

Towards geometry for realistic stars from recursions

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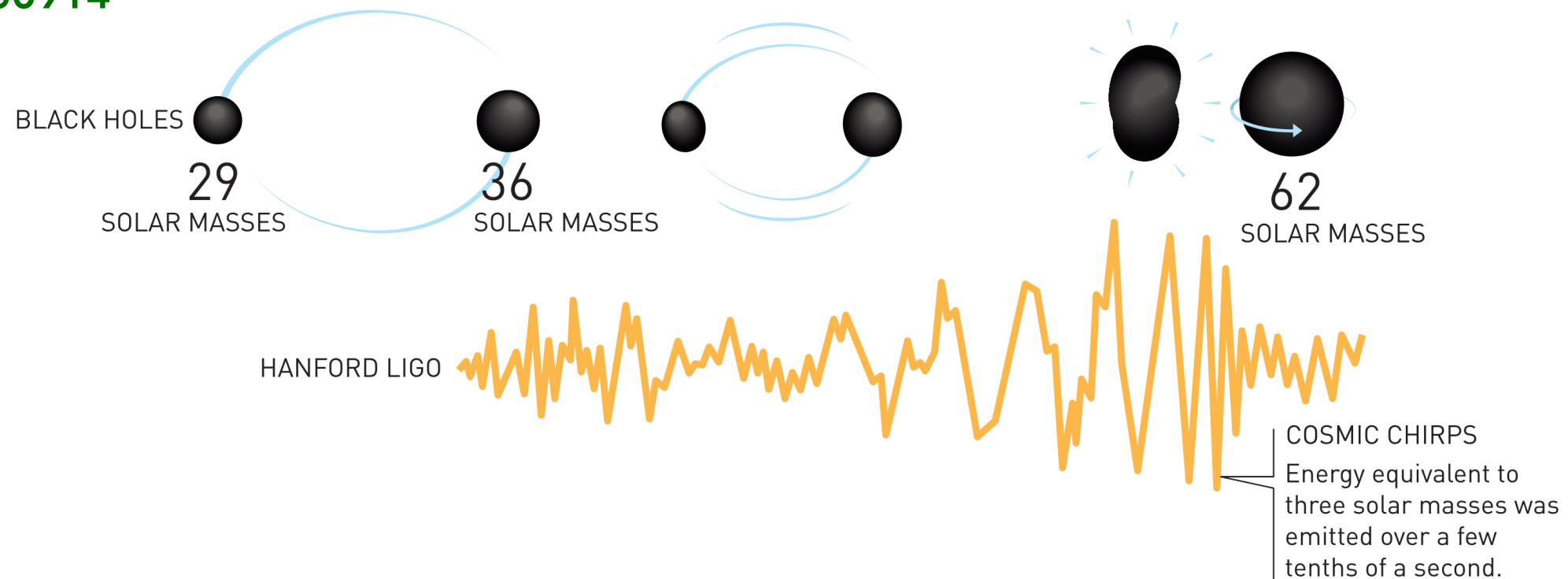
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Gravitational wave from Binary BH mergers

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- **Gravitational wave: new window to probe our Universe**
- How do we describe this system? $\implies$ **Solve Einstein equation** (perturbatively)
- *Are the theoretical tools we have powerful enough to solve this problem?*

Toy model — Schwarzschild BH solution

Solving perturbative Einstein Equation

1. **Solve Einstein Equation directly** (old and brute force approach)

- Green function method
- Perturbative GR is notorious for its complexity
- Leading order correction is the practical limit [Florides, Synge 61] [Westpfahl, 85]

2. **Scattering amplitude Approach** (since 2018)

- Modern techniques in **QFT/Quantum Gravity**

Generalized unitarity [Bern, Dixon, Dunbar, Kosower, hep-ph/9403226](#)

On-shell recursion [Britto, Cachazo, Feng, Witten, hep-th/0501052](#)

Color-kinematics duality and double copy [Bern, Carrasco, Johansson, 0805.3993, 1004.0476](#)

- Issues — convergence of the series, loop integrals, etc

3. **Go back to the Einstein equation again** (armed with new techniques)

- Most efficient method (biased) for solving perturbative GR [Damgaard, KL '24]

Traditional approach

Solving EoM perturbatively

- ϕ^4 -theory case: $\square = -\partial_t^2 + \partial_x^2 + \partial_y^2 + \partial_z^2$

$$(-\square + m^2)\phi(x) = \lambda\phi(x)^3, \quad \lambda \ll 1$$

- We may expand the solution as a power series in λ : $\phi = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \phi_n \lambda^n$
- EoM at λ^n -order

$$(-\square + m^2)\phi_n = \sum_{\substack{k,l,m \\ k+l+m+1=n}} \phi_k \phi_l \phi_m$$

- We may solve the equation by using **Green's function** $G(x-y)$ iteratively

$$(-\square + m^2)\phi_0 = 0 \quad \longleftarrow \text{plane-wave solution}$$

$$\phi_1 = \int_y G(x-y)(\phi_0(y))^3,$$

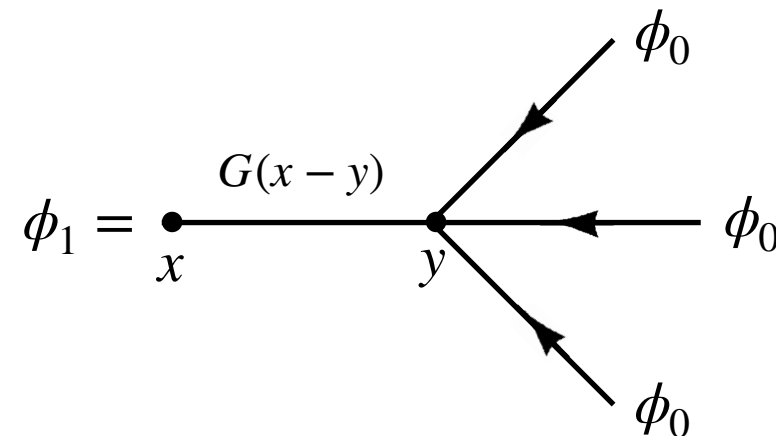
retarded Green's ft

$$\phi_2 = \int_y 3G(x-y)(\phi_0(y))^2\phi_1 = \int_y \int_{y'} 3G(x-y)\phi_0(y)^2 G(y-y')\phi_0(y')^3,$$

Diagrammatic representation

- One may find a simple pattern $\Rightarrow$ **Feynman diagram (tree level)**

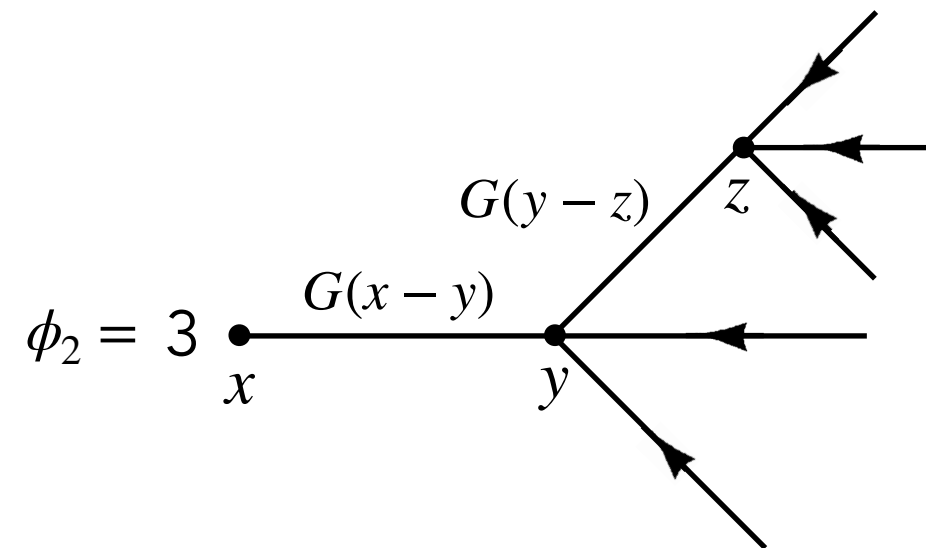
$$\phi_1 = \int_y G(x-y)(\phi_0(y))^3$$



loop(?!) integrals

$$\phi_2 = \int_y 3G(x-y)(\phi_0(y))^2\phi_1(y)$$

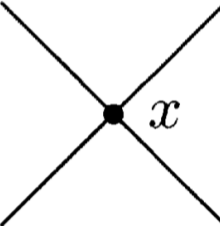
$$= \int_y \int_z 3G(x-y)\phi_0(y)^2 G(y-z)\phi_0(z)^3$$



Diagrams = EoM solution

Feynman Rules and gravity

- Feynman Rules

Propagator	$x \bullet \text{---} \bullet y$	$= G(x - y)$
Vertex		$= (-i\lambda) \int d^4x$
External leg		$= e^{ip \cdot x}$

- Diagrams generate “*loop integrands*” We don't need to derive EoM!
- Incorporating the **QFT techniques** — Feynman diagrams, loop integration...
- **Generalization to the gravity** — Feynman diagrams for GR (impossible task)
- Schwarzschild BH solution with a nontrivial source, “**Quantum tree graphs**” [Duff '73]

Complexity of Perturbative GR

- For **weak field regimes** $|h| \ll 1$

Flat background, no curvature

Metric: $g_{\mu\nu} = \eta_{\mu\nu} + h_{\mu\nu}$ ← Fluctuation, graviton

$$g^{\mu\nu} = \eta^{\mu\nu} - h^{\mu\nu} + (h^2)^{\mu\nu} - (h^3)^{\mu\nu} \dots \quad \sqrt{-g} = 1 - \frac{1}{2} \text{tr } h + \frac{1}{4} \left(\frac{h^2}{2} - \text{tr} [h^2] \right) + \dots$$

- Einstein-Hilbert action:**

$$S_{\text{EH}} = \frac{1}{2\kappa^2} \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} \left[\frac{1}{4} g^{\mu\nu} \partial_\mu g^{\rho\sigma} \partial_\nu g_{\rho\sigma} - \frac{1}{2} g^{\mu\nu} \partial_\mu g^{\rho\sigma} \partial_\rho g_{\nu\sigma} - g^{\mu\nu} \partial_\mu \partial_\nu \ln \sqrt{-g} \right]$$

$$\mathcal{O}(h^2) = 4, \quad \mathcal{O}(h^3) = 13, \quad \mathcal{O}(h^4) = 35, \quad \mathcal{O}(h^5) = 76 \dots$$

- Feynman rules?!** Bottleneck of the quantum gravity.

of terms

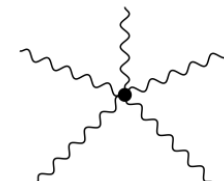
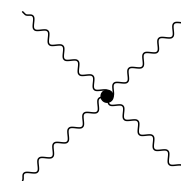
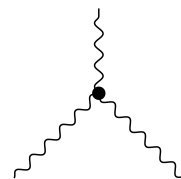
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$\sim 13 \cdot 3! = 78$

$\sim 35 \cdot 4! = 840$

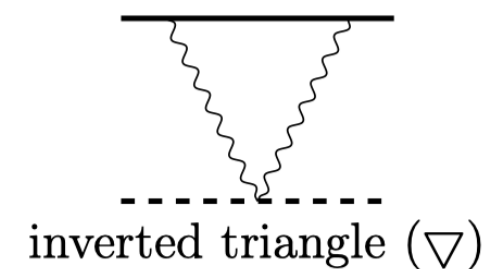
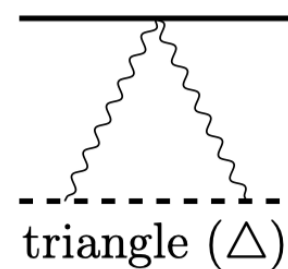
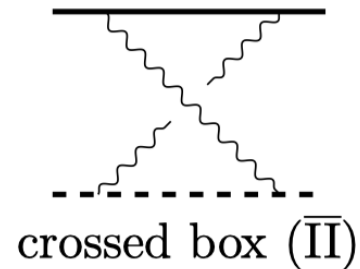
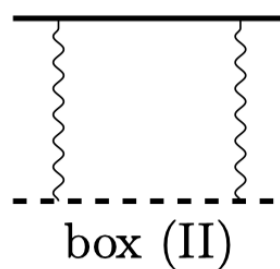
$\sim 76 \cdot 5! = 9120$


Propagator



Amplitude approach since 2018

- **Iwasaki ('71)** noticed that the classical limit, $\hbar \rightarrow 0$, of quantum scattering amplitudes leads to the classical gravity contribution — computed the **binding potential** between two BHs by using 2 to 2 scalar amplitude (Lippmann-Schwinger equation)
- Not all diagrams are relevant to the classical results at one-loop



- **Loophole: careful with the classical limit $\hbar \rightarrow 0$ of massive field theories**
- See the Klein-Gordon equation for a massive scalar field: $\square \phi(x) + \frac{m^2}{\hbar^2} \phi(x) = 0$
- **Loop order $\neq \hbar$ order**, Quantum gravity computation (loop diagrams).
- Recently, this approach has been revived by the **development of the amplitude techniques**. [Neill, Rothstein 13, Bjerrum-Bohr, Damgaard, Festuccia, Plante, Vanhove, Cheung, Rothstein, Solon, Kosower, Maybee, O'Connell '18,...]

In this talk...



- Returning to solving Einstein equation explicitly [Damgaard, KL, PRL `24]
- Three main ideas
 - **good variable** — By doubling the fields, the perturbative Einstein equation is drastically simplified. We can hide the ugly infinite expansion.
 - **recursion** — A new methodology for solving perturbative Einstein Equation
 - **bubble integrals** — All the “higher-loop integrals” are represented by iterations of one-loop integrals
- For the Schwarzschild BH case, we derived **all-order results** — first derivation!
 - **Efficiency** — fixed number of terms, recursions and simple loop integrals...
 - **Universality** — binary black holes, rotating black holes & cosmology etc

Perturbative GR and doubling prescription

Tensor density representation

➤ **Two sources** of the infinite expansion: g^{-1} and $\sqrt{-g}$

➤ **Field redefinition - tensor density** [Landau & Lifshitz book]:

$$\sigma^{\mu\nu} = \sqrt{-g} g^{\mu\nu}, \quad \sigma_{\mu\nu} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{-g}} g_{\mu\nu},$$

➤ **EH action** (up to total derivative) in terms of the **tensor density**

$$S_{\text{EH}} = \int d^D x \left[\frac{1}{4} \sigma^{\mu\nu} \partial_\mu \sigma^{\rho\sigma} \partial_\nu \sigma_{\rho\sigma} - \frac{1}{2} \sigma^{\mu\nu} \partial_\mu \sigma^{\rho\sigma} \partial_\rho \sigma_{\nu\sigma} + (D-2) \sigma^{\mu\nu} \partial_\mu \hat{d} \partial_\nu \hat{d} \right], \quad \partial_\mu \hat{d} = -\frac{1}{4} \sigma^{\rho\sigma} \partial_\mu \sigma_{\rho\sigma}$$

➤ **Idea:** do not substitute metric perturbations from the beginning!

➤ Let us treat the **metric** (σ) and the **inverse metric** (σ^{-1}) on **equal footing**

➤ **Remove metric** (σ) and **introduce an auxiliary field** $\tilde{\sigma}$. on-shell value of $\tilde{\sigma}_{\mu\nu} = \sigma_{\mu\nu}$

➤ Impose a **constraint**: $\tilde{\sigma}_{\mu\nu} \sigma^{\nu\rho} = \delta_\mu^\rho$

➤ perturbative expansions: $\sigma^{\mu\nu} = \eta^{\mu\nu} - h^{\mu\nu}$, $\tilde{\sigma}_{\mu\nu} = \eta_{\mu\nu} + \tilde{h}_{\mu\nu}$.

➤ Then $\tilde{h}$ satisfies the constraint $\implies \tilde{h}^{\mu\nu} = h^{\mu\nu} + \tilde{h}^\mu_\rho h^{\rho\nu}$, $\tilde{h}^{\mu\nu}_{(n)} = h^{\mu\nu}_{(n)} + \sum_{m=1}^{n-1} \tilde{h}^{\mu\rho}_{(n-m)} h^{\rho\nu}_{(m)}$

Source of the Schwarzschild BH

- Consider pure gravity with a matter

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

where $j_{\mu\nu}(x)$ is an external source (density) without metric dependence,

- Relation to the energy-momentum tensor $T_{\mu\nu}$

$$\sqrt{-g} T_{\mu\nu} = j_{\mu\nu}$$

- Schwarzschild BH is not a vacuum solution — point mass source

- **Energy-momentum tensor** for a point mass traveling on a worldline $x^\mu(\tau)$

$$T^{\mu\nu}(y^\sigma) = 8\pi GM \int \left[\frac{\delta^{(4)}(y^\sigma - x^\sigma(\tau))}{\sqrt{-g}} \right] \frac{dx^\mu}{d\tau} \frac{dx^\nu}{d\tau} d\tau$$

- Source of Schwarzschild BH — a **static point mass** placed at the origin, $\mathbf{x} = 0$

$$j_{\mu\nu}(x) = 8\pi GM v_\mu v_\nu \delta^3(\mathbf{x}), \quad v^\mu = \frac{dx^\mu}{d\tau} = (-1, 0, 0, 0).$$

Field equation

➤ Einstein tensor (density)

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{G}^{\mu\nu} = & \frac{1}{2}\sigma^{\rho\sigma} \left[\partial_\rho \partial_\sigma \sigma^{\mu\nu} + \partial_\rho \sigma^{\kappa\mu} \partial_\sigma \tilde{\sigma}_{\kappa\lambda} \sigma^{\nu\lambda} \right] - \sigma^{\rho(\mu} \left[\partial_\rho \partial_\sigma \sigma^{\nu)\sigma} + \partial_\rho \sigma^{|\kappa\lambda} \partial_\kappa \tilde{\sigma}_{\lambda\sigma} \sigma^{\sigma|\nu)} \right] \\ & + \sigma^{\mu\kappa} \sigma^{\nu\lambda} \left[\frac{1}{4} \partial_\kappa \sigma^{\rho\sigma} \partial_\lambda \tilde{\sigma}_{\rho\sigma} + (D-2) \partial_\kappa \hat{d} \partial_\lambda \hat{d} \right] \\ & + \frac{1}{2} \left[\partial_\rho \sigma^{\rho\sigma} \partial_\sigma \sigma^{\mu\nu} - \partial_\sigma \sigma^{\rho\mu} \partial_\rho \sigma^{\sigma\nu} \right] + \sigma^{\mu\nu} \left[\partial_\kappa \left(\sigma^{\kappa\lambda} \partial_\lambda \hat{d} \right) \right],\end{aligned}$$

➤ Einstein equation

$$\sqrt{-\sigma} \mathcal{G}^{\mu\nu} = j^{\mu\nu}$$

$$\mathcal{G}^{\mu\nu} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} G^n \mathcal{G}_{(n)}^{\mu\nu}, \quad j^{\mu\nu}(x) = G j_{(1)}^{\mu\nu}(x)$$

➤ $j^{\mu\nu}$ contributes to the G^1 -order only

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{G}_{(1)}^{\mu\nu} &= -\frac{1}{2} \square h_{(1)}^{\mu\nu} = j^{\mu\nu} \\ \mathcal{G}_{(n)}^{\mu\nu} &= 0, \quad n > 1\end{aligned}$$

Harmonic vs de Donder gauge

- One of the most straightforward gauge choices is the **harmonic** or **de Donder gauge**

$$\underbrace{g^{\mu\nu}\Gamma_{\mu\nu}^{\rho} = 0}_{\text{harmonic gauge}} \quad \text{or} \quad \underbrace{\partial_{\mu}h^{\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{2}\eta^{\mu\nu}\partial_{\mu}h^{\rho}_{\rho} = 0}_{\text{de Donder gauge}} \quad \text{for } g_{\mu\nu} = \eta_{\mu\nu} + h_{\mu\nu}$$

- **Linearized harmonic gauge = de Donder gauge**, but not in higher orders

- However, in the tensor density perturbations, these are equivalent

$$g^{\mu\nu}\Gamma_{\mu\nu}^{\rho} = \partial_{\mu}(\sqrt{-g}g^{\mu\rho}) = \partial_{\mu}\sigma^{\mu\rho} = \partial_{\mu}h^{\mu\rho} = 0$$

- In our perturbation convention,

harmonic gauge = de Donder gauge

- If we obtained a solution using amplitude, in what coordinates do we get the result?

$\iff$ gauge choice

- However, it is not obvious in actual computation...

Schwarzschild metric in harmonic coordinates

➤ The usual form of the Schwarzschild metric

$$ds^2 = - \left(1 - \frac{2GM}{r}\right) dt^2 + \left(1 - \frac{2GM}{r}\right)^{-1} dr^2 + r^2 d\Omega^2$$

➤ In the **harmonic coordinates**, the metric

$$ds^2 = - \frac{r - GM}{r + GM} dt^2 + \frac{r + GM}{r - GM} dr^2 + (r + GM)^2 d\Omega, \quad \text{obtained by } r \rightarrow r + GM$$

➤ The **tensor density** $\sigma^{\mu\nu}$ for this metric ($\sigma^{\mu\nu} = \sqrt{-g} g^{\mu\nu}$),

$$\sigma^{\mu\nu} \partial_\mu \partial_\nu = - \frac{(r + GM)^3}{r^2 (r - GM)} \partial_t^2 + \left(\delta^{ij} - \frac{G^2 M^2 x^i x^j}{r^4} \right) \partial_i \partial_j.$$

➤ The corresponding metric perturbations $h^{\mu\nu}$

$$h^{00} = -1 + \frac{(r + GM)^3}{r^2 (r - GM)} = \frac{4GM}{r} + \frac{7G^2 M^2}{r^2} + \frac{8G^3 M^3}{r^3} + \frac{8G^4 M^4}{r^4} + \dots,$$
$$h^{ij} = \frac{G^2 M^2 x^i x^j}{r^4}.$$

Coefficients of h^{00} is fixed by "8" while h^{ij} truncates at the second order

Remained ambiguity

[Fromholz, Poisson, Will '13]

The Schwarzschild metric: It's the coordinates, stupid!]

- Even after the harmonic gauge, the form of the metric is not fixed yet
- Most general solution in harmonic coordinate — a new parameter C

$$\sigma^{00} = -1 - \frac{4M}{r} - \frac{7M^2}{r^2} - \frac{8M^3}{r^3} - \frac{8M^4 - 2CM/3}{r^4} + \mathcal{O}(r^{-5})$$

$$\sigma^{ij} = \left(1 - \frac{C}{3r^3} - \frac{2CM^2}{5r^5} + \mathcal{O}(r^{-6}) \right) \delta^{ij} + \left(-\frac{G^2 M^2}{r^2} + \frac{C}{r^3} + \frac{2G^2 M^2 C}{3r^3} + \mathcal{O}(r^{-6}) \right) \frac{x^i x^j}{r^2}$$

- Solving the de Donder gauge, $\partial_\mu h^{\mu\nu} = 0$, admits an **integration constant C**
- If we turn off C , the solution returns to the previous metric expansion.
- The existence of the parameter has recently been observed in the differential equation.
- How can we interpret this ambiguity in **the field theory context?**

Recursion Relation for perturbative GR solutions

Perturbative expansion [Rosly, Selivanov '96,'97], [KL '22]

- **Modern derivation:** substituting the **perturbative expansion** into the classical **EoM**
 $\implies$ connects **solutions of EoM** and **tree-level amplitudes**
- **The classical field** in the quantum effective action formalism — 1-point function in the presence of the source $j^{\mu\nu}$

$$h^{\mu\nu}(x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n!} \int_{y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n} \langle 0 | T[h_x^{\mu\nu} h_{y_1}^{\kappa_1 \lambda_1} \dots h_{y_n}^{\kappa_n \lambda_n}] | 0 \rangle_c \frac{i j_{y_1}^{\kappa_1 \lambda_1}}{\hbar} \dots \frac{i j_{y_n}^{\kappa_n \lambda_n}}{\hbar}.$$

- The field corresponds to a different physical quantity depending on the sources:

- **Inverse propagator:** $j_x^{\mu\nu} = \sum_{i=1}^N \int_{y_i} \mathbf{K}_{xy_i}^{\mu\nu, \rho\sigma} e^{-ik_i \cdot y_i} \implies$ scattering amplitude.
- **Plane-wave:** $j_x^{\mu\nu} = \sum_{i=1}^N \int_{y_i} e^{-ik_i \cdot y_i} \implies$ Correlation function.
- **Point-mass source:** $j_x^{\mu\nu} = M v^\mu v^\nu \int_{\mathcal{C}} e^{-i\ell \cdot x} \implies$ **solutions of EoM.** $v^\mu = \frac{dx^\mu}{d\tau} = (-1, 0, 0, 0).$

Perturbative expansion for classical solutions

➤ Substituting the external sources:
$$h^{\mu\nu}(x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n!} \int_{\ell_1, \ell_2, \dots, \ell_n} J^{\mu\nu}_{\ell_1 \ell_2 \dots \ell_n} e^{-i\ell_{12\dots n} \cdot x},$$

➤ It is convenient to shift the loop momenta, $\ell_1 \rightarrow -\ell_{12\dots n}$

$$h^{\mu\nu}(x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \int_{\ell_1} e^{i\ell_1 \cdot x} \int_{\ell_2, \dots, \ell_n} \frac{1}{(n-1)!} J^{\mu\nu}_{-\ell_{12\dots n} \ell_2 \dots \ell_n} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \int_{\ell_1} e^{i\ell_1 \cdot x} J^{\mu\nu}_{(n)|\ell_1},$$

$J^{\mu\nu}_{(n)|\ell_1} = \int_{\ell_2, \dots, \ell_n} \frac{1}{(n-1)!} J^{\mu\nu}_{-\ell_{12\dots n} \ell_2 \dots \ell_n}$

➤ Compare with the **amplitude perturbative** — **A continuous limit**
finite # of particles cannot generate the classical solutions

$$h^{\mu\nu} = \sum_{\mathcal{P}} J^{\mu\nu}_{\mathcal{P}} e^{-ik_{\mathcal{P}} \cdot x}$$

➤ We call the number of the loop momenta of an off-shell current as **rank**.
 Here the rank is equivalent to the powers of coupling G

$$h^{\mu\nu} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} G^n h^{\mu\nu}_{(n)} \quad \text{and} \quad h^{\mu\nu}_{(n)} = \int_{\ell} J^{\mu\nu}_{(n)|\ell} e^{i\ell \cdot x}$$

Structure of loop integrals

➤ Substituting the perturbative expansion into the EoMs

$$h_{(n)}^{\mu\nu} = \int_{\ell} e^{i\ell \cdot x} J_{(n)|\ell}^{\mu\nu} \quad \text{and} \quad \tilde{h}_{(n)}^{\mu\nu} = \int_{\ell} e^{i\ell \cdot x} \tilde{J}_{(n)|\ell}^{\mu\nu}$$

➤ Perturbative Einstein eq

$$h_1(x)h_2(x)\cdots h_n(x) \Rightarrow \int_{\ell_1} e^{i\ell_{12\dots n} \cdot x} \int_{\ell_2, \ell_3, \dots, \ell_n} J_{1|\ell_1} J_{2|\ell_2} \cdots J_{n|\ell_n} = \int_{\ell_1} e^{-i\ell_1 \cdot x} \int_{\ell_2, \ell_3, \dots, \ell_n} J_{1|-\ell_{12\dots n}} J_{2|\ell_2} \cdots J_{n|\ell_n}$$

One-loop bubble integral $J'_{1|\ell_1\ell_3\dots\ell_n}$

$$\int_{\ell_3, \dots, \ell_n} \left(\int_{\ell_2} J_{1|-\ell_{12\dots n}} J_{2|\ell_2} \right) J_{3|\ell_3} \cdots J_{n|\ell_n}$$

$$\int_{\ell_4, \dots, \ell_n} \left(\int_{\ell_3} J'_{1|-\ell_{13\dots n}} J_{3|\ell_3} \right) J_{4|\ell_4} \cdots J_{n|\ell_n}$$

➤ **Fourier integrals** $\iff$ **loop integrals**: number of loops = number of fields - 1

➤ **Integral Factorization** — iterative structure of loop integrals.

➤ This implies that **only bubble integrals are required**

Recursions and currents at rank 1

➤ Rank-1 EoM — **Poisson equation**

$$\Delta h_{(1)}^{\mu\nu} = -2j^{\mu\nu} = -2Mv^\mu v^\nu \int_k e^{ik \cdot x}$$

➤ Substituting the perturbative expansion $h_{(1)}^{\mu\nu} = \int_{\ell} J_{\ell}^{\mu\nu} e^{-i\ell \cdot x}$, we obtain the initial condition of the off-shell recursion relation

$$J_{(1)|\ell}^{\mu\nu} = \frac{2\kappa^2 M}{|\ell|^2} v^\mu v^\nu = \frac{16\pi GM}{|\ell|^2} v^\mu v^\nu,$$

Or equivalently

$$J_{(1)|\ell}^{00} = \frac{16\pi GM}{|\ell|^2}, \quad J_{(1)|\ell}^{0i} = 0, \quad J_{(1)|\ell}^{ij} = 0.$$

➤ Since we are assuming an asymptotically flat metric, J^{ij} cannot be a plane wave.

➤ After Fourier transformation, we have the Newton potential — consistent with the metric expansion

$$h_{(1)}^{00} = \frac{4GM}{r} \quad h_{(1)}^{0i} = 0 \quad h_{(1)}^{ij} = 0$$

Recursions and currents at rank 2

➤ The corresponding recursion is

$$J_{(2)|-\ell_1}^{00} = \frac{\kappa}{|\ell_1|^2} \int_{\ell_2} \left[\frac{5}{4} |\ell_2|^2 - \frac{7}{8} \ell_{12} \cdot \ell_2 \right] J_{(1)|-\ell_{12}}^{00} J_{(1)|\ell_2}^{00},$$

$$J_{(2)|-\ell_1}^{ij} = \frac{\kappa}{|\ell_1|^2} \int_{\ell_2} \left[\frac{\ell_{12}^{(i} \ell_2^{j)}}{4} - \frac{\delta^{ij} \ell_{12} \cdot \ell_2}{8} \right] J_{(1)|-\ell_{12}}^{00} J_{(1)|\ell_2}^{00}.$$

➤ 1-loop **bubble integrals**

$$J_{(2)|-\ell_1}^{00} = \frac{(16\pi GM)^2}{|\ell_1|^2} \int_{\ell_2} \frac{1}{|\ell_2|^2 |\ell_{12}|^2} \left[\frac{5}{4} |\ell_2|^2 - \frac{7}{8} \ell_{12} \cdot \ell_2 \right] = \frac{14\pi^2 G^2 M^2}{|\ell_1|}.$$

$$J_{(2)|-\ell_1}^{ij} = \frac{(16\pi GM)^2}{8|\ell_1|^2} \int_{\ell_2} \left[\frac{2\ell_1^{(i} \ell_2^{j)} + 2\ell_2^i \ell_2^j - \delta^{ij} \ell_1^k \ell_2^k}{|\ell_2|^2 |\ell_{12}|^2} + \frac{\delta^{ij}}{2} \frac{1}{|\ell_{12}|^2} \right] = \pi^2 G^2 M^2 \left[-\frac{\ell_1^i \ell_1^j}{|\ell_1|^3} + \frac{\delta^{ij}}{|\ell_1|} \right]$$

➤ The Fourier transformation gives the correct perturbed metric

Recursions and currents at rank 3

➤ Rank-3 recursion

$$|\ell_1|^2 J_{(3)|-\ell_1}^{00} = - (GM)^3 \left[\ell_1^i X_{(3)|-\ell_1}^i + \ell_1^i \int_{\ell_2} \ell_{12}^j J_{(1)|-\ell_{12}}^{00} J_{(2)|\ell_2}^{ij} \right].$$

$$|\ell_1|^2 J_{(3)|-\ell_1}^{ij} = \int_{\ell_2} \left[8d_{(2)|-\ell_{12}}^{(i} d_{(1)|\ell_2}^{j)} - 2h_{(2)}^{ij} \ell_2^k d_{(1)|\ell_2}^k \right] + 2\delta^{ij} \ell_1^k d_{(3)}^k + \frac{1}{2} W_{(3)}^{ij}$$

$$X_{(n)|-\ell_1}^i = \int_{\ell_2} \ell_2^i \sum_{m=1}^{n-1} \tilde{J}_{(n-m)|-\ell_{12}}^{00} J_{(m)|\ell_2}^{00}, \quad Y_{(n)|-\ell_1}^i = \int_{\ell_2} \ell_2^i \tilde{J}_{(n-2)|-\ell_{12}}^{kl} J_{(2)|\ell_2}^{kl},$$

➤ Again, we need only 1-loop bubble integrals.

➤ In dimensional regularization

$$J_{(3)|-\ell_1}^{00} = \frac{(GM)^3}{|\ell_1|^{d-3}} 2^{d+1} \pi^{\frac{d-1}{2}} \Gamma\left(\frac{d-3}{2}\right),$$

$$J_{(3)|\ell}^{ij} = - \int_{\ell_2} \frac{16\pi^3 \delta^{ij}}{3 |\ell_1|^2 |\ell_2|} = 0.$$

Scaleless integral
vanishes in dim. Reg.

➤ The only place where divergences arise!

➤ **other regularization scheme** — it does not vanish, and the solution should be modified!

➤ This explains the ambiguity, C factor

Recursions and currents at rank 4

➤ Rank-4 EoMs

$$\Delta h_{(4)}^{00} = \partial_i \left(\sum_{m=1}^3 \tilde{h}_{(4-m)}^{00} \partial^i h_{(m)}^{00} - \tilde{h}_{(2)}^{kl} \partial^i h_{(2)}^{kl} - \tilde{h}_{(1)}^{00} \partial_j h_{(1)}^{00} h_{(2)}^{ij} + \partial_j h_{(2)}^{00} h_{(2)}^{ij} + \partial_j h_{(2)}^{kk} h_{(2)}^{ij} \right),$$

$$\Delta h_{(4)}^{ij} = h_{(2)}^{kl} \partial_k \partial_l h_{(2)}^{ij} - 2h_{(2)}^{k(i} \partial_k \partial_l h_{(2)}^{j)l} + \frac{1}{2} \left(2Z_{(4)}^{k(i}{}_{k}{}^{j)} - 4Z_{(4)}^{(i|k|}{}_{k}{}^{j)} + Z_{(4)}^{(i|k|j)}{}_k + W_{(4)}^{(ij)} \right)$$

$$- \frac{1}{2} W_{(2)l}^{(i} h_{(2)}^{j)l} + 4d_{(2)}^i d_{(2)}^j + \partial_k h_{(2)}^{kl} \partial_l h_{(2)}^{ij} - \partial_l h_{(2)}^{ki} \partial_k h_{(2)}^{lj} - 2h_{(2)}^{ij} \partial_k d_{(2)}^k,$$

➤ 3-loop integral in the diagrammatic approach — (1-loop)³

➤ The solution of the corresponding recursion

$$J_{(4)|-\ell_1}^{00} = (GM)^4 2^{d-1} \pi^{d/2} |\ell_1|^{4-d} \Gamma\left(\frac{d}{2}-2\right),$$

$$J_{(4)|-\ell_1}^{ij} = 0$$

All-order Currents

➤ From $n \geq 5$ cases, the forms of the EoM/Recursion are fixed.

➤ In the harmonic gauge, the Landau-Lifshitz variables are extremely simple

$$h^{00} = -1 + \frac{(r + GM)^3}{r^2(r - GM)} = \frac{4GM}{r} + \frac{7G^2M^2}{r^2} + \frac{8G^3M^3}{r^3} + \frac{8G^4M^4}{r^4} + \dots ,$$

$$h^{ij} = \frac{G^2M^2x^ix^j}{r^4} .$$

➤ One can read off the currents arbitrary order in G from the Fourier transformation

$$J_{(1)|\ell}^{00} = \frac{4(GM)2^{D-1}\pi^{\frac{D}{2}}\Gamma\left[\frac{D-1}{2}\right]}{\Gamma\left[\frac{1}{2}\right]} \frac{1}{|\ell|^{D-1}} ,$$

$$J_{(2)|\ell}^{00} = 7(GM)^22^{D-2}\pi^{\frac{D}{2}}\Gamma\left[\frac{D-2}{2}\right] \frac{1}{|\ell|^{D-2}} ,$$

$$J_{(n)|\ell}^{00} = \frac{8(GM)^n\pi^{\frac{D}{2}}\Gamma\left[\frac{D-n}{2}\right]}{2^{n-D}\Gamma\left[\frac{n}{2}\right]} \frac{1}{|\ell|^{D-n}} , \quad \text{for } n \geq 3$$

$$J_{(2)|\ell}^{ij} = (GM)^2\pi^{\frac{D}{2}}2^{D-3} \left[-\frac{2\Gamma\left[\frac{D}{2}\right]\ell^i\ell^j}{|\ell|^D} + \frac{\Gamma\left[\frac{D-2}{2}\right]\delta^{ij}}{|\ell|^{D-2}} \right] .$$

➤ One can show the followings by using the **induction**

Arbitrary rank $n \geq 5$ — J^{00}

➤ We can show that the off-shell currents at an arbitrary order n by induction.

➤ The corresponding recursion: $J_{(n)|\ell}^{00} = \mathcal{E}_{(n)|\ell}^{[1]} - \mathcal{E}_{(n)|\ell}^{[2]}$,

even

$$\mathcal{E}_{(2n)|-\ell_1}^{[1]} = (GM)^{2n} \frac{\ell_1^i}{|\ell_1|^2} \left(-X_{(2n)|-\ell_1}^i + Y_{(2n)|-\ell_1}^i \right),$$

$$\mathcal{E}_{(2n)|-\ell_1}^{[2]} = (GM)^{2n} \frac{\ell_1^i}{|\ell_1|^2} \int_{\ell_2} \left(-X_{(2n-2)|-\ell_{12}}^j + Y_{(2n-2)|-\ell_{12}}^j - \ell_{12}^j J_{(2n-2)|-\ell_{12}}^{00} \right) J_{(2)|\ell_2}^{ij}.$$

odd

$$\mathcal{E}_{(2n+1)|-\ell_1}^{[1]} = - (GM)^{2n+1} \frac{\ell_1^i}{|\ell_1|^2} X_{(2n+1)|-\ell_1}^i,$$

$$\mathcal{E}_{(2n+1)|-\ell_1}^{[2]} = (GM)^{2n+1} \frac{\ell_1^i}{|\ell_1|^2} \int_{\ell_2} \left(-X_{(2n-1)|-\ell_{12}}^j - \ell_{12}^j J_{(2n-1)|-\ell_{12}}^{00} \right) J_{(2)|\ell_2}^{ij}.$$

➤ Performing the bubble integrals and substituting, we have

$$J_{(2n)}^{00} = \frac{8(GM)^{2n} \pi^{\frac{D}{2}} 2^{D-2n} \Gamma[\frac{D}{2} - n]}{\Gamma[n]} \frac{1}{|\ell|^{D-2n}},$$

$$J_{(2n+1)}^{00} = \frac{8(GM)^{2n} \pi^{\frac{D}{2}} 2^{D-2n-1} \Gamma[\frac{D-2n-1}{2}]}{\Gamma[n + \frac{1}{2}]} \frac{1}{|\ell|^{D-2n-1}},$$

Arbitrary rank $n \geq 5$ — J^{ij}

➤ The EoM for the spatial components

$$\Delta h_{(n)}^{ij} = \sum_{m=1}^{n-1} 4d_{(n-m)}^i d_{(m)}^j + 2\sigma^{ij} \partial_k d^k + Z_{(n)}^{k(i} j) - 2Z_{(n)}^{(i|k|} j) + \frac{1}{2} Z_{(n)}^{(i|k|j)}{}_k + \frac{1}{2} W_{(n)}^{(ij)} \\ - \left(Z_{(n-2)kl}^{k(i} - 2Z_{(n-2)kl}^{(i|k|} + \frac{1}{2} Z_{(n-2)lk}^{(i|k|} + \frac{1}{2} W_{(n-2)}^{(i|l|} \right) h_{(2)}^{j)l}$$

➤ Divide the EoM into **3 sectors**: d-sector, W-sector and Z-sector

➤ Interestingly, these three sectors vanish individually (**induction**).

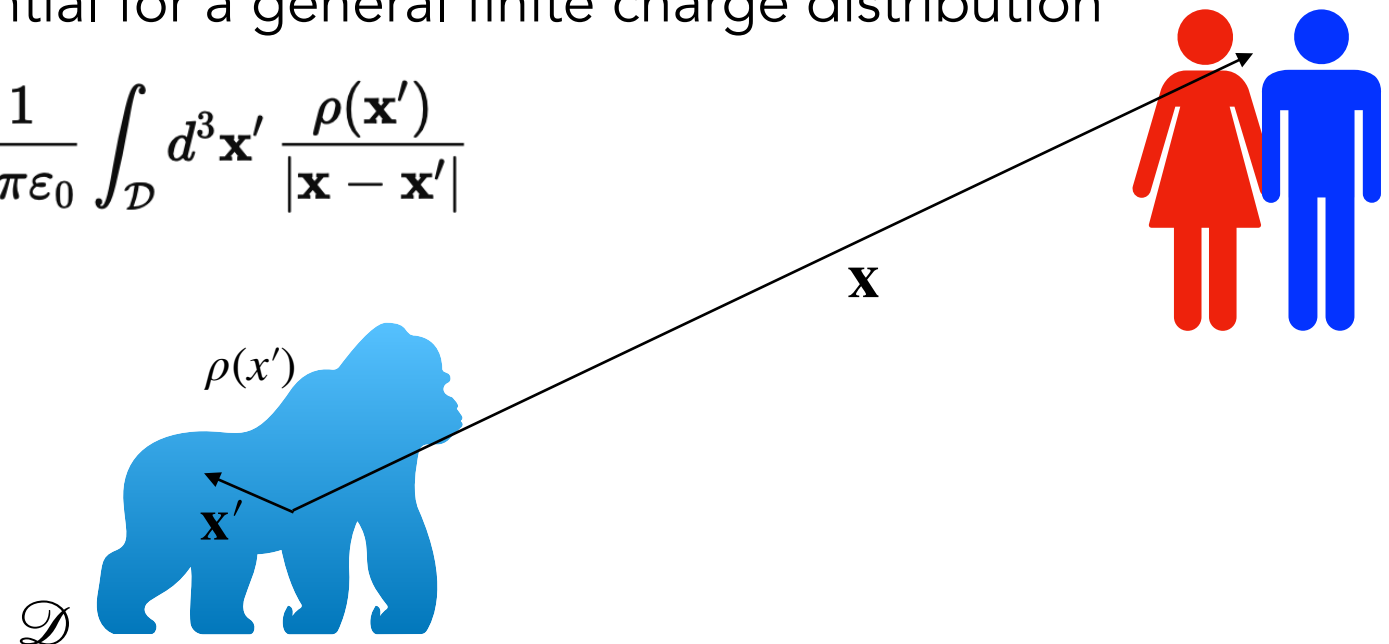
➤ This implies $J_{(n)|\mathcal{E}}^{ij} = 0$, as we expected

➤ This shows the all-order perturbative expansion satisfies the Einstein equation.

Multipole expansion

➤ Hopeless to find the exact potential for a general finite charge distribution

➤ Electrostatic potential: $\Phi(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \int_{\mathcal{D}} d^3\mathbf{x}' \frac{\rho(\mathbf{x}')}{|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}'|}$



➤ Spherical harmonics: $\frac{1}{|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}'|} = \sum_{\ell=0}^{\infty} \sum_{m=-\ell}^{\ell} \frac{4\pi}{2\ell+1} \frac{r'^{\ell}}{r^{\ell+1}} Y_{\ell m}^*(\hat{\mathbf{n}}') Y_{\ell m}(\hat{\mathbf{n}}), \quad r' < r,$

➤ multipole expansion: $\Phi(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \sum_{\ell=0}^{\infty} \sum_{m=-\ell}^{\ell} \frac{4\pi}{2\ell+1} \frac{1}{r^{\ell+1}} Q_{\ell m} Y_{\ell m}(\hat{\mathbf{n}}),$

$$Q_{\ell m} \equiv \int d^3\mathbf{x}' r'^{\ell} Y_{\ell m}^*(\hat{\mathbf{n}}') \rho(\mathbf{x}').$$

➤ For the perturbative GR computation, it is convenient to use the Cartesian coordinates (loop integral in spherical coordinates?!)

STF tensor representation

- Consider the following rank- ℓ symmetric trace-free (STF) tensor with a unit vector

$$n^i = x^i/r$$

$$\hat{n}^L := n^{\langle i_1} n^{i_2} \dots n^{i_\ell \rangle}$$

- These are in one-to-one correspondence with the spherical harmonics

$$Y_{\ell m}(\theta_1, \phi_1) = Y_{\ell m}^L \hat{n}^L(\theta_1, \phi_1), \quad \hat{n}_L = \frac{4\pi}{2\ell + 1} \sum_{m=-\ell}^{\ell} Y_{\ell m}^L Y_{\ell m}$$

where $Y_{\ell m}^L = Y_{\ell m}^{i_1 i_2 \dots i_\ell}$ are constants.

- Multipole moment in STF basis

$$Q_L \equiv \int d^3\mathbf{x} \rho(\mathbf{x}) x^{\langle i_1} \dots x^{i_\ell \rangle} = \int d^3\mathbf{x} \rho(\mathbf{x}) r^\ell \hat{n}_L$$

GR case

➤ Mass multipole moments

$$M^L(t) = (-1)^\ell \int d^3x T^{00}(t, \mathbf{x}) \hat{x}^L$$

➤ Current multipole moments

$$\begin{aligned} S^L(t) &= (-1)^\ell \int d^3x \hat{x}_{L-1} \epsilon_{ijk} x^j T^{0k} \\ &= (-1)^\ell \int d^3x \epsilon^{jk \langle i_1} x^{i_1} \dots x^{i_{\ell-1} \rangle} x^j T^{0k}(t, \mathbf{x}) \end{aligned}$$

➤ For the stationary case, $T_{\text{stationary}}^{ij} = 0$

From the conservation, $\partial_i T^{ij} = 0$ and we have $\int d^3x x^L \partial_i T^{ij} = 0$,

After integration by part,

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= \int d^3x \partial_i (x^L T^{ij}) - \int d^3x T^{ij} \partial_i x^L \\ &= \oint_{S_\infty} \underbrace{dS_i x^L T^{ij}}_{=0} - \int d^3x \underbrace{T^{ij} \partial_i x^L}_{x^{L-1}} \implies T^{ij} = 0 \end{aligned}$$

MPM expansion

➤ **Post-Minkowskian expansion**: power expansion with respect to Newton's constant G

$$g^{\mu\nu}(x^\mu) \equiv \sqrt{-g} g^{\mu\nu} = \eta^{\mu\nu} - \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} G^n h_{(n)}^{\mu\nu},$$

➤ Multipole expansion for the n -PM field $h_{(n)}^{\mu\nu}$

$$h_{(n)}^{\mu\nu}(x^\mu) = \sum_{l=0}^{l_{\max}} h_{(n)L}^{\mu\nu}(r, t) \hat{n}^L$$

➤ In the Multipolar post-Minkowskian (MPM) framework, $h_{(n)}^{\mu\nu}$ is expanded in terms of the mass and current multipoles

$$\{M_L, S_L\}, \quad L = i_1 \cdots i_\ell.$$

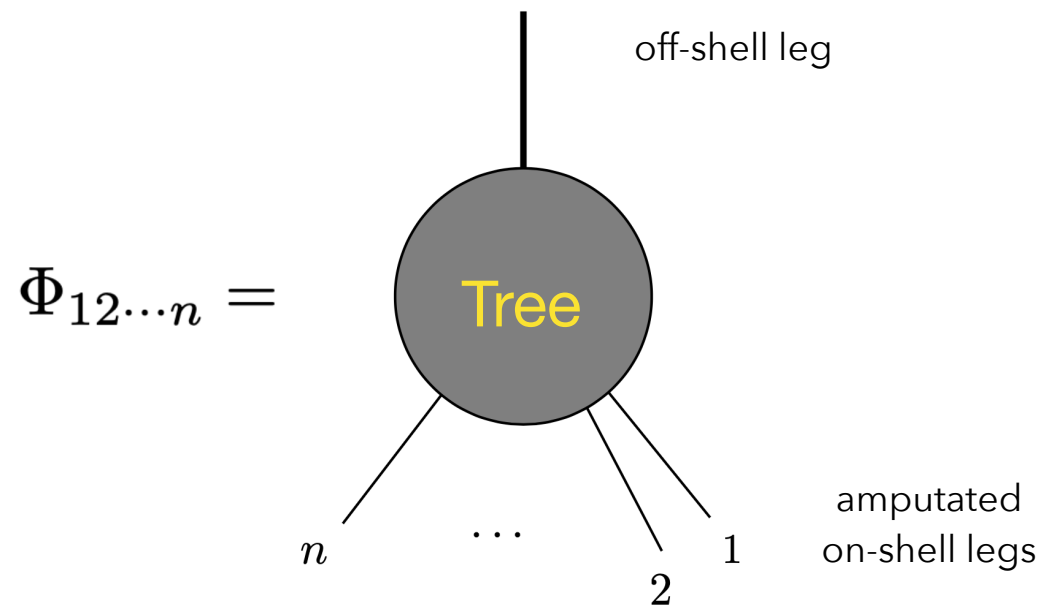
Summary and future directions

- ▶ **Established a new computational framework for perturbative GR**
 - ▶ defined a “good” variable — tensor density & doubled metric
 - ▶ derived a recursion relation in a remarkably simple form — no infinite expansion
 - ▶ Showed the integral factorization occurs — only bubble integrals arise
 - ▶ Derived the Schwarzschild BH solution all orders in Newton constant
- ▶ **Applications**
 - ▶ Extension to binary black holes — two moving point masses
 - ▶ Kerr BH and stars (gravitational multipole expansion)
 - ▶ Finding interesting unknown solutions — physically intuitive setup.
 - ▶ Computing scattering amplitudes for QCD/SM

Thank you!

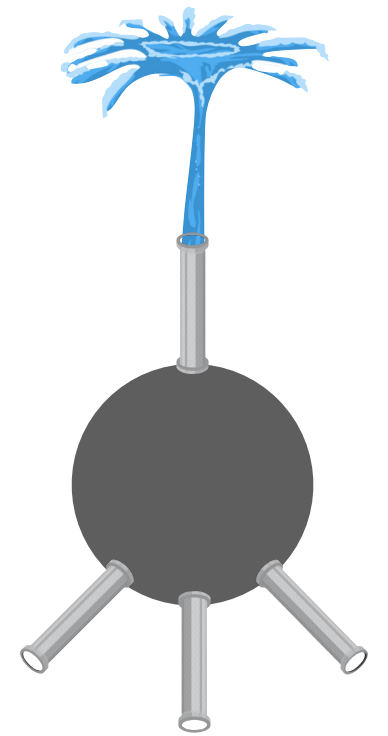
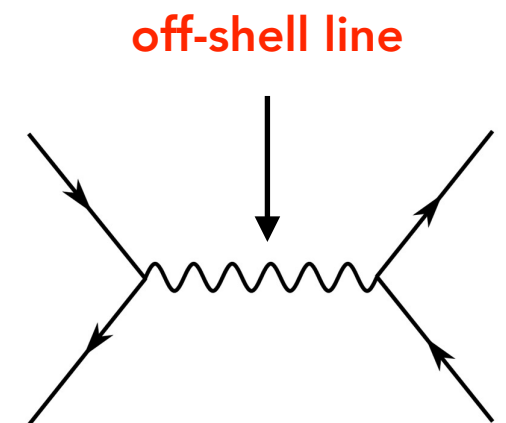
Off-shell Currents

- **Off-Shell recursions:** recursions for **off-shell currents** [Berends, Giele '87] for gluon amplitude at **tree-level**
- **Rank- n Off-shell currents:** sum of all $(n + 1)$ -point Feynman diagrams
- Diagrammatic representation



The off-shell line satisfy the conservation law
 $\partial_\mu J^\mu_{12\dots n} = 0$ without EoM — **Ward identity**

- Off-shell lines can be **glued** in a specific way (interaction vertices)
Intermediate states are off-shell

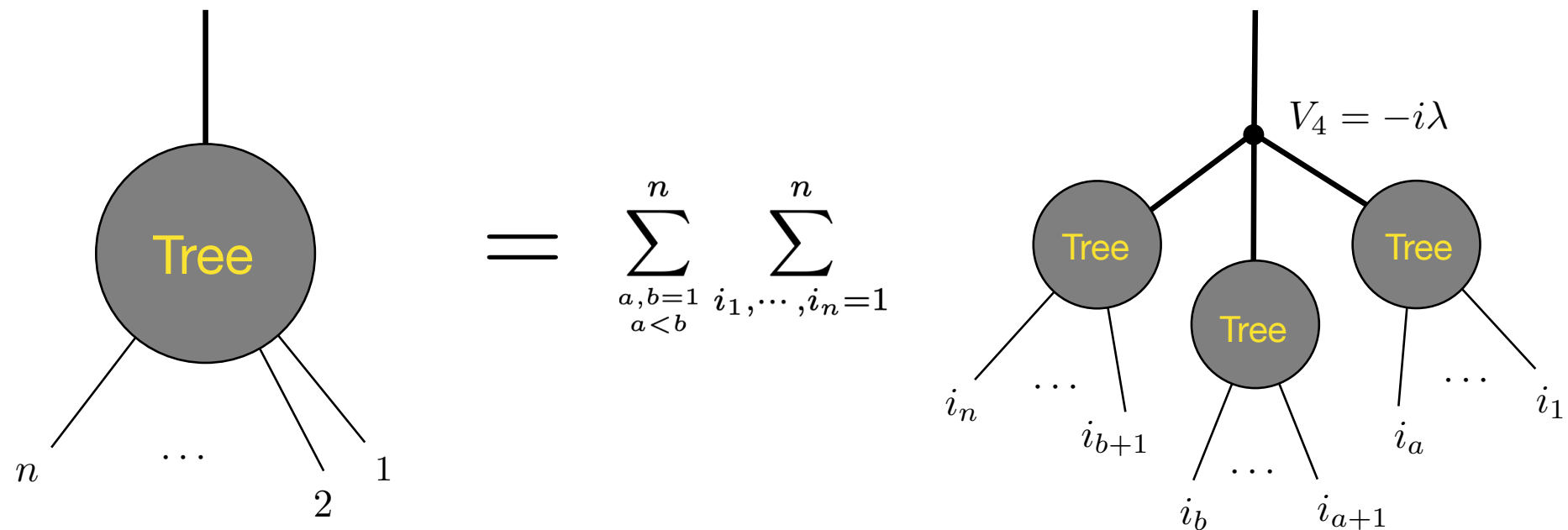


Off-shell Recursion [Berends, Giele '87]

➤ **Recursions:** hidden **self-similarity** — finite number of interaction vertices (**patterns**)

➤ Identifying the **Hierarchy** for off-shell currents: **# of on-shell legs**

➤ ϕ^4 theory:



➤ **Efficiency:**

- Do not treat individual diagrams
- **Recycling** calculations - never repeat the same calculations!

➤ **Gravity** — **infinite number of vertices** (No patterns)



Field equations - temporal component

➤ Under the **static condition** and **harmonic gauge**, the $\mathcal{G}^{00}$ component yields

$$\mathcal{G}^{00} = \frac{1}{4} \sigma^{00} \partial_i \left[\sigma^{ij} \left(\tilde{\sigma}_{00} \partial_j \sigma^{00} - \tilde{\sigma}_{kl} \partial_j \sigma^{kl} \right) \right] = \frac{1}{2} j^{00}$$

➤ The source term is only relevant to the 1st order: $\square h^{00} = -2j^{00}$

It is sufficient to solve the **simplified form** for higher-order,

$$\partial_i \left[\sigma^{ij} \left(\tilde{\sigma}_{00} \partial_j \sigma^{00} - \tilde{\sigma}_{kl} \partial_j \sigma^{kl} \right) \right] = 0$$

➤ Substituting the expansion of the fields, we derive the field equation for h^{00}

Laplacian $\longrightarrow$ $\Delta h_{(3)}^{00} = \partial_i \left(X_{(3)}^i + h_{(2)}^{ij} \partial_j h_{(1)}^{00} \right),$

$$\Delta h_{(4)}^{00} = \partial_i \left(X_{(4)}^i - Y_{(4)}^i - X_{(2)}^j h_{(2)}^{ij} + \partial_j h_{(2)}^{00} h_{(2)}^{ij} + \partial_j h_{(2)}^{kk} h_{(2)}^{ij} \right),$$

$n \geq 5$, Fixed form! $\Delta h_{(n)}^{00} = \partial_i \left(X_{(n)}^i - Y_{(n)}^i \right) - \partial_i \left(X_{(n-2)}^j - Y_{(n-2)}^j - \partial_j h_{(n-2)}^{00} \right) h_{(2)}^{ij}$

where $X_{(n)}^i = \sum_{m=1}^{n-1} \tilde{h}_{(n-m)}^{00} \partial^i h_{(m)}^{00}$ and $Y_{(n)}^i = \tilde{h}_{(n-2)}^{kl} \partial^i h_{(2)}^{kl}$

Field equations - spatial components

➤ Spatial components for Einstein eq

$$\mathcal{G}^{ij} = \frac{1}{2}\sigma^{kl}\partial_k\partial_l\sigma^{ij} - \sigma^{k(i}\partial_k\partial_l\sigma^{j)l} + \frac{1}{4}\left(2Z^{k(i}_{kl} - 4Z^{(i|k|}_{kl} + Z^{(i|k|}_{lk} + W^{(i}_l\right)\sigma^{j)l} \\ + (D-2)d^i d^j + \frac{1}{2}\partial_k\sigma^{kl}\partial_l\sigma^{ij} - \frac{1}{2}\partial_l\sigma^{ki}\partial_k\sigma^{lj} + \sigma^{ij}\partial_k d^k = 0$$

where $Z^{ij}_{kl} = \sigma^{im}\partial_m\sigma^{jn}\partial_k\tilde{\sigma}_{nl}$, $W^i_j = \sigma^{ik}\partial_k\sigma^{00}\partial_j\tilde{\sigma}_{00}$, $d^i = \sigma^{ij}\partial_j\hat{d}$.

➤ No source in spatial components, $j^{ij} = 0 \implies$ EoM: $\mathcal{G}^{ij} = 0$

➤ Substituting the expansion of the fields, we derive the **field equation for h^{ij}**

$$\Delta h^{ij}_{(3)} = 8d^{(i}_{(2)}d^{j)}_{(1)} + 2\delta^{ij}\partial_k d^k_{(3)} - 2h^{ij}_{(2)}\partial_k d^k_{(1)} + \frac{1}{2}W^{ij}_{(3)} - \frac{1}{2}h^{k(i}_{(2)}W^{j)k}_{(1)},$$

$$\Delta h^{ij}_{(4)} = h^{kl}_{(2)}\partial_k\partial_l h^{ij}_{(2)} - 2h^{k(i}_{(2)}\partial_k\partial_l h^{j)l}_{(2)} + \frac{1}{2}\left(2Z^{k(i}_{(4)}{}^{j)}_{k} - 4Z^{(i|k|}_{(4)}{}^{j)}_{k} + Z^{(i|k|}_{(4)}{}^{j)}_{k} + W^{(ij)}_{(4)}\right) + \dots,$$

$n \geq 5$
Fixed form!

$$\Delta h^{ij}_{(n)} = \sum_{m=1}^{n-1} 4d^i_{(n-m)}d^j_{(m)} + 2\sigma^{ij}\partial_k d^k_{(n)} + Z^{k(i}_{(n)}{}^{j)}_{k} - 2Z^{(i|k|}_{(n)}{}^{j)}_{k} + \frac{1}{2}Z^{(i|k|}_{(n)}{}^{j)}_{k} + \frac{1}{2}W^{(ij)}_{(n)} + \dots$$