# LIGO and squeezed states of light



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# 2017/10/03 Nobel prize in Physics

"for decisive contributions to the LIGO detector and the observation of gravitational waves"



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Time is not in the formula



The General Theory of Relativity and theory of Gravity (1915)

- No absolute motion thus only relative motion
- Space and time are not separate thus four dimensional space-time
- Gravity is not a force acting at a distance

thus warpage of space-time

# General relativity

- A geometric theory connecting matter to spacetime
- Matter tells spacetime how to curve
- Spacetime tells matter how to move



important predictions

- $\bullet\,$  Light path bends in vicinity of massive object  $\rightarrow$  confirmed in 1919
- Gravitational radiation (waves)  $\rightarrow$  confirmed indirectly in 1974

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$$M_c = \frac{(m_1 m_2)^{3/5}}{(m_1 + m_2)^{1/5}}$$
  
$$h = 4 \frac{G}{c^2} \frac{M_c}{r} \left(\frac{G}{c^3} \pi f M_c\right)^{2/3}$$

Assuming  $m_1 = m_2 = m$  and recalling that

$$f^2 \sim Gm/R^3$$



Where  $R_s$  is Schwarzschild radius of the mass m

 $h \sim \frac{G^2 m^2}{rBc^4} \sim \frac{R_s^2}{Br}$ 

$$R_s = rac{2Gm}{c^2}$$

# Laser Interferometer Gravitational-wave Observatory







*L* = 4 km *h* ∼ 10<sup>-23</sup>

## From LIGO to advanced LIGO



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#### advanced LIGO detector summary



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# The sound of gravitational wave and simulated sky

- The Sound of Two Black Holes Colliding
- Two Black Holes Merge into One



Two black holes with 29 and 36 solar masses merged about 1.3 billion years ago

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# GW signal at 09:50:45 UTC on 14 September 2015



LIGO Scientific Collaboration, "Observation of Gravitational Waves from a Binary Black Hole Merger", Phys. Rev. Lett., 116, 061102, (2016).

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## World wide network of detectors



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## GW170814 triple detection







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#### Masses in the Stellar Graveyard



https://media.ligo.northwestern.edu/gallery/mass-plot

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LIGO-Virgo-KAGRA Black Holes LIGO-Virgo-KAGRA Neutron Stars EM Black Holes EM Neutron Stars



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## GW170817-kilonova artistic depiction



Simulation movie https://youtu. be/V6cm-0bwJ98

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#### GW170817-kilonova: two neutron stars collision



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- GW170817: Coherent Spectrogram and Audio https://dcc.ligo.org/LIGO-G1701924
- GW170817: Fermi and LIGO signals https://wiki.ligo. org/pub/EPO/GW170817/GBM\_GW170817\_small.mov

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## Crab nebula, supernova 1054 remnants



## Inside the tube



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## Seismic isolation



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## Part of large system



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## Work in chamber



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## Inside vacuum chamber



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## Mode cleaner optics



# Large optics suspension



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## Mirror



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#### Inner test mass



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## We can detect stars collisions and ...



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# Advanced LIGO sensitivity goal and noise budget



"Advanced LIGO", Class. Quantum Grav., 32, 074001 (2015)

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#### Optics equivalent strict definition

 $\Delta X_1 \Delta X_2 \ge 1/4$ 

# Transition from classical to quantum field

#### Classical analog

- Field amplitude a
- Field real part  $X_1 = (a^* + a)/2$
- Field imaginary part  $X_2 = i(a^* a)/2$



#### Quantum approach

- Field operator â
- Amplitude quadrature  $\hat{X_1} = (\hat{a}^\dagger + \hat{a})/2$
- Phase quadrature  $\hat{\chi_2} = i(\hat{a}^{\dagger} \hat{a})/2$



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Light consist of photons •  $\hat{N} = a^{\dagger}a$ Commutator relationship •  $[a, a^{\dagger}] = 1$ •  $[X_1, X_2] = i/2$ Detectors measure • number of photons  $\hat{N}$ • Quadratures  $\hat{X}_1$  and  $\hat{X}_2$ Uncertainty relationship •  $\Delta X_1 \Delta X_2 > 1/4$ 







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Apply squeezing operator  $|\xi>=\hat{S}(\xi)|0>$ 



$$\hat{S}(\xi) = m{e}^{rac{1}{2}\xi^*m{a}^2 - rac{1}{2}\xim{a}^{\dag 2}}$$







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# Two photon squeezing picture



#### Squeezing operator

$$\hat{S}(\xi) = e^{rac{1}{2}\xi^*a^2 - rac{1}{2}\xi a^{\dagger 2}}$$

Parametric down-conversion in crystal

$$\hat{H} = i\hbar\chi^{(2)}(\mathbf{a}^2b^\dagger - \mathbf{a}^{\dagger 2}b)$$



#### Squeezing

maximum squeezing value detected 15 dB at 1064 nm Henning Vahlbruch, Moritz Mehmet, Karsten Danzmann, and Roman Schnabel Phys. Rev. Lett **117**, 110801 (2016)

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# Squeezing and interferometer

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#### Vacuum input



# Squeezing and interferometer



# Interferometer sensitivity improvement with squeezing

F. Ya. Khalili Phys. Rev. D 81, 122002 (2010) Projected advanced LIGO sensitivity



# Demonstrations of quantum enhancement of LIGO

Keisuke Goda, et al., Nature Physics, **4**, 472-476, (2008) Ligo Scientific Collaboration, Nature Photonics **7**, 613-619 (2013)



Photo of Squeezer, LIGO Magazine http://www.ligo.org/magazine/

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# Summary



- In 2015 we detected the first Gravitational Wave
- Now we are talking about GW astronomy