

# RELATIVISTIC EFFECTS ON THE ORBITS OF THE CLOSEST STARS TO THE BLACK HOLE AT THE CENTER OF THE GALAXY

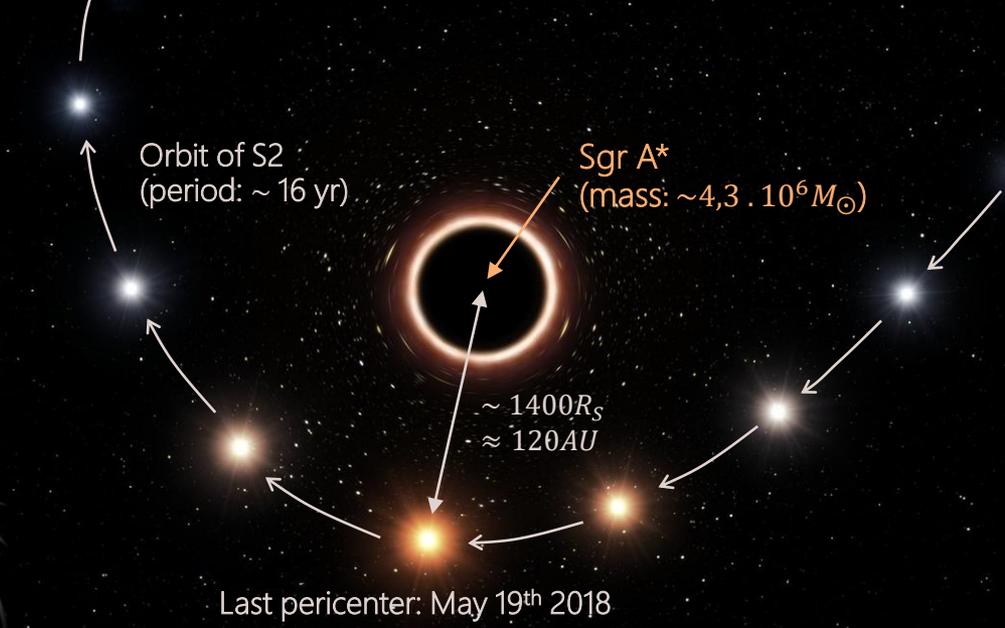
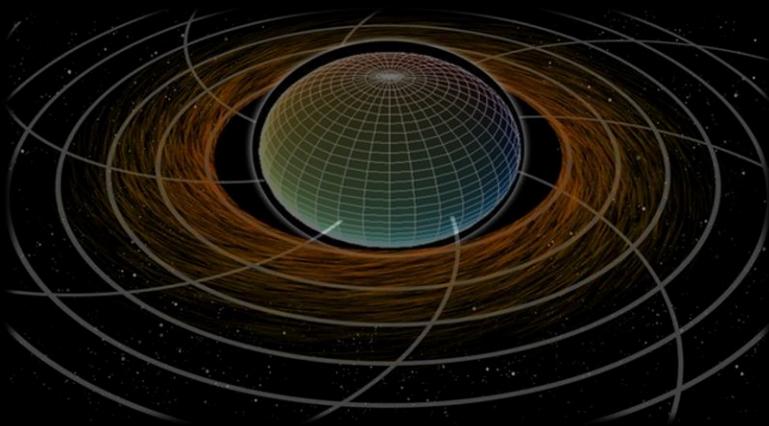
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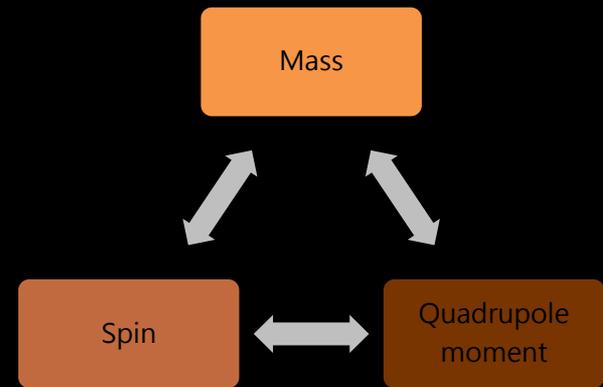


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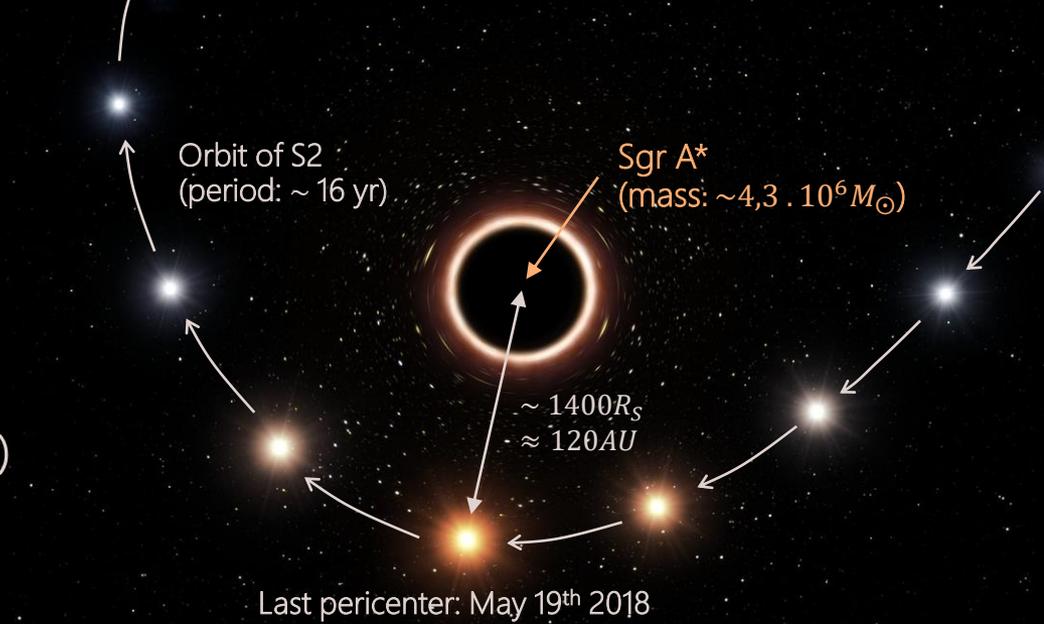
- Curved space-time ↔ Mass
- Spinning space-time ↔ Spin
- Oblate spheroid ↔ Quadrupole moment

No hair-theorem:

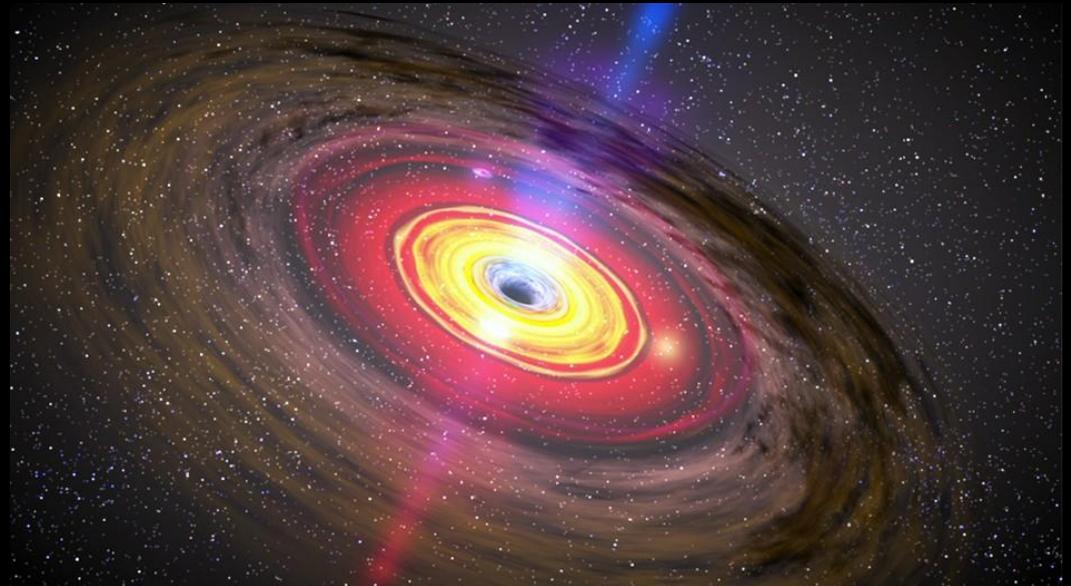
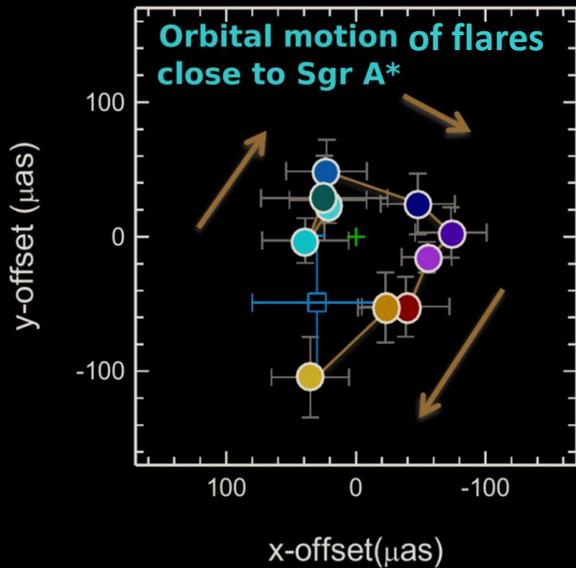


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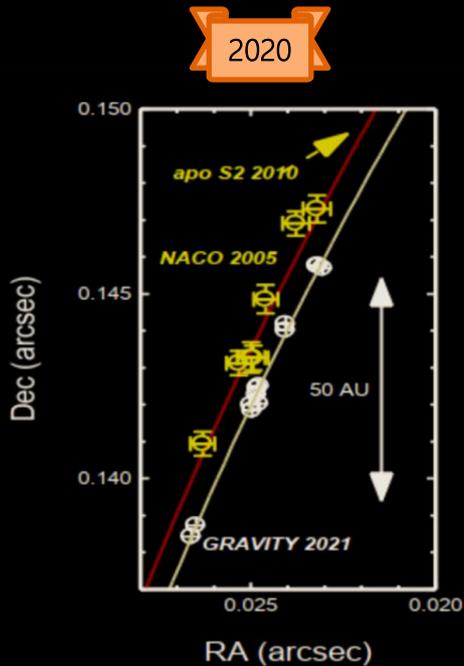
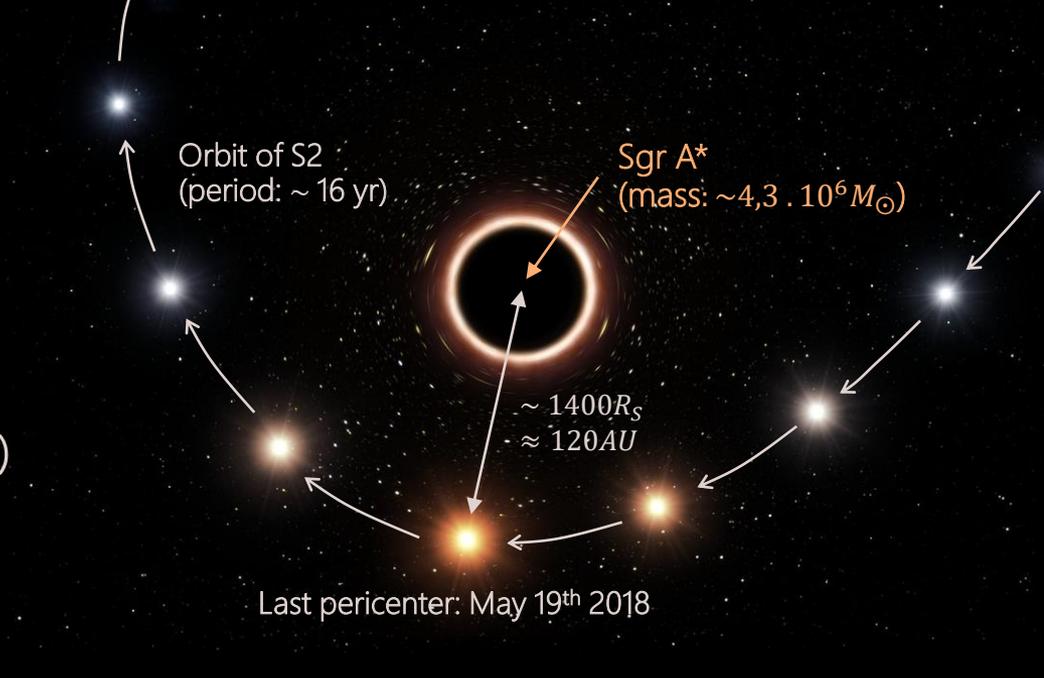


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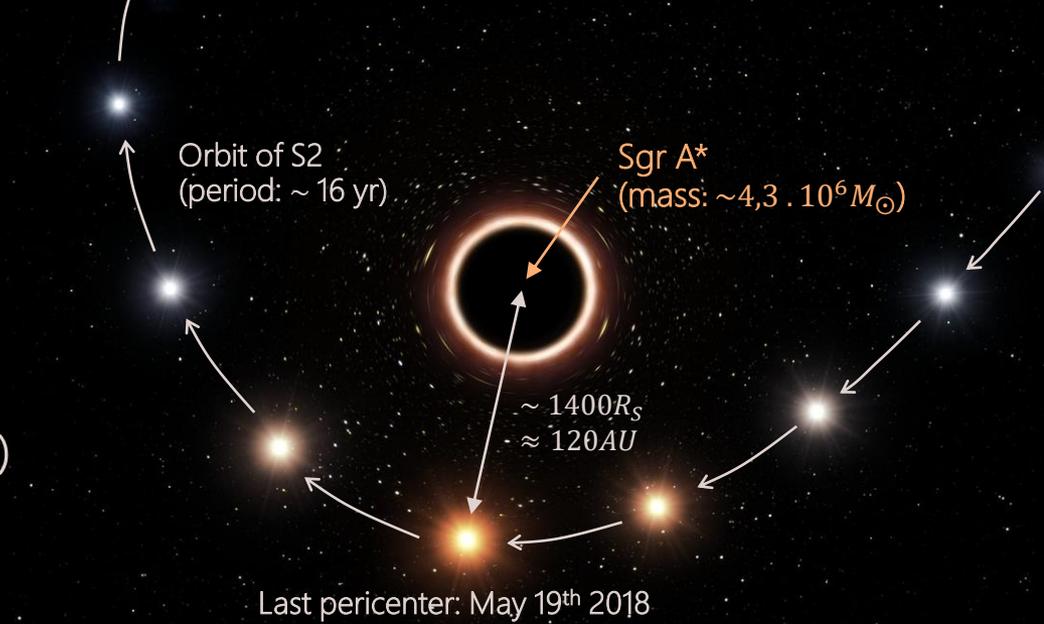
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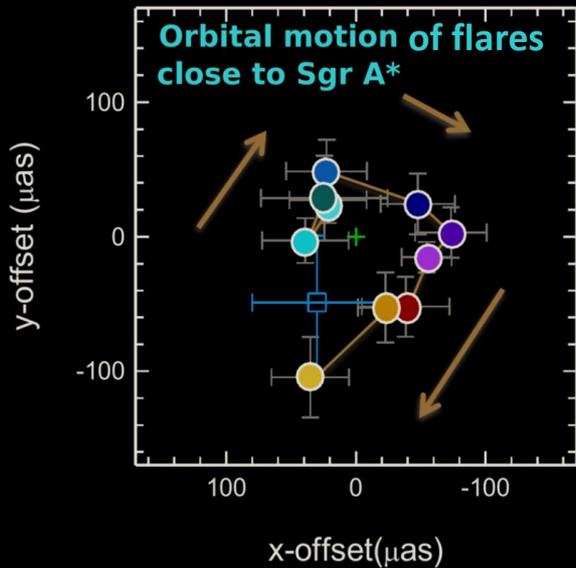


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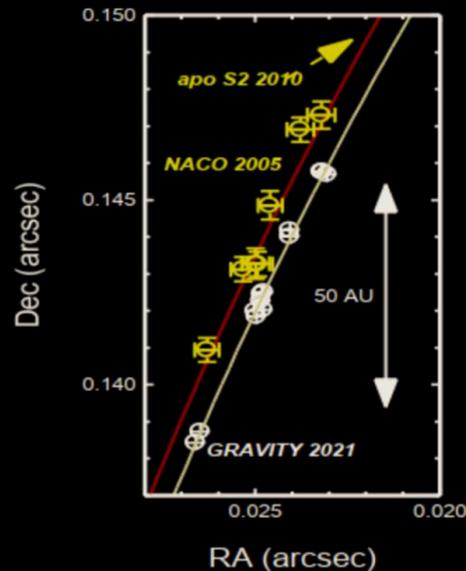
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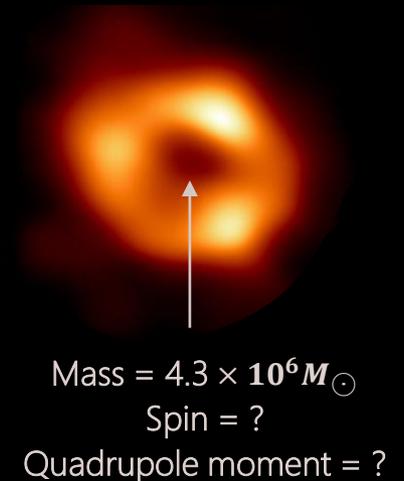
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GRAVITY+ CAN MULTIPLY  
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- Less systematic errors
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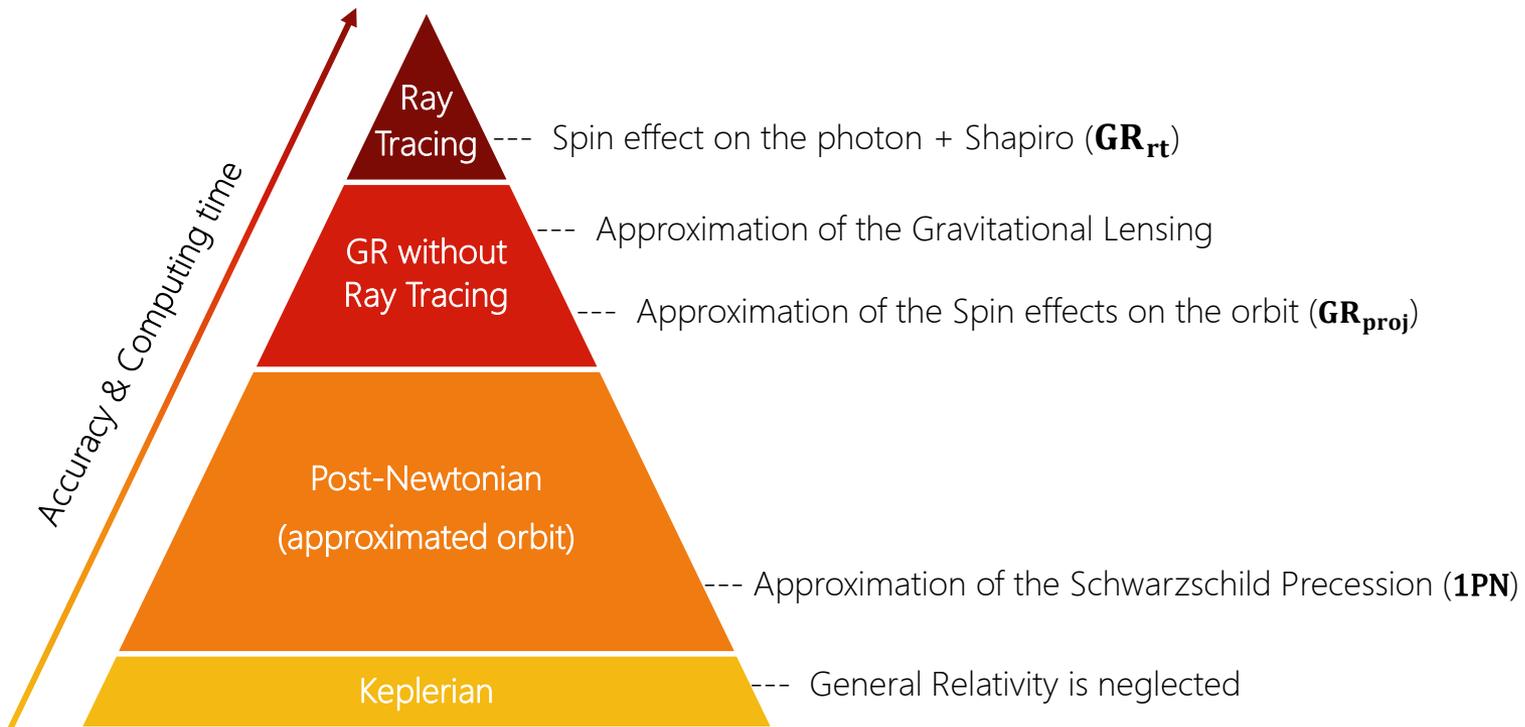
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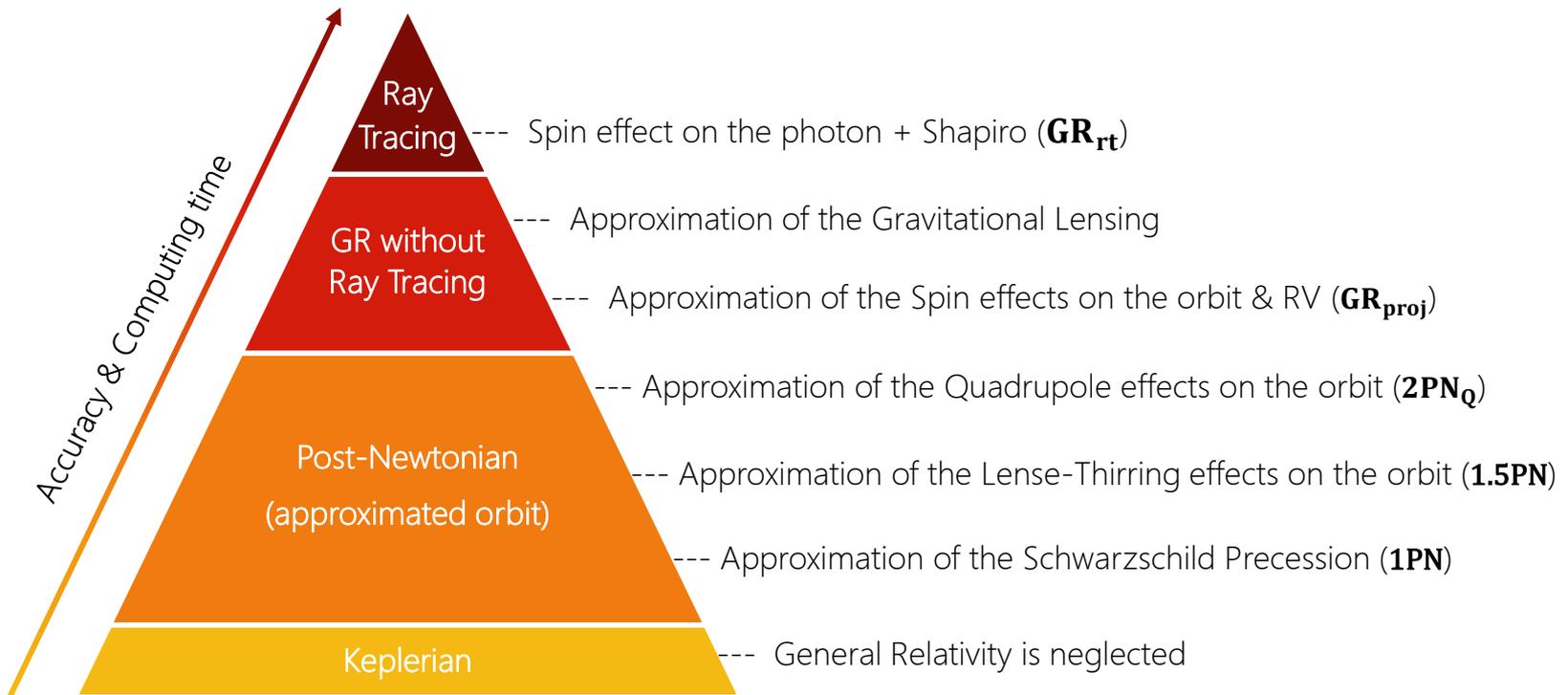
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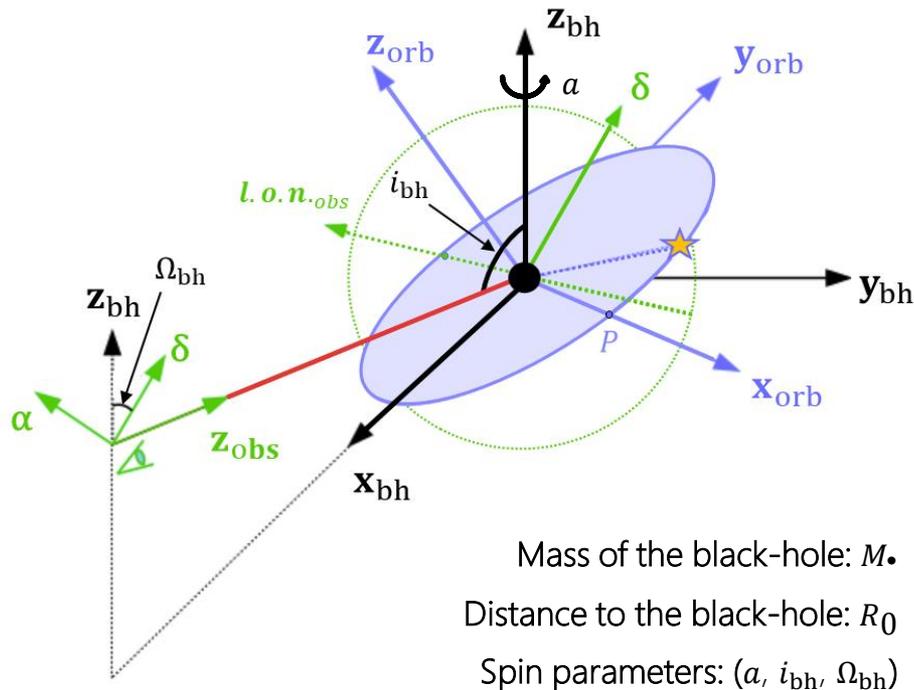


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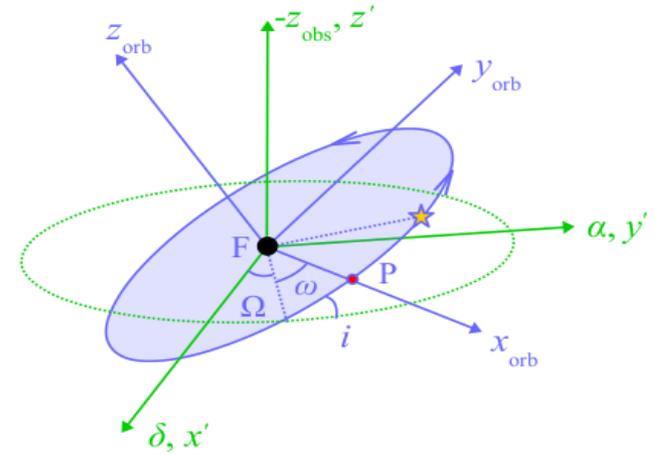
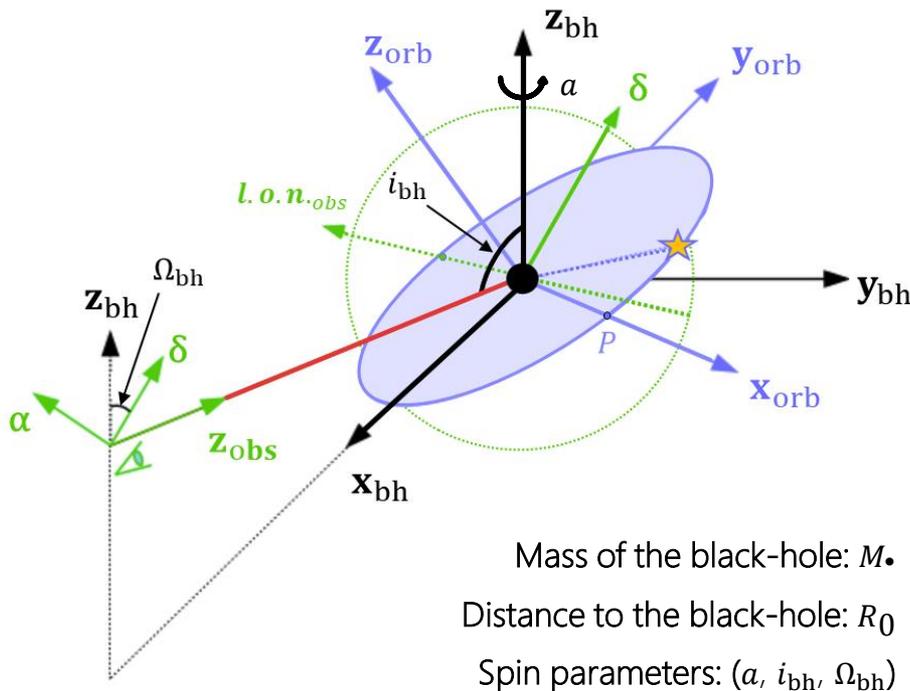


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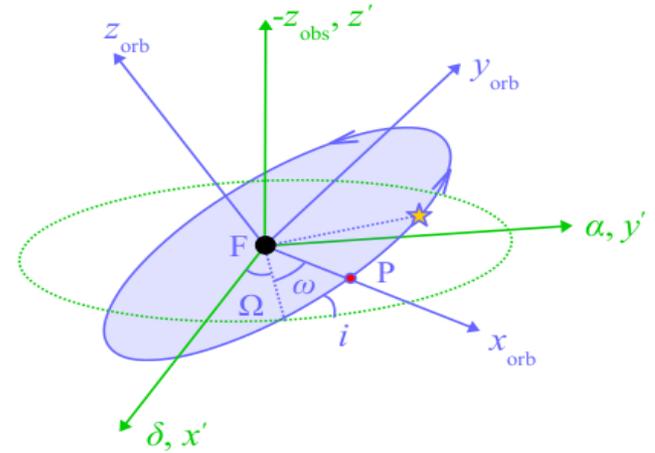
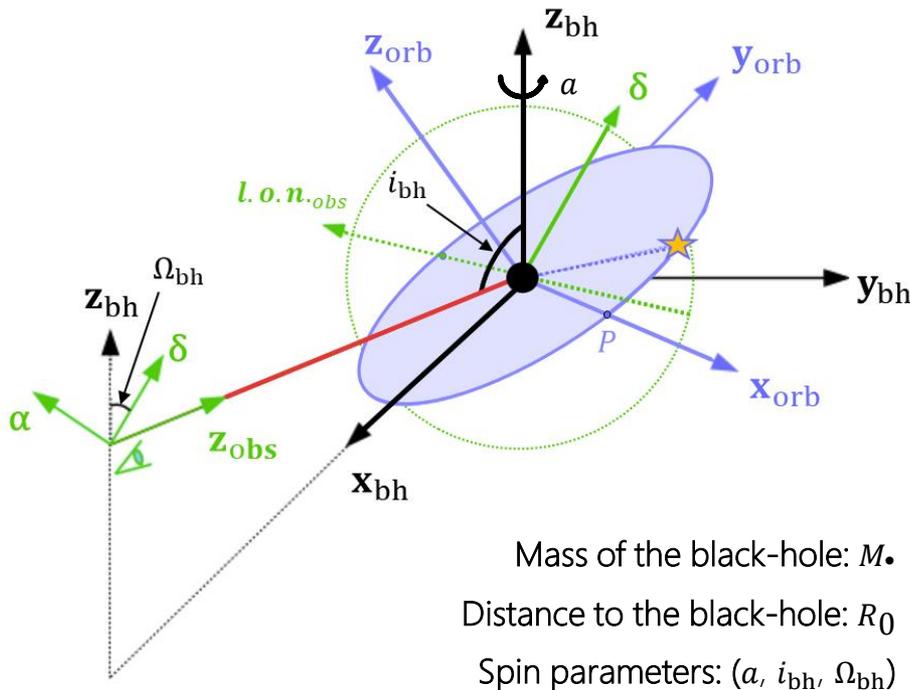
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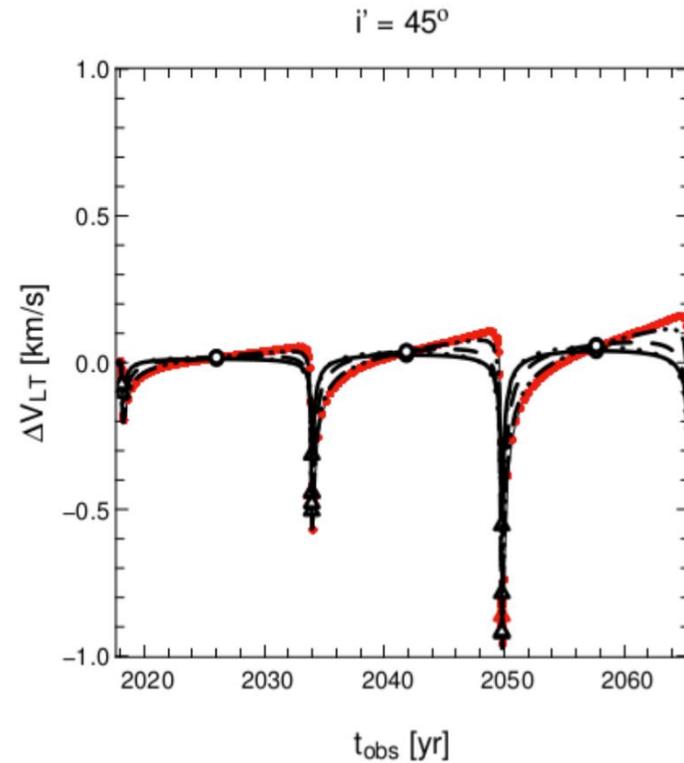
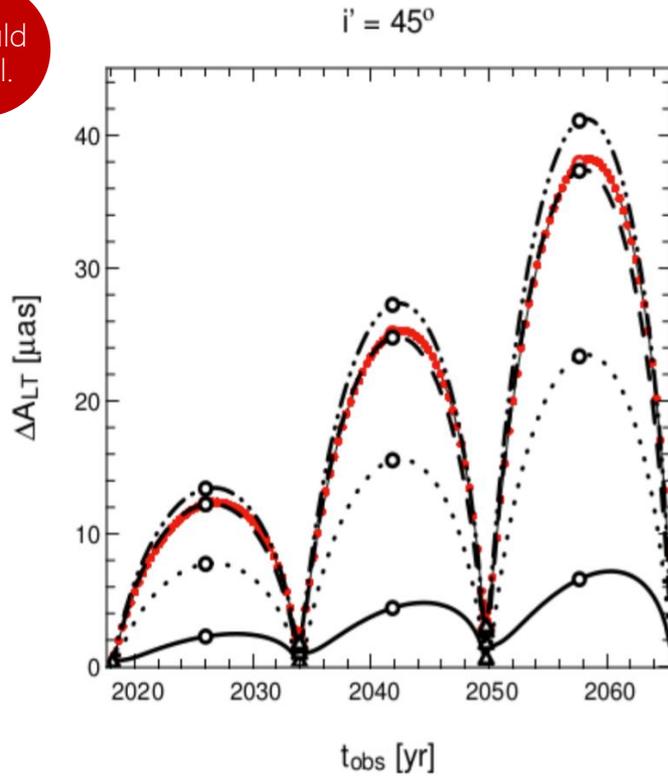
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# STATE OF THE ART ON THE DETERMINATION OF THE SPIN OF SGR A\*

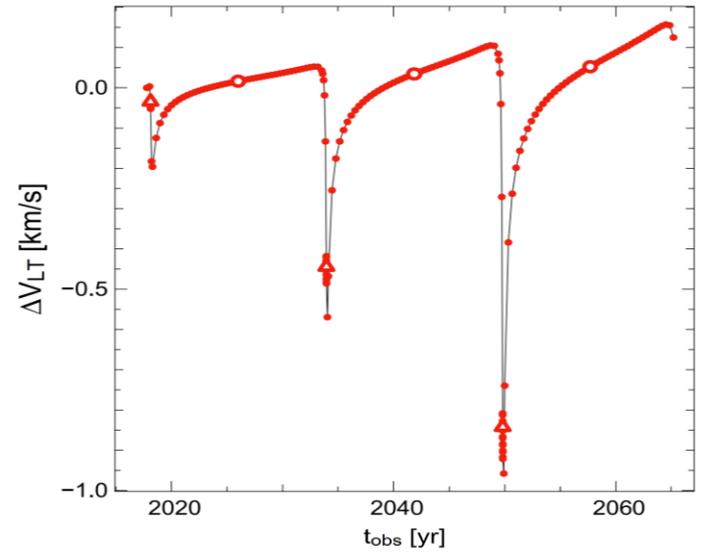
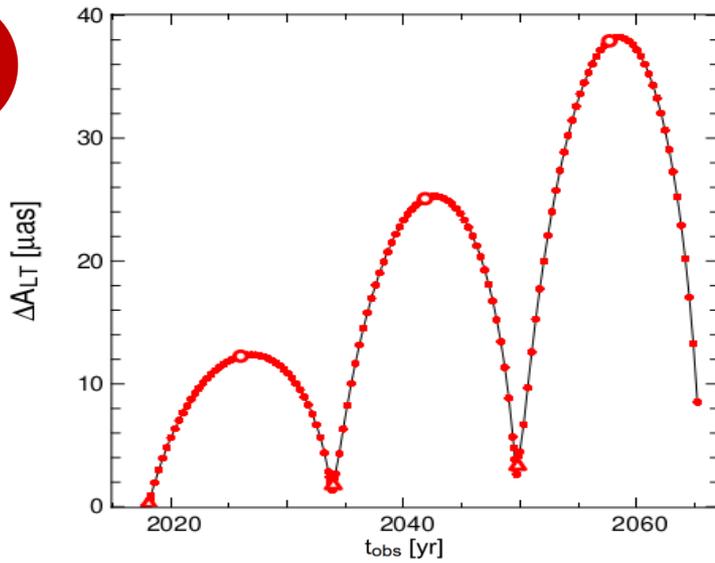
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Spin effects on S2 for different spin orientations:  $\Omega' = 0^\circ, 45^\circ, 90^\circ, 135^\circ, 160^\circ$  in solid lines, dotted, dashed, dash-dot-dotted and red dotted respectively

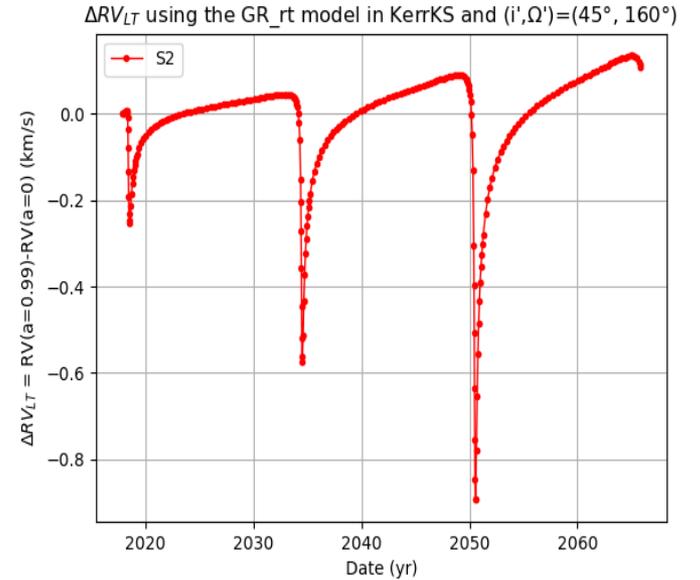
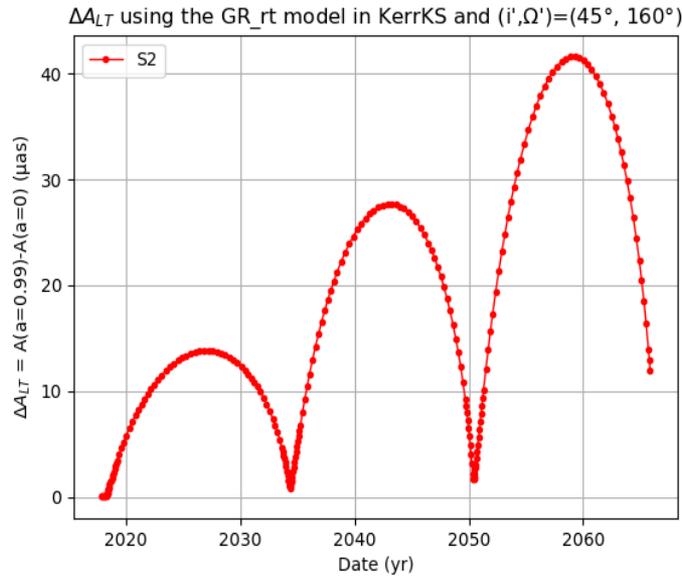
$$\Delta A_{LT} = \sqrt{(RA_{spin=0.99} - RA_{spin=0})^2 + (DEC_{spin=0.99} - DEC_{spin=0})^2} \quad ; \quad \Delta V_{LT} = RV_{spin=0.99} - RV_{spin=0}$$

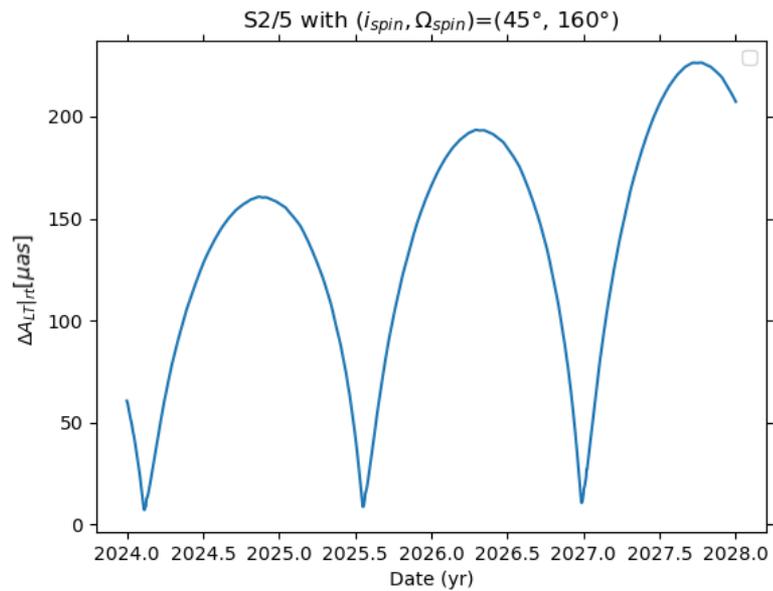
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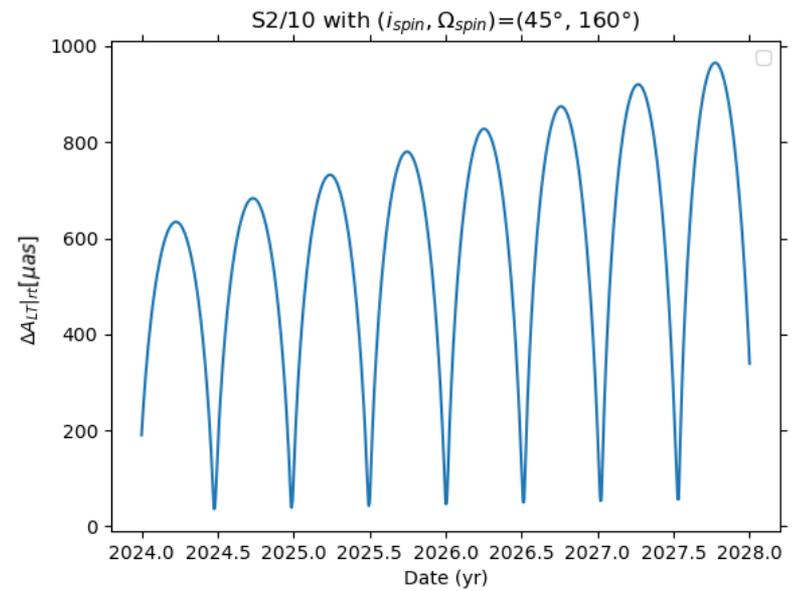
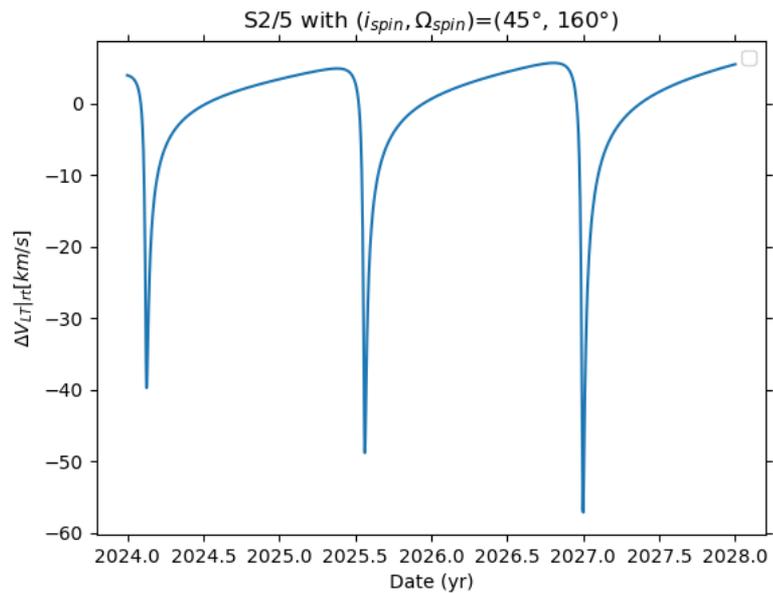
Spin can be detected with S2 after 47yr with an error of  $1\sigma = 0, 1$

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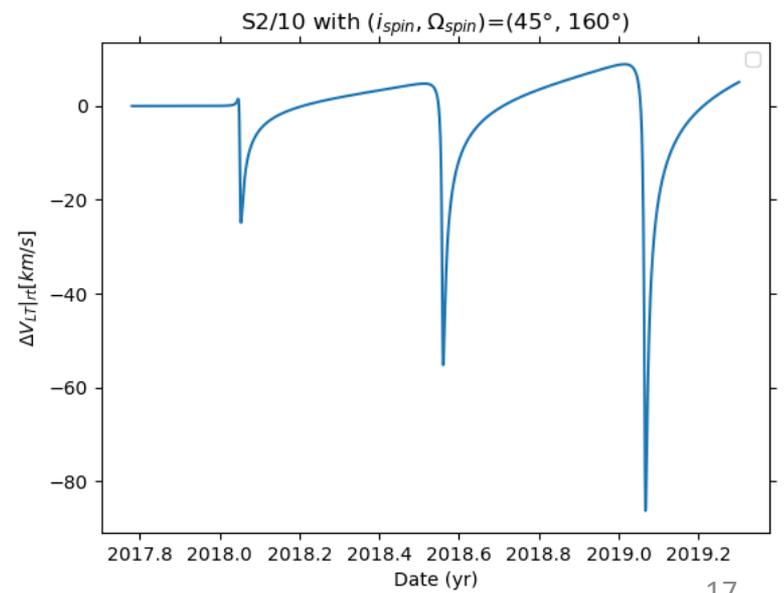




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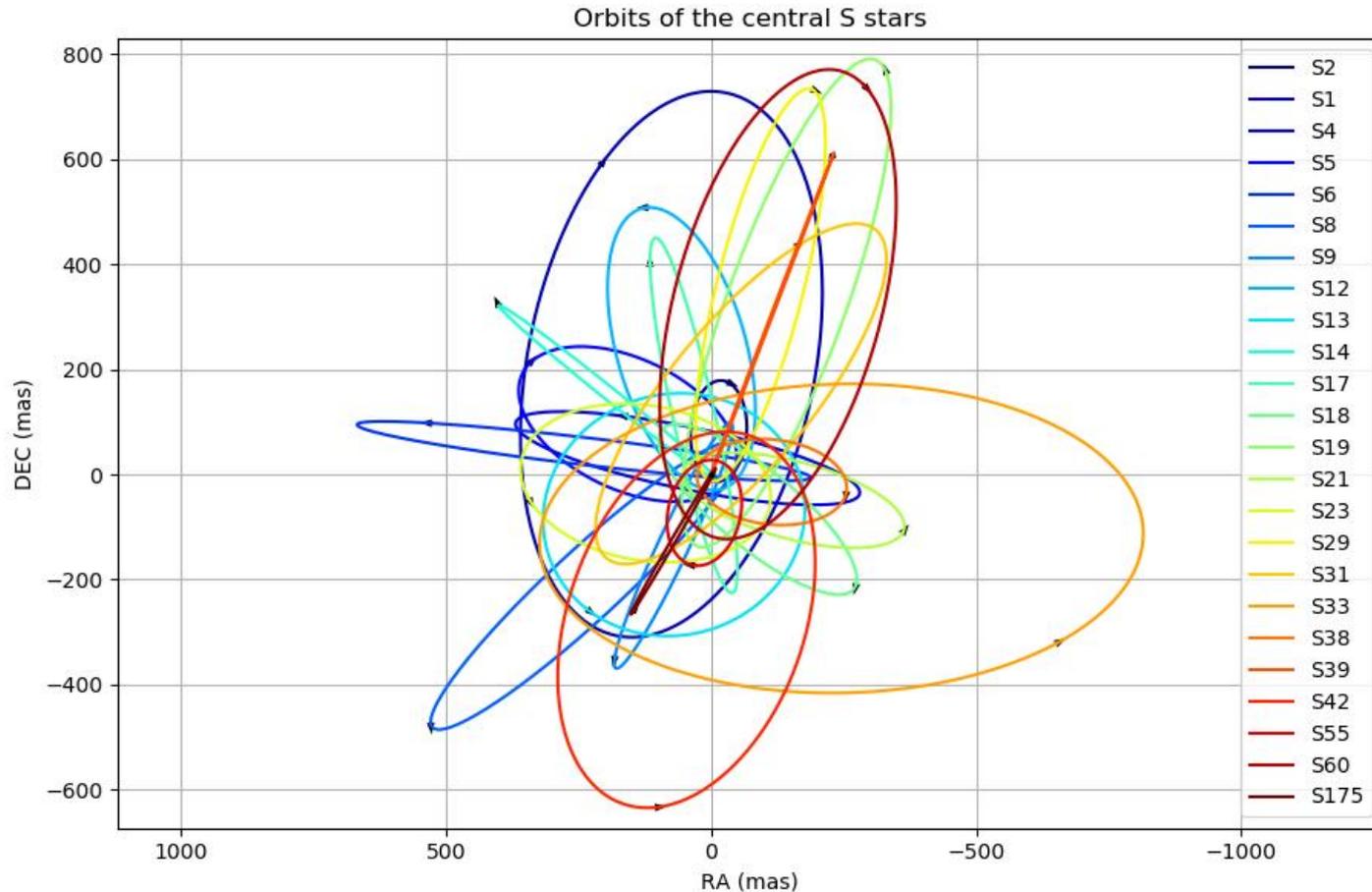


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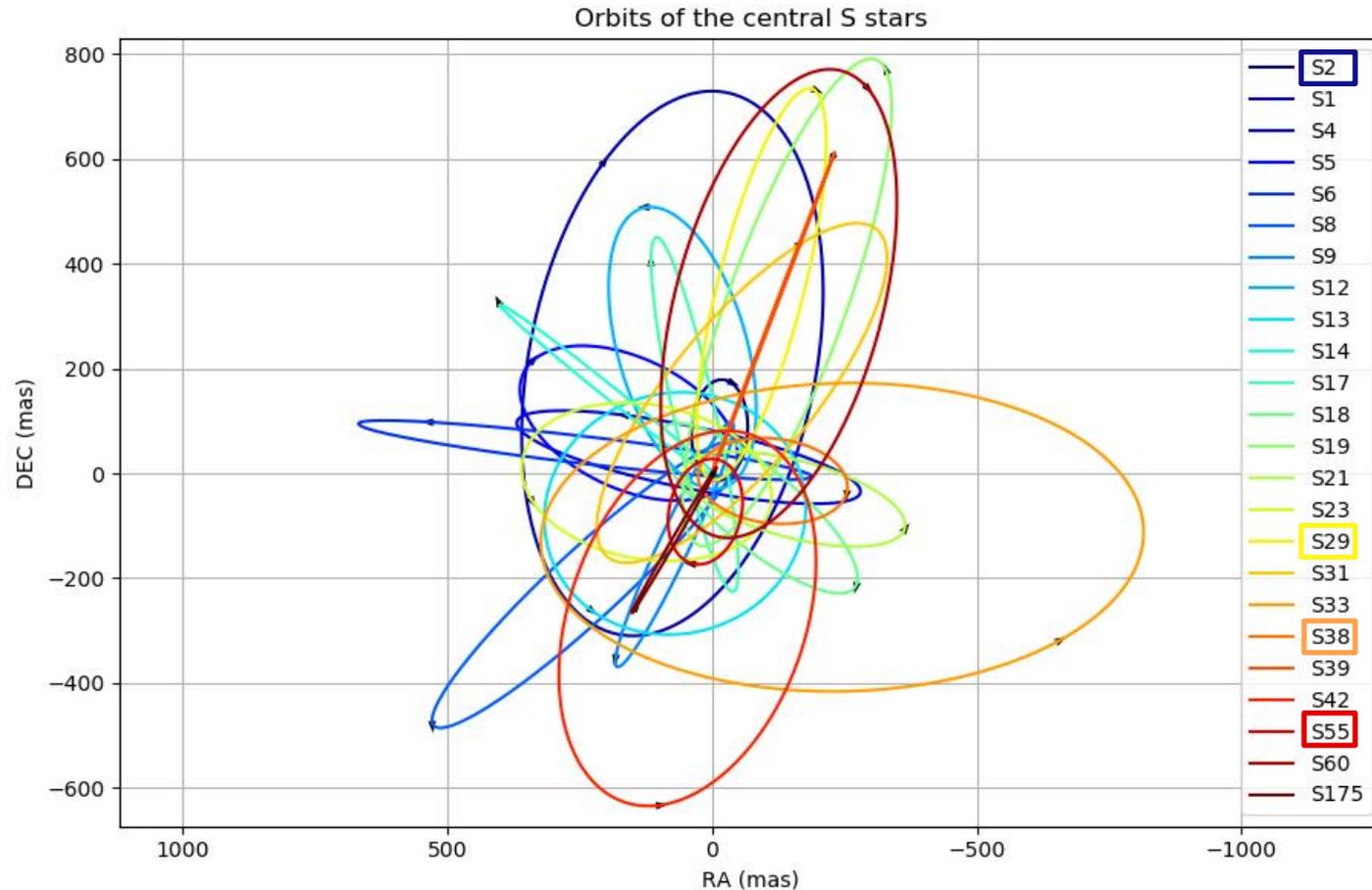
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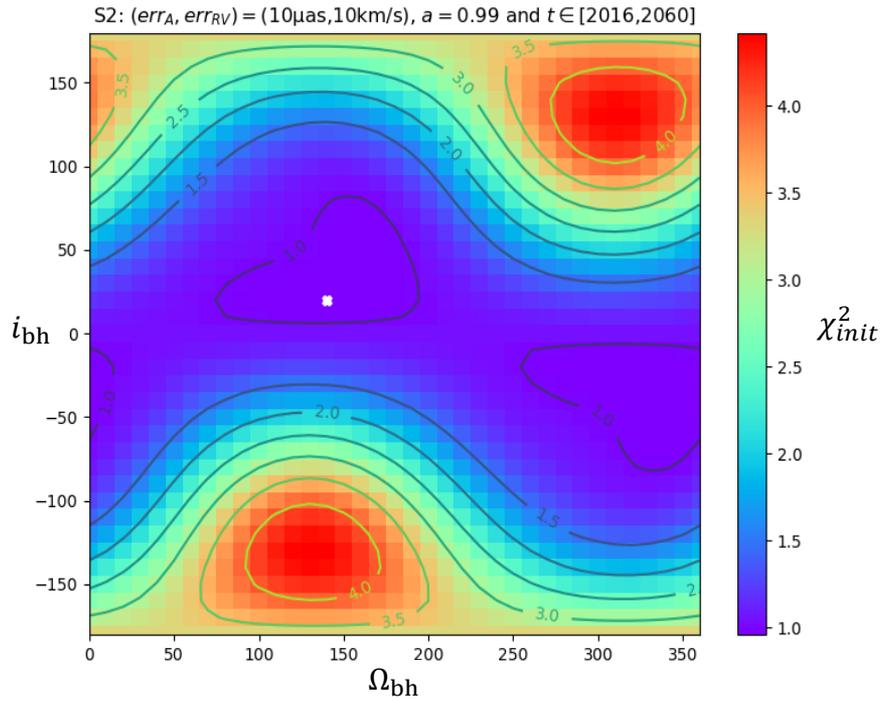


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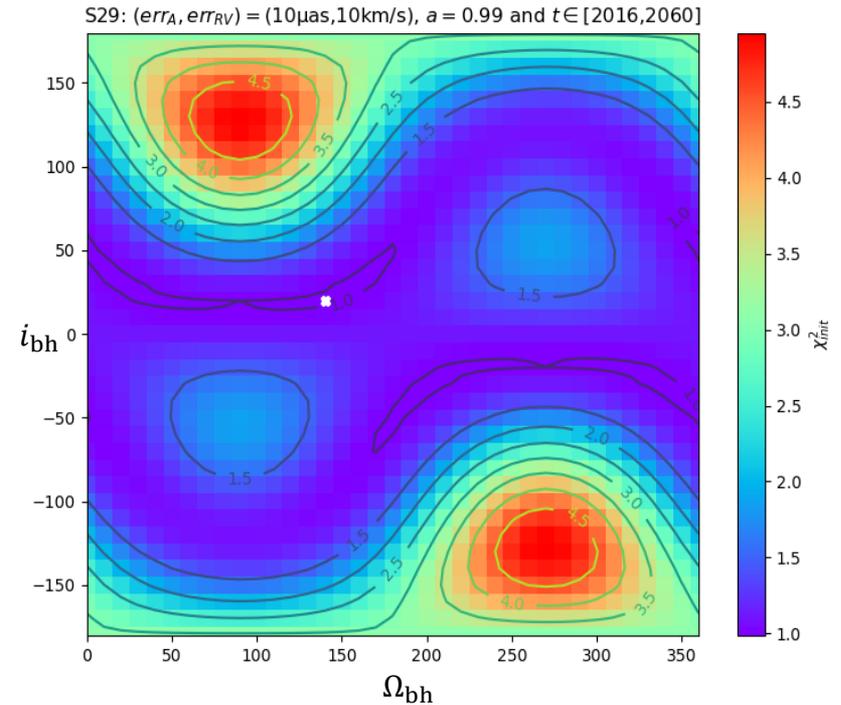
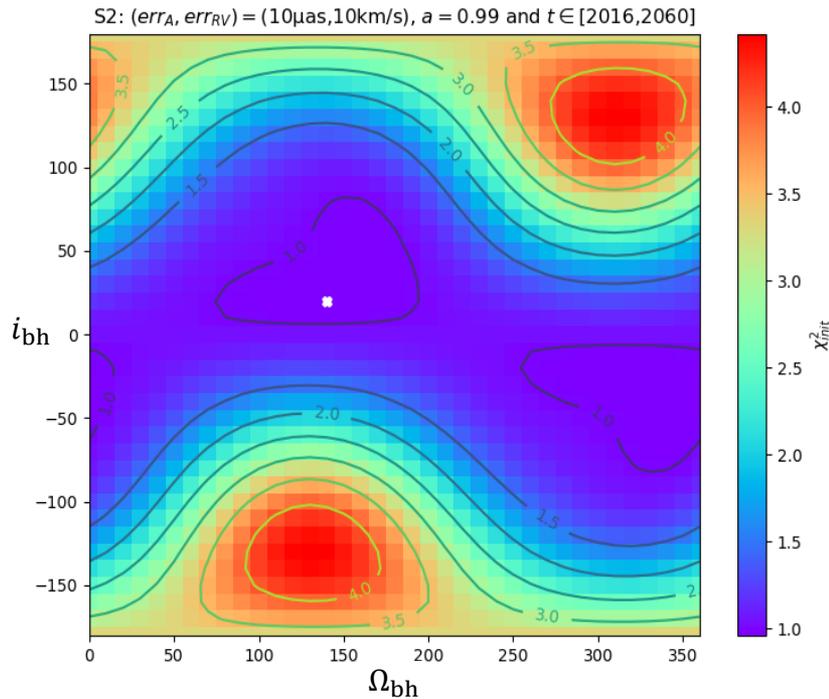
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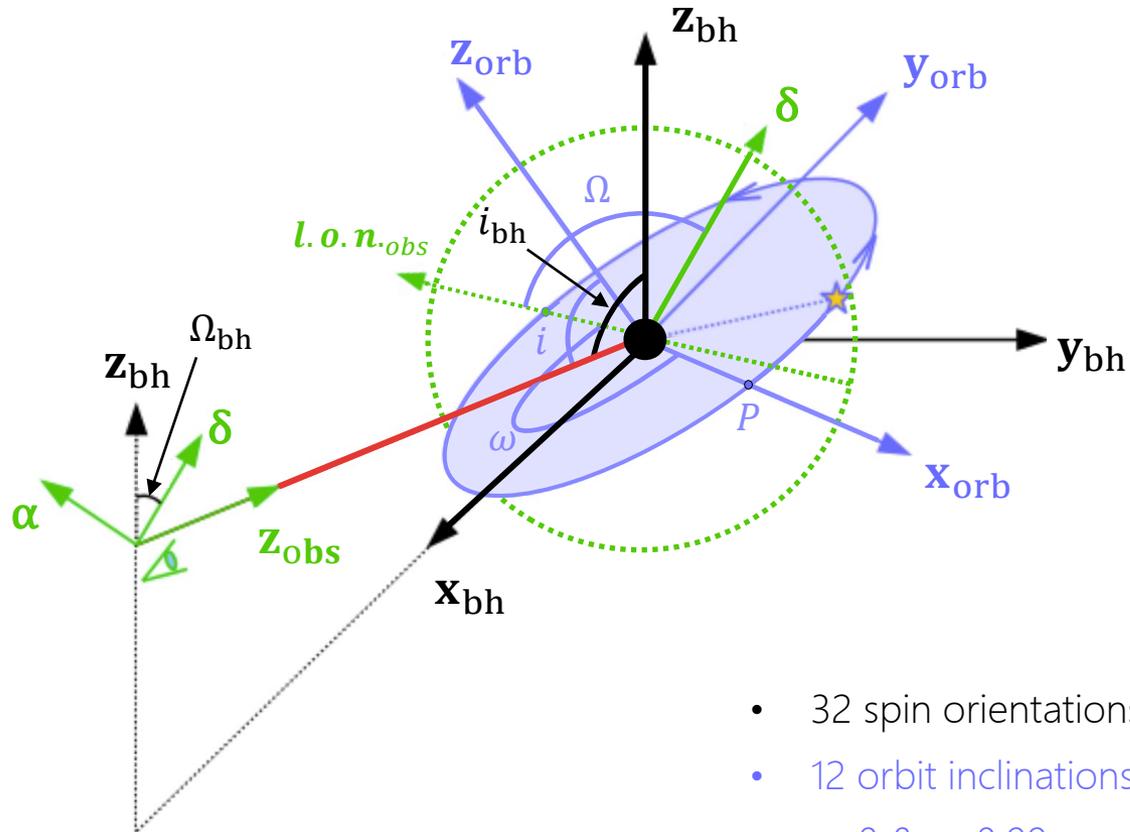
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If we fit multiple star orbits at the same time the degeneracy of the spin angles with each other and with the spin magnitude will be reduced !



Studying the impact of the orientation of the spin relative to the orbit and to the observer on the observables



- 32 spin orientations
- 12 orbit inclinations
- $e=0$  &  $e=0.99$

$e=0$

Spin effect with different spin and orbit orientations ( $e=0$ )  $t \in [2018, 2022]$  using the GR\_cd model

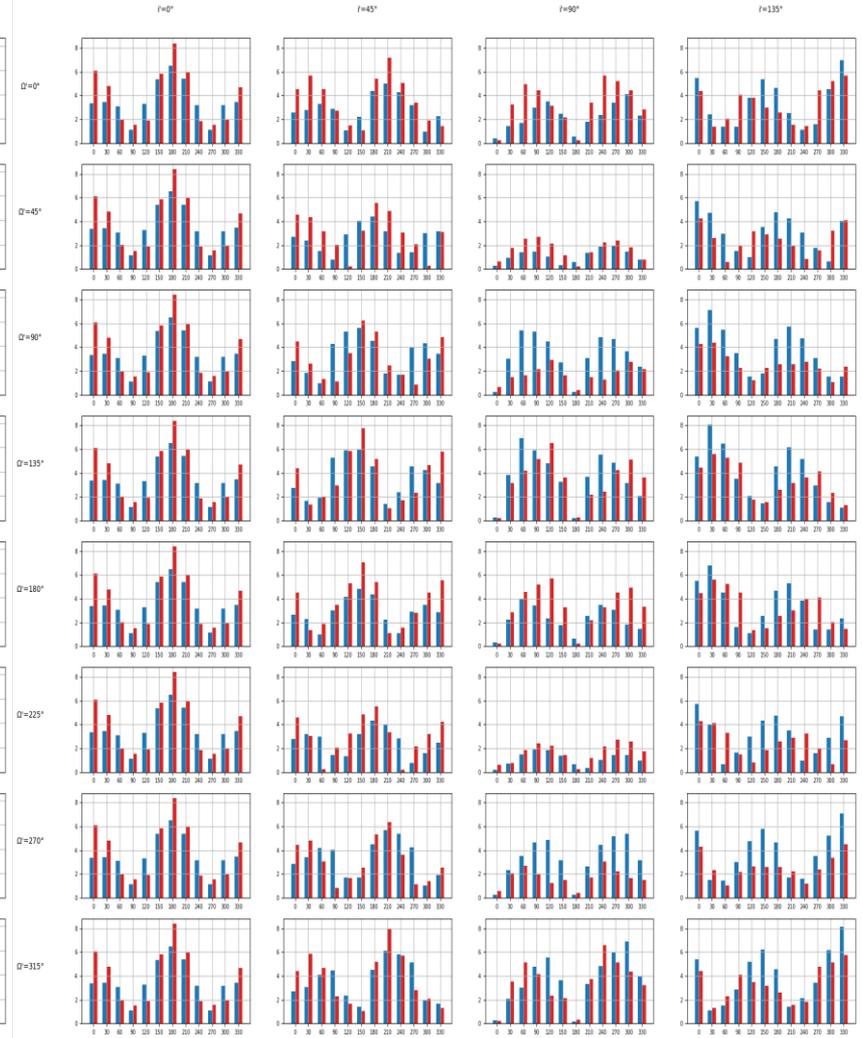
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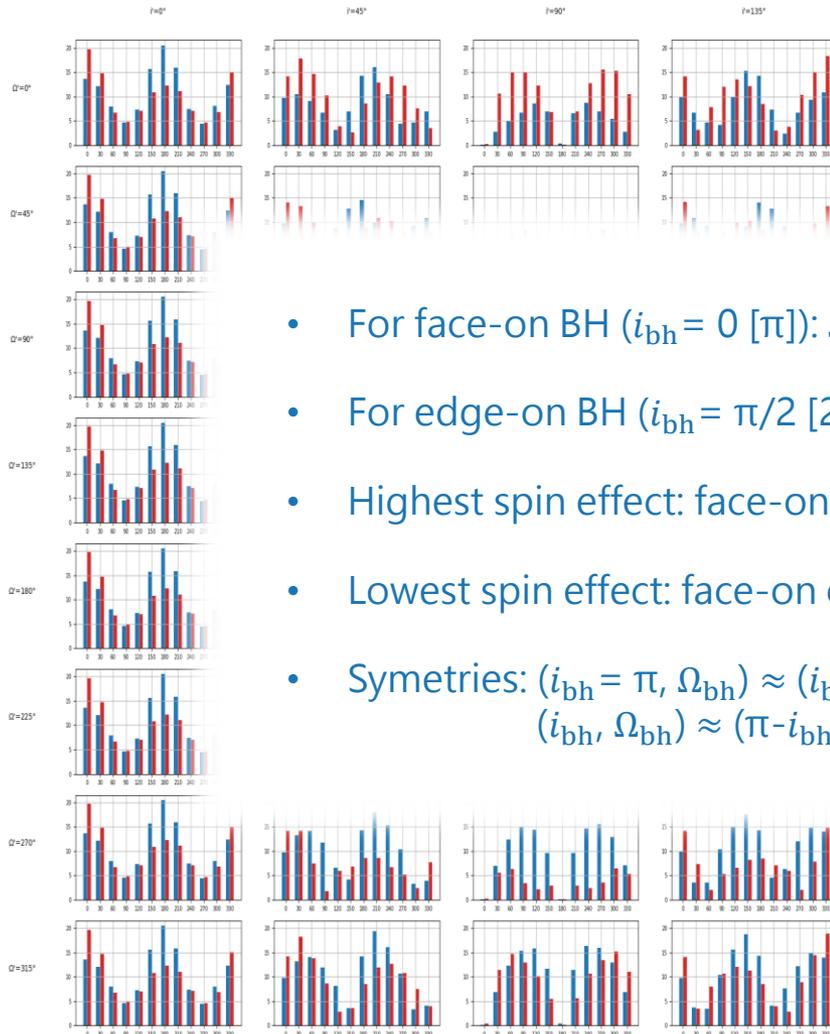


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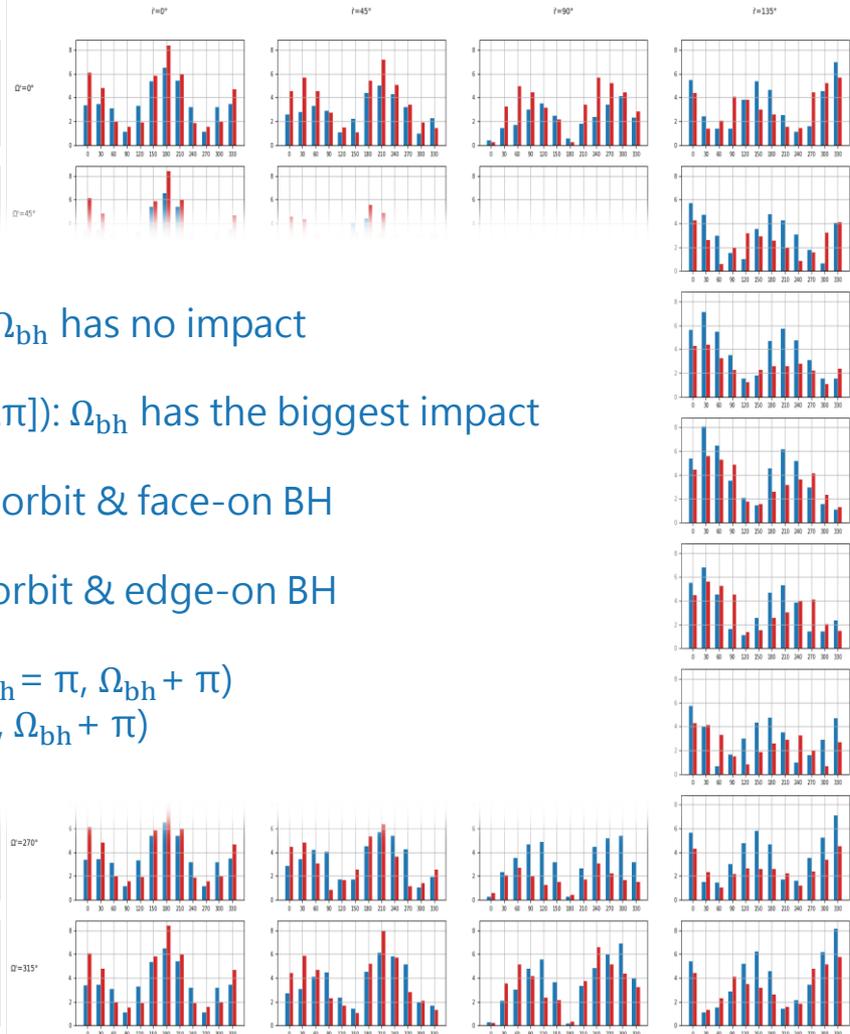
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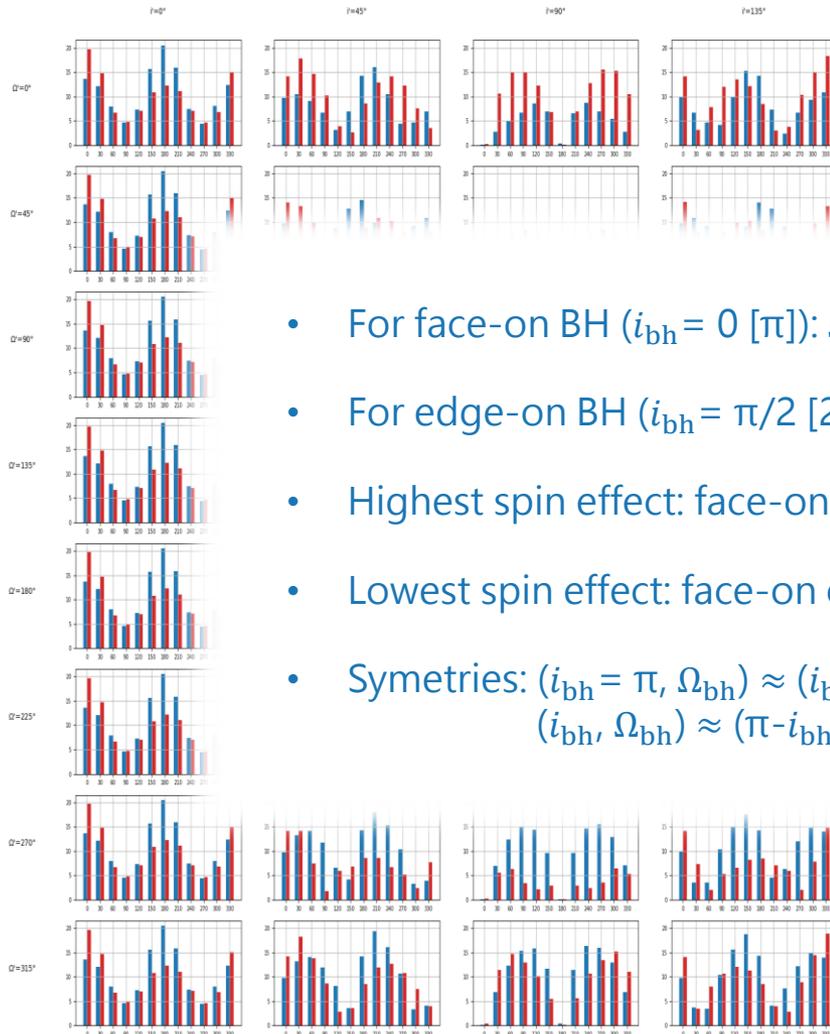
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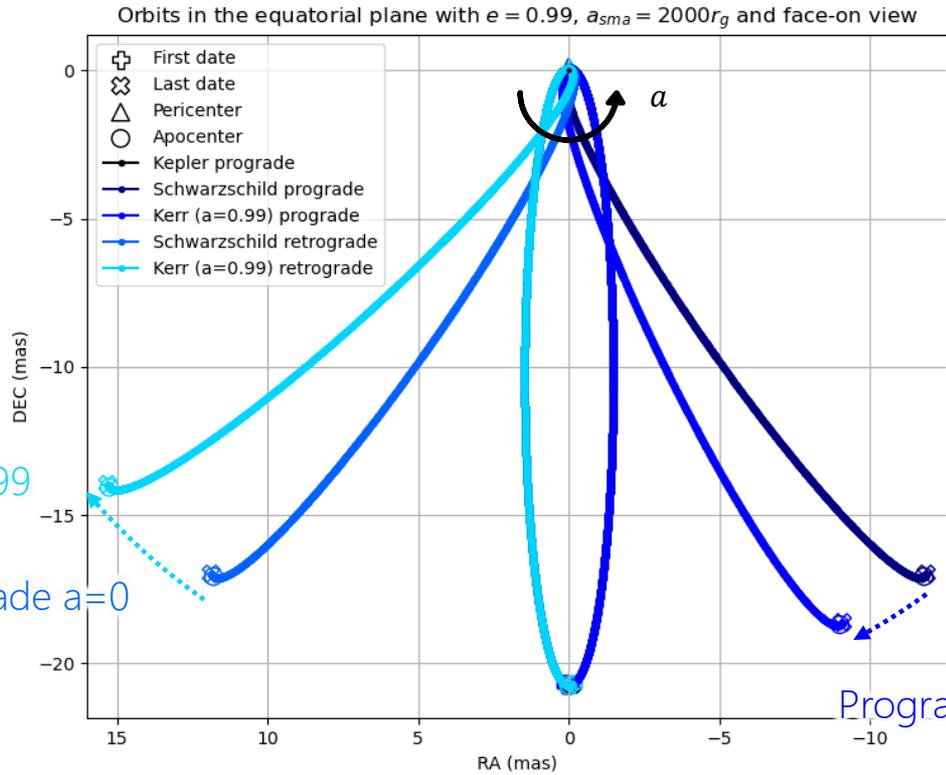
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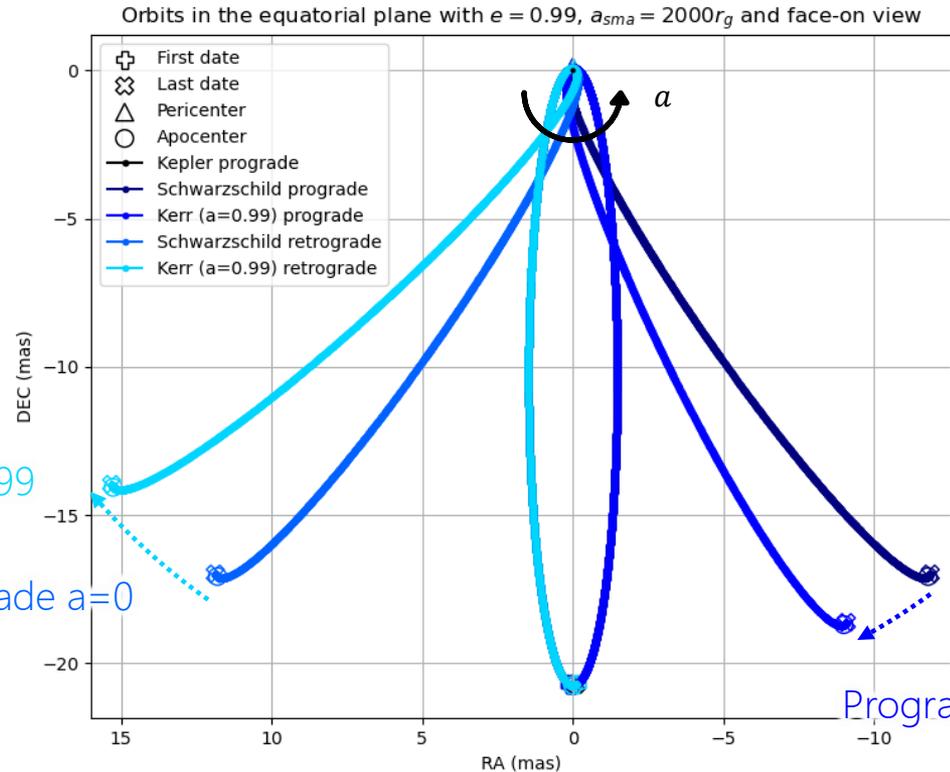
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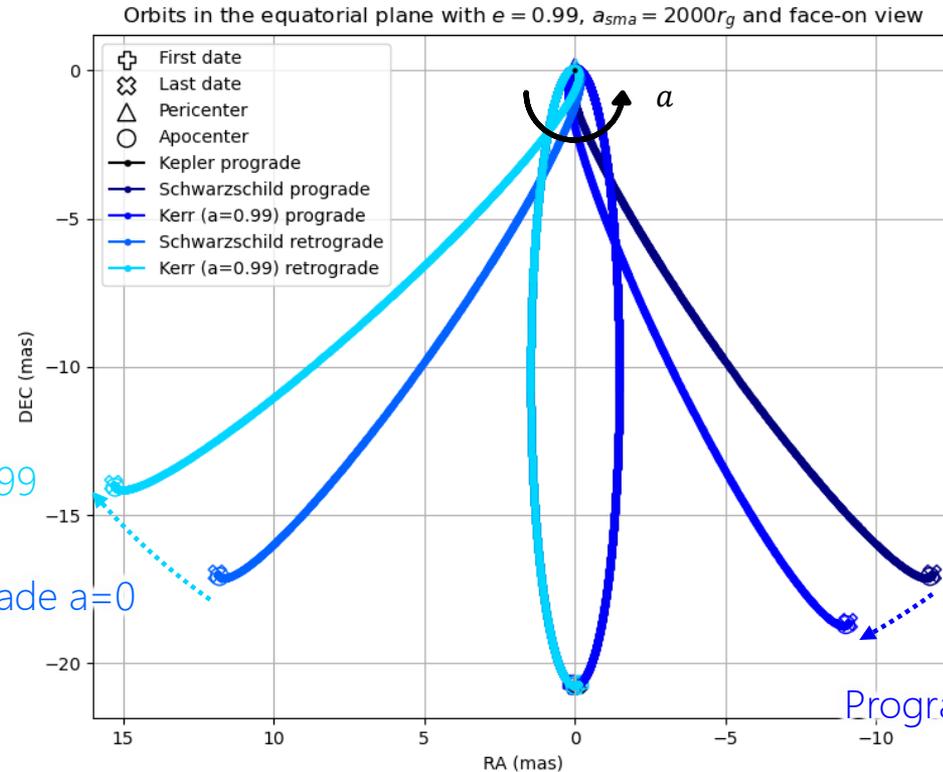


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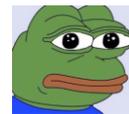
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↳ Suspected the quadrupole moment to be responsible → Computed the theoretical expression of the secular shift of orbital parameters induced by the spin and quadrupole moment

$$\chi = J \frac{c}{GM_\bullet^2} \quad (31) \quad T_{Sch} = \mathbf{a}_{Sch} \cdot \mathbf{n}_{orb} = \quad (45)$$

$$Q = -\frac{1}{c^2} \frac{J^2}{M_\bullet} = -\frac{G^2 M_\bullet^2}{c^4} \chi^2 \quad (32) \quad T_\chi = \mathbf{a}_\chi \cdot \mathbf{n}_{orb} = -2 \frac{(Gm)^{5/2}}{c^3 p^{7/2}} e \sin f (1 + e \cos f)^3 \cos \theta \chi \quad (46)$$

$$\mathbf{v} = v_r \mathbf{n}_{orb} + v_t \mathbf{m}_{orb} \quad (33) \quad T_Q = \mathbf{a}_Q \cdot \mathbf{n}_{orb} = 3 \frac{G^3 m^3}{c^4 p^4} (1 + e \cos f)^4 \sin^2 \theta \cos(\beta - u) \sin(\beta - u) \chi^2 \quad (47)$$

$$v_r = \frac{Gm}{p} e \sin f, \quad v_t = \frac{Gm}{p} (1 + e \cos f), \quad p = a_{sma}(1 - e^2) \quad (34) \quad W_{Sch} = \mathbf{a}_{Sch} \cdot \mathbf{z}_{orb} = 0$$

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$$\dot{\mathbf{r}} = -\frac{Gm}{r^2} \mathbf{n}_{orb} + \mathbf{a}_{PN} \quad (38) \quad \Delta\omega = \Delta\omega_{Sch} + \Delta\omega_\chi + \Delta\omega_Q \quad (49)$$

$$r = |\mathbf{r}| = \frac{p}{1 + e \cos f} \quad (39) \quad \Delta\Omega = \Delta\Omega_\chi + \Delta\Omega_Q \quad (50)$$

$$\mathbf{a}_{PN} \approx \mathbf{a}_{2PN} = \mathbf{a}_{Sch} + \mathbf{a}_\chi + \mathbf{a}_Q \quad (40) \quad \Delta i = \Delta i_\chi + \Delta i_Q \quad (51)$$

$$\mathbf{a}_{Sch} = \frac{Gm}{c^2 r^2} \mathbf{n}_{orb} (4 \frac{Gm}{r} - v^2) + 4 \frac{Gm v_r}{c^2 r^2} \mathbf{v} \quad (41) \quad \Delta\omega_{Sch} = \frac{6\pi Gm}{c^2 a_{sma} (1 - e^2)} \quad (52)$$

$$\mathbf{a}_\chi = -2 \frac{G^2 m^2}{c^3 p^3} \chi \mathbf{v} \times [-\mathbf{z}_{bh} + 3(\mathbf{n}_{orb} \cdot \mathbf{z}_{bh}) \mathbf{n}_{orb}] \quad (42) \quad \Delta\omega_\chi = -\frac{4\pi}{c^3} \left[ \frac{Gm}{a_{sma} (1 - e^2)} \right]^{3/2} (2 \cos \theta + \cot i \sin \theta \sin \beta) \chi \quad (53)$$

$$= -2 \frac{G^2 m^2}{c^3 p^3} \chi [2\mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{z}_{bh} - 3(\mathbf{n}_{orb} \cdot \mathbf{v}) \mathbf{n}_{orb} \times \mathbf{z}_{bh} - 3\mathbf{n}_{orb} (\mathbf{n}_{orb} \times \mathbf{v}) \cdot \mathbf{z}_{bh}] \quad (43) \quad \Delta\omega_Q = \frac{3\pi}{2c^4} \left[ \frac{Gm}{a_{sma} (1 - e^2)} \right]^2 (1 - 3 \cos^2 \theta - 2 \cot i \cos \theta \sin \theta \sin \beta) \chi^2 \quad (54)$$

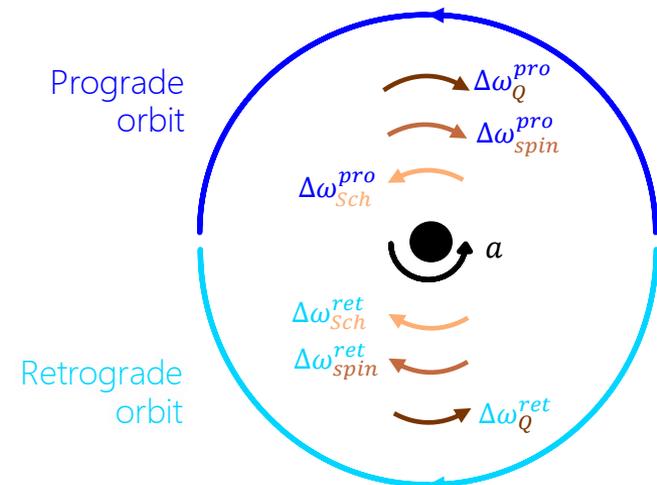
$$\mathbf{a}_Q = -\frac{3G^3 m^3}{2c^4 p^4} \chi^2 (5\mathbf{n}_{orb} (\mathbf{n}_{orb} \cdot \mathbf{z}_{bh})^2 - 2(\mathbf{n}_{orb} \cdot \mathbf{z}_{bh}) \mathbf{z}_{bh} - \mathbf{n}_{orb}) \quad (44) \quad \Delta i_\chi = \frac{4\pi}{c^3} \left[ \frac{Gm}{a_{sma} (1 - e^2)} \right]^{3/2} \sin \theta \cos \beta \chi \quad (55)$$

$$S_{Sch} = \mathbf{a}_{Sch} \cdot \mathbf{n}_{orb} \quad (45) \quad \Delta i_Q = \frac{3\pi}{c^4} \left[ \frac{Gm}{a_{sma} (1 - e^2)} \right]^2 \cos \theta \sin \theta \cos \beta \chi^2 \quad (56)$$

$$S_\chi = \mathbf{a}_\chi \cdot \mathbf{n}_{orb} = 2 \frac{(Gm)^{5/2}}{c^3 p^{7/2}} (1 + e \cos f)^4 \cos \theta \chi \quad (46) \quad \Delta\Omega_\chi = \frac{4\pi}{c^3} \left[ \frac{Gm}{a_{sma} (1 - e^2)} \right]^{3/2} \frac{\sin \theta \sin \beta}{\sin i} \chi \quad (57)$$

$$S_Q = \mathbf{a}_Q \cdot \mathbf{n}_{orb} = \frac{3G^3 m^3}{2c^4 p^4} (1 + e \cos f)^4 (1 - 3 \sin^2 \theta \cos^2(\beta - u)) \chi^2 \quad (47) \quad \Delta\Omega_Q = \frac{3\pi}{c^4} \left[ \frac{Gm}{a_{sma} (1 - e^2)} \right]^2 \frac{\cos \theta \sin \theta \sin \beta}{\sin i} \chi^2 \quad (58)$$

$$\Delta\sigma_\chi = -\frac{8\pi}{c^3} \left[ \frac{Gm}{a_{sma} (1 - e^2)} \right]^{3/2} \cos \theta \chi \quad (49) \quad \Delta\sigma_Q = \frac{3\pi}{2c^4} \left[ \frac{Gm}{a_{sma} (1 - e^2)} \right]^2 (1 - 3 \cos^2 \theta) \chi^2 \quad (50)$$



- An Anticlockwise spin induces a clockwise pericenter advance
- Quadrupole moment is responsible for the difference between prograde and retrograde secular shifts
- Prograde shift > Retrograde shift, not the opposite!



Spin effects  
on different  
S stars

Acomplished  
Work

Development of  
the 1.5PN,  
 $GR_{proj}$  & 2PN $Q$   
models

Orbit fitting  
for spin  
detectability

Confrontation  
of the results in  
KerrKS and  
KerrBL

Thank you for your attention

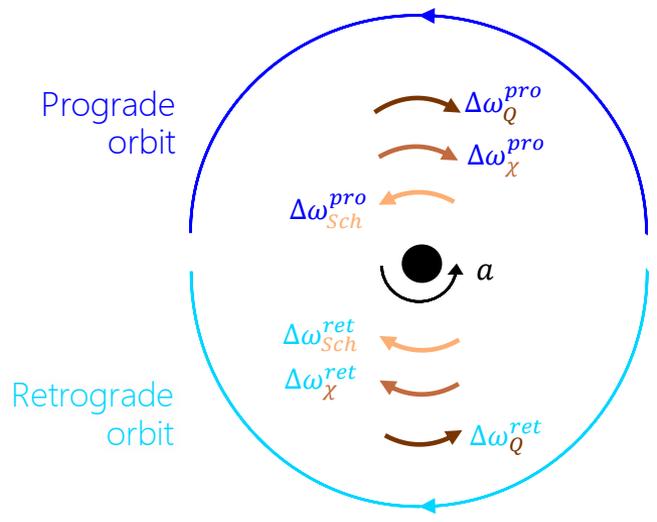
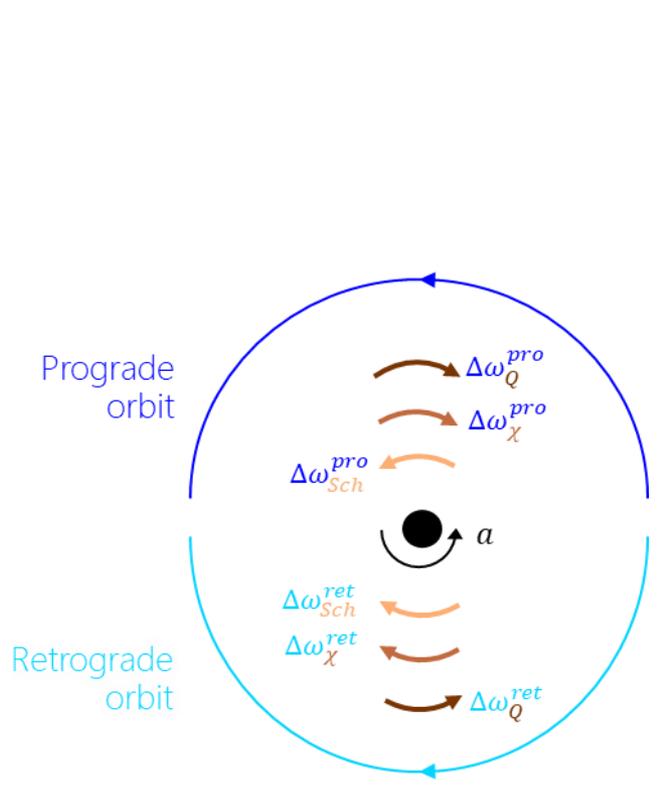
Galactic center  
and different  
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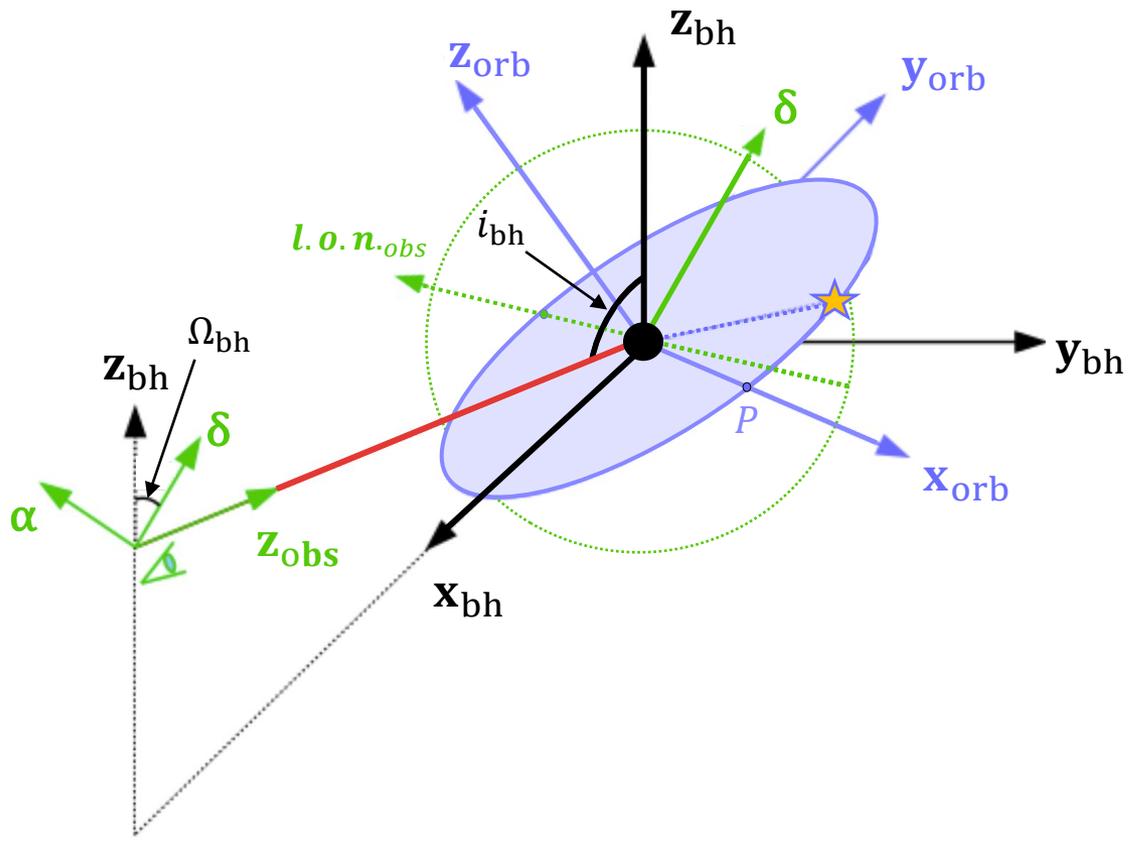
Astrometry  
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spectroscopy

Fitting mock  
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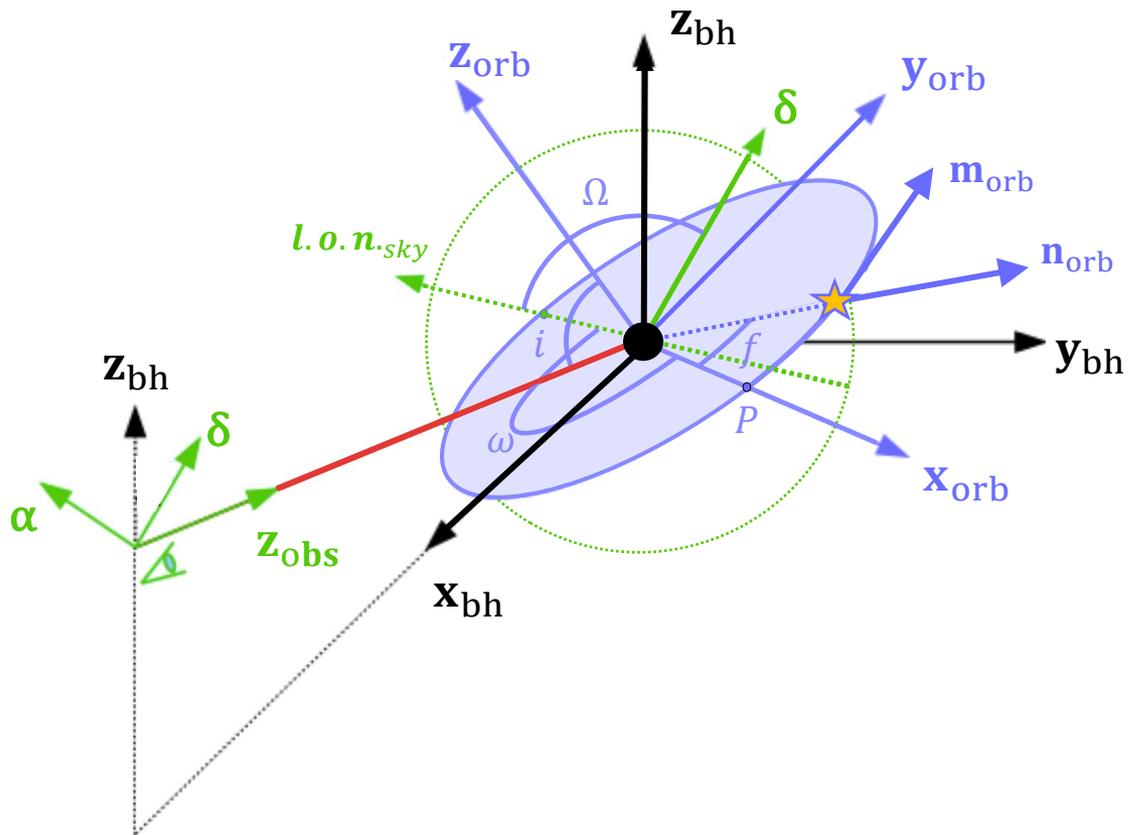
Acquired  
Knowledge

Relativistic  
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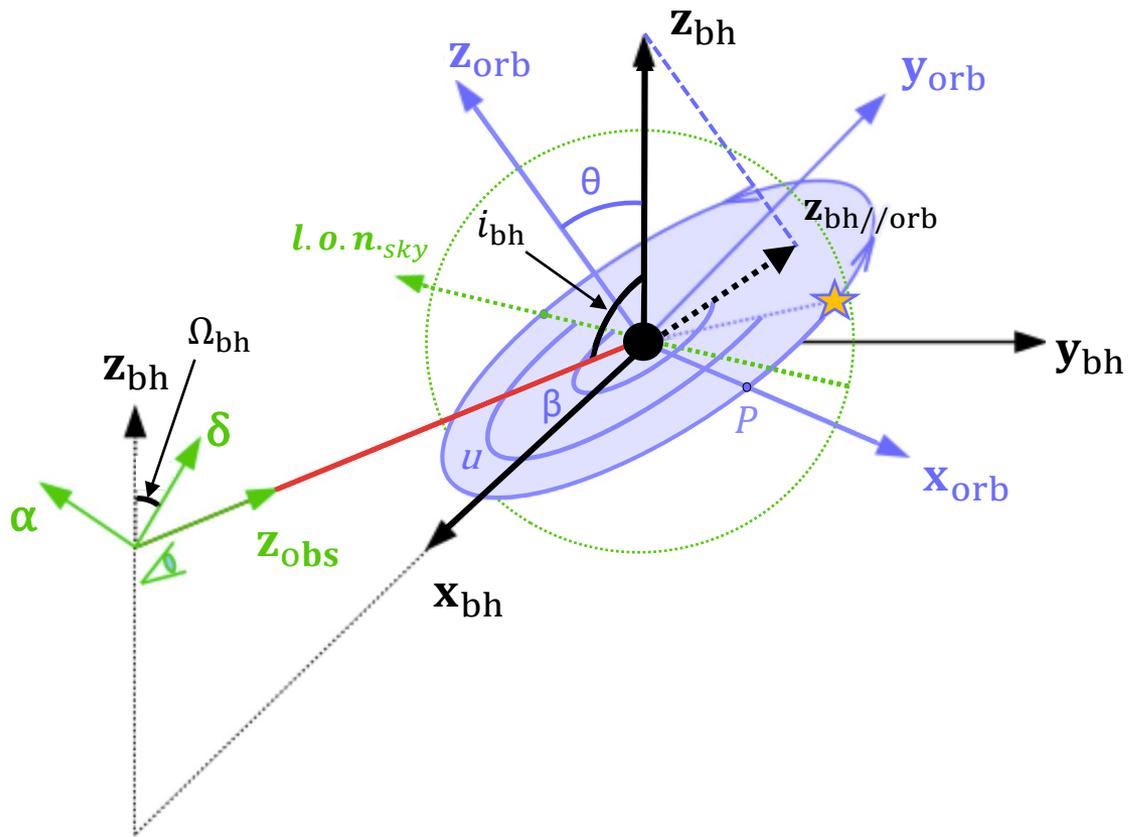


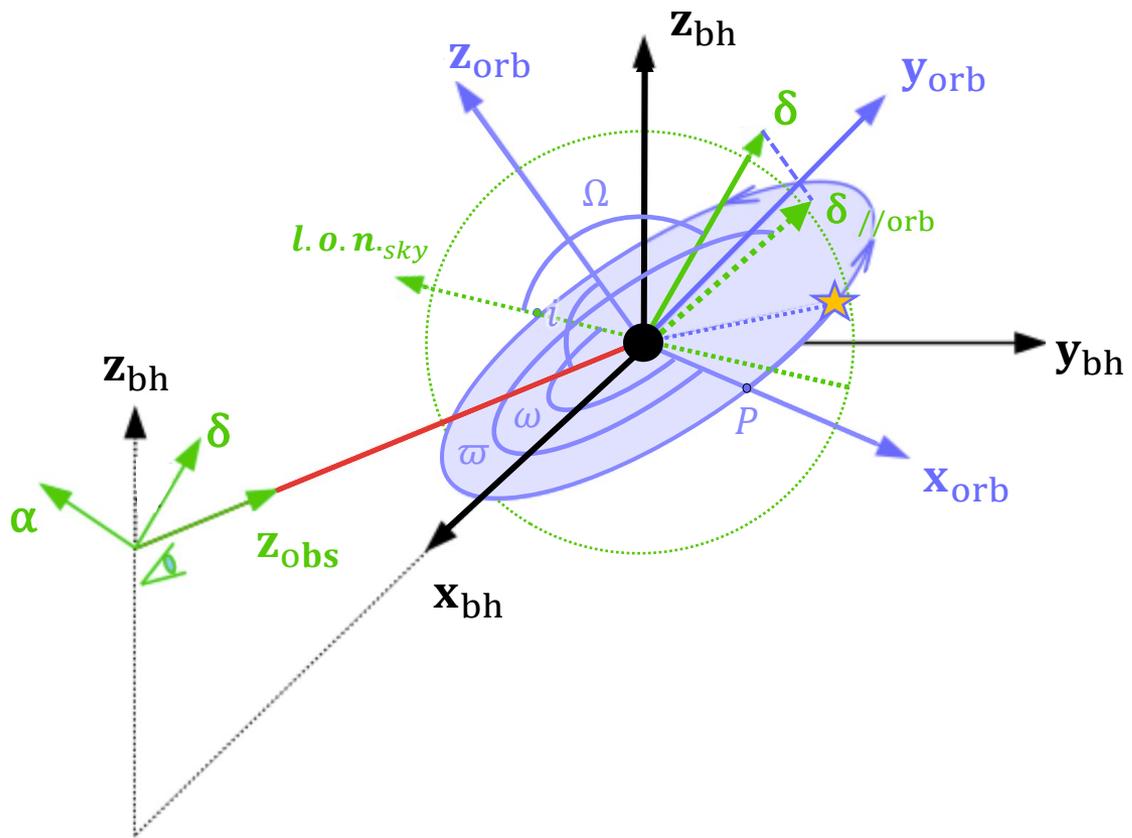








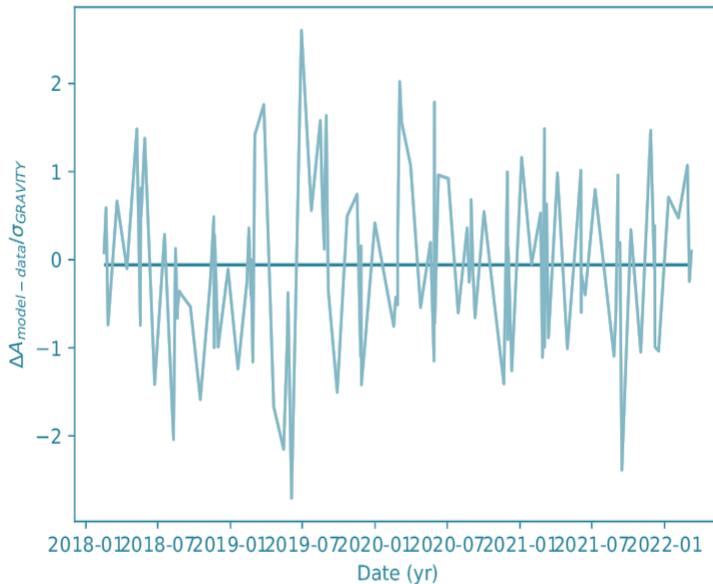




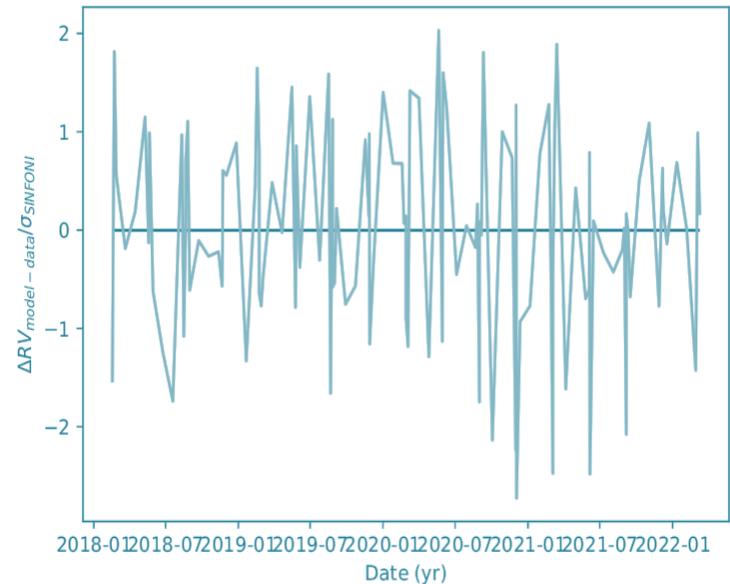
Using the faster  
GR\_proj model

## ORBIT FITTING OF S2/10 WITH FIXED ZERO SPIN

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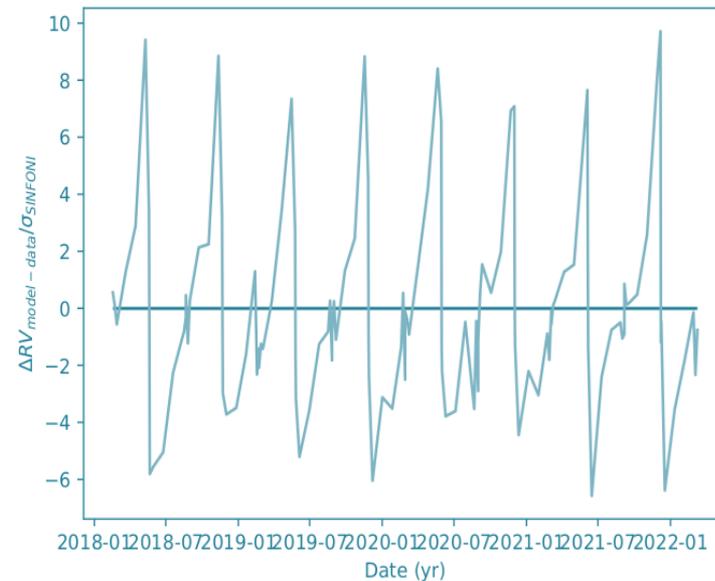
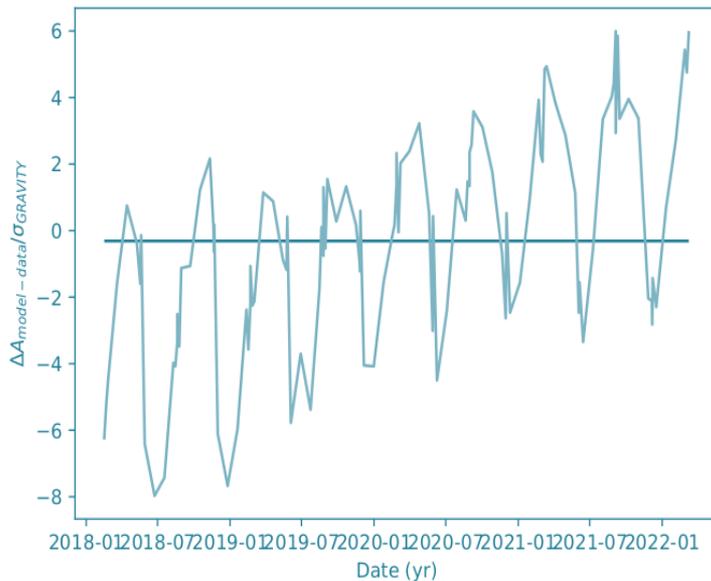


Good orbit fitting of the mock data



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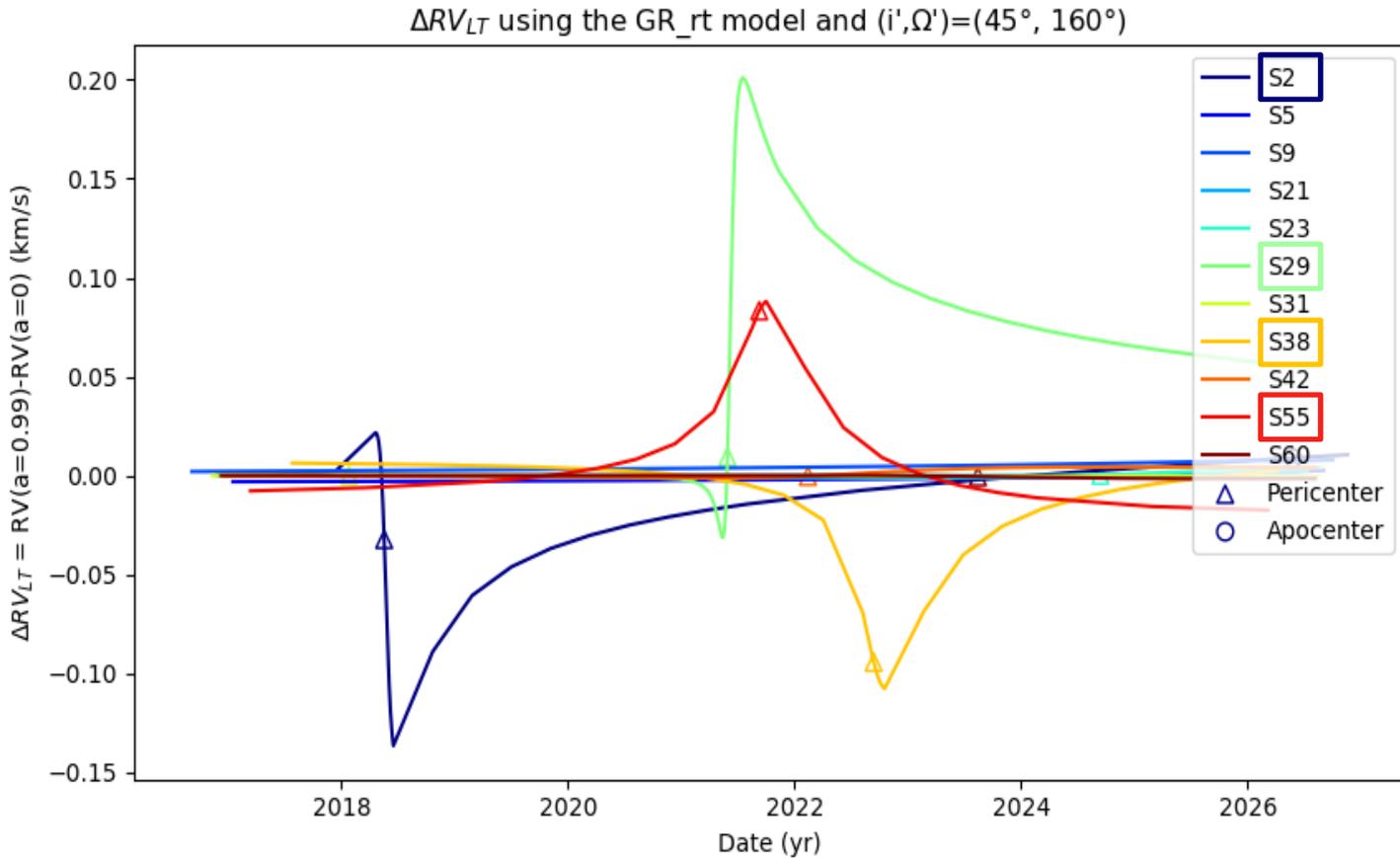
$$\chi_r^2 = 13.00 \pm 0.08$$



Very poor orbit fitting of the mock data



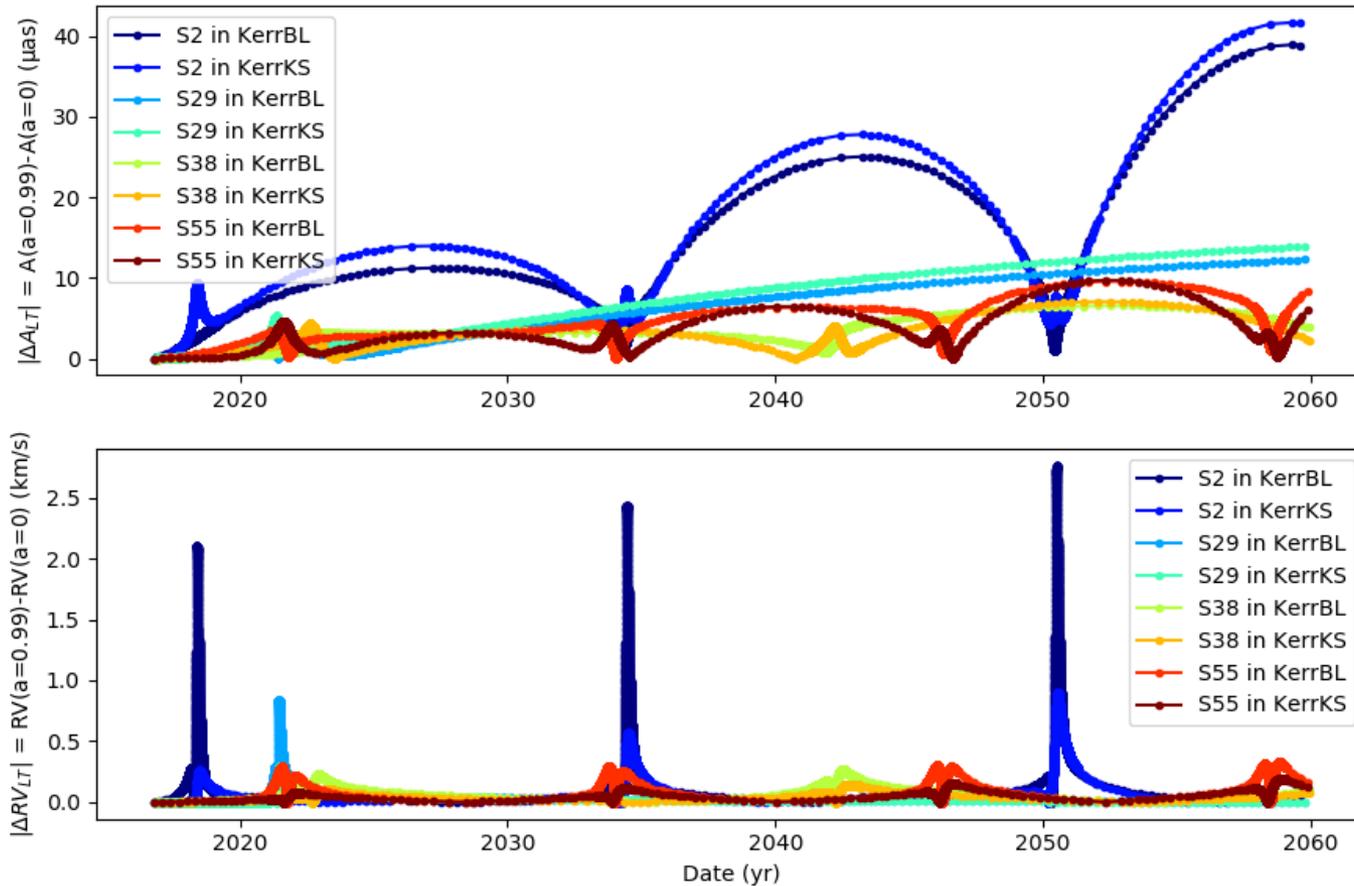
Plotting the effects of the spin on radial velocity on our selection of S stars:





The Kerr-Schild (KerrKS) and Boyer Lindquist (KerrBL) coordinate systems give different results for the same set of initial condition

$\Delta A_{LT}/\sigma_A$  and  $\Delta RV_{LT}/\sigma_{RV}$  using the GR\_cd model and  $(a, i', \Omega') = (45^\circ, 160^\circ)$



Before

Set of nominal set of initial conditions



Comparing the spin effect of the KerrKS and KerrBL coordinates (**different orbits**)

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After

Set of nominal set of initial conditions



2 curve fits with free orbital parameters: 1 with KerrKS and 1 with KerrBL fitting



KerrKS orbital parameters  
forming the **KerrKS orbit**



KerrBL orbital parameters  
forming the **KerrBL orbit**

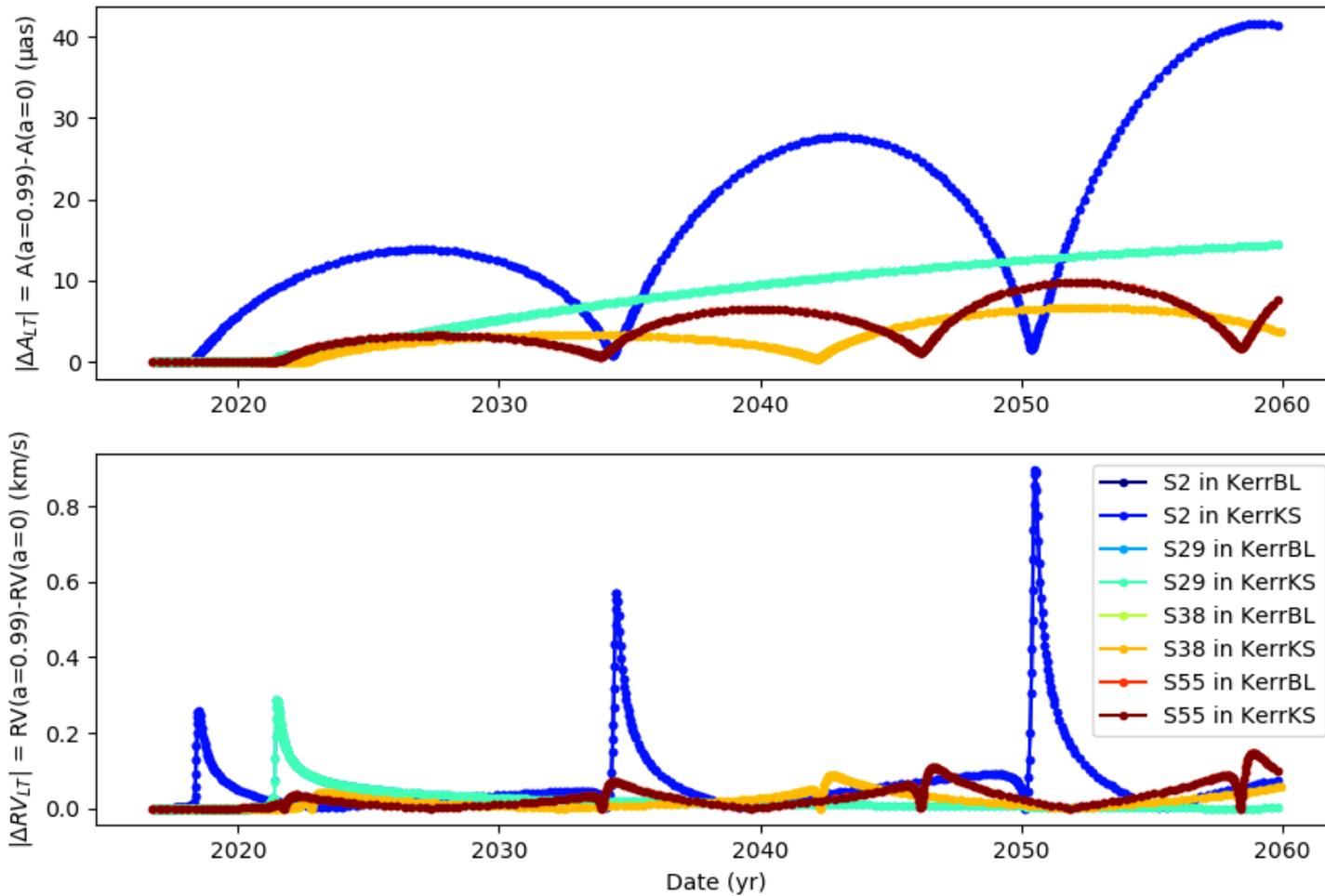


+ Removing unnecessary  
transformations and  
cleaning the code

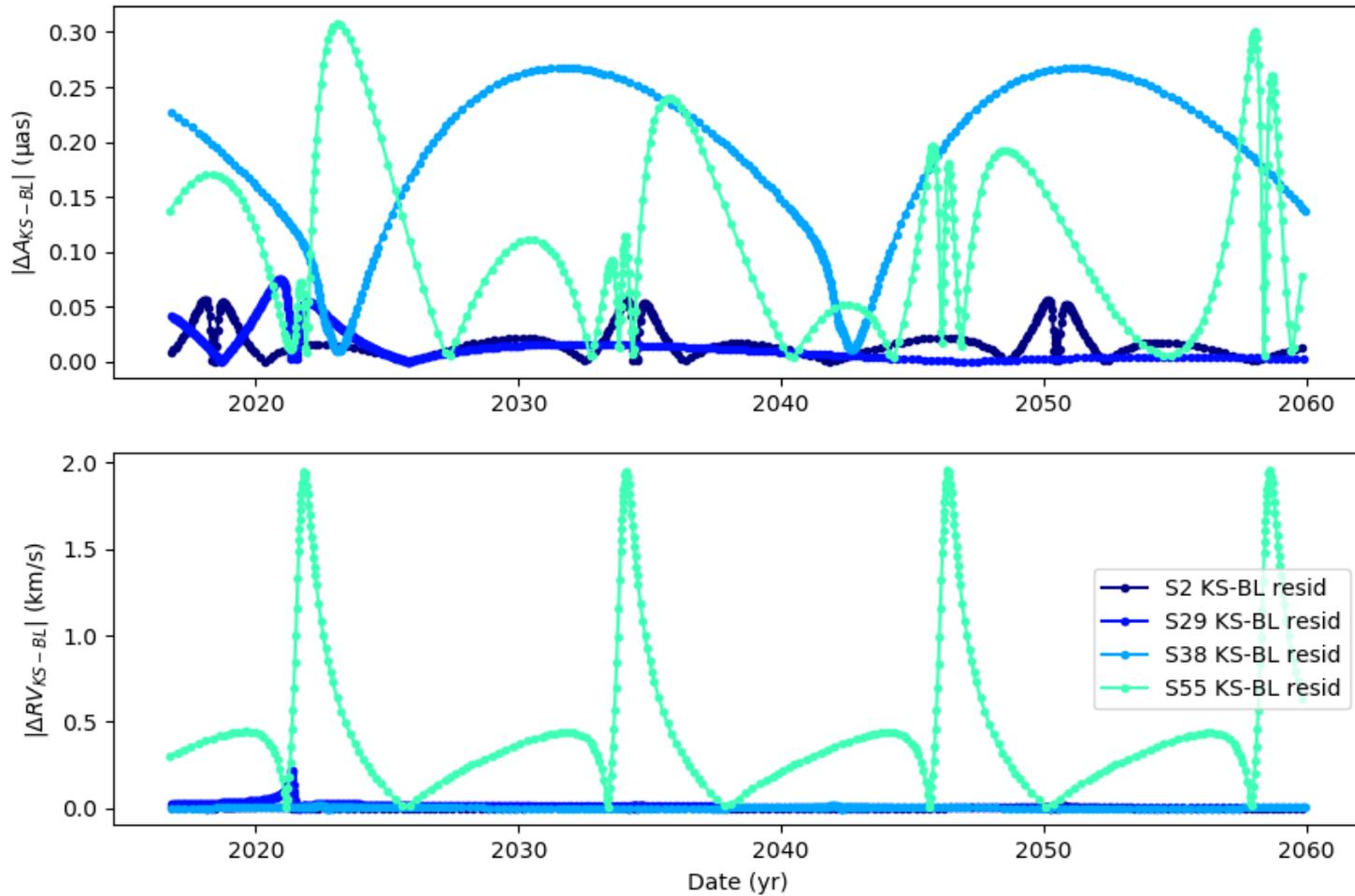


Comparing the spin effect of the KerrKS and KerrBL coordinates (**approximately same orbits**)

$|\Delta A_{LT}|$  and  $|\Delta RV_{LT}|$  using the GR\_cd model and  $(a, i', \Omega') = (45^\circ, 160^\circ)$



A and RV using the GR\_cd model and  $(a, i', \Omega') = (0.0, 45^\circ, 160^\circ)$



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# RELATIVISTIC EFFECTS IN THE VICINITY OF SGR A\*

Roemer Effect

Kepler / Minkowski

On the photon trajectory

Schwarzschild Precession

Schwarzschild

On the star's trajectory

Shapiro Effect

Schwarzschild / Kerr

On the photon trajectory

Relativistic Redshifts

Schwarzschild / Kerr

On the photon trajectory

Gravitational Lensing

Schwarzschild / Kerr

On the photon trajectory

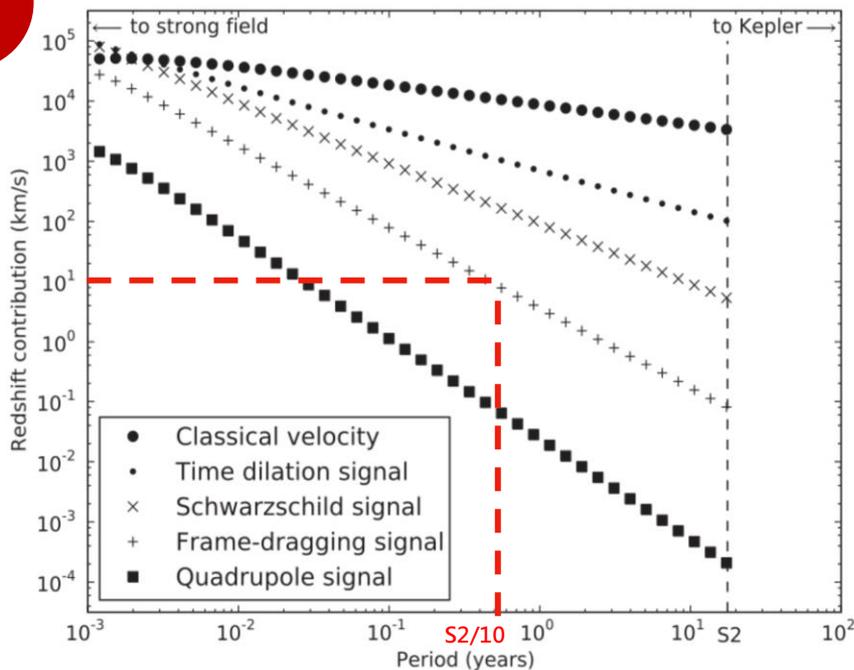
Lense-Thirring Effect

Kerr

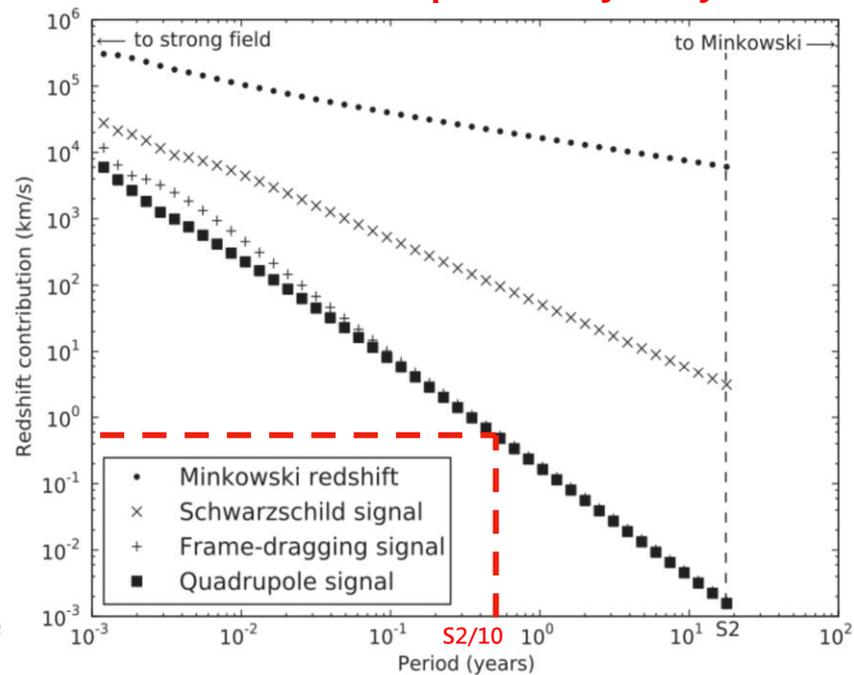
On the star's trajectory

Angéil  
et al.

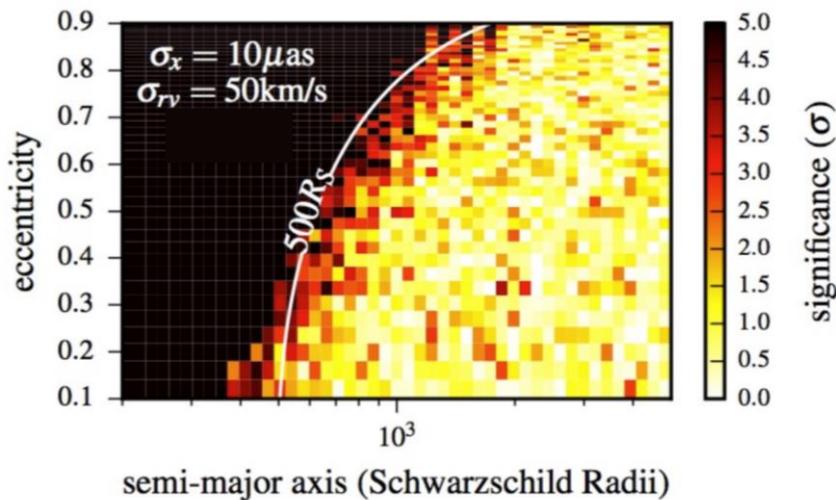
### Effects on the orbit of the star



### Effects on the photon trajectory



Waisberg  
et al.

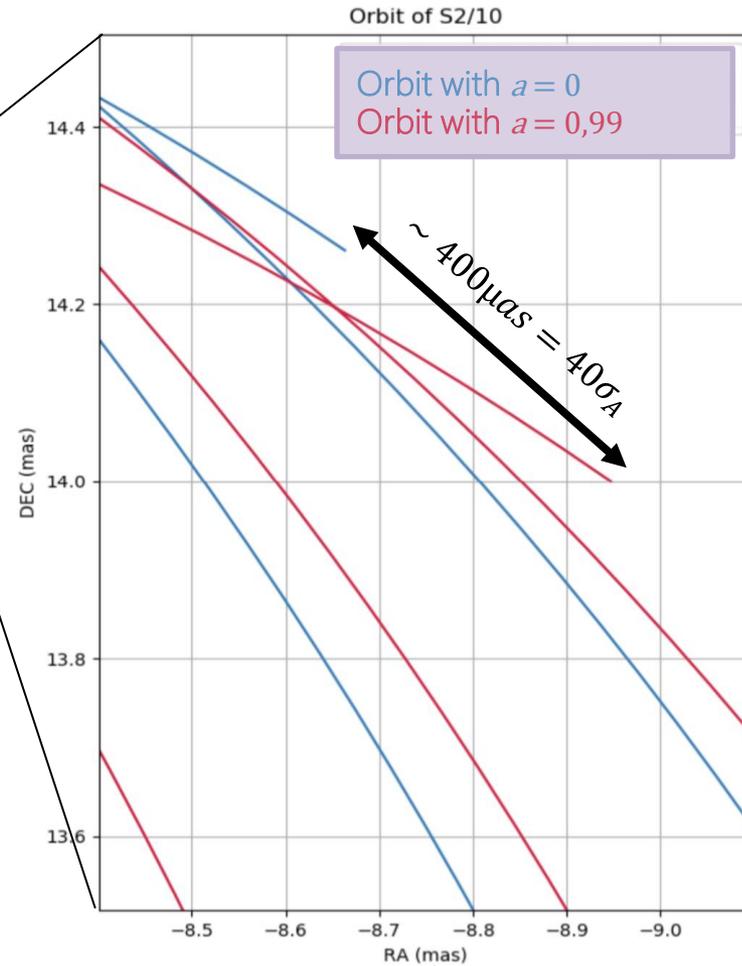
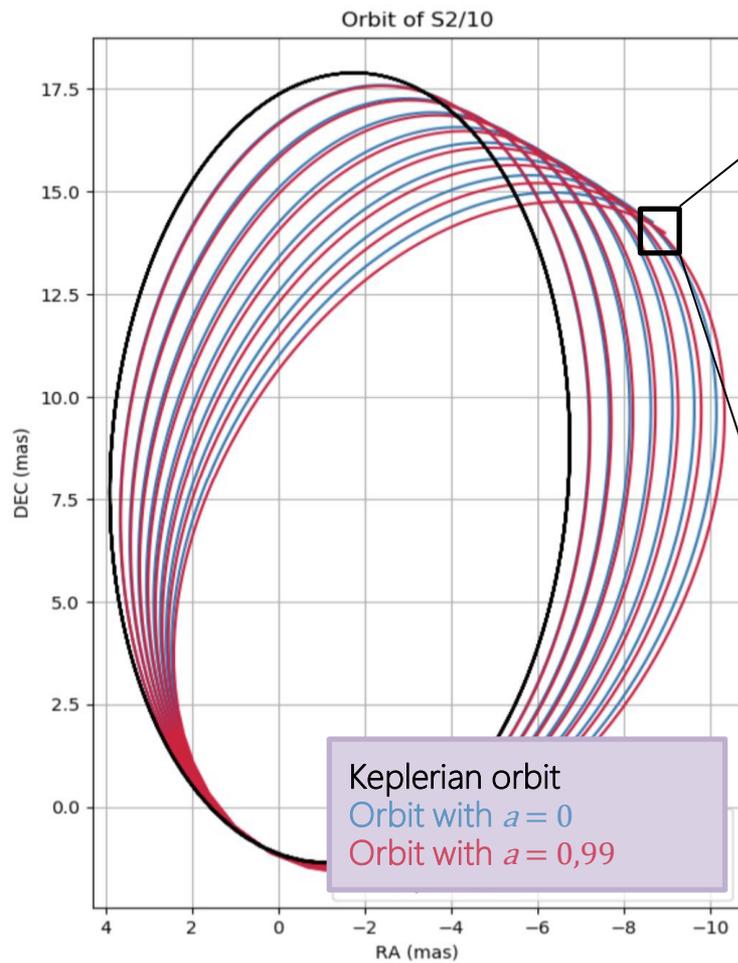


Realistic observation campaign:

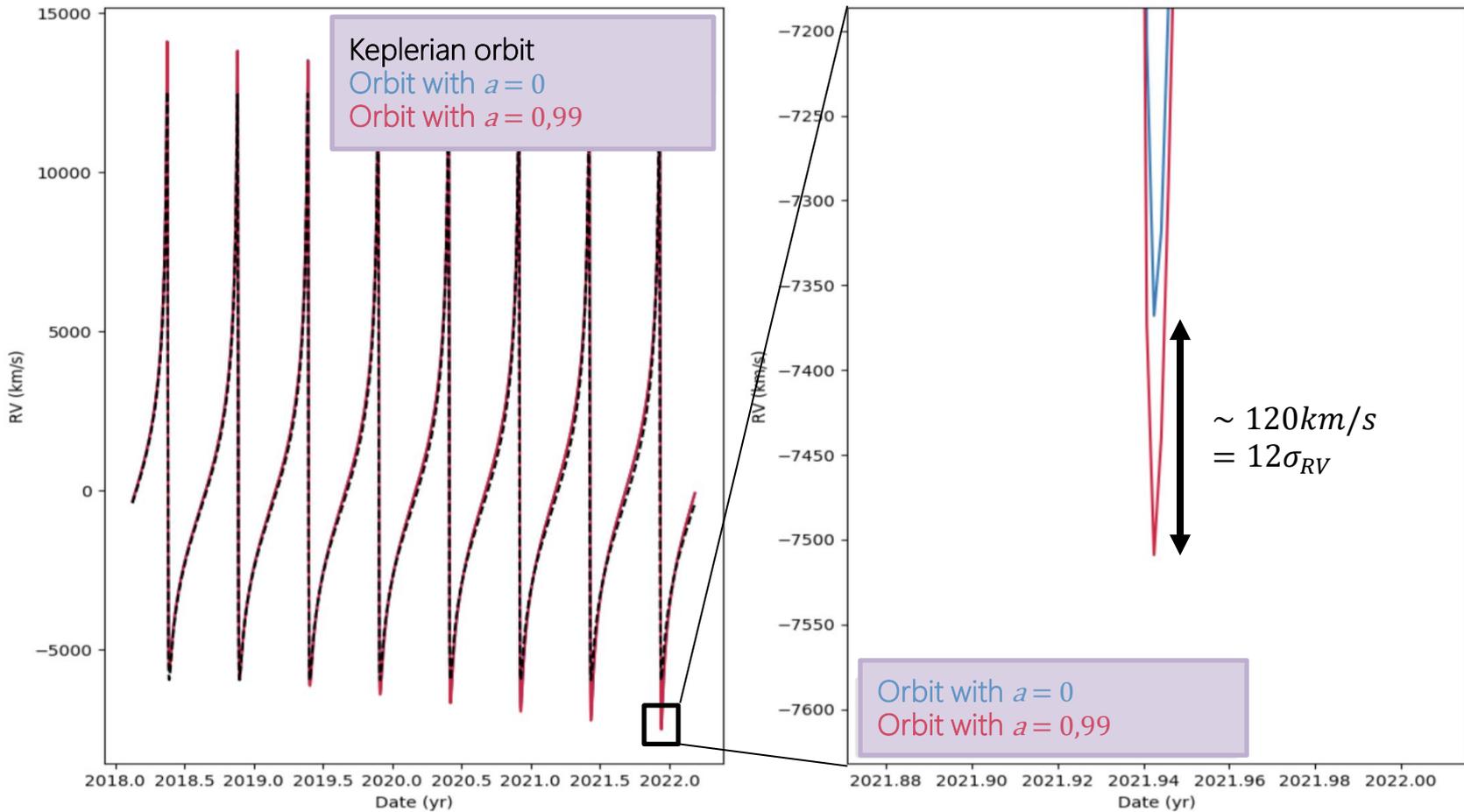
N=120 observations over 4 years

Black area → Spin can be detected

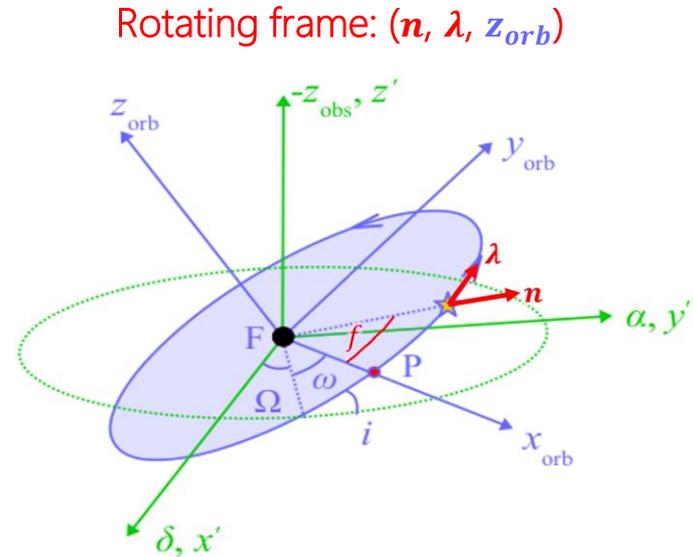
# SPIN EFFECTS ON THE ASTROMETRIC MEASUREMENTS OF S2/10



# SPIN EFFECTS ON THE SPECTROSCOPIC MEASUREMENTS OF S2/10



# Development of the 1.5PN model



With  $f$  the true anomaly, let:

$$\xi = \frac{G^2 m^2}{c^3} \sqrt{\frac{Gm}{p}} \left( \frac{1 + e \cos f}{p} \right)^3 a$$

We write the perturbation to the Keplerian problem as\*:  $\mathbf{a}_{p, spin} = S\mathbf{n} + T\boldsymbol{\lambda} + W\mathbf{z}_{orb}$

On  $\mathbf{n}$  axis:  $S = 2\xi (1 + e \cos f) [\cos i \cos i' + \cos(\Omega - \Omega') \sin i \sin i']$

On  $\boldsymbol{\lambda}$  axis:  $T = -2\xi e \sin f [\cos i \cos i' + \cos(\Omega - \Omega') \sin i \sin i']$

On  $\mathbf{z}_{orb}$  axis:  $W = \xi \left[ \left( \sin i \cos i' - \cos i \sin i' \cos(\Omega - \Omega') \right) (e \sin \omega + 4 \sin(f + \omega) + 3e \sin(2f + \omega)) - (e \cos \omega + 4 \cos(f + \omega) + 3e \cos(2f + \omega)) \sin i' \sin(\Omega - \Omega') \right]$

\*: according to Poisson et Will, *Gravity: Newtonian, Post-Newtonian, Relativistic*, 2014

# Development of the GR<sub>proj</sub> model

$$g_{tt}u_{em}^t \gg g_{t\varphi}u_{em}^\varphi$$

Verified approximation  
(factor  $10^4$  at least between the two terms)

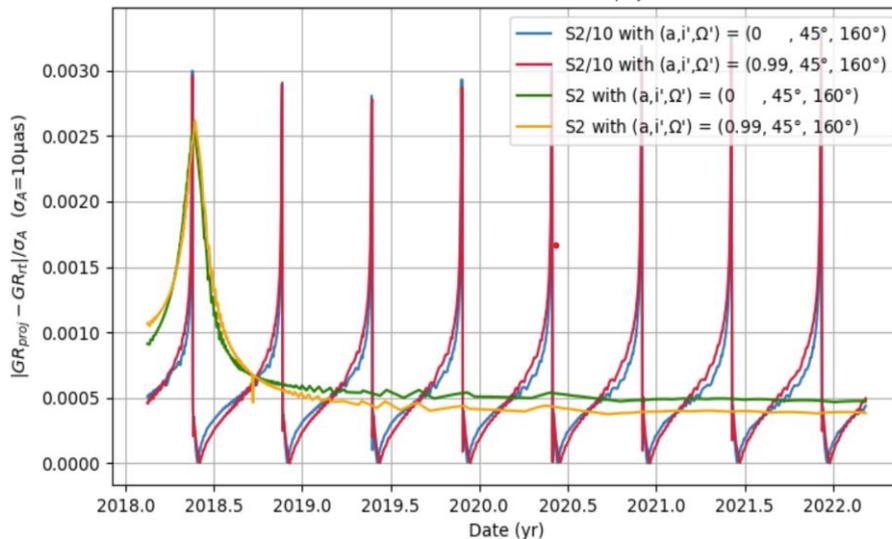
$$\mathcal{Z} \approx \frac{1}{2}\epsilon + \frac{\mathcal{V}_\infty^2}{2} - \mathcal{V}_{rad,flat}$$

With:

$$\epsilon = \frac{2r}{r^2 + a^2 \cos^2 \theta}$$

Runnig time (s) of 8 orbits	GR_rt	GR_proj
S2/10(a=0)	41.4131805896759	7.1126415729522705
S2/10(a=1)	43.61038303375244	7.116910457611084
S2(a=0)	54.38659143447876	7.016649961471558
S2(a=1)	54.38659143447876	7.016649961471558

Astrometric residuals of the GR<sub>proj</sub> model



Spectroscopic residuals of the GR<sub>proj</sub> model

