

# ONDES GRAVITATIONNELLES

- propagation des O.G. & états de polarisation
- effet d'une O.G. sur la matière
- génération des O.G.
- formules du quadrupole d'Einstein
- pulsar binaires et binaires compactes spirantes

# Gravitational waves from isolated systems

$$h^{\mu\nu} = \sqrt{-g} g^{\mu\nu} - h^{\mu\nu}$$

small perturbation around Minkowski metric

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

ordinary flat

$$\text{d'Alembertian } \square = \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2}$$

pseudo stress-energy tensor (actually Lorentz tensor)  
of matter and gravitational field in harmonic coordinates

To solve this equation we need to impose boundary conditions at infinity, saying that the source of GW is isolated from other sources in the Universe.

Boundary conditions are imposed at past null infinity

In GR one defines the spatio-temporal infinities

$$I^+ = \text{future temporal infinity } (t \rightarrow +\infty, r = \text{const})$$

$$J^+ = \text{future null infinity } (r \rightarrow +\infty, t - r/c = \text{const})$$

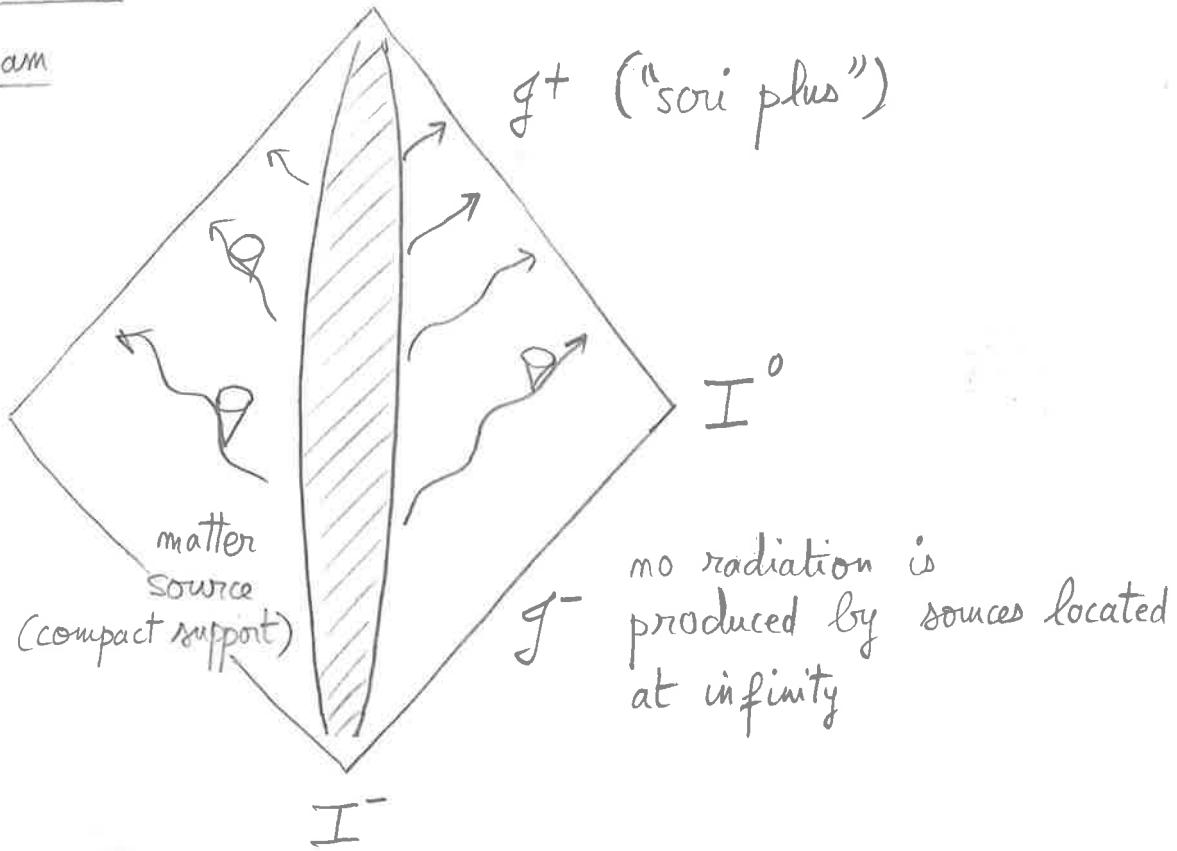
$$I^0 = \text{spatial infinity } (r \rightarrow \infty, t = \text{const})$$

$$J^- = \text{past null infinity } (r \rightarrow +\infty, t + r/c = \text{const})$$

$$I^- = \text{past temporal infinity } (t \rightarrow -\infty, r = \text{const})$$

# Carter-Penrose

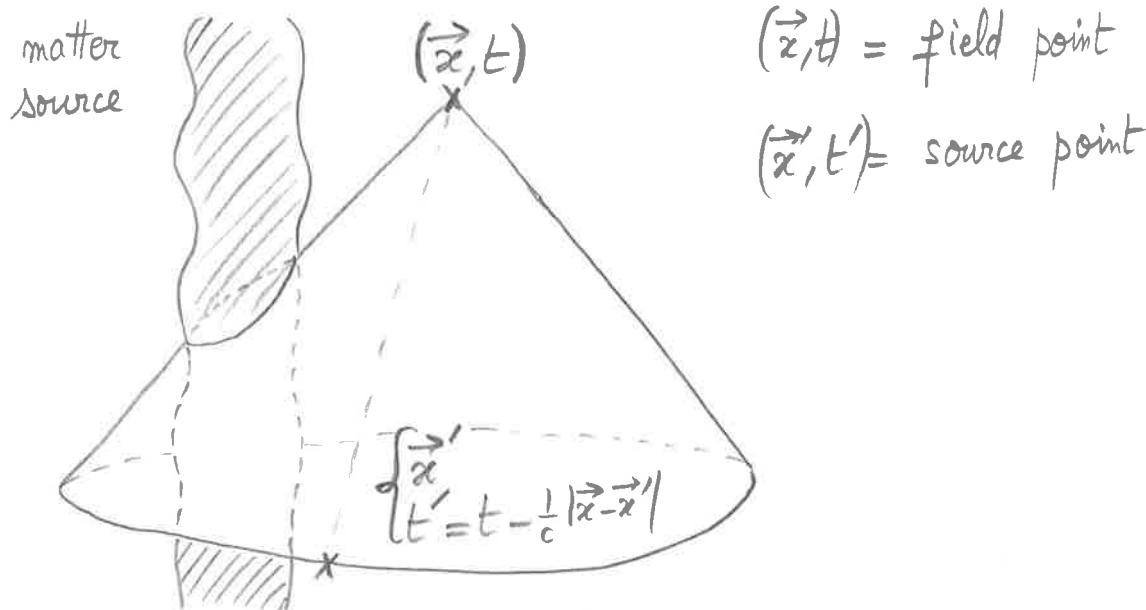
diagram



Kirchhoff's formula for the homogeneous sol. of

$$\square h_{\text{Hom}} = 0$$

$$h_{\text{Hom}}(\vec{x}, t) = \lim_{|\vec{x}'| \rightarrow \infty} \int \frac{d\Omega'}{4\pi} \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial r} + \frac{1}{c} \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \right) (r h_{\text{Hom}})(\vec{x}', t - \frac{|\vec{x} - \vec{x}'|}{c})$$



No-incoming rad. cond. is

$$\lim_{g^-} \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial r} + \frac{1}{c} \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \right) (r h^{\mu\nu}) = 0$$

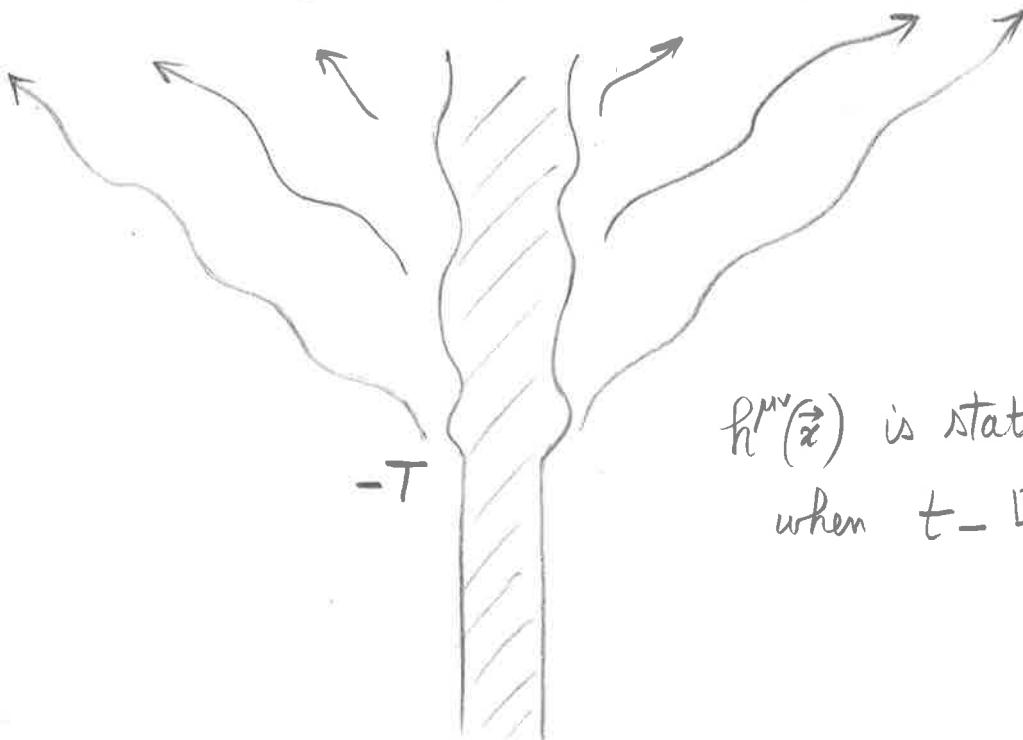
This excludes advanced waves  $r h_{\text{adv}} \sim f(t+r/c)$  at  $g^-$

Einstein field eqs. can be solved (in an iterative way) by means of standard retarded integral in 3+1 dimensions

$$h^{\mu\nu}(\vec{x}, t) = -\frac{4G}{c^4} \iiint \frac{d^3 \vec{x}'}{|\vec{x} - \vec{x}'|} T^{\mu\nu}(\vec{x}', t - \frac{1}{c} |\vec{x} - \vec{x}'|)$$

Note this is in fact an integro-differential equation because  $T^{\mu\nu}$  depends on  $h, \partial h, \partial^2 h$

Stationarity in the past (simple way to implement the no-incoming rad. condition)



$h^{\mu\nu}(\vec{x})$  is stationary (ind. of  $t$ )  
when  $t - \frac{|\vec{x}|}{c} \leq -T$

## Linearized GWs in vacuum

$$\begin{cases} \square h^{\mu\nu} = 0 \\ \partial_\nu h^{\mu\nu} = 0 \end{cases} \quad (\text{we neglect } O(h^2))$$

Gauge transformation preserving the harmonic cond.  $\partial h = 0$

$$h'^{\mu\nu} = h^{\mu\nu} + \partial^\mu \xi^\nu + \partial^\nu \xi^\mu - u^\mu \partial_\rho \xi^\rho$$

$$\text{where } \square \xi^\mu = 0$$

Fourier decomposition

$$h^{\mu\nu}(x) = \int d^4k H^{\mu\nu}(k) e^{ik_\lambda x^\lambda}$$

↑  
Fourier amplitude of  
monochromatic wave  $k_\lambda = \begin{pmatrix} \text{wave} \\ \text{vector} \end{pmatrix}$

$$k^2 = g_{\mu\nu} k^\mu k^\nu = 0$$

$$k_\nu H^{\mu\nu} = 0$$

Can perform a gauge transf.

$$\text{with any } \xi^\mu(x) = \int d^4k \xi^\mu(k) e^{ik \cdot x}$$

TT coordinates  $u^\mu$  four-vector constant (independent of  $x$ )

and not orthogonal to  $k_\mu$  (i.e.  $u_\mu k^\mu \neq 0$ ) for instance

$u^\mu$  = four velocity of an observer (time-like)

There exists a gauge such that (at once)

$$\boxed{u_\nu H^{\mu\nu} = 0}$$

$$H \equiv h_{\mu\nu} H^{\mu\nu} = 0$$

$\leftarrow$  transverse (T) condition

$\leftarrow$  traceless (T) condition

Proof: perform a gauge transf. in Fourier domain

$$H^{\mu\nu} = H_0^{\mu\nu} + i k^\mu \epsilon^\nu + i k^\nu \epsilon^\mu - i h^{\mu\nu} k_\rho \epsilon^\rho$$

Then TT conditions are satisfied with gauge vector

$$\epsilon^\mu = \frac{i}{(u k)} \left[ u_\nu \bar{H}_0^{\mu\nu} - \frac{k^\mu}{2(u k)} u_\rho u_\sigma \bar{H}_0^{\rho\sigma} \right]$$

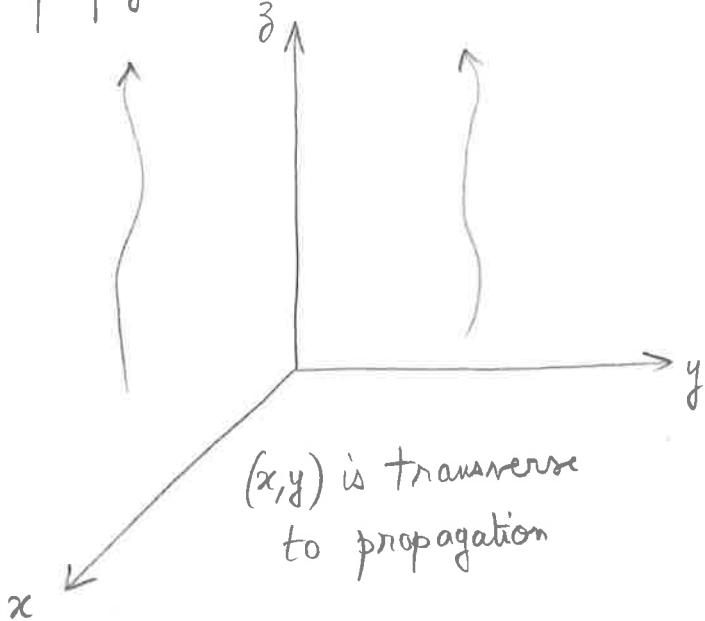
$$\text{where } \bar{H}_0^{\mu\nu} = H_0^{\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{2} h^{\mu\nu} H_0$$

$$\boxed{10 - 4 - (4-1) - 1 = 2 \text{ independent components of } H^{\mu\nu}}$$

2 polarization states

$u^\mu = (1, \vec{0})$  in rest frame of observer

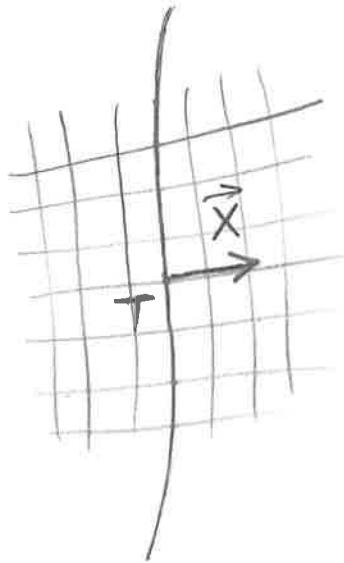
propagation in z-direction



$$h_{\mu\nu}^{TT} = \begin{pmatrix} t & x & y & z \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & h_+(t-z/c) & h_x(t-z/c) & 0 \\ 0 & h_x(t-z/c) & -h_+(t-z/c) & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

## Action of GWs on matter

central geodesics ( $X^i = 0$ )



Fermi coordinates  $(X^i, T)$  in the neighborhood of central geodesics  
 $T = \text{proper time along central geodesics}$

$$g_{\mu\nu}(\vec{x}, T) = h_{\mu\nu} + \underbrace{F_{\mu\nu ij}(T)}_{\text{function of time } T} X^i X^j + \mathcal{O}(|\vec{x}|^3)$$

Geodesic equ. in vicinity of central geodesic ( $|\vec{x}| \ll \lambda^{GW}$ )

$$\frac{d^2 X^i}{dT^2} = -c^2 \frac{\partial R_{00}^i}{\partial X^j}(T, \vec{o}) X^j = -c^2 R_{.0j0}^i(T, \vec{o}) X^j$$

(to first order in  $X^i$ )

Riemann in Fermi coord.  
 $(-c^2 R_{.0j0}^i$  is a relativistic version of the tidal tensor  $\partial_i \partial_j U$ )

$$R_{.0j0}^i = \frac{\partial X^i}{\partial x^\lambda} \frac{\partial x^\mu}{\partial X^0} \dots R_{.0j0}^{TT} \approx R_{.0j0}^{TT} \approx -\frac{1}{2c^2} \frac{\partial^2 h_{ij}^{TT}}{\partial t^2}$$

Riemann in TT coordinates

$$\frac{d^2 X^i}{dT^2} = \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial^2 h_{ij}^{TT}}{\partial t^2}(T, \vec{o}) X^j$$

acceleration in Fermi coord.

wave form in TT coord. evaluated on central geodesic

$$X^i(T) = X^i(0) + \frac{1}{2} h_{ij}^{TT}(T, \vec{o}) X^j(0)$$

position before passage of GW

(to first order in  $h$ )

## Quadrupole moment formalism

Matter source is

- isolated ( $T^{\mu\nu}$  has a compact support)

- post-Newtonian

$$\varepsilon \approx \frac{v}{c} \ll 1$$

- self-gravitating: internal motion is due to gravitational forces

$$\gamma \sim \frac{v^2}{a} \sim \frac{GM}{a^2} \quad \begin{aligned} a &= \text{size of source} \\ M &= \text{its mass} \end{aligned}$$

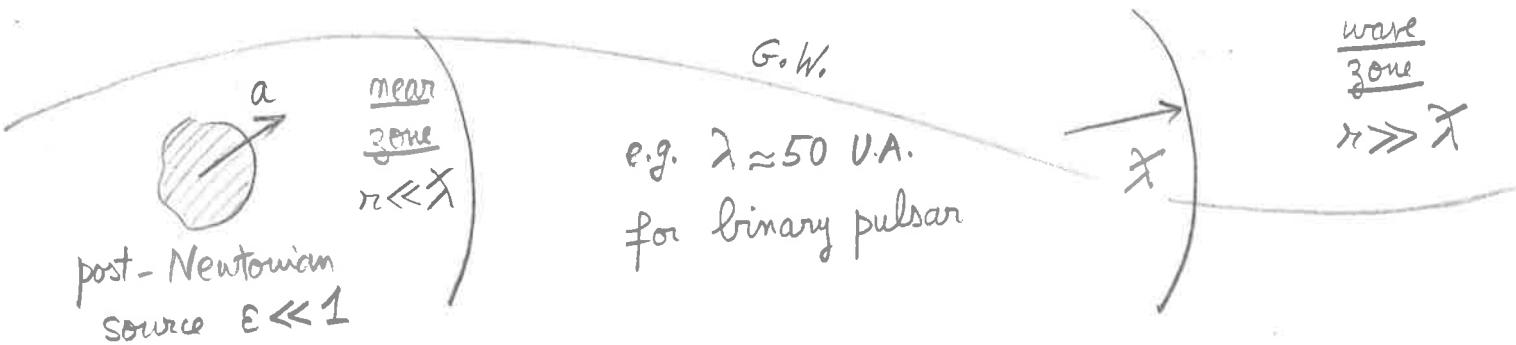
Period of motion  $P \sim \frac{2\pi a}{v}$

Gravitational wave length

$$\lambda = cP$$

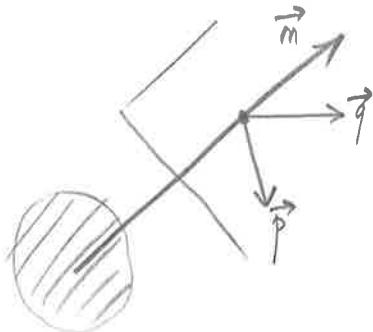
$$\chi = \frac{\lambda}{2\pi}$$

$$\frac{a}{\chi} \sim \frac{v}{c} \approx \varepsilon$$



The near zone ( $r \ll \chi$ ) covers entirely the post-Newtonian source

$$Q_{ij}(t) = \int_{\text{source}} d^3x \rho(\vec{x}, t) (x_i x_j - \frac{1}{3} \delta_{ij} \vec{x}^2)$$



$$h_{ij}^{TT} = \frac{2G}{c^4 n} P_{ijkl}(\vec{m}) \left\{ \ddot{Q}_{kl}^{TT}\left(t - \frac{r}{c}\right) + O(\varepsilon) \right\} + O\left(\frac{1}{n^2}\right)$$

TT projection operator

$$P_{ijkl} = P_{ik} P_{jl} - \frac{1}{2} P_{ij} P_{kl} \quad \text{where } P_{ij} = \delta_{ij} - m_i m_j$$

Polarization states w.r.t.  $\vec{P}, \vec{q}$

$$h_+ = \frac{P_i P_j - q_i q_j}{2} h_{ij}^{TT}$$

$\vec{P}, \vec{q}$  polarization vectors

$$h_x = \frac{P_i q_j + P_j q_i}{2} h_{ij}^{TT}$$

$$\boxed{\mathcal{F}^{GW} = \left( \frac{dE}{dt} \right)^{GW} = \frac{G}{5c^5} \left\{ \ddot{Q}_{ij} \ddot{Q}_{ij} + O(\epsilon^2) \right\}}$$

Einstein quadrupole formula

order of magnitude of radiation reaction  
 $O(\epsilon^5)$  called also 2.5PN

Typically  $Q \sim Ma^2$      $\ddot{Q} \sim Ma^2 \omega^3$      $\omega = \frac{2\pi}{P}$   
 Self-gravitating source  $\omega^2 \sim \frac{GM}{a^3}$

$$\mathcal{F}^{GW} \sim \left( \frac{c^5}{G} \right) \left( \frac{GM\omega}{c^3} \right)^{10/3}$$

Ultra-relativistic source  $v \sim c$  or  $\frac{GM\omega}{c^3} \sim 1$

$$\mathcal{F}^{GW} \Big|_{\text{ultra relativistic}} \sim \frac{c^5}{G} = 3.63 \cdot 10^{52} \text{ W}$$

value independent of source

GW has typically the frequency  $\omega \sim \frac{c^3}{GM}$

$$M \sim 1 M_\odot$$

$$\omega \sim 10^3 \text{ Hz}$$

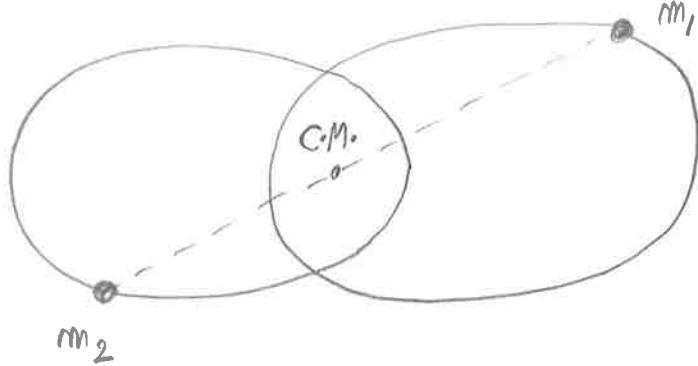
bandwidth  
of LIGO/VIRGO

$$M \sim 10^6 M_\odot$$

$$\omega \sim 10^{-3} \text{ Hz}$$

bandwidth  
of LISA

# Secular decrease of orbital period of binary pulsar



Two compact objects (without spin)  
on a Keplerian ellipse

$a$  = semi-major axis  
 $e$  = eccentricity

$$M = m_1 + m_2$$

$$\mu = \frac{m_1 m_2}{M}$$

$$\nu = \frac{\mu}{M} \text{ such that } 0 < \nu \leq \frac{1}{4}$$

↑                           ↑  
test-mass limit       equal masses

$$\langle \mathcal{F}^{GW} \rangle = \frac{1}{P} \int_0^P dt \mathcal{F}^{GW}(t) = \frac{32}{5} \frac{c^5}{G} \nu^2 \left( \frac{GM}{ac^2} \right)^5 \frac{1 + \frac{73}{24} e^2 + \frac{37}{96} e^4}{(1-e^2)^{7/2}}$$

eccentricity dependent  
"enhancement" factor  $f(e)$   
(Peters & Mathews 1964)

Energy balance argument

$$\frac{dE}{dt} = -\langle \mathcal{F}^{GW} \rangle \quad \text{with}$$

$$E = -\frac{GMv^2}{2a}$$

$$GM = \omega^2 a^3$$

$$\dot{P} = -\frac{192\pi}{5c^5} \left( \frac{2\pi GM}{P} \right)^{5/3} \nu f(e) = -2.4 \cdot 10^{-12} \text{ s/s}$$

Binary pulsar  
PSR 1913+16

in agreement with observations (Taylor et al.).

Actually the masses  $m_1$  and  $m_2$  (or equivalently  $M$  and  $\gamma$ ) are measured by the relativistic effects themselves.

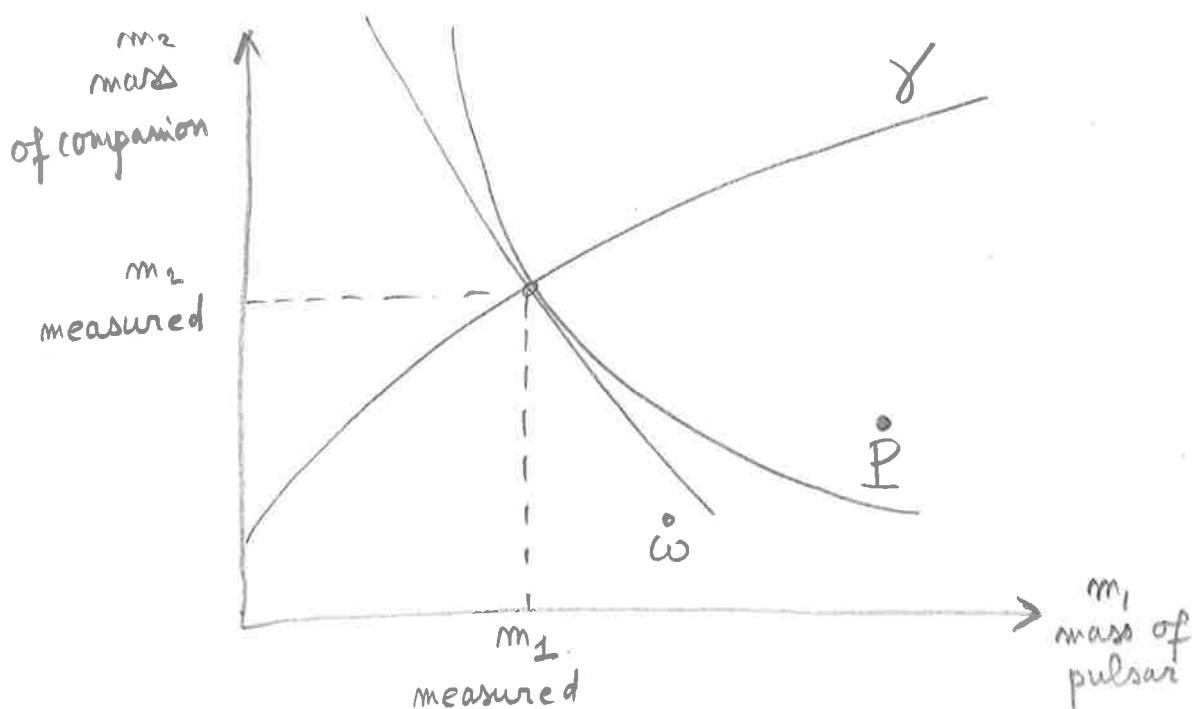
One measures

- $\dot{\omega}$  relativistic advance of periastron (like for Mercury, but here the effect is of order of  $4^\circ$  per year)
- $\gamma$  combination between the gravitational redshift due to the companion and the second-order Doppler effect
- $\dot{P}$  due to gravitational radiation

In GR

$$\boxed{\begin{aligned}\dot{\omega} &= \frac{3G^{2/3}}{c^2} \left(\frac{P}{2\pi}\right)^{-5/3} \frac{M^{2/3}}{1-e} \\ \gamma &= \frac{G^{2/3}}{c^2} e \left(\frac{P}{2\pi}\right)^{1/3} m_2 (m_1 + 2m_2) M^{-4/3}\end{aligned}}$$

and we draw the mass plane



# Inspiralling compact binaries

## Evolution of eccentricity $e(t)$

Orbit's energy and angular momentum

$$\boxed{\frac{E}{\gamma} = -\frac{GM^2}{2a}}$$

$$\boxed{\frac{J}{\gamma} = \sqrt{GM^3a(1-e^2)}}$$

$$\gamma = \frac{\mu}{M}$$

Apply quadrupole formulas for both  $E$  and  $J$

$$\dot{E} = - < \frac{G}{5c^5} \ddot{Q}_{ij} \ddot{Q}_{ij} >$$

$$\dot{J}^i = - < \frac{2G}{5c^5} \epsilon_{ijk} \ddot{Q}_{jl} \ddot{Q}_{kl} >$$

$$\boxed{\frac{e^2}{(1-e^2)^{19/6}} \left(1 + \frac{121}{304} e^2\right)^{145/121} = \left(\frac{\omega}{\omega_0}\right)^{-\frac{19}{9}}}$$

gives  $e(t)$  as a function of  $\omega(t)$  during the inspiral  
 $(\omega_0$  is determined from initial conditions) ( $e^2 \sim P^{19/19}$  for small  $e$ )

For the binary pulsar  $\omega_{\text{now}} = 0.617$

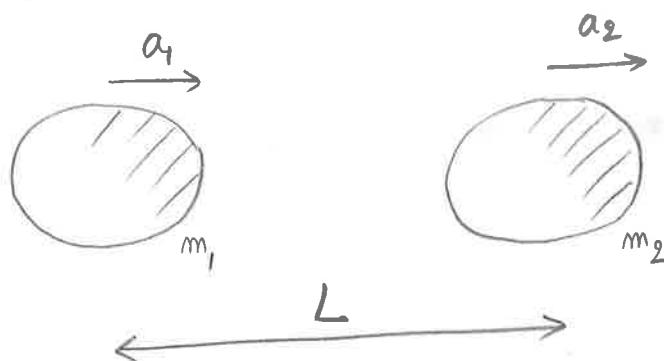
$$\omega_{\text{now}} = 2.24 \times 10^{-4} \text{ Hz}$$

hence GWs are visible by VIRGO/LIGO when

$$\boxed{\omega \sim 30 \text{ Hz} \Rightarrow e \sim 5 \times 10^{-6}}$$

eccentricity is negligible in general.

## Finite size effects



Look for influence of quadrupole moments  $Q_1$  and  $Q_2$  induced by tidal interactions between non-spinning compact objects

$$Q_1 = R_1 m_2 \frac{a_1^5}{L^3}$$

$$Q_2 = R_2 m_1 \frac{a_2^5}{L^3}$$

$R_{1,2}$  = Love numbers  
(depend on internal structure)

$Q_{1,2}$  scale like  $L^{-3}$  because of tidal field  $\partial_{ij}U \sim \frac{1}{L^3}$

Introduce the compacity parameters

$$K_1 = \frac{2Gm_1}{a_1 c^2}$$

$$K_2 = \frac{2Gm_2}{a_2 c^2}$$

The quadrupoles modify the energy and GW flux and the orbital frequency  $\omega$  and phase  $\phi = \int \omega dt$

$$\dot{E} = -\mathcal{F}^{GW} \Rightarrow \phi = - \int \frac{\omega dE}{\mathcal{F}^{GW}}$$

Effect of quadrupoles is

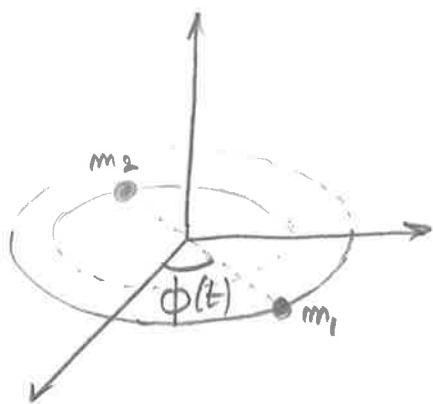
$$\phi^{\text{finite-size}} = \phi_0 - \frac{1}{8x^{5/2}} \left\{ 1 + (\text{const}) \left( \frac{x}{K} \right)^5 \right\}$$

point-mass result

$x \equiv \left( \frac{GM\omega}{c^3} \right)^{2/3}$  Since  $K \sim 1$  for compact objects the formal order of magnitude of the finite-size effect is 5PN (namely  $x^5 \sim \frac{1}{c^{10}}$ )

## Orbital phase evolution $\phi(t)$

(same as for binary pulsar, i.e. based on



$$\frac{dE}{dt} = -\mathcal{F}_{GW}$$

$$\text{when } \frac{E}{M} = -\frac{c^2}{2} \nu x$$

$$\mathcal{F}_{GW} = \frac{32}{5} \frac{c^5}{G} \nu^2 x^5$$

$$x = \left( \frac{GM\nu}{c^3} \right)^{2/3} = \text{PN parameter } \mathcal{O}(\varepsilon^2)$$

$$\dot{E} = -\mathcal{F}_{GW} \Rightarrow \dot{x} = \frac{64}{5} \frac{c^3}{G} \frac{\nu}{M} x^5 \Rightarrow x(t) = \left[ \frac{256}{5} \frac{c^3}{G} \frac{\nu}{M} (t_c - t) \right]^{-1/4}$$

$t_c$  = instant of coalescence

$$\phi(t) = \int \omega dt = \frac{5}{64\nu} \int x^{-7/2} dx \Rightarrow \boxed{\phi(t) = \phi_c - \frac{x(t)}{32\nu}^{-5/2}}$$

Number of orbital cycles left till coalescence from time  $t$

$$N = \frac{\phi_0 - \phi(t)}{\pi} = \frac{1}{32\pi\nu} \left( \frac{GM\nu}{c^3} \right)^{-5/3} = \mathcal{O}(\varepsilon^{-5})$$

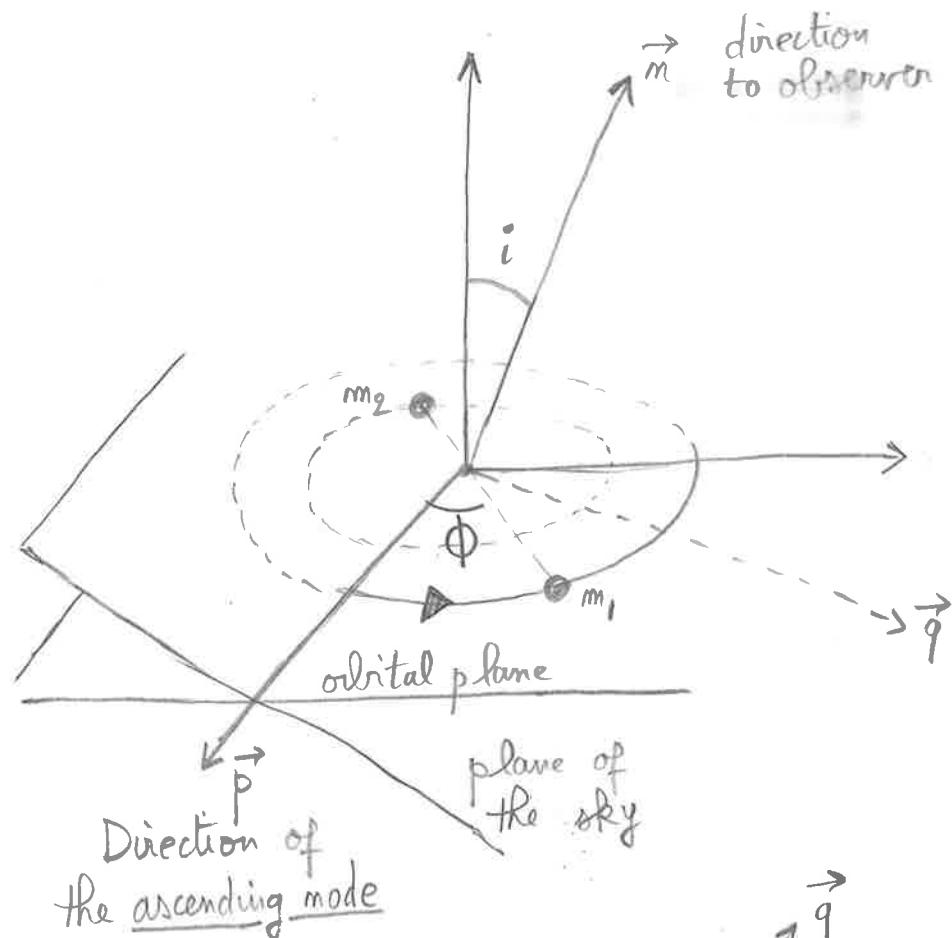
inverse of order of  
radiation reaction  $\varepsilon^{-5} \sim \left( \frac{c}{r} \right)^5$

But  $N$  should be monitored in LIGO/VIRGO with precision

$$\delta N \sim 1$$

so it is evident that PN corrections in the phase will play a crucial role up to at least the 2.5PN order. Detailed analysis show that good templates for inspiralling compact binaries should have 3PN accuracy. Current theoretical prediction is 3.5PN.

# Wave form of inspiralling compact binaries (ICBs)



$\vec{p}, \vec{q}$  = polarization vectors

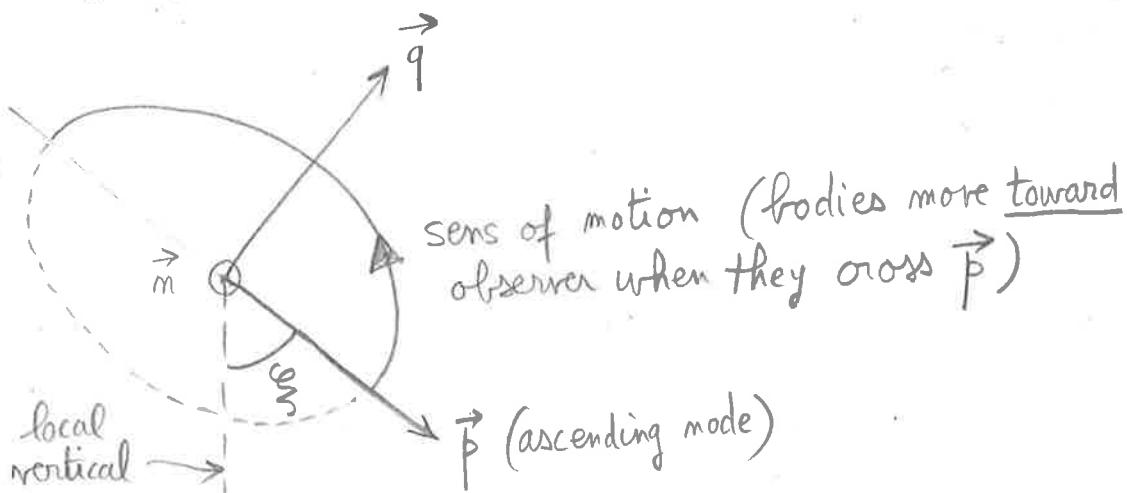
(in the plane of sky)

$i$  = inclination angle

$\phi(t)$  = orbital phase

Direction of  
the ascending mode

As seen from  
observer:



$\xi$  = polarization angle (between  $\vec{p}$  and local vertical of observer)

Response of detector

$$h \equiv \frac{2\delta L}{L} = F_+ h_+ + F_X h_X$$

$F_{+,X}$  = detector's pattern functions

depend on  $-\vec{m}$  (direction of source) and  $\xi$

In quadrupole approximation

$$h_+ = \frac{2G\mu}{c^2 D} \left( \frac{GM\omega}{c^3} \right)^{2/3} (1 + \cos^2 i) \cos(2\phi)$$

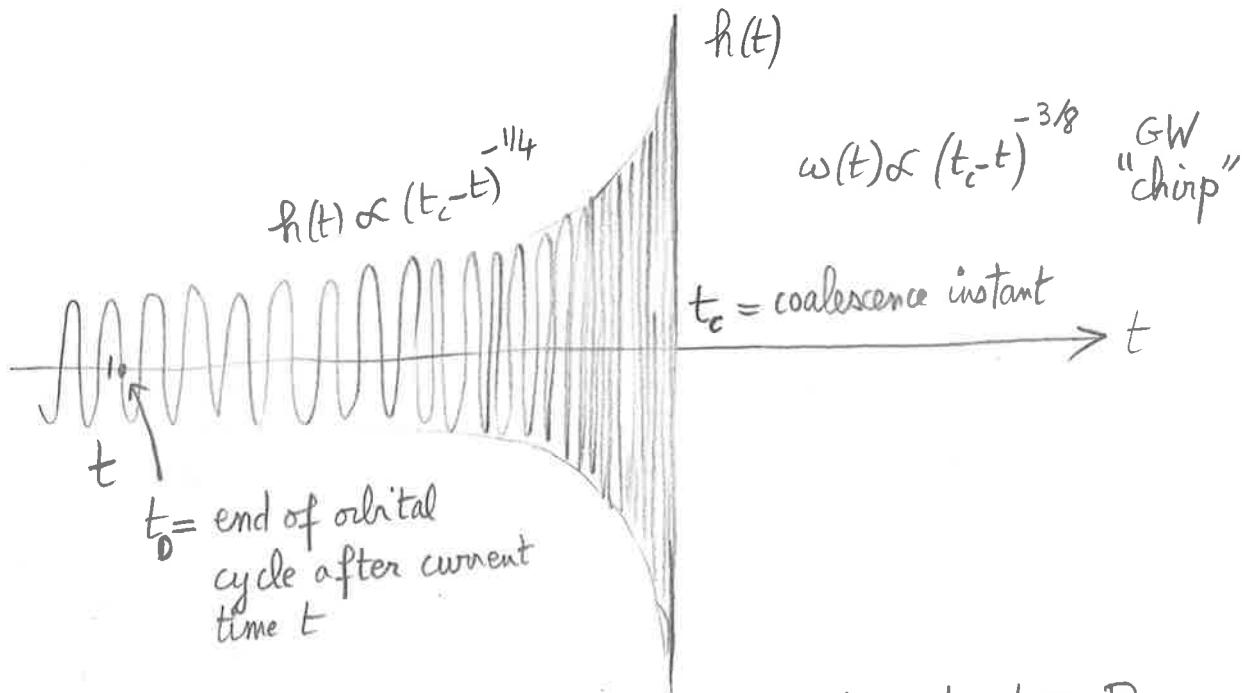
$$h_x = \frac{(2\cos i)}{(2\cos i) \sin(2\phi)}$$

D = distance  
of source  
= luminosity  
distance in  
cosmology

where

$$\phi(t) = \phi_c - \frac{1}{\nu} \left( \frac{\nu c^3}{5GM} (t_c - t) \right)^{5/8}$$

$$\omega(t) = \frac{c^3}{8GM} \left( \frac{\nu c^3}{5GM} (t_c - t) \right)^{-3/8}$$



Suppose current time  $t$  is such that  $t_c - t \gg P$   
(non-relativistic limit, two bodies are well-separated)

$$t_c - t = (t_c - t_0) \left[ 1 + \frac{t_0 - t}{t_c - t_0} \right] \quad \text{with} \quad \frac{t_0 - t}{t_c - t_0} \ll 1$$

$$\begin{aligned} \phi(t) &\approx \phi_c - \frac{1}{\nu} \left( \frac{\nu c^3}{5GM} (t_c - t_0) \right)^{5/8} \left[ 1 + \frac{5}{8} \frac{t_0 - t}{t_c - t_0} + \dots \right] \\ &\approx \phi_0 + \frac{5}{8\nu} \left( \frac{\nu c^3}{5GM} \right)^{5/8} (t_c - t_0)^{-3/8} t + \dots \end{aligned}$$

thus

$$\phi(t) \approx \phi_0 + \omega_0 t + \dots$$

constant orbital motion  
in the non-relativistic limit

## Orders of magnitude

$$h \sim \frac{GMV}{c^2 D} \left( \frac{GM\omega}{c^3} \right)^{2/3}$$

Number of cycles around frequency  $\omega$

$$m = \frac{\omega^2}{\dot{\omega}} \sim \frac{1}{\nu} \left( \frac{GM\omega}{c^3} \right)^{-5/3} = O(\varepsilon^{-5})$$

inverse of  
rad. reaction  
order

Effective amplitude after matched filtering

$$h_{\text{eff}} = h \sqrt{m} \sim \frac{GM\sqrt{\nu}}{c^2 D} \left( \frac{GM\omega}{c^3} \right)^{-11/6}$$

Example: coalescence of two supermassive BHs in LISA

Characteristic frequency  $\omega_c \sim \omega_{\text{I.C.O.}}$

innermost circular orbit (defined by  
the minimum of the energy function)

$$\frac{GM\omega_c}{c^3} \sim 0.1 \Rightarrow f_c \sim 10^4 \text{ Hz} \left( \frac{M_\odot}{M} \right)$$

(from 3PN theory) For LISA  $f_c \in [10^{-4} \text{ Hz}, 10^1 \text{ Hz}]$

Hence LISA should observe

$$10^5 M_\odot \lesssim M \lesssim 10^8 M_\odot$$

$$h_{\text{eff}} \sim 10^{-14} \left( \frac{1 \text{ Gpc}}{D} \right) \left( \frac{\gamma}{0.25} \right)^{1/2} \left( \frac{M}{10^7 M_\odot} \right)^{-5/6} \left( \frac{f}{10^{-4} \text{ Hz}} \right)^{-1/6}$$

Separation of BHs ( $M \sim 10^7 M_\odot$ ) at entry frequency of LISA

$$r = \left( \frac{GM}{\omega^2} \right)^{1/3} \sim 1 \text{ A.U.}$$

Time left till coalescence

$$T = \frac{5GM}{\gamma c^3} \left( \frac{8GM\omega}{c^3} \right)^{-8/3} \sim 10 \text{ days}$$

The signal-to-noise of the supermassive BH coalescence in LISA is enormous

$$\frac{S}{N} = \left( \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} d\omega \frac{|\tilde{h}(\omega)|^2}{S_m(\omega)} \right)^{1/2} \sim \frac{h_{\text{eff}}}{\sqrt{\omega S_m(\omega)}} \sim 10^4$$

$$S_m(\omega) \sim 10^{-34} \text{ Hz}^{-1} \text{ for LISA}$$