Binary Black Holes and Gluon Scattering Amplitudes

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based on work with

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Gravitational Waves

New window into physics.



LIGO marks only the begining.

Theoretical Precision



Perturbation Theory



post-Newtonian $GM/r \sim v^2 \ll 1$

Blanchet, Damour, Mastrolia, ...



Ledvinka, Schäfer, Bicak 2008

Westpfahl, Goller 1979, Damour 2016 Cheung, Rothstein, **Solon** 2018

Bern, Cheung, Roiban, Shen, **Solon**, Zeng 2019

5PN: biased parameter estimates, tidal effects

6PN+: LISA, ET

Scalability is key.







Binary Inspiral

Bern, Cheung, Roiban, Shen, Solon, Zeng 2019

$${}^{\rm 3PM}_{H({\bm p},{\bm r})} = \sqrt{{\bm p}^2 + m_1^2} + \sqrt{{\bm p}^2 + m_2^2} + \sum_{i=1}^3 c_i({\bm p}^2) \left(\frac{G}{|{\bm r}|}\right)^i$$

$$m = m_1 + m_2, \ \nu = \frac{m_1 m_2}{m^2}, \ E = E_1 + E_2, \ \xi = \frac{E_1 E_2}{E^2}, \ \gamma = \frac{E}{m}, \ \sigma = \frac{p_1 \cdot p_2}{m_1 m_2}$$

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

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



Antonelli, Buonanno, Steinhoff, van de Meent, Vines 1901.07102



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Scattering Amplitudes

Feynman diagrams won't scale



two-to-two graviton scattering has 10²⁰ terms at three loops

On-shell methods are powerful.





Generalized Unitarity

Bern, Dixon, Dunbar, Kosower

Kawai, Lewellen, Tye Bern, Carrasco, Johansson

e.g. H Cut in D=4 $\begin{bmatrix} 2 & & & & & \\ & & & & & & \\ & & & & & & & \\ & & & & & & \\ & & & & & & \\ & & & & & & \\$

Product of three GR four-point amplitudes, obtained from YM amplitudes

$$C^{2,2} = \sum_{\text{states}} M_4(2^s, -8, 7, 3^s) M_4(-5, 6, -7, 8) M_4(1^s, 5, -6, 4^s)$$

$$M_4(1, 2, 3, 4) = -is_{12}A_4(1, 2, 3, 4) A_4(1, 2, 4, 3)$$

$$s_{ij} = (p_i + p_j)^2$$

$$I_{ij} = 2p_i \cdot p_j$$

$$A_4(1^s, 2^+, 3^+, 4^s) = i \frac{m_1^2 [2 3]}{\langle 2 3 \rangle t_{12}} \qquad A_4(1^-, 2^-, 3^+, 4^+) = i \frac{\langle 1 2 \rangle^4}{\langle 1 2 \rangle \langle 2 3 \rangle \langle 3 4 \rangle \langle 4 1 \rangle}$$

$$A_4(1^s, 2^+, 3^-, 4^s) = i \frac{\langle 3 | 1 | 2 |^2}{t_{23} t_{12}} \qquad A_4(1^-, 2^+, 3^-, 4^+) = i \frac{\langle 1 3 \rangle^4}{\langle 1 2 \rangle \langle 2 3 \rangle \langle 3 4 \rangle \langle 4 1 \rangle}$$

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 $(gluon)^2 = graviton + dilaton + axion - by correlating gluon helicities in copies$

$$C^{\text{H-cut}} = 2i \left[\frac{1}{(p_5 - p_8)^2} + \frac{1}{(p_5 + p_7)^2} \right] \left[s_{23}^2 m_1^4 m_2^4 + \frac{1}{s_{23}^6} \sum_{i=1,2} \left(\mathcal{E}_i^4 + \mathcal{O}_i^4 + 6\mathcal{O}_i^2 \mathcal{E}_i^2 \right) \right]$$

$$\mathcal{E}_{1}^{2} = \frac{1}{4}s_{23}^{2}(t_{18}t_{25} - t_{12}t_{58})^{2}, \qquad \mathcal{O}_{1}^{2} = \mathcal{E}_{1}^{2} - m_{1}^{2}m_{2}^{2}s_{23}^{2}t_{58}^{2},$$

$$\mathcal{E}_{2}^{2} = \frac{1}{4}s_{23}^{2}(t_{17}t_{25} - t_{12}t_{57} - s_{23}(t_{17} + t_{57}))^{2}, \qquad \mathcal{O}_{2}^{2} = \mathcal{E}_{2}^{2} - m_{1}^{2}m_{2}^{2}s_{23}^{2}t_{57}^{2}.$$

Other Cuts





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Effective Field Theory



1. New integration strategy for full theory

2. Simple theory of scattering with an ansatz classical potential

$$= -iV(\boldsymbol{p}, \boldsymbol{q}) \qquad V(\boldsymbol{p}, \boldsymbol{r}) = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} c_i(\boldsymbol{p}^2) \left(\frac{G}{|\boldsymbol{r}|}\right)^i$$

$$\begin{array}{c} \text{Integration Strategy} \\ \hline \blacksquare \ \blacksquare \ \bigtriangledown \ \blacksquare \ \swarrow \ \blacksquare \ \swarrow \ \square \ (1 \leftrightarrow 2) \\ \\ \mathcal{I} = \begin{bmatrix} n_M \\ \prod_{i=1}^{n_M} \frac{1}{\varepsilon_i^2 - k_i^2 - m_i^2} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} n_G \\ \prod_{j=1}^{n_G} \frac{1}{\omega_j^2 - \ell_j^2} \end{bmatrix} \mathcal{N} \\ \\ \ell = (\omega, \ell) \\ \\ \text{graviton momenta} \ d\ell = d\ell \, d\omega \qquad \omega \sim \frac{|\mathbf{p}||\mathbf{q}|}{m} \ll |\boldsymbol{\ell}| \sim |\mathbf{q}| \end{array}$$

1 matter pole form

$$\mathcal{I} = \left[\prod_{i=1}^{n_M} \frac{1}{\varepsilon_i - \sqrt{k_i^2 - m_i^2}}\right] \widetilde{\mathcal{N}} \qquad \widetilde{\mathcal{N}} = \left[\prod_{i=1}^{n_M} \frac{1}{\varepsilon_i + \sqrt{k_i^2 + m_i^2}}\right] \left[\prod_{j=1}^{n_G} \frac{1}{\omega_j^2 - \ell_j^2}\right] \mathcal{N}$$



potential, classical, nonrelativistic + IBP

$$\widetilde{\mathcal{I}} = \sum_{\alpha} \sum_{\beta} \sum_{\gamma} \frac{f^{(\alpha\beta\gamma)}(\boldsymbol{\ell})}{[\boldsymbol{\ell}^2]^{\alpha} [(\boldsymbol{\ell} + \boldsymbol{w})^2]^{\beta} [2\boldsymbol{z}\boldsymbol{\ell} + \boldsymbol{\ell}^2]^{\gamma}}$$

$$\begin{split} \gamma &= 0 \qquad \text{textbook:} \quad \int \frac{d^{D-1}\ell}{(2\pi)^{D-1}} \frac{\ell^{\mu_1}\ell^{\mu_2}\cdots\ell^{\mu_n}}{[\ell^2]^{\alpha}[(\ell+w)^2]^{\beta}} \\ \gamma &= 1 \qquad \text{IR artifacts:} \quad \boxed{1} \sim \frac{1}{2p\ell+\ell^2} + \cdots \end{split}$$

Full Theory Amplitude

$$m = m_1 + m_2, \ \nu = \frac{m_1 m_2}{m^2}, \ E = E_1 + E_2, \ \xi = \frac{E_1 E_2}{E^2}, \ \gamma = \frac{E}{m}, \ \sigma = \frac{p_1 \cdot p_2}{m_1 m_2}$$

$$\mathcal{M}_{1} = -\frac{4\pi G\nu^{2}m^{2}}{\gamma^{2}\xi q^{2}}(1-2\sigma^{2}) \qquad \mathcal{M}_{2} = -\frac{3\pi^{2}G^{2}\nu^{2}m^{3}}{2\gamma^{2}\xi |q|}(1-5\sigma^{2}) + \int_{\ell} \frac{32\pi^{2}G^{2}\nu^{4}m^{4}E(1-2\sigma^{2})^{2}}{\gamma^{4}\xi \ell^{2}(\ell+q)^{2}(2pl+\ell^{2})}$$

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

$$F_{1} = \int \frac{1}{(1 + \gamma) \left(1 + \sigma\right)} F_{2} = \int \frac{1}{\sqrt{\sigma^{2} + 1}} F_{2} = \int \frac{1}{\sqrt{\sigma^$$

$$F_{1} = \int_{\boldsymbol{\ell}} \frac{1}{\boldsymbol{\ell}^{2} |\boldsymbol{\ell} + \boldsymbol{q}| (2\boldsymbol{p}\boldsymbol{\ell} + \boldsymbol{\ell}^{2})} \qquad F_{2} = \int_{\boldsymbol{\ell}_{1}, \boldsymbol{\ell}_{2}} \frac{1}{\boldsymbol{\ell}_{1}^{2} (\boldsymbol{\ell}_{1} + \boldsymbol{\ell}_{2})^{2} (\boldsymbol{\ell}_{2} + \boldsymbol{q})^{2} (2\boldsymbol{p}\boldsymbol{\ell}_{1} + \boldsymbol{\ell}_{1}^{2}) (2\boldsymbol{p}\boldsymbol{\ell}_{2} + \boldsymbol{\ell}_{2}^{2})}$$

- * Note IR artifacts.
- * Used dimreg to extract log[q]
- * Real part only (conservative)
- * Valid for $q \ll m$
- * Resummed. Checked at 8PN and with Mellin-Barnes, IBP.

Effective Field Theory

$$\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{L}_{\mathrm{kin}} - \int_{\boldsymbol{k},\boldsymbol{k}'} V(\boldsymbol{k},\boldsymbol{k}') A^{\dagger}(\boldsymbol{k}') A(\boldsymbol{k}) B^{\dagger}(-\boldsymbol{k}') B(-\boldsymbol{k})$$

$$V = \frac{c_1 \kappa}{|\boldsymbol{q}|^2} + \frac{c_2 \kappa^2}{|\boldsymbol{q}|} + c_3 \kappa^2 \log |\boldsymbol{q}| + \dots \qquad \begin{aligned} \boldsymbol{q} &= \boldsymbol{k} - \boldsymbol{k}' \\ c_i &= c_i \left[(\boldsymbol{k}^2 + \boldsymbol{k}'^2)/2 \right] \end{aligned}$$
COM, real, gauge-dependent

$$\underbrace{(k_0, \mathbf{k})}_{k_0 - \sqrt{\mathbf{k}^2 + m_{A,B}^2} + i0} \qquad \qquad \underbrace{\mathbf{k} \mathbf{k'}}_{-\mathbf{k} - \mathbf{k'}} = -iV(\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{k'}),$$

Effective Theory Amplitude

$$\begin{split} M_{\rm EFT}^{(1)} &= -\frac{\kappa c_1}{q^2} \,, \\ M_{\rm EFT}^{(2)} &= -\frac{\kappa^2 c_2}{8|\boldsymbol{q}|} + \frac{\kappa^2}{16E\xi|\boldsymbol{q}|} \left[(1-3\xi)c_1^2 + 4\xi^2 E^2 c_1 c_1' \right] + \int_l \frac{2E\xi\kappa^2 c_1^2}{l^2|\boldsymbol{l}+\boldsymbol{q}|^2(l^2+2\boldsymbol{p}\boldsymbol{l})} \,, \\ M_{\rm EFT}^{(3)} &= \frac{\kappa^3 c_3 \log|\boldsymbol{q}|}{16\pi^2} + \frac{\kappa^3 \log|\boldsymbol{q}|}{32\pi^2 E^2 \xi} \left[(1-4\xi)c_1^3 - 8\xi^3 E^4 c_1 c_1'^2 - 4\xi^3 E^4 c_1^2 c_1'' + 4\xi^2 E^3 c_2 c_1' \right] \\ &+ \xi^2 E^3 c_1 c_2' - 2(3-9\xi)\xi E^2 c_1^2 c_1' - 6\xi E c_1 c_2 + 2Ec_1 c_2 \right] \\ &+ \int_{l_1, l_2} \frac{4T^2 \xi^2 \kappa^3 c_1^3}{l_1^2|\boldsymbol{l}_1+\boldsymbol{l}_2|^2|l_2+\boldsymbol{q}|^2(l_1^2+2\boldsymbol{p}\boldsymbol{l}_1)(l_2^2+2\boldsymbol{p}\boldsymbol{l}_2)} + \int_l \frac{2\kappa^3 c_1^2 \left[(1-3\xi)c_1 + 4\xi^2 E^2 c_1' \right]}{l^2|\boldsymbol{l}+\boldsymbol{q}|(\boldsymbol{l}^2+2\boldsymbol{p}\boldsymbol{l})} \end{split}$$

* Note IR artifacts and subtractions.

Matching





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

$${}^{\rm 3PM}_{H(\pmb{p},\pmb{r})} = \sqrt{\pmb{p}^2 + m_1^2} + \sqrt{\pmb{p}^2 + m_2^2} + \sum_{i=1}^3 c_i(\pmb{p}^2) \left(\frac{G}{|\pmb{r}|}\right)^i$$

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

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Checks

Potentials e.g. from PN and NRGR are in different gauges: $V \supset p^2 - {p'}^2 \sim p \cdot q \sim p \cdot r$

Compare to 4PN

Damour, Jaranowski, Schäfer 2014 Bernard, Blanchet, Boh, Faye, Marsat 2015 Jaranowski, Schäfer 2015

$$\begin{aligned} & G(1+v^2+v^4+v^6+v^8+\dots) \\ & G^2(1+v^2+v^4+v^6+v^8+\dots) \\ & G^3(1+v^2+v^4+v^6+v^8+\dots) \\ & G^4(1+v^2+v^4+v^6+v^8+\dots) \\ & G^5(1+v^2+v^4+v^6+v^8+\dots) \end{aligned}$$

Construct diffeo to map Hamiltonians $(r, p) \rightarrow (R, P) = (A r + B p, C p + D r)$ $\{r, p\} = \{R, P\} = 1$

Checks

Compute physical quantities

- 2PN energy of circular orbit
- 4PN scattering angle Bini, Damour

$$\begin{split} \chi &= -\frac{m\gamma\xi\widetilde{M}_1}{2\pi L|\boldsymbol{p}|} - \frac{m\gamma\xi\widetilde{M}_2}{2\pi L^2} + \frac{2m\gamma\xi|\boldsymbol{p}|\widetilde{M}_3}{\pi L^3} \\ &- \frac{m^2\gamma^2\xi^2\widetilde{M}_1\widetilde{M}_2}{2\pi^3 L^3|\boldsymbol{p}|} + \frac{m^3\gamma^3\xi^3\widetilde{M}_1^3}{96\pi^3 L^3|\boldsymbol{p}|^3} \,, \end{split}$$

Compare to Schwarzchild in probe limit $m_1 \ll m_2$ $V_{\rm S} = \left(1 - \frac{Gm}{2r}\right) \left(1 + \frac{Gm}{2r}\right)^{-1} \sqrt{1 + \left(1 + \frac{Gm}{2r}\right)^{-4} p^2} - 1$ - all orders in velocity

Conclusions



2020 2025 2030 aLIGO/Virgo KAGRA IndIGO TianQin DECIGO Einstein LISA There's lots to do.



- * 5PN (bias), 6PN (LISA)
- * radiation, spin, tidal
- * further develop tools

Quantum field theory is useful for GW astrophysics.

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