

Classical scattering from coherent-spin amplitudes

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Based on

Mainly on...

- **Classical observables from coherent-spin amplitudes**

RA and Alexander Ochirov [hep-th/2108.01649]

But also...

- **Searching for Kerr at 2PM**

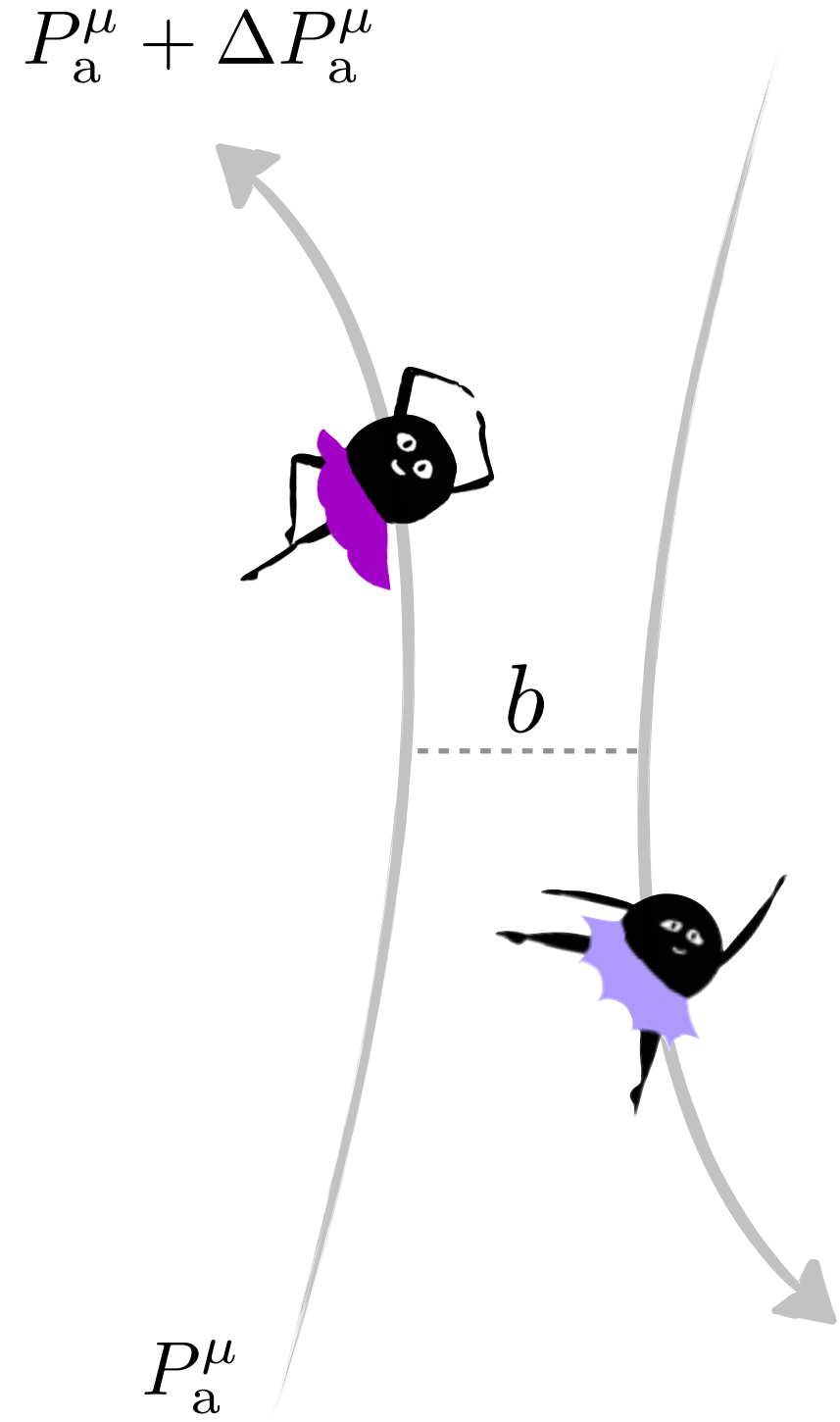
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- **Classical gravitational spinning-spinless scattering at $\mathcal{O}(G^2 S^\infty)$**

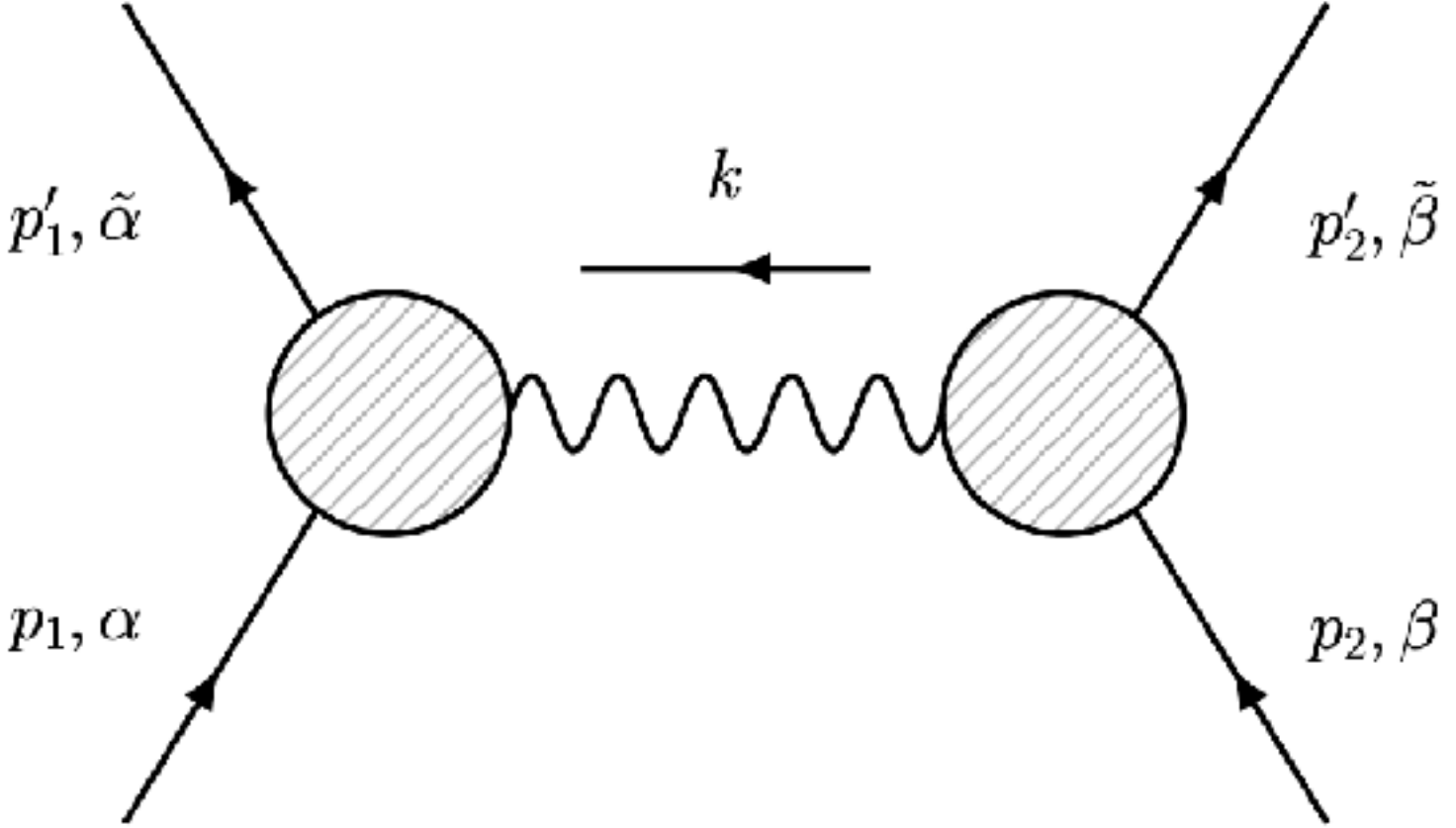
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Pictorially...

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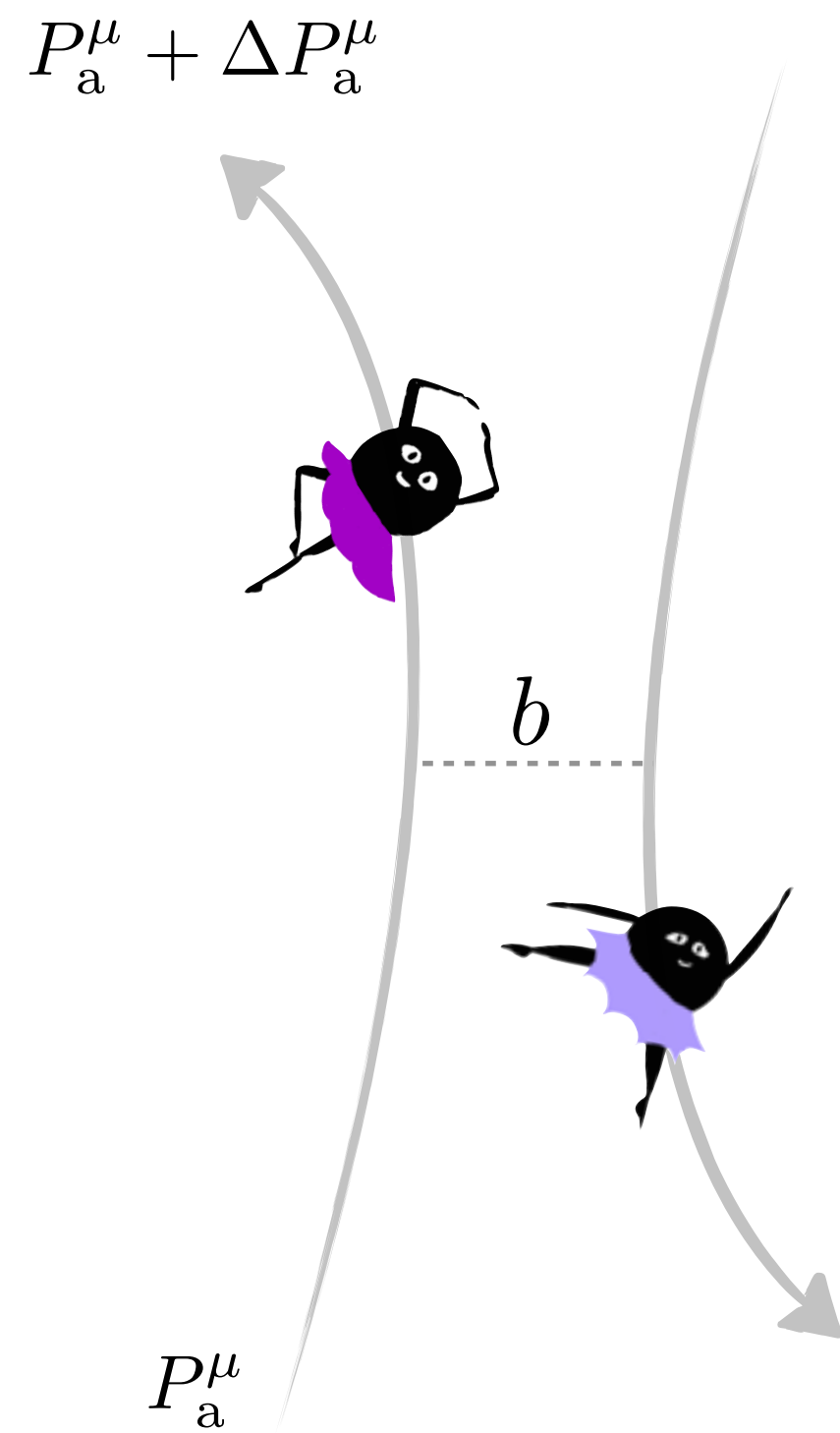


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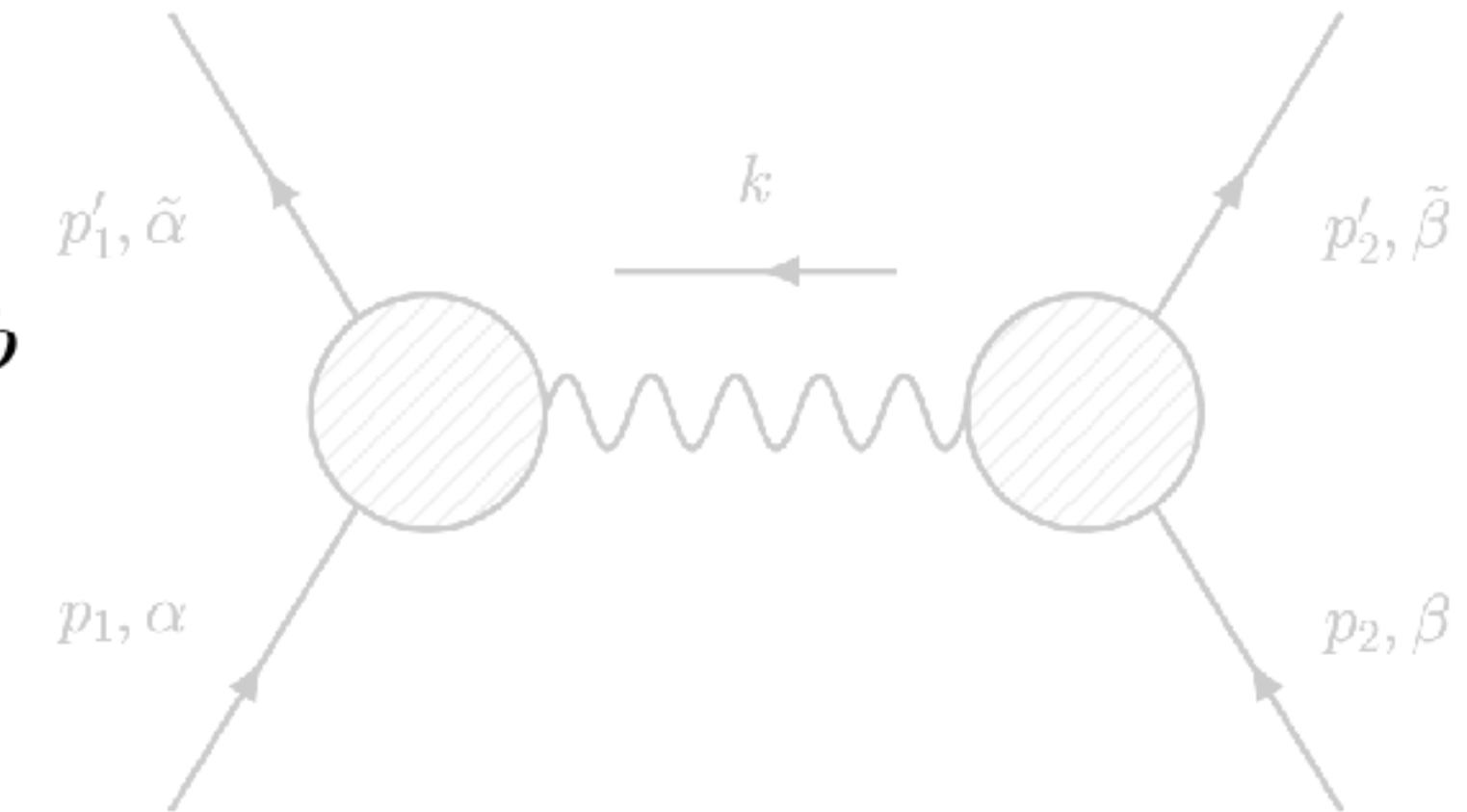


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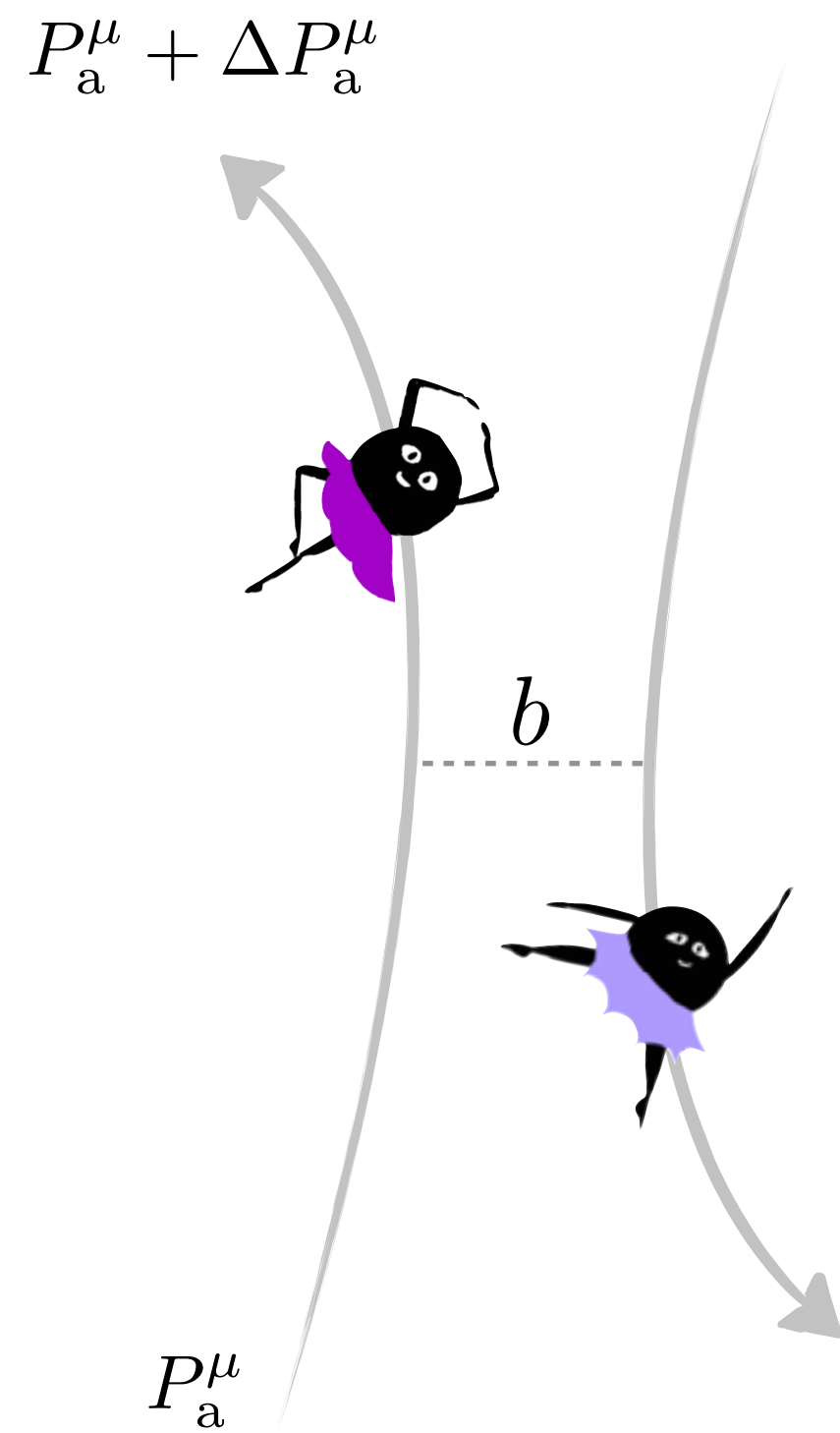


The KMOC formalism:

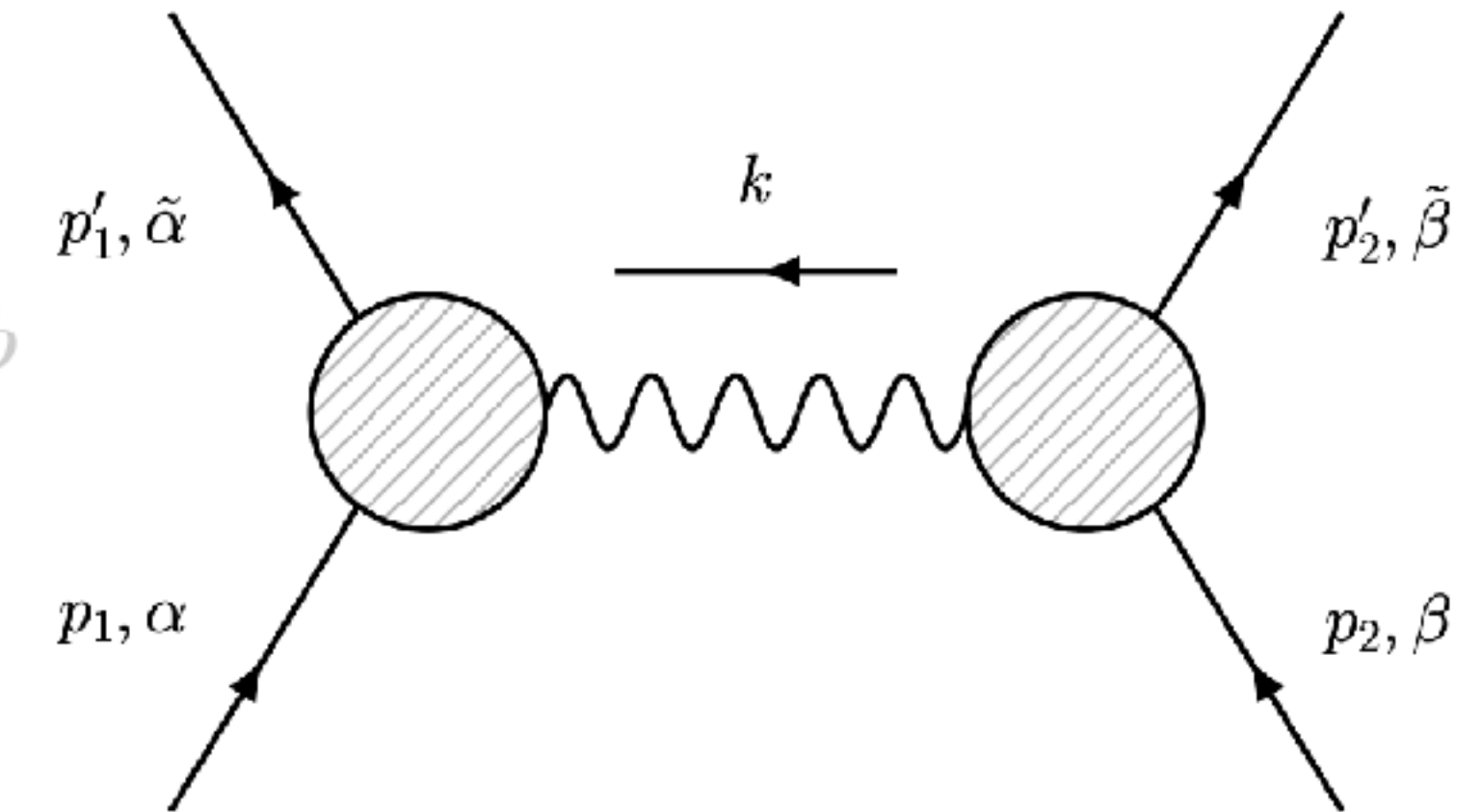
- quantum expectation values
- chosen initial quantum states
- classical observables when $\hbar \rightarrow 0$

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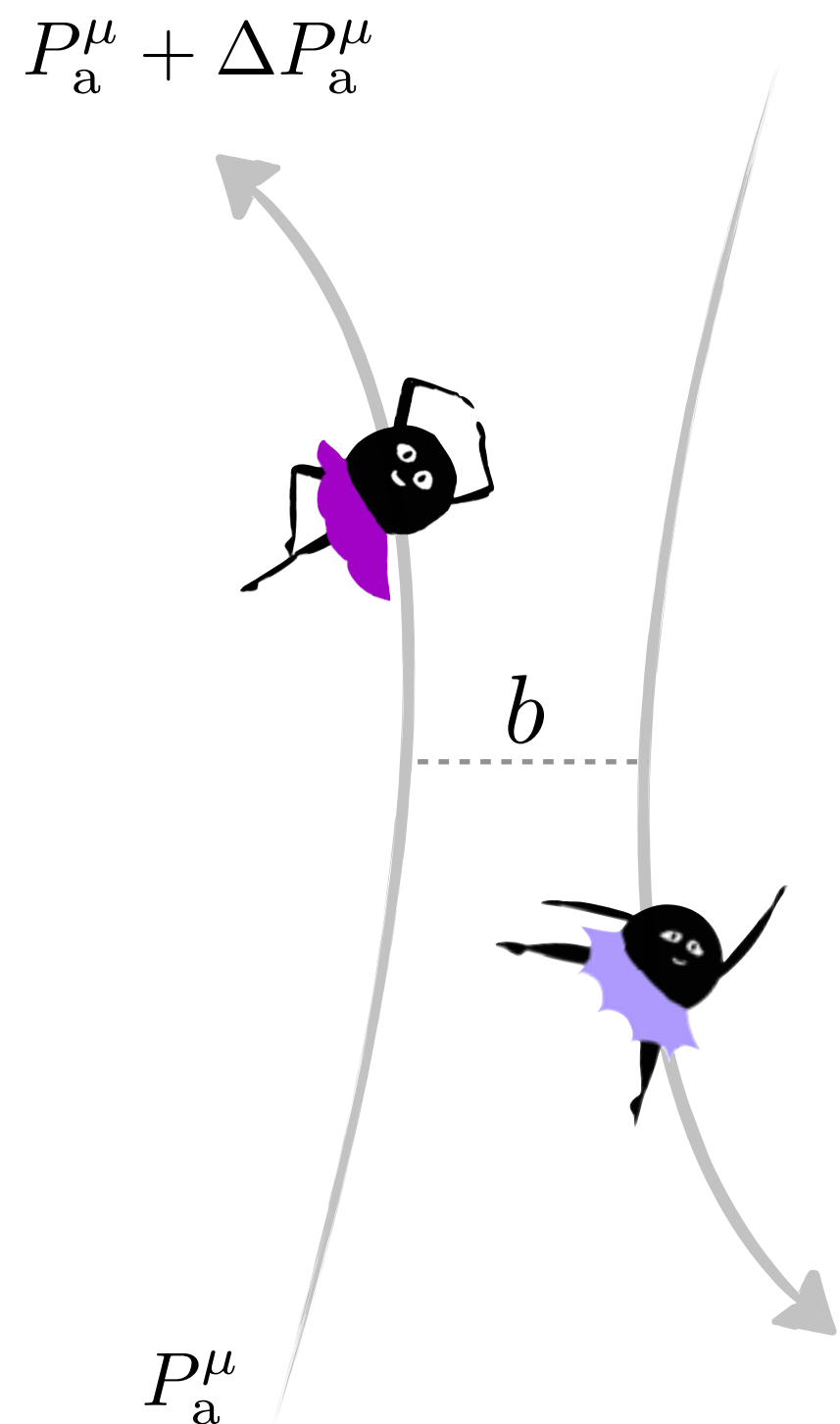


Scattering of two coherent-spin states mediated by a graviton

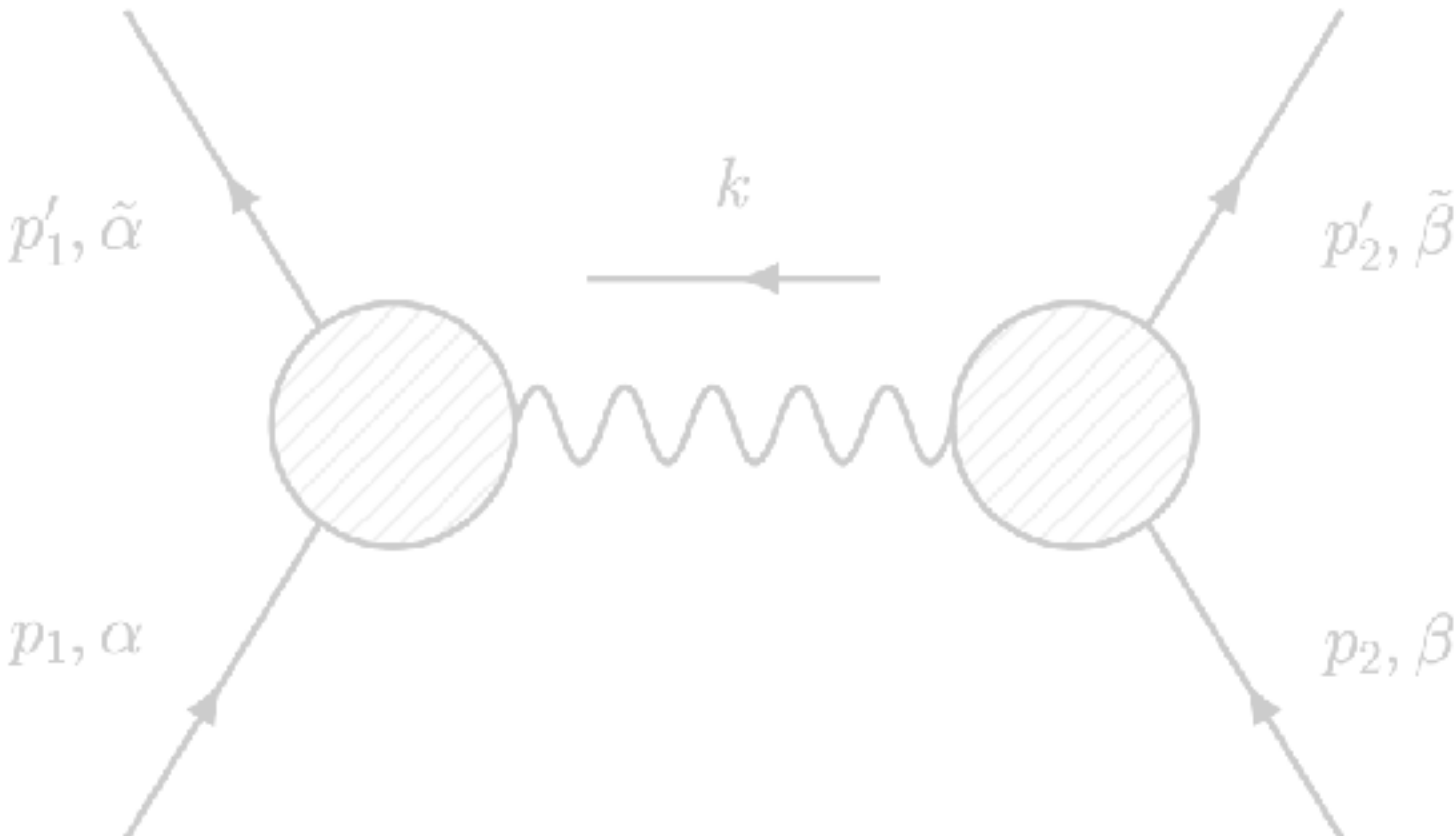
Factorizes into two 3pts.

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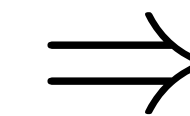
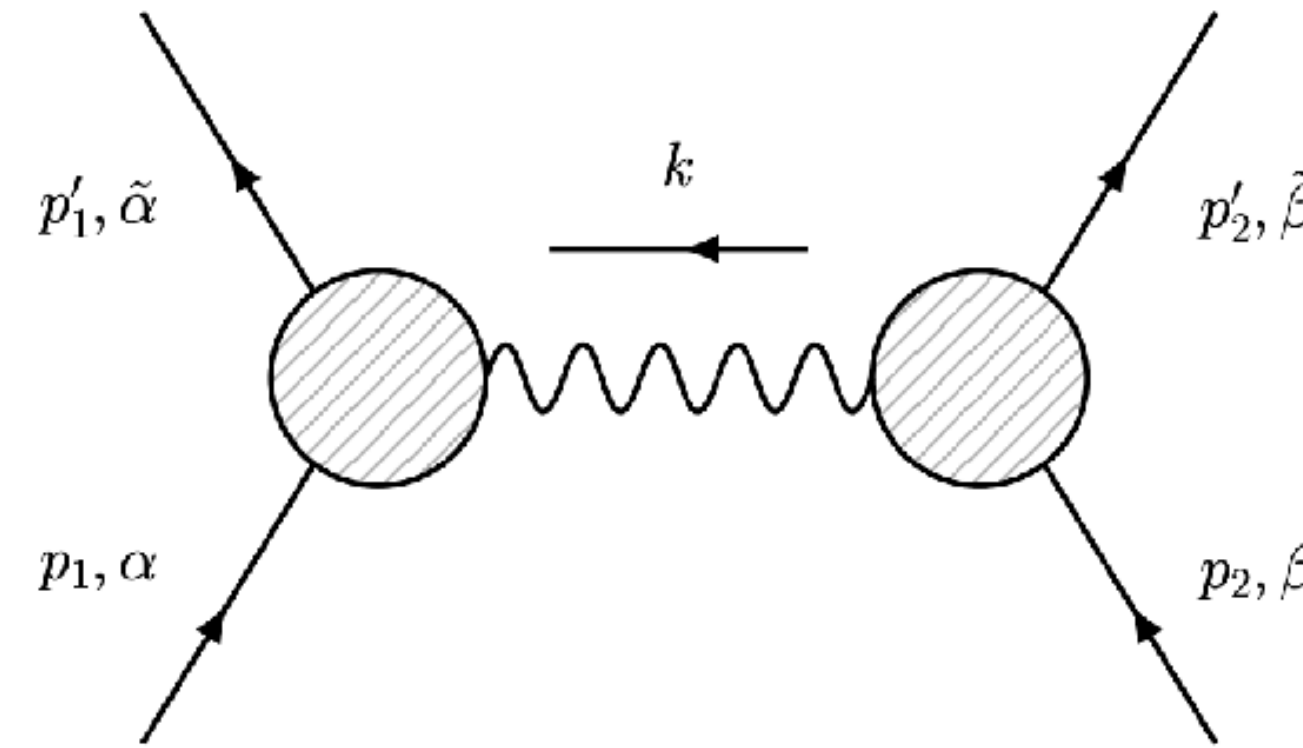
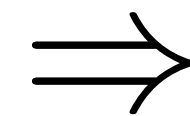
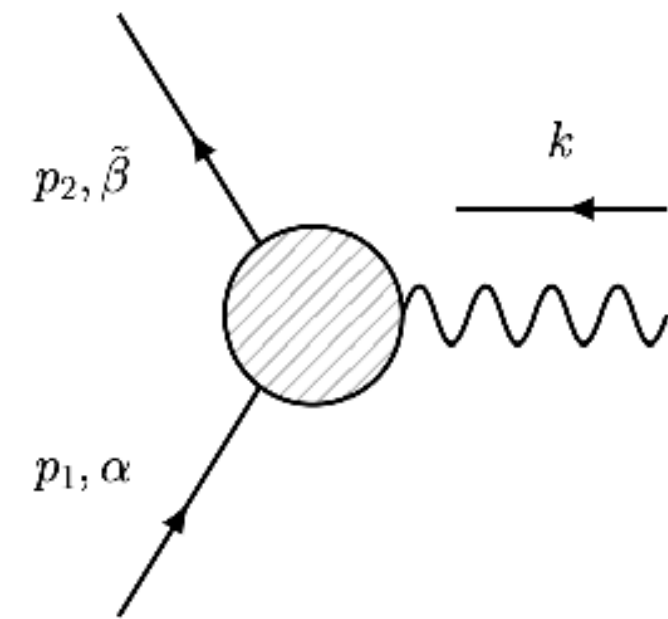
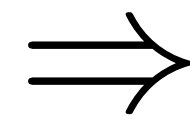
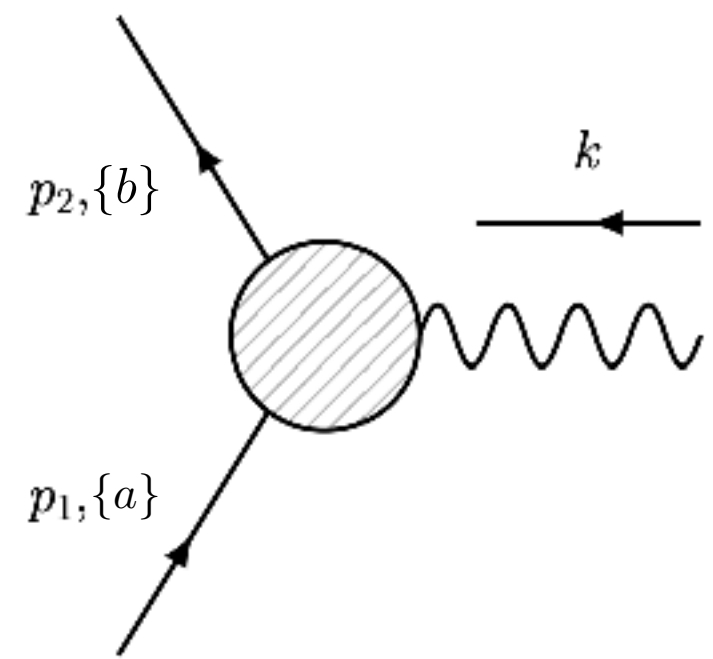
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Coherent-spin amplitudes as a linear combination of definite-spin amplitudes

$$= e^{-(\|\alpha\|^2 + \|\beta\|^2)/2} \sum_{s_1, s_2} \frac{(\tilde{\beta}_b)^{\odot 2s_2} (\alpha^a)^{\odot 2s_1}}{\sqrt{(2s_1)!(2s_2)!}}$$

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$$\Delta O$$

$$V$$

Definite-spin
Three-points

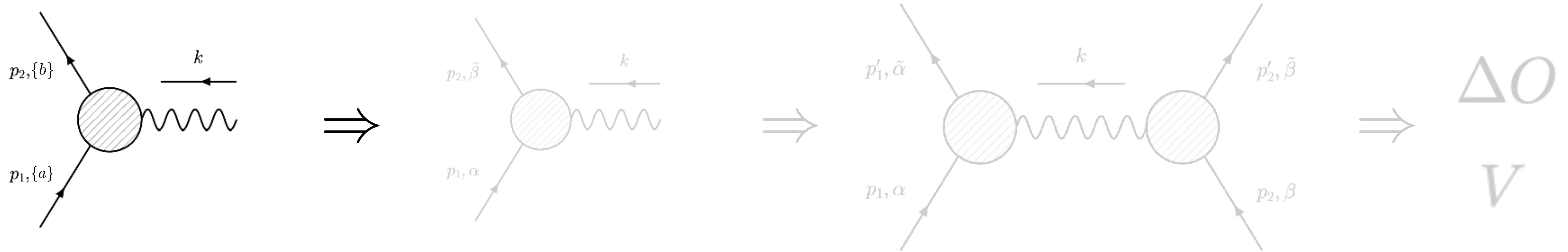
Spin-coherent
Three-points

Spin-coherent
Four-points

Observables

+ higher PM orders

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Definite-spin
Three-points

On-shell amplitudes

Definite-spin scattering amplitudes

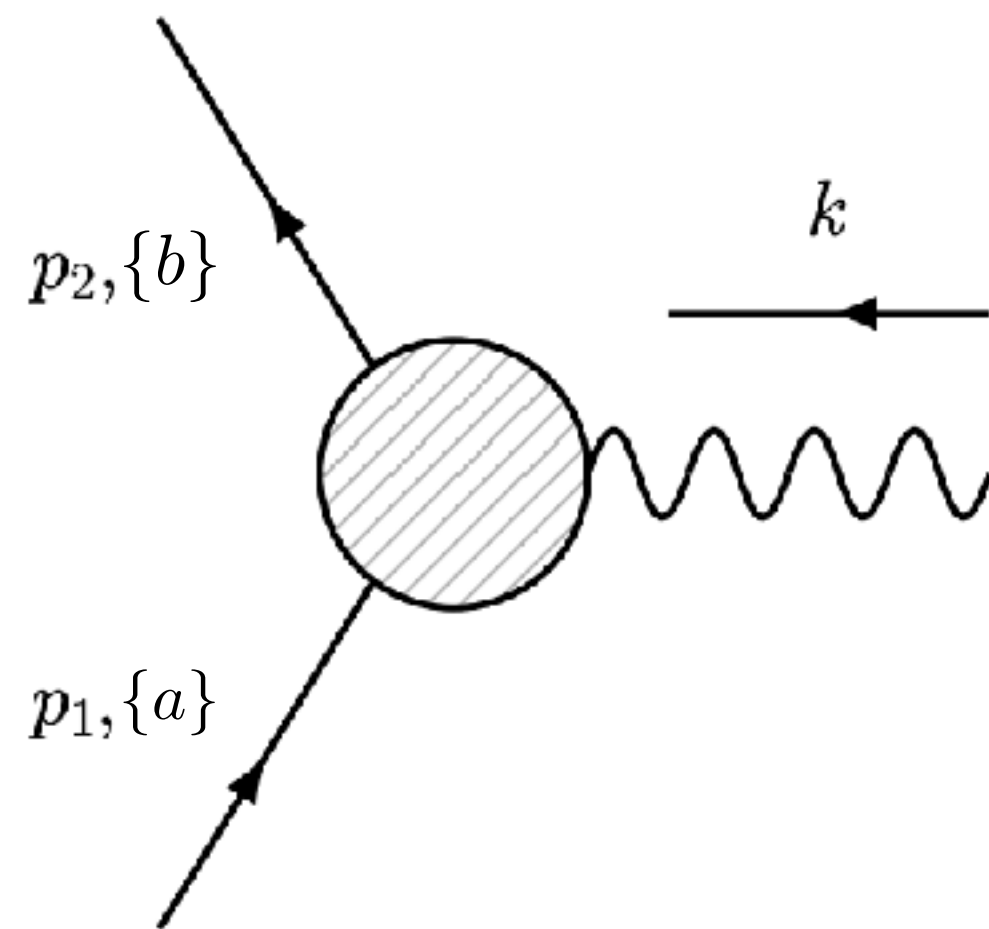
Using the particles' little group: minimal coupling with a graviton

Best behavior in the high-energy limit

Spin- s : $2s$ indices

$$\{a\} = \{a_1, a_2, \dots, a_{2s}\}$$

$\odot 2s$ symmetrization



$$\mathcal{A}_{\min}^{(0)\{b\}}_{\{a\}}(p_2, s | p_1, s; k, +) = -\frac{\kappa \langle 2^b 1_a \rangle^{\odot 2s}}{2 m^{2s-2}} x^2,$$

$$x = \frac{[k | p_1 | r]}{m \langle k r \rangle} = -\frac{\sqrt{2}}{m} (p_1 \cdot \varepsilon^+)$$

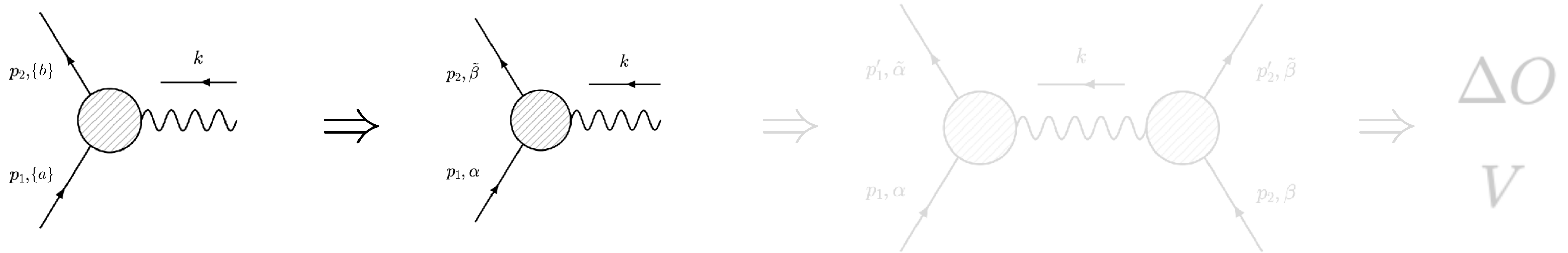
Contract all definite-spin LG indices \longrightarrow Coherent-spin amps.

Non-minimal later!

See also [Chiodaroli, Johansson, Pichini '21] for aux. vars.

*Similar for negative helicities

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**Coherent-spin states
and amplitudes**

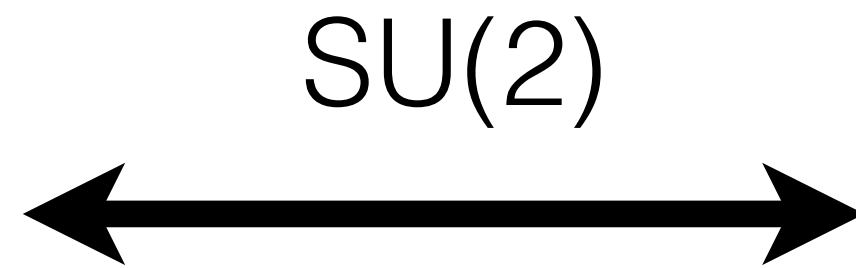
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Why coherent-states?

Rigorous framework for quantum-classical transitions

Schwinger's construction
for spin-coherent states

[Schwinger '52]



Massive little-group of
definite-momenta amplitudes

[Arkani-Hamed, Huang, Huang '17]

Using coherent-spin states:

- contract with the little-group indices
- Identify the classical spin
- KMOC formalism with the aid of coherent states


See also [Bern, Luna, Roiban, Shen, Zeng '20] for spin-coherent states

See also [Cristofoli, Gonzo, Kosower, O'Connell '21] for massless coherent states

Textbook coherent states

Quantum Harmonic Oscillator

$$H = \hbar\omega(a^\dagger a + 1/2) \longrightarrow E_n = \hbar\omega(n + 1/2)$$


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$$E_\alpha = \hbar\omega(|\alpha|^2 + 1/2)$$

For the energy to be finite $|\alpha|^2 \rightarrow \infty$
in the classical limit

Saturates the uncertainty principle

Expectation values evolve classically

Spin-states

Schwinger's construction: general spin from zero-spin with 2 creation ops.

along the z-axis

$$|s, s_z\rangle = \frac{(a_1^\dagger)^{s+s_z} (a_2^\dagger)^{s-s_z}}{\sqrt{(s+s_z)!(s-s_z)!}} |0\rangle, \quad s_z = -s, -s+1, \dots, s-1, s.$$

Covariantize it:

$$[a^a, a_b^\dagger] = \delta_b^a, \quad \mathbf{S} = \frac{\hbar}{2} a_a^\dagger \boldsymbol{\sigma}^a_b a^b \quad \Rightarrow \quad [S^i, S^j] = i\hbar \epsilon^{ijk} S^k.$$

SU(2)-covariant s-spin states

$$|s, \{a\}\rangle \equiv |s, \{a_1 \dots a_{2s}\}\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{(2s)!}} a_{a_1}^\dagger a_{a_2}^\dagger \dots a_{a_{2s}}^\dagger |0\rangle \equiv \frac{(a_a^\dagger)^{\odot 2s}}{\sqrt{(2s)!}} |0\rangle.$$

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In terms of definite spin:

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We want the coherent state in terms of definite spin...

because we know the general definite-spin amplitudes

See also [Chiodaroli, Johansson, Pichini '21] for aux. variables.

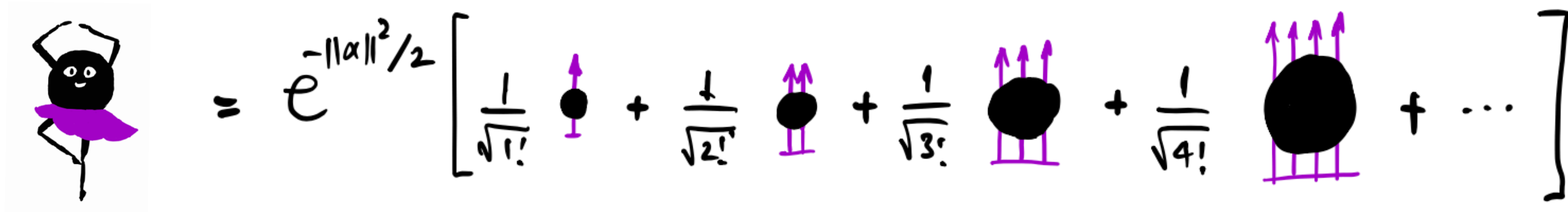
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Lorentz-covariant SU(2) spin operator

$$\sigma_{p\mu,a}^b = -\frac{1}{2m} \left(\langle p_a | \sigma_\mu | p^b \rangle + [p_a | \bar{\sigma}_\mu | p^b] \right),$$

Taking the classical limit (KMOC + coherent)


See also [Cristofoli, Gonzo, Moynihan, O'Connell, Ross, Sergola, White '21]

$$\langle S_p^\mu \rangle_\alpha = \frac{\hbar}{2} (\tilde{\alpha} \sigma_p^\mu \alpha) \xrightarrow{\hbar \rightarrow 0} s_{\text{cl}}^\mu,$$

$$\langle S_p^\mu S_p^\nu \rangle_\alpha = \langle S_p^\mu \rangle_\alpha \langle S_p^\nu \rangle_\alpha + \mathcal{O}(\hbar) \xrightarrow{\hbar \rightarrow 0} s_{\text{cl}}^\mu s_{\text{cl}}^\nu$$

Dressing the Minimal coupling

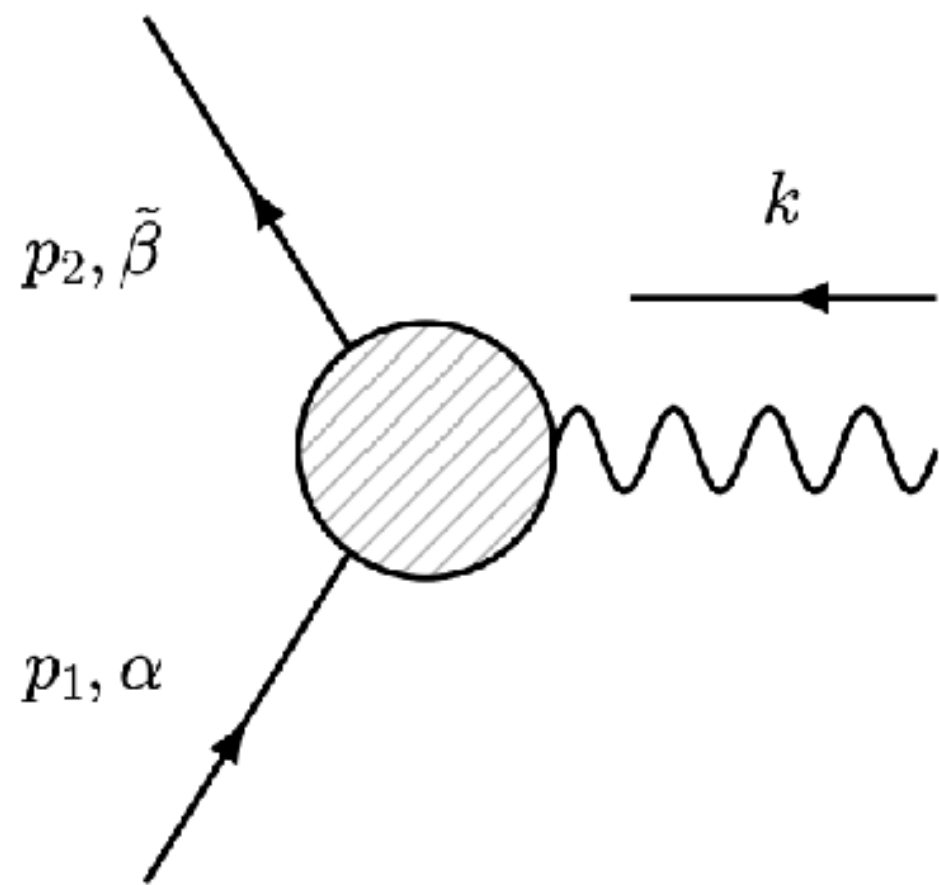
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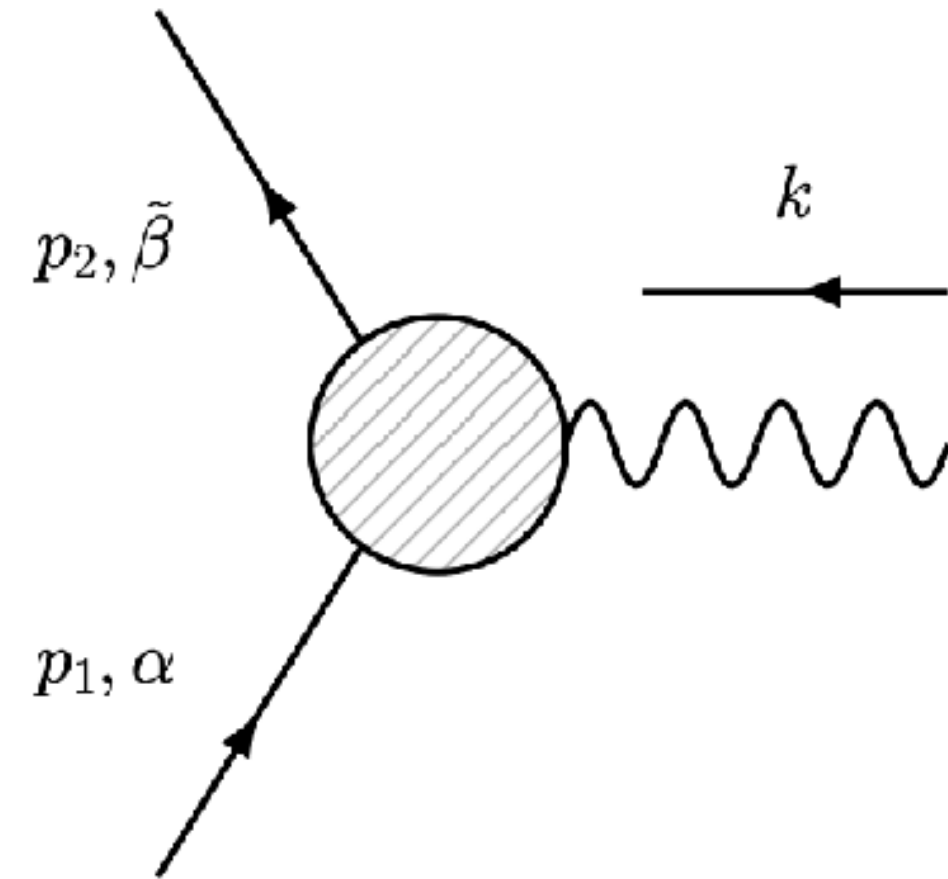
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It exponentiates!

Boost to the same momenta



On-shell kinematics

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Boost for spinors

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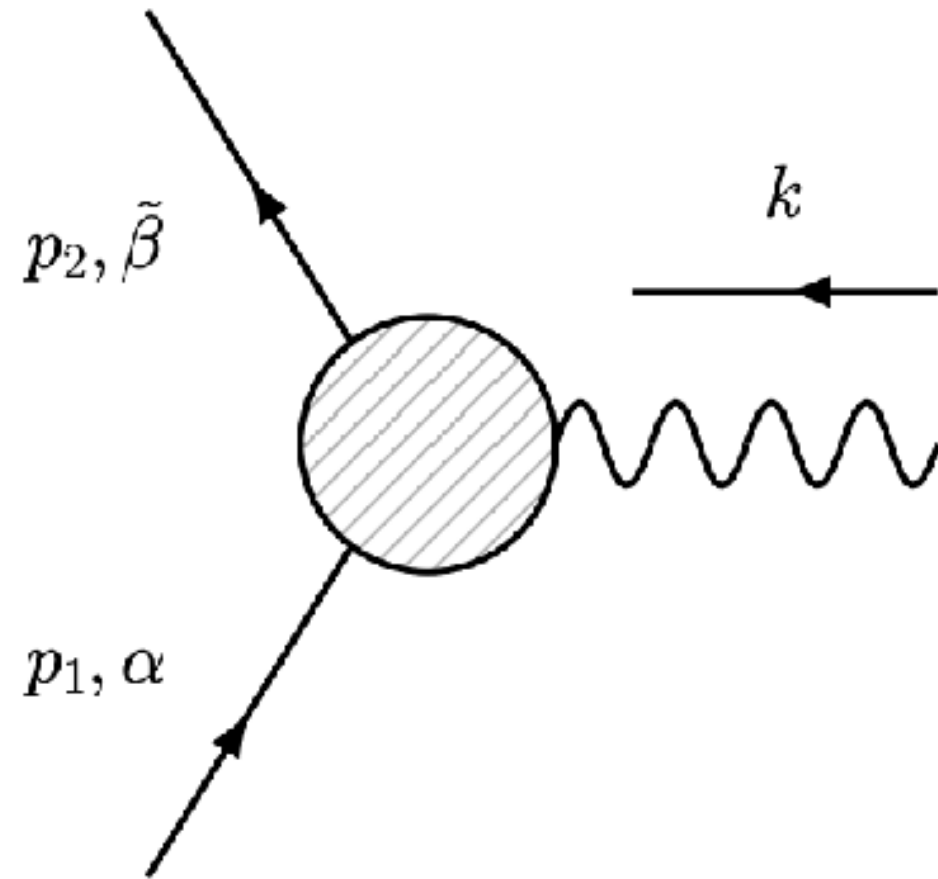
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This can be greatly simplified using heavy-variables (HPET)

[RA, Haddad, Helset, '20]

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$$\mathcal{A}_{3,\min}^{\pm} = -\frac{\kappa}{2} m^2 x^{\pm 2} \underbrace{e^{-(\|\alpha\|^2 + \|\beta\|^2)/2 + \tilde{\beta}\alpha}}_{\text{overlap between coherent states}} \exp \left\{ \mp \frac{\hbar}{2m} \bar{k}_\mu (\tilde{\beta} \sigma_{p_a}^\mu \alpha) \right\}$$

overlap between coherent states

Classical limit and classical three-points

Factored out the standard coherent-state overlap: $\langle \beta | \alpha \rangle = e^{-(\|\alpha\|^2 + \|\beta\|^2)/2 + \tilde{\beta}\alpha}$

In the classical limit, we take: $\tilde{\beta}_a = (\alpha^a)^*$ \longrightarrow Exact cancellation between the spinless term and the normalization

and we can identify the spin expectation value

$$\mathcal{A}_{3,\min}^{\pm} |_{\beta=\alpha} = -\frac{\kappa}{2} m^2 x^{\pm 2} \exp \left\{ \mp \frac{1}{m} \bar{k}_{\mu} \langle S_{p_a}^{\mu} \rangle_{\alpha} \right\} = -\frac{\kappa}{2} m^2 x^{\pm 2} e^{\mp \bar{k} \cdot a_a}.$$

Matches the Kerr BH ‘amplitude’

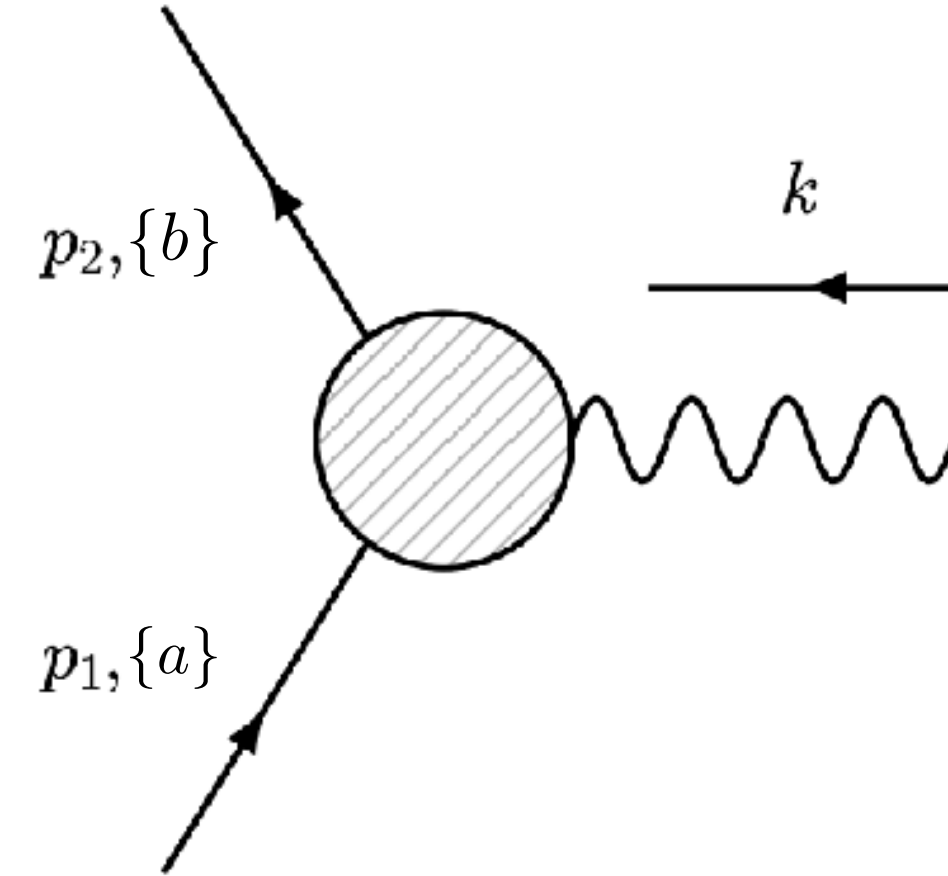
Can use directly to built four-points.

Matches 1PM results

notation: $k^{\mu} = \hbar \bar{k}^{\mu}$

$$a_a^{\mu} \equiv \frac{1}{m_a} \langle S_{p_a}^{\mu} \rangle_{\alpha}$$

General (Definite-spin) three-point amplitude and Kerr BHs



Matching to the worldline

[Porto, Rothstein, '06]
[Porto, Rothstein, '08]
[Levi, Steinhoff, '15]

From the worldline, we can obtain the following classical amplitude

$$\mathcal{A}_{\text{gen}}^{\pm}(p, k) = -\kappa(p \cdot \varepsilon_k^{\pm})^2 \left[\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{C_{\text{ES}^{2n}}}{(2n)!} (\bar{k} \cdot a)^{2n} \pm \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{C_{\text{BS}^{2n+1}}}{(2n+1)!} (\bar{k} \cdot a)^{2n+1} \right],$$

Matching with the general amplitude

$$\mathcal{A}_{\text{gen}}^{(0)\{b\}}_{\{a\}}(p_2, s | p_1, s; k, +) = -\frac{\kappa}{2} \sum_{n=0}^{2s} g_n^+ \frac{x^{n+2} \langle 2^b 1_a \rangle^{\odot(2s-n)}}{m^{2s+n-2}} \odot \left(\langle 2^b k \rangle \langle k 1_a \rangle \right)^{\odot n},$$

Matching to the wordline

The Wilson coefficients

$$C_{\text{ES}^{2n}} = \sum_{r=0}^{2n} \frac{(2n)!(-2)^r g_r^\pm}{(2n-r)! \|\alpha\|^{2r}} \quad (\text{Same for the magnetic})$$

“Superclassical” rescaling:

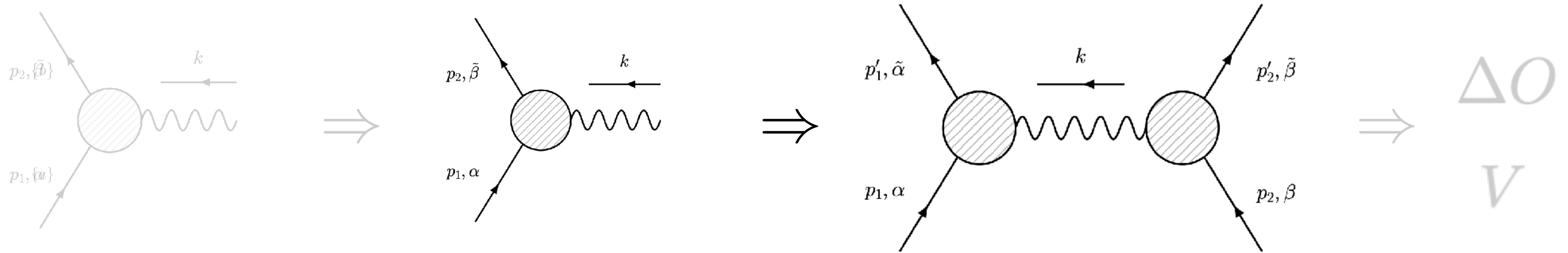
Classically suppressed unless $g_{n>0}^\pm$ scales with $\mathcal{O}(\hbar^{-n})$

In order to model general spinning body, non-minimal couplings depends on the spin via $\|\alpha\|^2 = \frac{2m}{\hbar} \sqrt{-a^2}$.

$$(\text{Expect for a Kerr BH}) \quad g_0^\pm = 1 \quad g_{n>0}^\pm = 0$$

Unequal spin amplitudes are also suppressed by the normalization.

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Four-point coherent amplitudes (general case)

Using the three-points after matching

$$\mathcal{A}^{(0)}(p'_1, \alpha | p_1, \alpha; k, \pm) = -\frac{\kappa}{2} m_a^2 x_a^{\pm 2} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{C_{an}}{n!} (\pm \bar{k} \cdot a_a)^n + \mathcal{O}(\hbar^0),$$

and the Holomorphic Classical Limit

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[Cachazo, Guevara, '17]

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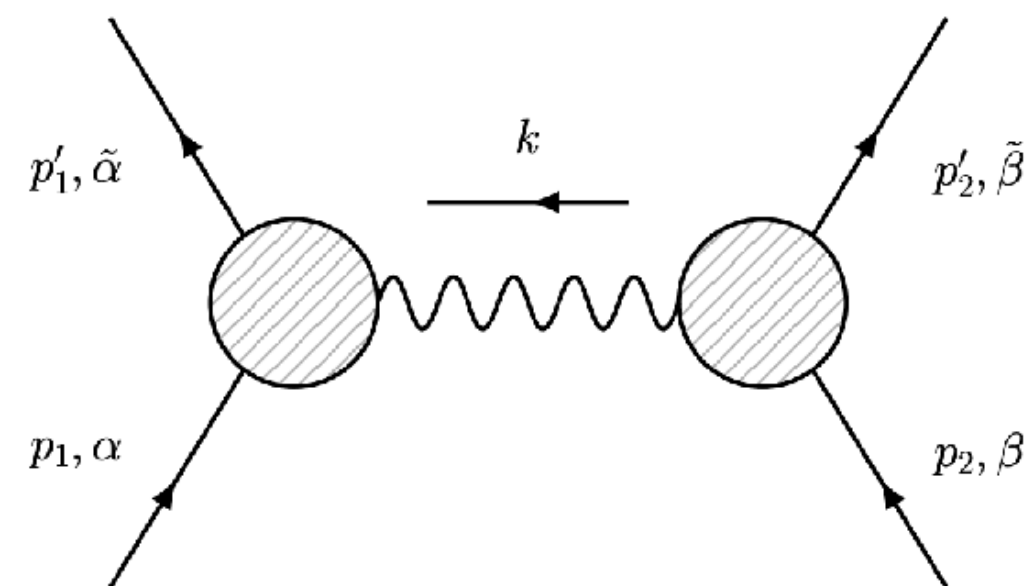
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and the Holomorphic Classical Limit



$$= -\frac{8\pi G m_a^2 m_b^2 \gamma^2}{\hbar^3 \bar{k}^2} \times \sum_{\pm} (1 \mp v)^2 \sum_{n_1, n_2=0}^{\infty} \frac{C_{an_1} C_{bn_2}}{n_1! n_2!} (\pm i \bar{k} \cdot [w * a_a])^{n_1} (\pm i \bar{k} \cdot [w * a_b])^{n_2} + \mathcal{O}(\hbar^{-5/2}).$$



Multipole expansion of particle 1 and particle 2

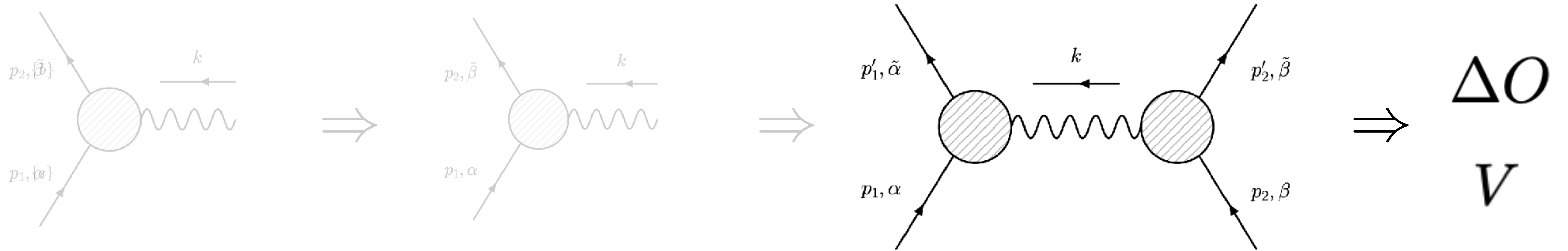
modeled by Wilson coefficients!

$$w^{\mu\nu} = \frac{2p_a^{[\mu} p_b^{\nu]}}{m_a m_b \gamma v},$$

$$[w * a]_\lambda = (*w)_{\lambda\mu} a^\mu = \frac{\epsilon_{\lambda\mu\nu\rho} p_a^\mu p_b^\nu a^\rho}{m_a m_b \gamma v},$$

$$C_{an_1} C_{bn_2}$$

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Kosower Maybee O'Connell (KMOC) formalism

[Kosower, Maybee, O'Connell '18]

[Maybee, O'Connell, Vines '19]

[de la Cruz, Maybee, O'Connell '20]

Changing in an operator due to scattering

$$\Delta O = \langle \text{out} | O | \text{out} \rangle - \langle \text{in} | O | \text{in} \rangle = \langle \text{in} | S^\dagger O S | \text{in} \rangle - \langle \text{in} | O | \text{in} \rangle$$

Using $S = 1 + iT$ and optical theorem

$$\Delta O = \langle \text{in} | S^\dagger O S | \text{in} \rangle - \langle \text{in} | O | \text{in} \rangle = \underbrace{i \langle \text{in} | [OT - T^\dagger O] | \text{in} \rangle}_{\Delta_1 O} + \underbrace{\langle \text{in} | T^\dagger O T | \text{in} \rangle}_{\Delta_2 O},$$

leading order

next-to-leading order

We need to prepare well-defined the initial state states.

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$$= \underline{e^{-(\|\alpha\|^2 + \|\beta\|^2)/2}} \sum_{s_1, s_2} \int_{p_1, p_2} e^{ib \cdot p_1 / \hbar} \psi_a(p_1) \psi_b(p_2) \frac{(\alpha^a)^{\odot 2s_1} (\beta^b)^{\odot 2s_2}}{\sqrt{(2s_1)!(2s_2)!}} \cdot \underline{|p_1, s_1, \{a\}; p_2, s_2, \{b\}\rangle}.$$

normalization definite spin-state

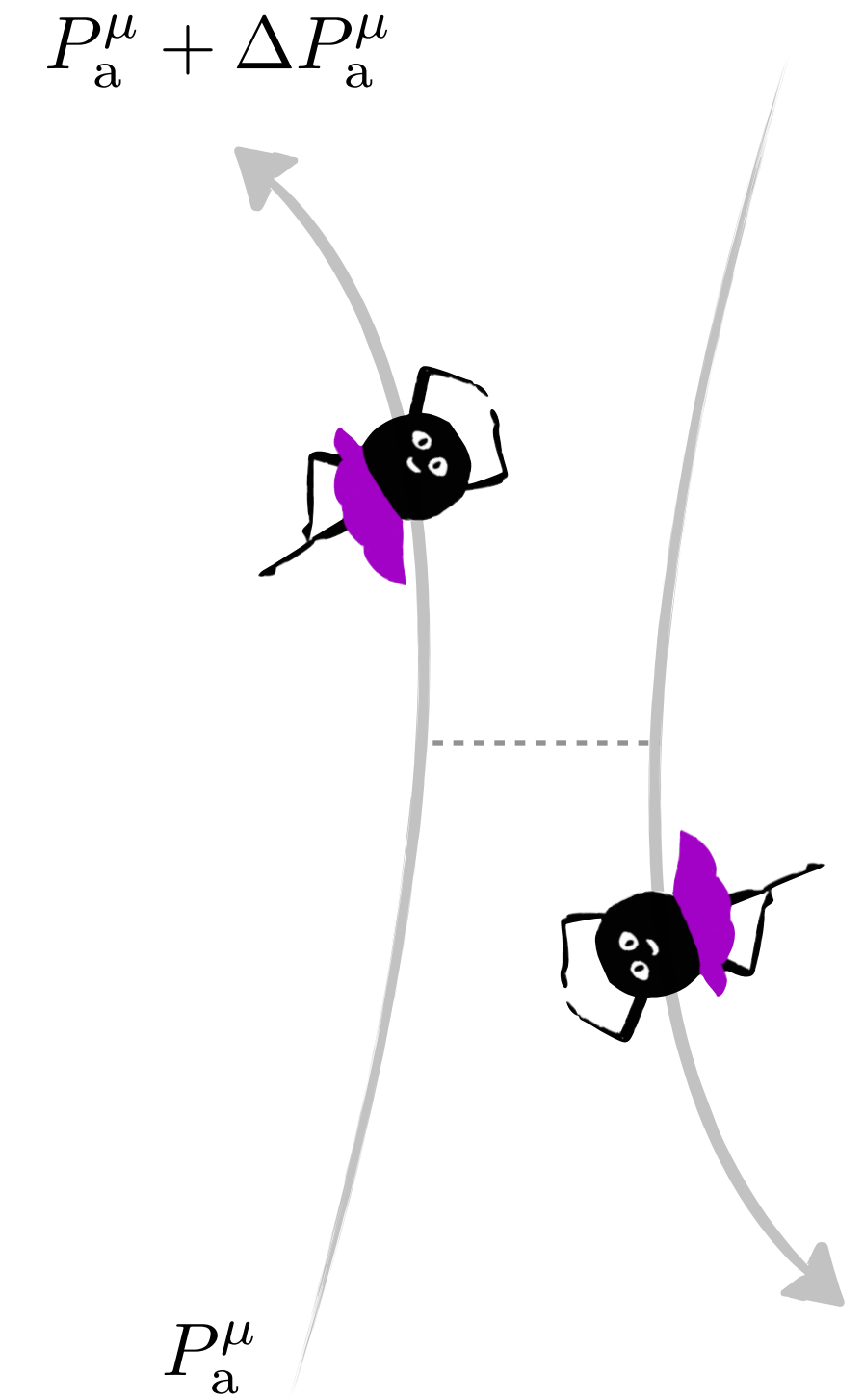
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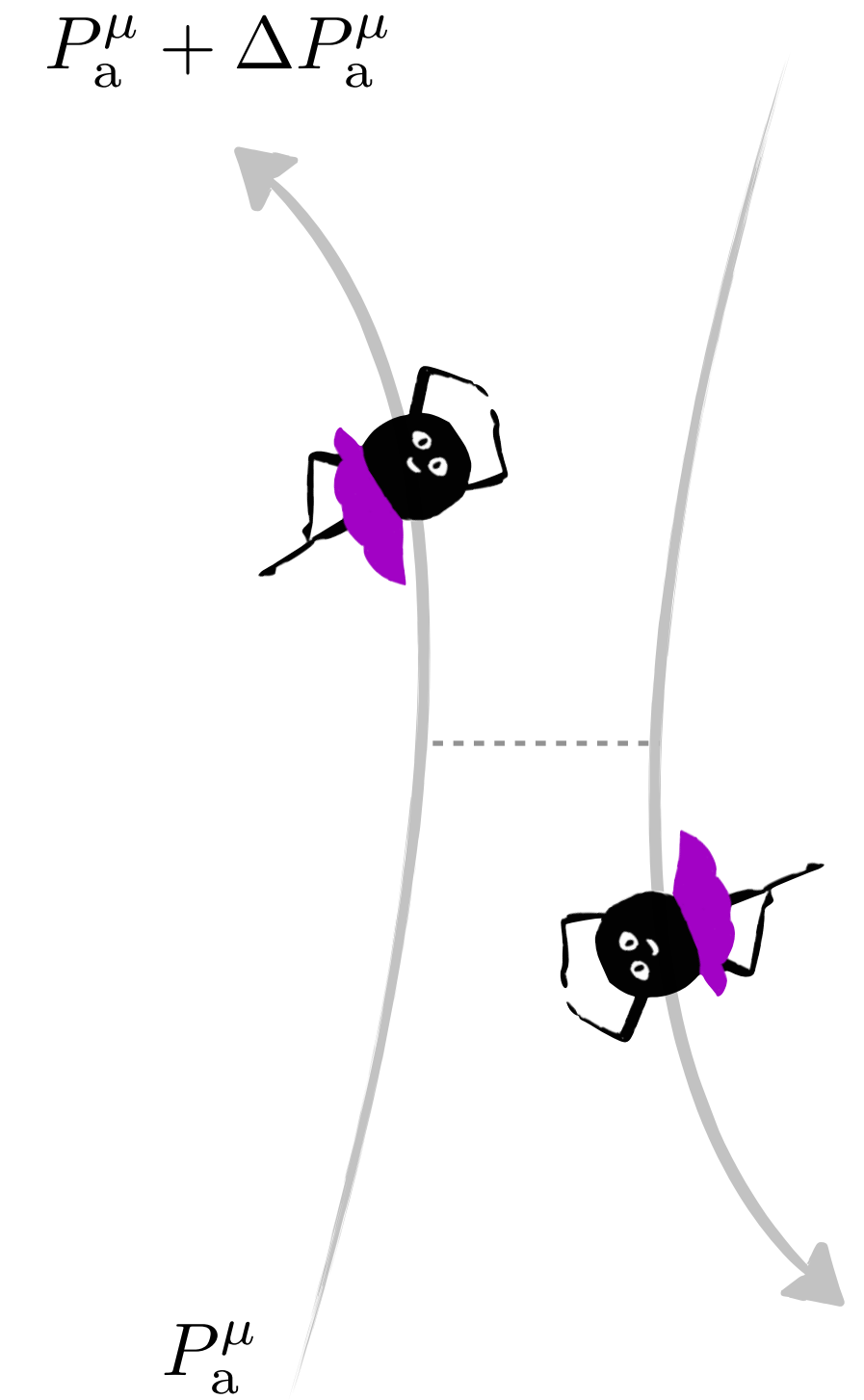
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From the eikonal amplitude $\mathcal{A}_4^{(0)}(b)$ one can also obtain (for general bodies)

Angular impulse
$$\Delta S_a^\mu = \frac{\hbar}{m_a} \int_{p_a, p_b} |\psi_a(p_a)|^2 |\psi_b(p_b)|^2 \left[p_a^\mu a_a^\nu \frac{\partial}{\partial b^\nu} - \epsilon^{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} p_{a\nu} a_{a\rho} \frac{\partial}{\partial a_a^\sigma} \right] \mathcal{A}_4^{(0)}(b)$$



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Hamiltonian at 1PM

Potential $V^{(1)}(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{p}, \mathbf{S}_a, \mathbf{S}_b) = -\frac{\hbar^3}{4E_a E_b} \int \frac{d^3 \bar{\mathbf{k}}}{(2\pi)^3} e^{i\bar{\mathbf{k}} \cdot \mathbf{r}} \mathcal{A}^{(0)}(\bar{\mathbf{k}}, \mathbf{p}, \mathbf{S}_a, \mathbf{S}_b),$

For generic objects:

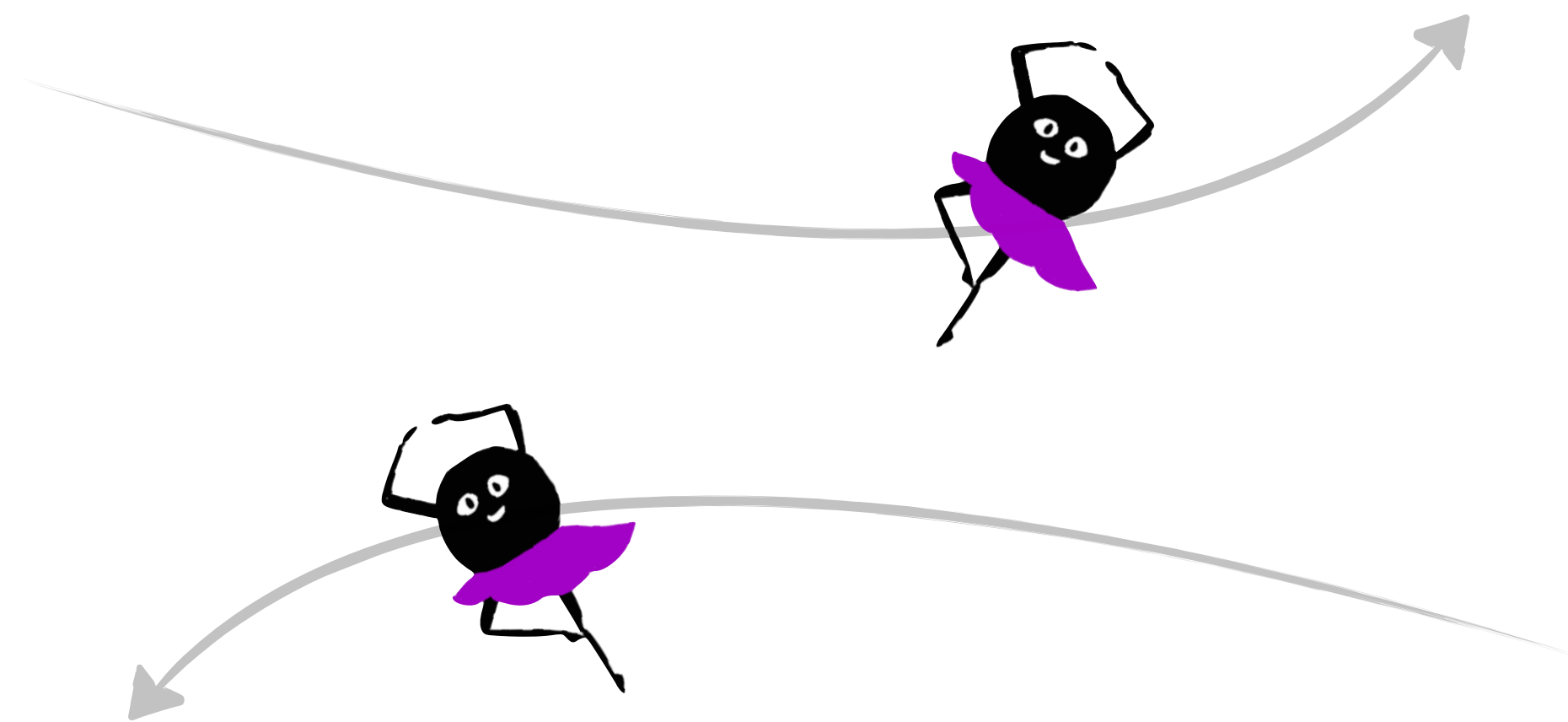
$$V^{(1)}(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{p}, \mathbf{S}_a, \mathbf{S}_b) = -\frac{Gm_a^2 m_b^2 \gamma^2}{2E_a E_b} \sum_{\pm} (1 \mp v)^2 \times \sum_{n_1, n_2=0}^{\infty} \frac{C_{an_1} C_{bn_2}}{n_1! n_2!} \left(\pm \frac{1}{m_a} [\hat{\mathbf{p}} \times \mathbf{S}_a] \cdot \nabla_{\mathbf{r}} \right)^{n_1} \left(\pm \frac{1}{m_b} [\hat{\mathbf{p}} \times \mathbf{S}_b] \cdot \nabla_{\mathbf{r}} \right)^{n_2} \frac{1}{|\mathbf{r}|}.$$

While for Kerr:

$$V^{(1)}(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{p}, \mathbf{S}_a, \mathbf{S}_b) = -\frac{Gm_a^2 m_b^2 \gamma^2}{2E_a E_b} \sum_{\pm} \frac{(1 \pm v)^2}{|\mathbf{r} \pm \hat{\mathbf{p}} \times (\mathbf{a}_a + \mathbf{a}_b)|},$$

In a different gauge than [Chung, Huang, Kim, Lee, '19]

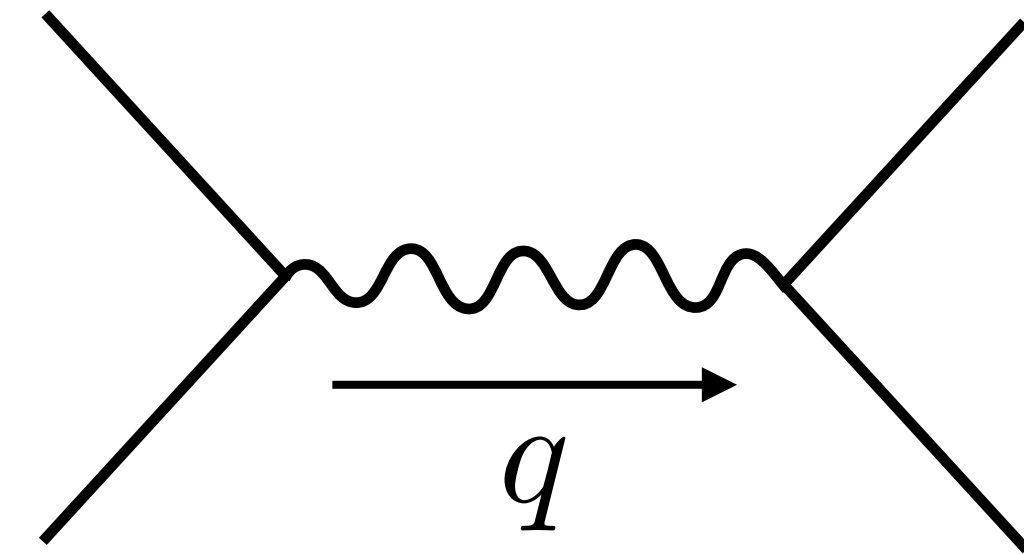
Heavy Classical
scattering at 2PM



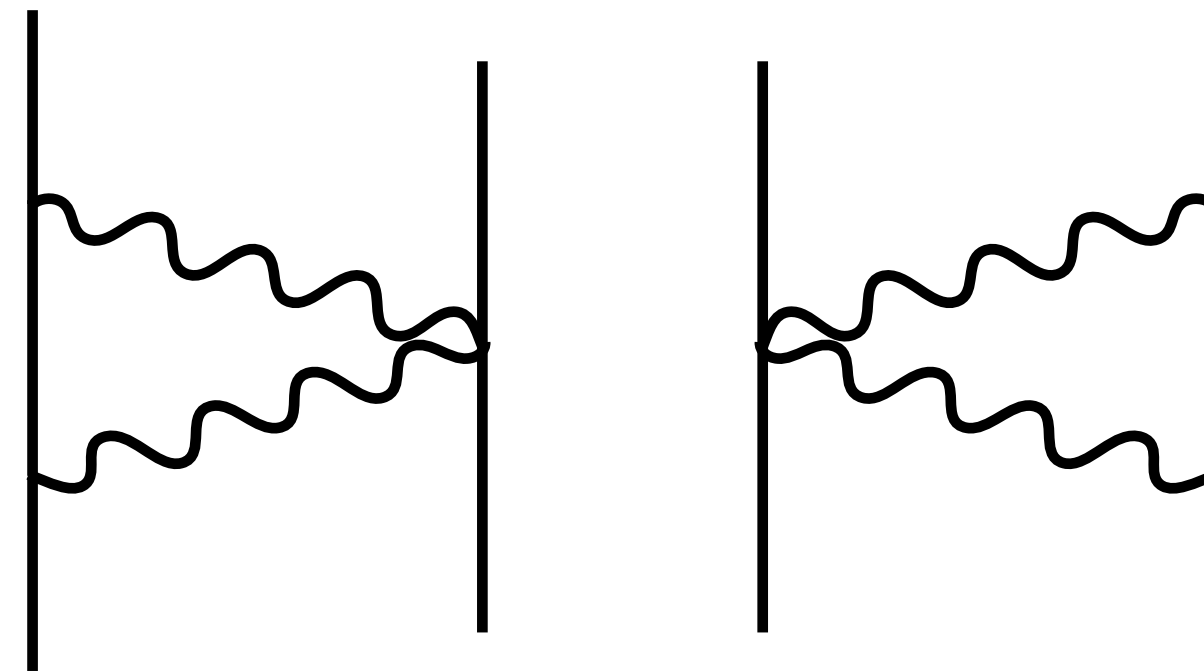
w/ Kays Haddad and Andreas Helset

Conservative tree level four-points

We can use $\mathcal{M}_{\text{min}}^{\pm} = -\frac{\kappa}{2} x^{\pm 2} e^{\mp k \cdot a}$ to obtain



But we want to improve to 2PM, i.e.

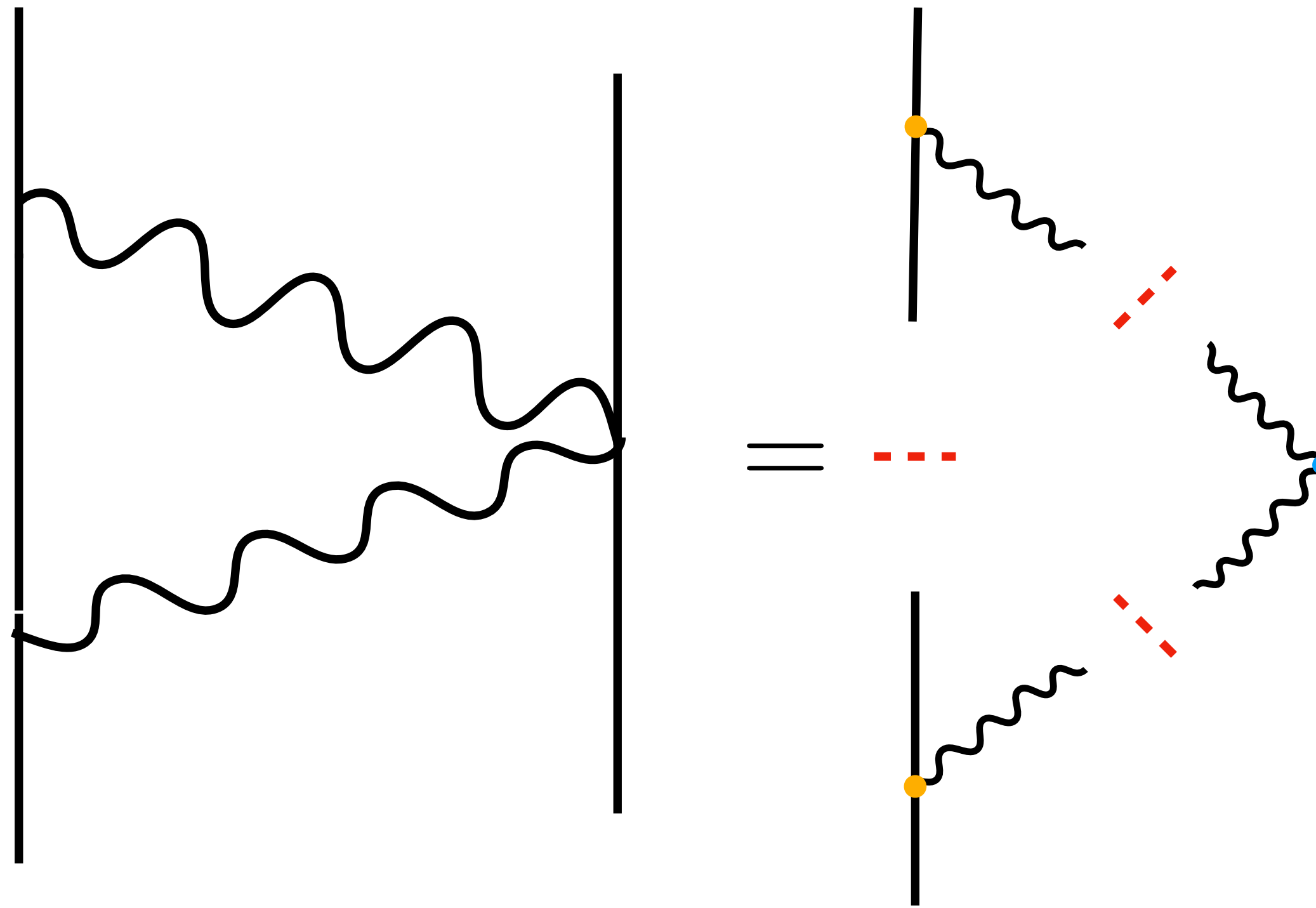


which requires the Compton Amplitude

See also [Bern, Kosmopoulos, Luna, Roiban, Teng, '22]
[Chen, Chung, Huang, Kim, '21]

2PM Amplitudes

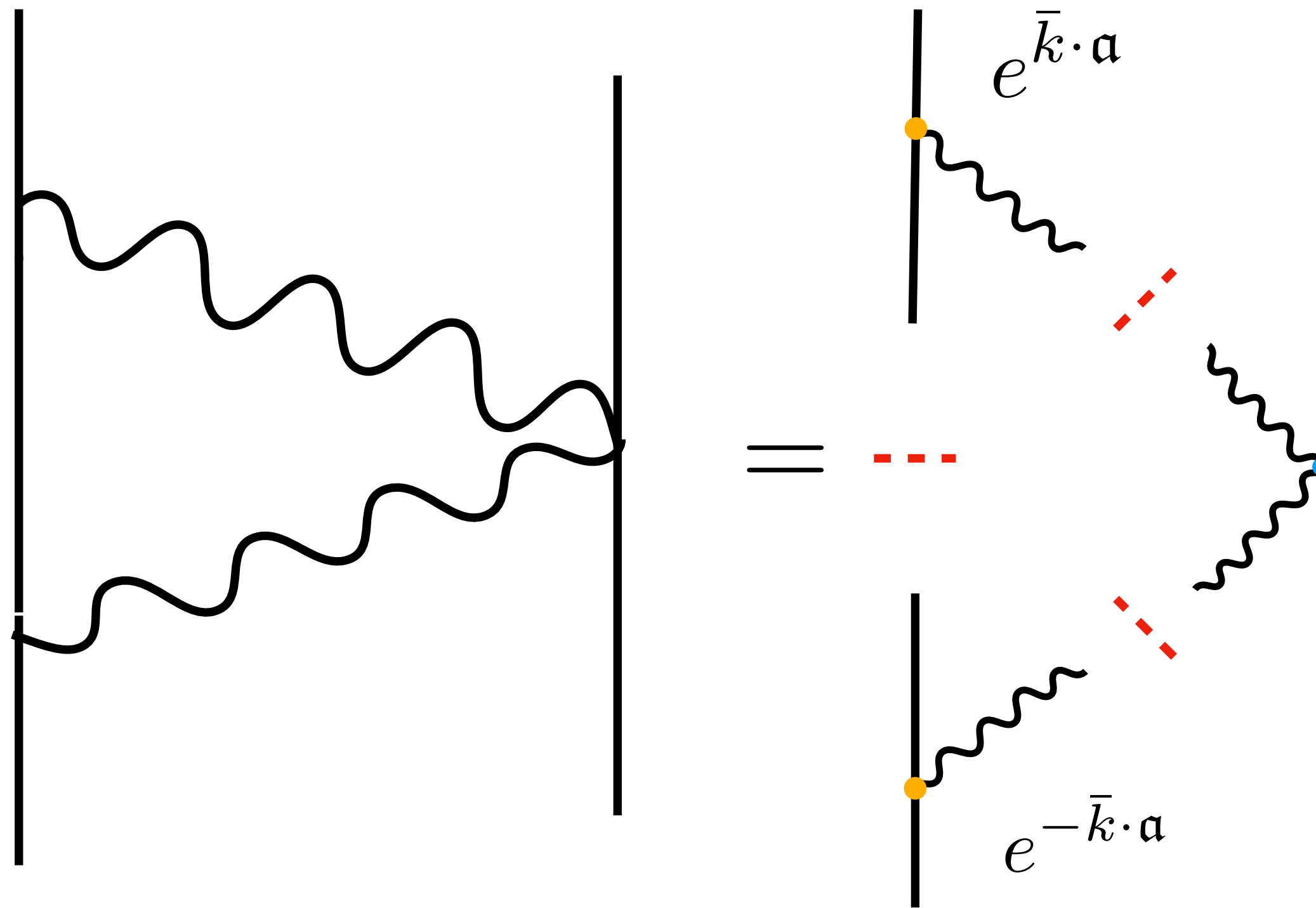
Using unitarity, we construct the relevant 1-loop diagrams



+ other triangle

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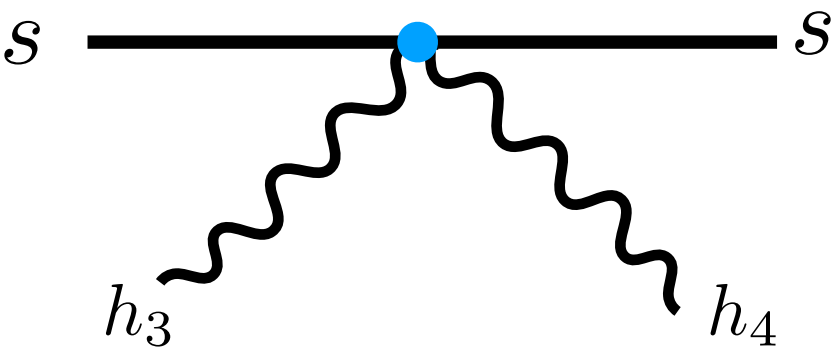
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Compton for high-spins ?

+ other triangle

Classical Compton scattering



$$\mathcal{M}(-\mathbf{1}^s, \mathbf{2}^s, 3^-, 4^+) = \frac{y^4}{s_{34}t_{13}t_{14}} \left(\frac{\langle 3\mathbf{1} \rangle [4\mathbf{2}] - \langle 3\mathbf{2} \rangle [4\mathbf{1}]}{y} \right)^{2s}$$

After some rewriting in HPET variables and cl. limit

$$y \equiv [4|p_1|3\rangle \quad w^\mu \equiv [4|\bar{\sigma}^\mu|3\rangle/2$$



$$\mathcal{A}^s = \mathcal{A}^0 \exp \left\{ \left[q_4 - q_3 + \frac{(t_{14} - t_{13})}{y} w \right] \cdot \mathbf{a} \right\},$$

Scalar Compton:

$$\mathcal{A}_{\text{GR}}^0 = \frac{y^4}{s_{34}t_{13}t_{14}}$$

Matches GR calculations up to $\mathcal{O}(S^4)$

Spurious pole for $s > 2$ in Gravity

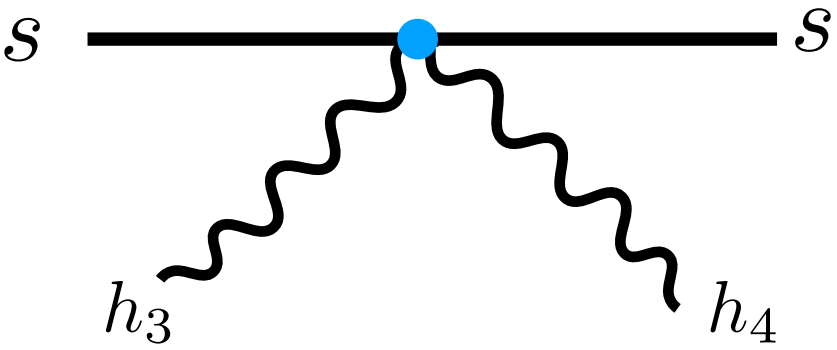
We need to remedy for higher orders.

[Saketh, Vines '22, Bautista's thesis '22]

See also [Bautista, Guevara, Kavanagh and Vines '21, Bautista's thesis '22]

See Bautista's and Kavanagh Talk! 26

Classical Compton scattering



$$\mathcal{M}(-\mathbf{1}^s, \mathbf{2}^s, 3^-, 4^+) = \frac{y^4}{s_{34}t_{13}t_{14}} \left(\frac{\langle \mathbf{31} \rangle [4\mathbf{2}] - \langle \mathbf{32} \rangle [4\mathbf{1}]}{y} \right)^{2s}$$

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To remove the spurious pole:

- 1. recursive approach (when there is a massless pole)

- 2. adding four-point contact terms (that respects the black-hole spin-structure assumption/shift symmetry)

[Chung, Huang, Kim Lee 19'] [Falkowski, Machado 20']

See also [Bern, Kosmopoulos, Luna, Roiban, Teng, '22]

Classical Gravity Compton to all orders in spin

For gravity

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To remove the spurious pole, we need to use a recursive approach

$$K_n = 16m^2 \frac{(t_{14} - t_{13})^{n-4}}{y^{n-4}} (w \cdot \mathbf{a})^n + 2\mathfrak{s}_1 K_{n-1} - \mathfrak{s}_2 K_{n-2}.$$

Based on the relation: $(t_{14} - t_{13})^2 (w \cdot \mathbf{a})^2 = -4m^2 s_{34} (w \cdot \mathbf{a})^2 + 2y(t_{14} - t_{13})\mathfrak{s}_1 (w \cdot \mathbf{a}) - y^2 \mathfrak{s}_2,$

From the Gram determinant of: $q_4^\mu, q_3^\mu, p_1^\mu, \mathbf{a}^\mu, w^\mu$

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$$\mathcal{M}_{\text{cl}}^s = e^{-\mathfrak{s}_1} \sum_{n=0}^{2s} \frac{1}{n!} \bar{K}_n,$$

$$\bar{K}_n \equiv \begin{cases} K_n, & n \leq 4, \\ K_4 L_{n-4} - K_3 \mathfrak{s}_2 L_{n-5}, & n > 4, \end{cases}$$

$$L_m \equiv \sum_{j=0}^{\lfloor m/2 \rfloor} \binom{m+1}{2j+1} \mathfrak{s}_1^{m-2j} (\mathfrak{s}_1^2 - \mathfrak{s}_2)^j$$

$$\mathfrak{s}_1 \equiv (q_3 - q_4) \cdot \mathbf{a}$$

$$\mathfrak{s}_2 \equiv -4(q_3 \cdot \mathbf{a})(q_4 \cdot \mathbf{a}) + s_{34} \mathbf{a}^2.$$

plus contact terms!

Black hole spin structure assumption

[Aoude, Haddad, Helset 22']

Based on a structure that appears up to fourth order in spin...

$$(q \cdot \mathbf{a}_i)(q \cdot \mathbf{a}_j) \quad \text{and} \quad q^2(\mathbf{a}_i \cdot \mathbf{a}_j)$$

Only appears in the following combination:

$$(q \cdot \mathbf{a}_i)(q \cdot \mathbf{a}_j) - q^2(\mathbf{a}_i \cdot \mathbf{a}_j), \quad i, j = 1, 2,$$

This is broken by tidal effects

Shift symmetry

[Bern, Kosmopoulos, Luna, Roiban, Teng, 22']

$$a_i^\mu \rightarrow a_i^\mu + \xi_i q^\mu / q^2, \quad i = 1, 2$$

2PM Spinning-spinless to all orders

This actually resums into hypergeometric functions (just Bessel functions)

$$\mathcal{M}_{2\text{PM}} = \frac{2G^2\pi^2 m_1^2 m_2^2}{\sqrt{-q^2}} \left(\mathcal{M}_{2\text{PM}}^{\text{even}} + i\omega \mathcal{E}_1 \mathcal{M}_{2\text{PM}}^{\text{odd}} \right).$$

$$\mathcal{E}_1 \equiv \varepsilon^{\mu\nu\alpha\beta} v_{1\mu} v_{2\nu} q_\alpha \mathbf{a}_{1\beta}$$

$$Q \equiv (q \cdot \mathbf{a}_1)^2 - q^2 a_1^2$$

$$V \equiv q^2 (v_2 \cdot \mathbf{a}_1)^2$$

$$\omega \equiv v_1 \cdot v_2$$

For the odd powers....

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{M}_{2\text{PM}}^{\text{odd}} = & -m_1 \left[4\mathcal{F}_1 + \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(2\omega^2 - 1)}{(\omega^2 - 1)^{k+1}} \frac{(-1)^k 8\Gamma[k+1]}{\Gamma[2k+1]} \mathcal{F}_k V^k \right] \\ & - m_2 \left[\frac{15\sqrt{\pi}}{2} \mathcal{F}_{1/2} + \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{\omega^{2k}}{(\omega^2 - 1)^{k+1}} \frac{4^{1-k} \mathcal{F}_k V^k}{(1)_k (2k-1)} \times \left[{}_2F_1 \left(-\frac{1}{2} - k, -k; \frac{3}{2} - k; \frac{1}{\omega^2} \right) - \left(k + \frac{5}{2} \right) {}_2F_1 \left(\frac{1}{2} - k, -k; \frac{3}{2} - k; \frac{1}{\omega^2} \right) \right] \right] \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\mathcal{F}_j \equiv \frac{1}{\Gamma[j+1]} {}_0F_1 \left(j+1; \frac{Q}{4} \right)$$

similar for even powers
(contact terms contributes)



Thank you for your attention



Worldline effective action vs. three-point

[Porto, Rothstein, 06']
[Porto, Rothstein, 08']
[Levi, Steinhoff, 15']

Expanding the curvature tensor $R_{\lambda\mu\nu\rho}$ in terms of linear grav. perturbation $h_{\mu\nu} = g_{\mu\nu} - \eta_{\mu\nu}$ in the effective action

$$S_{\text{Int}} = -\frac{m}{2} \int d\tau \left[\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{(2n)!} C_{\text{ES}^{2n}} (a \cdot \partial)^{2n} u^\mu u^\nu h_{\mu\nu} + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{(2n+1)!} C_{\text{BS}^{2n+1}} (a \cdot \partial)^{2n} u^\mu \epsilon^{\nu\rho\sigma\tau} u_\rho a_\sigma \partial_\tau h_{\mu\nu} \right]_{x=r(\tau)} + \mathcal{O}(h^2).$$

Kerr BH corresponds: $C_{\text{ES}^{2n}} = -C_{\text{BS}^{2n+1}} = 1$

This WL interaction gives:

$$\mathcal{A}_{\text{gen}}^\pm(p, k) = -\kappa (p \cdot \varepsilon_k^\pm)^2 \left[\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{C_{\text{ES}^{2n}}}{(2n)!} (\bar{k} \cdot a)^{2n} \pm \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{C_{\text{BS}^{2n+1}}}{(2n+1)!} (\bar{k} \cdot a)^{2n+1} \right],$$

For Kerr: $\mathcal{A}_{\text{min}}^\pm(p, k) = -\frac{\kappa}{2} m^2 x^{\pm 2} e^{\mp \bar{k} \cdot a}.$

HPET variables and some notation

$$p^\mu = mv^\mu + k^\mu$$

HPET spinors:

$$\begin{pmatrix} |p_v^I\rangle \\ |p_v^I] \end{pmatrix} = \left(\mathbb{I} - \frac{\not{k}}{2m} \right) \begin{pmatrix} |p^I\rangle \\ |p^I] \end{pmatrix}$$

Velocity spinors

$$|p_v^I\rangle = \sqrt{m_k} |v^I\rangle, \quad |p_{vI}] = \sqrt{m_k} |v_I]$$

Using aux. variables

$$|\mathbf{v}\rangle \equiv |v^I\rangle z_{p,I}, \quad |\mathbf{v}] \equiv |v^I] z_{p,I}.$$

Pauli-Lubanski with velocity

$$S^\mu = -\frac{1}{2} \epsilon^{\mu\nu\alpha\beta} v_\nu J_{\alpha\beta}$$

In $SL(2,C)$

$$(S^\mu)_\alpha{}^\beta = \frac{1}{4} \left[(\sigma^\mu)_{\alpha\dot{\alpha}} v^{\dot{\alpha}\beta} - v_{\alpha\dot{\alpha}} (\bar{\sigma}^\mu)^{\dot{\alpha}\beta} \right]$$

Ring-radius

$$a^\mu \equiv \frac{\langle \mathbf{v} | S^\mu | \mathbf{v} \rangle}{m \langle \mathbf{v} \mathbf{v} \rangle}$$

From Compton groupings to 2PM

Why the groupings $\mathfrak{s}_1 = (q_3 - q_4) \cdot \mathbf{a}$ and $\mathfrak{s}_2 = -4(q_3 \cdot \mathbf{a})(q_4 \cdot \mathbf{a}) + s_{34}\mathbf{a}^2$ generate BH-SSA at 2PM?

Loop momenta in the classical limit $l_{\pm}^{\mu}(t) = -\frac{1}{2}q^{\mu} + tr_1^{\mu} + \frac{\alpha}{t}r_2^{\mu}$.

$$\mathfrak{s}_1 = (q_3 - q_4) \cdot \mathbf{a} \rightarrow (2l + q) \cdot \mathbf{a}_i = 2 \left(tr_1 + \frac{\alpha}{t}r_2 \right) \cdot \mathbf{a}_i.$$

$$\mathfrak{s}_2 = -4(q_3 \cdot \mathbf{a})(q_4 \cdot \mathbf{a}) + s_{34}\mathbf{a}^2 \rightarrow \mathfrak{s}_1^2 - (q \cdot \mathbf{a}_i)^2 + q^2(\mathbf{a}_i)^2.$$

To have t^0 in the Laurent series: $\alpha(r_1 \cdot t_1)(r_2 \cdot t_2)$ for $t_1, t_2 = p_1, \mathbf{a}_1, \mathbf{a}_2$

All these structures will respect the BH-SSA.

QED at higher-spins

Spurious QED

$$\mathcal{A}_{\text{cl,QED}}^s = e^{(q_4 - q_3) \cdot \mathbf{a}} \sum_{n=0}^{2s} \frac{1}{n!} I_n, \quad \text{with} \quad I_n \equiv \frac{1}{t_{13} t_{14}} \frac{(t_{14} - t_{13})^n}{y^{n-2}} (\omega \cdot \mathbf{a})^n$$

Using $t_{13} = -t_{14} + \mathcal{O}(\hbar^2)$ we can just remove the $n > 2$ terms

$$I_{n \geq 2} = -4 \frac{(t_{14} - t_{13})^{n-2}}{y^{n-2}} (\omega \cdot \mathbf{a})^n + \mathcal{O}(\hbar).$$

that contribute only to the unphysical pole

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What type of contact terms can we add?

LG+ hbar scaling $\frac{y^2}{m^2} \mathbf{a}^2, \quad y(w \cdot \mathbf{a}) \frac{(t_{14} - t_{13})}{m^2} \mathbf{a}^2, \quad (w \cdot \mathbf{a})^2.$

To higher-spins,
we can dress with the monomials: $q_3 \cdot \mathbf{a}, \quad q_4 \cdot \mathbf{a}, \quad s_{34} \mathbf{a}^2, \quad \frac{(t_{14} - t_{13})^2}{m^2} \mathbf{a}^2,$

Should we add all of the possible combinations?

Contact terms

Spurious-pole free + contact

$$\mathcal{M}_{\text{cl}}^s = e^{-s_1} \sum_{n=0}^{2s} \frac{1}{n!} \bar{K}_n + m^2 (w \cdot \mathbf{a})^4 \mathcal{C},$$

Contact terms that respects BHSSA/shift symmetry.

$$\mathcal{C} \equiv \sum_{n=0}^{2s-4} \sum_{j=0}^{\lfloor (2s-4-n)/2 \rfloor} d_{n,j} \mathbf{s}_1^n (\mathbf{s}_1^2 - \mathbf{s}_2)^j$$

Contributes to the spin-even amplitude.