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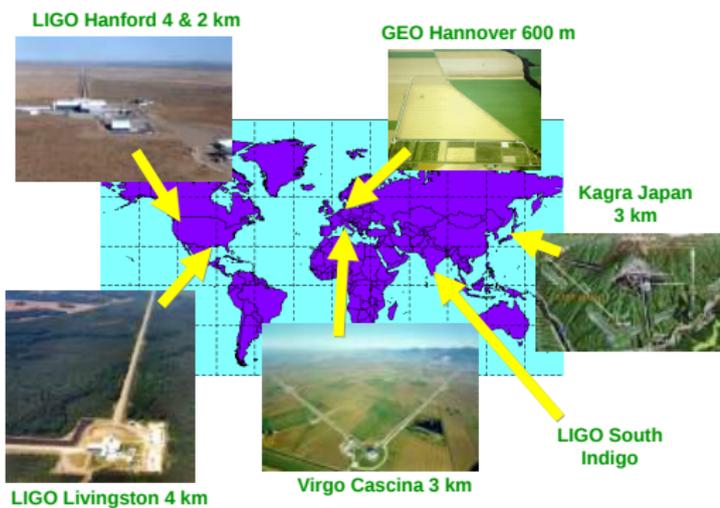
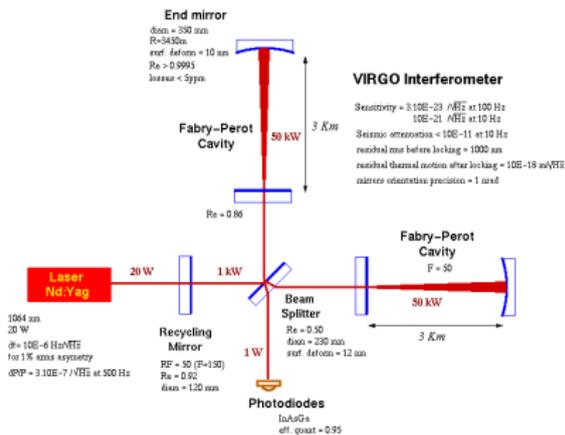
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World-wide network of gravitational wave detectors

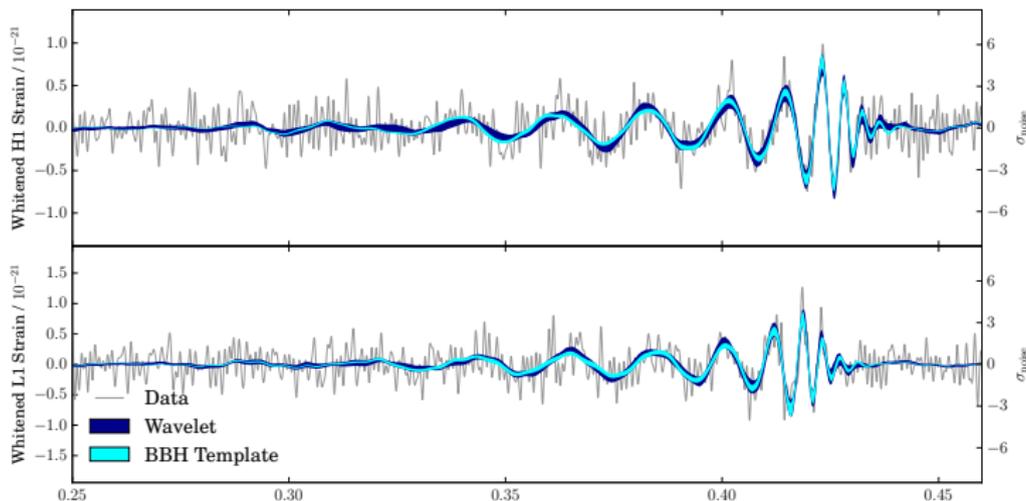
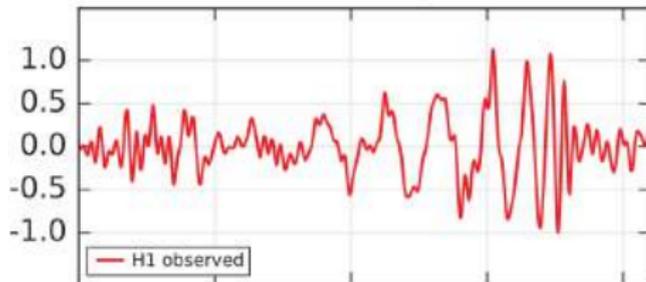


[Rainer Weiss, Barry Barish & Kip Thorne, Nobel prize 2017]

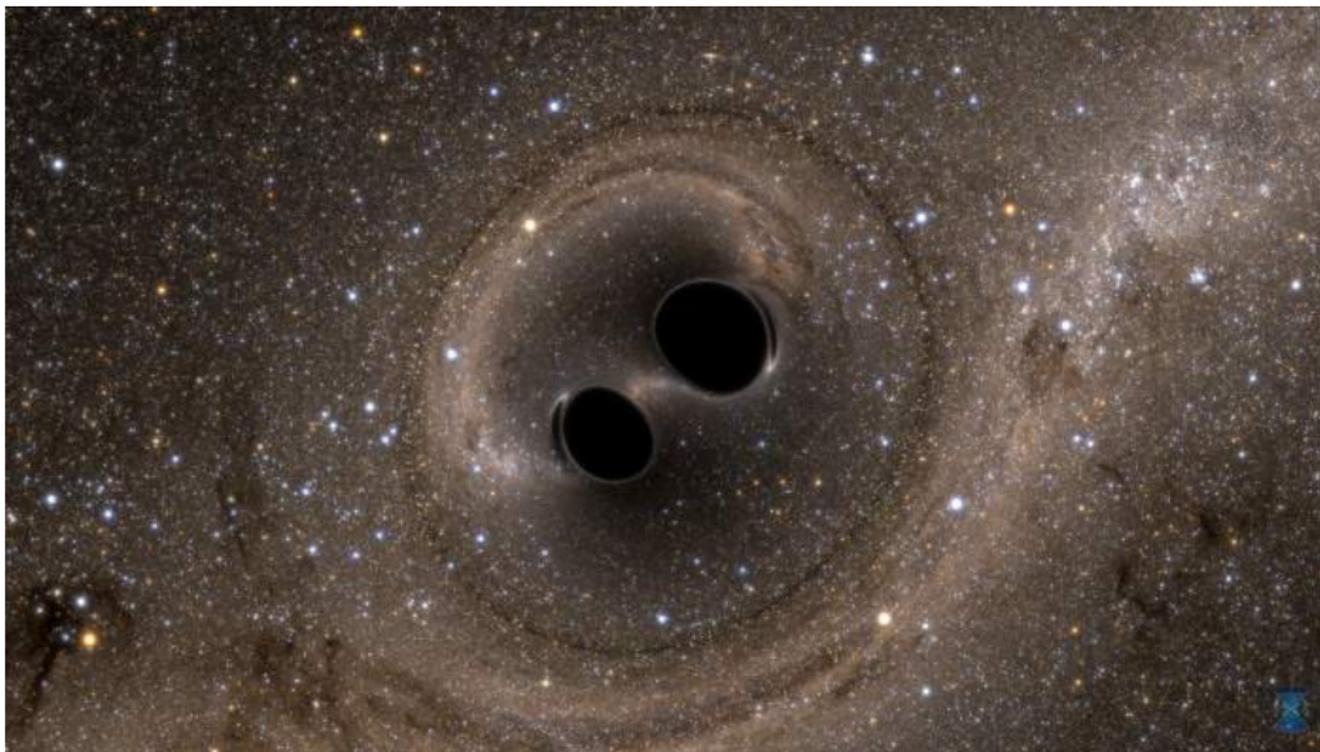


Binary black-hole event GW150914 [LIGO/Virgo collaboration 2016]

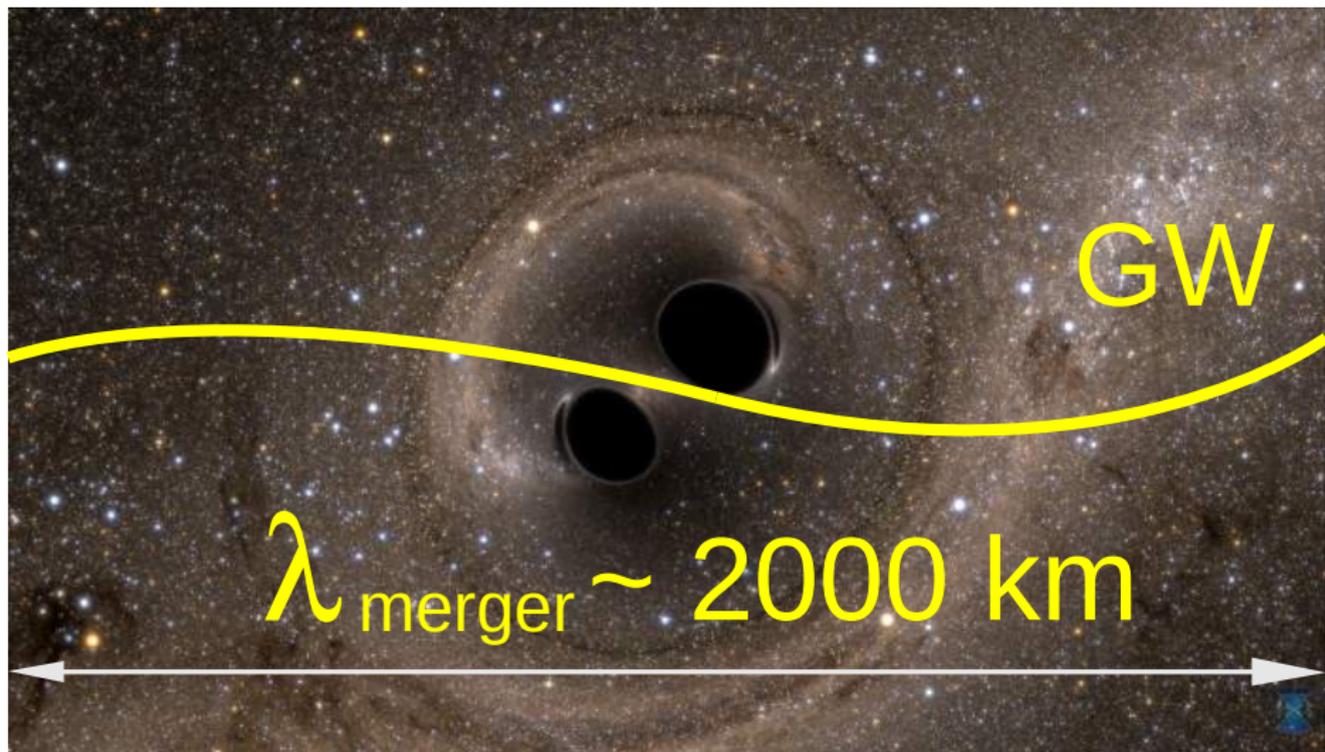
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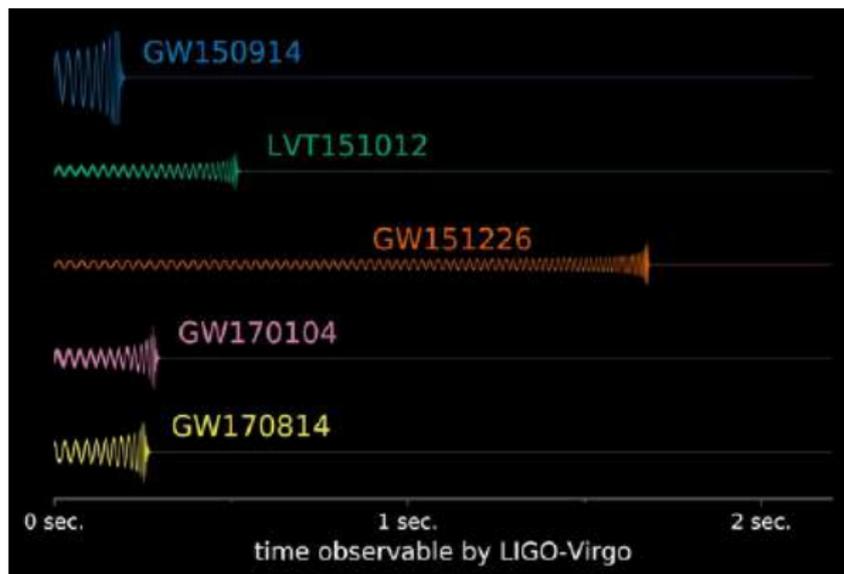
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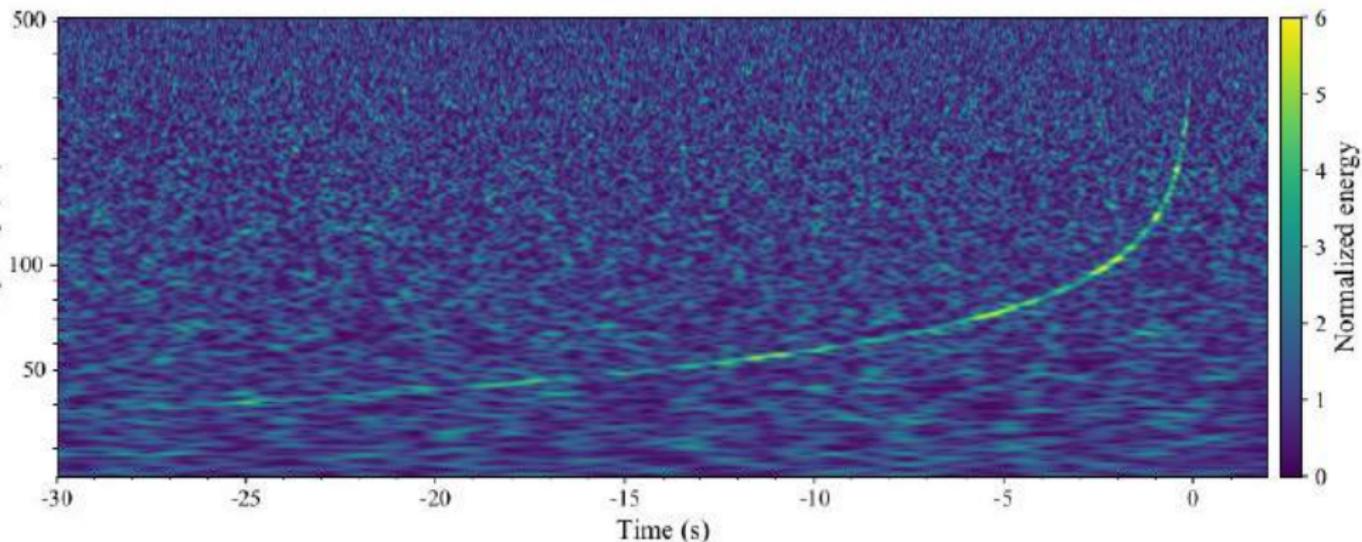


Gravitational wave events [LIGO/Virgo 2016, 2017]



- For BH binaries the detectors are mostly sensitive to the merger phase and a few cycles are observed before coalescence
- For NS binaries the detectors will be sensitive to the inspiral phase prior the merger and thousands of cycles are observable

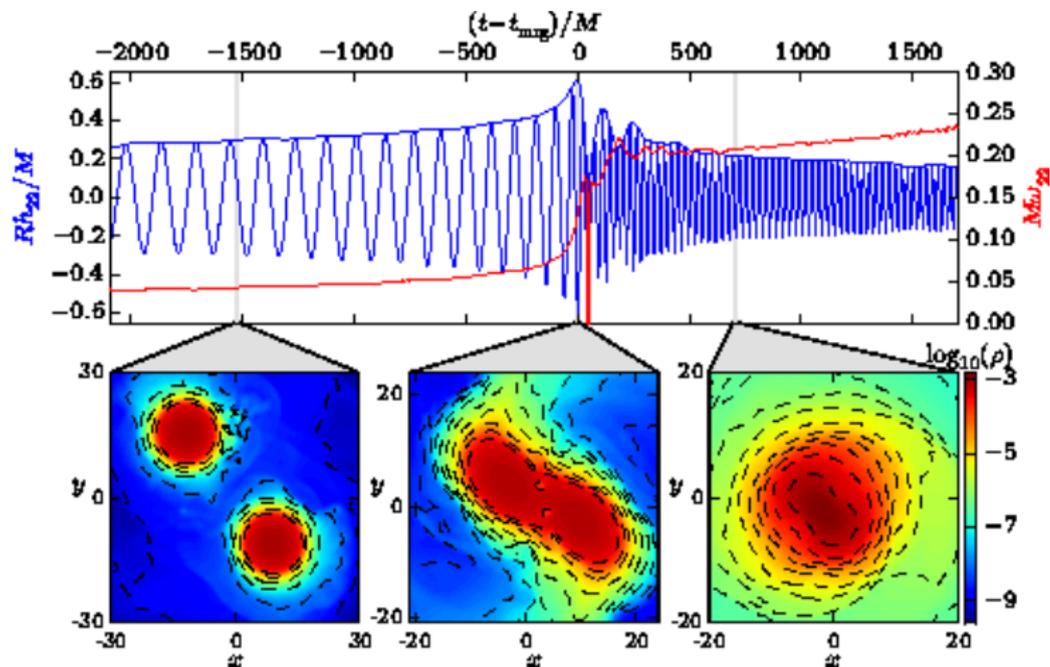
Binary neutron star event GW170817 [LIGO/Virgo 2017]



- The signal is observed during ~ 100 s and ~ 3000 cycles and is the loudest gravitational-wave signal yet observed with a **combined SNR of 32.4**
- The chirp mass is accurately measured to $\mathcal{M} = \mu^{3/5} M^{2/5} = 1.98 M_{\odot}$
- The distance is measured from the gravitational signal as $R = 40$ Mpc

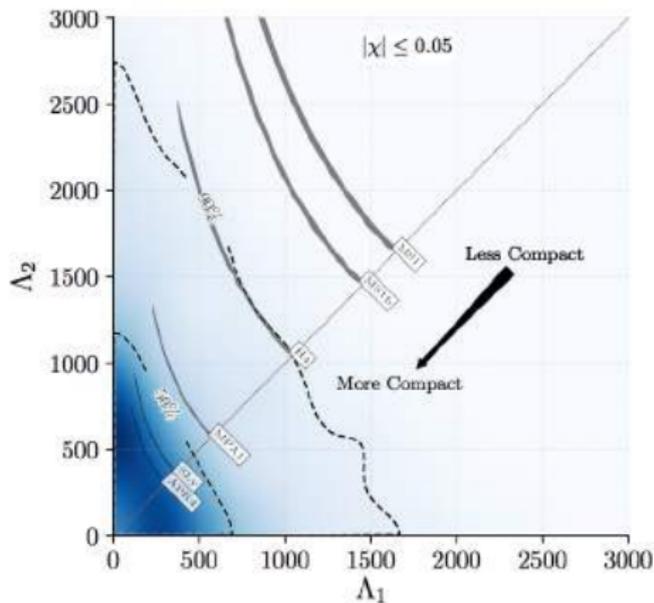
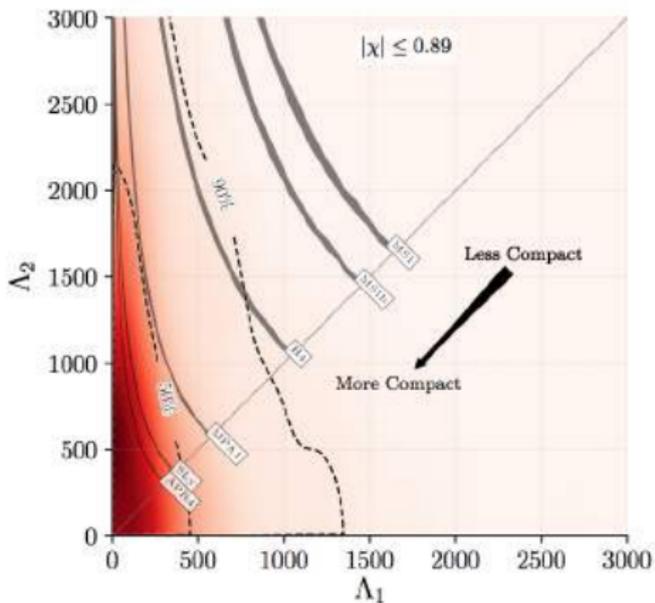
Post-merger waveform of neutron star binaries

[Shibata *et al.*, Rezzolla *et al.* 1990-2010s]



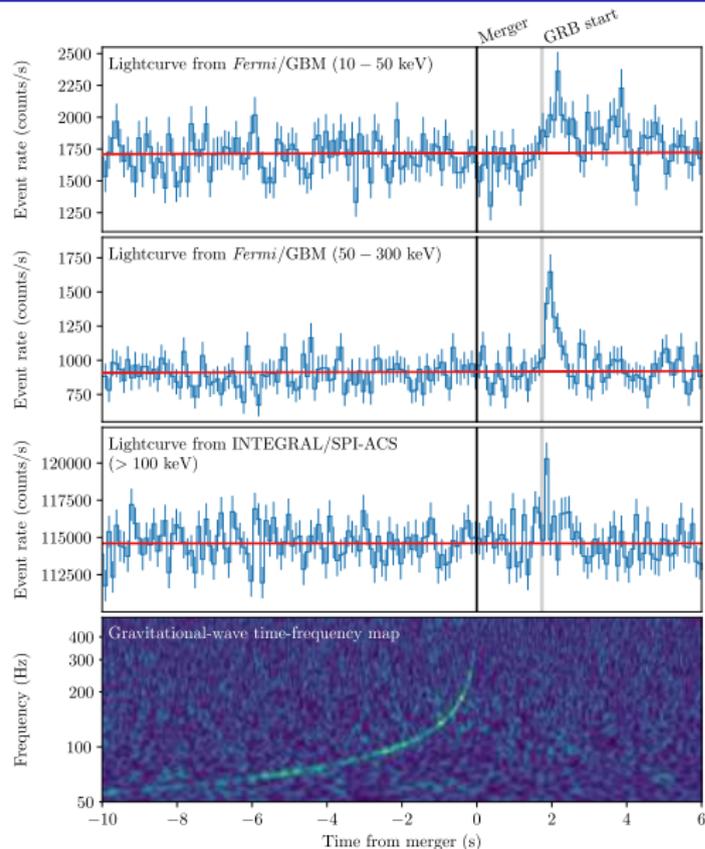
Constraining the neutron star equation of state

[LIGO/Virgo 2017]



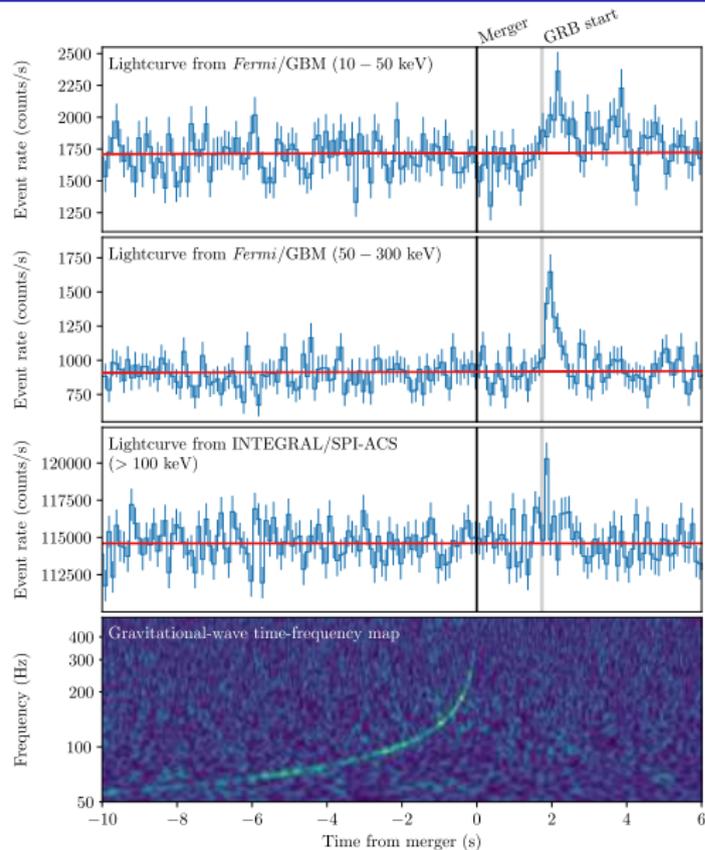
$$\Lambda = \frac{2}{3} k_2 \left(\frac{c^2 a}{Gm} \right)^5$$

The advent of multi-messenger astronomy



- The gamma-ray burst has been detected **1.7 second after the instant of merger**
- This is the closest gamma-ray burst whose distance is known and is probably seen **off-axis with respect to the relativistic jet**

Speed of gravitational waves versus speed of light



The observed time delay between GW170817 and GRB170817A gives a strong constraint

$$|c_g - c_{em}| \lesssim 10^{-15} c$$

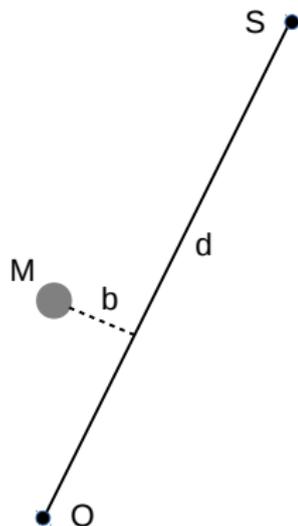
Test of the strong equivalence principle [Desai & Kahya 2016]

- 1 Cumulative **Shapiro time delay** due to the gravitational potential of the dark matter distribution
- 2 Violation of the EP is quantified by a PPN like parameter γ_a with $a = g, em$. For a spherical mass distribution

$$\Delta t_{\text{Shapiro}}^a = (1 + \gamma_a) \frac{GM}{c^3} \ln \left(\frac{d}{b} \right)$$

- 3 Main contributions are from the host galaxy NGC4993 and the Milky Way ($M_{\text{MW}} = 5.6 \cdot 10^{11} M_{\odot}$). Assuming an isothermal density profile for DM the GR delay is 400 days
- 4 The observed difference in arrival time $\Delta t = 1.7 \text{ s}$ yields

$$|\gamma_g - \gamma_{em}| \lesssim 10^{-7}$$



Generalized scalar-tensor theories

- 1 Traditional scalar-tensor theories [Jordan 1949; Fierz 1956; Brans & Dicke 1961]

$$L[\phi, \nabla_\mu \phi] = F(\phi)R - Z(\phi)g^{\mu\nu}\nabla_\mu\phi\nabla_\nu\phi - U(\phi) + \underbrace{L_m[\psi_m, g_{\mu\nu}]}_{\text{universal coupling to } g_{\mu\nu}}$$

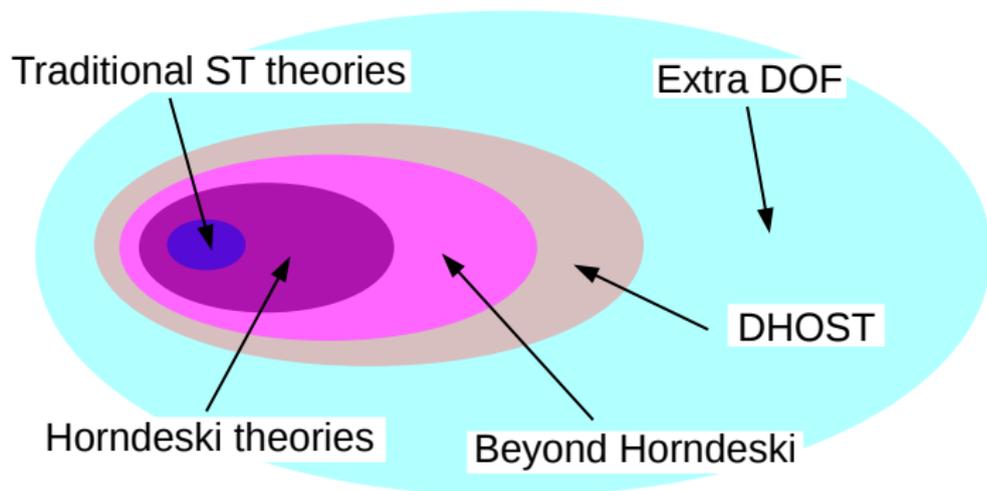
- 2 Generalized theories with second-order derivatives

$$L[\phi, \nabla_\mu \phi, \nabla_\mu \nabla_\nu \phi]$$

generically contain an **extra scalar degree of freedom** and lead to instabilities (in particular, the Hamiltonian is not bounded from below) [Ostrogradsky 1850]

- 3 It is however possible to avoid the instabilities for special choices of second-order Lagrangians

Generalized scalar-tensor theories



- Horndeski theories [[Horndeski 1974](#)]
- Beyond Horndeski [[Gleyzes, Langlois, Piazza & Vernizzi 2014](#)]
- Degenerate Higher Order Scalar Tensor (DHOST) [[Langlois & Noui 2016](#)]

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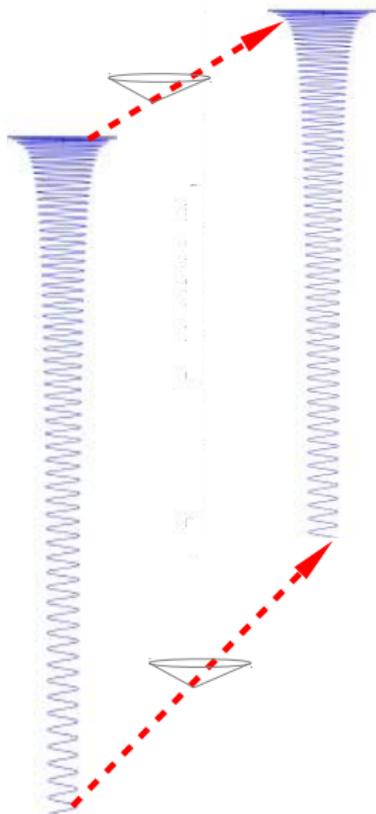
- 1 Most general theory with at most second-order Euler-Lagrange equations
- 2 It involves four functions of ϕ and the kinetic term $X = \nabla_\mu \phi \nabla^\mu \phi$

$$\begin{aligned} L = & G_2(\phi, X) + G_3(\phi, X)\square\phi + G_4(\phi, X)R \\ & - 2G_{4,X}(\phi, X) (\square\phi^2 - \phi^{\mu\nu}\phi_{\mu\nu}) + G_5(\phi, X)G^{\mu\nu}\phi_{\mu\nu} \\ & + \frac{1}{3}G_{5,X}(\phi, X) (\square\phi^3 - 3\square\phi\phi^{\mu\nu}\phi_{\mu\nu} + 2\phi^{\mu\nu}\phi_{\mu\rho}\phi_\nu^\rho) \end{aligned}$$

- 3 Imposing the speed of GWs to be one drastically reduces the space of allowed theories (with $B_4 = G_4 + \frac{X}{2}G_{5,\phi}$)

$$L_{c_g=1} = G_2(\phi, X) + G_3(\phi, X)\square\phi + B_4(\phi)R$$

Bounding the mass of the graviton [Will 1998]



- Dispersion relation for a massive graviton

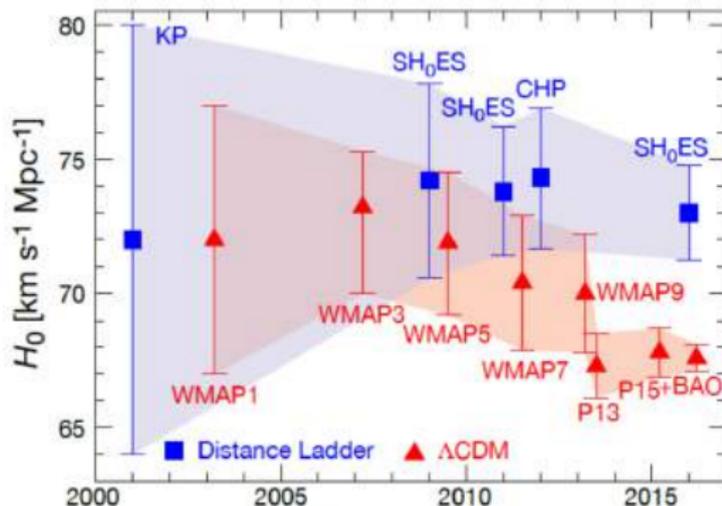
$$\frac{v_g^2}{c^2} = 1 - \frac{m_g^2 c^4}{E_g^2} \quad \text{with} \quad E_g = \hbar \omega_g$$

- The frequency of GW sweeps from low to high frequency during the inspiral and the speed of GW varies from lower to higher (close to c) speed at the end
- The constraint is [LIGO/Virgo 2016]

$$m_g \lesssim 10^{-22} \text{ eV} \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad \lambda_g \gtrsim 0.02 \text{ ly}$$

EM measurement of the Hubble-Lemaître constant

[Planck collaboration 2016; SH₀ES 2016]

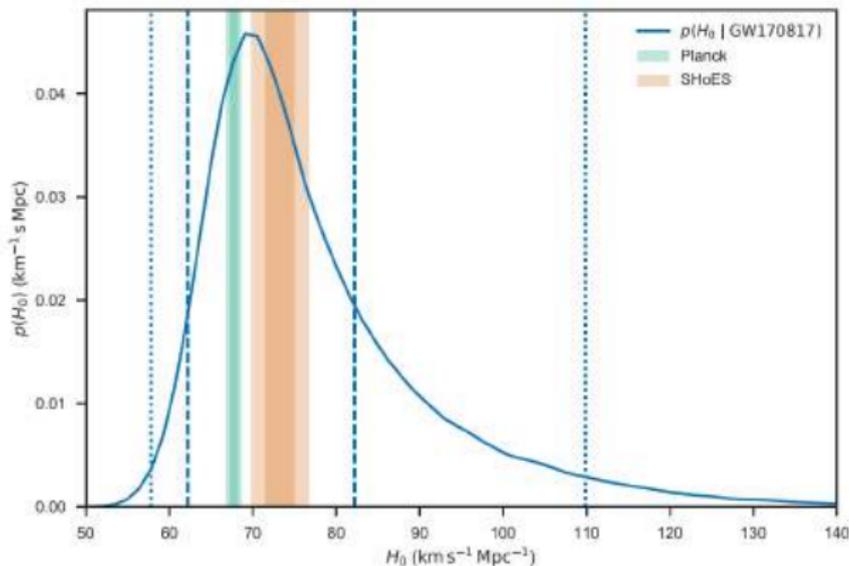


In the concordance model of cosmology Λ CDM the luminosity distance D_L is

$$D_L(z) = \frac{1+z}{H_0} \int_0^z \frac{dz'}{\sqrt{\Omega_M(1+z')^3 + \Omega_{DE}(1+z')^{3(1+w)}}$$

GW measurement of the Hubble-Lemaître constant

[LIGO/Virgo collaboration 2016]



- The distance $D_L = 40 \text{ Mpc}$ has been measured from GW170817
- The redshift z of the host galaxy NGC4993 has been measured and its peculiar velocity with respect to the Hubble flow subtracted

688 Sitzung der physikalisch-mathematischen Klasse vom 22. Juni 1916

Näherungsweise Integration der Feldgleichungen der Gravitation.

VON A. EINSTEIN.

Bei der Behandlung der meisten speziellen (nicht prinzipiellen) Probleme auf dem Gebiete der Gravitationstheorie kann man sich damit begnügen, die $g_{\mu\nu}$ in erster Näherung zu berechnen. Dabei bedient man sich mit Vorteil der imaginären Zeitvariable $x_4 = it$ aus denselben Gründen wie in der speziellen Relativitätstheorie. Unter »erster Näherung« ist dabei verstanden, daß die durch die Gleichung

$$g_{\mu\nu} = -\delta_{\mu\nu} + \gamma_{\mu\nu} \quad (1)$$

definierten Größen $\gamma_{\mu\nu}$, welche linearen orthogonalen Transformationen gegenüber Tensorencharakter besitzen, gegen 1 als kleine Größen behandelt werden können, deren Quadrate und Produkte gegen die ersten Potenzen vernachlässigt werden dürfen. Dabei ist $\delta_{\mu\nu} = 1$ bzw. $\delta_{\mu\nu} = 0$, je nachdem $\mu = \nu$ oder $\mu \neq \nu$.

Wir werden zeigen, daß diese $\gamma_{\mu\nu}$ in analoger Weise berechnet



← small perturbation of Minkowski's metric

Einstein's quadrupole formula

mit $4\pi R^2$ multiplizierte S endlich ist der Energieverlust pro Zeiteinheit des mechanischen Systems durch Gravitationswellen. Die Rechnung ergibt

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

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

- 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

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

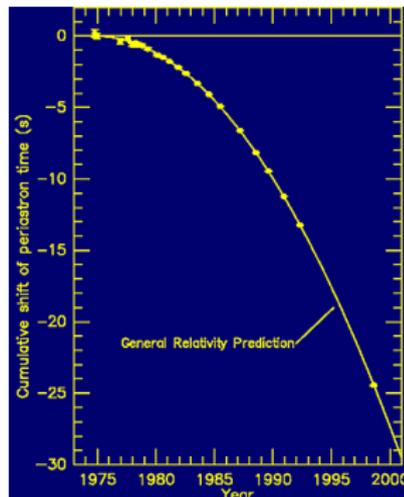
- ③ Radiation reaction formula [Chandrasekhar & Esposito 1970; Burke & Thorne 1970]

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

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

The quadrupole formula works for the binary pulsar

[Hulse & Taylor 1974, Taylor & Weisberg 1982]



$$\dot{P} = -\frac{192\pi}{5c^5} \nu \left(\frac{2\pi G M}{P} \right)^{5/3} \frac{1 + \frac{73}{24}e^2 + \frac{37}{96}e^4}{(1 - e^2)^{7/2}} \approx -2.4 \times 10^{-12}$$

[Peters & Mathews 1963, Esposito & Harrison 1975, Wagoner 1975, Damour & Deruelle 1983]

The quadrupole formula works also for GW150914!

- 1 The GW frequency is given in terms of the chirp mass $\mathcal{M} = \mu^{3/5} M^{2/5}$ by

$$f = \frac{1}{\pi} \left[\frac{256 G \mathcal{M}^{5/3}}{5 c^5} (t_f - t) \right]^{-3/8}$$

- 2 Therefore the chirp mass is directly measured as

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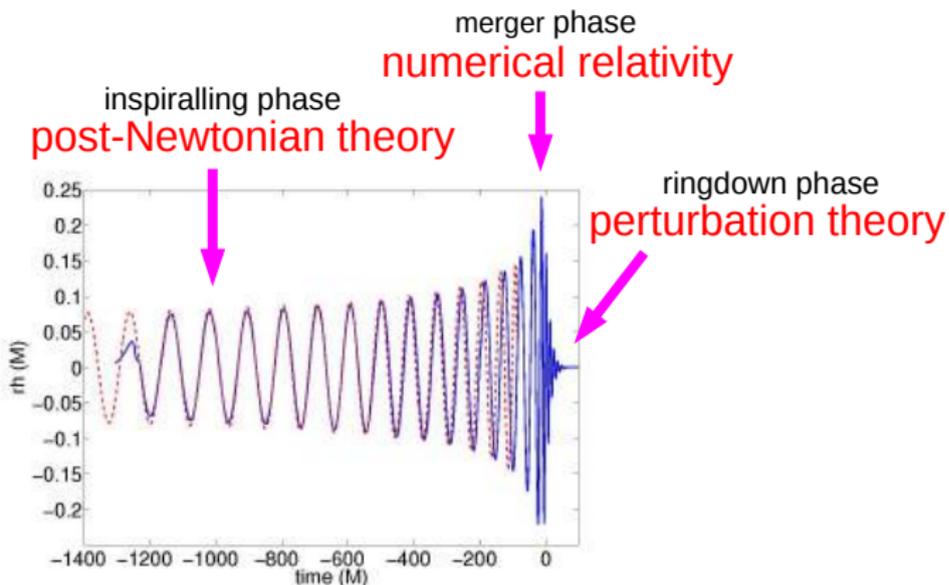
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The gravitational chirp of compact binaries



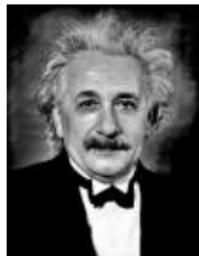
Effective analytical methods interpolate between the PN and NR

- Effective-one-body (EOB) [Buonanno & Damour 1998]
- Hybrid inspiral-merger-ringdown (IMR) [Ajith *et al.* 2011]

Einstein field equations as a “Problème bien posé”

- Start with the GR action for the metric $g_{\mu\nu}$ with the matter term

$$S_{\text{GR}} = \underbrace{\frac{c^3}{16\pi G} \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} R}_{\text{Einstein-Hilbert action}} + \underbrace{S_m[g_{\mu\nu}, \Psi]}_{\text{matter fields}}$$



- Add the harmonic coordinates gauge-fixing term (where $g^{\alpha\beta} = \sqrt{-g}g^{\alpha\beta}$)

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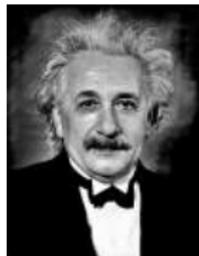
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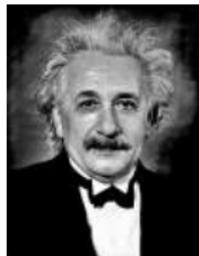
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PN approximation scheme in general relativity

- 1 The dominant radiation reaction effects appears at **order** $(v/c)^5$ beyond the Newtonian force, where v is the velocity in the source and c the speed of light

$$\frac{d\mathbf{v}}{dt} = \underbrace{\mathbf{F}_N}_{\text{Newtonian acceleration}} + \dots + \frac{1}{c^5} \underbrace{\mathbf{F}_{RR}}_{\text{radiation reaction}} + \dots$$

At leading order the RR force yields the quadrupole formula for the emission of gravitational radiation

- 2 During the inspiral phase the dynamics is adiabatic

$$T_{RR} \gg T_{\text{orbital}}$$

with adiabatic parameter which is small in a **post-Newtonian** (PN) sense

$$\frac{\dot{\omega}}{\omega^2} = \mathcal{O} \left[\left(\frac{v}{c} \right)^5 \right] \quad (\text{so-called 2.5PN order})$$

Orbital phase evolution of compact binaries

- 1 Obtain the **equations of motion** of the compact binary system at the n PN order beyond Newtonian acceleration. From the conservative part of the equations of motion (deducible from a Lagrangian) we obtain

$$E = \text{binary's center-of-mass energy}$$

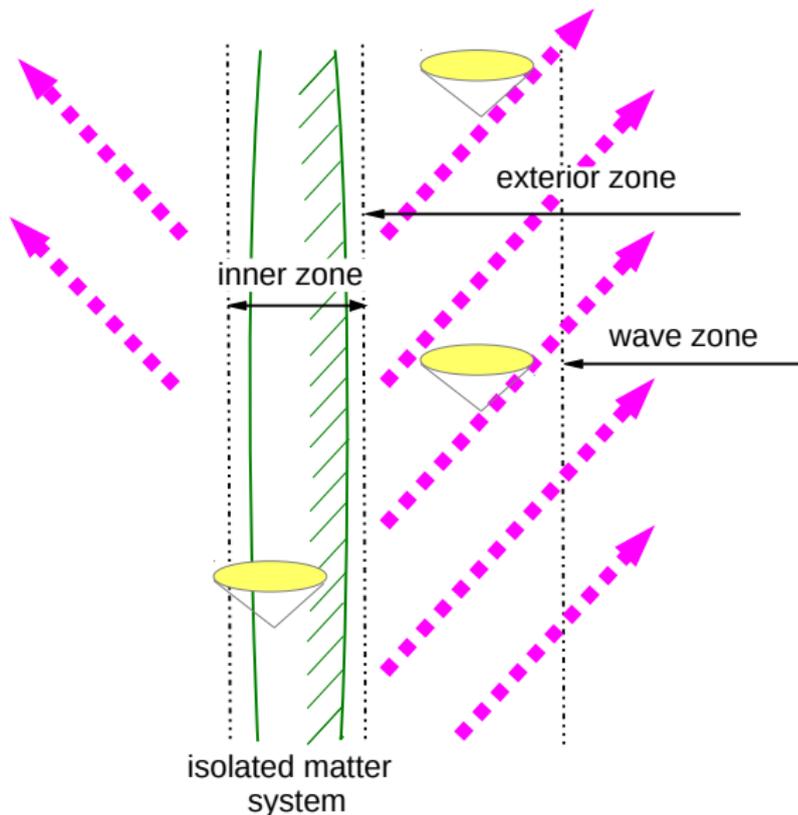
- 2 Compute the **gravitational radiation field** (i.e. $h^{\mu\nu}$) of the compact binary by means of a GW generation formalism at the same n PN order beyond the Einstein quadrupole formula. This yields

$$\mathcal{F} = \text{binary's gravitational wave flux}$$

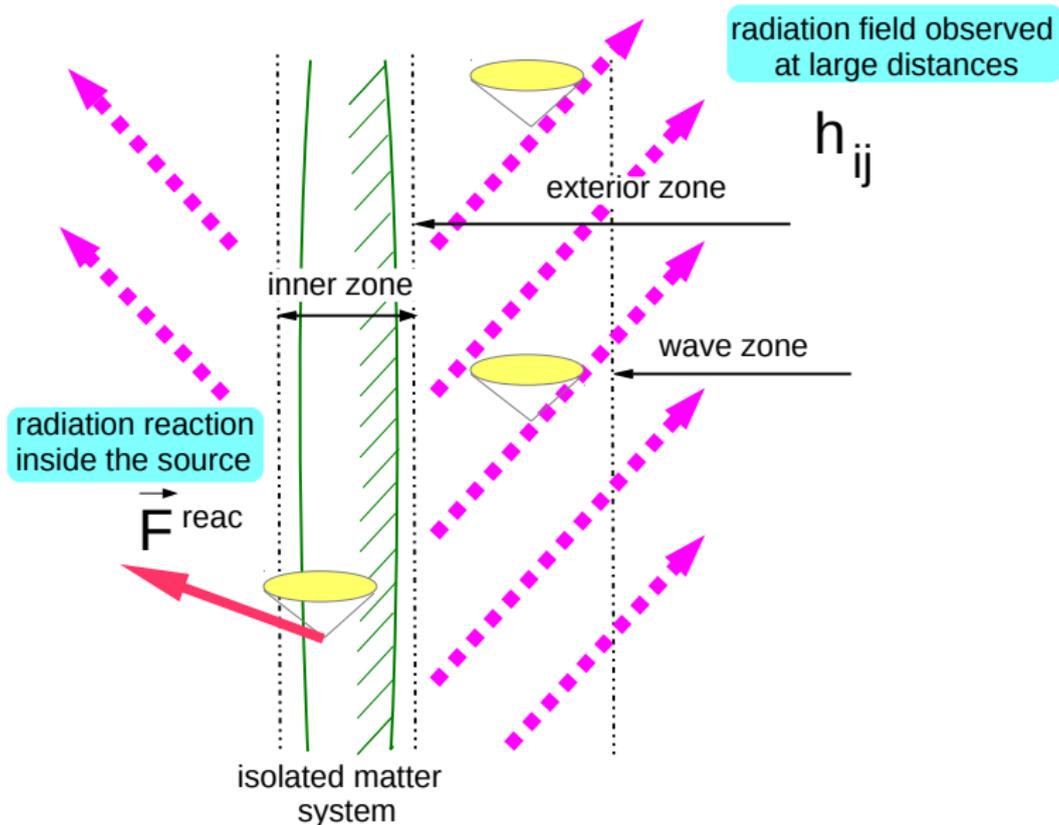
- 3 The orbital phase ϕ (a crucial observable for LIGO/Virgo) follows from the energy balance equation

$$\frac{dE}{dt} = -\mathcal{F} \implies \phi = \int \omega dt = - \int \frac{\omega dE}{\mathcal{F}}$$

Isolated matter system in general relativity

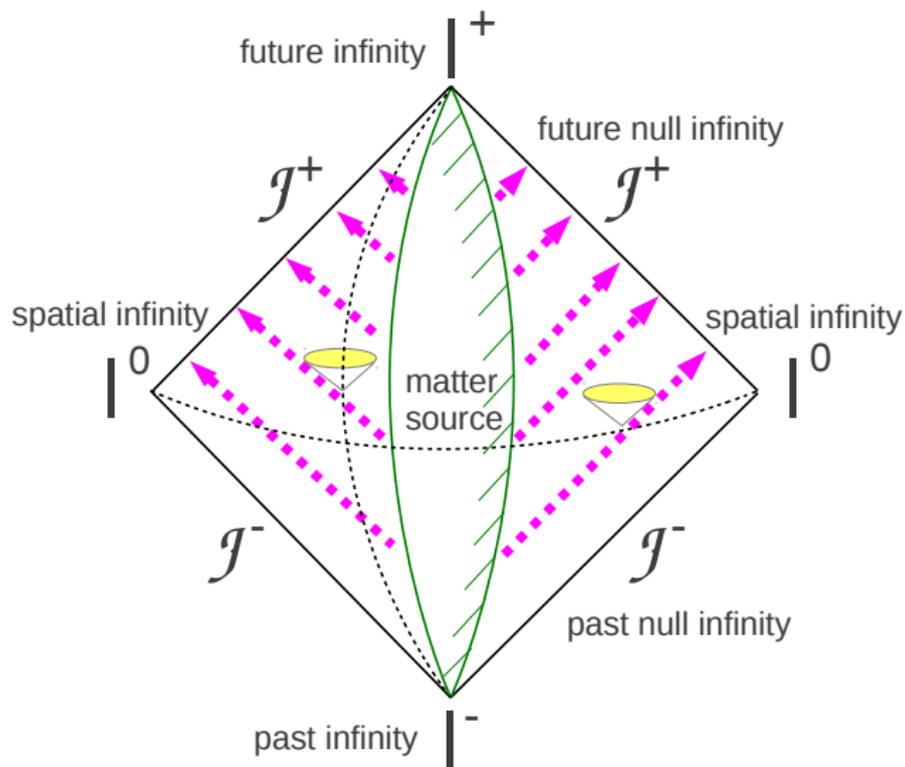


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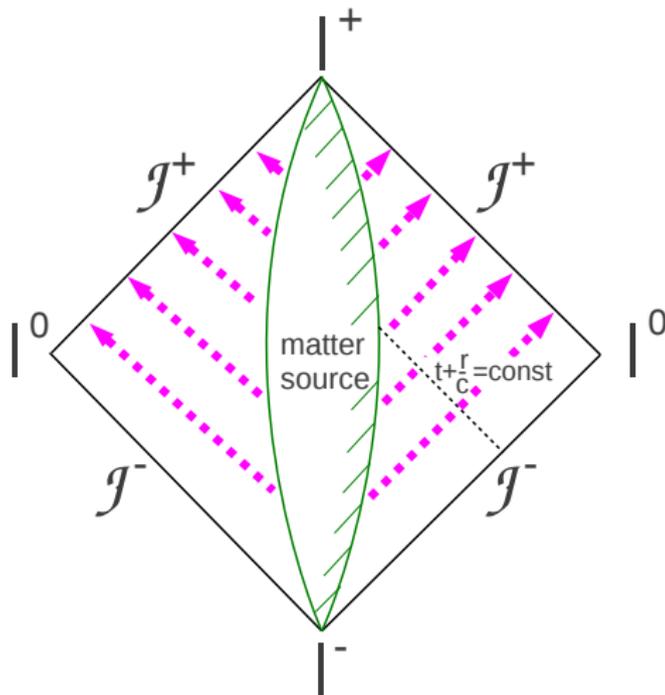


Asymptotic structure of radiating space-time

[Bondi-Sachs-Penrose formalism 1960s]

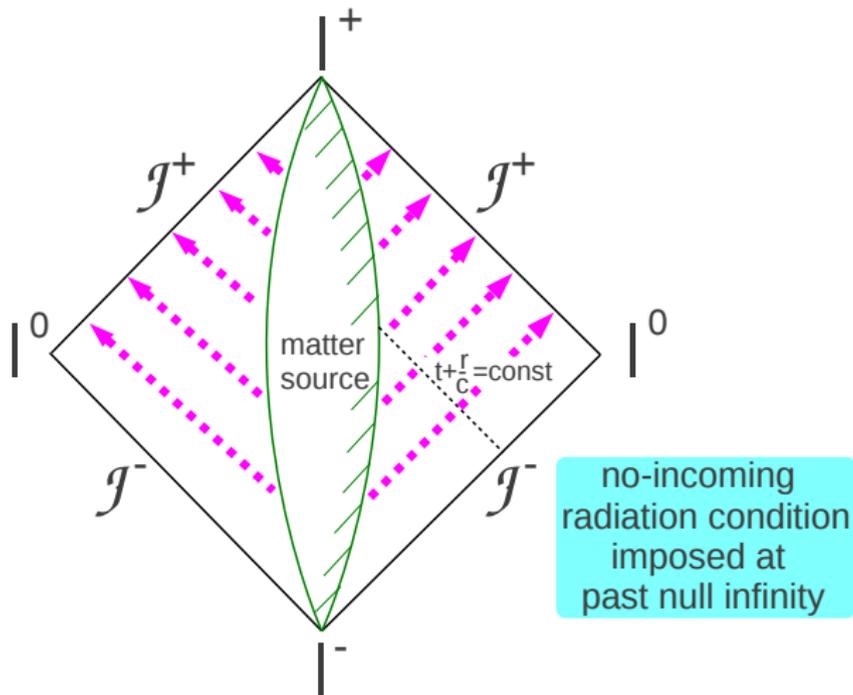


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Linearized multipolar vacuum solution [Pirani 1964; Thorne 1980]

Solution of linearized vacuum field equations in harmonic coordinates

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$$h_{(1)}^{00} = -\frac{4}{c^2} \sum_{\ell=0}^{+\infty} \frac{(-)^\ell}{\ell!} \partial_L \left(\frac{1}{r} I_L \right) \quad \boxed{L = i_1 i_2 \cdots i_\ell}$$

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- multipole moments $I_L(u)$ and $J_L(u)$ are arbitrary functions of $u = t - r/c$
- mass $M \equiv I = \text{const}$, center-of-mass position $G_i \equiv I_i = \text{const}$
linear momentum $P_i \equiv I_i^{(1)} = 0$, angular momentum $J_i = \text{const}$



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

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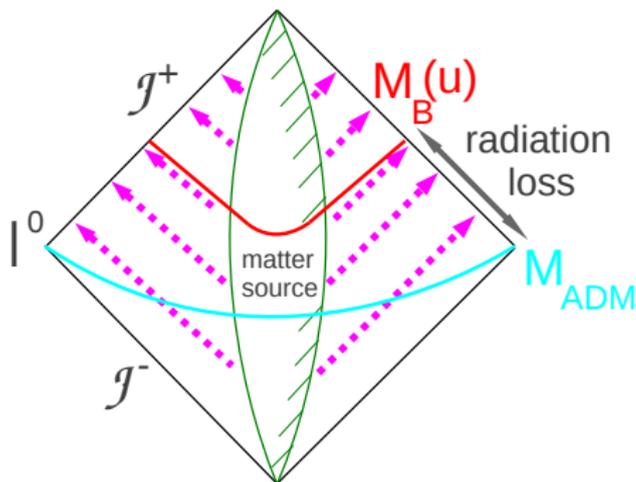
$$h_{\text{PN}}^{\alpha\beta}(\mathbf{x}, t, c) = \sum_{\substack{p \geq 2 \\ q \geq 0}} \frac{(\ln c)^q}{c^p} h_{p,q}^{\alpha\beta}(\mathbf{x}, t)$$

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The MPM solution is **asymptotically flat at future null infinity** in the sense of Penrose and agrees with the Bondi-Sachs formalism

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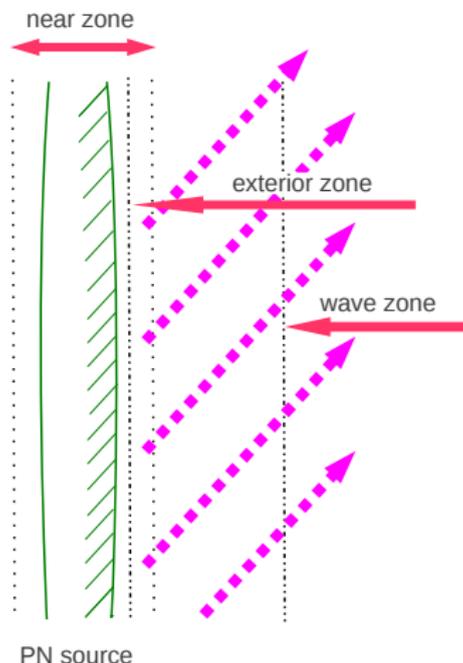
$$M_B(u) = M_{ADM} - \overbrace{\frac{G}{5c^7} \int_{-\infty}^u dt M_{ij}^{(3)}(t) M_{ij}^{(3)}(t)}^{\text{mass-energy emitted in GW}}$$

$$+ \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{higher-order multipole moments and} \\ \text{higher-order PM approximations} \\ \text{computable to any order by the MPM algorithm} \end{array} \right.$$

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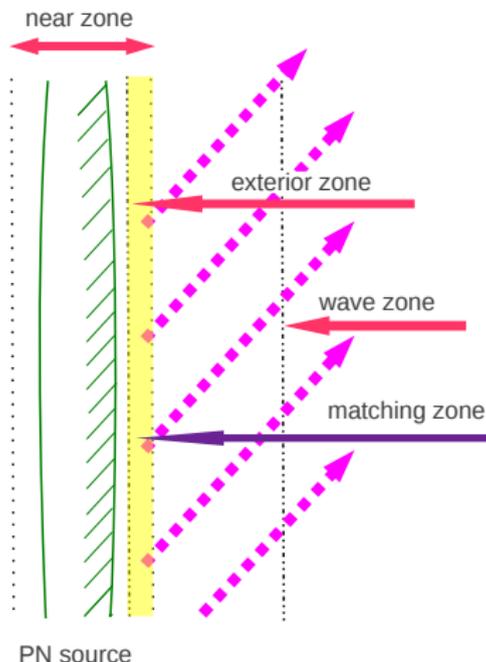
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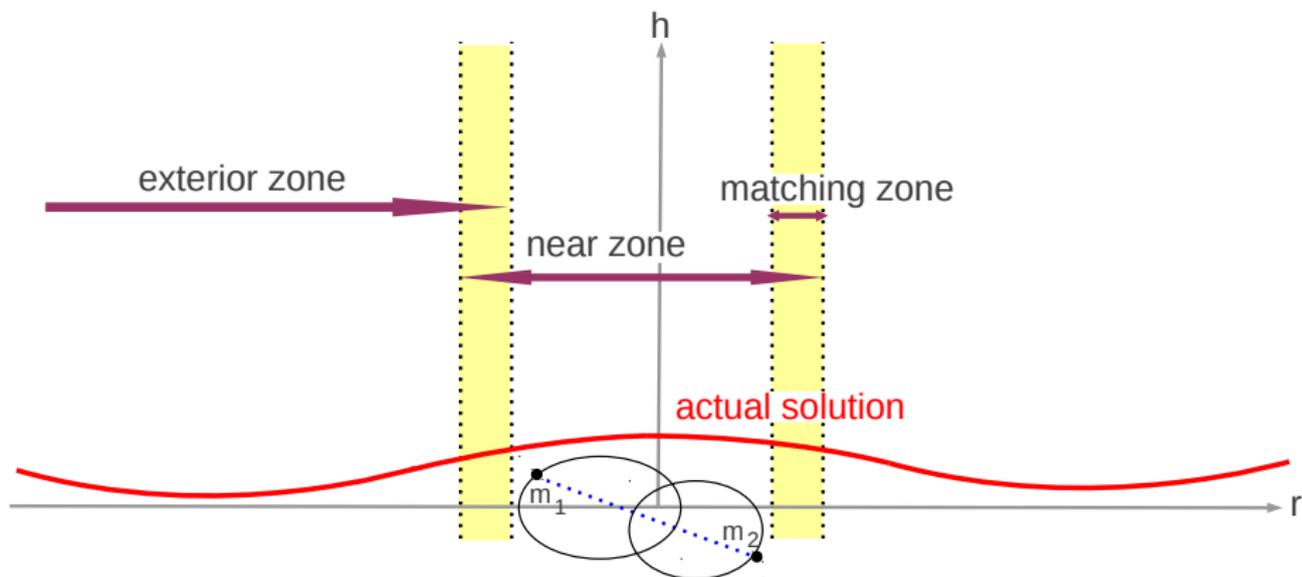


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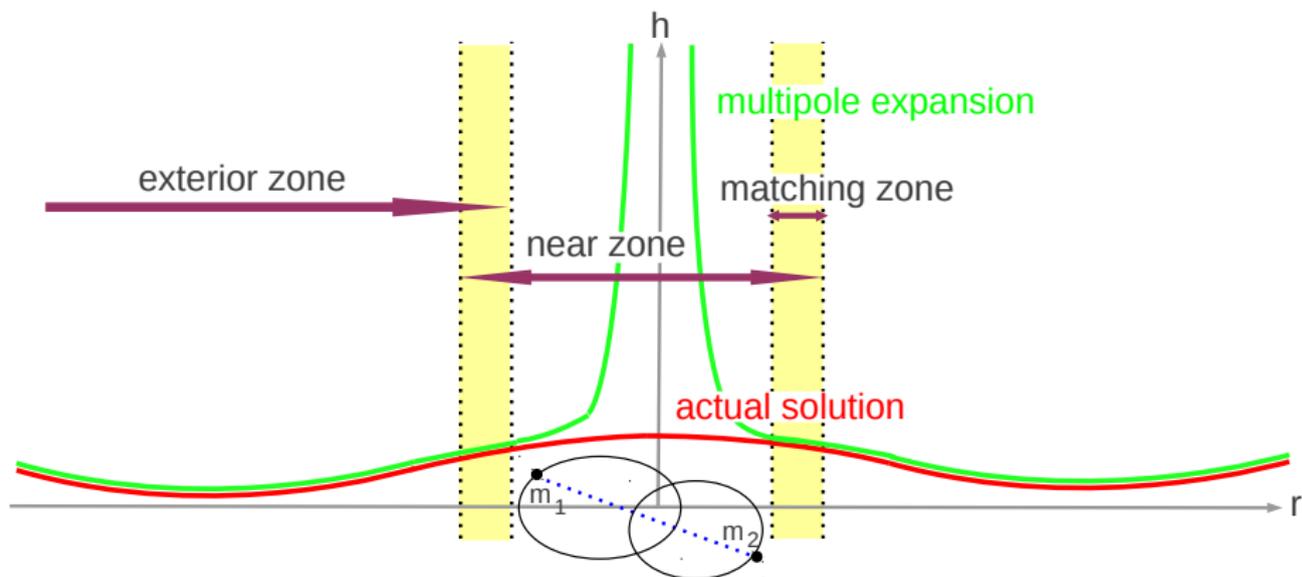
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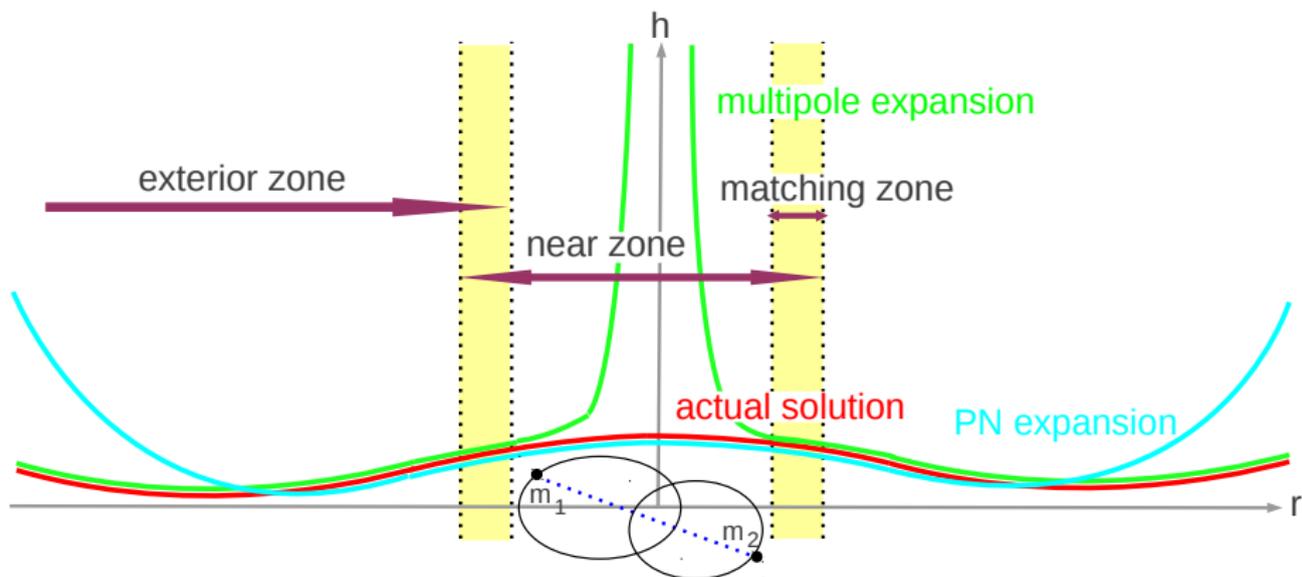
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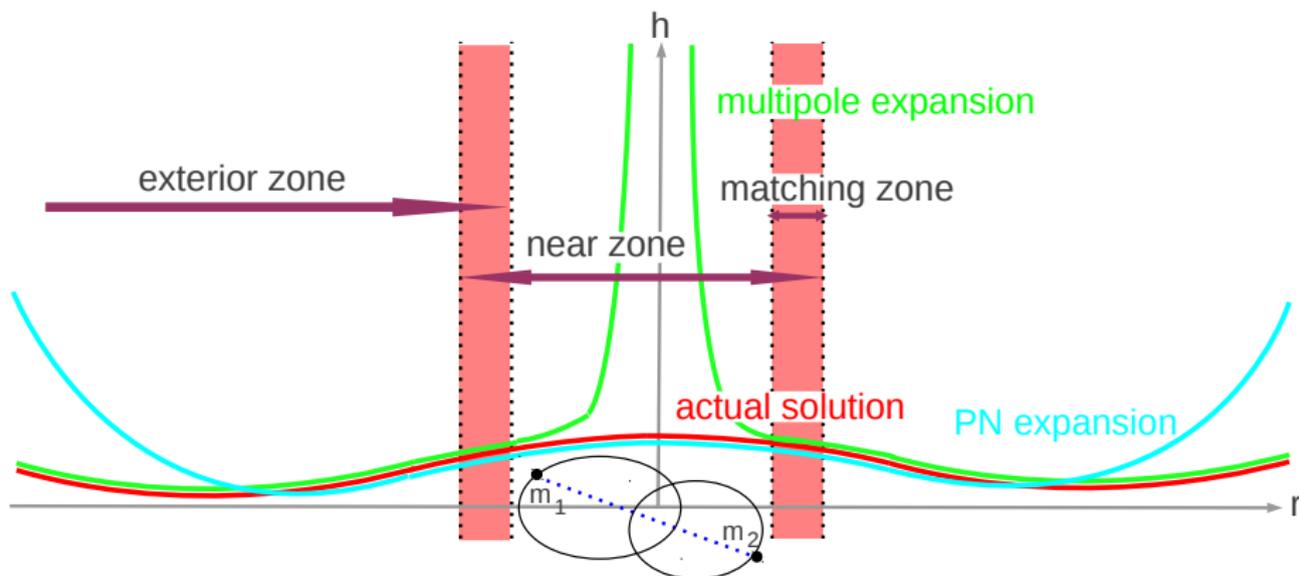
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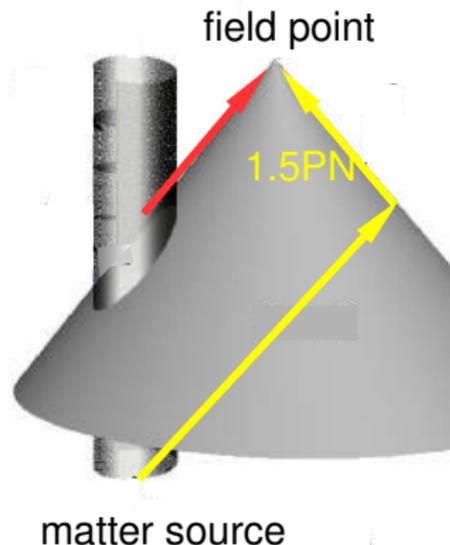
The 4.5PN radiative quadrupole moment

$$\begin{aligned}
 U_{ij}(t) = & I_{ij}^{(2)}(t) + \underbrace{\frac{GM}{c^3} \int_0^{+\infty} d\tau I_{ij}^{(4)}(t-\tau) \left[2 \ln \left(\frac{\tau}{2\tau_0} \right) + \frac{11}{6} \right]}_{\text{1.5PN tail integral}} \\
 & + \frac{G}{c^5} \left\{ \underbrace{-\frac{2}{7} \int_0^{+\infty} d\tau I_{a<i}^{(3)} I_{j>a}^{(3)}(t-\tau)}_{\text{2.5PN memory integral}} + \text{instantaneous terms} \right\} \\
 & + \underbrace{\frac{G^2 M^2}{c^6} \int_0^{+\infty} d\tau I_{ij}^{(5)}(t-\tau) \left[2 \ln^2 \left(\frac{\tau}{2\tau_0} \right) + \frac{57}{35} \ln \left(\frac{\tau}{2\tau_0} \right) + \frac{124627}{22050} \right]}_{\text{3PN tail-of-tail integral}} \\
 & + \underbrace{\frac{G^3 M^3}{c^9} \int_0^{+\infty} d\tau I_{ij}^{(6)}(t-\tau) \left[\frac{4}{3} \ln^3 \left(\frac{\tau}{2\tau_0} \right) + \dots + \frac{129268}{33075} + \frac{428}{315} \pi^2 \right]}_{\text{4.5PN tail-of-tail-of-tail integral}} \\
 & + \mathcal{O} \left(\frac{1}{c^{10}} \right)
 \end{aligned}$$

Gravitational wave tails

[Bonnor 1959; Bonnor & Rotenberg 1961; Price 1971; Blanchet & Damour 1988, 1992; Blanchet 1993, 1997]

The tails are produced by backscatter of linear GWs generated by the variations of I_{ij} off the curvature induced by the matter source's total mass M

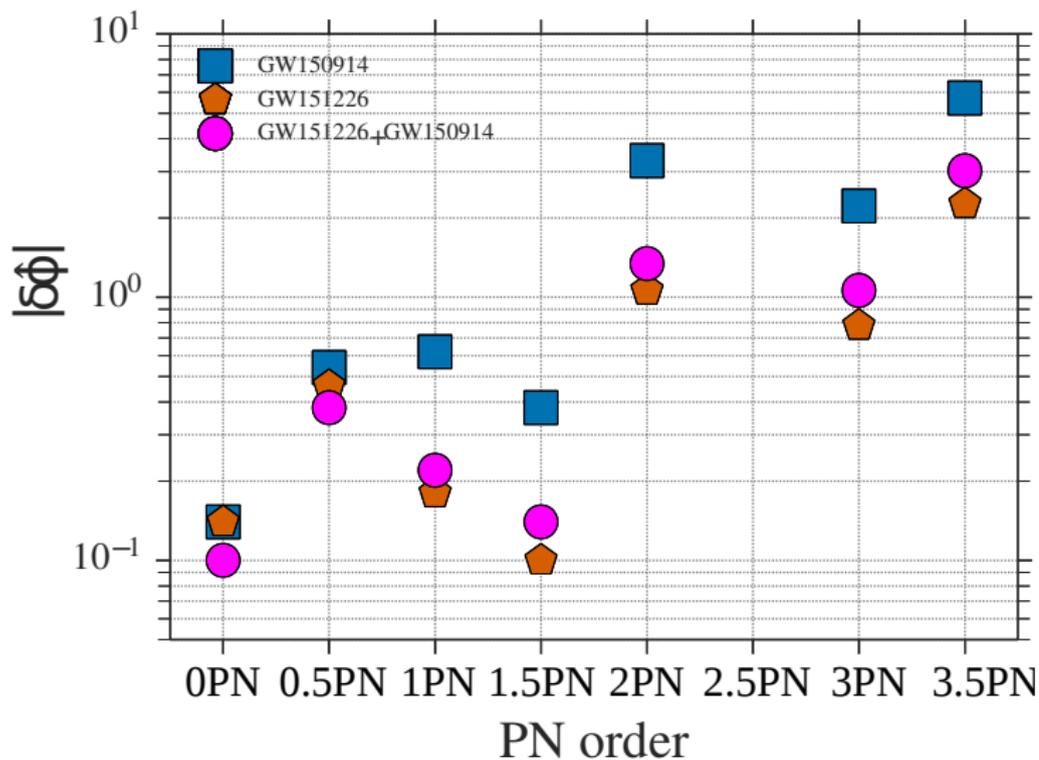


$$\delta h_{ij}^{\text{tail}} = \frac{4G}{c^4 r} \frac{GM}{c^3} \underbrace{\int_{-\infty}^u dt I_{ij}^{(4)}(t) \ln\left(\frac{u-t}{\tau_0}\right)}_{\text{The tail is dominantly a 1.5PN effect}} + \dots$$

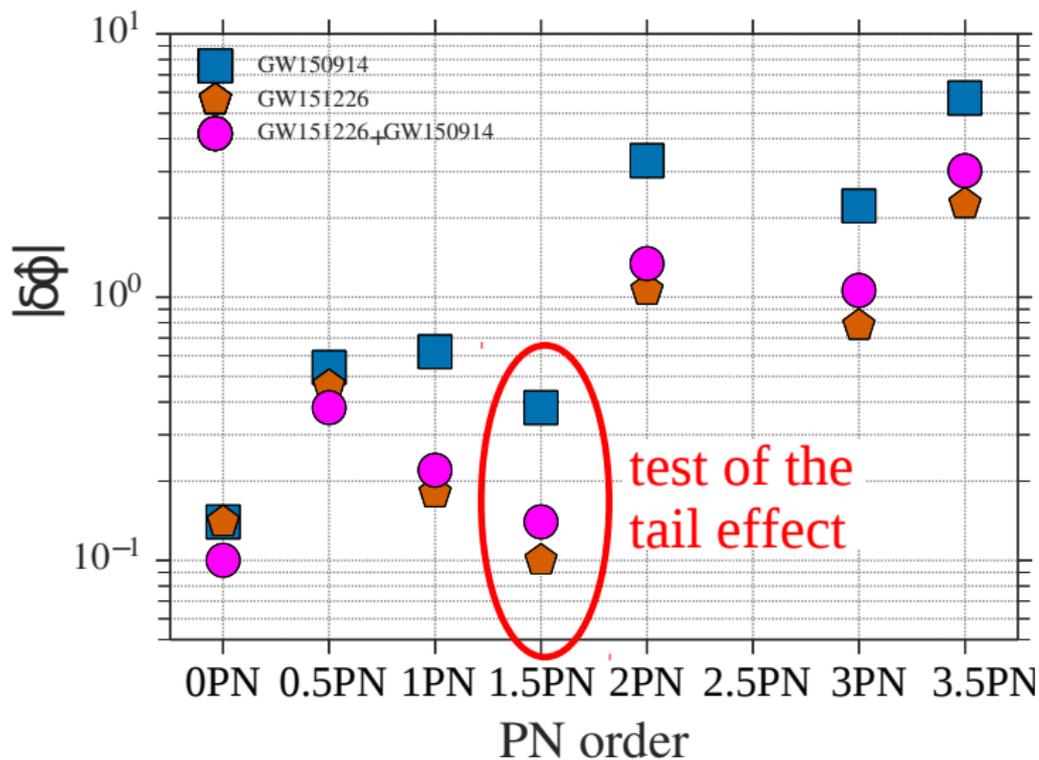
3.5PN energy flux of compact binaries

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathcal{F}^{\text{GW}} = \frac{32c^5}{5G} \nu^2 x^5 & \left\{ 1 + \overbrace{\left(-\frac{1247}{336} - \frac{35}{12}\nu \right)}^{1\text{PN}} x + \overbrace{4\pi x^{3/2}}^{1.5\text{PN tail}} \right. \\
 & + \left(-\frac{44711}{9072} + \frac{9271}{504}\nu + \frac{65}{18}\nu^2 \right) x^2 + \overbrace{\left(-\frac{8191}{672} - \frac{583}{24}\nu \right) \pi x^{5/2}}^{2.5\text{PN tail}} \\
 & + \left[\frac{6643739519}{69854400} + \overbrace{\left(\frac{16}{3}\pi^2 - \frac{1712}{105}\gamma_E - \frac{856}{105}\ln(16x) \right)}^{3\text{PN tail-of-tail}} \right. \\
 & \quad \left. + \left(-\frac{134543}{7776} + \frac{41}{48}\pi^2 \right) \nu - \frac{94403}{3024}\nu^2 - \frac{775}{324}\nu^3 \right] x^3 \\
 & + \underbrace{\left(-\frac{16285}{504} + \frac{214745}{1728}\nu + \frac{193385}{3024}\nu^2 \right) \pi x^{7/2}}_{3.5\text{PN tail}} + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{1}{c^8}\right) \left. \right\}
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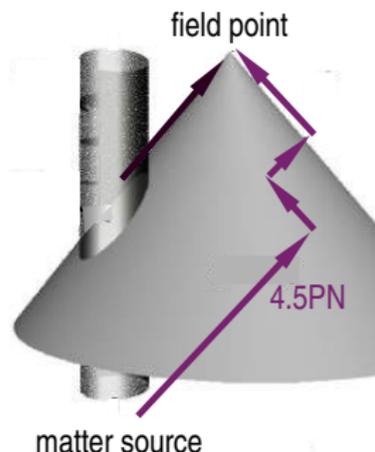


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4.5PN coefficient in the GW flux [Marchand, Blanchet, Faye 2017]

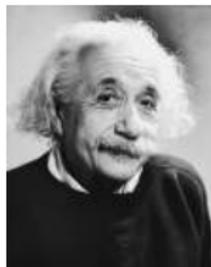
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- The 4.5PN tail effect represents the **complete 4.5PN coefficient** in the GW energy flux in the case of circular orbits
- Perfect agreement with results from BH perturbation theory in the small mass ratio limit $\nu \rightarrow 0$ [Tanaka, Tagoshi & Sasaki 1996]
- However the 4PN term in the flux is still in progress

The 1PN equations of motion

[Lorentz & Droste 1917; Einstein, Infeld & Hoffmann 1938]



$$\frac{d^2 \mathbf{r}_A}{dt^2} = - \sum_{B \neq A} \frac{Gm_B}{r_{AB}^2} \mathbf{n}_{AB} \left[1 - 4 \sum_{C \neq A} \frac{Gm_C}{c^2 r_{AC}} - \sum_{D \neq B} \frac{Gm_D}{c^2 r_{BD}} \left(1 - \frac{\mathbf{r}_{AB} \cdot \mathbf{r}_{BD}}{r_{BD}^2} \right) + \frac{1}{c^2} \left(\mathbf{v}_A^2 + 2\mathbf{v}_B^2 - 4\mathbf{v}_A \cdot \mathbf{v}_B - \frac{3}{2} (\mathbf{v}_B \cdot \mathbf{n}_{AB})^2 \right) \right] + \sum_{B \neq A} \frac{Gm_B}{c^2 r_{AB}^2} \mathbf{v}_{AB} [\mathbf{n}_{AB} \cdot (3\mathbf{v}_B - 4\mathbf{v}_A)] - \frac{7}{2} \sum_{B \neq A} \sum_{D \neq B} \frac{G^2 m_B m_D}{c^2 r_{AB} r_{BD}^3} \mathbf{n}_{BD}$$

4PN: state-of-the-art on equations of motion

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{dv_1^i}{dt} = & - \frac{Gm_2}{r_{12}^2} n_{12}^i \\
 & \underbrace{\hspace{10em}}_{\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] n_{12}^i + \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)
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3PN	{	[Jaranowski & Schäfer 1999; Damour, Jaranowski & Schäfer 2001ab]	ADM Hamiltonian
		[Blanchet-Faye-de Andrade 2000, 2001; Blanchet & Iyer 2002]	Harmonic EOM
		[Itoh & Futamase 2003; Itoh 2004]	Surface integral method
		[Foffa & Sturani 2011]	Effective field theory
4PN	{	[Jaranowski & Schäfer 2013; Damour, Jaranowski & Schäfer 2014]	ADM Hamiltonian
		[Bernard, Blanchet, Bohé, Faye, Marchand & Marsat 2015, 2016, 2017abc]	Fokker Lagrangian
		[Foffa & Sturani 2012, 2013] (partial results)	Effective field theory

The Fokker Lagrangian approach to the 4PN EOM

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Fokker action of N particles [Fokker 1929]



- 1 Gauge-fixed Einstein-Hilbert action for N point particles

$$S_{\text{g.f.}} = \frac{c^3}{16\pi G} \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} \left[R - \underbrace{\frac{1}{2} g_{\mu\nu} \Gamma^\mu \Gamma^\nu}_{\text{Gauge-fixing term}} \right] - \sum_A m_A c^2 \underbrace{\int dt \sqrt{-(g_{\mu\nu})_A v_A^\mu v_A^\nu / c^2}}_{N \text{ point particles}}$$

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

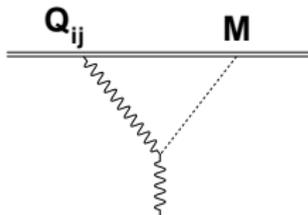
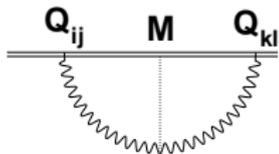
$$g_{\mu\nu}(\mathbf{x}, t) \longrightarrow \bar{g}_{\mu\nu}(\mathbf{x}; \mathbf{x}_B(t), \mathbf{v}_B(t), \dots)$$

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

$$\frac{\delta S_F}{\delta \mathbf{x}_A} \equiv \frac{\partial L_F}{\partial \mathbf{x}_A} - \frac{d}{dt} \left(\frac{\partial L_F}{\partial \mathbf{v}_A} \right) + \dots = 0$$

The gravitational wave tail effect

[Blanchet & Damour 1988; Blanchet 1993, 1997; Foffa & Sturani 2011; Galley, Leibovich, Porto *et al.* 2016]

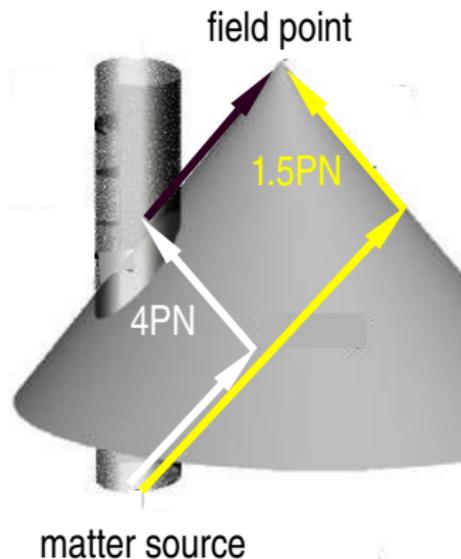


- In the near zone (4PN effect)

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

- In the far zone (1.5PN effect)

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



Problem of the UV divergences

[t'Hooft & Veltman 1972; Bollini & Giambiagi 1972; Breitenlohner & Maison 1977]

- 1 Einstein's field equations are solved in d spatial dimensions (with $d \in \mathbb{C}$) with distributional sources. In Newtonian approximation

$$\Delta U = -4\pi \frac{2(d-2)}{d-1} G\rho$$

- 2 For two point-particles $\rho = m_1\delta_{(d)}(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}_1) + m_2\delta_{(d)}(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}_2)$ we get

$$U(\mathbf{x}, t) = \frac{2(d-2)k}{d-1} \left(\frac{Gm_1}{|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}_1|^{d-2}} + \frac{Gm_2}{|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}_2|^{d-2}} \right) \quad \text{with} \quad k = \frac{\Gamma\left(\frac{d-2}{2}\right)}{\pi^{\frac{d-2}{2}}}$$

- 3 Computations are performed when $\Re(d)$ is a large negative number, and the result is **analytically continued** for any $d \in \mathbb{C}$ except for isolated poles
- 4 Dimensional regularization is then followed by a **renormalization** of the worldline of the particles so as to absorb the poles $\propto (d-3)^{-1}$

Problem of the IR divergences

- 1 The tail effect implies the appearance of **IR divergences** in the Fokker action at the 4PN order
- 2 Our initial calculation of the Fokker action was based on the Hadamard regularization to treat the IR divergences (**FP** procedure when $B \rightarrow 0$)
- 3 However computing the conserved energy and periastron advance for circular orbits we found it does not agree with GSF calculations
- 4 The problem was due to the HR and conjectured that a different IR regularization would give (modulo shifts)

$$L = L^{\text{HR}} + \underbrace{\frac{G^4 m m_1^2 m_2^2}{c^8 r_{12}^4} \left(\delta_1 (n_{12} v_{12})^2 + \delta_2 v_{12}^2 \right)}_{\text{two ambiguity parameters } \delta_1 \text{ and } \delta_2}$$

- 5 Matching with GSF results for the energy and periastron advance uniquely fixes the two ambiguity parameters and we are in complete agreement with the results from the Hamiltonian formalism [DJS]

Conserved energy for a non-local Hamiltonian

- 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 $E = H + \Delta H^{\text{AC}} + \Delta H^{\text{DC}}$ where the AC term averages to zero and

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

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

Conserved energy for circular orbits at 4PN order

- The 4PN energy for circular orbits in the **small mass ratio limit** is known from GSF of the redshift variable [Le Tiec, Blanchet & Whiting 2012; Bini & Damour 2013]
- This permits to **fix the ambiguity parameter α** and to complete the 4PN equations of motion

$$E^{4\text{PN}} = -\frac{\mu c^2 x}{2} \left\{ 1 + \left(-\frac{3}{4} - \frac{\nu}{12} \right) x + \left(-\frac{27}{8} + \frac{19}{8}\nu - \frac{\nu^2}{24} \right) x^2 \right. \\ + \left(-\frac{675}{64} + \left[\frac{34445}{576} - \frac{205}{96}\pi^2 \right] \nu - \frac{155}{96}\nu^2 - \frac{35}{5184}\nu^3 \right) x^3 \\ + \left(-\frac{3969}{128} + \left[-\frac{123671}{5760} + \frac{9037}{1536}\pi^2 + \frac{896}{15}\gamma_E + \frac{448}{15}\ln(16x) \right] \nu \right. \\ \left. + \left[-\frac{498449}{3456} + \frac{3157}{576}\pi^2 \right] \nu^2 + \frac{301}{1728}\nu^3 + \frac{77}{31104}\nu^4 \right) x^4 \left. \right\}$$

Periastron advance for circular orbits at 4PN order

The periastron advanced (or relativistic precession) constitutes a second invariant which is also known in the limit of circular orbits from GSF calculations

$$\begin{aligned} K^{4\text{PN}} = & 1 + 3x + \left(\frac{27}{2} - 7\nu \right) x^2 \\ & + \left(\frac{135}{2} + \left[-\frac{649}{4} + \frac{123}{32}\pi^2 \right] \nu + 7\nu^2 \right) x^3 \\ & + \left(\frac{2835}{8} + \left[-\frac{275941}{360} + \frac{48007}{3072}\pi^2 - \frac{1256}{15} \ln x \right. \right. \\ & \quad \left. \left. - \frac{592}{15} \ln 2 - \frac{1458}{5} \ln 3 - \frac{2512}{15} \gamma_E \right] \nu \right. \\ & \quad \left. + \left[\frac{5861}{12} - \frac{451}{32}\pi^2 \right] \nu^2 - \frac{98}{27}\nu^3 \right) x^4 \end{aligned}$$

Dimensional regularization of the 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 ($\varepsilon = d - 3$)

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

Ambiguity-free completion of the 4PN EOM

[Marchand, Bernard, Blanchet & Faye 2017]

- 1 The tail effect contains a **UV pole which cancels the IR pole** coming from the instantaneous part of the action

$$g_{00}^{\text{tail}} = -\frac{8G^2 M}{5c^8} x^{ij} \int_0^{+\infty} d\tau \left[\ln \left(\frac{c\sqrt{q}\tau}{2\ell_0} \right) \underbrace{-\frac{1}{2\varepsilon}}_{\text{UV pole}} + \frac{41}{60} \right] I_{ij}^{(7)}(t-\tau) + \mathcal{O} \left(\frac{1}{c^{10}} \right)$$

- 2 Adding up all contributions we obtain the conjectured form of the ambiguity terms with the correct values of the ambiguity parameters δ_1 and δ_2
- 3 It is likely that the EFT formalism will also succeed in deriving the full EOM without ambiguities [Porto & Rothstein 2017]
- 4 The lack of a consistent matching between the near zone and the far zone in the ADM Hamiltonian formalism [DJS] forces this formalism to be still plagued by one ambiguity parameter