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# The Quantum Spectral Method: From Atomic Orbitals to Classical Self-Force

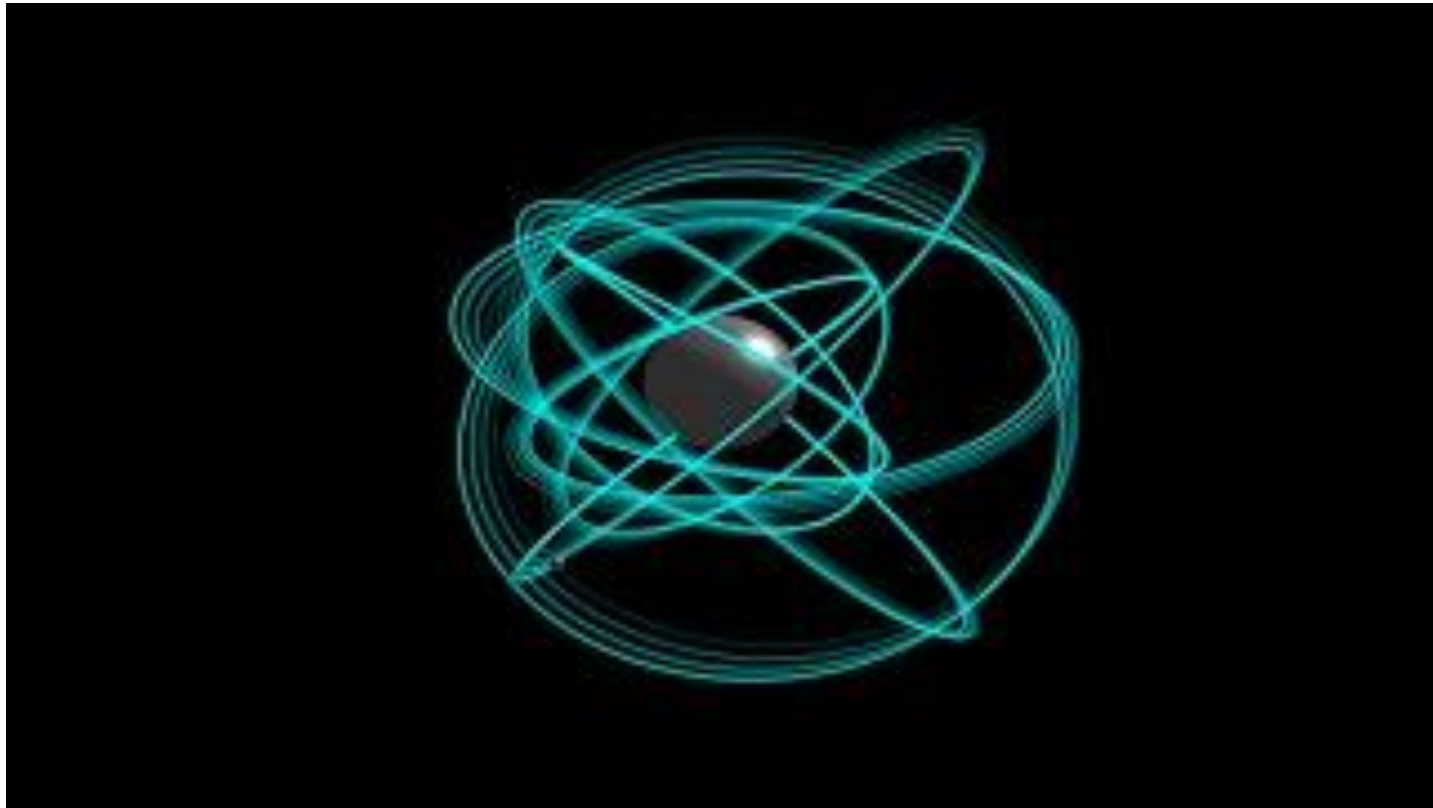
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# Extreme-Mass-Ratio Black-Hole Inspirals



# Overarching Goal of Research Program

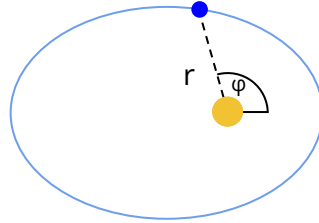
Compute the gravitational radiation-reaction force in Black Hole Extreme Mass-Ratio Inspirals *analytically*, to  $O(G^n)$  in the coupling and  $O((m/M)^2)$  in the mass ratio & use it to generate predictions for the LISA future space-based gravitational-wave detector

Using existing methods, this task seems *very hard* to *impossible*. Equivalent to a set of  $(n-1)$ -loop computations in terms of Feynman diagrams.

See e.g. Plefka et al. [PhysRevLett.132.241402](#) and Porto et al. [PhysRevLett.132.221401](#) for *tour-de-force* calculations at  $O(G^{4-5})$

With the *Quantum Spectral Method* outlined in this talk (and a lot of hard work) this may be possible

# Radiation-Reaction Leads to Inspirals: EM Example

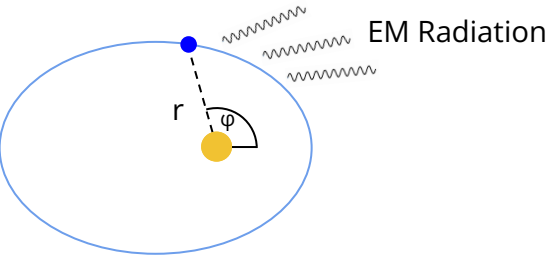


Keplerian Motion

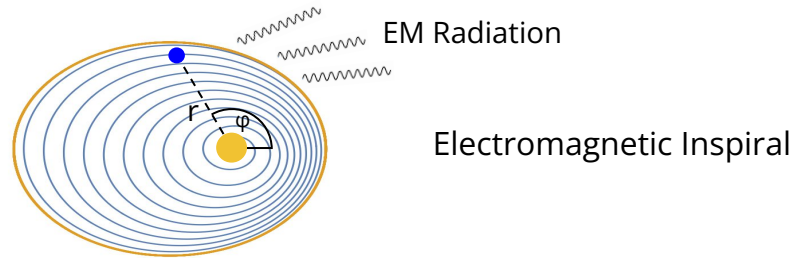
$$r(t) = \frac{p}{1 + e \cos(\varphi(t))}$$

Keplerian  
parameterization

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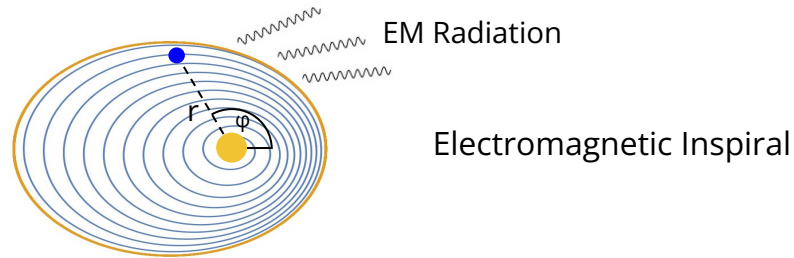


$$r(t) = \frac{p(t)}{1 + e(t) \cos(\varphi(t))} \quad \text{quasi-Keplerian parameterization}$$

$p(t)$ ,  $e(t)$  change slowly with time due to radiation-reaction

Their change is calculated from  $\mu \ddot{\vec{r}} = \vec{f}_{\text{rad}}(t)$  radiation-reaction force

# Radiation-Reaction Leads to Inspirals: EM Example



When  $\epsilon \equiv (T_{\text{period}}/T_{\text{rad}}) \ll 1$ , can use [Post-Adiabatic \(PA\)](#) perturbation theory, i.e:

Calculate the orbit-averaged  $\vec{f}_{\text{rad}}(t)$  on the **momentarily tangent** Keplerian orbit with  $(p(t), e(t))$

$$\vec{f}_{\text{rad}}(t) = \vec{f}_{\text{rad}}[p(t), e(t)] \quad \text{to order } O(\epsilon)$$

For the next order, include

$$\vec{f}_{\text{rad}}(t) = \left\{ \vec{f}_{\text{rad}}(p, e) + \frac{\partial \vec{f}_{\text{rad}}(p, e)}{\partial p} \dot{p} + \frac{\partial \vec{f}_{\text{rad}}(p, e)}{\partial e} \dot{e} \right\}_{p=p(t), e=e(t)}$$

# Moral of the Story

To set up a Post-Adiabatic inspiral calculation, enough to know:

- $O(\varepsilon)$ : the orbit-averaged radiation reaction force on a **Keplerian orbit**  $\vec{f}_{\text{rad}}[p, e]$
- $O(\varepsilon^2)$ : the orbit-averaged partials  $\frac{\partial \vec{f}_{\text{rad}}}{\partial p}, \frac{\partial \vec{f}_{\text{rad}}}{\partial e}$  on a **Keplerian orbit**

In relevant examples,  $\vec{f}_{\text{rad}}(p, e)$  currently known either numerically, or perturbatively in G at great effort

Can we compute it **analytically**, to all-order in the coupling? Can we generalize to GR?



# The Quantum Spectral Method (QSM)

A framework to **analytically compute** all **time-dependent observables** for any **conservative motion** in a spherically symmetric potential

- Conservative trajectories
- Emitted radiation from conservative trajectories
- Radiation reaction

**In this talk:** framework, non-relativistic electromagnetic (EM) inspirals

**Out soon:** EM unbound trajectories, special relativistic generalization

**In the works:** scalar and gravitational radiation-reaction in Schwarzschild, beyond spherically symmetric potentials and Kerr inspirals

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# Refresher: Classical Motion in a Spherically Symmetric Potential

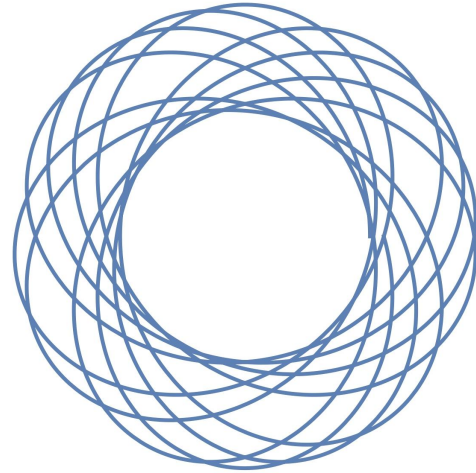
$$H(\vec{r}, \vec{p}) = \frac{\vec{p}^2}{2\mu} + V(r)$$

Motion is planar  $\rightarrow$  can set  $\theta = \pi/2$  and forget about  $\theta$ , set  $\vec{L} = L\hat{z}$  for angular momentum

Azimuthal motion:

$$\dot{\varphi} = \frac{L}{\mu r^2}$$

from angular momentum conservation



bound, precessing orbit

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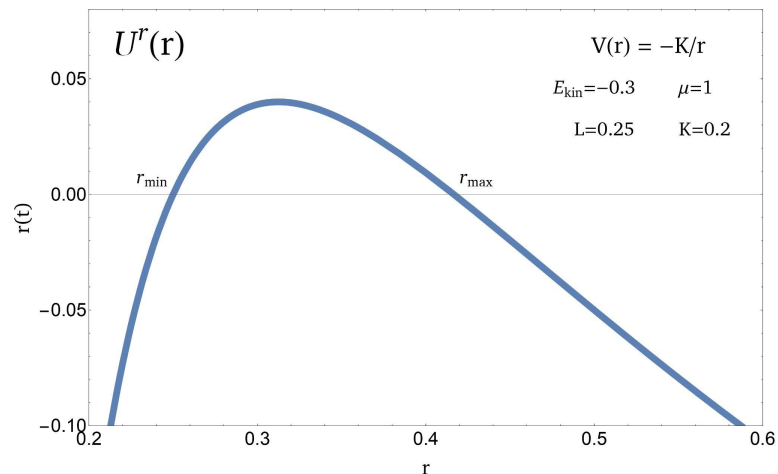
Radial motion:  $\dot{r} = \pm \frac{1}{\mu} \sqrt{U^r(r)}$  ,  $U^r(r) = 2\mu \left( E - V(r) - \frac{L^2}{2\mu r^2} \right)$

Radial action:

$$S^r(r) = \pm \int_{r_{\min}}^r dr' \sqrt{U^r(r')}$$

For  $E < 0$ , bound motion

$$0 \leq r_{\min} \leq r_{\max} \text{ real roots of } U^r(r)$$



# Doubly Periodic Motion

$$T^r = 2 \int_{r_{\min}}^{r_{\max}} \frac{\mu}{\sqrt{U^r(r)}} dr$$

radial period

$$T^\varphi = T^r \left[ \frac{L}{\pi} \int_{r_{\min}}^{r_{\max}} \frac{1}{r^2 \sqrt{U^r(r)}} dr \right]^{-1}$$

azimuthal period

$$\Upsilon^i = \frac{2\pi}{T^i}$$

Fundamental frequencies

Action-angle variables:

$$\alpha^r = \Upsilon^r t \quad \begin{array}{c} \text{conjugate} \\ \longleftrightarrow \end{array} \quad J_r = \frac{1}{\pi} S^r(r_{\max})$$

$$\alpha^\varphi = \Upsilon^\varphi t \quad \begin{array}{c} \text{conjugate} \\ \longleftrightarrow \end{array} \quad J_\varphi = L$$

Implication: all observables are doubly-periodic in the angles  $\alpha^r, \alpha^\varphi$

# Time Dependent Observables

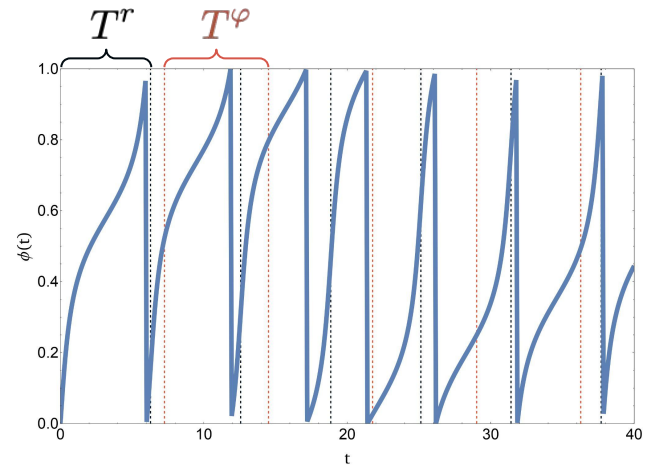
Every time-dependent observable  $O(t)$  is a double Fourier series in  $\alpha^r, \alpha^\varphi$

$$\mathcal{O}[\alpha^r, \alpha^\varphi] = \sum_{\Delta j_r, \Delta l} \mathcal{O}_{\Delta j_r, \Delta l} \exp\{-i\Delta j_r \alpha^r - i\Delta l \alpha^\varphi\}$$

The coefficients given by inverse-Fourier

$$\mathcal{O}_{\Delta j_r, \Delta l} = \int \frac{d\alpha^r}{2\pi} \int \frac{d\alpha^\varphi}{2\pi} \mathcal{O}[\alpha^r, \alpha^\varphi] \exp\{i\Delta j_r \alpha^r + i\Delta l \alpha^\varphi\}.$$

In most cases known **only numerically**



for example  $\varphi(t)$  with precession

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# Quantum-to-Classical Relations, a First Glance

Consider  $H(\vec{r}, \vec{p}) = \frac{\vec{p}^2}{2\mu} + V(r)$  as a *quantum* Hamiltonian, with the eigenbasis  $|j_r, l, m\rangle$

$$H |j_r, l, m\rangle = E_{j_r, l} |j_r, l, m\rangle$$

$$L^2 |j_r, l, m\rangle = \hbar^2 l(l+1) |j_r, l, m\rangle$$

$$L_z |j_r, l, m\rangle = \hbar m |j_r, l, m\rangle$$

In the classical limit,  $j_r \rightarrow \hbar^{-1} J_r$  ,  $l \rightarrow \hbar^{-1} L$  ,  $m \rightarrow \hbar^{-1} M \equiv \hbar^{-1} L_z$

and without loss of generality  $L=L_z$  .



# Quantum-to-Classical Relations, a First Glance

First non-trivial result:

$$\Upsilon_{J_r, L}^r = \lim_{\hbar \rightarrow 0} \frac{E_{j_r, l} - E_{j_r - \Delta j_r, l}}{\hbar \Delta j_r}$$

with

$$j_r = \hbar^{-1} J_r, \quad l = \hbar^{-1} L$$

$$\Upsilon_{J_r, L}^\varphi = \lim_{\hbar \rightarrow 0} \frac{E_{j_r, l} - E_{j_r, l - \Delta l}}{\hbar \Delta l}$$

Classical fundamental  
frequencies

Differences of  
quantum energies

This is true for Coulomb, Schwarzschild, etc... any spherically symmetric motion

# Proof of Quantum-to-Classical Relations

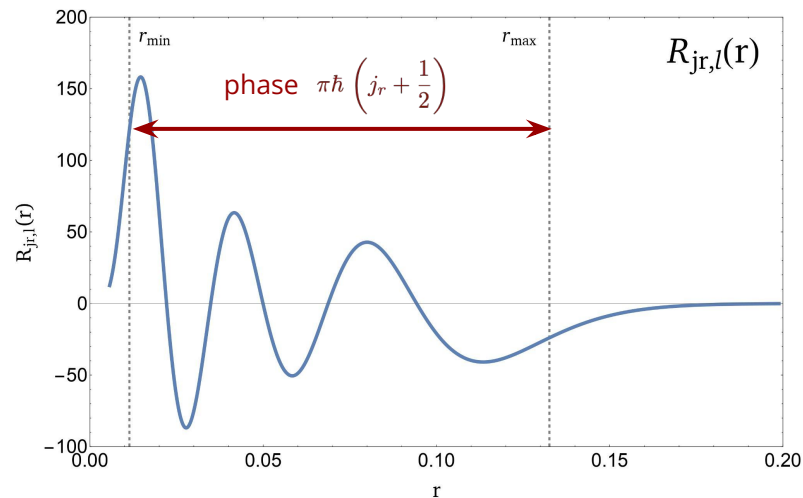
Radial Schrodinger: 
$$-\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \left[ r^{-2} \partial_r (r^2 \partial_r R) - \frac{l(l+1)}{r^2} R \right] - V(r)R = E_{j_r, l} R$$

WKB solution: 
$$R_{j_r, l}^{\text{WKB}}(r) \propto \sin \left[ \hbar^{-1} S_{j_r, l}^r(r) + \frac{\pi}{4} \right] \quad S_{j_r, l}^r(r) \text{ Classical radial action}$$

WKB quantization condition:

$$J_r(E = E_{j_r, l}) \equiv \frac{1}{\pi} S_{j_r, l}^r(r_{\max}) = \hbar \left( j_r + \frac{1}{2} \right)$$

→ 
$$\lim_{\hbar \rightarrow 0} \frac{J_r(E = E_{j_r, l}) - J_r(E = E_{j_r - \Delta j_r, l})}{\hbar \Delta j_r} = 1$$



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$$\underbrace{\frac{\partial J_r(E_{J_r, L})}{\partial E_{J_r, L}}}_{1/\Upsilon_{J_r, L}^r} \lim_{\hbar \rightarrow 0} \frac{E_{j_r, l} - E_{j_r - \Delta j_r, l}}{\hbar \Delta j_r} = 1$$

Radial frequency  $1/\Upsilon_{J_r, L}^r$

$$\Upsilon_{J_r, L}^r = \lim_{\hbar \rightarrow 0} \frac{E_{j_r, l} - E_{j_r - \Delta j_r, l}}{\hbar \Delta j_r}$$

**Q.E.D.** Similarly for  $\Upsilon_{J_r, L}^\varphi$

Coulomb/Kepler example:

$$E_{j_r, l} = -\frac{\mu K^2}{2\hbar^2 n^2}, \quad n = j_r + l + 1$$

hydrogen atom energies

$$\lim_{\hbar \rightarrow 0} \frac{E_{j_r, l} - E_{j_r - \Delta j_r, l}}{\hbar \Delta j_r} = \Upsilon_{J_r, L}^r = \sqrt{(-2E)^3 \frac{\mu}{K^2}}$$

Keplerian fundamental frequency

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# The Quantum Spectral Method (QSM)

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Recall that any observable  $O(t)$  for motion in a spherically symmetric potential is a double Fourier series:

$$\mathcal{O}[\alpha^r, \alpha^\varphi] = \sum_{\Delta j_r, \Delta l} \mathcal{O}_{\Delta j_r, \Delta l} \exp\{-i\Delta j_r \alpha^r - i\Delta l \alpha^\varphi\}$$

Where the Fourier coefficients encode the classical dynamics and are usually only computable numerically

The QSM provides a way to compute them analytically to all orders in the coupling

# The Master Equation of the QSM

$$\mathcal{O}_{\Delta j_r, \Delta l}^{J_r, L} = \lim_{\hbar \rightarrow 0} \sum_{\Delta m} \langle j_r - \Delta j_r, l - \Delta l, l - \Delta m | \mathcal{O} | j_r, l, l \rangle$$

with

$$j_r = \hbar^{-1} J_r \quad , \quad l = \hbar^{-1} L \quad , \quad m = \hbar^{-1} L_z = \hbar^{-1} L$$

- The classical Fourier coefficient is the  $\hbar \rightarrow 0$  limit of the quantum matrix element for the operator  $\mathcal{O}$
- Correspondence principle: quantum numbers go to infinity, their products with  $\hbar$  are the finite, conserved action variables of the classical system  $J_r$  and  $L$
- $\Delta j_r$  and  $\Delta l$  do not go to infinity and remain the integer indices of the double Fourier series for  $\mathcal{O}(t)$

# WKB Proof for a Scalar Operator

(see paper for general proof)

$$\lim_{\hbar \rightarrow 0} \sum_{\Delta m} \langle j_r - \Delta j_r, l, l | \mathcal{O}(r) | j_r, l, l \rangle = \lim_{\hbar \rightarrow 0} \int_{r_{\min}}^{r_{\max}} dr r^2 \mathcal{O}(r) R_{j_r - \Delta j_r, l - \Delta l}^* R_{j_r, l}(r)$$

With the WKB radial wavefunction  $\lim_{\hbar \rightarrow 0} R_{j_r, l}(r) = \sqrt{\frac{\mu}{T_{j_r, l}^r}} \frac{2}{r [U_{j_r, l}^r(r)]^{1/4}} \sin\left(\frac{1}{\hbar} S_{j_r, l}^r(r) + \frac{\pi}{4}\right)$

substituting it, we have

$$\lim_{\hbar \rightarrow 0} \langle \mathcal{O} \rangle = \lim_{\hbar \rightarrow 0} \frac{2\mu}{T_{j_r, l}^r} \int_{r_{\min}}^{r_{\max}} dr \frac{\mathcal{O}(r)}{\sqrt{U_{j_r, l}^r(r)}} \cos\left(\frac{S_{j_r, l}^r(r) - S_{j_r - \Delta j_r, l}^r(r)}{\hbar}\right)$$

where we dropped the phase with the sum of  $S$ 's which tends to 1

# WKB Proof for a Scalar Operator

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Trick - change variables  $r \rightarrow \alpha_r$  using  $\frac{dr}{d\alpha^r} = \frac{T_{J_r,L}^r \sqrt{U^r(r)}}{2\pi \mu}$  :

$$\lim_{\hbar \rightarrow 0} \langle \mathcal{O} \rangle = \lim_{\hbar \rightarrow 0} \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{d\alpha^r}{2\pi} \mathcal{O}(\alpha^r) \cos \left( \frac{S_{j_r,l}^r(\alpha^r) - S_{j_r-\Delta j_r,l}^r(\alpha^r)}{\hbar} \right)$$

This is starting to look like the definition of the **inverse Fourier transform** defining  $\mathcal{O}_{\Delta j_r}$

Exactly what we need to prove the **Master Equation**




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Let's drive this point home. The difference of radial actions is

$$\lim_{\hbar \rightarrow 0} \left( \frac{S_{j_r, l}^r(\alpha^r) - S_{j_r - \Delta j_r, l}^r(\alpha^r)}{\hbar} \right) = \lim_{\hbar \rightarrow 0} \Delta j_r \frac{\partial S_{J_r, L}^r(\alpha^r)}{\partial E_{J_r, L}} \frac{E_{j_r, l} - E_{j_r - \Delta j_r, l}}{\hbar \Delta j_r} = \Delta j_r \alpha^r \quad \alpha^r = \Upsilon^r t$$



t by classical  
EOM



Y<sup>r</sup> by Quantum-Classical  
relation

$$\lim_{\hbar \rightarrow 0} \langle \mathcal{O} \rangle = \lim_{\hbar \rightarrow 0} \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{d\alpha^r}{2\pi} \mathcal{O}(\alpha^r) \cos(\Delta j_r \alpha^r) \equiv \mathcal{O}_{\Delta j_r} \quad \text{Q.E.D. Master Equation}$$

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# Using the QSM for Novel Analytical Results

Master equation: 
$$\mathcal{O}_{\Delta j_r, \Delta l}^{J_r, L} = \lim_{\hbar \rightarrow 0} \sum_{\Delta m} \langle j_r - \Delta j_r, l - \Delta l, l - \Delta m | \mathcal{O} | j_r, l, l \rangle$$

For any  $\mathcal{O}$  in any spherically symmetric potential

Important: to prove the QSM, we used WKB. But to apply it, we need to use the [full quantum matrix elements](#).

If we use WKB too early, we go back to the [inverse Fourier](#) we don't know how to compute

- Algorithm:
- Find full quantum eigenstates  $|j_r, l, m\rangle$
  - Compute  $\langle j_r - \Delta j_r, l - \Delta l, l - \Delta m | \mathcal{O} | j_r, l, l \rangle$  for the desired  $\mathcal{O}$
  - Set  $j_r = \hbar^{-1} J_r$  ,  $l = \hbar^{-1} L$  ,  $m = \hbar^{-1} L_z = \hbar^{-1} L$
  - Take  $\hbar \rightarrow 0$  limit and get  $\mathcal{O}_{\Delta j_r, \Delta l}^{J_r, L}$

# Why Can We Compute Analytically What Seemed Impossible?

Matrix element

$$\sum_{\Delta m} \langle j_r - \Delta j_r, l - \Delta l, l - \Delta m | \mathcal{O} | j_r, l, l \rangle$$

Computable as an **overlap integral** over **special functions** - can use their special properties

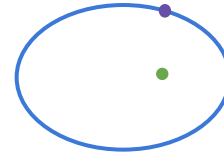
$$j_r = \hbar^{-1} J_r, \quad l = \hbar^{-1} L, \quad m = \hbar^{-1} L_z = \hbar^{-1} L \quad \hbar \rightarrow 0$$

$$\mathcal{O}_{\Delta j_r, \Delta l} = \int \frac{d\alpha^r}{2\pi} \int \frac{d\alpha^\varphi}{2\pi} \mathcal{O}[\alpha^r, \alpha^\varphi] \exp\{i\Delta j_r \alpha^r + i\Delta l \alpha^\varphi\}.$$

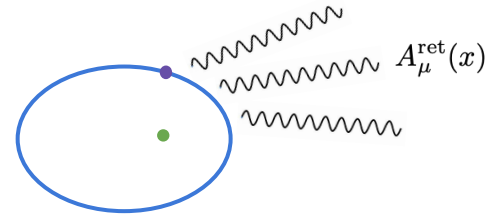
“Impossible” classical integral

# Applications of the QSM so Far

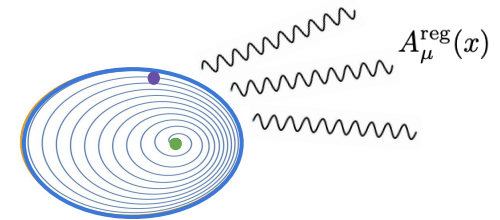
1. Proof-of-principle: time-dependent Keplerian motion



2. First all-multipole analytical result for  $A^\mu$  from a Keplerian electron



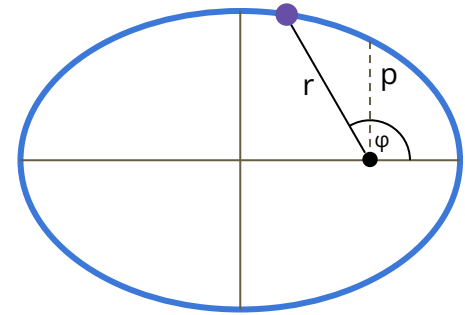
3. First all-multipole analytical result for EM self-force on an  
 inspiralling classical electron +  
 inspiralling adiabatic trajectory and EM waveform



# First Application: Time-Dependent Keplerian Motion

$$H(\vec{r}, \vec{p}) = \frac{\vec{p}^2}{2\mu} - \frac{K}{r} \longrightarrow r(\varphi) = \frac{p}{1 + e \cos \varphi}$$

$K \equiv kQq$  elliptic orbit



eccentricity  $e = \sqrt{1 + \frac{2EL^2}{\mu K^2}}$   $p = \frac{L^2}{K\mu}$  semi-latus rectum

$$\Upsilon^r = \Upsilon^\varphi = \sqrt{(-2E)^3 \frac{\mu}{K^2}}$$

Degeneracy of Coulomb potential (no precession)

For any  $O(t)$ :  $O(t) = \sum_{\Delta n, \Delta l} O_{\Delta n, \Delta l} \exp\{-i\Delta n \alpha\}$   $\alpha^r = \alpha^\varphi \equiv \alpha$   $\Delta n \equiv \Delta j_r + \Delta l$

Let's use the QSM to find  $r(t)$ , the **time-dependent radius** for Keplerian motion

# First Application: Time-Dependent Keplerian Motion

Quantum Eigenfunctions:  
(hydrogen atom)

$$R_{n,l}(r) = \frac{1}{(2l+1)!} \sqrt{\frac{(n+l)!}{(n-l-1)! 2n}} \left(\frac{2K\mu}{\hbar^2 n}\right)^{l+3/2} \exp\left(-\frac{K\mu}{\hbar^2 n} r\right) r^l {}_1F_1\left(-n+l+1; 2l+2; \frac{2K\mu}{\hbar^2 n} r\right)$$

Master equation:

$$r_{\Delta n} = \lim_{\hbar \rightarrow 0} \langle n', l, l | r | n, l, l \rangle \quad \Delta n = n - n'$$

Quantum  
matrix element:

$$\langle n', l | r | n, l \rangle = \frac{\hbar^2}{\mu K} \frac{(-1)^{n'-l} 2^{2l+2} (nn')^{l+2} (n-l-1)}{(2l+1)! (n+n')^{2l+4}} \left(\frac{n-n'}{n+n'}\right)^{n-n'-2} \sqrt{\frac{(n+l)! (n'+l)!}{(n-l-1)! (n'-l-1)!}} \times$$

(that's where the  
special function  
magic comes in)

$$\left[ {}_2F_1\left(l-n'+1; n+l; 2l+2; \frac{4nn'}{(n+n')^2}\right) - \frac{n+l+1}{n-l-1} \left(\frac{n-n'}{n+n'}\right)^2 {}_2F_1\left(l-n'+1; n+l+2; 2l+2; \frac{4nn'}{(n+n')^2}\right) \right]$$

# First Application: Time-Dependent Keplerian Motion

Classical limit:

$$\lim_{\hbar \rightarrow 0} \langle n', l | r | n, l \rangle = -\frac{p}{1-e^2} \frac{e}{\Delta n^2} \frac{d}{de} J_{\Delta n}(e\Delta n) \quad \Delta n \neq 0$$

$$\lim_{\hbar \rightarrow 0} \langle n, l | r | n, l \rangle = \frac{p}{1-e^2} \left( 1 + \frac{e^2}{2} \right)$$



$$r(\alpha) = \frac{p}{1-e^2} \left[ 1 + \frac{e^2}{2} - 2e \sum_{\Delta n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(\Delta n)^2} \frac{dJ_{\Delta n}(\Delta n e)}{de} \cos(\Delta n \alpha) \right]$$

Time - dependent Keplerian motion

**Calculated with  
the QSM**



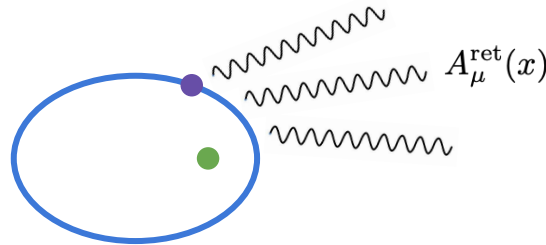
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# All-Multipole EM Emission

Switching gears: up until now we computed the [Keplerian trajectory](#)

We can use QSM to compute a more interesting quantity: [the radiated EM field](#)

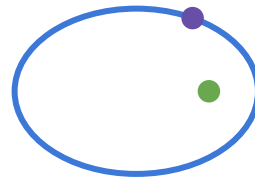


What is the generated electric field from a Keplerian electron [at all orders](#) in the multipole expansion?

# All-Multipole EM Emission

Current density from  
a Keplerian electron:

$$J^\mu(x') = \frac{q}{\mu} p_{\text{Kep}}^\mu(t') \delta^{(3)}[\vec{x}' - \vec{r}_{\text{Kep}}(t')]$$



Radiated field:

$$A_\mu^{\text{ret}}(x) = \int d^4x' G_{\mu\nu}^{\text{ret}}(x, x') J^\nu(x')$$



Retarded EM Green's function

$$A_{\text{ret}}^\mu = \frac{q}{\mu} p_{\text{Kep}}^\nu(t') G_{\mu\nu}^{\text{ret}}[t, \vec{x}; t', \vec{r}_{\text{Kep}}(t')]$$

A diagram illustrating the retarded EM Green's function. It shows a curved black line representing a worldline with a black dot at a point. A wavy vertical line (representing a photon) extends upwards from this dot. The label  $\frac{q}{\mu} p_{\text{Kep}}^\nu(t')$  is placed below the dot, and the label  $G_{\mu\nu}^{\text{ret}}[t, \vec{x}; t', \vec{r}_{\text{Kep}}(t')]$  is placed to the right of the wavy line.

# All-Multipole EM Emission

EM retarded Green's function:  
(Jackson E&M)

$$G_{\text{ret}}^{\mu\nu}(t, \vec{x}; t', \vec{x}') = \eta^{\mu\nu} \frac{\Theta(t - t')}{4\pi R} \delta(t - t' - R)$$

Multipole expansion:

$$G_{\text{ret}}^{\mu\nu}(t, \vec{x}; t', \vec{x}') = \eta^{\mu\nu} \frac{\Theta(t - t')}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} d\omega e^{-i\omega(t-t')} \left\{ i\omega \sum_{l_\gamma=0}^{\infty} j_{l_\gamma}(\omega r_{<}) h_{l_\gamma}^{(1)}(\omega r_{>}) \sum_{m_\gamma=-l_\gamma}^{l_\gamma} Y_{l_\gamma}^{m_\gamma}(\theta', \varphi') Y_{l_\gamma}^{m_\gamma*}(\theta, \varphi) \right\}$$

We substitute the multipole-expanded Green's function and Keplerian current into

$$A_\mu^{\text{ret}}(x) = \int d^4x' G_{\mu\nu}^{\text{ret}}(x, x') J^\nu(x')$$

and integrate over some delta functions

# All-Multipole EM Emission

$$A_{\text{ret}}^{\mu} = \frac{iq}{\mu} \sum_{l_{\gamma}=0}^{\infty} \sum_{m_{\gamma}=-l_{\gamma}}^{l_{\gamma}} \sum_{\Delta n} e^{-i\Delta n \alpha} \omega_{\Delta n} h_{l_{\gamma}}^{(1)}(\omega_{\Delta n} r) Y_{l_{\gamma}}^{m_{\gamma}*}(\theta, \varphi) \mathcal{M}_{l_{\gamma}, m_{\gamma}, \Delta n}^{\mu, N, L}$$

Fourier series in Keplerian angle variable  $\alpha=Yt$       Shape of multipole (Jackson E&M)

$$\mathcal{M}_{l_{\gamma}, m_{\gamma}, \Delta n}^{\mu, N, L} = \lim_{\hbar \rightarrow 0} \sum_{\Delta l, \Delta m} \langle n', l', m' | j_l(\omega r) Y_{l_{\gamma}}^{m_{\gamma}}(\hat{r}) p^{\mu} | n, l, l \rangle \quad N = J_r + L$$

Fourier coefficients of the Keplerian electron (with the QSM)

we skip the details of the QSM calculation but give a just taste...

# All-Multipole EM Emission: a Taste of the QSM Calculation

$$\lim_{\hbar \rightarrow 0} \langle l', m' | Y_{l_\gamma}^{m_\gamma}(\hat{r}) | l, l \rangle = \delta_{l', m'} \delta_{-\Delta l, m_\gamma} Y_{l_\gamma}^{-m_\gamma}(\pi/2, 0)$$

$$\langle n', l' | j_{l_\gamma}(\omega_{\Delta n} r) | n, l \rangle = 2^{l_\gamma} \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^j (j + l_\gamma)!}{j! (2j + 2l_\gamma + 1)!} \omega_{\Delta n}^{2j+l_\gamma} \langle n', l' | r^{2j+l_\gamma} | n, l \rangle$$

$$\lim_{\hbar \rightarrow 0} \langle n', l' | r^j | n, l \rangle = \left( \frac{p}{1 - e^2} \right)^j (-\eta)^{-\Delta n - \Delta l} \left( \frac{\eta e}{2} \right)^{j+1} \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} L_{m+\Delta l+\Delta n}^{j+1-m-\Delta n} \left( \frac{\eta e \Delta n}{2} \right) L_m^{j+1-m-\Delta l} \left( -\frac{\eta e \Delta n}{2} \right) \eta^{-2m}$$

(special function magic)

Laguerre polynomials

$$\eta = \frac{1 - \sqrt{1 - e^2}}{e}$$

These are **non-perturbative** results - equivalent to a sum over **all perturbative diagrams** / amplitudes in the probe limit

# All-Multipole EM Emission: Results

$A_t$  radiated over one period by an electron undergoing Keplerian

The observation point is on the x-axis, far away from the electron's orbit

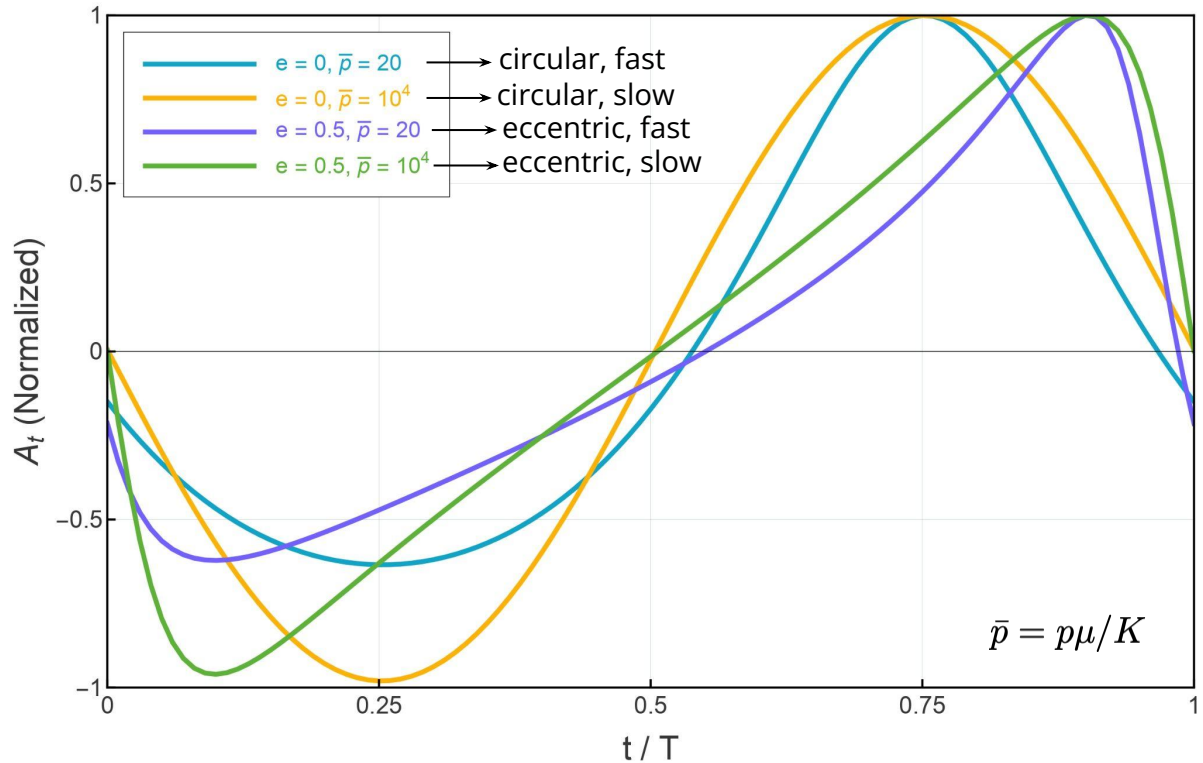
**Slow circular**  $\Delta n = \Delta l = 1$

**Fast circular**  $\Delta n = \Delta l = \text{anything}$

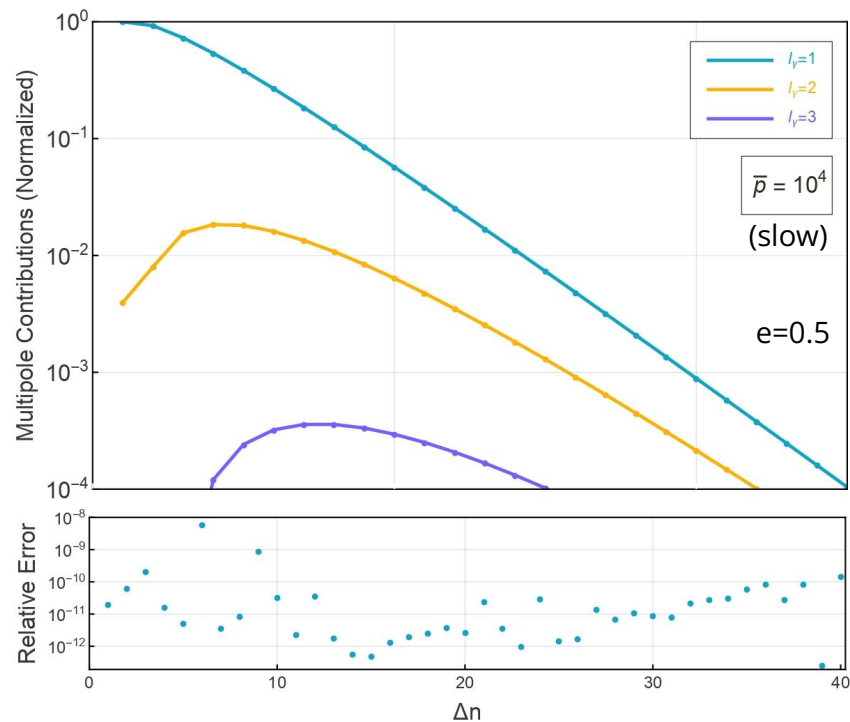
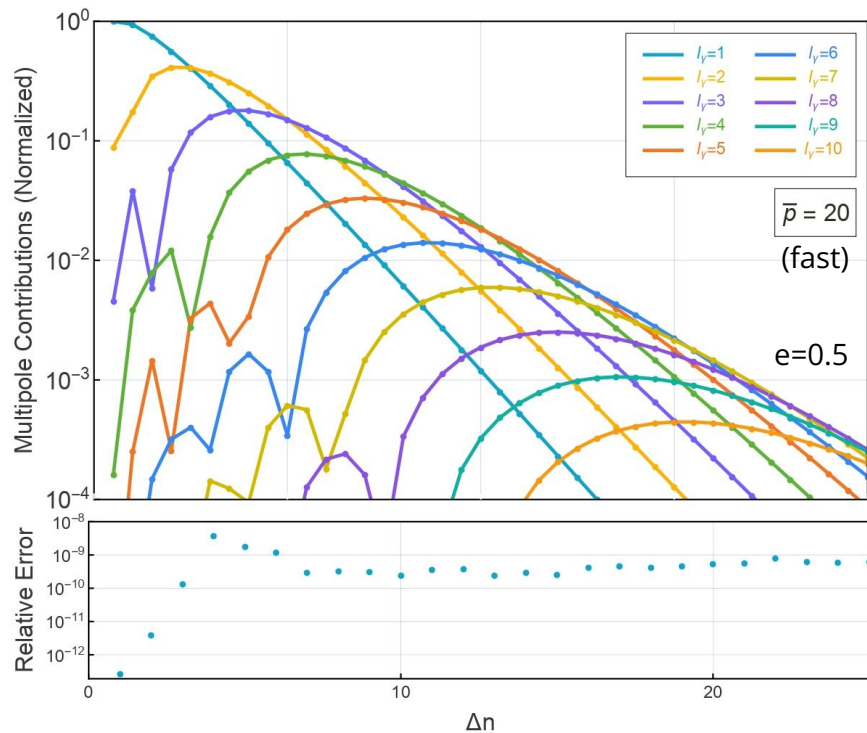
**Slow Eccentric**  $\Delta l = 1, \Delta n = \text{anything}$

**Fast Eccentric**  $\Delta l = \text{anything}, \Delta n = \text{anything}$

Asymmetry in **Fast Orbits** due to doppler



# All-Multipole EM Emission: Results



Top: Multipole contributions (without spherical hankel factor)

Bottom: Relative error with respect to the (numerical) classical integrals



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# Adiabatic EM Inspirals

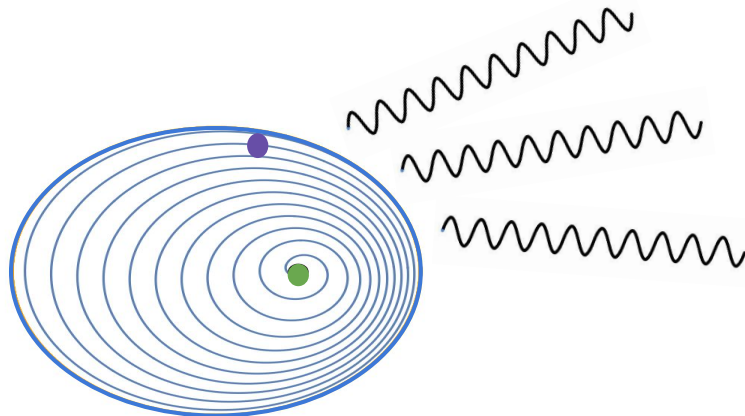
In the beginning of the talk we learned how to calculate an  $O(\epsilon)$  (adiabatic) EM inspiral

$$r(t) = \frac{p(t)}{1 + e(t) \cos(\varphi(t))} \quad p(t) = \frac{[L(t)]^2}{K\mu} \quad e(t) = \sqrt{1 + \frac{2E(t)[L(t)]^2}{\mu K^2}}$$

$E(t)$ ,  $L(t)$  calculated from

$$\mu \ddot{\vec{r}} = \underbrace{\vec{f}_{\text{rad}}[A_{\text{rad}}^\mu(t)]}$$

The Lorentz force from the emitted EM field that we already calculated



Let's write  $E(t)$ ,  $L(t)$  explicitly from the QSM!

## Third Application: EM Self-Force

With the  $A_\mu$  calculated with the QSM, we get the energy and angular momentum loss:

$$\frac{dE}{dt} = - \lim_{\hbar \rightarrow 0} \sum_{\Delta n > 0, \Delta l, \Delta m} (E_n - E_{n'}) \Gamma_{s.e.}$$

$$\frac{dL}{dt} = - \lim_{\hbar \rightarrow 0} \sum_{\Delta n > 0, \Delta l, \Delta m} \hbar (l - l') \Gamma_{s.e.}$$

where 
$$\Gamma_{s.e.} = - \frac{2q^2 \omega_{\Delta n}}{\hbar \mu^2} \sum_{l_\gamma=0}^{\infty} \sum_{m_\gamma=-l_\gamma}^{l_\gamma} \mathcal{M}_\mu^* \mathcal{M}^\mu + \mathcal{O}(\hbar^0)$$

is the rate for quantum **spontaneous emission**

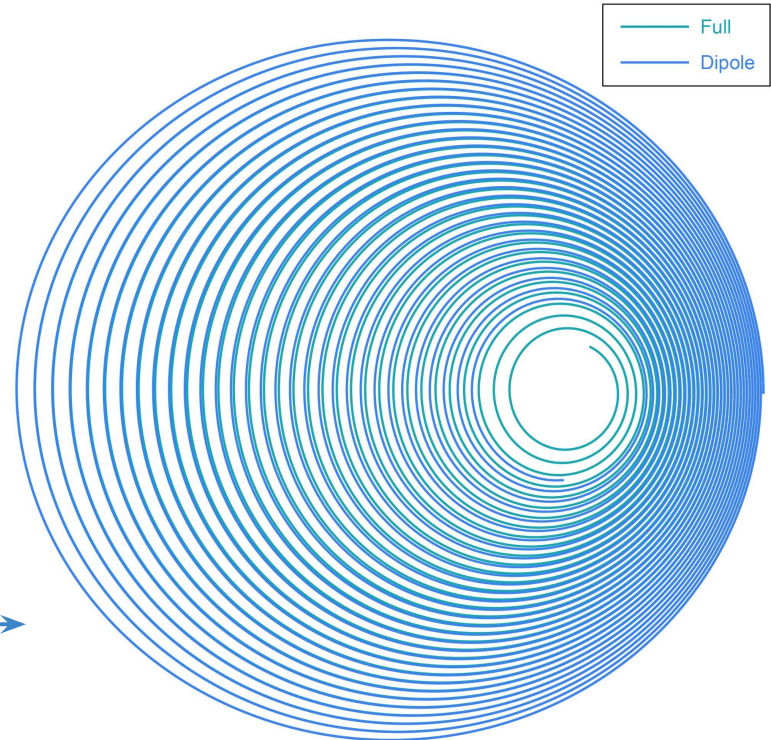
In this way we recover the **radiation-reaction** as the **classical limit** of **spontaneous emission**

# Adiabatic EM Inspiral

Using our energy and angular momentum loss, we calculate an adiabatic EM inspiral

$$r(t) = r[\alpha(t)]|_{E=E(t), L=L(t)}$$

$$\varphi(t) = \varphi[\alpha(t)]|_{E=E(t), L=L(t)}$$

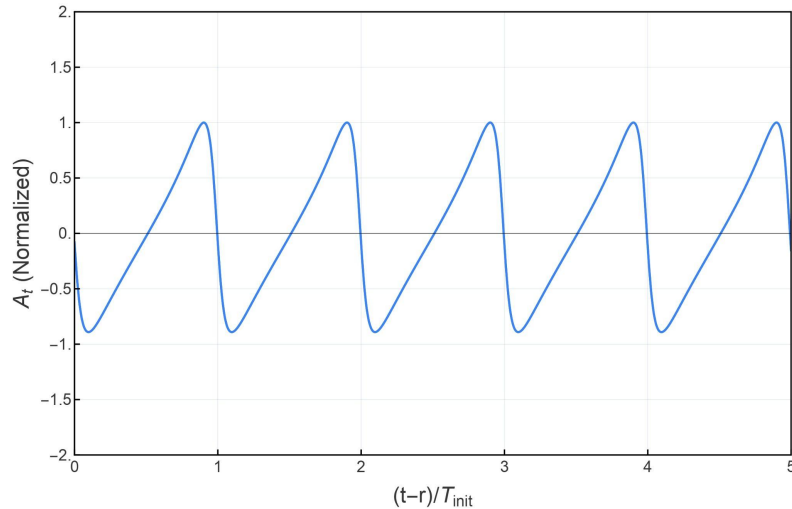


Here we took a very fast inspiral just for the visual effect

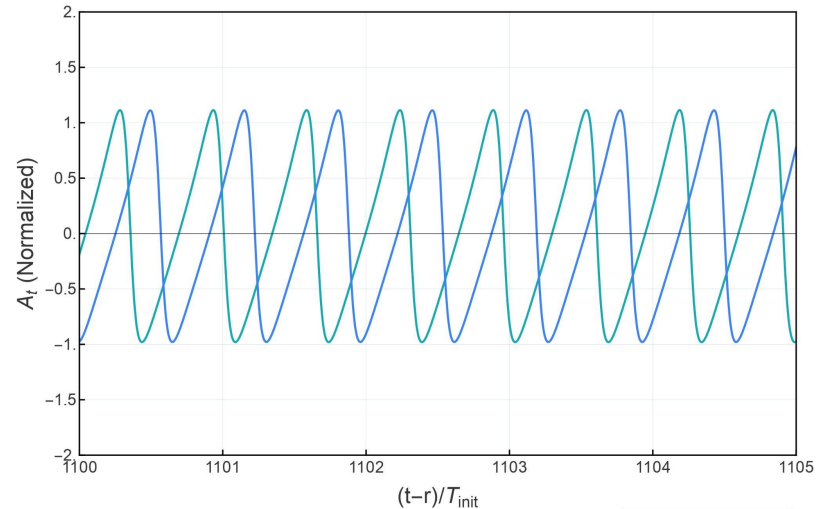
# Adiabatic EM Inspiral

In the far field approximation, we also calculate the EM waveform as:

$$A_{\text{ret}}^\mu = \left\{ \frac{q}{\mu r} \sum_{l_\gamma=0}^{\infty} \sum_{m_\gamma=-l_\gamma}^{l_\gamma} \sum_{\Delta n} e^{-i\Delta n \alpha} (-i)^{l_\gamma} Y_{l_\gamma}^{m_\gamma*}(\theta, \varphi) \sum_{\Delta l, \Delta m} \mathcal{M}_{\Delta, l_\gamma, m_\gamma}^\mu(\omega_{\Delta n}, N, L) \right\}_{\text{ret}} \quad N = J_r + L$$

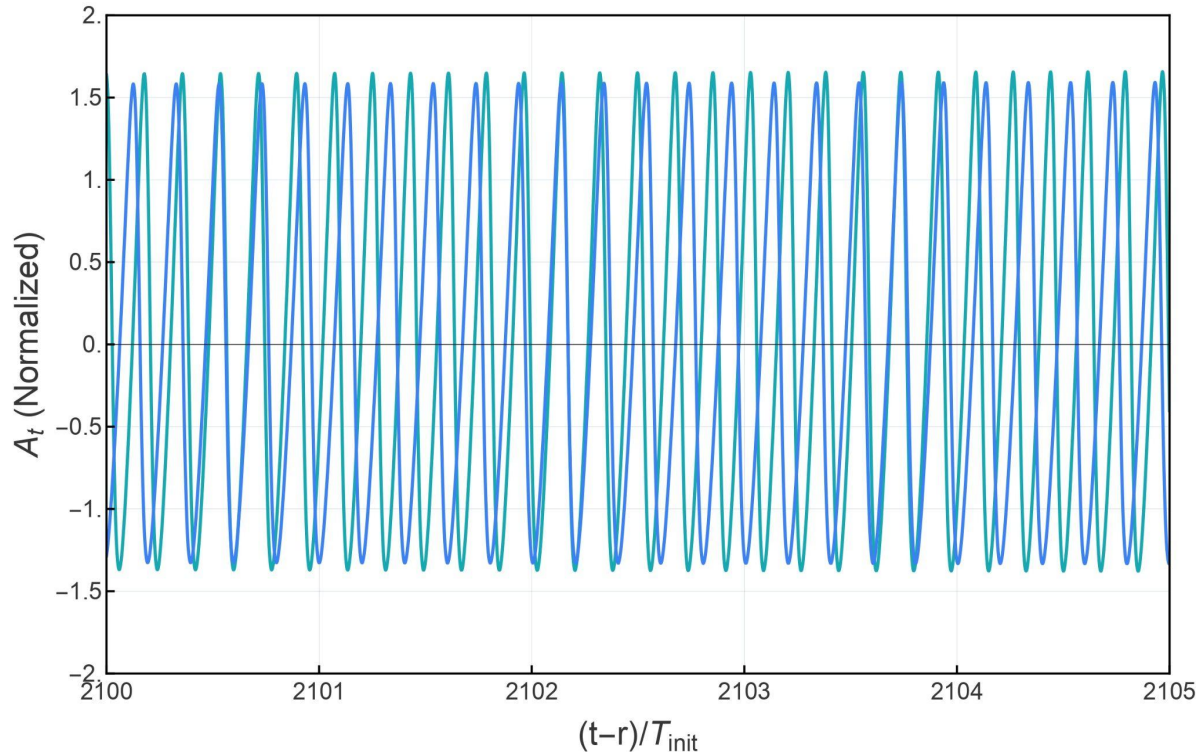


$$Z = Q/q = 4\pi$$



# Adiabatic EM Inspiral

In the far field approximation, we also calculate the EM waveform:



After many cycles, the electron in the full calculation is close to the origin than the one in the dipole



An amplitude difference in addition to phase

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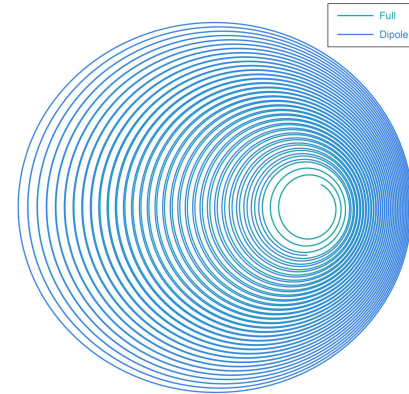
# Summary

The QSM is a method to obtain the Fourier coefficients of classical observables:

“The  $\Delta j_r, \Delta l$  Fourier coefficient of the *classical observable*  $O$  is the classical limit of the  $\Delta j_r, \Delta l$  transition mediated by the *quantum operator*  $O$ ”

We applied it for the analytical calculation of:

- Time-dependent Keplerian motion
- All-multipole EM radiation from a Keplerian orbit
- EM self-force and an adiabatic EM inspiral





# Upcoming: Bound-Unbound Universality with Relativistic QSM

In this paper we applied the QSM for non-relativistic bound motion

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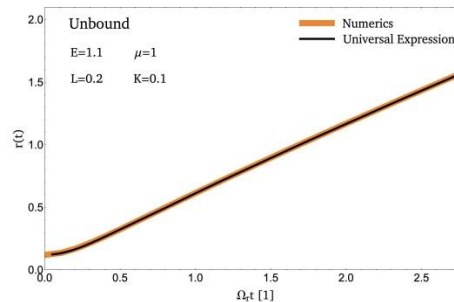
In an upcoming paper, we generalize to relativistic and/or unbound motion

Relativistic: Schrodinger  $\rightarrow$  Klein-Gordon

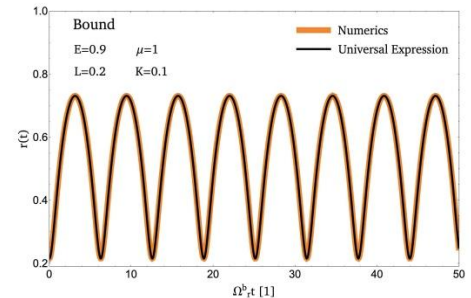
Unbound: Fourier series  $\rightarrow$  Laplace transform

$$r(t; E, L) = i \frac{p}{e^2 - 1} \frac{e}{\gamma_\infty^2} \mathcal{P} \int_{\epsilon - i\infty}^{\epsilon + i\infty} \frac{1}{(\Delta j_r)^2 \sin(\pi \Delta j_r)} \operatorname{Re} \left[ \frac{d}{de} J_{-\Delta j_r} (e \gamma_\infty^2 \Delta j_r) \right] e^{\Delta j_r \Omega_r t} d\Delta j_r.$$

The unbound expressions can be analytically continued to bound, picking up poles



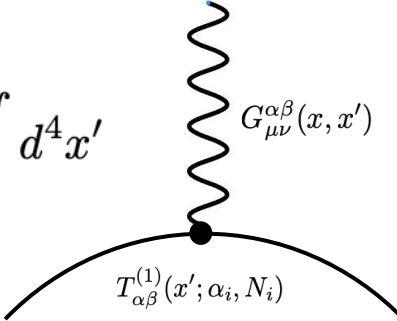
(a) Unbound



(b) Bound

# Future: Towards Gravitational Self-Force with the QSM

First order gravitational self-force

$$h_{\mu\nu}^{(1)}(x; \alpha_i, N_i) = \int d^4x' \text{---} G_{\mu\nu}^{\alpha\beta}(x, x')$$


The circular line means integrating the Green's function along the worldline of the **osculating BH geodesic**

Currently this is done numerically, but we are working towards an **analytical result** with the QSM

We already have the eigenstates  $|n, l, m\rangle$  in Schwarzschild/Kerr and can reproduce **geodesics**

# “Wait, Didn’t People Use Amplitudes for Inspirals?”

## Scattering Amplitudes / NREFT

Perturbative in  $G$  or  $\alpha$   
All orders in  $m/M$  or  $q/Q$

Good for LIGO

Goldberger, Rothstein, Porto,  
Bern, Cheung, Kosower,  
O’Connell, Huang, Shen.....

Expand in  $m/M$  or  $q/Q$   
Resum in  $G$  or  $\alpha$



Expand in  $G$  or  $\alpha$   
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## Post Adiabatic / Self-Force

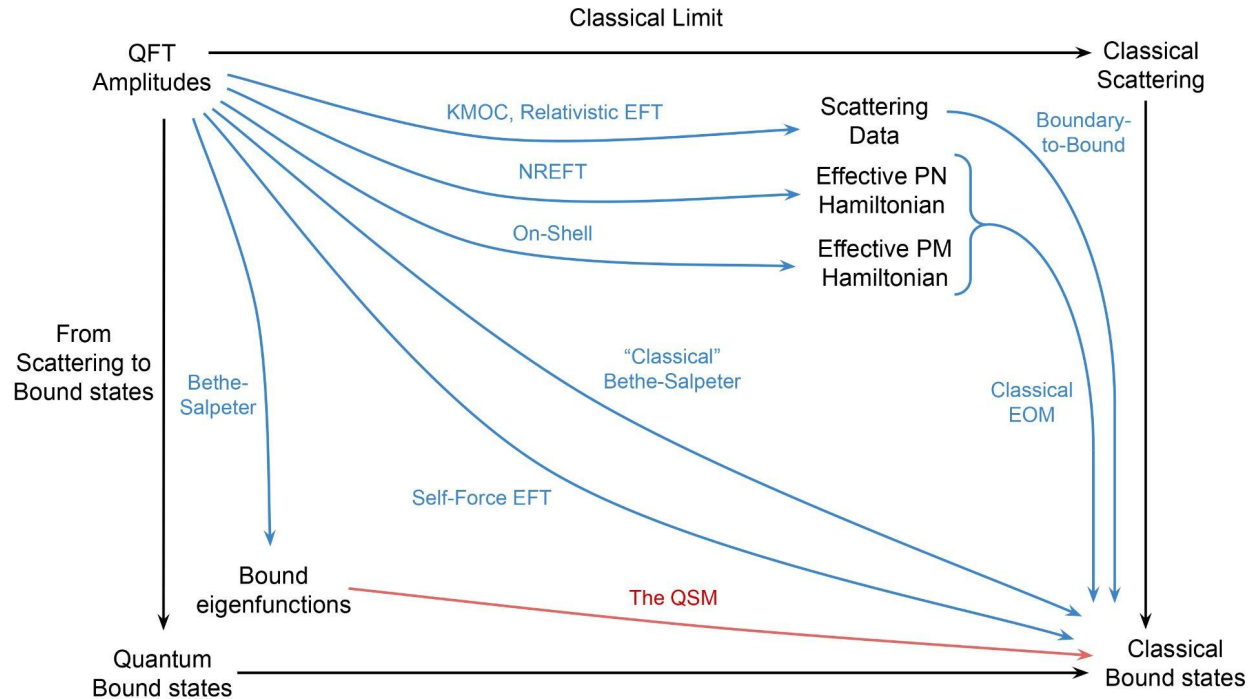
All-orders in  $G$  or  $\alpha$   
Perturbative in  $m/M$  or  $q/Q$

Good for LISA

Poisson, Pound, Barack,  
Wardell, Warburton, Miller,  
van de Meent.....

**We are here -  
analytically!**

# The QSM in the Landscape of Quantum-to-Classical Methods



**Thank You!**

