The impact of terrestrial noise on the detectability and reconstruction of gravitational wave signals produced by core-collapse supernovae



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Outline

- Gravitational waves
- Interferometric detectors
- Core collapse supernovae
 - Models
 - Detectablity and waveform reconstruction
- Terrestrial noise and its impact
- Conclusions and future prospects

The centennial of General Relativity

The theory of General Relativity was first published by Albert Einstein in 1915

- Predicts the emission of gravitational waves by accelerating mass:
 - ripples in the fabric of spacetime



Gravitational waves

Solution to Einstein's field equations

$G_{\mu\nu} = 8\pi T_{\mu\nu}$

Gravitational waves

$$h(t) = A e^{i(2\pi f t - \mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{r})}$$

- Propagate at speed of light
- Induce spacetime strain measured as:

Gravitational wave emission

Produced by accelerating mass: $h(t) \propto rac{1}{r} rac{d^2 I_{ij}}{dt^2}$ Weakly interacting



Core-collapse supernova h ~ 10⁻²¹ at 10 kpc for rotating models

Gravitational wave manifestation

h(t) composed of cross and plus polarization

 $= \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & h_{+} & h_{\times} & 0 \\ 0 & h_{\times} & h_{+} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ h(t)

Observing GWs with interferometry



The LIGO detectors





Sensitivity improvement



The global interferometer network



Network sensitivity



The gravitational wave sky

What sources will the Advanced detector network be sensitive to?



Core-collapse supernovae

- The iron core of massive stars burns out and the degeneracy pressure can no longer support the star against gravity.
- The gravitational core collapse releases an enormous amount of energy, 99% in the form of neutrinos of all flavors and forms a proto-neutron star.



- Neutrinos observed during the 1987 supernova have confirmed this general model
- However, calculations robustly conclude that the shock wave loses energy to interactions with the outer layers and stalls

Key question: what is the explosion mechanism?

Explosion mechanism models

Neutrino-driven

 Assumes a small fraction of the energy emitted in the form of neutrinos is absorbed by the shock

Magnetorotational

 Differential rotation between the star core and outer layers induces magnetic field amplifications that cause jets of matter



Study outline

Goal: Effective waveform reconstruction of gravitational wave signals will enable accurate interpretations of core-collapse supernovae (CCSN) physics



- Waveforms injected into Gaussian noise colored with the expected Advanced LIGO and Advanced Virgo noise curves at design sensitivity
- 2. Injections recovered with burst waveform reconstruction algorithms

Included waveforms: Overview

The three considered waveform families:

Each simulated using different models.

1. Dimmelmeier

- 2D rotating core-collapse
- Produce the simplest, shortest GW signature ('wavelet-like')

2. Yakunin

- 2D neutrino driven
- Assumes star axis symmetry
- No well-defined amplitude peak

3. Mueller

- 3D neutrino driven
- Most realistic considered models
- Longest, most complex produced waveforms

Included waveforms





Dimmelmeier

- 2D axisymmetric rotating corecollapse
- 3 Dimmelmeier models: different rotation rates and profiles imposed on a progenitor star

Yakunin

- 2D axisymmetric non-rotating neutrino driven
- Strong signal due to standing accretion shock instabilities and non-radial accretion matter flows

Included waveforms



Mueller

- 3D non-rotating neutrino-driven
- 3 different progenitor stars evolved using the same input physics, initial symmetry perturbation, and matter equation of state
- Strong GW signal is due to non-radial matter flows produced by shock instability pre-explosion, and violent post-shock convection and PNS matter accretion post-explosion
- Two of three progenitor stars observe a delayed burst of GW signal due to PNS convection.

Targeted algorithms

cWB2G – the primary coherent burst all-sky search

- Identifies burst candidate events by tiling the data in time and frequency via a wavelet transform
- Extracts significant events using a coherent likelihood statistic maximized over all potential sky positions.



BayesWave – a Bayesian follow-up burst parameter estimation algorithm

- Estimates a posterior distribution for a recovered waveform inferred from the data and network antenna pattern.
- Reversible jump Markov-chain Monte Carlo algorithm explores a the application distribution of Morlet-Gabor wavelets and wavelet parameters to the signal fit

Figure of merit

Burst algorithm performance in reconstructing waveforms was judged by the **noise-weighted normalized overlap**:

 $\langle \psi_{rec} | \psi_{inj} \rangle$ $\sqrt{\langle \psi_{rec} | \psi_{rec} \rangle \langle \psi_{inj} | \psi_{inj} \rangle}$

Where:

 $\left\langle \psi_{rec} | \psi_{inj} \right\rangle = \int \frac{\psi_{rec}^*(f) \ \psi_{inj}(f)}{S(f)} \ df$



1 is perfect match, 0 is no match

Preliminary results in three parts:

1. Trends in detectability between different models

- 2. Trends for recovered overlap of different models by both algorithms
- 3. Trends for the recovered overlap by different algorithms of the same model

For these preliminary results, both cWB2G and BayesWave were run in configurations tuned for CCSN.

Detectability of the three included waveform families



Detectability of the three included waveform families



Reconstruction of the three included waveform families by cWB2G



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Dimmelmeier – rapidly rotating



Dimmelmeier – rapidly rotating



Yakunin



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Yakunin



Mueller – N20



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Mueller – N20



Summary: CCSN in aLIGO/aVirgo Gaussian noise

- For more realistic included waveforms in aLIGO/aVirgo noise the best average reconstruction (cWB2G) at realistic SNR (of ~8) is ~50-60% overlap.
- BayesWave, with more wavelet placement flexibility, tends to achieve a lower overlap at an SNR of 8.
- Both algorithms do not well reconstruct multiple bursts of energy distinct in time as one event.
- A lot of potential for significant improvement with BayesWave developing CCSN priors.

Terrestrial noise: a reality for GW searches



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The challenges of terrestrial noise

- Many effects cannot be tested prior to large scale implementation
- Often noise sources stem from the interaction of different subsystems and cavities



GW search pipelines are adversely affected by non-Gaussian data!

Long tails (outliers) in all-sky GW burst search background triggers greatly restrict achievable false alarm rate.

Non-Gaussian noise confuses parameter estimation for all transient searches.



Example: NINJA2 search results



arvix 1401.0939

A normalized spectrogram of Hanford recolored noise only showing a transient event, or glitch, that happens to occur at the time of the injection.

Solid blue – the 95% credible region for mass estimation based on EOBNRv2 analysis using recolored noise. Dashed pink – in Gaussian noise. LIGO DCC P1500072

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Data quality veto developed from application of burst analysis techniques (ETGs) was one of the **most effective vetoes** of S6:

Burst event SNR range	% events vetoed
SNR > 20	27%
SNR > 100	55%
SNR > 1000	85%

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aLIGO seismic isolation instrumentation

BSC chamber and test mass



SEI transient propagation





Tracing the transient motion from the ground to the optic table in various states of isolation loop aggression. More aggressive isolation mitigates transients well < ~15Hz

Windy vs. Quiet time transient SEI study at LHO

Most of the day, Oct 11, high microseism, low wind (~5MPH)



Windy vs. Quiet time transient SEI study at LHO



Below are Omicron triggers of two hours of "quiet" time (left) and "windy" time (right). Each dot is a transient event. Transient motion amplitude is very elevated during high wind for events of freq < ~30Hz.



The rate of transient motion events also increases dramatically during windy time – by over a factor of 10 in optic table motion at end X.

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Stage	Quiet* (# trigs)	Windy* (# trigs)	Factor increase
Ground motion	30,755	116,601	3.8
HEPI (L4C)	21,317	74,624	3.5
ISI ST1 (T240)	7,791	57,948	7.4
ISI ST2 (GS13)	3,924	49,562	12.6

* For a two hour period of relatively quiet or windy time

Isolated stages see a much greater increase in the rate of transients than ground motion during windy time.

> Note: these plots show ETMX local ground motion, not LVEA



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Conclusions for windy vs. quiet SEI transient study:

Ultimately, at the optic table the transient motion amplitude per event isn't significantly increased above 10-15Hz, but the rate of transients is greatly increased



Livingston ER6 -Dec 16 lock



LIGO DCC P1500072

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Violin modes caused high trigger rate in inspiral and burst searches



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Seismically quiet part of lock

Logging stretch of lock



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Summary: Terrestrial noise and its impact on generic burst searches

- In previous science runs, seismic noise was a major contributor to glitch pollution of transient GW searches.
- Advanced LIGO seismic isolation instrumentation does mitigate seismic noise, drastically reducing average motion and increasing observation time.
- However, elevated ground motion is still shown to affect DARM by increasing the glitch rate.
- Efforts are underway to tune the instrumentation configuration and control loop settings to better mitigate this.
- ETGs are a critical tool in this effort.

CCSN recovery in realistic noise

Representative results for the same set of waveforms injected into real non-Gaussian data from a prior science run, re-colored to aLIGO design sensitivity



Example outlier event

L1 reconstruction stats: single ifo SNR 17.5, overlap 30%



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Normalized tile energy

Future prospects

This work identified two major areas that need improvement:

- Burst waveform reconstruction algorithms
- Transient noise mitigation

Major efforts in progress ahead of O1 and O2 to address these:

- cWB2G and BayesWave tuning and guided development
- ETG performance testing, tuning, and improvement
- Noise mitigation studies and instrument tuning informed by the data quality needs of the transient GW searches



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Next up:



Extra slides

Core-collapse supernovae



Relative timing of astronomy messengers



Dimmelmeier —slowly rotating



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Dimmelmeier –slowly rotating



Mueller – L15



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Mueller – L15



Timeline: the lead up to the first observing run



Event Trigger Generators

Single-interferometer burst algorithms that identify excess power events well-localized in time and assign a characteristic event time, frequency, and measure of loudness signal-tonoise ratio (SNR)

ETGs tile the data in time and frequency, generally with multiple difference aspect ratios.

The data is projected onto some basis that provides an adequate potential match for a target signal.



The ETG Omicron

- Omicron uses a sine-Gaussian basis which provides low mis-match between burst-like signals and the basis functions.
- Omicron identifies burst events very well especially at higher SNR







Loud WNBs missed by Omicron

- Tend to be higher frequency than ExcessPower loud missed WNBs
- Tend to be more long duration, narrow bandwidth than
 ExcessPower missed WNB events
 Efficiency may be significantly
 improved by accounting for injection
 duration in matching

2048 1024 Frequency [Hz] 512 256 128 64 -0.1 -0.25 -0.15 0.1 0.15 -0.05 ٥ 0.0 0.2 Time [seconds] 20 15 25 5 10 Non-palized tile energy OmicronWNB missed 35 found 2763 10° Injected frequency (Hz) 10^{2} Found injections ××× Missed injections 10^{1} 10^{1} 10^{2}

Injected SNR

H1:FAKE-STRAIN at 1000065850.015 with Q of 49.5

H1:FAKE-STRAIN at 1000096929.992 with Q of 99.7

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Timing resolution

- All ETGs have better timing resolution for SGs (with the exception of BayesWave, which has some timing offset for SGs)
- The Greeks (Omicron, Omega) have comparable timing resolution – the best for both SGs and WNBs

ETG	SG (s)	WNB (s)
Omicron	3.4e-4	9.8e-3
Excess Power	0.014	0.056
DMT Omega	5.4e-4	6.2e-3
BayesWave	0.055	0.045
PCAT	7.9e-4	0.010



Frequency resolution - I

Summary

- All ETGs have more accurate frequency resolution for SGs (BayesWave has some skew for both)
- The Greeks (Omicron, Omega) again have the best resolution for both SG and WNB frequency

There are some noticeable tiling artifacts for **Omicron** and **DMT Omega** SG freq resolution

ETG	SG (Hz)	WNB (Hz)
Omicron	82	152
Excess Power	196	544
DMT Omega	93	150
BayesWave	48	115
PCAT	142	121



Frequency resolution - II

- **ExcessPower** has a strong artifact in frequency resolution for WNBs and SGs
- BayesWave has a skew toward overestimating frequency at lower freq (and underestimating at high freq)
- PCAT seems to have no noticeable artifacts for WNBs or SGs





Missed injections

Omicron

White

noise

bursts

Sine

Excess Power



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