Current GW measurement results and plans

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Gravitational Wave Spectrum





compact binary coalescence (CBC)

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Asymmetric neutron stars



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Multi-messenger astronomy Merger involving a NS, SN or

LISA or ???

GWs



Visible/Infrared Light



Radio Waves

GW170817 breakthrough

"Multi-Messenger Observations of a Binary Neutron Star Merger" *B. Abbott et al.,* ApJL 848 (2017) 59-page letter > 3000 authors, ~70 collaborations

Important contributions from Spanish groups: INTEGRAL, AGILE, Fermi-LAT, DES, Vinrouge, Master, ePESSTO, TOROS, Red Global BOOTES, VLT, HAWK, Chandra, Gemini, Pierre Auger, ANTARES, EURO VLBI, ...



X/γ-rays



Neutrinos



GW170817: LVC, PRL 119, 161101 (2017)



The growing network of advanced GW detectors



Detector networks

- Larger community! Shared experience and best practices!
- Improved duty cycle catch rate events like supernovae!
- Much better sky location -> locate counterparts! e.g. addition LIGO India (instead of 2nd Hanford detector):



- Increased signal to noise ratio: Coherently sum signals from multiple detectors
- Improved detection confidence
 - Multi-detector coincidence greatly reduces false alarm rate
 - Improved source reconstruction Inverse problem" requires 3 non-aligned detectors
 - Better measurement of both polarizations (and possible non-GR polarisations)

Also important: concurrent operation of GW and EM/Neutrino Detectors, Especially for space missions.

Open Science: open code + open data + community updates

- Community updates: ligo.org | www.virgo-gw.eu | gwcenter.icrr.u-tokyo.ac.jp
- LIGO magazine: <u>www.ligo.org/magazine</u>
- OpenLVKEM: wiki.gw-astronomy.org/OpenLVEM

community forum on multi-messenger observations Town hall meetings, detector updates, alerts, ... ; recordings available.

- Public alerts: GraceDB
- Open source code: LIGO algorithms C library + many python packages + ...
 - Code is reviewed + open source before the analysis
 - All results and papers are reviewed separately
- Open data https://dcc.ligo.org/public/0009/M1000066/029/Data_Management_Plan-v29.pdf
 - Gravitational Wave Open Science Center at https://gwosc.org
 - Public detector logbooks
 - arXiv:2302.03676: "Open data from the third observing run of LIGO, Virgo, KAGRA and GEO"
 - Annual Open Data Workshops, documentation + codes via GWOSC
 - https://ask.igwn.org GW community forum





"Let others work for you ... " - Kaggle competitions

• Rodrigo Tenorio (UIB), Michael J. Williams, Chris Messenger (U. of Glasgow) :

Kaggle competition to detect continuous wave signals in a mock data set

-> Rodrigo's talk in RENATA session on Tuesday -> interested people talk to Rodrigo





Comparison

(AUC-ROC)

the ones available in

selected

Kaggle.

metric

amongst

was

- Competition lasted for 3 months and attracted ~ 1000 participants
- Total prize of \$25,000, to be split amongst top three submissions.
- No definitive ML solution in sight.
- Solutions involve a rich variety of approaches.

From O3 to O5 - concrete plans for O5 in place

LIGO-Virgo-KAGRA observing scenarios: LRR23,3 (2020) and arXiv:1304.0670 (last update 24/11/2020)

On-going upgrades toward O5 - Advanced LIGO+ ("A+")/adVirgo+ in two main steps:

O4: frequency-dependent squeezing, higher laser power, many baffles to minimize stray light noise, new test masses/new coating, ...



Sensitivity across observation runs



L1 Noise Bud

et 29-Apr-2019 09:30:00 UTC + 300 s

Post O5: A[#], Virgo_nEXT

For both LIGO and Virgo post-O5 study teams develop further upgrade plans.

A#: Test mass 40 kg -> 100 kg, arms laser power x2 -> 1.5 MW

More ambitious LIGO post-O5 plan: Voyager 123K. https://dcc.ligo.org/public/0183/T2200287/002/T2200287v2_PO5report.pdf

| Configuration | Annual Detections | | | |
|---|------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------|--|
| Configuration | BNS | NSBH | BBH | |
| A+ | 135_{-78}^{+172} | 24^{+34}_{-16} | 740^{+940}_{-420} | |
| A^{\sharp} | $630\substack{+790 \\ -350}$ | 100^{+128}_{-58} | $2100\substack{+2600\\-1100}$ | |
| $\mathrm{A}^{\sharp} \; (\mathrm{A}+ \mathrm{coatings})$ | $260\substack{+320 \\ -140}$ | 45^{+60}_{-27} | 1150^{+1450}_{-640} | |
| A^{\sharp} Wideband (A+ coatings) | $200\substack{+250\\-110}$ | 40^{+54}_{-25} | 970^{+1220}_{-540} | |
| Voyager Deep | 1280^{+1610}_{-710} | 190^{+240}_{-110} | $3100\substack{+3900\\-1700}$ | |
| Voyager Wideband | 730_{-410}^{+920} | $129^{+\bar{1}\bar{6}\bar{5}}_{-74}$ | $2300^{+\bar{2}900}_{-1300}$ | |

Table 5: Plausible range of number of detections in a calendar year observing run for each class of binary. Ranges are based on the central 90 % credible intervals on astrophysical rates from O3 [28].





Post-Merger Range [Mpc] $ho_{
m pm}^{(10)}$ $ho_{
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m max)}$ $t_{early}[min]$ BNS BBH Configuration z_{\max} O3 LLO 1301200 0.3 1.30.6 0.4July 2022 LLO 1200 0.51.50.30.51202600 3.2A+350 2.72.01.4A+ Wideband 2300 3.73.52.22.6290 A^{\sharp} 6.25.42.73.7600 3700 A^{\sharp} (A+ coatings) 440 3000 6.1 4.6 2.73.4 A^{\sharp} Wideband 3300 5.54.85.6490 6.8 A^{\sharp} Wideband (A+ coatings) 2900 4.74.85.5400 6.7 Intermediate Voyager 3900 4.8 6.52.53.7670 Voyager Deep 7804100 9.0 7.92.84.1 Voyager Wideband 5.25.9630 3800 9.3 8.4 7.6 2.73.7STO 690 4000 10.1 $A^{\sharp} 655 \text{ m SEC}$ 5.34503100 6.7 3.45.1 A^{\ddagger} 12 km folded arms 5303400 9.9 6.4 8.5 9.7

Some configurations: minutes of pre-merger warning time and detectability of BNS post-merger

O4: started May 24 2023

• Planned: 20 calendar months

including ~ 2 months commissioning/maintenance breaks.

- Currently only LIGO in observation mode
 - Virgo: commissioning to improve sensitivity, will join in February/March [Mario update Tue]
 - KAGRA returned to commissioning to improve sensitivity after 4 weeks in O4a on June 21. Plans to restart in 2024 with higher sensitivity.

• Detector status

- <u>https://online.igwn.org</u>
- https://gwosc.org/detector_status/today
- Events: gracedb.ligo.org/superevents/public/O4



[[]Image credit: LIGO/Virgo/KAGRA]

- LHO and LLO observing with good availability.
- LHO sensitivity improved to BNS range = 145-150 Mpc.
- LLO operating at BNS range of 150-160 Mpc.
- Ongoing work to increase duty cycle + sensitivity.
- Next detector/observations update by Oct. 15.

| Event ID | Possible Source (Probability) | Significant | UTC | GCN | Location | FAR | Comments |
|-----------|-------------------------------|-------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------|--------------------|----------|
| S231001aq | BBH (>99%) | Yes | Oct. 1, 2023 14:02:20 UTC | GCN Circular Query Notices VOE | Here 2003 | 1 per 6.3814 years | |

O4 data release plan

- 2 O4 data releases planned
- O4 Data Release A: the first 10 months of O4 data (M1-M10) at the end of Month 27, i.e. 2025-08-23.
- O4 Data Release B: M11-M20 at the end of M36, i.e. 2026-05-23.
- Unexpected delays can occur scientific community will be informed.



https://dcc.ligo.org/public/0009/M1000066/029/Data_Management_Plan-v29.pdf

CBC: Need perturbative approaches + numerical relativity to model signals



0. 0. 0. 0. z Self-force: expansion in mass ratio

Recent breakthrough for second order.

Numerical relativity:

Solve Einstein equations with FD or spectral methods.

~ 10⁵ core hours/coalescence

For CBC: possible since 2005



Inspiral: Post-Newtonian expansion in v/c Breaks down for the last orbits Recent progress (v/c)⁸ nonspinning- Blanchet,

Put it all together: EOB (AEI+), Phenom (UIB+)

Data is non-stationary, not Gaussian!

Also need to model noise, including non-gaussian artefacts = glitches. DetChar & calibration groups are essential for ensuring data quality.



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- -Limited detector sensitivity: SNR ≲ 30
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GW190521

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LIGO+Virgo +KAGRA: arXiv:2111.0 3606 GWTC-3: Compact Binary Coalescenc es Observed by LIGO and Virgo During the Second Part of the Third Observina Run

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Population & rates

LIGO+Virgo+KAGRA arXiv:2111.03634 The population of merging compact binaries inferred using gravitational waves through GWTC-3

• Structure emerges in the population, follow trends suggested by GWTC-2.



- Spins and orbital eccentricity are important markers for BH formation channels
- not yet good at modelling generic waveforms:



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Cosmology

Track expansion history of the universe:

Want distance (from GWs) and redshift (not from individual GW events, unless EM counterpart)!

Redshifted events appear like higher mass events!

2 methods to determine redshift for BBH:

- fix the source population properties and infer the cosmological parameters using statistical galaxy catalog.
- joint fit of cosmological parameters and the source population properties of BBHs without using galaxy catalog



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No evidence for deviations from general relativity.

LVK: arXiv:2112.06861; Ghosh for the LVK: Summary of Tests of General Relativity with GWTC-3

Types of tests:

- specific theory: specific GR effects (speed of light); specific non-GR theory
- theory agnostic: consistency test with signal portions; parameterised tests to constrain beyond-GR parameters

Observations

- Residuals from best-fit waveforms consistent with noise
- Consistency of parameters from inspiral and merger-ringdown
- No evidence for deviations for PN coefficients predicted by GR
- Consistency with no dispersion of GWs and massless graviton
- BH spin-induced quadrupole moments consistent with Kerr values
- Ringdown frequencies and damping times consistent with GR
- No detection of echoes
- No evidence for pure scalar or pure vector polarizations
- New bound on mass of graviton —>



Are any O3 CBC detections gravitationally lensed?

Abbott et al.arXiv:2304.08393

Search for GW magnification, multi-image, and microlensing signatures.

Not yet, but soon.





• Madau – Dickinson \mathbf{Y} $R_{\max}(z)$ \mathbf{A} $R_{\min}(z)$

Figure 2. Bayes factors \mathcal{B}_{U}^{L} from hanabi for the highest-ranked multiple-image candidate pairs. As a check on the robustness of our results, we show the Bayes factors calculated using three different merger rate density models, namely the fiducial model tracking the Madau–Dickinson star-formation rate (Madau & Dickinson 2014), and also the $R_{\min}(z)$ and $R_{\max}(z)$ model introduced in Abbott et al. (2021a). The color for each marker represents the value of p_{astro}^{pair} for each pair, which is the probability that both of the signals from a pair are of astrophysical origins and not from terrestrial sources.

Also not yet, but soon: Gravitational Wave Memory

- Early 1970s: GWs generated by unbound binary creates persistent physical change to metric -> **linear memory**
- Christodoulou 91: nonlinear memory effect also results from unbound radiation pulse.

main effect: I=2, m=0 harmonic (m=0: non-oscillatory, except ringdown to BH remnant)



- Compute memory via BMS group: fix BMS frame for NR simulations [Mitman+, PRD 104, 2021]
- Memory is related to "soft" black hole hair relevant for resolving BH information paradox.

Searches for isotropic GW background in LV O3 data

Abbott et al. PRD 104, 022004 (2021)

astrophysical or cosmological background

- no significant evidence for a GW background
- up to date most stringent limits on strength of background (upper limits improved previous bounds by about a factor of 6.0 for a flat background)

Cosmic Strings PRL 126, 241102 (2021)

- Stochastic GW background energy density => upper limits on cosmic string tension Gµ for 2 cosmic string loop distribution models.
- Tempted searches for cusps, kinks and, for the first time, kink-kink collisions -> no detections



Search for anisotropies in the GW background

Abbott et al. Phys. Rev. D 104, 022005 (2021)

Search for anisotropic GW background (direction-dependent features)

• No significant evidence for audible frequency GW background.

• Upper limits set on the strength of GW background in every direction in the sky



June: Discovery of stochastic GW background by PTAs

- Collective announcement of **"first evidence"** for nHz stochastic background of GWs
- **Separate analyses** from NANOGrav, European PTA, Indian PTA, Parkes PTA, Chinese PTA
 - Several separate papers from different collaborations released together.
- Future: Joint analysis is foreseen to further improve significance and other results.
- Most likely source: SMBH binaries
- Other explanations/contributions possible.



Evidence for Hellings-Down curve from NANOGrav

Continuous gravitational waves

- E.g. from deformed rapidly rotating NSs may be the next major discovery so far upper limits on NS ellipticity, boson clouds around BHs, PBH.
 - -> Talk of Rodrigo Tenorio in Tue RENATA session.
 - Alicia Sintes' UIB group one of the leaders in the field.
 - would significantly broaden the field beyond transients.
 - also: multi-messenger
- Longer observed -> more accurate results, even for very weak signals.
 Very long signals -> cost prohibits optimal matched filtering
- Observing these signals and measuring the ellipticity informs about NS composition and extreme matter.
- Particularly promising: NSs in binaries:
 - Recent progress with UIB GPU code [Covas+Sintes PRL 2020]
- Methods also relevant for
 - post-merger emission from BNS
 - e.g. LISA observation of WD binaries

[KIPAC Stanford / X.Huang / M. Baryakhtar]

GW detection in Space &

C J Moore et al 2015 Class. Quantum Grav. 32 015014

- 3G: hundreds of thousands of BH mergers / year, thousands of EM counterparts.
- Einstein Telescope included in ESFRI roadmap 2021.
 - -> Mario's talk at Tue RENATA session.
- LISA: data dominated by signal, many signals overlapping. analysis: global fit to all signals+noise.
- All methods need to be re-imagined!

ET Science Case in a nutshell

ASTROPHYSICS

- Black hole properties
 - origin (stellar vs. primordial)
 - evolution, demography
- Neutron star properties
 - interior structure (QCD at ultra-high densities, exotic states of matter)
 - demography
- Multi-band and -messenger astronomy
 - joint GW/EM observations (GRB, kilonova,...)
 - multiband GW detection (LISA)
 - neutrinos
- Detection of new astrophysical sources
 - core collapse supernovae
 - isolated neutron stars
 - stochastic background of astrophysical origin

FUNDAMENTAL PHYSICS AND COSMOLOGY

- The nature of compact objects
 - near-horizon physics
 - tests of no-hair theorem
 - exotic compact objects
- Tests of General Relativity
 - post-Newtonian expansion
 - strong field regime
- Dark matter
 - primordial BHs
 - axion clouds, dark matter accreting on compact objects
- Dark energy and modifications of gravity on cosmological scales
 - dark energy equation of state
 - modified GW propagation
- Stochastic backgrounds of cosmological origin
 - inflation, phase transitions, cosmic strings

Conclusions

- O4 is ongoing 16 more months of observation looking forward to new surprises!
- 90 detection published. Waveform modeling is crucial for decoding the signals and understanding the sources.
- Open data for O1 O3 are available. Wide range of publications from outside the LVK.
- **Bright future ahead** for the field of GW astrophysics, with steady upgrades toward 3G ground based detectors and low frequency space detectors.

LISA, ET, CE will allow us to observe (essentially)

all mergers of BHs

throughout the universe.

~ mid 2030s

Many opportunities to further strengthen Spanish involvement.

A Detector parameters

| Parameter | Units | $\mathbf{A}+$ | \mathbf{A}^{\sharp} | iVoy | STO | VoyD | VoyW |
|---------------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------|-----------------------|---------------------|--------|---------|---------|
| Arm power | kW | 750 | 1500 | 3000 | 1500 | 4000 | 4000 |
| Laser wavelength | μm | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 2 |
| Test mass material | | Silica | Silica | Silicon | Silica | Silicon | Silicon |
| Temperature | Κ | 295 | 295 | 123 | 295 | 123 | 123 |
| Test Mass | $_{ m kg}$ | 40 | 100 | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 |
| Total susp. mass | $_{ m kg}$ | 120 | 400 | 520 | 520 | 520 | 520 |
| Final stage susp. length | \mathbf{cm} | 60 | 60 | 80 | 80 | 80 | 80 |
| Total susp. length | m | 1.6 | 1.6 | 1.6 | 1.6 | 1.6 | 1.6 |
| Observed squeezing | dB | 7 | 10 | 9 | 10 | 9 | 9 |
| Rayleigh wave suppression | dB | 0 | 6 | 6 | 20 | 20 | 20 |
| Test Mass Coatings | | A+ | AlGaAs | ${ m Ta/aSi/SiO_2}$ | AlGaAs | aSi | aSi |
| Horiz. susp. pt. at 1 Hz | $\mathrm{pm}/\sqrt{\mathrm{Hz}}$ | 10 | 10 | 10 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 |
| Final susp. stage blade | , | None | None | Aluminum | Silica | Silicon | Silicon |
| ETM beam radius | \mathbf{cm} | 6.2 | 5.5 | 8.0 | 5.5 | 8.4 | 8.4 |
| ITM beam radius | \mathbf{cm} | 5.3 | 4.5 | 5.2 | 4.5 | 5.9 | 5.9 |
| Cavity stability $g_{\rm i}g_{\rm e}$ | | 0.83 | 0.71 | 0.62 | 0.71 | 0.73 | 0.73 |
| Transverse mode spacing | kHz | 32.5 | 30.7 | 29.6 | 30.7 | 31.0 | 31.0 |
| Filter cavity linewidth | Hz | 48 | 42 | 28 | 30 | 36 | 13 |
| Arm finesse | | 450 | 450 | 3100 | 450 | 2000 | 2000 |
| SRM transmission | % | 32.5 | 32.5 | 4.6 | 32.5 | 9.2 | 1.1 |
| Arm length | m | 3995 | 3995 | 3995 | 3995 | 3995 | 3995 |
| Filter cavity length | m | 300 | 300 | 300 | 300 | 300 | 300 |
| SEC length | m | 55 | 55 | 55 | 55 | 55 | 55 |
| RT arm cavity loss | ppm | 75 | 75 | 20 | 75 | 20 | 20 |
| RT filter cavity loss | ppm | 40 | 30 | 10 | 20 | 10 | 10 |
| RT SEC loss | ppm | 3000 | 500 | 500 | 500 | 500 | 500 |
| Exc. gas damp. | | 2.0 | 2.6 | 2.5 | 3.1 | 2.5 | 2.5 |
| Diffusion time | μs | 800 | 1500 | 1400 | 2300 | 1400 | 1400 |

Table 6: Defining parameters of detectors (aSi: amorphous silicon; AlGaAs: aluminum gallium arsenide; RT: round trip). The parameters needed to reach these squeezing levels are given in Table 2. Detailed coating parameters are given in Table 8. The excess gas damping is the squeezed film enhancement to residual gas damping as described in [48] and calculated in LIGO-T0900582. As described in Appendix A of [48], the details of the sticking time for molecules in the TM/ERM gap depend on the mirror temperature and the AR coating's sticking energy. These are not well characterized for our amorphous oxides at 123 K, and so while we expect the squeezed film damping to be less for Voyager, we use the standard room temperature formula as a conservative upper limit for now.

GWTC Catalog - GW transients

- Cumulative set of GW transients maintained by the LIGO/Virgo/KAGRA collaboration.
- Online GWTC contains confidently-detected events from multiple data releases.
- Periodic updates, and may not contain recently published events.
 - GWTC-1: O1 + O2 11 confident detections + marginal triggers p_astro <= 50%
 - GWTC-2: O3a 39 detections
 - GWTC-2.1: O3a reanalysis with new calibration and other updates + marginal triggers
 - GWTC-3: O3b + previous 35 confident detections + marginal triggers
 - all available events periodically updated.
 - Previous catalog versions archived on zenodo.
 - Mostly BBH # BNS # NSBH.
 - How do we know which one it is?
 - Observables: intrinsic extrinsic EOS

https://dcc.ligo.org/public/0009/M1000066/029/Data_Management_Plan-v29.pdf

Marginal trigger:

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GW190425

| m_1 | m_2 | $m_{ m tot}$ |
|----------------------|----------------------|-------------------------|
| $1.6-2.5\rm M_\odot$ | $1.1-1.7\rm M_\odot$ | $\sim 3.4{\rm M}_\odot$ |

A massive binary neutron star merger

Abbott et al. ApJ Lett. 896, L44 (2020)

- Both component masses < 3 M_{\odot}
- No EM counterpart
- Total mass larger than any known BNS (5σ from mean of Galactic BNS)
- Initial sky map had a 90% credible region of 10,200 deg² at luminosity distance of 159^{+69}_{-72} Mpc

May indicate population of short period BNSs invisible to radio pulsar surveys

The possibility that one or both binary components are black holes cannot be ruled out

GW200105 & GW200115

Observation of Gravitational Waves from Two Neutron Star-Black Hole Coalescences

Abbott et al. ApJ Lett. 915, L5 (2021)

- First detections of neutron star-black hole systems
- No EM counterpart observed (as expected)
- Luminosity distances 280 and 300 Mpc
- GW200115: preference for spin to be anti-aligned with orbital angular momentum
- Some of the most expensive parameter estimation runs done by UIB group on MareNostrum

LIGO-Virgo-KAGRA Collaboration

roster.ligo.org

LIGO Scientific Collaboration (LSC)

143 groups ~ 1495 members ~ 1008 authors ~ 714 FTEs **Virgo**

36 groups ~140 institutions ~800 members ~450 authors

MOUs of individual groups with GEO, LIGO or Virgo. GEO is part of LIGO. MOUs between collaborations.

IGWN: International Gravitational Waves observatory Network - rtd.igwn.org

- Coordination effort aimed at jointly discussing computing policy, management, and architecture issues of LIGO-Virgo-KAGRA.
- Software "backbone": conda gitlab mattermost high throughput computing | HTCondor OSG

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Data analysis methods

• Un-modeled searches:

Time-frequency pattern recognition, optionally tuned to waveform models.

- Modeled signals: matched filtering: optimal analysis using accurate waveform models as signal templates.
- Machine learning
 - e.g. neural networks trained on accurate waveform models
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$$|h_1, h_2\rangle = \max_{\phi_0, t_0} 4\Re \int_{f_1}^{f_2} \frac{\tilde{h}_1(f) \,\tilde{h}_2^*(f)}{S_n(f)} \, df$$

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2-step LVK CBC workflow: searches + PE

• Searches -> detection:

statistical evidence of seeing a signal above background,

- Matched filter with fixed template bank / unmodeled / neural networks
 - Separate background from noise, estimate background, online + offline
 - Standard SNR value for detection: SNR ~ 8
 - Sub-threshold triggers are also analysed!
 - More signal parameters -> higher false alarm rate
 - Currently neglect precession, eccentricity, higher modes for matched filter searches
- Bayesian parameter estimation: continuously vary templates with random walks in parameter space, using nested sampling, MCMC etc. + ML

ML breakthrough: use importance sampling

• But: non-gaussian noise can not always be neglected, especially for short high mass signals

LISA data to be dominated by (overlapping) signals, not noise:

• Data analysis workflow is expected to be quite different.

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