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## Do gravitational waves exist, or not?

Already back in 1905 Henri Poincaré proposed that gravity was transmitted through gravitational waves (ondes gravifiques)!

On February 19, 1916 Einstein wrote in his letter to Karl Schwarzschild : "Since then I have handled Newton's case differently, of course, according to the final theory. Thus there are no gravitational waves analogous to light waves. This probably is also related to the one-sidedness of the sign of the scalar T, incidentally".

In 1936 Einstein wrote to Max Born: "Together with a young collaborator [Rosen], I arrive at the interesting result that gravitational waves do not exist, though they have been assumed a certainty to the first approximation". On June 1 Einstein and Rosen sent an article entitled "Are there any gravitational waves?" to Physical Review but an anonymous referee (Howard P. Robertson) made several negative comments and Einstein withdraw the paper and published it in 1937 with changed content: "The second part of this article was considerably altered by me after the departure to Russia of Mr. Rosen as we had misinterpreted the results of our formula. I want to thank my colleague Professor Robertson for his friendly help in clarifying the original error."

Confusion still continued for many years: "Gravitational waves were to be my subject and Plebański warned me that Infeld did not believe in their existence. Infeld was in Princeton at the time when Einstein, working with Nathan Rosen, came to the conclusion that gravitational waves did not exist"



(Andrzej Trautman - LIGO/Virgo Meeting, Warszawa 5 IX 2019)

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# Side story: A. Einstein, Abbé Lemaître & Big Bang



Abbé Georges Lemaître (b. 1894) between Robert Millikan and Albert Einstein, in California Institute of Technology, Pasadena, January 10, 1933 (Source: UCLouvain)

Einstein said to Lemaître, at the 1927 Solvay Conference: Your calculations are correct, but your physical insight is « tout à fait abominable ». Later Einstein claimed it was inspired « by the Christian dogma of creation, and totally unjustified from the physical point of view ». The old mentor of Lemaître, Eddington added: « The notion of a beginning of the world is repugnant to me ».

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### Warsaw and Gravitation

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After a visit in Warsaw Felix Pirani published his "decisive" article on observables applicable to gravitational waves: On the physical significance of the Riemann tensor by F.A.E. Pirani, Acta Physica Polonica **15**, 389–405 (1956)

International Jablonna Conference on General Relativity and Gravitation was held in Warsaw and Jablonna in 1962. The conference attracted 114 participants, including: P.A.M. Dirac, R.P. Feynman, J.A. Wheeler, P.G. Bergmann, H. Bondi, S. Chandrasekhar, B. DeWitt, V. Ginzburg, D. Ivanenko, A. Lichnerowicz, C. Moller, L. Rosenfeld and J. Weber.





He was the first to theorize that the recession of nearby galaxies can be explained by an expanding universe <sup>[2]</sup> He first derived "Hubble's law", now called the <u>Hubble-Lemaître law</u> by the IAU\_Bie and published the first estimation of the Hubble constant in 1927, two years before Hubble's article <u>transferid</u> Lemaître also proposed the "Big Bang theory" of the origin of the universe, calling it the "hypothesis of the primeval atom".<sup>[1]</sup>

### Warsaw then and now



## General Relativity and Cosmology

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

where  $R_{\mu\nu}$  is the Ricci tensor, R is the Ricci scalar,  $T_{\mu\nu}$  is the energymomentum tensor,  $\Lambda$  is the cosmological constant and  $g_{\mu\nu}$  is the metric tensor which defines the infinitesimal distance element ds between two points  $x^{\mu}$  and  $x^{\mu} + dx^{\mu}$ :  $ds^2 = g_{\mu\nu}x^{\mu}x^{\nu}$ .

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Cosmological implications (in three lines...):

- from homogeneity and isotropy one gets the FLRW metric (for flat Universe):  $ds^2 = a(t)^2(dr^2 + r^2d\Omega^2) - c^2dt^2$ , where a(t) is the scale factor at a given time
- from the Einstein equation  $a(t) = a_0(t/t_0)^{\frac{2}{3(w+1)}}$  where w = 0 for the ٠ matter dominated and = 1/3 for radiation dominated universe
- cosmological "redshift" means wavelength increase:  $\frac{\lambda_{now}}{\lambda_{then}} = \frac{a_{now}}{a_{then}} = 1 + z$

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### Gravitational waves

In weak field, linear approximation:  $g_{\mu 
u} = \eta_{\mu 
u} + h_{\mu 
u}$  where  $\eta_{\mu 
u}$  accounts for flat space without gravity – Minkowski metric, and  $h_{\mu
u}$  is very small –  $|h_{\mu
u}| \ll 1$ . Far from any sources the plane wave solution is (in Transverse-Traceless gauge):

 $h_{\times}(t) = -2A_{\rm GW}(t)\cos\iota\sin\phi_{\rm GW}(t),$ 

 $h_+(t) = A_{
m GW}(t)(1+\cos^2 \iota)\cos\phi_{
m GW}(t),$  where  $A_{
m GW}$  and  $\phi_{
m GW}$  are the GW amplitude and phase, matrix is the transfer of th and for a binary viewed face-on (cos  $\iota = \pm 1$ ) GWs are circularly polarized, whereas for a binary observed edge-on (cos  $\iota$  = 0), GWs are linearly polarized





### Gravitational (exact) waveforms

In 2005 a key theoretical breakthrough took place\*: it became possible numerically to solve **exactly** the problem of GW radiation by black hole binary systems – it was therefore possible to predict very precisely the gravitational waveform – **before and through** the black hole merger until the **ringdown** (nota bene: neutron stars are much more complex objects themselves with tidal deformations etc.).



No-hair theorem states that a (non-charged) black hole is completely characterized by its mass and angular momentum (spin).

As the orbit shrinks and the GW frequency grows rapidly, the GW phase is increasingly influenced by relativistic effects related to the **mass ratio**, as well as spin-orbit and spin-spin couplings.

From the GW signal alone one can directly measure the *luminosity distance*, but **not** the redshift.



### Resonant bar detectors





# International Gravitational Event Collaboration

# Laser Interferometers as GW antennas

First explicit suggestion, but quickly forgotten, of a laser interferometer GW detector was outlined in the USSR by Gertsenshtein&Pustovoid in 1962 (!). In the 1970s, R. Weiss at MIT conceived the idea of building such a detector, inspired by an article written by F. Pirani, and in 1978 K. Thorne offered to **Ronald Drever** a job at Caltech – the rest is history...



# Optimal arm length (S. Hild)





# The most precise (distance) measurement ever

The simplest\* measurement principle – one determines h(t) just from variation in time of the relative distance  $\Delta L/L$ , but the achieved sensitivity, (much) better than  $10^{-21}$ , is simply mind-blowing:

- 10<sup>-21</sup> is equivalent to the relative error of determining the distance to the *α* Centauri of 4.4 light-years with precision of hair-width (≈ 40 µm) or,
- it is equivalent to the relative error of determining the Earth-Sun distance with precision of atom-size (1.5 Å) gravitating at the second seco

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\*) Except for the data analysis – fitting proper waveforms is still a huge challenge both theoretically and computing wise (CPU!)



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## First observation of a merger of two black holes

"On 11 February, the LIGO collaboration announced that it had made the first detection of gravitational waves from a black-hole merger that occurred about 400 million parsecs (1.3 [1.4\*] billion light years) from Earth. [...] To extract as much information as possible, the researchers then performed lengthy supercomputer simulations, Allen says. These confirmed that the data beautifully matched the predictions of Einstein's general theory of relativity in 1915, and the theoretical work that in the past few decades has led physicists to understand the theory's implications in fine detail.

From the waveforms, the researchers were able to deduce that one black hole was about **36** [**35**] times the mass of the Sun, and the other was about **29** [**30**] solar masses."





### A proper game changer

#### GW170817: Observation of Gravitational Waves from a Binary Neutron Star Inspiral

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(LIGO Scientific Collaboration and Virgo Collaboration)

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On August 17, 2017 at 12:41:04 UTC the Advanced LIGO and Advanced Virgo gravitational-wave detectors made their first observation of a binary neutron star inspiral. The signal, GW170817, was detected with a combined signal-to-noise ratio of 32.4 and a false-alarm-rate estimate of less than one per 8.0 × 10<sup>4</sup> years. We infer the component masses of the binary to be between 0.86 and 2.26  $M_{\odot}$ , in agreement with masses of known neutron stars. Restricting the component spins to the range inferred in binary neutron stars, we find the component masses to be in the range 1.17–1.60  $M_{\odot}$ , with the total mass of the system 2.74 $^{+0.16}_{-0.01}M_{\odot}$ . The source was localized within a sky region of 28 deg<sup>2</sup> 090% probability) and had a luminosity distance of 40 $^{+1}_{-14}$  Mpc, the closest and most precisely localized gravitational-wave signal yet. The association with the  $\gamma$ -ray burst GRB 170817A, detected by Fermi-GBM 1.7 s after the coalescence, corrobortes the hypothesis of a neutron star merger and provides the first direct evidence of a link between these mergers and short  $\gamma$ -ray burst. Subsequent identification of this event as a neutron star merger. This unprecedented joint gravitational and electromagnetic observation provides insight into astrophysics, dense mater, gravitation, and cosmology.

Reminder: a BH merger is (usually) a **purely** gravitational phenomenon, in contrast, a NS merger involves **all** types of interactions  $\Rightarrow$  "pros/cons" = complementarity

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# THE top scientific picture of XXI century

The gravitational wave signal GW170817 lasted for approximately 100 seconds starting from a frequency of 24 Hz. It covered approximately 3,000 cycles, increasing in amplitude and frequency to a few hundred Hz in the proper inspiral chirp pattern. It arrived first at the Virgo detector in Italy, then 22 milliseconds later at the LIGO-Livingston detector in Louisiana, and another 3 milliseconds later at the LIGO-Hanford detector in Washington.

The first electromagnetic signal detected was GRB170B17A, a short gamma-ray burst, detected 1.7440.05 s after the merger time and lasting for about 2 seconds. GRB170B17A was discovered by the Fermi Gamma-ray Space Telescope, and the difference in arrival time between Fermi and INTEGRAL helped to improve the sky localization. This GRB was relatively faint given the proximity of the host galaxy NGC4993.

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# Brief history of funding success/struggles



aLIGO funded by NSF (\$205M + \$15M UK, \$15M Germany, \$5M Australia, or so) – Virgo by CNRS + INFN (nuclear/particle physics), Poland joined in 2008 (PolGraw) 15/1/21 K. Piotrzkowski 23





American *Cosmic Explorer* probably will be a 40 km L "on-ground" (± 30 m...) 1/21 K. Plotrzkowski

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Two sites considered for ET: BDN border + Sardinia

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ETpathfinder: future "CERN for GW"?



#### Polska i Teleskop Einsteina ted activities in Poland are conducted within the Polish ET PARTICLE ASTROPHYSICS SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY CENTRE ASTROCENT m led by the University of Warsaw, with the following members: N pernicus Astro mical Center, National Center for Nuclear Research, Institute of Mathematics (Polish Academy of Science), Białystok University and Wars Technology. Prof. Tomasz Bulik (University of Warsaw and AstroCeNT NCAC) is the coordinator of the Consortium and a member of the Einstein Telescope Steerin tee. The teams are led by: prof. Dorota Rosińska (University of Warsaw), pro Michał Beiger (NCAC) prof. Marek Biesiada (NCNB) The Einstein Telescope: a new stage in the development of gravitational wave The proposal to include the Einstein Telescope, a pioneering thirdgeneration gravitational-wave (GW) observatory, in the 2021 update of the European Strategic Forum for Research Infrastructures (ESERI) roadmar has been submitted. The ESFRI roadmap describes the future major research infrastructures in Europe. The Einstein Telescope (ET) is the m ambitious project for a future terrestrial observatory for GWs. The amazing scientific achievements of Advanced Virgo (in Europe) and Advanced LIGO (in the USA) in the last 5 years initiated the era of GW astronomy. The adventure began with the first direct detection of https://astrocent.camk.edu.pl/?p=3609 ET developments have highly interdisciplinary character as they involve enormous challenges as well as opportunities across many cutting-edge technologies related to: foundations of quantum physics and laser physics, nanolayers and material science, cryogenics and very

foundations of quantum physics and laser physics, nanolayers and material science, cryogenics and very high vacuum, ultra-precise sensing and metrology, geophysics and ultra-high mechanical isolation techniques, machine learning and control systems, deep statistical reasoning and computing challenges

GW antennas – where Gravity meets Quantum Physics! K. Piotrzkowski

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#### **Highlights of ET science** Astrophysics Fundamental physics and cosmology **Black hole properties** The nature of compact objects origin (stellar vs. primordial) near-horizon physics evolution, populations tests of no-hair theorem exotic compact objects Neutron star properties • Tests of General Relativity - interior structure (QCD at ultra-high densities, - post-Newtonian expansion exotic states of matter) strong field regime populations • Dark matter Multi-messenger astronomy primordial BHs - joint GW/EM observations (GRB, kilonova,...) - axion clouds, dark matter accreting - multiband GW detection (LISA) · Dark energy and modifications of gravity neutrinos - DE equation of state modified GW propagation Detection of new astrophysical sources Stochastic backgrounds of cosmological - core collapse supernovae origin and connections with high-energy isolated neutron stars physics stochastic background of astrophysical origin inflation – phase transitions – cosmic strings - ...

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# Outlook, and a lesson from the past?

In 15-20 years the number of GW detections will be truly gigantic – we might suffer from that, as already did in the past: Willis Lamb, in his **1955** Nobel Prize Lecture, joked that he had heard it said that "the finder of a new elementary particle used to be rewarded by a Nobel Prize, but such a discovery now ought to be punished by a 10,000 dollar fine."





# (Extremely) Bright future for GW science

# Z ostatniej chwili...

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#### The NANOGrav 12.5 yr Data Set: Search for an Isotropic Stochastic Gravitational-wave Background

#### 6.2. Astrophysical Implications

The first hint of a signal from our analysis of NG12 is indeed tantalizing. However, without definite evidence for HD correlations in the recovered common-spectrum process, there is little we can say about the physical origin of this signal.

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# Dziękuję za uwagę!



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