

# Ring-down waveform extraction by Auto-Regressive approach



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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 O1 and O2. We find that for high SNR events, we can extract ring-down waves properly.

This method may work for extracting higher modes of ring-down waves, and implementations are on-going.

## Motivation & O1/O2 data

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**Towards testing gravity theories → Ringdown-part extraction is a key**

**Merger**  
**Ringdown**  
BH quasi-normal modes  
BH perturbation theory  
( $M, a$ )  
strongest gravity we can observe  
test of gravity theories

For 60M BH of  $a=0.75$ ,  
frequency = 300 Hz  
damping time scale = 3.7 ms

**LIGO/Virgo O1/O2 catalogue**

Event	$m_1/M_\odot$	$m_2/M_\odot$	$M/M_\odot$	$\chi_{\text{eff}}$	$M/M_\odot$	$a_j$	$E_{\text{rad}}(M_\odot c^2)$	$\ell_{\text{peak}}(\text{ergs}^{-1})$	$d_j/\text{Mpc}$	$z$	$\Delta\Omega/\text{deg}^2$
GW150914	35.6 <sup>+7.7</sup> <sub>-3.1</sub>	30.6 <sup>+10</sup> <sub>-4.4</sub>	28.6 <sup>+1.7</sup> <sub>-1.3</sub>	-0.01 <sup>+0.01</sup> <sub>-0.01</sub>	63.1 <sup>+3.4</sup> <sub>-3.0</sub>	0.69 <sup>+0.05</sup> <sub>-0.04</sub>	3.1 <sup>+0.4</sup> <sub>-0.4</sub>	3.6 <sup>+0.4</sup> <sub>-0.4</sub> × 10 <sup>6</sup>	440-150	0.09 <sup>+0.03</sup> <sub>-0.03</sub>	182
GW151012	23.2 <sup>+14.9</sup> <sub>-5.5</sub>	13.6 <sup>+4.1</sup> <sub>-2.8</sub>	15.2 <sup>+2.1</sup> <sub>-1.4</sub>	0.05 <sup>+0.31</sup> <sub>-0.31</sub>	35.6 <sup>+19.4</sup> <sub>-9.7</sub>	0.67 <sup>+0.13</sup> <sub>-0.13</sub>	1.6 <sup>+0.6</sup> <sub>-0.6</sub>	3.2 <sup>+1.3</sup> <sub>-1.3</sub> × 10 <sup>6</sup>	1080-580	0.21 <sup>+0.09</sup> <sub>-0.09</sub>	1523
GW151226	13.7 <sup>+5.8</sup> <sub>-3.2</sub>	7.7 <sup>+2.2</sup> <sub>-1.6</sub>	8.9 <sup>+1.3</sup> <sub>-0.9</sub>	0.18 <sup>+0.20</sup> <sub>-0.12</sub>	20.5 <sup>+8.4</sup> <sub>-4.5</sub>	0.74 <sup>+0.05</sup> <sub>-0.05</sub>	1.0 <sup>+0.1</sup> <sub>-0.1</sub>	3.4 <sup>+1.1</sup> <sub>-1.1</sub> × 10 <sup>6</sup>	450-180	0.09 <sup>+0.04</sup> <sub>-0.04</sub>	1033
GW170104	30.8 <sup>+7.3</sup> <sub>-5.6</sub>	20.0 <sup>+4.9</sup> <sub>-3.6</sub>	21.4 <sup>+2.2</sup> <sub>-1.7</sub>	-0.04 <sup>+0.01</sup> <sub>-0.01</sub>	48.9 <sup>+5.1</sup> <sub>-4.9</sub>	0.66 <sup>+0.08</sup> <sub>-0.08</sub>	2.2 <sup>+0.5</sup> <sub>-0.5</sub>	3.3 <sup>+1.0</sup> <sub>-1.0</sub> × 10 <sup>6</sup>	990-440	0.20 <sup>+0.08</sup> <sub>-0.08</sub>	921
GW170608	11.0 <sup>+5.5</sup> <sub>-3.2</sub>	7.6 <sup>+1.4</sup> <sub>-1.2</sub>	7.9 <sup>+0.2</sup> <sub>-0.2</sub>	0.03 <sup>+0.09</sup> <sub>-0.09</sub>	17.8 <sup>+3.4</sup> <sub>-3.4</sub>	0.69 <sup>+0.04</sup> <sub>-0.04</sub>	0.9 <sup>+0.1</sup> <sub>-0.1</sub>	3.5 <sup>+1.4</sup> <sub>-1.4</sub> × 10 <sup>6</sup>	320-120	0.07 <sup>+0.02</sup> <sub>-0.02</sub>	392
GW170729	50.2 <sup>+16.2</sup> <sub>-10.2</sub>	34.0 <sup>+8.1</sup> <sub>-6.1</sub>	35.4 <sup>+4.5</sup> <sub>-3.4</sub>	0.37 <sup>+0.21</sup> <sub>-0.21</sub>	79.5 <sup>+14.7</sup> <sub>-11.7</sub>	0.81 <sup>+0.07</sup> <sub>-0.07</sub>	4.8 <sup>+1.7</sup> <sub>-1.7</sub>	4.2 <sup>+1.9</sup> <sub>-1.9</sub> × 10 <sup>6</sup>	2840-1400	0.49 <sup>+0.19</sup> <sub>-0.19</sub>	1041
GW170809	35.0 <sup>+8.3</sup> <sub>-5.9</sub>	23.8 <sup>+5.1</sup> <sub>-3.2</sub>	24.9 <sup>+2.1</sup> <sub>-1.5</sub>	0.08 <sup>+0.12</sup> <sub>-0.12</sub>	56.3 <sup>+5.2</sup> <sub>-5.8</sub>	0.70 <sup>+0.08</sup> <sub>-0.08</sub>	2.7 <sup>+0.6</sup> <sub>-0.6</sub>	3.5 <sup>+1.6</sup> <sub>-1.6</sub> × 10 <sup>6</sup>	1030-520	0.20 <sup>+0.05</sup> <sub>-0.05</sub>	308
GW170814	30.6 <sup>+5.6</sup> <sub>-4.0</sub>	25.2 <sup>+2.8</sup> <sub>-2.2</sub>	24.1 <sup>+1.4</sup> <sub>-1.1</sub>	0.07 <sup>+0.12</sup> <sub>-0.12</sub>	53.2 <sup>+3.2</sup> <sub>-3.2</sub>	0.72 <sup>+0.05</sup> <sub>-0.05</sub>	2.7 <sup>+0.4</sup> <sub>-0.4</sub>	3.7 <sup>+1.4</sup> <sub>-1.4</sub> × 10 <sup>6</sup>	600-150	0.12 <sup>+0.03</sup> <sub>-0.03</sub>	87
GW170817	1.46 <sup>+0.12</sup> <sub>-0.09</sub>	1.27 <sup>+0.09</sup> <sub>-0.09</sub>	1.186 <sup>+0.001</sup> <sub>-0.001</sub>	0.00 <sup>+0.02</sup> <sub>-0.02</sub>	≤ 2.8	≤ 0.89	≥ 0.04	≥ 0.1 × 10 <sup>6</sup>	40 <sup>+7</sup> <sub>-5</sub>	0.01 <sup>+0.00</sup> <sub>-0.00</sub>	16
GW170818	35.4 <sup>+11.7</sup> <sub>-7.5</sub>	26.7 <sup>+4.3</sup> <sub>-3.2</sub>	26.5 <sup>+2.1</sup> <sub>-1.6</sub>	-0.09 <sup>+0.01</sup> <sub>-0.01</sub>	59.4 <sup>+9.7</sup> <sub>-8.8</sub>	0.67 <sup>+0.07</sup> <sub>-0.07</sub>	2.7 <sup>+0.5</sup> <sub>-0.5</sub>	3.4 <sup>+1.5</sup> <sub>-1.5</sub> × 10 <sup>6</sup>	1060 <sup>+420</sup> <sub>-220</sub>	0.21 <sup>+0.07</sup> <sub>-0.07</sub>	227
GW170823	39.5 <sup>+11.2</sup> <sub>-7.7</sub>	29.0 <sup>+5.7</sup> <sub>-4.0</sub>	29.2 <sup>+2.6</sup> <sub>-2.0</sub>	0.09 <sup>+0.23</sup> <sub>-0.23</sub>	65.4 <sup>+10.1</sup> <sub>-9.4</sub>	0.72 <sup>+0.09</sup> <sub>-0.09</sub>	3.3 <sup>+1.0</sup> <sub>-1.0</sub>	3.6 <sup>+1.7</sup> <sub>-1.7</sub> × 10 <sup>6</sup>	1940 <sup>+920</sup> <sub>-520</sub>	0.35 <sup>+0.15</sup> <sub>-0.15</sub>	1666

TABLE V. KL divergences (in bits) between the prior and posterior for the effective aligned spin  $\chi_{\text{eff}}$  and the effective precession spin  $a_j$ . For the computation of the KL divergence for  $\chi_{\text{eff}}$ , we quote the KL divergence with the prior conditioned on the  $\chi_{\text{eff}}$  posterior,  $D_{\text{KL}}(P_{\text{post}}|P_{\text{prior}})$ , and without conditioning,  $D_{\text{KL}}^{\text{uncond}}$ . For GW170817,  $D_{\text{KL}}^{\text{uncond}}$  is given for the high spin prior. The median and 90% interval for the KL divergences is estimated by computing the statistics for repeated draws of a subset of the posterior and prior PDFs. Single-detector optimal SNRs from parameter-estimation analysis for Hanford (H), Livingston (L), and Virgo (V).

Event	GW150914	GW151012	GW151226	GW170104	GW170608	GW170729	GW170809	GW170814	GW170817	GW170818	GW170823
$D_{\text{KL}}^{\text{uncond}}(\chi_{\text{eff}})$	0.71 <sup>+0.28</sup>	0.23 <sup>+0.02</sup>	1.32 <sup>+0.26</sup>	0.54 <sup>+0.20</sup>	0.97 <sup>+0.20</sup>	1.83 <sup>+0.20</sup>	0.79 <sup>+0.22</sup>	0.99 <sup>+0.22</sup>	2.32 <sup>+0.22</sup>	0.50 <sup>+0.22</sup>	0.32 <sup>+0.22</sup>
$D_{\text{KL}}^{\text{uncond}}(a_j)$	0.16 <sup>+0.02</sup>	0.09 <sup>+0.02</sup>	0.17 <sup>+0.02</sup>	0.05 <sup>+0.02</sup>	0.05 <sup>+0.02</sup>	0.05 <sup>+0.02</sup>	0.05 <sup>+0.02</sup>	0.05 <sup>+0.02</sup>	0.19 <sup>+0.02</sup>	0.06 <sup>+0.02</sup>	0.03 <sup>+0.02</sup>
$D_{\text{KL}}^{\text{uncond}}(\chi_{\text{eff}}, a_j)$	0.29 <sup>+0.02</sup>	0.08 <sup>+0.02</sup>	0.13 <sup>+0.02</sup>	0.07 <sup>+0.02</sup>	0.06 <sup>+0.02</sup>	0.06 <sup>+0.02</sup>	0.06 <sup>+0.02</sup>	0.06 <sup>+0.02</sup>	0.19 <sup>+0.02</sup>	0.09 <sup>+0.02</sup>	0.03 <sup>+0.02</sup>
H SNR	20.6 <sup>+1.4</sup>	6.4 <sup>+1.2</sup>	9.8 <sup>+1.2</sup>	12.1 <sup>+1.4</sup>	5.9 <sup>+1.2</sup>	18.0 <sup>+1.2</sup>	18.0 <sup>+1.2</sup>	18.0 <sup>+1.2</sup>	4.6 <sup>+1.2</sup>	6.8 <sup>+1.2</sup>	6.8 <sup>+1.2</sup>
L SNR	14.2 <sup>+1.4</sup>	5.8 <sup>+1.2</sup>	6.9 <sup>+1.2</sup>	9.2 <sup>+1.2</sup>	8.3 <sup>+1.2</sup>	10.7 <sup>+1.2</sup>	14.3 <sup>+1.2</sup>	26.3 <sup>+1.2</sup>	9.7 <sup>+1.2</sup>	9.2 <sup>+1.2</sup>	9.2 <sup>+1.2</sup>
V SNR	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

## 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

**ringdown search**

matched filtering  
Hilbert-Huan Transformation  
Auto-Regression Method  
Neural Network method

Method	Set	$\delta \log f_{\text{ring}}(\%)$	$\sigma(f_{\text{ring}})(\%)$	$\delta \log \tau_{\text{ring}}(\%)$	$\sigma(\tau_{\text{ring}})(\%)$
matched filtering	A	-12.88	28.36	-71.51	97.79
	B	-0.82	27.53	-46.11	75.48
Hilbert-Huan Transformation	A	6.25	17.27	-12.62	37.9
	B	2.47	10.41	7.18	27.61
Auto-Regression Method	A	-13.38	21.91	-44.11	61.58
	B	-8.08	19.81	-28.78	49.61
Neural Network method	A	0.2	9.93	4.88	38.75
	B	1.91	8.57	6.2	34.64
NN	A	-6.64	16.48	-15.23	33.96
	B	-6.65	11.97	9.96	23.76

## Method

**Auto-Regressive model (idea)**

Fitting data with linear func.  

$$x_n = a_1 x_{n-1} + a_2 x_{n-2} + \dots + a_M x_{n-M} + \epsilon$$

$$= \sum_{j=1}^M a_j x_{n-j} + \epsilon$$
 e.g.  $x_n = A e^{-\gamma n \Delta t} \cos(\omega n \Delta t)$   
 $Z_1 = e^{-(\gamma-j)\Delta t}$   
 $Z_2 = e^{-(\gamma+j)\Delta t}$   

$$x_n = \frac{A}{2} (Z_1^M + Z_2^M) = (Z_1 + Z_2)x_{n-1} - Z_1 Z_2 x_{n-2}$$

can be applied also to noisy data by adjusting  $M$

**Auto-Regressive model vs Short FFT**

sampling rate=4096 segment = 1/64 sec = 64 points  
 shift = 1/512 sec = 8 points  
 The order  $M$  can be fixed at 2~8.  
 Even for short segment, AR model shows precise power-spectrum.

**Auto-Regressive model (Method, general)**

Fitting data with linear func.  

$$x_n = a_1 x_{n-1} + a_2 x_{n-2} + \dots + a_M x_{n-M} + \epsilon$$

$$= \sum_{j=1}^M a_j x_{n-j} + \epsilon$$

- find  $a_j$  (Burg method)
- find  $M$  (FPE final prediction error method)
- re-construct wave signal from fitted function
- apply FFT with arbitrary precision.

power spectrum  

$$p(f) = \frac{\sigma^2}{|1 - \sum_{j=1}^M a_j e^{-2\pi i f \Delta t}|^2}$$

characteristic eq.  

$$f(z) = 1 - \sum_{j=1}^M a_j z^j = 0$$
  
 $|z_k|$  says amplitude,  $\arg(z_k)$  says frequency.

## Results

**GW150914**  
LIGO paper  
AR model Hanford  
4096 sampling rate  
150-450 Hz filter  
1 segment = 1/64 sec = 64 points  
1 shift = 1/512 sec = 8 points

**GW150914**  
Hanford (SNR=20.6)  
Livingston (SNR=14.2)  
Virgo (SNR=1.7)  
Kerr param  
Mass

**GW170104**  
Hanford (SNR=9.5)  
Livingston (SNR=9.9)  
Kerr param  
Mass

**GW170729**  
Hanford (SNR=5.9)  
Virgo (SNR=1.7)  
Livingston (SNR=8.3)  
Kerr param  
Mass

**GW170809**  
Hanford (SNR=5.9)  
Virgo (SNR=1.1)  
Livingston (SNR=10.7)  
Kerr param  
Mass

**GW170814**  
Hanford (SNR=9.3)  
Virgo (SNR=4.1)  
Livingston (SNR=14.3)  
Kerr param  
Mass

**GW170818**  
Hanford (SNR=4.6)  
Virgo (SNR=4.2)  
Livingston (SNR=9.7)  
Kerr param  
Mass

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