Higher memory effects

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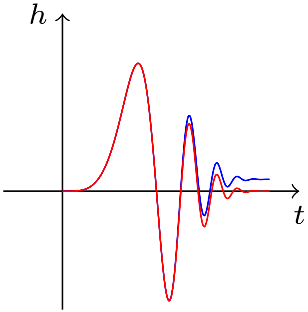
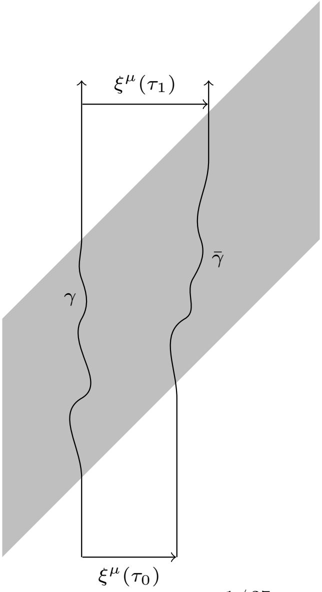
Memory effect

- Gravitational wave (displacement) memory: change in separation of initially comoving, freely falling observers [Zel'dovich & Polnarev, 1974]
- Appears as DC offset for a GW detector
  $\implies$ *fundamentally different* type of signal!





Origin of the memory

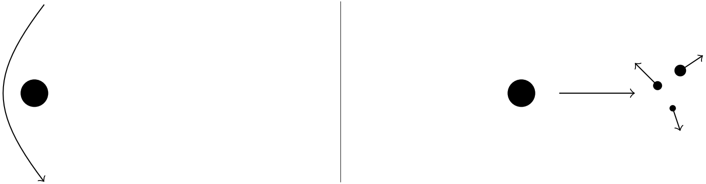
- Quadrupole formula:

$$h_{ij} = \frac{2\ddot{Q}_{ij}}{r} + O(1/r^2) \implies \text{when is } \Delta\ddot{Q}_{ij} \neq 0?$$

- $Q_{ij} \sim m x_i x_j$ & $\ddot{x}_i = 0$ at late times, so

$$\Delta\ddot{Q}_{ij} \sim m\Delta\left[v_i v_j\right] \implies \text{when } v_i \text{ changes!}$$

- Note: applies to *unbound systems* w/ particles flying off to infinity



Memories and "strong gravity"

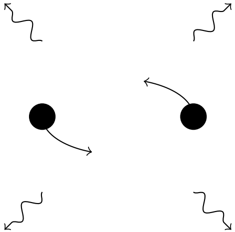
- Bound systems: "particles flying off to infinity" are *gravitational waves*

- Source is *quadratic* in the field:

$$T_{\alpha\beta} \sim \langle \dot{h}_{\alpha\gamma} \dot{h}^{\gamma}{}_{\beta} \rangle \implies \Delta h(u) \sim r \int_{-\infty}^{u} |\dot{h}|^2$$

(with $h \equiv h_+ - i h_\times \sim 1/r$)

- Probes nonlinearity in *propagation* regime



[Christodoulou, 1991], [Blanchet & Damour, 1992 (1990)], [Thorne, 1992]

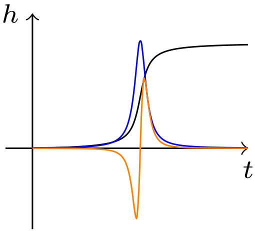
Higher memories

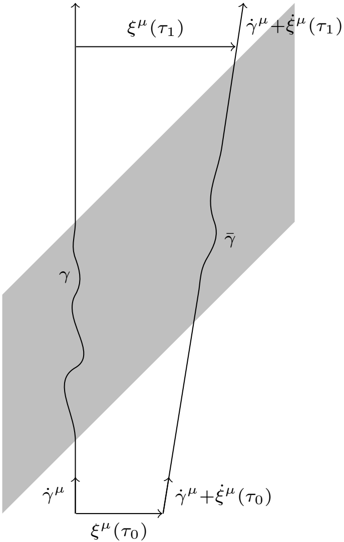
- Two "simple" generalizations:
  - Relax assumptions: initially comoving or freely falling
  - Consider other properties (e.g., final relative velocity)
- Additional, memory-like effects (drift = spin + c.o.m.):

$$\begin{pmatrix} \boldsymbol{\xi}_f \\ \dot{\boldsymbol{\xi}}_f \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \boldsymbol{\xi}_i + \Delta\tau\dot{\boldsymbol{\xi}}_i \\ \dot{\boldsymbol{\xi}}_i \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} \text{displacement} & \text{drift} \\ \text{velocity} & \text{kick} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \boldsymbol{\xi}_i \\ \dot{\boldsymbol{\xi}}_i \end{pmatrix}$$

$$+ (\cdots) + \begin{bmatrix} \text{"higher memories"} \\ \text{(from acceleration)} \end{bmatrix}$$

- Appear as different types of non-oscillatory GW features
- Probe "subleading" nonlinearities in propagation of gravitational waves





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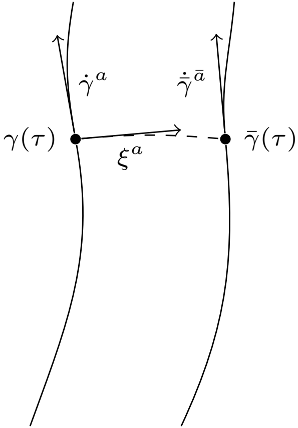
Not in this talk: detectability (except one slide), symmetries, soft theorems…

Geodesic deviation

- Two observers, following γ and $\bar{\gamma}$, w/ four-velocities $\dot{\gamma}^a$ and $\dot{\bar{\gamma}}^{\bar{a}}$
- Separation vector ξ^a tangent to unique geodesic between $\gamma(\tau)$ and $\bar{\gamma}(\tau)$
- Geodesic deviation equation:

$$\ddot{\xi}^a = -\underbrace{R^a{}_{cbd}\dot{\gamma}^c\dot{\gamma}^d}_{\equiv R^a{}_{\dot{\gamma}b\dot{\gamma}}}\xi^b + O(\boldsymbol{\xi}, \dot{\boldsymbol{\xi}})^2$$



For an excellent review, see [Vines, 2014]

General solution

- Recall: cannot add/subtract tensors at different points
  $\implies$ cannot solve *tensor* ODEs
- Parallel-transported tetrad $\{\boldsymbol{e}_\alpha\}$ $\implies$ *scalar* ODE:

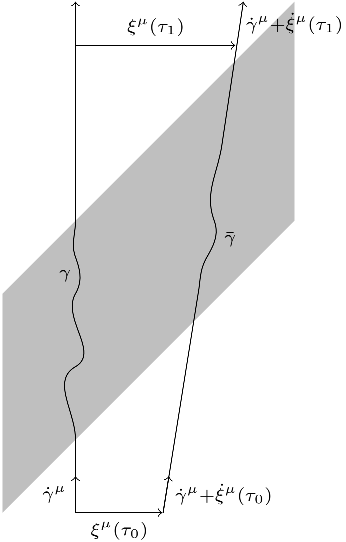
$$\frac{\mathrm{D}\boldsymbol{e}_\alpha}{\mathrm{d}\tau} = 0 \implies \ddot{\xi}^\alpha(\tau) = -R^\alpha{}_{\dot\gamma\beta\dot\gamma}(\tau)\xi^\beta(\tau) + O(\boldsymbol{\xi}, \dot{\boldsymbol{\xi}})^2$$

- General solution (linear order):

$$\xi^\mu(\tau') = A^\mu{}_\nu(\tau', \tau)\xi^\nu(\tau) + B^\mu{}_\nu(\tau', \tau)\dot{\xi}^\nu(\tau)$$

where $\boldsymbol{A}, \boldsymbol{B}$ solve (w/ appropriate BC's)

$$\partial^2_{\tau'} U^\mu{}_\nu(\tau', \tau) = -R^\mu{}_{\dot\gamma\rho\dot\gamma}(\tau')U^\rho{}_\nu(\tau', \tau)$$



"Geodesic" memory effects

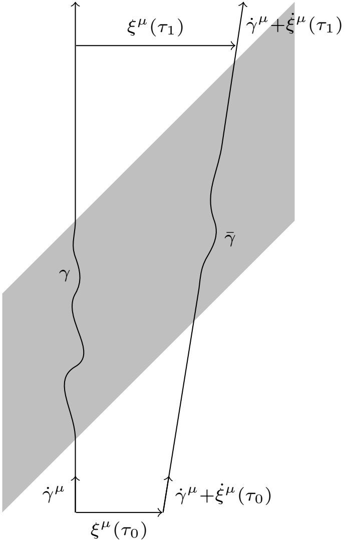
- Matrix form of solution:

$$\begin{bmatrix}\boldsymbol{\xi}(\tau') \\ \dot{\boldsymbol{\xi}}(\tau')\end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix}\boldsymbol{A}(\tau',\tau) & \boldsymbol{B}(\tau',\tau) \\ \partial_{\tau'}\boldsymbol{A}(\tau',\tau) & \partial_{\tau'}\boldsymbol{B}(\tau',\tau)\end{bmatrix}\begin{bmatrix}\boldsymbol{\xi}(\tau) \\ \dot{\boldsymbol{\xi}}(\tau)\end{bmatrix}$$

- Comparing to memory effects:

$$\begin{pmatrix}\text{displacement} & \text{drift} \\ \text{velocity} & \text{kick}\end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix}\boldsymbol{\Delta A} & \boldsymbol{\Delta B} \\ \partial_{\tau'}\boldsymbol{\Delta A} & \partial_{\tau'}\boldsymbol{\Delta B}\end{pmatrix}$$

$$\text{where} \qquad \begin{cases}\boldsymbol{\Delta A}(\tau',\tau) = \boldsymbol{A}(\tau',\tau) - \mathbb{I}, \\ \boldsymbol{\Delta B}(\tau',\tau) = \boldsymbol{B}(\tau',\tau) - \Delta\tau\mathbb{I}\end{cases}$$



The addition of acceleration: “Non-geodesic” deviation

- If $\bar{\gamma}$ accelerated, geodesic deviation modified:

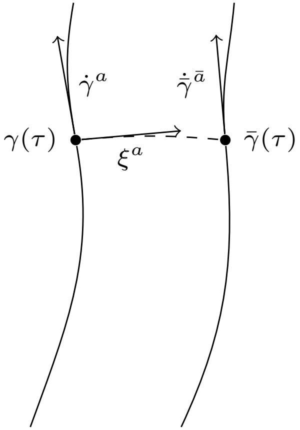
$$\ddot{\xi}^a = -R^a{}_{\dot{\gamma}b\dot{\gamma}}\xi^b + \overbrace{\underbrace{g^a{}_{\bar{a}}}_{\text{parallel transport map}}\ddot{\bar{\gamma}}^{\bar{a}}}^{\text{“relative acceleration” } a^a} + O(\boldsymbol{\xi}, \dot{\boldsymbol{\xi}}, \boldsymbol{a})^2,$$

- Solution on our tetrad (linear order):

$$\ddot{\xi}^\alpha(\tau) = -R^\alpha{}_{\dot{\gamma}\beta\dot{\gamma}}(\tau)\xi^\beta(\tau) + a^\alpha(\tau)$$

$$\Downarrow$$

$$\xi^\alpha(\tau') = A^\alpha{}_\beta(\tau',\tau)\xi^\beta(\tau) + B^\alpha{}_\beta(\tau',\tau)\dot{\xi}^\beta(\tau) + \int_\tau^{\tau'} \mathrm{d}\tau''\, B^\alpha{}_\beta(\tau',\tau'')a^\beta(\tau'')$$



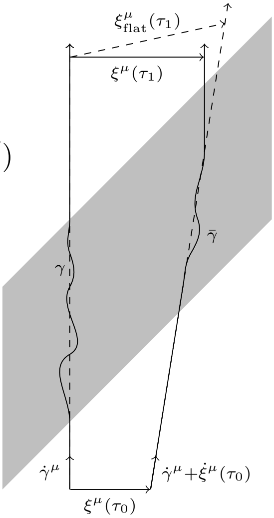
Curve deviation

- Part of solution is an uninteresting, "kinematic" piece:

$$\ddot{\xi}^{\alpha}_{\text{flat}}(\tau) = a^{\alpha}(\tau) \implies \begin{cases} \xi^{\alpha}_{\text{flat}}(\tau') = \xi^{\alpha}(\tau) + (\tau' - \tau)\dot{\xi}^{\alpha}(\tau) \\ \qquad\qquad + \int_{\tau}^{\tau'} \mathrm{d}\tau''(\tau' - \tau'')a^{\alpha}(\tau'') \end{cases}$$

- Subtracting off yields *curve deviation* observable:

$$\Delta\xi^{\alpha}(\tau', \tau) \equiv \xi^{\alpha}(\tau') - \xi^{\alpha}_{\text{flat}}(\tau')$$
$$= \overbrace{\Delta A^{\alpha}{}_{\beta}(\tau', \tau)}^{\text{displacement}}\, \xi^{\beta}(\tau) + \overbrace{\Delta B^{\alpha}{}_{\beta}(\tau', \tau)}^{\text{drift}}\, \dot{\xi}^{\beta}(\tau)$$
$$\underbrace{+ \int_{\tau}^{\tau'} \mathrm{d}\tau''\, \Delta B^{\alpha}{}_{\beta}(\tau', \tau'')a^{\beta}(\tau'')}_{\text{"higher memories"}}$$

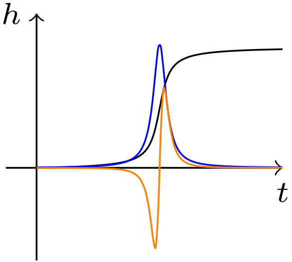


"Unification" of higher memories [**Grant**, 2401.00047]

- Higher memories characterized by:

$$\underbrace{\Delta \underset{(n)}{\alpha}{}^{\alpha}{}_{\beta}(\tau', \tau)}_{\text{dependence on initial acceleration, jerk, etc.}} \equiv \frac{1}{n!} \int_{\tau}^{\tau'} \mathrm{d}\tau'' \, (\tau'' - \tau)^n \Delta B^{\alpha}{}_{\beta}(\tau', \tau'')$$

- Identities involving $\partial_\tau A^{\alpha}{}_{\beta}(\tau', \tau), \partial_\tau B^{\alpha}{}_{\beta}(\tau', \tau) \implies$



$$\underbrace{\underset{(n)}{\mathscr{E}}{}^{\alpha}{}_{\beta}(\tau', \tau)}_{\text{"moments"}} = \begin{cases} \Delta A^{\alpha}{}_{\beta}(\tau', \tau) & n = 0 \\ \Delta B^{\alpha}{}_{\beta}(\tau', \tau) & n = 1 \\ \Delta \underset{(n-2)}{\alpha}{}^{\alpha}{}_{\beta}(\tau', \tau) & n \geq 2 \end{cases}$$

$$= -\frac{1}{n!} \int_{\tau}^{\tau'} \mathrm{d}\tau''(\tau'' - \tau)^n \underbrace{B^{\alpha}{}_{\mu}(\tau', \tau'') R^{\mu}{}_{\dot{\gamma}\beta\dot{\gamma}}(\tau'')}_{\text{only piece needed for computation}}$$

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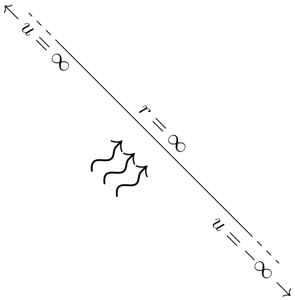
Bondi(-Sachs) coordinates

$$g_{uu} = -1 + \frac{2m}{r} + O(1/r^2), \qquad g_{ur} = -1 + O(1/r^2)$$

$$g_{ui} = -\frac{1}{2}\mathscr{D}^j C_{ij} + \frac{1}{r}\left(\frac{2}{3}N_i + \cdots\right) + O(1/r^2),$$

$$g_{ij} = r^2\left\{[1 + O(1/r^2)]h_{ij} + \frac{1}{r}\left(C_{ij} + \frac{1}{r^2}\sum_{n=0}^{\infty}\frac{1}{r^n}\underset{(n)}{\mathcal{E}}{}_{ij}\right)\right\}$$



- h_{ij}, $\mathscr{D}_i$ metric & connection on sphere
- *Shear* C_{ij} (waveform), "higher Bondi aspects" $\underset{(n)}{\mathcal{E}}{}_{ij}$
- m, N^i: *mass* and *angular momentum aspect*
- $N_{ij} = \partial_u C_{ij}$: *news*, indicates presence of radiation
- m, N^i, $\underset{(n)}{\mathcal{E}}{}_{ij}$: properties of source (essentially $\mathrm{Re}[\psi_2]$, ψ_1, ψ_0^n)

Asymptotic form of curve deviation

- Curvature at leading order:

$$R^i{}_{uju} = -\frac{1}{2r}\partial_u N^i{}_j + O(1/r^2)$$

- For asymptotic observers w/ $\dot{\gamma}^a = (\partial_u)^a + O(1/r)$, moments given by:

$$\underset{(n)}{\mathscr{E}}{}^i{}_j(u', u) = \frac{1}{2r}\left[(n+1)\underset{(n)}{\mathcal{N}}{}^i{}_j(u', u; u) - (u' - u)\begin{cases} 0 & n = 0 \\ \underset{(n-1)}{\mathcal{N}}{}^i{}_j(u', u; u) & n > 0 \end{cases}\right] + O(1/r^2)$$

where "moments of news" given by

$$\underset{(n)}{\mathcal{N}}{}^i{}_j(u, u'; \tilde{u}) \equiv \frac{1}{n!}\int_u^{u'} \mathrm{d}u''\, (u'' - \tilde{u})^n N^i{}_j(u'')$$

Two useful notions of moments

$$\underset{(n)}{\mathcal{N}}{}^{i}{}_{j}(u', u; \tilde{u}) \equiv \frac{1}{n!} \int_{u}^{u'} \mathrm{d}u'' \, (u'' - \tilde{u})^n N^i{}_j(u'')$$

"Mellin" moments (original approach)

- Use $\tilde{u} = u$:

$$\underset{(n)}{\widetilde{\mathcal{N}}}{}^{i}{}_{j}(u', u) \equiv \underset{(n)}{\mathcal{N}}{}^{i}{}_{j}(u', u; u)$$

- Directly related to observables
- For $u = 0$, $u' = \infty$, related to *Mellin transform*:

$$\mathcal{M}\{f\}(n) \equiv \int_0^\infty u^{n-1} f(u) \mathrm{d}u$$

"Cauchy" moments (this talk)

- Use $\tilde{u} = u'$, with a sign change:

$$\underset{(n)}{\mathcal{N}}{}^{i}{}_{j}(u', u) \equiv (-1)^n \underset{(n)}{\mathcal{N}}{}^{i}{}_{j}(u', u; u')$$

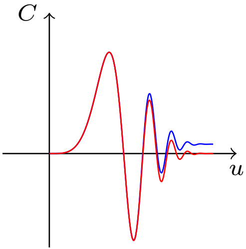
- Related to *Cauchy's formula for repeated integration*:

$$\underset{(n)}{\mathcal{N}}{}^{i}{}_{j}(u', u) = \int_{u}^{u'} \mathrm{d}u'' \, \underset{(n-1)}{\mathcal{N}}{}^{i}{}_{j}(u'', u)$$

Computation of the moments

- Given a full waveform C_{ij}, one can easily compute these moments by integration
- Unfortunately, we do not have a "full" waveform:
  - Any approximation scheme (PN, self-force, etc.) only valid up to some order
  - In NR one often *extrapolates* signals at finite radius to infinity (CCE has mostly fixed this)

  $\implies$ Moments computed directly are inaccurate!
- Fortunately, relationships exist b/w these moments and C_{ij}, m, N^i, $\underset{(n)}{\mathcal{E}}{}_{ij}$, providing
  - Consistency checks for "exact" waveforms
  - Corrections to approximate waveforms



Schematic form of evolution equations

- Define "electric" metric functions:

$$Q_0 \equiv m, \qquad Q_1 \equiv \mathscr{D}_i N^i, \qquad Q_{n+2} \equiv \mathscr{D}^i \mathscr{D}^j \underset{(n)}{\mathcal{E}}_{ij}$$

(omit magnetic versions for simplicity)

- Evolution equations take the following form:

$$\dot{Q}_0 = \frac{1}{4} \mathscr{D}^i \mathscr{D}^j N_{ij} - \mathcal{F}_0, \qquad \dot{Q}_n = \mathcal{D}_n Q_{n-1} - \mathcal{F}_n - \mathcal{G}_n$$

where

  - $\mathcal{D}_n$: differential operator on sphere
  - $\mathcal{F}_n$: nonlinear "flux" term, depends on N_{ij} (vanishes in nonradiative regions)
  - $\mathcal{G}_n$: nonlinear "pseudoflux" term, does *not* vanish in nonradiative regions (only exists for $n \geq 2$)

Construction of "charges"

$$\dot{Q}_0 = \frac{1}{4}\mathscr{D}^i\mathscr{D}^j N_{ij} - \mathcal{F}_0, \qquad \dot{Q}_n = \mathcal{D}_n Q_{n-1} - \mathcal{F}_n - \mathcal{G}_n$$

- Note: $\dot{Q}_0$ vanishes when $N_{ij} = 0$; call such quantities "charges"
- $Q_{n\geq 1}$ *not* charges, as $Q_{n-1} \neq 0$ when $N_{ij} = 0$ (and $\mathcal{G}_n \neq 0$ when $N_{ij} = 0$ for $n \geq 2$)
- Can be modified to form charges, however (*not* unique!):

$$\tilde{Q}_n(u;\tilde{u}) \equiv Q_n(u) + \sum_{m=0}^{n-1} \frac{(\tilde{u}-u)^{n-m}}{(n-m)!}\mathcal{D}_n \cdots \mathcal{D}_{m+1} Q_m(u) + \underbrace{(\cdots)}_{\text{constructed from } \mathcal{G}_{2\leq m\leq n}}$$

Relationship to moments

- Zeroth moment: integrate Q_0 evolution equation:

$$\frac{1}{4}\mathscr{D}^i\mathscr{D}^j \underset{(0)}{\mathcal{N}}_{ij}(u', u) = Q_0(u') - Q_0(u) + \int_u^{u'} \mathrm{d}u''\, \mathcal{F}_0(u'')$$

- For nth moment use $\tilde{Q}_n$ (flux has old and new terms)

$$\frac{1}{4}\mathcal{D}_n \cdots \mathcal{D}_1 \mathscr{D}^i\mathscr{D}^j \underset{(n)}{\mathcal{N}}_{ij}(u', u) = \tilde{Q}_n(u'; u') - \tilde{Q}_n(u; u') + \int_u^{u'} \mathrm{d}u'' \left[\mathcal{F}_n(u'') + \overbrace{(\cdots)}^{\text{constructed from } \mathcal{G}_n}\right] + \int_u^{u'} \mathrm{d}u'' \underbrace{(\cdots)}_{\text{integrals from lower orders}}$$

Example: drift memory/first moment

- Modified charge:

$$\tilde{Q}_1(u;\tilde{u}) \equiv Q_1(u) + (\tilde{u}-u)\mathcal{D}_1 Q_0(u)$$

- Expression for "electric" first moment, the c.o.m. memory [Nichols, 1807.08767]

$$\frac{1}{4}\mathcal{D}_1 \mathscr{D}^i \mathscr{D}^j \underset{(1)}{\mathcal{N}}_{ij}(u',u) = \tilde{Q}_1(u';u') - \tilde{Q}_1(u;u') + \int_u^{u'} \mathrm{d}u\, \mathcal{F}_1(u'') + \int_u^{u'} \mathrm{d}u'' \int_u^{u''} \mathrm{d}u'''\, \mathcal{D}_1 \mathcal{F}_0(u''')$$

- Spin memory: "magnetic" first moment [Pasterski et al., 1502.06120]

$$\frac{1}{4}\mathcal{D}_1 \mathscr{D}^i \mathscr{D}^j ({}^*\underset{(1)}{\mathcal{N}})_{ij}(u',u) = \tilde{Q}_1^*(u';u') - \tilde{Q}_1^*(u;u') + \int_u^{u'} \mathrm{d}u\, \mathcal{F}_1^*(u'')$$

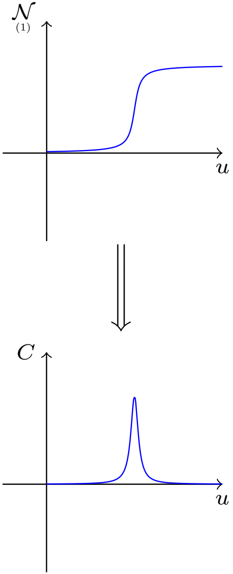
Contribution to shear

- Current detectors measure *shear*, not moments of news!
- From moments, can recover shear (up to constant):

$$C_{ij}(u') - C_{ij}(u) = \frac{\partial^n}{\partial u'^n} \underset{(n)}{\mathcal{N}}_{ij}(u', u)$$

(note: only this simple for the Cauchy moments!)

- Previous slides: contributions to moments of news
  $\implies$ parts of shear arising from these contributions
- Nonlinear contributions from (e.g.) $\mathcal{F}_n$ give a signal that can be detected



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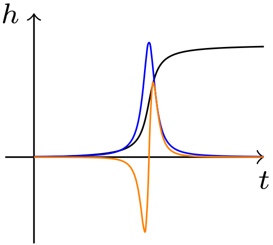
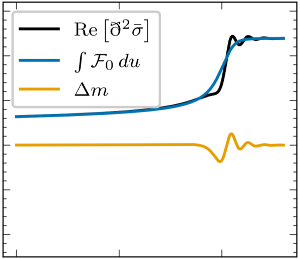
Numerical relativity [**Grant** & Mitman, 2312.02295]

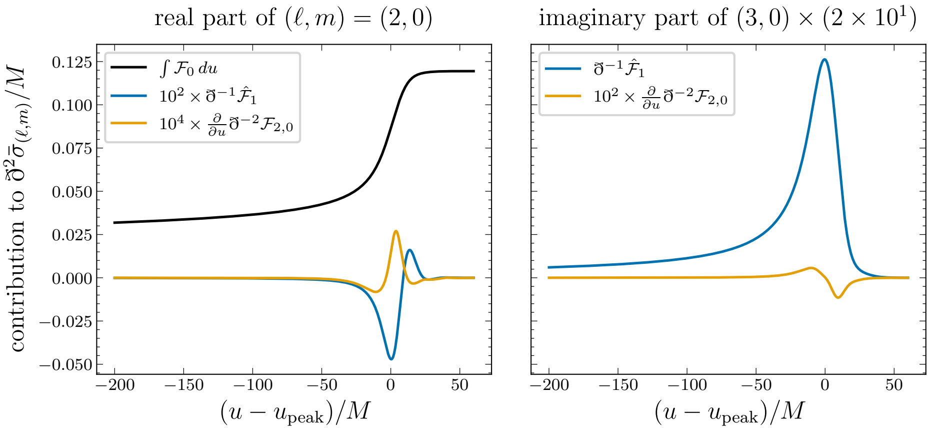
- Considered equal-mass, quasicircular binary
- With CCE, *full* waveform available
- Only $m = 0$, should be mostly non-oscillatory
- Can test:
  - Are shapes of the different flux contributions what we would expect?
  - Are the charges or fluxes more important?
- Note: to translate from Newman-Penrose:

$$\sigma \sim C_{ij}, \quad \psi_1 \sim Q_1, \quad \psi_0 \sim Q_2, \quad \eth \sim \mathscr{D}_i$$



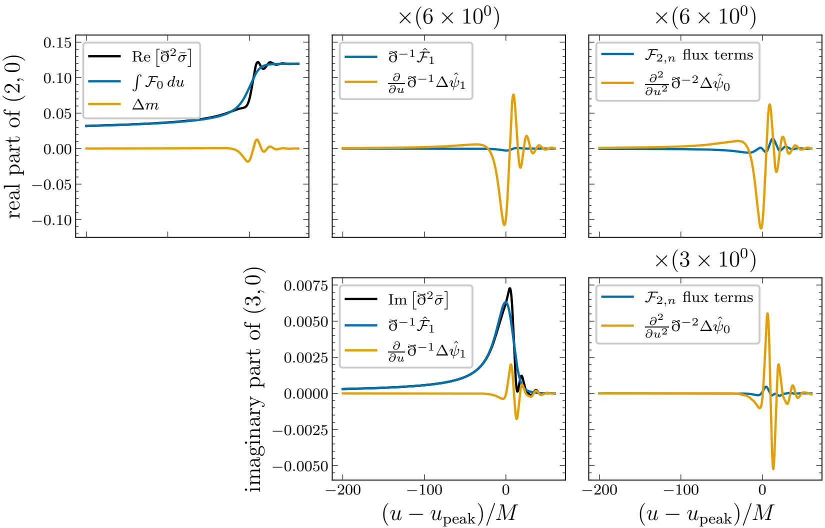


Shape during merger



- Some flux contributions have expected shapes, but not all
- Spoiled by ringdown?

Charge vs. flux



- Charge often larger than flux

Post-Newtonian theory [Siddhant, **Grant**, & Nichols; 2403.13907]

- Advantages/disadvantages relative to NR:
  - \+ Completely analytic
  - \+ Can consider wider set of parameters (unequal masses, etc.)
  - \+ PN scaling proxy for “detectability”
  - – Valid only for inspiral (memory mostly at merger)
  - – Charges harder to compute

- Also study $m \neq 0$, “oscillatory” memory
  - Not typically considered to be memories
  - Still sourced by flux/pseudo-flux terms as non-oscillatory effects

- “Alternative” way to understand nonlinearities in PN multipole moments:

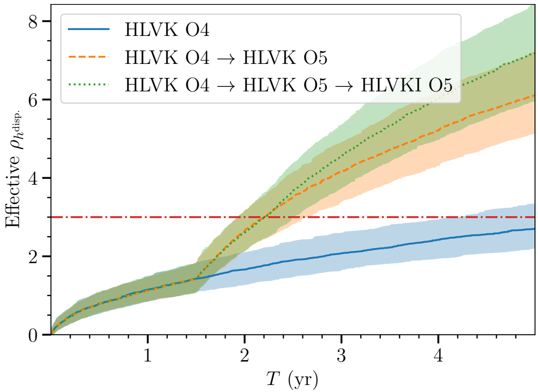
$$\overbrace{I_L, J_L}^{\text{“source”}} \implies \underbrace{\overbrace{M_L, S_L}^{\text{“canonical”}} \implies \overbrace{U_L, V_L}^{\text{“radiative”}}}_{\text{higher memories appear here}}$$

Post-Newtonian orders

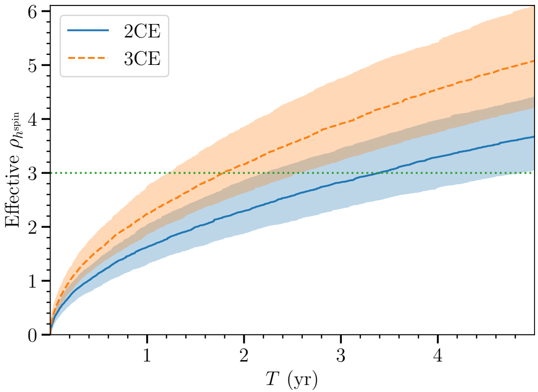
Flux or pseudo-flux	Non-oscillatory ($m = 0$)		Oscillatory ($m \neq 0$)	
	Leading modes	PN order	Leading modes	PN order
$\mathcal{F}_0$	$l = 2, 4$	0	$l = 4$ ($m = \pm 4$)	2.5
$\mathcal{F}_1$	$l = 2, 4$	5	$l = 3, 5, 7$ ($m = \ldots$)	3
$\mathcal{F}_1^*$	$l = 3$	2.5	$l = 3$ ($m = \pm 2$)	2.5
$\mathcal{F}_2$	$l = 2, 4, 6, 8$	10	$l = 2, 4, 8$ ($m = \ldots$)	5
$\mathcal{F}_2^*$	$l = 3, 5, 7$	10	$l = 3, 5, 7$ ($m = \ldots$)	5
$\mathcal{G}_2$	$l = 2, 4$	4	$l = 2$ ($m = \pm 2$)	1.5
$\mathcal{G}_2^*$	$l = 3$	6.5	$l = 2$ ($m = \pm 1$)	2

- Except for displacement & spin, oscillatory effects *far* lower order
- Some effects have been considered for detectability, others plausible?

The one slide on detectability [**Grant** & Nichols, 2210.16266]



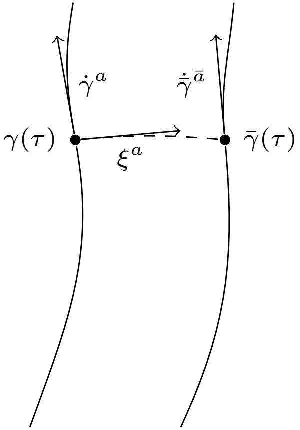
Displacement memory ($\mathcal{F}_0$) in "current" detectors



Spin memory ($\mathcal{F}_1^*$) in Cosmic Explorer

Conclusions

- Higher memories: more general effects that idealized observers can measure
- Like the usual (displacement) memory, they
  - Probe nonlinearities in GW propagation
  - (Can) arise as non-oscillatory parts of the GW signal
- Numerical & post-Newtonian binary inspirals:
  - Suspicion confirmed that these effects are small
  - Cosmic Explorer may see leading, “spin” memory



Future work

- Other theories in which to consider these effects:
  - Electromagnetism, classical Yang-Mills?
  - Modified gravity: can they tell us something normal memory cannot?
- Will some of these effects be detectable?
  - Non-oscillatory effects very small
  - Oscillatory effects need to be dug out of much larger oscillatory signal?