

Gravitational waves from compact binary mergers

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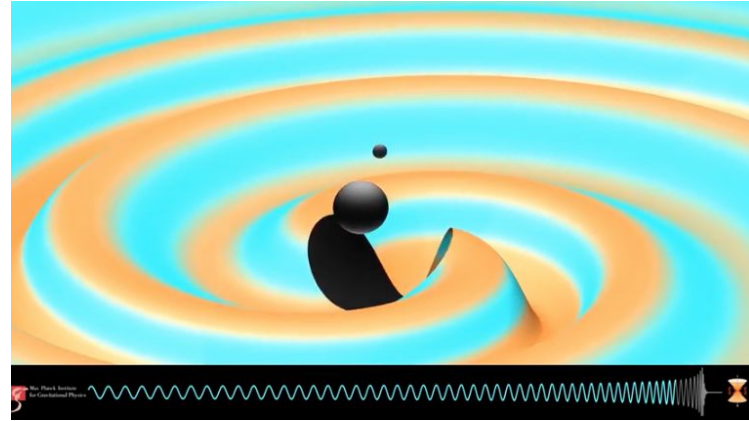


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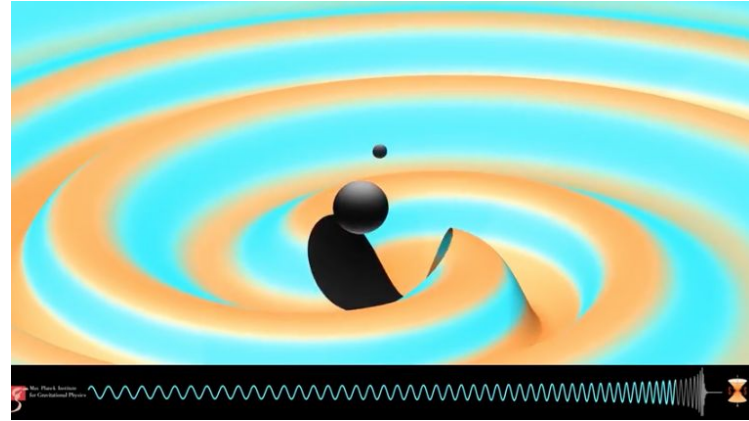
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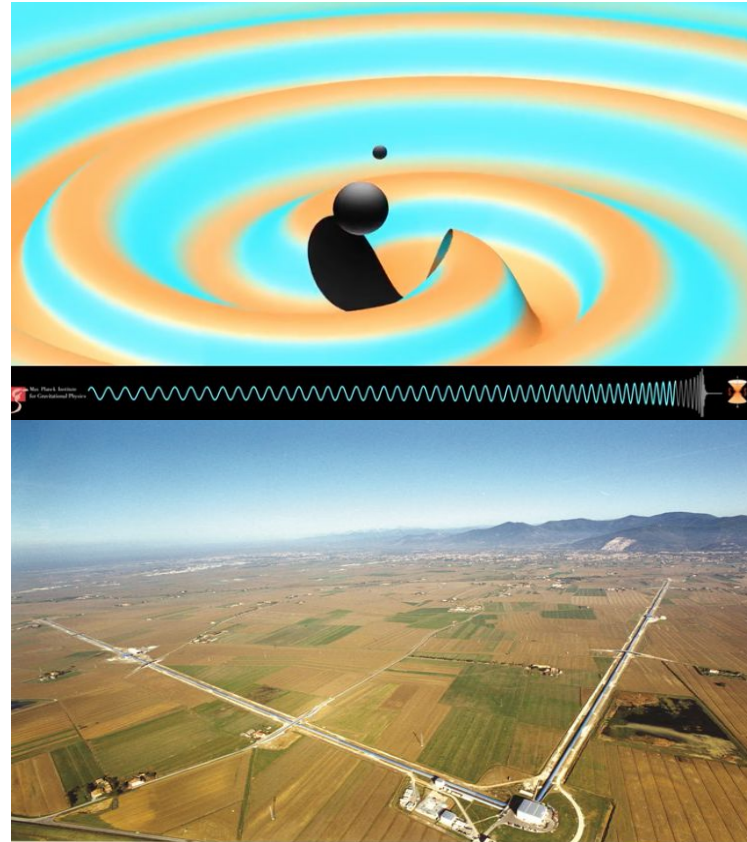
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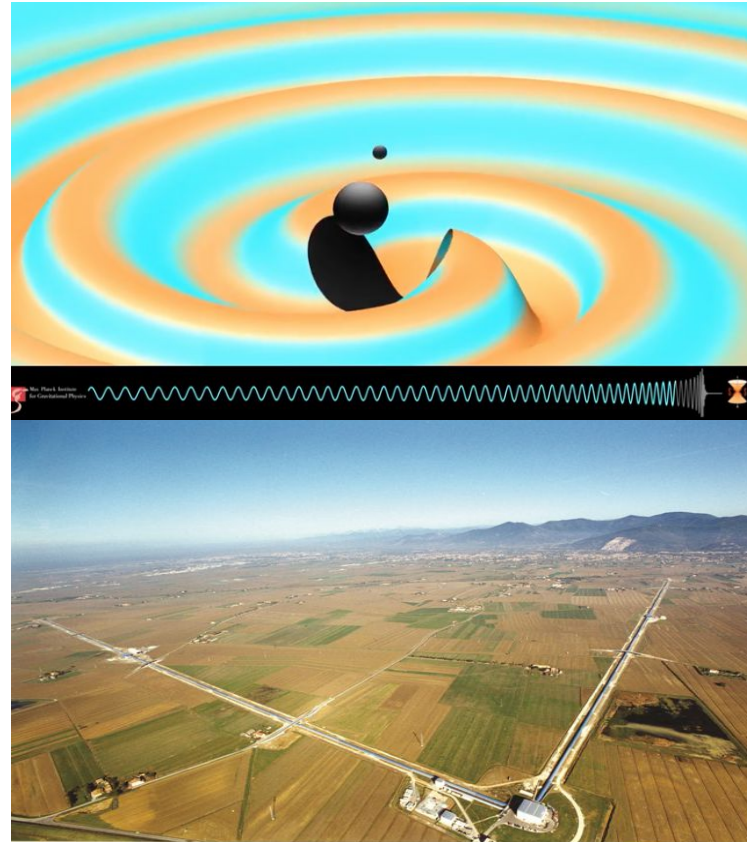
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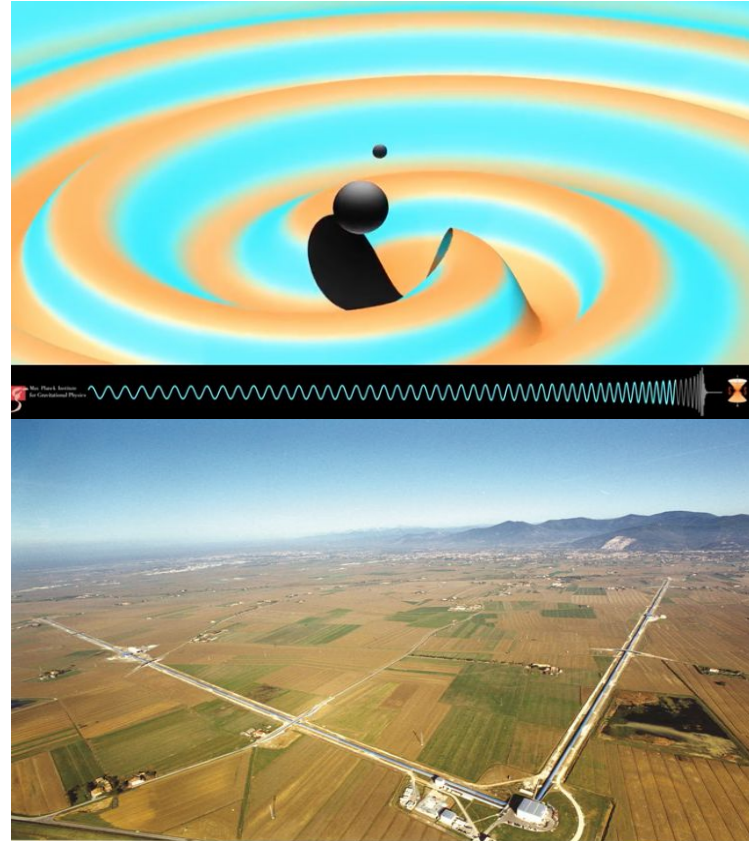
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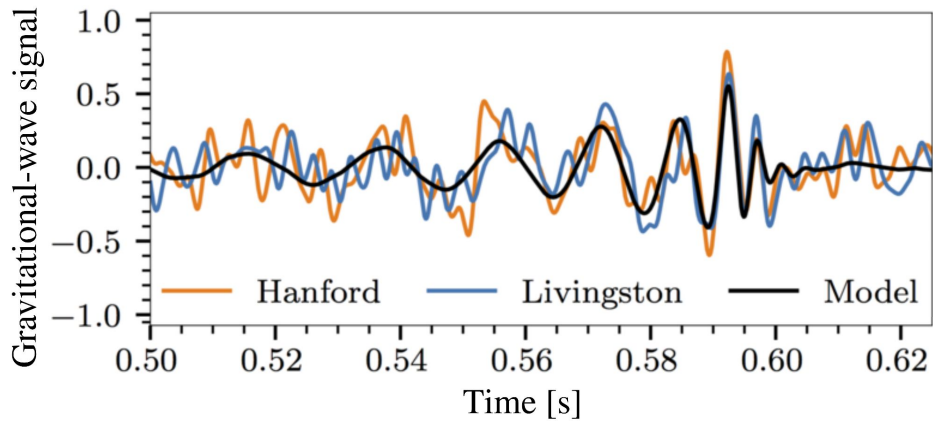
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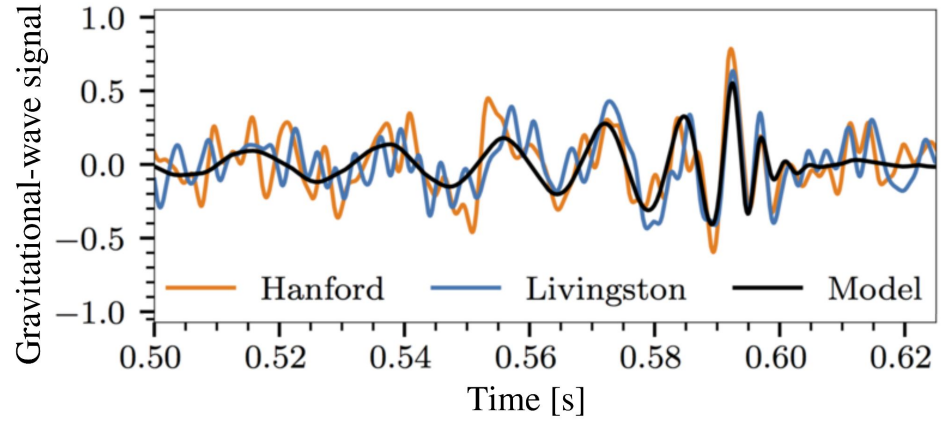
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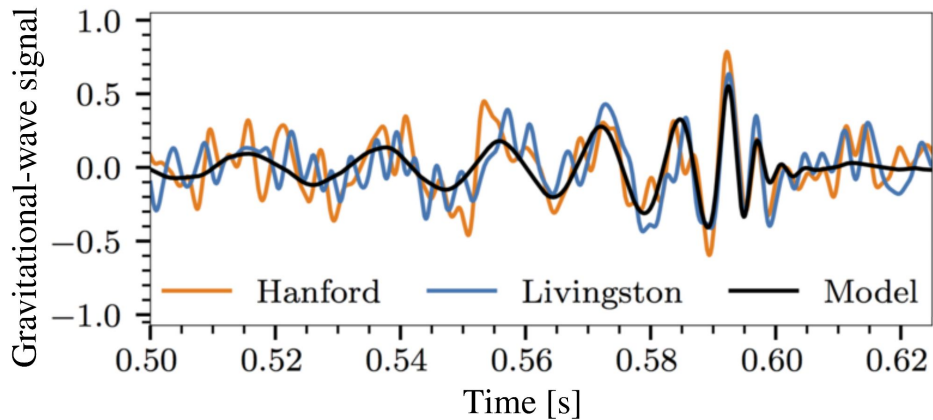
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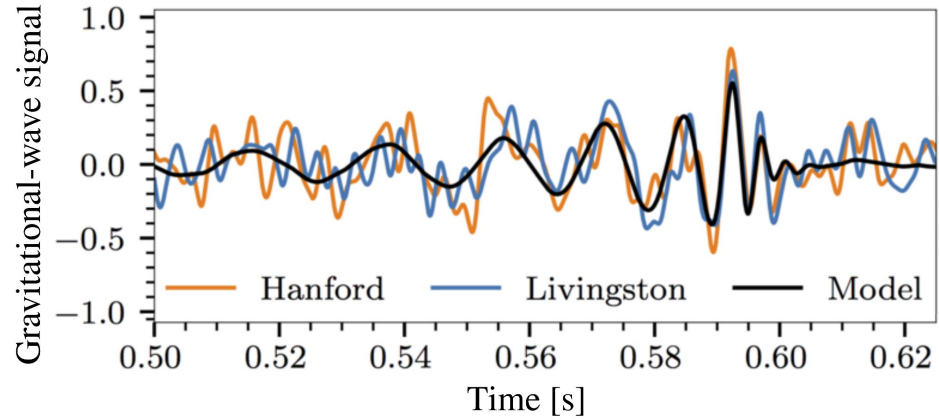
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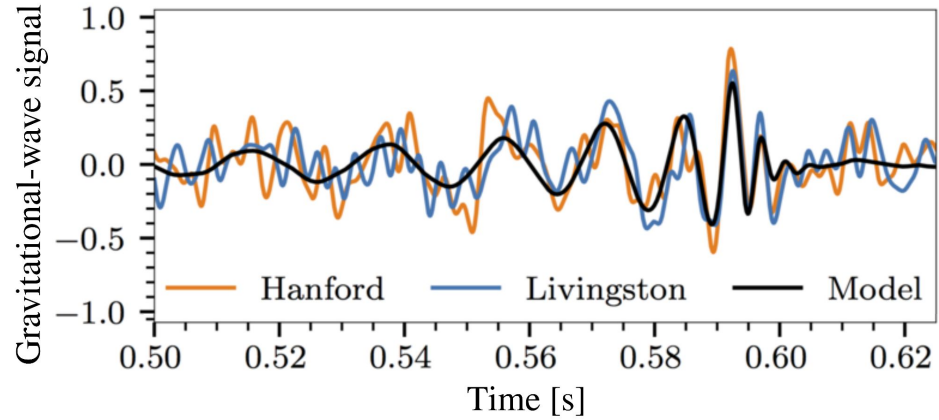
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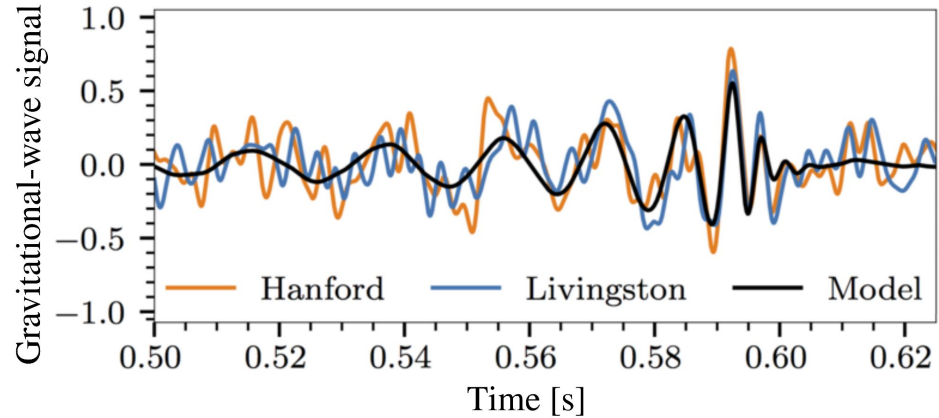
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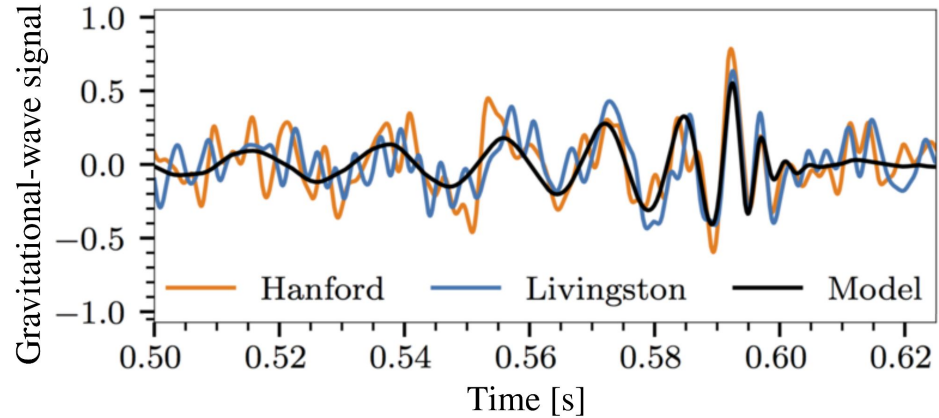
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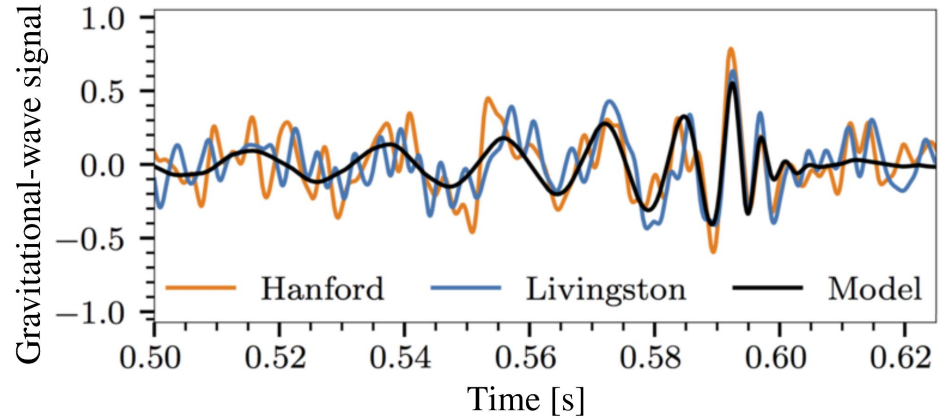


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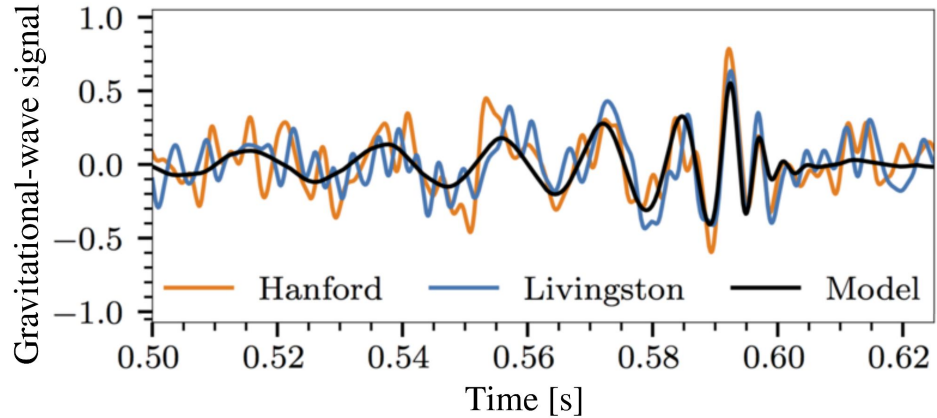


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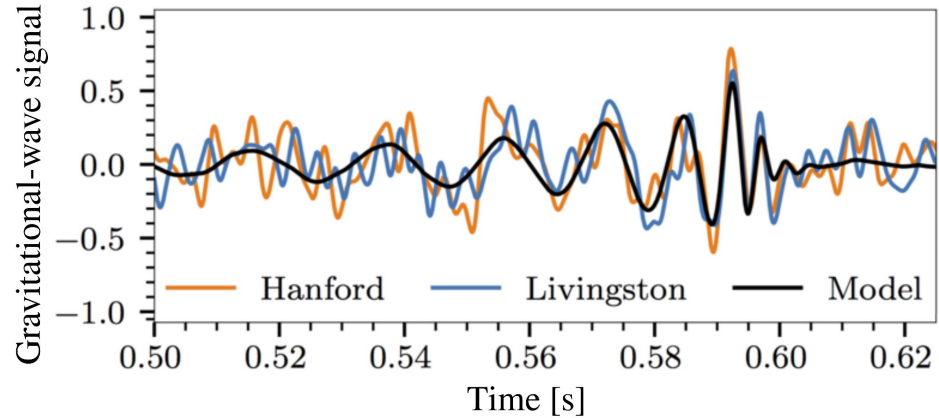
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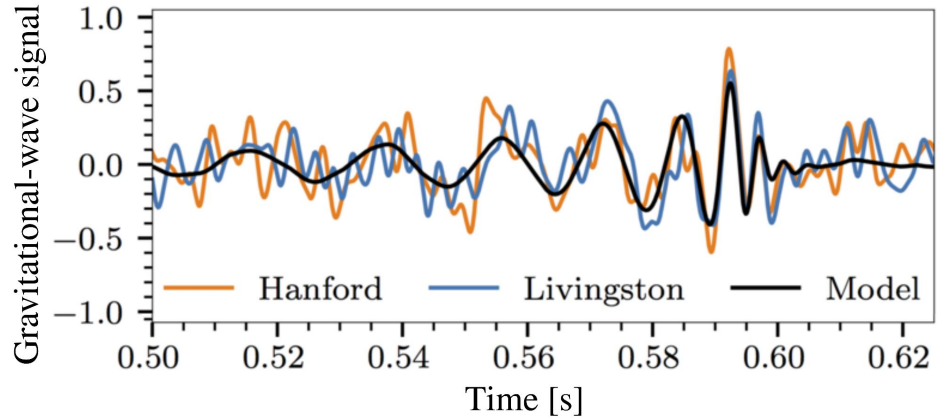
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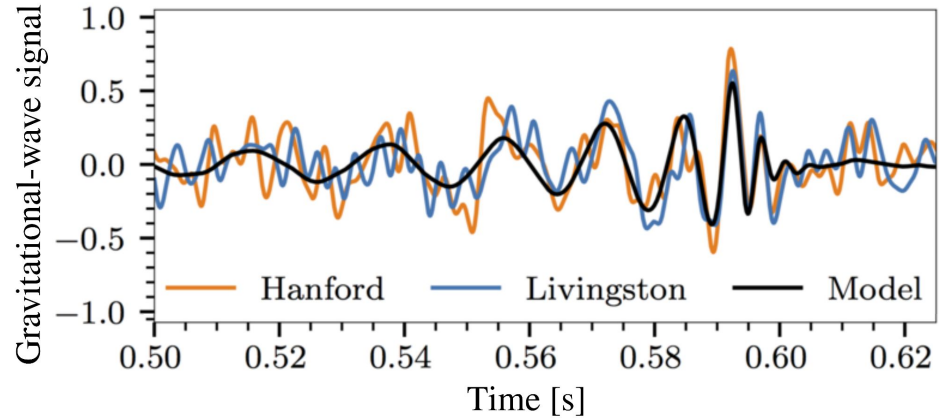
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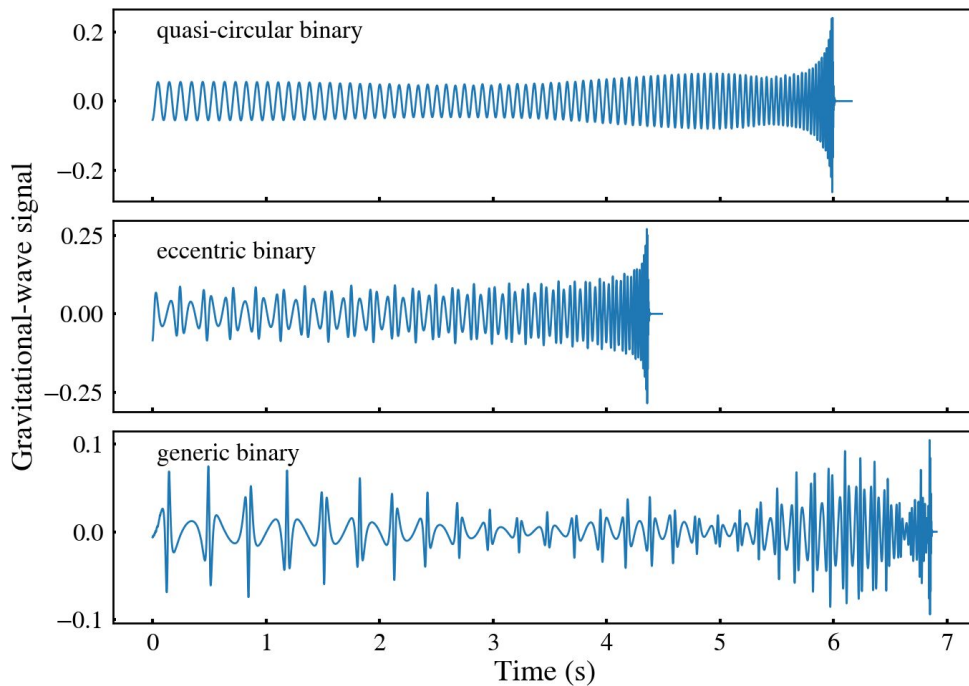
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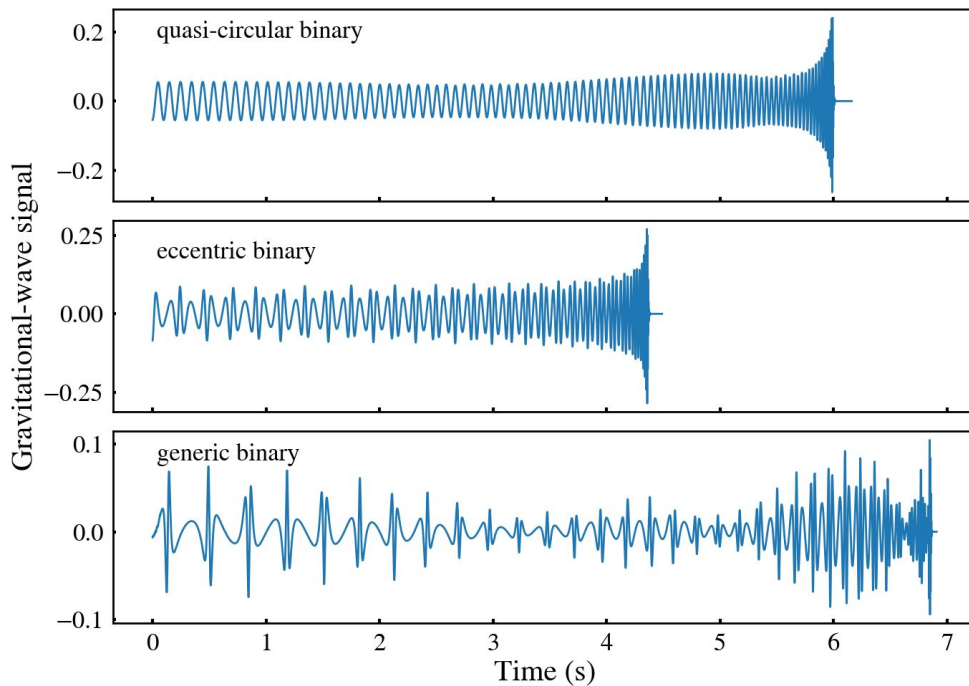
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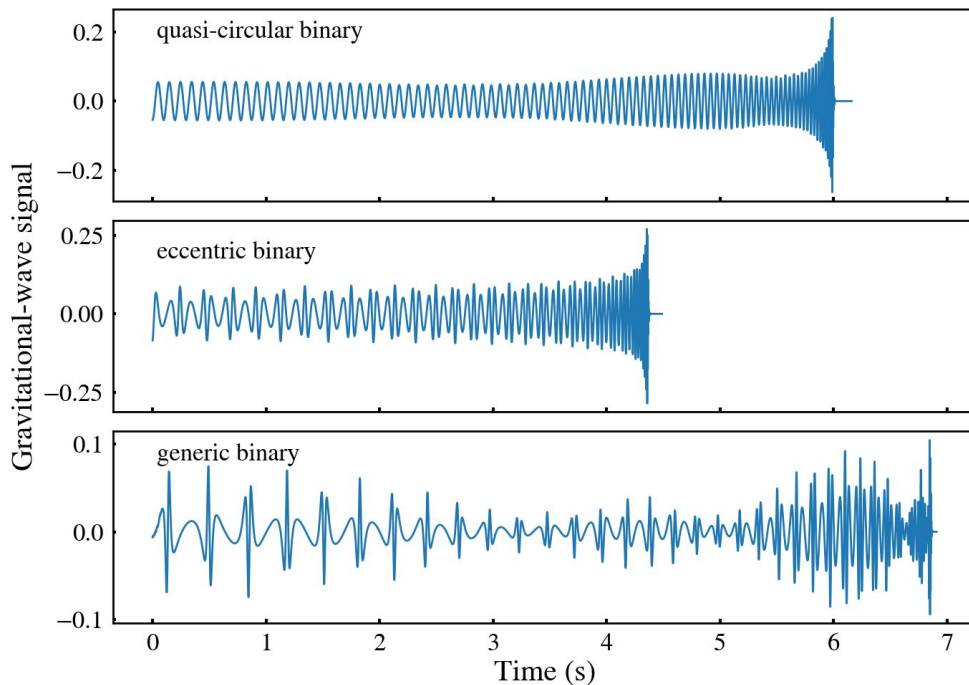
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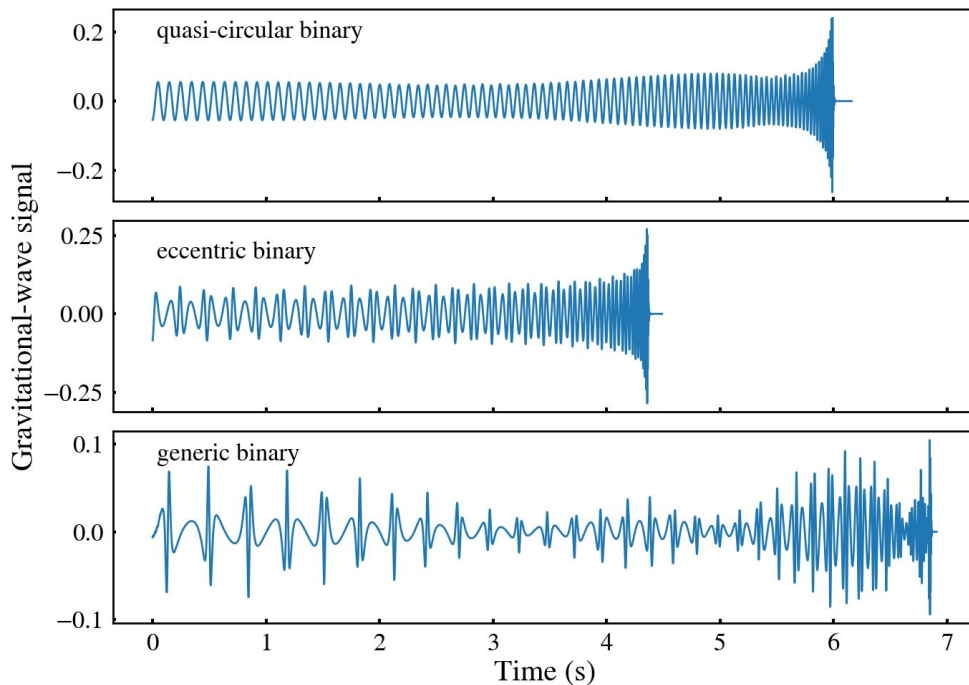
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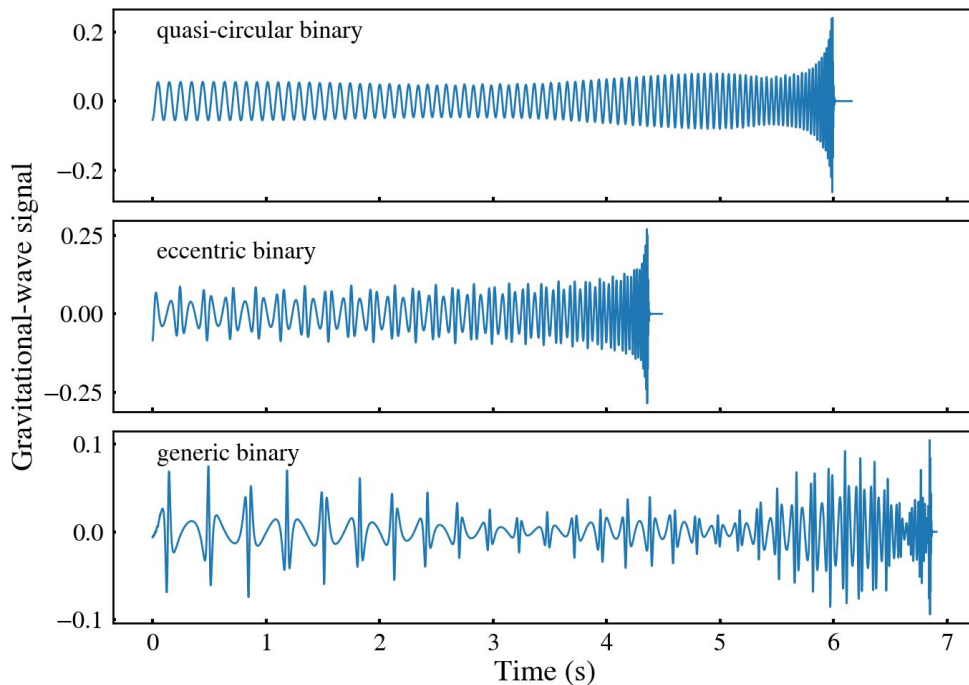


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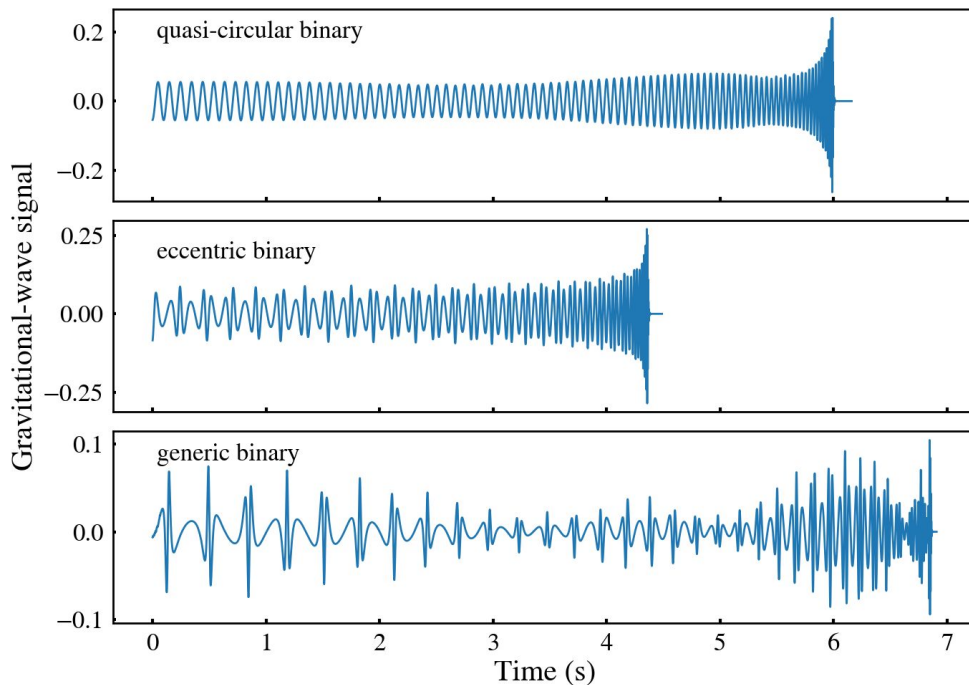


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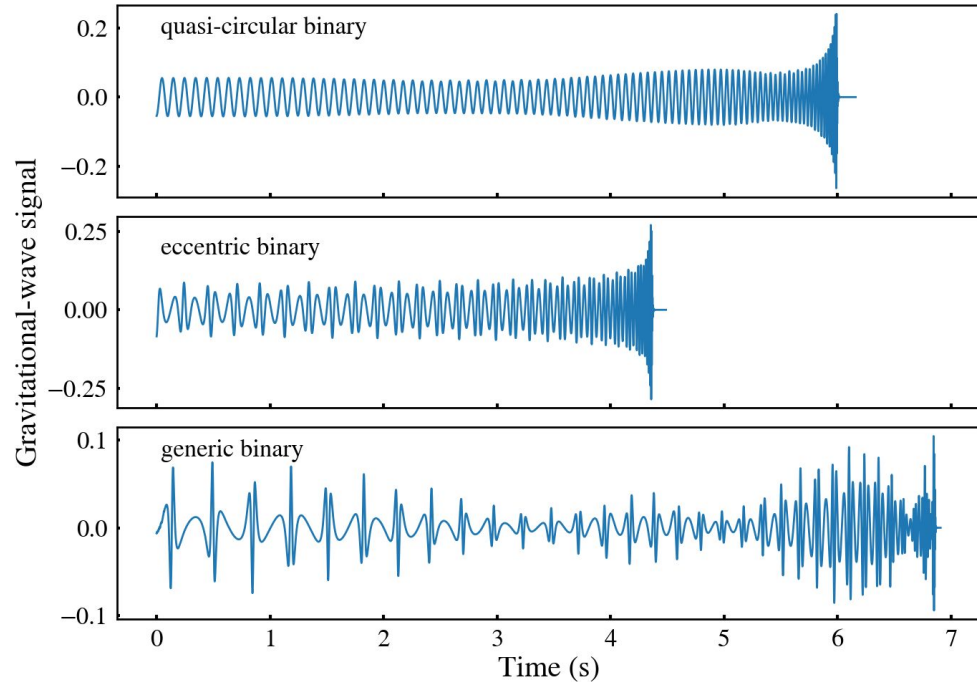


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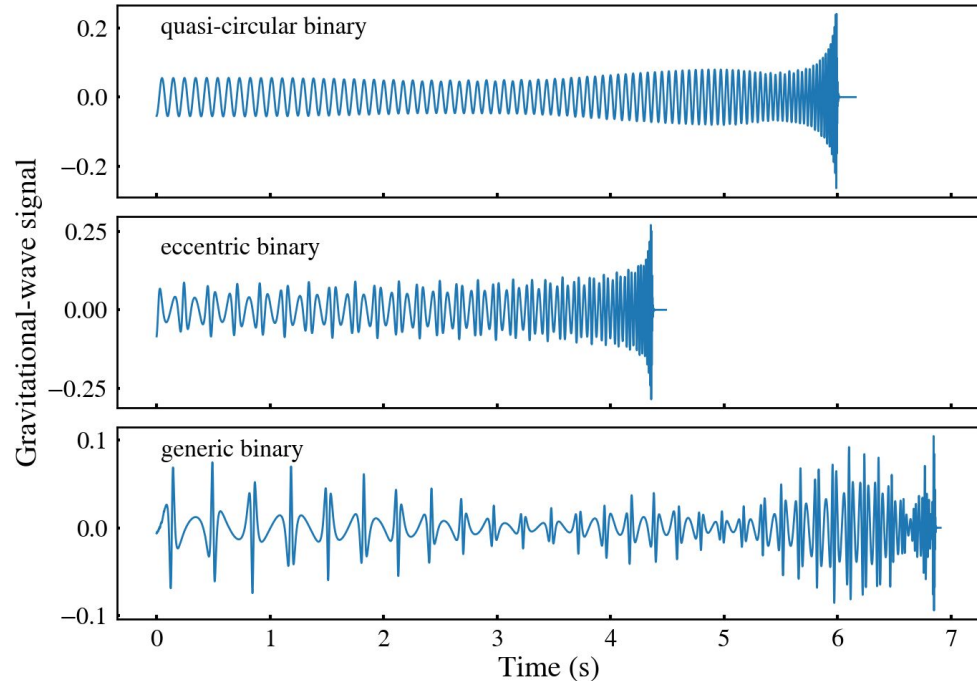


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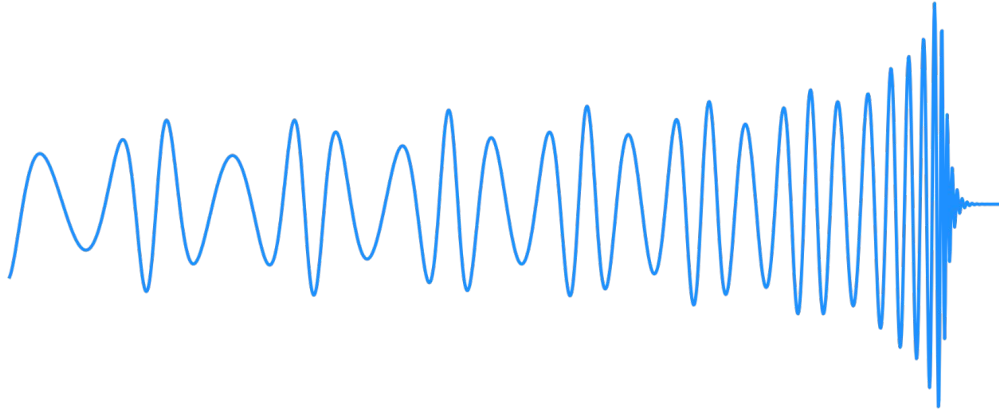
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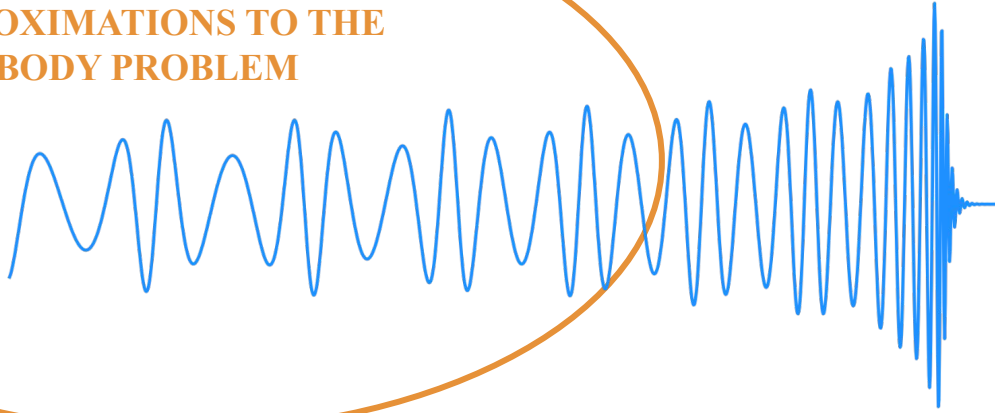


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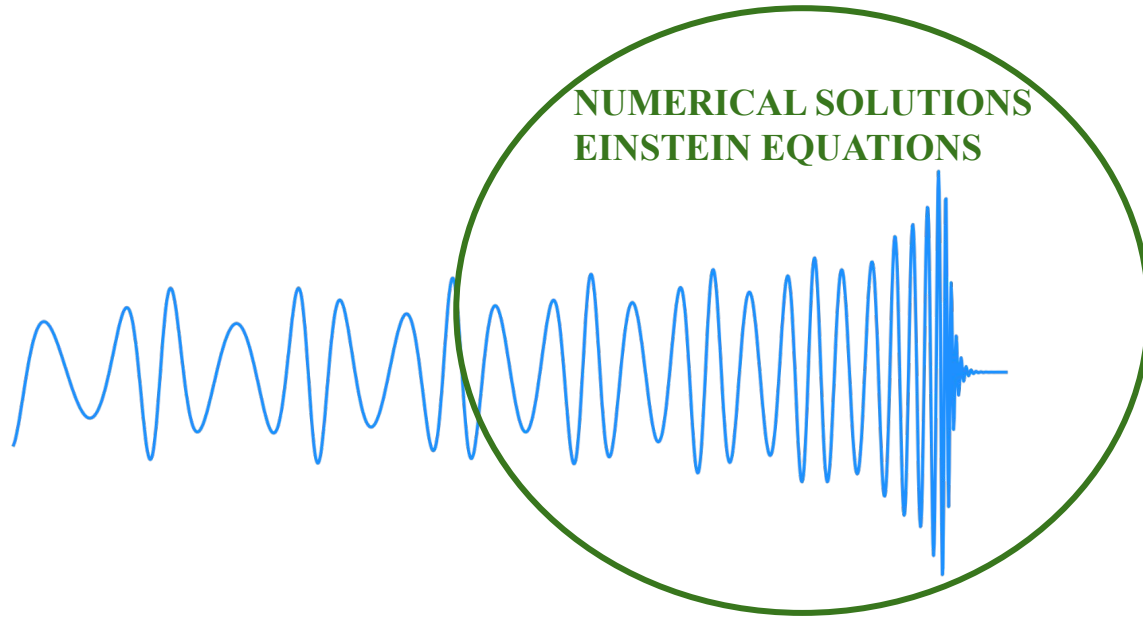


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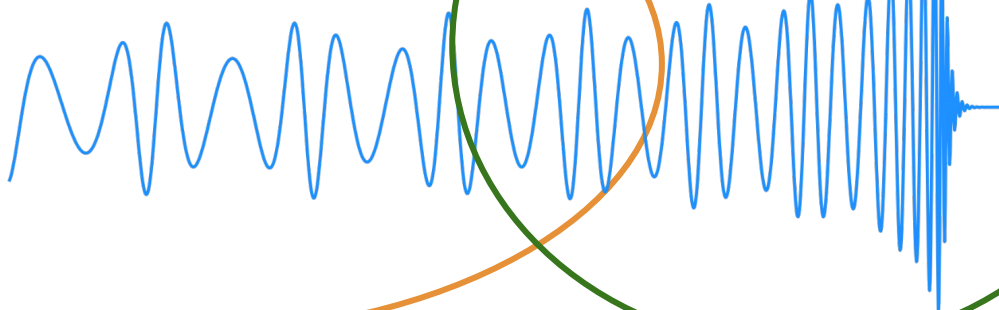
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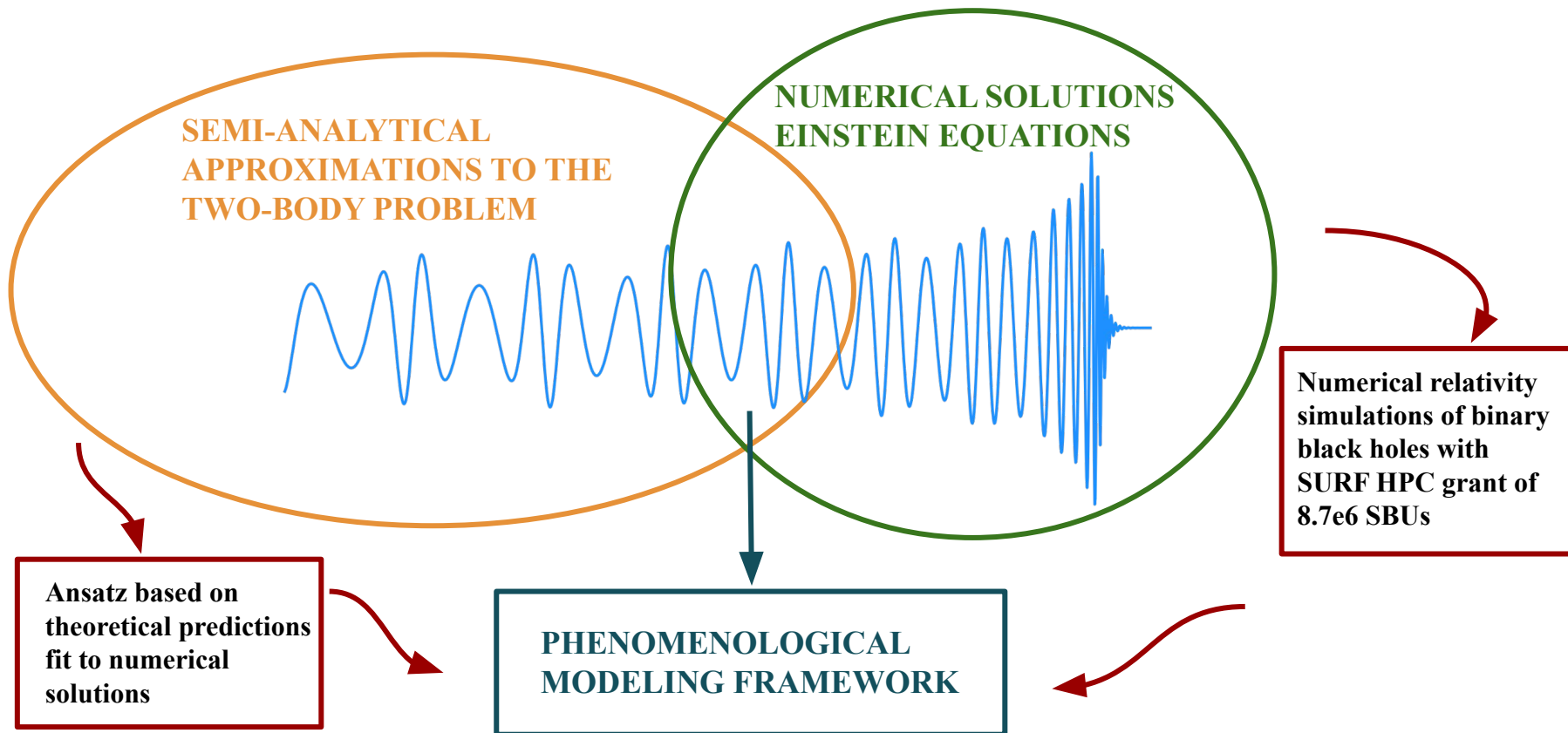
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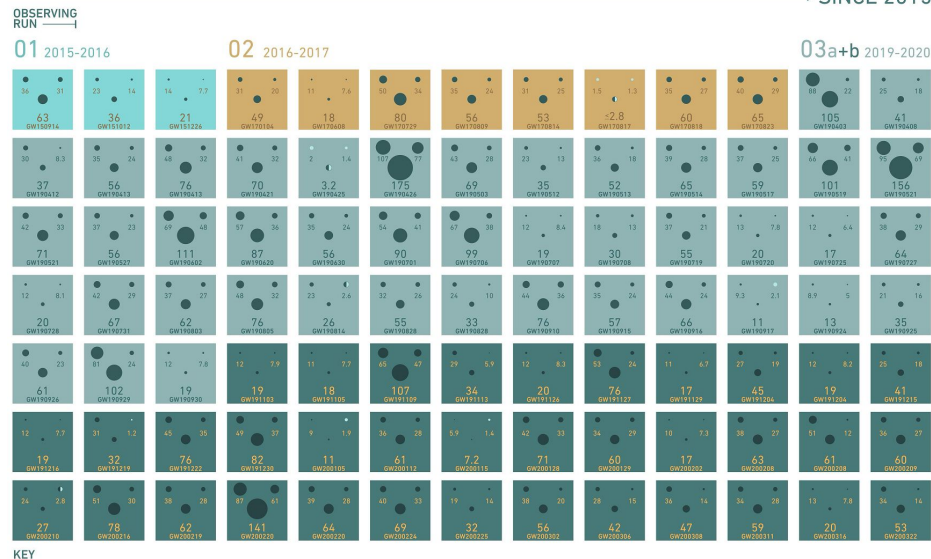


Observational results on open detector data

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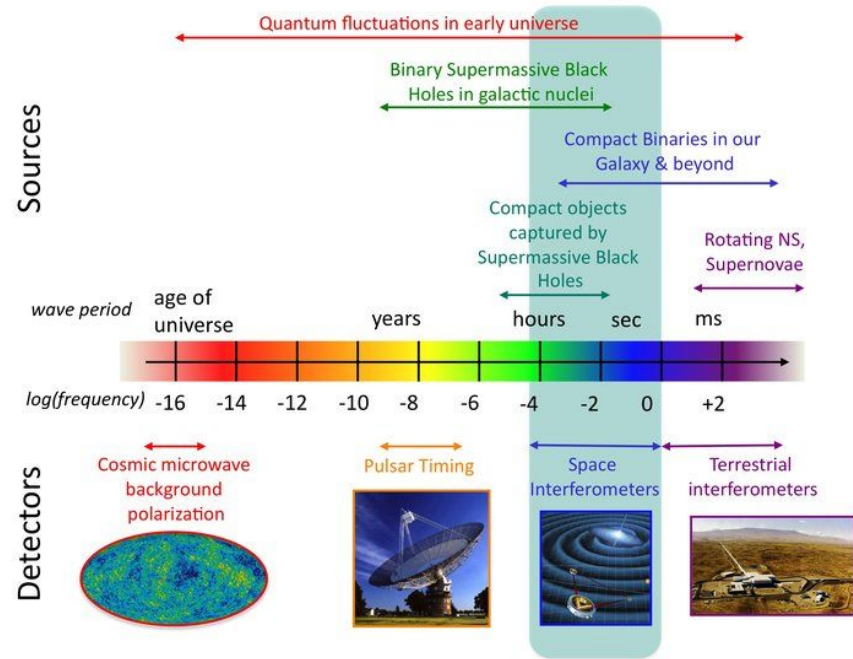
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Eccentric binaries → Science case of **Einstein Telescope, LISA, ...**

The Gravitational Wave Spectrum



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