



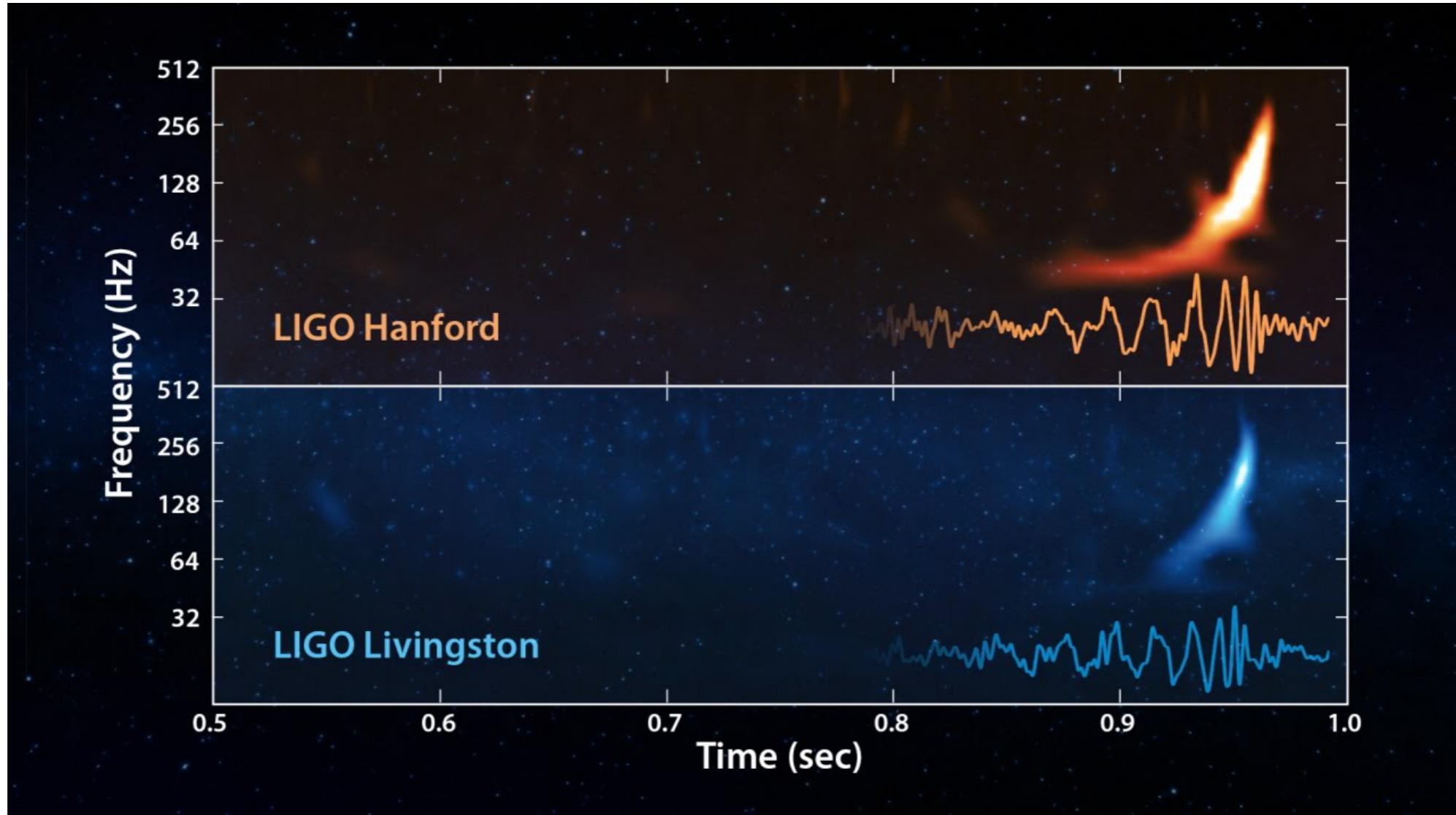
# From cross sections in colliders to gravitational wave observables

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w/ Bern, Roiban, Ruf, Shen, Solon, Zeng [2101.07254, 210X.XXXXX]

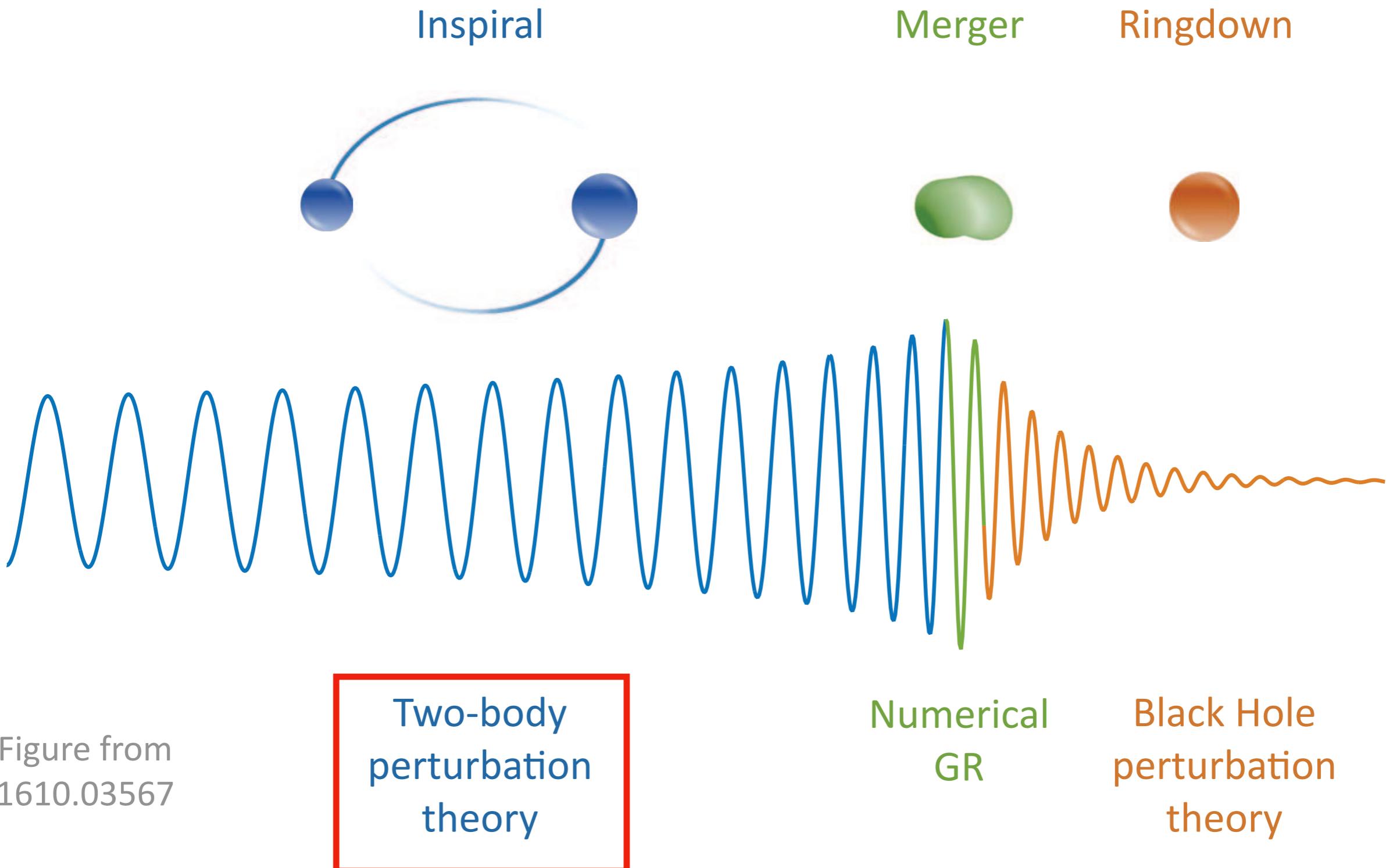
w/ Ruf, Zeng [2005.04236] + Herrmann [2101.07255, 2104.03957]

# GW astronomy is here to stay

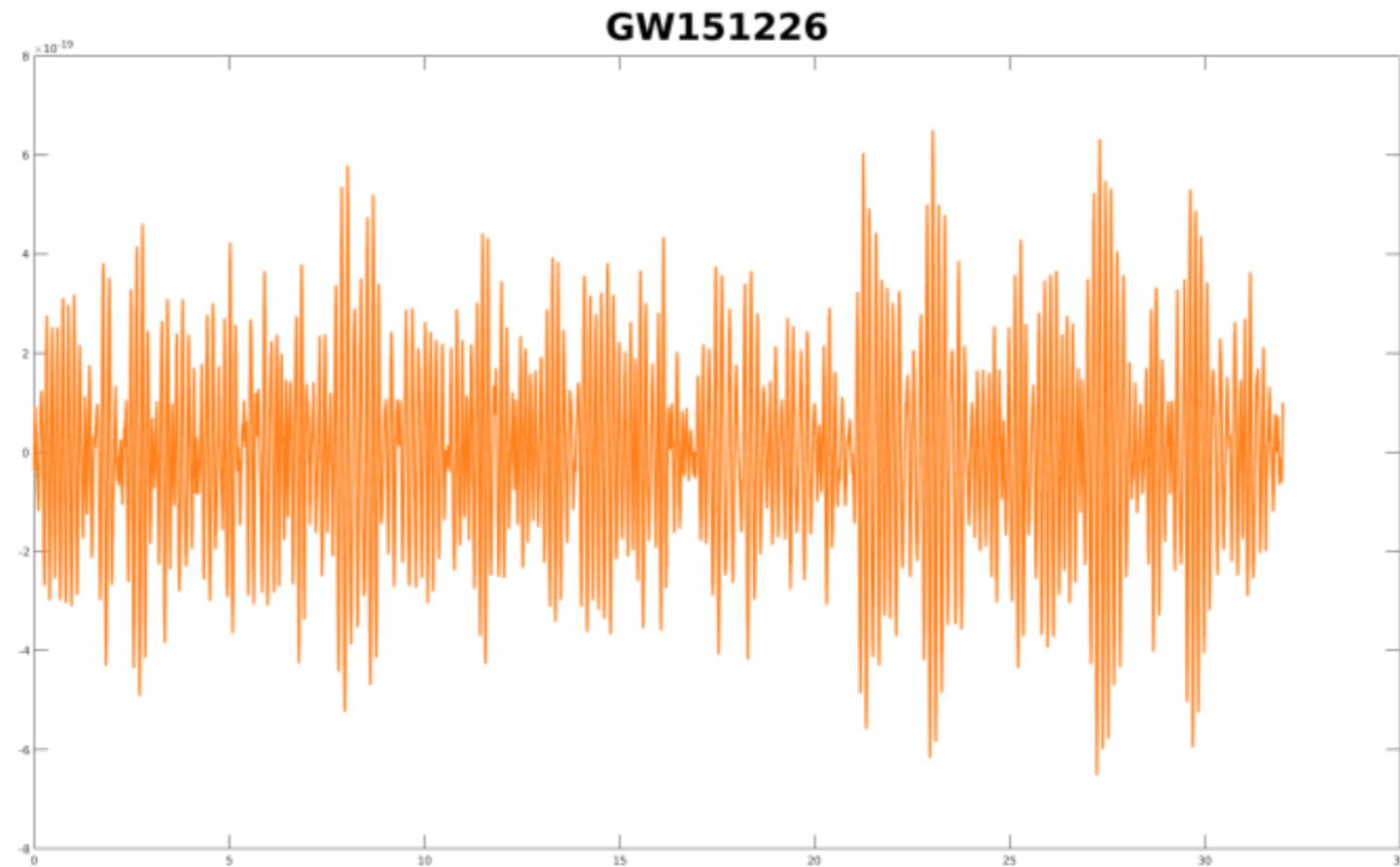


Can particle theorists help?

# Opportunities for theory

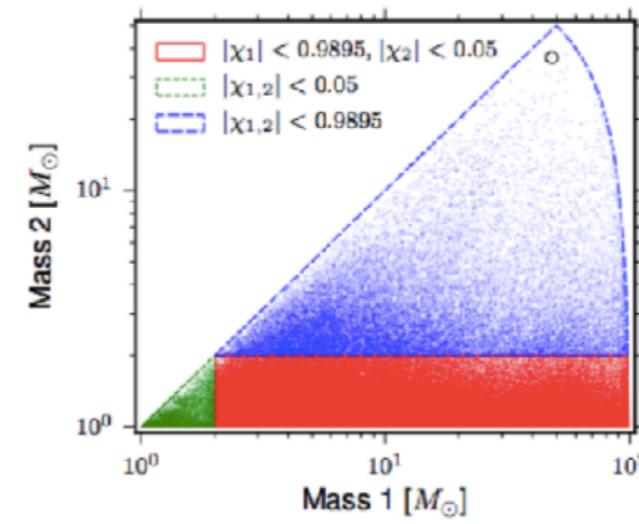


# Theoretical input essential



Detection via matched filtering  
against template bank

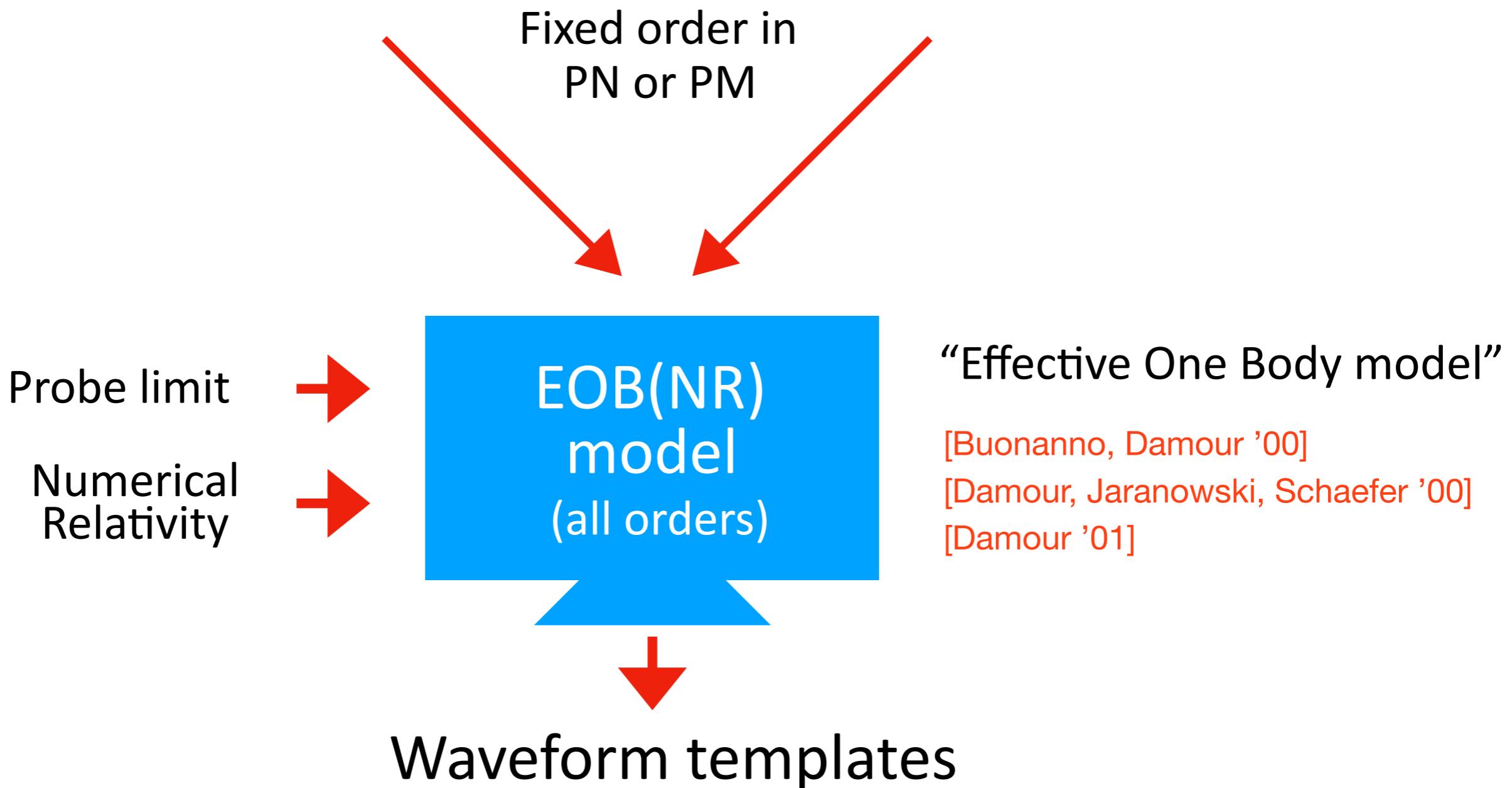
$$\int \frac{h_{\mu\nu}^{\text{Data}} h_{\mu\nu}^{\text{Template}}}{S}$$



# Current pipeline to LIGO

Two-body Hamiltonian  
(gauge dependent)

Binary multipole moments, fluxes  
(gauge dependent)



# PN vs. PM

# Post-Newtonian expansion - bound system (virial)

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

# PN vs. PM

Post-Minkowskian (PM) expansion - (non virial)  $\frac{GM}{r} \ll 1$

Arbitrary velocities, natural fit with relativistic amplitudes

Modern approach, fast progress

$$G(1 + v^2 + v^4 + v^6 + v^8 + \dots)$$

1PM

$$G^2(1 + v^2 + v^4 + v^6 + \dots)$$

2PM  
(1985)

Westphal

$$G^3(1 + v^2 + v^4 + \dots)$$

3PM  
(2019)

Bern, Cheung,  
Roiban, Shen,  
Solon, Zeng

PM potential

(Isotropic gauge)

$$G^4(1 + v^2 + \dots)$$

4PM  
(2021)

Bern, JPM,  
Roiban, Ruf,  
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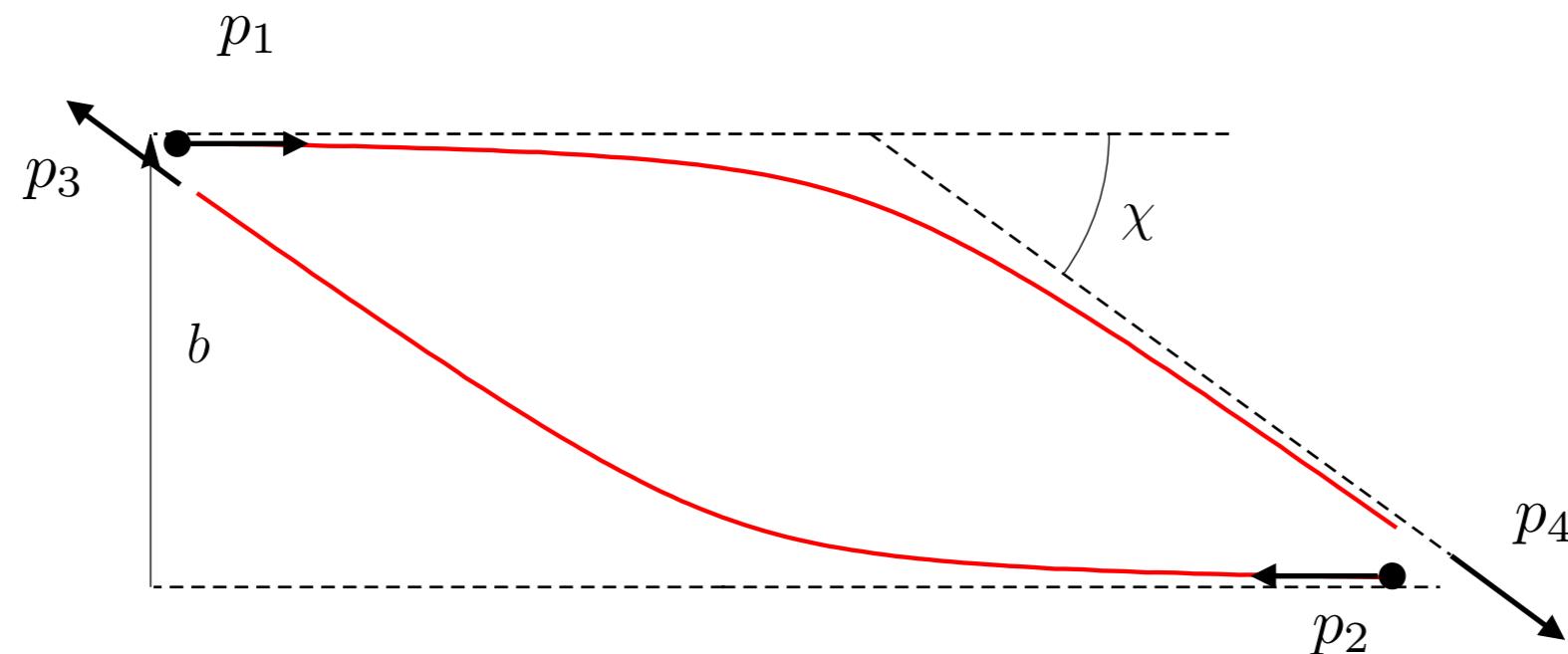
$$V(p, r) = \sum_n c_n(p^2) \left( \frac{GM}{r} \right)^n$$

⋮

See Mao Zeng's talk!

# A theoretical experiment

Start from scattering dynamics....



...and determine the basic ingredients,  $H(p, r), \dots$

We will do this by calculating scattering amplitudes in QFT, leveraging modern perturbative methods, and then take  $\hbar \rightarrow 0$ .

# Point particle EFT

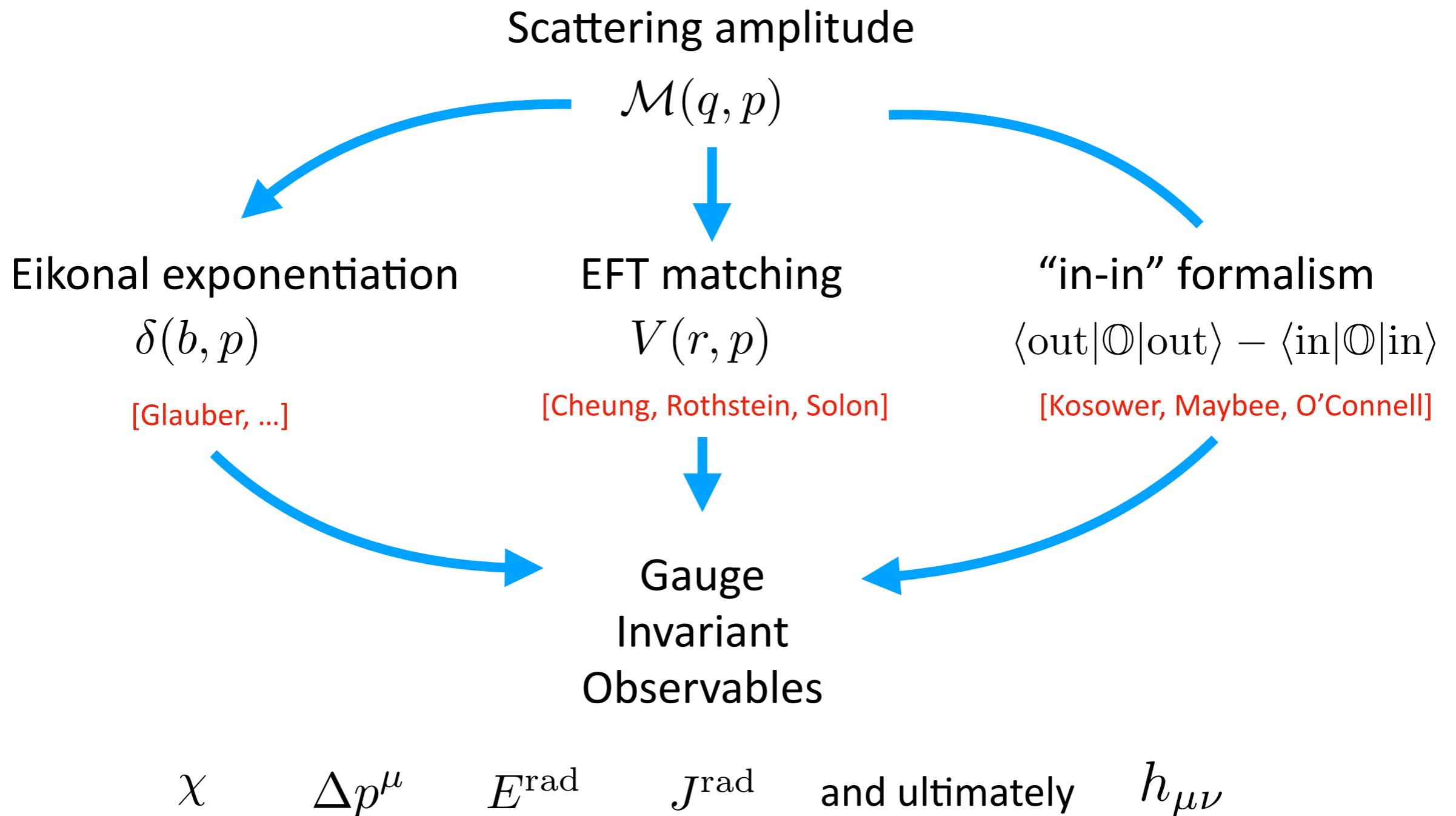
- Black holes, Neutron stars, ... → minimally coupled scalar

$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{1}{16\pi G} R + \sum_i \nabla_\mu \phi_i \nabla^\mu \phi_i^\dagger + m_i |\phi_i|^2$$

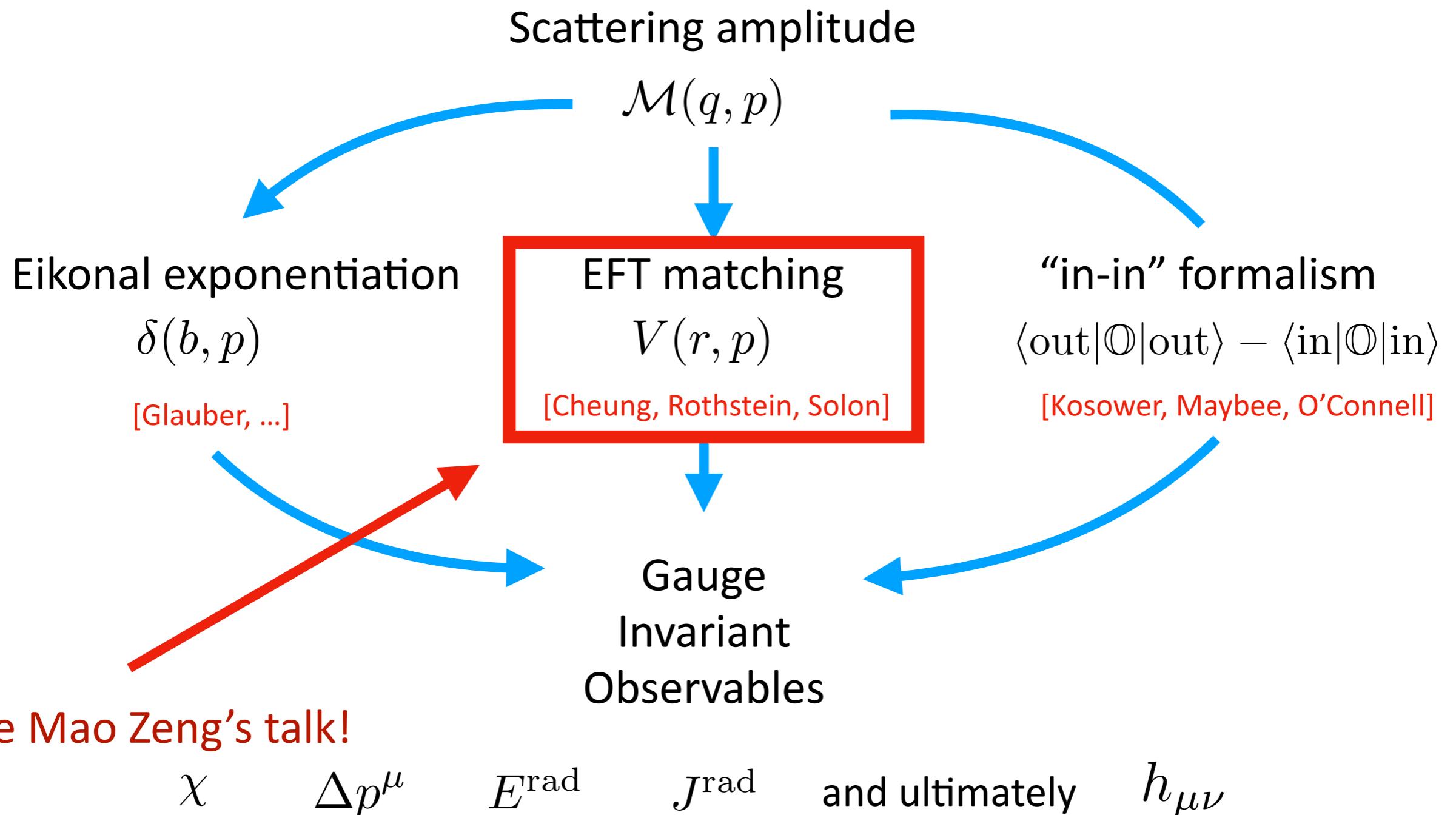
- Finite size effects via tidal operators [Cheung, Solon; Haddad, Helset; Bern, **JPM**, Roiban, Sawyer, Shen;...]
- Spin d.o.f by making field massive higher spin [Cachazo, Guevara; + Ochirov, Vines, Bern, Luna, Roiban, Shen, Zeng]

$$\phi_i \rightarrow \phi_i^{\mu(s)}$$

# Multiple approaches



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# Radiative observables

[Kosower, Maybee, O'Connell]

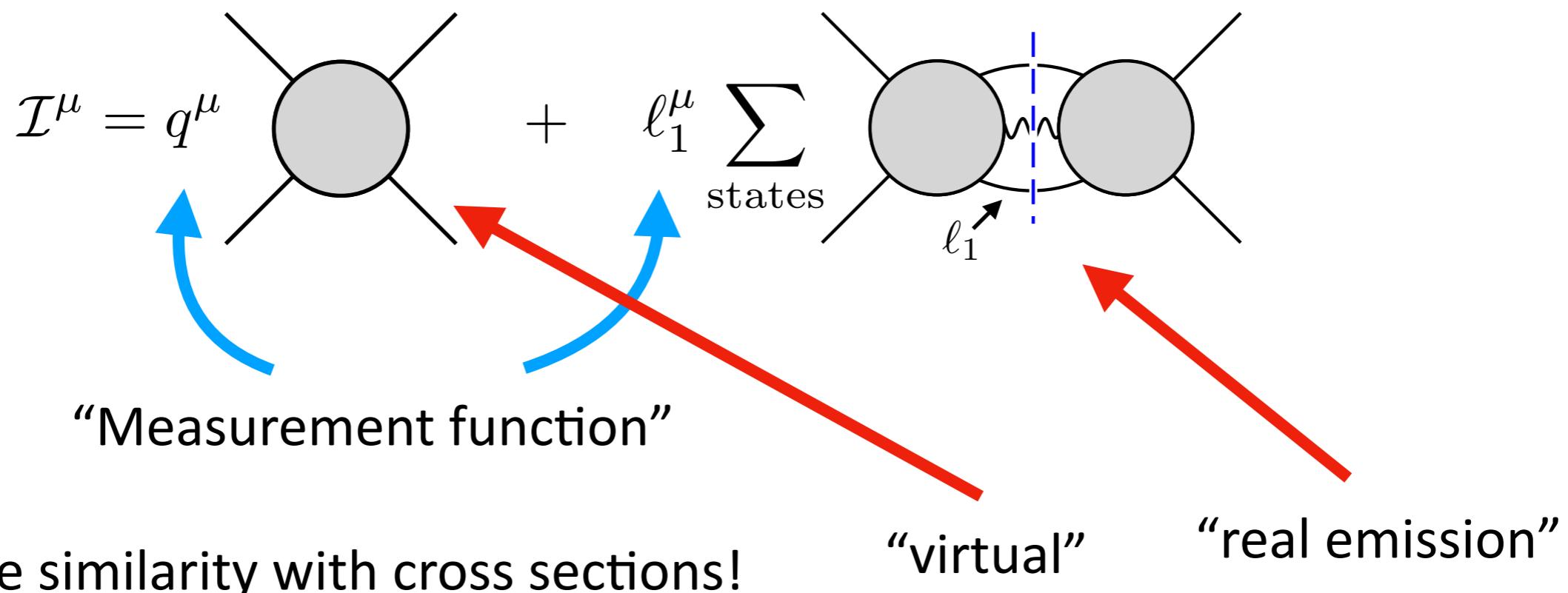
- Real time dynamics “in-in” states related by S-matrix

$$\Delta\mathcal{O} = \langle \text{out} | \mathcal{O} | \text{out} \rangle - \langle \text{in} | \mathcal{O} | \text{in} \rangle$$

$$|\text{out}\rangle = \mathbb{S}|\text{in}\rangle = (1 + i\mathcal{M})|\text{in}\rangle$$

- Example 1: Impulse

$$\Delta p_1^\mu = \int d^D q \delta(2u_1 \cdot q) \delta(2u_2 \cdot q) e^{ib \cdot q} \mathcal{I}^\mu$$



# Radiative observables

[Kosower, Maybee, O'Connell]

- Example 2: Radiated momentum

$$R^\mu = \int d^D q \delta(2u_1 \cdot q) \delta(2u_2 \cdot q) e^{ib \cdot q} \mathcal{R}^\mu$$

“Radiation kernel”

$$\mathcal{R}^\mu = \sum_{\text{states}} k^\mu$$
$$\sim \int k^\mu |h_{\alpha\beta}|^2$$

Waveform

- Simply a measurement of the momentum of the final state radiation

# Classical vs. quantum & PM

- Scales and the classical limit

$$\ell_c \ll R_s \ll r$$

“Compton”      “Schwarzschild”      “Separation”

$$\frac{\hbar}{m} \ll Gm \ll \frac{\hbar}{q}$$

- Two small parameters       $\frac{q}{m} \ll Gmq \ll 1$       ( $\hbar = 1$ )

Quantum vs. classical

PM

- Not ordinary perturbation theory!       $GE^2 \sim Gm^2 \ll 1$

# Classical vs. quantum (regions)

- Classical  $\neq$  tree-level (e.g. due to masses)
- Classical = long distance = large angular momentum

$$\frac{GM}{r} \sim \frac{R_s}{r} \ll 1$$

$$\frac{m_i^2}{-q^2} \sim \frac{s}{-q^2} \sim J^2 \gg 1$$

- Method of regions [Beneke, Smirnov]

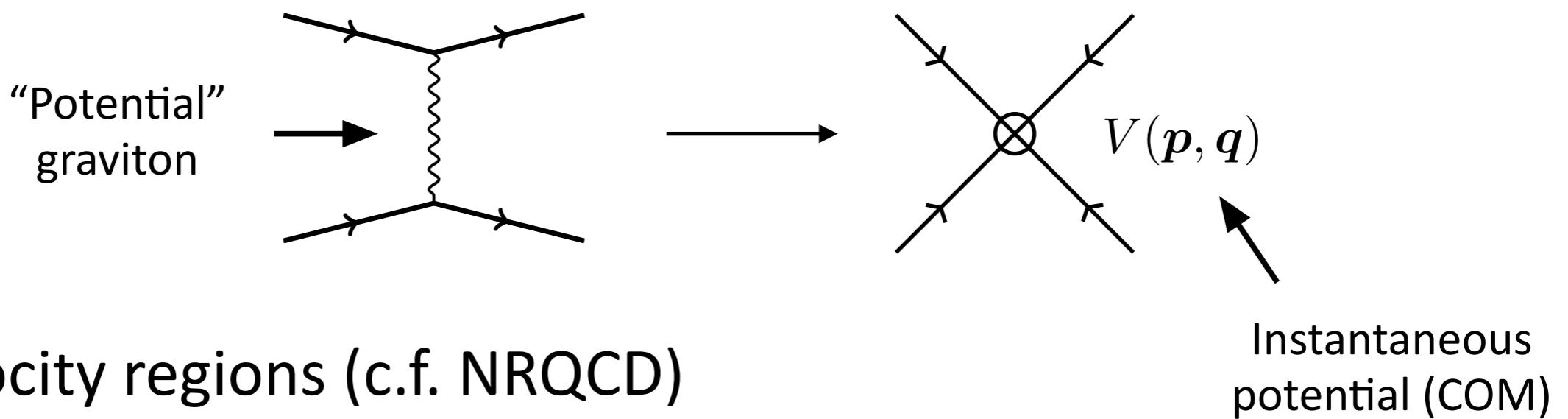
“Matter” (hard):  $p \sim m$  (analytic)

gravitons (soft):  $\ell \sim q \sim \frac{m}{J}$  (non-analytic)

Nonlinear in G corrections encoded in loops with soft gravitons.

# Conservative vs. dissipative

- Conservative interactions mediated by off-shell gravitons



Potential:  $(\omega, \ell) \sim (v, 1)$

Radiation:  $(\omega, \ell) \sim (v, v)$

Conservative dynamics encoded in loops with potential gravitons.

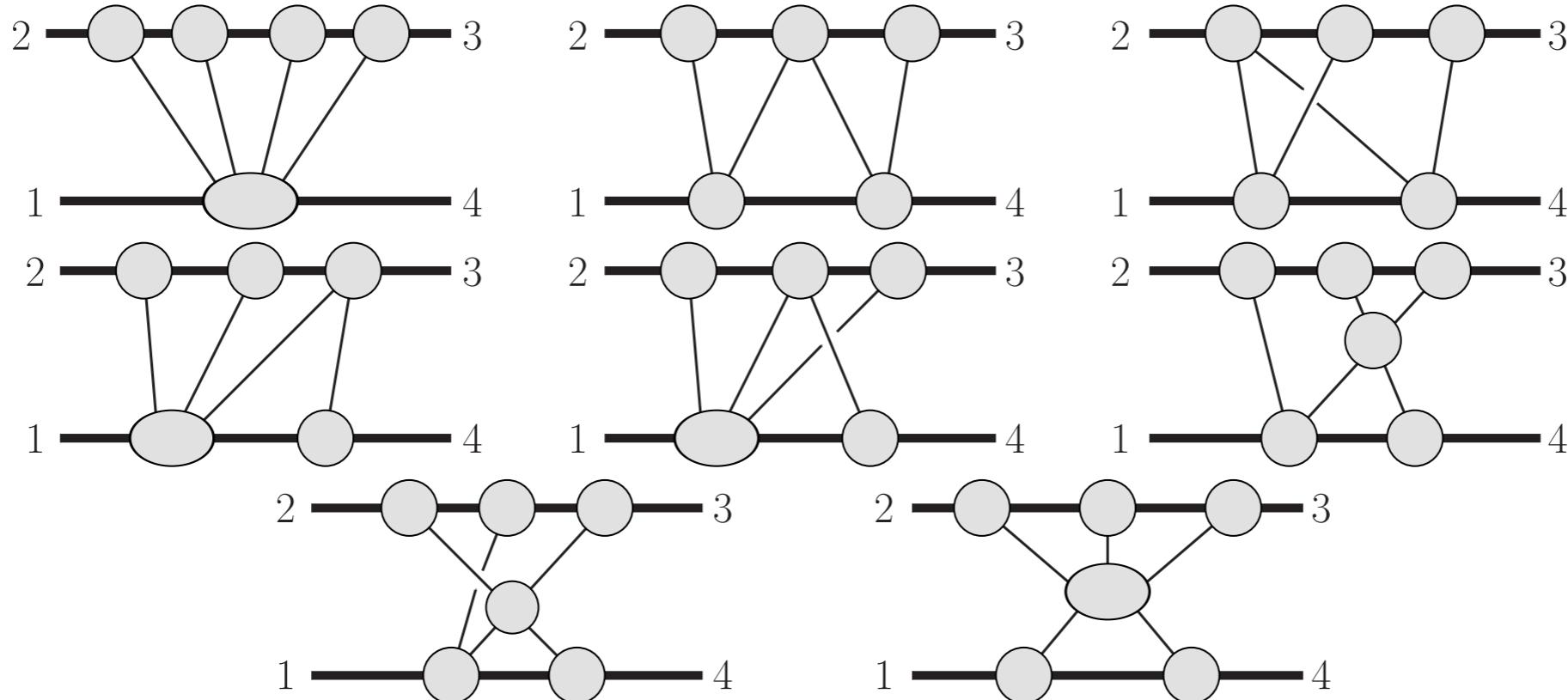
**Goal:** calculate amplitude & cuts in relevant regions, rest can be extracted from it!

# **Collider methods for classical amplitudes**

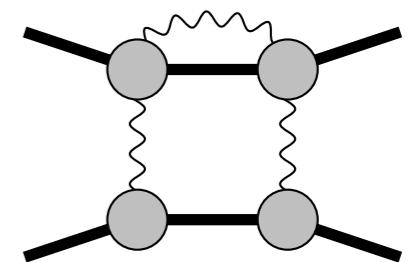
# Integrands from generalized unitarity

- Classical restrictions = “no matter contacts”  
potential restriction = “one matter propagator per loop”

e.g. 4PM [Bern, JPM, Roiban, Ruf, Shen, Solon, Zeng]



- Additional contributions needed for dissipative sector

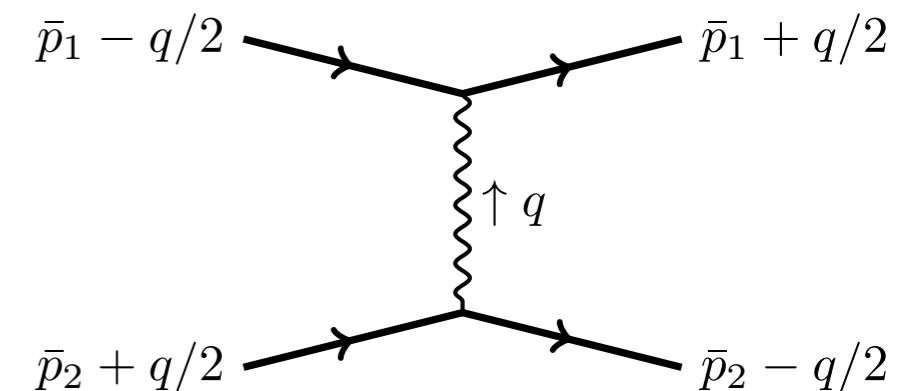


# Classical loop integrals

[JPM, Ruf, Zeng]

- Special variables [Sudakov]  $\bar{p}_i \cdot q = 0$

- Soft integrals (method of regions, c.f. HQET)



$$\ell^2 \rightarrow \ell^2$$

“Eikonalized”  $(\ell + p_i)^2 - m_i^2 \rightarrow 2\ell \cdot u_i$ ,  $u_i = \bar{p}_i / \bar{m}_i$

$$I(q, \bar{p}_i, \bar{m}_i) = (-q^2)^a I(y) \quad y = \frac{\bar{p}_1 \cdot \bar{p}_2}{\bar{m}_1 \bar{m}_2} = \sigma + \mathcal{O}(q^2)$$

**Single scale problem** to all PM (or loop) orders! [JPM, Ruf, Zeng]

- IBP reduction & velocity differential equations! canonical form [Henn]

$$d\vec{I}(y) = \epsilon \sum_i A_i d\log \alpha_i(y) \vec{I}(y)$$

Disclaimer: Elliptic integrals enter at three loops. DE still useful!

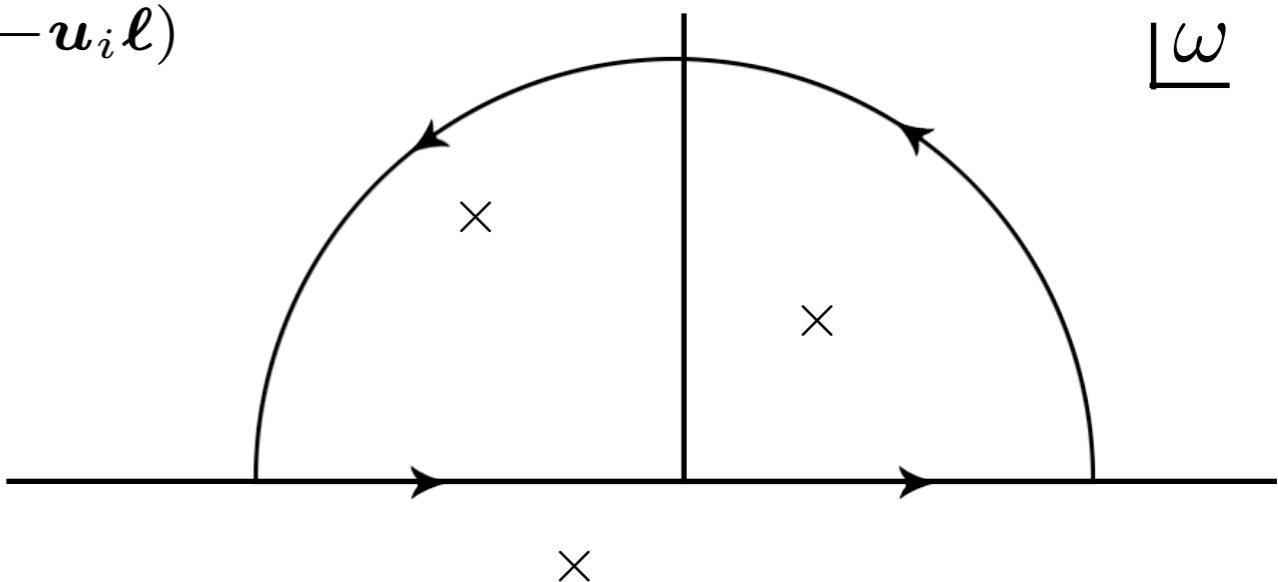
# Potential boundary conditions

[JPM, Ruf, Zeng]

- Radiation and potential regions split in near-static limit  $v \ll 1$
- Integrals in potential region satisfy same differential equations as soft integrals! Only need to calculate appropriate boundary conditions.
- Potential region:

Graviton:  $\frac{1}{\ell^2} = \frac{1}{\omega^2 - \ell^2} = -\frac{1}{\ell^2} - \frac{\omega^2}{(\ell^2)^2} - \frac{\omega^4}{(\ell^2)^3} + \dots$

Matter:  $\frac{1}{2u_i \cdot \ell} = \frac{1}{2(u_i^0 \omega - u_i \ell)}$

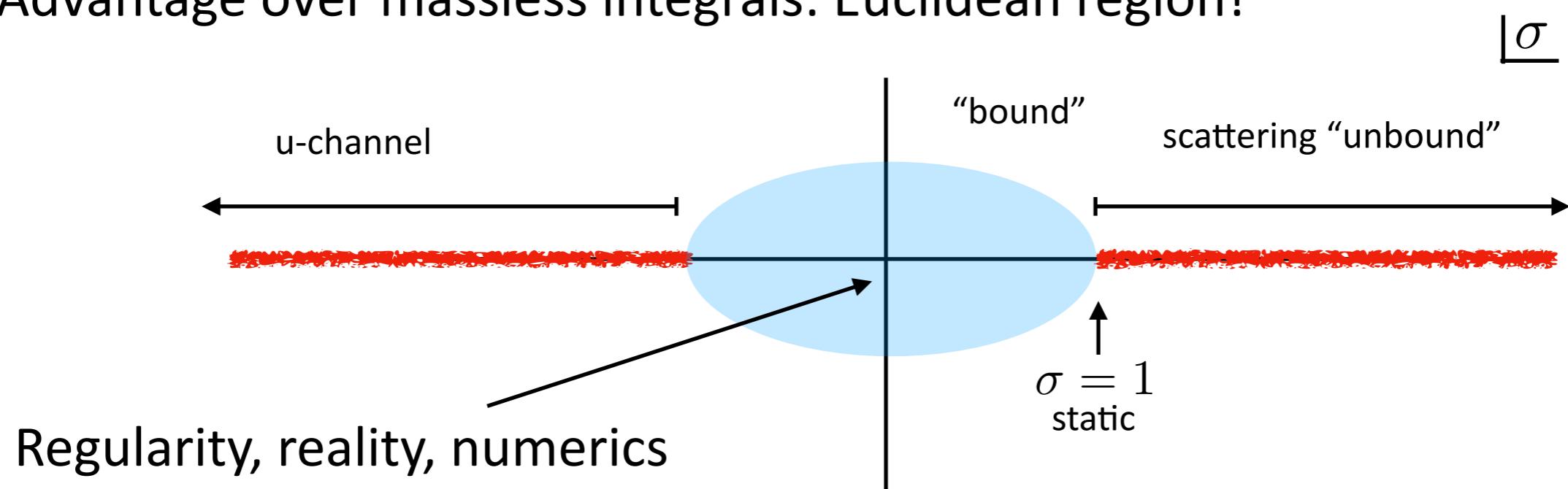


- Evaluated by residue prescription  
(Similar to NRQCD/NRGR)

# Soft boundary conditions

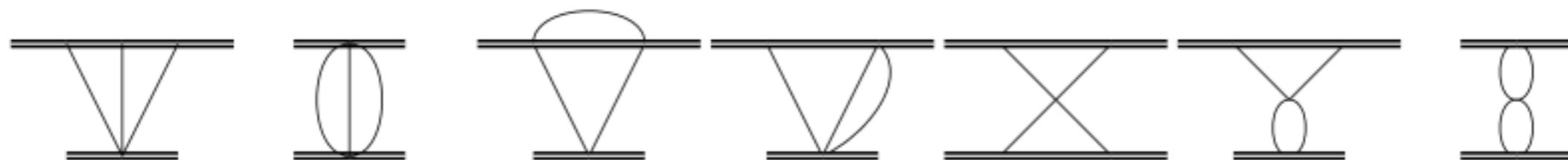
[Herrmann, JPM, Ruf, Zeng]

- Advantage over potential region: analyticity in velocity
- Advantage over massless integrals: Euclidean region!



- Only a few boundary conditions are independent.

e.g. 3PM



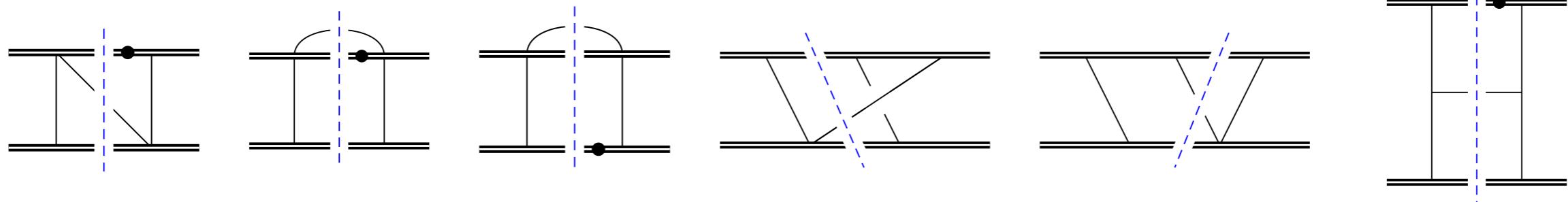
# Tools for cut integrals

[Herrmann, JPM, Ruf, Zeng]

- Reverse unitarity for cut integrals  
[Anastasiou, Melnikov]

$$2\pi i \delta(2u_1 \cdot \ell_1) = \frac{1}{2u_1 \cdot \ell_1 - i\epsilon} - \frac{1}{2u_1 \cdot \ell_1 + i\epsilon}$$

- Same tools apply (IBP reduction, differential equations)



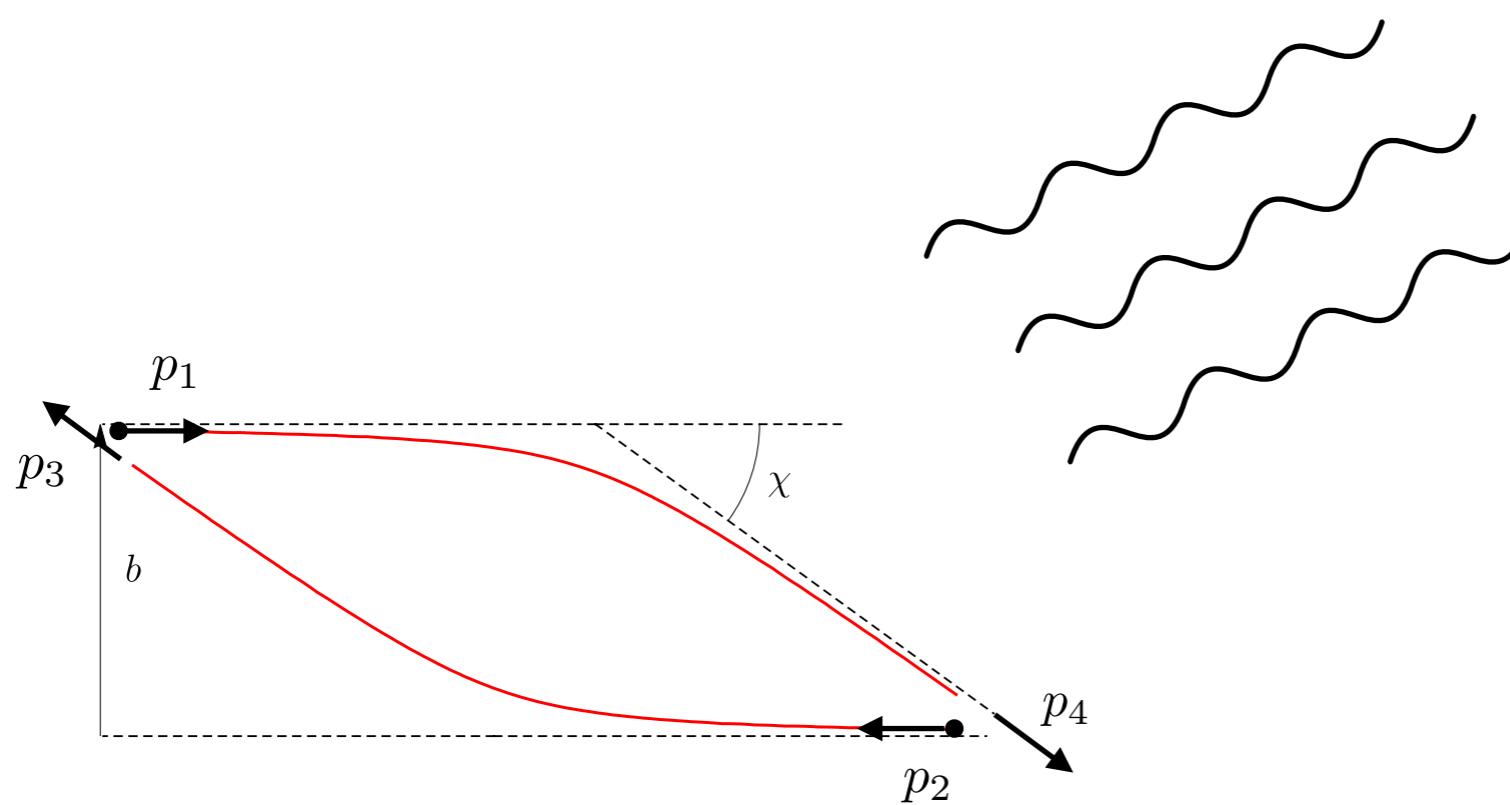
- Many given via optical theorem/ Cutkosky cutting rules

- Others related by same differential equations

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left[ (y^2 - 1) \text{ (Feynman diagram with a cut)} \right] = \frac{1}{2} \text{ (Feynman diagram with a cut)} .$$

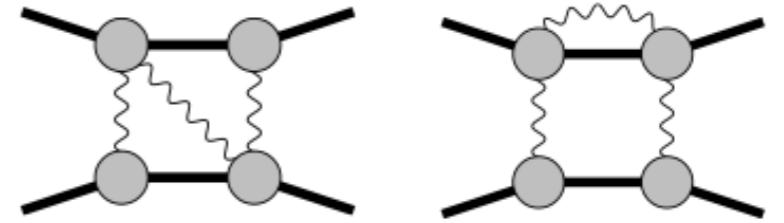
b.c. from velocity power counting!

# Results 1: Gravitational Bremsstrahlung



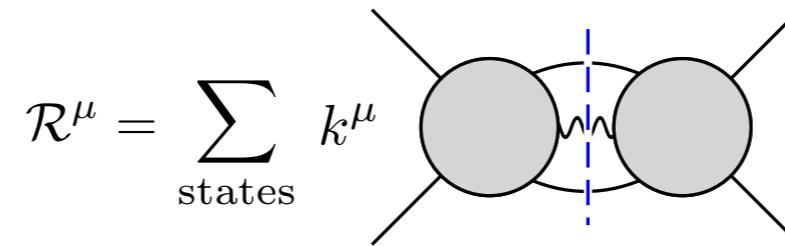
# Radiative observables

[Herrmann, JPM, Ruf, Zeng]



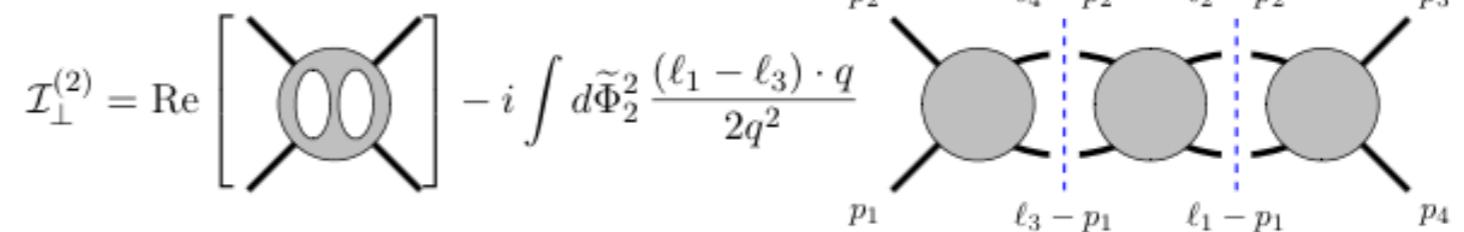
- Integrand via generalized unitarity, integrals via reverse unitarity/cutting rules

- Radiated momentum



$$R^\mu = \frac{G^3 m_1^2 m_2^2}{4|b|^3} \frac{u_1^\mu + u_2^\mu}{\sigma + 1} \left( h_1 + h_2 \log \left( \frac{\sigma+1}{2} \right) + h_3 \frac{\operatorname{arccosh}\sigma}{\sqrt{\sigma^2-1}} \right) + \mathcal{O}(G^4)$$

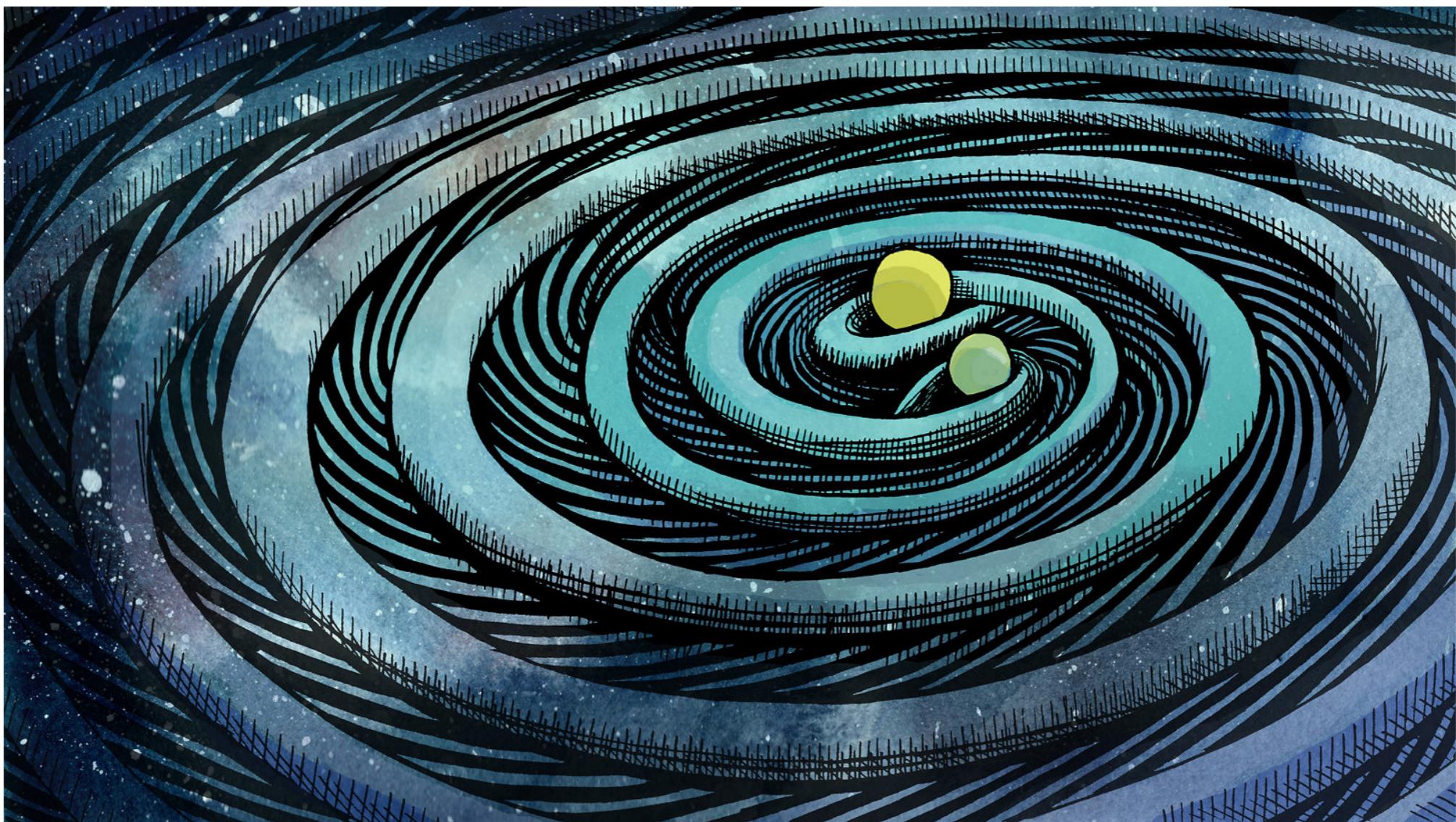
- Impulse on a particle



$$\begin{aligned} \Delta p_1^\mu &= -\frac{16G^3 m_1^2 m_2^2 \sigma^4}{\sigma^2 - 1} \frac{b^\mu}{b^4} \left( -\frac{2\sigma^2}{\sigma^2 - 1} + \left( 4 - \frac{4\sigma(\sigma^2 - 2)}{(\sigma^2 - 1)^{3/2}} \right) \operatorname{arcsinh} \sqrt{\frac{\sigma - 1}{2}} + \frac{\sigma^2 s}{m_1 m_2 (\sigma^2 - 1)^{3/2}} \right) \\ &\quad - \frac{4\pi G^3 m_1^2 m_2^2 \sigma^4}{(\sigma^2 - 1)^{3/2}} \frac{\sigma u_2^\mu - u_1^\mu}{|b|^3} \left( -\frac{2\sigma^2}{\sigma^2 - 1} + \left( 4 - \frac{4\sigma(\sigma^2 - 2)}{(\sigma^2 - 1)^{3/2}} \right) \operatorname{arcsinh} \sqrt{\frac{\sigma - 1}{2}} + 4 \log \left( \frac{1}{2} (1 + \sigma - \sqrt{\sigma^2 - 1}) \right) \right) \end{aligned}$$

(N=8 result, GR lengthier, but same story)

# Results 2: Fourth post-Minkowskian Potential



# 4PM “potential” amplitude

[Bern, JPM, Roiban, Ruf, Shen, Solon, Zeng]

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{M}_4(\mathbf{q}) &= G^4 M^7 \nu^2 |\mathbf{q}| \left( \frac{\mathbf{q}^2}{4^{\frac{1}{3}} \tilde{\mu}^2} \right)^{-3\epsilon} \pi^2 \left[ \mathcal{M}_4^p + \nu \left( \frac{\mathcal{M}_4^t}{\epsilon} + \mathcal{M}_4^f \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}, \\ \mathcal{M}_4^p &= -\frac{35 (1 - 18\sigma^2 + 33\sigma^4)}{8(\sigma^2 - 1)}, \quad \mathcal{M}_4^t = h_1 + h_2 \log \left( \frac{\sigma+1}{2} \right) + h_3 \frac{\operatorname{arccosh}(\sigma)}{\sqrt{\sigma^2 - 1}}, \\ \mathcal{M}_4^f &= h_4 + h_5 \log \left( \frac{\sigma+1}{2} \right) + h_6 \frac{\operatorname{arccosh}(\sigma)}{\sqrt{\sigma^2 - 1}} + h_7 \log(\sigma) - h_2 \frac{2\pi^2}{3} + h_8 \frac{\operatorname{arccosh}^2(\sigma)}{\sigma^2 - 1} + h_9 \left[ \operatorname{Li}_2 \left( \frac{1-\sigma}{2} \right) + \frac{1}{2} \log^2 \left( \frac{\sigma+1}{2} \right) \right] \\ &\quad + h_{10} \left[ \operatorname{Li}_2 \left( \frac{1-\sigma}{2} \right) - \frac{\pi^2}{6} \right] + h_{11} \left[ \operatorname{Li}_2 \left( \frac{1-\sigma}{1+\sigma} \right) - \operatorname{Li}_2 \left( \frac{\sigma-1}{\sigma+1} \right) + \frac{\pi^2}{3} \right] + h_2 \frac{2\sigma(2\sigma^2 - 3)}{(\sigma^2 - 1)^{3/2}} \left[ \operatorname{Li}_2 \left( \sqrt{\frac{\sigma-1}{\sigma+1}} \right) - \operatorname{Li}_2 \left( -\sqrt{\frac{\sigma-1}{\sigma+1}} \right) \right] \\ &\quad + \frac{2h_3}{\sqrt{\sigma^2 - 1}} \left[ \operatorname{Li}_2 \left( 1 - \sigma - \sqrt{\sigma^2 - 1} \right) - \operatorname{Li}_2 \left( 1 - \sigma + \sqrt{\sigma^2 - 1} \right) + 5 \operatorname{Li}_2 \left( \sqrt{\frac{\sigma-1}{\sigma+1}} \right) - 5 \operatorname{Li}_2 \left( -\sqrt{\frac{\sigma-1}{\sigma+1}} \right) + 2 \log \left( \frac{\sigma+1}{2} \right) \operatorname{arccosh}(\sigma) \right] \\ &\quad + h_{12} K^2 \left( \frac{\sigma-1}{\sigma+1} \right) + h_{13} K \left( \frac{\sigma-1}{\sigma+1} \right) E \left( \frac{\sigma-1}{\sigma+1} \right) + h_{14} E^2 \left( \frac{\sigma-1}{\sigma+1} \right), \end{aligned}$$

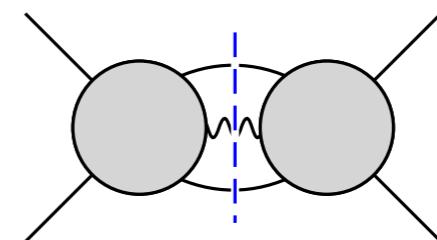
$$\nu = \frac{m_1 m_2}{(m_1 + m_2)^2} \quad \sigma = \frac{p_1 \cdot p_2}{m_1 m_2}$$

- Three loops. Appearance of classical elliptic integrals.
- Infrared divergence/tail effect - (splitting of potential/radiation) coefficient matches radiated energy!

# Conclusions/future

- Modern tools offer an efficient scalable way to compute classical potentials and radiation observables in general relativity
  - integration by parts
  - method of regions
  - differential equations
  - generalized unitarity
  - reverse unitarity
- We have reached the state of the art in the computation of these quantities. The methods are not close to being exhausted
- Other observables in the works e.g: Power-spectrum  $\sim p_T$ , rapidity distributions

$$\frac{dR^\mu}{d\omega} = \sum_{\text{states}} k^\mu \delta(k^0 - \omega)$$



Also angular distribution  $\sim$  event shapes, radiated angular momentum, ...

- Future challenges (multiloop, multiscale, elliptic...) fit for RADCOR/LOOPFEST community, **come join the effort!**

**Thank you!**