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"Estimation of joint detection probabilities of Gamma-Ray Burst and Gravitational Waves produced by NSBH binary mergers"

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Simulations

Expected events in the future / year

Detector	NS-BH
AdLIGO	1.2 – 9.3
A+	3.2-26
ET + CE (next gen.)	2.4×10^{3} - 2.2×10^{4}





Gamma-Ray Burst: Prompt and Afterglow emission



Methods and Analysis



Expected **merger rate** throughout the universe

Simulation of Gravitational Waves detection with GWFish tool

Mass remnant and kinetic energy model for GRB production

Very High energy afterglow evaluation

Expected probability of detection for **NSBH multi messenger** events

1 Methods and Analysis: exepected event rate estimation

The first step consists of estimating the number of expected NSBH events in the Redshift function.

The models have to be normalized to the local event rate, this is affected by big uncertainties.

Using the same method of Ish Gupta et al. to compute the merging rate and fixing the local merger rate as $\dot{n}(0) = 45 Gpc^{-3}yr^{-1}$, we obtain a distribution like this.



Fig. 1: Merger rate of NSBH merger events a as a function of redshift (z) vs the number of expected events in z shells.

$$R = \int_0^z \frac{\dot{n}(z')}{(1+z')} \frac{dV}{dz'} dz' \qquad \underline{\text{Madau-Dickinson model}}$$

To simulate the detection we can use two different approaches:

• **Bayesian** approach with **Bilby** (or pyCBC): More precise but very slow

We can build a dataframe with all the coalescence parameters and compute the SNR, parameters values and the corresponding errors for every event. We can study different network configurations of interferometers.

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- Einstein Telescope (ET)
- ET coupled with Cosmic Explorer (CE).

Waveform model: IMRPhenomNSBH (LAL suite)

Minimum SNR = 8.0 (Signal to Noise Ratio)



Fig. 2: Parameter estimation (O.M. Boersma e J.van Leeuwen 2022)

Methods and Analysis : GW detection simulation

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• Fisher Matrix approach con GWFish (o GWFast): less precise but faster

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Fig. 3: Parameter estimation with GWFish.

We need to choose the model in order to estimate the amount of mass in the accretion disk (M_{acc}) and the energy of the produced jet (E_k).

These models are built on complex relativistic magnetohydrodynamic simulations and their parameters are affected by big uncertainties.

$$E_k = \frac{1}{2} \left(1 - f_\gamma \right) \eta_{BZ} M_{acc} c^2$$

- $f_{\gamma} = 10\%$: Emission efficiency
- η_{BZ} : Mass-energy conversion efficiency

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$$M_{acc} \ge 0.03 M_{\odot}$$
: accreted mass



Fig. 4: Countour plots of kinetic Energy (E_k) in function of BH mass, spin a_{BH} and Λ .

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4 Methods and Analysis : Very High energy afterglow evaluation

Using proper models or tools (Afterglowpy) we can study what happens at very high energies, in that band of the spectrum dominated by di Synchrotron Self Compton (SSC). ----> We use Joshi-Razzaque model (2021)

Making a comparison from the expected flux with the sensitivity of the considered telescope in several configurations we can (roughly) estimate the detectability of a certain event with that instrument. In this work, we started considering CTAO, a Cherenkov telescope planned for the next decade, in the North and South configuration.





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Next Steps and Developments

Check for possible reasons in order to have better estimation of the number of detectable events with that multi messenger approach (CTAO + interferometers).

- We are now working on **a numerical model** similar to the approach used by NAIMA code (not semi-analytical approach):
 - We will have **more control** on expected spectrum and on the parameter space
 - We expect a **bigger flux for IC** part of the spectrum
 - We will use a more precise way to handle the jet structure

Study how results change considering other instruments expanding the energy range of interest.

CTAO (Cherenkov Telescope Array)



- More than 60 telescopes, south and north emisphere, different scales
- Range: 20 GeV- 5 TeV



Fig. 7: https://www.to.infn.it/attivita-scientifica

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THESEUS (Transient High Energy Sky and Early Universe Surveyor)

- ESA telescope programmed to be launched in 2032
- Complete census of GRBs in the universe's first billion years, deep monitoring of cosmic X-ray transients
- Providing accurate triggers in real-time (~1' in few seconds; ~1" in few minutes)
- Range: 0.3 keV 20 MeV



Fig 8: https://www.oas.inaf.it/it/progetti/theseus-it/

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Main open questions:

- How much these results depends on **fixed parameters** we used in selected models?
- How much the expected number of multi messenger events and the quality of the parameter estimation changes if we use **different models** (for the jet energy, for the merging rate ...)?

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Thanks for your attention

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Fig. 5: Strategie osservative per CTAO (Bartos et al. 2019)

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3. Make a precise comparison between **Bayesian** and **Fisher Matrix** approach.

4. Use upgraded and more precise **models** for the waveforms (precession)