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# Freely falling bodies in Standing Wave Spacetime\*

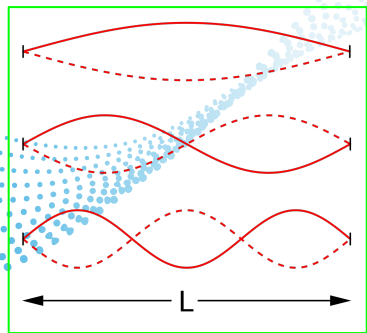
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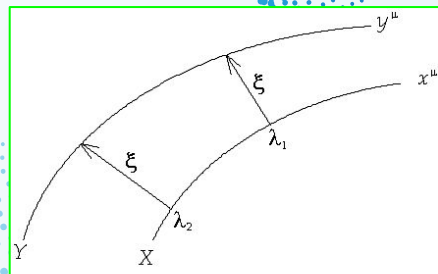
\*Based on '*Freely falling bodies in standing wave spacetime*' Sebastian Szybka, Syed Naqvi

# Outline:

- Gravitational Waves as Exact Solutions
- How to define Standing Gravitational Waves in General Relativity?
- How does Standing Gravitational Waves affect geodesics?



**Standing GWs ???**



# Grav. Waves as Exact Solutions to E.F.E

**Suppose you want to study :**

- ❖ Gravitational field outside a spherical mass → **Schwarzschild**
- ❖ A spatially homogeneous and isotropic universe → **FLRW**
- ❖ Solutions model radiation moving at the speed of light → **Plane GW solution**

There exist many exact solutions which are interpreted as exact GWs.

★ What type of different GW solutions exist ?

A special class of vacuum pp-wave spacetime

## Motivation



*\*Are there standing gravitational wave solutions of vacuum Einstein's equations?*

$g_{\mu\nu}$



- #Bondi - Studied GWs of unsymmetric body rotating about z-axis
- **Issue** - If nonlinearities are taken into account, the lack of superposition principle complicates studies.
- \*Stephani - Look for exact solutions with some particular metric functions
- **Issue** - Method is not covariant

#H. Bondi. Gravitational waves in general relativity XVI. Standing waves.

\*H. Stephani. Some remarks on standing gravitational waves.

# Standing Grav. Wave Solution\*

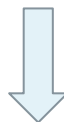
- analyze and admit arbitrary wavelength gravitational waves in expanding universe

\*#Metric

$$\hat{g} = e^f (-dt^2 + dz^2) + t(e^p dx^2 + e^{-p} dy^2)$$

where  $0 \leq z < 2\pi$ ,  $t > 0$  ( $t$  is a cosmic time function),  $0 \leq x, y < 2\pi$ ,  $f = f(t, z)$  and  $p = p(t, z)$ . The particular solution we are interested in is given by

After solving Einstein Field Equations



Parameters

$$p = -\ln t + 2\beta\sqrt{\lambda}J_0\left(\frac{t}{\lambda}\right)\sin\left(\frac{z}{\lambda}\right);$$
$$f = \frac{\beta^2}{\lambda}t^2 \left[ J_0^2\left(\frac{t}{\lambda}\right) + J_1^2\left(\frac{t}{\lambda}\right) - 2\frac{\lambda}{t}J_0\left(\frac{t}{\lambda}\right)J_1\left(\frac{t}{\lambda}\right)\sin^2\left(\frac{z}{\lambda}\right) \right]$$
$$- 2\beta\sqrt{\lambda}J_0\left(\frac{t}{\lambda}\right)\sin\left(\frac{z}{\lambda}\right),$$

\*Standing waves in general relativity, Sebastian J. Szybka and Adam Cieřlik(2019).

\*#Backreaction for Einstein-Rosen waves coupled to a massless scalar field, Sebastian J. Szybka, Michał J. Wyřębowski(2016).

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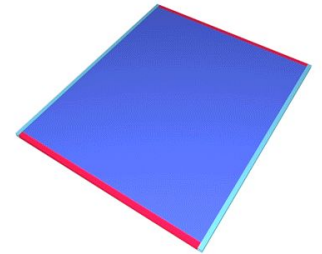
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This solution is  $T^3$  Gowdy Model (polarised 3-torus)\*

- Can be interpreted as a 'non-linear' superposition of incoming gravitational waves and their reflections from the symmetry axis
- Amplitude of wave decreases as the universe expands

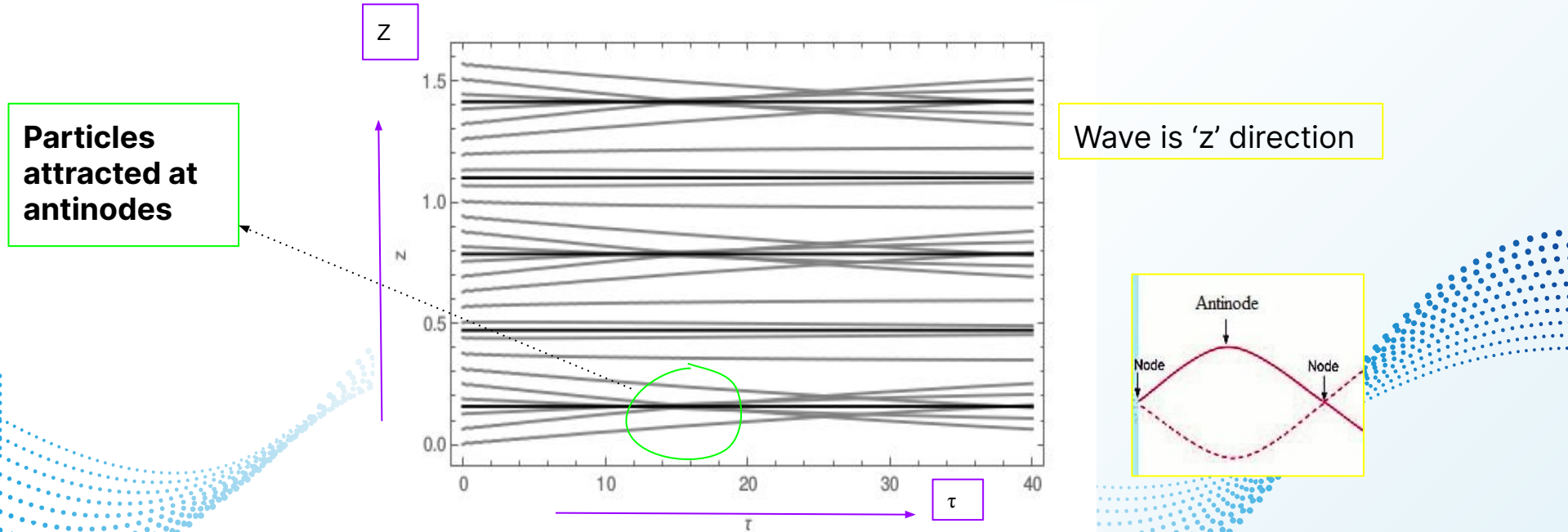
2-torus



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\*Robert H. Gowdy, "Of gravitational waves and spherical chickens" in: Einstein Online Band 03 (2007), 03-1008

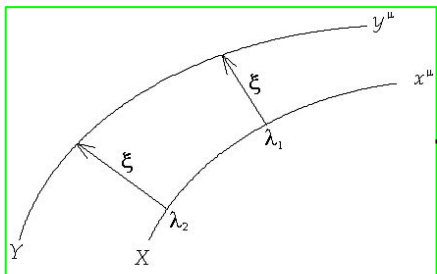
# Trajectories of Test Particles- Geodesic Eqn.



**Figure :** Geodesic equation for 'z' vs proper time  $\tau$ , Here  $\lambda=1/10$ ,  $\beta=0.2$

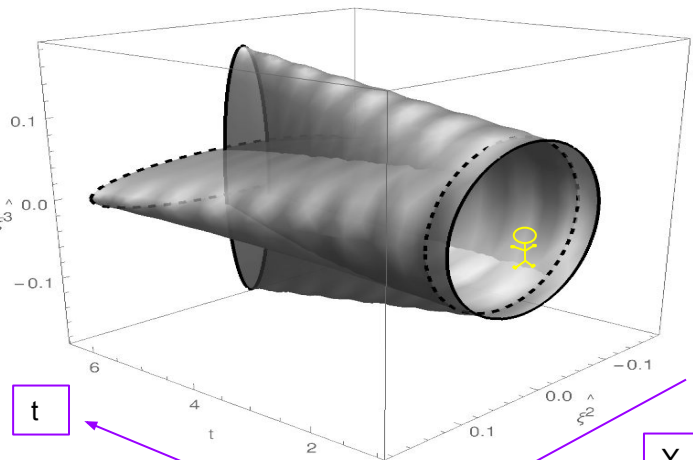
Geo. Eqn has stationary soln. at antinodes & Study the motion of of freely-falling bodies at anitnodes

# Freely-falling particles - Geodesic Deviation Eqn



Freely-falling frame

$$\frac{d^2 \xi^{\hat{\alpha}}}{d\tau^2} = -R^{\hat{\alpha}}_{\hat{0}\hat{\beta}\hat{0}} \xi^{\hat{\beta}}$$

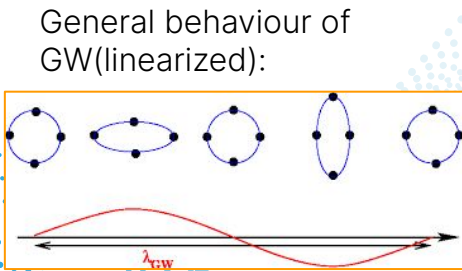


Wave in 'Z' direction

X

Y

t



Hint of Grav. Wave Memory??

**Figure :** Tissot plot showing how a ring of test particles will behave for waves for slightly different initial conditions. Here  $\lambda=1/10$ ,  $\beta=0.2$

# Conclusion



## Motivation

Musical instruments have standing waves

What are Standing Gravitational waves?

Behaviors of test particles in such a spacetime



Analyzed the Geodesic Equation  $\Rightarrow$  **Particles are attracted to antinodes**



Analyzed the Geodesic Deviation Eqn  $\Rightarrow$  permanent deformation of ring of test particles (still need to workout details, since many waves are there)



Future Work : electromagnetic standing waves coupled to gravity???



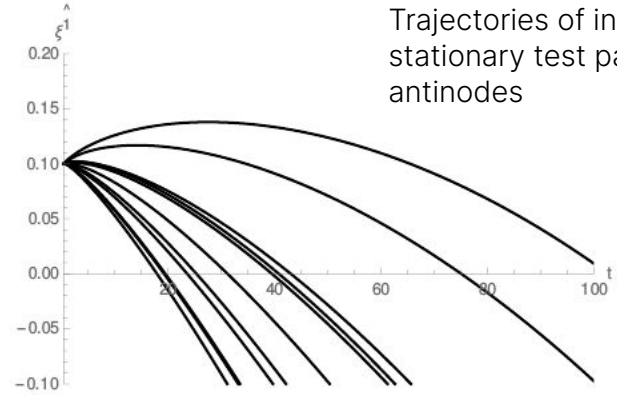
Some Trivia - Grishchuk & Sazhin(1975)\* : - toroidal electromagnetic resonator with alternating current

Interference of radiated GWs  $\Rightarrow$  Standing GW

\*Excitation and detection of standing gravitational waves L. P. Grishchuk and M. V. Sazhin

# X,Y,Z components of Geodesic Deviation Eqn.

Deviation in 'z'



Trajectories of initially stationary test particles near antinodes

Deviation in 'x'

$$\frac{d^2 \xi^1}{dt^2} - \frac{1}{2} f_{,t} \frac{d\xi^1}{dt} = \frac{1}{2} (f_{,tt} - f_{,zz}) \xi^1 = -\frac{\beta}{\lambda t} J_1\left(\frac{t}{\lambda}\right) \left[ \sqrt{\lambda} + t\beta J_1\left(\frac{t}{\lambda}\right) \right] \xi^1$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d^2 \xi^2}{dt^2} - \frac{1}{2} f_{,t} \frac{d\xi^2}{dt} &= \frac{1}{4t} [f_{,t} + (p_{,t}(2 - tf_{,t}) + 2tp_{,tt})] \xi^2 \\ &= -\frac{\beta}{\lambda^{3/2}} \left[ J_0\left(\frac{t}{\lambda}\right) - \frac{\lambda^2}{4\beta^2 t} J_1^{-1}\left(\frac{t}{\lambda}\right) f_{,t}^2 \right] \xi^2, \end{aligned}$$

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Deviation in 'y'

# From pp-wave to plane wave

A *pp-wave spacetime* is any Lorentzian manifold whose metric tensor can be described, with respect to Brinkmann coordinates, in the form

$$ds^2 = H(u, x, y) du^2 + 2 du dv + dx^2 + dy^2$$

The most important class of particularly symmetric pp-waves are the plane wave spacetimes, which were first studied by Baldwin and Jeffery.

$$H(u, x, y) = a(u) (x^2 - y^2) + 2b(u) xy + c(u) (x^2 + y^2)$$

a,b describe the wave profiles of the two linearly independent polarization modes while c describes the wave profile of any nongravitational radiation

In general relativity, a gravitational plane wave is a special class of a vacuum pp-wave spacetime, and may be defined in terms of Brinkmann coordinates by

$$ds^2 = [a(u)(x^2 - y^2) + 2b(u)xy]du^2 + 2dudv + dx^2 + dy^2$$

## X,Y,Z,t Geodesic Equation :

$$\ddot{t} + \frac{1}{2} \left\{ f_{,t} \dot{t}^2 + 2f_{,z} \dot{t} \dot{z} + f_{,t} \dot{z}^2 + e^{-f} \left[ e^p \dot{x}^2 (1 + p_{,t} t) + e^{-p} \dot{y}^2 (1 - p_{,t} t) \right] \right\} = 0$$

$$\ddot{x} + \dot{x} (\dot{t}/t + p_{,t} \dot{t} + p_{,z} \dot{z}) = 0 ,$$

$$\ddot{y} + \dot{y} (\dot{t}/t - p_{,t} \dot{t} - p_{,z} \dot{z}) = 0 ,$$

$$\ddot{z} + \frac{1}{2} \left[ f_{,z} \dot{z}^2 + 2f_{,t} \dot{t} \dot{z} + f_{,z} \dot{t}^2 + t p_{,z} e^{-f} (-e^p \dot{x}^2 + e^{-p} \dot{y}^2) \right] = 0 ,$$

Back-Up

# Gowdy Spacetime

Choice of  $R=t$  :  $T^3$  model

Choice of  $R=\sin(t)\sin(\theta)$  :  $S^1 \times S^2$  model

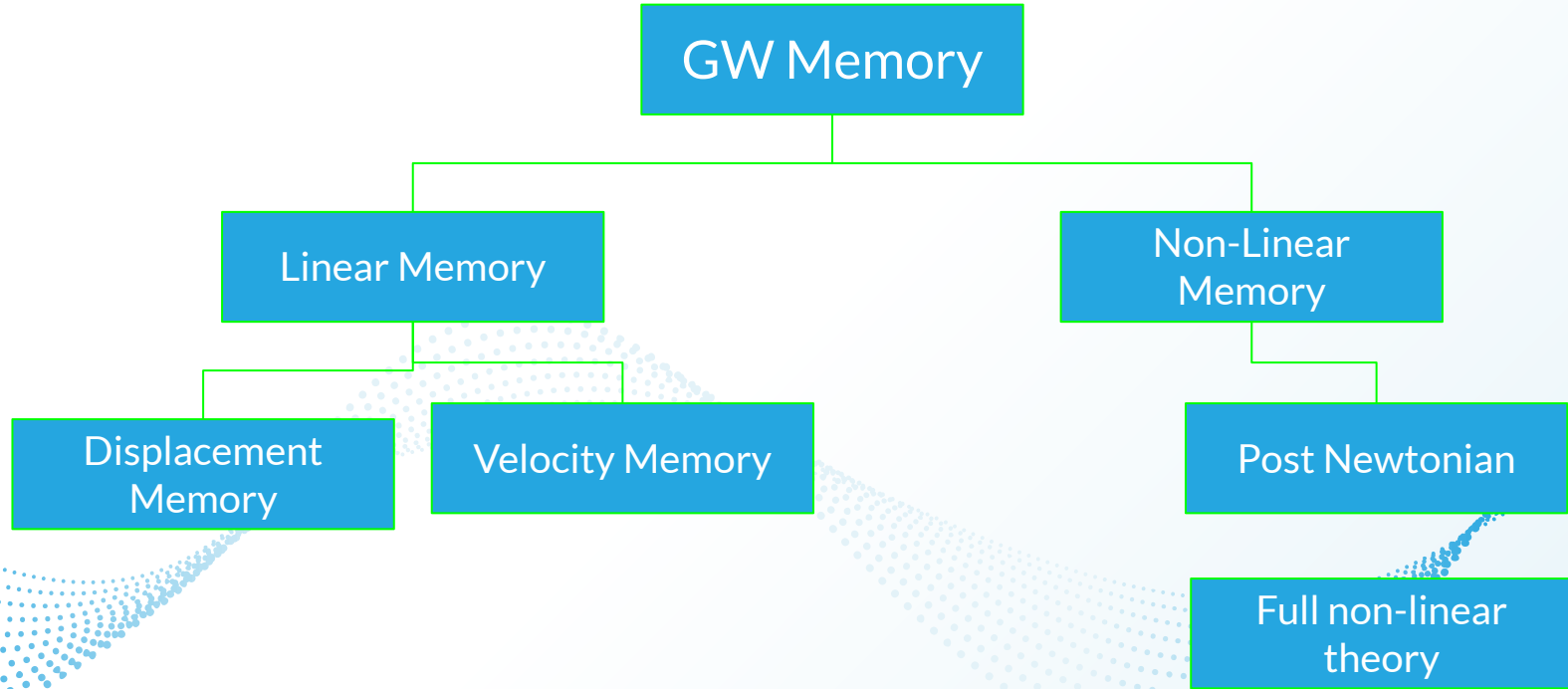
Choice of  $R=t$  :  $S^3$  model

$$ds^2 = L^2 \left\{ e^{2a} (d\theta^2 - dt^2) + R \left[ e^P (d\sigma + Qd\delta)^2 + e^{-P} d\delta^2 \right] \right\}$$

When the function  $Q$  is zero, this system reduces to a linear wave equation for  $P$ . That case is usually referred to as a **Polarized Gowdy spacetime**. Solutions for the polarized case can be constructed at will from well-known functions.

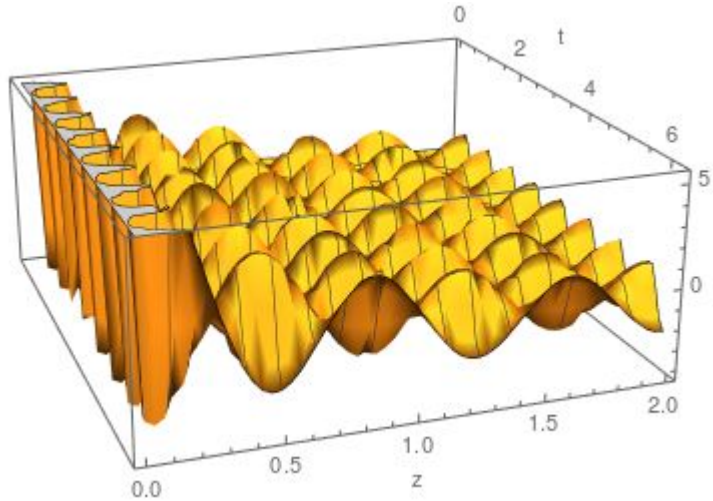
$$\hat{g} = e^f (-dt^2 + dz^2) + t(e^P dx^2 + e^{-P} dy^2)$$

# Types of Gravitational Wave Memory

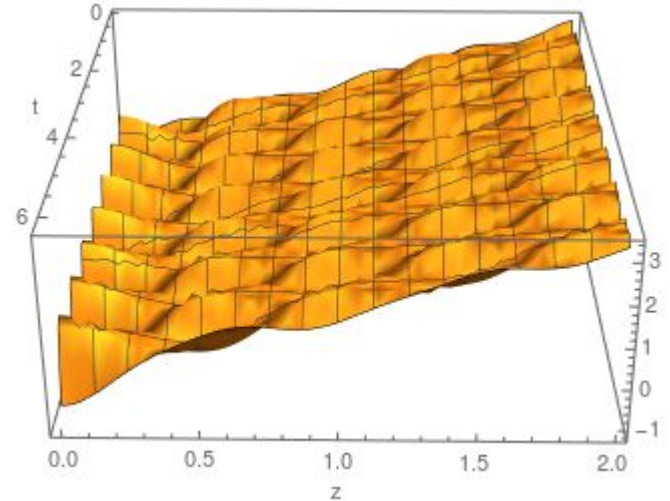


## Back-Up

Plot for 'p' for some  $\beta$  and  $\lambda$



Plot for 'f' for some  $\beta$  and  $\lambda$



- ❖ Model is expanding hence amplitude of wave decreases in time
- ❖ Initial conditions are crucial for Tisserand diagrams

## 2 Standing waves

In the search for a reliable criterion, we propose to define standing waves using Burnett's [11] formulation of the Isaacson high frequency limit [12] in the form generalized to nonvacuum spacetimes by Green and Wald [13].

**Definition 2.1.** Let  $(M, g)$  be a spacetime satisfying vacuum Einstein's equations. We say that  $(M, g)$  contains standing gravitational wave if

- (i) it belongs to a one-parameter family of spacetimes  $(M, g(\lambda))$  satisfying the Green-Wald assumptions [13] [we denote the background spacetime with  $(M, g^{(0)})$ ],
- (ii) the Ricci tensor of the background metric  $g^{(0)}$  is of a Serge type  $[(11)1, 1]$  (in Plebański notation  $[2S_1 - S_2 - T]_{(111)}$ ) with the degenerate eigenvalue equal to zero and remaining eigenvalues 1,  $-1$ .

S. R. Green and R. M. Wald. New framework for analyzing the effects of small scale inhomogeneities in cosmology. Physical Review D, 83:084020, 2011.