EChOes from gravitational waves

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aLIGO noise power spectral density

TABLE I. Summary of the parameters that characterise GW150914. For model parameters we report the median value as well as the range of the symmetric 90% credible interval [86]; where useful, we also quote 90% credible bounds. For the logarithm of the Bayes factor for a signal compared to Gaussian noise we report the mean and its 90% standard error from 4 parallel runs with a nested sampling algorithm [45]. The source redshift and source-frame masses assume standard cosmology [87]. The spin-aligned EOBNR and precessing IMRPhenom waveform models are described in the text. Results for the effective precession spin parameter $\chi_{\rm D}$ used in the IMRPhenom model are not shown as we effectively recover the prior; we constrain $\chi_{\rm p}$ < 0.81 at 90% probability, see left panel of Figure 5. The Overall results are computed by averaging the posteriors for the two models. For the Overall results we quote both the 90% credible interval or bound and an estimate for the 90% range of systematic error on this determined from the variance between waveform models.

Inttps://www.black-holes.org/waveforms/

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Test of GR

Ellis, Mavromatos, Nanopoulos, arXiv:1602.04764 *Lorentz violation in graviton propagation*

Blas, Ivanov, Sawicki, Sibiryakov, arXiv:1602.04188 *Upper bound (1.7) on the speed of propagation of gravitational waves*

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PART III EXOTIC COMPACT OBJETCS (waveform)

Neutron Star merger

"Neutron stars are compact stars (radius ~10 km). They can result from the gravitational collapse of a massive star. Neutron stars are composed almost entirely of neutrons. They are supported against further collapse by quantum degeneracy pressure due to the phenomenon described by the Pauli exclusion principle."

The Free Encyclopedia

On the existence of a "mass gap"

Typical compactness $C = M/R = [0.1 - 0.2]$ $(C = 0.5$ for a Schw. BH)

Neutron star binaries waveform

Polytrope with G amma = [2-3]

Neutron star binaries waveform

Ruffert, Janka astro-ph/0106229

Exotic Compact Objects

Boson stars Axions, axion-like particles, moduli, flat directions….

Fermion stars

Asymmetric self-interacting dark matter, unconventional states of ordinary matter, "mirror world" (twin Higgs)…

Dark energy stars

MACHOS

MAssive Compact Halo Objets

Observational constraint from micro lensing events

Ringdown phase

Ringdown phase

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Further reading: "Double compact objects I,II,III", Dominik et al. [arXiv:1202.4901] [arXiv:1308.1546] [arXiv:1405.7016]

- See more at: http://www.ligo.org/science.php

Humans have mainly relied on different forms of light to observe the Universe. Today, we are on the edge of a new frontier in astronomy: GW astronomy.

Gravitational waves carry information on the motions of objects in the Universe. Since the Universe was transparent to gravity moments after the Big Bang and long before light, GWs will allow us to observe further back into the history of the Universe than ever before.

Most importantly, GWs hold the potential of the unknown. Every time humans have opened new "eyes" on the Universe, we have discovered something unexpected that revolutionized how we saw the universe and our place within it.