Gravitational waves from first-order phase transitions: some developments in ultra-supercooled transitions

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Introduction

GRAVITATIONAL WAVES: PROBETO THE EARLY UNIVERSE

Gravitational waves

Transverse-traceless part of the metric

 $ds^2 = -dt^2 + a^2(\delta_{ij} + h_{ij})dx^i dx^j$

 $\Box h_{ii} \sim GT_{ii}$

sourced by the energy-momsntum tensor

GW detections by LIGO & Virgo have been exciting us



LIGO & Virgo: O1 & O2 Events



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FROM ASTROPHYSICAL TO COSMOLOGICAL GWS



FIRST-ORDER PHASE TRANSITION & GWS

Rough sketch of 1st-order phase transition & GW production

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FIRST-ORDER PHASETRANSITION & GWS

IO⁻³~ IHz GWs correpond to electroweak physics and beyond



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BUBBLE DYNAMICS BEFORE COLLISION

"Pressure vs. friction" determines behavior of bubbles



- Two main players : scalar field and plasma
- Walls want to expand ("pressure")

Parametrized by $\alpha \equiv \frac{\rho_{\text{vac}}}{\rho_{\text{vac}}}$ [Several definitions exist... see e.g. $\rho_{\rm plasma}$

Giese, Konstandin, van de Vis '20]

- Walls are pushed back by plasma ("friction")

Parametrized by coupling η btwn. scalar and plasma

- Let's see how bubbles behave for different α

(with fixed coupling η)

BUBBLE DYNAMICS BEFORE COLLISION



[Espinosa, Konstandin, No, Servant '10]



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PARAMETERS CHARACTERIZING THE TRANSITION

	Definition	Properties
α	$ ho_{ m vac}/ ho_{ m plasma}$	Strength of the transition
β	Bubble nucleation rate Taylor-expanded around the transition time t_* $\Gamma(t) \propto e^{\beta(t-t_*)}$	Bubbles collide $\Delta t \sim 1/\beta$ after nucleation $\boxed{\bigcirc} \bigcirc \bigtriangleup \Delta t \qquad \qquad$
V _w	Wall velocity	Determined by the balance btwn. pressure & friction
T_*	Transition temperature	

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GWs \Box h_{ij} \sim T_{ij}
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Turbulence develops



- Nonlinear effects becomes important at late times

"turbulence"

SOURCES OF GWS IN FIRST-ORDER PHASE TRANSITION

Time evolution of the system

Bubble nucleation & expansion \rightarrow Collision \rightarrow Sound waves \rightarrow Turbulence

Resulting GW spectrum is classified accordingly: [Caprini

[Caprini et al. 1512.06239]

$$\Omega_{\rm GW} = \Omega_{\rm GW}^{\rm (coll)} + \Omega_{\rm GW}^{\rm (sw)} + \Omega_{\rm GW}^{\rm (turb)}$$

• Typically $\Omega_{GW}^{(sw)}$ is the largest, partly because of different parameter dependence: $\Omega_{GW}^{(coll)}$ (from scalar walls) $\propto \left(\frac{\alpha}{1+\alpha}\right)^2 \left(\frac{\beta}{H_*}\right)^{-2}$ $\Omega_{GW}^{(sw)}$ (from fluid shells) $\propto \left(\frac{\alpha}{1+\alpha}\right)^2 \left(\frac{\beta}{H_*}\right)^{-1}$ $Mote: \frac{\beta}{H_*} \sim 10^{1-5} \gg 1$

GW ENHANCEMENT BY SOUND WAVES



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GWS FROM THIN SOUCE (A BIT OF ADVERTISEMENT)

• GW production from thin source is strictly calculable [RJ & Takimoto 1707.03111]



- Cosmic expansion neglected
- Bubbles nucleate with rate Γ (Typically $\Gamma \propto e^{\beta t}$ in thermal transitions)
- Bubbles are approximated to be thin

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- Shells become more and more energetic $T_{ij} \propto$ (bubble radius)

- They lose energy & momentum after first collision $T_{ij} = T_{ij}$ @ collision × $\frac{(\text{bubble radius @ collision})^2}{(\text{bubble radius})^2}$

× (arbitrary damping func. D)

• GW production from thin source is strictly calculable [RJ & Takimoto 1707.03111]

$$\rho_{\rm GW}(k) \propto \Delta^{(s)} + \Delta^{(d)}$$

$$\begin{split} \Delta^{(s)} &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dt_x \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dt_y \int_{v|t_{x,y}|}^{\infty} dr \int_{-\infty}^{t_{\max}} dt_n \int_{t_n}^{t_x} dt_{xi} \int_{t_n}^{t_y} dt_{yi} \\ & \frac{k^3}{3} \begin{bmatrix} e^{-I(x_i,y_i)} \ \Gamma(t_n) \ \frac{r}{r_{xn}^{(s)} r_{yn}^{(s)}} \\ & \times \left[j_0(kr) \mathcal{K}_0(n_{xn\times}, n_{yn\times}) + \frac{j_1(kr)}{kr} \mathcal{K}_1(n_{xn\times}, n_{yn\times}) + \frac{j_2(kr)}{(kr)^2} \mathcal{K}_2(n_{xn\times}, n_{yn\times}) \right] \\ & \times \partial_{txi} \left[r_B(t_{xi}, t_n)^3 D(t_x, t_{xi}) \right] \partial_{tyi} \left[r_B(t_{yi}, t_n)^3 D(t_y, t_{yi}) \right] \cos(kt_{x,y}) \end{split}$$

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ULTRA-SUPERCOOLED TRANSITIONS

- $\alpha \gg 1$ occurs in a certain class of models [e.g. Randall & Servant '07, Konstandin & Servant '11, ...]
 - Thermal trap persists even at low temperatures $\rightarrow \alpha \gg 1$
 - These models also give small β/H_* (i.e. large bubbles)



So, at least naively, large amplitude of GWs is expected

$$\Omega_{\rm GW}^{\rm (sw)} \propto \left(\frac{\alpha}{1+\alpha}\right)^2 \left(\frac{\beta}{H_*}\right)^{-1}$$

However, the story is not so simple...

BUBBLE EXPANSION IN ULTRA-SUPERCOOLED TRANSITIONS



ENERGY LOCALIZATION IN ULTRA-SUPERCOOLED TRANSITIONS

Fluid energy sharply localizes around bubble wall as α increases



- In realistic ultra-supercooled transitions, $lpha\,$ is much larger, e.g. $lpha\,$ $\sim 10^{10}$

- As a result, huge hierarchy appears between bubble size and energy localization

→ Hard to simulate fluid dynamics after bubble collisions numerically

GW ENHANCEMENT CONDITION BY SOUND WAVES

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SUMMARY OF MOTIVATION

- Ultra-supercooled transitions ($\alpha \gg 1$) occur in some class of models, and they are theoretically and also observationally interesting
- Does GW enhancement by sound waves occur in these transitions?
 More precisely: When does the energy localization break up and shell overlap start?
- Numerically difficult to study because of hierarchy in scales

What can we do?

REDUCING THE PROBLEM

Let's devide the problem into small pieces:



(1) propagation of relativistic fluid

(2) collision of relativistic fluid

Even propagation is nontrivial due to nonlinearity in fluid equation.

We study propagation effects.

STRATEGY

• Our strategy:

(1) Develop an effective description of fluid propagation valid in highly relativistic regime

(2) Check the description against simulation in mildly-relativistic regime

(3) Study implications of the effective description to GW production



(or simply the strength of transition lpha)

STRATEGY

The setup we study



Fluid profile just before collision: calculated from [Espinosa, Konstandin, No, Servant '10]
 Assumption: the first fluid collision does not change the profile significantly
 Fluid profile just after collision: our interest is in the time evolution from here



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- Strong shocks (i.e. discontinuities) persist during propagation



- Can we construct an effective description?
 - From the viewpoint of GW production, we are interested only in PEAKS, not TAILS
 - Can we describe the time evolution of peak-related quantities?
 - I) Shock velocity: v_s
 - 2) Peak values: ρ_{peak} , v_{peak} (equivalently ρ_{peak} , γ_{peak}^2)
 - 3) Derivatives at the peak:

$$\frac{d\rho_{\text{peak}}}{dr}, \frac{dv_{\text{peak}}}{dr}$$
 @ peak



- We would like to construct a closed system for these quantities

- Closed system for 5 quantities γ_s^2 , ρ_{peak} , γ_{peak}^2 , $\frac{d\rho_{\text{peak}}}{dr}$, $\frac{d\gamma_{\text{peak}}^2}{dr}$
 - Rankine-Hugoniot conditions across the shock : 2 constraints
 (corresponding to energy and momentum conservation across the shock)

$$p_{\text{peak}} = \frac{p_0 + \rho_0 v_{\text{peak}} v_s}{1 - v_{\text{peak}} v_s}, \quad v_s = \frac{(p_{\text{peak}} + \rho_{\text{peak}}) v_{\text{peak}}}{p_{\text{peak}} v_{\text{peak}}^2 + \rho_{\text{peak}} - \rho_0 (1 - v_{\text{peak}}^2)}$$

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Advanced note

Easily derived from the conservation of Riemann invariants along C_+ & C_-

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$$\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\partial_t \ln \rho_{\text{peak}} + \partial_t \ln \gamma_{\text{peak}}^2 = -\frac{2\sqrt{3}-3}{4}\frac{1}{\gamma_{\text{peak}}^2} \left[\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\ln\rho' + \ln\gamma^{2'}\right] - \frac{(\sqrt{3}-1)(d-1)}{t}$$
$$-\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\partial_t \ln \rho_{\text{peak}} + \partial_t \ln\gamma_{\text{peak}}^2 = \frac{2\sqrt{3}+3}{4}\frac{1}{\gamma_{\text{peak}}^2} \left[-\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\ln\rho' + \ln\gamma^{2'}\right] + \frac{(\sqrt{3}+1)(d-1)}{t}$$

- The last equation?
 - So far, less equations (4 eqs.) than the number of quantities (5 quantities)
 - This is natural:
 - the original system has infinite # of dof (i.e. # of spatial grids),
 - so the system cannot be described strictly by finite number of dof
 - So, the last equality to close the system should be APPROXIMATE at best

- The last equation: energy domination by the peak
 - Any relation like "(peak T^{00}) × (thickness of the peak) = const." will work
 - In our parametrization, it will be like $\rho_{\text{peak}} \gamma_{\text{peak}}^2 \times \frac{1}{d \ln \rho_{\text{peak}}/dr}$ or $d \ln \gamma_{\text{peak}}^2/dr = \text{const}$.
 - As an example, approximating ρ_{peak} and γ_{peak} to be exponential in r, we have

$$\sigma \simeq \begin{cases} 1\\t\\t^2 \end{cases} \times \int dr \ \frac{4}{3}\rho\gamma^2 = \begin{cases} 1\\t\\t^2 \end{cases} \times \frac{4}{3} \ \frac{\rho_{\text{peak}}\gamma_{\text{peak}}^2}{\ln\rho' + \ln\gamma^{2'}} \quad \text{for} \quad \begin{cases} d=1\\d=2\\d=3 \end{cases}$$

<u>Note</u> d = 1,2,3 corresponds to planar, cylindical, spherical

THEORY PREDICTION

• The resulting system can be solved analytically ($\delta = 10/13$)

I) Shock velocity:

$$\frac{1}{\gamma_s^2(t)} = \frac{8}{87} \left(\frac{\rho_0}{\sigma}\right) \left[t^3 - \left(\frac{t}{t_c}\right)^{\delta} t_c^3 \right] + \frac{1}{\gamma_s^2(t_c)} \left(\frac{t}{t_c}\right)^{\delta},$$

2) Peak values:

$$\frac{\rho_0}{\rho_{\text{peak}}(t)} = \frac{1}{29} \left(\frac{\rho_0}{\sigma}\right) \left[t^3 - \left(\frac{t}{t_c}\right)^{\delta} t_c^3\right] + \frac{\rho_0}{\rho_{\text{peak}}(t_c)} \left(\frac{t}{t_c}\right)^{\delta},$$
$$\frac{1}{\gamma_{\text{peak}}^2(t)} = \frac{16}{87} \left(\frac{\rho_0}{\sigma}\right) \left[t^3 - \left(\frac{t}{t_c}\right)^{\delta} t_c^3\right] + \frac{1}{\gamma_{\text{peak}}^2(t_c)} \left(\frac{t}{t_c}\right)^{\delta},$$

$$\ln \rho'(t) = \frac{448}{117} \left(\frac{\rho_0}{\sigma}\right) t^2 \gamma_{\text{peak}}^4(t) + \frac{24}{13} \frac{\gamma_{\text{peak}}^2(t)}{t},$$
$$\ln \gamma^{2'}(t) = \frac{128}{39} \left(\frac{\rho_0}{\sigma}\right) t^2 \gamma_{\text{peak}}^4(t) - \frac{24}{13} \frac{\gamma_{\text{peak}}^2(t)}{t}$$

COMPARISON WITH NUMERICAL SIMULATION



IMPLICATIONS OF THE EFFECTIVE DESCRIPTION

What can we learn?

- All quantities have time dependence like

$$\frac{\rho_0}{\rho_{\text{peak}}(t)} = \frac{1}{29} \left(\frac{\rho_0}{\sigma}\right) \left[t^3 - \left(\frac{t}{t_c}\right)^{\delta} t_c^3\right] + \frac{\rho_0}{\rho_{\text{peak}}(t_c)} \left(\frac{t}{t_c}\right)^{\delta} \delta = 10/13$$

effect of increase in the surface area

effect of nonlinearity in fluid equation

- Surface area effect wins (3 > 10/13).

In other words, nonlinearity is not effective in breaking up the energy localization.

- Timescale for breaking up is governed by $\tau \equiv \left(\sigma/\rho_0\right)^{1/3}$

IMPLICATIONS TO GW PRODUCTION

- Fluid profile remains to thin and relativistic until late times,
 - and therefore the onset of sound shell overlap might be delayed

(as long as only fluid propagation is taken into account)

- Still we have to see the effect of fluid collisions in detail



Time

from bubble nucleation

to collision

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SUMMARY

- GW production in ultra-supercooled transitions $\alpha \gg 1$ is interesting but hard to simulate numerically
- We reduced the problem into (1) propagation and (2) collision, and tackled (1):
 - We constructed an effective description of relativistic fluid propagation
 - and discussed implications to GW production
 - GW enhancement by sound waves might be delayed
- Questions to be addressed: Effect of fluid collision / Effect of turbulence



DEFINITION OF α

- Traditionally: bag eos [e.g. Espinosa, Konstandin, No, Servant '10]
 - $p_{s} = a_{+}T^{4}/3 \epsilon \qquad p_{b} = a_{-}T^{4}/3 \qquad \rightarrow \qquad \alpha_{\epsilon} \equiv \epsilon / a_{+}T^{4}$ $e_{s} = a_{+}T^{4} + \epsilon \qquad e_{b} = a_{-}T^{4} \qquad \text{(evaluated at nucleation temperature } T_{N})$

Other definitions?

$$\alpha_{p} \equiv -\frac{4(p_{s}(T) - p_{b}(T))}{3w_{s}(T)} \qquad \qquad \alpha_{\theta} \equiv \frac{4(\theta_{s}(T) - \theta_{b}(T))}{3w_{s}(T)} \qquad \qquad \theta = e - 3p$$
[e.g. Hindmarsh, Huber, Rummukainen, Weir '15]
$$\alpha_{e} \equiv \frac{4(e_{s}(T) - e_{b}(T))}{3w_{s}(T)} \qquad \qquad \alpha_{\bar{\theta}} \equiv \frac{4(\bar{\theta}_{s}(T) - \bar{\theta}_{b}(T))}{3w_{s}(T)} \qquad \qquad \bar{\theta} = e - p/c_{s}^{2}$$
[Giese, Konstandin, van de Vis '20]

TERMINAL VELOCITY VS. RUNAWAY

It has been long thought that...

Friction from the wall ~ $\Delta m^2 T^2 \sim \Phi^2 T^2$ (no γ dependence)

→ walls runaway once the pressure from the energy release wins over friction

• However, friction from transition radiation is found to be $\sim \gamma g^2 \Delta m T^3 \sim \gamma g^2 \Phi T^3$

- Equating this with the released energy $\sim \lambda \Phi^4$ means that

walls may reach terminal velocity with relativistic γ factor $\gamma \sim (\Phi/T)^3$

- For $\Phi \sim EW$ scale and $T \sim QCD$, γ becomes $\gamma \sim 10^9$

AIM OF OUR PROJECT

What we do when we predict GWs in particle physics models:



 \rightarrow We would like to develop an alternative approach e.g. CMB, Lattice QCD, ...

GW SPECTRUM AS EM TENSOR CORRELATOR

Master formula:

[e.g. Caprini et al., PRD77 (2008)]

EM tensor

$$\left(\rho_{\rm GW}(k) \sim \int dt_x \int dt_y \cos(k(t_x - t_y)) \text{F.T.} \langle T_{ij}(t_x, \vec{x}) T_{ij}(t_y, \vec{y}) \rangle\right)$$

Green function

GW energy density per each log wavenumber k

• Why? GW EOM :
$$\Box h \sim T \rightarrow \text{solution}$$
 : $h \sim \int dt \text{ Green} \times T$



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CALCULATION OF $\langle TT \rangle$

[Jinno & Takimoto '16 & '17]

- Calculating $\langle T(t_x, \vec{x})T(t_y, \vec{y}) \rangle_{ens}$ means ...
 - Fix spacetime points $x = (t_x, \vec{x})$ and $y = (t_y, \vec{y})$
 - Find bubble configurations s.t. EM tensor T is nonzero at x & y



NUMERICAL PLOT

• Single-bubble spectrum $\Delta^{(s)}$ (Damping function $D = e^{-(t-t_i)/\tau}$, t_i : collision time)

GW spectrum



