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Love and EMRIs in SPA*

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- EMRIs: capture of stellar-mass objects by a supermassive BH
- Primary targets of future space-borne observatory (LISA)
- Binary properties can be measured with great accuracy
- Response to tidal field reveals structure of a body

Tidal deformability is zero for a BH...

... while it is tiny but non-zero for an exotic object

All tidal effects can be encoded in the **Tidal Love Numbers k**

Key question:

can we measure k of a supermassive exotic object in EMRIs?

We performed a parameter estimation with Fisher matrix approach using the Stationary Phase Approximation (SPA) plus a few tricks

Outline of the presentation

- 1 Modeling the inspiral
- 2 Parameter estimation with the SPA
- 3 Conclusions and future perspective

Modeling the inspiral

Tidal response in the extreme-mass-ratio limits

For $q = \mu/M \ll 1$, the (dimensionless) tidal deformabilities are

$$\lambda_1 = \frac{2}{3}k_1 \quad \text{primary} \quad \lambda_2 = \frac{2}{3}q^5 k_2 \quad \text{secondary}$$

k_1 enters at **adiabatic order** in the gravitational wave phase¹
TLN binding energy at 6PN

$$E_{TLN} = \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{6}{r^6} + \frac{88}{3} \frac{1}{r^7} \right) k_1$$

TLN flux at 6PN

$$\mathcal{F}_{TLN}(r) = \frac{128}{5} \left(\frac{1}{r^{10}} - \frac{22}{21} \frac{1}{r^{11}} \right) k_1$$

¹Pani and Maselli, 2019

Radiation reaction equations

We consider circular, equatorial orbits with spins aligned.

Small corrections due secondary spin χ and TLN k_1

$$E = E^0 + \sigma E^1 + E_{TLN} \quad \Omega(r) = \Omega^0(r) + \sigma \Omega^1(r)$$

with $\sigma := S/(\mu M) = \chi q$.

Gravitational wave fluxes

$$\mathcal{F}(r, \Omega) = \mathcal{F}^0(r, \Omega^0) + \mathcal{F}_{TLN}(r) + \sigma \mathcal{F}^1(r, \Omega^0, \Omega^1)$$

\mathcal{F}^0 and \mathcal{F}^1 computed with Teukolsky formalism²

Evolution equations (expanded in q)

$$\frac{dr}{dt} = -q \mathcal{F}(r, \Omega) \left(\frac{dE}{dr} \right)^{-1} \quad \frac{d\Phi_{\text{GW}}}{dt} = 2\Omega(r(t))$$

²Piovano+,2021

Parameter estimation with the SPA

Error estimate with Fisher Information matrices

In the high SNR limit

$$\Sigma_{ij} = (\Gamma^{-1})_{ij} \quad \text{covariance matrix}$$

$$\Gamma_{ij} = \sum_{\alpha=I,II} \left(\frac{d\tilde{h}_\alpha}{dx^i} \middle| \frac{d\tilde{h}_\alpha}{dx^j} \right)_{\vec{x}=\vec{x}_0} \quad \text{Fisher matrix}$$

$$(p_\alpha | q_\alpha) = 4\text{Re} \int_{f_{\min}}^{f_{\max}} \frac{df}{S_n(f)} \tilde{p}_\alpha^*(f) \tilde{q}_\alpha(f) \quad \text{scalar product}$$

12 parameters for circular equatorial orbits with spins (anti)aligned

- intrinsic: masses $(\ln \mu, \ln M)$, spins (a, χ) , t_0 , k_1
- extrinsic: ϕ_0 , angles $(\vartheta_S, \varphi_S, \vartheta_K, \varphi_K)$, distance $\ln D$

Γ_{ij} is ill-conditioned: small error in $\Gamma_{ij} \implies$ large error in Σ_{ij}

Problem exacerbated by computing $d\tilde{h}_\alpha/dx^i$ with finite difference methods

Frequency domain waveform with the SPA

Applicable for strictly monotonic frequency $\Omega(t)$

$$\tilde{h}_\alpha(f) = \frac{\mu}{D} (\pi f M)^{2/3} \mathcal{A}_\alpha(\tilde{t}(f)) \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{|\dot{\Omega}(\tilde{t}(f))|}} e^{-i(\tilde{\Phi}_\alpha(\tilde{t}(f)) \pm \pi/4)}$$

$$\tilde{\Phi}_\alpha(\tilde{t}(f)) = 2\pi f(\tilde{t}(f) - t_0) - 2(\phi(\tilde{t}(f)) - \phi_0) - \phi^{\text{Dop}}(\tilde{t}(f)) - \phi_\alpha^{\text{sh}}(\tilde{t}(f))$$

$\alpha = I, II$ for the two LISA channels (in *long-wavelength approx*)

$$\phi_\alpha^{\text{sh}}(t) = \arctan\left(-\frac{A_\alpha^\times(t)}{A_\alpha^+(t)}\right) \quad \mathcal{A}_\alpha(t) = \sqrt{(A_\alpha^+(t))^2 + (A_\alpha^\times(t))^2}$$

$$A_\alpha^+(t) = (1 + \cos^2 \vartheta) F_\alpha^+(t) \quad A_\alpha^\times(t) = -2 \cos \vartheta F_\alpha^\times(t)$$

$\tilde{t}(f)$ is solution of

$$\Omega(t) = \pi f$$

Semi-analytic derivatives of waveforms with the SPA

Functions $\tilde{t}(f; \vec{x})$, $\phi(\tilde{t}(f; \vec{x}); \vec{x})$ and $r(\tilde{t}; \vec{x})$ depends implicitly on parameters $\vec{x} = (\ln M, \ln \mu, a, \chi, k_1)$ for SPA waveforms

By the theorem of the implicit functions

$$\frac{\partial \tilde{t}(f; \vec{x})}{\partial x^i} = - \frac{1}{\dot{\Omega}(t; \vec{x})} \frac{\partial \Omega(t; \vec{x})}{\partial x^i} \Bigg|_{t=\tilde{t}(f; \vec{x})}$$

$\phi(\tilde{t}(f; \vec{x}); \vec{x})$ and $r(\tilde{t}; \vec{x})$ are solutions of ODEs like

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = \mathcal{G}(t, y; \alpha) \quad y(0) = y_0$$

then

$$\frac{d}{dt} \left(\frac{\partial y(t; \alpha)}{\partial \alpha} \right) = \frac{\partial \mathcal{G}(t, y, \alpha)}{\partial y} \frac{\partial y(t; \alpha)}{\partial \alpha} + \frac{\partial \mathcal{G}(t, y, \alpha)}{\partial \alpha} \quad \frac{\partial y(0; \alpha)}{\partial \alpha} = 0$$

Testing the SPA waveforms

$$\mathcal{F}(h_{\alpha}^{\text{SPA}}, h_{\alpha}^{\text{FFT}}) = \max_{t_0, \phi_0} \frac{(h_{\alpha}^{\text{SPA}} | h_{\alpha}^{\text{FFT}})}{\sqrt{(h_{\alpha}^{\text{SPA}} | h_{\alpha}^{\text{SPA}})(h_{\alpha}^{\text{FFT}} | h_{\alpha}^{\text{FFT}})}}$$

\hat{a}	channel	\mathcal{F}
0.9	I	0.9931
	II	0.9970
0.99	I	0.9942
	II	0.9971

Table: Faithfulness \mathcal{F} between FFT h_{α}^{FFT} and SPA h_{α}^{SPA} waveforms

\mathcal{F} better than 0.993 for 1 year observation down to the Kerr ISCO³

$(1 - \sigma_{\text{SPA}}/\sigma_{\text{FFT}})$ of FFT and SPA standard deviations in the **worst cases**:

- no prior for χ : 15%
- prior for χ : 2%

³In agreement with Hughes+, 2021

Fisher-matrix errors for the primary TLN

$M = 10^6 M_\odot, \mu = 10 M_\odot, \chi = 0, k_1 = 0$. Sky location fixed.

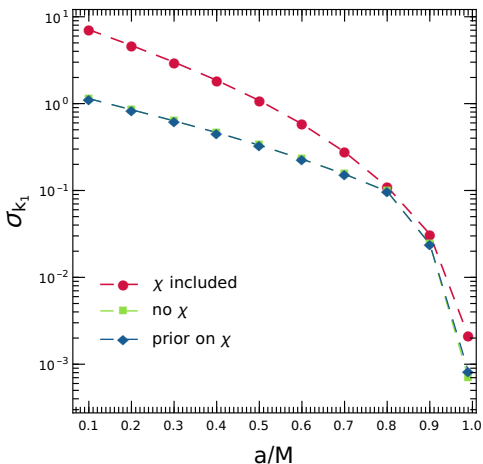
a/M	prior	$\ln M$	$\ln \mu$	a/M	χ	t_0/M	k_1	ϕ_0
0.9	no	-4.9	-4.1	-3.8	1.6	0.48	-1.5	0.74
	yes	-5.7	-4.2	-4.1	0.57	0.48	-1.6	0.74
0.99	no	-5.2	-4.6	-4.4	1.2	0.21	-2.7	0.74
	yes	-5.7	-4.8	-4.9	0.61	0.21	-3.1	0.74

Table: \log_{10} of the errors with and without imposing a prior on χ .

a/M	prior	$\ln D$	$\Delta\Omega_S$	$\Delta\Omega_K$
0.9	no	-0.069	6.2×10^{-4}	7.5
	yes	-0.069	5.9×10^{-4}	7.5
0.99	no	-0.071	2.7×10^{-4}	6.7
	yes	-0.071	2.7×10^{-4}	6.7

Table: errors on $\ln D$ and sky location of source ($\Delta\Omega_S$) and primary spin ($\Delta\Omega_K$).
 TLN of the primary is measurable

Probing corrections at the horizon scale



Error on TLN k_1 for primary spins
 $a = 0.1, 0.2 \dots 0.9, 0.99$

distance δ of exotic compact object surface from its Schwarzschild radius¹

$$\delta \sim 2Me^{-1/k_1}$$

Valid for e.g. a wormhole or a gravastar

For $M \sim 10^6 M_\odot$ and $k \sim 5 \times 10^{-3}$
 $\implies \delta \sim \ell_{\text{Planck}}$

Potentially achievable with
 $a = 0.99!$

¹Maselli+, 2018 and 2019

Conclusions and future perspective

Conclusions

We estimated the error on the TLN k_1 of a supermassive object in EMRIs with a Fisher matrix approach and kludge waveforms

Summary:

- k_1 can be measured with great accuracy
- Potential to distinguish supermassive BH from a class of ECOs
- Probe Planck correction at the horizon for fast spinning primaries?

But there are some caveats:


- Focused on circular, equatorial orbits with spins aligned
- Neglected important self-force effects
- Assumed the PN terms of the TLN are still valid in strong regime
- How general is relation between the TLN and δ ?⁴

⁴Datta, 2022

Future work

- Consider general orbits (eccentric and inclined)
- Include post-adiabatic corrections
- Test quadrupole deviations together with TLN⁵
- Use our approach for Fisher matrices to do parameter estimation with second order SF waveform⁶

Most importantly


- Learn how to use FEW ⁷ and play with it
- Speed-up everything in my life with GPUs and ML!

⁵Barack and Cutler,2006

⁶Wardell+,2021

⁷Katz+,2021

Final notes and acknowledgments

- code and data will be soon available at the GitHub repository
<https://web.uniroma1.it/gmunu/resources>
- this work makes use of the BHPToolkit 
<https://bhptoolkit.org/>
- Feel free to contact me at gabriel.piovano@ucd.ie

Thank you for you attention!

Backup slides

Gaussian prior

In the high SNR limit, the posterior distribution is approximated by a Gaussian distribution

$$\log p(\vec{\theta}|s) \propto \log p_0(\vec{\theta}) - \frac{1}{2}(\vec{\theta} - \vec{\theta}_{\text{true}})^t \Gamma (\vec{\theta} - \vec{\theta}_{\text{true}}) \equiv f(\vec{\theta})$$

Gaussian prior on χ , with $\sigma_{0,\chi} = 1$ and centered in $\chi = 0$

$$\log p_0(\vec{\theta}) = -\frac{1}{2}\chi^2 \delta_{\chi i} \quad \text{with } \delta_{\chi i} \text{ delta Kronecker}$$

We can then rewrite $f(\vec{\theta})$ as single quadratic form plus a constant term

$$f(\vec{\theta}) = -\frac{1}{2} (\vec{\theta} - \Gamma_{\text{pos}}^{-1} \vec{b})^t \Gamma_{\text{pos}} (\vec{\theta} - \Gamma_{\text{pos}}^{-1} \vec{b}) + R$$

where

$$\Gamma_{\text{pos}} = \Gamma + \delta_{\chi i} \quad \vec{b} = \vec{\theta}_{\text{true}} \Gamma \quad R = \frac{1}{2} \left(\vec{b}^t \Gamma_{\text{pos}}^{-1} \vec{b} - \vec{\theta}_{\text{true}}^t \Gamma \vec{\theta}_{\text{true}} \right)$$

Radiation reaction effects and balance laws

GW fluxes and waveforms computed with the **Teukolsky formalism**

$$\sigma := \frac{S}{\mu M} = \frac{S}{\mu^2} q = \chi q \quad \text{with } q \ll \sigma \ll 1 \text{ in EMRIs}$$

At first order in the secondary spin⁸

$$\left(\frac{dE}{dt} \right)_{\text{GW}} = -\frac{dE}{dt} \quad \left(\frac{dJ_z}{dt} \right)_{\text{GW}} = -\frac{dJ_z}{dt}$$

Technical assumptions:

- no radiation reaction on $S^{\mu\nu}$ and assumed $S = cost$
- orbits remain circular and equatorial

We employed the numerical routines of the BHPToolkit⁹

⁸Akcay+, 2019

⁹Black Hole Perturbation Toolkit <https://bhptoolkit.org>