

# Lensing of gravitational waves in Palatini $f(\hat{R})$ gravity

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The intervening matter in the line of sight between the source and observer will lens the gravitational wave signal.

### Consequences:

- Magnification/de-magnification of signal amplitude ( Frequency dependent modulation)
- Bias in estimated parameters (Chirp mass, Luminosity distance)
- GW beat patterns
- Multiple Signals
- GW Faraday rotation

### Lensing Estimates:

- Einstein Telescope(  $10^4$  to  $10^5$ ) detections per year of which 50 -100 lensed events per year
- Estimates for aLIGO Global network- 1 in 1500 events would be lensed
- Estimates for DECIGO : 5- 50 lensed events out of  $10^4 - 10^5$  detections

## Geometric Optics:

$$\lambda \ll R_s = \frac{2GM_L}{c^2}$$

## Wave Optics: $\lambda \geq R_s ; h_{\mu\nu} = h e_{\mu\nu}$

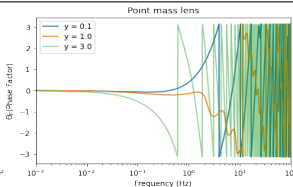
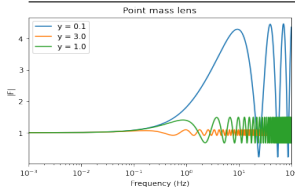
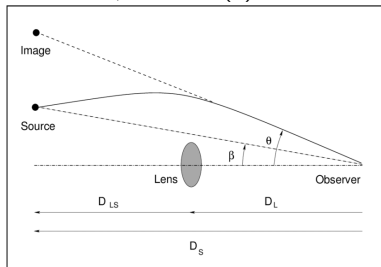
$$\partial_\mu \left( \sqrt{-g^{(L)}} g^{(L)\mu\nu} \partial_\nu h \right) = 0$$

$$\left( \nabla^2 + 4\pi^2 f^2 \right) \tilde{h} = 16\pi^2 f^2 U \tilde{h}$$

## Krichoff Integral

$$F(f, \beta) = \frac{1+z_L}{c} \frac{D_s}{D_L D_{LS}} \frac{f}{i} \int d^2\theta \exp[2\pi i f \Delta t(\theta, \beta)]$$

Lens equation  $\beta = \theta - \alpha(\theta)$



$$F(f) = \frac{\tilde{h} L}{h} \quad (\text{Amplification Factor})$$

## Timedelay Function

$$\Delta t = \frac{1+z_L}{c} \frac{D_L D_s}{D_{LS}} \left[ \frac{(\theta - \beta)^2}{2} - \phi(\theta) + \phi_m(\beta) \right]$$

## Interference

### Beat Frequency

$$\omega_b = \frac{96}{5} \left( \frac{\omega_f}{2} \right)^{11/3} \mathcal{M} \Delta t$$

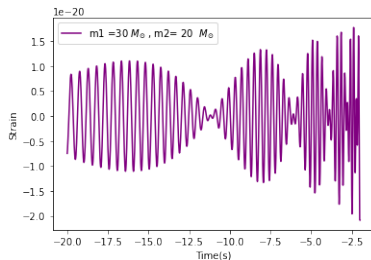
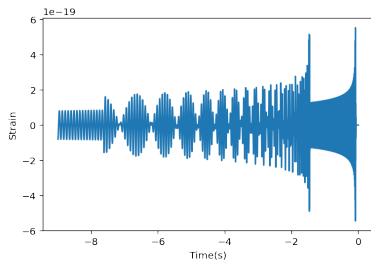
$$M_l(1+z_l) = \frac{c^3}{2G} \Delta t \left[ \frac{r-1}{\sqrt{r}} + \ln r \right]^{-1}$$

### GW Beat Pattern

$$h = h_1(t) + h_2(t + \Delta t)$$

### Applications

- Accurate  $H_0$  measurements
- Estimation of lens mass



Gravitational wave interference via gravitational lensing: Measurements of luminosity distance, lens mass, and cosmological parameters. *Phys. Rev. D* **2020**, *101*, 064011. doi:black10.1103/PhysRevD.101.064011.

# WKB Approximation

## Eikonal ansatz

$$h_{\mu\nu} = \mathcal{R} \left\{ \left[ \xi_{\mu\nu}^{(0)} + \frac{1}{\omega} \xi_{\mu\nu}^{(1)} + \frac{1}{\omega^2} \xi_{\mu\nu}^{(2)} + \dots \right] e^{i\omega\Phi} \right\}$$

$\omega \rightarrow \infty$  defines the geometric optics limit.

$$\nabla^\alpha \nabla_\alpha h_{\mu\nu} - 2h_{\alpha\beta} R^\alpha{}_{\mu\nu}{}^\beta = e^{i\omega\Phi} \left\{ \begin{aligned} &\omega^2 [-k^\beta k_\beta \xi_{\mu\nu}^{(0)}] \\ &+ \omega [i(\nabla_\beta k^\beta \xi_{\mu\nu}^{(0)} + k^\beta \nabla_\beta \xi_{\mu\nu}^{(0)}) - k^\beta k_\beta \xi_{\mu\nu}^{(1)}] \\ &+ \omega^0 [\nabla^\beta \nabla_\beta \xi_{\mu\nu}^{(0)} + i[\nabla_\beta k^\beta \xi_{\mu\nu}^{(1)} + k^\beta \nabla_\beta \xi_{\mu\nu}^{(1)}] \\ &+ k_\beta \nabla^\beta \xi_{\mu\nu}^{(1)}] \end{aligned} \right\} - 2h_{\alpha\beta} R^\alpha{}_{\mu\nu}{}^\beta$$

Wave vector-  $k^\beta$

$k^\alpha = g^{\alpha\beta} \partial_\beta \Phi$

$\Phi(x) \rightarrow$  Phase function

## Gauge condition

$$\nabla^\mu h_{\mu\nu} = e^{i\omega\Phi} \left\{ \omega [ik^\mu \xi_{\mu\nu}^{(0)}] + \omega^0 [ik^\mu \xi_{\mu\nu}^{(1)} + \nabla^\mu \xi_{\mu\nu}^{(0)}] \right\} = 0$$

## Geometric Optics limit

$$e^{i\omega\Phi} \left\{ \omega^2 (-k^\beta k_\beta \xi_{\mu\nu}^{(0)}) + \omega (i(\nabla_\beta k^\beta \xi_{\mu\nu}^{(0)} + k^\beta \nabla_\beta \xi_{\mu\nu}^{(0)}) - k^\beta k_\beta \xi_{\mu\nu}^{(1)}) \right\} = 0$$

$$k_\beta k^\beta = 0$$

$$k^\mu \nabla_\mu k_\nu = 0$$

$$\frac{dx^\beta}{d\lambda^2} + \Gamma_{\alpha\mu}^\beta \frac{dx^\alpha}{d\lambda} \frac{dx^\mu}{d\lambda} = 0,$$

From Gauge condition

$$k^\mu \xi_{\mu\nu}^{(0)} = 0$$

In the next order we obtain

$$2k^\beta \nabla_\beta \xi_{\mu\nu}^{(0)} + \nabla_\beta k^\beta \xi_{\mu\nu}^{(0)} = 0$$

$$\xi_{\mu\nu}^{(0)} = A A_{\mu\nu} ; A = \sqrt{\xi_{\mu\nu}^* \xi^{*\mu\nu}}$$

$$\nabla_\rho (k^\rho A^2) = 0$$

$$k^\alpha \nabla_\alpha A_{\mu\nu} = 0$$

$$P^\mu = \hbar k^\mu ; N^\mu = \frac{A^2}{\hbar^2} P^\mu$$

In GO limit :

- Polarization tensor is parallel propagated along the null vector  $k^\mu$
- Number of gravitons in a ray bundle is conserved  $\nabla_\mu N^\mu = 0$

Beyond Geometric Optics  $\rightarrow \lambda \sim b \gg R_s$ 

$$\nabla_\beta \nabla^\beta \xi_{\mu\nu}^{(0)} + i[\nabla_\beta k^\beta \xi_{\mu\nu}^{(1)} + 2k^\beta \nabla_\beta \xi_{\mu\nu}^{(1)}] - 2\xi_{\alpha\beta}^{(0)} R^\alpha{}_{\mu\nu}{}^\beta = 0$$

$$\nabla_\beta k^\beta \xi_{\mu\nu}^{(1)} + 2k^\beta \nabla_\beta \xi_{\mu\nu}^{(1)} = S_{\mu\nu}^{(0)}$$

Source Tensor:

$$S_{\mu\nu}^{(0)} = -i[2\xi_{\alpha\beta}^{(0)} R^\alpha{}_{\mu\nu}{}^\beta - \nabla_\beta \xi_{\mu\nu}^{(0)}]$$

Gravitational waves are not transverse in the beyond geometric optics limit

$$k^\mu \xi_{\mu\nu}^{(1)} = i\nabla^\mu \xi_{\mu\nu}^{(0)}$$

$$k^\mu \xi_{\mu\nu}^{(1)} = S_\mu^{g(0)}$$

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(Gauge condition)  $\nabla^\mu h_{\mu\nu} = e^{i\omega\Phi} \left\{ \omega[ik^\mu \xi_{\mu\nu}^{(0)}] + \omega^0[ik^\mu \xi_{\mu\nu}^{(1)} + \nabla^\mu \xi_{\mu\nu}^{(0)}] \right\}$

(Eikonal expansion)

$$\begin{aligned} \nabla^\alpha \nabla_\alpha h_{\mu\nu} - 2h_{\alpha\beta} R^\alpha{}_{\mu\nu}{}^\beta = e^{i\omega\Phi} \left\{ \omega^2[-k^\beta k_\beta \xi_{\mu\nu}^{(0)}] + \omega[i(\nabla_\beta k^\beta \xi_{\mu\nu}^{(0)} + k^\beta \nabla_\beta \xi_{\mu\nu}^{(0)}) - k^\beta k_\beta \xi_{\mu\nu}^{(1)}] \right. \\ \left. + \omega^0[\nabla^\beta \nabla_\beta \xi_{\mu\nu}^{(0)} + i[\nabla_\beta k^\beta \xi_{\mu\nu}^{(1)} + k^\beta \nabla_\beta \xi_{\mu\nu}^{(1)} + k_\beta \nabla^\beta \xi_{\mu\nu}^{(1)}]] - 2h_{\alpha\beta} R^\alpha{}_{\mu\nu}{}^\beta \right\} \end{aligned}$$



Palatini  $f(\hat{R})$  gravity**Action:**

$$S[g, \Gamma, \psi_m] = \frac{1}{2\kappa} \int \sqrt{-g} f(\hat{R}) d^4x + S_{\text{matter}}[g, \psi_m]$$

**Field Equations**

$$f'(\hat{R})\hat{R}_{\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{2}f(\hat{R})g_{\mu\nu} = \kappa T_{\mu\nu}$$

$$\nabla_{\beta}(\sqrt{-g}f'(\hat{R}(T))g^{\mu\nu}) = 0$$

$$\hat{g}_{\mu\nu} = f'(\hat{R}(T))g_{\mu\nu}$$

**Trace Equation:**

$$f'(\hat{R})\hat{R} - 2f(\hat{R}) = \kappa T$$

$$\hat{r}_{\mu\nu}^{\alpha} = \frac{\hat{g}^{\mu\beta}}{2} [\partial_{\mu}\hat{g}_{\beta\nu} + \partial_{\nu}\hat{g}_{\beta\mu} - \partial_{\beta}\hat{g}_{\mu\nu}]$$

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GWs Palatini  $f(R)$  gravity

## Scalar Tensor Representation

$$\hat{G}_{\mu\nu} = \frac{1}{f'} [\kappa T_{\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{2} g_{\mu\nu} U(f')]$$

$$\hat{R}_{\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{2} \hat{g}_{\mu\nu} \hat{R} = 0$$

$$\hat{g}_{\mu\nu} = \hat{g}_{\mu\nu}^{(B)} + \hat{h}_{\mu\nu}$$

## Linearized Field Equation:

$$\hat{\nabla}_{\alpha} \hat{\nabla}^{\alpha} h_{\mu\nu} - 2 \hat{R}_{\rho\mu\nu}^{\tau} \hat{h}_{\tau}^{\rho} = -2\kappa T_{\mu\nu}^{(1)}$$

$$T_{\mu\nu}^{(1)} = i\omega \frac{c^4}{16\pi G} t_{\mu\nu} e^{i\omega\phi}.$$

## Eikonal Expansion

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{\nabla}^{\alpha} \hat{\nabla}_{\alpha} h_{\mu\nu} - 2h_{\alpha\beta} \hat{R}^{\alpha}{}_{\mu\nu}{}^{\beta} = e^{i\omega\Phi} \left\{ \omega^2 [-k^{\beta} k_{\beta} \xi_{\mu\nu}^{(0)}] \right. \\ + \omega [i(\hat{\nabla}_{\beta} k^{\beta} \xi_{\mu\nu}^{(0)} + k^{\beta} \hat{\nabla}_{\beta} \xi_{\mu\nu}^{(0)}) - k^{\beta} k_{\beta} \xi_{\mu\nu}^{(1)}] \\ + \omega^0 [\hat{\nabla}_{\beta} \hat{\nabla}^{\beta} \xi_{\mu\nu}^{(0)} + i[\hat{\nabla}_{\beta} k^{\beta} \xi_{\mu\nu}^{(1)} + k^{\beta} \hat{\nabla}_{\beta} \xi_{\mu\nu}^{(1)} \\ \left. + k^{\beta} \hat{\nabla}_{\beta} \xi_{\mu\nu}^{(1)}] \right\} - 2h_{\alpha\beta} \hat{R}^{\alpha}{}_{\mu\nu}{}^{\beta} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{\Gamma}_{\mu\nu}^{\alpha} = \Gamma_{\mu\nu}^{\alpha} + \frac{1}{2} g^{(B)\alpha\rho} [\hat{\nabla}_{\mu} h_{\rho\nu} + \hat{\nabla}_{\nu} h_{\rho\mu} - \hat{\nabla}_{\rho} h_{\mu\nu}] \\ + \frac{1}{2f'} \left[ \delta_{\nu}^{\alpha} \partial_{\mu} f' + \delta_{\mu}^{\alpha} \partial_{\nu} f' - g_{\mu\nu}^{\alpha} \partial^{\alpha} f' - h_{\mu\nu} \partial^{\alpha} f' + g_{\mu\nu}^{(B)} h^{\alpha\beta} \partial_{\beta} f' \right] \end{aligned}$$

# Geometric optics limit in Palatini

## Leading order:

Null geodesics enjoy conformal invariance

$$k^\mu \hat{\nabla}_\mu k_\nu = 0$$

## Next to leading order:

$$2k^\beta \hat{\nabla}_\beta \xi_{\mu\nu}^{(0)} + \hat{\nabla}_\beta k^\beta \xi_{\mu\nu}^{(0)} = \frac{1}{f'} t_{\mu\nu}$$

$\xi_{\mu\nu}^{(0)} = \mathcal{A} \mathcal{A}_{\mu\nu}$  where  $\mathcal{A}$  is the amplitude, defined as  $\mathcal{A} = \sqrt{\xi_{\mu\nu}^* \xi^{*\mu\nu}}$

$$k^\alpha \hat{\nabla}_\alpha \mathcal{A}_{\mu\nu} = \frac{1}{2\mathcal{A}\gamma(f')} \left[ t_{\mu\nu} - \mathcal{A}_{\mu\nu} (t_{\rho\sigma} \mathcal{A}^{\rho\sigma}) \right]$$

$$\hat{\nabla}_\rho (k^\rho \mathcal{A}^2) = \mathcal{A} t_{\mu\nu} \mathcal{A}^{\mu\nu}$$

Non-conservation of graviton number density:

$$\hat{\nabla}_\mu N^\mu = \mathcal{A} t_{\mu\nu} \mathcal{A}^{\mu\nu}$$

$$\xi_{\mu\nu} = C_{kk}\Theta_{\mu\nu}^{kk} + C_{ll}\Theta_{\mu\nu}^{ll} + C_{mm}\Theta_{\mu\nu}^{mm} + C_{nn}\Theta_{\mu\nu}^{nn} + C_{kl}\Theta_{\mu\nu}^{kl} + C_{km}\Theta_{\mu\nu}^{km} + C_{kn}\Theta_{\mu\nu}^{kn} + C_{ml}\Theta_{\mu\nu}^{ml} + C_{nl}\Theta_{\mu\nu}^{nl} + C_{mn}\Theta_{\mu\nu}^{mn}$$

$C_{AB} \rightarrow$  Amplitude ;  $\Theta_{\mu\nu}^{AB} \rightarrow$  New basis tensors

Lorentz gauge condition

$$k^\mu \xi_{\mu\nu}^{(0)} = 0$$

Traceless condition

$$g^{\mu\nu} \xi_{\mu\nu} = 0$$

Source terms vanish in the geometric optics limit

$$\xi_{\mu\nu}^{(0)} = C_{mm}^{(0)} m_\mu m_\nu + C_{ll}^{(0)} l_\mu l_\nu$$

$$A, B = \{k^\mu, m^\mu, l^\mu, n^\mu\}$$

$$m_\mu l^\mu = 1, \quad k_\mu n^\mu = -1$$

Basis tensor

$$\Theta_{\mu\nu}^{AB} = \frac{1}{2}(A_\mu B_\nu + A_\nu B_\mu)$$

$$(\Theta_{ml})_{\mu\nu} (\Theta_{ml})^{\mu\nu} = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$(\Theta_{nk})_{\mu\nu} (\Theta_{nk})^{\mu\nu} = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$(\Theta_{km})_{\mu\nu} (\Theta_{nl})^{\mu\nu} = -\frac{1}{2}$$

$$(\Theta_{kl})_{\mu\nu} (\Theta_{nm})^{\mu\nu} = -\frac{1}{2}$$

$$(\Theta_{kk})_{\mu\nu} (\Theta_{nn})^{\mu\nu} = 1$$

$$(\Theta_{mm})_{\mu\nu} (\Theta_{ll})^{\mu\nu} = 1$$

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## Evolution of GW amplitude

(Geometric Optics term with source)

$$2\hat{D}C_{AB} + \hat{\nabla}_\alpha \hat{k}^\alpha C_{AB} = \frac{2}{f'} t_{\mu\nu} \hat{\Theta}^{\mu\nu}_{AB}$$

$$\hat{D} = \tilde{k}^\mu \hat{\nabla}_\mu = \frac{D}{d\nu}$$

Palatini f(R)

$$C_{AB}(\nu) = \frac{D(\nu_s)C_{AB}(\nu_s)}{D(\nu)} - \frac{1}{2D(\nu)} \int_{\nu_s}^{\nu} D(\nu) [\gamma_{\alpha\mu}^\alpha k^\mu - k^\alpha \partial_\alpha \ln f'] C_{AB} d\nu + \frac{1}{2D(\nu)} \int_{\nu_s}^{\nu} D(\nu) t_{\mu\nu} \Theta^{\mu\nu}_{AB} d\nu$$

Optical Scalars:

$$S = \begin{pmatrix} \theta & 0 \\ 0 & \theta \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} -\sigma_1 & \sigma_2 \\ \sigma_2 & \sigma_1 \end{pmatrix}$$

where  $\theta$  and  $\sigma = \sigma_1 + i\sigma_2$  are the optical scalars.

$$\nabla_\mu k^\mu = \text{tr} S = 2\theta$$

where  $2\theta = \frac{2}{D_A} \frac{dD_A}{d\nu}$

In GR

$$\hat{C}_{AB}^{(0)}(\nu) = \frac{C_{AB}^{(0)}(\nu_s) D(\nu_s)}{D(\nu)}$$

**Amplitudes evolve independently and no extra polarizations arise in GO**

## Conclusion:

- Evolution of GW amplitude is theory dependent
- Lensing induce errors in the estimated parameters
- Modified gravity affects the evolution of gravitational wave amplitude and also the polarizations in higher order corrections.
- The gravitational potential of structures in the line of sight depends on the theory of gravity and hence GW lensing
- Vector and scalar polarizations arise in beyond geometric optics along with the effects of Palatini  $f(\hat{R})$ .