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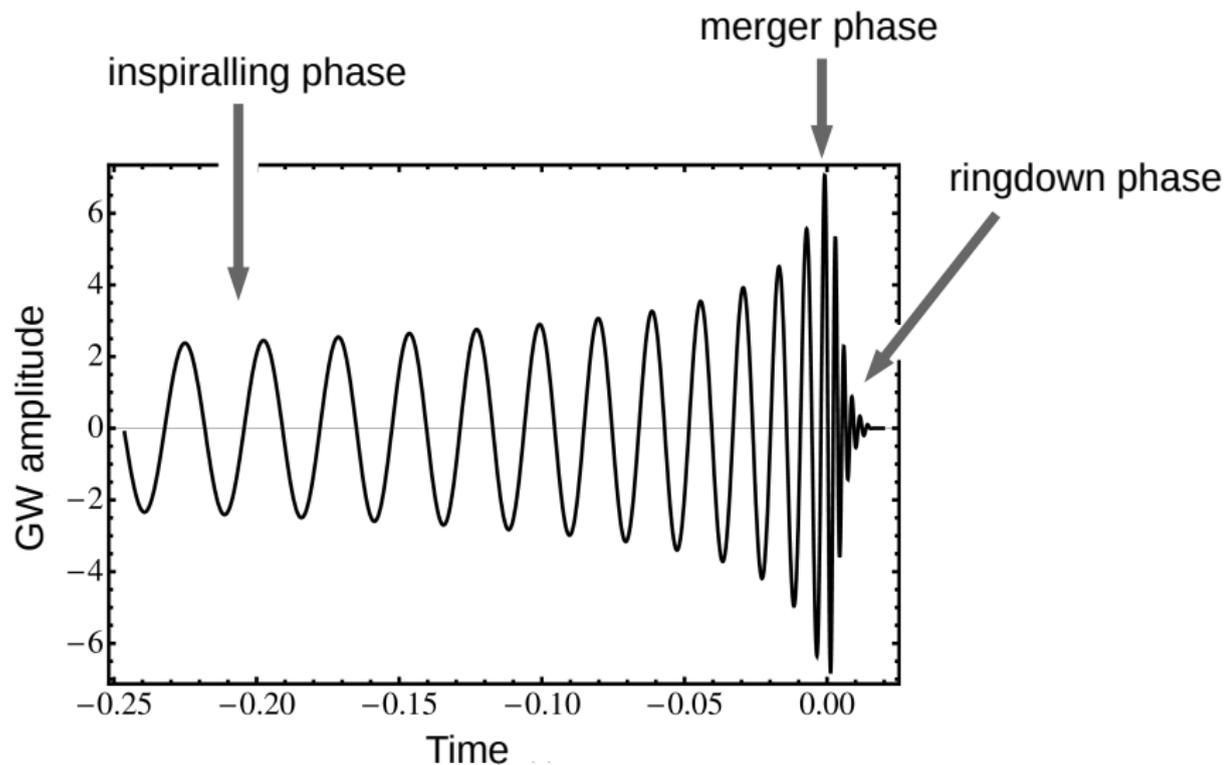
**THE FOKKER ACTION OF COMPACT BINARY SYSTEMS**  
at  
**THE FOURTH POST-NEWTONIAN ORDER**

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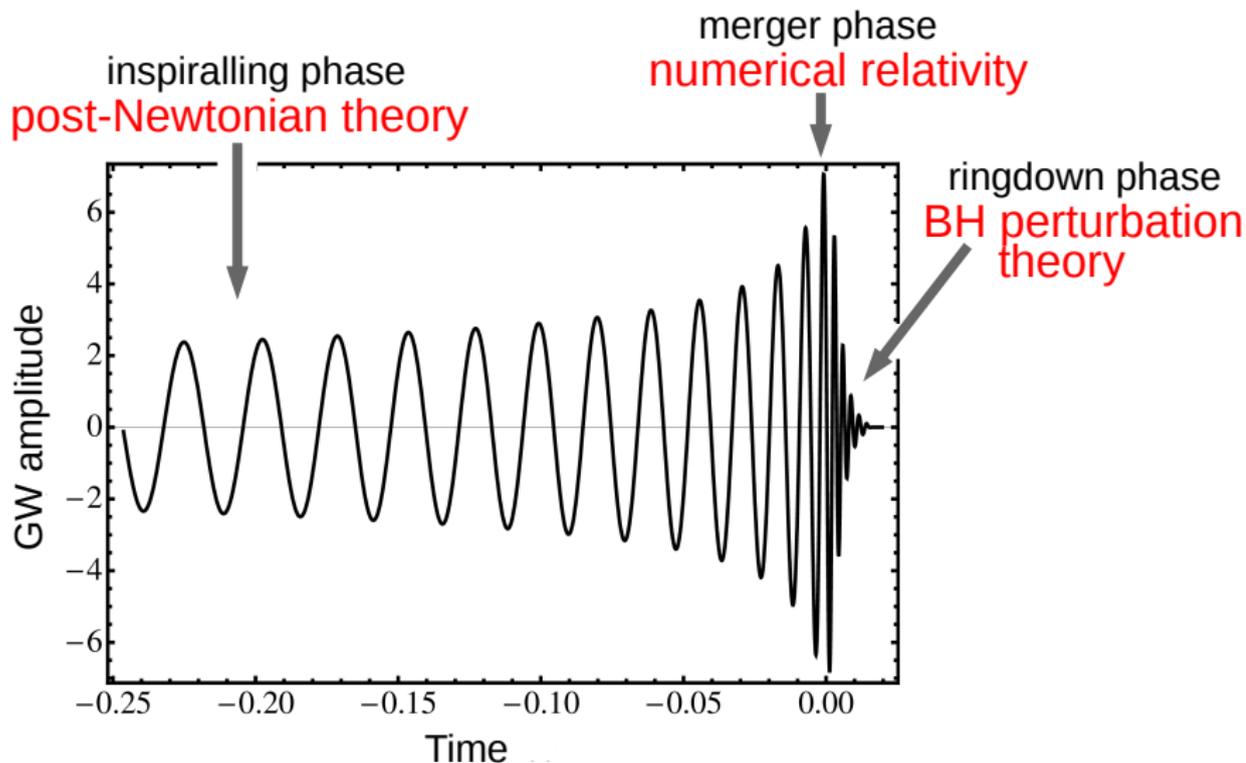
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# Quadrupole moment formalism [Einstein 1918; Landau & Lifchitz 1947]

$$4\pi \mathcal{R}^2 \bar{g} = \frac{x}{40\pi} \left[ \sum_{\mu\nu} \ddot{J}_{\mu\nu}^2 - \frac{1}{3} \left( \sum_{\mu} \ddot{J}_{\mu\mu} \right)^2 \right].$$

- ① Einstein quadrupole formula

$$\left( \frac{dE}{dt} \right)^{\text{GW}} = \frac{G}{5c^5} \left\{ \frac{d^3 Q_{ij}}{dt^3} \frac{d^3 Q_{ij}}{dt^3} + \mathcal{O} \left( \frac{v}{c} \right)^2 \right\}$$

- ② Amplitude quadrupole formula

$$h_{ij}^{\text{TT}} = \frac{2G}{c^4 D} \left\{ \frac{d^2 Q_{ij}}{dt^2} \left( t - \frac{D}{c} \right) + \mathcal{O} \left( \frac{v}{c} \right) \right\}^{\text{TT}} + \mathcal{O} \left( \frac{1}{D^2} \right)$$

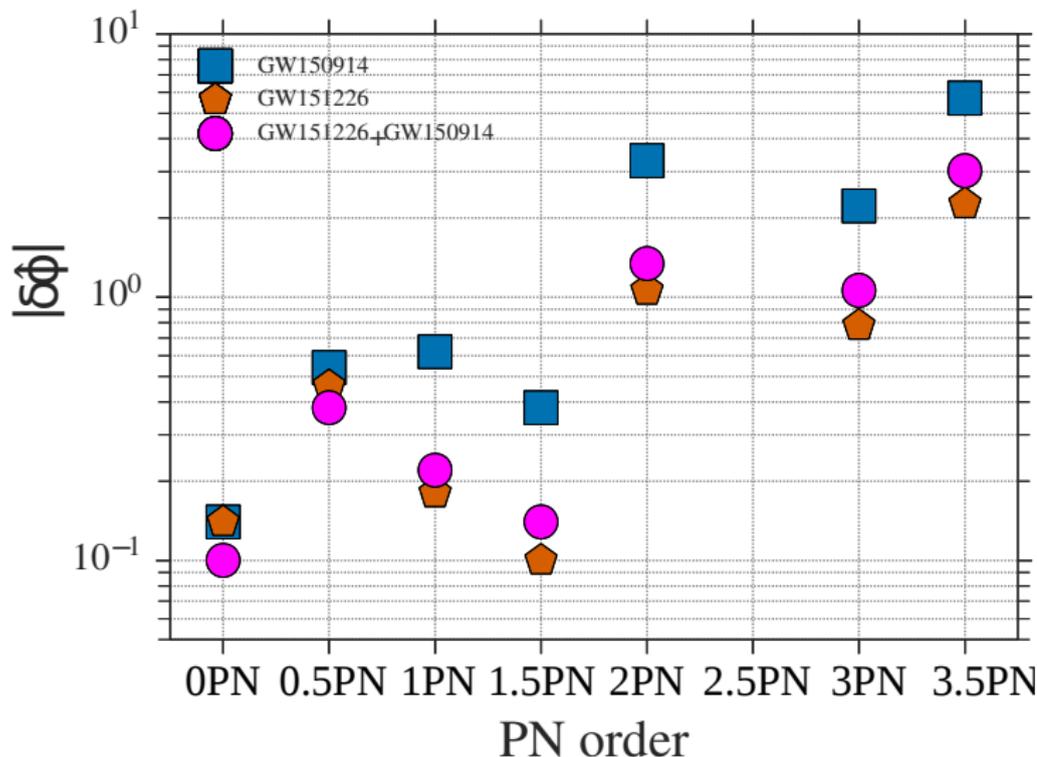
- ③ Radiation reaction formula [Chandrasekhar & Esposito 1970; Burke & Thorne 1970]

$$F_i^{\text{reac}} = -\frac{2G}{5c^5} \rho x^j \frac{d^5 Q_{ij}}{dt^5} + \mathcal{O} \left( \frac{v}{c} \right)^7$$

which is a  $2.5\text{PN} \sim (v/c)^5$  effect in the source's equations of motion

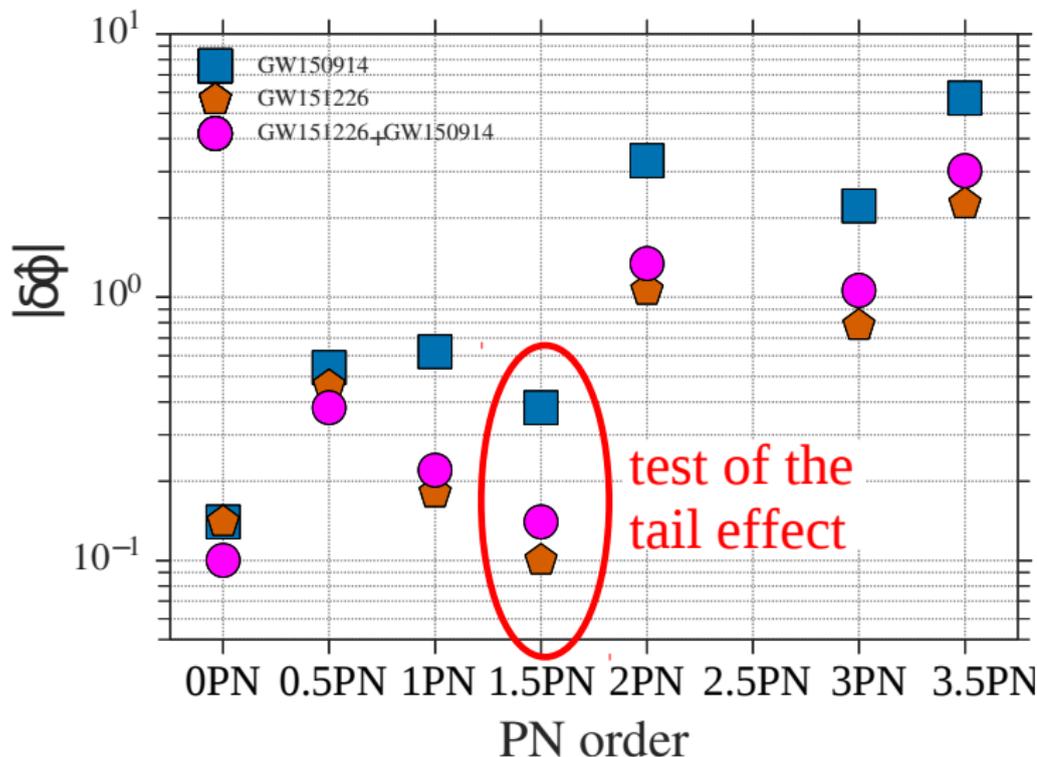
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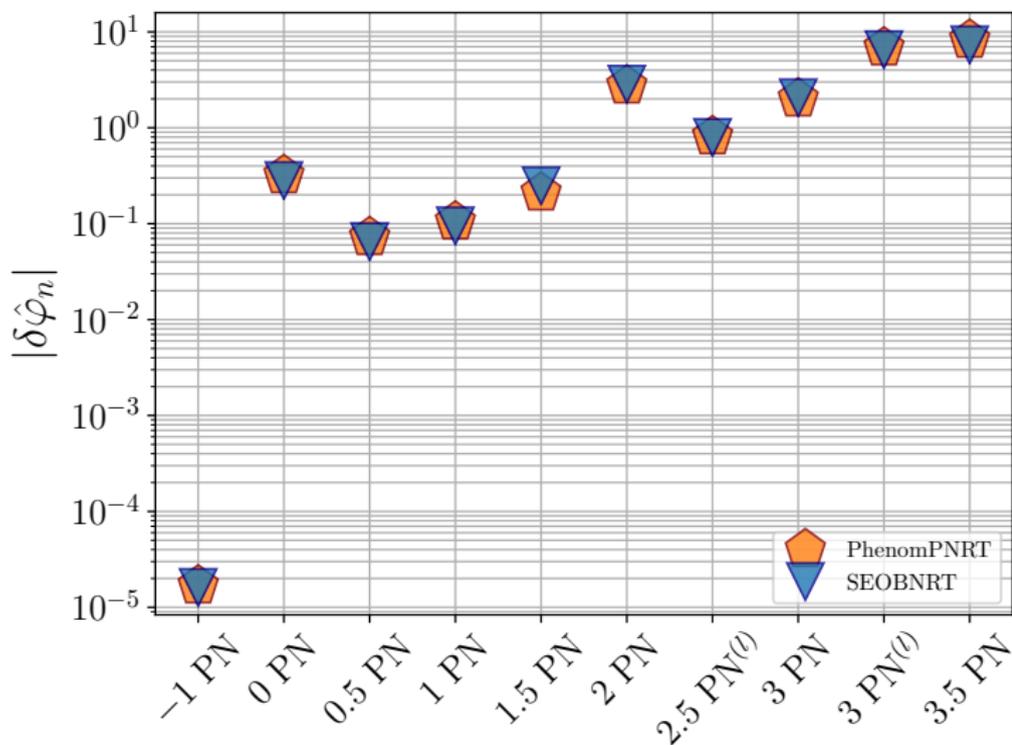
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# Wave-generation and radiation-reaction problems

- Gauge-fixed Einstein field equations

$$\partial_\nu h^{\mu\nu} = 0 \quad (\text{harmonic gauge condition})$$

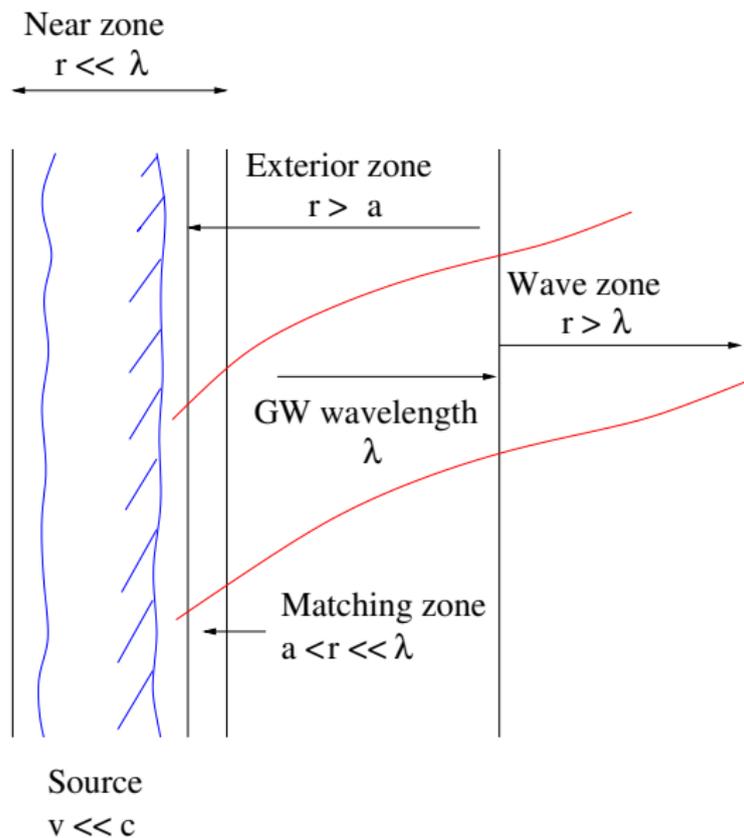
$$\square h^{\mu\nu} = \frac{16\pi G}{c^4} \tau^{\mu\nu} \quad (\text{flat space-time wave equation})$$

- Pseudo-tensor of matter and gravitational fields

$$\tau^{\mu\nu} = \underbrace{|g|T^{\mu\nu}}_{\text{matter part}} + \frac{c^4}{16\pi G} \underbrace{\Lambda^{\mu\nu}(h, \partial h, \partial^2 h)}_{\text{gravitational part}}$$

- 1 **Radiation-reaction problem**: solve the EFE inside the compact-support source to get the reaction forces acting on an isolated source
- 2 **Wave generation problem**: solve the EFE in vacuum outside the source (including the regions at infinity) to get the waveform as a functional of the source parameters

# Regions of space around the GW source



# Multipolar-post-Minkowskian expansion

[Blanchet & Damour 1986, 1988, 1992; Blanchet 1987, 1993, 1998]

- 1 Look for the general multipolar expansion  $\mathcal{M}(h)$  generated outside the source in the form [Bonnor 1959, Bonnor & Rotenberg 1961]

$$\mathcal{M}(h) = \underbrace{G h_{(1)} + G^2 h_{(1)} + \cdots + G^n h_{(n)} + \cdots}_{\text{formal post-Minkowskian expansion}}$$

- 2 Start from the general multipolar solution of the vacuum field equation at linear order [Thorne 1980]

$$h_{(1)}[M_L, S_L] = \sum_{\ell=0}^{+\infty} \left[ \partial_L \left( \frac{1}{r} \underbrace{M_L(t - r/c)}_{\text{mass-type moment}} \right) + \varepsilon_{abc} \partial_L \left( \frac{1}{r} \underbrace{S_L(t - r/c)}_{\text{current-type moment}} \right) \right]$$

- 3 Iterate that solution using a specific regularization scheme based on **A.C.** in  $B \in \mathbb{C}$  to cope with the singularity of the multipole expansion when  $r \rightarrow 0$

$$\text{Finite Part}_{B=0} \square_{\text{ret}}^{-1} \left[ (r/r_0)^B f \right]$$

# Multipolar-post-Minkowskian expansion

[Blanchet & Damour 1986, 1988, 1992; Blanchet 1987, 1993, 1998]

- 1 At  $n$ -th post-Minkowskian order we need to solve

$$\begin{aligned}\partial_\nu h_{(n)}^{\mu\nu} &= 0 \\ \square h_{(n)}^{\mu\nu} &= \Lambda^{\mu\nu} \left( \underbrace{h_{(1)}, \dots, h_{(n-1)}}_{\text{known from previous iterations}} \right)\end{aligned}$$

- 2 A **particular solution** with the required multipole structure reads

$$u_{(n)}^{\mu\nu} = \text{FP}_{B=0} \square_{\text{Ret}}^{-1} \left[ \left( \frac{r}{r_0} \right)^B \Lambda_{(n)}^{\mu\nu} \right]$$

- 3 In order to guarantee that the harmonic gauge condition  $\partial_\nu h_{(n)}^{\mu\nu} = 0$  is satisfied we add an **homogeneous solution**  $v_{(n)}^{\mu\nu}$  hence

$$\boxed{h_{(n)}^{\mu\nu} = u_{(n)}^{\mu\nu} + v_{(n)}^{\mu\nu}}$$

- 4 The MPM solution is generated by a **plug-and-grind algorithm** up to any PM order as a functional of the multipole moments  $M_L(t)$  and  $S_L(t)$

# Multipolar-post-Minkowskian expansion

[Blanchet & Damour 1986, 1988 1992; Blanchet 1987, 1993, 1998]

## Theorem 1:

The MPM solution is the **most general solution** of Einstein's vacuum equations outside an isolated matter system

## Theorem 2:

The general structure of the PN expansion is

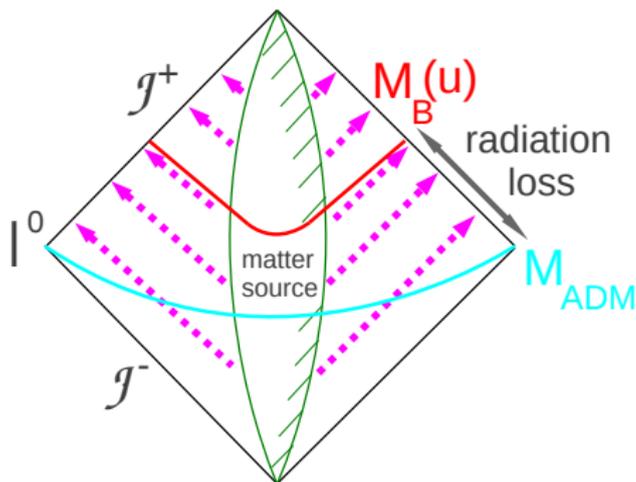
$$h_{\text{PN}}^{\alpha\beta}(\mathbf{x}, t, c) = \sum_{\substack{p \geq 2 \\ q \geq 0}} \frac{(\ln c)^q}{c^p} h_{p,q}^{\alpha\beta}(\mathbf{x}, t)$$

## Theorem 3:

The MPM solution is **asymptotically flat at future null infinity** in the sense of Penrose and recovers the Bondi-Sachs formalism [1960s]

# Multipolar-post-Minkowskian expansion

[Blanchet & Damour 1986, 1988, 1992; Blanchet 1987, 1993, 1998]



$$M_B(u) = M_{\text{ADM}} - \overbrace{\frac{G}{5c^7} \int_{-\infty}^u dt M_{ij}^{(3)}(t) M_{ij}^{(3)}(t)}^{\text{mass-energy emitted in GW}} + \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{higher-order multipole moments and} \\ \text{higher-order PM approximations} \end{array} \right.$$

# Problem of the matching

[Lagerström *et al.* 1967; Burke & Thorne 1971; Kates 1980; Anderson *et al.* 1982; Blanchet 1998]

- 1 Most general multipolar(-post-Minkowskian) solution in the source's exterior

$$\mathcal{M}(h) = \text{FP}_{B=0} \square_{\text{ret}}^{-1} \left[ \left( \frac{r}{r_0} \right)^B \mathcal{M}(\Lambda) \right] + \sum_{\ell=0}^{+\infty} \partial_L \left\{ \frac{M_L(t - r/c)}{r} \right\}$$

where the homogeneous solution is parametrized by multipole moments

- 2 Most general PN solution in the source's near zone

$$\bar{h} = \text{FP}_{B=0} \square_{\text{sym}}^{-1} \left[ \left( \frac{r}{r_0} \right)^B \bar{\tau} \right] + \sum_{\ell=0}^{+\infty} \partial_L \left\{ \frac{A_L(t - r/c) - A_L(t + r/c)}{r} \right\}$$

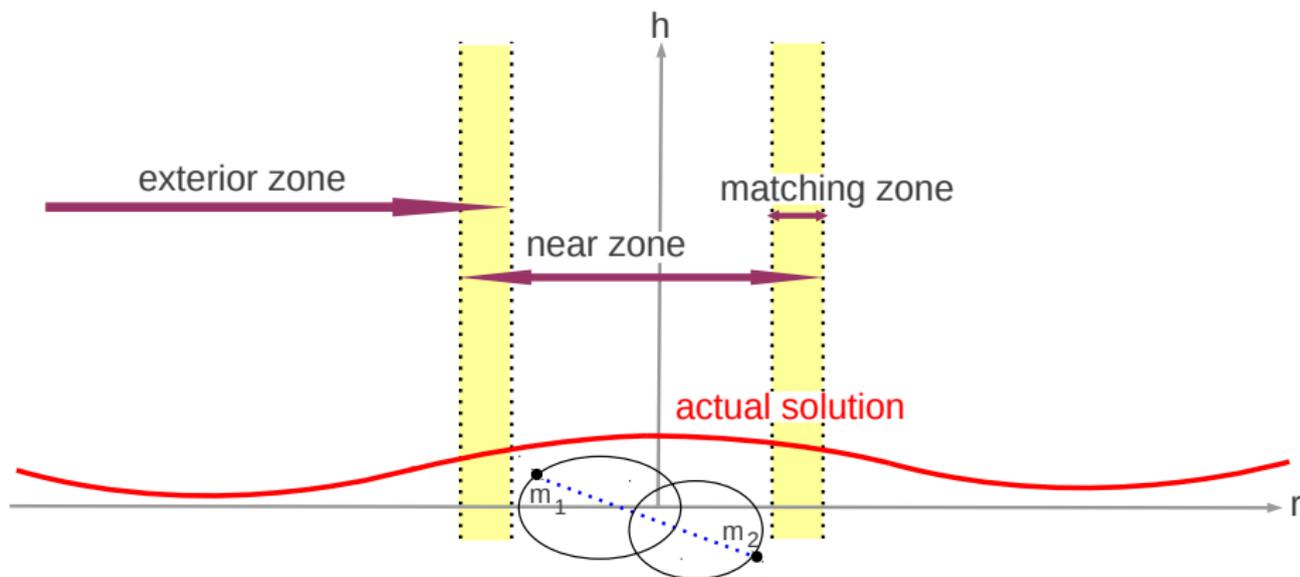
where the homogeneous solution (regular when  $r \rightarrow 0$ ) is parametrized by "radiation reaction" multipole moments

- 3 We impose the matching equation

$$\overline{\mathcal{M}(\bar{h})} = \mathcal{M}(\bar{h})$$

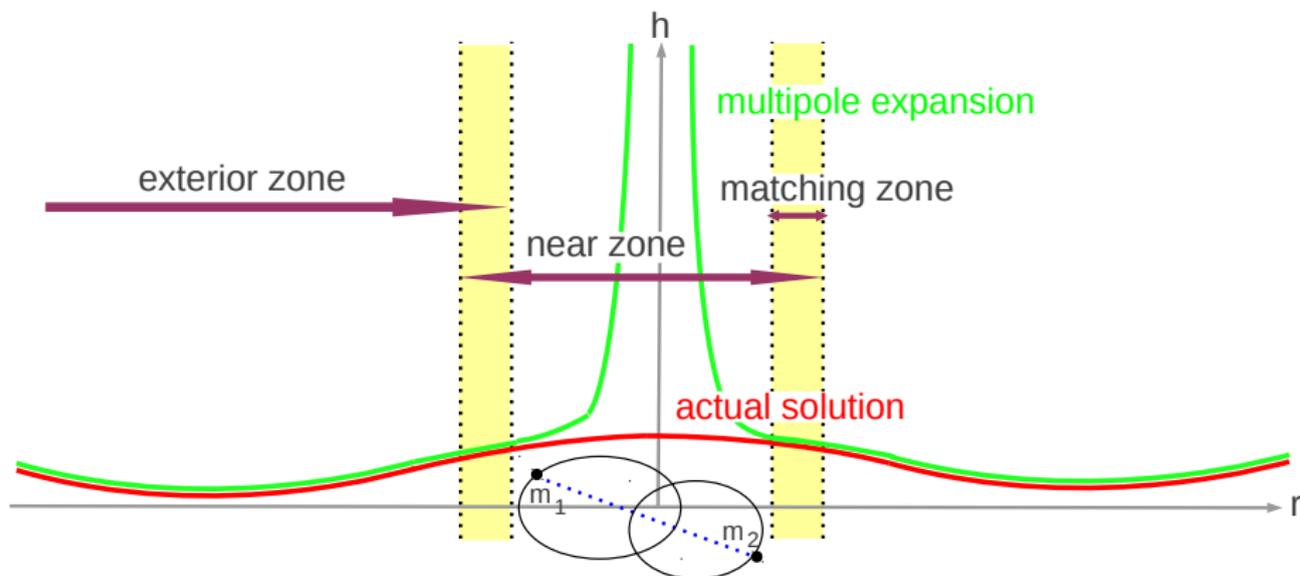
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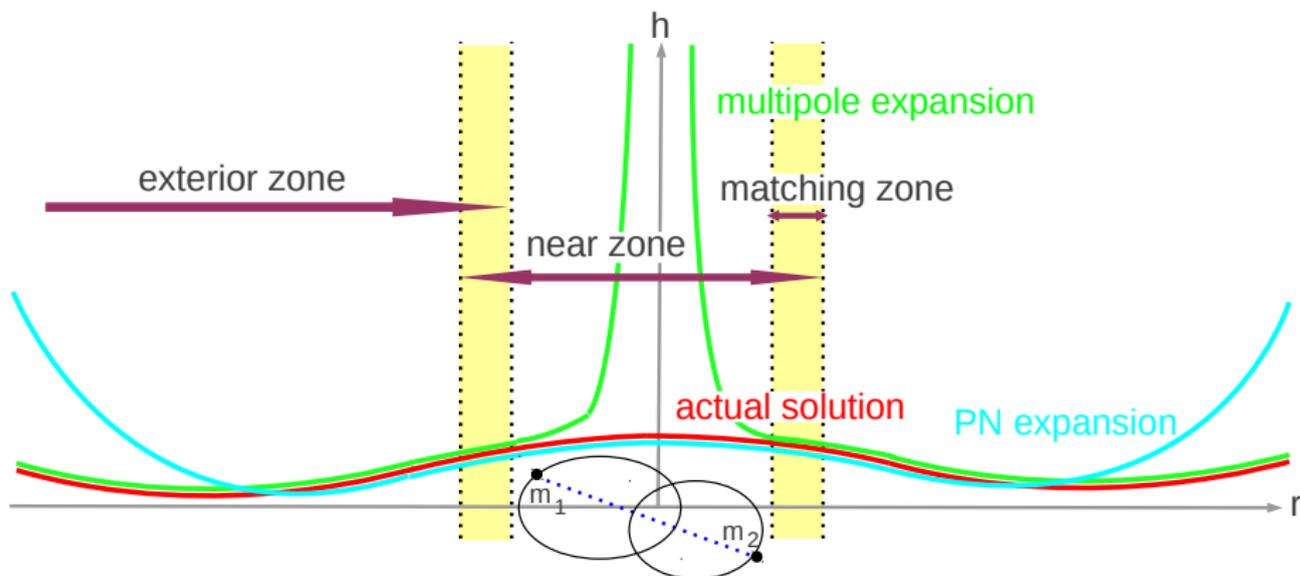
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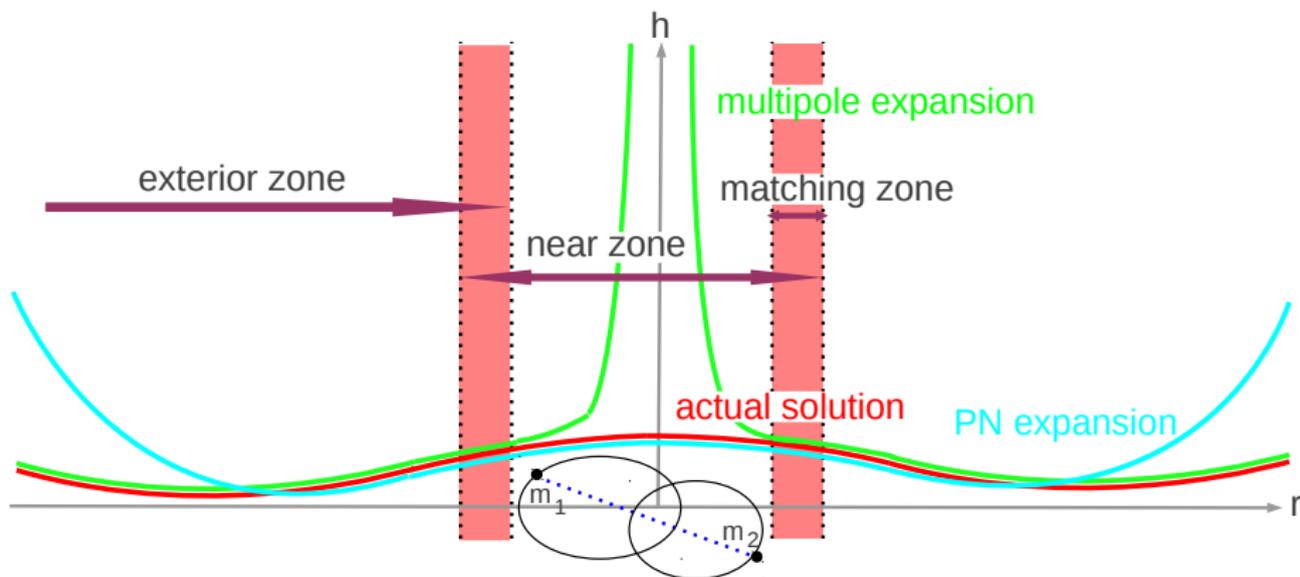
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# Near zone expansion of the multipole expansion

**Lemma 1:** [Blanchet 1993, 1998]

$$\overline{\text{FP}_{B=0}^{\square_{\text{ret}}^{-1}} \left[ \left(\frac{r}{r_0}\right)^B \mathcal{M}(\Lambda) \right]} = \text{FP}_{B=0}^{\square_{\text{sym}}^{-1}} \left[ \left(\frac{r}{r_0}\right)^B \overline{\mathcal{M}(\Lambda)} \right] - \underbrace{\frac{4G}{c^4} \sum_{\ell=0}^{+\infty} \partial_L \left\{ \frac{\mathcal{R}_L(t-r/c) - \mathcal{R}_L(t+r/c)}{2r} \right\}}_{\text{antisymmetric type homogeneous solution}}$$

where the radiation reaction multipole moments are

$$\mathcal{R}_L(u) = \text{FP}_{B=0} \int d^3\mathbf{x} \left(\frac{r}{r_0}\right)^B \hat{x}_L \int_1^{+\infty} dz \gamma_\ell(z) \underbrace{\mathcal{M}(\tau)(\mathbf{x}, t - zr/c)}_{\text{multipole expansion of the pseudo-tensor}}$$

The finite part at  $B = 0$  plays the role of an **UV regularization** ( $r \rightarrow 0$ )

# Far zone expansion of the PN expansion

**Lemma 2:** [Poujade & Blanchet 2001]

$$\mathcal{M} \left( \mathbb{F}\mathbb{P}_{B=0} \square_{\text{sym}}^{-1} \left[ \left( \frac{r}{r_0} \right)^B \bar{\tau} \right] \right) = \mathbb{F}\mathbb{P}_{B=0} \square_{\text{sym}}^{-1} \left[ \left( \frac{r}{r_0} \right)^B \mathcal{M}(\bar{\tau}) \right] \\ - \underbrace{\frac{1}{4\pi} \sum_{\ell=0}^{+\infty} \partial_L \left\{ \frac{\mathcal{F}_L(t-r/c) + \mathcal{F}_L(t+r/c)}{2r} \right\}}_{\text{symmetric type homogeneous solution}}$$

$$\mathcal{F}_L(u) = \mathbb{F}\mathbb{P}_{B=0} \int d^3\mathbf{x} \left( \frac{r}{r_0} \right)^B \hat{x}_L \int_{-1}^1 dz \delta_\ell(z) \underbrace{\bar{\tau}(\mathbf{x}, t - zr/c)}_{\text{PN expansion of the pseudo-tensor}}$$

The finite part at  $B = 0$  plays the role of an **IR regularization** ( $r \rightarrow +\infty$ )

# General solution of the matching equation

- 1 In the far zone

$$\mathcal{M}(h) = \text{FP}_{B=0} \square_{\text{ret}}^{-1} \left[ \left( \frac{r}{r_0} \right)^B \mathcal{M}(\Lambda) \right] - \underbrace{\frac{4G}{c^4} \sum_{\ell=0}^{+\infty} \partial_L \left\{ \frac{\mathcal{F}_L(t - r/c)}{r} \right\}}_{\text{source's multipole moments}}$$

- 2 In the near zone [Poujade & Blanchet 2002; Blanchet, Faye & Nissanke 2005]

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# PROBLEM OF THE MOTION

# 4PN equations of motion of compact binary systems

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{d\mathbf{v}_1}{dt} = & -\frac{Gm_2}{r_{12}^2} \mathbf{n}_{12} \\
 & \text{1PN Lorentz-Droste-Einstein-Infeld-Hoffmann term} \\
 & + \frac{1}{c^2} \left\{ \left[ \frac{5G^2 m_1 m_2}{r_{12}^3} + \frac{4G^2 m_2^2}{r_{12}^3} + \dots \right] \mathbf{n}_{12} + \dots \right\} \\
 & + \underbrace{\frac{1}{c^4} [\dots]}_{\text{2PN}} + \underbrace{\frac{1}{c^5} [\dots]}_{\substack{\text{2.5PN} \\ \text{radiation reaction}}} + \underbrace{\frac{1}{c^6} [\dots]}_{\text{3PN}} + \underbrace{\frac{1}{c^7} [\dots]}_{\substack{\text{3.5PN} \\ \text{radiation reaction}}} + \underbrace{\frac{1}{c^8} [\dots]}_{\substack{\text{4PN} \\ \text{conservative \& radiation tail}}} + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{1}{c^9}\right)
 \end{aligned}$$

3PN	$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{[Jaranowski \& Schäfer 1999; Damour, Jaranowski \& Schäfer 2001ab]} \\ \text{[Blanchet-Faye-de Andrade 2000, 2001; Blanchet \& Iyer 2002]} \\ \text{[Itoh \& Futamase 2003; Itoh 2004]} \\ \text{[Foffa \& Sturani 2011]} \end{array} \right.$	ADM Hamiltonian
		Harmonic EOM
		Surface integral method
		Effective field theory
4PN	$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{[Jaranowski \& Schäfer 2013; Damour, Jaranowski \& Schäfer 2014]} \\ \text{[Bernard, Blanchet, Bohé, Faye, Marchand \& Marsat 2015, 2016, 2017ab]} \\ \text{[Foffa \& Sturani 2013, 2019; Foffa, Porto, Rothstein \& Sturani 2019]} \end{array} \right.$	ADM Hamiltonian
		Fokker Lagrangian
		Effective field theory

# The Fokker Lagrangian approach to the 4PN EOM

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# Fokker action of $N$ point particles

- Gauge-fixed Einstein-Hilbert action of  $N$  point particles

$$S_{\text{EH}} = \frac{c^3}{16\pi G} \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} \left[ R - \underbrace{\frac{1}{2} \Gamma^\mu \Gamma_\mu}_{\text{gauge-fixing term}} \right] - \underbrace{\sum_a m_a c^2 \int d\tau_a}_{N \text{ point particles}}$$

- The Fokker PN action is obtained by inserting an **explicit iterated PN solution** of the Einstein field equations

$$g_{\mu\nu}(\mathbf{x}, t) \longrightarrow \bar{g}_{\mu\nu}(\mathbf{x}; \mathbf{x}_a(t), \mathbf{v}_a(t), \dots)$$

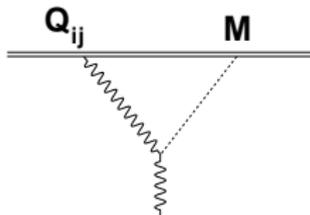
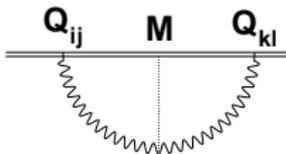
- The PN equations of motion of the  $N$  particles (**self-gravitating system**) are

$$\frac{\delta S_{\text{F}}}{\delta \mathbf{x}_a} \equiv \frac{\partial L_{\text{F}}}{\partial \mathbf{x}_a} - \frac{d}{dt} \left( \frac{\partial L_{\text{F}}}{\partial \mathbf{v}_a} \right) + \dots = 0$$

- The Fokker action is equivalent to the effective action of the EFT

# The gravitational wave tail effect

[Blanchet & Damour 1988; Blanchet 1993, 1997; Foffa & Sturani 2011; Galley, Leibovich, Porto & Ross 2016]

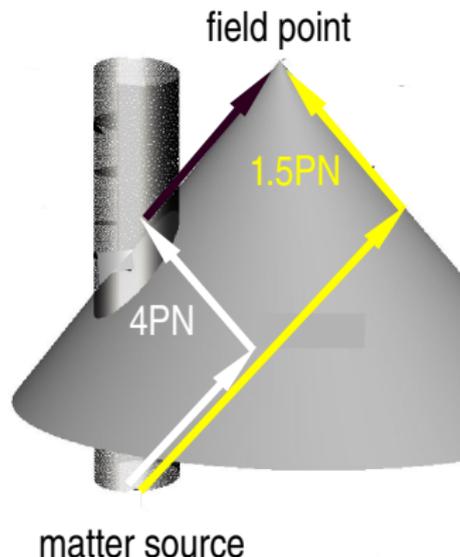


- In the near zone (4PN effect)

$$S^{\text{tail}} = \frac{G^2 M}{5c^8} \text{Pf} \iint \frac{dt dt'}{|t - t'|} Q_{ij}^{(3)}(t) Q_{ij}^{(3)}(t')$$

- In the far zone (1.5PN effect)

$$h_{ij}^{\text{tail}} = \frac{4G}{c^4 r} \frac{GM}{c^3} \int_{-\infty}^t dt' Q_{ij}^{(4)}(t') \ln \left( \frac{t - t'}{\tau_0} \right)$$



# Non-locality in time of the 4PN dynamics

- ① Because of the tail effect at 4PN order the Lagrangian or Hamiltonian becomes non-local in time

$$H[\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{p}] = H_0(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{p}) + \underbrace{H_{\text{tail}}[\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{p}]}_{\text{non-local piece at 4PN}}$$

- ② Hamilton's equations involve **functional derivatives**

$$\frac{dx^i}{dt} = \frac{\delta H}{\delta p_i} \quad \frac{dp_i}{dt} = -\frac{\delta H}{\delta x^i}$$

- ③ The conserved energy is not given by the Hamiltonian on-shell but  $E = H + \Delta H$  where the AC part of the correction term averages to zero and

$$\Delta H^{\text{DC}} = -\frac{2GM}{c^3} \mathcal{F}^{\text{GW}} = -\frac{2G^2 M}{5c^8} \langle (Q_{ij}^{(3)})^2 \rangle$$

- ④ On the other hand [DJS] perform a non-local shift to transform the Hamiltonian into a local one, and both procedures are equivalent

# Potential modes versus radiation modes

- The **potential modes** are responsible for conservative near zone effect and can be computed with the symmetric propagator (when neglecting radiation reaction effects)
- The **radiation modes** are conservative effects coming from gravitational waves propagating at infinity and re-expanded in the near zone. The first radiation effect in the Fokker action is the non local tail effect at 4PN order
- To high PN order there is a complicated mix up between potential and radiation modes encapsuled in the general formula

$$\bar{h} = \underbrace{\text{FP}_{B=0} \square_{\text{ret}}^{-1} \left[ \left( \frac{r}{r_0} \right)^B \bar{\tau} \right]}_{\text{potential modes}} - \frac{4G}{c^4} \underbrace{\sum_{\ell=0}^{+\infty} \partial_L \left\{ \frac{\mathcal{R}_L(t - r/c) - \mathcal{R}_L(t + r/c)}{r} \right\}}_{\text{radiation modes}}$$

# Dimensional regularization of the Fokker action

- UV divergences due to the modelling of compact objects by point particles plague the potential modes starting from the **3PN order**
- IR divergences in the Einstein-Hilbert part of the Fokker action (potential modes) occur at the **4PN order**
- The IR pole in the potential modes should be compensated by an UV pole coming from the non-local tail term at 4PN order (radiation mode)
- UV and IR divergences are treated with dimensional regularization ( $d = 3 + \varepsilon$ )

$$G_{\text{ret}}(\mathbf{x}, t) = -\frac{\tilde{k}}{4\pi} \frac{\theta(t-r)}{r^{d-1}} \gamma_{\frac{1-d}{2}} \left( \frac{t}{r} \right)$$

$$\gamma_s(z) = \frac{2\sqrt{\pi}}{\Gamma(s+1)\Gamma(-s-\frac{1}{2})} (z^2-1)^s \quad (\text{such that } \int_1^{+\infty} dz \gamma_s(z) = 1)$$

- The regularization is followed by a renormalization in the form of shifts (or contact transformations) of the particles' world-lines

# Potential mode contribution to IR divergences

- The Hadamard regularization of IR divergences reads

$$I_{\mathcal{R}}^{\text{HR}} = \underset{B=0}{\text{FP}} \int_{r>\mathcal{R}} d^3\mathbf{x} \left(\frac{r}{r_0}\right)^B F(\mathbf{x})$$

- The corresponding dimensional regularization reads

$$I_{\mathcal{R}}^{\text{DR}} = \int_{r>\mathcal{R}} \frac{d^d\mathbf{x}}{\ell_0^{d-3}} F^{(d)}(\mathbf{x})$$

- The difference between the two regularization is of the type ( $\varepsilon = d - 3$ )

$$\mathcal{D}I = \sum_q \left[ \underbrace{\frac{1}{(q-1)\varepsilon}}_{\text{IR pole}} - \ln\left(\frac{r_0}{\ell_0}\right) \right] \int d\Omega_{2+\varepsilon} \varphi_{3,q}^{(\varepsilon)}(\mathbf{n}) + \mathcal{O}(\varepsilon)$$

# UV divergences coming from the radiation mode

- ① At 4PN order the radiation mode is due to the presence of the tail effect described in 3 dimensions by

$$\mathcal{H}_{\text{tail}} = -\frac{4G}{c^4} \sum_{\ell=0}^{+\infty} \partial_L \overline{\left\{ \frac{\mathcal{R}_L(t-r/c) - \mathcal{R}_L(t+r/c)}{r} \right\}}$$

- ② In  $d$  dimensions it reads

$$\mathcal{H}_{\text{tail}} = \sum_{\ell=0}^{+\infty} \sum_{k=0}^{+\infty} \frac{1}{c^{2k}} \Delta^{-k} \hat{x}_L f_L^{(2k)}(t)$$

$$f_L(t) = \frac{(-)^{\ell+1} \tilde{k}}{4\pi\ell!} \underset{B=0}{\text{FP}} \int_1^{+\infty} dz \gamma_{\frac{1-d}{2}}(z) \int d^d \mathbf{x} \left( \frac{r}{r_0} \right)^B \hat{\partial}_L \left[ \frac{\mathcal{M}(\Lambda)(\mathbf{y}, t - zr/c)}{r^{d-2}} \right]_{\mathbf{y}=\mathbf{x}}$$

- ③ In intermediate calculations of radiation modes it is important to keep the parameter  $B$  and apply first the limit  $B \rightarrow 0$  for any  $\varepsilon > 0$

# The $B$ - $\varepsilon$ regularization scheme

- ① Specializing to the quadratic mass quadrupole interaction  $F_L \sim M \times Q_{ij}$  the multipolar source term will itself be of the type

$$\mathcal{M}(\Lambda)_L(r, t - zr/c) = r^{-2d+6-k} \int_1^{+\infty} dy y^p \gamma_{\frac{1-d}{2}}(y) F_L(t - (y+z)r/c)$$

- ② After a series of transformations we end up with

$$f_L = \underset{B=0}{\text{FP}} \frac{(-)^{\ell+k} C_\ell^{p,k}(\varepsilon, B)}{2\ell + 1 + \varepsilon} \frac{\Gamma(2\varepsilon - B)}{\Gamma(\ell + k - 1 + 2\varepsilon - B)} \int_0^{+\infty} d\tau \tau^{B-2\varepsilon} F_L^{(\ell+k-1)}(t-\tau)$$

- ③ The numerical coefficient is defined by analytic continuation in  $B$  and  $\varepsilon$

$$C_\ell^{p,k}(\varepsilon, B) = \int_1^{+\infty} dy y^p \gamma_{-1-\frac{\varepsilon}{2}}(y) \int_1^{+\infty} dz (y+z)^{\ell+k-2+2\varepsilon-B} \gamma_{-\ell-1-\frac{\varepsilon}{2}}(z)$$

- ④ The regulator  $B$  is needed to protect against the divergence of this integral at infinity (when  $y, z \rightarrow +\infty$ , with  $y \sim z$ )

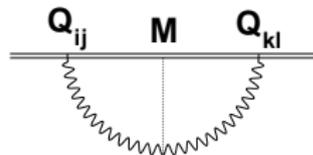
# Ambiguity-free completion of the 4PN EOM

- 1 From the metric we obtain the equations of motion and then identify the corresponding gauge invariant term in the Fokker action
- 2 We find that **the limit  $B \rightarrow 0$  is finite (no poles)** and we obtain a simple closed-form expression for the tail term in an arbitrary  $d$  dimension

$$S_{\text{F}}^{\text{tail}} = K_d \frac{G^2 M}{c^8} \iint \frac{dt dt'}{|t - t'|^{2d-5}} Q_{ij}^{(3)}(t) Q_{ij}^{(3)}(t')$$

with  $K_d = \frac{12 - 12d + 5d^2 - 4d^3 + d^4}{8(d-1)^2(d+2)} \left(\frac{2\ell_0^2}{\pi}\right)^{d-3} \frac{\Gamma(-\frac{d}{2})}{\Gamma(\frac{7}{2}-d)\Gamma(\frac{5}{2}-\frac{d}{2})}$

- 3 This should correspond exactly to the (real-space version of the) Feynman diagram computed in Fourier space by the EFT community [[Galley, Leibovich, Porto & Ross 2016](#)]



# Ambiguity-free completion of the 4PN EOM

- 1 In the limit  $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0$  this gives Hadamard's "Partie finie" (Pf) integral

$$S_F^{\text{tail}} = \frac{G^2 M}{5c^8} \text{Pf}_{\tau_0} \iint \frac{dt dt'}{|t - t'|} Q_{ij}^{(3)}(t) Q_{ij}^{(3)}(t')$$

with  $\tau_0 = \frac{\ell_0}{c\sqrt{\pi}} \exp \left[ \underbrace{\frac{1}{2\varepsilon}}_{\text{UV type pole}} - \frac{1}{2} \gamma_E - \frac{41}{60} \right]$

- 2 We find that the **UV pole** exactly cancels the **IR pole** coming from the potential (Einstein-Hilbert) part of the Fokker action
- 3 Adding up all contributions we obtain the complete EOM at 4PN order with self-consistent derivation of previously conjectured "ambiguity" parameters
- 4 Recently the EFT approach has also succeeded in a full self-consistent ambiguity-free derivation of the 4PN EOM [Foffa & Sturani 2019; Foffa, Porto, Rothstein & Sturani 2019]
- 5 The three methods (ADM Hamiltonian, Fokker Lagrangian, EFT) are in perfect agreement on the final result