

Ultra-high-accuracy computation of gravitational self-force observables in binary black holes

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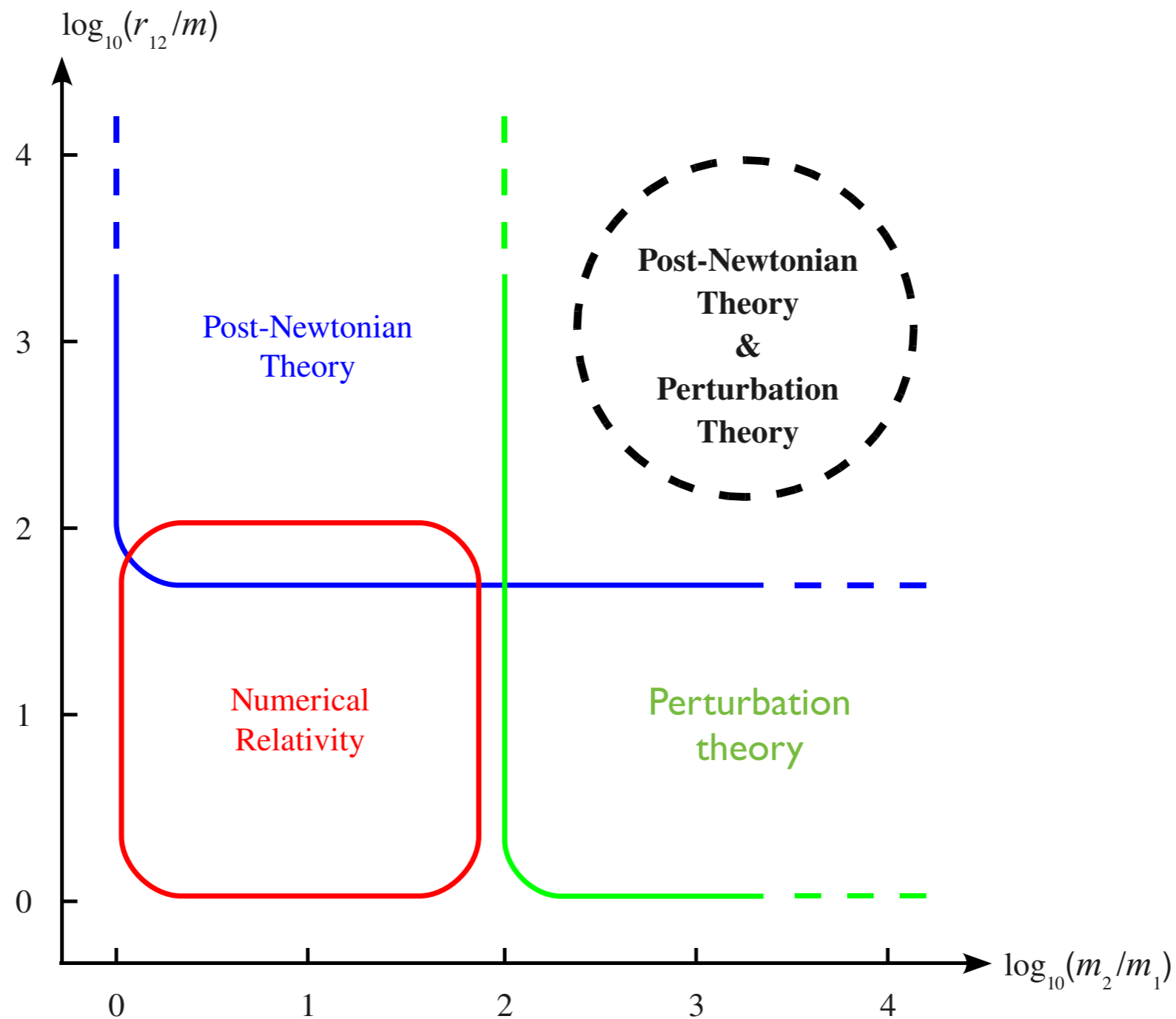
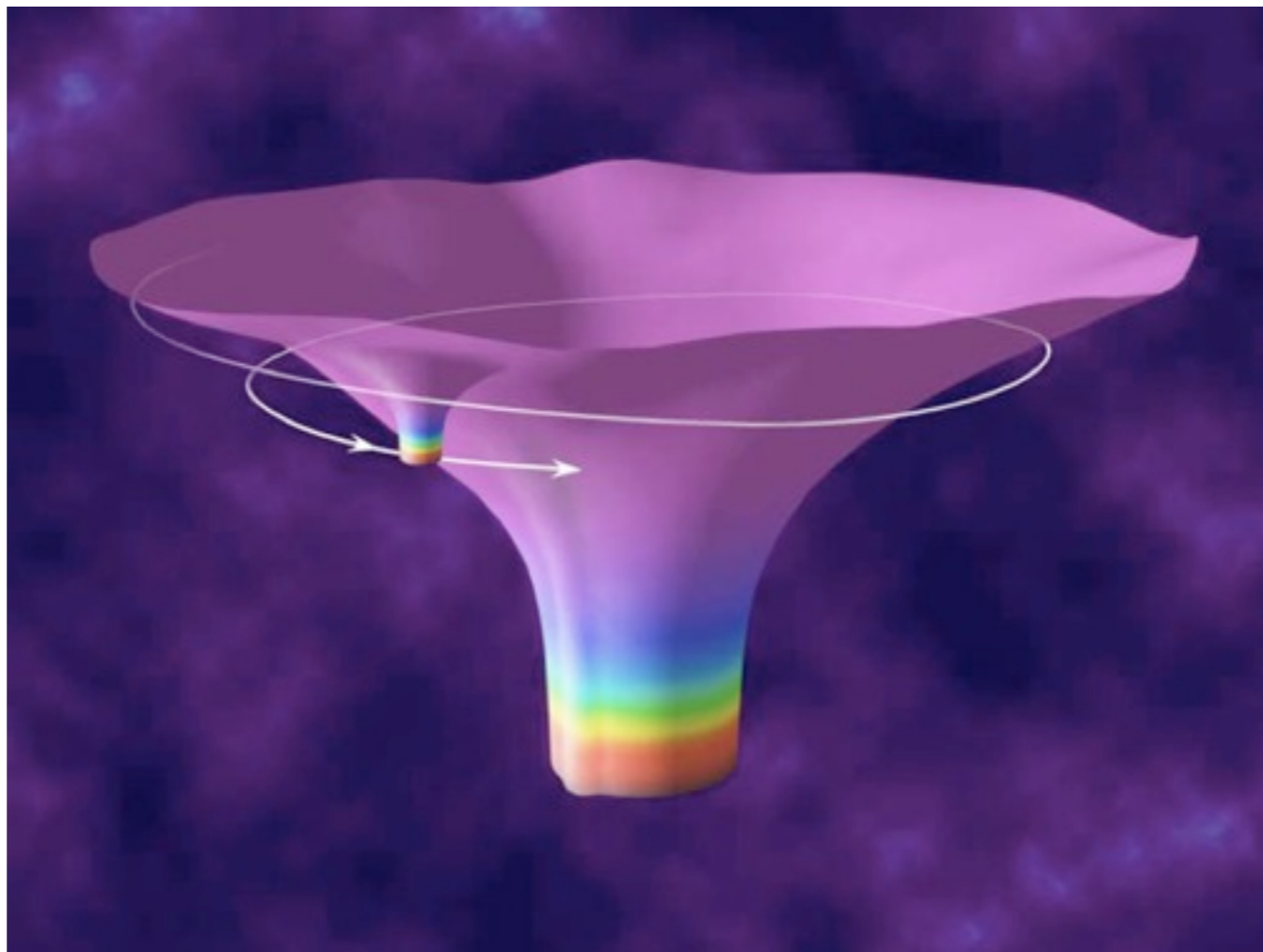


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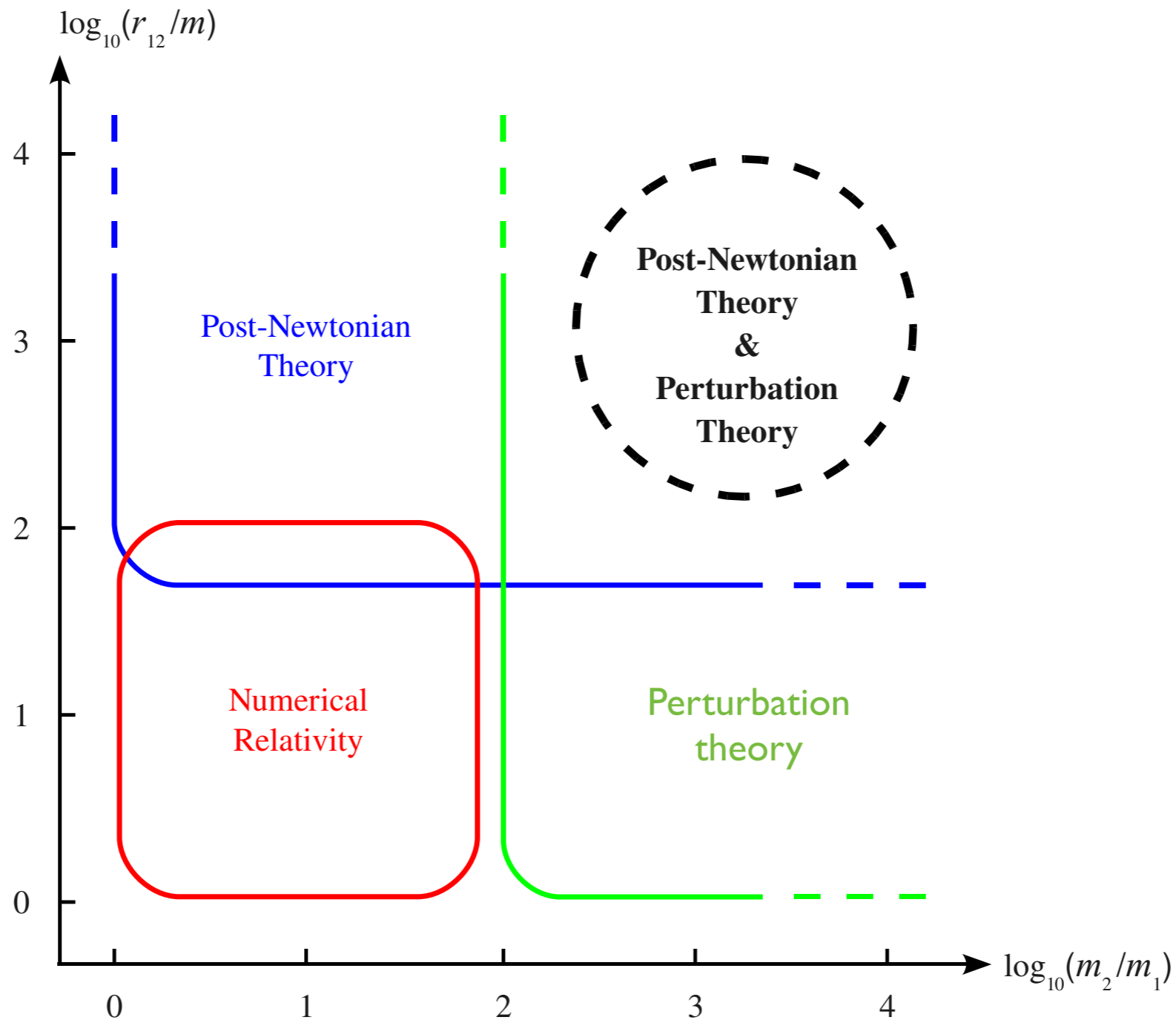
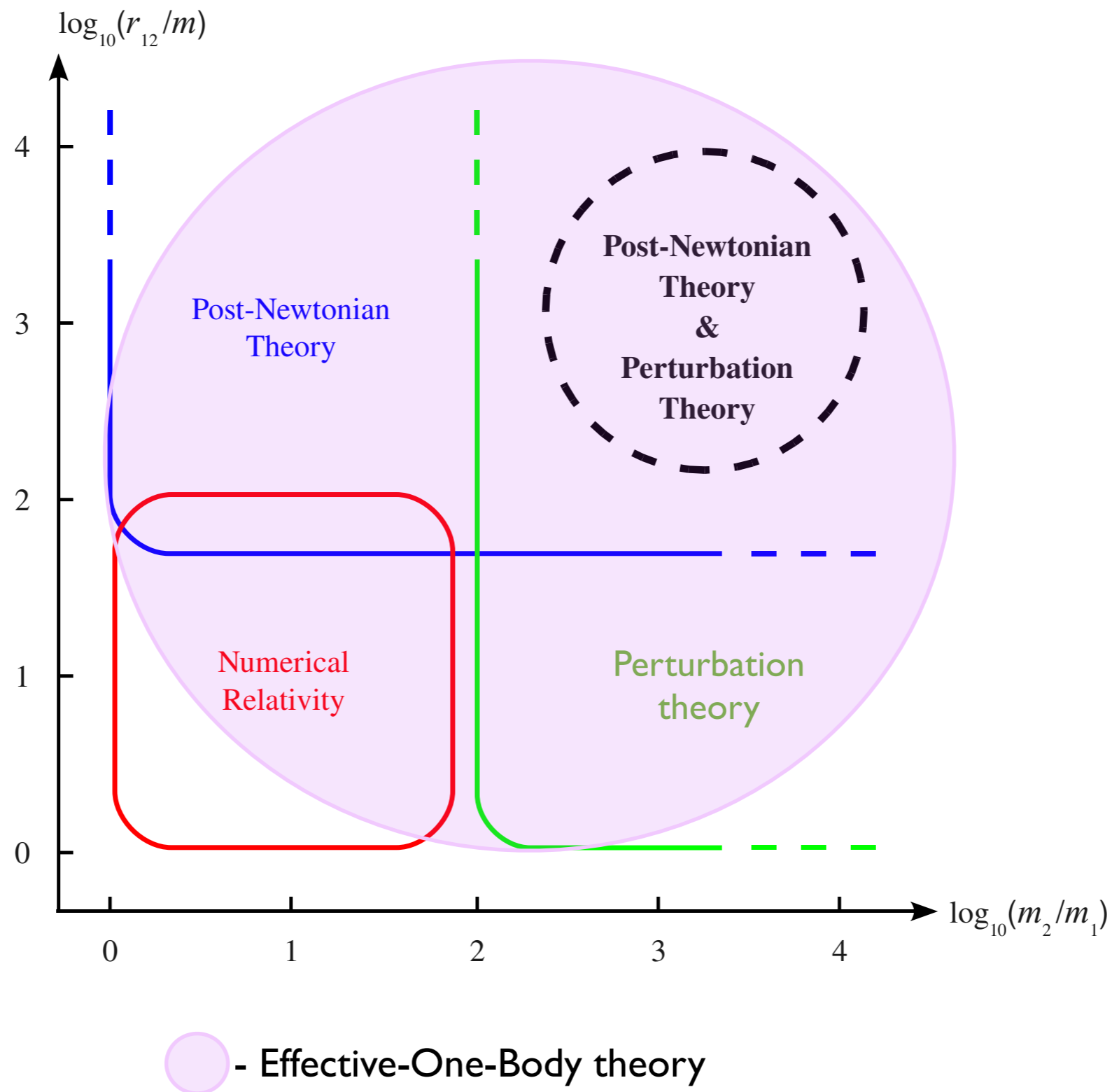
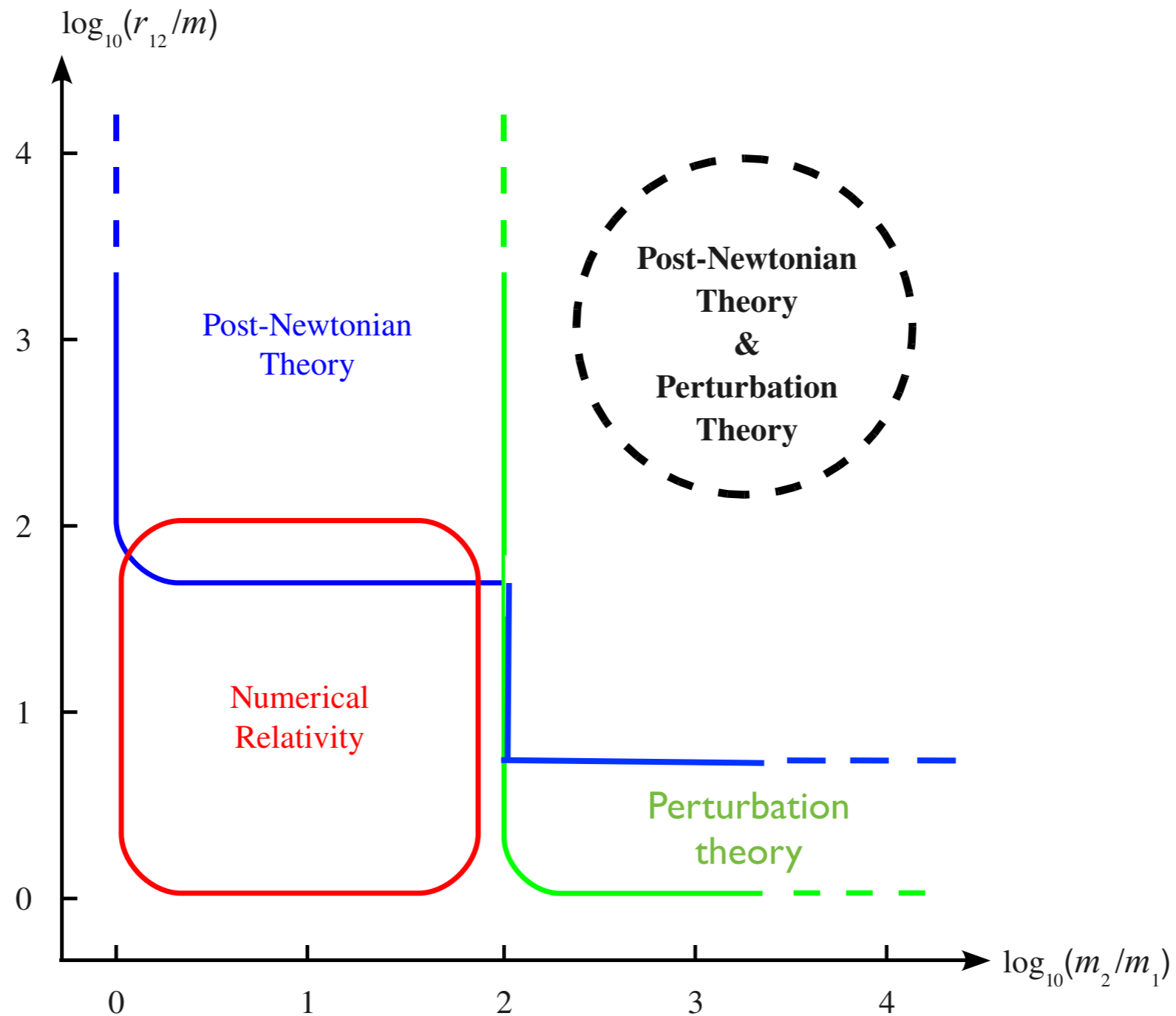


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Topics that will be covered

Gauge-invariant quantity, ΔU , (reciprocal of the red-shift invariant, z), the 1st order (in mass-ratio) change in u^t .

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ΔU for circular orbits or $\langle \Delta U \rangle$ for eccentric orbits uses the renormalized metric perturbation, $h_{\alpha\beta}^R$, dotted with background geodesic 4-velocity.

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4. ISCO shift (from ΔU and its derivatives) is used as a reference point for comparison with analytical and numerical methods.

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System of 10 coupled, 2^{nd} order PDEs in Lorenz gauge



Here we only need to solve one, separable, 2^{nd} order PDE.

The PDE for $\dot{\psi}_0$ or $\dot{\psi}_4$.

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$(\ell^\alpha, n^\alpha, m^\alpha, \bar{m}^\alpha)$ make a null-tetrad.

(ℓ^α, n^α) are real, outgoing- and ingoing-null vectors.

m^α is a complex null vector orthogonal to (ℓ^α, n^α) .

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And the non-radiative part, which corresponds to the change in mass (δM) and angular-momentum (δJ) of spacetime, is then added in a convenient gauge.

Teukolsky equation

The equation that describes the dynamical perturbation, the Teukolsky equation, has the form

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And $h_{\alpha\beta}$ is what we want to extract.

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Newman-Penrose equations (Ricci & Bianchi identities):

Derivative operators acting on Weyl scalars
= Derivative operators acting on Ricci tensor

A combination of them gives us:

Derivative operators acting on $\dot{\psi}$
= Derivative operators acting on $R_{\mu\nu} \propto T_{\mu\nu}$

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Ordinary 2^{nd} order ODE for
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The solution to both these equations can be
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$R(r)$ is written as a sum over hypergeometric, and confluent hypergeometric functions

$S(\theta)$ is written as a sum over spin-weighted spherical harmonics.

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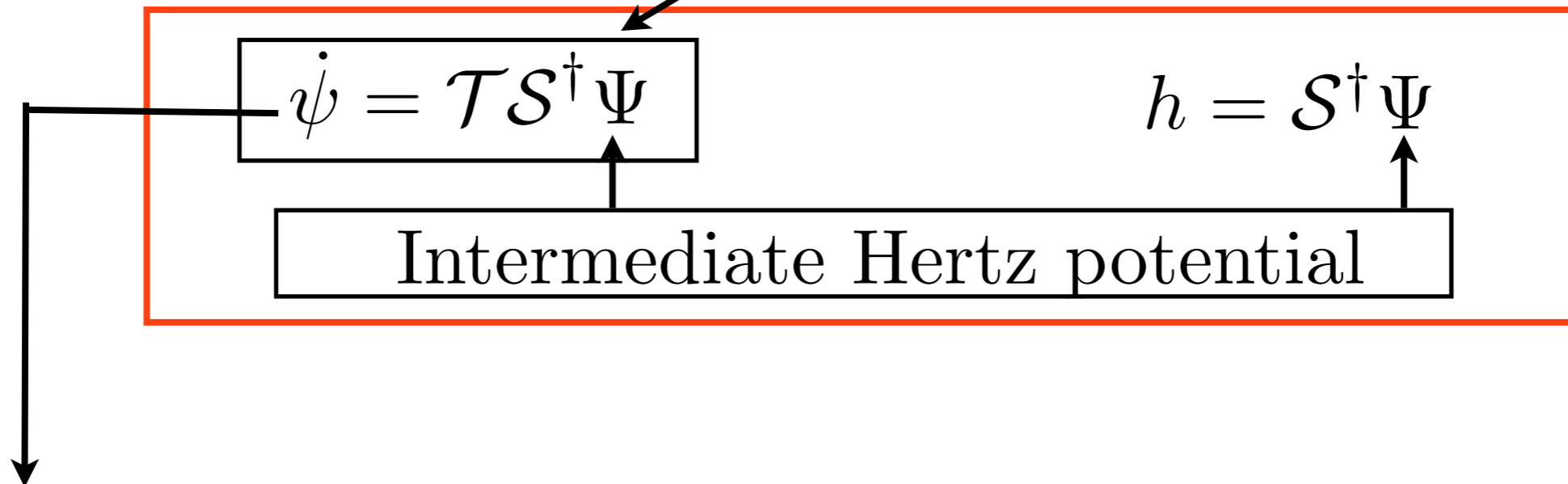
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First step: Solve for $\dot{\psi}$ (Teukolsky equation).

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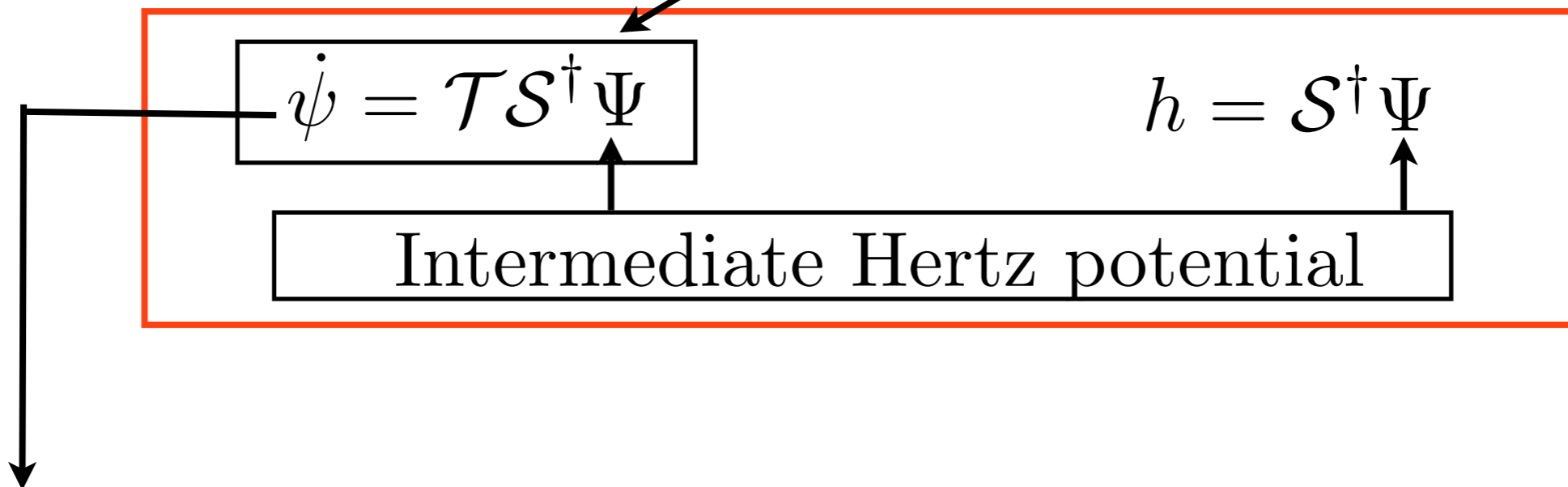


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For circular/spherical orbits, the inversion is algebraic.

Radial mode of $\Psi = \text{constant} \times \text{radial mode of } \dot{\psi}$

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For generic orbits, the formalism for inversion in frequency-domain has been developed by A. Ori.

And its application is in progress for eccentric, equatorial orbits in Kerr (MVD Meent and AG Shah)

Third step: Apply the operator \mathcal{S}^\dagger on Ψ to recover the radiative $h_{\alpha\beta}$



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Fourth step: Add to this the $h_{\alpha\beta}$ that corresponds to the change in mass and angular momentum of the spacetime.

Fifth step: Subtract the singular piece and sum over all the multipoles.

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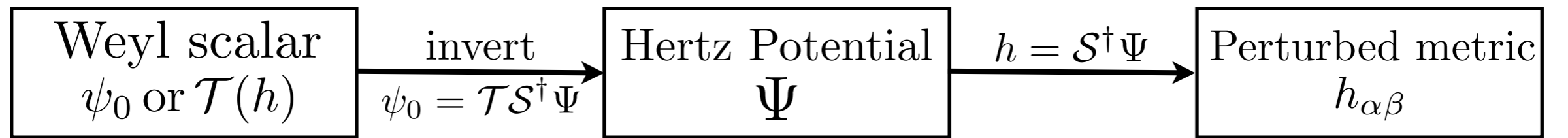
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$$H_{\ell}^{\text{ret}}(x_p) = \sum_{m=-\ell}^{+\ell} H_{\ell,m}^{\text{ret}} Y_{\ell,m}$$

$$H_{\ell}^{\text{S}}(x_p) = E_0$$

$$H^{\text{REN}} = \sum_{\ell=0}^{\ell_{\text{max}}} \left(H_{\ell}^{\text{ret}} - E_0 - \frac{E_2}{(\ell - \frac{1}{2})(\ell + \frac{3}{2})} - \frac{E_4}{(\ell - \frac{3}{2})(\ell - \frac{1}{2})(\ell + \frac{3}{2})(\ell + \frac{5}{2})} - \dots \right)$$

Summary



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 $\delta m, \delta J$

renormalize ||

ΔU

How its done?

MST (Mano-Suzuki-Takasugi) algorithm for the radial harmonics as a sum over known analytic functions with good convergence

Analytical form of the angular harmonics, ${}_s Y_{\ell m}(\frac{\pi}{2}, 0)$

We use *Mathematica* which can handle very high precision computations

The accuracy is

about 1 part in 10^{227} for $r = 10^{20} M$
about 1 part in 10^{242} for $r = 10^{25} M$
about 1 part in 10^{252} for $r = 10^{30} M$

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Notice the absence of 5.5-pN term

$$\text{no } \frac{\alpha_{5.5}}{r^{6.5}}$$

Analytically known pN coefficients (from literature)

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Lets look at ΔU at $r = 10^{30} M$



One might wonder,
why are we going to such high radius?

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Again read off α_4 to 30 decimal places

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It was later understood that the origin of these n.5pN terms come from the “tails-of-tails” terms in pN theory (Luc Blanchet).

Revised pN-series

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If possible, it will save us a number of long, tedious, analytical calculations, and help extract further terms with higher accuracy.

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YES!! INDEED!!

Lets look at the value of the 6-pN log term

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More than 11 repetition cycles

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Almost 2 repetition cycles here

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One is not always lucky to have such repetition cycles...

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We calculate the flux in Schwarzschild spacetime for 144 different values of Ω by placing the orbit at

$$R = 1, 2, 3, \dots, 9 \times 10^{18,19,20,\dots,32,33} \quad \mathbf{144 \text{ points}}$$

$$R := (M\Omega)^{-2/3}$$

We calculate $f_S^H(R_i)$ and $f_S^\infty(R_i)$.

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For Kerr spin parameters

$$a/M = 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 \times 10^{-1, -2, -3, -4, -5} \quad \mathbf{25 \text{ points}}$$

and different R 's we place the orbit at different radii

$$r_K = \left((RM)^{2/3} - (aM)^{1/2} \right)^{2/3}$$

and calculate $f_K^H(r_{K_{ij}}, a_j)$ and $f_K^\infty(r_{K_{ij}}, a_j)$

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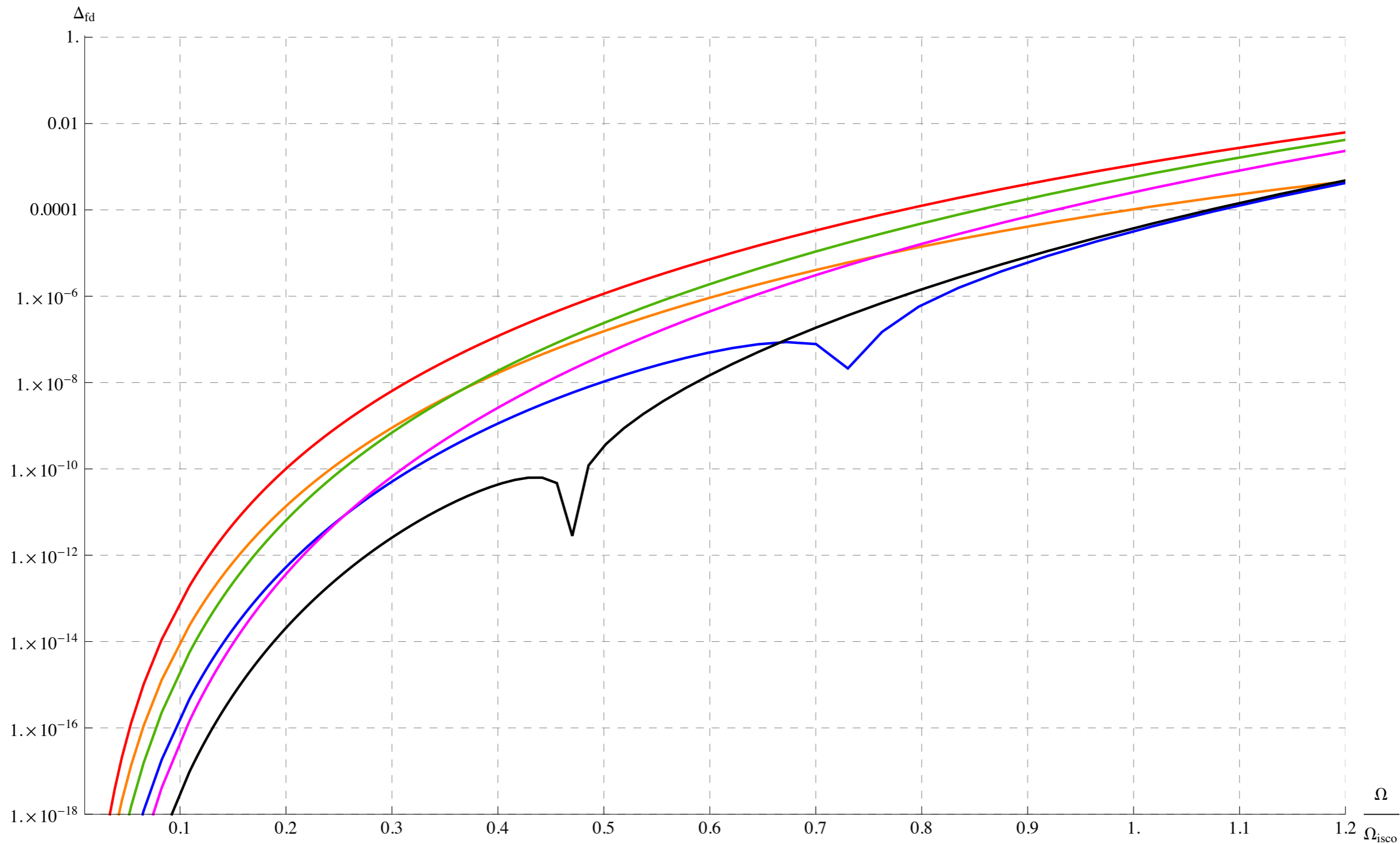
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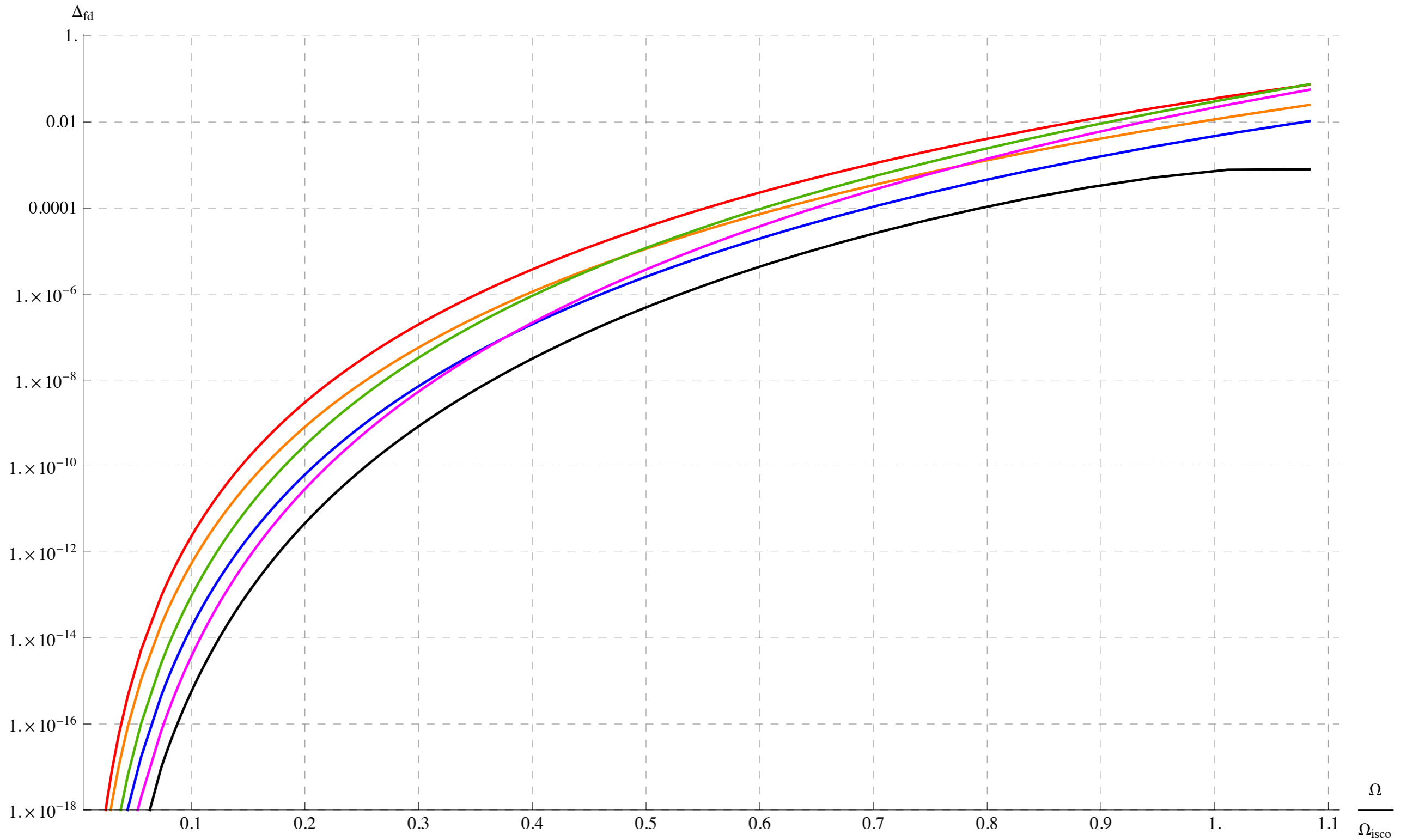
Already known 4pN \rightarrow 20pN

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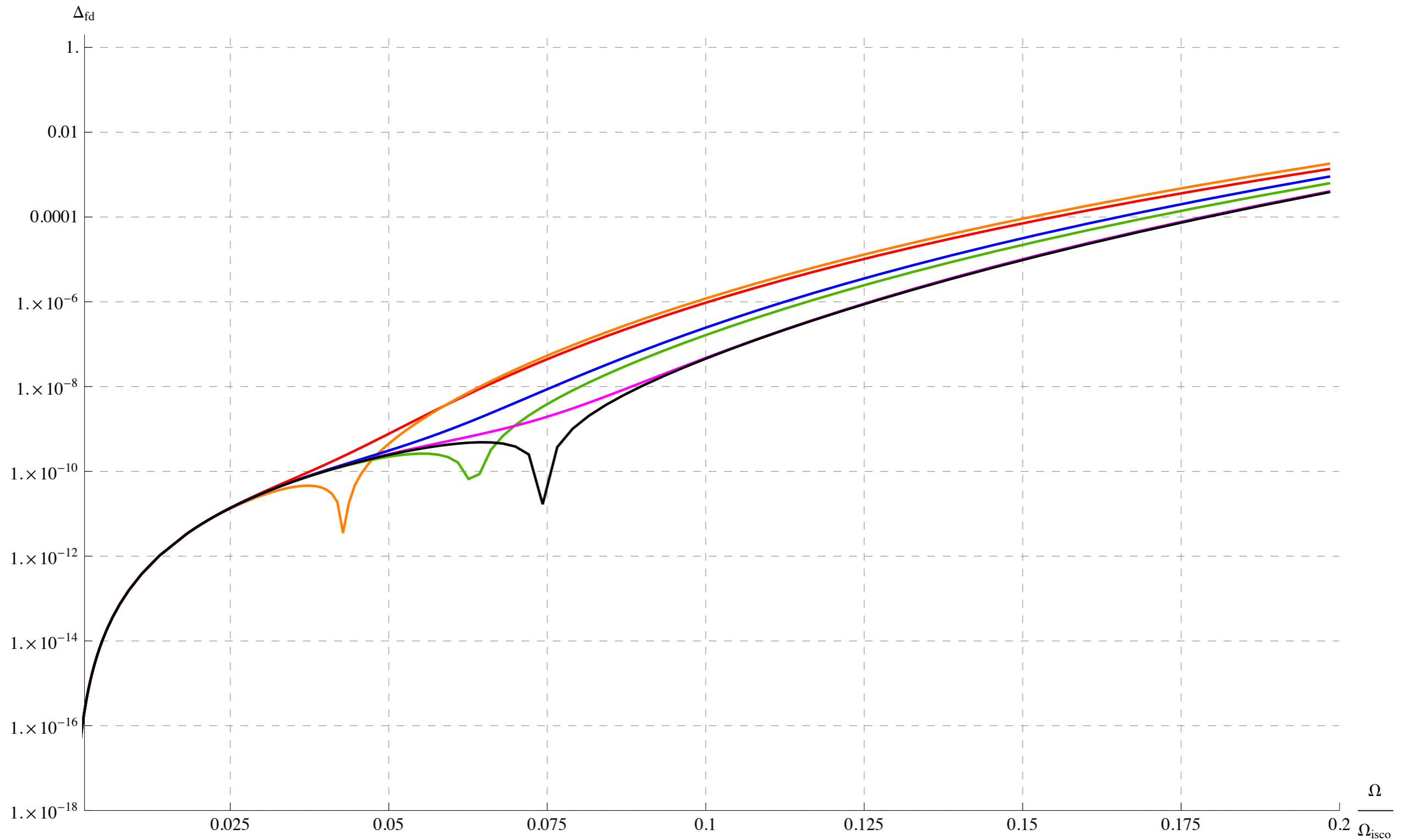
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Thank you!