

# Memory effects in radiative spacetimes: A study in Eddington-inspired Born-Infeld gravity

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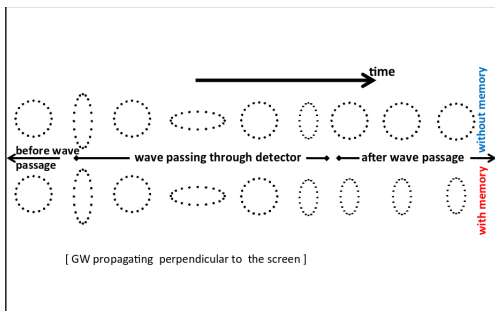
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Net relative **displacement** and /or a net relative **velocity** caused by the passage of a **gravitational wave pulse**.



**Permanent distortion!**

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$H_{,xx} + H_{,yy} = 0$  (**Wave eqn.**)

$$H(u, x, y) = \frac{1}{2}A_+(u)(x^2 - y^2) + A_\times(u)xy$$

$A_+, A_\times$ : **polarizations** of the wave



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## Solutions (contd..)

• Choosing  $T^{uv} = \sigma$  we get,

$$P_2 = 1 + \frac{\alpha}{4}(x^2 + y^2) \quad P_1 = \sqrt{1 + \kappa(\Lambda + \sigma)} \left[ 1 + \frac{\alpha}{4}(x^2 + y^2) \right]$$

$$\bullet \alpha = \frac{\Lambda + \sigma}{1 + \kappa(\Lambda + \sigma)}$$

• Ricci scalar  $R = 2(\Lambda + \sigma)$

• We will analyse **positive** ( $\Lambda > 0$ ) and **negative** ( $\Lambda < 0$ ) curvature scalar solutions having  $\sigma = 0$ .

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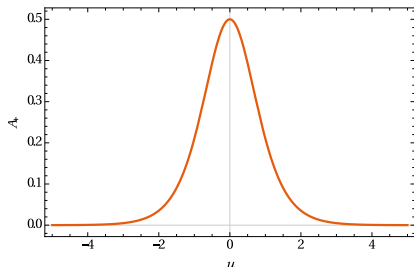
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**Differentiating** the geodesic solutions  
Velocity memory effect



Sech-squared pulse

$$H(u, x, y) = \operatorname{sech}^2 u(x^2 - y^2)$$



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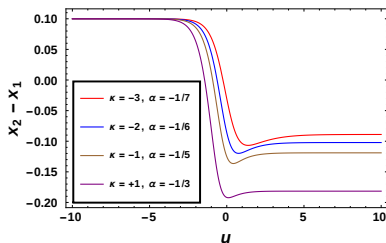
### • $H_1 = \frac{1}{2} \operatorname{sech}^2 u(x^2 - y^2)$ : **Pulse Profile**

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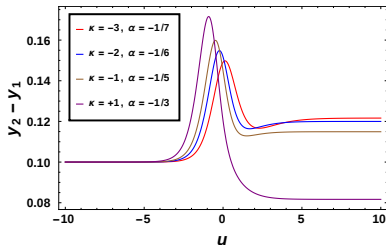
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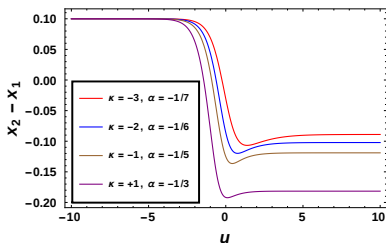
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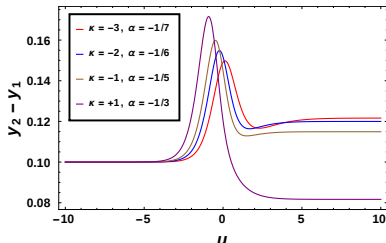
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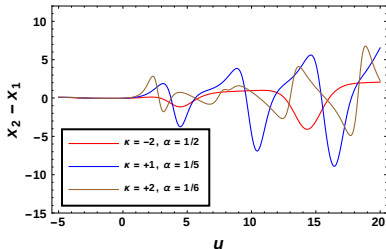
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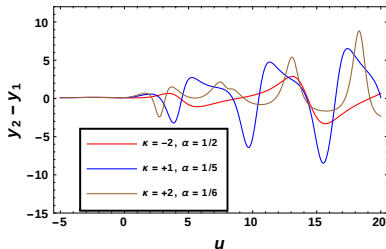
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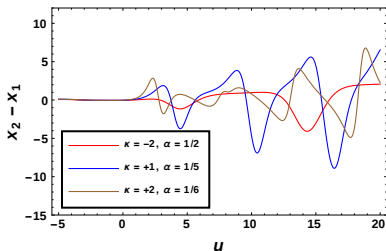
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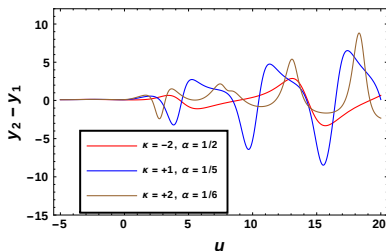
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- Formation of beats.
- Lower the value of  $\alpha$ , more is the **frequency of oscillation**.



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## Formalism (methodology)

[Chu, Koyama; PRD, 2019]

Devn. vector  $\rightarrow$  Fermi basis

$$\xi^\mu = Z^i e^\mu{}_i$$



Devn. in Fermi basis

$$\frac{d^2 Z^i}{dt^2} = -R^i{}_{0j0} Z^j$$



$$Z^i = Z^i{}_B + Z^i{}_W$$



Riem. tensor splitting

$$R^i{}_{0j0} = (R^i{}_{0j0})_B + (R^i{}_{0j0})_W$$



$$(R^i{}_{0j0})_W \propto \{H(u, x, y), H'(u, x, y)\}$$

Evolution eqn.

$$\frac{d^2 Z^i{}_B}{dt^2} = -(R^i{}_{0j0})_B Z^i{}_B \text{ (no wave pulse)}$$

$$\frac{d^2 Z^i{}_W}{dt^2} = -[(R^i{}_{0j0})_B + (R^i{}_{0j0})_W] Z^i{}_W - (R^i{}_{0j0})_W Z^j{}_B$$



Fermi basis  $\rightarrow$  Coo. basis



Separate devn.  $\rightarrow \xi^\mu{}_B$  and  $\xi^\mu{}_W$



Total devn.  $\rightarrow \xi^\mu{}_B + \xi^\mu{}_W$



Match  $\rightarrow$  geodesic analysis

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• $e_1^\mu, e_2^\mu$  **parallel transport** when they are rotated by an angle  $\theta_p$ .

$$\dot{\theta}_p = \frac{1}{P_1} (P_{1,y} \dot{x} - P_{1,x} \dot{y})$$

## Kundt wave spacetimes

• Riemann tensor in tetrad frame  $\longrightarrow$

### Background

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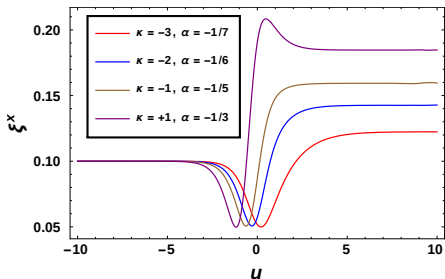
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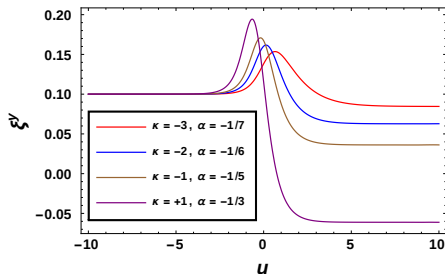
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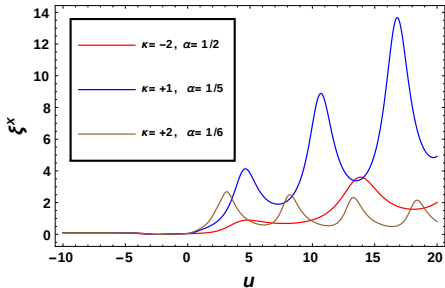


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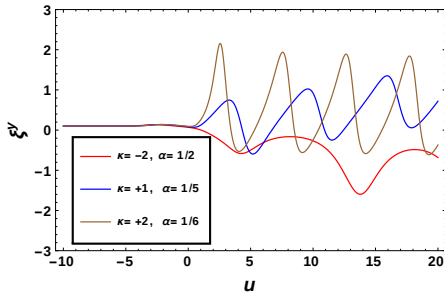
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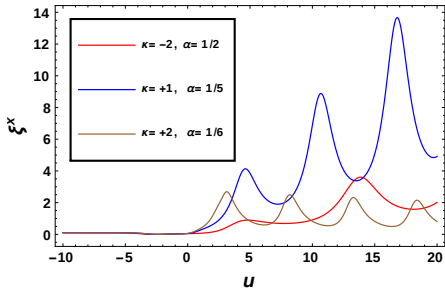


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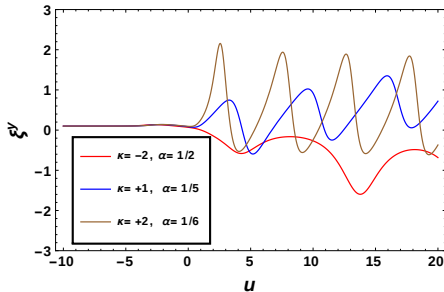
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- The **Ricci scalar** is  $4\Lambda$ .

- **Only positive curvature** scalar solutions.

- **Different** from the case having generalised matter source.

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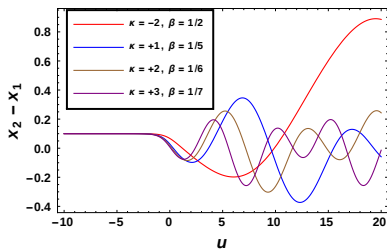
Bianchi identity  $\rightarrow F_{uv} \equiv F_{uv}(u), F_{xy} \equiv F_{xy}(x)$

Consistent solution  $\rightarrow$

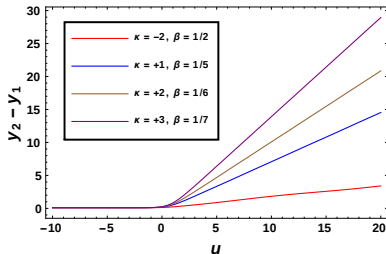
$$A_\mu = [0, A_v(u), 0, A_y(x)] \quad J^\mu = [0, J^v(u), 0, 0]$$

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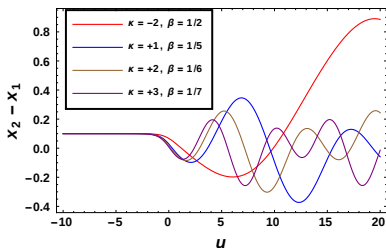


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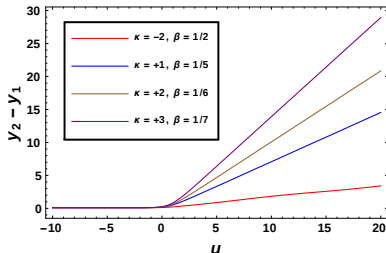


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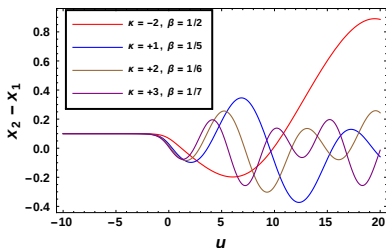


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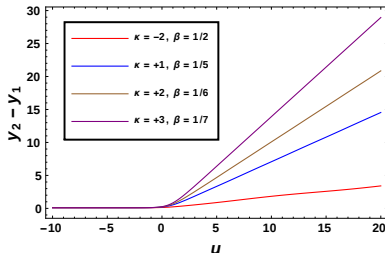
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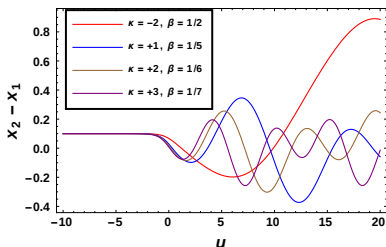
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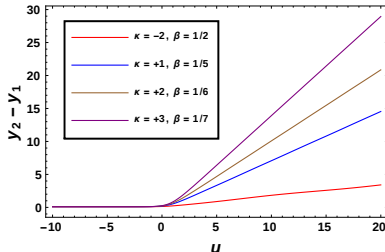
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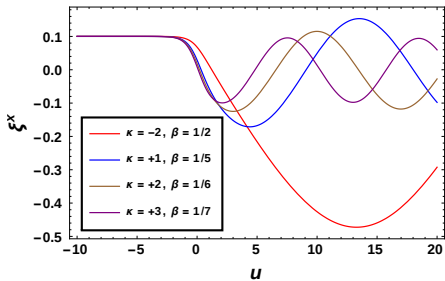
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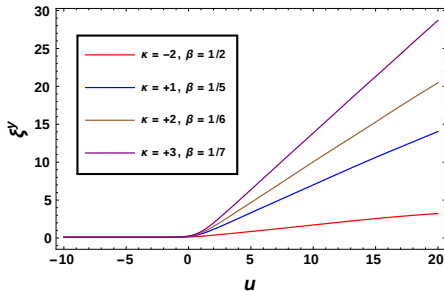
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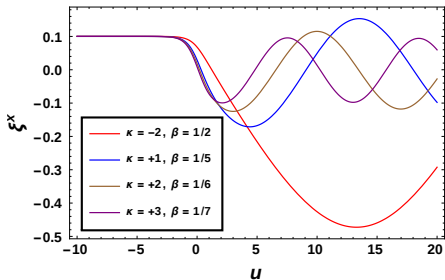


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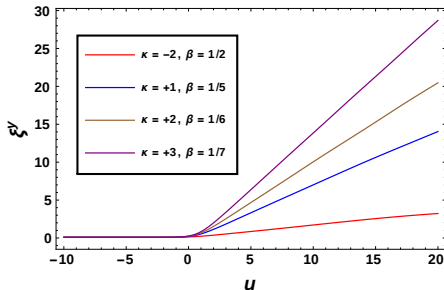


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