

Panorama de la science avec les ondes gravitationnelles

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Ondes gravitationnelles

- Prédiction de la Relativité Générale (Einstein, 1916)
- Perturbations de la métrique de l'espace-temps
 - Engendrées par des accélérations de masses
 - > Se propagent à la vitesse de la lumière
 - Transverses, quadripolaires, deux polarisations orthogonales
- Luminosité d'une source





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Les ondes gravitationnelles témoignent des phénomènes les plus violents de l'Univers

> Sondent directement la dynamique des événements

- Les ondes gravitationnelles permettent de sonder la gravitation dans un régime inédit
 - > Gravitation au cœur des grandes énigmes de la physique contemporaine

Relativité Générale

Astrophysique

Cosmologie

Le spectre



NASA/J. I.Thorpe

Détecteurs interférométriques

- Miroirs suspendus = masses en chute libre dans le plan horizontal, pour f >> f_{pendule}
- Envergure de plusieurs kilomètres nécessaire
 - > $h \sim 10^{-22} 10^{-21}$
 - → δL ~ 10⁻¹⁸ m
- Détecteurs large bande
 - ➢ 10 Hz − 10 kHz sur Terre



Configuration standard



Les détecteurs









Ground-based GW detectors



O1 & O2 Observing Runs



- Binary neutron star range
 - > Average horizon distance
 - Horizon ~ 2.26 x range
- O1: 16 weeks
- O2: 37 weeks
- Virgo joined for last month of O2





Sources



Transient sources
 Compact binary coalescences
 Other "bursts", e.g. supernovae
 Persistent sources
 Rotating neutron stars
 Stochastic background





Compact Binary Coalescences

- BH + BH, NS + NS, NS + BH systems
- Waveform models from analytical and numerical relativity
- Event dynamics probes strong field gravity
- Standard candles
- Rare events
 - Rates now measured
 - ≻ R_{BBH} = 12 213 Gpc⁻³ yr⁻¹
 - > $R_{BNS} = 320 4740 \text{ Gpc}^{-3} \text{ yr}^{-1} \stackrel{\circ}{>}$



GRAVITATIONAL-WAVE TRANSIENT CATALOG-1



Georgia Tech

ZLIGO

Do we understand the progenitors?



Masses



□ Heavy stellar mass BHs (> 25 M_{\odot})

- Heavier than BHs observed in X-ray binaries
- Weak massive-star winds due to low-metallicity environment
- Evidence for upper cutoff in BBH mass spectrum at 45 M_{\odot}
 - Might be a consequence of pairinstability supernova
- □ Mass gap between NS and BH ?
- GW170817 remnant
 - Lightest BH or heaviest NS known

Spins

arXiv:1811.12907

- Spins difficult to measure sub-dominant effect on waveforms
- Spins possible discriminator for BBH formation history
 - BHs in dynamically formed binaries in dense stellar environments expected to have spins distributed isotropically
 - For field populations, stellar evolution expected to induce BH spins preferentially aligned with the orbital angular momentum





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GW151226

CW170608

GW170817

CW151012

CW170104

GW170814

CW170809

GW170818

CW15091A

CW1TOT29

Do we understand the ejecta?



- Connection of short GRBs to BNS mergers confirmed
 - But GRB170817 not a typical short GRB ?
- Kilonova powered by radioactive decay of r-process nuclei synthesized in ejecta
 - Accumulated nucleosynthesis could account for all heavy elements in Galaxy
 - Depends on ejecta mass and composition, and on merger rate

Do we understand the remnants?

- Not very well yet for lack of sensitivity at high frequency
- Kerr nature of CBC remnant can be shown by observing multiple quasinormal modes in post-merger signal
 Well modelled but low SNR
- Fate of BNS remnant should leave prints in both GW and EM signals
 - But difficult to observe and read the prints



Margalit & Metzger

More exotic questions

- Might BBHs be part of a primordial BH population in the early Universe and constitute a significant fraction of dark matter?
- Might some BBH signals be twin detections of strong-lensed distant sources?
- Yes whet we want a second the most likely answer, but fun scenarios to explore

Are GWs as predicted by GR ?

Polarization modes

Propagation speed

Binary dynamics



Graviton mass

Lorentz invariance

Equivalence principle

GW Polarizations

- Generic metric theories of gravity allow up to six polarizations
- GR allows two tensor polarizations, + and x
- LIGO instruments have similar orientation
 record same combination of polarizations
- Virgo has different orientation
 breaks degeneracy
- GW geometry probed directly through projection of metric perturbation onto detector network



 GW170814: pure tensor polarization strongly favored over pure scalar or vector polarizations

Testing GR with CBC

- Most relativistic binary pulsar known today
 > J0737-3039, orbital velocity v/c ~ 2 × 10⁻³
- BBH / BNS mergers
 - Strong field, non linear, high velocity regime
 v/c ~ 0.5
- No evidence for deviation from GR in waveform, place empirical bounds or high order post-Newtonian coefficients



Testing some GR cornerstones (I)



- GW propagation speed
 - GW170817 GRB 170817A: delay of 1.74 ± 0.05 s over > 85 million years propagation
 - > Assume Gamma emission delayed by [0,10]s

$$-3 \times 10^{-15} \leq \frac{v_{GW} - v_{EM}}{v_{EM}} \leq 7 \times 10^{-16}$$

Equivalence principle

- EM radiation and GWs affected by background gravitational potentials in the same way ?
- the same way ? Shapiro delay $\delta t_{\rm S} = -\frac{1+\gamma}{c^3} \int_{\mathbf{r}_{\rm e}}^{\mathbf{r}_{\rm o}} \dot{U}(\mathbf{r}(l)) dl$

$$-2.6 \times 10^{-7} \le \gamma_{\rm GW} - \gamma_{\rm EM} \le 1.2 \times 10^{-6}$$

Many alternative theories of gravity ruled out



Testing some GR cornerstones (II)

Lorentz invariance: Look for possible dispersion in signal propagation

$$\left(\frac{v}{c}\right)^2 = 1 - \left(\frac{hc}{\lambda_g E}\right)^2$$

GW150914 + GW151226 + GW170104

PRL 118, 221101 (2017)

 $\lambda_g > 1.6 \times 10^{13} \, km$

- > Bound graviton mass $m_g \leq 7.7 \times 10^{-23} \, eV/c^2$
- More constraining than bounds from Solar System and binary pulsar observations
- Less constraining than model dependent bounds from large scale dynamics of galactic clusters and weak gravitational lensing observations

Cosmology with CBC

- GW waveform provides luminosity distance
- GW waveform typically does not provide redshift
 - Full mass-redshift degeneracy for inspiral
- □ How do we get the redshift ?
 - From possible electromagnetic counterpart

Measuring the Hubble Constant

GW17081 – AT2017gfo

- ➤ GW only
 - Luminosity distance = 40^{+8}_{-14} Mpc at 90% CL
- Assuming sky position of AT2017gfo
 - $d = 43.8^{+2.9}_{-6.9} \,\mathrm{Mpc}$ at 68% CL
- H₀ uncertainty from statistics, geometrical degeneracy with system inclination, and galaxy peculiar velocity



Independent of any cosmic distance ladder



Cosmology with CBC

- GW waveform provides luminosity distance
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 - Full mass-redshift degeneracy for inspiral
- □ How do we get the redshift ?
 - From possible electromagnetic counterpart
 - Statistically, from reliable galaxy catalog
 - From tidal effects if NS equation of state is known
 - From post-merger signal if observed and NS EoS is known
 - Statistically, from known features in NS / BH mass distribution
- □ High statistics will provide precise measurements

Burst sources

□ Generic GW Bursts with $< \sim 1 - 10$ s duration

- Some long-lived transient signals considered too, duration < 10⁴ s
- Many poorly modeled transient sources
 - > CBC post-merger signal
 - Core-collapse supernovae in or near the galaxy
 - Long GRBs
 - Neutron star instabilities
 - Soft gamma-ray repeater flares
 - ≻ ...

Some well modeled sources too

- Cosmic strings
 - Cusps $h \propto f^{-4/3}$, Kinks $h \propto f^{-5/3}$



Core-Collapse Supernovae



- Advanced detectors probe $h_{\rm rss} = \sqrt{\int |h_+(t)|^2 + |h_\times(t)|^2} \sim 10^{-23} \text{ Hz}^{-1/2}$
- □ E_{GW} ~ 10⁻⁹ M_☉ c² at 10 kpc, 100-200 Hz
 □ Should detect GW signal from a galactic supernova / Put constraints on extreme scenarios for supernova in the local group

Collapse dynamics & GW waveform hard to predict

> Efficiency of GW emission strongly model dependent $E_{GW} \sim 10^{-11} - 10^{-7} M_{\odot} c^2$



Multi-messenger searches

Triggered searches

- > Search for GW signals in coincidence wit remarkable events
 - GRBs, Magnetar flares, Pulsar glitches, Supernovae, High energy neutrinos...
- > Are more sensitive than their all-sky counterparts
- □ The electromagnetic follow-up program
 - > MoUs with partners allowed successful follow-up in O1/O2
 - Spectacular results for GW170817
 - Moving to open public alerts from O3 on

Continuous wave sources

GW signal from non axisymmetric rotating neutron star

- > $O(10^6 10^7)$ neutron stars within 5 kpc
- > ~2000 known pulsars, ~10% in frequency band of ground-based detectors

$$h = 3.10^{-27} \left(\frac{\epsilon}{10^{-6}}\right) \left(\frac{10 \text{ kpc}}{D}\right) \left(\frac{I}{10^{45} \text{ g cm}^2}\right) \left(\frac{f}{200 \text{ Hz}}\right)^2$$

□ Amplitude of GW signal driven by ellipticity, many uncertainties

- \succ Maximum sustainable ϵ depends on NS structure $\epsilon < 10^{-7} 10^{-5}$
- > Processes to produce/sustain ϵ
 - NS born with bumpy crust

$$\sim 10^{-12} < \epsilon < \sim 10^{-5}$$

- Strong internal magnetic fields
- Accretion ± unstable r-mode oscillations
- Free precession
- Emission frequency
 - Depends on emission mechanism

$$f = 2 f_{\rm rot}, f_{\rm rot} \dots$$

CW search challenges

Computationally limited searches

- Need to scan an enormous parameter space
 - Sky location x Frequency x Frequency derivative(s) x Inclination x Polarization
- Coherent analysis is expensive
 - Cost α (coherence time)⁶ x (band upper frequency)³
- Pick your battles: choose your search mix well
 - Coherent / Semi-coherent, Targeted/Directed/All sky, Isolated neutron stars / In binaries (accretion!)

Data quality

- > Chase wandering lines of instrumental or environmental origin
- Electromagnetic information
 - Pulsar ephemerides, glitches...

CW: From initial to advanced detectors

- GW emission <0.2% (1%)
 of spin-down luminosity
 for Crab (Vela)
- 8 pulsars constrained below spin-down limit, 32 within factor 10
- Lowest amplitude upper limit *h* < 1.6 10⁻²⁶ (J1918-0642)
- □ Lowest ellipticity upper limit $\varepsilon < 1.3 \ 10^{-8}$ (J0636+5129)



Stochastic Gravitational Wave Background



Stochastic gravitational-wave background expected from

- Cosmological sources
 - Inflation models, Cosmic strings, Phase transitions...
- > Astrophysical sources
 - Superposition of unresolved sources
- Spectral content carries signatures of underlying physics

SGWB energy density upper limits (O1)



• 4 orders of magnitude improvement in $\Omega_{\rm GW}$ sensitivity expected with advanced detectors

- 2 from detector sensitivity
- 2 from detector bandwidth
- Future measurements can probe the physics of inflation and very high energy processes
 - > 10⁶ − 10⁷ TeV

Expected SGWB from CBC mergers

- First detections suggest population of BBH with relatively high mass
- SGWB from BBH could be higher than expected
 - Incoherent superposition of all merging binaries in Universe
 - Dominated by inspiral phase
- Significant contribution from BNS background
- Estimated energy density
 - > $\Omega_{\rm GW} \sim 2 \cdot 10^{-9}$ at 25 Hz
- Statistical uncertainty due to poorly constrained merger rate currently dominates model uncertainties
- Background potentially detectable by Advanced LIGO / Advanced Virgo



Science prospects - Instrumental challenges

□ Sensitivity

- Captured by BNS range
- > More events to explore source population
- > More SNR for exceptional events

Bandwidth

- > Low frequency sensitivity
 - Higher mass BBH mergers
 - CBC parameter accuracy
- > High frequency sensitivity
 - CBC post-merger signal

Robustness

- > Duty cycle
- > 3 detector operation
 - Sky localization

Data quality

Calibration

Open public alerts

Network size

Prospects for Near Future

- O2: 1/2 1/4 of the design sensitivity of Advanced LIGO and Advanced Virgo
- Currently both LIGO and Virgo improving sensitivity of instruments
- □ Next: ~1 year long O3 run
 - Start April 2019
 - > LIGO BNS range ~ 120 Mpc, Virgo ~ 60 Mpc
 - > KAGRA hopes to join before the end of O3
- Best guesses for O3
 - > BBH: Several per month to several per week
 - > BNS: 1 to 10 in the year-long run
 - > NSBH: N=0 not ruled out in any scenario, most give ~50% N>0
- □ More events, more physics... more breakthroughs?
 - Eagerly waiting for next galactic supernova