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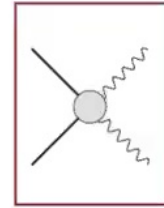
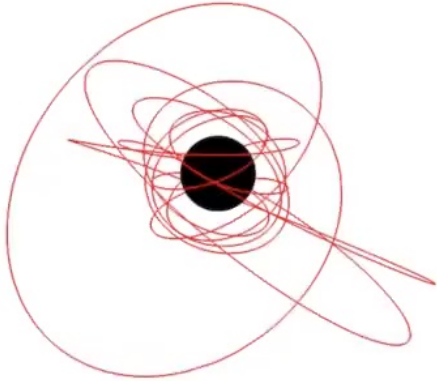
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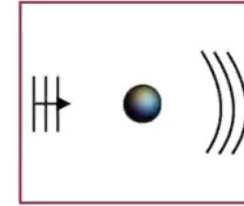


# MOTIVATIONS

*Kerr geodesic trajectory*



Compton scattering



Kerr wave scattering

- Modelling extreme mass-ratio inspirals
- Focus on analytic methods/asymptotics
- interaction with weak field approximations
  - High post-Newtonian info
  - spin dependencies (e.g. Kerr)
  - quantum scattering methods

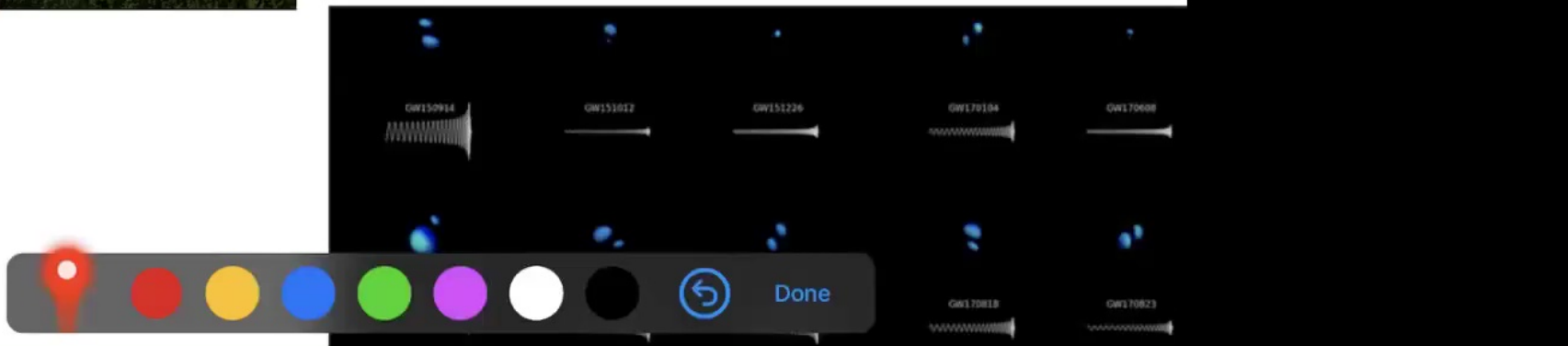


# GRAVITATIONAL WAVES AS A SCIENCE



## LIGO—Virgo—KAGRA

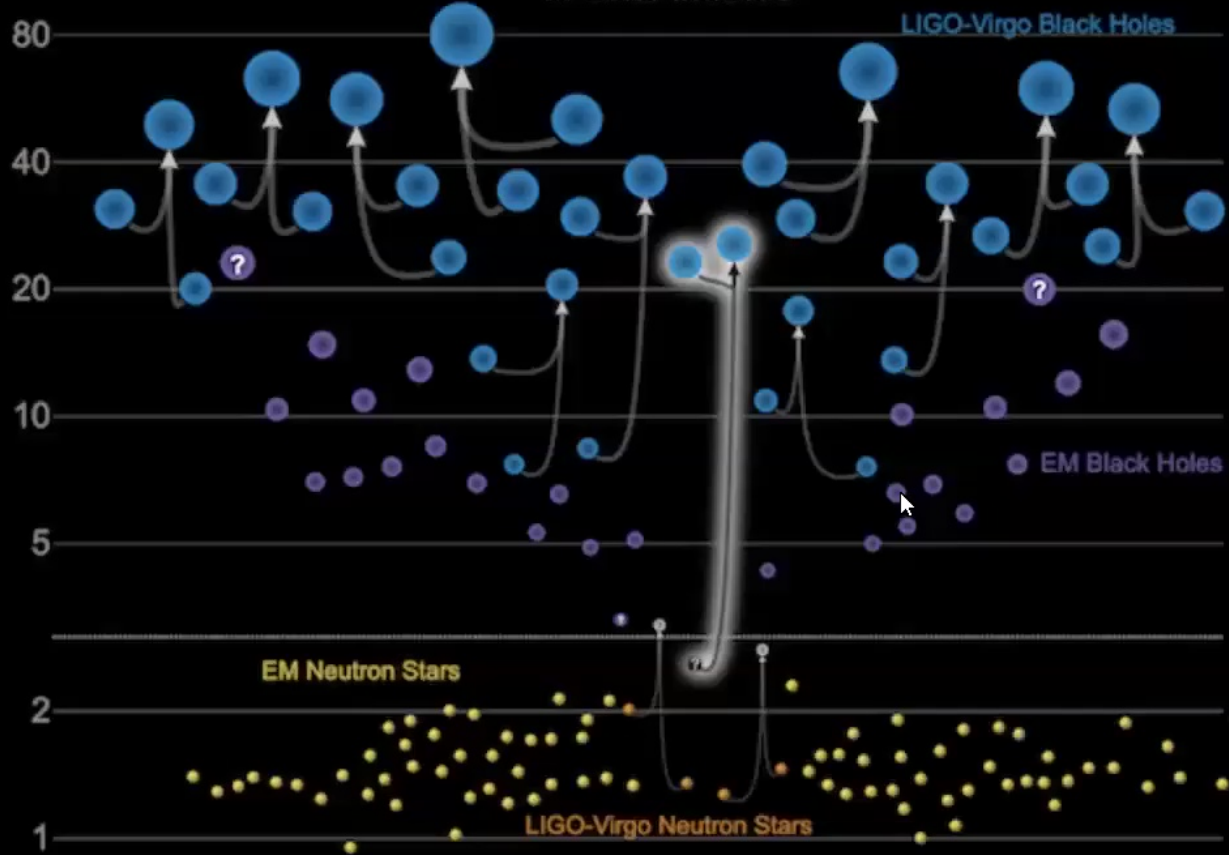
- insight to energetic processes
- probe equation of state of nuclear matter
- inform models of stellar evolutions
- constraints on GR deviations
- beginning to measure  $H_0$





# Masses in the Stellar Graveyard

*in Solar Masses*

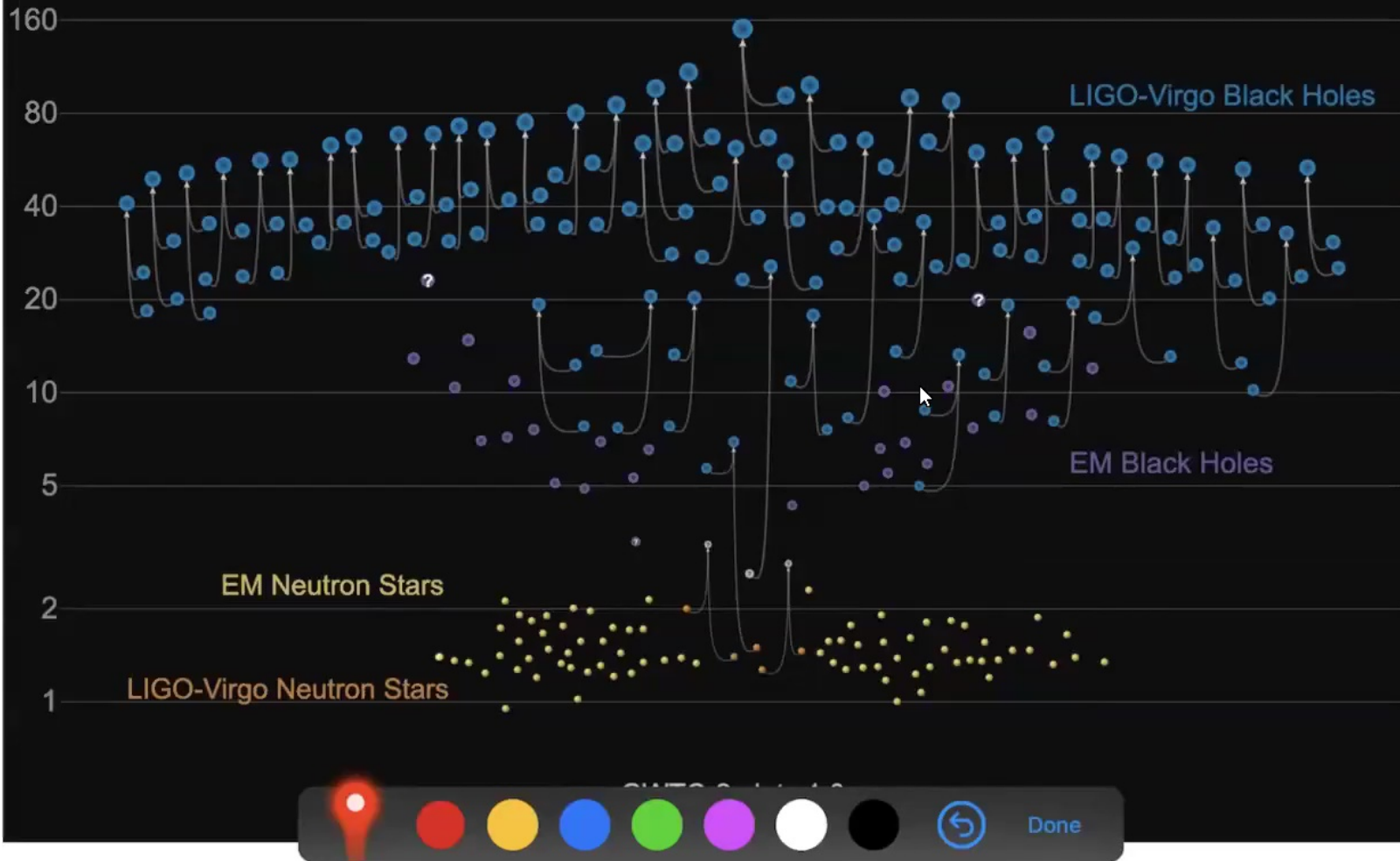


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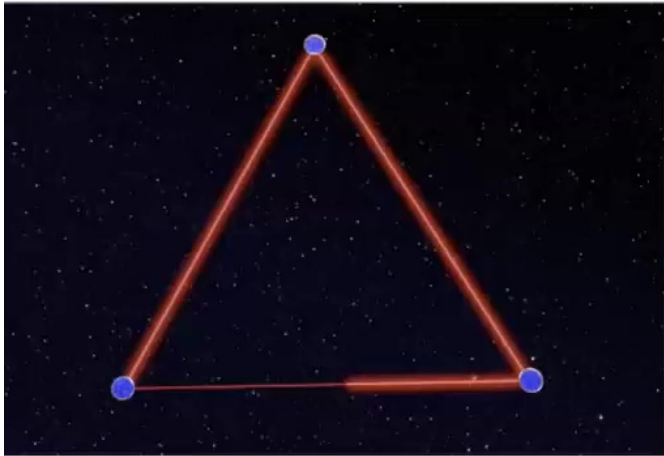
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# WE CAN LEARN MORE BY GOING TO SPACE: Laser Interferometer Space Antenna (LISA)



- 2.5 million km arm length  
— lower frequency waves
- Earth trailing orbit

- Selected for one of ESA's L3 missions (2017)
- Launch ~2034

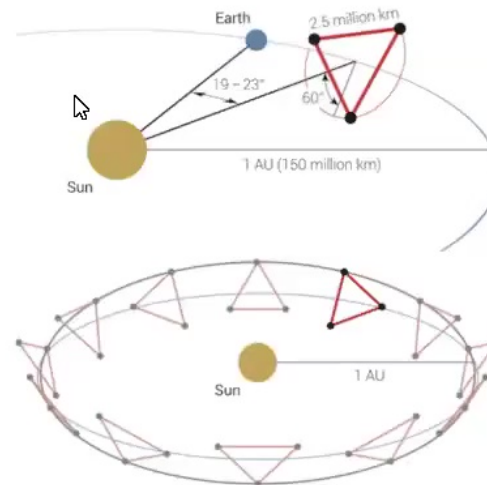


Figure 4: Depiction of the LISA Orbit.



al, elisascience.org



# A ZOO OF NEW SOURCES

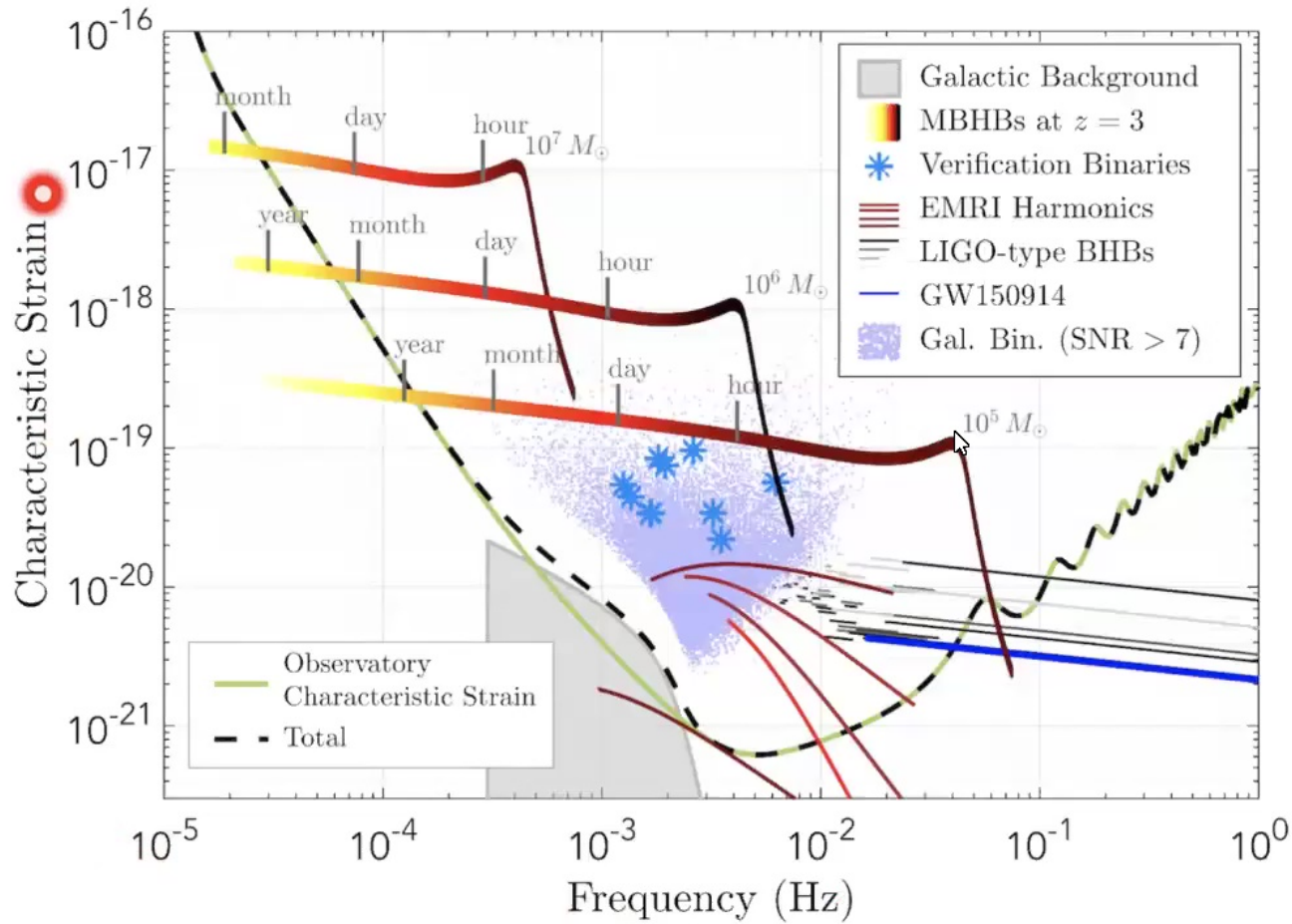


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Verification binaries  
White Dw, NS, BHs & combo's  
~25000  
Low freq noise..

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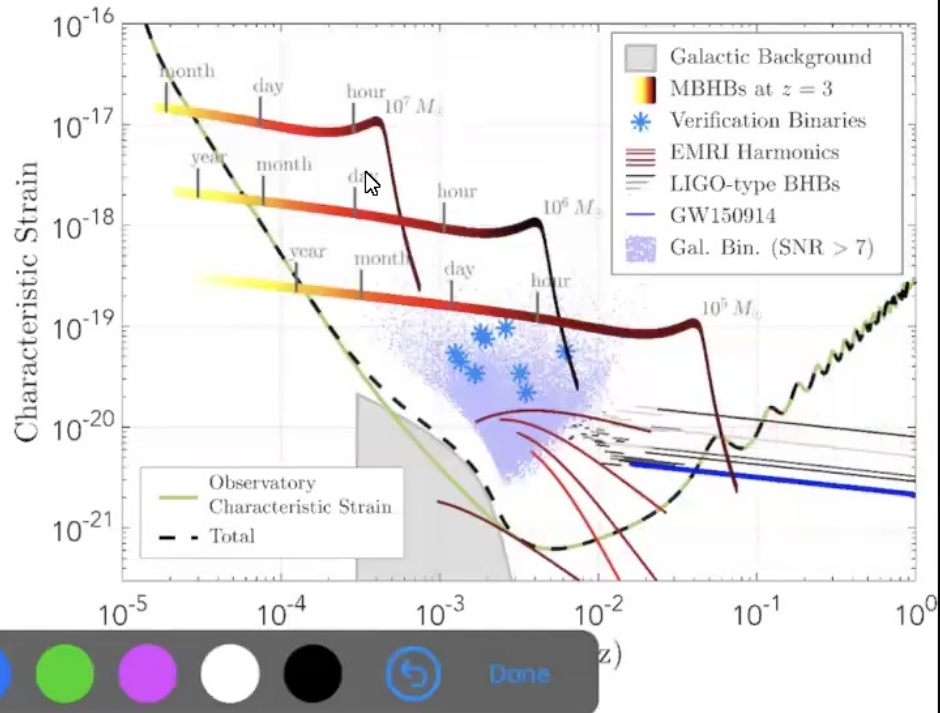
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### 'Fundamental physics'

No hair, Kerr quadrupole moment  
Lorentz violation, graviton mass  
Hubble parameter  
Stochastic GW background-early universe  
Cosmic strings, unknowns

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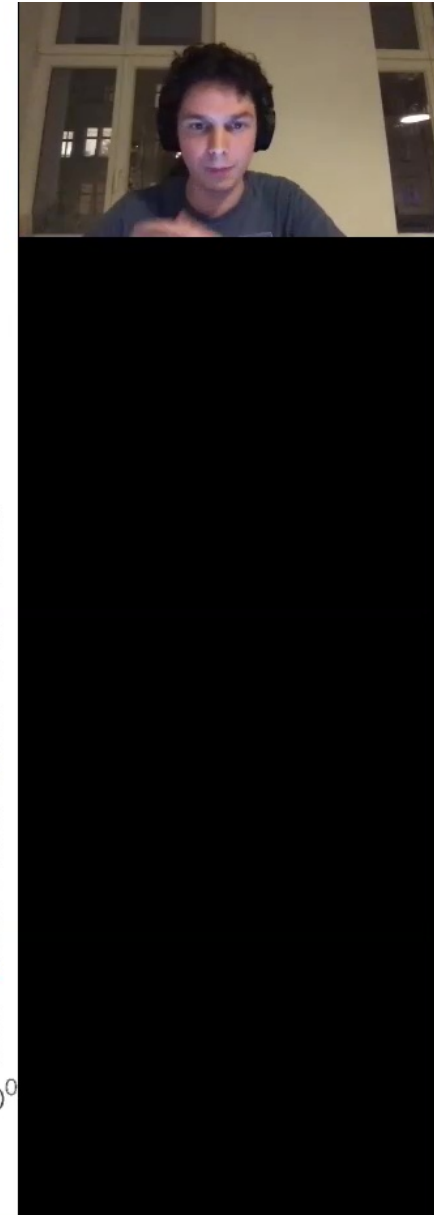
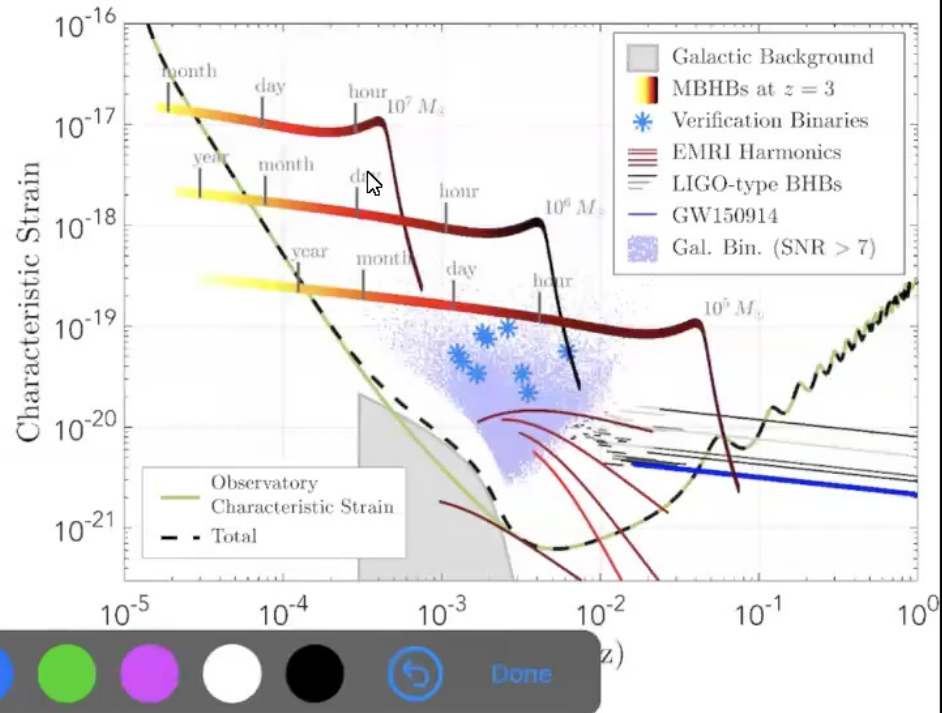
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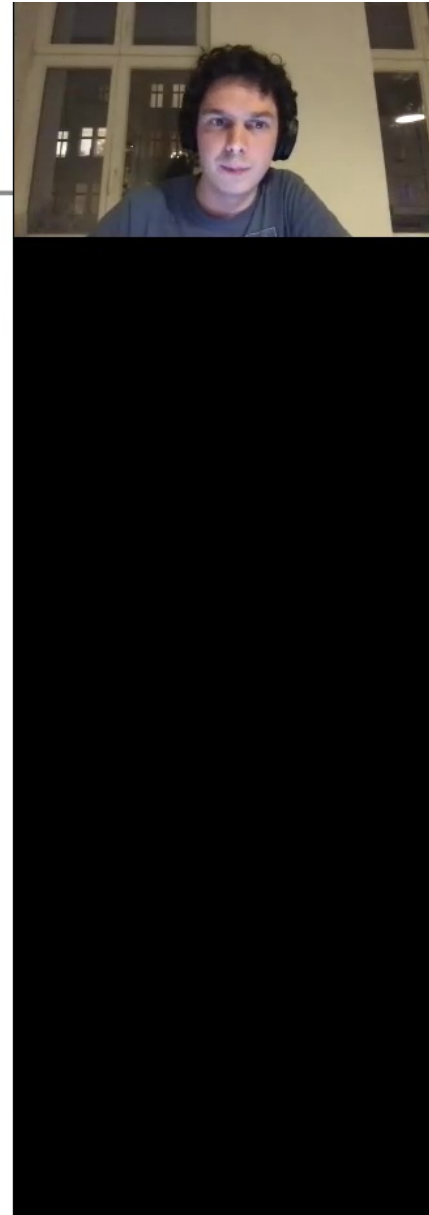


## NEW SOURCES MEANS NEW CHALLENGES

Compared with waveform models for ground based detectors:

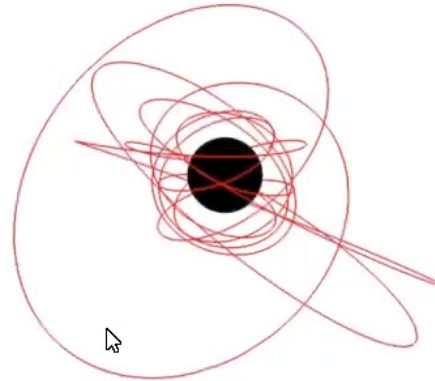
- More eccentricity
- longer signals
- higher SNR (errors stand out)
- need deeper spin information
- mass ratios: moderate to extreme

**Data analysis:** Massive number of overlapping signals— open problem  
LISA data challenges (LDC)

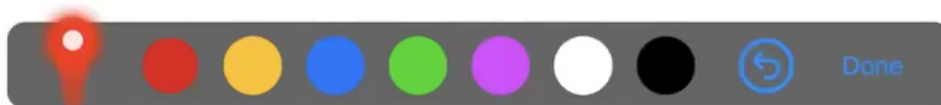


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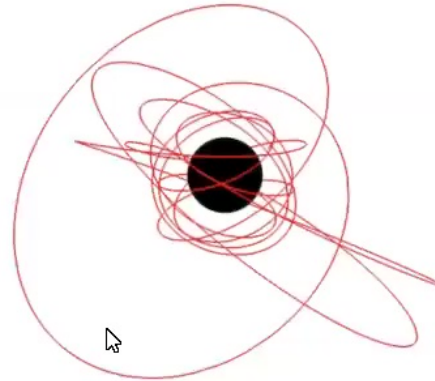
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- 4 digit precision on masses, eccentricity
  - 3 digits on spin of bigger BH
- Cleanly probe the spacetime geometry



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## EMRI SCIENCE: Outcomes

### Massive black holes:

- Massive BH mass function— unconstrained by EM
- occupation fraction of massive BHs in low mass galaxies— clues to the origins of massive BHs
- Spin distributions of massive BHs- e.g. formation mechanisms

### Galactic centres

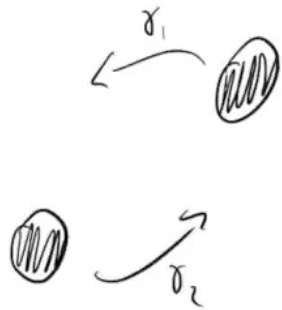
- Probe densities of stellar mass BHs in galactic nuclei via event rates
- eccentricity/inclination measurements can inform formation channels
- May see waveform deviations due to environment: accretion/3rd body interaction

### GR

- Precision tests of GR
- Test the Kerr nature of astrophysical BHs i.e. no hair theorem
- other fields, horizon, echoes?



# GW SOURCE MODELLING



$$g_{\mu\nu}(t; \delta_1, \delta_2), \quad r \rightarrow \infty$$

Solve Einstein field equations

$$(\mathcal{E}g)_{\mu\nu} = 4\pi T_{\mu\nu}$$

*Essential to have vast array of waveforms for data analysis!*



## GW SOURCE MODELLING: NUMERICAL RELATIVITY

$$(\mathcal{E}g)_{\mu\nu} = 4\pi T_{\mu\nu}$$

- GR on a grid- finite differencing/spectral methods



- Full non-linear GR
- inspiral, mergers, ringdowns
- control of errors



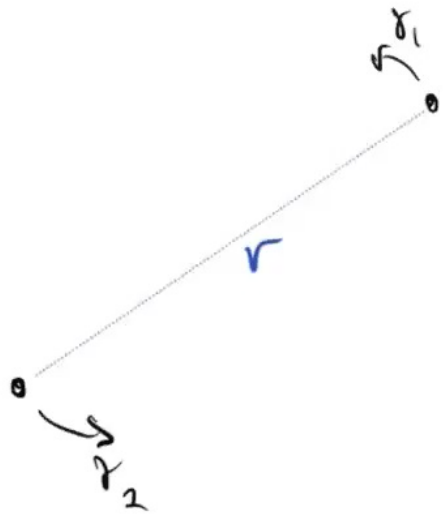
- long run times
- difficulties with disparate scales





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## Post-Newton



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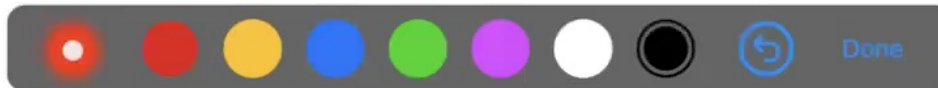
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$$v \ll c$$

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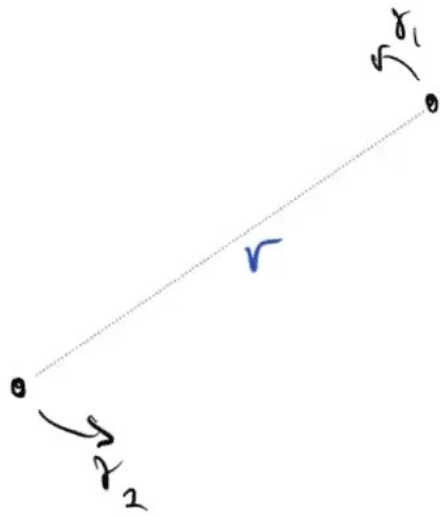
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State of the art: 4PN Hamiltonian (time symmetric piece)

[Lehner, Jaranowski + Schaefer 2016, Bernard, Blanchet, Bohe, Faye + Marsat 2016]

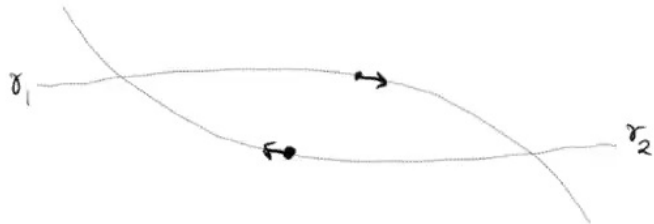
3.5PN radiation (time asymmetric) (+ other pieces?)

[Blanchet, Faye+ many authors]



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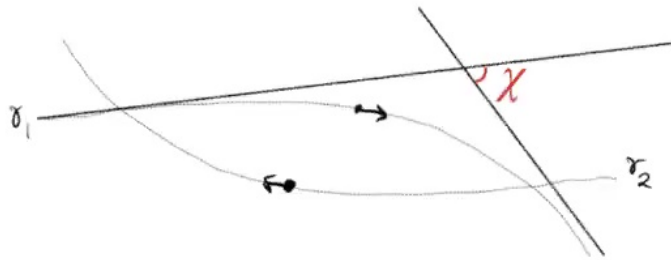
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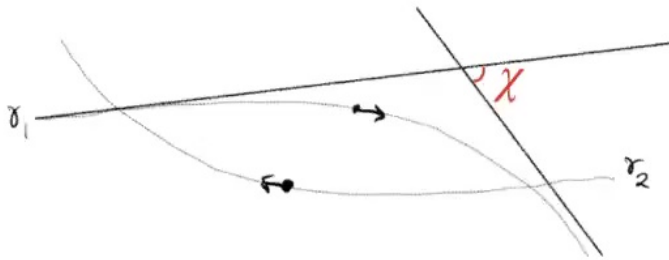
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Emphasised by Damour (2016–):  $\chi \leftrightarrow H$



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## Self-Force



0th order: geodesics

$$u^\beta \nabla_\beta u_\alpha = 0$$

1st order:

[Mino Sasaki & Tanaka, Quinn & Wald]

$$u^\beta \nabla_\beta u_\alpha = \epsilon F_\alpha[h_{\mu\nu}] + \mathcal{O}(\epsilon^2)$$

$$(\delta \mathcal{E} h)_{\mu\nu} = 4\pi T_{\mu\nu}$$

$$\epsilon = m_2/m_1 \ll 1$$

$$g_{\mu\nu} = \bar{g}_{\mu\nu} + \epsilon h_{\mu\nu}^{1SF} + \epsilon^2 h_{\mu\nu}^{2SF} + \mathcal{O}(\epsilon^3)$$

See reviews: [Bara



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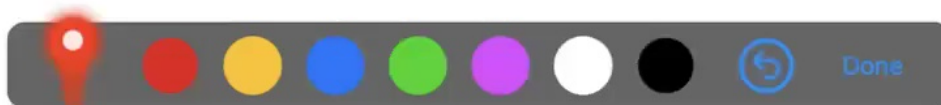
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Accuracy throughout  
parameter space

~8 digits

~3 digits



# BLACK HOLE PERTURBATION THEORY

$$(\delta \mathcal{E} h)_{\mu\nu} = -\bar{g}_{\mu\nu} h^{\rho\sigma} R_{\rho\sigma} + h_{\mu\nu} R - h_{\nu}{}^{\sigma}{}_{;\mu\sigma} - h_{\mu}{}^{\sigma}{}_{;\nu\sigma} + h_{\mu\nu}{}^{;\sigma}{}_{;\sigma} + \bar{g}_{\mu\nu} h^{\rho\sigma}{}_{;\rho\sigma}$$

– spacetime symmetries and gauge invariance

Null tetrad approach: Newman & Penrose (1962)

*‘capture the light cone structure of spacetime’*

$$e_A^\mu = \{l^\mu, n^\mu, m^\mu, \bar{m}^\mu\} : \quad e_A^\mu e_{A,\mu} = 0$$

Work with scalars formed by projecting onto the tetrad, e.g. the Weyl (curvature) tensor:

$$\Psi_0 = C_{lm\bar{m}n}, \quad \Psi_1 = C_{ln\bar{m}n}$$

$$\Psi_2 = C_{lm\bar{m}n}, \quad \Psi_3 = C_{ln\bar{m}n}$$



Black hole spacetimes:  $l^\mu, n^\mu$  be principle null directions (radial in and outgoing)

$$\Psi_0 = \Psi_1 = \Psi_3 = \Psi_4 = 0$$

In Kerr spacetime:

$\delta\Psi_0 \equiv \psi_0$  and  $\delta\Psi_4 \equiv \psi_4$  are to linear order gauge-invariant

and..... satisfy *separable* PDEs

**AND.....** EACH gives ALL information about non-trivial perturbations!!

[Wald, Cohen & Kegeles, Chrzanowski]



[Teukolsky 73]

$$\mathcal{O}\psi = T$$

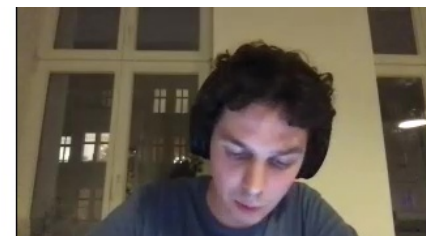
$\mathcal{O}$  – 2nd order differential operator

$$T \sim \partial_\mu \partial_\nu T^{\mu\nu}$$

$$\psi(t, r, \theta, \phi) = \sum_{lm} \int d\omega e^{-i\omega t} {}_sS_{lm}(\theta, \phi; a\omega) {}_sR_{lm}(r)$$

${}_sS_{lm}(\theta, \phi; a\omega)$  : Spin-weighted spheroidal harmonics (  $\rightarrow {}_sY_{lm}(\theta, \phi), a = 0$  )

$$\left( \Delta^{-s} \frac{d}{dr} \left( \Delta^{s+1} \frac{d}{dr} \right) + {}_sV_{lm\omega}(r) \right) {}_sR_{lm\omega}(r) = {}_sT_{lm\omega}[T_{\mu\nu}]$$



Leaver and Mano, Suzuki, Tagoshi (MST) give required solutions analytically, satisfying physical boundary conditions

$$R_{lm}^- = A_1(\omega) \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} a_n(\omega) {}_2F_1(\omega, r) \quad R_{lm}^- \sim \Delta^{-s} e^{-i\omega r^*}, \quad r \rightarrow r_+$$

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Variation of parameters gives a general inhomogeneous solution

$$R(r) = C_-(r)R^-(r) + C_+(r)R^+(r)$$

where

$$C_{\pm} = \frac{1}{W} \int R^{\mp}(r') T(r') dr'$$

In self-force  $T \sim \delta(r - r_n)$ ,  $C_+(r) = C_+(r_n)$



## POST-NEWTONIAN SELF-FORCE

$$\frac{GM}{r_p} \ll c^2, \quad GM\omega \sim GM\Omega \ll c^3$$

$$R_{l=2}^- = 1 - \frac{2}{3}i r \omega \frac{1}{c} - \frac{11}{42} r^2 \omega^2 \frac{1}{c^2} + O(c^{-3})$$

$$R_{l=2}^+ = 1 + i r \omega \frac{1}{c} + \left( \frac{5}{r} - \frac{r^2 \omega^2}{2} \right) \frac{1}{c^2} + O(c^{-3})$$

e.g. metric for a particle in a circular orbit

$$h_{tt}^{l=2} = 2y - \frac{39}{7}y^2 + \frac{23}{36}y^3 + O(y^4) \quad y = (M\Omega)^{-2/3}$$

Mechanical to go to arbitrary post-Newtonian order



## Parameter space

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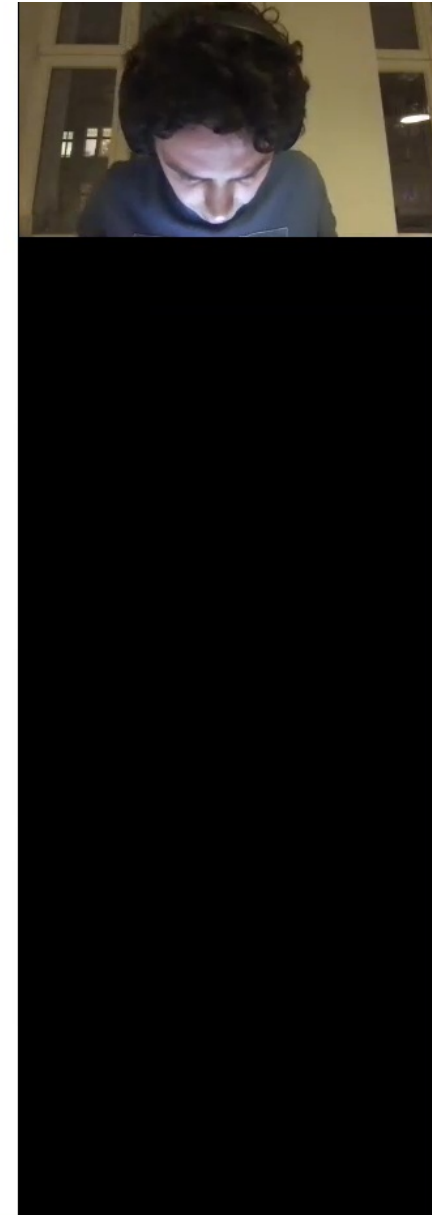
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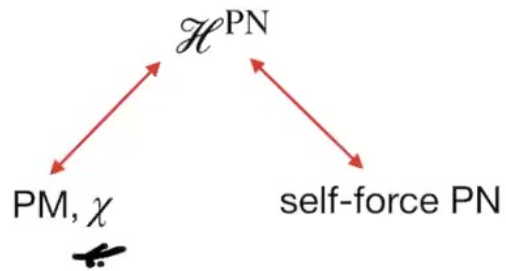
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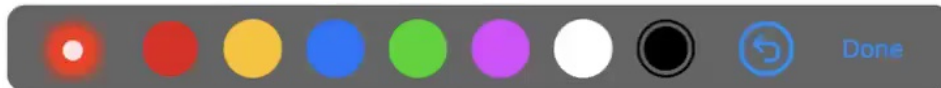
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3PM + 1sf: Full PN to 3PN

+ 2sf: to 5PN [Bini, Damour Geralico 2019]

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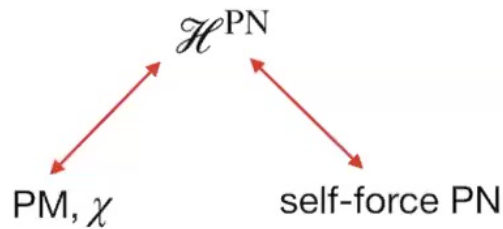
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Adding spin to this picture

[Antonelli, CK, Khalil, Steinhoff, Vines 2020+]:

$$H + H_{SO} S_i + H_{SS} S_1 S_2 + O(S^2)$$

Completely fix **new** 3rd sub-leading terms in  $H_{SO}$  and  $H_{SS}$ .



# PLANE WAVE SCATTERING: PROBING KERR SPACETIME

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Kerr BH  
( $M, a$ )

Note:  
 $0 \leq \frac{a}{GM} \leq 1$  for  
BHs with horizons

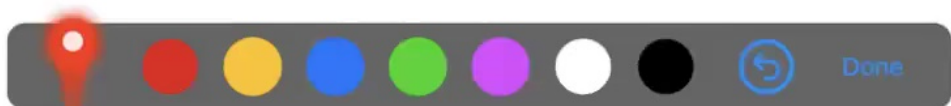
$\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega}$  -differential cross-section

In GR

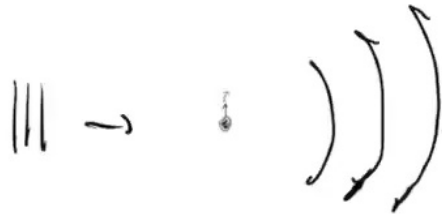
$$\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} \equiv \frac{dE^S}{dt d\Omega} / \frac{dE^{PW}}{dt d\Omega}$$

Textbook BHPT:

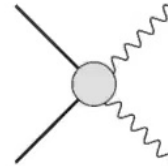
$$\frac{dE}{dt d\Omega} = \frac{1}{4\pi\omega} |\psi_4|^2$$



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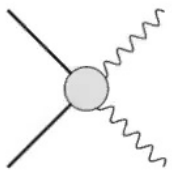
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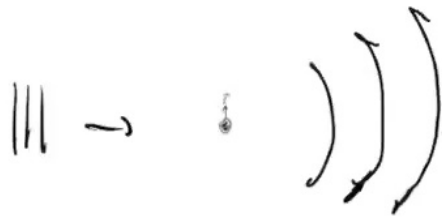
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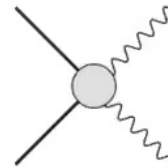
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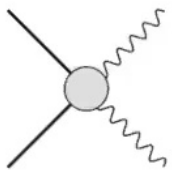
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flat spacetime plane wave  
[Chrzanowski et al 76']

$$R_{lm}^S(r \rightarrow \infty) \sim A^S e^{i\omega r_*}$$

$$R_{lm}^- = R^{PW} + R^S$$

$$R_{lm}^- = A(\omega) \sum a_n(\omega) {}_2F_1(r, \omega) \sim A(B_{lm\omega}^{\text{inc}} r^{-1} e^{-i\omega r_*} + B_{lm\omega}^{\text{ref}} r^3 e^{i\omega r_*})$$

using MST



Following [Matzner++ 70's, Dolan 07,08]

$$\frac{d\sigma}{dt} = |F|^2 + |G|^2$$

$$F(\theta, \phi) = \frac{1}{i\omega} \sum_{\ell} {}_{-2}S_{lm}(\gamma, \phi_0, a\omega) {}_{-2}S_{lm}(\theta, \phi, a\omega) (\mathcal{F}_{\ell m\omega} - 1)$$

$$\mathcal{F}_{\ell m\omega} = \frac{(-1)^{l+1} \mathcal{C}_{lm} B_{lm\omega}^{\text{ref}}}{16\omega^4 B_{lm\omega}^{\text{inc}}},$$

$$G(\theta, \phi) = \frac{1}{i\omega} \sum_{\ell} {}_{-2}S_{lm}(\gamma, \phi_0, a\omega) {}_{-2}S_{lm}(\pi - \theta, \pi - \phi, a\omega) \mathcal{G}_{\ell m\omega}$$

$$\mathcal{G}_{\ell m\omega} = -\frac{3i B_{lm\omega}^{\text{ref}}}{4\omega^3 B_{lm\omega}^{\text{inc}}}.$$

$B_{lm\omega}^{\text{ref}}, B_{lm\omega}^{\text{inc}}$  - analytic functions of  $a, \omega$  known from MST expansions

**Strategy:** expand in  $GM\omega \ll 1$ , fixing  $q = a/GM$ .

$$\mathcal{F} \sim a_0(q) + a_2(q)(GM\omega)^2 + a_3(q)(GM\omega)^3 + a_4(q)(GM\omega)^4 + a_5(q)(GM\omega)^5 + a_6(q)(GM\omega)^6 + O(GM\omega^7)$$

We find:

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## PRELIMINARY RESULTS

e.g. on axis scattering

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agrees *exactly* with

$$\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} \sim \frac{A_4^{\text{GR}} A_4^{*\text{GR}}}{128\pi^2 M} + \mathcal{O}(a^5)$$
$$= \frac{G^2 M^2}{\sin^4(\theta/2)} \left( \cos^8(\theta/2) e^{-4a\omega \sin(\theta/2)} + \sin^8(\theta/2) [\omega \rightarrow -\omega] \right)$$

where  $A_4^{\text{GR}}$  is the classical limit of the Compton amp





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## CONCLUSIONS/TAKE AWAYS

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- PN-SF increasingly useful, a lot of potential still unexplored
- Results from 2sf are beginning to arrive, exciting to see how they will fit in with the picture- currently working on a SF-PN calculation at 2nd order.
- Scattering Amplitude calculations proving useful- future higher spin PN?
- direct crossover between BHPT and Amplitudes is looking fruitful (see upcoming paper)

*LISA is <15 years away, there is a lot to do!*

