## **Gravitational radiation: Lecture 2**

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#### Lectures' content

Lecture 2:

- Quadrupolar wave generation in linearized Einstein theory
- Brief survey of GW sources:
  - binaries made of black holes and/or neutron stars
  - pulsars
  - supernovae
  - stochastic background

## Quadrupole nature of GW emission [naive way]

EM theory: Luminosity  $\propto \ddot{\mathbf{d}}^2$   $\mathbf{d} = e \mathbf{x} \Rightarrow$  electric dipole moment

• GW theory: electric dipole moment  $\Rightarrow$  mass dipole moment

$$\mathbf{d} = \sum_{i} m_i \mathbf{x}_i \Rightarrow \dot{\mathbf{d}} = \sum_{i} m_i \dot{\mathbf{x}}_i = \mathbf{P}$$

Conservation of momentum  $\Rightarrow$  no mass dipole radiation exists in GR

• GW theory: magnetic dipole moment  $\Rightarrow$  current dipole moment

$$\mu = \sum_{i} m_i \mathbf{x}_i \times \dot{\mathbf{x}}_i = \mathbf{J}$$

Conservation of angular momentum  $\Rightarrow$  no current dipole radiation exists in GR

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## Quadrupolar wave generation in linearized theory

$$\begin{split} \Box \bar{h}^{\mu\nu} &= -\frac{16\pi G}{c^4} T^{\mu\nu} \qquad \partial_{\nu} \bar{h}^{\mu\nu} = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \\ \text{like retarded potentials in EM:} \\ \bar{h}_{\mu\nu}(\mathbf{x}) &= \frac{4G}{c^4} \int T_{\mu\nu}(\mathbf{y}, t - \frac{R}{c}) \frac{d^3 y}{|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y}|} \\ R &= |\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y}| = \sqrt{r^2 + R_0^2 - 2\mathbf{r} \cdot \mathbf{R}_0} = R_0 \sqrt{1 - \frac{2\mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{y}}{R_0} + \frac{r^2}{R_0^2}} \\ \text{expanding in} \quad \mathbf{y}/R_0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad R \simeq R_0 \left(1 - \frac{\mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{y}}{R_0}\right) = R_0 - \mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{y} \\ \bar{h}_{\mu\nu} \simeq \frac{4G}{c^4} \frac{1}{R_0} \int T_{\mu\nu}(\mathbf{y}, t - \frac{R_0}{c} + \frac{\mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{y}}{c}) d^3y \end{split}$$

Quadrupolar wave generation in linearized theory [continued]

•  $\frac{\mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{y}}{c}$  can be neglected if source mass distribution

doesn't vary much during this time.

If T typical time of variation of source



$$\Rightarrow \quad \frac{\mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{y}}{c} \sim \frac{a}{c} \ll T \sim \frac{\lambda_{GW}}{c} \quad \Rightarrow \quad \lambda_{GW} \gg a$$

• Since  $T \sim \frac{a}{v} \implies \frac{a}{c} \ll \frac{a}{v} \implies \frac{v}{c} \ll 1$  slow-motion approximation

First term in a multipolar expansion (radiative zone  $\lambda_{GW} \ll R_0$ ):

$$\bar{h}_{\mu\nu} \simeq \frac{4G}{c^4} \frac{1}{R_0} \int T_{\mu\nu}(\mathbf{y}, t - \frac{R_0}{c}) d^3y$$

## Quadrupolar wave generation in linearized theory [continued]

For systems with significant self-gravity:

$$\bar{h}_{\mu\nu} \simeq \frac{4G}{c^4} \frac{1}{R_0} \int (T_{\mu\nu} + \tau_{\mu\nu}) (\mathbf{y}, t - \frac{R_0}{c}) d^3 y$$
$$t^{\mu\nu} = T^{\mu\nu} + \tau^{\mu\nu} \quad \text{and} \quad \partial_{\nu} t^{\mu\nu} = 0$$

We disregard  $\tau_{\mu\nu}$ , impose  $\partial_{\nu}T^{\mu\nu} = 0$  and show that

 $\int T_{ij} dV$  can be expressed *only* in terms of  $T^{00}$ 

## Derivation of quadrupole formula

Eq. (1):  $\frac{\partial T_{0i}}{\partial x^{i}} - \frac{\partial T_{00}}{\partial x^{0}} = 0$ Eq. (2):  $\frac{\partial T_{ji}}{\partial x^{i}} - \frac{\partial T_{j0}}{\partial x^{0}} = 0$ 

multiplying Eq. (2) by  $x^k$  and integrating on all space

$$\int x^k \frac{\partial T_{ji}}{\partial x^i} dV = \int x^k \frac{\partial T_{j0}}{\partial x^0} dV = \frac{\partial}{\partial x^0} \int x^k T_{j0} dV$$

integrating by parts the LHS and assuming that the source decays sufficiently fast at  $\infty$ 

$$-\int T_{ji}\,\delta_i^k\,dV = \frac{\partial}{\partial x^0}\int x^k\,T_{j0}dV$$

symmetrizing  $\Rightarrow \int T_{kj} dV = -\frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial}{\partial x^0} \int (x_k T_{j0} + x_j T_{k0}) dV$ 

**Derivation of quadrupole formula [continued]** 

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$$\frac{\partial T_{ji}}{\partial x^i} - \frac{\partial T_{j0}}{\partial x^0} = 0$$

multiplying Eq. (1) by  $x_k x_j$  and integrating on all space

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x^0} \int T_{00} x_k x_j dV = \int \frac{\partial T_{0i}}{\partial x^i} x_k x_j dV$$

integrating by parts the RHS and assuming that the source decays sufficiently fast at  $\infty$ 

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x^0} \int T_{00} x_k x_j dV = -\int (x_k T_{j0} + x_j T_{k0}) dV$$
  
combining  $\Rightarrow \int T_{kj} dV = \frac{1}{2c^2} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2} \int T_{00} x_k x_j dV$ 

#### Derivation of quadrupole formula [continued]

$$T^{00} = \mu c^2 \quad \Rightarrow \quad \bar{h}_{ij} = \frac{2G}{c^4} \frac{1}{R_0} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2} \int \mu x_i x_j \, dV$$

Other components of  $\bar{h}_{\mu\nu}$  are non-radiative (static) fields:

$$\bar{h}_{00} = \frac{4G}{c^2} \frac{1}{R_0} \underbrace{\int \mu dV}_{M} \qquad \bar{h}_{0k} = \frac{4G}{c^3} \frac{1}{R_0} \underbrace{\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \int \mu x_k dV}_{P}$$

In TT gauge: 
$$h_{ij}^{\mathrm{TT}} = \frac{2G}{c^4} \frac{1}{R_0} \mathcal{P}_i^k \mathcal{P}_j^l \ddot{Q}_{kl}$$

with 
$$Q_{kl} = \int d^3x \rho \, \left( x_k \, x_l - \frac{1}{3} x^2 \, \delta_{kl} \right) \qquad \mathcal{P}^{ik} = \delta^{ik} - n^i \, n^k$$

## $\bar{h}_{0k}$ component

Eq. (1): 
$$\frac{\partial T_{0i}}{\partial x^{i}} - \frac{\partial T_{00}}{\partial x^{0}} = 0$$
  
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$$\frac{\partial T_{ji}}{\partial x^{i}} - \frac{\partial T_{j0}}{\partial x^{0}} = 0$$

multiplying Eq. (1) by  $x_k$  and integrating on all space

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x^0} \int T_{00} \, x_k \, dV = \int \frac{\partial T_{0i}}{\partial x^i} \, x_k \, dV$$

integrating by parts the RHS and assuming that the source decays sufficiently fast at  $\infty$ 

$$\int T_{0k}dV = -\frac{\partial}{\partial x^0} \int T_{00} x_k dV$$

#### Total power radiated in GWs

Power radiated per unit solid angle in the direction n:

$$\begin{split} \frac{dP}{d\Omega} &= R_0^2 \, n^i \, \tau^{i0} \quad \text{with} \quad \tau^{i0} = \frac{c^4}{32\pi G} < \partial_0 \bar{h}^{\beta}_{\alpha} \, \partial_i \bar{h}^{\alpha}_{\beta} > \\ \bullet \frac{dP}{d\Omega} &= \frac{G}{8\pi c^5} \, (\dot{\ddot{Q}}_{ij} \, \epsilon^{ij})^2 \quad \text{for a given polarization} \\ \epsilon^{kk} &= 0 \quad \epsilon^{kl} \, n_k = 0 \quad \epsilon^{kl} \, \epsilon_{kl} = 0 \\ \bullet \mathcal{L}_{\text{GW}} &\equiv P = \frac{G}{5 \, c^5} \, (\dot{\ddot{Q}}_{ij})^2 \quad \text{averaging over polarizations} \end{split}$$

#### **Useful relations**

$$\overline{n_i n_j} = \frac{1}{3} \delta_{ij}$$

$$\overline{n_i n_j n_k n_l} = \frac{1}{5} (\delta_{ij} \delta_{kl} + \delta_{ik} \delta_{jl} + \delta_{il} \delta_{jk})$$

$$2 \overline{\epsilon_{ij} \epsilon_{kl}} = 2 \frac{1}{4} \{ n_i n_j n_k n_l + n_i n_j \delta_{kl} + n_k n_l \delta_{ij} - (n_i n_k \delta_{jl} + n_j n_k \delta_{il} + n_i n_l \delta_{jk} + n_j n_l \delta_{ik}) - \delta_{ij} \delta_{kl} + \delta_{ik} \delta_{jl} + \delta_{jk} \delta_{il} \}$$

#### **Comparison between GW and EM luminosity**

$$\mathcal{L}_{\rm GW} = \frac{G}{5c^5} (\ddot{Q}_{ij})^2 \qquad Q \sim \epsilon \, M \, R^2$$

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 $R \to {\rm typical}\ {\rm source's}\ {\rm dimension},\ M \to {\rm source's}\ {\rm mass},\ \epsilon \to {\rm deviation}\ {\rm from}\ {\rm sphericity}$ 

$$\dot{\ddot{Q}} \sim \omega^3 \epsilon M R^3$$
 with  $\omega \sim 1/\tau_{\text{source}} \Rightarrow \mathcal{L}_{\text{GW}} \sim \frac{G}{c^5} \epsilon^2 \omega^6 M^2 R^4$   
 $\Rightarrow \left[\frac{G}{c^5}\right]^{-1} = 3.6 \times 10^{50} \text{ ergs/sec (huge!)}$ 

• MTW evaluated that for a steel rod of M = 490 tons, R = 20 m and  $\omega \sim 28$  rad/sec the luminosity  $\mathcal{L}_{GW} \sim 10^{-22}$  ergs/sec  $\sim 10^{-55} \mathcal{L}_{sun}^{EM}$  (very tiny!)

• As Weber noticed in 1972, if we introduce  $R_S = 2GM/c^2$  and  $\omega = (v/c) (c/R)$ 

$$\mathcal{L}_{\rm GW} = \frac{c^5}{G} \epsilon^2 \left(\frac{v}{c}\right)^6 \left(\frac{R_S}{R}\right) \qquad \underbrace{\overset{\epsilon \sim 0.1}{\underset{v \sim c, R \sim R_S}{\longrightarrow}}}_{v \sim c, R \sim R_S} \quad \mathcal{L}_{\rm GW} \sim \frac{c^5}{G} \sim 10^{15} \,\mathcal{L}_{\rm sun}^{\rm EM}!$$

#### **Electromagnetic astronomy versus gravitational-wave astronomy**

#### **EM** astronomy

#### **GW** astronomy

- accelerating charges; time changing dipole
- incoherent superposition of emissions
   from electrons, atoms and molecules
- direct information about thermodynamic state
- wavelength small compared to source
- absorbed, scattered, dispersed by matter
- frequency range: 10 MHz and up

- accelerating masses; time changing quadr.
- coherent superposition of radiation
   from bulk dynamics of dense source
- direct information of system's dynamics
- wavelength large compared to source
- very small interaction with matter
- frequency range: 10 kHz and down

#### Binaries of black holes and/or neutron stars on circular orbit

Treating the two compact bodies as point particles with relative distance x and reduced mass  $\mu$ :  $x_1 = r \cos \Phi$  and  $x_2 = r \sin \Phi$ 



$$Q_{ij} = \mu \left( x_i \, x_j - \frac{1}{3} \delta_{ij} \, x^2 \right)$$

$$Q_{11} = \mu r^2 \left( \cos^2 \Phi - 1/3 \right), \qquad Q_{22} = \mu r^2 \left( \sin^2 \Phi - 1/3 \right)$$

$$Q_{33} = -\mu r^2/3, \qquad Q_{12} = \mu r^2 \sin \Phi \, \cos \Phi$$

$$\dot{\Phi} = \sqrt{\frac{GM}{r^3}} = \omega \qquad \text{[Newton law: } \omega^2 \, r = \frac{GM}{r^2}\text{]}$$

taking 3 time derivatives of  $Q \Rightarrow \mathcal{L}_{\text{GW}} = -\frac{dE}{dt} = \frac{32}{5} \frac{G^4}{c^5} \frac{\mu^2 M^3}{r^5}$ 

#### **Binary coalescence time**

$$E = \frac{1}{2}\mu v^2 - \frac{G\mu M}{r} = -\frac{G\mu M}{2r} \quad \Rightarrow \quad r = -\frac{G\mu M}{2E}$$

$$\dot{r} = \frac{dr}{dE} \frac{dE}{dt} = -\frac{64}{5} \frac{G\mu M^2}{r^3} \quad \text{integrating} \quad \Rightarrow \quad r(t) = \left(r_0^4 - \frac{256}{5} G\mu M^2 \Delta \tau_{\text{coal}}\right)^{1/4}$$

$$\text{If} \quad r(t_f) \ll r_0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad \Delta \tau_{\text{coal}} = \frac{5}{256} \frac{r_0^4}{G\mu M^2}$$

#### **Examples:**

- LIGO/VIRGO/GEO/TAMA source:  $M = (10 + 10)M_{\odot}$  at  $r_0 \sim 500$  km,  $f_{\rm GW} \sim 40$ Hz,  $T_0 \sim 0.05$ sec  $\Rightarrow \Delta \tau_{\rm coal} \sim 1$  sec
- LISA source:  $M = (10^6 + 10^6) M_{\odot}$  at  $r_0 \sim 200 \times 10^6$  km,  $f_{\rm GW} \sim 4.5 \times 10^{-5}$  Hz,  $T_0 \sim 11$  hours  $\Rightarrow \Delta \tau_{\rm coal} \sim 1$  year

## **GW** radiated in non-precessing binaries in eccentric orbits

From Peters 64:

e

$$-\frac{dE}{dt} = \frac{32}{5} \frac{G^4}{c^5} \frac{m_1^2 m_2^2 M}{a^5 (1 - e^2)^{7/2}} \left( 1 + \frac{73}{24} e^2 + \frac{37}{96} e^4 \right) \qquad a = \frac{r_1 + r_2}{2}$$
  

$$\rightarrow \quad \text{eccentricity} \qquad a \quad \rightarrow \quad \text{semimajor axis}$$

## Indirect observation of gravitational wav

Neutron Binary System: PSR 1913 +16 - Timing Pulsars

Hulse & Taylor discovery (1974)

Separated by  $\sim 10^6$  Km,  $m_1 = 1.4 M_{\odot}$ ,  $m_2 = 1.36 M_{\odot}$ , e = 0.617



- Prediction from GR: rate of change of orbital period
- Emission of gravitational waves:
  - due to loss of orbital energy
  - orbital decay in very good agreement with GR

#### **Gravitational waves from compact binaries**

- GW signal: "chirp" [duration ~ seconds to years] ( $f_{\rm GW} \sim 10^{-4} \, {\rm Hz-1 kHz}$ )
- NS/NS, NS/BH and BH/BH
- MACHO binaries ( $m < 1 M_{\odot}$ ) [MACHOs in galaxy halos  $\lesssim 3-5\%$ ]



#### Inspiral signals are "chirps"

- Mass-quadrupole approximation:  $h_{ij}^{\mathrm{TT}} = \frac{2G}{R_0c^4} \mathcal{P}_i^k \mathcal{P}_j^l \ddot{Q}_{kl}$
- $Q_{kl} = \int d^3x \,\rho \left( x_k \, x_l r^2 \,\delta_{kl} \right)$  $h_{
  m GW} \propto \omega^{2/3} \cos 2\Phi$ for quasi-circular orbits:  $\omega^2 = \dot{\Phi}^2 = \frac{GM}{r^3}$  $\dot{\omega} \propto \omega^{11/3}$ chirp Chirp: The signal continuously changes its frequency and the power emitted

at any frequency is very small!

 $h \sim rac{M^{5/3} \, f_{
m GW}^{2/3}}{R_{
m O}} ~~{
m for}~ f_{
m GW} \sim 100$  Hz,  $M = 20 M_{\odot}$  $R_0$  at 100 Mpc  $\Rightarrow h \sim 10^{-21}$ 



#### Radial potential in black-hole spacetime





## Gravitational waves from stellar collapse

• GW signal: "bursts" [~ few mseconds] or (quasi) "periodic" ( $f_{\rm GW} \sim 1 \, \rm kHz-10 \, kHz$ ) Supernovae:

- Non-axisymmetric core collapse
- Material in the stellar core may form a rapidly rotating bar-like structure
- Collapse material may fragment into clumps which orbit as the collapse proceeds
- Pulsation modes of new-born NS; ring-down of new-born BH

#### Dynamics of star very complicated

- GW amplitude and frequency estimated using mass- and current-quadrupole moments
- Numerical simulations

Correlations with neutrino flux and/or EM counterparts Event rates in our galaxy and its companions  $\lesssim 30$  yrs

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## Gravitational-wave strain from non-axisymmetric collapse

$$h_{\rm GW} \simeq 2 \times 10^{-17} \sqrt{\eta_{\rm eff}} \left(\frac{1\,{\rm msec}}{\tau}\right)^{1/2} \left(\frac{M}{M_{\odot}}\right)^{1/2} \left(\frac{10\,{\rm kpc}}{R_0}\right) \left(\frac{1\,{\rm kHz}}{f_{\rm GW}}\right)$$

 $\tau \rightarrow$  duration of emission

efficiency 
$$\eta_{\text{eff}} = \frac{\Delta E}{M c^2} \sim 10^{-10} - 10^{-7}$$

Gravitational waves from spinning neutron stars: pulsars

• GW signal: (quasi) "periodic"  $(f_{GW} \sim 10 \text{ Hz}-1 \text{ kHz})$ Pulsars: non-zero ellipticity (or oblateness)

$$h_{\rm GW} \simeq 7.7 \times 10^{-26} \left(\frac{\epsilon}{10^{-6}}\right) \left(\frac{I_{33}}{10^{45}\,{\rm g\,cm^2}}\right) \left(\frac{10\,{\rm kpc}}{R_0}\right) \left(\frac{f_{\rm GW}}{1\,{\rm kHz}}\right)^2$$

$$\epsilon = \frac{I_{11} - I_{22}}{I_{33}} \rightarrow \text{ellipticity}$$

-The crust contributes only 10% of total moment of inertia  $\Rightarrow \epsilon_C$  is low -Magnetic fields could induce stresses and generate  $\epsilon_M \neq 0$ 

**Expected ellipticity rather low**  $\leq 10^{-7}$ 

- search for known spinning neutron stars: Vela, Crab, ...
- all sky search

## **Gravitational waves from pulsars and planets !**

- Body rotating rigidly around the  $x_3$ -axis with angular frequency  $\Omega$  $\{x_1', x_2', x_3'\}$  coordinate system fixed to the body  $x_1 = x_1' \cos \Omega t - x_2' \sin \Omega t$  $x_2 = x_1' \sin \Omega t + x_2' \cos \Omega t$  $Q_{ij} = \int \rho x_i x_j d^3 x$  and  $I_{ij} = \int \rho x'_i x'_j d^3 x'$  $Q_{11} = \frac{1}{2} (I_{11} + I_{22}) + \frac{1}{2} (I_{11} - I_{22}) \cos 2\Omega t$  $Q_{22} = \frac{1}{2} \left( I_{11} + I_{22} \right) + \frac{1}{2} \left( I_{22} - I_{11} \right) \cos 2\Omega t$  $Q_{33} = I_{33}, Q_{13} = Q_{23} = 0$  $h \sim \frac{2\Omega^2}{R_0} (I_{11} - I_{22}) \cos 2\Omega t$   $\epsilon \equiv (I_{11} - I_{22})/I_{33}$ X<sub>2</sub>
- Body fixed at distance  $r(I_{11} = mr^2, \epsilon = 0) \Rightarrow$

 $P = \frac{32G}{5c^5} \Omega^6 m^2 r^4 \sim 50$  ergs/sec for Jupiter!

#### Sources for first generation ground-based detectors



#### Supermassive black-hole binaries and LISA

![](_page_27_Figure_3.jpeg)

#### **GWs in curved space-time**

- $S = \frac{1}{16\pi G_N} \int d^4x \sqrt{|g|} \mathcal{R} + S_{\text{matter}}$
- Isotropic and spatially homogenous FLRW background

$$ds^{2} = g_{\mu\nu} \, dx^{\mu} \, dx^{\nu} = -dt^{2} + a^{2}(t) \, d\vec{x}^{2} = a^{2}(\eta) \left( -d\eta^{2} + d\vec{x}^{2} \right)$$

• Metric perturbations  $(\delta g_{\mu\nu} = h_{\mu\nu})$ :

$$h_k''(\eta) + \frac{2a'}{a} h_k'(\eta) + k^2 h_k(\eta) = 0$$

Introducing the "canonical field"  $\psi_k(\eta) = a h_k(\eta)$  :

$$\psi_k'' + \left[k^2 - U(\eta)\right] \psi_k = 0 \qquad U(\eta) = \frac{a''}{a}$$

#### Semiclassical point of view

Introducing the "canonical field"  $\psi_k(\eta) = a h_k(\eta)$  :

 $\psi_k'' + \left[k^2 - U(\eta)\right] \psi_k = 0 \qquad U(\eta) = \frac{a''}{a}$ 

"deSitter-like" inflationary era:  $a = -1/(\eta H_{dS}) \left[ |U(\eta)| \sim 1/\eta^2, (a H_{dS}) \sim 1/\eta \right]$ 

- If  $k^2 \gg |U(\eta)|$   $[k\eta \gg 1, k/a \gg H_{dS}, \lambda_{phys} \ll H_{dS}^{-1} \rightarrow \text{the mode is inside the Hubble radius}]$  $\psi_k \sim e^{\pm ik \eta} \Rightarrow h_k \sim \frac{1}{a} e^{-ik \eta}$
- If  $k^2 \ll |U(\eta)|$ :  $[k\eta \ll 1, k/a \ll H_{dS}, \lambda_{phys} \gg H_{dS}^{-1} \rightarrow \text{the mode is outside the Hubble radius}]$  $\psi_k \sim a \left[A_k + B_k \int \frac{d\eta}{a^2(\eta)}\right] \Rightarrow h_k \sim A_k + B_k \int \frac{d\eta}{a^2(\eta)}$

# Amplification of quantum-vacuum fluctuations: semiclassical point of view

![](_page_30_Figure_3.jpeg)

## **Example: Slow-roll inflation**

#### • Too low to be detected by first generations GW interferometers

 $h_0^2 \Omega_{\rm GW} = \frac{1}{\rho_c} \frac{d\rho_{\rm GW}}{d\log f}$ 

![](_page_31_Figure_5.jpeg)

## **Example: Slow-roll inflation**

• Might be detected from polarization of CMB

![](_page_32_Figure_4.jpeg)