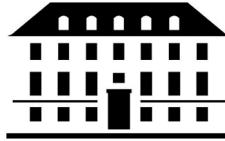




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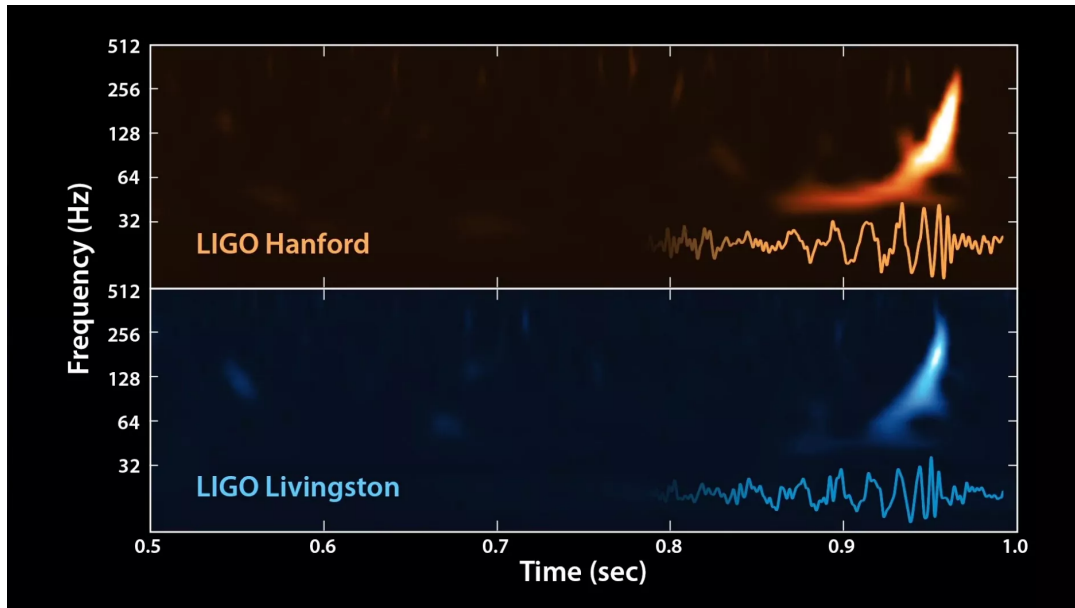
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First observation of gravitational waves

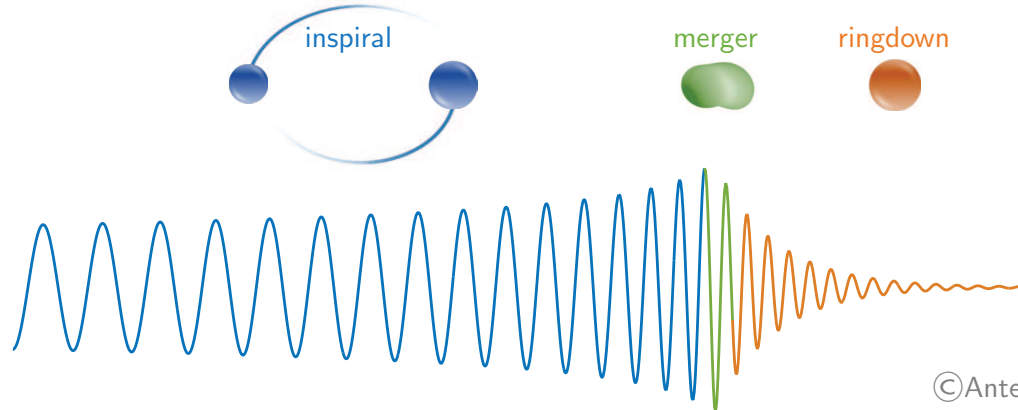


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One hundred years after the publication of his General Relativity, Einstein's dream came true!

Gravitational waves provide an entirely new way to understand the Universe.

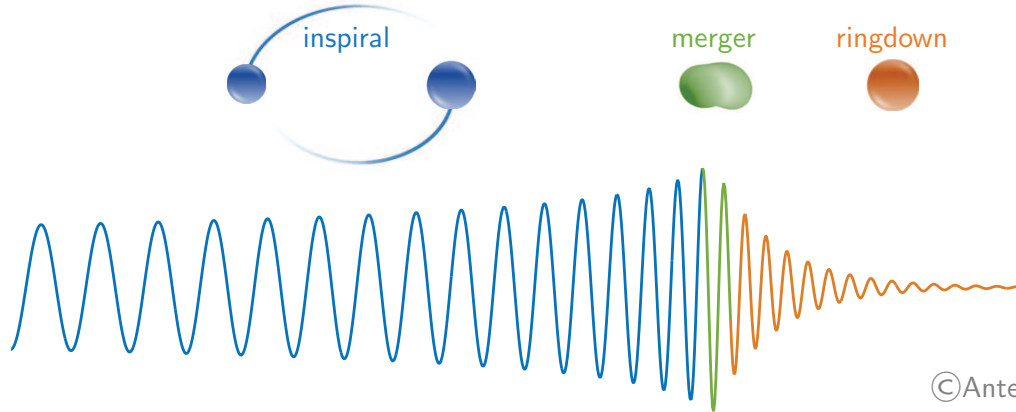
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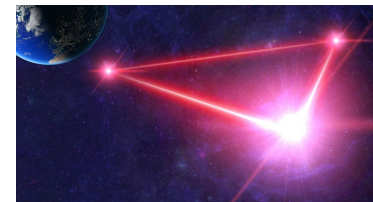
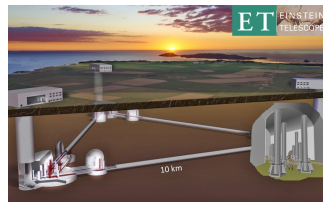
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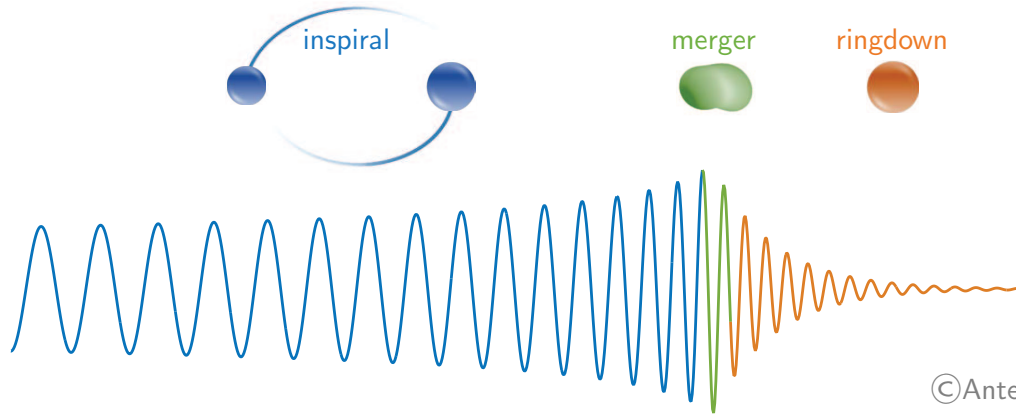
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Precise theoretical predictions for the motion of GW sources are crucial in **interpreting data** and **maximizing discovery potential** for present and future observations.

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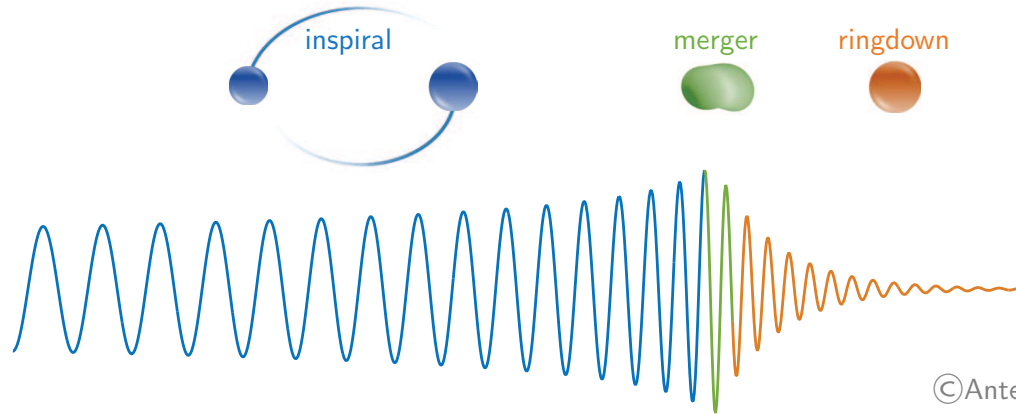


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Inspiral: the relative velocity v is small

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

- ▶ Numerical Relativity: accurately, but computationally expensive
- ▶ Analytic methods: corrections in v or G are perturbatively calculable



Effective Field Theory

- In the inspiral phase

$$g_{\mu\nu} = \eta_{\mu\nu} + \sqrt{32\pi G} h_{\mu\nu}$$

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- Post-Minkowskian expansion in powers of G

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{eff}} = \mathcal{L}_0 + G\mathcal{L}_1 + G^2\mathcal{L}_2 + \dots \quad \mathcal{L}_0 = -\sum_i \frac{m_i}{2} \eta_{\mu\nu} \dot{x}_i^\mu \dot{x}_i^\nu$$

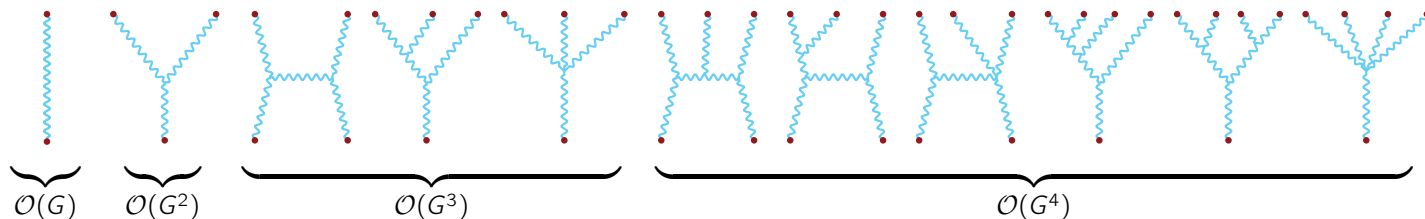
The equations of motion for trajectories:

$$m_i \ddot{x}_i^\mu = -\eta^{\mu\nu} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}_n}{\partial x_i^\nu} - \frac{d}{d\tau_i} \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}_n}{\partial \dot{x}_i^\nu} \right) \quad x_i^\mu = b_i^\mu + u_i^\mu \tau + \delta x_i^\mu(\tau) + \dots$$



Effective Field Theory

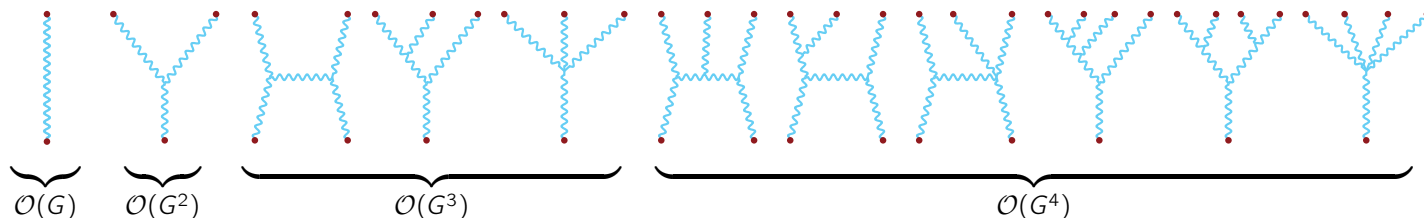
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- Observables at $\mathcal{O}(G^N)$ [Kälin-ZL-Porto 2007.04977](#) [Dlapa-Kälin-ZL-Porto 2106.08276](#) [2210.05541](#) [2304.01275](#)

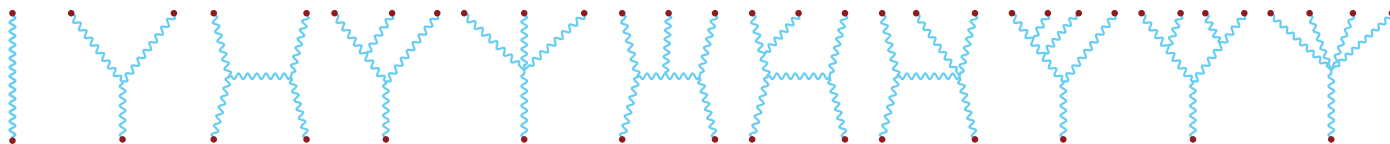
$$\Delta p_i^\mu \sim \int d^D q \frac{e^{iq \cdot b} \delta(q \cdot u_1) \delta(q \cdot u_2)}{|q^2|^\#} \int \left(\prod_{i=1}^{N-1} d^D \ell_i \frac{\delta(\ell_i \cdot u_a)}{(\ell_i \cdot u_b - i0)^{\nu_i}} \right) \frac{\mathcal{N}^\mu(q, u_a)}{D_1 D_2 D_3 \dots}$$

- ▶ Graviton propagators: $\frac{1}{D_i} \longrightarrow \frac{1}{(\ell^0 \pm i0)^2 - \vec{\ell}^2}$ or $\frac{1}{\ell^2 + i0}$
- ▶ **Cut:** always one delta function $\delta(\ell_i \cdot u_a)$ for each loop
- ▶ Kinematics: $q \cdot u_a = 0$, $u_a^2 = 1$, $u_1 \cdot u_2 = \gamma \implies$ **single scale** γ to all orders

- **Analytic technology in high-energy physics and can be used to solve gravitational problems!**



Inspiralling dynamics at NNNLO



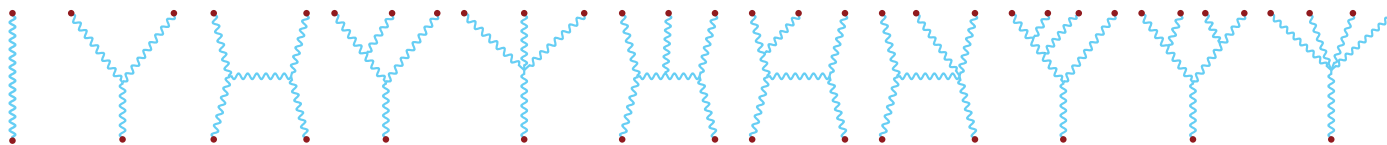
$\mathcal{O}(G^4)$: three-loop integrals

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IBP reduction: any integral = a linear combination of a **small number** of basis integrals

$$\vec{f} = \{I_1, I_2, \dots\}$$

Differential Equations

$$\frac{d\vec{f}(\gamma, \epsilon)}{d\gamma} = M(\gamma, \epsilon) \vec{f}(\gamma, \epsilon) \quad D = 4 - 2\epsilon$$

- The majority can be solved in terms of **multiple polylogarithms** [Henn 2013](#) [Lee 2014](#)
- Elliptic integrals appear in post-Minkowskian gravity for the first time
- **Expansion in PN** ($v \ll 1$): potential $l^\mu \sim (v, 1)$, radiation $l^\mu \sim (v, v)$ [Beneke-Smirnov 1997](#)
- Post-Minkowskian physics can be bootstrapped from Post-Newtonian data!



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$$\begin{aligned} \frac{c_b}{\pi} = & -\frac{3h_{34}m_2m_1(m_1^3+m_2^3)}{64v_\infty^5} + \frac{m_1^2m_2m_1^2}{4} \left[\frac{3h_6K^2(w_2)}{4v_\infty^3} - \frac{3h_8K(w_2)E(w_2)}{4v_\infty^3} + \frac{21h_5w_3E^2(w_2)}{8v_\infty^3} - \frac{\pi^2h_{16}v_\infty}{4(\gamma+1)} + \frac{3\gamma h_{10}(Li_2(w_2) - 4Li_2(\sqrt{w_2}))}{w_3v_\infty^2} \right] \\ & + \log(v_\infty) \left(\frac{h_{32}}{2v_\infty^3} - \frac{3h_{14}\log(\frac{w_3}{2})}{v_\infty} - \frac{3\gamma h_{22}\log(w_1)}{2v_\infty^4} \right) + m_2^2m_1^3 \left[\frac{h_{52}}{48v_\infty^6} - \frac{h_{63}}{768\gamma^9w_3v_\infty^5} - \frac{3v_\infty(h_{40}Li_2(w_2) + 2w_3h_{33}Li_2(-w_2))}{64w_3} \right] \\ & + \frac{3h_{14}\log(\frac{w_3}{2})\log(w_3)}{4v_\infty} + \frac{\gamma h_{39}\log(w_1)}{8w_3^3v_\infty^2} + \frac{3\gamma h_{22}\log(w_3)\log(w_1) - h_{35}\log(\frac{w_3}{2})}{8v_\infty^4} + \frac{h_{56}\log(2) - h_{57}\log(w_3) + 2\gamma h_{55}\log(\gamma) - \gamma h_{51}\log(w_1)}{32v_\infty^5} - \frac{\gamma h_{51}\log(w_1)}{16v_\infty^2} \\ & + m_1^2m_2^3 \left[\frac{h_{58}}{192\gamma^7v_\infty^5} + \frac{h_{53}}{48v_\infty^6} + \frac{\gamma h_{49}\log(w_1)}{16v_\infty^6} - \frac{2\gamma h_{50}\log(w_1) + 3\gamma^2h_{13}\log^2(w_1)}{32v_\infty^7} - \frac{h_{41}\log(\frac{w_3}{2})}{8v_\infty^4} + \frac{3\gamma\log(w_1)(5h_{26}\log(2) + 8h_{12}\log(w_3))}{8v_\infty^4} \right] \\ & - \frac{h_{36}\log(w_3)}{4v_\infty^3} + \frac{\gamma h_{30}\log(\gamma)}{2v_\infty^3} + \frac{h_{37}\log(2)}{8v_\infty^3} + \frac{3(h_{17}w_3Li_2(w_2) - 2h_{23}Li_2(-w_2) + h_{15}\log^2(w_3) - h_9\log^2(2)) - 3h_7\log(2)\log(w_3)}{8v_\infty} \Big] \\ c_1 = & m_1m_2^2 \left(\frac{2h_{46}m_{125}}{v_\infty^6} + \frac{9\pi^2h_{12}}{32v_\infty^2} \right) + m_1^2m_2^3 \left(\frac{4\gamma h_{47}}{3v_\infty^6} - \frac{8\gamma h_2\log(w_1)}{v_\infty^6} + \frac{16h_{25}\log(w_1)}{v_\infty^3} - \frac{8h_3}{3v_\infty^5} \right) \\ c_2 = & -m_1^4m_2 \left(\frac{9\pi^2h_1}{32v_\infty^2} + \frac{2h_{46}}{v_\infty^6} \right) + m_2^2m_1^3 \left[\frac{h_{60}}{705600\gamma^8v_\infty^5} - \frac{4\gamma h_{48}}{3v_\infty^6} + \frac{3h_{38}(Li_2(w_2) - 4Li_2(\sqrt{w_2})) - \gamma h_{21}(Li_2(-w_1^2) + 2\log(\gamma)\log(w_1))}{16v_\infty^4} \right] \\ & + \frac{3\gamma h_{31}(2Li_2(-w_1) + \log(w_1)\log(w_3))}{8v_\infty^4} + \frac{h_{62}\log(w_1)}{6720\gamma^9v_\infty^6} + \frac{32\gamma^2h_{44}\log^2(w_1)}{v_\infty^7} + \frac{8\gamma(2h_4\log(2) - h_{27}\log(w_1))\log(w_1)}{v_\infty^4} - \frac{32h_{29}\log(w_1)}{3v_\infty^3} + \frac{\pi^2h_{42}}{192v_\infty^4} \Big] \\ & + m_2^3m_1^2 \left[\frac{h_{59}}{1440\gamma^7v_\infty^5} - \frac{h_{19}(Li_2(-w_1^2) + 2\log(\gamma)\log(w_1))}{8v_\infty^4} + \frac{h_{43}(Li_2(w_2) - 4Li_2(\sqrt{w_2}))}{32v_\infty^4} - \frac{h_{20}(2Li_2(-w_1) + \log(w_1)\log(w_3))}{4v_\infty^4} \right] \\ & - \frac{h_{61}\log(w_1)}{480\gamma^8v_\infty^6} - \frac{16\gamma^2h_{11}\log^2(w_1)}{v_\infty^4} - \frac{32\gamma h_{45}\log^2(w_1)}{v_\infty^7} + \frac{16\gamma h_{28}\log(w_1)}{5v_\infty^3} - \frac{32h_{24}\log(2)\log(w_1)}{v_\infty^4} - \frac{\pi^2h_{18}}{48v_\infty^4} - \frac{2h_{54}}{45v_\infty^6} \Big] \end{aligned}$$

with $\gamma \equiv u_1 \cdot u_2$, $v_\infty = \sqrt{\gamma^2 - 1}$, $w_1 = \gamma - v_\infty$, $w_2 = \frac{\gamma - 1}{\gamma + 1}$, $w_3 = \gamma + 1$, $h_i = \text{polynomial in } \gamma$.

$$Li_2(z) \equiv \int_0^z \frac{dx \log(1-x)}{-x}$$

$$\chi(z) \equiv \int_0^z \frac{dx}{\sqrt{(1-x^2)(1-zx^2)}}$$

$$E(\chi) \equiv \int_0^{\chi} dx \sqrt{\frac{1-zx^2}{1-x^2}}$$



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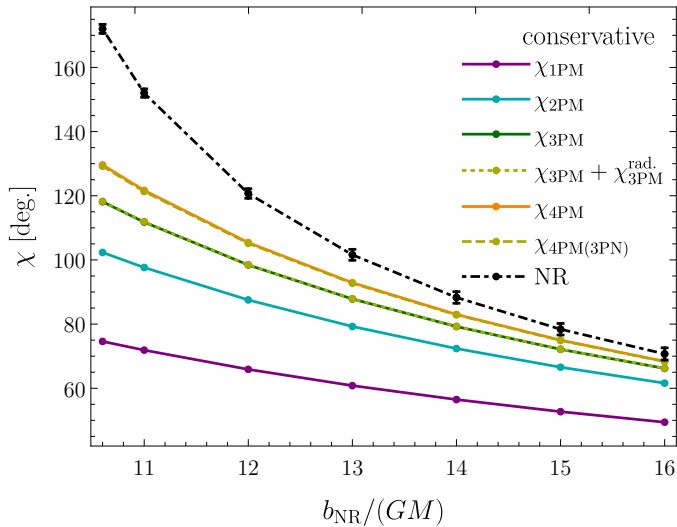
- We obtained the full dynamics for binary system at $\mathcal{O}(G^4)$ for the first time!
- We computed the radiated energy:

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta E_{\text{hyp}}^{4\text{PM}} \sim & \frac{1568}{45v_\infty} + \left(\frac{18608}{525} - \frac{1136\nu}{45} \right) v_\infty + \frac{3136v_\infty^2}{45} + \left(\frac{764\nu^2}{45} - \frac{356\nu}{63} + \frac{220348}{11025} \right) v_\infty^3 \\ & + \left(\frac{1216}{105} - \frac{2272\nu}{45} \right) v_\infty^4 + \left(-\frac{622\nu^3}{45} + \frac{3028\nu^2}{1575} - \frac{199538\nu}{33075} - \frac{151854}{13475} \right) v_\infty^5 \\ & + \left(\frac{1528\nu^2}{45} - \frac{8056\nu}{1575} + \frac{117248}{1575} \right) v_\infty^6 + \mathcal{O}(v_\infty^7) \quad v_\infty = \sqrt{\gamma^2 - 1} \ll 1 \end{aligned}$$

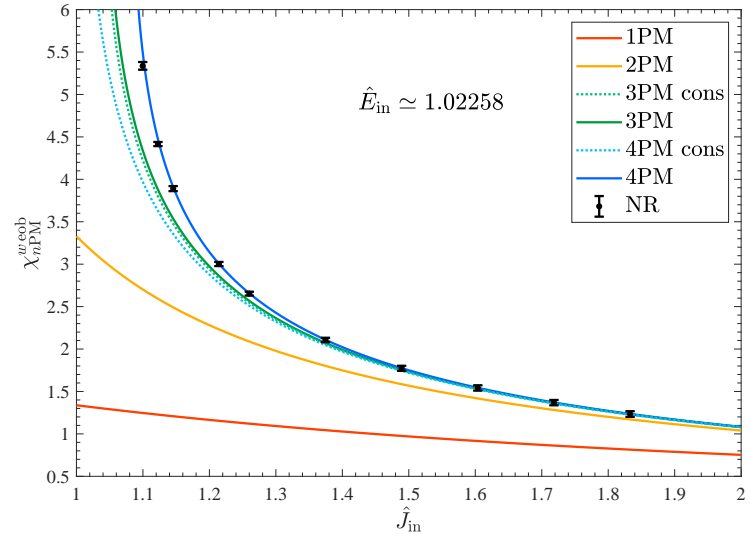
- Perfect agreement with the state-of-the-art PN computations

[Cho-Dandapat-Gopakumar 2021](#) [Cho 2022](#) [Bini-Geralico 2021 2022](#) [Bini-Damour 2022](#)

Comparison with Numerical Simulations



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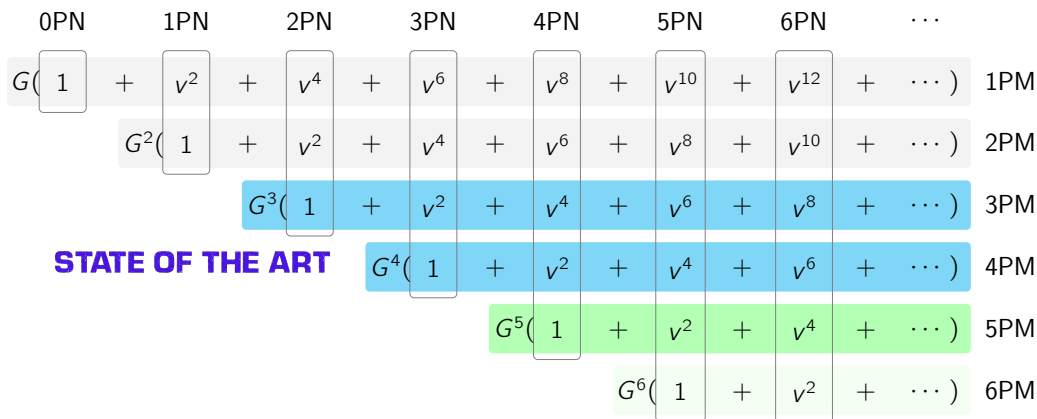


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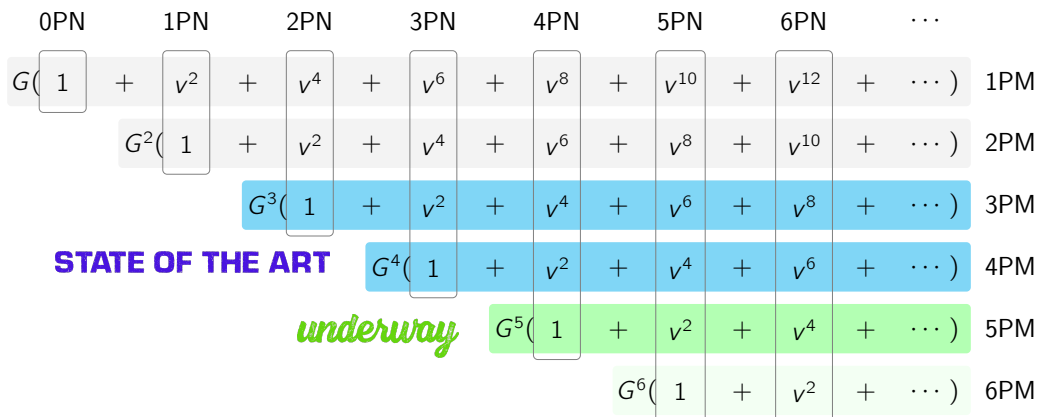


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Next-generation observations need more precise predictions. We are progressing!



Thanks for your attention!



Radiation Reaction: in-in formalism

Keldysh representation:

$$\begin{aligned}x_a^+ &= \frac{1}{2}(x_a^{(1)} + x_a^{(2)}) & h_{\mu\nu}^+ &= \frac{1}{2}(h_{\mu\nu}^{(1)} + h_{\mu\nu}^{(2)}) \\x_a^- &= x_a^{(1)} - x_a^{(2)} & h_{\mu\nu}^- &= h_{\mu\nu}^{(1)} - h_{\mu\nu}^{(2)}\end{aligned}$$

Closed-time-path integral

$$e^{i\mathcal{S}_{\text{eff}}[x_a^\pm]} = \int \mathcal{D}h^+ \mathcal{D}h^- e^{i\mathcal{S}_{\text{GR}} + i\mathcal{S}_{\text{WL}}}$$

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Impulse

$$\Delta p_i^\mu = -\eta^{\mu\nu} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} d\tau \left(\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}_{\text{eff}}}{\partial x_i^{-,\nu}(\tau)} \right) \Big|_{x_a^- \rightarrow 0, x_a^+ \rightarrow x_a}$$

Causal propagator matrix

$$i \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -\Delta_{\text{adv}}(x-y) \\ -\Delta_{\text{ret}}(x-y) & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$