

# Probing Extreme Gravity with Black Holes & Neutron Stars

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# Research Interest

Probing Fundamental Physics with Astrophysical Compact Objects

Gravitational Physics



Black Holes  
&  
Neutron Stars



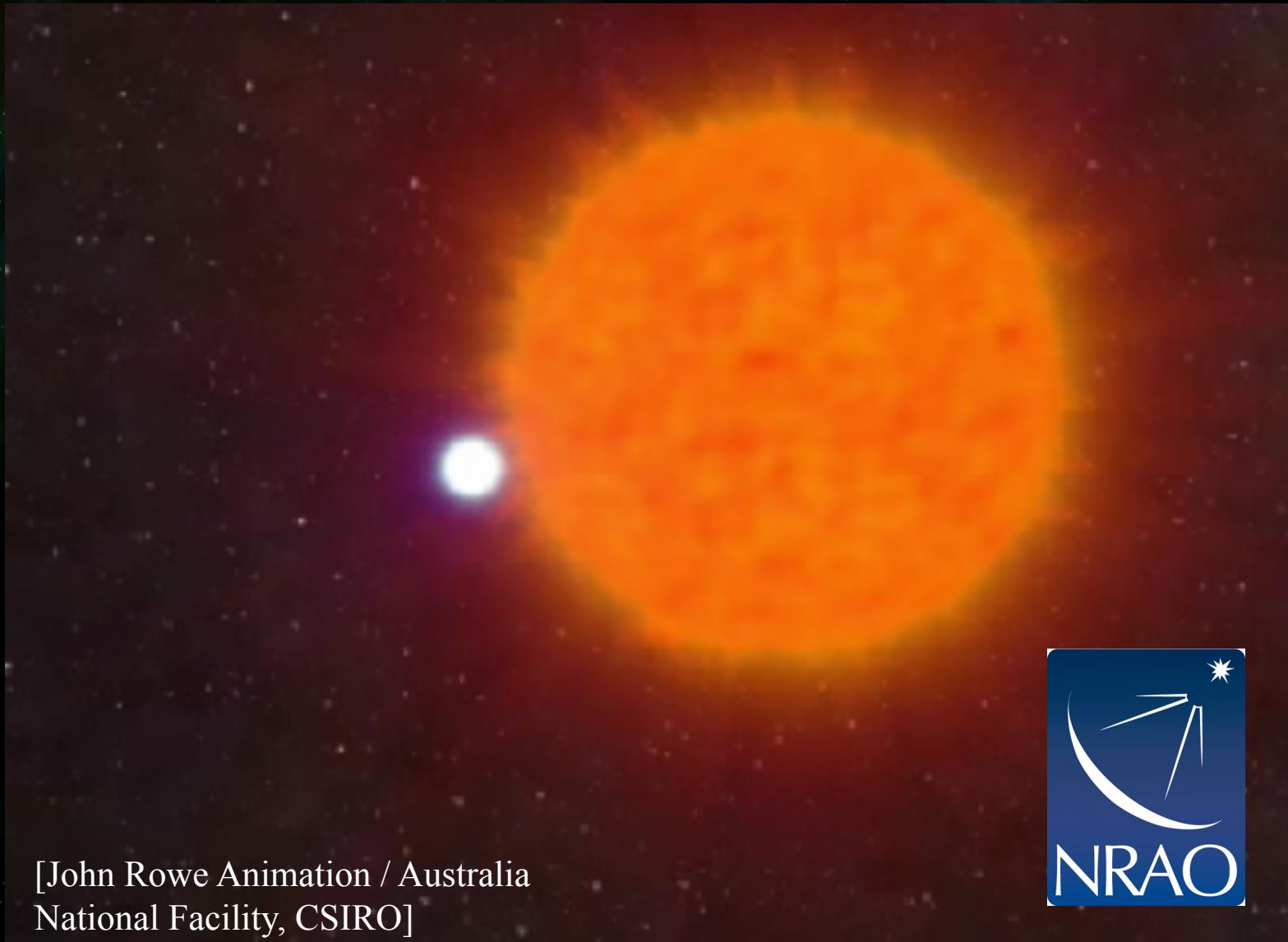
final fate of  
massive stars

Nuclear Physics



Cosmology

# Neutron Star Formation



[John Rowe Animation / Australia  
National Facility, CSIRO]

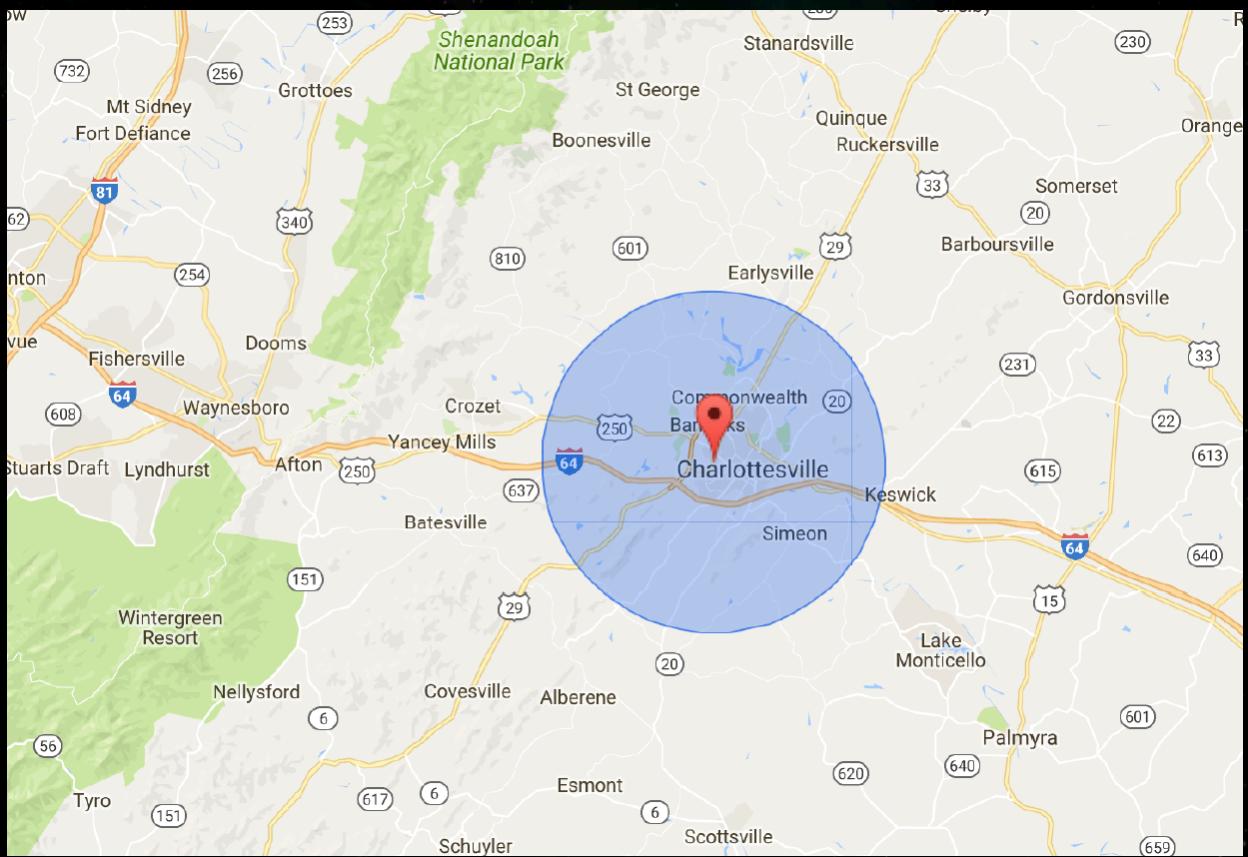
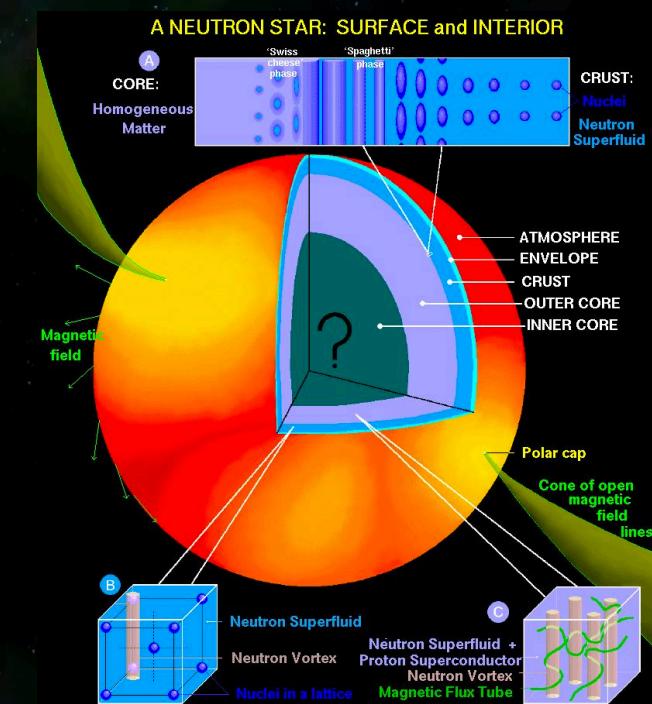


# Neutron Star Basics

$$M_{\text{NS}} = 1 - 2M_{\odot}$$

$$R_{\text{NS}} \approx 12\text{km}$$

$$\approx 7.5\text{miles}$$



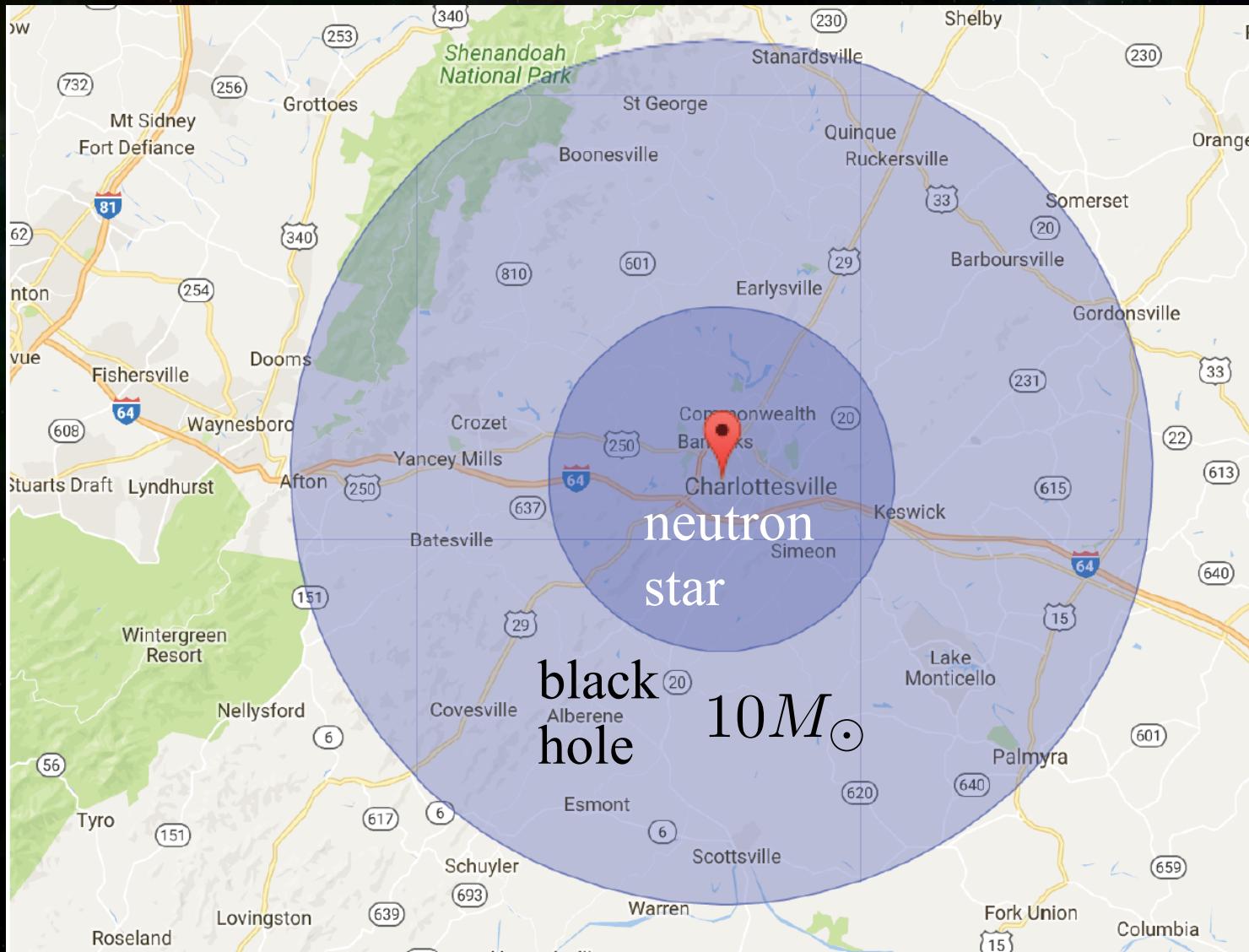
# Black Hole Formation

The background of the slide is a dark, star-filled image of space, with numerous small white dots representing distant stars.

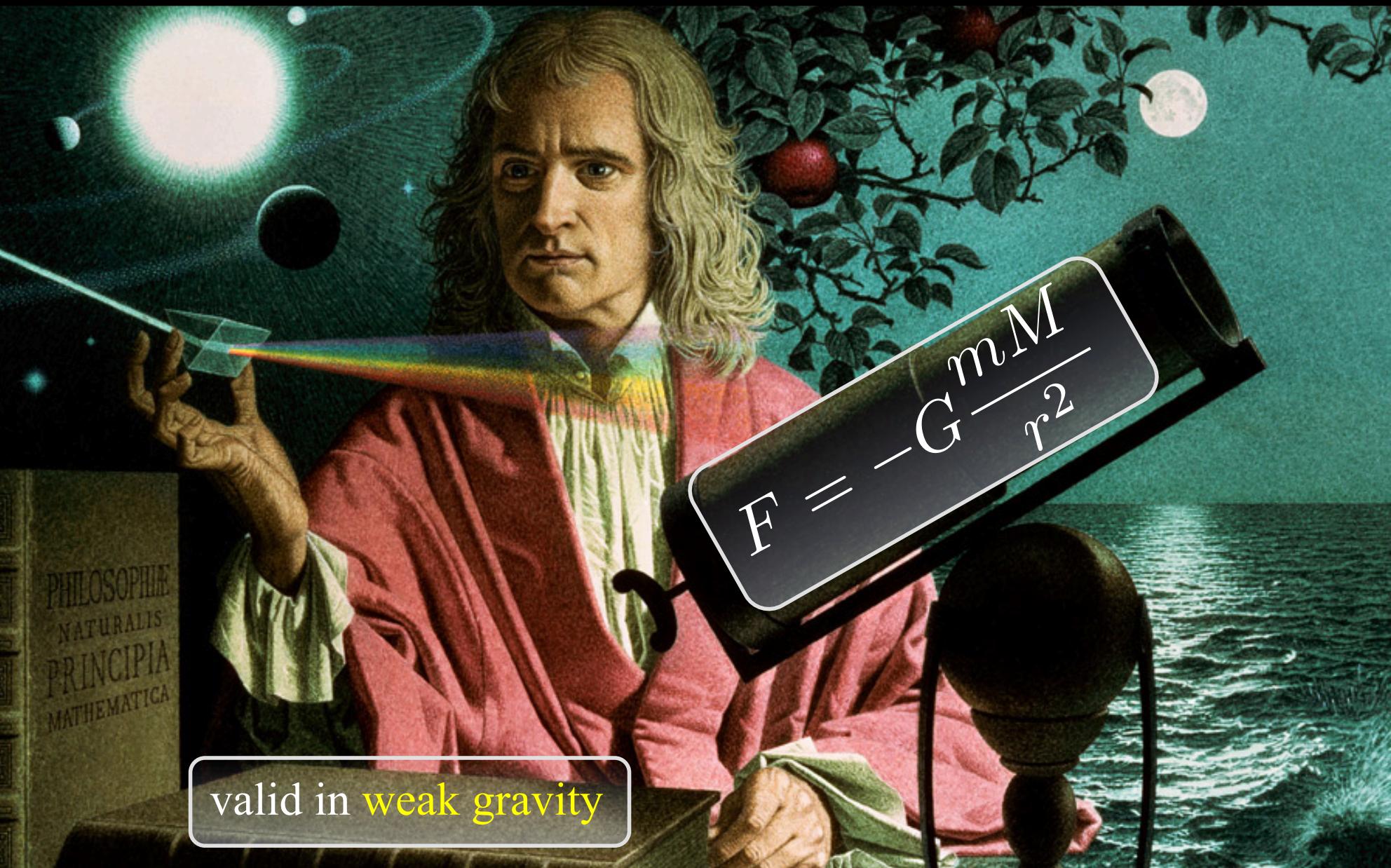
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# Black Hole vs Neutron Star

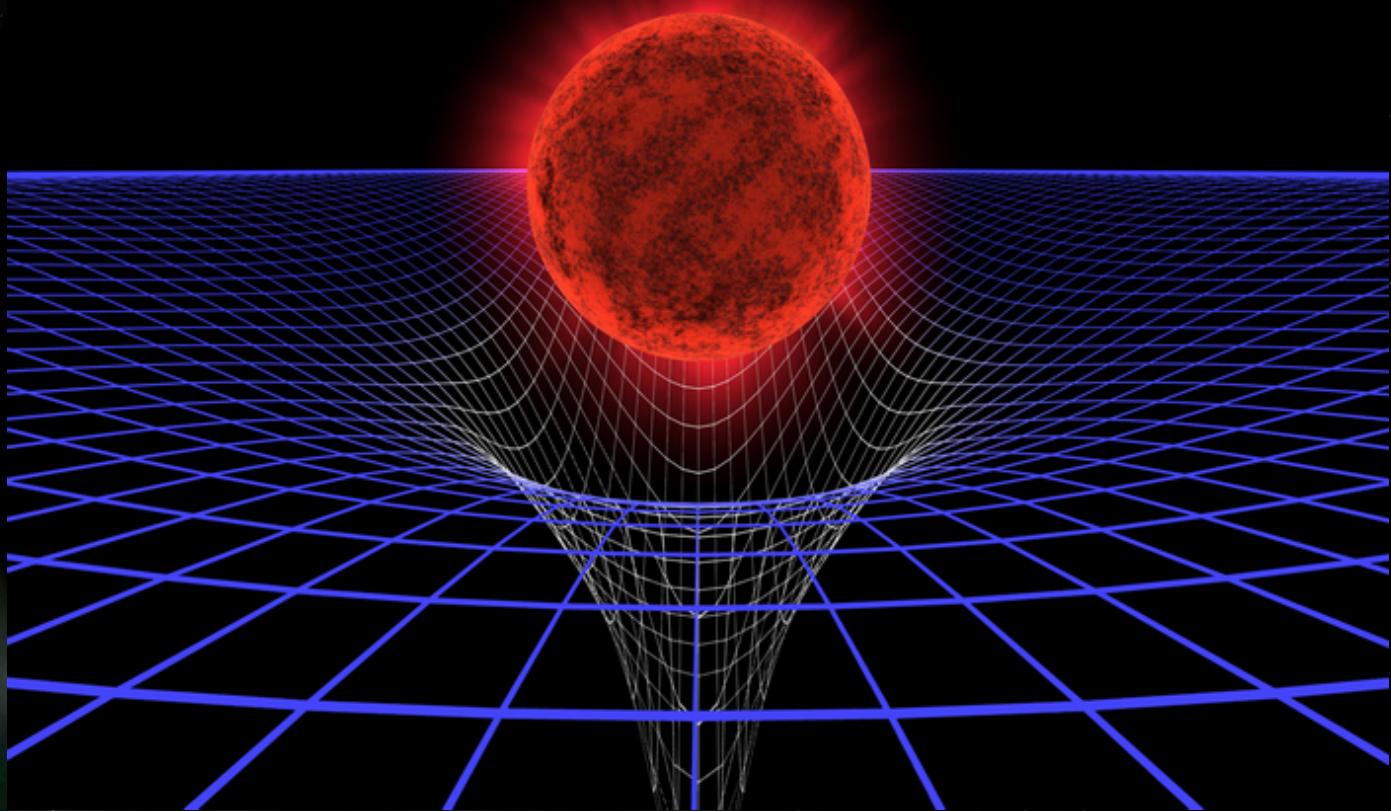
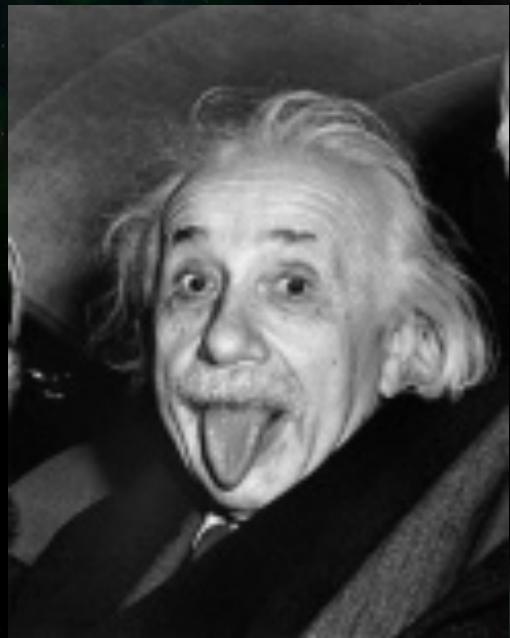


# Newtonian Gravity

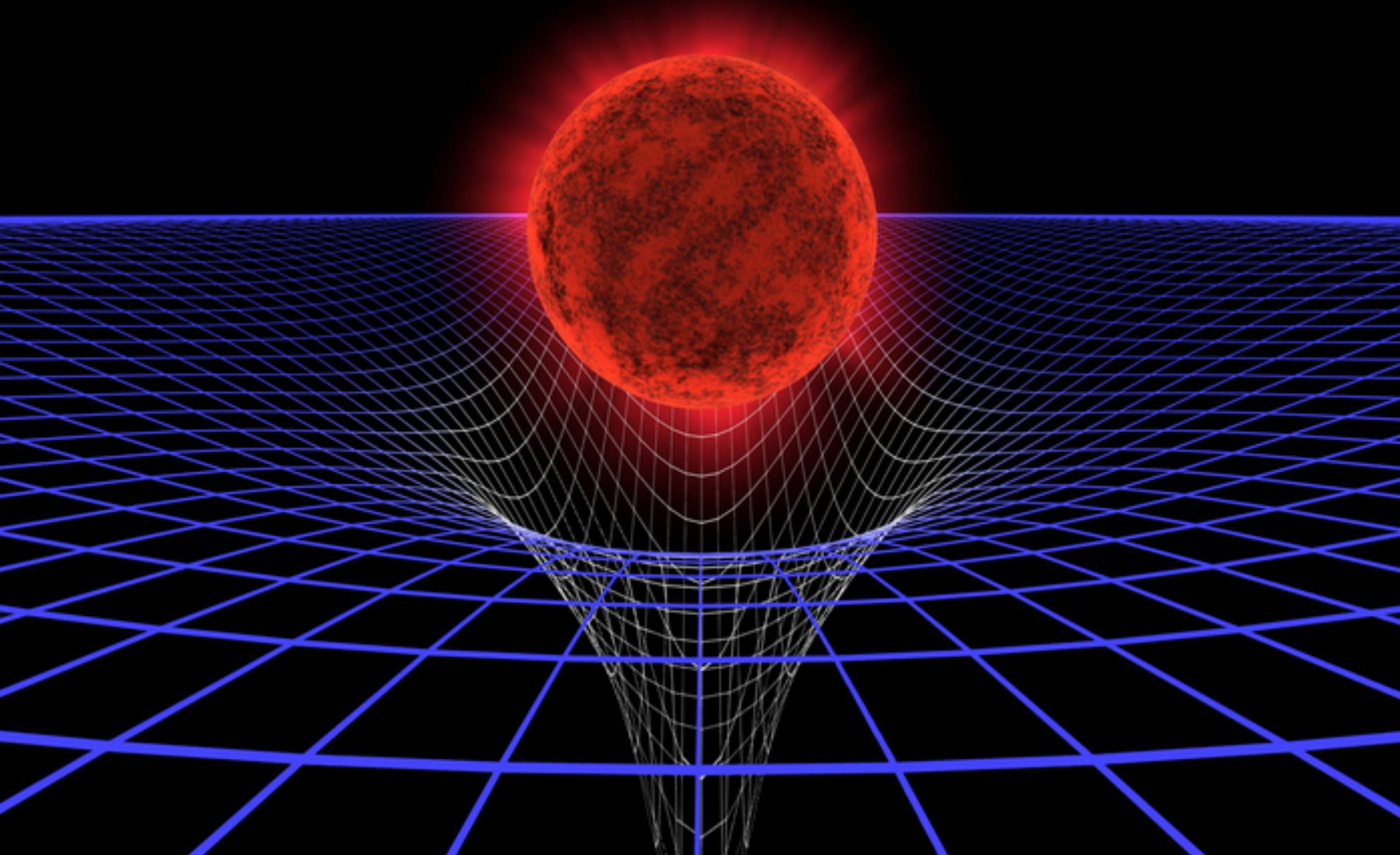


# General Relativity

Gravity = Curvature of Spacetime



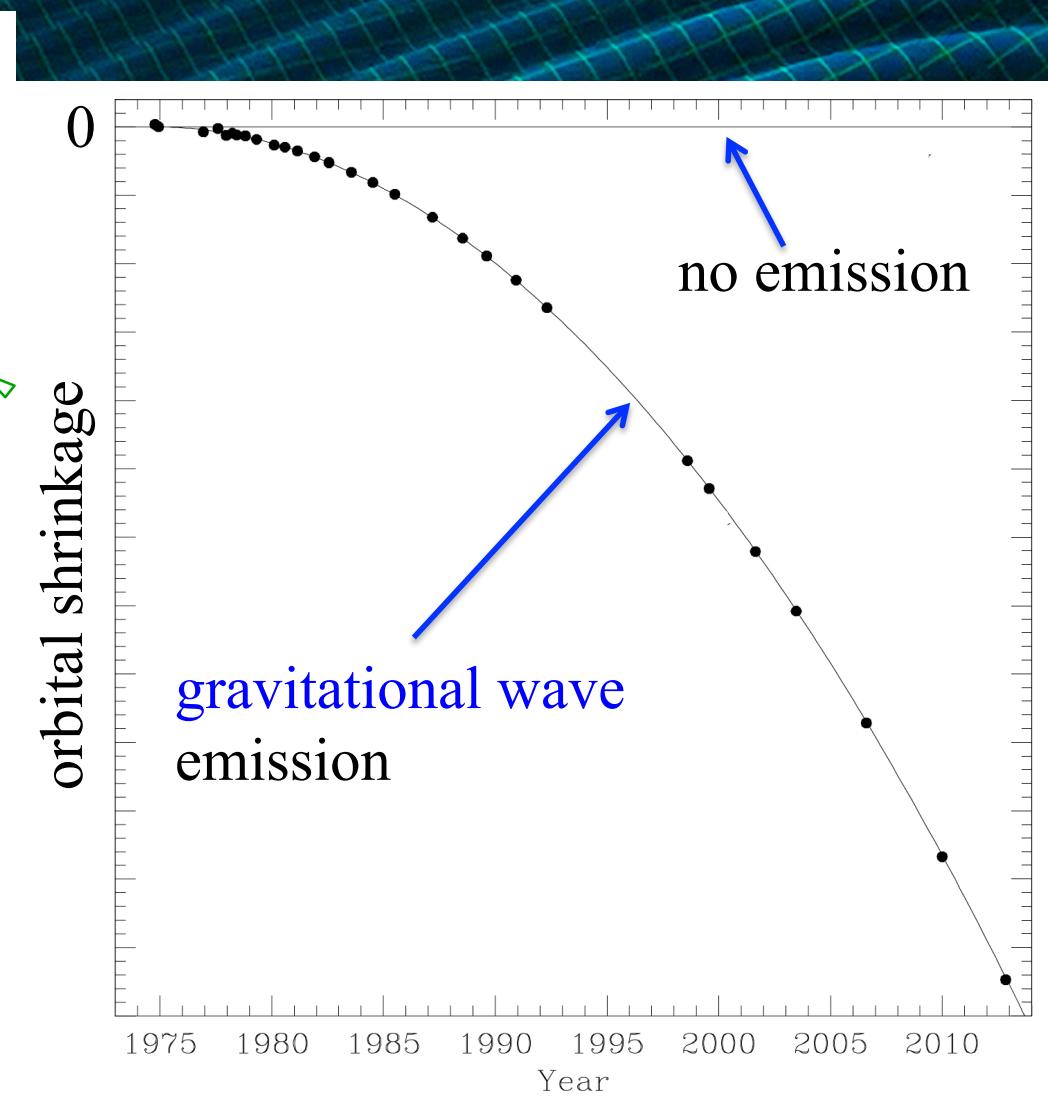
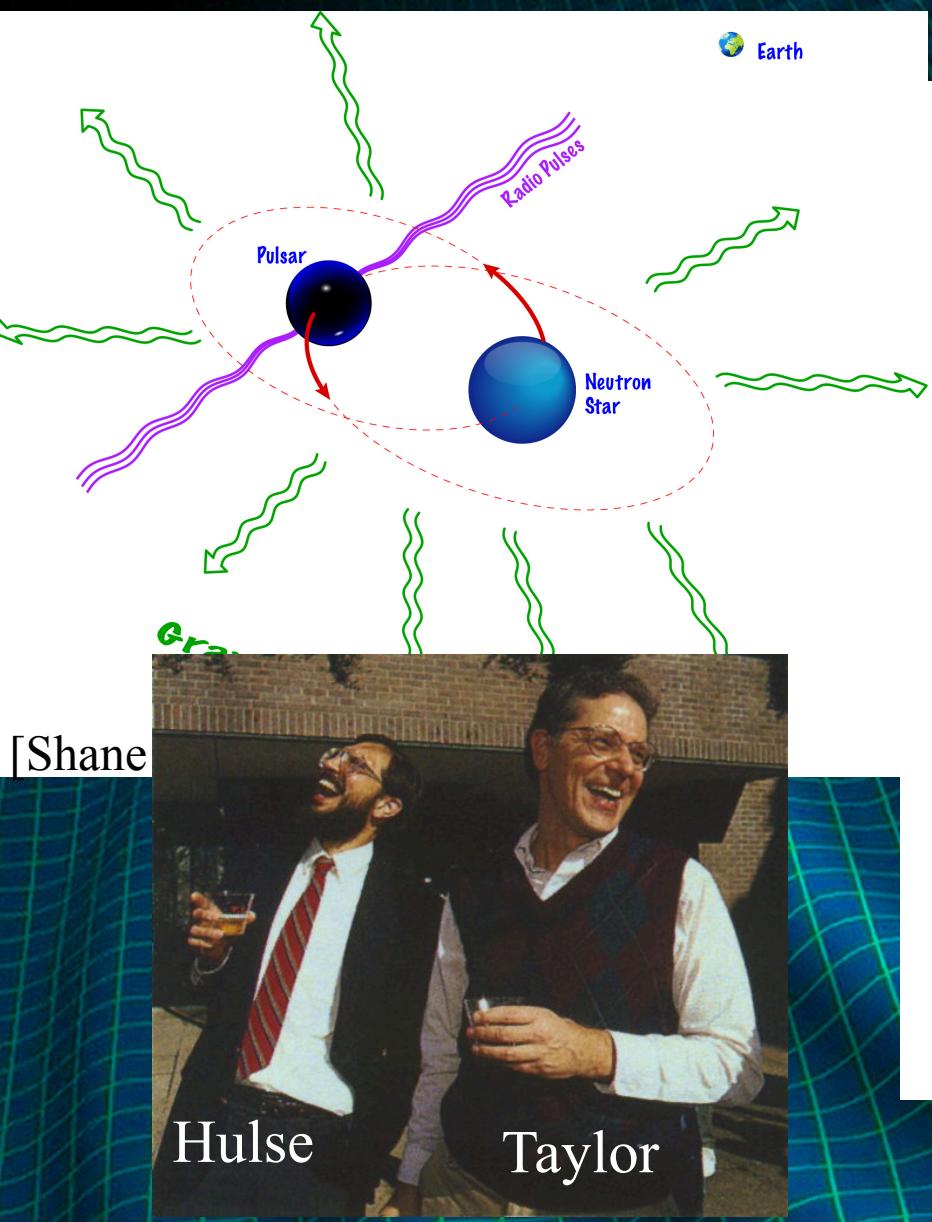
# We feel spacetime curvature as gravity!



# Ripples of Spacetime ... Gravitational Waves!

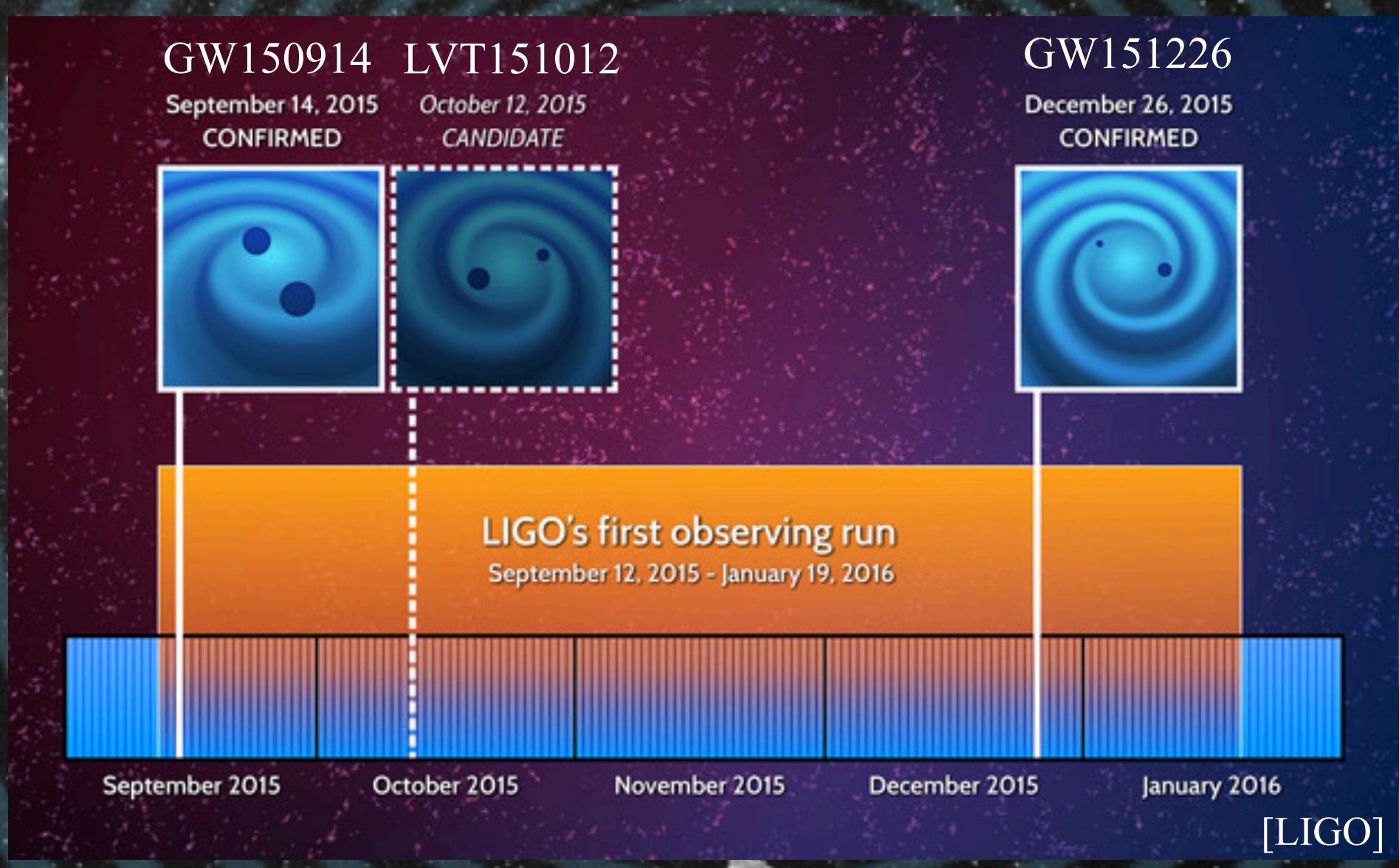


# Indirect Detection of Gravitational Waves

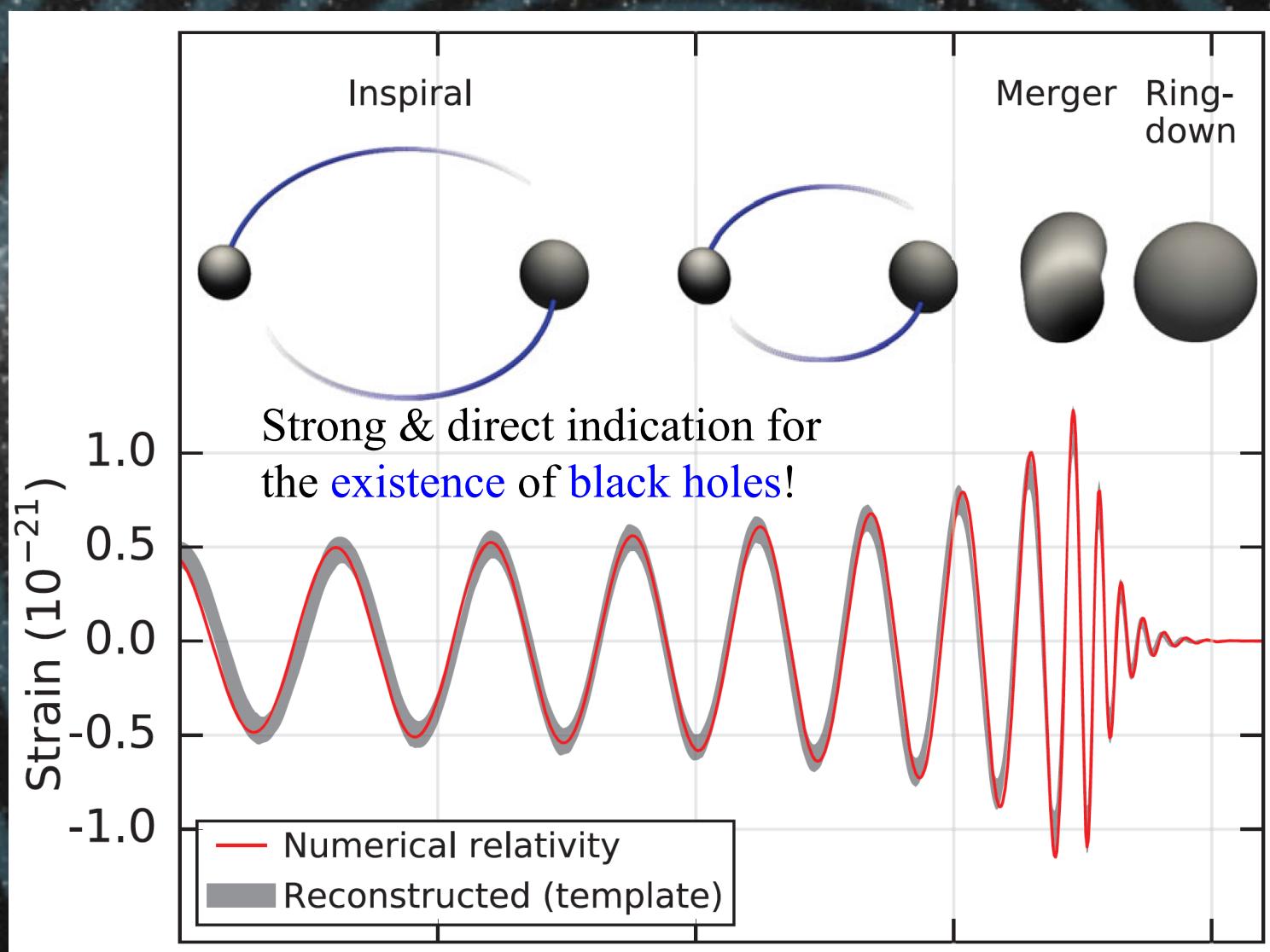


[Weisberg & Huang (2016)]

# Direct Detection, At Last!!

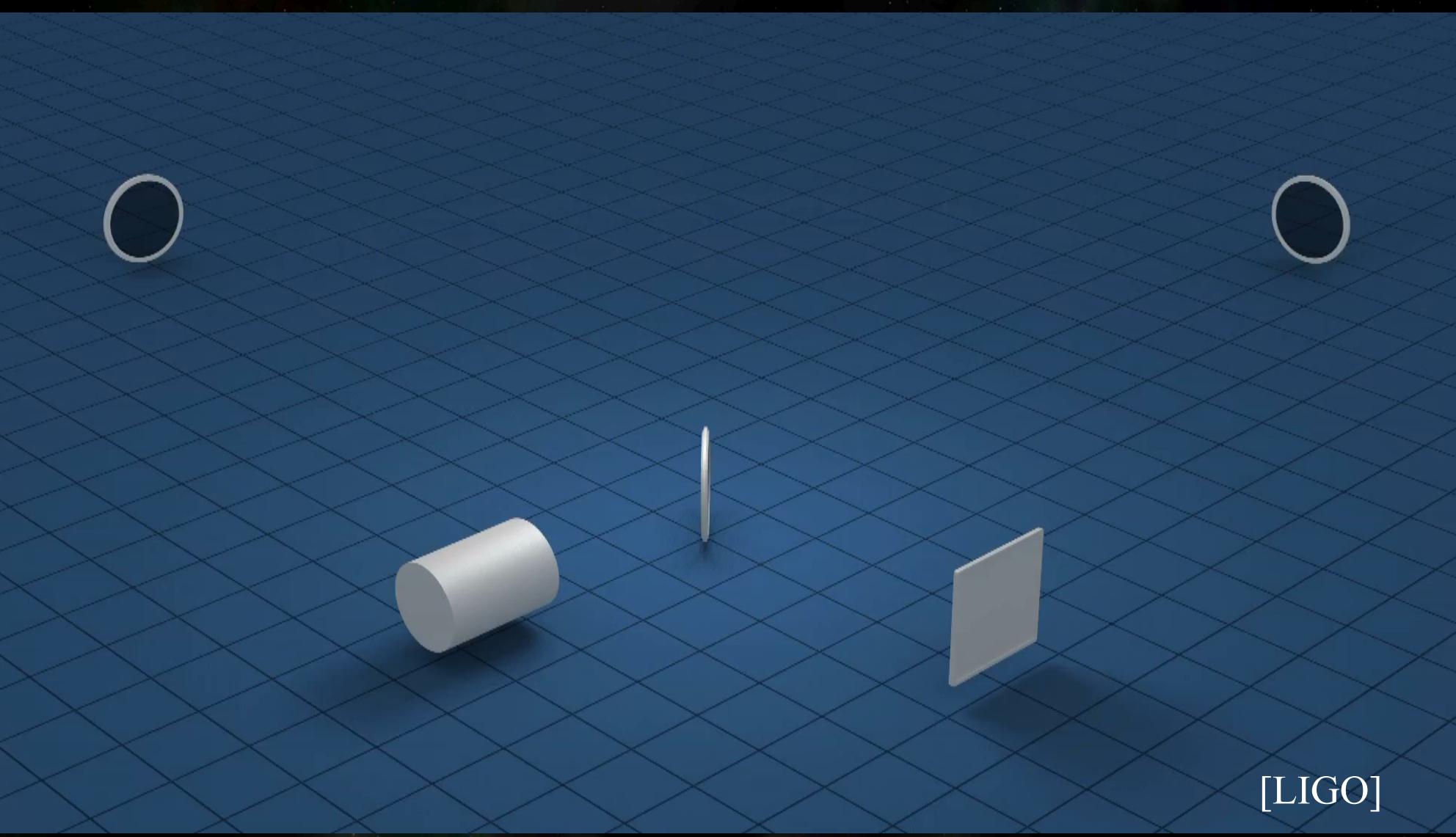


# GW150914 Waveform



[Abbott et al. PRL 116 061102 (2016)]

# How Does LIGO Work?



# Analogy with Electromagnetism

## multipolar structure of radiation

	electromagnetic	gravitational
monopole	✗ charge conservation	✗ mass conservation
dipole	✓	✗ momentum conservation
quadrupole	✓	✓

# Rough Estimate

gravitational wave amplitude (quadrupole formula)

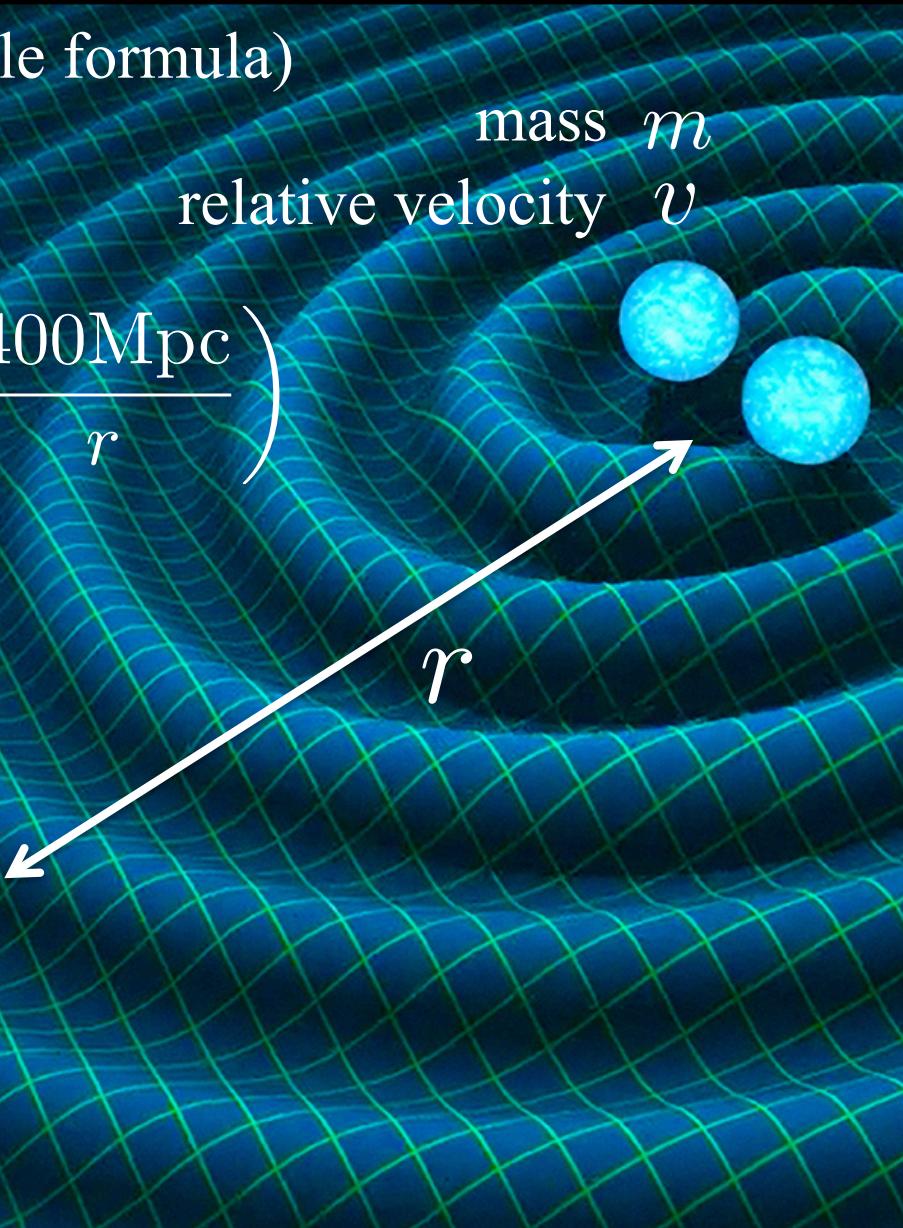
$$h \sim \frac{G}{c^4} \frac{\ddot{Q}}{r} \quad \ddot{Q} \sim m v^2$$

$$\sim 10^{-21} \left( \frac{m}{30M_{\odot}} \right) \left( \frac{v}{0.4c} \right)^2 \left( \frac{400\text{Mpc}}{r} \right)$$

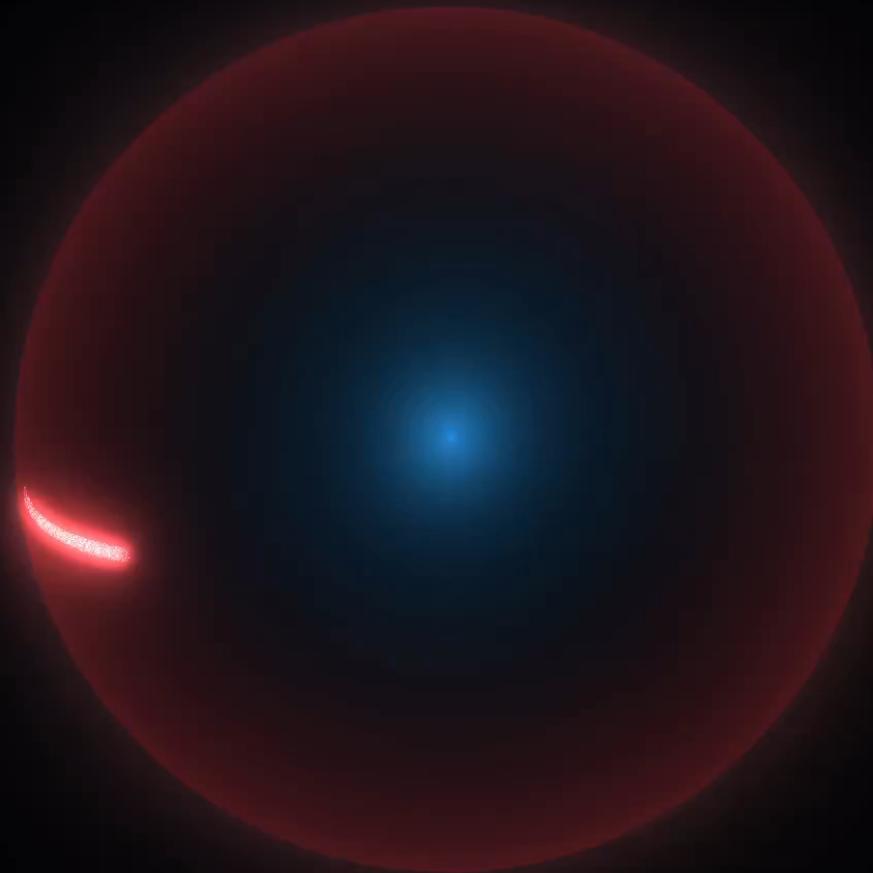
detector fluctuation

$$\Delta L \sim h L$$

$$\sim 4 \times 10^{-18} \text{m} \left( \frac{L}{4\text{km}} \right)$$



# It's Tiny!!



[LIGO]

# Most Energetic Event Observed Ever!

Luminosity (energy/time)

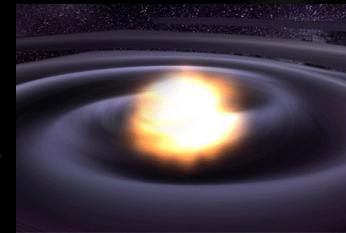
$10^{59}$  erg/s

Planck  
luminosity

$$L_{\text{Pl}} = \frac{M_{\text{Pl}} c^2}{t_{\text{Pl}}} = \frac{c^5}{G}$$

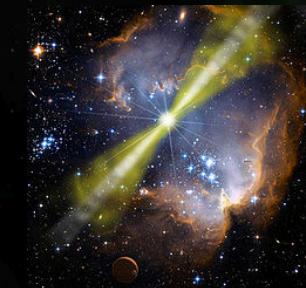
$10^{56}$  erg/s

GW150914  
GW151226



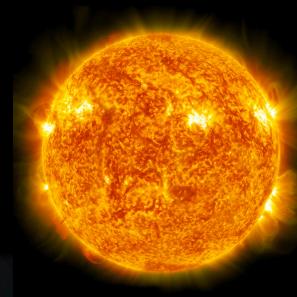
$10^{54}$  erg/s

ultraluminous  
gamma-ray burst



$10^{33}$  erg/s

Sun



# Gravitational Waveform Template

## Inspiral

Post-Newton (PN)  $\frac{v}{c} \ll 1$   
approximation



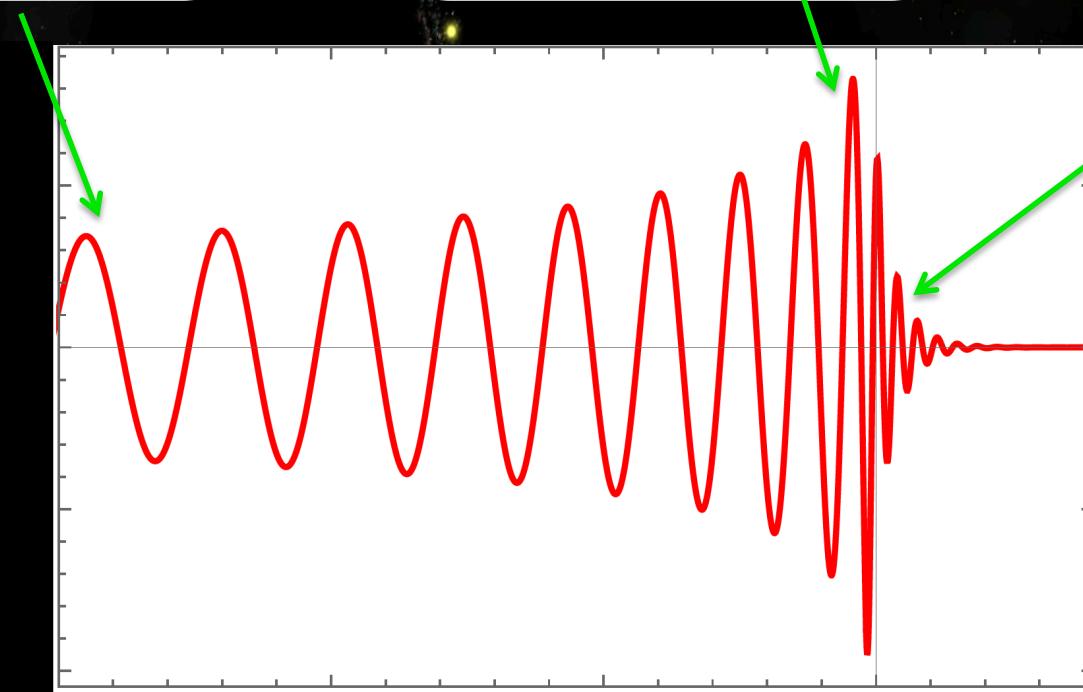
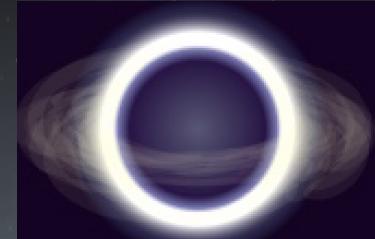
## Merger

Numerical Relativity

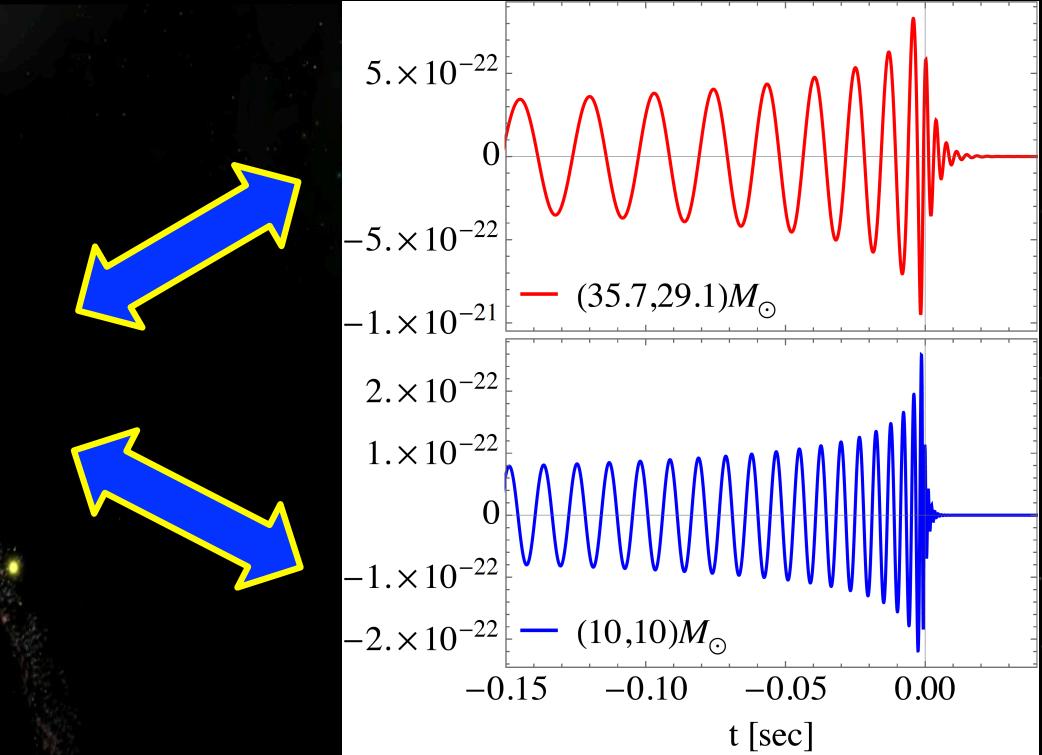
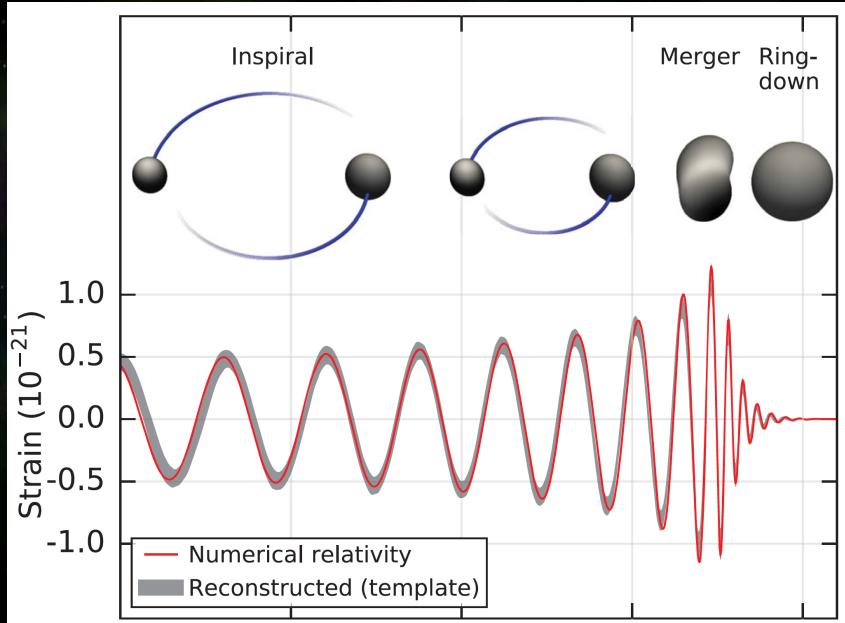


## Ringdown

Black Hole  
Perturbation

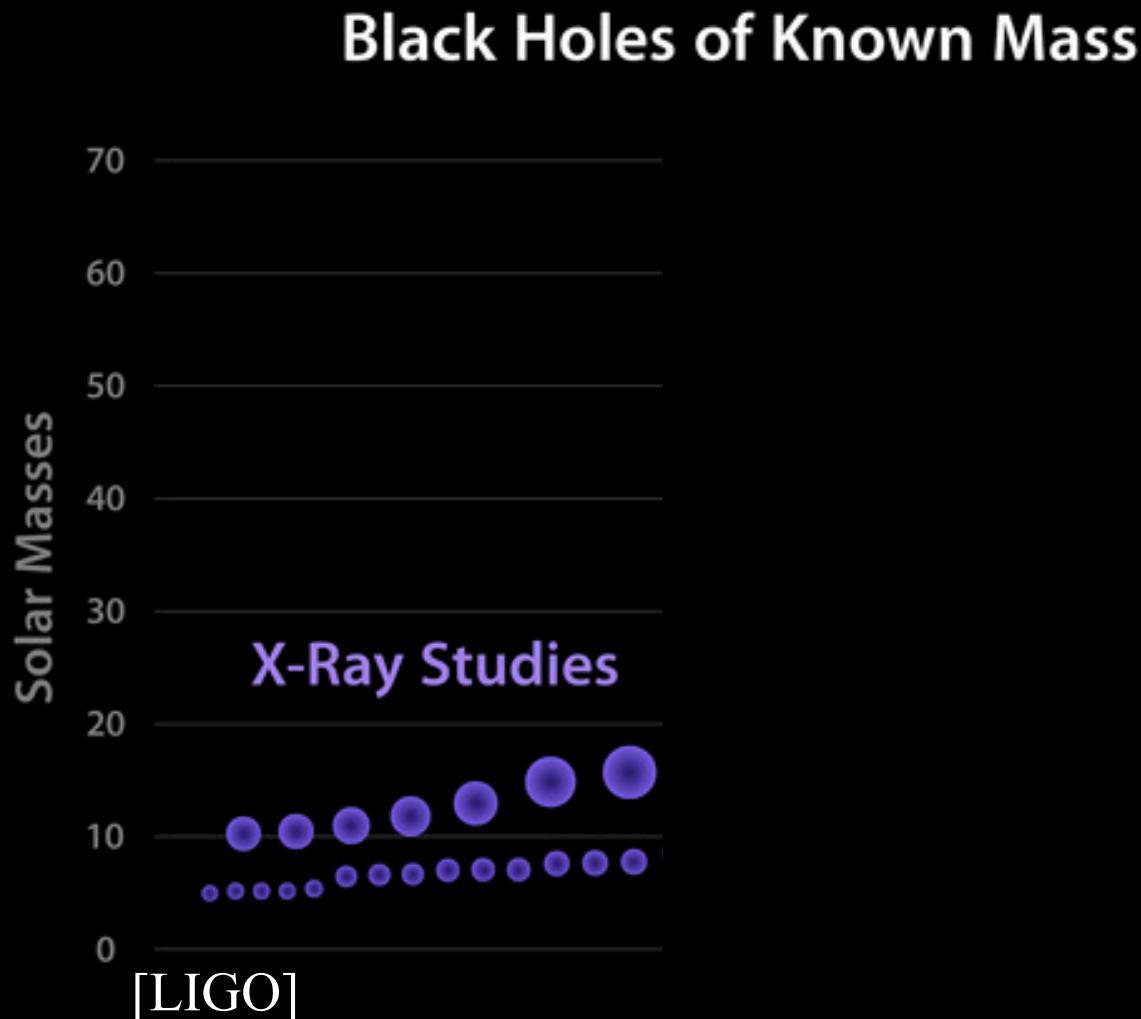


# Gravitational Wave Data Analysis

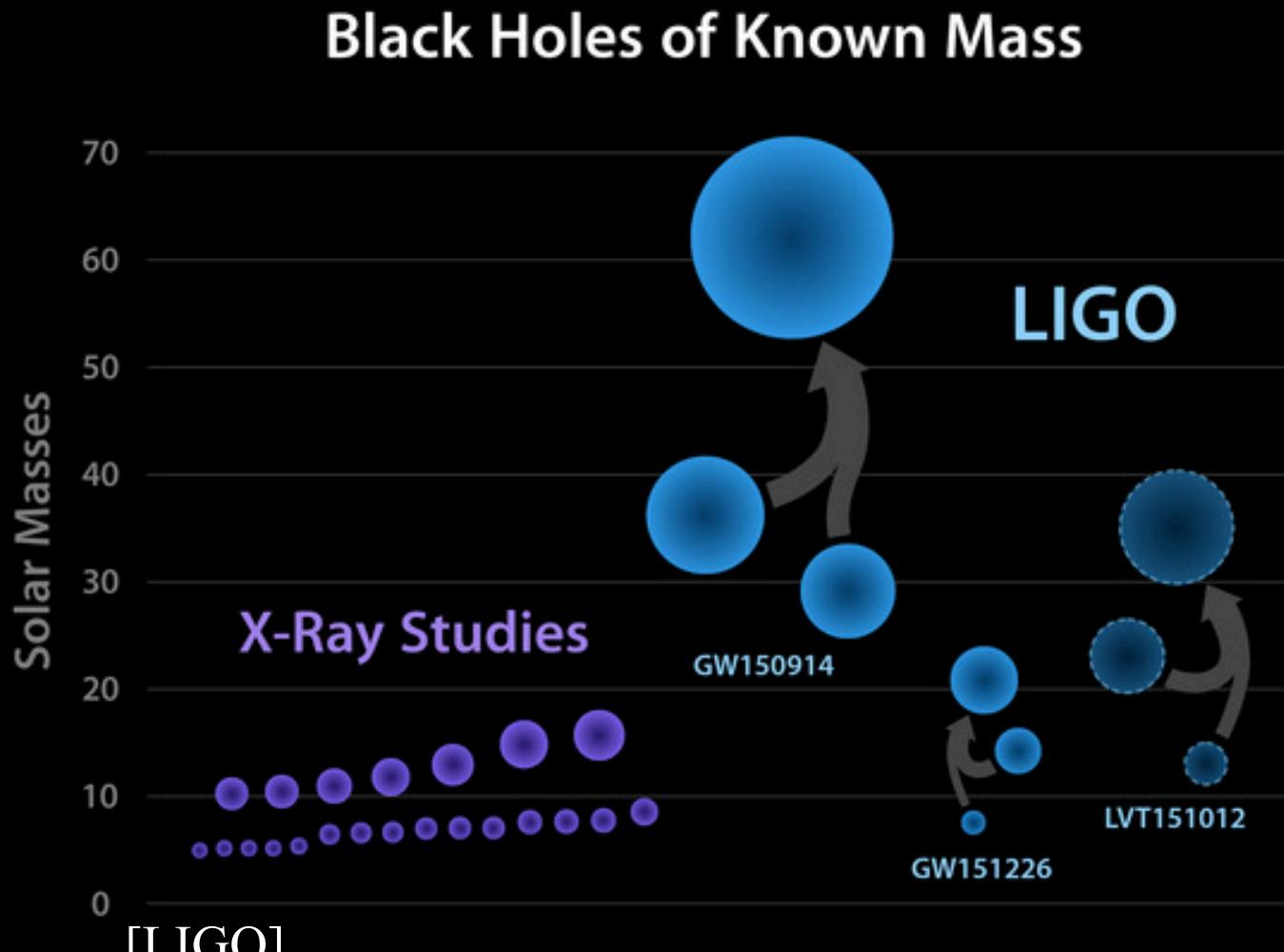


1. Prepare template “filters”
2. Cross-correlate templates and data
3. Find parameters that maximize correlation

# Most massive Stellar-mass Black Hole Ever!!



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LIGO was mainly designed for **neutron star** binaries...

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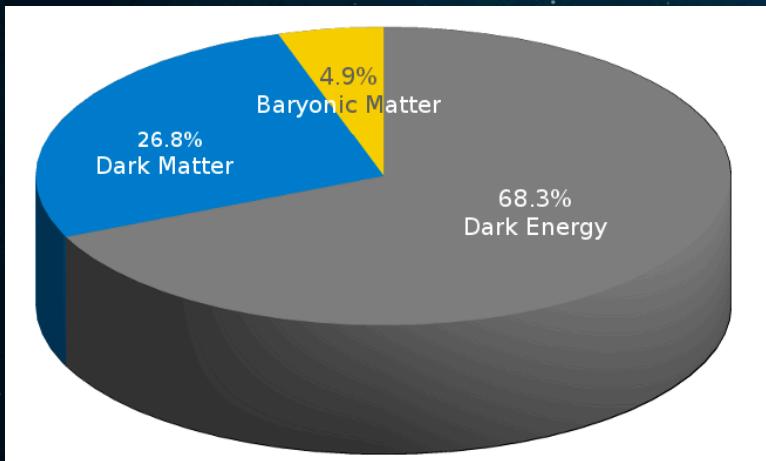
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# Why testing General Relativity?

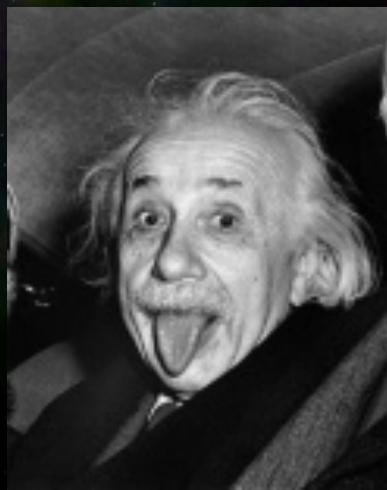
- missing mass
- accelerating expansion of the Universe
- quantum gravity? singularity...
- appreciate the **beauty** and **simplicity** of General Relativity



curvature diverges  
at singularities

# Lesson from History

anomaly in perihelion  
precession of Mercury

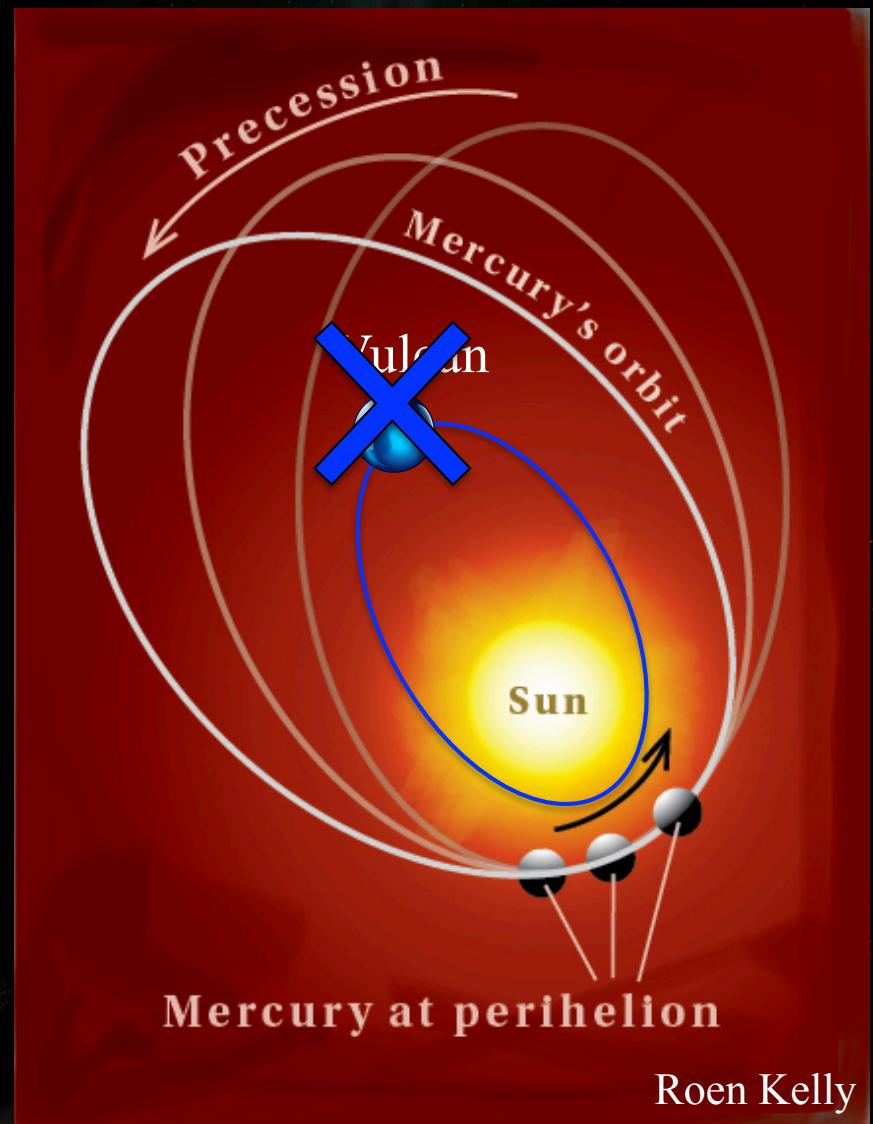


General Relativity  
beautifully explains  
the anomalous  
precession!

Newtonian gravity

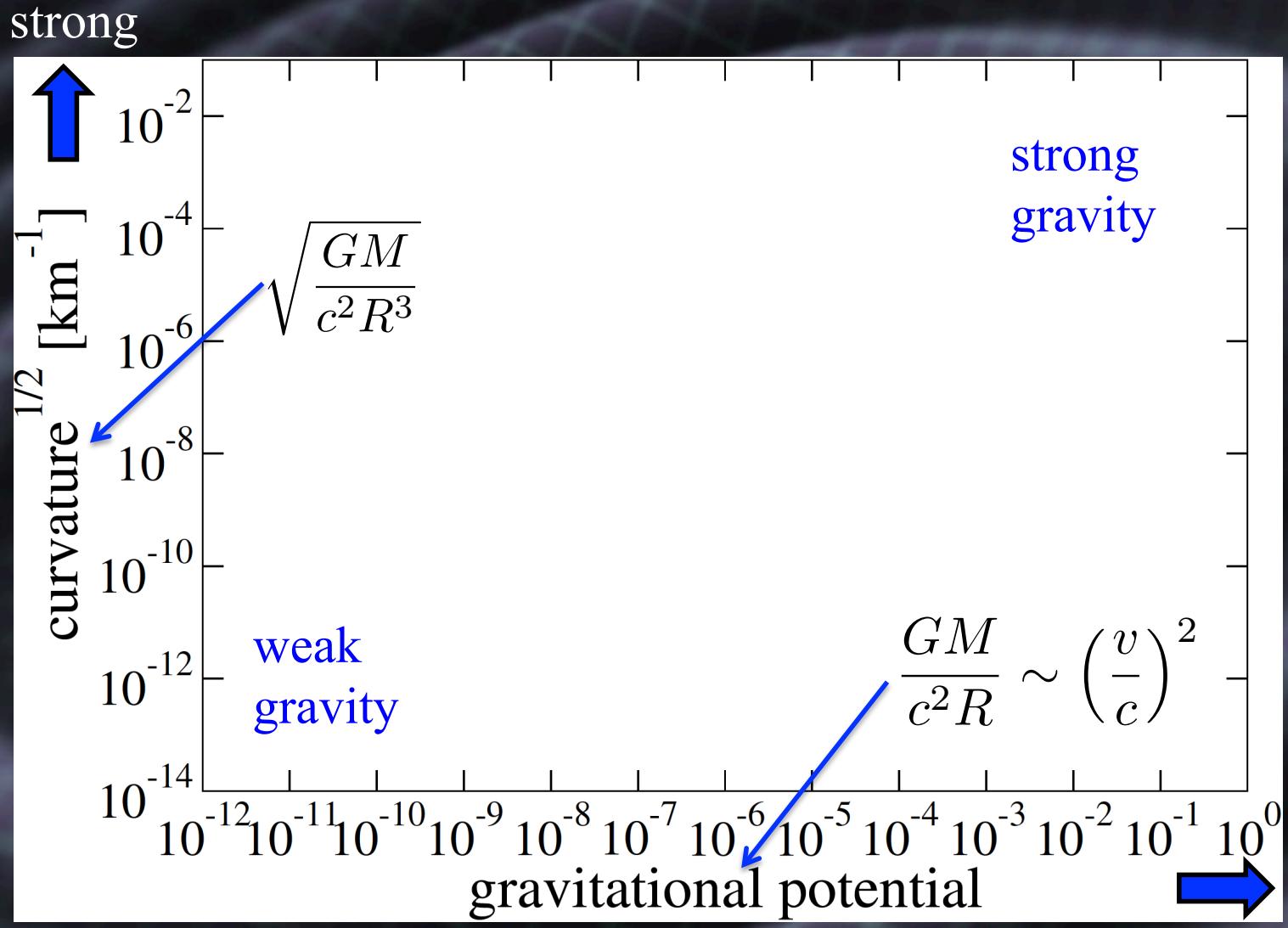


General Relativity



Roen Kelly

# Is Einstein right...?



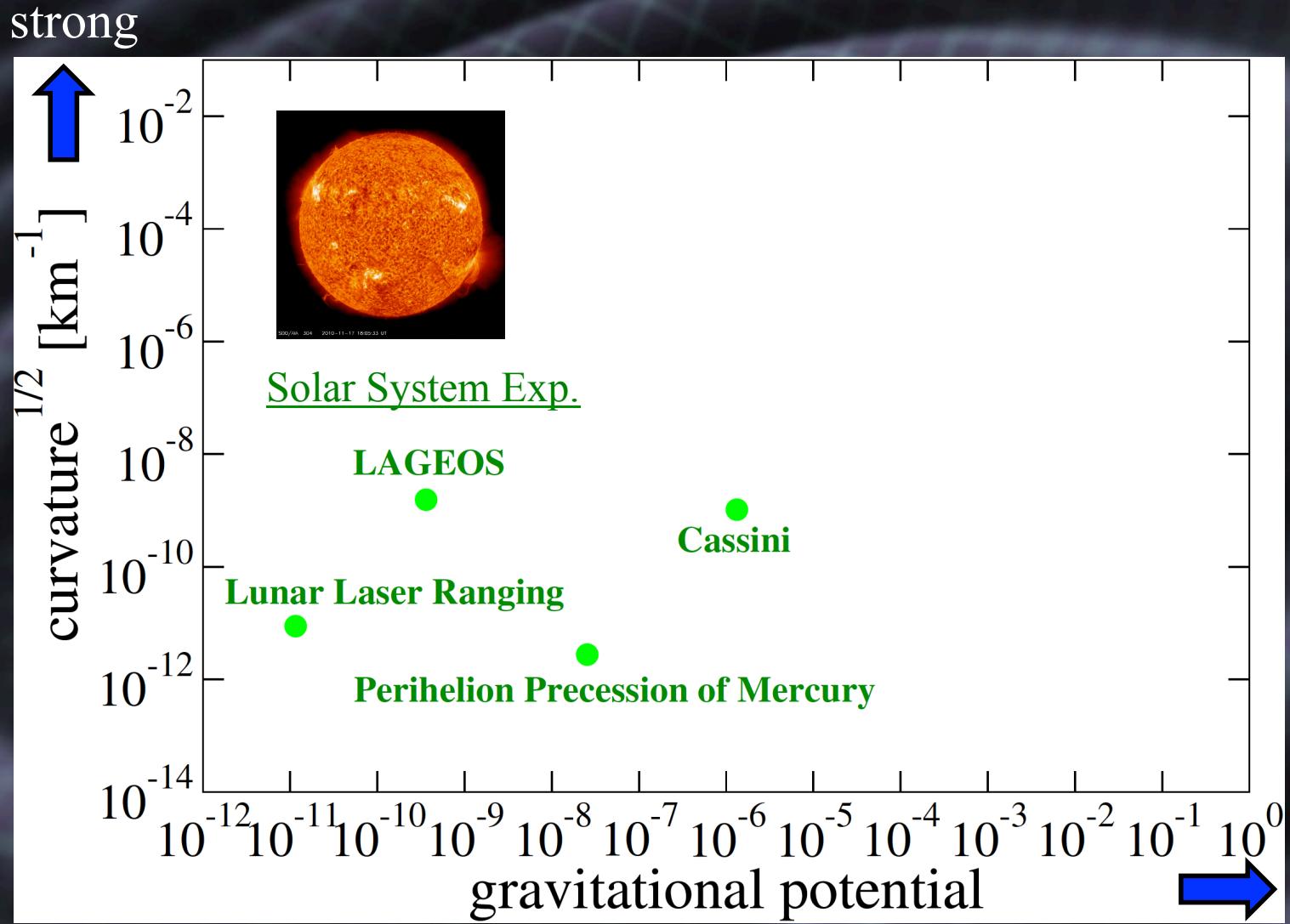
[Yunes, KY & Pretorius PRD (2016)]

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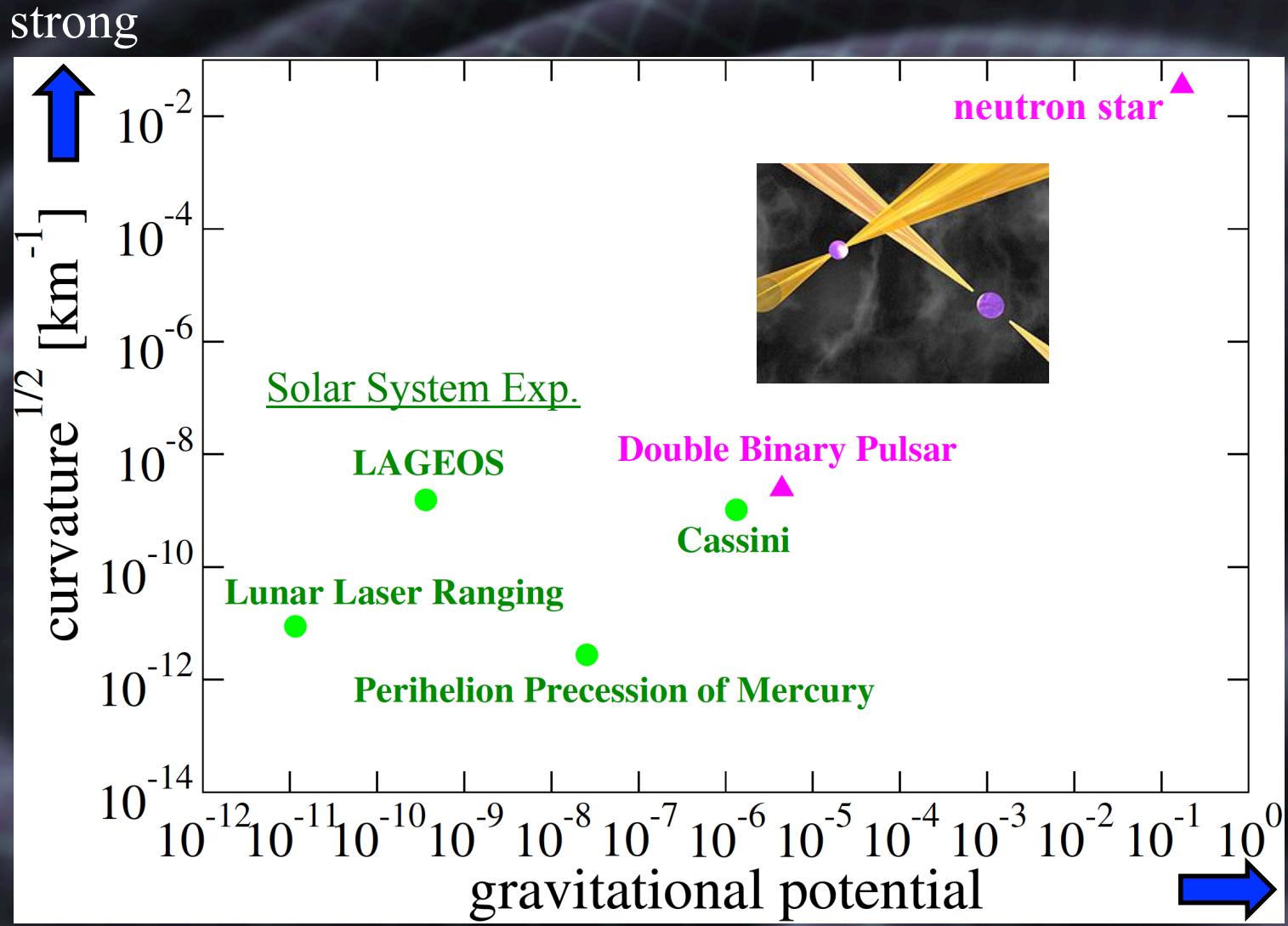
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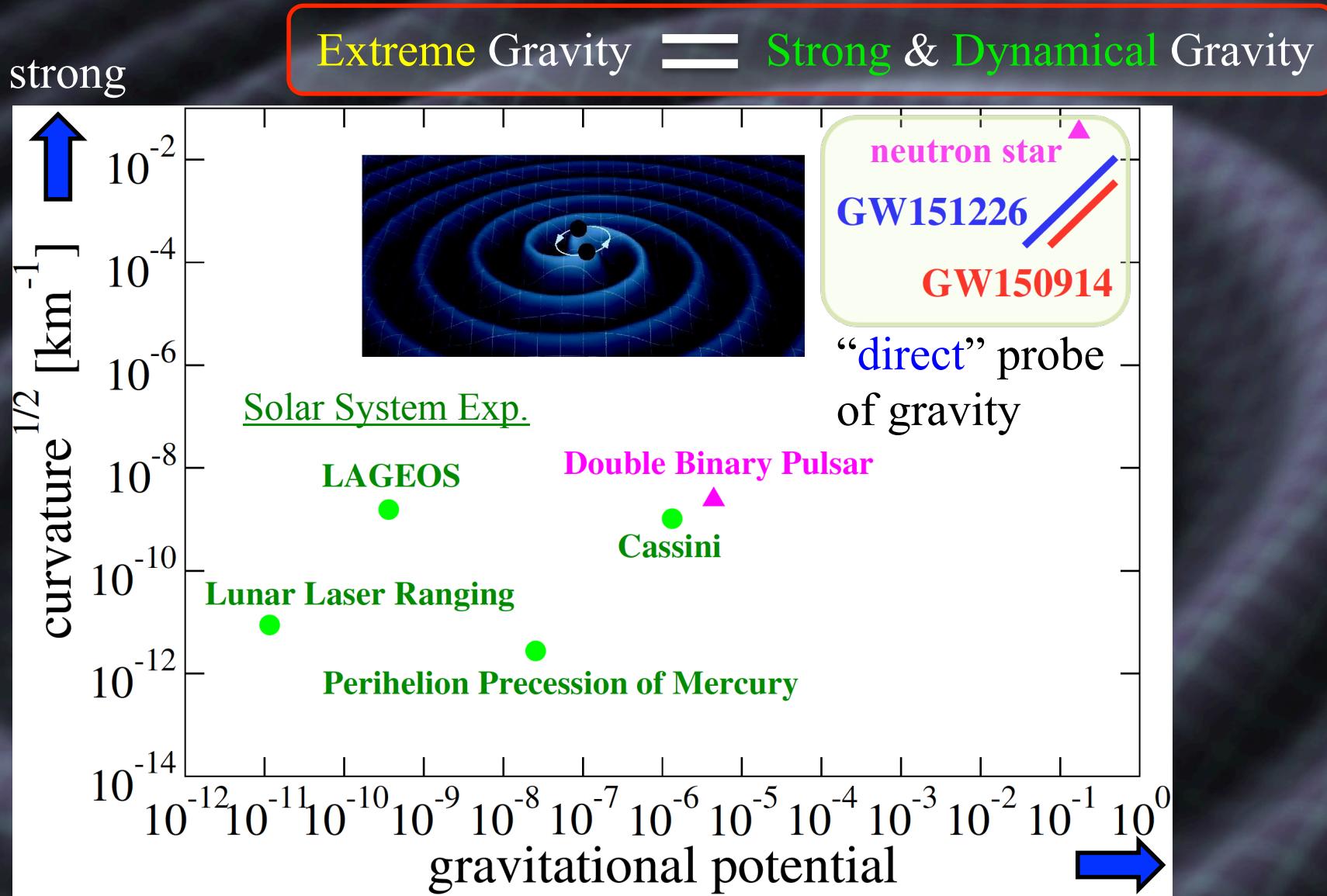
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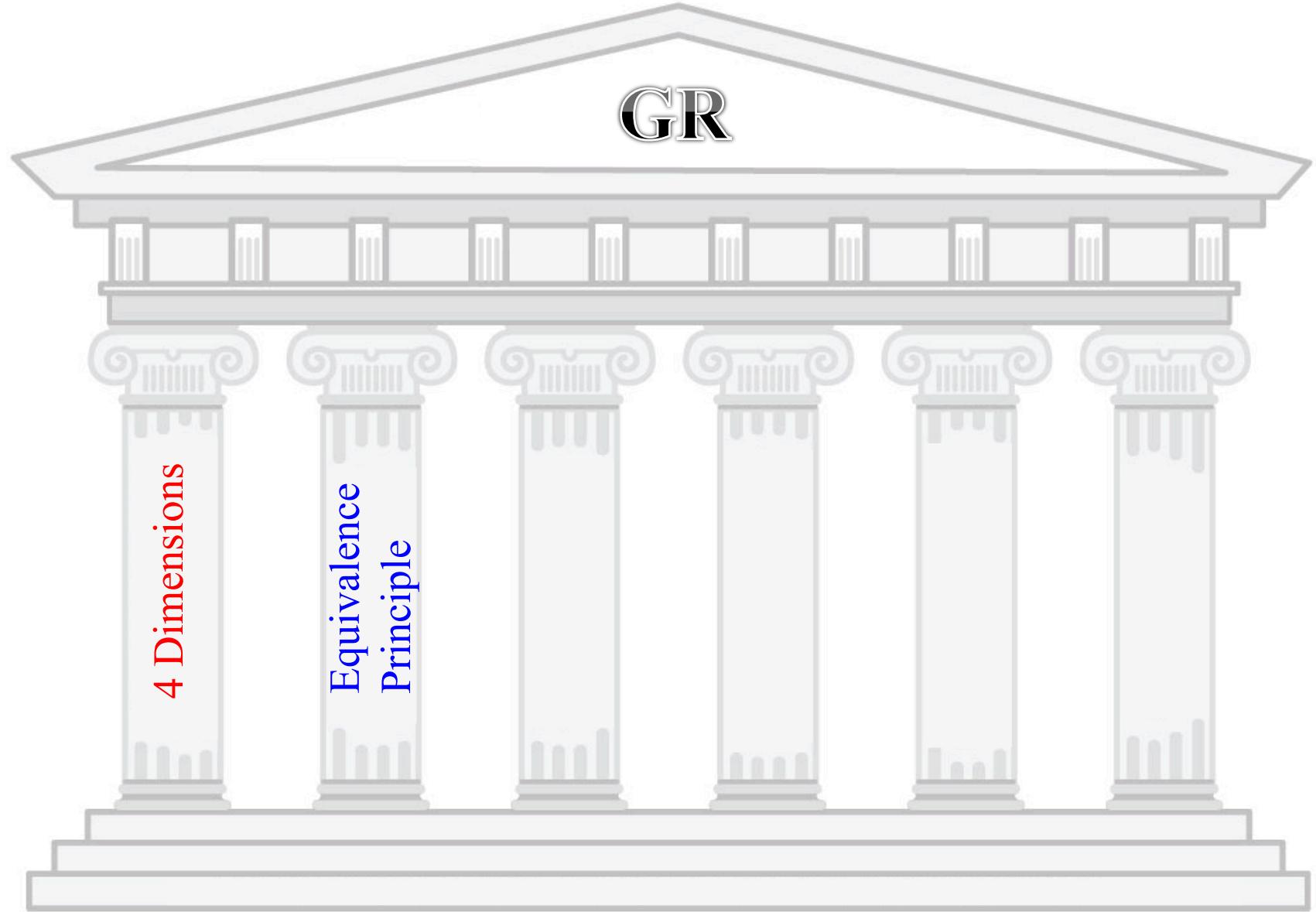
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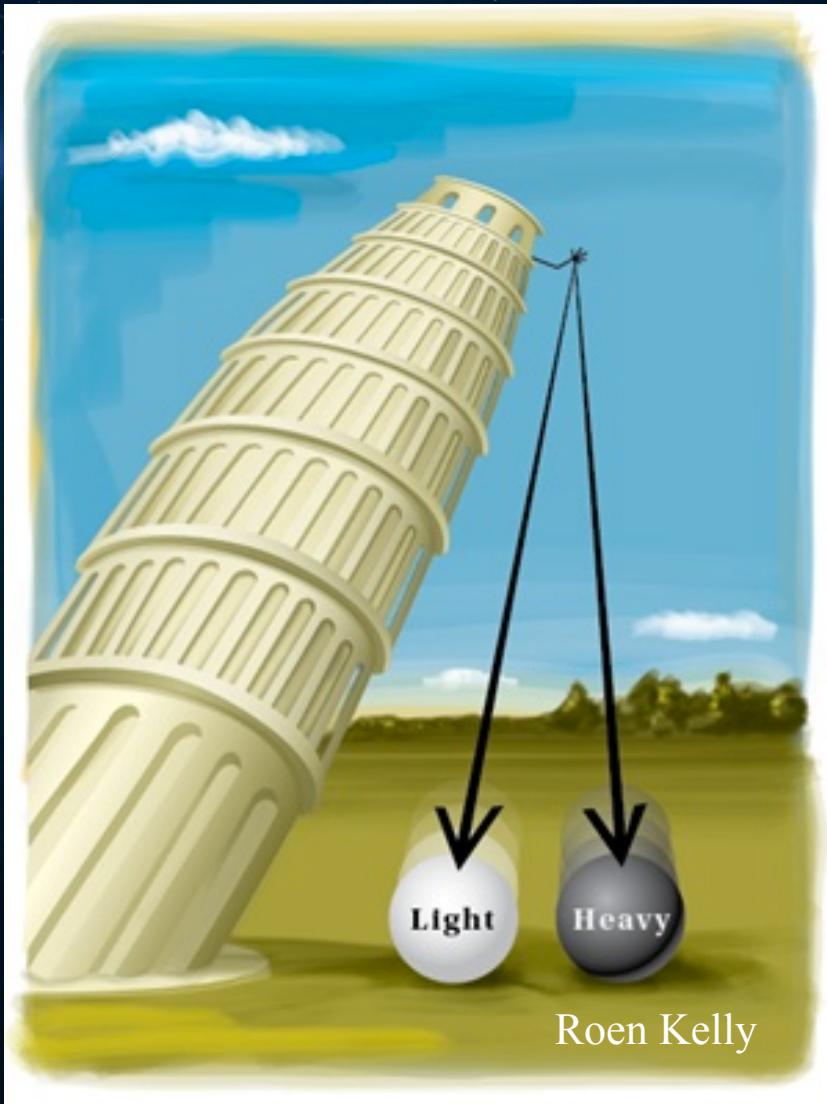
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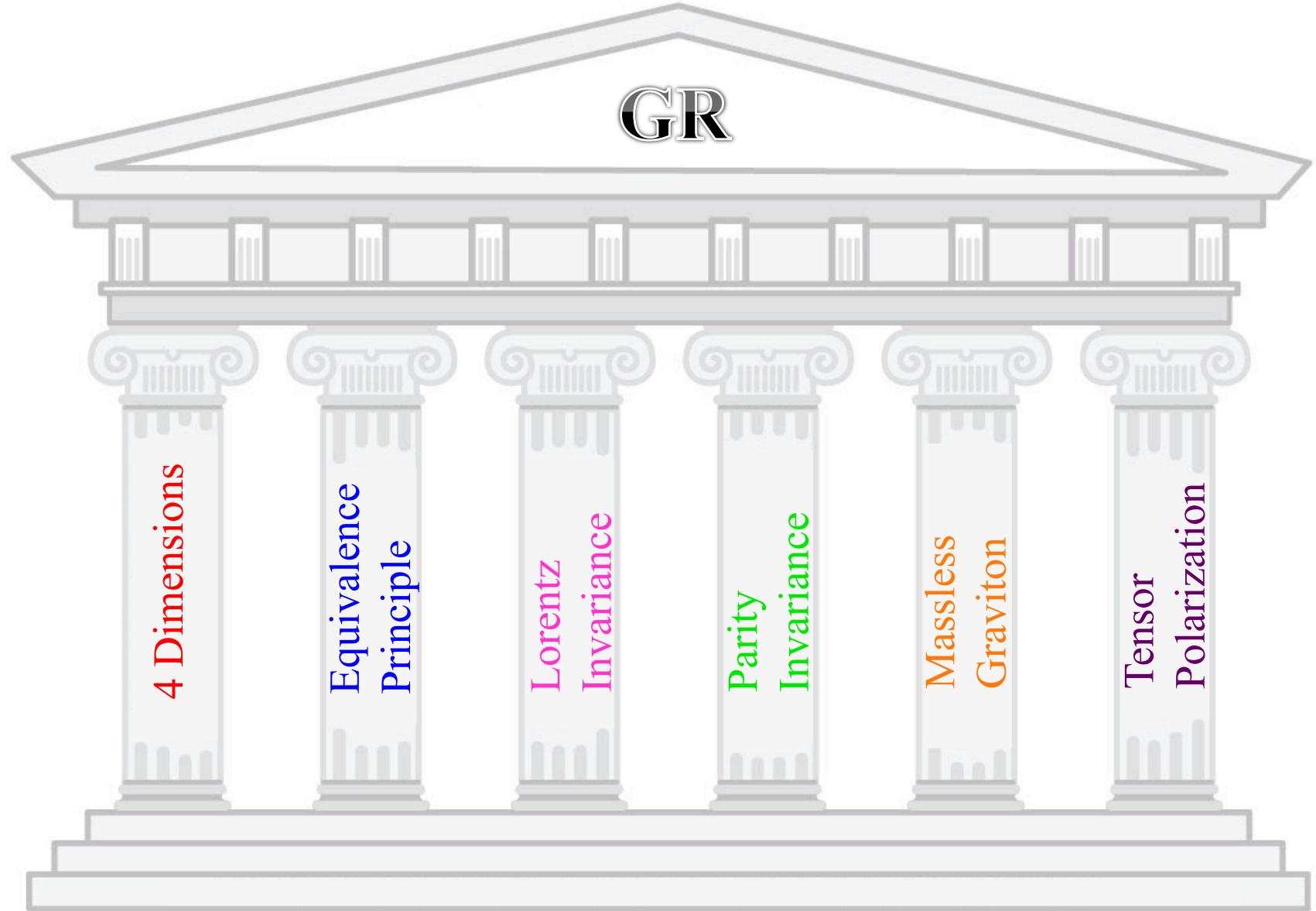


# Equivalence Principle



Universal  
Free Fall

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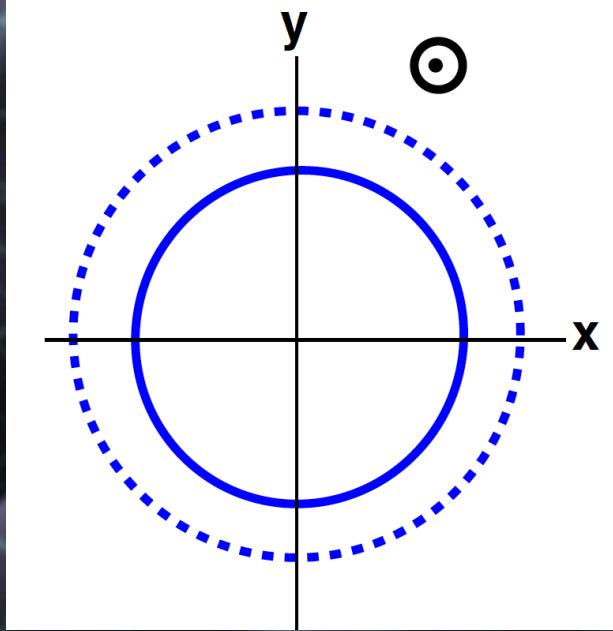
# Polarizations

tensor polarizations

plus mode

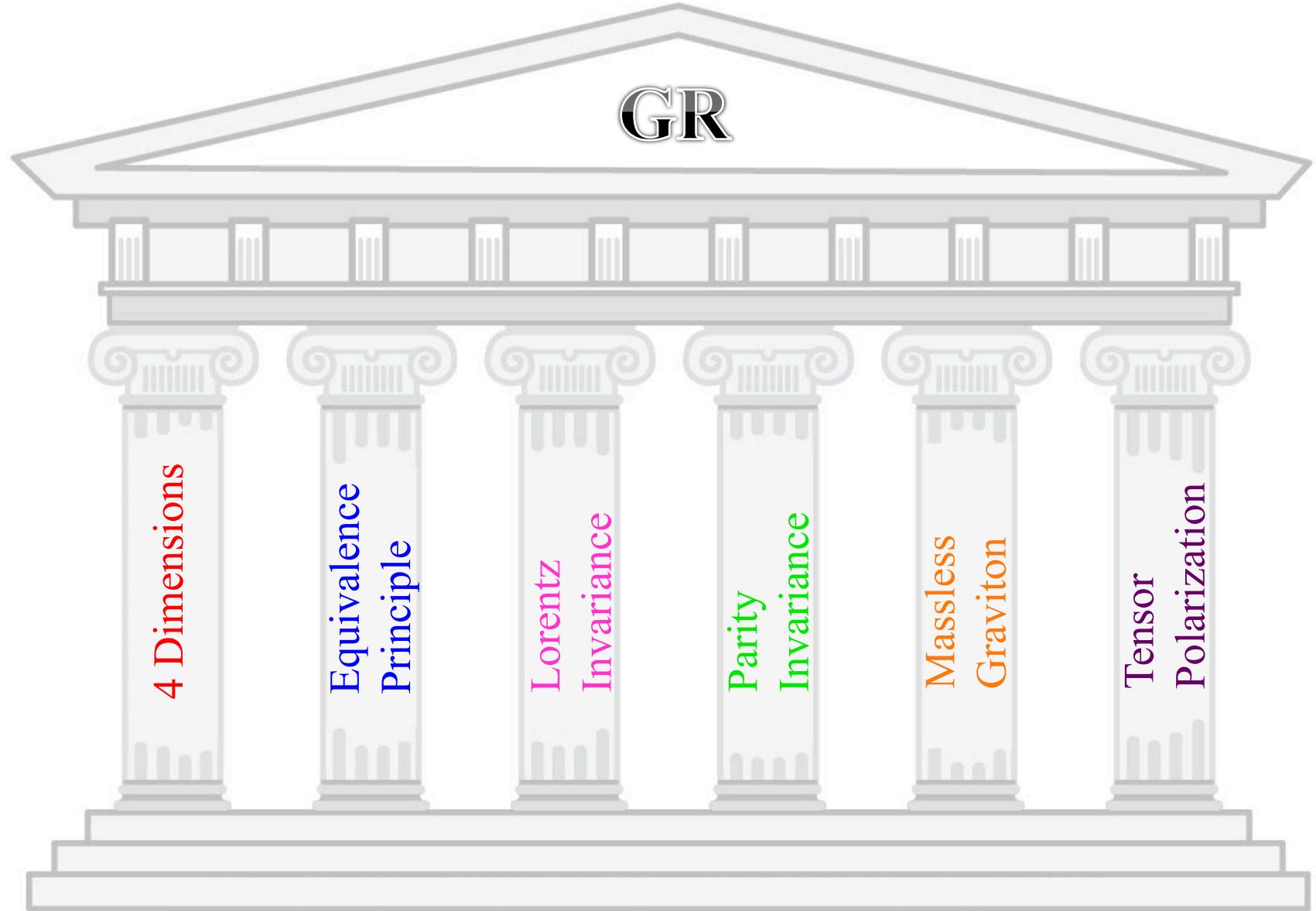
cross mode

scalar polarization



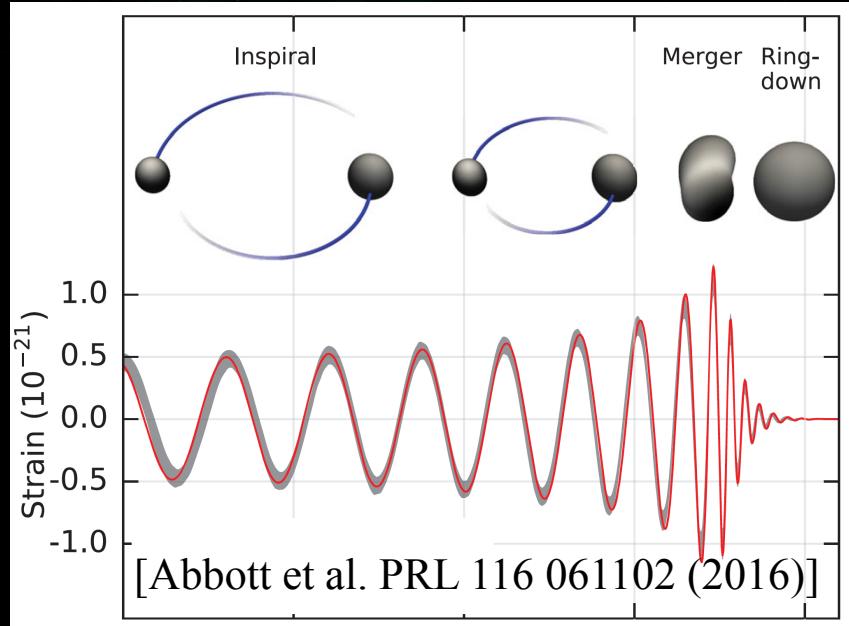
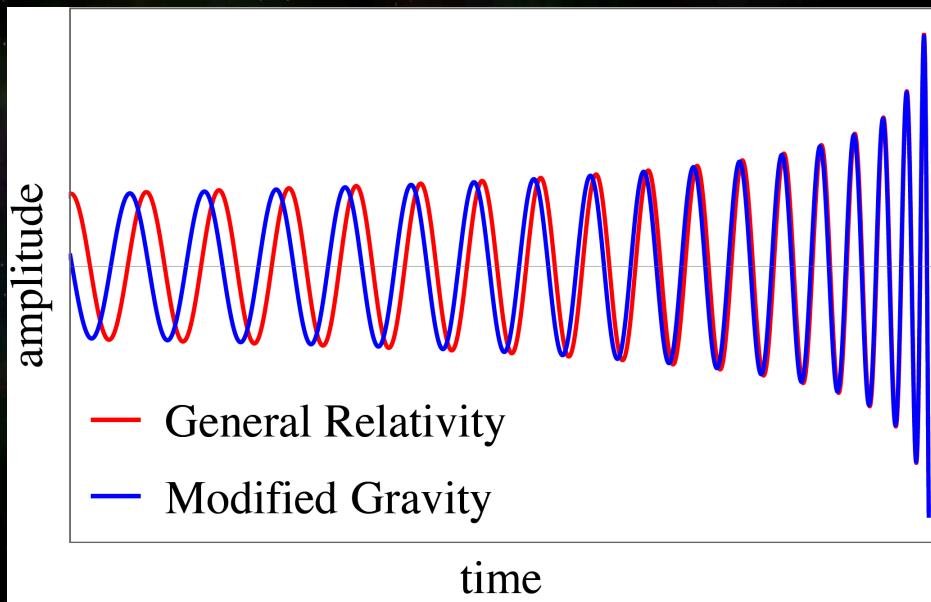
[Will Living Review]

# Fundamental Pillars in General Relativity (GR)



# parameterized post-Einsteinian (ppE) Formalism

[Yunes & Pretorius (2009)]



waveform phase:

ppE parameter

$$\Psi^{(\text{insp})} = \Psi_{\text{GR}}^{(\text{insp})} + \beta (v/c)^2 n^5$$
$$\Psi^{(\text{merg,ring})} = \Psi_{\text{GR}}^{(\text{merg,ring})}$$

relative velocity

$n$ th post-Newton (PN)  
correction

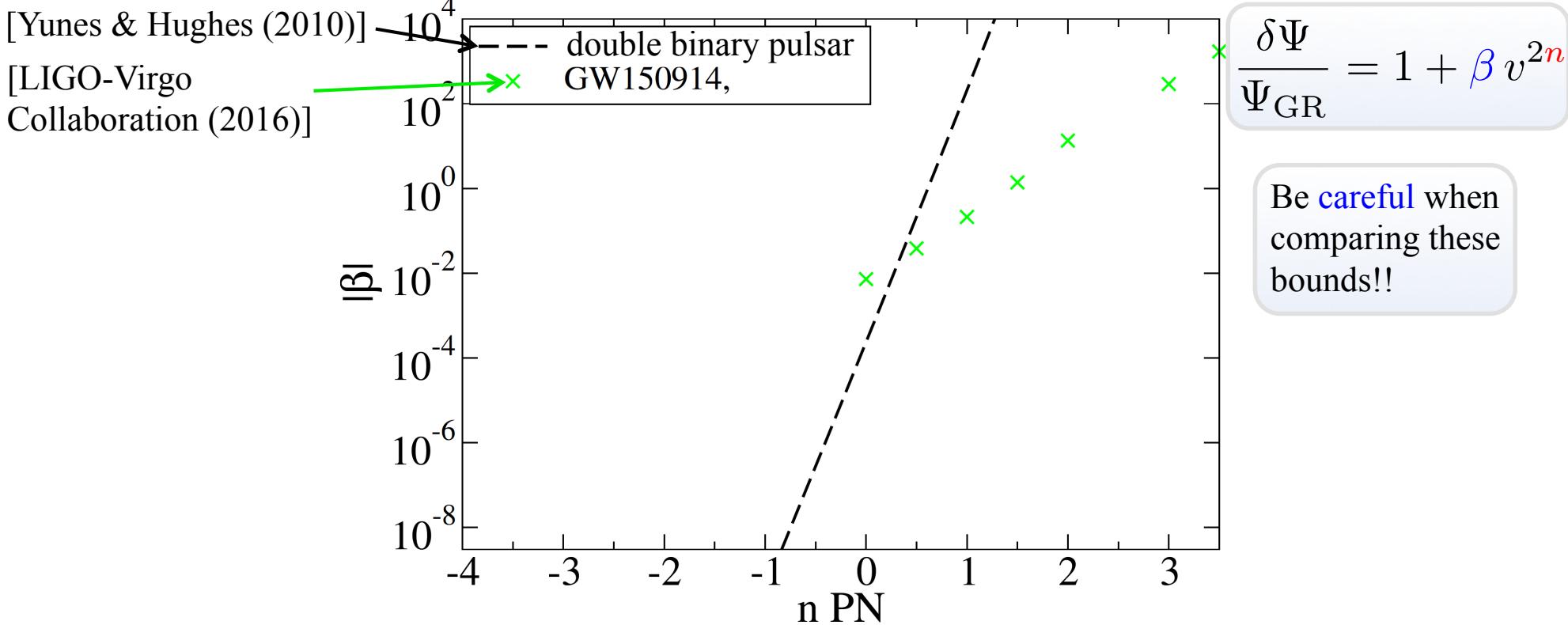
(lack of black hole binary merger simulations in non-Einsteinian theories)

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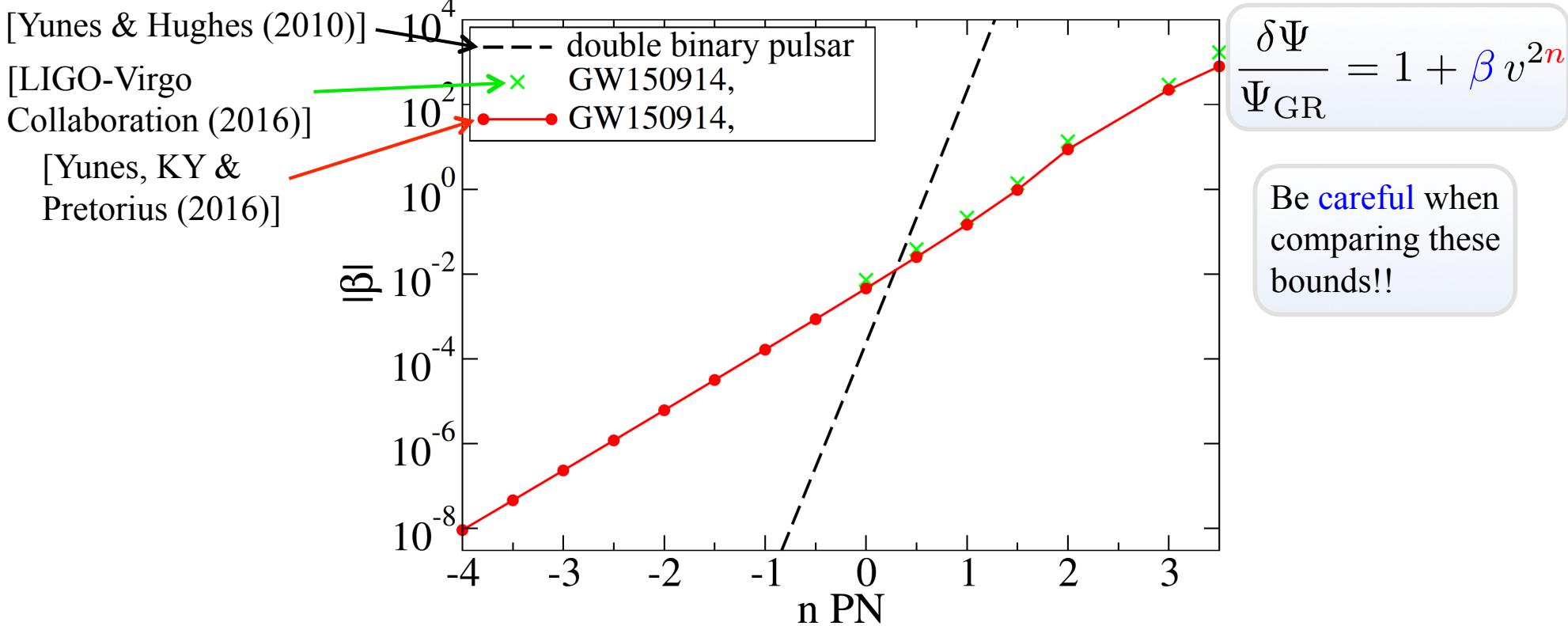
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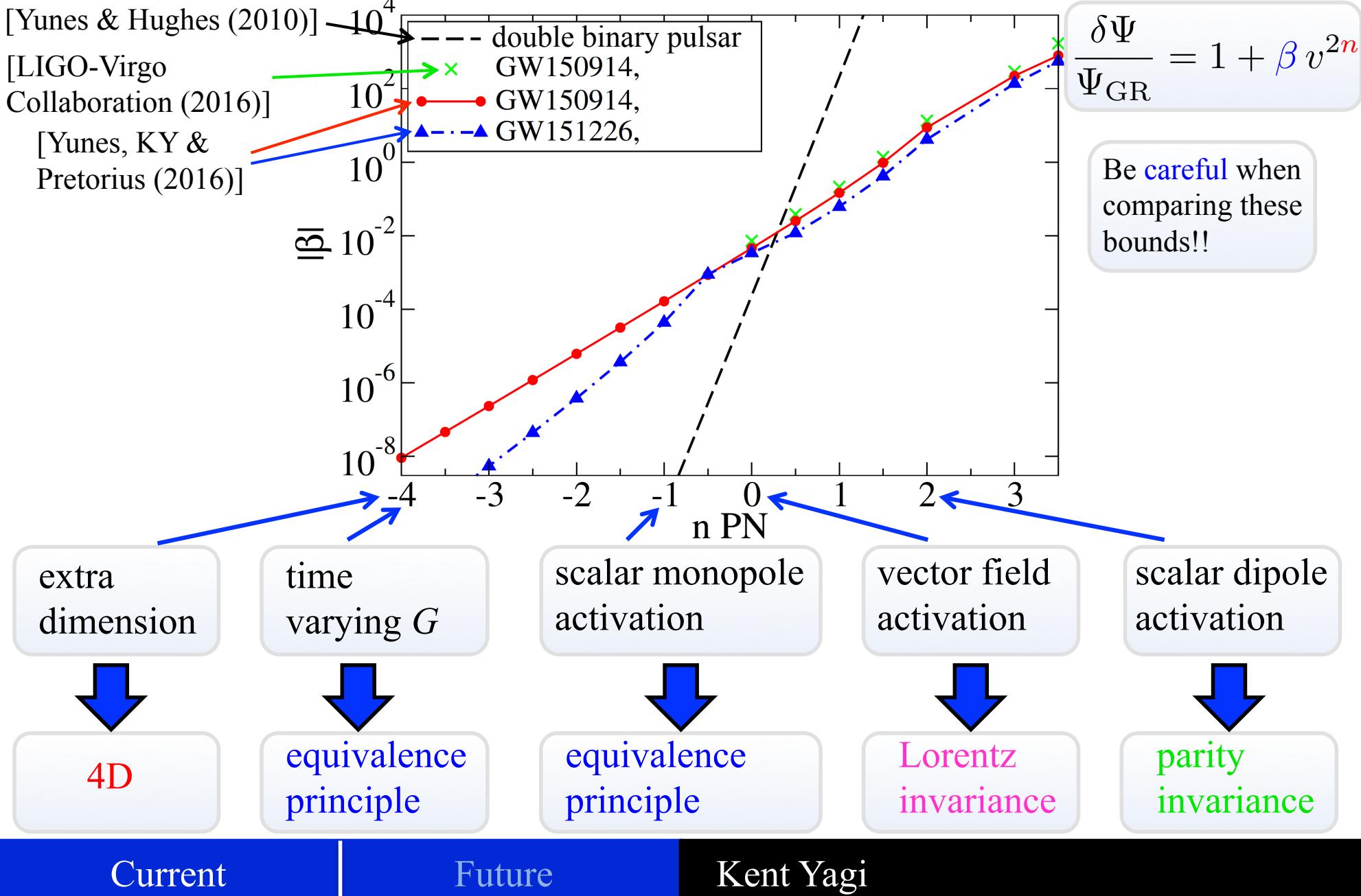
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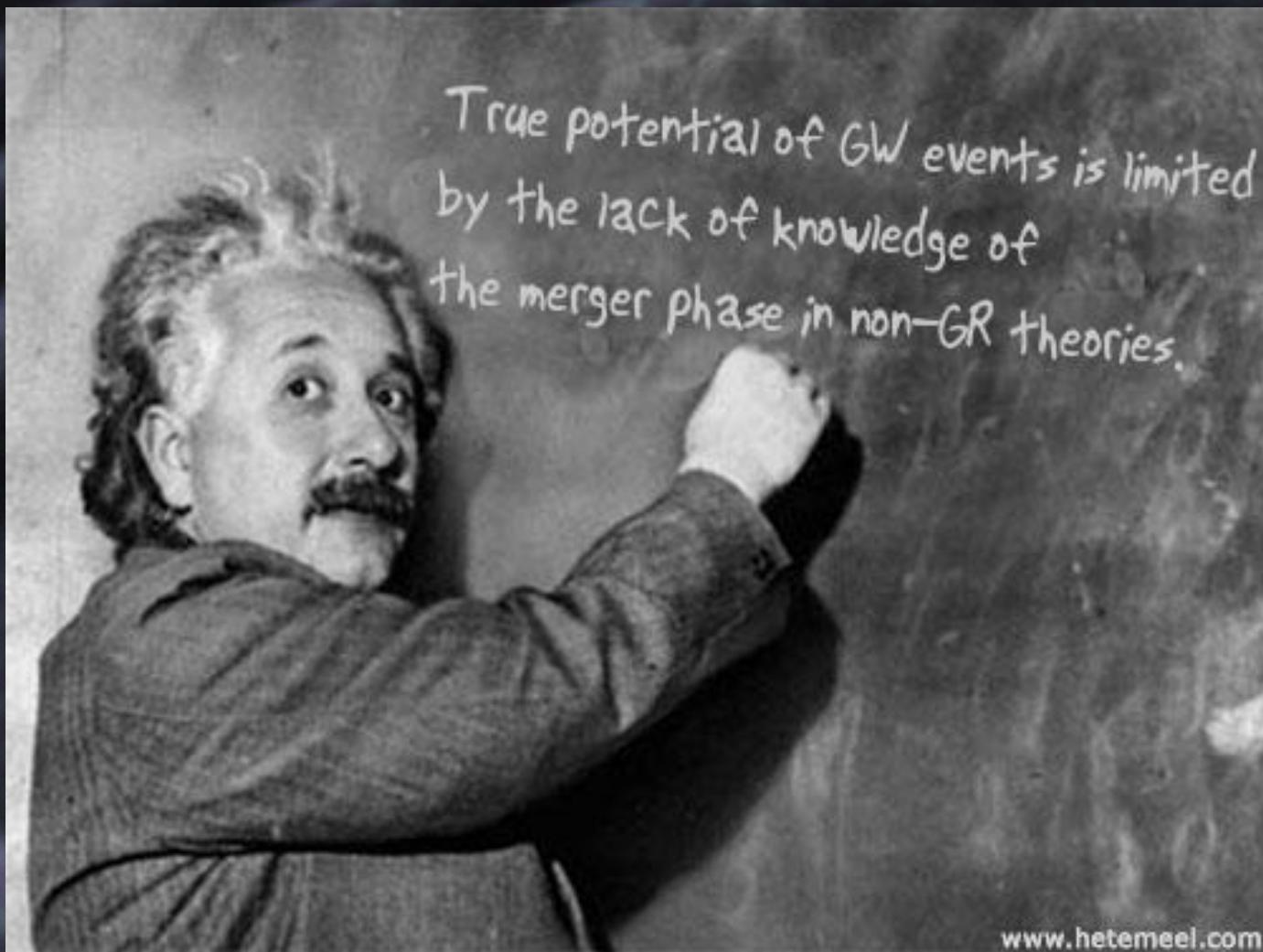
# Theoretical Constraints

no meaningful constraints  
(beyond small-coupling approximation)

Example Theories (Theoretical Parameters)	GR Pillar	Example Theory Constraints			Current
		GW150914	GW151226		
Einstein-dilaton Gauss-Bonnet ( $\sqrt{ \alpha_{\text{EdGB}} }$ [km])	Equiv. Princ.	—	—	—	$10^7, 2$
scalar-tensor ( $ \dot{\phi} $ [1/sec])	Equiv. Princ.	—	—	—	$10^{-6}$
dynamical Chern-Simons ( $\sqrt{ \alpha_{\text{dCS}} }$ [km])	Parity Inv.	—	—	—	$10^8$
Einstein-Æther ( $c_+, c_-$ )	Lorentz Inv.	(0.9, 2.1)	(0.8, 1.1)	(0.03, 0.003)	
RS-II Braneworld ( $\ell$ [ $\mu\text{m}$ ])	4D	$5.4 \times 10^{10}$	$2.0 \times 10^9$	$10-10^3$	
time-varying $G$ ( $ \dot{G} /G$ [ $10^{-12}/\text{yr}$ ])	Equiv. Princ.	$5.4 \times 10^{18}$	$1.7 \times 10^{17}$	0.1–1	

weaker than current bounds  
first constraint in the strong/dynamical gravity regime

# Important Message



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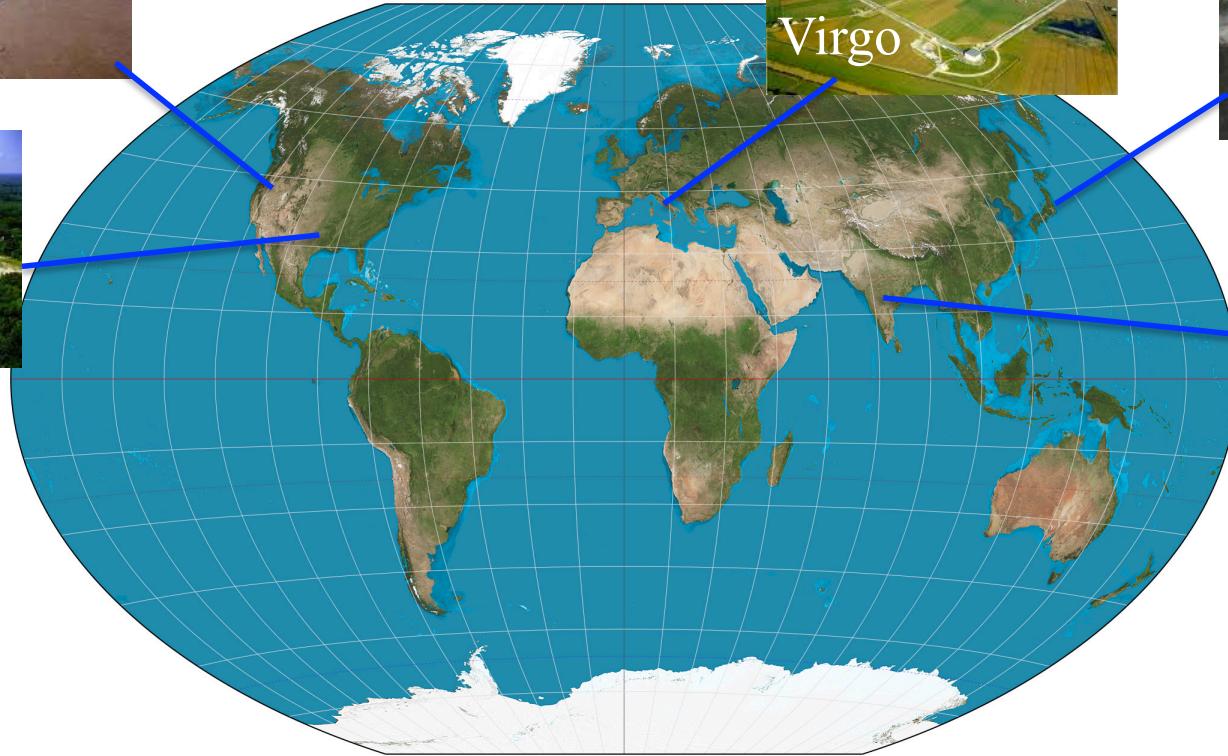
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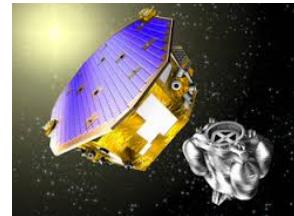
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# Very Bright Future!



LISA Pathfinder



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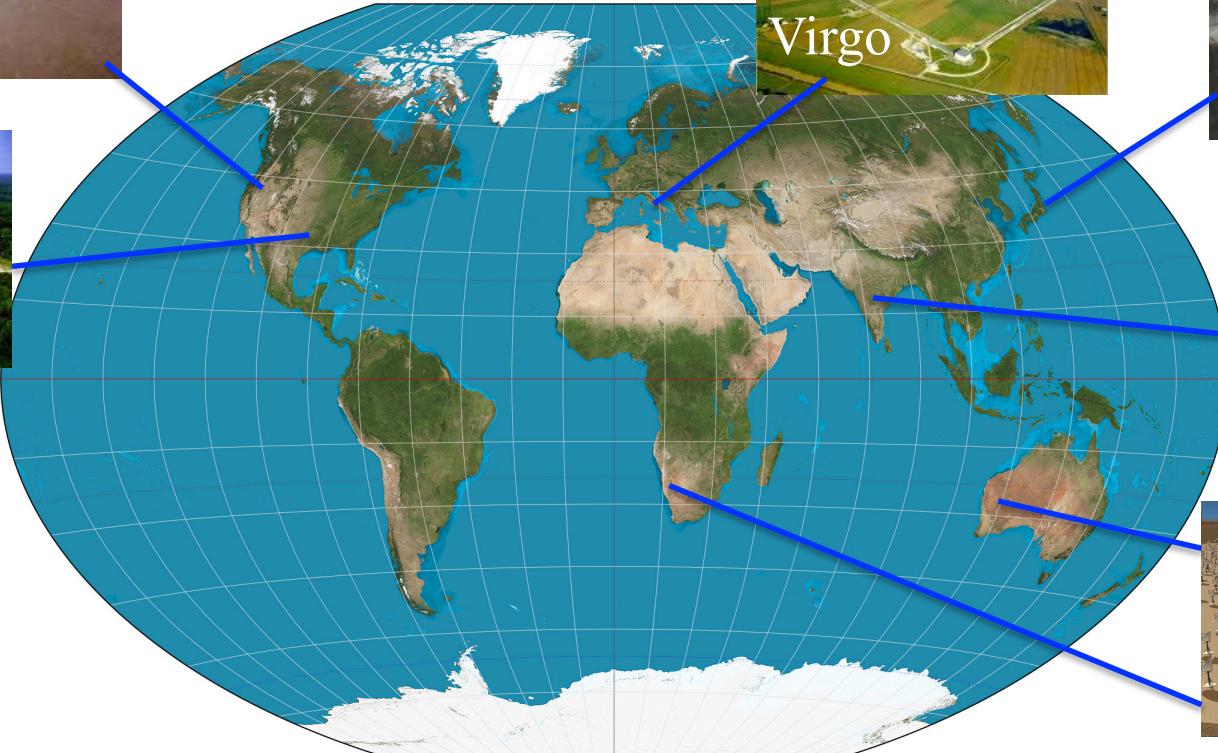
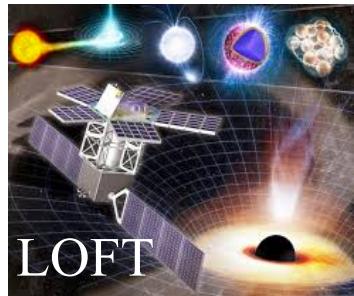
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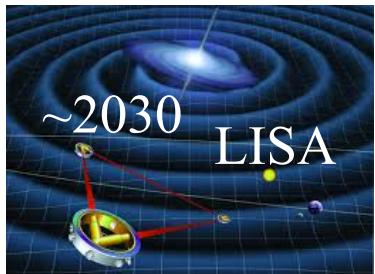
2022-2024?



LIGO-  
India



LISA Pathfinder



Multi-band /  
Multi-messenger  
Astronomy!

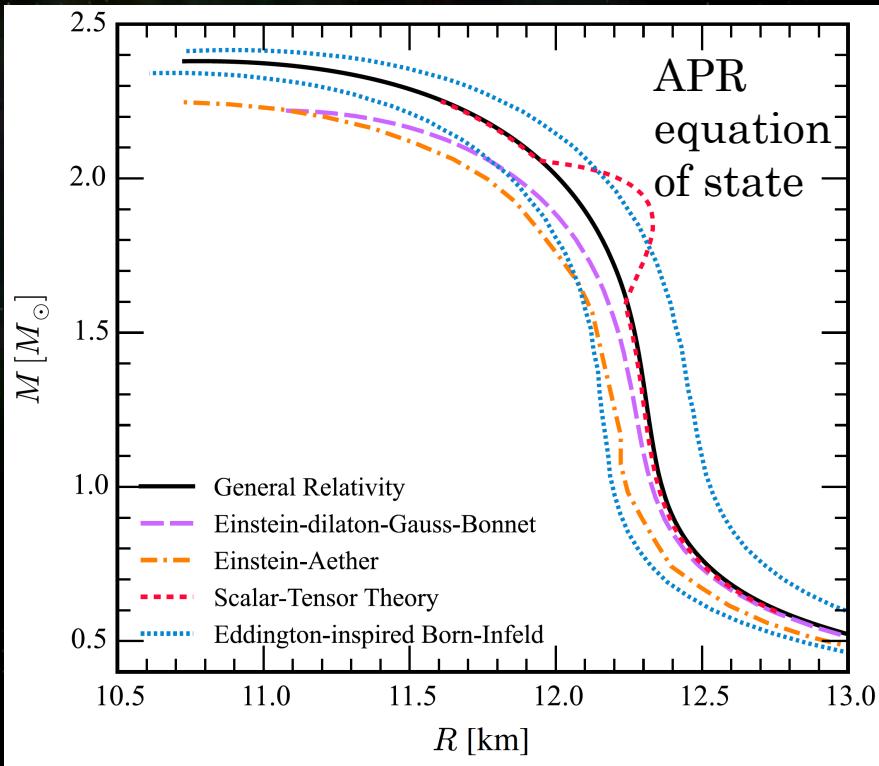
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# Neutron Star Based Tests of Gravity

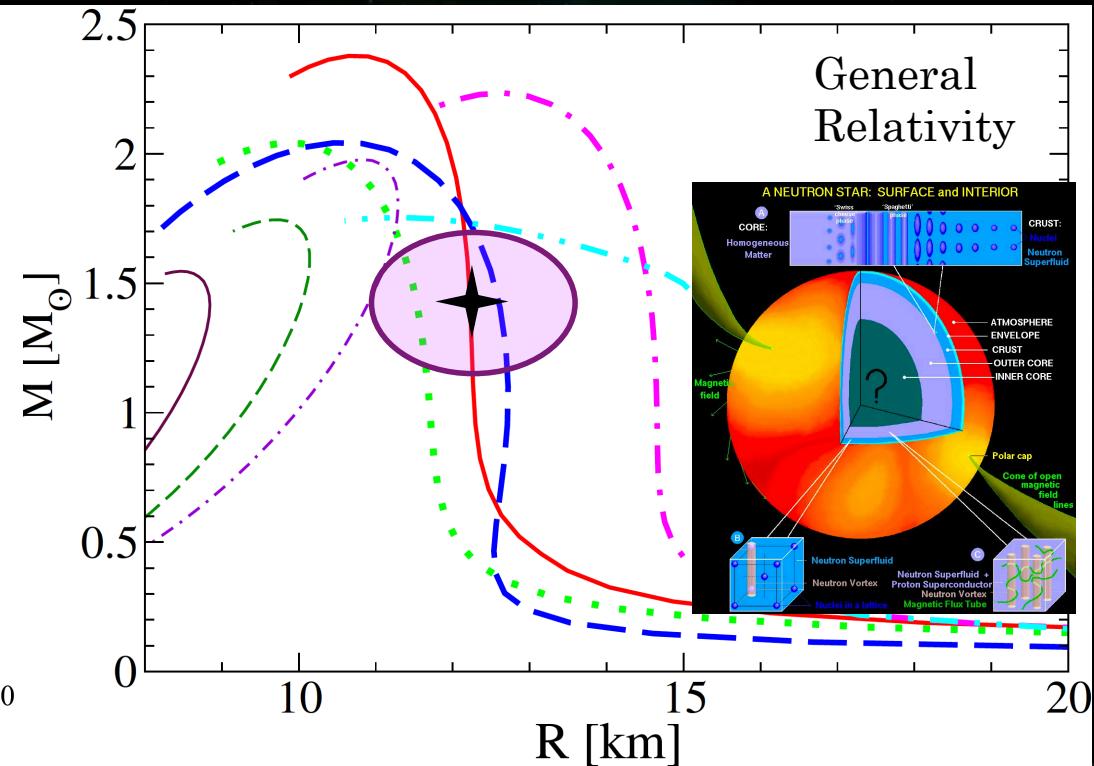
sensitive to gravitational theory



[Glampedakis et al. (2015)]

degeneracies between uncertainties  
in **nuclear** and **gravitational** physics

sensitive to equation of state



equation of state  
insensitive  
universal relations?

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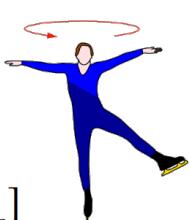
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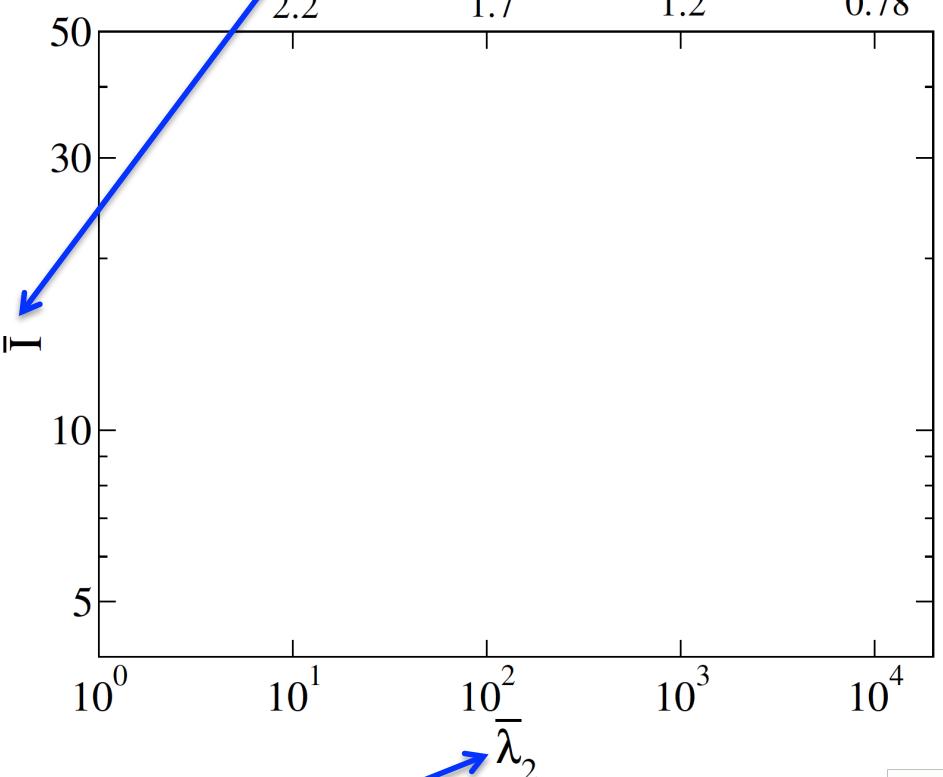
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[KY & Yunes, Science 341 365 (2013)]

moment of inertia



M (APR) [ $M_\odot$ ]



tidal Love number  
(tidal deformability)

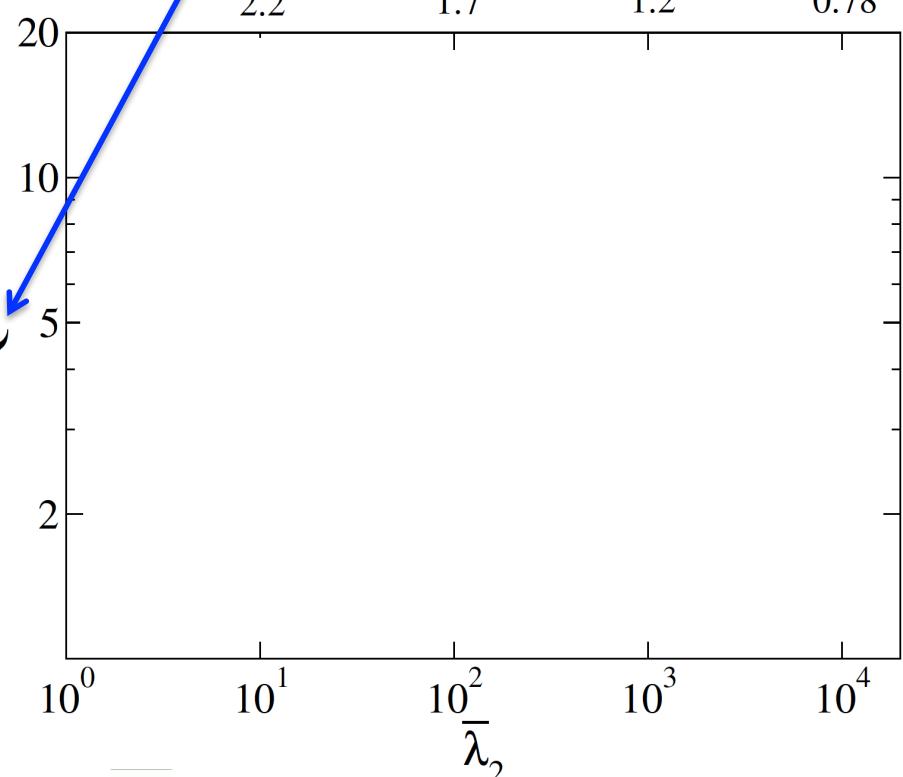


(spin-induced)  
quadrupole moment

Oblate



M (APR) [ $M_\odot$ ]



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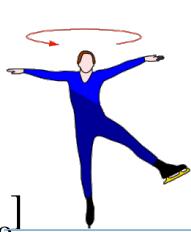
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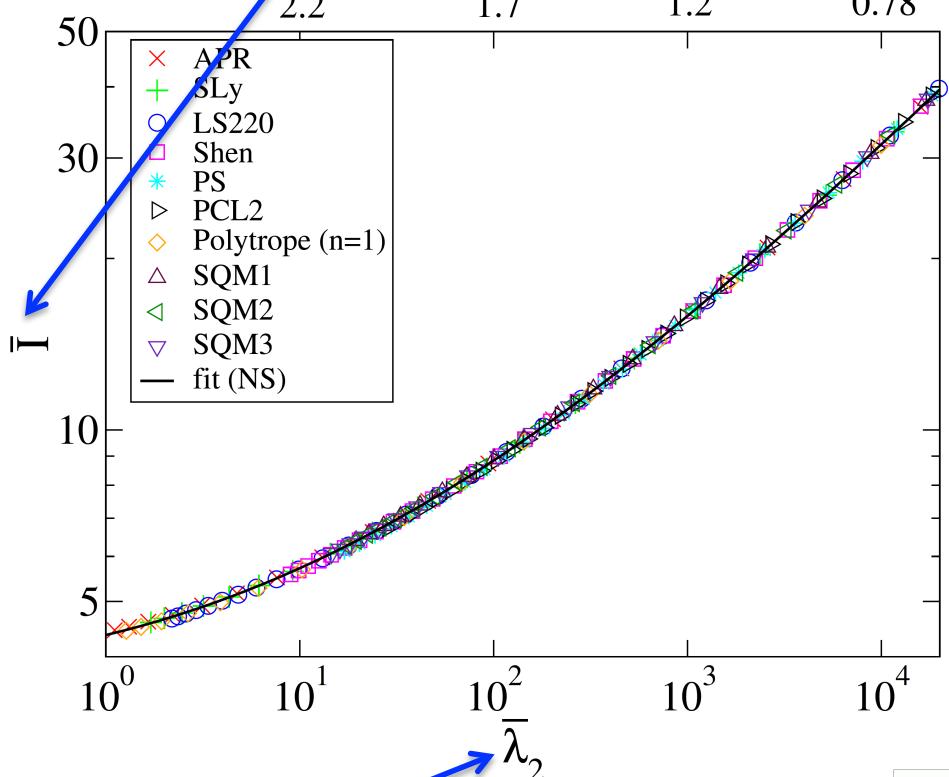
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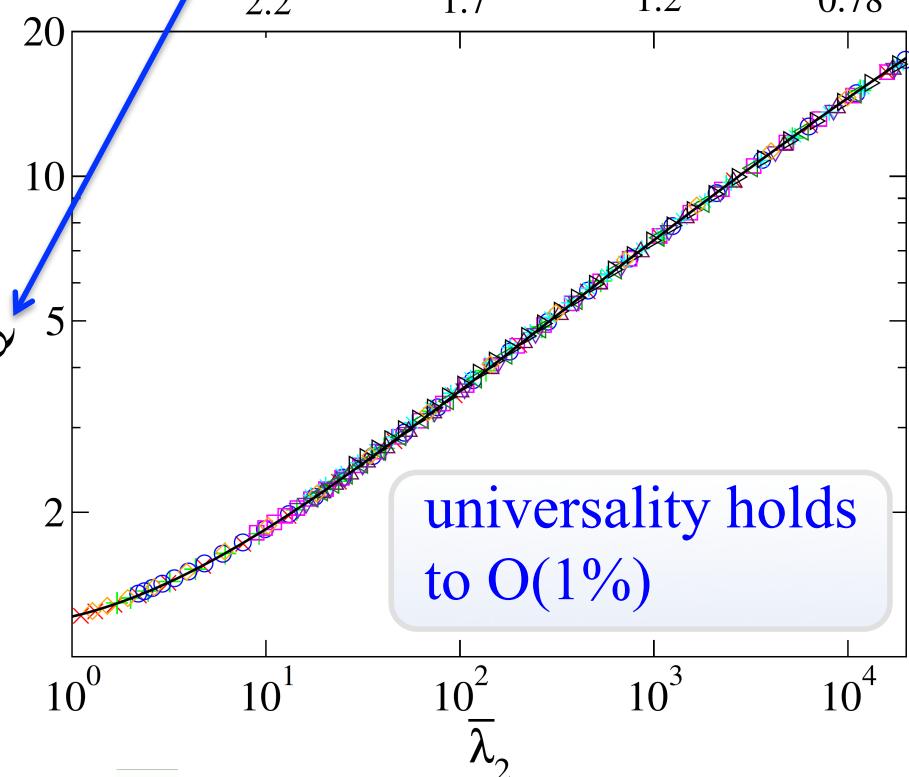
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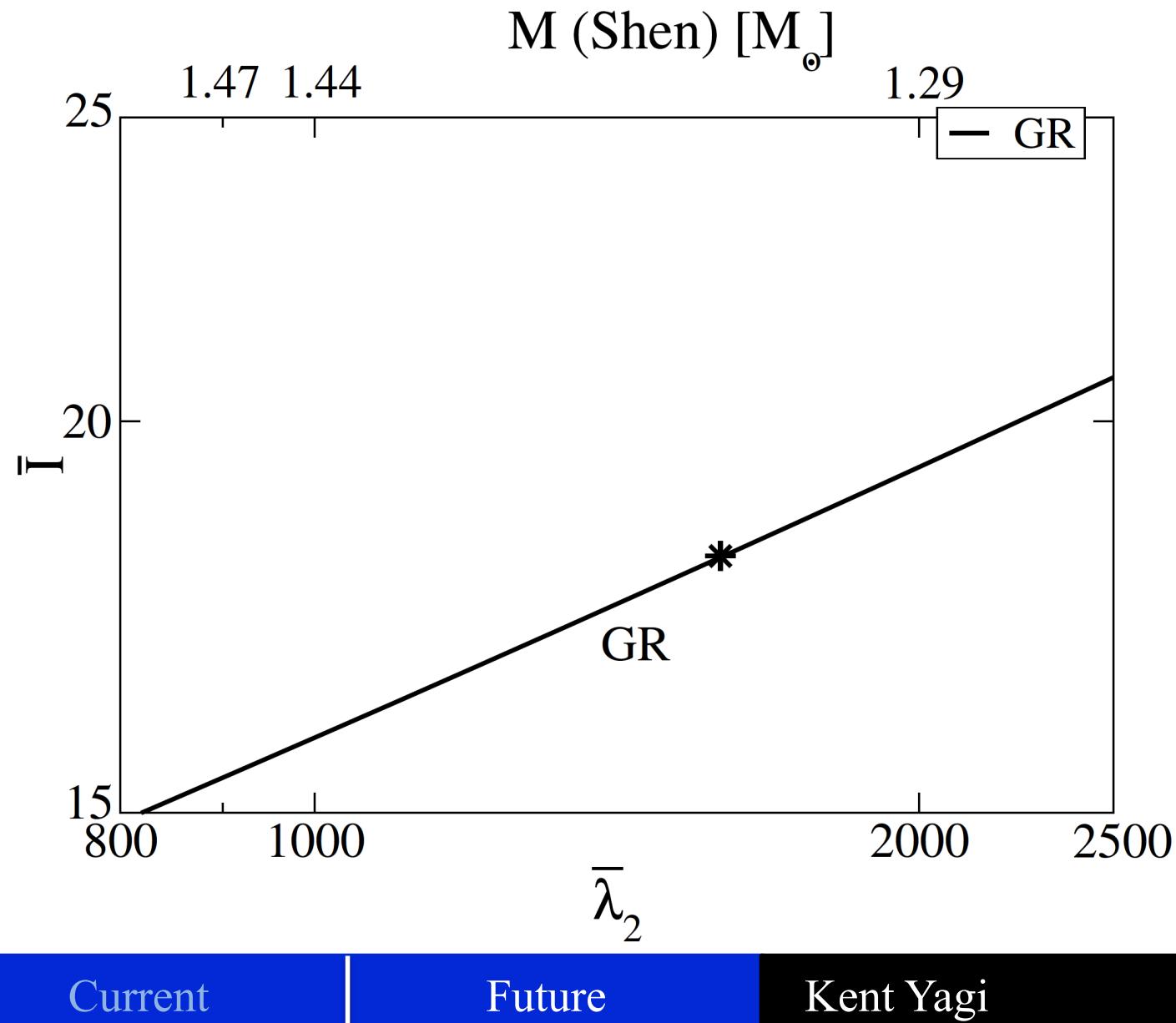
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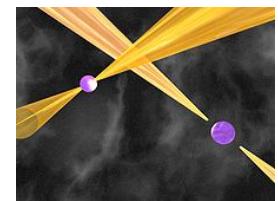
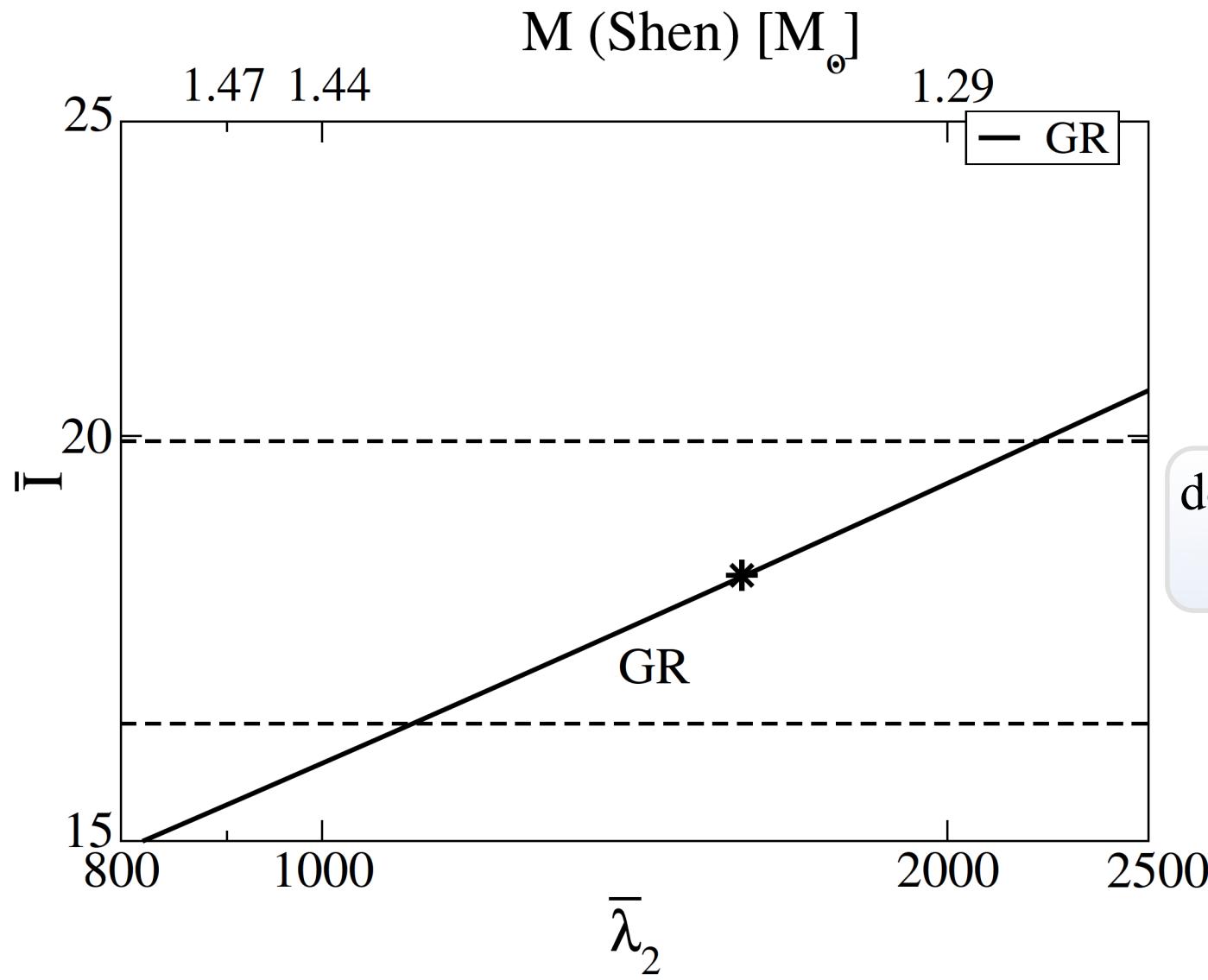
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double binary pulsar  
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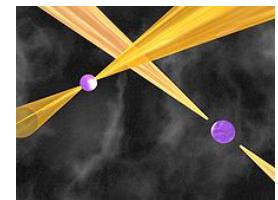
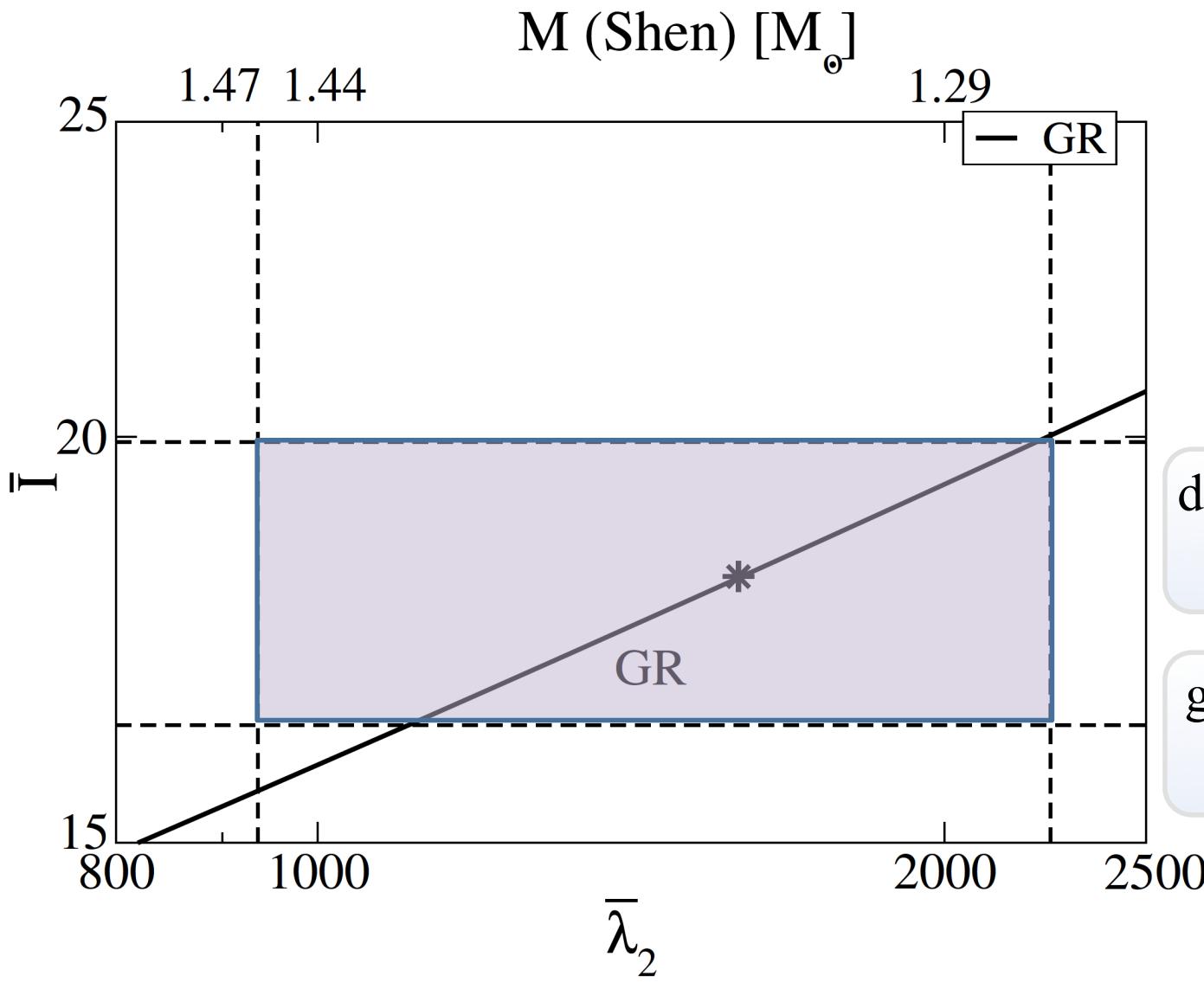
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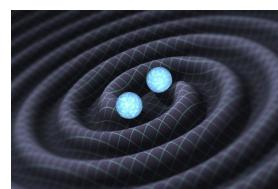
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gravitational waves  
 $\Delta \bar{\lambda}_2/\bar{\lambda}_2 = 40\%$



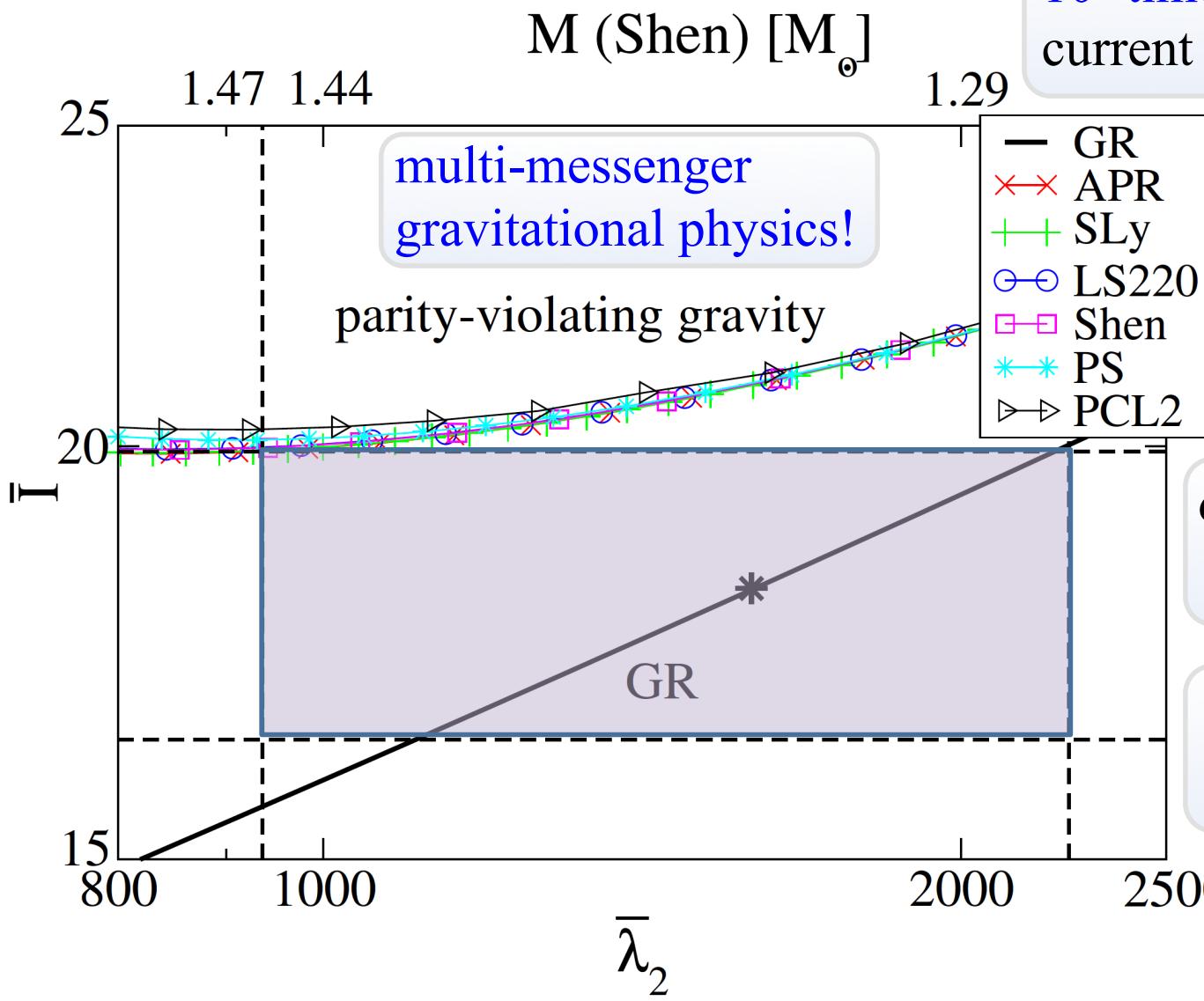
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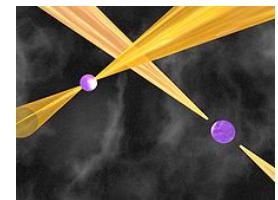
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# Extreme Gravity Tests

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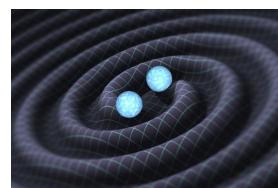


$10^6$  times stronger than the current solar system bound!



double binary pulsar  
 $\Delta \bar{I}/\bar{I} = 10\%$

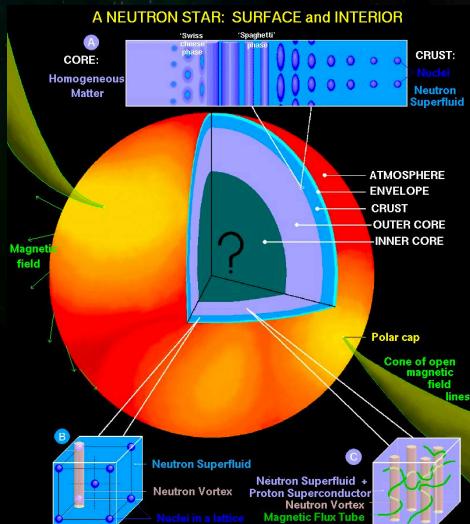
gravitational waves  
 $\Delta \bar{\lambda}_2/\bar{\lambda}_2 = 40\%$



# Other Applications

## Astrophysics

[Newton, Steiner & KY (2016)]



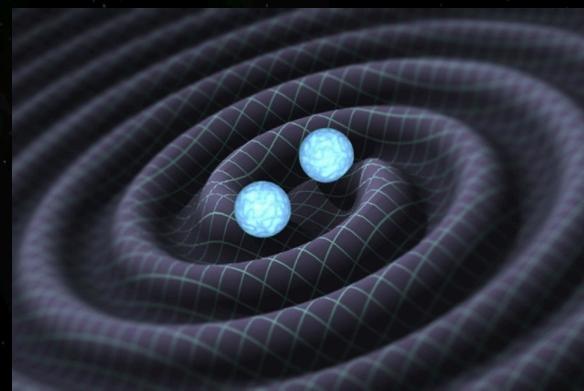
[KY & Yunes, PRD (2014)]  
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## Nuclear Physics



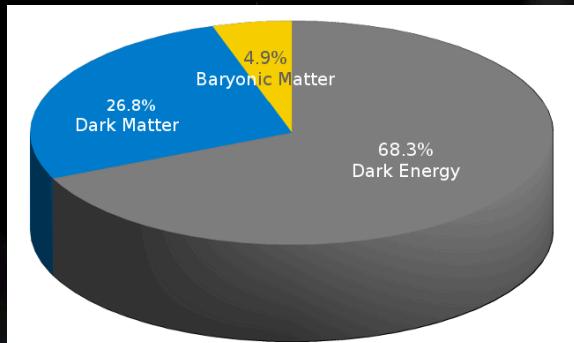
## Gravitational-wave Physics

[KY & Yunes, Science (2013)]  
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## Universal Relations

review article [KY & Yunes arXiv:1608.02582]



[KY & Yunes, CQG (2016)]  
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## Cosmology

# Future Directions

Maximize our ability of extracting fundamental physics information

Gravitational Physics



Black Holes  
&  
Neutron Stars

Nuclear Physics



Multi-band /  
Multi-messenger  
Fundamental  
Physics!



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# Future Directions

Maximize our ability of extracting fundamental physics information

construct parameterized  
non-Einsteinian waveform  
including the merger phase  
(effective one body approach)

Gravitational Physics

stacking multiple signals  
[Yang, KY et al., arXiv:1701.05808]

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# Future Directions

Maximize our ability of extracting fundamental physics information

stacking post-merger  
signals of neutron star  
coalescences

multiband gravitational-  
wave nuclear astrophysics

other universal relations for  
neutron stars

Nuclear Physics

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# Future Directions

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gravitational wave  
standard sirens  
tidal effect  
neutron star / black hole

redshift drift measurement  
astrophysical systematics

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# Conclusions

# Summary

*Current (Black Hole based) Tests  
of Extreme Gravity:*

first **strong/dynamical-field** constraint  
on various gravitational theories

*Future (Neutron Star based) Tests  
of Extreme Gravity:*

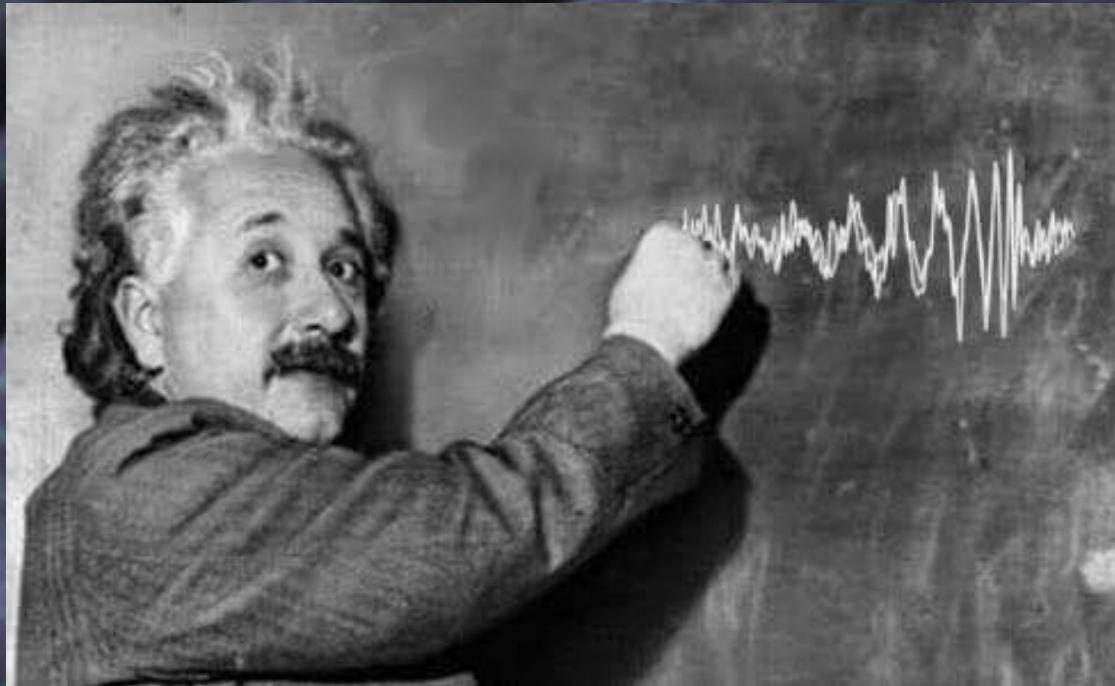
**universal I-Love-Q relations** are a powerful  
tool to probe extreme gravity in future

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