

## A method to detect seismic precursors

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earthquake prediction Introduction

Many precursors have been observed before a big earthquake. Most of them are regarded as the result of microcracks in the source region. Therefore, if we can detect the microcracks, it will become possible to predict directly or indirectly the earthquakes. Detection of microcracks

By arranging four electrodes around the earthquake region, we measure the electric potential and resistance (though this method is difficult at seabed), then we can detect the microcrack. But this method is nearly impossible, as we can't know the precise location of the earthquake region.

If Gravitational Waves (GWs) are

emitting from the source region, it becomes possible to detect the region and to predict the earthquakes. But the following shows this is perfectly impossible.

Receiving GW

First the intensity of GW is shown which was detected.

The intensity of GW150914, which emitted when the two Black Holes (BHs) combined, is calculated as follows:

Symbols and approximate values of constants are as follows:

Light velocity:  $c \sim 3 \times 10^8$  km/sec

One light-year:  $9.46 \times 10^{12}$  km

Solar Mass:  $M_{\odot} \sim 2 \times 10^{30}$  kg

The values of GW150914 when it combined: The distance to the BHs:

$r = 13$  hundred million light-years

The mass of the smaller BH:

$M = 29$  Solar mass

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The collision between BHs means that the each BH enters partner's Event Horizon. So the collision means the combine. Then the kinetic energy turns into wave energy of GW.

The relative speed between BHs can't be beyond the light speed, so the speed of each BH is less than about  $c/2$ .

The GW is generated by the rapid change of the gravitational field, so the wave is also generated by the change of the momentum. As the GW is a kind of wave, so GW is inversely proportional to the square of the distance  $r$  to the observing point. Therefore the GW150914 observed on the earth is proportional to the value expressed by the following formula:

$$G_{bh} \sim \frac{29^2 \times (2 \times 10^{30})^2 \times 1.5^2 \times (3 \times 10^8)^2 \times \{(13 \times 9.46 \times 10^{12})\}^2}{(5.75 \times 10^{28})^2}$$
 (kg<sup>2</sup>sec<sup>2</sup>km)

$\sim 5.75 \times 10^{28}$  (kg<sup>2</sup>sec<sup>2</sup>km)

The GW which might be generated accompanied by an earthquake is calculated as follows:

The energy  $E$  of an earthquake, magnitude  $M$  is expressed as follows:

$\log E = 4.8 + 1.5 M$  When  $M = 7$ ,

$\log E = 4.8 + 10.5 = 15.3$

$E = 10^{15.3} \text{ J} \sim 10^{15} \text{ J}$

$\sim 10^9 \text{ kg} \cdot (\text{km} \cdot \text{sec})^2$

The mass which moves by the earthquake is calculated from

$m = \frac{E}{v^2} \sim 0.5 \times 10^9 \text{ kg}$

When the speed of the earthquake wave on the surface  $v=5.45$  km/sec is substituted, the momentum is  $mv$   $E^2$

$4 \times 10^{29} \times 5.45 \text{ kg} \times \text{m} \times \text{sec}$

$0.734 \times 10^{29} \text{ kg} \times \text{m} \times \text{sec}$

In the case of GW150914, only the speed of more than about  $c/2$  contributed to generate the GW, so it is thought that only when the speed is more than about  $c/2$ , the GW is generated.

In general, the speed is distributed as normal distribution. The part of the earthquake wave speed more than  $c/2$  becomes neglectfully small, when it is calculated from the mean value and standard deviation of earthquake wave speed. So, it will be concluded that any earthquake never generates GW.

Now let try in any case we can observe the GW

Let calculate GW when a meteorite falls on the earth with the speed of  $c/2$ . By the way, the moon never falls on the earth, because the tidal force breaks the moon into pieces, and the falling pieces burn out in the atmosphere. And the radar can't detect the object which approach with the speed of more than  $c/2$ , because the object with the speed more than  $c/2$  arrives before it is detected.

The observed GW, when the Meteorite of the mass of the moon falls at the distance of  $r$ , is proportional to  $Gm^2/v^2$   $\text{kg} \times \text{km} \times \text{Esec}$

where

mass of the moon:  $m=7.343 \times 10^{22}$  s

$r=10000$  km

$Gm^2/v^2=1.10 \times 10^{21}$   $\text{kg} \times \text{m} \times \text{Esec}$

Now,

$Gm^2/v^2=1.10 \times 10^{21} \times 5.75 \times 10^{28}$

$=1.91 \times 10^{11}$

This value means that the meteor of the mass of  $1.91 \times 10^{11}$  of the moon causes the GW.

The maximum Meteor we know is about ten thousand tons, so if more than one hundred thousand tons meteor falls on the earth, all the life on the earth disappears. Ending Remark

It will be clear that predicting all earthquakes is impossible because even the precursors are difficult to predict. Even the locating the place of the microcrack, which is origin of precursors, is nearly impossible.

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