

# Gravitational-wave memory observables and charges of the extended BMS algebra

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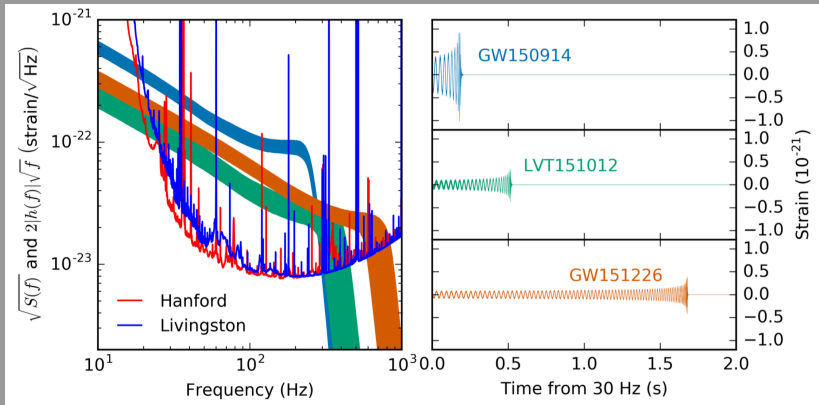
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# Outline of introduction and summary of results

- Gravitational-wave (GW) observations as probe of nonlinear and dynamical regime of general relativity (GR)
- GW memory as an example of nonlinear, dynamical GR
- Qualitative review of GW memory
- Description of asymptotic symmetries and charges
- New memories from new symmetries of gravitational scattering
- Summary of work on computations of charges (“conserved” quantities) and memory observables
- More details about calculations after introduction

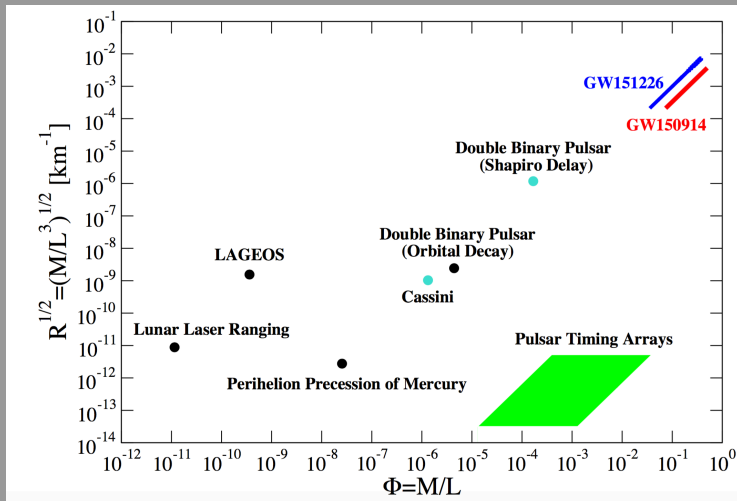
# Gravitational-wave (GW) detections of binary black holes (BBHs)



LIGO Scientific Collaboration, arXiv:1606.04856

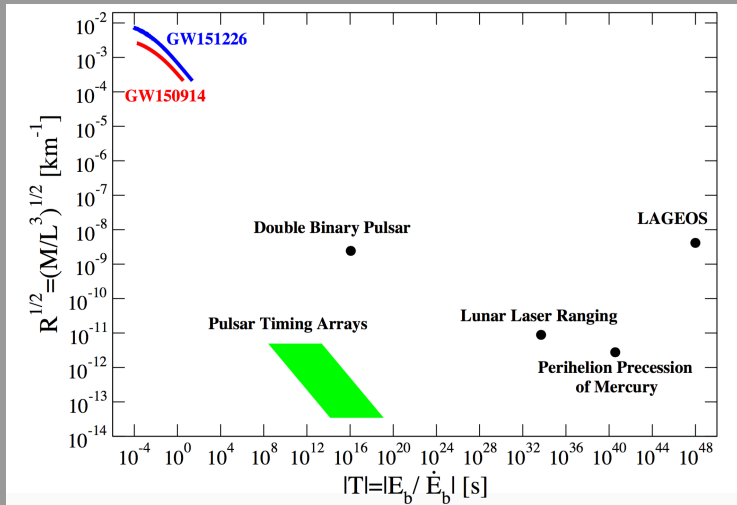
- GW150914:  $> 5\sigma$ ,  $m_1 \approx 36M_\odot$ ,  $m_2 \approx 29M_\odot$ ,  $D_L \approx 420$  Mpc
- GW151226:  $> 5\sigma$ ,  $m_1 \approx 14M_\odot$ ,  $m_2 \approx 7.5M_\odot$ ,  $D_L \approx 440$  Mpc
- LVT151012:  $\sim 2\sigma$ ,  $m_1 \approx 23M_\odot$ ,  $m_2 \approx 13M_\odot$ ,  $D_L \approx 1$  Gpc

# Observational GR on new lengthscales. . .



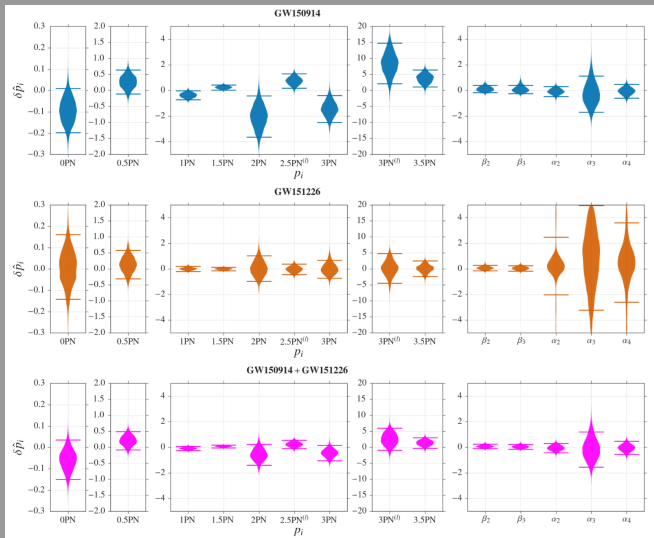
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# ...and on new timescales



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# Tests of general relativity (GR) with BBHs



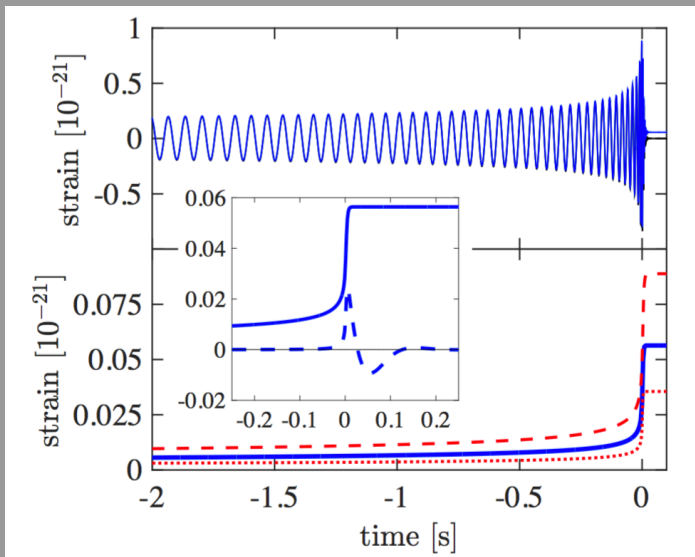
- $$h(f) \sim Ae^{-i\Psi(f)} \quad \Psi(f) \sim \sum_j (p_j^{\text{GR}} + \delta p_j) f^{(j-5)/3}$$

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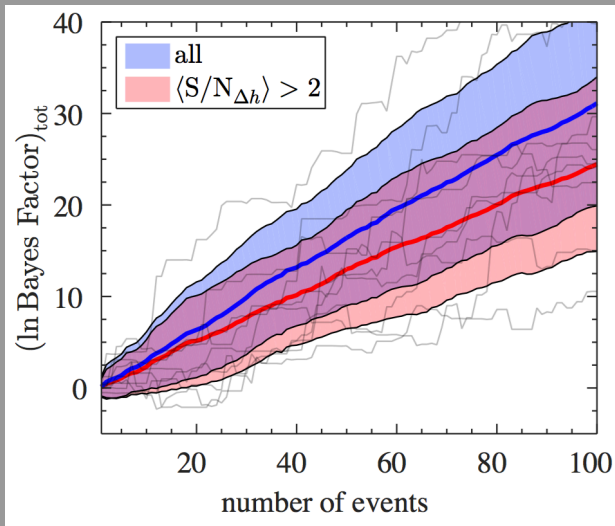
GW memory and extended BMS charges

# Memory effect from GW150914 in LIGO



Lasky et al., arXiv:1605.01415

# Building evidence for memory by stacking detections

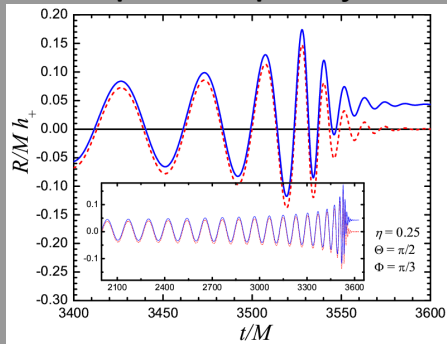


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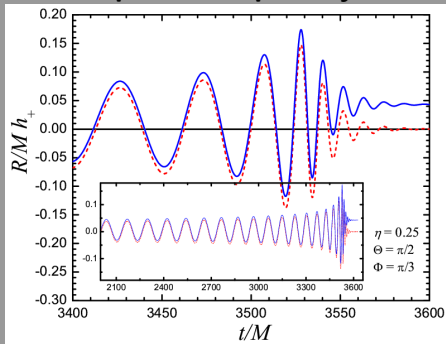
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M. Favata, arXiv:0811.3451

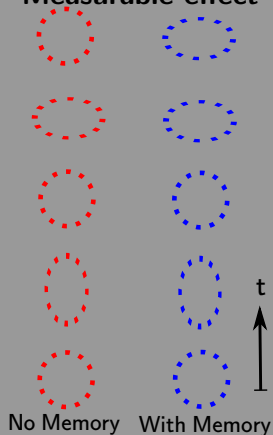
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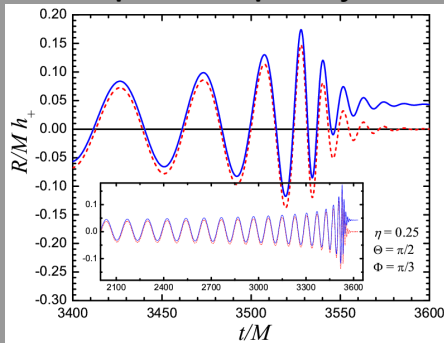
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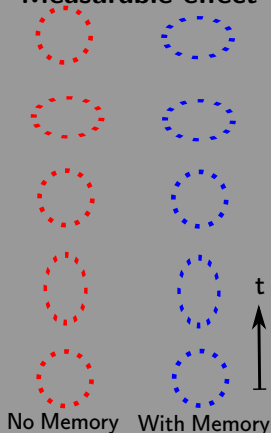
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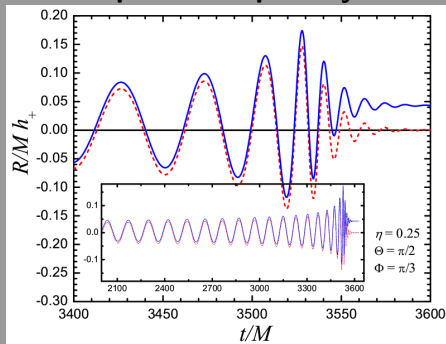
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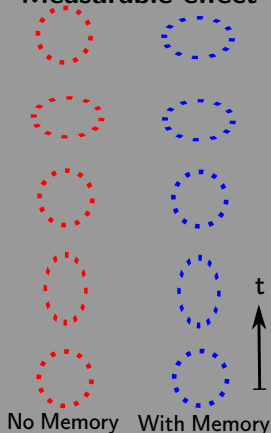


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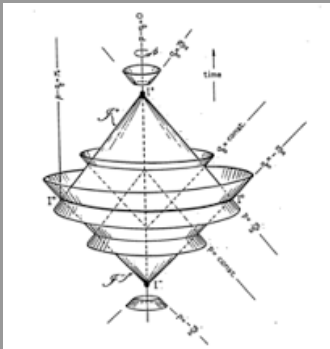
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## Symmetries

BMS supertranslation  
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# Overview of asymptotic symmetries



R. Penrose, Les Houches, 1963

Memory related to  
supertranslation between  
early and late  
non-radiative frames

- Symmetry group of asymptotically flat spacetimes ( $\mathcal{I}^+$ ) is the Bondi-Metzner-Sachs (BMS) group

Bondi et al., 1962; Sachs, 1962

- BMS has semidirect form:  
Supertranslations (ST)  $\times$  Lorentz  
(Poincaré: Translations  $\times$  Lorentz)
- ST: infinite-dimensional, abelian, 4D translation subgroup; roughly “angle-dependent translations”
- Corresponding charges:  
4-momentum, supermomentum,  
and relativistic angular momentum  
(spin and center of mass)

# Memory effects and symmetries: Recent developments

## Extended symmetry groups

- Barnich & Troessaert '09+: extend BMS algebra to include locally defined (but not globally defined) symmetries
- Extended algebra:  $ST \times \text{Virasoro}$
- Virasoro called “superrotations” (SR) in the context of 4D asymptotically flat case
- Intuition for SR: contains Lorentz subalgebra; “angle-dependent rotations and boosts”
- Showed certain charges are finite and well defined

# Physical relevance of extended symmetries

Digression on charges, memories, symmetries of gravitational scattering

- Strominger, + '13+: Identify BMS subgroup of past ( $\mathcal{I}^-$ ) and future ( $\mathcal{I}^+$ ) null infinity in a class of spacetimes
- Supertranslation charges related:  $Q_\alpha^- = Q_\alpha^+$
- $\mathcal{S}$  matrix satisfies:  $\langle out | (Q_\alpha^+ \mathcal{S} - \mathcal{S} Q_\alpha^-) | in \rangle = 0$
- In particle basis:  $\lim_{\omega \rightarrow 0} \mathcal{M}_{n+1} = S^{(0)} \mathcal{M}_n$  with  $\mathcal{M}_n$   $n$ -particle amplitude and  $S^{(0)}$  related to memory effect
- “Triangle” of relations: soft theorem  $\Leftrightarrow$  BMS symmetry  $\Leftrightarrow$  memory effect

Similar types of relations between subleading soft theorem, extended BMS symmetry, and a new “spin” memory effect (Pasterski+, '15)

# Overview of Results

- ① Review asymptotic flatness, symmetries, and charges
  - Show how supermomentum charges are related to “ordinary” memory
- ② Compute charges conjugate to superrotation symmetries in more general contexts than before
  - Find charges contain information about the total memory and the ordinary spin memory
- ③ Investigate the spin memory
  - Show it can be measured inertially, but not locally in space
- ④ Look for other inertial memory effects
  - Besides displacement effect, there are proper-time, rotation, and velocity memory effects
  - Relative displacement is the only effect that is locally measurable at  $O(1/r)$



# Outline of details

- ① Asymptotically flat spacetimes, in brief
- ② Charges (“conserved” quantities) of the BMS group
- ③ Memory effects and charges
- ④ Extended BMS algebra and its charges
- ⑤ Relation of extended charges and memory effects
- ⑥ Search for additional classical memory observables

# Bondi-Sachs framework

Work in Bondi coordinates  $(u, r, \theta^A)$ :

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- $N_{AB} = \partial_u C_{AB}$ : news tensor (vanishes when stationary)
- $N_A = N_A(u, \theta^B)$ : Bondi angular-momentum aspect

# Einstein equations and initial data

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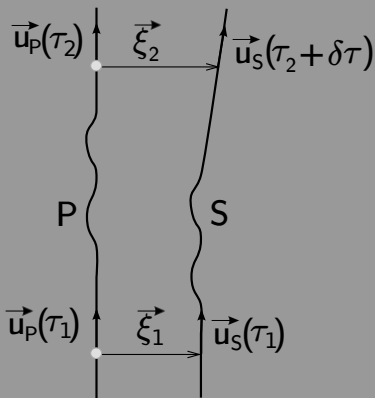
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- At  $u = u_0$ , specify  $m(u_0, \theta^C)$ ,  $N_A(u_0, \theta^C)$ ,  $C_{AB}(u_0, \theta^C)$
- News  $N_{AB}$  unconstrained; also certain components of  $T_{ab}$

# Nearby freely falling observers



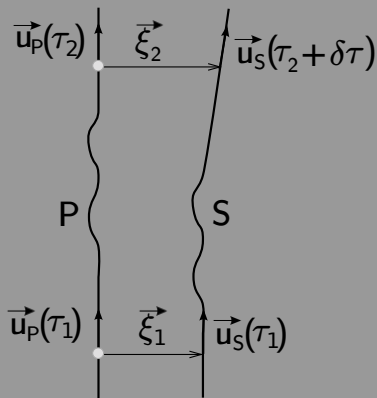
- Primary geodesic observer, P:  
4-velocity  $\vec{u}_P(\tau)$
- Secondary geodesic observer, S:  
4-velocity  $\vec{u}_S(\tau)$
- At  $\tau_1$ , P and S co-moving; S at location  $\xi_1^{\hat{i}}$

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- At  $\tau_2$ ,  $\xi_2^{\hat{i}} = \xi_1^{\hat{i}} + \delta \xi^{\hat{i}}$
- $\delta \xi^{\hat{i}} = \int d\tau \int d\tau' R^{\hat{i}}_{\hat{0}\hat{j}\hat{0}} \xi^{\hat{j}}$
- Bondi coordinates:  
 $\vec{u}_P = \vec{\partial}_u + O(r^{-1})$ ,  
 $R^{\hat{i}}_{\hat{0}\hat{j}\hat{0}} = r^{-1} \ddot{C}_{\hat{A}\hat{B}} \delta^{\hat{i}\hat{A}} \delta^{\hat{B}\hat{j}} + O(r^{-2})$
- $\delta \xi_{\hat{A}} = r^{-1} \Delta C_{\hat{A}\hat{B}} \xi^{\hat{B}} + O(r^{-2})$

# BMS symmetries in Bondi coordinates

BMS transformations take the form

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Infinitesimal BMS symmetries on  $\mathcal{I}^+$  generated by  $\vec{\zeta}$ :

$$\vec{\zeta} = f(\theta^A)\vec{\partial}_u + Y^A(\theta^B)\vec{\partial}_A$$

$$f(\theta^A) = \alpha(\theta^A) + \frac{1}{2}u D_B Y^B(\theta^A), \quad 2D_{(A} Y_{B)} - D_C Y^C h_{AB} = 0$$

$\alpha \leftrightarrow$  ST;  $Y^A \leftrightarrow$  Lorentz transformation ( $\ell = 1$  vector spherical harmonic)

# Transformation of Bondi-metric functions

$C_{AB}$ ,  $m$ ,  $N_A$  transform nontrivially

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$$\begin{aligned} \delta m = & f \dot{m} + \frac{1}{4} N^{AB} D_A D_B f + \frac{1}{2} D_A f D_B N^{AB} + \frac{3}{2} m \psi + Y^A D_A m \\ & + \frac{1}{8} C^{AB} D_A D_B \psi \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \delta N_A = & 3m D_A f + \frac{1}{4} C_{AB} D^B D^2 f - \frac{3}{4} D_B f (D^B D_C C^C{}_A - D_A D_C C^{BC}) \\ & + \frac{3}{8} D_A (C^{BC} D_B D_C f) + \frac{1}{4} (2D_A D_B f - h_{AB} D^2 f) D_C C^{BC} \\ & + f \dot{N}_A \mathcal{L}_{\vec{Y}} N_A + \psi N_A + \dots \end{aligned}$$

Certain BMS transformations can simplify  $C_{AB}$ ,  $M$ , and  $N_A$

# Charges corresponding to asymptotic symmetries

- Charges not conserved at  $\mathcal{I}^+$ , because fluxes of matter and GW carry charges
- A variant of Noether's theorem exists to compute "conserved" quantities conjugate to asymptotic symmetries  $\vec{\zeta}$

Wald & Zoupas, arXiv:gr-qc/9911095

- Charge  $Q[\mathcal{C}, \vec{\zeta}]$  is linear in  $\vec{\zeta}$  and depends on cut  $\mathcal{C}$

$$Q[\mathcal{C}, \vec{\zeta}] = \int_{\mathcal{C}} \Xi$$

for a 2-form  $\Xi$  (similar to Gauss' law)

- In stationary, vacuum, & Bondi coordinates

$$Q[\mathcal{C}, \vec{\zeta}] = \frac{1}{16\pi} \int_{\mathcal{C}} d^2\Omega \left[ 4\alpha m - 2u Y^A D_A m + 2Y^A N_A \right. \\ \left. - \frac{1}{8} Y^A D_A (C_{BC} C^{BC}) - \frac{1}{2} Y^A C_{AB} D_C C^{BC} \right]$$

# Fluxes of charges

- Difference in charges is related to exact 3-form flux  $d\Xi$

$$Q[\mathcal{C}_2, \vec{\zeta}] - Q[\mathcal{C}_1, \vec{\zeta}] = \int_{\mathcal{I}_{2,1}^+} d\Xi$$

(similar to EM continuity equation)

- $d\Xi$  is related to Noether current,
- For stationary solutions,  $d\Xi = 0$
- Flux has form

$$\int_{\mathcal{I}_{2,1}^+} d\Xi = - \int_{\mathcal{I}_{2,1}^+} \left( \frac{1}{32\pi} N^{AB} \delta C_{AB} + \hat{T}_{ua} \zeta^a \right) du d^2\Omega.$$

- Using Einstein equations, can show consistency of charge and flux formulas

# Charges in Bondi coordinates and in a “canonical” frame

- There exists a “canonical” frame  $\mathcal{C}_c$  for stationary spacetimes:

$$m(\theta^A) = m_0 = \text{const.}, \quad C_{AB}(\theta^C) = 0,$$

$$N_A(\theta^B) = \text{magnetic parity}, \quad \ell = 1$$

- Only nonzero charges

$$Q[\mathcal{C}_c, Y_{0,0}\vec{\partial}_u] = m_0 \quad Q[\mathcal{C}_c, X_{1,m}^A\vec{\partial}_A] = N_{1,m}$$

- In essence, a vacuum, stationary, asymptotically flat spacetime is characterized by mass and spin to this order in  $1/r$



# Charges in a supertranslated frame

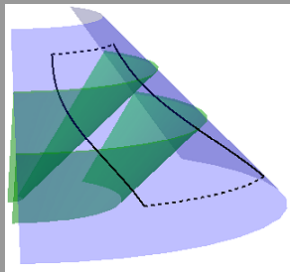
- Supertranslate by  $\Delta\Phi(\theta^A)$  and linearize (for simplicity) from canonical frame

$$m(\theta^A) = m_0 = \text{const.}, \quad N_A(\theta^B) = N_A^{\ell=1} - \frac{3}{2}m_0 D_A \Delta\Phi,$$

$$C_{AB}(\theta^C) = \frac{1}{2}(2D_A D_B - h_{AB} D^2)\Delta\Phi$$

- Supermomentum are invariant under supertranslations
- Angular momentum invariant to linear order in  $\Delta\Phi$ , for  $\Delta\Phi$  with  $\ell > 1$
- Memory is not completely encoded in supermomentum charges in a stationary region

# Memory effect, supermomenta, and nonradiative-to-nonradiative transitions



- Nonradiative transitions: Spacetimes with  $N_{AB} \rightarrow 0$  as  $u \rightarrow \pm\infty$
- Consider supermomentum charges in a “basis” of delta functions  $\alpha(\theta^A) = 4\pi\delta(\theta^A - \theta'^A)$
- Supermomentum is just  $m(u, \theta^A)$  in nonradiative region!

Flux formula  $Q[\mathcal{C}_2, \alpha\vec{\partial}_u] - Q[\mathcal{C}_1, \alpha\vec{\partial}_u] = \int_{\mathcal{I}_{2,1}^+} \mathbf{d}\Xi$  is equivalent to integrating Einstein's equation

$$\Delta m = -4\pi\Delta\mathcal{E} + \mathcal{D}\Delta\Phi$$

where  $\mathcal{D} = D^2(D^2 + 2)/8$  and  $\Delta\mathcal{E} = \int du \left[ \hat{T}_{uu} + N_{AB}N^{AB}/(32\pi) \right]$

# Interpretation of memory effect

Define  $\mathcal{P}$  as projector that removes  $\ell = 0, 1$  harmonics; can solve for the memory

$$\Delta\Phi = \mathcal{D}^{-1}\mathcal{P}(\Delta m + 4\pi\Delta\mathcal{E})$$

- ①  $\Delta\Phi$ : memory observable
  - ②  $\Delta m$ : supermomentum (“ordinary” memory)
  - ③  $\Delta\mathcal{E}$ : energy flux (“null” memory)
- Total memory not a charge; ordinary memory is though
  - $\Delta\Phi$  is supertranslation to reach canonical frame as  $u \rightarrow \infty$   
from canonical frame as  $u \rightarrow \infty$
  - Total memory is observable; is there a charge for it?

# Extended symmetry algebra of Barnich & Troessaert

- Extended BMS algebra of form  $ST \times \text{Virasoro}$
- Virasoro: infinite-dimensional, called superrotations (SR), Lorentz subalgebra; roughly a generalization of boosts
- SR are the infinite number of singular solutions  $Y^A$  of

$$2D_{(A}Y_{B)} - D_C Y^C h_{AB} = 0$$

- Common basis uses stereographic coords  $z = e^{i\phi} \cot \theta/2$

$$l_m = -z^{m+1} \partial_z \quad \bar{l}_m = -\bar{z}^{m+1} \partial_{\bar{z}}$$

with and  $m \in \mathbb{Z}$

# Conjugate charges to SR

- Will use Wald-Zoupas procedure to compute charges
- Remains formally valid, but may encounter problems
- For convenience define

$$\hat{N}_A = N_A - u D_A m - \frac{1}{16} D_A (C_{BC} C^{BC}) - \frac{1}{4} C_{AB} D_C C^{BC}$$

- SR charge in terms of  $\hat{N}_A$  is

$$Q[\mathcal{C}, \vec{Y}] = \frac{1}{8\pi} \int d^2\Omega Y^A \hat{N}_A$$

- Charge integrals are finite for any smooth  $\hat{N}_A$
- Split  $\hat{N}_A = D_A \phi + \epsilon_{AB} D^B \psi$  (electric & magnetic parity)
- Decomposition of charges  $Q[\mathcal{C}, \vec{Y}] = Q_e[\mathcal{C}, \vec{Y}] + Q_b[\mathcal{C}, \vec{Y}]$

# Charges in stationary vacuum cuts

- In canonical frame,  $Q_e[\mathcal{C}_c, \vec{Y}] = Q_b[\mathcal{C}, \vec{Y}] = 0$
- In frame supertranslated by  $\Delta\phi$  (linearized)

$$Q_e[\mathcal{C}, \vec{Y}] = -\frac{3m_0}{16\pi} \int_{\mathcal{C}} d^2\Omega Y^A D_A \Delta\phi \quad Q_b[\mathcal{C}, \vec{Y}] = 0$$

- $Q_e$  charges contain (incomplete) information about  $C_{AB}$  (and thence the total memory)!
- In more general stationary frames,  $Q_e \neq 0$  and  $Q_b \neq 0$
- Nomenclature:  $Q_e$  will call “super-center-of-mass;  $Q_b$  will call “superspin”
- For  $Y^A$  Lorentz,  $Q_e$  is center of mass,  $Q_b$  is spin

# Charge and flux relationship

- Also check if  $\int d\Xi$  is difference in charges for SR
- Find a discrepancy

$$\int_{\mathcal{I}_{2,1}^+} d\Xi = Q[\mathcal{C}_2, \vec{Y}] - Q[\mathcal{C}_1, \vec{Y}] - \frac{1}{32\pi} \int_{\mathcal{I}_{2,1}^+} du d^2\Omega Y^A \epsilon_{AB} D^B \mathcal{D}\Psi$$

where  $C_{AB} = (D_A D_B - h_{AB}/2D^2)\Phi + D_{(A}\epsilon_{B)C} D^C \Psi$

- Can resolve by modifying flux or adding a nonlocal field  $\int du \Psi$  to the charge; not a formal derivation, though
- $\int du \Psi$  is closely related to new “spin memory” of Pasterski+

# Spin memory, superspin, and nonradiative transitions

- Consider the change in the magnetic-parity part of  $\hat{N}_A$ , by taking the curl of its evolution equation

$$\Delta\epsilon^{AB}D_B\hat{N}_A = -8\pi\epsilon^{AB}D_B\Delta\mathcal{J}_A + D^2\mathcal{D}\int du\Psi$$

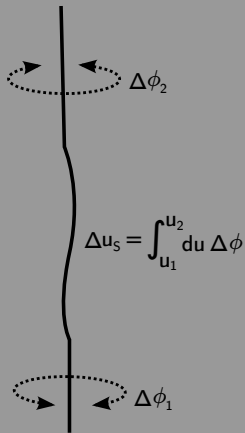
- $\Delta\mathcal{J}_A = \int du(\hat{T}_{uA} + \mathcal{T}_{uA})$  is the angular momentum per solid angle radiated in matter and GWs
- Can solve for spin memory

$$\int du\Psi = \mathcal{D}^{-1}D^{-2}\mathcal{P}\epsilon^{AB}D_B(\Delta\hat{N}_A + \Delta\mathcal{J}_A)$$

- $\int du\Psi$ : total spin memory;  $\Delta\mathcal{J}_A$ : null part;  $\Delta\hat{N}_A$ : ordinary part
- Now turn to measurability of this memory



# Spin memory (integrated Sagnac) effect



$\Delta\phi$ : Sagnac effect

$\Delta u_S$ : integrated  
Sagnac effect

Proposal of Pasterski+ to measure spin memory:

- Sagnac effect  $\Delta\phi$  vanishes for inertial observers
- Must measure with “BMS observers” who accelerate to stay fixed in Bondi coordinates (i.e., noninertial)
- Effect related to  $u$  integral of twist  $\omega_{AB} = D_{[A}a_{B]}$  for  $a_B = D^C C_{BC}$
- For an “infinitesimal” detector

$$\Delta u_S = 2 \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} du \mathcal{D}\Psi$$

However, constructing Bondi coordinates locally may not be possible

# Spin memory measured by families of inertial observers

- Consider the  $u$  integral of the displacement memory  $\delta\xi^A$

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} du \delta\xi^A = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} du \left[ \frac{1}{2}(2D_A D_B - h_{AB} D^2)\Phi + D_{(A\epsilon B)C} D^C \Psi \right] \xi^B$$

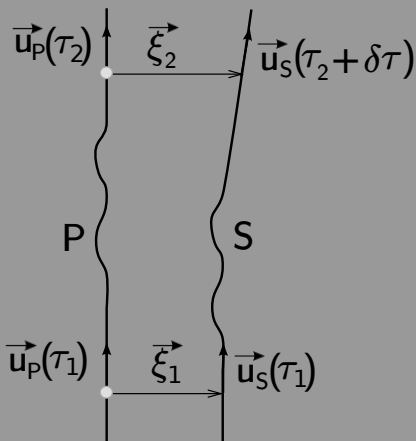
- $(2D_A D_B - h_{AB} D^2)\Phi$  is the displacement memory; the integral will go as  $u$  as  $u \rightarrow \infty$
- Magnetic-parity part equivalent to Sagnac measurement of spin memory

$$\delta s_A = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} du D_{(A\epsilon B)C} D^C \Psi \xi^B$$

- Need inertial observers distributed around source to extract magnetic-parity part (again non-local).

Are there additional local memory observables besides displacement and spin memories?

# Nearby freely falling observers



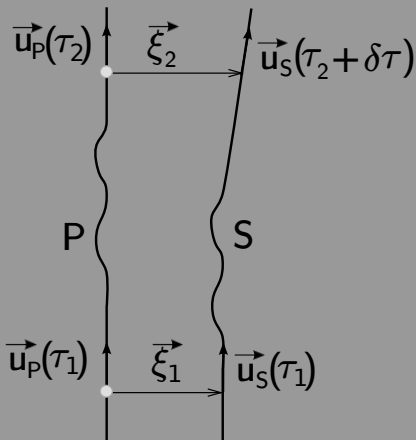
- Primary geodesic observer, P: 4-velocity  $\vec{u}_P(\tau)$
- Secondary geodesic observer, S: 4-velocity  $\vec{u}_S(\tau)$
- At  $\tau_1$ , P and S co-moving; S at location  $\xi_1^{\hat{i}}$

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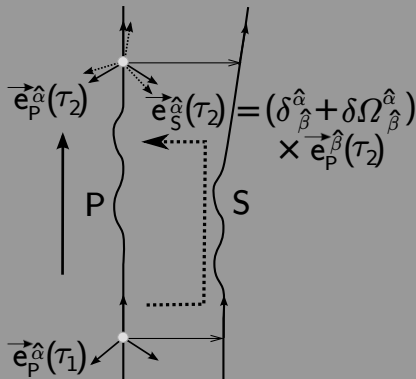
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- At  $\tau_2$ , P and S not co-moving; S at location  $\xi_2^i = \xi_1^i + \delta\xi^i$
- Proper time elapsed for P and S differ by  $\delta\tau$
- $\delta\xi^i$ : measurable effect of memory; “displacement” memory.
- $\delta\tau$ : a “proper-time” memory

# Additional memory observables

- Two additional observable effects:
  - ①  $\delta\Omega^{\hat{j}}$ : Relative rotation of triad  $\vec{e}_{\hat{S}}(\tau)$  with respect to inertial standards at P.
  - ②  $\delta\Omega^{\hat{i}}_{\hat{0}} \equiv \delta\xi^{\hat{i}}$ : Relative boost of S with respect to geodesic P
- 1 is a “rotation” memory and 2 is a “velocity” memory
- 1 is measurable in principle with inertial gyroscopes



$\vec{e}_P^{\hat{\alpha}}(\tau)$ :  $\perp$  tetrad of P  
 $\vec{e}_S^{\hat{\alpha}}(\tau)$ :  $\perp$  tetrad of S transported to P

# Expressions for memory observables

## Velocity and rotation memories

Covariant Riemann	3+1 Split of Riemann
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## Displacement and proper-time memories

$$\delta \xi^{\hat{i}}(\tau) = \int_{\tau_1}^{\tau} d\tau' \delta \dot{\xi}^{\hat{i}}(\tau') \quad \delta \tau = -\frac{1}{2} \delta \xi^{\hat{i}} \xi_{\hat{i}}$$

# Asymptotic fall off of fields

In Bondi-type coordinates  $(u, r, \theta^A)$ , peeling implies

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{E}_{rr} &= r^{-3} E_{rr}^{(0)} + O(r^{-4}) \\ \mathcal{E}_{r\hat{A}} &= r^{-2} E_{r\hat{A}}^{(0)} + O(r^{-3}) \\ \mathcal{E}_{\hat{A}\hat{B}}^{(\text{TF})} &= r^{-1} E_{\hat{A}\hat{B}}^{(0)} + O(r^{-2})\end{aligned}$$

Similar for  $\mathcal{B}_{ij}$ ; finiteness and conservation of stress-energy implies

$$\begin{aligned}T_{uu} &= r^{-2} T_{uu}^{(0)} + O(r^{-3}) \\ T_{u\hat{A}} &= r^{-3} T_{u\hat{A}}^{(0)} + O(r^{-4})\end{aligned}$$

Other components of  $T_{\mu\nu}$  fall off faster with  $r$



# Leading memory effects

- At  $O(r^{-1})$ , the leading memory effects have the form,

$$\delta \dot{\xi}_{(0)}^{\hat{A}} = - \int du E_{(0)}^{\hat{A}\hat{B}} \xi_{\hat{B}}$$

$$\delta \Omega_{\hat{r}\hat{A}}^{(0)} = - \int du \epsilon_{\hat{r}\hat{A}\hat{B}} B_{(0)}^{\hat{B}\hat{C}} \xi_{\hat{C}}$$

$$\delta \xi_{(0)}^{\hat{A}} = \int du \delta \dot{\xi}_{(0)}^{\hat{A}} \quad \delta \tau_{(0)} = -\frac{1}{2} \delta \dot{\xi}_{(0)}^{\hat{A}} \xi_{\hat{A}}$$

- Now specialized to linearized gravity
- Solve for  $\int du E_{(0)}^{\hat{A}\hat{B}}$ , etc., in terms of  $T_{\mu\nu}$  and  $E_{rr}^{(0)}$  and  $B_{rr}^{(0)}$  using the Bianchi identities  $\nabla_d R_{abc}{}^d = 0$  Bieri & Garfinkle, arXiv:1312.6871
- Consider formal limit  $u \rightarrow \pm\infty$

# Sources of memory effects

- Using Bianchi identities, displacement memory is

$$\delta \xi_{(0)}^{\hat{A}} \neq 0$$
$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} du \int_{-\infty}^u du' E_{AB}^{(0)} = \frac{1}{2} (D_A D_B - 2h_{AB} D^2) \Phi^{(0)}$$
$$\frac{1}{2} (D^4 + 2D^2) \Phi^{(0)} = \Delta E_{rr}^{(0)} - 8\pi \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} du T_{uu}^{(0)}$$

- $D_A \leftrightarrow$  covariant derivative on  $S^2$ ;  $h_{AB}$  metric on  $S^2$
- From Bianchi identities, velocity, rotation, & proper-time memories determined by  $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} du E_{AB}^{(0)}$
- For asymptotic stationarity as  $u \rightarrow \pm\infty$  require  $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} du E_{AB}^{(0)} = 0$  and all other leading memories vanish

$$\delta \tau_{(0)} = \delta \dot{\xi}_{\hat{A}}^{(0)} = \delta \Omega_{\hat{r}\hat{A}}^{(0)} = 0$$

# Subleading memory effects

- At  $O(r^{-2})$ , all effects nonvanishing, but extremely weak!
- Velocity and proper-time memories:

$$\Delta \dot{\xi}_{\hat{r}}^{(1)} = - \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} du E_{\hat{r}\hat{A}}^{(0)} \xi^{\hat{A}}$$

$$\Delta \dot{\xi}_{\hat{A}}^{(1)} = - \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} du (E_{\hat{A}\hat{B}}^{(1)} \xi^{\hat{B}} + E_{\hat{r}\hat{A}}^{(0)} \xi^{\hat{r}} - 4\pi T_{uu}^{(0)} \xi_{\hat{A}})$$

$$\delta\tau = - \frac{1}{2} (\delta \dot{\xi}^{\hat{r}} \xi_{\hat{r}} + \delta \dot{\xi}^{\hat{A}} \xi_{\hat{A}})$$

- Rotation memory:

$$\delta \Omega_{\hat{r}\hat{A}}^{(1)} = - \epsilon_{\hat{r}\hat{A}}^{\hat{B}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} du (B_{\hat{B}\hat{C}}^{(1)} \xi^{\hat{C}} + B_{\hat{r}\hat{B}}^{(0)} \xi^{\hat{r}})$$

$$\delta \Omega_{\hat{A}\hat{B}}^{(1)} = - \int du \epsilon_{\hat{A}\hat{B}}^{\hat{r}} B_{\hat{r}\hat{C}}^{(0)} \xi^{\hat{C}}$$

- From Bianchi identities, effects are determined by  $\Delta E_{rr}^{(0)}$ ,  $\int du T_{uu}^{(0)}$ , and change in 4-momentum!

# Conclusions

- GW memory is an observable effect, a prediction of GR, and a probe of the strong-field, dynamical part of the theory
- Memory also understood as transformation between the canonical frames
- Supermomentum charge corresponds to ordinary memory; super-CoM contains total memory
- Superspin charge corresponds to ordinary spin memory
- Relative displacement is the only effect that is locally measurable at  $O(1/r)$
- Proper-time, rotation, and velocity effects are all  $O(1/r^2)$
- The spin memory is a new  $O(1/r)$  effect, but it involves a nonlocal measurement in space to observe