# Bursts and continuous waves

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- \* Rates and populations & cosmology
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- ★ Data analysis: parameter estimation

### Taxonomy of GW sources



### **Burst sources**



### "Collider" vs "table top" experiments

- Many potential sources, but the GW 'engine' is not guaranteed
  - \* "opposite problem" to compact binary coalescences.
- Discovery of a persistent source will be the capstone of GW astronomy:
  - Reality of signal confirmed by need for corrections (modulation of the signal),
  - \* Corrections give precise direction of source,
  - \* Single interferometer can make definitive discovery,
  - \* Repeatable studies,
  - $\rightarrow$  Not only NS interiors, but also
    - \* Testing GR (polarizations etc.),
    - \* Calibration, "distance ladder"/cosmography.

### Bursts as unmodeled signals

 Even though we don't use matched filters, the matched-filter signal-to-noise ratio (SNR) is still the natural measure of burst detectability (next lecture):

$$\rho^{2} = 2 \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} df \frac{|F_{+}\tilde{h}_{+}(f) + F_{\times}\tilde{h}_{\times}(f)|^{2}}{S(f)}.$$
 (1)

where S(f) is the one-sided noise power spectral density (PSD):

$$\langle \tilde{n}(f)\tilde{n}^*(f')\rangle = \frac{1}{2}\delta(f-f')S(f),$$

where  $\langle ... \rangle$  is the ensemble average over many noise n(f) realisations (in reality, one noise realisation, so it is a time average for stationary stochastic noise).

(P. Sutton, Banach Center, Warsaw, 2013)

### Bursts as unmodelled signals

 A standard signal measure for burst searches is the root-sum-square amplitude:

$$h_{\rm rss}^2 = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dt \left[ h_+^2(t) + h_{\times}^2(t) \right]$$
(3)  
=  $2 \int_0^{\infty} df \left[ |\tilde{h}_+(t)|^2 + |\tilde{h}_{\times}(t)|^2 \right].$  (4)

 This has the same units as the noise spectrum, so we can use it to estimate the SNR. E.g., for unpolarised narrowband GWs we have

$$\rho^2 \simeq [F_+^2 + F_\times^2] \frac{h_{\rm rss}^2}{S(f)}.$$
(5)

### Bursts as unmodelled signals

• We can relate  $h_{rss}$  to the energy emitted in GWs,  $E_{GW}$ , using the flux (energy per unit area per unit time):

$$F_{\rm GW} = \frac{c^3}{16\pi G} \langle \dot{h}_+^2(t) + \dot{h}_{\times}^2(t) \rangle$$

$$= \frac{\pi c^3}{4G} \frac{1}{T} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} df \, f^2 \left( |\tilde{h}_+(f)|^2 + |\tilde{h}_{\times}(f)|^2 \right) .$$
(6)
(7)

For a narrowband signal & isotropic emission this gives

$$E_{\rm GW} = 4\pi r^2 T F_{\rm GW}$$
(8)  
=  $\frac{\pi^2 c^3}{G} r^2 f_0^2 h_{\rm rss}^2$ . (9)

### Bursts as unmodelled signals

• Combining eqns (5) and (9) relates SNR to energy:

$$\rho^{2} = [F_{+}^{2} + F_{\times}^{2}] \frac{G}{\pi^{2} c^{3}} \frac{E_{\rm GW}}{S(f_{0}) r^{2} f_{0}^{2}}.$$
 (10)

 Averaging over angles (sky direction, source orientation) gives average range for detection with ρ ≥ ρ<sub>0</sub>:

$$\mathcal{R}_{\rm eff} \simeq \left(\frac{G}{2\pi^2 c^3} \frac{E_{\rm GW}}{S(f_0) f_0^2 \rho_{\rm det}^2}\right)^{1/2}.$$
 (11)

 For a homogeneous isotropic population of sources of rate density N, the detection rate is

$$\dot{N} = \frac{4}{3}\pi \mathcal{R}_{\rm eff}^3 \dot{\mathcal{N}} \,. \tag{12}$$

### Why bursts?

• Historically, transient signal whose waveforms are not accurately known or very complex such that templated searches are not affordable.

Not totally true :

- Cosmic string  $\rightarrow$  templates do exist
- Compact Binary mergers → templates do exist
- Transient : duration typically < 1s but some GW signals duration O (100s)





- Astrophysical GW sources : neutron star and black holes → core collapse supernova, black hole merger, fallback accretion onto a neutron star, neutron star instabilities (post-merger), magnetar flares, ...
- Many GW sources are emitting photons and neutrinos  $\rightarrow$  multi-messengers.

### Core-collapse supernovæ as GW burst sources

### • The explosion mechanisms :

	Type I	Type Ib/Ic & type II
Progenitors	White dwarfs	Massive stars
Explosion mechanism	Matter/gas falls onto a 'dead' white dwarf raising its mass until the Chandrasekhar limit. → triggers runaway nuclear fusion explosion that destroys the star.	The core runs out of fuel to power its nuclear fusion reactions and collapses in on itself. $\rightarrow$ release gravitational potential energy in a form that blows away the star's outer layers.



### Core-collapse supernovæ as GW burst sources

#### Core bounce

- Nuclear equation of state stiffens → rebound of the inner core ("core bounce").
- A hydrodynamic shock wave is launched at the outer edge of the inner core and propagates outward in mass and radius, slamming into the still infalling outer core.

#### After core bounce

- The shock quickly loses energy (dissociation of heavy elements + neutrino losses) and stalls.
- Without shock revival, black-hole (BH) formation is inevitable and even with a successful explosion, a BH may still form via fall-back accretion.



(Marie Anne Bizouard, Ecole de Physique des Houches, 2018)

### CCSN engine mechanism

• The explosion mechanism current paradigm : neutrino-driven delayed explosion (Wilson 82', Bethe&Wilson 85')



### CCSN engine mechanism

- GW emission mechanisms : rotating collapse and bounce, non axisymmetric rotational instabilities, postbounce convective overturn/standing accretion shock instability (SASI) and PNS pulsations.
- Neutrinos emission : A large correlation between neutrinos and GW time evolution signals is expected because of SASI (sloshing).



### CCSN and GW emission

P. Cerda-Duran et al, Astrophys.J. 779 (2013) L18



FIG. 3.— Waveform (a) and spectrogram (b) of the characteristic gravitational wave signal for the *fiducial model* at D = 100 kpc. We overplot estimates for the frequency evolution of g-modes at the surface of the PNS (solid-green line), g-modes in the cold inner core (solid-red line), quasi-radial mode (dashed-red line) and f-mode (dotted-blue line). Capital letters point to features described in the main text.

### CCSN and GW emission

Yakunin et al, Phys.Rev. D92 (2015) no.8, 084040





Figure 1. Spectrogram (top) and the corresponding waveform (bottom) of the GW signal from the model M10.SFHo.

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### CCSN - what can we learn?



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### Neutron stars = very dense, magnetized stars

The most relativistic **material** objects in the Universe: compactness  $M/R \simeq 0.5$ , observed in all EM spectrum as pulsars, magnetars, in supernovæ remnants, in accreting systems, in double neutron star binaries...



About 2500 NS observed to date,  $\sim 10^8 - 10^9$  in the Galaxy.

### Continuous GWs from spinning neutron stars Characteristics:

- \* Long-lived:  $T > T_{obs}$ ,
- \* Nearly periodic:  $f_{GW} \propto f_{rot}$

## Mechanisms that can create time-varying quadrupole moment:

- \* "Mountains" (elastic and/or magnetic stresses, f<sub>GW</sub> = 2f<sub>rot</sub>),
- \* Oscillations (r-modes,  $f_{GW} = 4/3f_{rot}$ + GR corr.),
- \* Free precession ( $f_{GW} \propto f_{rot} + f_{prec}$ )
- ★ Accretion (drives deformations from r-modes, thermal gradients, magnetic fields, *fGW* ≃ *f<sub>rot</sub>*)

### (see PASA 2015 **32**, 34 or Universe 2019, **5(11)**, 217)







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### Mountains and NS oscillation modes



NS instabilities and their possible driving mechanisms:

- ★ Pressure modes: driven by pressure,
- \* Fundamental mode: (aka "Kelvin mode") the first (nodeless) p-mode,
- \* Gravity modes: driven by buoyancy (thermal/composition gradients),
- ★ Inertial modes: driven by rotation (Coriolis force),
- $\star$  Magnetic (Alfven) modes: driven by the magnetic force,
- \* Spacetime modes: like BH QNMs, need dynamical spacetime,
- \* Shear modes: driven by elastic forces in the crust,
- Superfluidity-related modes (e.g. Tkachenko modes: driven by tension of superfluid vortex array)

### GW amplitude and the spindown limit

In general

$$h_{\mu
u}=rac{2G}{dc^4}rac{d^2Q_{\mu
u}}{dt^2}$$

with  $Q \propto I$  we get

GW strain 
$$h_0 = \frac{4\pi^2 G}{c^4} \frac{I_3 \epsilon f_{GW}^2}{d}$$

where *d* is the distance to the source and  $\epsilon = (l_1 - l_2)/l_3$  is the deformation (non-axisymmetry).

Depending on the dense matter model,  $\epsilon_{max} = 10^{-3} - 10^{-6}$ .





### GW amplitude and the spindown limit

Rotational energy:  $E_{rot} \propto f^2$ Rotational energy loss:  $\dot{E}_{rot} \propto f\dot{f}$ Energy emitted in GWs:  $\dot{E}_{GW} \propto f^6 f_3^2 \epsilon^2$ 

Spindown upper limit: a gravitar, in which the observed spindown is fully due to GWs

 $\dot{E}_{rot} = \dot{E}_{GW}$ 

Assuming the knowledge of  $I_3$  and d $\rightarrow$  upper limit  $h_0^{sd} = \frac{1}{d} \sqrt{\frac{5G}{2c^3} \frac{|\dot{f}|}{f}} I_3$ 

$$h_{\rm sd} = 8.06 \times 10^{-19} J_{38}^{1/2} \left[\frac{1 \rm kpc}{d}\right] \left[\frac{\dot{f}_{\rm rot}}{\rm Hz/s}\right]^{1/2} \left[\frac{\rm Hz}{f_{\rm rot}}\right]^{1/2}$$

$$\epsilon_{\rm sd} = 0.237 \, I_{38}^{-1} \left[ \frac{h_{\rm sd}}{10^{-24}} \right] \left[ \frac{\rm Hz}{f_{\rm rot}} \right]^2 \left[ \frac{d}{1 \rm kpc} \right]$$





### Direct spindown limit

It is useful to define the "direct spindown limit" for a known pulsar, under the assumption that it is a "gravitar", i.e., a star spinning down due to gravitational wave energy loss

Unrealistic for known stars, but serves as a useful benchmark

Equating "measured" rotational energy loss (from measured period increase and reasonable moment of inertia) to GW emission gives:

$$h_{SD} = 2.5 \times 10^{-25} \left[ \frac{kpc}{d} \right] \sqrt{\left[ \frac{1kHz}{f_{GW}} \right] \left[ \frac{-df_{GW} / dt}{10^{-10} Hz / s} \right] \left[ \frac{I}{10^{45} g \cdot cm^2} \right]}$$

Example:

Crab →  $h_{SD} = 1.4 \times 10^{-24}$ (d=2 kpc,  $f_{GW} = 59.5$  Hz,  $df_{GW}/dt = -7.4 \times 10^{-10}$  Hz/s )



(K. Riles, Boston A.A.S. Summer Meeting 2011)

### O1/O2 CW search for known pulsars (arXiv:1902.08507)

222 known pulsars analyzed (55 new sources), at l = m = 2 and l = 2, m = 1 mode.

- 20 targets surpass the spin-down limit:
  - ★ Crab: less than 0.017% *E*<sub>rot</sub> in GW,
  - ★ Vela: less than 0.18% Ė<sub>rot</sub>.



\* PSR J0711-6830 millisecond recycled pulsar ( $f_{rot} \simeq 182 \text{ Hz}$ )  $\rightarrow$  ellipticity  $\epsilon < 1.2 \times 10^{-8}$ .

### Indirect spindown limit

If a star's age is known (e.g., historical SNR), but its spin is unknown, one can still define an <u>indirect</u> spindown upper limit by assuming gravitar behavior has dominated its lifetime:

$$\tau = \frac{f}{4 \ (df \ / \ dt)}$$

And substitute into h<sub>SD</sub> to obtain [K. Wette, B. Owen,... CQG 25 (2008) 235011]

$$h_{ISD} = 2.2 \times 10^{-24} \left[\frac{kpc}{d}\right] \sqrt{\left[\frac{1000 \ yr}{\tau}\right]} \left[\frac{I}{10^{45} \ g \cdot cm^2}\right]$$

Example:

Cassiopeia A  $\rightarrow$  h<sub>ISD</sub> = 1.2 × 10<sup>-24</sup> (d=3.4 kpc, T=328 yr)

(K. Riles, Boston A.A.S. Summer Meeting 2011)

### Accretion, X-ray flux torque vs GW emission

For an LMXB, equating accretion rate torque (inferred from X-ray luminosity) to gravitational wave angular momentum loss (steady state) gives: [R.V. Wagoner ApJ 278 (1984) 345; J. Papaloizou & J.E. Pringle MNRAS 184 (1978) 501; L. Bildsten ApJ 501 (1998) L89]

$$h_{X-ray} \approx 5 \times 10^{-27} \sqrt{\left[\frac{600 Hz}{f_{sig}}\right] \left[\frac{F_x}{10^{-8} erg \cdot cm^{-2} \cdot s^{-1}}\right]}$$

Example: Scorpius X-1

→  $h_{X-ray} \approx 3 \times 10^{-26} [600 \text{ Hz} / f_{sig}]^{1/2}$ ( $F_x = 2.5 \times 10^{-7} \text{ erg} \cdot \text{cm}^{-2} \cdot \text{s}^{-1}$ )



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### Torque balance: accretion vs GW emission

1. GW strain from mass quadrupole is  $h_{ij} = \frac{2G}{dc^4} \frac{d^2 l_{ij}}{dt^2}$ , For a rotating deformed NS:  $h_0 = \frac{2G}{dc^4} \omega_{gw}^2 \epsilon l_0$ , with

$$\star \ \omega_{\rm gw} = 2\pi f_{\rm gw} = 4\pi f_{\rm rot},$$

\*  $f_{gw} = 2f_{rot}$  is the signal frequency,  $f_{rot}$  is the spin frequency, and  $I_0$  is the unperturbed moment of inertia,

$$\rightarrow h_0 = \frac{8\pi^2 G}{dc^4} f_{\rm gw}^2 \epsilon I_0$$

2. GW torque 
$$N_{\text{gw}} = L_{\text{gw}} / \omega_{rot}$$
, because  $\frac{d(I_0 \omega_{rot}^2/2)}{dt} = I_0 \omega_{rot} \dot{\omega}_{rot} = N_{\text{gw}} \omega_{rot}$ .

$$\rightarrow \text{ GW}$$
 luminosity is  $L_{\text{gw}} = \frac{G}{5c^5} \epsilon^2 l_0^2 \omega_{\text{gw}}^6$ , so  $N_{\text{gw}} = \frac{32\pi^5 G}{5c^5} \epsilon^2 l_0^2 f_{\text{gw}}^5$ ,

- 3. Accretion torque  $N_{\rm a} = \dot{M}\sqrt{GMr_A}$ , where  $r_A$  is Alfven radius, Accretion rate is related to X-ray flux via  $\dot{M} = 4\pi d^2 F_X R/XGM$ , where R is stellar radius, M is stellar mass, and X is efficiency.
- 4. Balance equation:  $N_{\rm a} = N_{\rm gw}$  to get  $\epsilon$ , and estimate  $h_0$ :

$$h_0 = rac{20^{1/2}G^{1/4}}{c^{3/2}} \left(rac{F_X}{X}
ight)^{1/2} R^{1/2} f_{\rm gw}^{-1/2} r_A^{1/4} M^{-1/4}$$

### Matched filtering: a monochromatic signal



In this case a Fourier transform is sufficient to detect the signal (simplest matched filter method):

$$\mathbf{F} = \int_0^{\tau_0} x(t) \exp(-i\omega t) dt$$

Signal-to-noise 
$$SNR = h_0 \sqrt{\frac{T_0}{S_0}}$$

 $T_0$  - time series duration,  $S_0$  - spectral density of the data.

(see

users.camk.edu.pl/bejger/snr-periodic-signal)

### In reality: signal is modulated

Since the detector is on Earth, planets and Earth's rotation influences signal's amplitude and phase.



- Signal is almost monochromatic: sources may slow down/spin up,
- t has to demodulated (detector is moving),
- → precise ephemerides of the Solar System needed.

Detector movement distinguishes a real signal from detector's spectral artifacts ("lines").



### Example: the $\mathcal{F}$ -statistic

 $\mathcal{F}$ -statistic estimates how well the amplitude and phase modulated model matches the data x(t)

$$\mathcal{F} = \frac{2}{S_0 T_0} \left( \frac{|F_a|^2}{\langle a^2 \rangle} + \frac{|F_b|^2}{\langle b^2 \rangle} \right)$$

where  $S_0$  is the spectral density,  $T_0$  is the observation time, and

$$F_a = \int_0^{T_0} x(t) a(t) \exp(-i\phi(t)) dt, \quad F_b = \dots$$

a(t), b(t) - amplitude modulation functions that depend on the sources' sky position  $(\alpha, \delta)$ ,

 $\phi(t)$  - phase modulation function that depends on  $(f, f, \alpha, \delta)$ 

(PRD 58, 063001, 1998)

### Rossby waves in planetary atmospheres

- \* Carl-Gustaf Rossby (1898 1957),
- ★ A type of inertial planetary wave, driven by Coriolis force (→ present in rotating systems),
- $\star\,$  On Earth, associated with high-altitude winds (  $\rightarrow$  jet stream),





(S. Harris, AIMS Environmental Science 6(1):14-40 2019)

(Wikipedia)

### Rossby waves on neutron stars: r-modes

GW emission from time-varying current quadrupole:



Perturbations in rotating frame.

Star drags perturbations in opposite direction. GR drives mode instability.

- \* r-mode frequency in the rotating frame:  $\omega_r = \kappa \Omega$ , with  $\kappa = \frac{2m}{l(l+1)}$ .
- $\rightarrow$  for  $l = m = 2, \omega_r = 2/3\Omega$ ,
- \* In the inertial frame:  $\omega_i = \omega_r m\Omega = -4/3\Omega$ .

### Rossby waves on neutron stars: r-modes

- r-modes belong to a subset of inertial modes supported by rotation (Coriolis force as a restoring mechanism),
- ★ retrograde in frame co-rotating with the star, prograde in inertial frame
   → unstable to Chandrasekhar-Friedman-Schutz (CFS) instability,
- \* the amplitude of the mode evolves  $\propto \exp(i\omega_i t t/\tau)$ ,
- modes damped by viscous processes (shear and bulk viscosity), depend on dense matter equation of state,

$$\frac{1}{\tau} = -\frac{1}{\tau_{GR}} + \frac{1}{\tau_S} + \frac{1}{\tau_B},$$

\* I = m = 2 mode frequency in Newtonian approximation is  $\omega_i = 4/3\Omega$ , in GR corrections related to NS mass and radius ( $\rightarrow$  EOS):

$$\omega_i = \frac{4}{3}\Omega\left(1 + C_1\frac{GM}{Rc^2} - C_2\left(\frac{GM}{Rc^2}\right)^2\right),$$

where the (1 + ...) corrections are specifically due to GR, rapid rotation, NS crust, matter stratification, magnetic fields...

(see Idrisy et al. 2014, arXiv:1410.7360)

Key early r-mode references: Papaloizou & Pringle (1978); Andersson (1998); Friedman & Morsink (1998); Lindblom et al. (1998); Owen et al. (1998); Andersson et al. (1999); Andersson & Kokkotas (2001)

### R-modes instability window

R-modes in newborn NSs (Owen et al. 1998), characteristic strain is:

$$h_0 = 4.4 imes 10^{-24} lpha \left( rac{\omega}{\sqrt{\pi G ar 
ho}} 
ight)^3 \left( rac{20 \ Mpc}{d} 
ight)$$

where  $\bar{\rho}$  is the mean NS density, and  $\alpha$  is dimensionless r-mode amplitude (see Sect. 4 in arXiv:1909.12600 for a review).



### NS (astro)physics questions

- Magneto-elastic 'mountains': elastic properties of the crust, braking strain,
- Thermally induced quadrupole: accretion processes, heating reactions in the crust,
- Instabilities (r-modes): heating & cooling, rotational evolution,
- ★ Superfluidity.
- $\star\,$  Conditions at birth: SN  $\leftrightarrow$  NS deformation connection,
- \* Long-term evolution of NS asymmetry,
- $\star\,$  Available populations  $\leftrightarrow$  search strategies.

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