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GRAVITATIONAL WAVES FROM COMPACT BINARIES

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Gravitational waves from compact binaries

The binary pulsar PSR 1913+16





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- The pulsar PSR 1913+16 is a rapidly rotating neutron star emitting radio waves like a lighthouse toward the Earth.
- This pulsar moves on a (quasi-)Keplerian close orbit around an unseen companion, probably another neutron star

The orbital decay of the binary pulsar [Taylor & Weisberg 1989]



Prediction from general relativity theory

$$\dot{P} = -\frac{192\pi}{5c^5} \frac{\mu}{M} \left(\frac{2\pi G M}{P}\right)^{5/3} \frac{1 + \frac{73}{24}e^2 + \frac{37}{96}e^4}{(1 - e^2)^{7/2}} \approx -2.4 \times 10^{-12}$$

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Gravitational waves from compact binaries

The inspiral and merger of compact binaries



Neutron stars spiral and coalesce



Black holes spiral and coalesce

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- Neutron star ($M = 1.4 M_{\odot}$) events will be detected by ground-based detectors LIGO/VIRGO/GEO
- Stellar size black hole (5 $M_{\odot} ≤ M ≤ 20 M_{\odot}$) events will also be detected by ground-based detectors
- Supermassive black hole $(10^5 M_{\odot} \lesssim M \lesssim 10^8 M_{\odot})$ events will be detected by the space-based detector LISA

Supermassive black-hole coalescences as detected by LISA



When two galaxies collide their central supermassive black holes may form a bound binary system which will spiral and coalesce. LISA will be able to detect the gravitational waves emitted by such enormous events anywhere in the Universe

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Gravitational waves from compact binaries

Extreme mass ratio inspirals (EMRI) for LISA



- A neutron star or a stellar black hole follows a highly relativistic orbit around a supermassive black hole. The gravitational waves generated by the orbital motion are computed using black hole perturbation theory
- Observations of EMRIs will permit to test the no-hair theorem for black holes, i.e. to verify that the central black hole is described by the Kerr geometry

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POST-NEWTONIAN TEMPLATES FOR BINARY INSPIRAL

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The two-body problem in General Relativity



Two black holes on an hyperbolic-like orbit

The solution of the two-body problem in General Relativity would consist of a space-time manifold describing

- Two black holes on an initial hyperbolic-like (scattering) orbit
- The formation of a bounded binary system by emission of gravitational radiation
- The long inspiral phase where the black holes gradually come close to each other
- The detailed process of merger of the two black hole horizons
- The emission of quasi-normal mode radiation by the final object untill the formation of a stationary (Kerr) black hole

Methods to compute gravitational-wave templates



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PN methods applied to Inspiralling Compact Binaries



The orbital phase $\phi(t)$ should be monitored in LIGO/VIRGO with precision $\delta\phi\sim\pi$

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ascending node

$$\phi(t) = \phi_0 \underbrace{-\frac{1}{\nu} \left(\frac{GM\omega}{c^3}\right)^{-5/3}}_{\text{result of the quadrupole formalism}} \left\{ 1 \underbrace{+\frac{1\text{PN}}{c^2} + \frac{1.5\text{PN}}{c^3} + \dots + \frac{3\text{PN}}{c^6} + \dots}_{\text{needs to be computed with 3PN precision}} \right\}$$

Short history of the PN approximation

Equations of motion

- 1PN equations of motion [Lorentz & Droste 1917; Einstein, Infeld & Hoffmann 1938]
- Radiation-reaction controvercy [Ehlers et al 1979; Walker & Will 1982]
- 2.5PN equations of motion and GR prediction for the binary pulsar [Damour & Deruelle 1982, Damour 1983]
- The 3mn Caltech paper [Cutler, Flanagan, Poisson, Thorne 1993]
- 3.5PN equations of motion [Jaranowski & Schäfer 1999; LB & Faye 2001; Andrade, LB & Faye 2002; Itoh & Futamase 2003; Foffa & Sturani 2010]
- Ambiguity parameters resolved

[Damour, Jaranowski & Schäfer 2001; LB,

Damour & Esposito-Farèse 2003]

Radiation field

- 1918 Einstein quadrupole formula
- 1940 Landau-Lifchitz formula
- 1960 Peters-Mathews formula
- Epstein-Wagoner-Thorne moments [Thorne 1980]
- 1PN wave generation [Wagoner & Will 1976; LB & Schäfer 1989]
- Blanchet-Damour moments [LB & Damour 1989; LB 1995, 1998]
- 2PN wave generation [LB, Damour, Iyer, Will & Wiseman 1995]
- 3.5PN wave generation [LB, Iyer & Joguet 2002; LB, Faye, Iyer & Joguet 2003]
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Post-Newtonian templates for binary inspiral

Post-Newtonian equations of motion



- The EOM reduce in the test-mass limit to the geodesic equations of Schwarzschild metric
- They are derivable from a Lagrangian/Hamiltonian formalism (when the gravitational radiation reaction is neglected)
- Solution They are invariant under a global Lorentz-Poincaré transformation

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Two equivalent PN wave generation formalisms

The field equations are integrated in the exterior of an extended PN source by means of a multipolar expansion

BD multipole moments [LB & Damour 1989; LB 1995, 1998]

$$M_L^{\mu\nu}(t) = \operatorname{Finite}_{B=0} \operatorname{Part} \int \mathrm{d}^3 x \, x_L \, \overline{\tau}^{\mu\nu}(\mathbf{x}, t)$$

WW multipole moments [Will & Wiseman 1996]

$$W_L^{\mu\nu}(t) = \int_{\mathcal{M}} \mathrm{d}^3 x \, x_L \, \overline{\tau}^{\mu\nu}(\mathbf{x}, t)$$



These formalisms solved the long-standing problem of divergencies in the PN expansion for general extended sources

The gravitational chirp of compact binaries



The waveform is obtained by matching a high-order post-Newtonian waveform describing the long inspiralling phase and a highly accurate numerical waveform describing the final merger and ringdown phases

POST-NEWTONIAN VERSUS SELF-FORCE PREDICTIONS

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General problem of the self-force

- A particle is moving on a background space-time
- Its own stress-energy tensor modifies the background gravitational field
- Because of the "back-reaction" the motion of the particle deviates from a background geodesic hence the appearance of a self force



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The self acceleration of the particle is proportional to its mass

$$\frac{\mathrm{D}\bar{u}^{\mu}}{\mathrm{d}\tau} = f^{\mu} = \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{m_1}{m_2}\right)$$

The gravitational self force includes both dissipative (radiation reaction) and conservative effects.

Self-force in perturbation theory

The space-time metric $g_{\mu\nu}$ is decomposed as a background metric $\bar{g}_{\mu\nu}$ plus

 $h_{\mu\nu} =$ linearized parturbation of the background space-time

The field equation in an harmonic gauge reads

$$\Box h^{\mu\nu} + 2R^{\mu\nu}_{\rho\sigma} h^{\rho\sigma} = -16\pi T^{\mu\nu}$$



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Green function responsible for the self-force [Detweiler & Whiting 2003]

The symmetric Green function is defined by the prescription

$$G_{\rm S} = \frac{1}{2} \left[G + G_{\rm ret} - H \right]$$

where H is homogeneous solution of the wave equation

- G_S is symmetric under a time reversal hence corresponds to stationary waves at infinity and does not produce a reaction force on the particle
- It has the same divergent behavior as $G_{\rm ret}$ on the particle's worldline
- It is non zero only when x and z are related by a space-like interval

The radiative Green function responsible for the self force is

$$\underset{\mathsf{R}}{G}(x,z) = \underset{\mathsf{ret}}{G}(x,z) - \underset{\mathsf{S}}{G}(x,z) = \frac{1}{2} \left[\underset{\mathsf{ret}}{G} - \underset{\mathsf{adv}}{G} + H \right]$$

Computation of the self-force [Mino, Sasaki & Tanaka 1997; Quinn & Wald 1997]

The metric perturbation is decomposed as

$$h_{\mu\nu} = \underset{\mathsf{S}}{h}_{\mu\nu} + \underset{\mathsf{R}}{h}_{\mu\nu}$$

where the particular solution $h_{\rm S}^{\mu\nu}$ (symmetric in a time reversal) diverges on the particle's location, but where the homogeneous solution $h_{\rm R}^{\mu\nu}$ is regular

(2) The self-force f^{μ} is computed from the geodesic motion with respect to

$$g_{\mu\nu}^{\mathsf{SF}} = \bar{g}_{\mu\nu} + \underset{\mathsf{R}}{h}_{\mu\nu}$$

- The divergence on the particle's trajectory due to G_S can be renormalized in a redefinition of the particle's mass
- The result agrees with the MiSaTaQuWa expression of the self-force

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Common regime of validity of SF and PN



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Why and how comparing PN and SF predictions?

Both the PN and SF approaches use a self-field regularization for point particles followed by a renormalization. However, the prescription are very different

- SF theory is based on a prescription for the Green function G_R that is at once regular and causal [Detweiler & Whiting 2003]
- **②** PN theory uses dimensional regularization and it was shown that subtle issues appear at the 3PN order due to the appearance of poles $\propto (d-3)^{-1}$

How can we make a meaningful comparison?

- **1** To restrict attention to the conservative part of the dynamics
- It o find a gauge-invariant observable computable in both formalisms

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Post-Newtonian versus self-force predictions

Circular orbits admit a helical Killing vector



Choice of a gauge-invariant observable [Detweiler 2008]

 For exactly circular orbits the geometry admits a helical Killing vector with

 $k^{\mu}\partial_{\mu} = \partial_t + \Omega \, \partial_{arphi}$ (asymptotically)

The four-velocity of the particle is necessarily tangent to the Killing vector hence

$$u_1^\mu = u_1^T k_1^\mu$$

 The relation u₁^T(Ω) is well-defined in both PN and SF approaches and is gauge-invariant



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Post-Newtonian calculation

In a coordinate system such that $k^{\mu}\partial_{\mu} = \partial_t + \Omega \partial_{\varphi}$ everywhere this invariant quantity reduces to the zero component of the particle's four-velocity,



One needs a self-field regularization

- Hadamard regularization will yield an ambiguity at 3PN order
- Dimensional regularization will be free of any ambiguity at 3PN order

High-order post-Newtonian result [LB, Detweiler, Le Tiec & Whiting 2010]

• The result is expressed in terms of $x = \left(\frac{GM\Omega}{c^3}\right)^{3/2}$ as

$$u^{T} = \underbrace{1 + A_{0} x + A_{1} x^{2}}_{4PN} + \underbrace{\left[A_{4} + B_{4} \ln x\right] x^{5}}_{5PN} + \underbrace{\left[A_{5} + B_{5} \ln x\right] x^{6}}_{5PN} + o(x^{6})$$

• The coefficients depend on mass ratios $u=m_1m_2/M^2$, $\Delta=(m_1-m_2)/M$

$$\begin{array}{rcl} {\cal A}_{3} & = & \displaystyle \frac{2835}{256} + \frac{2835}{256} \Delta - \left[\frac{2183}{48} - \frac{41}{64} \pi^{2} \right] \nu + {\rm other \ terms} \\ {\cal B}_{4} & = & \displaystyle -\frac{32}{5} \nu (1 + \Delta) + \frac{64}{15} \nu^{2} \\ {\cal B}_{5} & = & \displaystyle \frac{478}{105} \nu (1 + \Delta) + {\rm other \ terms} \end{array}$$

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High-order PN prediction for the self-force

• We re-expand in the small mass-ratio limit $q=m_1/m_2\ll 1$ so that

$$u^T = u^T_{\text{Schw}} + \underbrace{q \, u^T_{\text{SF}}}_{\text{self-force}} + \underbrace{q^2 \, u^T_{\text{PSF}}}_{\text{post-self-force}} + \mathcal{O}(q^3)$$

• Posing
$$y = \left(\frac{Gm_2\Omega}{c^3}\right)^{3/2}$$
 we find

$$u_{\rm SF}^{T} = -y - 2y^{2} - 5y^{3} + \underbrace{\left(-\frac{121}{3} + \frac{41}{32}\pi^{2}\right)y^{4}}_{4PN} + \underbrace{\left(\frac{a_{4} + \frac{64}{5}\ln y}{y}\right)y^{5}}_{5PN} + \underbrace{\left(\frac{a_{5} - \frac{956}{105}\ln y}{y}\right)y^{6}}_{5PN} + o(y^{6})$$

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High-order PN fit to the numerical self-force

• Post-Newtonian coefficients are fitted up to 7PN order

PN coefficient	SF value
a_4	-114.34747(5)
a_5	-245.53(1)
a_6	-695(2)
b_6	+339.3(5)
a_7	-5837(16)

• The 3PN prediction agrees with the SF value with 7 significant digits

3PN value	SF fit
$a_3 = -\frac{121}{3} + \frac{41}{32}\pi^2 = -27.6879026\cdots$	$-27.6879034 \pm 0.0000004$

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Comparison between PN and SF predictions



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Komar like integral for helical symmetric space-times

Space-time with helical Killing vector

$$k^{\alpha} = t^{\mu} + \Omega \phi^{\mu}$$

The ADM mass and angular momentum are given by surface integrals at infinity

$$M = -\frac{1}{8\pi} \lim_{r \to \infty} \oint_{S_r} \nabla^{\mu} t^{\nu} \, \mathrm{d}S_{\mu\nu}$$
$$J = \frac{1}{16\pi} \lim_{r \to \infty} \oint_{S_r} \nabla^{\mu} \phi^{\nu} \, \mathrm{d}S_{\mu\nu}$$



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Using the Einstein field equations for a smooth matter distribution we get

$$M - 2\Omega J = 2 \int_{\Sigma} \left(T_{\alpha\beta} - \frac{1}{2} T g_{\alpha\beta} \right) n^{\alpha} k^{\beta} \sqrt{\gamma} \, \mathrm{d}^3 x$$

First law of perfect fluid mechanics [Friedman, Uryū & Shibata 2002]

Compare two nearby solutions of the Einstein field equations with Killing vector k^{μ} , corresponding to slightly different matter configurations:

$$\delta M - \Omega \delta J = -\int_{\Sigma} \Delta \left(\mathrm{d}\Sigma_{\mu} T^{\mu}{}_{\nu} \right) k^{\nu} + \frac{1}{2} \int_{\Sigma} \mathrm{d}\Sigma_{\mu} k^{\mu} T^{\rho\sigma} \Delta g_{\rho\sigma}$$

where Δ denotes the Lagrangian variation of the matter fluid.

Generalized law of perfect fluid and black hole mechanics [Friedman, Uryū & Shibata 2002]

$$\delta M - \Omega \delta J = \int_{\Sigma} \left[\bar{\mu} \,\Delta(\mathrm{d}m) + \bar{T} \,\Delta(\mathrm{d}S) + w^{\mu} \Delta(\mathrm{d}C_{\mu}) \right] + \sum_{n} \frac{\kappa_{n}}{8\pi} \,\delta A_{n}$$

where dm is the conserved baryonic mass element, and where $\overline{T} = zT$ and $\overline{\mu} = z(h - Ts)$ are the redshifted temperature and chemical potential.

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PN derivation of the first law [Le Tiec, LB & Whiting 2012]

- The ADM mass M and angular momentum J of the circular-orbit binary are computed through 3PN order augmented by 4PN and 5PN logarithmic contributions
- $\textcircled{O} We explicitly check through 3PN + 4PN/5PN_{log} that they obey the relation$

$$\frac{\partial M}{\partial \Omega} = \Omega \, \frac{\partial J}{\partial \Omega}$$

used in computations of the binary evolution based on a sequence of quasi-equilibrium configurations [Gourgoulhon *et al* 2002]

(a) However we find that they are also related to Detweiler's redshift observables $z_1 = 1/u_1^T$ and $z_2 = 1/u_2^T$ by

$$\frac{\partial M}{\partial m_1} - \Omega \frac{\partial J}{\partial m_1} = z_1$$
$$\frac{\partial M}{\partial m_2} - \Omega \frac{\partial J}{\partial m_2} = z_2$$

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First law of binary point particle mechanics [Le Tiec, LB & Whiting 2012]

• These relations can be summarized in the first law of binary binary point-particles (modelling binary black holes) mechanics

 $\delta M - \Omega \,\delta J = z_1 \,\delta m_1 + z_2 \,\delta m_2$

- The first law tells how the ADM quantities change when the individual masses m_1 and m_2 of the particles vary (keeping the frequency Ω fixed)
- An interesting consequence of the first law is the remarkably simple relation

$$M - 2\Omega J = m_1 z_1 + m_2 z_2$$

• There is complete agreement with the generalized law of fluid and black hole mechanics [Friedman, Uryū & Shibata 2002] and the Komar integral of the first law

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Higher PN terms in the binary's energy

The first law can be used to compute new PN coefficients in the binary's binding energy $E=M-m_1-m_2$

$$E = -\frac{1}{2} m \nu x \left\{ 1 + \left(-\frac{3}{4} - \frac{\nu}{12} \right) x + \left(-\frac{27}{8} + \frac{19}{8} \nu - \frac{\nu^2}{24} \right) x^2 + \left(-\frac{675}{64} + \left[\frac{34445}{576} - \frac{205}{96} \pi^2 \right] \nu - \frac{155}{96} \nu^2 - \frac{35}{5184} \nu^3 \right) x^3 + \left(-\frac{3969}{128} + \nu e_4(\nu) + \frac{448}{15} \nu \ln x \right) x^4 + \left(-\frac{45927}{512} + \nu e_5(\nu) + \left[-\frac{4988}{35} - 6565\nu \right] \nu \ln x \right) x^5 + \left(-\frac{264627}{1024} + \nu e_6(\nu) + \nu e_6^{\ln}(\nu) \ln x \right) x^6 \right\}$$

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Conclusions

- Compact binary star systems are the most important source for gravitational wave detectors LIGO/VIRGO and LISA
- Post-Newtonian theory has proved to be the appropriate tool for describing the inspiral phase of compact binaries up to the ISCO
- The 3.5PN templates should be sufficient for detection and analysis of neutron star binary inspirals in LIGO/VIRGO
- For massive BH binaries the PN templates should be matched to the results of numerical relativity for the merger and ringdown phases
- The PN approximation is now tested against different approaches such as the SF and performs extremely well.

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