Advanced LIGO noise spectral density



Horizon distance



LIGO detections during O1: GW150914



LIGO detections during O1: GW151226



What was originally observed?



The template bank ("uberbank") for O1



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EOBNR waveforms used in LIGO O1



IMR phenomenological waveforms used in LIGO O1

- First works in mid-late 2000 (Ajith et al. 07, Pan et al. 07, Ajith et al 11, Santamaria et al. 10)
- Fast, frequency-domain waveform model hybridizing and fitting EOB & NR (Khan et al. 15; Husa et al. 15)

$$\tilde{h}(f;\lambda_i) = \mathcal{A}(f;\lambda_i) e^{i\phi(f;\lambda_i)}$$



Unveiling binary black holes properties: masses



- We measure best the "chirp" mass $\ \mathcal{M}=M\,
 u^{3/5}$
- GW150914: merger in band, total mass well measured, good measurement of individual masses.
- GW151226: merger outside band, individual masses measured less precisely.

(Abbott et al. PRL 116 (2016) 241103)

Effect of total mass on the waveform

$$\mathcal{M} = 30.4 M_{\odot} \qquad q = 1.24 \qquad \qquad \mathcal{M} = M \nu^{3/5} \\ \mathcal{M} = 15.2 M_{\odot} \qquad q = 1.24 \qquad \qquad \nu = \frac{q}{(1+q)^2}$$



Unveiling binary black-holes properties: spins



- BHs' spins not maximal, and for GW151226 one
 BH's spin larger than 0.2 at 99% confidence.
- $\chi_{\text{eff}} = \left(\frac{\mathbf{S_1}}{m_1} + \frac{\mathbf{S_2}}{m_2}\right) \cdot \left(\frac{\mathbf{\hat{L}}}{M}\right)$
- Spin of primary BH < 0.7. No information about precession.

Unveiling binary black-holes properties: spins

GW150914

GW151226



• Bins are constructed linearly in spin magnitude & cosine of tilt angles $\cos heta_{LS_i} = \mathbf{\hat{S}}_i \cdot \mathbf{\hat{L}}$

Effect of aligned spins on the waveform



Effect of precessing spins/mass ratio on the waveform



Properties of final black hole formed after merger



Binaries' distance and orbital-plane inclination with respect to line of sight



Time-domain data and reconstructed waveforms



Sky map for all LIGO O1 events



First campaign for electromagnetic counterparts



Inference of cosmological parameters in future LIGO searches

• Wide-field galaxy surveys can provide (sky positions and) redshifts (Schutz 1986)



Measurement of Hubble constant H₀ with accuracy of 5% at 95% confidence after 40–50 GW observations with 3 detectors.

Tests of GR with LIGO's sources

(credit: Sennett)

Inspiral-merger-ringdown consistency test

- Does GW150914 deviate from binary black-hole predictions in GR?
- We compare final mass and spin estimates from inspiral and postinspiral.
- No evidence of discrepancy from GR.

Tests of GR with LIGO's BHs: inspiral

 GW150914/GW122615's rapidly varying orbital periods allow us to bound higher-order PN coefficients in gravitational phase.

$$\begin{split} \tilde{h}(f) &= \mathcal{A}(f)e^{i\varphi(f)} & \varphi(f) = \varphi_{\mathrm{ref}} + 2\pi f t_{\mathrm{ref}} + \varphi_{\mathrm{Newt}}(Mf)^{-5/3} \\ &+ \varphi_{0.5\mathrm{PN}}(Mf)^{-4/3} + \varphi_{1\mathrm{PN}}(Mf)^{-1} \\ &+ \varphi_{1.5\mathrm{PN}}(Mf)^{-2/3} + \cdots \end{split}$$

- PN parameters describe: tails of radiation due to backscattering,
 spin-orbit and spin-spin couplings.
- First **GR test** in the genuinely dynamical, **strong-field regime**.

Tests of GR with LIGO's BHs: late-inspiral-merger-RD

(Yunes & Pretorius 09, Li et al. 12)

Merger-ringdown phenomenological parameters

 (β_i and α_i) not yet expressed in terms of relevant
 parameters in GR and modified theories of GR.

Could we prove that GW150914's remnant is a BH?

- We measured frequency & decay time of damped sinusoid in the data after GW150914's peak.
- Multiple QNMs need to be measured to extract mass and spin of remnant, test no-hair theorem and second-law black-hole mechanics (Israel 69, Carter 71; Hawking 71, Bardeen 73).

Measuring BH's mass and spin from multiple QNMs

Bounding the graviton Compton wavelength (mass)

- Phenomenological approach:
 - modified dispersion relation, thus GWs travel at speed different from speed of light. (Will 94)

$$E^2 = p^2 c^2 + \frac{m_g^2}{g} c^4 \quad \lambda_g = \frac{h}{m_g c}$$

• Lower frequencies propagate slower than higher frequencies. (Abbott et al. arXiv:1602.03841)

(see Yunes et al 16. for constraints on other dispersion relations, super- and sub-luminal GW propagation, Lorentz violation)

Advanced detectors' roadmap and sky localization

(Aasi et al. arXiv:1304.0670)

Advanced LIGO

• Few tens or hundred square degrees

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