

Near zone physics: Motion of extended fluid bodies

Matter variables:

rescaled mass density : $\rho^* \equiv \rho\sqrt{-g}(u^0/c)$

proper pressure : p

internal energy per unit mass : Π

four – velocity of fluid element : $u^\alpha = u^0(1, \mathbf{v}/c)$

$$\nabla_\alpha(\rho u^\alpha) = 0 \iff \frac{\partial \rho^*}{\partial t} + \nabla(\rho^* \mathbf{v}) = 0$$

Slow-motion assumption $v/c \ll 1$:

$$T^{0j}/T^{00} \sim v/c, \quad T^{jk}/T^{00} \sim (v/c)^2$$

$$h^{0j}/h^{00} \sim v/c, \quad h^{jk}/h^{00} \sim (v/c)^2$$



Post-Newtonian approximation: Near zone

Recall the action for a geodesic

$$\begin{aligned}
 S &= -mc^2 \int_1^2 d\tau \\
 &= -mc \int_1^2 \sqrt{-g_{\alpha\beta} \frac{dr^\alpha}{dt} \frac{dr^\beta}{dt}} dt \\
 &= -mc \int_1^2 \left(1 - \underbrace{2 \frac{U}{c^2}}_{\epsilon} - \underbrace{\delta g_{00}}_{\epsilon^2} - \underbrace{2 \frac{v^j}{c} \delta g_{0j}}_{\epsilon^2} - \underbrace{\frac{v^2}{c^2}}_{\epsilon} - \underbrace{\frac{v^i v^j}{c^2} \delta g_{ij}}_{\epsilon^2} \right)^{1/2} dt
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{Gm}{rc^2} \sim \frac{v^2}{c^2} \sim \epsilon$$

We need to calculate

$$\begin{aligned}
 \delta g_{00} &\text{ to } O(\epsilon^2) \\
 \delta g_{0j} &\text{ to } O(\epsilon^{3/2}) \\
 \delta g_{ij} &\text{ to } O(\epsilon)
 \end{aligned}$$

Two iterations of the relaxed equations required



Post-Newtonian approximation: Near zone

Conversion between h and g

$$(-g) = 1 - h + \frac{1}{2}h^2 - \frac{1}{2}h^{\mu\nu}h_{\mu\nu} + O(G^3),$$

$$g_{\alpha\beta} = \eta_{\alpha\beta} + h_{\alpha\beta} - \frac{1}{2}h\eta_{\alpha\beta} + h_{\alpha\mu}h^{\mu}_{\beta} - \frac{1}{2}hh_{\alpha\beta} \\ + \left(\frac{1}{8}h^2 - \frac{1}{4}h^{\mu\nu}h_{\mu\nu} \right) \eta_{\alpha\beta} + O(G^3),$$

To 1PN order:

$$g_{00} = -1 + \frac{1}{2}h^{00} + \frac{1}{2}h^{kk} - \frac{3}{8}(h^{00})^2 + O(c^{-6}),$$

$$g_{0j} = -h^{0j} + O(c^{-5}),$$

$$g_{jk} = \delta_{jk} \left[1 + \frac{1}{2}h^{00} \right] + O(c^{-4}),$$



Post-Newtonian limit of general relativity

$$\begin{aligned}g_{00} &= -1 + \frac{2}{c^2}U + \frac{2}{c^4}\left(\psi + \frac{1}{2}\partial_{tt}X - U^2\right) + O(c^{-6}), \\g_{0j} &= -\frac{4}{c^3}U_j + O(c^{-5}), \\g_{jk} &= \delta_{jk}\left(1 + \frac{2}{c^2}U\right) + O(c^{-4}),\end{aligned}$$

$$U(t, \mathbf{x}) := G \int \frac{\rho^{*'}}{|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}'|} d^3x',$$

$$\psi(t, \mathbf{x}) := G \int \frac{\rho^{*'}\left(\frac{3}{2}v'^2 - U' + \Pi' + 3p'/\rho^{*'}\right)}{|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}'|} d^3x',$$

$$X(t, \mathbf{x}) := G \int \rho^{*'}|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}'| d^3x',$$

$$U^j(t, \mathbf{x}) := G \int \frac{\rho^{*'}v'^j}{|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}'|} d^3x'$$



Post-Newtonian Hydrodynamics

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

Post-Newtonian equation of hydrodynamics

$$\begin{aligned}\rho^* \frac{dv^j}{dt} = & -\partial_j p + \rho^* \partial_j U \\ & + \frac{1}{c^2} \left[\left(\frac{1}{2} v^2 + U + \Pi + \frac{p}{\rho^*} \right) \partial_j p - v^j \partial_t p \right] \\ & + \frac{1}{c^2} \rho^* \left[(v^2 - 4U) \partial_j U - v^j (3\partial_t U + 4v^k \partial_k U) \right. \\ & \quad \left. + 4\partial_t U_j + 4v^k (\partial_k U_j - \partial_j U_k) + \partial_j \Psi \right] \\ & + O(c^{-4})\end{aligned}$$



N-body equations of motion

Main assumptions:

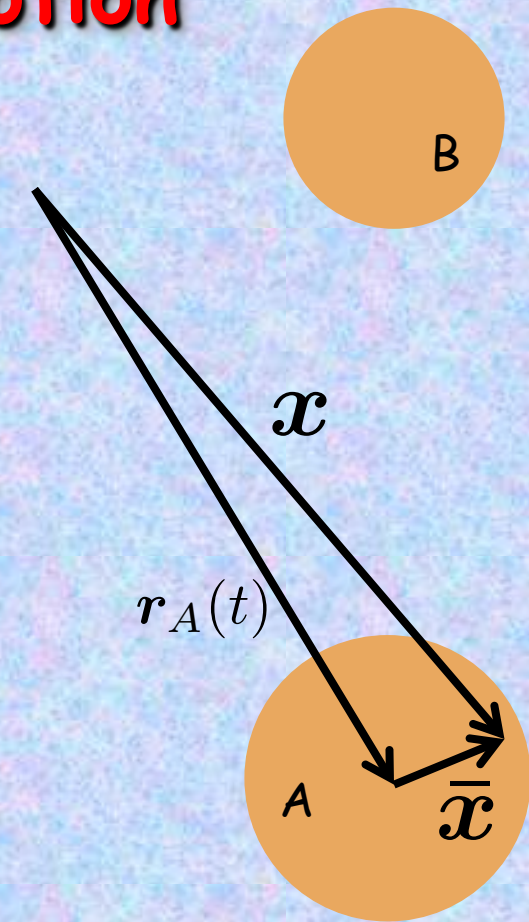
- Bodies small compared to typical separation ($R \ll r$)
- “isolated” -- no mass flow
- ignore contributions that scale as R^n
- assume bodies are reflection symmetric

$$\text{mass : } m_A \equiv \int_A \rho^* d^3x$$

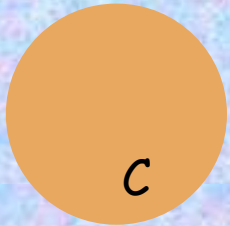
$$\text{position : } \mathbf{r}_A(t) \equiv \frac{1}{m_A} \int_A \rho^* \mathbf{x} d^3x$$

$$\text{velocity : } \mathbf{v}_A(t) \equiv \frac{1}{m_A} \int_A \rho^* \mathbf{v} d^3x = \frac{d\mathbf{r}_A}{dt}$$

$$\text{acceleration : } \mathbf{a}_A(t) \equiv \frac{1}{m_A} \int_A \rho^* \mathbf{a} d^3x = \frac{d\mathbf{v}_A}{dt}$$



$$\mathbf{x} \equiv \mathbf{r}_A(t) + \bar{\mathbf{x}}$$



N-body equations of motion

Dependence on internal structure?

$$\mathcal{T}_A \equiv \frac{1}{2} \int_A \rho^* \bar{v}^2 d^3 \bar{x},$$

$$P_A \equiv \int_A p d^3 \bar{x},$$

$$\Omega_A \equiv -\frac{1}{2} G \int_A \frac{\rho^* \rho^{*'}}{|\bar{x} - \bar{x}'|} d^3 \bar{x}' d^3 \bar{x}, \quad E_A^{\text{int}} \equiv \int_A \rho^* \Pi d^3 \bar{x}$$

Use the virial theorem:

$$2\mathcal{T}_A + \Omega_A + 3P_A = 0$$

Then all structure integrals can be absorbed into a single “total” mass:

$$M_A \equiv m_A + \frac{1}{c^2} (\mathcal{T}_A + \Omega_A + E_A^{\text{int}}) + O(c^{-4})$$

This is a manifestation of the **Strong Equivalence Principle**, satisfied by GR, but not by most alternative theories.

The motions of **all** bodies, including NS and BH, are independent of their internal structure - in GR!



N-body equations of motion

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathbf{a}_A = & - \sum_{B \neq A} \frac{GM_B}{r_{AB}^2} \mathbf{n}_{AB} \\
 & + \frac{1}{c^2} \left(- \sum_{B \neq A} \frac{GM_B}{r_{AB}^2} \left[v_A^2 - 4(\mathbf{v}_A \cdot \mathbf{v}_B) + 2v_B^2 - \frac{3}{2}(\mathbf{n}_{AB} \cdot \mathbf{v}_B)^2 \right. \right. \\
 & \quad \left. \left. - \frac{5GM_A}{r_{AB}} - \frac{4GM_B}{r_{AB}} \right] \mathbf{n}_{AB} \right. \\
 & + \sum_{B \neq A} \frac{GM_B}{r_{AB}^2} \left[\mathbf{n}_{AB} \cdot (4\mathbf{v}_A - 3\mathbf{v}_B) \right] (\mathbf{v}_A - \mathbf{v}_B) \\
 & + \sum_{B \neq A} \sum_{C \neq A, B} \frac{G^2 M_B M_C}{r_{AB}^2} \left[\frac{4}{r_{AC}} + \frac{1}{r_{BC}} - \frac{r_{AB}}{2r_{BC}^2} (\mathbf{n}_{AB} \cdot \mathbf{n}_{BC}) \right] \mathbf{n}_{AB} \\
 & \left. - \frac{7}{2} \sum_{B \neq A} \sum_{C \neq A, B} \frac{G^2 M_B M_C}{r_{AB} r_{BC}^2} \mathbf{n}_{BC} \right) + O(c^{-4}).
 \end{aligned}$$



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Post-Newtonian geodesic equation

$$\frac{d^2 r^\alpha}{d\lambda^2} + \Gamma_{\beta\gamma}^\alpha \frac{dr^\beta}{d\lambda} \frac{dr^\gamma}{d\lambda} = 0$$

λ = proper time (timelike)
= affine parameter (null)

Use 0 component $d^2 t/d\lambda^2$ to change from λ to t

$$\frac{dv^\alpha}{dt} = - \left(\Gamma_{\beta\gamma}^\alpha - \frac{v^\alpha}{c} \Gamma_{\beta\gamma}^0 \right) v^\beta v^\gamma \quad v^\alpha = (c, \mathbf{v})$$

Timelike test body $v^2 \sim U$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dv^j}{dt} = & \partial_j U + \frac{1}{c^2} \left[(v^2 - 4U) \partial_j U - (4v^k \partial_k U + 3\partial_t U) v^j \right. \\ & \left. - 4v^k (\partial_j U_k - \partial_k U_j) + 4\partial_t U_j + \partial_j \Psi \right] + O(c^{-4}) \end{aligned}$$



Post-Newtonian geodesic equation

Lightlike test body $v^2 \sim c^2$

$$ds^2 = 0 = - \left(1 - \frac{2}{c^2} U + O(c^{-4}) \right) c^2 dt^2 + \left(1 + \frac{2}{c^2} U + O(c^{-4}) \right) v^2 dt^2 - \frac{8}{c^2} U^j v_j dt^2$$

$$v^2 = c^2 \left(1 - \frac{4}{c^2} U + O(c^{-3}) \right) \Rightarrow \mathbf{v} = c \left(1 - \frac{2}{c^2} U \right) \mathbf{n}$$

Geodesic equation with $v \sim c$

$$\frac{dv^j}{dt} = \left(1 + \frac{v^2}{c^2} \right) \partial_j U - \frac{4}{c^2} v^j v^k \partial_k U + O(c^{-3})$$

$$\frac{dn^j}{dt} = \frac{2}{c} (\delta^{jk} - n^j n^k) \partial_k U + O(c^{-2})$$

These will be used for the deflection of light, Shapiro time delay and gravitational lenses



PN 2-body equations of motion

Define:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{r} &\equiv \mathbf{r}_1 - \mathbf{r}_2 & m &\equiv M_1 + M_2 \\ \mathbf{v} &\equiv \mathbf{v}_1 - \mathbf{v}_2 & \eta &\equiv \frac{M_1 M_2}{(M_1 + M_2)^2} \\ \mathbf{a} &\equiv \mathbf{a}_1 - \mathbf{a}_2 & \mathbf{n} &\equiv \mathbf{r}/r \\ & & \dot{r} &\equiv dr/dt = \mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{v} \end{aligned}$$

$$\mathbf{a} = -\frac{Gm}{r^2} \mathbf{n} - \frac{Gm}{c^2 r^2} \left\{ \left[(1 + 3\eta) v^2 - \frac{3}{2} \eta \dot{r}^2 - 2(2 + \eta) \frac{Gm}{r} \right] \mathbf{n} - 2(2 - \eta) \dot{r} \mathbf{v} \right\} + O(c^{-4}),$$

- ☐ Geodesic equation: $\eta = 0$, more general potentials U, ψ, X
- ☐ PN 2-body equation: general masses, ignore moments



PN 2-body equations of motion: conserved quantities

Conserved energy: dot v into the equation of motion

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{1}{2} \frac{d}{dt} v^2 &= -\frac{Gm}{r^2} \dot{r} + \frac{Gm}{c^2 r^2} \dot{r} \left[(3 - 5\eta) v^2 + \frac{3}{2} \eta \dot{r}^2 + 2(2 + \eta) \frac{Gm}{r} \right] \\ &= \frac{d}{dt} \left(\frac{Gm}{r} \right) - \frac{d}{dt} \left\{ \frac{Gm}{c^2 r} \left[(3 - 4\eta) v^2 - \left(1 - \frac{9}{2} \eta \right) \frac{Gm}{r} + \frac{1}{2} \eta \dot{r}^2 \right] \right\}\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{(Gm)^2}{r^3} \dot{r} &= -\frac{1}{2} \frac{d}{dt} \left(\frac{Gm}{r} \right)^2 \\ \frac{Gm}{r^2} \dot{r} v^2 &= \frac{d}{dt} \left[\frac{Gm}{r} \left(\frac{Gm}{r} - v^2 \right) \right] \\ \frac{Gm}{r^2} \dot{r}^3 &= \frac{1}{3} \frac{d}{dt} \left[\frac{Gm}{r} \left(3 \frac{Gm}{r} - 2v^2 - \dot{r}^2 \right) \right]\end{aligned}$$



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$$\varepsilon := \frac{1}{2} v^2 - \frac{Gm}{r} + \frac{1}{c^2} \left\{ \frac{3}{8} (1 - 3\eta) v^4 + \frac{Gm}{2r} \left[(3 + \eta) v^2 + \eta \dot{r}^2 + \frac{Gm}{r} \right] \right\} + O(c^{-4})$$

$$E_{\text{SR}} = \gamma_1 m_1 c^2 + \gamma_2 m_2 c^2$$



PN 2-body equations of motion: conserved quantities

Conserved angular momentum: cross $\times$ with the equation of motion

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{d}{dt}(\mathbf{r} \times \mathbf{v}) &= (4 - 2\eta) \frac{Gm}{c^2 r^2} \dot{r} (\mathbf{r} \times \mathbf{v}) \\ &= -\frac{d}{dt} \left[(4 - 2\eta) \frac{Gm}{c^2 r} (\mathbf{r} \times \mathbf{v}) \right] \\ &\quad - \frac{d}{dt} \left[\frac{1 - 3\eta}{c^2} \left(\frac{1}{2} v^2 - \frac{Gm}{c^2 r} \right) (\mathbf{r} \times \mathbf{v}) \right]\end{aligned}$$

$$h = \left\{ 1 + \frac{1}{c^2} \left[\frac{1}{2} (1 - 3\eta) v^2 + (3 + \eta) \frac{Gm}{r} \right] \right\} (\mathbf{r} \times \mathbf{v}) + O(c^{-4})$$

$$\mathbf{L}_{\text{SR}} = \gamma_1 m_1 (\mathbf{x}_1 \times \mathbf{v}_1) + \gamma_2 m_2 (\mathbf{x}_2 \times \mathbf{v}_2)$$



PN circular orbits

$$\mathbf{a} = -\frac{Gm}{r^2}\mathbf{n} - \frac{Gm}{c^2 r^2} \left\{ \left[(1 + 3\eta)v^2 - \frac{3}{2}\eta\dot{r}^2 - 2(2 + \eta)\frac{Gm}{r} \right] \mathbf{n} - 2(2 - \eta)\dot{r}\mathbf{v} \right\} + O(c^{-4}),$$

$$d\mathbf{n}/dt = \dot{\phi}\boldsymbol{\lambda}$$

$$d\boldsymbol{\lambda}/dt = -\dot{\phi}\mathbf{n}$$

$$\mathbf{v} = \dot{r}\mathbf{n} + r\dot{\phi}\boldsymbol{\lambda}$$

$$\mathbf{a} = (\ddot{r} - r\dot{\phi}^2)\mathbf{n} + (2\dot{r}\dot{\phi} + r\ddot{\phi})\boldsymbol{\lambda}$$

$$\dot{r} = 0 \implies \begin{cases} \ddot{r} = 0 \\ \dot{\phi} = \Omega = \text{const} \end{cases}$$

$$\Omega^2 = \frac{Gm}{r^3} \left[1 - (3 - \eta)\frac{Gm}{c^2 r} + O(c^{-4}) \right]$$

$$\varepsilon = -\frac{Gm}{2r} \left[1 - \frac{1}{4}(7 - \eta)\frac{Gm}{c^2 r} + O(c^{-4}) \right]$$

$$h = \sqrt{Gmr} \left[1 + 2\frac{Gm}{c^2 r} + O(c^{-4}) \right]$$

Remark: test body in Schwarzschild coords ($\eta = 0, r = r_S - Gm/c^2$)

$$\Omega^2 = \frac{Gm}{r_S^3}$$

