

# Post-Newtonian calculation of the gravitational self-force for black hole binaries

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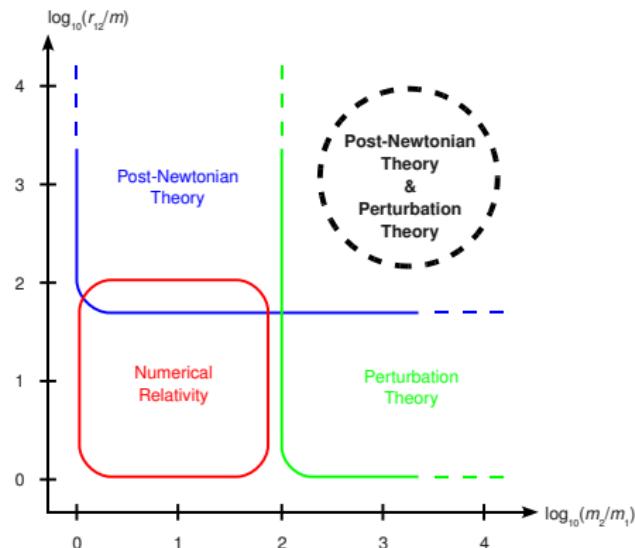
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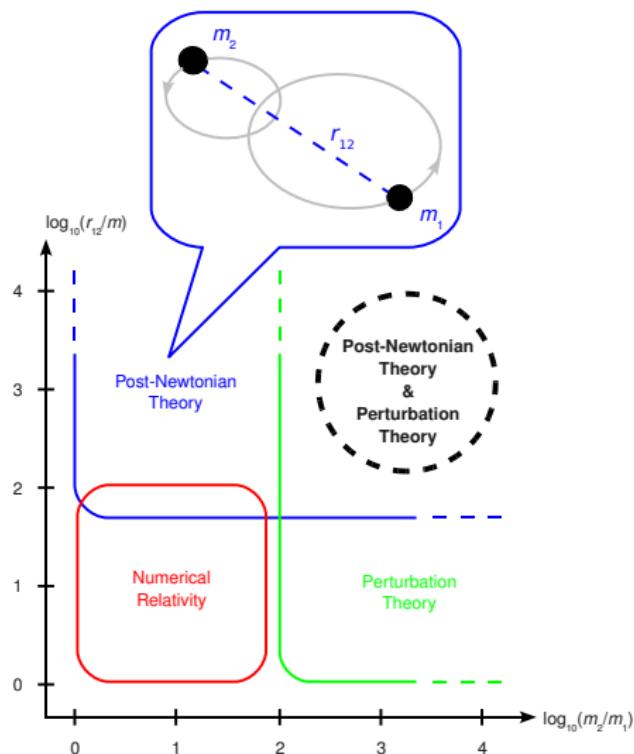
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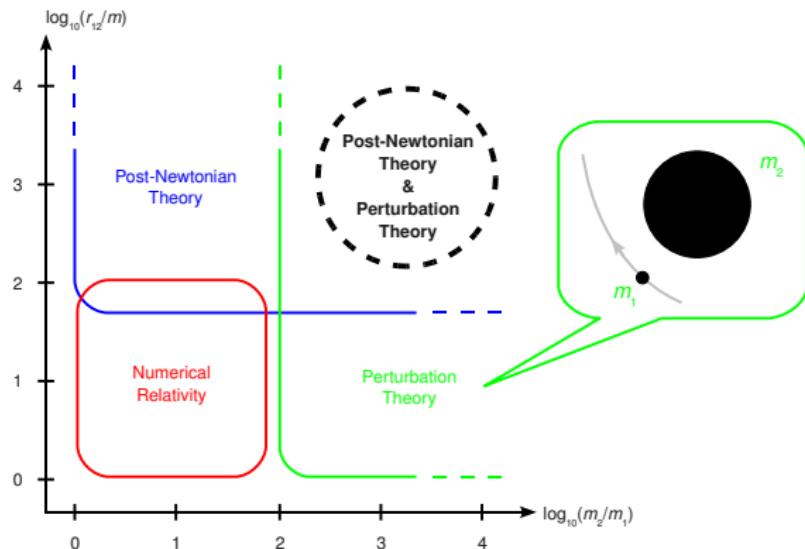
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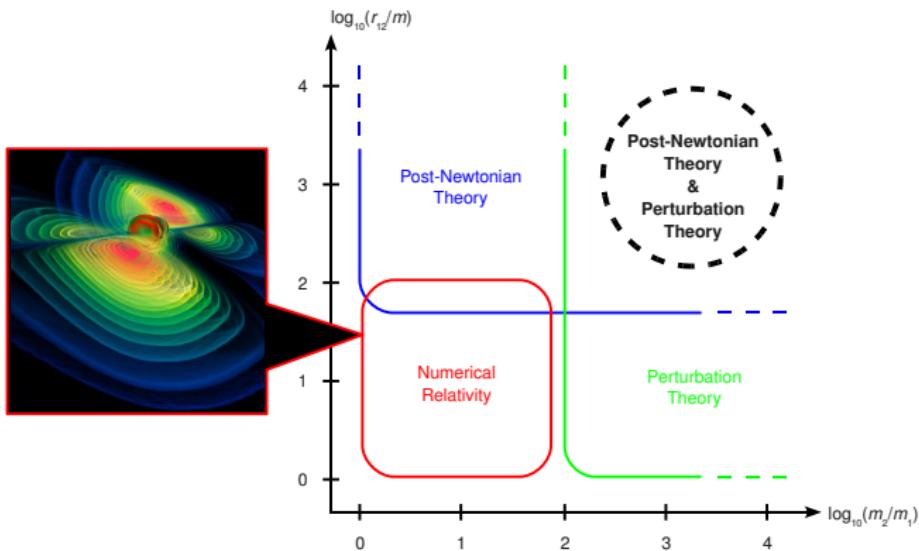
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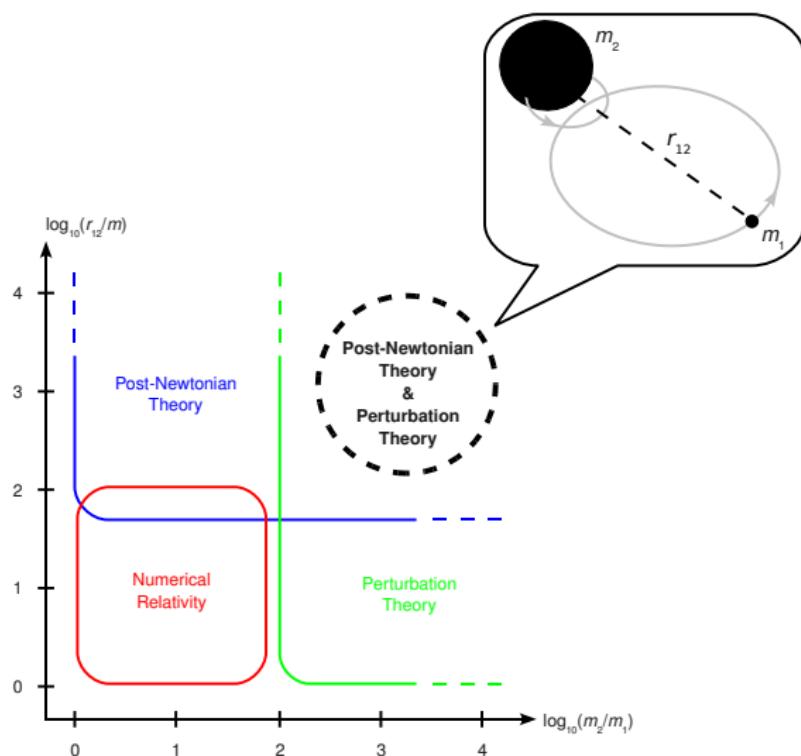
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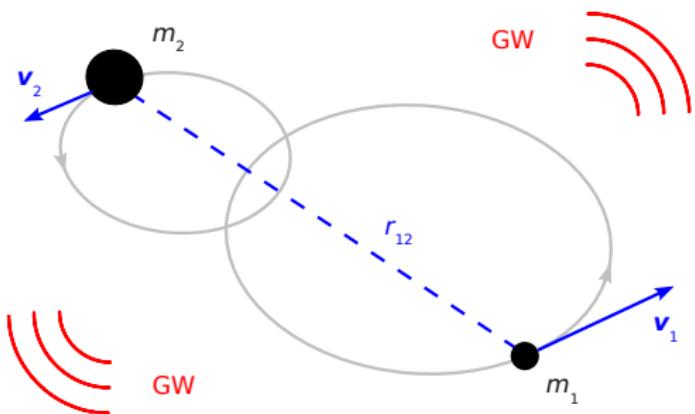
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# Post-Newtonian (PN) theory

## Perturbation parameter

$$\varepsilon_{\text{pn}} \sim \frac{v_{12}^2}{c^2} \sim \frac{Gm}{r_{12}c^2} \ll 1$$

- Small velocity
- Weak field
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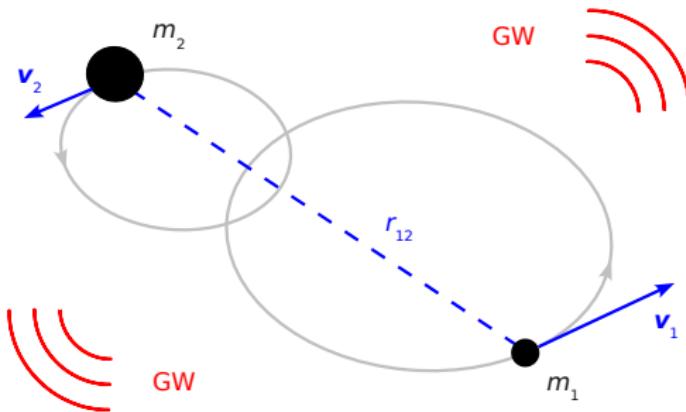
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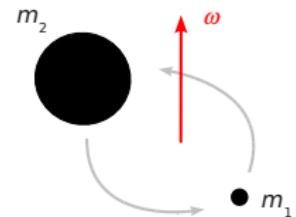
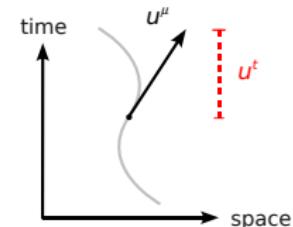
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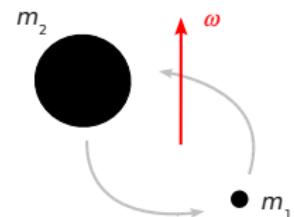
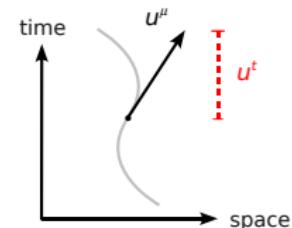
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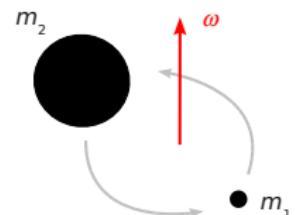
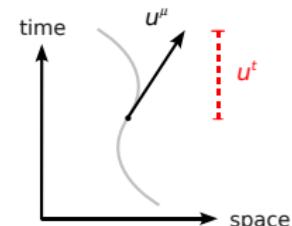
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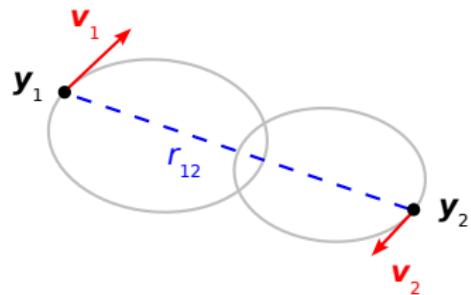
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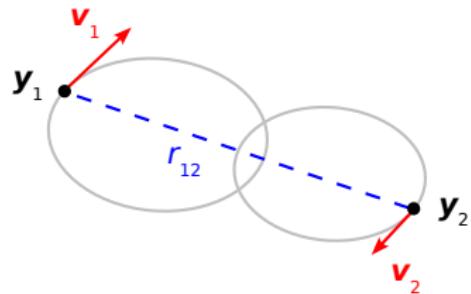
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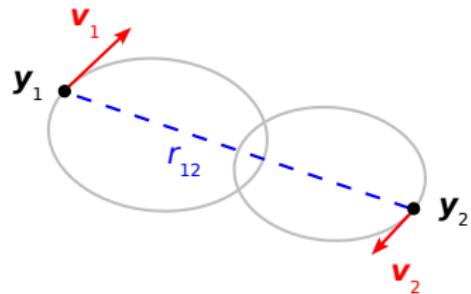


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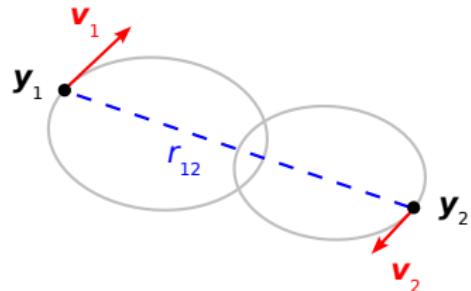
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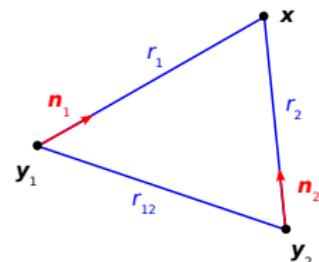
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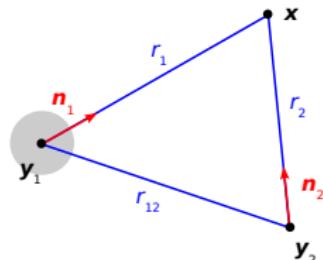
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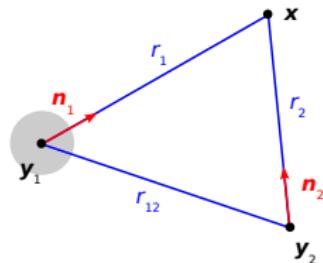
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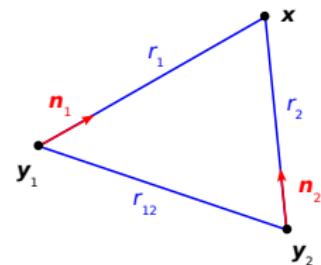
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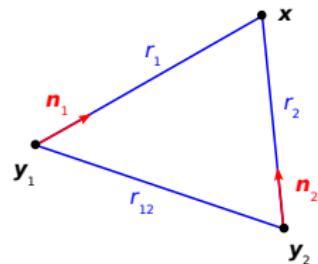
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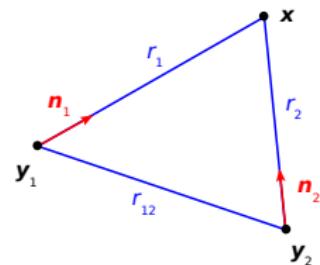
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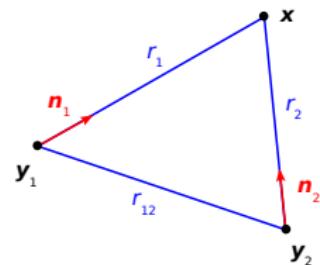
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- Ambiguities within Hadamard regularization are associated with the occurrence of poles  $\propto \varepsilon^{-1}$  at 3PN order

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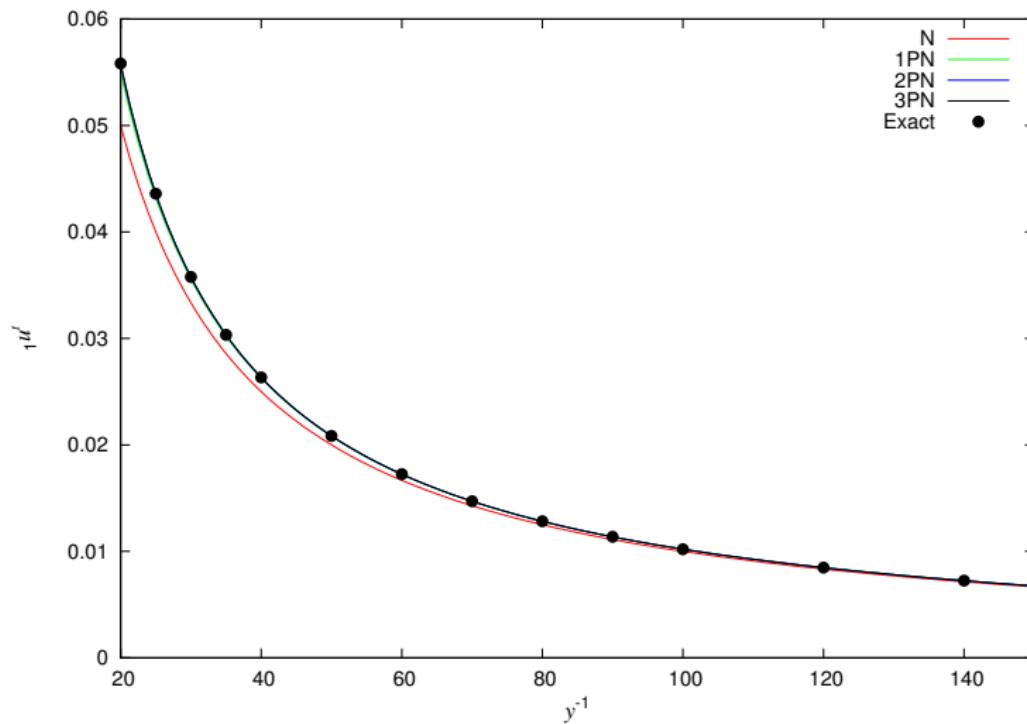
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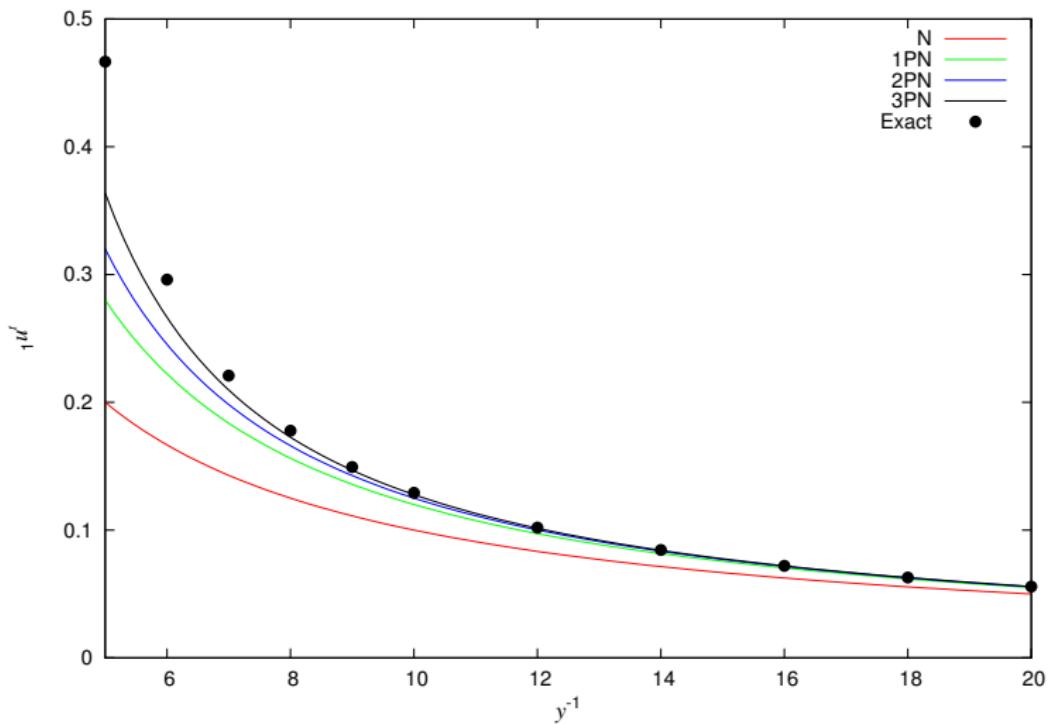
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