

# Post-Newtonian waveform: a state of the art.

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# Motivation: The gravitational waveform

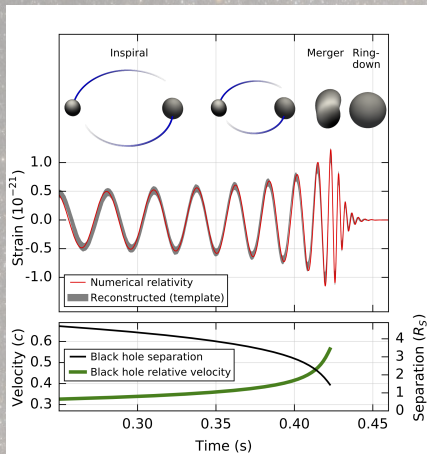


Figure from *LSC & Virgo*,  
PRL **116**(2016)061102.

The strain in a detector is given by

$$\frac{\Delta L}{L} = R \left[ h(t) e^{i\phi(t)} \right],$$

with

- $R$  the detector's response function,
- $h$  the *amplitude* of the wave,
- $\phi$  the *phase* of the wave.

Present (and future) detectors are more sensible to the phase.

# Motivation: The post-Newtonian approximation

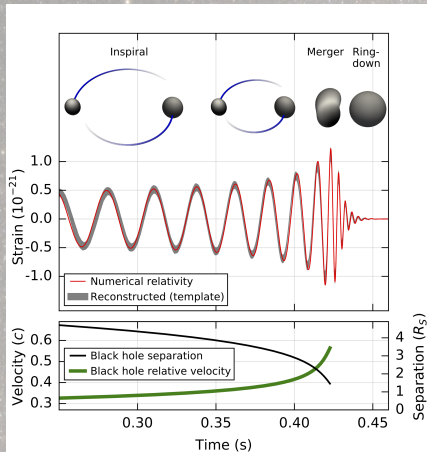
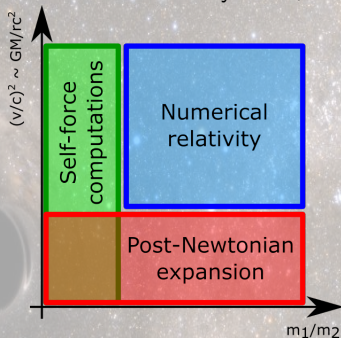


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For bound systems,



→ Provide *analytical* results for the waveform, in the inspiral regime

$$\frac{v^2}{c^2} \sim \frac{Gm_{\text{tot}}}{rc^2} \ll 1.$$

# Motivation: Do we need high PN orders ?

⇒ The current accuracy is 3.5PN,  
i.e. the  $(v/c)^7$  correction beyond the Newtonian formulas.



■ LIGO, Virgo and KAGRA are doing fine with this 3PN precision.



■ What about LISA ?

↪ For a BHB of  $20 M_{\odot}$ , 4PN corrections will induce a change of  $10^{-15}$  in the phasing:  
 $\sim 1/2000$  cycles over  $2 \cdot 10^{11}$  in the LISA band.

⇒ Stellar-mass binaries will only require 3PN waveforms<sup>1</sup> and most of them, only 2PN.

<sup>1</sup>A. Mangiagli, A. Klein, A. Sesana, E. Barausse & M. Colpi, PRD **99**(2019)064056.

# Motivation: Do we need high PN orders ?



- But LISA will also see massive BHs !

- ↳ For a BHB of  $2 \cdot 10^6 M_{\odot}$ , 4PN corrections will induce a change of  $\sim 10\%$  in the phasing.

- ↳ For a BHB of  $2 \cdot 10^5 M_{\odot}$ , 4PN corrections will induce a change of  $\sim 10^{-4}$  in the phasing.

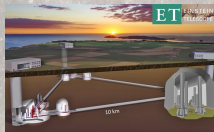
⇒ 4PN is important for an accurate determination of the astrophysical parameters (masses, spins,...) of MBHB.

- What about the Einstein Telescope ?

- ↳ ET will be very sensitive of the late inspiral, where high PN corrections hits !

- ↳ “Beyond GR” compact objects differ from GR ones at 5PN, and may be detectable by ET.

⇒ 4PN (and 5PN ?) will be crucial to distinguish between usual BH/NS and more exotic objects.



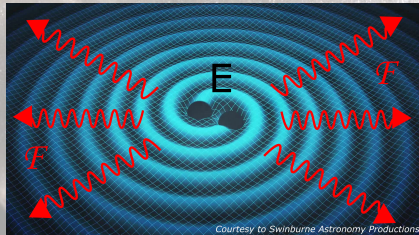
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# How to compute the waveform: The balance equation

- Conservation of energy for an isolated system

$$\frac{dE}{dt} = -\mathcal{F}.$$

- ↪  $E$  is the “conserved” energy,
- ↪  $\mathcal{F}$  is the gravitational flux.



- ⇒ On (quasi-)circular orbits, both  $E$  and  $\mathcal{F}$  depend only on the orbital frequency  $\omega$
- ↪ A simple integration gives the gravitational phase  $\phi = \int dt \omega$ .
- ⇒ On elliptic orbits, expansions in eccentricity are usually performed.<sup>2</sup>

<sup>2</sup>G. Cho, S. Tanay, A. Gopakumar & H. M. Lee, PRD **105**(2022)064010.

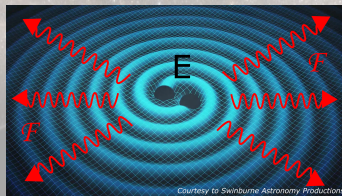


# How to compute the waveform: The energy

- Balance equation

$$\frac{dE}{dt} = -\mathcal{F}.$$

↪  $E$  is the “conserved” energy.



- At 4PN,  $E$  has been computed by three different approaches:
  - ✓ ADM-Hamiltonian: full 4PN order, up to one *ambiguity* parameter,<sup>3</sup>
  - ✓ Fokker Lagrangian<sup>4</sup> and Effective Field Theories<sup>5</sup>: full 4PN order.
- At 5PN,  $E$  is known up to 2 coefficients.<sup>6</sup>
- At 6PN, some sectors of  $E$  have already been computed.<sup>7</sup>

<sup>3</sup>T. Damour, P. Jaranowski & G. Schäfer, PRD **93**(2016)084014.

<sup>4</sup>T. Marchand, L. Bernard, L. Blanchet & G. Faye, PRD **97**(2018)044023.

<sup>5</sup>S. Foffa, R. Porto, I. Rothstein & R. Sturani, PRD **100**(2019)024048.

<sup>6</sup>D. Bini, T. Damour & A. Geralico, PRD **102**(2020)024062.

<sup>7</sup>D. Bini, T. Damour & A. Geralico, PRD **102**(2020)024061.

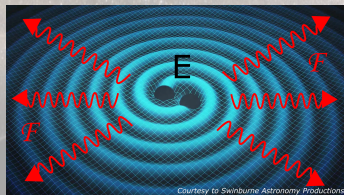


# How to compute the waveform: The flux

- Balance equation

$$\frac{dE}{dt} = -\mathcal{F}.$$

↔  $\mathcal{F}$  is the gravitational flux.



Einstein's *Quadrupole formula* is extended to<sup>8</sup>

$$\mathcal{F} = \sum_{\ell \geq 2} \frac{G}{c^{2\ell+1}} \left[ a_{\ell} \dot{U}_L \dot{U}_L + \frac{b_{\ell}}{c^2} \dot{V}_L \dot{V}_L \right]$$

with  $U_L$  ( $V_L$ ) the *radiative* mass (current) moments.

- $\mathcal{F}$  is known up to 3.5PN order,<sup>9</sup>
- The 4.5PN coefficient for circular orbits has been computed.<sup>10</sup>

<sup>8</sup>K. Thorne, Rev.Mod.Phys. **52**(1980)299.

<sup>9</sup>L. Blanchet, Liv.Rev.Relat **17**(2014)2.

<sup>10</sup>T. Marchand, L. Blanchet & G. Faye, CQG **33**(2016)244003.



# How to compute the waveform: The modes

- The amplitude of the wave is projected on spherical harmonics

$$h_+ - ih_\times = \sum h^{\ell m} Y_{-2}^{\ell, m}(\theta, \varphi)$$

- We extract the modes  $h^{\ell m}$  from the TT projection of the metric at spatial infinity

$$h_{+, \times} = \frac{4G}{R} e_{+, \times}^{ij} \mathcal{P}_{ijkl}^{TT} \sum_p \left[ \frac{N_{p-2}}{c^{2+p} p!} U_{klp-2} + \frac{2p \epsilon_{kab} N_{bp-2}}{c^{3+p} (p+1)!} V_{lap-2} \right] + o\left(\frac{1}{R}\right)$$

- ↔ The knowledge of the radiative moments  $U_L$  and  $V_L$  gives both the flux and the modes.



# Computing the waveform: State of the art

## ■ For point-like particles

- ↪ The state-of-the art is 3.5PN for the phase<sup>11</sup> and the modes,<sup>12</sup>
- ↪ Using EFT, confirmation of the flux at 2PN<sup>13</sup> (3PN is on its way).

## ■ For spinning particles

- ↪ the spin-orbit phase is known at 3.5PN,<sup>14</sup>
- ↪ the spin-spin phase is known at 4PN,<sup>15</sup>
- ↪ the modes are known at 3.5PN.<sup>16</sup>

## ■ For particles with tidal effects

- ↪ The phase is known at 7.5PN order, *ie.* 2.5 relative PN,<sup>17</sup>
- ↪ The spin-tidal interaction phase is known at 6.5PN order.<sup>18</sup>

<sup>11</sup>L. Blanchet, G. Faye, B. R. Iyer & B. Joguet, PRD **65**(2002)061501.

<sup>12</sup>L. Blanchet, G. Faye & B. R. Iyer, CQG **32**(2015)045016.

<sup>13</sup>A. K. Leibovich, N. T. Maia, I. Z. Rothstein & Z. Yang, PRD **101**(2020)084058.

<sup>14</sup>A. Bohe, S. Marsat & L. Blanchet, CQG **30**(2013)135009.

<sup>15</sup>G. Cho, R. A. Porto & Z. Yang, arXiv:2201.05138.

<sup>16</sup>Q. Henry, S. Marsat & M. Khalil, arXiv:2209.00374.

<sup>17</sup>Q. Henry, G. Faye & L. Blanchet, PRD **102**(2020)044033.

<sup>18</sup>T. Abdelsalhin, L. Gualtieri & P. Pani, PRD **98**(2018)104046.



# Computing $\mathcal{F}$ : General strategy

- We need the 4PN flux

$$\mathcal{F} = \frac{G}{5c^5} \left[ \dot{U}_{ij} \dot{U}_{ij} + \frac{1}{c^2} \left( \frac{16}{9} \dot{V}_{ij} \dot{V}_{ij} + \frac{5}{189} \dot{U}_{ijk} \dot{U}_{ijk} \right) + \dots \right].$$

- ↪ The 3PN  $V_{ij}$  and  $U_{ijk}$  are known<sup>19</sup> as well as lower order moments.
- ⇒ We need the radiative mass quadrupole  $U_{ij}$  at 4PN.

$$h_{ij}^{\text{TT}} = \frac{2G}{c^4 R} \mathcal{P}_{ijkl}^{\text{TT}} U_{kl} + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{1}{c^5}\right) + o\left(\frac{1}{R}\right).$$

- From it, we will also obtain the 4PN dominant mode,  $h^{22}$ .

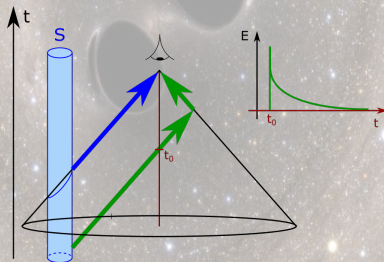
<sup>19</sup>Q. Henry, G. Faye & L. Blanchet, CQG **38**(2021)185004.



# Computing $\mathcal{F}$ : The radiative mass quadrupole

- $U_{ij}$  parametrizes the waveform at spatial infinity :  
non-linearities during the wave propagation enter the game

$$U_{ij} = \frac{d^2 I_{ij}}{dt^2} + \text{tail terms} + \text{memory terms} + \dots$$



↪ The *source* quadrupole  $I_{ij}$  describes the physics near the objects.

# Computing $\mathcal{F}$ : The source quadrupole

- The Newtonian mass moments are simply

$$I_L^N = \int d^3\vec{x} \rho(\vec{x}) \hat{x}_L,$$

with  $\hat{x}_L = \text{STF}[x_L]$ , eg  $\hat{x}_{ij} = x_i x_j - r^2 \delta_{ij}/3$ .

- ⇒ The relativistic source mass moments are<sup>20</sup>

$$I_L = \text{FP}_B \int d^3\vec{x} \left(\frac{r}{r_0}\right)^B \int_{-1}^1 dz \left\{ \delta_\ell \hat{x}_L \Sigma - \frac{\alpha_\ell \delta_{\ell+1}}{c^2} \hat{x}_{aL} \dot{\Sigma}_a + \frac{\beta_\ell \delta_{\ell+2}}{c^4} \hat{x}_{abL} \ddot{\Sigma}_{ab} \right\}$$

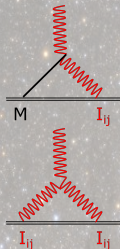
where the energy densities  $\Sigma$ ,  $\Sigma_a$ ,  $\Sigma_{ab}$  are evaluated in  $(\vec{x}, t + zr/c)$  and PN-expanded and  $\delta_\ell(z)$  takes into account the propagating nature of GR.

<sup>20</sup>L. Blanchet, CQG **15**(1998)1971.



# Computing $\mathcal{F}$ : The non-linearities

- The non-linearities are of three types :



- ↪ The “tail” type, that are created by the scattering of the waves onto the static curvature of the space-time,
- ↪ The “memory” type, that are created by the diffusion of the waves,
- ↪ The “gauge” type, coming from a diffeomorphism relating the source moments to the propagating modes.

⇒ The “tail-of-memory” appearing at 4PN is currently under investigation,<sup>21</sup>

⇒ The “gauge” interactions have been computed up to 4PN.<sup>22</sup>

<sup>21</sup>D. Trestini, FL & L. Blanchet, arXiv:2209.02719;

D. Trestini & L. Blanchet, *in prep.*

<sup>22</sup>L. Blanchet, G. Faye & FL, CQG **39**(2022)195003.

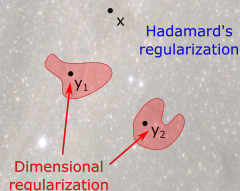


# Computing $\mathcal{F}$ : Dealing with divergences.

- During the computation of  $I_{ij}$ , two types of divergences strike
- ↪ UV divergences, due to the point-particle approximation.

$$\rho(\vec{x}) = m_1 \delta(\vec{x} - \vec{y}_1) + m_2 \delta(\vec{x} - \vec{y}_2).$$

- ⇒ We have to use dimensional regularization  
*ie.* compute  $I_{ij}$  in  $d$ -dimension,  
and take  $d \rightarrow 3$  at the end of the day.
- ↪ In practice we compute  $I_{ij}$  in 3D,  
and add the difference around the singularities.



- The full UV-regularized  $I_{ij}$  has been computed<sup>23</sup>

<sup>23</sup>T. Marchand, Q. Henry, FL, S. Marsat, G. Faye & L. Blanchet, CQG **37**(2020)21.





# Computing $\mathcal{F}$ : Dealing with divergences.

- During the computation, two types of divergences strike
- ↪ IR ones, due to the extension of the PN approximation in all space.

$$\int d^3\vec{x} F(t - r/c) \xrightarrow{\text{PN}} \sum_p \frac{(-1)^p}{p!} \int d^3\vec{x} r^p \frac{d^p F(t)}{c^p dt^p}$$

- Formalism defined with Hadamard regularization, up to 3.5PN,
- ↪ We need to use dimensional regularization at 4PN.
- The full IR-regularized  $I_{ij}$  has been computed,<sup>24</sup>
- ↪ some divergences  $\propto \frac{1}{d-3}$  remains at 3 & 4PN !
- ⇒ We need to compute the non-linear terms to compensate them.<sup>25</sup>

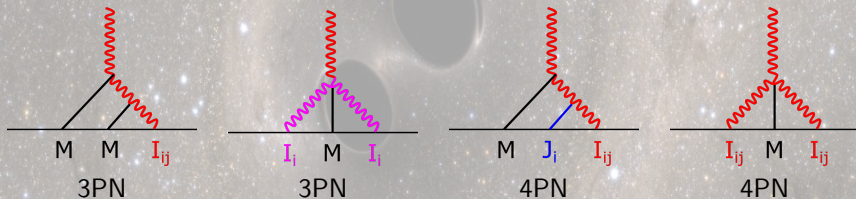
<sup>24</sup>FL, Q. Henry, L. Blanchet & G. Faye, CQG **39**(2022)115007.

<sup>25</sup>W. D. Goldberger & A. Ross, PRD **81**(2010)124015.



# Computing $\mathcal{F}$ : Dealing with divergences.

- The remaining divergences in  $I_{ij}$  have to cancel against those appearing during the computation of the non-linearities in  $U_{ij}$ .
- ↪ Those divergences arise from different interactions:



- We have thus computed the difference between Hadamard and dimensional regularization schemes of those interactions<sup>26</sup>
- ⇒ and found exactly what was needed to kill the divergence !

<sup>26</sup>FL, L. Blanchet, Q. Henry & G. Faye, CQG **39**(2022)115008.



# Computing $\mathcal{F}$ : Checking the result

We have two types of checks to test our final result

- “Internal” consistency checks
  - ✓ All divergences have to cancel, by using the *same* coordinate shift as in the equations of motion,
  - ↪ The scales associated with the Hadamard- and UV-regularization processes have to disappear.
- “External” consistency checks
  - ↪ In the test-mass limit  $m_2 \ll m_1$ , we have to recover the known results for the phase<sup>27</sup> and the mode.<sup>28</sup>
  - ↪ New possibility: comparing with second-order self-force results.<sup>29</sup>

<sup>27</sup>T. Tanaka, H. Tagoshi & M. Sasaki, Prog.Theor.Phys. **96**(1996)1087.

<sup>28</sup>R. Fujita & B. R. Iyer, PRD **82**(2010)044051.

<sup>29</sup>B. Wardell, A. Pound, N. Warburton, J. Miller, L. Durkan & A. Le Tiec, arXiv:2112.12265.



# Summary and perspectives

- Computing the gravitational phase at 4PN is important for LISA, and will be crucial for ET.
- ↪ The only missing piece for the non-spinning waveform is the Hadamard regularized tail-of-memory, currently under investigation.
- What next ?
  - ↪ The 5PN energy is practically known, discussions are ongoing,
  - ↪ Is it realistic to compute the 5PN flux with current methods ?
  - ↪ Inclusion of other physical and/or environmental effects ?  
For example magnetic fields in white dwarf binaries<sup>30</sup> ?

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<sup>30</sup>A. Bourgoïn, C. Le Poncin-Lafitte, S. Mathis & M.-C. Angonin, arXiv:2201.03226.



Thank you for your attention

$\Phi_{4PN}$

We are almost there...



... stay tuned !!