#### Fourier Analysis on two Black Holes Collision -Ligo Hanford

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#### **Outline**

Learn about:

- Fourier Analysis
- LIGO and Black Holes

Learn the Know-How:

•Data Treatment and Analysis

**Conclusions** 

#### Fourier Transform

A Fourier Series is a mathematical technique discovered by Jean Baptiste Joseph Fourier (1768-1830) that consists on expressing a function  $f(t)$  as a sum of frequency modes or generally a function  $f(q)$  as a sum of  $q'$ s reciprocal modes. The Fourier Transform is the generalization of the Fourier Series when the period of the function goes to infinity and the difference between different frequencies  $\Delta \omega \rightarrow 0$ .

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f(t) = \frac{a_0}{2} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} [a_n \cos(nt) + b_n \sin(nt)] \qquad \hat{f}(\omega) \equiv F(\omega) \equiv \mathcal{F}\{f(t)\} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(t) e^{-i\omega t} dt \qquad \text{Fourier Transform in Time}
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a_n = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(t) \cos(nt) dt \qquad \text{for } t \in \mathbb{R}.
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b_n = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(t) \sin(nt) dt \qquad \hat{f}(\omega) \equiv F(\omega) \equiv \mathcal{F}\{f(\omega)\} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} F(\omega) e^{i\omega t} d\omega \qquad W = 2\pi^* f \text{ (Angular Frequency)}
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\hat{f}(\omega) \equiv F(\omega) \equiv \mathcal{F}\{f(\omega)\} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(\omega) e^{-i\omega x} dx \qquad \text{Fourier Transform in Space}
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b_n = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(t) \sin(nt) dt \qquad \text{for } t \in \mathbb{R}.
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## What is Fourier Analysis ?

With the Fourier transforms, one can do the so-called Fourier Analysis which is very important on data and signal analysis and is useful for:

- 1. Eliminating undesirable frequencies from a signal (i.e. white noise);
- 2. Imaging and sound filtering;
- 3. Simplifying physical problems that are easy to understand in reciprocal space;
- 4. Discover more about the hidden properties of signals.

## EXEMPLES OF FOURIER ANALYSIS





#### LIGO and Black **Holes**

Laser Interferometer Gravitational Wave Observatory, better known as LIGO, was founded in 1992 by Kip Thorne, Ronald Drever (Caltech) and Rainer Weiss (MIT).

As the name indicates, the LIGO´s main goal is detecting gravitational waves with the help of an interferometer.

For better data acquisition performance LIGO has two interferometers in USA (Hanford Site, Livingston) and in Europe in partnership with VIRGO Europe (Cascina, Italy);

In our work we analyze Hanford-LIGO data.

#### Facts about LIGO

- 1. Sensitivity: LIGO has the potential to detect changes between mirrors with the size of 1/10000 of the proton length ;
- 2. Vacuum:
	- The 3rd biggest vacuum chamber in the world with capacity to inflate 1.8 million of football balls;
	- ∘ The minimum pressure it can reach is  $10^{-9}$  Torr (1.3  $\times$   $10^{-7}$ Pa);
	- $\circ$  The time to take all the 10000 $\text{m}^3$  of air and other residual gases is 40 days;
- 3. Curvature of the Earth: The 4km arms can be affected by the earth curvature. For this reason, the constructors put a precision concrete to put all arms at the same level;

#### How LIGO works ?

LIGO is a very big Michelson Interferometer with 4Km arm length .

The moment when black holes collide, we have a constructive or a destructive interference that allow us to collect/study data.





#### Instrumentation Map





# Data treatment and analysis

#### Non-Filtered Data



#### Residues



#### Residues Correlations



# Filtered data – first try



## Filtered Data



#### Filtered Data



#### Residues



#### Correlations in Time Domain



### Correlations in Time Domain



#### Conclusions

- 1. Before filtering, the giant spikes of theoretical and experimental data already fit together very well (high signal part)
- 2. Deviation of theoretical and experimental data in the beginning and end is probably noise (more observable in low signal parts)
- 3. Residues are as expected not correlated with the theory (not predictable)
- 4. The filtered experimental data fits the theoretical data better (correlation between exp. vs theory is before 0.874; after 0.912)



#### Conclusions

- 5. The residue that stayed behind fluctuates randomly
- 6. Slight correlation between the residue and experimental signal
- 7. The correlation between residue and experimenal data is still very high in the beginning and end.
- $\rightarrow$ indication of unremoved noise
- 8. In the time window between, the residue and experimental data is nearly uncorrelated
- $\rightarrow$  theoretical model describes our data very well

