

Modeling gravitational waves from compact-object binaries

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Introduction

Role of numerical/analytical relativity in GW150914



- Synergy of numerical relativity and analytical relativity = waveform models crucial for
 - 1. establishing 5-sigma significance of detection [LVC1602.03839]
 - 2. measuring properties of the source [LVC1602.03840, LVC1606.01210, LVC1606.01262]
 - 3. performing tests of general relativity (GR) [PRL116 (2016) 221101]



Role of numerical/analytical relativity in GW151226



- Template-based online pipeline was needed to observe it
- NR+AR waveforms as important for significance, parameter estimation, and tests of GR

Quasicircular binary black holes: numerical relativity

BBH coalescence as predicted by GR



Intrinsic parameters: BH masses and BH spin vectors

Numerical relativity catalogs of BBHs



... and many more NR waveforms [SXS, GATech, RIT, Cardiff-UIB, Cactus] (also generated for followup of LVC observations)

Challenging configurations



- Longterm BBH simulations at mass ratio 7 [Szilagyi+14, Kumar+15]
- Almost extremal BBH simulations: equal-mass, aligned-spins 0.99, 0.994 [Scheel+14]
- New initial data for challenging configurations [Ossokine+15]

\mathbf{q}	χ_1	χ_2	D_0/M
1	(0, 0, 0.9999)	(0, 0, 0.9999)	14.17
3	(0, 0.49, -0.755)	(0, 0, 0)	15.48
10	(0.815, -0.203, 0.525)	(-0.087, 0.619, 0.647)	15.09
50	(-0.045, 0.646, -0.695)	(0, 0, 0)	16

Direct use of numerical relativity waveforms

Direct comparison of NR catalogs to observations



Direct use of numerical relativity waveforms

• NR followup to observations [Lovelace+16]



• **Surrogate waveform models** [Blackman+15,(in prep)]

1. restricted parameter space (high mass, q<=2, spins<=0.8, one spin aligned)

- 2. many NR simulations to construct basis
- 3. interpolation across NR runs
- 4. they do not extrapolate to low mass: need models or long NR

Quasicircular binary black holes: models

How good is a model?

$$\langle h_{\rm NR}, h_{\rm model} \rangle = 4 \operatorname{Re} \int_{f_{\rm low}}^{f_{\rm high}} \frac{\tilde{h}_{\rm NR}(f)\tilde{h}_{\rm model}^*(f)}{S_n(f)} df$$
$$\mathcal{O}(h_{\rm NR}, h_{\rm model}) = \frac{\langle h_{\rm NR}, h_{\rm model} \rangle}{\sqrt{\langle h_{\rm NR}, h_{\rm NR} \rangle \langle h_{\rm model}, h_{\rm model} \rangle}}$$

- **Template banks** accept 97% overlaps ~ 10% loss in event rate
- Parameter estimation: (sufficient) accuracy requirement [Lindblom+08]

$$\mathcal{O}(h_{\mathrm{NR}}, h_{\mathrm{model}}) > 1 - \frac{1}{2\,\mathrm{SNR}^2}$$

Effective-one-body models of nonprecessing BBHs

- Nonspinning case: particle in deformation of Schwarzschild [Buonanno & Damour99]. Spinning case: spinning particle in deformation of Kerr [Barausse & Buonanno10,11;Nagar+14]
- Inspiral waveforms/radiation reaction from resummation post-Newtonian formulas [Damour+07,09; Pan+11;Nagar+16]
- Ringdown from superposition of quasinormal modes of remnant BH



Schwarzschild

$$A = 1 - 2u + 2\nu u^3 + \left(\frac{94}{3} - \frac{42}{32}\pi^2\right)\nu u^4 + a_5 u^5 + \cdots \quad (u = GM/Rc^2)$$

 $\nu = \frac{m_1 m_2}{(m_1 + m_2)^2}$

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Effective-one-body models of nonprecessing BBHs

• Tuning to numerical-relativity simulations



Effective-one-body model of nonprecessing BBHs for O1



- SEOBNRv2 calibrated to better than 99% overlap with NR for design aLIGO [AT+14]
- Used in its reduced-order-model version [Pürrer14,15] in O1 for filtering and parameter estimation
- Similar set of calibration waveforms used in IHES models [Nagar +15,16]

Effective-one-body model of nonprecessing BBHs for O2

• **SEOBNRv4** [Bohe,Shao,AT+(in prep)]



Phenomenological model of nonprecessing BBHs



$$\begin{split} \phi_{\rm Ins} =& \phi_{\rm TF2}(Mf;\Xi) \\ &+ \frac{1}{\eta} \left(\sigma_0 + \sigma_1 f + \frac{3}{4} \sigma_2 f^{4/3} + \frac{3}{5} \sigma_3 f^{5/3} + \frac{1}{2} \sigma_4 f^2 \right) \\ \phi_{\rm Int} =& \frac{1}{\eta} \left(\beta_0 + \beta_1 f + \beta_2 \operatorname{Log}(f) - \frac{\beta_3}{3} f^{-3} \right) \\ \phi_{\rm MR} =& \frac{1}{\eta} \left\{ \alpha_0 + \alpha_1 f - \alpha_2 f^{-1} + \frac{4}{3} \alpha_3 f^{3/4} \right. \\ &+ \alpha_4 \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{f - \alpha_5 f_{\rm RD}}{f_{\rm damp}} \right) \right\} \,. \end{split}$$

• Fit to hybrids of uncalibrated EOB and NR [Husa+15, Khan+15]



Comparing nonprecessing BBH models



 $\mathcal{O}(h_1,h_2)$

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maximized over masses and spins (in template bank)

(O1 aLIGO)

Comparing nonprecessing BBH models



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Precessing BBH models



- When BH spins are not parallel to angular momentum of the binary, the orbital plane precesses
- Precessing frame [Buonanno+03, Schmidt+11, O'Shaughnessy+11, Boyle+11]

In precessing frame, use calibrated nonprecessing model
 Inertial-frame modes from rotation of precessing-frame modes
 according to motion of orbital angular momentum

 Both effective-one-body [Pan+13, Babak, AT, Buonanno16] and phenomenological [Hannam+13] models available

Effective-one-body model for precessing BBHs



[Babak, AT, Buonanno16]

Different models vs GW150914

- Nonprecessing EOBNR, precessing EOBNR, and precessing Phenom measure consistent parameters for GW150914
 - 1. SNR
 - 2. comparable mass
 - 3. face off/on
 - 4. short signal



Quasicircular binary black holes: open problems

Open problems for quasicircular BBH models

- Problem of extrapolation outside calibration domains, i.e., high mass ratios, spins
- IMR higher-order modes for spinning binaries are not available





Precessional effects not fully modeled

- 1. mode asymmetry in coprecessing frame [O'Shaughnessy+13, Pekowsky+14, Boyle+14]
- 2. radiation axis keeps precessing during ringdown [O'Shaughnessy+13]

3. no calibration to precessing NR



Binary neutron stars

BNS in numerical relativity



- Longer simulations with polytropic EOS: SACRA longterm simulations [Hotokezaka+15], 22 orbits in SpEC [Haas+16]
- Evolutions with spin precession [Tacik+15, Dietrich+15], unequal mass [Lehner+15, Dietrich+16], more physics (neutrino cooling, nuclear EOS, magnetic fields) [Foucart+15, Palenzuela+15, Endrizzi+16]
- New schemes that allow **smaller errors** [Bernuzzi+16]

Why modeling BNS waveforms is important



 Templates that are good for detecting BNSs can create large biases in measurement of tidal parameters [Yagi+14, Favata+14, Wade+14, Hotokezaka+16]

Models of inspiraling BNSs

- Splicing long NR BBH with PN tidal effects [Barkett+15]
- Augment EOB potentials by tidal effects: (i) gravitational self-force [Bernuzzi+15], (ii) dynamic tides [Hinderer+16]



- If M<2.9MSun, hypermassive NS forms after BNS merger
- Peak frequencies correlate with radius at fiducial mass, compactness, etc., in an EOS-independent way [Bauswein+12, Hotokezaka+13,Takami+14,Bernuzzi+14]



Neutron-star / black-hole binaries

Neutron star / black hole binaries

- Long NSBHs: small errors [Foucart+15], with precession [Kawaguchi+15]
- Model for disruption frequency and freqdomain amplitude model [Pannarale+15]

MS1i90 5e-22 4e-22 3e-22 2e-22 h[100Mpc] 1e-22 -1e-22 -2e-22 -3e-22 -4e-22 dea -5e-22 5 10 15 20 25 30 t_{ret}[ms]

EOB model with dynamical tides [Hinderer+16]





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Conclusions

Binary black holes

- 1. many new NR runs (calibration, surrogates, direct use)
- 2. challenging configurations becoming feasible
- 3. models include info from NR catalogs
- 4. towards complete IMR models with eccentricity

Binary neutron stars & neutron-star / black-hole binaries

- 1. longterm accurate NR runs
- 2. inclusion of tidal effects in accurate point-mass models
- 3. universality relations for postmerger
- 4. models of disruption frequency

Numerical + analytical relativity crucial for best characterization of future GW observations

Additional slides

Eccentric binaries

Eccentric binaries

- Dynamical formation scenarios instead of field binary evolution
- Searches for BNS using quasicircular templates ok for e<=0.02 (M=2.6Msun) [Huerta+13]
- Small residual eccentricity can bias parameter estimation [Favata14] residual eccentricity @ ISCO



- Frequency/time-domain PN inspiral waveforms [Arun+09, Yunes+09, Huerta+14, Tanay+16].
 Small-ecc corrections up to 3PN [Moore,Favata+16]
- IMR waveforms based on geodesic motion in Kerr [East+13]
- IMR waveforms based on PN inspiral + self force + NRinformed ringdown [Huerta+16]
- Ongoing work on eccentric IMR waveforms based on EOB/Phenom

