

Gravitational waveforms for data analysis of spinning binary black holes

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Numerical/analytical relativity in LIGO data analysis



 Synergy of numerical relativity and analytical relativity = waveform models crucial for

0. detecting GW151226 [LVC1606.04855]

1. establishing 5-sigma significance of detections [LVC1602.03839, LVC1606.04856]

2. measuring properties of the source [LVC1602.03840, LVC1606.01210, LVC1606.01262, LVC1606.04856]

3. performing tests of general relativity (GR) [LVC1602.03841, LVC1606.04856]

Numerical relativity

Numerical-relativity catalogs of BBHs



... and many more NR waveforms from many groups [SXS, GATech, RIT, Cardiff-UIB, NCSA] are being computed also in response to observations

Numerical-relativity catalogs of BBHs

- Sources of errors: (i) resolution, (ii) extrapolation, (iii) finite length, (iv) junk radiation
- Aligned-spin template banks accept fitting factors 3% mismatch ~ 10% loss in event rate
- Parameter estimation (sufficient) accuracy requirement [Lindblom+08]

$$1 - \mathcal{O}(h_1, h_2) < \frac{1}{2\,\mathrm{SNR}^2}$$

$$\langle h_1, h_2 \rangle = 4 \operatorname{Re} \int_{f_{\text{low}}}^{f_{\text{high}}} \frac{\tilde{h}_1(f)\tilde{h}_2^*(f)}{S_n(f)} \mathrm{d}f$$
$$\mathcal{O}(h_1, h_2) = \max_{\phi_0, t_0} \frac{\langle h_1(\phi_0, t_0), h_2 \rangle}{\sqrt{\langle h_1, h_1 \rangle \langle h_2, h_2 \rangle}}$$



Challenging BBHs



- 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

Besides guiding construction of models (waveforms, remnant properties), there are other avenues to use NR:

- Direct comparison of existing NR catalogs to observations [LVC1602.03843, LVC1606.01262] [Richard's talk]
- NR follow-ups to observations [LVC detection papers, Lovelace+16]:
 - 1. comparisons to unmodeled reconstructions
 - 2. validate models
- Surrogate waveform models [Blackman+15,17]

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

Nonprecessing models for LIGO

- 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



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

$$\nu = \frac{m_1 m_2}{(m_1 + m_2)^2}$$
example of tuning parameter

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+16]



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]





[Bohe,Shao,AT+16]

Comparing nonprecessing IMR BBH models



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Precessing models for LIGO

Precessing IMR 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]
 1. In precessing frame, use calibrated nonprecessing model
 2. Inertial-frame modes from rotation of precessing-frame modes according to motion of orbital angular momentum
- Both effective-one-body [Pan+13, Babak, AT+16] and phenomenological [Hannam+13] models available
- Inspiral-only PN waveforms [Katerina's talk]

70 NR waveforms from SXS public catalog used to test model



[Babak, AT+16]

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testing the **rotation** via maximum-radiation direction

testing the waveforms in the **precessing frame**

0.4

- New SXS NR waveforms [Ossokine+(in prep)] used to
 - 1. improve model [AEI(in prep)]
 - 2. assess PE systematics [AEI(in prep)]

Phenomenological model of precessing BBHs

- Start from PN and find single effective spin (+ phase) that dominates precessional effects [Schmidt+14]
 - 1. Closed-form frequency domain formulas for precession of angular momentum
 - 2. Rotate nonprecessing PhenomD directly in frequency domain
- IMRPhenomPv2: comparisons to many NR runs during LIGO software review

Differences between precessing IMR models

precessing Phenom

- Dof: S1z, S2z, chip, phase \bigcirc
- Purely nonprecessing model in the precessing frame
- Ringdown built in the precessing frame

 Ringdown built in final-spin frame
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- In the precessing frame only (2,2) \bigcirc mode included
- SPA for modes rotation
- Euler angles for modes rotation derived in analytic form under approximations
- Initial in-plane spin components enter final-spin formula

precessing EOBNR

- Dof: S1x, S1y, S1z, S2x, S2y, S2z
- Fully precessing conservative \bigcirc orbital dynamics
- - In the precessing frame \bigcirc uncalibrated (2,1) mode included
 - Exact time-domain modes rotation
 - Euler angles for modes rotation from motion of LN
 - Spin-aligned formula for remnant \bigcirc spin evaluated at merger

Parameter estimation with precessing models

IMR precessing 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

[LVC1602.03840]

[LVC1606.01262]

IMR precessing models vs GW150914

$$\chi_{eff} = \frac{c}{G} \left(\frac{S_1}{m_1} + \frac{S_2}{m_2} \right) \cdot \frac{\hat{L}_N}{M},$$

$$\chi_p = \frac{c}{B_1 G m_1^2} \max(B_1 S_{1\perp}, B_2 S_{2\perp}),$$

$$\int_{0.00}^{1.00} \frac{100}{0.25} \int_{0.50}^{0.05} 0.75 \ 1.00 \\ \int_{0.00}^{0.0} \frac{100}{0.25} \int_{0.50}^{0.05} 0.75 \ 1.00 \\ \left[LVC1606.01262 \right]$$

IMR precessing models vs GW150914

 Systematics study with NR injection that had parameters close to MaP

[LVC1606.01262]

Expected uncertainties for heavy BBHs [Vitale+16]

- 200 precessing BBHs w/m1,m2 uniform in [30,50]MSun, a1,a2 uniform in [0,0.98], isotropic sky location, uniform inclination, uniform in comoving volume, threshold network SNR=12
- Model: IMRPhenomPv2. Detectors: HLV at design sensitivity

Expected uncertainties for heavy BBHs [Vitale+16]

- a1<0.2: can rule out ~maximal a1 90% of the times
- a1>0.8: can rule out ~zero a1 75% of the times
- chieff better measured (90% C.I. of typical width ~0.35)
- Aligned-spins yield smaller uncertainties (90% C.I. of width ~0.2 on a1)
- For unequal-mass BBHs: the more edge-on, the easier the measurement of a1. For equal-mass BBHs: no dependence on inclination
- Tilts are poorly measured
- Uncertainties of GW150914 are typical of similar BBHs

Unmodeled effects

Higher-order modes

- IMR higher-order modes for spinning binaries are not available
- For no-spin searches, no impact for $3MSun \le m1$, m2 $\le 200MSun$ and M < 360MSun [Capano+13]
- Higher-modes systematics > statistical errors for q>4 and M>100Msun at SNR>8 (orientation avg) [Calderon-Bustillo+15,16, Varma+16]

Precessional effects not fully modeled

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

3. no calibration to precessing NR

Eccentric models

Eccentric binaries

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

- 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

Conclusions

• Where we stand

- 1. wealth of new NR simulations (calibration, surrogates, direct use)
- 2. very accurate (2,2)-mode spin-aligned models for q<=6
- 3. reasonably good precessing models for moderate spins (<=0.5) and q<=4 $\,$
- 4. spin uncertainties of GW150914 seem typical for heavy BBHs

• Open problems

- 1. (large q, large spins, "low" M) domain not constrained by NR
- 2. systematics against precessing NR
- 3. spinning IMR models with higher harmonics still under development
- 4. how many NR cycles do we need to simulate to constrain models down to 10Hz