

# On expectations of detection of gravitational waves originating from core-collapse supernovae

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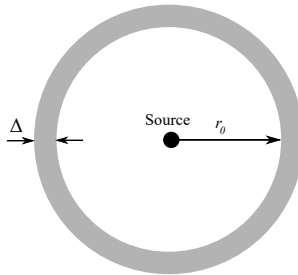
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- The detection of gravitational waves (GWs) from distant events is possible because GWs are usually unaffected by matter, allowing them to traverse cosmological distances without significant attenuation.
- does not mean that GWs do not interact with matter
- travelling through a perfect fluid, GWs do not experience any absorption or dissipation;
- however, passing through a viscous fluid, GWs transfer energy to the fluid

# GW source surrounded by a spherical matter shell

There are astrophysical scenarios which can be regarded as comprising a shell of matter around a GW source. We investigated in what way the GW signal would be affected in these scenarios.



**Figure:** The problem of a GW source which is surrounded by a spherical shell of mass  $M_S$  located between  $r = r_0$  and  $r = r_0 + \Delta$ , ( $r$  is the distance from the source).

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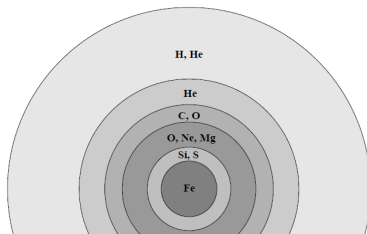
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The progenitor of a SN.



**Figure:** The 'onion-skin' layered concentric shells of nuclear burning remnants for a progenitor of a SN. The density distribution can be described by a power law of radius, going as  $\rho \propto r^{-n}$ , with  $n$  about 1.5 in the immediate layers above the core and increasing up to 3 in the outer layers.

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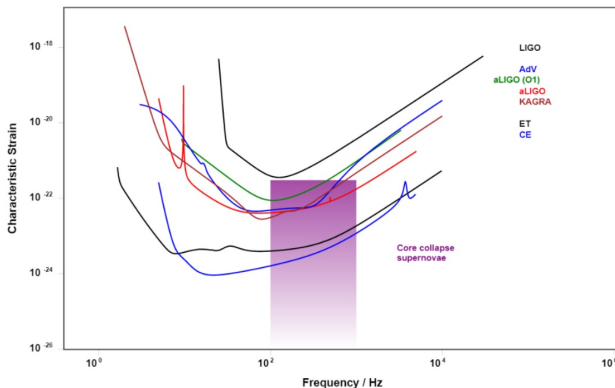
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The GW strain amplitude from a CCSN at 10 kpc is expected to be  $h \sim 10^{-22}$ – $10^{-21}$ , peaking near bounce and modulated by subsequent PNS oscillations. Frequency bands depend strongly on the mass and rotation of the progenitor:

- Bounce signal:  $\sim 500$ – $1000$  Hz, duration  $\sim 10$  ms.
- Convection/SASI:  $\sim 100$ – $300$  Hz, lasting  $\sim 300$  ms.
- PNS  $g$ -mode oscillations:  $\sim 1$ – $2$  kHz.

# Detection of GWs from CCSNe



**Figure:** The signal range for CCSNe and sensitivities for various gravitational wave detectors, past, current and future for a source at 300kpc.

The problem is set up within the Bondi-Sachs formalism for the Einstein equations with coordinates based on outgoing null hypersurfaces [5, 6].

- The null hypersurfaces are labelled by the coordinate  $x^0 = u$ ;
- The angular coordinates are represented by  $x^A$  ( $A = 2, 3$ );
- The surface area radial coordinate is represented by  $x^1 = r$ ;
- The angular coordinates (e.g. spherical polars  $(\theta, \phi)$ ) label the null ray generators of a hypersurface  $u = \text{constant}$ .
- The Bondi-Sachs metric then describes a general spacetime, which may be written as:

$$ds^2 = - \left( e^{2\beta} (1 + W_c r) - r^2 h_{AB} U^A U^B \right) du^2 - 2e^{2\beta} du dr \\ - 2r^2 h_{AB} U^B du dx^A + r^2 h_{AB} dx^A dx^B, \quad (1)$$

where,  $h^{AB} h_{BC} = \delta_C^A$ .

The condition that  $r$  is a surface area coordinate implies  $\det(h_{AB}) = \det(q_{AB})$ .  $q_{AB}$  is a unit sphere metric (e.g.  $d\theta^2 + \sin^2 \theta d\phi^2$ ).

In Minkowski spacetime  $\beta = U^A = 0$ ,  $h_{AB} = q_{AB}$ ,  $W_c = 0$ .

We introduce a complex dyad  $q_A$  (e.g.  $q_A = (1, i \sin \theta)$ ).

Then  $h_{AB}$ ,  $U^A$  can be represented by

$$J = h_{AB} q^A q^B / 2, \quad U = U^A q_A,$$

with  $J \neq 0$  characterizing a deviation from spherical symmetry.

In an appropriate gauge,  $J$  is directly related to the polarization states of a gravitational wave,  $J = h_+ + ih_\times$ .

Defining the rescaled GW strain by  $\mathcal{H}_0 = r(h_+ + ih_\times)$ , we find

$$\mathcal{H}_0 = \Re(H_0 \exp(i\nu u)) {}_2Z_{2,2} \text{ with } H_0 = -2\sqrt{6}\nu^2 C_{40}.$$

$C_{40}$  is determined by the physics, and  $b_0, C_{30}$  are gauge freedoms.

The introduction of a spherical shell around the GW source of mass  $M_S$ , radius  $r_0$  and thickness  $\Delta$  modifies the wave strain to:

$$H = -2\nu^2\sqrt{6}C_{40} \left[ 1 + \frac{2M_S}{r_0} - \frac{2iM_S}{r_0^2\nu} + \frac{iM_S e^{-2ir_0\nu}}{2r_0^2\nu} + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{M_S\delta}{r_0^2}, \frac{M_S}{r_0^3\nu^2}\right) \right]. \quad (2)$$

Each of the terms containing  $M_S$  in Eq. (2) represents a correction to the wave strain in the absence of the shell [1].

- The first correction,  $2M_S/r_0$ , is part of the gravitational red-shift effect, the main consequence of which is a reduction in the frequency; this effect is well-known, and henceforth we will assume that GW waveforms to be considered have allowed for this effect.
- The second correction term,  $iM_S/(\pi r_0^2 f)$ , is out of phase with the leading terms  $1 + 2M_S/r_0$  and hence represents a phase shift of the GW. This term has no effect on the energy of the GW.
- The presence of  $e^{-4\pi i r_0 f}$  in the third correction term describes a change in the magnitude of  $\mathcal{H}$ , as verified in [1] and is due to an incoming wave modifying the geometry near the source and thus the inspiral rate.



GWs are generated by aspherical motions in the inner core, commencing just after the bounce.

The inner core is surrounded by the outer core, treated as a thick matter shell, and we model its modifications to the GW signal.

The shell has an inner radius  $r_{in}$ , an outer radius  $r_{out}$ , and density at  $r = r_{in}$  of  $\rho_0$  with density fall-off  $\rho \propto r^{-1-a}$  with  $1/2 \leq a \leq 2$ . The effect of the whole shell is obtained by decomposing it into thin shells and then integrating.

- We investigated the effect of matter shells in various astrophysical scenarios (BBH, NSBH, CCSNe) which can be regarded as comprising a shell of matter around a GW source, where we investigated in what way the GW signal would be affected,
- Of the cases, the CCSN is that which yielded the largest shell modifications to the GWs, and for which the predictions are most reliable,
- The effects of matter shells are small but measurable if the SNR is sufficiently high,
- As GW observations become more accurate, through both hardware developments and, as time passes, increasing the chance of observing nearby events, these effects will need to be taken into account.

There has been a steady increase within the numerical relativity community of simulations of the evolution of CCSNe and we summarise some of the results of recent efforts in Table 1, giving some of the important parameter values.

| Reference      | $r_i$ [m]                | Frequency [Hz] |
|----------------|--------------------------|----------------|
| Andresen [7]   | $10^4 - 2.8 \times 10^4$ | 100 - 700      |
| Kuroda [8]     | $10^4 - 2 \times 10^4$   | 100 - 671      |
| Yakunin [9]    | $10^4 - 2 \times 10^4$   | 200 - 600      |
| Powell [10]    | $10^4$                   | 800 - 1000     |
| Shibagaki [11] | $10^4$                   | 200 - 800      |

Table: Parameter values from various references

# The damping effect on GWs emanating from CCSNe

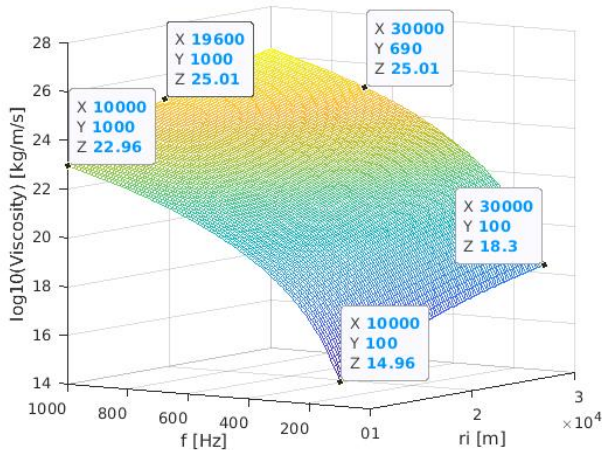


Figure: Viscous damping in CCSNe

# The damping effect on GWs emanating from CCSNe (cont...)

- The figure plots the inner radius of the shell ( $r_i$ ) on the x-axis (in m), the GW frequency ( $f$ ) on the y-axis (in Hz), and  $\log_{10}(\eta)$  on the z-axis, with  $\eta$  in kg/m/s,
- The surface plotted has damping factor 0.5, i.e.  $H(r_o)/H(r_i) = 0.5$ ,
- Some points on the surface are labelled with their coordinate values, indicating which parts of the surface have  $\eta > 10^{25}$  kg/m/s,
- Values of  $\eta$  a little above the surface would lead to (almost) complete damping, and those a little below would lead to (almost) no damping,
- The figure shows that, except in the case that both  $f$  and  $r_i$  are towards the top of their ranges, GW viscous damping is expected to be significant.

- Extending to shell of viscous fluid : interaction may be astrophysically important when the distance between the matter and GW source is somewhat smaller than the GW wavelength.
- Further extension the considers damping contributing to the heating of the shell
- Early work mainly considered perturbations on a Minkowski background, but this background does not allow for the GW sources having strong gravitational fields.
- results are extended to the case that the background is a general, non-vacuum, static, spherically symmetric spacetime.
- Expressions are obtained for GW damping and the consequent heating of the fluid, and implemented in computer code.
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We obtain a formula for the rate of energy transfer from GWs to the fluid for a shell of radius  $\delta r$

$$\dot{E} = \frac{16\pi\eta G}{c^3} \delta r f_E, \quad (3)$$

where the quantity  $f_E$  is evaluated numerically. In the case that the background is Minkowski,  $f_E$  has a simple form denoted by  $f_{E,M}$

$$f_{E,M} = 1 + \frac{\lambda^2}{2\pi^2 r^2} + \frac{9\lambda^4}{16\pi^4 r^4} + \frac{45\lambda^6}{64\pi^6 r^6} + \frac{315\lambda^8}{256\pi^8 r^8}. \quad (4)$$

The GW damping effect is expressed as

$$H_o = H_i \exp \left( -\frac{8\pi G \eta}{c^3} \int_{r_i}^{r_o} f_E(r) dr \right), \quad (5)$$

where  $\eta$  is the dynamical shear viscosity, and  $H_o, H_i$  are the rescaled gravitational wave strains at  $r_o, r_i$  respectively; i.e.  $r(h_+ + ih_\times) = H\Re(e^{i\nu u})_2 Z_{2,2}$ .

The heating effect on a Minkowski background is described in [?, ?]. In the case that it is appropriate to average over the spherical shell

$$\Delta T = \frac{2G\eta\Delta E_{GW}f_E}{C\rho c^3 r^2}, \quad (6)$$

where  $\Delta E_{GW}$  is the energy transported through the shell in a given time-interval,  $C$  is the specific heat of the matter in the shell and  $\rho$  is its density. The above formula applies when the thermal diffusivity is high, or when there is no information about the orientation of the GW source.

# Approximate structural parameters of a proto-neutron star and its thin outer shell

| Region               | Radius (km) | Mass ( $M_{\odot}$ ) | Density ( $\text{kg m}^{-3}$ ) |
|----------------------|-------------|----------------------|--------------------------------|
| Inner core           | 10–15       | 0.5–0.7              | $(2\text{--}3) \times 10^{17}$ |
| Outer shell (mantle) | 30–50       | 0.1–0.3              | $(1\text{--}5) \times 10^{15}$ |

**Table:** Approximate structural parameters of a proto-neutron star and its thin outer shell.



We evaluate Eqs. (8) and (9) using the parameters values in Table 2 and with the following considerations:

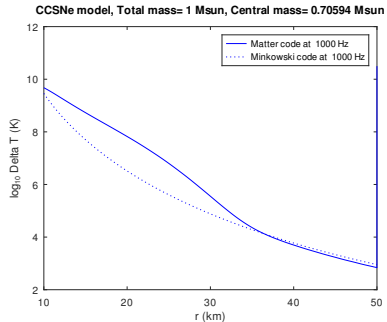
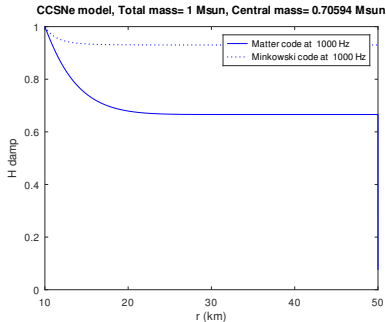
- the frequency varies over 100 – 1000 kHz
- viscosity over  $10^{24}$ – $10^{30}$   $\text{kg m}^{-1} \text{s}^{-1}$
- total mass is  $1M_{\odot}$
- core mass is  $0.5M_{\odot}$
- core radius is 10km
- GW damping factor is reported at the outer boundary
- maximum temperature rise at the inner boundary

The results are summarized in Table ?? . For backgrounds with high values of viscosity and frequency, stronger damping and correspondingly larger heating is experienced than the Minkowski background. In Fig. 5, for example, taking  $\eta = 10^{24} \text{kg m}^{-1} \text{s}^{-1}$ , we consider  $\nu = 100$  Hz and  $\nu = 1$  kHz, the damping factor at the outer boundary and the temperature rise at the inner boundary are as shown.

## Outer-boundary damping and maximum inner-boundary temperature rise for the CCSNe models

| $\eta$             | Frequency              | Model          | $H_{\text{damp}}$ (outer) | $\Delta T_{\text{max}}$ (inner) |
|--------------------|------------------------|----------------|---------------------------|---------------------------------|
| $4 \times 10^{24}$ | $\nu = 100 \text{ Hz}$ | Matter code    | $< 10^{-3}$               | $3.6056 \times 10^{25}$         |
|                    |                        | Minkowski code | $< 10^{-3}$               | $1.7701 \times 10^{25}$         |
|                    | $\nu = 1 \text{ kHz}$  | Matter code    | $< 10^{-3}$               | $2.1173 \times 10^{17}$         |
|                    |                        | Minkowski code | $< 10^{-3}$               | $1.7783 \times 10^{17}$         |
| $4 \times 10^{26}$ | $\nu = 100 \text{ Hz}$ | Matter code    | $< 10^{-3}$               | $3.6056 \times 10^{27}$         |
|                    |                        | Minkowski code | $< 10^{-3}$               | $1.7701 \times 10^{27}$         |
|                    | $\nu = 1 \text{ kHz}$  | Matter code    | $< 10^{-3}$               | $2.1173 \times 10^{19}$         |
|                    |                        | Minkowski code | $< 10^{-3}$               | $1.7620 \times 10^{19}$         |
| $4 \times 10^{30}$ | $\nu = 100 \text{ Hz}$ | Matter code    | $< 10^{-3}$               | $3.6056 \times 10^{29}$         |
|                    |                        | Minkowski code | $< 10^{-3}$               | $1.7701 \times 10^{29}$         |
|                    | $\nu = 1 \text{ kHz}$  | Matter code    | $< 10^{-3}$               | $2.1173 \times 10^{21}$         |
|                    |                        | Minkowski code | $< 10^{-3}$               | $1.7783 \times 10^{21}$         |

Table: The table showing the outer-boundary damping and maximum inner-boundary temperature rise for the CCSNe models.



**Figure:** H damp (left) and  $\log_{10}(\Delta T)$  (K) (right) plotted against distance (km) for the CCSN model.

- Changes to both phase and magnitude occur when GWs pass through a shell of matter, and these changes are large enough to be measurable in a GW signal from a close-by source,
- The effect of viscosity on GW propagation was calculated using energy considerations, and the known result for a viscous shell was recovered when  $\lambda \ll r_i$ ,
- However, when  $\lambda \gg r_i$ , it was found that viscous damping of GWs can be a significant effect.
- A number of CCSNe models have been proposed, and it was found that in many cases significant viscous damping of GWs was predicted,
- GW generation in CCSNe involves a number of different physical processes, each with GW output at a different frequency. It may be that a GW observation of a CCSNe event would see only the higher frequencies, with the lower ones completely damped out.
- for GW signals completely damped, heating may be such that a gamma-ray burst occurs.

The code is available on:

<https://arxiv.org/src/1912.08289v2/anc>

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