

Gravitational Waves 4

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Maggiore Vol 1 - 4.1- Inspiral of Compact Binaries

- Binary system - two compact, point-like stars masses m_1, m_2 at positions $\mathbf{r}_1, \mathbf{r}_2$; reduced mass $\mu = \frac{m_1 m_2}{m_1 + m_2}$
- Eqn of motion (Newtonian):

$$\ddot{\mathbf{r}} = - \frac{G\mathbf{M}}{r^3} \mathbf{r} \quad \mathbf{r} = \mathbf{r}_2 - \mathbf{r}_1 \quad M = m_1 + m_2$$
- Circular orbits: frequency ω_s and orbital radius R related:
 $v = \omega_s R$ and acceleration $\frac{v^2}{R} = \frac{GM}{R^2}$
 $\Rightarrow \underline{\omega_s^2 = \frac{GM}{R^3}}$

- Introduce the **chirp mass**: $M_c = \mu^{3/5} m^{2/5} = \frac{(m_1 m_2)^{3/5}}{(m_1 + m_2)^{1/5}}$
- We have expressions for the GW amplitudes in this case:

$$h_+(t) = \frac{4}{r} \left(\frac{GM_c}{c^2} \right)^{5/3} \left(\frac{\pi f_{gw}}{c} \right)^{2/3} \frac{1 + \cos^2 \theta}{2} \cos(2\pi f_{gw} t_{ret} + 2\phi)$$

$$h_x(t) = \frac{4}{r} \left(\frac{GM_c}{c^2} \right)^{5/3} \left(\frac{\pi f_{gw}}{c} \right)^{2/3} \cos \theta \sin(2\pi f_{gw} t_{ret} + 2\phi)$$

$$f_{gw} = \frac{\omega_{gw}}{2\pi} = \frac{\omega_s}{\pi}$$

- GW amplitudes depend on m_1, m_2 only through M_c (lowest order approx)
- In terms of Schwarzschild radius $R_c \equiv 2GM_c/c^2$ and reduced

wavelength $\lambda = c/\omega_{gw}$

$$h_+(t) = A \frac{1 + \cos^2 \theta}{2} \cos(\omega_{gw} t_{ret} + 2\phi)$$

$$h_x(t) = A \cos \theta \sin(\omega_{gw} t_{ret} + 2\phi)$$

$$A = \frac{1}{2^{1/3}} \left(\frac{R_c}{r} \right) \left(\frac{R_c}{\lambda} \right)^{2/3}$$

- There is also an expression for the angular distribution of power radiated

$$\frac{dP}{d\Omega} = \frac{2}{\pi} \frac{c^5}{G} \left(\frac{GM_c \omega_{gw}}{2c^3} \right)^{10/3} \left[\left(\frac{1 + \cos^2 \theta}{2} \right)^2 + \cos^2 \theta \right]$$

$$d\Omega = d(\cos \theta) d\phi$$

$$\Rightarrow P = \int \frac{dP}{d\Omega} d\Omega = \frac{2}{\pi} \frac{c^5}{G} \left(\frac{GM_c \omega_{gw}}{2c^3} \right)^{10/3} \int d\Omega \left[\left(\frac{1 + \cos^2 \theta}{2} \right)^2 + \cos^2 \theta \right]$$

$$P = \frac{32}{5} \frac{c^5}{G} \left(\frac{GM_c \omega_{gw}}{2c^3} \right)^{10/3} \text{ total power radiated.}$$

4.1.1 - Circular Orbits - The Chirp Amplitude

- Emission of GWs costs energy: Source = sum of kinetic + potential

$$E_{\text{orbit}} = E_{\text{kin}} + E_{\text{pot}} = - \frac{Gm_1 m_2}{2R}$$
 \Rightarrow if E_{orbit} becomes more and more negative, R must decrease.
- We have from above R decreases $\Rightarrow \omega_s$ increases \Rightarrow more energy radiated $\Rightarrow R$ decreases \therefore runaway process - leads to coalescence of the system
- Radial velocity: $\dot{R} = - \frac{2}{3} (\omega_s R) \frac{\dot{\omega}_s}{\omega_s^2}$; if in regime of $\dot{\omega}_s \ll \omega_s^2$, then $|\dot{R}| \ll \omega_s R =$ tangential velocity, so we approximation of circular orbit with slowly varying radius
- Writing in terms of chirp mass we get:

$$E_{\text{orbit}} = - \left(\frac{G^2 M_c^5 \omega_{\text{gw}}^2}{32} \right)^{1/3}$$
- We can equate $P = - \frac{dE_{\text{orbit}}}{dt}$ to get, setting $f_{\text{gw}} = 2\pi \omega_{\text{gw}}$

$$\dot{f}_{\text{gw}} = \frac{96}{5} \pi^{8/3} \left(\frac{G M_c}{c^3} \right)^{5/3} f_{\text{gw}}^{11/3}$$
- Integrating this $\Rightarrow f_{\text{gw}}$ diverges at time, say t_{coal} . If $T = t_{\text{coal}} - t$

$$f_{\text{gw}} = \frac{1}{\pi} \left(\frac{5}{256 T} \right)^{3/8} \left(\frac{G M_c}{c^3} \right)^{-5/8}$$
- We can put some reference values in to get:

$$T \approx 2.18 \left(\frac{1.21 M_\odot}{M_c} \right)^{5/3} \left(\frac{100 \text{ Hz}}{f_{\text{gw}}} \right)^{8/3} \text{ s}$$

so if $M_c = 1.21 M_\odot$ and $f_{\text{gw}} = 10 \text{ Hz}$, radiation emitted $\approx 17 \text{ min}$ to coalescence. If we have two bodies with $m_c = 1.4 M_\odot$ and $f_{\text{gw}} = 1 \text{ kHz}$, separation is 33 km ; only possible for v. compact bodies with $r \approx 10 \text{ km}$, so point-like assumption inaccurate.
- Another useful quantity is N_{cyc} , number of cycles spent in detectors frequency bandwidth, $f \in [f_{\text{min}}, f_{\text{max}}]$. Period $T(t)$ of GW is slowly varying function of time, we get

$$\frac{dN_{\text{cyc}}}{dt} = \frac{1}{T} = f_{\text{gw}}$$

$$\Rightarrow N_{\text{cyc}} = \int_{t_{\min}}^{t_{\max}} f_{\text{gw}} dt = \int_{f_{\min}}^{f_{\max}} \frac{f_{\text{gw}}}{\dot{f}_{\text{gw}}} df_{\text{gw}}$$

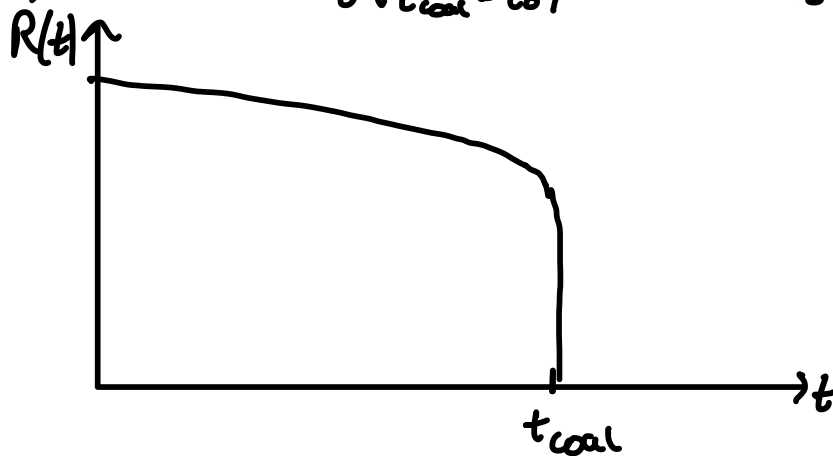
we have an expression for \dot{f}_{gw} in terms of f_{gw} so

$$N_{\text{cyc}} = \frac{1}{32\pi^{8/3}} \left(\frac{GM_c}{c^3} \right)^{-5/3} (f_{\min}^{-5/3} - f_{\max}^{-5/3})$$

$$\simeq 1.6 \times 10^4 \left(\frac{10\text{Hz}}{f_{\min}} \right)^{5/3} \left(\frac{1.2M_\odot}{M_c} \right)^{5/3}$$

\Rightarrow ground based interferometers can follow evolution for $\sim 10^5$ cycles

- As frequency increases, orbital radius shrinks; $\frac{\dot{R}}{R} = -\frac{1}{4\tau}$ ($\dot{R} = \frac{dR}{dt}$)
 $\Rightarrow R(t) = R_0 \left(\frac{t_{\text{coal}} - t}{t_{\text{coal}} - t_0} \right)^{1/4} = R_0 \left(\frac{\tau}{\tau_0} \right)^{1/4}$



- Combining this eqn with $f_{\text{gw}}(\tau)$ and $\omega_s(R)$ we get

$$\tau_0 = \frac{5}{256} \frac{c^5 R_0^4}{G^3 m^2 \mu}$$
- Using Kepler's laws for initial orbital period and some numerical values

$$\tau_0 \simeq 9.829 \times 10^6 \left(\frac{T_0}{1\text{hr}} \right)^{8/3} \left(\frac{M_\odot}{M} \right)^{2/3} \left(\frac{M_\odot}{\mu} \right) \text{yr}$$

\Rightarrow Under these assumptions, only binaries which at formation had orbital period $\lesssim 1$ day can have coalesced by emission of GWs.

- Particle that moves on a quasi-circular orbit has coords

$$x(t) = R(t) \cos\left(\frac{1}{2}\Phi(t)\right) \quad y(t) = R(t) \sin\left(\frac{1}{2}\Phi(t)\right)$$

$$\Phi(t) = \int_{t_0}^t dt' \omega_{\text{gw}}(t')$$

- For the quadrupole calculations, there are 3 differences in waveforms:

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• $\omega_{gw} \rightarrow \omega_{gw}(t)$ in the eq. of trig functions

• $\omega_{gw} \rightarrow \omega_{gw}(t)$ in factors multiplying trig functions

• Contributions due to derivatives of R, ω_{gw}

↳ however $\dot{R}, \dot{\omega}_{gw}$ negligible as long as $\dot{\omega}_s \ll \omega_s^2$, which is a very good approx in the inspiral phase

$$\therefore h_+(t) = \frac{4}{r} \left(\frac{GM_c}{c^2} \right)^{5/3} \left(\frac{\pi f_{gw}(t_{ret})}{c} \right)^{2/3} \left(\frac{1+\cos^2\iota}{2} \right) \cos[\Phi(t_{ret})]$$

$$h_\times(t) = \frac{4}{r} \left(\frac{GM_c}{c^2} \right)^{5/3} \left(\frac{\pi f_{gw}(t_{ret})}{c} \right)^{2/3} \cos\iota \sin[\Phi(t_{ret})]$$

• We can show:

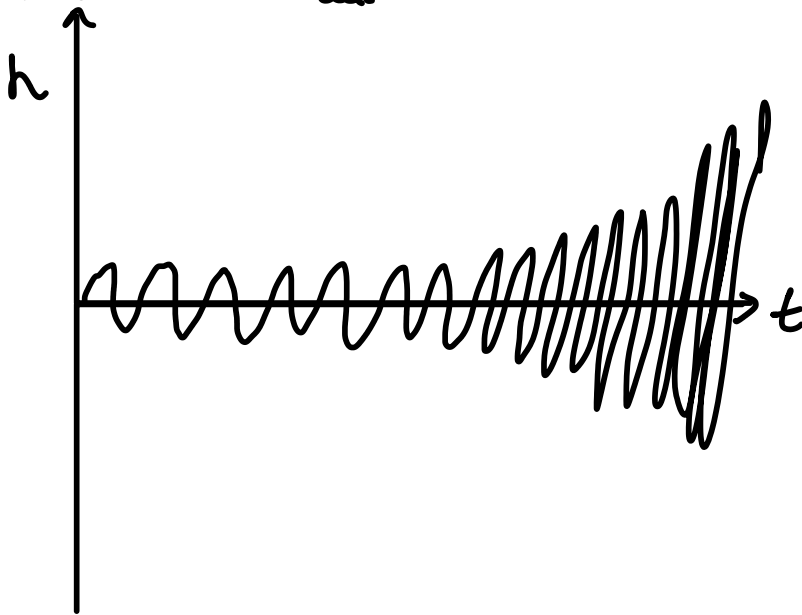
$$\Phi(\tau) = -2 \left(\frac{5GM_c}{c^3} \right)^{-5/8} \tau^{5/8} + \Phi_0$$

so we can calculate:

$$h_+(\tau) = \frac{1}{r} \left(\frac{GM_c}{c^2} \right)^{5/3} \left(\frac{5}{c\tau} \right)^{1/4} \left(\frac{1+\cos^2\iota}{2} \right) \cos[\Phi(\tau)]$$

$$h_\times(\tau) = \frac{1}{r} \left(\frac{GM_c}{c^2} \right)^{5/3} \left(\frac{5}{c\tau} \right)^{1/4} \cos\iota \sin[\Phi(\tau)]$$

where $\tau = t_{coal} - t$



The FT of the signals are:

$$\tilde{h}_+(f) = A e^{i\varphi_+(f)} \frac{c}{r} \left(\frac{GM_c}{c^3} \right)^{5/6} \frac{1}{f^{7/6}} \left(\frac{1+\cos^2\iota}{2} \right)$$

$$\tilde{h}_\times(f) = A e^{i\varphi_\times(f)} \frac{c}{r} \left(\frac{GM_c}{c^3} \right)^{5/6} \frac{1}{f^{7/6}} \cos\iota$$

where $A = \frac{1}{\pi^{2/3}} \left(\frac{5}{24} \right)^{1/2}$ and the phases are:

$$\varphi_+(f) = 2\pi f(t_c + 1/c) - \Phi_0 - \pi/4 + 3/4 \left(\frac{GM_c}{c^3} 8\pi f \right)^{-5/3}$$

$$\text{and } \varphi_\times(f) = \varphi_+ + \pi/2$$

[need to go beyond Newtonian approx to distinguish noise]

• All calculations done in flat space: for BHs, corrections should be made. In Schwarzschild geometry there is an inner most

Stable circular orbit, $r_{\text{ISCO}} = 6GM/c^2$ $M = M_1 + M_2$

↳ quasi-circular orbits valid only $r \gtrsim r_{\text{ISCO}}$, \exists a max freq f_{max} where inspiral phase ends

• Kepler's Law $\Rightarrow (f_s)_{\text{ISCO}} = \frac{1}{6\sqrt{6}} \frac{c^3}{GM} \approx 2.2 \text{ kHz} \left(\frac{M_{\odot}}{M} \right)$

For a typical NS-NS $(f_s)_{\text{ISCO}} \sim 800 \text{ Hz}$, BH-BH binary system typically have $f_s \sim \text{MHz}$ region

• Energy spectrum can be found as: $\frac{dE}{df} = \frac{\pi^{2/3}}{3G} (GMc)^{5/3} f^{-1/3}$

So integrating up to the max frequency we are still in the inspiral phase we can estimate total energy radiated as

$$\Delta E_{\text{rad}} \sim \frac{\pi^{2/3}}{2G} (GMc)^{5/3} f_{\text{max}}^{2/3}$$

$$\Delta E_{\text{rad}} \sim 4.2 \times 10^{-2} M_{\odot} c^2 \left(\frac{M}{1.21 M_{\odot}} \right)^{5/3} \left(\frac{f_{\text{max}}}{1 \text{ kHz}} \right)^{2/3}$$

and if we set $f_{\text{max}} = 2(f_s)_{\text{ISCO}}$ we get

$$\Delta E_{\text{rad}} \sim 8 \times 10^{-2} \mu c^2$$

• The binding energy in Schwarzschild metric of the ISCO

$$E_{\text{binding}} = \left(1 - \sqrt{8/9} \right) \mu c^2 \approx 5.7 \times 10^{-2} \mu c^2$$

which is the total energy radiated in GWs when binary system is slowly inspiralling from an orbit with large separation down to ISCO.