

Fundamental physics with gravitational waves

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**Fundamental physics with
gravitational waves (from
coalescing binaries)**

1. The nature of gravity

2. The nature of compact objects

3. The nature of dark matter

[In part based on work by the GWIC 3G Science Case Team]

1. The nature of gravity

10^{-1} 10^{-2} 10^{-3} 10^{-4} m k $[10^{-5}$ $10^{-6}]$ L/M $(=R^{10} 10^{10} 10^{10} 10^{-10} 10^{-11} 10^{-9} 10^{-7} 10^{-8})$ Lunar Laser Ranging

Double Binary Pulsar

10^{-12} 10^{-13} 10^{-14} 10^{-12} 10^{-11} 10^{-10} 10^{-9} 10^{-8} 10^{-7} $\Phi=M/L$

10^{-6} 10^{-5} 10^{-4} 10^{-3} 10^{-2} 10^{-1} 10^0

2G/3G

(Orbital Decay)

LISA

Double Binary Pulsar (Shapiro Delay) EHT

LAGEOS

Cassini

GRAVITY Perihelion Precession of Mercury

Pulsar Timing Arrays

Courtesy N. Yunes

➤ M, L characteristic mass and size of a system ➤ In the case of binaries: $M/L \propto v^2/c^2$ ➤ **Assessing strong-curvature *and* highly dynamical regime**

1. The nature of gravity

➤ Lovelock's theorem:

“In four spacetime dimensions the only divergence-free symmetric rank-2 tensor constructed solely from the metric $g_{\mu\nu}$ and its derivatives up to second differential order, and preserving diffeomorphism invariance, is the Einstein tensor plus a cosmological term.”

➤ Relaxing one or more of the assumptions allows for a plethora of alternative theories:

➤ Most alternative theories: no full inspiral-merger-ringdown waveforms known

▪ Most current tests are **model-independent**

Berti et al., CQG **32**, 243001 (2015)

➤ Inspiral-merger-ringdown process • Post-

Newtonian description of inspiral phase

- Merger-ringdown governed by additional parameters β_n, α_n
- Place bounds on deviations in these parameters with Advanced LIGO/Virgo:

➤ 3G detectors will improve on this because of higher SNR and many more sources

1. The nature of gravity: *binary dynamics*

LIGO + Virgo, arXiv:1903.04467

1. The nature of gravity: *GW propagation*

➤ Allow for anomalous GW dispersion:

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

Lorentz invariance

▪ Case $\alpha = 0$

corresponds $A = m^2 c^4$ to
massive graviton $\alpha = 0$ (

$$A = m_g^2 c^4$$

):

$$m_g \lesssim 5.0 \rightarrow 10^{-23} \text{ eV}/c^2$$

▪ For $\alpha \neq 0$

one has violation of local

LIGO + Virgo, arXiv:1903.04467

➤ 3G detectors will improve on this because of higher redshift reach

2. The nature of compact objects

How certain are we that the massive compact objects we are observing are the “standard” black holes of general relativity?

Alternatives (“black hole mimickers”):

➤ Boson stars

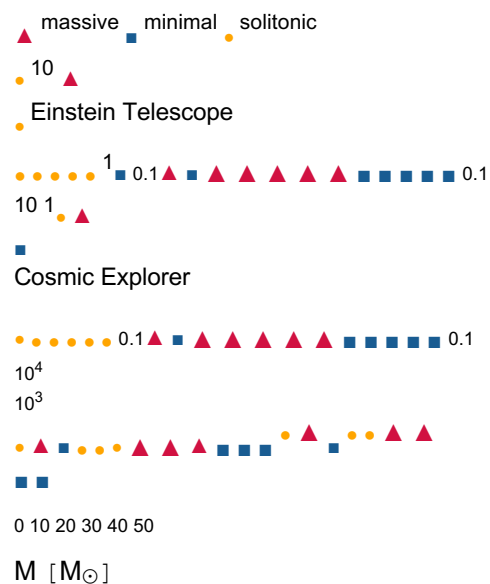
➤ Dark matter stars

➤ Gravastars

➤ Wormholes

➤ Firewalls, fuzzballs

➤ *The unknown*



LIGO

10^2

10

Cardoso et al., PRD **95**, 084014 (2017)

Krishnendu et al., PRL **119**, 091101 (2017) Krishnendu et al., PRD **99**, 064008

2. The nature of compact objects: *inspiral*

➤ Tidal deformability during inspiral

- Finite size effects cause tidal deformations in the phase starting at 10^2
- **3G will distinguish neutron stars from boson stars even for the compact models**

➤ Spin-induced quadrupole moment

during inspiral

- 2PN effect, quadratic in spins
- $\kappa_s = 1$ for ordinary black holes, but not for black hole mimickers
- **Hard to access with 2G, while 3G measurements to few percent**

➤ Tidal heating

- Absorption of radiation
- 2.5^(l)PN but linear in spin

2. The nature of compact objects: *no hair conjecture*

➤ Black hole “no hair” conjecture:

Stationary, vacuum black hole completely determined by mass

spin

➤ Black hole ringdown: quasi-normal mode frequencies and damp-

times all determined by mass and spin

- Linearized Einstein equations around Kerr background force s-dependences:

- However, amplitudes depend on how the black hole came into existence (masses and spins of the progenitor binary)

- Modeling with input from NR simulations

$$h(t) = \sum_{nlm} A_{nlm} e^{-t/\tau_{nlm}} \cos(\omega_{nlm} t + \phi_{nlm}). \quad (1)$$

For black holes in GR, all frequencies !

$$\omega_{nlm} \text{ and damp- } \tau_{nlm} = \tau_{nlm}(M, a) \quad \omega_{nlm} = \omega_{nlm}(M, a) \quad \tau_{nlm} = \tau_{nlm}(M, a)$$

A_{nlm}

2. The nature of compact objects: *no-hair conjecture*

➤ Indirect test of the no-hair conjecture:

- Allow for deviations in dependences of frequencies, damping on mass, spin:

$$\omega_{lmn}(M, a) \quad \tau_{lmn}(M, a) \quad (M = 16M_{\odot})$$

$f, a_f, a_f) \rightarrow \rightarrow \hat{\chi}^2 (1 + \hat{\chi}^2_{lmn}) \chi^2_{lmn}(M_f, a_f) \hat{\chi}^2_{lmn} \chi^2_{lmn}(M_f, a_f)$ ▪ Let the

and the other parameters $\hat{\chi}^2_{lmn}$

in the vary problem

in turn, and measure them together with all

▪ Advanced LIGO/Virgo at design sensitivity, and 6 sources $\hat{\chi}^2$ similar to GW150914

• • $\hat{\chi}^2_{220}$ measurable measurable $\hat{\chi}^2_{220}$

to O(2%) to O(10%)

➤ Going beyond the linearized regime

0.15

probability density

E.g. Del Pozzo & Nagar, PRD **95**, 12034 (2017)

0.10

0.05 $\hat{\chi}^2$

0.00

-0.05 $\hat{\chi}^2_{220}$ $\hat{\chi}^2_{220}$

-0.10

-0.15

1 2 3 4 5 6 N_{events}

Carullo et al., PRD **98**, 104020 (2018) Brito et al., PRD **98**, 084038 (2018)

2. The nature of compact objects: *no*

hair conjecture

➤ Advantage of 3G: ability to separate the modes ➤

two of the l_{lmn} , \bar{l}_{lmn}

are independent; check for consistency between any three of them

Adapted from Brito et al., PRD **98**, 084038 (2018)

2. The nature of compact objects: echoes

- 0.15servable

Eq. (6), a

Exotic objects with corrections near horizon: inner potential barrier

where M The π

- After formation/ringdown: continuing barrier is in Fig. 2
- bursts of radiation called *echoes* the echo slow leak energy than effect is seen to the “o peak of t
- If horizon modification

-50 -40 -30 -20 -10 0 10 20 30 40 50 r/M

is model- mildly on rier, which

then time between successive echoes

where n set by nature of object:

- $n = 8$ for wormholes
- $n = 6$ for thin-shell gravastars
- $n = 4$ for empty shell

-200 0 200 400 600 800 t/M

- For GW150914 ($M = 65 M_{\text{sun}}$), taking $l = l_{\text{Planck}}$, and $n = 4$:



is the location of the minimum

0.10
0.05

regular at the center

Fig. 1. If we consider a micro

0.00

horizon scale Δt ($\Delta t = \frac{1}{\Gamma} \Delta t M$), Γ then 1 e delay comes near t

radius the $c m$

Γ

, $\Delta t \propto M \log$ Cardoso et al., PRL **116**, 171101 (2016) Cardoso et al., PRD **94**, 084031 (

(M

)

Scattering 0.2
0.0

$\tau \propto \tau/\Gamma^{2+2\alpha}$

0.1

-0.2

0.0-0.4 -0.1

200 400 600 800

3. The nature of dark matter

➤ Can black holes themselves contribute to dark matter?

- Primordial black holes with masses $0.1 - 100 M_{\text{sun}}$ ▪ Excess in the mass distribution in certain ranges?

(benefit from 3G accuracy)

- Black holes at very high redshift would almost have to be primordial **(benefit from distance reach)**

➤ Can dark matter particles be detected with binary compact objects?

- Accumulation of dark matter particles around compact objects: gravitational drag, cumulative effect over many orbits
- **Joint LISA-ET observations of the same sources**
- Accumulation of dark matter particles in the centers of neutron stars
- Collapse to a black hole: abundance of light black holes could be indicative of dark matter process

➤ New light particles

- Bosons with mass $10^{-21} - 10^{-10}$ eV may extract rotational energy from BH to form condensates
- Impact on binary dynamics, continuous waves from annihilation, stochastic background

[See e.g. references in Sathyaprakash et al., arXiv:1903.09221]

Summary

Questions that can be addressed by studying compact binary coalescences:

1. What is the nature of gravity? 2. What is the nature of compact objects? 3. What is the nature of dark matter?

Future detectors can probe qualitatively new aspects:

- Similar sources as seen with 2G will appear louder and better resolved
- Information from many more sources can be combined
- Access to much larger redshifts/distances