

Modelling Gravitational Waves

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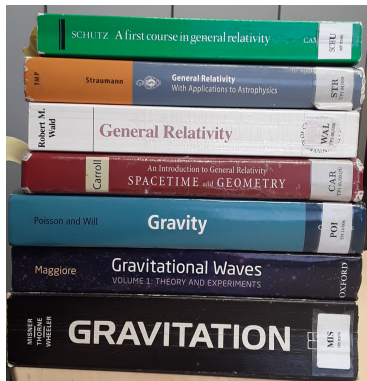
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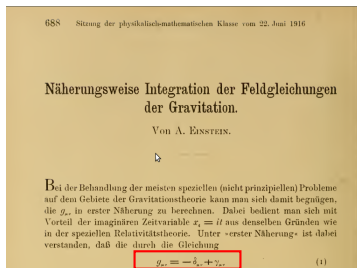
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Gravitational waves: Einstein 1916



Summary:

- Perturbations of spacetime with speed $= c$, sourced by accelerating masses (non-spherical).
- Wave equation: $\square \bar{h}_{\mu\nu} = 0$.
- **Plane-wave** solution: $\bar{h}_{\mu\nu} = \Re \left[A_{\mu\nu} e^{\pm i\omega(t-z/c)} \right]$
- Only **2** DoF \implies **2** polarizations (**transverse**)

Gravitational waves: linearized gravity I

Assume:

∃ a global inertial coordinate system in which

$$g_{\mu\nu} = \eta_{\mu\nu} + h_{\mu\nu}, \quad \text{with} \quad |h_{\mu\nu}| \ll 1$$

- $\eta_{\mu\nu} = \text{diag}[-1, 1, 1, 1]$ is the **flat background metric**.
- Gravitational field generated by the source $T_{\mu\nu}$ does **not back-react** on itself: $\partial_\mu T^{\mu\nu} = 0$.
- $h_{\mu\nu}$ is **Lorentz covariant**

$$g_{\mu'\nu'} = \frac{\partial x^\mu}{\partial x^{\mu'}} \frac{\partial x^\nu}{\partial x^{\nu'}} g_{\mu\nu} = \underbrace{\eta_{\mu'\nu'}}_{=\eta_{\mu\nu}} + \underbrace{\Lambda^\mu_{\mu'} \Lambda^\nu_{\nu'} h_{\mu\nu}}_{(0,2) \text{ tensor}}$$

- Gauge transformations: $x^\mu \rightarrow x'^\mu = x^\mu + \xi^\mu$ with $|\partial_\mu \xi_\nu| \lesssim |h_{\mu\nu}|$

$$h_{\mu\nu} \rightarrow h_{\mu\nu} - \partial_\mu \xi_\nu - \partial_\nu \xi_\mu$$

$$h \rightarrow h - \mathcal{L}_\xi \eta$$

Gravitational waves: linearized gravity II

Solve the **vacuum** ($r \gg M$) Einstein field equation to $\mathcal{O}(|h_{\mu\nu}|)$:

- Zeroth-order (background) terms: $G_{\mu\nu}^0[\eta] = 0 \Rightarrow 0 = 0$
- First-order terms: $G_{\mu\nu}^1[h] = 0$
- Rewrite in terms of trace-reversed metric $\bar{h}_{\mu\nu} \equiv h_{\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{2}\eta_{\mu\nu}h$
- Pick a **gauge**: $x^\mu \rightarrow x'^\mu = x^\mu + \xi^\mu$ implies

$$\partial^\nu \bar{h}_{\mu\nu} \rightarrow (\partial^\nu \bar{h}_{\mu\nu})' = \partial^\nu \bar{h}_{\mu\nu} - \square \xi_\mu$$

Let ξ_μ be such that it solves $\square \xi_\mu = f_\mu \implies \boxed{(\partial^\nu \bar{h}_{\mu\nu})' = 0}$ (Lorenz)¹

$$[f_\mu \equiv \partial^\nu \bar{h}_{\mu\nu}, \xi_\mu = \int d^4y G(x-y)f_\mu(x) \text{ (}\square \text{ is invertible)}]$$

When the dust settles we get a **wave equation!**

$$\boxed{\square \bar{h}_{\mu\nu} = 0} \quad (\text{sourced version: } -16\pi T_{\mu\nu})$$

Plane-wave solutions $\bar{h}_{\mu\nu} = \Re \left[A_{\mu\nu} e^{ik_\mu x^\mu} \right]$, where $k^\mu = (\omega/c, \vec{k})^T$.

¹Also known as Hilbert gauge or Lorentz gauge (see Maggiore pg. 8, footnote 4)

Gravitational waves: DoF and TT gauge

$A_{\mu\nu}$ is the **polarization** tensor.

- $\{\bar{h}_{\mu\nu}, A_{\mu\nu}\}$: 4×4 , symmetric $\Rightarrow \frac{4 \times 5}{2} = 10$ d.o.f.
- **Lorenz gauge**: $\partial_\mu \bar{h}^{\mu\nu} = A_{\mu\nu} k^\nu = 0 \Rightarrow 10 - 4 = 6$ d.o.f.
- **Residual** gauge freedom: consider $x^\mu \rightarrow x'^{\mu} = x^\mu + \chi^\mu : \square \chi^\mu = 0$
Then, $\partial^\nu \bar{h}_{\mu\nu} = 0 \rightarrow \partial^\nu \bar{h}_{\mu\nu} - \square \chi_\mu = 0$
and $\square(\bar{h}_{\mu\nu} - \chi_{\mu\nu}) = 0$, where $\chi_{\mu\nu} = \partial_\mu \chi_\nu + \partial_\nu \chi_\mu - \eta_{\mu\nu} \partial_\alpha \chi^\alpha$
 χ^μ : 4 conditions $\Rightarrow 6 - 4 = 2$ d.o.f.

Pick χ^μ such that

$$\begin{cases} h_{0\mu} = 0, & \text{transverse}^2 \\ h^\mu{}_\mu = h^i{}_i = 0, & \text{traceless} \end{cases} \quad \text{TT gauge is a vacuum gauge!}$$

W/o loss of generality: $k^\mu = (k, 0, 0, k)^T$ then

$$A_{11} = -A_{22} \neq 0 \text{ and } A_{12} = A_{21} \neq 0$$

$\Rightarrow 2$ POLARIZATIONS: $h_+ \equiv A_{11}$, $h_\times \equiv A_{12}$

Consistent with ± 2 helicities of a **massless** spin 2 boson.

²See Maggiore pg. 8 as to why we list 5, not 4 conditions.

Gravitational waves: effects on test masses

Geodesic deviation

Two geodesics separated by ξ^μ : $\frac{d^2\xi^i}{d\tau^2} = -R^i{}_{0j0}\xi^j \left(\frac{dx^0}{d\tau}\right)^2$

$$\boxed{\ddot{\xi}^i = \frac{1}{2}\ddot{h}_{ij}^{\text{T}\text{T}}\xi^j} \quad (\text{relative acceleration})$$

GW along \mathbf{z} : $h_{ij}^{\text{T}\text{T}} = \begin{pmatrix} h_+ & 0 \\ 0 & -h_+ \end{pmatrix} \sin(\omega(t - \frac{z}{c}))$

Under the GW: $(x_0, y_0) \rightarrow (x_0 + \delta x(t), y_0 + \delta y(t))$

$$(\delta\ddot{x}, \delta\ddot{y})^T = \frac{h_+}{2} (-x_0, y_0)^T \omega^2 \sin \omega t$$

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Making gravitational waves

Sourced linearized field equation: $\square \bar{h}_{\mu\nu} = -16\pi \frac{G}{c^4} T_{\mu\nu}$.

Formal solution in terms of **retarded Green's function**:

$$\bar{h}_{\mu\nu}(t, \mathbf{x}) = 4 \frac{G}{c^4} \int \frac{T_{\mu\nu}(t_R, \mathbf{x}')}{|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}'|} d^3x', \quad \text{with} \quad t_R \equiv t - \frac{|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}'|}{c}$$

(i) **Large-distance** ($r \gg M$) $\implies |\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}'| \simeq r - \mathbf{x}' \cdot \mathbf{n}$, $\mathbf{n} \equiv \mathbf{x}/r$, $r \equiv \sqrt{x_i x^i}$

(ii) **Slow-motion** ($\lambda \gg |\mathbf{x}'|$) $\implies \omega \frac{|\mathbf{x}'|}{c} \ll 1$ then

$$\bar{h}_{\mu\nu}(t, \mathbf{x}) = \frac{4G}{c^4 r} \int T_{\mu\nu}(t - \frac{r}{c}, \mathbf{x}') d^3x' + \mathcal{O}(r^{-2}) \quad (\text{you do})$$

Conservation law: $\partial_\mu T^{\mu\nu} = 0 \implies \partial_t^2 T_{00} = \partial_k \partial_l T_{kl}$ (you do)

$$\implies \frac{d^2}{dt^2} \int T_{00} x^i x^j d^3x = 2 \int T_{ij} d^3x \quad (\text{you do})$$

Slow-motion: $T_{00} \simeq \rho c^2$ so $4 \int T_{ij} d^3x' = 2 \frac{d^2}{dt^2} \int \rho x'^i x'^j d^3x' \equiv 2 \partial_t^2 I_{ij}$.

Thus

$$\bar{h}_{ij}(t, \mathbf{x}) = \frac{2G}{c^4 r} \ddot{I}_{ij}(t - \frac{r}{c})$$

Quadrupole formula

Given any **symmetric** tensor S_{ij} , we can project out its TT part via

$$S_{ij}^{TT} = \Lambda_{ij,kl} S_{kl},$$

where $\Lambda_{ij,kl} \equiv P_{ik}P_{jl} - \frac{1}{2}P_{ij}P_{kl}$, $P_{ij} = \delta_{ij} - n_i n_j$ and $n_i = k_i/k$.

Define $Q_{ij} \equiv I_{ij} - \frac{1}{3}\delta_{ij}I_{kk} \implies \Lambda_{ij,kl} I^{lk} = \Lambda_{ij,kl} Q^{kl}$ (you do)

Thus

$$h_{ij}^{TT}(t, \mathbf{x}) = \frac{1}{r} \frac{2G}{c^4} \Lambda_{ij,kl} \ddot{Q}_{kl}(t - \frac{r}{c})$$

Classic example: Binary in **circular orbit** $\rho = m_1 \delta^3(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}_1) + m_2 \delta^3(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}_2)$

CM frame: $M = m_1 + m_2, \mu = m_1 m_2 / M, \mathbf{R} \equiv |\mathbf{x}_1 - \mathbf{x}_2|, \Omega = (GM/R^3)^{1/2}$

$$h_+(t, \theta, \phi) = \frac{1}{r} \frac{G}{c^4} \mu R^2 (2\Omega)^2 \left(\frac{1 + \cos^2 \theta}{2} \right) \cos(2\Omega t_R + \phi),$$

$$h_\times(t, \theta, \phi) = \frac{1}{r} \frac{G}{c^4} \mu R^2 (2\Omega)^2 \cos \theta \sin(\underbrace{2\Omega}_{\omega} t_R + \phi) \quad (\text{you do})$$

[See Maggiore Sec. 3.3 and problem 3.2]

Energy carried by gravitational waves I

Remark:³ No definition of local energy density in GR (can't separate background from dynamics). **However**

- Notion of energy exists for an isolated system, far away.
- Energy must be **quadratic** in $|h_{\mu\nu}|$, come from a stress-energy tensor

Focus on **small deviations from flat spacetime**: $g = \eta + h^{(1)} + h^{(2)}$

Vacuum field equation: $G^{(0)}[\eta] = 0$ (background, trivial) then

$$0 = \underbrace{G^{(1)}[h^{(1)}]}_{=0, \text{ linear term}} + \underbrace{G^{(2)}[h^{(1)}]}_{\text{nonzero}} + \underbrace{G^{(1)}[h^{(2)}]}_{h^{(2)} := -2^{\text{nd}} \text{ term}}$$

Define $t_{\mu\nu} \equiv -\frac{1}{8\pi} G_{\mu\nu}^{(2)}[h^{(1)}]$ (i) symmetric, (ii) $\partial_\mu t^{\mu\nu} = 0$, (iii) $\sim |h_{\mu\nu}|^2$.

NOT (*) gauge invariant, (**) unique, (***) a tensor in full GR.

BUT $E \equiv \int_\Sigma d^3x t_{00}$ (GW energy) is *unique* and gauge invariant

$\Delta E = - \int_S t_{i0} dS^i$ is the total radiated energy in GWs!

³ See Carroll Ch. 7.6, Wald pg. 84-86, MTW Chs. 35.7, 35.13, and Schutz pg. 239

Energy carried by gravitational waves II

Using a **suitable average** (“shortwave formalism” Isaacson 1968⁴)

$$t_{\mu\nu} = \frac{c^4}{32\pi G} \left\langle \partial_\mu h_{ij}^{TT} \partial_\nu h_{TT}^{ij} \right\rangle$$

$$\partial_\mu t^{\mu\nu} = 0 \implies 0 = \int_\Sigma (\partial_0 t^{00} + \partial_i t^{0i}) = -\dot{E} + \oint_{\partial\Sigma} t^{0i} n_i = -\dot{E} + \oint_{S^2} t^{0r} n_r$$

$$\text{Thus, } \dot{E} \propto \oint_{S^2} r^2 \langle \partial^0 h_{ij}^{TT} \partial_r h_{TT}^{ij} \rangle = -(r^2/c) \oint_{S^2} \langle \partial_t h_{ij}^{TT} \partial_t h_{TT}^{ij} \rangle$$

$$\text{Using } h_{ij}^{TT} h_{TT}^{ij} = h_{ij} h^{ij} - 2h_i^j h^{ik} n_j n_k + \frac{1}{2} h^{ij} h^{kl} n_i n_j n_k n_l \quad \text{in } \oint_{S^2} d\Omega$$

Famous **Einstein quadrupole formula**

$$\frac{dE}{dt} = \frac{G}{5c^5} \left\langle \ddot{Q}_{ij} \ddot{Q}^{ij} \right\rangle \quad (1)$$

Radiated orbital **angular momentum** (See Maggiore Ch. 3.3.3)

$$\frac{dL^i}{dt} = \frac{2G}{15c^5} \epsilon^{ijk} \left\langle \ddot{Q}_{jl} \ddot{Q}_{kl} \right\rangle$$

⁴ Also see Wheeler 1964, Brill & Hartle 1964, Choquet-Bruhat 1969, and MacCallum & Taub 1973.

Compact Binary Inspirals I

Newtonian inspiral driven by **quadrupole** GWs

Binary systems: 2 point masses in a circular orbit ($Q^{ij} = \mu x^i x^j$)

f : GW frequency $\implies \omega \equiv 2\pi f = 2\Omega$.

Chirp mass $M_c \equiv \mu^{3/5} M^{2/5} = \frac{(m_1 m_2)^{3/5}}{(m_1 + m_2)^{1/5}}$

Kepler's **third law**: $\Omega^2 = GM r^{-3} = \omega^2/4$

$$\dot{E} = \frac{32}{5} \frac{c^5}{G} \left(\frac{GM_c \omega}{2c^3} \right)^{10/3} \quad (\text{you do})$$

Assumption: **Quasi-circular** orbits: $e \ll 1$ and $\frac{|\dot{r}|}{r\Omega} < 10^{-3}$

Key idea: **energy balance** between \dot{E} and \dot{E}_b (**binding energy**)

where $E_b = -\frac{Gm_1 m_2}{2r} = -\left(\frac{G^2 M_c^5 \omega^2}{32} \right)^{1/3}$

$$\dot{E}(f) = -\dot{E}_b(f) \implies \dot{f} = \frac{96}{5} \pi^{8/3} \frac{(GM_c)^{5/3}}{c^5} f^{11/3}$$

$$\dot{f} \propto f^{11/3} \quad (2)$$

Compact Binary Inspirals II

Integrate $\dot{f} \sim f^{11/3} \implies \int dt \sim \int f^{-11/3} df \implies t \sim f^{-8/3}$

Fix integration constant $\tau = t_{\text{coal}} - t > 0$.

Introduce **inspiral time**, i.e, time to **coalescence** (merger)

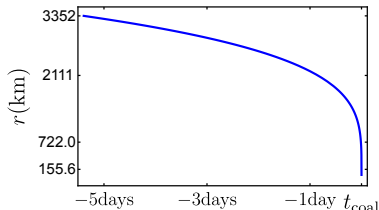
$$\tau_{\text{insp}}(f) \simeq 16.72 \text{ minutes} \left(\frac{1.219 M_{\odot}}{M_c} \right)^{5/3} \left(\frac{10 \text{ Hz}}{f} \right)^{8/3} \quad (3)$$

Number of GW cycles to coalescence: $\int \frac{f}{\dot{f}} df \sim f^{-5/3}$

$$\mathcal{N}_{\text{cyc}}(f) \approx 1.605 \times 10^4 \left(\frac{1.219 M_{\odot}}{M_c} \right)^{5/3} \left(\frac{10 \text{ Hz}}{f} \right)^{5/3} \quad (4)$$

Binary separation

$$\frac{\dot{r}}{r} \sim \frac{\dot{f}}{f} \implies r(\tau) = r_i \left(\frac{\tau}{\tau_i} \right)^{1/4}$$



Gravitational waves from inspirals

Recall h_+ , h_\times from the **circular binary** example ($r \rightarrow D$, $R \rightarrow r$)

$$h_+(t) = \frac{1}{D} \frac{G}{c^4} \mu r^2 (2\Omega)^2 \left(\frac{1+\cos^2\theta}{2} \right) \cos(2\Omega t_R + \phi),$$

$$\equiv h_c(t) \left(\frac{1+\cos^2\iota}{2} \right) \cos[\Phi(t)],$$

$$h_\times(t) = \frac{1}{D} \frac{G}{c^4} \mu r^2 (2\Omega)^2 \cos\theta \sin(2\Omega t_R + \phi)$$

$$\equiv h_c(t) \cos\iota \sin[\Phi(t)]$$

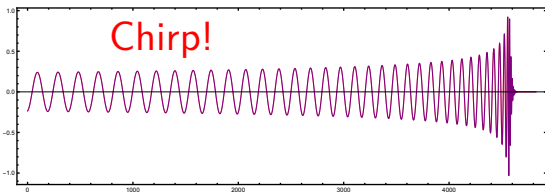
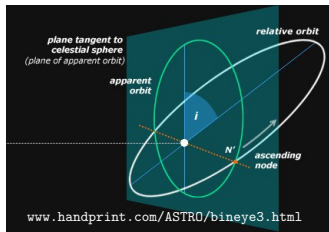
ι = orbital **inclination**

$$h_c(t) = \frac{4}{D} \left(\frac{GM_c}{c^2} \right)^{5/3} \left(\frac{\pi f(t)}{c} \right)^{2/3} \approx 7.5 \times 10^{-24} \left(\frac{100 \text{ Mpc}}{D} \right) \left(\frac{M_c}{1.219 M_\odot} \right)^{5/3} \left(\frac{f}{10 \text{ Hz}} \right)^{2/3}$$

$$\Phi(t) = \int_{t_i}^t dt' \omega(t') + \text{PN}$$

$$\frac{df}{dt} \sim f^{11/3} \sim \tau^{-11/8}$$

$$\frac{dh_c}{dt} \sim \frac{dh_c}{df} \dot{f} \sim f^{10/3} \sim \tau^{-5/4}$$



Post-Newtonian theory

Note: $\Phi(t) = \int_{t_i}^t dt' \omega(t') + \text{PN}$

- Einstein 1916
- Droste & de Sitter 1916, Droste & Lorentz 1917.

Key idea: **Weak-field** ($\frac{GM}{c^2 r} \ll 1$)/**slow-motion** ($\frac{v}{c} \ll 1$) expansion

Three zones

- Near zone: $d < r \ll \lambda$
- Intermediate zone: $d < r \ll \lambda$
- Far (wave) zone: $r \gg \lambda$

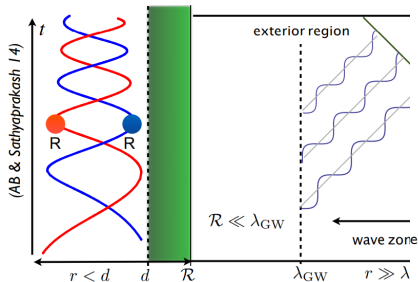
Nomenclature: LO is N, **NLO** is **1PN**.

E.g., quadrupole formula: $\dot{E} \sim c^{-5}$

NLO correction ("**1PN**"): $\sim c^{-7}$

Refer to

- L. Blanchet, Living Reviews in Relativity, arXiv:1310.1528[gr-qc].
- Poisson & Will, Gravity.
- Maggiore Chapter 5, Straumann Chapter 5.



Post-Newtonian expansion

Define $\epsilon \equiv \frac{v}{c} \sim \left(\frac{GM}{c^2 r}\right)^{1/2}$

Expand the metric

$$g_{00} = -1 + {}^{(2)}g_{00} + {}^{(4)}g_{00} + \mathcal{O}(\epsilon^6),$$

$$g_{0i} = {}^{(3)}g_{0i} + \mathcal{O}(\epsilon^5),$$

$$g_{ij} = \delta_{ij} + {}^{(2)}g_{ij} + {}^{(4)}g_{ij} + \mathcal{O}(\epsilon^6).$$

Pick a **gauge**: $\partial_\mu(\sqrt{-g}g^{\mu\nu}) = 0$ (de Donder).

Expanded field equation ($\square = -c^{-2}\partial_t^2 - \nabla^2 \approx \nabla^2$, Weinberg 1972, Ch. 9.1)

$$\nabla^2[{}^{(2)}g_{00}] = -\frac{8\pi G}{c^4}{}^{(0)}T^{00} \quad (0\text{PN}),$$

$$\nabla^2[{}^{(2)}g_{ij}] = -\frac{8\pi G}{c^4}\delta_{ij}{}^{(0)}T^{00} \quad (1\text{PN}),$$

$$\nabla^2[{}^{(3)}g_{0i}] = \frac{16\pi G}{c^4}{}^{(1)}T^{0i} \quad (1\text{PN}),$$

$$\nabla^2[{}^{(4)}g_{00}] = \dots \quad (1\text{PN})$$

1PN equations

Introduce ${}^{(2)}g_{00} = -2\phi$, ${}^{(2)}g_{ij} = -2\delta_{ij}\phi$, ${}^{(3)}g_{0i} = \zeta_i$, we have

$$\phi = -\frac{G}{c^4} \int d^3x' \frac{{}^{(0)}T^{00}(t, \mathbf{x}')}{|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}'|}, \quad \zeta_i = -\frac{4G}{c^4} \int d^3x' \frac{{}^{(1)}T^{0i}(t, \mathbf{x}')}{|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}'|}$$

Gauge condition $\implies 4\partial_0\phi + \nabla \cdot \zeta = 0$.

$$\nabla^2[{}^{(4)}g_{00}] = \dots \implies \nabla^2\psi = \partial_0^2\phi + \frac{4\pi G}{c^4} [{}^{(2)}T^{00} + {}^{(2)}T^{ii}]$$

$$\begin{cases} g_{00} &= -1 + \frac{2V}{c^2} - \frac{2V^2}{c^4} + \mathcal{O}(c^{-6}), \\ g_{0i} &= -\frac{4}{c^3}V_i + \mathcal{O}(c^{-5}), \\ g_{ij} &= \delta_{ij} \left(1 + \frac{2V}{c^2}\right) + \mathcal{O}(c^{-4}). \end{cases} \quad \text{1PN}$$

where

$$V = \frac{G}{c^2} \int d^3x' \frac{1}{|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}'|} [T^{00}(t_R, \mathbf{x}') + T^{ii}(t_R, \mathbf{x}')],$$

$$V_i = \frac{G}{c^2} \int d^3x' \frac{1}{|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}'|} T^{0i}(t_R, \mathbf{x}')^5$$

⁵We “promoted” t to retarded time t_R . In near zone, $t \simeq t_R$. Additionally, $\sigma(t_R) = \sigma(t) - \frac{|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}'|}{c} \partial_t \sigma + \mathcal{O}(c^{-2})$

1PN equations of motion I

N-body system (point particles)

$$T^{\mu\nu} = \underbrace{\frac{1}{\sqrt{-g}}}_{\text{PN expand}} \sum_A m_A \frac{d\tau_A}{dt} u_A^\mu u_A^\nu \delta^3(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}_A(t))$$

$${}^{(0)}T^{00} = \sum_A m_A c^2 \delta^3(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}_A(t)) \quad (\text{rest mass}),$$

$${}^{(2)}T^{00} = \sum_A m_A \left(\frac{1}{2} v_A^2 + \phi c^2 \right) \delta^3(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}_A(t)) \quad (0\text{PN } E_{\text{tot}}),$$

$${}^{(1)}T^{0i} = c \sum_A m_A v_A^i \delta^3(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}_A(t)), \quad {}^{(2)}T^{ij} = \sum_A m_A v_A^i v_A^j \delta^3(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}_A(t)) \quad (1\text{PN})$$

$${}^{(0,2)}T^{\mu\nu} \implies {}^{(0,2,4)}g_{\mu\nu} \implies \mathcal{L} = \underbrace{-g_{00} - 2g_{0i} \frac{v^i}{c} - g_{ij} \frac{v^i v^j}{c^2}}_{\mathcal{L}_0 + \frac{1}{c^2} \mathcal{L}_2} \implies \text{EL Eqs}^6$$

$$\mathbf{a} = -\frac{GM}{r^2} \hat{\mathbf{n}} - \frac{GM}{c^2 r^2} \left[\left\{ (1 + 3\nu) v^2 - \frac{3}{2} \nu \dot{r}^2 - 2(2 + \nu) \frac{GM}{r} \right\} \hat{\mathbf{n}} - 2(2 - \nu) \dot{r} \mathbf{v} \right]$$

where $\nu = m_1 m_2 / M^2$, $\mathbf{r} = \mathbf{x}_1 - \mathbf{x}_2$, $\mathbf{v} = \dot{\mathbf{r}}$, $\mathbf{a} = \dot{\mathbf{v}}$, $\hat{\mathbf{n}} = \mathbf{r}/r$, $\dot{r} = \hat{\mathbf{n}} \cdot \mathbf{v}$

⁶Einstein-Infeld-Hoffmann equations.

1PN equations of motion II

Energy $E = \mu\varepsilon$, with $\mu = m_1 m_2 / M$

$$\varepsilon = \frac{1}{2}v^2 - \frac{GM}{r} + \frac{1}{c^2} \left[\frac{3}{8}(1 - 3\nu)v^4 + \frac{GM}{2r} \left\{ (3 + \nu)v^2 + \nu\dot{r}^2 + \frac{GM}{r} \right\} \right]$$

(i) $\dot{E} = 0$, (ii) $\lim_{M/r \rightarrow 0} \mu\varepsilon = [(\gamma_1 - 1)m_1 + (\gamma_2 - 1)m_2]c^2$ (you do)

Setting $\mathbf{r}_{\text{CM}} = 0$ we have 1PN-accurate positions ($\delta m \equiv m_1 - m_2$)

$$\mathbf{x}_1 = \frac{m_2}{M}\mathbf{r} + \frac{\nu\delta m}{2c^2 M^2} \left(v^2 - \frac{GM}{r} \right) \mathbf{r} + \mathcal{O}(c^{-4}),$$

$$\mathbf{x}_2 = -\frac{m_1}{M}\mathbf{r} + \frac{\nu\delta m}{2c^2 M^2} \left(v^2 - \frac{GM}{r} \right) \mathbf{r} + \mathcal{O}(c^{-4}),$$

1 PN EoM suffice to give us

- Mercury's **perihelion** precession: $\delta\varphi = \frac{6\pi GM}{c^2 p}$ (Einstein Nov 1915).
- **Geodetic** (de Sitter) and **Lense-Thirring** precessions due to the Earth (gravito-electromagnetism).
- Deflection of light around the Sun.

Going beyond 1PN

Two **issues** with the PN expansion

- At some PN order, **divergences** appear in the multipolar expansion of the Poisson integral

$$\underbrace{[\Delta^{-1}f](\mathbf{x})}_{\text{inversion of } \nabla^2 f(\mathbf{x})} \equiv -\frac{1}{4\pi} \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} \frac{d^3x'}{|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}'|} f(\mathbf{x}')$$

of the form $\frac{1}{|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}'|} = \frac{1}{r^\ell} + \frac{(\mathbf{x} \cdot \mathbf{x}')^\ell}{r^3} + \dots \sim \frac{(\mathbf{x}' \cdot \hat{\mathbf{n}})^\ell}{r^{\ell+1}} \rightarrow \infty$ if $|\mathbf{x}'| \gg r$

- PN expansion can NOT use BC at ∞ , i.e., is ill-equipped to study the **large- r** region

$$\frac{1}{r} F_{\mu\nu}(t-r/c) = \frac{1}{r} F_{\mu\nu}(t) - \frac{1}{c} \dot{F}_{\mu\nu}(t) + \frac{r}{2c^2} \ddot{F}_{\mu\nu}(t) + \mathcal{O}(r^2) \rightarrow \infty \quad \text{as } r \rightarrow \infty$$

Mitigation:

Use **PN** in the **near zone**. Use post-Minkowski (**PM**) in the **far zone** then **match** using *Matched-asymptotic expansions* in the intermediate zone⁷.

⁷This is known as the Blanchet-Damour approach. See Phil. Trans. Roy. Soc. Lond. A320 (1986) 379-430.

Beyond 1PN road map

The **Relaxed** Einstein equations

Define $h^{\mu\nu} \equiv \eta^{\mu\nu} - \sqrt{-g}g^{\mu\nu} \quad (= \bar{h}^{\mu\nu})$

de Donder gauge: $\partial_\mu h^{\mu\nu} = 0$

Stress-energy conservation⁸ $\partial_\mu \tau^{\mu\nu} = 0$ where

$$\tau^{\mu\nu} = -g [T^{\mu\nu} + \tau_{\text{LL}}^{\mu\nu}] + (\partial h)^2 - h \partial^2 h$$

$\tau_{\text{LL}}^{\mu\nu}$ is the Landau-Lifshitz energy-momentum pseudotensor.

The relaxed Einstein equations

$$\square h^{\mu\nu} = -\frac{16\pi G}{c^4} \tau^{\mu\nu}$$

Solution

$$h^{\mu\nu}(t, \mathbf{x}) = \frac{4G}{c^4} \int \frac{d^3x'}{|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}'|} \tau^{\mu\nu}(t - |\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}'|/c, \mathbf{x}')$$

⁸Note, this comes from gauge condition $\oplus \nabla_\mu T^{\mu\nu} = 0$.



Beyond 1PN road map

The **post-Minkowskian** expansion outside the source

Valid for $d < r < \infty$ where $d \sim$ orbital radius.

Expand in powers of G for $|h_{\mu\nu}| \ll 1$, **iterate** the RRE

$$h^{\mu\nu} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} G^n h_n^{\mu\nu},$$

$$\square h_{n+1}^{\mu\nu} = -\frac{16\pi G}{c^4} \tau^{\mu\nu}(h_n),$$

$$h_{n+1}^{\mu\nu} = \frac{4G}{c^4} \int \frac{d^3x'}{|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}'|} \tau^{\mu\nu}(h_n)(t - |\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}'|/c, \mathbf{x}')$$

Motion from $\partial_\mu \tau^{\mu\nu}(h_n) = 0$.

First iteration gives $h_1^{\mu\nu} = \bar{h}^{\mu\nu}$ since $\tau_0^{\mu\nu} = T^{\mu\nu}$.

Higher iterations: $\square h_n^{\mu\nu} = \Lambda_n^{\mu\nu}[h_1, h_2, \dots, h_{n-1}]^9$

Blanchet-Damour: iterate a **finite** multipole expansion of $h_1^{\mu\nu}$ for **finite** PN order (multipolar post-Minkowskian expansion).

⁹ See Maggiore pg. 254 for details.

Beyond 1PN road map

The multipolar post-Minkowskian expansion

Blanchet-Damour “regularization” of $r = 0$

Replace $(\square_{\text{ret}}^{-1} f)(t, \mathbf{x}) = -\frac{1}{4\pi} \int \frac{d^3 x'}{|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}'|} f(t - |\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}'|, \mathbf{x}')$

with $\text{FP}_{B=0} [\square_{\text{ret}}^{-1} (\tilde{r}^B f)](t, \mathbf{x}) = -\frac{1}{4\pi} \int \frac{d^3 x'}{|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}'|} \tilde{r}^B f(t - |\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}'|, \mathbf{x}')$

where $B \in \mathbb{C}$, $\Re(B) > k_{\max} - 3$, and $\tilde{r} \equiv r/r_0$ ¹⁰

Thus, the solution at each PM order is given by

$$h_n^{\mu\nu} = \underbrace{\text{FP}_{B=0} [\square_{\text{ret}}^{-1} (\tilde{r}^B \Lambda_n^{\mu\nu})]}_{\equiv \mathcal{FP} \square_{\text{ret}}^{-1} \Lambda_n^{\mu\nu} \text{ [particular solution]}} + \underbrace{v_n^{\mu\nu}}_{\text{hom. sol.}}$$

Finite PN expansion

$$\bar{h}^{\mu\nu} \equiv \sum_{m=2}^N \frac{1}{c^m} {}^{(m)}h^{\mu\nu}, \quad \bar{\tau}^{\mu\nu} \equiv \sum_{m=-2}^N \frac{1}{c^m} {}^{(m)}\tau^{\mu\nu},$$

$$\bar{h}^{\mu\nu} = \frac{16\pi G}{c^4} \mathcal{FP} \square_{\text{ret}}^{-1} \bar{\tau}^{\mu\nu} + \bar{h}_{\text{hom}}^{\mu\nu}$$

¹⁰ See Blanchet LRR Sec. 2.3 and Maggiore Ch. 5.3.2 for details.

Beyond 1PN road map

Match the solutions

- $d < r < \infty$ **PM** regime
- $0 < r < \mathcal{R}$ **PN** regime

For $v/c \ll 1$, $\mathcal{R} \gg d \implies$ **Matching region** $d < r < \mathcal{R}$ (green band)

Re-Expand PN terms in $d/r < 1$ and **PM** terms in v/c

Recall, we match multipole expansions (Blanchet LRR Sec. 4.4 for details)
 n -th PM term has the following PN expansion

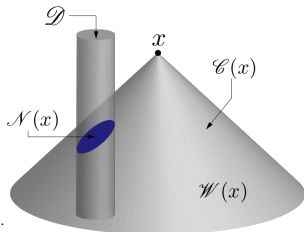
$$h_n^{00} = \mathcal{O}(c^{-2n}), \quad h_n^{0i} = \mathcal{O}(c^{-(2n+1)}), \quad h_n^{ij} = \mathcal{O}(c^{-2n}).$$

E.g., **2PN** order, i.e., $\mathcal{O}(c^{-4})$ correction to Newtonian metric $\iff h_1, h_2, h_3$

Equivalent formalism

by Will, Wiseman and Pati (DIRE)¹¹

$$\int_{\mathcal{C}} d^3x' = \int_{\mathcal{N}} d^3x' + \int_{\mathcal{W}} d^3x'$$



¹¹ See Maggiore Ch. 5.4 for a brief intro and Poisson-Will for abundant details.

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Regularization of point-particle infinities: Hadamard and/or dimensional

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{F} = & \frac{32c^5}{5G} \nu^2 x^5 \left\{ 1 + \left(-\frac{1247}{336} - \frac{35}{12}\nu \right) x + 4\pi x^{3/2} \right. \\ & + \left(-\frac{44711}{9072} + \frac{9271}{504}\nu + \frac{65}{18}\nu^2 \right) x^2 + \left(-\frac{8191}{672} - \frac{583}{24}\nu \right) \pi x^{5/2} \\ & + \left[\frac{6643739519}{69854400} + \frac{16}{3}\pi^2 - \frac{1712}{105}\gamma_E - \frac{856}{105} \ln(16x) \right. \\ & \quad \left. + \left(-\frac{134543}{7776} + \frac{41}{48}\pi^2 \right) \nu - \frac{94403}{3024}\nu^2 - \frac{775}{324}\nu^3 \right] x^3 \\ & \left. + \left(-\frac{16285}{504} + \frac{214745}{1728}\nu + \frac{193385}{3024}\nu^2 \right) \pi x^{7/2} + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{1}{c^8}\right) \right\}. \end{aligned}$$

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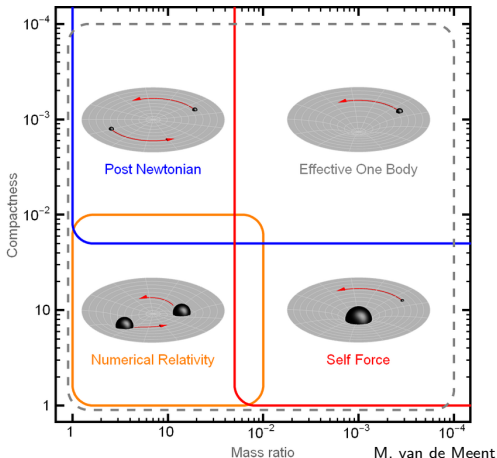
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Perturbation Theory

Perspective: **two-body problem** in general relativity

PN approach: **weak-field** (large separation), arbitrary mass ratio



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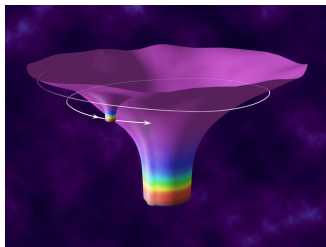
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- **LO** term of the field equation: $\dot{G}_{\mu\nu}[\dot{g}] = 0$
- **NLO** term of the field equation (**geodesic**)

$$\dot{G}_{\mu\nu}[h] = 8\pi T^{\mu\nu}[\dot{g}]$$

(**post-geodesic**)

- Supplement with a certain **gauge condition**.



Perturbation theory in Schwarzschild

Regge-Wheeler-Zerilli equations

Background set to Schwarzschild metric

$$\dot{g}_{\mu\nu} = \text{diag}[-f, f^{-1}, r^2, r^2 \sin^2 \theta], \quad f = 1 - \frac{2m_2}{r}$$

Decompose $h_{\mu\nu}$ into even (Y)/odd (X)-parity tensor harmonics¹²

$$h_{ab} = \sum_{\ell m} h_{ab}^{\ell m} Y^{\ell m},$$

$$h_{aB} = \sum_{\ell m} (j_a^{\ell m} Y_B^{\ell m} + h_a^{\ell m} X_B^{\ell m}),$$

$$h_{AB} = r^2 \sum_{\ell m} (K^{\ell m} \Omega_{AB} Y^{\ell m} + G^{\ell m} Y_{AB}^{\ell m} + h_2^{\ell m} X_{AB}^{\ell m})$$

with $a, b = t, r$ and $A, B = \theta, \phi$ and $h, j, K, G, h_2 = \text{funcs.}(t, r)$.

Regge-Wheeler gauge

$$j_a^{\ell m} = G^{\ell m} = 0 \quad (\text{even parity}), \quad h_2^{\ell m} = 0 \quad (\text{odd parity})$$

¹²See Martel & Poisson gr-qc/0502028 for details.

Perturbation theory in Schwarzschild

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Master equations

$$[\square - V_{e,o}] \Psi_{e,o} = S_{e,o} [T^{\mu\nu}]$$

$$V_e = \frac{f}{k^2} \left[[(\ell-1)(\ell+2)]^2 \left(\frac{\ell(\ell+1)}{r^2} + \frac{6m_2}{r^3} \right) + \frac{36m_2^2}{r^4} \left(\ell-1)(\ell+2) + \frac{2m_2}{r} \right) \right],$$

$$V_o = f \left[\frac{\ell(\ell+1)}{r^2} + \frac{6m_2}{r^3} \right], \quad k = (\ell-1)(\ell+2) + 6m_2/r$$

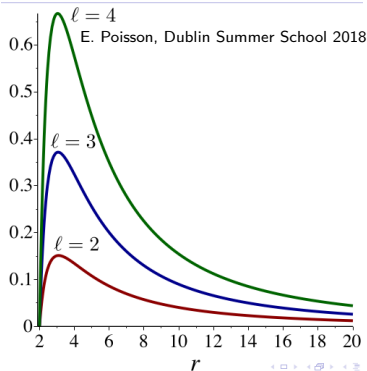
$$\Psi_e = \frac{2r}{\ell(\ell+1)} \left[K + \frac{2f}{k} (fh_{rr} - r\partial_r K) \right],$$

$$\Psi_o = \frac{2r}{(\ell-1)(\ell+2)} \left(\partial_r h_t - \partial_t h_r - \frac{2}{r} h_t \right),$$

Source: point-particle of mass m_1
along a timelike geodesic

$$T^{\mu\nu} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{-\dot{g}}} m_1 \frac{d\tau}{dt} \dot{u}^\mu \dot{u}^\nu \delta^3(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{z}(t))$$

$$S_{e,o} \sim \underbrace{\{\partial_a^0, \partial_a\}}_{\text{hit } \delta^3} \int T^{\mu\nu} \{ \bar{Y}_{\mu\nu}^{\ell m}, \bar{X}_{\mu\nu}^{\ell m} \} d\Omega$$



Perturbation theory in Schwarzschild

Regge-Wheeler-Zerilli equations

Martel & Poisson give us everything (for **circular** geodesics)

$$h_+ = \frac{1}{r} \sum_{\ell m} \Psi_e^{\ell m} D_{\theta, \ell}^2 Y^{\ell m} - \Psi_o^{\ell m} D_{\theta} Y^{\ell m},$$

$$h_{\times} = \frac{1}{r} \sum_{\ell m} \Psi_e^{\ell m} \frac{im}{\sin \theta} D_{\theta} Y^{\ell m} - \Psi_o^{\ell m} D_{\theta, \ell}^2 Y^{\ell m},$$

$$\dot{E}_{\infty, H} = \frac{1}{64\pi} \sum_{\ell m} \frac{(\ell + 2)!}{(\ell - 2)!} \langle |\dot{\Psi}_e^{\ell m}|^2 + |\dot{\Psi}_o^{\ell m}|^2 \rangle_{t \rightarrow \infty, r_* \rightarrow \pm \infty}$$

$\langle \dots \rangle$ is an **orbital** average.

Homogeneous solutions can be obtained analytically or numerically.

Fluxes are straightforward, but NOT evaluating $h_{\mu\nu}$ at $\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{z}$.

Sources $S_{e,o} \sim F\delta'(r - r_0) + G\delta(r - r_0)$ very **singular!**

We will talk more about **regularizing** δ -function sources **later**.

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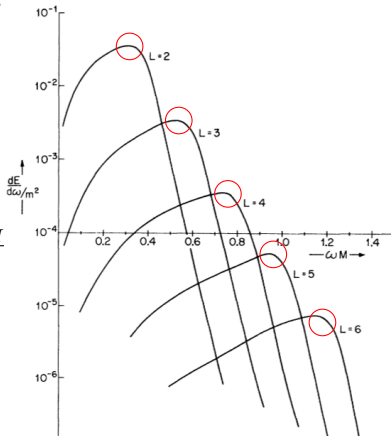
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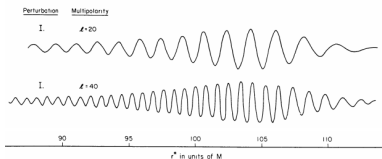
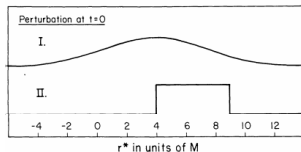
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Quasinormal modes

One method: **WKB treatment** of wave scattering on the peak of the potential barrier (parabolic cylinder functions)¹³

$$(M\omega_n)^2 = V_\ell(r_p) - i\left(n + \frac{1}{2}\right) \left[-2 \frac{d^2 V_\ell}{dr_*^2}\right]_{r_* = r_p^*}^{1/2}$$

E.g., ($\ell = 2, n = 0$): $\Re(M\omega) = 0.37$ vs. $\Re(M\omega) = 0.32$ (Davis et al. 1971)

For $M = 10M_\odot$, $f \approx 1.2$ kHz and damping time ≈ 0.55 ms

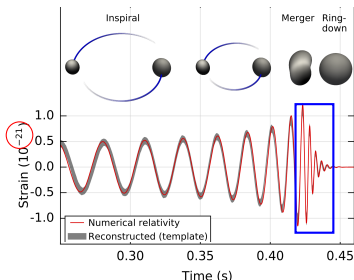
GW strain:

$$h_{\text{QNM}} \sim 5 \times 10^{-22} \left(\frac{\Delta M}{10^{-3}M_\odot}\right)^{1/2} \left(\frac{1 \text{ kHz}}{f}\right)^{1/2} \frac{15 \text{ Mpc}}{D}$$

For GW150914,

$\Delta M = 3M_\odot$, $D = 400$ Mpc

$h_{\text{QNM}} \lesssim 10^{-21}$, $\tau \approx 20$ ms



¹³Will & Schutz *Astrophys. J.*, **291**, L33–L36, (1985). See Berti, Cardoso, Starinets [0905.2975].

Quasinormal modes

Laplace transform the field: $\Psi(\omega, r) = \int_0^\infty \Psi(t, r) e^{i\omega t} dt$ ($s = -i\omega$)

The master equation becomes

$$\frac{d^2 \Psi}{dr_*^2} + (\omega^2 - V)\Psi = I(\omega, r)$$

with outer/inner **homog. sols.** Ψ^\pm with BC

$$\lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} \Psi^- \sim A_{\text{in}}(\omega) e^{-i\omega r_*} + A_{\text{out}}(\omega) e^{i\omega r_*},$$

$$\lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} \Psi^+ \sim e^{i\omega r_*}$$

and Wronskian $W = 2i\omega A_{\text{in}}(\omega)$

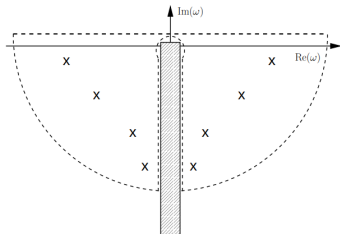
Inhomogenous solution:

$$\Psi(\omega, r) = \Psi^+ \int_{-\infty}^{r_*} \frac{I(\omega, r') \Psi^-}{W} dr'_* + \Psi^- \int_{r_*}^{\infty} \frac{I(\omega, r') \Psi^+}{W} dr'_*$$

Inverse Laplace transform:

$$\Psi(t, r) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \oint_{-\infty+ic}^{\infty+ic} \Psi(\omega, r) e^{-i\omega t} d\omega$$

Poles, i.e., $A_{\text{in}}(\omega) = 0$ are the **QNM frequencies**.



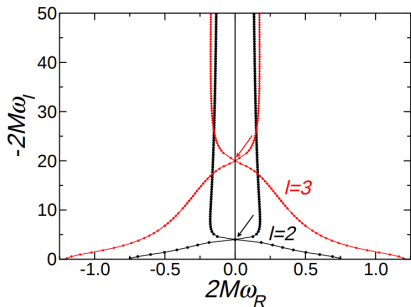
Quasinormal modes

Far away, the previous solution gives

$$\Psi_{\text{QNM}}(t, r) = -\text{Re} \left[C_n e^{-i\omega_n(t-r_*)} \right],$$

$$C_n = B_n \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{I(\omega, r) \Psi^-}{A_{\text{out}}(\omega)} dr'_*,$$

$$B_n = \frac{A_{\text{out}}}{2\omega} \left(\frac{dA_{\text{in}}}{d\omega} \right)^{-1} \Big|_{\omega=\omega_n}$$



C_n QN excitation coefficients, B_n QN excitation factors

B_n depend only on the **background geometry!** ($\Psi^\pm \oplus V$)

Leaver 1985-86: method of continued fractions

Infinitely many ω_n for each ℓ

Monodromy for $|\omega| \gg 1$ case (Bender & Orszag)

$\text{Re}(\omega_n) \rightarrow \text{constant}$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$,

Algebraically special solutions: $\text{Re}(\omega_n) = 0$

Back to perturbation theory

Lorenz gauge

PT in Regge-Wheeler gauge: $\dot{g} \rightarrow \dot{g} + h \implies \dot{E}_{\infty, H}(h)$

Dissipative force: $F_{\mu}^{\text{diss}} = \dot{E}_H + \dot{E}_{\infty}$

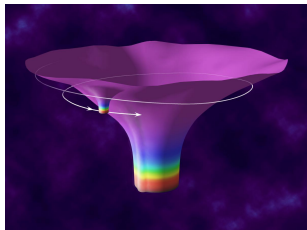
\implies **adiabatic inspiral**: pushes m_1 off the geodesic orbit

Radiation-[back]reaction force \implies gravitational self-force (**GSF**)

This force also has a **conservative** part

$\implies \mathcal{O}(q)$ **corrections** to:

- Redshift
- ISCO radius/frequency
- de Sitter (geodetic) precession
- Perihelion *retreat*



NEED to compute $h_{\mu\nu}$ **LOCALLY** at the particle, not at ∞ .

Lorenz gauge is best suited: particle $\sim \delta^3(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{z})$

(Recall RWZ source $\sim \delta^3(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{z}) + \partial_i \delta^3(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{z})$)

Isotropic singularity, rigorous regularization procedure (1990s to 2000s)

Perturbation theory in Lorenz gauge

Return to $\bar{h}_{\mu\nu} = h_{\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{2}\dot{g}_{\mu\nu}h$ and $\dot{\nabla}_\mu \bar{h}^{\mu\nu} = 0$

Field equation

$$\square \bar{h}_{\mu\nu} + 2\dot{R}^{\alpha\beta}{}_{\mu\nu} \bar{h}_{\alpha\beta} = -16\pi T_{\mu\nu},$$

$$T^{\mu\nu} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{-\dot{g}}} \frac{m_1}{\dot{u}^t} \dot{u}^\mu \dot{u}^\nu \delta^3(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{z})$$

GSF: $F^\mu = m_1 \dot{\nabla}^{\mu\alpha\beta} \bar{h}_{\alpha\beta}^{\text{ret}}$ (ensures $F_\mu \dot{u}^\mu = 0$)

Mino-Sasaki-Tanaka-Quinn-Wald (1996):

- (i) $r \ll m_2$ (near zone), expand
- (ii) $r \gg m_1$ (far zone), expand
- (iii) $m_1 \ll r \ll m_2$ (buffer zone), match

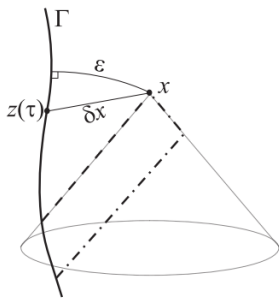
$$\bar{h}^{\text{ret}} = \bar{h}^{\text{dir}} + \bar{h}^{\text{tail}}$$

$$\bar{h}_{\mu\nu}^{\text{dir}} = \frac{4m_1 \dot{u}_\mu \dot{u}_\nu}{\epsilon} + \mathcal{O}(\delta x^2)$$

Detweiler-Whiting 2003

$$\bar{h} = \bar{h}^R + \bar{h}^S \quad (\bar{h}_{\text{LO}}^S = \bar{h}_{\text{LO}}^{\text{dir}})$$

$$F^\mu = m_1 \dot{\nabla}^{\mu\alpha\beta} \bar{h}_{\alpha\beta}^{\text{tail}} = m_1 \dot{\nabla}^{\mu\alpha\beta} \bar{h}_{\alpha\beta}^R$$



Lorenz-gauge GSF

Mode-sum method¹⁴

10 field equations - **4** gauge = $4 \oplus 2$ (even/odd parity) equations

“Spread” the δ -function singularity over an infinite ℓ -mode sum

$$\bar{h}_{\mu\nu}^S = \sum_{\ell=0}^{\infty} \bar{h}_{\mu\nu}^{S,\ell}, \quad \bar{h}_{\mu\nu}^{S,\ell} \sim \mathcal{O}(\epsilon^{-1}) \text{ locally}$$

Regularization: subtract $\bar{h}_{\mu\nu}^{S,\ell}$ at each ℓ mode $\implies \sum_{\ell=0}^{\infty}$ converges!

- 1 $\bar{h}_{\mu\nu}^{\text{ret}} = \frac{m_1}{r} \sum_{\ell m} \sum_{i=1}^{10} \bar{h}^{(i)\ell m}(t, r) Y_{\mu\nu}^{(i)\ell m}(\theta, \phi)$
- 2 Solve $[\partial_{uv}^2 + V(r)] \bar{h}^{(i)\ell m} + \mathcal{M}_{(j)}^{(i)} \bar{h}^{(j)\ell m} = S^{(i)\ell m} \delta(r - r_0)$
- 3 **Regularize:** $F_{\text{reg}}^{\mu\ell} = \sum_{\ell m} F^{\mu,\ell m} - (A^\mu L + B^\mu + C^\mu L^{-1}) \sim \mathcal{O}(L^{-2})$
- 4 $F^\mu = \sum_{\ell} F_{\text{reg}}^{\mu,\ell}$ converges as $\mathcal{O}(L^{-2})$ (or better, $L = \ell + 1/2$)

NB: GSF is not gauge invariant! $\delta_\xi F^\mu \sim \frac{D\xi^\mu}{d\tau^2} + R(u, \xi, u)^\mu$

BUT it is **physical** (ISCO shift, perihelion retreat, **EMRIs**, etc.)

EMRIs are a very important source for **LISA!**

¹⁴Other approaches: moving punctures, Hadamard expansion of the retarded Green's function

Perturbation theory in **Kerr** spacetime

Teukolsky equation (1973-1974)¹⁵

Perturbation theory using the *Newman-Penrose* formalism

Based on **Weyl scalars** $\Psi_i \sim -C(e_1, e_2, e_3, e_4)$

e_a^μ is a **null tetrad**, Kinnersley tetrad: $e_a^\mu = \{\ell, n, m, \bar{m}\}^\mu$

In **Petrov Type D**, $\Psi_0 = \Psi_1 = \Psi_3 = \Psi_4 = 0$

Perturb: $\Psi_i = \Psi_i + \delta\Psi_i$ then drop the δ

Linearly perturbed NP equations (**nonvacuum**: source $\sim m_1$):

$$R_{13[13|4]} + \text{Ricci} = 0, \quad R_{13[13|2]} + \text{Ricci} = 0^{16}$$

Ψ_4 carries the **GW** information

2nd order PDE for $\Psi_0 \implies$ 2nd order PDE for Ψ_4 (null rotations)

\implies **Separable**, **2nd order PDE** in term of s : new Master equation!

$$\hat{T}_s \psi_s = \mathcal{T}_s$$

$$\psi_2 = \Psi_0, \psi_{-2} = \rho^{-4} \Psi_4$$

¹⁵See Teukolsky 2014 (1410.2130) Sec. 8 for a brief history. ¹⁶See Chandrasekhar Sec. 1.8.

Teukolsky Equation

$$\hat{T}_s \psi_s = \mathcal{T}_s$$

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{T}_s \equiv & \left[\frac{(r^2 + a^2)^2}{\Delta} - a^2 \sin^2 \theta \right] \frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2} - 2s \left[\frac{M(r^2 - a^2)}{\Delta} - r - ia \cos \theta \right] \frac{\partial}{\partial t} + \frac{4Mar}{\Delta} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial t \partial \phi} \\ & + \Delta^{-s} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left(\Delta^{s+1} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \right) - \csc \theta \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \left(\sin \theta \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \right) - 2s \left[\frac{a(r - M)}{\Delta} + i \frac{\cos \theta}{\sin^2 \theta} \right] \frac{\partial}{\partial \phi} \\ & + \left[\frac{a^2}{\Delta} - \csc^2 \theta \right] \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \phi^2} + (s^2 \cot^2 \theta - s), \end{aligned}$$

$$\mathcal{T}_s = 4\pi(r^2 + a^2 \cos^2 \theta) T_s,$$

$$\Delta = r^2 - 2Mr + a^2, \quad \rho = (r - ia \cos \theta)^{-1},$$

$$T_{-2} = 2\rho^{-4} \left[\begin{array}{l} (\Delta + 3\gamma - \bar{\gamma} + 4\mu + \bar{\mu}) \{ (\bar{\delta} - 2\bar{\tau} + 2\alpha) T_{24} - (\Delta + 2\gamma - 2\bar{\gamma} + \bar{\mu}) T_{44} \} \\ (\bar{\delta} - \bar{\tau} + \bar{\beta} + 3\alpha + 4\pi) \{ (\Delta + 2\gamma + 2\bar{\mu}) T_{24} - (\bar{\delta} - \bar{\tau} + 2\bar{\beta} + 2\alpha) T_{22} \} \end{array} \right]$$

$$\Delta \equiv \left[\frac{r^2 + a^2}{\Delta} \partial_t, \partial_r, 0, \frac{a}{\Delta} \partial_\phi \right]^T, \quad \delta \equiv \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}(r + ia \cos \theta)} [ia \sin \theta \partial_\theta, 0, \partial_\theta, i \csc \theta \partial_\phi]^T$$

NB: for $T^{\mu\nu} \sim \delta^3(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{z})$, $\implies T_s \sim \delta(r - r_0) + \delta'(r - r_0) + \delta''(r - r_0)$
 $s = 0, \pm 1, \pm 2, \frac{1}{2}$

Solving the Teukolsky equation

Flux computations since Teukolsky (frequency domain)

Time domain: 1+1D (G. Khanna, A. Zenginoglu, S. Hughes)

2+1D \oplus MPD (E. Harms, **Bernuzzi** et al. [1510.05548])

Frequency domain

$$\psi_s = {}_sR(r) {}_sS(\theta) e^{i(m\phi - \omega t)}$$

Teukolsky equation **separates!**

$$\left[\Delta^{-s} \frac{d}{dr} \left(\Delta^{s+1} \frac{d}{dr} \right) + \frac{K^2 - 2is(r-M)K}{\Delta} + 4iswr - \lambda \right] {}_sR(r) = -4\pi \mathcal{T}_{s\ell m \omega},$$

$$K = (r^2 + a^2)\omega - ma$$

${}_sS(\theta)e^{im\phi}$ are the spin-weighted spheroidal harmonics

λ is the eigenvalue of the angular equation

The radial equation can be solved

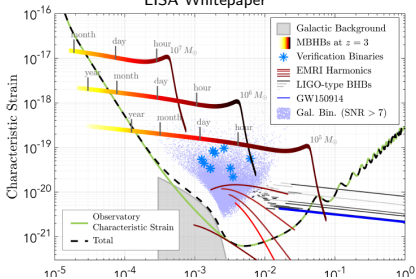
- analytically: small ω expansions of hypergeometric and Coulomb functions
- numerically as a Sasaki-Nakamura equation
- numerically directly

Further Motivation

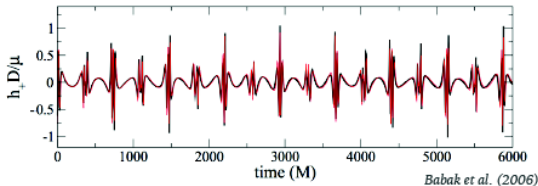
Why bother with Lorenz-gauge GSF, Teukolsky equation?

⇒ Extreme Mass Ratio Inspirals

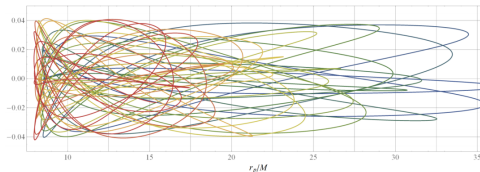
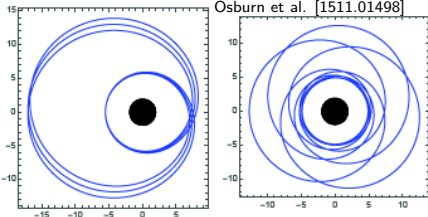
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$a = 0.9M, p = 6M, e = 0.7, i = 60(\text{deg}), \theta_d = 90(\text{deg})$



Osburn et al. [1511.01498]

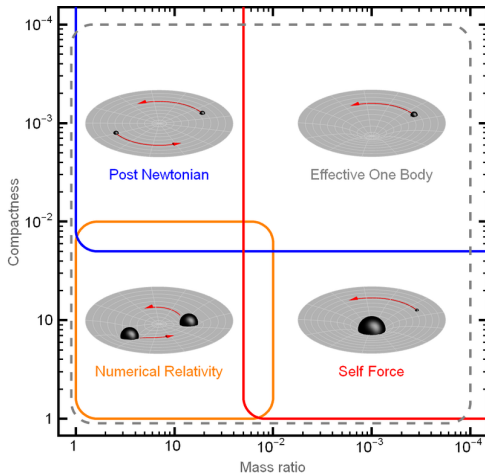


Warburton et al. [1708.03720]

Effective One Body Theory **EOB**

Buonanno-Damour 1998-2000s

Key idea: Map **PN** binary motion to **geodesic motion** in an *effective spacetime using ν as a deformation parameter.*



EOB dynamics

Newtonian **2-body** problem:

$$H_N = \frac{\mathbf{p}_1^2}{2m_1} + \frac{\mathbf{p}_2^2}{2m_2} - \frac{Gm_1m_2}{r} = \frac{\mathbf{p}^2}{2\mu} - \frac{G\mu M}{r} + \frac{\mathbf{P}_{\text{CM}}^2}{2M}$$

Augment to **PN**, CM frame (relative motion, $\mathbf{P}_{\text{CM}} = 0$)

$$H_{PN} = H_N + \frac{1}{c^2}H_{1PN} + \frac{1}{c^4}H_{2PN} + \dots$$

Effective metric

$$g_{\text{eff}} = \text{diag}\left[-A(r), \frac{D(r)}{A(r)}, S^2\right]$$

EOB **dynamics**: **Hamiltonian theory**

$$H_{\text{EOB}} = \mu \hat{H}_{\text{EOB}} = \frac{\mu}{\nu} \sqrt{1 + 2\nu(\hat{H}_{\text{eff}} - 1)},$$

$$\hat{H}_{\text{eff}} = \sqrt{p_{r_*}^2 + A \left(1 + \frac{p_\phi^2}{r^2} + z_3 \frac{p_{r_*}^4}{r^2} \right)} + \hat{H}_{\text{spin}},$$

$$A = 1 - 2u + 2\nu u^3 + \nu a_4 u^4 + \mathcal{O}(u^5),$$

$$D = [1 + 6\nu u^2 + 2\nu(26 - 3\nu)u^3]^{-1} + \mathcal{O}(u^4)$$

$$[u \equiv \frac{GM}{c^2 r}]$$

EOB E_oM

Work in Damour-Jaranowski-Schäfer gauge

⇒ Simplified Hamilton's equations

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{dr}{dt} &\sim \frac{\partial \hat{H}_{\text{EOB}}}{\partial p_{r^*}}, & \frac{dp_{r^*}}{dt} &\sim -\frac{\partial \hat{H}_{\text{EOB}}}{\partial r}, \\ \frac{d\phi}{dt} &= \frac{\partial \hat{H}_{\text{EOB}}}{\partial p_\phi} \equiv \Omega, \\ \frac{dp_\phi}{dt} &= \mathcal{F}_\phi \quad [\text{RR force}]\end{aligned}$$

NB: $\mathcal{F}_r = 0$ for convenience (not zero)¹⁷

$\mathcal{F}_\phi \Rightarrow$ **inspiral** (special factorization and resummation, [Damour-Nagar 2007])

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{F}_\phi &\sim \sum_{\ell m} |h_{\ell m}|^2, \\ h_{\ell m} &= \hat{h}_{\ell m}^{\text{Newt}} \hat{S}_{\text{eff}} \hat{h}_{\ell m}^{\text{tail}} f_{\ell m} \hat{h}_{\ell m}^{\text{NQC}}\end{aligned}$$

¹⁷ \mathcal{F}_r has been derived by Bini-Damour [1210.2834], but no resumming strategy exists for it (Damour-Nagar [1406.6913]).

Our EOB: TEOBResumS

Time-domain effective-one-body gravitational waveforms
for coalescing compact binaries with nonprecessing spins, tides and self-spin effects

Nagar-Bernuzzi et al.

Alessandro Nagar^{1,2,3}, Sebastiano Bernuzzi^{4,5,6}, Walter Del Pozzo⁷, Gunnar Riemenschneider^{2,8},
Sarp Akçay⁴, Gregorio Carullo⁷, Philipp Fleig⁹, Stanislav Babak¹⁰, Ka Wa Tsang¹², Marta
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Agathos¹⁸, Edward Fauchon-Jones¹⁹, Mark Hannam¹⁹, Sascha Husa¹³, Tim Dietrich^{12,20}, Pablo
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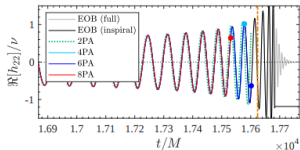
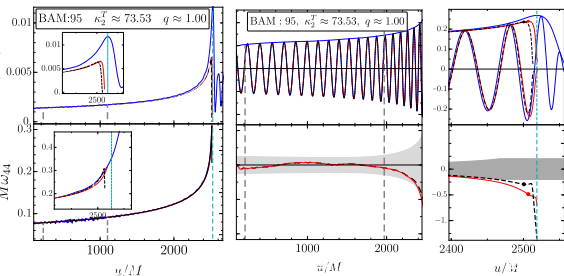
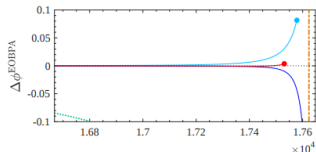
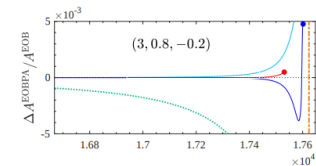
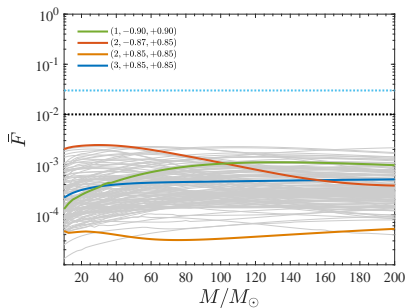
Circular, **spin** [anti]aligned inspirals with **tides** enhanced by NR simulations.

Ingredients:

- Point-mass inspiral: (1,5)-Padé-resummed $A(u)$.
- Spin-orbit, spin-spin in the dynamics and flux (low multipoles).
- **Tides** LR-pole factorized GSF series at $\mathcal{O}(q) \oplus \mathcal{O}(q^2)$ GSF-PN hybrid.
- Tides use **quasi-universal** fits of Yagi et al.
- Monopole-quadrupole¹⁸ coupling upto NLO in dynamics \oplus flux.
- **Plunge** and **ringdown** smoothly attached to the inspiral (phenomenological).
- “Unfaithfulness” to BBH $\lesssim 10^{-3}$, to BNS $< 10^{-2}$.
- **FAST!** post-adiabatic: 10 Hz inspiral in \approx **0.5 sec!** AN-Rettegno [1805.03891].

¹⁸Poisson 1997

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Currently being evaluated by LVC for **LAL**.

Synergies

Cross-cultural comparisons of “gauge-invariant” quantities

E.g., $\mathcal{O}(q)$ correction to ISCO radius.

$$\dot{r}_{\text{ISCO}} = 6m_2 \rightarrow \dot{r}_{\text{ISCO}} + q\Delta\hat{r}_{\text{ISCO}}$$

Coordinates x^μ are gauge-dependent!

Frequency is **gauge invariant**

$$\Omega_{\text{ISCO}} \rightarrow \Omega_{\text{ISCO}} \left(1 + q\Delta\hat{\Omega}_{\text{ISCO}}\right) \equiv \Omega_{\text{ISCO}} + qC_\Omega$$

$$\begin{aligned} C_\Omega &= 1.2512(4) && \text{Barack-Sago [1002.2386] (from GSF)} \\ &= 1.2510(2) && \text{Le Tiec et al. [1111.5609] (PN \odot (2,3)Padé)} \\ &= 1.25101546(5) && \text{Akçay et al. [1209.0964] (from the **redshift**)} \end{aligned}$$

NOTE: BS result depends on GSF, but yields a gauge invariant quantity.

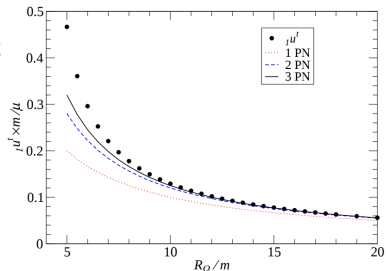
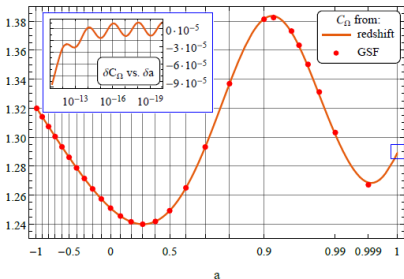
Synergies

Detweiler redshift

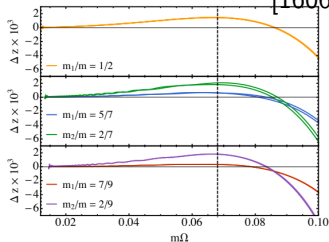
Detweiler [0804.3529]: PN - RW agreement
 redshift of a photon leaving m_1

Sago-Barack-Detweiler [0810.2530]
 Lorenz vs. RW gauge: $\Delta_{\text{rel}} \lesssim 10^{-5}$

Current technology: extremal Kerr



NR-PN comparison Zimmerman et al.
 [1606.08056]



Synergies

Perihelion **retreat**

$\mathcal{O}(q)$ correction to Einstein perihelion shift (**negative!**)

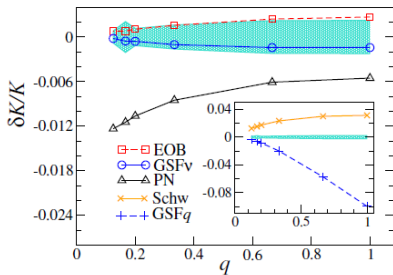
Barack-Sago [1101.3331]

p_0	ϵ_0	$q^{-1}\Delta\delta$	$q^{-1}\Delta\delta/\delta_0$
6.1	0.02	-146(2)	-20.7(2)
6.2	0.05	-57.0(2)	-11.71(5)
6.3	0.1	-41.9(1)	-10.23(3)
6.4	0.1	-19.71(5)	-6.12(2)

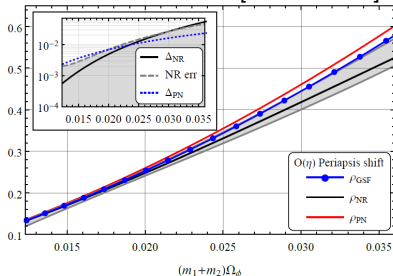
Reformulated into the invariant $K = \frac{\Omega_\phi}{\Omega_r}$ (BS-Damour [1008.0935])

GSF-NR-PN-EOB comparison

Le Tiec et al. [1106.3278]



GSF-NR-PN synergy in **Kerr**
van de Meent [1610.03497]

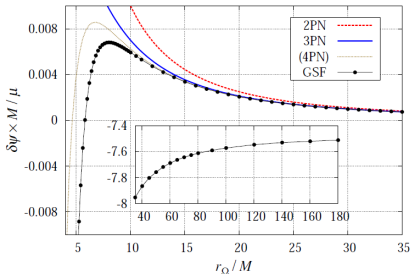


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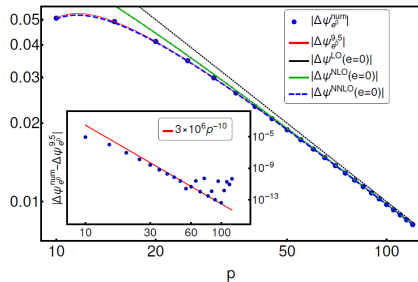
de Sitter precession

$\mathcal{O}(q)$ correction to geodetic precession

Dolan et al. [1312.0775]:
circular orbits in Schwarchild



Akcay et al. [1608.04811]:
eccentric orbits



The end

We have come a long way!

- 103.4 years of general relativity
- Two different analytical approaches to the two-body problem
- Both feed into EOB (so does numerical relativity)
- Massive challenges overcome in the last 100 years

