Gravitational Waves

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Generation of GWs

Linearized field equations

$$\Box \bar{h}_{\mu\nu} = -\frac{16\pi G}{c^4} T_{\mu\nu}$$

Solution

$$\bar{h}_{\mu\nu}(x) = -\frac{16\pi G}{c^4} \int d^4x' G\left(x - x'\right) T_{\mu\nu}$$

where

$$G(x - x') = -\frac{1}{4\pi |\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}'|} \delta(x_{\text{ret}}^0 - x'^0)$$

is a Green's function, satisfying

$$\Box_x G\left(x - x'\right) = \delta^4 \left(x - x'\right)$$

and

$$t_{\text{ret}} = t - \frac{|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}'|}{c}$$

Generation of GWs

The solution becomes

$$\bar{h}_{\mu\nu}(t,\mathbf{x}) = \frac{4G}{c^4} \int d^3x' \frac{1}{|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}'|} T_{\mu\nu} \left(t - \frac{|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}'|}{c}, \mathbf{x}' \right)$$

• Define the *spatial projector* normal to a direction $\hat{\mathbf{n}}$

$$P_{ij} := \delta_{ij} - n_i n_j$$

then

$$\Lambda_{ij,kl}(\hat{\mathbf{n}}) = P_{ik}P_{jl} - \frac{1}{2}P_{ij}$$

$$= \delta_{ik}\delta_{jl} - \frac{1}{2}\delta_{ij}\delta_{kl} - n_j n_l \delta_{ik} - n_i n_k \delta_{jl}$$

$$+ \frac{1}{2}n_k n_l \delta_{ij} + \frac{1}{2}n_i n_j \delta_{kl} + \frac{1}{2}n_i n_j n_k n_l P_{kl}$$

Transverse Traceless Gauge and Far-Field Approximation

• If $h_{\mu\nu}$ is in Lorentz gauge (in vacuum), then it is brought to the TT gauge via the projection

$$h_{ij}^{\mathrm{TT}} = \Lambda_{ij,kl} h_{kl}$$

and the solution in vacuum is then

$$h_{ij}^{\mathrm{TT}}(t, \mathbf{x}) = \frac{4G}{c^4} \Lambda_{ij,kl}(\hat{\mathbf{n}}) \int d^3x' \frac{1}{|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}'|} T_{kl} \left(t - \frac{|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}'|}{c}, \mathbf{x}' \right)$$

Far from the source, we can expand (where d is the source size)

$$|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}'| = r - \mathbf{x}' \cdot \hat{\mathbf{n}} + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{d^2}{r}\right)$$

and obtain the far-field approximation

$$h_{ij}^{\mathrm{TT}}(t, \mathbf{x}) = \frac{4G}{c^4} \Lambda_{ij,kl}(\hat{\mathbf{n}}) \int d^3x' \frac{1}{|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}'|} T_{kl} \left(t - \frac{r}{c} + \frac{\mathbf{x}' \cdot \hat{\mathbf{n}}}{c}, \mathbf{x}' \right)$$

Non-relativistic Sources

Let us Fourier transform the stress-energy tensor:

$$T_{kl}\left(t - \frac{|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}'|}{c}, \mathbf{x}'\right) = \int \frac{d^4k}{(2\pi)^4} \tilde{T}_{kl}(\omega, \mathbf{k}) e^{-i\omega(t - r/c + \mathbf{x}'\hat{\mathbf{n}}) + i\mathbf{k}\cdot\mathbf{x}'}$$

If the source has a maximum frequency ω_s and is *non-relativistic* $(\omega_s d \ll c)$ and because $|\mathbf{x}'| \lesssim d$, only frequencies for which

$$\frac{\omega}{c}\mathbf{x}'\cdot\hat{\mathbf{n}}\lesssim \frac{\omega_s d}{c}\ll 1$$

contribute. Then, expanding in terms of $\omega \mathbf{x}' \cdot \hat{\mathbf{n}}/c$

$$e^{-i\omega(t-r/c+\mathbf{x}'\hat{\mathbf{n}}/c)+i\mathbf{k}\cdot\mathbf{x}'} = e^{-i\omega(t-r/c)} \left[1 - i\frac{\omega}{c}x'^i n^i + \frac{1}{2} \left(-i\frac{\omega}{c} \right)^2 x^i x'^j n^i n^j + \dots \right]$$

or, in the time domain:

$$T_{kl}\left(t - \frac{r}{c} + \frac{\mathbf{x}' \cdot \hat{\mathbf{n}}}{c}, \mathbf{x}'\right) = T_{kl}\left(t - r/c, \mathbf{x}'\right) + \frac{x'^{i}n^{i}}{c}\partial_{0}T_{kl} + \frac{1}{2c^{2}}x^{i}x'^{j}n^{i}n^{j}\partial_{0}^{2}T_{kl} + \frac{1}{2c^{2}}x^{i}n^{i}n^{j}\partial_{0}^{2}T_{kl} +$$

Multipole Moments of the Stress-Energy Tensor

• The multipole moments of $T_{\mu\nu}$ are

$$S^{ij} = \int d^3x T^{ij}(t, \mathbf{x})$$

$$S^{ij,k} = \int d^3x T^{ij}(t, \mathbf{x}) x^k$$

$$S^{ij,kl} = \int d^3x T^{ij}(t, \mathbf{x}) x^k x^l$$
...

and the solution becomes

$$h_{ij}^{\text{TT}} = \frac{1}{r} \frac{4G}{c^4} \Lambda_{ij,kl}(\hat{\mathbf{n}}) \left[S^{kl} + \frac{1}{c} n_m \dot{S}^{kl,m} + \frac{1}{2c^2} n_m n_p \ddot{S}^{kl,mp} + \dots \right]_{\text{ret}}$$

Mass Density and Momentum Density Multipole Moments

• In terms of the mass density $\left(1/c^2\right)T^{00}$ one can define the moments

$$M = \frac{1}{c^2} \int d^3x T^{00}(t, \mathbf{x})$$

$$M^i = \frac{1}{c^2} \int d^3x T^{00}(t, \mathbf{x}) x^i$$

$$M^{ij} = \frac{1}{c^2} \int d^3x T^{00}(t, \mathbf{x}) x^i x^j$$

$$M^{ijk} = \frac{1}{c^2} \int d^3x T^{00}(t, \mathbf{x}) x^i x^j x^k, \quad \cdots$$

and in terms of the momentum density $(1/c)T^{0i}$

$$P^{i} = \frac{1}{c} \int d^{3}x T^{0i}(t, \mathbf{x})$$

$$P^{i,j} = \frac{1}{c} \int d^{3}x T^{0i}(t, \mathbf{x}) x^{j}$$

$$P^{i,jk} = \frac{1}{c} \int d^{3}x T^{0i}(t, \mathbf{x}) x^{j} x^{k}, \quad \cdots$$

Mass Quadrupole Radiation

• The quadrupole moment of $T_{\mu\nu}$ is written in terms of the mass-density qudrupole moment as

$$S^{ij} = \frac{1}{2}\ddot{M}^{ij}$$

and the solution becomes to leading order in v/c

$$\left[\left[h_{ij}^{\text{TT}}(t, \mathbf{x}) \right]_{\text{quad}} = \frac{1}{r} \frac{2G}{c^2} \Lambda_{ij,kl}(\hat{\mathbf{n}}) \ddot{M}^{kl}(t - r/c) \right]$$

Define the reduced (trace-free) quadrupole moment tensor

$$Q^{ij} := M^{ij} - \frac{1}{3}\delta^{ij}M_{kk} \tag{1}$$

$$\simeq \int d^3x \rho(t, \mathbf{x}) \left(x^i x^j - \frac{1}{3} r^2 \delta^{ij} \right)$$
 (2)

(to leading order in v/c it becomes the Newtonian expression) and

$$Q_{ij}^{\mathrm{TT}} = \Lambda_{ij,kl}(\mathbf{n})Q_{ij}$$

Quadrupole Approximation

• The quadrupole formula for GW radiation is

$$\left[\left[h_{ij}^{\mathrm{TT}}(t, \mathbf{x}) \right]_{\mathrm{quad}} = \frac{1}{r} \frac{2G}{c^4} \ddot{Q}_{ij}^{\mathrm{TT}}(t - r/c) \right]$$

Notice that $\ddot{Q}_{ij}^{\rm TT} = \Lambda_{ij,kl} \ddot{Q}_{ij} = \Lambda_{ij,kl} \ddot{M}_{ij}$ (the latter is preferred in calculations)

• **EXAMPLE**: Emission along $\hat{\mathbf{n}} = \hat{\mathbf{z}}$. Then $P_{ij} = \delta_{ij} - n_i n_j$ becomes

$$P_{ij} = \left(\begin{array}{ccc} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array}\right)$$

For any 3×3 matrix A_{ij}

$$\Lambda_{ij,kl} A_{kl} = \left[P_{ik} P_{jl} - \frac{1}{2} P_{ij} P_{kl} \right] A_{kl}$$
$$= (PAP)_{ij} - \frac{1}{2} P_{ij} \operatorname{Tr}(PA)$$

Quadrupole Approximation

and

$$PAP = \left(\begin{array}{ccc} A_{11} & A_{12} & 0\\ A_{21} & A_{22} & 0\\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array}\right)$$

while $Tr(PA) = A_{11} + A_{22}$. Then:

$$\Lambda_{ij,kl}A_{kl} = \begin{pmatrix} A_{11} & A_{12} & 0 \\ A_{21} & A_{22} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}_{ij} - \frac{A_{11} + A_{22}}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}_{ij}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} (A_{11} - A_{22})/2 & A_{12} & 0 \\ A_{21} & -(A_{11} - A_{22})/2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}_{ij}$$

Thus

$$\Lambda_{ij,kl}\ddot{M}_{kl} = \begin{pmatrix} \left(\ddot{M}_{11} - \ddot{M}_{22}\right)/2 & \ddot{M}_{12} & 0\\ \ddot{M}_{21} & -\left(\ddot{M}_{11} - \ddot{M}_{22}\right)/2 & 0\\ 0 & 0 & \end{pmatrix}_{ij}$$

Quadrupole Approximation

Comparing to

$$h_{ij}^{\text{TT}} = \begin{pmatrix} h_{+} & h_{\times} & 0\\ h_{\times} & -h_{+} & 0\\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}_{ij}$$

we immediately find

$$h_{+} = \frac{1}{r} \frac{G}{c^{4}} \left(\ddot{M}_{11} - \ddot{M}_{22} \right)$$

$$h_{\times} = \frac{2}{r} \frac{G}{c^{4}} \ddot{M}_{12}$$

(the r.h.s. is computed in the retarded time t-r).

Emission Along Arbitrary Direction

• Along an arbitrary direction \hat{n} , with components in a Cartesian system

$$n_i = (\sin \theta \sin \phi, \sin \theta \cos \phi, \cos \theta)$$

the two polarizations are:

$$h_{+}(t;\theta,\phi) = \frac{1}{r} \frac{G}{c^{4}} \left[\ddot{M}_{11} \left(\cos^{2} \phi - \sin^{2} \phi \cos^{2} \theta \right) + \ddot{M}_{22} \left(\sin^{2} \phi - \cos^{2} \phi \cos^{2} \theta \right) - \ddot{M}_{33} \sin^{2} \theta - \dot{M}_{12} \sin 2\phi \left(1 + \cos^{2} \theta \right) + \ddot{M}_{13} \sin \phi \sin 2\theta + \ddot{M}_{23} \cos \phi \sin 2\theta \right]$$

and

$$h_{\times}(t;\theta,\phi) = \frac{1}{r} \frac{G}{c^4} \left[\left(\ddot{M}_{11} - \ddot{M}_{22} \right) \sin 2\phi \cos \theta + 2\ddot{M}_{12} \cos 2\phi \cos \theta - 2\ddot{M}_{13} \cos \phi \sin \theta + 2\ddot{M}_{23} \sin \phi \sin \theta \right]$$

Emitted Energy and Linear Momentum of GWs

Energy is emitted by GWs at a rate

$$\frac{dE_{\text{GW}}}{dt} = \frac{c^3 r^2}{32\pi G} \int d\Omega \left\langle \dot{h}_{ij}^{\text{TT}} \dot{h}_{ij}^{\text{TT}} \right\rangle \tag{3}$$

$$= \frac{c^3 r^2}{16\pi G} \int d\Omega \left\langle \dot{h}_+^2 + \dot{h}_\times \right\rangle \tag{4}$$

$$\simeq \frac{G}{5c^5} \left\langle \ddot{Q}_{jk} \ddot{Q}^{jk} \right\rangle$$
 (5)

$$= \frac{G}{5c^5} \left\langle \ddot{M}_{ij} \ddot{M}_{ij} - \frac{1}{3} \left(\ddot{M}_{kk} \right)^2 \right\rangle \tag{6}$$

There is no loss of linear momentum in the quadrupole approximation

$$\frac{\partial P_{\text{GW}}^k}{\partial t} = -\frac{G}{8\pi c^5} \int d\Omega \ddot{Q}_{ij}^{\text{TT}} \partial^k \ddot{Q}_{ij}^{\text{TTT}} = 0 \tag{7}$$

because Q_{ij} is invariant and $\partial^i \to -\partial^i$ under a reflection $\mathbf{x} \to -\mathbf{x}$.

Angular Momentum Emitted by GWs

The angular momentum carried away by GWs is

$$\frac{dJ^{i}}{dt} = \frac{c^{3}}{32\pi G} \int r^{2} d\Omega \left\langle -\epsilon^{ikl} \dot{h}_{ab}^{\mathrm{TT}} x^{k} \partial^{\ell} h_{ab}^{\mathrm{TT}} + 2\epsilon^{ikl} \dot{h}_{al}^{\mathrm{TT}} h_{ak}^{\mathrm{TT}} \right\rangle$$

In the quadrupole approximation, this becomes

$$\left(\frac{dJ^{i}}{dt}\right)_{\text{quad}} = \frac{2G}{5c^{5}} \epsilon^{ikl} \left\langle \ddot{Q}_{ka} \ddot{Q}_{la} \right\rangle$$

GWs from a Binary System

• Consider a binary with circular orbits. The trajectories of the two stars are $\mathbf{x}_1(t)$ and $\mathbf{x}_2(t)$ and the relative coordinate is $\mathbf{x}_0 = \mathbf{x}_1 - \mathbf{x}_2$. The center of mass is

$$\mathbf{x}_{\mathrm{CM}} = \frac{m_1 \mathbf{x}_1 + m_2 \mathbf{x}_2}{m_1 + m_2}$$

For a nonrelativistic system, the mass quadrupole moment is

$$M^{ij} = m_1 x_1^i x_1^j + m_2 x_2^i x_2^j$$

= $m x_{\text{CM}}^i x_{\text{CM}}^j + \mu \left(x_{\text{CM}}^i x_0^j + x_{\text{CM}}^j x_0^i \right) + \mu x_0^i x_0^j$

where $m=m_1+m_2$ and

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

is the reduced mass. If we choose $\mathbf{x}_{\mathrm{CM}}=0$ as the origin of our coordinate system, then the mass quadrupole moment is

$$M^{ij}(t) = \mu x_0^i(t) x_0^j(t)$$

GWs from a Binary System

- In the CM frame, the dynamics reduces to a one-body problem with reduced mass μ .
- Choose a circular orbit with angular frequency ω_s in the plane with $z_0 = 0$

$$x_0(t) = R \cos \left(\omega_s t + \frac{\pi}{2}\right)$$

$$y_0(t) = R \sin \left(\omega_s t + \frac{\pi}{2}\right)$$

$$z_0(t) = 0$$

Then

$$M_{11} = \mu R^2 \frac{1 - \cos 2\omega_s t}{2} \tag{8}$$

$$M_{22} = \mu R^2 \frac{1 + \cos 2\omega_s t}{2} \tag{9}$$

$$M_{12} = -\frac{1}{2}\mu R^2 \sin 2\omega_s t \tag{10}$$

(other components are zero).

GWs from a Binary System

Taking two time-derivatives:

$$\ddot{M}_{11} = -\ddot{M}_{22} = 2\mu R^2 \omega_s^2 \cos 2\omega_s t$$

$$\ddot{M}_{12} = 2\mu R^2 \omega_s^2 \sin 2\omega_s t$$

and

$$h_{+}(t;\theta,\phi) = \frac{1}{r} \frac{4G\mu\omega_s^2 R^2}{c^4} \left(\frac{1+\cos^2\theta}{2}\right) \cos\left(2\omega_s t_{\text{ret}} + 2\phi\right)$$
$$h_{\times}(t;\theta,\phi) = \frac{1}{r} \frac{4G\mu\omega_s^2 R^2}{c^4} \cos\theta \sin\left(2\omega_s t_{\text{ret}} + 2\phi\right)$$

- If we can neglect the proper motion of the source, then the angle ϕ is fixed and by a change of the origin of time one can set it to zero.
- If we view the system from an *inclination* $\iota = \theta$, then

$$h_{+}(t) = \frac{1}{r} \frac{4G\mu\omega_s^2 R^2}{c^4} \left(\frac{1+\cos^2 \iota}{2}\right) \cos(2\omega_s t)$$
$$h_{\times}(t) = \frac{1}{r} \frac{4G\mu\omega_s^2 R^2}{c^4} \cos\iota\sin(2\omega_s t)$$

• For $\iota = 0 \Rightarrow$ circular polarization, for $\iota = 90^o \Rightarrow$ linear polarization, otherwise elliptic polarization. Measuring polarization, recovers ι .

The two polarizations can be written as

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

where $\omega_{\mathrm{gw}}=2\omega_{s}$ and

$$f_{\rm gw} = \omega_{\rm gw}/(2\pi)$$

is the frequency of the GWs and

$$M_c = \mu^{3/5} m^{2/5} = \frac{(m_1 m_2)^{3/5}}{(m_1 + m_2)^{1/5}}$$

is the chirp mass.

Kepler's law is

$$\omega_s^2 = \frac{Gm}{R^3}$$

Radiated Power

The angular distribution of the radiated power is

$$\left(\frac{dP}{d\Omega}\right)_{\rm quad} = \frac{2G\mu^2R^4\omega_s^6}{\pi c^5}g(\theta)$$

or

$$\left| \left(\frac{dP}{d\Omega} \right)_{\rm quad} \right| = \frac{2}{\pi} \frac{c^5}{G} \left(\frac{GM_c \omega_{\rm gw}}{2c^3} \right)^{10/3} g(\theta) \left| \frac{dP}{d\Omega} \right| = \frac{2}{\pi} \frac{c^5}{G} \left(\frac{GM_c \omega_{\rm gw}}{2c^3} \right)^{10/3} g(\theta) \left| \frac{dP}{d\Omega} \right| = \frac{2}{\pi} \frac{c^5}{G} \left(\frac{GM_c \omega_{\rm gw}}{2c^3} \right)^{10/3} g(\theta) \left| \frac{dP}{d\Omega} \right| = \frac{2}{\pi} \frac{c^5}{G} \left(\frac{GM_c \omega_{\rm gw}}{2c^3} \right)^{10/3} g(\theta) \left| \frac{dP}{d\Omega} \right| = \frac{2}{\pi} \frac{c^5}{G} \left(\frac{GM_c \omega_{\rm gw}}{2c^3} \right)^{10/3} g(\theta) \left| \frac{dP}{d\Omega} \right| = \frac{2}{\pi} \frac{c^5}{G} \left(\frac{GM_c \omega_{\rm gw}}{2c^3} \right)^{10/3} g(\theta) \left| \frac{dP}{d\Omega} \right| = \frac{2}{\pi} \frac{c^5}{G} \left(\frac{GM_c \omega_{\rm gw}}{2c^3} \right)^{10/3} g(\theta) \left| \frac{dP}{d\Omega} \right| = \frac{2}{\pi} \frac{c^5}{G} \left(\frac{GM_c \omega_{\rm gw}}{2c^3} \right)^{10/3} g(\theta) \left| \frac{dP}{d\Omega} \right| = \frac{2}{\pi} \frac{c^5}{G} \left(\frac{GM_c \omega_{\rm gw}}{2c^3} \right)^{10/3} g(\theta) \left| \frac{dP}{d\Omega} \right| = \frac{2}{\pi} \frac{c^5}{G} \left(\frac{GM_c \omega_{\rm gw}}{2c^3} \right)^{10/3} g(\theta) \left| \frac{dP}{d\Omega} \right| = \frac{2}{\pi} \frac{c^5}{G} \left(\frac{GM_c \omega_{\rm gw}}{2c^3} \right)^{10/3} g(\theta) \left| \frac{dP}{d\Omega} \right| = \frac{2}{\pi} \frac{c^5}{G} \left(\frac{GM_c \omega_{\rm gw}}{2c^3} \right)^{10/3} g(\theta)$$

where

$$g(\theta) = \left(\frac{1 + \cos^2 \theta}{2}\right)^2 + \cos^2 \theta$$

which has an angular average of

$$\int \frac{d\Omega}{4\pi} g(\theta) = \frac{4}{5}$$

Radiate Power

The radiated power is

$$P_{\text{quad}} = \frac{1}{10} \frac{G\mu^2}{c^5} R^4 \omega_{\text{gw}}^6$$

or

$$P_{\text{quad}} = \frac{32}{5} \frac{c^5}{G} \left(\frac{GM_c \omega_{\text{gw}}}{2c^3} \right)^{10/3}$$

• The energy radiated in one period $T=2\pi/\omega_s$ is (with $v=\omega_s R$)

$$\langle E_{\text{quad}} \rangle_T = \frac{64\pi}{5} \frac{G\mu^2}{R} \left(\frac{v}{c}\right)^5$$

i.e. the energy scale $G\mu^2/R$ is suppressed by a factor $(v/c)^5$.

Frequency evolution

The orbital energy is

$$\begin{split} E_{\text{orbit}} &= E_{\text{kin}} + E_{\text{pot}} \\ &= -\frac{Gm_1m_2}{2R} \\ &= -\left(G^2M_c^5\omega_{\text{gw}}^2/32\right)^{1/3} \end{split}$$

Assume that

$$\left| \frac{dE_{\text{orbit}}}{dt} \right| = P_{\text{quad}}$$

Then

$$\dot{f}_{gw} = \frac{96}{5} \pi^{8/3} \left(\frac{GM_c}{c^3} \right)^{5/3} f_{gw}^{11/3}$$

• Integrating $f_{\rm gw}$, we see that it diverges at a finite time $t_{\rm coal}$. The remaining time to coalescence is then

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

and the frequency evolution is written as

$$f_{\rm gw}(\tau) = \frac{1}{\pi} \left(\frac{5}{256} \frac{1}{\tau} \right)^{3/8} \left(\frac{GM_c}{c^3} \right)^{-5/8}$$

or

$$\left| f_{\rm gw}(\tau) \simeq 134 {\rm Hz} \left(\frac{1.21 M_{\odot}}{M_c} \right)^{5/8} \left(\frac{1s}{\tau} \right)^{3/8} \right|$$

The time to coalescence is thus

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

Number of cycles

• When the period T(t) is slowly varying, the number of cycles in a time interval dt is

$$d\mathcal{N}_{\text{cyc}} = \frac{dt}{T(t)} = f_{\text{gw}}(t)dt$$

and thus the number of cycles spent between frequencies f_{\min} and

$$f_{
m max}$$
 is

$$\mathcal{N}_{\text{cyc}} = \int_{t_{\text{min}}}^{t_{\text{max}}} f_{\text{gw}}(t) dt$$
$$= \int_{f_{\text{min}}}^{f_{\text{max}}} df_{\text{gw}} \frac{f_{\text{gw}}}{\dot{f}_{\text{gw}}}$$

or

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

If
$$f_{\min}^{-5/3} - f_{\max}^{-5/3} \simeq f_{\min}^{-5/3}$$
, then

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

Orbital Evolution

• From Kepler's law and the equation for $f_{\rm gw}$ we find that the radius of the orbit shrinks according to

$$\frac{\dot{R}}{R} = -\frac{2}{3} \frac{\dot{f}_{\text{gw}}}{f_{\text{gw}}} = -\frac{1}{4\tau}$$

If at $t = t_0$ the radius is $R = R_0$ and $\tau_0 = t_{\rm coal} - t_0$, then integrating:

$$R(\tau) = R_0 \left(\frac{\tau}{\tau_0}\right)^{1/4}$$

• From Kepler's law and the equation for $f_{
m gw}$ we find

$$\tau_0 = \frac{5}{256} \frac{c^5 R_0^4}{G^3 m^2 \mu}$$

or

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

• Because $\omega_{\rm gw} = d\Phi/dt$, the evolution of the phase is

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

or, with $\Phi_0 = \Phi(\tau = 0)$

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

The waveform is

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

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

or

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