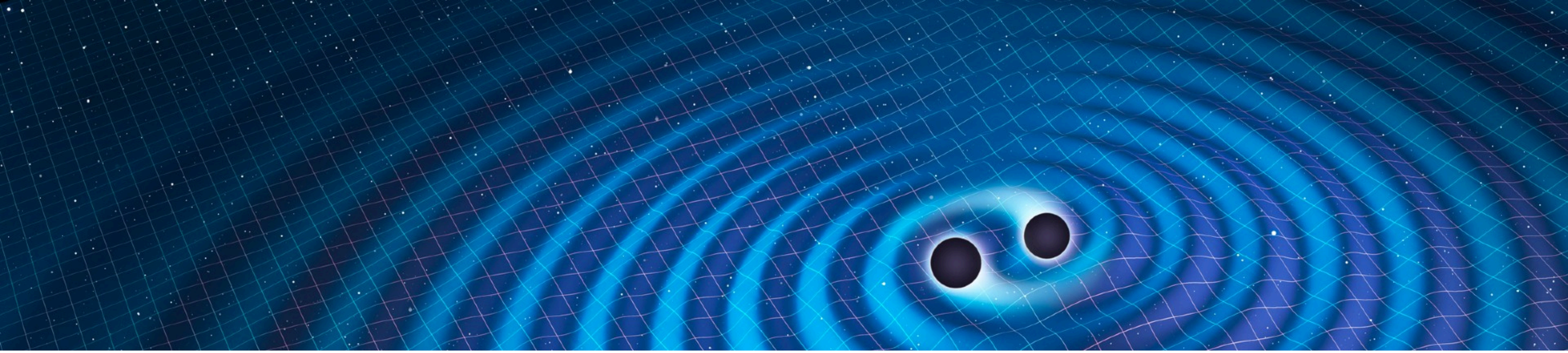


A visualization of gravitational waves as ripples in spacetime, with two black holes at the center of the ripples.

On-shell amplitude approach to spinning binaries in GR and beyond

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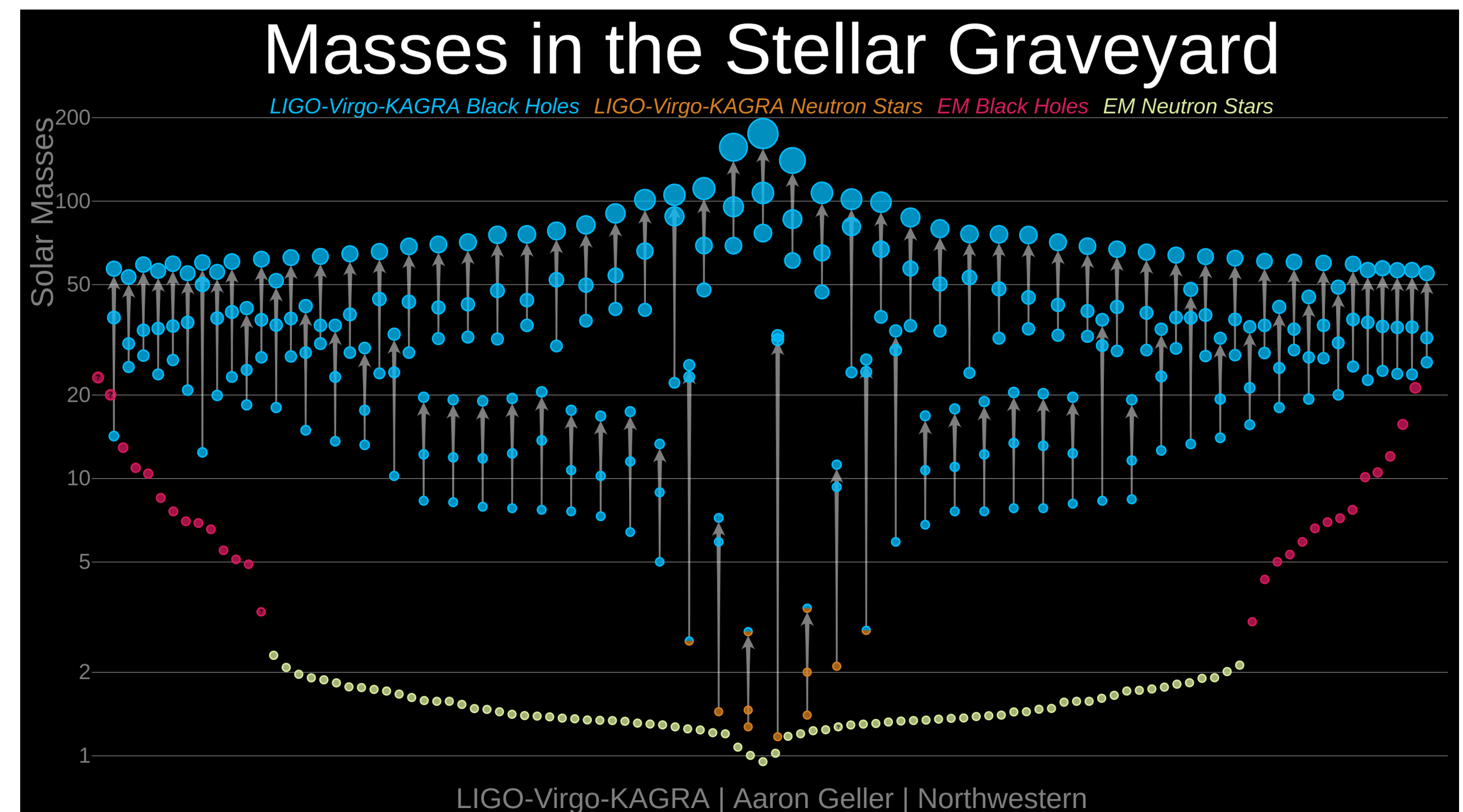


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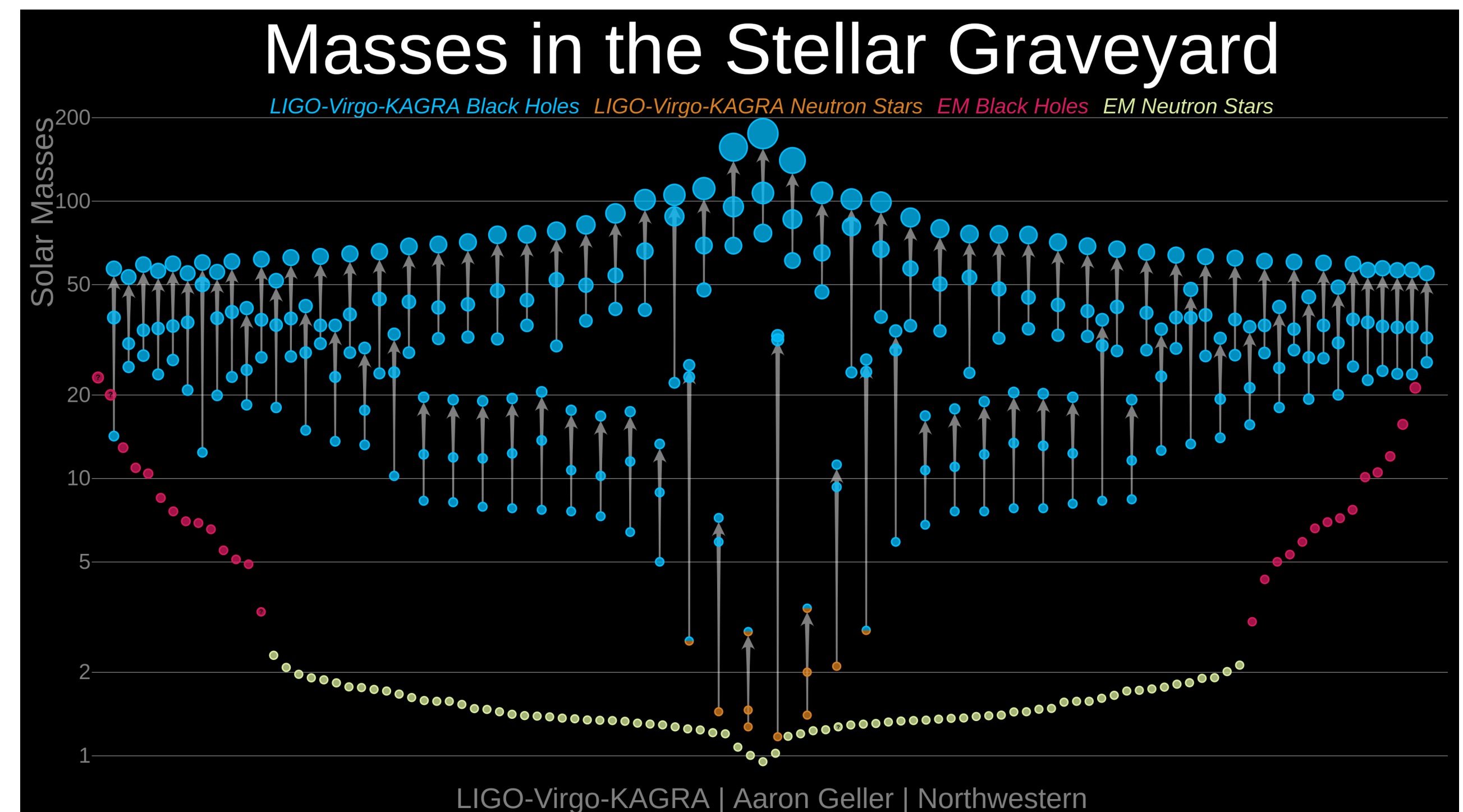
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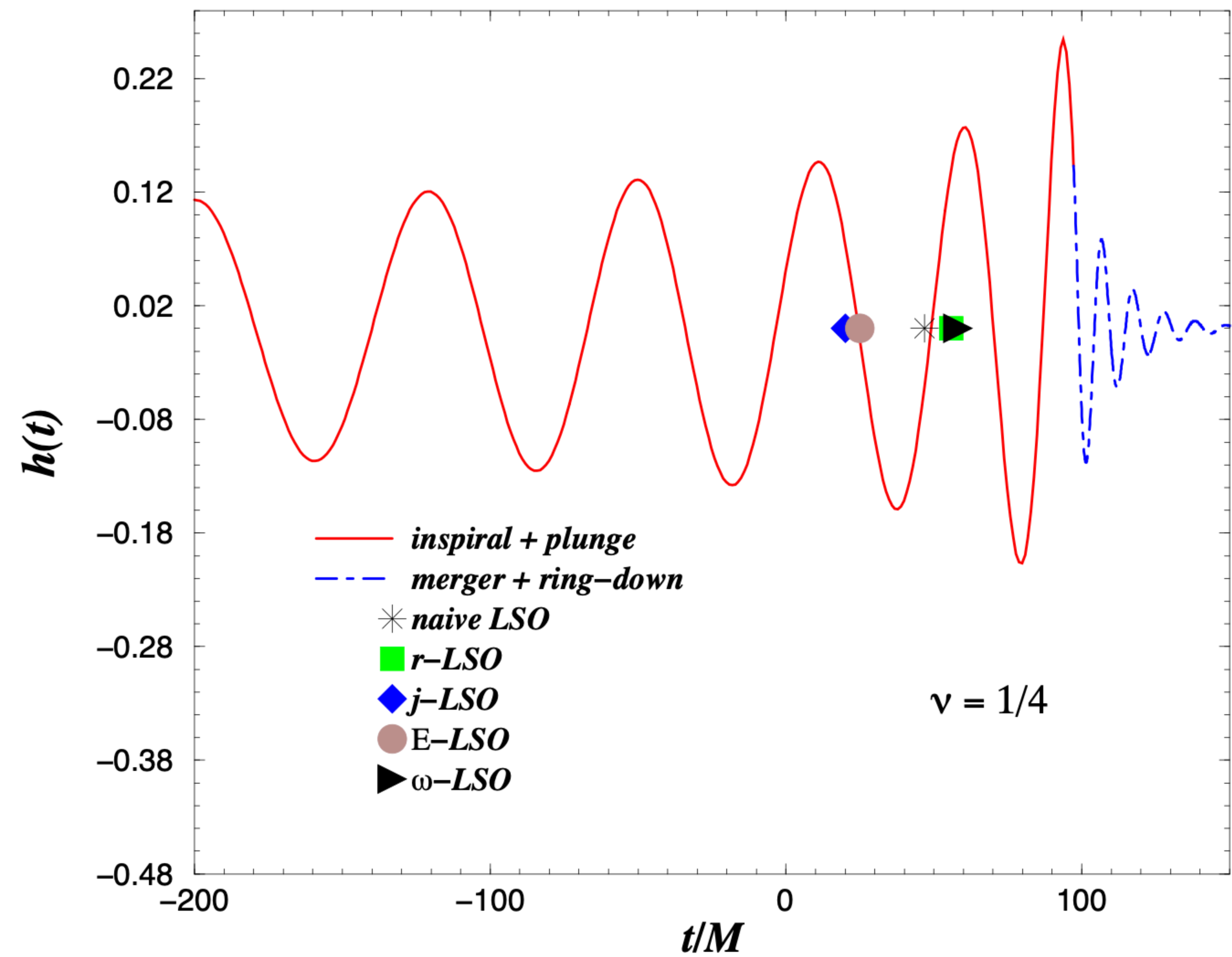


New window to test General Relativity (GR)



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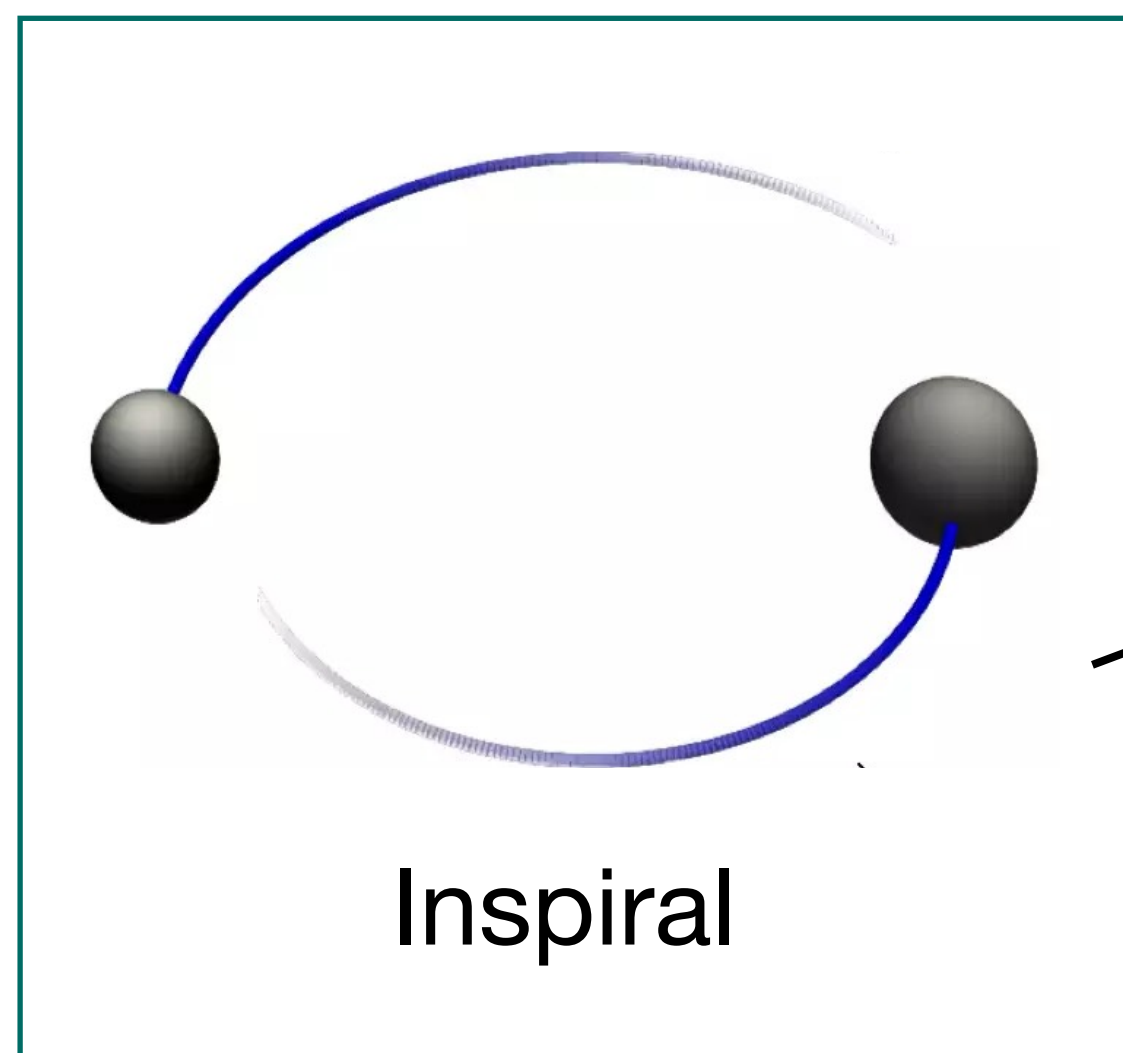
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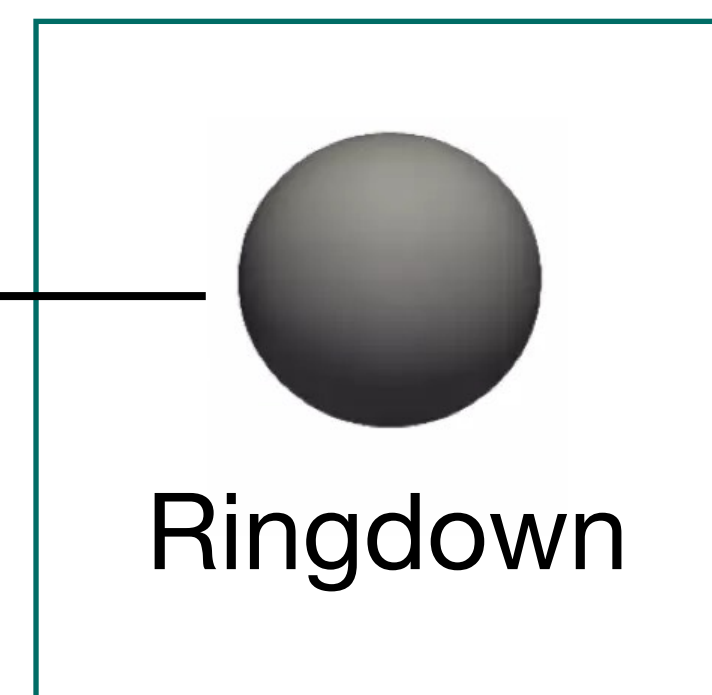
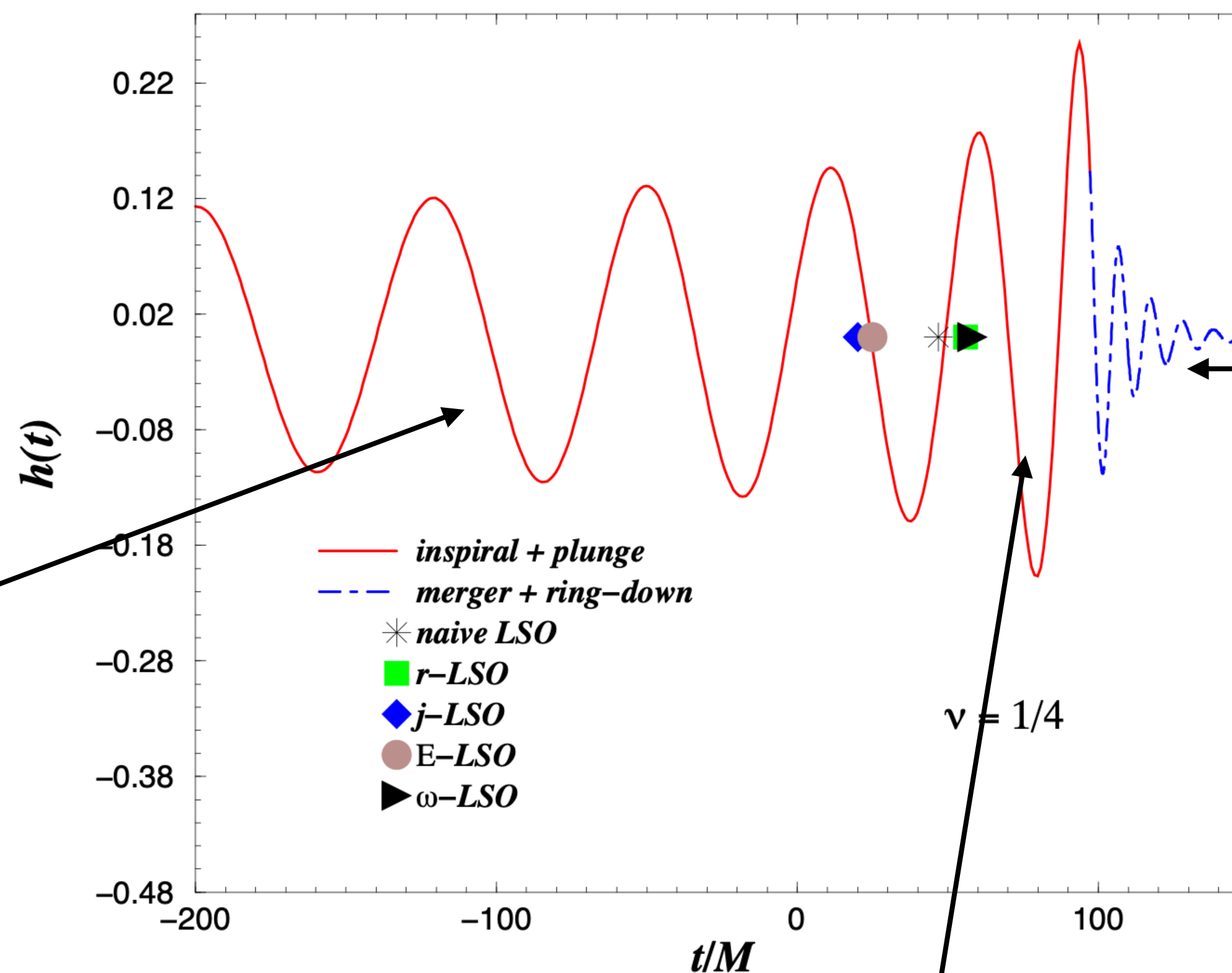
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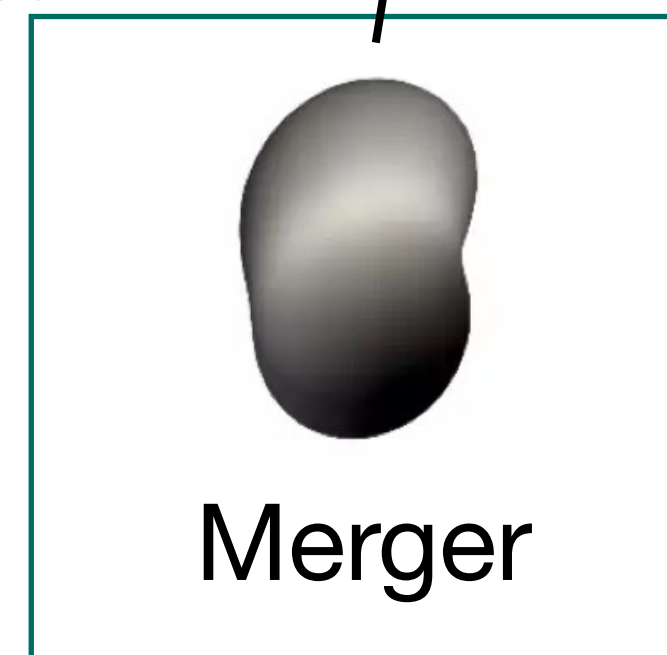


Focus specifically on **PM expansion**; Expansion around weak gravitational fields, $G \ll 1$

Powerful approach, containing information at all $\frac{v}{c}$ orders, compared to PN expansion.



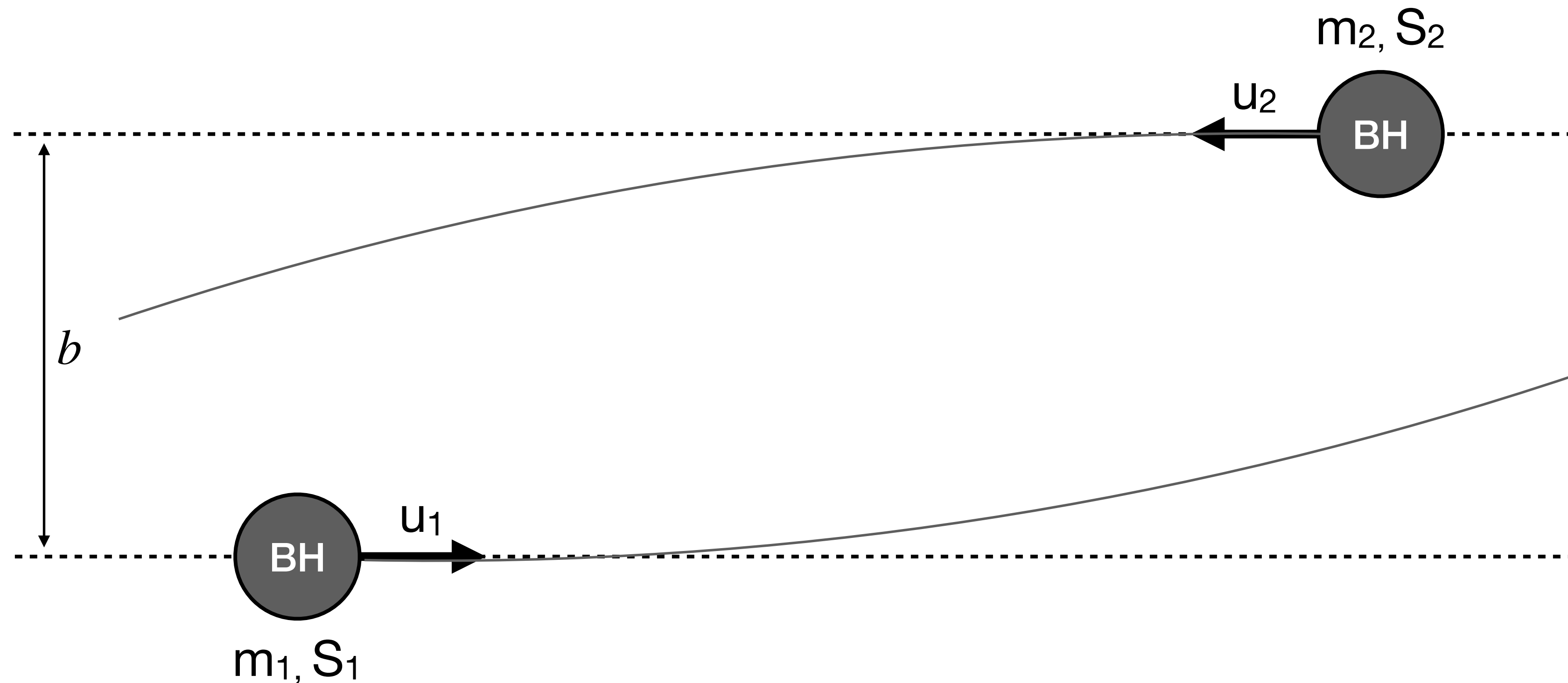
Black Hole Perturbation Theory (BHPT)



Numerical Relativity

Scattering information can be used for the **bound** problem!

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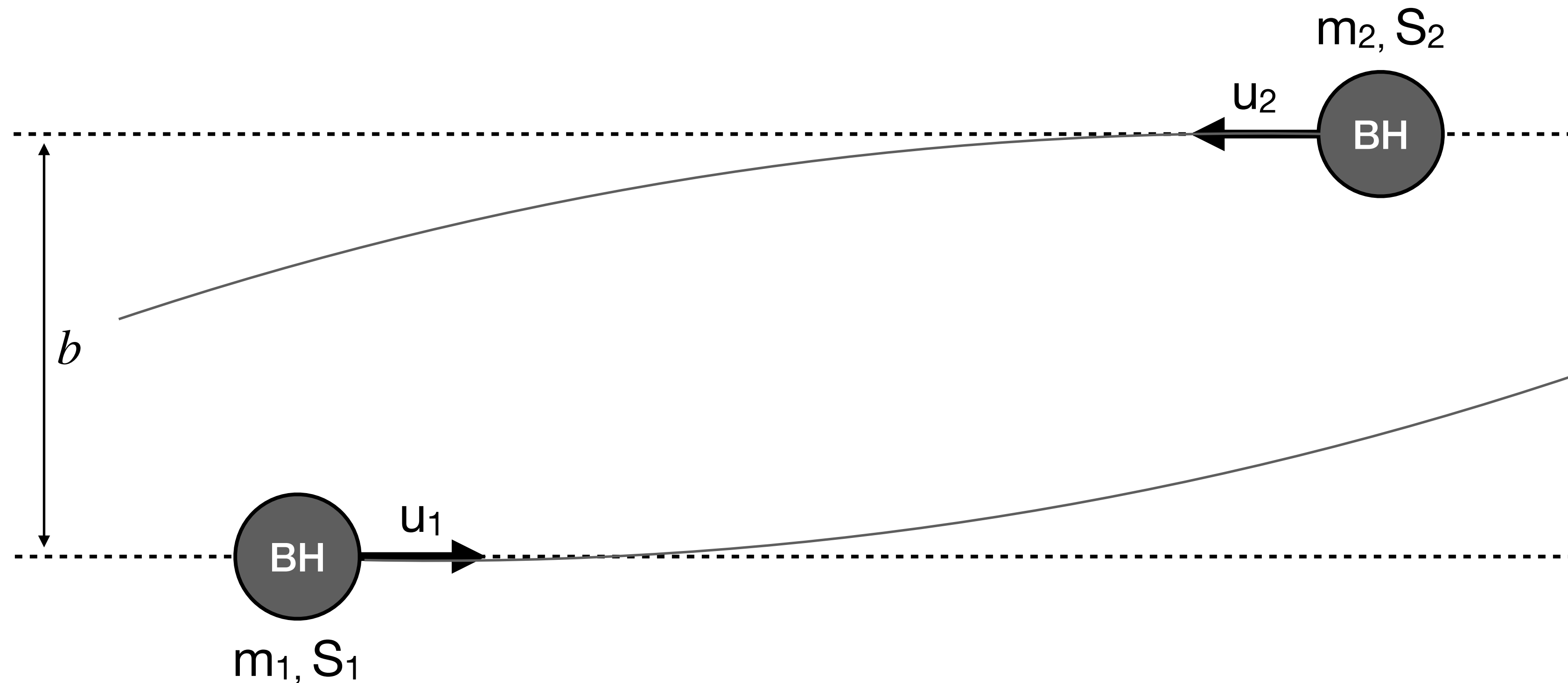
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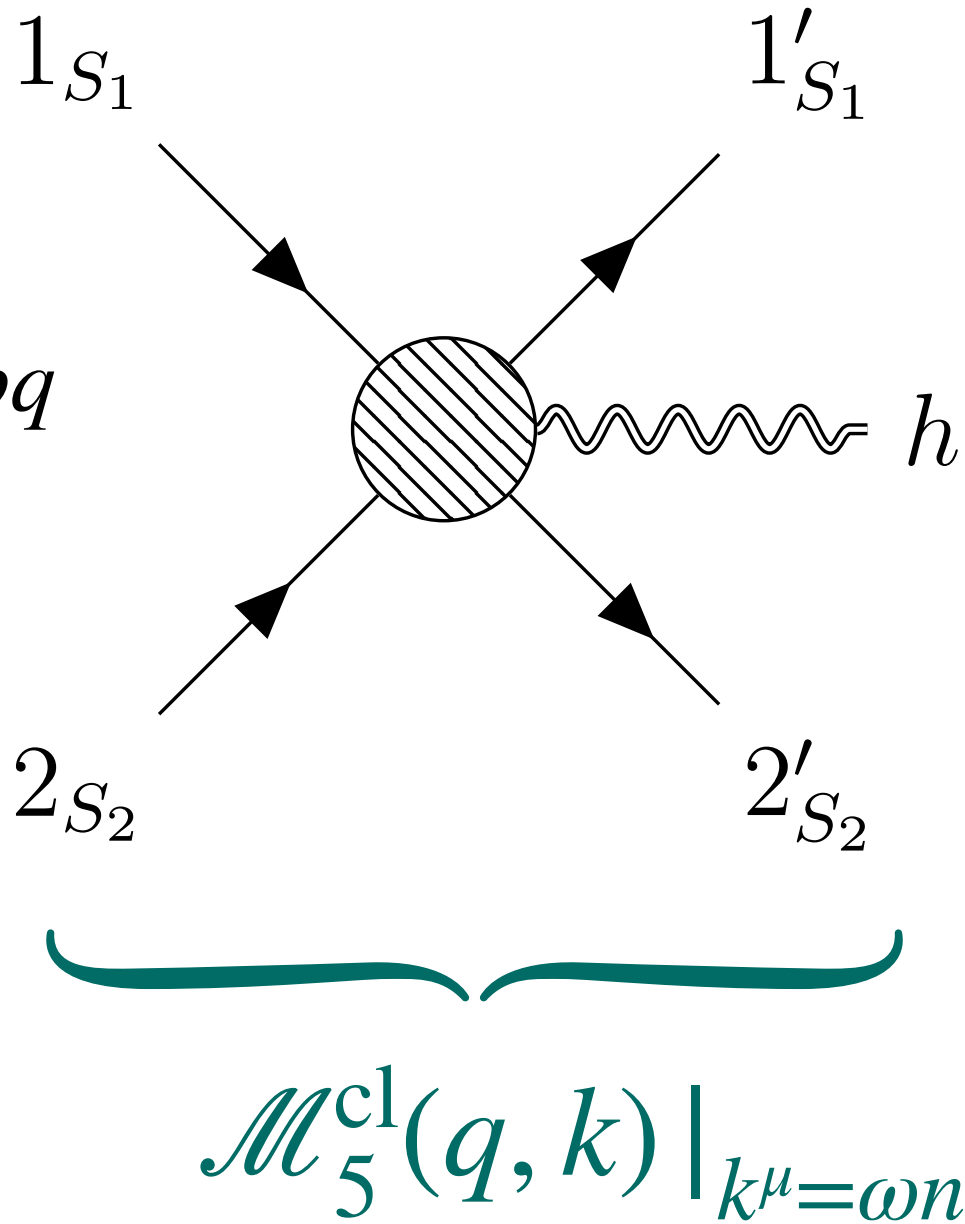
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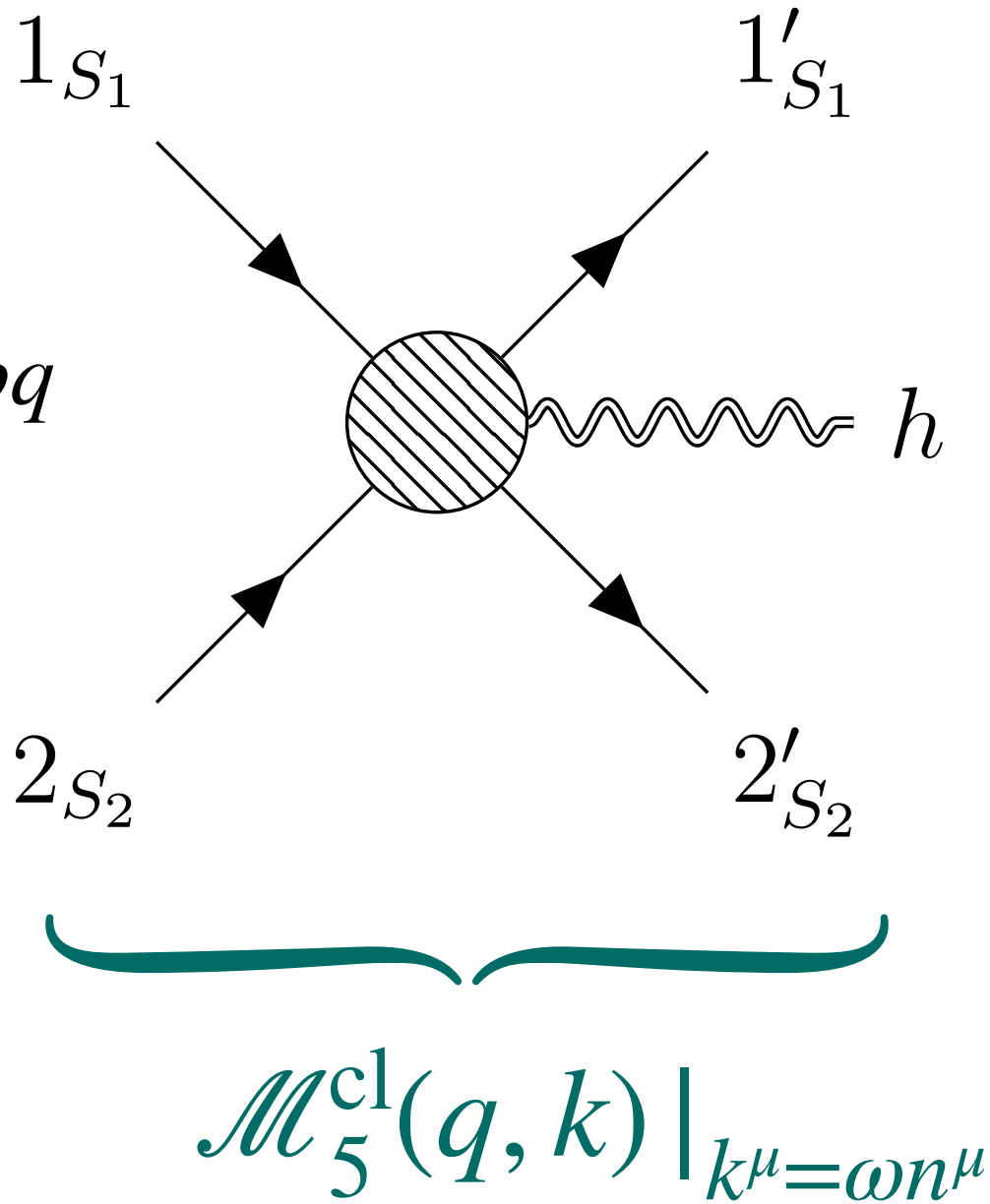
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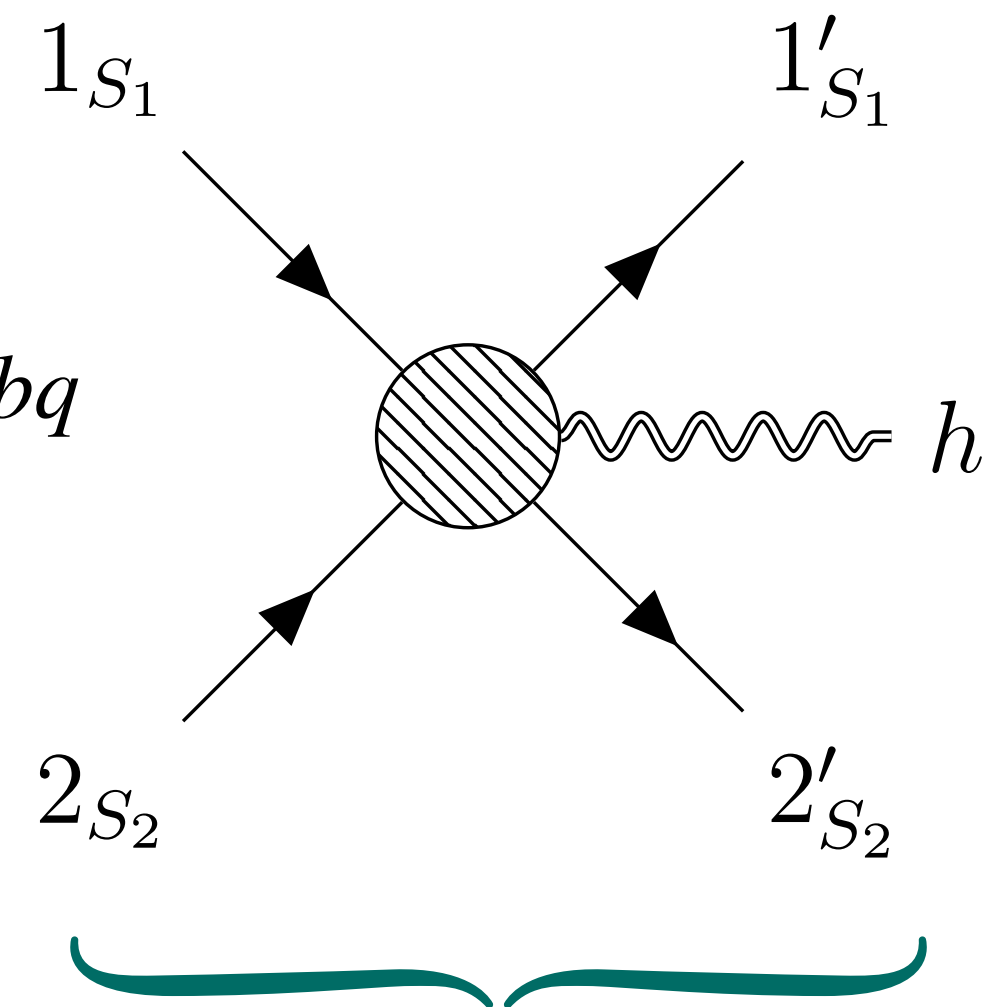
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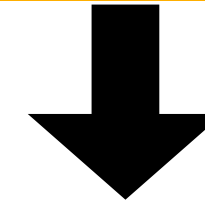
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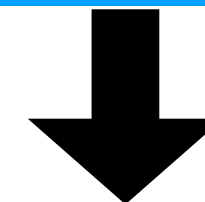
- Computations organized in a **perturbative expansion** using a **simple algorithm**.
- **Analytic results**, in places where either PN approximations or NR was used before.
- Can exploit many **modern techniques used in particle physics** to simplify the problem.
- Can straightforwardly **extend to beyond GR predictions**

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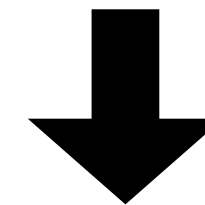
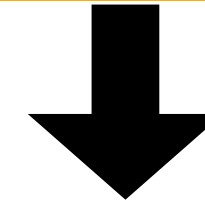
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Example: Leading order GR waveform

Waveform in GR calculated as expansion in spin:

$$W_h = W_h^{(0)} + W_h^{(1)} + \dots$$

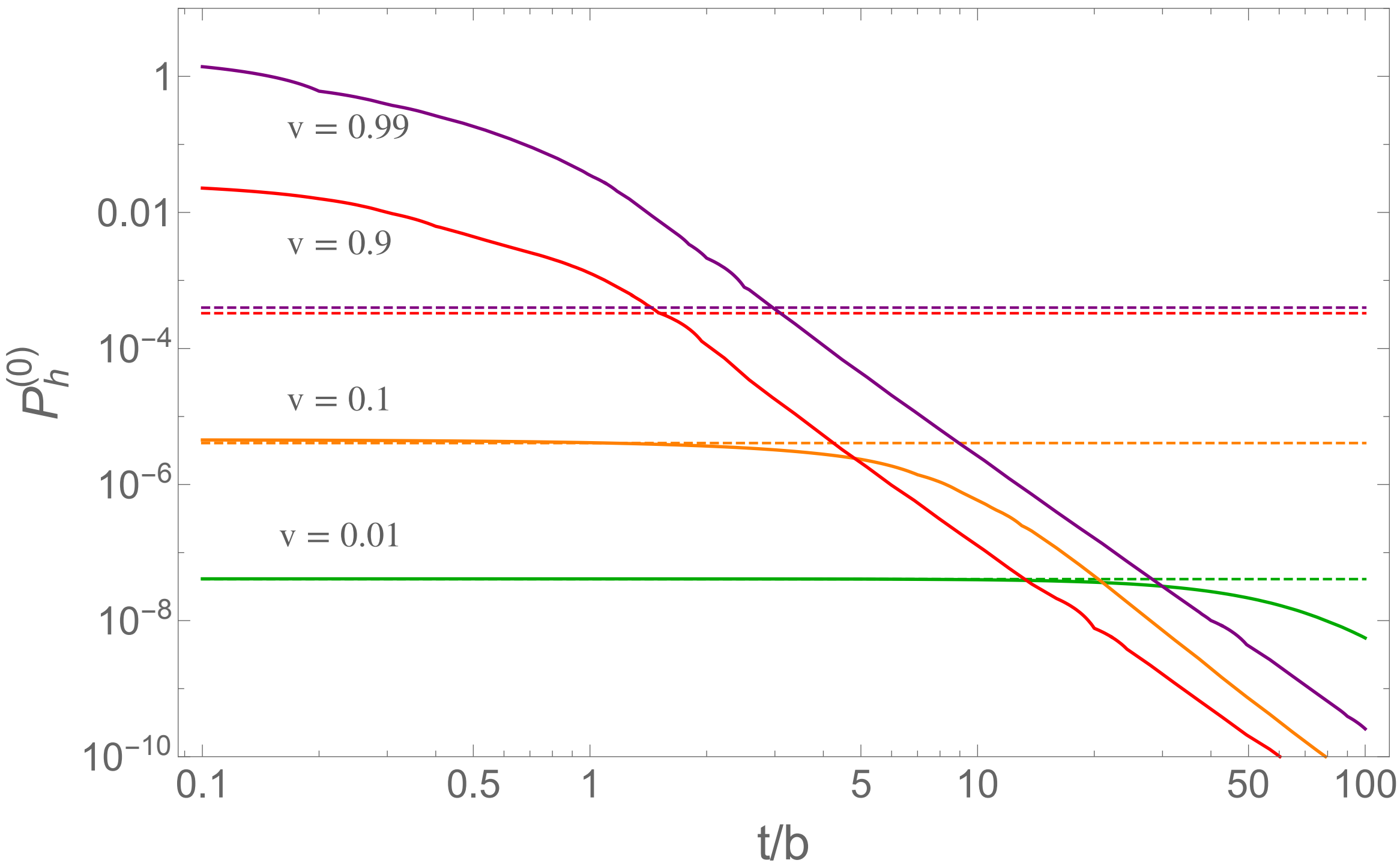
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At leading order :

$$W_h^{(0)} = -\frac{m_1 m_2}{512 \pi^2 M_{\text{Pl}}^3 b (\hat{u}_1 n)^2 \sqrt{\gamma^2 - 1}} \frac{1}{\sqrt{z^2 + 1}} \mathcal{R} \left\{ \frac{(\mathcal{F}_1^-(z))^2 + (\mathcal{F}_2^-(z))^2}{\gamma(\hat{u}_2 n) - (\hat{u}_1 n) + z(\tilde{b} n) + i\sqrt{z^2 + 1}(\tilde{v} n)} \right\} \Big|_{z=T_1} + (1 \leftrightarrow 2)$$

Emitted power in gravitational waves:

$$\frac{dP_h}{d\Omega} = 2 |\partial_t W_h|^2$$



$$\mathcal{F}_1^-(z) = \langle n | (\hat{u}_1 \hat{u}_2 + 2\gamma z \hat{u}_1 \tilde{b} + z \tilde{b} \hat{u}_2 + 2i\gamma \sqrt{z^2 + 1} \hat{u}_1 \tilde{v} + i\sqrt{z^2 + 1} \tilde{v} \hat{u}_2) | n \rangle$$

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velocity suppression

$T_i \equiv \frac{t - b_i n}{(\hat{u}_i n) b}$
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 $\gamma = u_1 u_2 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 - v^2}}$

$v^\mu \equiv \varepsilon^{\mu\alpha\beta\rho} u_{1\alpha} u_{2\beta} \tilde{b}_\rho$
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 $\tilde{b}^\mu = \frac{b_1^\mu - b_2^\mu}{b}$

$b \equiv \sqrt{-(b_1 - b_2)^2}$

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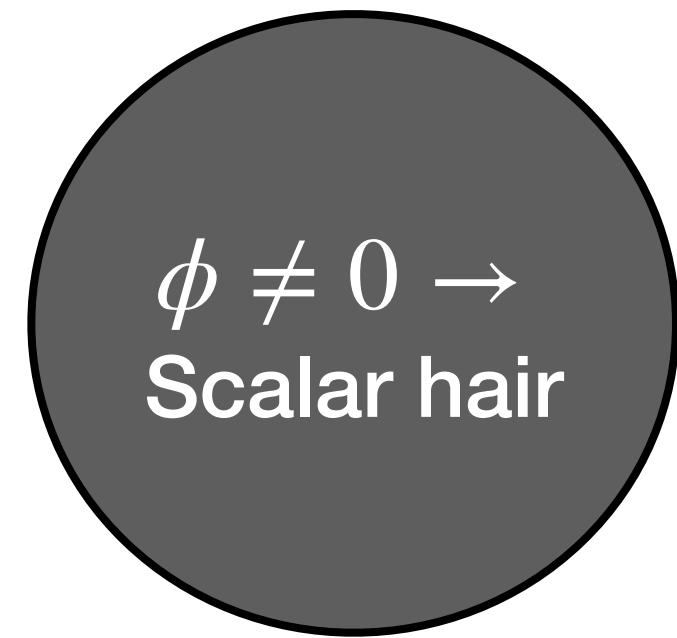
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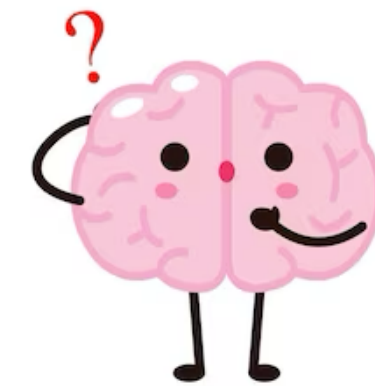
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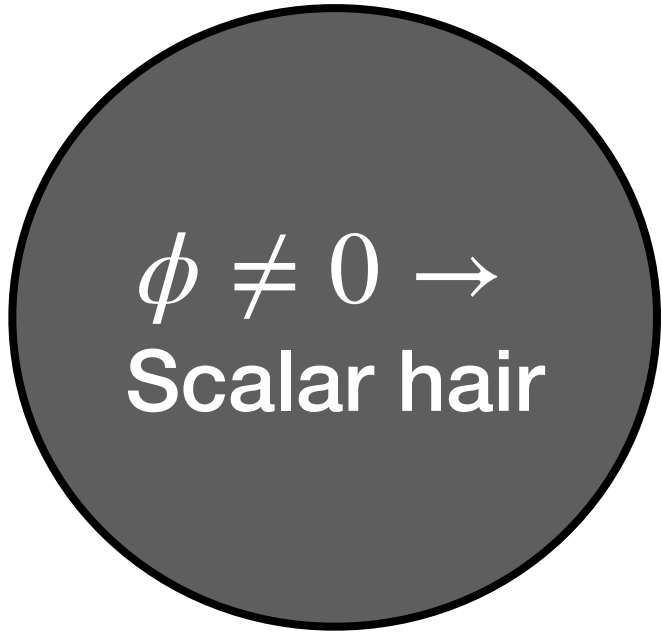
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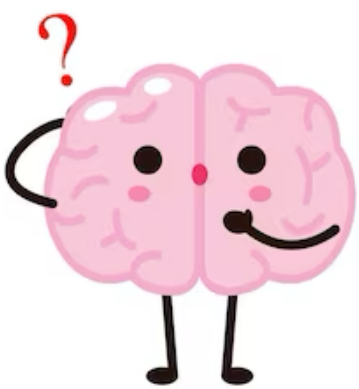
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We model the BH as a point-particle interacting with the scalar field in a ST fashion

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Most general effective metric that respects causality is:

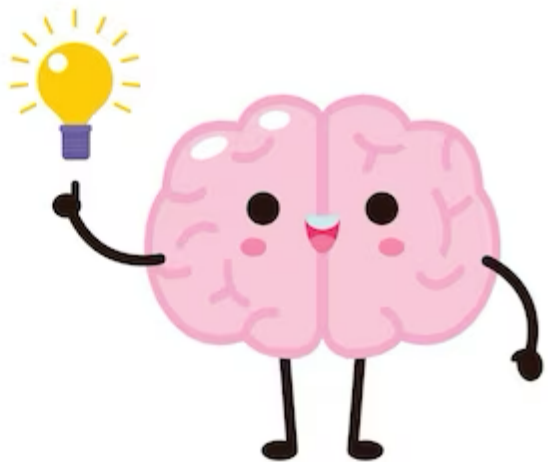
$$\tilde{g}_{\mu\nu} = \underbrace{\exp\left[C\left(\frac{\phi}{M_{Pl}}\right)\right]}_{\text{Conformal coupling}} g_{\mu\nu} + \underbrace{D\left(\frac{\phi}{M_{Pl}}\right) \frac{D_\mu \phi D_\nu \phi}{M_{Pl}^2 \Lambda^2}}_{\text{Disformal coupling}},$$

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Generate 3-point interaction for arbitrary spinning BH:

**Simple mass redefinition
at all spin orders:**
 $m \rightarrow e^{C/2} m$

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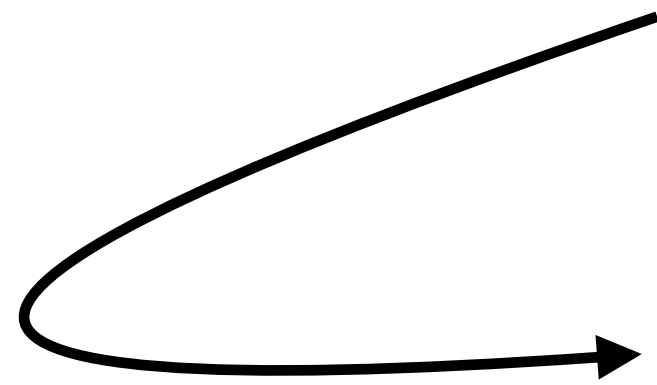


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Comments:

- Can show that there are no linear-in-spin corrections to $W_h^{(1)}$ at this order!
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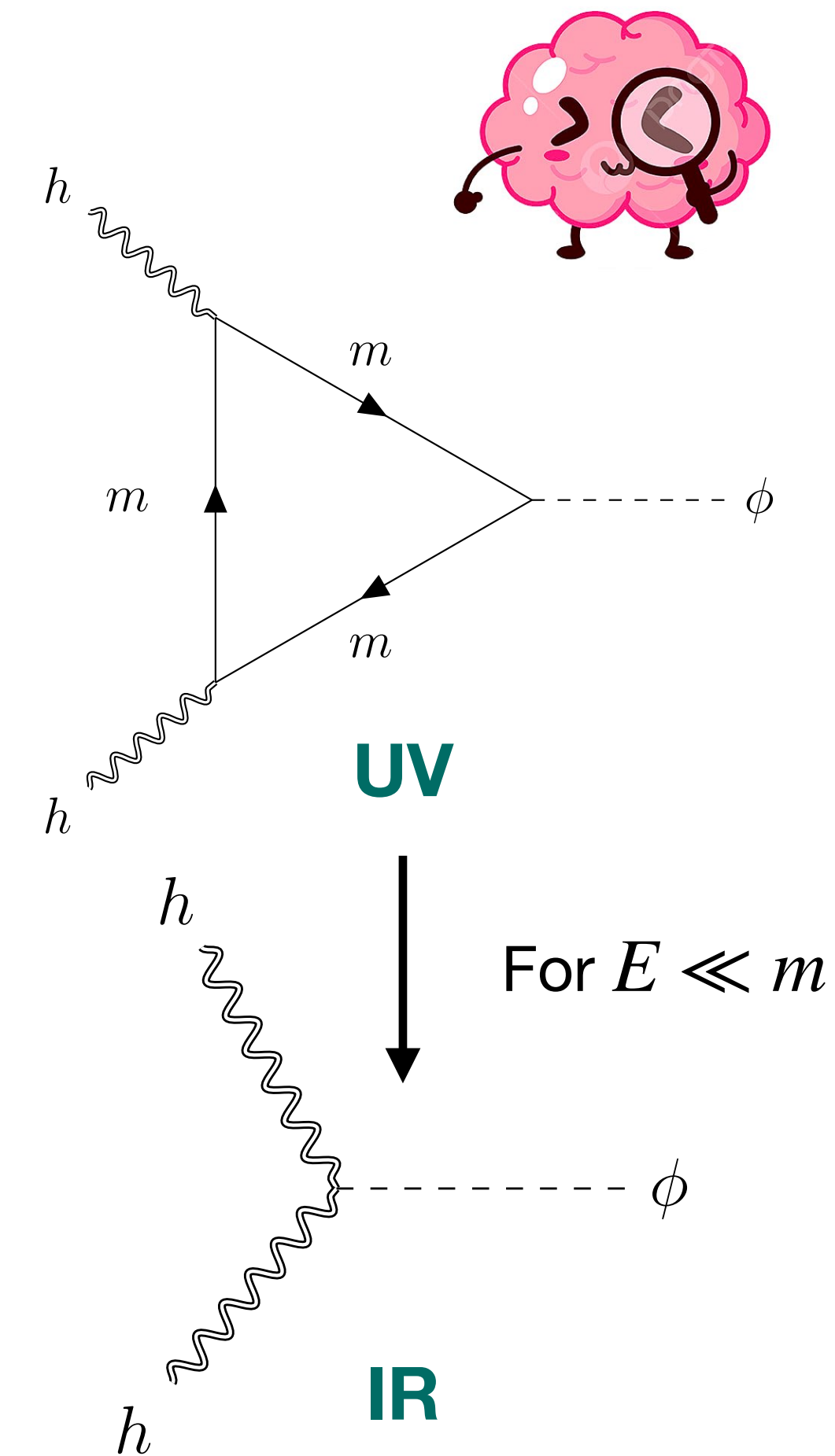
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What's next?

- Employing similar methods to **study GR (and beyond) effects**, where current PN/NR results are poor, e.g. Description of **dipole hair in DCS from amplitudes** looks promising, but remains still incomplete.
- Could we employ our formalism to **effectively describe new Physics** related to **scalar particles** from GWs (boson clouds around BHs, soliton and boson stars, light axion-like particles, ...) ?
- What about **UV completions** of such theories from an **on-shell perspective**? Can exploit their properties to make an efficient **EFT matching**, learning **generic lessons!** (see upcoming work **[2507.XXXXX]** with E.Alviani, A.Falkowski)



1. **SGB** can be generated, but with **shift-symmetry breaking** operators
2. **DCS** can also be generated, with a **unique shift-symmetric** choice, corresponding to a theory of **spin 1/2 fermions** and a **complex scalar** with a **Peccei-Quinn global symmetry** $U(1)_{PQ}$.

The universe seems to be extremely loud!



Thank you for your attention!:)

Merci beaucoup!

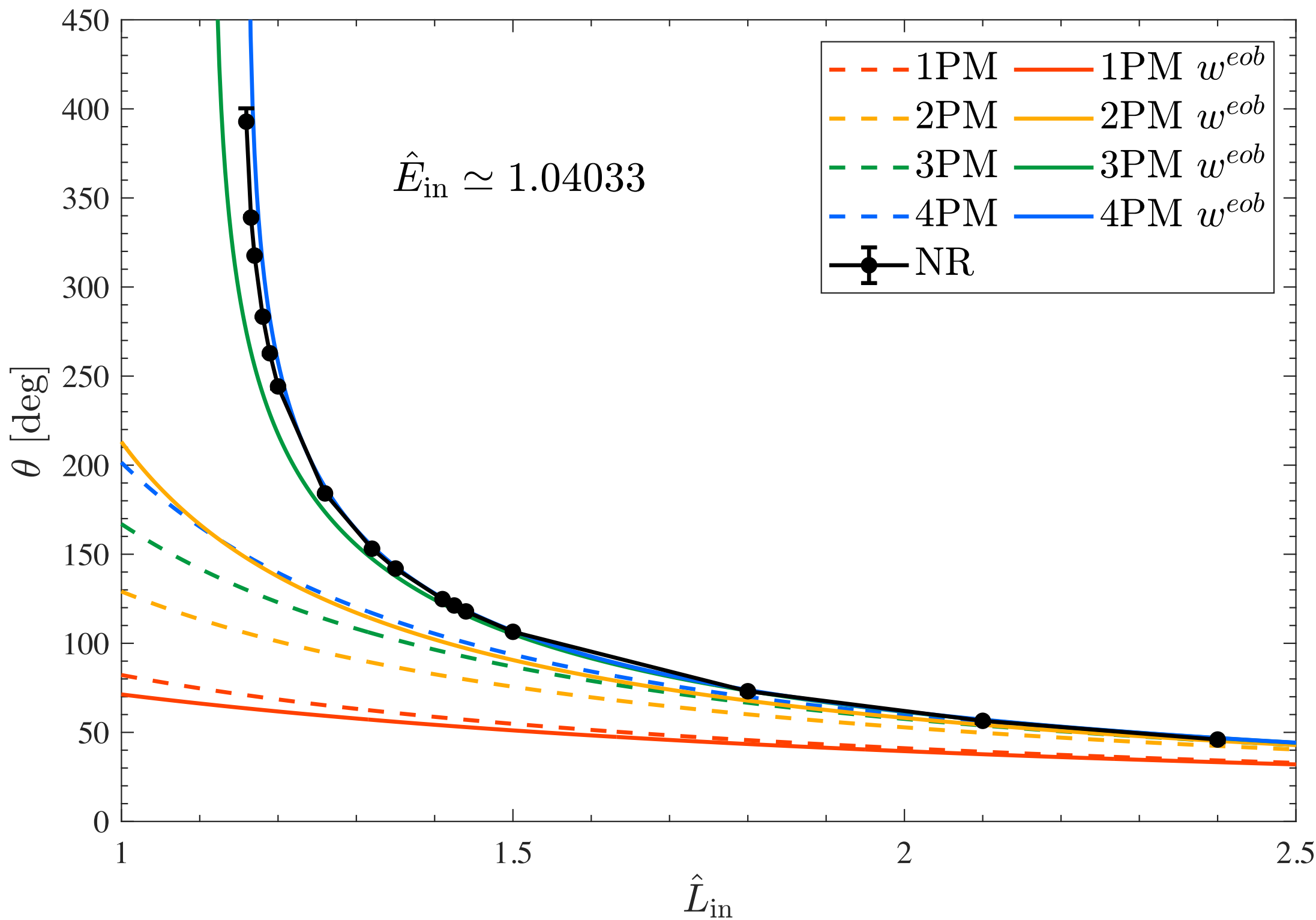


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Backup slides

PM expansion to the test and bound orbits:

Phys.Rev.D 108 (2023) 12, 124016 [Rettegno, Pratten, Thomas, Schmidt, Damour]



Already PM is doing very well for
black hole (BH) scattering!



Good agreement for
the bound case as well!

Bound to Boundary map for binary dynamics:

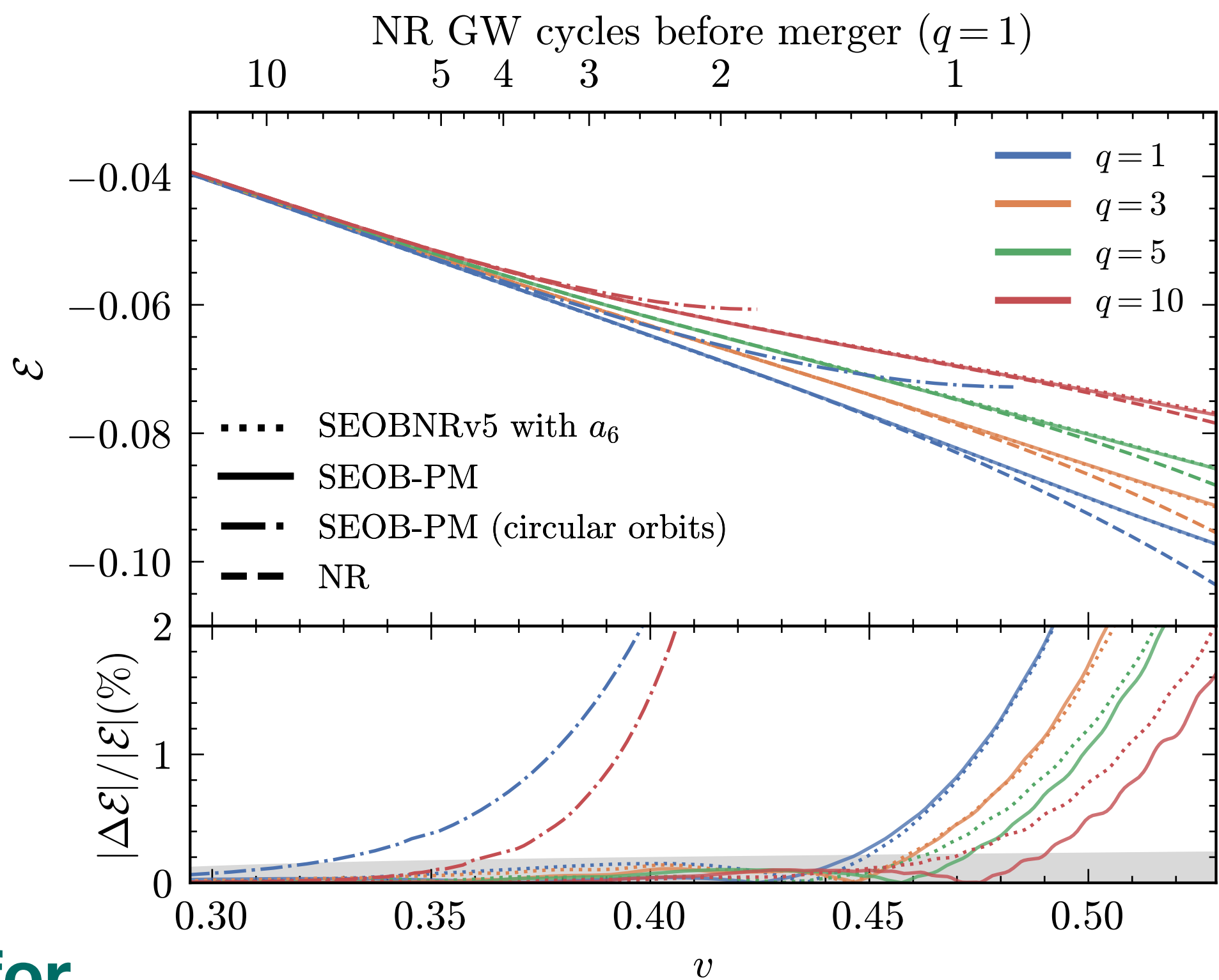
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Recent work on a waveform map:

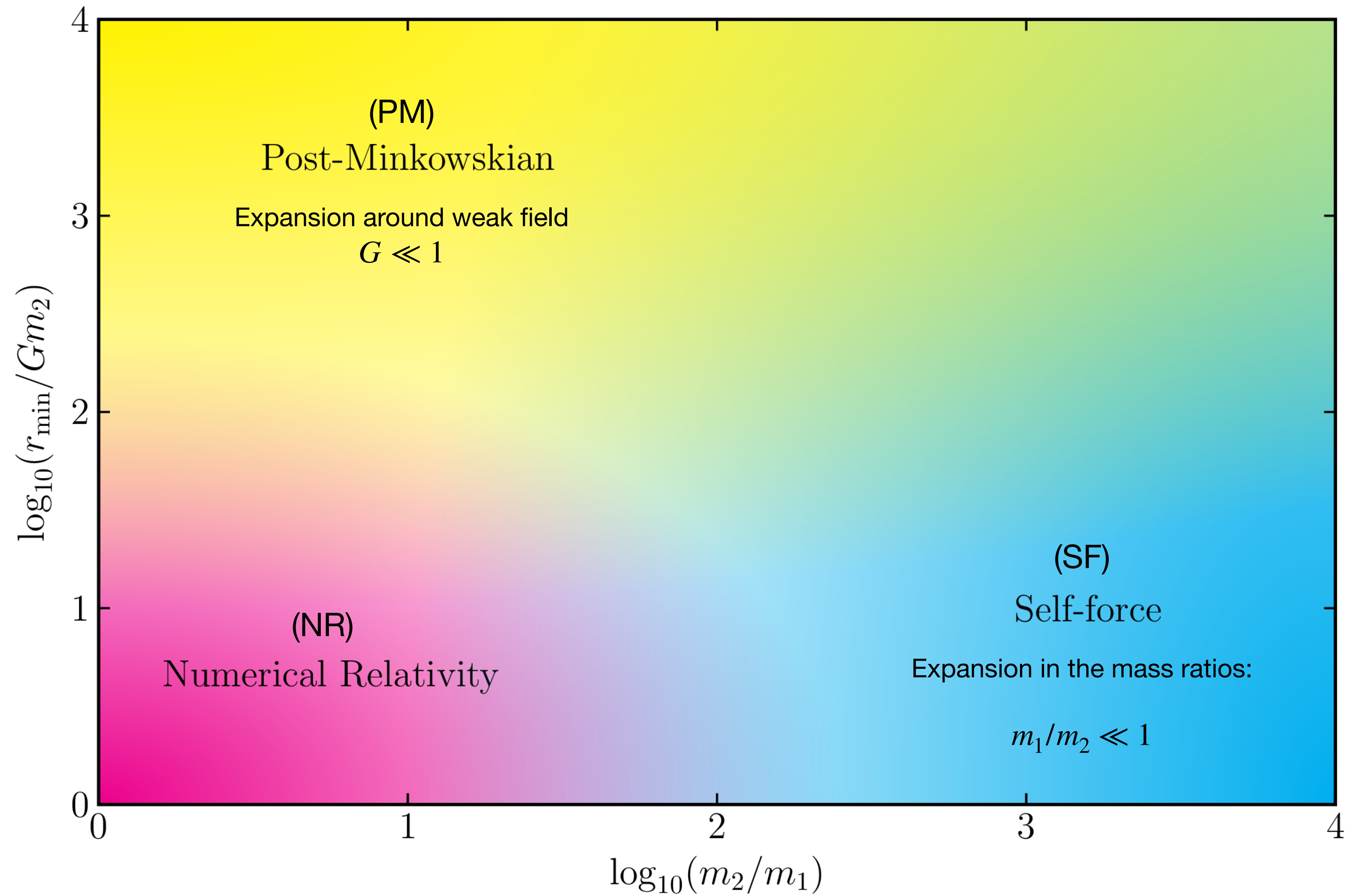
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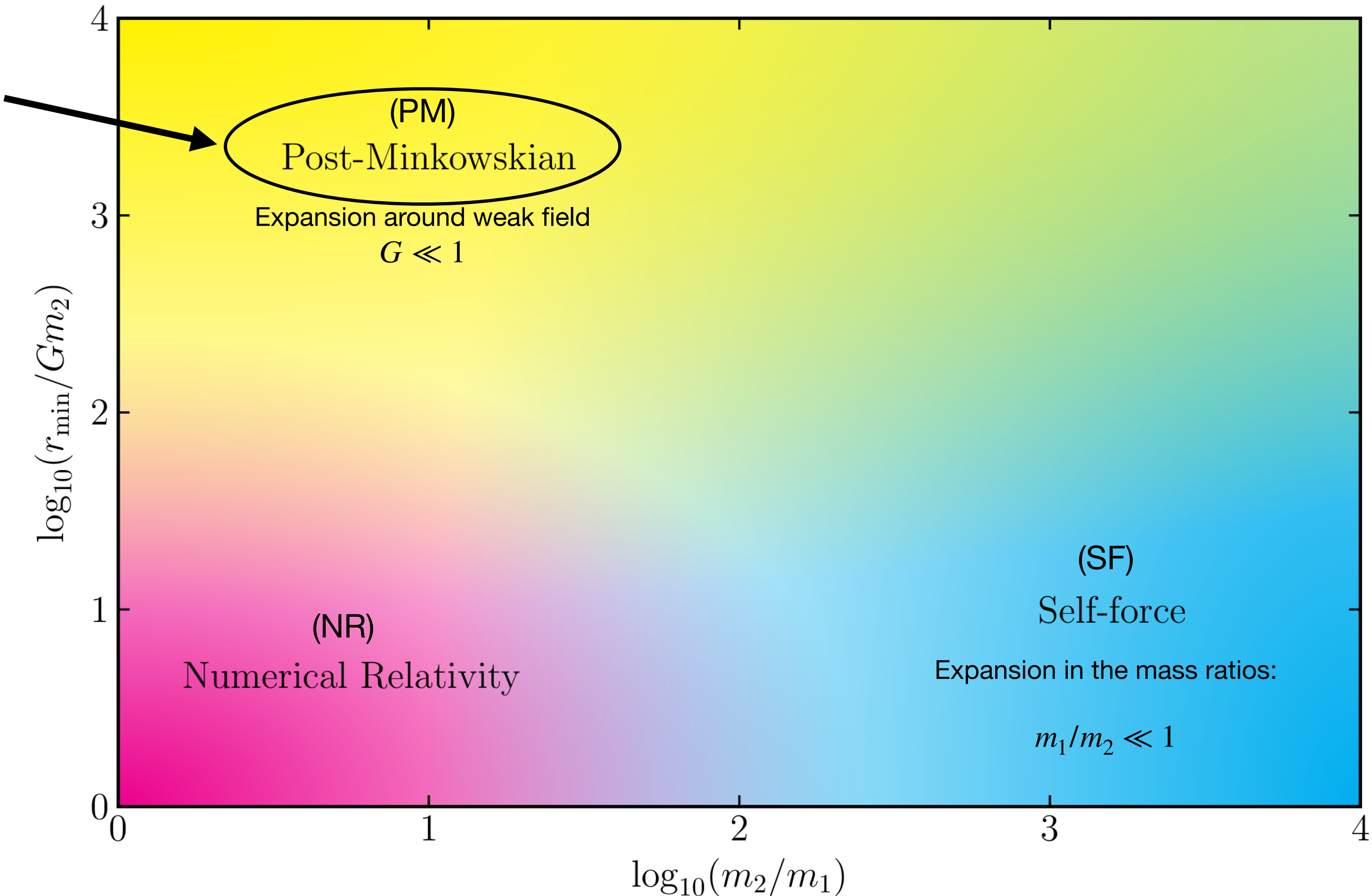
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- Inspiration from **techniques** used in **Scattering Amplitudes and Effective Field Theory**

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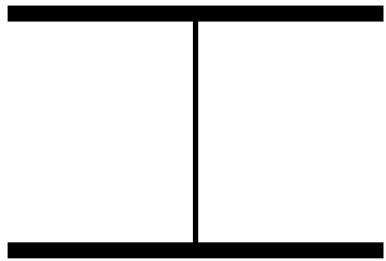
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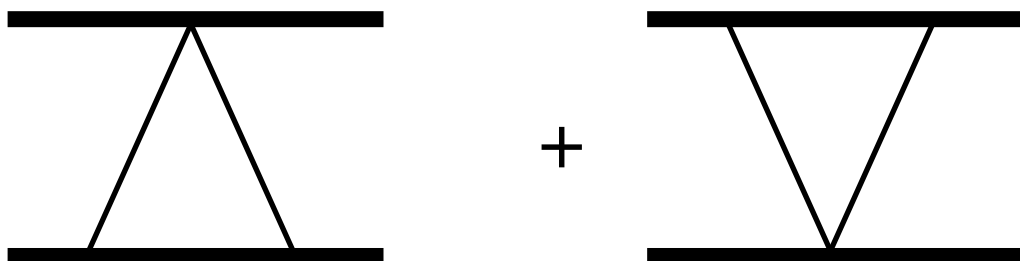
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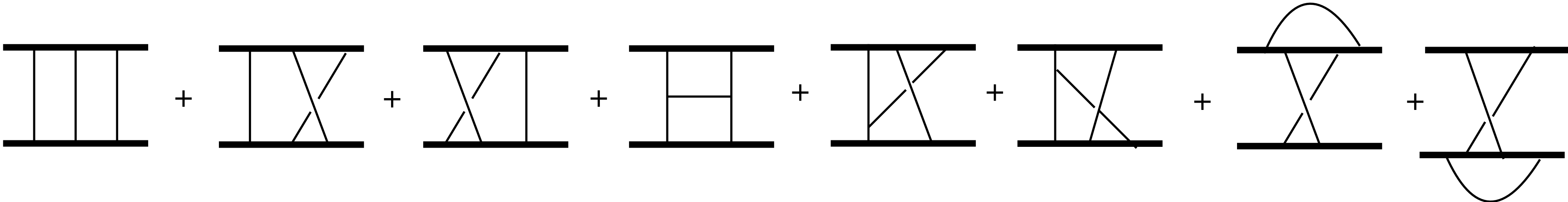
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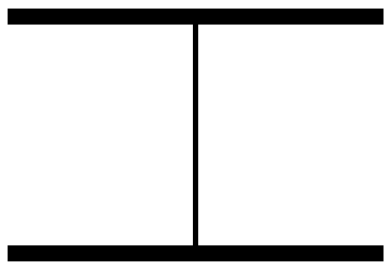
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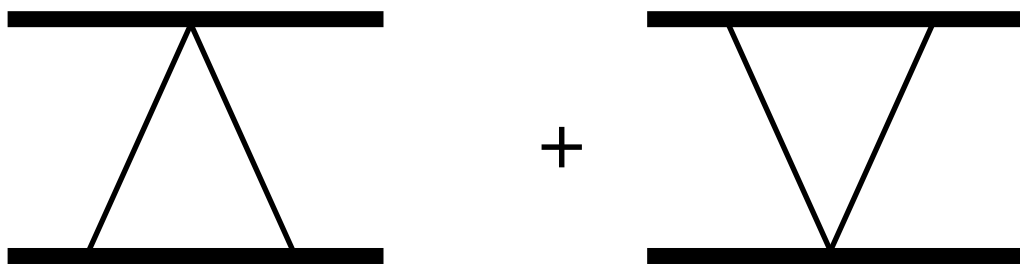
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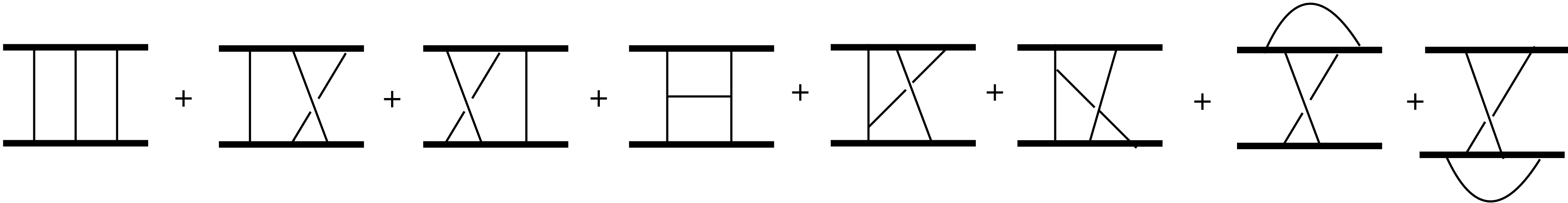
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State of the art is pushing towards
4-loops (5PM) binary dynamics

Phys.Rev.Lett. 132 (2024) 24, 241402 [Driesse,Jakobsen,Mogull, Plefka, Sauer, Usovitsch]
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JHEP 06 (2023) 004 [Herderschee, Roiban, Teng]
JHEP 2023 (2023) 06, 126 [Georgoudis, Heissenberg, Vazquez-Holm]
JHEP 01 (2024) 139 [Caron-Huot, Giroux, Hannesdottir, Mizera]

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arxiv: 2312.14859 [Bohnenblust, Ita, Kraus, Schlenk]

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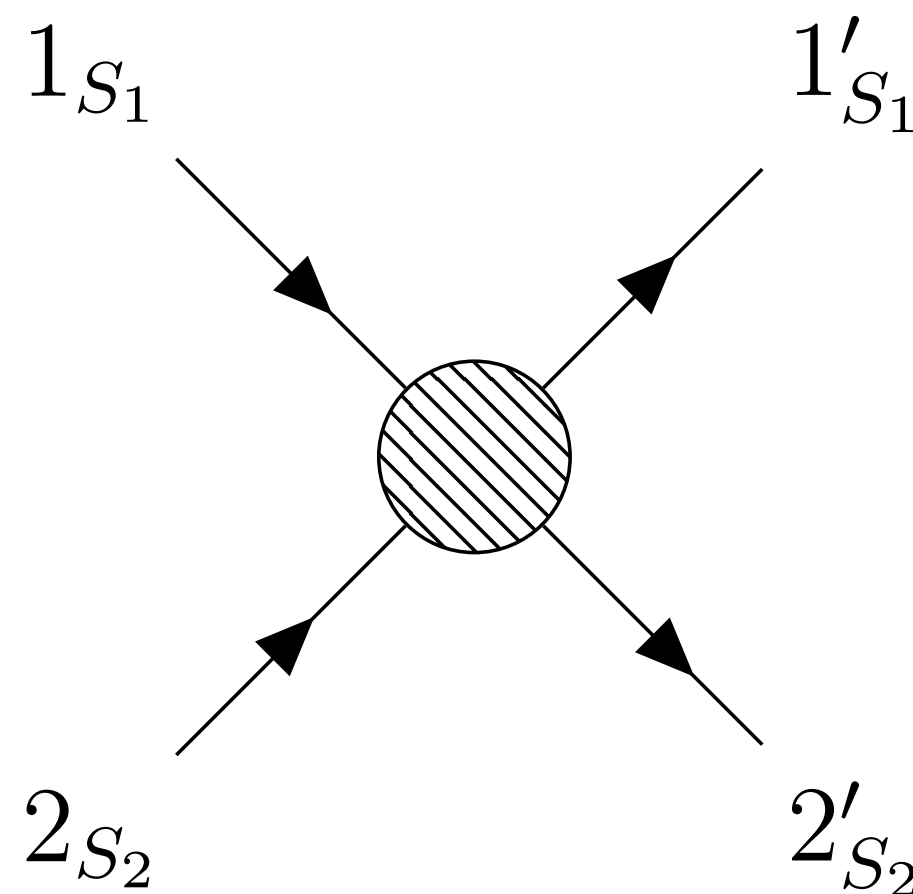
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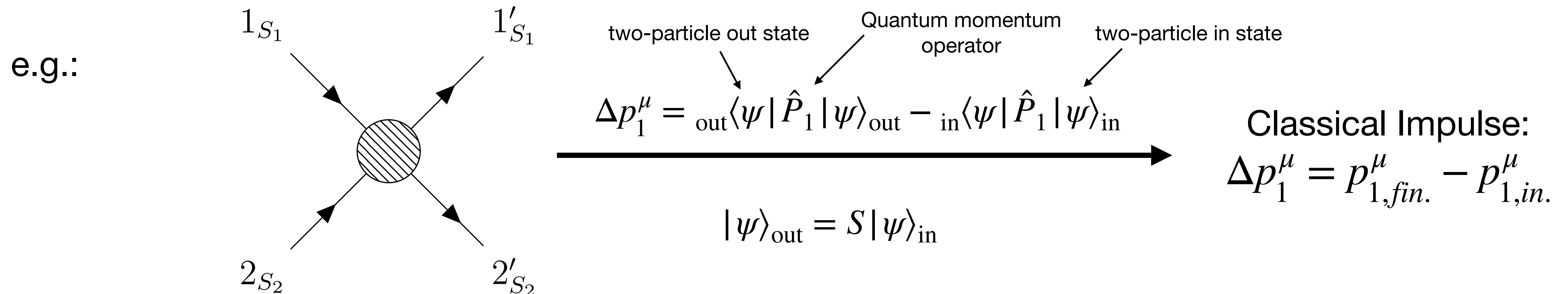
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Similar approach can be applied to radiation observables

Examples:

Massless scalar theory

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Electromagnetism

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retarded time

Furthermore one defines spectral waveform f_X as Fourier transform:

$$f_X(\omega) = \int dt \, e^{i\omega t} W_X(t)$$

KMOC formalism relates spectral waveform at leading order to integral of 5-point amplitude.

At leading order:

$$f_X(\omega) = \frac{1}{64\pi^3 m_1 m_2} \int d\mu \mathcal{M}^{\text{cl}}[p_1 + w_1, p_2 + w_2 \rightarrow p_1, p_2, k] \Big|_{k=\omega n}$$

Integration measure

$d\mu \equiv \delta^4(w_1 + w_2 - k) \Pi_{i=1,2} [e^{ib_i w_i} d^4 w_i \delta(u_i w_i)]$

Matter representing
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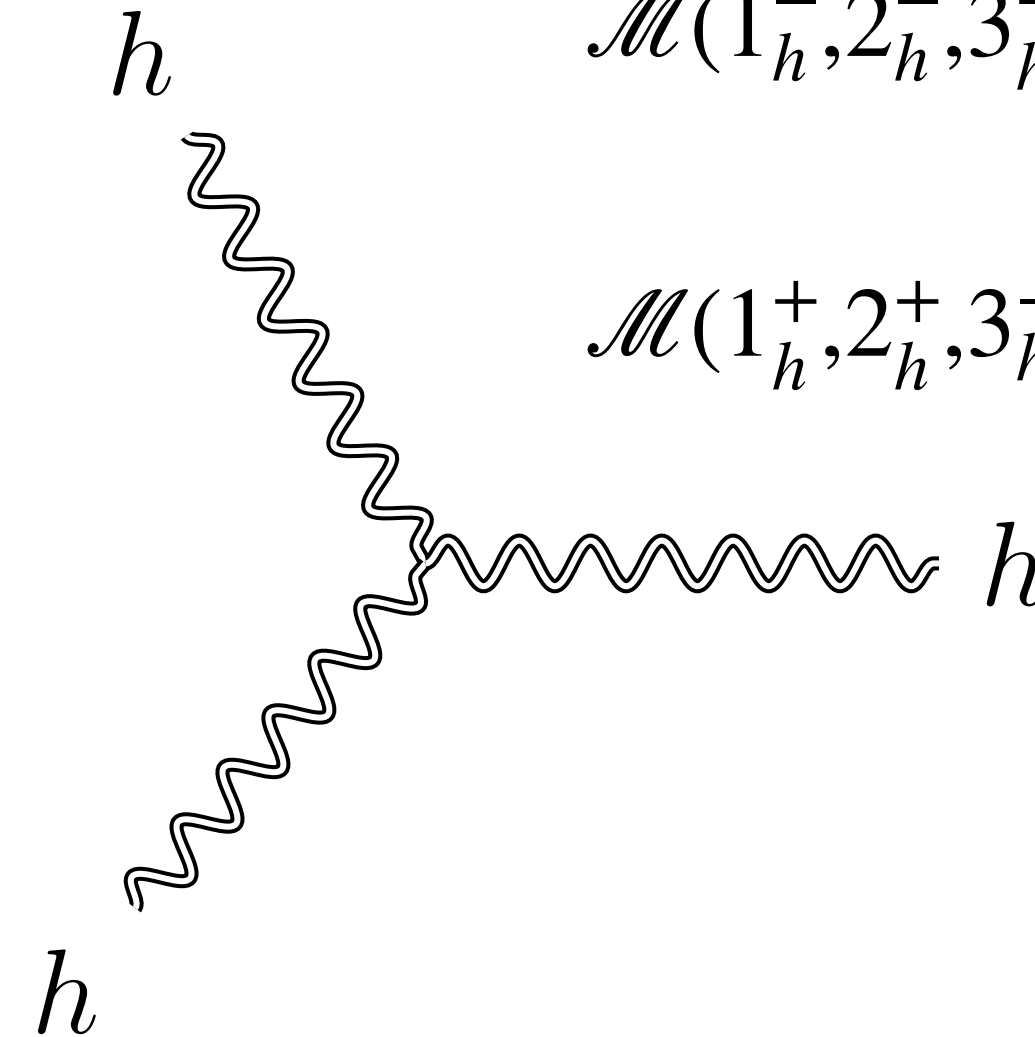
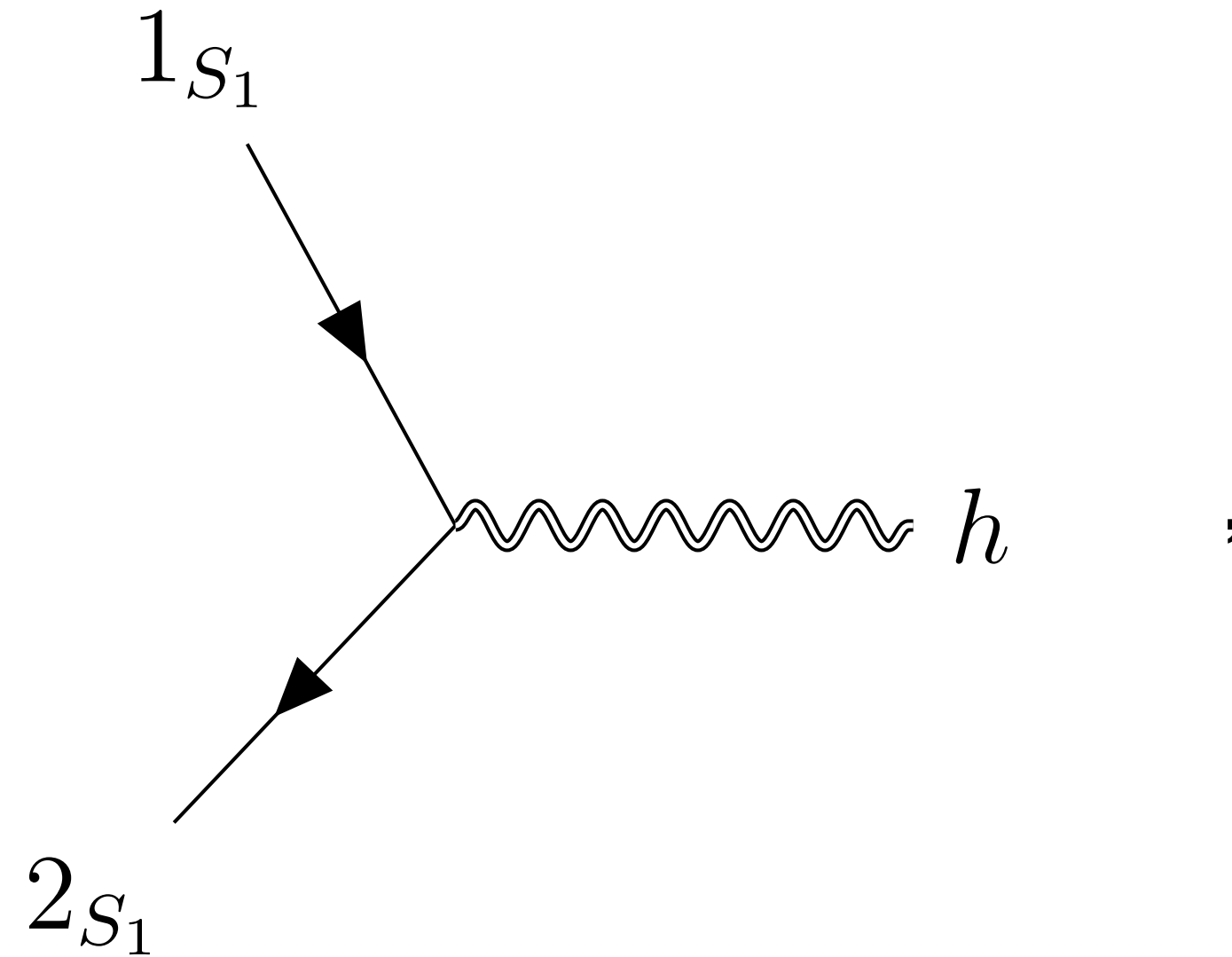
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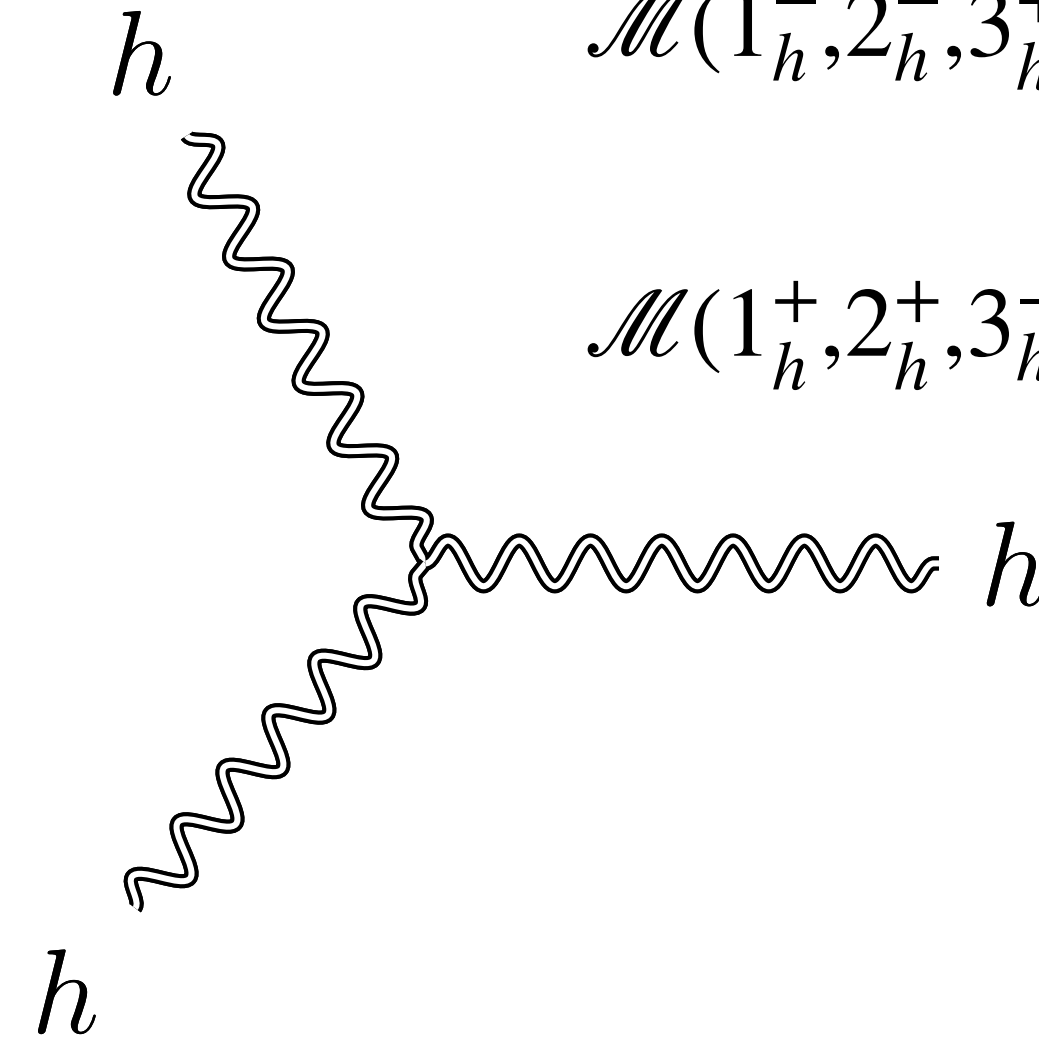
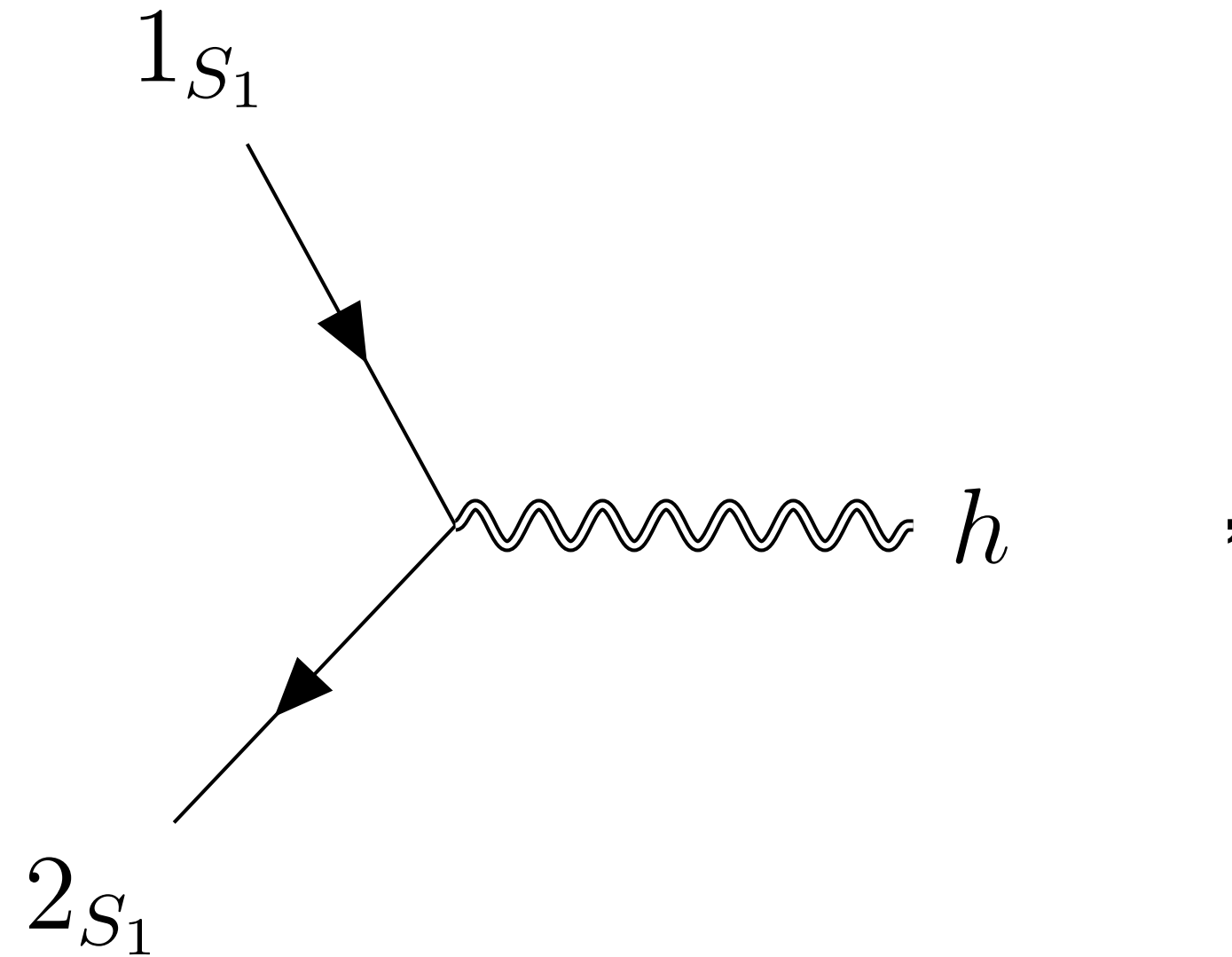


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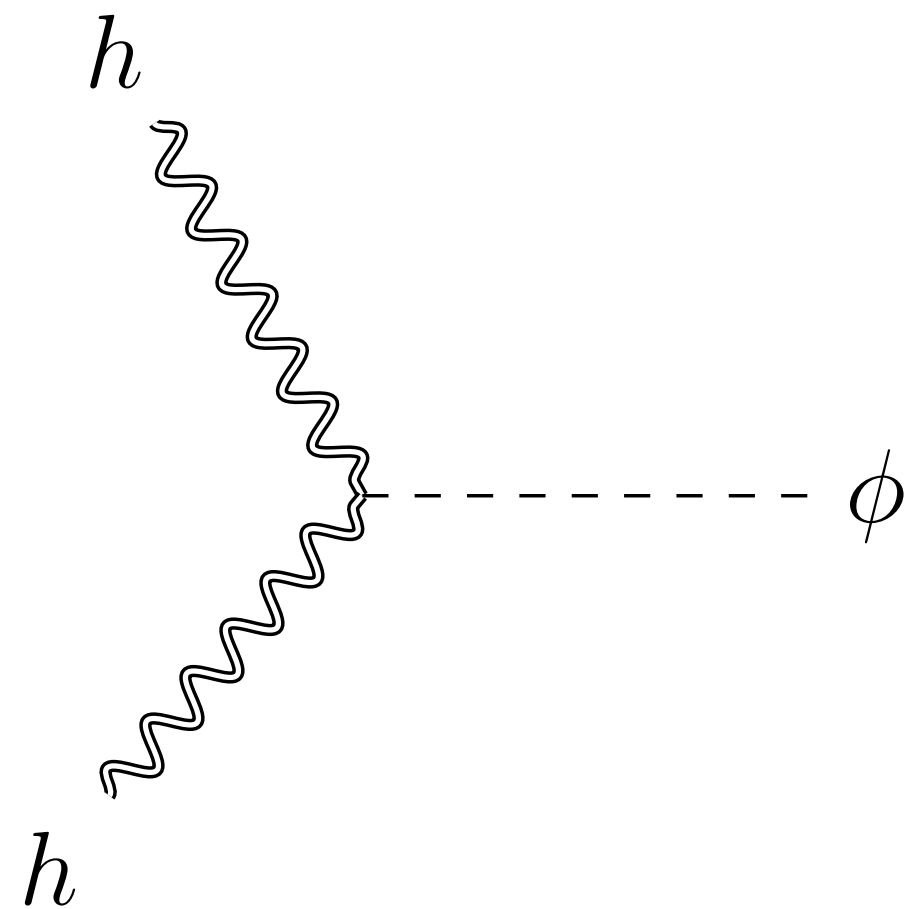
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$$\sum_{i=2,3,4} \text{Res}_{(p_1+p_i)^2 \rightarrow 0} \left[\text{Diagram with blob} \right] \Big|_{\text{tree}} = - \left[\text{Diagram 1} + \text{Diagram 2} + (t \leftrightarrow u) \right]$$

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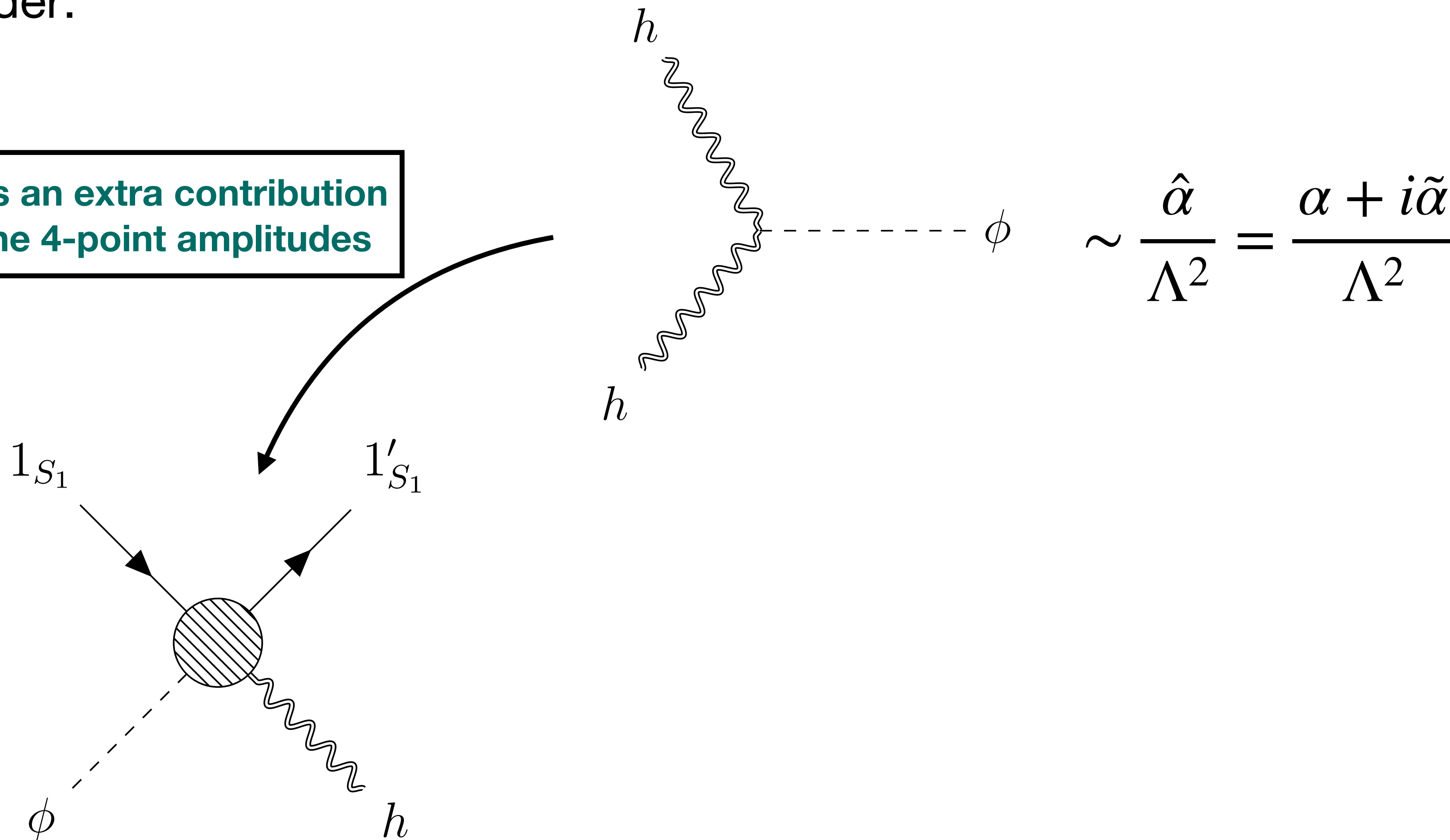

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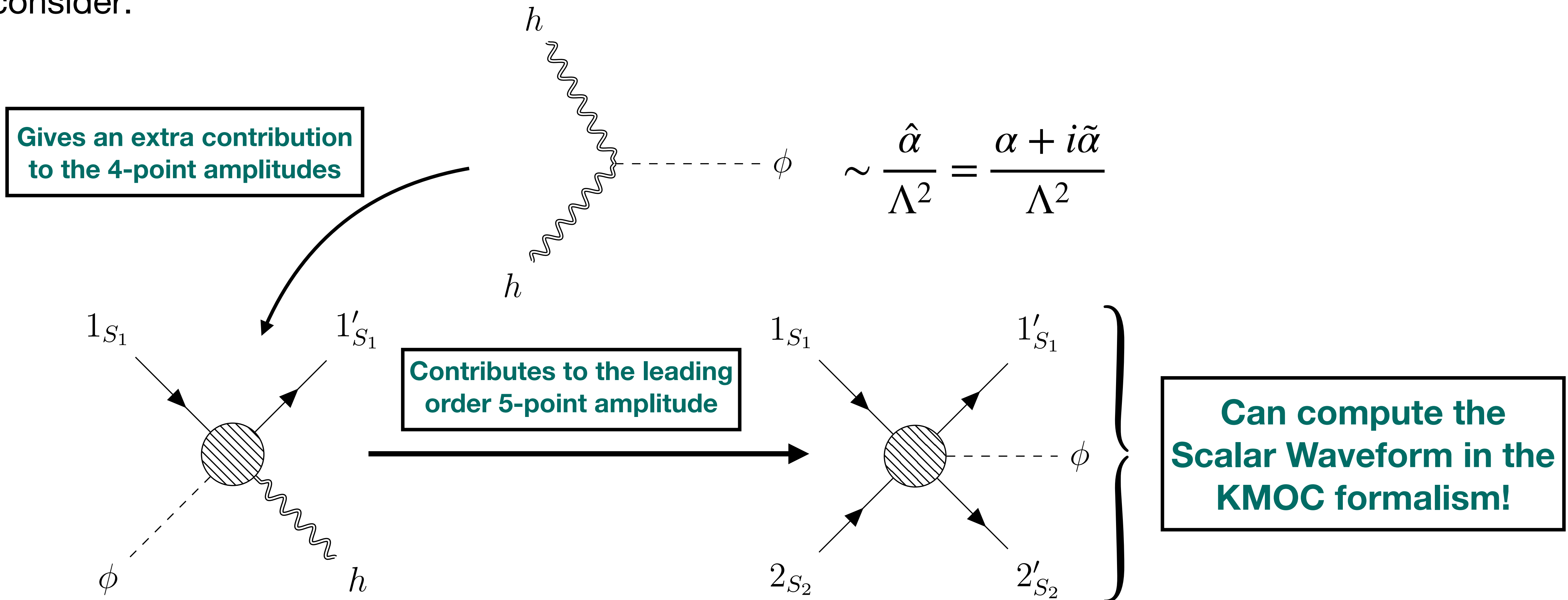
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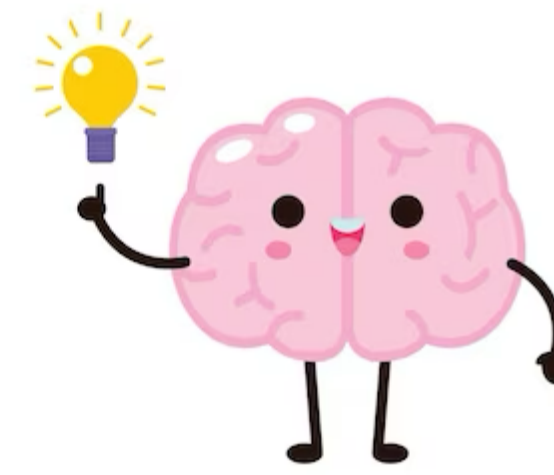
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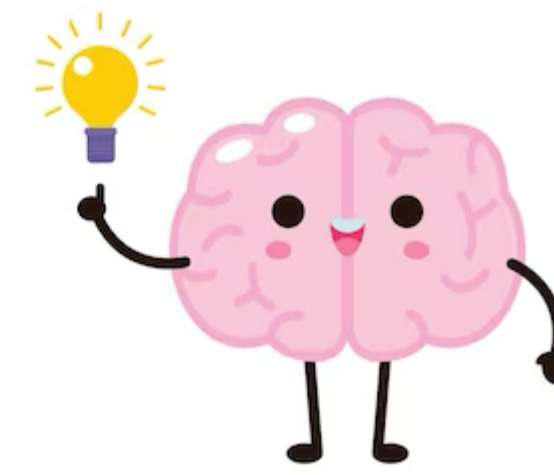
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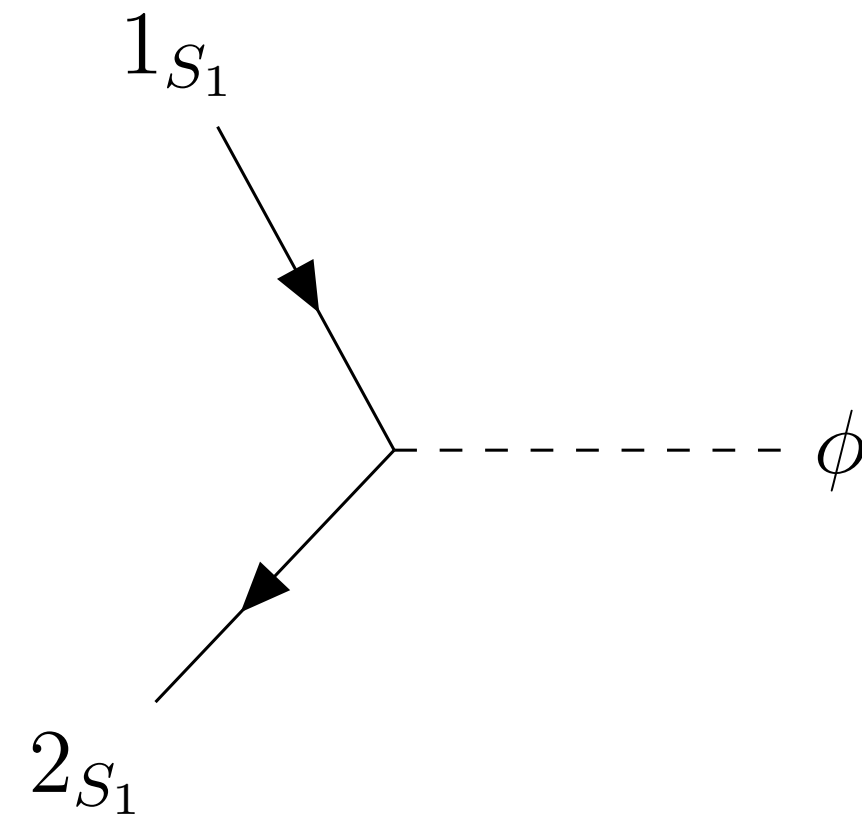
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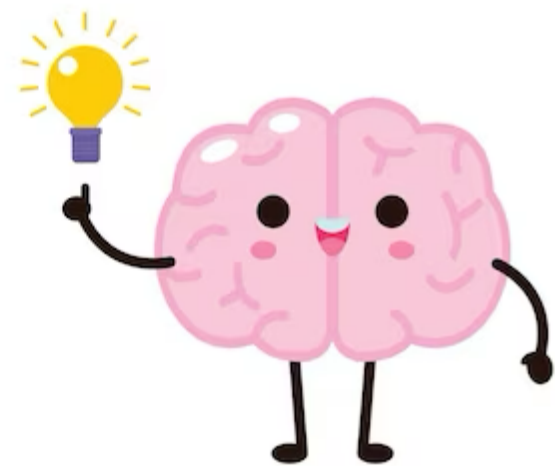
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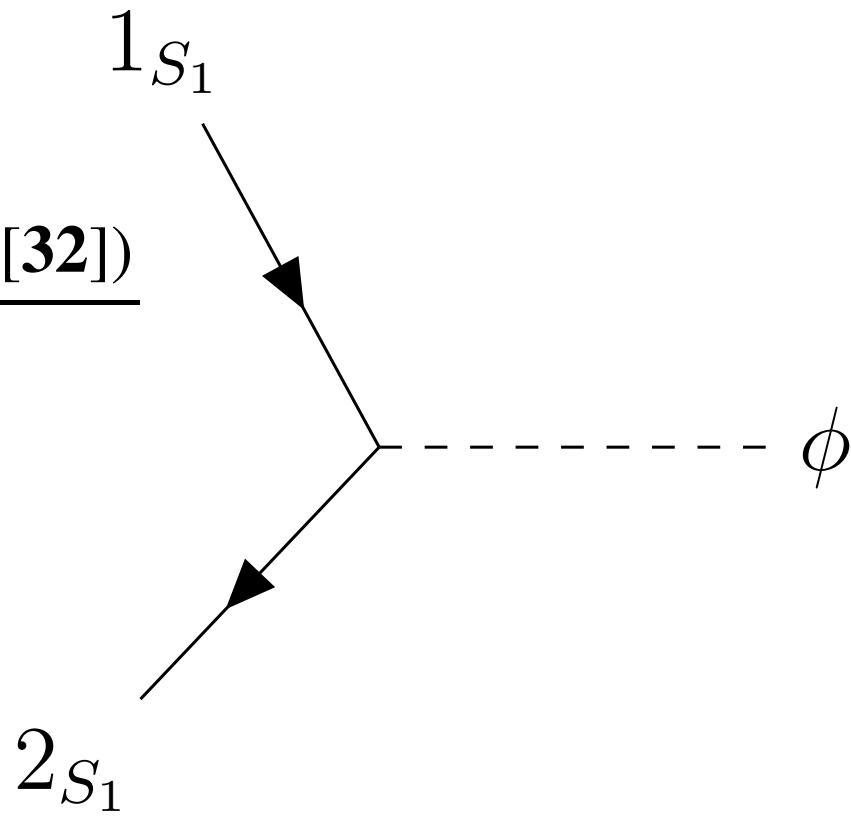
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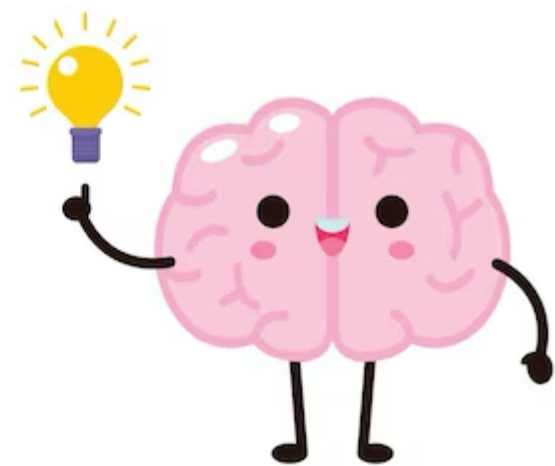
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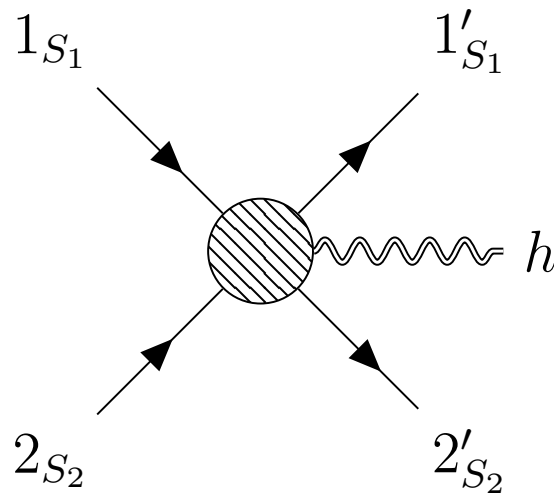
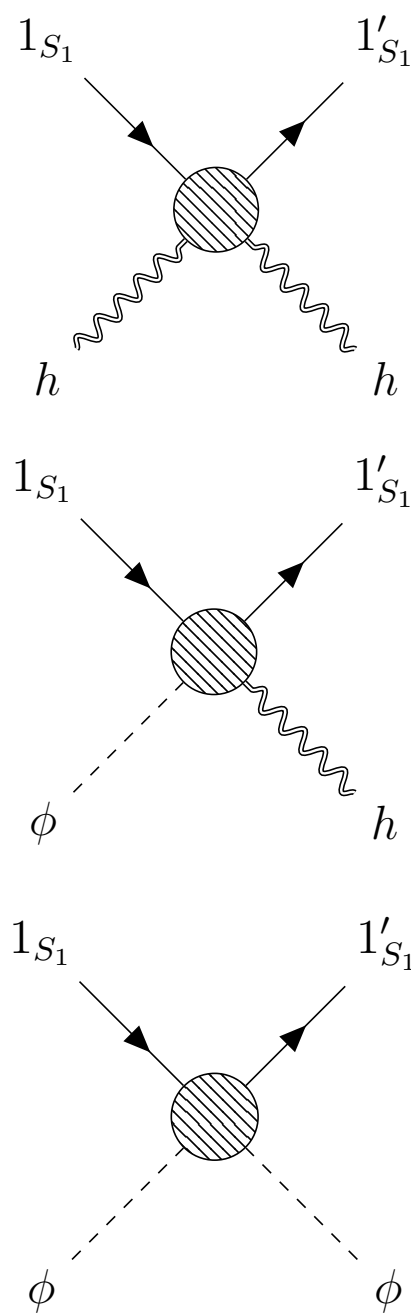
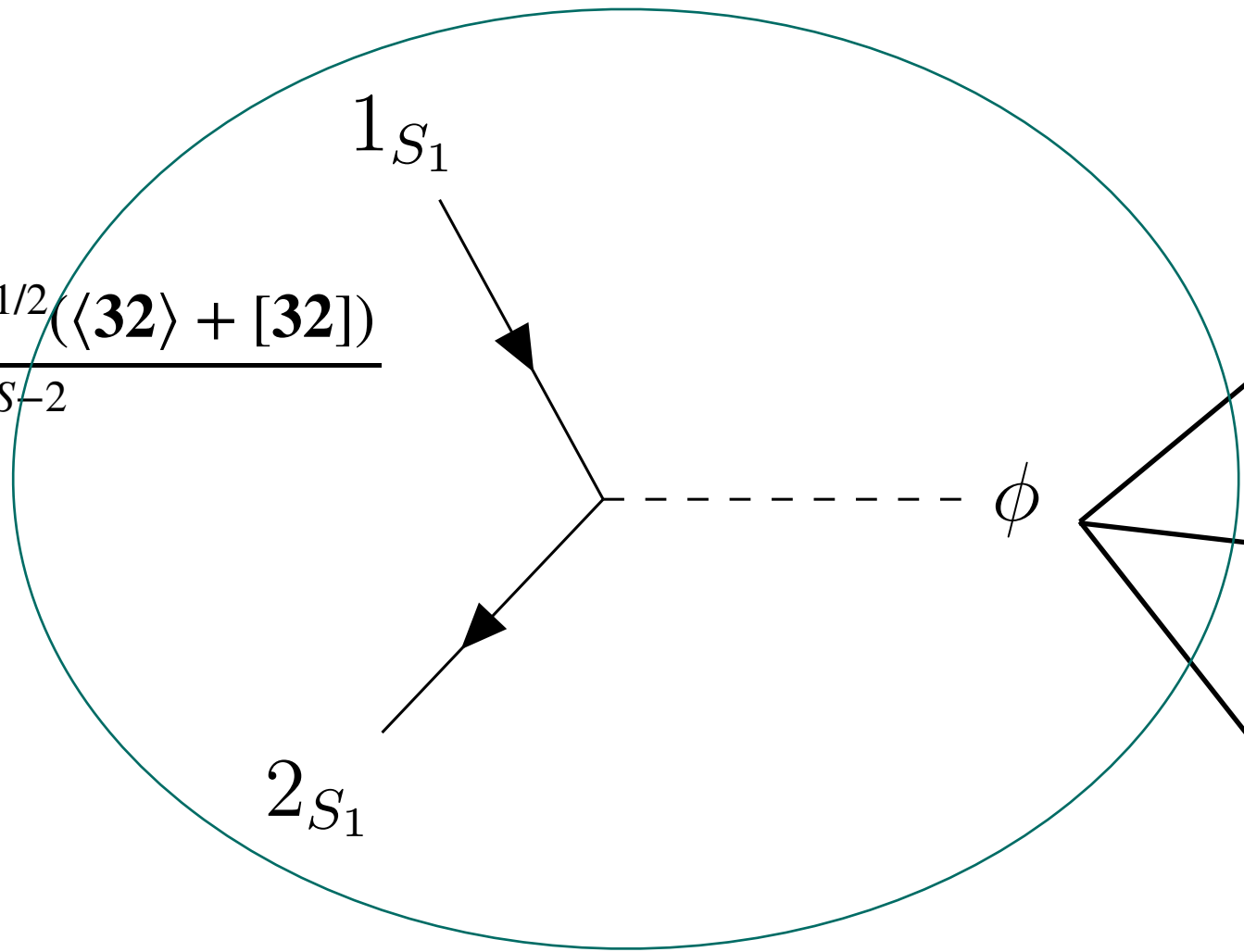
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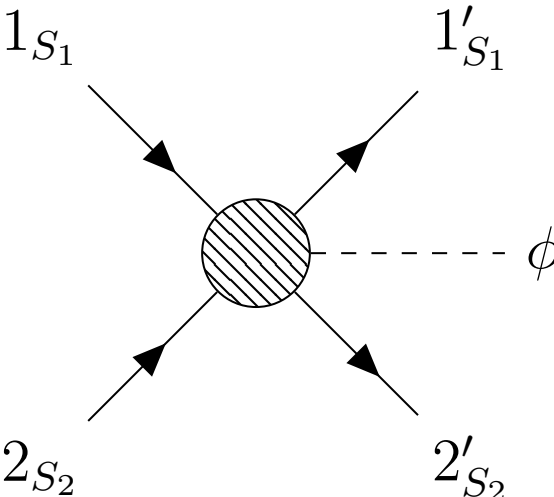
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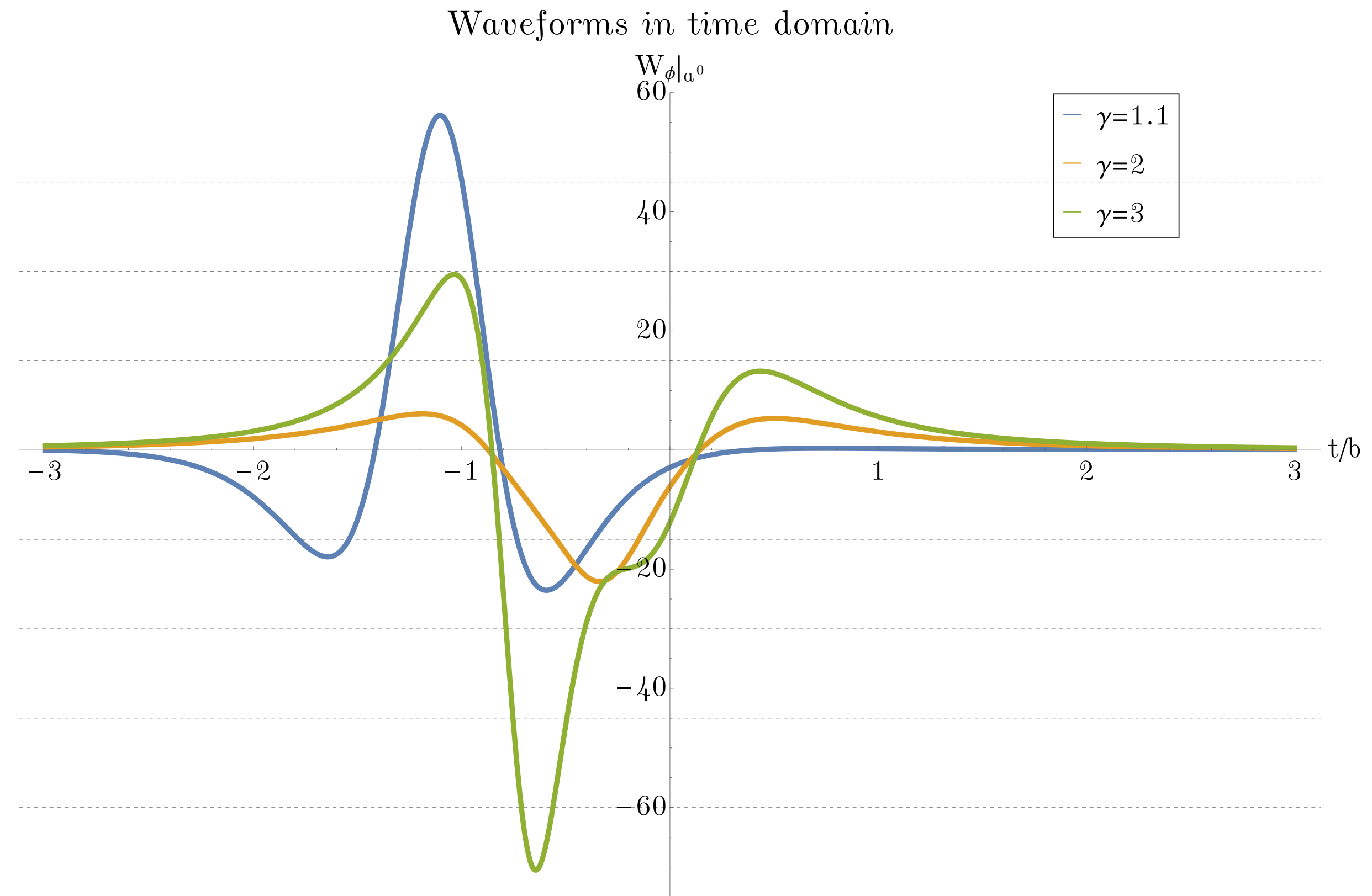
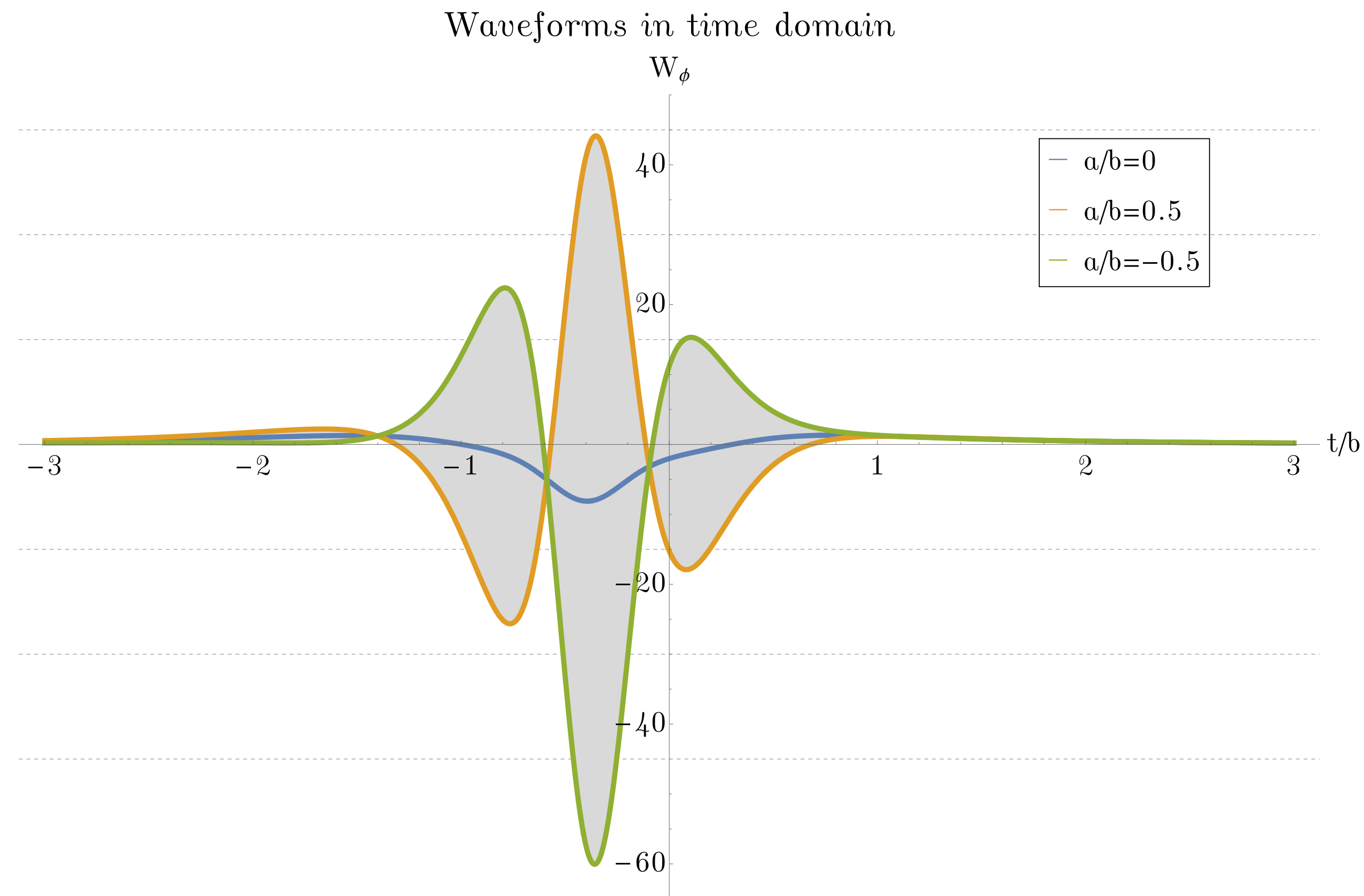


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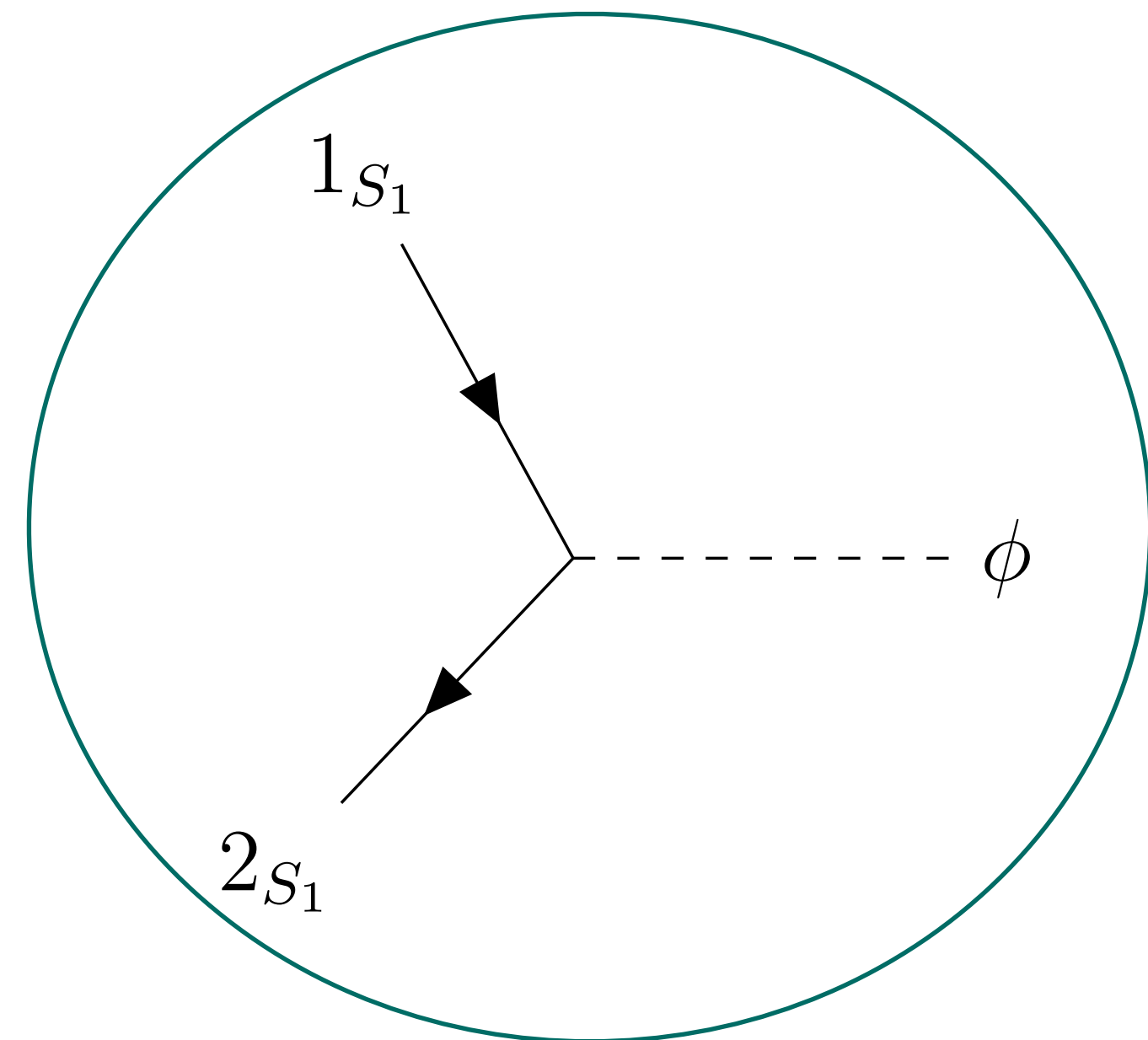
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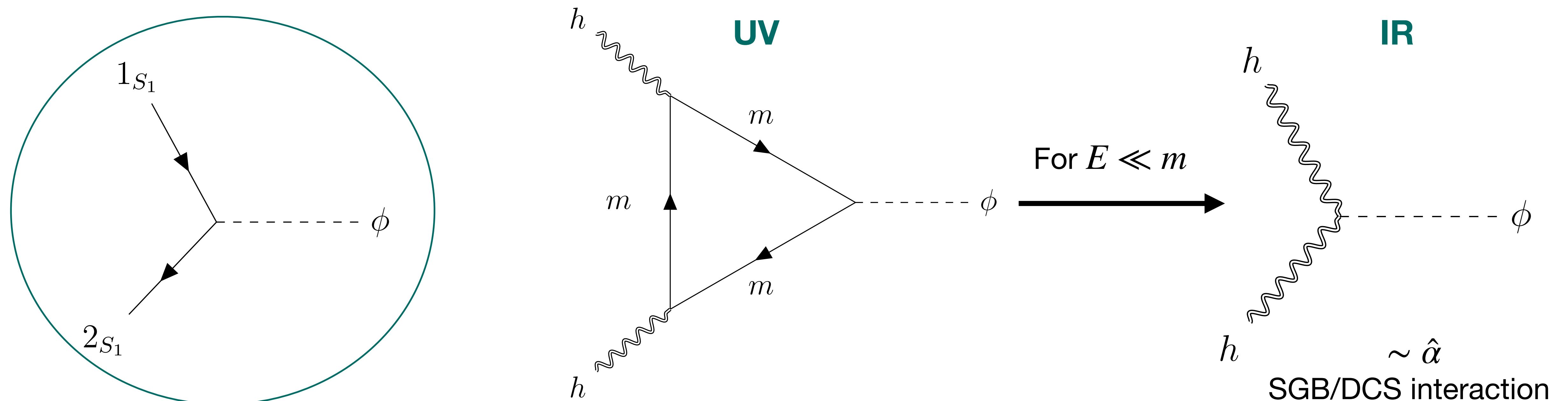
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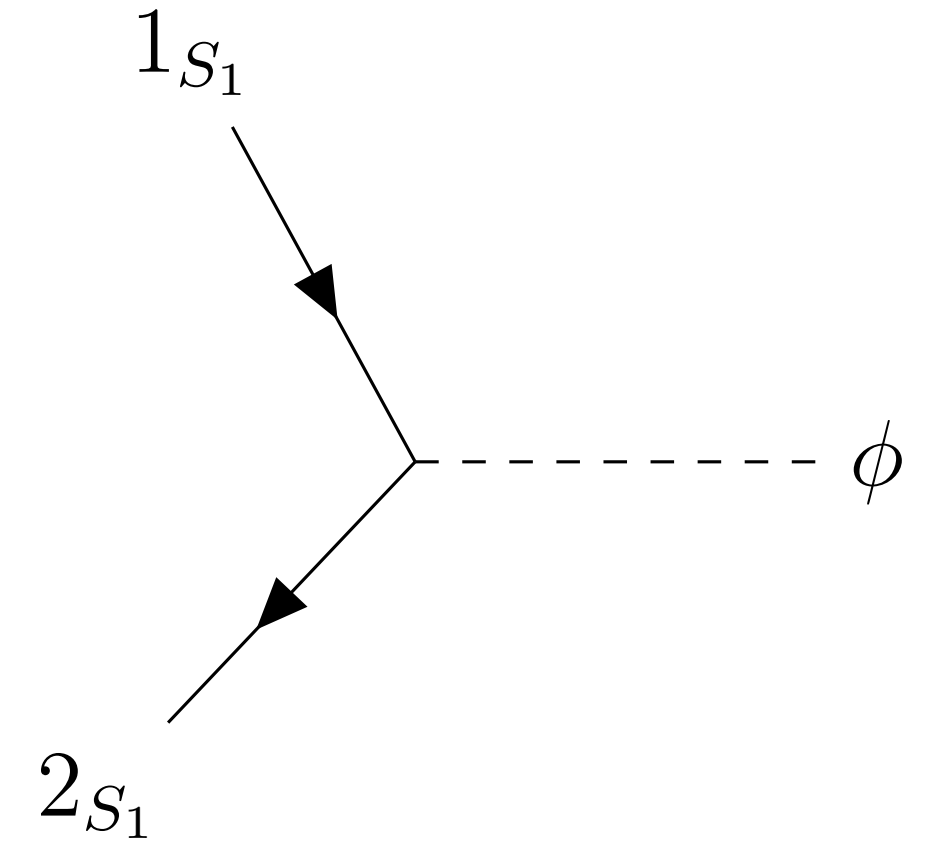
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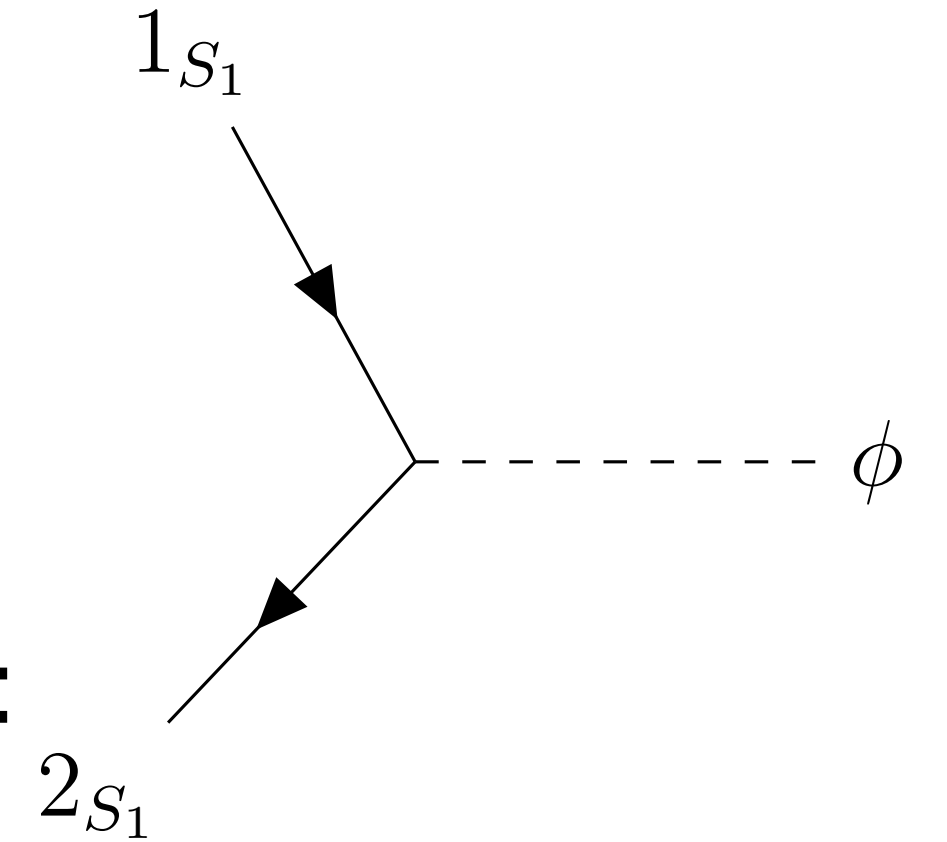


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Expectation:

Shift-symmetry encoded by the **vanishing of the amplitudes in the $p_1^\mu \rightarrow 0$ limit (?)**

Can such UV theories generate shift-symmetric interactions?

Yes and No!



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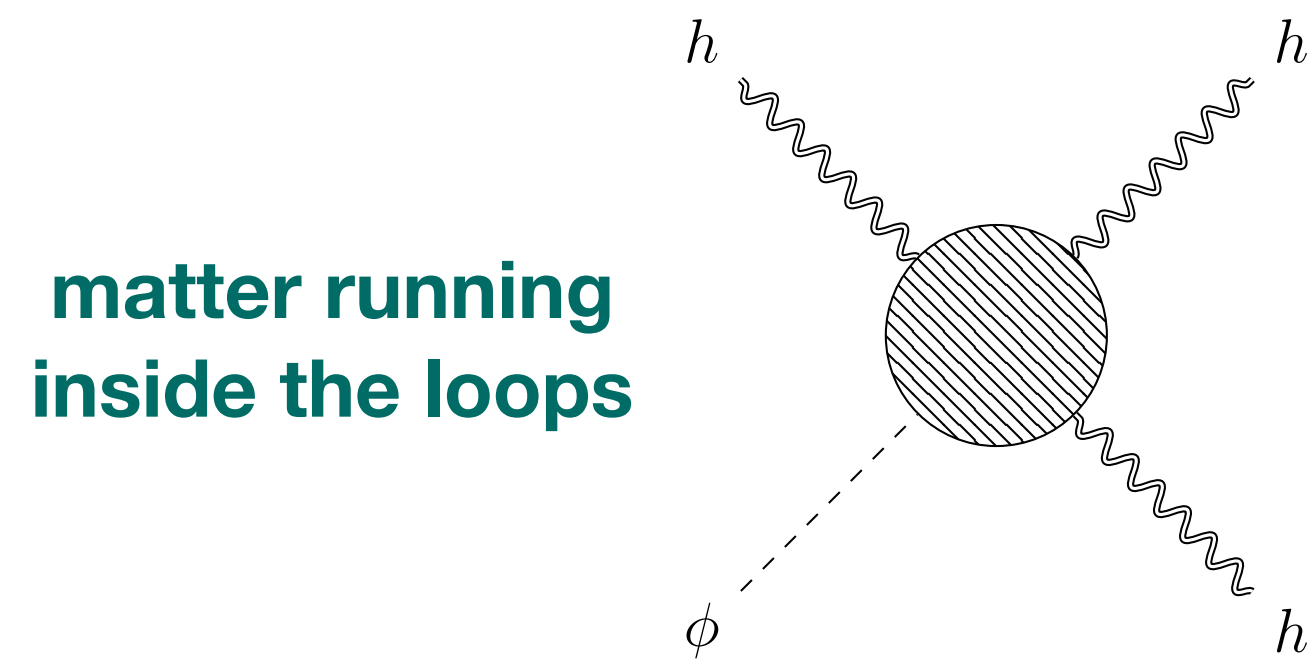
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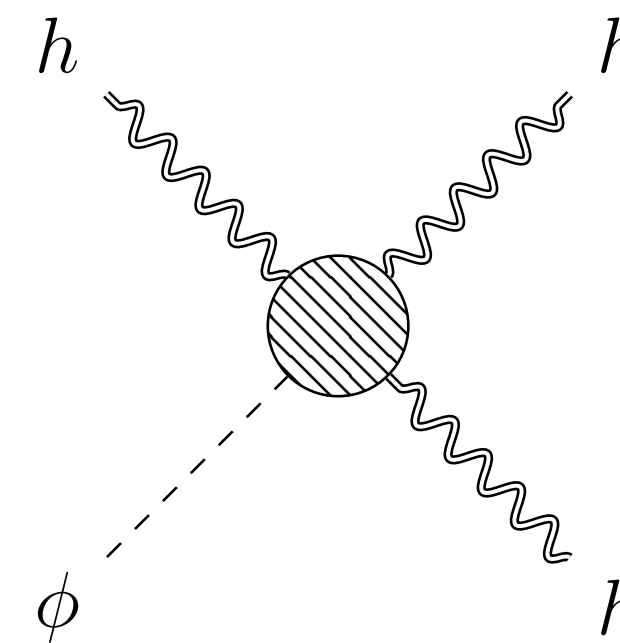
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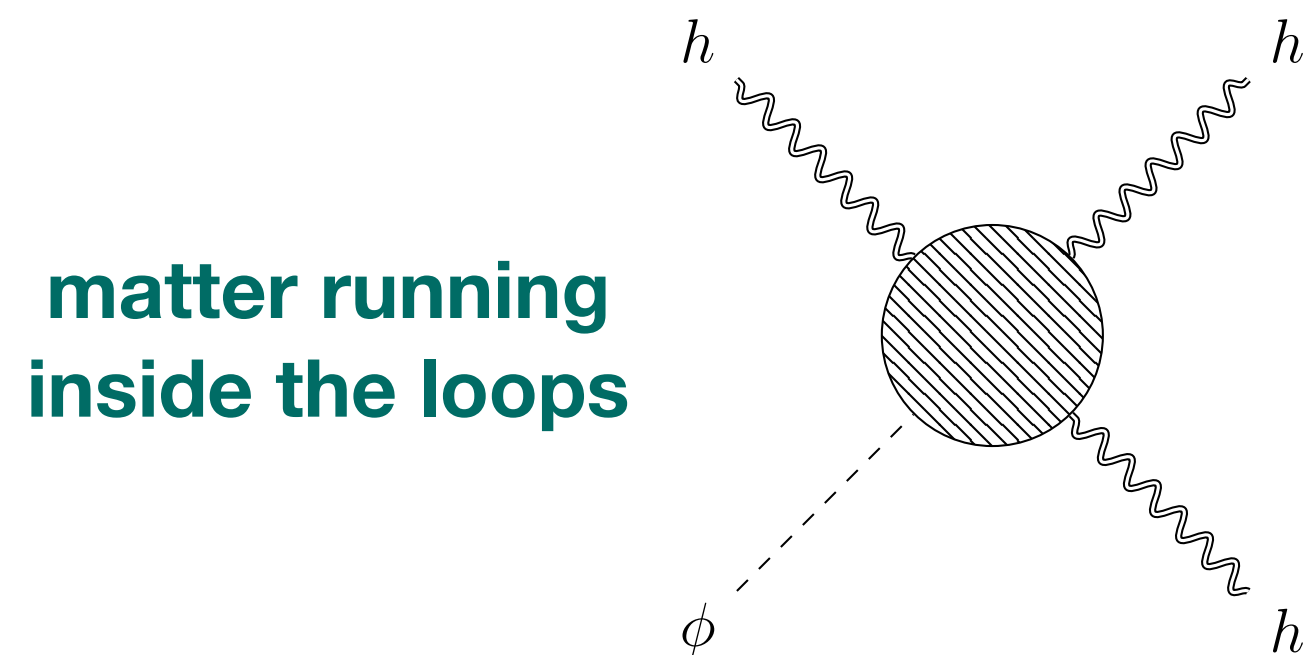
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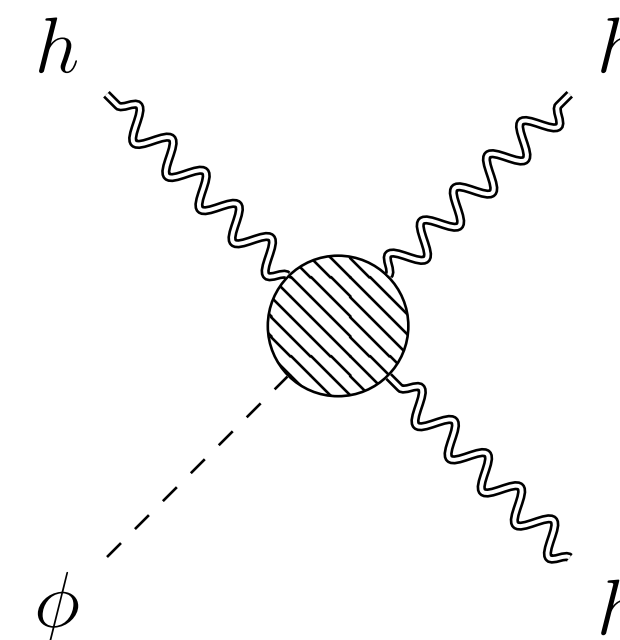


**matter running
inside the loops**

Heavy mass expansion, $m \gg E$



Results:



**tree-level diagrams
through the SGB
interaction**

1. SGB can be generated, but with **shift-symmetry breaking** operators (may be cancelled but only by fine tuning?)

2. DCS can also be generated, with **unique shift-symmetric** choice, corresponding to a theory of **spin 1/2 fermions** and a **complex scalar** with a **Peccei-Quinn global symmetry** $U(1)_{PQ}$.

3. UV completions with **massive matter** with spin $S \geq 1$ seem to be **non-informative**

Integrals and variables in waveform parametrization:

Single-pole integrals

$$\begin{aligned}
 I_2^{\mu_1 \dots \mu_n} &= \int \hat{d}w_1 \hat{d}w_2 \hat{\delta}(u_1 w_1) \hat{\delta}(u_2 w_2) \hat{\delta}^{(4)}(w_1 + w_2 - k) \frac{e^{i(b_1 w_1 + b_2 w_2)}}{w_2^2} w_2^{\mu_1} \dots w_2^{\mu_n} \\
 &= e^{ib_1 k} \int \hat{d}^4 q \hat{\delta}(u_1 \cdot q - u_1 \cdot k) \hat{\delta}(u_2 \cdot q) \frac{e^{-iq \cdot (b_1 - b_2)}}{q^2} q^{\mu_1} \dots q^{\mu_n}
 \end{aligned}$$

Double-pole integrals

$$\begin{aligned}
 J_2^{\mu_1 \dots \mu_n} &= \int \hat{d}w_1 \hat{d}w_2 \hat{\delta}(u_1 w_1) \hat{\delta}(u_2 w_2) \hat{\delta}^{(4)}(w_1 + w_2 - k) \frac{e^{i(b_1 w_1 + b_2 w_2)}}{w_2^2 w_1^2} w_2^{\mu_1} \dots w_2^{\mu_n} \\
 &= e^{ib_1 k} \int \hat{d}^4 q \hat{\delta}(u_1 \cdot q - u_1 \cdot k) \hat{\delta}(u_2 \cdot q) \frac{e^{-iq \cdot (b_1 - b_2)}}{q^2 (k - q)^2} q^{\mu_1} \dots q^{\mu_n}
 \end{aligned}$$

Parametrization:
 $q^\mu = z_1 u_1^\mu + z_2 u_2^\mu + z_v \tilde{v}^\mu + z_b \tilde{b}^\mu$

$$v^\mu \equiv \varepsilon^{\mu\alpha\beta\rho} u_{1\alpha} u_{2\beta} \tilde{b}_\rho \qquad , \qquad \tilde{v}^\mu = \frac{v^\mu}{\sqrt{-v^2}}$$

$$b \equiv \sqrt{-(b_1 - b_2)^2} \qquad , \qquad \tilde{b}^\mu = \frac{b_1^\mu - b_2^\mu}{b}$$

$$\hat{u}_i = \frac{u_i}{\sqrt{\gamma^2 - 1}}$$

Then follow a residue approach following the logic of

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Integrals and variables in waveform parametrization:

$$I_2^{\mu_1 \dots \mu_n} = -\frac{\pi e^{ib_1 k} (\hat{u}_1 k)^n}{\sqrt{\gamma^2 - 1}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{dz e^{i(\hat{u}_1 k)bz}}{\sqrt{z^2 + 1}} \operatorname{Re} \left\{ [\gamma \hat{u}_2^{\mu_1} - \hat{u}_1^{\mu_1} + z \tilde{b}^{\mu_1} + i\sqrt{z^2 + 1} \tilde{v}^{\mu_1}] [\mu_1 \rightarrow \mu_2] \dots [\mu_1 \rightarrow \mu_n] \right\}.$$

$$J_2^{\mu_1 \dots \mu_n} = \frac{\pi}{2\sqrt{\gamma^2 - 1}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{dz}{\sqrt{z^2 + 1}} \left\{ (\hat{u}_1 k)^{n-1} e^{ib_1 k + i(\hat{u}_1 k)bz} \operatorname{Re} \left[\frac{[\gamma \hat{u}_2^{\mu_1} - \hat{u}_1^{\mu_1} + z \tilde{b}^{\mu_1} + i\sqrt{z^2 + 1} \tilde{v}^{\mu_1}] \dots [\mu_1 \rightarrow \mu_n]}{\gamma(\hat{u}_2 k) - (\hat{u}_1 k) + (\tilde{b} k)z + i(\tilde{v} k)\sqrt{z^2 + 1}} \right] \right. \\ \left. + (\hat{u}_2 k)^{n-1} e^{ib_2 k + i(\hat{u}_2 k)bz} \operatorname{Re} \left[\frac{\left[\frac{k^{\mu_1}}{\hat{u}_2 k} + \hat{u}_2^{\mu_1} - \gamma \hat{u}_1^{\mu_1} + z \tilde{b}^{\mu_1} - i\sqrt{z^2 + 1} \tilde{v}^{\mu_1} \right] \dots [\mu_1 \rightarrow \mu_n]}{\gamma(\hat{u}_1 k) - (\hat{u}_2 k) - (\tilde{b} k)z + i(\tilde{v} k)\sqrt{z^2 + 1}} \right] \right\}.$$

Resolvability (no-hair compact objects):

Scalar radiation for no-hair objects is resolvable if: $\alpha_g \left(\frac{R_s}{b} \right)^2 \frac{1}{\Lambda^4 b^4} \gg 1$,
 $\alpha_g \sim \frac{m^2}{M_{Pl}^2} = m R_s$

For example, for $\Lambda \simeq 2 \times 10^{-18} GeV$ and $m \simeq M_\odot \simeq 10^{57} \sim GeV$ (corresponding to $R_s \simeq 1.5 \times 10^{19} GeV^{-1}$) we have $b_{\max} \sim 10^{11} R_s$

Linear in spin order effects for the same observable: $\alpha_g \left(\frac{R_s}{b} \right)^2 \frac{1}{\Lambda^4 b^4} \left(\frac{S}{bm} \right) \gg 1$

For our benchmark point, $m \sim M_\odot, \Lambda \sim 0.1 km^{-1}$, this implies $S \gtrsim 10^6 (b/R_s)^7$, with $S_{\max} \sim 10^{76}$ for Kerr black holes in GR.

More results:

The scalar waveform for dynamical Chern-Simons:

$$\begin{aligned} W_{\tilde{\phi}} = & \frac{m_1 m_2}{8\pi^2 M_{Pl}^3 \Lambda^2 (\hat{u}_1 n)^2 b^3} \left(2\tilde{\alpha}(\tilde{v}n) \frac{d^2}{dz^2} \left\{ \frac{1}{\sqrt{z^2+1}} \left[\gamma z - (\gamma^2 - 1)(\hat{u}_2 n) \frac{z[\gamma(\hat{u}_2 n) - (\hat{u}_1 n)] - (\tilde{b}n)}{[\gamma(\hat{u}_2 n) - (\hat{u}_1 n) + (\tilde{b}n)z]^2 + (\tilde{v}n)^2(z^2+1)} \right] \right\} \right. \\ & + \frac{\tilde{\alpha}}{b\sqrt{\gamma^2-1}} \text{Re} \frac{d^3}{dz^3} \left\{ \frac{1}{\sqrt{z^2+1}} \left(\frac{(a_1 n)}{(\hat{u}_1 n)} - \gamma(a_1 \hat{u}_2) - (a_2 \hat{u}_1) + (a_2^A - a_1^A) [z\tilde{b}^A + i\sqrt{z^2+1}\tilde{v}^A] \right) \left(\frac{2(\gamma^2-1)^2(\hat{u}_2 n)^2}{\gamma(\hat{u}_2 n) - (\hat{u}_1 n) + (\tilde{b}n)z + i(\tilde{v}n)\sqrt{z^2+1}} - (\hat{u}_1 n) - \gamma(2\gamma^2-3)(\hat{u}_2 n) + (2\gamma^2-1)[z(\tilde{b}n) + i\sqrt{z^2+1}(\tilde{v}n)] \right) \right\} \\ & \left. - \frac{1}{\sqrt{\gamma^2-1}} \frac{\tilde{C}_1 a_1^A}{b} \frac{d^3}{dz^3} \left\{ \frac{1}{\sqrt{z^2+1}} \left[(2\gamma^2-1)[z^2(\tilde{b}n)\tilde{b}^A - (z^2+1)(\tilde{v}n)\tilde{v}^A] - (\gamma^2-1)n^A + \gamma(\gamma^2-2)(\hat{u}_1 n)\hat{u}_2^A - (\gamma^2-2)(\hat{u}_2 n)\hat{u}_2^A + z\gamma(\tilde{b}n)\hat{u}_2^A - z\gamma^2(\hat{u}_1 n)\tilde{b}^A + z\gamma(\hat{u}_2 n)\tilde{b}^A \right] \right\} \right) \Big|_{z=T_1} + (1 \leftrightarrow 2) + \mathcal{O}(a^2). \end{aligned}$$

LO Scalar Waveforms for CC coupling-Spinning part:

$$\begin{aligned} W_{\phi}^{(1)} = & \frac{m_1 m_2}{32\pi^2 M_{Pl}^3 (\hat{u}_1 n)^2 b^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \left[\frac{1}{\sqrt{z^2+1}} \text{Re} \left\{ c_1 [(\tilde{v}n)z - is_1(\tilde{b}n)\sqrt{z^2+1}] [- (\hat{u}_1 a_2) + z(\tilde{b}a_2) + is_1\sqrt{z^2+1}(\tilde{v}a_2)] \left(\frac{\gamma}{\gamma^2-1} - \frac{(\hat{u}_2 n)}{-\hat{u}_1 n + \gamma(\hat{u}_2 n) + z(\tilde{b}n) + is_1\sqrt{z^2+1}(\tilde{v}n)} \right) \right. \right. \\ & \left. \left. - \frac{c_2(\hat{u}_1 n)}{-\hat{u}_1 n + \gamma(\hat{u}_2 n) + z(\tilde{b}n) + is_1\sqrt{z^2+1}(\tilde{v}n)} \left\{ [is_1(\tilde{b}n)\sqrt{z^2+1} - (\tilde{v}n)z](\hat{u}_2 a_1) + [\gamma(\tilde{v}n) + is_1[\gamma(\hat{u}_1 n) - (\hat{u}_2 n)]\sqrt{z^2+1}](\tilde{b}a_1) + [[(\hat{u}_2 n) - \gamma(\hat{u}_1 n)]z - \gamma(\tilde{b}n)](\tilde{v}a_1) \right\} \right\} \right] + (1 \leftrightarrow 2). \end{aligned}$$

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LO Scalar Waveforms from non-conformal couplings:

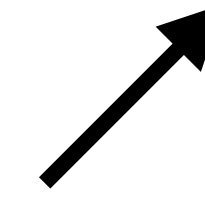
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LO Gravitational Waveforms from non-conformal couplings:

$$W_{non-conf,h}^{(1)} = - \frac{C_d c_2 m_1 m_2 \varepsilon^{\mu\nu\rho\alpha}}{1024\pi^2 M_{Pl}^3 \sqrt{\gamma^2 - 1}} \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \left\{ \frac{1}{\sqrt{z^2 + 1}} \text{"Re"} \left\{ \frac{(\lambda_n [\gamma \hat{u}_{2\mu} + z \tilde{b}_\mu + i\sqrt{z^2 + 1} \tilde{v}_\mu] \hat{u}_{1\nu} \sigma_\alpha \bar{\sigma}_\beta \lambda_n)}{- (\hat{u}_1 n) + \gamma(\hat{u}_2 n) + z(\tilde{b}n) + i\sqrt{z^2 + 1}(\tilde{v}n)} \right. \right. \\ \left. \left. \times (\lambda_n [\gamma \hat{u}_2 \sigma + z \tilde{b} \sigma + i\sqrt{z^2 + 1} \tilde{v} \sigma] (\hat{u}_1 \bar{\sigma}) \lambda_n) \left[\frac{(n a_1)}{(\hat{u}_1 n)} - \gamma(\hat{u}_2 a_1) - z(\tilde{b} a_1) - i\sqrt{z^2 + 1}(\tilde{v} a_1) \right] \right\} \right|_{z=T_1} + + (1 \leftrightarrow 2).$$

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"Unitary" piece
No spurious poles!

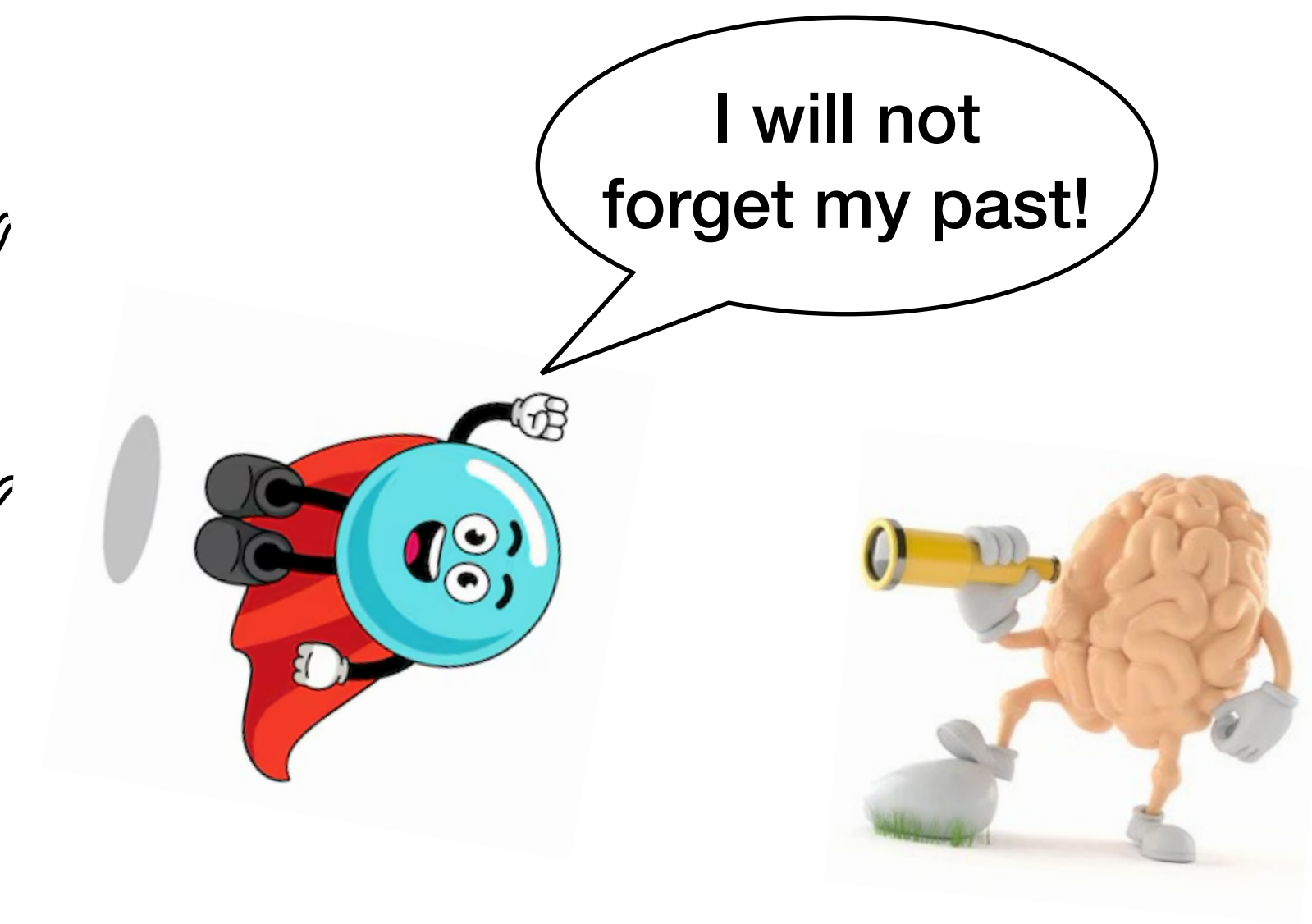
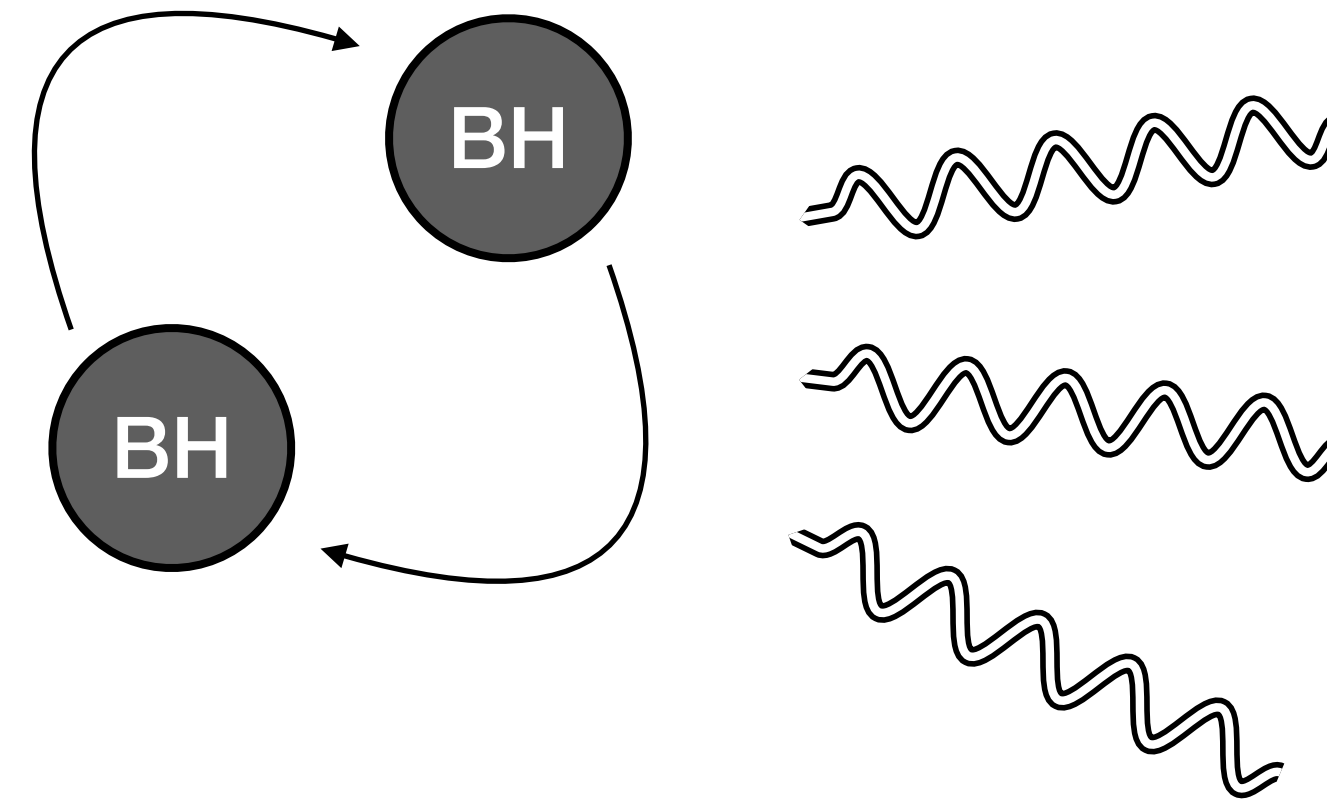
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e.g. up to $\mathcal{O}(a_1^2)$:

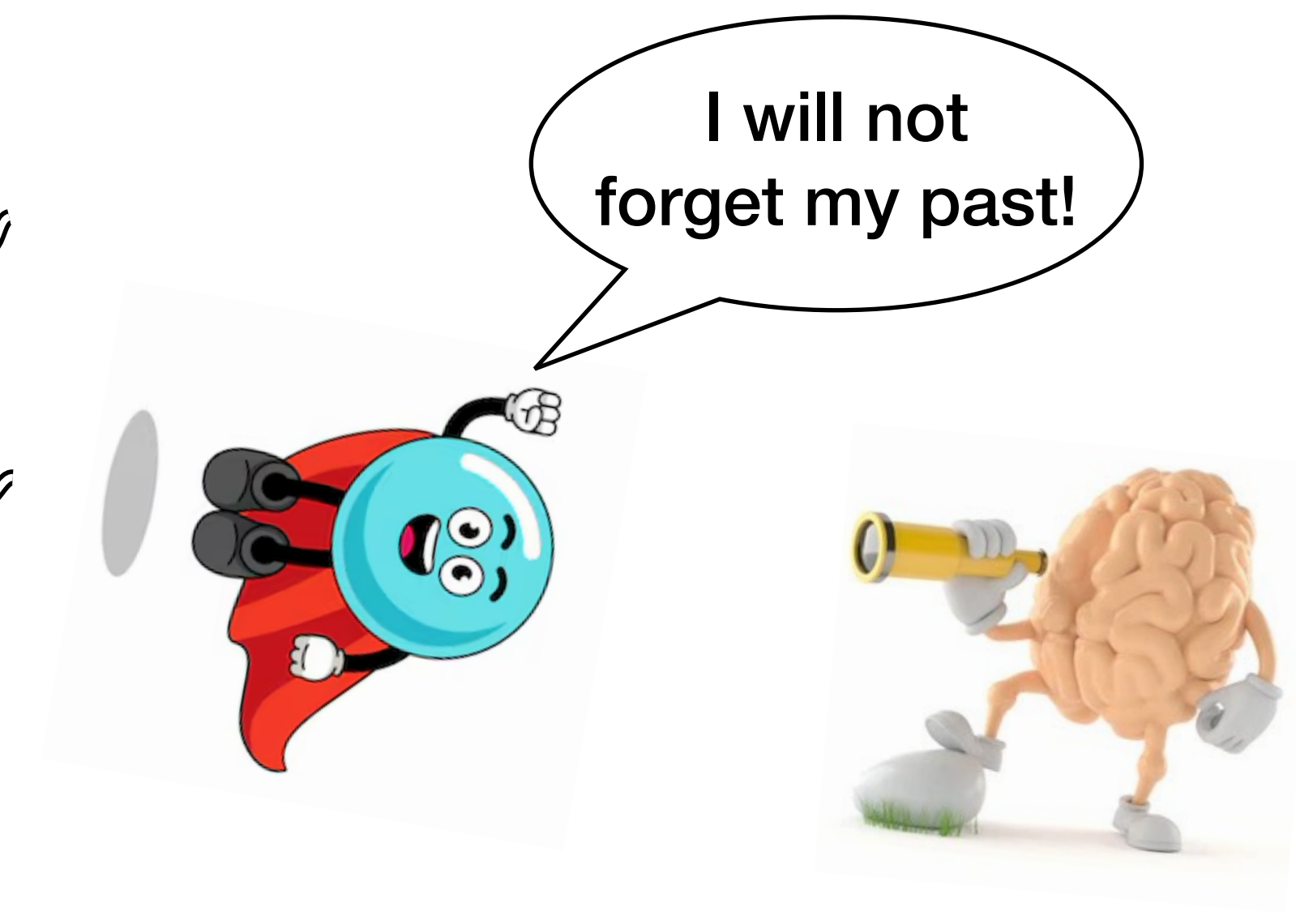
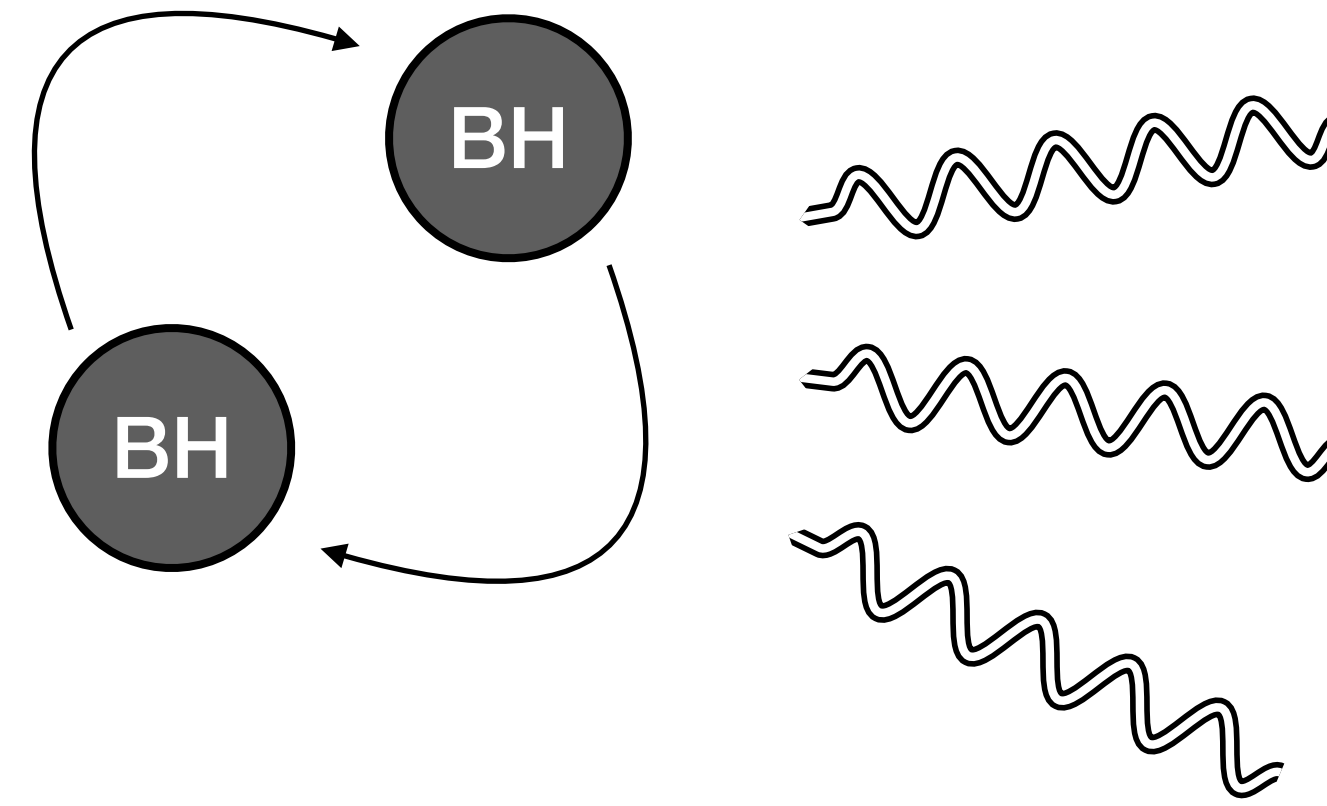
$$P_{\xi,-} \left((p_3 a_1), (p_4 a_1), (w a_1), |a_1|' \right) \Big|_{\mathcal{O}(a_1^2)} = \xi^{-1} \left(C_{000}^{-1} (w a_1)^2 + D_{000}^{-1} (w a_1) |a_1|' \right) + \xi^0 \left(C_{000}^0 ((w a_1) - (p_3 a_1)) + C_{100}^0 ((w a_1) - (p_3 a_1)) (p_3 a_1) + C_{010}^0 ((w a_1) - (p_3 a_1)) (p_4 a_1) + C_{001}^0 ((w a_1) - (p_3 a_1)) (w a_1) + C_{000}^0 C^0 ((w a_1) - (p_3 a_1)) |a_1|' \right) .$$

Memory effect:



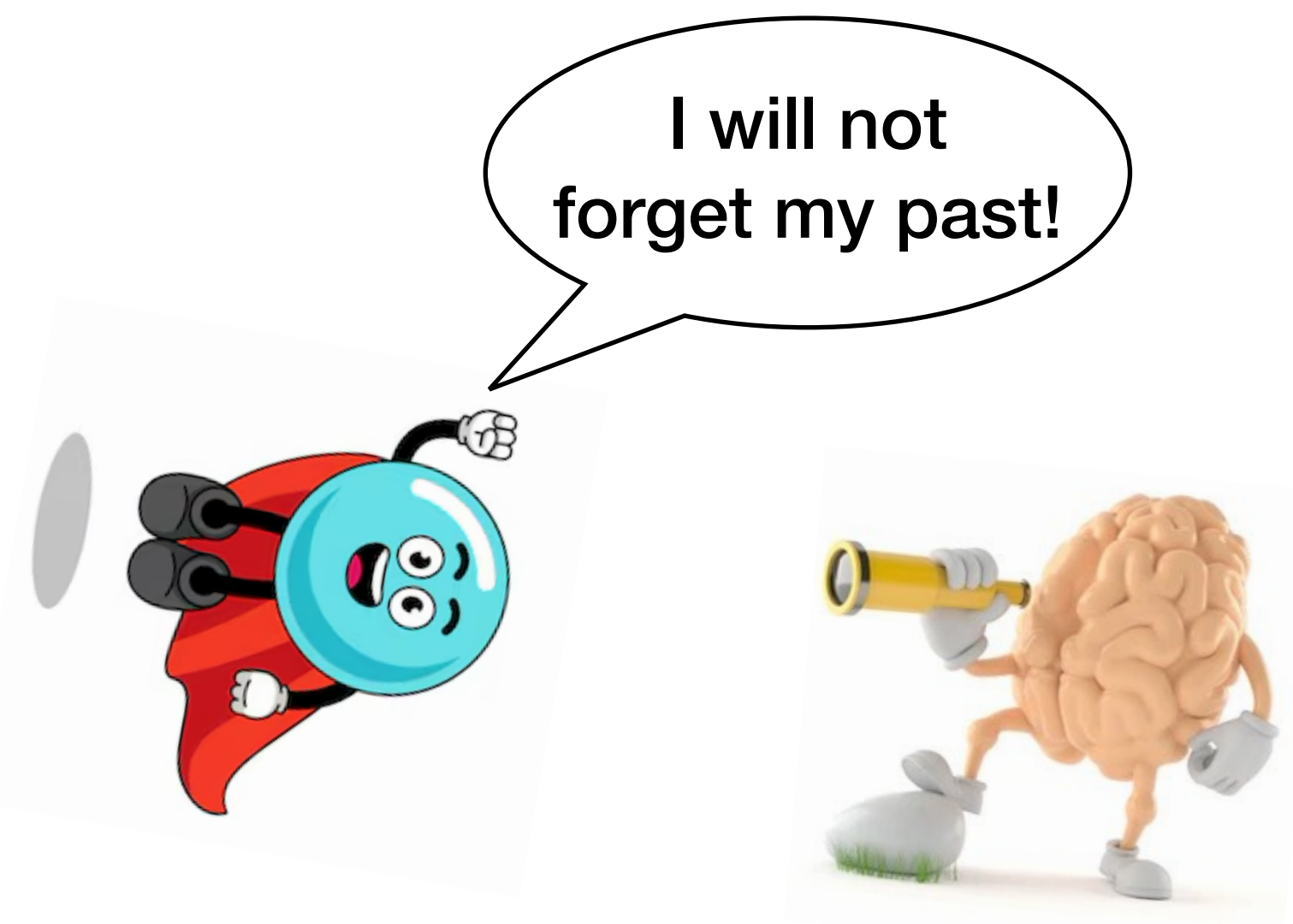
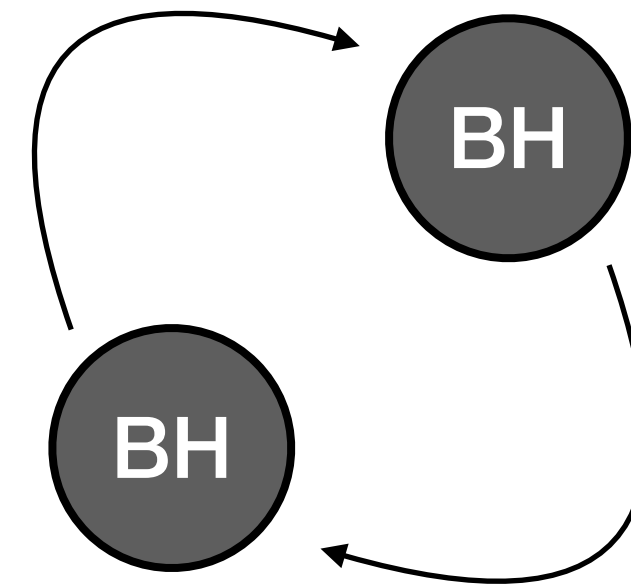
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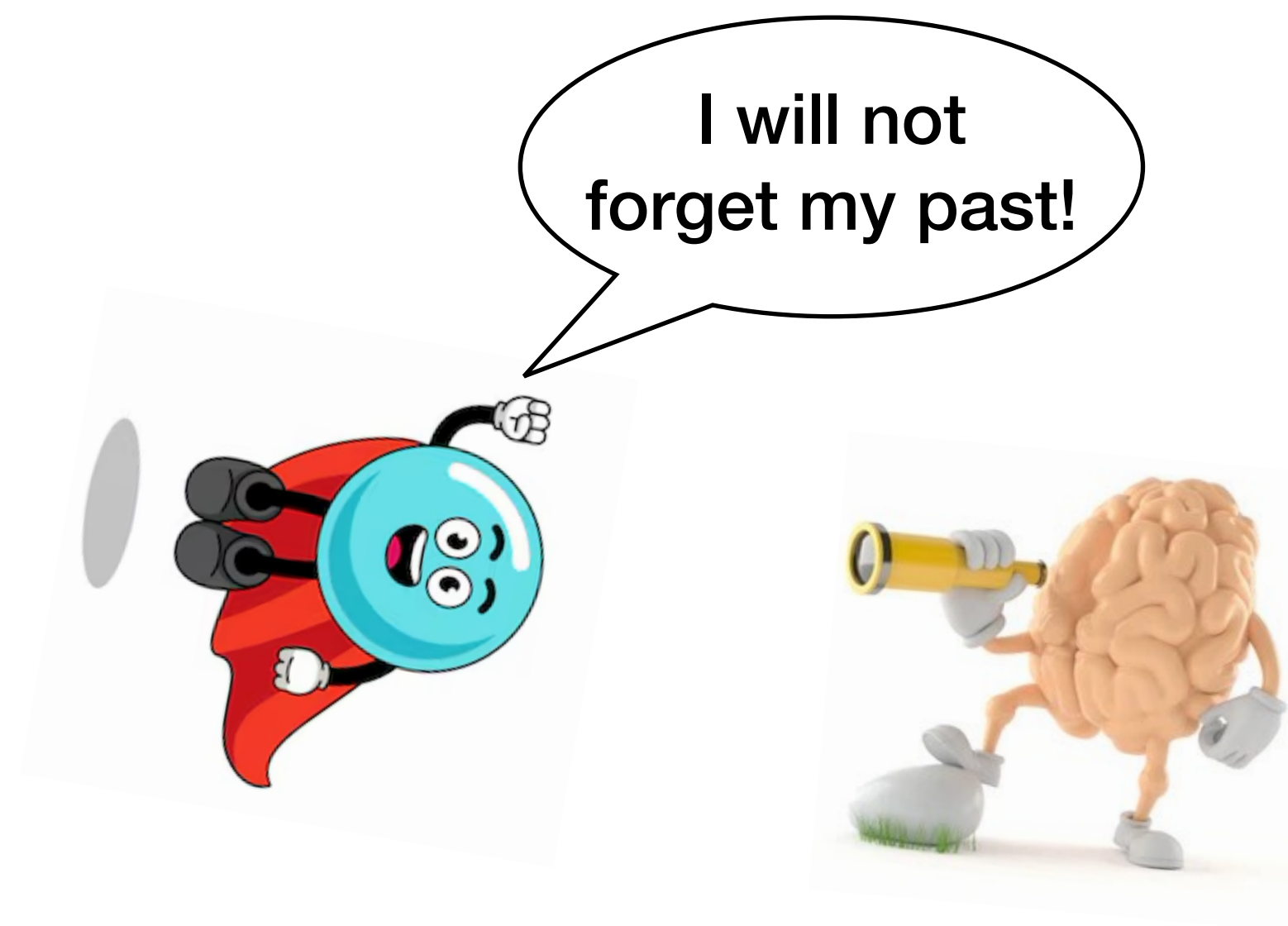
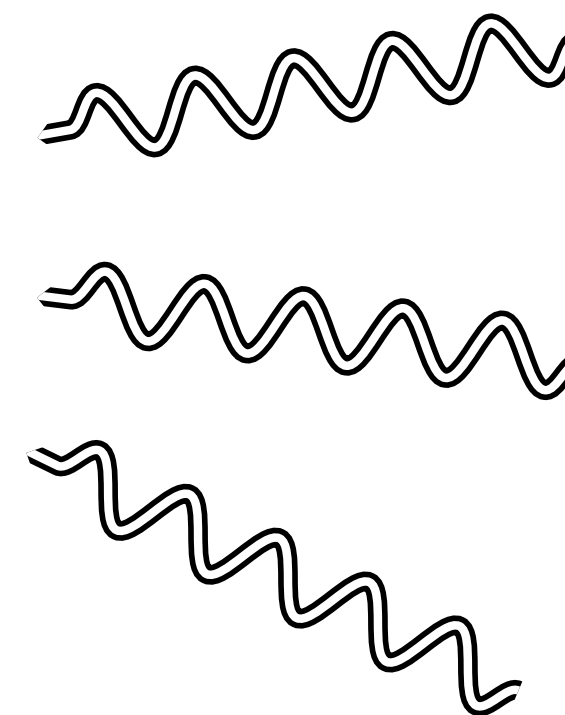
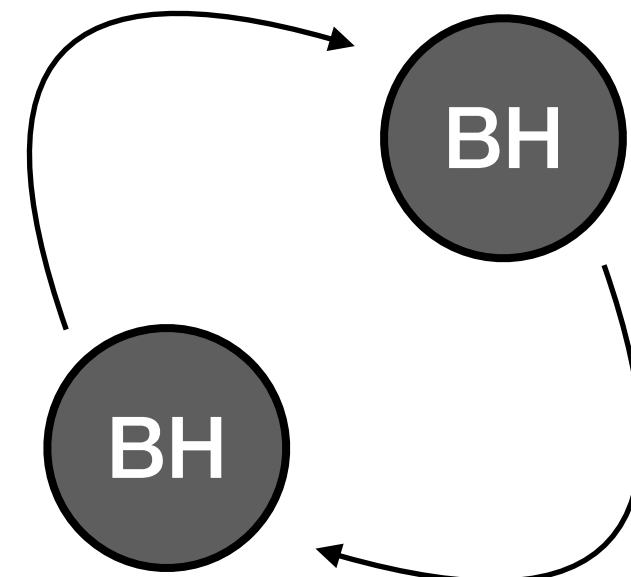
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Reason: There are no modifications to the 4-point amplitudes at tree-level.

A more general understanding: Higher order interactions essentially contribute factors of $\frac{\partial^n}{\Lambda^n}$ in the action. At the level of the 5-point Amplitude, this translates to:

$$\frac{\partial^n}{\Lambda^n} \rightarrow \frac{k^n}{\Lambda^n} \sim \frac{\omega^n}{\Lambda^n} \quad , \quad \text{for } k^\mu = \omega n^\mu \rightarrow \text{kills the amplitude in the soft limit}$$

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→ Hairy objects do have leading order memory!

→ The gravitational memory effect can be elegantly expressed in terms of the classical soft factor:

$$\Delta h = - \frac{c_1 c_2 m_1 m_2}{4\pi M_{Pl}^3 \sqrt{\gamma^2 - 1}} \frac{1}{|b|} S_{W,s}^{\text{cl}}(n, \tilde{b})$$

$\mathbb{M}$

$$\mathcal{M}_{ST}^{(0)}[1_{\Phi_1}^{S_1} 2_{\Phi_2}^{S_2} 3_{\bar{\Phi}_1}^{S_1} 4_{\bar{\Phi}_2}^{S_2}]$$

$$S_{W,s}^{\text{cl}}(k, q) = \epsilon_{\mu\nu,s} \left[\frac{p_1^\mu q^\nu + p_1^\nu q^\mu}{p_1 k} - \frac{p_1^\mu p_1^\nu (qk)}{(p_1 k)^2} \right] + (1 \leftrightarrow 2)$$

→ Scalar memory trivially computed:
$$\Delta\phi = \frac{m_1 m_2 (2\gamma^2 - 1) (\tilde{b}n) \left[c_1 (\hat{u}_2 n)^2 - c_2 (\hat{u}_1 n)^2 \right]}{32\pi^2 M_{Pl}^3 (\gamma^2 - 1)^{3/2} (\hat{u}_1 n)^2 (\hat{u}_2 n)^2 b}$$

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scalar
Matter fields

→ The same type of coupling we have!

Recall: $m \rightarrow e^{C/2}m$ for any spin!

Our framework can be **mapped** to this model (in the limit of $c_2 \rightarrow 0$) and potentially **extend the results** in a consistent manner to incorporate effects that have not been compared before, e.g. **spin effects, gravitational waveform corrections, ...**

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