

The Making of High-Precision Gravitational Waves to Explore the Dark Universe

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Outline

- •Observing gravitational waves and inferring astrophysical/physical information hinges on our ability to make precise predictions of two-body dynamics and gravitational radiation.
- •How do we build the hundred-thousand accurate and efficient waveform models employed in LIGO/ Virgo searches and inference studies?
- •Success of interplay between analytical and numerical relativity.
- •State-of-the-art waveform models for binary black holes.
- •Highlights on science (astrophysical-source properties, tests of General Relativity) from the latest observing run of LIGO and Virgo.
- What are the highest modeling priorities and accuracy requirements toward the era of highprecision GW astrophysics?

Gravitational Waves Ushered in New Era of Astrophysics



• Discovery of GW from a binary black-hole

• Since GW150914 was observed, 48 more black hole binaries (BHB) and two binary neutron stars (BNS) discovered by LIGO/Virgo.



Gravitational-Wave Landscape until ~2030





- •From several tens to hundreds of binary detections per year.
- •Inference of astrophysical properties of BHBs, NSBHs and BNSs in local Universe.

Observation run	Network	Expected BNS detections	Expected NSBH detections	Expected BBH detections
03	HLV	1^{+12}_{-1}	0^{+19}_{-0}	17^{+22}_{-11}
04	HLVK	10^{+52}_{-10}	1^{+91}_{-1}	79_{-44}^{+89}

(Aasi et al. Living Rev. Rel. 21, 2020)

Gravitational-Wave Landscape after 2030 on the Ground and in Space



Outstanding Questions in Physics and Astrophysics

- What are the properties of dynamical spacetime (gravitational waves)?
- Is General Relativity still valid in the highly dynamical, strong-field regime?
- Are Nature's black holes the black holes predicted in the General theory of Relativity?
- •How black holes and neutron stars form, which is their astrophysical environment, and how do they form binaries?
- How matter behaves under extreme density and pressure? Can dark matter make compact objects?
- What's the origin of the most energetic phenomena in our Universe?
- Can we discover new fundamental particles (axions, ultra-light bosons)?
- Can we infer the cosmological model of our Universe through gravitational-wave observations?













GW170817

Gravitational Waves are Fingerprints of Sources

GW150914		LIGO-Virgo GW signals		
LVT151012				
GW151226 ~~~~~~				
GW170104 ///////////////////////////////////				
GW170814 ////////////////////////////////////				
GW170817				
0	i time observable (seconds)	2		
		LIGO/University of Oregon/Ben Farr		

•At fixed binary's mass, the higher the frequency, the smaller the binary's separation, and the later the inspiral stage





Solving Two-Body Problem in General Relativity

•GR is non-linear theory.

$$R_{\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{2}g_{\mu\nu}R = \frac{8\pi G}{c^4}T_{\mu\nu}$$

- •Einstein's field equations can be solved:
- -approximately, but analytically (fast way)
- -"exactly", but numerically on supercomputers (slow way)
- •Synergy between analytical and numerical relativity is crucial to provide GW detectors with templates to use for searches and inference analyses.
- •Post-Newtonian (PN) (large separation, and slow motion, bound motion, i.e., early inspiral)

expansion in $v^2/c^2 \sim GM/rc^2$



• Post-Minkowskian (PM) (large separation, unbound motion, i.e., scattering)

expansion in G





•Small mass-ratio (gravitational self-







Highly Accurate Waveform Models for GW Observations

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- •Effective-one-body (EOB) (combines results from all methods, i.e., entire coalescence)
- Key ideas of EOB theory inspired by quantum field theory.



Numerical Relativity



•Public Simulating eXtreme Spacetimes (SXS) NR catalog plus non-public SXS NR waveforms. (Boyle et al. 19, Ossokine et al. 20)

•Other public NR catalogs.

(Husa et al. 15, Jani et al. 17, Healy et al. 17, 19, 20)

•Einstein's equations solved numerically

$$R_{\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{2}g_{\mu\nu}R = \frac{8\pi G}{c^4}T_{\mu\nu}$$

•376 GW cycles, zero spins & mass-ratio 7 (8 months, few millions CPU-h)



The Effective-One-Body Approach in a Nutshell



$$u = rac{\mu}{M} \qquad 0 \le
u \le 1/4$$
 $\mu = rac{m_1 m_2}{M} \qquad M = m_1 + m_2$

- •Two-body dynamics is mapped into dynamics of one-effective body moving in deformed blackhole spacetime, deformation being the mass ratio.
- •Some key ideas of EOB theory were inspired by quantum field theory when describing energy of comparable-mass charged bodies.



(AB & Damour 1999)

Energy for Comparable-Mass Black Holes

• Classical gravity (AB & Damour 1999):

$$E_{\rm real}^2 = m_1^2 + m_2^2 + 2m_1m_2\left(\frac{E_{\rm eff}}{\mu}\right)$$

• Quantum electrodynamics (Brezin, Itzykson & Zinn-Justin 1970):

$$E_{\text{real}}^2 = m_1^2 + m_2^2 + 2m_1m_2\frac{1}{\sqrt{1 + Z^2 \,\alpha^2/(n - \epsilon_j)^2}}$$

• Considering scattering states:

$$\varphi(s) \equiv \frac{s - m_1^2 - m_2^2}{2m_1 m_2} = \frac{-(p_1 + p_2)^2 - m_1^2 - m_2^2}{2m_1 m_2} = -\frac{p_1 \cdot p_2}{m_1 m_2}$$



Most natural symmetric function of asymptotic momenta of two-particle system which reduces in test-mass limit $m_2 \ll m_1$ to energy of m_2 in rest-frame of m_1 . (AB & Damour 1999)

EOB Hamiltonian: Resummed Conservative Dynamics



• Dynamics condensed $A_v(r)$ and $B_v(r)$

• $A_v(r)$, which encodes the energetics of circular orbits, is quite simple:

$$A_{\nu}(r) = 1 - \frac{2M}{r} + \frac{2M^{3}\nu}{r^{3}} + \left(\frac{94}{3} - \frac{41}{32}\pi^{2}\right)\frac{M^{4}\nu}{r^{4}} + \frac{a_{5}(\nu) + a_{5}^{\log}(\nu)\log(r)}{r^{5}} + \frac{a_{6}(\nu)}{r^{6}} + \cdots$$
SPN unknown as today

EOB Conservative Spin Dynamics & Waveforms



$$egin{split} H_{ ext{real}}^{ ext{EOB}} = M \sqrt{1+2
u\left(rac{H_{ ext{eff}}^{m
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• EOB equations of motion (AB et al. 00, 05; Damour et al. 09):

$$\dot{\mathbf{r}} = rac{\partial H_{\mathrm{real}}^{\mathrm{EOB}}}{\partial \mathbf{p}} \qquad F \propto rac{dE}{dt}, \quad rac{dE}{dt} \propto \sum_{\ell m} |h_{\ell m}|^2$$
 $\dot{\mathbf{p}} = -rac{\partial H_{\mathrm{real}}^{\mathrm{EOB}}}{\partial \mathbf{r}} + \mathbf{F} \qquad \dot{\mathbf{S}} = \{\mathbf{S}, H_{\mathrm{real}}^{\mathrm{EOB}}\}$

• EOB inspiral waveforms (AB et al. 00; Damour et al. 09, 11; Pan, AB et al. 11):

$$h_{\ell m}^{\rm insp-plunge} = h_{\ell m}^{\rm Newt} e^{-im\Phi} S_{\rm eff} T_{\ell m} e^{i\delta_{\ell m}} (\rho_{\ell m})^{\ell} h_{\ell m}^{\rm NQC}$$

•EOB merger-ringdown waveform is a superposition of quasi-normal modes.

(AB & Damour 00, AB et al. 07, Damour & Nagar 07, Del Pozzo & Nagar 17, Bohé et al. 17)



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Completing EOB Waveforms with NR & Perturbation Theory Information

• We calibrate EOB to inspiral-merger-ringdown NR waveforms.





• We calibrate EOB to merger-ringdown waveforms in test-body limit.



(Pan, AB et al. 13, Taracchini, AB, Pan, Hinderer & SXS 14, Pürrer 15)

(Bohé, Shao, Taracchini, AB & SXS 17, Babak et al. 16; Cotesta et al. 18, 20, Ossokine et al. 20)

(see also Damour & Nagar 14, Nagar et al. 18, Nagar, Messina et al. 19, Nagar, Pratten et al. 20, Nagar, Riemenschneider et al. 20)

Calibration of SEOBNR for O2-O3 searches and inference studies

Phenomenological & NR-Surrogate Waveforms

•Fast, frequency-domain waveform model hybridizing EOB & NR waveforms, and then fitting.

(Schmidt et al. 12; Hannam et al. 13; Khan et al. 15; Husa et al. 15; Khan et al. 18-19; García-Quíros et al. 20, Pratten et al. 20)

IMRPhenom

$$\tilde{h}(f;\lambda_i) = \mathcal{A}(f;\lambda_i) e^{i\phi(f;\lambda_i)}$$

- •NR surrogate models are built directly by interpolating NR simulations, which are selected in parameter space using analytical waveform models.
- •Highly accurate, but limited in binary's parameter space and length (~20 orbits), unless hybridized with EOBNR waveforms.

NRSur





(Varma et al. 19)

Template Bank for Modeled Searches & Possible Systematics in OI& O2

Matched filtering employed





(Ossokine, AB & SXS project)

 Systematics due to modeling were smaller than statistical errors for GW events observed in OI & O2 runs.

(Abbott et al. CQG 34 (2017) 104002, Abbott et al. PRX 9 (2019) 031040)

Highlights from O3a Run as we Explore the Universe

GW190814: a binary with a puzzling companion

• A black hole 23 times the mass of our Sun merging with an object just 2.6 times the mass of the Sun.



• The more substructure and complexity the binary has (e.g., masses or spins of BHs are different) the richer is the spectrum of radiation emitted.



(credit: Fischer, Pfeiffer, Ossokine & AB; SXS Collaboration)

GW190814: a Binary with a Puzzling Companion



- More massive BH rotated with spin < 0.07.
- Systematics due to waveform modeling smaller than statistical errors.

• Either the largest neutron star or the smallest black hole.



•Using waveform models with higher-modes and spin-precession constrains more tightly the secondary mass.

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(Abbott et al. PRD 102 (2020) 4)



• Systematics due to waveform modeling are not negligible when spins and higher modes are relevant.

GW190521: a Signal Produced by the Largest BHs so far

GW190521: a signal produced by the largest BHs so far

•A black hole too massive (85 times the mass of our Sun) to have been formed from a collapsed star.



 $\chi_1 = S_1 / m_1^2 \qquad \qquad \chi_{\text{eff}} = \left(\frac{m_1}{M} \,\chi_1 + \frac{m_2}{M} \,\chi_2\right) \cdot \hat{\mathbf{L}}$

 $q = m_1/m_2$

 $\chi_2 = S_2 / m_2^2$







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Probing Extreme-Matter with Gravitational Waves



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Probing Extreme-Matter with Gravitational Waves (contd.)



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Radius (km)



Waveforms for BNS combining analytical & numerical relativity

•Synergy between analytical and numerical work is crucial.



(Damour 1983, Flanagan & Hinderer 08, Binnington & Poisson 09, Vines et al. 11, Damour & Nagar 09, 12, Bernuzzi et al. 15, Hinderer, ... AB ... et al. 16, Steinhoff, ... AB ... et al. 16, Dietrich et al. 17-19, Nagar et al. 18)

GW190425: a Binary Neutron Star with Surprisingly High Mass



GW190425: Inference on Tidal Deformability Parameter



•GW190425's SNR is lower (~ 13) than GW170817's SNR (~ 34): looser constraint on tidal deformability.

Tests of General Relativity: Bounding Higher-Order PN Coefficients



• BBHs rapidly varying orbital periods allow us to bound higher-order PN coefficients in gravitational phase of GW signals.

$$\tilde{h}(f) = \mathcal{A}(f)e^{i\varphi(f)} \qquad \varphi(f) = \varphi_{\rm ref} + 2\pi f t_{\rm ref} + v^{-5} \left[\sum_{n=-2}^{7} \varphi_n^{\rm (GR)}(1+\delta\hat{\varphi}_n)v^n + v^{-5} \left[\sum_{n=-2}^{7} \varphi_n^{\rm (GR)}(1+\delta\hat{\varphi}_n)v^n + v^{-5} \left[\sum_{n=-2}^{7} \varphi_n^{\rm (GR)}(1+\delta\hat{\varphi}_n)v^n + v^{-5} + v^{-5} \left[\sum_{n=-2}^{7} \varphi_n^{\rm (GR)}(1+\delta\hat{\varphi}_n)v^n + v^{-5} + v^$$

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$$v = (\pi M f)^{1/3} \qquad + \sum_{n=5}^6 \varphi_{n\ell}^{(\text{GR})} (1 + \delta \hat{\varphi}_{n\ell}) v^n \log v \right]$$

$$\int_{0.010}^{-1.\text{PN}} \int_{0.010}^{0.010} \int_{0.010}^{-1.\text{PN}} \int_{0.010}^{0.010} \int_{0.010}^{0.010$$

Tests of General Relativity: Remnant Properties

- In General Relativity, remnant object resulting from coalescence of two astrophysical BHs is a perturbed Kerr BH.
- The remnant BH relaxes to its stationary Kerr state by emitting quasi-normal modes (QNMs). (Vishveshwara 70, Press 71, Chandrasekhar et al. 75)
- The QNM's frequencies and decay times only depend on BH's mass and spin (no-hair conjecture). (Israel 69, Carter 71; Hawking 71, Bardeen 73)

• The no-hair conjecture can be disproved if more than one QNM is observed.

(Dreyer et al. 2004, Berti et al. 2006, Gossan et al. 2012, Meidam et al. 2014)

• Inspiral-merger-ringdown waveform model with parameterized QNM's frequency and decay time (pSEOBNR):

(Brito, AB & Raymond 18, Ghosh, Brito & AB in prep 21)

$$\begin{split} f_{220} &= f_{220}^{\text{GR}} \left(1 + \delta \hat{f}_{220} \right) & \delta \hat{f}_{220} &= 0.03^{+0.38}_{-0.35} \\ \tau_{220} &= \tau_{220}^{\text{GR}} \left(1 + \delta \hat{\tau}_{220} \right) & \delta \hat{\tau}_{220} &= 0.16^{+0.98}_{-0.98} \end{split}$$

• Results obtained also with model that includes only a superposition of damped sinusoids.

(Abbott et al. PRL 116 (2016) 221101, Carullo et al. 19, Isi et al. 19, Abbott et al. arXiv:2010.14529)



Scattering Amplitude: A New Way to Study 2-body Problem



•2-body Hamiltonian at 3PM (2 loops) for nonspinning BHs.

(Cheung et al. 19, 20, Bern et al. 19, Blümlein et al. 20, Kälin et al. 20)

Small parameter is $GM/rc^2 \ll 1$, $v^2/c^2 \sim 1$, large separation, natural for unbound motion/scattering

$$H(\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{r}) = \sqrt{\mathbf{p}^2 + m_1^2} + \sqrt{\mathbf{p}^2 + m_2^2} + V(\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{r}) \qquad V(\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{r}) = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} c_i(\mathbf{p}^2) \left(\frac{G}{|\mathbf{r}|}\right)^i$$
$$E = E_1 + E_2 \qquad \gamma = E/m$$
$$\xi = E_1 E_2/E^2 \qquad \sigma = \frac{p_1 \cdot p_2}{m_1 m_2} \qquad V^{(1)}(\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{q}) = \int \frac{\mathbf{d}^3 \mathbf{r}}{(2\pi)^3} \mathcal{M}_{\uparrow}^{\text{tree}}(\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{q}) \, \mathbf{e}^{-\mathbf{i}\mathbf{r}\cdot\mathbf{q}} \qquad c_1 = \frac{\nu^2 m^2}{\gamma^2 \xi} \left(1 - 2\sigma^2\right)$$

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Results from Interplay with Scattering Amplitude Methods & EFT (contd.)



(Antonelli et al. 20)

(Damour 19, Antonelli et al. 19)

Results can be easily included into EOB formalism.

Toward High-Precision Gravitational-Wave Astrophysics

•Observing gravitational waves and inferring astrophysical/physical information hinges on our ability to make highly precise predictions of two-body dynamics and gravitational radiation.

- •Crucial to improve waveform models for BBHs and binaries with matter for LIGO and Virgo upcoming runs and for future detectors (Cosmic Explorer, Einstein Telescope & LISA). Waveform accuracy would need to be improved by one or two orders of magnitude depending on the parameter space.
- •Unique opportunity for theoretical particle physicists to contribute.





Thanks!