Gravitational waveform models for extreme mass ratio inspirals via the self-force approach





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Compact binary parameter space



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Gravitational self-force approach



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- $\epsilon = 1/q = m_2/m_1 \ll 1$
- Small body perturbs spacetime:

$$g_{\alpha\beta} = g_{\alpha\beta}^{\text{Kerr}} + \epsilon h_{\alpha\beta}^{(1)} + \epsilon^2 h_{\alpha\beta}^{(2)} + \dots$$

• Perturbation affects m_2 's motion:

$$\frac{D^2 z^{\mu}}{d\tau^2} = \epsilon f^{\mu}_{(1)} + \epsilon^2 f^{\mu}_{(2)} + \dots$$

Zeroth order: geodesics in Kerr



[Image created using the BHPToolkit KerrGeodesics package]

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• Simple ODEs:

• constants
$$J_A = (m_1, \chi_1, E, L_z, Q)$$

- Energy E
- angular momentum L_z
- Carter constant Q
- phases $\varphi_{\!A}=(\varphi_r\!,\varphi_\theta\!,\varphi_\phi\!)$ with frequencies $\Omega_{\!A}(J_B)$

$$\frac{d\varphi_A}{dt} = \Omega_A(J_B)$$
$$\frac{dJ_A}{dt} = 0$$

• evolution due to the self-force:

$$\begin{split} \frac{d\tilde{\varphi}_A}{dt} &= \Omega_A(\tilde{J}_B) \\ \frac{d\tilde{J}_A}{dt} &= \epsilon \left[F_A^{(0)}(\tilde{J}_B) + \epsilon F_A^{(1)}(\tilde{J}_B) + \mathcal{O}(\epsilon^2) \right] \end{split}$$

• waveform:

$$h_{\ell m} = \sum_{k^i} \left[\epsilon h_{\ell m k^i}^{(1)} (\tilde{J}_A) + \epsilon^2 h_{\ell m k^i}^{(2)} (\tilde{J}_A) + \mathcal{O}(\epsilon^3) \right] e^{-i(m \tilde{\varphi}_{\phi} + k^i \tilde{\varphi}_i)}$$

 Secondary spin: (i) new slow parameters (ii) new precession phase

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Two contributions:

- oscillatory pieces of the first order self-force $\check{f}^{\alpha}_{(1)}$
- \bullet second-order orbit averaged self-force $\langle f^{\alpha}_{(2)}\rangle$

Needed to extract all sources Needed for precision tests of GR Potential application to IMRIs

• Write metric as product of slowly evolving amplitudes and a rapidly evolving phase:

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• Lots of extra detail... (gauge choice, regularisation via matched expansions, numerical methods, etc). The first calculation of $h_{\alpha\beta}^{(2)}$ took ~10 years to work through all the details.

• What are those \tilde{J}_A variables?

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$$\tilde{J}_A = J_A + \epsilon Y_A^{(1)}(J_B, \varphi_C) + \epsilon^2 Y_A^{(2)}(J_B, \varphi_C) + \mathcal{O}(\epsilon^3)$$

- Can choose $Y_A^{(n)}$ to remove dependency on the phase in the equations for \tilde{J}_A

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Phase space trajectory computation goes from taking hours to taking milliseconds

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Waveform modelling for EMRIs

Offline step

- solve field equations for amplitudes $h_{lmk^i}^{(n)}$ and forcing functions $F_A^{(n-1)}$ on a grid of \tilde{J}_A values

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- solve ODEs for $ilde{arphi}_A$ and $ilde{J}_A$
- Add up the mode amplitudes $h_{\ell m k^i}^{(n)}$ at each sample time

• FastEMRIWaveforms (FEW) software package can compute a 2-year long waveform in $\,\sim\,10$ - $100{\rm ms}$

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- New techniques needed! e.g., better numerics, reduce need for parameter space coverage by using analytic results (PN/PM)

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- GPU acceleration takes generation time down from minutes to milliseconds
- Relativistic adiabatic (0PA)
 Kerr equatorial model will be publicly available soon



Parameter space coverage at OPA

In FEW:

- generic orbits in Kerr: 5.5PN- e^{10} approximation
- equatorial orbits in Kerr: full relativistic waveforms in time or frequency domain
- kludge models





Comparison with NR waveform from SXS collaboration



- Complete quasi-circular 1PA inspiral model with generic (precessing) secondary spin, linear-in- ϵ primary spin and evolving m_1 and χ_1
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Conclusions

- Using the post-adiabatic (multiscale) expansion we can compute $h^{(1)}_{\alpha\beta}$ and $h^{(2)}_{\alpha\beta}$
- There is a native, fast waveform generation scheme, which when combined with FEW gives EMRI waveforms in 10s of milliseconds



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[Movie credit: Philip Lynch]
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- Post-adiabatic waveforms agree very remarkably with NR waveforms even for $q \simeq 10$. This suggests we can model IMRIs with 1PA waveforms.
- Once offline step is complete (huge task) the online waveform generation time is roughly the same for all orbital configurations

Extra slides

Adding more physics

• So long as your extra physics acts on a longtime scale (or can be NIT'ed), the equations of motion become:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d\tilde{\varphi}_A}{dt} &= \Omega_A(\tilde{J}_B) \\ \frac{d\tilde{J}_A}{dt} &= \epsilon \left[F_A^{(0)}(\tilde{J}_B) + \epsilon F_A^{(1)}(\tilde{J}_B) + \mathcal{O}(\epsilon^2) \right] + \kappa F_A^{(\kappa)}(\tilde{J}_B) \end{aligned}$$

- Examples include:
 - accretion disks
 - third-body perturber (adds new resonances)
 - beyond-GR physics
- Once you have $F_A^{(\kappa)}(\tilde{J}_B)$, the multiscale framework and the modular construction of FEW means you can generate waveforms quickly

Offline calculations: solving for $h_{\alpha\beta}^{(n)}$

- To solve for the metric perturbations we are moving to a hyperboloidal, compactified framework
- Solve for the metric perturbation using spectral methods

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 Significant improvement over the variations of parameter approach used previously





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 Self-force computed from these regular fields

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Pound 2012
Gralla 2012

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\end{aligned}$$

$$\delta G^{[0]}_{\alpha\beta}[h^{(1)R}] = T^{(1)}_{\alpha\beta} - G^{[0]}_{\alpha\beta}[h^{(1)P}] \\
\delta G^{[0]}_{\alpha\beta}[h^{(2)R}] = T^{(2)}_{\alpha\beta} - \delta^2 G^{[0]}_{\alpha\beta}[h^{(1)}, h^{(1)}] - \delta G^{[1]}_{\alpha\beta}[h^{(1)}] - \delta G^{[0]}_{\alpha\beta}[h^{(2)P}] \\
&\text{Pound 2012} \\
&\text{Gralla 2012}
\end{aligned}$$
- Non-compact
- Diverges on the worldline



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Comparison with NR waveform from SXS collaboration



- Complete quasi-circular 1PA inspiral model with generic (precessing) secondary spin, linear primary spin and evolving m_1 and χ_1
- Precession effects only enter the phase at 2PA (amplitudes effected at 1PA)

Resonances (0.5PA)



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Waveform modelling for I/EMRIs

 Ω_r/Ω_{θ} becomes momentarily rational

 $\Omega_{\!A}$ "jumps" slightly across the resonance

Leads to a significant

phase corrections



$$\tilde{\varphi}_A = \epsilon^{-1} \varphi_A^{(0)}(\Omega_B) + \epsilon^{-1/2} \varphi_A^{(1/2)}(\Omega_B) + \epsilon^0 \varphi_A^{(1)}(\Omega_B) + \mathcal{O}(\epsilon^{1/2})$$

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Waveform modelling for I/EMRIs

Resonances (0.5PA) in FEW



Goal: modular framework in FEW. Given a resonance surface and jump conditions FEW can efficiently model any resonant phenomena.

1PA secondary spin effects

Piovano, Witzany Drummond, Hughes, Lynch et al Skoupý et al.



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Complete inspiral-merger-ringdown models

Küchler, Compère, Durkan, Pound

q = 10



- The multiscale expansion used in the inspiral breaks down at the ISCO
- Implement new expansions for the transition-to-plunge and plunge region
- First results appearing. Fast waveform generation speed maintained.