



# Scattering Amplitudes and the Conservative Hamiltonian for Binary Systems at Third Post-Minkowskian Order

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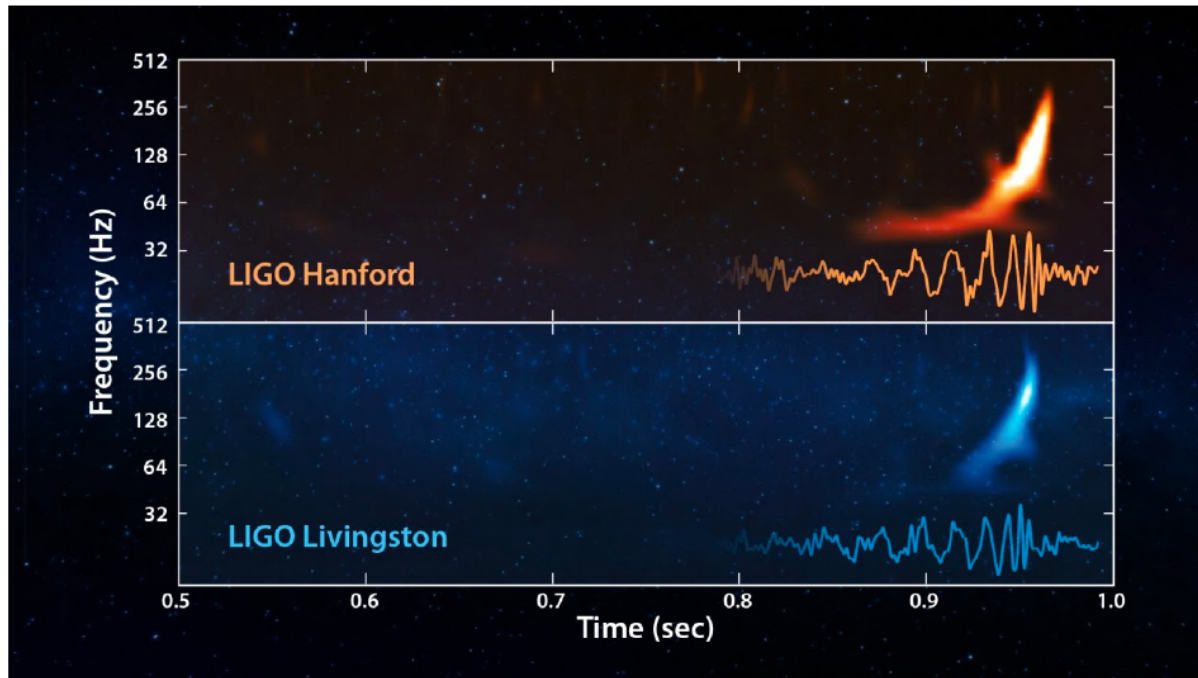
ZB, C. Cheung, R. Roiban, C.H. Shen, M. Solon, M. Zeng,  
arXiv:1901.04424 and in preparation

# Outline

1. Some challenges in gravitational wave physics.
2. Nontriviality of gravity calculations.
3. Modern idea from particle theory:
  - Effective field theory (EFT).
  - Generalized unitarity.
  - Double copy and duality between color and kinematics.
4. Can we calculate something beyond state of the art of direct interest to LIGO/Virgo?
5. 3<sup>rd</sup> post-Minkowskian order of conservative 2 body potential.
6. Prospects for future.

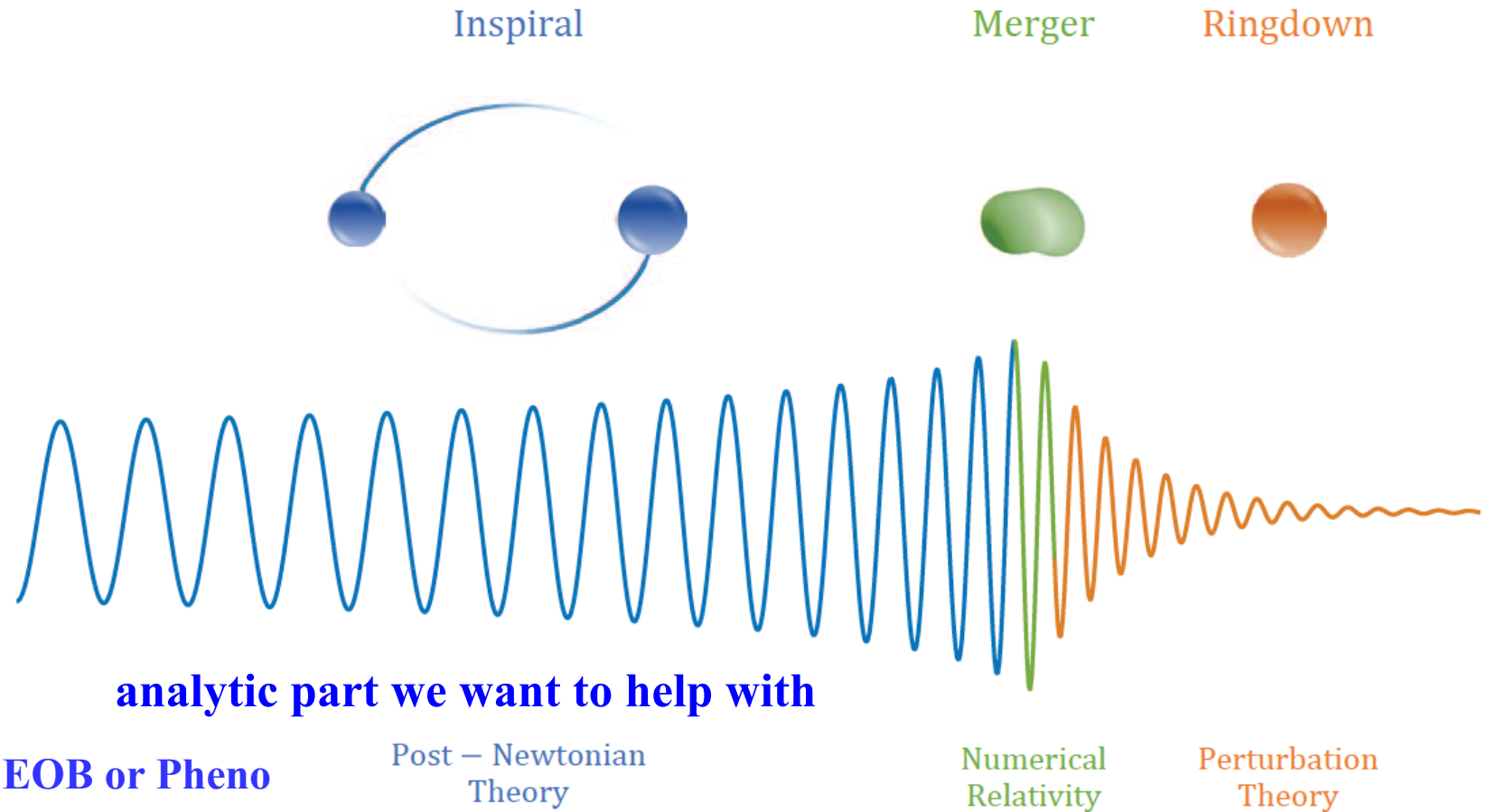
# LIGO/Virgo and Templates

**Era of gravitational wave astronomy begins!**



**Signal extracted and compared against ~250K templates computed from theory.**

# Goal: Improve on post-Newtonian Theory



**Small errors accumulate. Need for high precision.**

From Antelis and Moreno, arXiv:1610.03567

# Post Newtonian Approximation

For orbital mechanics:

Expand in  $G$  and  $v^2$

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

virial theorem



In center of mass frame:

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

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

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

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

+ ...

$\leftarrow$  1PN: Einstein, Infeld, Hoffmann

Hamiltonian known to 4PN order.

**2PN:** Ohta, Okamura, Kimura and Hiida.

**3PN:** Damour, Jaranowski and Schaefer; L. Blanchet and G. Faye.

**4PN:** Damour, Jaranowski and Schaefer (2014)

# PN versus PM expansion for conservative two-body dynamics

$$\mathcal{L} = -Mc^2 + \underbrace{\frac{\mu v^2}{2} + \frac{GM\mu}{r}}_{\text{non-spinning compact objects}} + \frac{1}{c^2} [\dots] + \frac{1}{c^4} [\dots] + \dots$$

From Buonanno  
Amplitudes 2018

$$E(v) = -\frac{\mu}{2} v^2 + \dots$$

non-spinning compact objects

		0PN	1PN	2PN	3PN	4PN	5PN	...
0PM:	1	$v^2$	$v^4$	$v^6$	$v^8$	$v^{10}$	$v^{12}$	...
1PM:		$1/r$	$v^2/r$	$v^4/r$	$v^6/r$	$v^8/r$	$v^{10}/r$	...
2PM:			$1/r^2$	$v^2/r^2$	$v^4/r^2$	$v^6/r^2$	$v^8/r^2$	...
3PM:				$1/r^3$	$v^2/r^3$	$v^4/r^3$	$v^6/r^3$	...
4PM:					$1/r^4$	$v^2/r^4$	$v^4/r^4$	...
...						...	...	...

(credit: Justin Vines)

$$1 \rightarrow Mc^2, \quad v^2 \rightarrow \frac{v^2}{c^2}, \quad \frac{1}{r} \rightarrow \frac{GM}{rc^2}.$$

current known  
PN results

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PM results

overlap between  
PN & PM results

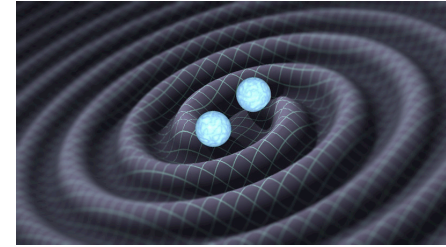
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- PM results (Westfahl 79, Westfahl & Goller 80, Portilla 79-80, Bel et al. 81, Ledvinka et al. 10, Damour 16-17, Guevara 17, Vines 17, Bini & Damour 17-18, Vines in prep)

# Which problem to solve?

Some problems for (analytic) theorists:

1. Spin.
2. Finite size effects.
3. Radiation.



→ 4. High orders in perturbation theory. ←

Which one to solve?

- Needs to be extremely difficult using standard methods.
- Needs to be of direct interest to LIGO.
- Needs to be in a form that LIGO can use.

**3<sup>rd</sup> post-Minkowskian order 2-body Hamiltonian**

# Our Approach

ZB, Cheung, Roiban, Shen, Solon, Zeng

**Amplitudes  
community**

**Gravitational  
Scattering  
Amplitudes**

Kawai, Lewellen, Tye  
ZB, Dixon, Dunbar and Kosower  
ZB, Dixon, Dunbar, Perelstein, Rozowsky  
ZB, Carrasco, Johansson; Etc

**Effective  
Field Theory  
Methods**

**EFT  
community**

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

**Post  
Minkowskian  
Potentials**

**Inefficient:** Start with quantum theory and take  $\hbar \rightarrow 0$

**Efficient:** Almost magical simplifications for gravity amplitudes.  
EFT methods efficiently target pieces we want.

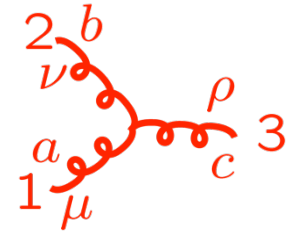
**Will show efficiency wins**



# Three Vertices

Standard Feynman diagram approach.

Three-gluon vertex:



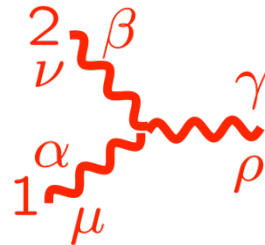
$$V_{3\mu\nu\sigma}^{abc} = -gf^{abc}(\eta_{\mu\nu}(k_1 - k_2)_\rho + \eta_{\nu\rho}(k_1 - k_2)_\mu + \eta_{\rho\mu}(k_1 - k_2)_\nu)$$

Three-graviton vertex:

$$k_i^2 = E_i^2 - \vec{k}_i^2 \neq 0$$

$$G_{3\mu\alpha,\nu\beta,\sigma\gamma}(k_1, k_2, k_3) =$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{sym} \left[ -\frac{1}{2}P_3(k_1 \cdot k_2 \eta_{\mu\alpha} \eta_{\nu\beta} \eta_{\sigma\gamma}) - \frac{1}{2}P_6(k_{1\nu} k_{1\beta} \eta_{\mu\alpha} \eta_{\sigma\gamma}) + \frac{1}{2}P_3(k_1 \cdot k_2 \eta_{\mu\nu} \eta_{\alpha\beta} \eta_{\sigma\gamma}) \right. \\ & + P_6(k_1 \cdot k_2 \eta_{\mu\alpha} \eta_{\nu\sigma} \eta_{\beta\gamma}) + 2P_3(k_{1\nu} k_{1\gamma} \eta_{\mu\alpha} \eta_{\beta\sigma}) - P_3(k_{1\beta} k_{2\mu} \eta_{\alpha\nu} \eta_{\sigma\gamma}) \\ & + P_3(k_{1\sigma} k_{2\gamma} \eta_{\mu\nu} \eta_{\alpha\beta}) + P_6(k_{1\sigma} k_{1\gamma} \eta_{\mu\nu} \eta_{\alpha\beta}) + 2P_6(k_{1\nu} k_{2\gamma} \eta_{\beta\mu} \eta_{\alpha\sigma}) \\ & \left. + 2P_3(k_{1\nu} k_{2\mu} \eta_{\beta\sigma} \eta_{\gamma\alpha}) - 2P_3(k_1 \cdot k_2 \eta_{\alpha\nu} \eta_{\beta\sigma} \eta_{\gamma\mu}) \right] \end{aligned}$$



About 100 terms in three vertex

Naïve conclusion: Gravity is a nasty mess.

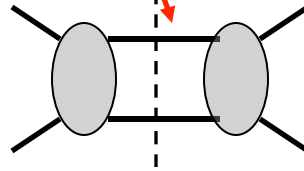
# Generalized Unitarity Method

No Feynman rules; no need for virtual particles.

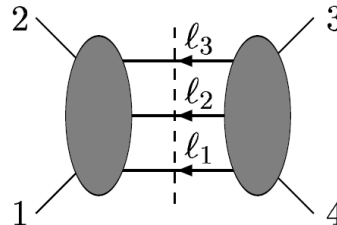
$$E^2 = \vec{p}^2 + m^2 \leftarrow \text{on-shell}$$

ZB, Dixon, Dunbar and Kosower (1994)

**Two-particle cut:**

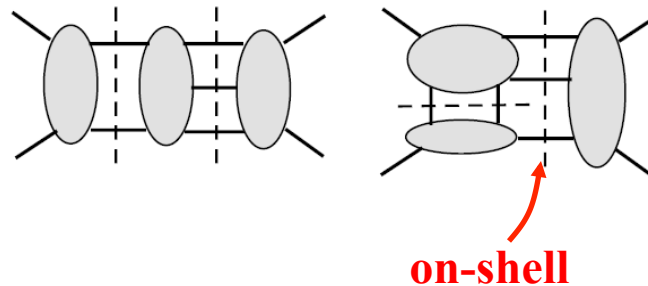


**Three-particle cut:**



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

**Generalized unitarity as a practical tool.**



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

**Reproduces Feynman diagrams, except intermediate steps of calculation based on gauge-invariant quantities.**

# Gravity Amplitudes

KLT (1985)

**Kawai-Lewellen-Tye string relations in low energy limit:**

$$\begin{aligned} \swarrow \text{gravity} \quad M_4^{\text{tree}}(1, 2, 3, 4) &= -i s_{12} A_4^{\text{tree}}(1, 2, 3, 4) A_4^{\text{tree}}(1, 2, 4, 3), \\ \swarrow \text{gauge theory color ordered} \\ M_5^{\text{tree}}(1, 2, 3, 4, 5) &= i s_{12} s_{34} A_5^{\text{tree}}(1, 2, 3, 4, 5) A_5^{\text{tree}}(2, 1, 4, 3, 5) \\ &\quad + i s_{13} s_{24} A_5^{\text{tree}}(1, 3, 2, 4, 5) A_5^{\text{tree}}(3, 1, 4, 2, 5) \end{aligned}$$

**Pattern gives explicit all-leg form.**

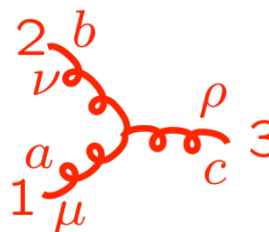


- 1. Gravity is derivable from gauge theory. Standard Lagrangian methods offers no hint why this is possible.**
- 2. It is very generally applicable.**

# Duality Between Color and Kinematics

ZB, Carrasco, Johansson (2007)

coupling constant  $\rightarrow$  color factor  $\rightarrow$  momentum dependent kinematic factor

$$-g f^{abc} (\eta_{\mu\nu} (k_1 - k_2)_\rho + \text{cyclic})$$


Color factors based on a Lie algebra:  $[T^a, T^b] = i f^{abc} T^c$

Jacobi Identity  $f^{a_1 a_2 b} f^{b a_4 a_3} + f^{a_4 a_2 b} f^{b a_3 a_1} + f^{a_4 a_1 b} f^{b a_2 a_3} = 0$



Use  $1 = s/s = t/t = u/u$   
to assign 4-point diagram  
to others.

$$s = (k_1 + k_2)^2 \quad t = (k_1 + k_4)^2$$

$$u = (k_1 + k_3)^2$$

$$\mathcal{A}_4^{\text{tree}} = g^2 \left( \frac{n_s c_s}{s} + \frac{n_t c_t}{t} + \frac{n_u c_u}{u} \right)$$

Color factors satisfy Jacobi identity:

Numerator factors satisfy similar identity:

$$c_u = c_s - c_t$$

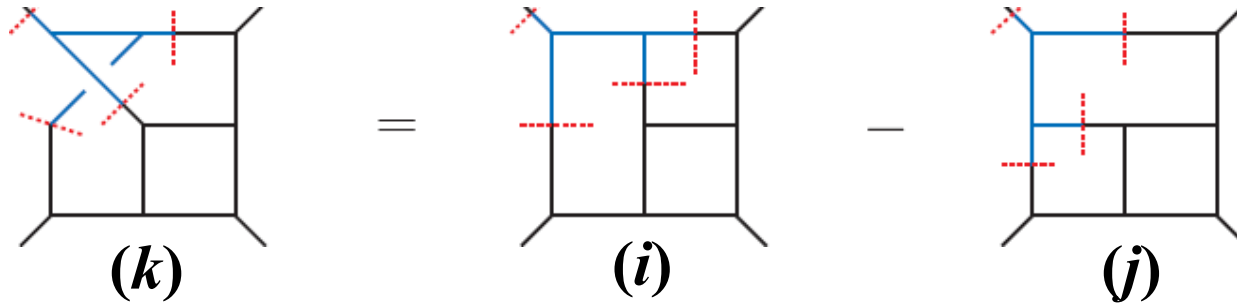
$$n_u = n_s - n_t$$

Proven at tree level

# BCJ Gravity Loop Integrands from Gauge Theory

BCJ

Ideas conjectured to generalize to loops:



color factor

$$C_k = C_i - C_j$$

$$n_k = n_i - n_j$$

kinematic numerator

If you have a set of duality satisfying numerators.

To get:

gauge theory  $\longrightarrow$  gravity theory

simply take

color factor  $\longrightarrow$  kinematic numerator

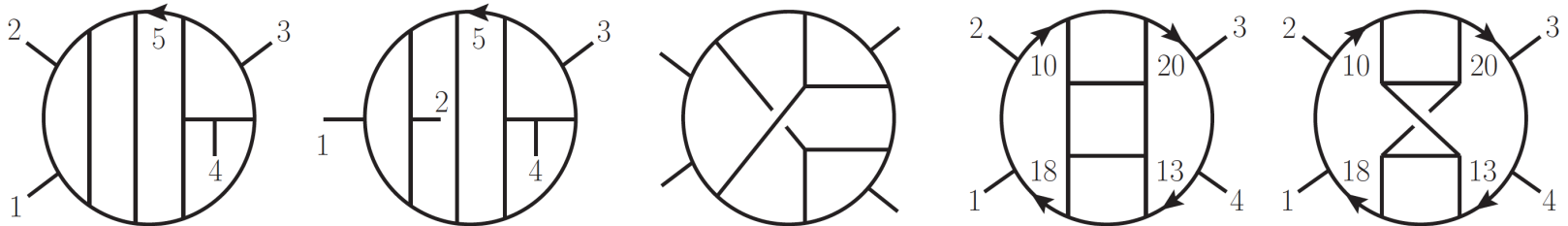
$$C_k \longrightarrow n_k$$

Gravity loop integrands follow from gauge theory!

# $N = 8$ Supergravity at Five loops

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

$N = 8$  supergravity has best UV properties of supergravity theories.



Evaluated leading divergence behavior to help answer fundamental questions on nonrenormalizability of gravity theories.

To make a long story short: Even 5 loop calculations are possible.

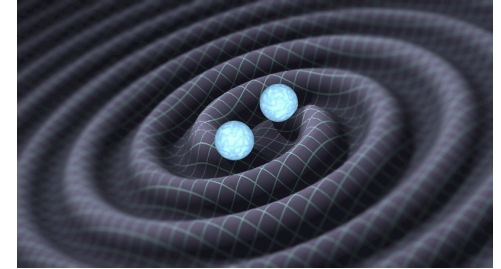
Key point: “Impossible” gravity calculations are pretty standard by now.

Want to harness these advances for LIGO

# Double Copy and Gravitational Radiation

Can we simplify the types of calculations needed for LIGO?

A small industry has developed to study this.



- **Connection to scattering amplitudes.**

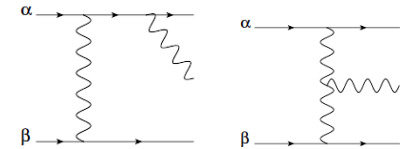
Bjerrum-Bohr, Donoghue, Holstein, Plante, Pierre Vanhove; Luna, Nicholson, O'Connell, White  
Bjerrum-Bohr, Damgaard, Festuccia, Planté, Vanhove; Cheung, Rothstein, Solon; Damour;  
Plefka, Steinhoff, Wormsbecher

- **Worldline approach for radiation.**

Goldberger and Ridgway; Goldberger, Li, Prabhu, Thompson; Chester; Shen

- **Removing the dilaton contamination.**

Luna, Nicholson, O'Connell, White; Johansson, Ochirov; Johansson, Kalin;  
Henrik Johansson, Gregor Kälin, Mogull.



**Key Question:** Can we calculate something of direct interest to LIGO/Virgo, *beyond* state of the art?

# PN versus PM expansion for conservative two-body dynamics

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PN results

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PM results

overlap between  
PN & PM results

unknown

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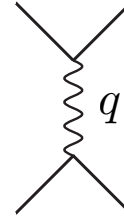


# Potentials and Amplitudes

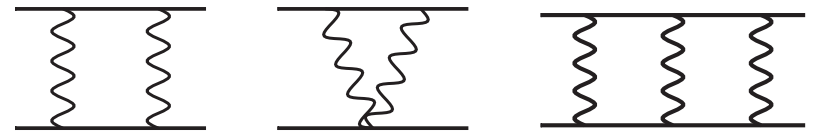
Bjerrum-Bohr, Donoghue, Vanhove; Neill, Rothstein  
Bjerrum-Bohr, Damgaard, Festuccia, Planté, Vanhove

**Tree-level: Fourier transform gives classical potential.**

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



**At higher orders things quickly become less obvious:**



- What you learned in grad school on  $\hbar$  counting is wrong.
- Loops can have classical pieces.
- Double counting and iteration.
- $1/\hbar$  scaling of loop amplitudes.
- Non-uniqueness of potential.
- Cross terms between  $1/\hbar$  and  $\hbar$

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

$$1/\hbar^L \quad \text{at } L \text{ loops}$$

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

**We harness EFT to clean up confusion**

# EFT is a Clean Approach

**No need to re-invent the wheel.**

**Build EFT from which we can read off potential.**

Goldberger and Rothstein

Neill, Rothstein

Cheung, Rothstein, Solon (2018)

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

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

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

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

# EFT Matching

**full general relativity**  
(complicated)

Amplitude methods  
double copy



**tree amplitude**

$\hbar \rightarrow 0$

generalized  
unitarity



**loop integrand**

loop  
integration



**GR loop amplitude**

**effective theory**  
(simpler)

build  
ansatz



**potential**

Feynman  
diagrams



**loop integrand**

loop  
integration



**EFT loop amplitude**

identical  
physics

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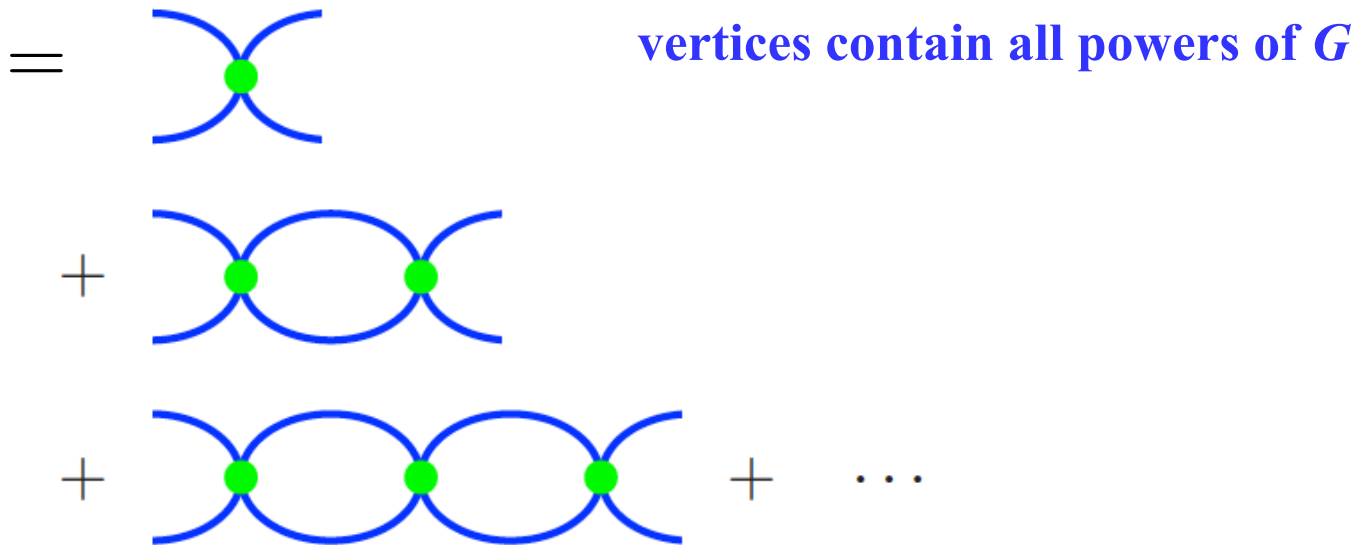
**Roundabout but efficiently determines potential**

# Feynman diagrams for EFT

- EFT scattering amplitudes easy to compute using Feynman diagrams.
- No need for advanced methods.

$$A_{\text{EFT}} = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} G^i A_{\text{EFT}}^{(i)}$$

**Newton's constant**



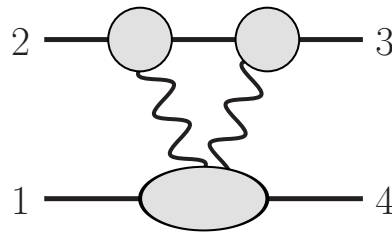
**Match to Full Theory**

# Full Theory: Unitarity + Double Copy

- **Long range force: Two matter lines must be separated by cut propagators.**
- **Classical potential: 1 matter line per loop is cut (on-shell).**

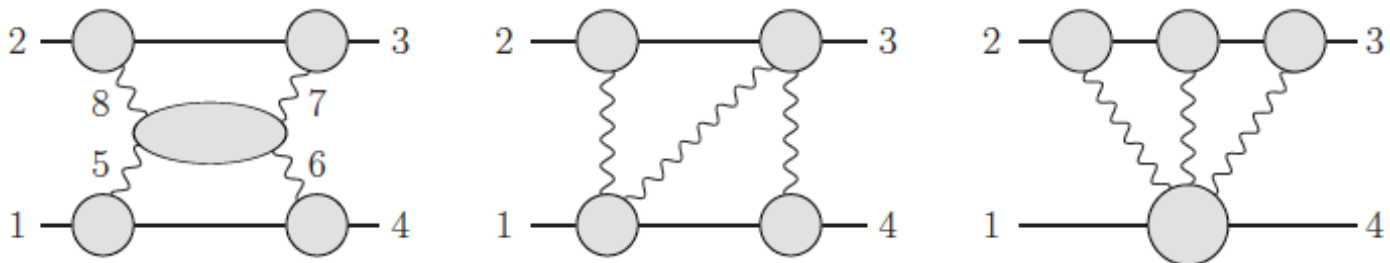
Neill and Rothstein ; Bjerrum-Bohr, Damgaard, Festuccia, Planté, Vanhove; Cheung, Rothstein, Solon

## Only independent unitarity cut for 2 PM.



**exposed lines on-shell (long range).  
Classical pieces simple!**

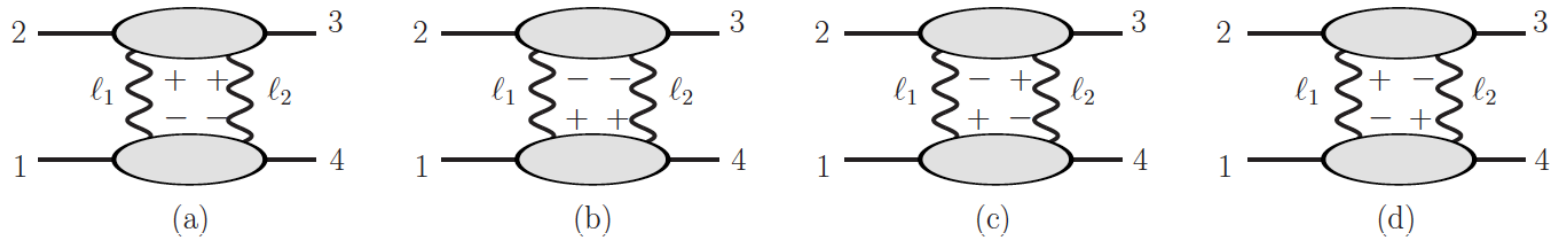
## Independent generalized unitarity cuts for 3 PM.



# Generalized Unitarity Cuts

Primary means of construction uses BCJ, but KLT should have better scaling at high loops and easier to explain:

**2PM**



$$\begin{aligned}
 C_{\text{GR}} &= \sum_{h_1, h_2 = \pm} M^{\text{tree}}(3, \ell_2^{h_2}, -\ell_1^{h_1}, 2) \times M^{\text{tree}}(1, \ell_1^{-h_1}, -\ell_2^{-h_2}, 4) \\
 &= - \sum_{h_1, h_2 = \pm} s_{23}^2 [A^{\text{tree}}(3, \ell_2^{h_2}, -\ell_1^{h_1}, 2) \times A^{\text{tree}}(1, \ell_1^{-h_1}, -\ell_2^{-h_2}, 4)] \\
 &\quad \times [A^{\text{tree}}(2, \ell_2^{h_2}, -\ell_1^{h_1}, 3) \times A^{\text{tree}}(4, \ell_1^{-h_1}, -\ell_2^{-h_2}, 1)]
 \end{aligned}$$

By correlating gluon helicities, removing dilaton is trivial.

$$h_{\mu\nu}^- \rightarrow A_{\mu}^- A_{\nu}^- \quad h_{\mu\nu}^+ \rightarrow A_{\mu}^+ A_{\nu}^+ \quad \text{Forbid: } A_{\mu}^+ A_{\nu}^-$$

**Problem of computing the generalized cuts in gravity is reduced multiplying and summing gauge-theory tree amplitudes.**

# Gauge-Theory Building Blocks for 2 PM Gravity

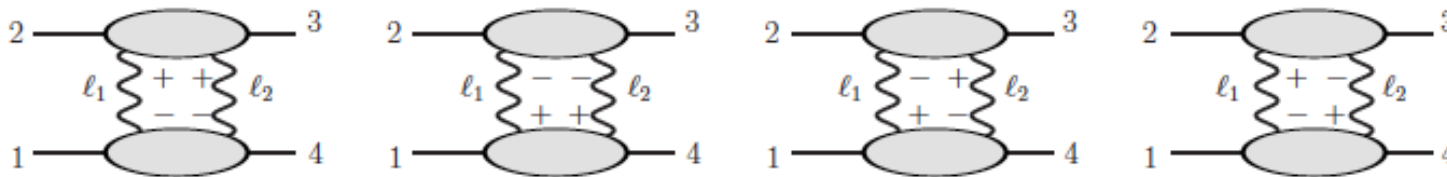
$$A^{\text{tree}}(1^s, 2^+, 3^+, 4^s) = i \frac{m_1^2 [23]}{\langle 23 \rangle t_{12}}$$

$$A^{\text{tree}}(1^s, 2^+, 3^-, 4^s) = -i \frac{\langle 3|1|2 \rangle^2}{\langle 23 \rangle [23] t_{12}}$$



color-ordered gauge-theory  
tree amplitudes

- This is all you need for 2 PM.
- Scaling with number of loops is very good.



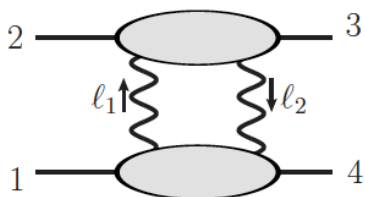
$$C_{\text{YM}} = 2 \left( \frac{\mathcal{E}^2 + \mathcal{O}^2}{s_{23}^2} + m_1^2 m_2^2 \right) \frac{1}{t_{1\ell_1} t_{2\ell_1}}$$

gauge theory

$$\mathcal{E}^2 = \frac{1}{4} \left[ -t_{12} s_{23} + s_{23} t_{1\ell_1} - s_{23} t_{2\ell_1} + 2 t_{1\ell_1} t_{2\ell_1} \right]^2$$

$$\mathcal{O}^2 = \mathcal{E}^2 - (s_{23} m_1^2 + s_{23} t_{1\ell_1} + t_{1\ell_1}^2) (s_{23} m_2^2 - s_{23} t_{2\ell_1} + t_{2\ell_1}^2)$$

# One loop gravity warmup



Apply unitarity and KLT relations.  
Import gauge-theory results.

$$C_{\text{GR}} = 2 \left[ \frac{1}{t^4} (\mathcal{E}^4 + \mathcal{O}^4 + 6\mathcal{E}^2 \mathcal{O}^2) + m_1^4 m_2^4 \right] \left[ \frac{1}{t_{1\ell_1}} + \frac{1}{t_{4\ell_1}} \right] \left[ \frac{1}{t_{2\ell_1}} + \frac{1}{t_{3\ell_1}} \right]$$

- Same building blocks as gauge theory!
- Double copy is visible even though we have removed dilaton and axion.

**We can extract classical scattering angles or potentials following literature**

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

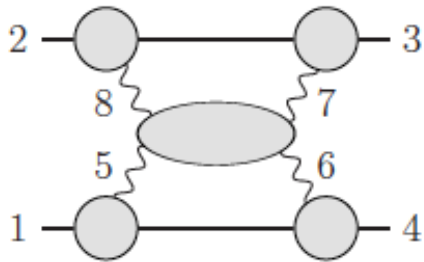
**This is 2<sup>nd</sup> PM order**



# Two Loops for 3 PM

$$s_{23} = (p_2 + p_3)^2$$

$$t_{ij} = 2p_i \cdot p_j$$



ZB, Cheung, Shen, Roiban, Solon, Zeng

- Use KLT and sum over helicities
- Very similar to one loop

$$C^{\text{H-cut}} = 2i \left[ \frac{1}{(p_5 - p_8)^2} + \frac{1}{(p_5 + p_7)^2} \right] \times \left[ s_{23}^2 m_1^4 m_2^4 + \frac{1}{s_{23}^6} \sum_{i=1,2} \left( \mathcal{E}_i^4 + \mathcal{O}_i^4 + 6\mathcal{O}_i^2 \mathcal{E}_i^2 \right) \right]$$

$$\mathcal{E}_1^2 = \frac{1}{4} s_{23}^2 (t_{18} t_{25} - t_{12} t_{58})^2, \quad \mathcal{O}_1^2 = \mathcal{E}_1^2 - m_1^2 m_2^2 s_{23}^2 t_{58}^2,$$

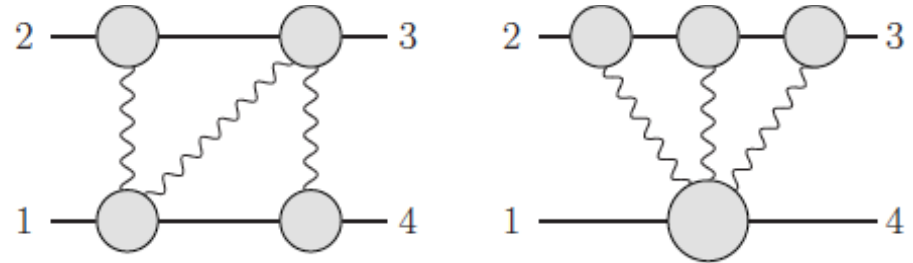
$$\mathcal{E}_2^2 = \frac{1}{4} s_{23}^2 (t_{17} t_{25} - t_{12} t_{57} - s_{23} (t_{17} + t_{57}))^2,$$

$$\mathcal{O}_2^2 = \mathcal{E}_2^2 - m_1^2 m_2^2 s_{23}^2 t_{57}^2.$$

- Double copy is visible.
- Remarkably simple, given it is two-loop gravity.

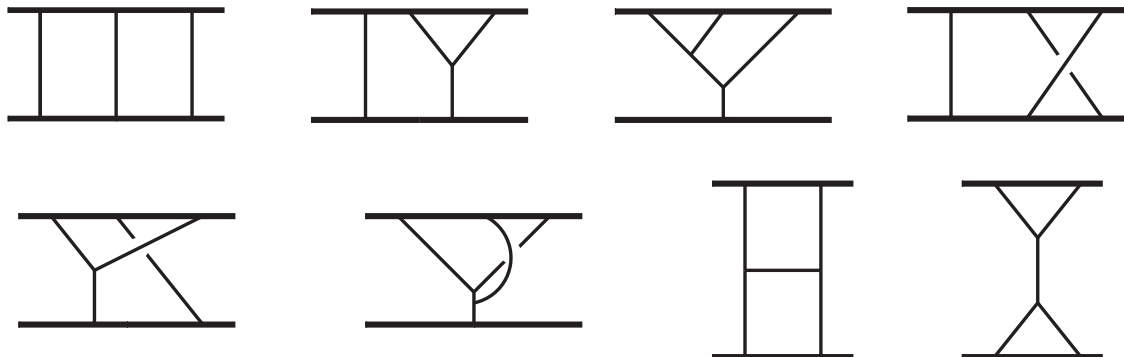
# Two loops and 3 PM

Also need contributions from other cuts.



- These unitarity cuts more complicated than previous cut.
- Evaluated using BCJ double copy, with KLT double copy as check.
- To interface easily with EFT approach merged unitarity cuts into diagrams to get integrand.

**Integrand organized into 8 independent diagrams that can contribute in classical limit:**



# Integration + Extraction of Potential

To integrate follow methods of **Cheung, Rothstein and Solon.**

- Efficiently targets the classical pieces we want.
- Integrals reduce via residues to 3 dimensional integrals.
- Incorporates matching to effective field theory.
- Good scaling with perturbative order.

Checks on integrals using standard tools of QCD:

- **Mellin-Barnes integration.** V. Smirnov; Czakon
- **Sector decomposition.** Binoth and Heinrich, A. Smirnov
- **Integration by parts.** K. G. Chetyrkin and F. V. Tkachov, Laporta; A. Smirnov; Maierhöfer, Usovitsch, Uwer
- **Differential equations.** ZB, Dixon, Kosower; Remiddi and Gehrmann
- **Method of regions.** Beneke, V. Smirnov; A. Smirnov.

# Amplitude in Classical Potential Limit

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

Classical limit. The  $O(G^3)$  or 3PM terms are:

rapidity 

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

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

$F_1$  and  $F_2$  IR divergent iteration terms that don't affect potential.

**Result is very simple!**

# Conservative 3PM Potential

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

**Follow EFT strategy:**

**The 3PM Hamiltonian:**

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

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

$$c_1 = \frac{\nu^2 m^2}{\gamma^2 \xi} (1 - 2\sigma^2), \quad c_2 = \frac{\nu^2 m^3}{\gamma^2 \xi} \left[ \frac{3}{4} (1 - 5\sigma^2) - \frac{4\nu\sigma (1 - 2\sigma^2)}{\gamma\xi} - \frac{\nu^2 (1 - \xi) (1 - 2\sigma^2)^2}{2\gamma^3 \xi^2} \right],$$

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

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

$$\xi = E_1 E_2 / E^2, \quad E = E_1 + E_2, \quad \sigma = \mathbf{p}_1 \cdot \mathbf{p}_2 / m_1 m_2,$$

# Checks

ZB, Cheung, Roiban, Shen, Solon, Zeng

**Primary check:**

**Compare to 4PN Hamiltonian of Damour, Jaranowski, Schäfer**

**Need canonical transformation:**

$$\begin{aligned}(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{p}) &\rightarrow (\mathbf{R}, \mathbf{P}) = (A \mathbf{r} + B \mathbf{p}, C \mathbf{p} + D \mathbf{r}) \\ A &= 1 - \frac{Gm\nu}{2|\mathbf{r}|} + \dots, \quad B = \frac{G(1 - 2/\nu)}{4m|\mathbf{r}|} \mathbf{p} \cdot \mathbf{r} + \dots \\ C &= 1 + \frac{Gm\nu}{2|\mathbf{r}|} + \dots, \quad D = -\frac{Gm\nu}{2|\mathbf{r}|^3} \mathbf{p} \cdot \mathbf{r} + \dots,\end{aligned}$$

**For overlap terms of our Hamiltonian equivalent to 4PN Hamiltonian.  
Explicit canonical transformation found.**

# 4 PN Hamiltonian

Damour, Jaranowski, Schaefer

$$\mathbf{n} = \hat{\mathbf{r}}$$

$$\hat{H}_N(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{p}) = \frac{\mathbf{p}^2}{2} - \frac{1}{r},$$

$$c^2 \hat{H}_{1\text{PN}}(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{p}) = \frac{1}{8}(3\nu - 1)(\mathbf{p}^2)^2 - \frac{1}{2} \left\{ (3 + \nu)\mathbf{p}^2 + \nu(\mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{p})^2 \right\} \frac{1}{r} + \frac{1}{2r^2},$$

$$c^4 \hat{H}_{2\text{PN}}(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{p}) = \frac{1}{16} (1 - 5\nu + 5\nu^2) (\mathbf{p}^2)^3 + \frac{1}{8} \left\{ (5 - 20\nu - 3\nu^2) (\mathbf{p}^2)^2 - 2\nu^2(\mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{p})^2 \mathbf{p}^2 - 3\nu^2(\mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{p})^4 \right\} \frac{1}{r} \\ + \frac{1}{2} \left\{ (5 + 8\nu)\mathbf{p}^2 + 3\nu(\mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{p})^2 \right\} \frac{1}{r^2} - \frac{1}{4}(1 + 3\nu) \frac{1}{r^3},$$

$$c^6 \hat{H}_{3\text{PN}}(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{p}) = \frac{1}{128} (-5 + 35\nu - 70\nu^2 + 35\nu^3) (\mathbf{p}^2)^4 + \frac{1}{16} \left\{ (-7 + 42\nu - 53\nu^2 - 5\nu^3) (\mathbf{p}^2)^3 \right. \\ \left. + (2 - 3\nu)\nu^2(\mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{p})^2(\mathbf{p}^2)^2 + 3(1 - \nu)\nu^2(\mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{p})^4 \mathbf{p}^2 - 5\nu^3(\mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{p})^6 \right\} \frac{1}{r} \\ + \left\{ \frac{1}{16} (-27 + 136\nu + 109\nu^2) (\mathbf{p}^2)^2 + \frac{1}{16}(17 + 30\nu)\nu(\mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{p})^2 \mathbf{p}^2 + \frac{1}{12}(5 + 43\nu)\nu(\mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{p})^4 \right\} \frac{1}{r^2} \\ + \left\{ \left( -\frac{25}{8} + \left( \frac{\pi^2}{64} - \frac{335}{48} \right) \nu - \frac{23\nu^2}{8} \right) \mathbf{p}^2 + \left( -\frac{85}{16} - \frac{3\pi^2}{64} - \frac{7\nu}{4} \right) \nu(\mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{p})^2 \right\} \frac{1}{r^3} + \left\{ \frac{1}{8} + \left( \frac{109}{12} - \frac{21}{32}\pi^2 \right) \nu \right\} \frac{1}{r^4},$$

$G^4$

# 4 PN Hamiltonian

Damour, Jaranowski, Schaefer

$$\begin{aligned}
 c^8 \hat{H}_{4\text{PN}}^{\text{local}}(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{p}) = & \left( \frac{7}{256} - \frac{63}{256}\nu + \frac{189}{256}\nu^2 - \frac{105}{128}\nu^3 + \frac{63}{256}\nu^4 \right) (\mathbf{p}^2)^5 \\
 & + \left\{ \frac{45}{128}(\mathbf{p}^2)^4 - \frac{45}{16}(\mathbf{p}^2)^4 \nu + \left( \frac{423}{64}(\mathbf{p}^2)^4 - \frac{3}{32}(\mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{p})^2(\mathbf{p}^2)^3 - \frac{9}{64}(\mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{p})^4(\mathbf{p}^2)^2 \right) \nu^2 \right. \\
 & + \left( -\frac{1013}{256}(\mathbf{p}^2)^4 + \frac{23}{64}(\mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{p})^2(\mathbf{p}^2)^3 + \frac{69}{128}(\mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{p})^4(\mathbf{p}^2)^2 - \frac{5}{64}(\mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{p})^6 \mathbf{p}^2 + \frac{35}{256}(\mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{p})^8 \right) \nu^3 \\
 & + \left. \left( -\frac{35}{128}(\mathbf{p}^2)^4 - \frac{5}{32}(\mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{p})^2(\mathbf{p}^2)^3 - \frac{9}{64}(\mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{p})^4(\mathbf{p}^2)^2 - \frac{5}{32}(\mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{p})^6 \mathbf{p}^2 - \frac{35}{128}(\mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{p})^8 \right) \nu^4 \right\} \frac{1}{r} \\
 & + \left\{ \frac{13}{8}(\mathbf{p}^2)^3 + \left( -\frac{791}{64}(\mathbf{p}^2)^3 + \frac{49}{16}(\mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{p})^2(\mathbf{p}^2)^2 - \frac{889}{192}(\mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{p})^4 \mathbf{p}^2 + \frac{369}{160}(\mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{p})^6 \right) \nu \right. \\
 & + \left. \left( \frac{4857}{256}(\mathbf{p}^2)^3 - \frac{545}{64}(\mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{p})^2(\mathbf{p}^2)^2 + \frac{9475}{768}(\mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{p})^4 \mathbf{p}^2 - \frac{1151}{128}(\mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{p})^6 \right) \nu^2 \right. \\
 & + \left. \left( \frac{2335}{256}(\mathbf{p}^2)^3 + \frac{1135}{256}(\mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{p})^2(\mathbf{p}^2)^2 - \frac{1649}{768}(\mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{p})^4 \mathbf{p}^2 + \frac{10353}{1280}(\mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{p})^6 \right) \nu^3 \right\} \frac{1}{r^2} \\
 & + \left\{ \frac{105}{32}(\mathbf{p}^2)^2 + \left( \left( \frac{2749\pi^2}{8192} - \frac{589189}{19200} \right) (\mathbf{p}^2)^2 + \left( \frac{63347}{1600} - \frac{1059\pi^2}{1024} \right) (\mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{p})^2 \mathbf{p}^2 + \left( \frac{375\pi^2}{8192} - \frac{23533}{1280} \right) (\mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{p})^4 \right) \nu \right. \\
 & + \left( \left( \frac{18491\pi^2}{16384} - \frac{1189789}{28800} \right) (\mathbf{p}^2)^2 + \left( -\frac{127}{3} - \frac{4035\pi^2}{2048} \right) (\mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{p})^2 \mathbf{p}^2 + \left( \frac{57563}{1920} - \frac{38655\pi^2}{16384} \right) (\mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{p})^4 \right) \nu^2 \\
 & + \left. \left( -\frac{553}{128}(\mathbf{p}^2)^2 - \frac{225}{64}(\mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{p})^2 \mathbf{p}^2 - \frac{381}{128}(\mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{p})^4 \right) \nu^3 \right\} \frac{1}{r^3} \\
 & + \left\{ \frac{105}{32} \mathbf{p}^2 + \left( \left( \frac{185761}{19200} - \frac{21837\pi^2}{8192} \right) \mathbf{p}^2 + \left( \frac{3401779}{57600} - \frac{28691\pi^2}{24576} \right) (\mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{p})^2 \right) \nu \right. \\
 & + \left. \left( \left( \frac{672811}{19200} - \frac{158177\pi^2}{49152} \right) \mathbf{p}^2 + \left( \frac{110099\pi^2}{49152} - \frac{21827}{3840} \right) (\mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{p})^2 \right) \nu^2 \right\} \frac{1}{r^4} \quad \longleftarrow G^4 \\
 & + \left\{ -\frac{1}{16} + \left( \frac{6237\pi^2}{1024} - \frac{169199}{2400} \right) \nu + \left( \frac{7403\pi^2}{3072} - \frac{1256}{45} \right) \nu^2 \right\} \frac{1}{r^5}. \quad \longleftarrow G^5
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\mathbf{n} = \hat{\mathbf{r}}$$

After canonical transformation we match all but  $G^4$  and  $G^5$  terms

Mess is partly due to their gauge choice.

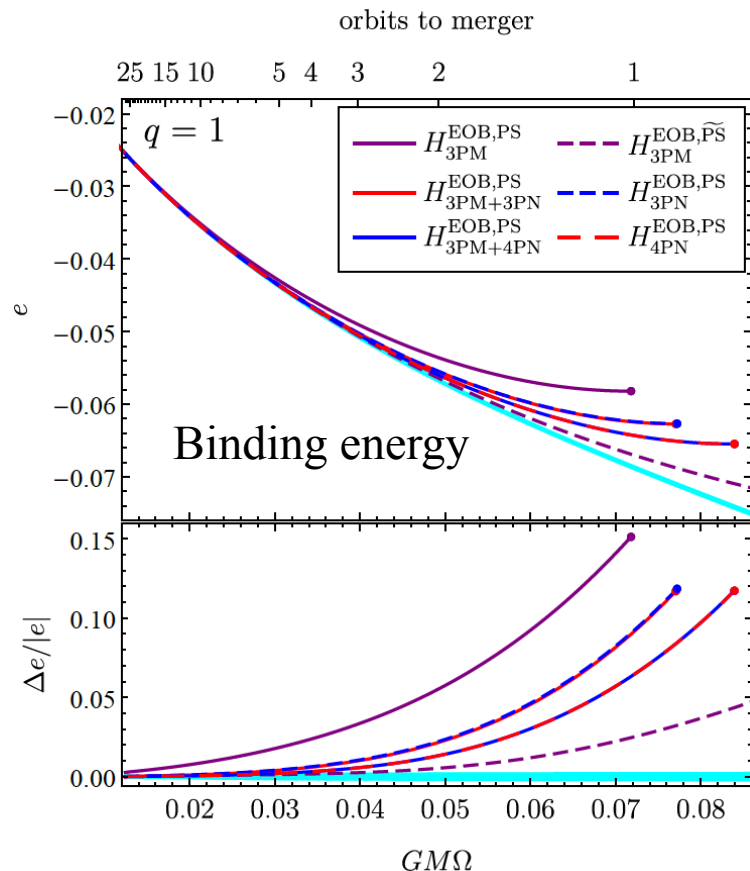
Ours is all orders in  $p$  at  $G^3$



# Tests of Our 3PM Hamiltonian for LIGO

Antonelli, Buonanno, Steinhoff, van de Meent, and Vines, arXiv:1901.07102

(8 days after our paper!)



**Fed into EOB formalism.**

**Test against numerical relativity.**

**Note: Not conclusive, e. g. radiation not taken into account**

← **Winning curve is based on 3PM.**

← **numerical relativity taken as truth**

**“This rather encouraging result motivates a more comprehensive study...”**

**3PM + 4PN fed into EOB → Most advanced 2 body Hamiltonian**

# Outlook for Gravitational Wave Physics

- **Methods are far from exhausted.**
- **Even more efficient methods seem likely.**
- **Methods should scale well to higher orders.**

## Natural future questions to investigate:

- **Higher orders. Resummation in  $G$ .**
- **Radiation.**
- **Spin.**
- **Finite size effects.**

# Summary

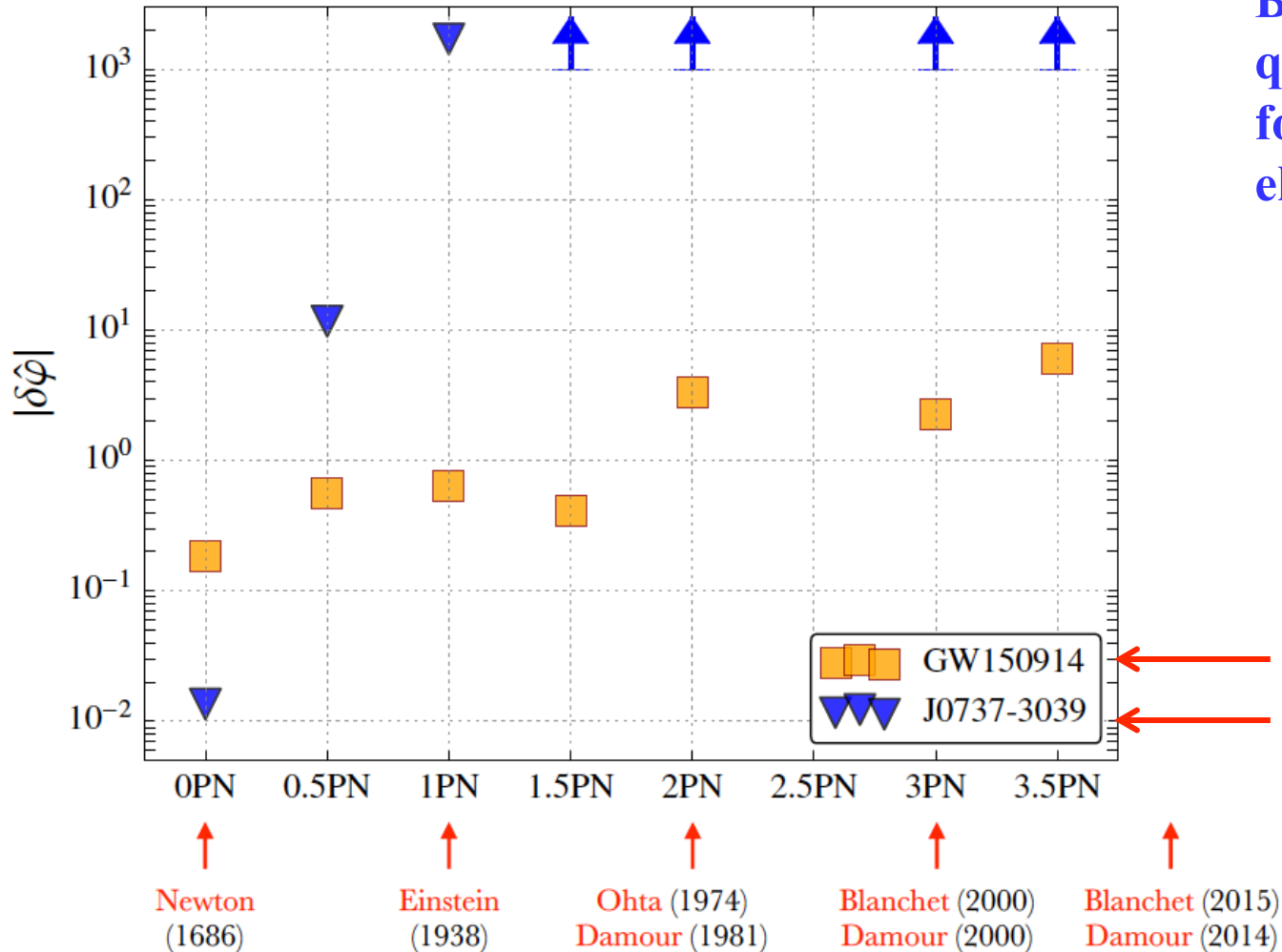
- Remarkable connection between gauge and gravity theories:
  - color  $\longleftrightarrow$  kinematics.
  - gravity  $\sim$  (gauge theory)<sup>2</sup>
- Double-copy idea gives us a powerful new way to think about gravity. Unified framework for gravity and gauge theory.
- Obtained the 3PM conservative 2-body potential.
- Methods nowhere close to exhausted.
- Spin, finite size effects, radiation, and higher orders in  $G$  obvious possibilities to investigate.

**Expect many more advances in coming years, not only for gravitational waves but also for understanding gravity and its relation to the other forces via double copy.**

# Extra Slides

# Importance of higher orders for LIGO

LIGO/Virgo Collaboration arXiv:1602.03841



Binary pulsar confirms quadrupole radiation formula and not much else.

**LIGO**  
**Binary pulsar**

**LIGO/Virgo sensitive to high PN orders.**

# Gravity vs Gauge Theory

**Consider the Einstein gravity Lagrangian**

$$L_{\text{gravity}} = \frac{2}{\kappa^2} \sqrt{-g} R$$

$\kappa^2 = 32\pi G_{\text{Newton}}$

curvature

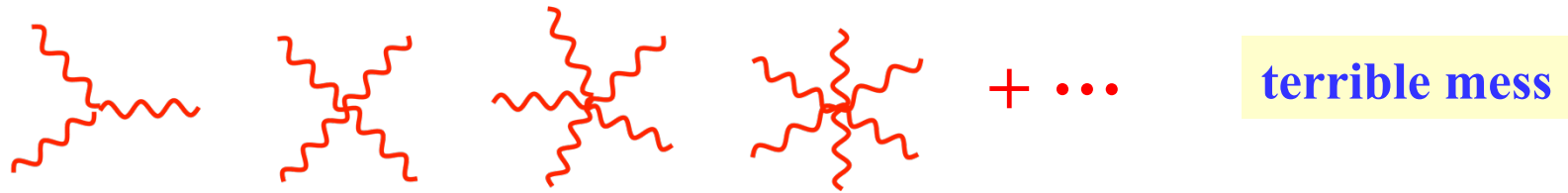
metric

Flat-space metric

graviton field

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

**Infinite number of complicated interactions**



**Compare to gauge-theory Lagrangian on which QCD is based**

$$L_{\text{YM}} = \frac{1}{g^2} F^2$$

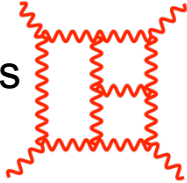
**Only three and four point interactions**

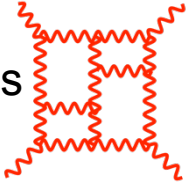
**Gravity seems so much more complicated than gauge theory.**

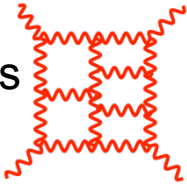
**Theories do not look related!**

# Feynman Diagrams for Gravity

## Spectacularly poor scaling in GR

3 loops   $\sim 10^{20}$  TERMS  
No surprise it has never been calculated via Feynman diagrams.

4 loops   $\sim 10^{26}$  TERMS

5 loops   $\sim 10^{31}$  TERMS  
More terms than atoms in your brain!

- Such calculations seemed utterly hopeless!
- Seemed destined for dustbin of undecidable questions.

Modern methods make such calculations routine, but challenging.

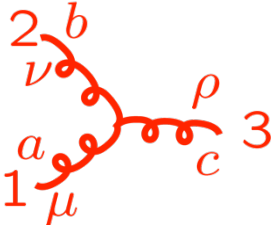
# Simplicity of Gravity Amplitudes

People were looking at gravity amplitudes the wrong way.  
**On-shell viewpoint much more powerful.**

*On-shell* three vertices contains all information:

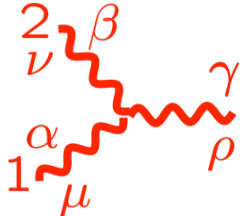
$$k_i^2 = 0$$

**Yang-Mills  
gauge theory:**



$$-gf^{abc}(\eta_{\mu\nu}(k_1 - k_2)_\rho + \text{cyclic})$$

**Einstein  
gravity:**



$$i\kappa(\eta_{\mu\nu}(k_1 - k_2)_\rho + \text{cyclic}) \times (\eta_{\alpha\beta}(k_1 - k_2)_\gamma + \text{cyclic})$$

“square” of  
**Yang-Mills  
vertex.**

**Very simple!**



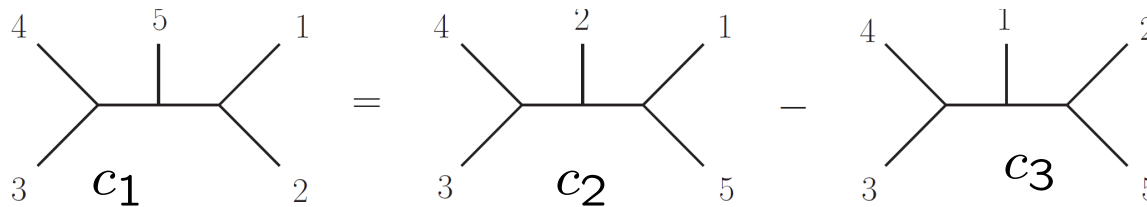
# Duality Between Color and Kinematics

Consider five-point tree amplitude:

ZB, Carrasco, Johansson (BCJ)

$$A_5^{\text{tree}} = \sum_{i=1}^{15} \frac{c_i n_i}{\prod_{\alpha_i} p_{\alpha_i}^2}$$

color factor  
kinematic numerator factor  
Feynman propagators



$$c_1 = f^{a_3 a_4 b} f^{b a_5 c} f^{c a_1 a_2} \quad c_2 = f^{a_3 a_4 b} f^{b a_2 c} f^{c a_1 a_5} \quad c_3 = f^{a_3 a_4 b} f^{b a_1 c} f^{c a_2 a_5}$$

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

$$c_1 + c_2 + c_3 = 0 \iff n_1 + n_2 + n_3 = 0$$

**Claim:** We can always find a rearrangement so color and kinematics satisfy the *same* algebraic constraint equations.

**Progress on unraveling relations.**

BCJ, Bjerrum-Bohr, Feng, Damgaard, Vanhove, ; Mafra, Stieberger, Schlotterer;  
 Tye and Zhang; Feng, Huang, Jia; Chen, Du, Feng; Du, Feng, Fu; Naculich, Nastase, Schnitzer  
 O'Connell and Montiero; Bjerrum-Bohr, Damgaard, O'Connell and Montiero; O'Connell, Montiero, White;  
 Du, Feng and Teng, Song and Schlotterer, etc.

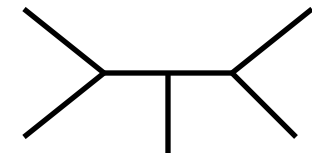
# Higher-Point Gravity and Gauge Theory

ZB, Carrasco, Johansson

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

↖ color factor  
↖ kinematic numerator factor  
↖ Feynman propagators

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



sum over diagrams  
with only 3 vertices

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

**Gravity and QCD kinematic numerators are the same!**

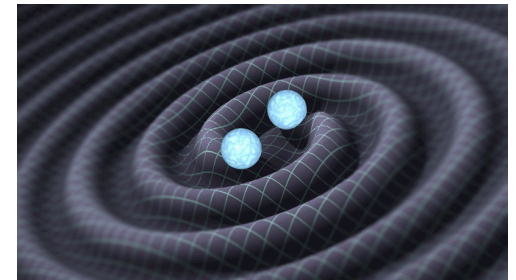
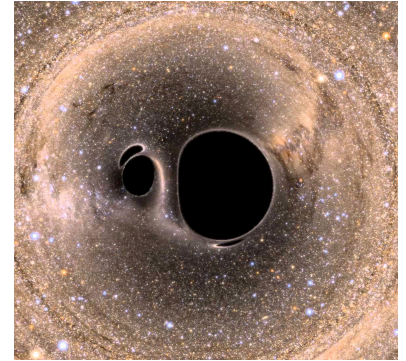
**Cries out for a unified description of gravity with gauge theory.**

# Double Copy for Classical Solutions

Goal is to formulate gravity solutions directly in terms of gauge theory

Variety of special cases:

- Schwarzschild and Kerr black holes.
- Taub-NUT space.
- Solutions with cosmological constant.
- Radiation from accelerating black hole.
- Maximally symmetric space times.
- Plane wave background.
- Gravitational radiation.



Luna, Monteiro, O'Connell and White;  
Luna, Monteiro, Nicholson, O'Connell and White;  
Ridgway and Wise; Carrillo González, Penco, Trodden;  
Adamo, Casali, Mason, Nekovar;  
Goldberger and Ridgway; Chen;  
Luna, Monteiro, Nicholson, Ochirov;  
Bjerrum-Bohr, Donoghue, Vanhove;  
O'Connell, Westerberg, White; Kosower, Maybee, O'Connell, etc

**Still no general understanding.  
But plenty of examples.**

# Two-Loop Diagram Numerators



$$(t_{12}^2 - 2m_1^2 m_2^2)^3$$



$$2m_2^3 t_{47}^2 (t_{12}^2 - 2m_1^2 m_2^2)$$



$$\begin{aligned} & 2m_2^4 (s_{23}^4 + s_{23}^3 (2t_{12} + 2t_{15} - t_{47} - 2t_{67}) - 2m_1^2 m_2^2 (s_{23} - t_{67})^2 + (t_{15} t_{56} + (t_{12} - t_{47}) t_{67})^2 \\ & + s_{23}^2 (t_{12}^2 + t_{15}^2 + t_{47}^2 - t_{47} t_{56} + t_{12} (4t_{15} - 2t_{47} + t_{56} - 4t_{67}) + t_{15} (-2t_{47} + t_{56} - 2t_{67}) \\ & + 2t_{47} t_{67} + t_{67}^2) + s_{23} (t_{15} (t_{56}^2 + 2(-2t_{12} + t_{47}) t_{67} - t_{56} t_{67}) \\ & + t_{67} (-2t_{12}^2 + t_{47} (-2t_{47} + t_{56} - t_{67}) + t_{12} (4t_{47} - t_{56} + 2t_{67}))) \end{aligned}$$

etc. Remaining 5 diagrams somewhat more complicated but not a big deal.

- **Very simple compared to the usual Feynman diagram explosion.**
- **Higher-loop integrand constructions definitely possible!**

# Additional Tests

Additional (somewhat redundant) tests:

1. Calculated classical scattering angle (ignoring radiation reaction).  
Match overlap terms in known 4PN result.

Bini and Damour

2. Calculated amplitude using potentials.  
Match overlap terms using known 4PN Hamiltonian.

Damour, Jaranowski, Schaefer

3. In test mass limit,  $m_1 \ll m_2$ , matches Schwarzschild Hamiltonian.

Wex and Schaefer

**Gives us confidence that our Hamiltonian is correct and lines up with LIGO's template construction.**