



# Gravitational wave propagation in astrophysical plasmas

An MHD approach

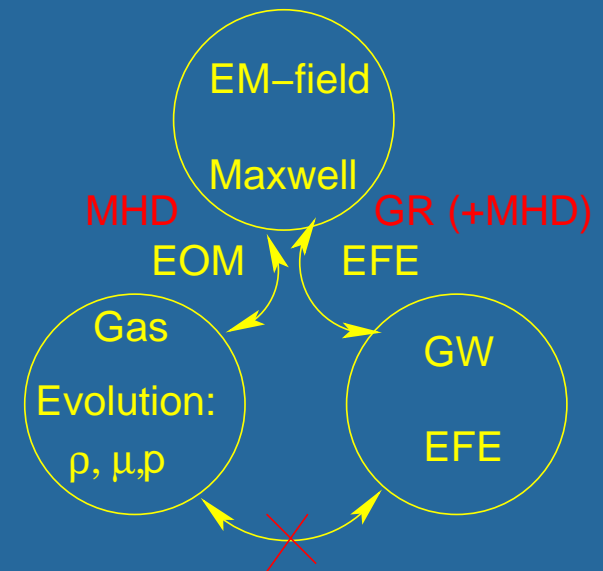
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- ▶ The MHD approximation & assumptions,
- ▼ Derivation of General Relativistic MHD:
  - ★  $3 + 1$  split & proper reference frames,
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  - ★ Thermodynamics  $\Rightarrow$  gas,
  - ★ Cons. laws for matter, energy & momentum,
  - ★ Set-up: Linearized MHD,
  - ★ Note on the coupling  $\text{GW} \leftrightarrow \text{MHD}$ .
- ▼ Wave solutions and their properties:
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  - ★ Alfvén, slow and fast magneto-acoustic modes,
  - ★ Damping of the GW.
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# The MHD approximation

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- ★ **Macroscopic** variables defined as linear combination of 2-fluid vars:

$$\rho \equiv n_e m_e + n_i m_i \quad \text{total mass density}$$

$$\tau \equiv -e(n_e - Zn_i) \quad \text{charge density}$$

$$\mathbf{v} \equiv \frac{1}{\rho}(n_e m_e \mathbf{u}_e + n_i m_i \mathbf{u}_i) \quad \text{center of mass velocity}$$

$$\mathbf{j} \equiv -e(n_e \mathbf{u}_e - Zn_i \mathbf{u}_i) \quad \text{current density}$$

$$p \equiv p_e + p_i \quad \text{total pressure}$$

# Ideal MHD Assumptions

- ▶ Typical length scales  $\gg$  typical internal scales (gyro radius, collision mean free path / Debye length),
- ▶ Charge neutrality  $|n_e - Zn_i| \ll n_e$ ,
- ▶ Small relative velocity  $|\mathbf{u}_e - \mathbf{u}_i| \ll v$ ,
- ▶ Negligible viscosity,
- ▶ Negligible heat flow,
- ▶ Neglect electron skin depth  $c/\omega_{pe} \rightarrow 0$ ,
- ▶ Negligible resistivity  $R_e$  / infinite conductivity  $\Rightarrow$  **vanishing electric field** in rest frame.

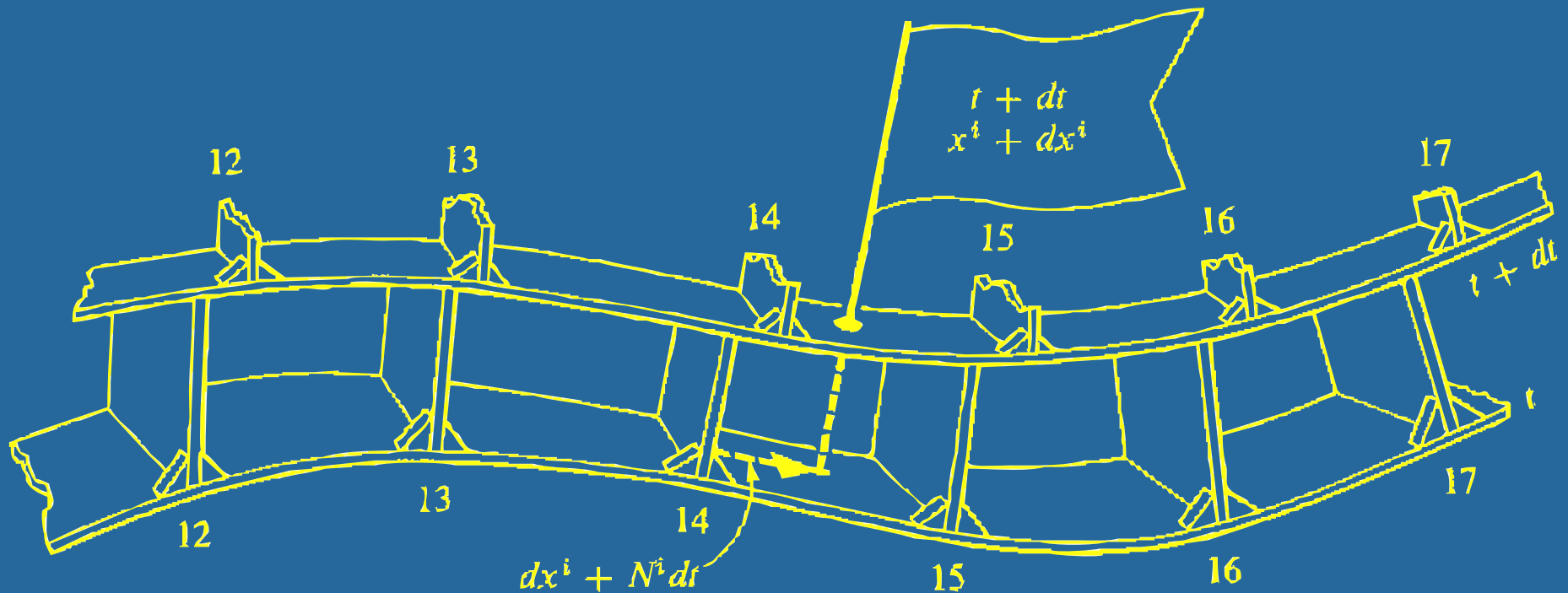


3 + 1 split

&

proper reference frames

# 3 + 1 Space-time split



- ▶ Timelike observer with 4-velocity  $u^\mu$  perceives  $u^\mu$  as **time** axis ( $u^\mu u_\mu = -1$ ).
- ▶ 3D hypersurfaces orthogonal to time axis are snapshots of **space**.
- ▶ ‘Time projection operator’:  $U^\mu_\nu \equiv -u^\mu u_\nu$ ,
- ▶ ‘Space projection operator’:  $H^\mu_\nu \equiv \delta^\mu_\nu + u^\mu u_\nu$ .



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- ▶ Anholonomic = non-coordinate,
- ▶ In tidal field of GW:
- ▶ Basis vectors do not commute:

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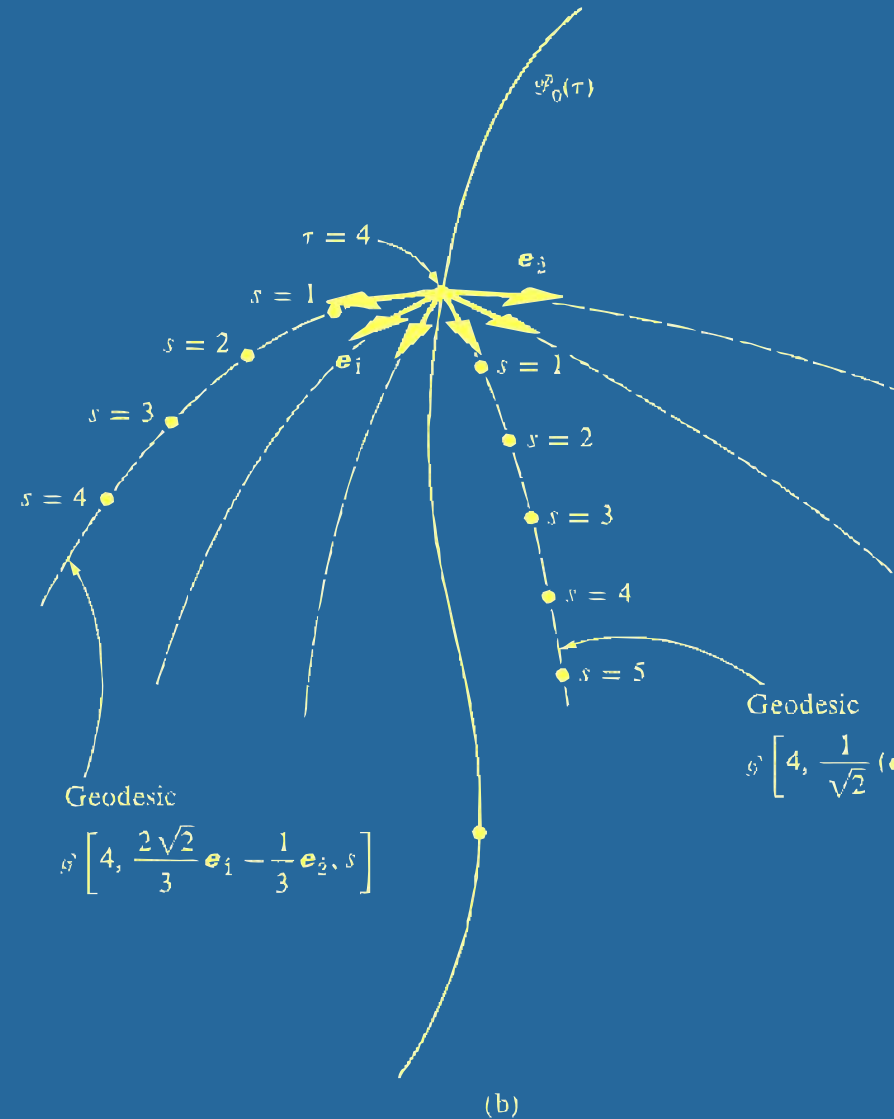
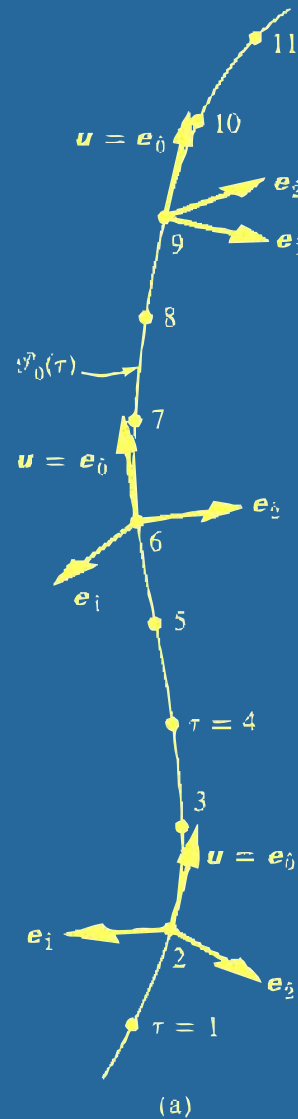
- ▶ ‘Ricci rotation coefficients’.

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# Illustration I: Proper reference frame of accelerated observer

- ▶ Acceleration  $a$  and rotation  $\omega$  of basis,
- ▶ If  $\omega = 0 \Rightarrow$  Fermi-Walker (gyroscope) transport,
- ▶ If also  $a = 0$  FFO, geodesic motion, parallel transport,
- ▶ Coordinate frame with connection coeff:

$$\begin{aligned} \Gamma_{00}^0 &= \Gamma_{000} = 0 \\ \Gamma_{j0}^0 &= -\Gamma_{0j0} = +\Gamma_{j00} \\ &= \Gamma_{00}^j = a^j \\ \Gamma_{k0}^j &= \Gamma_{jk0} = -\omega^i \epsilon_{0ijk} \end{aligned}$$

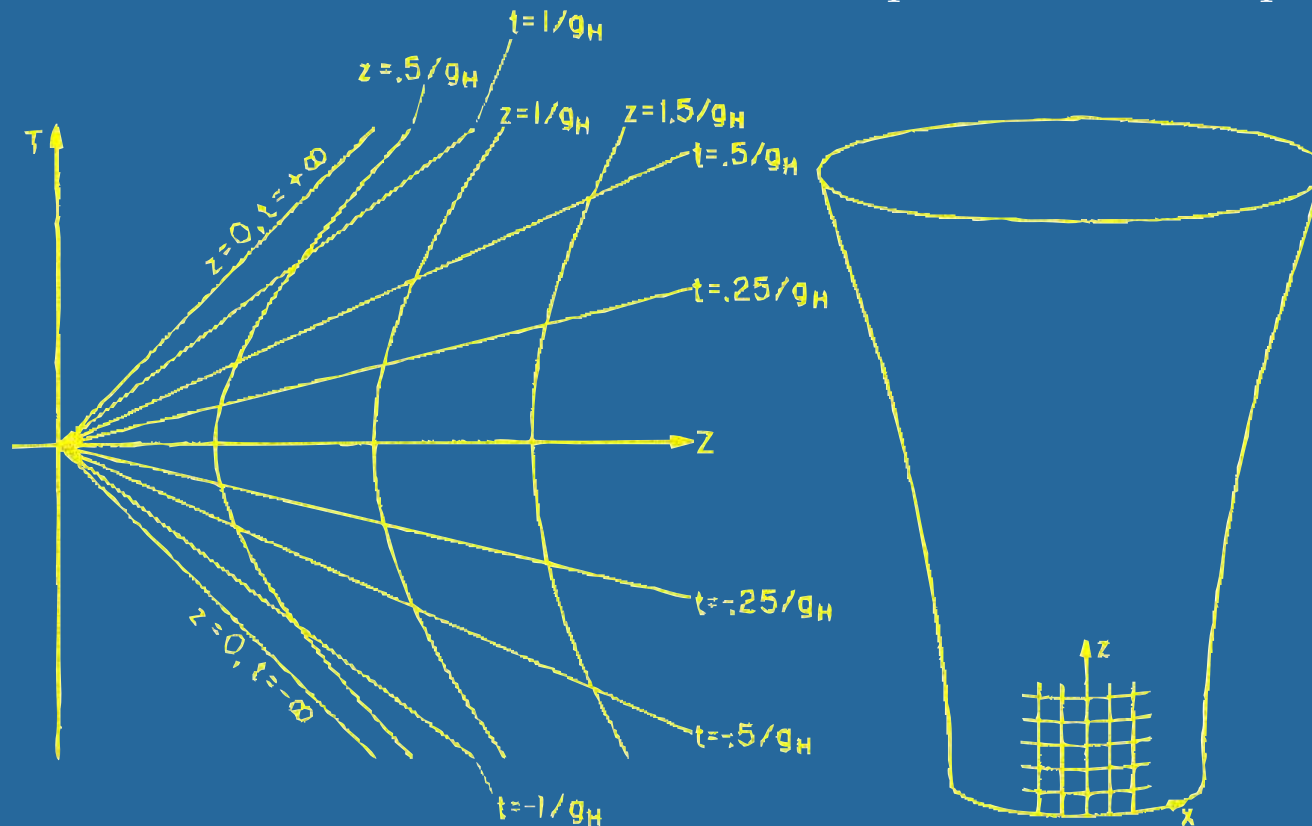


# Illustration II: Rindler coords of FIDO near BH horizon

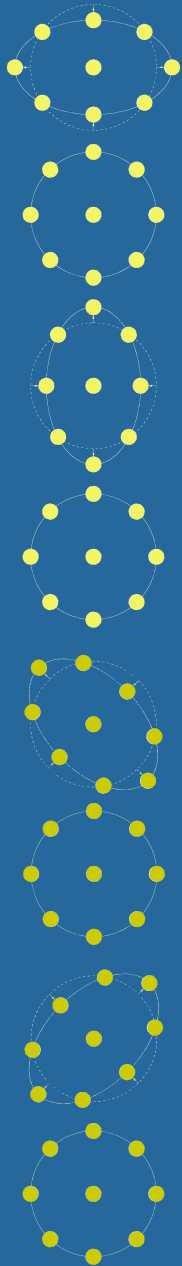
Close to horizon, coords transf:  $x = 2M \left( \theta - \frac{\pi}{2} \right)$ ,  $y = 2M \phi$ ,  $z = 4M \sqrt{1 - \frac{2M}{r}}$  turns Schwarzschild into Rindler geometry = Minkowski:

$$ds^2 = - \left( \frac{z}{4M} \right)^2 dt^2 + (dx^2 + dy^2 + dz^2) \left\{ 1 + \mathcal{O} \left[ \left( \frac{z}{4M} \right)^2, \left( \frac{x}{4M} \right)^2 \right] \right\}$$

$$= -dT^2 + dX^2 + dY^2 + dZ^2 \quad (T = z \sinh \frac{Mt}{4}, Z = z \cosh \frac{Mt}{4}, X = x, Y = y).$$



# Non-coordinate frame in GW tidal field



Metric tuned to TTGW:

$$g_{\mu\nu}^{\text{TT}} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 + h_+(z, t) & h_\times(z, t) & 0 \\ 0 & h_\times(z, t) & 1 - h_+(z, t) & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Observer metric:  $g_{(\mu\nu)} = \eta_{\mu\nu}$  w. r. t. orthonormal basis vectors:

$$e_0 = \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial t}, 0, 0, 0 \right), \quad e_1 = \left( 0, \left[ 1 - \frac{h_+}{2} \right] \frac{\partial}{\partial x}, -\frac{h_\times}{2} \frac{\partial}{\partial y}, 0 \right),$$

$$e_3 = \left( 0, 0, 0, \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \right), \quad e_2 = \left( 0, -\frac{h_\times}{2} \frac{\partial}{\partial x}, \left[ 1 + \frac{h_+}{2} \right] \frac{\partial}{\partial y}, 0 \right)$$

**Covariant derivatives:**  $\nabla_a T_{bc} = e_a T_{bc} - \Gamma_{ba}^d T_{dc} - \Gamma_{ca}^d T_{bd}$ , with:

$$-\Gamma_{[01]1} = \Gamma_{[02]2} = \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial h_+}{\partial t}, \quad -\Gamma_{[31]1} = \Gamma_{[32]2} = \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial h_+}{\partial z},$$

$$-\Gamma_{[01]2} = \Gamma_{[20]1} = \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial h_\times}{\partial t}, \quad -\Gamma_{[32]1} = \Gamma_{[13]2} = \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial h_\times}{\partial z}.$$



# Covariant derivation of MHD

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Maxwell (current density  $j^\mu = [\tau, \mathbf{j}]$ ):

$$\nabla_\nu F^{\mu\nu} = \epsilon^{\mu\nu\alpha} \nabla_\nu B_\alpha = 4\pi j^\mu \quad \Leftarrow \text{Ampère \& Gauss}$$

$$\nabla_\nu \mathcal{F}^{\mu\nu} = \frac{1}{4} \nabla_\nu (B^\mu u^\nu - u^\mu B^\nu) = 0 \quad \Leftarrow \text{Faraday \& no monopoles}$$

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(b) **Adiabatic gas law**:  $p = K\rho^\gamma$  ( $\frac{4}{3} \leq \gamma \leq \frac{5}{3} \neq \Gamma$  Lorentz).

(a + b) Comoving relativistic matter **energy density** of ideal fluid (EOS):

$$\rho(c^2 + U) = \boxed{\mu = \rho c^2 + \frac{p}{\gamma - 1}}$$

► Proper relativistic **sound velocity** is pressure change at constant entropy ( $w = \mu + p$  is enthalpy):

$$\left. \frac{\partial p}{\partial \mu} \right|_{\text{ad}} = \boxed{c_s^2 = \frac{\gamma p}{w}}.$$

# Conservation of particles, energy & momentum

- ▶ Covariant *energy-momentum* tensor for ideal magneto-fluid:

$$T_{\mu\nu} = wu_{\mu}u_{\nu} + pg_{\mu\nu} + \frac{1}{4\pi} \left( F_{\mu}^{\alpha}F_{\nu\alpha} - \frac{1}{4}g_{\mu\nu}F_{\alpha\beta}F^{\alpha\beta} \right)$$

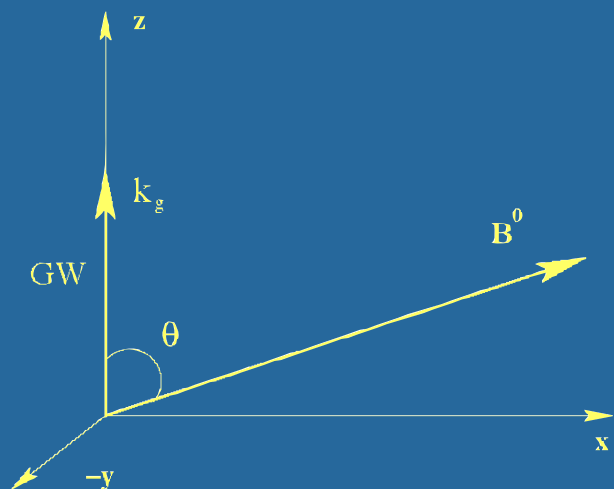
- ▶ **Conservation of energy & momentum:**  $\nabla_{\nu}T^{\mu\nu} = 0$  (because  $\nabla_{\nu}G^{\mu\nu} = 0$ ).
- ▶ Time ( $\mu = 0$ ) and space ( $\mu = 1, 2, 3$ ) projections [ with  $u^{\mu} = (1, \mathbf{v})$ ]:

$$\frac{\partial \mu}{\partial t} + \nabla_e \cdot (w\mathbf{v}) = \mathbf{j} \cdot \mathbf{E} \quad \text{energy}$$

$$\frac{\partial(w\mathbf{v})}{\partial t} + \nabla_e \cdot (w\mathbf{v}\mathbf{v} + p\mathbf{I}) = \tau\mathbf{E} + \mathbf{j} \times \mathbf{B} \quad \text{momentum}$$

- ▶ **Cons. of proper number density**  $n = \frac{\rho}{m_e}$ :  $\nabla_{\mu}(nu^{\mu}) = \frac{1}{m_e} \left[ \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} + \nabla_e \cdot (\rho\mathbf{v}) \right] = 0$ .

# Set-up



- ▶ **Oblique GW propagation** at angle  $\theta$  w. r. t.  $B^0$ ,
- ▶ Choose  $z$ -axis along GW propagation,
- ▶ Choose  $x$ - and  $y$ -axis such that

$$B^0 = (B_x^0, 0, B_z^0) = |B^0|(\sin \theta, 0, \cos \theta),$$

- ▶ In **comoving frame**  $E^0, v^0, \tau^0, j_m^0, h^0 = 0$  &  $\Gamma = 1$ ,
- ▶ **Equilibrium** characterized by  $\mu^0, p^0, \rho^0 \neq 0$  and  $B^0$ .

- ◆ To study plasma properties (stability, wave modes etc.)  $\Rightarrow$  consider **plasma response** to small perturbations  $\Rightarrow$  **linearized MHD equations**.
- ◆ [NB: Metric perturbation (GW) treated on equal footing.]

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GW induced source terms:

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◆ **No coupling to ideal fluid:**  $T_{xy}^{\text{TT}} = T_{yx}^{\text{TT}} = \mathcal{O}[v^1 \propto h]^2$  &  $T_{xx}^{\text{TT}} = T_{yy}^{\text{TT}}$  gauge.

◆ **Back-reaction on GW through EFE:**

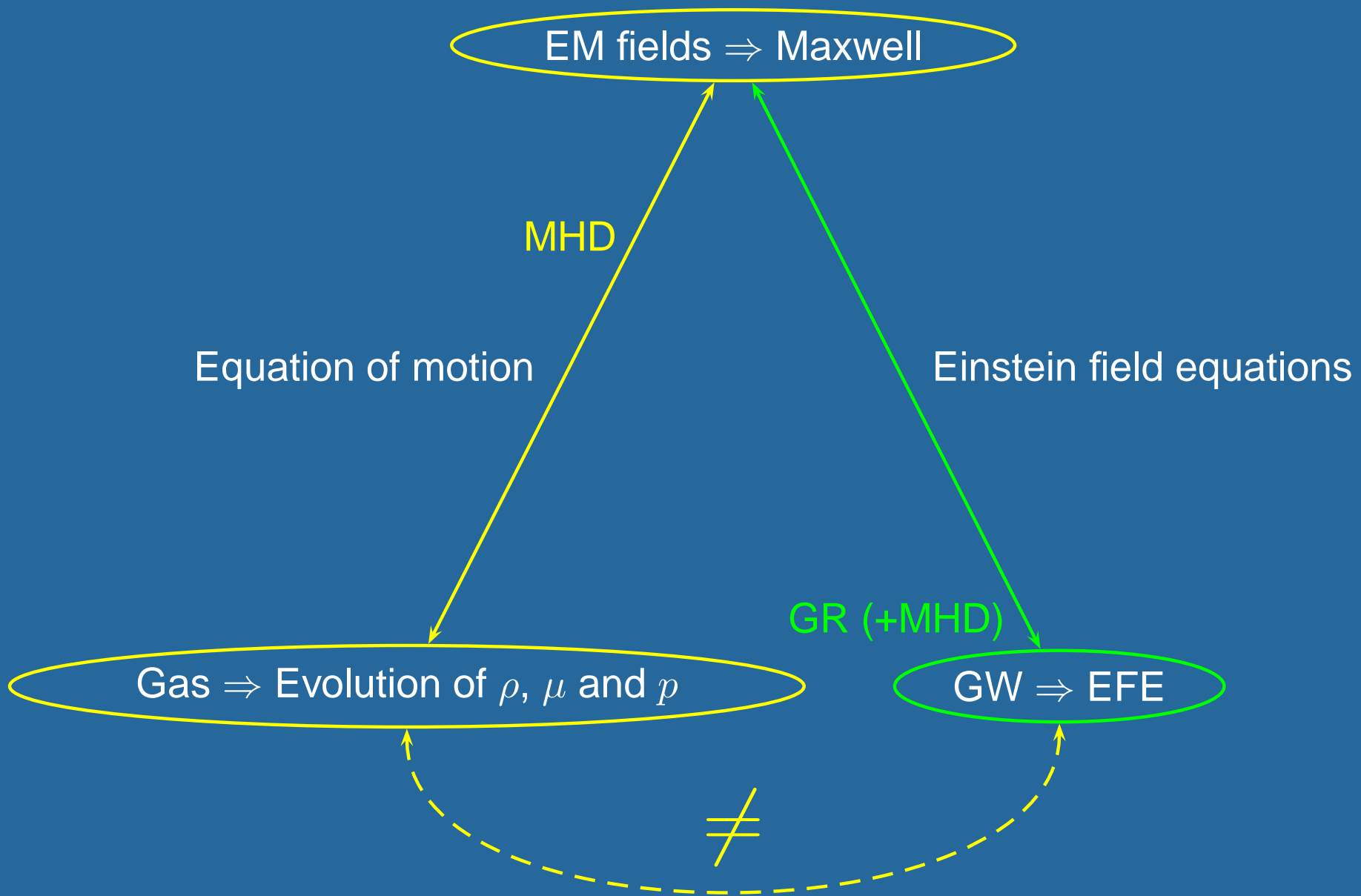
$$\square h_+ = -8\pi(\delta T_{xx} - \delta T_{yy}) = 4B_x^0 B_x^1,$$

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◆ **Cons. of stress-energy independent of GW:**  $\nabla_\nu T_{\text{EM}}^{\mu\nu} = -F^{\mu\nu} j_\nu = 0$ .

◆ **GW couples to EM field** through covariant derivatives in Maxwell.

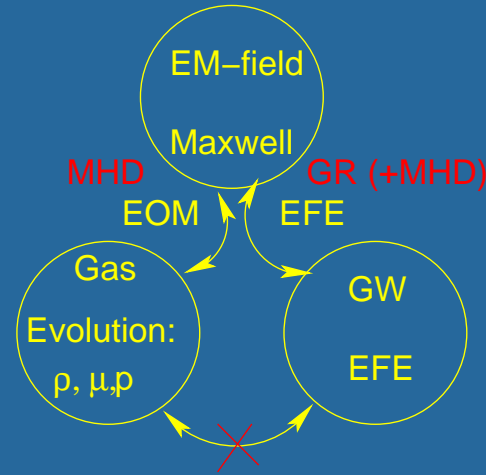
# Schematic Overview



# Summary

## 18 Equations

- (1) Cons. of number density,
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- (1) No monopoles (constraint),
- (3) Faraday's law,
- (3) Ampère's law,
- (3) Ohm's law,
- (3) Cons. of momentum (or EOM),
- (2) Einstein field equations.



## 18 Variables

- (1) number density  $\frac{\rho}{m_e}$ ,
- (1) energy density  $\mu$ ,
- (1) charge density  $\tau$ ,
- (1) pressure  $p$ ,
- (3) current density  $j$ ,
- (3) magnetic field  $B$ ,
- (3) electric field  $E$ ,
- (3) velocity  $v$ ,
- (2) GW  $h_+$  and  $h_\times$ .



# MHD Wave Solutions

# The Wave mode Zoo

## Kinetic

- ▶ Thermal, unmagnetized:
  - ★ Transverse EM,
  - ★ Langmuir,
  - ★ Ion sound,
- ▶ Magnetoionic (cold plasma):
  - ★ Electron cyclo. maser & Low frequency:
    - || (electron / ) ion cyclotron ( $\sim$  Alfvén),
    - $\perp$  (electron / ) ion cyclotron (Bernstein),
    - magnetoacoustic (joins whistler at  $\omega_{LH}$ ),
  - ★ High frequency:
    - Ordinary magnetoionic ( $o$  & whistler),
    - Extraordinary magnetoionic ( $x$  &  $z \sim$  magnetized Langmuir).
- ▶ warm, inhomogeneous plasma, etc ...

## MHD

- ▶ Non-magnetic
  - ★ Sound
- ▶ Magnetic
  - ★ Alfvén
  - ★ Magneto-acoustic
    - slow
    - fast

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Solve boundary value problem **algebraically** with Fourier [ $t \rightarrow \omega$ ] and Laplace [ $z \rightarrow k$ ].



$$D v^1 = J_{\text{GW}}^1; D \text{ is response tensor of plasma.}$$



Symmetric Hyperbolic PDE

3 × 3 Symmetric Matrix representation



# Alfvén, Slow and Fast Magneto-acoustic Modes

$$\begin{pmatrix} \omega^2(1-u_{A\perp}^2)-k^2u_{A\parallel}^2 & 0 & -(\omega^2-k^2)u_{A\parallel}u_{A\perp} \\ 0 & \omega^2-k^2u_{A\parallel}^2 & 0 \\ -(\omega^2-k^2)u_{A\parallel}u_{A\perp} & 0 & \omega^2(1-u_{A\parallel}^2)-k^2(u_m^2-u_{A\parallel}^2) \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} v_x^1 \\ v_y^1 \\ v_z^1 \end{pmatrix} = \frac{i\omega^2u_{A\perp}}{k-\omega} \begin{pmatrix} h_+u_{A\parallel} \\ h_\times u_{A\parallel} \\ -h_+u_{A\perp} \end{pmatrix}$$

Solutions for:  $\Lambda(\omega, k) = (\omega^2 - k^2u_{A\parallel}^2)(\omega^2 - k^2u_f^2)(\omega^2 - k^2u_s^2) = 0$

$$\frac{\omega}{k_A} = \boxed{u_A = \pm k_A u_{A\parallel}} = \pm u_A \cos \theta,$$

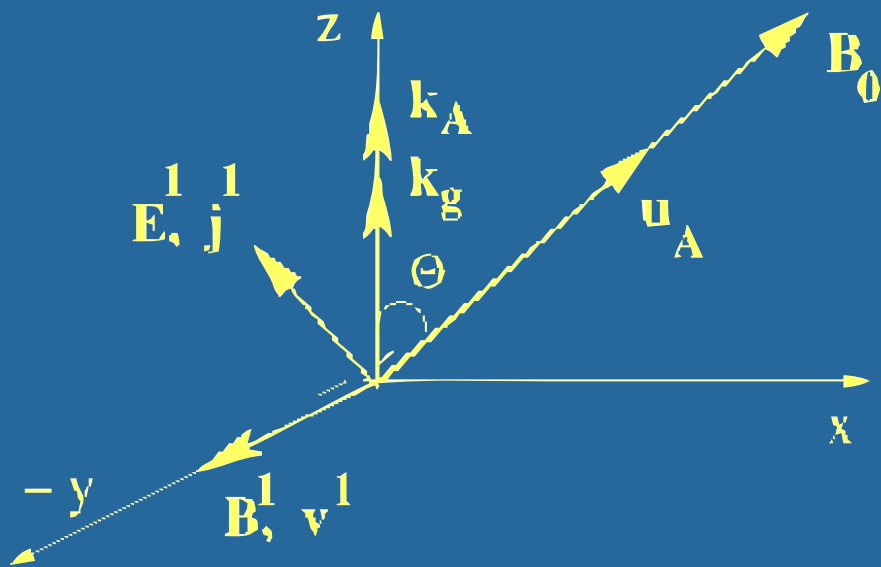
$$\frac{\omega}{k_{s,f}} = \boxed{u_{s,f} = \pm \sqrt{\frac{1}{2}(u_m^2 + c_s^2 u_{A\parallel}^2)} \sqrt{1 \pm \sqrt{(1 - \sigma)}}}; \quad \sigma(\theta) \equiv \frac{4c_s^2 u_{A\parallel}^2}{(u_m^2 + c_s^2 u_{A\parallel}^2)^2}.$$

Inhomogeneous solution:  $v^1 = D^{-1} \mathbf{J}_{\text{GW}}^1 = \frac{\lambda_{ij}(J_{\text{GW}}^1)_j}{\Lambda};$

Unit polarization vectors:  $n_{Mi}(k)n_{Mj}^*(k) = \frac{\lambda_{ij}(\omega, k_M)}{\Lambda(\omega, k_M)}.$

# Alfvén Waves

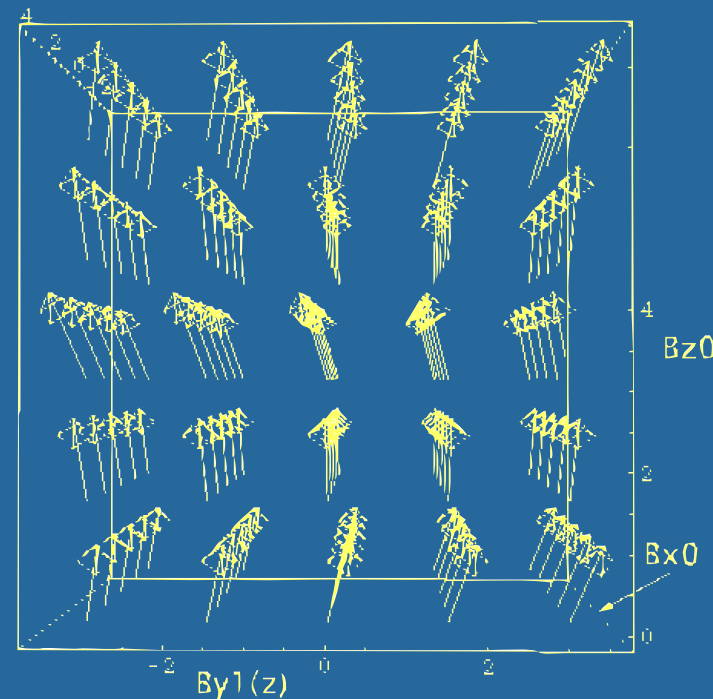
- ▶ Non-compressional shear wave,
- ▶  $E_{\parallel}$  component  $\Rightarrow \tau^1$ ,
- ▶  $\frac{E^1 \times B^0}{|B^0|^2}$  drift velocity along  $B_y^1$ ,
- ▶ current density along  $E^1$ ,
- ▶ excited by  $h_{\times}$ ,



- ▶  $B_y^1 \propto \frac{1}{2} h_{\times} B_x^0$ ; Equiv. to LIGO :

$$y^1 = \frac{1}{2} h_{\times} x^0 - \frac{1}{2} h_{+} y^0,$$

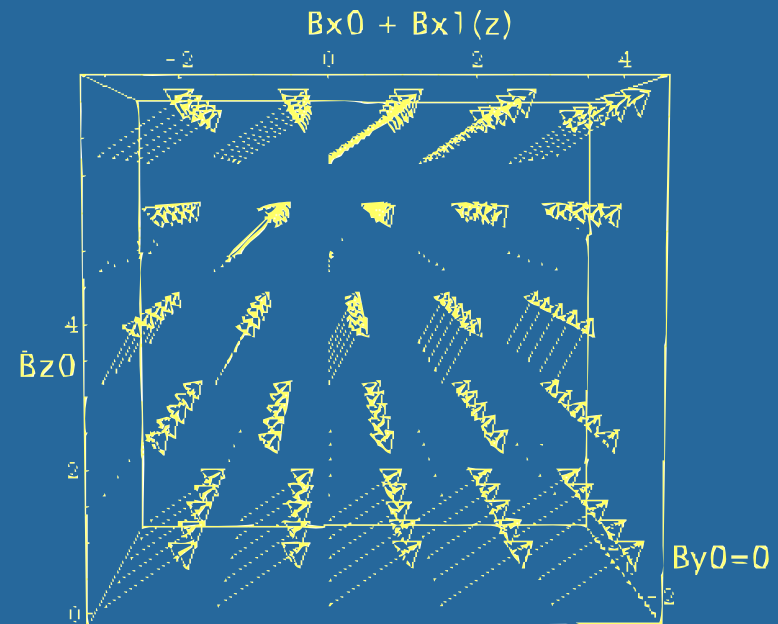
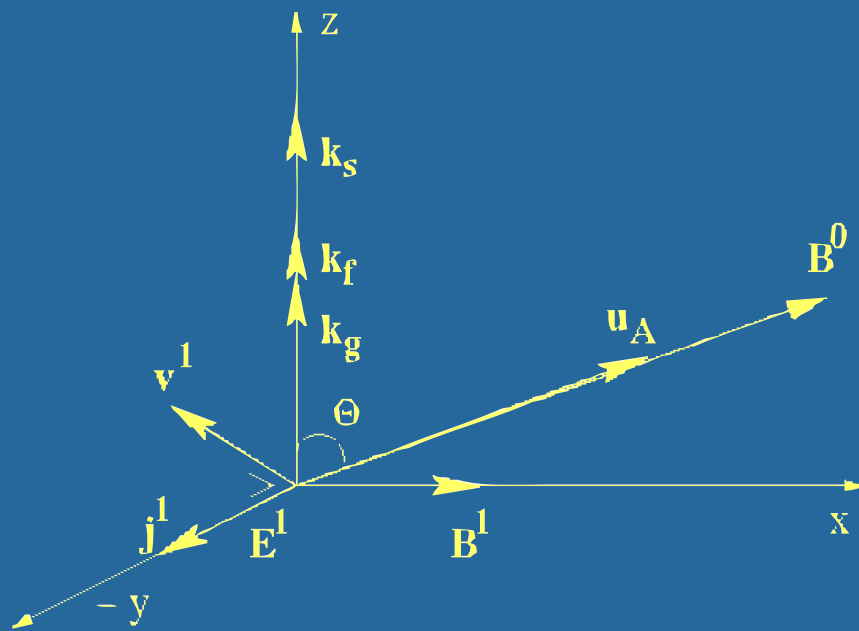
- ▶ amplitude  $\propto \sin \theta$ ;
- ▶ coherent interaction if  $\cos \theta \simeq 1 \dots$



# Magneto-acoustic Waves

- ▶ Compressional waves,
- ▶ gas & electromagnetic properties,
- ▶ perturbations in  $\rho, p, \mu,$
- ▶ drift velocity along GW (& wind),
- ▶ transverse:  $E^1 \perp B^1 \perp k_{g;s,f},$

- ▶ in PFD plasma  $\uparrow$  vacuum EM wave,
- ▶  $B_x^1 \propto \frac{1}{2} h_+ B_x^0$ ; equiv. to  $x^1 = \frac{1}{2} h_+ x^0,$
- ▶ coherent interaction  $\forall \theta;$
- ▶ amplitude  $\propto \sin \theta.$



# Damping of the GW

Most efficient interaction in PFD plasma ( $c_s \ll u_A$ ), where:

$$B_y^1(k, \omega) = \frac{B_x^0 h_\times(k, \omega)}{2} \frac{\omega^2 + k^2 u_{A\parallel}^2}{\omega^2 - k^2 u_{A\parallel}^2}, \quad B_x^1(k, \omega) \simeq \frac{B_x^0 h_+(k, \omega)}{2} \frac{\omega^2 + k^2 u_A^2}{\omega^2 - k^2 u_A^2}.$$

Self-consistent dispersion relations from:

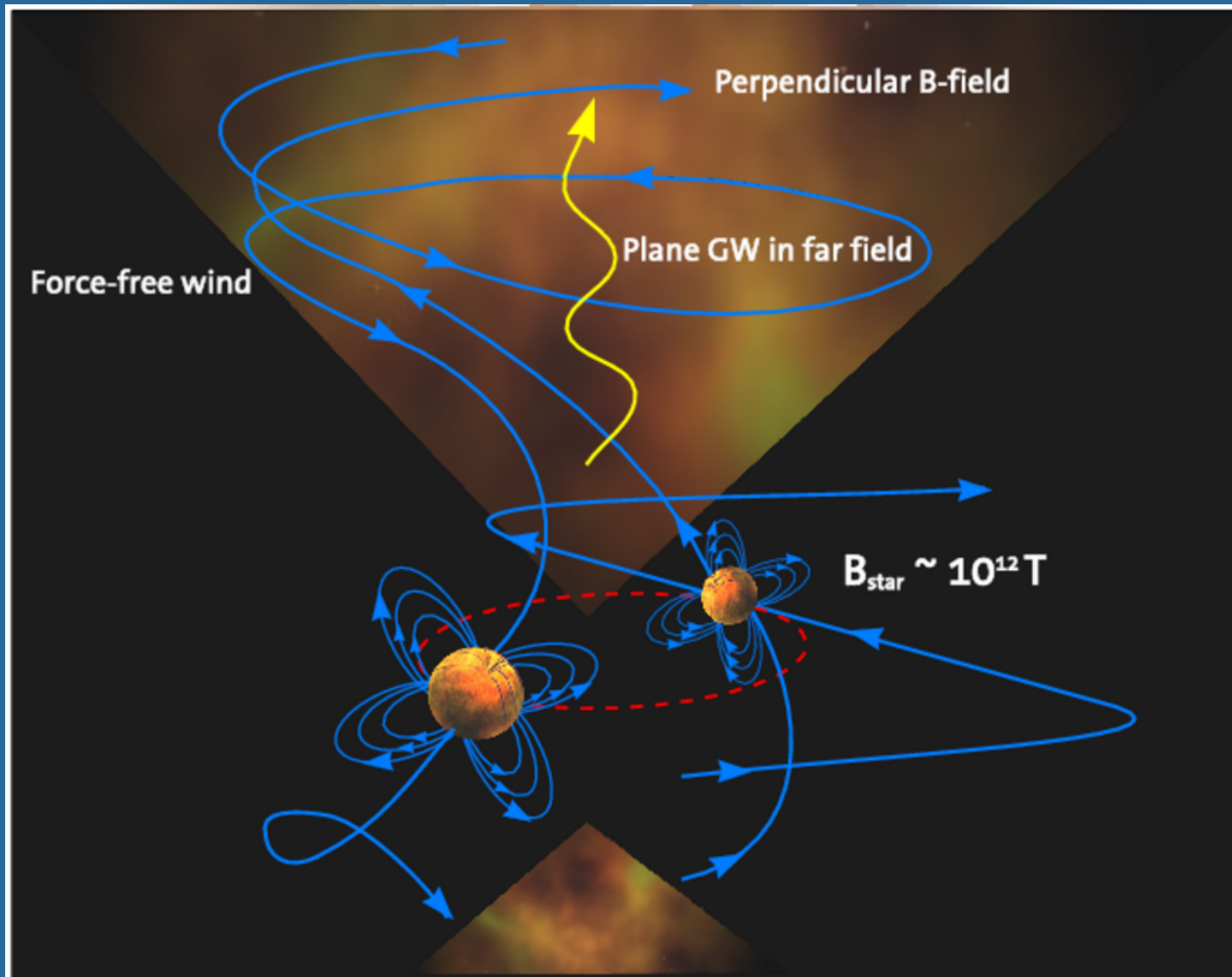
$$\square h_+ = 4B_x^0 B_x^1 \Rightarrow \boxed{\omega^2 - k^2 = 2(B_x^0)^2 \frac{\omega^2 + k^2 u_A^2}{\omega^2 - k^2 u_A^2}}, \quad (\text{same for } h_\times \text{ with } u_A \rightarrow u_{A\parallel})$$

modified GW sol. ( $v_{\text{ph},1} v_{\text{gr},1} = 1$ ) & modified plasma sol. ( $v_{\text{ph},2} v_{\text{gr},2} = u_A^2$ ):

$$\begin{aligned} v_{\text{ph},1}^2 &\simeq 1 + \frac{2(B_x^0)^2}{\omega^2} \frac{1+u_A^2}{1-u_A^2}, & v_{\text{gr},1}^2 &\simeq 1 - \frac{2(B_x^0)^2}{\omega^2} \frac{1+u_A^2}{1-u_A^2} \\ \frac{v_{\text{ph},2}^2}{u_A^2} &\simeq 1 - \frac{(2B_x^0)^2}{\omega^2} \frac{u_A^2}{1-u_A^2}, & \frac{v_{\text{gr},2}^2}{u_A^2} &\simeq 1 + \frac{(2B_x^0)^2}{\omega^2} \frac{u_A^2}{1-u_A^2} \end{aligned}$$

**GW acts as driver** (with  $\omega = kc$ ) when  $\boxed{\frac{8\pi G}{c^2} \frac{(B_x^0)^2}{\mu_0} < \omega(\Delta k)c} = \omega^2 \left( \frac{c}{u_A} - 1 \right).$

# Explicit expressions & Astrophysical Applications



Separate presentation . . .