

Gravitational Waves from Coalescing Binaries

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Gravitational Wave astronomy

Gravitational waves are produced by the coherent motion of large **astrophysical** masses $> M_{\odot}$

- neutron stars (e.g. pulsars)
- stellar mass black holes (e.g. binary x-ray sources)
- supermassive black holes (e.g. in galaxy centers)

or by **cosmological** production mechanisms

- cosmic strings
- inflation
- phase transitions
- ...

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Einstein equations and the TT-gauge

Weak field approximation, approximately Cartesian coord.:

$$g_{\mu\nu} \rightarrow \eta_{\mu\nu} + h_{\mu\nu}, \quad ||h_{\mu\nu}|| \ll 1$$

A **gravity wave** is the **radiative, high frequency** part of $h_{\mu\nu}$ $\supset$

- 1 4 gauge degrees of freedom
- 2 2 physical, **radiative** degrees of freedom
- 3 4 physical, **non**-radiative degrees of freedom

1&3 propagate with “the speed of thought” (Eddington 1922):

After fixing the diffeomorphism invariance:

$$h_{\mu\nu} = \begin{pmatrix} -2\Phi & \Xi_i \\ \Xi_i & h_{ij}^{TT} + \theta\delta_{ij} \end{pmatrix}$$

$\partial_i \Xi^i = h_{ij}^{TT} \delta^{ij} = \partial^i h_{ij} = 0$: 4 d.o.f.'s eaten by gauge fixing, 6 left

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Einstein eq.'s: } \nabla^2 \Phi = \nabla^2 \Xi_i = \nabla^2 \Theta &= 0 \\ \square h_{ij}^{TT} &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

Wave generation: localized sources

Einstein formula relates h_{ij} to the source quadrupole moment Q_{ij}

$$Q_{ij} = \int d^3x \rho \left(x_i x_j - \frac{1}{3} \delta_{ij} x^2 \right) \quad v^2 \simeq G_N M / r$$

$$h_{ij} = \frac{2G_N}{r} \frac{d^2 Q_{ij}}{dt^2} \simeq \frac{2G_N \mu v^2}{r} \cos(2\phi(t))$$

$$f = 1\text{kHz} \left(\frac{r}{14\text{Km}} \right)^{-3/2} \left(\frac{M}{m_\odot} \right)^{1/2}$$

$$v = 0.3 \left(\frac{f}{1\text{kHz}} \right)^{1/3} \left(\frac{m}{m_\odot} \right)^{1/3} < \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}}$$

$$\frac{dE}{dt} = \frac{r^2}{16\pi G_N} \int d\Omega \langle \dot{h}_+^2 + \dot{h}_\times^2 \rangle = \frac{32\eta^2}{5G_N} v^{10} \quad \eta = \mu/M$$

Do GWs exist? The Hulse-Taylor binary pulsar

GW's **have been observed** in the NS-NS binary system:

PSR B1913+16

Observation of orbital parameters ($a_p \sin \iota$, e , P , $\dot{\theta}$, γ , $\dot{P}$)



determination of m_p , m_c (**1PN** physics, GR)

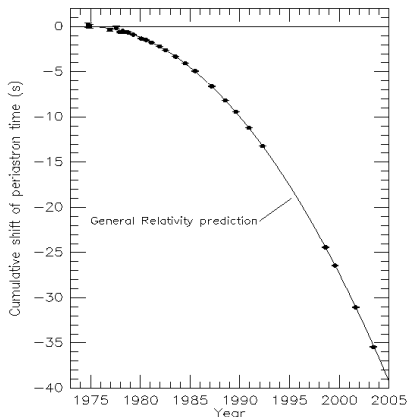
Energy dissipation in GW's $\rightarrow \dot{P}^{(GR)}(m_p, m_c, P, e)$, compared with $\dot{P}^{(obs)}$

$$\frac{1}{2\pi}\phi = \int_0^T \frac{1}{P(t)} dt \simeq \frac{T}{P_0} - \frac{\dot{P}_0}{P_0^2} \frac{T^2}{2}$$

Test of the

- 1PN conservative
- leading order dissipative dynamics

Weisberg and Taylor (2004)



$$\frac{\dot{P}_{GR} - \dot{P}_{exp}}{\dot{P}} \sim 10^{-3}$$

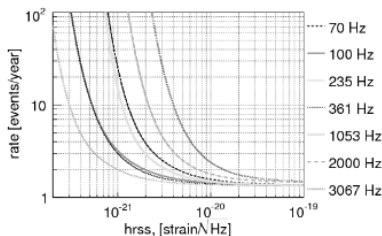
10 pulsars in NS-NS, still $\sim 100\text{Myr}$ for coalescence

Burst signals

- Supernovae and collapsing stars, typical amplitude

$$h \sim 6 \cdot 10^{-21} \left(\frac{E}{10^{-7} m_{\odot}} \right) \left(\frac{1 \text{ msec}}{T} \right)^{1/2} \left(\frac{1 \text{ kHz}}{f} \right) \left(\frac{10 \text{ kpc}}{r} \right)$$

Limits for signals
centered at
different freq's



1.7 yr of data, LIGO/Virgo PRD85 (2012)

Asymmetric rotating neutron star

- Pulsar asymmetry $\epsilon \rightarrow h \sim \epsilon(Rf)^2 M/r$

$$L_{GW} = f^6 M^2 R^4 \epsilon^2 \rightarrow t_{SD} \sim \frac{M(Rf)^2}{L_{GW}}$$

If all the spin-down is due to GW emission

$\epsilon \simeq 7 \cdot 10^{-3}$	$\epsilon_{GW} < 1.4 \cdot 10^{-4}$	Crab
$\epsilon \simeq 1.2 \cdot 10^{-3}$	$\epsilon_{GW} < 5 \cdot 10^{-4}$	Vela

Beating the spin-down limit!

LIGO/Virgo APJ 2010

- Best upper limit $h_{ul} \sim 10^{-24}$ @ 150Hz

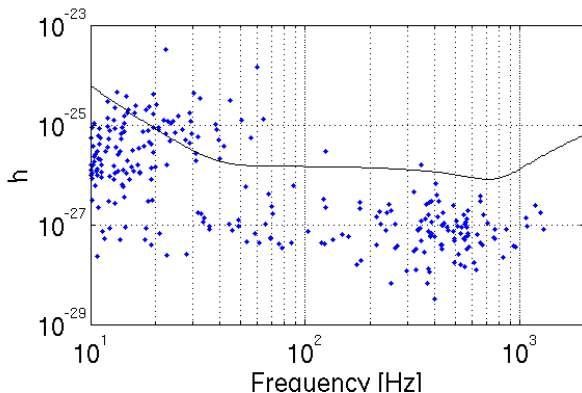
LIGO/Virgo APJ 2010, 2011, PRD 2012

- Upper limit on GW's emitted by Vela pulsar glitch

$$h_{ul} < 10^{-20} \quad E_{GW} < 10^{45} \text{ erg}$$

Future detectors (2017+)

Integrated sensitivity ($T_{\text{obs}}=1\text{yr}$) for known pulsars vs. **spin-down limit**



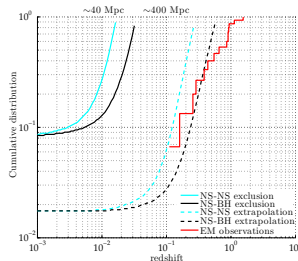
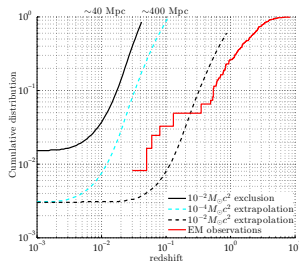
Coincidence with Gamma Ray Bursts

Search in a $-600 \div +60$ sec window around the GRB event

- 150 analyzed via an un-modeled burst search excluded within $D_{burst} \sim 17 \text{ Mpc} (E_{GW}/10^{-2} M_{\odot})^{1/2}$ for signals at 150 Hz
- 24 analyzed via matched filtering with coalescing binary signals

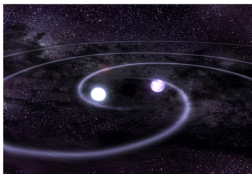
$D_{NS-NS} \sim 17 \text{ Mpc}$	$M_{NS} \sim 1.4 \pm 0.2$	
$D_{BH-NS} \sim 29 \text{ Mpc}$	$M_{NS} \sim 1.4 \pm 0.4$	$M_{BH} \sim 10 \pm 6$

Distance cumulative distributions:

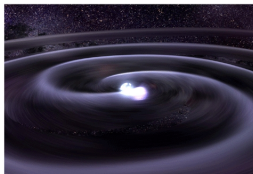


Looks promising for Adv-LIGO/Virgo (LIGO/Virgo et al. APJ (2012))

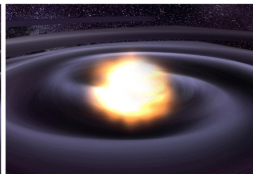
Binary coalescence: a tale made of three stories



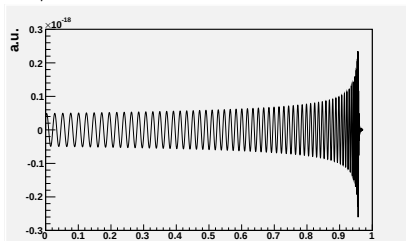
Inspiral phase
post-Newtonian
approximation: v/c

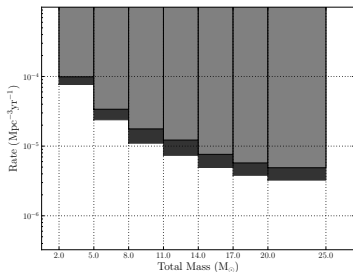


Merger: fully
non-perturbative



Ring-down:
Perturbed
Kerr Black Hole





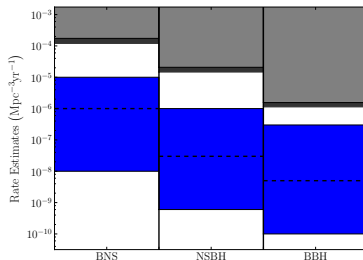
Low mass ($< 25M_{\odot}$) binary
(inspiral)

Upper limit from previous
runs

improved by the
7/2009-10/2010 run

Combined upper limit from
old and new runs
compared with
astrophysical estimates

LIGO/Virgo PRD 2012



Upper limits for high mass systems

- For high masses $25 < M/M_{\odot} < 100$ also merger and ring-down are in band and necessary to have complete analytic description of coalescence waveform

Observative bound on **coalescence rate** of equal mass system with $19 < (m_1, m_2)/M_{\odot} < 28$

$$R_c < 0.3 \text{ Mpc}^{-3} \text{ Myr}^{-1}$$

LIGO/Virgo PRD 2011

- For higher masses $100 < M/M_{\odot} < 500$ signals are burst-like: Best upper limit for equal mass system with $M \sim 170M_{\odot}$:

$$\text{Merger Rate } R_m < 0.13 \text{ Mpc}^{-3} \text{ Myr}^{-1}$$

LIGO/Virgo PRD 2012

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Detector locations

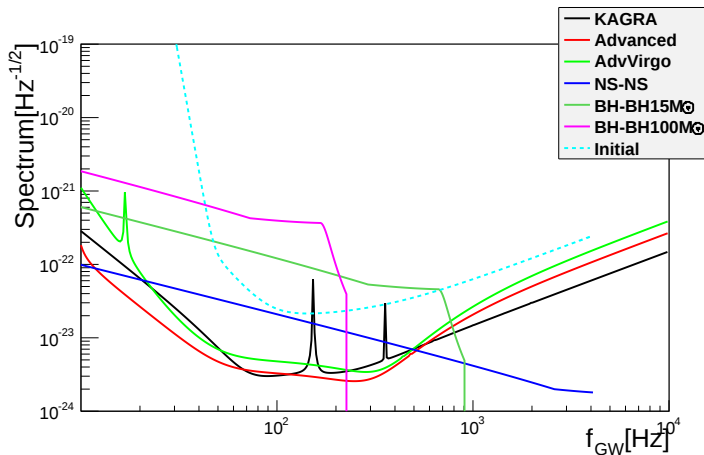


All are now being upgraded to their Advanced version due to to start data taking in 2015

2017+ for design sensitivity

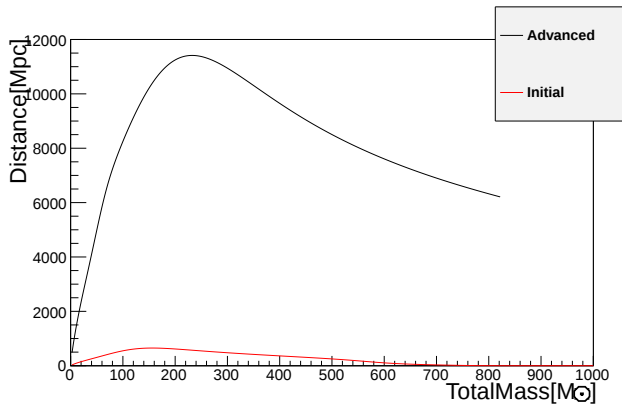
Old coincident runs terminated in October 2010.

Advanced detectors



Sensitivity vs. signals @ 200Mpc w. optimal orientation

Distance reach for compact binary coalescence



Observational rate estimates

LIGO/Virgo Advanced Observatories will detect

($SNR = 8$, optimal orientation)

	NS-NS	$10 M_{\odot}$ BH-BH
Distance (Mpc)	450Mpc	1Gpc
Rates $\text{MWEg}^{-1}\text{Myear}^{-1}$	$1 \div 10^3$	$4 \cdot 10^{-2} \div 100$

$$N = 0.011 \times \frac{4}{3}\pi \left(\frac{D_H/\text{Mpc}}{2.26} \right)^3 \text{MWEg}$$

Realistic case:

$$R_{NS-NS} \sim 10\text{yr}^{-1} \quad R_{BH-BH} \sim 10^2\text{yr}^{-1}$$

for LIGO/Virgo at design sensitivity

Advanced LIGO/Virgo goals

- Make first “direct” **detection of GWs** from neutron stars and/or black holes
- Probe **intermediate mass black hole range**: $M \sim 100M_{\odot}$
- Measure **rate** of binary coalescences
- Measure **pulsar** parameters
- Possible probe of neutron star interior/**nuclear** matter at high density
- Verify association between short **GRB's** and GW's
- Combine **EM** and GW detection
- Make strong **tests of GR**
- Use coalescing binaries as standard **sirens** for cosmology

Data analysis technique: Matched filtering

An experimental apparatus output: time series

$$O(t) = h(t) + n(t) \quad h(t) = D^{ij} h_{ij}(t)$$

Noise is conveniently characterized by its spectral function

$$\langle \tilde{n}(f) \tilde{n}^*(f') \rangle = \delta(f - f') S_n(f) \quad [Hz^{-1}]$$

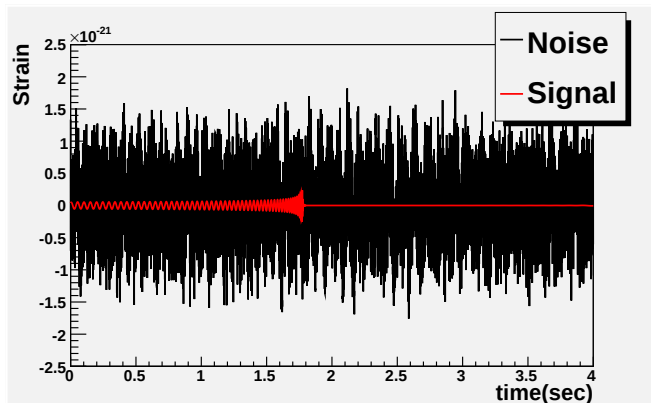
Matched **filter** enhances the sensitivity

$$\frac{1}{T} \int_0^T O(t) h(t) dt = \frac{1}{T} \int_0^T h^2(t) dt + \frac{1}{T} \int_0^T n(t) h(t) dt \sim$$

$$h_0^2 + \sqrt{\frac{\tau_0}{T}} n_0 h_0$$

Hunting for tiny signals

Detector's output is flooded with noise:

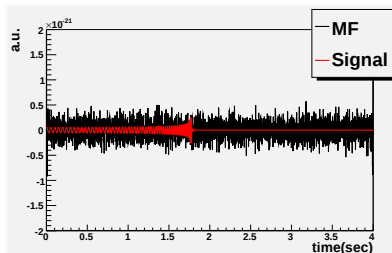


Noise + GW signal from $2+12 M_{\odot}$ system at 50 Mpc distance

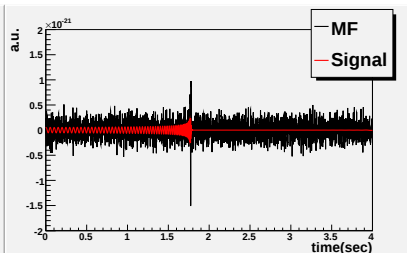
Matched filtering

Matched filtering enhances sensitivity:

$$O(t) \rightarrow MF(t) \propto \int \frac{O(f)h^*(f)}{S_n(f)} e^{2\pi i f t} df$$



MF with $h' \neq h$



MF with h

but requires good model of the signal h

or a complete **bank** of $h's$

GW detection

Inspiral $h = A \cos(\phi(t)) \quad \frac{\dot{A}}{A} \ll \dot{\phi}$

Virial relation:

$$v \equiv (G_N M \pi f_{GW})^{1/3} \quad \nu = \frac{m_1 m_2}{(m_1 + m_2)^2}$$

$$\begin{aligned} E(v) &= -\frac{1}{2} \nu M v^2 (1 + \#(\nu) v^2 + \#(\nu) v^4 + \dots) \\ P(v) \equiv -\frac{dE}{dt} &= \frac{32}{5 G_N} v^{10} (1 + \#(\nu) v^2 + \#(\nu) v^3 + \dots) \end{aligned}$$

$E(v)(P(v))$ known up to 3(3.5)PN

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{2\pi} \phi(T) &= \frac{1}{2\pi} \int^T \omega(t) dt = - \int^{v(T)} \frac{\omega(v) dE/dv}{P(v)} dv \\ &\sim \int (1 + \#(\nu) v^2 + \dots + \#(\nu) v^{\textcolor{red}{6}} + \dots) \frac{dv}{v^6} \end{aligned}$$

GW detection

$$N_{cycles} \simeq 1.6 \cdot 10^4 \left(\frac{10\text{Hz}}{f_{min}} \right)^{5/3} \left(\frac{1.2M_{\odot}}{M_c} \right)^{5/3}$$

$$\text{Sensitivity} \propto M_c^{5/3} \sqrt{N_{cycles}} \propto M_c^{5/6}$$

$$f_{Max} \propto M^{-1}, M_c \equiv \eta^{3/5}(m_1 + m_2)$$

Important to know the phase at $O(1)$ when taking correlation of detector's output and model waveform

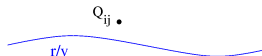
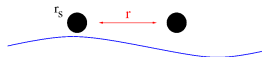
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The EFT point of view on the 2-body problem: how to compute waveform

Different scales in EFT:

- Very short distance $\lesssim r_s$
negligible up to 5PN
(effacement principle)
- Short distance: orbital scale
 $r \sim r_s/v^2$, **potential**
gravitons $k_\mu \sim (v/r, 1/r)$
- Long distance: **GW's**
 $\lambda \sim r/v \sim r_s/v^3$
 $k_\mu \sim (v/r, v/r)$ coupled to
point particles with
moments

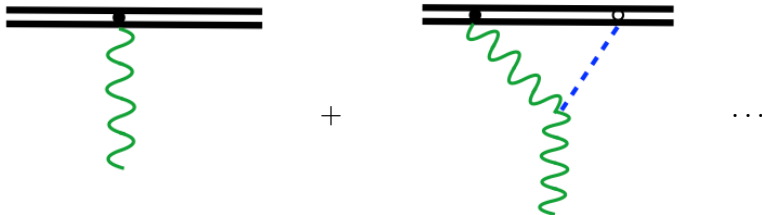


Theory at large distances

Extended object coupled to gravity via multipoles

$$S_{ext} \int dt M + L_{ab} \omega_0^{ab} + Q_{ij} E_{ij} + J_{ij} B_{ij} + O_{ijk} \partial_k E_{ij} + \dots$$

Emission amplitude $A_h(k) = \sqrt{G_N} k^2 \epsilon_{ij} Q_{ij} \rightarrow P \propto |A_h|^2$



In order to make prediction we need to know what are the multipoles:

Need to match with the theory at the orbital scale:

$$Q_{ij} = \int \ddot{T}_{00} x_i x_j$$

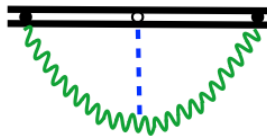
Divergences

Theory of extended object has UV divergencies: assuming source concentrated at $r = 0$ gives divergencies, in the amplitude

$$\left| \frac{A_{h,v6}}{A_{h,v0}} \right|^2 = (G_N M \omega)^2 \left(\frac{1}{d-3} + \log \frac{k^2}{\mu^2} + \dots \right)$$

in the radiation-reaction

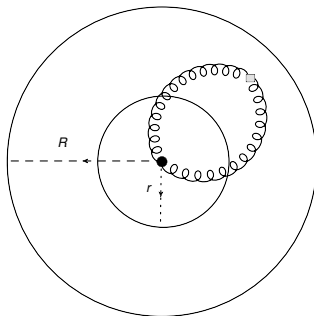
$$\delta \ddot{x}_{ai}(t) = -\frac{8}{5} x_{aj}(t) G_N^2 M \int_{-\infty}^t dt' Q_{ij}^{(7)}(t') \log \frac{t-t'}{\mu}$$



Log terms give running

$$\mu \frac{dM}{d\mu} = -\frac{214}{105} (G_N m \omega)^2 I_{ij}^{(R)}$$

$$\mu \frac{dI_{ij}}{d\mu} = \frac{2(G_N M \omega)^2}{5} \left(2I_{ij}^{(5)} I_{ij}^{(1)} - 2Q_{ij}^{(4)} I_{ij}^{(2)} + I_{ij}^{(3)} I_{ij}^{(3)} \right)$$



Observer at different distance
disagree on the value of M, Q_{ij}

Goldberger, Ross PRD 2010

Goldberger, Rothstein, Ross

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Foffa & RS PRD 2012

$$P \propto G_N \int \omega^6 \left(Q_{ij}^2 + \frac{16}{45} J_{ij}^2 + \frac{5}{189} \omega^2 I_{ijk}^2 \right. \\ \left. + a(G_N M \omega) Q_{ij}^2 + b(G_N M \omega)^2 Q_{ij}^2 + \dots \right)$$

Conservative dynamics

To compute emitted **flux** (and the **energy**) the theory at orbital scale is needed:
heavy, classical sources coupled to gravitons

$$\exp[iS_{eff}(x_a)] = \int \mathcal{D}h(x) \exp[iS_{EH}(h) + iS_{pp}(h, x_a)]$$

$$S_{pp} = -\sqrt{G_N}m \int dt \left(h_{00}/2 + v_i h_{0i} + v^i v^j h_{ij}/2 + \dots \right)$$

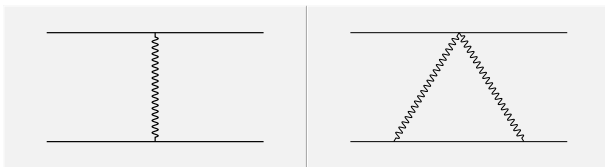
$$S_{EH} = \int d^4x \left[(\partial_i h)^2 - (\partial_t h)^2 + \sqrt{G_N} h (\partial h)^2 + \dots \right]$$

Power counting to integrate out **potential** gravitons in the NR limit

$$\begin{aligned} \int d^{3+1}k \frac{e^{ik^\mu x_\mu}}{k^2} &\sim \int d^3k \delta(t) \frac{1}{\mathbf{k}^2} \left(1 - \frac{\partial_t^2}{\mathbf{k}^2} + \dots \right) \\ &\sim \int d^3k \delta(t) \frac{e^{i\mathbf{k}\mathbf{x}}}{\mathbf{k}^2} \left(1 + \frac{(\mathbf{k}\mathbf{v})^2}{\mathbf{k}^2} + \dots \right) \end{aligned}$$

Manifest scaling

The 1PN potential

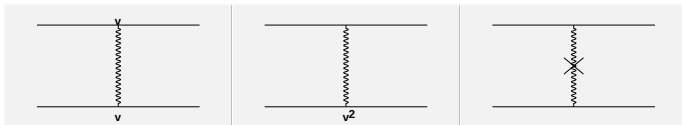


Scaling:

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Lv^2

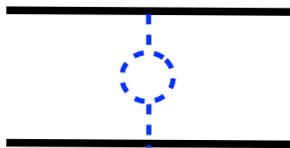
Using virial theorem $v^2 \sim G_N M/r$



$$V = -\frac{Gm_1m_2}{2r} \left[1 - \frac{G_N m_1}{2r} + \frac{3}{2}(v_1^2) - \frac{7}{2}v_1v_2 - \frac{1}{2}v_1\hat{r}v_2\hat{r} \right] +$$

$1 \leftrightarrow 2$

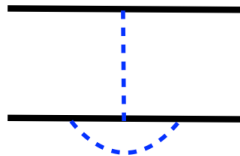
Divergences and quantum effects



Graviton loops are quantum corrections suppressed by $\hbar/L \sim 10^{-76} (M/M_\odot)^{-2} (v/0.1)$

Harmless power law divergence: infinite mass renormalization absorbed in the bare coupling

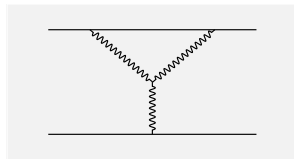
$$\propto \int d^d k \frac{1}{k^2}$$



EFT does not predicting all physical parameters, some are inputs
log divergencies calls for UV completion of the theory

The 3PN computation automatized

Topologies



Graphs

v and time derivative-insertions

Amplitudes

$$A = G_N m_i v_i \int d^d k d^d k_1 \frac{1}{k^2 (k - k_1)^2} \dots$$

Evaluation

Analytic integral in a database

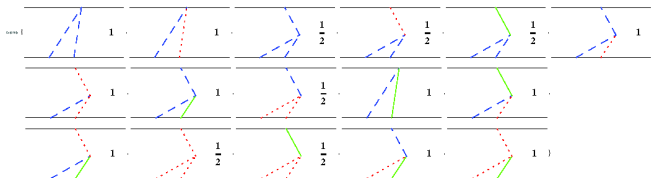
S. Foffa & RS PRD 2011

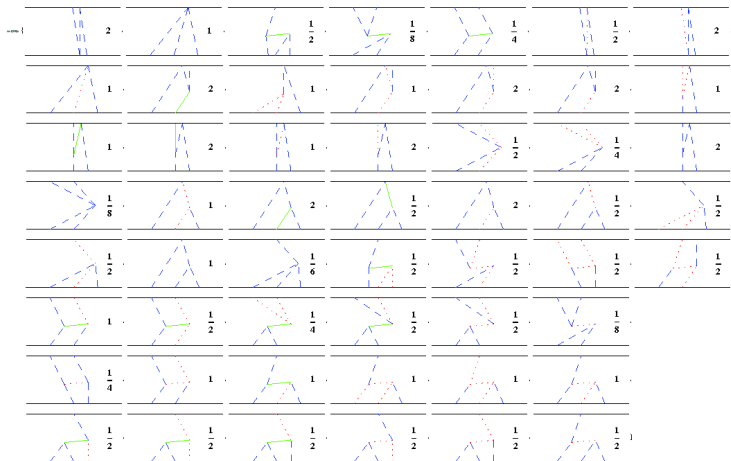
Feynman diagrams at 3PN order

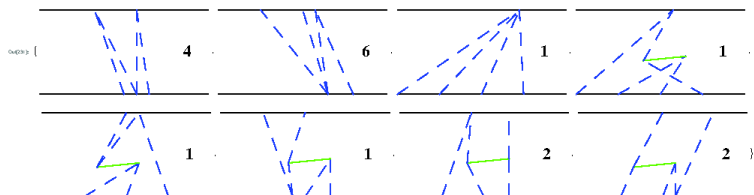
$$G_N v^6$$



$$G_N^2 v^4$$



Feynman diagrams at 3PN order: $G_N^3 v^2$ 

Feynman diagrams at 3PN order: G_N^4 

Final result matches previous derivation of 3PN Hamiltonian,
see eq. (174) of Blanchet's Living Review on Relativity

The 4 PN status

Recovered the 3PN Hamiltonian

Blanchet et al. PRD '03

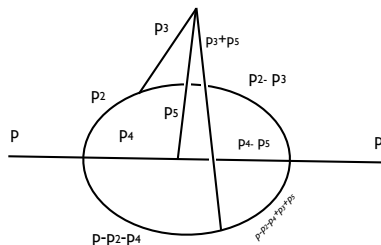
At 4PN we have to compute:

- 3 graphs @ $G_N v^8$ order
- 23 @ $G_N^2 v^6$
- 202 @ $G_N^3 v^4$
- 307 @ $G_N^4 v^2$
- 50 @ G_N^5

Foffa & RS in preparation

The 4 PN on the way

The major obstruction to the computation is one of the G_N^5 graphs equivalent to the 4-loop quantum field theory diagram



in a massless, euclidean theory in $d = 3$

Result at G_N^5 obtained with traditional method (different gauge)

Testing GR

$$\phi(t) = v^{-5} \sum_{n=0}^7 \left(\phi_n + \phi_n^{(l)} \log(v) \right) v^n$$

Bayesian model selection between two hypothesis

■ $\mathcal{H}_{GR}$

■ $\mathcal{H}_{modGR}$: one or more ϕ_i 's are **not** as predicted by GR

Odds ratio:

$$\mathcal{O}_{GR}^{modGR} \equiv \frac{P(\mathcal{H}_{modGR}|d, I)}{P(\mathcal{H}_{GR}|d, I)}$$

In absence of noise $\mathcal{O}_{GR}^{modGR} \stackrel{>}{<} 0$ favours $\overset{\text{modGR}}{GR}$

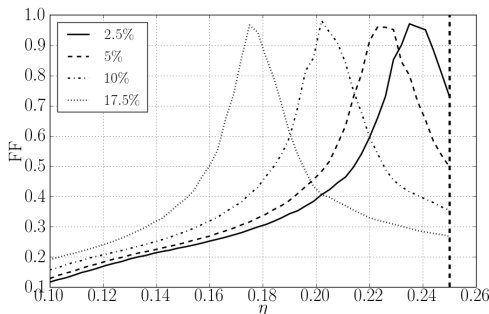
Li, RS et al. JPCS (2012), PRD (2012)

Parameter estimation bias

Waveform match (fitting factor)

$$FF = \int df \frac{h_1^*(f)h_2(f) + h_1(f)h_2^*(f)}{S_n(f)}$$

for $\delta\chi_3$ injections varying η (maximized over other params)

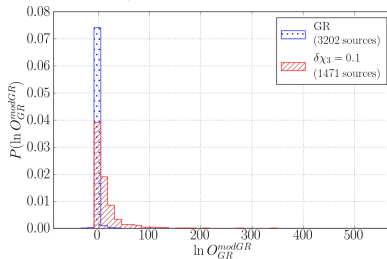


GR deviation **do not prevent detection**, but **considerable bias!**

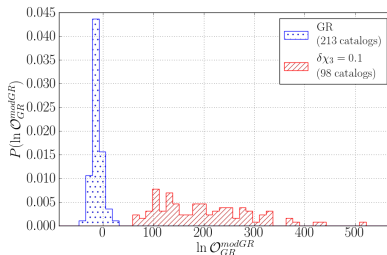
Simulated signals in noise

Constant shift in $\phi_3 \rightarrow \phi_3(1 + \delta\chi_3)$ SNR's limited to 8-25

Single sources with
noise:
Odds ratio overlaps



15-sources catalogs
can disentangle
fundamental effects



Future directions for testing GR

- Are waveforms accurate enough? In early inspiral **yes**
- For neutron stars: are finite size and matter effects important? Mostly after 450Hz (see Hinderer et al. PRD (2010))
- Is the effect of spin important?
Not for neutron stars, but for BH it has to be considered
- Are internal calibration errors under control? **Yes**
Vitale et al. PRD85 (2012)
- What about inclusion of merger and ring-down?
Work in progress
- Can the computational challenge be satisfied? Maybe yes. . .

New era is about to start (~ 4 years)

- GW astronomy will open a new window onto the Universe, both **astrophysically** and **cosmologically**
- Observational test of strong gravity field dynamics not available so far: GW detection will give access to **strong gravity phenomena**
- Field theory method tuned out to be useful in **classical gravity**

Spare slides

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$$M \frac{d\phi(t_s/M)}{dt_s} = (1+z)M \frac{d\phi((1+z)t_s(t_o)/M(1+z))}{dt_o} \implies$$

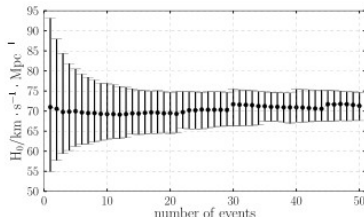
$$\phi(t_o/\mathcal{M}) = \phi(t_s/M) \quad \mathcal{M} \equiv M(1+z)$$

Hubble law: $z = H_0 d_L$

D_L can be measured, z degenerate with M , however if

- the source in the sky has been localized (α, δ)
- GW sources are in the galaxy catalog with known red-shift

$$P(z, D_L | c_i) = \int d\mathcal{M} d\vec{\theta} d\alpha d\delta P(D_L \mathcal{M}, \vec{\theta}, \alpha, \delta | c_i) \pi(z, |\alpha, \delta)$$

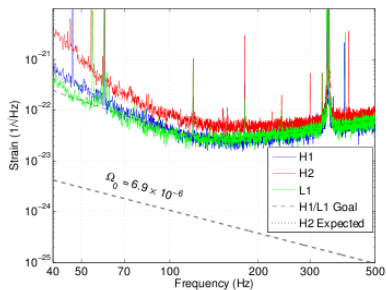


Schutz, Nature '86
W. Del Pozzo,
arXiv:1108.1317

Stochastic background

$$\Omega_{GW} = \frac{f}{\rho_c} \frac{d\rho_{GW}}{df}$$

$$S_{GW} = \frac{3H_0^2}{10\pi^2} \frac{\Omega_{GW}}{f^3}$$



Between 50 and 150 Hz