

Gravitomagnetic resonance and gravitational waves

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Outline

- ★ Description of the GW field
- ★ The role of Fermi Coordinates
- ★ GWs in Fermi coordinates: gravitoelectric and gravitomagnetic forces
- ★ Gravitomagnetic Resonance

GWs as solutions of Einstein field equations

Looking for solutions of Einstein equations in vacuum in weak field approximation

$$\square \bar{h}_{\mu\nu} = 0. \quad \Rightarrow \quad \bar{h}_{\mu\nu} = - (h^+ e_{\mu\nu}^+ + h^\times e_{\mu\nu}^\times)$$

GW propagating along the x axis

$$h^+ = A^+ \sin(\omega t - kx), \quad h^\times = A^\times \cos(\omega t - kx)$$

$$e_{\mu\nu}^+ = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad e_{\mu\nu}^\times = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Polarization tensors

TT Gauge

GWs as solutions of Einstein field equations

Line element: $ds^2 = -c^2 dt^2 + dx^2 + (1 - h^+) dy^2 + (1 + h^+) dz^2 - 2h_\times dy dz$

Geodesics: $x^\alpha(\tau) = \delta_0^\alpha \tau + \text{constants}$

An inertial mass initially at rest does not change its coordinates in the field of the GW in TT gauge

But the physical distance changes with time

$$\ell = \Delta y \left(1 + \frac{h_+}{2} \right)$$

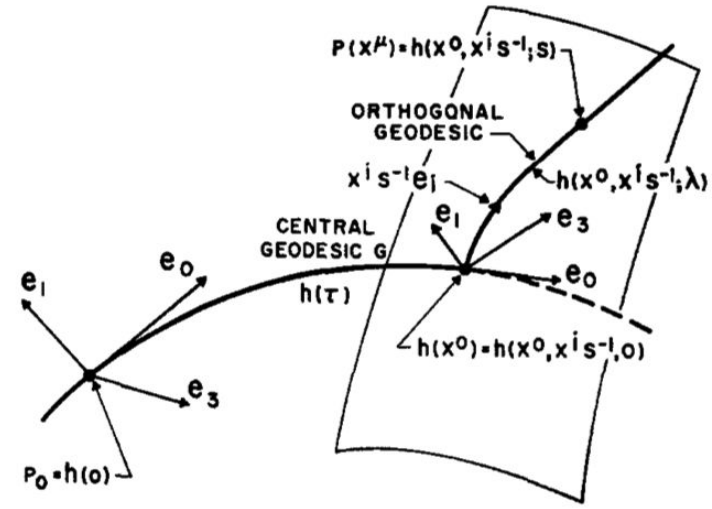
$$R_{ij0l}(x) = \frac{1}{2} (\partial_0 \partial_j h_{il} - \partial_0 \partial_i h_{jl}).$$

Geodesics deviation due to Riemann!

Fermi coordinates

In the tangent space along the observer's world-line we consider an orthonormal tetrad. The time coordinate is the proper time, while the space coordinates are defined using space-like geodesics.

These coordinates are determined by the observer's world-line and by the background space-time where he is moving



from Misner, Manasse (1963)

Inertial effects

$$ds^2 = - \left[\left(1 + \frac{\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{X}}{c^2} \right)^2 - \frac{1}{c^2} (\boldsymbol{\Omega} \wedge \mathbf{X})^2 + R_{0i0j} X^i X^j \right] c^2 dT^2 + \left[\frac{1}{c} (\boldsymbol{\Omega} \wedge \mathbf{X})_i - \frac{4}{3} R_{0jik} X^j X^k \right] cdT dX^i + \left(\delta_{ij} - \frac{1}{3} R_{ikjl} X^k X^l \right) dX^i dX^j.$$

curvature effects

Gravitoelectromagnetic formalism

$$ds^2 = - \left(1 - 2 \frac{\Phi}{c^2} \right) c^2 dT^2 - \frac{4}{c} (\mathbf{A} \cdot d\mathbf{X}) dt + \delta_{ij} dX^i dX^j.$$

Gravitoelectromagnetic potentials (Φ, \mathbf{A}) Inertial and curvature effects

$$\Phi(T, \mathbf{X}) = \Phi^I(\mathbf{X}) + \Phi^C(T, \mathbf{X}), \quad , \quad \mathbf{A}(T, \mathbf{X}) = \mathbf{A}^I(\mathbf{X}) + \mathbf{A}^C(T, \mathbf{X}),$$

$$\Phi^I(\mathbf{X}) = -\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{X} - \frac{1}{2} \frac{(\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{X})^2}{c^2} + \frac{1}{2} \left[|\boldsymbol{\Omega}|^2 |\mathbf{X}|^2 - (\boldsymbol{\Omega} \cdot \mathbf{X})^2 \right] \quad \Phi^C(T, \mathbf{X}) = -\frac{1}{2} R_{0i0j}(T) X^i X^j$$

$$A_i^I(\mathbf{X}) = - \left(\frac{\boldsymbol{\Omega} c}{2} \wedge \mathbf{X} \right)_i \quad A_i^C(T, \mathbf{X}) = \frac{1}{3} R_{0jik}(T) X^j X^k$$

Gravitoelectromagnetic formalism

Gravitoelectromagnetic fields

$$\mathbf{E} = -\nabla\Phi - \frac{2}{c} \frac{\partial \mathbf{A}}{\partial t}, \quad \mathbf{B} = \nabla \wedge \mathbf{A}$$

The motion of free test masses *relative* to a reference mass, at rest at origin of the Fermi frame is determined by the geodesics which can be written in the form of a Lorentz-like force equation

$$m \frac{d^2 \mathbf{X}}{dT^2} = -m\mathbf{E} - 2m \frac{\mathbf{V}}{c} \times \mathbf{B}. \quad q_E = -m \text{ and } q_B = -2m \text{ are the gravitoelectric and gravitomagnetic charge}$$

E.g. Motion in non inertial frames if
We consider only the inertial
contributions

$$\frac{d^2 \mathbf{X}}{dT^2} = -\mathbf{a} \left(1 + \frac{\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{X}}{c^2} \right) - \boldsymbol{\Omega} \wedge (\boldsymbol{\Omega} \wedge \mathbf{X}) - 2\boldsymbol{\Omega} \wedge \mathbf{V}$$

GWs in the Gravitoelectromagnetic formalism

$$E_X = 0, \quad E_Y = -\frac{\omega^2}{2} [A^+ \sin(\omega T) Y + A^\times \cos(\omega T) Z], \quad E_Z = -\frac{\omega^2}{2} [A^\times \cos(\omega T) Y - A^+ \sin(\omega T) Z].$$

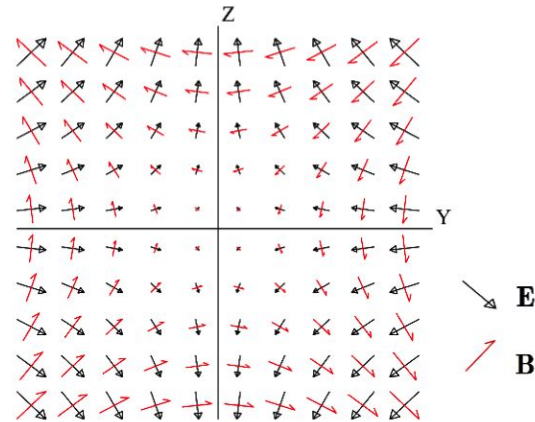
$$B_X = 0, \quad B_Y = -\frac{\omega^2}{2} [-A^\times \cos(\omega T) Y + A^+ \sin(\omega T) Z], \quad B_Z = -\frac{\omega^2}{2} [A^+ \sin(\omega T) Y + A^\times \cos(\omega T) Z]$$

Gravitoelectromagnetic fields associated to a plane GW wave (tidal fields)

The fields are transverse to the propagation direction and orthogonal to each other

$$\mathbf{E} \cdot \mathbf{B} = 0$$

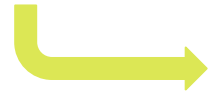
$$|\mathbf{E}|^2 - |\mathbf{B}|^2 = 0.$$



GWs in the Gravitoelectromagnetic formalism

$$m \frac{d^2 \mathbf{X}}{dT^2} = -m\mathbf{E} - 2m \frac{\mathbf{V}}{c} \times \mathbf{B}$$

$$\frac{d\mathbf{S}}{dT} = \frac{1}{c} \mathbf{B} \times \mathbf{S}$$



Gravitoelectric effects (interferometers)

Gravitomagnetic effects (new!)



Let the location of the mass before the passage of the wave be $\mathbf{X}_0 = (0, L, 0)$

The distance between the reference mass at the origin and the test mass changes with time:

$$Y(T) = L \left[1 - \frac{A^+}{2} \sin(\omega T) \right]$$

Gravitomagnetic Resonance

In a rotating Fermi frame with a given rotation rate Ω , the total gravitomagnetic field is

$$\mathbf{B}' = \mathbf{B}^I + \mathbf{B}^C, \text{ where } \mathbf{B}^I = -\Omega c \mathbf{e}_z$$

If Ω is along the propagation direction of the Gw the spin evolution equation is

$$\frac{d\mathbf{S}}{dT} = \frac{1}{c} [\mathbf{B}^C(T) + \mathbf{B}^I] \times \mathbf{S} \quad \longrightarrow \quad \left(\frac{d\mathbf{S}}{dT} \right)_{\text{rot}} = \left[\Delta\omega \mathbf{u}_{X'} + \frac{1}{c} \mathbf{B}^C \right] \times \mathbf{S} = \frac{1}{c} \mathbf{B}_{\text{eff}} \times \mathbf{S}$$

$$\omega - \frac{1}{c} B^I = \omega - \Omega = \Delta\omega$$

In the rotating frame spin precesses around the \mathbf{B}_{eff} field.

In resonance condition (the rotation rate Ω is equal to the wave frequency ω) the passage of the wave completely flips the spin.

GRAVITOMAGNETIC RESONANCE

Gravitomagnetic Resonance

Probability transition for a 2-level system

$$P_{g \rightarrow e}(T) = \frac{(\omega^*)^2}{(\omega^*)^2 + \Delta\omega^2} \sin^2 \left(\sqrt{(\omega^*)^2 + \Delta\omega^2} \frac{T}{2} \right)$$

GRAVITOMAGNETIC RESONANCE

When $\Delta\omega = 0$ the probability of transition is equal to 1 independently of the strength of the gravito-magnetic field

$$T = \frac{2n+1}{(\omega^*)} \pi$$

$$\frac{1}{c} B^C = \omega^*$$

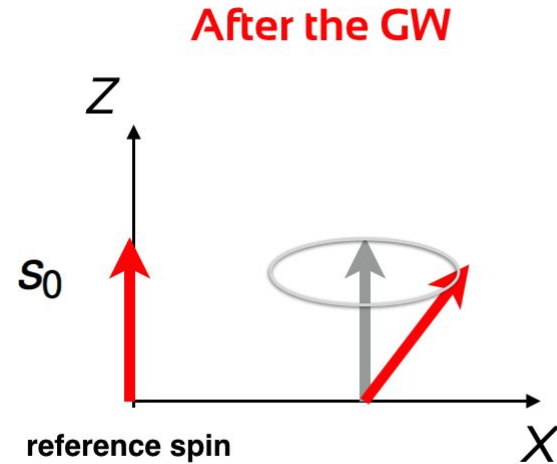
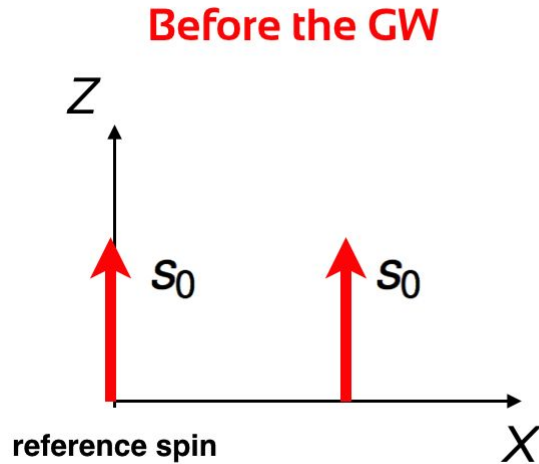
The time required is inversely proportional to the gravitomagnetic field of the wave

High Frequency GWs are ideal candidates

LARMOR THEOREM

Equivalence between a system of electric charges in a magnetic field, and the same system rotating with the Larmor frequency

Gravitomagnetic Resonance



$$\frac{\Delta S}{S} \rightarrow \frac{\Delta M}{M} \rightarrow \frac{\Delta B}{B} \simeq A \quad \text{GW amplitude}$$



The passage of Gws can modify the magnetization of a sample (detection)

Conclusions

- ❑ Describing GWs in Fermi coordinates shows their gravitomagnetic components
- ❑ Current detectors are not sensitive to the gravitomagnetic part of GWs
- ❑ Spinning particles could be used as a probe to measure gravitomagnetic effects due to GWs
- ❑ High Frequency GWs are ideal candidates

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