physicists needed to understand the radiation reaction to shore up the initially shaky foundations of gravitational-wave theory. Things went downhill for decades after Albert Einstein's first paper on waves got the energy flux wrong by a factor of two; also, Einstein relied on an unexamined energy balance argument. In the future, accounting for the radiation-reaction force will be crucial for computing gravitational waveforms and conducting searches for them in the data of any descendant of *LISA* (*Laser Interferometer Space Antenna*), a proposed spaceborne gravitational-wave detector.

Chapter 13 closes the book with a self-contained summary of alternative theories of gravity. It updates Will's classic text, *Theory and Experiment in Gravitational Physics* (Cambridge University Press, 1981), by covering the current constraints and those soon to come with gravitational waves.

Various accessories enhance the main text. For example, the homework problems, which range from easy to worthy of a journal article, often feature the computation of a number relevant to a current experiment or observation. Nondistracting figures and tables illustrate key points. And text boxes form interesting asides, providing some history or extra calculation without overwhelming the main text.

Poisson and Will's *Gravity* is a great textbook for a special-topics graduate course after the introductory relativity course, a crucial study aid for anyone learning about astrophysical relativity and gravitational waves, and a lifelong reference for career researchers.

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