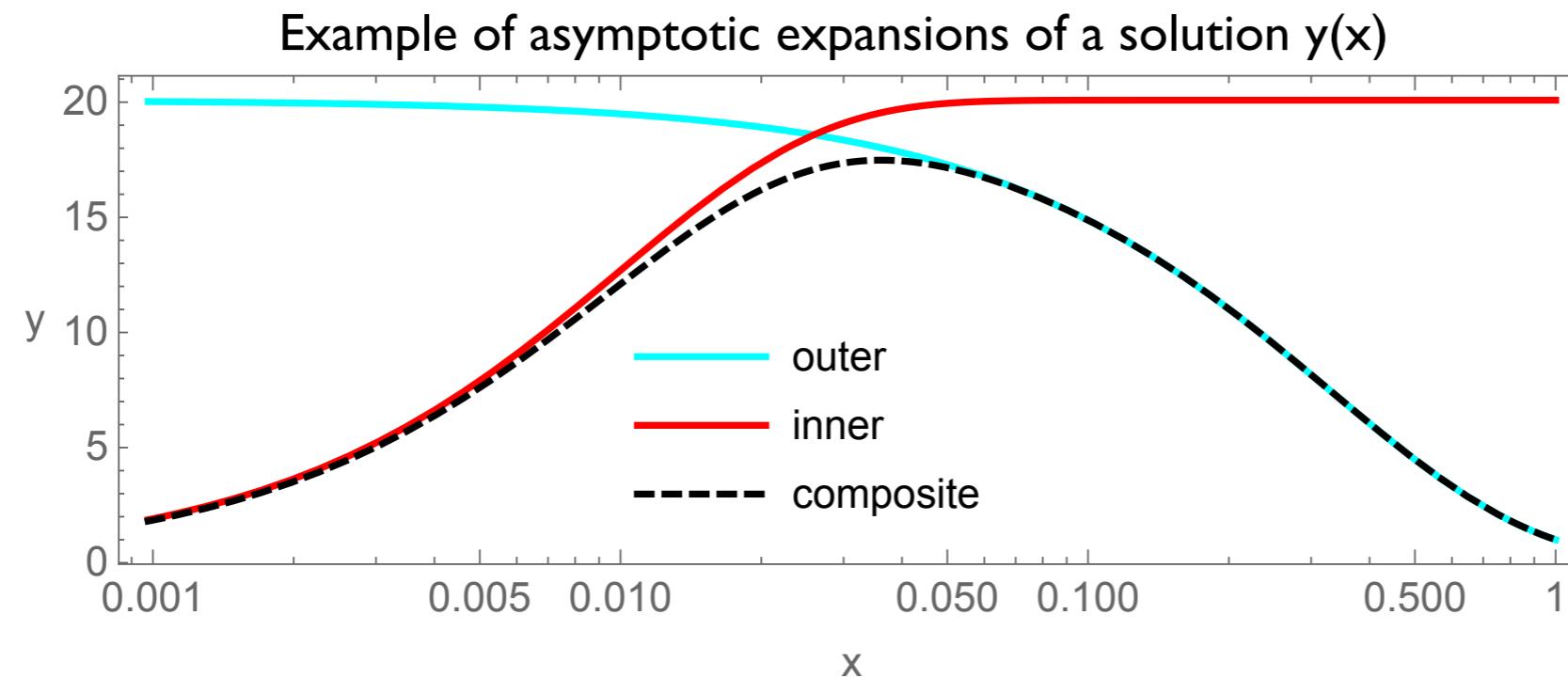


# Gravitational waves for fundamental physics

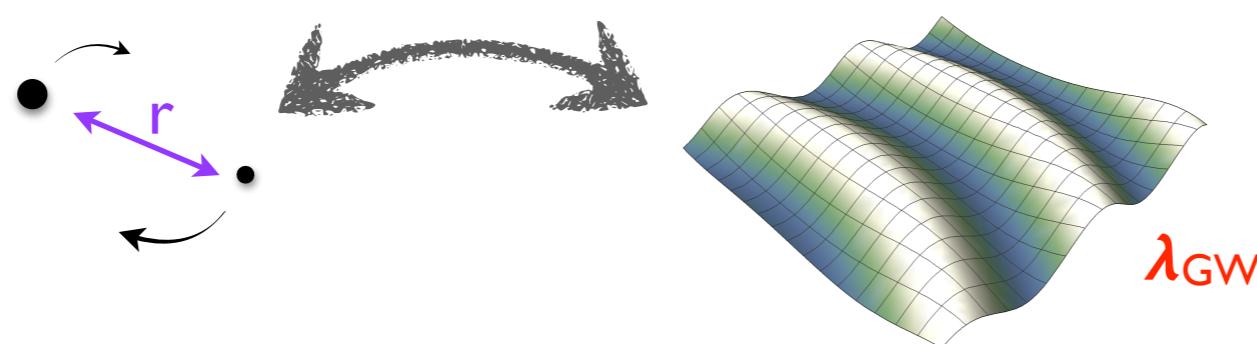
## Lecture 3: Perturbations of compact objects

# Recall from last time: Matched asymptotic expansions

- Matched asymptotic expansions connect approximate descriptions of different physics dominating in different regimes



- Important tool for GWs, e.g. matching a post-newtonian PN description (near the binary system) with a post-Minkowski expansion in the distant wave zone



# Recall from last time: STF tensors, multipoles

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- Multipoles are key for transmitting information from source physics to GWs

- Symmetric trace-free tensors

$$v^{<ij>} = \frac{1}{2}(v^i n^j + v^j n^i) - \frac{1}{3}(\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{n})\delta_{ij}$$

↑  
Symmetrize  
In  $i \leftrightarrow j$

↑  
Remove the trace

- The expansion of the exterior gravitational potential around a reference point  $\mathbf{z}$  can be written as

$$U(\mathbf{x}) = G \int d^3x' \frac{1}{|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}'|} \rho(t, \mathbf{x}') = G \sum_{\ell=0}^{\infty} \frac{(2\ell - 1)!!}{\ell!} \frac{\bar{n}^{<L>} M^{<L>}}{\bar{r}^{\ell+1}}$$

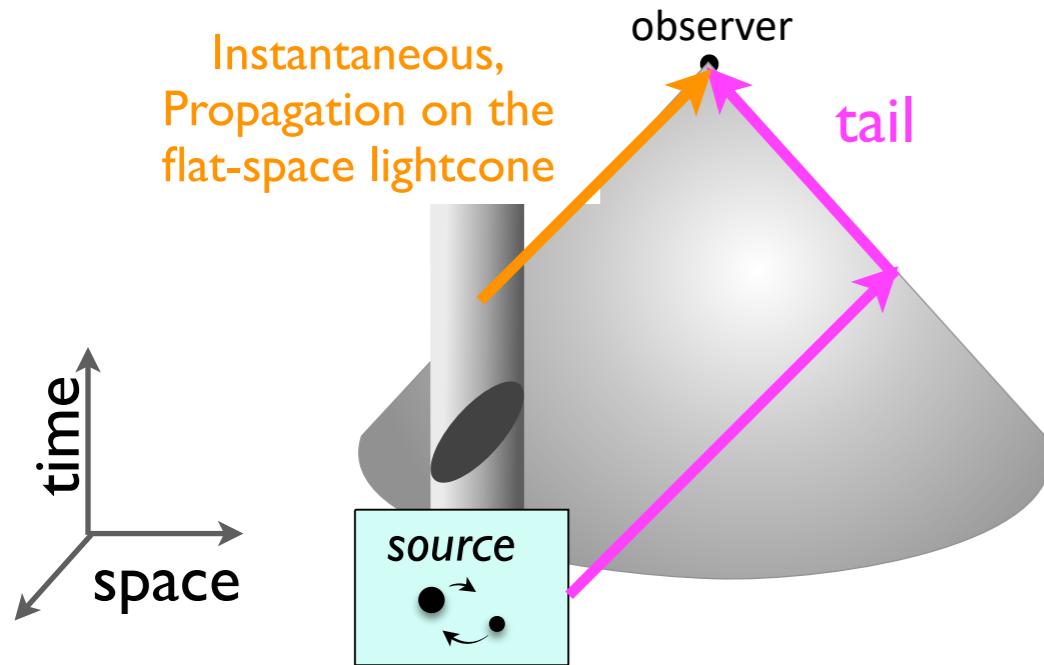
$$\bar{r} = |\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{z}| \quad \bar{n}^i = \frac{(x - z)^i}{\bar{r}}$$

- Newtonian mass multipoles  $M^{<L>} = \int d^3x' \rho(\mathbf{x}') (x' - z)^{<L>}$

- Interconversion with spherical harmonics

# Recall from last time: hereditary effects in GWs

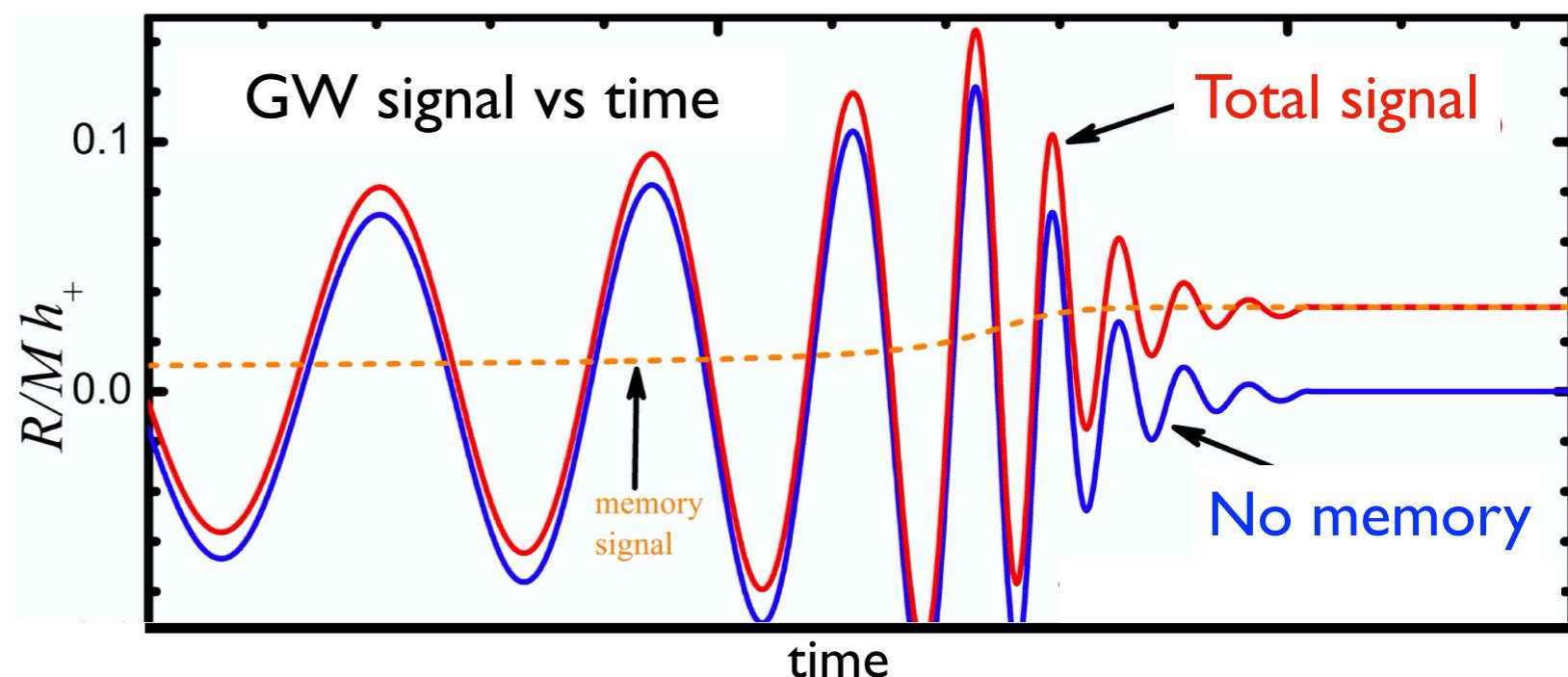
- Nonlinear, history-dependent relationship between source and radiation multipoles



- **tails:** linear GWs scatter off the curvature due to the source
- At higher orders: multiple scatterings, and back-interaction with the source

- **Nonlinear memory:** GWs sourced by the previously emitted GWs

Non-oscillatory effect, permanent change in amplitude before and after a burst of GWs



# Recall from last time: relativistic corrections

- GWs beyond the quadrupole formula

Same as the quadrupole formula in linearized gravity for the Newtonian contribution to  $M_{ij}$

$$h_{ij}^{TT} \sim \frac{G}{c^4 d} \left\{ \ddot{M}_{pq} + \frac{1}{c} N_a \left[ \ddot{M}_{pqa} + (\epsilon_{acp} \ddot{j}_{qc} + \epsilon_{acq} \ddot{j}_{pc}) \right] + \frac{1}{c^3} (\text{tail}) + O(c^{-4}) \right\}$$

↑  
Mass octupole      Current quadrupole

GWs oscillate at different harmonics of the orbital frequency

- relativistic corrections to the GW phase evolution involve not only on the chirp mass but also the symmetric mass ratio

$$\nu = \frac{m_1 m_2}{(m_1 + m_2)^2} = \frac{\mu}{M}$$

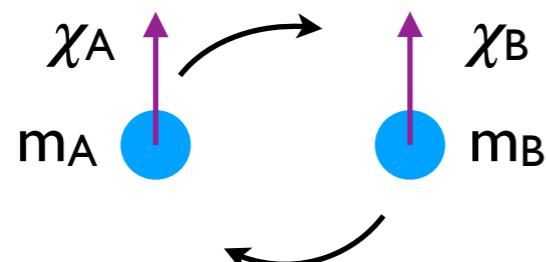
# Addendum: relativistic and spin-orbit effects

- Dominant spin effects are spin-orbit interactions
- First appear in the binding energy and GW emission at 1.5PN order

$$E = -\frac{1}{2}\mu c^2 \left(\frac{GM\omega}{c^3}\right)^{2/3} \left[ 1 + \left( -\frac{3}{4} - \frac{\nu}{12} \right) \left(\frac{GM\omega}{c^3}\right)^{2/3} + (\text{spin} - \text{orbit}) \left(\frac{GM\omega}{c^3}\right) + \dots \right]$$

$$\dot{E}_{\text{GW}} = \frac{32}{5}\nu^2 \left(\frac{GM\omega}{c^3}\right)^{5/3} \left[ 1 + \left( -\frac{1247}{336} - \frac{35\nu}{12} \right) \left(\frac{GM\omega}{c^3}\right)^{2/3} + (\text{spin} - \text{orbit} + \text{tail}) \left(\frac{GM\omega}{c^3}\right) + \dots \right]$$

- GWs are most sensitive to a certain combination  $\chi_{\text{eff}}$  of the spins of the objects (similar to chirp mass):



Dimensionless spin parameter

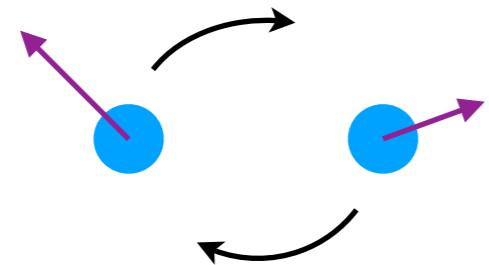
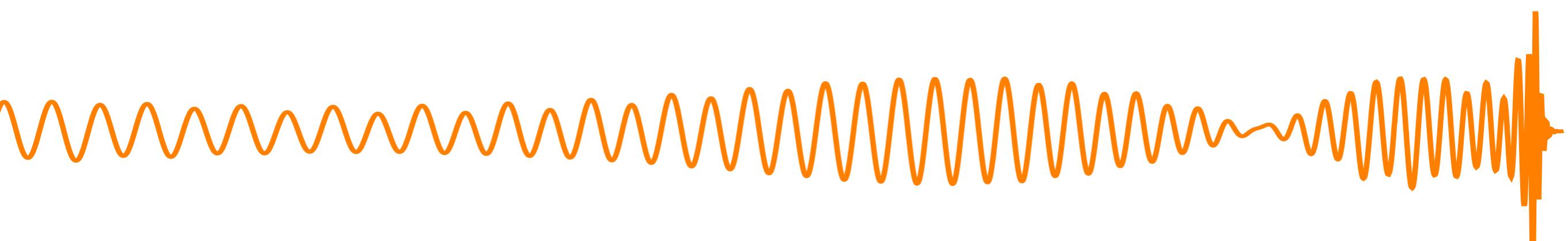
$$\chi = \frac{cS}{Gm^2}$$

$$\chi_{\text{eff}} = \frac{m_A \chi_A + m_B \chi_B}{m_A + m_B}$$

# Addendum: spin effects

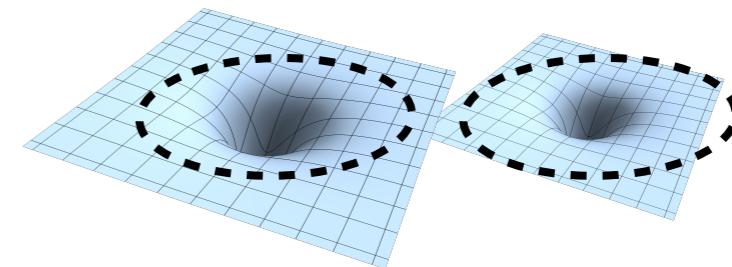
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- At higher PN orders, spin-spin effects also enter
- If spins are not aligned with the orbital angular momentum: precession

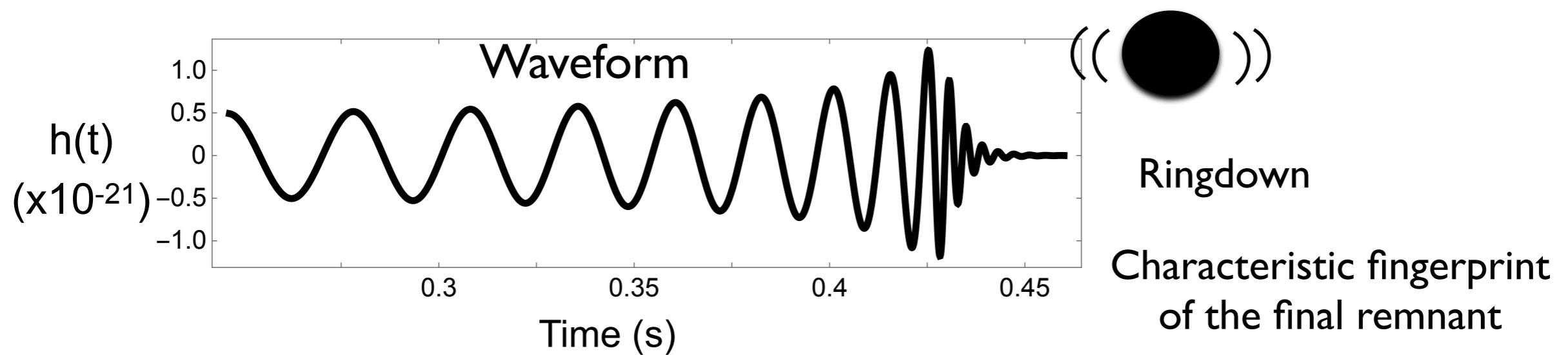


# Today: Perturbations of compact objects

Finite size effects during an inspiral that depend on the object's internal structure



Main focus: tidal effects - forced perturbations



Main focus: black hole perturbations

# Useful References

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- Discussion of tidal effects in Newtonian gravity formulated in a way that can be extended to GR, see the first part of : J. Vines and E. Flanagan First-post-Newtonian quadrupole tidal interactions in binary [paper](#)
- For more discussion of tidal effects also in GR (presented in the context of neutron stars, but the theory is more general) see e.g. this [review article](#)
- Open-source codes for black hole perturbations available through the BH perturbation toolkit project <https://bhptoolkit.org/toolkit.html>
- Approximate interpretation of BH quasi-normal modes as trapped at the light ring: W. Press 1972: Long wave trains of GWs from a vibrating BH [paper](#)
- Study of features of the scattering potential of a BH in C. Vishveshwara 1970: Scattering of gravitational radiation by a Schwarzschild BH [paper](#)
- A discussion of exotic objects and GWs can be found in the relevant chapters of the white paper: Black holes, GWs, and fundamental physics - a roadmap [paper](#)

# Examples of compact objects

# Compact objects I: Black holes



crushed



black hole (BH)

- region of immense spacetime curvature
- Exterior described entirely by mass & spin

No hair theorem:

Spacetime multipole moments

$$M_\ell + iS_\ell = m(i\chi m)^\ell$$

Mass moments

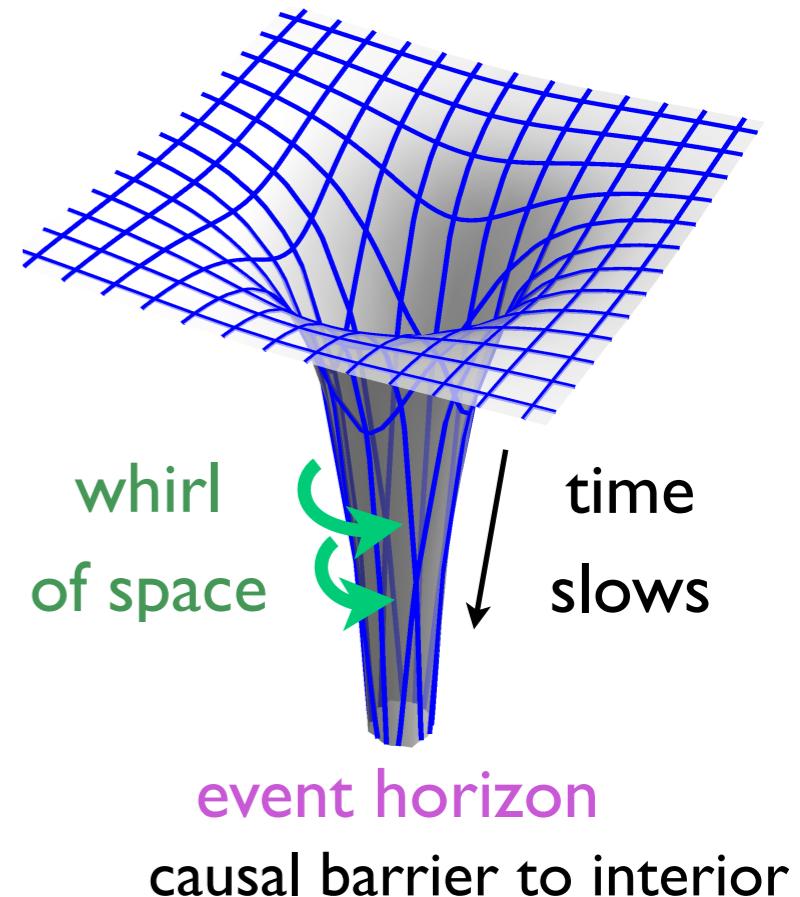
Mass of the BH

Current moments

Dimensionless spin parameter

$$\chi = \frac{cS}{Gm^2} \leq 1$$

assumes ‘standard’ (here also non-charged) black holes in classical GR, four space-time dimensions

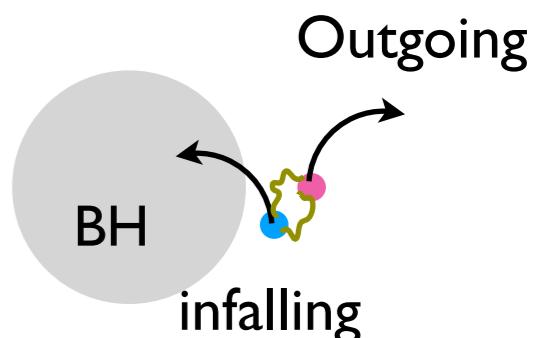


# Quantum gravity phenomena at BH horizon scales

- For astrophysical BHs, the curvature at the horizon is far from the Planck scale
- However, there are **deep theoretical puzzles** with **classical horizons**, e.g.

## I. Quantum Field Theory + horizons: **Information paradox**

- Pairs of particles produced near the horizon  $\Rightarrow$  Hawking radiation
- Ultimately, the **BH** evaporates, all **converted to thermal radiation**



Logical inconsistencies, e.g.: **where does the information on the initial state go?**

*Quantum information analysis shows that sub-leading order quantum corrections cannot cure this problem*

[e.g. Mathur 2009]

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## 2. Microscopic interpretation of BH entropy

- J. Bekenstein (1972) found that BHs have an **entropy** proportional to their **area**

$$S_{\text{BH}} = \frac{A}{4G} \frac{c^3}{\hbar} \quad A = 16\pi m^2 \quad (\text{nonspinning BH}) \quad S_{\text{BH}} \text{ is huge! } \sim 10^{77} \text{ (m/M}_\odot\text{) Joule/Kelvin}$$

- According to Boltzmann, entropy counts the number  $N$  of microscopic configurations

$$S \sim \log(N) \quad N \sim 10^{10^{77}} \quad (\text{solar-mass BH}) \quad \text{Vastly larger than for any matter}$$

where and what is this multitude of BH microstates?

How does this comply with the no-hair theorem?

[some explanations from string theory and loop quantum gravity, e. g. Strominger & Vafa 1996 and [review](#) ]

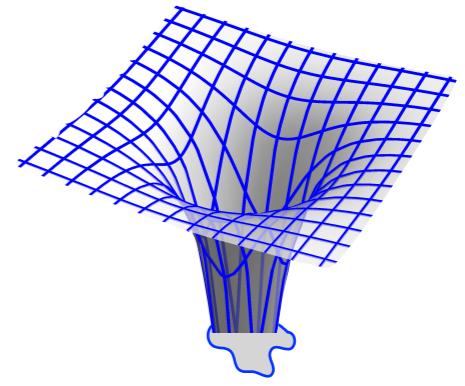
# Motivates ‘BH mimicker’ compact objects

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Many proposed modifications to resolve these issues with horizons. A few examples:

- **Fuzzballs** [ from string theory ]

*BH-like object : higher-dimensional spacetime ends just outside the would-be horizon, quantum stringy ‘fuzzcap’, interior does not exist*



- Related: **Microstate geometries** [ from string theory ]

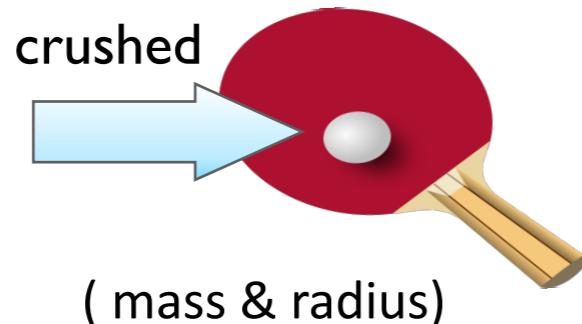
*BH-like object = ensemble of horizonless micro state geometries, smooth ‘cap’ of throat + topology in extra dimensions*

- **Gravastars** [ from considering limits of ultracompactified matter ]

*~ gravitational extension of Bose-Einstein condensates, negative pressure interior (de Sitter spacetime), no horizon, matches through a thin shell of high-energy matter to a Schwarzschild exterior*

- **Zoo of other proposed objects**, e.g. in the review article <https://arxiv.org/abs/1904.05363>

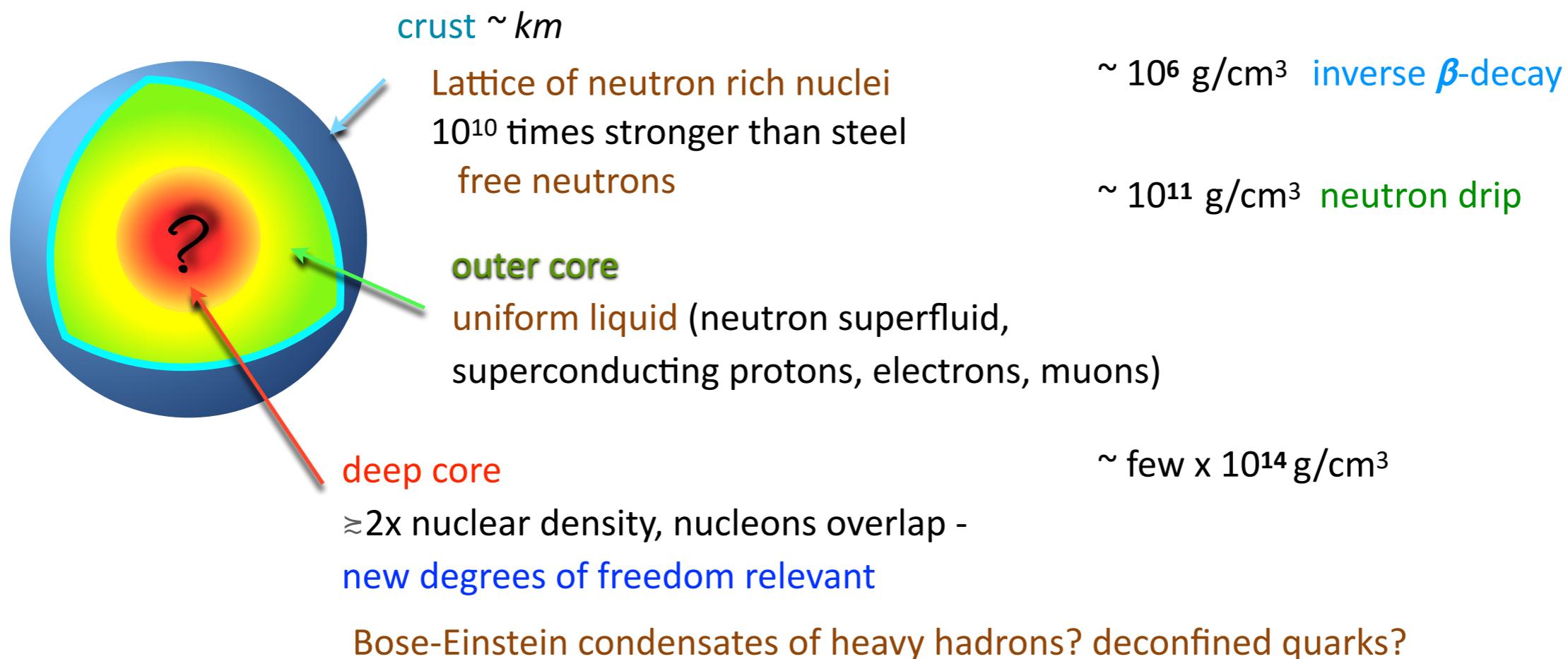
# Compact objects II: Neutron stars - extreme matter



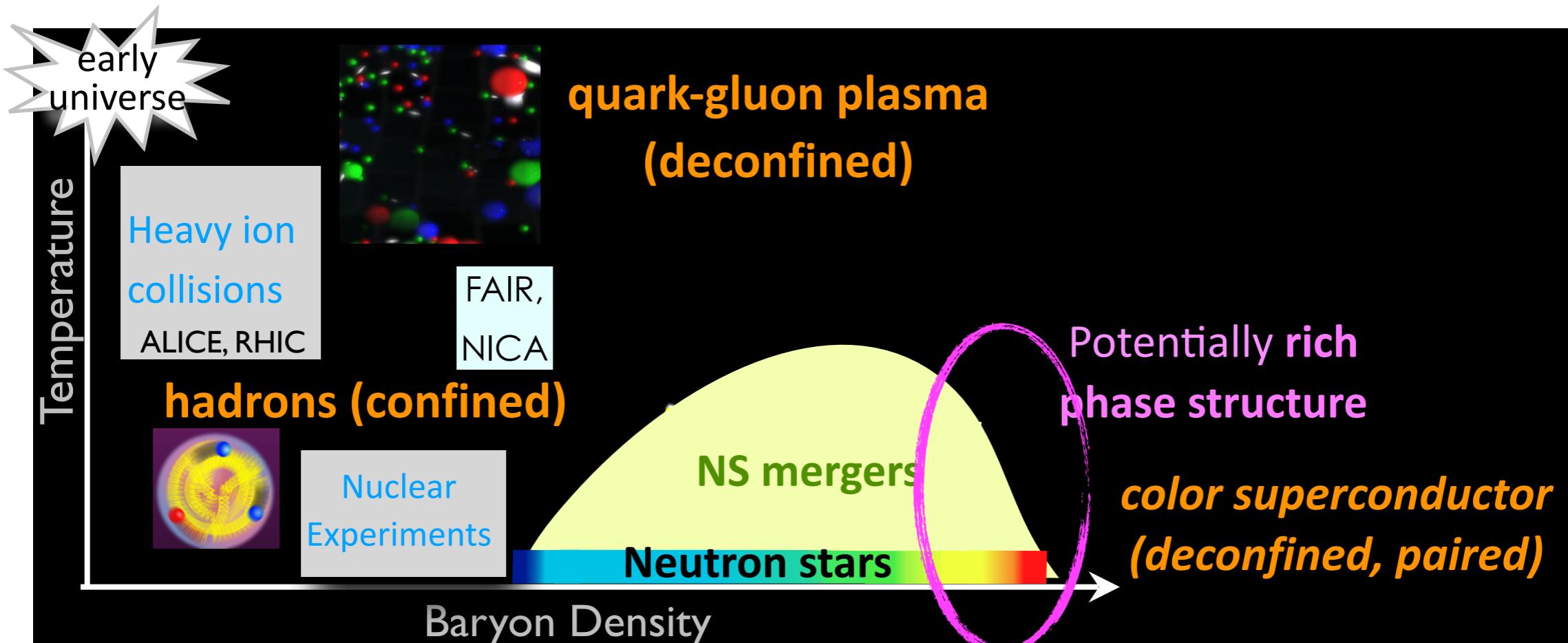
- Strong gravity compresses matter to  $\sim$  several times nuclear density
- Novel phases of matter, large extrapolations from known physics

## Neutron star structure

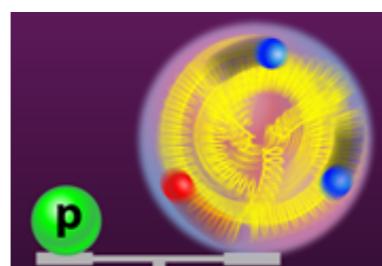
[ density of iron  $\sim 10 \text{ g/cm}^3$  ]



# Neutron stars as QCD labs



- Characterize phases of QCD, probe deconfinement
- Deeper understanding of strong interactions, their unusual properties, e.g.
  - **asymptotic freedom** (weaker force at shorter distances)
  - **Vacuum** (condensate) has important effects, e.g. mass

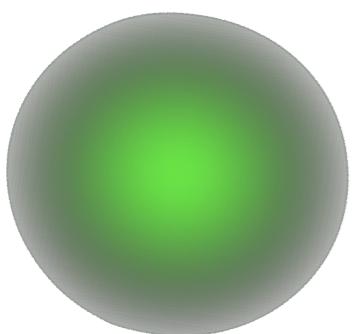


proton mass:  $\sim 938$  MeV  
only  $\sim 1\%$  due to Higgs

# Compact objects of new field condensates/hair

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- New fields are ubiquitous in beyond-standard-model physics, e.g. motivated by
  - High-energy particle physics, grand unified theories
  - Dark matter
  - Inflationary cosmology
- Fields in the early universe generically condense into compact-object-like configurations over cosmic time



Levkov+ <https://arxiv.org/abs/1804.05857>

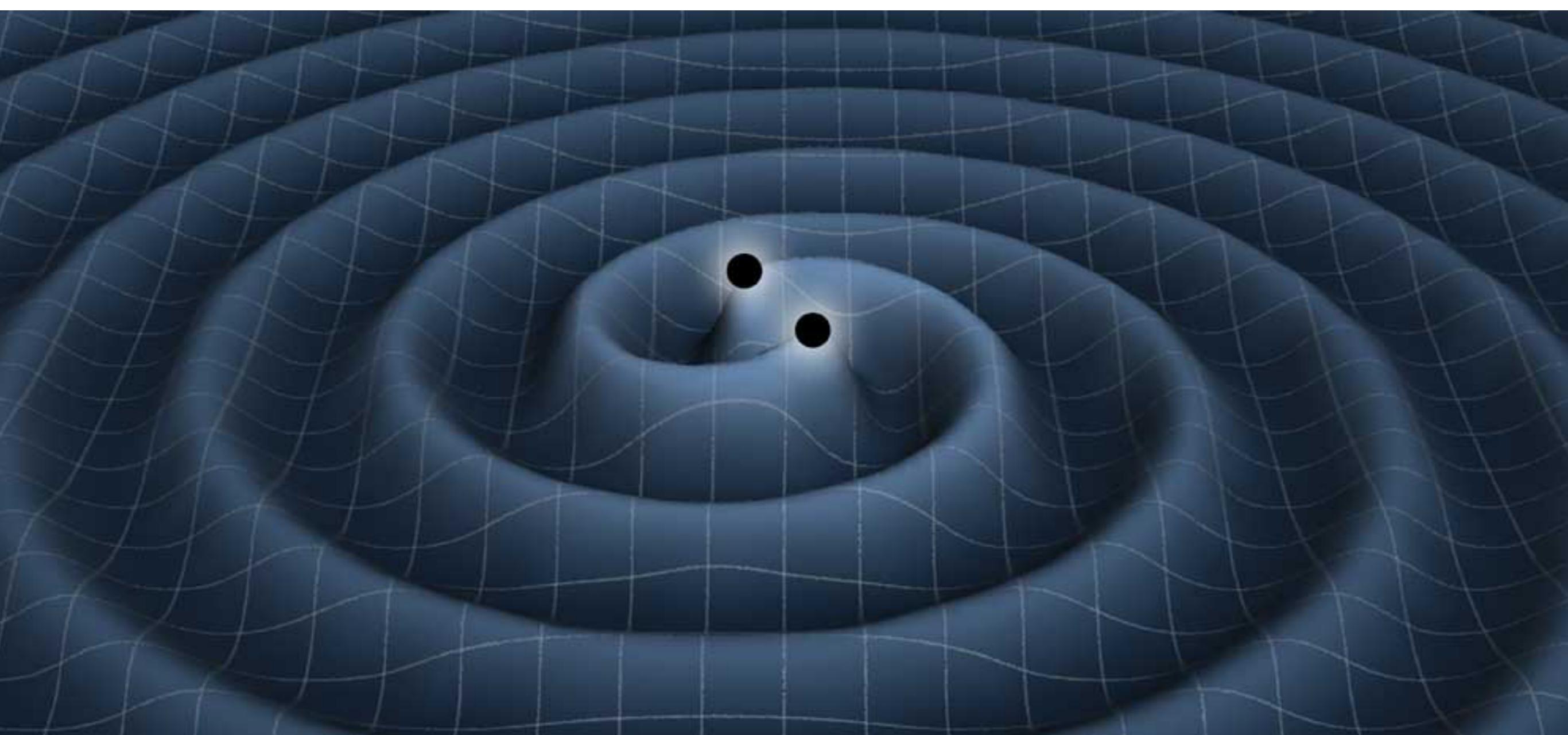
Form e.g. Boson stars (scalar fields),  
Proca stars (bosonic vector fields),  
oscillons (self-bound scalar fields), ....

- Extra fields can also form atomic-like ‘clouds’ around black holes, surround neutron stars (matter coupling), form high-density dark matter spikes around black holes, ...
- In modified gravity theories, black holes and/or neutron stars can scalarize (develop scalar hair)

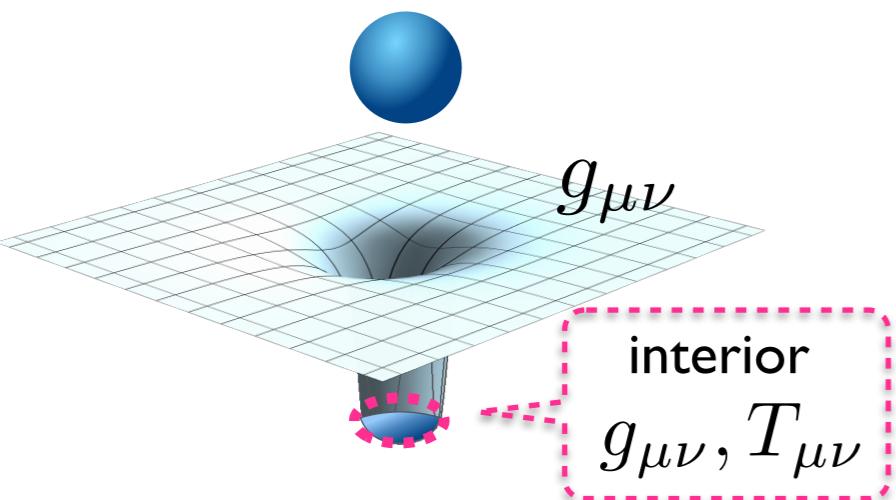


# How can we test for these objects with GWs?

Need to consider **spacetime** properties



# Nonspinning compact object spacetime



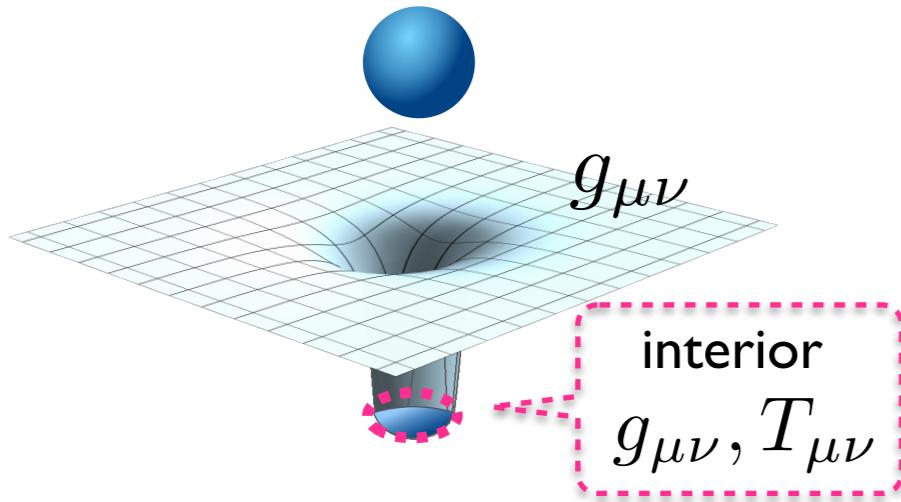
Einstein field equations + energy-momentum conservation  
yield equilibrium structure and spacetime geometry

$$R_{\alpha\beta} - \frac{1}{2}g_{\alpha\beta}R = \frac{8\pi G}{c^4}T_{\alpha\beta} \quad \nabla_\alpha T^{\alpha\beta} = 0$$

Spherically symmetric spacetime:

$$ds_0^2 = g_{tt}dt^2 + g_{rr}dr^2 + r^2(d\theta^2 + \sin^2\theta d\varphi^2)$$

# Nonspinning compact object - interior

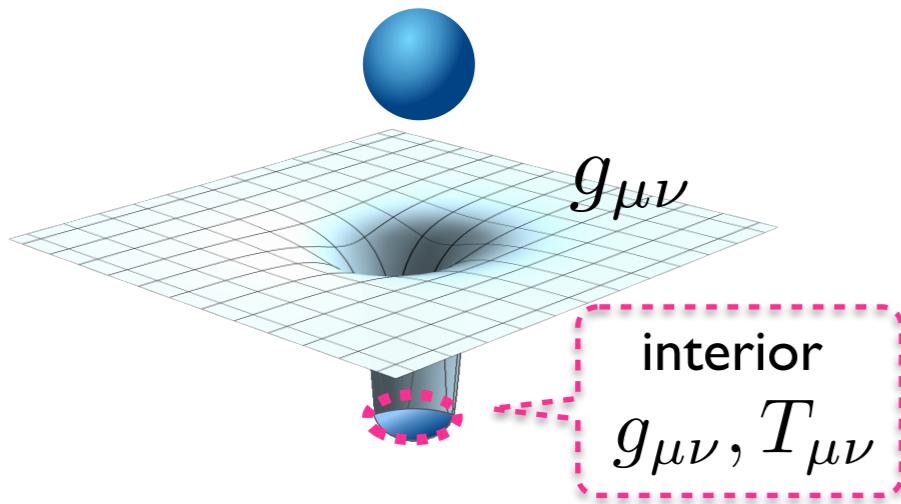


Interior: depends on the type of compact object, e.g.:

- Black hole  $T_{\mu\nu} = 0$

- Perfect fluid (neutron star)  $T_{\mu\nu} = (\rho + p)u_\mu u_\nu + p g_{\mu\nu}$ 
  - Density
  - Pressure
  - Fluid 4-velocity  
 $u_\mu u^\mu = -1$
- Complex scalar field  $T_{\mu\nu} = \partial_\mu \phi^* \partial_\nu \phi + \partial_\nu \phi^* \partial_\mu \phi - g_{\mu\nu} [\partial^\alpha \partial_\alpha \phi + V(|\phi|^2)]$ 
  - Self-interactions

# Nonspinning compact object - exterior



$$ds_0^2 = g_{tt}dt^2 + g_{rr}dr^2 + r^2(d\theta^2 + \sin^2\theta d\varphi^2)$$

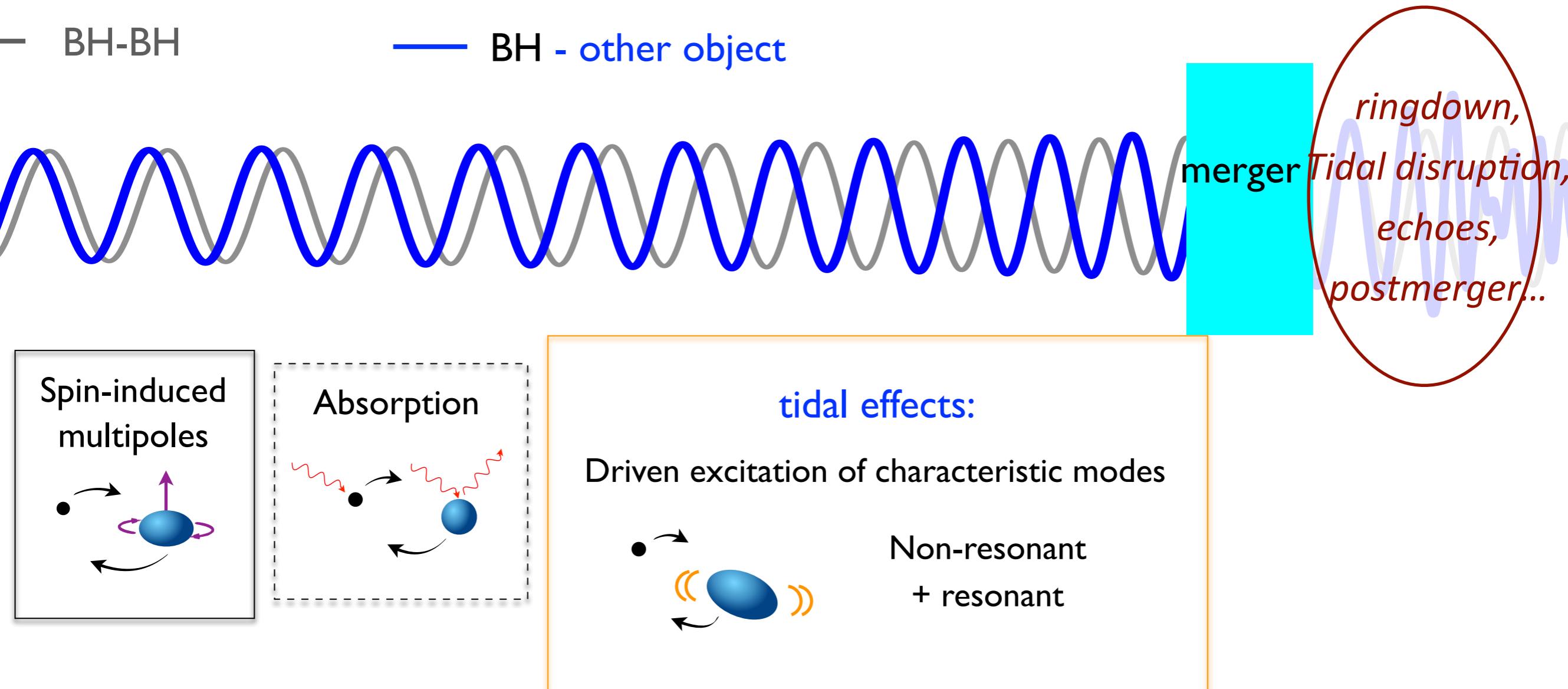
Exterior spacetime is the same for any object

$$g_{tt} = -\left(1 - \frac{2GM}{rc^2}\right) = -g_{rr}^{-1}$$

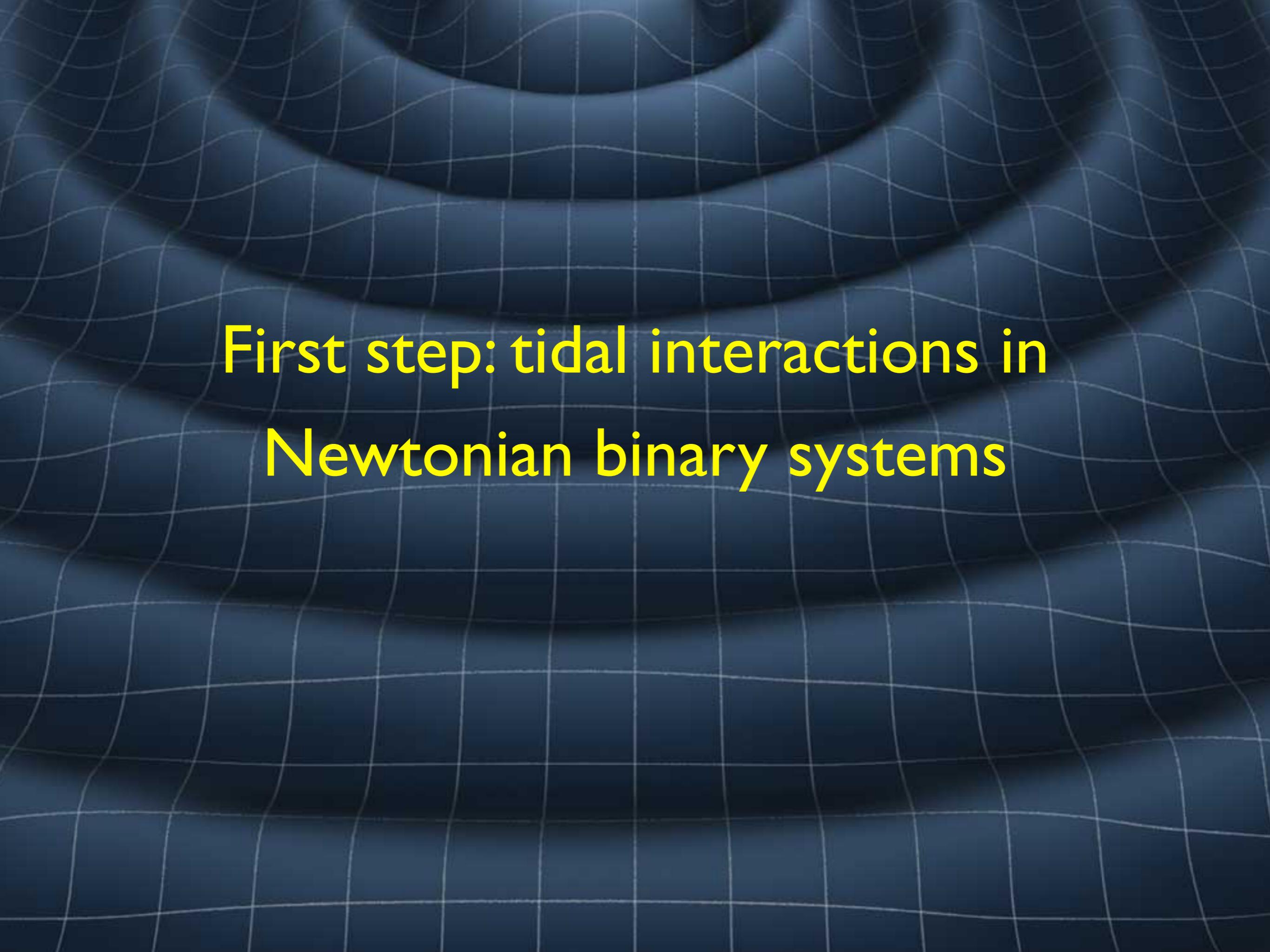
Depends only on the object's mass M

need deviations away from spherical symmetry to identify the type of object and its properties

# Generic GW signatures of an object's structure



Generic phenomena (any objects that are not classical GR black holes in 4d)

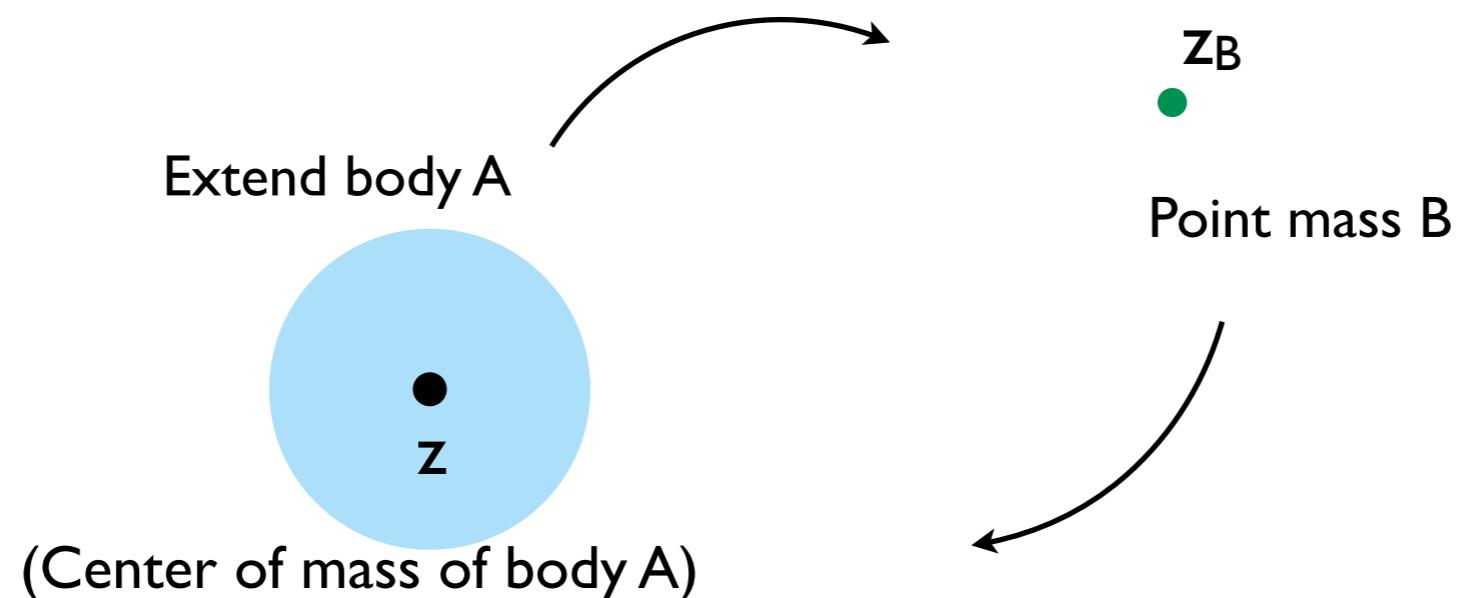


**First step: tidal interactions in  
Newtonian binary systems**

# Setup

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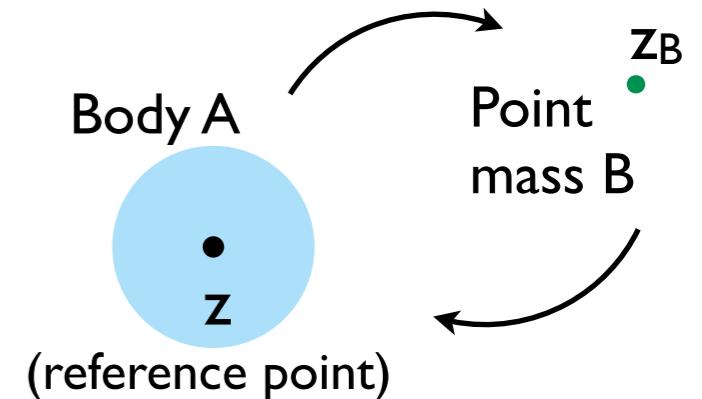
- Consider an extended body A and a point mass at large separation
- Finite-size effects are small
- Can obtain results for two extended bodies by simply adding a similar finite-size contribution for the other body



# Expansion of the companion's potential felt by the body

- Recall: Taylor expansion of a function  $f$  around a reference point  $z$

$$f(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_{\ell=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\ell!} (x - z)^{\ell} \partial_{\ell} f(\mathbf{x}) \Big|_{\mathbf{x}=z}$$



- In the last lecture: used this for the exterior potential of a mass distribution (here body A)
- Now: also use this for the gravitational potential due to the companion  $\mathbf{U}_B$  that is **felt by body A**:

$$U_B(\mathbf{x}) = U_B(\mathbf{z}) + (x - z)^j [\partial_j U_B(\mathbf{x})]_{\mathbf{x}=\mathbf{z}} - \sum_{l=2}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\ell!} (x - z)^{\ell} \mathcal{E}^L$$

where  $\mathcal{E}^L = - \left[ \frac{\partial}{\partial x^L} U_B(\mathbf{x}) \right]_{\mathbf{x}=\mathbf{z}}$  are 'tidal moments'

$$U_B = \frac{m_B}{|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{z}_B|}$$

This is a STF tensor, c.f. HW2

# Equations of motion of the body

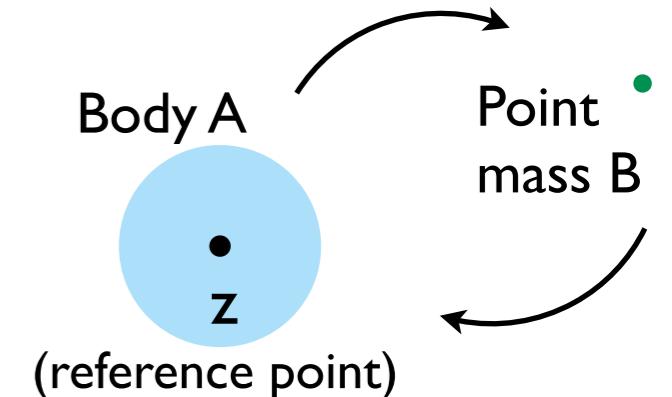
- The **equations of motion** of  $\mathbf{z}$  (the center of mass of body A) are derived from the gradient of the companion's potential:

$$M\ddot{\mathbf{z}}^j = - \int_A d^3x \rho \frac{\partial}{\partial x^j} U_B(\mathbf{x})$$

Mass density of A

$$\partial_j U_B(\mathbf{x}) = \partial_j U_B|_{\mathbf{z}} + (x - z)^i [\partial_i \partial_j U_B(\mathbf{x})]_{\mathbf{z}} + (x - z)^i (x - z)^k [\partial_i \partial_k \partial_j U_B(\mathbf{x})]_{\mathbf{z}} + \dots$$

$$M\ddot{\mathbf{z}}^j = -M \frac{\partial}{\partial x^j} U_B(\mathbf{x}) |_{\mathbf{x}=\mathbf{z}} + \sum_{\ell=2}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\ell!} M^{} \mathcal{E}_{jL}$$



Only the STF part contributes

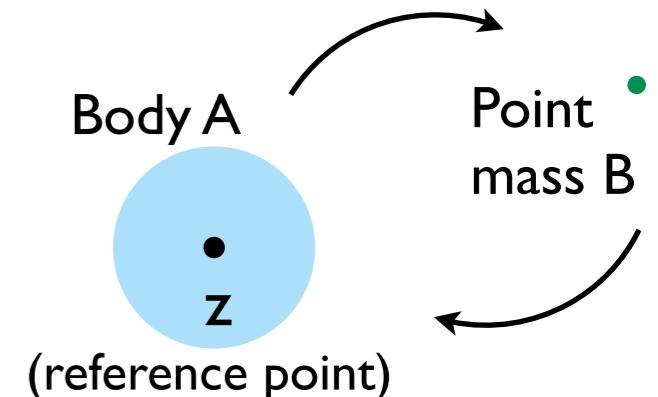
$$\mathcal{E}^L = - \left[ \frac{\partial}{\partial x^L} U_B(\mathbf{x}) \right]_{\mathbf{x}=\mathbf{z}}$$

Mass moments of body A     $M^{} = \int_A d^3x' \rho(\mathbf{x}') (\mathbf{x}' - \mathbf{z})^{}$

# Lagrangian for the dynamics

- The **equations of motion** of  $\mathbf{z}$  (the center of mass of body A)

$$M\ddot{z}^j = -M \frac{\partial}{\partial x^j} U_B(\mathbf{x}) \Big|_{\mathbf{x}=\mathbf{z}} + \sum_{\ell=2}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\ell!} M^{<L>} \mathcal{E}_{jL}$$



- can be summarized in a Lagrangian, where **finite-size effects add to the point-mass part**:

Point-mass motion of the body's center of mass  $z$

Finite-size contributions

$$L_A = \frac{1}{2} \left[ M \dot{z}^2 - \sum_{\ell} \frac{1}{\ell!} M^{<L>} \mathcal{E}_L \right] + \mathcal{L}_{\text{int}}$$

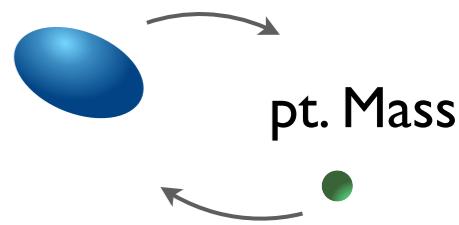
Body's **multipole moments couple** to the **tidal moments sourced by the companion**

Internal dynamics of the multipoles  
(Depends only on  $M^{<L>}$ ,  $\dot{M}^{<L>}$ ...)

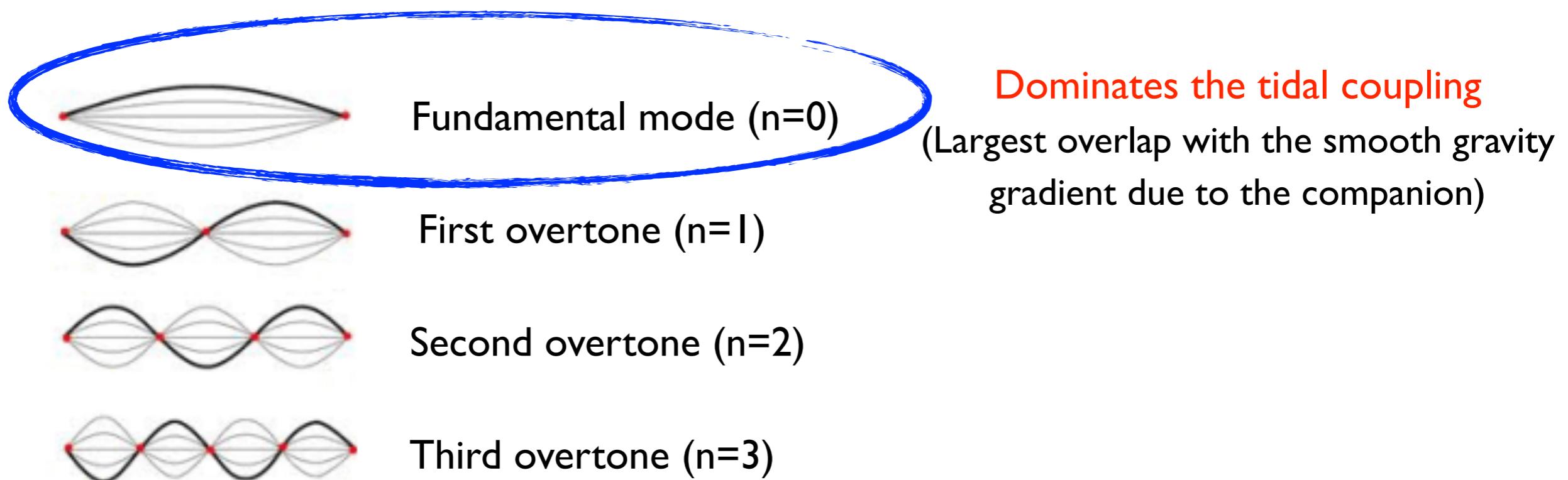
for more details on this derivation, see <https://arxiv.org/abs/1009.4919>

# Tidally-induced multipoles

- Multipoles due to the body's **response to the tidal field**
- In general: perturbations of a material object  $\Rightarrow$  decompose into **normal modes**
- Here: perturbations to a spherically symmetric background
  - modes are characterized by **multipole index  $\ell$**  and **overtone number  $n$**



e.g. vibrating string



# Internal dynamics of tidally-induced multipoles

- Quadrupole  $M^{<ij>}$  gives by far the largest contribution to the overall effect
- Focus on these dominant effects  $\Rightarrow$  specialize from now on to  $n = 0, \ell = 2$
- Omit the  $(n, \ell)$  labels and define  $Q^{ij} = M^{<ij>}$  (contribution only from the  $n=0$  overtone implied)
- $Q_{ij}$  behaves approximately as harmonic oscillators with Lagrangian

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{int}} \propto \dot{Q}^{ij} \dot{Q}_{ij} - \omega_0^2 Q_{ij} Q^{ij}$$

Characteristic frequency (fundamental mode)

*Kinetic energy*      *Elastic potential energy*

[extension to higher multipoles is very similar to the quadrupole case]

# Lagrangian for the binary system

- We can construct the Lagrangian for the **binary dynamics** by adding the finite-size contributions to the point-mass parts

- In relative coordinates, this leads to:

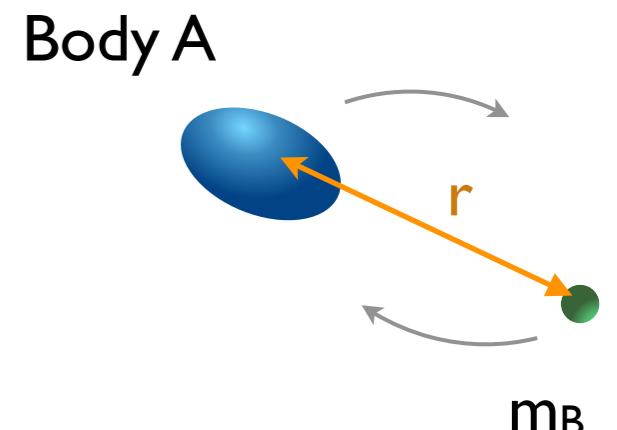
$$S = S_{\text{orbit}} + \int dt \left[ -\frac{1}{2} Q^{ij} \mathcal{E}_{ij} + \frac{1}{4\lambda\omega_0^2} (\dot{Q}^{ij} \dot{Q}_{ij} - \omega_0^2 Q_{ij} Q^{ij}) \right]$$



coupling coefficient - characteristic ‘tidal deformability’ parameter

$$L_{\text{orbit}} = \frac{1}{2} \mu v^2 + \frac{G\mu M}{r}$$

$$\mathcal{E}_{ij} = -Gm_B \partial_i \partial_j \frac{1}{r}$$



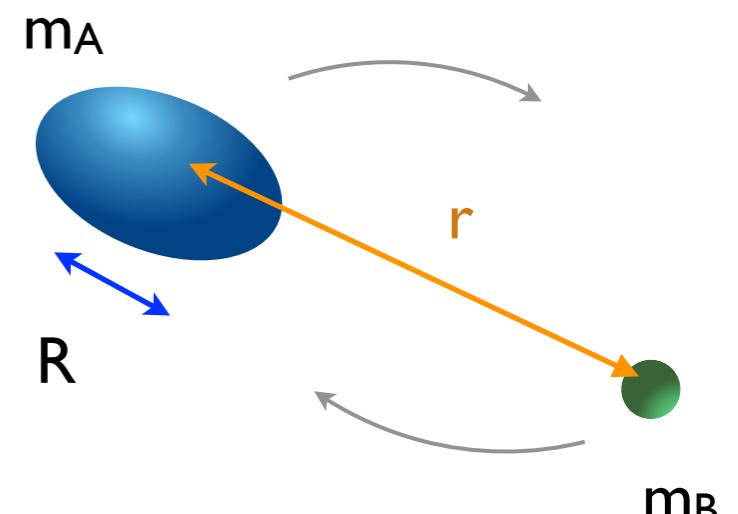
# Timescales

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- Fundamental mode frequency  $\sim$  scale of the body A  $\sim \omega_0 \sim \sqrt{Gm_A/R^3}$
- Tidal forcing  $\mathcal{E}_{ij}$  varies on the orbital scale  $\sim \omega \sim \sqrt{GM/r^3}$
- At large separation:  $\omega \ll \omega_0$

Mode is driven below resonance, no oscillations

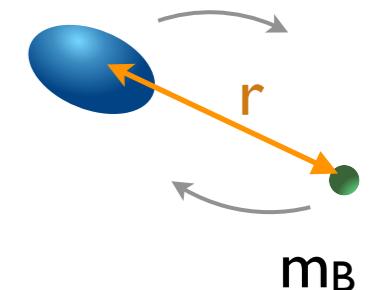
‘Adiabatic limit’



# Adiabatic limit

- Had the action for the binary dynamics

$$S = S_{\text{orbit}} + \int dt \left[ -\frac{1}{2} Q^{ij} \mathcal{E}_{ij} + \frac{1}{4\lambda\omega_0^2} (\dot{Q}^{ij} \dot{Q}_{ij} - \omega_0^2 Q_{ij} Q^{ij}) \right]$$



- Consider now the adiabatic limit:  $\dot{Q}^{ij} = 0$

Equations of motion:

$$Q_{ij} = -\lambda \mathcal{E}_{ij}$$

Interpretation of  $\lambda$  (tidal deformability) as the response coefficient

Computed from a ‘microscopic’ analysis of the tidally perturbed structure & gravitational potential

Integrate out  $Q_{ij}$  to obtain an effective action in the adiabatic limit:

$$S = S_{\text{orbit}} + \int dt \underbrace{\frac{\lambda}{4} \mathcal{E}_{ij} \mathcal{E}_{ij}}_{\text{Encodes information about the internal structure}} = \lambda \int dt \frac{3G^2 m_B^2}{2r^6}$$

Encodes information about the internal structure

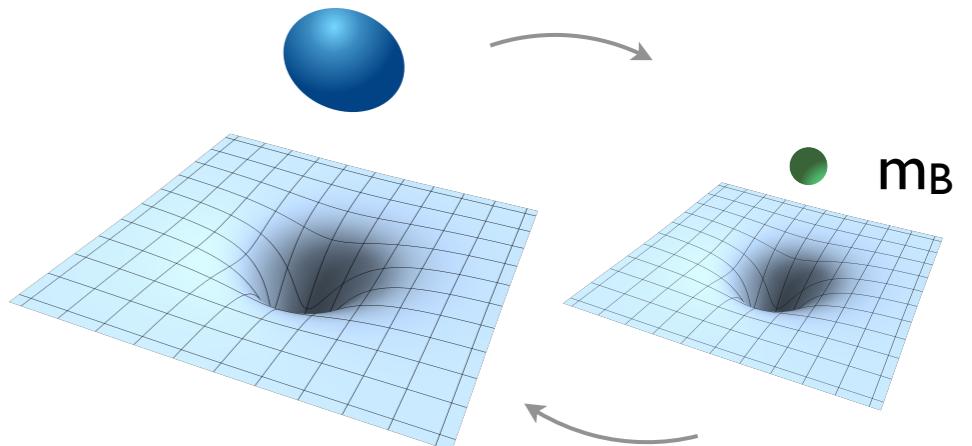
Tidal invariants, depend only on orbit and  $m_B$



Computation of tidal  
deformability in GR

# Generalization of tidal moments to GR

- Compact objects are strongly self-gravitating, GR is crucial



- Definition of the tidal moments in GR:

In body A's rest frame:

$$\mathcal{E}_{ij} = R_{0i0j}$$

Components of the Riemann curvature tensor due to the companion

# Definition of the body's multipole moments

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- Newtonian integral  $Q_{ij} = \int_A d^3x \rho (x - z)^{*j>*$  has no strong-field generalization
- But recall how the multipoles first appeared:
  - coefficients in the expansion of the exterior gravitational potential

c.f. the formula from last time for the potential outside a mass distribution:

$$U(\mathbf{x}) = G \sum_{\ell=0}^{\infty} \frac{(2\ell - 1)!!}{\ell!} \frac{\bar{n}^{} \mathcal{M}^{}}{\bar{r}^{\ell+1}}$$

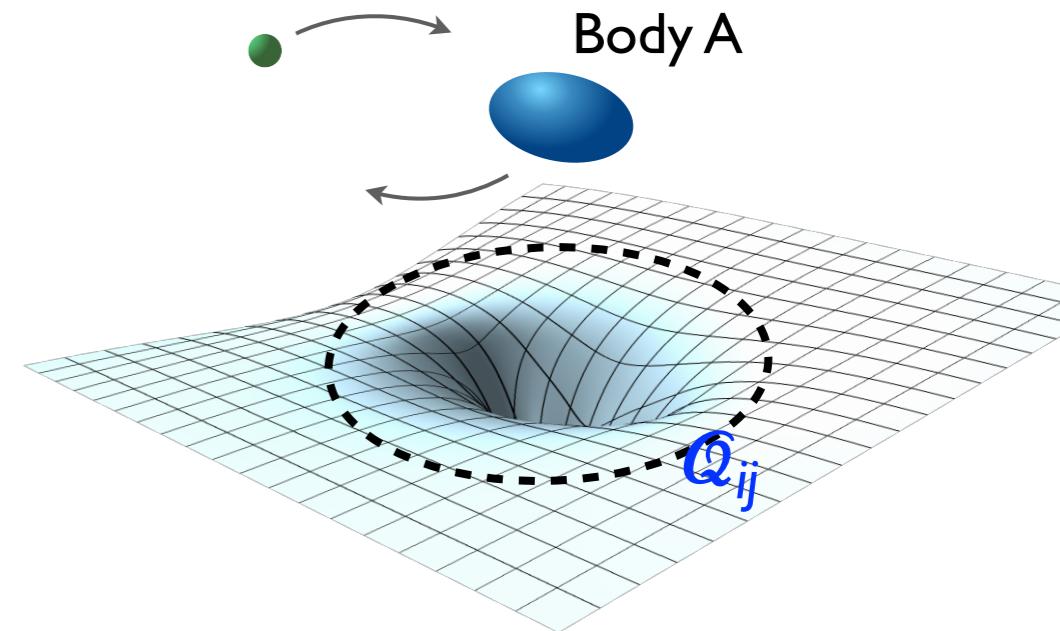
definition of  $Q_{ij}$  as  $\propto$  the coefficient of the  $r^{-3}$  falloff in the body's potential

$$\lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} U_A = \frac{m_A}{r} + \frac{3n^{*j>* Q_{ij}}{2r^3} + \mathcal{O}(r^{-4})$$

# Definition of the body's multipole moments

Newtonian:

$$\lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} U_A = \frac{m_A}{r} + \frac{3n^{ij} Q_{ij}}{2r^3} + \mathcal{O}(r^{-4})$$



- In GR: can work in a frame where the time-time component of the metric sourced by A is

$$g_{00}^A = - (1 - 2U_{\text{eff}}^A)$$

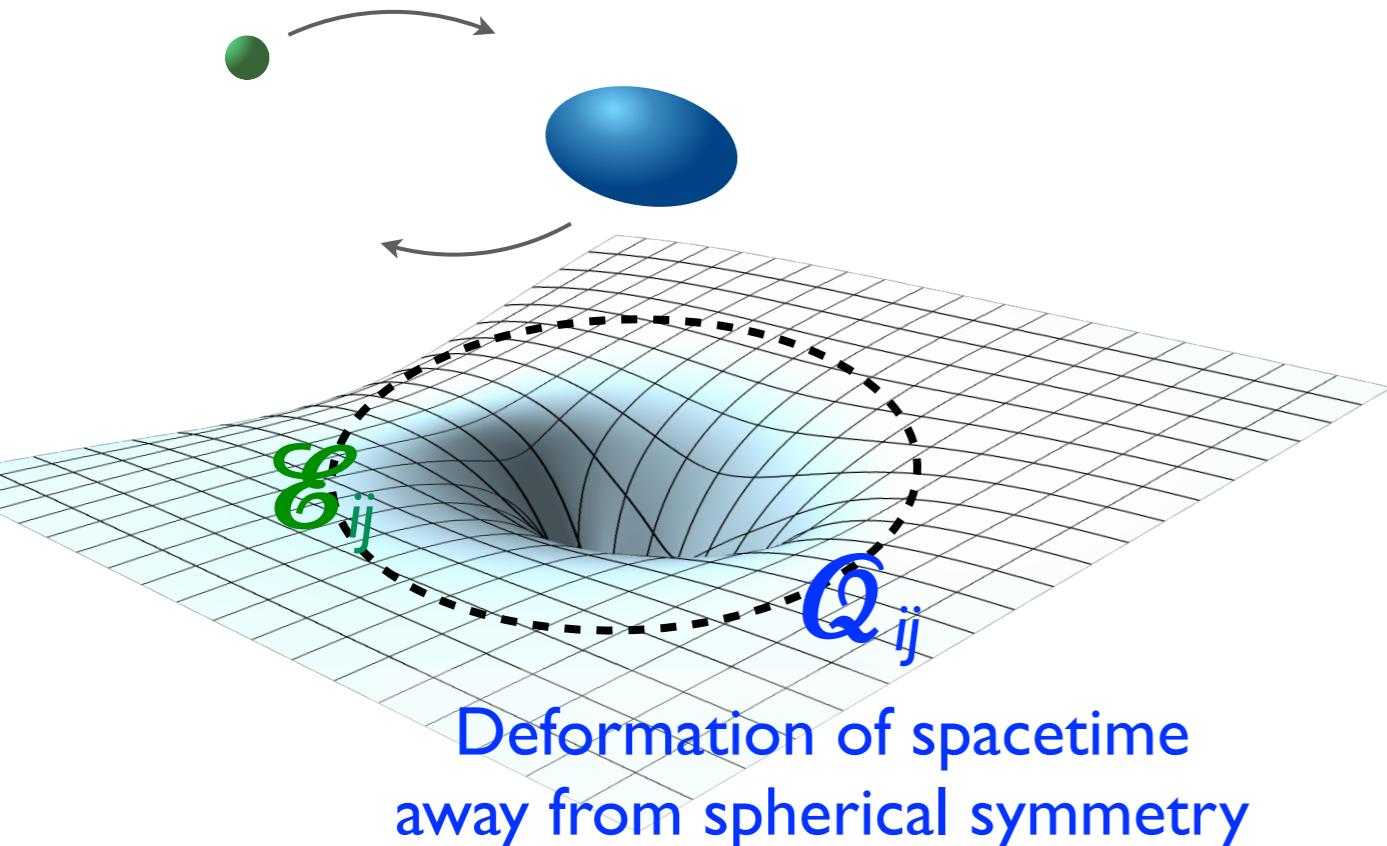
characterizes the deformation of the spacetime away from spherical symmetry

$$\lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} U_{\text{eff}}^A = \frac{m_A}{r} + \frac{3n^{ij} Q_{ij}}{2r^3} + \mathcal{O}(r^{-4})$$

Definition of  $Q_{ij}$

# Definition of tidal deformability

*When variations in tidal field are much faster than the body's internal timescales (adiabatic limit):*



$$Q_{ij} = -\lambda \mathcal{E}_{ij}$$

tidal deformability parameter

=0 for a BH

Same relation as in Newtonian gravity but  
with the **relativistic** definitions of  $Q_{ij}$  and  $\mathcal{E}_{ij}$

To compute  $\lambda$  need to calculate the response to the tidal perturbation

# Computation of tidal deformability

Aim: compute how the structure of the object changes due to tidal perturbations and the resulting imprint in the exterior spacetime, from which we can extract the quadrupole

- Einstein field equations + energy-momentum conservation determine interior structure and spacetime geometry (interior and exterior)

$$R_{\alpha\beta} - \frac{1}{2}g_{\alpha\beta}R = \frac{8\pi G}{c^4}T_{\alpha\beta} \quad \nabla_\alpha T^{\alpha\beta} = 0$$

- Analyze for small perturbations to a spherically symmetric equilibrium configuration
- Introduce metric perturbations  $h_{\mu\nu}$ :

$$ds^2 = ds_0^2 + h_{\mu\nu}dx^\mu dx^\nu$$

Background metric      Small perturbations

In general: 10 independent functions

# Simplifications for the perturbations

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- Separation of variables
- perturbations split into two sectors with different parity, i.e. symmetry + or - under reflection through the origin  $\{\theta, \varphi\} \rightarrow \{\pi - \theta, \pi + \varphi\}$
- Simplifications by choosing ‘Regge-Wheeler gauge’, where the even-parity perturbations are

[Regge & Wheeler 1957 stability of a Schwarzschild singularity ]

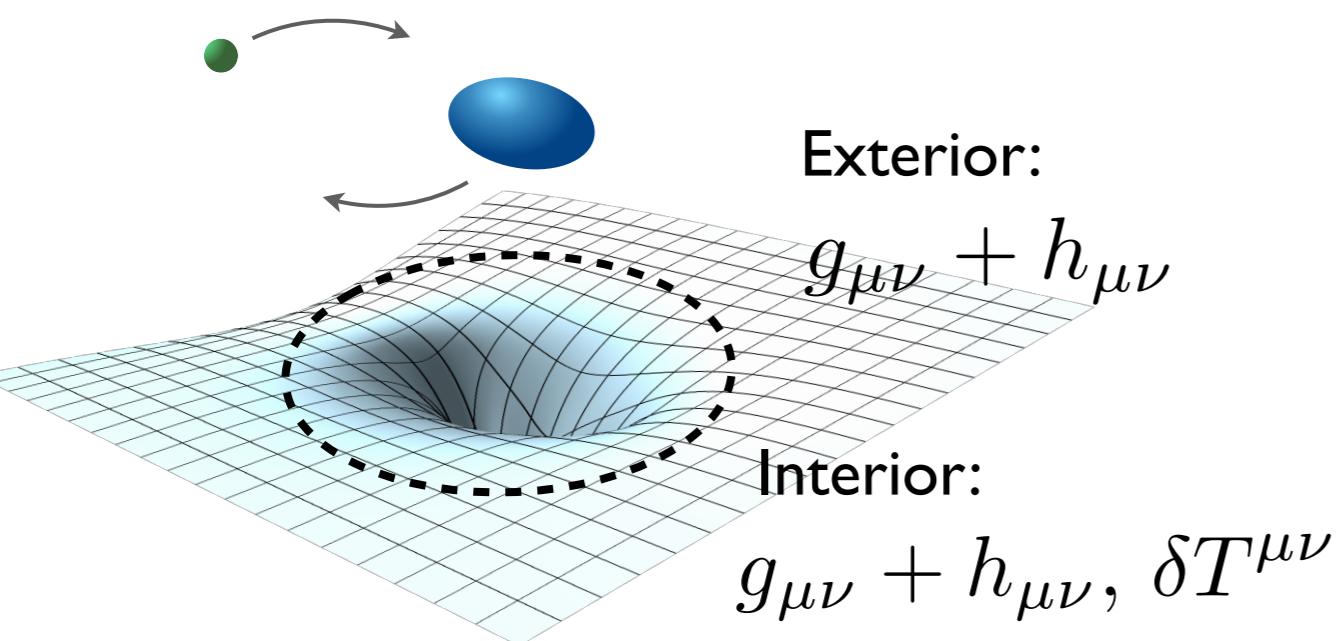
$$h_{\mu\nu} \sim \sum_{m=-2}^2 \begin{pmatrix} H_0(r) & H_1(r) & 0 & 0 \\ * & H_2(r) & 0 & 0 \\ * & * & K(r) & 0 \\ * & * & * & \sin^2 \theta K(r) \end{pmatrix} Y_{2m}(\theta, \varphi) e^{-i\omega t}$$

- Also decompose the components of  $T_{\mu\nu}$  into spherical harmonics and  $e^{-i\omega t}$

Frequency-dependence is important for characteristic oscillation mode frequencies [part 2 of this lecture]

Tidal deformability defined in the adiabatic limit - can specialize to zero-frequency perturbations

# Computation of tidal deformability



Exterior:

$$g_{\mu\nu} + h_{\mu\nu}$$

Interior:

$$g_{\mu\nu} + h_{\mu\nu}, \delta T^{\mu\nu}$$

- Substitute into

$$R_{\alpha\beta} - \frac{1}{2}g_{\alpha\beta}R = \frac{8\pi G}{c^4}T_{\alpha\beta}$$

$$\nabla_\alpha T^{\alpha\beta} = 0$$

- Expand to linear order in the perturbations

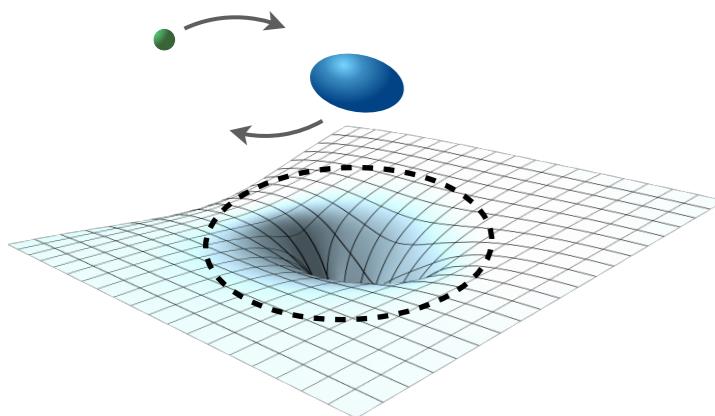
- Write out all the equations for the different components
- In many cases, after manipulations to algebraically eliminate variables, can end up with a single ‘master equation’ for  $\sim$  the time-time component of the metric perturbation

$$\frac{d^2 H_0}{dr^2} + A(r) \frac{dH_0}{dr} + B(r)H_0 = 0$$



Depend on background metric and unperturbed energy-momentum tensor

# Computation of tidal deformability



- Master equation:  $\frac{d^2 H_0}{dr^2} + A(r) \frac{dH_0}{dr} + B(r)H_0 = 0$
- Solve in the **interior** (usually only possible **numerically**)
- **Exterior:** A and B simplify since  $\delta T_{\mu\nu} = 0$  there
- In GR, get analytical solutions in terms of special functions (associated Legendre functions)

Determined by **matching** to the interior solution at the surface

$$H_0 = a_1 Q_{22} \left( \frac{r}{M} - 1 \right) + a_2 P_{22} \left( \frac{r}{M} - 1 \right)$$

Behavior at large distance  $\sim r^{-3}$   $\sim r^2$

Compare with the definition of the multipole moments

$$\lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} \delta g_{tt} \sim \frac{3n^{ij} Q_{ij}}{2r^3} + \frac{1}{2} r^2 \mathcal{E}_{ij} n^{ij} + \dots$$

# Final result

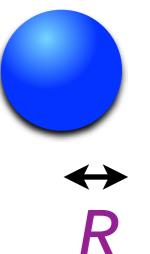
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- Going through the details shows that for non-BH objects,  $\lambda$  depends on **interior integration results evaluated at the surface**

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\lambda}{M^5} &= \frac{16}{15}(1 - 2C)^2[2 + 2C(y - 1) - y] \\ &\times \{2C[6 - 3y + 3C(5y - 8)] + 4C^3[13 - 11y + C(3y - 2) + 2C^2(1 + y)] \\ &+ 3(1 - 2C)^2[2 - y + 2C(y - 1)] \ln(1 - 2C)\}^{-1}\end{aligned}$$

$$C = \frac{GM}{Rc^2} \quad \text{Compactness of the body}$$

$$y = \frac{rH'_0}{H_0} \quad \Big|_{r=R}$$

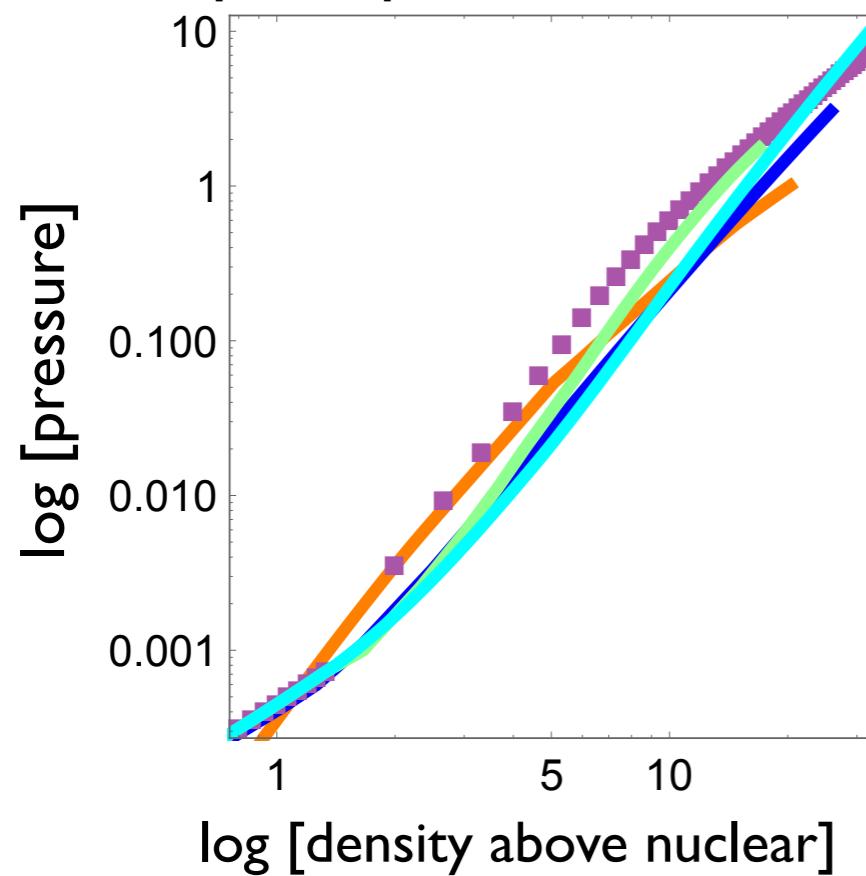


For black holes: boundary conditions at the horizon require that  $\lambda=0$

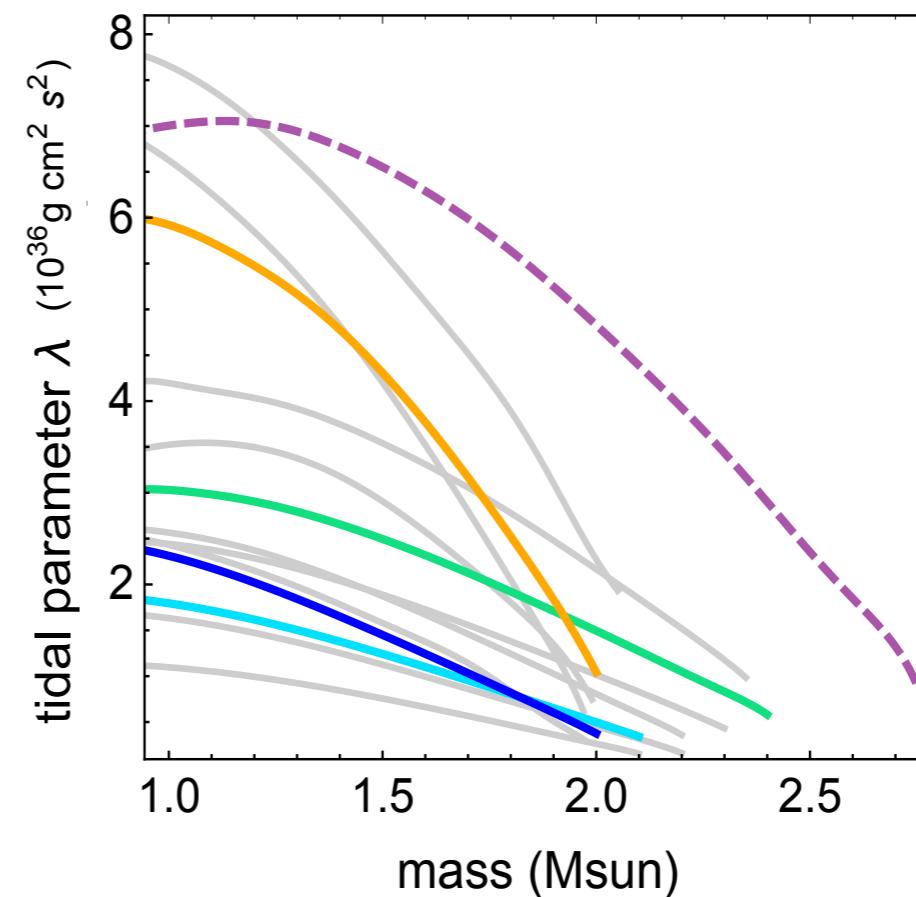
# Example for neutron stars

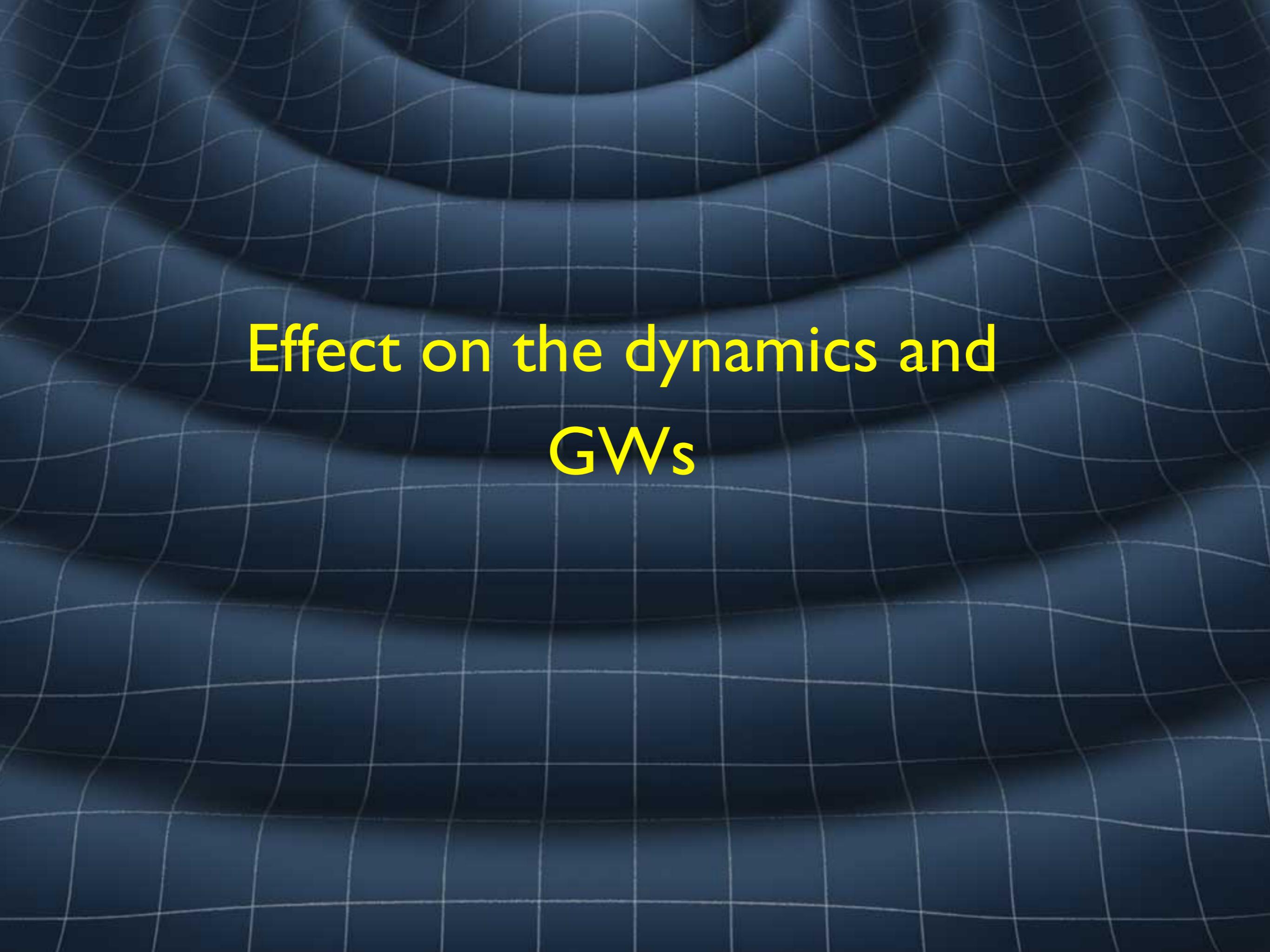
Tidal deformability depends on matter properties encoded in the equation of state

Example equations of state (EoS)



tidal deformability  $\lambda$  vs. mass





**Effect on the dynamics and  
GWs**

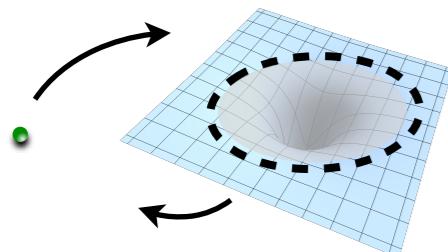
# Effect on the binary dynamics

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- We already worked out the Newtonian result (adiabatic limit) in a convenient form

$$S = S_{\text{orbit}} + \int dt \frac{\lambda}{4} \mathcal{E}_{ij} \mathcal{E}_{ij}$$

- Generalize to GR: reference worldline with proper time  $\tau$  plus tidal effects. In the body's frame:



$$S_{\text{tidal}} = \int d\tau \frac{\lambda}{4} \mathcal{E}_{ij} \mathcal{E}_{ij}$$

↑  
 $z \, dt$

Relativistic redshift (strong-field region near the body)

# Does GR give rise to new types of interactions?

- In the 1990s, some numerical simulations seemed to find a new ``**relativistic crushing force**'' in neutron

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## Instabilities in Close Neutron Star Binaries

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... surprising evidence that GR effects may cause otherwise stable stars to individually collapse prior to merging

se neutron star binaries based upon (3 + 1) calculations. When a realistic equation of state for neutron stars reveal surprising evidence that general relativistic effects may cause otherwise stable stars to individually collapse prior to merging.

Also, the strong fields cause the last stable orbit to occur at a larger separation distance and lower frequency than post-Newtonian estimates.

## BINARY-INDUCED NEUTRON STAR COMPRESSION, HEATING, AND COLLAPSE

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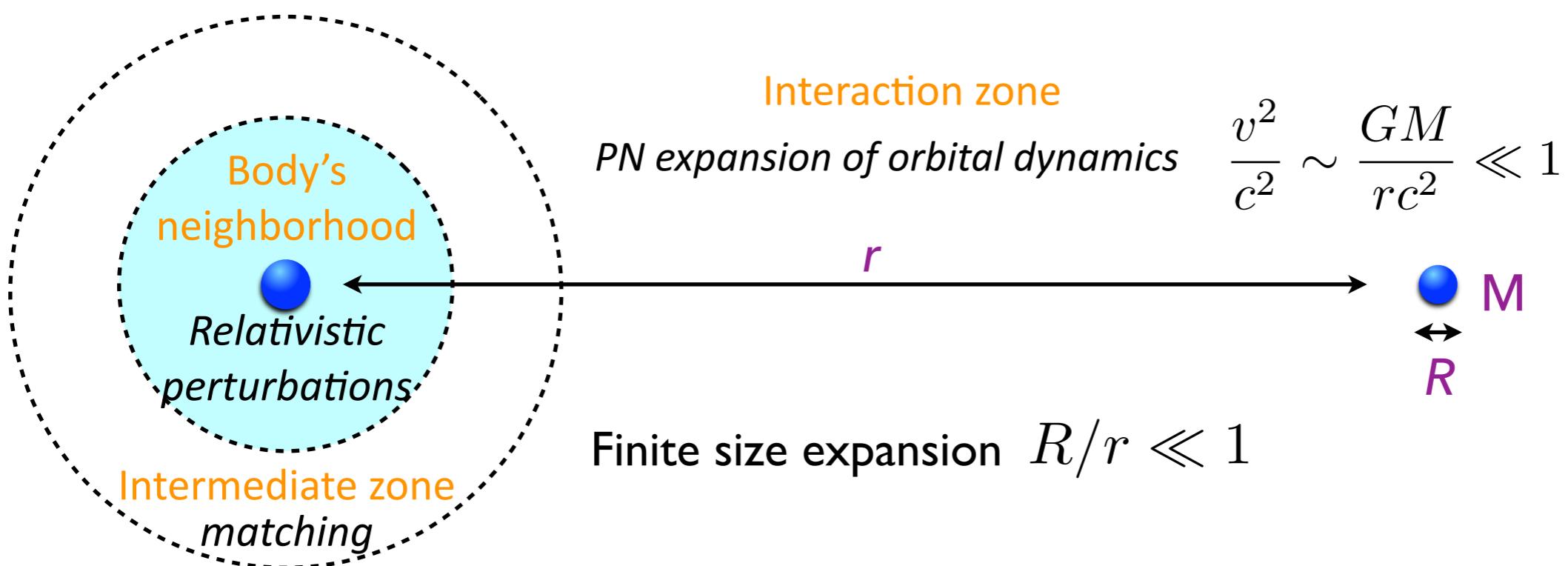
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# Does GR give rise to new types of interactions?

- ▶ This caused a lot of discussions and follow-up work in the community  
Sociological account: Kennefick 2000 ``Star crushing: theoretical practice & the theoretician's regress''
- ▶ A rigorous analysis using **matched asymptotic expansions** between the neutron star and orbital spacetimes showed that there are **no such new couplings**  
[Flanagan 1998: ``GR coupling between orbital motion & internal degrees of freedom ..'' [paper](#) ]

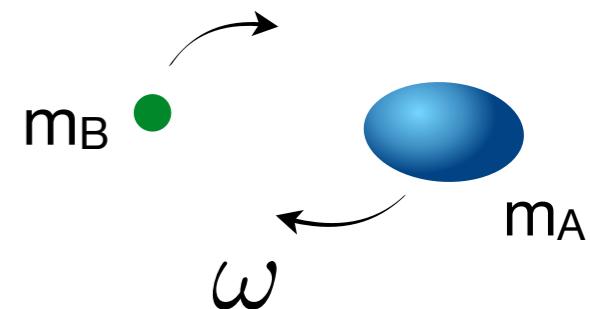


However, in GR there are new types of 'gravito-magnetic' tidal fields associated with a different piece of the companion's spacetime curvature, which couple to the body's current multipole moments

# Schematic influence on the GWs

- Energy goes into deforming the body

$$E \sim E_{\text{orbit}} - \frac{\lambda}{4} \mathcal{E}^2$$

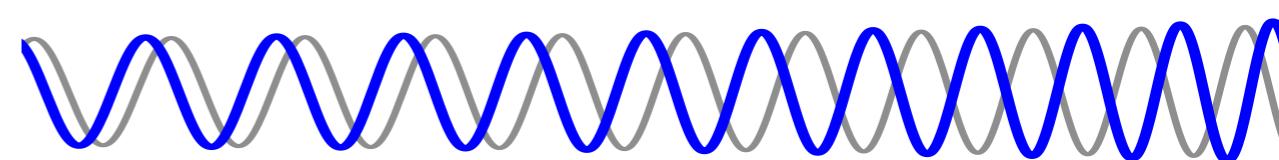


- moving multipoles contribute to gravitational radiation

$$\dot{E}_{\text{GW}} \sim \left[ \frac{d^3}{dt^3} (Q_{\text{orbit}} + \mathcal{Q}) \right]^2$$

- approx. GW phase from energy balance:  $\frac{d\phi_{\text{GW}}}{dt} = 2\omega$      $\frac{d\omega}{dt} = \frac{\dot{E}_{\text{GW}}}{dE/d\omega}$

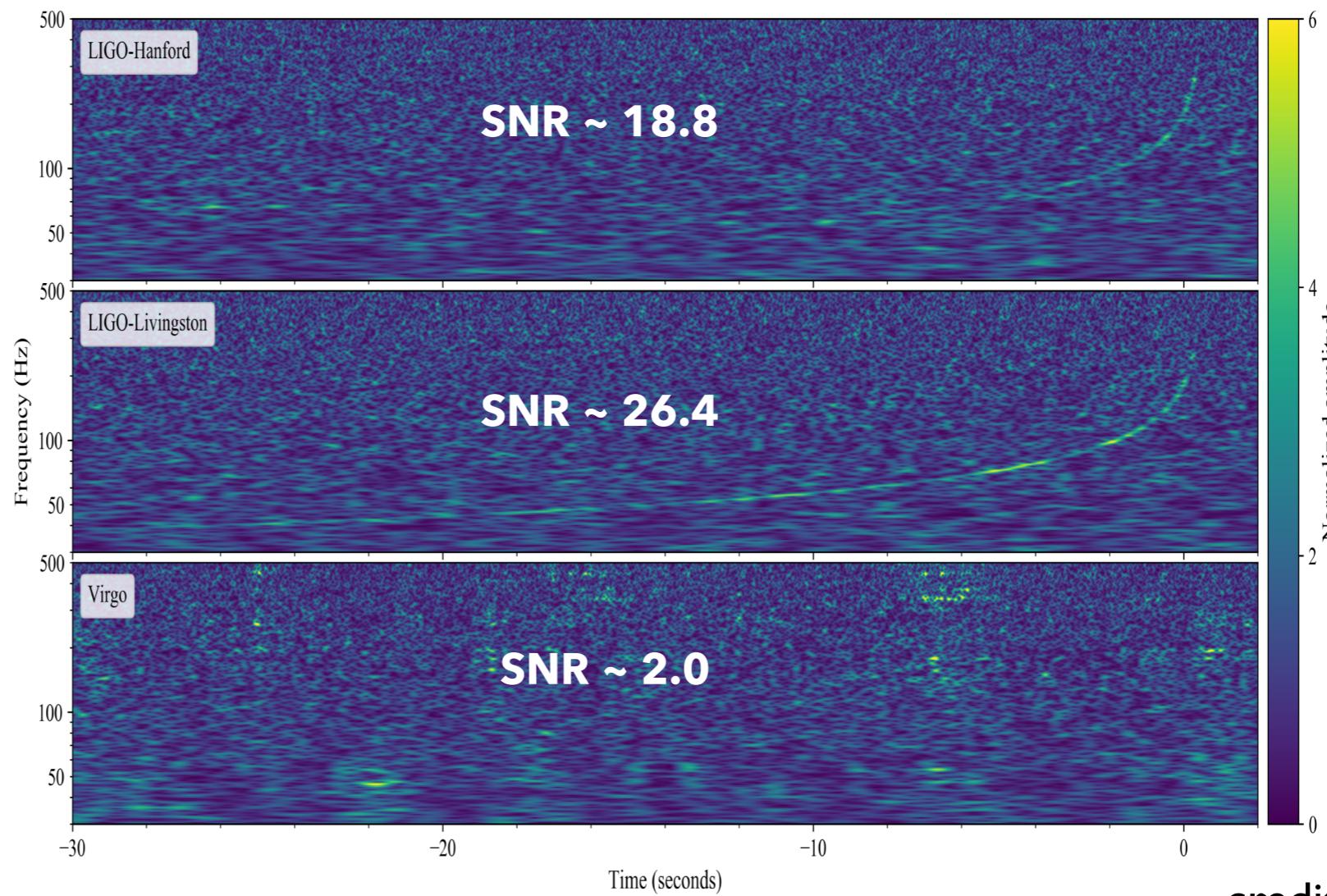
$$\Delta\phi_{\text{GW}}^{\text{tidal}} \sim \lambda \frac{(M\omega)^{10/3}}{M^5}$$



- for two NSs: most sensitive to:  $\tilde{\Lambda} = \frac{13}{16M^5} \left[ \left( 1 + 12 \frac{m_B}{m_A} \right) \lambda_A + \left( 1 + 12 \frac{m_A}{m_B} \right) \lambda_B \right]$

Similar to chirp mass

# Aug. 17, 2017: two neutron stars merge — GW170817



Distance:  $\sim 40$  Mpc

Total mass:  $\sim 2.74$  Msun

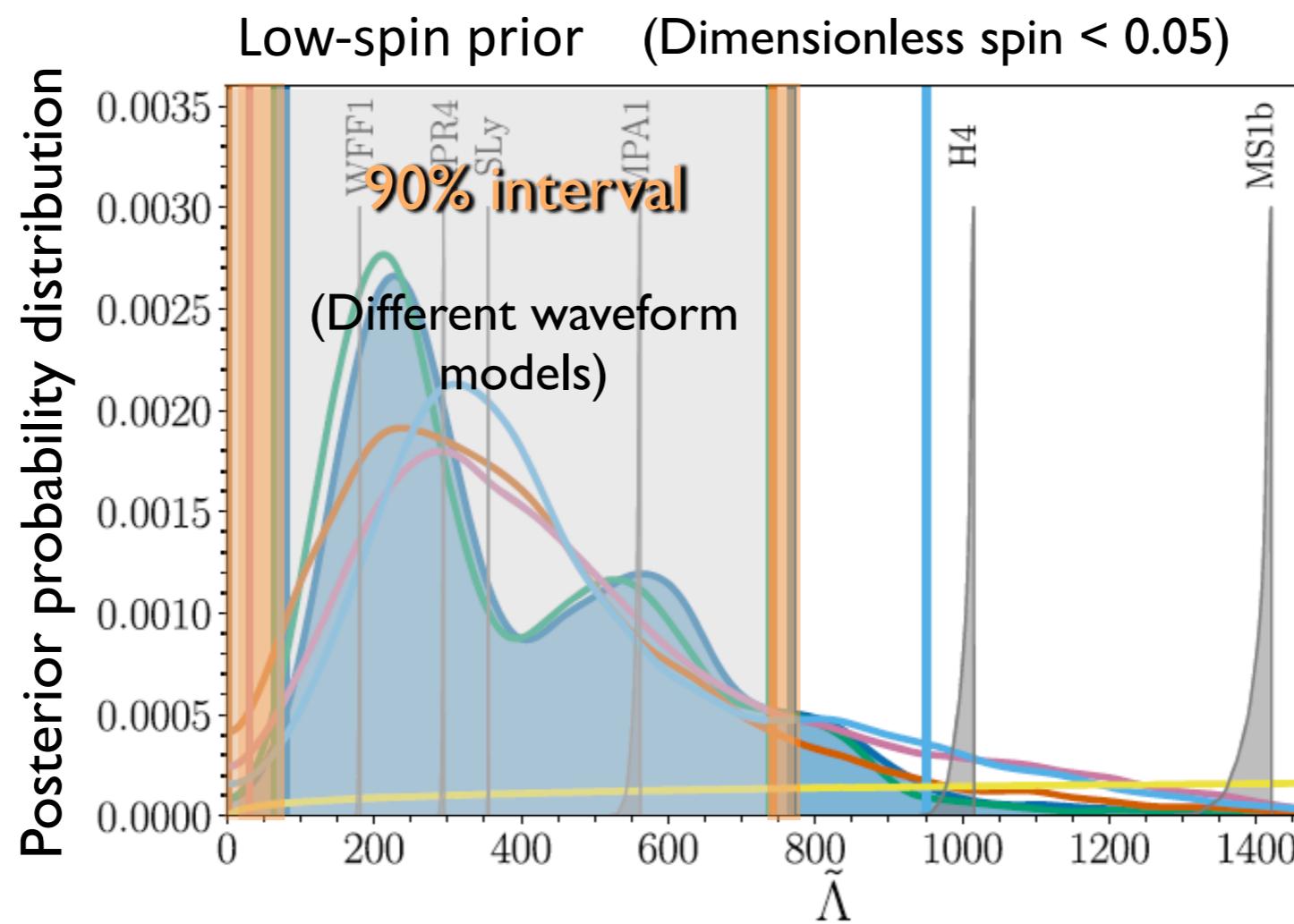
Loudest, closest, richest in science

Longest:  $\sim 100$  s ( c.f.  $< 1$  s for GW150914)

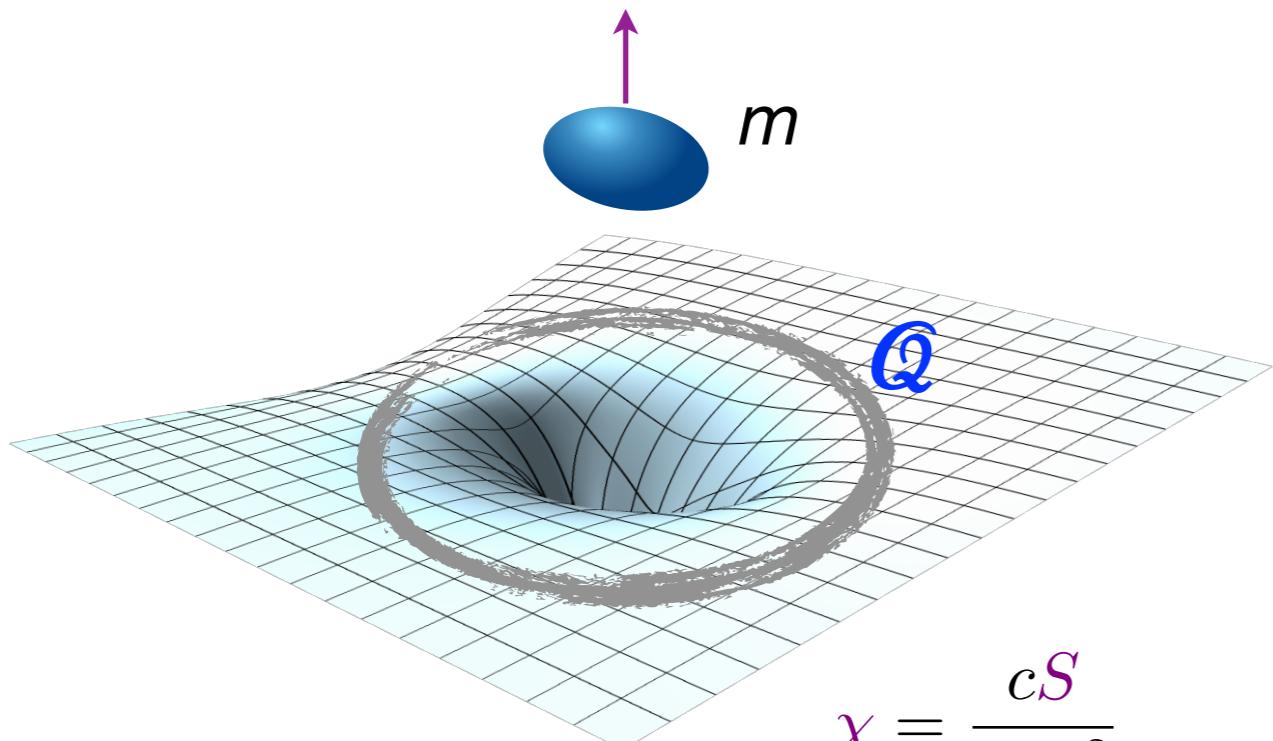
# First constraints on tidal deformability

Masses  $\sim 1.3+1.5 \text{ Msun}$

$$\tilde{\Lambda} = \frac{13}{16M^5} \left[ \left(1 + 12\frac{m_B}{m_A}\right) \lambda_A + \left(1 + 12\frac{m_A}{m_B}\right) \lambda_B \right]$$



# Similarly for spin-induced quadrupoles



$$\chi = \frac{cS}{Gm^2}$$

$$Q_{\text{spin}} = -\kappa \chi^2 m^3$$

$\propto$  rotational Love number

=1 for BHs by the no-hair theorem:

$$M_\ell + iS_\ell = m(i\chi m)^\ell$$

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Mass moments      Current moments

- Effect on the dynamics and GWs also through coupling with the tidal field  $\mathcal{E}$
- Imprint in the phase evolution

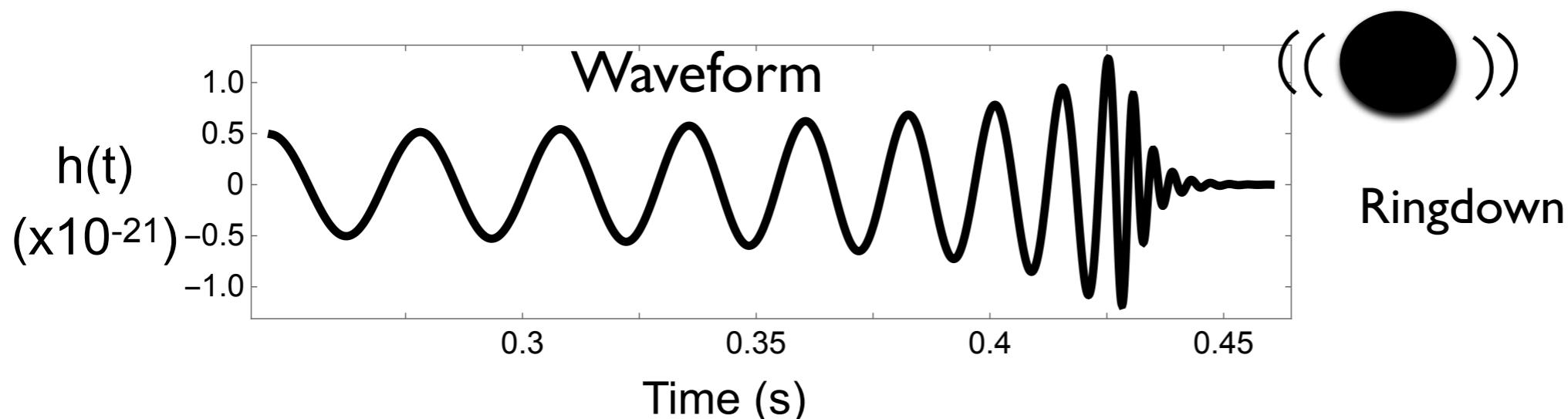
$$\Delta\phi_{\text{GW}}^{\text{Qspin}} \sim \kappa \chi^2 (M\Omega)^{4/3}$$

# Time-dependent perturbations of relativistic compact objects:

Quasi-normal modes

# Quasi-normal modes (QNMs) of black holes

- No matter: oscillations of spacetime
- ‘Quasi’ - normal: emission of GWs - damping, mode frequencies are complex



Also important e.g. for:

- Stability analyses
- AdS/CFT studies
- More broadly, BH perturbations (with source) are important for GWs in other contexts, e.g. large mass ratio binaries
- Open-source codes for black hole perturbations available through the BH perturbation toolkit project <https://bhptoolkit.org/toolkit.html>

# Time-dependent perturbations

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- For the even-parity sector, start with a similar ansatz for  $h_{\mu\nu}$  as for the tidal deformation analysis

$$h_{\mu\nu} = \sum_{\ell,m} \begin{pmatrix} H_0^{\ell m}(r) & H_1^{\ell m}(r) & 0 & 0 \\ * & H_2^{\ell m}(r) & 0 & 0 \\ * & * & K_{\ell m}(r) & 0 \\ * & * & * & \sin^2 \theta K_{\ell m}(r) \end{pmatrix} Y_{\ell m}(\theta, \varphi) e^{-i\omega t}$$

(Note: odd-parity perturbations have the same frequency spectrum and are in practice simpler to handle but require a different decomposition)

- For the QNMs, consider unforced oscillations:  $R_{\alpha\beta} - \frac{1}{2}g_{\alpha\beta}R = 0$
- Introduce the **tortoise coordinate**  $r^*$ :  $r_* = r + 2M \ln \left( \frac{r}{2M} - 1 \right)$

With the properties  $r_* \rightarrow -\infty$  as  $r \rightarrow 2M$  (Horizon)

$r_* \rightarrow \infty$  as  $r \rightarrow \infty$

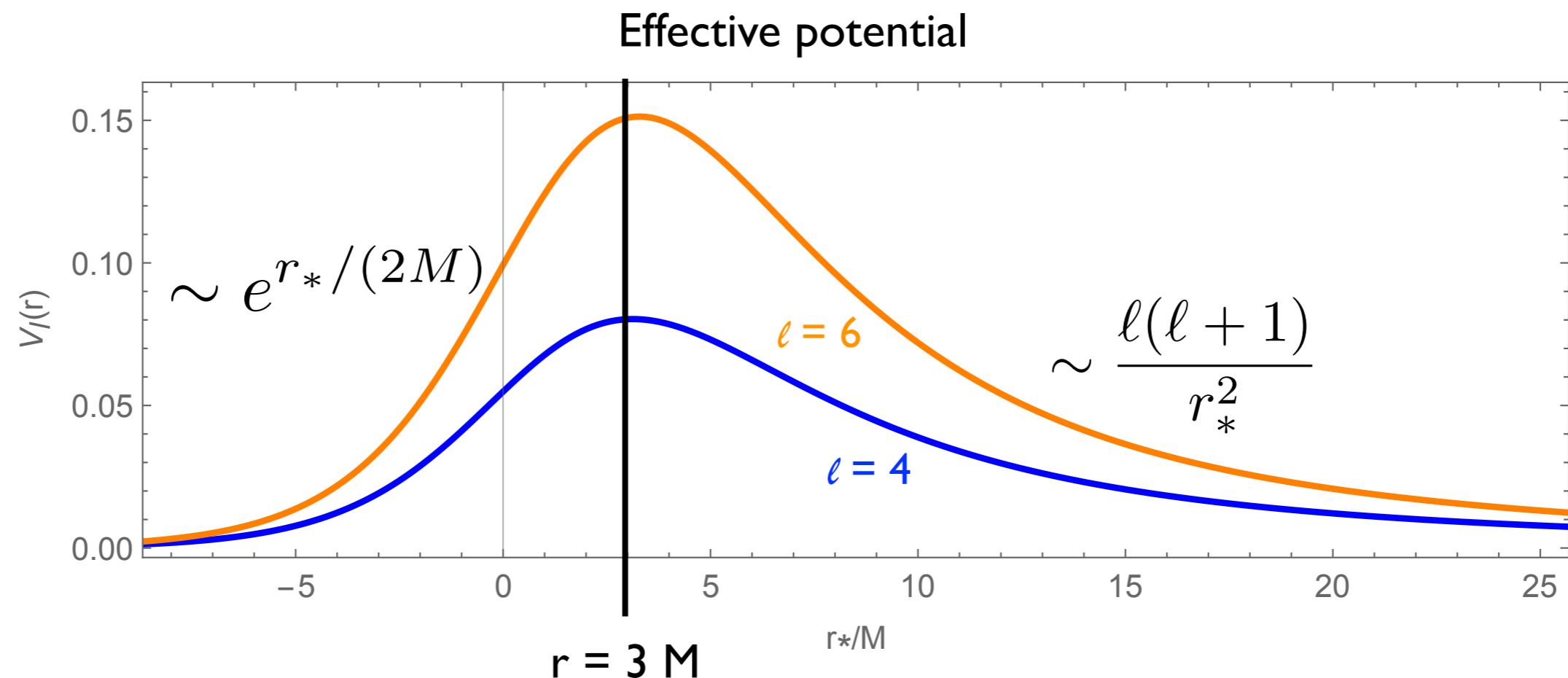
# Black hole perturbations

- Zerilli (1970) [paper](#) showed that upon field redefinitions, the field equations lead to the master equation

$$\frac{d^2}{dr_*^2} Z_{\ell m} + [\omega^2 - V_\ell(r)] Z_{\ell m} = 0$$

[or a complicated source term]

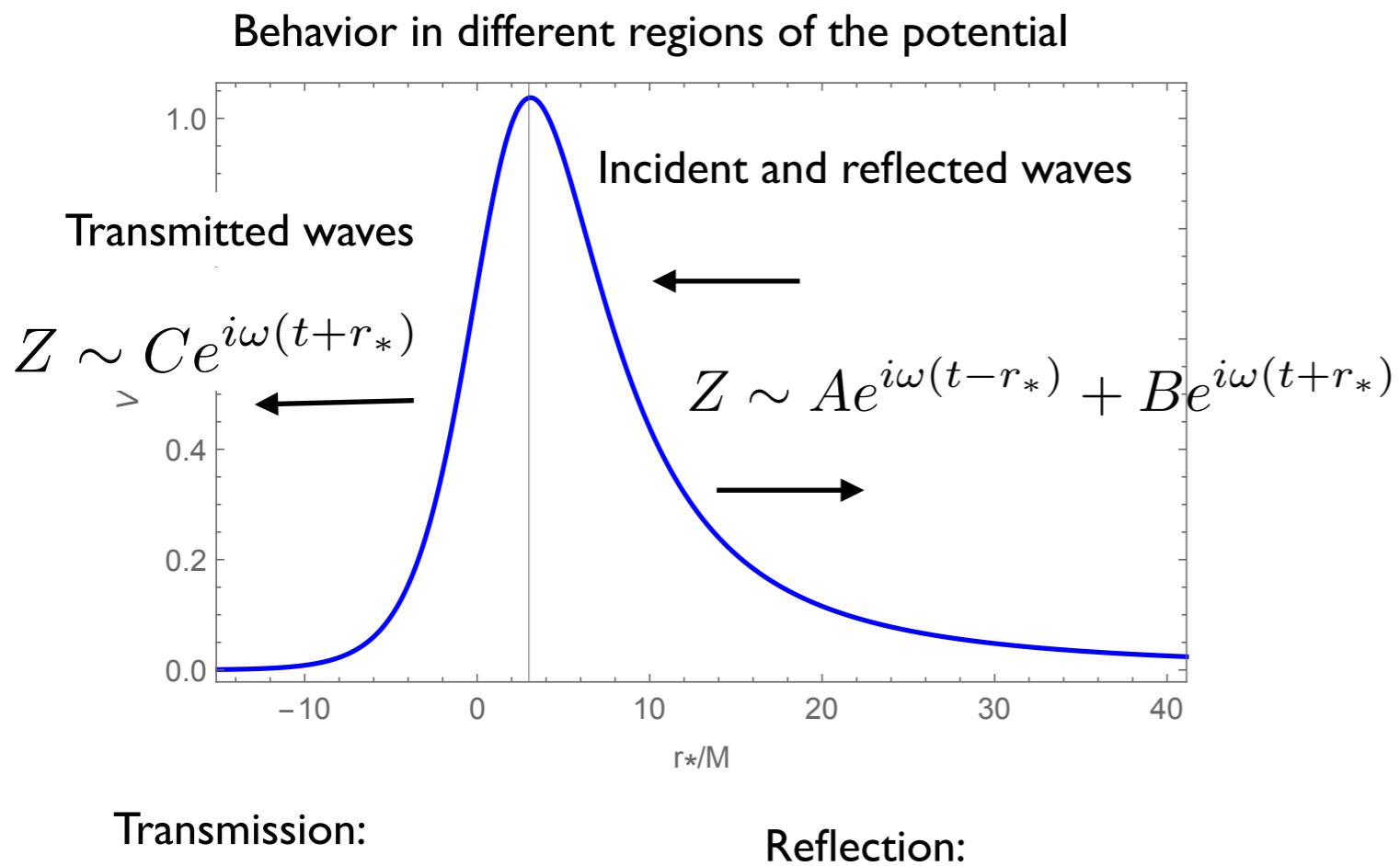
Weighted linear combination  
of the  $H_1^{\ell m}$  and  $K^{\ell m}$



c.f. marginally stable circular photon orbit (massless particles) - light ring

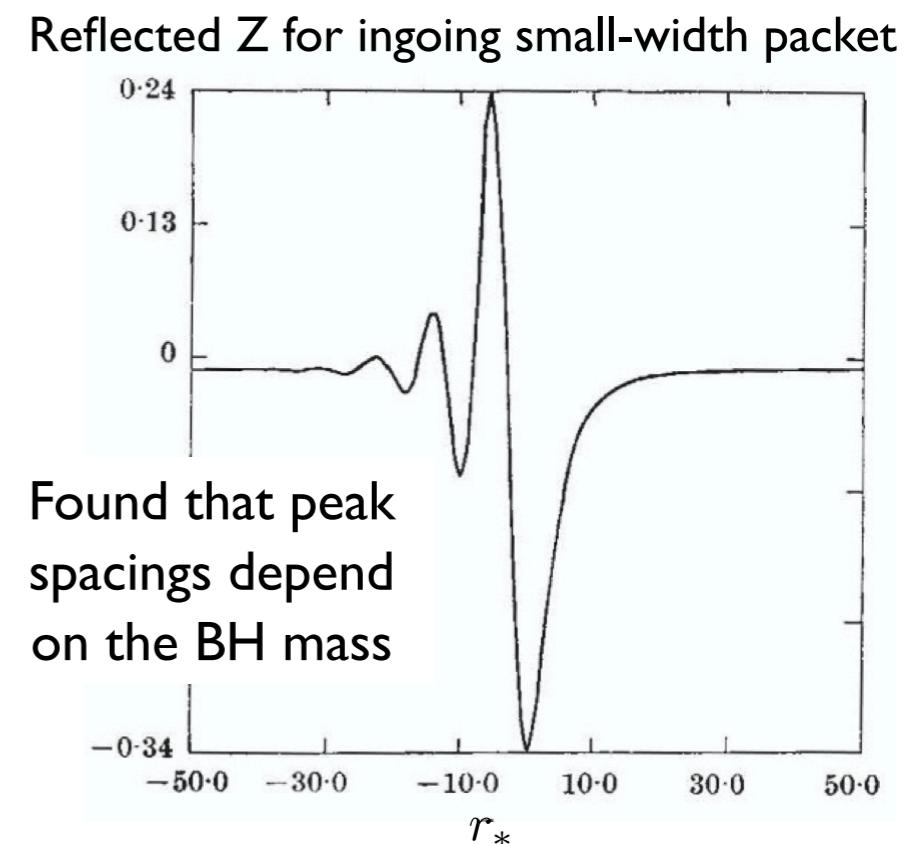
# Black hole response to scattering

- Numerical studies [C.Vishveshwara 1970 [paper](#)] of the **scattered waves** for an **incident wave packet**:
  - For a very **broad** wave packet, almost total reflection, **no information** about the BH
  - As the width of wave packet decreases, distinct features in the scattered waves start to appear
  - Reaches a limit for **width  $\sim 2M$**  (higher frequencies are nearly all absorbed by the BH)



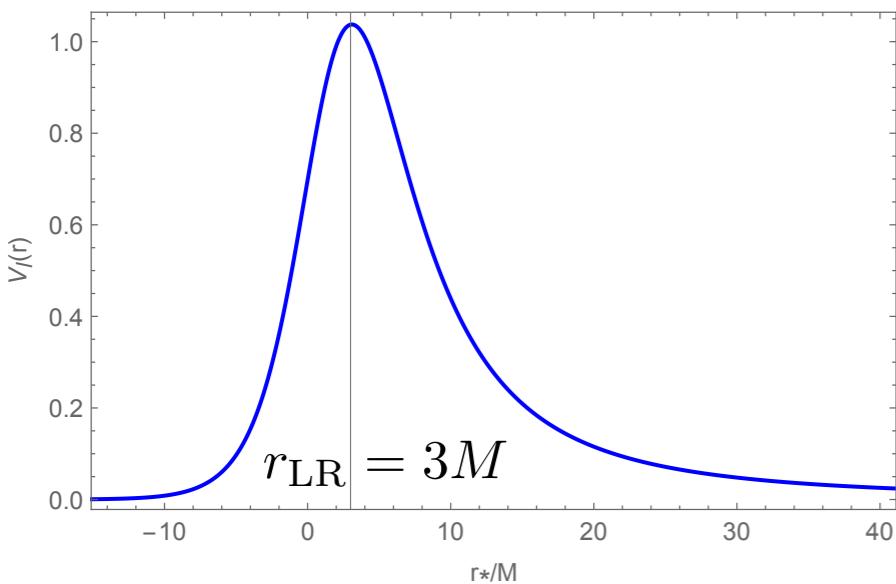
$$T = |C/A|^2$$

$$R = |B/A|^2$$



# BH quasi-normal modes (QNMs)

- QNMs defined by the asymptotic **boundary conditions**  $\lim_{r_* \rightarrow \pm\infty} Z_{\ell m} \sim e^{\mp i\omega r_*}$
- Approximate interpretation as **perturbations trapped** at  $r \sim 3M$  that **slowly leak out**  
[ Press 1972 Long wavetrains of GWs from a vibrating BH ]



- High-frequency modes radiate immediately, no new profile
- Long-wavelength modes linger at the potential barrier
- Over time, **short-wavelength components develop** - dephasings from spatial variations of the potential near its peak
- Once short-enough wavelengths have developed, the perturbations **propagate as free waves** out to infinity, with angular frequency

$$\omega \sim \frac{\ell}{\sqrt{27}M}$$

[large  $\ell$  limit]

c.f. frequency at the light ring LR ( $\sim$  peak of the potential)

$$\omega_{\text{LR}} = \sqrt{M/r_{\text{LR}}^3} \sim \frac{1}{\sqrt{27}M}$$

# QNMs

- To go beyond these estimates and accurately compute the QNM spectrum, must solve

$$\frac{d^2}{dr_*^2} Z_{\ell m} + [\omega^2 - V_\ell(r)] Z_{\ell m} = 0$$

With boundary conditions  $\lim_{r_* \rightarrow \pm\infty} Z_{\ell m} \sim e^{\mp i\omega r_*}$  Decay, damping

- Eigenvalue problem: infinite set of complex frequencies  $\omega_{\text{QNM}} = \omega_R + i\omega_I$

Characterized by indices  $(n, \ell, m)$ : multipole  $\ell$ , overtone  $n$ , azimuthal number  $m$

- Many subtleties, different approaches for computing the frequencies

- For the least-damped mode: Decays exponentially with a characteristic time

$$f = \frac{\omega_R}{2\pi} \approx 1.2 \text{kHz} \left( \frac{10M_\odot}{M} \right) \quad \tau = \frac{1}{|\omega_I|} \approx 5.5 \times 10^{-4} \text{s} \left( \frac{M}{10M_\odot} \right)$$

Larger mass: lower frequency and longer ringing

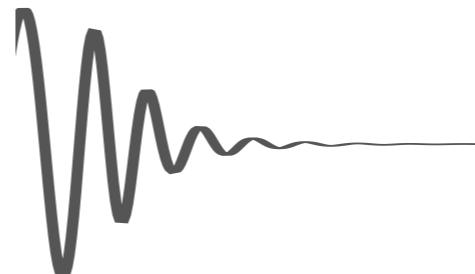
- For spinning BHs, ringdown modes also depend on the spin

# Waveforms

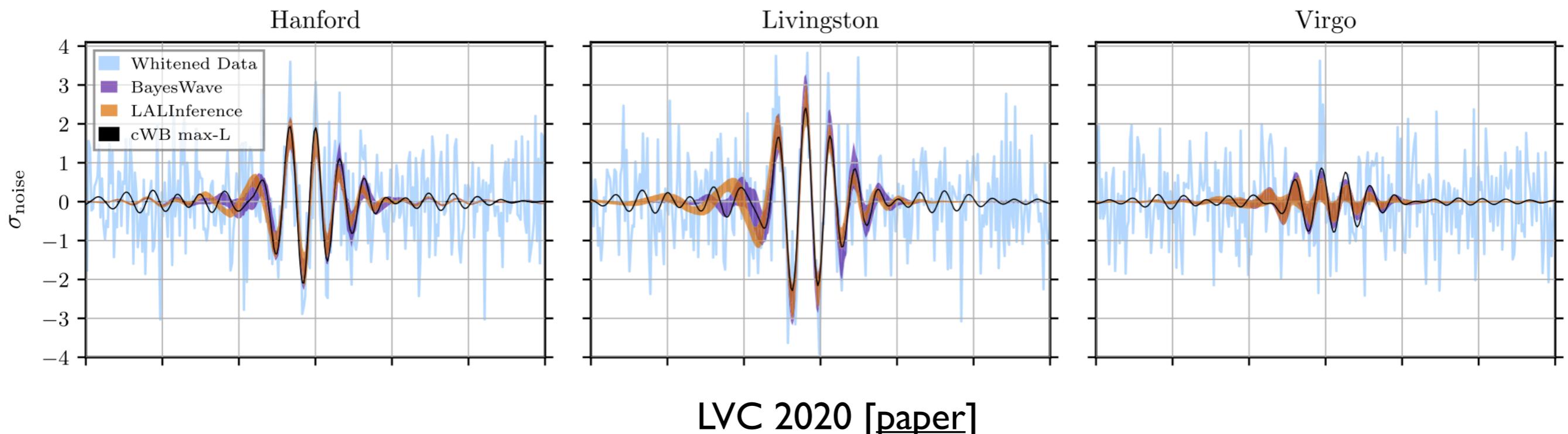
- Ringdown waveforms have the form

$$h_+ + i h_\times \sim \frac{1}{d} \sum_{lmn} e^{i\omega_{nlm}^R t} e^{-t/\tau_{nlm}} \mathcal{A}_{nlm}^{\text{out}} e^{i\phi_{nlm}}$$

Damped sinusoids



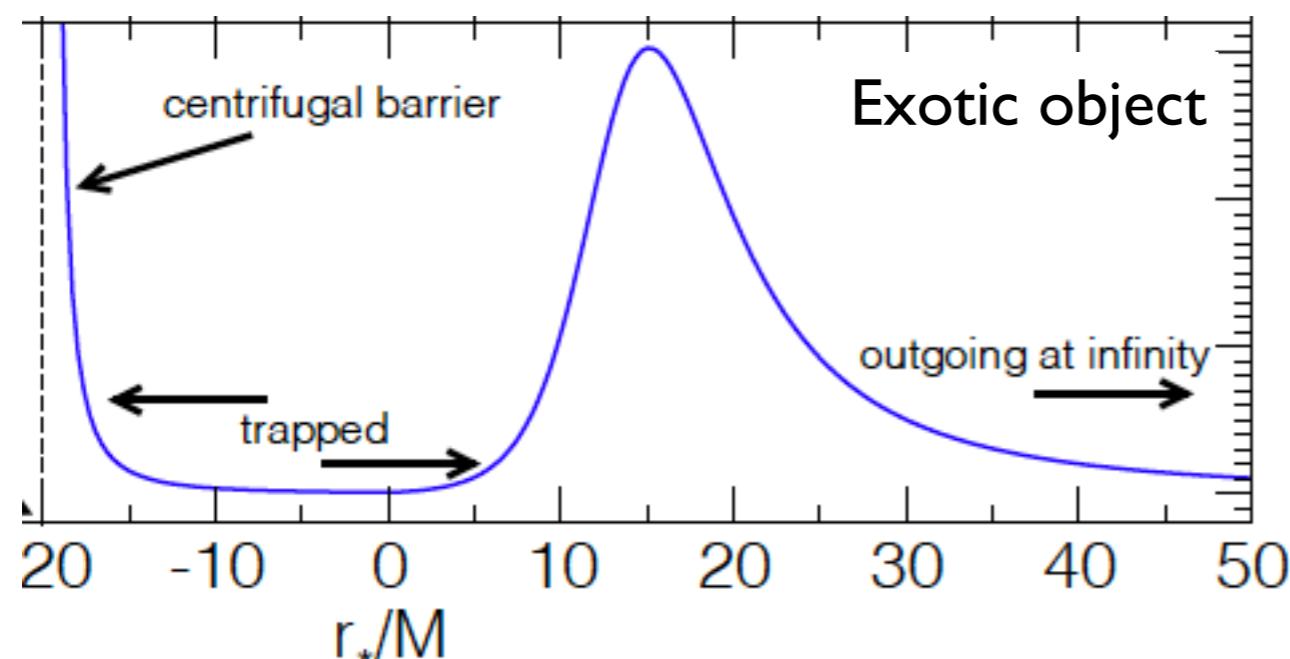
GW190521: a binary of 85 Msun + 66 Msun - mainly the merger-ringdown signal was detected



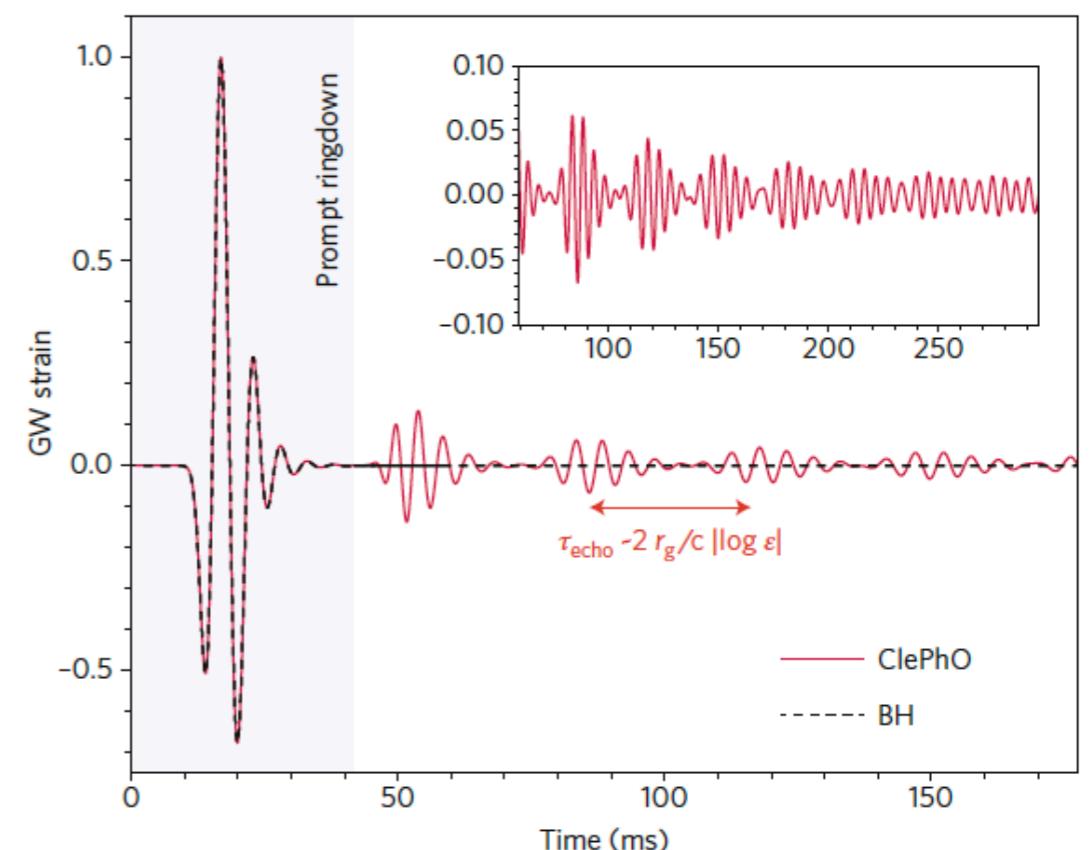
# Ringdown spectrum: characteristic fingerprint of the object

- For other objects than BHs, the effective potential for the perturbation is different
- Can have a reflecting barrier near the would-be horizon — ‘echoes’ as trapped waves leak out later

Example potential for perturbation of exotic objects



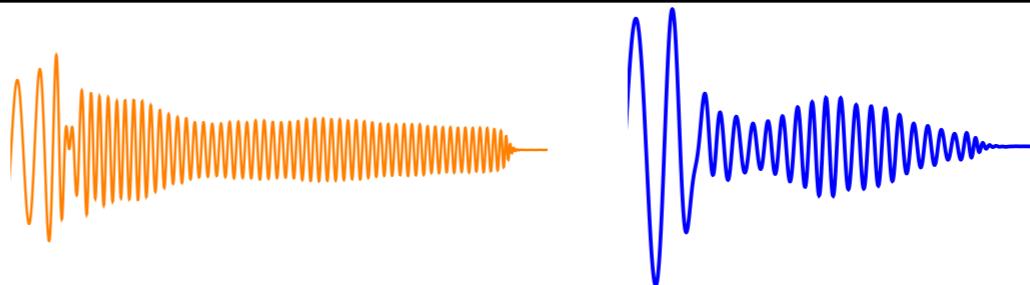
Echoes in the ringdown



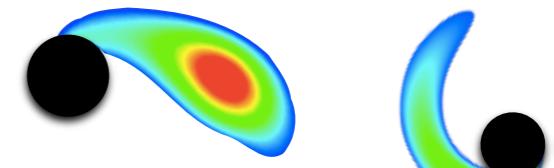
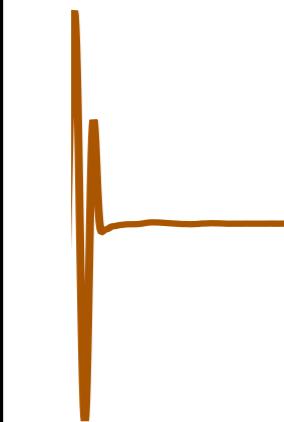
Properties of the echoes depend on the object  
[from <https://arxiv.org/abs/1608.08637>]

# Ringdown: characteristic fingerprint of the object

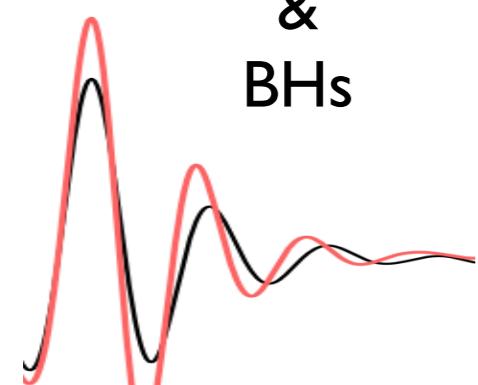
Examples for merging neutron stars, different matter models



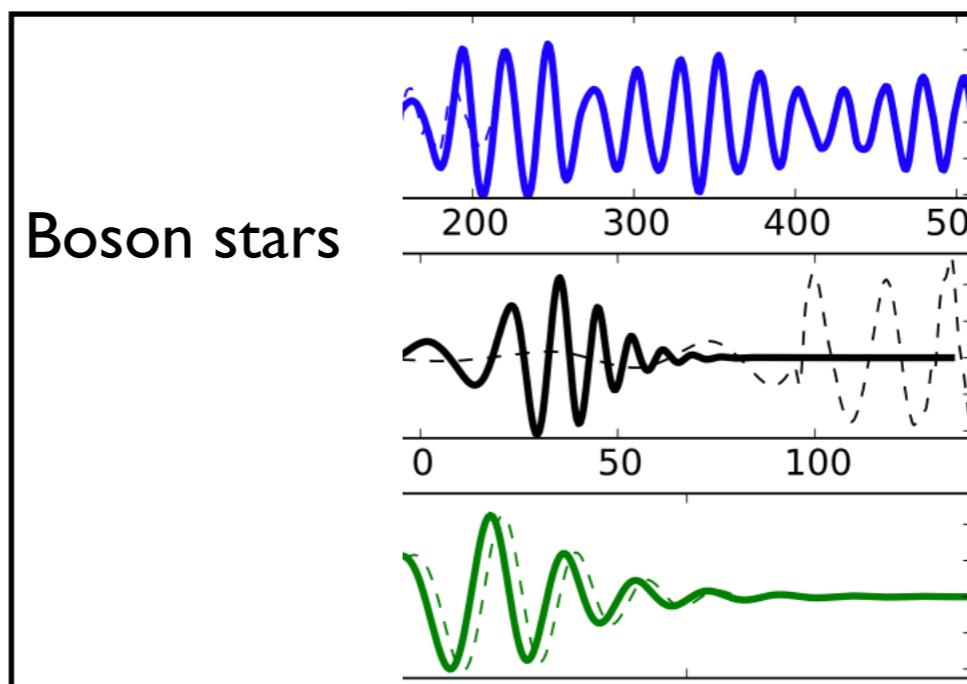
Neutron star-BH binaries: no ringdown if the neutron star is tidally disrupted



Oscillons  
&  
BHs



Boson stars



# Summary

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- GWs probes of the nature and properties of compact objects

- External spacetime outside the object is key

- Discussed only a few examples:

- tidal effects during inspiral (probe the progenitors)
  - characteristic internal structure parameter (tidal deformability)
  - Coupling to the dynamics, effect in GWs
- Quasi-normal modes during ringdown (probe the final remnant)
  - time/frequency-dependent perturbations of BHs
  - QNMs: no source, complex frequencies

