

◦ Lecture 1 :

◦ Introduction

- * Two-body Problem in GR
- * Comparison with different methods
- * Why scattering ?

◦ Worldline EFT formalism

- * Organizing Principles
- * Conservative sector
- * Dissipation sector
- * Scalar Toy Model

◦ Lecture 2 :

◦ Scattering Calculation

- * Waveform & Deflection at leading order (LO)
- * Extracting effective potential
- * Dimensional Regularization
- * Sketch of next-to-leading order (NLO)

△ Additional Reading Materials :

(Far from complete)

- Goldberger , hep-ph/0701129
- Porto , 1601.04914

Research papers

- Goldberger , Ross , 0912.4254
- Goldberger , Ridgway , 1611.03493
- amplitude & EFT , 1908.01493
- Worldline QFT , 2010.02865
- Self-force EFT , 2406.14770 , 2308.15304

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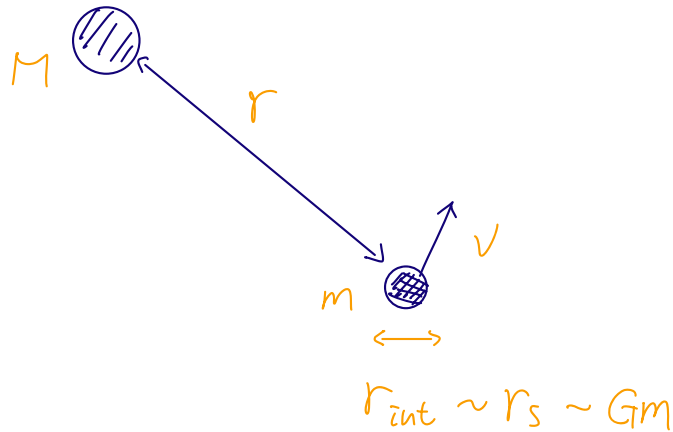
(and references therein)

◦ Introduction :

◦ Given the advances in experiments (O5 of LVK, 3G exp, LISA)
we need to improve our theoretical precision on
the waveform models.

◦ Scales in the two-body problem in GR :

* Natural units : $\hbar = c = 1$



Nonrelativistic limit : $v/c = v \ll 1$

Inspiral regime
(GR correction) : $\frac{r_{\text{int}}}{r} \sim \frac{Gm}{r} \ll 1$

Probe limit
(SF correction) : $\frac{m}{M} \ll 1$

(Quantum effects) : $\frac{r_{\text{Bohr}}}{r_{\text{int}}} \sim \frac{\hbar}{m \cdot (Gm)} \sim \underbrace{\left(\frac{m_{\text{Pl}}}{m}\right)^2} \ll 1$

($m_{\text{Pl}} \sim 10^{-38} M_{\odot}$; not relevant for
astrophysical BH / Neutron stars)

Standard Binary Coalescence



- The two-body problem in GR has multiple scales.

Numerical Relativity (NR) is the only way to cover all stages.

But there are several cases where NR is not so efficient

- * long inspiral phase (Neutron star (NS)

Extreme Mass Ratio Inspiral (EMRI)
→ LISA

- * Extreme Mass Ratio Binaries

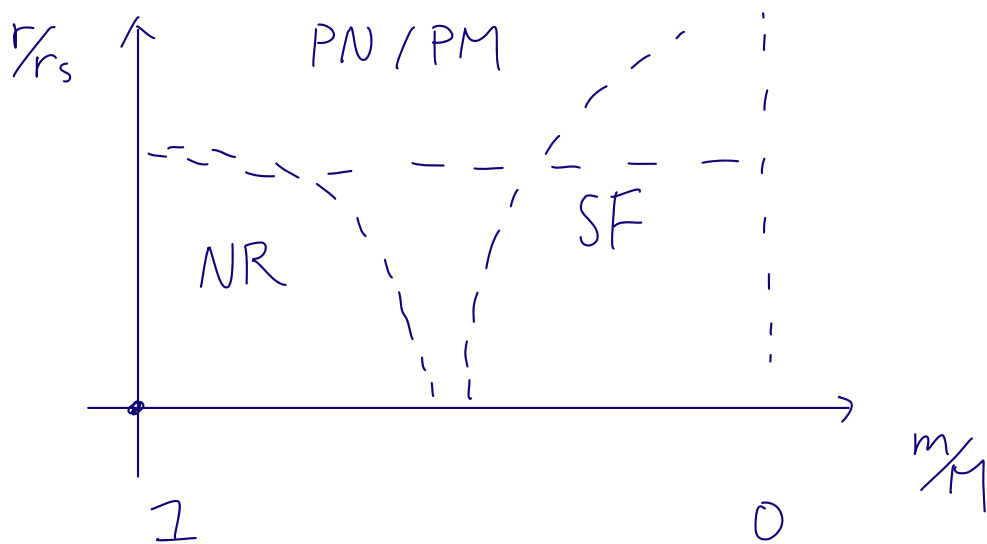
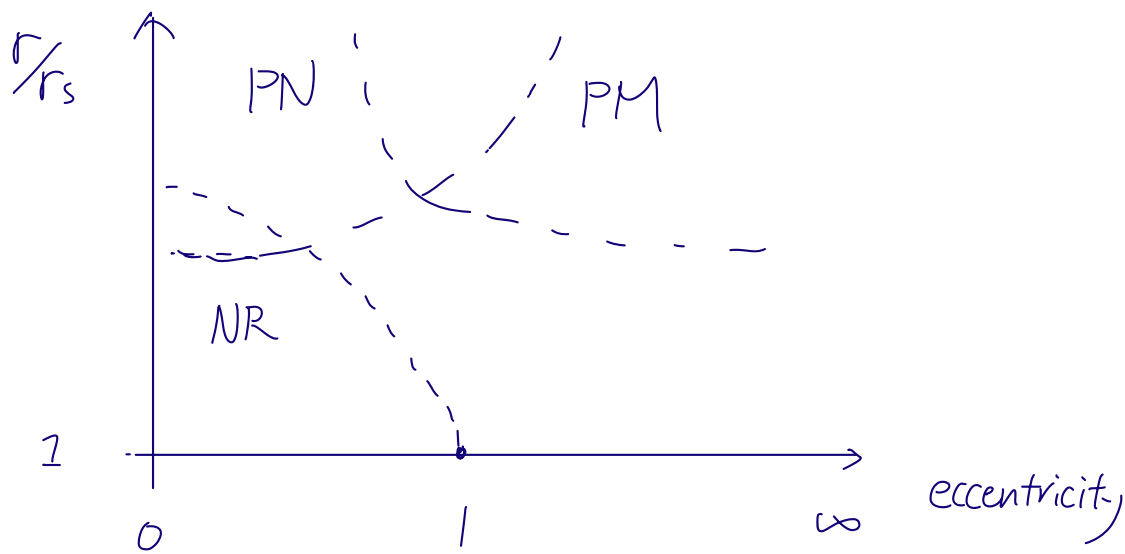
- * Large eccentricity / Scatterby

- * Large spin

To cover binaries in all scenarios, developing analytic methods are necessary.

△ One can develop analytic methods when some parameters become small.

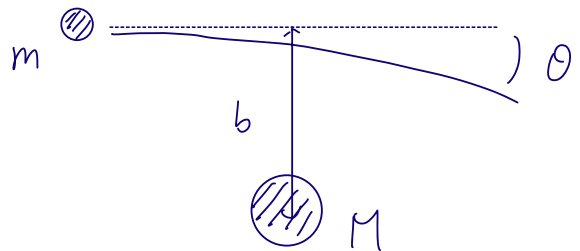
- Post Newtonian : $r_s/r \ll 1$, $v \ll 1$
- Post Minkowskian : $r_s/r \ll 1$
- Self Force : $m/M \ll 1$



Δ Why Scattering ?

- Many (intermediate) quantities in GR are gauge dependent
e.g. effective potential,
effective multipole moments
- Scattering experiments measure observables in asymptotic flat spacetime \rightarrow gauge invariant
- Furthermore, the observables can expose **hidden simplicity**

• GR example :



1) Standard PN potential

$$V(r, \vec{p}^2, \vec{p} \cdot \hat{r})$$

2) Scattering input

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} E \rightarrow \vec{p}^2 \\ J = p \times b \end{array} \right\} \begin{array}{l} \text{only two inputs} \\ ((s, t) \text{ in amplitudes}) \end{array}$$

$\mathcal{O}(E, J)$ implies V only depends \Rightarrow gauge redundancy in
on two variables $V(r, \vec{p}^2, \vec{p} \cdot \hat{r})$

3) Natural variables :

$$P_1 \cdot P_2 = \underbrace{\gamma}_{\text{relative boost}} m M$$

\Rightarrow **Scattering observables expose the underlying Poincare invariance.**

"Hidden Simplicity"

△ Worldline EFT Formalism :

We will focus on $r \gg r_{\text{int}}$ from now on.

The object can be shrunk to a point

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} r_{\text{int}} \sim r_s : \text{single BH or NS} \\ r_{\text{int}} \sim r_{\text{orbit}} : \text{binary system} \end{array} \right.$$

Write down action based on symmetries & locality

- ① Diffeomorphism (gauge invariance)
- ② Reparametrization of the worldline (RPI)
- ③ Additional symmetry
(e.g. no spin \rightarrow $SO(3)$ symmetry)

Action :

$$S = S_{\text{bulk}} + S_{\text{pp}}$$

\downarrow \searrow

S_{EH} or S_{EM} point-particle action

• Minimal Coupling :

$$S_{PP} \supset -m \int d\tau = -m \int d\lambda \left(g_{\mu\nu} \frac{dx^\mu}{d\lambda} \frac{dx^\nu}{d\lambda} \right)^{1/2}$$

$$d\tau^2 = g_{\mu\nu} dx^\mu dx^\nu ; \quad v^\mu = \frac{dx^\mu}{d\lambda}$$

Coupling to gravity :

$$d\tau = d\lambda \left(g_{\mu\nu} \dot{x}^\mu \dot{x}^\nu \right)^{1/2} \quad (\bar{v}^2 \equiv \eta_{\mu\nu} v^\mu v^\nu)$$

$$= d\lambda \left(\bar{v}^2 + h_{\mu\nu} v^\mu v^\nu \right)^{1/2}$$

$$= d\lambda \cdot |\bar{v}| \cdot \left(1 + \frac{1}{2|\bar{v}|} h_{\mu\nu} v^\mu v^\nu - \frac{1}{8|\bar{v}|^2} (h_{\mu\nu} v^\mu v^\nu)^2 + \dots \right)$$



2nd version of minimally coupling

$$S_{PP} \supset - \int d\lambda \left(\frac{m^2}{2e} + \frac{1}{2} e v^2 \right)$$

Reparametrization : $\lambda \rightarrow \lambda'(\lambda)$

$$d\lambda \rightarrow d\lambda' = d\lambda \cdot \frac{d\lambda'}{d\lambda}$$

$$e(\lambda) \rightarrow e(\lambda') = e(\lambda) \cdot \left(\frac{d\lambda'}{d\lambda} \right)$$

$$\text{EOM for } e : \quad \frac{1}{2} v^2 - \frac{1}{2e^2} \cdot m^2 = 0$$

$$v^2 = \frac{1}{e^2} m^2 \Rightarrow e = m (v^2)^{-1/2}$$

$$\Rightarrow S_{PP} = -m \int d\lambda \cdot \left(g_{\mu\nu} v^\mu v^\nu \right)^{1/2}$$

same as before

But we can also use RPI to choose $e(\lambda) = m$

"gauge fixing" : $e(\lambda) = m \Rightarrow v^2 = 1$
($P^2 = m^2$)

$$\Rightarrow S_{pp} \supset - \int d\lambda \left(\frac{1}{2} m + \frac{1}{2} m v^2 \right)$$

\Rightarrow gravitational coupling

$$= - \int d\lambda \left(\frac{1}{2} m + \frac{1}{2} m (\bar{\nabla}^2 + h_{\mu\nu} V^\mu V^\nu) \right)$$

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◦ Compare to the 1st version, we use RPI to linearize the coupling of the metric to the worldline.

EOM :

1) metric : $\frac{\delta S}{\delta g^{\mu\nu}} = 0 \Rightarrow G_{\mu\nu} = \delta\pi G \cdot T_{\mu\nu} = \delta\pi G \left(\frac{-2}{\sqrt{-g}} \frac{\delta S_M}{\delta g^{\mu\nu}} \right)$

$$S_M = - \int d\lambda \left(\frac{1}{2} m + \frac{1}{2} m g_{\mu\nu} V^\mu V^\nu \right)$$
$$= \int d^d x \sqrt{-g} \int d\lambda \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{-g}} \delta(x - x(\lambda)) \left(-\frac{1}{2} m - \frac{1}{2} m g_{\mu\nu} V^\mu V^\nu \right)$$

$$T_{\mu\nu} = \int d\lambda \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{-g}} \delta(x - x(\lambda)) \cdot (m V_\mu(\lambda) V_\nu(\lambda))$$

2) Worldline : $\frac{\delta S_{pp}}{\delta x^\mu} = 0 \Rightarrow$ geodesic eq.

$$\Rightarrow \ddot{x}^\mu - \Gamma_{\rho\sigma}^\mu V^\rho V^\sigma = 0$$

◦ EFT at $\mathcal{O}(\partial^2)$:

◦ But the power of EFT is that we can systematically go beyond the leading order.

$$S_{\text{pp}} \supset \underbrace{C_1}_{\substack{\uparrow \\ \text{coupling} \\ (\text{Wilson} \\ \text{coefficient})}} \int d\lambda \underbrace{\frac{1}{k} R}_{\substack{\uparrow \\ \text{operator}}} + \underbrace{C_2}_{\substack{\uparrow \\ \text{coupling} \\ (\text{Wilson} \\ \text{coefficient})}} \int d\lambda e \underbrace{R_{\mu\nu} V^\mu V^\nu}_{\substack{\uparrow \\ \text{operator}}}$$

Since $\underbrace{[S]}_{\substack{\uparrow \\ \text{mass dimension}}} = 0$, $[R] = [R_{\mu\nu}] = +2$ ($\sim \frac{1}{k^2}$)

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} [E] = [P] = 1 \\ [L] = -1 \end{array} \right.$$

$$\Rightarrow [C_1] = [C_2] = -1$$

$$\Rightarrow \int dt (-m + C_1 R) \sim \int dt \cdot (-m + m \cdot \left(\frac{r_{\text{int}}}{r}\right)^2)$$

$$C_{1,2} \sim m \times \mathcal{O}(r_{\text{int}}^2)$$

\Rightarrow As we go to higher order

$$\underbrace{C}_{m \cdot r_{\text{int}}^n} \int d\lambda \cdot \underbrace{\mathcal{O}}_{\partial^n \sim \frac{1}{k^n}}$$

We probe the system at $\mathcal{O}(r_{\text{int}}^n)$

\Rightarrow Same as multiple expansion in EM.

Finite-size effect !

△ However, these two operators do not survive since
 $R_{\mu\nu} = R = 0$ as per Einstein eq. in the vacuum.

△ More precisely, when we redefine $\phi \rightarrow \phi' = \phi + \delta\phi$

$$S(\phi) \longrightarrow S(\phi) + \int d^4x \cdot \underbrace{\left(\frac{\delta S}{\delta \phi} - \partial_\mu \left(\frac{\delta \phi}{\delta \partial_\mu \phi} \right) \right)}_{\text{EOM}} \delta\phi$$

Therefore, we can use field redefinition to remove operators that are proportional to leading order EOM.

$$\begin{aligned} R_{\mu\nu} &= T_{\mu\nu} \\ &= m^2 v_\mu v_\nu \delta(x-x') \end{aligned}$$

$$\int dx R_{\mu\nu} v^\mu v^\nu \longrightarrow \int dx \cdot m^2 (v^2)^2 \cdot \delta(0)$$

⇒ absorbed by the minimal coupling
(divergence $\delta(0)$ can be removed by
redefine m)

⇒ There is NO $\mathcal{O}(\partial^2)$ finite-size effect!

(Similar to the removal of  by RPI)

• Finite-size Effect :

The first two non-trivial interactions we can write down are the ones with Weyl tensor $C_{\mu\nu\rho\sigma}$ ("traceless" Riemann)

$$S_{PP} \supset \int dt \left\{ \frac{1}{2} C_E \frac{E_{\mu\nu} E^{\mu\nu}}{\quad} + \frac{1}{2} C_B \frac{B_{\mu\nu} B^{\mu\nu}}{\quad} \right\} + C_{EB} \frac{E_{\mu\nu} B^{\mu\nu}}{\quad}$$

↑ parity preserving

↑ parity violating

• We use the 3+1 decomposition of Weyl tensor

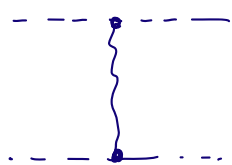
$$\begin{cases} E_{\mu\nu} \equiv C_{\mu\rho\nu\sigma} V^\rho V^\sigma \\ B_{\mu\nu} \equiv \frac{1}{2} \epsilon_{\alpha\beta\gamma\mu} C^{\alpha\beta}{}_{\delta\nu} V^\gamma V^\delta \end{cases} \xrightarrow{\text{rest frame}} \begin{cases} E_{ij} = C_{0i0j} \\ B_{ij} = \epsilon_{ikl} C_{kloj} \end{cases}$$

($\epsilon_{0123} = 1$)

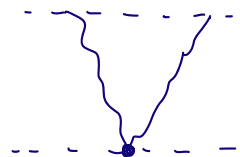
• Since $R \sim C \sim E \sim B \sim \mathcal{O}(d^2)$, the same dim'l analysis gives

$$C_E \sim C_B \sim C_{EB} \sim m \cdot r_{\text{int}}^4$$

△ For BH, this gives the correction to potential as



⇒ Newtonian (OPN)



$$\Rightarrow (C_{E,B}/r^4) \times V^2$$

$$\sim \left(\frac{GM}{r}\right)^4 \times V^2$$

$$\sim V^{10}$$

⇒ 5PN effect !

↓ from loop (see later)

△ As we will see, the effect corresponds to tidal deformation

The couplings (C_E, C_B, C_{EB}) are called "Love numbers".
(static)

△ It is easy to generalize to higher orders

1) More derivatives

e.g. In the rest frame

$$S_{\text{tidal}} = \int dt \left\{ C_{E, l, n} \left(\underbrace{\nabla_{\mu_1} \dots \nabla_{\mu_l} E_{\rho\sigma}}_{n \text{ time-derivatives}} \right) \underbrace{\left(\nabla^{\mu_1} \dots \nabla^{\mu_l} E^{\rho\sigma} \right)}_{l \text{-spatial derivatives}} + \dots \right\}$$

* The $n=0$ terms \Rightarrow static

$n \neq 0 \Rightarrow$ dynamical

$\begin{cases} n \in \text{even} \Rightarrow \text{conservative} \\ n \in \text{odd} \Rightarrow \text{dissipative} \end{cases}$

usually projected to
Symmetric - trace - free (STF)

e.g.

$$\nabla_{\mu} \nabla_{\nu} \rightarrow \nabla_{\mu} \nabla_{\nu} - \frac{\delta_{\mu\nu}}{d-1} \nabla^2$$

2) More Curvatures :

$$S_{\text{NL-tidal}} = \int dt \left\{ C E_{ij} E_{jk} E_{ki} + \dots \right\}$$

\Rightarrow "Non-linear" tidal interaction.

Δ Dissipative Effect :

So far the finite-size interactions are quadratic in R .



To include emission, we need to add single R terms.

In the rest frame of the particle,

$$S \supset \int d\tau \left\{ \underbrace{I_{ij}} \underbrace{E^{ij}} + \underbrace{J_{ij}} \underbrace{B^{ij}} + \underbrace{I_{ijk}} (\partial^k E^{ij})_{\text{STF}} + \dots \right\}$$

We need to introduce the multipole moments

to get a nontrivial action.

$$\Rightarrow I_{ij} \sim J_{ij} \sim m \cdot r_{\text{int}}^2 \quad \left(\text{c.f. } I_{ij} = \int \rho(x) \left(X_i X_j - \frac{1}{3} d_{ij} \vec{x}^2 \right) \right)$$

The worldline EFT describes not only stable BH, NS,
but also binary systems



Consider the previous tidal action

$$S_{\text{tidal}} = \int d\tau \left(\frac{1}{2} C_E \cdot E_{ij} E^{ij} + \dots \right)$$

If E_{ij} has a background $E_{ij} = \langle \bar{E}_{ij} \rangle + \delta E_{ij}$

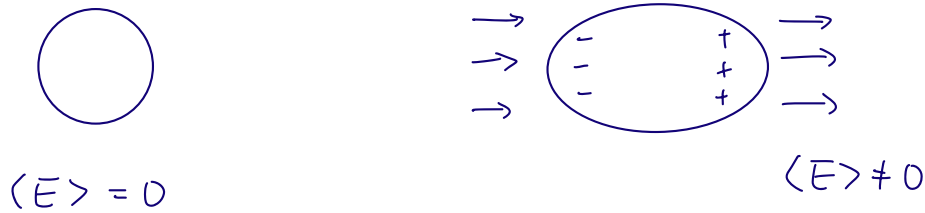
$$S_{\text{tidal}} \rightarrow \int d\tau \left(C_E \langle \bar{E}_{ij} \rangle \delta E^{ij} + \dots \right)$$

$$\leftrightarrow \int d\tau \quad I_{ij} E^{ij}$$

This induces a multipole moment

$$I'_{ij} = I_{ij} + C_E \langle E_{ij} \rangle$$

$\Rightarrow C_E$ is the analog of "susceptibility" that encodes how the moment is induced by a background.



That's why we called them tidal interaction.

Worldline EFT Summary :

$$S = S_{\text{bulk}} + S_{\text{pp}}$$

$$S_{\text{bulk}} = \frac{1}{16\pi G} \int d^d x \sqrt{-g} R$$

$$S_{\text{pp}} = -m \cdot \int d\tau \quad \Leftarrow \text{minimal}$$

$$+ \int d\tau \left(\frac{1}{2} C_E E^2 + \frac{1}{2} C_B B^2 + C_{EB} E_{ij} \cdot B^{ij} + \dots \right)$$

tidal
 \Downarrow



$$+ \int d\tau \left(I_{ij} E^{ij} + J_{ij} B^{ij} + \dots \right) \Leftarrow \text{emission}$$



△ Tower of EFTs :

