

Scattering Amplitude: Theory and Applications Gravitational Waves

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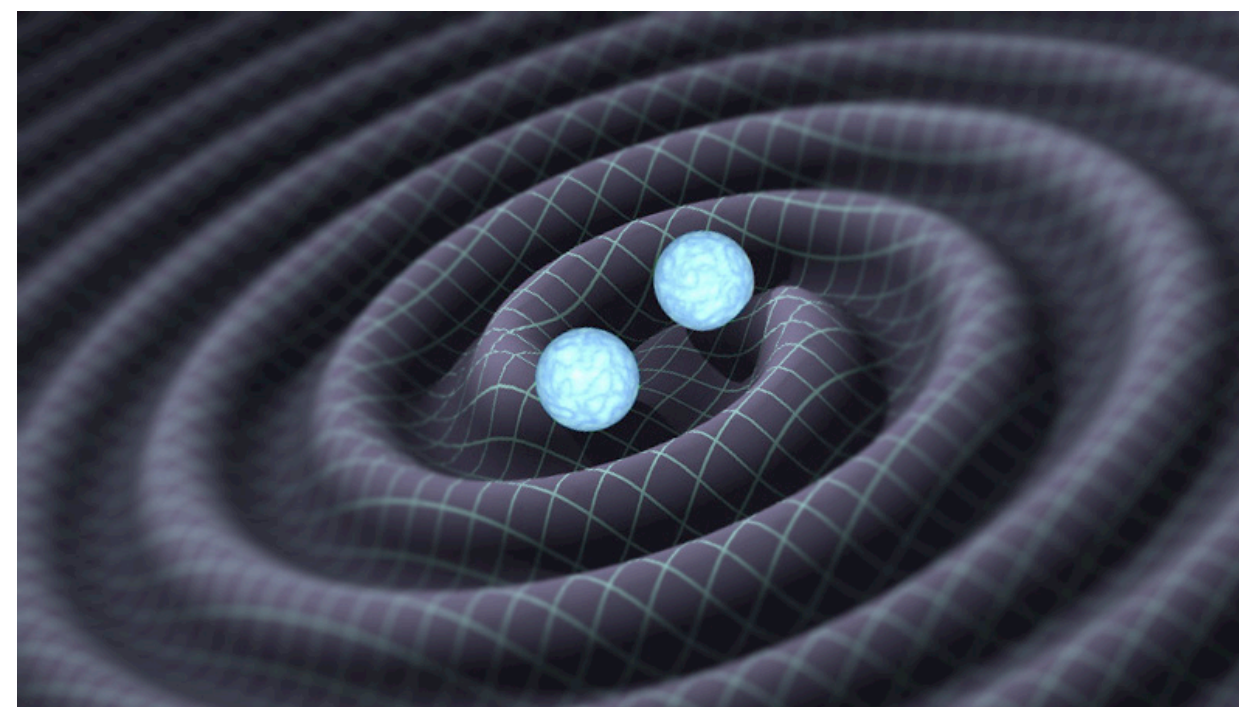
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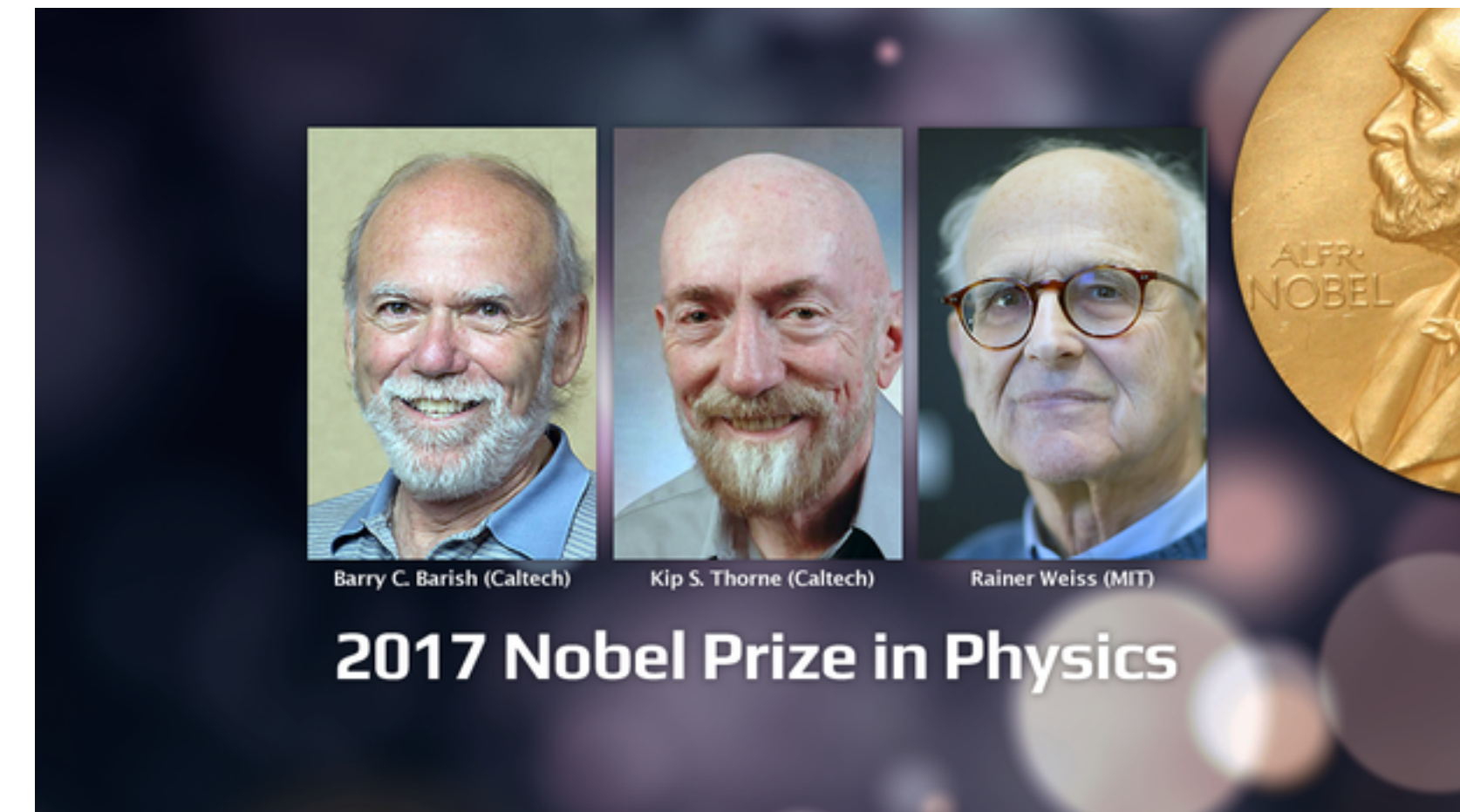
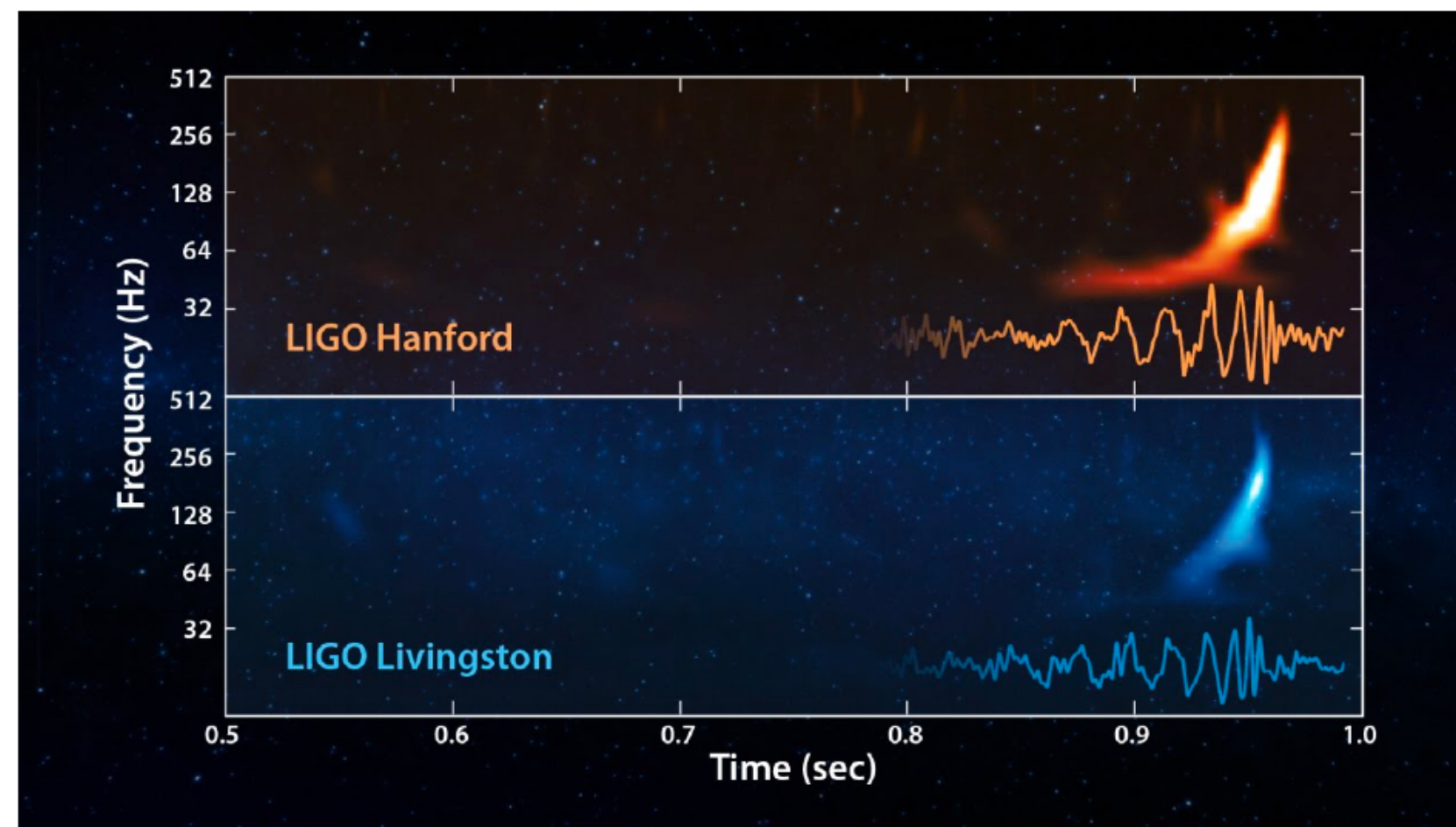
Here we discuss the applications to gravitational-wave physics.

- 1. Overview. What do quantum scattering amplitudes have to do with classical gravitational waves.**
- 2. Brief review of basics.**
- 3. Sample application: High precision gravitational-wave calculations.**
- 4. Conclusions and Outlook.**



Outline

Era of gravitational-wave astronomy has begun.

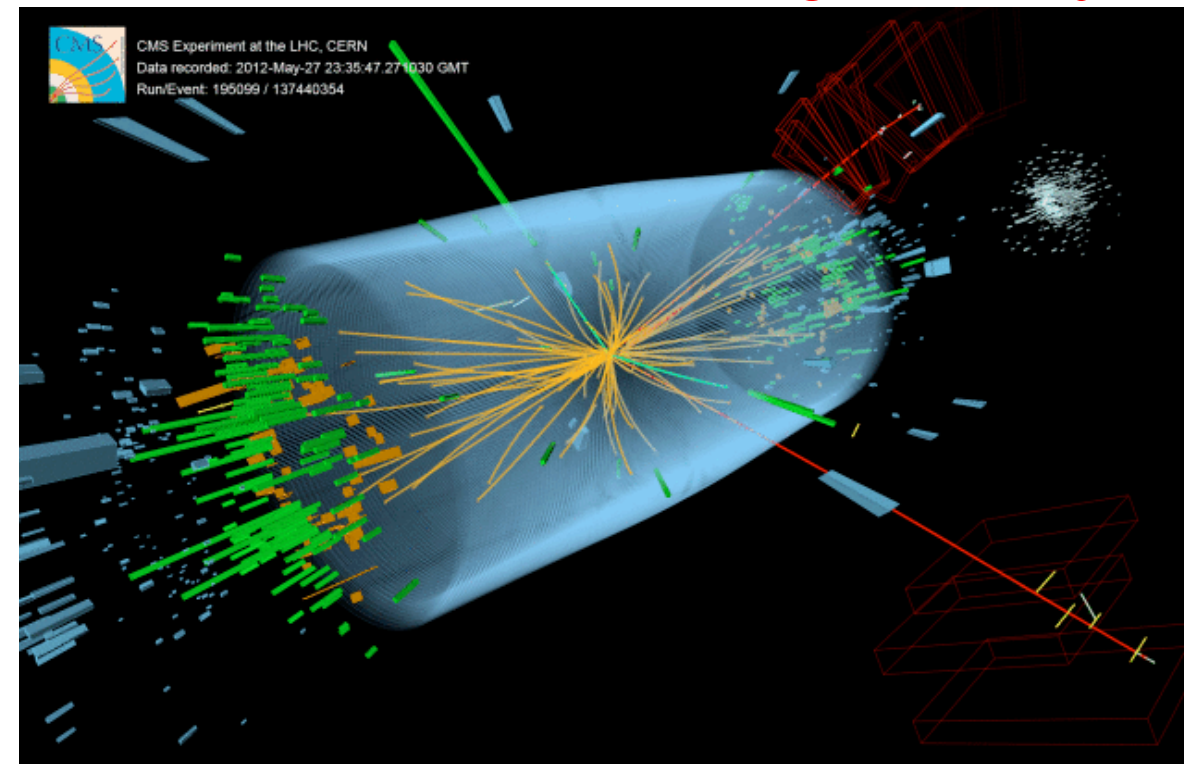


How can we, in the amplitudes community, help out with core mission of gravitational wave detectors ?

Can Scattering Amplitude Help with Gravitational Wave Theory?

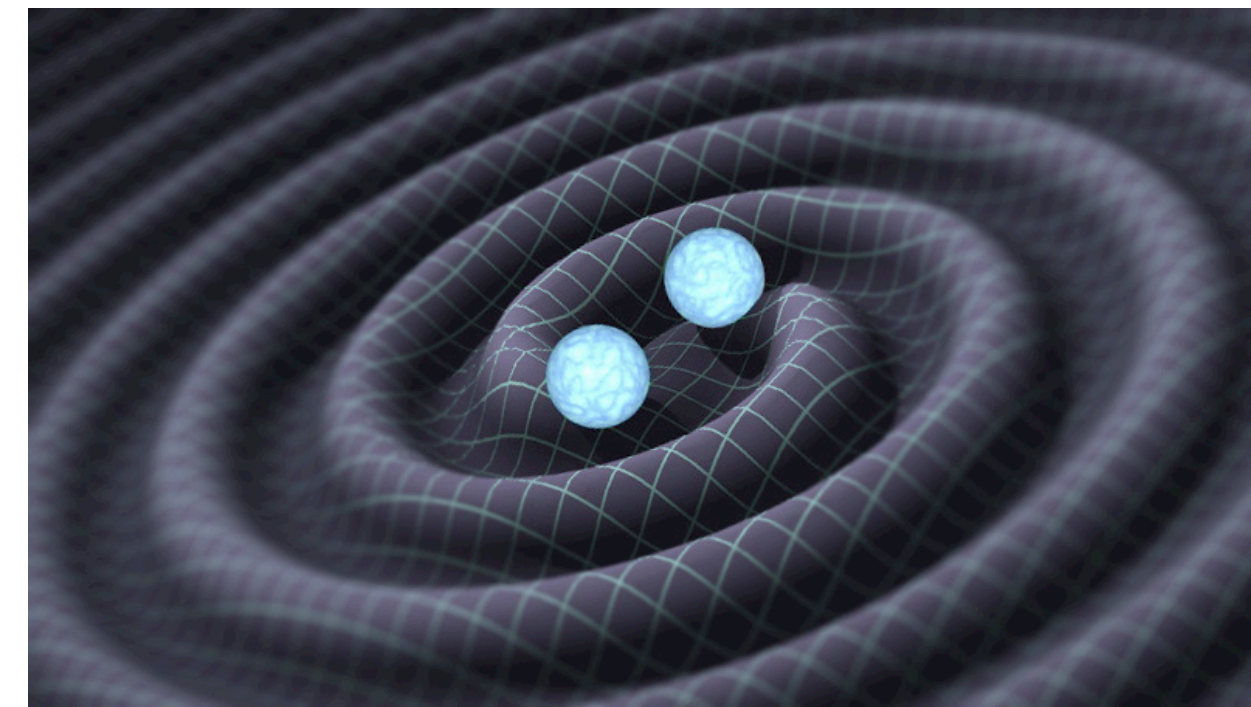
What does particle physics have to do with classical dynamics of astrophysical objects?

unbounded trajectory



**gauge theories, QCD, electroweak
quantum field theory**

bounded orbit



**General Relativity
classical physics**

Black holes and neutron stars are point particles as far as long-wavelength radiation is concerned.

Iwasaki (1971); Goldberger, Rothstein (2006); Vaydia, Foffa, Porto, Rothstein, Sturani; Kol; Bjerrum-Bohr, Donoghue, Holstein, Plante, Pierre Vanhove; Levi, Steinhoff; Vines etc

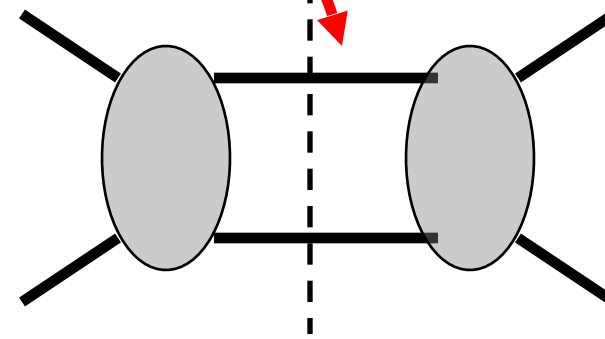
Will explain that scattering amplitudes are well suited for perturbative gravitational wave calculations in post-Minkowskian framework.

From Last Lecture: Generalized Unitarity Method

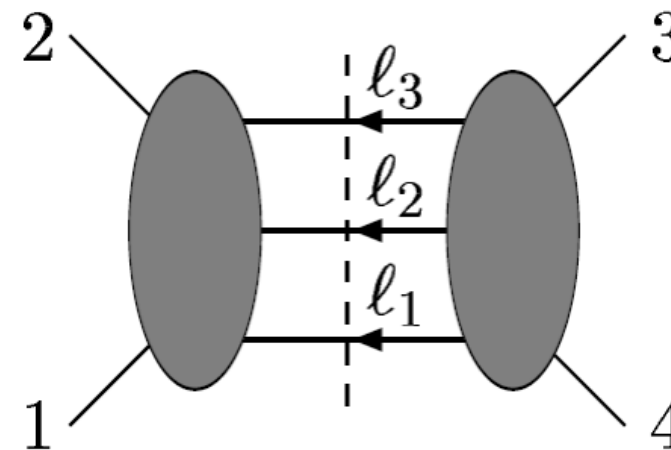
Use tree amplitudes to build higher order (loop) amplitudes.

$$E^2 = \vec{p}^2 + m^2 \leftarrow \text{on-shell}$$

Two-particle cut:



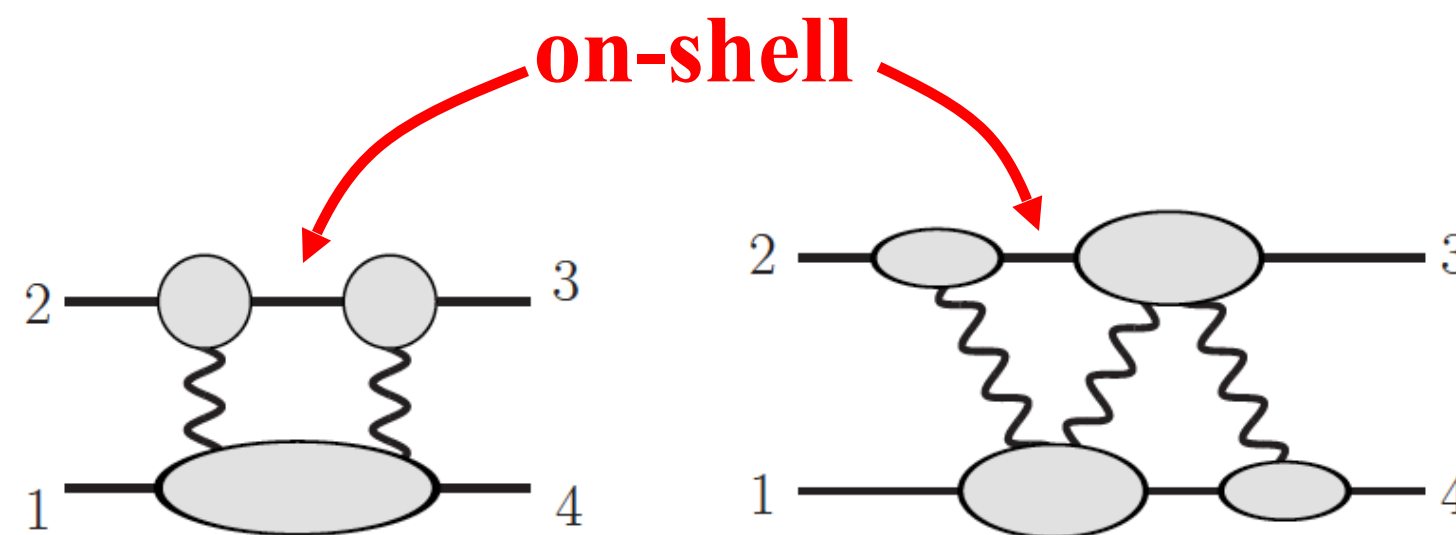
Three-particle cut:



ZB, Dixon, Dunbar and Kosower (1994)

- Systematic assembly of complete loop amplitudes from tree amplitudes.
- Works for any number of particles or loops.

Generalized unitarity as a practical tool for loops.



ZB, Dixon and Kosower;
ZB, Morgan;
Britto, Cachazo, Feng;
Ossala, Pittau, Papadopoulos;
Ellis, Kunszt, Melnikov;
Forde; Badger;
ZB, Carrasco, Johansson, Kosower
and many others

Gravity as a Double copy of Gauge Theory

Kawai, Lewellen, Tye; ZB, Carrasco, Johansson

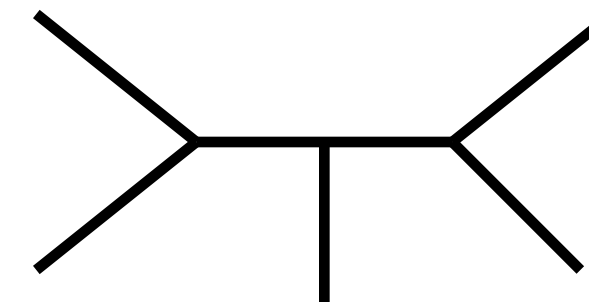


gauge theory (QCD): $\mathcal{A}_n^{\text{tree}} = ig^{n-2} \sum_i \frac{c_i n_i}{D_i}$

color factor c_i
kinematic numerator factor n_i
Feynman propagators D_i

$$c_k = c_i - c_j$$
$$n_k = n_i - n_j$$

$$c_i \rightarrow n_i$$



sum over diagrams
with only 3 vertices

Einstein gravity: $\mathcal{M}_n^{\text{tree}} = i\kappa^{n-2} \sum_i \frac{n_i^2}{D_i}$

$$n_i \sim k_4 \cdot k_5 k_2 \cdot \varepsilon_1 \varepsilon_2 \cdot \varepsilon_3 \varepsilon_4 \cdot \varepsilon_5 + \dots$$

Gravity and gauge theory kinematic numerators are the same!

Same ideas conjectured to hold at loop level.

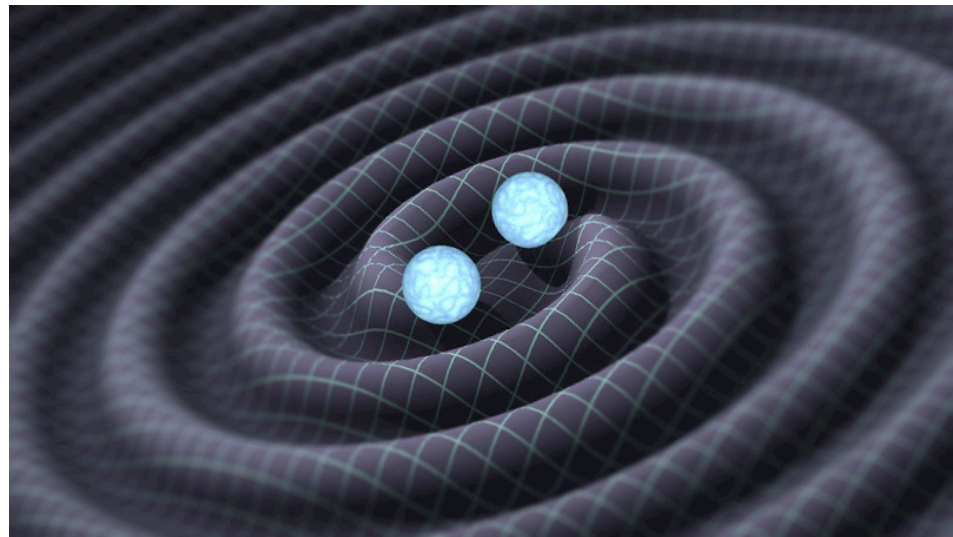
Applications

Examples of Applications:

- **5 loop supergravity to study nonrenormalizability of gravity theories.**

ZB, Carrasco, Chen, Edison, Johansson, Roiban, Parra-Martinez, Zeng (2018)

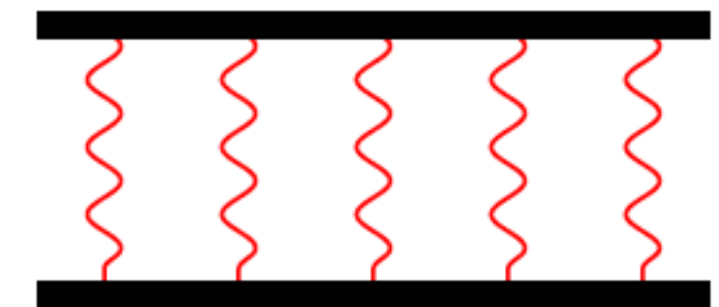
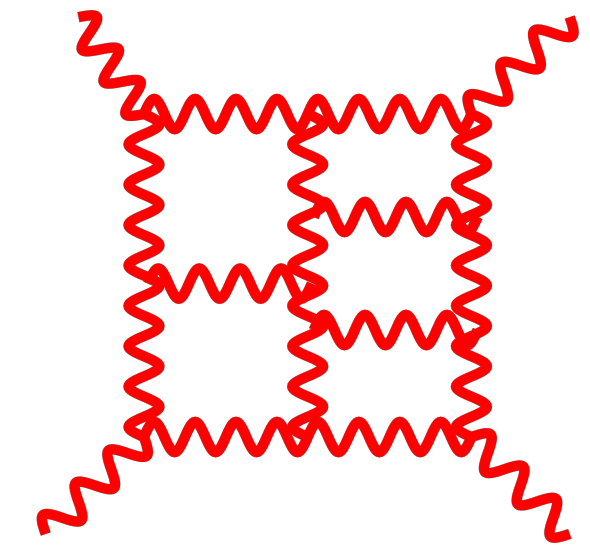
- **$G^3 - G^5$ corrections to Newton's potential from GR.**



ZB, Cheung, Roiban, Shen, Solon, Zeng (2019)

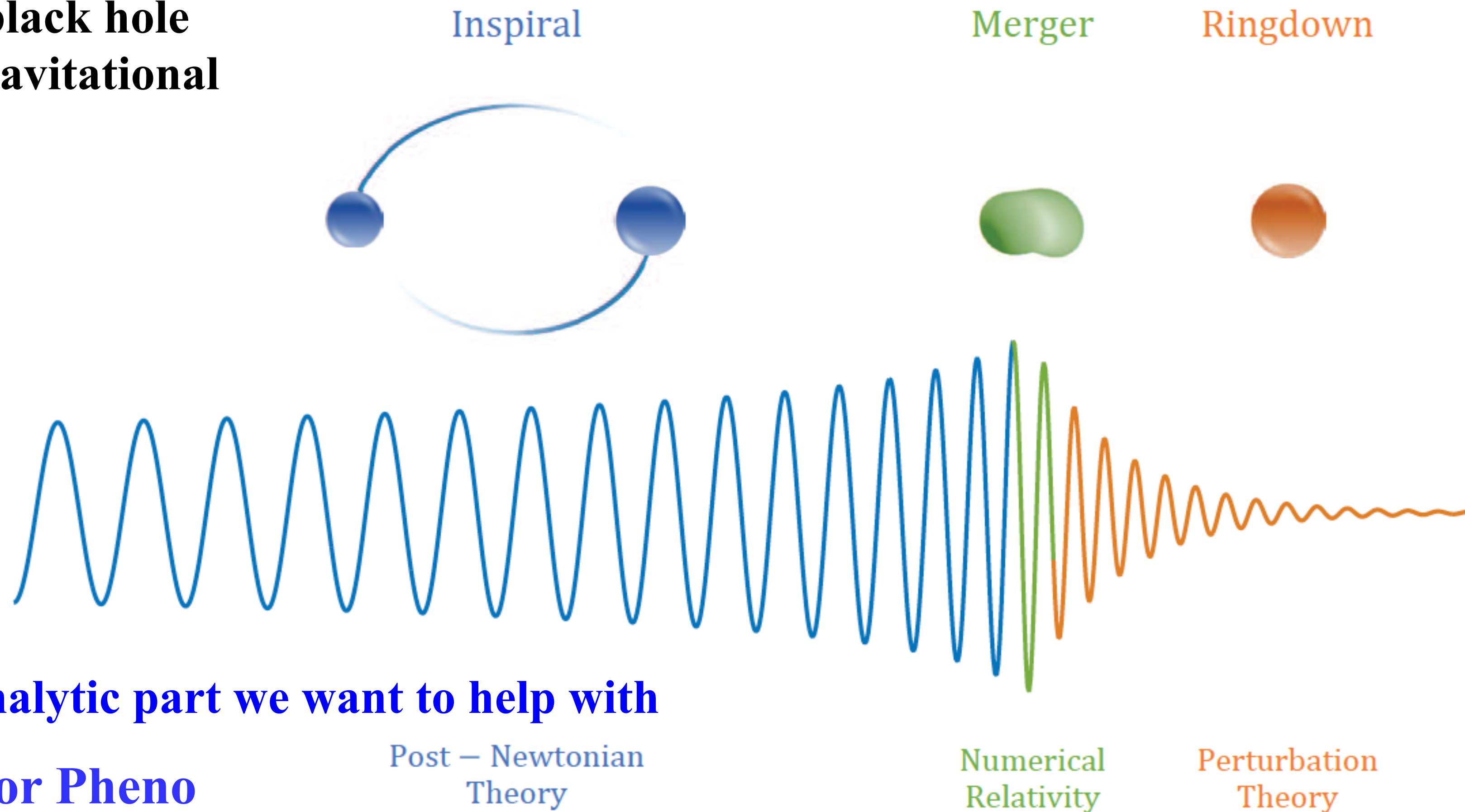
ZB, Parra-Martinez, Roiban, Ruf, Shen, Solon, Zeng (2021)

ZB, Herrmann, Roiban, Ruf, Smirnov, Smirnov (2024)



Goal: Higher Precision.

**Dynamics of black hole
inspiral for gravitational
waves.**



Small errors accumulate. Need for high precision.

From Antelis and Moreno, arXiv:1610.03567

Basic Approaches

1. **Post-Newtonian (PN):** Expand in G and v
2. **Post-Minkowskian (PM):** Expand in G .
3. **Self force (GSW):** Expand in mass-ratio exact in G . (Semi numerical)
4. **Numerical relativity (NR):** Solve Einstein's equations numerically



- **PM approach fits naturally with scattering amplitudes.**
- **Waveform models import information from all approaches.**

Post Newtonian Approximation

For orbital mechanics:

Expand in G and v^2

$$v^2 \sim \frac{GM}{R} \ll 1$$

virial theorem



In center of mass frame:

$$m = m_A + m_B, \quad \nu = \mu/M,$$

$$\mu = m_A m_B / m, \quad P_R = P \cdot \hat{R}$$

$$\frac{H}{\mu} = \frac{P^2}{2} - \frac{Gm}{R} \quad \leftarrow \text{Newton}$$

$$+ \frac{1}{c^2} \left\{ -\frac{P^4}{8} + \frac{3\nu P^4}{8} + \frac{Gm}{R} \left(-\frac{P_R^2 \nu}{2} - \frac{3P^2}{2} - \frac{\nu P^2}{2} \right) + \frac{G^2 m^2}{2R^2} \right\}$$

+ ...

1PN: Einstein, Infeld, Hoffmann;
Droste, Lorentz

Hamiltonian known to 4PN order.

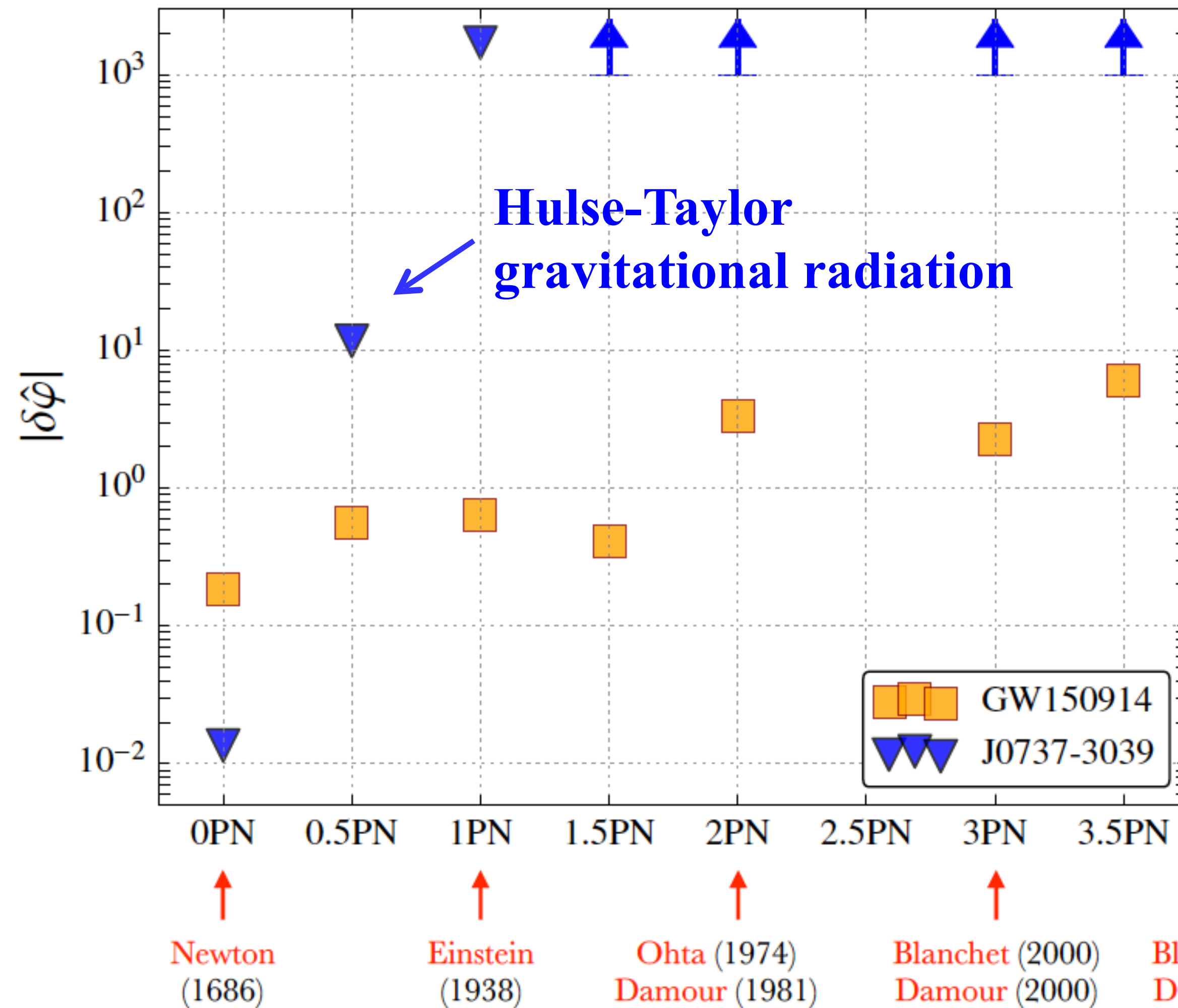
2PN: Ohta, Okamura, Kimura and Hiida (1973); Damour (1982)

3PN: Damour, Jaranowski and Schaefer (2000); L. Blanchet and G. Faye (2000) .

4PN: Damour, Jaranowski and Schaefer (2017); Foffa, Porto, Rothstein, Sturani (2019).

Importance of higher orders for LIGO/Virgo

LIGO/Virgo Collaboration arXiv:1602.03841



Binary pulsar confirms quadrupole radiation formula and not much else.

LIGO/Virgo tests PN terms from GR

see talk From Harms

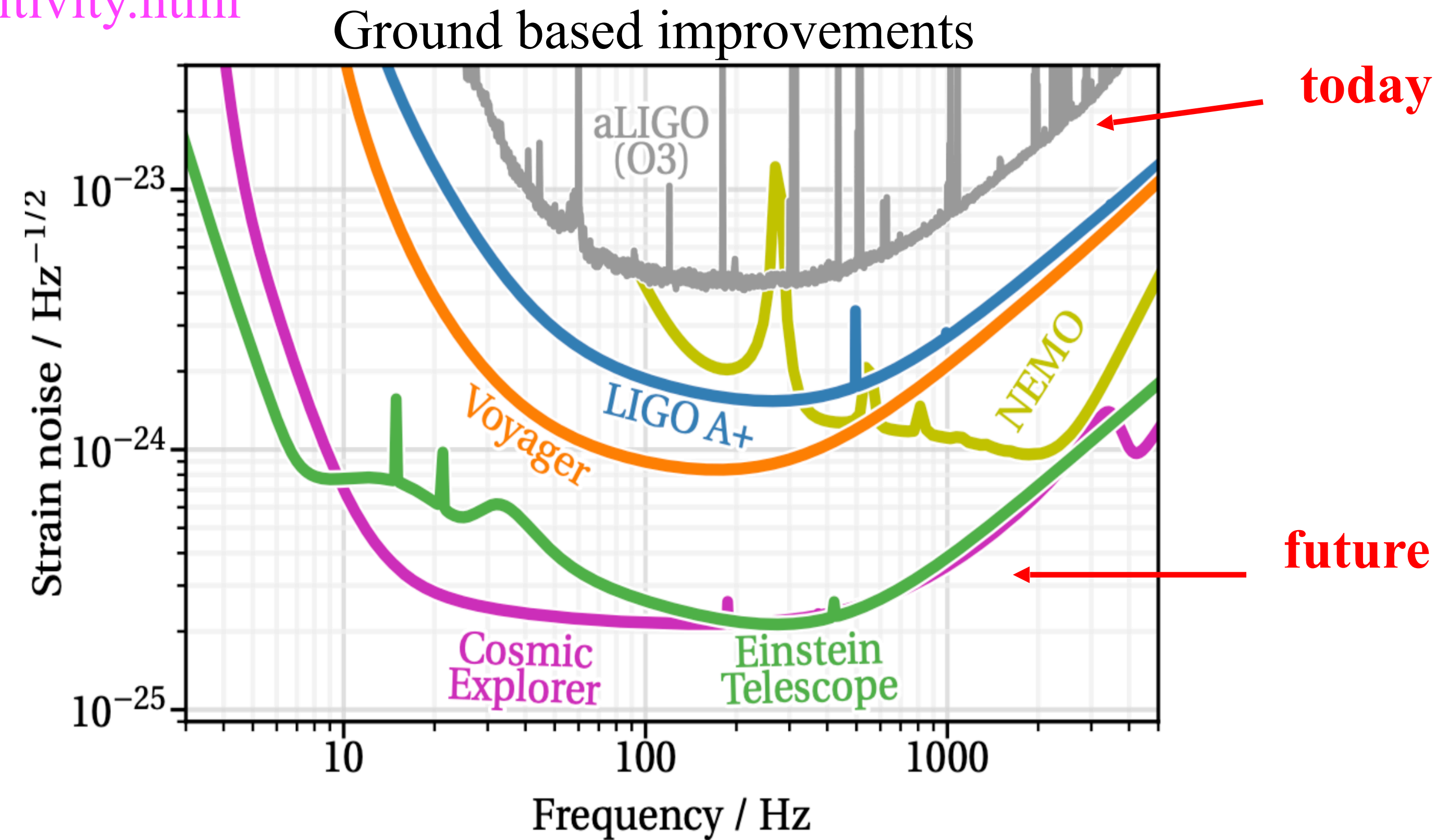
LIGO
Binary pulsar

LIGO/Virgo sensitive to high PN orders.

Future Detectors

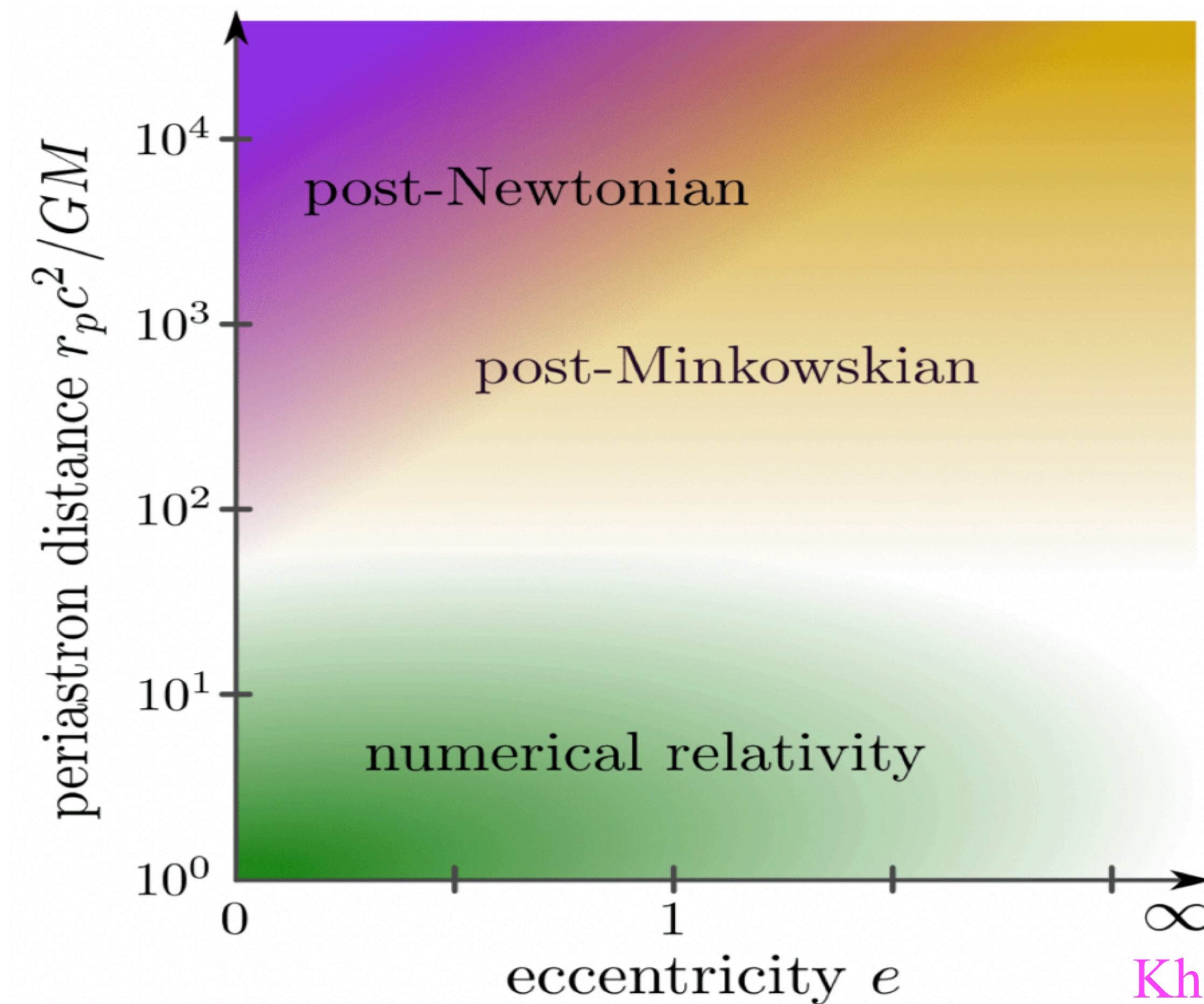
<https://cosmicexplorer.org/sensitivity.html>

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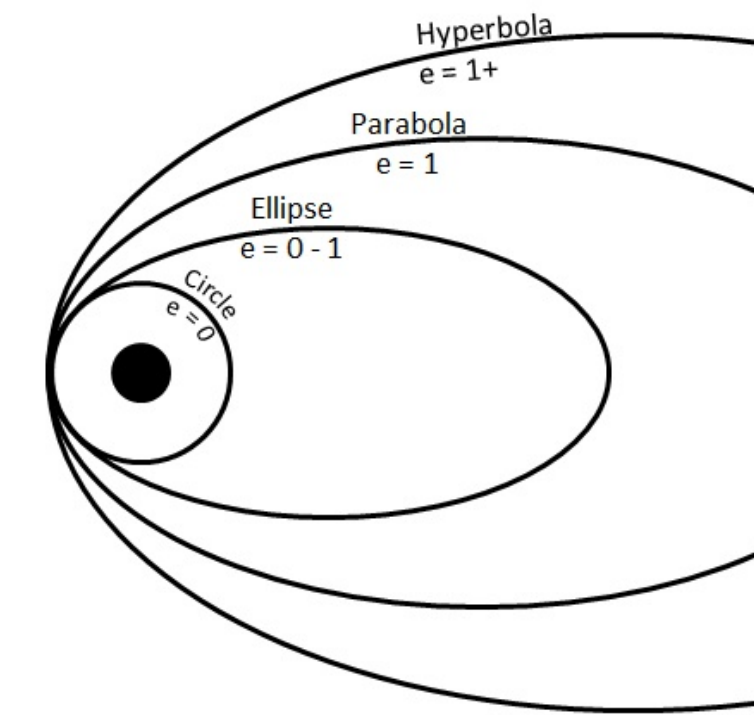
- Depending on parameters, sensitivity improvements up to factor of 100.
- Highly nontrivial theoretical challenge to match upcoming experimental precision.
- Likely need 2 further perturbative orders

Post-Minkowskian Approach



Comments:

- **Unbound orbits cleaner theoretical environment.**
- **Asymptotic flat space for scattering processes**



Khalil, Buonanno, Steinhoff, Vines

Different approaches needed for high precision in all regions. EOB.

Buonanno and Damour

High-energy gravitational scattering and the general relativistic two-body problem

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(Dated: October 31, 2017)

A technique for translating the classical scattering function of two gravitationally interacting bodies into a corresponding (effective one-body) Hamiltonian description has been recently introduced

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Hard to resist an invitation with this kind of clarity!

The recent observation [1–4] of gravitational wave signals from inspiralling and coalescing binary black holes has been significantly helped, from the theoretical side, by the availability of a large bank of waveform templates, defined [5, 6] within the analytical effective one-body (gauge-invariant) *scattering function* Φ linking (half) the center of mass (c.m.) classical gravitational scattering angle χ to the total energy, $E_{\text{real}} \equiv \sqrt{s}$, and the total angular momentum, J , of the system¹

Very important to us that the GW theory community really needs the results.

numerical simulations of coalescing black-hole binaries (see [12] for a review of perturbative results on binary systems, and [13] for a review of the numerical relativity of binary black holes). Until recently, the perturbative results used to define the EOB conservative dynamics were mostly based on the post-Newtonian (PN) approach to the general relativistic two-body interaction. The conservative two-body dynamics was derived, successively, at the second post-Newtonian (2PN) [14, 15], third post-Newtonian (3PN) [16, 17], and fourth post-Newtonian (4PN) [18, 19] orders. In this paper, we introduce a new technique for translating the classical scattering function of two gravitationally interacting bodies into a corresponding (effective one-body) Hamiltonian description. This technique is based on the recent work of [20, 21] on the translation of the classical scattering function into a Hamiltonian description. The resulting Hamiltonian is then used to compute the conservative dynamics of the two-body system. The technique is applied to the case of scalar masses, and we urge amplitude experts to use their novel techniques to compute the 2-loop scattering amplitude of scalar masses, from which one could deduce the third post-Minkowskian effective one-body Hamiltonian.

$$\frac{1}{2}\chi = \Phi(h, j; \nu), \tag{1.2}$$

where we denoted

$$h \equiv \frac{E_{\text{real}}}{M}; \quad j \equiv \frac{J}{Gm_1m_2} = \frac{J}{G\mu M}, \tag{1.3}$$

with

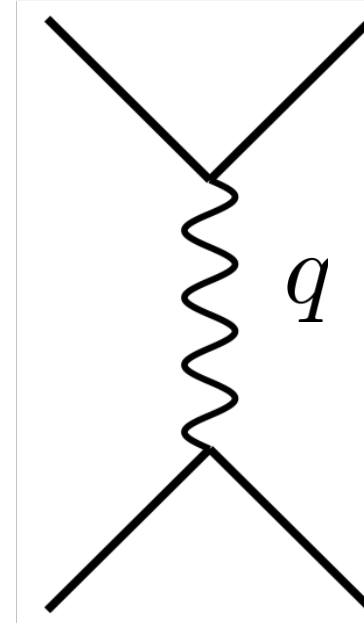
$$M \equiv m_1 + m_2; \quad \mu \equiv \frac{m_1m_2}{m_1 + m_2}; \quad \nu \equiv \frac{\mu}{M} = \frac{m_1m_2}{(m_1 + m_2)^2}.$$

2 Body Potentials and Amplitudes

Tree-level: Fourier transform gives classical potential.

$$V(r) \sim \int \frac{d^3 q}{(2\pi)^3} e^{-i\mathbf{q}\cdot\mathbf{r}} A^{\text{tree}}(\mathbf{q})$$

$$H(\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{r}) = \sqrt{\mathbf{p}^2 + m_1^2} + \sqrt{\mathbf{p}^2 + m_2^2} + V(\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{r})$$



Corrections to Newtonian potential follows from scattering amplitudes

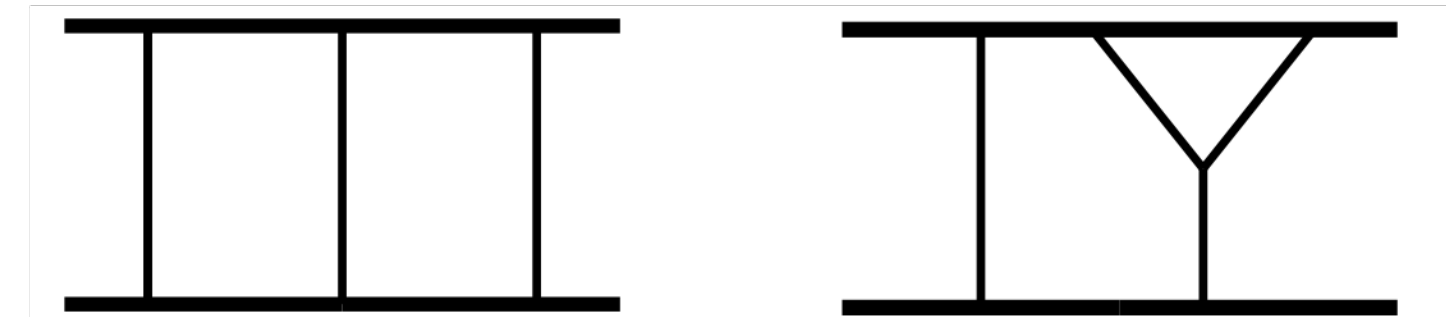
$$V(\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{r}) = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} c_i(\mathbf{p}^2) \left(\frac{G_N}{|\mathbf{r}|} \right)^i$$

Armed with a 2 body Hamiltonian we can do classical physics.

Beyond 1 loop less obvious:

- **Loops have classical pieces.**
- **$1/\hbar^L$ scaling of at L loop.**
- **Double counting and iteration.**

$$e^{iS_{\text{classical}}/\hbar}$$



Piece of loops are classical: Our task is to efficiently extract these pieces.

What are we after?



- **Replace scattering in General Relativity with a two body Hamiltonian that is easy to use in bound-state problem.**
- **Extract physics juice, leaving behind complexity of general relativity.**

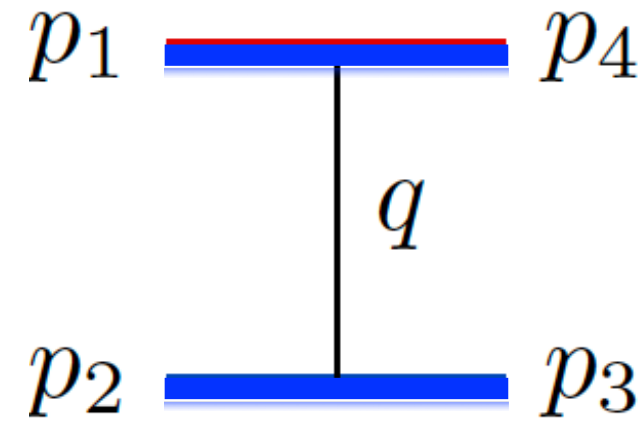
$$V(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{p}) = -\frac{Gm_1m_2}{r} + \dots$$

Just like Newton's potential, except

- **Compatible with special relativity (all orders in velocity)**
- **Valid through $O(G^5)$.**
- **In addition, want complete control over radiative contributions.**

Classical Limit

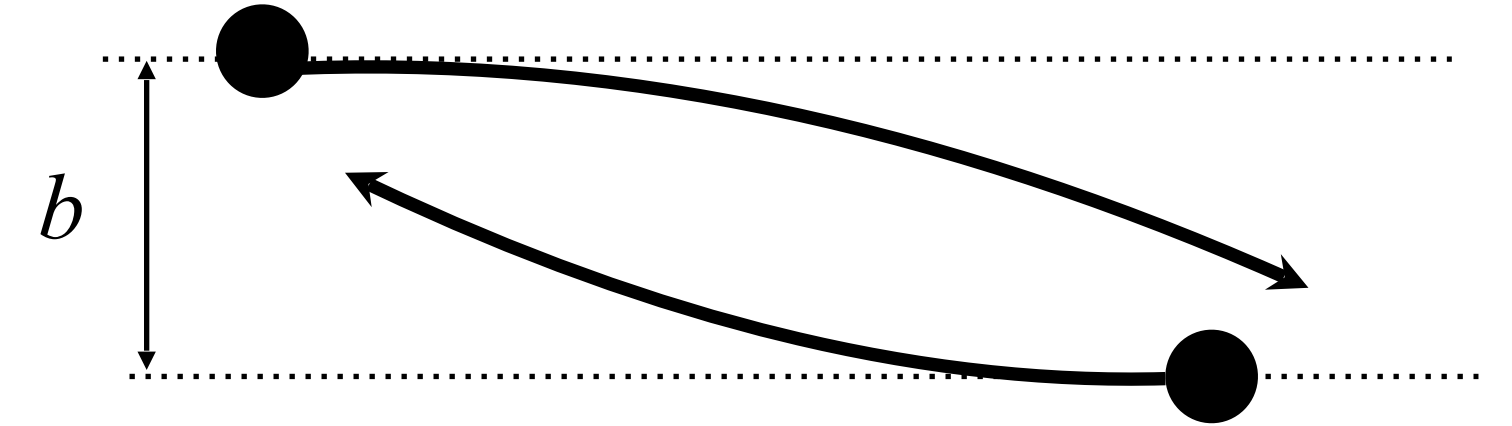
Consider 2 to 2 scattering



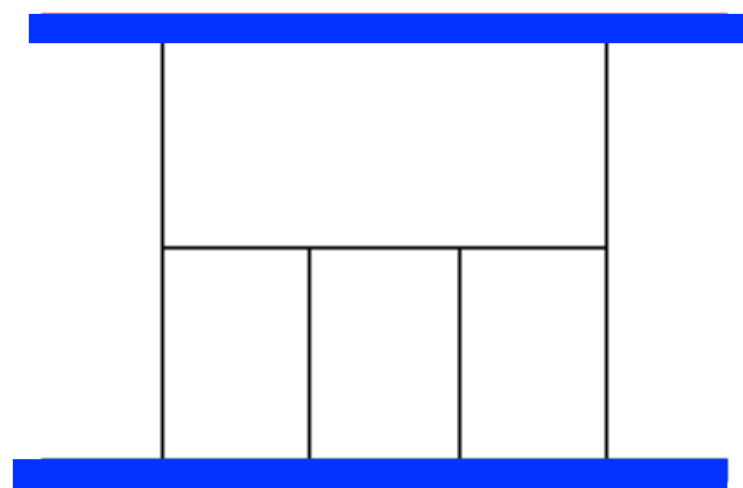
$$s = (p_1 + p_2)^2$$

$$t = (p_1 + p_4)^2$$

$$|q| \sim \frac{1}{|b|}$$



$$s, m_1^2, m_2^2 \sim J^2 |t| \gg |t| = |q^2| \quad \text{Large angular momentum limit}$$



Classical contributions live in the soft graviton region

Useful to further subdivide into potential and radiation regions

Beneke and Smirnov

$$\text{potential: } \ell \sim (v, \mathbf{1})|q|, \quad \text{radiation: } \ell \sim (v, \mathbf{v})|q|$$

Greatly simplifies the integrals. Eikonal matter propagators

v characteristic velocity

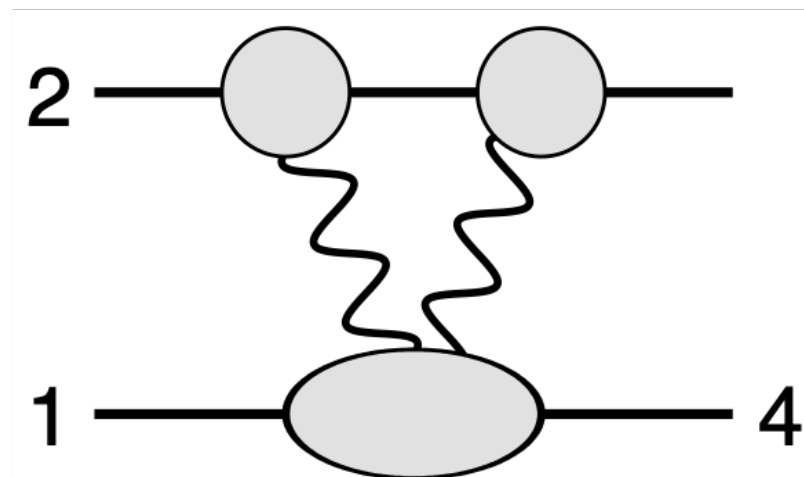
Can also planarize the integrals.

Amplitudes Approach: Unitarity + Double Copy

- Long-range force: Two matter lines must be separated by on-shell propagators.
- Classical potential: 1 matter line per loop is cut (on-shell) to force $E^2 = p^2 + m^2$

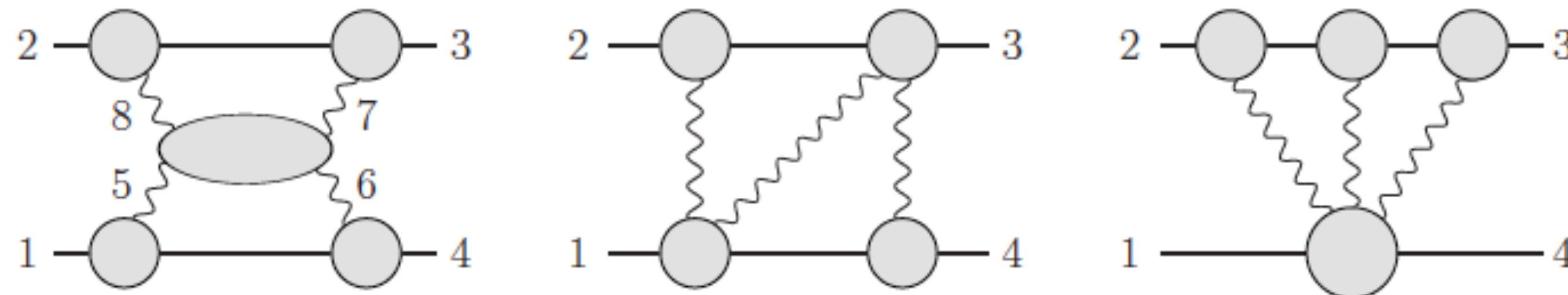
Neill and Rothstein ; Bjerrum-Bohr, Damgaard, Festuccia, Planté, Vanhove; Cheung, Rothstein, Solon

Only independent unitarity cut for $O(G^2)$.

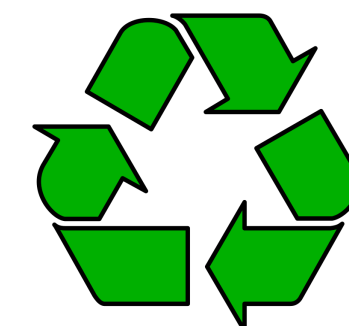


**Treat exposed lines on-shell (long range).
Pieces we want are simple!**

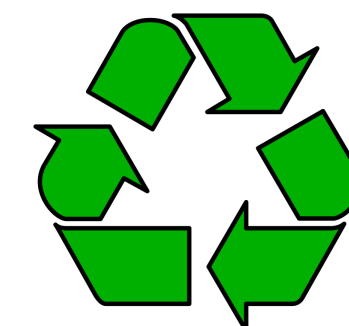
Independent generalized unitarity cuts for $O(G^3)$.



**Amplitude tools fit perfectly with
extracting classical pieces we want.**



gravity



loops

Amplitude in Conservative Classical Potential Limit

ZB, Cheung, Roiban, Shen, Solon, Zeng (BCRSSZ)

The $O(G^3)$ or 3PM conservative terms are:

$$\mathcal{M}_3 = \frac{\pi G^3 \nu^2 m^4 \log q^2}{6\gamma^2 \xi} \left[3 - 6\nu + 206\nu\sigma - 54\sigma^2 + 108\nu\sigma^2 + 4\nu\sigma^3 - \frac{48\nu(3 + 12\sigma^2 - 4\sigma^4) \operatorname{arcsinh} \sqrt{\frac{\sigma-1}{2}}}{\sqrt{\sigma^2 - 1}} - \frac{18\nu\gamma(1 - 2\sigma^2)(1 - 5\sigma^2)}{(1 + \gamma)(1 + \sigma)} \right] + \frac{8\pi^3 G^3 \nu^4 m^6}{\gamma^4 \xi} \left[3\gamma(1 - 2\sigma^2)(1 - 5\sigma^2)F_1 - 32m^2\nu^2(1 - 2\sigma^2)^3 F_2 \right]$$

$$m = m_A + m_B, \quad \mu = m_A m_B / m, \quad \nu = \mu / m, \quad \gamma = E / m, \\ \xi = E_1 E_2 / E^2, \quad E = E_1 + E_2, \quad \sigma = p_1 \cdot p_2 / m_1 m_2,$$

- **Amplitude remarkably compact.**
- **Arcsinh is new feature.**
- **Derived conservative scattering angle has simple mass dependence.**

Antonelli, Buonanno, Steinhoff, van de Meent, Vines
Comprehensive understanding: Damour

Conservative 3PM Hamiltonian

ZB, Cheung, Roiban, Shen, Solon, Zeng (2019)

The 3PM Hamiltonian:

$$H(\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{r}) = \sqrt{\mathbf{p}^2 + m_1^2} + \sqrt{\mathbf{p}^2 + m_2^2} + V(\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{r})$$

$$V(\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{r}) = \sum_{i=1}^3 c_i(\mathbf{p}^2) \left(\frac{G}{|\mathbf{r}|} \right)^i,$$

Newton in here

$$\begin{aligned} c_1 &= \frac{\nu^2 m^2}{\gamma^2 \xi} (1 - 2\sigma^2), & c_2 &= \frac{\nu^2 m^3}{\gamma^2 \xi} \left[\frac{3}{4} (1 - 5\sigma^2) - \frac{4\nu\sigma (1 - 2\sigma^2)}{\gamma\xi} - \frac{\nu^2 (1 - \xi) (1 - 2\sigma^2)^2}{2\gamma^3 \xi^2} \right], \\ c_3 &= \frac{\nu^2 m^4}{\gamma^2 \xi} \left[\frac{1}{12} (3 - 6\nu + 206\nu\sigma - 54\sigma^2 + 108\nu\sigma^2 + 4\nu\sigma^3) - \frac{4\nu (3 + 12\sigma^2 - 4\sigma^4) \operatorname{arcsinh} \sqrt{\frac{\sigma-1}{2}}}{\sqrt{\sigma^2 - 1}} \right. \\ &\quad - \frac{3\nu\gamma (1 - 2\sigma^2) (1 - 5\sigma^2)}{2(1 + \gamma)(1 + \sigma)} - \frac{3\nu\sigma (7 - 20\sigma^2)}{2\gamma\xi} - \frac{\nu^2 (3 + 8\gamma - 3\xi - 15\sigma^2 - 80\gamma\sigma^2 + 15\xi\sigma^2) (1 - 2\sigma^2)}{4\gamma^3 \xi^2} \\ &\quad \left. + \frac{2\nu^3 (3 - 4\xi)\sigma (1 - 2\sigma^2)^2}{\gamma^4 \xi^3} + \frac{\nu^4 (1 - 2\xi) (1 - 2\sigma^2)^3}{2\gamma^6 \xi^4} \right], \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} m &= m_A + m_B, & \mu &= m_A m_B / m, & \nu &= \mu / m, & \gamma &= E / m, \\ \xi &= E_1 E_2 / E^2, & E &= E_1 + E_2, & \sigma &= \mathbf{p}_1 \cdot \mathbf{p}_2 / m_1 m_2, \end{aligned}$$

How do we know it is right?

Original checks:

- Compared to 4PN Hamiltonians after canonical transformation
- In test mass limit, $m_1 \ll m_2$, matches Schwarzschild Hamiltonian

Damour, Jaranowski, Schäfer; Bernard, Blanchet, Bohé, Faye, Marsat

Subsequent calculations confirm our 3PM result:

1. Subsequent papers confirm our result in 6PN overlap.

Blümlein, Maier, Marquard, Schäfer;
Bini, Damour, Geralico

2. New calculations reproducing our 3PM result.

Cheung and Solon; Kälin, Liu, Porto;

3. Adding (non-conservative) real radiation clarifies a puzzle at high energies.

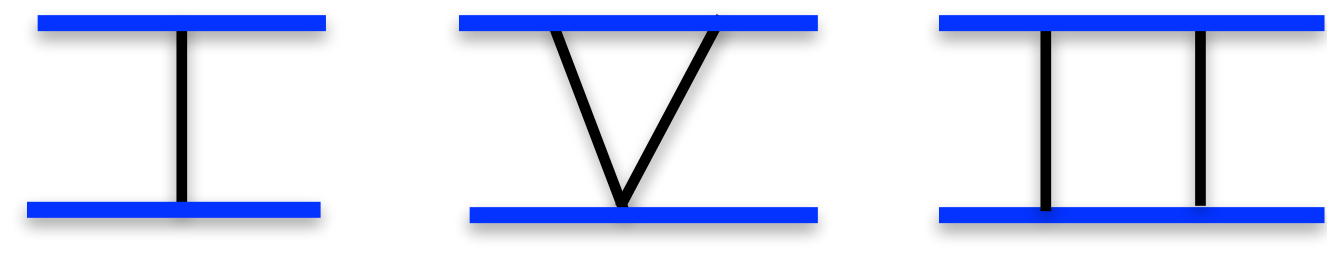
Di Vecchia, Heissenberg, Russo, Veneziano; Damour

3PM results have passed highly nontrivial checks and careful scrutiny.

Structure of Higher Orders

Moving up in orders of PM new effects and features encountered:

1PM and 2PM: Fixed by geodesic motion, 0SF.



$$ds^2 = - \left(1 - \frac{2M}{r} \right) dt^2 + \frac{1}{1 - \frac{2M}{r}} dr^2 + r^2 d\theta^2 + r^2 \sin^2(\theta) d\phi^2$$

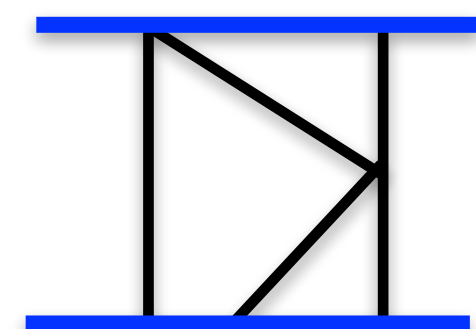
3PM: Interesting structure in high energy limit. 1SF, m_1/m_2



$$\log(E^2/m_1 m_2)$$

Poor high energy behavior cancels against real radiation
Di Vecchia, Heissenberg, Russo, Veneziano; Damour

4PM: Tail effect, nontrivial analytic continuations, elliptic integrals, *non*-cancellation of poor high-energy behavior. Nonlocal in time effects.

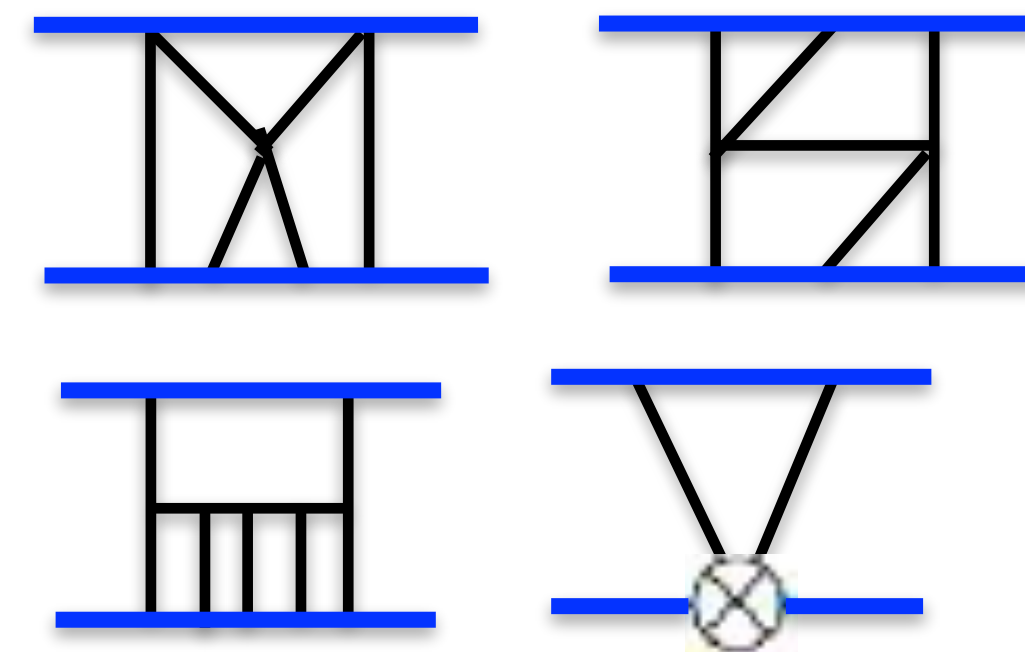


$$\sim K^2 \left(\frac{\sigma - 1}{\sigma + 1} \right)$$

5PM: 2SF, Calabi-Yau integrals.

Nontrivial to separate conservative and dissipative

6PM: Mixing with tidal operators, UV divergences.
Distinguish BHs from neutron stars.



Conservative Contribution 4PM $O(G^4)$

ZB, Parra-Martinez, Roiban, Ruf, Shen, Solon, Zeng



$O(G^4)$ amplitude

test particle

1st self force

Iteration. No need to compute

Lower loop, already known, radial action

$$\mathcal{M}_4^{\text{cons}} = G^4 M^7 \nu^2 |q| \pi^2 \left[\mathcal{M}_4^{\text{p}} + \nu \left(4\mathcal{M}_4^{\text{t}} \log\left(\frac{p_\infty}{2}\right) + \mathcal{M}_4^{\pi^2} + \mathcal{M}_4^{\text{rem}} \right) \right] + \int_{\ell} \frac{\tilde{I}_{r,1}^4}{Z_1 Z_2 Z_3} + \int_{\ell} \frac{\tilde{I}_{r,1}^2 \tilde{I}_{r,2}}{Z_1 Z_2} + \int_{\ell} \frac{\tilde{I}_{r,1} \tilde{I}_{r,3}}{Z_1} + \int_{\ell} \frac{\tilde{I}_{r,2}^2}{Z_1}$$

$$D = 4 - 2\epsilon$$

$$\mathcal{M}_4^{\text{t}} = r_1 + r_2 \log\left(\frac{\sigma+1}{2}\right) + r_3 \frac{\text{arccosh}(\sigma)}{\sqrt{\sigma^2-1}},$$

$$\mathcal{M}_4^{\text{p}} = -\frac{35(1-18\sigma^2+33\sigma^4)}{8(\sigma^2-1)}$$

$$\mathcal{M}_4^{\pi^2} = r_4 \pi^2 + r_5 K\left(\frac{\sigma-1}{\sigma+1}\right) E\left(\frac{\sigma-1}{\sigma+1}\right) + r_6 K^2\left(\frac{\sigma-1}{\sigma+1}\right) + r_7 E^2\left(\frac{\sigma-1}{\sigma+1}\right),$$

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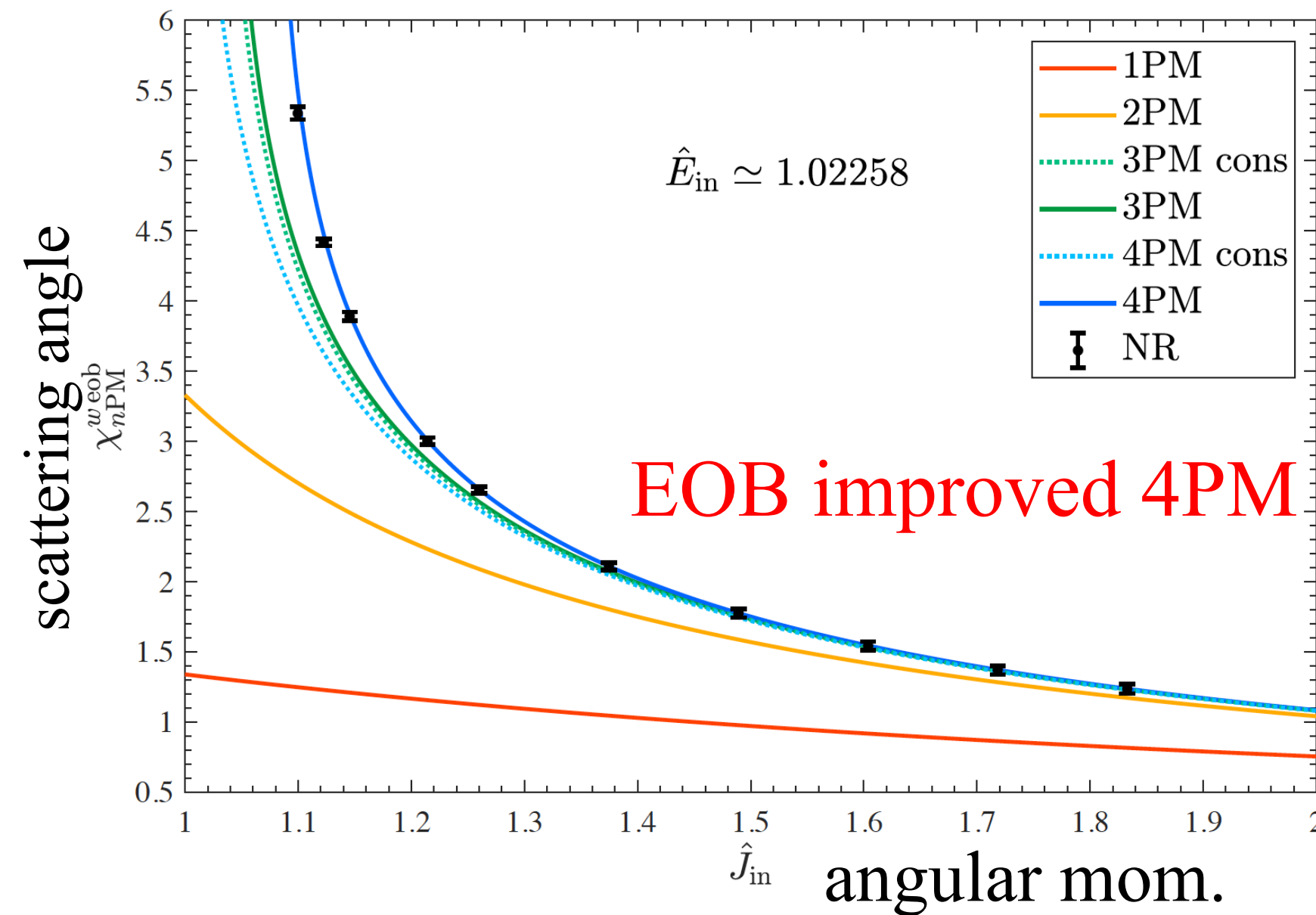
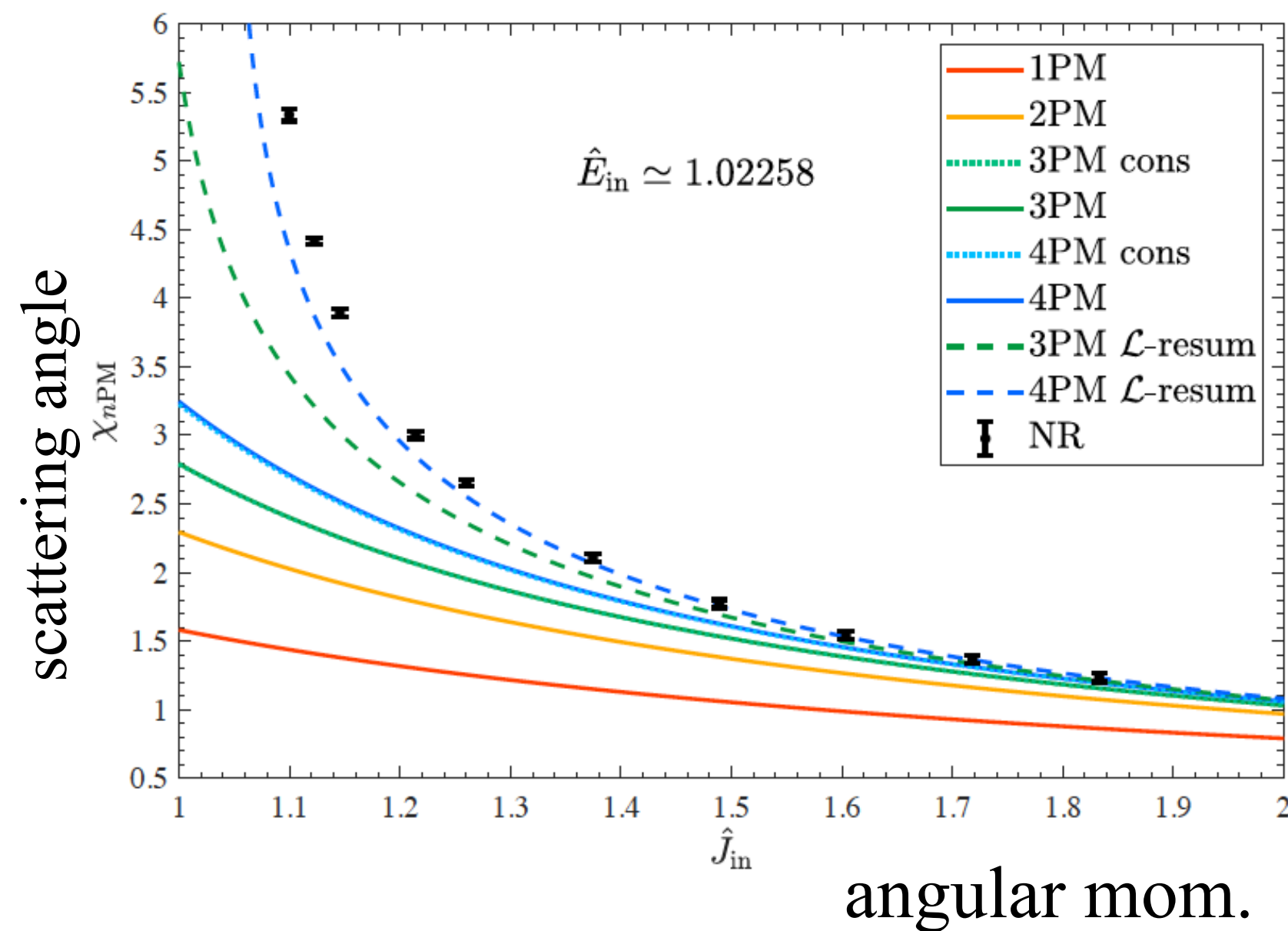
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Comparison with Numerical Relativity

Khalil, Buonanno, Vines, Steinhoff; Damour and Rettegno



Plot uses:

[Also comparisons for bound systems, Buonanno, Mogull, Patil, Pompili](#)

4PM Conservative: ZB, Parra-Martinez, Roiban, Ruf. Shen, Solon, Zeng;

Damgaard, Hansen, Planté, Vanhove; Jakobsen, Gustav Mogull, Plefka, Sauer, Xu;

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Damgaard, Hansen, Planté, Vanhove.

NR: Damour, Guercilena, Hinder, Hopper, Nagar, Rezzolla;

- **Surprisingly good agreement with numerical relativity!**
- **Proves we are on a good track!**
- **Motivates us to go on 5 PM order.**

Conservative Contribution 4PM $O(G^4)$

ZB, Parra-Martinez, Roiban, Ruf, Shen, Solon, Zeng



$O(G^4)$ amplitude

test particle

1st self force

Iteration. No need to compute

$$\mathcal{M}_4^{\text{cons}} = G^4 M^7 \nu^2 |q| \pi^2 \left[\mathcal{M}_4^{\text{p}} + \nu \left(4\mathcal{M}_4^{\text{t}} \log\left(\frac{p_\infty}{2}\right) + \mathcal{M}_4^{\pi^2} + \mathcal{M}_4^{\text{rem}} \right) \right] + \int_{\ell} \frac{\tilde{I}_{r,1}^4}{Z_1 Z_2 Z_3} + \int_{\ell} \frac{\tilde{I}_{r,1}^2 \tilde{I}_{r,2}}{Z_1 Z_2} + \int_{\ell} \frac{\tilde{I}_{r,1} \tilde{I}_{r,3}}{Z_1} + \int_{\ell} \frac{\tilde{I}_{r,2}^2}{Z_1}$$

Lower loop, already known, radial action

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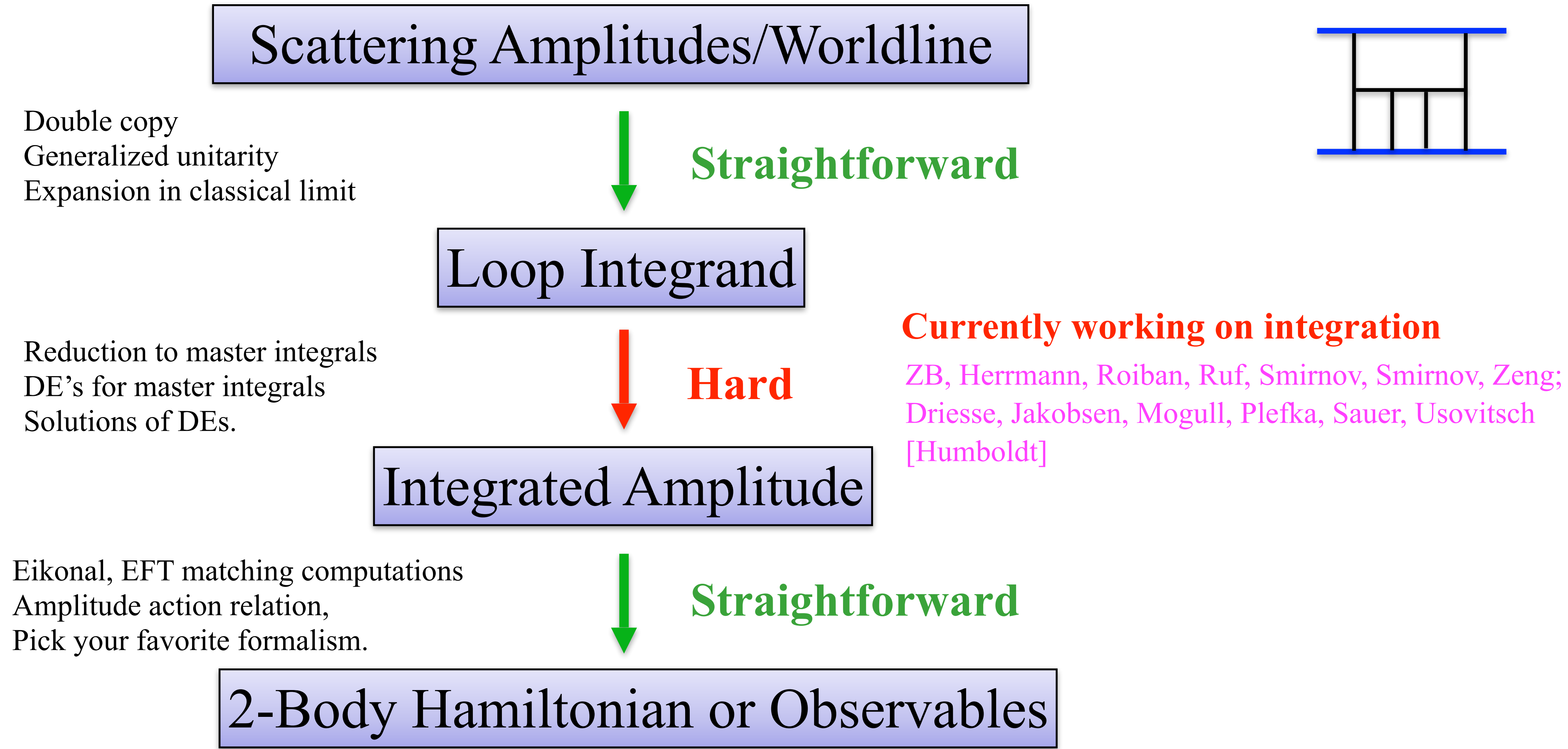
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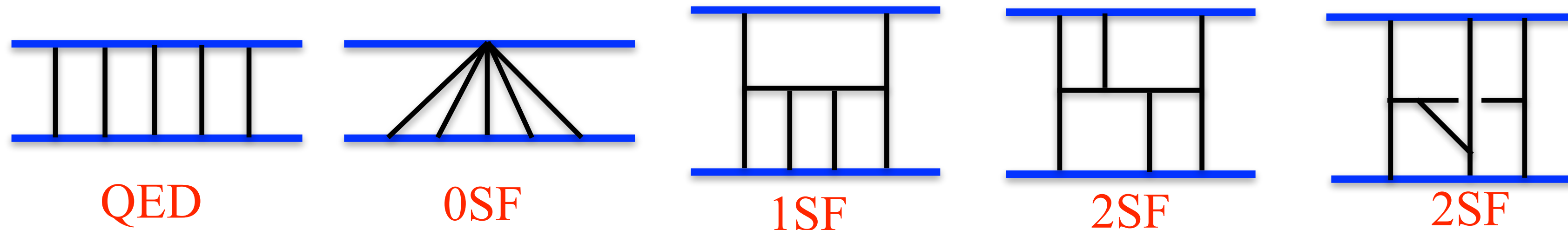
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Towards 5PM, $O(G^5)$



5PM problem nontrivial, so attack in stages.

Deal With Integration in Stages



Stages:

1. QED warmup. Potential mode contributions.

Done.

ZB, Herrmann, Roiban, Ruf, Smirnov, Smirnov, Zeng

2. 1 SF Conservative.

Done.

Driesse, Jakobsen, Mogull, Plefka, Sauer, Usovitsch

3. $N = 8$ (lower tensor rank)

1SF potential done, working on 2SF.

ZB, Herrmann, Roiban, Ruf, Smirnov, Smirnov, Zeng

4. 2 SF Conservative.

Harder, but in reach

5. Radiative effects.

Similar

$$M_{5\text{PM}} = M_{5\text{PM}}^{0\text{SF}} + \nu M_{5\text{PM}}^{1\text{SF}} + \nu^2 M_{\text{PM}}^{2\text{SF}}$$

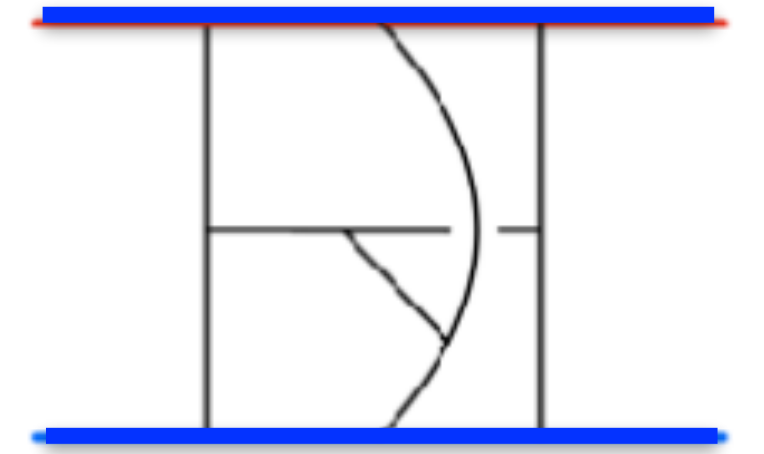
$$\nu = \frac{m_1 m_2}{(m_1 + m_2)^2}$$

Learn from each stage to push forward the next one.

Bottleneck: Integral Reduction

Primary bottleneck is integration by parts:

22 indices: 13 propagator and 9 irreducible scalar products (ISPs)



$$\int \frac{d^{4D}k [u_2 \cdot k_1]^{a-14} [u_2 \cdot k_4]^{a-15} [u_1 \cdot k_2]^{a-16} [u_1 \cdot k_3]^{a-17} [k_1 \cdot q]^{a-18} [k_2 \cdot q]^{a-19} [k_1 \cdot k_2]^{a-20} [k_1 \cdot k_4]^{a-21} [k_2 \cdot k_3]^{a-22}}{[-2u_2 \cdot k_2]^{a_1} [-2u_2 \cdot k_{123}]^{a_2} [2u_1 \cdot k_{234}]^{a_3} [2u_1 \cdot k_{1234}]^{a_4} [k_1^2]^{a_5} [k_2^2]^{a_6} [k_3^2]^{a_7} [k_{13}^2]^{a_8} [k_4^2]^{a_9} [k_{34}^2]^{a_{10}} [k_{234}^2]^{a_{11}} [(k_{123} - q)^2]^{a_{12}} [(k_{1234} - q)^2]^{a_{13}}}$$

- Can encounter up to 8 numerator powers and 4 doubled propagators.
- FIRE and KIRA need to be carefully tuned.
- Private code specialized for finite field numerical techniques.

$$0 = \int \prod_i^L \frac{d^D \ell_i}{(2\pi)^D} \frac{\partial}{\partial \ell_i^\mu} \frac{N^\mu(\ell_k, p_i)}{D_1^{a_1} \cdots D_n^{a_n}}$$

ZB, Herrmann, Roiban, Ruf, Smirnov, Smirnov, Zeng;

Driesse, Jakobsen, Mogull, Plefka, Sauer, Usovitsch

High-Loop Integration

In QCD/Amplitudes advanced technology for loop integrals which we import.

1. IBP greatly simplified in classical limit.

Chetyrkin, Tkachov; Laporta; Henn; Henn and Smirnov
Beneke and Smirnov; Parra-Martinez, Ruf, Zeng

2. Choose master integrals to simplify the DEs and IBP.

A. Smirnov and V. Smirnov; Usovitsch

3. Use finite prime fields and reconstruction for toughest IBPs.

Manteuffel, Schabinger; Peraro

4. Set up a DEs for master integrals.

Kotikov, ZB, Dixon and Kosower; Gehrmann, Remiddi

IBP:
$$0 = \int \prod_i^L \frac{d^D \ell_i}{(2\pi)^D} \frac{\partial}{\partial \ell_i^\mu} \frac{N^\mu(\ell_k, p_M)}{Z_1 \dots Z_n}$$

**Solve linear relations
for master integrals**

DEs:
$$\partial_x \vec{I} = A(x, \epsilon) \vec{I},$$

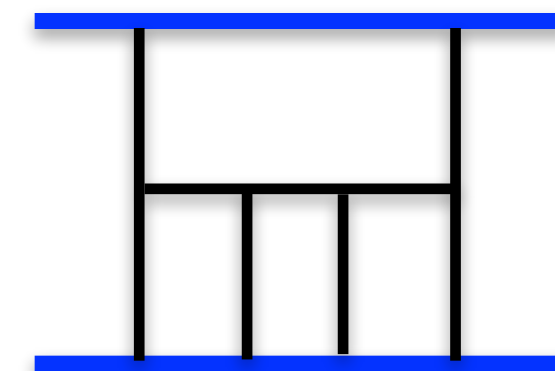
Solve DEs either as series or basis of functions.

Many tools available: We use upgraded FIRE, a private finite field IBP program, LiteRed, FiniteFlow.

Smirnov, Chuharev; Lee; Peraro

Another important tool is an upgraded version of KIRA

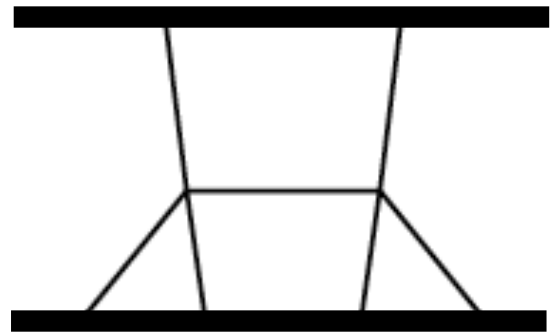
Maierhoefer, Usovitsch, Uwer;
Klappert, Lange, Maierhöfer, Usovitsch



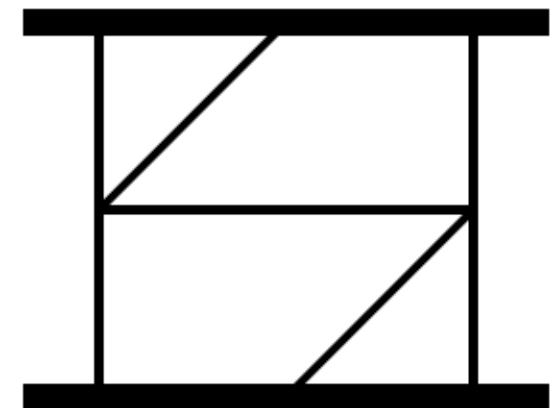
Iterated integrals

Elliptic and Calabi-Yau integrals appear in master integrals.

Frellesvig, Morales, Wilhelm; Klemm, Nega, Sauer, Plefka
ZB, Herrmann, Roiban, Ruf, Smirnov, Smirnov, Zeng.



At 1 SF, Elliptic integrals.



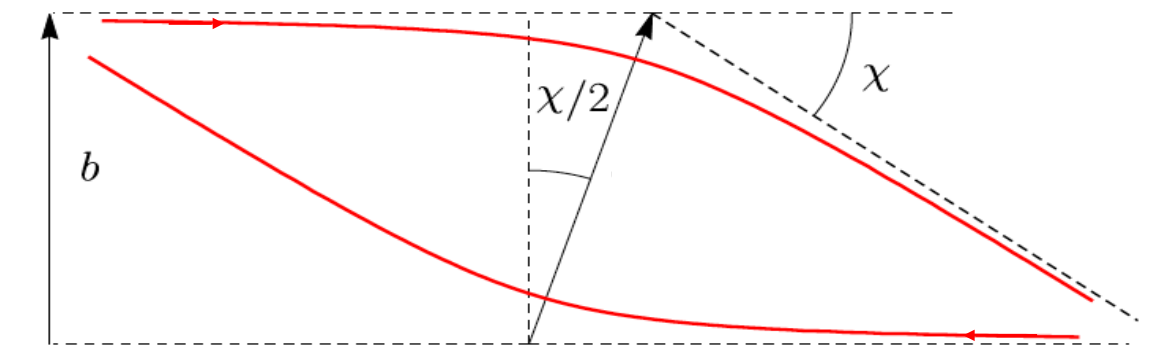
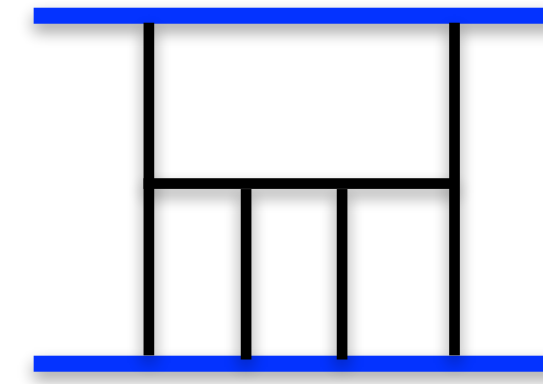
At 2 SF, Calabi-Yau 3-fold integrals.

- At 1SF no elliptic integrals in final result!
- Will this simplicity continue to 2 SF sector?

Opportunity for those interested in the mathematics of Feynman integrals

5PM Scattering Angle $N = 8$ Supergravity (1SF Potential)

ZB, Herrmann, Roiban, Ruf, Smirnov, Smirnov, Zeng



$$\tilde{I}_{r,5}^{1\text{SF},\text{fin.}} = r_1 + r_2 F_0 + r_3 F_0^2 + r_4 F_1 + r_5 F_2.$$

$$F_0 = \frac{2x}{1-x^2} \ln(x),$$

$$F_1 = \frac{2x}{1-x^2} \left[-\text{Li}_2(1-x) - \text{Li}_2(-x) - \ln(x) \ln(x+1) - \frac{1}{2} \zeta_2 \right],$$

$$F_2 = \frac{2x}{1-x^2} \left[-\text{Li}_2(1-x) + \text{Li}_2(-x) - \frac{1}{2} \ln^2(x) + \ln(x) \ln(x+1) + \frac{1}{2} \zeta_2 \right]$$

Remarkably simple, elliptic integrals cancel.

$$r_1 = \frac{16c_\phi^3}{\sigma^2-1} \left[-\frac{\sigma(5\sigma^2-4)c_\phi^3}{5(\sigma^2-1)^3} - \frac{2c_\phi^2}{\sigma^2-1} + 8 \right],$$

$$r_2 = 32c_\phi^2 \left[-\frac{\sigma^2 c_\phi^4}{(\sigma^2-1)^3} - \frac{4\sigma c_\phi^3}{(\sigma^2-1)^2} - \frac{9(2\sigma^2-1)c_\phi^2}{2(\sigma^2-1)^2} - \frac{8\sigma c_\phi}{\sigma^2-1} + 1 \right],$$

$$r_3 = 16c_\phi \left[-\frac{\sigma^3 c_\phi^5}{(\sigma^2-1)^3} - \frac{6\sigma^2 c_\phi^4}{(\sigma^2-1)^2} + \frac{6\sigma(2-3\sigma^2)c_\phi^3}{(\sigma^2-1)^2} + \frac{(8-32\sigma^2)c_\phi^2}{\sigma^2-1} - \frac{92\sigma c_\phi}{3} - \frac{40}{3}(\sigma^2-1) \right],$$

$$r_4 = 32c_\phi \left[-\frac{\sigma c_\phi^3}{(\sigma^2-1)^2} - \frac{2c_\phi^2}{\sigma^2-1} - \frac{4\sigma c_\phi}{3(\sigma^2-1)} - \frac{8}{3} \right],$$

$$r_5 = 64c_\phi \left[\frac{\sigma^2 c_\phi^3}{(\sigma^2-1)^2} + \frac{4\sigma c_\phi^2}{\sigma^2-1} + \frac{2(7\sigma^2-6)c_\phi}{3(\sigma^2-1)} + \frac{4\sigma}{3} \right].$$

See also GR 1SF conservative results.

Driesse, Jakobsen, Mogull, Plefka, Sauer, Usovitsch

Scattering angle: $\chi = -\frac{\partial I_r}{\partial J}$

It's just a matter of time before 5PM is complete.

Other Directions for Amplitudes Methods

Applying amplitudes methods to gravitational-wave physics is now well developed.

- **Pushing state of the art for high orders in G . Now pushing to G^5**

ZB, Cheung, Roiban, Parra-Martinez, Ruf, Shen, Solon, Zeng; Di Vecchia, Heissenberg, Russo, Veneziano; Damgaard, Hansen, Plante, Vanhove; Dlapa, Kälin, Liu, Porto, Ridgway, Shen; ZB, Herrmann, Roiban, Ruf, Smirnov, Smirnov, Zeng; Driesse, Jakobsen, Mogull, Plefka, Sauer, Usovitsch; Edison and Levi; etc

- **Waveforms** Cristofoli, Gonzo, Kosower, O'Connell; Herrmann, Parra-Martinez, Ruf, Zeng; Di Vecchia, Heissenberg, Russo, Veneziano; Herderschee, Roiban, Teng; Georgoudis, Heissenberg, Vazquez-Holm; Brandhuber, Brown, Chen, De Angelis, Gowdy, Travaglini; etc

- **Finite-size effects** Cheung and Solon; Haddad and Helset; Kälin, Liu, Porto; Cheung, Shah, Solon; ZB, Parra-Martinez, Roiban, Sawyer, Shen, etc

- **Spin** Vaidya; Geuvara, O'Connell, Vines; Chung, Huang, Kim, Lee; ZB, Luna, Roiban, Shen, Zeng; Kosmopoulos, Luna; Febres Cordero, Kraus, Lin, Ruf, Zeng; Aoude, Haddad, Helset; ZB, Kosmopoulos, Luna, Roiban, Teng; Kim, Steinhoff; Aoude and Ochirov; Ben-Shahar; Vine, Sheopner; Gatica; Jakobsen, Mogull, Plefka, Sauer Cangemi, Chiodaroli, Johansson, Ochirov, Pichini, Skvortsov; Luna, Moynihan, O'Connell, Ross; Bautista, Guevara, Kavanagh, Vines; Bautista, Bonelli, Iosa, Tanzini, Zhou; Buonanno, Mogull, Patil, Pompili; etc

- **Absorption** Goldberger and Rothstein; Aoude, Ochirov; Jones, Ruf; Chen, Hsieh, Huang, Kim; etc

Many great young people!

Conclusions

Scattering amplitudes offer new perspective on gravitational-wave theory.

- 1. Novel way to look at perturbative gravity.**
 - On-shell approach. On-shell recursion and unitary method.**
 - Everything flows from graviton being a massless spin-2 particle.**
 - Double copy shows gravity follows from gauge theory.**
- 2. Sample Application: High orders, marching on 5PM.**

**Judging from the pace of progress expect many new results in coming years.
SMEFT, sYM, supergravities, and of course gravitational waves.**

Extra

Methods for Extracting Classical Physics.

There are now multiple alternative ways to extract classical physics.

- **EFT matching to 2 body Hamiltonian** Cheng, Solon, Rothstein;
ZB, Cheung, Roiban, Shen, Zeng
- **Map to EOB** Bini, Damour, Geralico
- **Calculate physical observables** Kosower, Maybee, O'Connell
- **Eikonal phase** Amati, Ciafaloni, Veneziano;
Di Vecchia, Heissenberg, Russo, Veneziano
- **Amplitude radial-action relation** ZB, Parra-Martinez, Roiban, Ruf,
Shen, Solon, Zeng
- **Exponential representation** Damgaard, Plante, Vanhove;
Bjerrum-Bohr, Plante, Vanhove
- **Heavy mass field theory** Brandhuber, Chen, Travaglini, Wen
Damgaard, Haddad, Helset
- **World line formalisms** Goldberger, Rothstein; Levi, Steinhoff;
Dlapa, Kälin, Liu, Porto;
Jakobson, Mogul, Plefka, Steinhoff;
Edison, Levi; etc

For pushing into new territory we still prefer EFT matching.

Effective Field Theory is a Clean Approach

**Build EFT from which we can read off potential.
Want a Newtonian-like potential,
with GR corrections**

Goldberger and Rothstein
Neill, Rothstein
Cheung, Rothstein, Solon (2018)

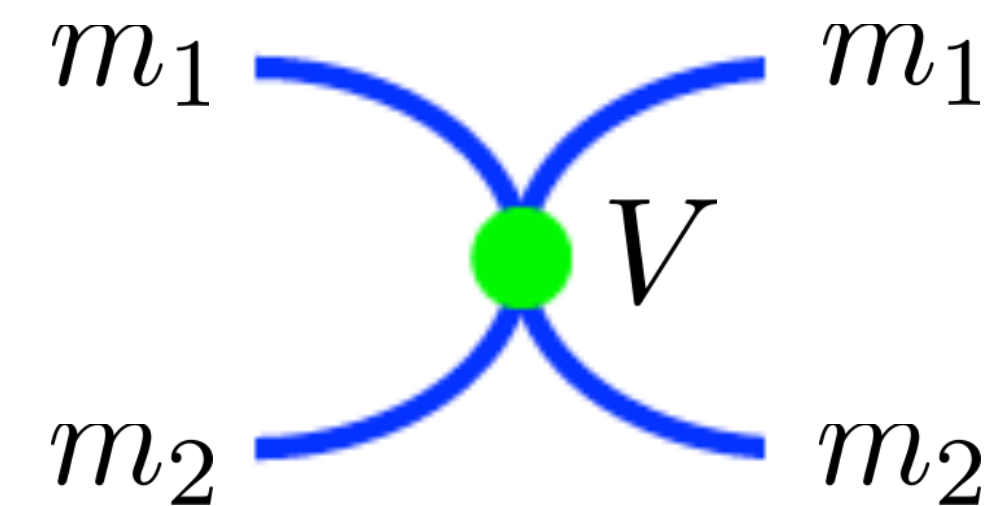
$$L_{\text{kin}} = \int_{\mathbf{k}} A^\dagger(-\mathbf{k}) \left(i\partial_t + \sqrt{\mathbf{k}^2 + m_A^2} \right) A(\mathbf{k}) \\ + \int_{\mathbf{k}} B^\dagger(-\mathbf{k}) \left(i\partial_t + \sqrt{\mathbf{k}^2 + m_B^2} \right) B(\mathbf{k})$$

$$L_{\text{int}} = - \int_{\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{k}'} V(\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{k}') A^\dagger(\mathbf{k}') A(\mathbf{k}) B^\dagger(-\mathbf{k}') B(-\mathbf{k})$$

↖ potential we want to obtain

$$H(\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{r}) = \sqrt{\mathbf{p}^2 + m_1^2} + \sqrt{\mathbf{p}^2 + m_2^2} + V(\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{r})$$

**A, B scalars
represents spinless
black holes**



**2 body Hamiltonian
in c.o.m. frame.**

**Match amplitudes of this theory to the full theory in classical limit to
extract a classical potential of the type Newton would like.**

Our gravitational-wave theory friends want Hamiltonians.