Multi-messenger astronomy with gravitational waves

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Fundamental interactions



Standard Model:

- ★ Strong interactions (1),
- ★ Electromagnetism (1/137),
- * Weak interactions $(10^{-9}),$

★ Gravitation (10⁻³⁸)

- * the weakest "force",
- not described in the Standard Model,
- does the "graviton" really exist?

Gravitation: Newton vs Einstein



Newton:

- Space is euclidean, time is absolute, there is no relation between them
- ★ Gravitation is a force acting between masses
- Force of gravitation acts immediately at any distance



Einstein:

- \star Space and time are related
- * 4-dimensional space-time is curved by masses, and gravitation is an effect of this curvature
- ★ Effects of gravitation travel with a finite speed (speed of light)

The role of curvature





Einstein (1915): gravitation \equiv spacetime geometry



"Spacetime grips mass, telling it how to move... Mass grips spacetime, telling it how to curve" (*John A. Wheeler*) Einstein (1916): wave-like solutions in general theory of relativity: time-dependent changes of curvature propagating with the speed of light



Astrophysical sources

Non-axisymmetric (rapid) movement of (large) masses \implies detectable gravitational-wave emission

- ★ Transient signals (cataclysms):
 - * in binary systems (black holes, neutron stars),
 - * explosions (e.g. core-collapse supernovæ).

Long-lasting signals:

- continuous emission (rotating neutron stars = 'gravitational' pulsars),
- stochastic background from a population of many sources.



LIGO-Virgo global detector network

Very precise rulers: measuring distances between free-falling bodies with laser light.









Detection principle. Laser interferometry

"How to measure distance when the ruler also changes length?"



Changes in arms length are **very** small: $\delta L_x - \delta L_y = \Delta L < 10^{-18}$ m (smaller than the size of the proton). Wave amplitude $h = \Delta L/L \le 10^{-21}$.

LIGO-Virgo broadband sensitivity curves



Initial LIGO proposal (1989)

★ Range of frequencies similar to human ears:



From 20 Hz (H0) to a few thousands Hz (3960 Hz, H7) - 8 octaves.

Poor, like for an ear, angular resolution.

Sensitivity \rightarrow amplitude \rightarrow volume



- * Detector's sensitivity (registering waves of amplitude *h*) is related to maximal range $r, h \propto 1/r$
- * Reachable cosmic volume $V \propto r^3$
- * Increase of sensitivity $h \rightarrow 0.1h$ gives $r \rightarrow 10r$, that is $V \rightarrow 1000V$.

GW150914: 14 September 2015, 11:50:45 CEST



GRAVITATIONAL-WAVE TRANSIENT CATALOG-1





GWTC-1 - O1 & O2 detections (Phys. Rev. X 9, 031040 2019)

Astrophysically-interesting parameters of the binary Intrinsic:

- * Chirp mass $\mathcal{M} = (\mu^3 M^2)^{1/5} = (m_1 m_2)^{3/5} / (m_1 + m_2)^{1/5}$,
- * Mass ratio $q = m_2/m_1$ (at 1PN), alternatively $\nu = m_1 m_2/(m_1 + m_2)^2$,
- $\star\,$ Spin-orbit and spin-spin coupling (at 2PN and 3PN, resp.) $ightarrow\,$

 $\chi_{eff} = (m_1\chi_{1z} + m_2\chi_{2z})/(m_1 + m_2)$

where χ_{iz} are spin components along system's total angular momentum,

 $\star~$ Tidal deformability $\Lambda~(at~5PN) \rightarrow$

$$ilde{\Lambda} = rac{16}{13} rac{(m_1 + 12m_2)m_1^4 \Lambda_1}{(m_1 + m_2)^5} + (1 \leftrightarrow 2)$$

Extrinsic:

 Direct "luminosity" ("loudness") distance: binary systems are "standard sirens".

Signature of matter in binary NS waveforms

Tidal tensor \mathcal{E}_{ij} of one of the components induces quadrupole moment Q_{ij} in the other:

 $Q_{ij} = -\lambda \mathcal{E}_{ij} \rightarrow \lambda = \frac{\text{size of quadrupole deformation}}{\text{strength of external tidal field}} \rightarrow \lambda = \frac{2}{3} k_2 R^5$



 λ tidal deformability, $k_2 \in (0.05, 0.15)$ - the Love number (dependent on *M* and equation of state).

- ★ Convenient redefinition: $\Lambda = G\lambda \left(\frac{GM}{c^2}\right)^{-5} \in (100, 1000)$
- * Weighted sum: $\tilde{\Lambda} = \frac{16}{13} \frac{(M_1 + 12M_2)M_1^4 \Lambda_1 + (M_2 + 12M_1)M_2^4 \Lambda_2}{(M_1 + M_2)^5}$
- * From the scaling tidal interaction is subtle (5PN) effect $(v/c)^{10}$



EM vs GW

- EM: * Created in microscopic processes by accelerated charges,
 - lowest multipole: dipole radiation,
 - scatters & is processed by matter.

Timing, spectrum, redshift, particle acceleration and thermal signatures \rightarrow standard candles, outflows, last scattering surface

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- GW: * Created in macroscopic processes by accelerated masses,
 - towest multipole:
 quadrupole radiation (in GR),
 - once emitted interacts
 very weakly with matter.

Timing, mass & spin parameters → standard sirens (direct luminosity distance), core engine, cosmology, gravity theory tests ...

GW170817: 17 August 2017, 14:41:04 CEST



- * Combined LIGO-Virgo signal-to-noise ratio: SNR=32.4,
- * False alarm rate: less than one in 80000 years,
- ★ Chirp mass $\mathcal{M} = \frac{(M_1 M_2)^{3/5}}{(M_1 + m_2)^{1/5}} = 1.186^{+0.001}_{-0.001} M_{\odot}$
- ★ Distance $d = 40^{+8}_{-14}$ Mpc (90% credible intervals)
- $\star~$ High-spin prior $\tilde{\Lambda} \leq$ 800, low-spin prior: $\tilde{\Lambda} \leq$ 900

EM-followup multi-messenger observations



'Kilonova' - UV-optical-IR glow powered by radioactive decay of isotopes:

- ★ Luminosity $10^8 L_{\odot}$ in visual 1 day after the merger,
- ★ IR bright for nearly two weeks,
- $\star \ \, \text{Black-body spectrum} \rightarrow \\ \text{thermal source.}$

All consistent with radioactive r-process heating.



GW170817: speed of gravitation

Relative speed difference between GWs and photons:

$$rac{V_{GW}-c}{c}=rac{\Delta v}{c}pproxrac{c\Delta t}{d}.$$

Assuming very conservative values:

- * Distance d = 26 Mpc (lower bound from 90% credible interval on luminosity distance derived from the GW signal),
- * Time delay $\Delta t = 10 \text{ s}$

$$-3\times10^{-15}\leq\frac{\Delta\nu}{c}\leq7\times10^{-16}$$

 $v_{GW} = 299792458^{+0.000001}_{-0.000006} \ \text{m/s} = c^{+0.000001}_{-0.000006} \ \text{m/s}$

GW170817: Hubble parameter with "standard siren"

Hubble parameter defined as $v_H = H_0 d$

- $H_{0,GW} = 70^{+12}_{-8} \,\mathrm{km}\,\mathrm{s}^{-1}\,\mathrm{Mpc}^{-1}$
- \star Planck: 67.74 \pm 0.46, SH0ES: 73.24 \pm 1.74 km s⁻¹ Mpc⁻¹



LIGO-Virgo O3 run: 56 signals since 01 April 2019



(O3 suspended 25 March 2020 because of COVID-19 :/)

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Among others:

- ★ GW190425: BNS, massive binary neutron star system, r = 156 ± 41 Mpc (arXiv:2001.01761),
- GW190412: BBH coalescence with asymmetric masses (arXiv:2004.08342),
- GW190814: first detection of a NSBH system? (arXiv:2006.12611),
- ★ S190521g: very distant (and massive) BBH, r = 3931 ± 953 Mpc,
- * S200115j: NSBH with BH in the "mass gap"?





GW190814: 23 M_{\odot} BH + 2.6 M_{\odot} compact object



Distance 241_{-45}^{+41} Mpc, sky localisation to within 18.5 deg². Best localized "dark siren" so far: $H_0 = 75_{-13}^{+59}$ km s⁻¹ Mpc⁻¹ (with GW170817: $H_0 = 70_{-8}^{+17}$ km s⁻¹ Mpc⁻¹)



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Soon

Neutron stars: dense matter equation of state, mass-tidal deformability relationship, maximum mass ↔ mass gap, phase transitions to quark-gluon plasma, additional fields and particles / exotic matter, elastic properties matter and phases, viscosity, magnetic field, oscillations and stability of stars, glitches, superfluidity and superconductivity, ...

Multi-messenger astronomy: gamma-ray bursts, production of elements, mass function of black holes and neutron stars, environment in host galaxies, various channels for creating binary systems, ...

Cosmology: Hubble parameter, dark energy equation of state, interaction with dark matter particles, large-scale structure, stochastic gravitational-wave background, lensing, ...

Tests of gravity theories: higher harmonics, black hole spectroscopy (ring-down), no-hair theorem, echoes, scalar & vector polarizations, strong field tests outside the quadrupole approximation, spin precession, Lorentz invariance, massive gravity, gravitational-wave memory, ...



Merging Neutron Stars Dying Low Mass Stars

Exploding Massive Stars Exploding White Dwarfs

Cosmic Ray Fission

Big Bang

Most of gold, platinum is produced in neutron-star mergers, in r-process (rapid neutron capture)!