

The Need for High-Precision Gravitational Waveforms

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Outline

- Observing gravitational waves and inferring astrophysical/physical information stem on our ability to make precise predictions of 2-body dynamics and gravitational radiation.
- Several perturbative methods available: post-Newtonian theory, post-Minkowskian theory, gravitational self-force (small mass-ratio expansion).
- How do we assess accuracy of perturbative waveform models? Why
 perturbative calculations alone are not sufficient to predict high-precise
 waveform models?
- Need to re-sum and re-organize perturbative results to improve accuracy and include strong-field effects close to merger: effective-one-body theory.
 Need also interface with numerical relativity.
- Gravitational-wave experiments on ground and in space require more accurate waveform models: new theoretical challenges and opportunities.

Black holes & neutron stars in GWTC-I

• 4 new GWs from binary black holes observed by LIGO & Virgo

(Abbott et al. arXiv:1811.12907)



Solving two-body problem in General Relativity

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

- GR is non-linear theory. Complexity similar to QCD.
- Einstein's field equations can be solved:
 - approximately, but analytically (fast way)
 - "exactly", but numerically on supercomputers (slow way)



- 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.

• 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 $v/c \ll 1$, $v^2/c^2 \sim GM/rc^2$ $\widehat{H}_{\mathrm{N}}(\mathbf{r},\mathbf{p}) = \frac{\mathbf{p}^{2}}{2} - \frac{1}{r}$ $\widehat{H}_{1\text{PN}}\left(\mathbf{r},\mathbf{p}\right) = \frac{1}{8}(3\nu - 1)(\mathbf{p}^2)^2 - \frac{1}{2}\left\{(3 + \nu)\mathbf{p}^2 + \nu(\mathbf{n}\cdot\mathbf{p})^2\right\}\frac{1}{r} + \frac{1}{2r^2}$ $\widehat{H}_{2\text{PN}}(\mathbf{r},\mathbf{p}) = \frac{1}{16} \left(1 - 5\nu + 5\nu^2 \right) (\mathbf{p}^2)^3 + \frac{1}{8} \left\{ \left(5 - 20\nu - 3\nu^2 \right) (\mathbf{p}^2)^2 + \dots \right\}$

 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 $m_{2/m_1} \ll 1$, $v^{2/c^{2}} \sim GM/rc^{2} \sim 1$, $M = m_{1} + m_{2}$

Equation of gravitational perturbations in black-hole spacetime:

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





 m_1

m2

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

• 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)

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

 376 GW cycles, zero spins & massratio 7 (8 months, few millions CPU-h)

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



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

Gravitational waveforms built from conservative & dissipative dynamics

• GW from time-dependent quadrupole moment:

• Center-of-mass energy: $E(\omega)$ $E(v) = -\frac{\mu}{2}v^2 + \cdots$ • GW luminosity: $\mathcal{L}_{GW}(\omega) \equiv F(\omega)$ $F(v) = \frac{32}{5}v^2\frac{c^5}{G}\left(\frac{v}{c}\right)^{10} + \cdots$

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

Gravitational-wave phase:

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

 $h_{ij} \sim \frac{G}{c^4} \frac{Q_{ij}}{\mathbf{p}}$

PN (binding) energy versus velocity

• Equal-mass, non-spinning binary



Comparing the energetics of NR against PN



PN gravitational-wave flux versus velocity

• Equal-mass, non-spinning binary



Number of GW cycles predicted by PN theory

$$M = (1.4 + 1.4) M_{\odot}$$

$$N_{\text{tot}} = \frac{1}{\pi} (\Phi_{\text{max}} - \Phi_{\text{min}}) = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{f_{\text{min}}}^{f_{\text{max}}} df \frac{d\Phi(f)}{df} = \int_{f_{\text{min}}}^{f_{\text{max}}} \frac{df}{f} N_{\text{inst}}(f)$$

$$f_{\text{in}} = 40 \text{ Hz}; \ f_{\text{fin}} = 1570 \text{ Hz}$$

$$N_{\text{inst}}(f) = \frac{f^2}{df/dt}, \quad f = \frac{1}{\pi} \frac{d\Phi}{dt}$$

Number of cycles

Newtonian:	16034
1PN:	+441
1.5PN	-211
Spin-orbit:	$+65.7\chi_1 + 65.7\chi_2$
2PN	+9.9
2.5PN	$-11.7 + 9.2\chi_1 + 9.2\chi_2$
3PN:	+2.6
3.5PN:	-0.9

Number of GW cycles predicted by PN theory

	$N_{\text{constant}} =$	$= \frac{\int_{f_{\min}}^{f_{\max}} w(f) N_{\text{inst}}(f) df/f}{\int_{f_{\min}}^{f_{\max}} w(f) N_{\text{inst}}(f) df/f}$
M = (1.4 + 1)	$1.4)M_{\odot}$	$\int_{f_{\min}}^{f_{\max}} w(f) d\!f/f$
$f_{\rm in}=40$ Hz; f	$f_{\rm fin} = 1570 \; {\rm Hz} \qquad w(f) = a^2 (f)$	$(f)/[fS_n(f)], h(t) = 2a(t) \cos 2\Phi(t)$
$\chi = \mathbf{S} /m^2$		(Damour, Iyer & Sathyaprakash 03)
	Number of cycles	Number of useful cycles:
Newtonian:	16034	247.8
1PN:	+441	+24.0
1.5PN	-211	-20.0
Spin-orbit:	$+65.7\chi_1+65.7\chi_2$	$6.2\chi_1 + 6.2\chi_2$
2PN	+9.9	+1.5
2.5PN	$-11.7 + 9.2\chi_1 + 9.2\chi_2$	$-2.3 + 0.8\chi_1 + 0.8\chi_2$
3PN:	+2.6	+0.6
3.5PN:	-0.9	-0.2

Number of GW cycles predicted by PN theory

$$N_{\text{useful}} = \frac{\int_{f_{\min}}^{f_{\max}} w(f) N_{\text{inst}}(f) df/f}{\int_{f_{\min}}^{f_{\max}} w(f) df/f}$$

$$M = (15 + 15)M_{\odot}$$

$$f_{\text{in}} = 40 \text{ Hz; } f_{\text{fin}} = 147 \text{ Hz}$$

$$w(f) = a^2(f)/[fS_n(f)], \quad h(t) = 2a(t) \cos 2\Phi(t)$$

$$\chi = |\mathbf{S}|/m^2$$

Number of *useful* cycles:

Number of cycles

Newtonian:	302	10.7
1PN:	+39	+4.0
1.5PN	-37	-6.2
Spin-orbit:	$+11.7\chi_1 + 11.7\chi_2$	$1.9\chi_1 + 1.9\chi_2$
2PN	+3.3	+0.8
Spin-spin:	$-1.7\chi_1\chi_2$	$-0.4\chi_1\chi_2$
2.5PN	$-6.2 + 3.6\chi_1 + 3.6\chi_2$	$-2.3 + 0.8\chi_1 + 0.8\chi_2$
3PN:	+2	+1.2
3.5PN:	-0.8	-0.5

PN approximants for inspiraling waveforms

$$E(\omega) = E_0 v^2 \left[1 + E_{1\text{PN}} v^2 + E_{2\text{PN}} v^4 + \cdots \right]$$

$$F(\omega) = F_0 v^{10} \left[1 + F_{1\text{PN}} v^2 + F_{1.5\text{PN}} v^3 + F_{2\text{PN}} v^4 + \cdots \right]$$

$$\Rightarrow \dot{\omega}(t) = -\frac{F(\omega)}{dE(\omega)/d\omega}$$

• T4-PN-approximant at 2PN order:

$$[\dot{\omega}(t)]_{2\rm PN} = -\mathcal{T}_{2\rm PN} \left\{ \frac{F(\omega)}{dE(\omega)/d\omega} \right\}$$

 $\mathcal{T}_{nPN} \Rightarrow Taylor exp. up to nPN$

• T1–PN-approximant at 2PN order:

$$[\dot{\omega}(t)]_{2\text{PN}} = -\frac{\mathcal{T}_{2\text{PN}}\{F(\omega)\}}{\mathcal{T}_{2\text{PN}}\{dE(\omega)/d\omega\}}$$

(see, e.g., AB, Iyer, Ochsner, Pan & Sathyaprakash 2011)

Comparing GW phase in NR and PN



 $M = 20M_{\odot} \Rightarrow f_{0.063}^{\text{GW}} = 98 \text{ Hz}, f_{0.1}^{\text{GW}} = 161 \text{ Hz}, f_{\text{ISCO}}^{\text{GW}} = 220 \text{ Hz}$ $M = 2.8M_{\odot} \Rightarrow f_{0.063}^{\text{GW}} = 807 \text{ Hz}, f_{0.1}^{\text{GW}} = 1350 \text{ Hz}, f_{\text{ISCO}}^{\text{GW}} = 1570 \text{ Hz}$





• NR waveform covers *entire* band for $M > 45 M_{\odot}$

mass ratio \neq 7

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

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

$$\nu = \frac{\mu}{M} \qquad 0 \le \nu \le 1/4$$
$$\mu = \frac{m_1 m_2}{M} \qquad M = m_1 + m_2$$

- Two-body dynamics is mapped into dynamics of one-effective body moving in deformed blackhole spacetime, deformation being the mass ratio.
- **Real description** Effective description *m*₂ \boldsymbol{m} Map $m{g}_{\mu
 u}$ \boldsymbol{m} E_{eff} / E_{real} J_{real} N_{real}
 - (AB & Damour 1998)

 Some key ideas of EOB model were inspired by quantum field theory when describing energy of comparable-mass charged bodies.

Energy for comparable-mass bodies

• Classical gravity: (AB & Damour 98)

$$\frac{E_{\rm real}^2}{E_{\rm real}} = m_1^2 + m_2^2 + 2m_1m_2\left(\frac{E_{\rm eff}}{\mu}\right)$$

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

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

• 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 $H_{\rm real}^{\rm PN} = H_{\rm Newt} + H_{\rm 1PN} + H_{\rm 2PN} + \cdots$ $H_{\text{eff}}^{\nu} = \mu \sqrt{A_{\nu}(r)} \left| 1 + \frac{\mathbf{p}^2}{\mu^2} + \left(\frac{1}{B_{\nu}(r)} - 1 \right) \frac{p_r^2}{\mu^2} \right|$ $ds_{\rm eff}^2 = -A_{\nu}(r)dt^2 + B_{\nu}(r)dr^2 + r^2 d\Omega^2$ • 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 $B_v(r)$

• $A_{\nu}(r)$, 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



$$H_{\rm real}^{\rm EOB} = M \sqrt{1 + 2\nu \left(\frac{H_{\rm eff}^{\nu}}{\mu} - 1\right)}$$
 (Barausse, Racine & AB 09; Barausse & AB 10, 11) (Barausse, Racine & AB 09; Barausse & 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):

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

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

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

• 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)

(If PN were used instead, accuracy will degrade, because of "gap" between PN and NR)

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 (J) V ISCO Schwarzschild light ring 0.3 **SEOBNR** light ring 0.2 EOBNR Schwarzschild 0.1 0 3 5 6 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)

Comparing NR, PN & EOB beyond waveforms



Probing equation of state of neutron stars



•Tidal effects imprinted on gravitational waveform during inspiral through parameter λ

• λ measures star's quadrupole deformation in response to companion perturbing tidal field:

$$Q_{ij} = -\frac{\lambda}{\mathcal{E}_{ij}}$$

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

$$\begin{split} \tilde{h}(f) &= \mathcal{A}_{\text{SPA}}(f) \ e^{i\psi_{\text{SPA}}(f)} & \mathcal{M} = \nu^{3/5} \, \mathcal{M} \\ \psi_{\text{SPA}}(f) &= 2\pi f t_c - \Phi_c - \pi/4 + \frac{3}{128} (\pi \mathcal{M} f)^{-5/3} \underbrace{ \begin{array}{c} \text{OPN} \\ 1 + \end{array}}_{\text{graviton with}} \\ \text{non zero mass} \\ \hline \text{dipole} & -\frac{5\hat{\alpha}^2}{336\omega_{\text{BD}}} \nu^{2/5} \frac{(-1\text{PN})}{(\pi \mathcal{M} f)^{-2/3}} - \frac{128}{3} \frac{\pi^2 D \, \mathcal{M}}{\lambda_g^2 (1+z)} \underbrace{ \begin{array}{c} \text{IPN} \\ (\pi \mathcal{M} f)^{2/3} \end{array}}_{\text{spin-orbit}} \\ &+ \left(\frac{3715}{756} + \frac{55}{9} \nu \right) \nu^{-2/5} (\pi \mathcal{M} f)^{2/3} - 16\pi \nu^{-3/5} \underbrace{ \begin{array}{c} \text{I.SPN} \\ (\pi \mathcal{M} f) + 4\beta \nu^{-3/5} (\pi \mathcal{M} f) \end{array}}_{\nu^{-4/5} (58032)} + \frac{27145}{508032} + \frac{27145}{504} \nu + \frac{3085}{72} \nu^2 \right) \underbrace{ \begin{array}{c} 2\text{PN} \\ \nu^{-4/5} (\pi \mathcal{M} f)^{4/3} - 10\sigma \nu^{-4/5} (\pi \frac{2\text{PN}}{\mathcal{M} f)^{4/3}} \end{array}}_{\text{spin-spin}} \\ &+ \left(\frac{15293365}{508032} + \frac{27145}{504} \nu + \frac{3085}{72} \nu^2 \right) \underbrace{ \begin{array}{c} 2\text{PN} \\ \nu^{-4/5} (\pi \mathcal{M} f)^{4/3} - 10\sigma \nu^{-4/5} (\pi \frac{2\text{PN}}{\mathcal{M} f)^{4/3}} \end{array}}_{\text{spin-spin}} \\ &- \frac{39}{2} \nu^{-2} \tilde{\Lambda} (\pi \mathcal{M} f)^{10/3} \right\} \\ &\tilde{\Lambda} = \frac{16}{13} \underbrace{ \begin{array}{c} (m_1 + 12m_2)m_1^4 \Lambda_1 + (m_2 + 12m_1)m_2^4 \Lambda_2 \\ (m_1 + m_2)^5 \end{array}}_{\text{spin-spin}} \\ &\Lambda = \frac{\lambda}{m_{\text{NS}}^5} = \frac{2}{3} k_2 \left(\frac{R_{\text{NS}} c^2}{Gm_{\text{NS}}} \right)^5 \\ \end{array}} \end{split}}$$

Template bank of modeled LIGO search, follow up studies



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



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



Unveiling binary black-hole properties: masses



• Current measurements of masses dominated by statistical error.



Unveiling binary black-hole properties: spins



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

Unveiling binary black-hole properties: results GWTC-I



(Abbott et al. arXiv:1811.12907)

- Current measurements of masses and spins for GWTC-Idominated by statistical instead of modeling error.
- Inferences obtained combining the effective (IMRPhenom) and full (SEOBNR) precessing waveform models.

Systematics due to modeling for GWI509I4-like @ aLIGO

- Synthetic GW signal of a binary black hole at 400 Mpc is injected in Gaussian noise with aLIGO design-sensitivity noise-spectral density (SNR ~ 70).
- Inference with one of currently used waveform models (IMRPhenom).

(Pürrer & Haster in prep)



GWI509I4-like NR signal is injected

Constraining NS equation of state with GWI708I7



 Current measurements of tidal effects dominated by statistical error, but inference with PN inspiral-only waveform somewhat stands out.

Systematics due to modeling for GW170817-like @ aLIGO

- Synthetic GW signal of a binary neutron star at 50 Mpc is injected in Gaussian noise with aLIGO design-sensitivity noise-spectral density (SNR ~ 87).
- Inference with waveform models that have same matter effects, but baseline point-mass model is different.



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)

• 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, using scattering angle as adiabatic invariant, at IPM: mapping unique & 2-body relativistic motion equivalent to 1-body motion in Kerr. (Damour 16, Bini et al. 17-18, Vines 17)



see Steinhoff's & Damour's talks

 $GM/rc^2 << v^2/c^2 \sim 1$

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



 \mathbf{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 & Vines 17)

 $(S_i + S_i^2 +$

PN versus PM expansion for conservative two-body dynamics



Comparison between 2PM EOB and NR: binding energy



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.

Comparison between 2PM EOB and NR: binding energy



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

- Using another 2PM EOB Hamiltonian. (Antonelli et al. in prep)
- Crucial to complete 2PM results with PN terms for bounded orbits to improve accuracy.
- Important to compute 3PM.

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.



 So far, inference from GW observations is dominated by statistical instead of modeling error.



- To extract best science and take full advantage of discovery potential in next years and decades, we need to develop highlyaccurate waveforms that cover the entire parameter space and include all physical effects (higher modes, matter, spin precession, eccentricity, etc.)
- Post-Minkowskian results through modern scattering-amplitude calculations may help improving accuracy.
- Could 2-body problem be obtained from 1-body problem? Maybe in part, or maybe fully.

The new era of precision gravitational-wave astrophysics (cont.)

• Until we have new results (PN, PM, GSF, ...) to check against current analytical waveform models and against numerical-relativity computations, it is not possible to assess their "real" phenomenological (LIGO-Virgo) impact.



• To have "real" phenomenological impact, we need to the conservative and dissipative results (i.e., also waveforms).

Thank you!

(postdoc openings @ AEI-Potsdam: <u>http://www.aei.mpg.de/gwjobs2019</u>)