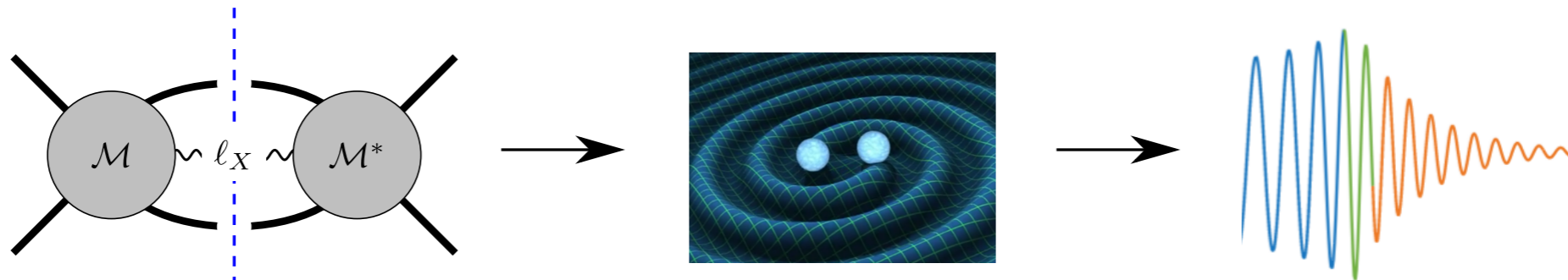


Multi-loop Scattering Amplitudes and Gravitational binary dynamics

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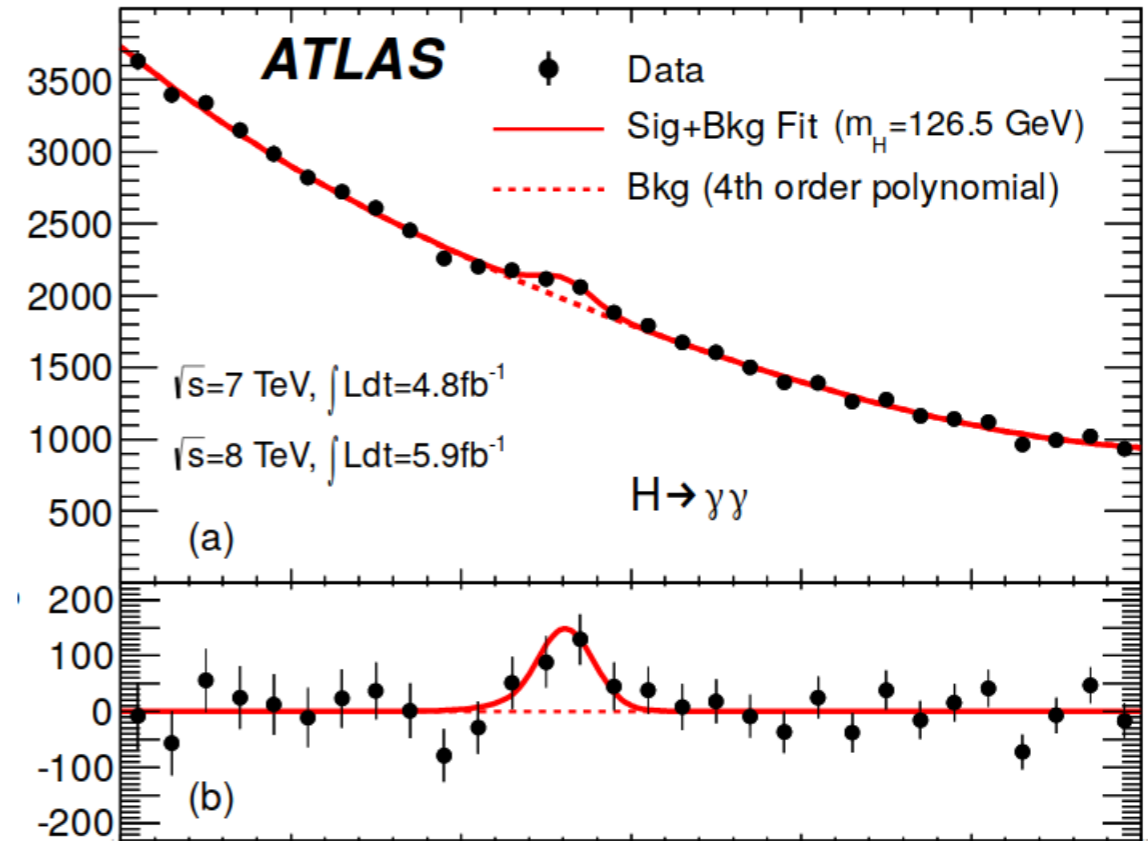


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1. Background - precision gravitational wave physics
2. Classical physics from quantum amplitudes
3. Modern methods for gravity amplitudes
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5. Results & comparisons

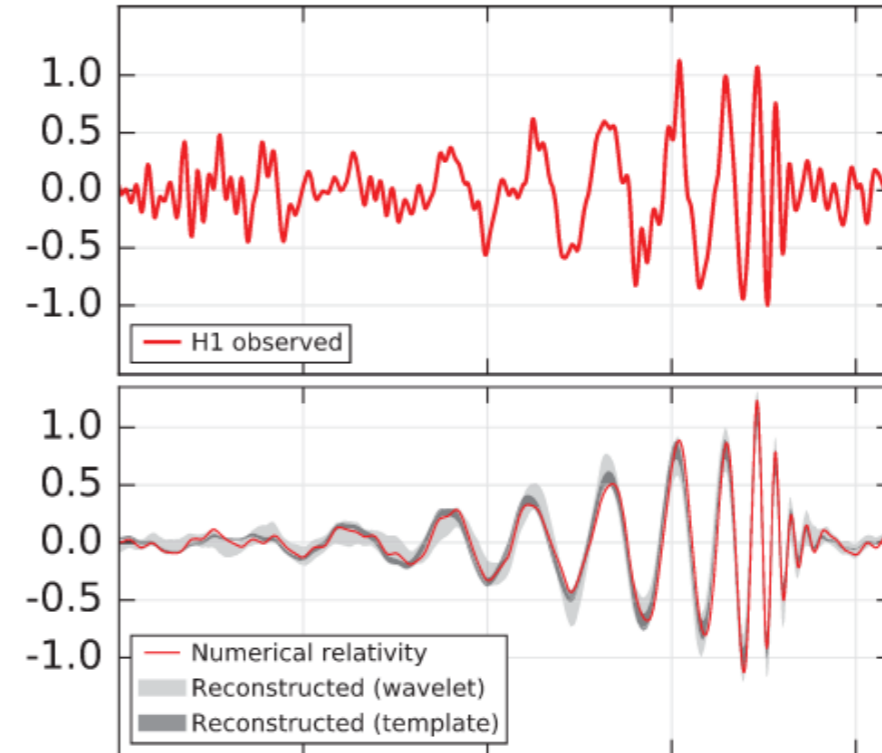
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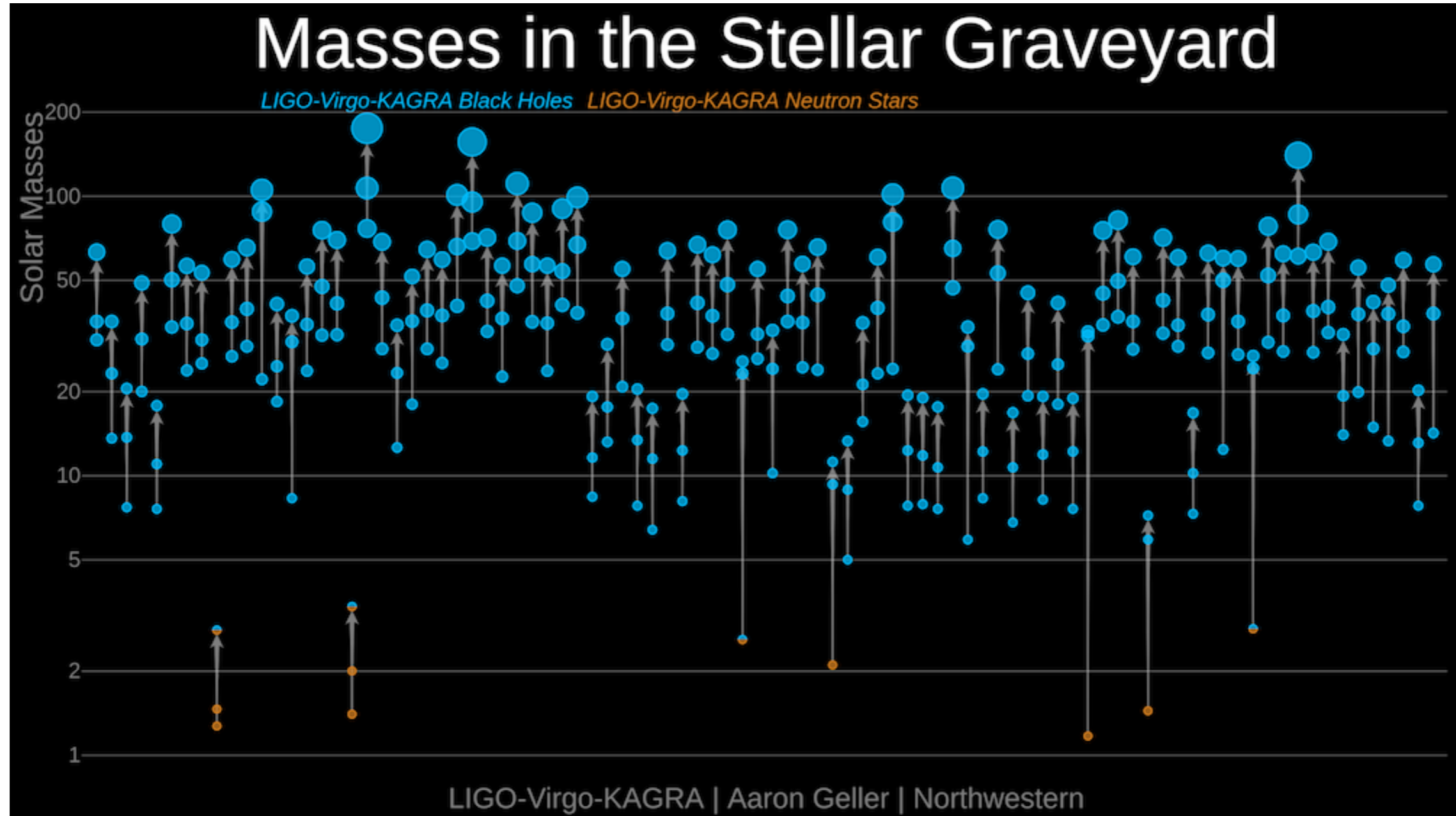


LIGO & VIRGO collaborations,
arXiv:1602.03837

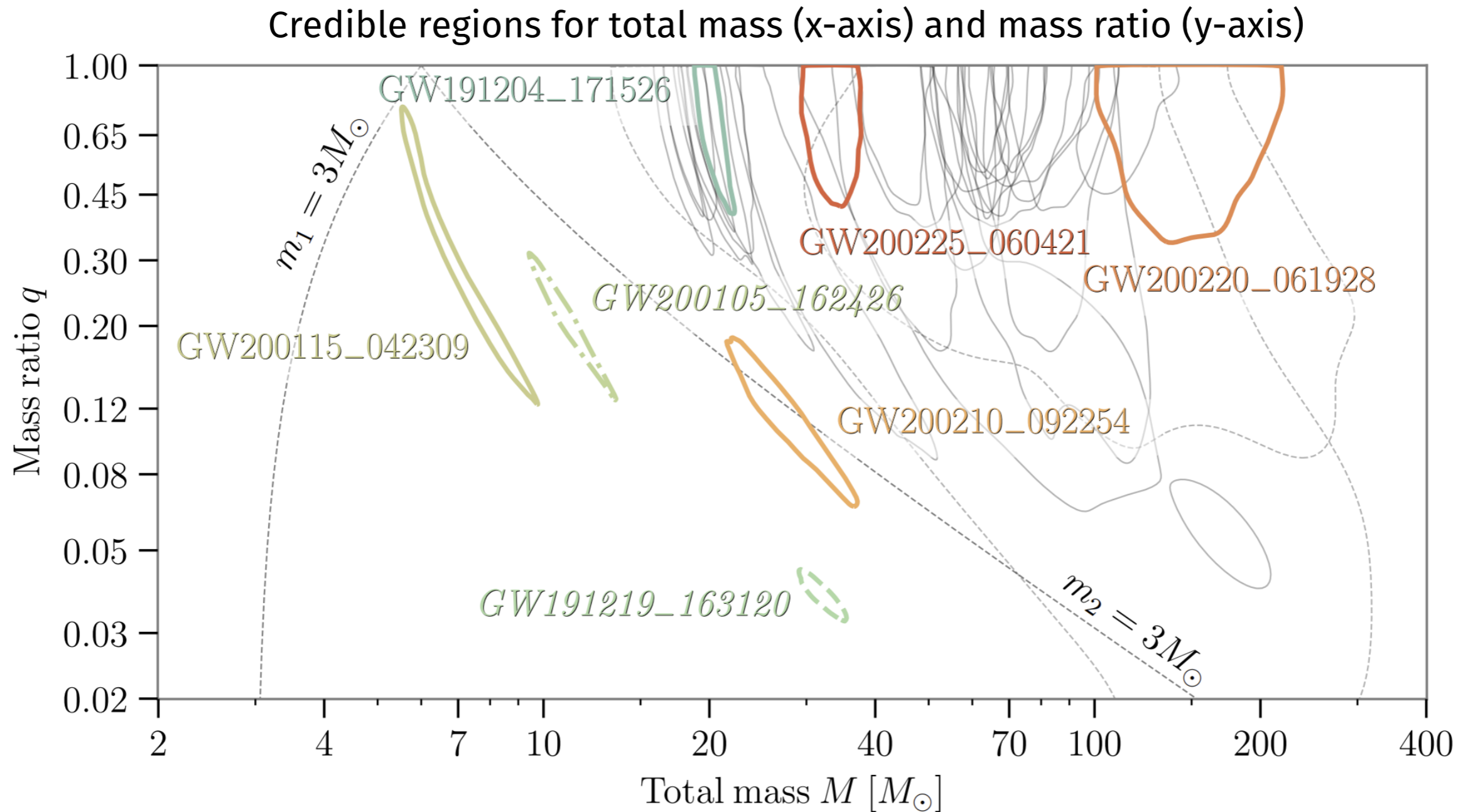
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- **Cross-fertilization:** *scattering amplitudes, loop integrals, effective field theories*

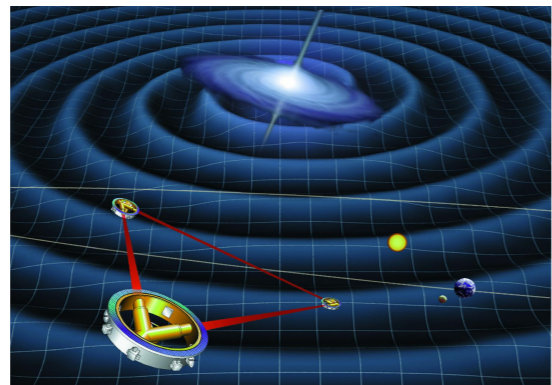
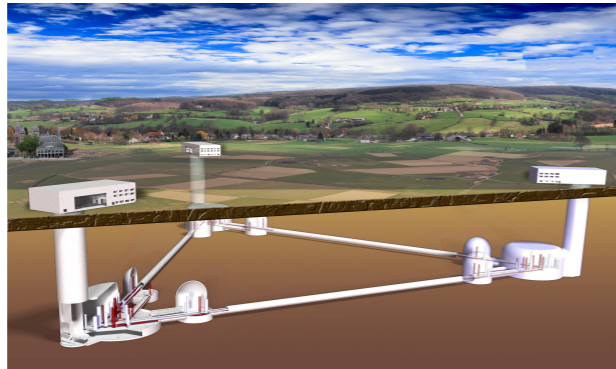
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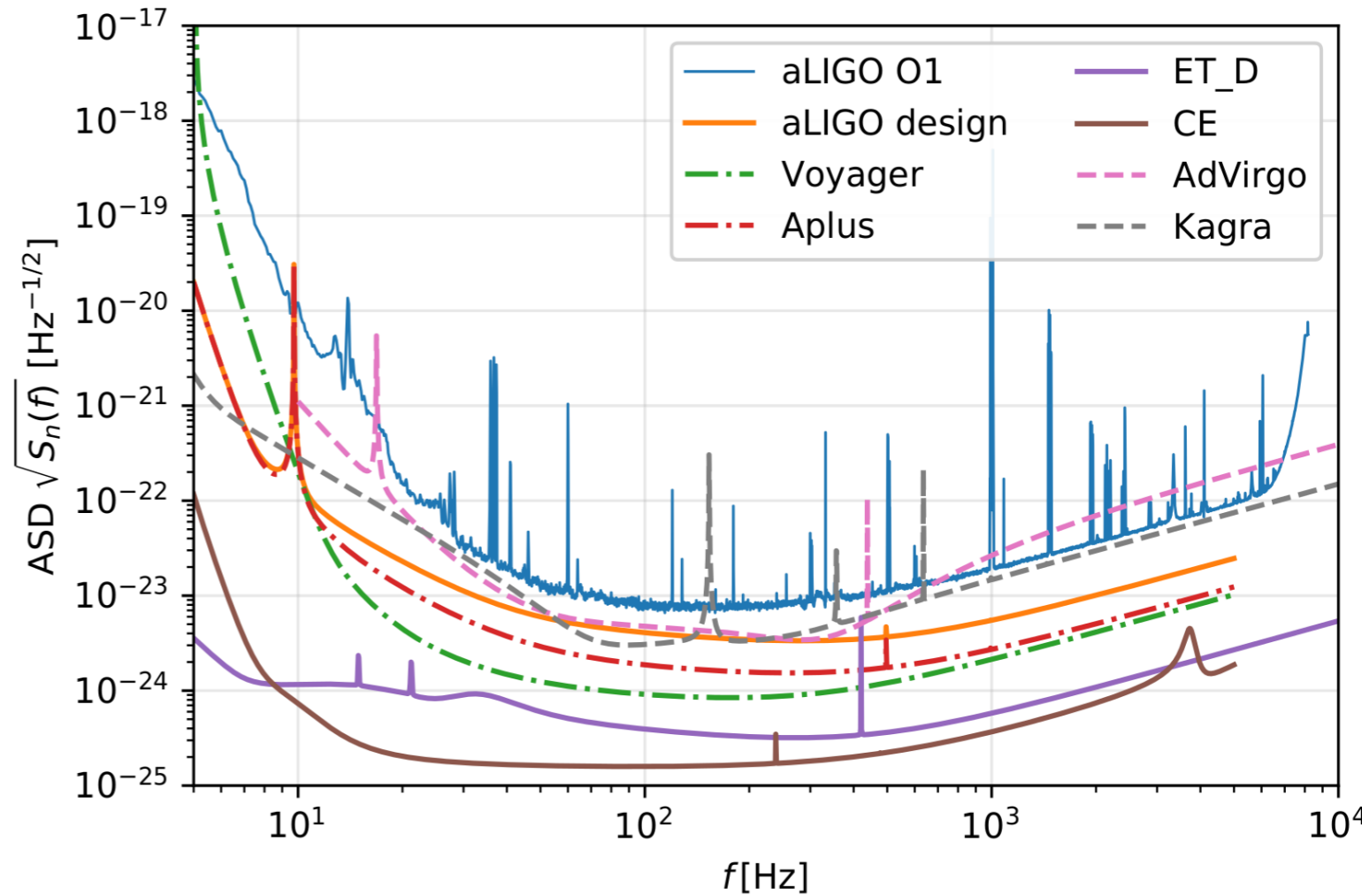
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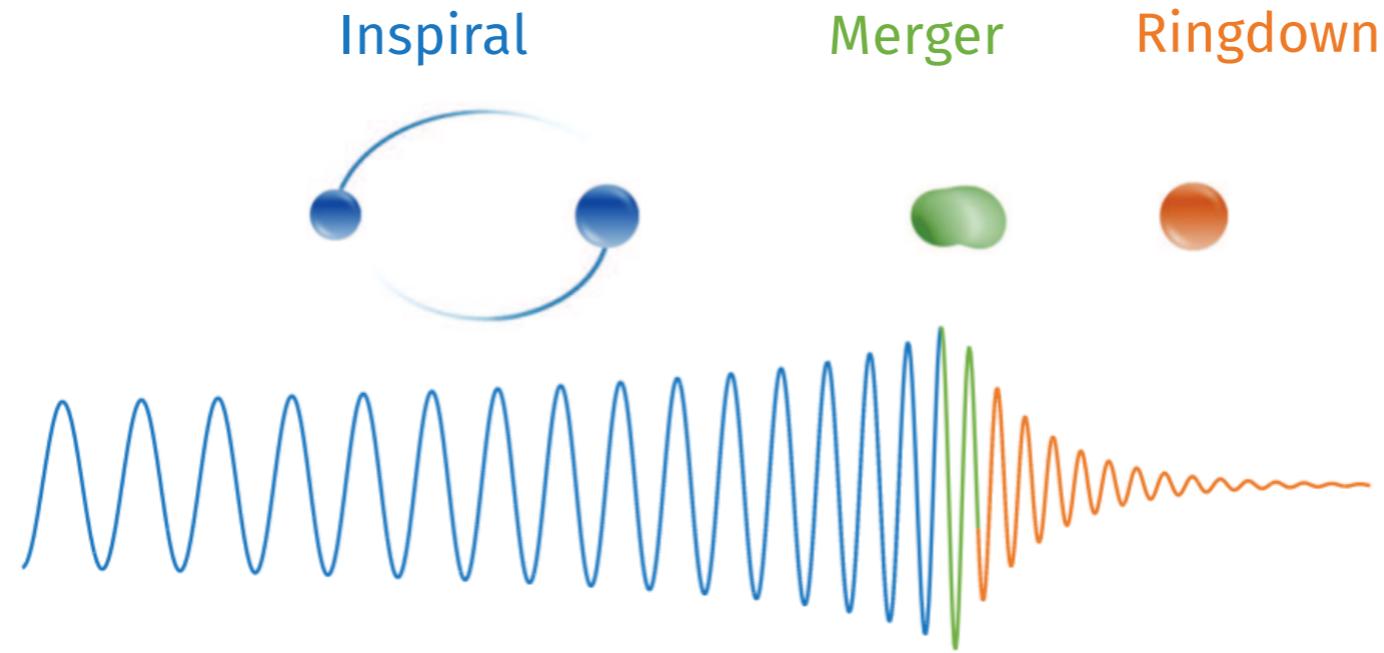
FUTURE GW DETECTORS



Plot: sensitivity of future GW detectors.



STAGES OF INSPIRAL WAVEFORMS



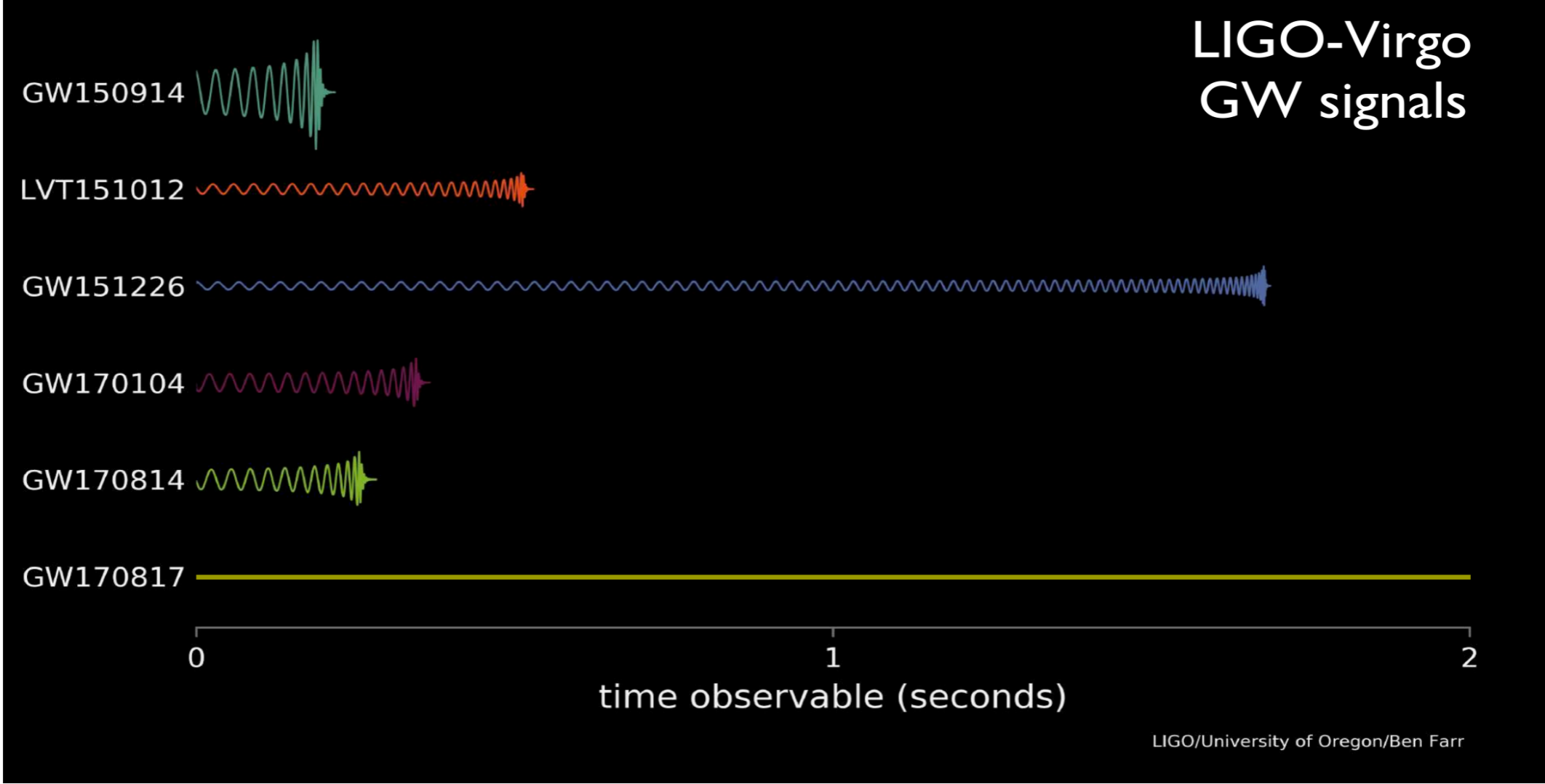
[Picture: Antelis, Moreno, arXiv:1610.03567]

Inspiral Perturbative expansions: post-Newtonian (PN), **post-Minkowskian (PM)**, self-force (SF), semi-analytic models

Merger Numerical relativity - first principles, but too slow to scan over large parameter space.

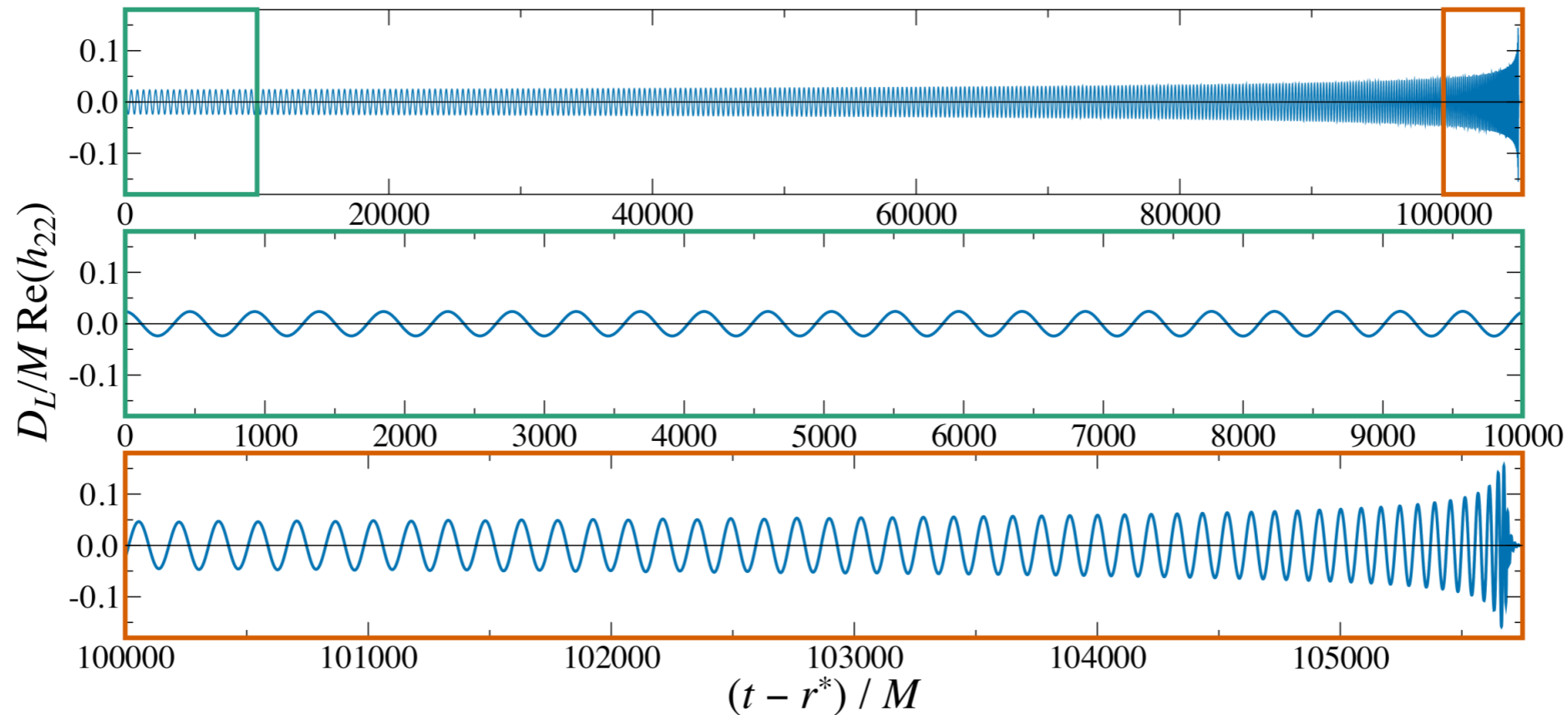
Ringdown Perturbative Quasi-normal modes.

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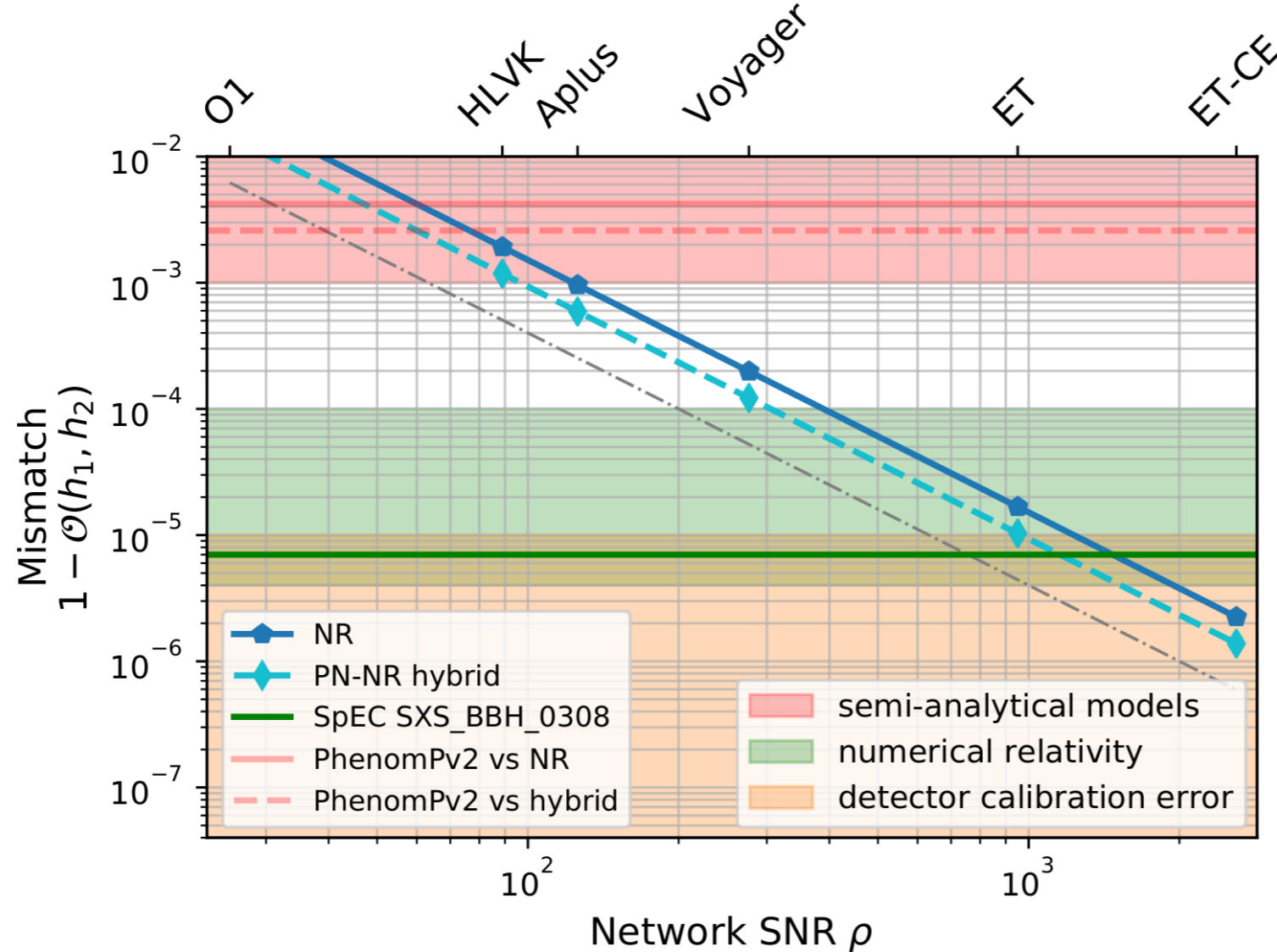
NEED FOR (SEMI-) ANALYTIC CALCULATIONS

- **NR simulations expensive.** Example simulation covering entire signal: 8 months, few million CPU hours. [Szilagy *et al.* '15]
- 376 GW cycles at **1 point in parameter space**. Zero spins, mass ratio 7.



[slide from Alessandra Buonanno]

REQUIREMENTS FOR THEORY PRECISION



Semi-analytic model accuracy needs $\sim 0(10^3)$ improvement!

Need *accurate waveform calculations*: e.g. at 6th post-Newtonian, 2nd-self force orders.
 Test GR, neutron star EOS, exotic objects...

POST-NEWTONIAN (PN) EXPANSION

Joint expansion in $GM/r \sim v^2$, locked by Virial theorem.

Conservative Hamiltonian in c.o.m. frame:



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

$$\mu = m_A m_B / m$$

$$\frac{H}{\mu} = \underbrace{\left[\frac{P^2}{2} - \frac{Gm}{R} \right]}_{\text{0PN, Newton}} + H_{1\text{PN}} + H_{2\text{PN}} + H_{3\text{PN}} + H_{4\text{PN}} \dots$$

$\mathcal{O}(v^2)$ $\mathcal{O}(G)$
(1980) (2000) (2014)

$$\mathcal{O}(v^4) + \mathcal{O}(Gv^2) + \mathcal{O}(G^2)$$

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

1PN, Einstein, Infeld, Hoffman, 1938

POST-MINKOWSKIAN (PM) EXPANSION

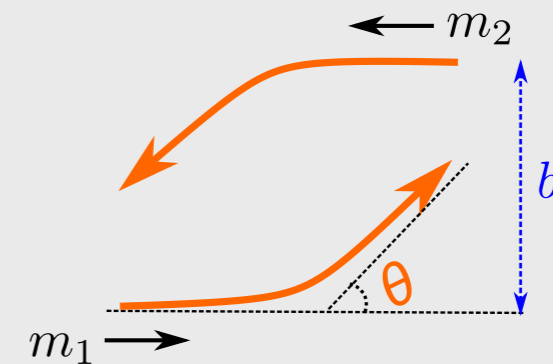
- Expansion in coupling GM/r , **exact velocity dependence** [Bertotti, Kerr, Plebanski, Portilla, Westpfahl, Gollder, Bel, Damour, Derulle, Ibanez, Martin, Ledvinka, Scafer, Bicak...]
- Most accurate PM binary dynamics until 2019 [Westpfahl, '85]

Scattering angle of two black holes, as function of $m_1, m_2, b, \sigma \equiv v_1 \cdot v_2$,

$$\theta = \frac{4G(m_1 + m_2)}{b} \frac{2\sigma^2 - 1}{2(\sigma^2 - 1)} + \frac{3\pi G^2(m_1 + m_2)^2}{4b^2} \frac{5\sigma^2 - 1}{\sigma^2 - 1} + \mathcal{O}(G^3)$$

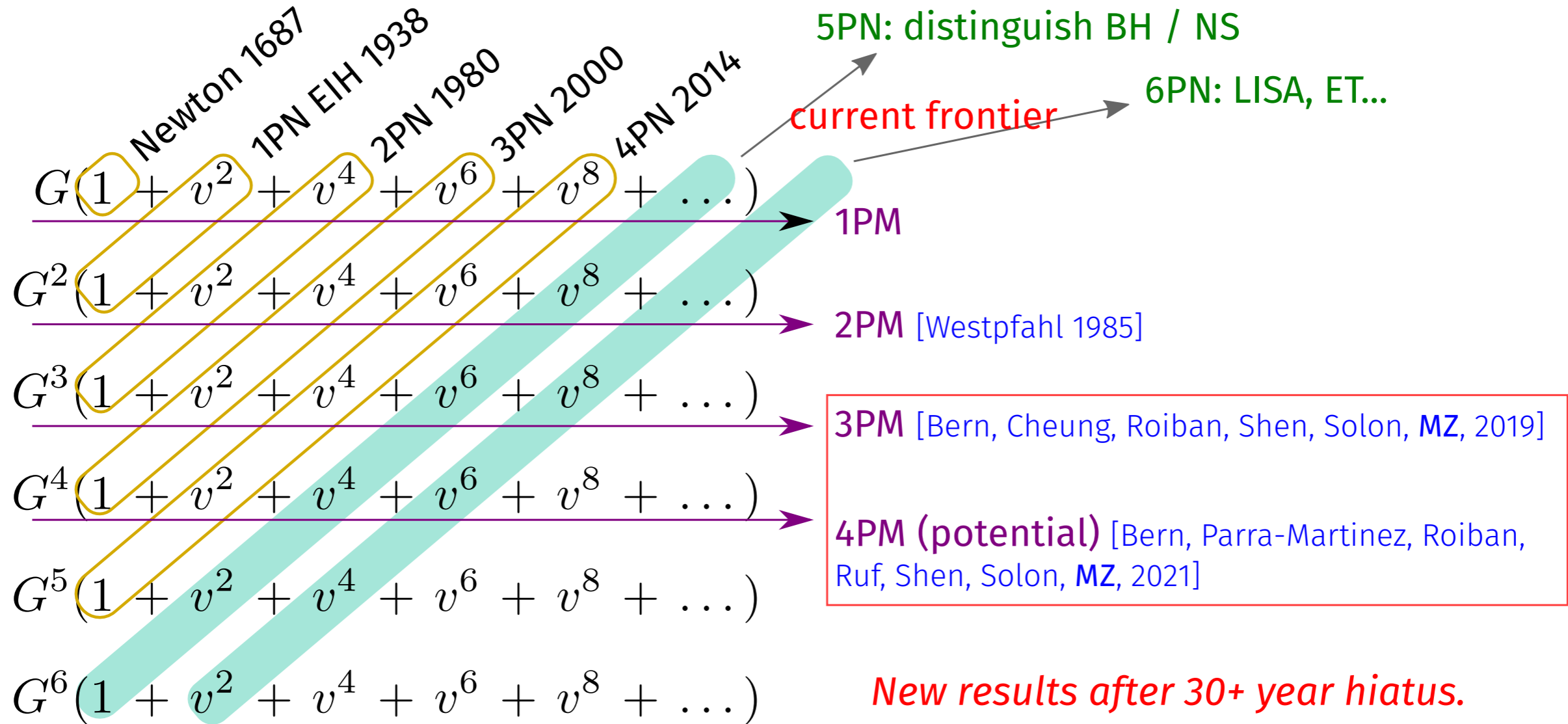
1PM \swarrow

2PM \swarrow



- Similar to expansion in **relativistic QFT** - can QFT help push further? What functions appear at higher orders?

NEW RESULTS FOR CONSERVATIVE DYNAMICS



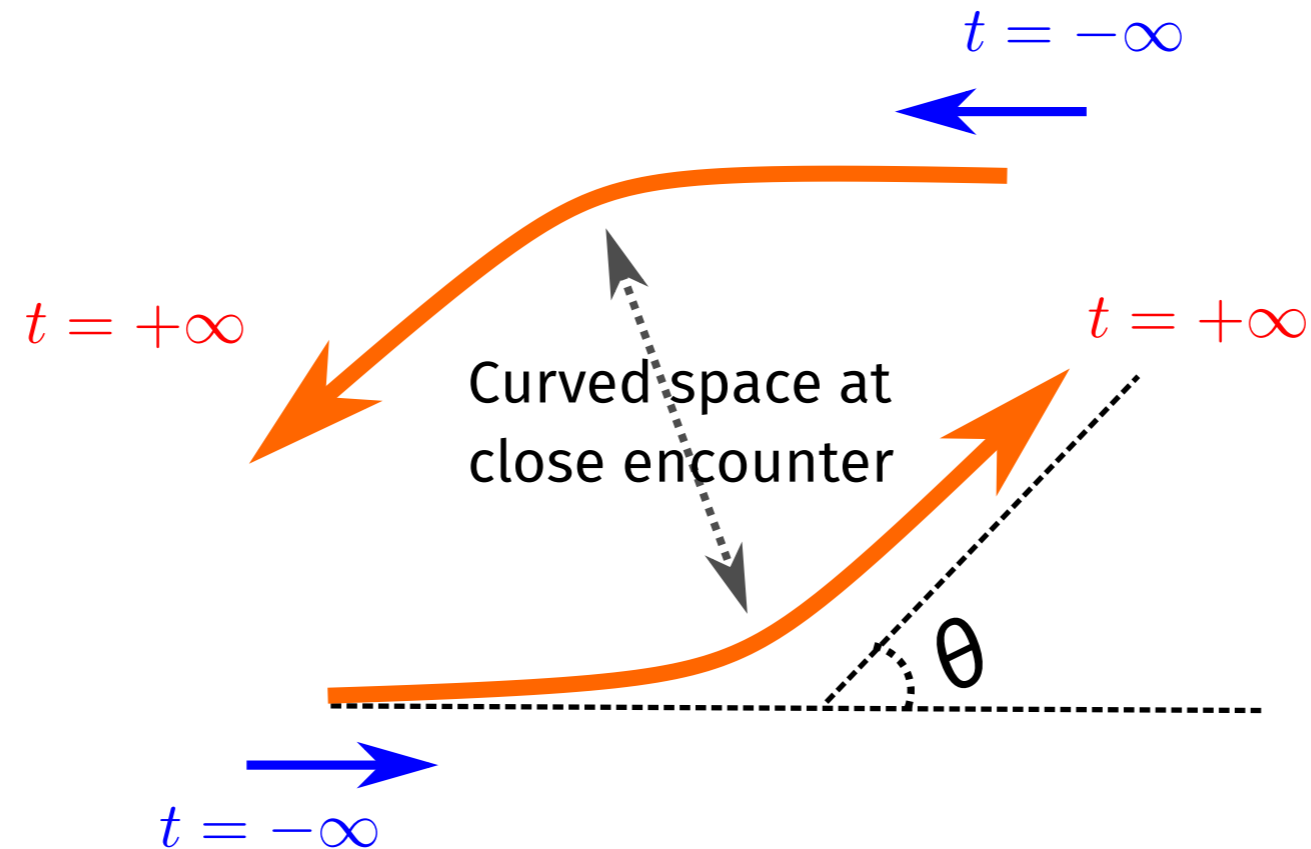
[adapted from Mikhail Solon's slide]

Classical from Quantum

HOW QFT HELPS - (1) GAUGE INVARIANCE

GR has *gauge redundancy*: invariant under general coordinate transformations.

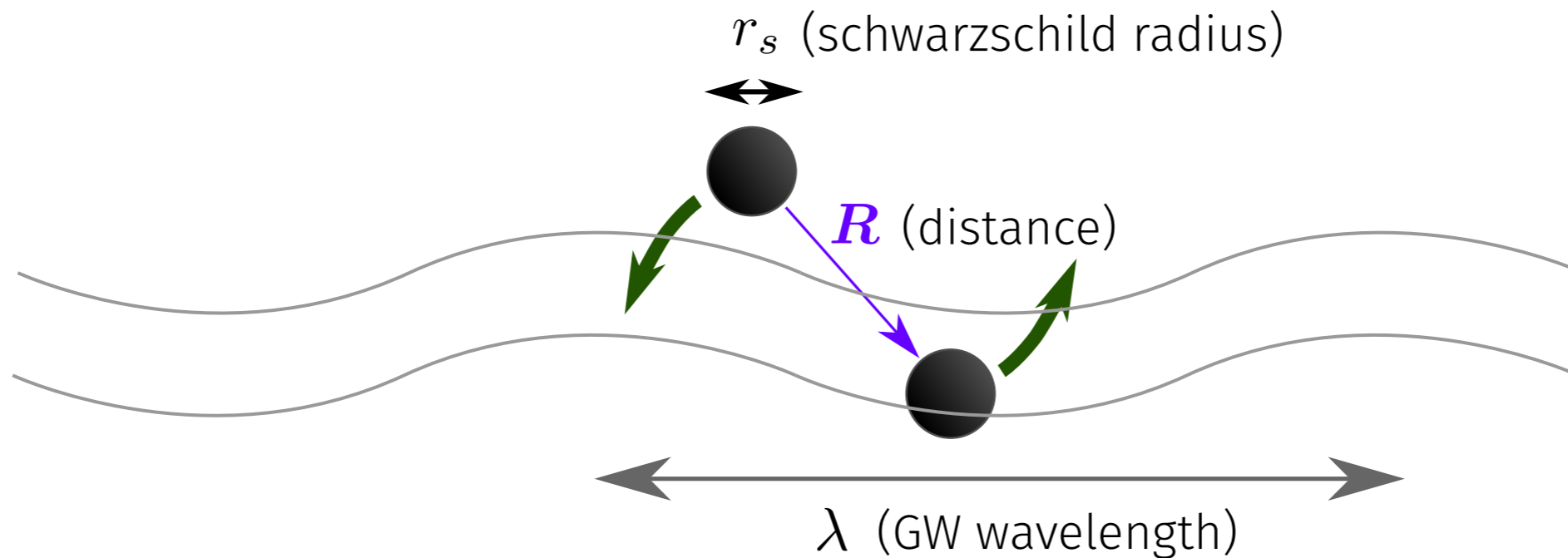
QFT amplitudes defined in asymptotic flat spacetime $t = \pm\infty$
- gauge invariant, reduces complexity.



HOW QFT HELPS - (2) EFFECTIVE THEORIES

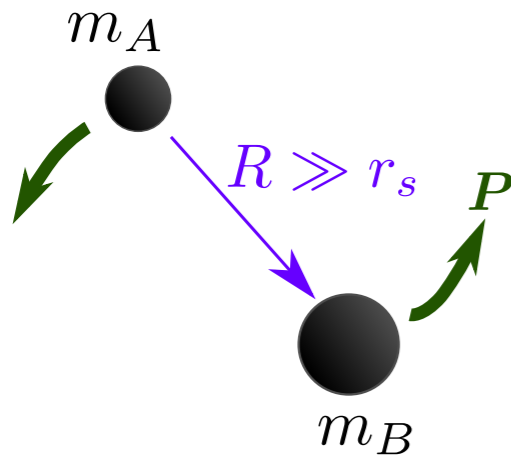
Hierarchy of scales in bound state systems: $R_s \leq r \leq \lambda \implies$

Use **Effective field theory** [Goldberger, Rothstein, '04; Cheung, Rothstein, Solon, '18; Damgaard, Haddad, Helset, '19; Kalin, Porto, '20]

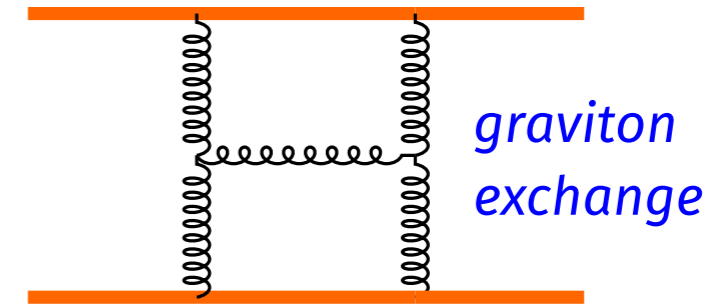


Operator expansion around *point-particle* limit.

POINT PARTICLE EFFECTIVE FIELD THEORY



point particle EFT
[Goldberger, Rothstein, '04]



Massive particles (scalar field) coupled to gravity.

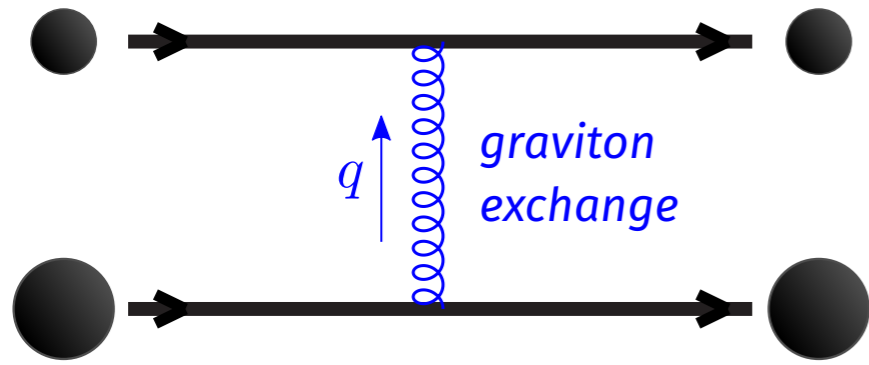
Lagrangian: $S = S_{\text{Einstein-Hilbert}} + S_{\text{point-particle}} + S_{\text{finite-size}}$

Point-particle: scalar field in dynamic metric.

Finite-size (tidal) effect: *highly suppressed* for **compact objects** $\sim \mathcal{O}(G^5)$,

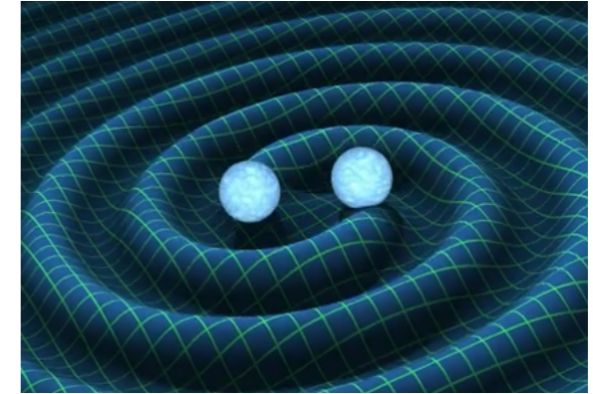
Even more so for **black holes** $\sim \mathcal{O}(G^6)$.

CLASSICAL FROM QUANTUM: PITFALLS



momentum transfer $q \sim \hbar/R \ll m_1, m_2$

$\hbar \rightarrow 0?$



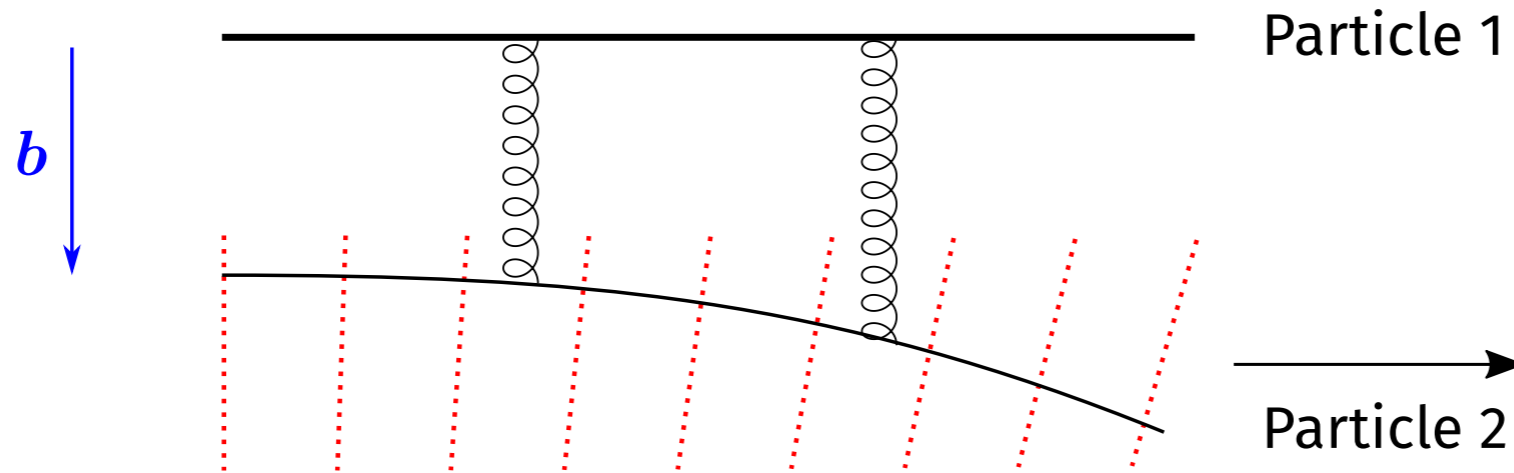
[picture: LIGO]

Naive \hbar expansion won't work. Intuition from JWKB: $\mathcal{M} \sim \exp\left(\frac{i}{\hbar} \int V(x) dx\right)$

$\implies 1/\hbar, 1/\hbar^2, 1/\hbar^3 \dots$ divergences in perturbative expansion

- referred to as *super-classical* or *classically divergent*

EIKONAL EXPONENTIATION



Conservative amplitude, pure phase: $\tilde{\mathcal{M}}(b) \propto e^{i\delta(b)}$

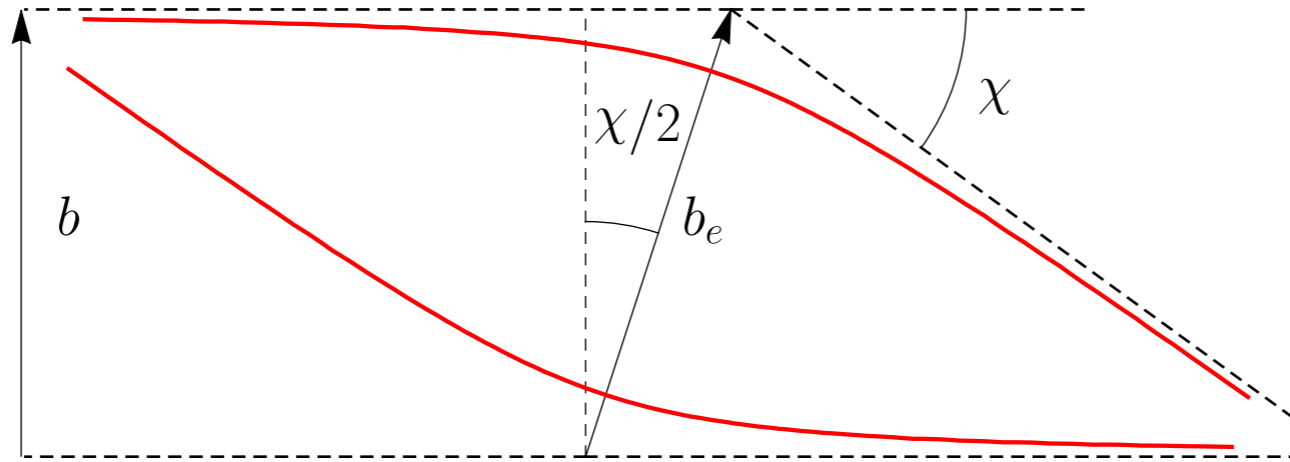
[Glauber, '59; Levy, Sucher, '69; Soldate, '87; 't Hooft, '87; Amati, Ciafoloni, Veneziano, '87, '88, '90, '07; Muzinich, Soldate, '88; Kobat, Ortiz, '92 ...]

Huygens principle: scattering angle \propto phase gradient $\frac{\partial \delta}{\partial b}$

$\tilde{\mathcal{M}}(b)$: Fourier transform of momentum space $\mathcal{M}(q_T)$. Time delay: $\Delta t = \frac{\partial \delta}{\partial E}$.

EIKONAL: KINEMATIC CORRECTIONS

- Eikonal impact parameter defined at closest approach.



$$b_e = \frac{b}{\cos(\chi/2)},$$

$$2 \sin \frac{\chi}{2} = \frac{\partial \delta}{\partial b_e}$$

[Figure: Bern, Ita, Parra-Martinez, Ruf, 2002.02459]

- All-order steepest descent argument: [Cristofoli, Gonzo, Moynihan, O'Connell, Ross, Sergola, White, '21]
- Alternative formulation: Radial Action I_r , used in [Bern, Parra-Martinez, Ruf, Shen, Solon, MZ, '21]

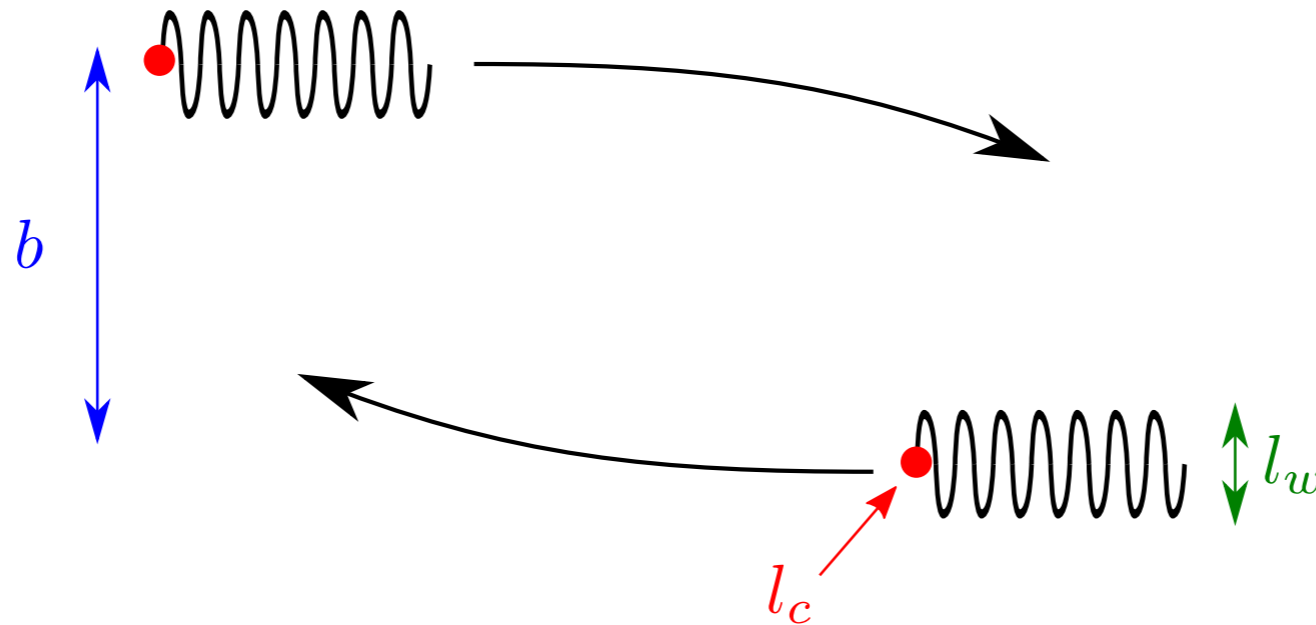
$$\chi = \frac{\partial I_r}{\partial J}, \quad J \equiv \mathbf{p} \cdot \mathbf{b}$$

- Also used with HEFT formulation: [Brandhuber, Chen, Travaglini, Wen, '21] Phase shift in partial wave scattering: [Kol, O'Connell, Telem, 2109.12092] Extensions to spin [Bern, Roiban, Luna, Shen, MZ, '20] and color charges [de Cruz, Luna, Scheopner, '21]

CLASSICAL LIMIT OF QUANTUM OBSERVABLES

[Kosower, Maybe, O'Connell (KMOC), '18]

Compute expectation values of observables from S-matrix,
compton length $l_c \ll$ wave packet spread $l_w \ll$ impact parameter

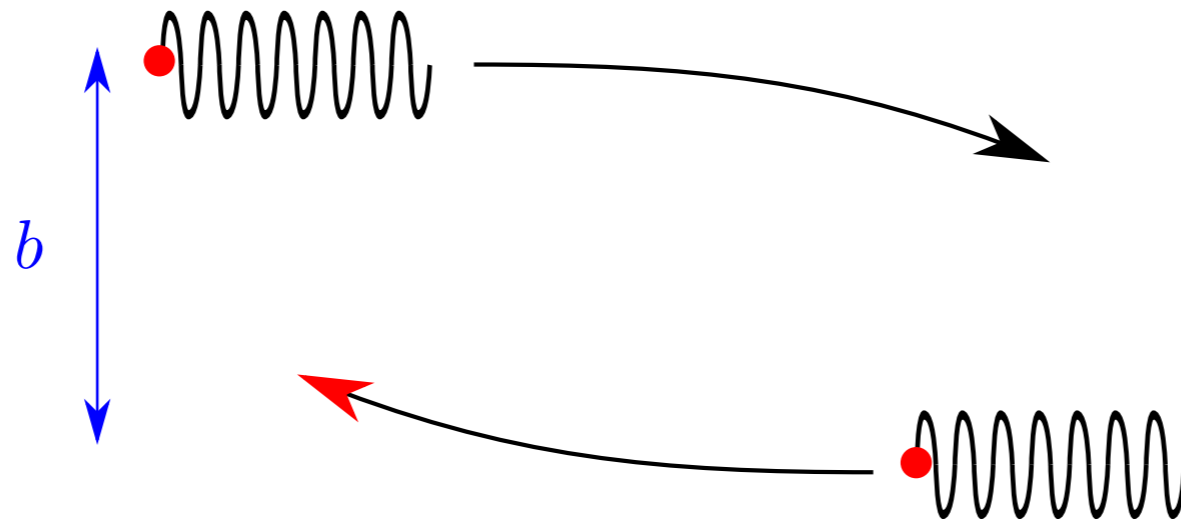


Exact wavepacket shape unimportant for classical limit.

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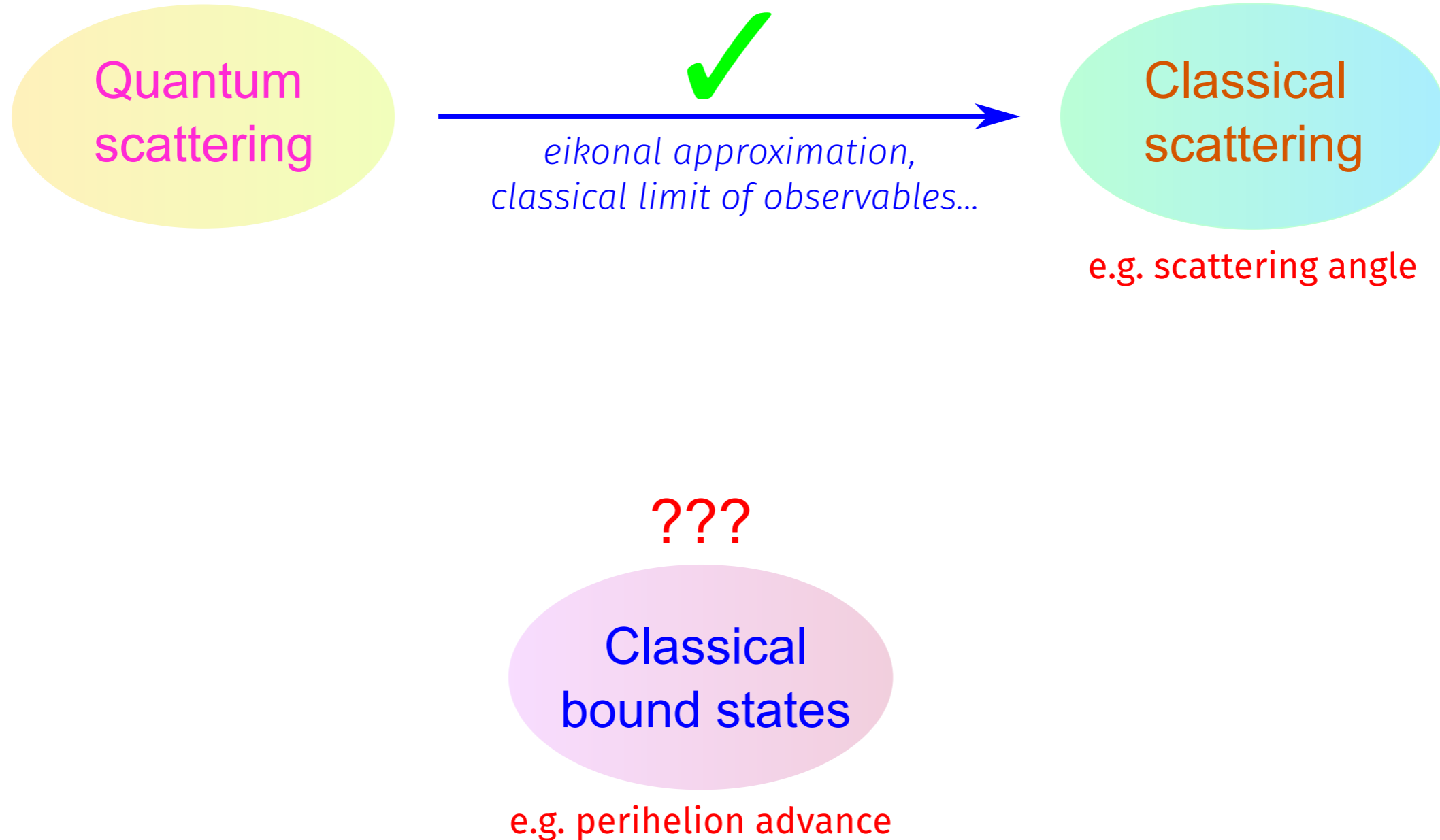
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Heuristic: integrate amplitude \mathcal{M} times momentum transfer observable q^μ against wavepacket $e^{i\mathbf{b}\cdot\mathbf{q}}$.

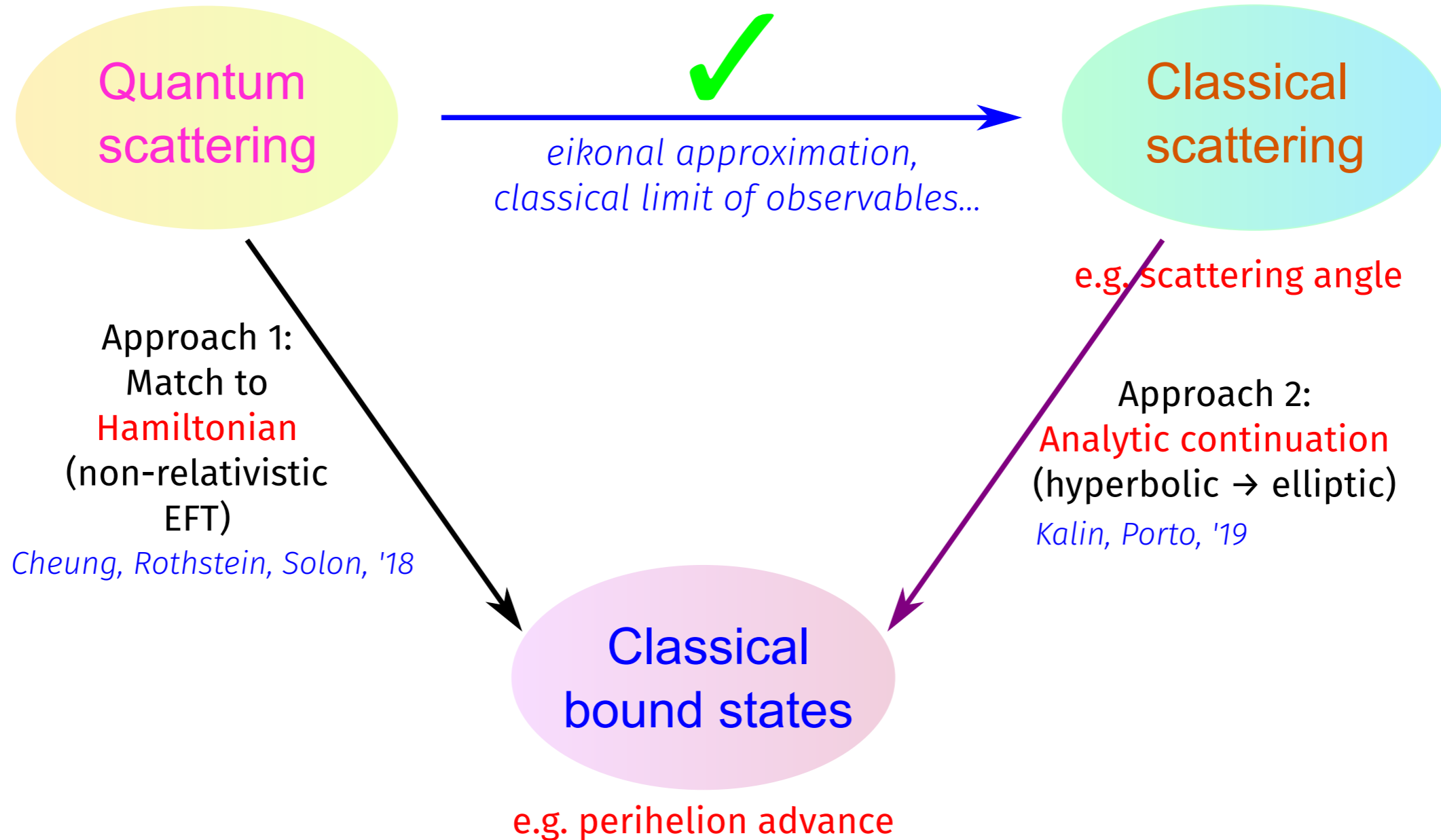


$$\int d^2 q_T \mathcal{M}(q) q^\mu e^{i\mathbf{b}\cdot\mathbf{q}} \sim \frac{\partial \tilde{\mathcal{M}}(b)}{\partial b} \quad \text{Angle} \propto \text{gradient again!}$$

FROM SCATTERING TO BOUND STATE



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MATCHING TO NON-RELATIVISTIC EFT

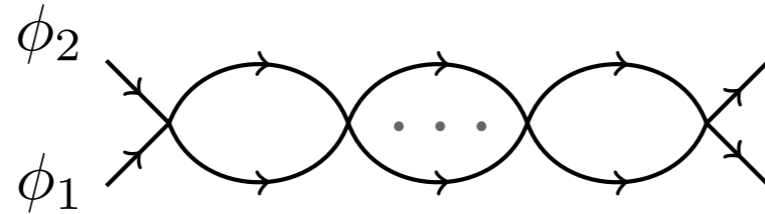
[Cheung, Rothstein, Solon, 1808.02489]

Lagrangian: two scalars, no antiparticles, no particle creation

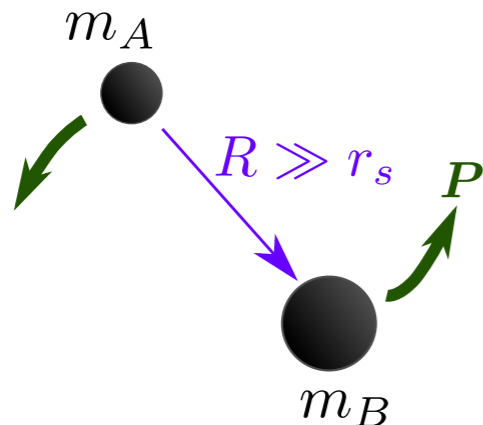
$$\mathcal{L} = \sum_{i=1,2} \int_{\mathbf{k}} \phi_i^\dagger(-\mathbf{k}) \left(i\partial_t - \sqrt{\mathbf{k}^2 + m_i^2} \right) \phi_i(\mathbf{k}) + \int_{\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{k}'} V(\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{k}') \phi_1^\dagger(-\mathbf{k}') \phi_2^\dagger(\mathbf{k}') \phi_1(\mathbf{k}) \phi_2(-\mathbf{k})$$

kinetic term

4-scalar contact potential

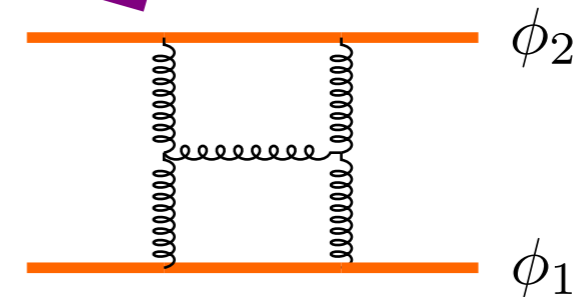


2. non-relativistic EFT



1. point particle EFT

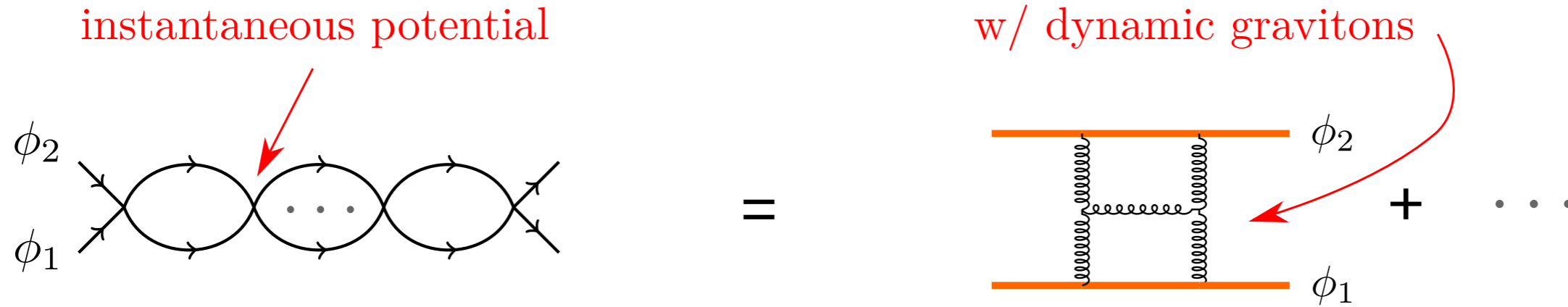
[Goldberger, Rothstein, '04]



MATCHING TO NON-RELATIVISTIC EFT

[Cheung, Rothstein, Solon, 1808.02489]

Fix potential from **Matching**: NR EFT amplitude = gravitational scalar amplitude.



EFT amplitude: extremely simple, Feynman diagrams (only bubble diagrams)

Gravity / matter amplitude: need sophisticated modern amplitude methods! See next slides.

$O(G^3)$ / 3PM conservative dynamics: [Bern, Cheung, Roiban, Shen, Solon, MZ, '19 (PRL, JHEP)].

$O(G^4)$ / 4PM: [Bern, Parra-Martinez, Roiban, Ruf, Shen, Solon, MZ, '21 (PRL)]

Generalization for spinning BHs: [Bern, Luna, Roiban, Shen, MZ, '20 (PRD)]

Gravity Amplitudes

PERTURBATIVE GRAVITY

Einstein-Hilbert action

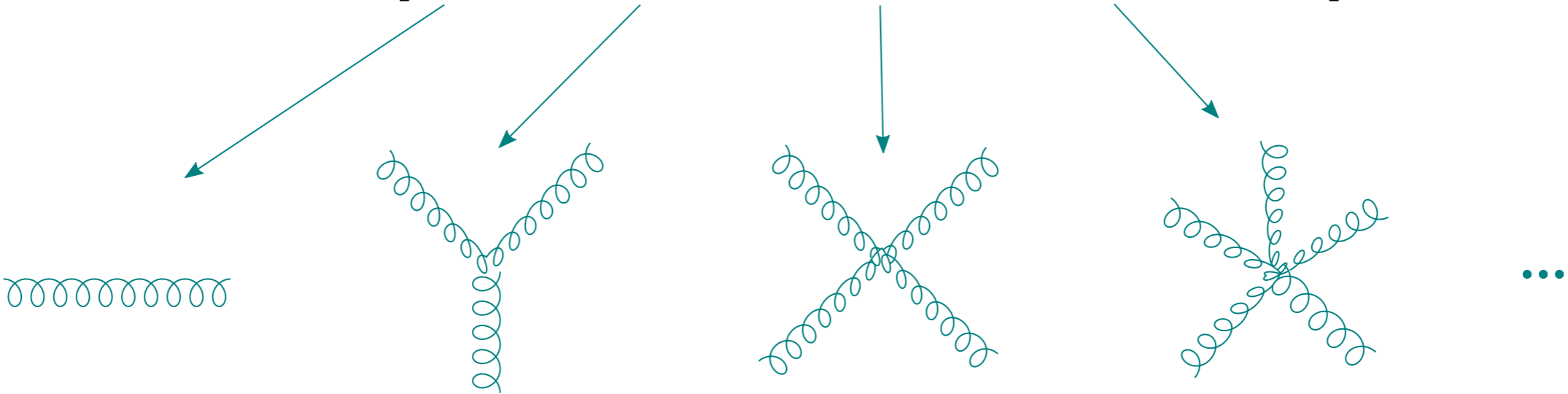
$$S_{\text{EH}} = \frac{1}{2\kappa^2} \int d^d x \sqrt{-g} R, \quad \kappa \equiv \sqrt{8\pi G}$$

spacetime volume curvature scalar

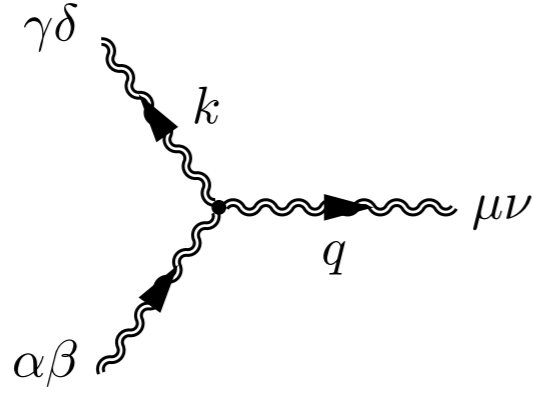
Expand around Minkowskian space: $g_{\mu\nu} = \eta_{\mu\nu} + \kappa h_{\mu\nu}$

quadratic kinetic term non-linear self couplings...

(omitting index contractions) $S_{\text{EH}} = \int d^d x [h\partial^2 h + \kappa h^2 \partial^2 h + \kappa^2 h^3 \partial^2 h + \kappa^3 h^4 \partial^2 h + \dots]$



PERTURBATIVE GRAVITY



$$\begin{aligned} \tau_{\alpha\beta,\gamma\delta}^{\mu\nu}(k, q) = & -\frac{i\kappa}{2} \left\{ P_{\alpha\beta,\gamma\delta} \left[k^\mu k^\nu + (k+q)^\mu (k+q)^\nu + q^\mu q^\nu - \frac{3}{2} \eta^{\mu\nu} q^2 \right] \right. \\ & + 2q_\lambda q_\sigma \left[I^{\lambda\sigma, \alpha\beta} I^{\mu\nu, \gamma\delta} + I^{\lambda\sigma, \gamma\delta} I^{\mu\nu, \alpha\beta} \right. \\ & \quad \left. \left. - I^{\lambda\mu, \alpha\beta} I^{\sigma\nu, \gamma\delta} - I^{\sigma\nu, \alpha\beta} I^{\lambda\mu, \gamma\delta} \right] \right. \\ & + \left[q_\lambda q^\mu (\eta_{\alpha\beta} I^{\lambda\nu, \gamma\delta} + \eta_{\gamma\delta} I^{\lambda\nu, \alpha\beta}) + q_\lambda q^\nu (\eta_{\alpha\beta} I^{\lambda\mu, \gamma\delta} + \eta_{\gamma\delta} I^{\lambda\mu, \alpha\beta}) \right. \\ & \quad \left. - q^2 (\eta_{\alpha\beta} I^{\mu\nu, \gamma\delta} + \eta_{\gamma\delta} I^{\mu\nu, \alpha\beta}) - \eta^{\mu\nu} q^\lambda q^\sigma (\eta_{\alpha\beta} I_{\gamma\delta,\lambda\sigma} + \eta_{\gamma\delta} I_{\alpha\beta,\lambda\sigma}) \right] \\ & + \left[2q^\lambda \left(I^{\sigma\nu, \gamma\delta} I_{\alpha\beta,\lambda\sigma} k^\mu + I^{\sigma\mu, \gamma\delta} I_{\alpha\beta,\lambda\sigma} k^\nu \right. \right. \\ & \quad \left. \left. - I^{\sigma\nu, \alpha\beta} I_{\gamma\delta,\lambda\sigma} (k+q)^\mu - I^{\sigma\mu, \alpha\beta} I_{\gamma\delta,\lambda\sigma} (k+q)^\nu \right) \right. \\ & \quad \left. + q^2 (I^{\sigma\mu, \alpha\beta} I_{\gamma\delta,\sigma}{}^\nu + I_{\alpha\beta,\sigma}{}^\nu I^{\sigma\mu, \gamma\delta}) \right. \\ & \quad \left. + \eta^{\mu\nu} q^\lambda q_\sigma (I_{\alpha\beta,\lambda\rho} I^{\rho\sigma, \gamma\delta} + I_{\gamma\delta,\lambda\rho} I^{\rho\sigma, \alpha\beta}) \right] \\ & + \left[(k^2 + (k+q)^2) \left(I^{\sigma\mu, \alpha\beta} I_{\gamma\delta,\sigma}{}^\nu + I^{\sigma\nu, \alpha\beta} I_{\gamma\delta,\sigma}{}^\mu - \frac{1}{2} \eta^{\mu\nu} P_{\alpha\beta,\gamma\delta} \right) \right. \\ & \quad \left. - ((k+q)^2 \eta_{\alpha\beta} I^{\mu\nu, \gamma\delta} + k^2 \eta_{\gamma\delta} I^{\mu\nu, \alpha\beta}) \right] \left. \right\} \end{aligned}$$

Background field gauge vertex [Holstein, Ross, 0802.0716]

Leading non-linearity: ~100 terms in 3-graviton vertex! Quickly grows out of control.

Double copy & Generalized Unitarity to the rescue

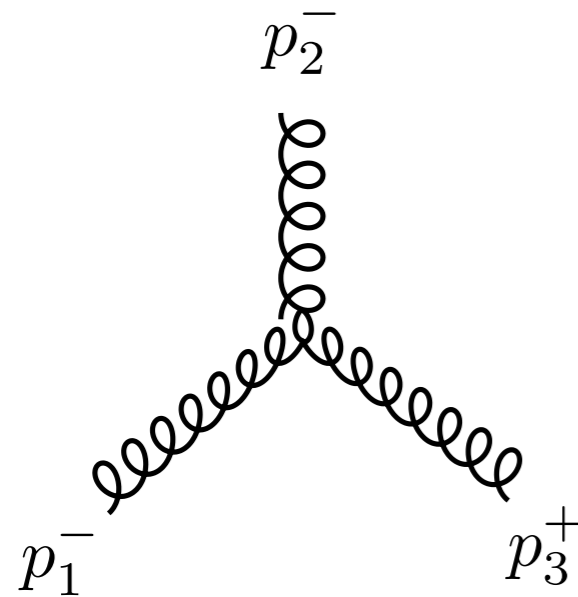
Double copy: gravity from YM^2

Generalized Unitarity: Loops from trees

Alternative based on Feynman diagrams: Tuning nonlinear gauge fixing term: [Cheung, Remmen, '16, '17; Rafie-Zinedine, '18]

GRAVITY AMPLITUDES FROM YANG-MILLS

- Gravity = (Yang-Mills)². 3-point amplitude example:



$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 \text{Yang-Mills} & & \text{Gravity} \\
 \mathcal{A}_3(1^- 2^- 3^+) = \frac{\langle 12 \rangle^3}{\langle 23 \rangle \langle 31 \rangle}, & \mathcal{M}_3(1^- 2^- 3^+) = \frac{\langle 12 \rangle^6}{\langle 23 \rangle^2 \langle 31 \rangle^2} \\
 \underbrace{\hspace{15em}}_{\text{square!}}
 \end{array}$$

- 4-points and above: generally a **sum** of YM × YM expressions.
 - Early example: *Kawai-Lewellen-Tye relations* (string theory)
 - Local Feynman diagram-like version: *BCJ (Bern-Carrasco-Johansson) double copy*.

DOUBLE COPY / COLOR-KINEMATIC DUALITY

- D dimensions: easier to get nice analytic integrands from double copy
[\[Bern, Carrasco, Johansson, '08\]](#)
- Simplest example: **4-gluon amplitude**, with 4-point vertex "blown up" to 3-pt.

$$\mathcal{A}_4 = C_s \begin{array}{c} \text{b} \\ \diagdown \\ \text{---} \\ \diagup \\ \text{a} \end{array} \begin{array}{c} \text{c} \\ \diagup \\ \text{---} \\ \diagdown \\ \text{d} \end{array} \begin{array}{c} \text{red arrow} \\ \nearrow \\ n_s/s \end{array} + C_t \begin{array}{c} \text{b} \\ \diagdown \\ \text{---} \\ \diagup \\ \text{a} \end{array} \begin{array}{c} \text{c} \\ \diagup \\ \text{---} \\ \diagdown \\ \text{d} \end{array} \begin{array}{c} \text{red arrow} \\ \nearrow \\ n_t/t \end{array} + C_u \begin{array}{c} \text{b} \\ \diagdown \\ \text{---} \\ \diagup \\ \text{a} \end{array} \begin{array}{c} \text{c} \\ \diagup \\ \text{---} \\ \diagdown \\ \text{d} \end{array} \begin{array}{c} \text{red arrow} \\ \nearrow \\ n_u/u \end{array}$$

$$C_s = f^{abf} f^{cdf}, \quad C_t = f^{bcf} f^{daf}, \quad C_u = f^{afc} f^{dbf},$$

Jacobi: $C_s + C_t + C_u = 0$. Surprise: $n_s + n_t + n_u = 0$.



Gravity: $\mathcal{M}_4 = \mathcal{A}_4 \Big|_{C_i \rightarrow n_i} = n_s^2/s + n_t^2/t + n_u^2/u$

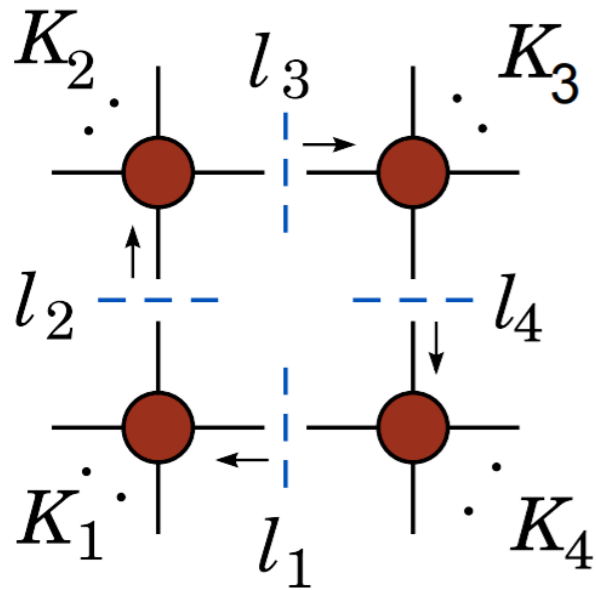
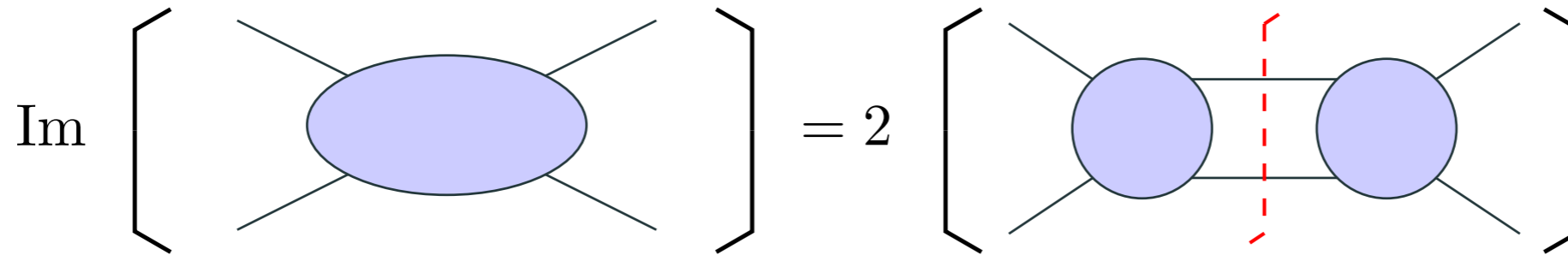
Also applicable with **massive scalars**, by dimensional reduction.

HEFT double copy:
[\[Brandhuber, Chen, Travaglini, Wen, '21\]](#)

GENERALIZED UNITARITY

[Bern, Dixon, Dunbar, Kosower, '94. Britto, Cachazo, Feng, '04]

Optical theorem: *Imaginary part of forward amplitude = product of two decay amplitudes*



Generalized unitarity: Cutting with *complex* l^μ .

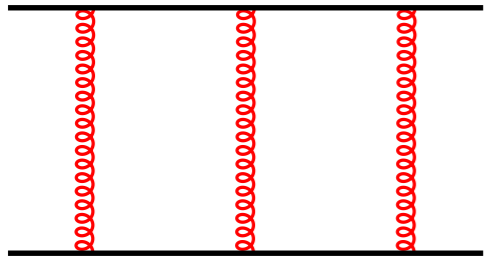
Box diagram example: $l_1^2 = l_2^2 = l_3^2 = l_4^2 = 0$.

Loop integrand factorizes into product of tree amplitudes.

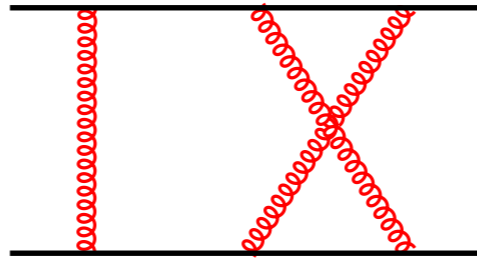
Importing collider methods

CHALLENGES IN LOOP INTEGRATION

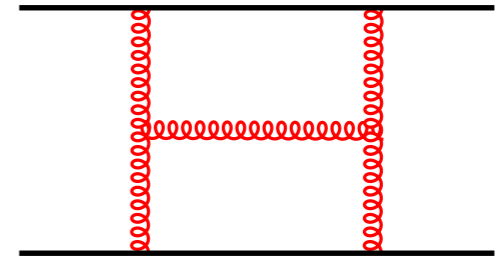
GW physics needs 3 loops and beyond, but exact evaluation is very difficult already at 2 loops: most results are for planar diagrams only, with $m_1 = m_2$.



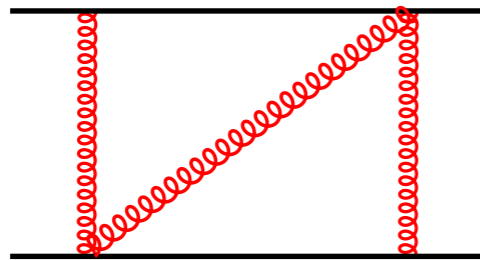
Smirnov, '01;
Henn, Smirnov, '13
Two-mass: Heller '21



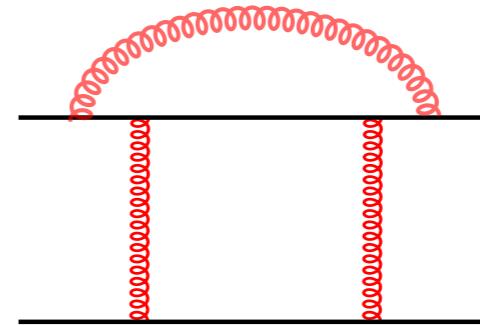
Heinrich, Smirnov, '04
(only the $1/\epsilon^2$ pole)



Leoni, Bianchi, '16;
Kreer, Weinzierl, '21



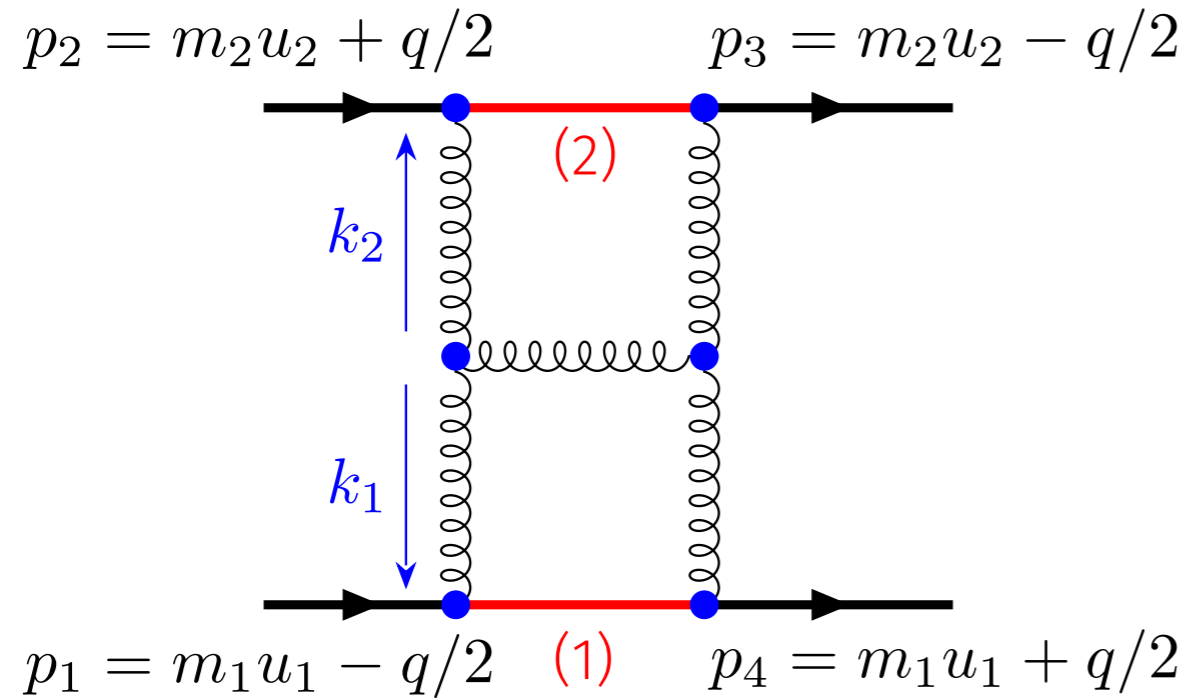
Heller, von Manteuffel, Schabinger, 19;
Broedel, Duhr, Dulat, Penante, Tancredi, '19



Duhr, Smirnov, Tancredi, '21

METHOD OF REGIONS

Feynman integrals expanded at integrand level; sum over "regions" [*Beneke, Smirnov, '98*]



Soft region:

$$|k_1| \sim |k_2| \sim |q| \sim \frac{\hbar}{R} \ll m_1, m_2, \sqrt{s}$$

Kinematics:

$$u_1^2 = u_2^2 = 1, \quad u_1 \cdot q = u_2 \cdot q = 0,$$

$$q^2 = t, \quad u_1 \cdot u_2 = \sigma$$

Taylor-expanding matter propagators:

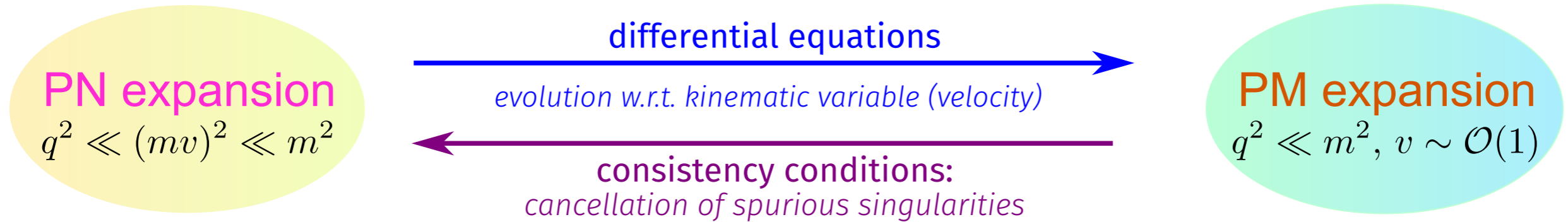
$$(1) : (k_1 + p_1)^2 - m_1^2 \approx 2m_1 u_1 \cdot k_1 + i0$$

$$(2) : (k_2 + p_2)^2 - m_2^2 \approx 2m_2 u_2 \cdot k_2 + i0$$

After Expansion in t , remaining nontrivial parameter σ .

DIFFERENTIAL EQUATIONS

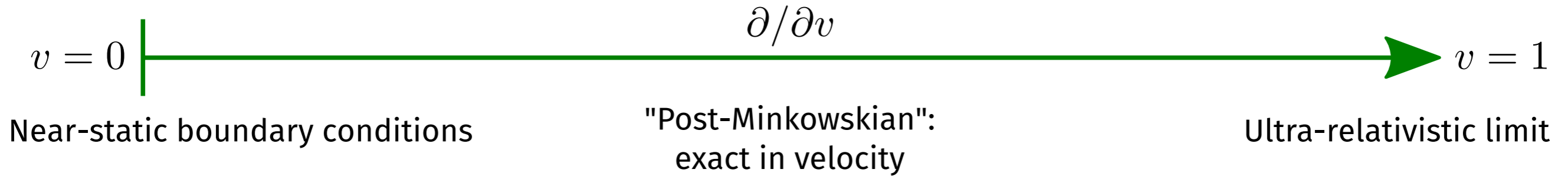
[Kotikov; Bern, Dixon, Kosower; Remiddi; Gehrmann, Remiddi; Henn]



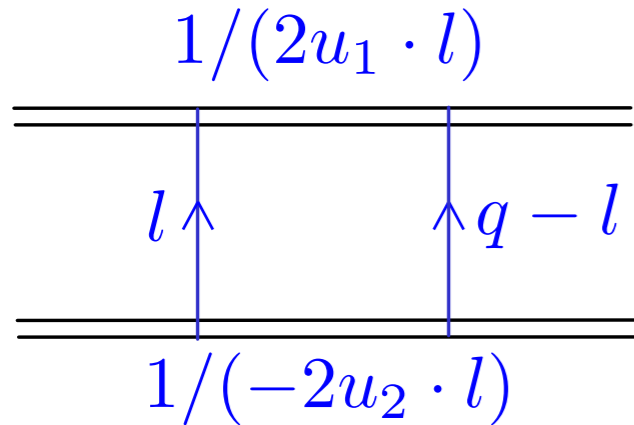
Prolific method for cutting-edge collider amplitude. **Imported into post-Minkowskian gravity:**
 [Parra-Martinez, Ruf, MZ, '20]. Already widely adopted: [Kalin, Porto, '20; Di Vecchia, Heissenberg, Russo, Veneziano, '21; Herrmann, Parra-Martinez, Ruf, MZ, '21; Bjerrum-Bohr, Damgaard, Plante, Vanhove, '21 ...]

Amplitude is a sum over "master integrals" by integration by parts: $\mathcal{M} = c_i I_i$

Kinematic derivatives also reduced to sum over master integrals themselves: $\frac{\partial}{\partial v} I_i = A_{ij} I_j$



DIFFERENTIAL EQUATIONS



$$u_1^2 = u_2^2 = 1, u_1 \cdot u_2 = y = \sqrt{1 + v^2} \quad \text{Rationalization: } y = \frac{1 + x^2}{2x}$$

Physical region: $0 < x < 1$ Euclidean region: $-1 < x < 0$

symbol letters: $x, 1 \pm x, 1 + x^2$

Similar to letters in massive cusp anomalous dimension
[Bruser, Dlapa, Henn, Yan, '20]

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x} \vec{I} = \epsilon \sum_r \frac{\partial \log W_r}{\partial x} \mathbb{M}^{(r)} \cdot \vec{I}$$

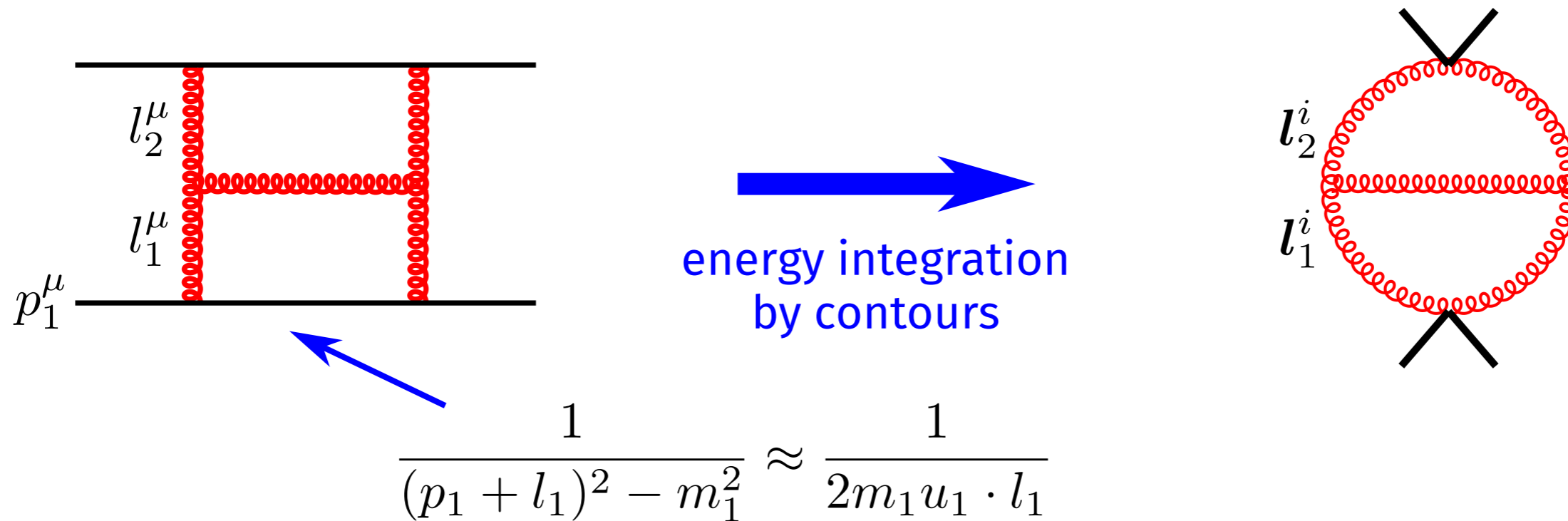
rational matrix

Canonical form: [Henn, '13]

The last letter only appears at 3 loops. For the potential region, smooth static limit implies that $(1 - x)$ is never a first entry.

BOUNDARY CONDITIONS - POTENTIAL REGION

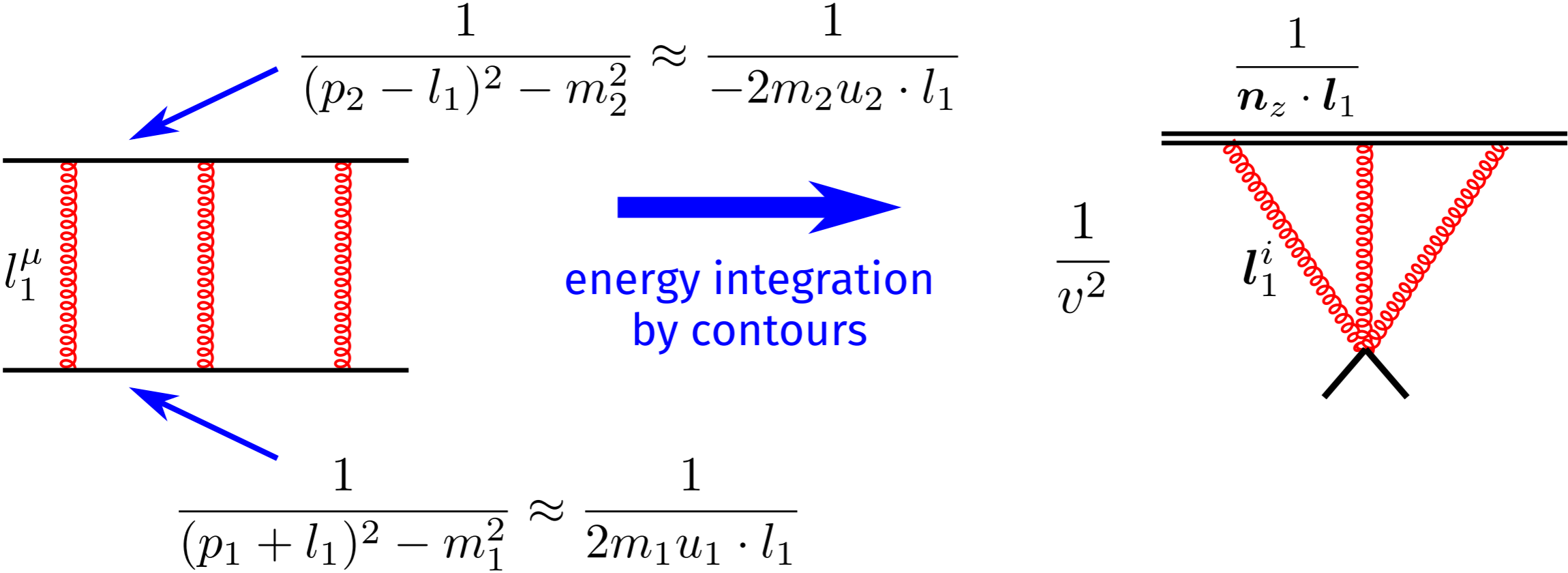
- In the potential region, static boundary values of integrals are *3D spatial integrals*
 - instantaneous post-Newtonian potential.



- 3D propagator integrals known to very high orders. *Differential equations* give velocity dependence (PM expansion) "for free".

BOUNDARY CONDITIONS - DIVERGENCES

- Iterated graviton exchange creates divergent terms near the static limit.

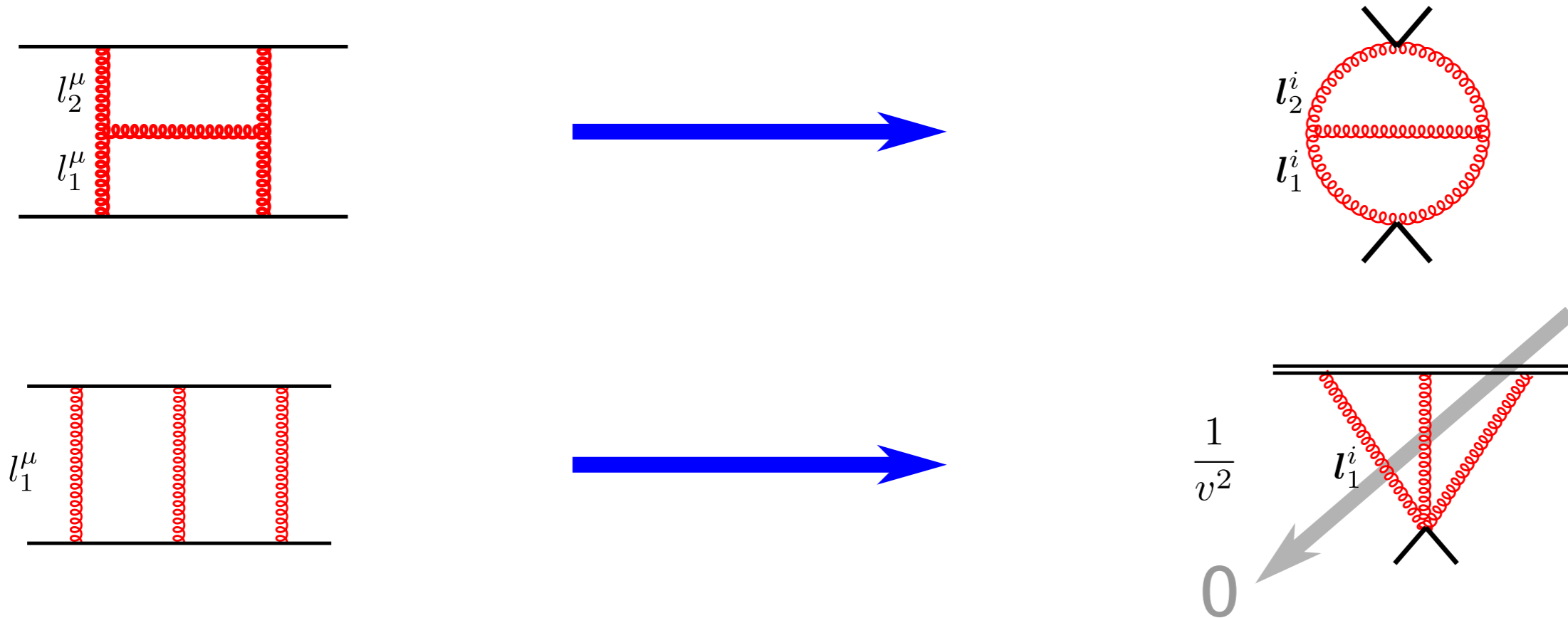


- Not "genuine" higher-loop correction - can we skip evaluating these integrals?

RADIAL ACTION MIRACLE

Bern, Parra-Martinez, Ruf, Shen, Solon, MZ, '21. HEFT version: Brandhuber, Chen, Travaglini, Wen, '21

- Remove divergences from boundary conditions, then solve DEs.

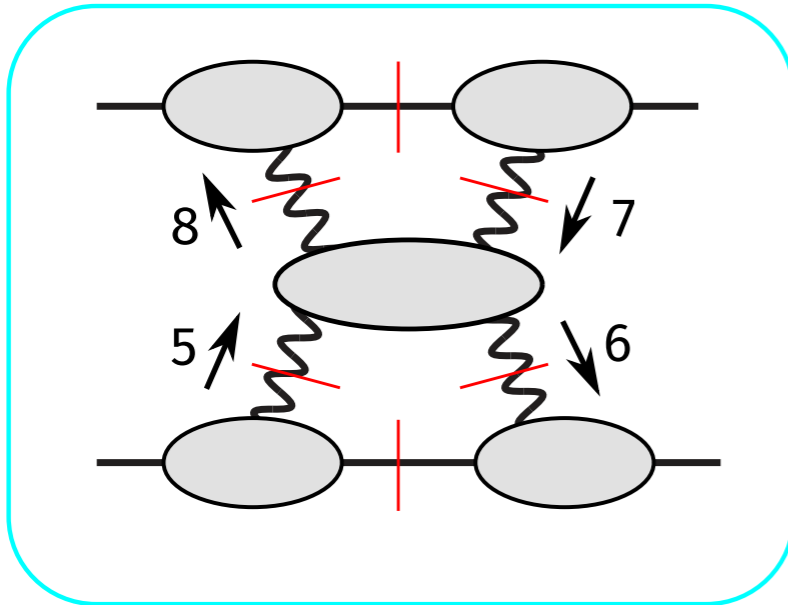


- Fourier transformed amplitude turns into a finite quantity, the *radial action* I_r , $\chi = \partial I_r / \partial J$.

Results and Comparisons

3PM / 2-LOOP AMPLITUDE - EXAMPLE

[Bern, Cheung, Roiban, Shen, Solon, MZ, '19]



Traditional Feynman diagram:

expect more than 10^5 terms.

- 100 terms per 3-graviton vertex
- 3 terms per graviton-scalar vertex
- 3 terms per graviton propagator

All multiplied together!

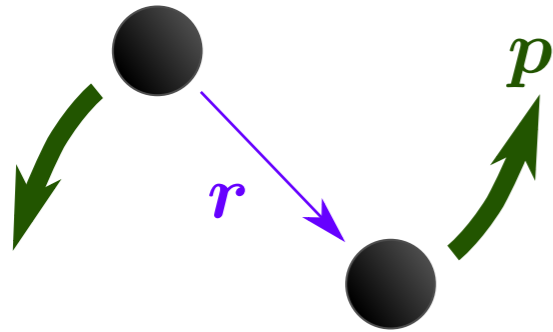
Gravity tree = (Yang-Mills tree)² by KLT. **Cut loop amplitude = product of trees** by generalized unitarity.

$$\text{Cut} = -i \left\{ 2t^2 m_1^2 m_2^4 + \frac{1}{t^6} [\text{Tr}[728615]^4] + (7 \leftrightarrow 8) \right\} \left(\frac{1}{(k_5 - k_8)^2} + \frac{1}{(k_6 + k_8)^2} \right)$$

Stay in 4D if you can - spinor helicity amplitudes are simple, though with spurious singularities.

RESULT: 3PM CONSERVATIVE POTENTIAL

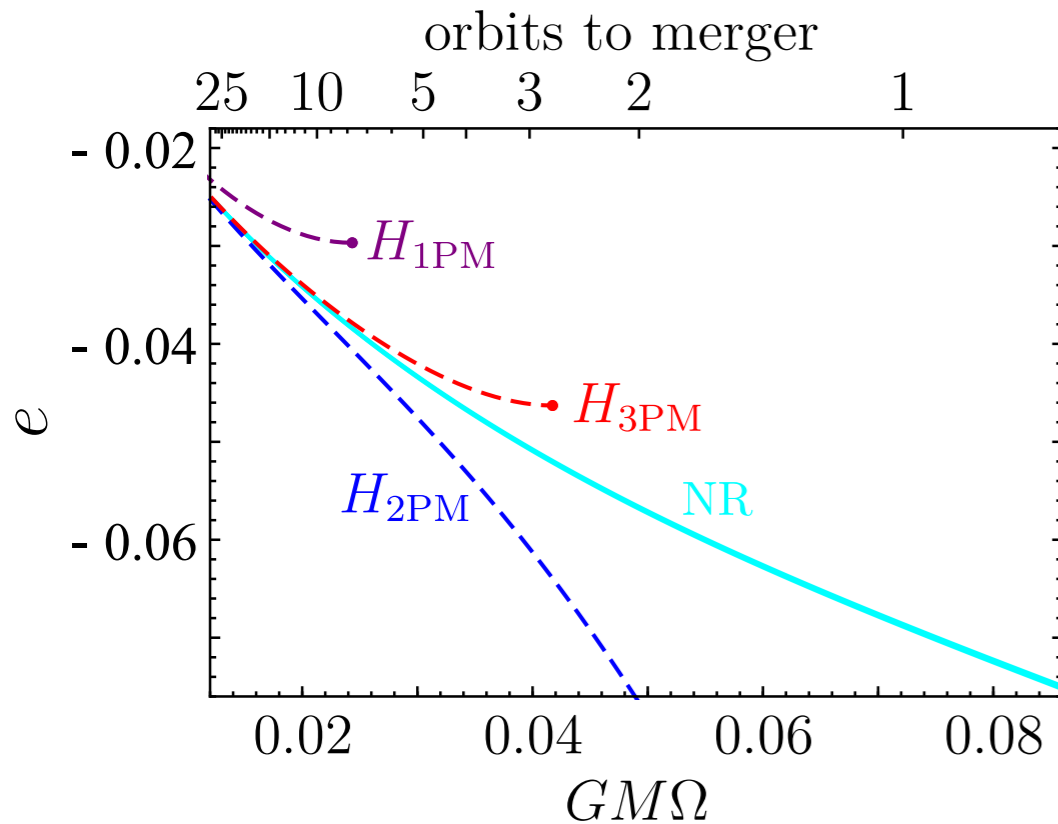
[Bern, Cheung, Roiban, Shen, Solon, MZ '19 (PRL)]



$$H^{3\text{PM}}(\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{r}) = \sqrt{\mathbf{p}^2 + m_1^2} + \sqrt{\mathbf{p}^2 + m_2^2} + V^{3\text{PM}}(\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{r})$$

$$V^{3\text{PM}}(\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{r}) = c_1(\mathbf{p}^2) \left(\frac{G}{|\mathbf{r}|} \right) + c_2(\mathbf{p}^2) \left(\frac{G}{|\mathbf{r}|} \right)^2 + c_3(\mathbf{p}^2) \left(\frac{G}{|\mathbf{r}|} \right)^3$$

Westpfahl, '85
Our new result



Binding energy: *improved agreement with numerical relativity* over lower PM orders.

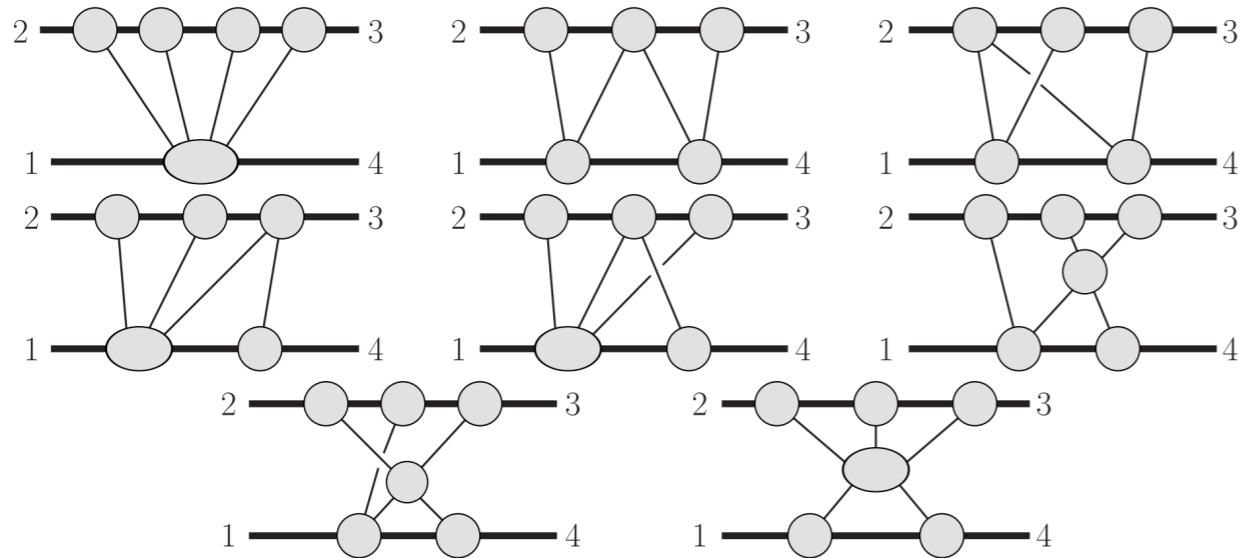
[Antonelli, Buonanno, Steinhoff, Vines, '19]

Higher orders needed to compete with PN theory.
Next slides: our new result for **4PM!**

4PM / 3-LOOP - POTENTIAL REGION

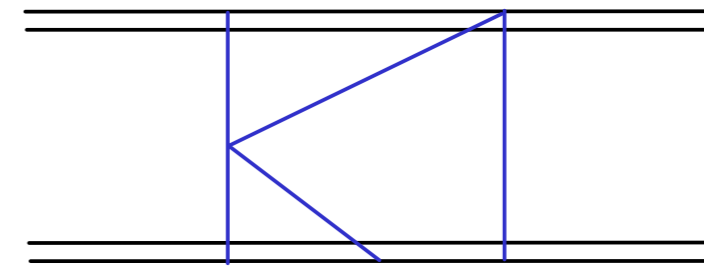
[Bern, Parra-Martinez, Roiban, Ruf, Shen, Solon, MZ, 2101.07254 (PRL)]

- **Loop integrand** from 8 generalized unitarity cuts.



- **Integration:**

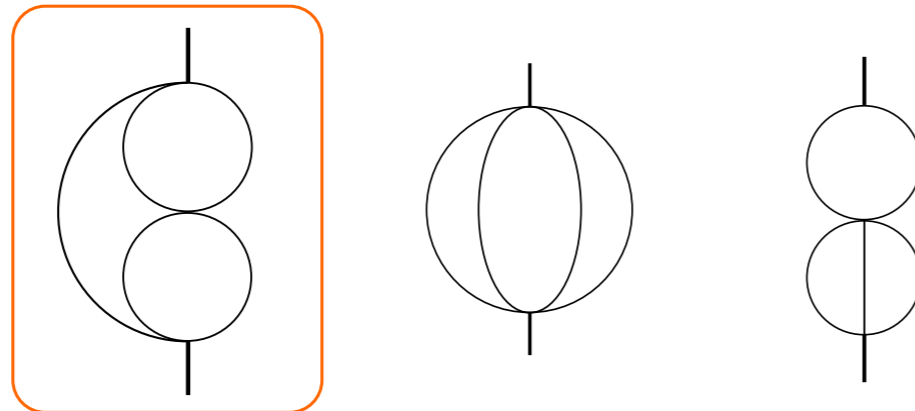
- IBP reduction with FIRE6 [Smirnov].
- Used `epsilon` [Prauso, '17] to find canonical form for DEs + one elliptic sector



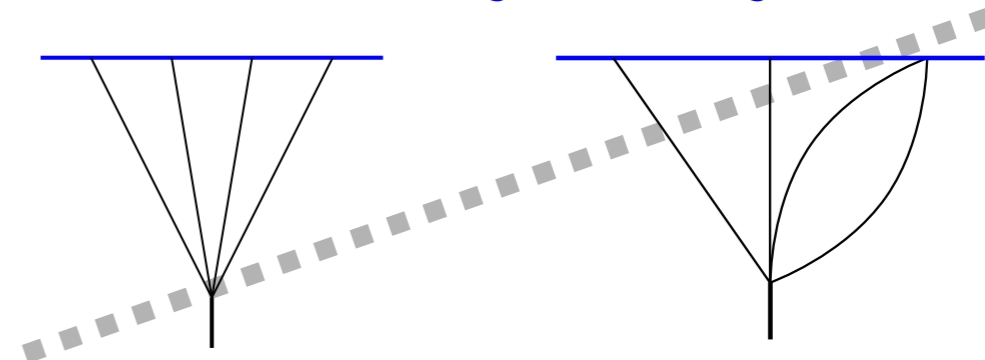
(3 master integrals)

- **Boundary conditions** in terms of 3D integrals

Contribute to elliptic integrals after solving DEs

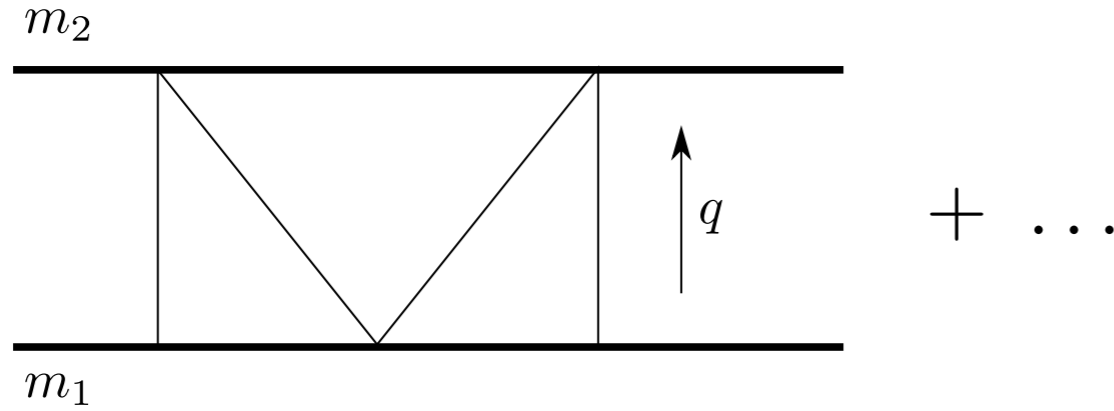


Divergent 3D integrals set to zero



3-LOOP AMPLITUDE

[Bern, Parra-Martinez, Roiban, Ruf, Shen, Solon, MZ, 2101.07254 (PRL)]



An infrared divergence!

$$\mathcal{M}_4(\mathbf{q}) = G^4 M^7 \nu^2 |\mathbf{q}| \left(\frac{\mathbf{q}^2}{4^{1/3} \tilde{\mu}^2} \right)^{-3\epsilon} \pi^2 \left[\mathcal{M}_4^p + \nu \left(\frac{\mathcal{M}_4^t}{\epsilon} + \mathcal{M}_4^f \right) \right] + \text{Iterations}$$

$$M = m_1 + m_2$$

$$\nu = \frac{m_1 m_2}{M^2}, \text{ 1SF term vanishes in probe limit}$$

$\frac{1}{r^4}$ potential after 3D Fourier transform

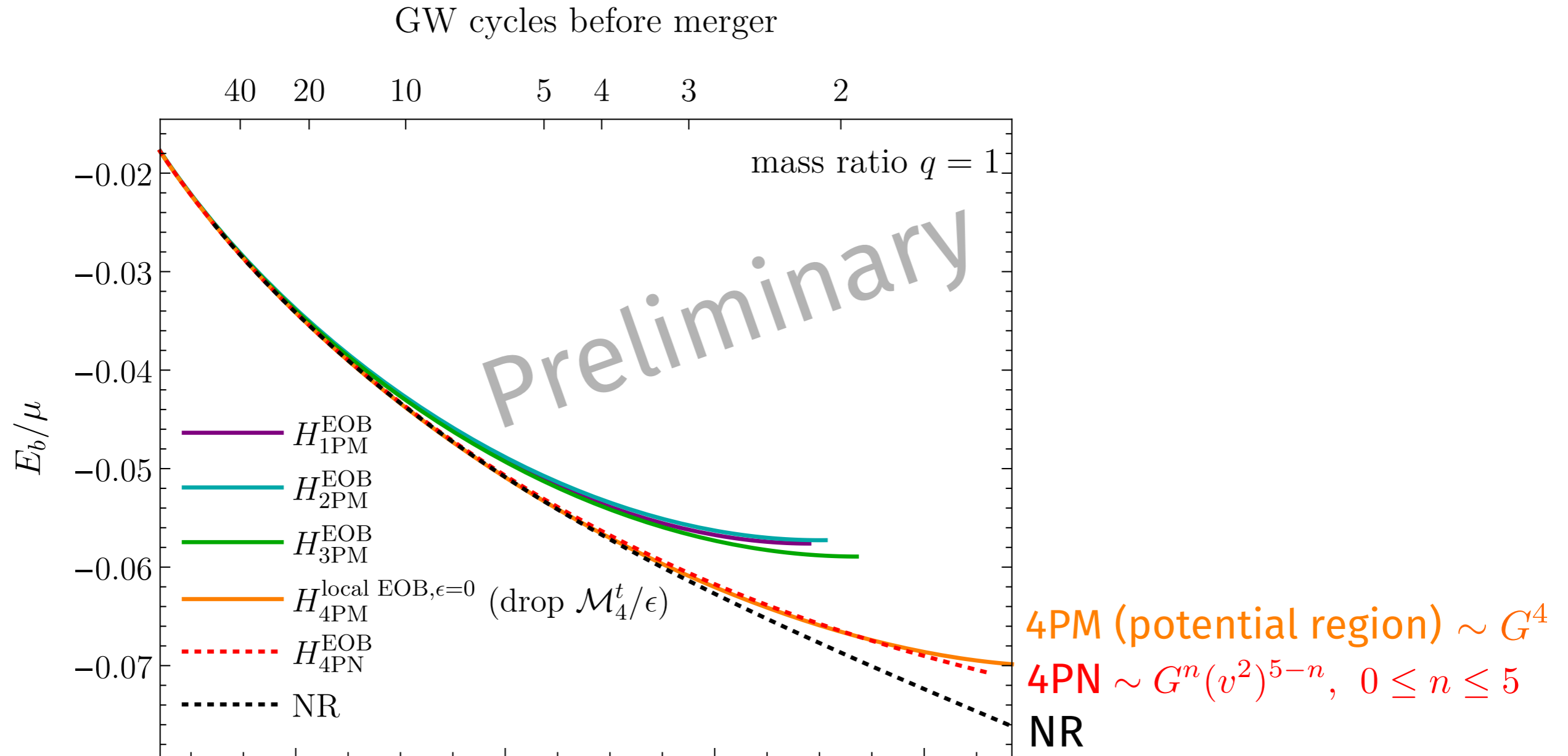
$$\mathcal{M}_4^p = -\frac{35(1 - 18\sigma^2 + 33\sigma^4)}{8(\sigma^2 - 1)}, \quad \mathcal{M}_4^t = h_1 + h_2 \log\left(\frac{\sigma+1}{2}\right) + h_3 \frac{\text{arccosh}(\sigma)}{\sqrt{\sigma^2 - 1}}.$$

$$\sigma \equiv \frac{p_1 \cdot p_2}{m_1 m_2}$$

h_i are rational functions, see next slide

4PM BINDING ENERGY VS. NUMERICAL RELATIVITY

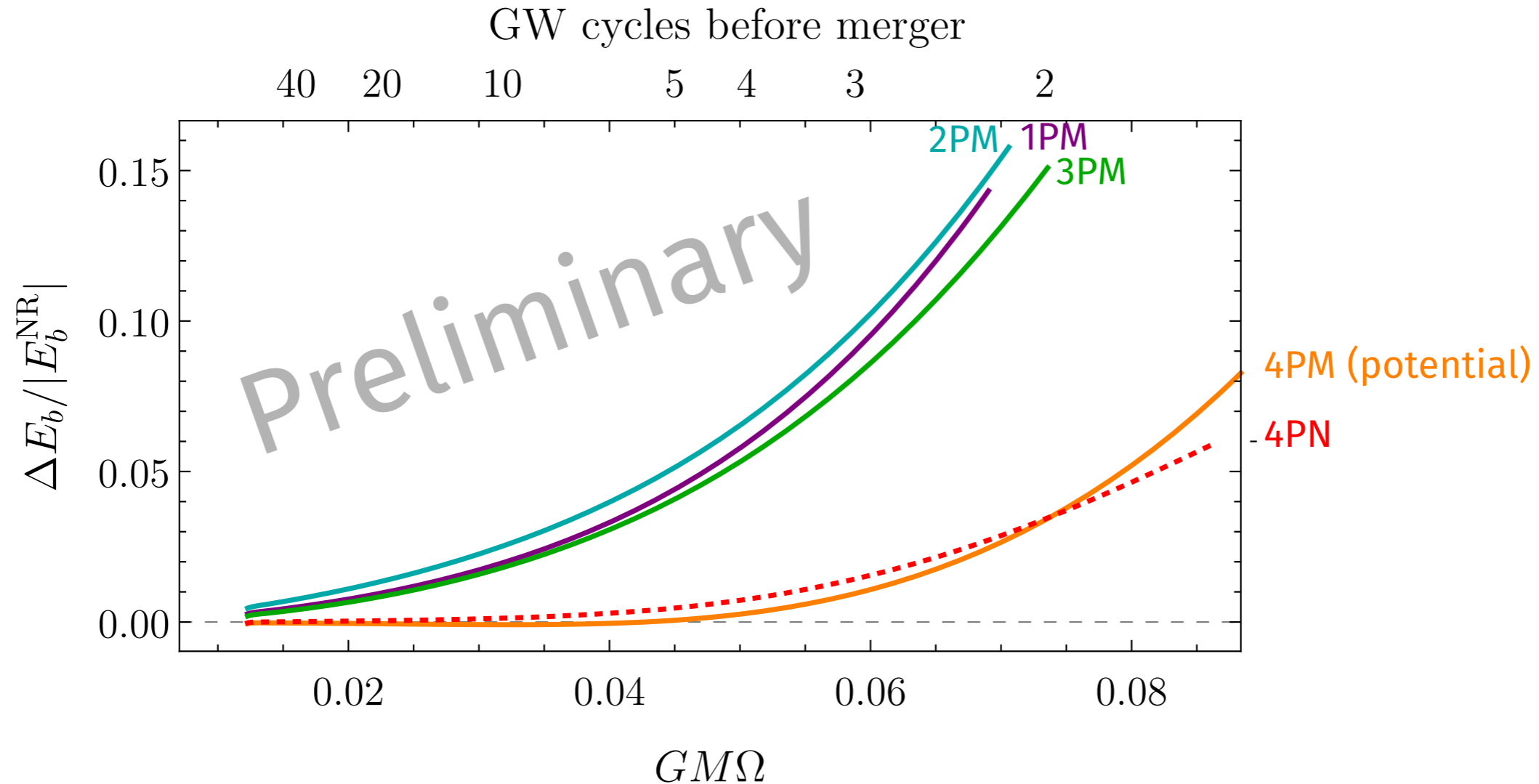
[Khalil, Buonanno, Steinhoff, Vines, preliminary]



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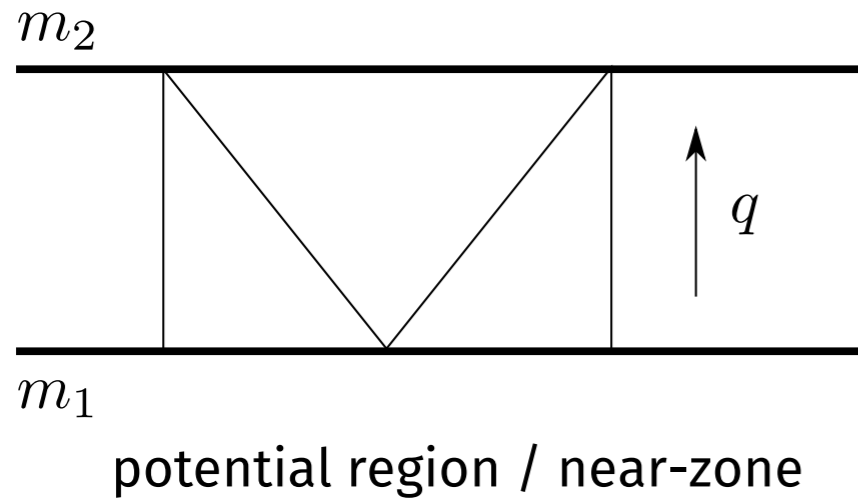
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- Same plot shown as relative deviation from NR.

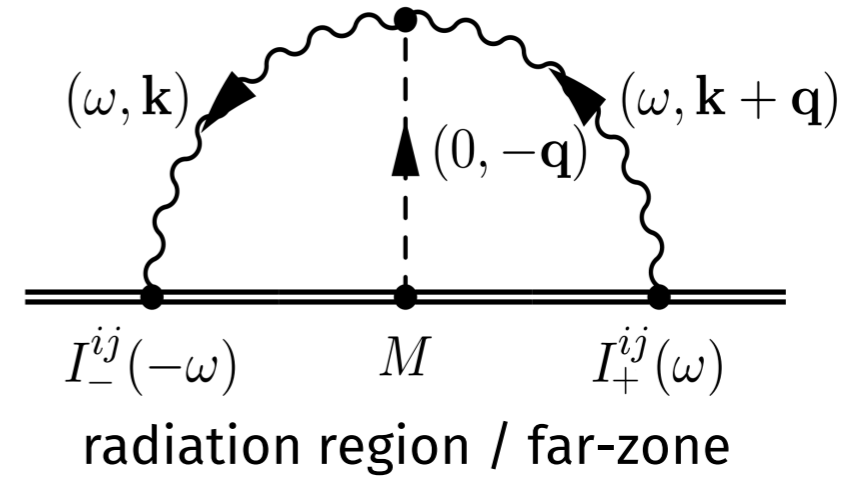


- Post-Minkowskian prediction starts to become competitive - more to come!

IR DIVERGENCE IN 2-BODY POTENTIAL



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[Gally, Leibovich, Porto, Ross, '15]

Potential region: spatial momentum exchange between two bodies

$$\mathcal{M}_4^{\text{pot}}(\mathbf{q}) \propto \left[\frac{\mathcal{M}_4^t}{\epsilon} + \text{finite} \right] + \text{Iterations}$$

Radiation region: couples to multipole moments of binary system

$$\mathcal{M}_4^{\text{rad}}(\mathbf{q}) \propto \left[-\frac{\mathcal{M}_4^t}{\epsilon} + 2 \log(v^2) + \text{finite} \right]$$

We just computed this for unbound orbits - see next slide

Divergence cancels in the sum, leaving $\log(v)$ term analogous to Lamb shift in QED with $\log(\alpha)$ term.

FINITE 3-LOOP AMPLITUDE: POTENTIAL + TAIL

[Bern, Parra-Martinez, Roiban, Ruf, Shen, Solon, MZ, 2112.10750 (PRL)]

$$\mathcal{M}_4^{\text{cons}} = G^4 M^7 \nu^2 |\mathbf{q}| \pi^2 \left[\mathcal{M}_4^{\text{probe}} + \nu \left(4\mathcal{M}_4^{\text{tail}} \log\left(\frac{p_\infty}{2}\right) + \mathcal{M}_4^{\pi^2} + \mathcal{M}_4^{\text{rem}} \right) \right] + \text{Iterations}$$

$$\mathcal{M}_4^{\text{probe}} = -\frac{35(1 - 18\sigma^2 + 33\sigma^4)}{8(\sigma^2 - 1)}, \quad \mathcal{M}_4^{\text{tail}} = r_1 + r_2 \log\left(\frac{\sigma+1}{2}\right) + r_3 \frac{\text{arccosh}(\sigma)}{\sqrt{\sigma^2 - 1}}, \quad p_\infty \equiv \sqrt{(u_1 \cdot u_2)^2 - 1}$$

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

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{M}_4^{\text{rem}} = & r_8 + r_9 \log\left(\frac{\sigma+1}{2}\right) + r_{10} \frac{\text{arccosh}(\sigma)}{\sqrt{\sigma^2 - 1}} + r_{11} \log(\sigma) + r_{12} \log^2\left(\frac{\sigma+1}{2}\right) + r_{13} \frac{\text{arccosh}(\sigma)}{\sqrt{\sigma^2 - 1}} \log\left(\frac{\sigma+1}{2}\right) \\ & + r_{14} \frac{\text{arccosh}^2(\sigma)}{\sigma^2 - 1} + r_{15} \text{Li}_2\left(\frac{1-\sigma}{2}\right) + r_{16} \text{Li}_2\left(\frac{1-\sigma}{1+\sigma}\right) + r_{17} \frac{1}{\sqrt{\sigma^2 - 1}} \left[\text{Li}_2\left(-\sqrt{\frac{\sigma-1}{\sigma+1}}\right) - \text{Li}_2\left(\sqrt{\frac{\sigma-1}{\sigma+1}}\right) \right] \end{aligned}$$

complete elliptic integrals of the 1st & 2nd kind

polylogarithms up to transcendental weight 2

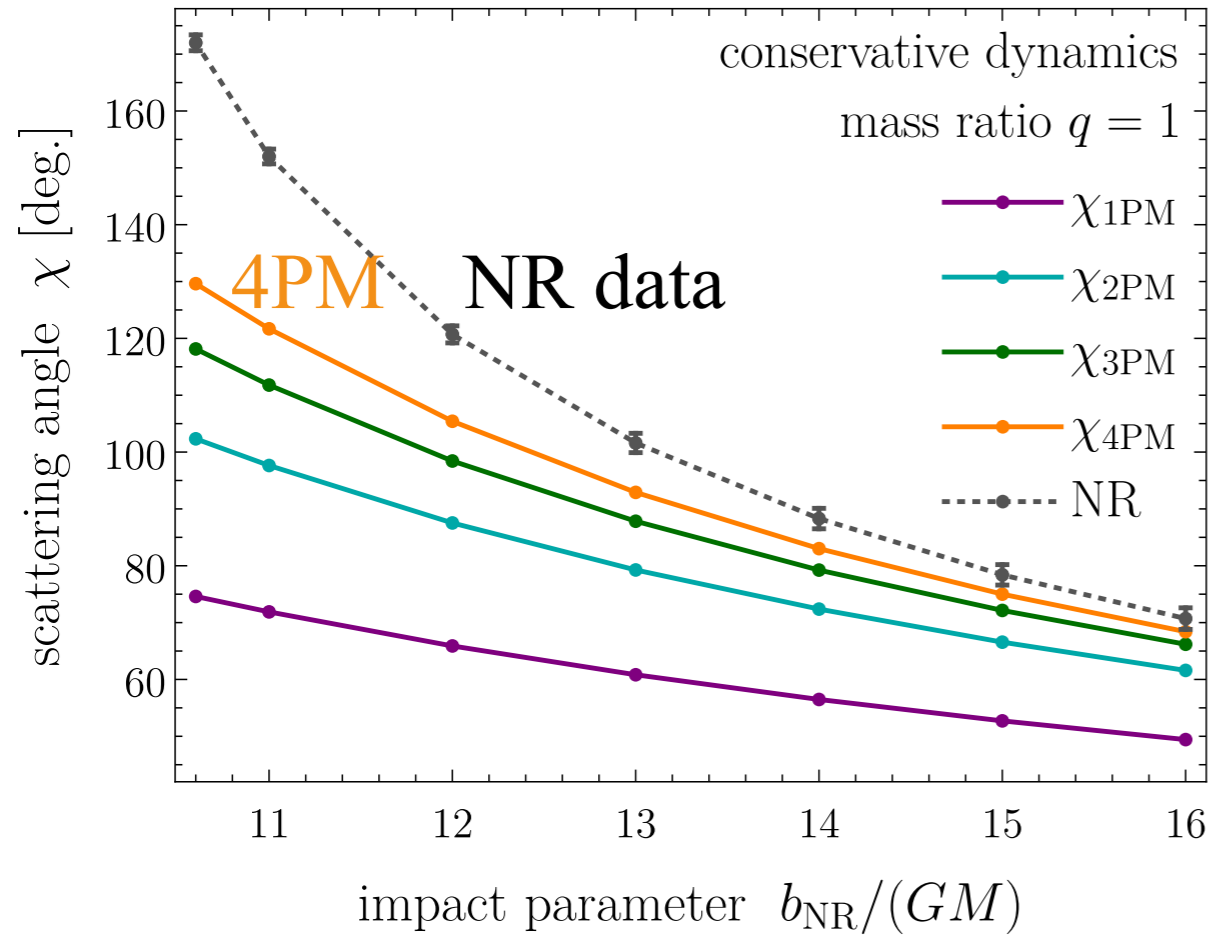
Rational functions:

$$r_1 = \frac{1151 - 3336\sigma + 3148\sigma^2 - 912\sigma^3 + 339\sigma^4 - 552\sigma^5 + 210\sigma^6}{12(\sigma^2 - 1)}, \quad r_2 = \frac{1}{2} (5 - 76\sigma + 150\sigma^2 - 60\sigma^3 - 35\sigma^4), \quad \dots$$

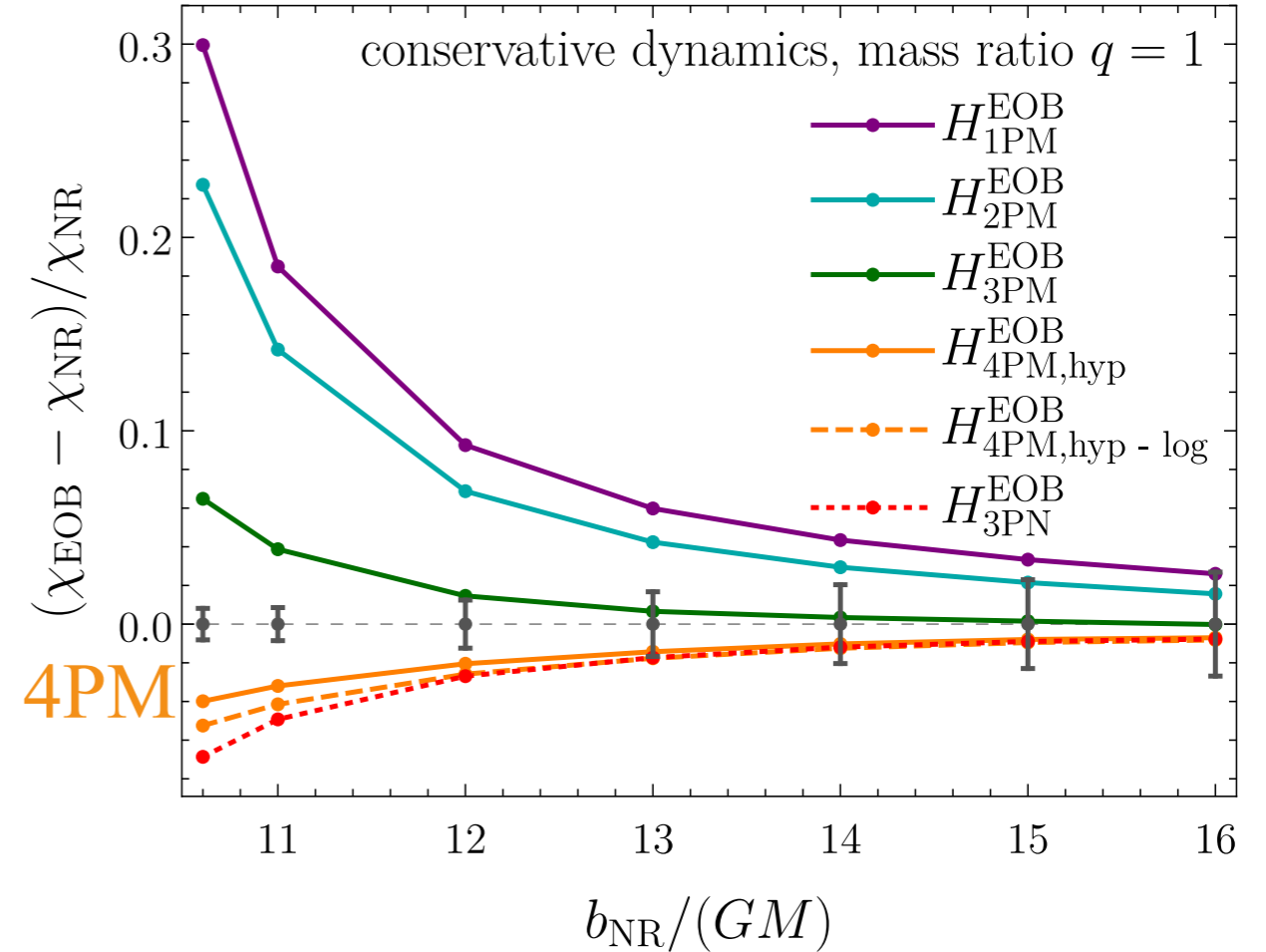
4PM SCATTERING ANGLE V.S. NUMERICAL RELATIVITY

(slide by Chia-Hsien Shen)

Original angle in PM perturbation



EOB-improved angle



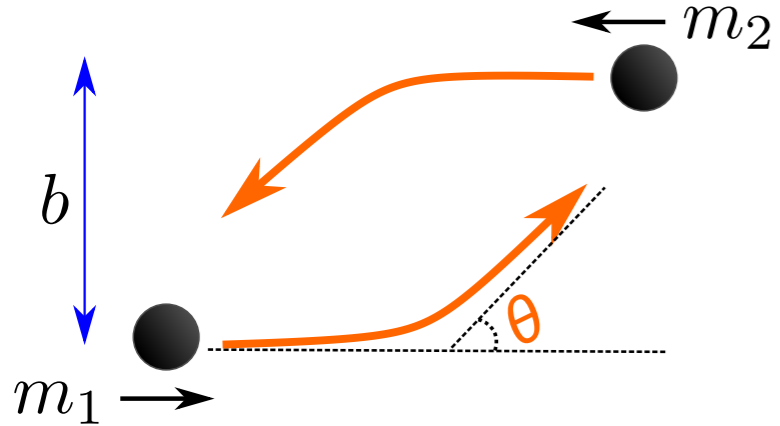
[Khalil, Buonanno, Steinhoff, Vines, forthcoming]

with numerical data from [Damour, Guercilena, Hinder, Hopper, Nagar, Rezzolla]

NEW FRONTIER: RADIATIVE DYNAMICS

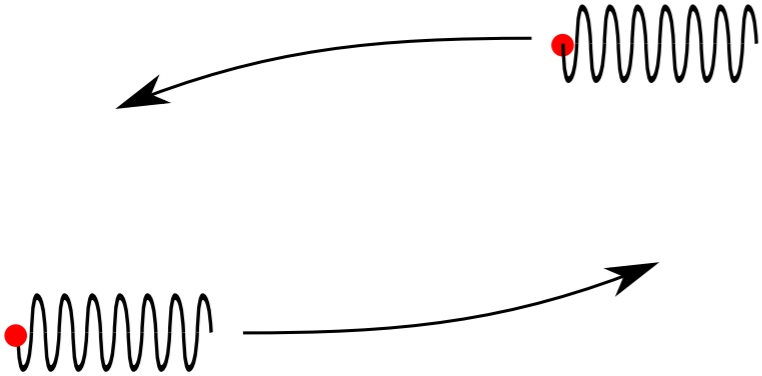
What's the energy loss in black hole scattering, at lowest order in G ?

[Herrmann, Parra-Martinez, Ruf, MZ, arXiv:2101.07255 (PRL)]



No exact analytic result until our paper, despite studies dating back to 1970s
 [Ruffini, Wheeler, '72; Kovac, Throne, '78; Peters, 70]

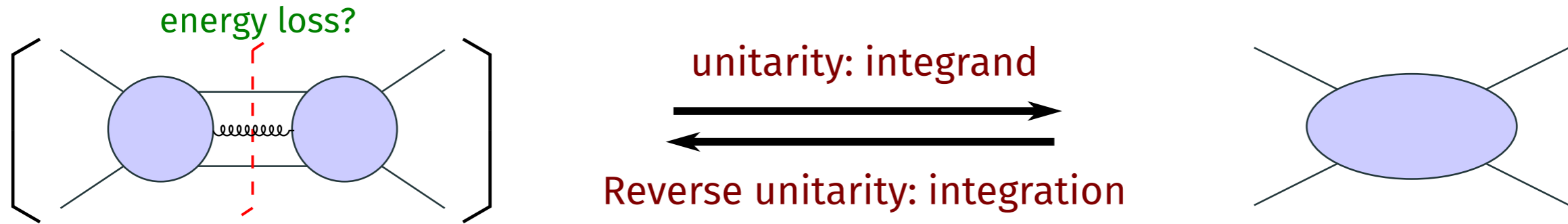
Consider quantum scattering of wavepackets in the classical limit
 [Kosower, Maybee, O'Connell, '18]



$$\sum_X \int d\Phi_{2+X} \ell_X^\mu \times$$

COLLIDER METHODS MEET GRAVITY

[Herrmann, Parra-Martinez, Ruf, MZ, 2101.07255 (PRL), 2104.03957 (PRD)]



Reverse unitarity [Anastasiou, Melnikov, '02; Anastasiou, Dixon, Melnikov, '03; Anastasiou, Duhr, Dulat, Furlan, Herzog, Mistlberger, '15]

$$2\pi i \delta(k^2 - m^2) = \frac{1}{(k^2 - m^2 - i\epsilon)} - \frac{1}{(k^2 - m^2 + i\epsilon)}$$

relativistic mass-shell condition for phase-space

propagator for virtual particles

Phase space integrals treated like *loop integrals*.

- Technique instrumental for LHC Higgs cross section at NNLO, N³LO

EXAMPLE PHASE SPACE INTEGRAL FROM DIFF. EQS.

[Herrmann, Parra-Martinez, Ruf, MZ, 2101.07255 (PRL), 2104.03957 (PRD)]

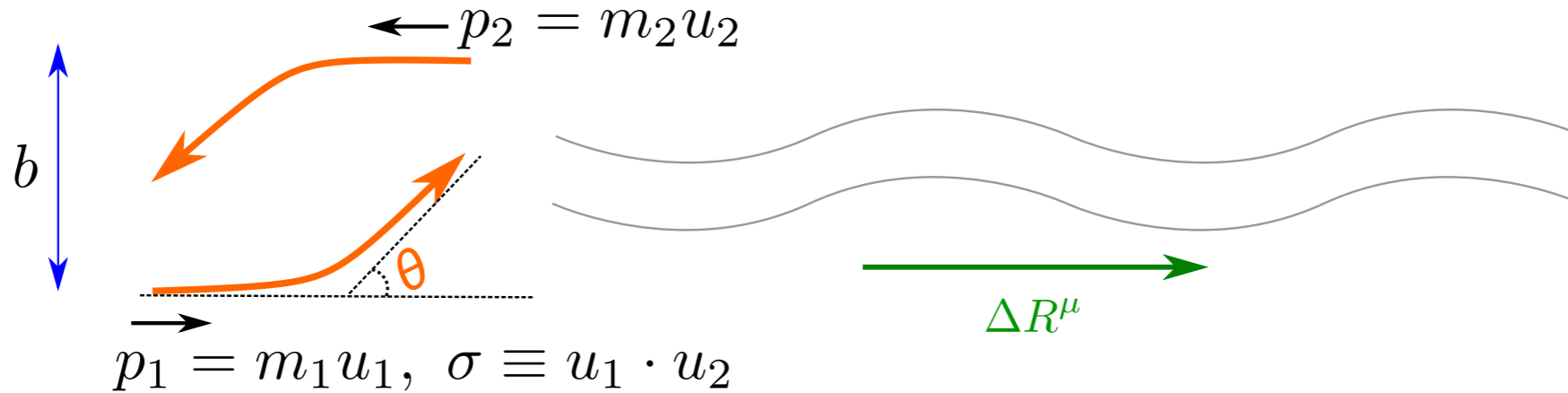
$$\frac{d}{dx} \left[\frac{1-x^2}{2x} \text{Diagram} \right] = \frac{1}{x} \text{Diagram} = \frac{1}{x} 2 \text{Im} \text{Diagram}$$

$$x = \sigma - \sqrt{\sigma^2 - 1}, \quad \sigma \equiv \frac{p_1 \cdot p_2}{m_1 m_2}, \quad 0 < x < 1$$

\uparrow ultra-relativistic \uparrow static

$$\Rightarrow \text{Diagram} = \frac{2x}{1-x^2} \pi^3 \log(x) = -\frac{2x}{1-x^2} \pi^3 \text{arccosh}(\sigma)$$

RESULT: ENERGY LOSS IN SCATTERING



$$\Delta R^\mu = \frac{G^3 m_1^2 m_2^2}{|b|^3} \frac{u_1^\mu + u_2^\mu}{\sigma + 1} \mathcal{E}(\sigma) + \mathcal{O}(G^4).$$

normalized velocity 4-vectors of the incoming BHs

"Superclassical" terms cancel after summing over diagrams.

$$\mathcal{E}(\sigma) = f_1 + f_2 \log \left(\frac{\sigma + 1}{2} \right) + f_3 \frac{\sigma \operatorname{arcsinh} \sqrt{\frac{\sigma - 1}{2}}}{\sqrt{\sigma^2 - 1}},$$

$$f_1 = \frac{210\sigma^6 - 552\sigma^5 + 339\sigma^4 - 912\sigma^3 + 3148\sigma^2 - 3336\sigma + 1151}{48(\sigma^2 - 1)^{3/2}},$$

$$f_2 = -\frac{35\sigma^4 + 60\sigma^3 - 150\sigma^2 + 76\sigma - 5}{8\sqrt{\sigma^2 - 1}}, \quad f_3 = \frac{(2\sigma^2 - 3)(35\sigma^4 - 30\sigma^2 + 11)}{8(\sigma^2 - 1)^{3/2}}$$

RADIATED MOMENTUM: COMPARISONS

$$\Delta E^{\text{hyperbolic}} = \frac{G^3 m_1^2 m_2^2}{|b|^3 \sqrt{1 + \frac{2(\sigma-1)m_1 m_2}{(m_1+m_2)^2}}} \mathcal{E}(\sigma), \quad \sigma \equiv \frac{p_1 \cdot p_2}{m_1 m_2}$$

Ultra-relativistic limit:

$$\mathcal{E}(\sigma) \sim \frac{35}{8} \pi (1 + 2 \log(2)) \sigma^3 \approx 32.7983 \sigma^3$$

Agrees with numerical result of [Bini, Damour, Geralico, '21], 32.7985 ± 0.0016 . Disagree with [Peters, '70; Kovac, Thorne, '78]

Small-velocity limit:

$$\mathcal{E}(\sigma) = \frac{37v}{15} + \frac{2393v^3}{840} + \frac{61703v^5}{10080} + \frac{12755740946147v^{15}}{762814660608} + \dots$$

Leading term agrees with [Ruffini, Wheeler, '72]

Up to v^{15} : agrees with [Bini, Damour, Geralico, '21],

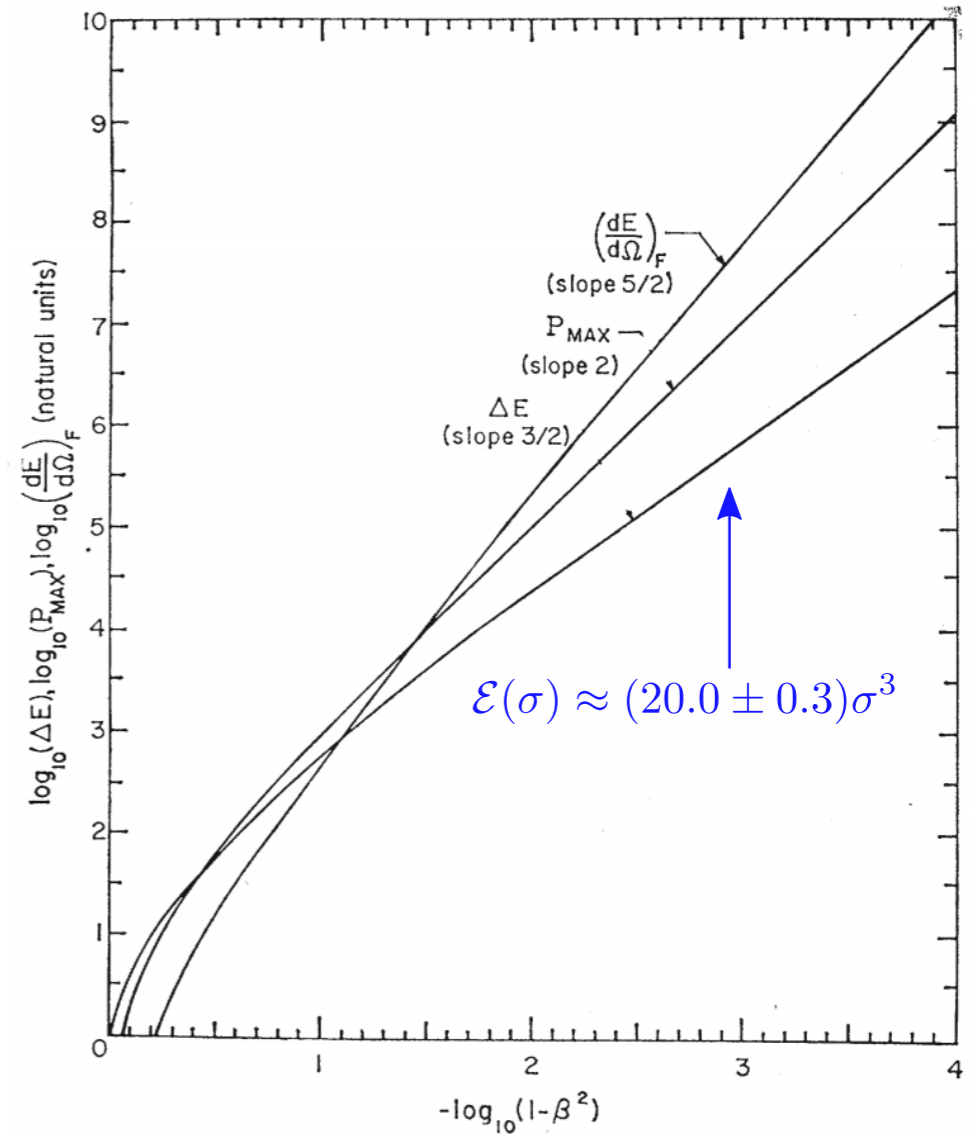


Figure 4 of [Peters, '70]

RADIATED MOMENTUM: COMPARISONS

$$\Delta E^{\text{hyperbolic}} = \frac{G^3 m_1^5 m_2^5 (\sigma^2 - 1)^{3/2}}{J^3 \left(1 + \frac{2(\sigma-1)m_1 m_2}{(m_1+m_2)^2}\right)^2 M^3} \mathcal{E}(\sigma), \quad \sigma \equiv \frac{p_1 \cdot p_2}{m_1 m_2}, \quad M \equiv m_1 + m_2$$

By *analytic continuation* into $\sigma < 1$, [Kalin, Porto, '19; Bini, Damour, Geralico, '20]

$$\Delta E^{\text{elliptic}}(\sigma, J) \equiv \Delta E^{\text{hyperbolic}}(\sigma, J) - \Delta E^{\text{hyperbolic}}(\sigma, -J) \Big|_{\sqrt{\sigma^2-1} \rightarrow -\sqrt{1-\sigma^2}}$$

Energy loss per orbit consistent with **3PN results** $\sim \mathcal{O}(G^3 v \cdot G^n v^{2m})$, $n + m \leq 3$

[Blanchet, Schaefer, '89; Peters, Mathews, '63; Peters, '64; Wagoner, Will, '76; Junker, Schaefer, '92; Gopakumar, Iyer, '97, '01; Arun, Blanchet, Iyer, Qusailah, '08]

Consistent with 4PM "tail" in [Bern, Parra-Martinez, Roiban, Ruf, Shen, Solon, MZ, '21]

$$\mathcal{M}_4^{\text{pot}}(\mathbf{q}) \propto \left[\mathcal{M}_4^p + \nu \left(\frac{\mathcal{M}_4^t}{\epsilon} + \mathcal{M}_4^f \right) \right] + \text{Iterations}, \quad \Delta E \propto \mathcal{M}_4^t$$

Proportionalty predicted by [Bini, Damour, '17; Bini, Damour, Geralico, '20; Blanchet, Foffa, Larroutorou, Sturani, '19]

DISCUSSIONS & OUTLOOK

- Obtained new results for *post-Minkowskian binary dynamics*, in some cases beyond best classical calculations.
- Start to compete with post-Newtonian theory, and offers *new analytic insights*.
- Relies on modern methods for *scattering amplitudes* (double copy, generalized unitarity), *EFT* (inspired by NRQED/QCD), *advanced integration methods* (IBP, DE, reverse unitarity) ...
- Exciting new frontier of *radiative dynamics*. Need vast improvements to become mature.
- Rich physics to be explored - spin, tidal effects, radiation reaction, tail effects, angular momentum loss... Preparing for *coming decades of GW physics!*