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Tests of General Relativity (GR)

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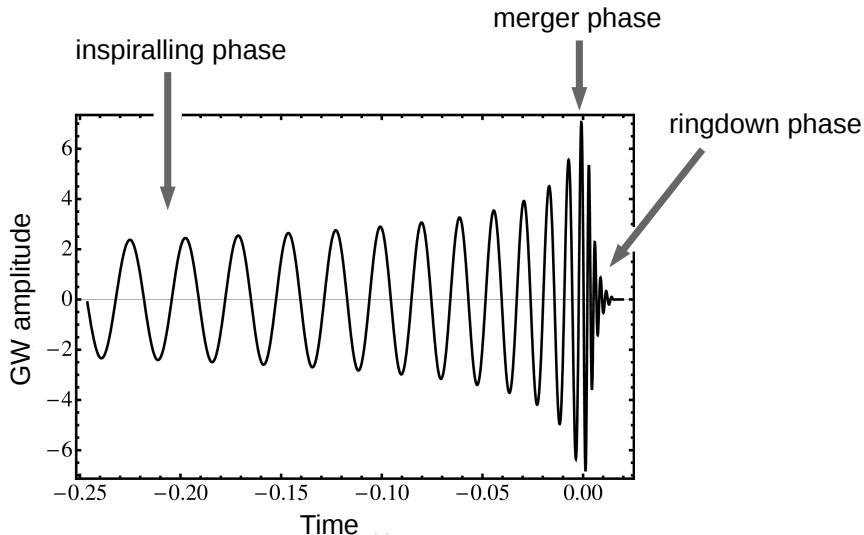
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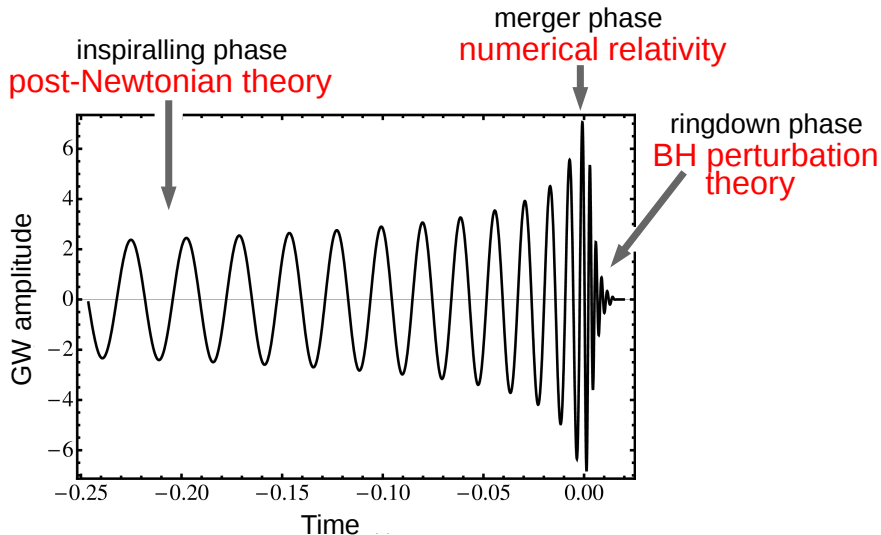
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CONSISTENCY TESTS WITHIN GR

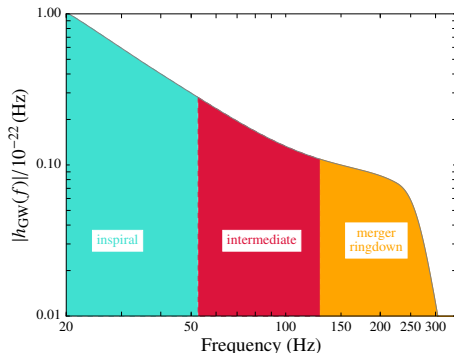
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The inspiral-merger-ringdown (IMR) model

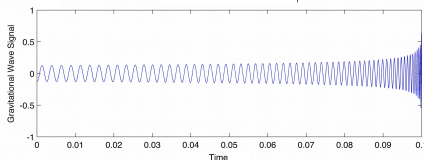


Effective methods that interpolate between the different phases play a crucial role

- The effective-one-body (EOB) approach [Buonanno & Damour 1999]
- The inspiral-merger-ringdown (IMR) [Ajith *et al.* 2008]

$$\underbrace{\{\text{PN parameters}\}}_{\text{inspiral}}; \underbrace{\{\beta_2, \beta_3\}}_{\text{intermediate}}; \underbrace{\{\alpha_2, \alpha_3, \alpha_4\}}_{\text{merger-ringdown}}$$

PN parameters in the orbital phase evolution



- The PN parameters come from a **mixture of conservative and dissipative** effects through the energy balance equation

conservative energy

$$\frac{d \overbrace{E}}{dt} = - \underbrace{\mathcal{F}^{\text{GW}}}_{\text{dissipative energy flux}}$$

- The **orbital phase** $\phi = \int \omega dt$ is obtained as a function of $x = \left(\frac{GM\omega}{c^3}\right)^{2/3}$ and the mass ratio $\nu = \frac{m_1 m_2}{(m_1 + m_2)^2}$

$$\phi(x) = \phi_0 - \frac{x^{-5/2}}{32\nu} \sum_p \left(\varphi_{\text{PN}}(\nu) + \varphi_{\text{PN}}^{(l)}(\nu) \log x \right) x^p + \mathcal{O}[(\log x)^2]$$

The known 3.5PN parameters [see Blanchet 2014 for a review]

$$\varphi_{0\text{PN}} = 1 \quad \Longleftarrow \text{Einstein quadrupole formula}$$

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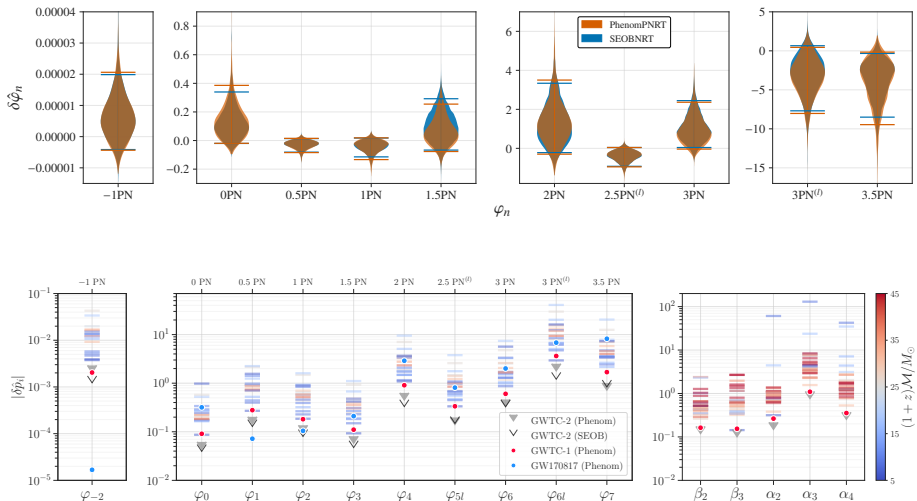
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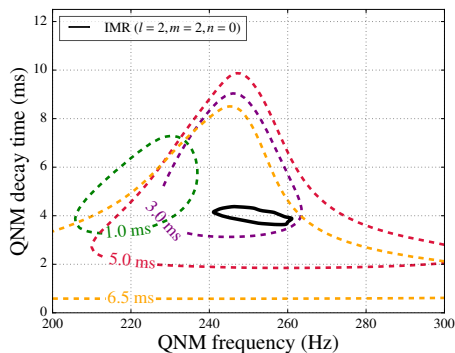
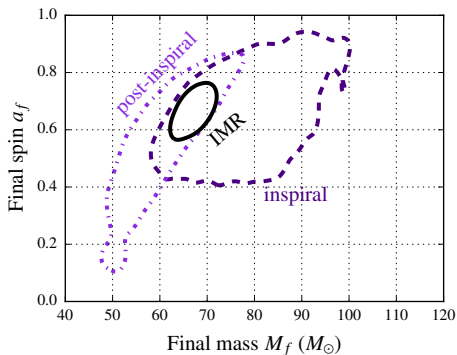
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Measurement of PN parameters [LIGO/Virgo 2017, 2020]



Inspiral-Merger-Ringdown consistency test [LIGO/Virgo 2016]

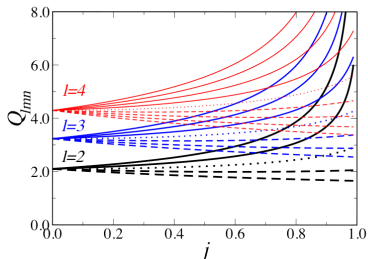
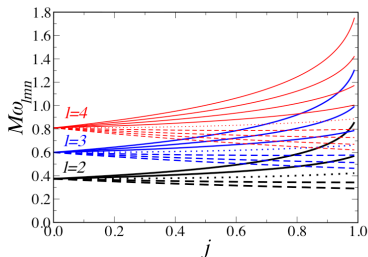


TESTS OF BH_s AND EXOTIC COMPACT OBJECTS

Testing the no-hair theorem with the ringdown

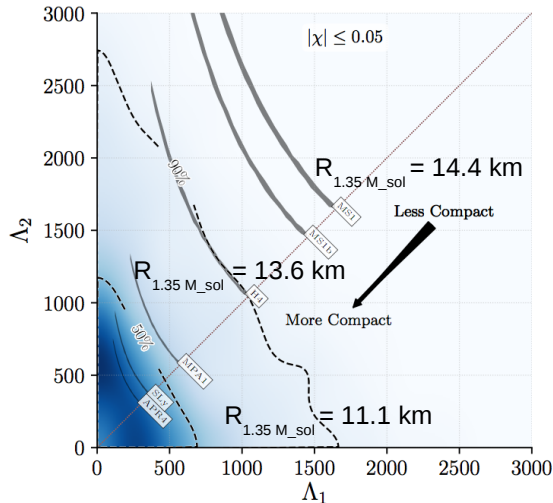
- The merger of two black holes produces a distorted BH who emits ringdown radiation to shed hair
- The frequency modes of ringdown radiation are [e.g. Berti, Cardoso & Will 2006]

$$\omega = \omega_{\ell mn} \left[1 + \frac{i\pi}{2Q_{\ell mn}} \right] \quad (n = \text{overtone index})$$



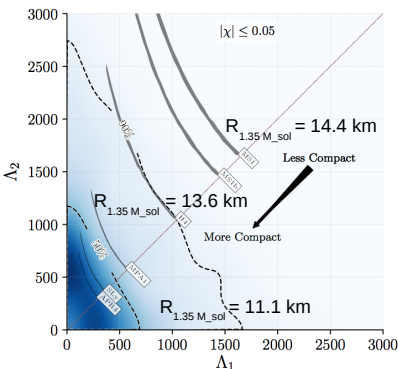
$$j = \frac{J}{M^2} = \frac{a}{M}$$

Test of the NS equation of state [LIGO/Virgo 2017]



$$\Lambda_a = \frac{2}{3} k_a \left(\frac{c^2 R_a}{G m_a} \right)^5$$

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- Contribution to the GW chirp

$$x = \frac{1}{4} \theta^{-1/4} \left[1 + \frac{39}{8192} \tilde{\Lambda} \theta^{-5/4} \right]$$

$$\varphi = \varphi_0 - \frac{x^{-5/2}}{32\nu} \left[1 + \underbrace{\frac{39}{8} \tilde{\Lambda} x^5}_{5\text{PN effect}} \right]$$

- Measured tidal deformability parameter

$$\tilde{\Lambda} = \frac{16}{13} \left[\left(1 + 11 \frac{m_2}{m} \right) \left(\frac{m_1}{m} \right)^4 \Lambda_1 + 1 \leftrightarrow 2 \right]$$

[Flanagan & Hinderer 2008]

Postmerger echoes [Cardoso & Pani 2016]

- Suppose that the object formed by the merger of two BHs contains a material surface between the horizon at $2M$ and the photon sphere at $3M$,

$$R_{\text{material}} = 2M + \epsilon \quad \text{with} \quad \epsilon \ll M$$

- In that case the ringdown radiation at frequency $f_{\text{ringdown}} \sim \pi/M$ should be followed by a succession of echoes at frequency $f_{\text{echo}} \sim \pi/\tau_{\text{echo}}$ with

$$\tau_{\text{echo}} \sim M \left| \ln \left(\frac{\epsilon}{M} \right) \right|$$

- Echos may reveal the existence of ultra compact exotic objects with radius between the Buchdahl limit $R_B = \frac{9}{4}M$ and the photon sphere $3M$

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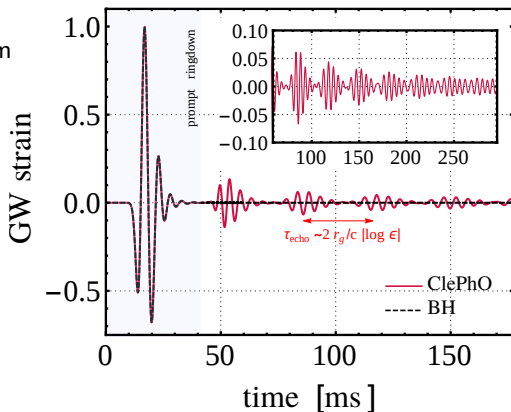
- Speculate that ϵ is the Planck length related to unknown quantum effects at the horizon scale

$$\epsilon \sim 1.6 \cdot 10^{-34} \text{ m}$$

- The echoes occur with frequency

$$f_{\text{echo}} \sim 10^3 \left(\frac{M_{\odot}}{M} \right) \text{ Hz}$$

- No evidence was found for echoes in the LIGO/Virgo data



TESTS OF ALTERNATIVE THEORIES

GW solutions in metric theories of gravity

- 1 Small perturbation of the metric around flat space-time

$$g_{\mu\nu} = \eta_{\mu\nu} + h_{\mu\nu} \quad \text{with} \quad |h_{\mu\nu}| \ll 1$$

- 2 Restrict attention to theories admitting GW solutions propagating at the speed of light: $c_g = 1$. Far from the sources the waves are planar hence

$$\square h_{\mu\nu} = 0 \quad \Longleftrightarrow \quad h_{\mu\nu} = h_{\mu\nu}(t - z)$$

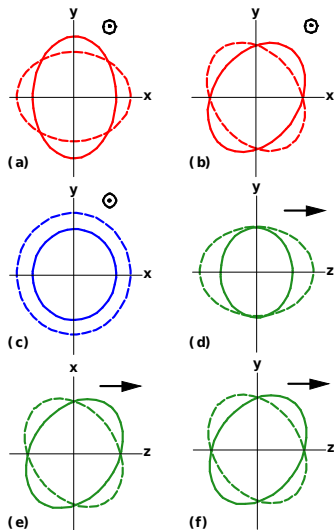
- 3 From the linearized Bianchi's identity obtain

$$\boxed{\square R_{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} = 0 \quad \Longleftrightarrow \quad R_{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} = R_{\mu\nu\rho\sigma}(t - z)}$$

showing that GWs have an **invariant, coordinate-independent meaning**

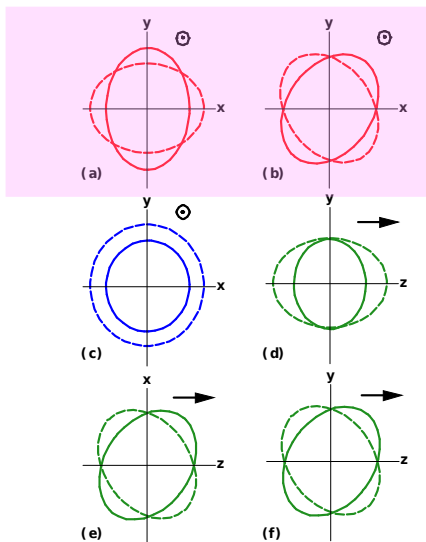
- 4 The six components R_{0i0j} (where $i, j = x, y, z$) represent **six independent components** (polarization modes)

GW polarization modes in metric theories of gravity



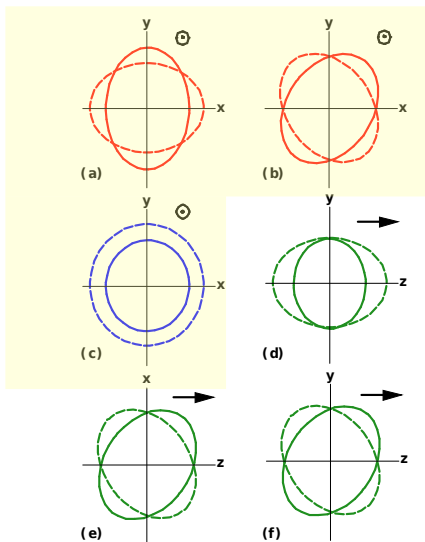
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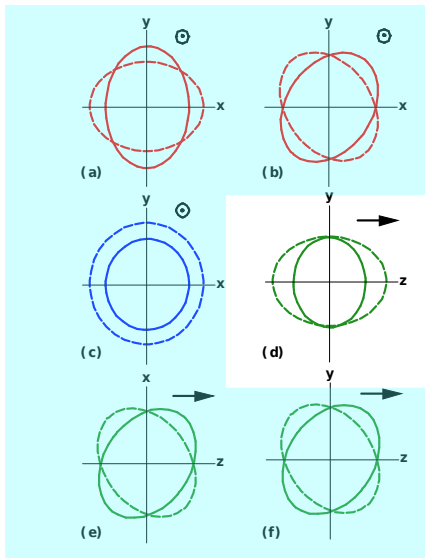
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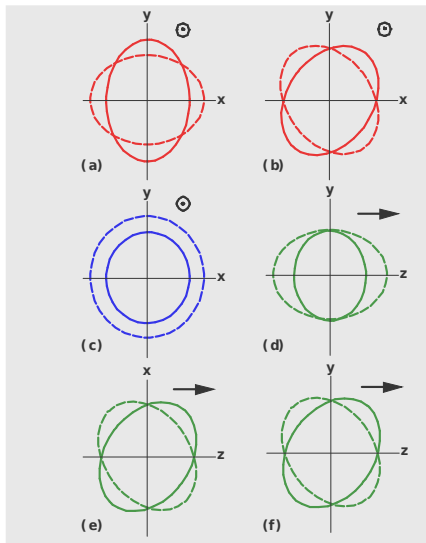
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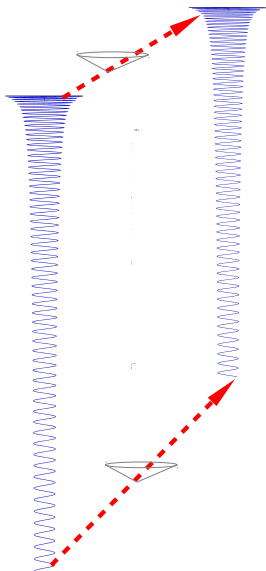
Test on polarizations with GW170817 [LIGO-Virgo 2017]

$$h(t) = \sum_{A=1}^6 \underbrace{F^A(\Theta, \Phi, \Psi)}_{\text{detector response functions}} \overbrace{h_A[\varphi(t), i(t)]}^{\text{independent polarizations}} \quad A = (+, \times, x, y, b, \ell)$$

- Coherent Bayesian analysis of the signal properties with the three interferometer outputs LIGO-Virgo
- The phase evolution of the GW is described by GR templates, but the polarization content varies
- The sky location of GW170817 is constrained to the host galaxy NGC4993
- Overwhelming evidence in favor of pure tensor polarization modes in comparison to pure vector and pure scalar modes with a (base ten) logarithm of the Bayes factor

$$\log_{10} \mathcal{B}_V^T = +20.81 \pm 0.08 \quad \log_{10} \mathcal{B}_S^T = +23.09 \pm 0.08$$

Bounding the mass of the graviton [Will 1998]



- Dispersion relation for a massive graviton

$$\frac{v_g^2}{c^2} = 1 - \frac{m_g^2 c^4}{E_g^2} \quad \text{with} \quad E_g = \hbar \omega_g$$

- The frequency of GW sweeps from low to high frequency during the inspiral
- The constraint is [\[LIGO/Virgo 2016\]](#)

$$m_g \lesssim 10^{-22} \text{ eV} \quad \Longleftrightarrow \quad \lambda_g \gtrsim 0.02 \text{ ly}$$

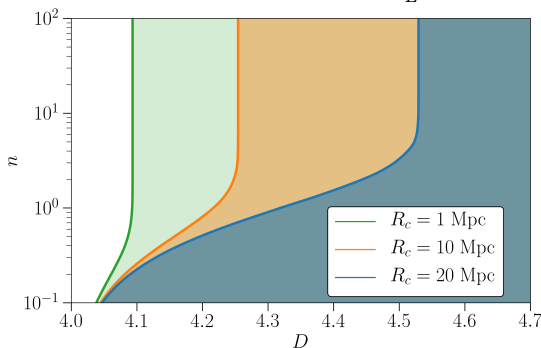
- But too low to be relevant to the problem of the cosmological constant

$$\Lambda \sim \frac{m_g^2 c^2}{\hbar^2} \quad \Longrightarrow \quad m_g \sim 3.7 \cdot 10^{-33} \text{ eV}$$

Constraint on the number of space-time dimensions

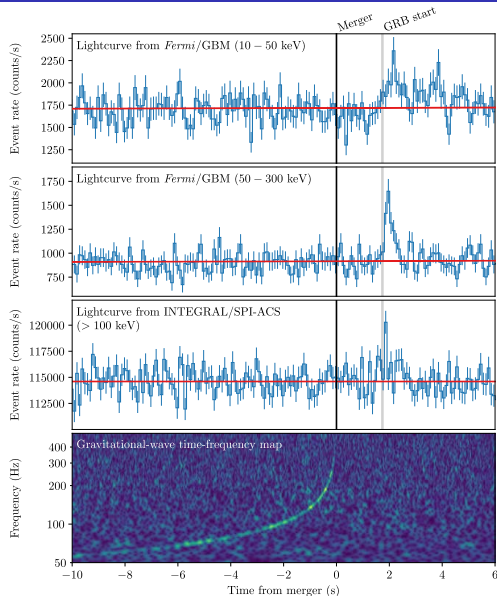
- Theories with non-compact extra-dimensions generically predict a deviation from the law $h^{\text{GW}} \propto 1/d_L$ due to **gravitational leakage** into extra dimensions
- Those that admit a screening scale R_c exhibit gravitational leakage above this scale [Deffayet & Menou 2007; Pardo, Fishbach, Holz & Spergel 2018]

$$h^{\text{GW}} \propto \frac{1}{d_L} \left[1 + \left(\frac{d_L}{R_c} \right)^{\frac{n(D-4)}{2}} \right]^{-\frac{1}{n}} \propto \frac{1}{d_L^{\frac{D-2}{2}}} \quad \text{when } d_L \gg R_c$$



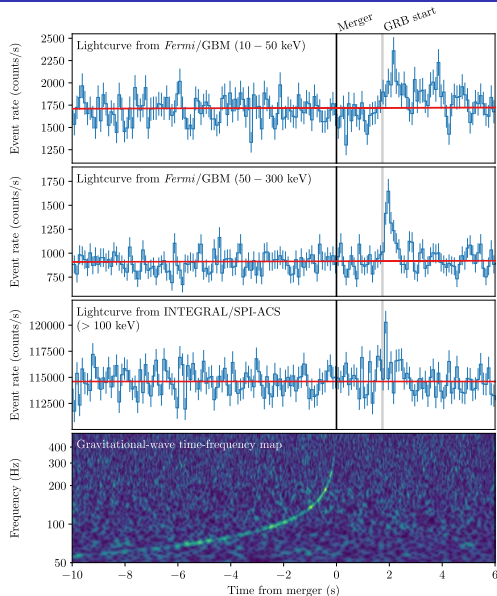
TESTS WITH THE SPEED OF GWs

The advent of multi-messenger astronomy



- The gamma-ray burst has been detected **1.7 second after the instant of merger**
- This is the closest gamma-ray burst whose distance is known and is probably seen **off-axis with respect to the relativistic jet**

Speed of gravitational waves versus speed of light



- The observed time delay between GW170817 and GRB170817A gives a strong constraint

$$|c_g - c_{em}| \lesssim 10^{-15} c$$

- This eliminated a series of alternative theories

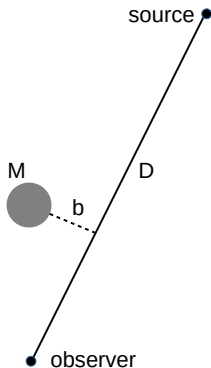
Test of the strong equivalence principle [Desai & Kahya 2016]

- The test involves the cumulative **Shapiro time delay** due to the gravitational potential of the dark matter distribution
- The violation of the equivalence principle is quantified by a PPN like parameter γ_a depending on the type of radiation $a = \text{GW}, \text{EM}$. For a spherical mass distribution

$$\Delta t_{\text{Shapiro}}^a = (1 + \gamma_a) \frac{GM}{c^3} \ln \left(\frac{D}{b} \right)$$

- The main contributions come from the galaxy NGC4993 and our own Galaxy with mass $M_{\text{MW}} = 5.6 \cdot 10^{11} M_{\odot}$
- Assuming an isothermal density profile for dark matter this yields about 400 days delay in GR
- The observed difference in arrival time $\Delta t = 1.7 \text{ s}$ yields

$$|\gamma_{\text{GW}} - \gamma_{\text{EM}}| \lesssim 10^{-7}$$



Dark energy after GW170817 [Bettoni et al. 2017; Creminelli & Vernizzi 2017]

- Consider models of dark energy and modified gravity characterized by a single scalar degree of freedom (with $X \equiv g^{\mu\nu} \partial_\mu \phi \partial_\nu \phi$) [Horndeski 1974]

$$\begin{aligned}
 L = & G_2(\phi, X) + G_3(\phi, X) \square \phi + G_4(\phi, X) R \\
 & - 2G_{4,X}(\phi, X) (\square \phi^2 - \phi^{\mu\nu} \phi_{\mu\nu}) + G_5(\phi, X) E^{\mu\nu} \phi_{\mu\nu} \\
 & + \frac{1}{3} G_{5,X}(\phi, X) (\square \phi^3 - 3 \square \phi \phi^{\mu\nu} \phi_{\mu\nu} + 2 \phi^{\mu\nu} \phi_{\mu\rho} \phi_\nu^\rho)
 \end{aligned}$$

- Imposing the speed of GWs to be one (*i.e.* $c_g \equiv c_T = 1$) drastically reduces the space of allowed theories

$$L_{c_g=1} = G_2(\phi, X) + \overbrace{B_4(\phi)R}^{\text{conformal coupling}} + \overbrace{G_3(\phi, X)\square\phi}^{\text{cubic galileon}}$$

- In beyond-Horndeski theory [Gleyzes, Langlois, Piazza & Vernizzi 2015] another type of term is also allowed

Mondian dark matter after GW170817 [Woodard et al. 2018]

In TeVeS [Bekenstein 2004] which is a specific version of relativistic MOND theory:

- Gravitational waves couple to the Einstein-frame metric $g_{\mu\nu}$ produced by GR without dark matter
- Ordinary matter couples to the Jordan-frame metric $\tilde{g}_{\mu\nu}$ which is a **disformally transformed metric** that would be produced by GR with dark matter

$$\tilde{g}_{\mu\nu} = e^{2\phi}(g_{\mu\nu} + U_\mu U_\nu) - e^{-2\phi}U_\mu U_\nu$$

- This theory is excluded by the test of the speed of GWs
- But other MOND-motivated theories (e.g. Khronon theory) survive the test