The gravitational potential at fifth post-Newtonian order

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Compact binary systems

Post-Newtonian expansion



- Masses comparable: $m \equiv m_1 \sim m_2$ Generalisation to different masses straightforward
- Nonrelativistic system: $v \ll 1$
- Virial theorem: $mv^2 \sim \frac{Gm^2}{r}$

Post-Newtonian (PN) expansion: Combined expansion in $v \sim \sqrt{Gm/r} \ll 1$

Post-Newtonian expansion

Scales



Post-Newtonian expansion

Conservative dynamics

Various Approaches:

• Traditional: up to fourth order (4PN)

[Damour, Jaranowski, Schäfer 2014-2015]

[Bernard, Blanchet, Bohé, Faye, Marchant, Marsat 2015-2017]

• "Tutti Frutti": partial 5PN & 6PN

[Bini, Damour, Geralico 2019-2020]

Effective Field Theory

[Goldberger, Rothstein 2004-2006]

 $\begin{array}{l} 4PN \hspace{0.1cm} \mbox{[Foffa, Porto, Rothstein, Sturani 2019; Blümlein, Maier, Marquard 2020]} \\ (partial) \hspace{0.1cm} 5PN \hspace{0.1cm} \& \hspace{0.1cm} 6PN \hspace{0.1cm} \rightarrow \hspace{0.1cm} this \hspace{0.1cm} talk \end{array}$

Idea: construct simpler, but equivalent theory

Starting from a full theory (general relativity)

 Identify relevant scales and expand action in small scaling parameter

$$v\sim\sqrt{Gm/r}\ll 1$$

General relativity

General relativity action:

$$S_{
m GR}[g^{\mu
u}] = S_{
m EH} + S_{
m GF} + S_{
m matter}$$

With $\eta^{\mu\nu} = diag(-1, 1, 1, 1), g = det(g^{\mu\nu})$:

Einstein-Hilbert action:

$$S_{\mathsf{EH}} = rac{1}{16G\pi}\int d^dx \sqrt{-g}R$$

• Harmonic gauge
$$\partial_{\mu}\sqrt{-g}g^{\mu\nu} = 0$$
:

$$S_{
m GF} = -rac{1}{32G\pi}\int d^dx \sqrt{-g}\Gamma_\mu\Gamma^\mu$$
 , $\Gamma^\mu = g^{lphaeta}\Gamma^\mu_{\ lphaeta}$

• Assume point-like matter, no spin:

$$S_{
m matter} = -\sum_{a=1}^2 m_a \int d au_a$$

General relativity

Post-Newtonian expansion

Expand
$$S_{\text{GR}}$$
 in $v \sim \sqrt{Gm/r} \ll 1$, e.g.
 $-m_a \int d\tau_a = -m_a \int dt \sqrt{-g_{\mu\nu}} \frac{\partial x_a^{\mu}}{\partial t} \frac{\partial x_a^{\nu}}{\partial t} = -m_a \int dt \sqrt{-g_{00}} + \mathcal{O}(v_a)$

Coupling to spatial components of metric suppressed

Temporal Kaluza-Klein decomposition [Kol, Smolkin 2010]

$$g^{\mu
u} = e^{2\phi} \begin{pmatrix} -1 & A_j \\ A_i & e^{-c_d\phi}(\delta_{ij} + \sigma_{ij}) - A_iA_j \end{pmatrix}$$
, $c_d = 2rac{d-2}{d-3}$

Flat spacetime for $\sqrt{Gm/r} \rightarrow 0$:

Expand in ϕ , A_i , $\sigma_{ij} \sim \sqrt{Gm/r} \sim v$

General relativity

Expanded action

$$\begin{split} S_{\text{GR}}[\phi, A_{i}, \sigma_{ij}] &= \\ &\sum_{a=1}^{2} \int dt \left(m_{a} + \frac{1}{2} m_{a} v_{a}^{2} + \mathcal{O}(v^{4}) \right) \\ &+ \sum_{a=1}^{2} m_{a} \int dt \left(-\phi + v_{ai} A_{i} + v_{ai} v_{aj} \sigma_{ij} - \frac{1}{2} \phi^{2} + \dots \right) \\ &+ \int \frac{d^{d} x}{32 \pi G} \left[-c_{d} (\partial_{\mu} \phi)^{2} + (\partial_{\mu} A_{i})^{2} + \frac{1}{4} (\partial_{\mu} \sigma_{ii})^{2} - \frac{1}{2} (\partial_{\mu} \sigma_{ij})^{2} + \dots \right] \end{split}$$

Consider as quantum field theory:



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[Beneke, Smirnov 1999]

 $\phi = \phi_{\text{pot}} + \phi_{\text{rad}}, \quad A = A_{\text{pot}} + A_{\text{rad}}, \quad \sigma = \sigma_{\text{pot}} + \sigma_{\text{rad}}$

- Potential: $k_0 \sim \frac{v}{r}$, $\vec{k} \sim \frac{1}{r}$
- Radiation/ultrasoft: $k^{\mu} \sim \frac{v}{r}$
- hard, soft modes: negligible quantum corrections

Radiation fields have wavelength $\lambda \sim \frac{r}{v} \gg r$ \Rightarrow multipole expansion in terms with both modes, e.g. $\phi_{rad}(t, \vec{x}) = \phi_{rad}(t, \vec{0}) + x_i \partial_i \phi_{rad}(t, \vec{0}) + \dots$

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[Goldberger, Rothstein 2004-2006]

- Absorb potential modes into near-zone potential
- Keep radiation/ultrasoft modes

Ansatz:

$$S_{\mathsf{NRGR}} = S_{\mathsf{matter}} + S_{\mathsf{mixed}} + S_{\mathsf{radiation}}$$

- $S_{\text{matter}} = \int dt \left(M + T V_{\text{NZ}} \right)$
- S_{mixed}: coupling of radiation modes to matter
- *S*_{radiation}: pure radiation modes

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- Oetermine parameters from equivalence between effective and full theory up to higher PN orders: matching

Nonrelativistic effective theory

Potential matching

$$\mathcal{H}_{\mathsf{NZ}} = i \frac{d}{dt} \log \left[\int \mathcal{D}\phi_{\mathsf{pot}} \mathcal{D}\mathcal{A}_{\mathsf{pot}} \mathcal{D}\sigma_{\mathsf{pot}} e^{iS_{\mathsf{GR}} - i \int dt(M+T)} \Big|_{\phi_{\mathsf{rad}} = \mathcal{A}_{\mathsf{rad}} = \sigma_{\mathsf{rad}} = 0} \right]$$

$$= i\frac{d}{dt}\log\left[1 + \underbrace{1}_{t} + \underbrace{1}_{t} + \underbrace{1}_{2} \times \underbrace{1}_{t} + \frac{1}{2} \times \underbrace{1}_{t} + \frac{1}{2} \times \underbrace{1}_{t} + \cdots\right]$$

Matter lines are no propagators:

$$\boxed{\begin{array}{c} \hline & & \\ \hline \end{array}} = \begin{bmatrix} & & \\ & & \\ \\ & & \\ \\ \end{array} = \left(\begin{array}{c} & \\ \\ \hline & \\ \\ \end{array} \right)^2$$

No contributions from factorising diagrams:

cf. [Fischler 1977]

$$V_{\rm NZ} = i \frac{d}{dt} \left[\underbrace{ } + \underbrace{ } + \underbrace{ } + \frac{1}{2} \times \underbrace{ } + \frac{1}{2} \times \underbrace{ } + \dots \right]$$

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$$\begin{split} & \sum_{\substack{p_1 \quad b_2 \\ p_2 \quad b_3 \quad b_4 \\ p_2 \quad b_4 \quad b_4 \\ p_2 \quad b_4 \quad b_4 \\ p_3 \quad b_4 \quad b_4 \\ p_4 \quad b_4 \quad b_4 \quad b_4 \\ p_4 \quad b_4 \quad b$$

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c_j: Laurent series in $\epsilon = \frac{3-d}{2}$, polynomials in *m*₁, *m*₂, *r*⁻¹, *G*⁻¹

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[Lee, Mingulov 2015; Damour, Jaranowski 2017]

$$\displaystyle = 6\pi^{7/2} \Bigg[rac{2}{\epsilon} - 4 - 4\ln(2) + \mathcal{O}(\epsilon^1) \Bigg]$$

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$$V_{\text{5PN}}^{\text{NZ}} \stackrel{v=0}{=} \frac{G^6}{r^6} m_1 m_2 \left[\frac{5}{16} (m_1^5 + m_2^5) + \frac{91}{6} m_1 m_2 (m_1^3 + m_2^3) + \frac{653}{6} m_1^2 m_2^2 (m_1 + m_2) \right]$$

5PN v = 0: [Foffa, Mastrolia, Sturani, Sturm, Torres Bobadilla 2019; Blümlein, Maier, Marquard 2019] New:

- complete 5PN [Blümlein, Maier, Marquard, Schäfer, 2020]
- 6PN up to 3 loops: $v^{\geq 6}$ [Blümlein, Maier, Marquard, Schäfer, 2020-2021]

Near-zone potential

Cross checks



[Bern, Martinez, Roiban, Ruf, Shen 2021]

[Foffa, Sturani, Torres Bobadilla 2021]

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Construct classical post-Newtonian action without any field:

$$S_{\mathsf{PN}} = \int dt \; L[ec{x}_{\mathsf{a}}, ec{v}_{\mathsf{a}}] = \int dt \; (M+T-V)$$

Absorb radiation modes radiation/ultrasoft modes into far-zone potential V_{FZ} ("tail")

$$V = V_{NZ} + V_{FZ}$$

Far-zone potential

Matching equation for far-zone potential:

$$V_{\text{FZ}} = i \frac{d}{dt} \log \left[\int \mathcal{D} \phi_{\text{rad}} \mathcal{D} A_{\text{rad}} \mathcal{D} \sigma_{\text{rad}} e^{i(S_{\text{mixed}} + S_{\text{radiation}})} \right]$$

Matter-radiation interaction in NRGR:

$$S_{ ext{mixed}} = rac{1}{2}\int d^d x \ T^{\mu
u} \delta g_{\mu
u} + \mathcal{O}(\delta g^2_{\mu
u}), \qquad \delta g_{\mu
u} = g_{\mu
u} - \eta_{\mu
u}$$

$\delta g_{\mu\nu}$ multipole expanded

 $\Rightarrow \phi, A_i, \sigma_{ij} \text{ coupling to multipole moments } E, P_i, L_i, I_{ij}, \dots$ after integration by parts e.g. [Ross 2012]

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At 5PN: [Foffa, Sturani 2019–2021]

- Additional multipole moments J_{ij}, O_{ijk}
- More 2-loop diagrams
- 1PN corrections to E, I_{ij} in d dimensions

[Marchand, Henry, Larrouturou, Marsat, Faye, Blanchet 2020]

• Combine potentials $V = V_{NZ} + V_{FZ}$:

$$L_{\sf PN}[\vec{x}_a, \vec{v}_a, \vec{a}_a, \vec{x}_a^{(3)}, \ldots] = M + T - V$$

- Eliminate higher time derivatives:
 - Total derivatives $L_{PN} \rightarrow L_{PN} + \frac{d}{dt}F$
 - Multiple zeroes $L_{PN} \rightarrow L_{PN} + FZ_1Z_2 \cdots$ with $\delta(FZ_1Z_2 \cdots) = 0$ at current PN order
 - Coordinate shifts $\vec{x}_a \rightarrow \vec{x}_a + \Delta \vec{x}_a$ with $\Delta \vec{x}_a = \mathcal{O}(1\text{PN})$
- Transform to classical Hamiltonian $H = \vec{p}_a \vec{v}_a L$ in centre-of-mass frame
- Canonical transformations with generator g for comparisons and simpler expressions

$$H o e^{D_g} H$$
 , $D_g f = \{f,g\}$

$$\begin{split} \mu &= \frac{m_1 m_2}{M}, \quad p = \frac{\vec{p}_1}{\mu} = -\frac{\vec{p}_2}{\mu}, \quad r = \frac{|x_1 - x_2|}{GM}, \quad n = \frac{\vec{r}}{r} \\ \frac{H_{5PN}^{\text{pole free}} - M}{\mu} &= -\frac{21p^{12}}{1024} + \frac{5}{16r^6} - \frac{125p^2}{16r^5} - \frac{499p^4}{64r^4} - \frac{161p^6}{32r^3} - \frac{445p^8}{256r^2} - \frac{77p^{10}}{256r} \\ &+ \frac{\mu}{M} \left[\frac{231p^{12}}{1024} - \frac{279775133}{529200r^6} - \frac{1450584679p^2}{2116800r^5} + \frac{2010713771p^4}{1411200r^4} + \frac{11206267p^6}{141120r^3} + \frac{937p^8}{32r^2} \\ &+ \frac{805p^{10}}{256r} + \ln\left(\frac{r}{r_0}\right) \left(\frac{64}{105r^6} - \frac{18944p^2}{105r^5} + \frac{1796p^4}{105r^4} + \frac{19136(p.n)^2}{105r^5} - \frac{10664p^2(p.n)^2}{105r^4} \right) \\ &+ \frac{2748(p.n)^4}{35r^4} \right) + \pi^2 \left(\frac{70399}{1152r^6} + \frac{65291p^2}{1152r^5} - \frac{1328147p^4}{12288r^4} - \frac{7719p^6}{4096r^3} + \frac{6649(p.n)^2}{576r^5} \right) \\ &+ \frac{5042575p^2(p.n)^2}{6144r^4} + \frac{58887p^4(p.n)^2}{4096r^3} - \frac{3293913(p.n)^4}{4096r^4} - \frac{89625p^2(p.n)^4}{4096r^3} \\ &+ \frac{42105(p.n)^6}{4096r^3} \right) - \frac{34541593(p.n)^2}{2116800r^5} - \frac{2395722563p^2(p.n)^2}{282240r^4} - \frac{62196341p^4(p.n)^2}{78400r^3} \\ &- \frac{589p^6(p.n)^2}{16r^2} - \frac{35p^8(p.n)^2}{256r} + \frac{631107353(p.n)^4}{78400r^4} + \frac{31226291p^2(p.n)^4}{23520r^3} \\ &+ \frac{8951p^4(p.n)^4}{384r^2} - \frac{563921(p.n)^6}{960r^3} - \frac{5117p^2(p.n)^6}{320r^2} + \frac{159(p.n)^8}{28r^2} \right] + \frac{\mu^2}{M^2} \left[-\frac{231p^{12}}{256} \\ &+ \frac{72454}{225r^6} + \frac{1353196483p^2}{529200r^5} - \frac{787300061p^4}{264600r^4} + \frac{3605263p^6}{29400r^3} - \frac{11535p^8}{128r^2} - \frac{2865p^{10}}{256r} \\ &- \ln \left(\frac{r}{r_0}\right) \left(\frac{256}{105r^6} + \frac{3392p^2}{105r^5} - \frac{432p^4}{35r^4} - \frac{2992(p.n)^2}{105r^5} - \frac{6824p^2(p.n)^2}{105r^4} + \frac{496(p.n)^4}{7r^4} \right) \end{split}$$

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$$\begin{split} &+\pi^2 \bigg(\frac{5453}{768r^6} - \frac{121315\rho^2}{768r^5} + \frac{2076041\rho^4}{12288r^4} + \frac{29987\rho^6}{4096r^3} + \frac{200359(p.n)^2}{768r^5} - \frac{172311\rho^4(p.n)^2}{4096r^3} \\ &- \frac{5962205\rho^2(p.n)^2}{6144r^4} + \frac{2617363(p.n)^4}{4096r^4} + \frac{127125\rho^2(p.n)^4}{4096r^3} + \frac{14175(p.n)^6}{4096r^3} \bigg) \\ &- \frac{857318207(p.n)^2}{264600r^5} + \frac{34200172759\rho^2(p.n)^2}{2116800r^4} - \frac{5034763\rho^4(p.n)^2}{9800r^3} + \frac{4969\rho^6(p.n)^2}{64r^2} \\ &+ \frac{275\rho^8(p.n)^2}{265r} - \frac{4989943687(p.n)^4}{352800r^4} + \frac{2674877\rho^2(p.n)^4}{7840r^3} + \frac{925\rho^4(p.n)^4}{24r^2} + \frac{15\rho^6(p.n)^4}{128r} \\ &- \frac{25649(p.n)^6}{3360r^3} - \frac{8331\rho^2(p.n)^6}{160r^2} + \frac{751(p.n)^8}{28r^2} \bigg] + \frac{\mu^3}{M^3} \bigg[\frac{1617\rho^{12}}{1024} - \frac{238966727\rho^2}{151200r^5} \\ &+ \frac{127702733\rho^4}{84672r^4} + \frac{108551131\rho^6}{4233600r^3} + \frac{16283\rho^8}{256r^2} + \frac{3995\rho^{10}}{256r} + \pi^2 \bigg(-\frac{2339\rho^2}{192r^5} + \frac{98447\rho^4}{3072r^4} \\ &- \frac{20259\rho^6}{1024r^3} - \frac{16111(p.n)^2}{192r^5} + \frac{131231\rho^2(p.n)^2}{1536r^4} + \frac{106947\rho^4(p.n)^2}{1024r^3} - \frac{361499(p.n)^4}{1024r^4} \\ &- \frac{30075p^2(p.n)^4}{1024r^3} - \frac{65625(p.n)^6}{1024r^3} \bigg) + \frac{758233181(p.n)^2}{15120r^5} - \frac{10374288811\rho^2(p.n)^2}{705600r^4} \\ &- \frac{2027947669\rho^4(p.n)^2}{1411200r^3} + \frac{177\rho^6(p.n)^2}{256r^2} - \frac{221\rho^8(p.n)^2}{128r} - \frac{13905527(p.n)^6}{4480r^3} \\ &+ \frac{355111837\rho^2(p.n)^4}{19408r^2} - \frac{152525\rho^4(p.n)^4}{128r} - \frac{3p^6(p.n)^4}{128r} - \frac{13905527(p.n)^6}{4480r^3} \\ &+ \frac{136977\rho^2(p.n)^6}{128r^2} - \frac{15\rho^4(p.n)^6}{128r} - \frac{289839(p.n)^8}{4480r^2} - \frac{35\rho^2(p.n)^8}{256r} \bigg]$$



 \Rightarrow observables: energy, periastron advance

Cross checks:

- $\checkmark \frac{\mu^0}{M^0}$ agrees with Schwarzschild limit
- ✓ $\frac{\mu^1}{M^1}$, $\frac{\mu^2}{M^2}$: poles cancel between near zone and far zone
- \checkmark $\frac{\mu^3}{M^3}$, $\frac{\mu^4}{M^4}$, $\frac{\mu^5}{M^5}$ agree with [Bini, Damour, Geralico 2020]
 - $\frac{\mu^1}{M^1}$ agrees with [Bini, Damour, Geralico 2020] after finite renormalisation $J_{ij}
 ightarrow \left(1 - rac{1}{3}\epsilon\right) J_{ij}$
 - No comparable result for $\frac{\mu^2}{M^2}$

Conclusion

- Powerful methods from particle physics for post-Newtonian expansion:
 - Effective field theories
 - Techniques for multiloop calculations
- Latest results:
 - Complete 5PN (near-zone) potential
 - Partial 6PN potential
- Open questions in combination with far zone/tail