

Testing GR with Time Domain Waveforms

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Outline / Motivation

- Gravitational waves from compact binary inspirals provide strong tests of GR (black hole binaries: $v/c \sim 0.3$)
- Want to check GR: if wrong, then all our parameter estimation is wrong
- Among possible ways to test GR: test PN coefficients
- A lot of work in this has already been done in context of aLIGO and classic LISA by Nico, Frans, Neil, .. : parametrized post-Einsteinian (ppE) scheme - frequency domain waveform with generically perturbed PN coefficients
- Wanted to use a modified time domain waveform to this end
PN Expansion $\xrightarrow{\text{LUC}}$ TD waveform $\xrightarrow{\text{FFT}}$ FD waveform $\xrightarrow{(\dots)}$ Data Analysis
- Aim: investigate effect of possible L3 mission configurations on our ability to test GR (focus on arm length, number of links)

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Check waveform
only for certain
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← **direct test**

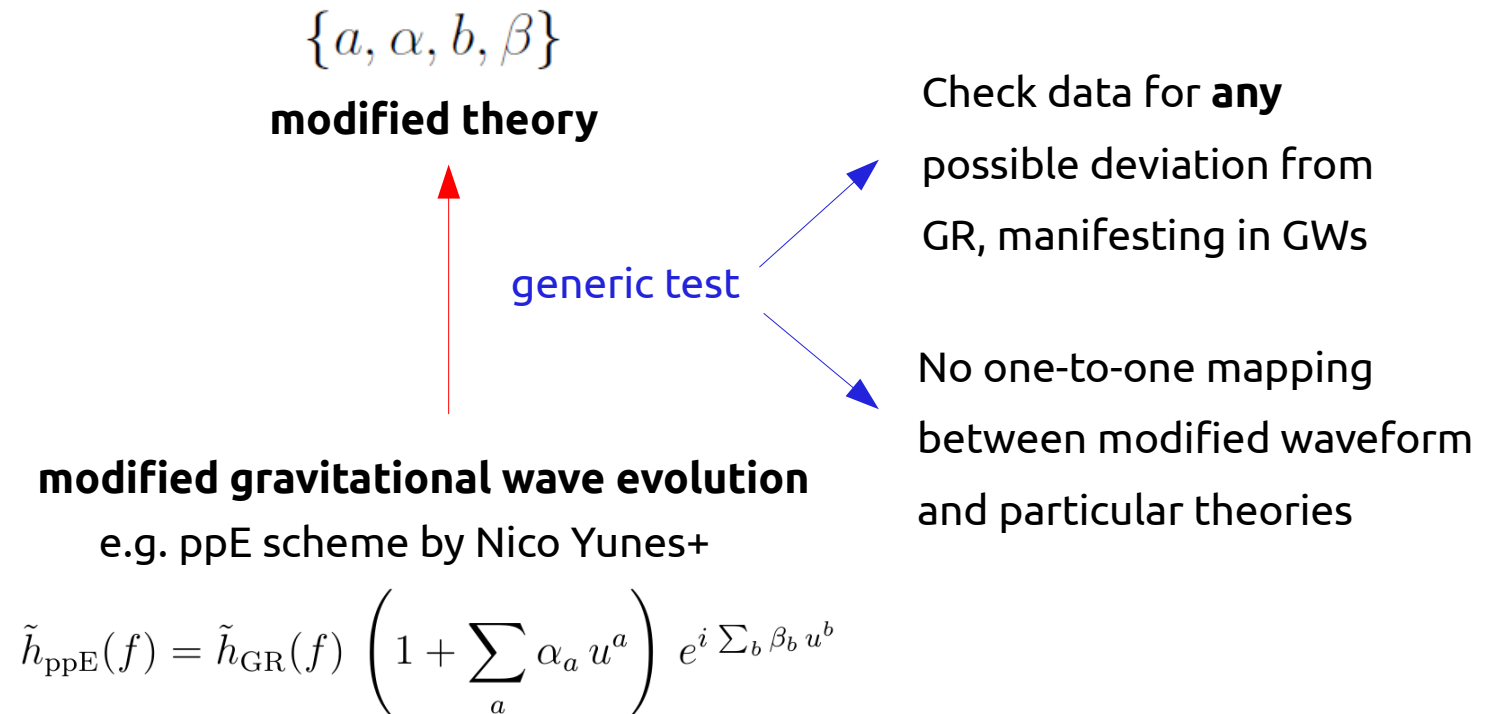


modified gravitational wave evolution

$$\tilde{h} \sim \tilde{h}^{GR} \left[1 - 4i\Psi_{CS} \frac{F_+^2 + F_\times^2 \zeta (1 + \zeta^2)}{F_+^2 (1 + \zeta^2)^2 + 4F_\times^2 \zeta^2} \right]$$

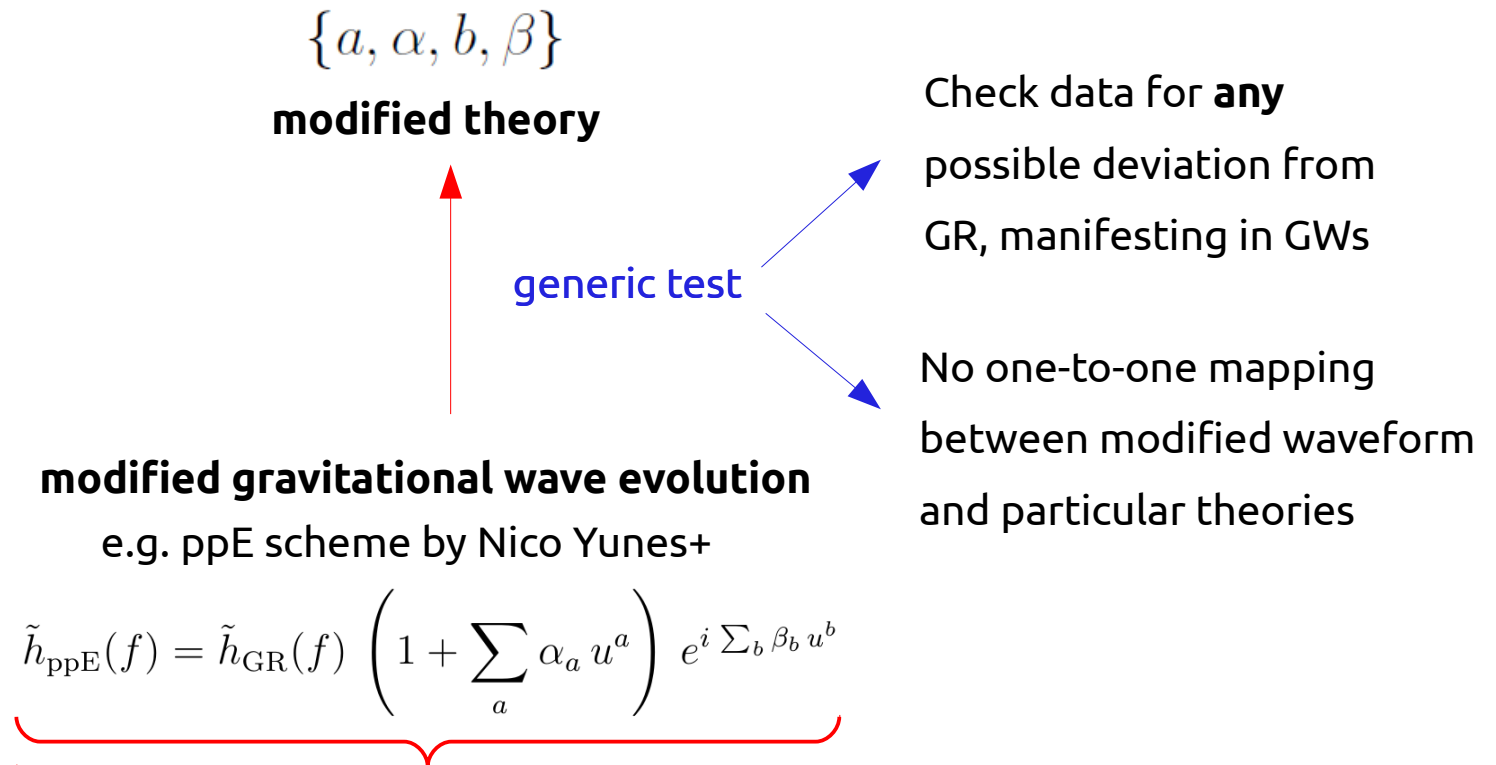
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→ Works in frequency domain, motivated with the SPA of the Fourier integral

➡ Time domain is closer to theory, what about a time domain GR testing framework?

Waveform models

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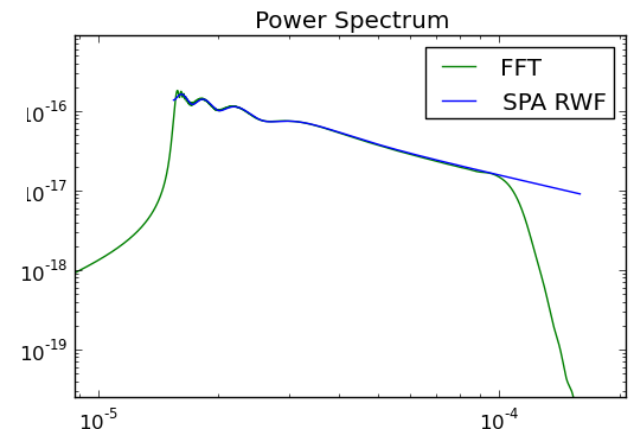
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Stationary Phase Approximation (at dominant harmonic)

$$\tilde{h}(f) = \int dt e^{2\pi i f t} h(t) \approx \frac{\mathcal{A}[t(f)]}{2\sqrt{\dot{F}(t)|_{t=t(f)}}} e^{i\Psi(f)}$$

$$\Psi(f) = 2\pi f t(f) - 2\Phi[t(f)] - \frac{\pi}{4}$$



Modified waveforms

Frequency domain (ppE scheme)

$$\tilde{h}_{\text{ppE}}(f) = \tilde{h}_{\text{GR}}(f) \left(1 + \sum_a \alpha_a u^a \right) e^{i \sum_b \beta_b u^b} \quad u = \frac{G\mathcal{M}}{c^3} \pi f$$

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Time Domain (proposal)

$$\Phi_{\text{NGR}}(\Theta) = \Phi_{\text{GR}}(\Theta) - \frac{1}{\eta} \sum_i \alpha_i \Theta^{\frac{5-2i}{8}}$$

(no amplitude correction)

$$\omega_{\text{NGR}}(\Theta) = \omega_{\text{GR}}(\Theta) + \frac{c^3}{8GM} \sum_i \frac{5-2i}{5} \alpha_i \Theta^{\frac{-3-2i}{8}}$$

(i = 0, 1/2, 1, 3/2, 2)

up to 2PN order

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- A lot of theory work in context of ppE scheme has been done by Nico, Neil, ..
Is there a way to relate modified time domain waveforms to the ppE framework?

could also be sum of multiple corrections

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \Psi_{\text{ppE}}(u) &= \Psi_{\text{GR}}(u) + \overbrace{\beta_b u^b} \\ \Phi_{\text{NGR}}(\Theta) &= \Phi_{\text{GR}}(\Theta) - \frac{1}{\eta} \sum_i \alpha_i \Theta^{\frac{5-2i}{8}} \end{aligned} \right\} \alpha_i(b, \beta) = ?$$

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$\mathcal{A}_0 = 0$

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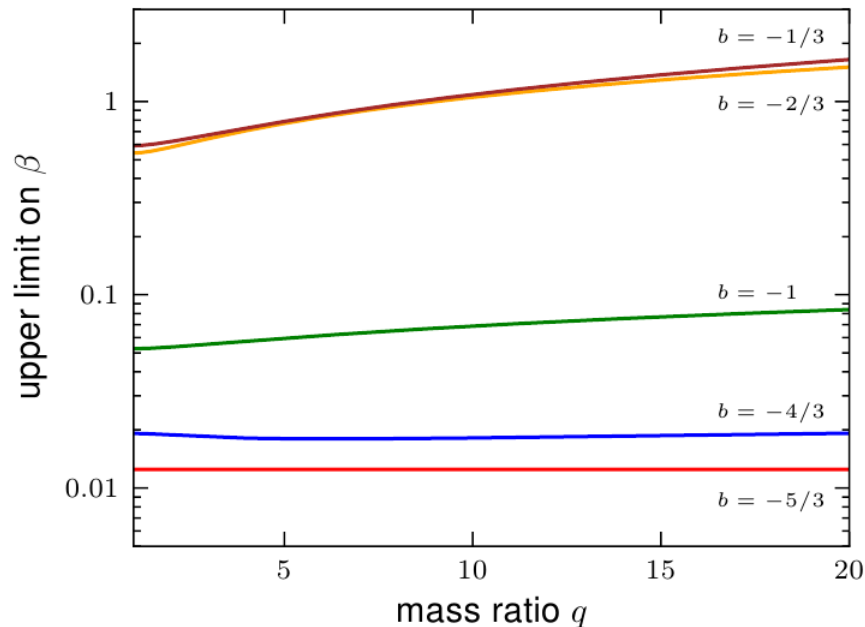
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	0PN	0.5PN	1PN	1.5PN	2PN
b	-5/3	-4/3	-1	-2/3	-1/3
α_0	16β	0	0	0	0
$\alpha_{1/2}$	0	$8\beta\eta^{1/5}$	0	0	0
α_1	$-16\beta\Phi_1$	0	$4\beta\eta^{2/5}$	0	0
$\alpha_{3/2}$	$-\frac{32}{3}\beta\Phi_{3/2}$	$-\frac{32}{5}\beta\Phi_1\eta^{1/5}$	0	$2\beta\eta^{3/5}$	0
α_2	$16\beta \left(\frac{4}{5}\Phi_1^2 - \frac{1}{3}\Phi_2 \right)$	$-\frac{64}{15}\beta\Phi_{3/2}\eta^{1/5}$	$-\frac{12}{5}\beta\Phi_1\eta^{2/5}$	0	$\beta\eta^{4/5}$

Regime of validity I

- Used linear approximation to derive $\alpha_i(b, \beta)$
- In order for the framework to stay a perturbation of GR, require $\frac{\alpha_i}{\Phi_i} < 0.2$
- For $\alpha_i(b, \beta)$ this gives different 'upper limits' on β , depending on b



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Regime of validity II

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→ Evaluate the residual

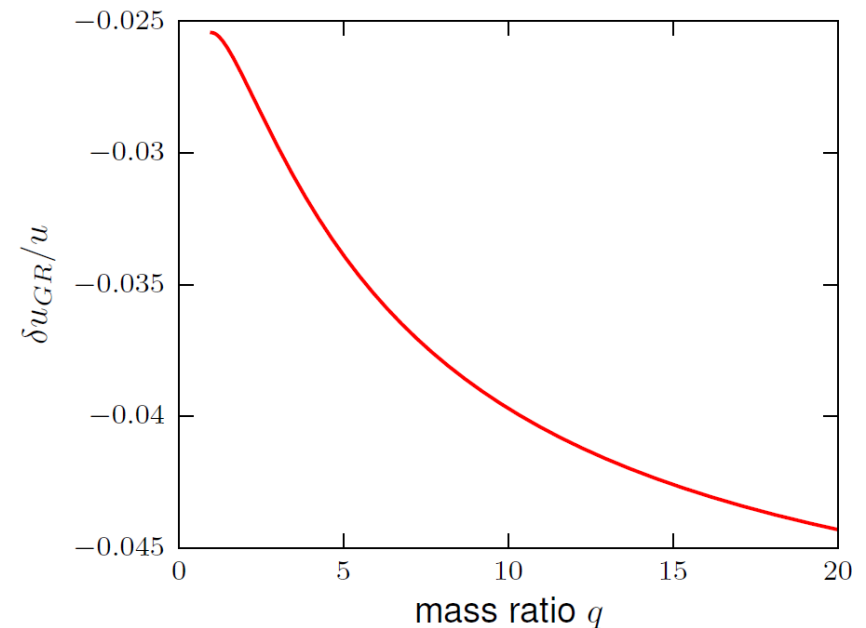
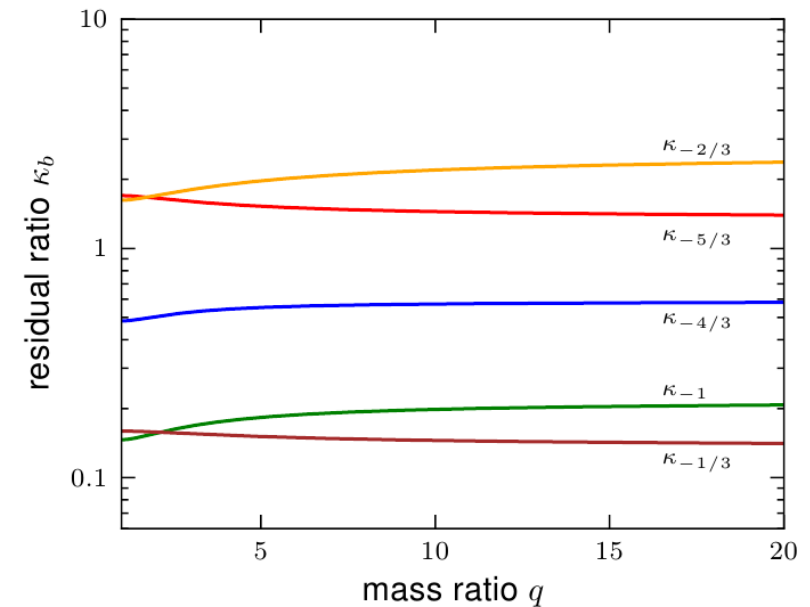
$$u[\Theta(u)] = u + \delta u(u)$$

$$\delta u = \delta u_{\text{GR}} + \delta u_{\text{NGR}}$$

→ Compute the ratio

$$\kappa_b = \left. \frac{\delta u_{\text{NGR}}(u_{\text{max}})}{\delta u_{\text{GR}}(u_{\text{max}})} \right|_{\beta=\beta_{\text{max}}(b)}$$

→ Looks alright!



Summary

- Modified time domain waveforms are more natural to use than modified 'frequency domain' waveforms (SPA).
- Modified time domain waveforms can be related with modified frequency domain waveforms (ppE) by employing the SPA in good approximation.
- Will add 5 theory parameters: $9+5 = 14$ dimensional parameter space for non-spinning binaries
- Stay tuned for parameter estimation simulations!