

3PM Scattering Waveforms Including Spin Corrections



Based on [2312.14859](#) and ongoing work with H. Ita, M. Kraus and J. Schlenk

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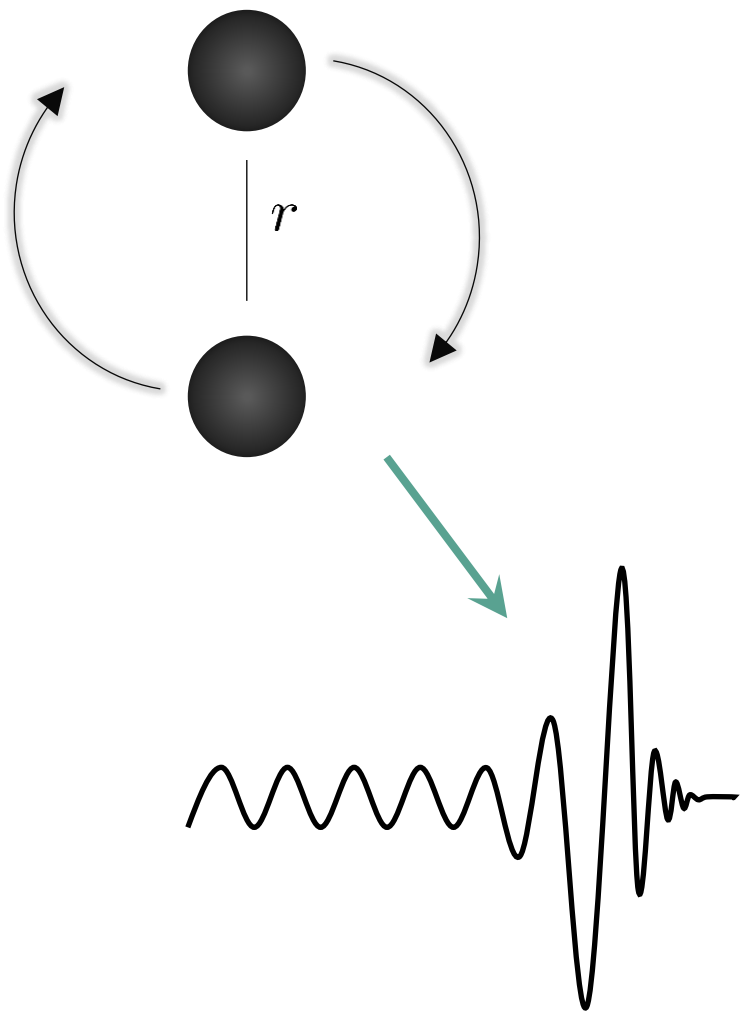


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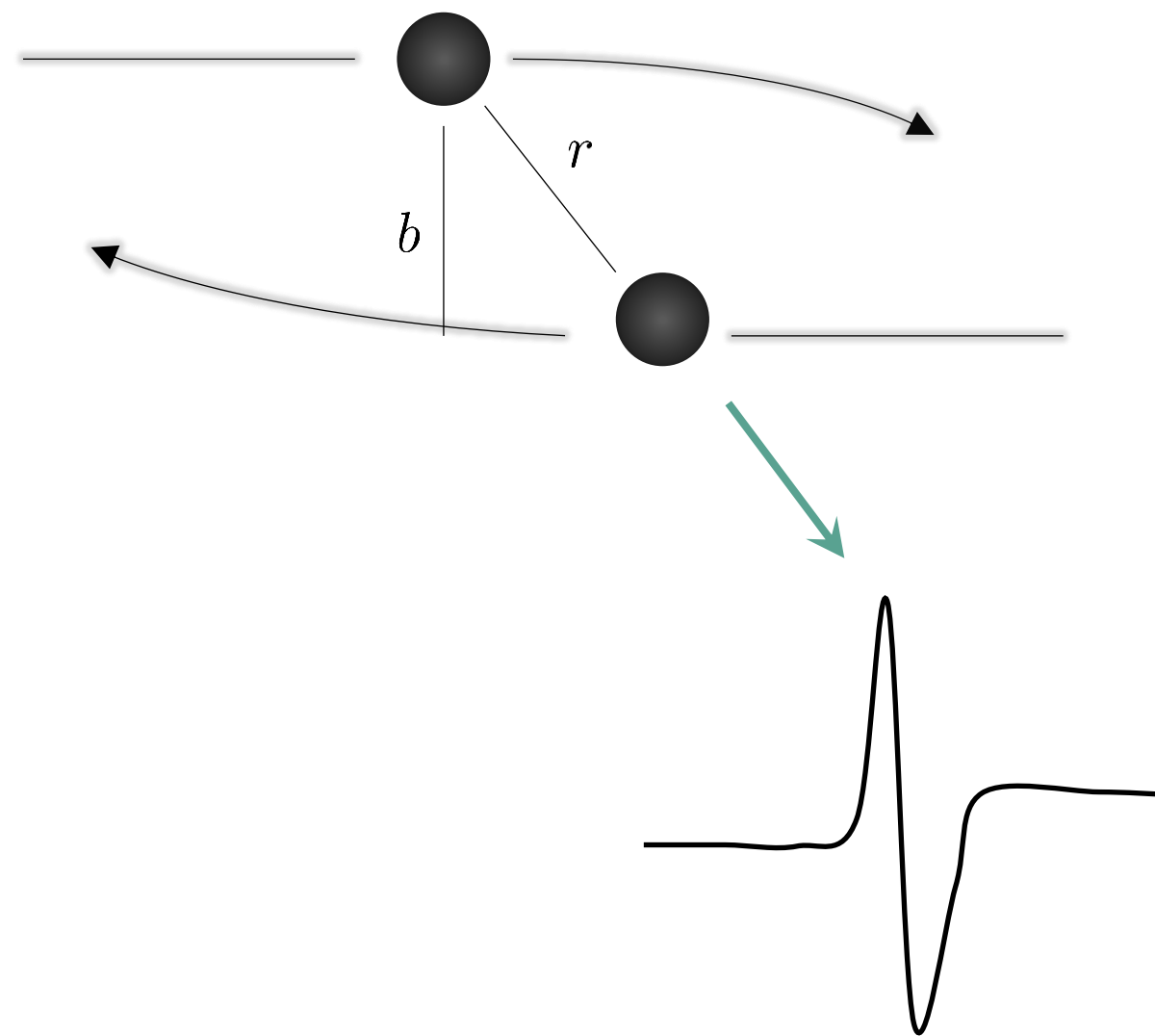
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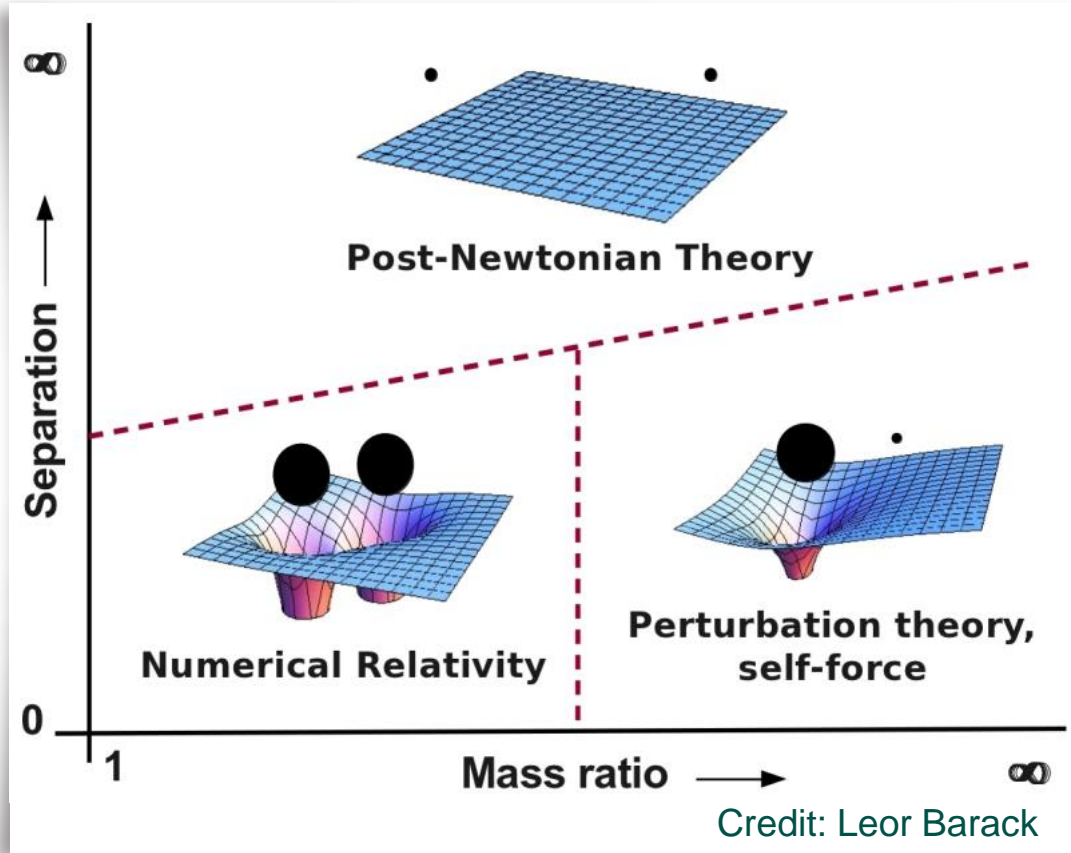
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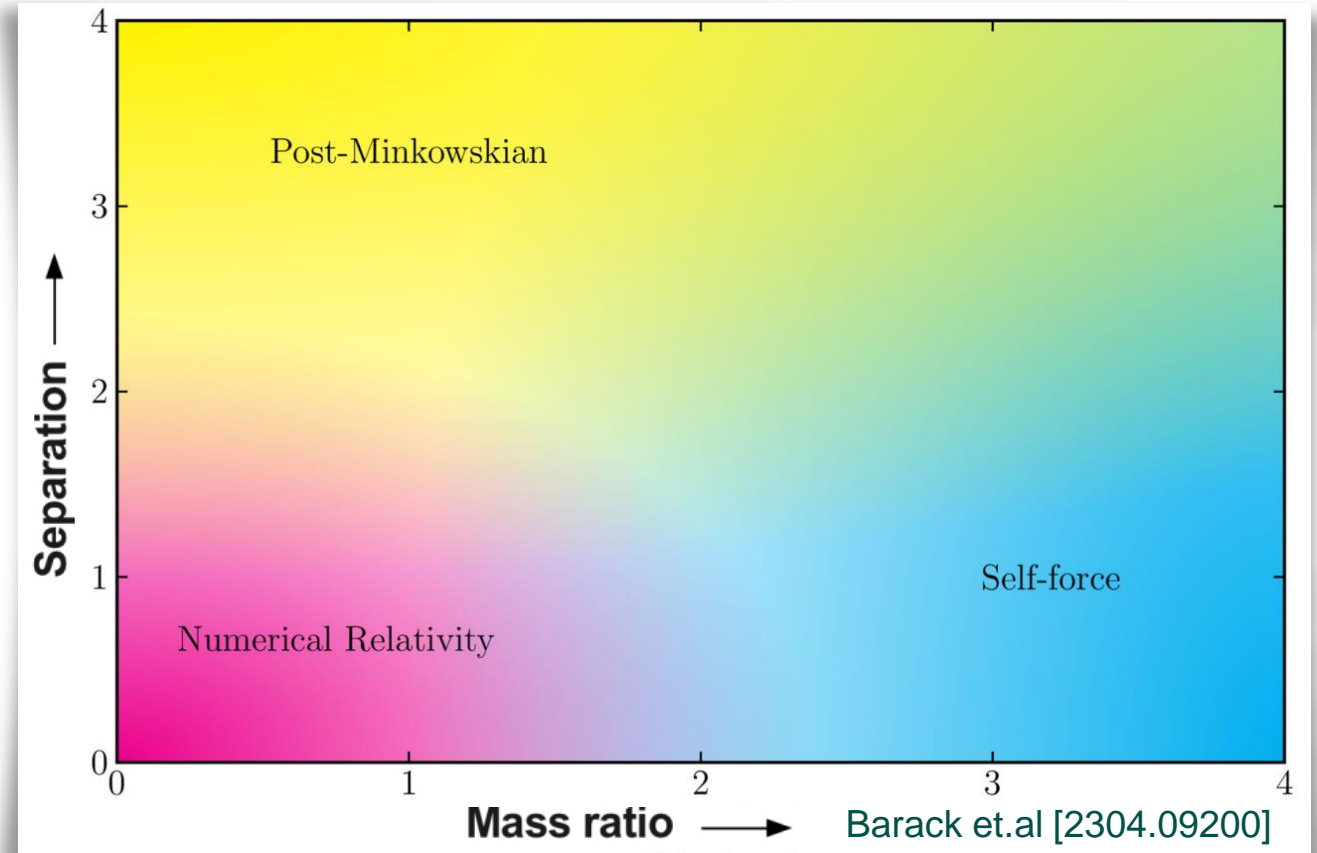
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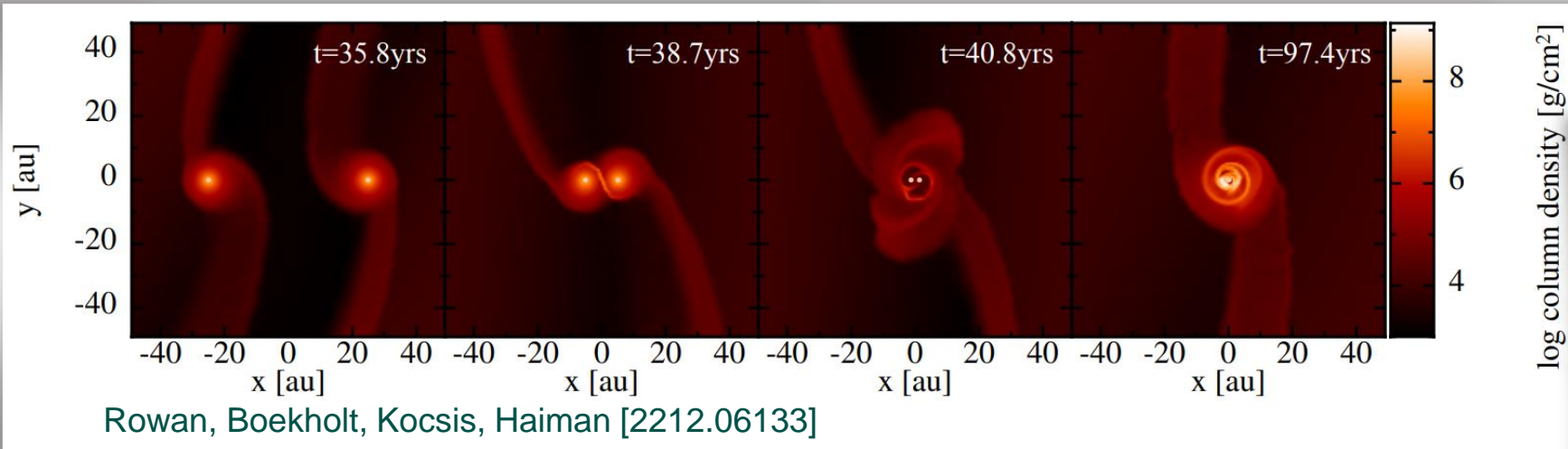


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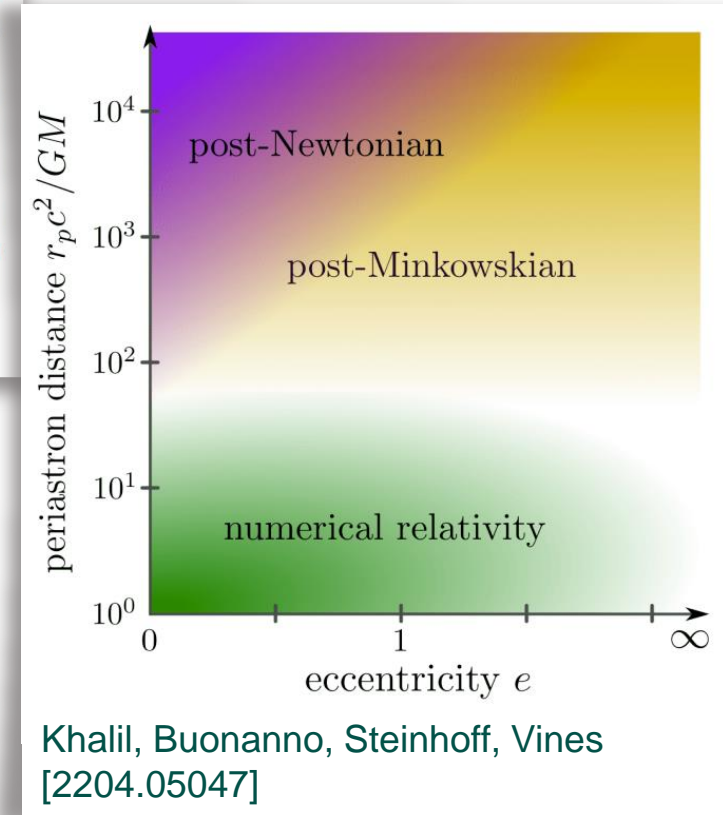
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Motivation

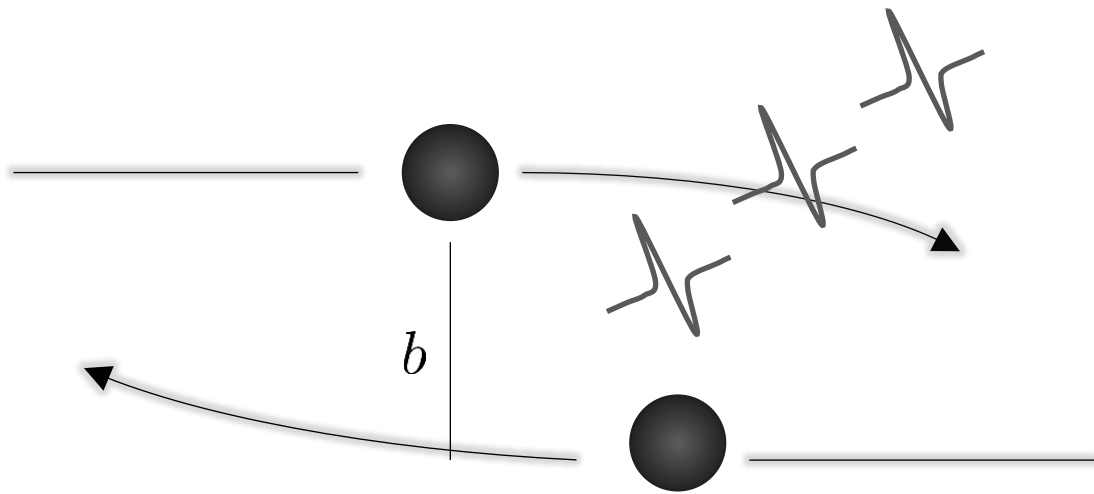


- Precision and frequency ranges of future detectors
- Galactic nuclei harbor binaries on highly eccentric orbits and dynamical captures, as shown in simulations
- Analytic continuation from unbound to bound systems Kälin, Porto [1910.03008]; Adamo, Gonzo, Ilderton [2402.00124]; Bern, Cheung, Roiban, Shen, Solon [1908.01493]
- Input for effective-one-body (EOB) formalism Damour [1609.00354]; Antonelli, Buonanno, Steinhoff, van de Meent, Vines [1901.07102]
- Analytic, fast waveform templates Brunello, De Angelis [2403.08009]

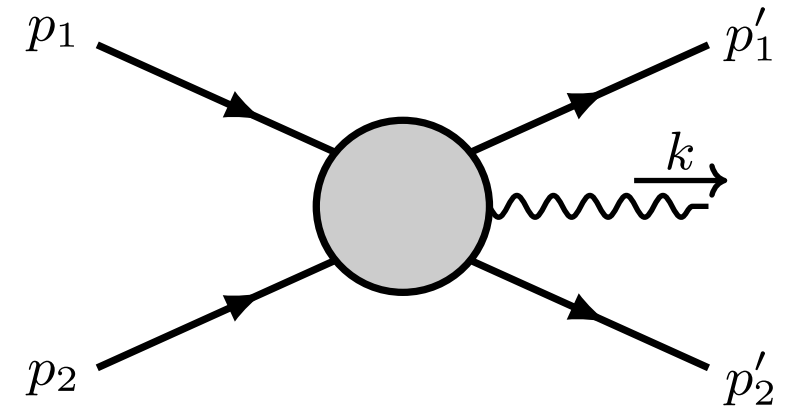


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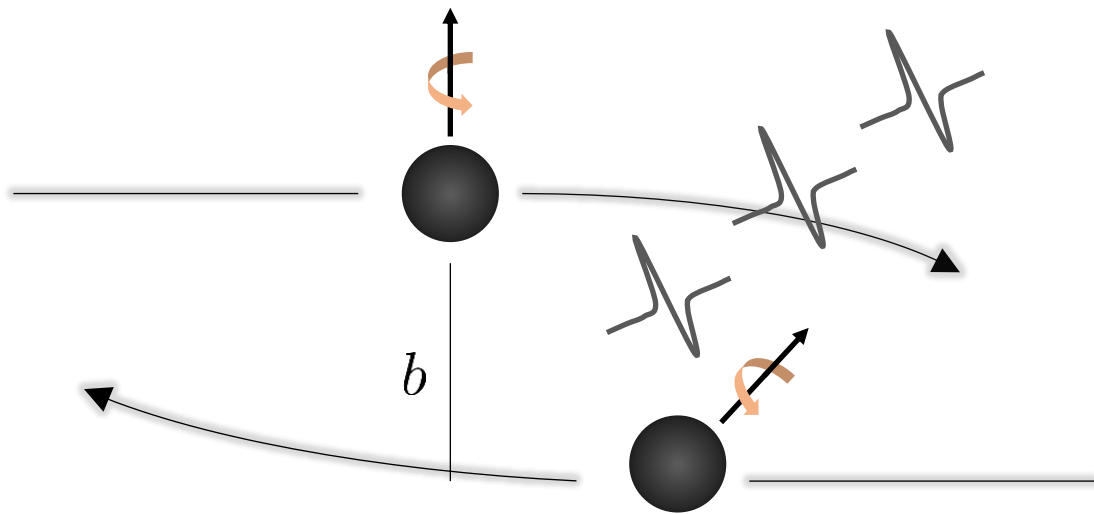
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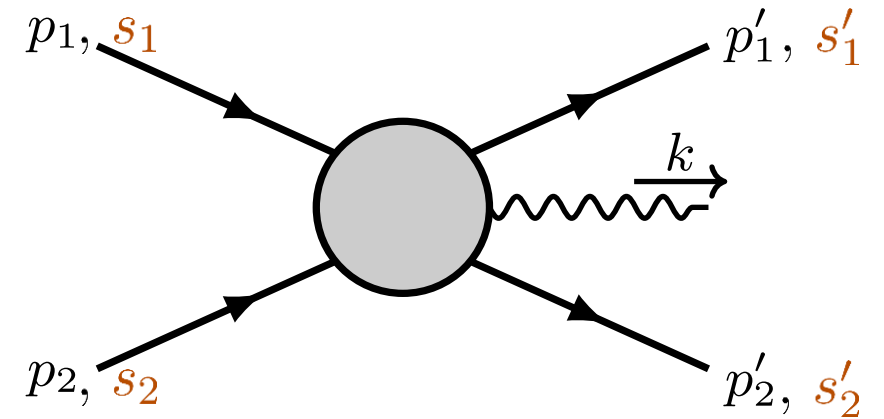
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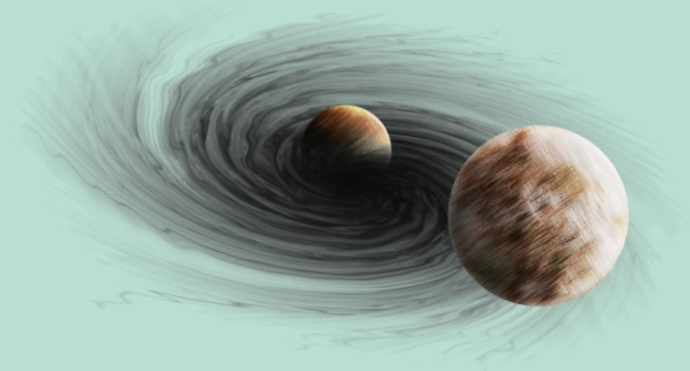
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Tree (G^2)	Kovacs & Thorne '78 Jakobsen, Mogull, Plefka, Steinhoff '21	Jakobsen, Mogull, Plefka, Steinhoff '21		De Angelis, Gonzo, Novichkov '23		Brandhuber, Brown, Chen, Gowdy, Travaglini; Aoude, Haddad, Heissenberg, Helset '23
1-loop (G^3)	Brandhuber, Brown, Chen, De Angelis, Gowdy; Herderschee, Roiban, Teng; Georgoudis, Heissenberg, Vazquez- Holm; LB, Ita Kraus, Schlenk '23	LB, Ita, Kraus, Schlenk '23	In progress (this talk)			

Extracting Waveforms

- Scattering Amplitudes + KMOC
- Worldline Formalism

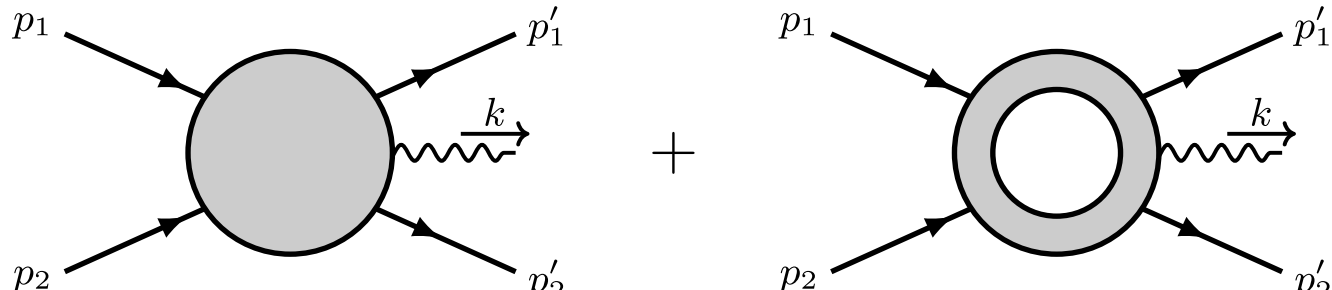


Observable-based Formalism (KMOC)

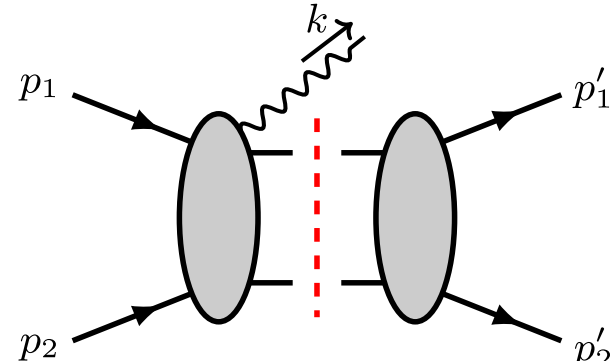
Kosower, Maybee, O'Connell [1811.10950]
Cristofoli, Gonzo, Kosower, O'Connell
[2107.10193]

$$h^{(\eta)} = \lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} r \text{FT} \left[i \langle p'_1, p'_2 | a_{(\eta)}(k) T | p_1, p_2 \rangle + \langle p'_1, p'_2 | T^\dagger a_{(\eta)}(k) T | p_1, p_2 \rangle + \text{c.c.} \right]$$

Up to order G^3 :

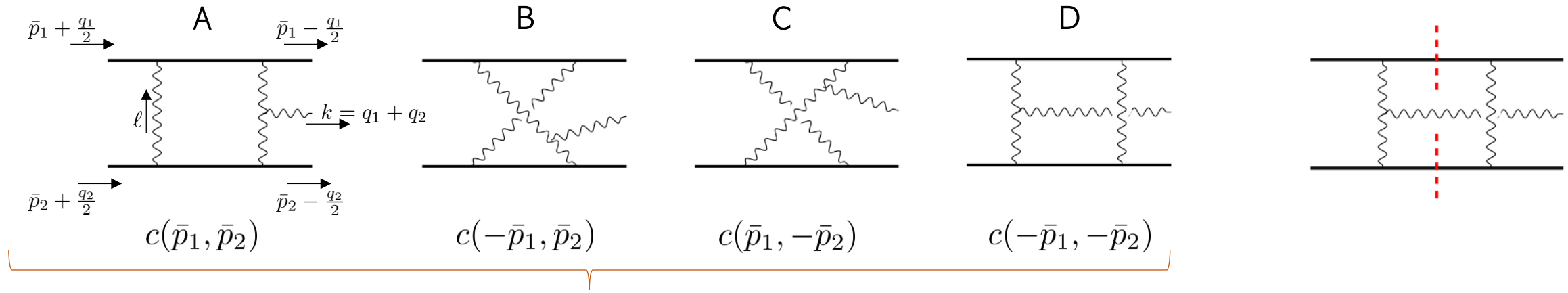
$$i \langle p'_1 p'_2 | a_{(\eta)}(k) T | p_1 p_2 \rangle =$$


$$= \mathcal{M}_{\text{amp}}^{(\eta)}$$

$$\langle p'_1 p'_2 | T^\dagger a_{(\eta)}(k) T | p_1 p_2 \rangle =$$


$$= \mathcal{M}_{\text{cut}}^{(\eta)}$$

$$h^{(\eta)}(\tau) \sim \int_0^\infty d\omega e^{-i\omega\tau} \text{FT} \left[\left(\mathcal{M}_{\text{amp}}^{(\eta)} + \mathcal{M}_{\text{cut}}^{(\eta)} + \text{c.c.} \right) \delta^{(D)}(q_1 + q_2 + k) \right]$$



Eikonal Limit:

$$\sim \frac{1}{[2\bar{p}_1 \cdot l \pm i\epsilon][\bar{p}_2 \cdot l \pm i\epsilon]} \cdot \frac{1}{[\ell^2 + i\epsilon][(\ell + q_1)^2 + i\epsilon][\ell - q_2]^2 + i\epsilon]}$$

Weighted Sum

$$\sim \tilde{G}_{\text{ret}}(v_1 \cdot \ell) \delta(v_2 \cdot \ell) \tilde{G}_F(\ell) \tilde{G}_F(\ell + q_1) \tilde{G}_F(\ell - q_2)$$

Hyper-classical terms show up in the amplitude but get subtracted by the cut!

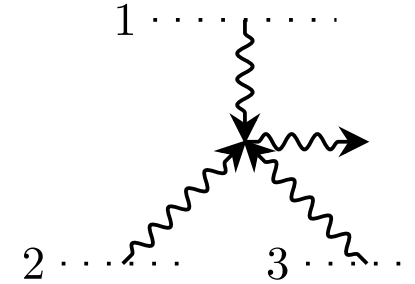
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(In-In formalism: see E. Pajer's talk)

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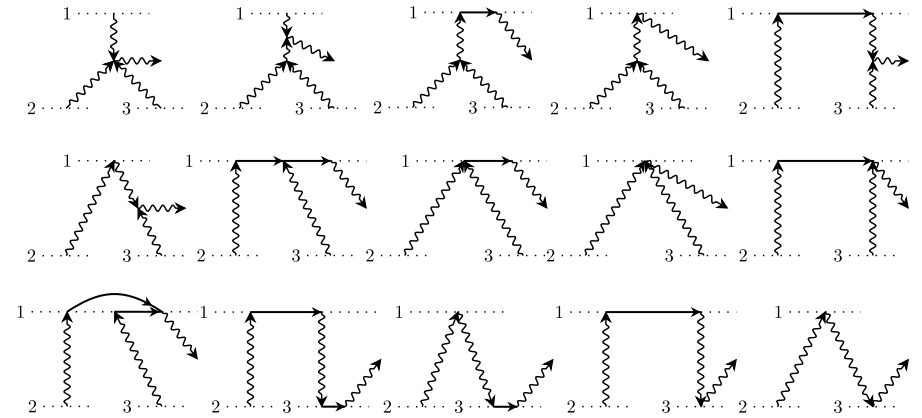
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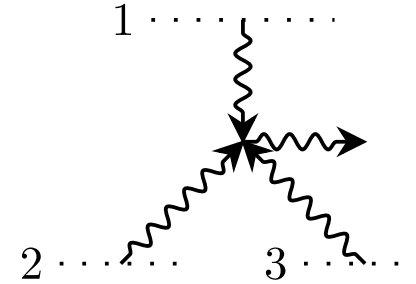
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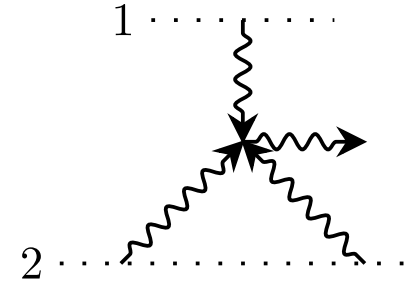
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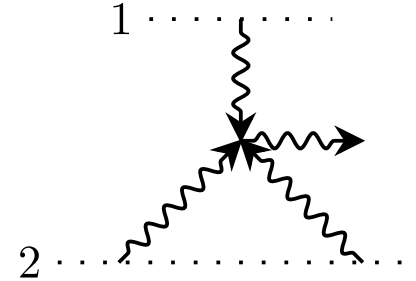
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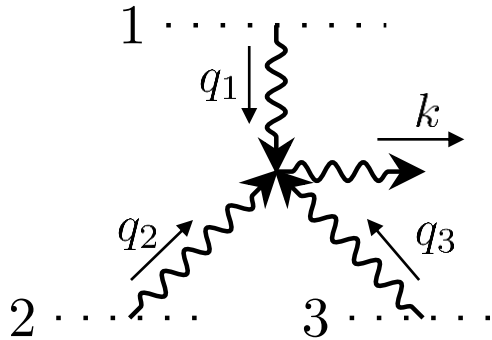
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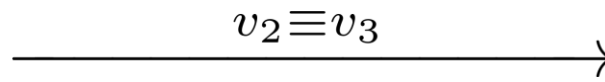
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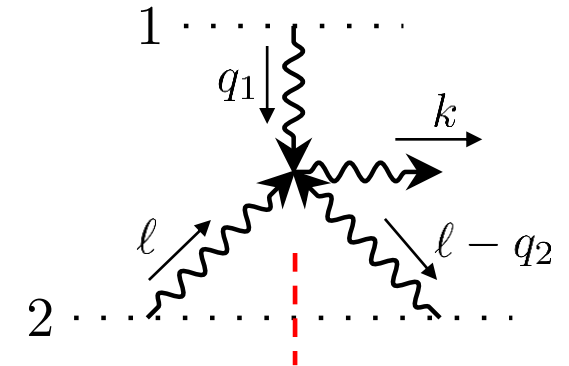


$$\sim \delta(v_1 \cdot q_1) \delta(v_2 \cdot q_2) \delta(v_3 \cdot q_3) \delta^d(k - q_1 - q_2 - q_3)$$



$$q_2 \rightarrow \ell$$

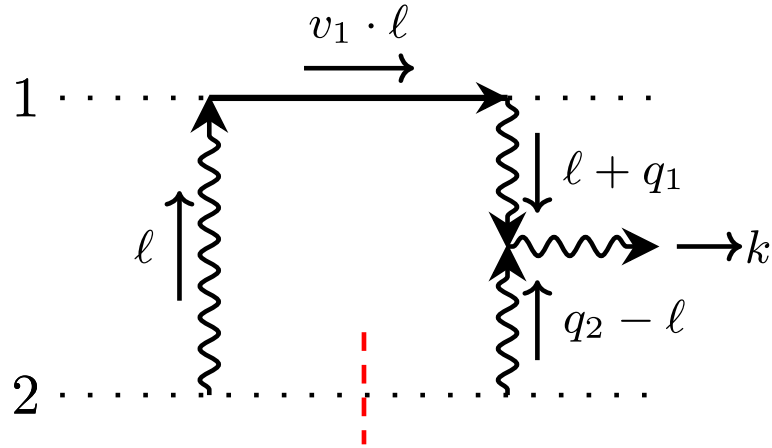
$$q_3 \rightarrow q_2 - \ell$$



$$\sim \delta(v_2 \cdot \ell) \delta(v_1 \cdot q_1) \delta(v_2 \cdot q_2) \delta^d(k - q_1 - q_2)$$

This gives rise to Feynman-like integrals!

Worldline Formalism – Integrals



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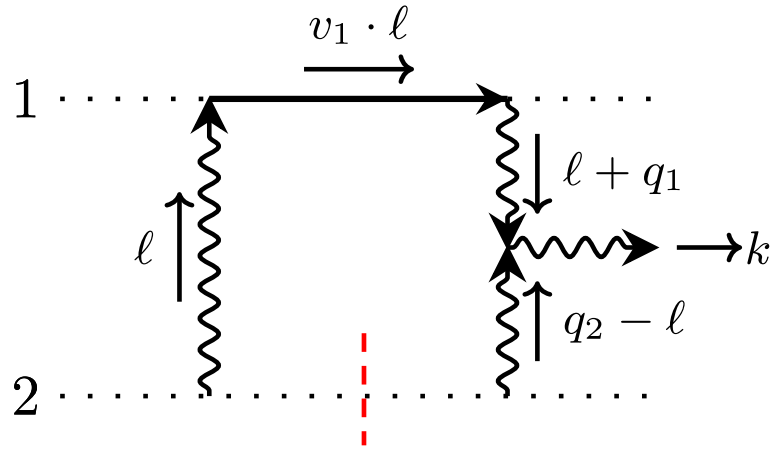
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$$\sim \delta(v_2 \cdot \ell) \tilde{G}_{\text{ret}}(v_1 \cdot \ell) \tilde{G}_{\text{ret}}(\ell) \tilde{G}_{\text{ret}}(\ell + q_1) \tilde{G}_{\text{ret}}(q_2 - \ell)$$

Momentum and energy conservation: $\delta(v_2 \cdot \ell) \delta(v_2 \cdot q_2) \delta^d(k - q_1 - q_2) \implies$

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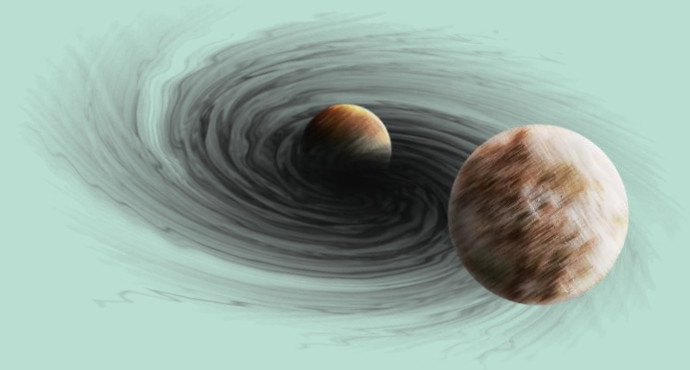
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We can use Feynman propagators instead of retarded graviton propagators!

Computing Amplitudes

- Five-point one-loop
- Higher-point trees



QFT and Kinematics

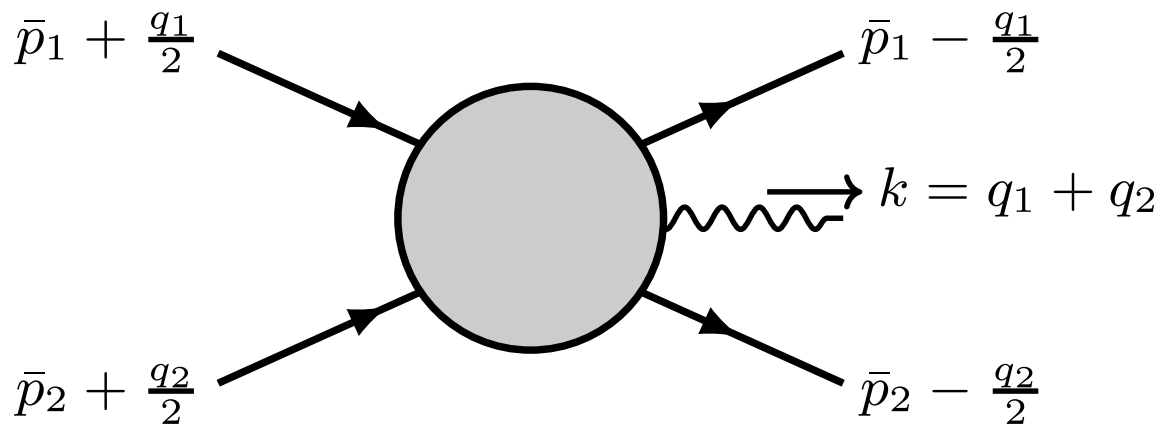
Minimally-coupled Proca field theory

$$\mathcal{L}_{(V,m)} = -\frac{1}{4} \sqrt{|g|} \left[g^{\mu\rho} g^{\nu\sigma} F_{\mu\nu} F_{\rho\sigma} - 2m^2 g^{\mu\nu} V_\mu V_\nu \right], \quad F_{\mu\nu} = \partial_\mu V_\nu - \partial_\nu V_\mu$$

Black-hole scattering

$$\mathcal{L}_{S^2} = \mathcal{L}_{\text{EH}} + \mathcal{L}_{(V_1,m_1)} + \mathcal{L}_{(V_2,m_2)}$$

Multi-scale problem!



$$u_i = \bar{p}_i / \bar{m}_i,$$

$$\omega_1 = u_1 \cdot q_2,$$

$$\bar{m}_i^2 = \bar{p}_i^2 = p_i^2 - \frac{q_i^2}{4},$$

$$\omega_2 = u_2 \cdot q_1,$$

$$q_1^2, \quad q_2^2$$

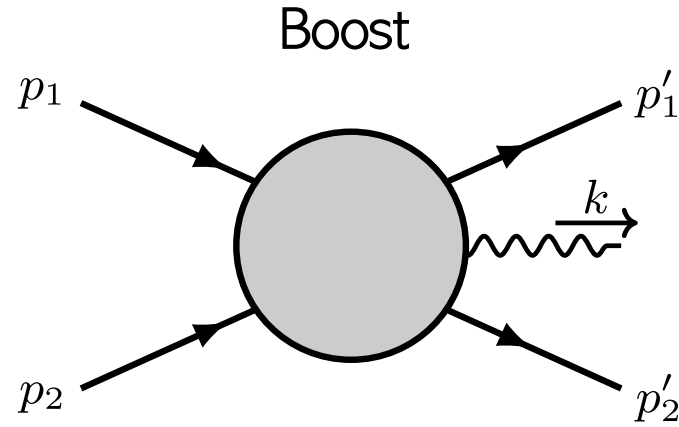
$$y = u_1 \cdot u_2,$$

Classical limit $\bar{m}_i \rightarrow \infty$

Classical Spin

$$\Lambda^\mu{}_\nu(p_1, \bar{p}'_1) \bar{\varepsilon}_\nu^\nu(\bar{p}'_1) = \varepsilon_\nu^\mu(p_1)$$

Maybe, O'Connell, Vines [1906.09260]
 Akpinar, Febres Cordero, Kraus, Ruf,
 Zeng [2407.19005]



$$\bar{\varepsilon}_{\nu'}^\mu(p'_1) = \Lambda^\mu{}_\nu(p'_1, \bar{p}'_1) \bar{\varepsilon}_{\nu'}^\nu(\bar{p}'_1),$$

$$\bar{p}'_1 \equiv \frac{m_1}{\bar{m}_1} \bar{p}_1$$

Chung, Huang, Kim, Lee [1812.08752]
 Cangemi, Pichini [2207.03947]

Clebsch-Gordan decomposition

$$\bar{\varepsilon}_{\nu'}^\mu(p) \varepsilon_\nu^\nu(p) = \underbrace{\frac{1}{3} \bar{\varepsilon}_{\nu'} \cdot \mathbb{P} \cdot \varepsilon_\nu \left(\eta^{\mu\nu} - \frac{p^\mu p^\nu}{m^2} \right)}_{\text{scalar}} - \underbrace{\frac{i}{2m} \epsilon^{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} p_\rho \bar{\varepsilon}_{\nu'} \cdot \mathbb{S}_\sigma \cdot \varepsilon_\nu}_{\text{antisymmetric}} + \underbrace{\bar{\varepsilon}_{\nu'} \cdot \mathbb{S}^{\{\mu} \mathbb{S}^{\nu\}} \cdot \varepsilon_\nu}_{\text{symmetric-traceless}}$$

Pauli-Lubanski operator
 e.g. Sexl, Urbantke, 1976

Classical spin replacement

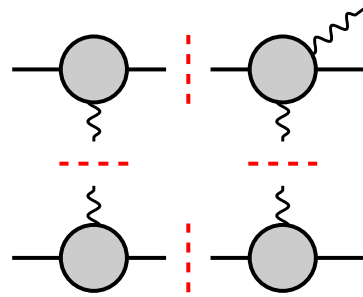
$$\frac{\bar{\varepsilon}_\nu \cdot \mathbb{S}^\mu \cdot \varepsilon_\nu}{\bar{\varepsilon}_\nu \cdot \varepsilon_\nu} \rightarrow S^\mu$$

Numerical Unitarity

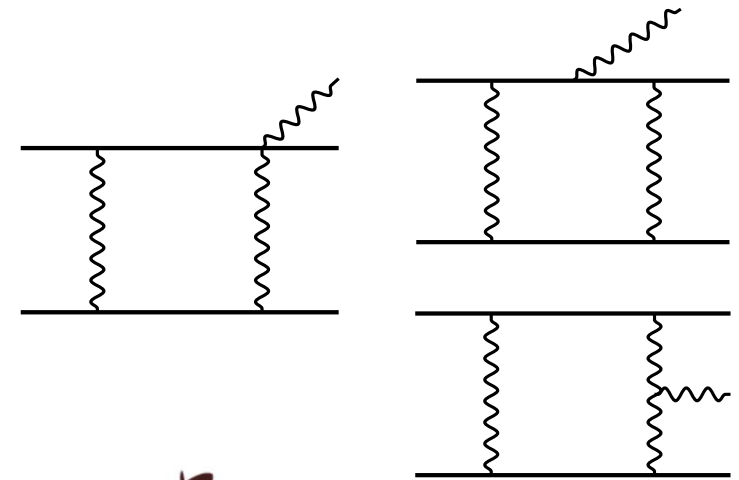
Integrand equation

$$\sum_{\text{virtual states}} \prod_{i \in T_\Gamma} M_i^{\text{tree}}(\ell^\Gamma) = \sum_{\Gamma' \geq \Gamma} \sum_{j \in M_{\Gamma'} \cup S_{\Gamma'}} c_{\Gamma',j}(\epsilon) \mathcal{I}_{\Gamma',j}(\ell^\Gamma).$$

Tree amplitudes corresponding to vertices of diagram Γ



Master and surface term integrands



Compute finite-field arithmetic numerical values for coefficients.

→ Analytically reconstruct

$$c_\Gamma^n(\epsilon, D_s, \bar{m}) = \bar{m}^{p_\Gamma^n} \sum_{k=-2}^1 \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} c_{\Gamma,kl}^n(\epsilon) (D_s - 2)^k \frac{1}{\bar{m}^l}.$$



Abreu et al. [2009.11957]

Trees – WQFT

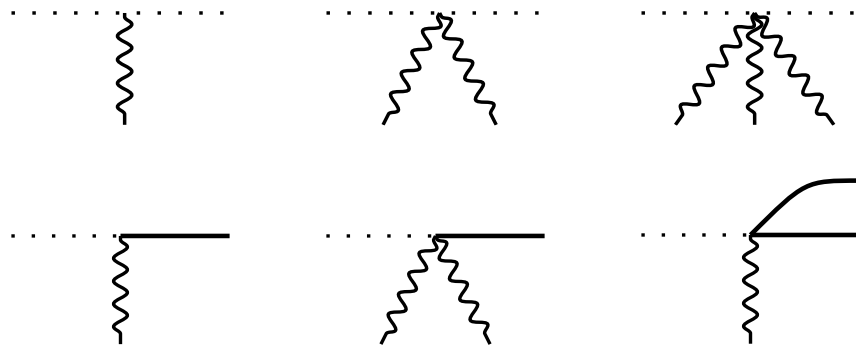
WQFT action

Jakobsen, Mogull, Plefka, Steinhoff [2109.04465]

$$S_i = -m_i \int d\tau \left[\frac{1}{2} g_{\mu\nu} \dot{x}_i^\mu \dot{x}_i^\nu + i \bar{\psi}_{i,a} \frac{D\psi_i^a}{D\tau} + \frac{1}{2} R_{abcd} \bar{\psi}_i^a \psi_i^b \bar{\psi}_i^c \psi_i^d \right], \quad (\text{see talk by B. Sauer})$$

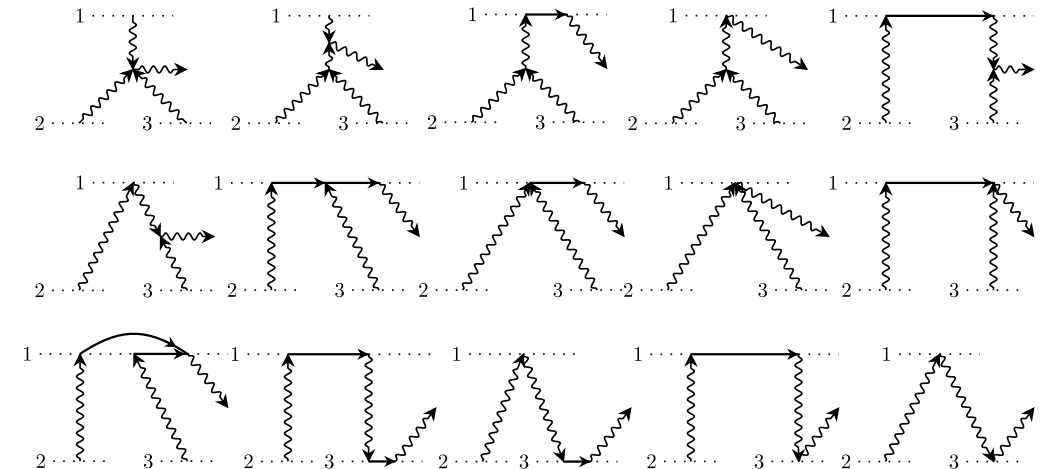
$$x_i^\mu(\tau) = b_i^\mu + v_i^\mu \tau + z_i^\mu(\tau), \quad \psi_i^a(\tau) = \Psi_i^a + \phi_i^a(\tau), \quad \mathcal{S}_i^{ab} = -2i \bar{\Psi}_i^{[a} \Psi_i^{b]}, \quad S = S_{\text{EH}} + S_1 + S_2.$$

Feynman rules



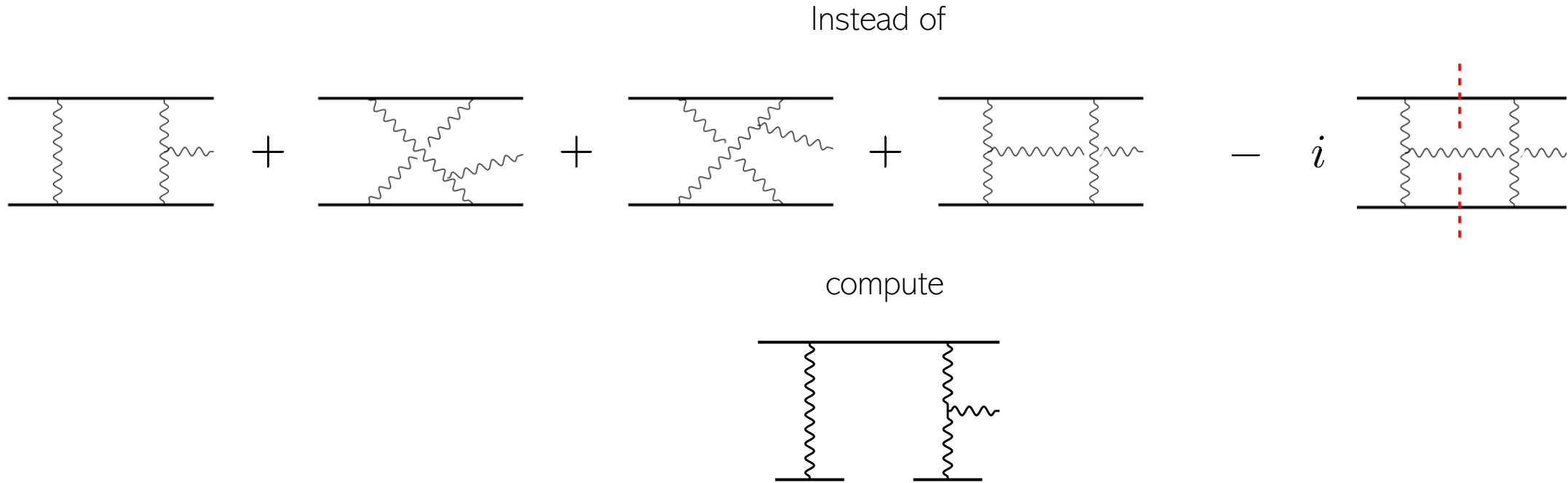
+ graviton interactions

3-body trees



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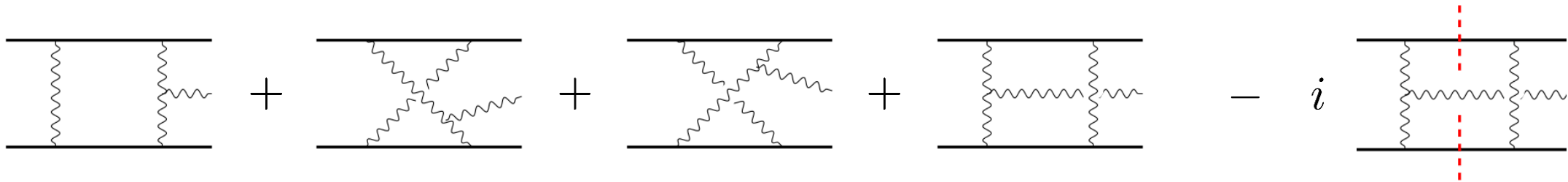


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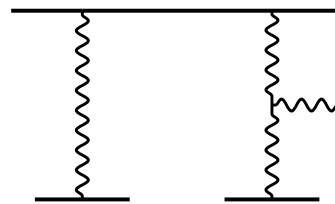
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$$\mathcal{A} = \sum_n \mathcal{A}^n F^n,$$

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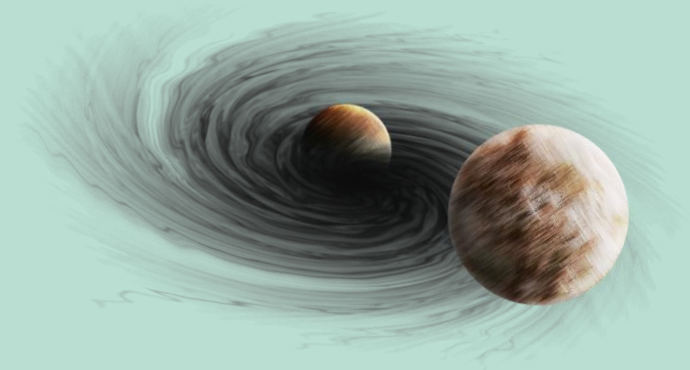


Caravel

Abreu et al. [2009.11957]

Future application: Check high-loop integrands in WQFT using Caravel!

Results & Validation

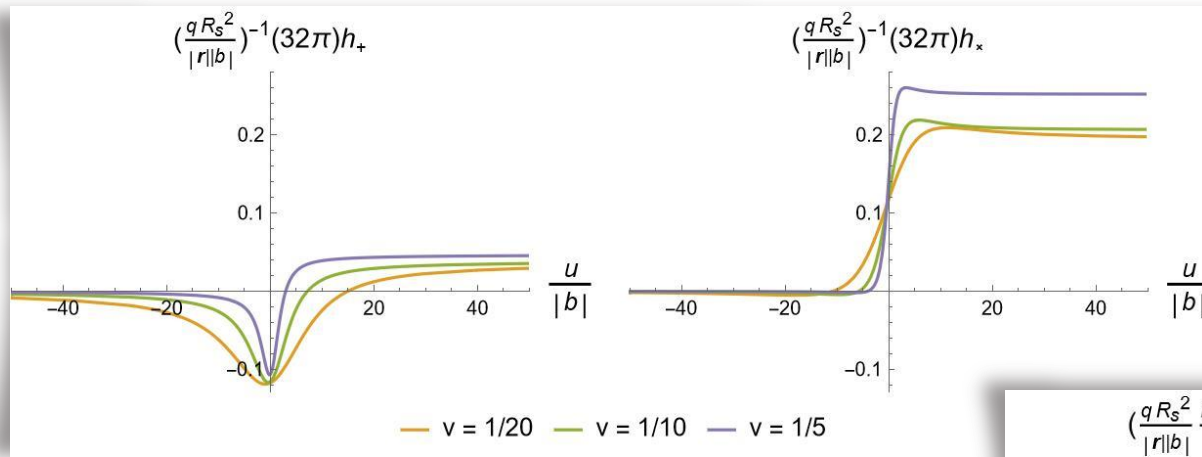


Results

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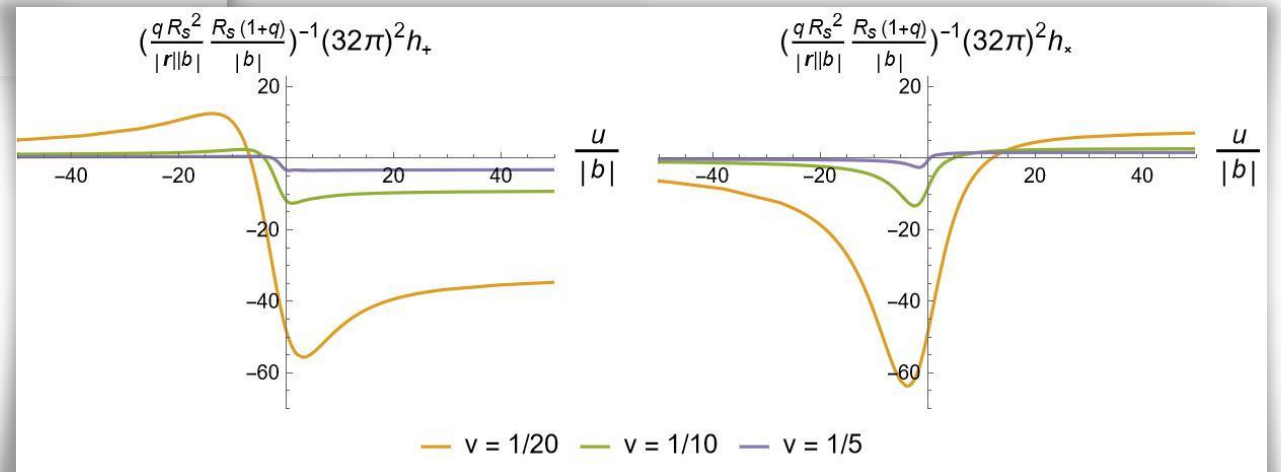
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S^0, S^1 and S^2



Scalar $\mathcal{M}^{\text{tree}}$

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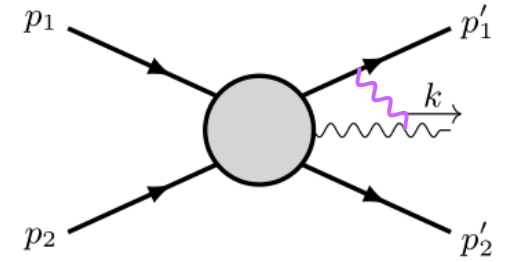
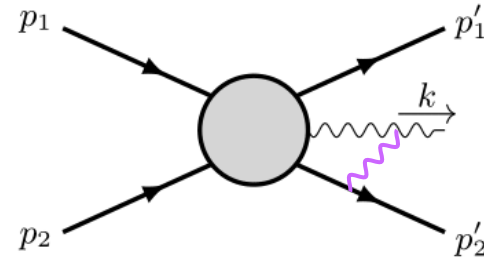
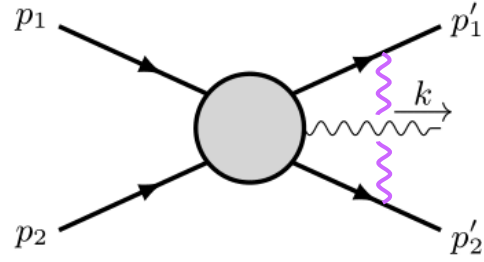
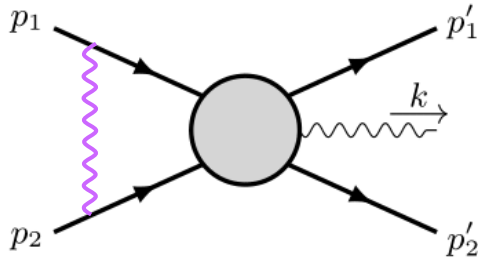
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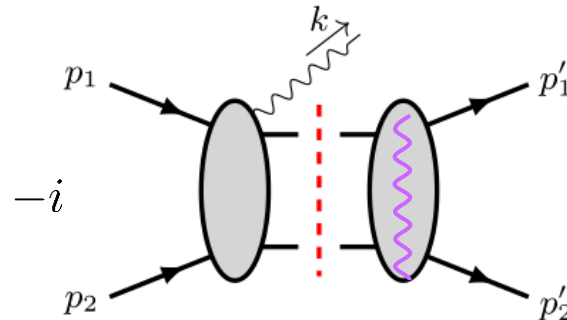
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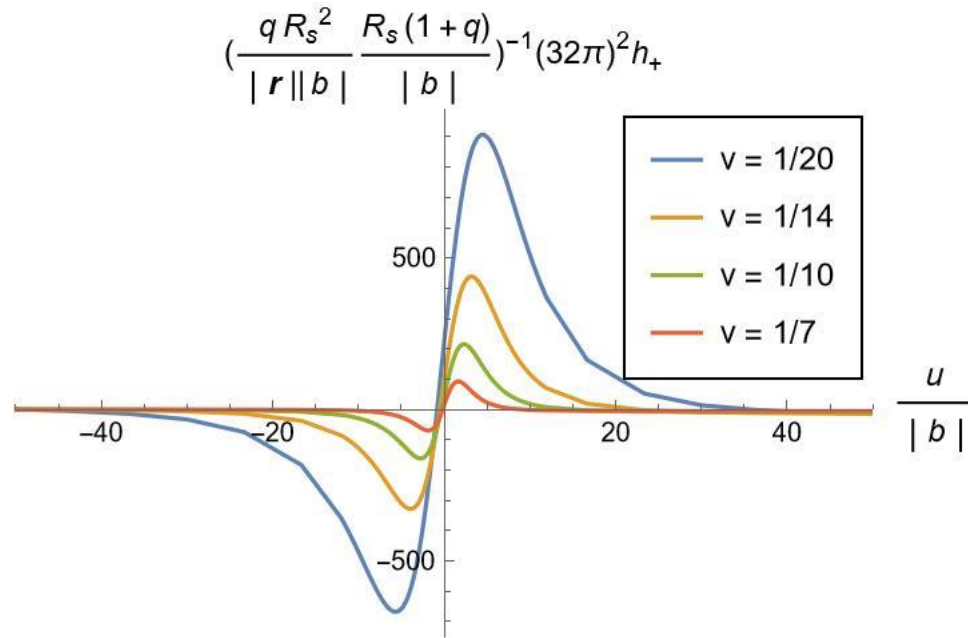
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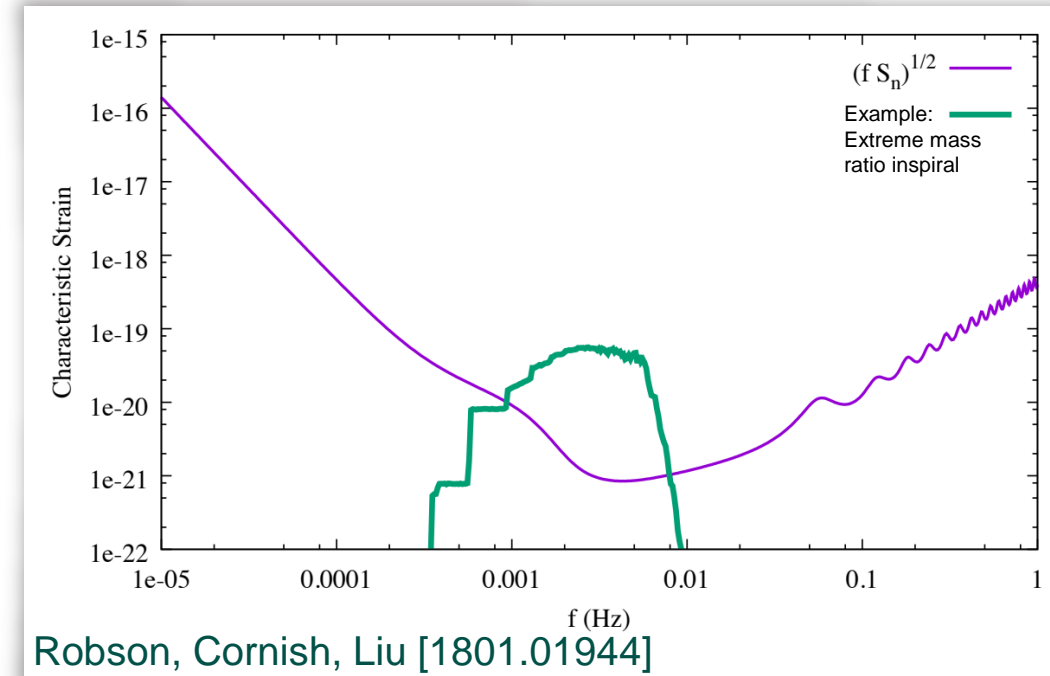
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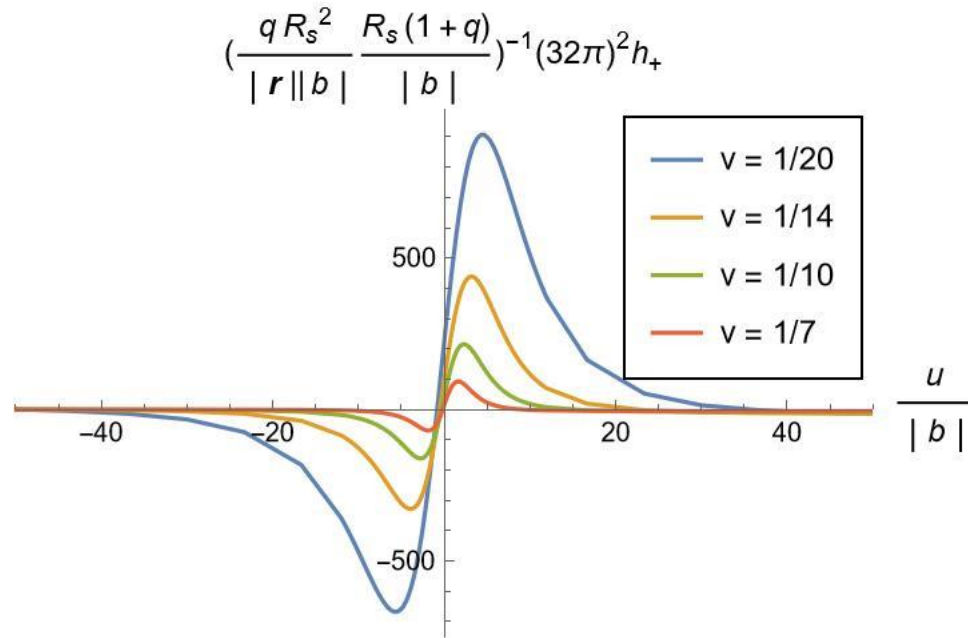
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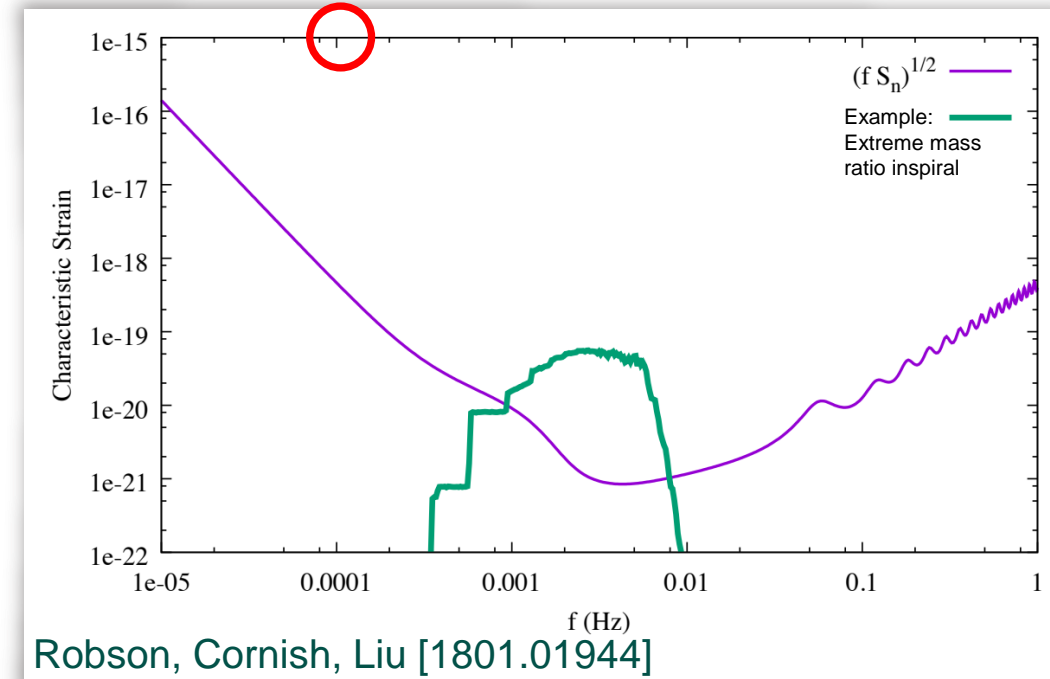
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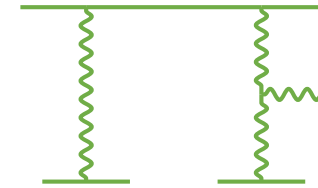
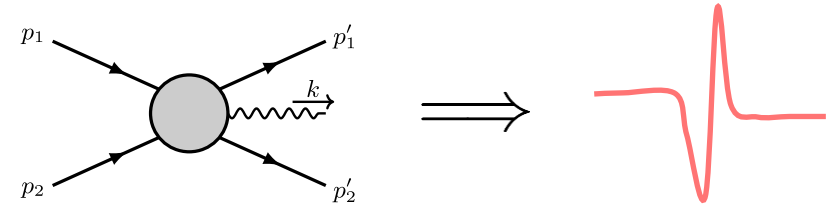
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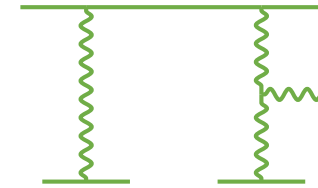
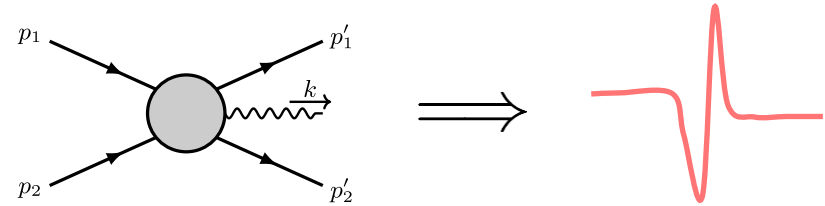
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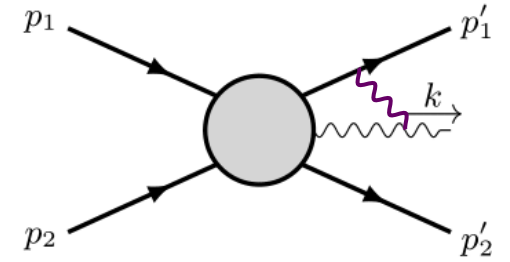
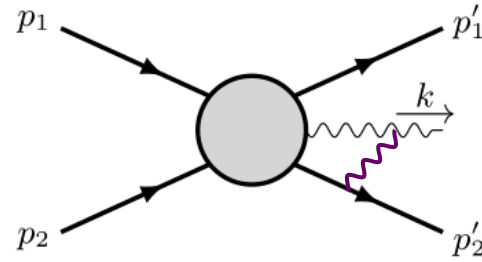
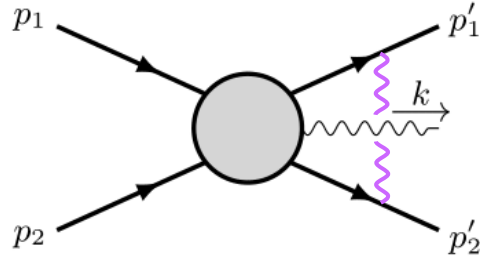
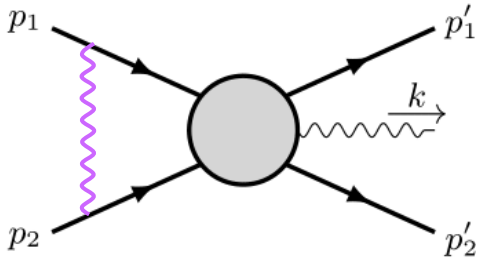
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Backup Slides

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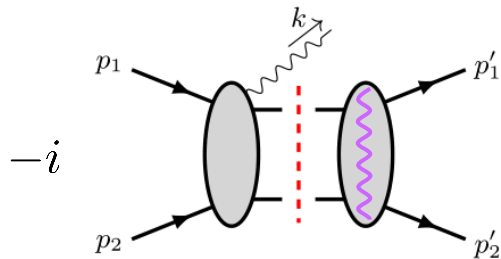
Weinberg, 1965



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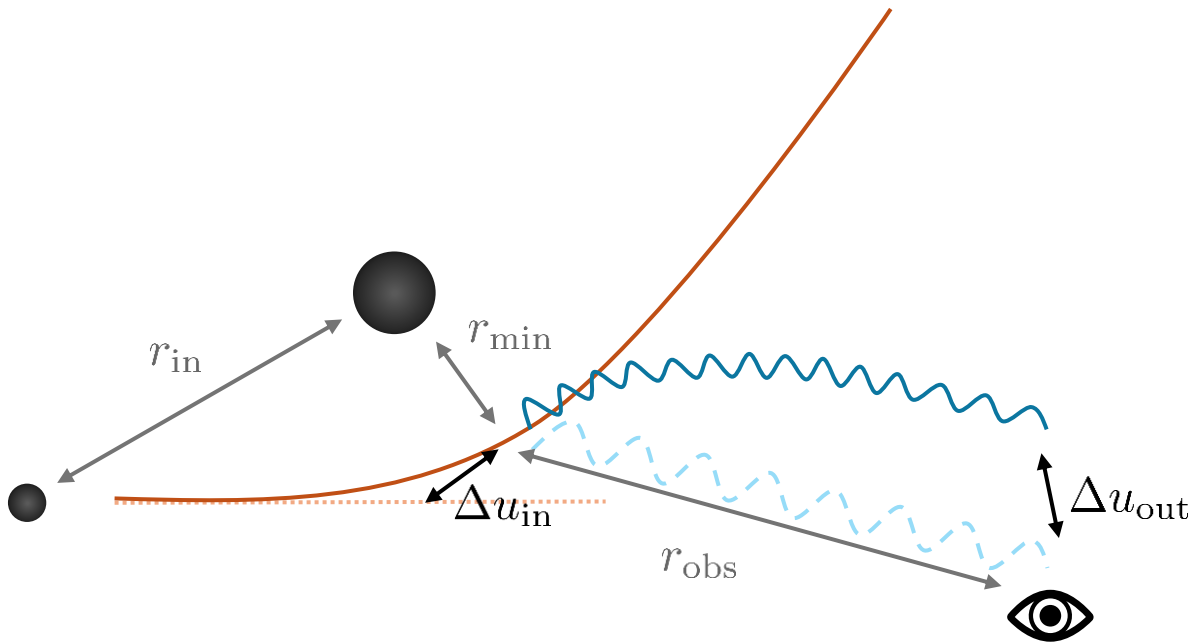
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Exponentiation

$$e^{-i\omega u} \mathcal{M} = e^{-i\omega \left[u - \left(\frac{1}{\epsilon} - \log \frac{\mu_{\text{IR}}^2}{\mu^2} \right) \frac{\mathcal{W}_S}{i\omega} \right]} (\mathcal{M}^{\text{tree}} - \mathcal{W}_S \mathcal{M}_\epsilon^{\text{tree}} + \mathcal{M}^{\text{UV}} + \mathcal{M}^{\text{tail}} + \mathcal{M}^{\text{finite}}) + \mathcal{O}(G^3)$$

Classical interpretation



Shapiro delay

$$\Delta u_{\text{out}} = \frac{2G}{\omega} (\bar{m}_1 \omega_1 + \bar{m}_2 \omega_2) \log \left(\frac{r_{\text{obs}}}{r_{\text{min}}} \right)$$

Deflection of incoming trajectory

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Cut contribution

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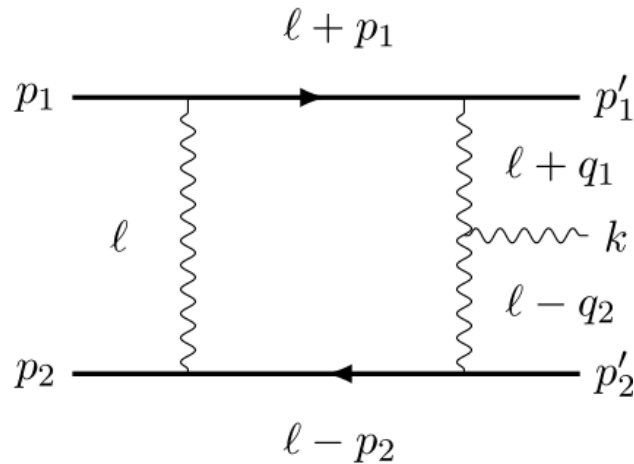
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$$\mathcal{M}^{\text{UV}} = - \left(\frac{\kappa}{2}\right)^5 \frac{i}{8\pi\epsilon} (\bar{m}_1\omega_1 + \bar{m}_2\omega_2) \frac{\bar{m}_1^2\bar{m}_2^2(\omega_1^2 + \omega_2^2 + y\omega_1\omega_2)(1 - 2y^2)^2}{\omega_1\omega_2^3(y^2 - 1)^{3/2}} F_1^{(2h)}$$

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Where does the UV pole come from?



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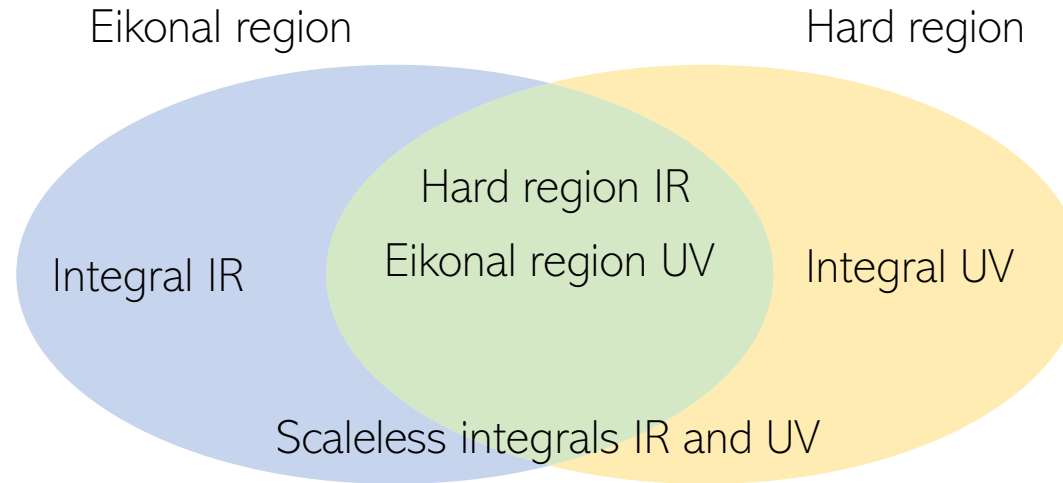
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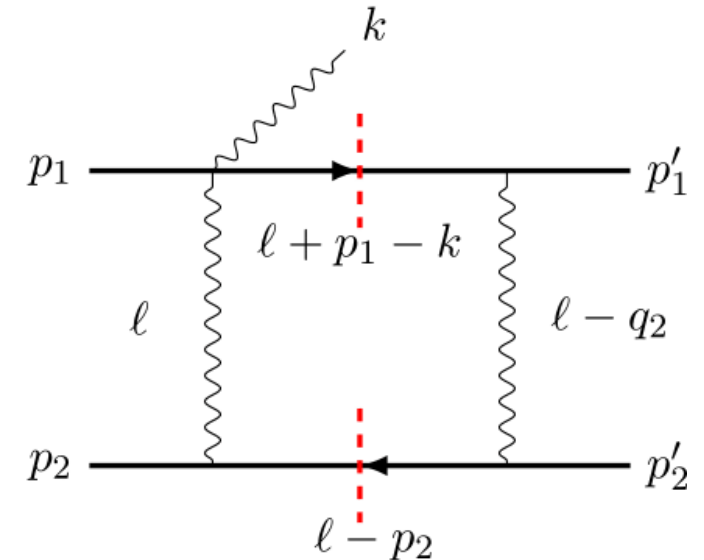
Full quantum amplitude

$$\mathcal{I}_{\text{box}} = \int \frac{d^D \ell}{(2\pi)^D} \frac{1}{\ell^2 [(\ell + p_1 - k)^2 - m_1^2] (\ell - q_2)^2 [(\ell - p_2)^2 - m_2^2]}$$

Eikonal expansion of second massive propagator

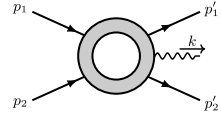
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$\ell \rightarrow \infty$

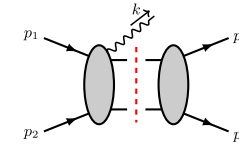


Amplitude and Cut

Master-integral decomposition



Amplitude



Cut

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$$C = \sum_{\Gamma} c_{\Gamma}(\epsilon) \text{Cut}_{1,2'} [\mathcal{I}_{\Gamma}]$$

Combine to new master integrals

$$\mathcal{M} = M - C = \sum_{\Gamma} c_{\Gamma}(\epsilon) \mathcal{I}_{\Gamma}^{\text{exp}},$$

$$\mathcal{I}_D^{\text{exp}} \equiv [\mathcal{I}_D]^*$$

Integrals: Caron-Huot, Giroux, Hannesdottier, Mizera [2308.02125]
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Form-factor decomposition

$$\mathcal{M}^{(2h)} = \sum_{i=1,2} \mathcal{M}^i F_i^{(2h)} \quad \text{with} \quad \begin{aligned} F_1^{(2h)} &= (\varepsilon_{(h)} \cdot u_2) (\varepsilon_{(h)} \cdot u_2), \\ F_2^{(2h)} &= (\varepsilon_{(h)} \cdot u_2) (\varepsilon_{(h)} \cdot q_1). \end{aligned}$$

$$c_{\Gamma}^{(2h)} = c_{\Gamma}^1 F_1^{(2h)} + c_{\Gamma}^2 F_2^{(2h)}$$

Rational ansatz

$$c_{\Gamma}^n(\epsilon, D_s, \bar{m}) = \bar{m}^{p_{\Gamma}^n} \sum_{k=-2}^1 \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} c_{\Gamma,kl}^n(\epsilon) (D_s - 2)^k \frac{1}{\bar{m}^l}.$$

$$c_{\Gamma,kl}^n = \frac{\mathcal{N}_{\Gamma,kl}^n(\omega_1, \omega_2, q_1^2, q_2^2, \bar{m}_1, \bar{m}_2, y, \epsilon)}{\prod_j w_j^{q_{klj}^n}}$$

Polynomial in invariants

Alphabet of integral functions