

# QFT methods for gravitational wave astronomy

application to spin effects and dynamic tides

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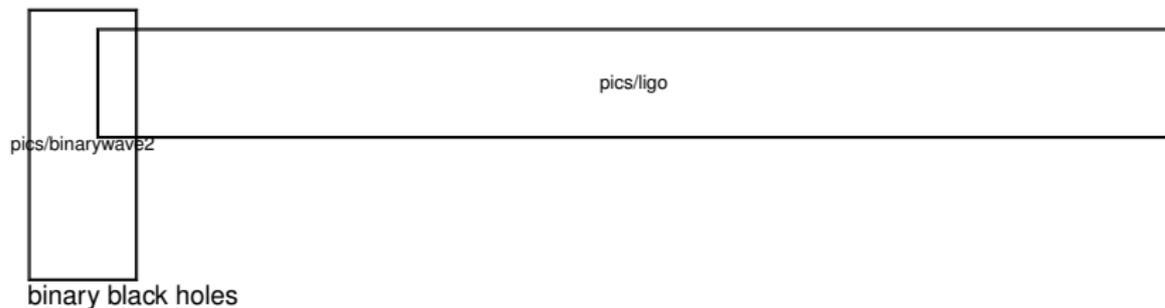
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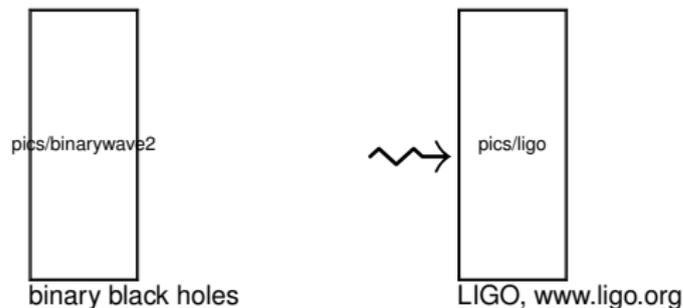
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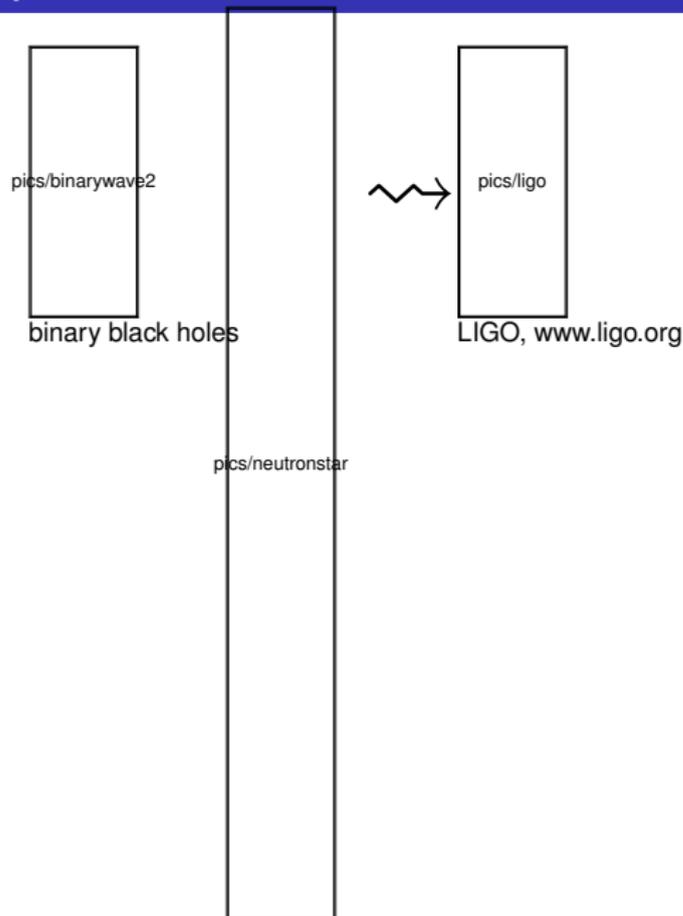


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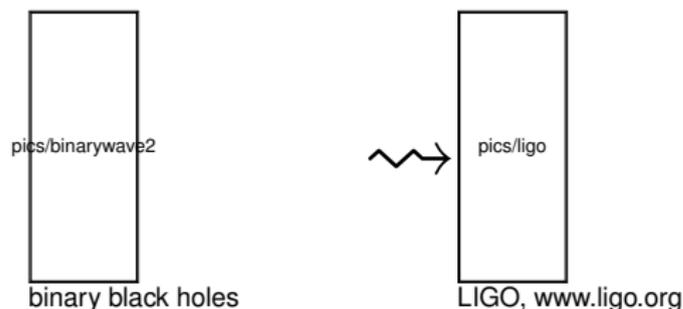
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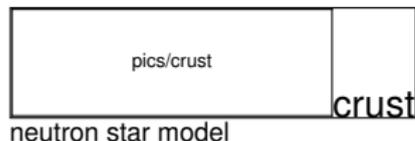


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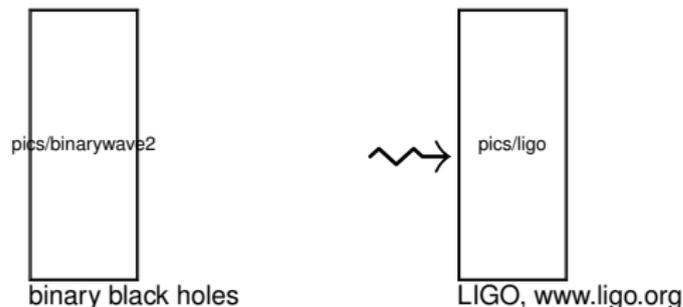
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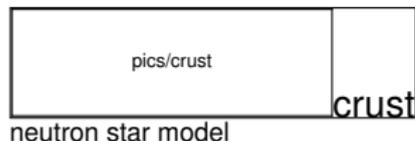
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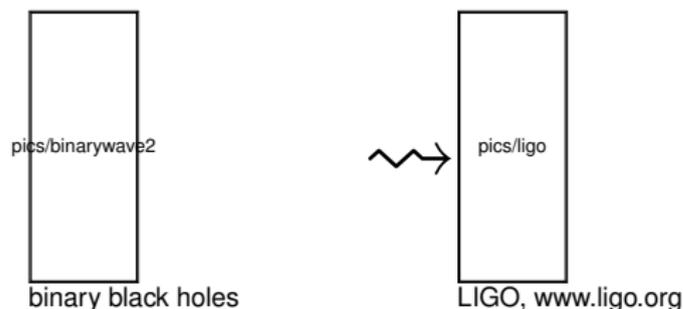


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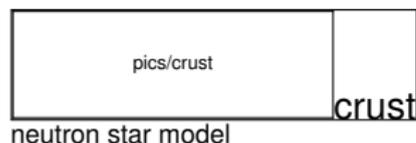


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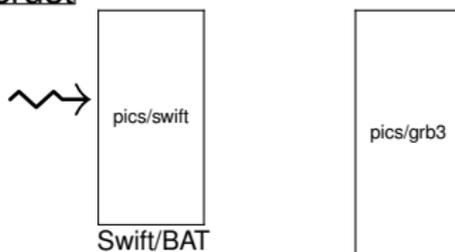
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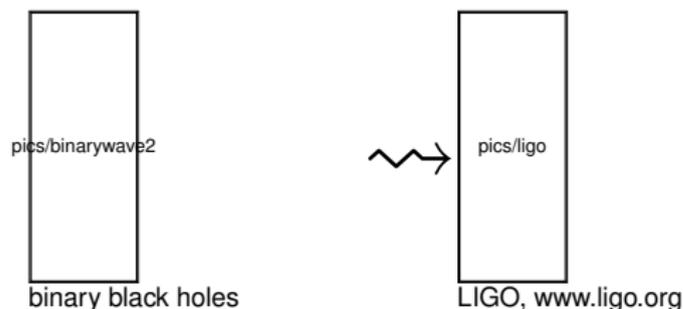
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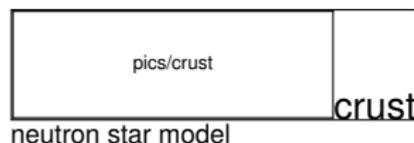
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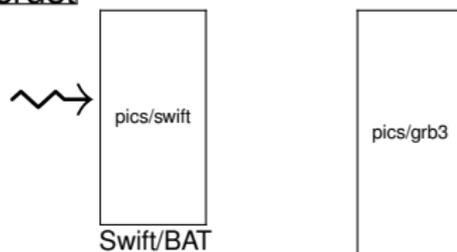
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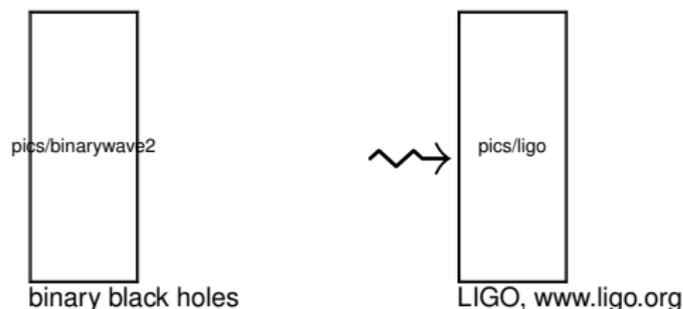


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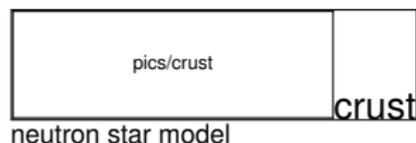


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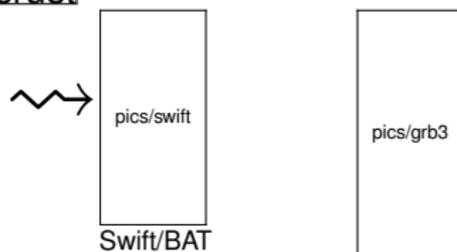
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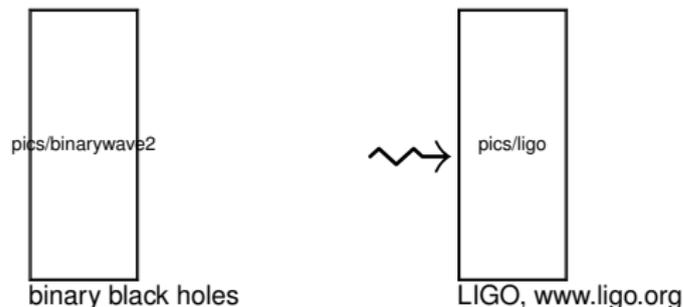


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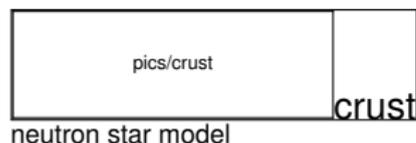


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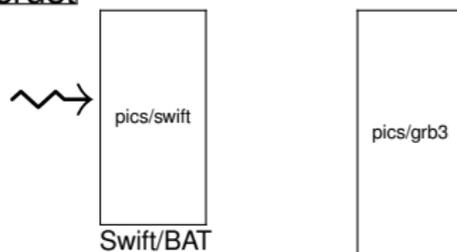
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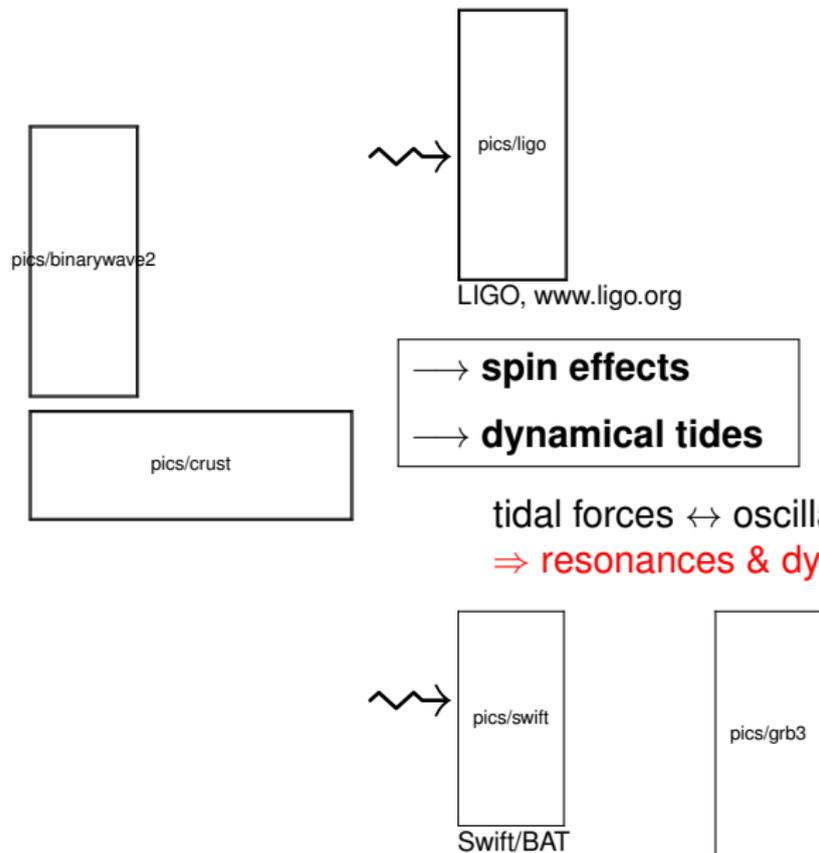
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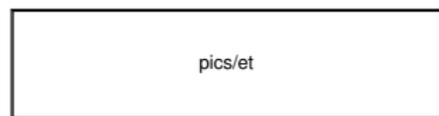
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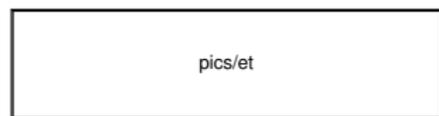
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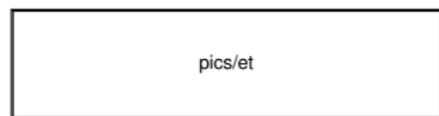
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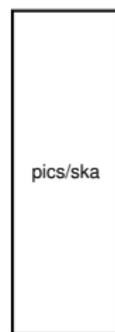
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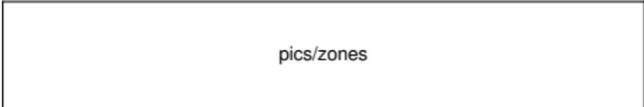
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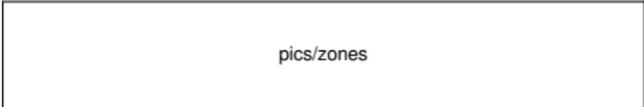
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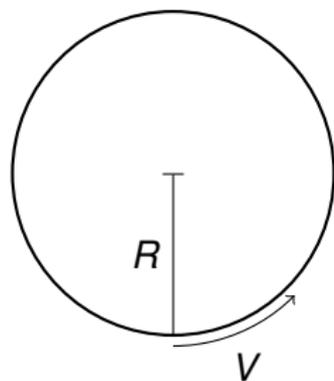
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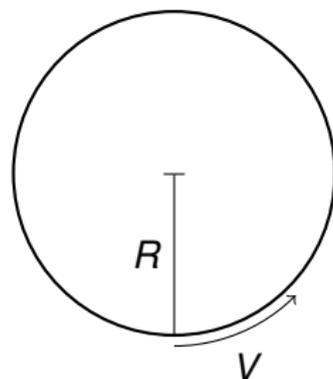


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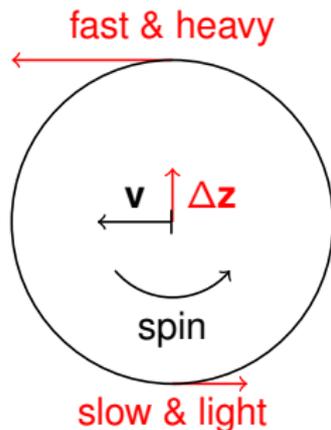
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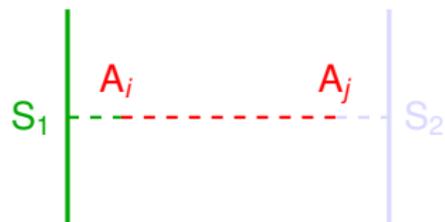
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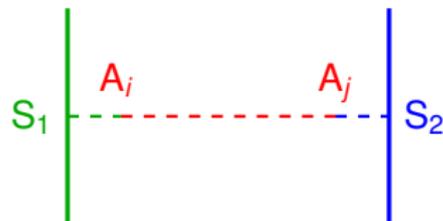
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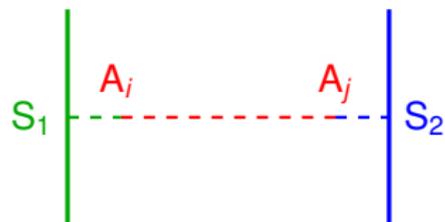
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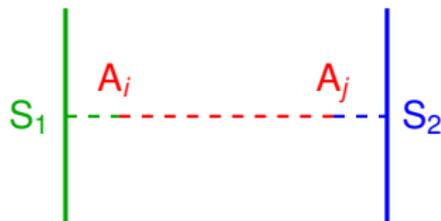
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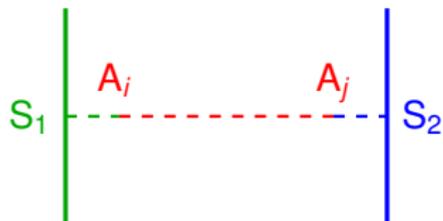
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non spin	✓		✓		✓		✓		✓
spin-orbit				✓		✓		✓	
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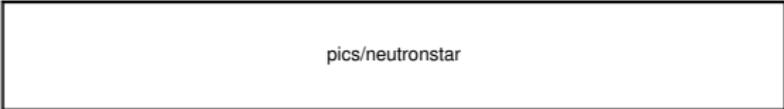
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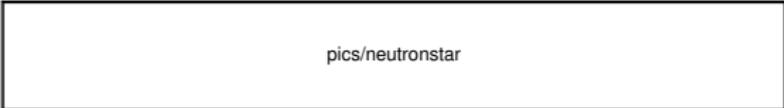
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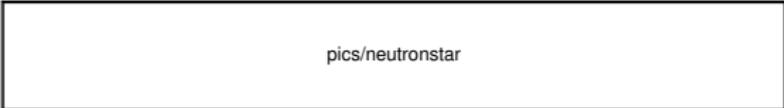
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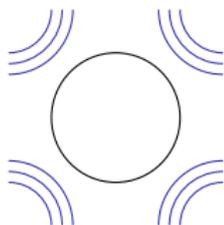
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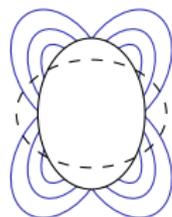
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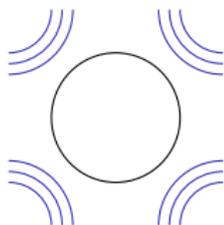
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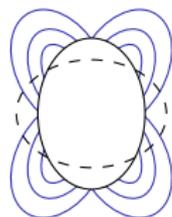
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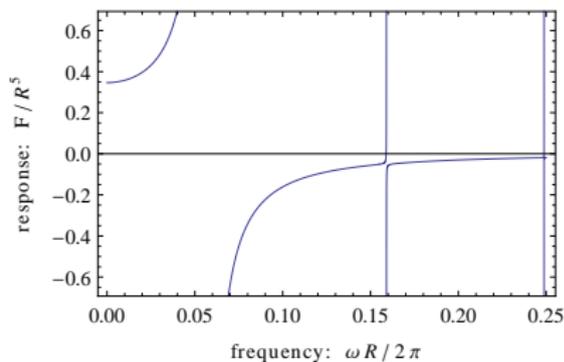
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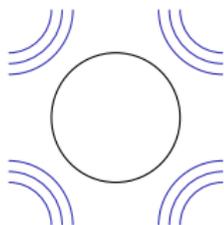
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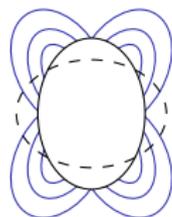
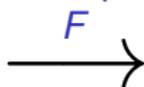
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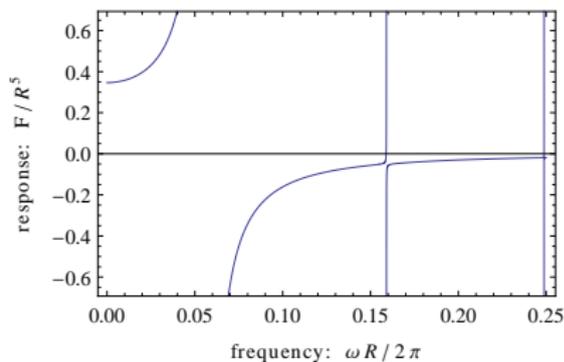
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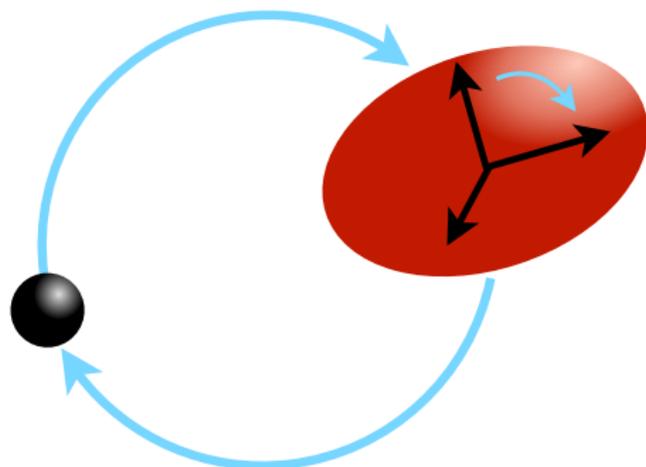
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GW astronomy exciting new and interdisciplinary field

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- but need to go a bit beyond standard techniques  
e.g., in-in formalism, see [Galley PRL 110, 174301 (2013)]
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DeWitt, The Global Approach to Quantum Field Theory