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# Gravitational Waves

## Weak field regime

$$g_{ab} = \underbrace{\eta_{ab}}_{\text{flat space}} + h_{ab}$$

$$g^{ab} = \eta^{ab} - h^{ab}$$

$$|h_{ab}| \ll |\eta_{ab}|$$

to linear order in  $h_{ab}$

Use harmonic gauge:  $\square x^a = 0$

$$\square \eta^{cd} \partial_c \partial_d h_{ab} = -16\pi \left( T_{ab} - \frac{1}{2} T g_{ab} \right)$$

$$\square \left( h_{ab} - \frac{1}{2} \eta_{ab} \eta^{cd} h_{cd} \right) = -16\pi T_{ab}$$

$\bar{h}_{ab}$

$$\square \chi^a = 0 \Rightarrow \partial_a \bar{h}^{ab} = 0 \quad (\text{Lorenz gauge})$$

In E.M.  $A_a \rightarrow A_a + \partial_a \phi$        $\partial_a \partial^a \phi = 0$

leave  $\partial_c A^a = 0$

Here:  $x^a \rightarrow x^a + \xi^a$        $\square \xi^a = 0$  keeps harmonic gauge

## Propagation of GWs

In the wavezone use 4 gauge DOF to set

$$h_{0i}^{\text{TT}} = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \eta^{ab} h_{ab}^{\text{TT}} = 0 \quad (\text{traceless})$$

$$h_{ab}^{\text{TT}} = \bar{h}_{ab}$$

$$0 = \partial_a h^{\text{TT}ab} = -\partial_0 h^{\text{TT}00} + \partial_i h^{\text{TT}i0} \quad \partial_i \partial^i h^{\text{TT}00} = 0$$

$$\text{Choose } h^{\text{TT}00} = 0 \text{ at } t=0 \Rightarrow h^{\text{TT}00} = 0 \text{ for all } t$$

$$h_{ij}^{\text{TT}} = A_{ij} \exp(ik_a x^a) \quad (\text{plane waves})$$

$\nearrow$   
 constant

$$0 = \square h_{ij}^{\text{TT}} = \eta^{ab} (ik_a)(ik_b) h_{ij}^{\text{TT}} = -k^a k_a h_{ij}^{\text{TT}}$$

Hence want  $k^a k_a = 0$  (null)

(choose  $k^a = (\omega, 0, 0, \omega)$  (propagates in z direction))

$$0 = \partial_a h^{ab} = ik_a h^{ab} \quad (\text{transverse})$$

$$A_{ij} = \begin{pmatrix} h_+ & h_x & 0 \\ h_x & -h_+ & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$A'^2 = 0, \quad A'^j = A^j, \quad A'_i = 0$$

Two geodesics in TT gauge

$$\textcircled{A}: x_A^a = (t, 0, 0, 0)$$

$$x_B^a = (t, L, 0, 0)$$

For  $h_+$ , proper distance

$$S_{AB}^2 = [L(1 + h_+ \cos(\omega t))]^2$$

$$S_{AB} \approx L \left( 1 + \frac{h_+}{2} \cos(\omega t) \right)$$

Rotate by  $\phi$  about z-axis

$$h_{\lambda\pm} \rightarrow (h_{\lambda\pm}) e^{\mp 2i\phi}$$

Spin 2

Generation of GWs in the weak field regime

$$\square \bar{h}_{ab} = -16\pi T_{ab}$$

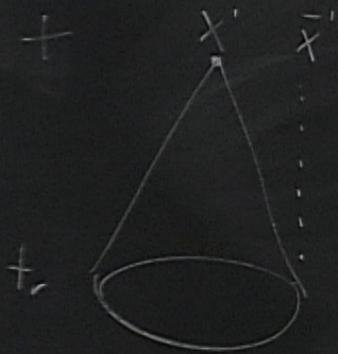
Green function .  $\square G(x^i - \bar{x}^i) = \delta^4(x^i - \bar{x}^i)$

$$G(x^i - \bar{x}^i) = \frac{-1}{4\pi |x^i - \bar{x}^i|} \delta[|x^i - \bar{x}^i| - (x^0 - \bar{x}^0)] \Theta(x^0 - \bar{x}^0)$$

$$\Theta(x^0 - \bar{x}^0) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{when } x^0 - \bar{x}^0 > 0 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$\bar{h}_{ab}(x^a) = -16\pi \int G(x^c - \bar{x}^a) T_{ab}(\bar{x}^a) d^4\bar{x}$$

$$= 4 \int \frac{T_{ab}(\pm |x^i - \bar{x}^i|, \bar{x}^i)}{|x^i - \bar{x}^i|} d^3\bar{x}$$



$r$

Transform to fourier space

$$\begin{aligned}
 \bar{h}_{ab} &= \int dt e^{i\omega t} T_{ab} \\
 &= 4 \int dt_r \int d^3\bar{x} \frac{T_{ab}(t_r, \bar{x}')}{|\bar{x}' - \bar{x}|} e^{i\omega(t_r - |\bar{x}' - \bar{x}|)} \\
 &= 4 \int d^3\bar{x} \frac{\bar{T}_{ab}}{|\bar{x}' - \bar{x}|} e^{i\omega|\bar{x}' - \bar{x}|}
 \end{aligned}$$

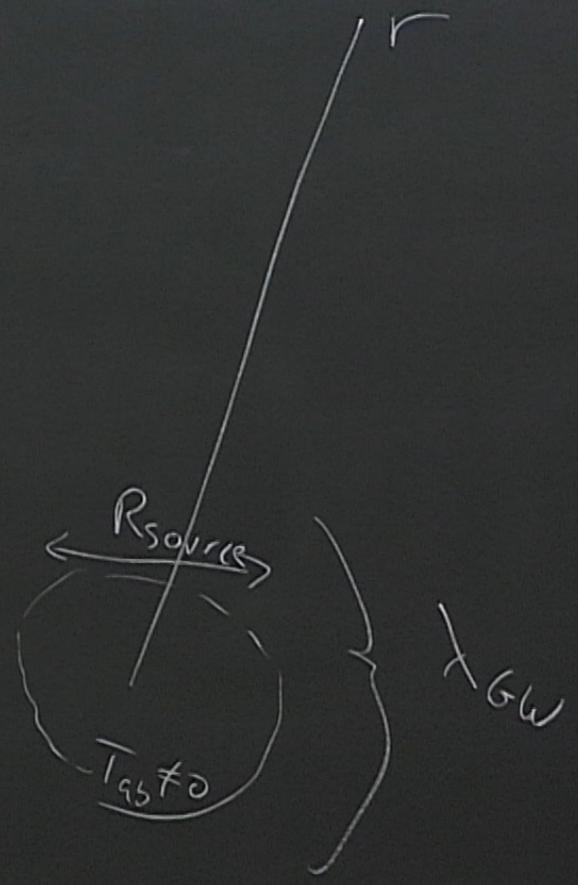
Lorenz:  $\bar{h}^{0a} = \frac{1}{\omega} \partial_i \bar{h}^{ia}$

$$\frac{e^{i\omega(t_r - |x' - \bar{x}'|)}}{|x' - \bar{x}'|}$$

Assume

$$r \gg \frac{1}{\omega} \text{ (wavelength)}$$

$$R_{\text{source}} \ll \lambda_{\text{GW}} = \frac{1}{\omega}$$



$$\frac{e^{i\omega|\mathbf{x}'-\bar{\mathbf{x}}'|}}{|\mathbf{x}'-\bar{\mathbf{x}}'|} \approx \frac{e^{i\omega r}}{r}$$

Need to calculate  $\rightarrow 0$

$$\int d^3\bar{\mathbf{x}} \tilde{T}^j = \int \left[ \cancel{\partial_k(\bar{\mathbf{x}}' \tilde{T}^{kj})} - \partial_k(\tilde{T}^{kj}) \bar{\mathbf{x}}' \right] d^3\bar{\mathbf{x}}$$

total integral  $= i\omega \tilde{T}^{0j}$

$$\int d^3\bar{x} \ddot{T}^{\mu\nu} \approx \frac{i\omega}{2} \int d^3\bar{x} (\ddot{T}^{0j} \bar{x}^j + \ddot{T}^{j0} \bar{x}^j)$$

$$= \frac{i\omega}{2} \int \left[ \partial_\alpha (\bar{x}^i \bar{x}^j \ddot{T}^{\alpha\ell}) - \bar{x}^i \bar{x}^j \partial_\alpha (\ddot{T}^{\alpha\ell}) \right] d^3\bar{x}$$

$$= \frac{-\omega^2}{2} \int \bar{x}^i \bar{x}^j \ddot{T}^{00} d^3\bar{x}$$

$\ddot{I}^{ij}$

(quadrupole moment tensor)

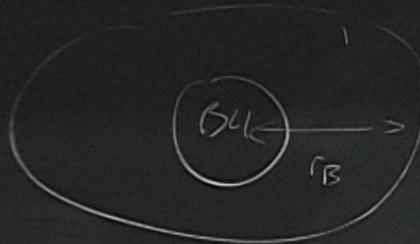
$$\vec{h}_{ij} = -2\omega^2 \frac{e^{i\omega r}}{r} \vec{I}_{ij}$$

$$\vec{h}_{ij} = \frac{2}{r} \ddot{I}_{ij}(t-r)$$

Monopole:  $\int d^3\vec{x} T^{00}$

Dipole

$$D'(t) = \int d^3\vec{x} T^{00} \vec{x}$$



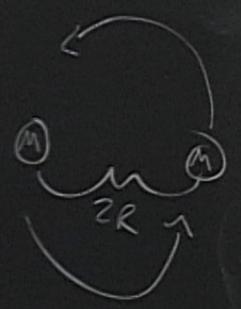
$$r_B = (\mu \alpha)^{-1}$$

$$\alpha = M/\mu \ll 1$$

$$\omega \approx \mu$$

$$\omega_{GW} = 2\omega \approx 2\mu$$

$$R_{source} \gg \frac{1}{\omega}$$



$$\omega_{GW} = 2\omega = \frac{4\pi}{T} = \frac{1}{R} \sqrt{\frac{M}{R}}$$

# Energy and angular momentum in GWs

$$g_{ab} = \eta_{ab} + h_{ab}^{(1)} + h_{ab}^{(2)}$$

$$R_{ab} = \cancel{R_{ab}^{(0)}} + R_{ab}^{(1)} + R_{ab}^{(2)}$$

First order:  $G_{ab}^{(1)}[h_{ab}^{(1)}] = 0$

Second order

$$G_{ab}^{(1)}[h_{cd}^{(2)}] + G_{ab}^{(2)}[h_{cd}^{(1)}] = 0$$

(linear)                      (quadratic)

$$G_{ab}^{(1)}[h_{cd}^{(2)}] = 8\pi t_{ab} = -G_{ab}^{(2)}[h_{cd}^{(1)}]$$

Caution:

$t_{ab}$  not gauge invariant

$$t_{ab} = \frac{1}{32\pi}$$

$$\left\langle \left( \partial_a h_{cd}^{TT} \right) \left( \partial_b h_{TT}^{cd} \right) \right\rangle$$

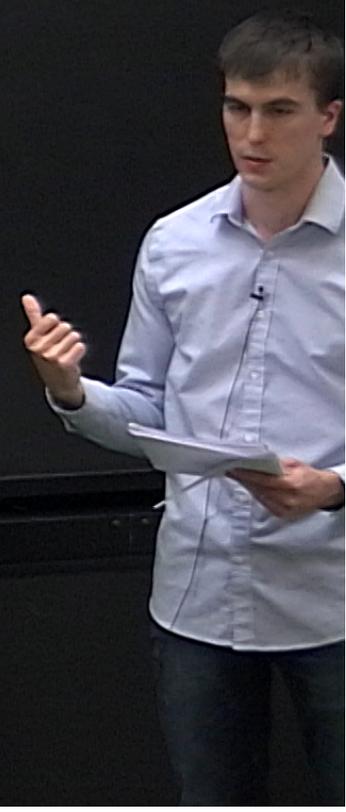
$$\langle \partial_a \lambda \rangle = 0$$

$$t_{ab} = \frac{1}{32\pi}$$

Use averaging  $\langle \partial_a \lambda \rangle = 0$ ,  $\langle X \partial_a Y \rangle = - \langle Y \partial_a X \rangle$

$$E_{GW} = \int_{\Sigma_t} t_{00} d^3x, \text{ for plane wave } E_{GW} = \frac{\omega^2}{32\pi} \langle h_+^2 + h_\times^2 \rangle$$

$$\frac{dE_{GW}}{dt} = \int t_{0i} \hat{n}^i dS, \quad \frac{dJ_{GW}^i}{dt} = \int \epsilon^{ijk} (\hat{n}_j \dot{r}_k) t_{0l} dS$$



$$\frac{dE_{GW}}{dt} = \frac{1}{5} \left\langle \left( \ddot{I}_{ij} \ddot{I}^{ij} \right) \right\rangle_{tr}$$

$$\bar{I}_{ij} = I_{ij} - \frac{1}{3} I^{kl} S_{kl} \delta_{ij}$$

$$\frac{dJ_{GW}^i}{dt} = \frac{2}{5} \epsilon^{ijk} \left\langle \ddot{I}_{lj} \ddot{I}_k^l \right\rangle$$