

Loss of linear momentum from nonspinning inspiralling compact binaries in quasi-circular orbits and associated recoil

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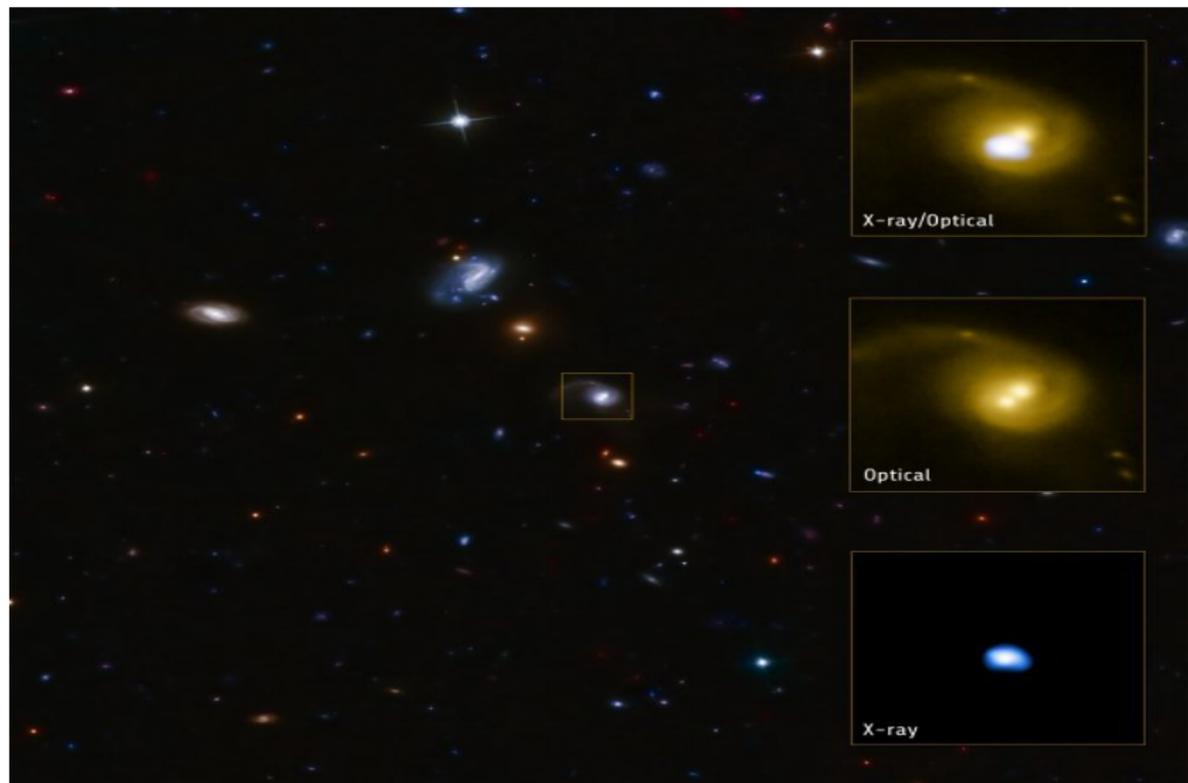
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Part I

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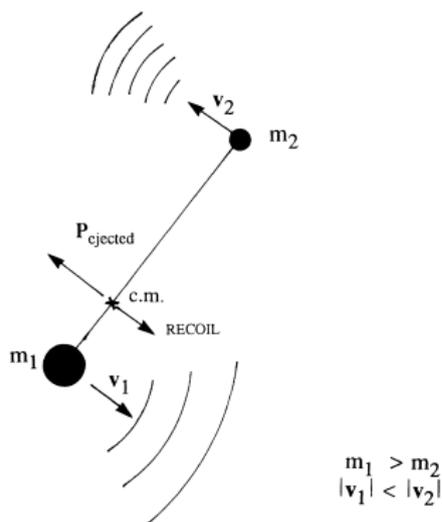
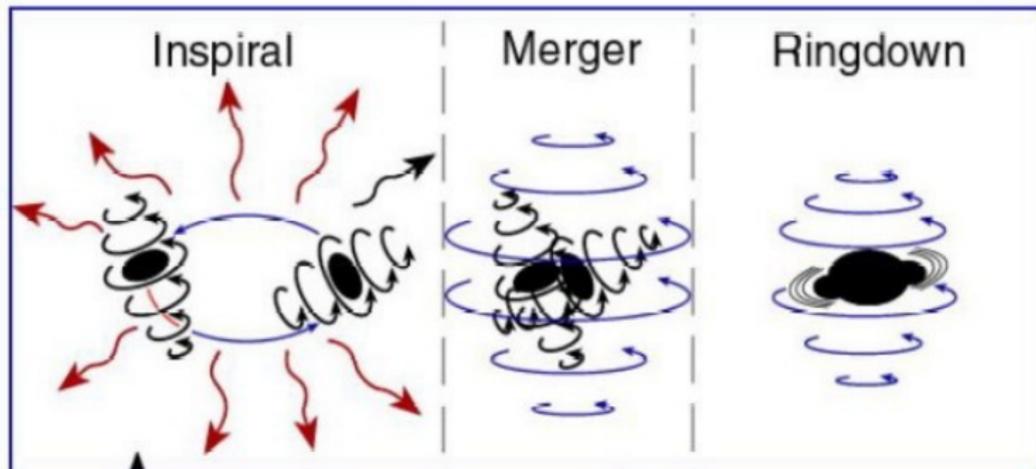


Figure: Figure from Wiseman 1992.

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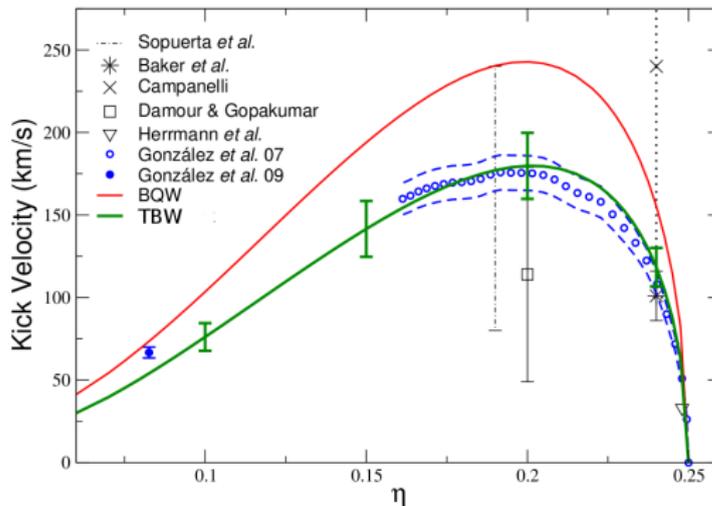


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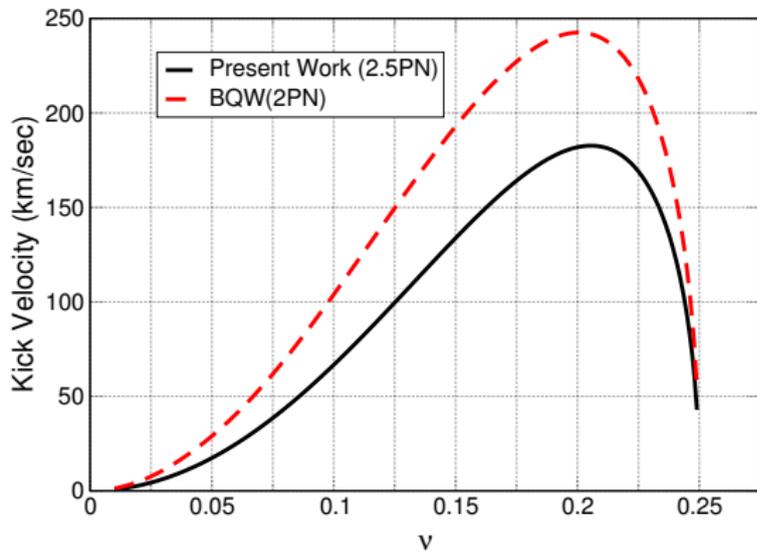
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