Testing scalar-tensor theory from observations of gravitational wave bursts with a network of interferometric detectors

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Motivation

- Testing relativistic gravity theory is important for fundamental physics and cosmology e.g. dark matter, dark energy accelerating the Universe.
- One of plausible gravity theories is scalar-tensor theory. Significant difference from the general relativity is the existence of a scalar field which is connected with the gravity field with coupling parameters, and a resulting scalar gravitational wave.
- In general, Scalar-tensor theories has a term of matter in the action in which physical metric:

$$\tilde{g}_{\mu\nu} := A^2(\phi) g^*_{\mu\nu}$$
$$A(\phi) = e^{\alpha_0(\phi - \phi_0) + \frac{1}{2}\beta_0(\phi - \phi_0)^2}$$

 α_0 and β_0 are parameters which characterize

- α_0 : weak gravity field (test in solar system, $\alpha < 3.5 \times 10^{-3}$ by Cassini)
- β_0 : strong gravity field (can constrain by GW observation ($\beta = 0$ in Brans–Dicke))
- Tensor GW search might miss some type of source, e.g. highly spherical core collapse.. In this sense, search for SGW is complementary to current GWsearch.
- we present how to extract a scalar gravitational wave signal using a network of world wide interferometric detectors.



Search for scalar gravitational waves

- Coherent network analysis can extract scalar gravitational wave with more than 3 world-wide detectors.
- This approach combines data taking account of the sky position (9,φ), arrival time difference τ(9,φ) coherently, and calculates all polarization components on a sky position which has largest likelihood statistic.



Scalar pipeline

 Full featured coherent network analysis pipeline(Data conditioning, detection stat., Veto analysis)







Red plot is injected ho signal and blue plot is the reconstructed ho. The difference at the low frequency region comes from the data conditioning step. Detector noise at low frequency is very high, such region is cut at the step.

Reconstruction simulation

- Simulations were performed using simulated noise of current detector network (4km LIGO Hanford, Livingston, VIRGO, GEO600) and next generation (4km advLIGO Hanford, Livingston, advVIRGO, LCGT) For advVIRGO, the design sensitivity of advLIGO is used.
- We consider scalar GW in Brans-Dicke case (α_0 and β_0) ($\alpha_0^2 = \frac{1}{3 + 2\omega_{BD}}$, $\beta_0=0$)



Reconstruction of SGW (current detectors)

We performed simulations to reconstruct scalar gravitational waves with $\omega_{BD} = 2000,5000,10000,20000$. Astrophysical model used is a spherically symmetric core collapse with 10Mo at the distance of 10kpc from the earth. Sine Gaussian with center frequency of 235Hz and Q value of 9 is used as scalar gravitational wave. The maximum amplitude of the signal is set to $3 \times 10^{-20} \times 500 / \omega_{BD}$ from Shibata et al(1994). From the result, we found the signal with $\omega_{BD} <= 10000$ can detected and reconstructed clearly.



Reconstruction of SGW(advanced detectors)

We performed simulations to reconstruct scalar gravitational waves with ω_{BD} = 40000,80000,120000,160000. This simulation uses the design sensitivity of advLIGO for LIGO,VIRGO, and the one of LCGT. Astrophysical model used is the same as the previous simulation.



Detection statistics



Detection Efficiency

 0^{-2}_{10}

10⁻³

10⁰

by Cassini

1-2

false alarm rate

WBD

40000

100000

160000

10⁰

10⁻¹

- For $\omega_{BD}=40000$ (Cassini), 90% det. prob. at false alarm prob.=0.18 using advNet
- For $\omega_{BD}=5000$, 80% det. prob. at false alarm prob.=0.2 using currNet

10⁻¹

ROC curve

 0^{-2}_{10}

10⁻³

10-2

false alarm rate

α - β map

General Scalar-tensor theory which is charactyerized by α and β ...



 β is constrained by the use of the constraint of α by Cassini.

Summary

- We discussed test of scalar-tensor theory from gravitational wave observations.
- We implemented a coherent network analysis pipeline for the detection of a scalar gravitational wave with simulated data from a network of interferometric detectors.
- α
 Next generation of detectors (advLIGO,advVIRGO,LCGT) can put constraint much stronger than Cassini when a spherically symmetric core collapse occurs in our Galaxy.
- β

Obs. in Solar system cannot constrain it. GW observation is a good tool.

Search for scalar gravitational waves in Brans-Dicke Theory

- Main purpose of the search is the detection of a scalar gravitational wave.
 Particularly, in case of a spherically symmetric core collapse, a tensor gravitational wave cannot emit, only the scalar gravitational wave can emit.
- Even if the scalar gravitational wave is not detected, a constraint of ω_{BD} is possible.
- Current constraint ω_{BD} is $\omega_{BD} > 4 \times 10^4$ from Cassini (Nature, 2003, astroph0709.0082)

How an interferometric detector can detect a scalar gravitational wave?

We assume the scalar gravitational wave h_{\circ} comes from z-axis. The geodesic equation of a mirror is

$$\frac{d}{d\tau} \left[(1+h_o) \frac{dx}{d\tau} \right] = \frac{d}{d\tau} \left[(1+h_o) \frac{dy}{d\tau} \right] = 0$$
$$\frac{d}{d\tau} \left[(1+h_o) \frac{dt}{d\tau} \right] = -\frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial_t (1+h_o)}{1+h_o}$$
$$\frac{d}{d\tau} \left[(1+h_o) \frac{dz}{d\tau} \right] = -\frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial_z (1+h_o)}{1+h_o}$$

Introducing u = t - z, performing integration of z, we obtain

$$\Delta z \simeq \frac{1}{2} \int_{-\infty}^{t-z_0} h_o(u) du$$

This shows the scalar gravitational wave moves a mirror in z-axis.

