

# Gravitational Waves from Binary Black Hole Mergers Inside of Stars

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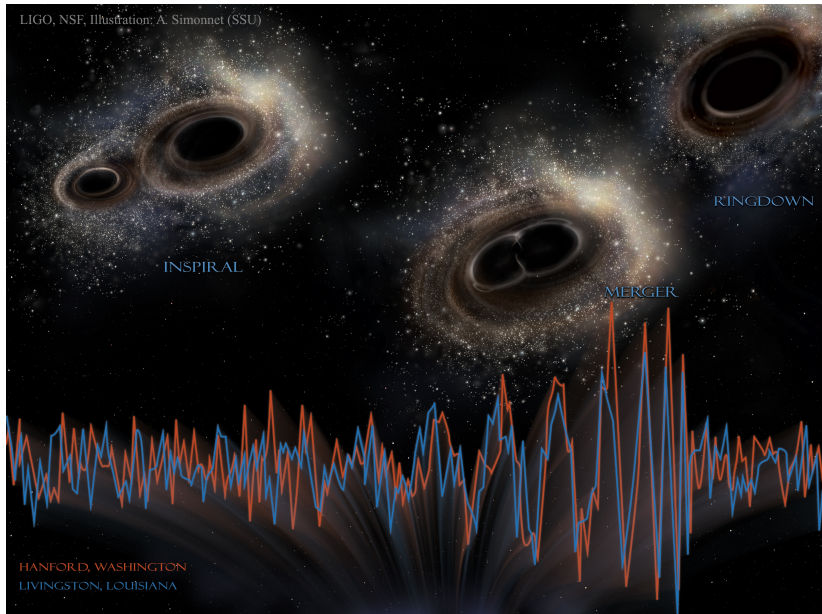


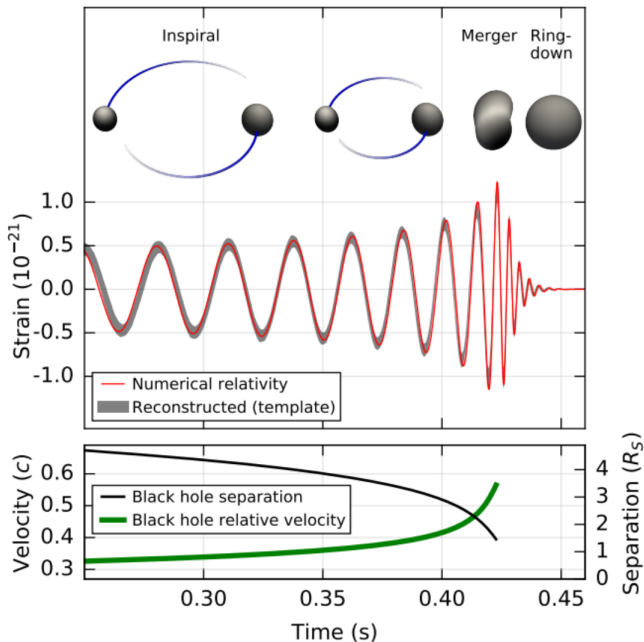
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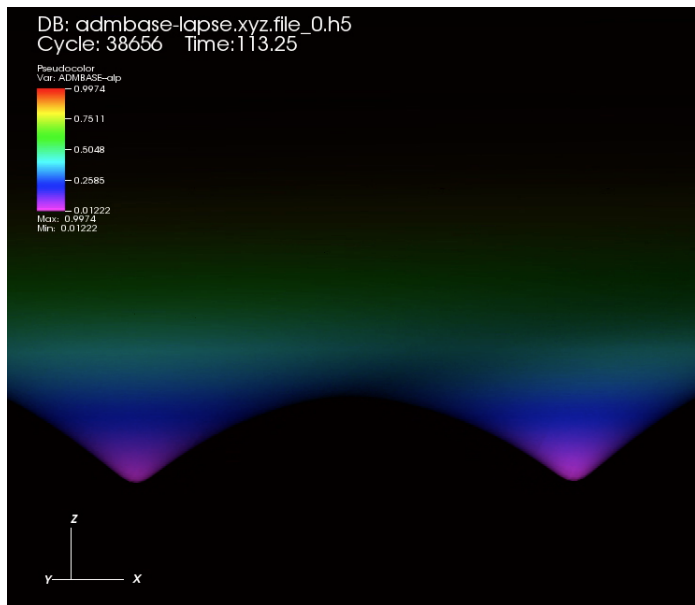
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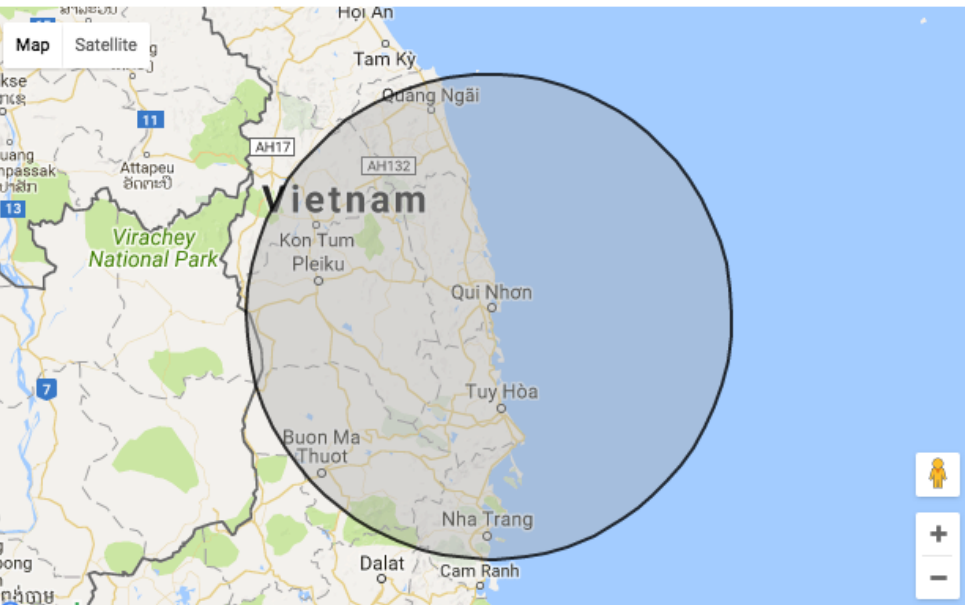


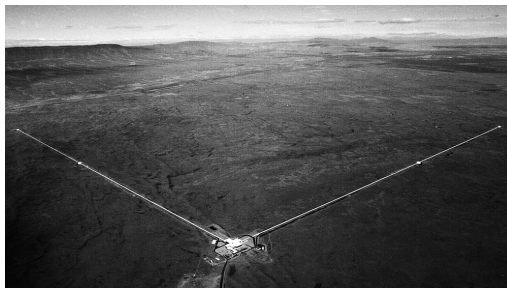
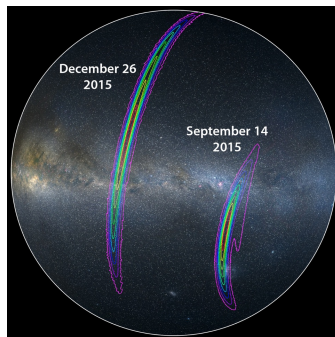


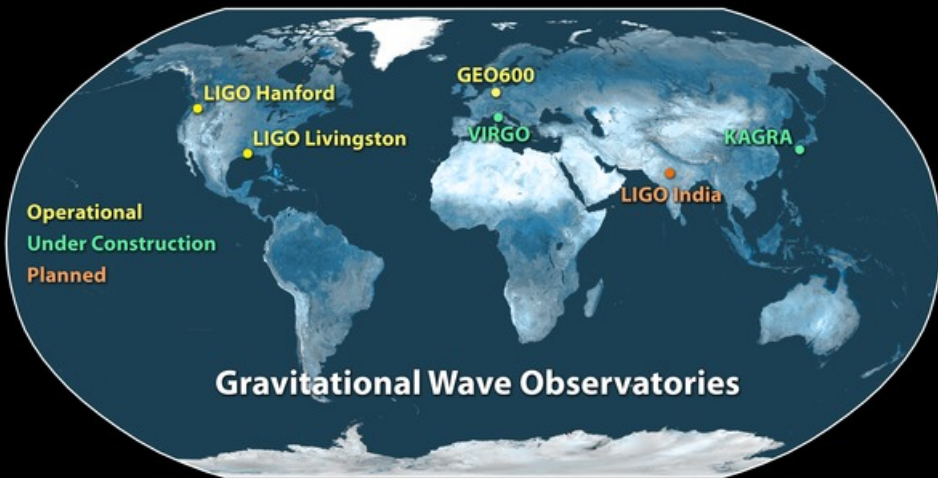












The era of gravitational wave astronomy has truly just started!

# GW150914

Why was this observation so important?

- ▶ It is our first direct observation of gravitational waves.
- ▶ It is our first direct detection of black holes in the Universe.
- ▶ It has opened a new observational window on the Universe.

This was the first time humans observed  
the Universe through the lens of  
gravitational waves.

# GRAVITATIONAL WAVES

Gravitational information takes time to propagate

Einstein Equation

$$G_{\mu\nu} = \frac{8\pi G}{c^4} T^{\mu\nu}$$

Beautiful, but non-linear beast

with line element

$$ds^2 = g_{\mu\nu} dx^\mu dx^\nu$$

# CONSTRUCTING THE WAVES

Gravitational waves as small perturbations to flat space

$$ds^2 = (\eta_{\mu\nu} + h_{\mu\nu})dx^\mu dx^\nu$$

Applying this linear approximation to the Einstein Equation produces a wave equation for the metric perturbations  $h_{\mu\nu}$

$$\left(-\frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2} + \nabla^2\right) h_{\mu\nu} = 0$$

$$\square h_{\mu\nu} = 0$$

with plane wave solutions

$$h_{\mu\nu} = A_{\mu\nu} e^{ik_\alpha x^\alpha}$$

# CHOOSING THE GAUGE

$$\square h_{\mu\nu} = 0$$

$$h_{\mu\nu} = A_{\mu\nu} e^{ik_\alpha x^\alpha}$$

This simple form is a result of the Lorentz gauge

The transverse-traceless gauge removes the remaining degrees of freedom

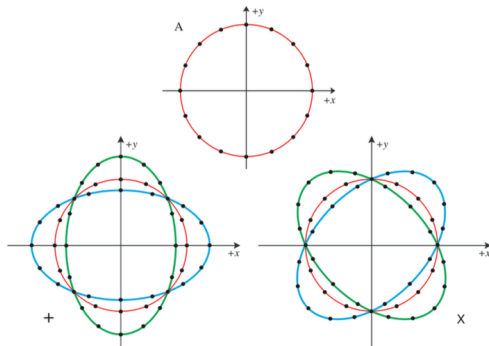
All that remains are 2 independent components for the amplitude  $A_{\mu\nu}$

$$A_{\mu\nu}^{\text{TT}} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & A_{xx} & A_{xy} & 0 \\ 0 & A_{xy} & -A_{xx} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$



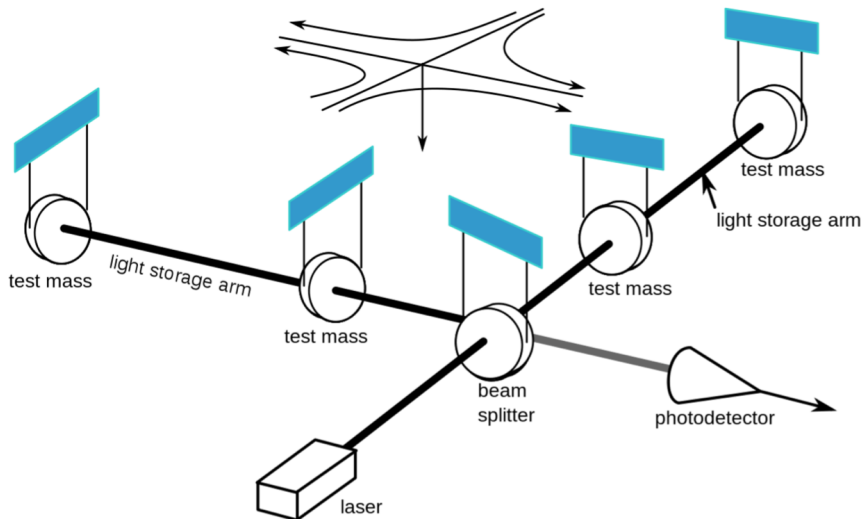
# SYMMETRIES BECOME OBSERVABLES

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gravitational waves give rise to geodesic motion  
*plus* and *cross* polarization states

# DETECTING GRAVITATIONAL WAVES



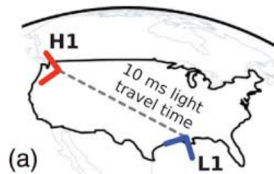
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Hanford, Washington

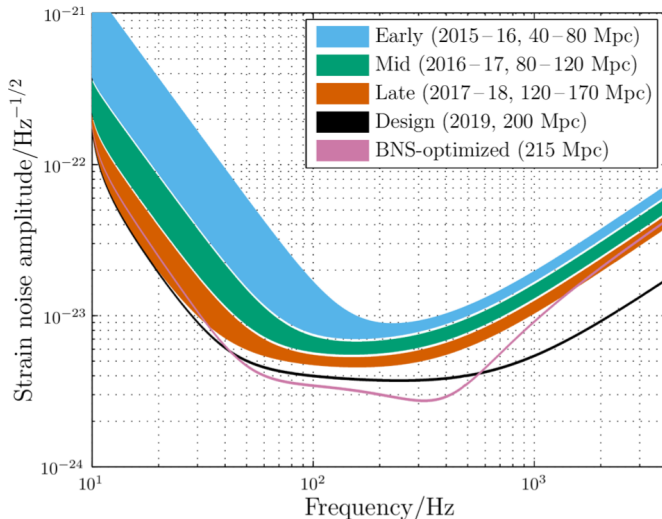


Livingston, Louisiana

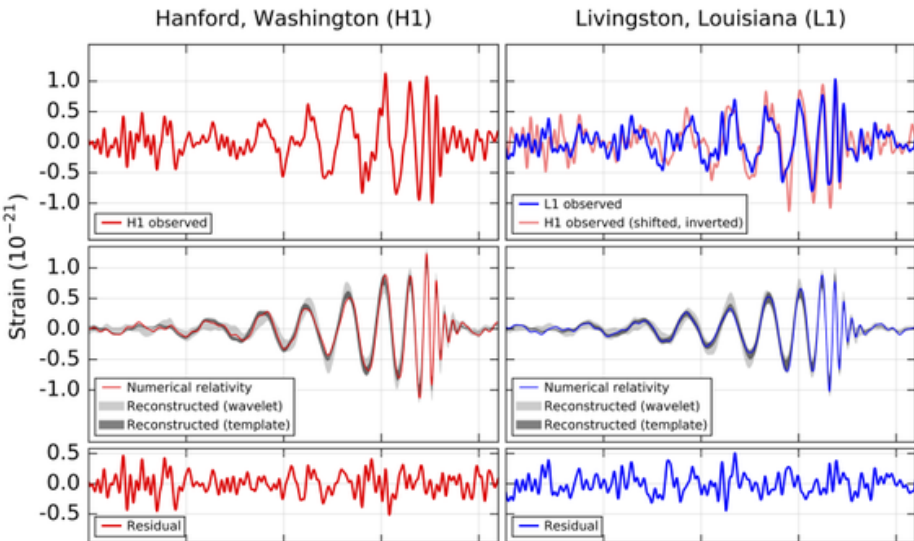


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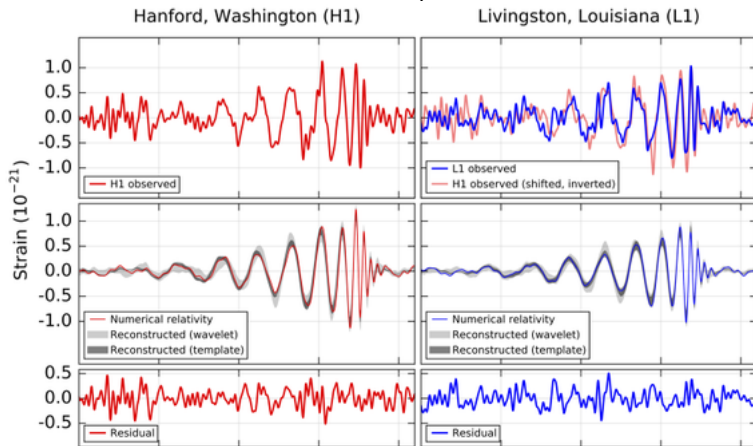
## Advanced LIGO



# DETECTION: SEPTEMBER 14, 2015!

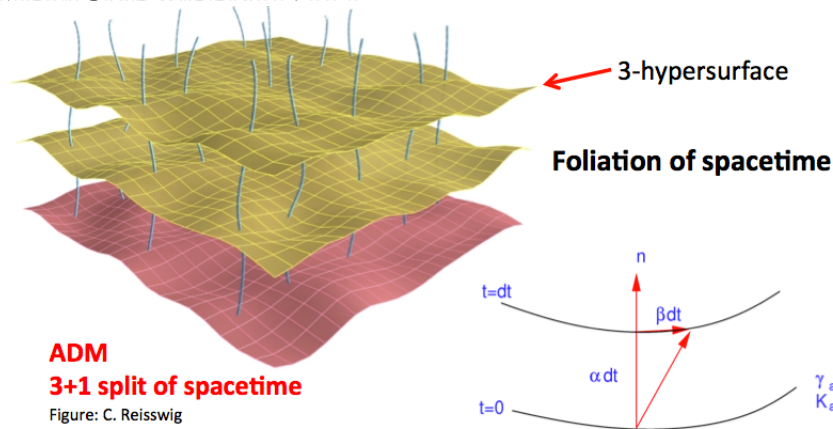


# DETECTION: SEPTEMBER 14, 2015!



The detection relied upon matched filtering of gravitational waveforms from numerical relativity simulations

# NUMERICAL RELATIVITY



$$G^{\mu\nu} = \frac{8\pi G}{c^4} T^{\mu\nu}$$

- 12 first-order hyperbolic *evolution* equations.
- 4 elliptic *constraint* equations
- 4 coordinate gauge degrees of freedom:  $\alpha, \beta^i$ .

# THE ADM EQUATIONS

$$\begin{aligned}
 \partial_t \gamma_{ij} &= -2\alpha K_{ij} + \beta_{j;i} + \beta_{i,j} && \text{Evolution System} \\
 \partial_t K_{ij} &= -\alpha_{;ij} + \alpha \left[ R_{ij} K K_{ij} - 2K_{im} K^m_j \right. \\
 &\quad \left. - 8\pi(S_{ij} - \frac{1}{2}\gamma_{ij}S) - 4\pi\rho_{\text{ADM}}\gamma_{ij} \right] \\
 &\quad + \beta^m K_{ij;m} + K_{im}\beta^m_{;j} + K_{mj}\beta^m_{;i}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 S^i &= -\gamma^{i\mu} n^\nu T_{\mu\nu} && \rho_{\text{ADM}} = n_\mu n_\nu T^{\mu\nu} \\
 S_{ij} &= \gamma_{i\mu} \gamma_{j\nu} T^{\mu\nu} && S, K - \text{traces of } S_{ij}, K_{ij}
 \end{aligned}$$

Constraint Equations:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Hamiltonian} &\quad R + K^2 - K_{ij} K^{ij} - 16\pi\rho_{\text{ADM}} = 0 \\
 \text{Momentum} &\quad K^{ij}_{;j} - \gamma^{ij} K_{;j} - 8\pi S^i = 0
 \end{aligned}$$



# ALTERNATIVE FORMULATIONS OF ADM

- ADM is ill posed and boundary conditions unclear. (Kidder+01, Nagy+04)  
(-> ADM is called “weakly hyperbolic” in PDE theory).
- Want evolution system that is symmetric/strongly hyperbolic  
(well posed + clear boundary conditions)

## BSSN Formulation

Nakamura+87, Shibata & Nakamura 95, Baumgarte & Shapiro 99

- Conformal-traceless reformulation of ADM.
- Additional evolution equations, conditionally **strongly hyperbolic**.
- Sensitive to gauge choice.
- Most widely used evolution system today.

## Generalized Harmonic Formulation

Friedrich 1985, Pretorius 2005, Lindblom+ 2006

- Choice of coordinates that reduces Einstein equations to a set of inhomogeneous wave equations. **Symmetric hyperbolic**.
- Used primarily by Caltech/Cornell SXS code SpEC.

# EINSTEINTOOLKIT.ORG!

- ▶ A collection of open-source software components for simulating extreme general-relativistic systems.
- ▶ Roughly 110 users worldwide, spread across over 50 groups, with about 10 active maintainers.
- ▶ Built upon the Cactus framework and you choose which 'thorns' you need to achieve the science goals you are after.



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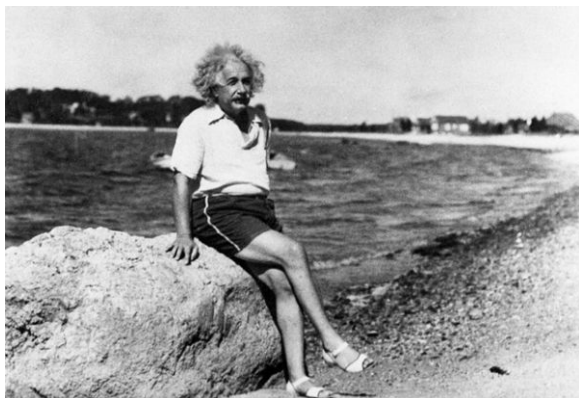
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# EINSTEINTOOLKIT.ORG

Once you have the Einstein Toolkit configured for your simulation, you can relax on the beach while the supercomputers do all the hard work!



# THE MRI2 (ZWICKY) CLUSTER AT CALTECH



Specially configured for simulating black holes and other extreme spacetimes

- ▶ 2244 Intel X5650 compute cores plus 320 Intel E5-2670 cores
- ▶ Uses the Torque batch system for processing jobs

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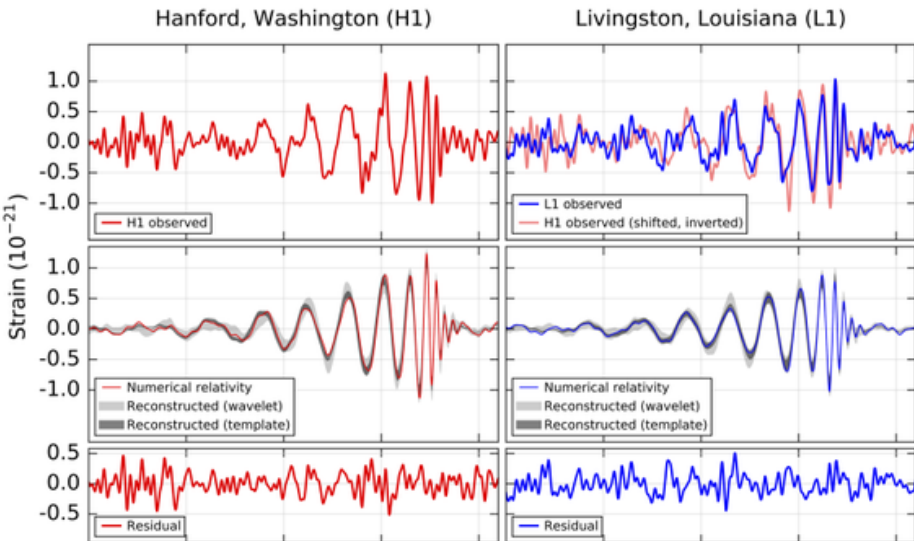


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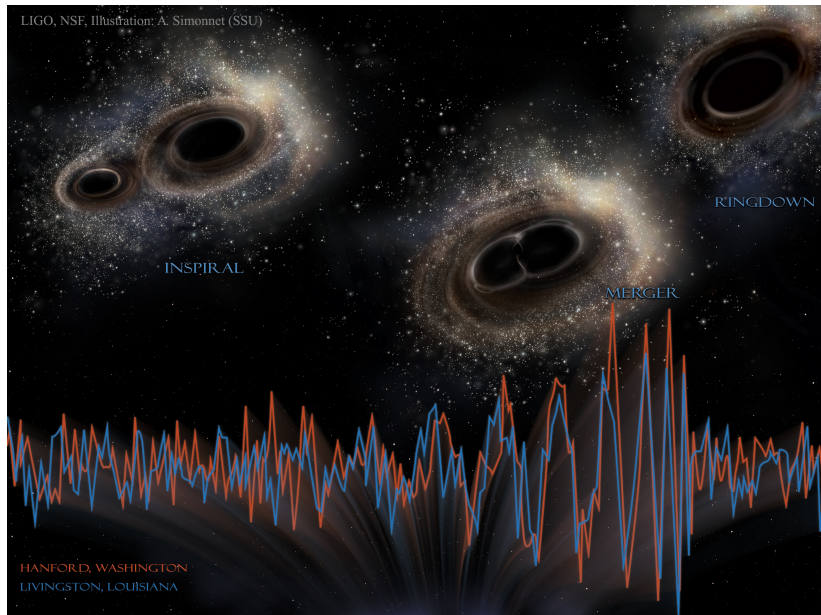


- ▶ ~10 Petaflops (~10 quadrillion calculations per second)
- ▶ 6400 Dell C8220 compute nodes
- ▶ Each node has two Intel E5 8-core processors
- ▶ Uses the SLURM batch system for processing jobs

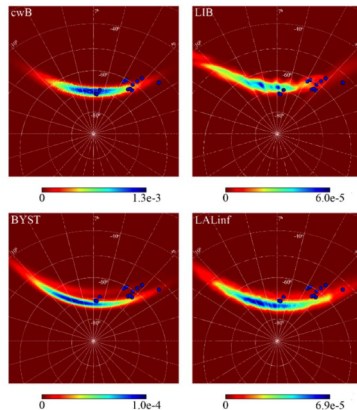
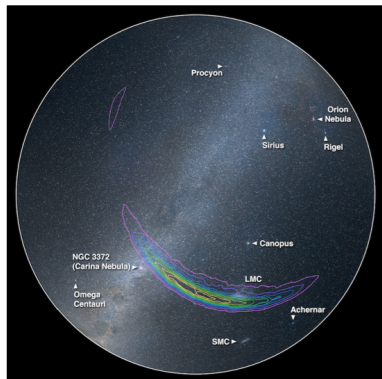
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# GW150914 EM COUNTERPART?



Loeb arXiv:1602.04735

## Electromagnetic Counterparts to Black Hole Mergers Detected by LIGO

### What was the progenitor system?

# BINARY BLACK HOLE SIMULATIONS WITH GAS

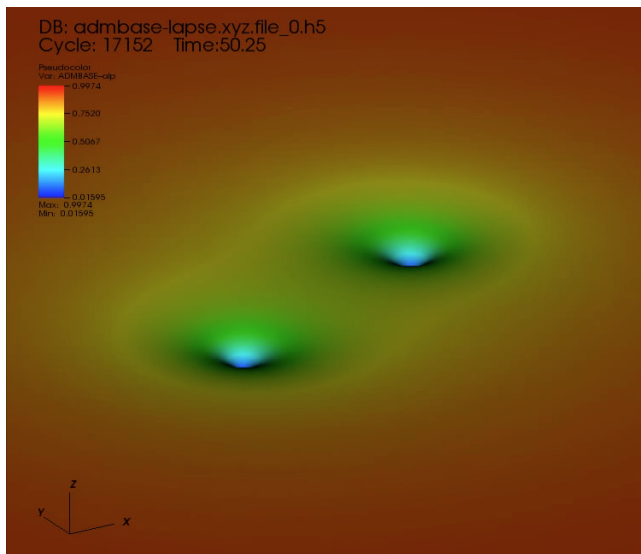
## Motivation

Investigate the feasibility of Loeb arXiv:1602.04735:  
Electromagnetic Counterparts to Black Hole Mergers  
Detected by LIGO

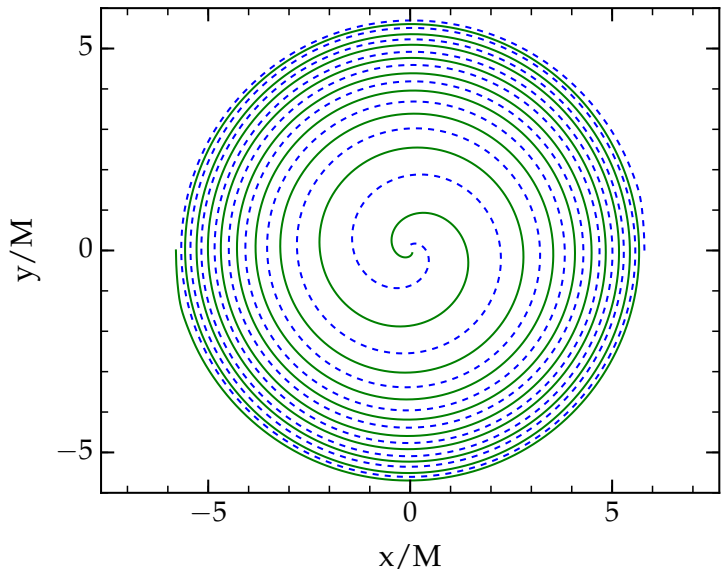
- ▶ Set up a BBH simulation in vacuum
- ▶ Extract the waveform
- ▶ Re-run the simulation with stellar environment level gas
- ▶ Extract the new waveform
- ▶ Compare the two

What effect, if any, would the presence of accreting  
matter have on the GW strain we measure?

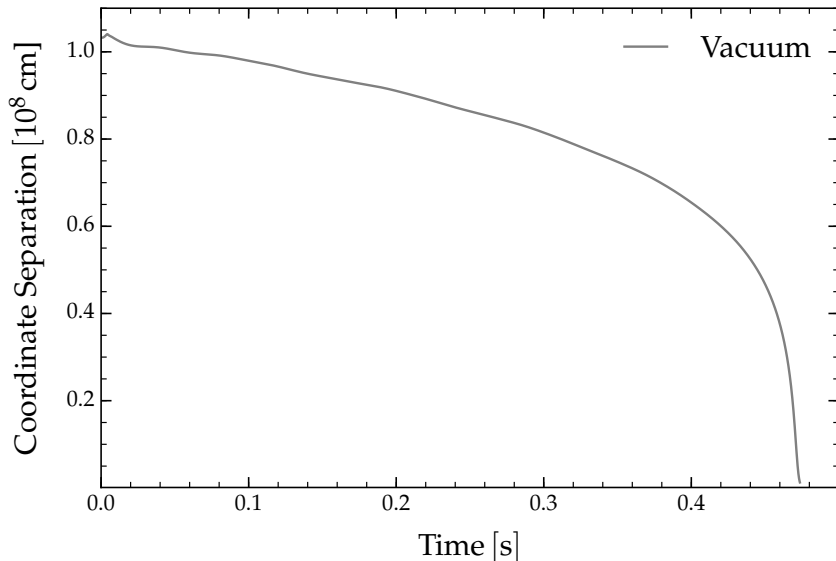
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# ORBITAL TRAJECTORY

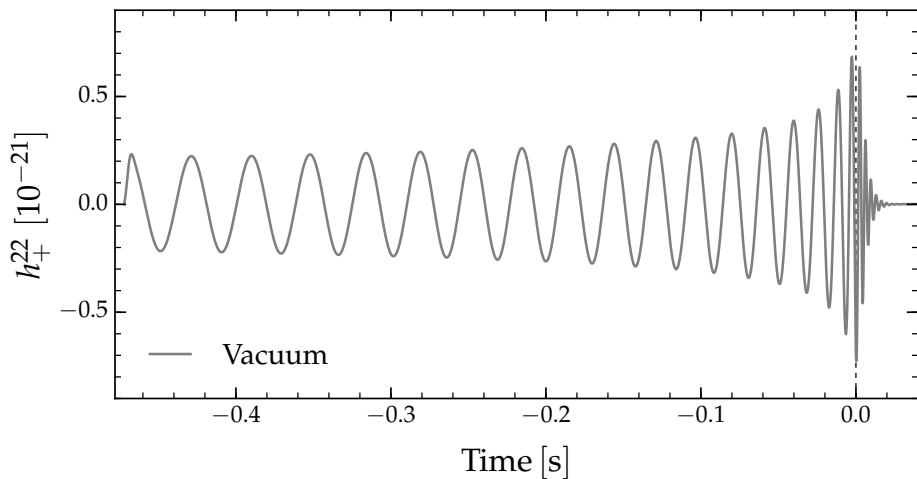


# COORDINATE SEPARATION

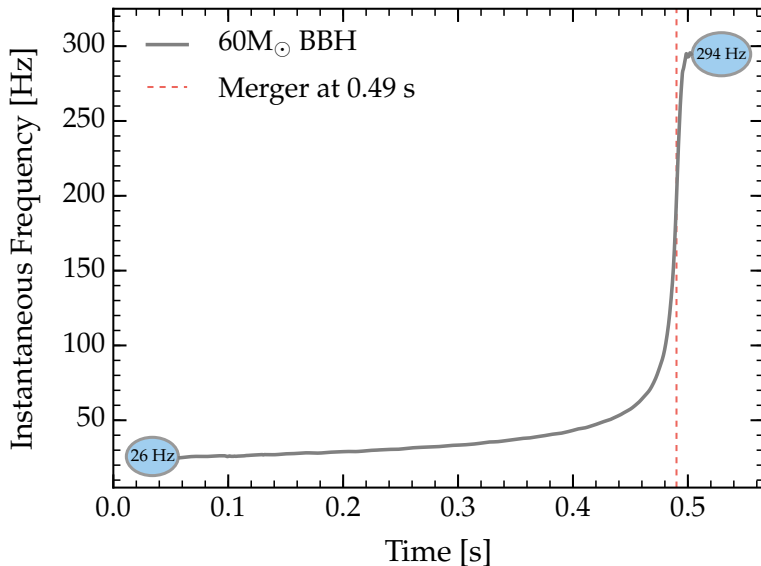


# GRAVITATIONAL WAVE STRAIN:

Scaled to  $60 M_{\odot}$



# GRAVITATIONAL WAVE FREQUENCY:

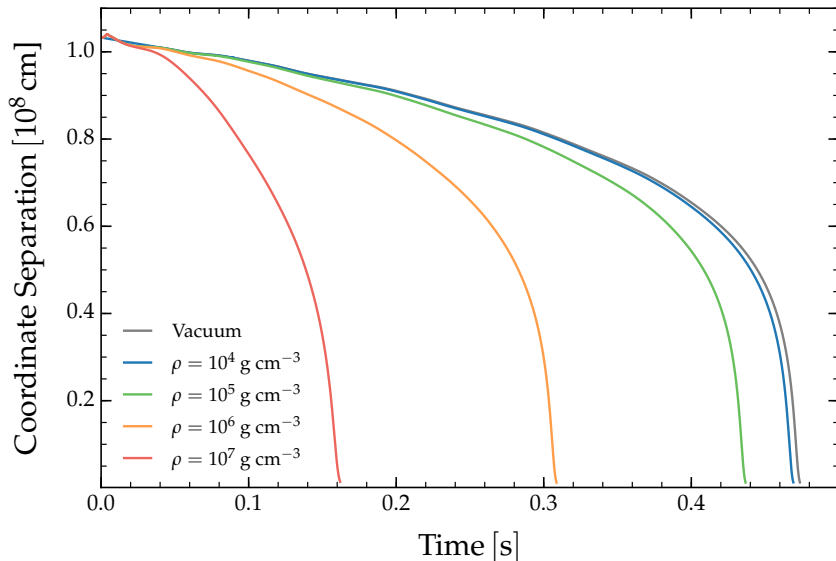


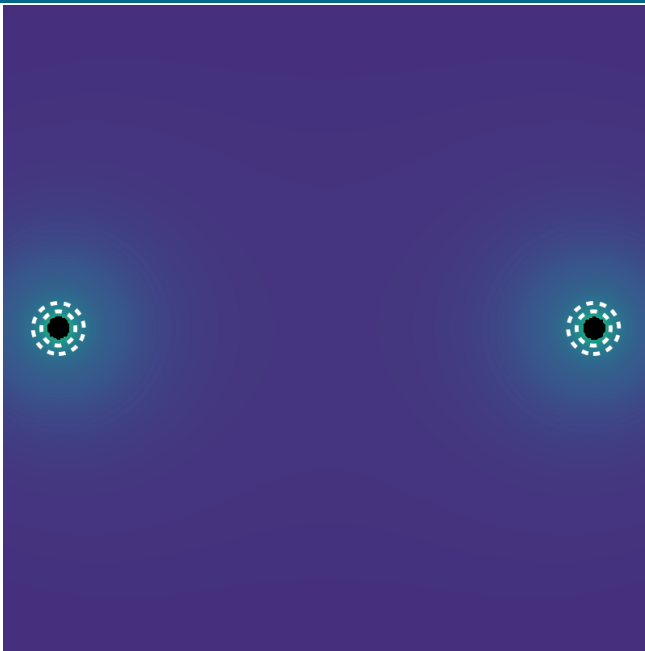


# BINARY BLACK HOLES IN STARS:

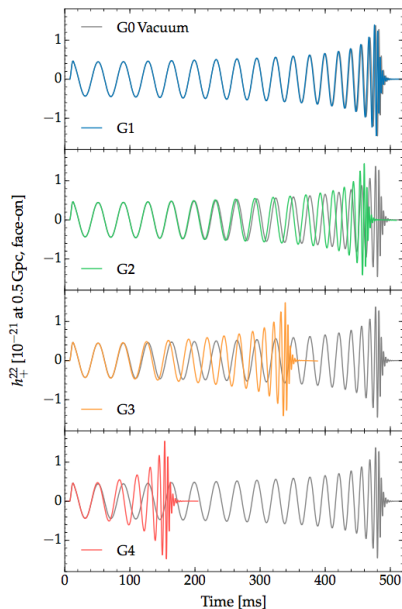
- ▶ Add gas to simulation using GR hydrodynamics
  - ▶ Use stellar densities common to massive stars
  - ▶ Invoke a density tapering function
  - ▶ Resolve the Hamiltonian constraint
  - ▶ Check numerical convergence for each case
- ▶ Compare the vacuum and gas cases looking for differences
  - ▶ Calculate the mismatch between waveforms
  - ▶ Check if these differences would be detectable by current and upcoming GW detectors!

# COORDINATE SEPARATION WITHIN THE STAR:





# RESULTS:



# CALCULATING THE MISMATCH

The match,  $\mathcal{M}$ , is a weighted scalar product in frequency space

$$\langle h_1 | h_2 \rangle = 4\text{Re} \int_0^\infty df \frac{\tilde{h}_1(f) \tilde{h}_2^*(f)}{S_h(f)}$$

where  $\tilde{h}_1(f)$  is the power spectral density of  $h_1(t)$ , and  $S_h(f)$  is the noise power spectral density of a given detector.

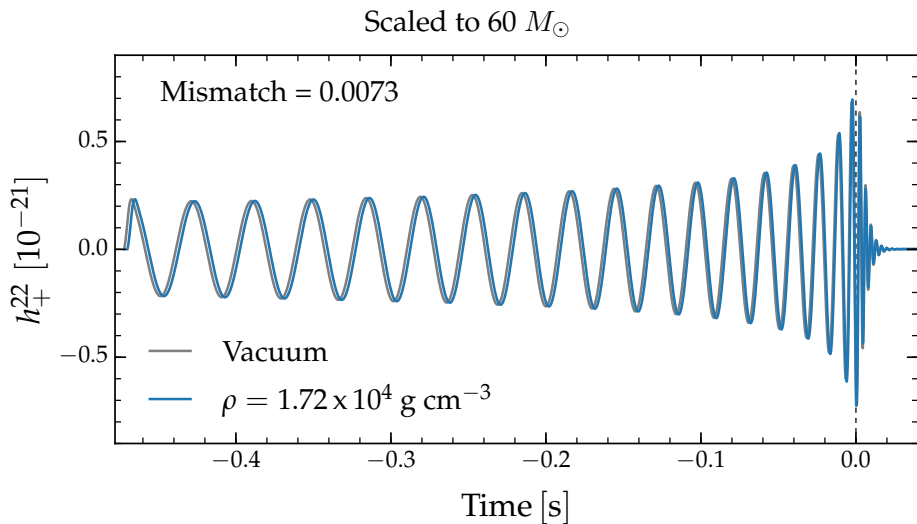
The overlap is a normalized scalar product of the match

$$\mathcal{O}[h_1, h_2] = \frac{\langle h_1 | h_2 \rangle}{\sqrt{\langle h_1 | h_1 \rangle \langle h_2 | h_2 \rangle}}$$

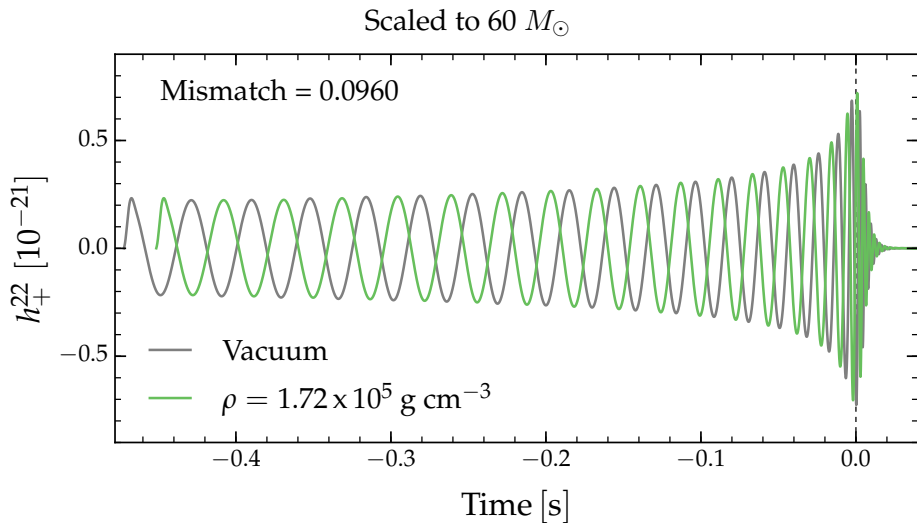
The mismatch is defined as one minus the match

$$\mathcal{M}_{\text{mis}} = 1 - \mathcal{M}$$

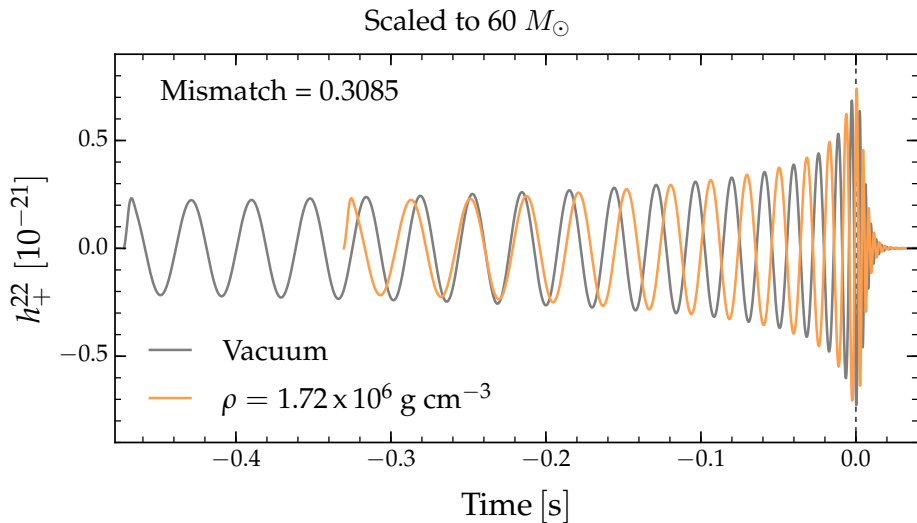
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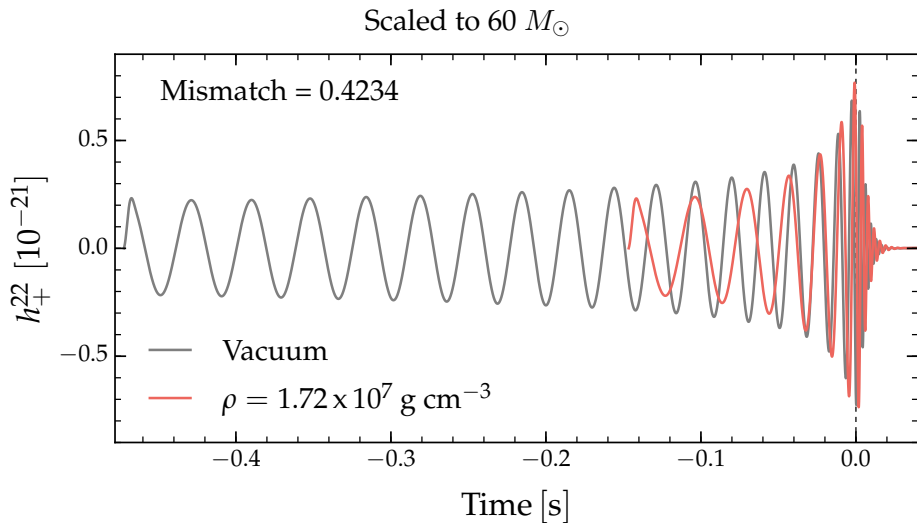


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# CONCLUSION:

It would appear that the presence of stellar density gas around coalescing black holes can have a measurable effect on the gravitational waveform!

The dynamical fragmentation stellar progenitor model for GW150914 looks highly unlikely

Even the most ideal configurations lead to observable differences.

# THANK YOU!

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