

CLASSICAL BLACK HOLE SCATTERING FROM A WORLDLINE QFT

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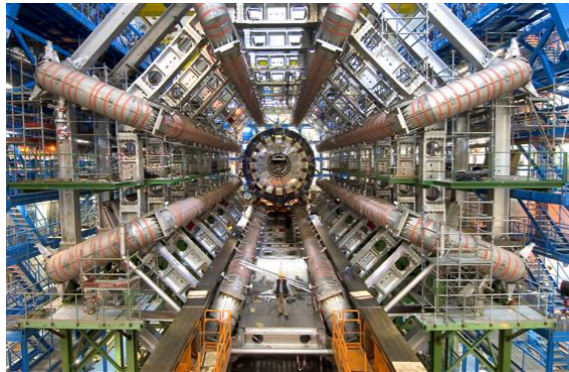
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**Rethinking
Quantum Field Theory**

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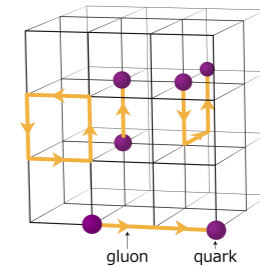
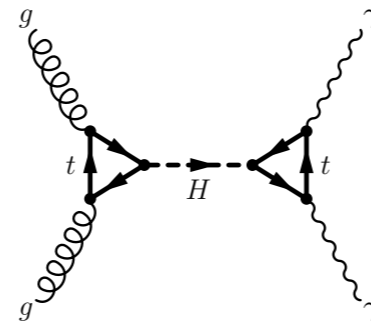
Particle Physics: Paradigmatic experiment is Scattering in Colliders

Theory: Relativistic Quantum Field Theory



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path integral
quantization

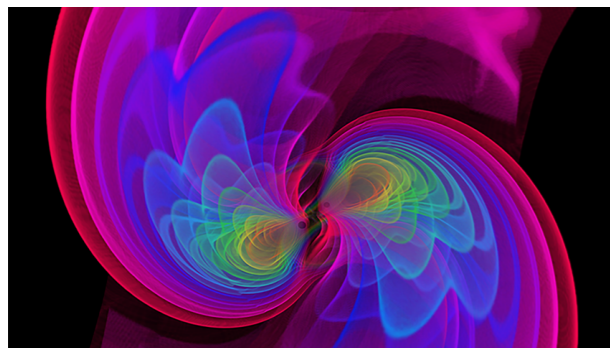
$$\mathcal{L} = -\frac{1}{4}F_{\mu\nu}F^{\mu\nu} + i\bar{\psi}\not{D}\psi + \psi_i Y_{ij}\psi_j \phi + |D_\mu\phi|^2 - \lambda|\phi|^4 - m^2|\phi|^2$$



Perturbative QFT: S-matrix

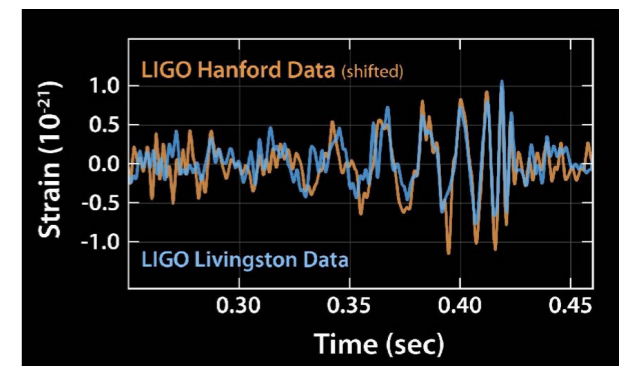
Lattice Field Thy: Bound system

Gravity: Gravitational wave emission in Black Hole and Neutron Star encounters now routinely measured in LIGO-Virgo-Karga GW detectors



Classical radiative field theory

$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{1}{16\pi G}\sqrt{-g}R + \mathcal{L}_{\text{Matter}}$$

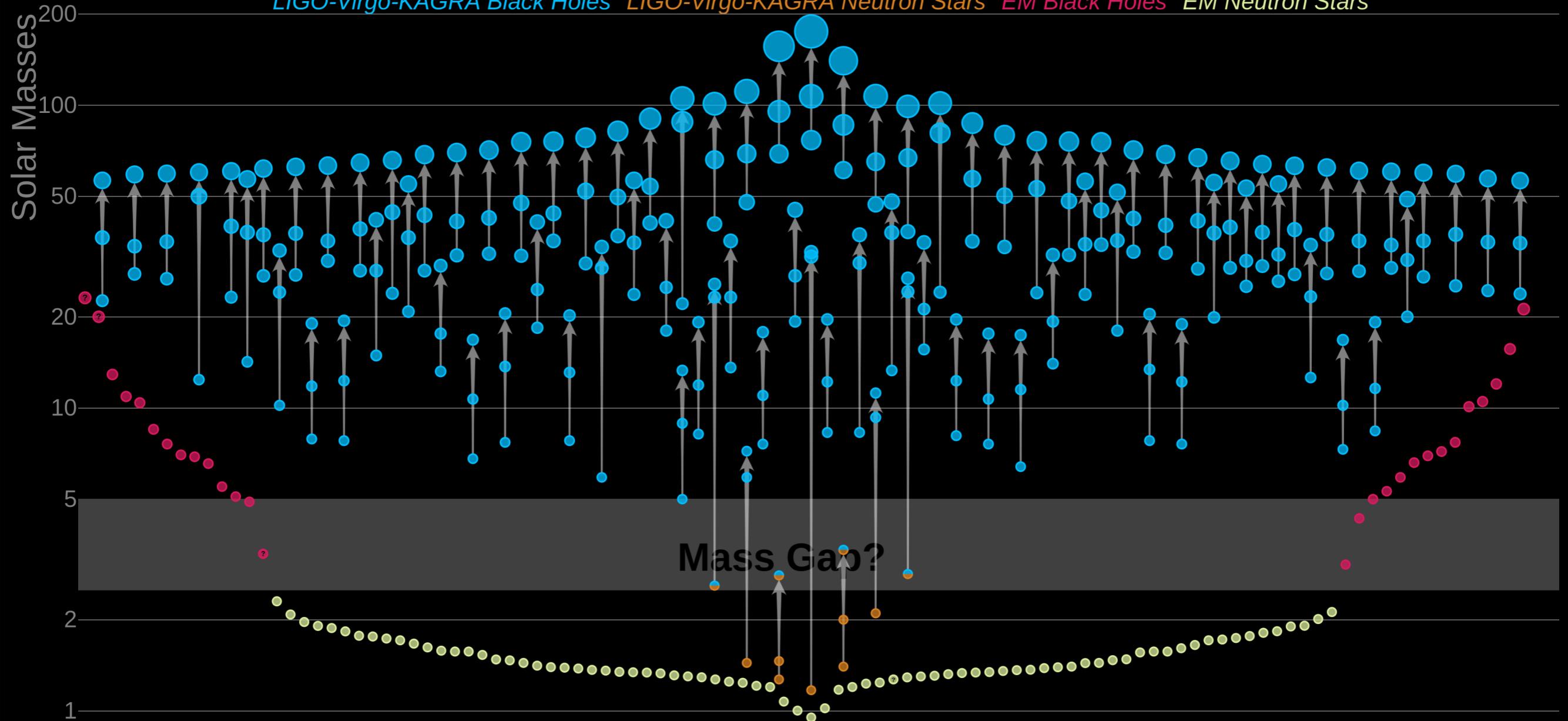


Theory: Needs perturbative Solution of **classical** gravitational two-body problem: Apply perturbative QFT techniques!

GRAVITATIONAL WAVES: A NEW OBSERVATIONAL ERA

Masses in the Stellar Graveyard

LIGO-Virgo-KAGRA Black Holes *LIGO-Virgo-KAGRA Neutron Stars* *EM Black Holes* *EM Neutron Stars*

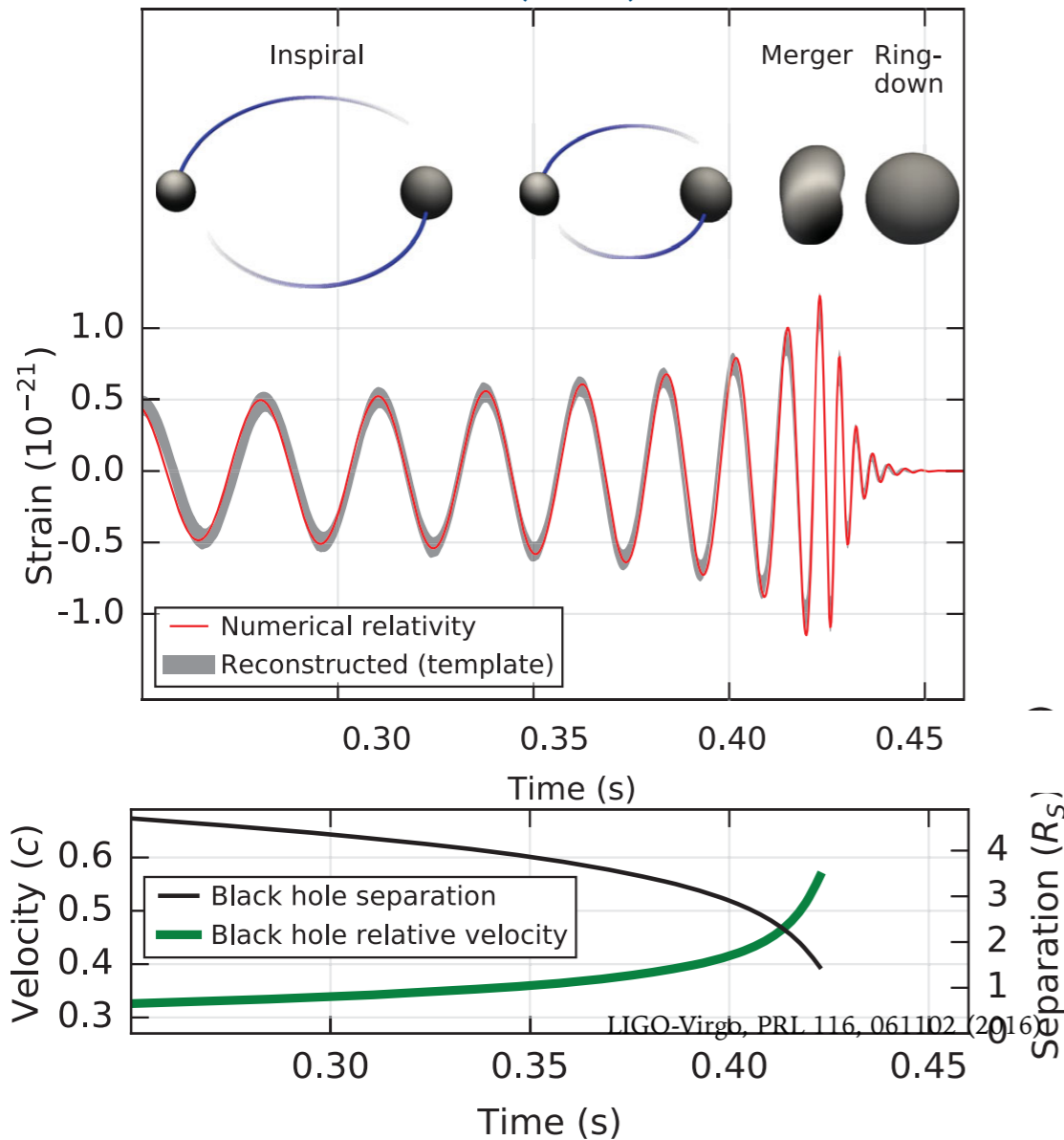


LIGO-Virgo-KAGRA | Aaron Geller | Northwestern

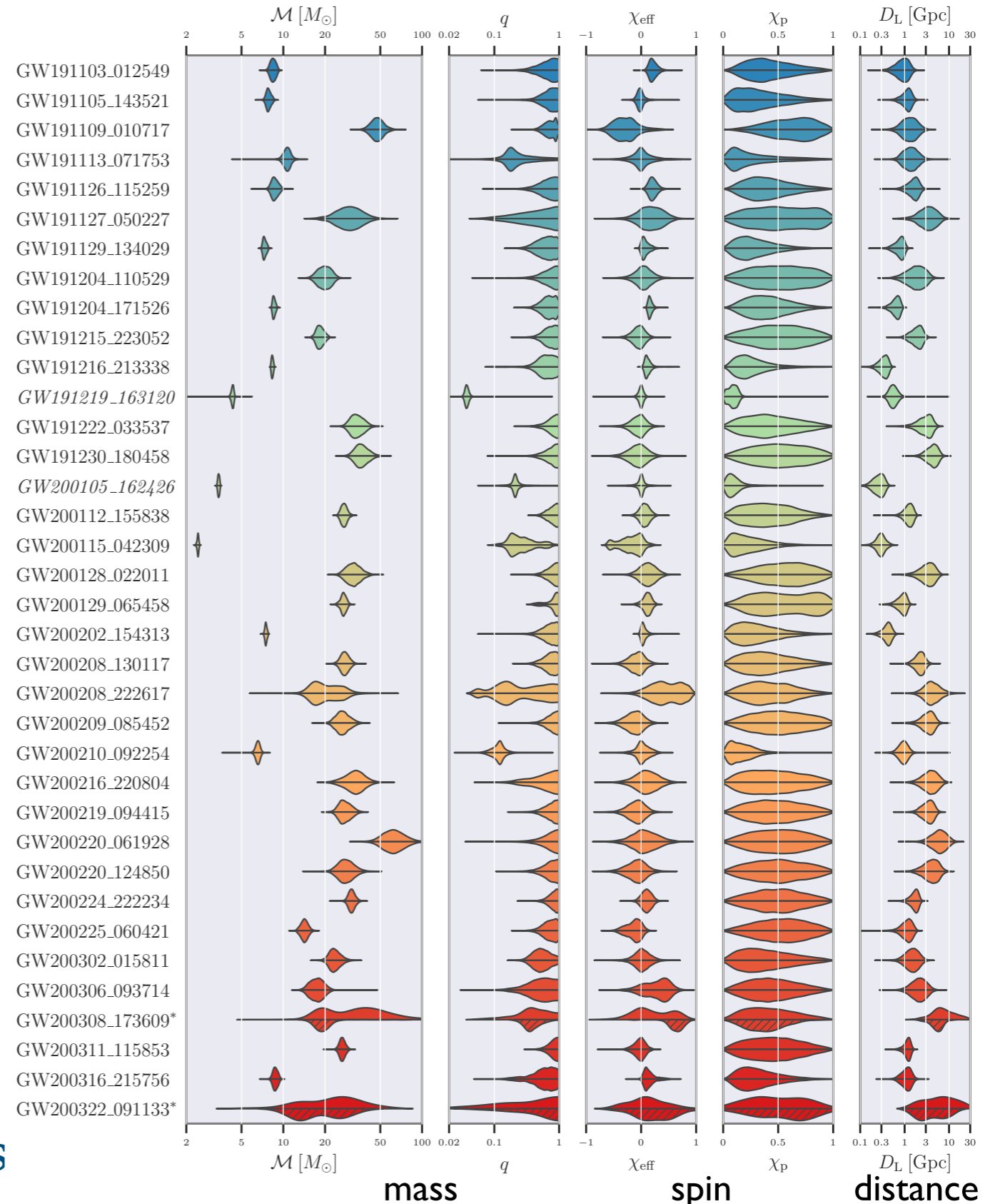
Following GW150914: To date 90 binary mergers detected by LIGO-Virgo-Karga Collaboration

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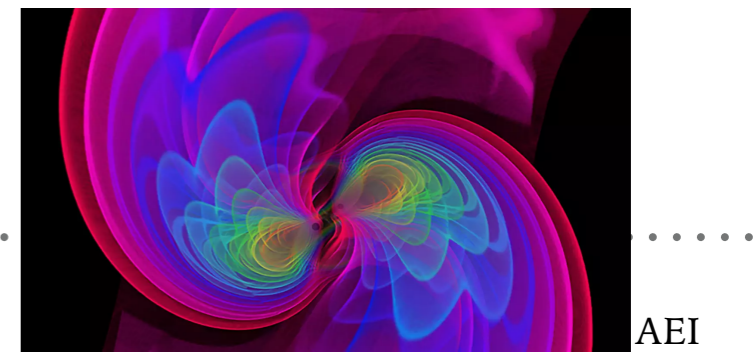
Binary mergers of black holes (BHs) and neutron stars (NS)



Measurement of binary parameters
Masses, Spins, Distance



PHYSICS CASES



- 3rd generation of GW observatories (Einstein Telescope; Advanced LIGO, LISA) to start in 2030's.
- Highly increased sensitivity expected: Need for **high precision theory predictions**

Astrophysics:

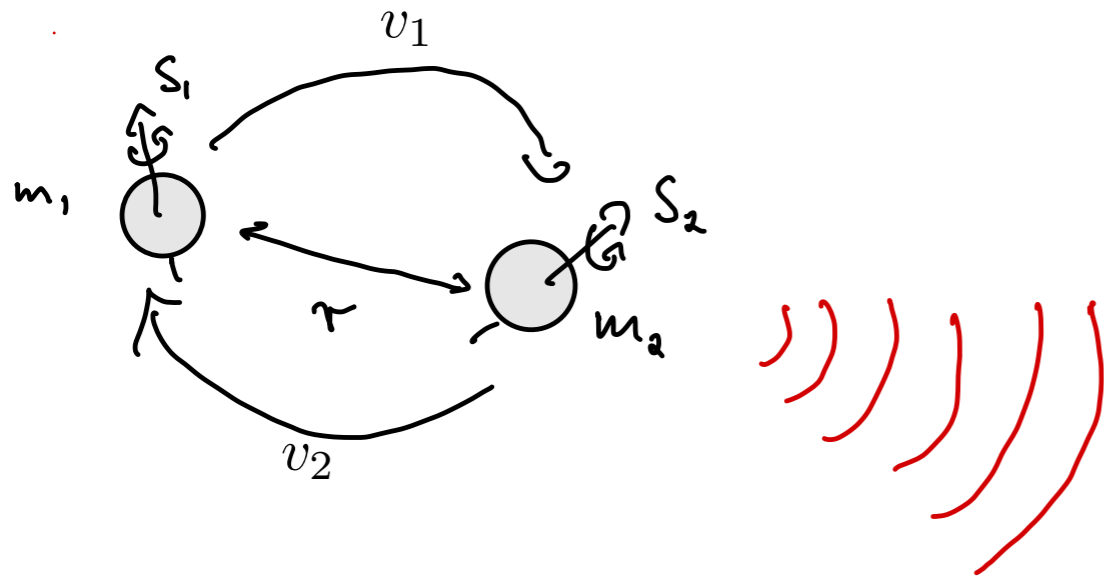
- Black hole formation & evolution
- Neutron star properties: Equation of state, strong interacting matter
- Multi-messenger astronomy
- New astrophysical sources of GW

Fundamental physics:

- Precision tests of (strong field) GR
- New physics signals? Modifications of GR, Higher curvature terms, Dark Matter...

THE GENERAL RELATIVISTIC 2-BODY PROBLEM

As in Newtonian case has either **bound** or **unbound** orbits.



Inspiral of 2 BHs or NSs:

Virial-thm: $\frac{GM}{r} \sim v^2$

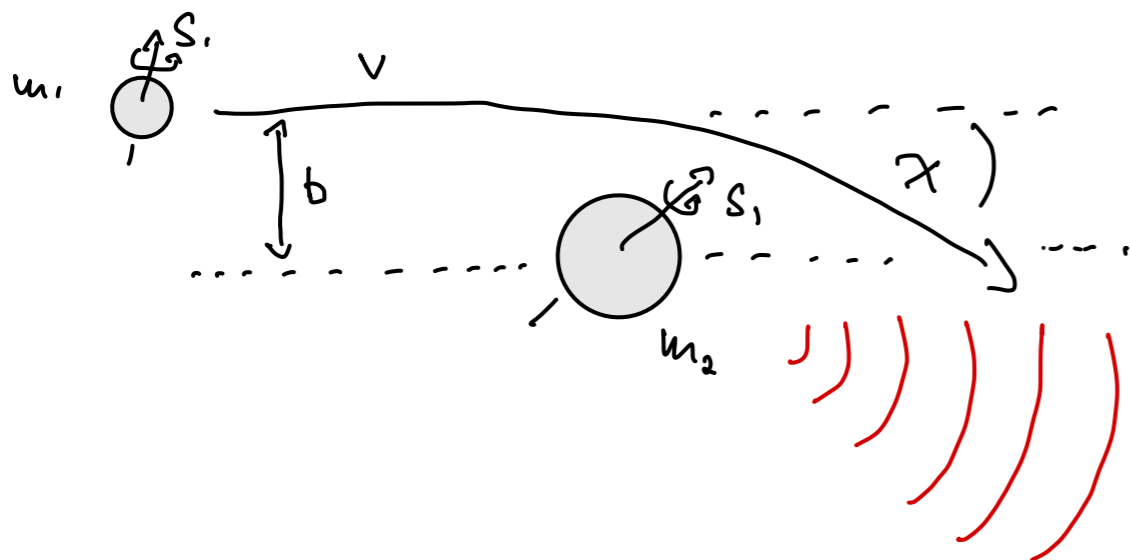
post-Newtonian (PN) expansion:

Weak field expansion:

$$g_{\mu\nu} = \eta_{\mu\nu} + \kappa h_{\mu\nu}$$

$$\kappa = \sqrt{32\pi G}$$

Newton's constant



Scattering of 2 BHs or NSs:

Weak field (G), exact in v

post-Newtonian (PM) expansion

THE POST NEWTONIAN EXPANSION

Effective (conservative) action known up to 5PN order:

$$\begin{aligned}
 S = & \sum_i \int dt \left[-m_i + \frac{1}{c^2} \left(\frac{m_i \mathbf{v}_i^2}{2} + \sum_{j \neq i} \frac{Gm_i m_j}{2r_{ij}} \right) \right. \\
 & + \frac{1}{c^4} \left(\frac{m_i \mathbf{v}_i^4}{8} + \sum_{j \neq i} \frac{Gm_i m_j}{4r_{ij}} (6 \mathbf{v}_i^2 - (\mathbf{n}_{ij} \cdot \mathbf{v}_i)(\mathbf{n}_{ij} \cdot \mathbf{v}_j) - 7 \mathbf{v}_i \cdot \mathbf{v}_j) - \sum_{j \neq i} \sum_{k \neq i} \frac{G^2 m_i m_j m_k}{2r_{ij} r_{ik}} \right) \\
 & + \sum_i \int \frac{dt}{c^6} \left\{ \frac{m_i \mathbf{v}_i^6}{16} + \sum_{j \neq i} \frac{Gm_i m_j}{16r_{ij}} \left[3(\mathbf{n}_{ij} \cdot \mathbf{v}_i)^2 (\mathbf{n}_{ij} \cdot \mathbf{v}_j)^2 - 6 \mathbf{n}_{ij} \cdot \mathbf{v}_i \mathbf{n}_{ij} \cdot \mathbf{v}_j \mathbf{v}_{ij}^2 - 2 (\mathbf{n}_{ij} \cdot \mathbf{v}_j)^2 \mathbf{v}_i^2 \right. \right. \\
 & \quad \left. \left. + 3 \mathbf{v}_i^2 \mathbf{v}_j^2 + 2 (\mathbf{v}_i \cdot \mathbf{v}_j)^2 - 20 \mathbf{v}_i^2 \mathbf{v}_i \cdot \mathbf{v}_j + 14 \mathbf{v}_i^4 \right] + \sum_{j \neq i} \frac{G^2 m_i m_j^2}{2r_{ij}^2} \left[33 (\mathbf{n}_{ij} \cdot \mathbf{v}_{ij})^2 - 17 \mathbf{v}_{ij}^2 \right] \right. \\
 & \quad \left. + \sum_{j \neq i} \sum_{k \neq i} \frac{G^2 m_i m_j m_k}{8} \left[\frac{1}{r_{ij} r_{ik}} (4(\mathbf{n}_{ij} \cdot \mathbf{v}_j)^2 + 18 \mathbf{v}_i^2 - 16 \mathbf{v}_j^2 - 32 \mathbf{v}_i \cdot \mathbf{v}_j + 32 \mathbf{v}_j \cdot \mathbf{v}_k) \right. \right. \\
 & \quad \left. \left. + \frac{1}{r_{ij}^2} (14 \mathbf{n}_{ik} \cdot \mathbf{v}_k \mathbf{n}_{ij} \cdot \mathbf{v}_k - 12 \mathbf{n}_{ij} \cdot \mathbf{v}_i \mathbf{n}_{ik} \cdot \mathbf{v}_k + \mathbf{n}_{ij} \cdot \mathbf{n}_{ik} (\mathbf{n}_{ik} \cdot \mathbf{v}_k)^2 - \mathbf{n}_{ij} \cdot \mathbf{n}_{ik} \mathbf{v}_k^2) \right] \right. \\
 & \quad \left. + \sum_{j \neq i} \sum_{k \neq i, j} G^2 m_i m_j m_k \left[\frac{2(\mathbf{n}_{ij} - \mathbf{n}_{jk}) \cdot \mathbf{v}_{ij}}{(r_{ij} + r_{ik} + r_{jk})^2} (4(\mathbf{n}_{ij} + \mathbf{n}_{ik}) \cdot \mathbf{v}_{ij} + (\mathbf{n}_{ik} + \mathbf{n}_{jk}) \cdot \mathbf{v}_{ik}) \right. \right. \\
 & \quad \left. \left. + \frac{9(\mathbf{n}_{ij} \cdot \mathbf{v}_{ij})^2 - 9 \mathbf{v}_{ij}^2 + 2(\mathbf{n}_{ij} \cdot \mathbf{v}_{ik})^2 - 2 \mathbf{v}_{ik}^2}{r_{ij} (r_{ij} + r_{ik} + r_{jk})} \right] \right\} + G^3 \times [\text{static term}], + \dots
 \end{aligned}$$

1PN:

[Newton (1687)]

2PN:

[Einstein, Infeld, Hofmann (1938)]

3PN:

[Ohta, Okamura, Hiida, Kimura (1974)]

4PN: [Damour, Jaranowski, Schaefer (2016); Blanchet, Bohe, Faye (2015)]

5PN: [Bini, Damour, Gerialico (2019); Foffa (2017); Porto, Rothstein, Sturani (2019)]

Partial results at 6PN...

POST-NEWTONIAN VS POST-MINKOWSKIAN EXPANSIONS

Conservative non-spinning 2-body dynamics:

		0PN	1PN	2PN	3PN	4PN	5PN		Integration complexity
0PM [Einstein]	1	v^2	v^4	v^6	v^8	v^{10}	v^{12}	...	
1PM [Westpfahl]		G/r [Newton]	$G v^2/r$ [EIH]	$G v^4/r$	$G v^6/r$	$G v^8/r$	$G v^{10}/r$...	~ tree-level
2PM [many]			$G^2 1/r^2$	$G^2 v^2/r^2$	$G^2 v^4/r^2$	$G^2 v^6/r^2$	$G^2 v^8/r^2$...	~ 1-loop
3PM				$G^3 1/r^3$	$G^3 v^2/r^3$	$G^3 v^6/r^3$	$G^3 v^8/r^3$...	~ 2-loop
4PM					$G^4 1/r^4$	$G^4 v^2/r^4$	$G^4 v^6/r^4$...	~ 3-loop
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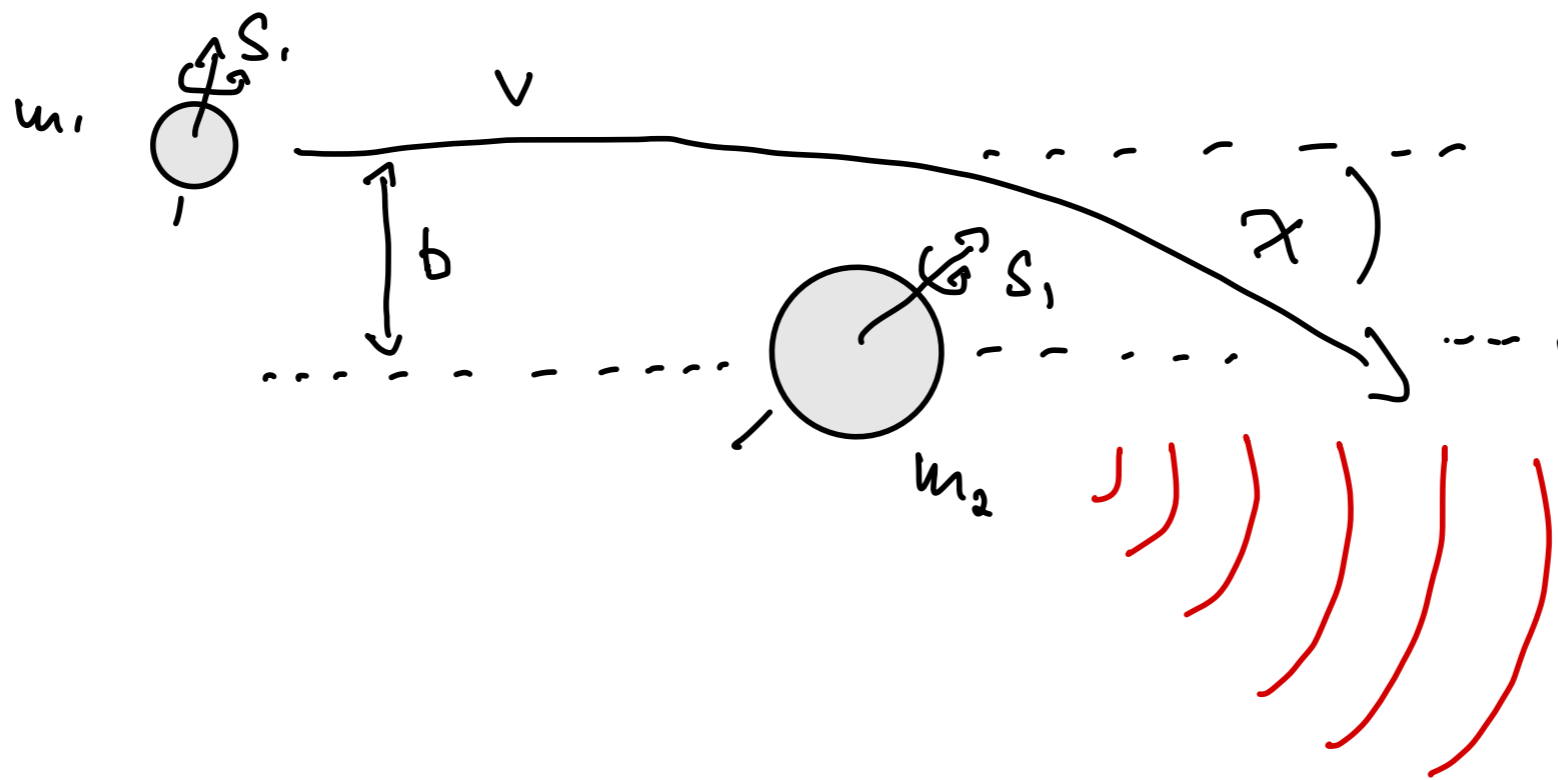
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PM state-of-the-art →

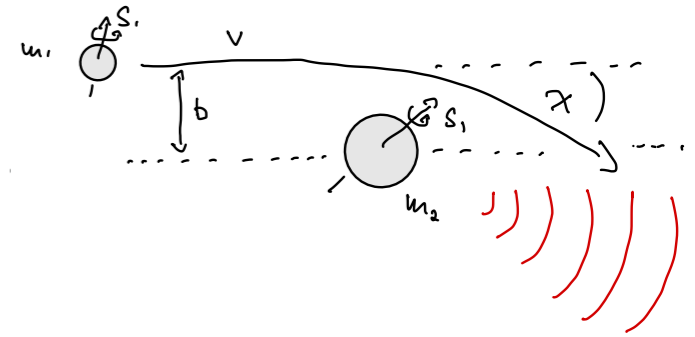
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PN state-of-the-art

THE POST-MINKOWSKIAN EXPANSION



$$f_{\mu\nu} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} G^n f_{\mu\nu}^{(n)}$$

THE GENERAL REALTIVISTIC TWO BODY PROBLEM IN PM: TRADITIONAL APPROACH



Point-particle approximation for BHs (or NSs)

$$S = - \sum_{i=1}^2 \int d\tau_i \sqrt{g_{\mu\nu} \dot{x}_i^\mu(\tau_i) \dot{x}_i^\nu(\tau_i)} + \frac{1}{16\pi G} \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} R + S_{\text{g.f.}}$$

Point particle Bulk gravity & gauge

1) Equations of motion:

$$R_{\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{2} g_{\mu\nu} R = \frac{\kappa^2}{8} T_{\mu\nu} \quad \ddot{x}_i^\mu + \Gamma^\mu_{\nu\rho} \dot{x}_i^\nu \dot{x}_i^\rho = 0$$

Einstein's eqs. Geodesic

2) Solve iteratively in $\kappa = \sqrt{32\pi G}$

$$g_{\mu\nu} = \eta_{\mu\nu} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \kappa^n h_{\mu\nu}^{(n)}(x)$$

emitted radiation

$$x_i^\mu(\tau) = b_i^\mu + v_i^\mu \tau + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \kappa^n z_i^{\mu(n)}(\tau)$$

straight line: „in“ state deflections

3) Construct observables

Far field waveform: $\lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} h_{\mu\nu} = \frac{f_{\mu\nu}(t - r, \theta, \varphi)}{r} + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{1}{r^2}\right)$

„Impulse“ (change in momentum): $\Delta p_i^\mu = m_i \dot{x}_i^\mu \Big|_{\tau=-\infty}^{\tau=+\infty} = \int d\tau \ddot{x}_i^\mu(\tau)$

USE OF QUANTUM FIELD THEORY TECHNIQUES FOR CLASSICAL 2-BODY PROBLEM

1) Effective world-line field theory:

[Källin, Porto, Dlapa] [Mougiakos, Riva, Vernizzi]

Construct effective action:

$$e^{\frac{i}{\hbar} S_{\text{eff}}[x_i]} = \int [Dh_{\mu\nu}] e^{\frac{i}{\hbar} (S_{pp} + S_G)}$$

Solve e.o.m.s for $x_i(\tau)$:

$$\frac{\delta S_{\text{eff}}[x_i]}{\delta x_i} = 0$$

2) Scattering amplitudes:

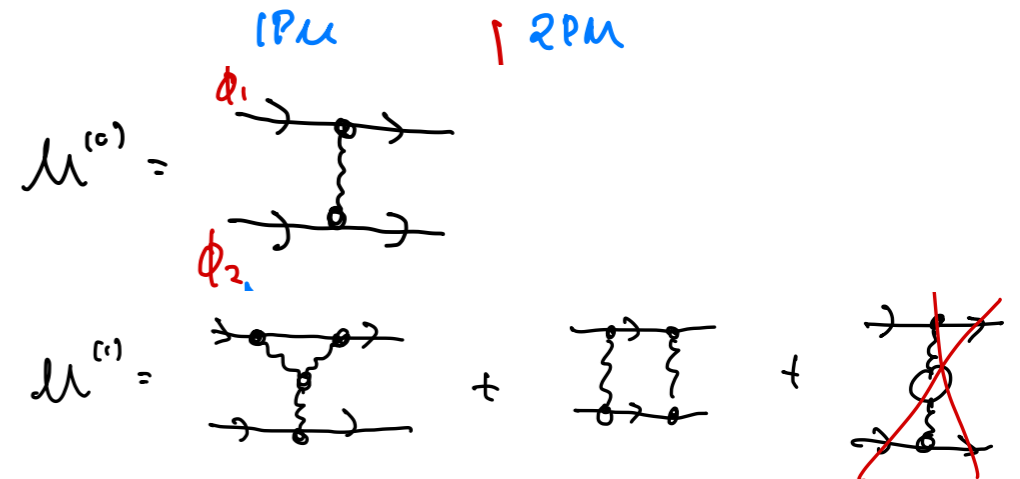
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Scalar fields as avatars of BHs & NSs:

$$\mathcal{M} = k^2 \mathcal{M}^{(0)} + k^4 \mathcal{M}^{(1)} + \dots$$

+ Modern on-shell techniques:

- Non-trivial classical limit
- Opaque relation to observables



3) World line quantum field theory: Best of 1) & 2)

[Jakobsen, Mogull, JP, Steinhoff]

Philosophy: Focus on observables (here one-point functions @ tree-level

Use 1) but also path integrate over $x_i(\tau)$!

WORLDLINE QUANTUM FIELD THEORY

$$G(x, x') = x \text{ --- } x' + x \text{ --- } \overset{h}{\uparrow} \text{---} x' + x \text{ --- } \overset{h \quad h}{\uparrow \uparrow} \text{---} x' + x \text{ --- } \overset{h \quad h \quad h}{\uparrow \uparrow \uparrow} \text{---} x' + \dots$$

The diagram illustrates the perturbative expansion of the propagator $G(x, x')$ in worldline quantum field theory. It consists of a series of terms representing different interaction orders:

- The first term is a simple horizontal line connecting x to x' .
- The second term shows a horizontal line from x to a vertex, from which a wavy line labeled h points upwards, and another horizontal line continues to x' .
- The third term shows a horizontal line from x to a vertex, from which two wavy lines labeled h point upwards, and another horizontal line continues to x' .
- The fourth term shows a horizontal line from x to a vertex, from which three wavy lines labeled h point upwards, and another horizontal line continues to x' .
- The series ends with an ellipsis \dots .

USING QFT TECHNIQUES TO SOLVE CLASSICAL FIELD EQUATIONS

CONSIDER SCALAR FIELD THY AS PROXY:

$$S[\phi; Q] = \frac{1}{2} \int d^4x [(\partial_\mu \phi)^2 + m^2 \phi^2] + S_{int}[\phi; Q]$$

Q: PHYSICAL SOURCE OR BACKGROUND

GOAL: (PERTURBATIVE) SOLUTION OF E.O.M.:

$$\left. \frac{\delta S[\phi, Q]}{\delta \phi} \right|_{\phi = \phi_{class}(x)} = 0$$

QFT: GENERATING FUNCTIONAL

$$e^{\frac{i}{\hbar} W[J]} = \int [D\phi] \exp \left\{ \frac{i}{\hbar} S[\phi; Q] + \frac{i}{\hbar} \int d^4x J(x) \phi(x) \right\}$$

ONE-POINT FUNCTION

$$\langle \hat{\phi}_H(x) \rangle_{in-out} = \left. \frac{\delta W[J]}{\delta J(x)} \right|_{J=0}$$

EFFECTIVE ACTION:

(LEGENDRE - TRANSFORM)

$$S_{eff}[\phi] = \frac{i}{\hbar} \int d^4x J(x) \phi(x) - W[J]$$

ONE-POINT FUNCTION & E.O.M.

① EFFECTIVE E.O.M. ARE SOLVED BY ONE-POINT FUNCTION

$$\left. \frac{\delta S_{\text{eff}}[\phi]}{\delta \phi(x)} \right|_{\phi(x) = \langle \hat{\phi}_H(x) \rangle} = 0$$

② TREE-LEVEL \Rightarrow CLASSICAL ACTION: $S_{\text{eff}}[\phi] = S[\phi; Q] + \mathcal{O}(\hbar)$

\Rightarrow TREE-LEVEL (FEYMAN-DIAGRAMATIC) EVALUATION OF $\langle \hat{\phi}_H \rangle$ YIELDS SOLUTION TO CLASSICAL E.O.M.

CAUSALITY:

EXAMPLE:

$$S[\phi] = \frac{1}{2} \int d^4x \left[(\partial_\mu \phi)^2 + m^2 \phi^2 + Q(x) \phi(x) \right]$$

IN-IN ONE POINT FUNCTION:

$$\langle \hat{\phi}_H(x) \rangle_{\text{IN-OUT}} = \text{diagram} = \int d^4y G_{\text{FEYN}}(x-y) Q(y)$$

SOLVES E.O.M BUT WE WANT RETARDED PROPAGATOR!

IN-OUT FORMALISM: STANDARD PATH INTEGRAL

[Galley, Tiglio] [Jordan]

INTERACTION PICTURE:

$$|\psi(t)\rangle = \mathcal{U}(t, -\infty) |\psi\rangle$$

STATE EVOLVES WITH OPERATORS WITH \hat{H}_0

\hat{H}_{int} ,

$$\mathcal{U}(\tau, \tau') = \mathcal{T} \exp \left[\frac{i}{\hbar} \int_{\tau'}^{\tau} dt \int d^3x \hat{H}_{int}[\phi_I(\vec{x}, t)] \right]$$

HEISENBERG PICTURE:

OPERATORS INERT, STATE EVOLVE WITH $\hat{H}_0 + \hat{H}_{int}$

RELATION:

$$\hat{\phi}_I(t, \vec{x}) = \mathcal{U}(t, -\infty) \hat{\phi}_H(t, \vec{x}) \mathcal{U}(-\infty, t)$$

PATH INTEGRAL REPRESENTATION

$|0\rangle$: GROUNDSTATE AT $T = -\infty$

$$\langle 0 | \mathcal{U}_J(\infty, -\infty) | 0 \rangle = \int [D\phi] \exp \left\{ \frac{i}{\hbar} S[\phi; Q] + \frac{i}{\hbar} \int d^4x J(x) \phi(x) \right\} = e^{\frac{i}{\hbar} W[J]}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \hat{\phi}_H(t, \vec{x}) \rangle_{in-out} &= \left. \frac{\delta W[J]}{\delta J(t, \vec{x})} \right|_{J=0} = \langle 0 | \mathcal{U}(\infty, t) \hat{\phi}_I(t, \vec{x}) \mathcal{U}(t, -\infty) | 0 \rangle \\ &= \langle 0 | \mathcal{U}(\infty, -\infty) \hat{\phi}_H(t, \vec{x}) | 0 \rangle = \langle 0 | \hat{\phi}_H(x) | 0 \rangle_{in} \end{aligned}$$

IN-IN (SCHWINGER-KELDYSH) FORMALISM

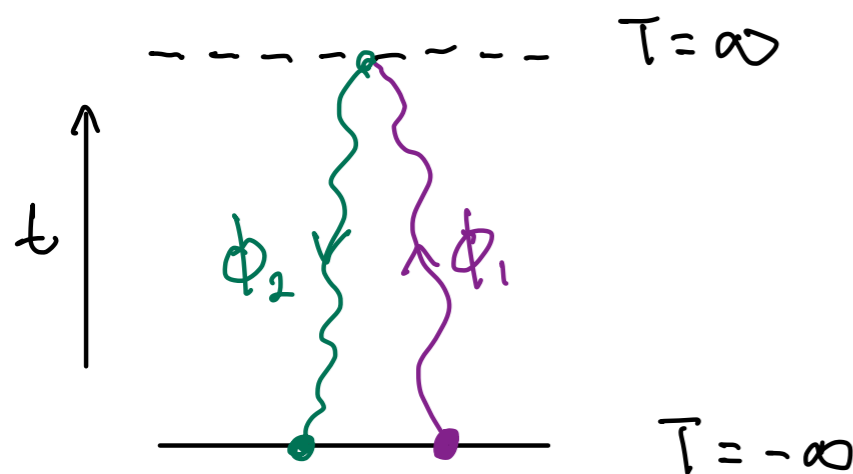
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IN-OUT (STANDARD) FORMALISM YIELDS $\langle \hat{\Phi}_H(x) \rangle_{\text{in-out}} = \text{out} \langle 0 | \hat{\Phi}_H(x) | 0 \rangle_{\text{in}}$ BUT WANT

$$\langle \hat{\Phi}_H(x) \rangle_{\text{in-in}} := \text{in} \langle 0 | \hat{\Phi}_H(x) | 0 \rangle_{\text{in}} = \langle 0 | \hat{U}(-\infty, t) \hat{\Phi}_I(t, \vec{x}) \hat{U}(t, -\infty) | 0 \rangle$$

NEED TWO TIME EVOLUTION OPERATORS \Rightarrow DOUBLE FIELDS IN PATH-INTEGRAL

$$\begin{aligned} e^{\frac{i}{\hbar} W[J_1, J_2]} &= \langle 0 | \hat{U}_{J_2}(-\infty, \infty) \hat{U}_{J_1}(\infty, -\infty) | 0 \rangle \\ &= \int \mathcal{D}\phi_1 \mathcal{D}\phi_2 \exp \left\{ \frac{i}{\hbar} \left(S[\phi_1] - S[\phi_2] + \int d^d x J_1(x) \phi_1(x) - J_2(x) \phi_2(x) \right) \right\} \end{aligned}$$



BOUNDARY CONDITIONS:

$$\phi_1(T=\infty, \vec{x}) = \phi_2(T=\infty, \vec{x})$$

$$\phi_1(T=-\infty, \vec{x}) = \phi_2(T=-\infty, \vec{x}) = 0$$

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \hat{\Phi}_H(x) \rangle_{\text{in-in}} &= \frac{\delta W[J_1, J_2]}{\delta J_1(x)} \Bigg|_{J_i=0} \end{aligned}$$

KELDYSH BASIS

$$\phi_+ = \frac{1}{2}(\phi_1 + \phi_2)$$

$$\phi_- = \phi_1 - \phi_2$$

THIS YIELDS

(SAME FOR J_{\pm})

$$e^{\frac{i}{\hbar} W[\mathcal{J}_+, \mathcal{J}_-]} = \int \mathcal{D}\phi_+ \mathcal{D}\phi_- \exp \left\{ \frac{i}{\hbar} \left(S[\phi_+ + \frac{1}{2}\phi_-] - S[\phi_+ - \frac{1}{2}\phi_-] + \int d^d x (\mathcal{J}_+ \phi_- + \mathcal{J}_- \phi_+) \right) \right\}$$

PROPAGATOR MATRIX FROM FREE PART:

$$\Rightarrow D^{ab}(x, y) = \begin{matrix} + & - \\ \begin{pmatrix} 0 & D_{adv}(x, y) \\ D_{ret}(x, y) & \frac{i}{2} D_H(x, y) \end{pmatrix} \end{matrix}$$

↑ RETARDED PROPAGATOR
 ↑ $\langle \{\phi(x), \phi(y)\} \rangle$ IRRELEVANT @ TREE-LEVEL

$$D_{ret}(h) = \text{---} \xrightarrow{-} \text{---} \text{---} \text{---} = \frac{i}{(h^0 + i\epsilon)^2 - \vec{h}^2}$$

$$D_{adv}(h) = \text{---} \xleftarrow{+} \text{---} \text{---} \text{---} = \frac{-i}{(h^0 - i\epsilon)^2 - \vec{h}^2}$$

VERTICES FROM

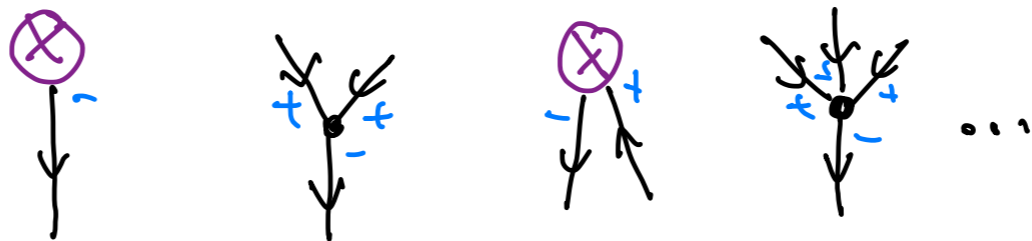
$$S_{int}[\phi_+ + \frac{1}{2}\phi_-] - S_{int}[\phi_+ - \frac{1}{2}\phi_-] = \phi_- \left(\frac{\delta S_{int}(\phi)}{\delta \phi} \right)_{\phi \rightarrow \phi_+} + \mathcal{O}(\phi_-^3)$$

\Rightarrow ONLY ODD NUMBER OF ϕ_- LEGS

ONE-POINT FUNCTIONS @ TREE-LEVEL

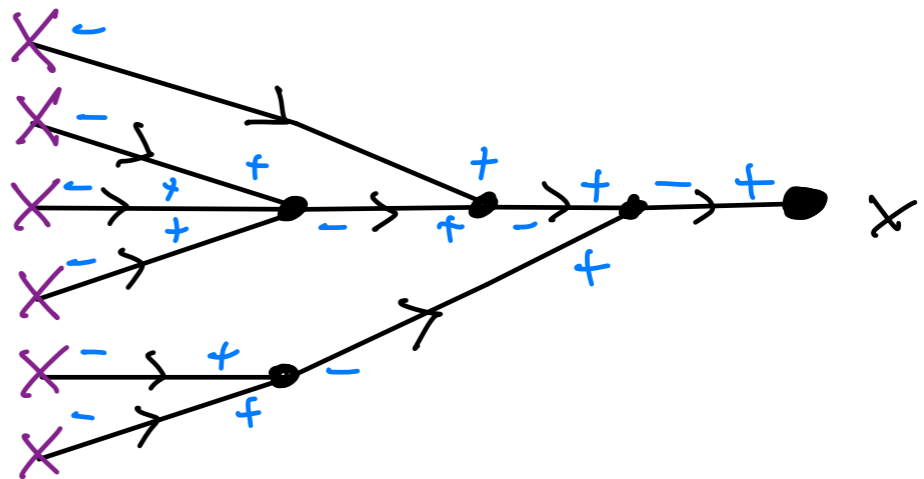
$$S_{int}[\phi; Q] \xrightarrow{IN-IN} \phi_- \left(\frac{\delta S_{int}[\phi; Q]}{\delta \phi} \right)_{\phi \rightarrow \phi_+} + \mathcal{O}(\phi^3)$$

VERTICES:



ONE-POINT FCT. \Rightarrow

$$\left\langle \hat{\phi}_H(x) \right\rangle_{IN-IN} =$$



ONLY RETARDED PROPAGATORS CONTRIBUTE ∇_0

WORLDLINE EFFECTIVE FIELD THEORY

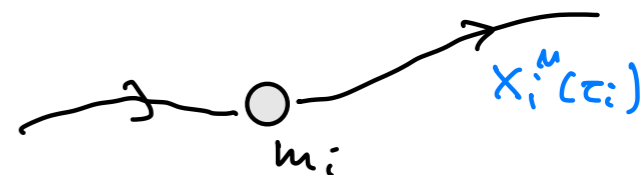
[Goldberger, Rothstein] [Porto, Källin] [Foffa, Sturani]

□ MODEL BHs/NSs AS POINT PARTICLES:

$$S_p = - \sum_{i=1}^2 m_i \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dz_i \sqrt{g_{\mu\nu} \dot{x}_i^\mu \dot{x}_i^\nu}$$

BETTER: INTRODUCE EINBEIN $e(z)$:

$$S_p = - \frac{m}{2} \int dz (e^{-1} g_{\mu\nu} \dot{x}^\mu \dot{x}^\nu + e)$$



ALGEBRAIC E.O.M. YIELDS $e^2 = g_{\mu\nu} \dot{x}^\mu \dot{x}^\nu \Rightarrow$ PROPER TIME GAUGE $e = 1 \Leftrightarrow \dot{x}^2 = 1$.

□ INCLUSION OF FINITE SIZE/TIDAL EFFECTS

$$S_p = - \frac{m}{2} \int dz (g_{\mu\nu} \dot{x}^\mu \dot{x}^\nu + C_1 R \dot{x}^2 + C_2 R_{\mu\nu} \dot{x}^\mu \dot{x}^\nu + C_E^2 (R_{\mu\alpha\nu\beta} \dot{x}^\alpha \dot{x}^\beta)^2 + C_B^2 (R_{\mu\alpha\nu\beta}^* \dot{x}^\alpha \dot{x}^\beta)^2 + \dots)$$

□ COUPLE TO GRAVITY

$$S_G = \frac{2}{k^2} \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} R + S_{g.t.}$$

WEAK GRAVITATIONAL FIELD

$$g_{\mu\nu} = \eta_{\mu\nu} + k \cdot h_{\mu\nu}$$

WORLDLINE QFT: FLUCTUATING GRAVITON & WORLDLINE

OBJECTIVE: FOCUS ON OBSERVABLES ?

[Jakobsen, Mogull, JP, Steinhoff]

$$S = -2m_{pl}^2 \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} R - \sum_i \frac{m_i}{2} \int d\tau_i g_{\mu\nu} \dot{X}_i^\mu \dot{X}_i^\nu \quad \left. \vphantom{S} \right\} \begin{aligned} g_{\mu\nu}(x) &= \eta_{\mu\nu} + \kappa h_{\mu\nu}(x) \\ X_i^\mu(\tau_i) &= b_i^\mu + \tau_i v_i^\mu + \underbrace{z_i^\mu(\tau_i)}_{\text{QUANTUM FIELDS}} \end{aligned}$$

Graviton propagator in de Donder gauge

$$\overset{\mu}{\nu} \text{---} \underset{k}{\text{---}} \underset{\sigma}{\rho} = i \frac{P_{\mu\nu;\rho\sigma}}{(k^0 + i\epsilon)^2 - \vec{k}^2}$$

$$P_{\mu\nu;\rho\sigma} = \eta_{\mu\rho} \eta_{\nu\sigma} - \frac{1}{2} \eta_{\mu\nu} \eta_{\rho\sigma}$$

Worldline fluctuation propagator:

$$z^\mu \text{---} \underset{\omega}{\text{---}} \text{---} z^\nu = -\frac{i}{m} \frac{\eta^{\mu\nu}}{(\omega + i\epsilon)^2}$$

N.B.: $i\epsilon$ prescription is crucial here!

For classical physics want retarded prop.

\Rightarrow IW-IR FORMALISM

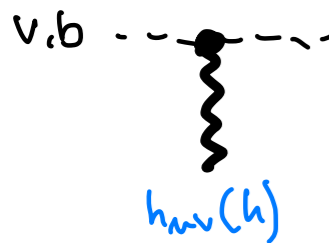
[Schwinger, Keldysh]

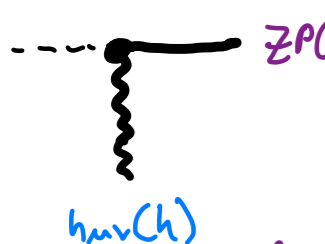
Graviton interactions:



Worldline Interactions

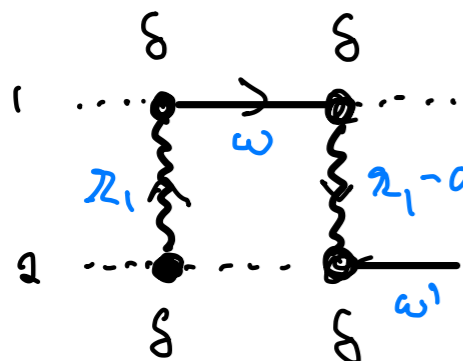
EMERGE FROM $h_{\mu\nu} [X(z)] \dot{X}^\mu(z) \dot{X}^\nu(z)$ WITH $X_i^\mu(\tau_i) = \underbrace{b_i^\mu + \tau_i v_i^\mu}_{"Q"} + \underbrace{z_i^\mu(\tau_i)}_{"ϕ"}$

v, b  $= -im \kappa e^{ik \cdot b} \delta(k \cdot v) v^\mu v^\nu$

 $= m \kappa e^{ik \cdot b} \delta(k \cdot v + \omega) (2\omega v^\mu \delta^\nu_\rho + v^\mu v^\nu k_\rho)$

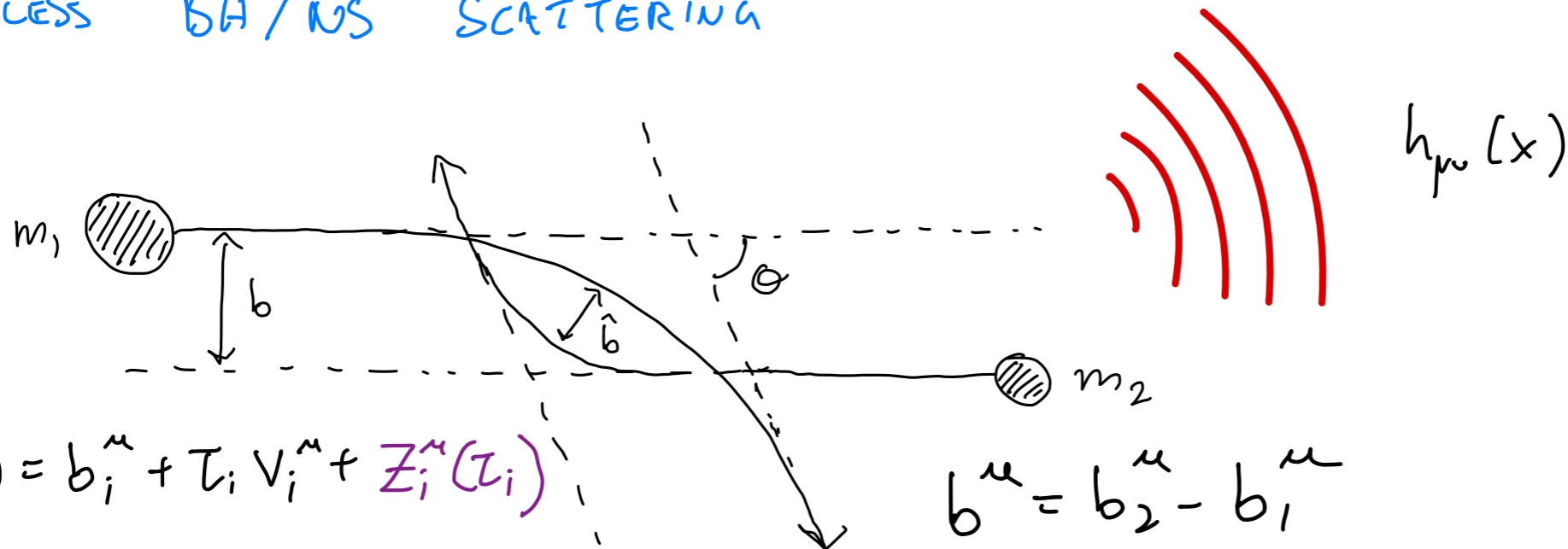
 $= \dots$ and higher! 

TREE LEVEL WQFT GRAPHS YIELD LOOP-LEVEL FEYNMAN INTEGRALS

 $\hat{=} \int d^d z_1 \int d\omega \delta(\dots) \dots = \delta(q \cdot v_1) \delta(q \cdot v_2) \int d^d z_1 S(z_1, v_1) \dots$
1-LOOP

WQFT OBSERVABLES: ONE-POINT FUNCTIONS

SPIN-LESS BH/NS SCATTERING



$$X_i^\mu(\tau_i) = b_i^\mu + \tau_i V_i^\mu + Z_i^\mu(\tau_i)$$

$$b^\mu = b_2^\mu - b_1^\mu$$

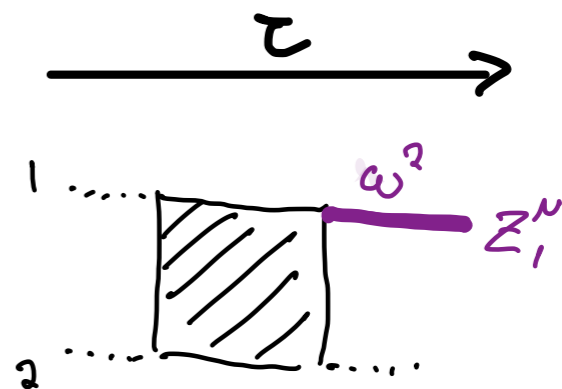
① IMPULSE: CHANGE OF MOMENTUM

$$\Delta P_i^\mu = m_i \dot{X}(\tau) \Big|_{\tau=-\infty}^{\tau=\infty} = m_i \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dz \langle \ddot{X}_i^\mu(z) \rangle_{\text{WQFT}} = m_i \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dz \frac{d^2}{dz^2} \langle Z_i^\mu(z) \rangle_{\text{WQFT}}$$

F.T.

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$$= -m_i \omega^2 \langle Z_i^\mu(\omega) \rangle_{\text{WQFT}} \Big|_{\omega=0}$$

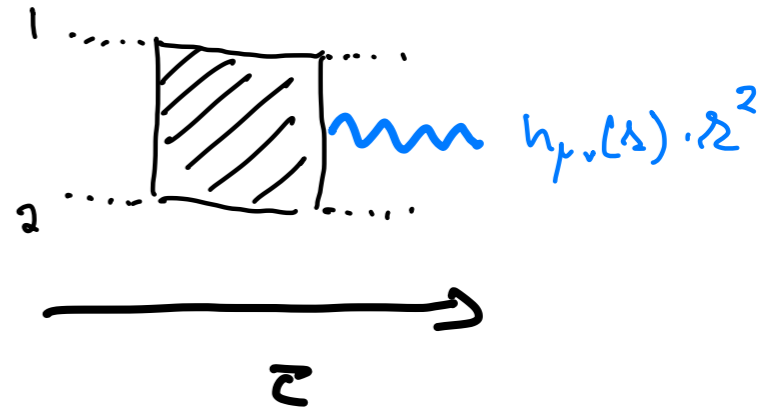


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EMITTED WAVEFORM:

"BREMSSTRAHLUNG"

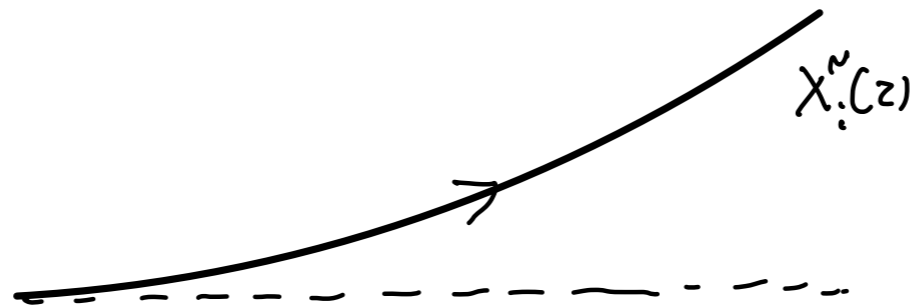
$$\tilde{t}_{\mu\nu}^{\text{T.T.}} = g^2 \left\langle h_{\mu\nu}(z) \right\rangle_{\text{WQFT}}$$



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TRAJECTORY

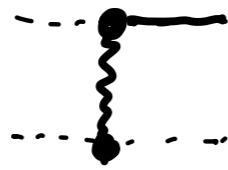
$$X_i^\mu(z) = b_i^\mu + v_i^\mu z + \int d\omega e^{i\omega \cdot z} \left\langle Z_i^\mu(\omega) \right\rangle_{\text{WQFT}}$$



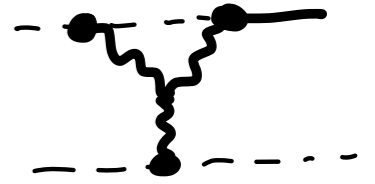
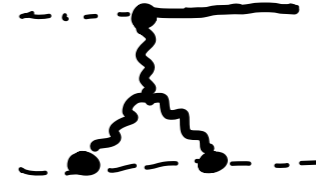
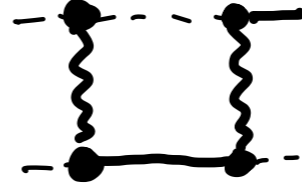
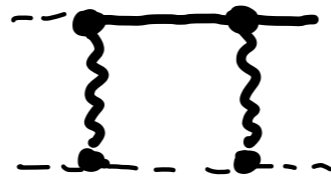
OBSERVABLES @ NLO

DEFLECTION

1PM



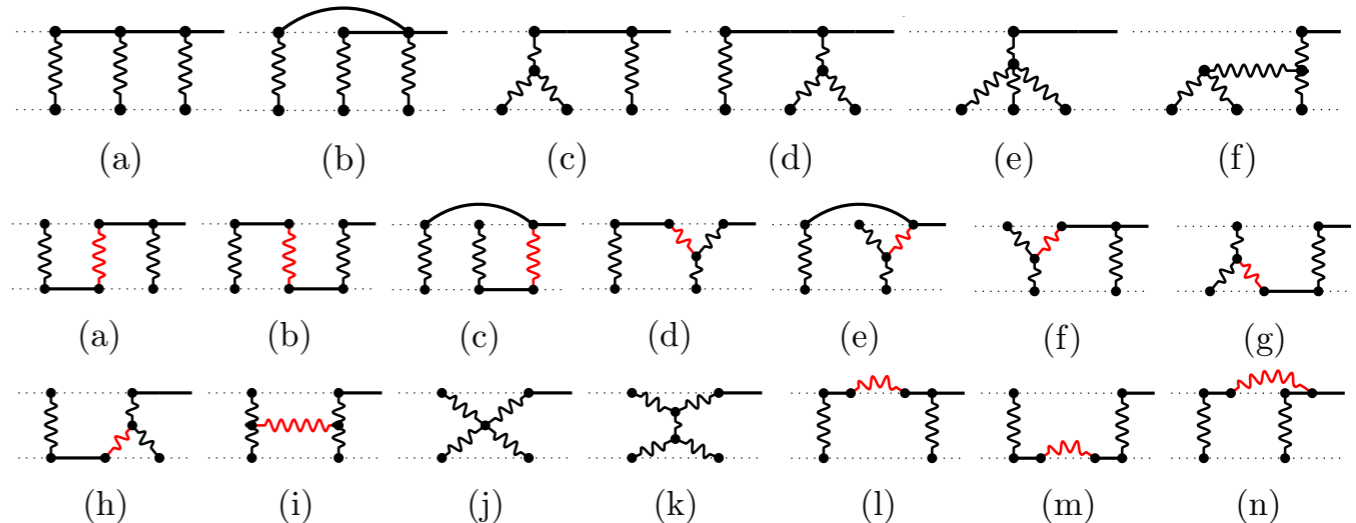
2PM



$$\Delta p_i^\mu = -m_i \omega^2 \langle Z_i^\mu(\omega) \rangle_{\text{WQFT}} \Big|_{\omega=0}$$

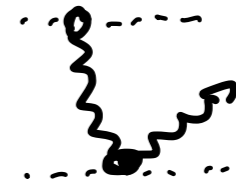
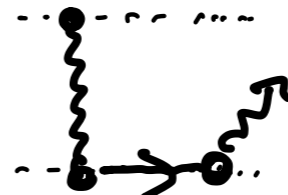
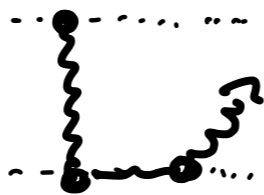
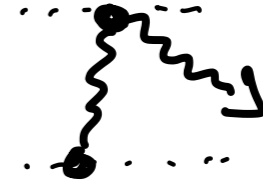
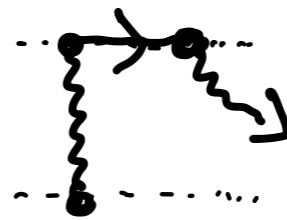
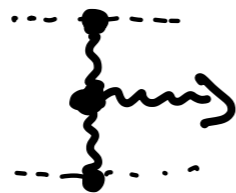
3PM

appearance of radiation reaction effects: $i0$ prescription crucial



BREMSSTRAHLUNG

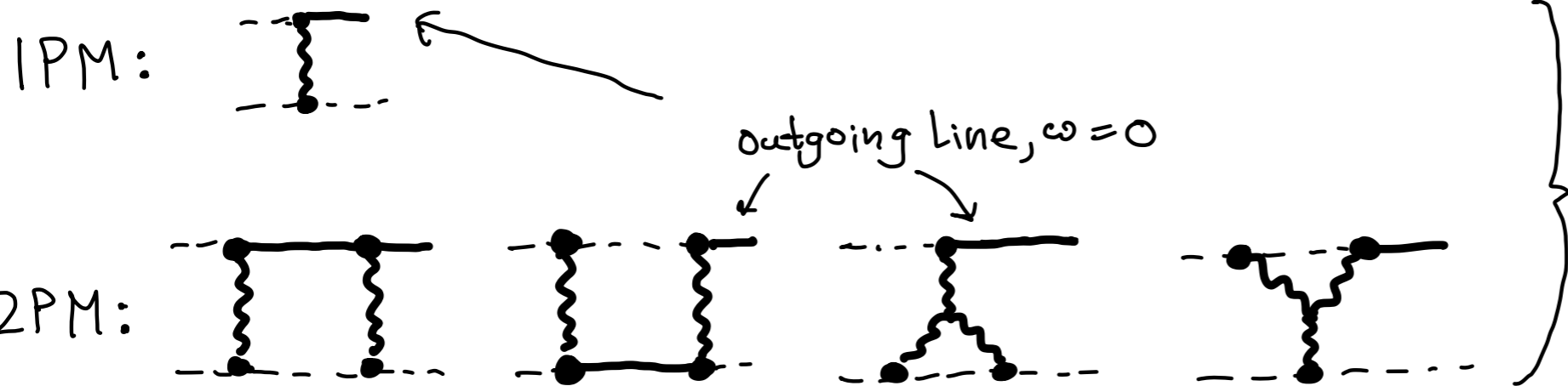
$$-i\pi^2 \langle h^{\mu\nu}(z) \rangle_{\text{WQFT}}$$



Deflections

$$\Delta p_i^\mu = -m_i \omega^2 \langle Z_i^\mu(\omega) \rangle_{\text{WGFT}} \Big|_{\omega=0}$$

Graphs with single outgoing worldline excitation Z_i^μ



$$\Delta p_i^\mu$$

WE ONLY COMPUTE TREE-LEVEL GRAPHS ($\tau=0$)

Integration gives (w/o spin)

$$\Delta p_i^\mu = \frac{G m_1 m_2 b^\mu}{b^2} \left(\frac{2(2\gamma^2 - 1)}{\sqrt{\gamma^2 - 1}} + \frac{3\pi}{4} \frac{(5\gamma^2 - 1)}{\sqrt{\gamma^2 - 1}} \frac{G(m_1 + m_2)}{b} \right) + O(G^3) \quad \gamma = v_1 \cdot v_2$$

1PM
[Mogull, JP, Steinhoff]

2PM
[Jakobsen, Mogull, JP, Steinhoff]

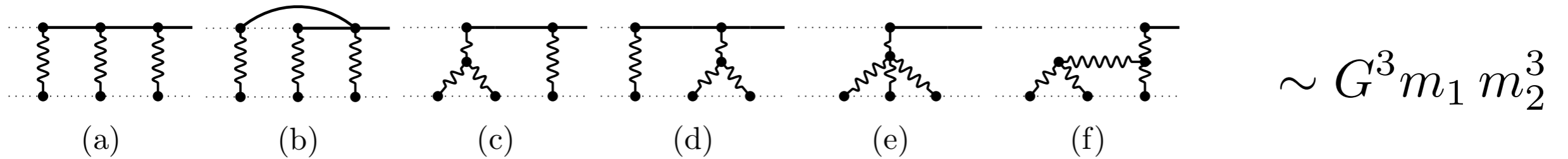
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AGREES WITH WEFT & AMPLITUDE APPROACHES [Källin, Porto][Bern et al][Brandhuber et al][Bjerrum-Bohr et al]

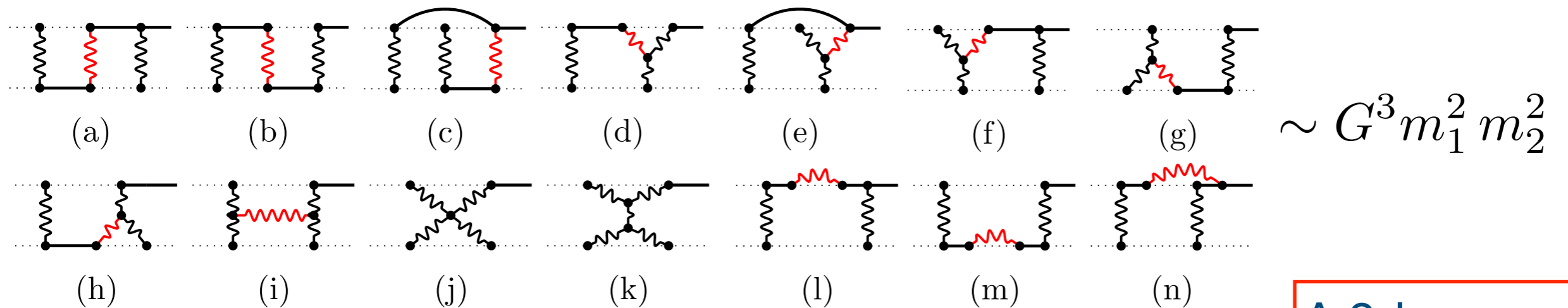
MOMENTUM DEFLECTION (IMPULSE) @ 3PM ORDER:

[Jakobsen, Mogull, JP, Sauer]

1) Test body diagrams (geodesic motion in Schwarzschild background):



2) Comparable mass diagrams (i0 prescription relevant for red propagators):



A 2-loop computation!

Integral family (with retarded propagators!)

$$I_{n_1 n_2 n_3 n_4 n_5 n_6 n_7} := \int d^d l_1 d^d l_2 \frac{\delta(l_1 \cdot v_2) \delta(l_2 \cdot v_1)}{\underbrace{(l_1 \cdot v_1 + i\epsilon)^{n_1} (l_1 \cdot v_2 + i\epsilon)^{n_2}}_{\text{active worldline prop.}} \underbrace{((l_1 + l_2 - q)^2 + i\epsilon \operatorname{sgn}(l_1^0 + l_2^0 - q^0))^{n_3}}_{\text{active graviton propagator}} (l_1^2)^{n_4} (l_2^2)^{n_5} ((l_1 - q)^2)^{n_6} ((l_2 - q)^2)^{n_7}}$$

RESULT IMPULSE @ 3PM ORDER:

[Jakobsen, Mogull, JP, Sauer]

$$\Delta p_1^\mu = p_\infty \sin \theta \frac{b^\mu}{|b|} + (\cos \theta - 1) \frac{m_1 m_2}{E^2} [(\gamma m_1 + m_2) v_1^\mu - (\gamma m_2 + m_1) v_2^\mu] - v_2 \cdot P_{\text{rad}} w_2^\mu$$

Scattering angle:

$$\gamma = v_1 \cdot v_2 \quad w_1^\mu = \frac{\gamma v_2^\mu - v_1^\mu}{\gamma^2 - 1}$$

$$\frac{\theta}{\Gamma} = \underbrace{\frac{GM}{|b|} \frac{2(2\gamma^2 - 1)}{\gamma^2 - 1}}_{\text{1PM}} + \underbrace{\left(\frac{GM}{|b|}\right)^2 \frac{3\pi(5\gamma^2 - 1)}{4(\gamma^2 - 1)}}_{\text{2PM}} + \underbrace{\left(\frac{GM}{|b|}\right)^3 \left(2 \frac{64\gamma^6 - 120\gamma^4 + 60\gamma^2 - 5}{3(\gamma^2 - 1)^3} \Gamma^2 - \frac{8\nu\gamma(14\gamma^2 + 25)}{3(\gamma^2 - 1)} - 8\nu \frac{(4\gamma^4 - 12\gamma^2 - 3) \text{arccosh}\gamma}{(\gamma^2 - 1) \sqrt{\gamma^2 - 1}}\right)}_{\text{3PM conservative}}$$

$$+ \underbrace{\left(\frac{GM}{|b|}\right)^3 \frac{4\nu(2\gamma^2 - 1)^2}{(\gamma^2 - 1)^{3/2}} \left(-\frac{8}{3} + \frac{1}{v^2} + \frac{(3v^2 - 1)}{v^3} \text{arccosh}\gamma\right)}_{\text{3PM radiation-reaction}}$$

$$\Gamma = E/M = \sqrt{1 + 2\nu(\gamma - 1)}$$

$$\nu = \frac{m_1 m_2}{M^2}$$

Radiated 4-momentum:

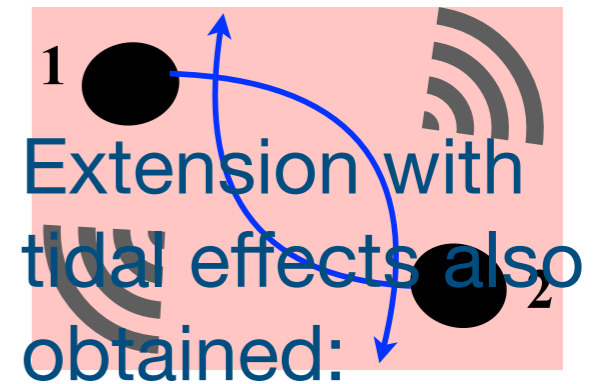
$$P_{\text{rad}}^\mu = -\Delta p_1^\mu - \Delta p_2^\mu$$

$$P_{\text{rad}}^\mu = \frac{G^3 m_1^2 m_2^2 \pi}{|b|^3} \frac{v_1^\mu + v_2^\mu}{\gamma + 1} \left[e_1 + e_2 \log \left(\frac{\gamma + 1}{2} \right) + e_3 \frac{\text{arccosh}\gamma}{\sqrt{\gamma^2 - 1}} \right]$$

$$e_1 = \frac{210\gamma^6 - 552\gamma^5 + 339\gamma^4 - 912\gamma^3 + 3148\gamma^2 - 3336\gamma + 1151}{48(\gamma^2 - 1)^{3/2}}$$

$$e_2 = -\frac{35\gamma^4 + 60\gamma^3 - 150\gamma^2 + 76\gamma - 5}{8\sqrt{\gamma^2 - 1}},$$

$$e_3 = \frac{\gamma(2\gamma^2 - 3)(35\gamma^4 - 30\gamma^2 + 11)}{16(\gamma^2 - 1)^{3/2}}.$$



$$C_E^2 \left(R_{\mu\alpha\nu\beta} \dot{x}^\alpha \dot{x}^\beta \right)^2$$

$$+ C_B^2 \left(R_{\mu\alpha\nu\beta}^* \dot{x}^\alpha \dot{x}^\beta \right)^2$$

FAR FIELD WAVEFORM @ NLO

[Jakobsen, Mogull, JP, Steinhoff]

Sum on diagrams with an *outgoing graviton*. Integrate on internal lines:

$$\langle h_{\mu\nu}(k) \rangle = \text{diagram 1} + \text{diagram 2} + \text{diagram 3} + \text{diagram 4} + (1 \leftrightarrow 2)$$

We obtain the *time-domain waveform* for large $|\underline{x}| = r$. This requires integrating on the *outgoing energy*:

$$\frac{f_{\tau, X}(u, \hat{x})}{r} = \frac{4G}{r} \int_{\Omega} e^{-ik \cdot x} \mathcal{E}_{\tau, X}^{\mu\nu} \langle h_{\mu\nu}(k = \Omega p) \rangle \quad \left. \vphantom{\int_{\Omega}} \right\} p^\mu = (1, \hat{x})$$

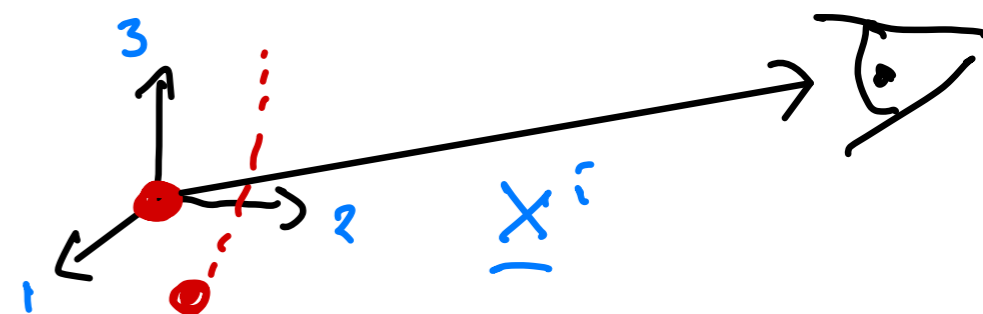
where $k^\mu = \Omega p^\mu$, $p^\mu = (1, \hat{x})$ points to the observer.

$$k \cdot x = \Omega p \cdot x = \Omega(t - r) = \Omega u$$

$u = t - r = \text{retarded time}$

Two components: $+$ / \times polarizations.

$$f_{\tau, X}(m_1, m_2, u, \underbrace{\Theta, \phi}_{\hat{x}}, \underbrace{\nu, |b|}_{\delta})$$



Integrated waveform

first computed by [Kovacs, Thorne '75] in 4 long papers ☹

$$\frac{f^{(2)}}{m_1 m_2} = 4\pi \int \frac{e^{i\mathbf{q}\cdot\tilde{\mathbf{b}}}}{q^2} \left(\underbrace{\frac{\mathcal{N}_\mu q^\mu}{q^2 (\mathbf{q}\cdot\hat{\mathbf{e}}_1 - i\epsilon)}}_{\text{Diagram 1}} + \underbrace{\frac{\mathcal{M}_{\mu\nu} q^\mu q^\nu}{q^2 (q^2 + \mathbf{q}\cdot\mathbf{L}\cdot\mathbf{q})}}_{\text{Diagram 2}} \right)$$

Performing these integrals yields time-domain waveform:

VIDEO

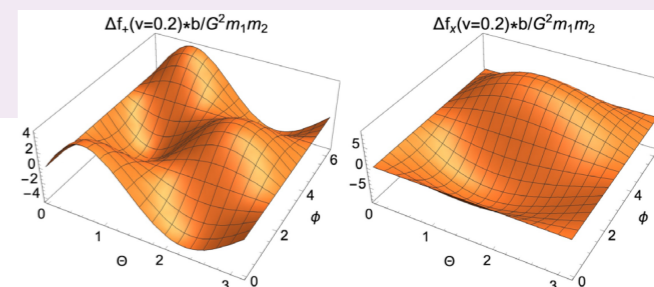
$$\frac{f^{(2)}}{m_1 m_2} = \frac{\hat{\mathbf{e}}_1 \cdot \mathcal{N}}{\sqrt{b^2 + \tau^2}} - \frac{\underline{b} \cdot \mathcal{N}}{b^2} \left(1 + \frac{\tau}{\sqrt{b^2 + \tau^2}} \right) + \frac{2M^{ij}}{\Delta(G)} \left[\frac{(G_6 + \alpha G_1) A^{ij} - (G_1 + \alpha G_2) B^{ij}}{\sqrt{G(\alpha)}} \right]_{\alpha=0}^{\alpha=1}$$

Wave memory

$$\frac{f^{(2)}(u=+\infty) - f^{(2)}(u=-\infty)}{m_1 m_2} = \frac{4(2\gamma^2 - 1) \boldsymbol{\varepsilon} \cdot \mathbf{v}_1 (2b \cdot \boldsymbol{\varepsilon} \mathbf{g} \cdot \mathbf{v}_1 - b \cdot \mathbf{g} \boldsymbol{\varepsilon} \cdot \mathbf{v}_1)}{b^2 \sqrt{\gamma^2 - 1} (\mathbf{g} \cdot \mathbf{v}_1)^2} + \mathcal{O}(G^2)$$

$$\gamma = \mathbf{v}_1 \cdot \mathbf{v}_2 \quad b = b_2 - b_1 \quad \mathbf{g} = (1, \hat{\mathbf{x}})$$

$\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}$: polarization



SUSY in the Sky with
Gravitons



PUTTING SPIN ON THE WORLD-LINE

Traditional approach:



Spin tensor $S_i^{\mu\nu}(\tau)$ & co-moving frame $\Lambda_i^{A\mu}(\tau)$

Eoms: $\frac{Dp^\nu}{D\tau} + \frac{1}{2} S^{\mu\rho} R_{\mu\rho\nu\kappa} \dot{x}^\kappa = 0$ $\frac{DS^{\mu\nu}}{D\tau} + 2\dot{x}^{[\mu} p^{\nu]} = 0$

[Matthisson-Papapetrou-Dixon]

Freedom of imposing a Spin-Supplementary Condition:

$$p_\mu S^{\mu\nu} = 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow Q_\alpha \psi_\alpha = 0$$

Susy = SSC:

Our approach: Spinning super-particle

[Howe, Penati, Pernici, Townsend]

Worldline fields:

$$X^\mu(\tau) ; \quad \psi_\alpha^a(\tau) \quad \alpha = 1, \dots, N$$

In flat space-time

Supercharge:

$$Q_\alpha = p \cdot \psi_\alpha$$

$$\{\psi_\alpha^a, \psi_\beta^b\} = i \delta_{\alpha\beta} \eta^{ab}$$

$$\Longrightarrow$$

$$\{Q_\alpha, Q_\beta\}_{\text{r.B.}} = -2i \delta_{\alpha\beta} H$$

Hamiltonian: $H = \frac{1}{2} p^2$

R-Charge:

$$R_{\alpha\beta} = \psi_\alpha \cdot \psi_\beta$$

Describes free spin $N/2$ particle.

Spin:

$$S^{\mu\nu} = \psi_\alpha^\mu \psi_\alpha^\nu$$

N=2 SUPERPARTICLE IN CURVED SPACE = KERR-BLACK HOLE

In curved space-time SUSY only preserved up to N=2 (= spin 1 particle):

$$S_{\text{SWQFT}} = \int dz \sum_{i=1}^2 \left[-\frac{m}{2} g_{\mu\nu} \dot{X}_i^\mu \dot{X}_i^\nu + i \bar{\Psi}_i^a \frac{D\psi_i^a}{Dz} + \frac{1}{2m} R_{abcd} \bar{\Psi}_i^a \psi_i^b \bar{\Psi}_i^c \psi_i^d \right. \\ \left. + \frac{C_E}{2m} R_{\alpha\mu b\nu} \dot{X}_i^\mu \dot{X}_i^\nu \bar{\Psi}_i^a \psi_i^b \bar{\Psi}_i^c \psi_i^d \right] + \frac{2}{R^2} \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} \mathcal{R} + S_{\text{G.F.}}$$

Scattering scenario:

$\psi_i^a = \psi_1^a + i\psi_2^a$

$$X_i^\mu(z) = b_i^\mu + v_i^\mu z + z_i^\mu(z)$$

$$\psi_i^a(z) = \underline{\psi}_i^a + \psi_i^{\prime a}(z)$$

$\Rightarrow S_i^{ab} = -2i \bar{\Psi}_i^{[a} \psi_i^{b]}$ Initial spins of BHs/NSs

Integrate out $z_i^\mu, \psi_i^{\prime a}, \bar{\Psi}_i^{\prime a}$ perturbatively!

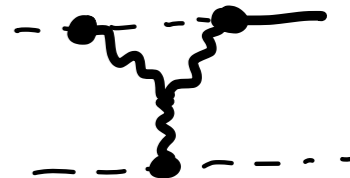
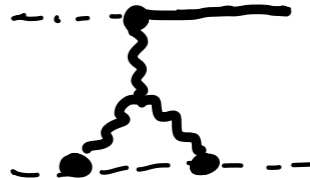
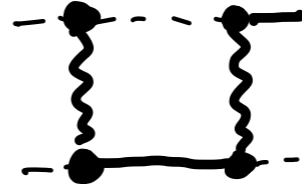
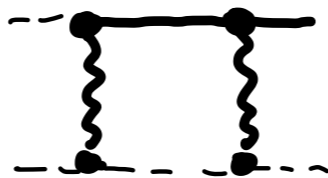
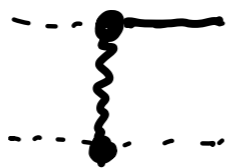
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OBSERVABLES @ NLO

DEFLECTION

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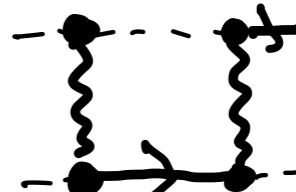
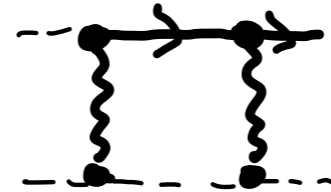
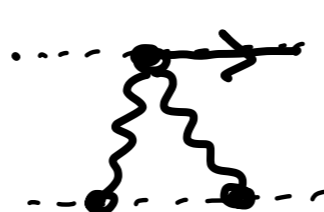
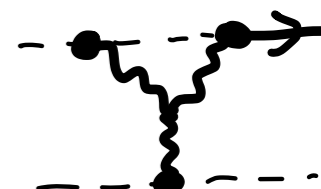
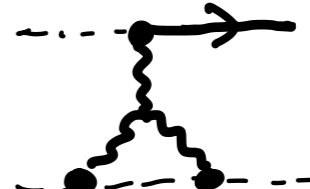
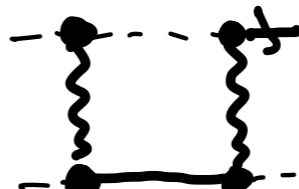
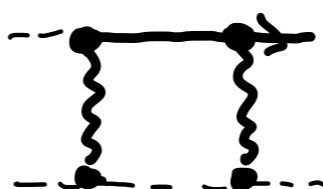
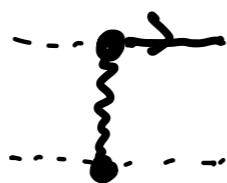
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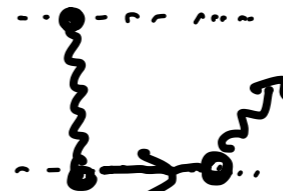
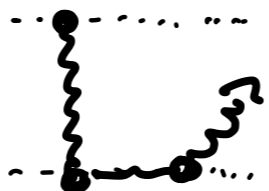
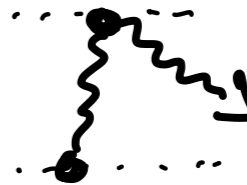
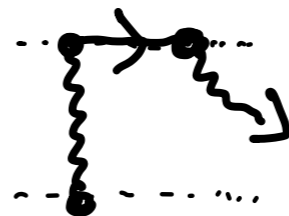
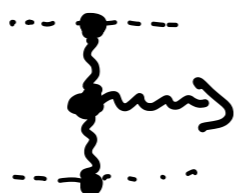
SPIN KICK

$$\Delta S_i^{\mu\nu} = -2i\omega \langle \bar{\Psi}^{\mu\nu}(\omega) \rangle_{\text{WQFT}} \Big|_{\omega=0} \Psi^{\nu\mu}$$



BREMSSTRAHLUNG

$$-i\pi^2 \langle h^{\mu\nu}(z) \rangle_{\text{WQFT}}$$



POST-MINKOWSKIAN SCATTERING PRECISSION RACE

WQFT

WEFT

Worldline effective theory

Amps

Scattering amplitudes

HEFT

Heavy BH effective theory

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[Källin, Porto, Dlapa, Cho, Liu, ...]
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[Aoude, Haddad, Helset]
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deflection & spin kick

waveform

plain

spin²

spin^{>2}

tidal

plain

spin²

tidal

Integration complexity

1PM

WQFT

WEFT

WQFT

WEFT

Amps

HEFT

Amps

HEFT

X

trivial

trivial

trivial

~ tree-level

2PM

WQFT

WEFT

WQFT

WEFT

Amps

HEFT

Amps

HEFT

WQFT

WEFT

WQFT

WEFT

WQFT

WEFT

WQFT

WEFT

Amps

(Amps)

~ 1-loop

3PM
w/o r-r

WQFT

WEFT

WQFT

Amps

HEFT

(Amps)

WQFT

WEFT

~ 2-loop

3PM
r-r

WQFT

WEFT

WQFT

(WEFT)

Amps

HEFT

WQFT

WEFT

~ 2-loop

4PM
w/o r-r

WEFT

Amps

~ 3-loop

r-r: Radiation-reaction

(...) : partial results

SUMMARY

↳ WQFT HIGHLY EFFICIENT FOR CLASSICAL SCATTERING:

◦ FOCUSES ON OBSERVABLES BY "QUANTIZING"

WORLDLINE D.O.F.

◦ ONLY COMPUTE TREE-DIAGRAMS (NO "SUPER-CLASSICAL" CONTRIBUTIONS)

◦ ALL PROPAGATORS RETARDED: NO "SPECIAL"

TREATMENTS OF CONSERVATIVE & RADIATION-REACTION CONTRIBUTIONS

↳ SPIN CARRIED BY GRASSMANN VECTORS ON THE WORLDLINE (à la STRING THEORY)

OUTLOOK

- RELATION TO SELF-FORCE APPROACH?
- BOUND ORBITS ?
- HIGHER ORDERS IN SPIN ?
- OBSERVABLES @ 4PM ?

THANK YOU !