

# Particle physics methods for gravitational wave physics

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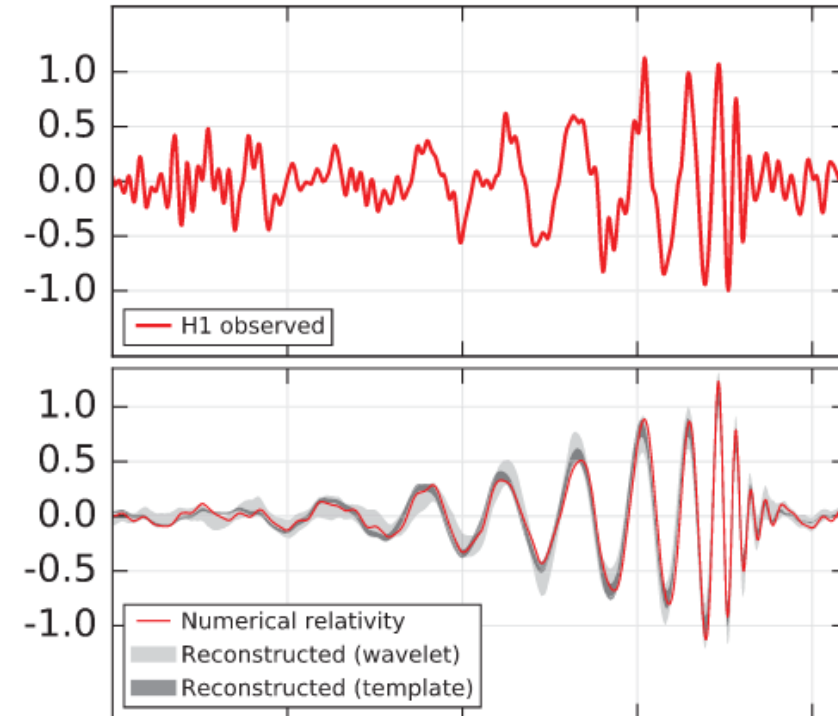
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- Perturbative gravity
- Classical physics from quantum amplitudes
- $\hbar$  expansion – method of regions

# Introduction

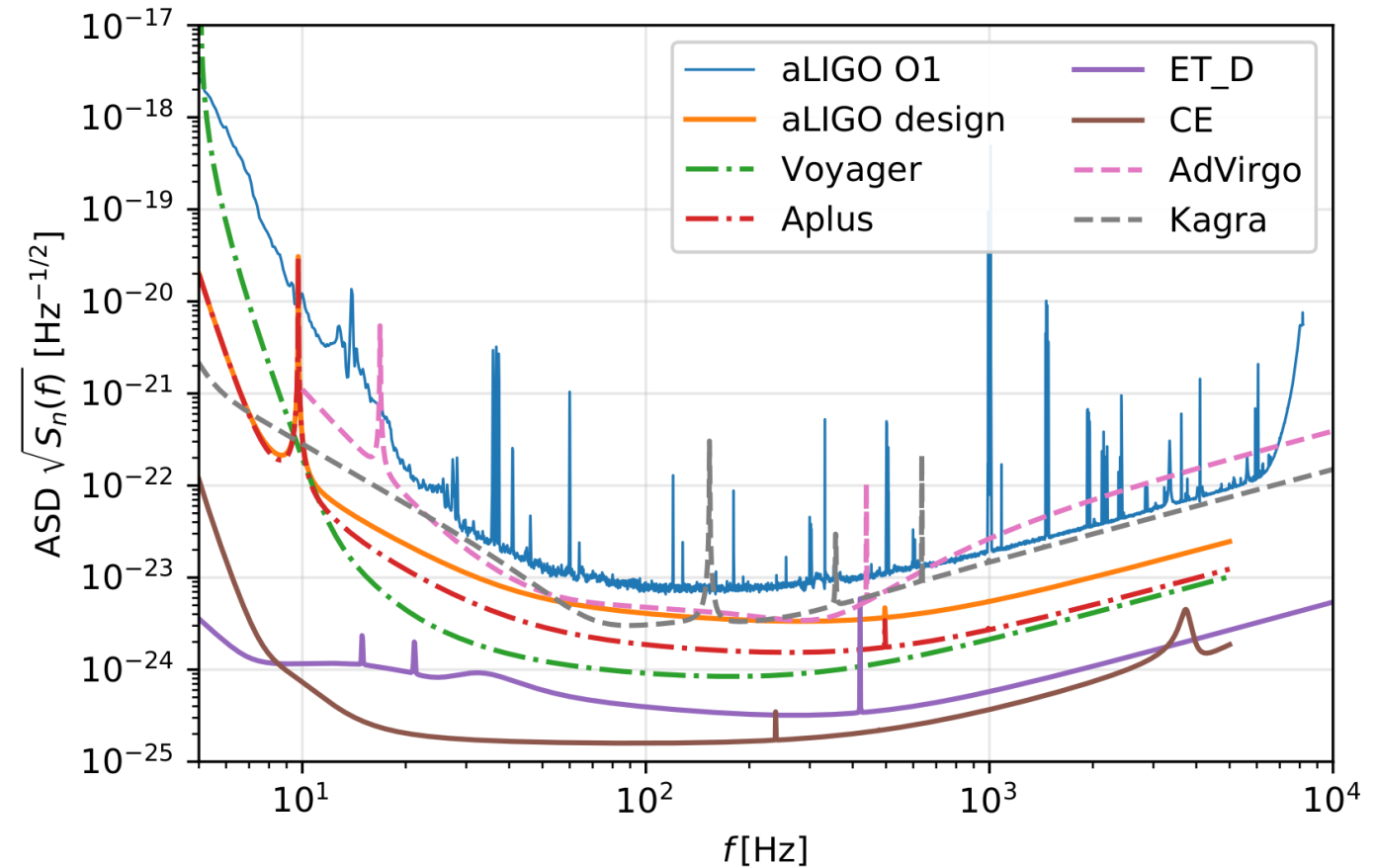
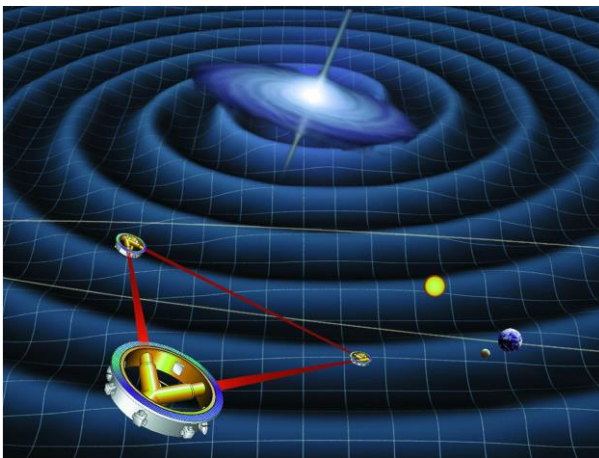
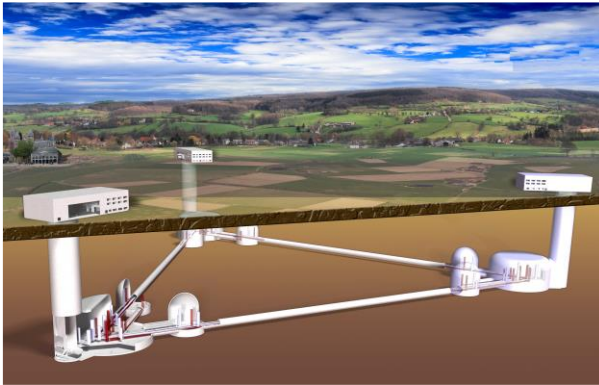
# Motivation – GW physics

- GW discovery in 2015 by LIGO / VIRGO. Future ground-based and space-based detectors offer much higher sensitivity.



# Motivation – future detectors

- Theoretical predictions need orders of magnitude improvement!



# Post-Newtonian expansion

- Joint expansion in  $GM/R$  and  $v^2$ , locked together by Virial's theorem.

$$\frac{H}{\mu} = \underbrace{\frac{P^2}{2} - \frac{Gm}{R}}_{\substack{\mathcal{O}(v^2) \quad \mathcal{O}(G) \\ \text{0PN, Newton}}} + H_{1\text{PN}} + H_{2\text{PN}} + H_{3\text{PN}} + H_{4\text{PN}} \dots$$

$\mathcal{O}(v^4) + \mathcal{O}(Gv^2) + \mathcal{O}(G^2)$

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

1PN, Einstein, Infeld, Hoffman, 1938

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

$$\mu = m_A m_B / m$$

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# Post-Minkowskian expansion

- Expansion in coupling constant  $GM/R$ , **exact velocity dependence**.

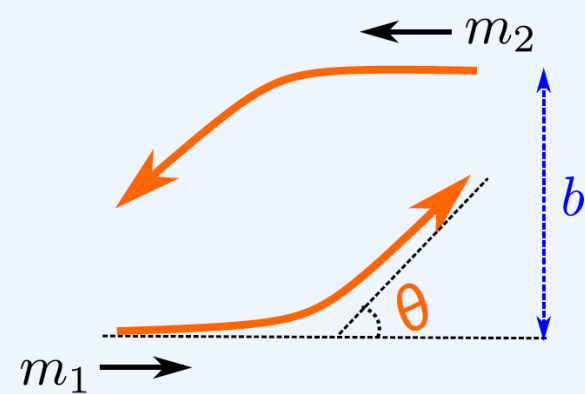
[Bertotti, Kerr, Plebanski, Portilla, Westpfahl, Golder, Bel, Damour, Derulle, Ibanez, Martin, Ledvinka, Schaefer, Bicak...]

- Most accurate PM scattering angle until ~2019 [Westpfahl, '85]

Scattering angle of two black holes, as function of  $m_1, m_2, b, E_{\text{cm}}$ .

$$2 \sin \left( \frac{\theta}{2} \right) = \frac{4G(m_1 + m_2)}{b} \left( \frac{\hat{E}^4 - 2m_1^2 m_2^2}{\hat{E}^4 - 4m_1^2 m_2^2} + \frac{3\pi}{16} \frac{G(m_1 + m_2)}{b} \frac{5\hat{E}^4 - 4m_1^2 m_2^2}{\hat{E}^4 - 4m_1^2 m_2^2} \right)$$

where  $\hat{E}^2 \equiv E_{\text{cm}}^2 - (m_1^2 + m_2^2)$ ,  $c = 1$





# New method: (multi-loop) scattering amplitudes

- In relativistic QFT, **perturbative expansion in coupling constant**, exactly analogous to post-Minkowskian expansion in GR.
- **Effective field theory**: when two black holes are at a large distance, approximated by point particles.
  - For Schwarzschild BH, **massive scalar particles** coupled to gravity
  - For Kerr BH, spin coupling captured by massive **spin-1/2, spin-1, or higher spin** particle
- Many **advanced loop amplitude techniques** developed for particle physics – used to push calculations **beyond best classical results!**

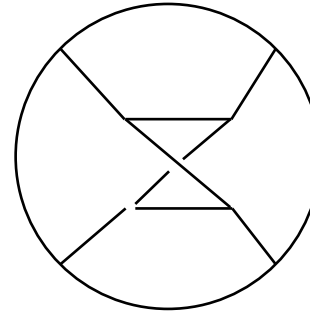
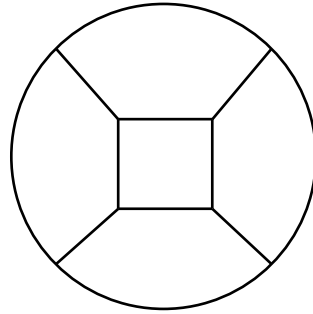


# Previously: multi-loop amplitudes for gravity

- Ultraviolet behavior of  $N = 8$  supergravity at 5 loops.

[Bern, Carrasco, Chen, Edison, Johansson, Parra-Martinez, Roiban, MZ, '18]

Vacuum integrals at  
high loop orders

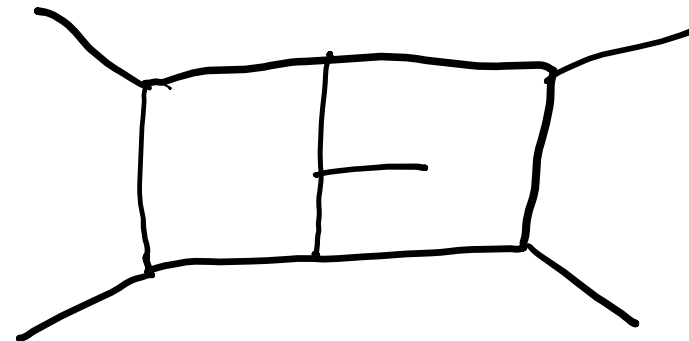
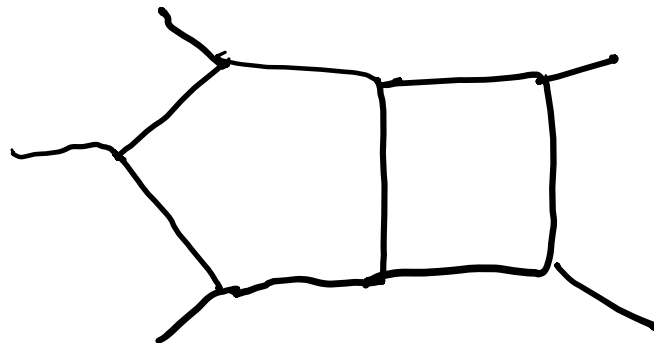


Many particle  
physics methods  
used for gravity!

- 2-loop 5-point amplitude of  $N = 8$  supergravity.

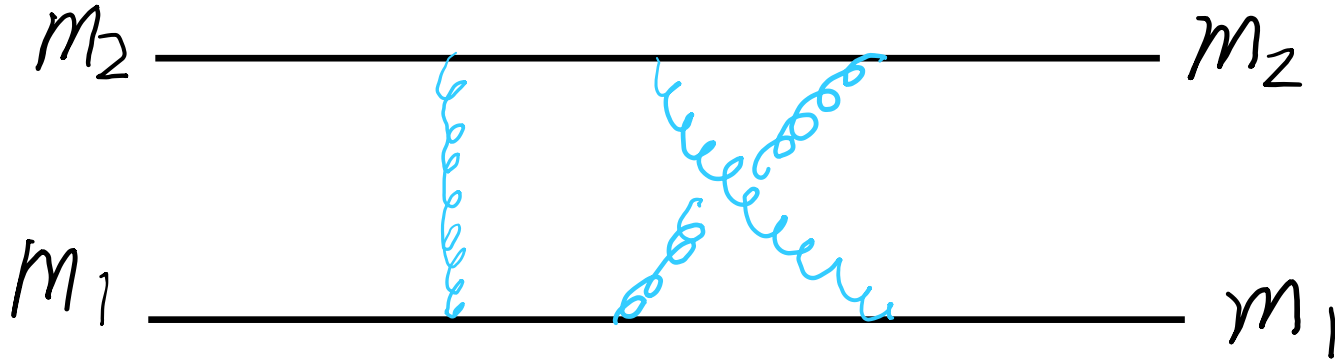
[Abreu, Dixon, Page, Herrmann, MZ, '19; Chicherin, Gehrmann, Henn, Wasser, Zhang, '19]

Same master  
integrals as e.g.  
 $pp \rightarrow 3j$  for QCD.

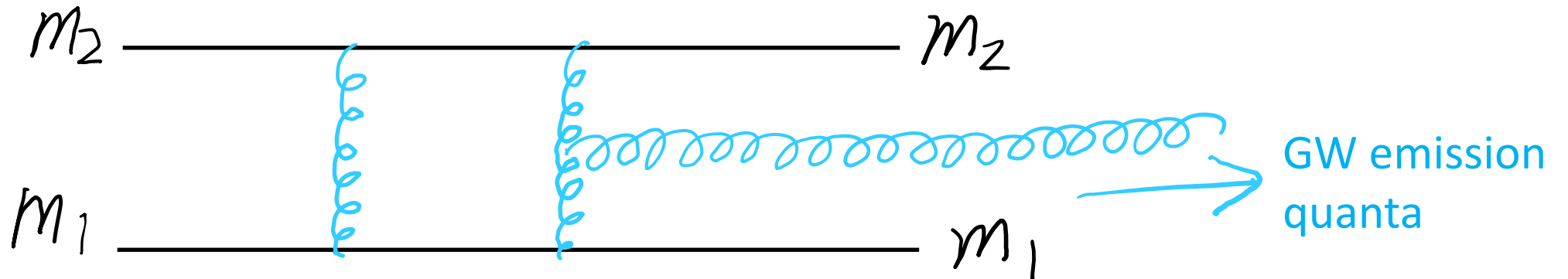


# What amplitudes do we need?

- $\Phi + \phi \rightarrow \Phi + \phi$  via graviton exchange. Conservative potential.



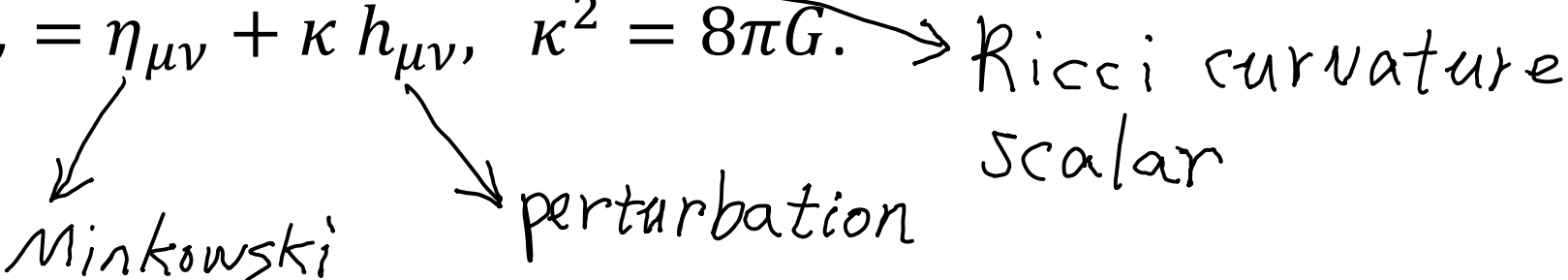
- $\Phi + \phi \rightarrow \Phi + \phi + h$ . Graviton emission / energy loss.



# Perturbative gravity *c.f. arXiv/1702.00319*

- Einstein-Hilbert Lagrangian, with additional massive scalar matter,

$$S = \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} \left[ -2R + \frac{1}{2} (g^{\mu\nu} \partial_\mu \phi \partial_\nu \phi - m^2 \phi^2) \right] + \dots$$

- Dynamic metric  $g_{\mu\nu} = \eta_{\mu\nu} + \kappa h_{\mu\nu}$ ,  $\kappa^2 = 8\pi G$ .  


$\eta_{\mu\nu}$  → Minkowski  
 $h_{\mu\nu}$  → perturbation  
 $-2R$  → Ricci curvature scalar

- Integration volume  $d^4x \sqrt{-g}$ ,  $g \equiv \det(g_{\mu\nu})$ .

$$ds = \sqrt{g_{\mu\nu} dx^\mu dx^\nu}, \quad V \sim (ds)^4 \sim |g_{\mu\nu}|^2 d^4x \sim \sqrt{-g} d^4x$$

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$$-g = -\det(g_{\mu\nu}) = \det(\eta^\mu_\rho g_{\rho\nu})$$

$$= \det(\mathbb{1} + \kappa h^\mu_\nu) = \exp[\text{Tr} \log(\mathbb{1} + \kappa h^\mu_\nu)]$$

$$= \exp\left[\text{Tr} \left( \kappa h^\mu_\nu + \frac{\kappa^2}{2} h^\mu_\rho h^\rho_\nu + \frac{\kappa^3}{3} h^\mu_\rho h^\rho_\sigma h^\sigma_\nu \dots \right)\right]$$

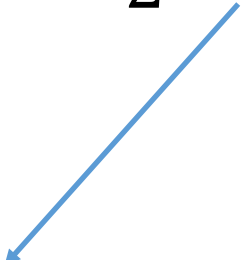
$$= 1 + \kappa h^\mu_\mu + \dots \quad \Rightarrow \quad \sqrt{-g} = 1 + \frac{\kappa}{2} h^\mu_\mu$$

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


$$\begin{aligned} &= (g_{\mu\nu})^{-1} = (\eta_{\mu\nu} + \kappa h_{\mu\nu})^{-1} \\ &= \eta^{\mu\nu} - \kappa h^{\mu\nu} \dots \end{aligned}$$

Matrix

$$(A+B)^{-1} = [A(1+A^{-1}B)]^{-1} = A^{-1} - A^{-1}BA^{-1} + \frac{1}{2}A^{-1}BA^{-1}BA^{-1} \dots$$

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- We showed  $\sqrt{-g} = 1 + \frac{1}{2} \kappa h^\mu_\mu \dots$ ,  $g^{\mu\nu} = \eta^{\mu\nu} - \kappa h^{\mu\nu} \dots$
- Matter part of Lagrangian

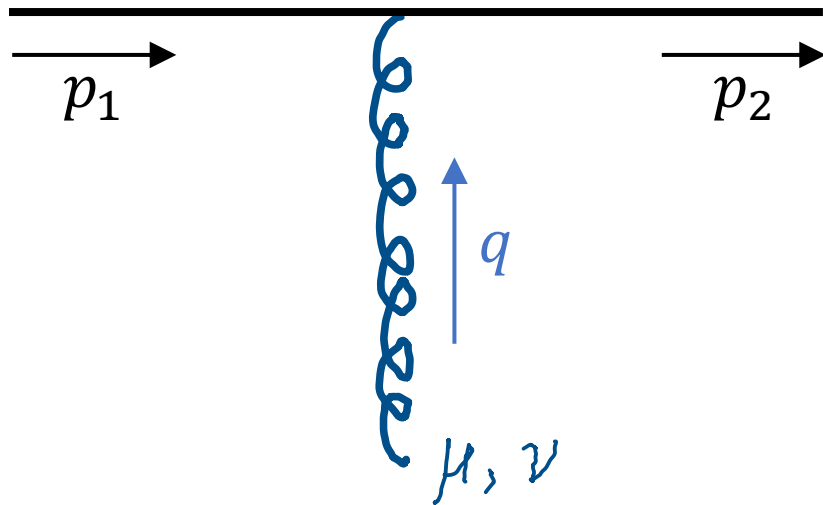
$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{-g} g^{\mu\nu} \partial_\mu \phi \partial_\nu \phi &= \frac{1}{2} (\partial^\mu \phi \partial_\mu \phi - m^2 \phi^2) \\ &+ \frac{1}{2} \kappa \left[ \frac{1}{2} h^\mu_\mu (\partial^\nu \phi \partial_\nu \phi - m^2 \phi^2) - h^{\mu\nu} \partial_\mu \phi \partial_\nu \phi \right] + \mathcal{O}(\kappa^2) \end{aligned}$$

# Scalar-graviton vertex

- Matter part of Lagrangian

$$\frac{1}{2} \sqrt{-g} g^{\mu\nu} \partial_\mu \phi \partial_\nu \phi = \frac{1}{2} \partial^\mu \phi \partial_\mu \phi - m^2 \phi^2$$

$$+ \frac{1}{2} \kappa \left[ \frac{1}{2} h^\mu{}_\mu (\partial^\nu \phi \partial_\nu \phi - m^2 \phi^2) - h^{\mu\nu} \partial_\mu \phi \partial_\nu \phi \right] + \mathcal{O}(\kappa^2)$$



$$= \frac{i\kappa}{2} \left[ - (p_1^\mu p_2^\nu + p_1^\nu p_2^\mu) + \eta^{\mu\nu} (p_1 \cdot p_2 - m^2) \right]$$



# Graviton propagator

- Pure gravity part of Lagrangian, plus gauge-fixing term to make the quadratic terms invertible.

$$S = \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} [-2R + \mathcal{C}^\nu \mathcal{C}_\nu] + \dots$$

$$\mathcal{C}_\nu = \partial_\mu h^\mu_\nu - \frac{1}{2} \partial_\nu h^\mu_\mu$$

gauge fixing vector  
for de-Donder gauge

$$\mu_1, \nu_1 \underbrace{\text{wavy line}}_P \mu_2, \nu_2 = \frac{i}{p^2} \left( \eta^{\mu_1 \mu_2} \eta^{\nu_1 \nu_2} + \eta^{\mu_1 \nu_2} \eta^{\nu_1 \mu_2} - \frac{2}{d-2} \eta^{\mu_1 \nu_1} \eta^{\mu_2 \nu_2} \right)$$

# Graviton self-interactions

$$S = \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} [-2R + C^\nu C_\nu] + \dots \quad g_{\mu\nu} = \eta_{\mu\nu} + \kappa h_{\mu\nu}$$


$$D_\mu V^\nu = \partial_\mu V^\nu + \Gamma_{\mu\rho}^\nu V^\rho,$$

$$\Gamma_{\mu\nu}^\lambda = \frac{1}{2} g^{\lambda\sigma} (\partial_\mu g_{\nu\sigma} + \partial_\nu g_{\sigma\mu} - \partial_\sigma g_{\mu\nu}) \sim \partial h$$

$$R_{\mu\nu\alpha}^\beta = \partial_\mu \Gamma_{\nu\alpha}^\beta - \partial_\nu \Gamma_{\mu\alpha}^\beta + \Gamma_{\mu\rho}^\beta \Gamma_{\nu\alpha}^\rho - \Gamma_{\mu\rho}^\alpha \Gamma_{\nu\alpha}^\rho \sim \partial^2 h + (\partial h)^2$$

$$R_{\nu\alpha} = R_{\mu\nu\alpha}{}^\mu, \quad R = g^{\nu\alpha} R_{\nu\alpha}$$

# 3-graviton vertex



$$= -\frac{1}{2} k_1^2 \eta_{\mu_1 \nu_2} \eta_{\mu_2 \nu_2} \eta_{\mu_3 \nu_3} \dots \sim 100 \text{ terms!}$$

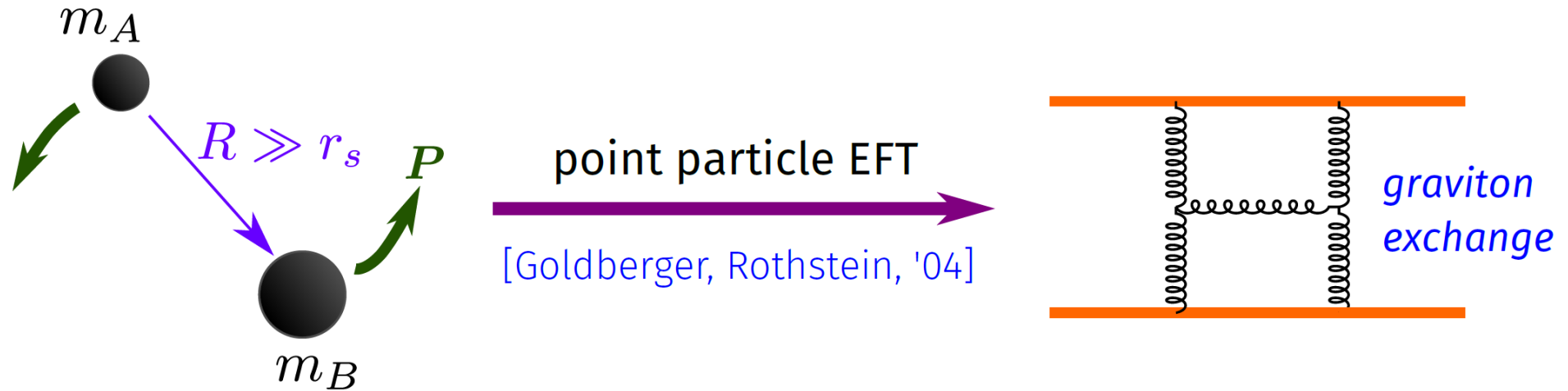
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# Classical physics from quantum amplitudes

# Point particle effective theory



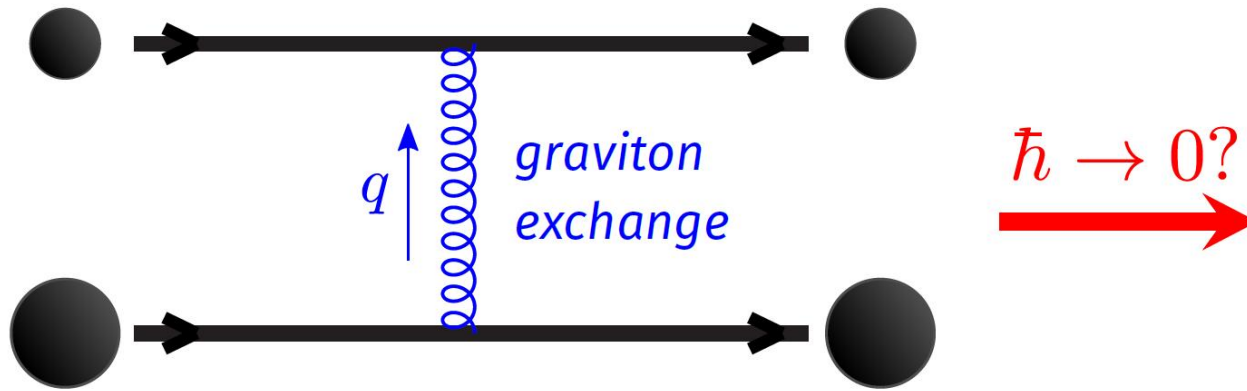
- Lagrangian:  $S = S_{\text{Einstein-Hilbert}} + S_{\text{scalar}} + S_{\text{finite-size}} \longrightarrow$  Tidal deformation. Highly suppressed effect.

$$S = \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} \left[ -2R + \frac{1}{2} (g^{\mu\nu} \partial_\mu \phi \partial_\nu \phi - m^2 \phi^2) \right] + \dots$$

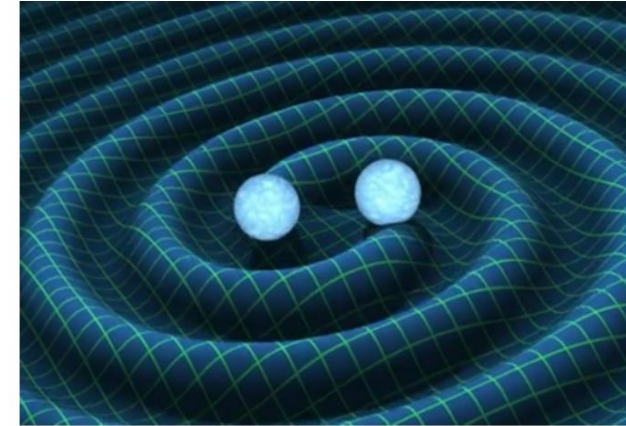
- Perturbative expansion  $g_{\mu\nu} = \eta_{\mu\nu} + \kappa h_{\mu\nu}$ ,  $\kappa^2 \equiv 8\pi G$ .

Feynman diagrams,  
generalized unitarity,  
double copy...

# Classical from quantum – it's subtle!



momentum transfer  $q \sim \hbar/R \ll m_1, m_2$

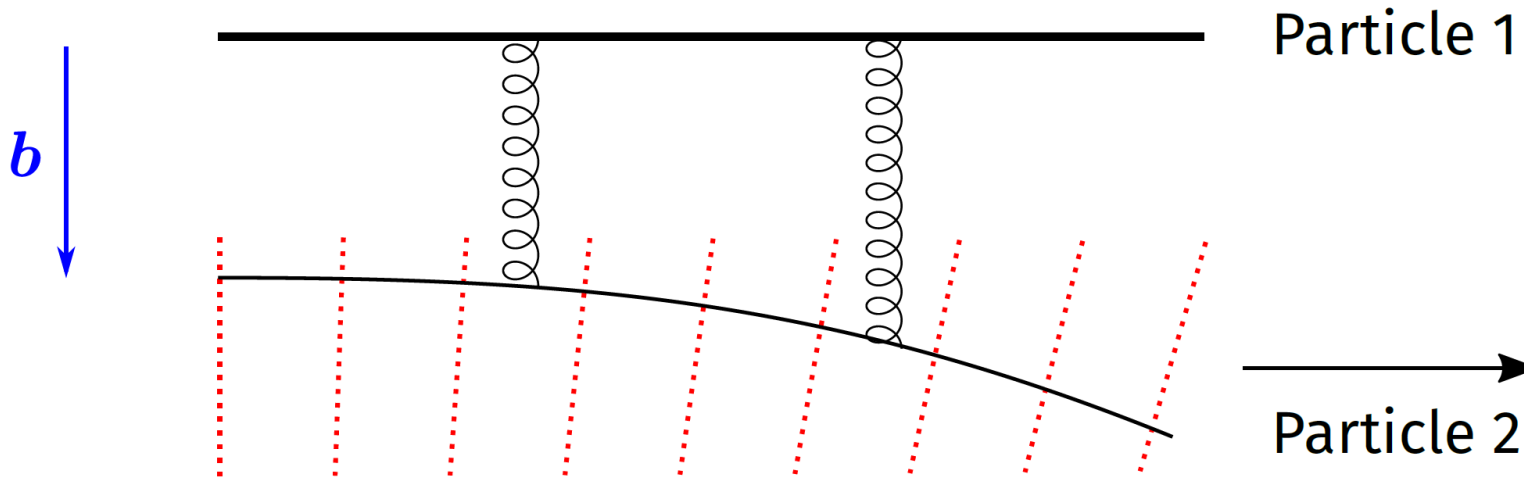


[picture: LIGO]

- Naïve  $\hbar$  expansion won't work. Increasingly worse  $1/\hbar$  divergences at **each higher loop order**, from (J)WKB approximation.

$$M \sim \exp\left(\frac{i}{\hbar} \int V(x) dx\right) \quad \text{"super-classical / classically divergent terms"}$$

# Intuition: *Huygens principle*



Conservative case: amplitude  $\tilde{M}(b) \propto \exp[i\chi(b)]$

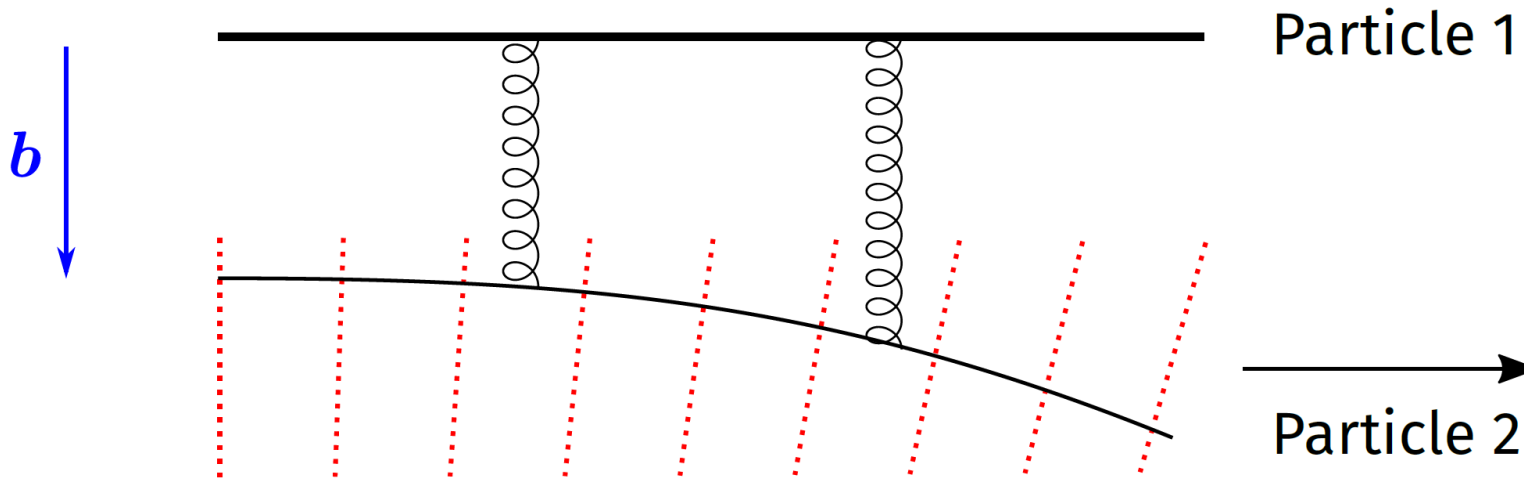
Scattering angle  $\propto$  phase gradient  $\propto \partial\chi(b)/\partial b$ .

Time delay  $\propto \partial\chi(b)/\partial E$ .

Logarithm + differentiation cancels  $1/\hbar$  divergence and infrared divergence.



# Stationary phase – “eikonal approximation”



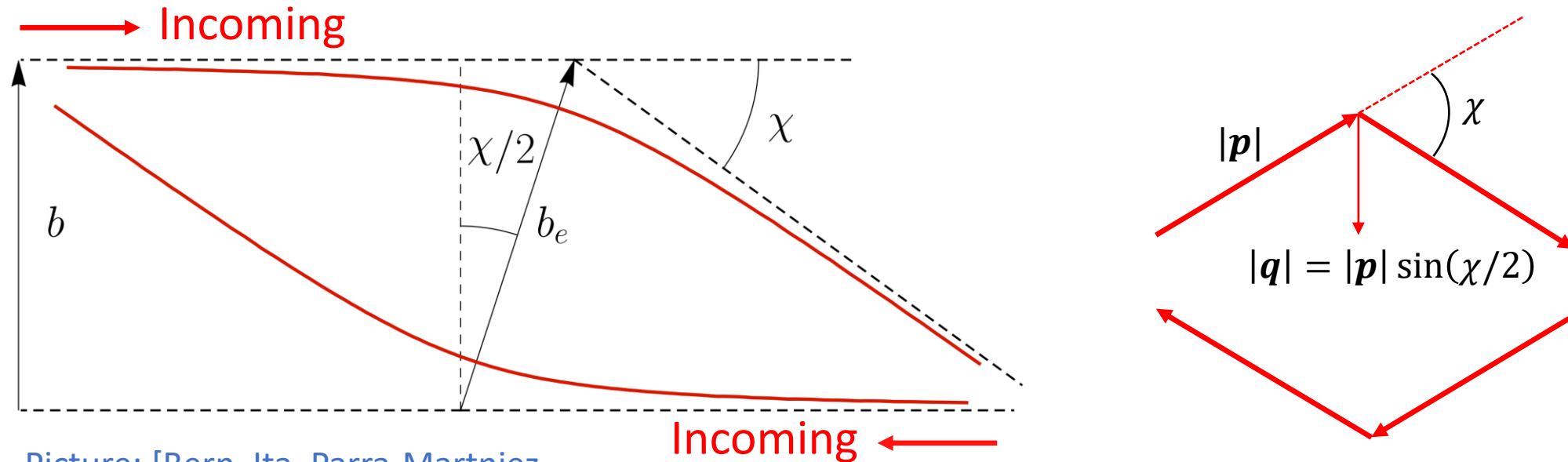
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$$M(q) = \int d^2b \tilde{M}(b) e^{iq \cdot b} = \int d^2b \exp[i(\chi(b) + q \cdot b)]$$

Steepest descent / stationary phase approximation:

$$|q| = \partial\chi(b)/\partial b$$

# Kinematic corrections for eikonal method



Picture: [Bern, Ita, Parra-Martinez, Ruf, arXiv:2002.02459]

$$\sin \frac{\chi}{2} = \frac{|q|}{|p|}, \quad |q| = \frac{\partial \chi}{\partial b_e}, \quad b_e = \frac{b_\infty}{\cos(\chi/2)}$$

Needed at NNLO and beyond.

# Collider-like observable from amplitudes

[Kosower, Maybee, O'Connell (KMOC), '18]

- Interested in observables in hyperbolic black hole scattering, such as the **impulse** on a black hole (deflection angle) and **energy loss** from GW emission.
- Measurements at **fixed impact parameter**, which is **not integrated over**, unlike collider observables.
- Collider observables are usually **quadratic** in the amplitude,

$$S = 1 + i T, \quad |\text{out}\rangle = S|\text{in}\rangle$$

expectation value of observable:  $\langle \text{in} | S^\dagger \mathcal{O} S | \text{in} \rangle = \langle \text{in} | T^\dagger \mathcal{O} T | \text{in} \rangle$

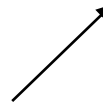
no contribution

measurement operator


# Collider-like observable from amplitudes

[Kosower, Maybee, O'Connell (KMOC), '18]

- Classical scattering observables can be **linear** in the amplitude.
- Consider fixed impact parameter,  $|\text{in}\rangle \sim \int d^4p \exp(ip \cdot b_T) \psi_1(p)$ 



impact parameter

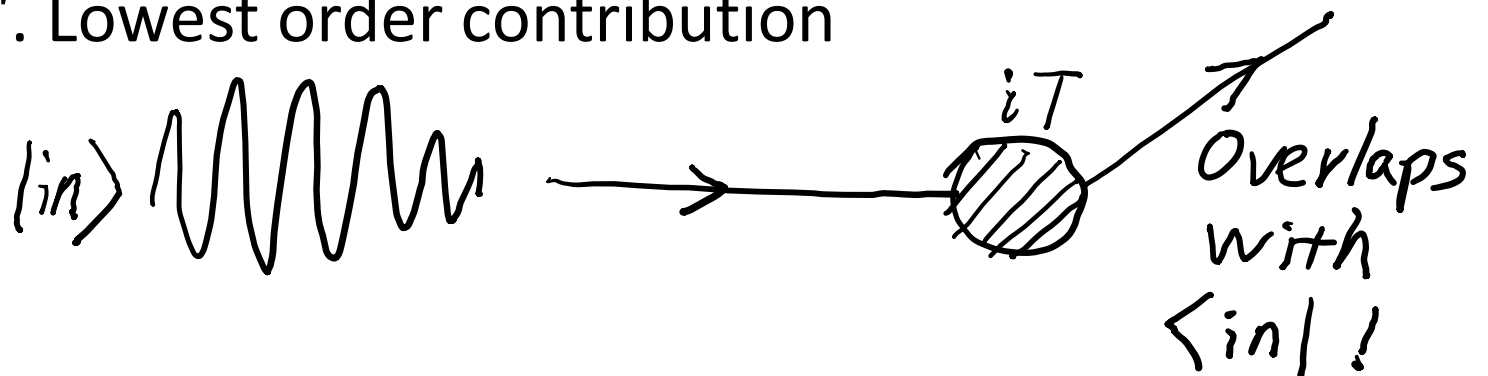


wave packet;  
detail not important

- Consider the impulse observable  $\Delta p^\mu$ , expectation value

$\langle \text{in} | S^\dagger \mathcal{O} S | \text{in} \rangle$ ,  $S = 1 + iT$ . Lowest order contribution

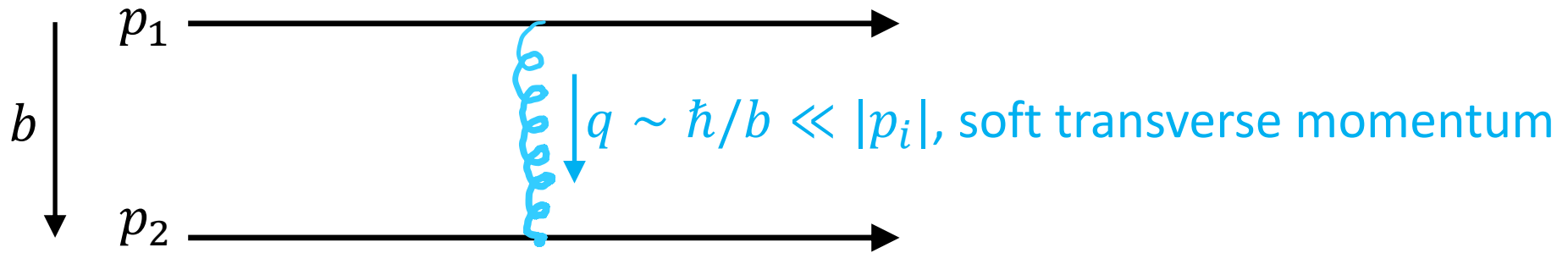
$\langle \text{in} | 1 \cdot \mathcal{O} \cdot iT | \text{in} \rangle$ .



# LO impulse - Amplitude

Tree amplitude

*We'll be sloppy with constant factors throughout this example.*

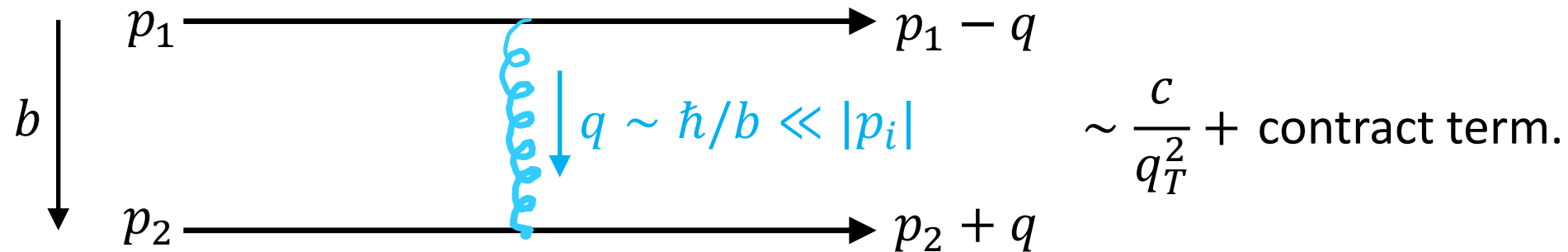


$$= \frac{-16\pi G}{q^2} \left( m_1^2 m_2^2 - 2(p_1 \cdot p_2)^2 - \underbrace{(p_1 \cdot p_2) q^2}_{\text{cancels } 1/q^2 \text{ pole}} \right) \quad (\text{See later slides for derivation})$$

$$\sim \frac{c}{q^2} + \text{contact term.}$$

cancels  $1/q^2$  pole  $\Rightarrow$  four-scalar contact interaction, no long-range classical effect.

# LO impulse – Phase space



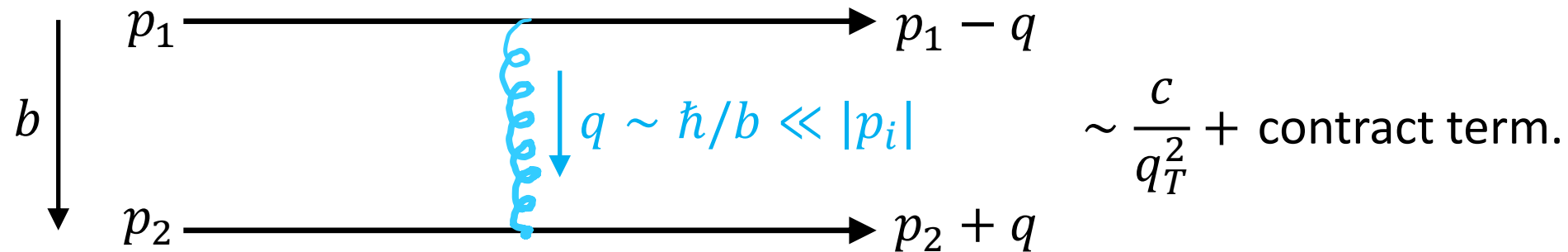
$$\text{Phase space } \int d^4 q \, \delta^4[(p_1 - q)^2 - m_1^2] \, \delta^4[(p_2 + q)^2 - m_2^2]$$

$$\approx d^4 q \, \delta^4[-2p_1 \cdot q] \delta^4[2p_2 \cdot q]$$

Choose frame  $p_1 = m_1(1,0,0,0)$ ,  $p_2 = m_2(\sqrt{1+v^2}, 0, 0, v)$ .  
Integrate  $q^0$  and  $q^z$  against delta functions.

$$= \frac{1}{m_1 m_2 v} d^2 q_T$$

# LO impulse - Expectation value



$$|\bar{p}_1\rangle \sim \int d^4p \exp(ip \cdot b) \psi_1(p_1),$$

Transverse impact parameter

$$|\bar{p}_2\rangle \sim \int d^4p \psi_2(p_2)$$

wavepacket at zero impact parameter

impulse measurement

Lowest order contribution  $\langle \text{in} | 1 \cdot \mathcal{O} \cdot iT | \text{in} \rangle \sim \left( c/q_T^2 \right) q^\mu e^{iq_T \cdot b}$

$$e^{-i(p_1 - q) \cdot b}$$

$$e^{ip_1 \cdot b}$$



# LO impulse – Putting it together

$$M \sim \frac{c}{q_T^2} + \text{contract term.} \quad \text{Phase space measure} = \frac{1}{m_1 m_2 v} d^2 q_T$$

impulse measurement

Lowest order contribution  $\langle \text{in} | 1 \cdot \mathcal{O} \cdot iT | \text{in} \rangle \sim \mathcal{M} q^\mu e^{iq_T \cdot b}$

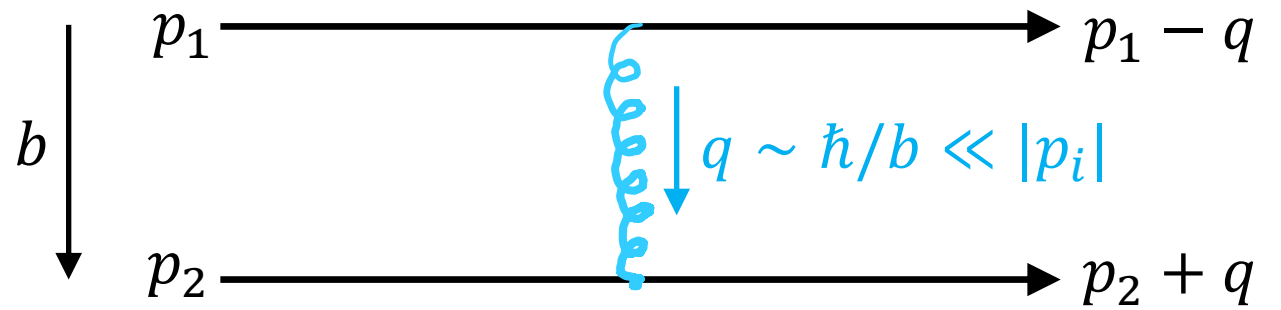
$\swarrow$   $e^{-i(p_1 - q) \cdot b}$        $\searrow$   $e^{ip_1 \cdot b}$

$$\text{Expected impulse} = \frac{1}{m_1 m_2 v} \int d^2 q_T M q^\mu e^{iq_T \cdot b}$$

2D Fourier transform;  
IR divergence has no  $b$   
dependence, disappears  
after differentiation.

$$= \frac{1}{m_1 m_2 v} \int d^2 q_T \mathcal{M} q^\mu e^{iq_T \cdot b} = \frac{1}{m_1 m_2 v} \left( -i \frac{\partial}{\partial b^\mu} \right) \tilde{M}(b)$$

# LO impulse – Result



A Feynman diagram illustrating a light impulse between two particles. Two horizontal lines represent the worldlines of particles with initial momenta  $p_1$  and  $p_2$ . They interact via a vertical wavy line representing a photon. The outgoing momenta are  $p_1 - q$  and  $p_2 + q$ . A vertical arrow on the left indicates the impact parameter  $b$ . A blue arrow points down from the wavy line with the label  $q \sim \hbar/b \ll |p_i|$ .

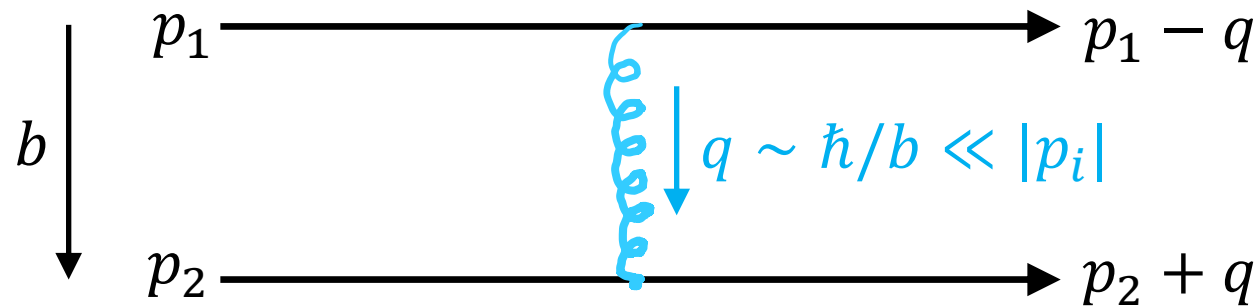
$$M \sim \frac{1}{q_T^2} [m_1^2 m_2^2 - 2(p_1 \cdot p_2)^2] + \dots$$

$$\text{Impulse} = \frac{1}{m_1 m_2 v} \left( -i \frac{\partial}{\partial b^\mu} \right) \tilde{M}(b) = \frac{G m_1 m_2}{|b|} \frac{2[2(p_1 \cdot p_2)^2 - m_1^2 m_2^2]}{v} \hat{b}^\mu,$$

$$\text{where } v = \sqrt{(p_1 \cdot p_2)^2 / (m_1^2 m_2^2) - 1}, \quad \hat{b}^\mu = b^\mu / |b|.$$

Zero velocity limit  $p_1 \cdot p_2 = m_1 m_2$  agrees with Newtonian hyperbolic orbit.

# LO impulse – compare with eikonal



$$M \sim \frac{1}{q_T^2} [m_1^2 m_2^2 - 2(p_1 \cdot p_2)^2] + \dots$$

$$\text{LO Impulse} = \frac{1}{m_1 m_2 v} \left( -i \frac{\partial}{\partial b^\mu} \right) \tilde{M}^{(0)}(b)$$

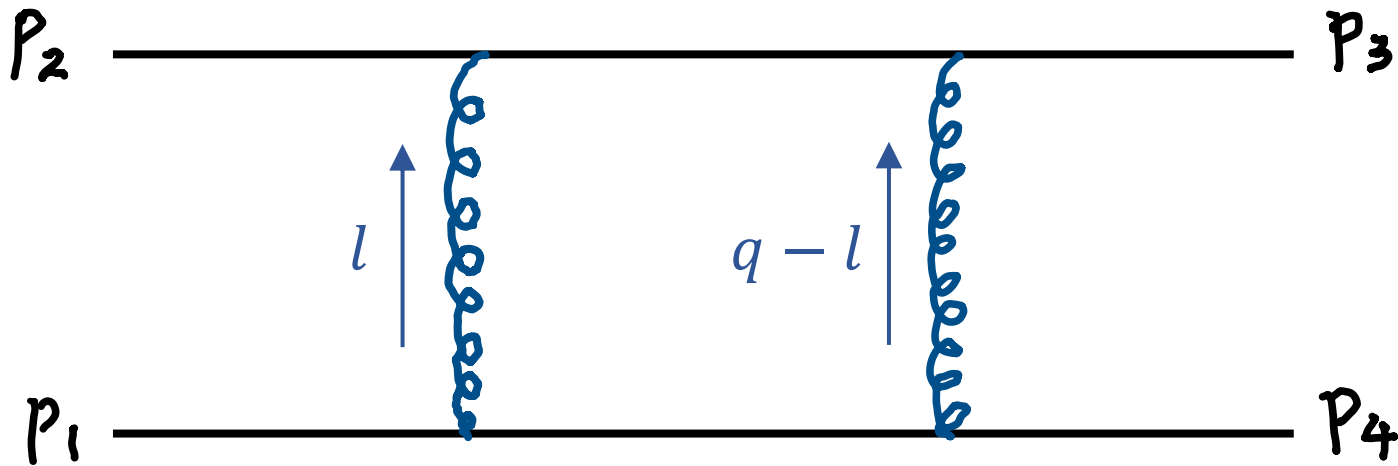
$$\text{Eikonal: } \tilde{M}(b) = \exp[i\chi(b)], \quad |q| = \partial\chi(b)/\partial b$$

$$\text{Agree if } \tilde{M}(b) = (m_1 m_2 v) \exp[M^{(0)}(b)/(m_1 m_2 v) + \text{higher orders}]. \quad \checkmark$$

$\hbar$  expansion – method of regions

# Expanding Feynman integrals

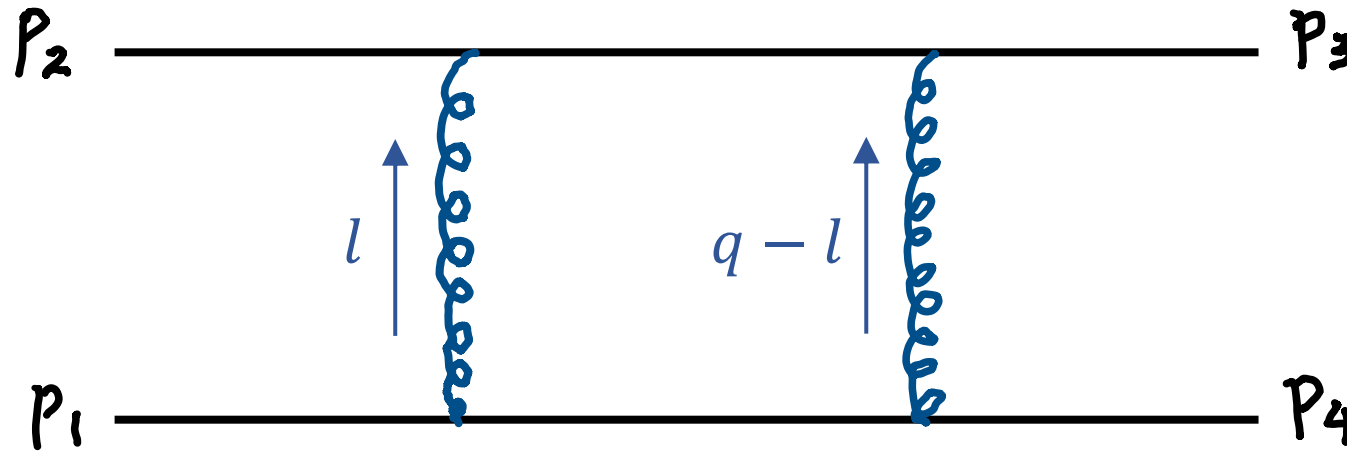
- One loop correction to  $\Phi + \phi \rightarrow \Phi + \phi$



- External kinematics fixed,  $q \sim \hbar/R \ll |p|$ . But loop momentum  $l$  is integrated over entire  $\mathbb{R}^4$  - can be small or large. How do we expand?

# Method of regions

- Asymptotic series in  $|q|/|p|$ , to any order, is a sum of two regions:

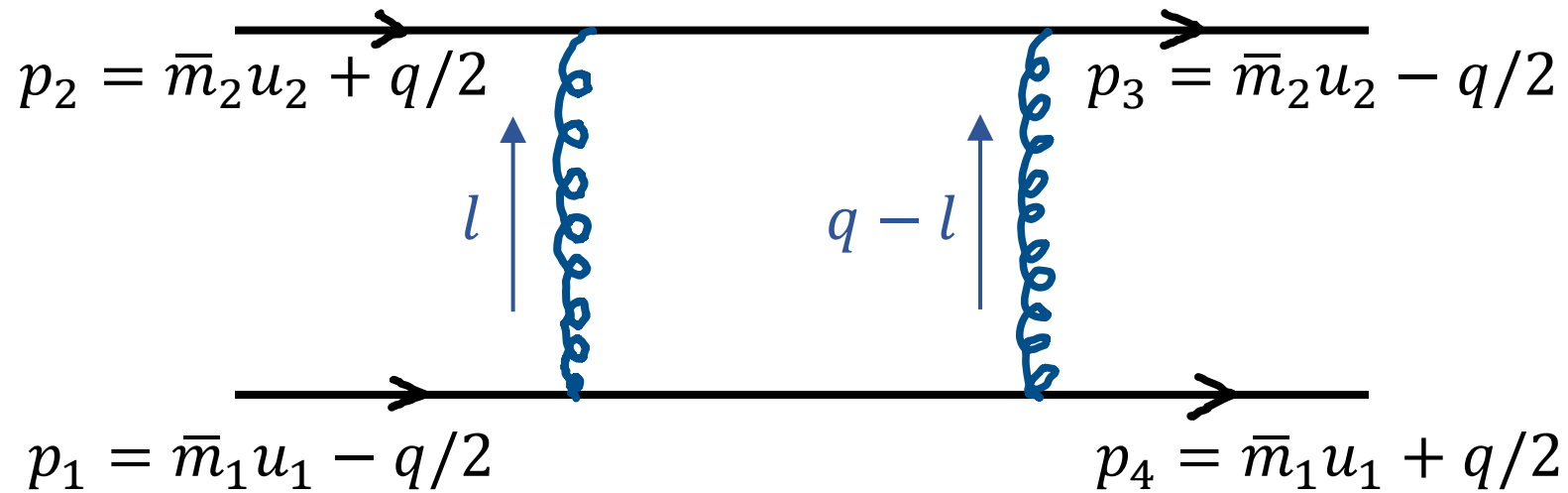


- Soft region**,  $|l| \sim |q| \ll |p|$ , expand in small  $|q|/|p|, |l|/|p|$ .
- Hard region,  $|l| \sim |p| \gg |q|$ , expand in small  $|q|/|p|, |q|/|l|$ , **not needed for classical physics.**

# Treatment of classical soft region

[Parra-Martinez, Ruf, MZ, arXiv:2005.04236]

- Symmetric parametrization



$$u_1 \cdot q = u_2 \cdot q = 0, \quad u_1^2 = u_2^2 = 1, \quad q^2 = t,$$

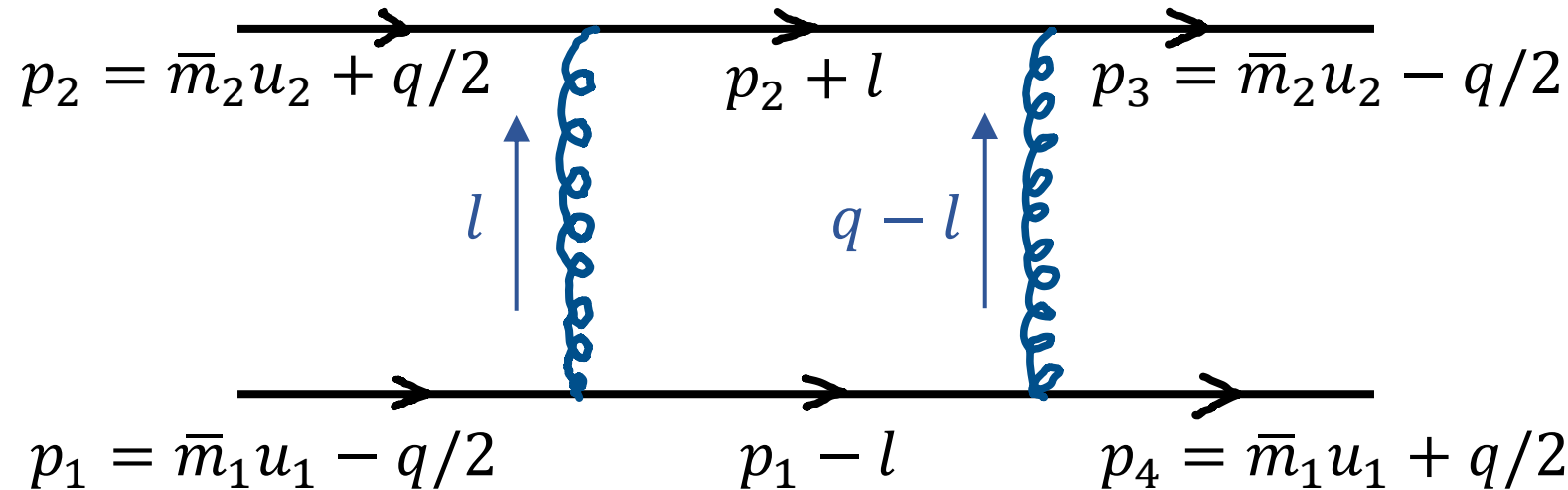
$$u_1 \cdot u_2 = y \quad \leftarrow \text{only nontrivial variable in expanded integrals.}$$

$$\text{Conversion: } m_i^2 = p_i^2 = \bar{m}_i^2 + q^2/4.$$



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$$|q|, |l| \ll \bar{m}_1, \bar{m}_2$$

$$u_1^2 = u_2^2 = 1,$$

$$u_1 \cdot u_2 = \gamma$$

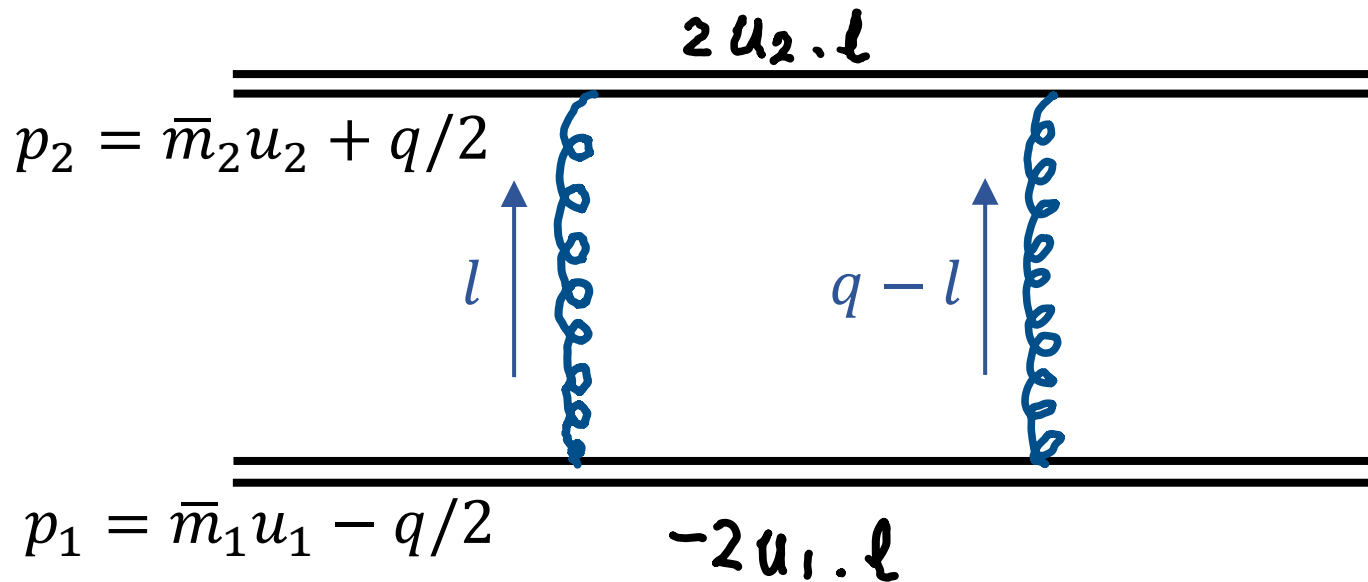
$$\frac{1}{(p_1 - l)^2 - m_1^2} = \frac{1}{-2p_1 \cdot l + l^2} = \frac{1}{-2\bar{m}_1 u_1 \cdot l + (l^2 + q \cdot l)}$$

$$= \frac{1}{\bar{m}_1} \frac{1}{-2u_1 \cdot l} + \frac{1}{\bar{m}_1^2} \frac{-(l^2 + q \cdot l)}{(-2u_1 \cdot l)^2} \dots$$

$$\rightarrow \mathcal{O}(\lambda) \rightarrow \mathcal{O}(\lambda^2)$$

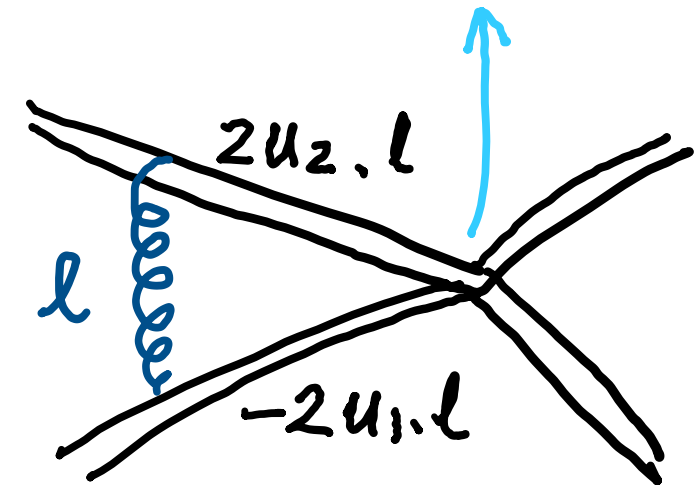
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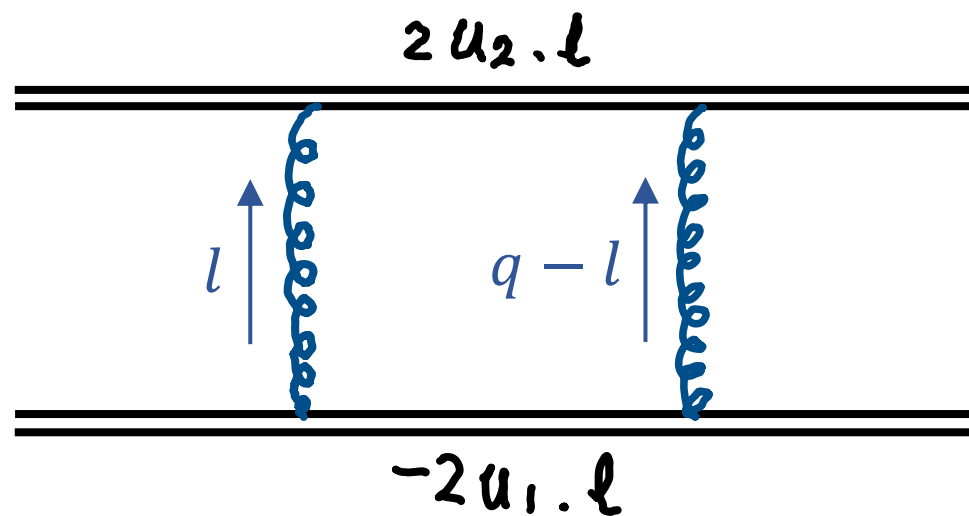
Soft expansion **linearizes** massive propagators.

Contact diagram irrelevant for long-range classical physics!



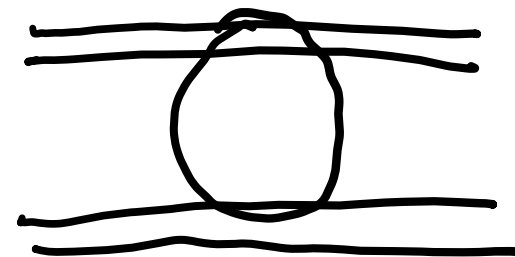
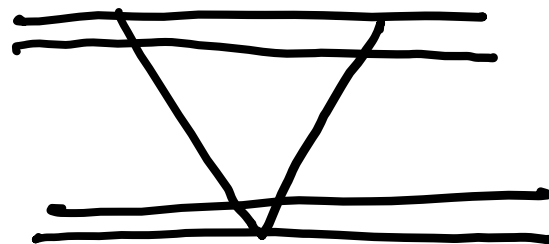
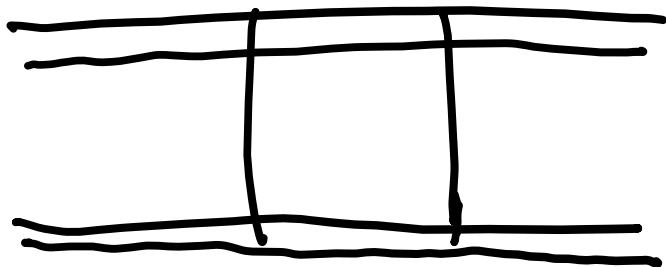
Certain subsectors are scaleless, vanish in dim. reg, for example, if we collapse  $1/(q - l)^2$  propagator.

# Integration by parts (IBP)



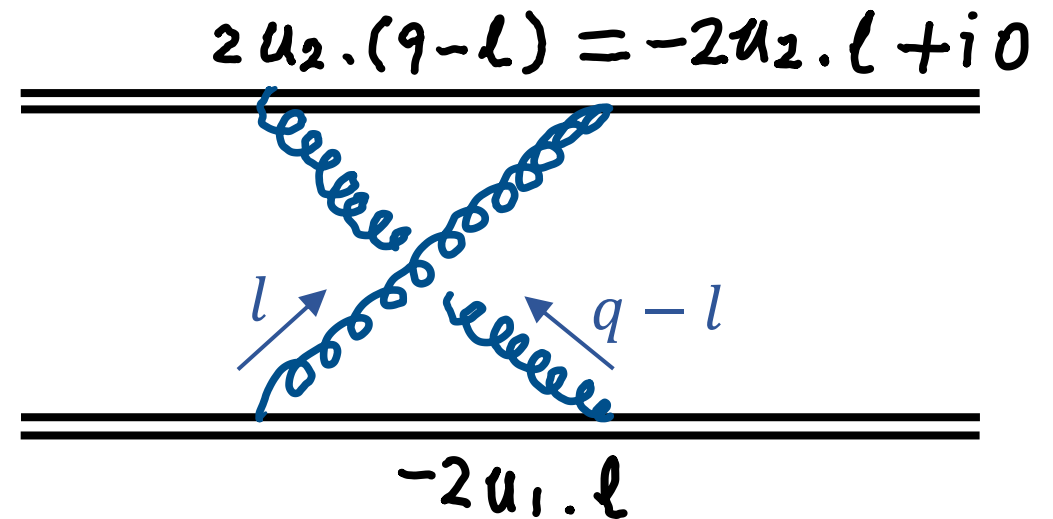
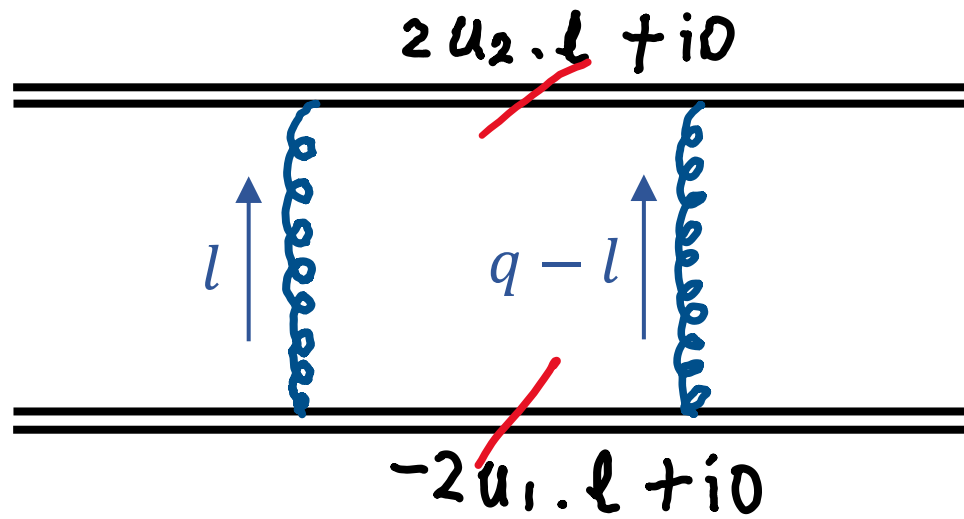
$$\int d^d l \partial_\mu \frac{l^\mu (\dots)}{p_1^{n_1} p_2^{n_2} p_3^{n_3} p_4^{n_4}} = 0$$

Master integrals



# Localization on matter poles

- Box and crossed box diagrams combine nontrivially into exponentiation of tree-level result.



$$\frac{1}{2u_2.l + i0} + \frac{1}{-2u_2.l + i0}$$

$$= -2\pi i \delta(2u_2.l)$$

Similar permutation sum localizes  $2\pi i \delta(2u_1.l)$

$t, z$   
localized,  
 $x, y$   
remains

# Differential equations

- Derivatives of masters reduced back to linear sum of masters, by IBP
- See external slides.

Example:

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial v} \left( v \cdot \text{Diagram 1} \right) = \frac{\partial \log(\sqrt{1+v^2} - v)}{\partial v} \times \text{Diagram 2}$$

Vanishes in potential region defined in terms of matter propagator residues

$$= -\frac{1}{\epsilon} i\pi, \text{ Constant in potential region.}$$

Explains nontrivial magic cancellation at every higher order in  $v$ , in direct expansion.

If working in soft region without truncation to potential region, RHS is a  $v$ -indep. constant,

$$= -\frac{1}{\epsilon} \left[ i\pi + \log(\sqrt{1+v^2} - v) \right]$$

leading order in  $v$  expansion purely from potential region

$$-v + \frac{v^3}{6} - \frac{3v^5}{40} \dots$$

Box + crossed box = const. in both potential region and full soft region. Can we see this at the level of differential equations?

See also [Bjerrum-Bohr, Damgaard, Plante, Vanhove, '21].

Combining in Feynman parametrization: Cristofoli, Damgaard, Di Vecchia, Heissenberg, '20]

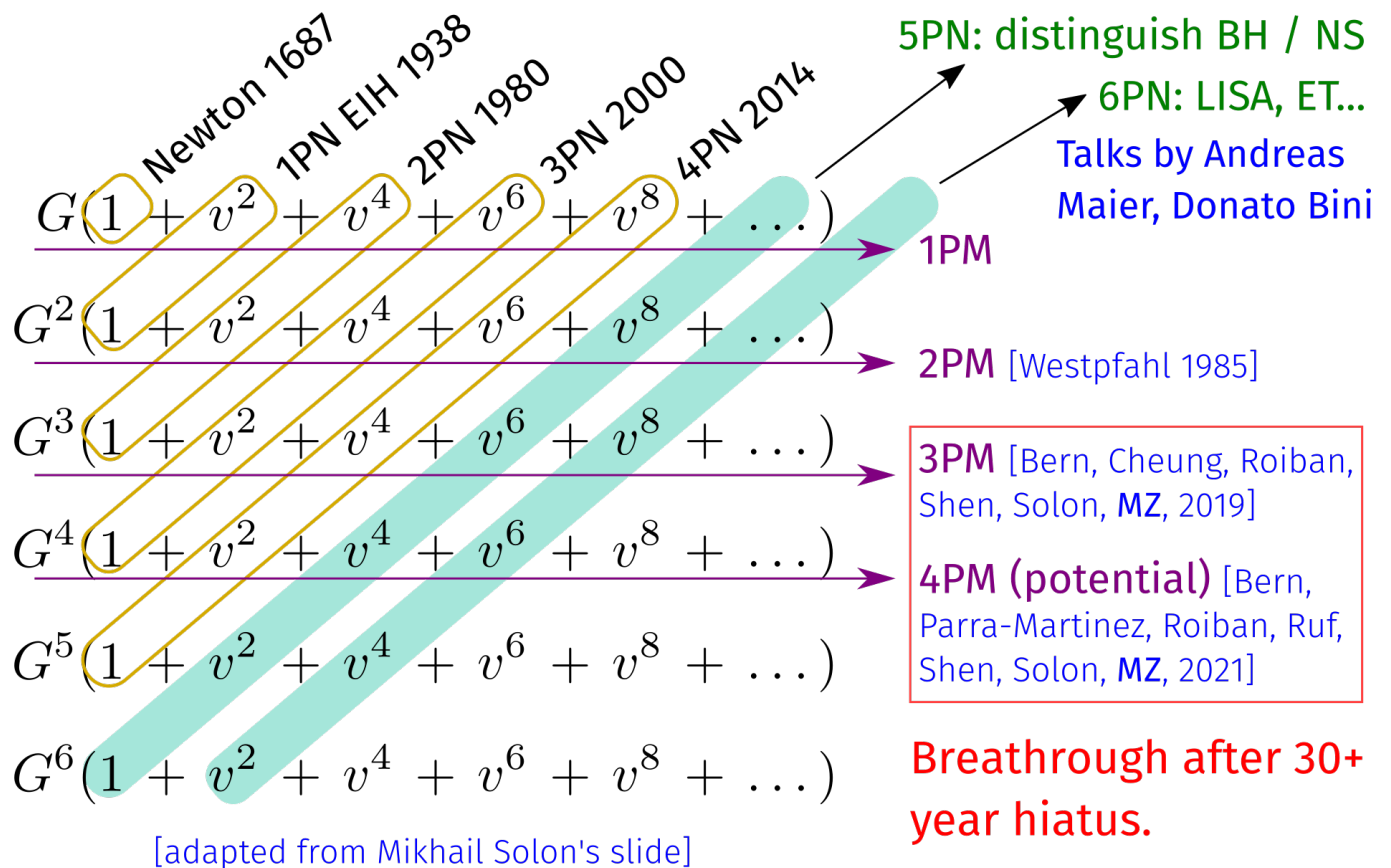
$$\frac{\partial}{\partial v} \left( v \cdot \text{Diagram 3} \right) = \frac{\partial \log(\sqrt{1+v^2} - v)}{\partial v} \times \text{Diagram 4}$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial v} \left( v \cdot \text{Diagram 5} \right) = (-1) \frac{\partial \log(\sqrt{1+v^2} - v)}{\partial v} \times \text{Diagram 6}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\partial}{\partial v} \left( v \cdot I_{\text{box}} + v \cdot I_{\text{xbx}} \right) = 0$$

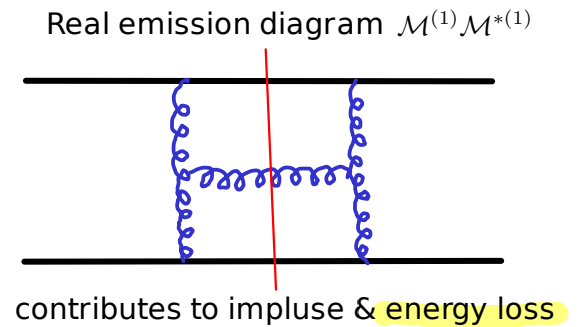
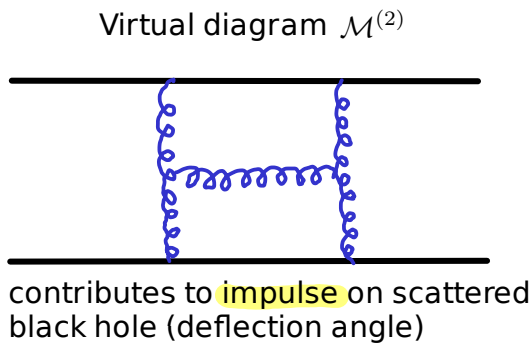
constant, due to localization on matter poles.

# NEW RESULTS FOR CONSERVATIVE DYNAMICS



## Phase space integrals and reverse unitarity

Setup: classical limit of observables from S-matrix. [Kosower, Maybee, O'Connell '18]

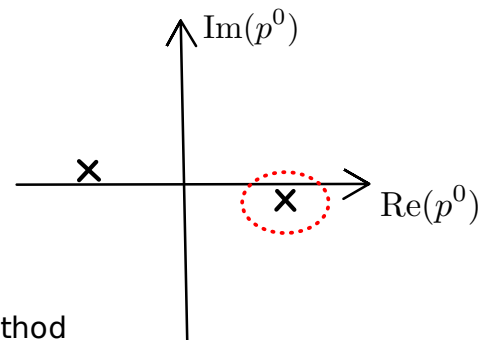


(uncut) Feynman propagator  $1/(p^2 - m^2 + i0)$

cut propagator for phase space

$$2\pi \theta(p^0) \delta(p^2 - m^2)$$

from picking up only the +ve energy residue in Feynman propagator



**IBP & Differential equations unchanged!**

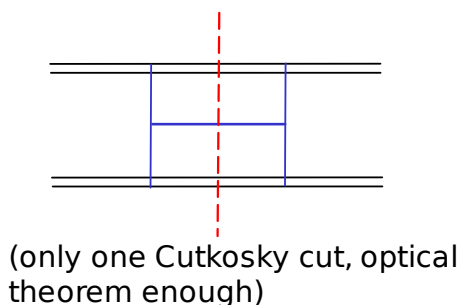
Only change boundary conditions for DEs, known as method of **Reverse Unitarity**.

Important in perturbative QCD for Higgs cross sections at NNLO and N3LO, and energy correlations in electron-positron collider event shapes.

First application of reverse unitarity to gravitational physics in [Herrmann, Parra Martinez, Ruf, MZ, 2101.07255 (PRL), 2104.03957].

We **re-used DEs** in canonical basis for virtual integrals in [Parra-Martinez, Ruf, MZ, '20].

### Example use of reverse unitarity



$$= 2 \operatorname{Im} \left( \text{Virtual integrals computed via differential equations} \right)$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial v} \left[ v^2 \text{ (diagram with two cuts) } \right] = \text{simpler integrals (diagram with one cut)} \text{ etc.}$$

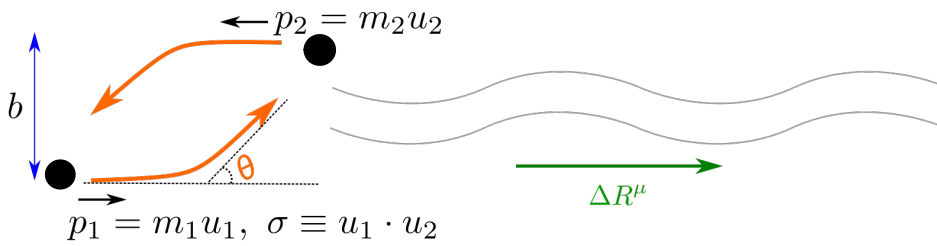
More than one Cutkosky cut. Need serious use of reverse unitarity, including DEs on cut.

Known!



## Result for radiated energy at 3rd-post-Minkowskian order

talk by Enrico Herrmann & Michael Ruf



$$\Delta R^\mu = \frac{G^3 m_1^2 m_2^2}{|b|^3} \frac{u_1^\mu + u_2^\mu}{\sigma + 1} \mathcal{E}(\sigma) + \mathcal{O}(G^4).$$

$$\mathcal{E}(\sigma) = f_1 + f_2 \log \left( \frac{\sigma + 1}{2} \right) + f_3 \frac{\sigma \operatorname{arcsinh} \sqrt{\frac{\sigma - 1}{2}}}{\sqrt{\sigma^2 - 1}},$$

$$f_1 = \frac{210\sigma^6 - 552\sigma^5 + 339\sigma^4 - 912\sigma^3 + 3148\sigma^2 - 3336\sigma + 1151}{48(\sigma^2 - 1)^{3/2}},$$

$$f_2 = -\frac{35\sigma^4 + 60\sigma^3 - 150\sigma^2 + 76\sigma - 5}{8\sqrt{\sigma^2 - 1}}, \quad f_3 = \frac{(2\sigma^2 - 3)(35\sigma^4 - 30\sigma^2 + 11)}{8(\sigma^2 - 1)^{3/2}}$$