

A new method for extracting gravitational wave: BH ringdown mode search using Auto-Regressive method



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Outline & Summary

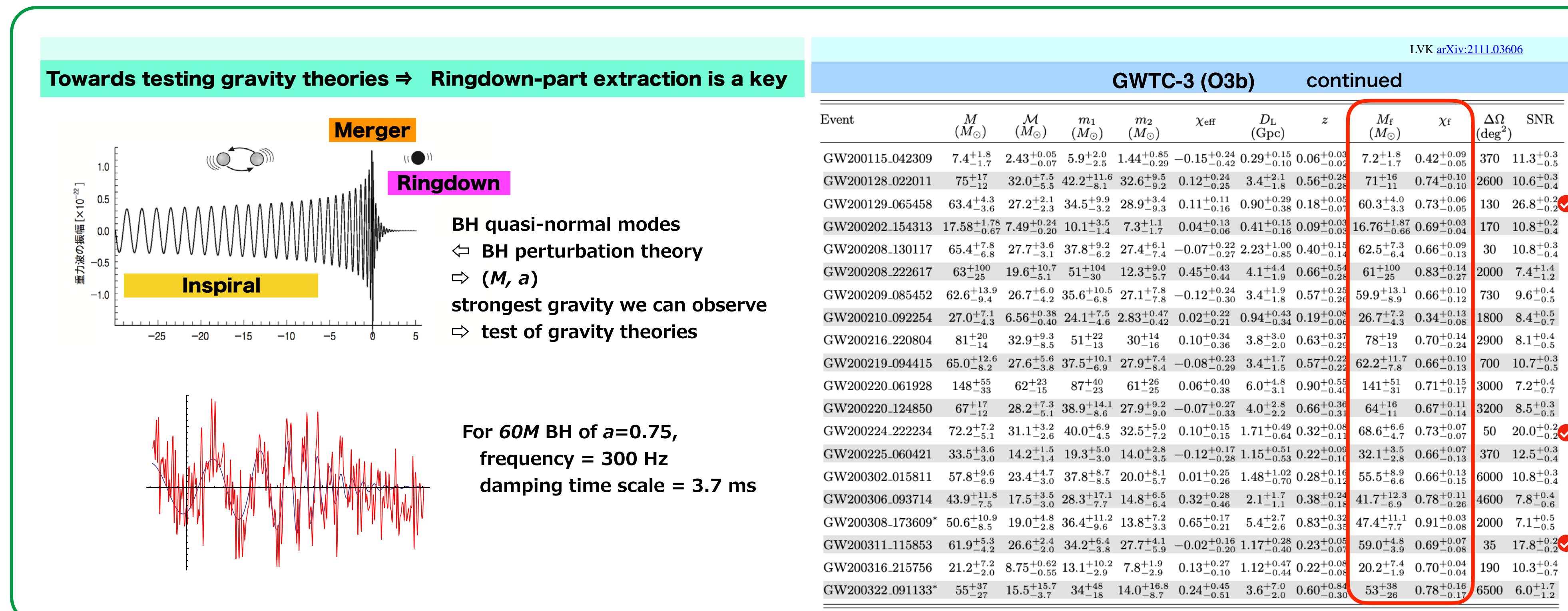
The ring-down part of gravitational waves in the final stage of merger of compact objects tells us the nature of strong gravity which can be used for testing the theories of gravity. The ring-down wave, however, fades out in a very short time with a few cycles, and hence it is challenging for gravitational wave data analysis to extract the ringdown frequency and its damping time scale.

We develop a new method, the autoregressive modeling (AR) approach, which extracts waveform by fitting a linear function from bare data. It works well for small number of data points, and does not require any templates. After obtaining the best parameters using mockdata, we applied this method for black-hole merger events of the LIGO/Virgo/KAGRA O3 catalog (GWTC-3). We find that for high SNR events, we can extract ring-down waves properly.

The identified ringdown modes are around those reported in GWTC-3, i.e. no significant deviations from the modes predicted by general relativity.

This method should work for extracting higher modes of ring-down waves, but we do not find them yet.

Motivation & O3 data



Mockdata Comparison

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Mockdata preparation

SXS data + shifted ringdown injection + aLIGO noise
modified after t_{merger} (set A) 60 set
modified before/after t_{merger} (set B) 60 set

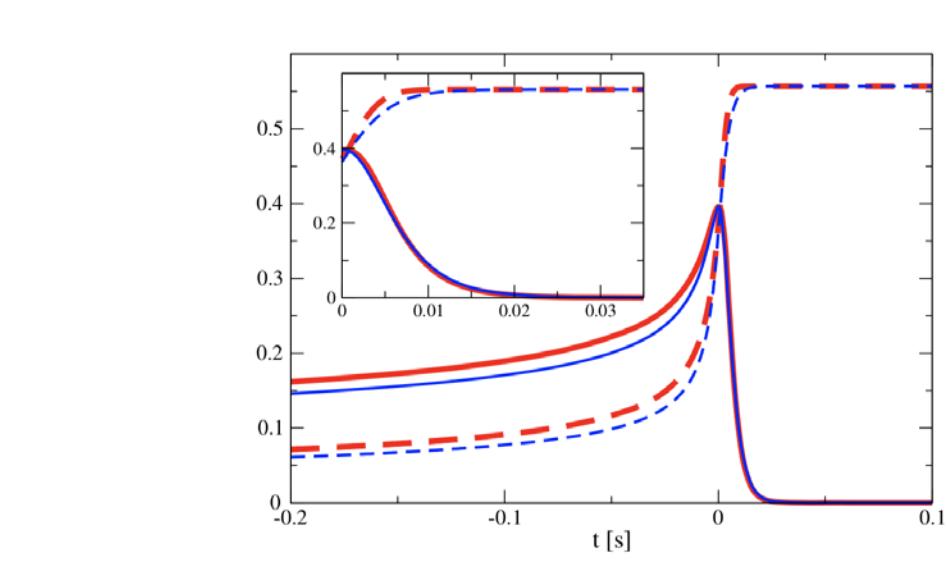


FIG. 1. Examples of set A (red shaded) vs SXS-BH0002 (blue) and set B (blue) with SXS-BH0002 ringdown shown. The solid lines denote the modified amplitude $\tilde{A}_2(t)$, and the dashed lines are the GW frequency $\omega_2(t)/2\pi$. The total mass is $M = 60M_\odot$, and the real and imaginary parts of the ringdown frequency and 40 Hz noise are randomly assigned by multiplying by 535.69 Hz, and the real amplitude of set A is derived by dividing by 210.78 Hz. The large difference is due to the difference of the binary parameters.

https://gw-genesis.scphys.kyoto-u.ac.jp/ilias/goto_root_fold_669.html
<http://www.oit.ac.jp/is/shinkai/mockdatachallenge/>

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