

Title: Gravitational-wave imprints of non-integrable extreme-mass-ratio inspirals

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Abstract: The detection of gravitational waves from extreme-mass-ratio inspirals (EMRIs) with upcoming space-borne detectors will allow for unprecedented tests of general relativity in the strong-field regime. Aside from assessing whether black holes are unequivocally described by the Kerr metric, they may place constraints on the degree of spacetime symmetry. Depending on exactly how a hypothetical departure from the Kerr metric manifests, the Carter symmetry, which implies the integrability of the geodesic equations, may be broken. In this talk, I will discuss the impact of non-integrability in EMRIs which involve a supermassive compact object with anomalous multipolar structure. After reviewing the features of chaotic phenomena in EMRIs, I will argue that non-integrability is precisely imprinted in the gravitational waveform. Explicit examples of non-integrable EMRIs will be discussed, as well as their role in LISA data analysis.



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Extreme-mass-ratio inspirals



- Extreme-mass-ratio inspirals (EMRIs) consist of a primary supermassive black hole and a secondary small-mass compact object
- Originate in galactic cores
- The mass ratio of EMRIs span in the range $\sim 10^{-7} - 10^{-4}$
- Generate gravitational waves (GWs) in the frequency range $\sim 10^{-4} - 10^{-1}$ Hz
- EMRIs are prime targets for space-borne detectors (LISA, Taiji)
- Perform $\sim 10^5$ revolutions in the strong-field regime
- Rich waveform phenomenology

Short-timescale EMRI modeling: geodesic motion



Stationary/axisymmetric spacetime: $ds^2 = g_{tt}dt^2 + 2g_{t\phi}dtd\phi + g_{rr}dr^2 + g_{\theta\theta}d\theta^2 + g_{\phi\phi}d\phi^2$

Stationarity: $E = -\mu (g_{tt}\dot{t} + g_{t\phi}\dot{\phi})$

Axisymmetry: $L_z = \mu (g_{t\phi}\dot{t} + g_{\phi\phi}\dot{\phi})$

Conservation of rest mass: $\dot{r}^2 + \frac{g_{\theta\theta}}{g_{rr}}\dot{\theta}^2 + V_{\text{eff}} = 0, \quad V_{\text{eff}} \equiv \frac{1}{g_{rr}} \left(1 + \frac{g_{\phi\phi}E^2 + g_{tt}L_z^2 + 2g_{t\phi}EL_z}{\mu^2(g_{tt}g_{\phi\phi} - g_{t\phi}^2)} \right)$

$V_{\text{eff}} = 0 \rightarrow$ Curve of zero velocity

Carter constant \leftrightarrow separation of radial and polar motion \leftrightarrow integrability

Long-timescale EMRI modeling: radiation reaction



Adiabatic approximation: The change in the momenta is sufficiently small over a single orbit

→ ‘averaging’ the self-force [Mino, PRD (2003)]

- Short timescales: orbit neglects radiative backreaction
- Long timescales: inspiral behaves like a ‘flow’ through successive geodesics

Hybrid kludge scheme: approximate the flux of momenta with post-Newtonian (PN)

formulae [Barack, Cutler, PRD (2004), Gair, Glampedakis, PRD (2006)]

- augmentation: include an additional PN term which represents the effect of anomalous quadrupole moments [Barack, Cutler, PRD (2007), Gair, Li, Mandel PRD (2008), Apostolatos, Lukes-Gerakopoulos, Contopoulos, PRL (2009)]

“Shaken, not stirred”



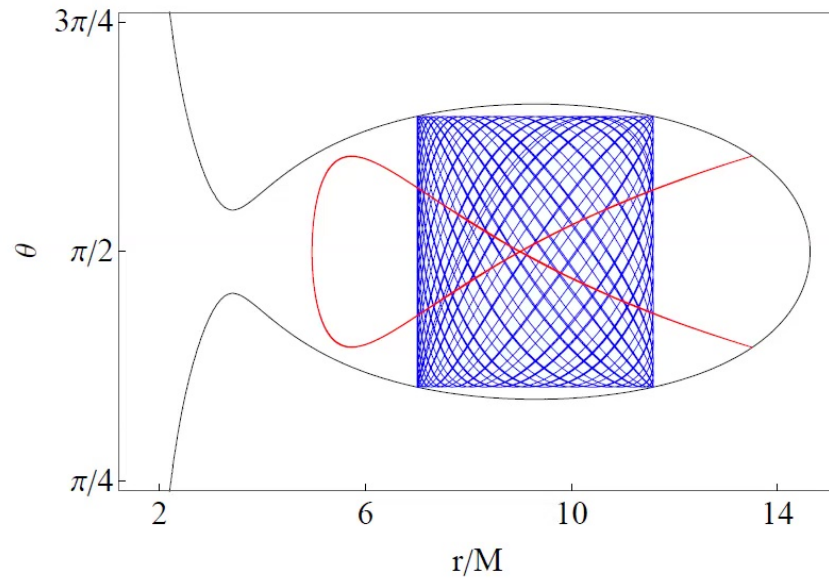
Theory-agnostic spacetime: [inspired by Johannsen, PRD (2013)]

$$ds^2 = - \frac{\Sigma[(\alpha_Q/r) M^3 + \Delta - a^2 A(r)^2 \sin^2 \theta]}{[(r^2 + a^2) - a^2 A(r) \sin^2 \theta]^2} dt^2 - \frac{2a[(r^2 + a^2)A(r) - \Delta]\Sigma \sin^2 \theta}{[(r^2 + a^2) - a^2 A(r) \sin^2 \theta]^2} dt d\phi + \frac{(\alpha_Q/r) M^3 + \Sigma}{\Delta} dr^2 + \Sigma d\theta^2 + \frac{\Sigma \sin^2 \theta [(r^2 + a^2)^2 - a^2 \Delta \sin^2 \theta]}{[(r^2 + a^2) - a^2 A(r) \sin^2 \theta]^2} d\phi^2,$$

$$\Sigma = r^2 + a^2 \cos^2 \theta, \Delta = r^2 - 2Mr + a^2, A(r) = 1 + r^{-2} \alpha_{22} M^2.$$

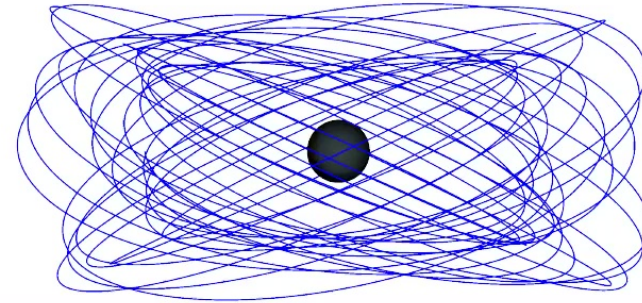
- $\alpha_Q = \alpha_{22} = 0 \rightarrow$ Kerr
- α_{22} deforms frame-dragging, $\alpha_Q = 0$ and $\alpha_{22} \neq 0 \rightarrow$ Carter constant ('deformed Kerr')
- α_Q controls integrability, $\alpha_Q \neq 0 \rightarrow$ no Carter constant ('non-Kerr')

(r, θ) -bound motion

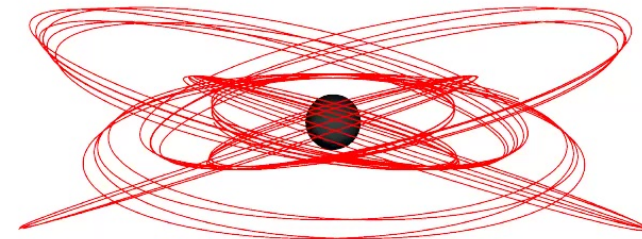


3D Cartesian coordinates

Generic orbit: $\omega_r/\omega_\theta = \text{irrational}$



Resonant orbit: $\omega_r/\omega_\theta = \text{rational}$

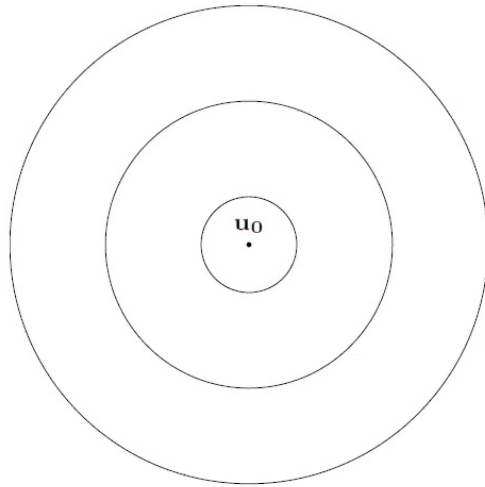


“Two theorems to rule them all”

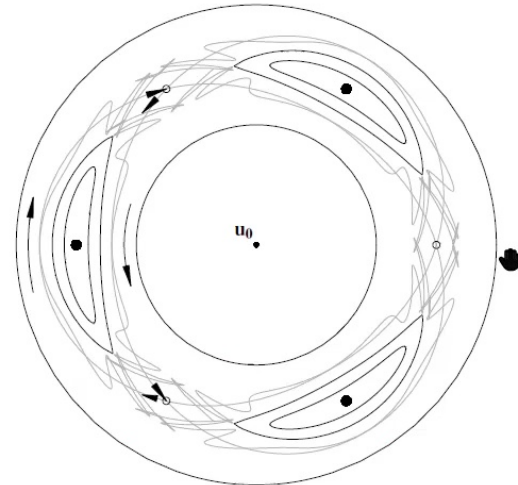
Kolmogorov-Arnold-Moser (KAM) theorem: If a system is non-integrable \rightarrow dynamics smoothly depart from the integrable one, provided that ω_r/ω_θ is sufficiently irrational

Poincaré-Birkhoff theorem: If ω_r/ω_θ is rational \rightarrow formation of ‘Birkhoff’ chain

integrable



non-integrable



[Lukes-Gerakopoulos et al. PRD (2010)]

Impact of non-integrability: orbital level



ϑ_n : angle between two successive intersections of a Poincaré map

Rotation number:

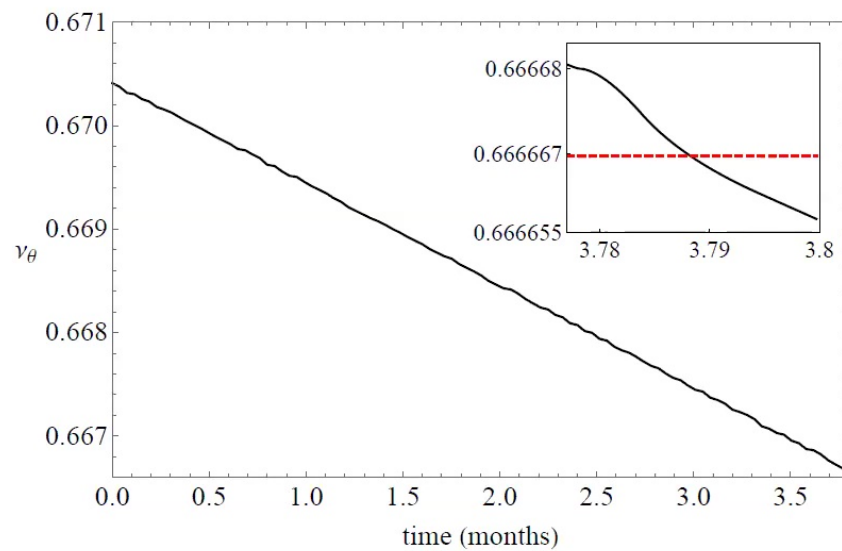
$$\nu_{\theta,N} = \frac{1}{2\pi N} \sum_{i=1}^N \vartheta_i$$

- The limit $N \rightarrow \infty$ converges to $\nu_{\theta} = \omega_r / \omega_{\theta}$ [Contopoulos (2002)]
- Successive rotation numbers form a rotation curve
- The rotation curve of integrable systems is monotonous
- The rotation curve of non-integrable systems exhibits a plateau inside resonant islands

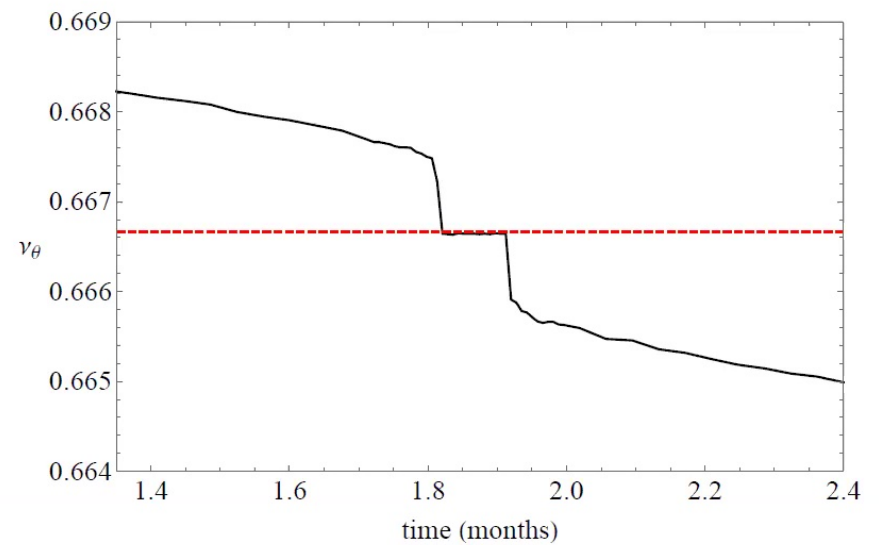
Rotation curve



deformed Kerr



non-Kerr



Average time spent in island: ~ 250 cycles

Waveform modeling and LISA response



Numerical kludge waveforms: Combine exact particle trajectories with approximate expressions for GW emission [Babak et al., PRD (2007)]

- 'quick and dirty' EMRI waveforms, perfectly-suited for phenomenology
- remarkable agreement with Teukolsky-based waveforms ($\sim 95\%$)

Einstein-quadrupole formula: $h_{ij}^{\text{TT}} = \frac{2}{d} \frac{d^2 I_{ij}(Z^i(t))}{dt^2}$, $\mathbf{Z}(t)$: inspiral trajectory

Incoming GW: $h_{+,\times}(t) = \frac{2\mu}{d} \epsilon_{ij}^{+,\times} \left[\frac{Z^i(t)}{dt^2} Z^j(t) + \frac{Z^i(t)}{dt} \frac{Z^j(t)}{dt} \right]$

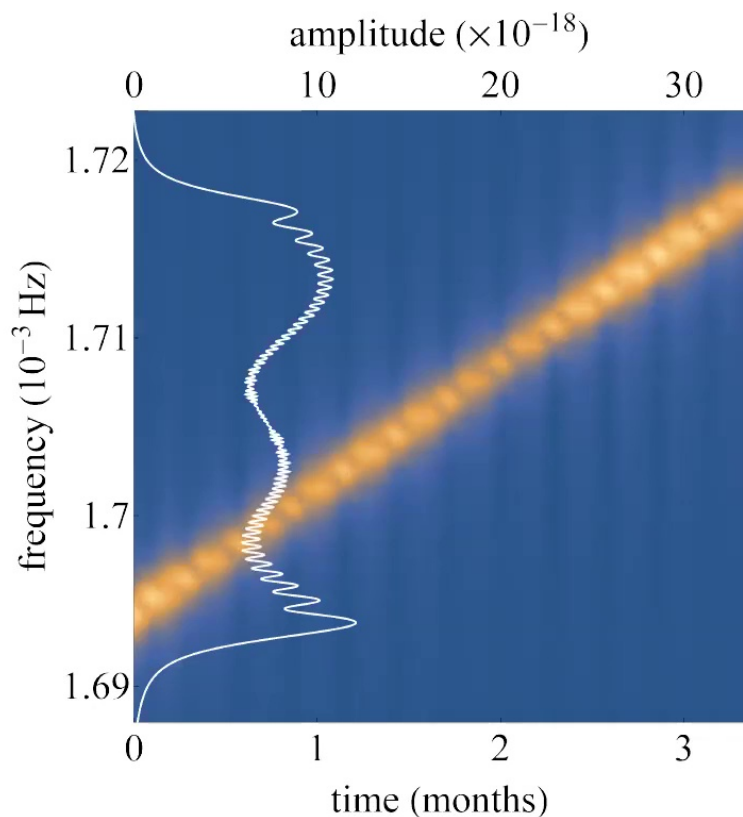
LISA response: $h_\alpha(t) \sim [F_\alpha^+(t)h_+(t) + F_\alpha^\times(t)h_\times(t)]$ [Barack, Cutler, PRD (2004)]

We use a **single-channel approach**, for simplicity, and **omit any noise** in the data stream.

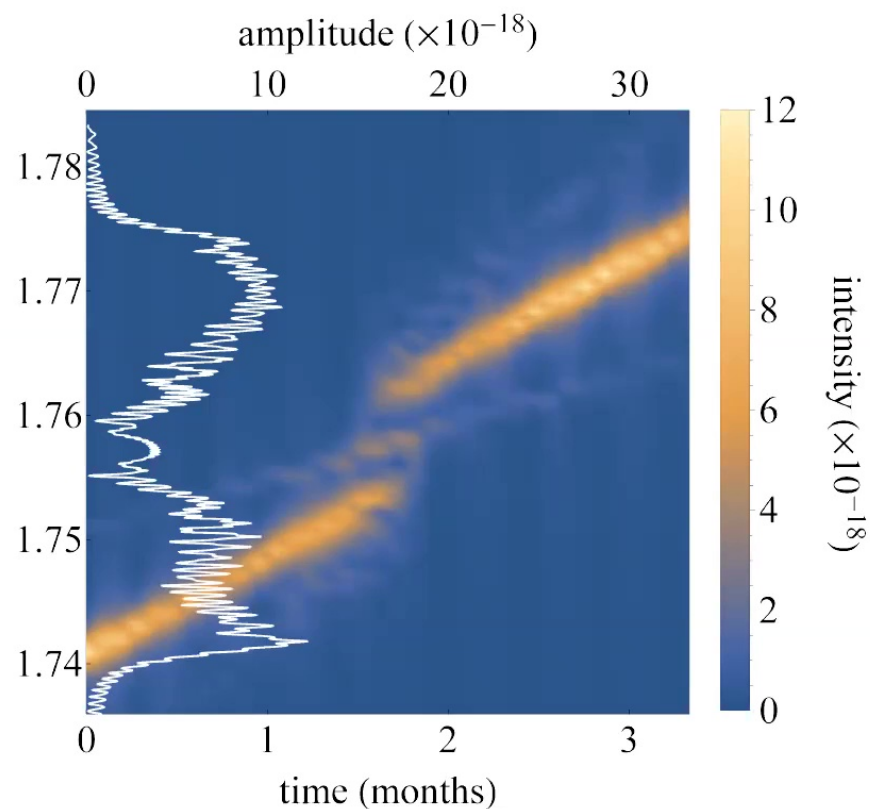
Frequency evolution ($\mu/M = 10^{-6}$)



deformed Kerr



non-Kerr



[KD, Suvorov, Kokkotas, PRL (2021)]

Discussion



- Integrable deformations lead to EMRIs which smoothly deviate from those in Kerr
- Non-integrable perturbations lead to the formation of resonant islands
- Non-integrability manifests into the waveform in the form of a frequency glitch
- Thousands of EMRIs are expected to be detected by LISA [Gair et al. J. Phys. (2017)]
- Glitch event rate in LISA Pathfinder: one per two days [Edwards et al. PRD (2020)]
- Discarding glitches *a priori* may miss 'smoking-gun' physics