





Gravitational-wave detections with ground-base observatories: from O1 to O4

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Black hole populations: mass distribution



[Abbott et al. 2023, PRX, 13, 011048]

Black hole populations: merger rate evolution



$$R_{BBH}(z=0.2) = 17.3 - 45 \ Gpc^{-3}yr^{-1}$$

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GW190521

$$m_1 = 85^{+21}_{-14} \ M_{\odot}$$

$$m_2 = 66^{+17}_{-18} M_{\odot}$$

Hierarchical merger?

Black hole formed in the mass gap?

[Abbott et al. 2020, PRL, 125, 101102]

[Abbott et al. 2020, ApJL, 900, 13]

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Binary neutron stars: multi-messenger observations!



- GW+EM observations
- Connection between BNS merger and short gamma ray bursts (GRB)
- Kilonova: synthesis of heavy elements
- GRB: jet structure
- Identification of host galaxy



[Abbott et al. 2017, ApJ Letters, 848, 2]

Binary neutron stars: masses



[Abbott et al. 2020, Astrophys. J. Lett. 892, L3]

Binary neutron stars: masses



How do binary neutron stars form?

What are the differences between GW sources and Galactic binaires?

Neutron star-black hole: mixed binaries



[Abbott et al. 2021, ApJL, 915, L5]

Stochastic GW background from compact binaries: predictions

Unresolved compact binary coalescences: BBH+BNS+NSBH



Upper limits on the stochastic GW background



[Abbott et al. 2021, PRD, 104, 022004]

Measuring the cosmic expansion history



Standard siren: GW170817

Dark sirens: statistical methods

[Abbott et al. 2023, ApJ, 949, 76]

Testing GR: GW dispersion relation

Modified dispersion relation:

$$E^2 = p^2 c^2 + A_\alpha p^\alpha c^\alpha$$



Constraint on graviton mass from A₀:

$$m_g \le 1.27 \cdot 10^{-23} \ eV/c^2$$

[Abbott et al. arXiv:2112.06861]

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O4 run ongoing...

O4 started on 24 May 2023 and will last 20 calendar months including up to 2 months of commissioning breaks for maintenance

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- More details about public alerts are provided in the LIGO/Virgo/KAGRA Alerts User Guide.
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- Less-significant events are marked in grey, and are not manually vetted. Consult the LVK Alerts User Guide for more information on significance in O4.
- Less-significant events are not shown by default Press "Show All Public Events" to show significant and less-significant events.

O4 Significant Detection Candidates. 36 (44 Total - 8 Retracted)

O4 Low Significance Detection Candidates: 684 (Total)

[as of September 1st 2023]

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