

Gravitational Waves from Scattering Amplitudes

The Eikonal Operator and Angular Momentum Losses

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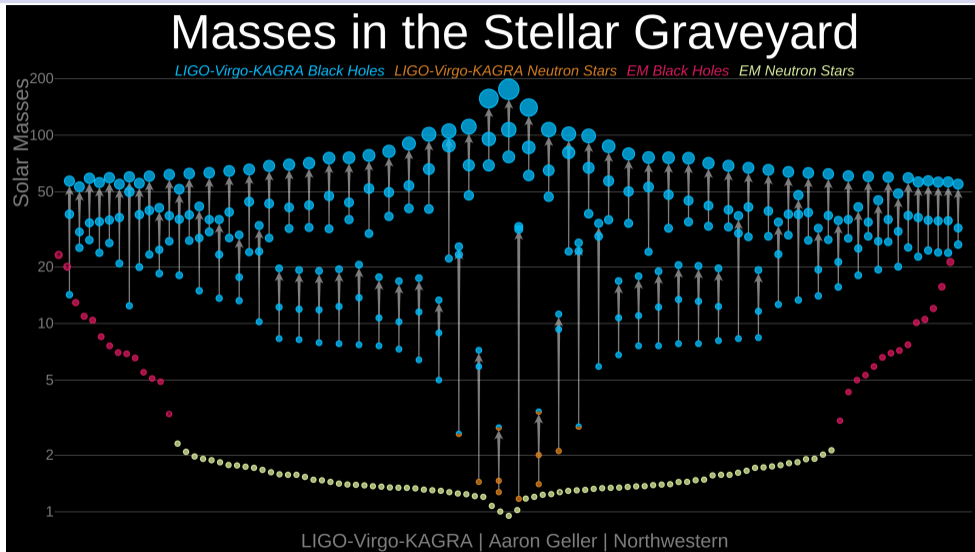
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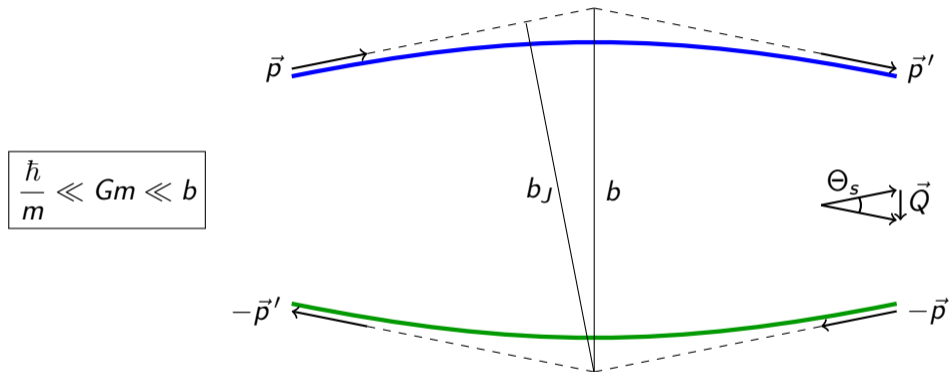
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Post-Minkowskian (PM) Scattering

[see e.g. Kosower, Maybee, O'Connell '18; Bern et al. '19; Di Vecchia, C.H., Russo, Veneziano '21; Bellazzini, Isabella, Riva '22]

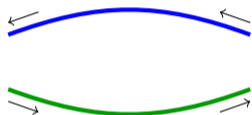


$$\frac{\hbar}{m} \ll Gm \ll b$$

$$\frac{Gm^2}{\hbar} \gg 1, \quad \frac{Gm}{b} \ll 1, \quad \sigma = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-v^2}} \geq 1 \text{ (generic).}$$

General Relativity from Scattering Amplitudes

- Weak-coupling expansion \leftrightarrow PM expansion
- Lorentz invariance \leftrightarrow generic velocities



$$\mathcal{A}_0 = \mathcal{O}(G)$$

$$\Theta_{1\text{PM}}$$

[Geissler '59]

$$\mathcal{A}_1 = \mathcal{O}(G^2)$$

$$\Theta_{2\text{PM}}$$

[Westpfahl '85]

[Cheung, Rothstein, Solon '18]
[Collado, Di Vecchia, Russo '19]

$$\mathcal{A}_2 = \mathcal{O}(G^3)$$

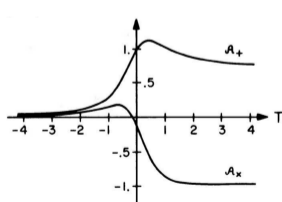
$$\Theta_{3\text{PM}}$$

[Bern et al. '19]
[Di Vecchia, C.H., Russo, Veneziano '20, '21]

$$\mathcal{A}_3 = \mathcal{O}(G^4)$$

$$\Theta_{4\text{PM}}^{(i=1,2)}$$

[Bern et al. '21]
[Dlopa et al. '21, '22]



$$\mathcal{A}_0^{\mu\nu} = \mathcal{O}(G^{\frac{3}{2}})$$

$$\tilde{\mathcal{W}}_{\text{LO}}^{\mu\nu}$$

[Kovacs, Thorne '78]

[Jakobsen, Mogull, Plefka, Steinhoff '21]
[Mougiakakos, Riva, Vernizzi '21]

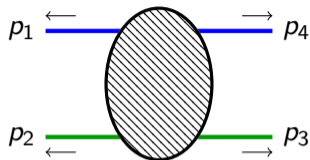
$$\mathcal{A}_1^{\mu\nu} = \mathcal{O}(G^{\frac{5}{2}})$$

$$\mathcal{W}_{\text{NLO}}^{\mu\nu}$$

[Brandhuber et al. '23]
[Herderschee, Roiban, Teng '23]
[Georgoudis, C.H., Vazquez-Holm '23]

- Study **scattering events**, then export to **bound trajectories** (analytic continuation)

The Elastic Eikonal



$$s = -(p_1 + p_2)^2 = E^2$$

$$= m_1^2 + 2m_1 m_2 \sigma + m_2^2,$$

$$t = -(p_1 + p_4)^2 = -q^2.$$

- From q to b : Fourier transform [$q \sim \mathcal{O}(\frac{\hbar}{b})$]

$$\tilde{\mathcal{A}}(b) = \frac{1}{4E\rho} \int \frac{d^{D-2}q}{(2\pi)^{D-2}} e^{ib \cdot q} \mathcal{A}(s, q), \quad \boxed{1 + i\tilde{\mathcal{A}}(b) = e^{2i\delta(b)}}$$

with $2\delta = 2\delta_0 + 2\delta_1 + 2\delta_2 + \dots \sim \frac{Gm^2}{\hbar} \left(\log b + \frac{Gm}{b} + \left(\frac{Gm}{b}\right)^2 + \dots \right)$

- From b to Q : stationary-phase approximation [$Q \sim \mathcal{O}(p \cdot \frac{Gm}{b})$]

$$\int d^{D-2}b e^{-ib \cdot Q} e^{i2\delta(b)} \implies Q_\mu = \frac{\partial \text{Re } 2\delta}{\partial b^\mu}$$

The 3PM Eikonal in General Relativity

[Di Vecchia, C.H., Russo, Veneziano '20, '21]

[Related work at 3PM: Bern et al.'19; Damour '20; Herrmann et al. '21, Bjerrum-Bohr et al.'21; Brandhuber et al.'21]

- Eikonal phase:

$$\text{Re } 2\delta_2 = \frac{4G^3 m_1^2 m_2^2}{b^2} \left[\frac{s(12\sigma^4 - 10\sigma^2 + 1)}{2m_1 m_2 (\sigma^2 - 1)^{\frac{3}{2}}} - \frac{\sigma(14\sigma^2 + 25)}{3\sqrt{\sigma^2 - 1}} - \frac{4\sigma^4 - 12\sigma^2 - 3}{\sigma^2 - 1} \text{arccosh } \sigma \right] + \text{Re } 2\delta_2^{\text{RR}}$$

with

$$\text{Re } 2\delta_2^{\text{RR}} = \frac{G}{2} Q_{\text{1PM}}^2 \mathcal{I}(\sigma), \quad \mathcal{I}(\sigma) \equiv \frac{8 - 5\sigma^2}{3(\sigma^2 - 1)} + \frac{\sigma(2\sigma^2 - 3)}{(\sigma^2 - 1)^{3/2}} \text{arccosh } \sigma.$$

- Infrared divergent exponential suppression:

$$\text{Im } 2\delta_2 = \frac{1}{\pi} \left[-\frac{1}{\epsilon} + \log(\sigma^2 - 1) \right] \text{Re } 2\delta_2^{\text{RR}} + \dots$$

Elastic Final State

- Final state (schematically):

$$|\text{out}\rangle = e^{2i\delta(b)}|\text{in}\rangle$$

- Impulse:

$$Q_\mu = \left(-i \langle \text{out} | \frac{\overset{\leftrightarrow}{\partial}}{\partial b^\mu} | \text{out} \rangle \right) / \langle \text{out} | \text{out} \rangle = \frac{\partial \text{Re } 2\delta}{\partial b^\mu}.$$

Problems:

- 1 How do we restore (nonperturbative) **unitarity**?

$$\langle \text{out} | \text{out} \rangle = e^{-\text{Im } 2\delta} \langle \text{in} | \text{in} \rangle \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{as } D \rightarrow 4$$

- 2 What about **gravitational wave emissions**?

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Operator Exponential

- **Option 1:** Look for an exponential structure in the full S -matrix [Damgaard, Planté, Vanhove '21]

$$S = 1 + iT = e^{iN} \quad \boxed{|\text{out}\rangle = e^{iN}|\text{in}\rangle}$$

The “ N -matrix” elements \mathcal{B} are better behaved in the classical limit.

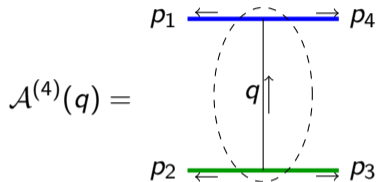
- **Option 2:** Look for an exponential structure in the classical limit,

$$\boxed{|\text{out}\rangle \simeq e^{2i\hat{\delta}}|\text{in}\rangle}$$

with $2\hat{\delta}$ a suitable **eikonal operator** [Cristofoli et al. '21] [Di Vecchia, CH, Russo, Veneziano '22].

The $2 \rightarrow 2$ Amplitude

[Parra-Martinez, Ruf, Zeng '20]



$$p_1^\mu = -\bar{m}_1 u_1^\mu + q^\mu/2$$

$$p_4^\mu = +\bar{m}_1 u_1^\mu + q^\mu/2$$

$$p_2^\mu = -\bar{m}_2 u_2^\mu - q^\mu/2$$

$$p_3^\mu = +\bar{m}_2 u_2^\mu - q^\mu/2$$

$$q \sim \hbar/b$$

- The “average velocities” $u_{1,2}^\mu$ obey

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

- We consider the physical variables

$$y = -u_1 \cdot u_2 \geq 1, \quad q^2.$$

Note that $y = \sigma + \mathcal{O}(\hbar^2)$ and $\bar{m}_{1,2} = m_{1,2} + \mathcal{O}(\hbar^2)$.

Tree-Level $2 \rightarrow 2$ Amplitude

- $2 \rightarrow 2$ amplitude in momentum space

$$\mathcal{A}_0^{(4)} = \mathcal{B}_0^{(4)} = \text{Diagram} = \frac{32\pi G \bar{m}_1^2 \bar{m}_2^2 \left(y^2 - \frac{1}{2(1-\epsilon)} \right)}{q^2} + \left[\frac{4\pi G (\bar{m}_1^2 + \bar{m}_2^2)}{1-\epsilon} + \frac{\pi G (3-2\epsilon)}{\epsilon-1} q^2 \right]$$

analytic in q^2

- In impact-parameter space $\boxed{1 + i\tilde{\mathcal{A}}^{(4)} \simeq e^{2i\delta_0}}$

$$\tilde{\mathcal{A}}_0^{(4)} = \tilde{\mathcal{B}}_0^{(4)} = 2\delta_0 = \frac{4Gm_1m_2 \left(\sigma^2 - \frac{1}{2(1-\epsilon)} \right)}{2\sqrt{\sigma^2 - 1}} \frac{\Gamma(-\epsilon)}{(\pi b)^{-\epsilon}}$$

+ short-range

One-Loop $2 \rightarrow 2$ Amplitude

[Cheung, Rothstein, Solon '18; Collado, Di Vecchia, Russo '19]

Elastic subtraction:

$$\mathcal{A}_1^{(4)} = \text{[Diagram: A grey ring with two blue lines on top and two green lines on bottom]} = \frac{i}{2} \text{[Diagram: Two grey ovals on top and two green lines on bottom]} + \mathcal{B}_1^{(4)}$$

with

$$\mathcal{B}_1^{(4)} = \frac{6\pi^2 G^2 \bar{m}_1^2 \bar{m}_2^2 (5y^2 - 1) (\bar{m}_1 + \bar{m}_2)}{\sqrt{q^2}}$$

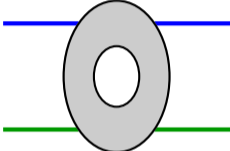
in $D = 4$

- The subtracted term $\frac{i}{2}$ [Diagram: Two grey ovals on top and two green lines on bottom] is **imaginary** and **infrared divergent**
- It is also “superclassical” $\mathcal{O}(\frac{1}{\hbar^2})$
- $\mathcal{B}_1^{(4)}$ is **real**, **finite** and **classical** $\mathcal{O}(\frac{1}{\hbar})$ [and **tr. weight 2**].

Elastic Exponentiation at One Loop

[Collado, Di Vecchia, Russo '19]

Inelastic subtraction in b -space:


$$\tilde{\mathcal{A}}_1^{(4)} = \text{FT} \quad = \frac{i}{2} (2\delta_0)^2 + \tilde{\mathcal{B}}_1^{(4)}$$

- This matches the exponential $1 + i\tilde{\mathcal{A}}^{(4)} \simeq e^{i(2\delta_0+2\delta_1)}$

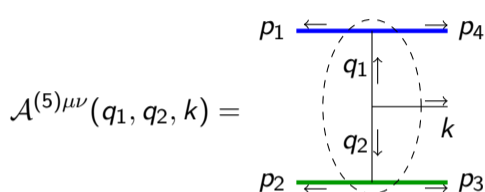
- And it identifies

$$\tilde{\mathcal{B}}_1^{(4)} = 2\delta_1 = \frac{3\pi G^2 m_1 m_2 (5\sigma^2 - 1) (m_1 + m_2)}{4b\sqrt{\sigma^2 - 1}}$$

$D = 4$, which determines 2PM correction to the deflection angle.

The 2 \rightarrow 3 Amplitude

[Brandhuber et al. '23; Herderschee, Teng, Roiban '23] [Georgoudis, CH, Vazquez-Holm '23]



$$\begin{aligned}
 p_1^\mu &= -\bar{m}_1 u_1^\mu + q_1^\mu/2 \\
 p_4^\mu &= +\bar{m}_1 u_1^\mu + q_1^\mu/2 \\
 p_2^\mu &= -\bar{m}_2 u_2^\mu + q_2^\mu/2 \\
 p_3^\mu &= +\bar{m}_2 u_2^\mu + q_2^\mu/2 \\
 q_1 &\sim q_2 \sim k \sim \hbar/b
 \end{aligned}$$

- The “average velocities” $u_{1,2}^\mu$ obey

$$u_1^2 = -1 = u_2^2 \quad \& \quad u_1 \cdot q_1 = 0 = u_2 \cdot q_2$$

- We consider the physical variables

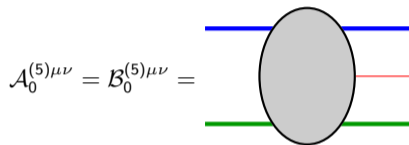
$$y = -u_1 \cdot u_2 \geq 1, \quad \omega_{1,2} = -u_{1,2} \cdot k \geq 0, \quad q_{1,2}^2.$$

Note that $y = \sigma + \mathcal{O}(\hbar)$ and $\bar{m}_{1,2} = m_{1,2} + \mathcal{O}(\hbar^2)$.

Tree-Level 2 \rightarrow 3 Amplitude

[2 \rightarrow 3 amplitude: Goldberger, Ridgway '17; Luna, Nicholson, O'Connell, White '17] [Di Vecchia, CH, Russo, Veneziano, '21]

Gauge-invariant amplitude $k_\mu \mathcal{A}_0^{(5)\mu\nu} = 0$,



$$\begin{aligned}
 &= (8\pi G)^{\frac{3}{2}} \left\{ 4m_1^2 m_2^2 (\sigma^2 - \frac{1}{D-2}) \left[-\frac{p_1^\mu p_1^\nu (k \cdot q_1)}{(p_1 \cdot k)^2 q_2^2} - \frac{p_2^\mu p_2^\nu (k \cdot q_2)}{(p_2 \cdot k)^2 q_1^2} + \frac{p_1^{(\mu} (q_1 - q_2)^{\nu)}}{2(p_1 \cdot k) q_2^2} - \frac{p_2^{(\mu} (q_1 - q_2)^{\nu)}}{2(p_2 \cdot k) q_1^2} \right. \right. \\
 &+ \left. \frac{(q_1 - q_2)^\mu (q_1 - q_2)^\nu}{2q_1^2 q_2^2} \right] + 8 \frac{((p_1 \cdot k) p_2^\mu - (p_2 \cdot k) p_1^\mu) ((p_1 \cdot k) p_2^\nu - (p_2 \cdot k) p_1^\nu)}{q_1^2 q_2^2} \\
 &+ (2p_1 \cdot p_2) \left(\frac{4p_1^\mu p_1^\nu \frac{k \cdot p_2}{k \cdot p_1} - 2p_1^{(\mu} p_2^{\nu)}}{q_2^2} + \frac{4p_2^\mu p_2^\nu \frac{k \cdot p_1}{k \cdot p_2} - 2p_1^{(\mu} p_2^{\nu)}}{q_1^2} + \frac{(q_1 - q_2)^{\mu} (-2(p_1 \cdot k) p_2 + 2(p_2 \cdot k) p_1)^{\nu}}{q_1^2 q_2^2} \right) \left. \right\}.
 \end{aligned}$$

One-Loop 2 \rightarrow 3 Amplitude

[Brandhuber et al. '23; Herderschee, Roiban, Teng '23] [Georgoudis, C.H., Vazquez-Holm '23]

Inelastic subtraction:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathcal{A}_1^{(5)} = & \frac{i}{2} \left[\text{Diagram 1} + \text{Diagram 2} \right] \\
 & + \frac{i}{2} \left[\text{Diagram 3} + \text{Diagram 4} \right] + \mathcal{B}_1^{(5)}
 \end{aligned}$$

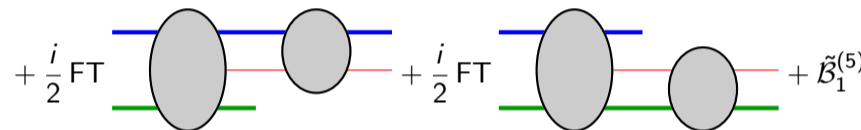
with $\mathcal{B}_1^{(5)}$ a rational function of ($\sqrt{\text{of}}$) $y, \omega_1, \omega_2, q_1^2, q_2^2$.

- The subtracted terms are all **imaginary** and **infrared divergent**
- $\frac{i}{2} \left[\text{Diagram 1} + \text{Diagram 2} \right] + \frac{i}{2} \left[\text{Diagram 3} + \text{Diagram 4} \right]$ are also “superclassical” $\mathcal{O}(\frac{1}{\hbar^2})$
- The leftover $\mathcal{B}_1^{(5)}$ is **real**, **finite** and **classical** $\mathcal{O}(\frac{1}{\hbar})$ [and **tr. weight 2**].

Inelastic Exponentiation at One Loop

[Brandhuber et al. '23; Herderschee, Roiban, Teng '23] [Georgoudis, C.H., Vazquez-Holm '23]

Inelastic subtraction in b -space:

$$\tilde{\mathcal{A}}_1^{(5)} = 2i\delta_0 \tilde{\mathcal{B}}_0^{(5)} + \frac{i}{2} \text{FT} \left[\text{Diagram 1} \right] + \frac{i}{2} \text{FT} \left[\text{Diagram 2} \right] + \tilde{\mathcal{B}}_1^{(5)}$$


- This matches the **exponential** (here $\int_k \simeq \int \frac{d^D k}{(2\pi)^D} 2\pi\delta(k^2)\theta(k^0)$)

$$i\tilde{\mathcal{A}}_1^{(5)} = \langle \text{in} | a(k) e^{i(2\delta_0+2\delta_1)} e^{i\int_k [\tilde{\mathcal{W}}(k)a^\dagger(k) + \tilde{\mathcal{W}}^*(k)a(k)]} | \text{in} \rangle$$

with $\mathcal{B}_0^{(5)} = \mathcal{W}_0$.

Inelastic Final State

[Di Vecchia, C.H., Russo, Veneziano 2210.12118]

[cf. Kosower, Maybee, O'Connell '18; Damgaard, Planté, Vanhove '21; Cristofoli et al. '21]

Eikonal Exponentiation of Graviton Exchanges + Coherent Radiation

$$e^{2i\hat{\delta}(b_1, b_2)} = e^{i \operatorname{Re} 2\delta(b)} e^{i \int_k [\tilde{\mathcal{W}}(k) a^\dagger(k) + \tilde{\mathcal{W}}^*(k) a(k)]}.$$

- Final state (again, schematically):

$$|\text{out}\rangle = e^{2i\hat{\delta}(b_1, b_2)} |\text{in}\rangle$$

- **Unitarity:**

$$\langle \text{out} | \text{out} \rangle = \langle \text{in} | \text{in} \rangle = 1$$

- Consistency with the elastic exponentiation: by the BCH formula,

$$\langle \text{in} | \text{out} \rangle = e^{i \operatorname{Re} 2\delta(b)} e^{-\operatorname{Im} 2\delta(b)} = e^{2i\delta(b)}$$

because, by unitarity, $\operatorname{Im} 2\delta_2 = \frac{1}{2} \int_k \tilde{\mathcal{A}}_0^{(5)} \tilde{\mathcal{A}}_0^{(5)*}$.

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Warm-Up: Radiated Energy-Momentum

[Kosower, Maybee, O'Connell '18; Herrmann, Parra-Martinez, Ruf, Zeng '21] [Di Vecchia, C.H., Russo, Veneziano 2210.12118]

- $\langle \text{out} | \hat{P}^\alpha | \text{out} \rangle = \mathbf{P}^\alpha$

- In terms of the waveform

$$\mathbf{P}^\alpha = \int_k k^\alpha \tilde{\mathcal{A}}^{\mu\nu}(k) \left(\eta_{\mu\rho} \eta_{\nu\sigma} - \frac{1}{2} \eta_{\mu\nu} \eta_{\rho\sigma} \right) \tilde{\mathcal{A}}^{*\rho\sigma}(k) \equiv \int_k k^\alpha \tilde{\mathcal{A}} \tilde{\mathcal{A}}^* .$$

- Recast as the FT of a cut in momentum-space (**reverse unitarity**)

$$\mathbf{P}^\alpha = \text{FT} \int d(\text{LIPS}) k^\alpha$$

Same integrals appearing in the $2 \rightarrow 2$ amplitude!

Angular Momentum of the Static Gravitational Field $\mathcal{J}_{\alpha\beta}$

[Di Vecchia, CH, Russo '22] [see also: Veneziano, Vilkovisky '22; Javadinezhad, Porrati '22; Riva, Vernizzi, Whong '23].

Angular momentum/mass dipole loss due to static modes

$$\mathcal{J}^{\alpha\beta} = \frac{G}{2} \sum_{n,m} \left[\left(\sigma_{nm}^2 - \frac{1}{2} \right) \frac{\frac{\sigma_{nm} \operatorname{arccosh} \sigma_{nm} - 1}{\sqrt{\sigma_{nm}^2 - 1}}}{\sigma_{nm}^2 - 1} - \frac{2\sigma_{nm} \operatorname{arccosh} \sigma_{nm}}{\sqrt{\sigma_{nm}^2 - 1}} \right] (\eta_n - \eta_m) p_n^{[\alpha} p_m^{\beta]}.$$

- Here $-\eta_n \eta_m p_n \cdot p_m = m_n m_m \sigma_{nm}$ with $\eta_n = +1$ ($\eta_n = -1$) if n is outgoing (incoming).
- Matches [Damour '20; Manohar, Ridgway, Shen '22; Bini, Damour '22] up to $\mathcal{O}(G^3)$ upon expanding

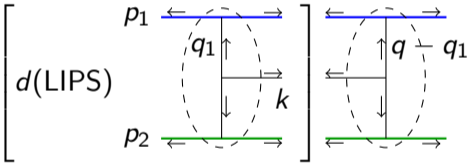
$$\mathcal{J}^{\alpha\beta} = -\frac{G}{2} (p_1 - p_2)^{[\alpha} Q^{\beta]} \mathcal{I}(\sigma) + \mathcal{O}(G^4), \quad Q^\mu = Q_{1\text{PM}}^\mu + Q_{2\text{PM}}^\mu + \mathcal{O}(G^3)$$

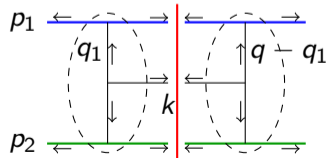
- Valid also in the case of tidally deformable [CH '22] or spinning objects [Alessio, Di Vecchia '22] [CH '23].

- $\langle \text{out} | \hat{L}_2^{\alpha\beta} | \text{out} \rangle - \langle \text{in} | \hat{L}_2^{\alpha\beta} | \text{in} \rangle = \Delta L_2^{\alpha\beta} + \Delta L_{2\text{cons}}^{\alpha\beta} + \Delta \mathcal{L}_2^{\alpha\beta}$ where

$$\Delta L_2^{\alpha\beta} = \text{Im } J_2^{\alpha\beta} + b_2^{[\alpha} \Delta P_2^{\beta]}, \quad J_{2\alpha\beta} = \int_k p_{2[\alpha} \frac{\partial \tilde{\mathcal{A}}^{(5)}}{\partial p_2^{\beta]}} \tilde{\mathcal{A}}^{(5)*}.$$

- Reverse unitarity:

$$J_{2\alpha\beta} = \text{FT} \int u_{2[\alpha} \frac{\partial}{\partial u_2^{\beta]}} \left[d(\text{LIPS}) \right]$$


$$+ u_{2[\alpha} \text{FT} \frac{\partial}{\partial q_{\parallel 2}} \int d(\text{LIPS}) (q_1 + k)_{\beta]}$$


Angular Momentum Balance

- Convenient functions: $C\sqrt{\sigma^2 - 1} = -\mathcal{E}_+ + \sigma\mathcal{E}_-$, $\mathcal{F} = \pm\mathcal{E}_\pm \mp \frac{1}{2}\mathcal{E}$.
- Radiated angular momentum [Manohar, Ridgway, Shen '21]

$$\mathbf{J}^{\alpha\beta} = \frac{G^3 m_1^2 m_2^2}{b^3} \mathcal{F} \left(b^{[\alpha} \check{u}_1^{\beta]} - b^{[\alpha} \check{u}_2^{\beta]} \right).$$

- Radiative changes of mechanical angular momentum [Di Vecchia, CH, Russo, Veneziano '22]

$$\Delta \mathbf{L}_1^{\alpha\beta} = \frac{G^3 m_1^2 m_2^2}{b^3} \left[+ \frac{\mathcal{E}_+ b^{[\alpha} u_1^{\beta]}}{\sigma - 1} - \frac{1}{2} \mathcal{E} b^{[\alpha} \check{u}_2^{\beta]} \right],$$
$$\Delta \mathbf{L}_2^{\alpha\beta} = \frac{G^3 m_1^2 m_2^2}{b^3} \left[- \frac{\mathcal{E}_+ b^{[\alpha} u_2^{\beta]}}{\sigma - 1} + \frac{1}{2} \mathcal{E} b^{[\alpha} \check{u}_1^{\beta]} \right].$$

$$\boxed{\mathbf{J}^{\alpha\beta} + \Delta \mathbf{L}_1^{\alpha\beta} + \Delta \mathbf{L}_2^{\alpha\beta} = 0}$$

Summary and Outlook

- An **operator version of the eikonal exponentiation** emerges from $2 \rightarrow 2$ and $2 \rightarrow 3$ amplitude up to one loop
- It can be used to calculate **radiative** observables, like the **angular momentum** loss(es)
- It provides a flexible framework to also include **tidal** and **spin** effects.

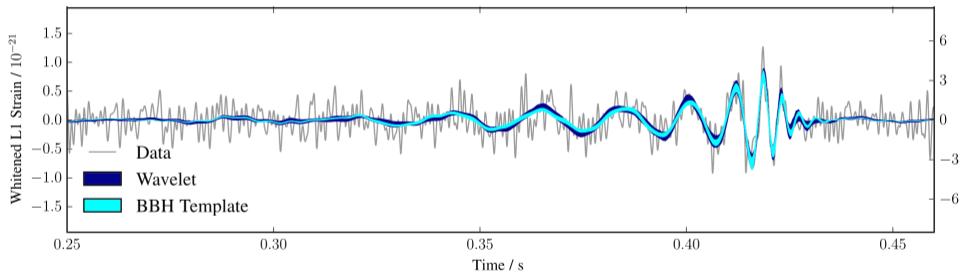
For the future:

- **Analytic results** for the subleading waveform? [cf. Caron-Huot, Giroux, Hannesdottir, Mizera '23]
- **Beyond coherent-state** approximation? E.g. $a^\dagger a$
- **Differential** spectrum? **Integrated** P_{rad} and J_{rad} at $\mathcal{O}(G^4)$?
- Subleading **$\log \omega$** soft theorems? [Sen et al.'19]
- Comparison with the **PN literature**

ADDITIONAL MATERIAL

Waveform Templates

[LIGO Scientific Collaboration '16]



Inspiral
Weak gravity

Merger
Strong gravity

Ringdown
Small oscillations

Analytical Approximation Methods

- **Post-Newtonian (PN)**: expansion “for small G and small v ”

$$\frac{Gm}{rc^2} \sim \frac{v^2}{c^2} \ll 1.$$

- **Post-Minkowskian (PM)**: expansion “for small G ”

$$\frac{Gm}{rc^2} \ll 1, \quad \text{generic } \frac{v^2}{c^2}.$$

- **Self-Force**: expansion in the near-probe limit $m_2 \ll m_1$ or

$$\nu = \frac{m_1 m_2}{(m_1 + m_2)^2} \ll 1.$$

General Relativity from Scattering Amplitudes

Idea

Extract the PM gravitational dynamics from scattering amplitudes.

- Weak-coupling expansion \leftrightarrow PM expansion

Weak-coupling: $\mathcal{A}_0 = \mathcal{O}(G)$ $\mathcal{A}_1 = \mathcal{O}(G^2)$ $\mathcal{A}_2 = \mathcal{O}(G^3)$ $\mathcal{A}_3 = \mathcal{O}(G^4)$

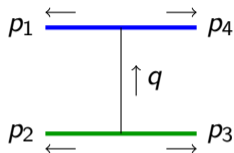
PM: 1PM 2PM 3PM 4PM
State of the art

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- Lorentz invariance \leftrightarrow generic velocities
- Study scattering events, then export to bound trajectories
(V_{eff} , analytic continuation...)

Example: the 1PM Eikonal

- Tree-level amplitude in $D = 4 - 2\epsilon$ dimensions



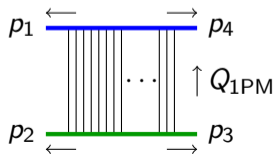
$$\mathcal{A}_0(s, q) = \frac{32\pi Gm_1^2 m_2^2 (\sigma^2 - \frac{1}{2-2\epsilon})}{q^2} + \dots$$

$$\tilde{\mathcal{A}}_0(s, b) = \frac{4Gm_1 m_2 (\sigma^2 - \frac{1}{2-2\epsilon})}{2\sqrt{\sigma^2 - 1}} \frac{\Gamma(-\epsilon)}{(\pi b^2)^{-\epsilon}}.$$

- Matching to the eikonal exponentiation [Kabat, Ortiz '92; Bjerrum-Bohr et al.'18]

$$e^{2i\delta_0} \xrightarrow{\text{"small } G"} 1 + i\tilde{\mathcal{A}}_0 \implies 2\delta_0 = \tilde{\mathcal{A}}_0.$$

- From $Q = \partial_b 2\delta$, we obtain the leading-order deflection



$$Q_{1\text{PM}} = \frac{4Gm_1 m_2 (\sigma^2 - \frac{1}{2})}{b\sqrt{\sigma^2 - 1}}$$

$$\Theta_{1\text{PM}} = \frac{4GE (\sigma^2 - \frac{1}{2})}{b(\sigma^2 - 1)}.$$

Smoothness and Universality of $\text{Re } 2\delta_2$ at High Energy

[Di Vecchia, C.H., Russo, Veneziano 2008.12743, 2101.05772, 2104.03256]

At high energy, as $\sigma \rightarrow \infty$ and $s \sim 2m_1 m_2 \sigma$, i.e. in the massless limit:

- the *complete* eikonal phase is smooth, **although** the conservative and radiation-reaction parts separately diverge like $\log \sigma$,
- its expression is the same in $\mathcal{N} = 8$ supergravity and in GR,

$$\text{Re } 2\delta_2 \sim Gs \frac{\Theta_s^2}{4}, \quad \Theta_s \sim \frac{4G\sqrt{s}}{b}$$

in agreement with [Amati, Ciafaloni, Veneziano '90].

The Initial State

[Kosower, Maybee, O'Connell '18]

- We model the **initial state** by $|\text{in}\rangle = |1\rangle \otimes |2\rangle$, with

$$|1\rangle = \int_{-p_1} \varphi_1(-p_1) e^{ib_1 \cdot p_1} | - p_1 \rangle$$

$$|2\rangle = \int_{-p_2} \varphi_2(-p_2) e^{ib_2 \cdot p_2} | - p_2 \rangle$$

and $\int_{-p_i} = \int 2\pi \delta(p_i^2 + m_i^2) \theta(-p_i^0) \frac{d^D p_i}{(2\pi)^D}$ the LIPS measure.

- **Wavepackets** $\varphi_i(-p_i)$ peaked around the classical incoming momenta.
- **Impact parameter** $b^\mu = b_1^\mu - b_2^\mu$ lies in the transverse plane $b \cdot p_1 = 0 = p_2 \cdot b$.

Elastic and Inelastic Fourier Transforms

- Elastic Fourier transform:

$$\begin{aligned}\text{FT } \mathcal{A}^{(4)} &= \int \frac{d^D q}{(2\pi)^D} 2\pi\delta(2\bar{m}_1 u_1 \cdot q) 2\pi\delta(2\bar{m}_2 u_2 \cdot q) e^{ib \cdot q} \mathcal{A}^{(4)}(q) \\ &\simeq \frac{1}{4Ep} \int \frac{d^{D-2} q}{(2\pi)^{D-2}} e^{ib \cdot q} \mathcal{A}(s, q) = \tilde{\mathcal{A}}^{(4)}.\end{aligned}$$

- Inelastic Fourier transform:

$$\begin{aligned}\text{FT } \mathcal{A}^{(5)} &= \int \frac{d^D q_1}{(2\pi)^D} \frac{d^D q_2}{(2\pi)^D} (2\pi)^D \delta^{(D)}(q_1 + q_2 + k) \\ &\quad \times 2\pi\delta(2\bar{m}_1 u_1 \cdot q_1) 2\pi\delta(2\bar{m}_2 u_2 \cdot q_2) e^{ib_1 \cdot q_1 + ib_2 \cdot q_2} \mathcal{A}^{(5)}(q_1, q_2, k) \\ &\simeq \tilde{\mathcal{A}}^{(5)}(k).\end{aligned}$$

Eikonal Final State

[Di Vecchia, C.H., Russo, Veneziano 2210.12118] [cf. Cristofoli et al.'21]

Eikonal Exponentiation of Graviton Exchanges + Coherent Radiation

$$|\text{out}\rangle \simeq \int_{p_3} \int_{p_4} e^{-ib_1 \cdot p_4 - ib_2 \cdot p_3} \int \frac{d^D Q_1}{(2\pi)^D} \int \frac{d^D Q_2}{(2\pi)^D} \Phi_1(p_4 - Q_1) \Phi_2(p_3 - Q_2) \\ \times \int d^D x_1 \int d^D x_2 e^{i(b_1 - x_1) \cdot Q_1 + i(b_2 - x_2) \cdot Q_2} e^{2i\hat{\delta}(x_1, x_2)} |p_4, p_3, 0\rangle$$

with

$$e^{2i\hat{\delta}(x_1, x_2)} = e^{i \text{Re } 2\delta(b)} e^{i \int_k \left[\tilde{\mathcal{A}}_j(x_1, x_2, k) a_j^\dagger(k) + \tilde{\mathcal{A}}_j^*(x_1, x_2, k) a_j(k) \right]}$$

Here

- b is the projection of $x_1 - x_2$ orthogonal to $p_4 - Q_1/2$, $p_3 - Q_2/2$,
- $\tilde{\mathcal{A}}_j = \varepsilon_{j\mu\nu} \tilde{\mathcal{A}}^{\mu\nu}$ is the impact-parameter space $2 \rightarrow 3$ amplitude.

N -Operator, T -Operator and Unitarity

- **N -operator:** $S = e^{iN}$

$$N = -i \log(1 + iT) = T - \frac{i}{2} T^2 + \dots$$

up to one loop.

- **Unitarity:** $S^\dagger S = 1$,

$$\frac{1}{2}(T - T^\dagger) = +\frac{i}{2} T^\dagger T$$

- We shall denote by \mathcal{B} the N -matrix elements, just like \mathcal{A} denotes the the usual amplitudes (T -matrix elements). Then, by unitarity,

$$\mathcal{B}_0 = \mathcal{A}_0, \quad \mathcal{B}_1 = \text{Re } \mathcal{A}_1.$$

The KMOC Waveform Kernel

[Caron-Huot, Giroux, Hannesdottir, Mizera '23]

$$\mathcal{W}_1^{\text{KMOC}(5)} = \frac{i}{2} \text{Diagram 1} - \frac{i}{2} \text{Diagram 2} + \frac{i}{2} \text{Diagram 3} + \frac{i}{2} \text{Diagram 4} + \mathcal{B}_1^{(5)}$$

with $\mathcal{B}_1^{(5)}$ the (real) N -matrix element.