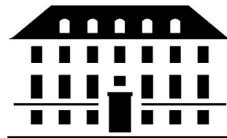




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Collider Physics Tools for Precision Gravitational Wave Physics

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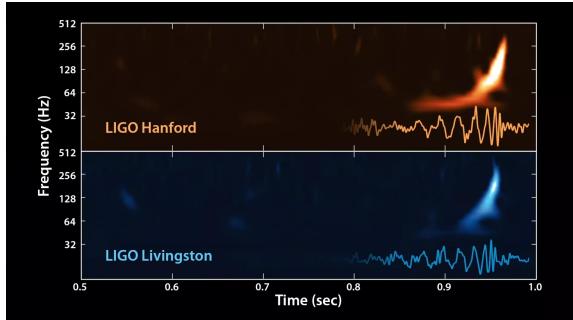
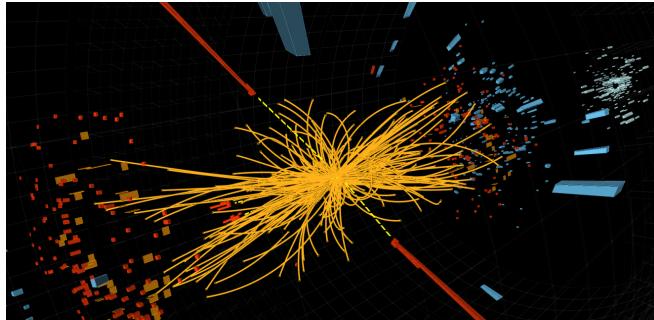
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Theory Challenges in the Precision Era of the Large Hadron Collider
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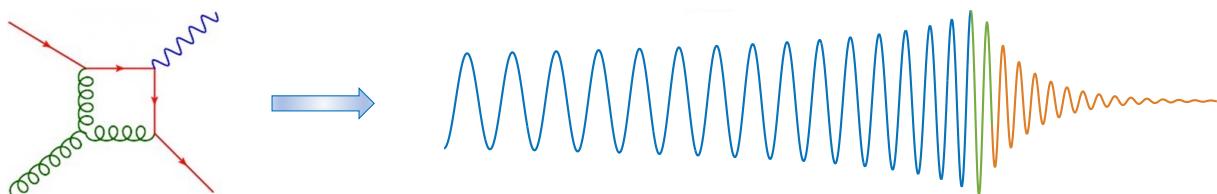
Precision Era of Fundamental Physics



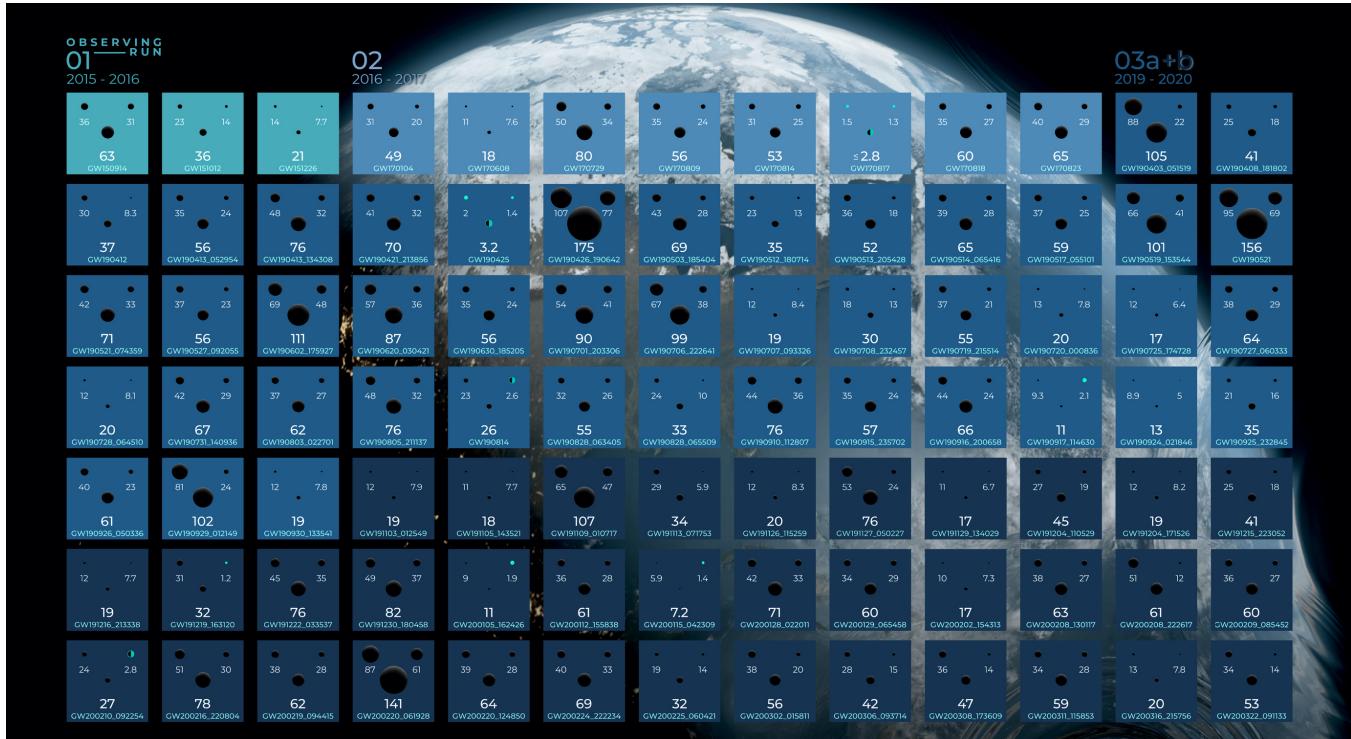
Two historic breakthroughs in science:

- Higgs bosons from the LHC (2012)
- Gravitational waves from the LIGO (2016)
- High-energy and gravitational physics entered a precision era!

Modern techniques from collider physics are playing a crucial role in precision GW physics!



Gravitational waves

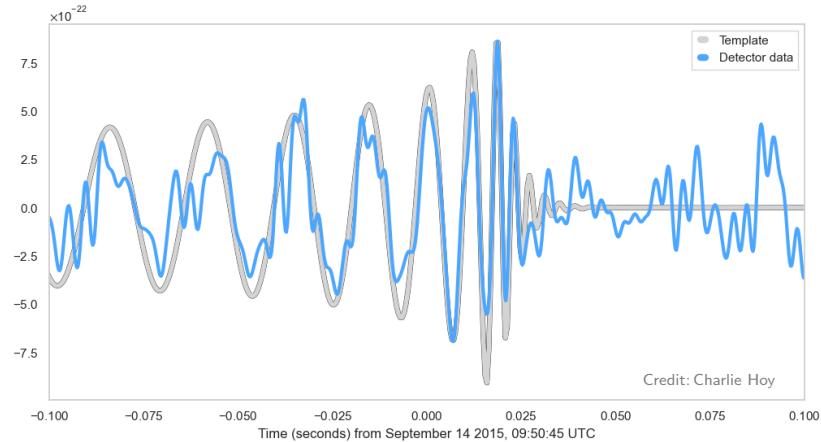


Credit: Carl Knox (OzGrav, Swinburne)



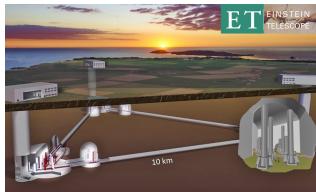
GWTC-3: 90 GW events—the majority are binary black holes (BH), but also several binary neutron stars (NS) and mixed NS-BHs.

Gravitational-wave science



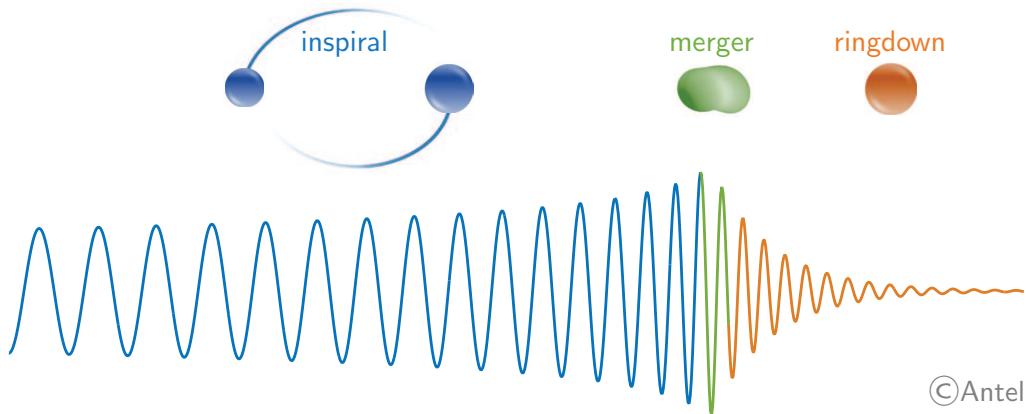
Credit: Charlie Hoy

Waveforms will be far more complex and carry more information than expected. Improved modeling will be needed for extracting the GW's information. [Kip Thorne 1993](#)



Precise theoretical predictions for the motion of GW sources are crucial in [interpreting data](#) and [maximizing discovery potential](#) for present and future observations.

Gravitational waves from binary coalescences



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Merger: Numerical Relativity

Ringdown: black hole perturbation theory

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

Post-Newtonian/post-Minkowskian expansion

Inspiralling dynamics

0PN	1PN	2PN	3PN	4PN	5PN	6PN	...
$G(\boxed{1})$	$+ v^2$	$+ v^4$	$+ v^6$	$+ v^8$	$+ v^{10}$	$+ v^{12}$	$+ \dots)$
$G^2(\boxed{1})$	$+ v^2$	$+ v^4$	$+ v^6$	$+ v^8$	$+ v^{10}$	$+ v^{12}$	$+ \dots)$
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	$G^5(\boxed{1})$	$+ v^2$	$+ v^4$	$+ v^6$	$+ v^8$	$+ v^{10}$	$+ \dots)$
	$G^6(\boxed{1})$	$+ v^2$	$+ v^4$	$+ v^6$	$+ v^8$	$+ v^{10}$	$+ \dots)$

1PM: Bertotti 1956

2PM: Westpfahl 1985

Collider physics tools have transformed this field!

3PM: Bern, Cheung, Roiban, Shen, Solon, Zeng 2019; Kälin, **ZL**, Porto 2020

Di Vecchia, Heissenberg, Russo, Veneziano 2021; Bjerrum-Bohr, Damgaard, Planté, Vanhove 2021
Brandhuber, Chen, Travaglini, Wen 2021,...

4PM: Dlapa, Kälin, **ZL**, Neef, Porto 2021, 2022; Bern, Parra-Martinez, Roiban, Ruf, Shen, Solon, Zeng 2021
Damgaard, Hansen, Planté, Vanhove 2023; Jakobsen, Mogull, Plefka, Sauer, Xu 2023



Effective Field Theory

- In the inspiral phase

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

- Effective action for gravitational binary systems

Goldberger-Rothstein 2004

$$e^{iS_{\text{eff}}[x_a(\tau)]} = \int \mathcal{D}h_{\mu\nu} e^{iS_{\text{WL}}+iS_{\text{GR}}}$$

with

$$S_{\text{WL}} = \sum_{i=1,2} \left[-\frac{m_i}{2} \int dt g_{\mu\nu} \dot{x}_i^\mu \dot{x}_i^\nu + \dots \right], \quad S_{\text{GR}} = \frac{-1}{16\pi G} \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} R + \dots$$

- Post-Minkowskian expand 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:

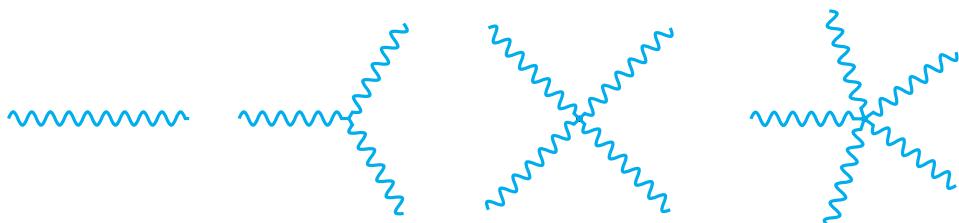
$$m_i \ddot{x}_i^\mu = -\eta^{\mu\nu} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}_n}{\partial x_i^\nu} - \frac{d}{d\tau_i} \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}_n}{\partial \dot{x}_i^\nu} \right) \quad x_i^\mu = b_i^\mu + u_i^\mu \tau + \delta x_i^\mu(\tau) + \dots$$

Effective Field Theory

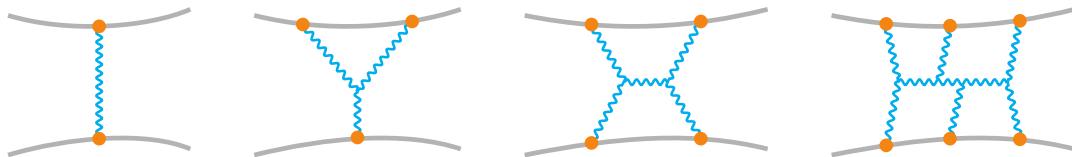
- Worldlines as sources in path integral:



- Hilbert-Einstein: $\mathcal{L}_{\text{HE}} = \mathcal{L}_{hh} + \mathcal{L}_{hhh} + \mathcal{L}_{hhhh} + \dots$



- Classical physics: we use the saddle-point approximation in path integrals.



- Enjoy the advantages of quantum methods and classical physics
powerful and systematic & purely classical at all steps (simplicity)



Effective Field Theory

- Observables at $\mathcal{O}(G^N)$ 2007.04977 2008.06047 2102.10059 2304.01275

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

- ▶ Graviton propagators:

$$\frac{1}{D_i} \rightarrow \frac{1}{(\ell^0 \pm i0)^2 - \vec{\ell}^2} \quad \text{or} \quad \frac{1}{\ell^2 + i0}$$

- ▶ **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
- Multi-loop technology from collider physics can be used to solve gravitational problems!



Collider Physics Toolbox

Post-Minkowskian Loop Integrals at $\mathcal{O}(G^N)$

$$\int \left(\prod_{i=1}^{N-1} d^D \ell_i \frac{\delta(\ell_j \cdot u_{a_i})}{(\ell_i \cdot u_{b_i} - i0)^{\alpha_i}} \right) \frac{1}{D_1^{\nu_1} D_2^{\nu_2} \dots}$$

- Reverse Unitarity: replace the delta-function by the cut-propagator Anastasiou-Melnikov 2002

$$\delta(k_i \cdot u_a) \rightarrow \frac{1}{2\pi i} \left(\frac{1}{k_i \cdot u_a - i0} - \frac{1}{k_i \cdot u_a + i0} \right)$$

Then standard loop-integral techniques can be applied straightforwardly!

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

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

Publicly-available programs: Reduze, FIRE, LiteRed, Kira, FiniteFlow, NeatIBP

See Andreas von Manteuffel's talk



Collider Physics Toolbox

- Differential equations:

$$\frac{d\vec{f}(x, \epsilon)}{dx} = M(x, \epsilon) \vec{f}(x, \epsilon) \quad D = 4 - 2\epsilon \quad \gamma = \frac{x^2 + 1}{2x}$$

- Canonical form

Henn 2013 Lee 2014

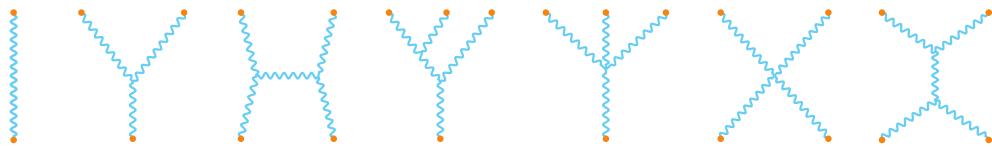
$$\frac{d\vec{g}(x, \epsilon)}{dx} = \epsilon Q(x) \vec{g}(x, \epsilon) \quad \vec{g} = T \cdot \vec{f}$$

- Then the solution can be written in terms of **multiple polylogarithms** to any order in ϵ .

$$G(a_1, \dots, a_n; z) = \int_0^z \frac{dt}{t - a_1} G(a_2, \dots, a_n; t) \quad \text{Chen 1977 Goncharov 2001}$$

- From 3-loop level, elliptic integrals appear and differential equations remain powerful.
- Boundary constants can be computed in Post-Newtonian limit using **the method of regions**.
potential: $\ell^\mu \sim (\nu, 1)$ radiation: $\ell^\mu \sim (\nu, \nu)$ Beneke-Smirnov 1997
- Post-Minkowskian physics can be bootstrapped from Post-Newtonian data!

Inspiralling dynamics at NNLO



- $\mathcal{O}(G^3)$: two-loop integrals

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$$\int \frac{d^D \ell_1 d^D \ell_2 \delta(\ell_1 \cdot u_1) \delta(\ell_2 \cdot u_2)}{[\ell_1 \cdot u_2]^{a_1} [\pm \ell_2 \cdot u_1]^{a_2}} \frac{1}{[\ell_1^2]^{a_3} [\ell_2^2]^{a_4} [(\ell_1 + \ell_2 - q)^2]^{a_5} [(\ell_1 - q)^2]^{a_6} [(\ell_2 - q)^2]^{a_7}}$$

- The reduction and evaluation of integrals can be performed in standard techniques.
- Conservative dynamics at $\mathcal{O}(G^3)$:

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$$\Delta p_1^\mu = \frac{G^3 b^\mu}{|b^2|^2} \left(\frac{8m_1^2 m_2^2 (4\gamma^4 - 12\gamma^2 - 3)}{(\gamma^2 - 1)} \text{Arccosh}(\gamma) - \frac{2m_1 m_2 (m_1^2 + m_2^2) (16\gamma^6 - 32\gamma^4 + 16\gamma^2 - 1)}{(\gamma^2 - 1)^{5/2}} \right. \\ \left. - \frac{4m_1^2 m_2^2 \gamma (20\gamma^6 - 90\gamma^4 + 120\gamma^2 - 53)}{3(\gamma^2 - 1)^{5/2}} \right) + \frac{3\pi}{2} \frac{(2\gamma^2 - 1)(5\gamma^2 - 1)}{(\gamma^2 - 1)^2} \frac{G^3 m_1 m_2 (m_1 + m_2)}{|b^2|^{3/2}} \left((m_1 + \gamma m_2) u_2^\mu - (m_2 + \gamma m_1) u_1^\mu \right)$$

- We provided the first confirmation for the BCRSSZ's derivation.

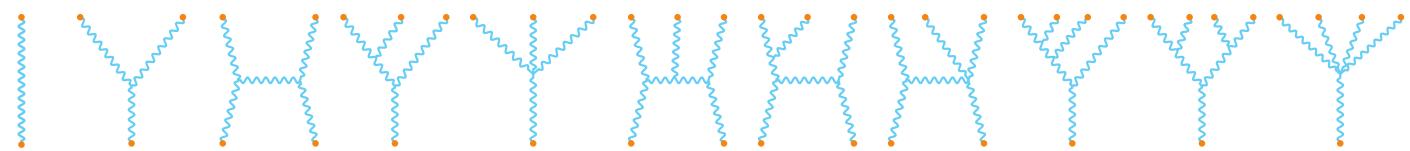
Bern-Cheung-Roiban-Shen-Solon-Zeng (BCRSSZ) 2019

- We also obtained the quadrupolar and octupolar tidal corrections at $\mathcal{O}(G^3)$.

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Inspiralling dynamics at NNNLO



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

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$$\int d^D \ell_1 d^D \ell_2 d^D \ell_3 \frac{\delta(\ell_1 \cdot u_1) \delta(\ell_2 \cdot u_2) \delta(\ell_3 \cdot u_2)}{[\ell_1 \cdot u_2]^{\alpha_1} [\ell_2 \cdot u_1]^{\alpha_2} [\ell_3 \cdot u_1]^{\alpha_3}} \frac{D_8^{-\nu_8} D_9^{-\nu_9}}{D_1^{\nu_1} D_2^{\nu_2} \cdots D_7^{\nu_7}} \{ \ell_1^2, \ell_2^2, (\ell_1 - q)^2, (\ell_2 - q)^2, (\ell_3 - q)^2, \ell_3^2, (\ell_1 - \ell_2)^2, (\ell_2 - \ell_3)^2, (\ell_3 - \ell_1)^2 \}$$

IBP reduction: LiteRed \oplus FIRE6

conservative: $\mathcal{O}(10^2)$ master integrals full: $\mathcal{O}(10^3)$ master integrals

Differential Equations

$$\frac{d\vec{f}(x, \epsilon)}{dx} = M(x, \epsilon) \vec{f}(x, \epsilon)$$

- The majority can be solved in terms of **multiple polylogarithms**.
- Elliptic integrals appear in post-Minkwskian gravity for the first time.



Elliptic differential equations

Elliptic differential equations

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$$\frac{d}{dx} \begin{pmatrix} f_1(x) \\ f_2(x) \\ f_3(x) \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1-x^2}{2x(1+x^2)} & \frac{1+x^2}{4x(1-x^2)} & \frac{3x}{(1-x^2)(1+x^2)} \\ -\frac{1-x^2}{x(1+x^2)} & \frac{3(1+x^2)}{2x(1-x^2)} & -\frac{6x}{(1-x^2)(1+x^2)} \\ \frac{1-x^2}{x(1+x^2)} & -\frac{1+x^2}{2x(1-x^2)} & -\frac{1-4x^2+x^4}{x(1-x^2)(1+x^2)} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} f_1(x) \\ f_2(x) \\ f_3(x) \end{pmatrix} + \mathcal{O}(\epsilon)$$

It can then be written as a third-order differential equation:

$$\left[\frac{d^3}{dx^3} - \frac{6x}{1-x^2} \frac{d^2}{dx^2} - \frac{1-4x^2+7x^4}{x^2(1-x^2)^2} \frac{d}{dx} - \frac{1+x^2}{x^3(1-x^2)} + \mathcal{O}(\epsilon) \right] f_1(x) = 0$$

It is easy to find the three solutions:

$$x K^2(1-x^2), \quad x K(1-x^2)K(x^2), \quad x K^2(x^2)$$

Complete elliptic integrals:

$$K(x) \equiv \int_0^1 \frac{dt}{\sqrt{(1-t^2)(1-xt^2)}} \quad E(x) \equiv \int_0^1 \frac{\sqrt{1-xt^2}}{\sqrt{1-t^2}} dt$$

Inspiralling dynamics at NNNLO

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$$\Delta p_1^\mu|_{\text{NNNLO}} = \frac{G^4}{|b|^4} \left(C_b \frac{b^\mu}{|b|} + c_1 \frac{\gamma u_2^\mu - u_1^\mu}{\gamma^2 - 1} + c_2 \frac{\gamma u_1^\mu - u_2^\mu}{\gamma^2 - 1} \right)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 c_b &= -\frac{3h_{34}m_2m_1(m_1^3+m_2^3)}{64v_\infty^5} + \frac{m_1^2m_{12}m_2^2}{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. \\
 &\quad \left. + \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) \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. \\
 &\quad \left. + \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)}{32v_\infty^5} - \frac{\gamma h_{51}\log(w_1)}{16v_\infty^7} \right] \\
 &\quad + 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^6} - \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. \\
 &\quad \left. - \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))}{8v_\infty} - \frac{3h_7\log(2)\log(w_3)}{v_\infty} \right] \\
 c_1 &= m_1m_2^2 \left(\frac{2h_{46}m_{12s}}{v_\infty^6} + \frac{9\pi^2h_1m_{12}^2}{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. \\
 &\quad \left. + \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} \right] \\
 &\quad + 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. \\
 &\quad \left. - \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} \right]
 \end{aligned}$$

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

$$\begin{aligned}
 L_{1/2}(z) &\equiv \int_0^z dx \frac{\sqrt{1-x^2}}{\sqrt{1-\gamma^2x^2}} \\
 K(z) &\equiv \int_0^z \frac{dx}{\sqrt{1-\gamma^2x^2}} \\
 E(K) &\equiv \int_0^z dx \frac{\sqrt{1-x^2}}{\sqrt{1-\gamma^2x^2}}
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- We obtained the full dynamics of binary inspirals at $\mathcal{O}(G^4)$ for the first time.
- Perfect agreement with the state-of-the-art PN computations

Cho-Dandapat-Gopakumar 2021 Cho 2022 Bini-Geralico 2021 2022 Bini-Damour 2022

- Conservative part agrees perfectly with Amplitudes' derivations.

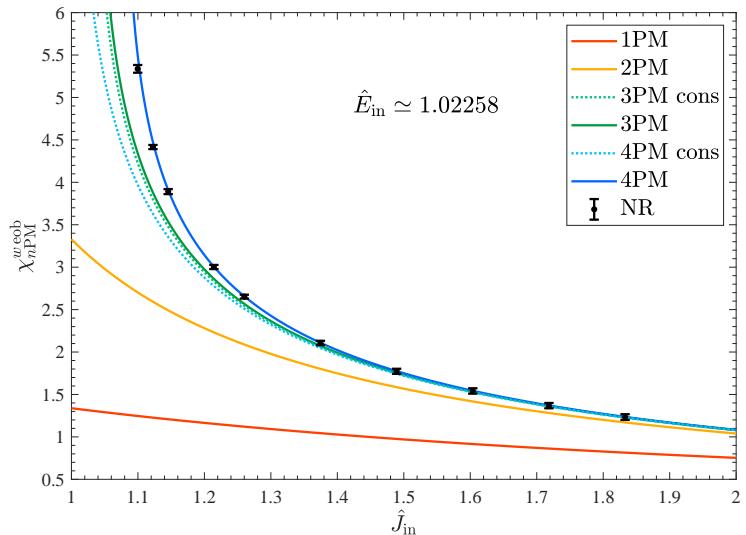
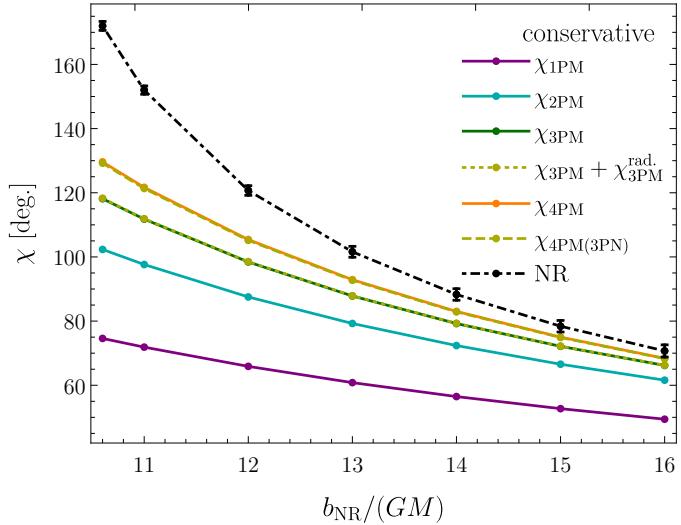
Bern-Parra-Martinez-Roiban-Ruf-Shen-Solon-Zeng 2021

- Very recently two new calculations confirmed our results.

Damgaard-Hansen-Planté-Vanhove 2023 (exponentiation of amplitudes)

Jakobsen-Mogull-Plefka-Sauer-Xu 2023 (worldline)

Comparison with Numerical Relativity



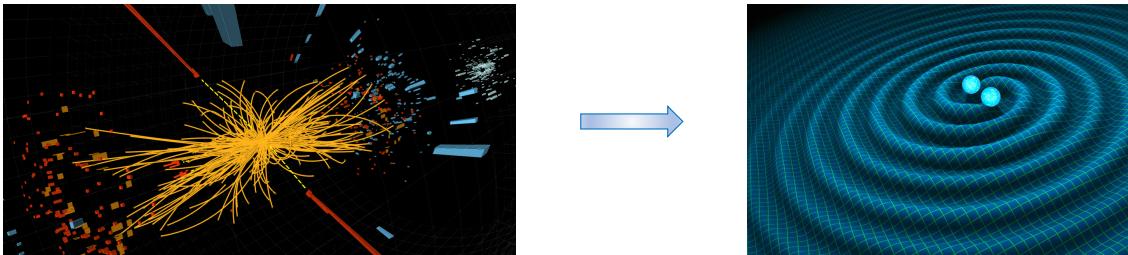
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Conclusion

Modern techniques from collider physics have already proven useful to improve theoretical predictions for gravitational-wave observables.



We have developed an efficient framework and made breakthroughs to NNNLO.

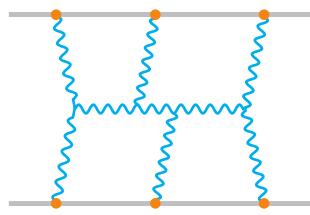
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- Quadrupolar and octupolar tidal corrections to NLO [PRD 102 \(2020\) 124025](#)
- Non-spinning conservative dynamics to NNNLO [PLB 822 \(2021\) 136698](#) [PRL 128 \(2022\) 161104](#)
- Non-spinning full dynamics to NNNLO [PRL 130 \(2023\) 101401](#)
- Novel techniques to evaluate loop integrals in gravity [JHEP 07 \(2023\) 181](#) [JHEP 08 \(2023\) 109](#)

Outlook

- The era of gravitational-wave science is just starting!
- New discoveries rely highly on the precision of theoretical predictions.

$$\text{Discovery Potential} = \text{Precise Theoretical Predictions}$$

- $\mathcal{O}(G^5)$ is highly desirable for next-generation observations (ET, LISA...)



$$= \int \frac{d^D \ell_1 d^D \ell_2 d^D \ell_3 d^D \ell_4 \delta(\ell_1 \cdot u_1) \delta(\ell_2 \cdot u_1) \delta(\ell_3 \cdot u_2) \delta(\ell_4 \cdot u_2)}{D_1^{\nu_1} D_2^{\nu_2} \cdots D_{18}^{\nu_{18}}}$$

$$D_i \in \left\{ \ell_1^2, \ell_2^2, \ell_4^2, (\ell_3 - q)^2, (\ell_2 - \ell_3)^2, (\ell_3 - \ell_4)^2, (\ell_1 + \ell_2 - q)^2, (\ell_1 + \ell_3 - q)^2, (\ell_2 - \ell_3 + \ell_4)^2, \dots \right\}$$

- ▶ Four loops: 22 indices = 4 (cuts) + 9 (propagators) + 9 (irreducible scalar products)
- ▶ Numerators: $8 = 2 \cdot \text{degree}(\ell^2) + \text{degree}(\ell \cdot u)$
- ▶ Beyond polylogarithms: elliptics, Calabi-Yau...
- I am happy to learn new technology from the participants in this workshop!



Grazie!



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