The Beginnings of Gravitational Wave Astronomy

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Michelson Interferometer Schematic and GW sidebands



propagation direction



MODULATION: Amplitude and Phase

The measurement challenge



 $h = \frac{DL}{L} \Box 10^{-21}$ L = 4km DL \Box 4x10⁻¹⁸ meters

DL \square 10⁻¹² wavelength of light DL \square 10⁻¹² vibrations at earth's surface

Kip Thorne

Advanced LIGO Fabry-Perot Michelson Interferometer Schematic



Initial LIGO Interferometer Noise Budget



Evolution of the initial detector 2001 - 2006



A clean non-detection



Advanced LIGO design noise budget













Criteria for transient detection

- The same waveform must be seen at the Louisiana and Washington sites within ± 10 msec
- The waveform at a site cannot be coincident with signals from the environmental monitors at the site
 - 3 axis seismometers
 - 3 axis accelerometers on the chambers
 - Tilt meters
 - Microphones
 - Magnetometers
 - RF monitors
 - Line voltage monitors
 - Wind speed monitors
- The waveform at a site cannot be coincident with auxiliary signals in the interferometer not directly associated with the gravitational wave output
 - Alignment control signals
 - Laser frequency and amplitude control signals
 - Approximately 10⁵ sensing signals within the instrument





Generic transient search





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 time

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Modeled search followed by C^2 cut



Results of O1 and O2 run announced June 1, 2017







Triple coincidence GW 170814

 $M_1 = 30$ $M_2 = 25$ $\Delta M = 2.7$



Localization on sky and distance







Neutron Star Tidal Distortion



L = 591





Binary neutron star spectroscopy



S.Bose, K.Chakravarti, L.Rezzolla, B.S. Sathyaprakash, K. Takami

Broad band kilonova spectra vs time



Villar et al arXiv astroph 1710.11576

Origin of the elements



Hubble constant measurement: Galaxy z and distance from GW amplitude





Localization with more detectors



Fairhurst 2011





(Mandic et al. 2017)



Cosmic Microwave Background Polarization B Modes



Gravitational Wave Spectrum



Supermassive BH coalescences

Isotropic GW background

sources

from unresolved

10⁻⁸

Frequency Hz

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White dwarf binaries in our galaxy

Space-based Interferometers

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Compact binary coalescences: neutron stars and black holes

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LISA Pathfinder







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Quantum-mechanical noise in an interferometer

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Squeezed light in gravitational wave interferometers





E.Oelker, T. Isogai, J.Miller, M.Tse, L.Barsotti, N.Mavalvala, M.Evans

Acoustic mode damper for test mass : reduce parametric instability





S.Gras, S. Biscans, M.Evans, L.Barsotti, P.Fritschel





Einstein 1916

$$A = \frac{\pi}{24\pi} \sum_{a,b} \left(\frac{\partial^3 J_{a,b}}{\partial P} \right)^{a}.$$
(21)
Würde man die Zeit in Sekunden, die Energie in Erg messen, so
würde zu diesem Ausdruck der Zablenfaktor $\frac{1}{c^4}$ hinzutreten. Berück-
sichtigt man außerdem, daß $x = 1.87 \cdot 10^{-x7}$, so sieht man, daß A in
allen nur denkbaren Fällen einen praktisch verschwindenden Wert
haben muß. "....in any case one can think of A will have a practically
vanishing value."

$$M \gg \frac{\int}{C^2} \frac{V^2}{C^2} = \frac{Gm}{Rc^2} \frac{V^2}{c^2} \qquad S_g = \frac{c^3}{16\pi G} \langle \dot{h}_+^2 + \dot{h}_x^2 \rangle - \frac{c^3}{16\pi G} = 7.8 \times 10^{36} \text{ erg sec/ cm}^2$$
1916 examples: train colllision

$$m = 10^5 \text{ kg}$$

$$v = 100 \text{km/hr}$$

$$T_{collision} = 1/3 \text{ sec}$$

$$R_{radiation} = 300 \text{km}$$

$$h \sim 10^{-42}$$

$$m_1 = m_2 = 1 \text{ solar mass}$$

$$T_{orbit} = 1 \text{ day}$$

$$R = 10 \text{ Kly}$$

$$h \sim 10^{-23} @ 1/2 \text{ day period}$$

$$Q = \frac{2\pi E_{stored}}{\Delta E_{l period}} \sim 10^{13} \text{ decaytime} \sim 10^{13} \text{ years}$$

h



GW 170104





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"Solar Mass" Black Holes



Credit: LIGO/Caltech/Sonoma State (Simonnet)

Classes of sources and searches

- Compact binary inspiral: template search
 - BH/BH
 - NS/NS and BH/NS
- Low duty cycle transients: wavelets,T/f clusters
 - Supernova
 - BH normal modes
 - Unknown types of sources
- Triggered searches
 - Gamma ray bursts
 - EM transients
- Periodic CW sources
 - Pulsars
 - Low mass x-ray binaries (quasi periodic)
- Stochastic background
 - Cosmological isotropic background
 - Foreground sources : gravitational wave radiometry