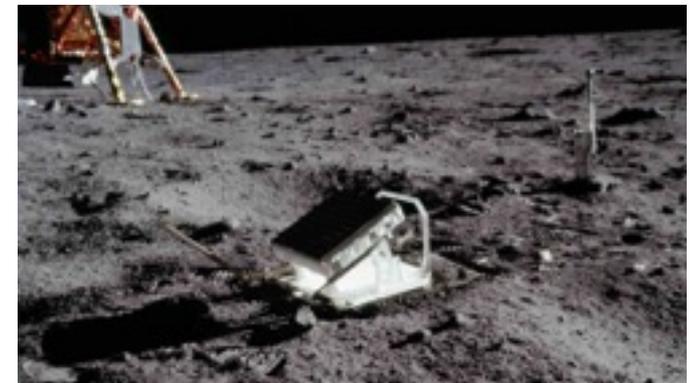
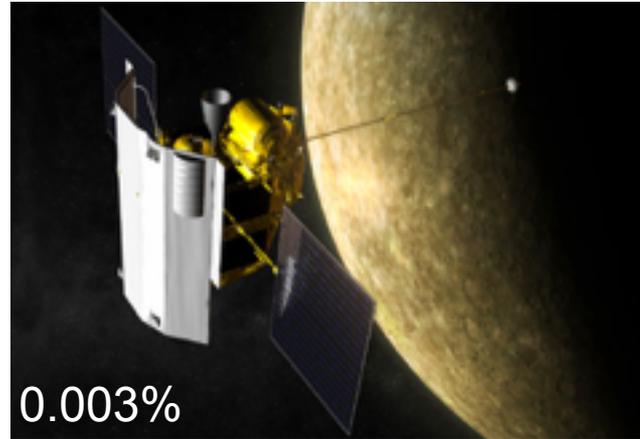
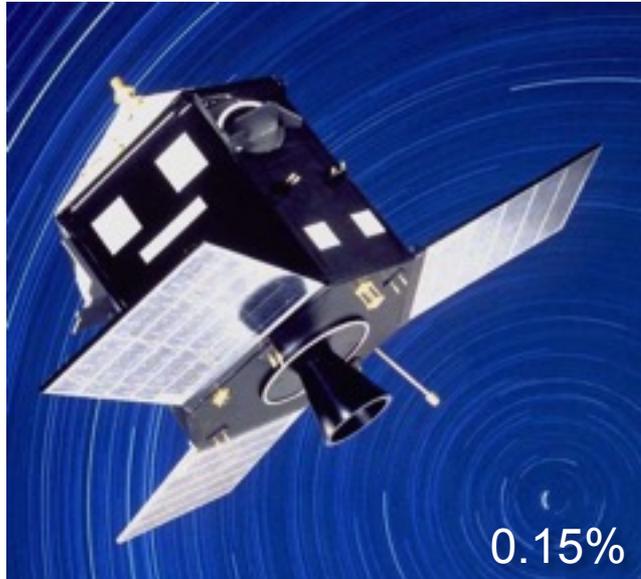
# The first light deflection experiment - May 29<sup>th</sup>, 1919



[ Dyson et al. 1920 ]



# Modern Solar system experiments



Parametrized  
post-Newtonian (PPN)  
formalism

# PPN formalism for metric theories of gravity

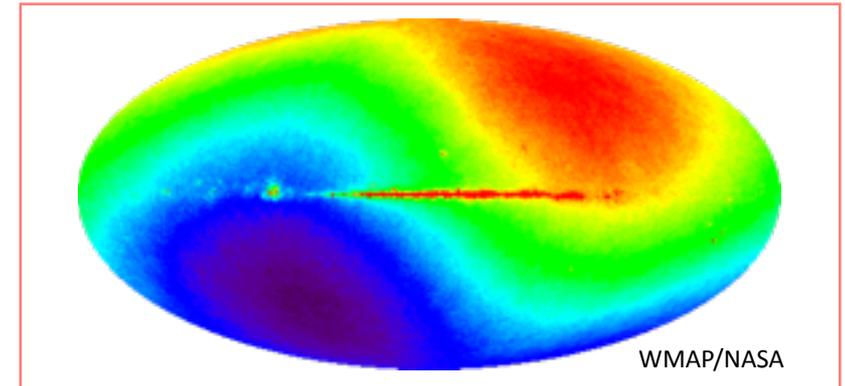
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$$g_{ij} = (1 + 2\gamma U)\delta_{ij} + \mathcal{O}(\epsilon^2).$$

$w$ : motion w.r.t. preferred reference frame



## Metric potentials:

$$U = \int \frac{\rho'}{|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}'|} d^3x', \quad \text{(Newtonian potential)}$$

$$U_{ij} = \int \frac{\rho'(x - x')_i(x - x')_j}{|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}'|^3} d^3x',$$

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$$W_i = \int \frac{\rho'[\mathbf{v}' \cdot (\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}')] (x - x')_i}{|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}'|^3} d^3x'.$$

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[ Will 1993, Will 2014, Living Reviews in Relativity ]

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- Terms should be of Newtonian or post-Newtonian order.
- Terms should tend to zero as distance to source becomes large (asymptotically Minkowskian).
- Matter can be idealized as perfect fluid.
- The metric functionals should be generated by rest mass, energy, pressure, and velocity, not by their gradients.

## Metric

$$U = \int \dots$$

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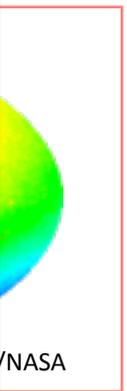
$$\Phi_W = \int \frac{\rho'\rho''(\mathbf{x}-\mathbf{x}')}{|\mathbf{x}-\mathbf{x}'|^3} \cdot \left( \frac{\mathbf{x}'-\mathbf{x}''}{|\mathbf{x}-\mathbf{x}''|} - \frac{\mathbf{x}-\mathbf{x}''}{|\mathbf{x}'-\mathbf{x}''|} \right) d^3x' d^3x'',$$

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$$\Phi_4 = \int \frac{p'}{|\mathbf{x}-\mathbf{x}'|} d^3x',$$

frame



/NASA

# PPN parameters

Parameter	What it measures relative to GR	Value in GR	Value in semi-conservative theories	Value in fully conservative theories
$\gamma$	How much space-curvature produced by unit rest mass?	1	$\gamma$	$\gamma$
$\beta$	How much “nonlinearity” in the superposition law for gravity?	1	$\beta$	$\beta$
$\xi$	Preferred-location effects?	0	$\xi$	$\xi$
$\alpha_1$	Preferred-frame effects?	0	$\alpha_1$	0
$\alpha_2$		0	$\alpha_2$	0
$\alpha_3$		0	0	0
$\alpha_3$		Violation of conservation of total momentum?	0	0
$\zeta_1$		0	0	0
$\zeta_2$		0	0	0
$\zeta_3$		0	0	0
$\zeta_4$		0	0	0

[ Will 2014, *Living Reviews in Relativity* ]

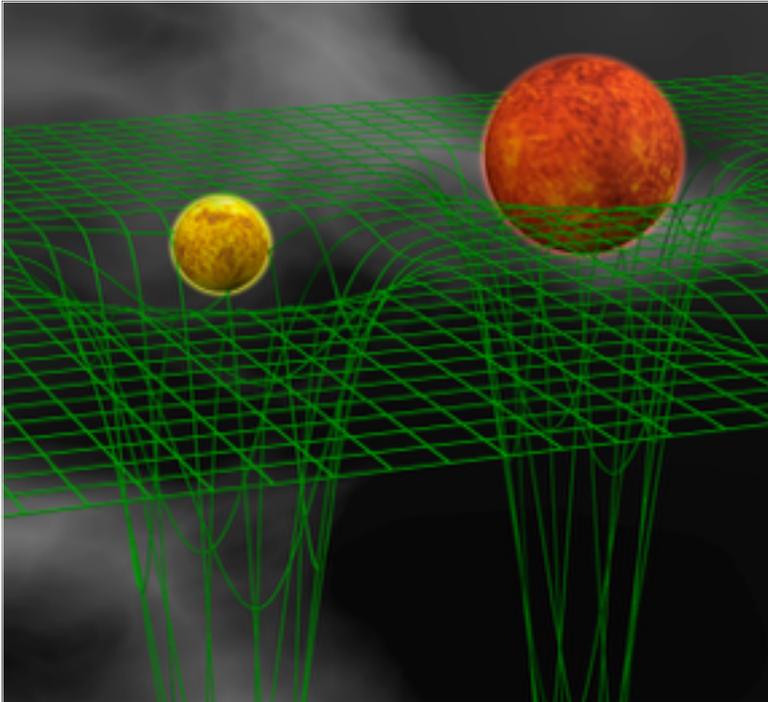
# Limits on PPN parameters from Solar system and pulsars

Parameter	Effect	Limit	Remarks
$\gamma - 1$	time delay	$2.3 \times 10^{-5}$	Cassini tracking
	light deflection	$2 \times 10^{-4}$	VLBI
$\beta - 1$	perihelion shift	$8 \times 10^{-5}$	$J_{2\odot} = (2.2 \pm 0.1) \times 10^{-7}$
	Nordtvedt effect	$2.3 \times 10^{-4}$	$\eta_N = 4\beta - \gamma - 3$ assumed (Nordtvedt parameter)
$\xi$	spin precession	$4 \times 10^{-9}$	millisecond pulsars
$\alpha_1$	orbital polarization	$10^{-4}$	Lunar laser ranging
		$4 \times 10^{-5}$	PSR J1738+0333
$\alpha_2$	spin precession	$2 \times 10^{-9}$	millisecond pulsars
$\alpha_3$	pulsar acceleration	$3 \times 10^{-21}$	PSR J1713+0747 [Zhu et al., in prep.]
$\zeta_1$	—	$2 \times 10^{-2}$	combined PPN bounds
$\zeta_2$	binary acceleration	$4 \times 10^{-5}$	$\ddot{P}_p$ for PSR 1913+16
$\zeta_3$	Newton's 3rd law	$10^{-8}$	lunar acceleration
$\zeta_4$	—	—	not independent

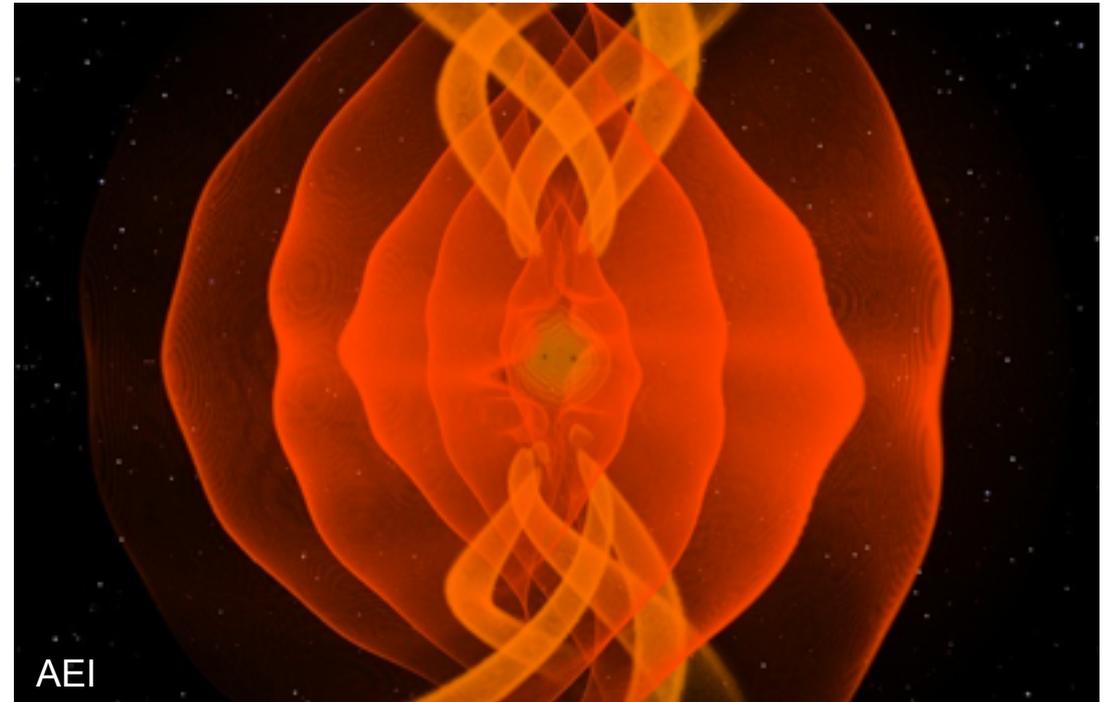
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# Beyond the Solar system

Do strongly self-gravitating bodies  
move as predicted by GR?



Do gravitational waves exist?

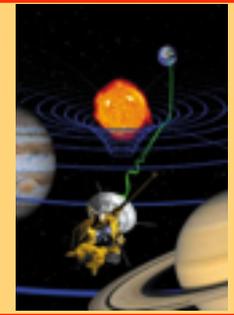


# Gravity regimes relevant for this talk

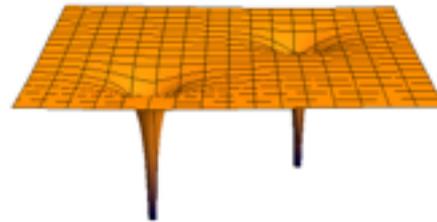
(1) Quasi-stationary weak-field regime



Solar system experiments



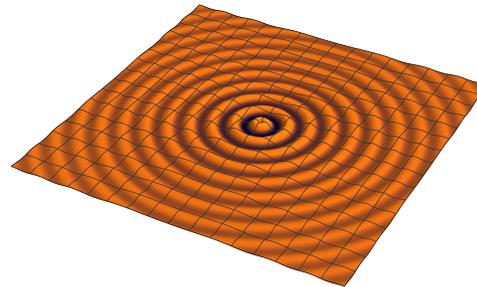
(2) Quasi-stationary strong-field regime



Binary pulsar experiments



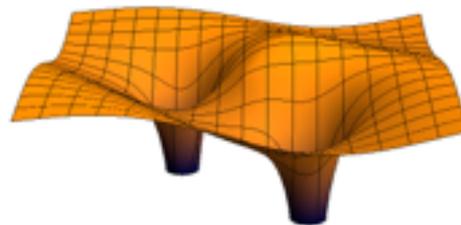
(3) Radiative regime



GW astronomy

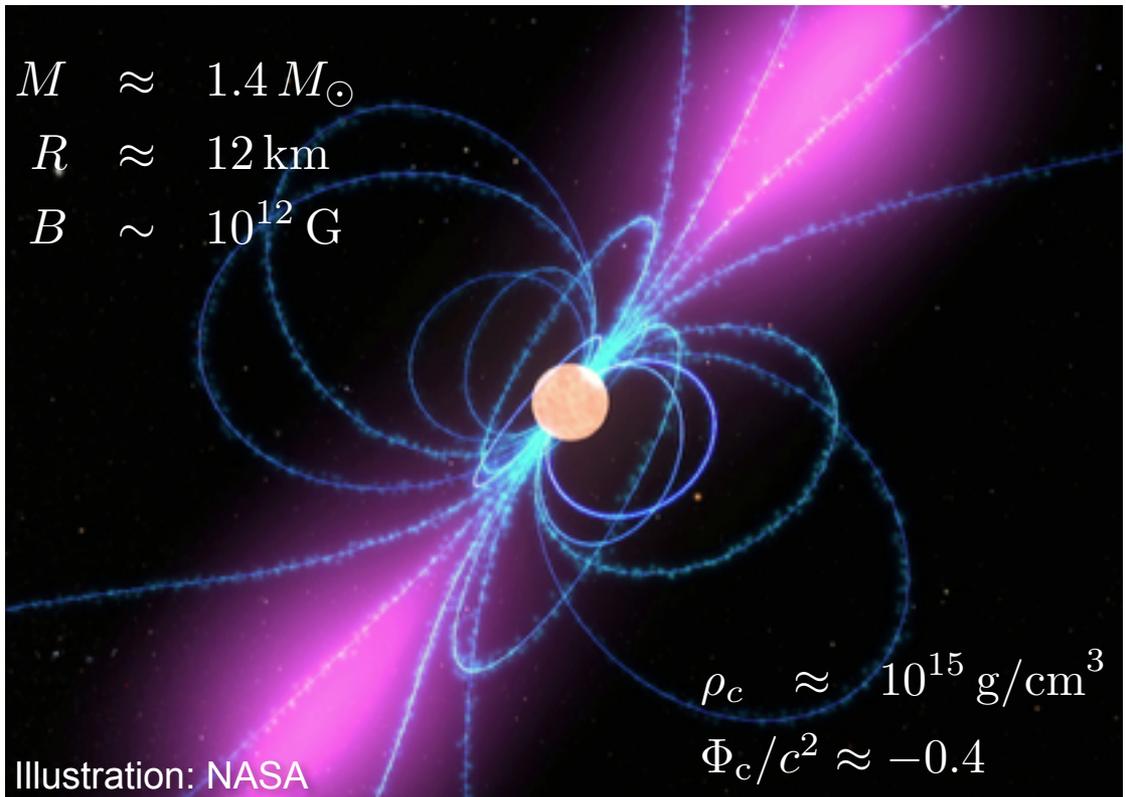
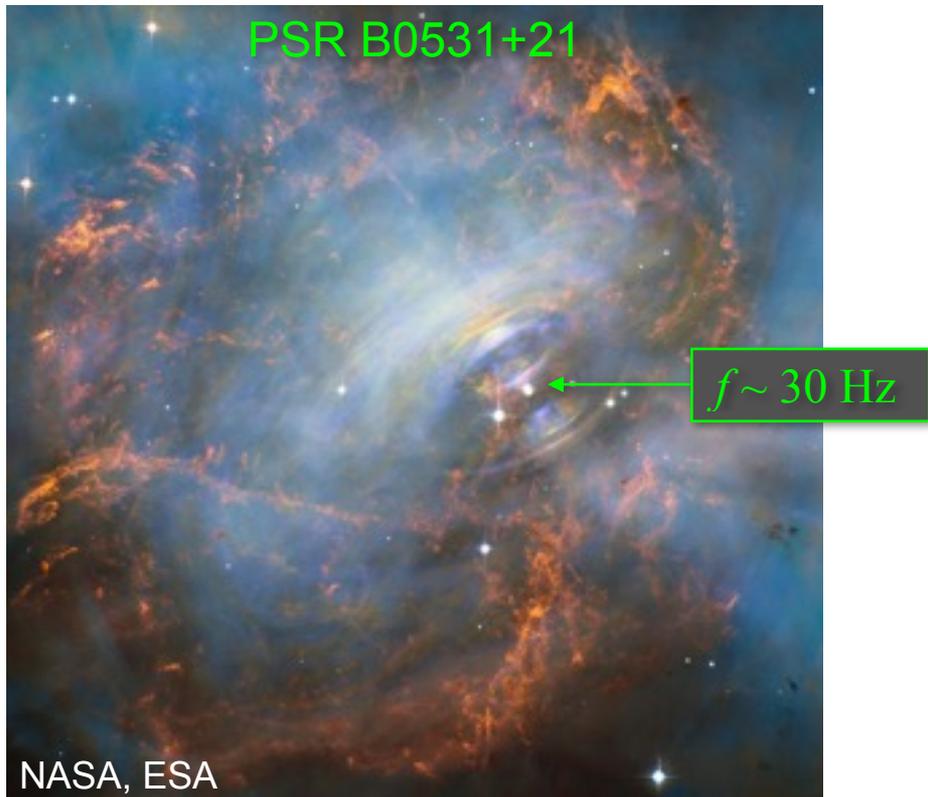
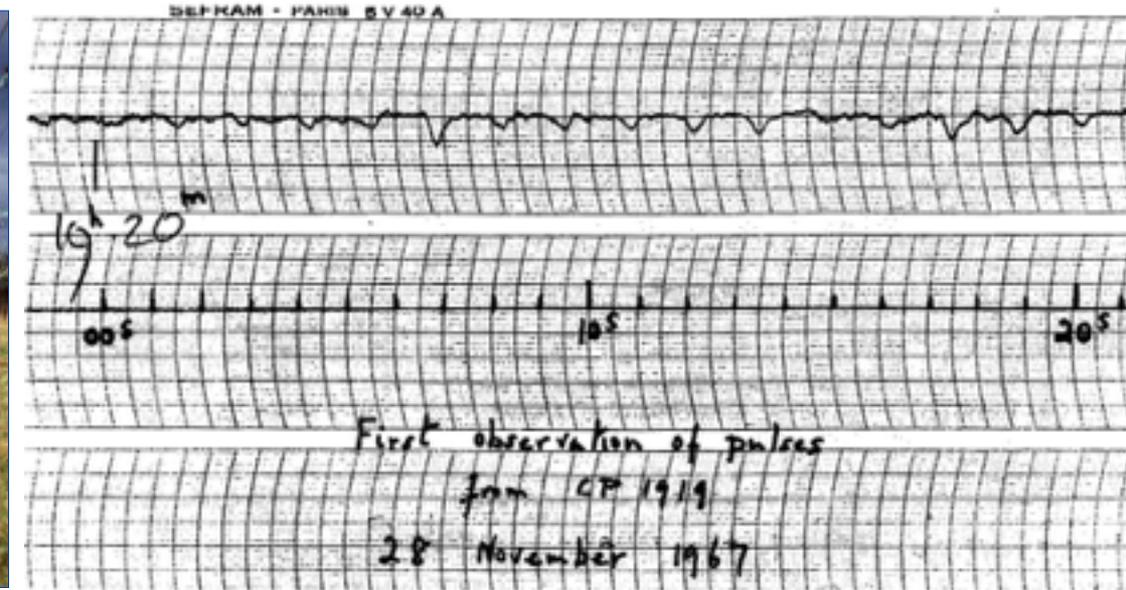


(4) Highly relativistic regime

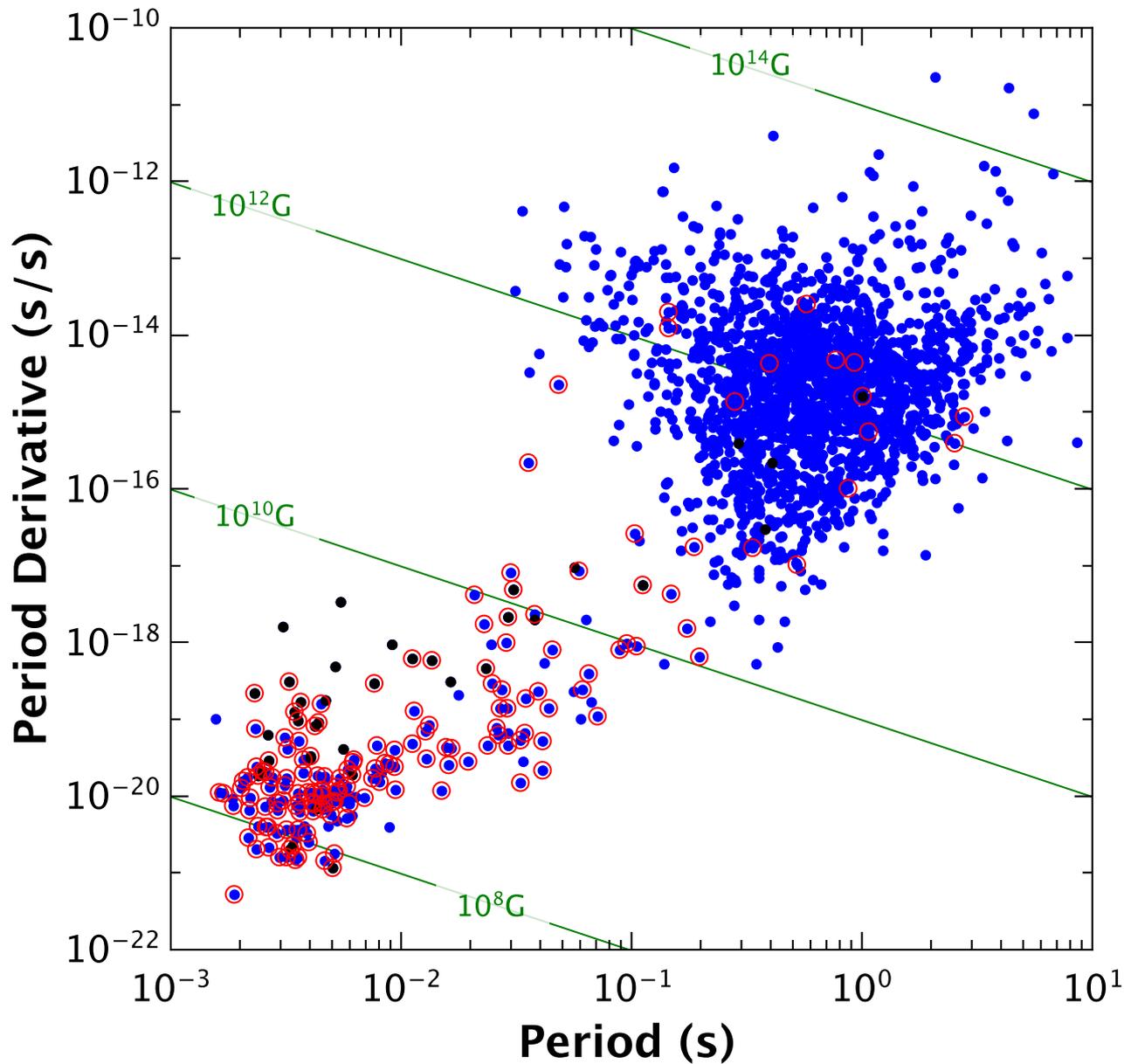


# Pulsars and pulsar timing

# The discovery of pulsars - 1967



# The radio pulsar population



~ **2500** radio pulsars

1.4 ms (PSR J1748-2446ad)

8.5 s (PSR J2144-3933)

~ **10%** in binary systems

Orbital period range

95 min (PSR J0024-7204R)

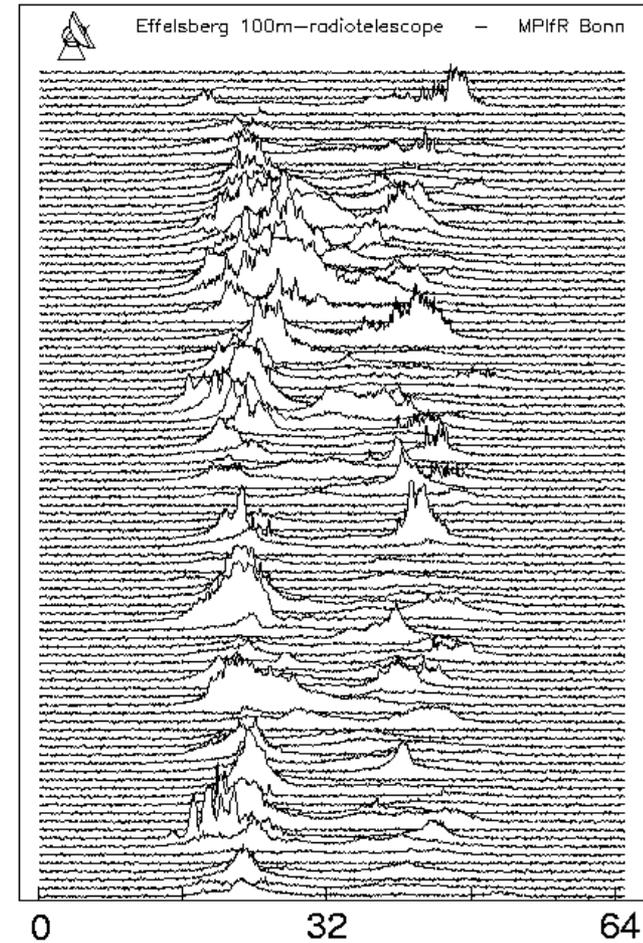
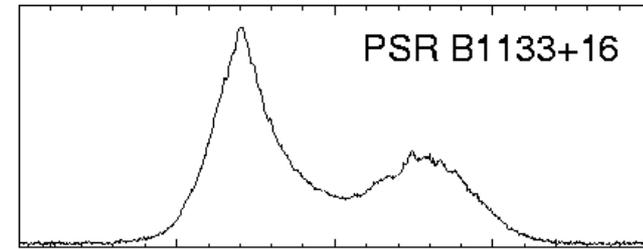
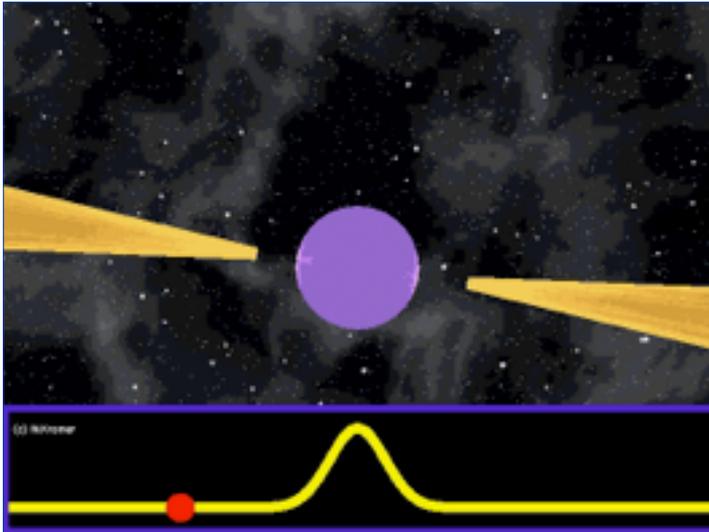
>200 yr (PSR J1024-0719)

Companions

ordinary stars,  
white dwarfs,  
neutron stars,  
planets

**Still missing:** black hole

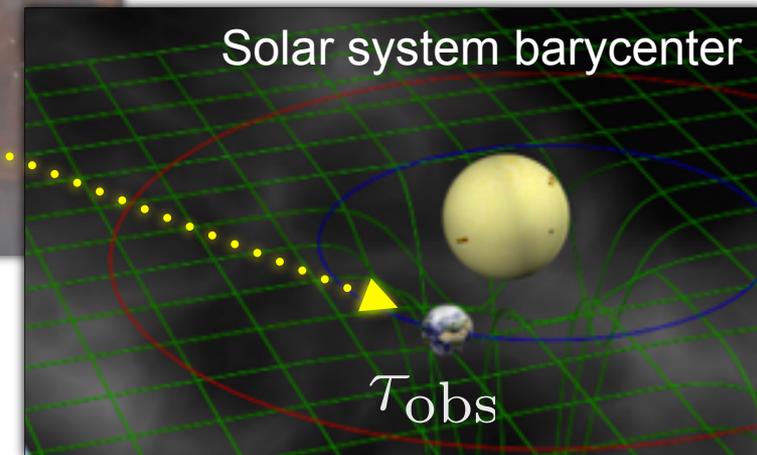
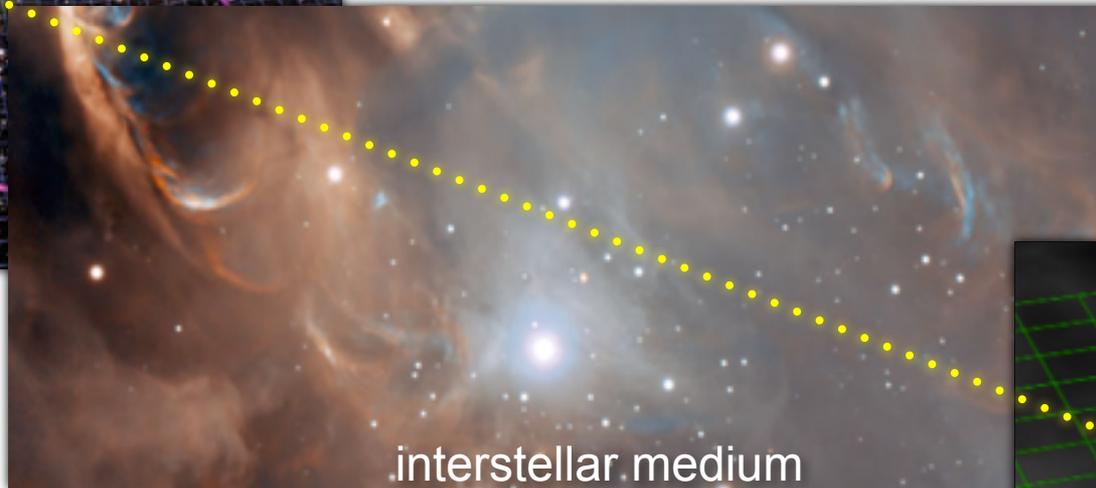
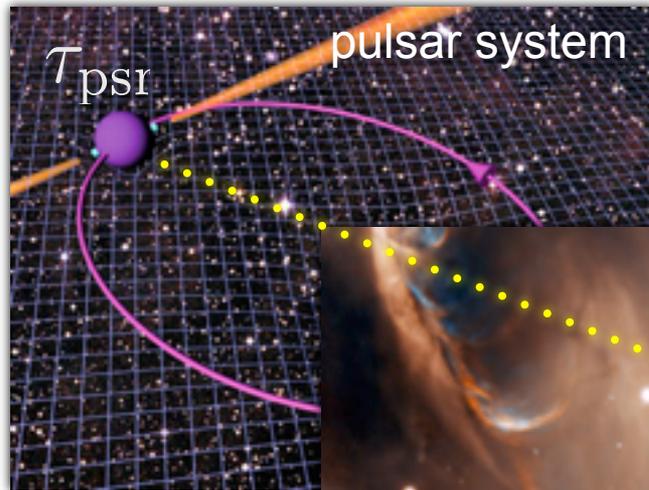
# Pulsar timing – time of arrival (TOA)



Timing precision for some millisecond pulsars  $< 100 \text{ ns}$   $\rightarrow$   $< 30 \text{ m}$

# The timing model

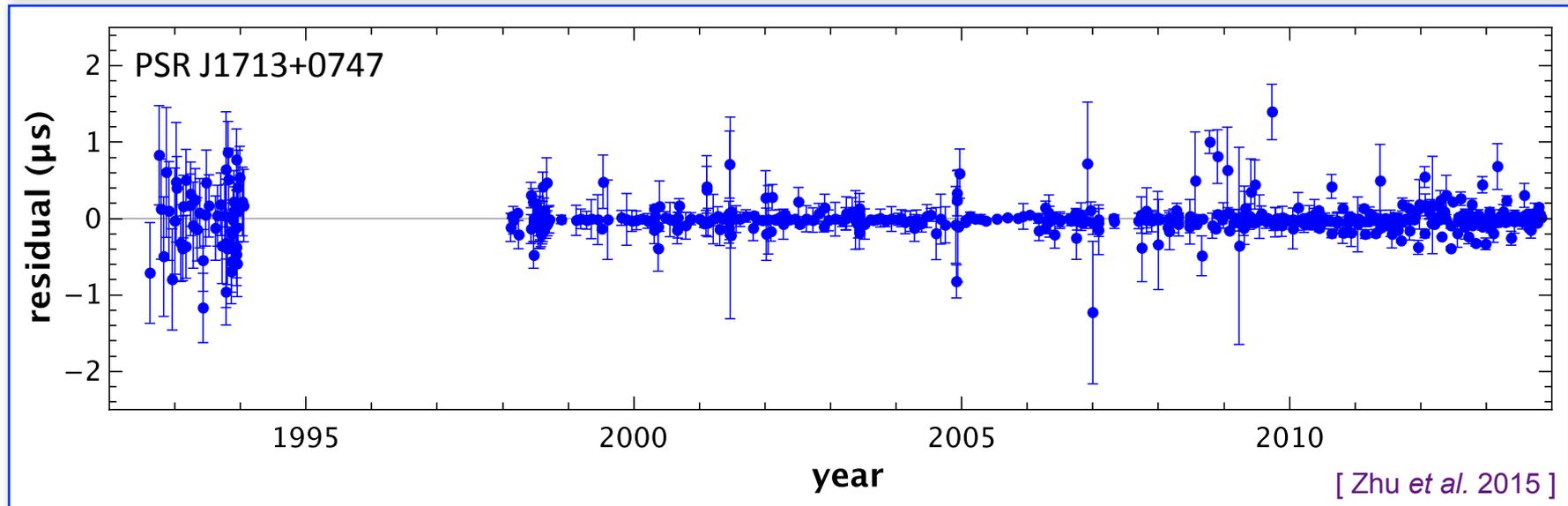
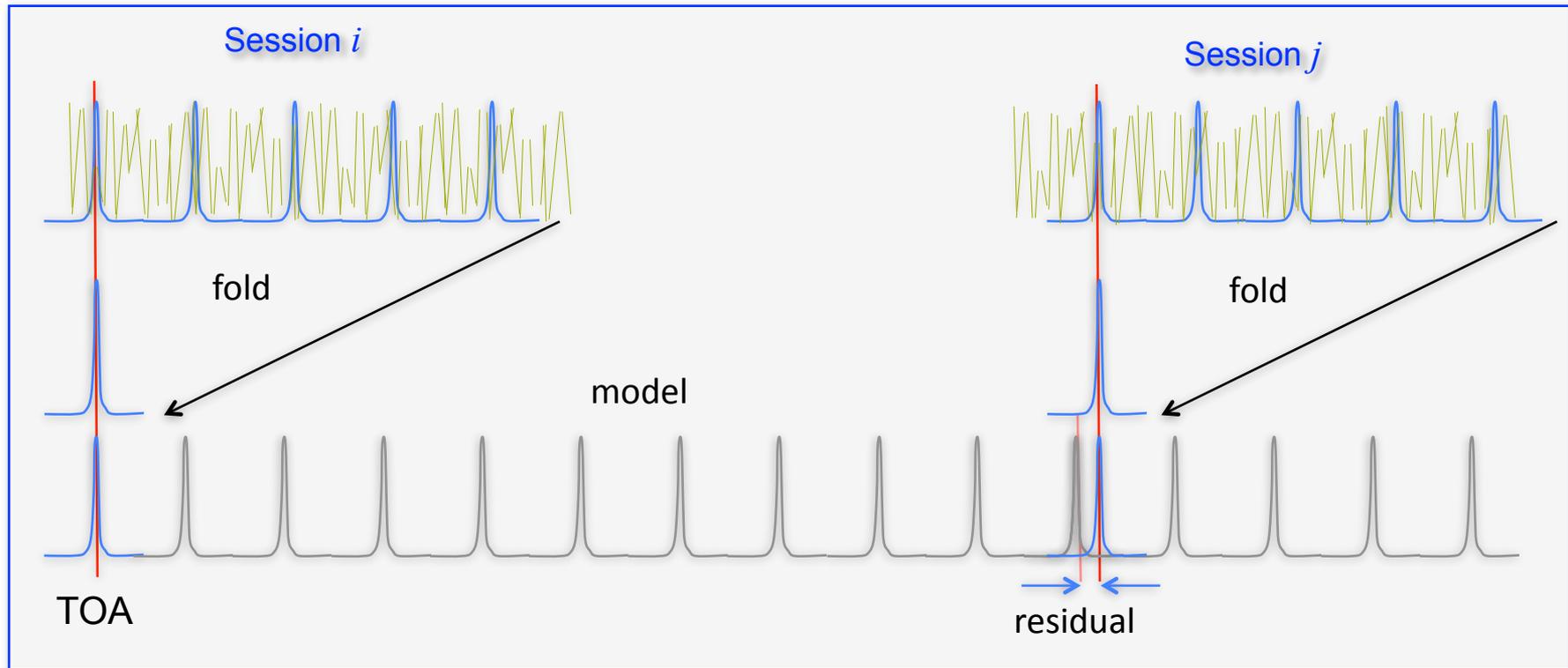
$$\tau_{\text{psr}} \propto T, \quad \phi = \phi_0 + \nu T + \frac{1}{2} \dot{\nu} T^2$$



$$\tau_{\text{psr}} = \tau_{\text{obs}} - D/f^2 + \Delta_{\text{R}\odot}(\lambda, \beta, \mu_\lambda, \mu_\beta, \pi) + \Delta_{\text{E}\odot} + \Delta_{\text{S}\odot}(\lambda, \beta) + \Delta_{\text{B}}(K, PK)$$

# Pulsar timing - parameter estimation

Phase-connected timing solution:



# What do we mean by precision timing? Best of...

## Spin parameters:

Period: 2.947108069160717(3) ms (Reardon et al. 2015)

3 atto seconds uncertainty!

## Astrometry:

Position in the sky: 0.6  $\mu$ as (Reardon et al. 2015)

Proper motion: 140.911(3) mas/yr (Reardon et al. 2015)

Distance: 156.79  $\pm$  0.25 pc (Reardon et al. 2015)

0.1  $\mu$ s uncertainty!

## Orbital parameters:

Orbital period: 0.102251562472(1) days (Kramer et al. in prep.)

Projected semi-major axis 31,656,123.76(15) km (Freire et al. 2011)

Eccentricity: 0.0000749402(6) (Zhu et al. 2015)

## Masses:

Masses of neutron stars: 1.33816(2) / 1.24891(2)  $M_{\odot}$  (Kramer et al. in prep.)

Mass of low-mass WD: 0.207(2)  $M_{\odot}$  (Reardon et al. 2015)

Mass of millisecond pulsar: 1.667(7)  $M_{\odot}$  (Freire et al. 2011)

Main sequence star companion: 1.029(3)  $M_{\odot}$  (Freire et al. 2011)

## GR effects:

Periastron advance: 4.226598(5) deg/yr (Weisberg et al. 2010)

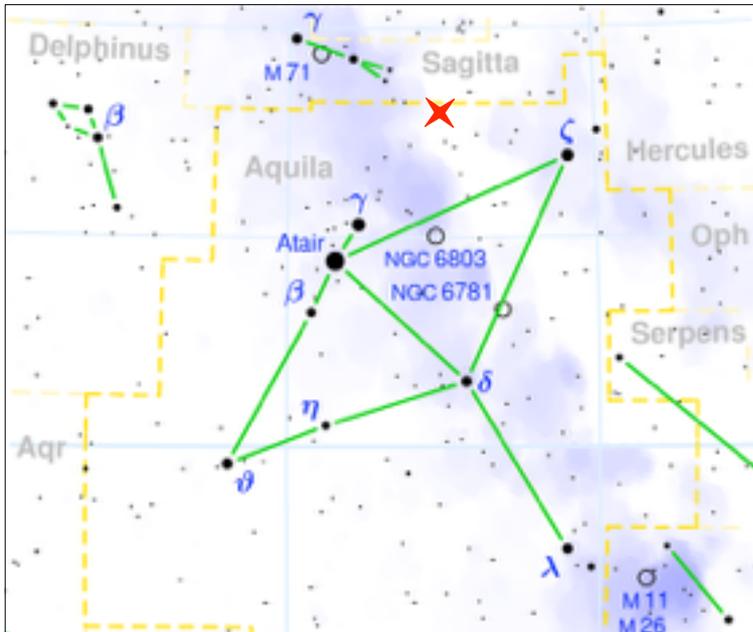
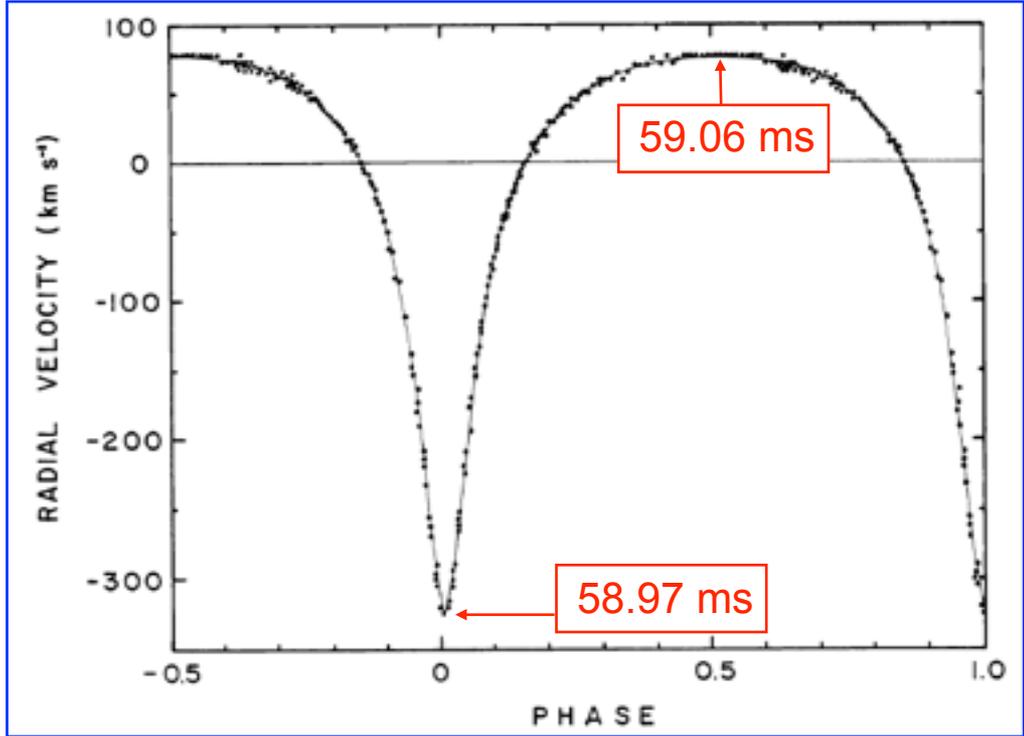
Einstein delay: 4.2992(8) ms (Weisberg et al. 2010)

Orbital GW damping: -39.384(6)  $\mu$ s/yr (Kramer et al. in prep.)

# The first binary pulsar - 1974



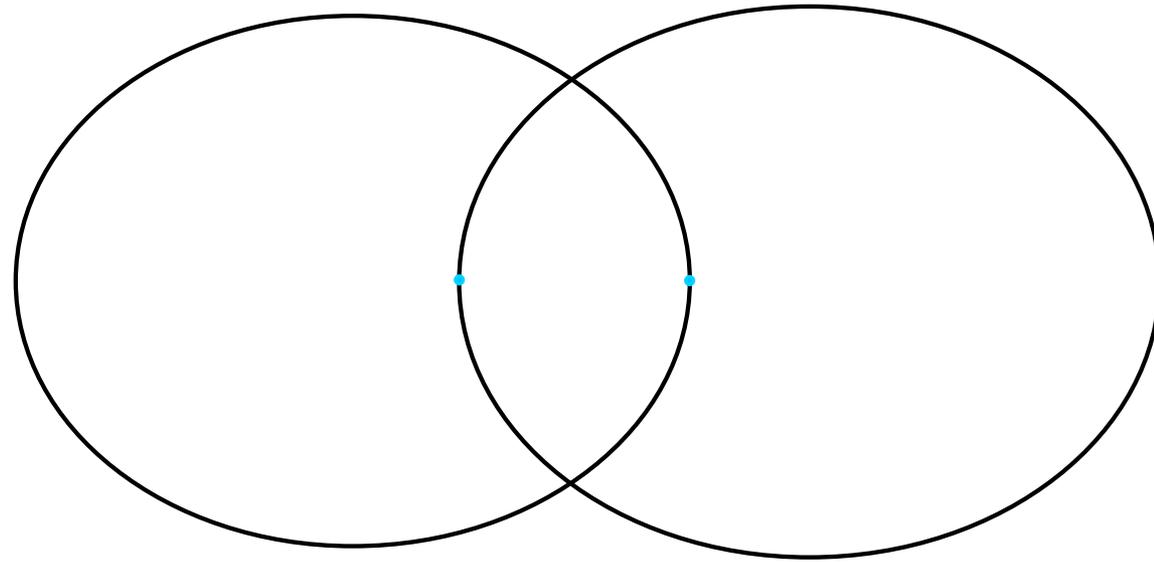
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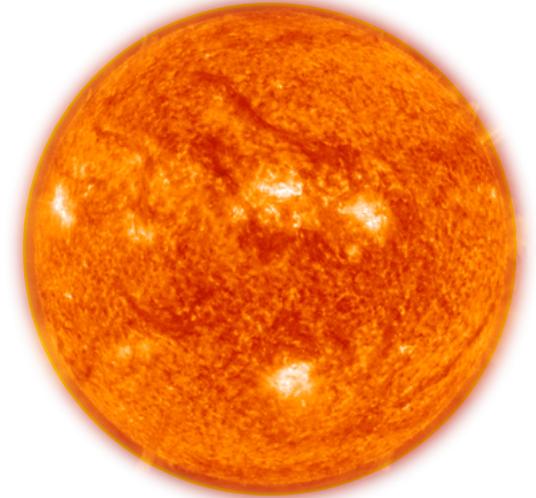
Pulse period: 59.0 ms  
Orbital period: 7.75 h  
Eccentricity: 0.617  
Companion: neutron star

[ Hulse & Taylor 1975 ]

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Sun



$$m_p = 1.44 M_\odot \quad a = 1.95 \times 10^{11} \text{ cm}$$

$$m_c = 1.39 M_\odot \quad e = 0.617$$

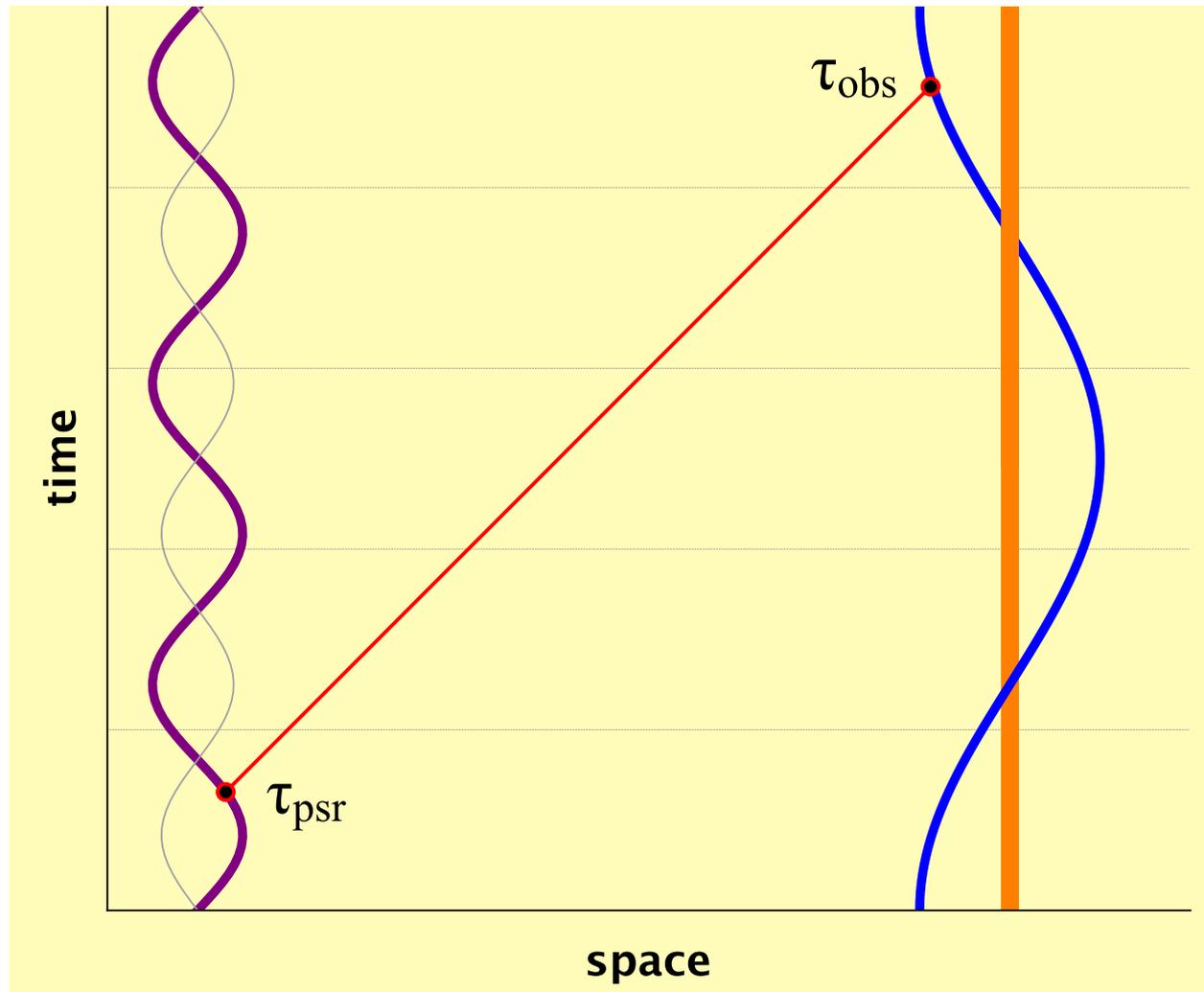
$$r_{\min} = 1.1 R_\odot$$

$$v_{\max} = 900 \text{ km/s} = 0.003 c$$

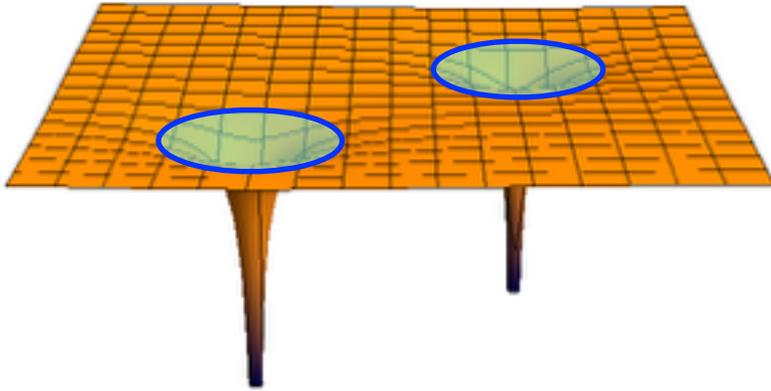
$$L_{\text{GW}} = 7.8 \times 10^{24} \text{ W}$$

# Binary Pulsars and GR

# Pulsar timing - a spacetime view



# The effacement principle in GR



**Multi-chart approach** to solve Einstein's field equations

→ one global coordinate chart  $x_\mu$ :  $g_{\mu\nu}(x^\lambda) = \eta_{\mu\nu} + h_{\mu\nu}^{(1)} + h_{\mu\nu}^{(2)} + \dots$

→ two local coordinate charts  $X_\mu^a$ :  $G_{\alpha\beta}(X_a^\gamma) = G_{\alpha\beta}^{(0)}(X_a^\gamma; m_a) + H_{\alpha\beta}^{(1)}(X_a^\gamma; m_a, m_b) + \dots$

→ expansions are then 'matched' in some overlapping domain of common validity

In GR, the **internal structure** of a compact ( $R \sim \text{few Gm}/c^2$ ) quasi-static body is **effaced** to a very high degree → **absence of any explicit strong-field-gravity effect** in the orbital dynamics.

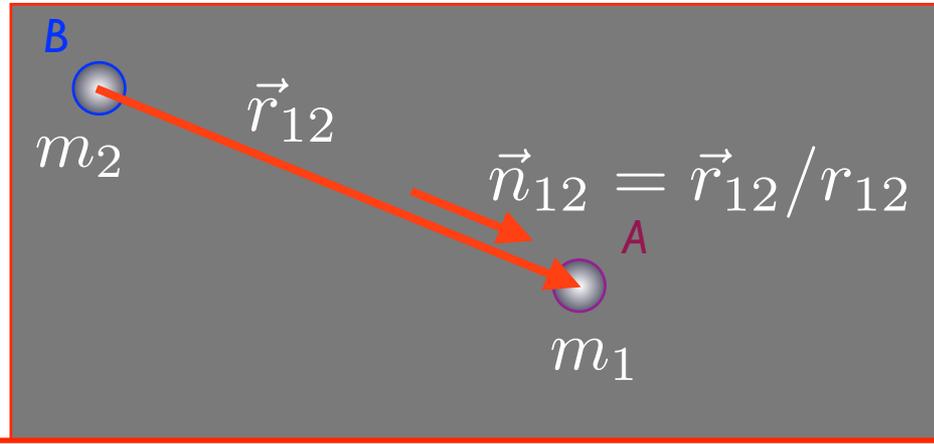
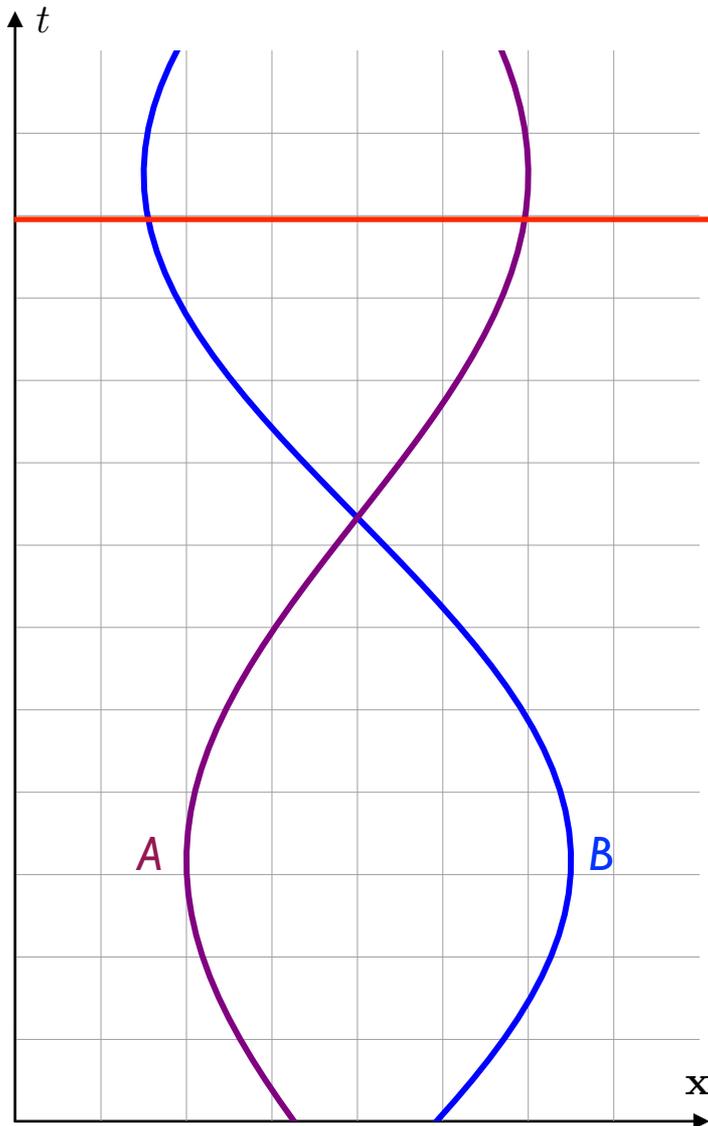
The masses are always defined such that the Lagrangian for non-interacting compact objects reads

$$\mathcal{L}_0 = - \sum_a m_a \left( 1 - \frac{v_a^2}{c^2} \right)^{1/2}$$

hence  $m_a c^2$  represents the total energy of body  $a$ .

# Binary motion - Newtonian dynamics

Determining the world line of the pulsar



$$a_1^i = -\frac{Gm_2 n_{12}^i}{r_{12}^2}$$

Relative motion (Keplerian parametrization)

Eccentric anomaly

$$\frac{2\pi}{P_b} (t - t_0) = \downarrow U - e \sin U \quad (\text{Kepler's equation})$$

$$r_{12} = a(1 - e \cos U)$$

$$\varphi - \varphi_0 = 2 \arctan \left[ \left( \frac{1+e}{1-e} \right)^{1/2} \tan \frac{U}{2} \right]$$

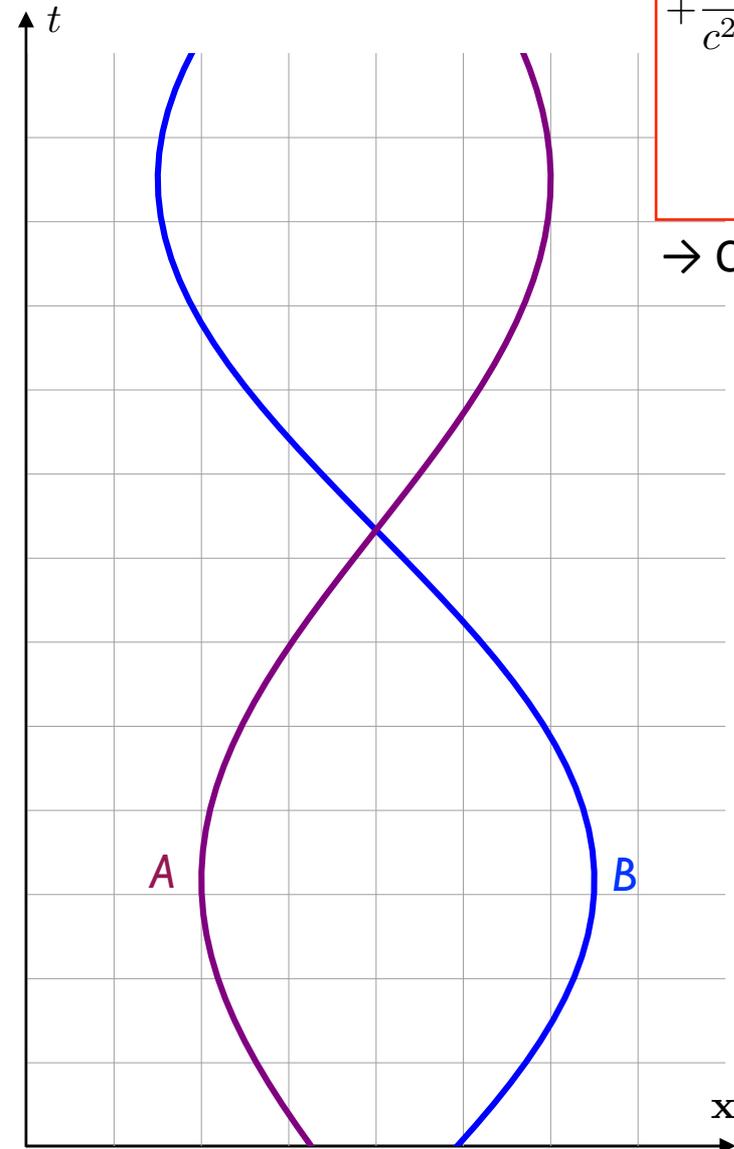
# Binary Motion - First post-Newtonian Dynamics

harmonic coordinates

$$a_1^i = -\frac{Gm_2 n_{12}^i}{r_{12}^2}$$

$$+\frac{1}{c^2} \left\{ \left[ \frac{5G^2 m_1 m_2}{r_{12}^3} + \frac{4G^2 m_2^2}{r_{12}^3} + \frac{Gm_2}{r_{12}^2} \left( \frac{3}{2} (n_{12} v_2)^2 - v_1^2 + 4(v_1 v_2) - 2v_2^2 \right) \right] n_{12}^i + \frac{Gm_2}{r_{12}^2} (4(n_{12} v_1) - 3(n_{12} v_2)) v_{12}^i \right\}$$

→ Conservation of orbital energy and angular momentum



Quasi-Keplerian parametrization

[ Damour & Deruelle 1985 ]

$$\frac{2\pi}{P_b} (t - t_0) = U - e_t \sin U$$

$$r_{12} = a(1 - e_r \cos U)$$

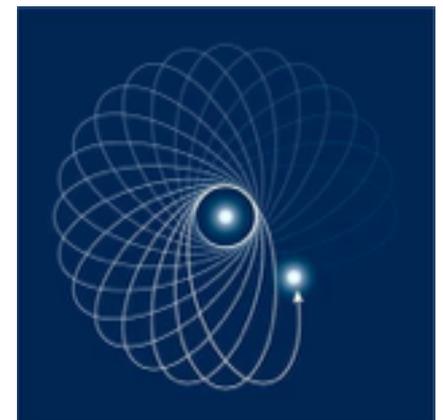
$$\varphi - \varphi_0 = 2(1 + k) \arctan \left[ \left( \frac{1 + e_\varphi}{1 - e_\varphi} \right)^{1/2} \tan \frac{U}{2} \right]$$

Relativistic advance of periastron

$$\dot{\omega} = \frac{2\pi}{P_b} k$$

$$k = 3 \frac{G^{2/3}}{c^2} \left( \frac{2\pi}{P_b} \right)^{2/3} \frac{(m_1 + m_2)^{2/3}}{1 - e^2}$$

Hulse-Taylor pulsar: 4.2 deg/yr



# Second post-Newtonian motion - EoM

$$\begin{aligned}
 a_1^i = & -\frac{Gm_2 n_{12}^i}{r_{12}^2} \\
 & + \frac{1}{c^2} \left\{ \left[ \frac{5G^2 m_1 m_2}{r_{12}^3} + \frac{4G^2 m_2^2}{r_{12}^3} + \frac{Gm_2}{r_{12}^2} \left( \frac{3}{2} (n_{12} v_2)^2 - v_1^2 + 4(v_1 v_2) - 2v_2^2 \right) \right] n_{12}^i \right. \\
 & \quad \left. + \frac{Gm_2}{r_{12}^2} (4(n_{12} v_1) - 3(n_{12} v_2)) v_{12}^i \right\} \\
 & + \frac{1}{c^4} \left\{ \left[ -\frac{57G^3 m_1^2 m_2}{4r_{12}^4} - \frac{69G^3 m_1 m_2^2}{2r_{12}^4} - \frac{9G^3 m_2^3}{r_{12}^4} \right. \right. \\
 & \quad \left. + \frac{Gm_2}{r_{12}^2} \left( -\frac{15}{8} (n_{12} v_2)^4 + \frac{3}{2} (n_{12} v_2)^2 v_1^2 - 6(n_{12} v_2)^2 (v_1 v_2) - 2(v_1 v_2)^2 + \frac{9}{2} (n_{12} v_2)^2 v_2^2 \right. \right. \\
 & \quad \quad \left. \left. + 4(v_1 v_2) v_2^2 - 2v_2^4 \right) \right. \\
 & \quad \left. + \frac{G^2 m_1 m_2}{r_{12}^3} \left( \frac{39}{2} (n_{12} v_1)^2 - 39(n_{12} v_1)(n_{12} v_2) + \frac{17}{2} (n_{12} v_2)^2 - \frac{15}{4} v_1^2 - \frac{5}{2} (v_1 v_2) + \frac{5}{4} v_2^2 \right) \right. \\
 & \quad \left. + \frac{G^2 m_2^2}{r_{12}^3} (2(n_{12} v_1)^2 - 4(n_{12} v_1)(n_{12} v_2) - 6(n_{12} v_2)^2 - 8(v_1 v_2) + 4v_2^2) \right] n_{12}^i \\
 & \quad + \left[ \frac{G^2 m_2^2}{r_{12}^3} (-2(n_{12} v_1) - 2(n_{12} v_2)) + \frac{G^2 m_1 m_2}{r_{12}^3} \left( -\frac{63}{4} (n_{12} v_1) + \frac{55}{4} (n_{12} v_2) \right) \right. \\
 & \quad \left. + \frac{Gm_2}{r_{12}^2} \left( -6(n_{12} v_1)(n_{12} v_2)^2 + \frac{9}{2} (n_{12} v_2)^3 + (n_{12} v_2) v_1^2 - 4(n_{12} v_1)(v_1 v_2) \right. \right. \\
 & \quad \quad \left. \left. + 4(n_{12} v_2)(v_1 v_2) + 4(n_{12} v_1) v_2^2 - 5(n_{12} v_2) v_2^2 \right) \right] v_{12}^i \left. \right\}
 \end{aligned}$$

→ Conservation of orbital energy and angular momentum

# Second post-Newtonian motion - solution

## Generalized quasi-Keplerian parametrization

$$\frac{2\pi}{P_b} (t - t_0) = U - e_t \sin U + \frac{f_t}{c^4} \sin v + \frac{g_t}{c^4} (v - U)$$

$$v = 2 \arctan \left[ \left( \frac{1 + e_\varphi}{1 - e_\varphi} \right)^{1/2} \tan \frac{U}{2} \right]$$

$$r_{12} = a(1 - e_r \cos U)$$

$$\varphi - \varphi_0 = (1 + k)v + \frac{f_\varphi}{c^4} \sin 2v + \frac{g_\varphi}{c^4} \sin 3v$$

Relevant for present day pulsar timing

$$k = \frac{3\beta_O^2}{1 - e_T^2} \left\{ 1 + \frac{\beta_O^2}{1 - e_T^2} \left[ \left( \frac{13}{2} - \frac{7}{3}\eta \right) + \left( \frac{1}{4} + \frac{5}{6}\eta + 3\frac{m_1}{M} \right) e_T^2 \right] \right\}$$

$$\beta_O = \left( \frac{2\pi GM}{P_b c^3} \right)^{1/3} \quad \text{and} \quad \eta = m_1 m_2 / M^2$$

<b>Hulse-Taylor pulsar:</b>	$\beta_O = 0.0015$	
Observed periastron advance:	4.226585(4)	deg/yr
2pN contribution:	0.000098	deg/yr

[ Damour & Schäfer 1988, Schäfer & Wex 1993 ]

# Gravitation radiation damping

Binary motion in Einstein's gravity: 2.5 post-Newtonian

$$a_1^i = -\frac{Gm_2 n_{12}^i}{r_{12}^2} + \frac{1}{c^2} \left\{ \left[ \frac{5G^2 m_1 m_2}{r_{12}^3} + \frac{4G^2 m_2^2}{r_{12}^3} + \frac{Gm_2}{r_{12}^2} \left( \frac{3}{2} (n_{12} v_2)^2 - v_1^2 + 4(v_1 v_2) - 2v_2^2 \right) \right] n_{12}^i + \frac{Gm_2}{r_{12}^2} (4(n_{12} v_1) - 3(n_{12} v_2)) v_{12}^i \right\} + 2\text{pN}$$

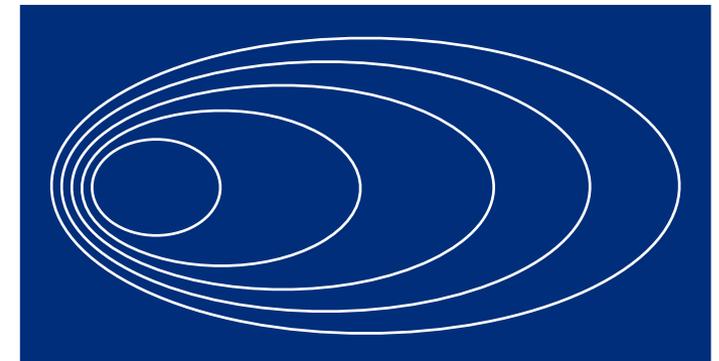
$$+ \frac{1}{c^5} \left\{ \left[ \frac{208G^3 m_1 m_2^2}{15r_{12}^4} (n_{12} v_{12}) - \frac{24G^3 m_1^2 m_2}{5r_{12}^4} (n_{12} v_{12}) + \frac{12G^2 m_1 m_2}{5r_{12}^3} (n_{12} v_{12}) v_{12}^2 \right] n_{12}^i + \left[ \frac{8G^3 m_1^2 m_2}{5r_{12}^4} - \frac{32G^3 m_1 m_2^2}{5r_{12}^4} - \frac{4G^2 m_1 m_2}{5r_{12}^3} v_{12}^2 \right] v_{12}^i \right\}$$

→ Loss of orbital energy and angular momentum

$$\frac{dE}{dt} = -\frac{G}{5c^5} \sum_{i,j} \left\langle \frac{d^3 Q_{ij}}{dt^3} \frac{d^3 Q_{ij}}{dt^3} \right\rangle$$

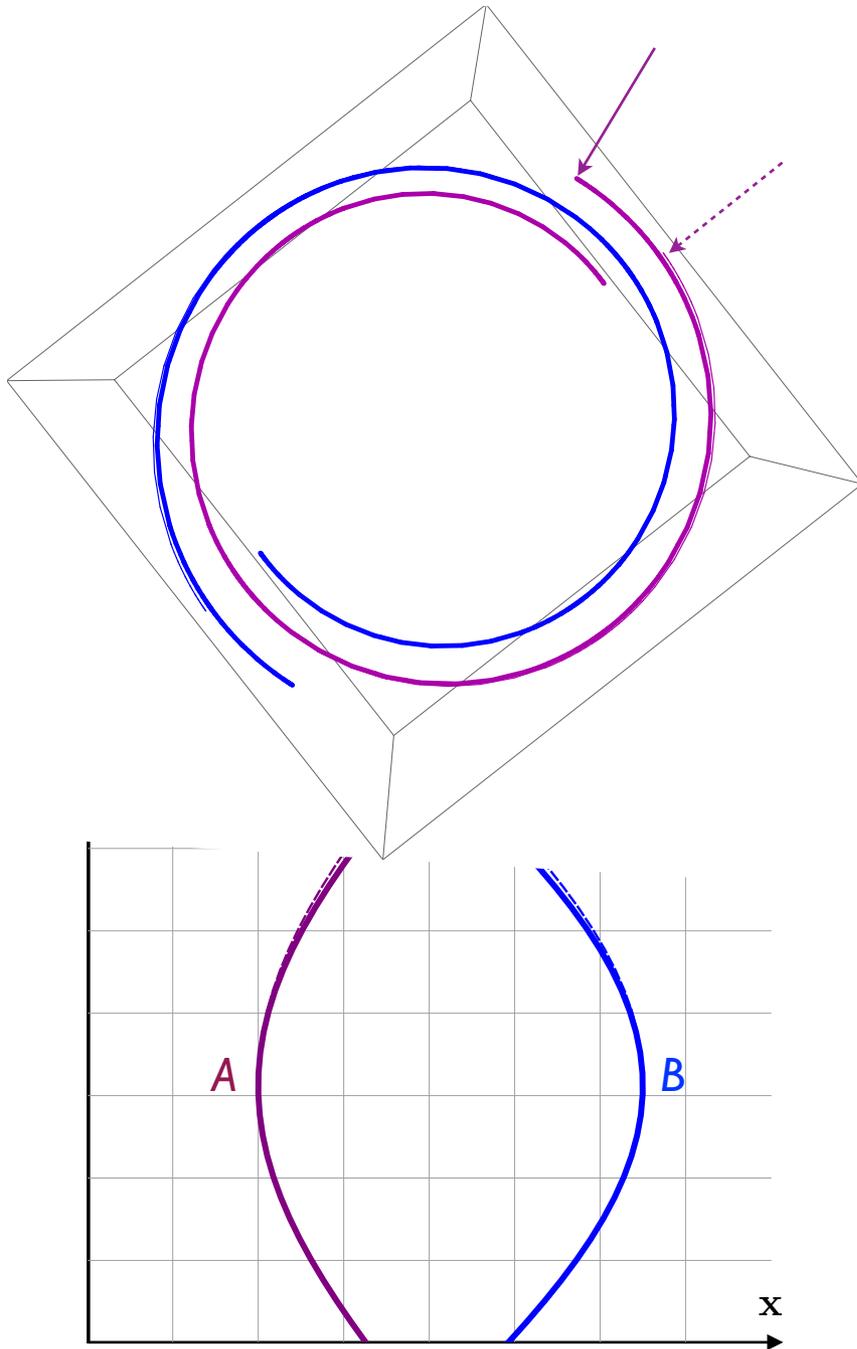
$$\frac{dJ^i}{dt} = \frac{2G}{5c^5} \sum_{k,l,a} \epsilon^{ikl} \left\langle \frac{d^2 Q_{ka}}{dt^2} \frac{d^3 Q_{la}}{dt^3} \right\rangle$$

"radiation reaction **quadrupole formula**"



Hulse-Taylor pulsar: 3.5 m/yr

# Gravitational-wave emission and orbital dynamics



Kepler's 3<sup>rd</sup> law:

$$a^3 \left( \frac{2\pi}{P_b} \right)^2 = G(m_1 + m_2) \implies \frac{\dot{P}_b}{P_b} = \frac{3}{2} \frac{\dot{a}}{a}$$

In GR:

$$\dot{P}_b^{\text{GR}} = -\frac{192 \pi G^{5/3}}{5 c^5} \left( \frac{P_b}{2\pi} \right)^{-5/3} \left( 1 + \frac{73}{24} e^2 + \frac{37}{96} e^4 \right) \times (1 - e^2)^{-7/2} m_1 m_2 (m_1 + m_2)^{-1/3}$$

[ Peters 1964 ]

**Hulse-Taylor pulsar: 76  $\mu\text{s}/\text{yr}$**

Orbital phase evolution:  
modification of Kepler's equation

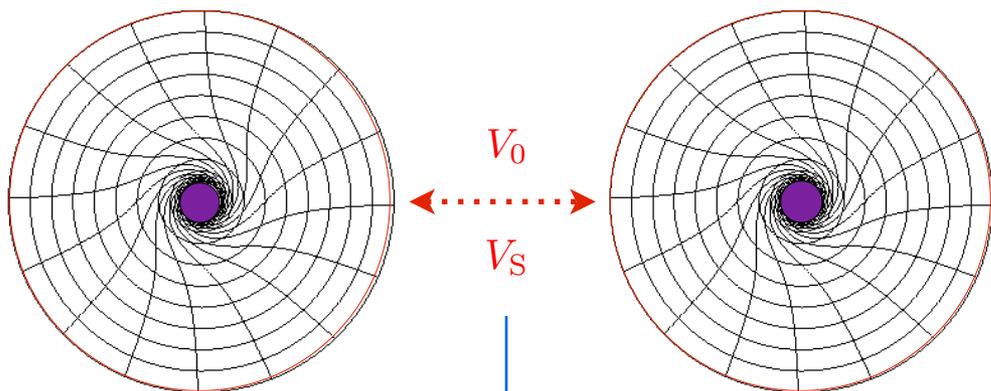
$$U - e \sin U = 2\pi \left[ \left( \frac{t - t_0}{P_b} \right) - \frac{\dot{P}_b}{2} \left( \frac{t - t_0}{P_b} \right)^2 \right]$$

**Hulse-Taylor pulsar after 40 years:**

At periastron  $\Delta U = 2.3 \text{ deg}$

-> 30000 km -> 0.1 lt-s

# Relativistic spin-orbit coupling - geodetic spin precession



[Andersen 1996]

Potential-energy terms for the interaction ( $S_1$ - $L$ ,  $S_2$ - $L$  and  $S_1$ - $S_2$ , to leading order)

$$V_{S_1,L} = \frac{G}{c^2 r_{12}^3} \left( 2 + \frac{3m_2}{2m_1} \right) (\vec{S}_1 \cdot \vec{L})$$

~~$$V_{S_2,L} = \frac{G}{c^2 r_{12}^3} \left( 2 + \frac{3m_1}{2m_2} \right) (\vec{S}_2 \cdot \vec{L})$$~~

~~$$V_{S_1,S_2} = \frac{G}{c^2 r_{12}^3} \left( 3(\vec{S}_1 \cdot \vec{S}_2) + 3(\vec{S}_1 \cdot \vec{r}_{12})(\vec{S}_2 \cdot \vec{r}_{12}) - \vec{S}_1 \cdot \vec{S}_2 \right)$$~~

Binary pulsars:

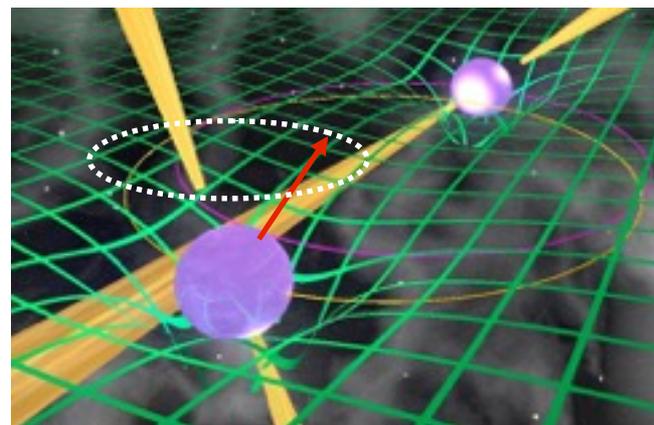
$$|\mathbf{S}_p| \gg |\mathbf{S}_c| \quad [\text{HT: } >20]$$

$$|\mathbf{L}| \gg |\mathbf{S}_p| \quad [\text{HT: } 70000]$$

$$\mathbf{L} + \mathbf{S} = \mathbf{J} = \text{const.}$$

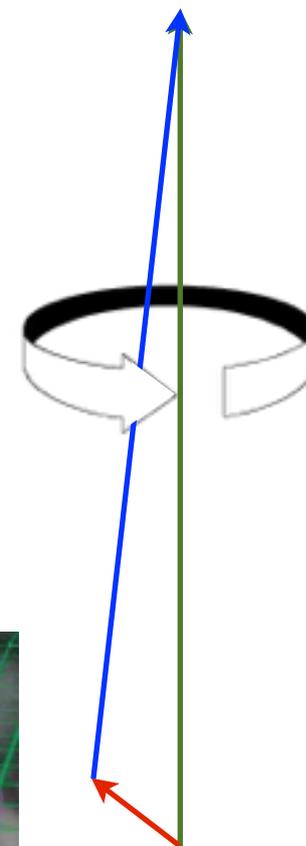
$$|\mathbf{S}| = \text{const.}$$

$$|\mathbf{L}| = \text{const.}$$

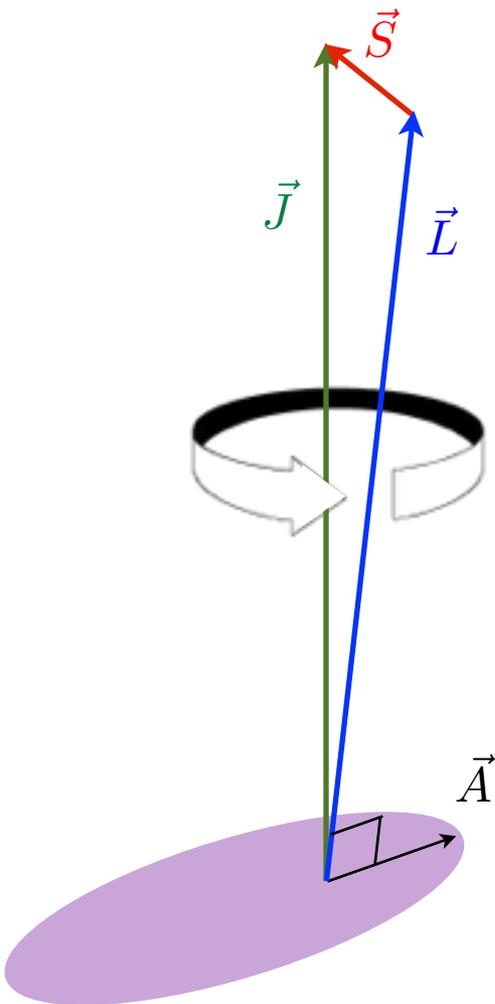


$$\Omega_p^{\text{geod}} = \frac{G^{2/3}}{c^2} \left( \frac{2\pi}{P_b} \right)^{5/3} \frac{m_c(4m_p + m_c)}{2(m_p + m_c)^{4/3}} \frac{1}{1 - e^2}$$

Hulse-Taylor pulsar: 1.2 deg/yr



# Relativistic spin-orbit coupling - Lense-Thirring precession



Spin of the pulsar causes a precession of the orbit:

→ Lense-Thirring precession of orbital angular momentum and Laplace-Runge-Lenz vector

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \left\langle \frac{d\vec{L}}{dt} \right\rangle &= \vec{\Omega}_{\text{SO}} \times \vec{L} \\ \left\langle \frac{d\vec{A}}{dt} \right\rangle &= \vec{\Omega}_{\text{SO}} \times \vec{A} \end{aligned} \right\} \vec{\Omega}_{\text{SO}} = \left( \frac{2\pi}{P_b} \right)^2 \frac{m_c(4m_p + m_c)}{2c^2(m_p + m_c)} \frac{1}{(1 - e^2)^{3/2}} \times \left( \vec{S} - 3(\vec{S} \cdot \vec{L}) \vec{L}/L^2 \right)$$

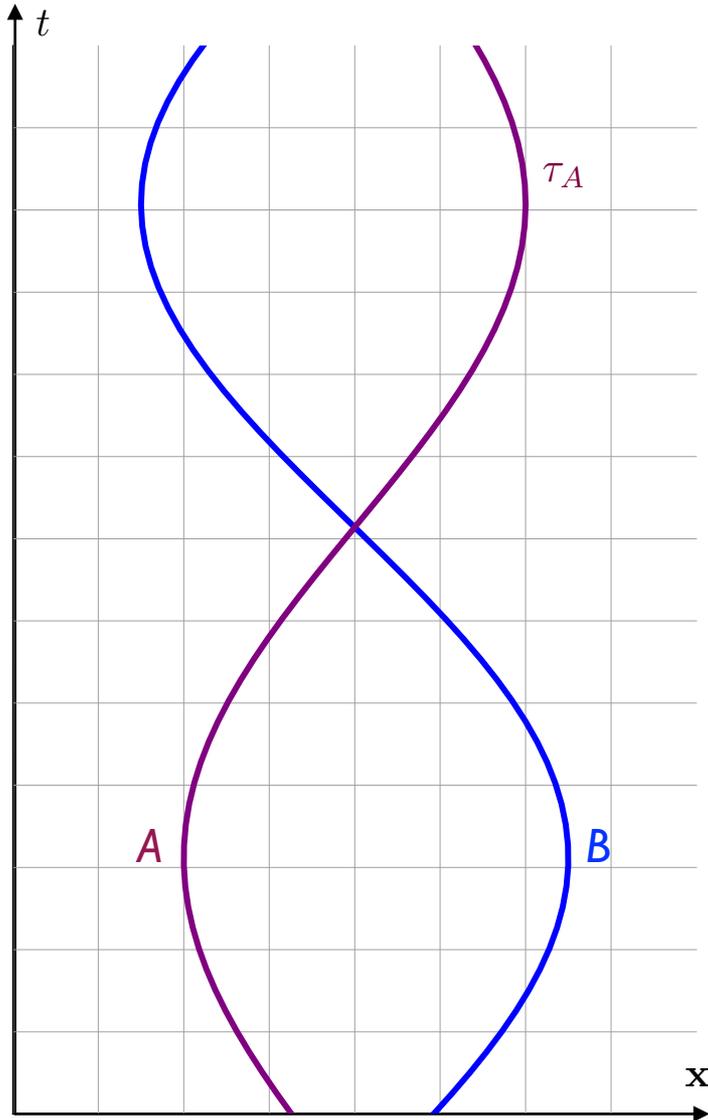
Consequently, we have a change in the orbital inclination and an additional change in the longitude of periastron:

$$k = k_{1\text{pN}} + k_{2\text{pN}} + k_{\text{SO}} \left\{ \begin{aligned} \Gamma &= \Gamma(m_1, m_2, i, \delta, \lambda) \\ \beta_O &= [G(m_1 + m_2)n_b]^{1/3} / c \\ \beta_S &= 2\pi \frac{c}{G} \frac{\nu_p I_p}{m_p^2} \end{aligned} \right.$$

**Hulse-Taylor pulsar:** -0.00004 deg/yr ~ 40% of 2pN

# Time dilation

$$ds^2 = -c^2 d\tau^2 \approx - \left(1 + 2\frac{\Phi}{c^2}\right) dt^2 + \left(1 - 2\frac{\Phi}{c^2}\right) (dx^2 + dy^2 + dz^2)$$



where  $\Phi(t, \mathbf{r}) = -\frac{Gm_A}{|\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}_A(t)|} - \frac{Gm_B}{|\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}_B(t)|}$

$$\frac{d\tau'_A}{dt} = 1 - \frac{Gm_A}{c^2 R} - \frac{v_A^2}{2c^2} + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{v^4}{c^4}\right) \quad \frac{d\tau_A}{dt} \propto \frac{d\tau'_A}{dt} \propto \frac{dT_A}{dt}$$

$$v_A^2 = G \frac{m_B^2}{M} \left( \frac{2}{R} - \frac{1}{a} \right)$$

$$R = a(1 - e \cos u)$$

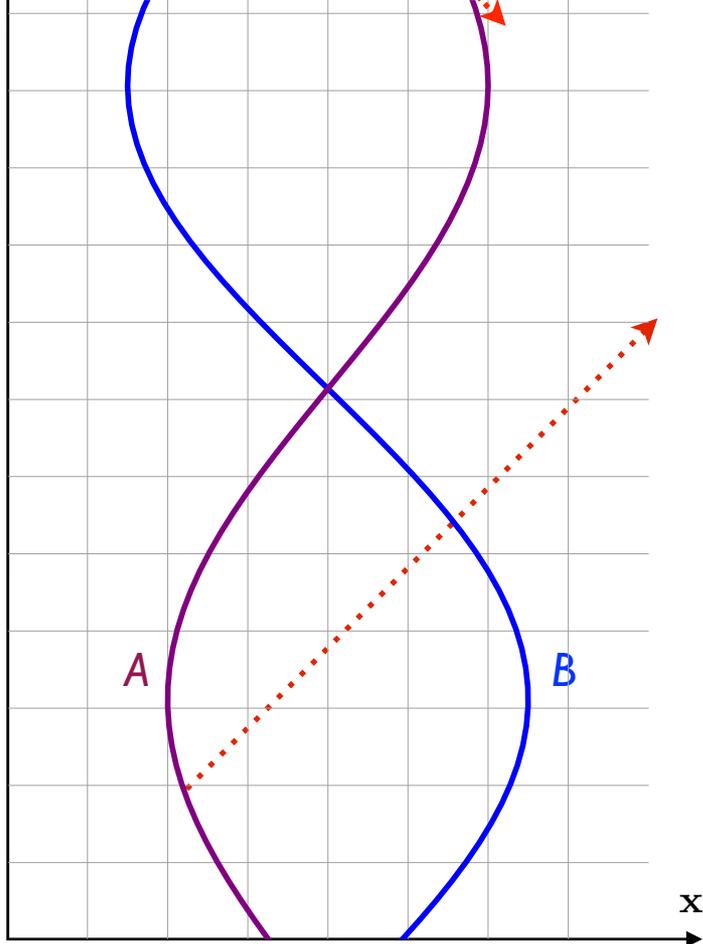
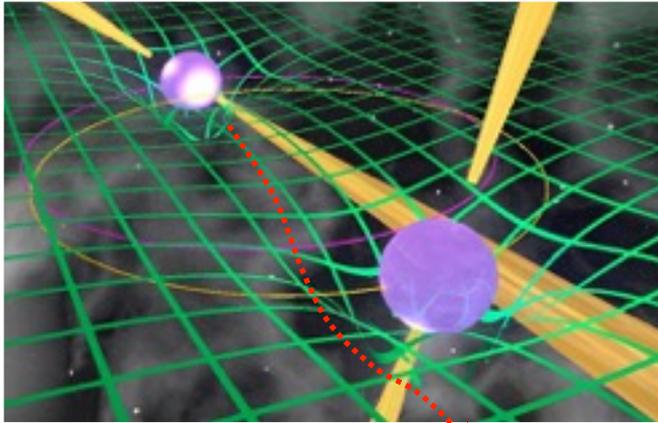
$$n_b(t - t_0) = u - e \sin u$$

$$T_A = t - \gamma_A \sin u \quad \text{"Einstein delay"}$$

$$\gamma_A = \frac{e}{n_b} \left( \frac{GMn_b}{c^3} \right)^{2/3} \frac{m_B}{M} \left( 1 + \frac{m_B}{M} \right)$$

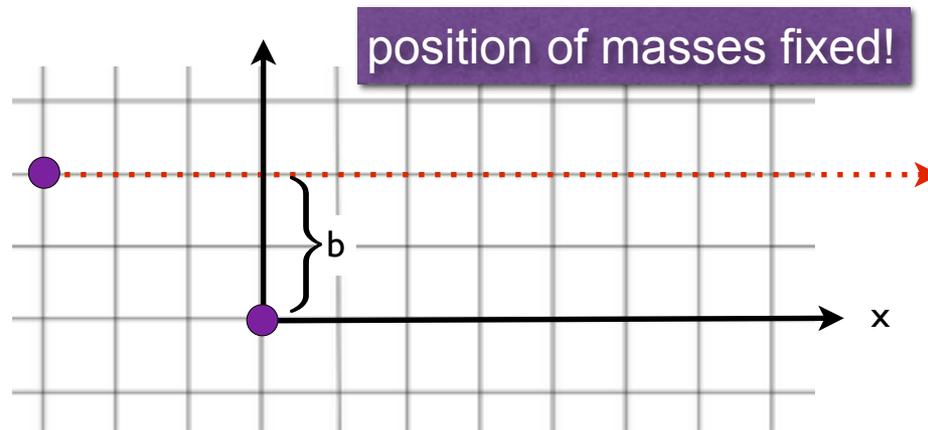
**Hulse-Taylor pulsar: 4.3 ms**

# Shapiro delay



$$0 = ds^2 \approx - \left( 1 + 2 \frac{\Phi}{c^2} \right) dt^2 + \left( 1 - 2 \frac{\Phi}{c^2} \right) (dx^2 + dy^2 + dz^2)$$

$$\left| \frac{dx}{dt} \right| \approx c \left( 1 + 2 \frac{\Phi}{c^2} \right)$$



$$t_{\text{arr}} - t_{\text{em}} \approx \frac{1}{c} \int_{x_{\text{em}}}^{x_{\text{arr}}} \left( 1 - 2 \frac{\Phi}{c^2} \right) dx \quad \Phi = - \frac{Gm_B}{\sqrt{x^2 + b^2}}$$

$$t_{\text{arr}} - t_{\text{em}} \approx \frac{|x_{\text{arr}} - x_{\text{em}}|}{c} + \frac{2Gm_B}{c^3} \ln \left( \frac{1 + e \cos \varphi}{1 - \sin i \sin(\omega + \varphi)} \right) + \text{const.}$$

[ Blandford & Teukolsky 1976 ]

# The Damour-Deruelle (DD) timing formula

$$t_b - t_0 = F[T; \{p^K\}; \{p^{PK}\}; \{q^{PK}\}]$$

Keplerian parameters:  $\{p^K\} = \{P_b, T_0, e_0, \omega_0, x_0\}$

Separately measurable post-Keplerian parameters:  $\{p^{PK}\} = \{k, \gamma, \dot{P}_b, r, s, \delta_\theta, \dot{e}, \dot{x}\}$

Not separately measurable post-Keplerian parameters:  $\{q^{PK}\} = \{\delta_r, A, B, D\}$

$$F(T) = D^{-1}[T + \Delta_R(T) + \Delta_E(T) + \Delta_S(T) + \Delta_A(T)]$$

Roemer delay:  $\Delta_R = x \sin \omega [\cos u - e(1 + \delta_r)] + x [1 - e^2(1 + \delta_\theta)^2]^{1/2} \cos \omega \sin u$

Einstein delay:  $\Delta_E = \gamma_E \sin u$

Shapiro delay:  $\Delta_S = -2r \ln \{ 1 - e \cos u - s [ \sin \omega (\cos u - e) + (1 - e^2)^{1/2} \cos \omega \sin u ] \}$

Aberration delay:  $\Delta_A = A \{ \sin[\omega + A_e(u)] + e \sin \omega \} + B \{ \cos[\omega + A_e(u)] + e \cos \omega \}$

$$\omega = \omega_0 + k A_e(u) \quad x = x_0 + \dot{x}(T - T_0) \quad e = e_0 + \dot{e}(T - T_0)$$

$$A_e(u) = 2 \arctan \left[ \left( \frac{1+e}{1-e} \right)^{1/2} \tan \frac{u}{2} \right]$$

$$u - e \sin u = 2\pi \left[ \left( \frac{T - T_0}{P_b} \right) - \frac{1}{2} \dot{P}_b \left( \frac{T - T_0}{P_b} \right)^2 \right]$$

$$\begin{aligned} P_b^{\text{obs}} &= D^{-1} P_b^{\text{intrinsic}} \\ x^{\text{obs}} &= D^{-1} x^{\text{intrinsic}} \\ e^{\text{obs}} &= e^{\text{intrinsic}}, \text{ etc.} \end{aligned}$$

[ Damour & Deruelle 1986, Damour & Taylor 1992 ]

# DD timing model and GR

$$\dot{\omega} = nk = \frac{3n}{1-e^2} \left( \frac{GMn}{c^3} \right)^{2/3}$$

$$\gamma_E = \frac{e}{n} \left( \frac{GMn}{c^3} \right)^{2/3} X_B (X_B + 1)$$

$$r = \frac{Gm_B}{c^3}$$

$$s = xn \left( \frac{GMn}{c^3} \right)^{-1/3} X_B^{-1}$$

$$\dot{P}_b = -\frac{192\pi}{5} \frac{1 + \frac{73}{24}e^2 + \frac{37}{96}e^4}{(1-e^2)^{7/2}} \left( \frac{GMn}{c^3} \right)^{5/3} X_A X_B$$

$$\delta_\theta = \left( \frac{GMn}{c^3} \right)^{2/3} \left( \frac{7}{2} X_A^2 + 6X_A X_B + 2X_B^2 \right)$$

$$\Omega_B = \frac{n}{2(1-e^2)} \left( \frac{GMn}{c^3} \right)^{2/3} X_A (3 + X_B)$$

## DDGR model

$P_b, e, x, T_0, \omega$  Keplerian

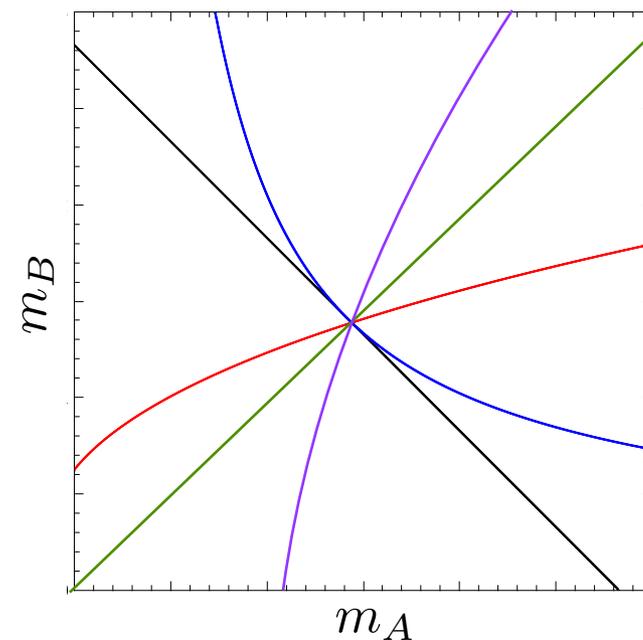
$m_A, m_B$  (inertial) masses

## DD model

$P_b, e, x, T_0, \omega$  Keplerian

$\dot{\omega}, \gamma, r, s, \dot{P}_b, \delta_\theta$  post-Keplerian

$$p_i^{\text{PK}} = f_i(p^{\text{K}}; m_A, m_B)$$

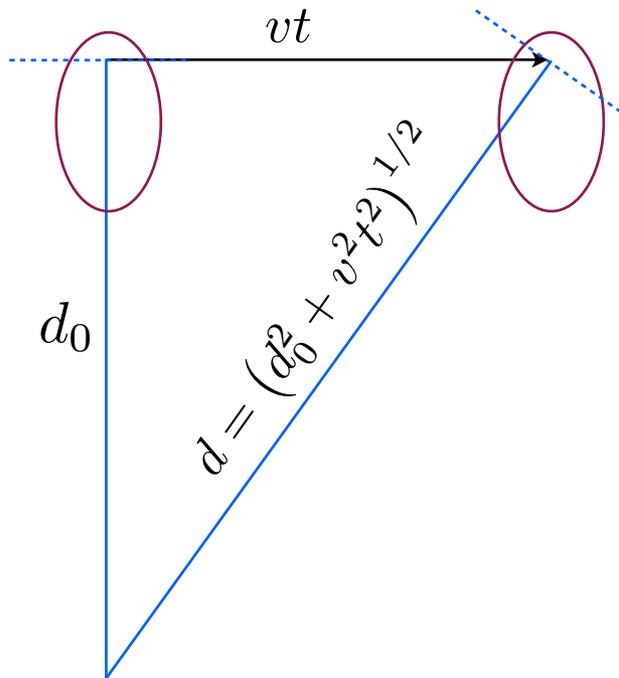


$$n = 2\pi/P_b, \quad M = m_A + m_B, \quad X_A = m_A/M, \quad X_B = m_B/M = 1 - X_A$$

# External contributions

## Proper motion effects

[ Shklovskii 1970, Arzoumanian et al. 1996, Kopeikin 1996 ]



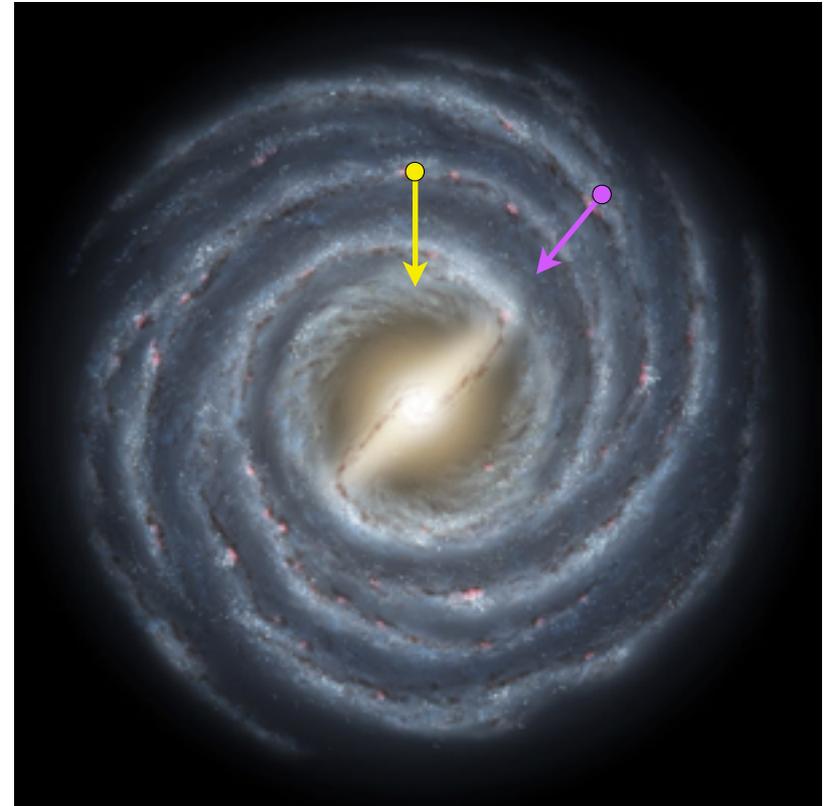
$$\rightarrow \frac{\dot{P}_b}{P_b} = \frac{v^2}{cd_0} = \frac{\mu^2 d_0}{c} > 0$$

$$\rightarrow \dot{\omega} = \csc i (\mu_\alpha \cos \Omega_{\text{asc}} + \mu_\delta \sin \Omega_{\text{asc}})$$

$$\rightarrow \dot{x} = x \cot i (-\mu_\alpha \sin \Omega_{\text{asc}} + \mu_\delta \cos \Omega_{\text{asc}})$$

## Galactic differential acceleration

[ Damour & Taylor 1991 ]



$$\ddot{d} = \vec{K}_0 \cdot (\vec{g}_{\text{PSR}} - \vec{g}_{\text{SSB}})$$

$$\frac{\dot{P}_b}{P_b} = \frac{\ddot{d}}{c}$$

# Applications

# The mass-mass diagram for the Hulse-Taylor pulsar

Parameter	Value <sup>a</sup>
$T_0$ (MJD) .....	52144.90097849(3)
$x \equiv a_1 \sin i$ (s)...	2.341776(2)
$e$ .....	0.6171340(4)
$P_b$ (d).....	0.322997448918(3)
$\omega_0$ (deg) .....	292.54450(8)
$\langle \dot{\omega} \rangle$ (deg / yr) ...	4.226585(4)
$\gamma$ (ms) .....	0.004307(4)
$\dot{P}_b^{obs}$ .....	$-2.423(1) \times 10^{-12}$
$\delta_{\theta}^{obs}$ .....	$4.0(25) \times 10^{-6}$
$\dot{x}^{obs}$ .....	$-0.014(9) \times 10^{-12}$
$\dot{e}^{obs}$ (s <sup>-1</sup> ) .....	$0.0006(7) \times 10^{-12}$

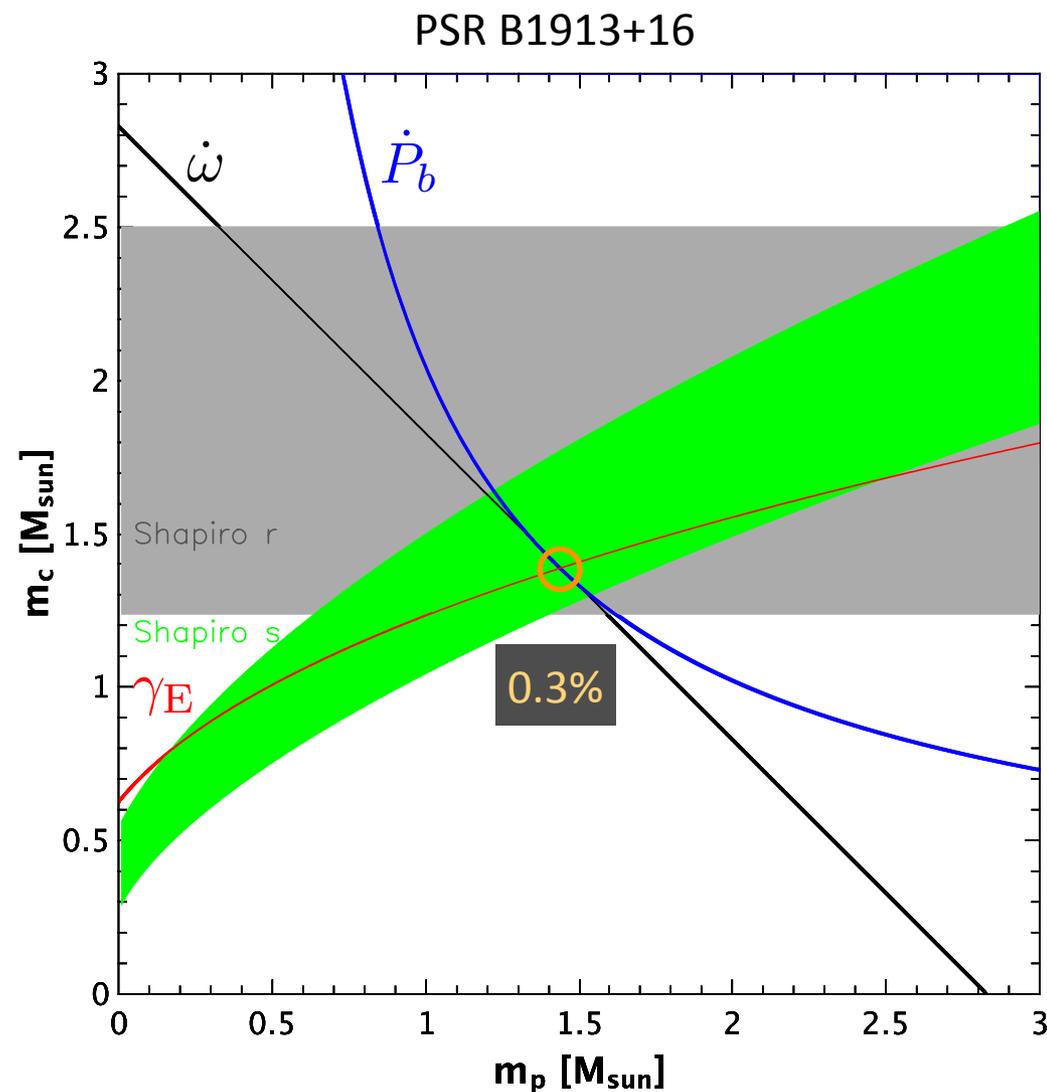
## Shapiro Gravitational Propagation Delay Parameters

### Damour & Deruelle (1986) Parametrization

$s$ .....	$0.68^{+0.10}_{-0.06}$
$r$ ( $\mu$ s) .....	$9.6^{+2.7}_{-3.5}$

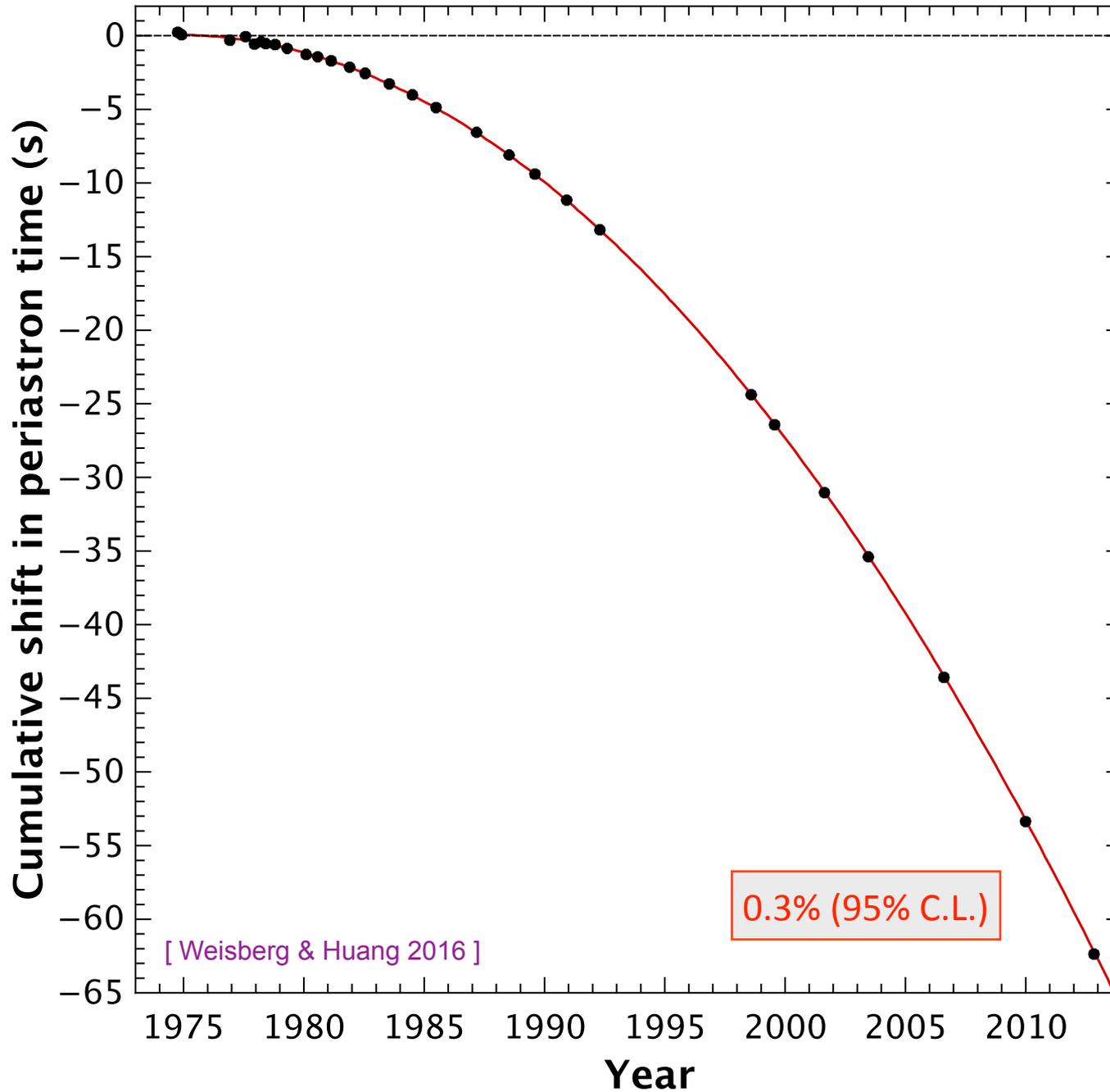
### Freire & Wex (2010) Parametrization

$\varsigma$ .....	0.38(4)
$h_3$ .....	$0.6(1) \times 10^{-6}$

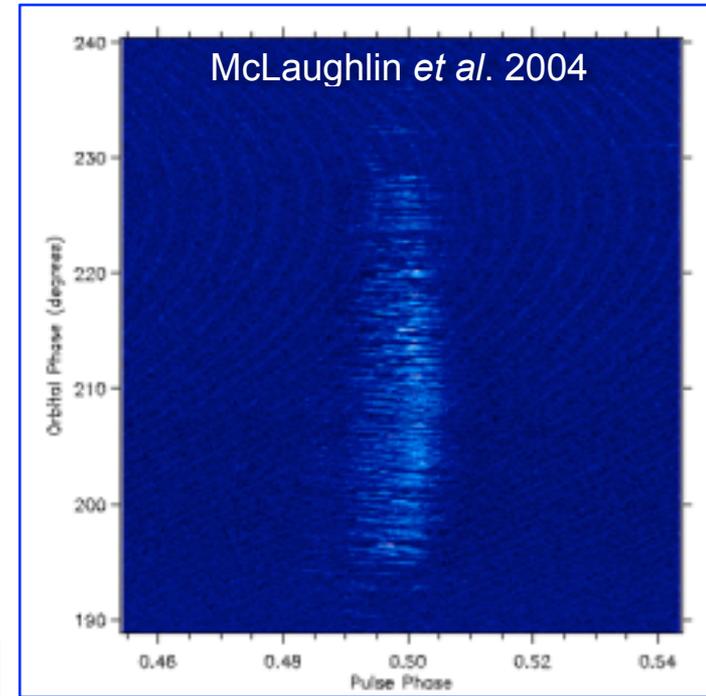
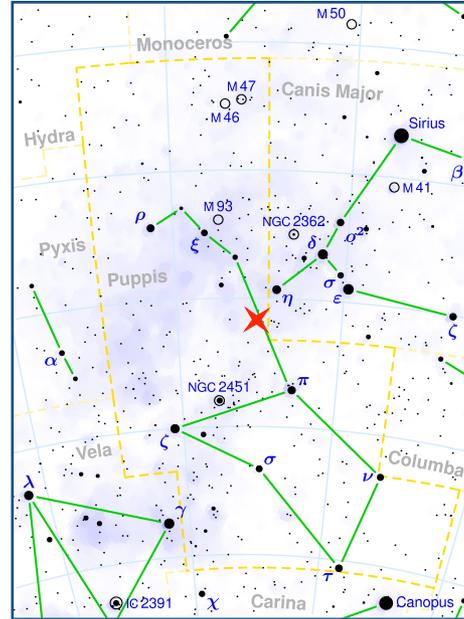


[ Weisberg & Huang 2016 ]

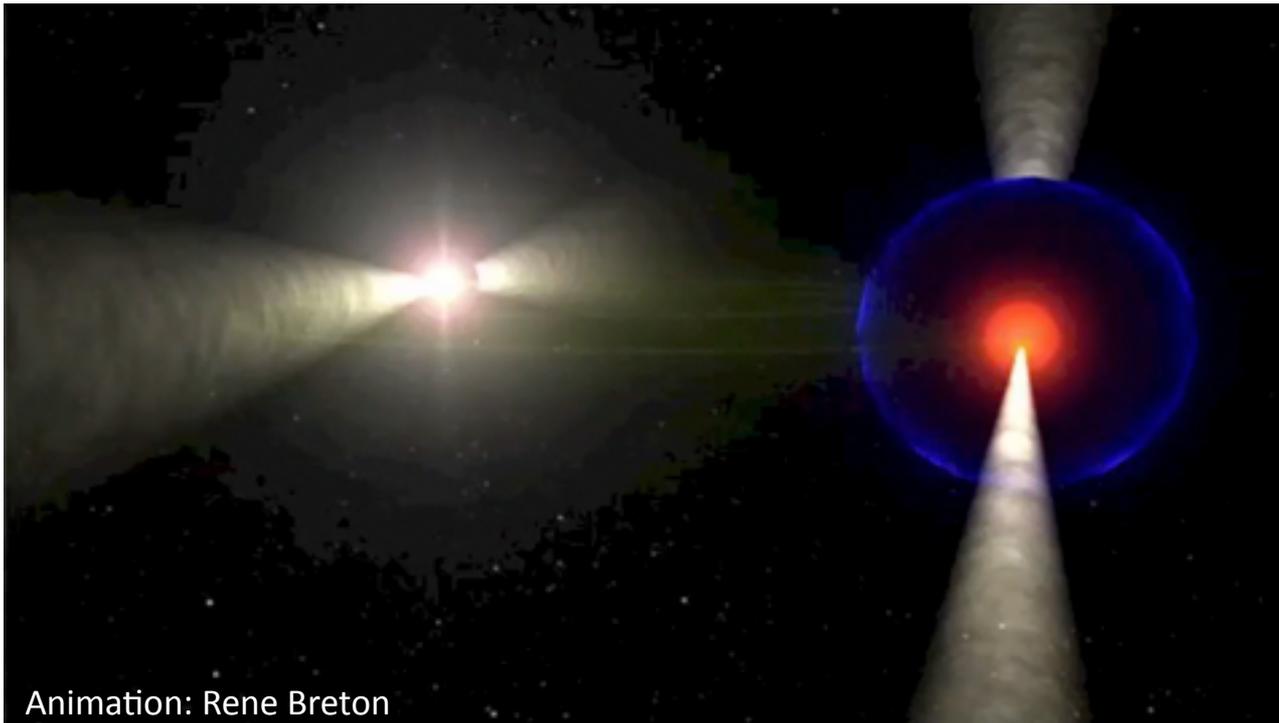
# Gravitational wave damping in the Hulse-Taylor pulsar



# The Double Pulsar PSR J0737-3039A/B



Spin periods:	23 ms / 2.8 s
Orbital period:	2.45 h
Eccentricity:	0.088



Animation: Rene Breton

[ Burgay *et al.* 2003, Lyne *et al.* 2004 ]

# Relativistic effects in the Double Pulsar

## ► Binary parameters from timing

Timing parameter	PSR J0737-3039A	PSR J0737-3039B
Orbital period $P_b$ (day)	0.10225156248(5)	—
Eccentricity $e$	0.0877775(9)	—
Projected semimajor axis $x = (a/c)\sin i$ (s)	1.415032(1)	1.5161(16)
Longitude of periastron $\omega$ ( $^\circ$ )	87.0331(8)	87.0331 + 180.0
Epoch of periastron $T_0$ (MJD)	53,155.9074280(2)	—
Advance of periastron $\dot{\omega}$ ( $^\circ$ /year)	16.89947(68)	[16.96(5)]
Gravitational redshift parameter $\gamma_E$ (ms)	0.3856(26)	—
Shapiro delay parameter $s$	0.99974(−39,+16)	—
Shapiro delay parameter $r$ ( $\mu$ s)	6.21(33)	—
Orbital period derivative $\dot{P}_b$	$-1.252(17) \times 10^{-12}$	—

[ Kramer *et al.* 2006 ]

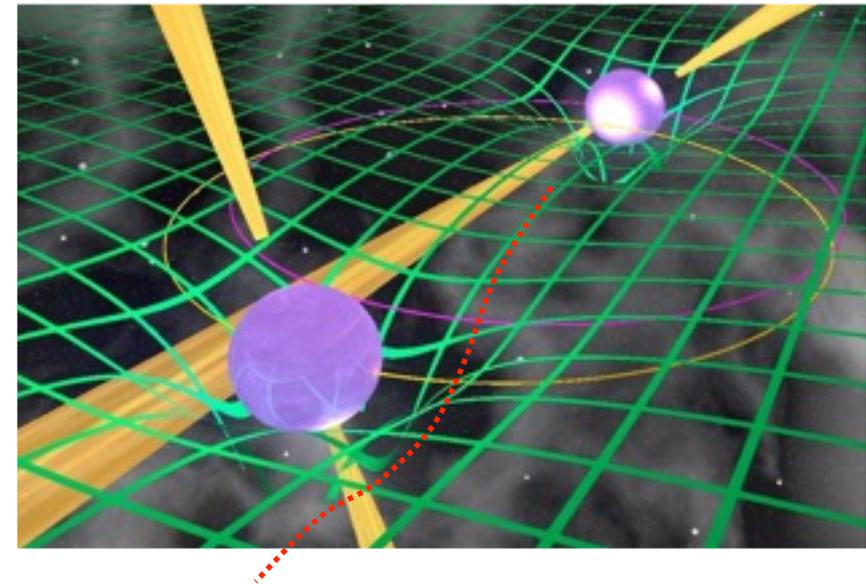
↳ **mass ratio** + 5 post-Keplerian parameters

## ► Spin precession of B (from eclipses)

$$\Omega_B = 4.77^{+0.66}_{-0.65} \text{ }^\circ/\text{year}$$

[ Breton *et al.* 2008 ]

↳ 6<sup>th</sup> post-Keplerian parameter

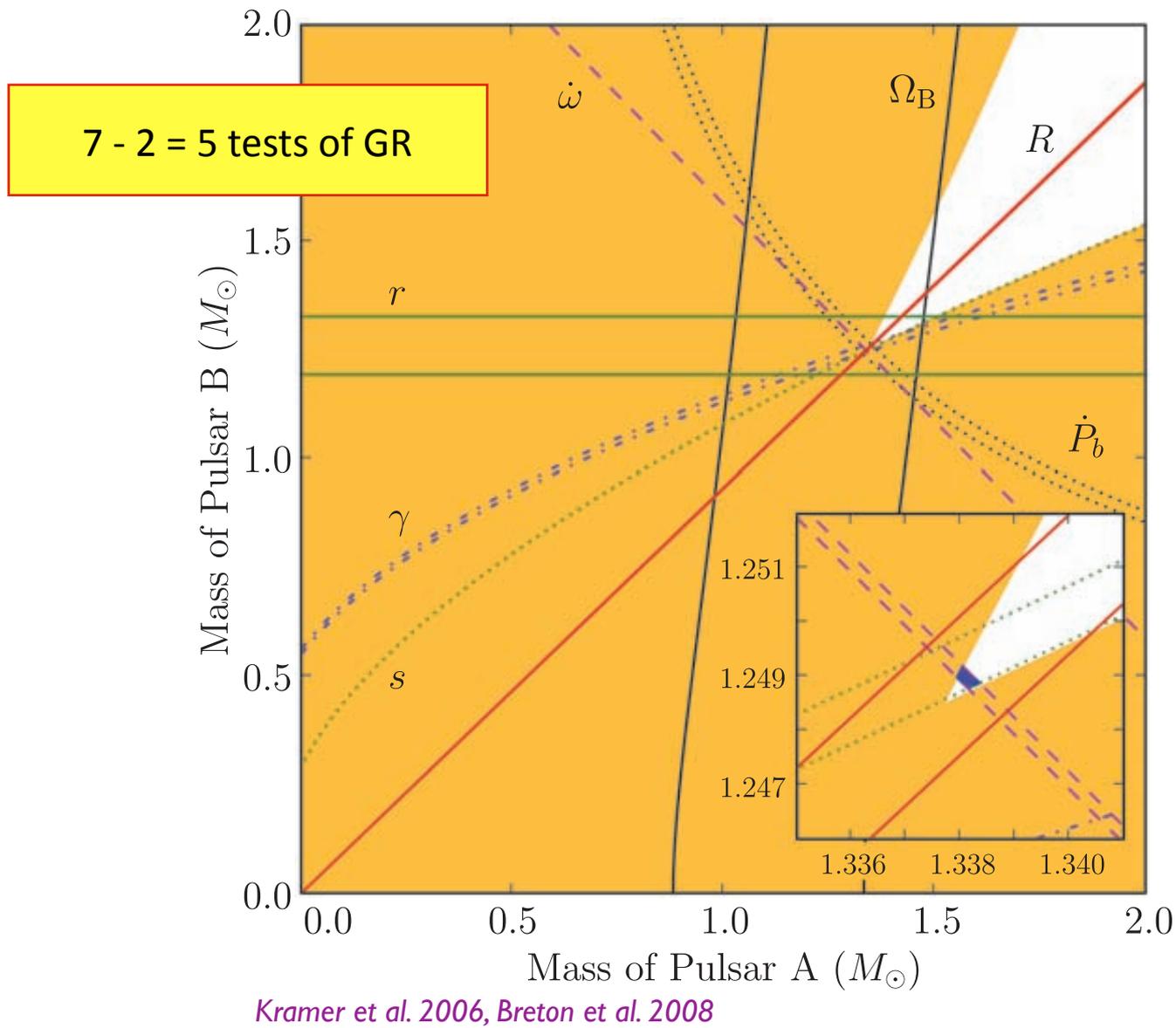


# Observing the Double Pulsar

$\sim 1.3 \times 10^6$  TOAs from five different radio telescopes

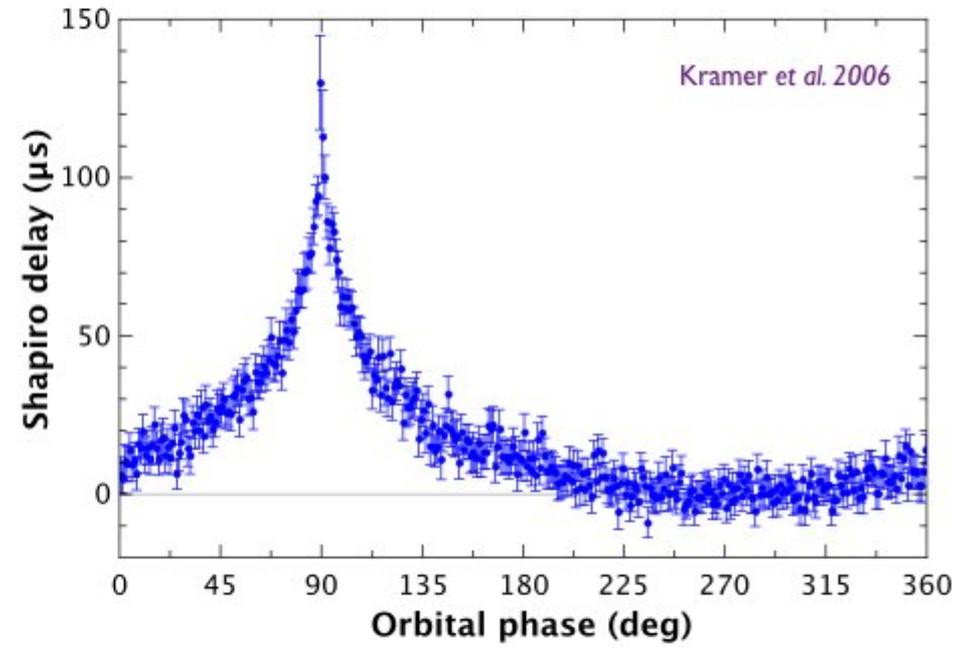
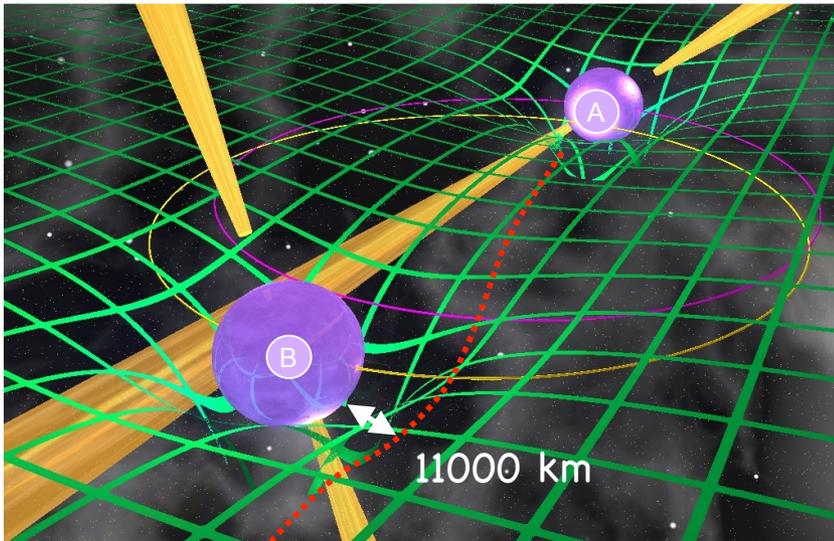
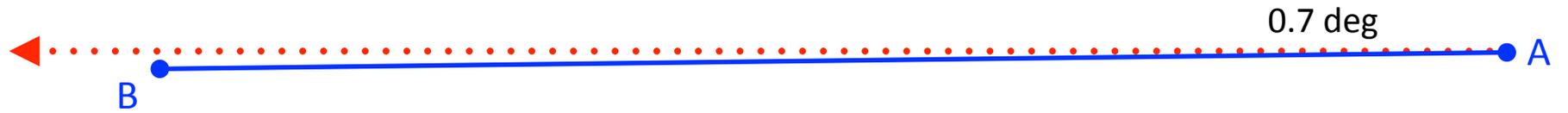


# The GR mass-mass diagram of the Double Pulsar

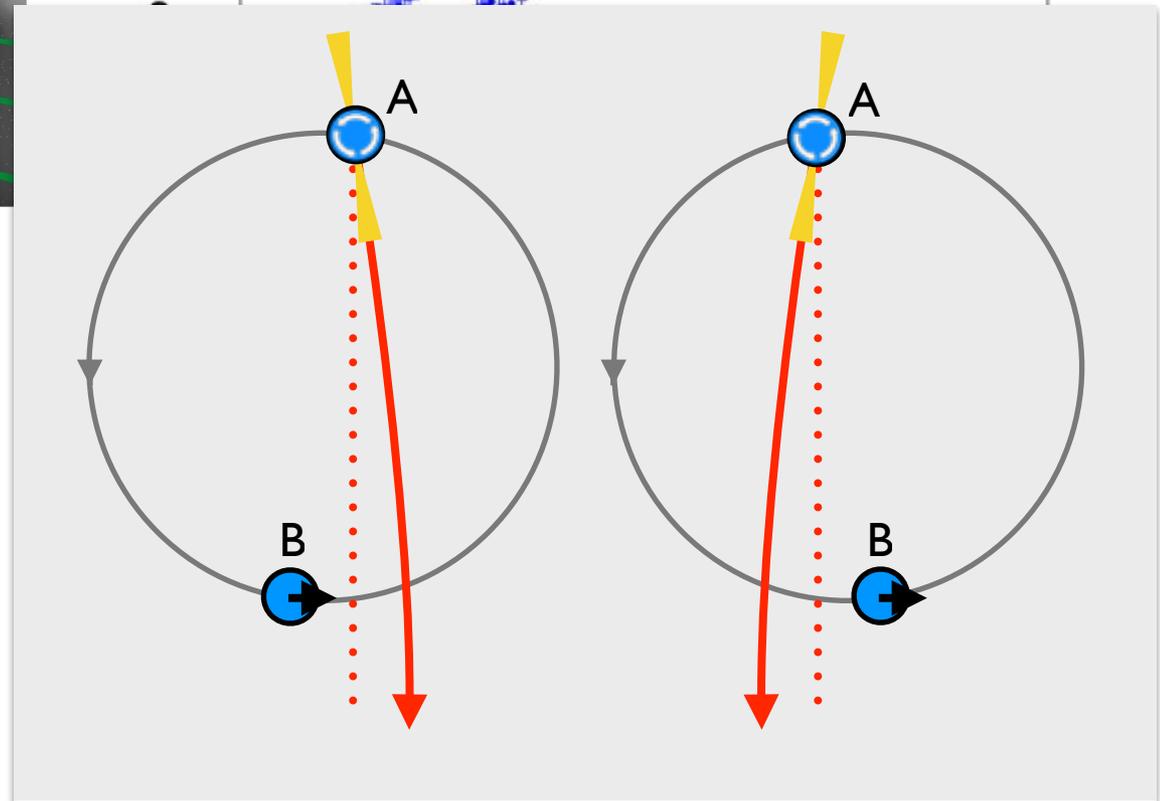
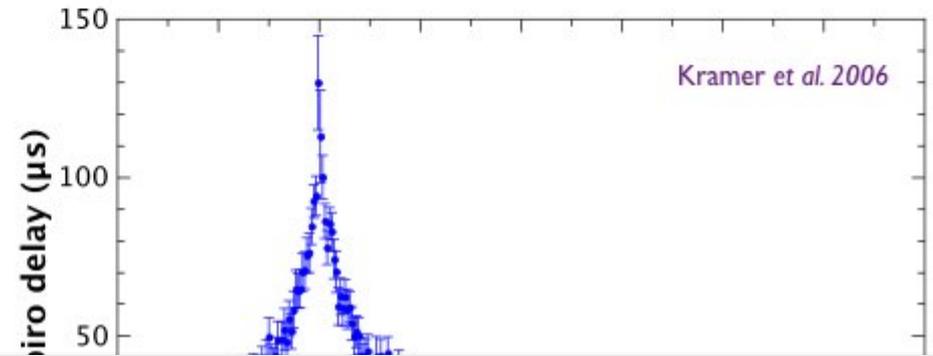
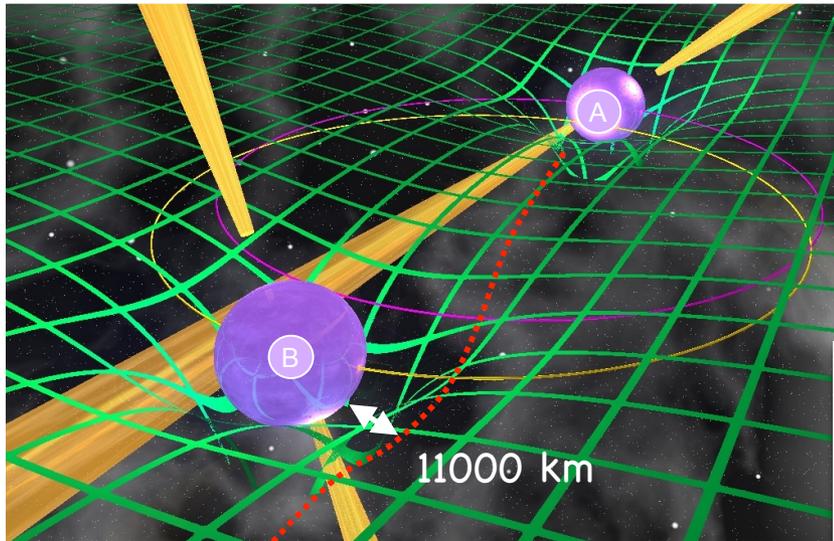
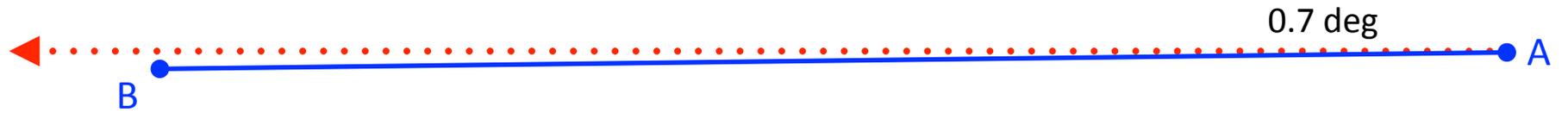


- ➔ New version by Kramer et al. with greatly improved precision should become available soon.
- ➔ GW damping in the Double Pulsar by now tested with a precision of significantly better than 0.1%.

# The Shapiro delay in the Double Pulsar



# The Shapiro delay in the Double Pulsar



# Relativistic deformation of the Double Pulsar orbit

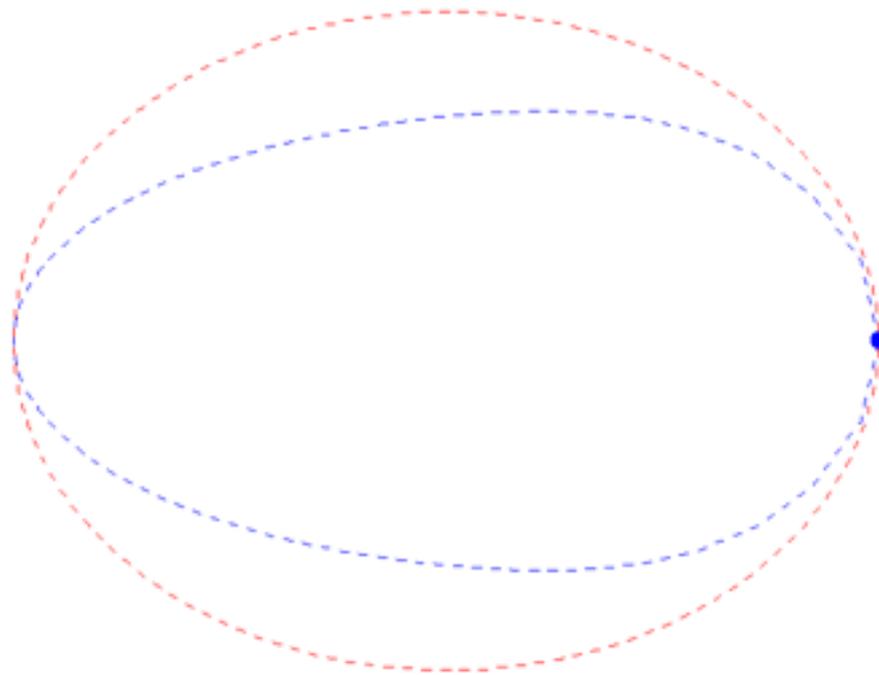
$$\frac{2\pi}{P_b} (t - t_0) = U - e \sin U$$

$$r = a(1 - e_r \cos U)$$

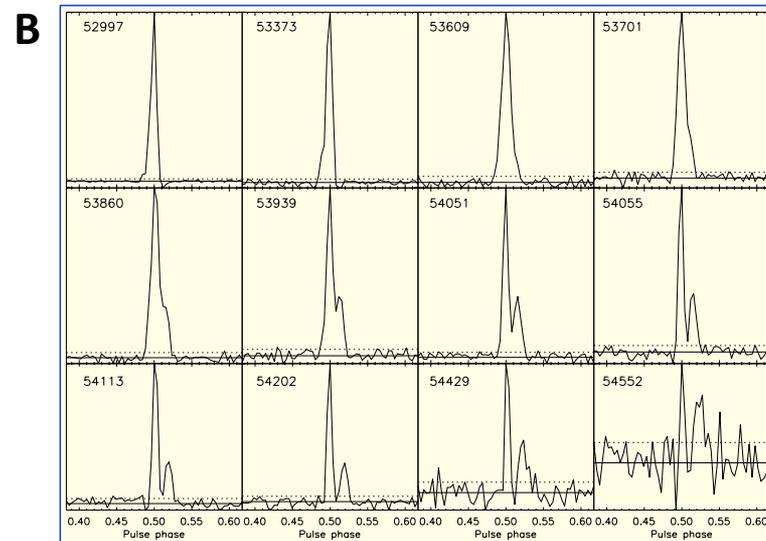
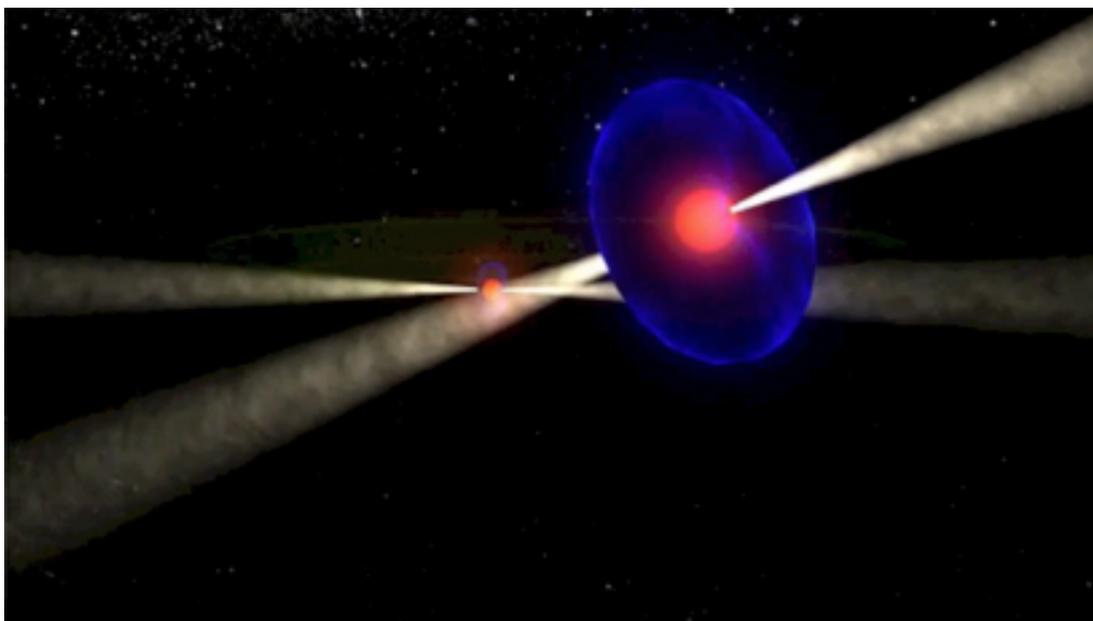
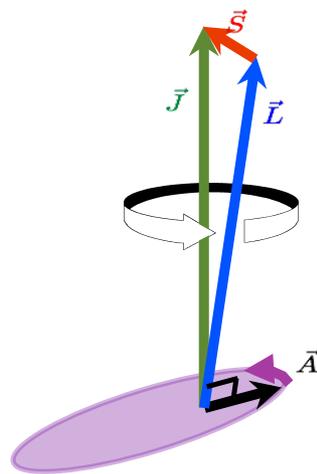
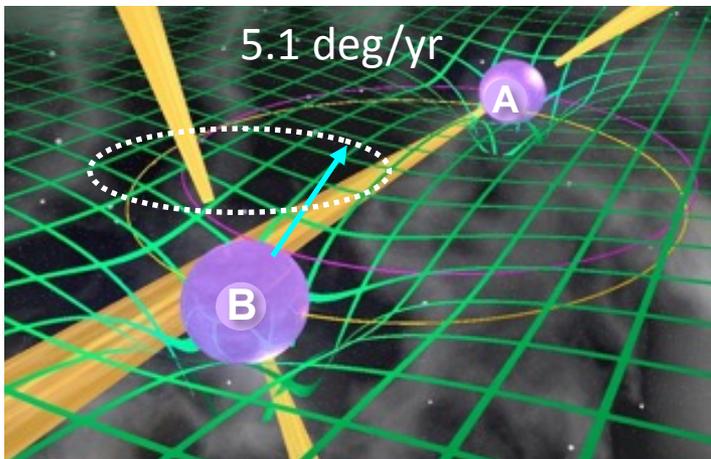
$$\theta - \theta_0 = 2(1 + k) \arctan \left[ \left( \frac{1 + e_\theta}{1 - e_\theta} \right)^{1/2} \tan \frac{U}{2} \right]$$

$$e_\theta = e(1 + \delta_\theta)$$

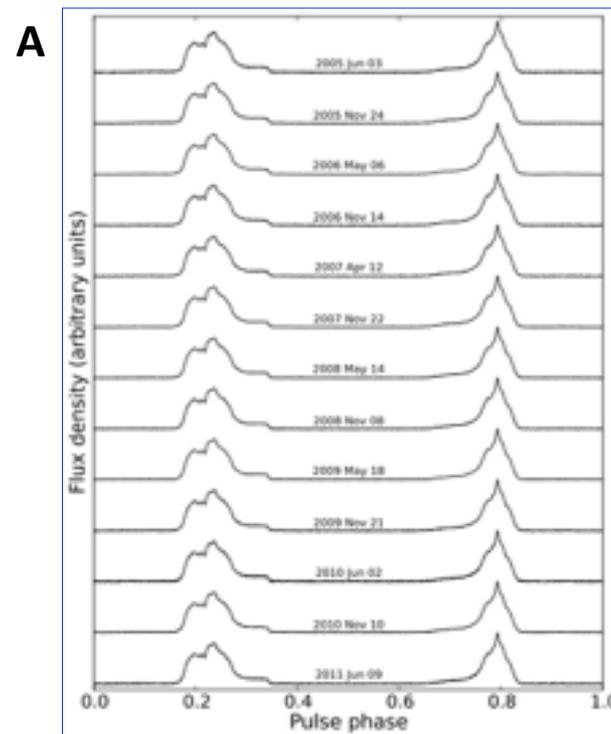
$$e_r = e(1 + \delta_r)$$



# Relativistic spin-orbit coupling in the Double Pulsar

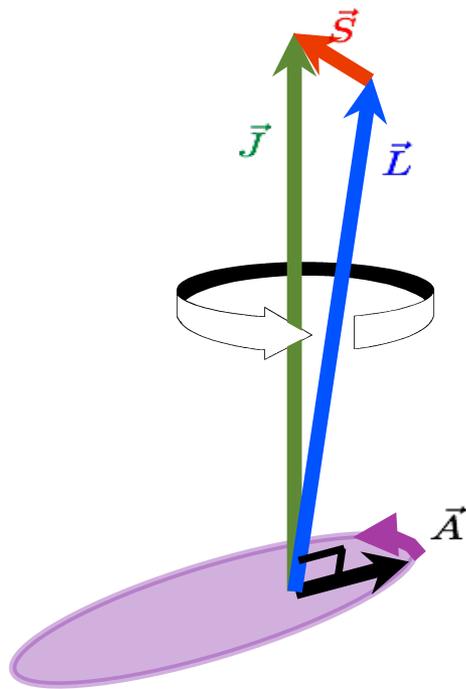


[ Perera *et al.* 2010 ]



[ Ferdman *et al.* 2013 ]

# Lense-Thirring effect / moment of inertia of pulsar A



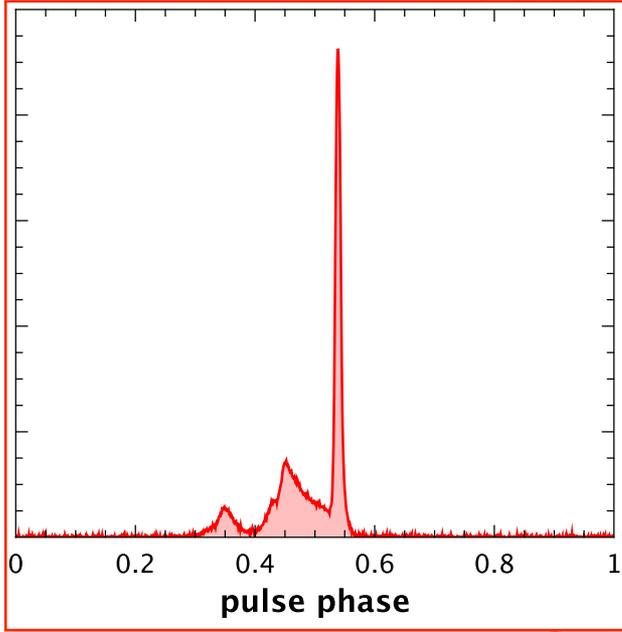
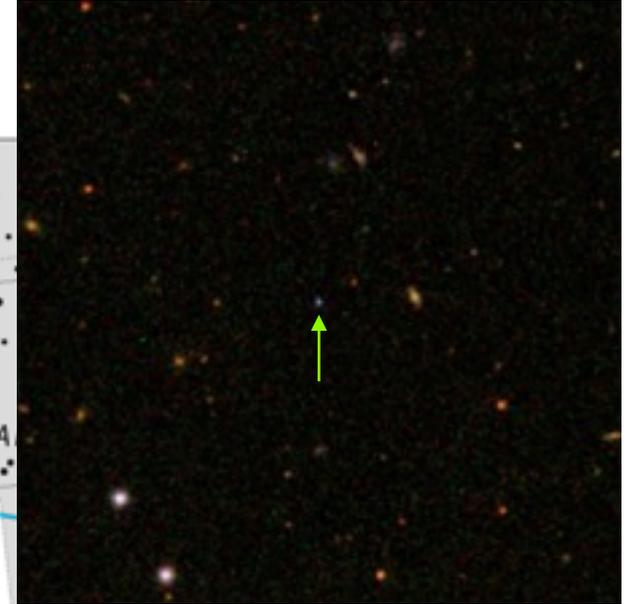
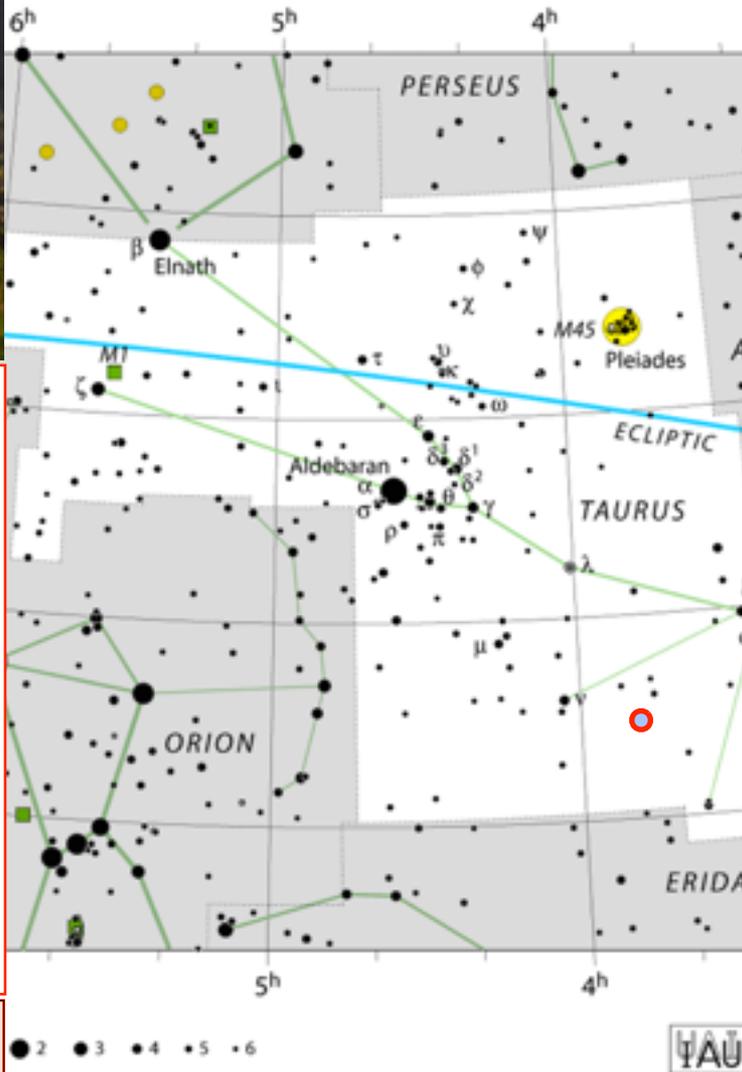
$$\dot{\omega} = \dot{\omega}_{1\text{pN}} + \dot{\omega}_{2\text{pN}} + \dot{\omega}_{\text{SO}}$$

PSR J0737-3039

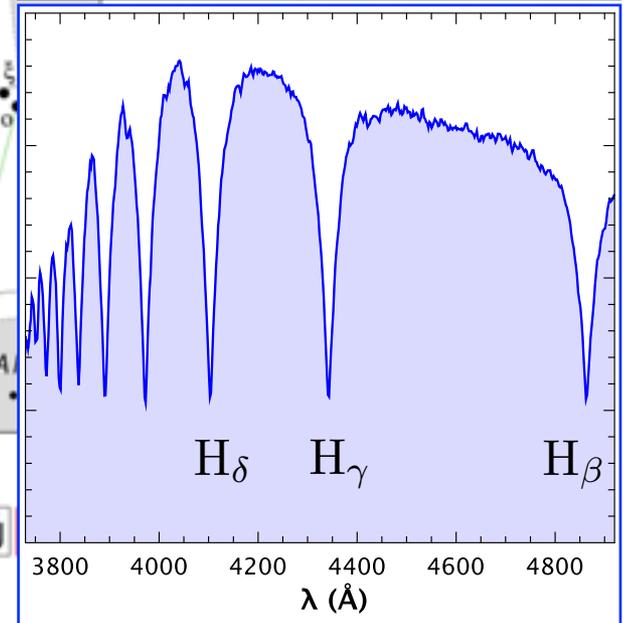
$\dot{\omega}_{1\text{pN}}$	=	16.89...	deg/yr
$\dot{\omega}_{2\text{pN}}$	=	0.00044	deg/yr
$\dot{\omega}_{\text{SO}}$	=	$-0.00038 I_A / (10^{45} \text{ g cm}^2)$	deg/yr
$\delta\dot{\omega}_{\text{obs}}$	=	0.00002	deg/yr

[ Kramer *et al.*, in prep.; Kehl *et al.*, in prep. ]

# PSR J0348+0432

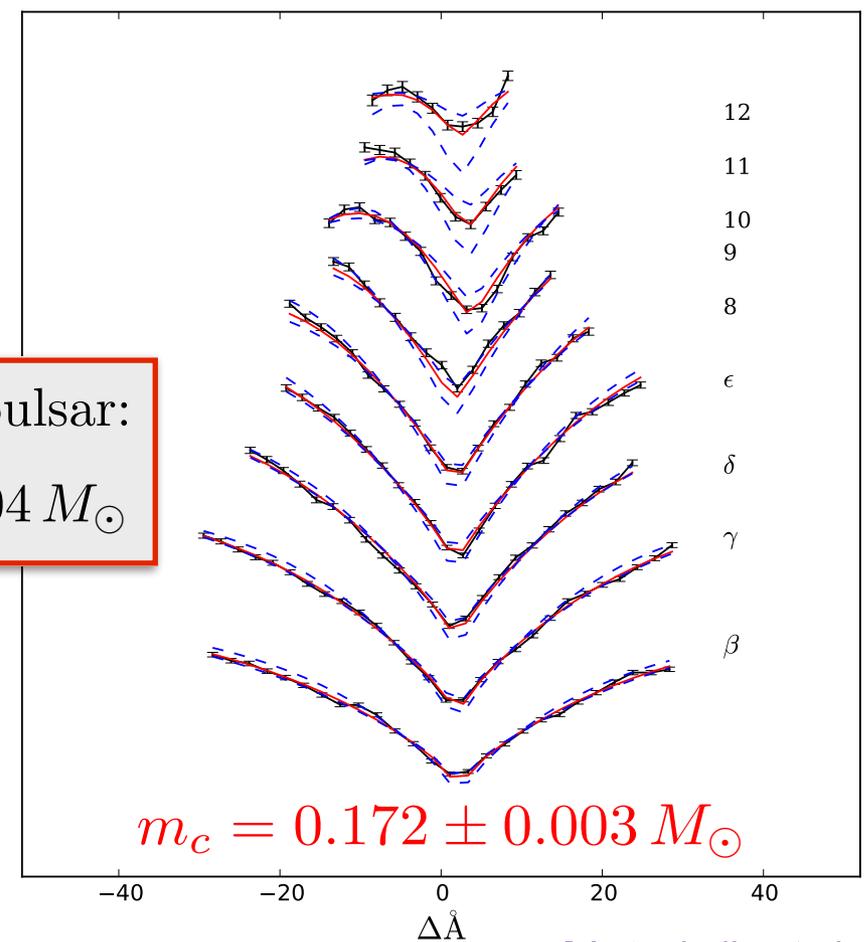
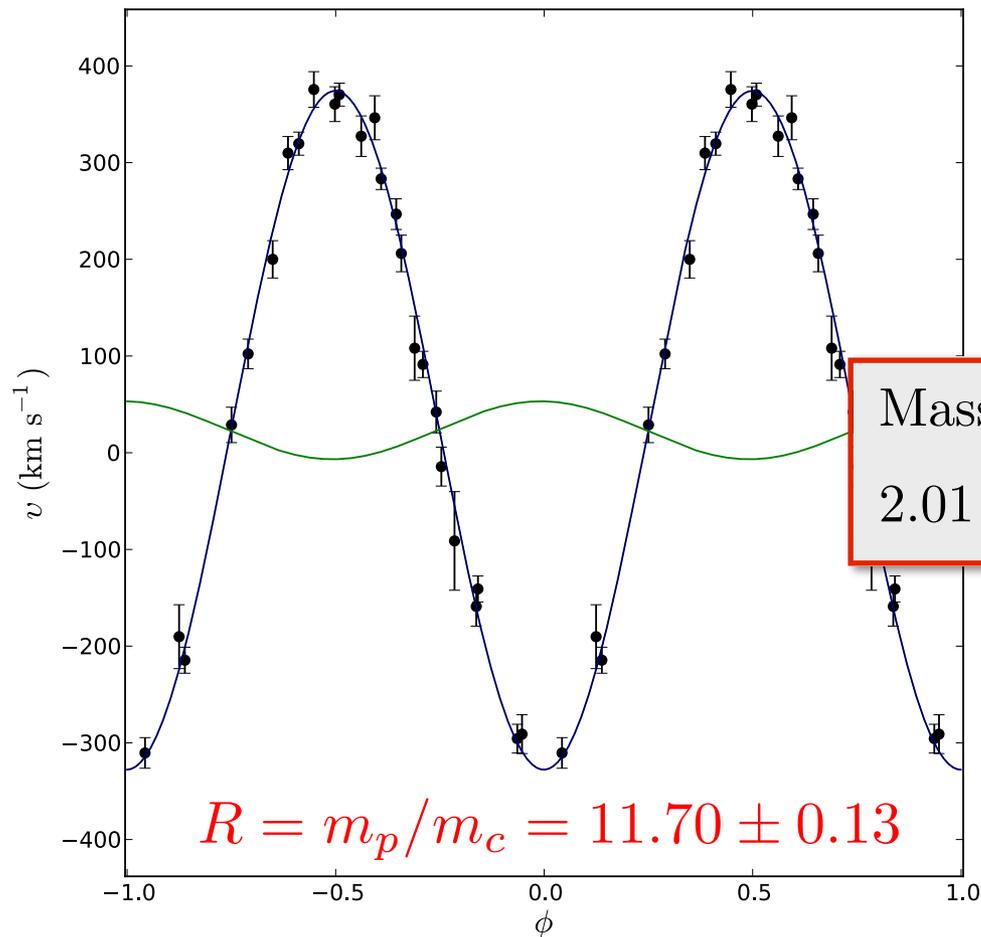


$P = 39.1226569017806(5) \text{ ms}$   
 $P_b = 2.45817750533(2) \text{ h}$   
 $e \lesssim 10^{-6}$



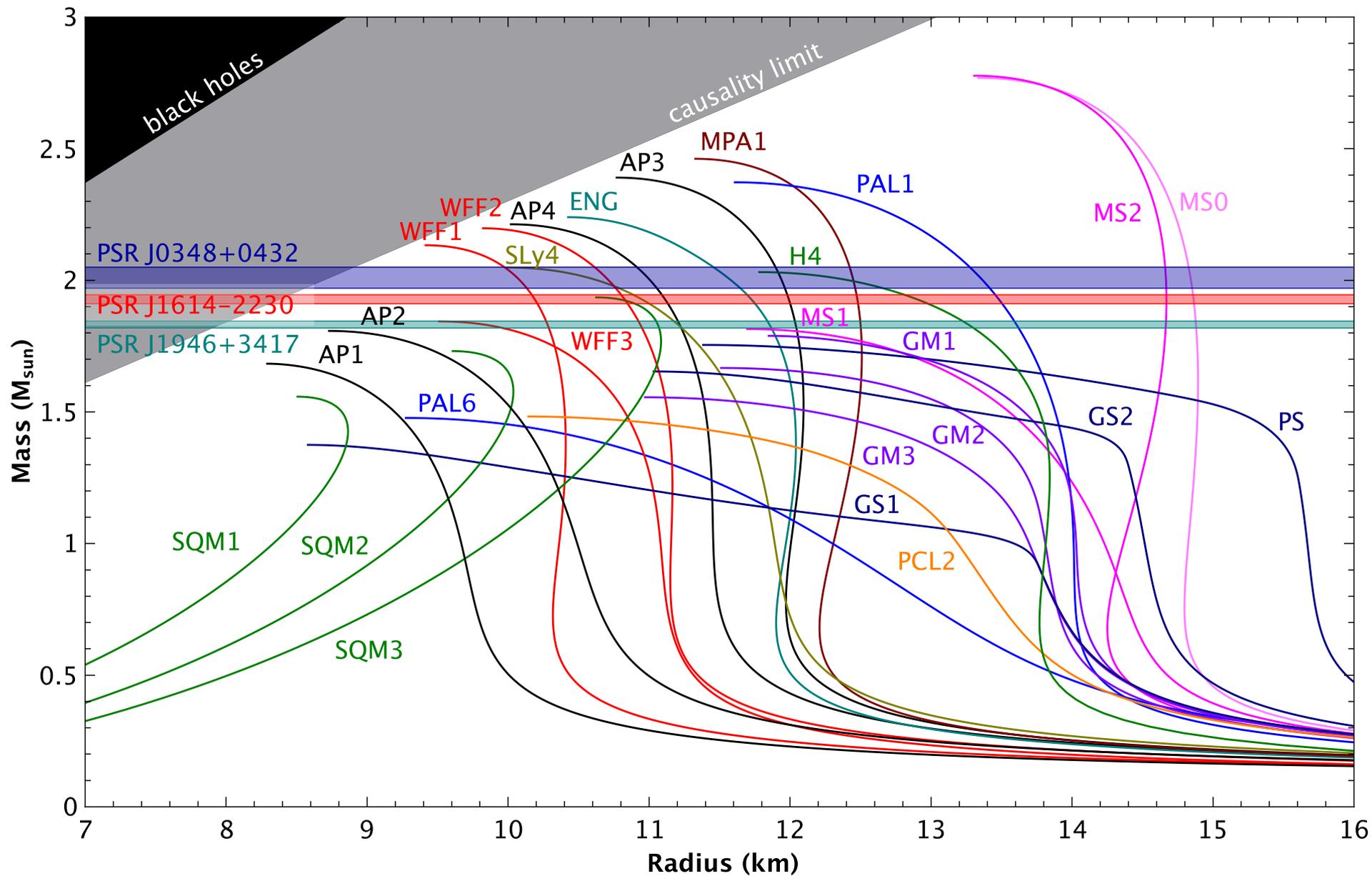
[ Boyles *et al.* 2013, Lynch *et al.* 2013, Antoniadis *et al.* 2013 ]

# High-resolution optical spectroscopy of the PSR J0348+0432 companion

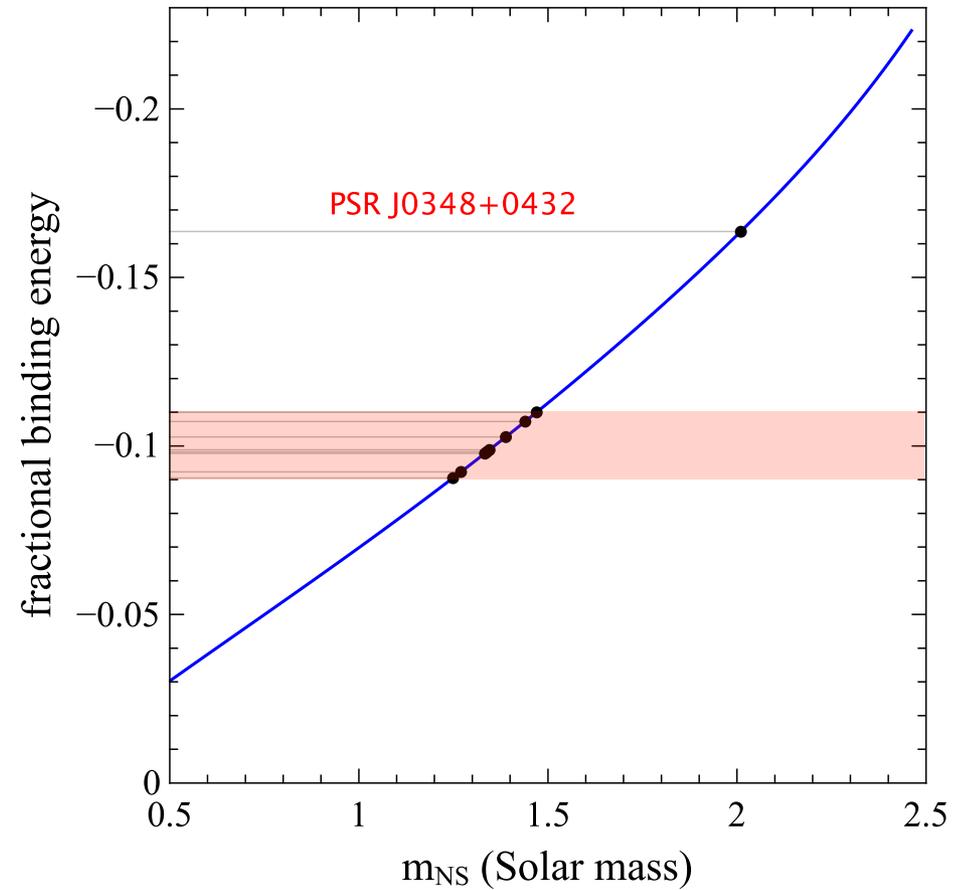
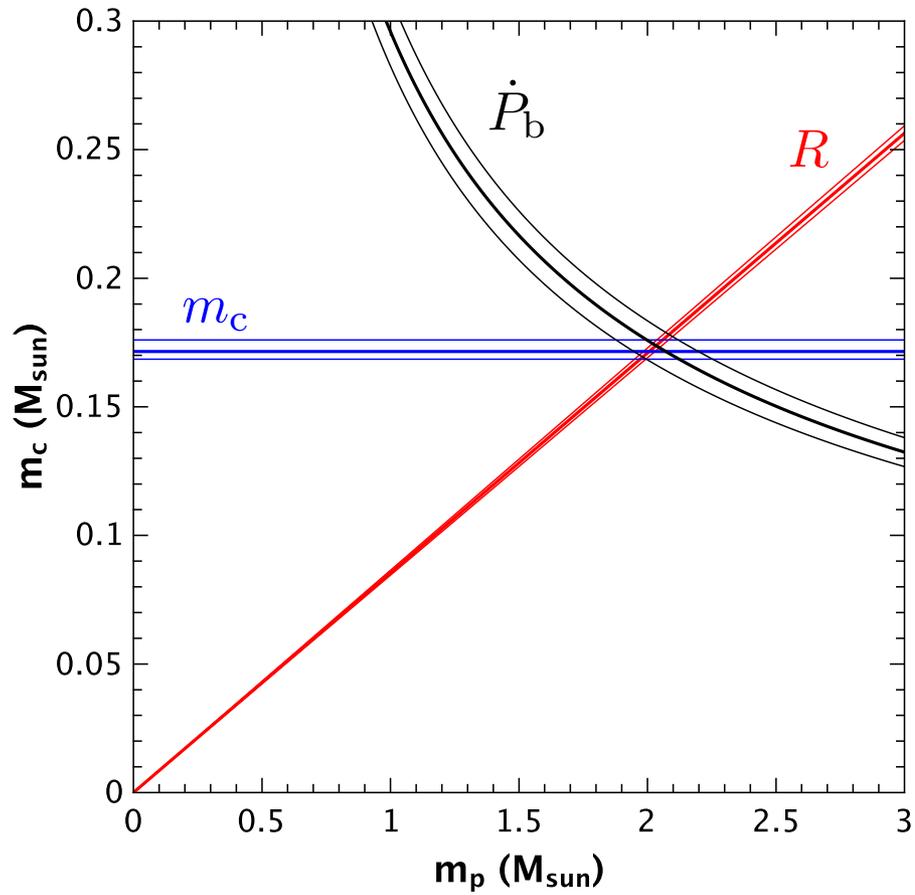


[Antoniadis et al. 2013]

# Constraining equations of state at supranuclear densities



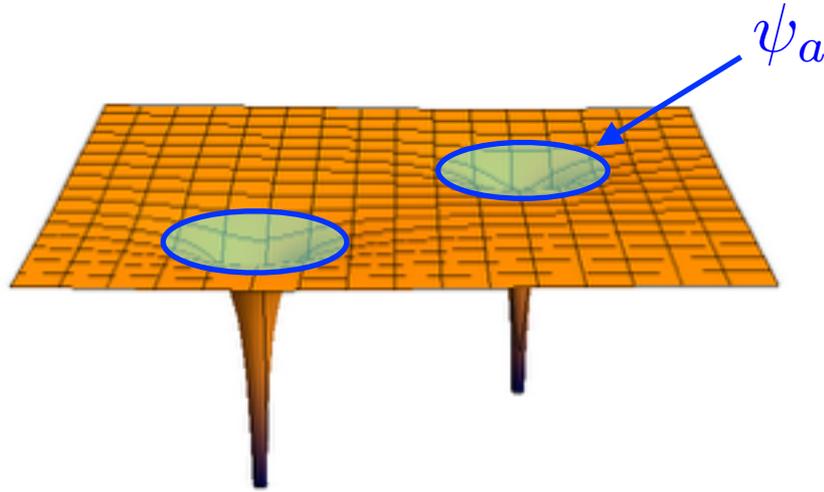
# GR test with PSR J0348+0432



[ Antoniadis *et al.* 2013 ]

Generic approach to  
PPK parameters in  
alternative gravity theories

# Binary pulsars in alternative gravity



Additional fields **influence the structure of each body**, and in turn affect its motion  
—> violation of the strong equivalence principle (SEP).

Properties of a body depend on the values of the additional fields in the matching region  $\psi_a$ .  
Hence, one can write mass, moment of inertia, etc. as a function of the external auxiliary field(s) evaluated at the location of the body

$$m_A(\psi_a[\mathbf{x}_A(\tau_A)])$$

$$I_A(\psi_a[\mathbf{x}_A(\tau_A)])$$

# Binary pulsars in alternative gravity - orbital motion and Shapiro delay

Restriction to **boost-invariant** gravity theories without Whitehead term in the post-Newtonian limit

## 1pN orbital dynamics (N-body system) - modified EIH formalism

$$L_O = - \sum_A m_A c^2 \left[ 1 - \frac{\mathbf{v}_A^2}{2c^2} - \frac{\mathbf{v}_A^4}{8c^4} \right] + \sum_A \sum_{B \neq A} \frac{G_{AB} m_A m_B}{2r_{AB}} \left[ 1 - \frac{\mathbf{v}_A \cdot \mathbf{v}_B}{2c^2} - \frac{(\mathbf{n}_{AB} \cdot \mathbf{v}_A)(\mathbf{n}_{AB} \cdot \mathbf{v}_B)}{2c^2} + (3 + 2\bar{\gamma}_{AB}) \frac{(\mathbf{v}_A - \mathbf{v}_B)^2}{2c^2} \right] - \sum_A \sum_{B \neq A} \sum_{C \neq A} (1 + 2\bar{\beta}_{BC}^A) \frac{G_{AB} G_{AC} m_A m_B m_C}{2c^2 r_{AB} r_{AC}}$$

$$L_{SO} = \frac{1}{c^2} \sum_A S_A^{ij} \left[ \frac{1}{2} v_A^i a_A^j + \sum_{B \neq A} \frac{\Gamma_A^B m_B}{r_{AB}^2} (v_A^i - v_B^i) n_{AB}^j \right]$$

$$m_A \equiv m_A^{(0)}$$

Strong-field modification of G:  $G_{AB}$

Strong-field PPN parameters

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \bar{\gamma}_{AB} &\equiv \gamma_{AB} - 1 \\ \bar{\beta}_{BC}^A &\equiv \beta_{BC}^A - 1 \end{aligned} \right\} 0 \text{ in GR}$$

Spin-orbit strong-field parameter  $\Gamma_A^B$

PPN limit suggests:  $\Gamma_A^B = (2 + \bar{\gamma}_{AB}) G_{AB}$

## Post-Keplerian parameters for a two-body system

$$\dot{\omega} = \left( 3 + 2\bar{\gamma}_{AB} - \frac{m_A}{M} \bar{\beta}_{AA}^B - \frac{m_B}{M} \bar{\beta}_{BB}^A \right) \frac{\beta_b^2}{1 - e^2}$$

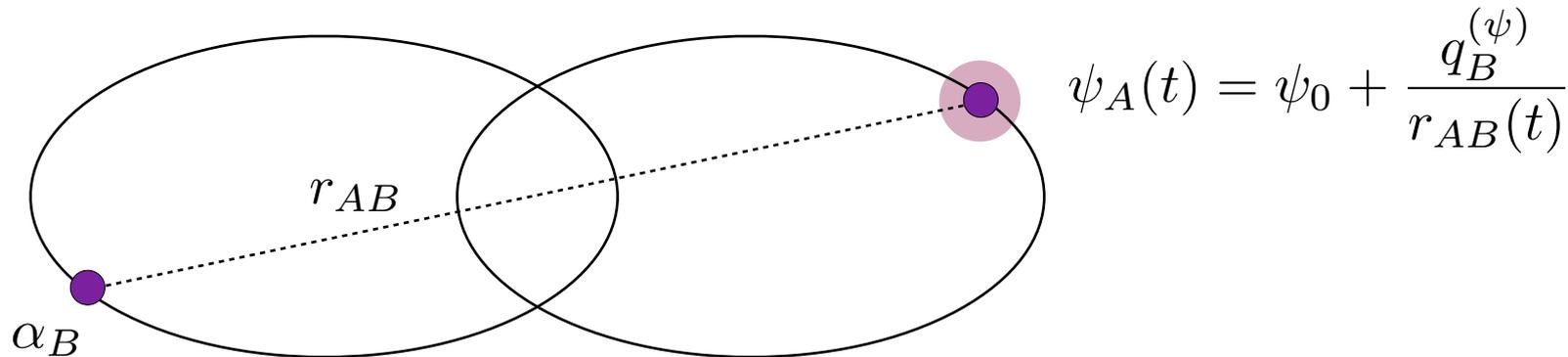
$$r = \frac{G_{0B} m_B}{c^3} \left( 1 + \frac{1}{2} \bar{\gamma}_{0B} \right) \quad s = \frac{x n}{\beta_b} \frac{M}{m_B}$$

$$\beta_b \equiv \left( \frac{G_{AB} M n}{c^3} \right)^{1/3}$$

# Binary pulsars in alternative gravity - pulsar rotation

In alternatives to GR, the local gravitational constant at the location of the pulsar may depend on the gravitational potential of the companion star

$$G_A = G \left( 1 - \eta_B^* \frac{Gm_B}{c^2 r_{AB}} \right)$$



If the companion is a weakly self-gravitating body:  $\eta_B^* = \eta_N = 4\beta - \gamma - 3$

$S_A = \Omega_A I_A =$  adiabatic invariant

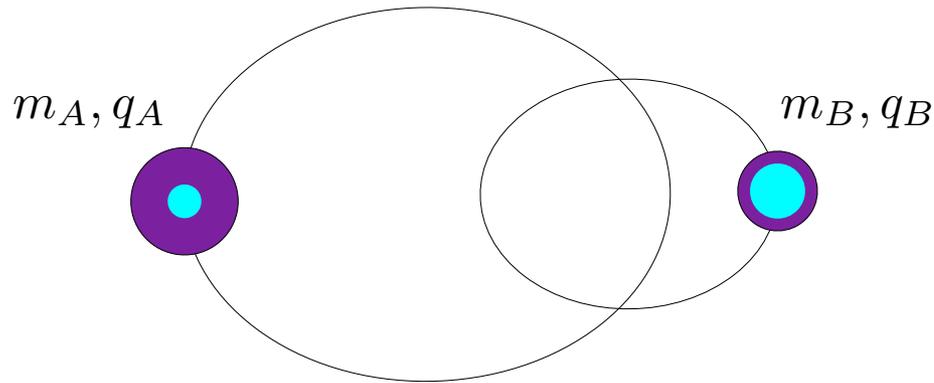
$$\implies \frac{\Delta \nu_A}{\nu_A} = -\frac{\Delta I_A}{I_A} = \kappa_A \frac{\Delta G_A}{G} = -\kappa_A \eta_B^* \frac{Gm_B}{c^2 r_{AB}}$$

→ modification of  $\gamma_E$ :

$$\gamma_E = \frac{e}{n} \left( \frac{G_{AB} M n}{c^3} \right)^{2/3} \frac{m_B}{M} \left( \frac{G_{0B}}{G_{AB}} + \frac{m_B}{M} + \kappa_A \eta_B^* \right)$$

# Binary pulsars in alternative gravity - gravitational wave damping

In alternative gravity one generally expects radiation of **all multipoles**



$$\dot{E}_q \propto \frac{\dot{\Psi}^2}{c} + \frac{\ddot{\Psi}_i \ddot{\Psi}_i}{3c^3} + \frac{\ddot{\Psi}_{ij} \ddot{\Psi}_{ij}}{30c^5} + \mathcal{O}(c^{-7})$$

monopole radiation  $\Psi = \sum_A \left[ \frac{dq_A}{dt} + \frac{q_A}{6c^2} \frac{d^3}{dt^3} (r_A^2) \right] + \mathcal{O}(c^{-3}) \quad \frac{dq_A}{dt} = \mathcal{O}(c^{-2})$

dipole radiation  $\Psi_i = \sum_A \left[ \frac{d^2}{dt^2} (q_A r_A^i) + \frac{q_A}{10c^2} \frac{d^4}{dt^4} (r_A^2 r_A^i) \right] + \mathcal{O}(c^{-3})$

quadrupole radiation  $\Psi_{ij} = \sum_A q_A \frac{d^3}{dt^3} \left( r_A^i r_A^j - \frac{1}{3} r_A^2 \delta_{ij} \right) + \mathcal{O}(c^{-2})$

—> Leading contribution: **dipole radiation damping** at 1.5 post-Newtonian order  $\propto \beta_b^3 (q_A - q_B)^2$

# Time-varying gravitational constant

In many alternatives to GR, the effective gravitational constant gets promoted to a dynamical field  $G \rightarrow \Phi$ .

Expansion of the universe then generally leads to changes in the background value of  $\Phi_B$  and consequently to a time varying  $G$ .

A change of  $G$  leads to a change in the orbital period of a binary pulsar according to

$$\frac{\dot{P}_b}{P_b} = -2 \left[ 1 + \frac{m_1 s_1 + m_2 s_2}{m_1 + m_2} + \frac{3}{2} \frac{m_1 s_2 + m_2 s_1}{m_1 + m_2} \right] \frac{\dot{G}}{G}$$

[ Nordtvedt 1990 ]

“sensitivity”:  $s_i \equiv \frac{G}{m_i} \frac{\partial m_i}{\partial G}$

## Binary pulsars limits (95% C.L.)

J1713+0747 (1.3  $M_\odot$ ):  $\dot{G}/G = (-0.6 \pm 1.1) \times 10^{-12} \text{ yr}^{-1}$

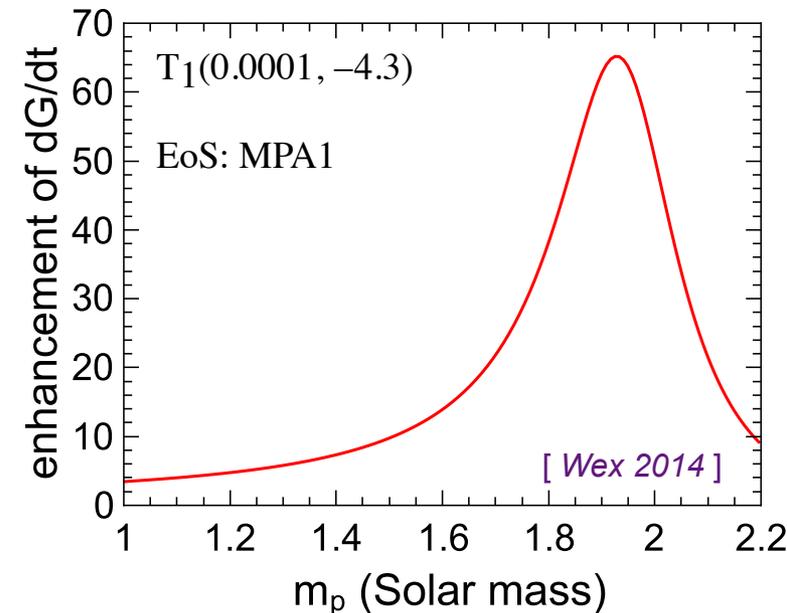
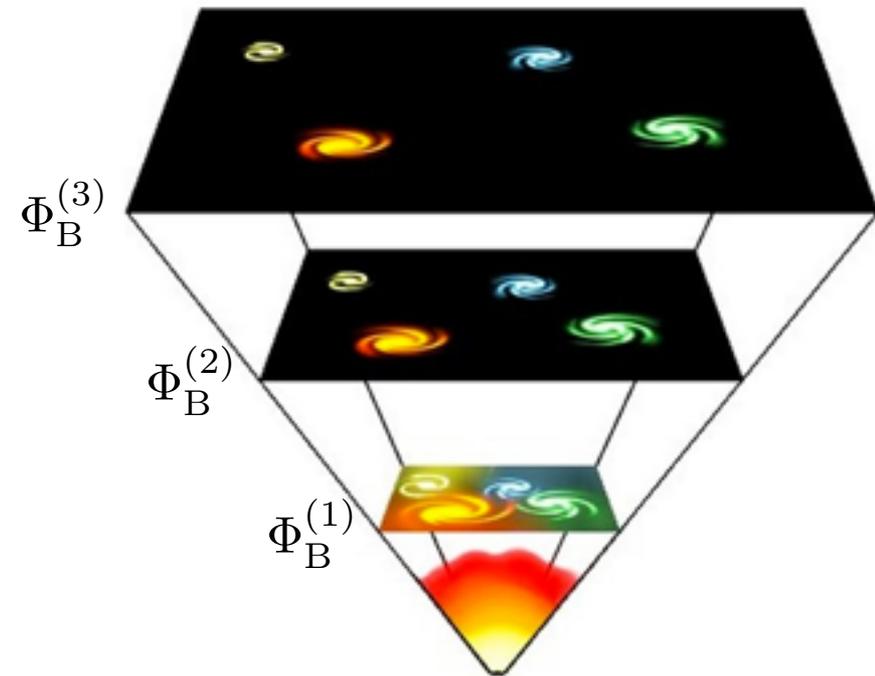
J0437-4715 (1.45  $M_\odot$ ):  $\dot{G}/G = (-0.6 \pm 3.2) \times 10^{-12} \text{ yr}^{-1}$

J1614-2230 (1.93  $M_\odot$ ):  $|\dot{G}/G| \lesssim 10^{-11} \text{ yr}^{-1}$

*Zhu, Stairs, et al. 2015; Freire et al. 2012; Deller et al. 2008; NANOGrav*

**Solar system:**  $|\dot{G}/G| < 3 \times 10^{-13} \text{ yr}^{-1}$

*Konopliv et al. 2014*



# Theory-based approach and PPK parameters

# Two parameter mono-scalar-tensor gravity - $T_1(\alpha_0, \beta_0)$

Tensor field  $g^*_{\mu\nu}$  plus massless/low mass scalar field  $\varphi$

Field equations in Einstein frame:

$$R^*_{\mu\nu} = \frac{8\pi G_*}{c^4} \left( T^*_{\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{2} T^* g^*_{\mu\nu} \right) + 2\partial_\mu\varphi\partial_\nu\varphi - 2V(\varphi)g^*_{\mu\nu}$$

$$\square_{g_*}\varphi = -\frac{4\pi G_*}{c^4} \alpha(\varphi) T_* - V'(\varphi)$$

$V''(\varphi) \ll 1/(\text{size of system})^2$

$$a(\varphi) = \alpha_0(\varphi - \varphi_0) + \frac{1}{2}\beta_0(\varphi - \varphi_0)^2$$

[ "logarithmic coupling function" ]

$$\alpha(\varphi) \equiv \frac{\partial a(\varphi)}{\partial \varphi} = \alpha_0 + \beta_0(\varphi - \varphi_0)$$

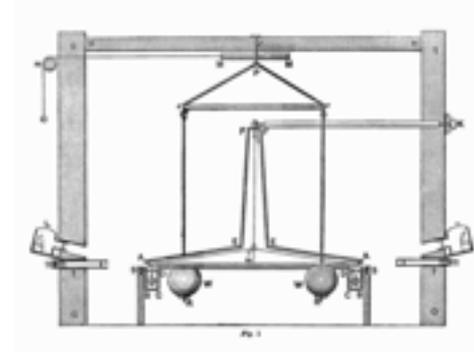
[ "coupling strength" ]

Physical metric (Jordan frame)

$$g_{\mu\nu} = g^*_{\mu\nu} \exp 2a(\varphi)$$

Effective gravitational constant (Cavendish experiment)

$$G = G_* (1 + \alpha_0^2)$$



General Relativity:  $\alpha_0=0, \beta_0=0$   
 Jordan-Fierz-Brans-Dicke:  $\alpha_0 \neq 0, \beta_0=0$  [  $\omega_{BD}=(1-3\alpha_0^2)/2\alpha_0^2$  ]

[ Damour & Esposito-Farèse 1992, 1993, 1996 ]

# Binary pulsars in scalar-tensor gravity - IpN dynamics

No effacement of the internal structure

→ structure related parameters enter the equations of motion.

Already at **Newtonian level**:

$$G_{AB} = G_*(1 + \alpha_A \alpha_B)$$

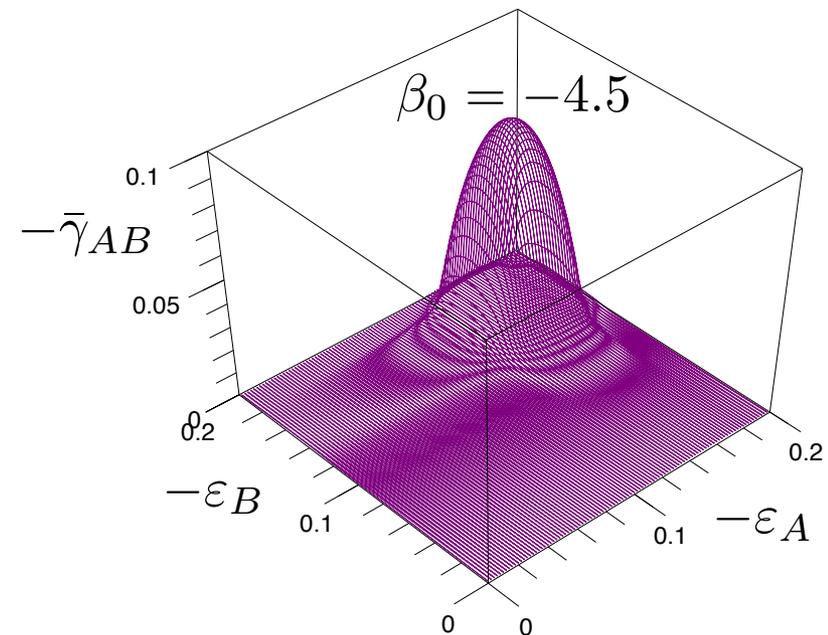
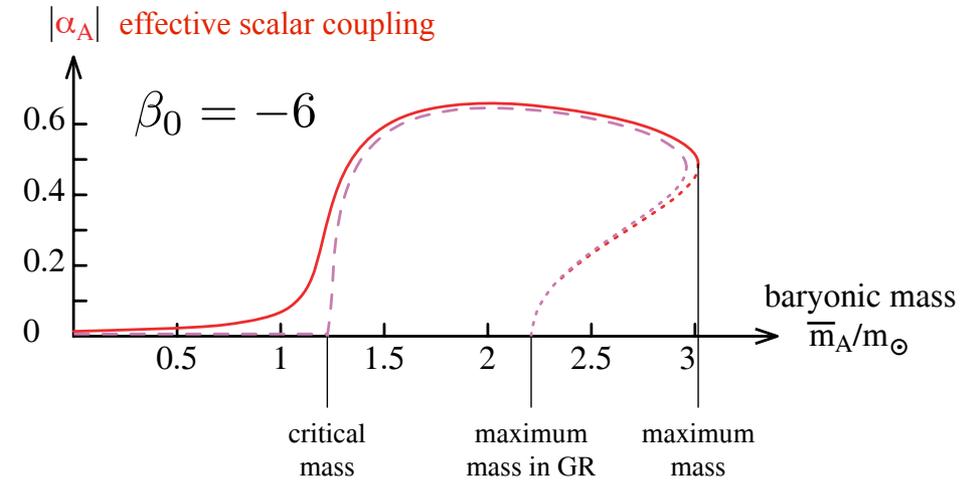
$$\alpha_A(m_A, \alpha_0, \beta_0; \text{EoS}) \equiv -\frac{\omega_A}{m_A} = \frac{\partial \ln m_A}{\partial \varphi_a}$$

At **post-Newtonian level**:

$$\bar{\gamma}_{AB} = -\frac{2\alpha_A\alpha_B}{1 + \alpha_A\alpha_B}$$

$$\bar{\beta}_{BC}^A = \frac{\beta_A\alpha_B\alpha_C}{2(1 + \alpha_A\alpha_B)(1 + \alpha_A\alpha_C)}$$

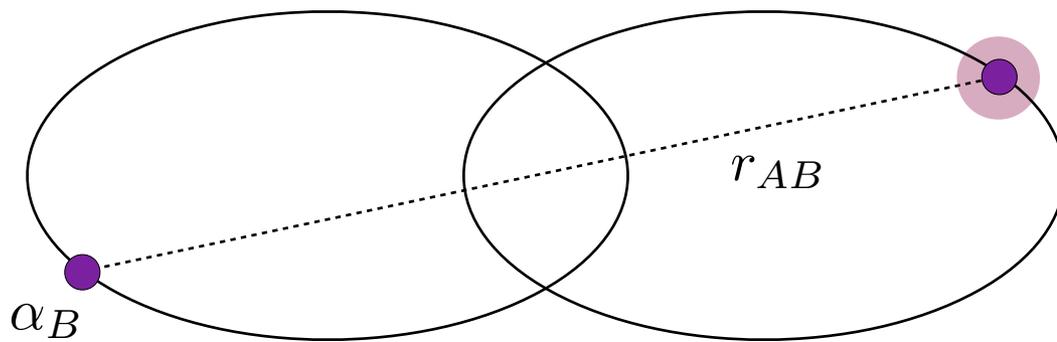
$$\beta_A \equiv \frac{\partial \alpha_A}{\partial \varphi_a}$$



[ see e.g. Damour 2009 (SIGRAV lecture) ]

# Binary pulsars in scalar-tensor gravity - pulsar rotation

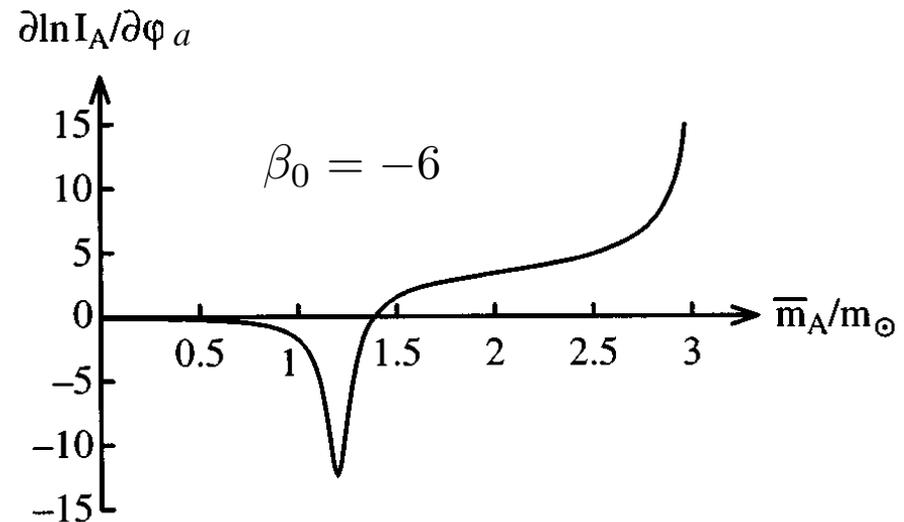
## Modification of the moment-of-inertia



$$\varphi_A(t) = \varphi_0 - \frac{G_* m_B \alpha_B}{r_{AB} c^2}$$

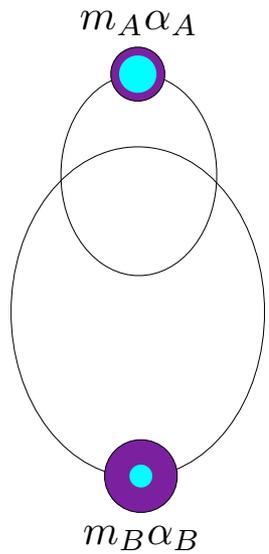
$$\frac{I_A}{I_0} \simeq 1 + \frac{G_* m_B \alpha_B}{r_{AB} c^2} k_A$$

$-\frac{1}{I_A} \frac{\partial I_A}{\partial \varphi_a}$



$S_A = \Omega_A I_A =$  adiabatic invariant  $\longrightarrow$  modification of  $\gamma_E$

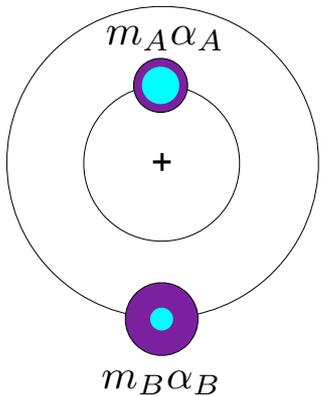
# Binary pulsars in scalar-tensor gravity - GW damping



**STG: leading multipole moment = scalar monopole**

$$\dot{P}_b^{\text{Monopole}} = -\frac{3\pi}{1 + \alpha_A \alpha_B} \frac{e^2 (1 + \frac{1}{4}e^2)}{(1 - e^2)^{7/2}} \frac{m_A m_B}{(m_A + m_B)^2} \beta_b^5 \times \left[ \frac{3m_A + 5m_B}{m_A + m_B} \alpha_A + \frac{5m_A + 3m_B}{m_A + m_B} \alpha_B + \frac{\beta_B \alpha_A + \beta_A \alpha_B}{1 + \alpha_A \alpha_B} \right]^2$$

$$\beta_b = \left( \frac{G_{AB} M n}{c^3} \right)^{1/3} \ll 1$$



**STG: leading pN term = scalar dipole GW damping**

$$\dot{P}_b^{\text{Dipole}} = -\frac{2\pi}{1 + \alpha_A \alpha_B} \frac{1 + \frac{1}{2}e^2}{(1 - e^2)^{5/2}} \frac{m_A m_B}{(m_A + m_B)^2} \beta_b^3 (\alpha_A - \alpha_B)^2$$

# DD timing model for scalar-tensor gravity

## General relativity

$$\dot{\omega} = nk = \frac{3n}{1-e^2} \left( \frac{GMn}{c^3} \right)^{2/3}$$

$$\gamma_E = \frac{e}{n} \left( \frac{GMn}{c^3} \right)^{2/3} X_B (X_B + 1)$$

$$r = \frac{Gm_B}{c^3}$$

$$s = xn \left( \frac{GMn}{c^3} \right)^{-1/3} X_B^{-1}$$

$$\dot{P}_b = \dot{P}_b^Q (m_A, m_B, \{p^K\})$$

## Scalar-tensor gravity

$$\dot{\omega} = \frac{3n}{1-e^2} \left( \frac{G_{AB}Mn}{c^3} \right)^{2/3} \left[ \frac{1 - \frac{1}{3}\alpha_A\alpha_B}{1 + \alpha_A\alpha_B} - \frac{X_A\alpha_A^2\beta_B + X_B\alpha_B^2\beta_A}{6(1 + \alpha_A\alpha_B)} \right]$$

$$\gamma_E = \frac{e}{n} \left( \frac{G_{AB}Mn}{c^3} \right)^{2/3} \frac{X_B(X_B + 1 + X_B\alpha_A\alpha_B + \alpha_B k_A)}{1 + \alpha_A\alpha_B}$$

$$r = \frac{G_*m_B}{c^3}$$

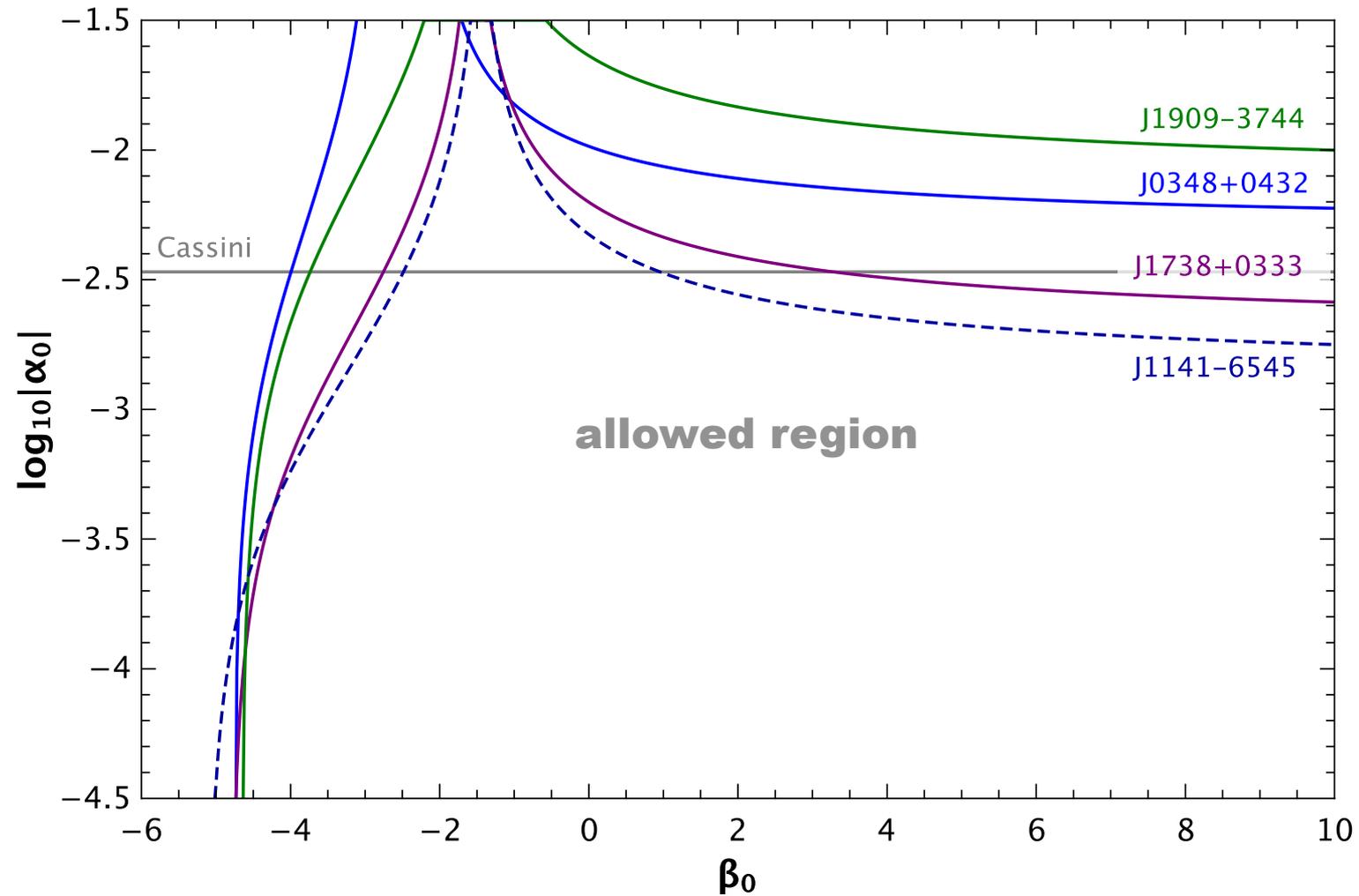
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$$\dot{P}_b = \dot{P}_b^{M,\varphi} + \dot{P}_b^{D,\varphi} + \dot{P}_b^{Q,\varphi} + \dot{P}_b^{Q,g^*}$$

$$\dot{P}_b^{D,\varphi} = - \frac{2\pi G_* m_A m_B n}{(m_A + m_B) c^3} \frac{1 + e^2/2}{(1 - e^2)^{5/2}} (\alpha_A - \alpha_B)^2 + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{v^5}{c^5}\right)$$

$$n = 2\pi/P_b, \quad M = m_A + m_B, \quad X_A = m_A/M, \quad X_B = m_B/M = 1 - X_A \quad G_{AB} = G_*(1 + \alpha_A\alpha_B)$$

# Constraining scalar-tensor gravity

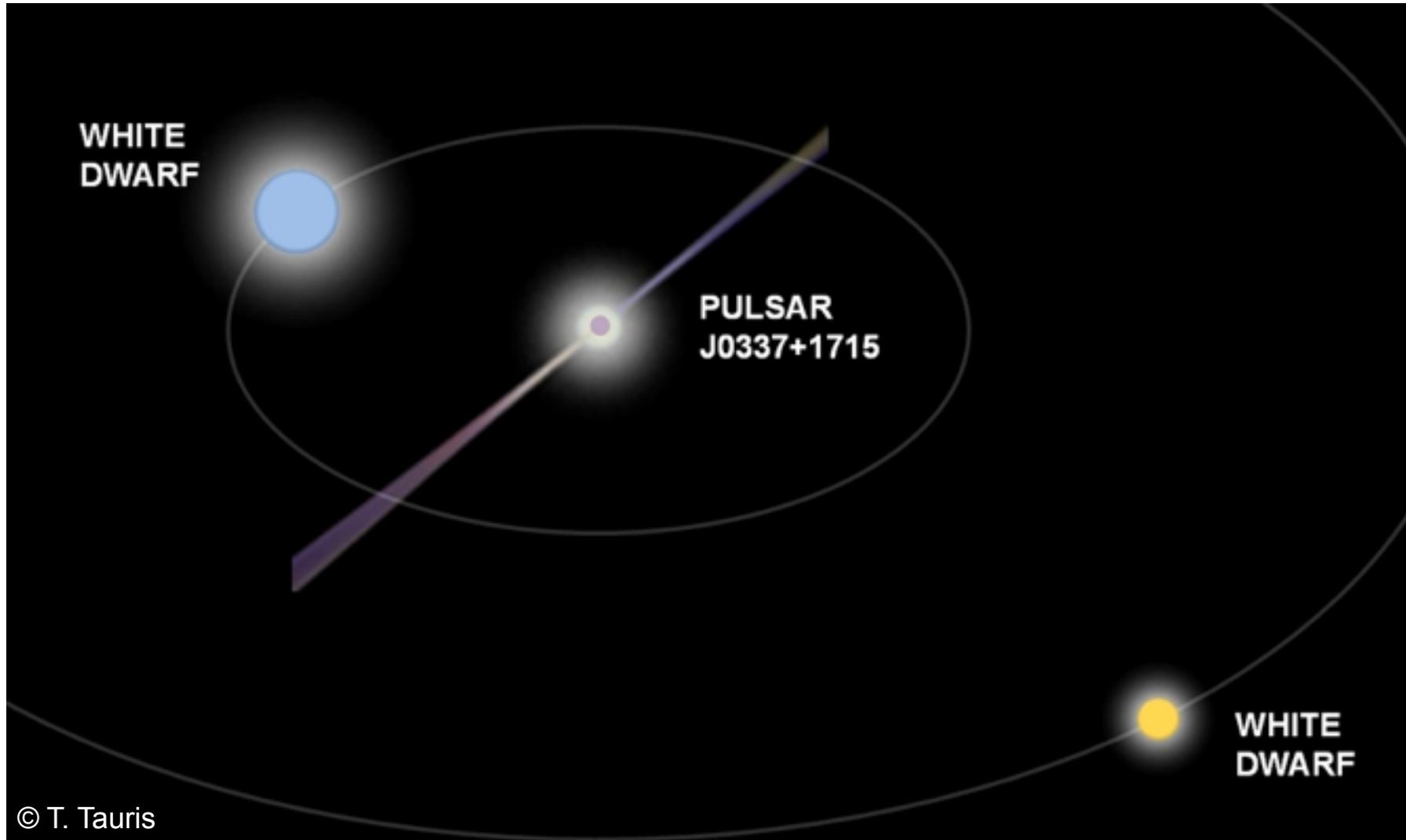


GR:  $\alpha_0 = \beta_0 = 0$

Jordan-Fierz-Brans-Dicke:  $\beta_0 = 0$

# Triple system pulsar and the violation of SEP

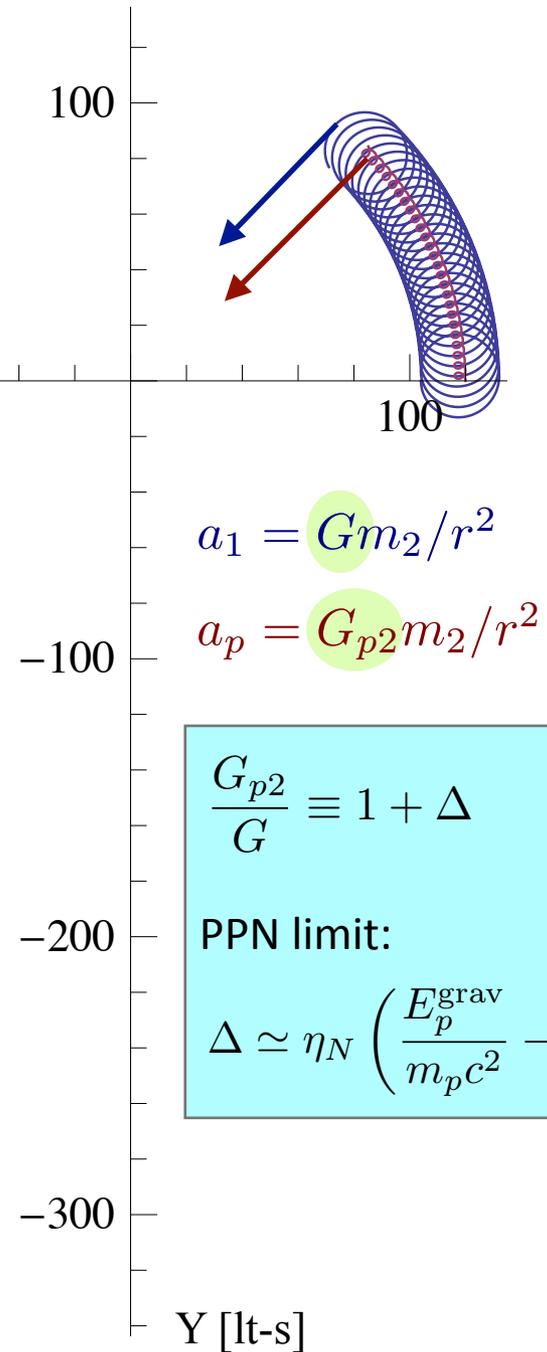
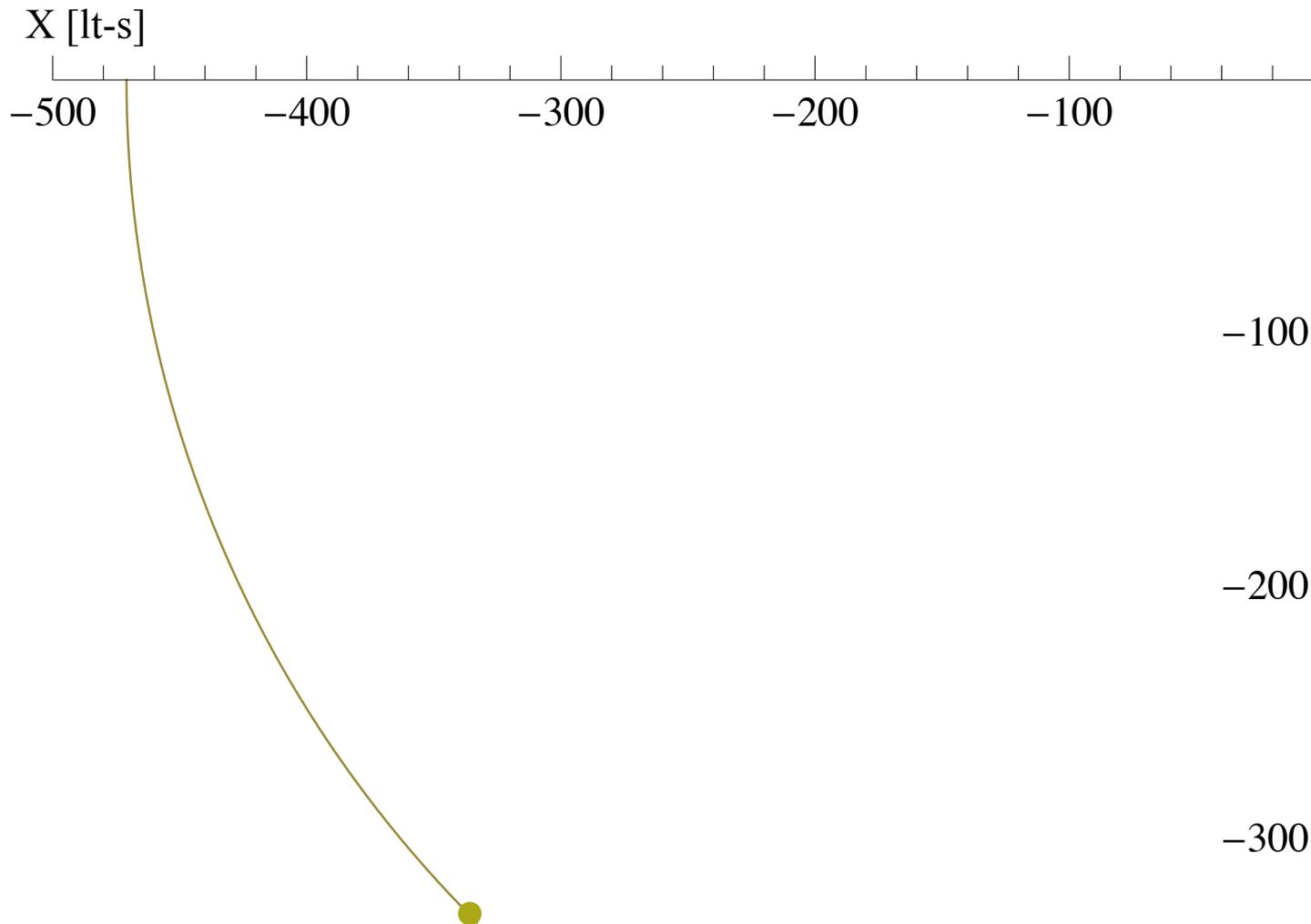
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Inner orbit: 1.6 d,  $M_{\text{WD}} = 0.20 M_{\odot}$   
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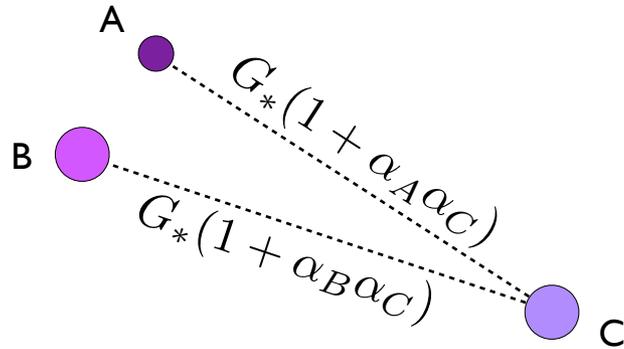
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# Three-body system in scalar-tensor gravity

Effective gravitational constant:  $G_{AB} = G_*(1 + \alpha_A\alpha_B)$



—> Violation of the universality of free fall for self-gravitating bodies

## J0337+1715 (pulsar in the triple system)

$$G_{AC} = G_*(1 + \alpha_0\alpha_p)$$

$$G_{BC} = G_*(1 + \alpha_0^2)$$

⇒

$$\frac{G_{AC}}{G_{BC}} \simeq 1 - \underbrace{\alpha_0(\alpha_p - \alpha_0)}_{\Delta}$$



[ see e.g. Damour 2009 (SIGRAV lecture) ]

# Expected limits on scalar-tensor gravity from PSR J0337+1715

