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High precision, data rich future!

Revolution in quantum scattering in gravity $\mathcal{A} = \langle \text{future} | \text{past} \rangle = \begin{cases} & & \\ & &$

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High-order perturbative calculations possible

Gravitational wave data: perturbative region information-rich



Binary neutron star ~3000 cycles ~1 minute in band

Eg tidal deformability contributes at order G^6

Progress is in *perturbative* gravity

1. Gravitational wave data: *motivates* classical perturbative gravity

2. Scattering amplitudes: hidden *simplicity* in perturbation theory

Is perturbative classical gravity simpler than it appears?

Outline

- 1. The double copy
- 2. Amplitudes & classical scattering
- 3. Large spin and Kerr
- 4. Magnetic amplitudes
- 5. Conclusion

"Double copy": for amplitudes, gravity = (Yang-Mills)²

Kawai, Lewellen, Tye Bern, Carrasco, Johansson

$$\mathcal{A} = gf^{abc}(\epsilon_1 \cdot \epsilon_2\epsilon_3 \cdot p_1 + \epsilon_2 \cdot \epsilon_3\epsilon_1 \cdot p_2 + \epsilon_3 \cdot \epsilon_1\epsilon_2 \cdot p_3) \quad \text{YM}$$

$$\int \text{Straight squares}$$

$$\mathcal{M} = \kappa(\epsilon_1 \cdot \epsilon_2\epsilon_3 \cdot p_1 + \epsilon_2 \cdot \epsilon_3\epsilon_1 \cdot p_2 + \epsilon_3 \cdot \epsilon_1\epsilon_2 \cdot p_3)^2 \quad \text{GR}$$

$$e_1^{\mu\nu} = \epsilon_1^{\mu}\epsilon_1^{\nu}$$

Extends to all orders

Very weird from classical geometric point of view on GR

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EM Gravity

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EM Einstein Gravity

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(Cheating a little)

Double copy reflected in structure of exact Kerr-Schild solutions? Monteiro, White, DOC "Classical double copy" proposal Luna, Monteiro, White, DOC

 $A_{\mu} = \frac{e}{r}k_{\mu}$







Schwarzschild (exact)



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$$F = \frac{q}{4\pi r^2} dt \wedge dr + \frac{g}{4\pi} \sin \theta \, d\theta \wedge d\phi$$
Dyon
Double copy
Double copy

$$g_{\mu\nu} = \eta_{\mu\nu} + h_{\mu\nu}$$

$$h_{\mu\nu} = \phi k_{\mu} k_{\nu} + \psi \ell_{\mu} \ell_{\nu}$$

Taub-NUT (exact)

Double copy reflected in structure of exact Kerr-Schild solutions? "Classical double copy" proposal

Lots of evidence for Schwarzschild

More detailed tests need...

- 1. Classical observables from amplitudes
- 2. Amplitudes with large spin
- 3. Amplitudes with magnetic/NUT charge

Monteiro, White, DOC Luna, Monteiro, White, DOC

Goldberger & Ridgway

Amplitudes & Classical Scattering

First, show you amplitudes determine some classical observables

* Focus on impulse (total change in momentum during scattering)

$$\Delta p_1^{\mu} = i \int \hat{d}^4 q \ \hat{\delta}(2p_1 \cdot q) \hat{\delta}(2p_2 \cdot q) \ e^{-ib \cdot q} \ q^{\mu} \ \mathcal{A}(p_1p_2 \to p_1 + q, p_2 - q) + \cdots$$
Kosower, Maybee, DOC
$$\hat{d}q \equiv \frac{dq}{2\pi} \qquad \qquad \hat{\delta}(q) \equiv (2\pi)\delta(q)$$

Sketch the derivation

* Time evolution operator from far past to far future is the *S* matrix:

 $U(-\infty,\infty) = S$

- * Write S = 1 + iTNothing "Transition matrix" happens
- * The matrix elements of *T* on momentum states are the amplitudes $\mathcal{A}(p_1 \dots p_n \to q_1 \dots q_m) \delta^4 \left(\sum p_i - \sum q_j \right) = \langle q_1 \dots q_m | T | p_1 \dots p_n \rangle$

- Correspondence principle: quantum = classical + small
 - Valid if quantum effects small compared to classical scales
 - * ... so put particles in finite-size wavepackets



- * Don't worry! Wavepackets disappear in the end
 - Very similar to standard cross-section derivation

- Correspondence principle: quantum = classical + small
 - * Also need spread in momentum space small compared to mass

$$\psi(x) \sim \exp\left[-\frac{x^2}{\ell_w^2}\right] \xrightarrow{\text{Fourier}} \tilde{\psi}(p) \sim \exp\left[-\frac{\ell_w^2 p^2}{\hbar^2}\right]$$

- Hence $\Delta p = \frac{\hbar}{\ell_w} \ll m \Rightarrow l_c = \frac{\hbar}{m} \ll \ell_w$
- * Correspondence region when $l_c \ll \ell_w \ll b$
 - * Modes in interaction soft compared to modes in wavefunction

- * Scatter distinguishable, stable particles (scalar for now)
- * State in the far past:

$$|\psi\rangle_{\rm in} = \int d\Phi(p_1) d\Phi(p_2) \phi_1(p_1) \phi_2(p_2) e^{ib \cdot p_1} |p_1 p_2\rangle_{\rm in}$$

Particles displaced
by impact parameter, b

Integral over massive on-shell phase space

Wavefunctions: peaked at incoming momenta mu^{μ} .

* "Impulse" = total change in momentum during scattering

$$\langle p_1^\mu\rangle\equiv \langle\psi|\hat{P}_1^\mu|\psi\rangle \qquad \qquad \langle p_1'^\mu\rangle=\langle\psi|S^\dagger\hat{P}_1^\mu S|\psi\rangle$$
 Final state Momentum operator

* Impulse is: $\langle \Delta p_1^{\mu} \rangle = \langle \psi | S^{\dagger} \hat{P}_1^{\mu} S - \hat{P}_1^{\mu} | \psi \rangle$ = $\langle \psi | i [\hat{P}_1^{\mu}, T] | \psi \rangle + \langle \psi | T^{\dagger} [\hat{P}_1^{\mu}, T] | \psi \rangle$ Kosower, Maybee, DOC

* All-orders formula: well-defined classical & quantum observable

Lowest order here

On-shell states, momentum transfer negligible in wavefunctions



* So

$$\Delta p_1^{\mu} = i \int \hat{d}^4 \bar{q} \; \frac{\hat{\delta}(\bar{q} \cdot u_1)}{2m_1} \frac{\hat{\delta}(\bar{q} \cdot u_2)}{2m_2} \; e^{-ib \cdot \bar{q}} \; \bar{q}^{\mu} \; \mathcal{A}(p_1 p_2 \to p_1 + q, p_2 - q)$$

- Useful to note that contact interaction classically irrelevant
 - Contact: $\mathcal{A}(p_1p_2 \rightarrow p_1 + q, p_2 q) = \text{constant}$

* But $\int d^4 \bar{q} \ \hat{\delta}(\bar{q} \cdot u_1) \hat{\delta}(\bar{q} \cdot u_2) \ e^{-ib \cdot \bar{q}} = \hat{\delta}^2(b)$ Outside domain of validity

Large spins: Kerr

Arkani-Hamed, Huang, Huang

- Recent progress on amplitudes for massive spinning particles
- * Simplest massive spin *S* interacting with photon:



In the classical region with a very large spin, the spinor product simplifies:

$$\langle \mathbf{12} \rangle^{2S} \simeq \left(1 + \frac{1}{2S} \frac{s \cdot \bar{q}}{m} \right)^{2S} \to \exp(a \cdot \bar{q})$$

Vector a^{μ} parameterises spin, has dimension of length

Electrodynamic amplitudes for particles with classical spin are

$$\mathcal{A}_{+} = \sqrt{2}i \, em \, x e^{a \cdot \bar{q}}, \qquad \mathcal{A}_{-} = \sqrt{2}i \, em \, \frac{1}{x} e^{-a \cdot \bar{q}}$$

Guevara, Ochirov, Vines Arkani-Hamed, Huang, DOC

* Fuse three point amplitudes to get four point (BCFW)

$$\mathcal{A}_{4} \sim \frac{1}{q^{2}} \left(\mathcal{A}_{+}^{\mathrm{up}} \mathcal{A}_{-}^{\mathrm{dn}} + \mathcal{A}_{-}^{\mathrm{up}} \mathcal{A}_{+}^{\mathrm{dn}} \right)$$

$$a = a_{1} + a_{2}$$

$$\mathcal{A}_{4} = \frac{1}{q^{2}} 2e_{1}e_{2}m_{1}m_{2} \left(\frac{x_{u}}{x_{d}}e^{a \cdot q} + \frac{x_{d}}{x_{u}}e^{-a \cdot q} \right)$$

$$\frac{x_{u}}{x_{d}} = u_{1} \cdot u_{4} - i \frac{\epsilon(q, u_{1}, a, u_{4})}{a \cdot q} = \cosh w - i \frac{\epsilon(q, u_{1}, a, u_{4})}{a \cdot q}$$

$$u_{i} \text{ are proper velocities} \qquad w \text{ is the associated rapidity}$$

* But we want to compare to Kerr impulse: double copy to gravity

$$\mathcal{M}_{++} = i \,\frac{\kappa}{2} m^2 \, x^2 e^{a \cdot \bar{q}}, \qquad \mathcal{M}_{--} = i \,\frac{\kappa}{2} m^2 \,\frac{1}{x^2} e^{-a \cdot \bar{q}}$$

BCFW

* Hence four point amplitude (in classical region)

$$\mathcal{M}(q) = -\frac{\kappa^2 m_1^2 m_2^2}{4q^2} \left[\left(\cosh 2w + 2i \cosh w \frac{\epsilon(u_1, u_2, a, q)}{a \cdot q} \right) e^{-q \cdot a} + \left(\cosh 2w - 2i \cosh w \frac{\epsilon(u_1, u_2, a, q)}{a \cdot q} \right) e^{q \cdot a} \right]$$

* Impulse involves $\hat{\delta}(q \cdot u_1)\hat{\delta}(q \cdot u_2)q^{\mu}\mathcal{M}(q)$... leads to simplification

$$q^{\mu} = A\epsilon^{\mu}(q, u_1, u_2) + B\epsilon^{\mu}(u_1, u_2, a) + C\epsilon^{\mu}(u_2, a, q) + D\epsilon^{\mu}(a, q, u_1)$$

$$\therefore \epsilon(a, q, u_1, u_2) q^{\mu} = a \cdot q \epsilon^{\mu}(q, u_1, u_2) + \mathcal{O}(q^2)$$

Then just algebra to see impulse is

$$\begin{split} \Delta p_1^{\mu} &= Gm_1 m_2 \text{Re} \int \! \hat{d}^4 \bar{q} \; \hat{\delta}(\bar{q} \cdot u_1) \hat{\delta}(\bar{q} \cdot u_2) \frac{i e^{-i \bar{q} \cdot (b+ia)}}{\bar{q}^2} \\ &\times \left(\bar{q}^{\mu} \cosh 2w + 2i \cosh w \; \epsilon^{\mu}(\bar{q}, u_1, u_2) \right)_{Vines} \end{split}$$

Thing to note: spin only appears as additive shift

$$b \rightarrow b + ia$$

- * Simple consequence of exponentiation in three-point amplitude
- * Same is true in electrodynamic case of $\sqrt{\text{Kerr}}$

* Newman-Janis transformation: upgrade Schwarzschild to Kerr by replacing *z* with z + ia

* Classical double copy checks out for Kerr

Caron-Huot and Zahraee

- Consider a static dyon at the origin
 - * Electric charge density $\rho = q\delta^3(x)$
 - Magnetic charge density $\rho_m = g\delta^3(x)$
- Can perform an electric-magnetic duality rotation to remove magnetic charge:

 $\underline{E}' = \underline{E}\cos\theta + \underline{B}\sin\theta$ $\underline{B}' = -\underline{E}\sin\theta + \underline{B}\cos\theta$ $\rho'_m = -\rho\sin\theta + \rho_m\cos\theta = 0$

* Or, given pure electric charge, rotate to induce magnetic charge

Covariantly, the duality rotation is

$$F_{\mu\nu} = F_{\mu\nu}\cos\theta + F^*_{\mu\nu}\sin\theta$$
$$F^*_{\mu\nu} = -F_{\mu\nu}\sin\theta + F^*_{\mu\nu}\cos\theta$$

$$F^*_{\mu\nu} = \frac{1}{2} \epsilon_{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} F^{\rho\sigma}$$

Or in terms of self/anti-self dual parts

$$F'_{\mu\nu} - iF'^{*}_{\mu\nu} = e^{i\theta}(F_{\mu\nu} - iF^{*}_{\mu\nu})$$
$$F'_{\mu\nu} + iF'^{*}_{\mu\nu} = e^{-i\theta}(F_{\mu\nu} + iF^{*}_{\mu\nu})$$

Take pure electric three point amplitudes

$$\mathcal{A}_{+} = \sqrt{2}i\,em, \qquad \mathcal{A}_{-} = \sqrt{2}i\,em\,\frac{1}{x}$$

- * These correspond to self-/anti-self-dual fields
- Thus duality rotation

$$\mathcal{A}_{+} = \sqrt{2}i \, emx e^{i\theta}, \qquad \mathcal{A}_{-} = \sqrt{2}i \, em \, \frac{1}{x} e^{-i\theta}$$

 Angle only becomes physical if it corresponds to a misalignment with other particles

* For example, scatter two dyons

Huang, Kol, DOC

* 4 point amplitude: BCFW again

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$$A_{+} = \sqrt{2}i e_{1}m_{1}x_{u}e^{i\theta_{1}}, \ A_{-} = \sqrt{2}i e_{1}m_{1}\frac{1}{x_{u}}e^{-i\theta_{1}}$$

$$A_{+} = \sqrt{2}i e_{2}m_{2}x_{d}e^{i\theta_{2}}, \ A_{-} = \sqrt{2}i e_{2}m_{2}\frac{1}{x_{d}}e^{-i\theta_{2}}$$

* Result depends only on misalignment $\theta = \theta_1 - \theta_2$

Very similar to Kerr case, 4 pt amplitude is

Spurious reference vector

$$\mathcal{A}(q) = 2e_1 e_2 m_1 m_2 \frac{1}{q^2} \left[\left(\cosh w - i \frac{\epsilon(\eta, q, u_1, u_2)}{\eta \cdot q} \right) e^{i\theta} + \left(\cosh w + i \frac{\epsilon(\eta, q, u_1, u_2)}{\eta \cdot q} \right) e^{-i\theta} \right]$$

 The unphysical vector drops out in the impulse, same mechanism as Kerr

$$\epsilon(\eta, q, u_1, u_2) q^{\mu} = \eta \cdot q \,\epsilon^{\mu}(q, u_1, u_2) + \mathcal{O}(q^2)$$

Final result agrees with direct classical calculation

- * Classical double copy: dyon \rightarrow Taub-NUT
 - Taub-NUT has a mass and "NUT" charge

$$ds^{2} = f(r)(dt + 2n\cos\theta d\phi)^{2} - f(r)^{-1}dr^{2} - (r^{2} + n^{2})d\Omega^{2}$$
$$f(r) = \frac{(r - r_{+})(r - r_{-})}{r^{2} + n^{2}}, \quad r_{\pm} = m \pm r_{0}, \quad r_{0}^{2} = m^{2} + n^{2}$$

* Recover Schwarzschild (in Schwarzschild coords) when n = 0:

$$f(r) \to \frac{(r-2m)r}{r^2}$$

Amplitudes for probe scattering off Taub-NUT by the double copy

$$\mathcal{M}_{++} = i \frac{\kappa m^2}{2} x^2 e^{2i\theta}, \qquad \mathcal{M}_{--} = i \frac{\kappa m^2}{2} \frac{1}{x^2} e^{-2i\theta}$$
$$\Rightarrow \mathcal{M}(q) = -\frac{\kappa^2 m_1^2 m_2^2}{4q^2} \left[\left(\cosh 2w + 2i \cosh w \frac{\epsilon(u_1, u_2, \eta, q)}{\eta \cdot q} \right) e^{2i\theta} + \left(\cosh 2w - 2i \cosh w \frac{\epsilon(u_1, u_2, \eta, q)}{\eta \cdot q} \right) e^{-2i\theta} \right]$$
$$+ \left(\cosh 2w - 2i \cosh w \frac{\epsilon(u_1, u_2, \eta, q)}{\eta \cdot q} \right) e^{-2i\theta} \right]$$
$$Huang, Kol, DOC$$

- * Spurious vector drops out in impulse
 - * Complete agreement with direct calculation in Taub-NUT

Conclusions

Classical double copy present. Dialog between amplitudes & GR:

- * Double copy: simplicity in perturbative gravity
- Known exact solutions: exotic amplitudes
- * So what about rest of Plebanski-Demianski family?

Observables including radiation known to double copy

Kosower, Maybee, DOC

Analytic continuation between scattering and bound cases?
 Kälin and Porto

