Recent Studies on the propagation velocity of lensed gravitational waves

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RT (2017), Morita & Soda (2019), Suyama (2020), Ezquiaga+ (2020), He (2020)



both waves propagate in a vacuum



Question: If a source emitted GWs and light simultaneously and both waves propagated near a lens, does an observer receive them at the same time?



light ← delayed due to the Shapiro time delay

valid in geometrical optics

GWs \leftarrow delayed or not (?) studied <u>in wave optics</u> if the wavelength > the Schwarzschild radius of lens $M \lesssim 10^5 M_{\odot} (f/\text{Hz})^{-1}$ f: GW frequency



phase velocity : GWs faster than light (RT 2017)
group velocity : GWs faster than light (Morita & Soda 2019)
wave-front velocity : GWs equal to or slower than light (Suyama 2020)

satisfy the causality of GR

apparent superluminality of phase & group velocities caused by interference of GWs

(Ezquiaga+ 2020)

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(e.g. Andersson+ 2013; Rosswog 2015)

Promising sources emitting both GWs and light

NS-NS or NS-BH merger

 short gamma ray burst
 target of ground- & space-based detectors

NS: neutron star BH: black hole

Supernova

target of ground-based detectors

Massive BH binary

may emit light if the binary is embedded in accretion disk

target of space-based detectors & pulsar timing arrays

Lensed GW signal not yet confirmed at present (Hannuksela+ 2019)

<u>GW170817</u>

detected in both GWs & light

neutron star binary merger detected by LIGO/VIRGO (Abbott+ 2017)

X & gamma-ray signals detected ~1.7s later than the binary merger (LIGO collaboration+ 2017)

GRB associated the merger





Gravitational lensing of light



wavelength of light << typical lens size

 \rightarrow geometrical optics valid



Gravitational lensing of light



Light experiences the Shapiro time delay

 $t_{\rm M} \simeq \frac{4GM}{c^3} = \frac{2 \times \text{Schwarzschild radius of the lens}}{c}$ $\approx 1 \sec\left(\frac{M}{10^5 M_{\odot}}\right)$ independent of frequency

Gravitational lensing of GWs



GW wavelength > Schwarzschild radius of the lens

 \rightarrow wave optics should be used

$$M < 10^5 M_{\odot} \left(\frac{f}{\mathrm{Hz}}\right)^{-1}$$

 $f \approx 100$ Hz for LIGO/Virgo

 $\approx 10^8$ Hz for pulsar timing arrays

refer to talks by Jose Diego, Liang Dai & Anuj Mishra



Lensed waveform given by the Kirchhoff diffraction integral

(Schneider, Ehlers, Falco 1992)

lensed waveform

unlensed waveform

$$\tilde{h}^{\rm L}(f) = F(f; \boldsymbol{\theta}_{\rm s}) \tilde{h}(f)$$

Amplification factor

$$F(f;\boldsymbol{\theta}_{\rm s}) = \frac{D_{\rm L}D_{\rm S}}{cD_{\rm LS}} \frac{f}{i} \int d^2\theta \, \exp\left[2\pi i f t_{\rm d}(\boldsymbol{\theta},\boldsymbol{\theta}_{\rm s})\right]$$

In wave optics



lensed GWs = superposition of many GW paths



lensed light = sum of two paths (bright & faint images)



arrival-time difference Δt_d between GWs and the bright image will be shown



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ARRIVAL TIME DIFFERENCES BETWEEN GRAVITATIONAL WAVES AND ELECTROMAGNETIC SIGNALS DUE TO GRAVITATIONAL LENSING

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propagation of a monochromatic wave in the presence of a point mass lens

phase shift for monochromatic waves (RT 2017)



GW propagation is "superluminal"

phase shift for monochromatic waves (RT 2017)



GW propagation is "superluminal"

apparently superluminal (Ezquiaga+ 2020)

the arrival time difference defined in phase can reach

$$\Delta t_{\rm d} \simeq 0.1 \sec \left(\frac{f}{\rm Hz}\right)^{-1}$$

when the wavelength is comparable to the Schwarzschild radius & the impact parameter is smaller than the Einstein radius

$$\begin{split} \Delta t_{\rm d} &\sim 1\,{\rm msec}\,\left(\frac{f}{100{\rm Hz}}\right)^{-1} & \text{for ground-based detectors} \\ &\sim 2\,{\rm min}\,\left(\frac{f}{{\rm mHz}}\right)^{-1} & \text{for space-based detectors} \\ &\sim 4\,{\rm months}\,\left(\frac{f}{10^{-8}{\rm Hz}}\right)^{-1} & \text{for pulsar timing arrays} \end{split}$$

the time difference is more prominent for lower GW frequency

propagation of a Gaussian wave packet (Morita & Soda 2019)



(for the bright image)

GW packet arrives earlier than the packet of light but the time lag Δt_d is smaller than that in phase velocity propagation velocity of wave front (Suyama 2020)



GWs never arrive at $t < t_0$ (\leftarrow independent of frequency) consistent with the causality of GR

(Suyama 2020)



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lensed GWs = superposition of many GW paths

any path cannot arrive earlier than the bright image of light (the minimum time delay)

Apparent Superluminality of Lensed Gravitational Waves

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> This paper confirmed all the previous results by RT 2017, Morita & Soda 2019 and Suyama 2020

Interference between lensed GW paths causes apparent superluminal propagation of GWs observed in phase & group velocities

Why GW phases appear in advance? (Ezquiaga+ 2020)

→ interference among multiple images cause phase modulation



Measurement of the orbital phase difference in SMBH binary (RT 2017)



<u>source</u>

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Super Massive Black Hole Binaries at z=0.2-2
Future pulsar timing arrays may detect 500-1000 sources
in both GW and X-ray signals (Sesana+ 2012)
The orbital motion may be observed in both GW and x-ray detectors
→ measure the orbital phase difference
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Measurement of the orbital phase difference in SMBH binary

(RT 2017)



<u>lens</u>

galaxy typical mass $M = 8 \times 10^{11} M_{\odot} \left(\frac{f}{10^{-8} \text{Hz}}\right)^{-1}$ typical arrival-time lag $\Delta t_{\rm d} \sim 4 \text{ months} \left(\frac{f}{10^{-8} \text{Hz}}\right)^{-1}$ lensing probability $\sim 0.1 \% - 1 \%$

Lensing probability



Lensing probability



Conclusions

- Comparison of the propagation velocities of lensed GWs (in wave optics) and lensed light (in geometrical optics)
 - GWs faster than light in phase & group velocities GWs equal to or slower than light in wave-front velocity RT (2017), Morita & Soda (2019), Suyama (2020), Ezquiaga+ (2020)
- The arrival time difference in phase can reach

$$\Delta t_{\rm d} \sim 0.1 {
m s} \left(f/{
m Hz}
ight)^{-1}$$
 f : GW frequency

 Future pulsar timing arrays may detect arrival time differences by measuring the orbital phase differences between GW/light signals in SMBH binaries

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Arrival Time Differences of Lensed Massive Gravitational Waves

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propagation of a Gaussian wave packet



3. Measurement of the phase difference

In gravitational lensing of light, the following two lenses are common

| | distant galaxy | star in Milky Way |
|---|--|---|
| lensing probability | $\sim 0.1\% - 1\%$ | $\sim 10^{-6}$ |
| lens mass | $\approx 10^{12} M_{\odot}$ | $\sim M_{\odot}$ |
| arrival-time difference in phase | $\sim \mathrm{months}\left(\frac{M}{10^{12}M_{\odot}}\right)$ | $\sim 10^{-5} \mathrm{s} \left(\frac{M}{M_{\odot}} \right)$ |
| GW frequency (must in wave-optics regime) | $\lesssim 10^{-7} \mathrm{Hz} \left(\frac{M}{10^{12} M_{\odot}}\right)^{-1}$ | $\lesssim 10^5 \mathrm{Hz} \left(\frac{M}{M_{\odot}}\right)^{-1}$ |

Lensed waveform in high frequency limit

(Schneider, Ehlers, Falco 1992)

Amplification factor (given by the Kirchhoff diffraction integral)

$$F(f;\boldsymbol{\theta}_{\rm s}) = \frac{D_{\rm L}D_{\rm S}}{cD_{\rm LS}} \frac{f}{i} \int d^2\theta \, \exp\left[2\pi i f t_{\rm d}(\boldsymbol{\theta},\boldsymbol{\theta}_{\rm s})\right]$$

In high frequency limit $ft_{\rm d}(\theta, \theta_{\rm s}) \gg 1$

stationary points of the phase only contribute the integral (i.e., the Fermat principle)

 $\nabla_{\theta} t_{\rm d}(\boldsymbol{ heta}, \boldsymbol{ heta}_{
m s}) = 0 \quad \Longrightarrow \quad {
m two \ solutions} \ \boldsymbol{ heta}_{\pm}$

corresponding to bright & faint images

Constraint on the propagation speed of GWs

 \rightarrow a test of general relativity

1) orbital phase difference in binary



Orbital phase differences between the GW/light signals in a white dwarf binary can be used to constrain the propagation speed of GWs.

(Larson & Hiscock 2000; Cutler+ 2003; Cooray & Seto 2004)

Constraint on the propagation speed of GWs

 \rightarrow a test of general relativity

2) short gamma-ray burst / supernova



Arrival-time difference between the GW/light signals from SGRB or SN can be used to measure the velocity difference.

The intrinsic time lag of emissions is required.

(Nishizawa & Nakamura 2014; Nishizawa 2016)

(Ezquiaga+ 2020)

phase velocity

GW peak appears in advance



= 2*Schwarzschild radius/c

group velocity

envelope of GWs also appears in advance



= 2*Schwarzschild radius/c

Lensed waveform in time domain

lensed waveform

unlensed waveform

$$h^{\rm L}(t) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \frac{D_{\rm L} D_{\rm S}}{D_{\rm LS}} \frac{d}{dt} \int d^2\theta \, h \left(t - t_{\rm d}(\boldsymbol{\theta}, \boldsymbol{\theta}_{\rm s}) \right)$$

arrival time difference defined by the group velocity

$$\begin{array}{lll} \Delta t_{\rm d}(f) \equiv t_{\rm d,light} - t_{\rm d,GWs}(f) \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & ({\rm independent} \ {\rm of} \ f) \end{array} \end{array}$$

$$t_{\rm d,GWs}(f)|_{\rm group} = \left(1 + f \frac{d}{df}\right) \left. t_{\rm d,GWs}(f) \right|_{\rm phase}$$

GW time delay in group velocity

GW time delay in phase velocity

arrival time difference defined in phase

$$\Delta t_{\rm d}(f) \equiv t_{\rm d,light} - t_{\rm d,GWs}(f)$$

bright light image (independent of f)

$$t_{\rm d,GWs}(f) \equiv -\frac{i}{2\pi f} \ln\left[\frac{F(f;\boldsymbol{\theta}_{\rm s})}{|F(f;\boldsymbol{\theta}_{\rm s})|}\right]$$

GWs

 $\Delta t_{
m d} > 0$: GWs faster than light (< 0) (slower)

several GW detectors now in operation or planned, over a wide frequency range from nHz to kHz



Frequency / Hz

GWs splitted into t<0 (orange) and t>0 (green) in wave optics

If GWs arrive earlier than light, the green signal arrives at t<0



S(t)

GWs splitted into t<0 (orange) and t>0 (green) in wave optics

If GWs arrive earlier than light, the green signal arrives at t<0



S(t)

contour plot of the arrival time difference



impact parameter normalized by the Einstein radius the

Degeneracy between binary's and lens parameters in the lensed waveform

(Liang Dai+ 2018)

$$\tilde{h}(f) = A f^{-7/6} e^{i\Phi(f)}$$

lens model parameters (such as mass, impact parameter, density profile) may degenerate with spin-orbit precession or eccentricity of the binary

lensing modulates the amplitude and phase

spin-orbit precession and eccentricity similarly modulate both while masses, aligned spin, and tidal deformability modulate the phase only

(Ezquiaga+ 2020)



unlensed

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Unveiling the wave nature of gravitational-waves with simulations

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The author solved the partial derivative equation for the lensed wave propagation in time domain (instead of the Kirchhoff diffraction integral)



Lensing effects on the polarization of GWs

In geometrical optics,

the polarization is parallelly transported along the null geodesic

In quasi-geometrical optics, (Harte 2019; Cusin & Lagos 2020) the propagation equation was solved in a series of $1/\lambda$

$$h_{\mu\nu}^{\rm L}(f) = h_{\mu\nu}^{\rm L,geo}(f) + h_{\mu\nu}^{\rm L,(1)}(f) + O(1/\lambda^2)$$

geometricalleadingopticscorrection $O(1/\lambda)$

In wave optics, ???

source, lens, and observer placed on straight line



 $r_{\rm E}$: Einstein radius

 $heta_{
m E}$: angular Einstein radius

solid : Δt_d in phase velocity

(Ezquiaga+ 2020)

dashed: Δt_d in group velocity





 $D_{\rm L}, D_{\rm S}, D_{\rm LS}$: distances between the source, lens and observer

gravitational potential of the lens confined on the lens plane (i.e., the thin lens approximation)

Source properties

(Abbott+ PRL 2017)

| | Low-spin priors $(\chi \le 0.05)$ | High-spin priors $(\chi \leq 0.89)$ |
|--|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Primary mass m_1 | $1.36	extrm{}1.60M_{\odot}$ | $1.36	extrm{}2.26M_{\odot}$ |
| Secondary mass m_2 | $1.17	ext{}1.36M_{\odot}$ | $0.86	ext{}1.36M_{\odot}$ |
| Chirp mass \mathcal{M} | $1.188^{+0.004}_{-0.002} M_{\odot}$ | $1.188^{+0.004}_{-0.002} M_{\odot}$ |
| Mass ratio m_2/m_1 | 0.7–1.0 | 0.4–1.0 |
| Total mass $m_{ m tot}$ | $2.74^{+0.04}_{-0.01} M_{\odot}$ | $2.82^{+0.47}_{-0.09} M_{\odot}$ |
| Radiated energy $E_{\rm rad}$ | $> 0.025 M_{\odot}c^2$ | $> 0.025 M_{\odot}c^2$ |
| Luminosity distance $D_{\rm L}$ | $40^{+8}_{-14}~{\rm Mpc}$ | $40^{+8}_{-14} \rm \ Mpc$ |
| Viewing angle Θ | $\leq 55^\circ$ | $\leq 56\degree$ |
| Using NGC 4993 location | $\leq 28\degree$ | $\leq 28\degree$ |
| Combined dimensionless tidal deformability $\tilde{\Lambda}$ | ≤ 800 | ≤ 700 |
| Dimensionless tidal deformability $\Lambda(1.4M_{\odot})$ | ≤ 800 | ≤ 1400 |