



# From Scattering Amplitude to Gravitational Waves

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Scattering Amplitudes and Beyond  
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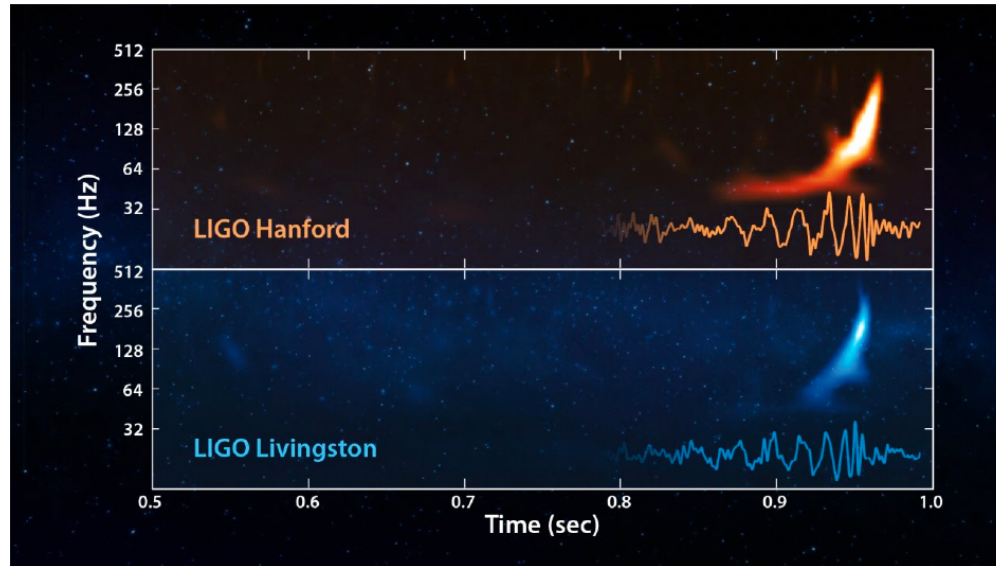
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# Overview

Era of gravitational wave astronomy has begun.



**Feb 11, 2016**

**For an instant brighter in gravitational radiation than all the stars in the visible universe are in EM radiation!**

**How can we, who work on scattering amplitudes, help out with core mission of LIGO/Virgo?**

# The Seeds Planted at KITP

**Possibility of applying amplitudes methods to LIGO physics was excitedly discussed at the workshop**

**Some events:**

**June 2017**

- **Walter Goldberger: “Classical gravitational radiation and the double copy”**
  - **Donal O’Connell: “Perturbative black holes from the double copy”**
  - **Many discussions, private and public, on possibility of applying amplitude to gravitational radiation problem.**
- Double copy: See Henrik’s talk**

**KITP is where ideas really started going on shell**

**While we were still far from directly helping LIGO theorists, these talks and discussions convinced us that amplitudes + double copy was promising.**

**One effect: People in the GR community heard the excitement.**

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# High-energy gravitational scattering and the general relativistic two-body problem

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(Dated: October 31, 2017)

A technique for translating the classical scattering function of two gravitationally interacting bodies into a corresponding (effective one-body) Hamiltonian description has been recently introduced

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Hard to resist an invitation with this kind of clarity!

The recent observation [1–4] of gravitational wave signals from inspiralling and coalescing binary black holes has been significantly helped, from the theoretical side, by the availability of a large bank of waveform templates, defined [5, 6] within the analytical effective one-body (EOB) formalism [7–11]. The EOB formalism combines

ntly introduced to derive from the (gauge-invariant) scattering function  $\Phi$  linking (half) the center of mass (c.m.) classical gravitational scattering angle  $\chi$  to the total energy,  $E_{\text{real}} \equiv \sqrt{s}$ , and the total angular momentum,  $J$ , of the system<sup>1</sup>

- Very difficult using standard methods.
- Of direct importance to LIGO/Virgo theorists.
- Can in principle enter LIGO/Virgo analysis pipeline.

mostly based on the post-Newtonian (PN) approach to the general relativistic two-body interaction. The conservative two-body dynamics was derived, successively, at the second post-Newtonian (2PN) [14, 15], third post-

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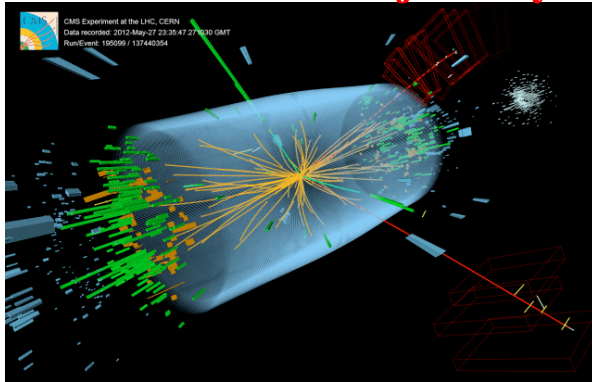
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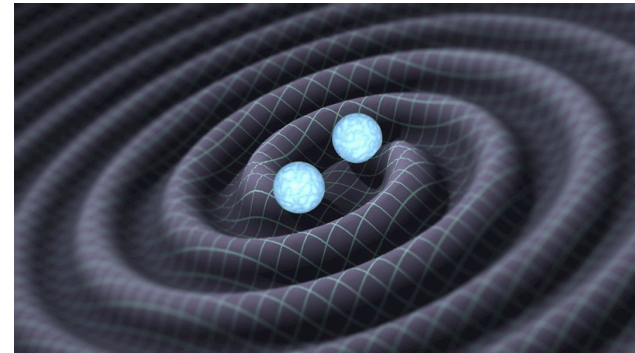
# Can Particle Theory Help with Gravitational Waves?

What does particle physics have to do with classical dynamics of astrophysical objects?

**unbounded trajectory**



**bounded orbit**



**gauge theories, QCD, electroweak  
quantum field theory**

**General Relativity  
classical physics**

**Black holes and neutron stars are point particles as far as long wavelength radiation is concerned.**

Iwasaki (1971); Goldberger, Rothstein (2006), Porto; Vaydia, Foffa, Porto, Rothstein, Sturani; Kol; Bjerrum-Bohr, Donoghue, Holstein, Plante, Pierre Vanhove; Levi, Steinhoff; Vines etc

**Will explain that amplitudes are well suited to push state-of-the-art perturbative calculations for gravitational-wave physics.**

# Can Quantum Scattering Help with Gravitational Waves?

**In amplitudes community we are very very good at gravitational perturbation theory.**

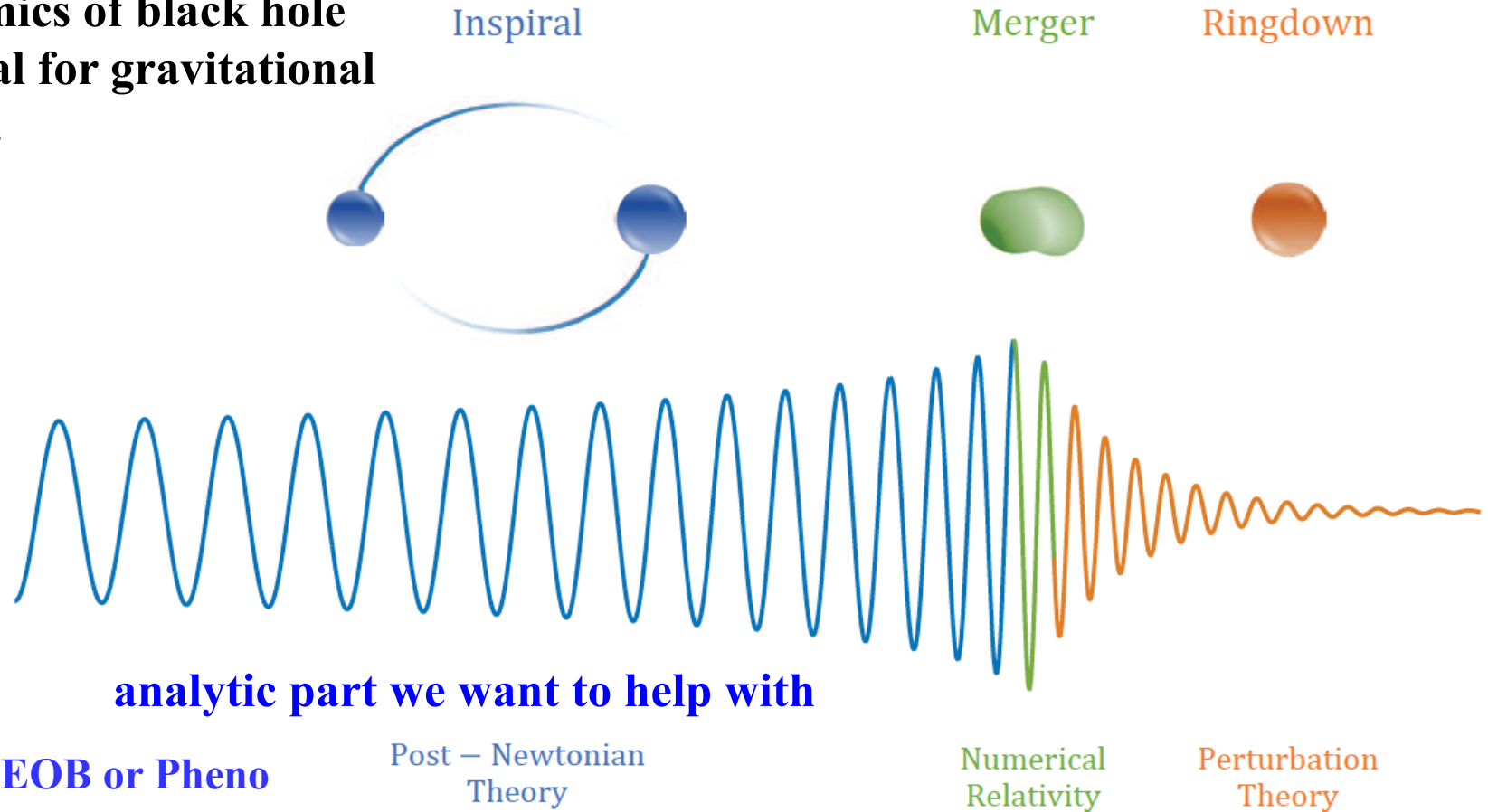
**However, two serious issues discussed at KITP workshop:**

- 1. We do quantum, *not* classical perturbation theory.**
- 2. Scattering process unbounded orbit. Want bounded one for binary black hole gravitational wave emission.**

**Will explain in this how we deal with these issues.**

# Goal: Improve on post-Newtonian Theory

Dynamics of black hole  
inspiral for gravitational  
waves.



analytic part we want to help with

PN + EOB or Pheno

Post - Newtonian  
Theory

Numerical  
Relativity

Perturbation  
Theory

Small errors accumulate. Need for high precision.

From Antelis and Moreno, arXiv:1610.03567



# Post Newtonian Approximation

For orbital mechanics:

Expand in  $G$  and  $v^2$

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



virial theorem

In center of mass frame:

$$m = m_A + m_B, \quad \nu = \mu/M,$$

$$\mu = m_A m_B / m, \quad P_R = P \cdot \hat{R}$$

$$\frac{H}{\mu} = \frac{P^2}{2} - \frac{Gm}{R} \quad \leftarrow \text{Newton}$$

$$+ \frac{1}{c^2} \left\{ -\frac{P^4}{8} + \frac{3\nu P^4}{8} + \frac{Gm}{R} \left( -\frac{P_R^2 \nu}{2} - \frac{3P^2}{2} - \frac{\nu P^2}{2} \right) + \frac{G^2 m^2}{2R^2} \right\}$$

+ ...

1PN: Einstein, Infeld, Hoffmann;  
Droste, Lorentz

Hamiltonian known to 4PN order.

2PN: Ohta, Okamura, Kimura and Hiida.

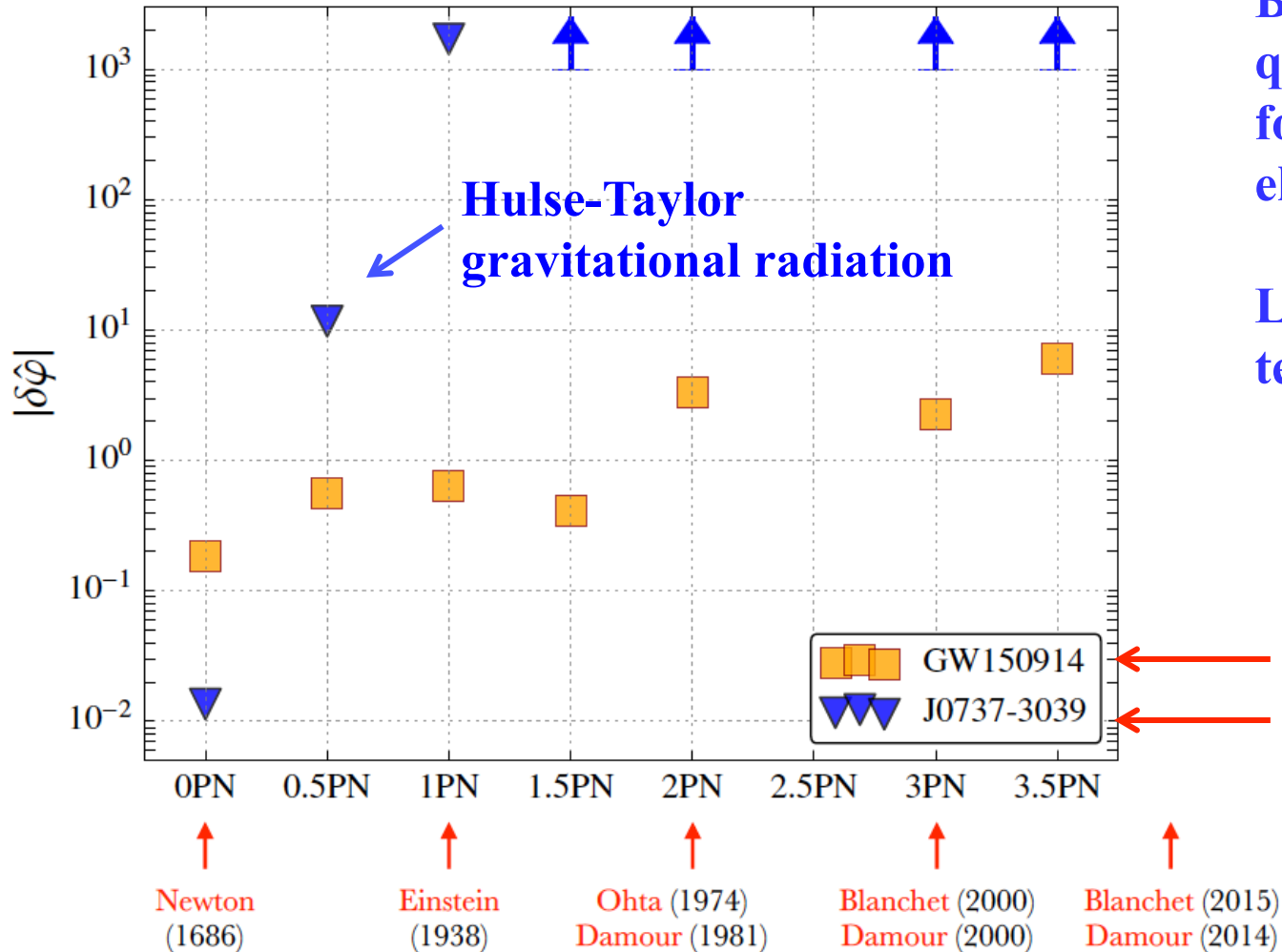
3PN: Damour, Jaranowski and Schaefer; L. Blanchet and G. Faye.

4PN: Damour, Jaranowski and Schaefer (2017); Foffa, Porto, Rothstein, Sturani (2019).



# Importance of higher orders for LIGO/Virgo

LIGO/Virgo Collaboration arXiv:1602.03841



Binary pulsar confirms quadrupole radiation formula and not much else.

LIGO/Virgo tests PN terms from GR

LIGO  
Binary pulsar

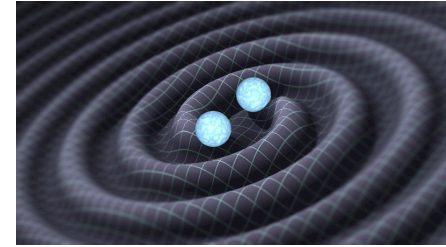
**LIGO/Virgo sensitive to high PN orders.**

# Which problem to solve?

ZB, Cheung, Roiban, Shen, Solon, Zeng

## Some problems for (analytic) theorists:

1. Spin.
2. Finite size effects.
3. New physics effects.
4. Radiation.



→ 5. High orders in perturbation theory. ←

## Which problem should we solve?

- Needs to be extremely difficult using standard methods.
- Needs to be of direct importance to LIGO theorists.
- Needs to be in a form that can in principle enter LIGO analysis pipeline.

**2-body Hamiltonian at 3<sup>rd</sup> post-Minkowskian order**

Clear, given Damour's paper and talks from Buonanno

# PN versus PM expansion for conservative two-body dynamics

$$\mathcal{L} = -Mc^2 + \underbrace{\frac{\mu v^2}{2} + \frac{GM\mu}{r}}_{\text{non-spinning compact objects}} + \frac{1}{c^2} [\dots] + \frac{1}{c^4} [\dots] + \dots$$

From Buonanno  
Amplitudes 2018

$$E(v) = -\frac{\mu}{2} v^2 + \dots$$

non-spinning compact objects

		0PN	1PN	2PN	3PN	4PN	5PN	...
0PM:	1	$v^2$	$v^4$	$v^6$	$v^8$	$v^{10}$	$v^{12}$	...
1PM:		$1/r$	$v^2/r$	$v^4/r$	$v^6/r$	$v^8/r$	$v^{10}/r$	...
2PM:			$1/r^2$	$v^2/r^2$	$v^4/r^2$	$v^6/r^2$	$v^8/r^2$	...
3PM:				$1/r^3$	$v^2/r^3$	$v^4/r^3$	$v^6/r^3$	...
4PM:					$1/r^4$	$v^2/r^4$	$v^4/r^4$	...
...						...	...	...

(credit: Justin Vines)

current known  
PN results

$$1 \rightarrow Mc^2,$$

current known  
PM results

$$v^2 \rightarrow \frac{v^2}{c^2},$$

overlap between  
PN & PM results

$$\frac{1}{r} \rightarrow \frac{GM}{rc^2}.$$

unknown

- PM results (Westfahl 79, Westfahl & Goller 80, Portilla 79-80, Bel et al. 81, Ledvinka et al. 10, Damour 16-17, Guevara 17, Vines 17, Bini & Damour 17-18, Vines in prep)

# The Double Copy

See Henrik Johansson's talk

In a very precise sense:

$$\text{Gravity} \sim (\text{gauge theory}) \times (\text{gauge theory})$$

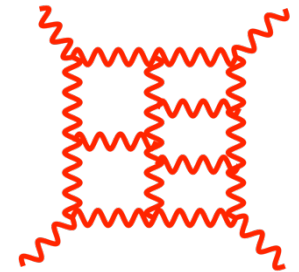
- Very general: “web of theories”.
- Gives us awesome calculational power.
- Use it to do impossible looking calculations, to answer questions of physical interest.

Recent Review: ZB, Carrasco, Chiodaroli, Johansson, Roiban

## Examples:

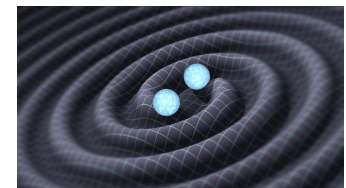
- 5 loop supergravity to study nonrenormalizability of gravity theories.

ZB, Carrasco, Chen, Edison, Johansson, Roiban, Parra-Martinez, Zeng (2018)



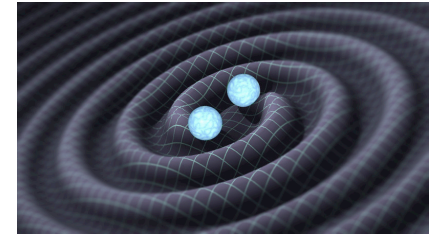
- $G^3$  corrections to Newton's potential from GR.

ZB, Cheung, Roiban, Shen, Solon, Zeng (2019)



# Scattering Amplitudes and Gravitational Radiation

**A small industry has developed to study this.**



- **Connection to scattering amplitudes.**

Bjerrum-Bohr, Donoghue, Holstein, Plante, Pierre Vanhove; Luna, Nicholson, O'Connell, White; Guevara; Bjerrum-Bohr, Damgaard, Festuccia, Planté, Vanhove; Cheung, Rothstein, Solon; Damour; Bautista, Guevara; Kosower, Maybee, O'Connell; Plefka, Steinhoff, Wormsbecher; Foffa, Mastrolia, Sturani, Sturm; Guevara, Ochirov, Vines; Chung, Huang, Kim, Lee; etc.

- **Worldline approach for radiation and double copy.**

Goldberger and Ridgway; Goldberger, Li, Prabhu, Thompson; Chester; Shen.

- **Technical issues having to do with keeping right physical states.**

Luna, Nicholson, O'Connell, White; Johansson, Ochirov; Johansson, Kalin; Henrik Johansson, Gregor Kälin, Mogull.

**Key Question:** Can we calculate something of direct interest to LIGO/Virgo, decisively *beyond* previous state of the art?

# What are we after?



- **Replace scattering in General Relativity with a two body potential that is easy to use in bound-state problem.**
- **Extract physics juice, leaving behind complexity of General Relativity.**

$$V(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{p}) = -\frac{Gm_1m_2}{r} + \dots$$

**Just like Newton's potential, except:**

- **Compatible with special relativity (all orders in velocity)**
- **Valid through  $O(G^3)$ .**

# Effective Field Theory Approach

ZB, Cheung, Roiban, Shen, Solon, Zeng

Cheung, Rothstein, Solon (2018)

**Amplitudes  
community**

**Gravitational  
Scattering  
Amplitudes**

Kawai, Lewellen, Tye

ZB, Dixon, Dunbar and Kosower

ZB, Dixon, Dunbar, Perelstein, Rozowsky

ZB, Carrasco, Johansson; Etc

**Effective  
Field Theory  
Methods**

**EFT  
community**

Goldberger, Rothstein;

Porto; Neill, Rothstein;

Vaydia, Foffa, Porto, Rothstein, Sturani;

Kol, Smolkin, Levi, Steinhoff, etc.

**Post  
Minkowskian  
Potentials**

**Inefficient:** Start with quantum theory and take  $\hbar \rightarrow 0$

**Efficient:** Almost magical simplifications for gravity amplitudes.  
EFT methods efficiently target pieces we want.

**Efficiency wins**

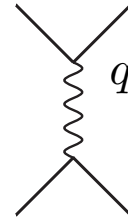


# 2 Body Potentials and Amplitudes

Iwasaki; Gupta, Radford; Donoghue; Holstein, Donoghue; Holstein and A. Ross; Bjerrum-Bohr, Donoghue, Vanhove; Neill, Rothstein; Bjerrum-Bohr, Damgaard, Festuccia, Planté. Vanhove; Chueng, Rothstein, Solon; Chung, Huang, Kim, Lee; etc.

**Tree-level: Fourier transform gives classical potential.**

$$V(r) = \int \frac{d^3q}{(2\pi)^3} e^{-i\mathbf{q}\cdot\mathbf{r}} A^{\text{tree}}(\mathbf{q})$$



**Newtonian potential follows from Feynman diagrams**

**Beyond 1 loop things quickly become much less obvious:**



- What I learned in grad school on  $\hbar$  and classical limits is wrong!  
Loops have classical pieces.
- $1/\hbar^L$  scaling of at  $L$  loop.
- Double counting and iteration.
- Cross terms between  $1/\hbar$  and  $\hbar$ .

$$e^{iS_{\text{classical}}/\hbar}$$

**Piece of loops are classical: Our task is to efficiently extract these pieces.**

**We harness EFT to clean up confusion**

# Effective Field Theory is a Clean Approach

**Build EFT from which we can read off potential.  
Want a Newtonian-like potential,  
with GR corrections**

Goldberger and Rothstein  
Neill, Rothstein  
Cheung, Rothstein, Solon (2018)

$$L_{\text{kin}} = \int_{\mathbf{k}} A^\dagger(-\mathbf{k}) \left( i\partial_t + \sqrt{\mathbf{k}^2 + m_A^2} \right) A(\mathbf{k}) \\ + \int_{\mathbf{k}} B^\dagger(-\mathbf{k}) \left( i\partial_t + \sqrt{\mathbf{k}^2 + m_B^2} \right) B(\mathbf{k})$$

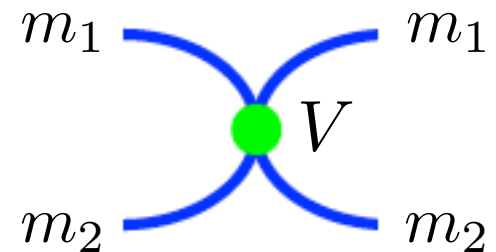
$$L_{\text{int}} = - \int_{\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{k}'} V(\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{k}') A^\dagger(\mathbf{k}') A(\mathbf{k}) B^\dagger(-\mathbf{k}') B(-\mathbf{k})$$

**potential we want to obtain**

$$H(\mathbf{p}, r) = \sqrt{\mathbf{p}^2 + m_1^2} + \sqrt{\mathbf{p}^2 + m_2^2} + V(\mathbf{p}, r)$$

**2 body Hamiltonian  
in c.o.m. frame.**

**$A, B$  scalars  
represents spinless  
black holes**



**Match amplitudes of this theory to the full theory in classical limit to  
extract a classical potential of the type Newton would like.**

**Our LIGO/Virgo theory friends want Hamiltonians.**

# EFT Matching

Cheung, Rothstein, Solon

**full general relativity**  
(complicated)

Amplitude methods  
double copy



**tree amplitude**

generalized  
unitarity



**loop integrand**

loop  
integration



**GR loop amplitude**

**effective theory**  
(simpler)

build  
ansatz



**potential**

Feynman  
diagrams



**loop integrand**

loop  
integration



**EFT loop amplitude**

**identical  
physics**

**=**

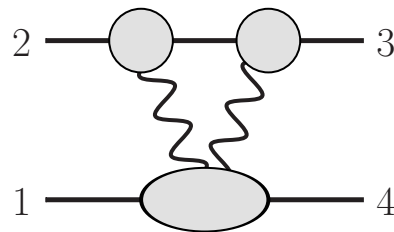
**Roundabout, but efficiently extracts potential.**

# General Relativity: Unitarity + Double Copy

- Long-range force: Two matter lines must be separated by on-shell propagators.
- Classical potential: 1 matter line per loop is cut (on-shell).

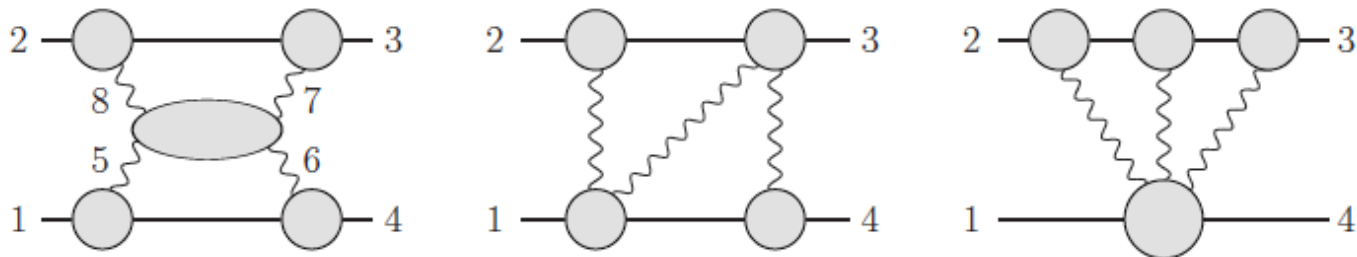
Neill and Rothstein ; Bjerrum-Bohr, Damgaard, Festuccia, Planté, Vanhove; Cheung, Rothstein, Solon

**Only independent unitarity cut for 2 PM.**



**Treat exposed lines on-shell (long range).  
Pieces we want are simple!**

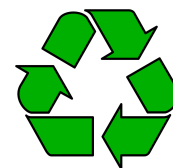
**Independent generalized unitarity cuts for 3 PM.**



**Our amplitude tools fit perfectly with  
extracting pieces we want.**

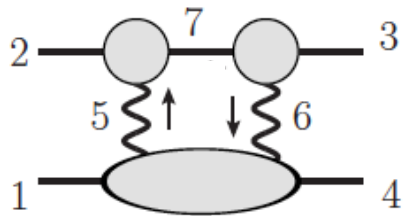


**gravity**

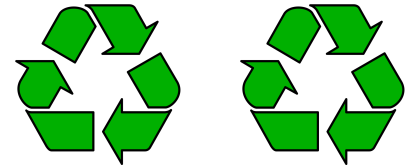


**loops**

# Generalized Unitarity Cuts



2<sup>nd</sup> post-Minkowskian order



KLT relations

$$\begin{aligned}
 C_{\text{GR}} &= \sum_{h_5, h_6 = \pm} M_3^{\text{tree}}(3^s, 6^{h_6}, -7^s) M_3^{\text{tree}}(7^s, -5^{h_5}, 2^s) M_4^{\text{tree}}(1^s, 5^{-h_5}, -6^{-h_6}, 4^s) \\
 &= \sum_{h_5, h_6 = \pm} it [A_3^{\text{tree}}(3^s, 6^{h_6}, -7^s) A_3^{\text{tree}}(7^s, -5^{h_5}, 2^s) A_4^{\text{tree}}(1^s, 5^{-h_5}, -6^{-h_6}, 4^s)] \\
 &\quad \times [A_3^{\text{tree}}(3^s, 6^{h_6}, -7^s) A_3^{\text{tree}}(7^s, -5^{h_5}, 2^s) A_4^{\text{tree}}(4^s, 5^{-h_5}, -6^{-h_6}, 1^s)]
 \end{aligned}$$

**Problem of computing the generalized cuts in gravity is reduced to multiplying and summing gauge-theory tree amplitudes.**

**This is then fed into integration and EFT matching.  
Follow Cheung, Rothstein and Solon's paper.**

# Amplitude in Classical Potential Limit

ZB, Cheung, Roiban, Shen, Solon, Zeng (2019)

**Classical limit. The  $O(G^3)$  or 3PM terms are:**

$$\mathcal{M}_3 = \frac{\pi G^3 \nu^2 m^4 \log \mathbf{q}^2}{6\gamma^2 \xi} \left[ 3 - 6\nu + 206\nu\sigma - 54\sigma^2 + 108\nu\sigma^2 + 4\nu\sigma^3 - \frac{48\nu(3 + 12\sigma^2 - 4\sigma^4) \operatorname{arcsinh} \sqrt{\frac{\sigma-1}{2}}}{\sqrt{\sigma^2 - 1}} \right. \\ \left. - \frac{18\nu\gamma(1 - 2\sigma^2)(1 - 5\sigma^2)}{(1 + \gamma)(1 + \sigma)} \right] + \frac{8\pi^3 G^3 \nu^4 m^6}{\gamma^4 \xi} \left[ 3\gamma(1 - 2\sigma^2)(1 - 5\sigma^2)F_1 - 32m^2\nu^2(1 - 2\sigma^2)^3 F_2 \right]$$

$$m = m_A + m_B, \quad \mu = m_A m_B / m, \quad \nu = \mu / m, \quad \gamma = E / m, \\ \xi = E_1 E_2 / E^2, \quad E = E_1 + E_2, \quad \sigma = \mathbf{p}_1 \cdot \mathbf{p}_2 / m_1 m_2,$$

**Amplitude containing classical potential is surprisingly simple!**

# Conservative 3PM Hamiltonian

ZB, Cheung, Roiban, Shen, Solon, Zeng (2019)

## The 3PM Hamiltonian:

$$H(\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{r}) = \sqrt{\mathbf{p}^2 + m_1^2} + \sqrt{\mathbf{p}^2 + m_2^2} + V(\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{r})$$

$$V(\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{r}) = \sum_{i=1}^3 c_i(\mathbf{p}^2) \left( \frac{G}{|\mathbf{r}|} \right)^i,$$

Newton in here

$$c_1 = \frac{\nu^2 m^2}{\gamma^2 \xi} (1 - 2\sigma^2), \quad c_2 = \frac{\nu^2 m^3}{\gamma^2 \xi} \left[ \frac{3}{4} (1 - 5\sigma^2) - \frac{4\nu\sigma (1 - 2\sigma^2)}{\gamma\xi} - \frac{\nu^2 (1 - \xi) (1 - 2\sigma^2)^2}{2\gamma^3 \xi^2} \right],$$

$$c_3 = \frac{\nu^2 m^4}{\gamma^2 \xi} \left[ \frac{1}{12} (3 - 6\nu + 206\nu\sigma - 54\sigma^2 + 108\nu\sigma^2 + 4\nu\sigma^3) - \frac{4\nu (3 + 12\sigma^2 - 4\sigma^4) \operatorname{arcsinh} \sqrt{\frac{\sigma-1}{2}}}{\sqrt{\sigma^2 - 1}} \right. \\ \left. - \frac{3\nu\gamma (1 - 2\sigma^2) (1 - 5\sigma^2)}{2(1 + \gamma)(1 + \sigma)} - \frac{3\nu\sigma (7 - 20\sigma^2)}{2\gamma\xi} - \frac{\nu^2 (3 + 8\gamma - 3\xi - 15\sigma^2 - 80\gamma\sigma^2 + 15\xi\sigma^2) (1 - 2\sigma^2)}{4\gamma^3 \xi^2} \right. \\ \left. + \frac{2\nu^3 (3 - 4\xi)\sigma (1 - 2\sigma^2)^2}{\gamma^4 \xi^3} + \frac{\nu^4 (1 - 2\xi) (1 - 2\sigma^2)^3}{2\gamma^6 \xi^4} \right],$$

$$m = m_A + m_B, \quad \mu = m_A m_B / m, \quad \nu = \mu / m, \quad \gamma = E / m, \\ \xi = E_1 E_2 / E^2, \quad E = E_1 + E_2, \quad \sigma = \mathbf{p}_1 \cdot \mathbf{p}_2 / m_1 m_2,$$

**This is high order general relativity.**



# How do we know it is right?

**Primary check:**

ZB, Cheung, Roiban, Shen, Solon, Zeng

**Compare to 4PN Hamiltonian of Damour, Jaranowski, Schäfer, used in high precision template constructions.**

**Need canonical transformation:**

**preserve Poisson bracket**

$$\begin{aligned}(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{p}) &\rightarrow (\mathbf{R}, \mathbf{P}) = (A \mathbf{r} + B \mathbf{p}, C \mathbf{p} + D \mathbf{r}) \\ A &= 1 - \frac{Gm\nu}{2|\mathbf{r}|} + \dots, \quad B = \frac{G(1 - 2/\nu)}{4m|\mathbf{r}|} \mathbf{p} \cdot \mathbf{r} + \dots \\ C &= 1 + \frac{Gm\nu}{2|\mathbf{r}|} + \dots, \quad D = -\frac{Gm\nu}{2|\mathbf{r}|^3} \mathbf{p} \cdot \mathbf{r} + \dots,\end{aligned}$$

**Our Hamiltonian equivalent to 4PN Hamiltonian on overlap.**

**Additional tests:**

- 1. Classical scattering angle matches 4PN result in overlap** Bini and Damour
- 2. In test mass limit,  $m_1 \ll m_2$ , matches Schwarzschild Hamiltonian.**
- 3. Recent paper confirms our result also at 6PN order.** Wex and Schaefer  
Bini, Damour, Geralico

# 4 PN Hamiltonian

Damour, Jaranowski, Schaefer

$$\mathbf{n} = \hat{\mathbf{r}}$$

$$\hat{H}_N(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{p}) = \frac{\mathbf{p}^2}{2} - \frac{1}{r},$$

$$c^2 \hat{H}_{1\text{PN}}(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{p}) = \frac{1}{8}(3\nu - 1)(\mathbf{p}^2)^2 - \frac{1}{2} \left\{ (3 + \nu)\mathbf{p}^2 + \nu(\mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{p})^2 \right\} \frac{1}{r} + \frac{1}{2r^2},$$

$$c^4 \hat{H}_{2\text{PN}}(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{p}) = \frac{1}{16} (1 - 5\nu + 5\nu^2) (\mathbf{p}^2)^3 + \frac{1}{8} \left\{ (5 - 20\nu - 3\nu^2) (\mathbf{p}^2)^2 - 2\nu^2(\mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{p})^2 \mathbf{p}^2 - 3\nu^2(\mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{p})^4 \right\} \frac{1}{r} \\ + \frac{1}{2} \left\{ (5 + 8\nu)\mathbf{p}^2 + 3\nu(\mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{p})^2 \right\} \frac{1}{r^2} - \frac{1}{4}(1 + 3\nu) \frac{1}{r^3},$$

$$c^6 \hat{H}_{3\text{PN}}(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{p}) = \frac{1}{128} (-5 + 35\nu - 70\nu^2 + 35\nu^3) (\mathbf{p}^2)^4 + \frac{1}{16} \left\{ (-7 + 42\nu - 53\nu^2 - 5\nu^3) (\mathbf{p}^2)^3 \right. \\ \left. + (2 - 3\nu)\nu^2(\mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{p})^2(\mathbf{p}^2)^2 + 3(1 - \nu)\nu^2(\mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{p})^4 \mathbf{p}^2 - 5\nu^3(\mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{p})^6 \right\} \frac{1}{r} \\ + \left\{ \frac{1}{16} (-27 + 136\nu + 109\nu^2) (\mathbf{p}^2)^2 + \frac{1}{16} (17 + 30\nu)\nu(\mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{p})^2 \mathbf{p}^2 + \frac{1}{12} (5 + 43\nu)\nu(\mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{p})^4 \right\} \frac{1}{r^2} \\ + \left\{ \left( -\frac{25}{8} + \left( \frac{\pi^2}{64} - \frac{335}{48} \right) \nu - \frac{23\nu^2}{8} \right) \mathbf{p}^2 + \left( -\frac{85}{16} - \frac{3\pi^2}{64} - \frac{7\nu}{4} \right) \nu(\mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{p})^2 \right\} \frac{1}{r^3} + \left\{ \frac{1}{8} + \left( \frac{109}{12} - \frac{21}{32}\pi^2 \right) \nu \right\} \frac{1}{r^4},$$

$G^4$  

# 4 PN Hamiltonian

Damour, Jaranowski, Schaefer

$$\begin{aligned}
 e^8 \hat{H}_{4\text{PN}}^{\text{local}}(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{p}) = & \left( \frac{7}{256} - \frac{63}{256}\nu + \frac{189}{256}\nu^2 - \frac{105}{128}\nu^3 + \frac{63}{256}\nu^4 \right) (\mathbf{p}^2)^5 \\
 & + \left\{ \frac{45}{128}(\mathbf{p}^2)^4 - \frac{45}{16}(\mathbf{p}^2)^4\nu + \left( \frac{423}{64}(\mathbf{p}^2)^4 - \frac{3}{32}(\mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{p})^2(\mathbf{p}^2)^3 - \frac{9}{64}(\mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{p})^4(\mathbf{p}^2)^2 \right) \nu^2 \right. \\
 & + \left( -\frac{1013}{256}(\mathbf{p}^2)^4 + \frac{23}{64}(\mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{p})^2(\mathbf{p}^2)^3 + \frac{69}{128}(\mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{p})^4(\mathbf{p}^2)^2 - \frac{5}{64}(\mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{p})^6\mathbf{p}^2 + \frac{35}{256}(\mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{p})^8 \right) \nu^3 \\
 & + \left. \left( -\frac{35}{128}(\mathbf{p}^2)^4 - \frac{5}{32}(\mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{p})^2(\mathbf{p}^2)^3 - \frac{9}{64}(\mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{p})^4(\mathbf{p}^2)^2 - \frac{5}{32}(\mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{p})^6\mathbf{p}^2 - \frac{35}{128}(\mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{p})^8 \right) \nu^4 \right\} \frac{1}{r} \\
 & + \left\{ \frac{13}{8}(\mathbf{p}^2)^3 + \left( -\frac{791}{64}(\mathbf{p}^2)^3 + \frac{49}{16}(\mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{p})^2(\mathbf{p}^2)^2 - \frac{889}{192}(\mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{p})^4\mathbf{p}^2 + \frac{369}{160}(\mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{p})^6 \right) \nu \right. \\
 & + \left( \frac{4857}{256}(\mathbf{p}^2)^3 - \frac{545}{64}(\mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{p})^2(\mathbf{p}^2)^2 + \frac{9475}{768}(\mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{p})^4\mathbf{p}^2 - \frac{1151}{128}(\mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{p})^6 \right) \nu^2 \\
 & + \left. \left( \frac{2335}{256}(\mathbf{p}^2)^3 + \frac{1135}{256}(\mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{p})^2(\mathbf{p}^2)^2 - \frac{1649}{768}(\mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{p})^4\mathbf{p}^2 + \frac{10353}{1280}(\mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{p})^6 \right) \nu^3 \right\} \frac{1}{r^2} \\
 & + \left\{ \frac{105}{32}(\mathbf{p}^2)^2 + \left( \left( \frac{2749\pi^2}{8192} - \frac{589189}{19200} \right) (\mathbf{p}^2)^2 + \left( \frac{63347}{1600} - \frac{1059\pi^2}{1024} \right) (\mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{p})^2\mathbf{p}^2 + \left( \frac{375\pi^2}{8192} - \frac{23533}{1280} \right) (\mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{p})^4 \right) \nu \right. \\
 & + \left( \left( \frac{18491\pi^2}{16384} - \frac{1189789}{28800} \right) (\mathbf{p}^2)^2 + \left( -\frac{127}{3} - \frac{4035\pi^2}{2048} \right) (\mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{p})^2\mathbf{p}^2 + \left( \frac{57563}{1920} - \frac{38655\pi^2}{16384} \right) (\mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{p})^4 \right) \nu^2 \\
 & + \left. \left( -\frac{553}{128}(\mathbf{p}^2)^2 - \frac{225}{64}(\mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{p})^2\mathbf{p}^2 - \frac{381}{128}(\mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{p})^4 \right) \nu^3 \right\} \frac{1}{r^3} \\
 & + \left\{ \frac{105}{32}\mathbf{p}^2 + \left( \left( \frac{185761}{19200} - \frac{21837\pi^2}{8192} \right) \mathbf{p}^2 + \left( \frac{3401779}{57600} - \frac{28691\pi^2}{24576} \right) (\mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{p})^2 \right) \nu \right. \\
 & + \left( \left( \frac{672811}{19200} - \frac{158177\pi^2}{49152} \right) \mathbf{p}^2 + \left( \frac{110099\pi^2}{49152} - \frac{21827}{3840} \right) (\mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{p})^2 \right) \nu^2 \left. \right\} \frac{1}{r^4} \longleftarrow G^4 \\
 & + \left\{ -\frac{1}{16} + \left( \frac{6237\pi^2}{1024} - \frac{169199}{2400} \right) \nu + \left( \frac{7403\pi^2}{3072} - \frac{1256}{45} \right) \nu^2 \right\} \frac{1}{r^5}. \longleftarrow G^5
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\mathbf{n} = \hat{\mathbf{r}}$$

After canonical transformation we match all but  $G^4$  and  $G^5$  terms

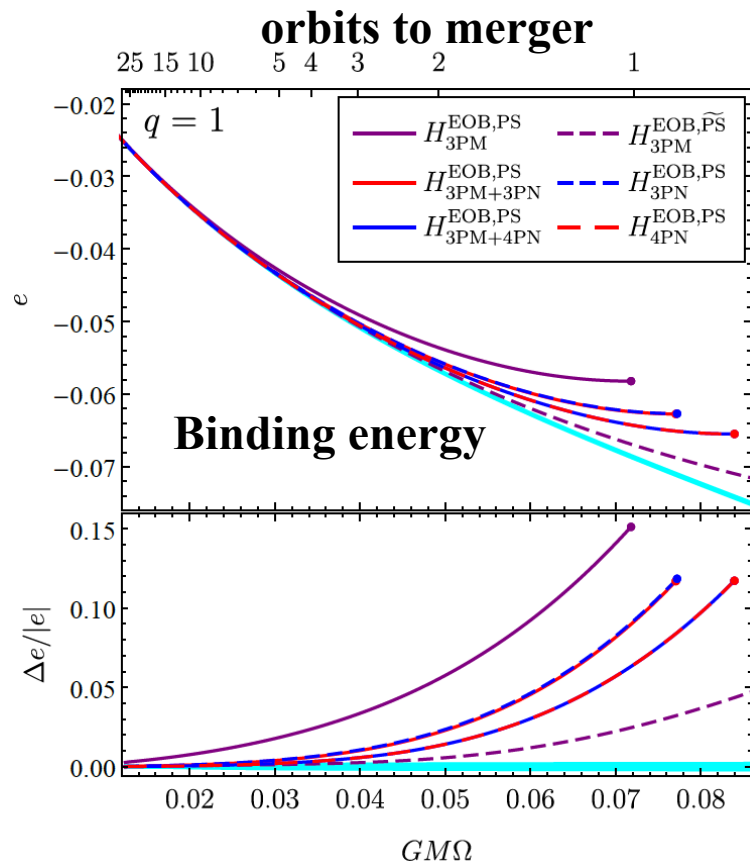
Mess is partly due to their gauge choice.

Ours is all orders in  $p$  at  $G^3$

# Tests of Our 3PM Hamiltonian for LIGO/Virgo

Antonelli, Buonanno, Steinhoff, van de Meent, and Vines, arXiv:1901.07102

(8 days after our paper!)



Test against numerical relativity.

Fed into EOB models, which are needed for good agreement.

Note: Not conclusive, e. g. radiation not taken into account

numerical relativity taken as truth

“This rather encouraging result motivates a more comprehensive study...”

We definitely have the attention of our GR friends

# Outlook

- **Most exciting part is that methods are far from exhausted.**
- **Working on 4<sup>th</sup> post-Minkowskian order. Methods certainly up to the task.**
- **Much greater improvements on horizon.**

Parra-Martinez, Ruf and Zeng

## Obvious topics to investigate:

- **Higher orders. Resummation in  $G$ .**
- **Radiation.**
- **Finite size effects.**
- **Spin — a lot of activity**

Geuvara, O'Connell, Vines; Chung, Huang, Kim, Lee; ZB, Luna, Roiban, Shen and Zeng, etc



**Expect many more advances in coming years.**

## Summary

- Amplitude methods give us new ways to think about problems of current interest in general relativity.
- Double-copy idea gives a unified framework for gravity and gauge theory.
- The 2017 KITP workshop is where ideas for gravitational-wave applications were planted.
- Combining with EFT methods gives a powerful tool for gravitational-wave physics in language LIGO/Virgo can use.
- Obtained a state of the art result:  $O(G^3)$  Hamiltonian.
- Higher orders in  $G$ , resummations in  $G$ , spin, finite-size effects, radiation obvious directions.

**Expect many more advances in coming years, not only for gravitational-wave physics, but more generally for understanding gravity and its relation to the other forces via double copy.**

**Definitely time to plan a new  
KITP workshop**