Black holes, alone and in binaries

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Outline

- Motivation
- Black holes in binaries two-body problem
- Black holes alone- BH ringdown
- Gravitational wave astronomy: LIGO's second observational run



Advanced LIGO and Virgo



Hanford, WA



Cascina, Italy





Livingston, LA

Photos courtesy LVC

A new window



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A new window



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A new window



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First detection: GW150914



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THE TWO-BODY PROBLEM

Newtonian two-body problem



$$\vec{F} = m\vec{a}$$

$$\vec{F}_g = -G\frac{m_1m_2}{r^2}\hat{r}$$



Newtonian two-body problem





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Newtonian two-body problem

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Credit: NASA/Cassini





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Enter general relativity



 $G_{\mu\nu} = 8\pi T_{\mu\nu}$

 $\nabla^{\mu}T_{\mu\nu} = 0$





Emission of gravitational waves

$$P \sim \frac{G}{c^5} (\ddot{Q}_{ij})^2$$

$$E = -\frac{Gm_1m_2}{2r}$$





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GWs from black hole binaries





BLACK HOLES IN BINARIES



Modeling the two-body problem





Modeling the two-body problem





Modeling the two-body problem





Numerical relativity



 $G_{\mu\nu} = 8\pi T_{\mu\nu} \quad \begin{array}{c} 3+1 \text{ split} \\ \nabla^{\mu}T_{\mu\nu} = 0 \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{c} 4 \text{ constraints} \\ 12 \text{ evolution} \\ \text{eqns} \end{array}$

Numerical relativity









Numerical relativity





Mroue et al. PRL (2013)

Black hole mergers





Credit: H. Pfeiffer/SXS Collaboration 15

Black hole mergers





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Distance



AZ, Lewis, Pfeiffer, PRL (2016)



Distance



Lewis, AZ, Pfieffer, CQG (2017)¹⁷

Eccentric, precessing motion



Eccentric, precessing motion







Lewis, AZ, Pfieffer, CQG (2017) ¹⁹



periastron advance

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Lewis, AZ, Pfieffer, CQG (2017) ¹⁹

Resonant orbits





Lewis, AZ, Pfieffer, CQG (2017) 20







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Black holes in binaries

- Relativistic two body problem
- Analytic appx and numerical sims needed
- Discoveries at the intersection
- Models for GW astronomy
- Future: higher mass ratios, drive theory
- Advances required: next gen code SpECTRE







BLACK HOLE RINGDOWN



Black hole ringdown





Waves around black holes





Waves around black holes

$$\psi_{\omega lm} \sim \frac{1}{\pi} e^{-i\omega t} u_{\omega lm}(r) Y_{lm}(\theta, \phi)$$

$$\varphi_{\omega lm} \sim \frac{-e}{r} \qquad u_{\omega lm}(r) I_{lm}(0, \varphi)$$

$$\frac{d^2 u_{\omega lm}}{dr_*^2} + \left(\omega^2 - V\right) u_{\omega lm} = 0$$



Waves around black holes



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Quasinormal modes





Quasinormal modes



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Modes of rotating black holes



- Orbits split with inclination
- Modes split
- Slower decay with higher spin

 $(\omega,\tau) \to (M,\chi)$

Yang et al. w/AZ (2012)



Berti, Cardoso, Starinets (2009) 26

The ringdown of GW150914





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The ringdown of GW150914





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Modes of rapidly rotating BHs



- Black holes spins have a theoretical max
- Near maximum spin, new approx

$$\epsilon^2 = 1 - \chi^2$$

$$\omega \approx m\Omega_H \qquad \tau \approx \frac{1}{\epsilon(n+1/2)}$$
 Slow decay!

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Teukolsky and Press (1974), Detweiler (1980), Hod (2008), Yang et al w/ AZ (2012), Yang, AZ et al. (2013a, 2013b)

Collective oscillation of modes







Yang, AZ et al. (2013b) ³⁰

Collective oscillation of modes





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Collective oscillation of modes





Yang, AZ et al. (2013b) ³⁰

Near-horizon response





Ringdown of black holes

- Unique probe of BHs, tests of GR
- Weak signals, combine many observations
- Rapidly rotating BHs: collective oscillations
- Transient instabilities
- Nonlinear ringdown: resonances, turbulence







GW ASTRONOMY: THE SECOND OBSERVING RUN



ZIGO Scientific Collaboration



GW170104: A distant BH binary



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GW170104: A distant BH binary





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GW170104: A distant BH binary





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GW170814: First three-detector observation





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GW170817: Something new



³⁸ Credit: Alex Nitz/Max Planck Institute for Gravitational Physics/LIGO LVC w/ AZ PRL 119, 161101 (2017)





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Nuclear physics with GW170817



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Electromagnetic counterpart





LVC and EM partners w/ AZ 41 ApJ Lett 848, L12 (2017)

Black Holes of Known Mass



LIGO/VIRGO

Summary

- Sources for GW astronomy: a new window on the universe
- Two-body problem
 - Intersection of analytic theory and sims
- Black hole ringdown
 - Probes nature of BHs, tests of GR
- GW astronomy: second observational run
 - Tests of GR, nuclear physics, cosmology
 - Binary parameters reveal lives and deaths of stars

