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ROTATING OBJECTS, GRAVITATIONAL WAVES AND INSTABILITIES

Abstract

I will discuss two classic papers by Chandrasekhar* and Press&Teukolsky.[†]

First, I will review the problem of the evolution of a constant density uniformly rotating ellipsoid which emits gravitational waves and its secular stability. Then I will comment two possible applications of superradiant scattering around highly spinning black holes, namely floating orbits and black-hole bombs.

* S. Chandrasekhar, "Solutions of two problems in the theory of gravitational radiation," *Phys. Rev. Lett.* **24** (1970) 611.

† W. H. Press and S. A. Teukolsky, "Floating Orbits, Superradiant Scattering and the Black-hole Bomb," *Nature* **238** (1972) 211.

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