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Gravitational Wave Background: Astrophysical Origin

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 Stochastic Gravitational Wave Background from Coalescing Binary Black Holes
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Gravitation Theory: Einstein vs. Newton



Newton's Theory "instantaneous action at a distance"





Einstein's Theory information carried by gravitational radiation at the speed of light

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Detection of Gravitational Wave(GW): Methods





Detection of GWs: Resonant mass detectors

- Joseph Weber constructed the first practical instruments for detecting GWs in 1960.
- 1990s, cryogenic bar detectors have been operating (sensitivity ~ 10⁻²⁰).
 - > NAUTILUS (Rome, Italy,907 & 922Hz),
 - > AURIGA (Padua, Italy, 911 & 939Hz),
 - > EXPLORER (CERN, 905 & 921Hz),
 - > ALLEGRO (Louisiana, USA, 897 & 920Hz),
 - > NIOBE (Perth, Australia, 694.6 & 713Hz).
- 2000s, cryogenic sphere detectors will operate (sensitivity ~ 10⁻²¹).



Detection of GWs: Interferometric detectors



Laser interferometry started in 1970s.

- Three prototype interferometers appeared by early 1980s in Glasgow, Garching near Munich, & at MIT.
- A 40m interferometer was constructed at Caltech by the end of 1980s.
- LIGO, VIRGO, GEO600 & TAMA300 started in 1990s.
- LIGOII, EURO, KAGRA (LCGT) ; LISA; DECIGO





Detectors at southern hemisphere are important!





GW bands, detection methods & sources



Frequency (Hz)	Detection	Examples
HF (1 \sim 10 ⁴)	Ground based: LIGO, Virgo, KAGRA	BH or NS binaries Supernova Pulsars
LF $(10^{-4} ~~ 1)$	Space: proposed LISA	binary stars in the Galaxy Massive binary BHs
VLF $(10^{-9} \sim 10^{-7})$	PTA	Super massive binary BHs
ELF $(10^{-18} \sim 10^{-15})$	CMB	Early Universe processes e.g., inflation & phase transitions

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Primordial GWs from the big bang - the holy grail (rich information about the early universe) Astrophysical background (AB) - mask the primordial background - star formation history, source population The strength of the AB depends on source rates and individual energy emissions

- high rate & strong energy emission → strong background

Behaviours of AB in time



Duty Cycle: the ratio of the average event duration to the time interval between successive events.



Primordial SGWB: measurements vs models





From the LIGO & Virgo Collaboration, 2009, Nature 460, 990

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Computation of Astrophysical Background (AB)

 Depends on cosmological parameters, source event rate, and emission strength of individual sources

$$\Omega_{GW}(\nu_{obs}) = \frac{8\pi G}{3c^3 H_0^2} \nu_{obs} F_{\nu}(\nu_{obs})$$

$$F_{v}(v_{obs}) = \int_{z_{min}}^{z_{max}} f_{v}(v_{obs}, z) \frac{dR}{dz}(z) dz$$

$$z_{\min} = \max(0, v_{\min} / v_{obs} - 1)$$
 $z_{\max} = \min(z_*, v_{\max} / v_{obs} - 1)$

Energy flux of signal source

$$f_{v}(v_{obs},z) = \frac{1}{4\pi d_{L}^{2}(z)} \frac{dE_{GW}}{dv}(v_{obs})$$

> Event rate $\frac{dR}{dz}$, derived from star formation rate

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SGWB from various astrophysical sources





From T. Regimbau, 2011, RAA, 11, 369

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NS r-mode instability



Proposed in the end of 1990s, GW production as high as 0.01 M_•

Owen et al. (1998), Ferrari et al. (1999): the background Ω_{GW} peaking at several hundred Hz at~10⁻⁸

Within the detection range of advanced LIGO



GW emission efficiency depends on the saturation amplitude a

Owen et al. and Ferrari et al. assumed a takes a value of 1, later detailed studies indicated it is at most 10⁻³-10⁻²

The background was overestimated by 4 6 orders of magnitude

Our work



 Considered different SFR models, calculated the NS formation rate, and investigated their effects on GW background

 Used the single source emission model based on new numerical simulation results where differential rotation was taken into account in the non-linear evolution of rmode instability

Detection prospects for network of GW detectors

light is considered to

be an indicator of SF because it is mainly radiated by shortlived massive stars.

Cosmic Star Formation Rate (CSFR)

- $\rho_*(z): M_{\odot} yr^{-1} Mpc^{-3}$
- Cosmology: 737





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SFR1

SFR2 - - SFR3

HB06

GW event rate



NS formation

$$R(z) = \int_0^z \dot{\rho}_*(z') \frac{\mathrm{d}V}{\mathrm{d}z'} \mathrm{d}z' \int_{m_{\min}}^{m_{\mathrm{u}}} \Phi(m) \mathrm{d}m,$$

SFR density function

comoving volume element initial mass



GW event rate



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SFR density function

comoving volume element in

initial mass

CBC:

$$dR = r_0 e(z) \frac{dV}{dz} dz, \ e(z) = \dot{\rho}_{*,c}(z) / \dot{\rho}_{*,c}(0)$$

$$\dot{\rho}_{*,c}(z) = \int \frac{\dot{\rho}_{*}(z_f)}{(1+z_f)} P(t_d) dt_d, \ t_d = \int_{z}^{z_f} \frac{dz'}{(1+z')H(z')}.$$
Distribution delay time

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Neutron Star Formation Rate





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GW from NS r-mode instability



• GW emitted by a single NS

$$h_c(v) = \frac{5.5 \times 10^{-22}}{\sqrt{K+2}} \sqrt{\frac{v}{v_{\text{max}}}} \left(\frac{20 \text{ Mpc}}{d_L}\right),$$

Sá, P. M., & Tomé, B. 2006, Phys. Rev. D, 74, 044011

SGWB from all NSs

$$\begin{split} \Omega_{\rm GW}(\nu_{\rm obs}) &= \frac{4\pi^2 (1.1 \times 10^{-20})^2}{3H_0^2 (K+2)} \frac{\nu_{\rm obs}^2}{\nu_{\rm max}} \\ &\times \left[\int_{z_{\rm min}}^{z_{\rm max}} \int_{m_{\rm min}}^{m_{\rm max}} \dot{\rho}_*(z) (1+z) \left(\frac{1\,{\rm Mpc}}{d_L}\right)^2 \frac{dV}{dz} \Phi(m) dm dz \right]. \\ z_{\rm min} &= \max(0,\,\nu_{\rm min}/\nu_{\rm obs}-1) \quad z_{\rm max} = \min(z_*,\,\nu_{\rm max}/\nu_{\rm obs}-1) \end{split}$$

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SGWB from NS r-mode Instability Revisited





Figure 3. Dimensionless energy density Ω_{GW} as a function of observed frequency ν_{obs} , calculated for five CSFR models and by setting K = -5/4, $\nu_{max} = 1191$ Hz.

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model with three different values of maximum redshift z_* ; for other parameters, the same as Figure 3.

Figure 5. Ω_{GW} as a function of ν_{obs} , calculated for different values of (α , ν_{max}).

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Noise Power Spectrum of Ground-based Detectors





Overlap Reduction Function



The sensitivity loss due to detector separation and orientation



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Detectability



For cross correlation of two detectors, the signal to noise ratio is: $\left(\frac{S}{N}\right)^2 = \frac{9H_0^4}{50\pi^4}T\int_0^\infty df \frac{\gamma^2(f)\Omega_{GW}^2(f)}{f^6P_1(f)P_2(f)}$

For three detector pairs H-L, H-V & L-V, T=3yr, SNR as a function of K, the differential rotation parameter. In order to let SNR>1, we used a sensitivity 10 times better than advanced LIGO and advanced Virgo, and put V_{max} =1191 Hz.



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Combining multiple detectors



Method I : directly correlate the outputs of multiple detectors;

$$\left(\frac{S}{N}\right)_{\text{opt II}}^{2} \approx {}^{(12)} \left(\frac{S}{N}\right)^{2(34)} \left(\frac{S}{N}\right)^{2} \cdots {}^{(2N-1,2N)} \left(\frac{S}{N}\right)^{2} + \text{all possible permutations.}$$

Method II: correlating the outputs of a pair of detectors, then combining measurements from multiple pairs

$$\left(\frac{S}{N}\right)_{\text{opt I}}^2 = \sum_{\text{pair}} \left(\frac{S}{N}\right)_{\text{pair}}^2$$
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"Observable" region of parameter space



Region of parameter space for which the SGWB produced from an ensemble of NSs with *r*-mode instability is detectable by the H–L pair, the approach of directly combining (labeled "d–c") four third-generation detectors, and the approach of combining multiple pairs of detectors (labeled "c-p"). (an order of magnitude improvement in all detector sensitivities is assumed)



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Conclusions



- To be detectable with 2nd generation detectors, one must have α ~1. But the upper limit on α is 10⁻³-10⁻². The r-mode background is not going to be detected.
- Constraints on GW production can be obtained: i) two colocated advanced LIGO detectors (γ (f)=1): E_{GW} < 10⁻³ M_☉c²; ii) two ET type detectors: E_{GW} <2×10⁻⁵ M_☉c²
- The main contribution to an astrophysical background comes from sources at z<2</p>
- Combining measurements from multiple detector pairs is more efficient in terms of improving the detection ability.

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Compact Binary Coalesce (CBC)



- CB, including NS-NS, NS-BH & BH-BH: the most promising GW sources because a huge amount GW energy will be produced during their final coalescence process.
- Coalescing BH-BH: the most energetic GW event in our Universe, ~1 M_{\odot}c², GW luminosity ~ 10²² L_{\odot} > all stars. However event rate r₀ is very small and uncertain! (r₀~10⁻⁴ 0.3 Mpc⁻³Myr⁻¹;most likely 4×10⁻³)
- NS-NS has been confirmed by pulsar binary observations, and it was regarded as the main CBC event for groundbased detectors (a few/yr).
- Coalescing rate of BH-BH (NS-BH) can only be estimated from simulation of binary evolution. However recent theoretical calculations and observational breakthrough indicate that BH-BH might have a much higher event rate than expected before!



Recent astronomical observation is changing r₀

- Two WR-BH were observed—>r₀ of BH-BH might be 0.36 (*arXiv: 0803.3516*). WR is progenitor of SNIb/c forming BH.
- > Recent SDSS observations indicate that about half stars are formed at galaxies with low metallicities—>assuming half stars have $1Z_{\odot}$ and half $0.1Z_{\odot}$, r_0 of BH-BH could be $3.1 \times 10^{-2} 0.43$ (*Belczynski et al. 2010*).

 Therefore coalescence rates of BH-BH and NS-NS are probably the same order. Cobsidering the much higher GW luminosity, coalescing BH-BH could be 25 times higher than coalescing NS-NS for observation. (*Belczynski et al. 2010*)

GW backgrounds from CBC



- It was proposed long time ago that all NS-NS coalescence would form a strong GW background for ground-based observation band, e.g., *Regimbau & de Freitas Pacheco 2006; Regimbau & Chauvineau 2007.*
- No detail considering SGWB from coalescing BH-BH, why?
 - > It was widely thought their coalescing rate was too low.
 - Many uncertainties on mass distribution, coalesce time and spin etc. and their effects on GW signal.
 - No body knows what kinds of GW signal will be produced during the final stage of BH-BH coalescence until 2005.
- Although optimistic estimates on r₀ of BH-BH as well as higher GW luminosity indicate a stronger GW background produced by BH-BH than NS-NS, and even dominating ground-based observation band, all above questions should be investigated carefully.

Evolution model for coalescence rate



In order to consider contributions from the events at z>0, one should model the evolution for event rate. Differential event rate happaned at redshift from z to z+dz:

$$dR = r_0 e(z) \frac{dV}{dz} dz,$$

where **r**₀ is local event rate, dV/dz comoving volume element, **e**(z)dimensionless normalized factor, i.e., evolution of event rate:

$$e(z) = \dot{
ho}_{*,c}(z)/\dot{
ho}_{*,c}(0)$$
 $\dot{
ho}_{*,c}(z) = \int \frac{\dot{
ho}_{*}(z_f)}{(1+z_f)} P(t_d) dt_d,$

z is redshift where BH-BH coalesce while Z_f is redshift where BH-BH was formed. Their time interval or coalesce time is t_d while $P(t_d)$ is its probability distribution. ρ_* is SFR, and $\rho_{*,c}$ relates event rate to SFR.

Evolution of event rate: our result



• Using two SFR model HB06 - Hopkins & Beacom (2006) and W08 - Wilkins et al. (2008), the resulting e(z) is shown in the right figure. Assuming $\tau_0 =$ 100 Myr, 500 Myr respectively.



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GW spectrum of coalescing BH-BH



Three stages for BH-BH: inspiral, merger, and ringdown . The merger stage can only be investigated by numerical simulations, which made breakthrough in 2005.



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GW spectrum of coalescing **BH-BH**

$$\frac{dE}{d\nu} \equiv \frac{(G\pi)^{2/3} M_c^{5/3}}{3} \begin{cases} \nu^{-1/3} & \text{if } \nu < \nu_1 \\\\ \omega_1 \nu^{2/3} & \text{if } \nu_1 \leq \nu < \nu_2 \\\\ \omega_2 \left[\frac{\nu}{1 + (\frac{\nu - \nu_2}{\alpha/2})^2} \right]^2 & \text{if } \nu_2 \leq \nu < \nu_3 \end{cases}$$

Ajith et al 2011 PRL, 106, 241101 Ajith et al 2008 PRD, 77, 104017 -

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SGWB from coalescing BH-BH: our result



■ Using SFR model HB06, τ_0 =100 Myr, and r_0 =3.1×10⁻².



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Figure 4. Design sensitivity curves for future ground-based detectors: Advanced Virgo (Ad Virgo), LCGT, Advanced LIGO (Ad LIGO), and two possible configurations of the Einstein Telescope, ET-B and ET-D.

Detectability: parameter space $\mathbf{r}_0 - \mathbf{M}_c$



- 3. $1 \times 10^{-2} \le r_0 \le 0.43$; $4 \le M_c \le 20$ $M_c^{5/3} = m_1 m_2 (m_1 + m_2)^{-1/3}$, SNR=3
- H-L: Hanford and Livingston; AHLV: four 2nd detectors and CP; ET: the 3rd detector.



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Conclusions



 Astrophysical background is an important detection target

- information about the star formation history, the statistical properties of source populations

- Coalescing binary BHs could dominate the GW signal of ground-based interferometers. It could mask the primordial background at around 100 Hz.
- Detection depends highly on the event rate. 2nd generation detectors require a rate at the high end of predictions. 3rd generation detector ET could detect it easily.

Thanks for your attention !