

Numerical simulations of coalescing binaries

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Overview

- Introduction
- Modelling of NSs, BHs in GR
- Gravitational Wave Physics
- Kicks and electromagnetic counterparts
- Conclusions

1. Introduction

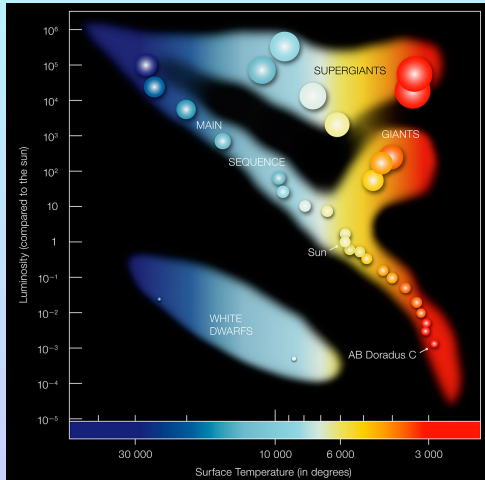
Neutron stars and stellar-mass BHs

NSs

- Progenitors stars
 $M_{\star} \sim 8 \dots 40 (80?) M_{\odot}$
- $M_{NS} \gtrsim 1.4 \dots 2 M_{\odot}$

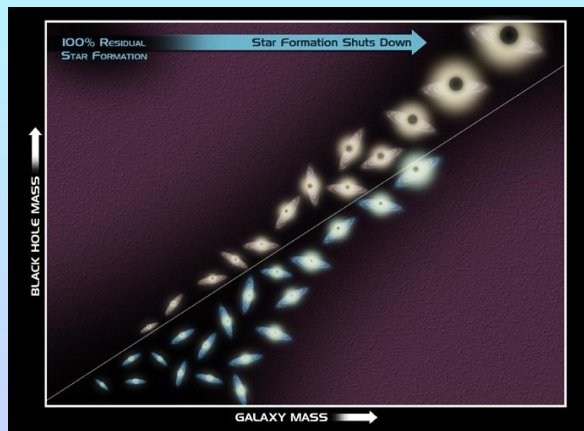
BHs

- Progenitor stars
 $M_{\star} \gtrsim 20 M_{\odot}$
- $M_{BH} \sim 3 \dots 50 M_{\odot}$



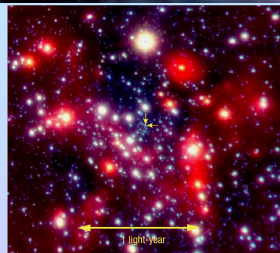
Supermassive BHs

- Galaxies ubiquitously harbor SMBHs
- $M_{BH} \sim 10^6 \dots 10^{10} M_{\odot}$
- BH properties correlated with bulge properties



Evidence for astrophysical black holes

- X-ray binaries
 - e. g. Cygnus X-1 (1964)
 - MS star + compact star
 - ⇒ Stellar Mass BHs
 - ~ 5 ... 50 M_{\odot}
- Stellar dynamics
 - near galactic centers,
 - iron emission line profiles
 - ⇒ Supermassive BHs
 - ~ $10^6 \dots 10^{10} M_{\odot}$
 - AGN engines



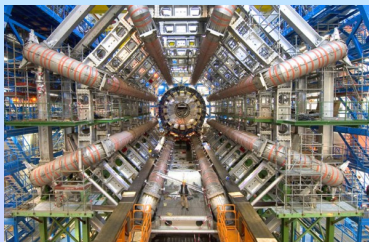
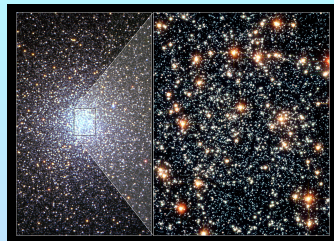
The Centre of the Milky Way
(VLT YEPUN + NACO)

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Conjectured BHs

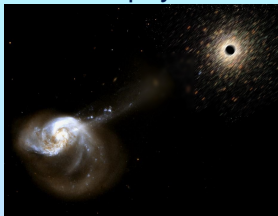
- Intermediate mass BHs
 $\sim 10^2 \dots 10^5 M_{\odot}$
- Primordial BHs
 $\leq M_{Earth}$
- Mini BHs, LHC
 $\sim TeV$



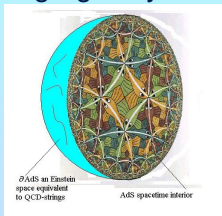
Note: BH solution is scale invariant!

Research areas of compact stars

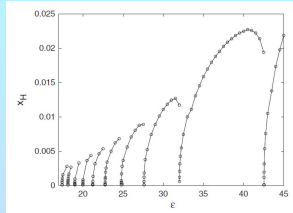
Astrophysics



Gauge-gravity duality



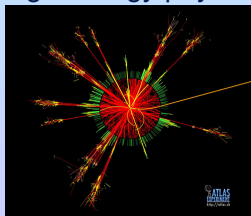
Fundamental studies



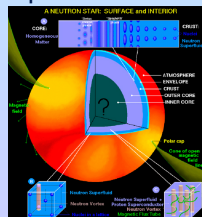
GW physics



High-energy physics



Equation of state



Luminosities

- Lasers: $\lesssim 10^{18}$ W
- Tsar Bomba: $\sim 10^{26}$ W
- GRB: $\sim 10^{45}$ W
- Universe in electromagnetic radiation: $\sim 10^{49}$ W
- Planck luminosity: 3.7×10^{52} W
- One BH binary can outshine the entire electromagnetic universe
- Energy from $10^9 M_{\odot}$ BH binary: $E_{GW} \sim 10^{61}$ erg

2. Modelling of NSs, BHs

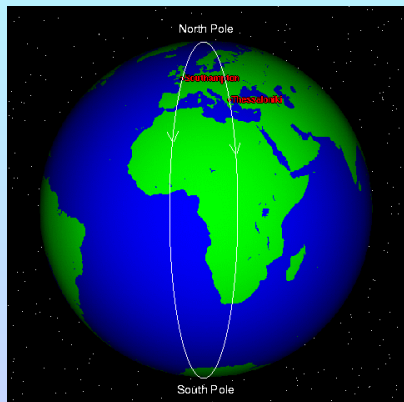
General Relativity: Curvature

- Curvature generates acceleration
“geodesic deviation”
No “force”!!
- Description of geometry

Metric $g_{\alpha\beta}$

Connection $\Gamma_{\beta\gamma}^{\alpha}$

Riemann Tensor $R^{\alpha}{}_{\beta\gamma\delta}$



How to get the metric?



Train cemetery
Uyuni, Bolivia

- Solve for the metric $g_{\alpha\beta}$

How to get the metric?

- Ricci-Tensor, Einstein Tensor, Matter Tensor

$$R_{\alpha\beta} \equiv R^{\mu}{}_{\alpha\mu\beta}$$

$$G_{\alpha\beta} \equiv R_{\alpha\beta} - \frac{1}{2}g_{\alpha\beta}R^{\mu}{}_{\mu} \quad \text{“Trace reversed” Ricci}$$

$$T_{\alpha\beta} \quad \text{“Matter”}$$

- Equations $G_{\alpha\beta} = 8\pi T_{\alpha\beta}$, $\nabla_{\mu} T^{\mu}{}_{\alpha} = 0$

2^{nd} order PDEs for $g_{\alpha\beta}$, matter Eqs.

- Solutions: Easy! Take metric
 \Rightarrow Calculate $G_{\alpha\beta}$
 \Rightarrow Use that as matter tensor
- Physically meaningful solutions: Difficult!

Solving Einstein's equations: Different methods

- Analytic solutions
 - Symmetry: Schwarzschild, Kerr, FLRW, Oppenheimer-Snyder dust
- Perturbation theory
 - Assume solution is close to known solution $g_{\alpha\beta}$
 - Expand $\hat{g}_{\alpha\beta} = g_{\alpha\beta} + \epsilon h_{\alpha\beta}^{(1)} + \epsilon^2 h_{\alpha\beta}^{(2)} + \dots \Rightarrow$ linear system
 - Regge-Wheeler-Zerilli-Moncrief, Teukolsky, QNMs, EOB,...
- Post-Newtonian Theory
 - Assume small velocities \Rightarrow expansion in $\frac{v}{c}$
 - N^{th} order expressions for GWs, momenta, orbits,...
 - Blanchet, Buonanno, Damour, Kidder, Will,...
- Numerical Relativity
 - Breakthroughs: Pretorius '05, UT Brownsville '05, NASA Goddard '05

A list of tasks

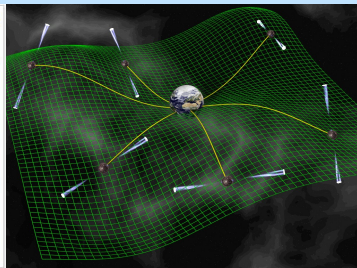
- Matter: High-resolution shock capturing, Microphysics
- Einstein equations: 1) Cast as evolution system
 - 2) Choose specific formulation: BSSN, GHG
 - 3) Discretize for computer
- Choose coordinate conditions: Gauge
- Fix technical aspects: 1) Mesh refinement / spectral domains
 - 2) Singularity handling / excision
 - 3) Parallelization
- Construct realistic initial data
- Start evolution...
- Extract physics from the data



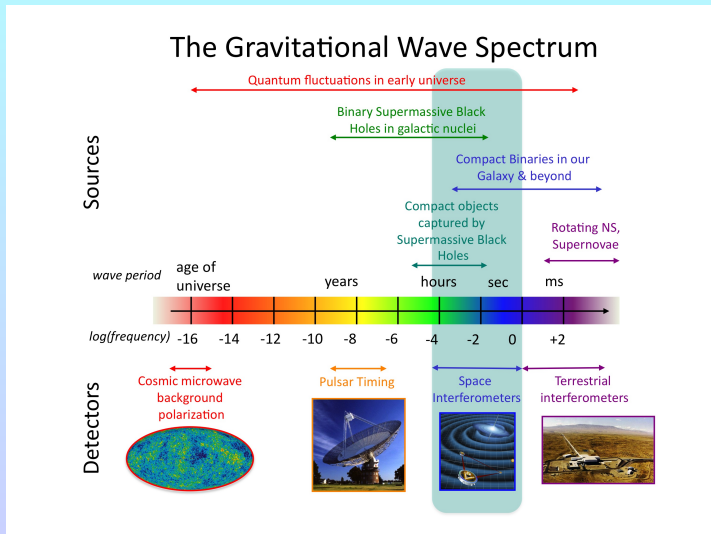
3. GW physics

Gravitational wave detectors

- Accelerated masses \Rightarrow GWs
- Weak interaction!
- Laser interferometric detectors

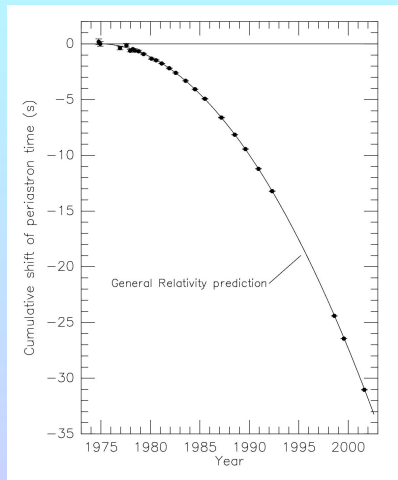


The gravitational wave spectrum

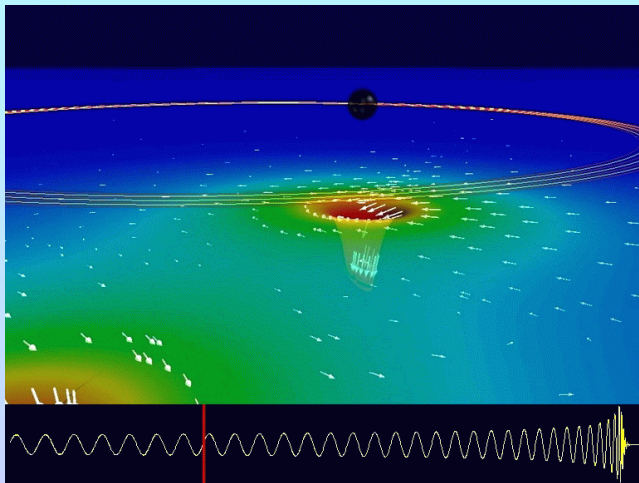


Some targets of GW physics

- Tests of GR
 - Hulse & Taylor 1993 Nobel Prize
- Parameter determination of BHs: M , \vec{S}
- Optical counter parts
 - Standard sirens (candles)
- Test Kerr Nature of BHs
- Neutron stars: EOS
- BH formation scenarios





Morphology of a BBH inspiral

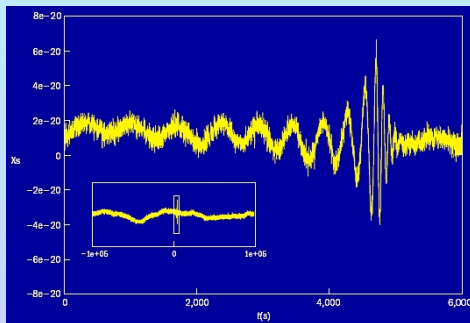


Thanks to Caltech, CITA, Cornell

Matched filtering

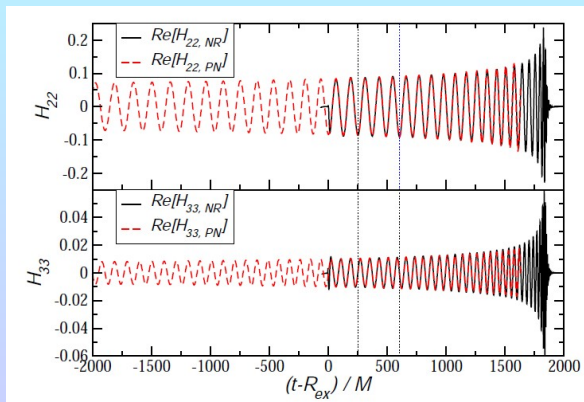
- BH binaries have 7 parameters: 1 mass ratio, 2×3 for spins
- Sample parameter space, generate waveform for each point

- NR + PN
- Effective one body
-  GEO 600 noise
-  chirp signal



Template construction

- Stitch together PN and NR waveforms
- EOB or phenomenological templates for ≥ 7 -dim. par. space



Template construction

- Phenomenological waveform models

- Model phase, amplitude with simple functions → Model parameters
- Create **map** between physical and model parameters
- Time or frequency domain

Ajith et al. 0704.3764, 0710.2335, 0712.0343, 0909.2867, Santamaria et al. 1005.3306, Sturani et al. 1012.5172, Hannam et al. 1308.3271

- Effective-one-body (EOB) models

- Particle in effective metric, PN, ringdown model
Buonanno & Damour PRD '99, gr-qc/0001013

- Resum PN, calibrate **pseudo PN** parameters using NR
Buonanno et al. 0709.3839, Pan et al. 0912.3466, 1106.1021,
1307.6232, Damour et al. 0712.202, 0803.3162, 1009.5998, 1406.6913

The Ninja project

<https://www.ninja-project.org/>

Aylott et al, CQG **26** 165008, CQG **26** 114008

Ajith et al, CQG **29** 124001

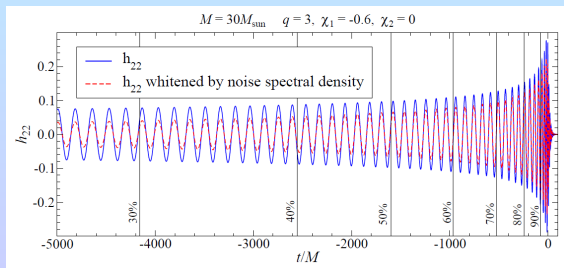
- Use PN/NR hybrid waveforms in GW data analysis
- Ninja2: 56 hybrid waveforms from 8 NR groups
- Details on hybridization procedures
- Overlap and mass bias study:
 - Take one waveform as signal, fixing M_{tot}
 - Search with other waveform (same config.) varying t_0 , ϕ_0 , M_{tot}
 - Mass bias < 0.5 %

The NRAR project

<https://www.ninja-project.org/doku.php?id=nrar:home>

Hinder, Buonanno et al. 1307.5307

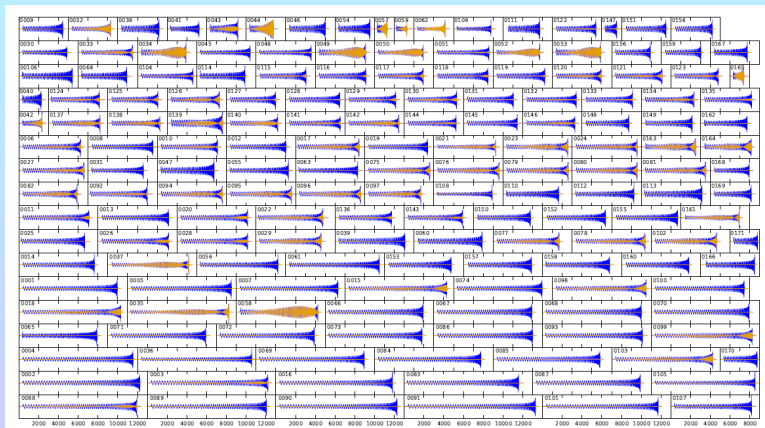
- Pool efforts from **9 NR** groups
- **22 + 3** waveforms, including **precessing** runs
- **Standardize** analysis, **comparison** with analytic models
- **Test EOB** models with NR



Tools of mass production

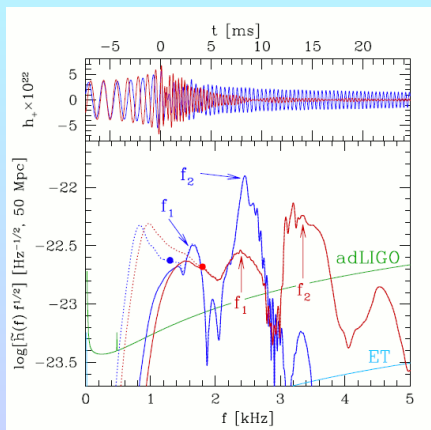
- SpEC catalog: 171 waveforms: $q \leq 8$, 90 preprocessing, ≤ 34 orbits

Mroué et al. 1304.6077



Constraining the EOS of NSs with GWs

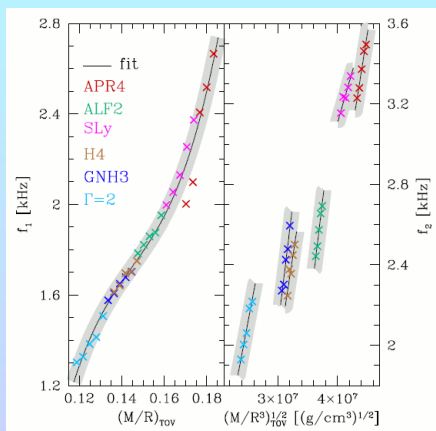
Step 1: Binary NS coalescence \rightarrow char. frequency peaks



Takami et al. 1403.5672, Bauswein & Janka 1106.1616

Constraining the EOS of NSs with GWs

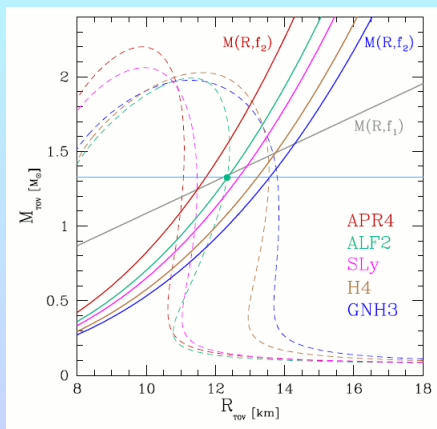
Step 2: Relations f_1 vs. M/R and f_2 vs. M/R^3



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Constraining the EOS of NSs with GWs

Step 3: Combine with M_{TOV} / R_{TOV} curve and measured M

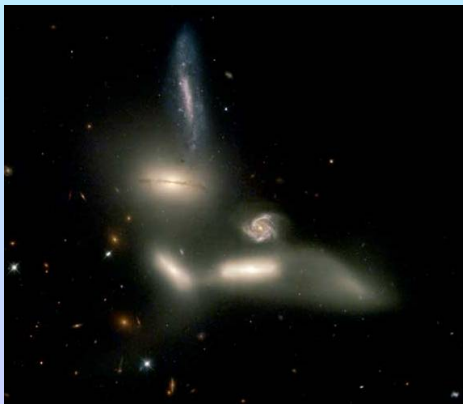


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4. Kicks and electromagnetic counterparts

SMBH formation

- Most widely accepted scenario for galaxy formation: hierarchical growth; “bottom-up”
- Galaxies undergo frequent mergers \Rightarrow BH merger



Gravitational recoil

- Anisotropic GW emission \Rightarrow recoil of remnant BH

Bonnor & Rotenburg '61, Peres '62, Bekenstein '73

- Escape velocities: Globular clusters 30 km/s
 dSph 20 – 100 km/s
 dE 100 – 300 km/s
 Giant galaxies \sim 1000 km/s

Ejection / displacement of BH \Rightarrow

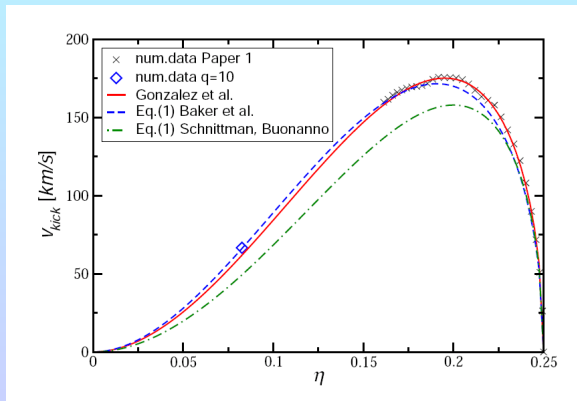
- Growth history of SMBHs
- BH populations, IMBHs
- Displaced QSOs



Kicks from non-spinning BHs

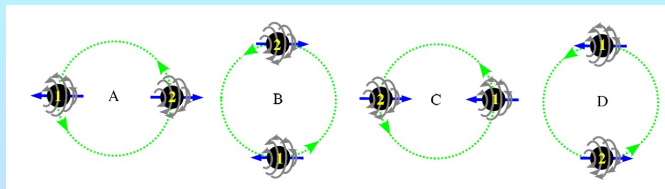
- Max. kick: ~ 180 km/s, harmless!

González et al., PRL 98, 091101 (2009)



Spinning BHs: Superkicks

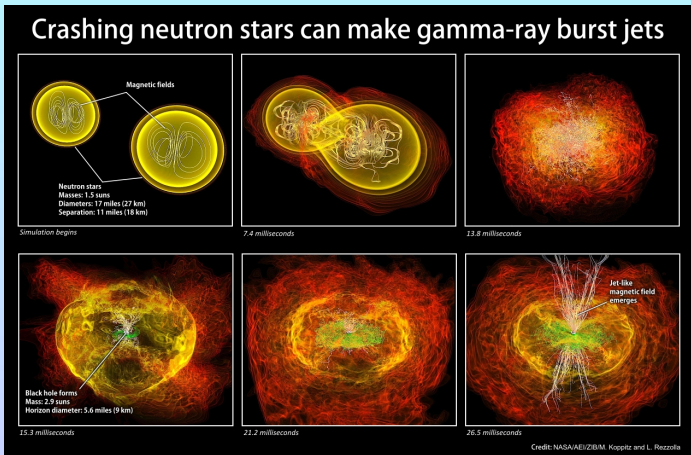
- Kidder '95, UTB-RIT '07: maximum kick expected for



- Kicks up to $v_{\max} \approx 4\,000$ km/s
González *et al.* '07, Campanelli *et al.* '07
- “Hang-up kicks” of up to 5 000 km/s Lousto & Zlochower '12
- Suppression via spin alignment and Resonance effects in inspiral
Schnittman '04, Bogdanović *et al.* '07, Kesden, US & Berti '10, '10a, '12

Neutron stars and γ -ray bursts

NS binaries can generate GRBs

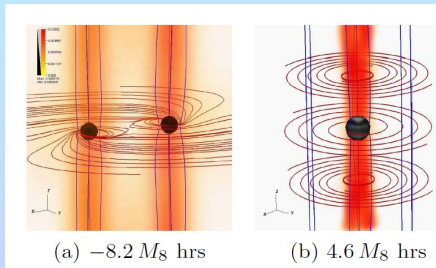


Search for coincidence GRB + GW events

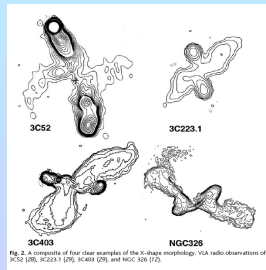
Double jets and spin flips

- BH binary with plasma
- Jets driven by L
- Optical signature: double jets

- Spin re-alignment
 - ⇒ new + old jet
 - ⇒ X-shaped radio sources



Palenzuela, Lehner & Liebling '10



Campanelli et al. '06

5. Conclusions

Conclusions

- NR can reliably evolve compact binaries
- PN results good for early inspiral of BHs, NSs
- NR needed for merger
- BHs, NSs important source of GWs
- Some goals of GW physics:
 - EOS of NS matter, Standard Sirens, BH formation
- Astrophysical studies: BH Kicks, Elm. signatures
- Other physics: *TeV* Gravity, AdS/CFT, Fundamental physics

Additional material for questions

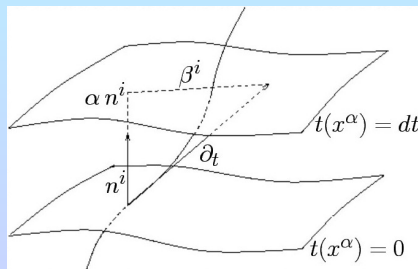
3+1 Decomposition

- GR: “Space and time exist as a unity: Spacetime”
- NR: ADM 3+1 split Arnowitt, Deser & Misner '62
York '79, Choquet-Bruhat & York '80

$$g_{\alpha\beta} = \left(\begin{array}{c|c} -\alpha^2 + \beta_m \beta^m & \beta_j \\ \hline \beta_i & \gamma_{ij} \end{array} \right)$$

- 3-Metric γ_{ij}
Lapse α
Shift β^i

- lapse, shift \Rightarrow Gauge



ADM Equations

The Einstein equations $R_{\alpha\beta} = 0$ become

- 6 Evolution equations

$$(\partial_t - \mathcal{L}_\beta)\gamma_{ij} = -2\alpha K_{ij}$$

$$(\partial_t - \mathcal{L}_\beta)K_{ij} = -D_i D_j \alpha + \alpha[R_{ij} - 2K_{im}K^m_j + K_{ij}K]$$

- 4 Constraints

$$R + K^2 - K_{ij}K^{ij} = 0$$

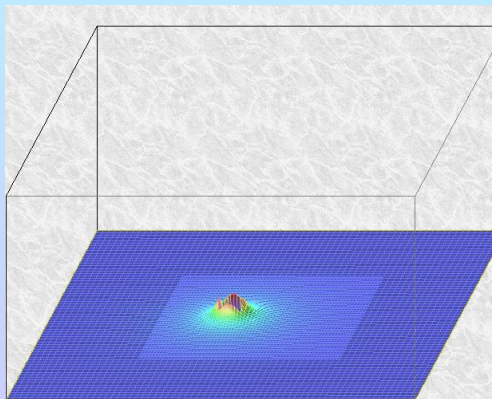
$$-D_j K^{ij} + D^i K = 0$$

preserved under evolution!

- Evolution

1) Solve constraints

2) Evolve data



Formulations I: BSSN

- One can easily change variables. E. g. wave equation

$$\begin{aligned} \partial_{tt}u - c\partial_{xx}u = 0 & \Leftrightarrow \partial_t F - c\partial_x G = 0 \\ & \partial_x F - \partial_t G = 0 \end{aligned}$$

- **BSSN**: rearrange degrees of freedom

$$\begin{aligned} \chi &= (\det \gamma)^{-1/3} & \tilde{\gamma}_{ij} &= \chi \gamma_{ij} \\ K &= \gamma_{ij} K^{ij} & \tilde{A}_{ij} &= \chi (K_{ij} - \frac{1}{3} \gamma_{ij} K) \\ \tilde{\Gamma}^i &= \tilde{\gamma}^{mn} \tilde{\Gamma}_{mn}^i = -\partial_m \tilde{\gamma}^{im} \end{aligned}$$

Shibata & Nakamura '95, Baumgarte & Shapiro '98

- **BSSN strongly hyperbolic**, but depends on details...

Sarbach *et al.*'02, Gundlach & Martín-García '06

Formulations I: BSSN

$$ds^2 = -\alpha^2 dt^2 + \gamma_{ij}(dx^i + \beta^i dt)(dx^j + \beta^j dt)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \phi &= \frac{1}{12} \ln \gamma & \hat{\gamma}_{ij} &= e^{-4\phi} \gamma_{ij} \\ K &= \gamma_{ij} K^{ij} & \hat{A}_{ij} &= e^{-4\phi} \left(K_{ij} - \frac{1}{3} \gamma_{ij} K \right) \\ \hat{\Gamma}^i &= \gamma^{ij} \hat{\Gamma}_{jk}^i = -\partial_j \hat{\gamma}^{ij} \end{aligned}$$

$$(\partial_t - \mathcal{L}_\beta) \hat{\gamma}_{ij} = -2\alpha \hat{A}_{ij}$$

$$(\partial_t - \mathcal{L}_\beta) \phi = -\frac{1}{6} \alpha K$$

$$(\partial_t - \mathcal{L}_\beta) \hat{A}_{ij} = e^{-4\phi} (-D_i D_j \alpha + \alpha R_{ij})^{\text{TF}} + \alpha (K \hat{A}_{ij} - 2 \hat{A}_{ik} \hat{A}^k_j)$$

$$(\partial_t - \mathcal{L}_\beta) K = -D^i D_i \alpha + \alpha (\hat{A}_{ij} \hat{A}^{ij} + \frac{1}{3} K^2)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \partial_t \hat{\Gamma}^i &= 2\alpha (\hat{\Gamma}_{jk}^i \hat{A}^{jk} + 6 \hat{A}^{ij} \partial_j \phi - \frac{2}{3} \hat{\gamma}^{ij} \partial_j K) - 2 \hat{A}^{ij} \partial_j \alpha + \hat{\gamma}^{jk} \partial_j \partial_k \beta^i \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{3} \hat{\gamma}^{ij} \partial_j \partial_k \beta^k + \beta^j \partial_j \hat{\Gamma}^i + \frac{2}{3} \hat{\Gamma}^i \partial_j \beta^j \end{aligned}$$

Yo et al. (2002)

Formulations II: Generalized harmonic (GHG)

- Harmonic gauge: choose coordinates such that

$$\nabla_{\mu} \nabla^{\mu} x^{\alpha} = 0$$

- 4-dim. version of Einstein equations

$$R_{\alpha\beta} = -\frac{1}{2} g^{\mu\nu} \partial_{\mu} \partial_{\nu} g_{\alpha\beta} + \dots$$

Principal part of wave equation

- Generalized harmonic gauge: $H_{\alpha} \equiv g_{\alpha\nu} \nabla_{\mu} \nabla^{\mu} x^{\nu}$

$$\Rightarrow R_{\alpha\beta} = -\frac{1}{2} g^{\mu\nu} \partial_{\mu} \partial_{\nu} g_{\alpha\beta} + \dots - \frac{1}{2} (\partial_{\alpha} H_{\beta} + \partial_{\beta} H_{\alpha})$$

Still principal part of wave equation !!! Manifestly hyperbolic

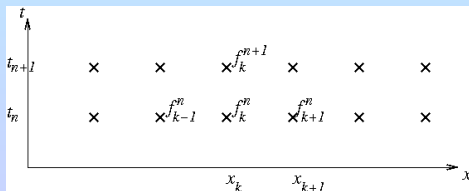
Friedrich '85, Garfinkle '02, Pretorius '05

- Constraint preservation; constraint satisfying BCs

Gundlach et al. '05, Lindblom et al. '06

Discretization of the time evolution

- Finite differencing (FD)
 - Pretorius, RIT, Goddard, Georgia Tech, LEAN, BAM, UIUC,...
- Spectral Caltech-Cornell-CITA
- Parallelization with MPI, ~ 128 cores, ~ 256 Gb RAM
- Example: advection equation $\partial_t f = \partial_x f$, FD
- Array f_k^n for fixed n



$$f_k^{n+1} = f_k^n + \Delta t \frac{f_{k+1}^n - f_{k-1}^n}{2\Delta x}$$

Initial data

Two problems: Constraints, realistic data

- Rearrange degrees of freedom

York-Lichnerowicz split: $\gamma_{ij} = \psi^4 \tilde{\gamma}_{ij}$

$$K_{ij} = A_{ij} + \frac{1}{3} \gamma_{ij} K$$

York & Lichnerowicz, O'Murchadha & York,

Wilson & Mathews, York

- Make simplifying assumptions

Conformal flatness: $\tilde{\gamma}_{ij} = \delta_{ij}$, and $K = 0$

- Find good elliptic solvers, e. g. Ansorg et al. '04

Mesh refinement

3 Length scales :	BH	$\sim 1 M$
	Wavelength	$\sim 10 \dots 100 M$
	Wave zone	$\sim 100 \dots 1000 M$

- Critical phenomena

Choptuik '93

- First used for BBHs

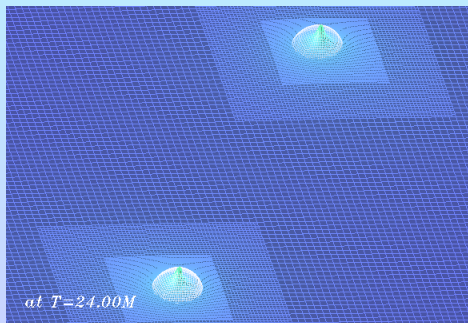
Brügmann '96

- Available Packages:

Paramesh MacNeice *et al.* '00

Carpet Schnetter *et al.* '03

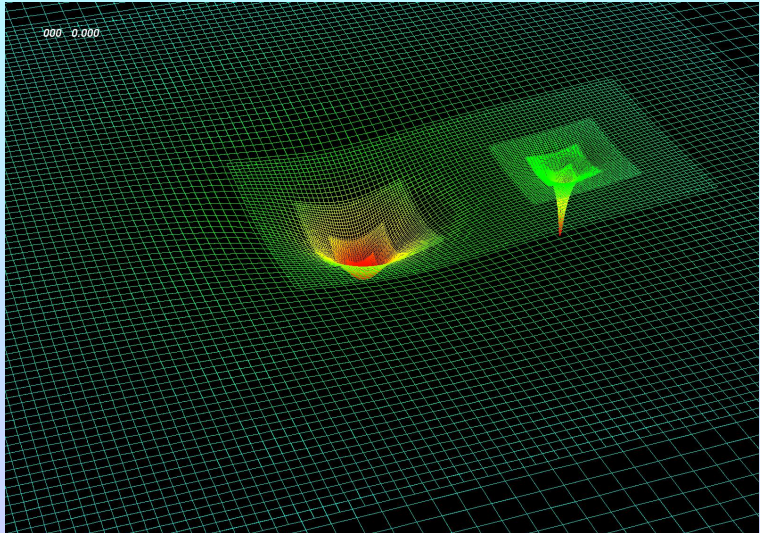
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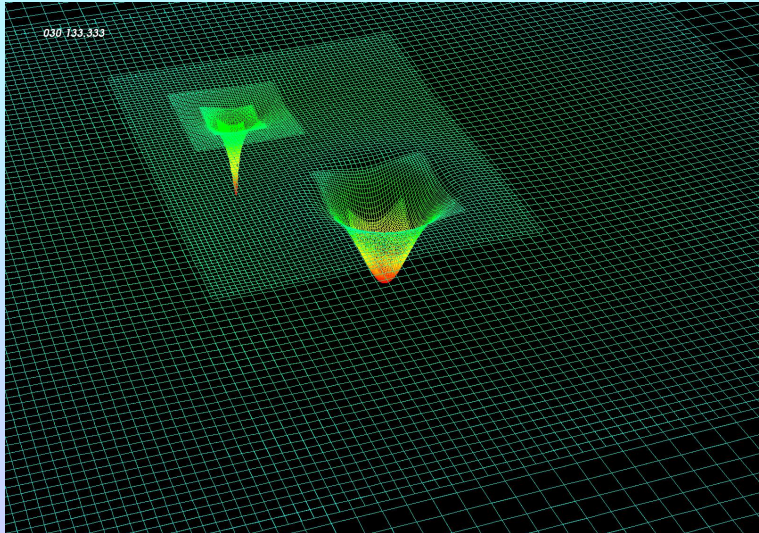
The gauge freedom

- Remember: Einstein equations say nothing about α , β^i
- Any choice of lapse and shift gives a solution
- This represents the coordinate freedom of GR
- Physics do not depend on α , β^i
So why bother?
- The performance of the numerics DO depend strongly on the gauge!
- How do we get good gauge?
Singularity avoidance, avoid coordinate stretching, well posedness

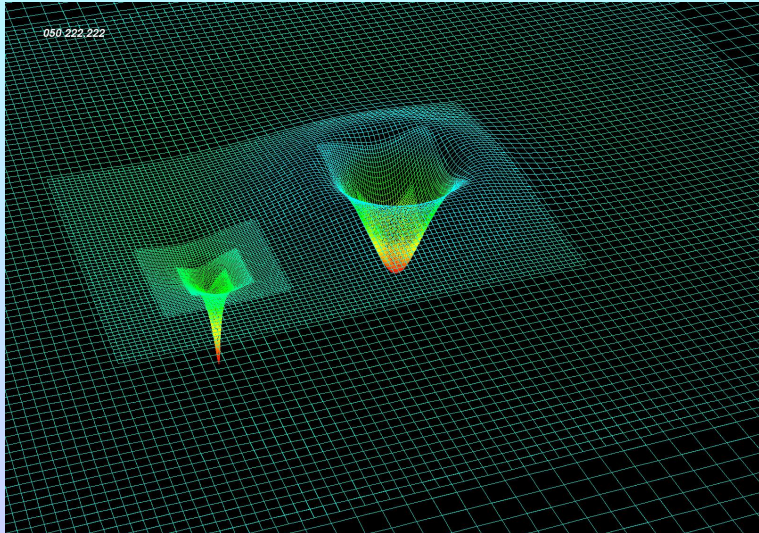
What goes wrong with bad gauge?



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What goes wrong with bad gauge?

