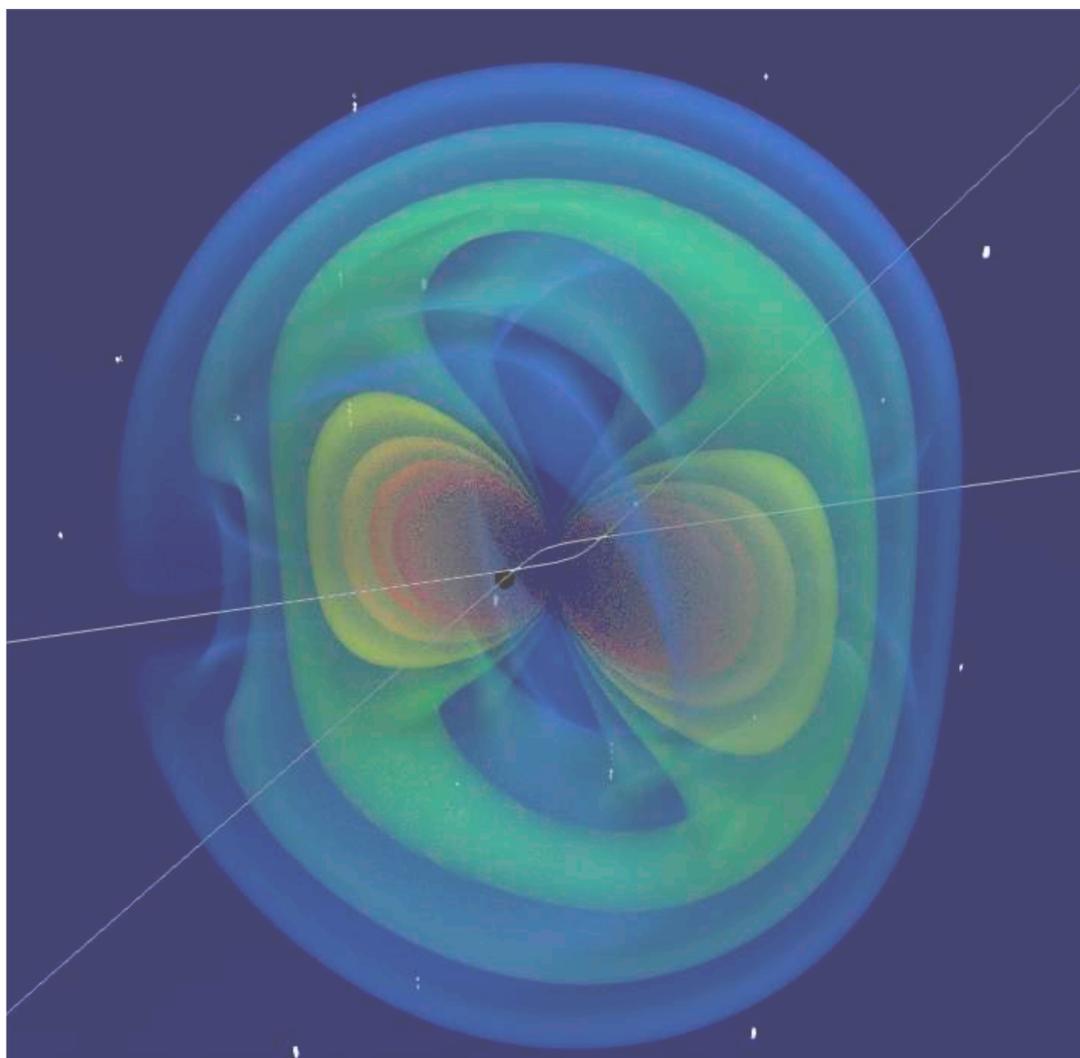


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HIGH PRECISION GRAVITATIONAL WAVE PHYSICS FROM A WORLDLINE QUANTUM FIELD THEORY



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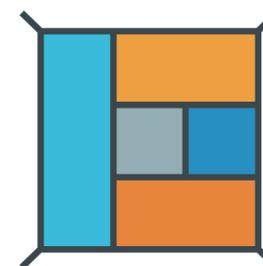
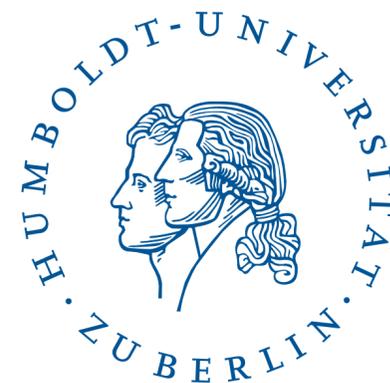
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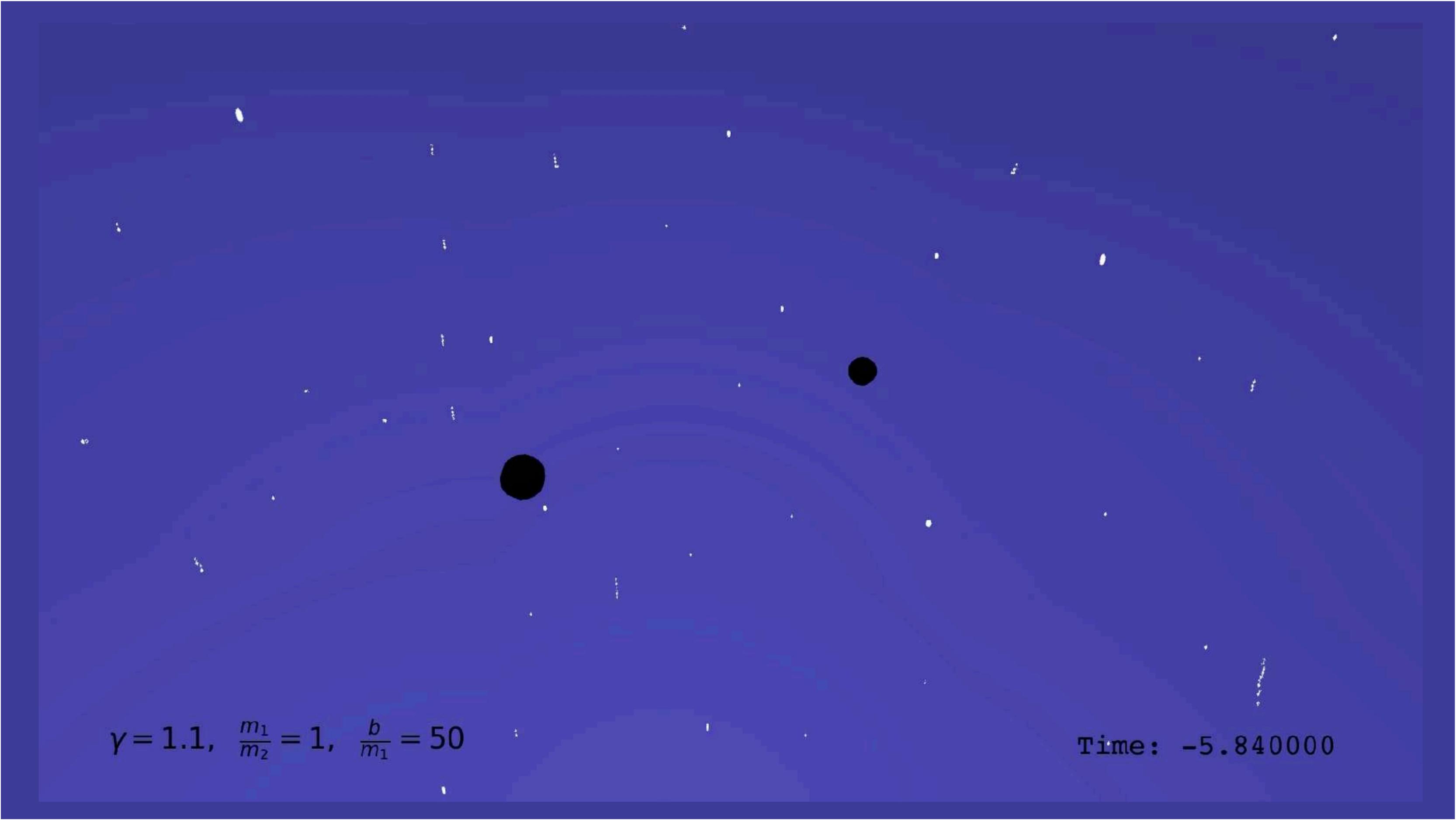
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**Rethinking
Quantum Field Theory**



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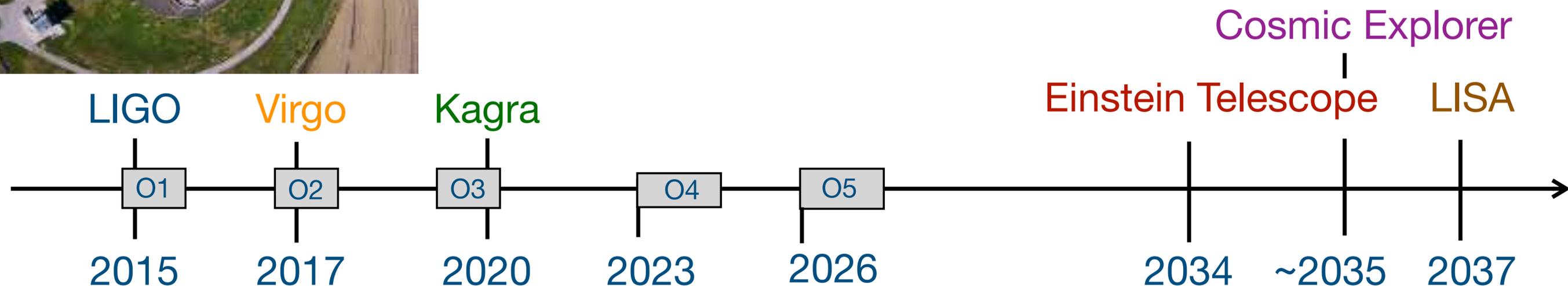
ERA OF GRAVITATIONAL WAVE PHYSICS: NEED FOR HIGH-PRECISION PREDICTIONS

- Upcoming 3rd generation of gravitational wave observatories with 10^2 sensitivity increase
- Need for accurate waveform predictions well beyond state-of-the-art

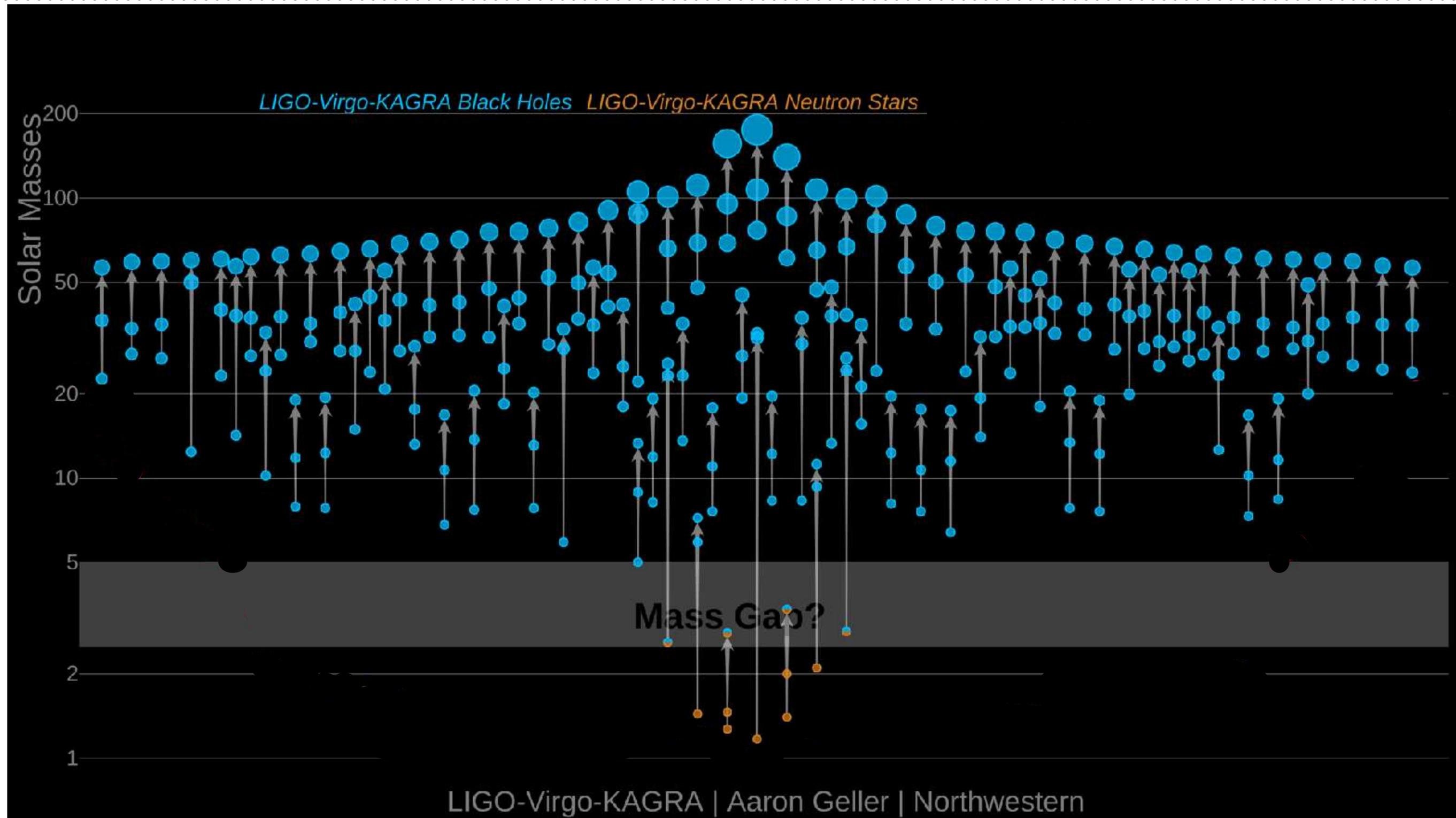


High-precision predictions necessary basis to study fundamental questions in physics:

- ▶ Is Einstein's theory correct?
- ▶ Black hole formation & population?
- ▶ Neutron star properties?
- ▶ Physics beyond the standard model?



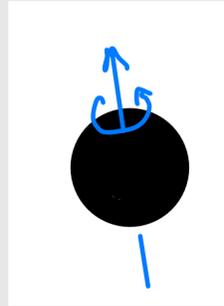
GRAVITATIONAL WAVES: A NEW OBSERVATIONAL ERA



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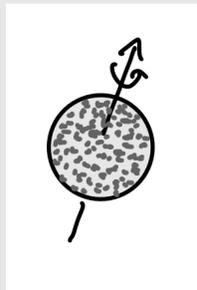
GRAVITATIONAL TWO-BODY PROBLEM

Black Hole



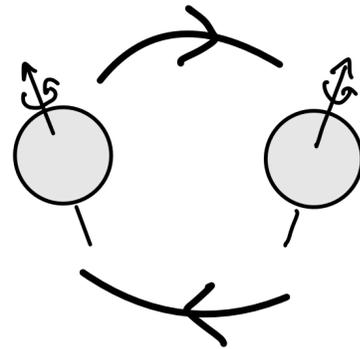
mass, spin

Neutron Star

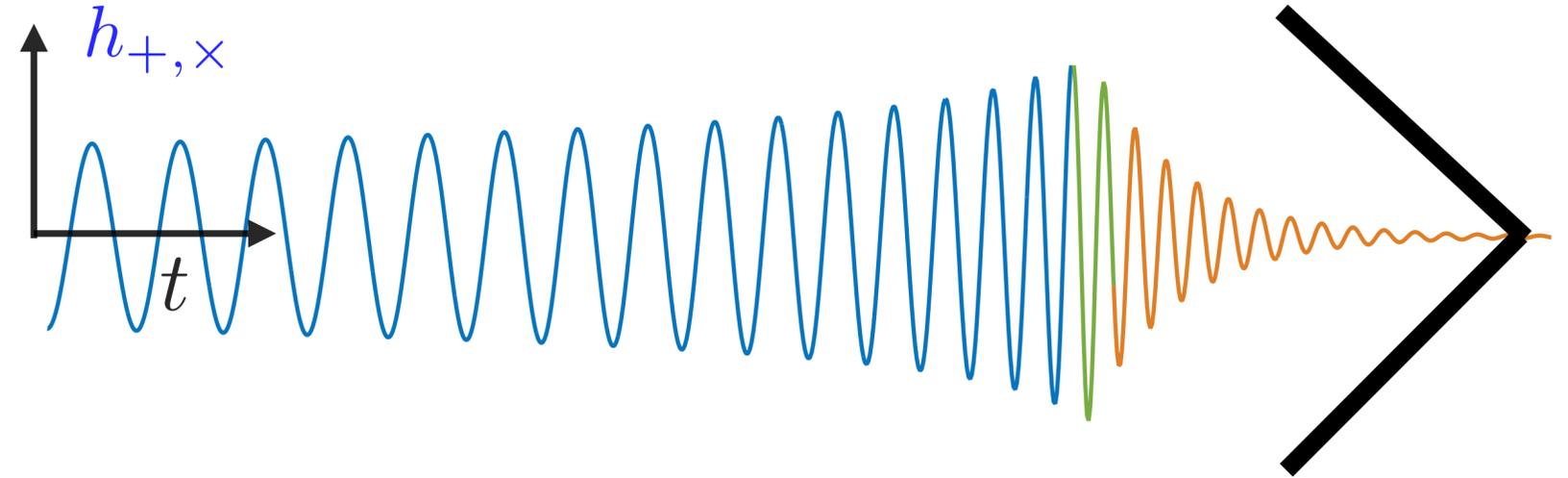


mass, spin, radius,
tidal deformability

Black Hole/Neutron Star Binaries:



Bound state



inspiral

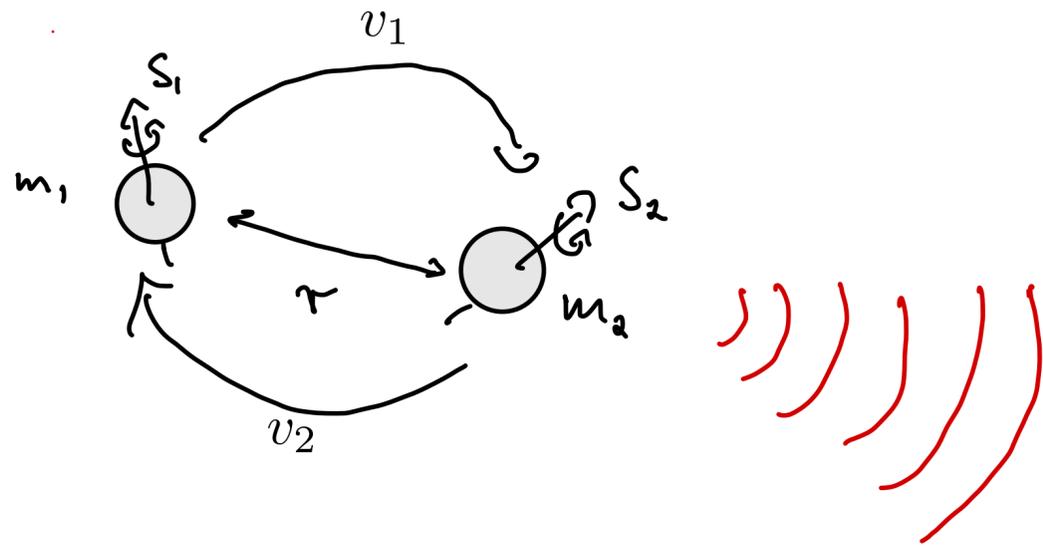
merger

- During **inspiral**: weak gravitational fields $g_{\mu\nu} = \eta_{\mu\nu} + \sqrt{G} h_{\mu\nu}$
- **Quantum** field theory formalism for **classical** two-body problem:

WORLDLINE QUANTUM FIELD THEORY

THE GENERAL RELATIVISTIC 2-BODY PROBLEM

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



Inspiral of 2 black holes or neutron stars:

Virial-theorem: $\frac{GM}{r} \sim v^2$ ($c = 1$)

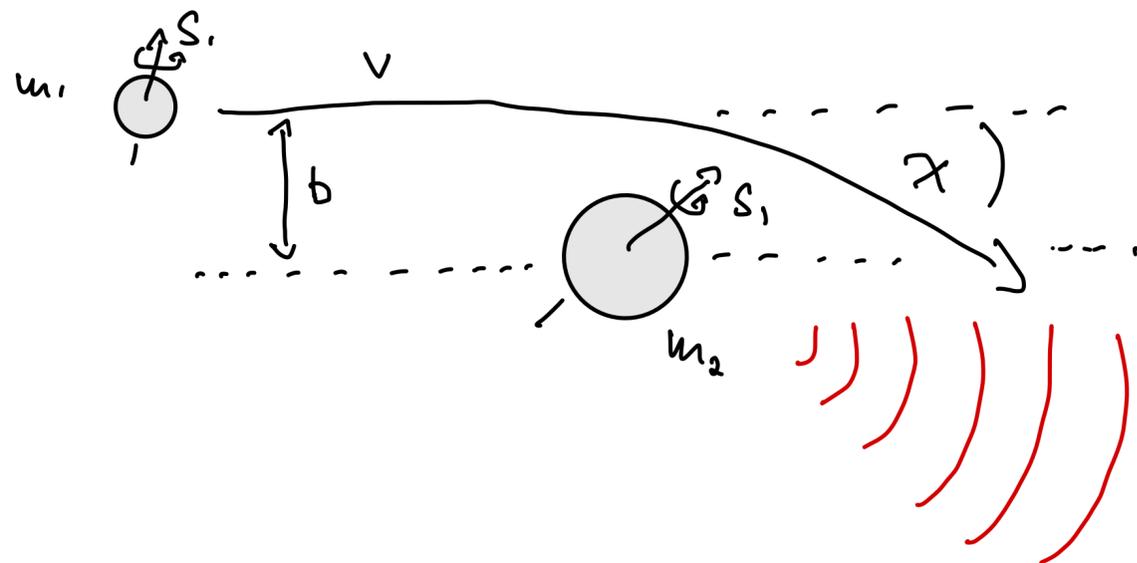
post-Newtonian (PN) expansion in G & v^2

Weak field expansion:

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

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

Newton's constant



Scattering of 2 black holes or neutron stars:

Weak field (G), but exact in v^2

post-Minkowskian (PM) expansion

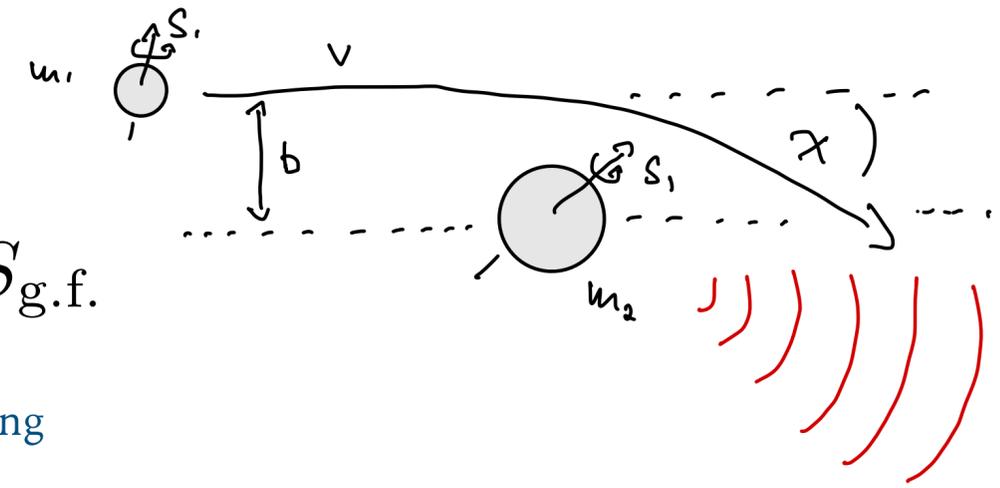
RELATIVISTIC TWO BODY PROBLEM IN PM: TRADITIONAL APPROACH

Point-particle approximation for BHs (or NSs)

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

Point particle approximation

Bulk gravity & gauge fixing



1) Equations of motion:

$$R_{\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{2} g_{\mu\nu} = \frac{\kappa^2}{8} T_{\mu\nu}$$

Einstein's eqs.

$$\ddot{x}_i^\mu + \Gamma^\mu_{\nu\rho} \dot{x}_i^\nu \dot{x}_i^\rho = 0$$

Geodesic eqs.

2) Solve iteratively in G

$$g_{\mu\nu} = \eta_{\mu\nu} + \sqrt{G} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} G^n h_{\mu\nu}^{(n)}(x)$$

emitted radiation

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

straight line: „in“ state deflections

3) Construct observables

Far field waveform:

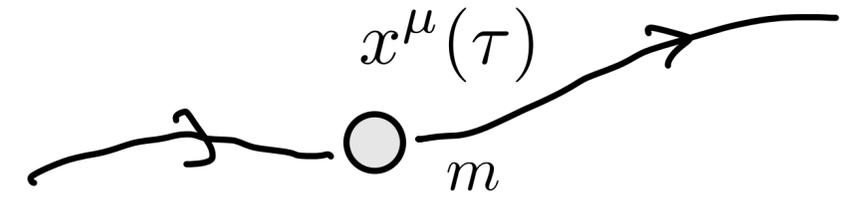
$$\lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} h_{\mu\nu} = \frac{f_{\mu\nu}(t-r, \theta, \varphi)}{r} + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{1}{r^2}\right)$$

„Impulse“ (change in momentum):

$$\Delta p_i^\mu = m_i \dot{x}_i^\mu \Big|_{\tau=-\infty}^{\tau=+\infty} = m_i \int d\tau \ddot{x}_i^\mu(\tau)$$

- Model Black Holes/Neutron Stars as a point particles

$$S_{\text{BH/NS}} = -\frac{m}{2} \int d\tau g_{\mu\nu} \dot{x}^\mu(\tau) \dot{x}^\nu(\tau) + [\text{spin \& tidal effects}]$$



They interact through Einstein's gravity:

$$S = S_{\text{BH/NS}} + \frac{1}{16\pi G} \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} R(g)$$

- Scattering scenario: $x_i^\mu(\tau) = b_i^\mu + v_i^\mu \tau + z^\mu(\tau)$ $g_{\mu\nu} = \eta_{\mu\nu} + \sqrt{G} h_{\mu\nu}$
- Path integral quantisation perturbative in Newton's constant G but exact in velocity

$$\langle \mathcal{O} \rangle_{\text{WQFT}} = \int D[h, z] \mathcal{O} e^{-\frac{i}{\hbar} S[z, h]} \xrightarrow{\hbar \rightarrow 0}$$

Tree-level one-point functions $\langle h_{\mu\nu} \rangle$ and $\langle z^\mu \rangle$
solve classical equations of motion

⇒ Advanced quantum field theory technology for classical gravitational wave physics

WORLDLINE QUANTUM FIELD THEORY: PROPAGATORS

$$S_{\text{WQFT}} = -\frac{m}{2} \int d\tau g_{\mu\nu} \dot{x}^\mu(\tau) \dot{x}^\nu(\tau) + \frac{1}{16\pi G} \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} R(g)$$

■ Scattering scenario: $x_i^\mu(\tau) = b_i^\mu + v_i^\mu \tau + z^\mu(\tau)$ $g_{\mu\nu} = \eta_{\mu\nu} + \sqrt{G} h_{\mu\nu}$

■ Worldline propagators: $z^\mu \xrightarrow{\omega} z^\nu$ $\langle z^\mu(\omega) z^\nu(-\omega) \rangle = -\frac{i}{m} \frac{\eta_{\mu\nu}}{(\omega + i0)^2}$

■ Perturbative (quantum) gravity:

$$\sqrt{-g} R(g) \xrightarrow{\hspace{2cm}} -\frac{1}{2} h_{\mu\nu} (P^{-1})^{\mu\nu;\rho\sigma} \square h_{\rho\sigma} + \sqrt{G} [\partial^2 h^3] + \sqrt{G}^2 [\partial^2 h^4] + \sqrt{G}^3 [\partial^2 h^5] + \dots$$

$$g_{\mu\nu} = \eta_{\mu\nu} + \sqrt{G} h_{\mu\nu}$$

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

⇒ graviton propagator:

$$\begin{array}{c} \mu\nu \rightarrow \rho\sigma \\ \bullet \text{---} \text{wavy} \text{---} \bullet \\ - \quad k \quad + \end{array} = i \frac{P_{\mu\nu;\rho\sigma}}{(k^0 + i0)^2 - \mathbf{k}^2}$$

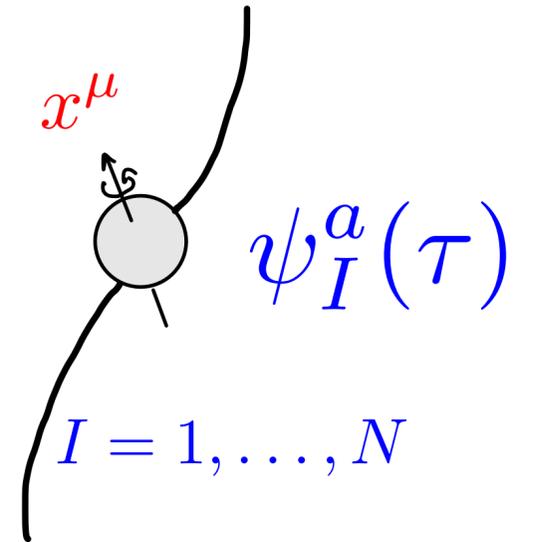
N.B. need to take retarded propagator (in-in formalism)

PUTTING SPIN ON THE WORLD-LINE

[Jakobsen, Mogull, JP, Steinhoff]

- Hidden **supersymmetry** of spinning-black holes!

Add anti-commuting fields ψ^a : Captures (Spin)^N interactions



- Spin-orbit & spin-spin interactions via $N = 2$ superparticle action

$$S_{\text{BH/NS}} = -m \int d\tau \left[\frac{1}{2} g_{\mu\nu} \dot{x}^\mu \dot{x}^\nu + i\bar{\psi} D_\tau \psi + \frac{1}{2} R_{abcd} \bar{\psi}^a \psi^b \bar{\psi}^c \psi^d + C_E R_{\alpha\mu b\nu} \dot{x}^\mu \dot{x}^\nu \bar{\psi}^a \psi^b \bar{\psi} \cdot \psi \right]$$

spin degrees of freedom

neutron star term

Scattering scenario:

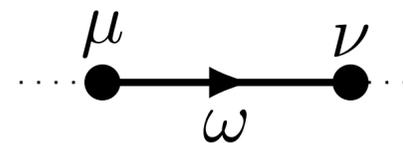
$$x_i^\mu(\tau) = b_i^\mu + v_i^\mu \tau + z_i^\mu(\tau)$$

$$\psi_i^a(\tau) = \Psi_i^a + \psi_i'^a(\tau)$$

Spin tensor of BHs/NSs

$$S_i^{ab} = -2im \bar{\psi}_i^{[a} \psi_i^{b]}$$

Quantize $z_i^\mu, \psi_i'^a, \bar{\psi}_i'^a$



$$\langle \psi^a(\omega) \bar{\psi}^b(-\omega) \rangle = \frac{-i\eta^{ab}}{m(\omega + i0)}$$

TIDAL INTERACTIONS

- First layer of tidal & finite size effects:

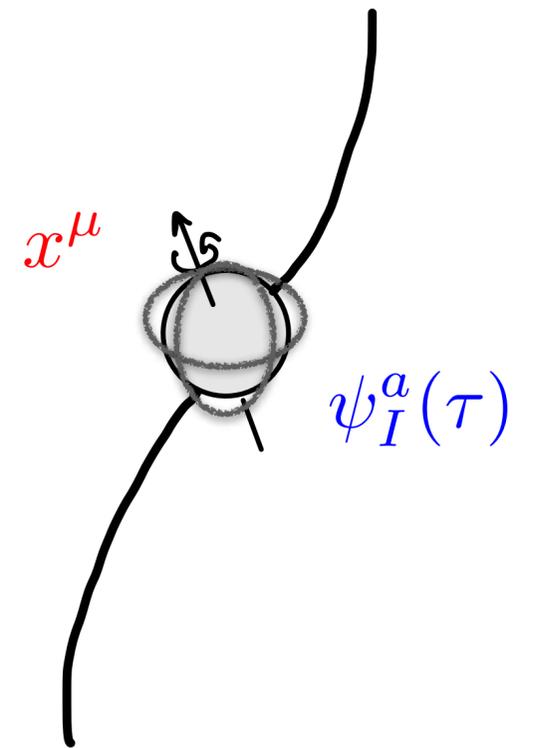
$$S_{\text{tidal}} = m \int d\tau \left[c_{E^2} E_{\mu\nu} E^{\mu\nu} + c_{B^2} B_{\mu\nu} B^{\mu\nu} \right]$$

Electric and magnetic curvature:

$$E_{\mu\nu} := R_{\mu\alpha\nu\beta} \dot{x}^\alpha \dot{x}^\beta$$

$$B_{\mu\nu} := R^*_{\mu\alpha\nu\beta} \dot{x}^\alpha \dot{x}^\beta$$

Wilson coefficients (or „Love numbers“): c_{E^2} & c_{B^2} (vanish for black holes)



WORLDLINE QUANTUM FIELD THEORY: VERTICES

- Worldline vertices: n -gravitons & m world-line fluctuations

$$V_{n|m} = \text{[Diagram: A central vertex with } n \text{ wavy lines (gravitons) labeled } k_1, \dots, k_n \text{ and } m \text{ solid lines (world-line fluctuations) labeled } \omega_1, \dots, \omega_m \text{ meeting at a point.]} = m \sqrt{G}^n e^{ib \cdot \sum_j k_j} \delta \left(v \cdot \sum_{j=1}^n k_j + \sum_{i=1}^m \omega_i \right) \times \left(\begin{array}{l} \text{polynomial in } \omega_i, k_j \\ \text{of degree } 2n + m \\ \text{depending on } v^\mu, S^{\mu\nu} \end{array} \right) + C_E, C_{E^2}, C_{B^2} \text{ for neutron stars}$$

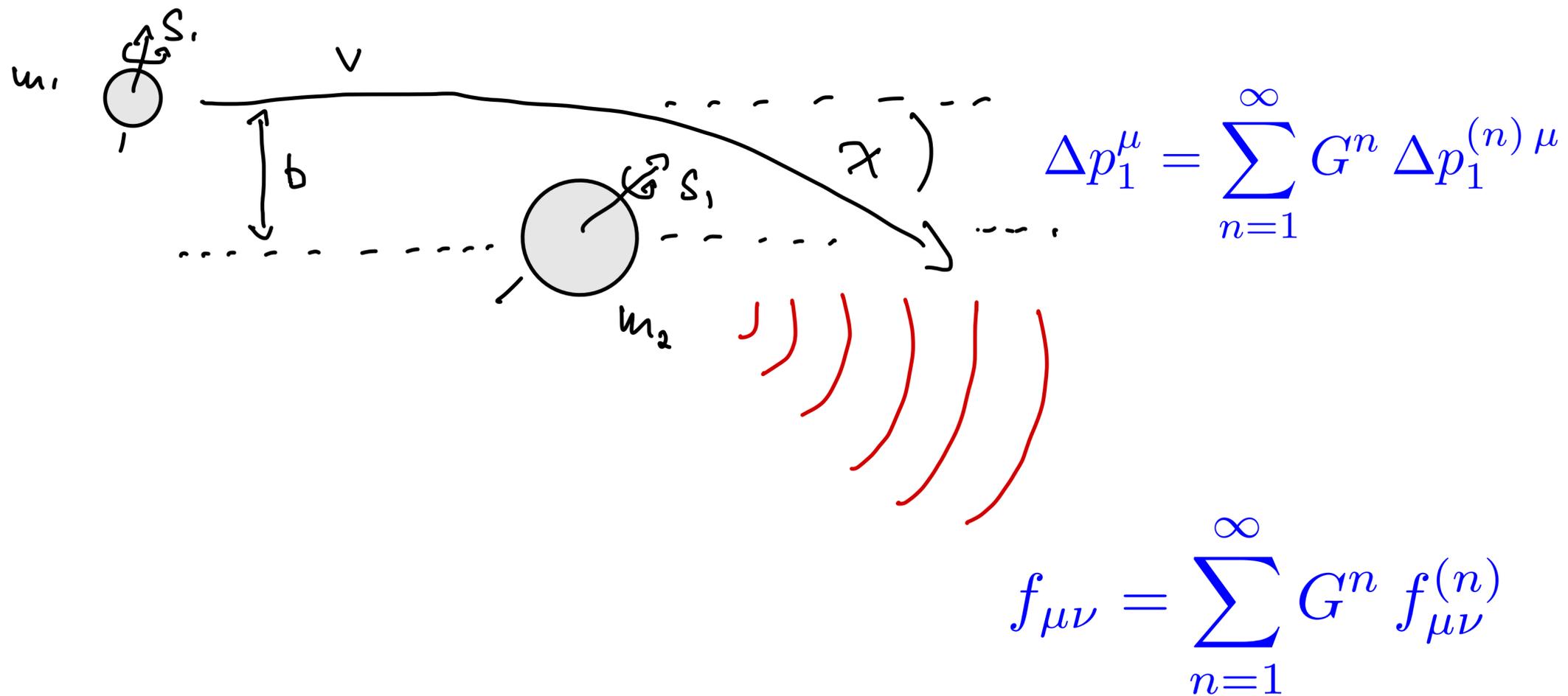
Energy conservation on worldline

- „Bulk“ graviton vertices:

$$\begin{array}{cccc}
 \text{[3-graviton vertex]} & \sim \sqrt{G} k^2 & \text{[4-graviton vertex]} & \sim \sqrt{G}^2 k^2, \\
 \text{[5-graviton vertex]} & \sim \sqrt{G}^3 k^2 & \text{[6-graviton vertex]} & \sim \sqrt{G}^4 k^2, \dots
 \end{array}$$

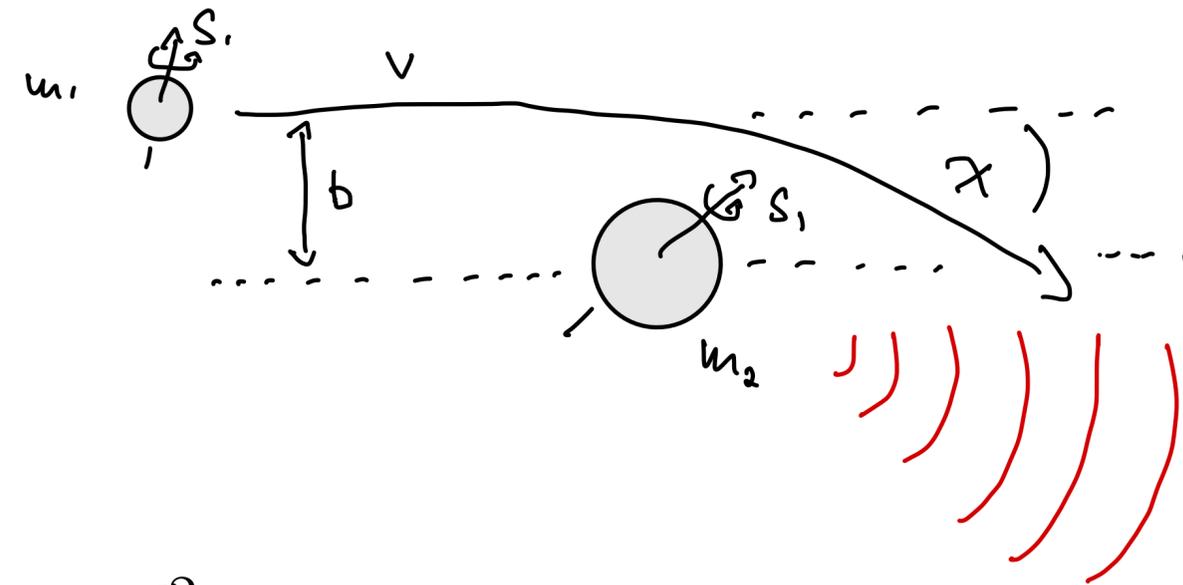
Four-momentum conservation in bulk $\delta^4(\sum p)$

WQFT OBSERVABLES



OBSERVABLES OF WQFT: ONE POINT FUNCTIONS

Spin-less BH/NS scattering:



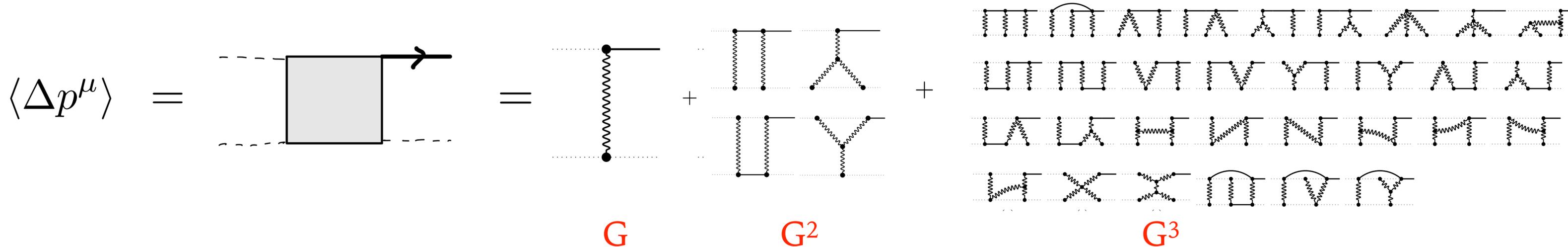
1) Impulse (change of momentum)

$$\Delta p_i^\mu = m_i \langle \dot{x}_i^\mu \rangle \Big|_{\tau=-\infty}^{\tau=+\infty} = m_i \int d\tau \langle \ddot{x}_i^\mu(\tau) \rangle = m_i \int d\tau \frac{d^2}{d\tau^2} \langle z_i^\mu(\tau) \rangle = -m_i \omega^2 \langle z_i^\mu(\omega) \rangle \Big|_{\omega \rightarrow 0}$$

Fourier trans. \uparrow

Needs sum of all graphs with outgoing z -line:

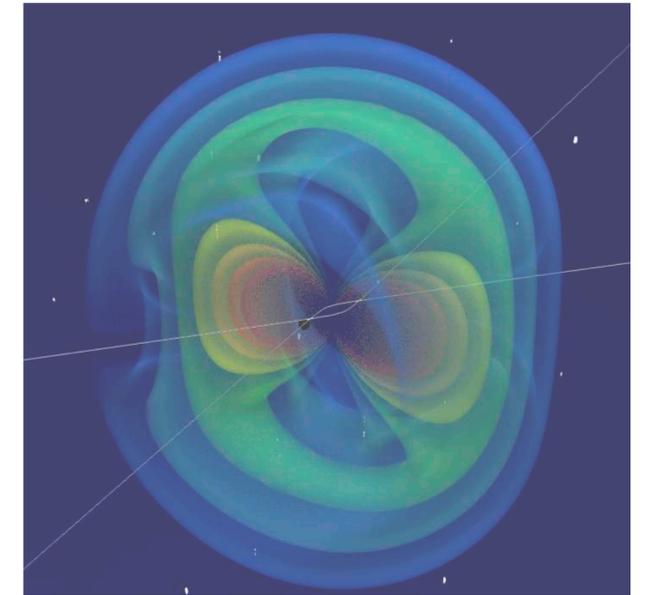
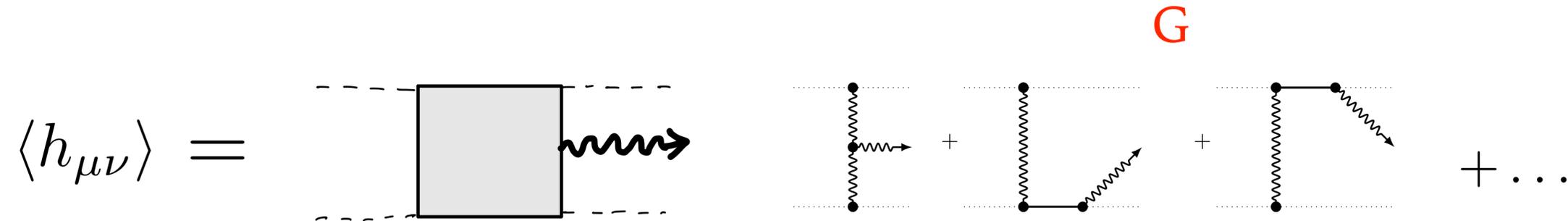
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OBSERVABLES OF WQFT: ONE POINT FUNCTIONS

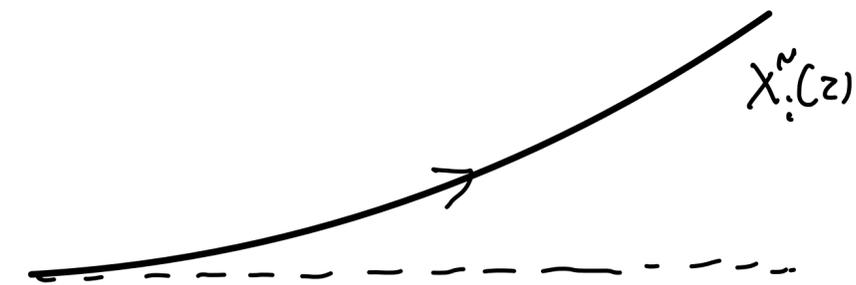
2) Emitted Waveform (Gravitational Bremsstrahlung)

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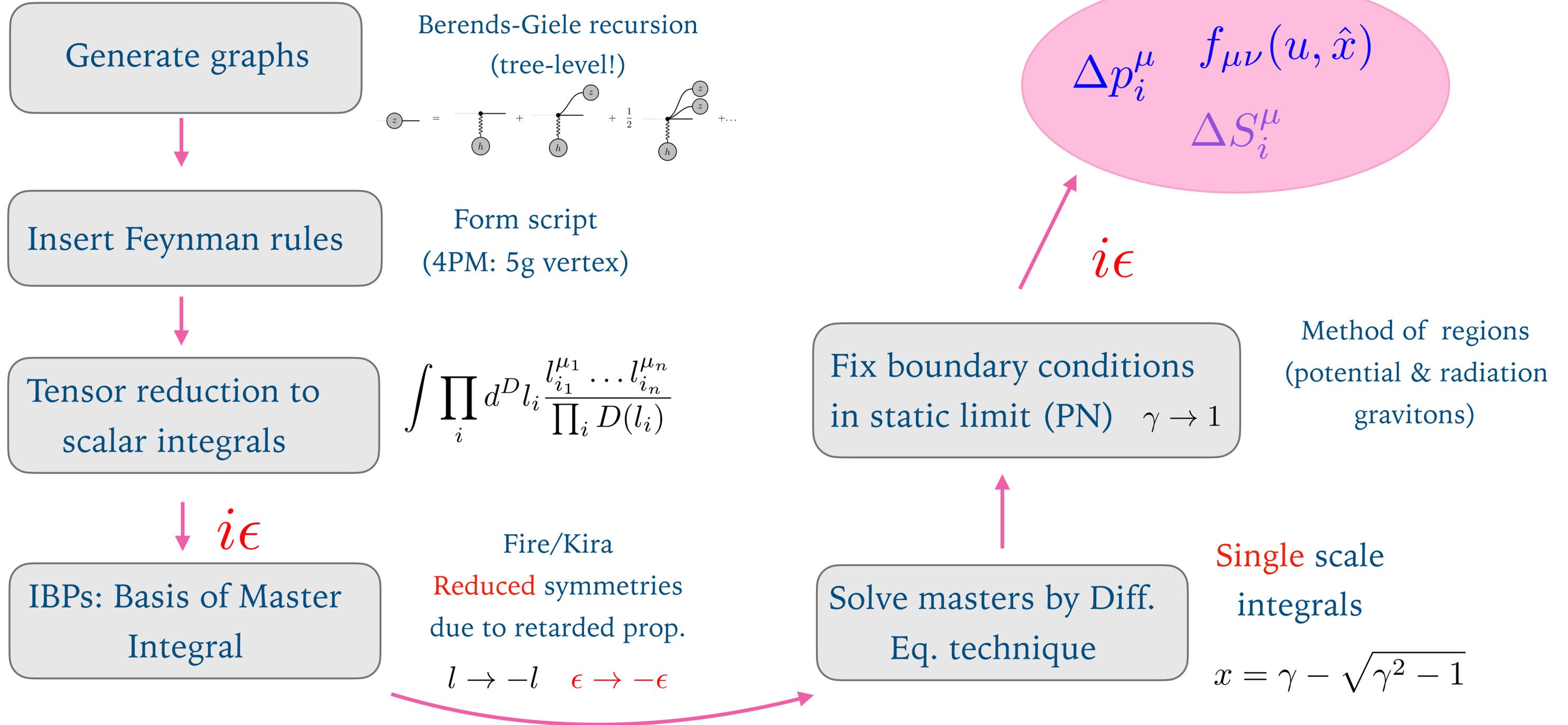
3) Trajectory!

$$x^\mu(\tau) = b^\mu + v^\mu \tau + \int_\omega e^{i\omega\tau} \langle z^\mu(\omega) \rangle$$



WORKFLOW WITH RETARDED INTEGRALS

[Jakobsen,Mogull,JP,Sauer]



- Order **N-PM** : Single scale **(N-1)-loop** integral

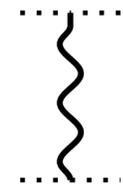
$$I_{\text{nPM}} = \int_q e^{-q \cdot b} \delta(q \cdot v_1) \delta(q \cdot v_2) \int_{l_1, l_2 \dots l_{n-1}} \frac{\text{num}[l_i]}{D_1 \dots D_j} \delta(l_1 \cdot v_*) \delta(l_2 \cdot v_*) \dots \delta(l_{n-1} \cdot v_*)$$

$v_* \in \{v_1, v_2\}$

Retarded propagators $D_i(l_i, q, v_*)$ are linear $(l_i \cdot v_*) \pm i0$ or quadratic $(l_i + q)^2$

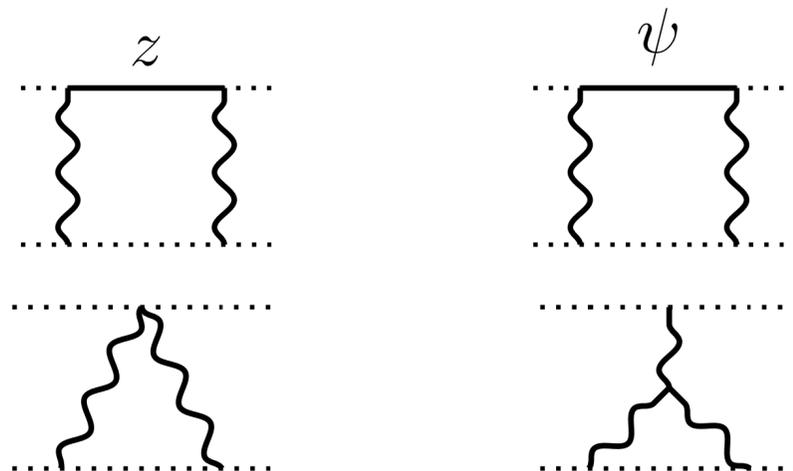
Depend on single dimensionful scale $q \rightarrow$ left with **single parameter** integral $\gamma = v_1 \cdot v_2$

- 1PM: Trivial - pure Fourier transform**



$$\sim G m_1 m_2$$

- 2PM: 1-loop**



$$\sim G^2 m_1 m_2^2$$

$$D_1 = l \cdot v_1 \pm i\epsilon ,$$

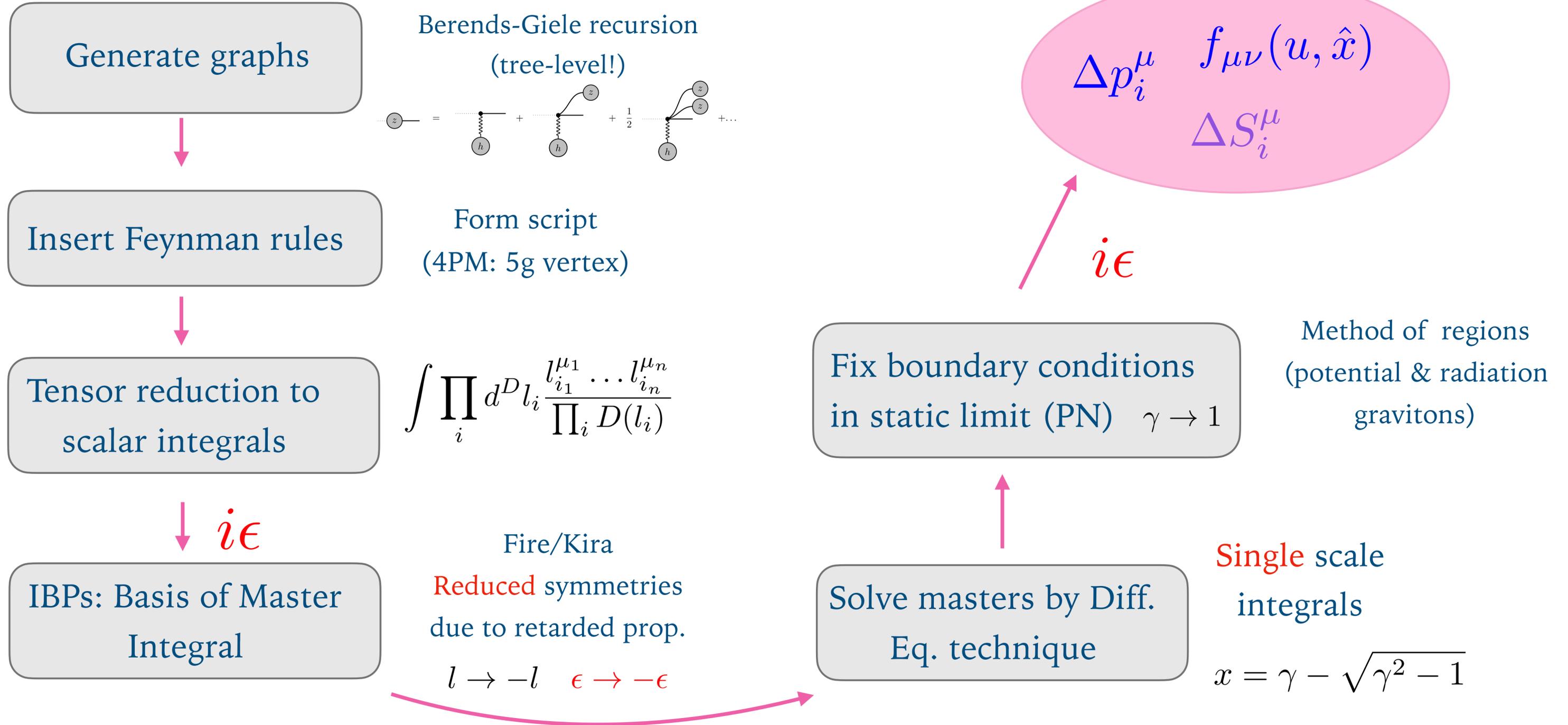
$$D_2 = l^2 ,$$

$$D_3 = (l + q)^2 .$$

$$\int_l \frac{\text{num}[l]}{D_1 D_2 D_3} \delta(l \cdot v_*)$$

WORKFLOW WITH RETARDED INTEGRALS

[Jakobsen,Mogull,JP,Sauer]



Find same set of Master integrals for spin and tidal effects

RESULT IMPULSE @ 3PM PRECISION:

[Jakobsen,Mogull,JP,Sauer]

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

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

$$\gamma = v_1 \cdot v_2$$

■ Scattering angle:

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

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

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

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

■ Radiated 4-momentum: $P_{\text{rad}}^\mu = -\Delta p_1^\mu - \Delta p_2^\mu$

Dissipation! Need for retarded propagators

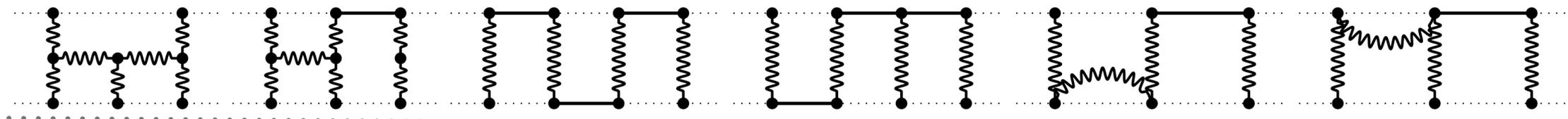
$$P_{\text{rad}}^\mu = \frac{G^3 m_1^2 m_2^2 \pi}{|b|^3} \frac{v_1^\mu + v_2^\mu}{\gamma + 1} \left[e_1 + e_2 \log \left(\frac{\gamma + 1}{2} \right) + e_3 \frac{\operatorname{arccosh}\gamma}{\sqrt{\gamma^2 - 1}} \right]$$

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

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

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

4PM IMPULSE:



[Jakobsen,Mogull,JP,Sauer]

■ Two integral families:

$$I_{n_1, n_2, \dots, n_{12}}^{[i](\sigma_1, \sigma_2, \dots, \sigma_8)} = \int_{l_1, l_2, l_3} \frac{\delta(l_1 \cdot v_1) \delta(l_2 \cdot v_1) \delta(l_3 \cdot v_i)}{D_1^{n_1} D_2^{n_2} \dots D_{12}^{n_{12}}}$$

$$J_{n_1, n_2, \dots, n_{12}}^{(\sigma_1, \sigma_2, \dots, \sigma_5)} := \int_{l_1, l_2, l_3} \frac{\delta(l_1 \cdot v_1) \delta(l_2 \cdot v_1) \delta(l_3 \cdot v_2)}{D_1^{n_1} D_2^{n_2} \dots D_{12}^{n_{12}}}$$

$$D_j = l_j \cdot v_{i_j} + i0^+ \sigma_j$$

$$D_4 = -(l_1 + l_2 + l_3 + q)^2 - i0^+ \sigma_4 v \cdot (l_1 + l_2 + l_3)$$

$$D_5 = -(l_1 + l_2 + q)^2 - i0^+ \sigma_5 v \cdot (l_1 + l_2)$$

$$D_{5+k} = -(l_k + l_3)^2 - i0^+ \sigma_{6+k} v \cdot (l_k + l_3)$$

$$D_{7+j} = -l_j^2, \quad D_{10+k} = -(l_k + q)^2.$$

$$D_j = l_j \cdot v_i + i0^+ \sigma_j$$

$$D_4 = -(l_1 - l_3)^2 - i0^+ \sigma_4 v \cdot (l_1 - l_3)$$

$$D_5 = -(l_2 - l_3)^2 - i0^+ \sigma_5 v \cdot (l_2 - l_3)$$

$$D_6 = -(l_1 - l_2)^2, \quad D_{6+j} = -l_j^2, \quad D_{9+j} = -(l_j + q)^2$$

■ Number of master integrals: I-type 23+23, J-type 64+66

■ Function space:

$$F_\alpha^{(b)}(\gamma) = \left\{ 1, \operatorname{arccosh}[\gamma], \log[\gamma], \log \left[\frac{\gamma_\pm}{2} \right], \operatorname{arccosh}^2[\gamma], \operatorname{arccosh}[\gamma] \log \left[\frac{\gamma_\pm}{2} \right], \log \left[\frac{\gamma_+}{2} \right] \log \left[\frac{\gamma_-}{2} \right], \log^2 \left[\frac{\gamma_+}{2} \right], \right. \\ \left. \operatorname{Li}_2 \left[\pm \frac{\gamma_-}{\gamma_+} \right], \operatorname{Li}_2 \left[\sqrt{\frac{\gamma_-}{\gamma_+}} \right], \operatorname{K}^2 \left[\frac{\gamma_-}{\gamma_+} \right], \operatorname{E}^2 \left[\frac{\gamma_-}{\gamma_+} \right], \operatorname{K} \left[\frac{\gamma_-}{\gamma_+} \right] \operatorname{E} \left[\frac{\gamma_-}{\gamma_+} \right] \right\}$$

Elliptic functions appear!

$$\gamma = v_1 \cdot v_2 \quad (\gamma_\pm := \gamma \pm 1)$$

RESULT SPINNING IMPULSE @ 4PM PRECISION: CONSERVATIVE SECTOR

[Jakobsen,Mogull,JP,Sauer]

■ Scattering angle:

$$\theta_{\text{cons}}^{(4,1)} = \sum_{\alpha=1}^{16} \pi \nu \left(s_+ h_{\alpha}^{(+)}(\gamma) + \delta s_- h_{\alpha}^{(-)}(\gamma) \right) F_{\alpha}^{(b)}(\gamma) - \frac{21\pi\gamma (33\gamma^4 - 30\gamma^2 + 5) (13s_+ - 3\delta s_-)}{32 (\gamma^2 - 1)^{5/2}}$$

$$\gamma = v_1 \cdot v_2$$

$$\delta = (m_2 - m_1)/M$$

$$\nu = m_1 m_2 / M^2$$

Spin-orbit coupling: $s_{\pm} = -(a_1 \pm a_2) \cdot \hat{L}$

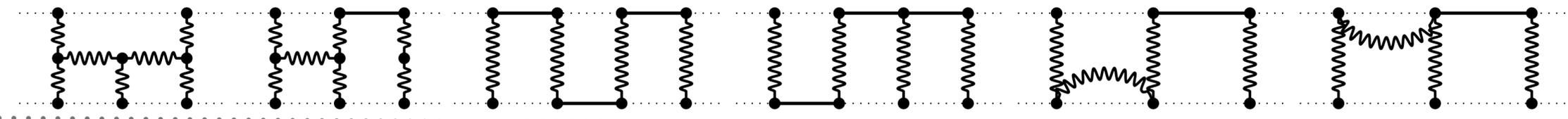
Function basis: $F_{\alpha}^{(b)}(\gamma) = \{1, \text{arccosh}[\gamma], \log[\gamma], \log\left[\frac{\gamma_+}{2}\right], \log\left[\frac{\gamma_-}{2}\right], \text{arccosh}^2[\gamma], \text{arccosh}[\gamma] \log\left[\frac{\gamma_+}{2}\right], \text{arccosh}[\gamma] \log\left[\frac{\gamma_-}{2}\right], \log\left[\frac{\gamma_+}{2}\right] \log\left[\frac{\gamma_-}{2}\right], \log^2\left[\frac{\gamma_+}{2}\right], \text{Li}_2\left[\frac{\gamma_-}{\gamma_+}\right], \text{Li}_2\left[-\frac{\gamma_-}{\gamma_+}\right], \text{Li}_2\left[\sqrt{\frac{\gamma_-}{\gamma_+}}\right], \text{K}^2\left[\frac{\gamma_-}{\gamma_+}\right], \text{E}^2\left[\frac{\gamma_-}{\gamma_+}\right], \text{K}\left[\frac{\gamma_-}{\gamma_+}\right] \text{E}\left[\frac{\gamma_-}{\gamma_+}\right]\}$

Coefficients:

$$h_1^{(+)} = \frac{3\pi^2(\gamma+1)^2(1225\gamma^8 + 1225\gamma^7 - 1875\gamma^6 - 1875\gamma^5 + 795\gamma^4 + 3035\gamma^3 - 3601\gamma^2 + 1775\gamma - 448)}{192(\gamma+1)^3\sqrt{\gamma^2-1}} - \frac{1}{192\gamma^8(\gamma+1)(\gamma^2-1)^{5/2}} \left(22050\gamma^{19} + 33075\gamma^{18} - 71725\gamma^{17} - 123397\gamma^{16} + 186555\gamma^{15} + 67503\gamma^{14} - 89885\gamma^{13} - 190167\gamma^{12} + 181103\gamma^{11} + 137042\gamma^{10} - 506830\gamma^9 + 407004\gamma^8 - 33671\gamma^7 - 33671\gamma^6 + 8501\gamma^5 + 8501\gamma^4 - 1885\gamma^3 - 1885\gamma^2 + 315\gamma + 315 \right)$$

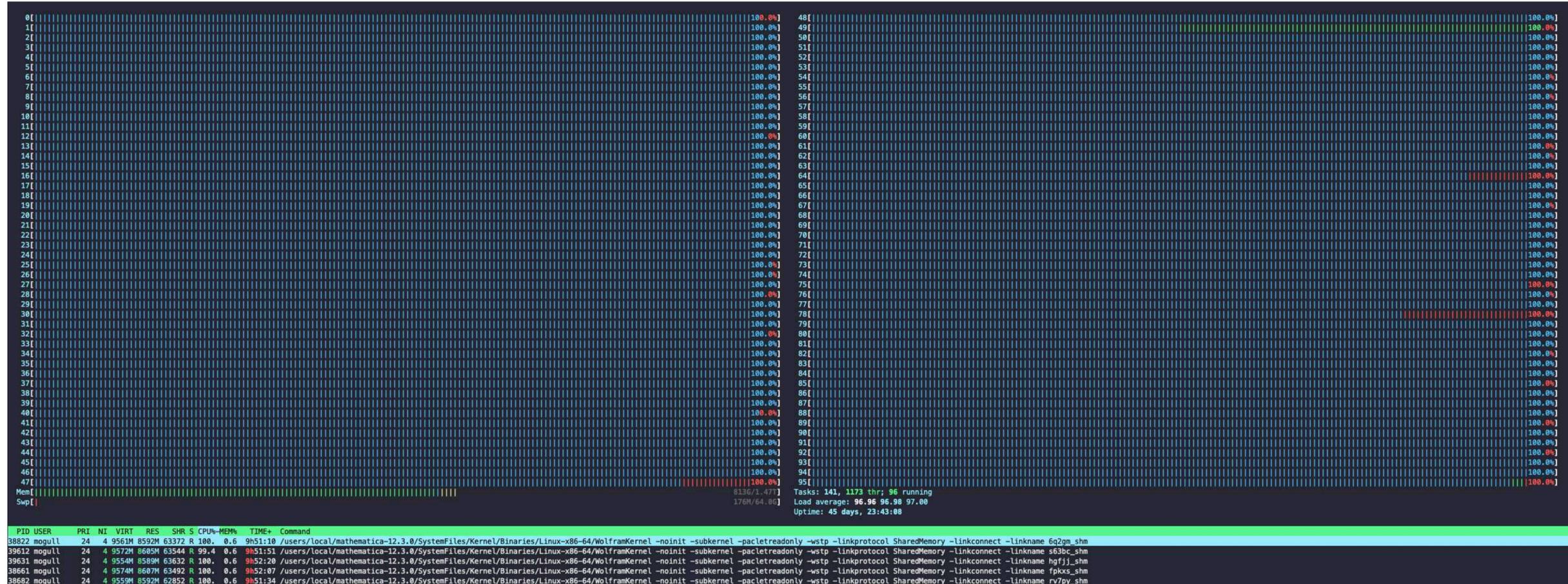
$$h_1^{(-)} = \frac{3\pi^2(-1225\gamma^8 - 1225\gamma^7 + 1875\gamma^6 + 1875\gamma^5 - 795\gamma^4 - 1115\gamma^3 + 401\gamma^2 - 111\gamma + 64)(\gamma+1)^2}{192(\gamma+1)^3\sqrt{\gamma^2-1}} + \frac{1}{192\gamma^8(\gamma+1)(\gamma^2-1)^{5/2}} \left(22050\gamma^{19} + 33075\gamma^{18} - 71725\gamma^{17} - 115333\gamma^{16} + 96699\gamma^{15} + 140871\gamma^{14} - 56261\gamma^{13} - 73191\gamma^{12} - 6593\gamma^{11} + 27498\gamma^{10} - 3718\gamma^9 + 9004\gamma^8 - 1491\gamma^7 - 1491\gamma^6 + 313\gamma^5 + 313\gamma^4 + 95\gamma^3 + 95\gamma^2 - 105\gamma - 105 \right) \dots$$

STATS FOR 4PM:



[Jakobsen,Mogull,JP,Sauer]

- High Performance Computing Needed:



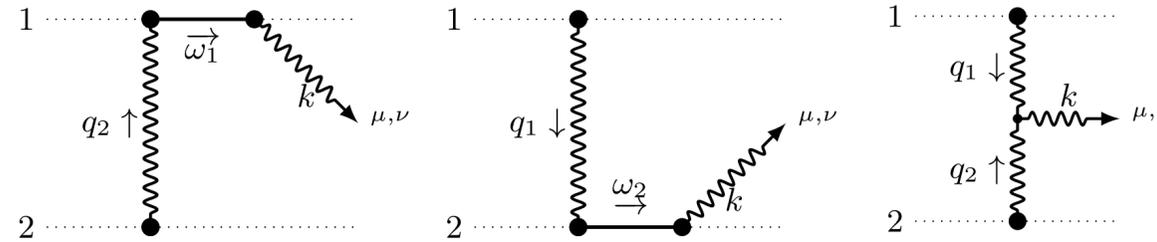
- Number of diagrams: 201 Non-spinning, 529 spin-orbit
- Some 10.000 integrals need to be reduced to master integrals
- Number of master integrals: I-type 23+23, J-type 64+66
- Analytic! Using Mathematica, FORM, Fire & KIRA

FAR FIELD WAVEFORM @ NLO

[Jakobsen,Mogull,JP,Steinhoff]

Sum of diagrams with **outgoing graviton**:

$$\langle h_{\mu\nu}(k) \rangle =$$



For **time-domain waveform** needs to integrate over outgoing energy : Ω

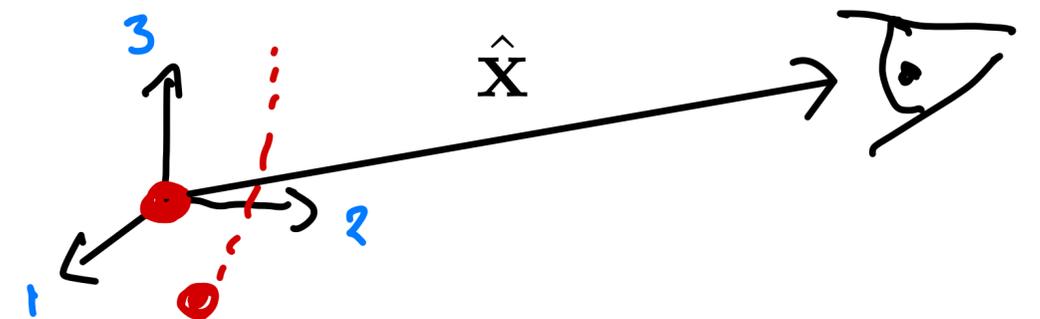
$$\frac{f_{+, \times}(t - r, \hat{\mathbf{x}})}{r} = \frac{4G}{r} \int d\Omega e^{-i\Omega(t-r)} \epsilon_{+, \times}^{\mu\nu} \langle h_{\mu\nu}(k = \Omega(1, \hat{\mathbf{x}})) \rangle$$

where unit vector $\hat{\mathbf{x}}$ points towards the observer

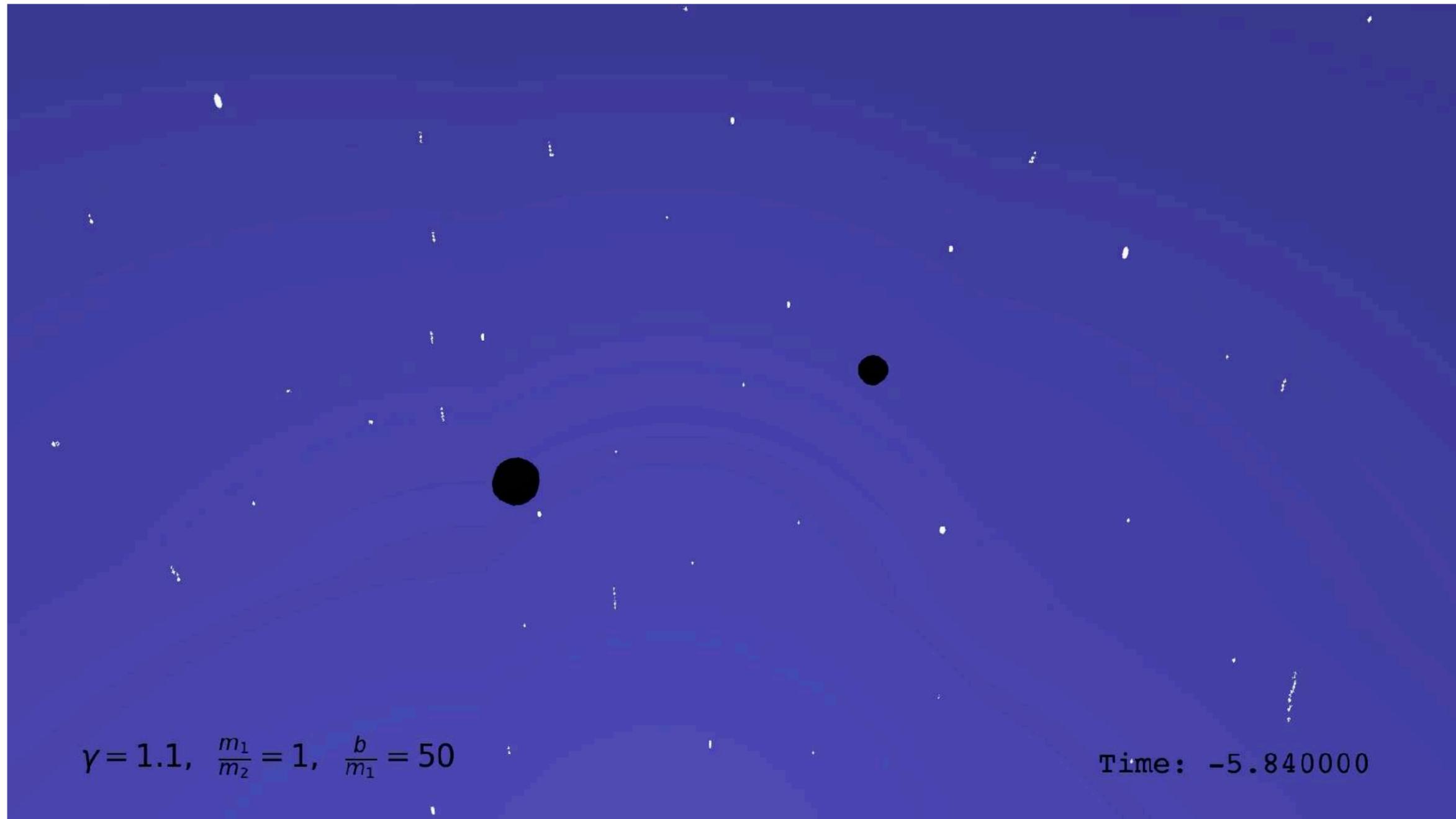
The **waveform** has two polarizations

$$f_{+, \times}(\underbrace{t - r}_u, \underbrace{\theta, \phi}_{\hat{\mathbf{x}}}; v, |b|, m_1, m_2)$$

retarded time

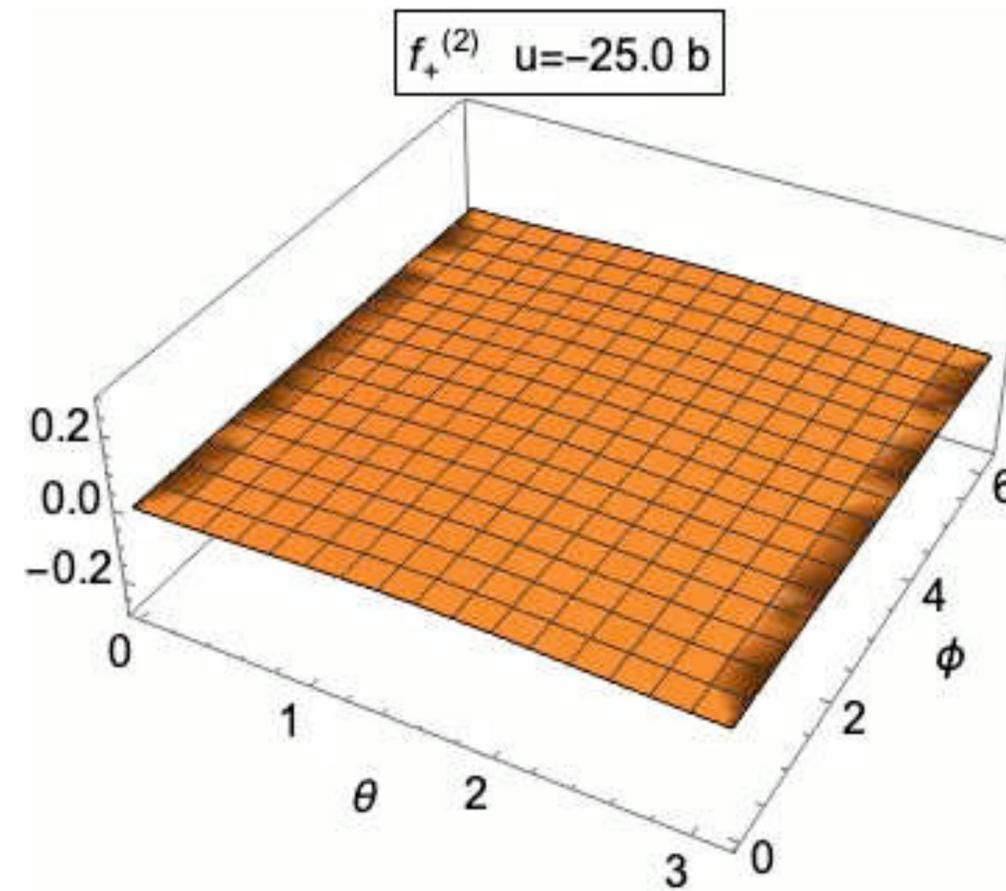
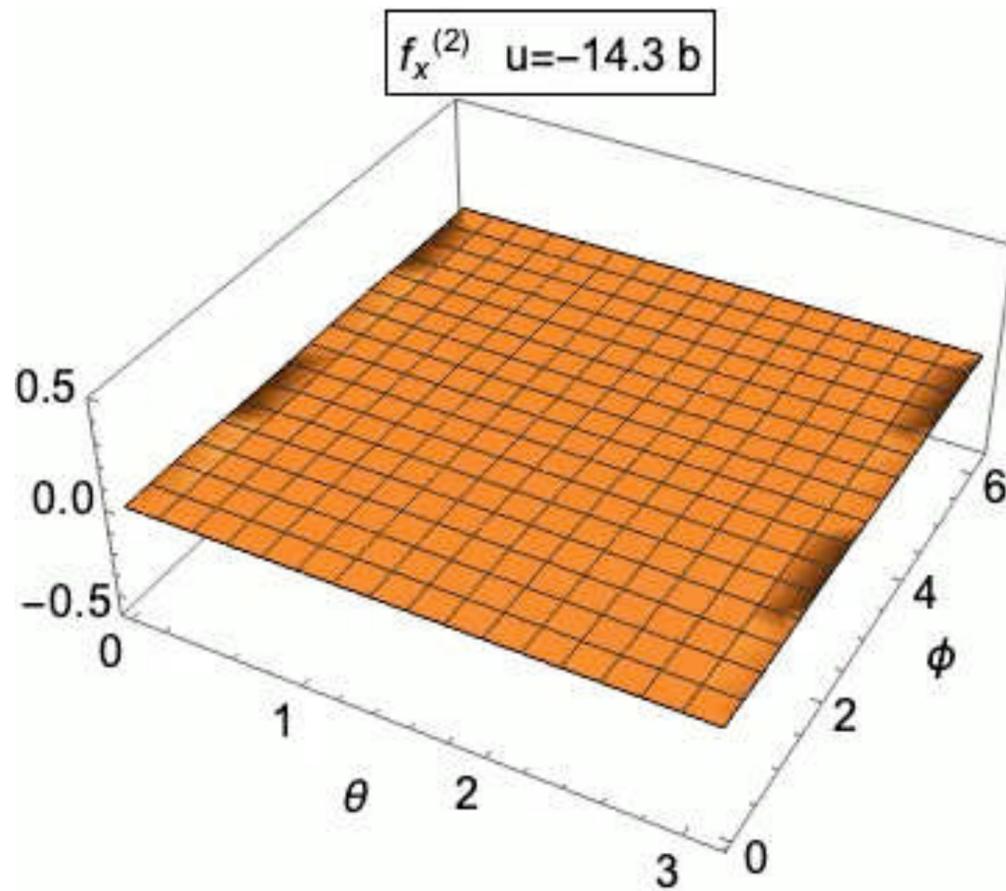


Visualization: Plus-Polarization $f_+^{(2)}$



$$v = 0.4$$

Memory effect

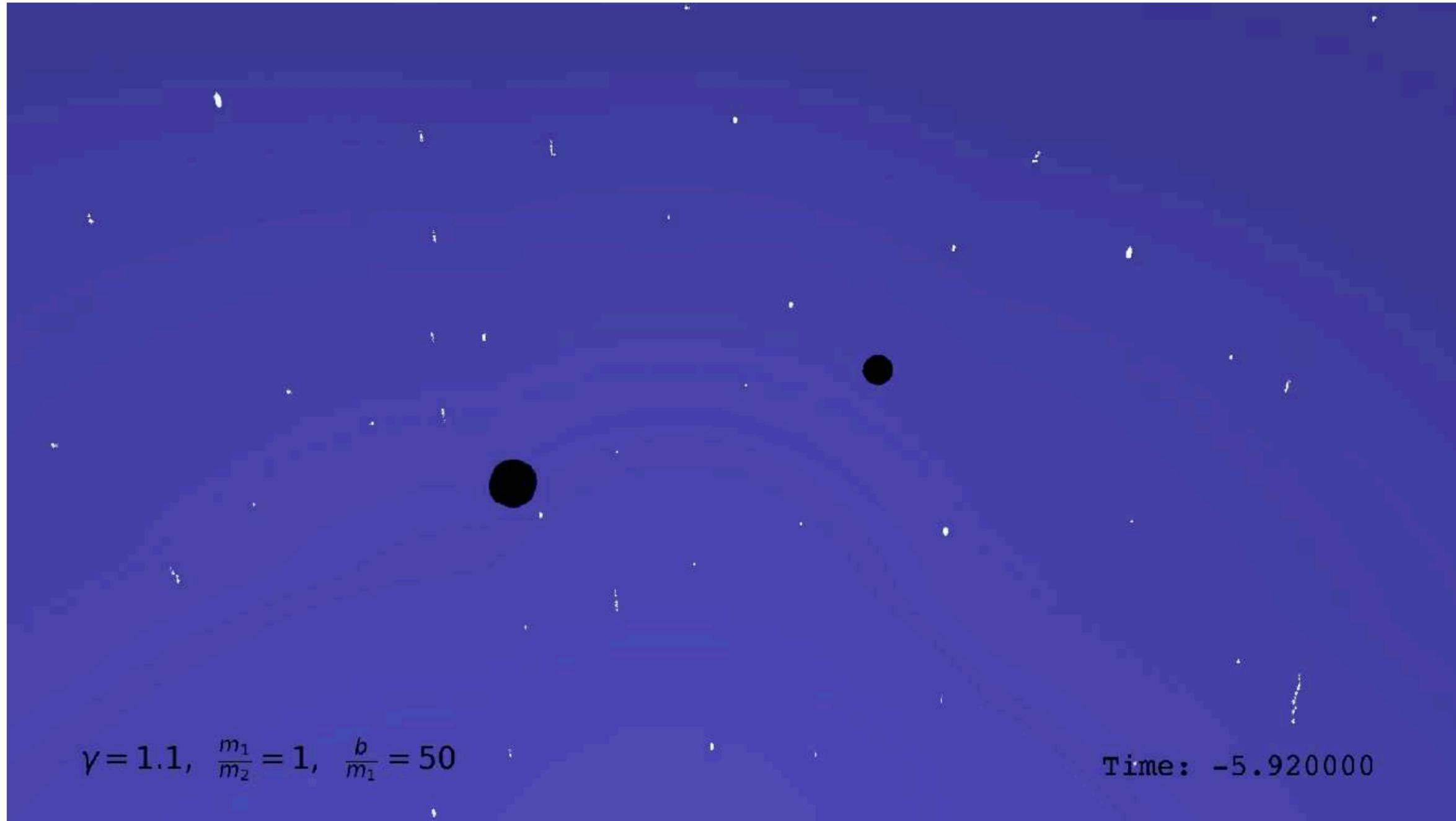


$$\frac{\Delta f_{S=0}^{(2)}}{m_1 m_2} = \frac{4(2\gamma^2 - 1)\epsilon \cdot v_1 (2b \cdot \epsilon \rho \cdot v_1 - b \cdot \rho \epsilon \cdot v_1)}{|b|^2 \sqrt{\gamma^2 - 1} (\rho \cdot v_1)^2}$$

$$\rho = (1, \hat{\mathbf{x}})$$

$$\gamma = v_1 \cdot v_2$$

Visualization: Plus-Polarization curvature



$$v = 0.4$$

More visualisations at:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC5UVcydoMoG7ILkjo9bikIw>

PM STATE-OF-THE-ART

HEFT Heavy BH effective theory
 [Aoude,Haddad,Helset,Damgaard]
 [Brandhuber,Travaglini,Chen]

Amps Scattering amplitudes
 [Bern,Roiban,Shen,Parra-Martinez,Ruf,Zeng..]
 [Bjerrum-Bohr,Damgaard,Plante,Vanhove,..]
 [Di Vecchia,Veneziano,Heissenberg,Russo]
 [Solon,Cheung,..][Huang,..]
 [Guevera,Ochirov,Vines,..]
 [Johansson,Pichini][Kosower,O'Connell,Maybee,
 Cristofoli, Gonzo...]

WQFT [us]
WEFT Worldline effective theory
 [Källin,Porto,Dlapa,Cho,Liu,..]
 [Riva,Vernizzi,Mougiakakos..]

order	deflection & spin kick					waveform			Integration complexity
	plain	spin-orbit	spin-spin	spin>2	tidal	plain	spin-orbit spin-spin	tidal	
1PM	WQFT WEFT Amps HEFT	WQFT WEFT Amps HEFT	WQFT WEFT Amps HEFT	Amps HEFT	X	trivial	trivial	trivial	~ tree-level
2PM	WQFT WEFT Amps HEFT	WQFT WEFT Amps HEFT	WQFT WEFT Amps HEFT	Amps HEFT	Amps	WQFT WEFT Amps	WQFT WEFT Amps HEFT	WQFT WEFT	~ 1-loop
3PM w/o r-r	WQFT WEFT Amps HEFT	WQFT Amps	WQFT (Amps)		WQFT WEFT		Amps HEFT		~ 2-loop
3PM r-r	WQFT WEFT Amps HEFT	WQFT	WQFT		WQFT WEFT				
4PM w/o r-r	WQFT WEFT Amps	WQFT							~ 3-loop
4PM w r-r	WQFT WEFT Amps	WQFT							

r-r: Radiation-reaction (...): partial results

SUMMARY

WQFT: Highly efficient quantum field theory technology for classical scattering in GR

- „Quantize“ world-line degrees of freedom
- One-point functions = observables
- Classical theory = tree-level diagrams
- IN-IN Formalism: All propagators retarded.
- Include spin degrees of freedom through world-line supersymmetry

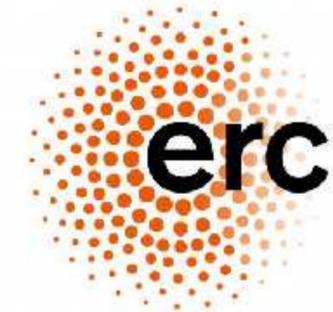
OUTLOOK

WQFT still needs to be extended:

- Higher precision (complete 4PM, 5PM)
- Higher spin (beyond Spin-Spin)
- Bound orbits? Relation to Effective-one-body Formalism
- Relation to self force expansion

WE ARE HIRING!

- Fall 23: Long Term Postdoc (5y), ~~2 PhD~~
- Fall 24: Postdoc (4y), 1 PhD



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BACKUP

EXTRACT GRAVITATIONAL POTENTIAL IN PM EXPANSION

[Jakobsen, Mogull]

- Make ansatz for 2-body Hamiltonian

$$H = \sqrt{\vec{p}^2 + m_1^2} + \sqrt{\vec{p}^2 + m_2^2} + V(\vec{r}, \vec{p}, \vec{S}_i)$$
$$V = \sum_A \Theta^A V^A \quad \Theta^A = \left\{ 1, \frac{\vec{L} \cdot \vec{S}_i}{r^2}, \frac{\vec{r} \cdot \vec{S}_i \vec{r} \cdot \vec{S}_j}{r^4}, \frac{\vec{S}_i \cdot \vec{S}_j}{r^2}, \frac{\vec{p} \cdot \vec{S}_i \vec{p} \cdot \vec{S}_j}{r^2} \right\}$$
$$V^A = \sum_n \left(\frac{G}{r} \right)^n C_n^A(|\vec{p}|)$$

Fix free coefficients c_n^A by matching to scattering data Δp_1^μ and $\Delta s_1^{\mu\nu}$ by solving Hamilton's eqs.

$$\dot{\vec{r}}_i = \frac{\partial H}{\partial \vec{p}_i}, \quad \dot{\vec{p}}_i = - \frac{\partial H}{\partial \vec{r}_i}, \quad \dot{\vec{S}}_i = - \vec{S}_i \times \frac{\partial H}{\partial \vec{S}_i}$$

Can make contact to **bound problem**

BINDING ENERGY: COMPARISON TO NUMERICAL RELATIVITY

Use 2-body Hamiltonian to compute binding energy

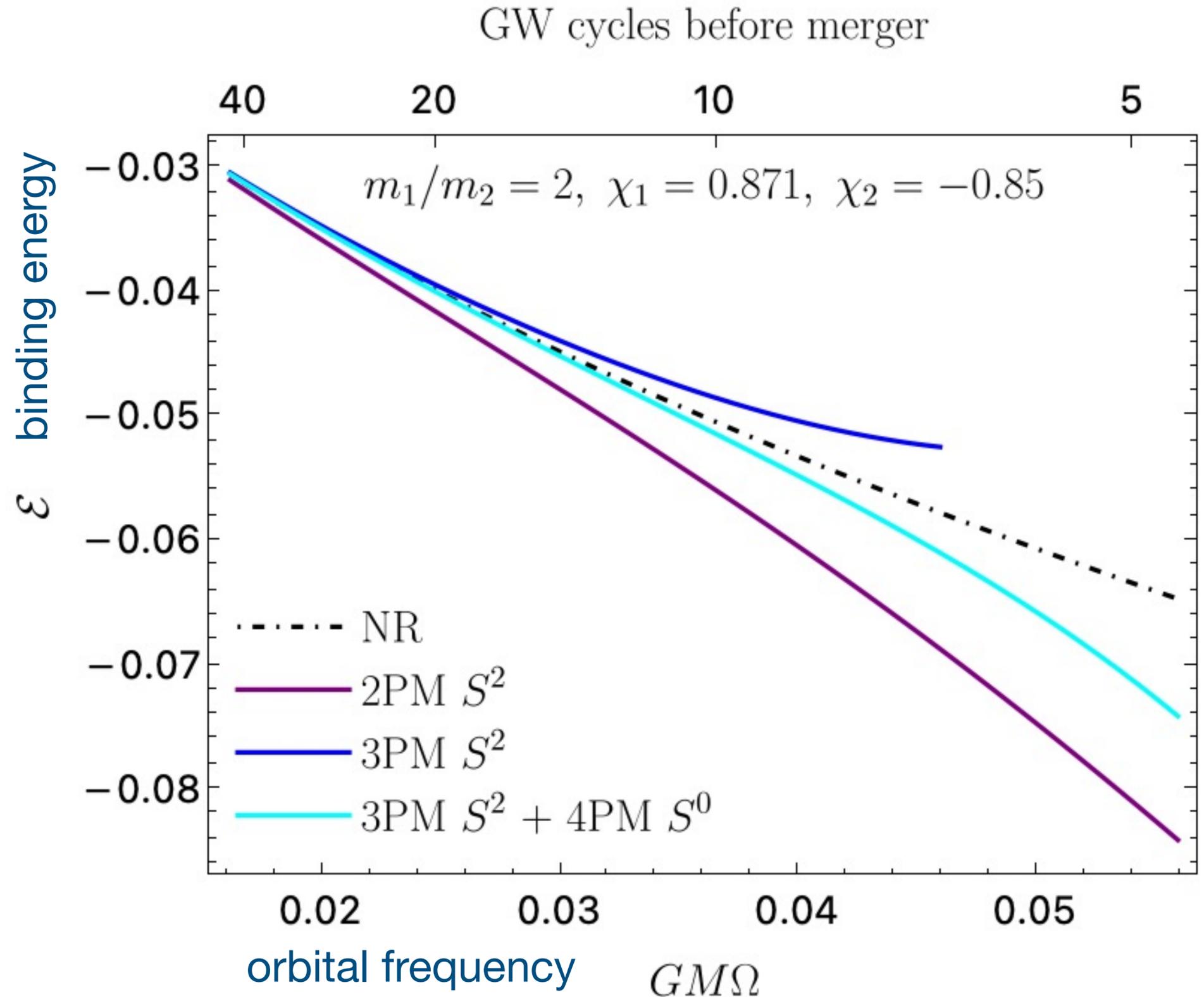
$$\mathcal{E} = \frac{E - M}{\mu} \text{ for circular orbits}$$

and aligned spins to compare to numerical relativity

$$E = H(p_r, r, \mathcal{J}; \chi_1, \chi_2)$$

$$\chi_1 = \frac{a_1}{m_1}, \quad \chi_2 = \frac{a_2}{m_2}$$

$$\Omega(\mathcal{J}, r) = \partial H / \partial \mathcal{J}$$



Solve masters by Diff.
Eq. technique

Single scale integrals: $x = \gamma - \sqrt{\gamma^2 - 1}$. Group master integrals in vector $\vec{I}(x, \epsilon)$

[Gehrmann Remiddi; Henn]

$$\frac{d}{dx} \vec{I}(x, \epsilon) = M(x, \epsilon) \vec{I}(x, \epsilon) \xrightarrow{\text{similarity transform}} \frac{d}{dx} \vec{I}'(x, \epsilon) = \epsilon A(x) \vec{I}'(x, \epsilon)$$

$\vec{I}(x, \epsilon) = T(\epsilon, x) \vec{I}'(x, \epsilon)$

Canonical DE. Straightforward solution for masters: $\vec{I}'(x, \epsilon) = P \exp\left[\epsilon \int_C dA(x)\right] \vec{I}'_0$

- Finding $T(\epsilon, x)$ is a major challenge. 4PM Diff. eq. matrices $A(x)$ have poles in $\{x, 1+x, 1-x, 1+x^2\}$: Symbol alphabet

[Jakobsen, Mogull, JP, Sauer]

- Integration yields Logs & Dilogs, Elliptic functions K & E appear in transformation matrix $T(\epsilon, x)$. Resulting function space:

$$F_\alpha^{(b)}(\gamma) = \left\{ 1, \operatorname{arccosh}[\gamma], \log[\gamma], \log\left[\frac{\gamma_\pm}{2}\right], \operatorname{arccosh}^2[\gamma], \operatorname{arccosh}[\gamma] \log\left[\frac{\gamma_\pm}{2}\right], \log\left[\frac{\gamma_+}{2}\right] \log\left[\frac{\gamma_-}{2}\right], \log^2\left[\frac{\gamma_+}{2}\right], \operatorname{Li}_2\left[\pm \frac{\gamma_-}{\gamma_+}\right], \operatorname{Li}_2\left[\sqrt{\frac{\gamma_-}{\gamma_+}}\right], K^2\left[\frac{\gamma_-}{\gamma_+}\right], E^2\left[\frac{\gamma_-}{\gamma_+}\right], K\left[\frac{\gamma_-}{\gamma_+}\right] E\left[\frac{\gamma_-}{\gamma_+}\right] \right\}$$

CLAIM:

$$\langle \mathcal{O} \rangle_{\text{WQFT}} = \int D[h, z] \mathcal{O} e^{-\frac{i}{\hbar} S[z, h]} \xrightarrow{\hbar \rightarrow 0}$$

Tree-level one-point functions $\langle h_{\mu\nu} \rangle$ and $\langle z^\mu \rangle$
solve classical equations of motion

CLASSICAL DYNAMICS FROM ONE-POINT FUNCTIONS

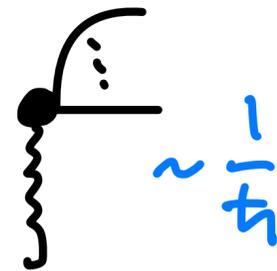
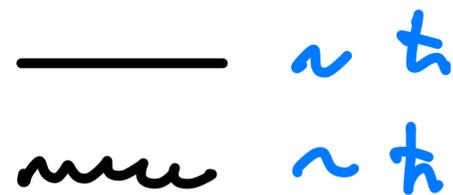
[Jakobsen]

- Action: $S[\Phi_A]$ with fields $\Phi_A(x_A) = \{h_{\mu\nu}(x), z^\mu(\tau)\}$ and coordinates $x_A = \{x^\mu, \tau\}$

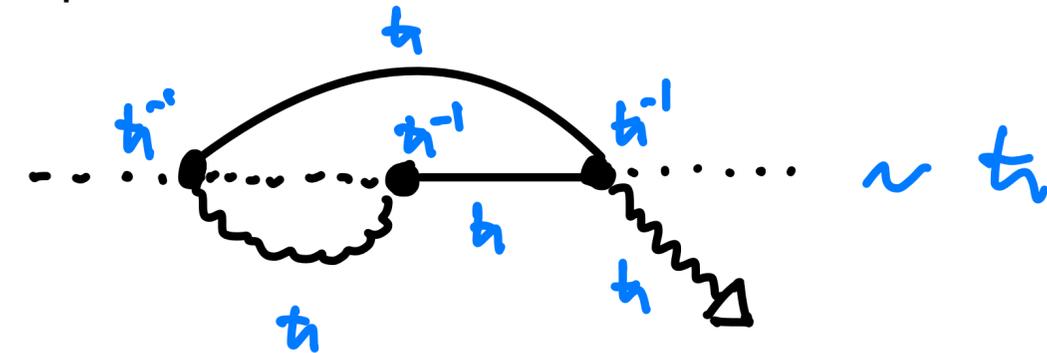
- Partition function in the presence of sources

$$Z[J_A] = \int D[\Phi_A] \exp \left[\frac{i}{\hbar} \left(S[\Phi_A] + \sum_A \int dx_A J_A(x_A) \Phi_A(x_A) \right) \right]$$

- \hbar counting:



E.g:



\Rightarrow Loops are quantum effects!

- Scalings of **connected** n-point functions:

$$\langle \Phi_{A_1} \dots \Phi_{A_n} \rangle_{\text{conn}} \sim \sum_L \hbar^{-1+n+L} \quad (\text{L-loop connected n-point diagrams})$$

Well defined classical limit only for $n=1$ and $L=0$: **Tree-level one-point functions**

■ Factorization $\lim_{\hbar \rightarrow 0} \langle \Phi_{A_1} \Phi_{A_2} \dots \Phi_{A_n} \rangle_{\text{discon}} = \langle \Phi_{A_1} \rangle_{\text{con}}^{\text{tree}} \langle \Phi_{A_2} \rangle_{\text{con}}^{\text{tree}} \dots \langle \Phi_{A_n} \rangle_{\text{con}}^{\text{tree}}$

■ Consequence for Schwinger-Dyson equations: \Leftrightarrow Ehrenfest theorem in QM

$$\left\langle \frac{\delta S[\Phi_A]}{\delta \Phi_A} \right\rangle = 0 \quad \xrightarrow{\hbar \rightarrow 0} \quad \boxed{\frac{\delta S[\langle \Phi_A \rangle_{\text{tree}}]}{\delta \Phi_A} = 0}$$

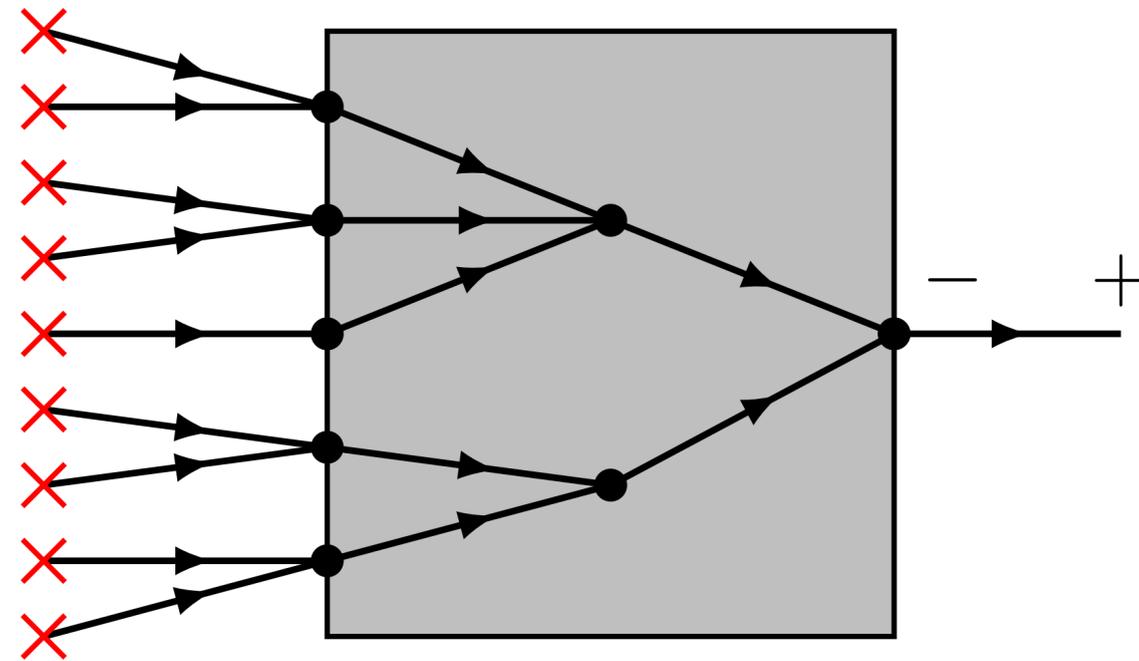
Tree-level one-point functions solve classical equations of motion

■ Importantly $S[\Phi_A]$ must be independent of \hbar (not the case in amplitudes approach - massive field!) -> Key advantage of WQFT approach (no „super classical“ terms)

■ Need non-trivial background field configurations for non-vanishing one-point functions

THE IN-IN (SCHWINGER-KELDysh)

FORMALISM FOR WQFT



OR WHY RETARDED PROPAGATORS?

STANDARD PATH INTEGRAL: IN-OUT FORMALISM

[Galley, Tiglio] [Jordan]

- Hamiltonian formalism: Time evolution operator $\hat{H} = \hat{H}_0 + \hat{H}_{\text{int}}$ Background

$$U_J(T, T') = \mathcal{T} \exp \left[\frac{i}{\hbar} \int_{T'}^T dt \int d^3x \left\{ \hat{H}_{\text{int}}[\phi_0(\mathbf{x}, t), Q(\mathbf{x}, t)] + J(\mathbf{x}) \phi_0(\mathbf{x}, t) \right\} \right]$$

- Path integral representation:

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

- Heisenberg picture: $\phi_H(\mathbf{x}, t) = U_0(-\infty, t) \phi_0(\mathbf{x}, t) U_0(-t, \infty)$

- One-point function:

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \phi_H(\mathbf{x}, t) \rangle_{\text{in-out}} &= \frac{\delta W[J]}{\delta J(\mathbf{x}, t)} \Big|_{J=0} = \langle 0 | U_0(\infty, t) \phi_0(\mathbf{x}, t) U_0(t, -\infty) | 0 \rangle \\ &= \langle 0 | U_0(\infty, -\infty) \phi_H(\mathbf{x}, t) | 0 \rangle_{\text{in-out}} = {}_{\text{out}} \langle 0 | \phi_H(\mathbf{x}, t) | 0 \rangle_{\text{in}} \end{aligned}$$

IN-IN (SCHWINGER-KELDYSH) FORMALISM

[Galley, Tiglio] [Jordan]

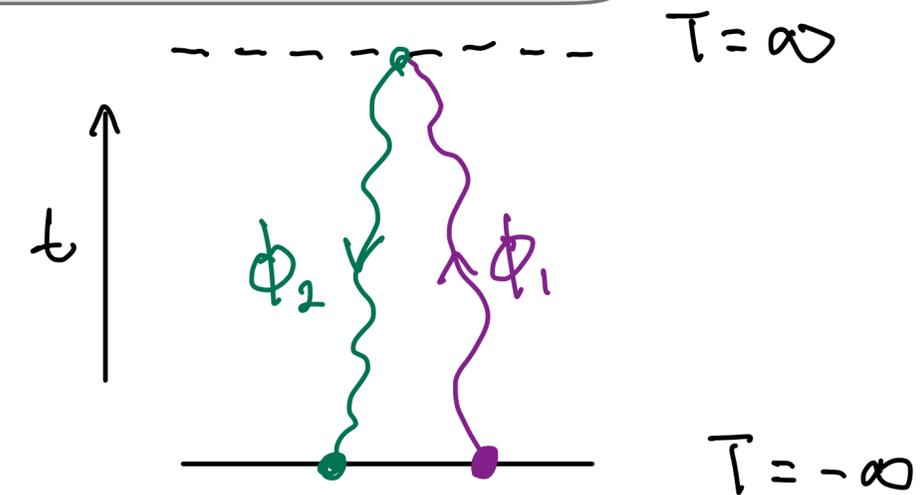
- Standard path integral yields $\langle \phi_H(x) \rangle_{\text{in-out}} = {}_{\text{out}} \langle 0 | \phi_H(x) | 0 \rangle_{\text{in}}$ but want

$$\langle \phi_H(x) \rangle_{\text{in-in}} = {}_{\text{in}} \langle 0 | \phi_H(x) | 0 \rangle_{\text{in}} = \langle 0 | U(-\infty, t) \phi_0(t, \mathbf{x}) U(t, -\infty) | 0 \rangle$$

⇒ need two evolution operators: Double the fields!

$$Z[J_1, J_2] = \langle 0 | U_{J_1}(-\infty, \infty) U_{J_2}(\infty, -\infty) | 0 \rangle$$

$$= \int D[\phi_1, \phi_2] \exp \left[\frac{i}{\hbar} \left(S[\phi_1] - S[\phi_2] + \int_x J_1(x) \phi_1(x) - J_2(x) \phi_2(x) \right) \right]$$



Boundary conditions:

$$\phi_1(t = +\infty, \mathbf{x}) = \phi_2(t = +\infty, \mathbf{x})$$

$$\phi_1(t = -\infty, \mathbf{x}) = \phi_2(t = -\infty, \mathbf{x}) = 0$$

$$\frac{1}{Z[0, 0]} \frac{\delta Z[J_1, J_2]}{\delta J_1(x)} \Big|_{J_i=0} = \langle \Phi_H(x) \rangle_{\text{in-in}}$$

KELDYSH BASIS:

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

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

- This yields

$$Z[J_{\pm}] = \int D[\phi_+, \phi_-] \exp \left[\frac{i}{\hbar} \left(S[\phi_+ + \frac{1}{2}\phi_-] - S[\phi_+ - \frac{1}{2}\phi_-] + \int d^4x (J_+ \phi_- + J_- \phi_+) \right) \right]$$

- Propagator matrix from free part:

$$\langle \phi_a(x) \phi_b(y) \rangle = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2} D_H(x, y) & D_{\text{ret}}(x, y) \\ -D_{\text{adv}}(x, y) & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{matrix} + \\ - \end{matrix}$$

irrelevant @ tree-level

$$\tilde{D}_{\text{ret}}(k) = \begin{matrix} \bullet & \longrightarrow & \bullet \\ - & & + \end{matrix} = \frac{-i}{(k^0 + i0)^2 - \mathbf{k}^2},$$

$$\tilde{D}_{\text{adv}}(k) = \begin{matrix} \bullet & \longleftarrow & \bullet \\ + & & - \end{matrix} = \frac{-i}{(k^0 - i0)^2 - \mathbf{k}^2},$$

- Vertices from:

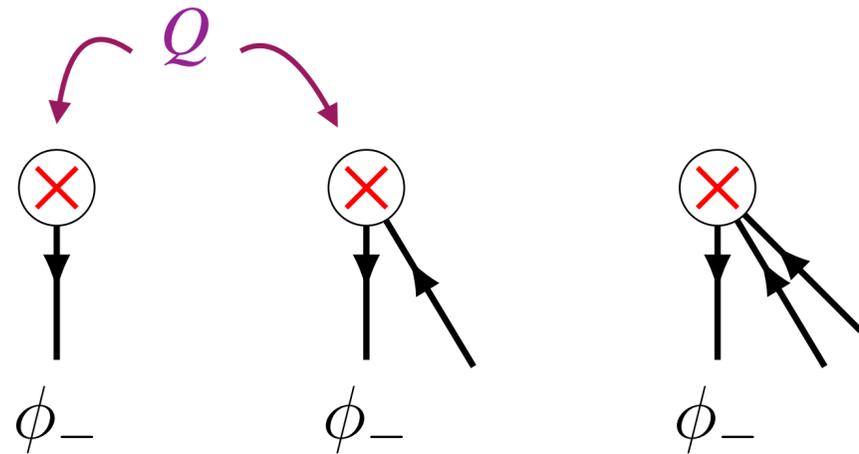
$$S_{\text{int}}[\phi_+ + \frac{1}{2}\phi_-] - S_{\text{int}}[\phi_+ - \frac{1}{2}\phi_-] = \phi_- \left(\frac{\delta S_{\text{int}}[\phi]}{\delta \phi} \right) \Big|_{\phi \rightarrow \phi_+} + \mathcal{O}(\phi_-^3)$$

⇒ only **odd** number of ϕ_- legs!

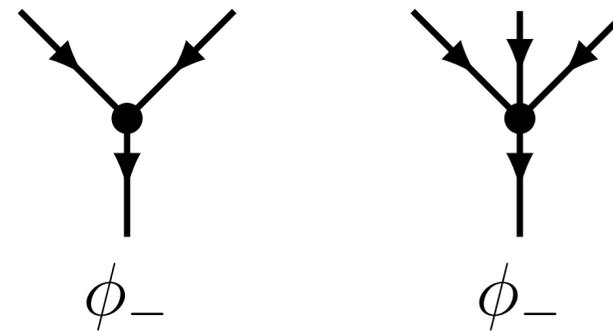
ONE POINT FUNCTIONS @ TREE-LEVEL:

- Vertices including background field Q

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

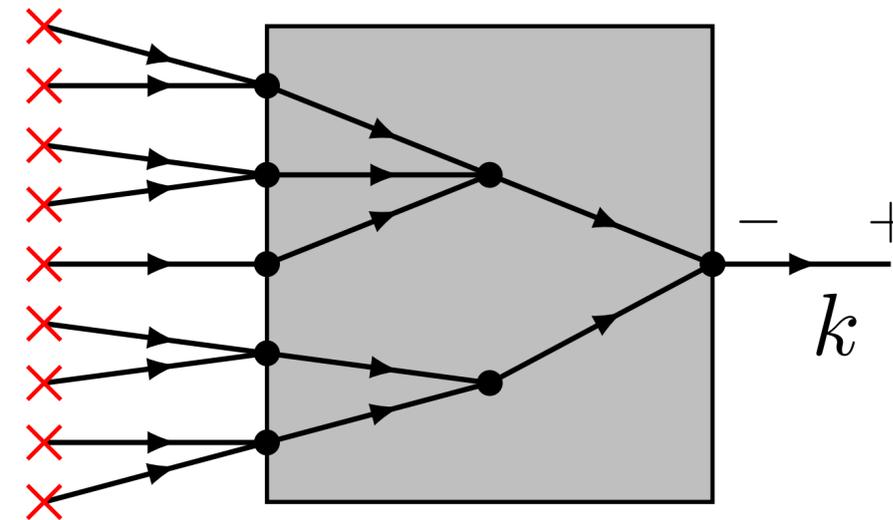


bulk



- One point function:

$$\langle \phi(k) \rangle_{\text{in-in}} =$$



Only retarded propagators contribute!

