

The New Era of Precision Gravitational-Wave (astro)Physics

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Outline

- •The **science from GW experiments** stems on our **ability** to make **precise predictions: brief review of theoretical groundwork** to **identify** and **interpret** the signals.
- •**GWs detected** from **binary black holes & binary neutron stars**: **astrophysical** and **fundamental physics** implications. **Tests of GR.**
- •**Effective-one-body theory:** it can re-sum and re-organize perturbative results to i**mprove accuracy** and **include strong-field effects** close to merger; it can **model** semi-analytically **merger-ringdown**.
- •The **bright future** of GW astrophysics comes with new **theoretical challenges** and **opportunities.**
- •Can **gravitational waveforms be obtained more efficiently** with **modern scattering amplitude techniques**?

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(Abbott et al. PRL 116 (2016) 241103)

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•**GW170817**: SNR=32, 3000 cycles (from 30 Hz), one **minute.**

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Advanced detectors' roadmap and rates

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- **Analytical methods**: post-Newtonian/post-Minkowskian/small mass-ratio expansion, effective-one-body theory
	- **effective field-theory, dimensional regularization**, etc.
	- **diagrammatic** approach to organize expansions

Post-Newtonian/post-Minkowskian formalism/effective field theory

- **Multi-chart** approach to describe motion of **strong self-gravity bodies**, such as NS & BH.
- •**Radiation-reaction** problem.
- •**Matched asymptotic** expansions.
	- •**Generation** problem.

Equations of motion/Hamiltonian in post-Newtonian theory

•**First introduced in 1917** *(Droste & Lorentz 1917, … Einstein, Infeld & Hoffmann 1938)*

(Blanchet, Damour, Iyer, Faye, Bernard, Bohe', AB, Marsat; Jaranowski, Schaefer, Steinhoff; Will, Wiseman; Flanagan, Hinderer, Vines; Goldberger, Porto, Rothstein; Kol, Levi, Smolkin; Foffa, Sturani; …)

Small parameter is $v/c \ll 1$ **,** $v^2/c^2 \sim GM/rc^2$ $\widehat{H}_{\rm N} \left(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{p} \right) = \frac{\mathbf{p}^2}{2} - \frac{1}{r}$ $\widehat{H}_{\rm 1PN}\left(\mathbf{r},\mathbf{p}\right)=\frac{1}{8}(3\nu-1)(\mathbf{p}^2)^2-\frac{1}{2}\Big\{(3+\nu)\mathbf{p}^2+\nu(\mathbf{n}\cdot\mathbf{p})^2\Big\}\frac{1}{r}+\frac{1}{2r^2}$ $\widehat{H}_{\rm 2PN}(\mathbf{r},\mathbf{p}) = \frac{1}{16} \left(1 - 5\nu + 5\nu^2\right) (\mathbf{p}^2)^3 + \frac{1}{8} \left\{ \left(5 - 20\nu - 3\nu^2\right) (\mathbf{p}^2)^2 + \dots \right\}$ + … + … + m_1 | m_2 m_1 | m_2

•Compact object is **point-like body endowed** with time-dependent **multipole moments** (skeletonization).

Small mass-ratio expansion/gravitational self-force formalism

• **First works in 50-70s** *(Regge & Wheeler 56, Zerilli 70, Teukolsky 72)*

Small parameter is m_{2/}m₁ << 1, $v^2/c^2 \sim GM$ **/rc² ~1, M = m₁ + m₂**

Equation of gravitational perturbations in black-hole spacetime:

$$
\frac{\partial^2 \Psi}{\partial t^2} - \frac{\partial^2 \Psi}{\partial r_{\star}^2} + V_{\ell m} \Psi = \mathcal{S}_{\ell m}
$$

 m_1 m₂

(Fujita, Poisson, Sasaki, Shibata, Khanna, Hughes, Bernuzzi, Harms, Nagar…) Green functions in Schwarzschild/Kerr spacetimes.

• Accurate modeling of **relativistic dynamics of large massratio** inspirals **requires** to include **back-reaction effects** due to interaction of small object with its own gravitational perturbation field.

(Deitweiler, Whiting, Mino, Poisson, Quinn, Wald, Sasaki, Tanaka, Barack, Ori, Pound, van de Meent, …)

Numerical Relativity: binary black holes

• **Breakthrough** in 2005 *(Pretorius 05, Campanelli et al. 06, Baker et al. 06)*

(Kidder, Pfeiffer, Scheel, Lindblom, Szilagyi; Bruegmann; Hannam, Husa, Tichy; Laguna, Shoemaker; …)

• **Simulating eXtreme Spacetimes (SXS)** collaboration *(Mroue et al. 13)*

$$
R_{\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{2}g_{\mu\nu}R = \frac{8\pi G}{c^4}T_{\mu\nu}
$$

ratio 7 (8 months, few millions CPU-h)

(Szilagyi, Blackman, AB, Taracchini et al. 15)

• **Numerical-Relativity & Analytical-Relativity** collaboration *(Hinder et al. 13)*

The effective-one-body (EOB) approach

•**EOB** approach **introduced before NR** breakthrough

(AB, Pan, Taracchini, Barausse, Bohe', Cotesta, Shao, Hinderer, Steinhoff, Vines; Damour, Nagar, Bernuzzi, Bini, Balmelli, Messina; Iyer, Sathyaprakash; Jaranowski, Schaefer)

- •**EOB** model uses best information available in PN theory, but **resums PN terms** in suitable way to describe accurately dynamics and radiation during inspiral and plunge (going beyond quasi-circular adiabatic motion).
- •**EOB** assumes **comparable-mass** description is **smooth deformation of testparticle limit**. It employs non-perturbative ingredients and **models analytically merger-ringdown** signal.

The effective-one-body approach in a nutshell

$$
\nu = \frac{\mu}{M}
$$

$$
\mu = \frac{m_1 m_2}{M}
$$

$$
0 \le \nu \le 1/4
$$

$$
M = m_1 + m_2
$$

- **Two-body dynamics is mapped** into dynamics of **one-effective body** moving **in deformed blackhole spacetime**, deformation being the mass ratio.
- *m ¹* $m₂$ $m_l \qquad / m_2$ ^µ^ν *g* E_{real} \wedge $\qquad \qquad$ \qquad \qquad E_{eff} J_{real} N_{real} *Real description* µν *g eff Effective description* μ **Map**
- Some key **ideas** of EOB model were **inspired by quantum** field **theory** when describing energy of comparable-mass charged bodies.

*(AB & Damour 19*98 *)*

Energy for comparable-mass bodies

• Classical gravity: *(AB & Damour 98)*

$$
E_{\text{real}}^2 = m_1^2 + m_2^2 + 2m_1 m_2 \left(\frac{E_{\text{eff}}}{\mu}\right)
$$

• Quantum electrodynamics: *(Brezin, Itzykson & Zinn-Justin 1970)*

$$
E_{\text{real}}^2 = m_1^2 + m_2^2 + 2m_1 m_2 \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 + Z^2 \alpha^2 / (n - \epsilon_j)^2}}
$$

• Considering scattering states:

$$
\varphi(s) \equiv \frac{s - m_1^2 - m_2^2}{2m_2 m_2} = \frac{-(p_1 + p_2)^2 - m_1^2 - m_2^2}{2m_2 m_2} = -\frac{p_1 \cdot p_2}{m_1 m_2}
$$

EOB Hamiltonian: resummed conservative dynamics (@2PN)

•Real Hamiltonian •Effective Hamiltonian $H_{\text{real}}^{\text{PN}} = H_{\text{Newt}} + H_{\text{1PN}} + H_{\text{2PN}} + \cdots$ $H_{\text{eff}}^{\nu} = \mu \sqrt{A_{\nu}(r)} \left[1 + \frac{\mathbf{p}^2}{\mu^2} + \left(\frac{1}{B_{\nu}(r)} - 1 \right) \frac{p_r^2}{\mu^2} \right]$ $ds_{\text{eff}}^2 = -A_\nu(r)dt^2 + B_\nu(r)dr^2 + r^2d\Omega^2$ • EOB Hamiltonian: $H_{\text{real}}^{\text{EOB}} = M \sqrt{1 + 2\nu \left(\frac{H_{\text{eff}}\nu}{\mu} - 1\right)}$

(*credit: Hinderer)*

• Dynamics condensed in $A_v(r)$ and $B_v(r)$

 \bullet A_v(r), which encodes the energetics of circular orbits, is quite simple: $A_{\nu}(r) = 1 - \frac{2M}{r} + \frac{2M^3\nu}{r^3} + \left(\frac{94}{3} - \frac{41}{32}\pi^2\right)\frac{M^4\nu}{r^4} + \frac{a_5(\nu) + a_5^{log}(\nu)log(r)}{r^5} + \frac{a_6(\nu)}{r^6} + \cdots$

EOB resummed spin dynamics & waveforms

$$
H_{\text{real}}^{\text{EOB}} = M \sqrt{1 + 2\nu \left(\frac{H_{\text{eff}}\nu}{\mu} - 1\right)}
$$
 • H_{eff}^{ν} with spins, two EOB resummations:
(Barause, Racine & AB 09; Barause & AB 10, 11)

(Damour 01, Damour, Jaranowski & Schäfer 08; Damour & Nagar 14)

• EOB equations of motion *(AB et al. 00, 05; Damour et al. 09)*:

$$
\begin{aligned} \dot{\mathbf{r}} &= \frac{\partial H_{\text{real}}^{\text{EOB}}}{\partial \mathbf{p}} \qquad & F \propto \frac{dE}{dt}, \quad \frac{dE}{dt} \propto \sum_{\ell m} |h_{\ell m}|^2 \\ \dot{\mathbf{p}} &= -\frac{\partial H_{\text{real}}^{\text{EOB}}}{\partial \mathbf{r}} + \mathbf{F} \qquad & \dot{\mathbf{S}} &= \{\mathbf{S}, H_{\text{real}}^{\text{EOB}}\} \end{aligned}
$$

• EOB waveforms *(AB et al. 00; Damour et al. 09; Pan, AB et al. 11)*:

$$
h^\text{insp-plunge}_{\ell m}=h^\text{Newt}_{\ell m}\,e^{-im\Phi}\,S_\text{eff}\,T_{\ell m}\,e^{i\delta_{\ell m}}\,(\rho_{\ell m})^\ell\,h^\text{NQC}_{\ell m}
$$

EOB inspiral-merger-ringdown analytic waveform

• **By solving Hamilton equations** with appropriate, resummed radiation-reaction force, we obtain **orbital motion** and **gravitational waveform**.

On the simplicity of merger signal in small-mass ratio limit

• **Peak** of black-hole potential **close to "light ring".**

- Once particle is inside potential, **direct gravitational radiation** from its motion is **strongly filtered** by potential barrier (**high-pass filter**).
- Only **black-hole spacetime vibrations** (quasi-normal modes) **leaks out** black-hole potential.

(Goebel 1972, Davis et al. 1972, Ferrari & Mashhoon 1984)

On the full effective-one-body waveforms

• Evolve **two-body dynamics up to light ring** (or photon orbit) and then …

•**Quasi-normal modes** excited at **light-ring crossing**

(Goebel 1972, Davis et al. 1972, Ferrari et al. 1984, Damour et al. 07, Barausse et al. 11, Price et al. 15)

… attach **superposition** of **quasi-normal modes** of **remnant** black hole.

•**Effective-one-body** (EOB) theory & NR (EOBNR)

141 SXS simulations

•**Inspiral-merger-ringdown phenomenological** waveforms fitting EOB & NR (IMRPhenom) *(Khan et al. 16, Hannam et al 16)*

Strong-field effects in binary black holes included in EOB

Finite mass-ratio effects make **gravitational** interaction **less attractive**

0.7 0.6 0.5 **Schwarzschild ISCO** $\mathfrak{\hat{E}}^{0.4}$ Schwarzschild light ring 0.3 SEOBNR light ring 0.2 <u>່ \mathbf </u> EOBNR Schwarzschild 0.1 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 r/M $A_{\nu}(r)=1-\frac{2M}{r}+\frac{2M^3\nu}{r^3}+\left(\frac{94}{3}-\frac{41}{32}\pi^2\right)\frac{M^4\nu}{r^4}+\frac{a_5(\nu)+a_5^{\log}(\nu)\log(r)}{r^5}+\frac{a_6(\nu)}{r^6}+\cdots$

(Taracchini, AB, Pan, Hinderer & SXS 14)

Probing equation of state of neutron stars

Neutron Star:

- mass: 1-3 Msun
- radius: 9-15 km
- core density $> 10^{14}$ g/cm³

• **Terrestrial experiments** test EOS at **densities smaller** than **nuclei saturation density.**

• **NS equation of state** (EOS) affects gravitational **waveform** during **late inspiral, merger** and **post-merger**.

MMMMMMMMMM tidal interactions $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ (credit: Hinderer)

Probing equation of state of neutron stars

•**Tidal effects imprinted** on gravitational waveform during inspiral through **parameter** λ . • **measures** star's **quadrupole deformation** in response to companion **perturbing tidal field:**

$$
Q_{ij}=-\lambda\,{\cal E}_{ij}
$$

State-of-art waveform models for binary neutron stars

• Synergy between **analytical** and **numerical work** is **crucial.**

(Damour 1983, Flanagan & Hinderer 08, Binnington & Poisson 09, Vines et al. 11, Damour & Nagar 09, 12, Bernuzzi et al. 15, Hinderer et al. 16, Steinhoff et al. 16, Dietrich et al. 17-18, Nagar et al. 18)

Strong-field effects in presence of matter in EOB theory

Tides make **gravitational** interaction **more attractive**

PN templates for compact-object binary inspirals

$$
\tilde{h}(f) = \mathcal{A}_{\text{SPA}}(f) e^{i\psi_{\text{SPA}}(f)}
$$
\n
$$
\psi_{\text{SPA}}(f) = 2\pi f t_c - \Phi_c - \pi/4 + \frac{3}{128} (\pi \mathcal{M}f)^{-5/3} \{1+ \frac{9\text{PN}}{11} \text{ graviton with non zero mass}
$$
\ndipole\n
$$
= \frac{5\hat{\alpha}^2}{336\omega_{\text{BD}}} \nu^{2/5} (\pi \mathcal{M}f)^{-2/3} - \frac{128}{3} \frac{\pi^2 D \mathcal{M}}{\lambda_g^2 (1+z)} \frac{1\text{PN}}{(\pi \mathcal{M}f)^{2/3}} \text{ spin-orbit}
$$
\nradiation\n
$$
+ \left(\frac{3715}{756} + \frac{55}{9} \nu\right) \nu^{-2/5} (\pi \mathcal{M}f)^{2/3} - 16\pi \nu^{-3/5} \frac{1.5\text{PN}}{(\pi \mathcal{M}f) + 4\beta \nu^{-3/5} (\pi \mathcal{M}f)} \frac{1.5\text{PN}}{(\pi \mathcal{M}f) + 4\beta \nu^{-3/5} (\pi \mathcal{M}f)^{4/3}}
$$
\n
$$
+ \left(\frac{15293365}{508032} + \frac{27145}{504} \nu + \frac{3085}{72} \nu^2\right) \nu^{-4/5} (\pi \mathcal{M}f)^{4/3} - 10\sigma \nu^{-4/5} (\pi \mathcal{M}f)^{4/3}
$$
\n
$$
= \frac{5\text{PN}}{2} \text{tidal}
$$
\n
$$
\hat{\Lambda} = \frac{16}{13} \frac{(m_1 + 12m_2)m_1^4 \Lambda_1 + (m_2 + 12m_1)m_2^4 \Lambda_2}{(m_1 + m_2)^5} \qquad \text{A} = \frac{\lambda}{m_{\text{NS}}^5} = \frac{2}{3} k_2 \left(\frac{R_{\text{NS}}c^2}{Gm_{\text{NS}}}\right)^5
$$

Template bank for modeled search & possible systematics

(Ossokine, AB & SXS project) (visualization credit: Dietrich, Haas @AEI)

•**Systematics** due to modeling **are smaller than statistical** errors for GW events observed in **O1 & O2 runs**.

(see also Abbott et al. CQG 34 (2017) 104002)

Unveiling binary black-hole properties: masses

• **Chirp mass** is **best measured**. **Individual masses** can be **better measured** if **merger is observed**, because total mass is measured at merger.

Unveiling binary black-hole properties: spins

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• **Spins < 0.7**. **No information** about **precession**.

 $\frac{1}{2}$ ²) **c**S₂/(*Gm*²₂)

 $cS_2/(Gm_2^2)$

Unveiling binary neutron star properties: masses

- **Degeneracy** between **masses and spins** limit their measured accuracy.
- **Fastest-spinning** neutron star has (dimensionless) **spin ~0.4.**
- Observation of **binary pulsars** in our galaxy indicate spins are **not larger than ~0.04**.
- Current **measurements** of NS masses **dominated by statistical** error.

Constraining NS equation of states with GW170817

Depends on EOS & compactness

$$
\Lambda = \frac{\lambda}{m_{\rm NS}^5} = \frac{2}{3} k_2 \left(\frac{R_{\rm NS}c^2}{Gm_{\rm NS}}\right)^5
$$

• **Effective tidal deformability** enters **GW phase at 5PN order:**

$$
\tilde{\Lambda} = \frac{16(m_1 + 12m_2)m_1^4\Lambda_1 + (m_2 + 12m_1)m_2^4\Lambda_2}{(m_1 + m_2)^5}
$$

$$
\tilde{\Lambda} : 300^{+500}_{-190} \text{ @ } 90\% \text{ CL}
$$

• Current **measurements** of tidal effects **dominated by statistical** error.

Extending waveform modeling in all binary parameter space

- Difficult to run **NR simulations** for **large mass ratios** (> 4) **& large spins** (> 0.8), with **large number** of GW **cycles** (> 50).
- **For large mass ratios and spins** crucial to **combine PN, GSF** and Teukolsky validation **NR** results in **EOB** framework.

(Damour 09, Barausse, AB et al. 12, Le Tiec , … AB 12, Bini et al. 12-16, Antonelli et al. in prep)

• Perform **EOB internal consistency checks** to control **systematics** due to limited length and number of NR simulations.

(Pan, AB et al. 14, Bohe' …AB et al. 16)

• Compare with **other waveform** models. *(Khan et al. 16, Nagar et al. 15-18)*

Need more efficient ways to solve two-body problem, analytically

• In test-body limit, spinning EOB Hamiltonian includes **linear terms in spin of test body at all PN orders**.

(Barausse et al. 10, Barausse & AB 11, 12; Vines et al. 15)

$$
\left[(\sigma + \sigma^2) \, \left(1 + \frac{v^2}{c^2} + \cdots \right) \right]
$$

• Is EOB **mapping unique** at all orders?

$$
H_{\text{real}}^{\text{EOB}} = M \sqrt{1 + 2\nu \left(\frac{H_{\text{eff}}\nu}{\mu} - 1 \right)}
$$

Using **unbound orbits** and **scattering angle** as adiabatic invariant, **at 1PM: mapping unique** & 2-body relativistic motion equivalent to 1-body motion in Kerr. *(Damour 16, Bini et al. 17-18, Vines 17)*

 $GM/rc^2 << v^2/c^2$ ~ | *Gm rc*² $\overline{1}$ 1 + $\left(\frac{v^2}{c^2} + \cdots\right)$

exact mapping at the leading PN orders

• Results at **leading PN order** but **all orders in spin.**

(Vines & Steinhoff 16; Vines & Harte 16, Siemonsen, Steinhoff & Vines17)

$$
\left[\frac{v^2}{c^2}\left(S_i + S_i^2 + \cdots\right)\right]
$$

On quantum-field theory methods in classical gravity & GWs

•**Modern scattering amplitude** methods of quantum fields/particles:

- Bern-Carrasco-Johansson (BCJ) duality/ double copy *(Bern et al. 10, Monteiro et al. 15, Bjerrum-Bohr et al. 15, Luna et al. 16, 17, Goldberger & Ridgway 17, Goldberger, Li & Prabhu 17)*
- Britto-Cachazo-Feng-Witten (BCFW) on-shell recursion relations/unitary methods *(Britto et al. 04, 05, Bern et al. 1994, 1995, Neil & Rothstein 13)*
- Higher spin fields *(Vaidya 16; Guevara 17)*
- •Can those techniques **be** *really* **more efficient** in solving two-body problem, including radiation?
- Those methods naturally allow to obtain PM results (GM/rc² << v²/c² ~1). How to go **beyond perturbative** calculations? We are interested in strongfield regime $(GM/rc^2 \sim I)$.
- •How to **reconstruct classical dynamics** from **quantum scattering amplitudes?** *(Damour 17, Bjerrum-Bohr et al.18)*
- •How to **efficiently compute gravitational waveforms?**

Gravitational waveforms built from conservative & dissipative dynamics

• GW from time-dependent quadrupole moment:

$$
h = \nu \left(\frac{GM}{c^2 \mathbf{R}}\right) \frac{v^2}{c^2} \cos 2\Phi \qquad \frac{v}{c} = \left(\frac{GM\omega}{c^3}\right)^{1/3} \qquad \qquad \bigotimes_{\mu = m_1 m_2/M}^{m_1}
$$

• Center-of-mass energy: $E(\omega)$ $E(v) = -\frac{\mu}{2}$ 2 $v^2 + \cdots$ • GW luminosity: $\mathcal{L}_{\text{GW}}(\omega) \equiv F(\omega)$ $F(v) = \frac{32}{5}$ 5 $\nu^2 \frac{c^5}{\Omega}$ *G* ⇣*v c* \setminus ¹⁰ + *···*

• Balance equation:
$$
\frac{dE(\omega)}{dt} = -F(\omega) \longrightarrow \dot{\omega}(t) = -\frac{F(\omega)}{dE(\omega)/d\omega}
$$

• Gravitational-wave phase:

$$
\Phi_{\rm GW}(t) = 2\Phi(t) = \frac{1}{\pi} \int^t \omega(t')dt'
$$

G

 \ddot{Q}_{ij}

D R

 c^4

PN versus PM expansion for conservative two-body dynamics

spinning compact objects

(credit: Justin Vines)

• **PM results** *(Westfahl 79, Westfahl & Goller 80, Portilla 79-80, Bel et al. 81, Ledvinka et al. 10, Damour 16-17, Guevara 17, Vines 17, Bini & Damour 17-18, Vines in prep)* current known PM results current known acurrent known averlap between anknown PN results PN & PM results

spinning compact objects

Binding energy at 2PM in EOB theory: comparison to NR

• Accurate NR data (Ossokine & Dietrich 17) • Crucial to **complete 2PM** results with PN

• Using **a 2PM EOB Hamiltonian** (*Damour 17)*

- terms for **bounded orbits** to improve accuracy.
- **Important** to compute **3PM**.

A wish-list of precision calculations which could have "real" phenomenological impact

Note 1: Until we have **new results** to check against **current analytical waveform models** and against **numerical-relativity computations**, it is **not possible to understand** the **"real" phenomenological impact.**

Note 2: To have "real" phenomenological impact, we **need conservative** and **dissipative results** (i.e., also **waveforms**).

Possible problems to tackle:

- •Scattering amplitudes at 2 loops [**3PM (GM/rc2 << v2/c2 ~1)]** for **non-spinning** and **then spinning** particles [black holes].
- •Scattering amplitudes at 1 loop [**2PM (GM/rc2 << v2/c2 ~1)]** for particles endowed with multipole moments [neutron stars].
- **Non-perturbative** $\lceil GM/rc^2 \sim v^2/c^2 \sim 1 \rceil$ scattering amplitude from "condensates" [strongly curved spacetimes] ???

The new era of precision gravitational-wave astrophysics

•Theoretical groundwork in **analytical and numerical relativity** has allowed us to build **faithful waveform models** to **search** for signals, **infer properties** and **test GR**.

•We can now **learn about gravity** in the genuinely **highly dynamical, strong field** regime.

- •We can now **unveil properties of neutron stars** unaccessible in other ways.
- •**To take full advantage of discovery potential** in next years and decades **we need** to continue to make **precise theoretical predictions.**
- •**Analytical relativity** work **still needed** to cover the **entire parameter space.** New **opportunities** for **theoretical physicists to contribute!**

"Astrophysical & Cosmological Relativity" Department

