# Waveform modelling for I/EMRIs using a multiscale self-force approach



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#### Compact binary parameter space



[Image credit: LISA Consortium Waveform Working Group]

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Waveform modelling for I/EMRIs

We need the phase error in the waveform to be 'small'  $\implies$  we must include adiabatic and postadiabatic corrections EMRIs will be very generic ⇒ our models must span the full parameter space of eccentric, precessing systems

Our EMRI waveform models must be accurate, efficient and extensive

Search and parameter estimation requires millions of templates ⇒ each waveform must be computed in less than 1 second

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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  $\Omega_{\!A}(J_B)$

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

### Post-adiabatic (multi-scale) expansion

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

$$h_{\alpha\beta}^{(n)} = \sum_{k^A} h_{\alpha\beta}^{(n,k^A)}(J_A; x^i) e^{-ik^A \varphi_A} \qquad x^i = \{r, \theta, \phi\}$$

• Substitute this into the Einstein field equations. By treating *t* as a function of  $(J_A, \varphi_B)$  time derivatives can be computed via:

$$\partial_t = \sum_A \dot{\varphi}_A \partial_{\varphi_A} + \dot{J}_A \partial_{J_A}$$

• 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.

### Near-identity averaging transformations

Lynch, van de Meent, NW, Witzany

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

$$\frac{dJ_A}{dt} = \epsilon \left[ F_A^{(0)}(\tilde{J}_B) + \epsilon F_A^{(1)}(\tilde{J}_B) + \mathcal{O}(\epsilon^2) \right]$$

• Evolution of  $J_A$  depends on phases  $\varphi_C$ :

$$\frac{dJ_A}{dt} = \epsilon \left[ F_A^{(0)}(J_B, \varphi_C) + \epsilon F_A^{(1)}(J_B, \varphi_C) + \mathcal{O}(\epsilon^2) \right]$$

Introduce a near-identity (averaging) transformation (NIT):

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

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

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### Near-identity averaging transformations

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Phase space trajectory computation goes from taking hours to taking milliseconds

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#### **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

#### **Online step**

- 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  $\,\sim\,10$  -  $100{\rm ms}$ 

#### FastEMRIWaveforms (FEW)

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

- The number of  $h_{\ell m k^i}^{(n)}$  that need to be summed at each time step can be in the thousands.
- The waveform amplitudes vary slowly. These amplitudes are sampled on a sparse set of points, summed, and then upsampled
- GPU acceleration takes generation time down from minutes to milliseconds
- Relativistic adiabatic (0PA)
  Kerr equatorial model will be publicly available soon



#### Accuracy and post-adiabatic counting

phases:

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

#### Adiabatic (0PA)

From the orbit averaged piece of first-order self-force  $\langle f^{\alpha}_{(1)} \rangle$ 

 $\langle f_{(1)}^{\alpha} \rangle$  can be related to the fluxes, thus avoiding a local calculation of the self-force OPA is sufficient for detection and rough parameter estimation for astrophysics of EMRIs of bright sources Post-adiabatic order (1PA)

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

#### 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





# Resonances (0.5PA)



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 $\Omega_r/\Omega_{\theta}$  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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### 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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#### 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  $\chi_1$
- Implementation in FEW will be public soon

# 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.

# Gravitational wave memory



In a forthcoming paper we:

- Calculate the memory from  $h_{\alpha\beta}^{(1)}$  during inspiral for a quasi-circular orbit into a Kerr BH
- Numerical and 5PN results

 GW memory leads to a permanent displacement of the test masses after the GW has passed



#### Gravitational wave memory



We also make the computation including  $h_{\alpha\beta}^{(2)}$  and find good agreement with NR at, e.g., q = 10

# Modelling IMRIs

- IMRIs span mass ratio range from  $q\simeq 10$  to  $q\simeq 10^4$
- NR simulations are extremely expensive at  $q \gtrsim 20$
- Q: How will we test our self-force models at, e.g.,  $q = \{100, 1000\}$ ?
- A: our perturbative expansive gives us precise control of our phase error, so long as we can estimate the coefficient of the unknown term

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

• Fortunately this can be achieved by comparison with NR simulations in the range q=1 to  $q\simeq 15$ 

Example: scaling with symmetric mass ratio  $\nu$  for the flux



[Figures from van de Meent et al. arXiv:2303.18026]

# 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 perturbers (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

### EMRIs beyond GR

 A wide class of beyond-GR theories, e.g., linear-Gauss-Bonnet gravity, can be model by a secondary carrying a scalar charge

$$G^{\alpha\beta}[h_{\alpha\beta}^{(1)}] = 8\pi m_2 \int \delta^{(4)}(x - x_p(\lambda)) u^{\alpha} u^{\beta} g^{-1/2} d\lambda$$
$$\Box \phi^{(1)} = -4\pi dm_2 \int \delta^{(4)}(x - x_p(\lambda)) g^{-1/2} d\lambda$$

$$F_A^{(\kappa)} \propto \langle \partial_t \phi^{(1)} \rangle$$

 By solving the scalar wave equation for eccentric orbits in Kerr we could carry out MCMC parameter estimation studies and explore constraints possible with LISA



#### 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 ms



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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.
- Much of the Multiscale Self-Force (MSF) collaboration is pushing towards computing  $h^{(2)}_{\alpha\beta}$  for a rotating primary

#### Extra slides

#### 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  $\chi_1$
- Precession effects only enter the phase at 2PA (amplitudes effected at 1PA)

# Waveform frame



Find agreement with 4.5PN for the total flux but not for the individual modes. Suggestions the calculations are in different frames

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$$G_{\alpha\beta}[\bar{g}_{\alpha\beta} + \epsilon h^{(1)}_{\alpha\beta} + \epsilon^2 h^{(2)}_{\alpha\beta}] = 8\pi T_{\alpha\beta}$$

Field equations from  $e^n$  coefficients:



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Mino, Sasaki, Tanaka 1997 Field equations from  $e^n$  coefficients: Quinn and Wald 1997 MiSaTaQuWa equations  $\epsilon^0$ :  $G_{\alpha\beta}[\bar{g}] = 0$  $G^{1}_{\alpha\beta}[h^{1R}] = 8\pi T_{\alpha\beta} - G^{1}_{\alpha\beta}[h^{1S}]$  $\epsilon^1$ :  $G^{1}_{\alpha\beta}[h^{2R}] = -G^{2}_{\alpha\beta}[h^{1}, h^{1}] - G^{1}_{\alpha\beta}[h^{2S}]$  $\epsilon^2$ : Pound 2012 Equations of motion Gralla 2012  $u^{\beta} \nabla_{\beta} u^{\alpha} = F^{\alpha}_{self} [\nabla h^{1R}, \nabla h^{2R}]$ - Non-compact - Diverges at the particle

**\*** We perform a two-timescale expansion by introducing a "slow time"  $\tilde{t} = \epsilon t$ . This allows for a frequency domain decomposition:

$$\Box^{0} R_{lm}^{2R} = 2\delta^{2} G_{lm}^{0} - \Box^{0} R_{lm}^{2P} - \Box^{1} R_{lm}^{1} \qquad h = \sum_{lm} R_{lm}(r) Y_{lm}(\theta, \varphi) e^{-i\omega_{m}t}$$
  
$$\partial_{\tilde{t}} h^{1} = \dot{r}_{0} \partial_{r_{0}} h^{1}$$

\* As  $\dot{r}_0 \propto \dot{\mathscr{E}} \propto \epsilon$  we see that a contribution from the (parametric derivative of the) first-order metric perturbation contributes to the second-order source

**\*** For more complex orbital configurations we will need to compute parametric derivatives with respect to, e.g.,  $(p, e, x_{inc})$