

Measuring Eccentricity w/o Measuring Eccentricity

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Just a Mention: real time KL

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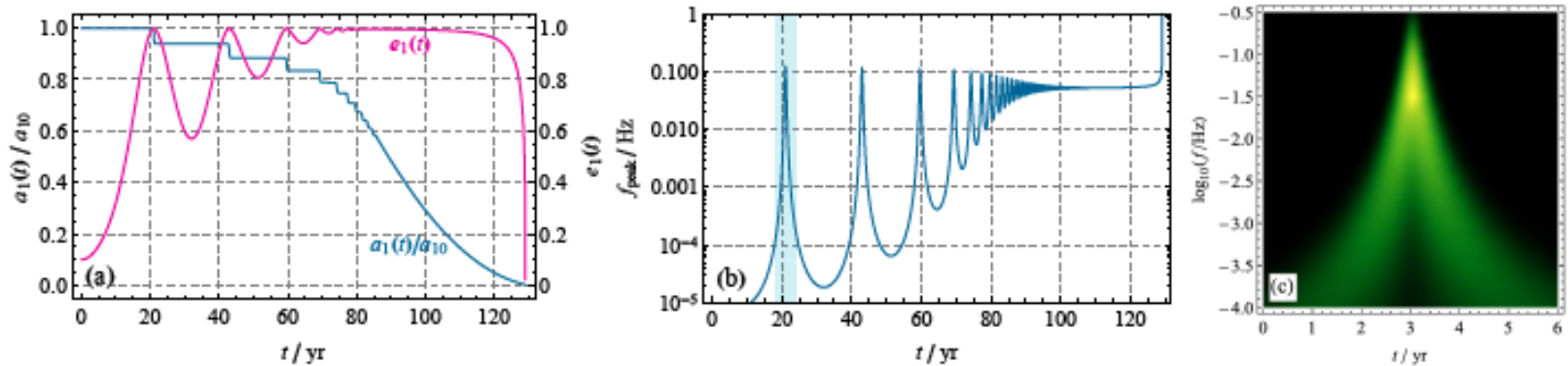


FIG. 1: An example of KL BBH in a galactic center. (a) The semi-major axis $a_1(t)$ and the eccentricity $e_1(t)$ as functions of the time. (b) The peak frequency f_p of the GWs emitted by this BBH as a function of time. (c) An illustration of GW spectrum in frequency-time domain, in a 6-year period marked by the shaded strip in (b). In this example, we take $m_0 = m_1 = 30M_\odot$, $m_2 = 4 \times 10^6 M_\odot$, $a_{10} = 0.2\text{AU}$, $a_2 = 150\text{AU}$, $e_{10} = e_2 = 0.1$ and $I_0 = 89.9^\circ$. The maximal eccentricity $e_{1\text{max}}$ reached in this example is $\epsilon_{1\text{min}} = 1 - e_{1\text{max}}^2 = 0.0022$ and the merger time is $\tau = 129\text{yr}$.

A Direct Probe of Mass Density Near Inspiring Binary Black Holes

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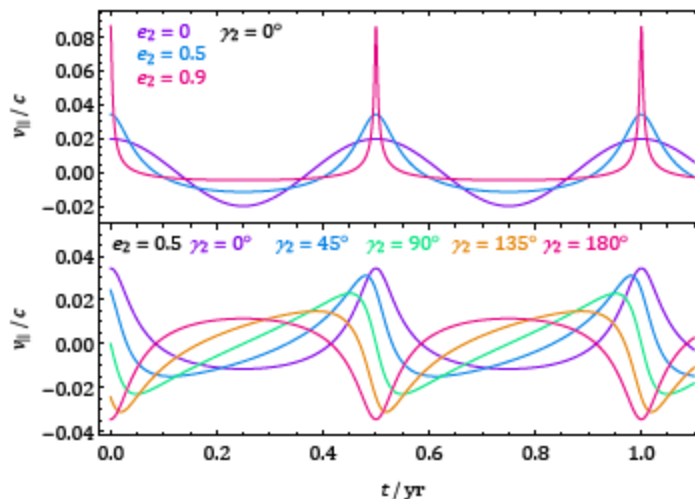


Figure 1. The longitudinal velocity $v_{2||}(t)$ of the BBH barycenter. In both panels $m_0 = m_1 = 10M_\odot$, $m_2 = 4 \times 10^6 M_\odot$ (the mass of Sgr A*), $a_2 = 100\text{AU}$, $I_2 = 90^\circ$. Note that the inclination $I_2 = 90^\circ$ optimizes the effect so better velocity sensitivity will be important in general cases.

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Analytical computation of
eccentricity

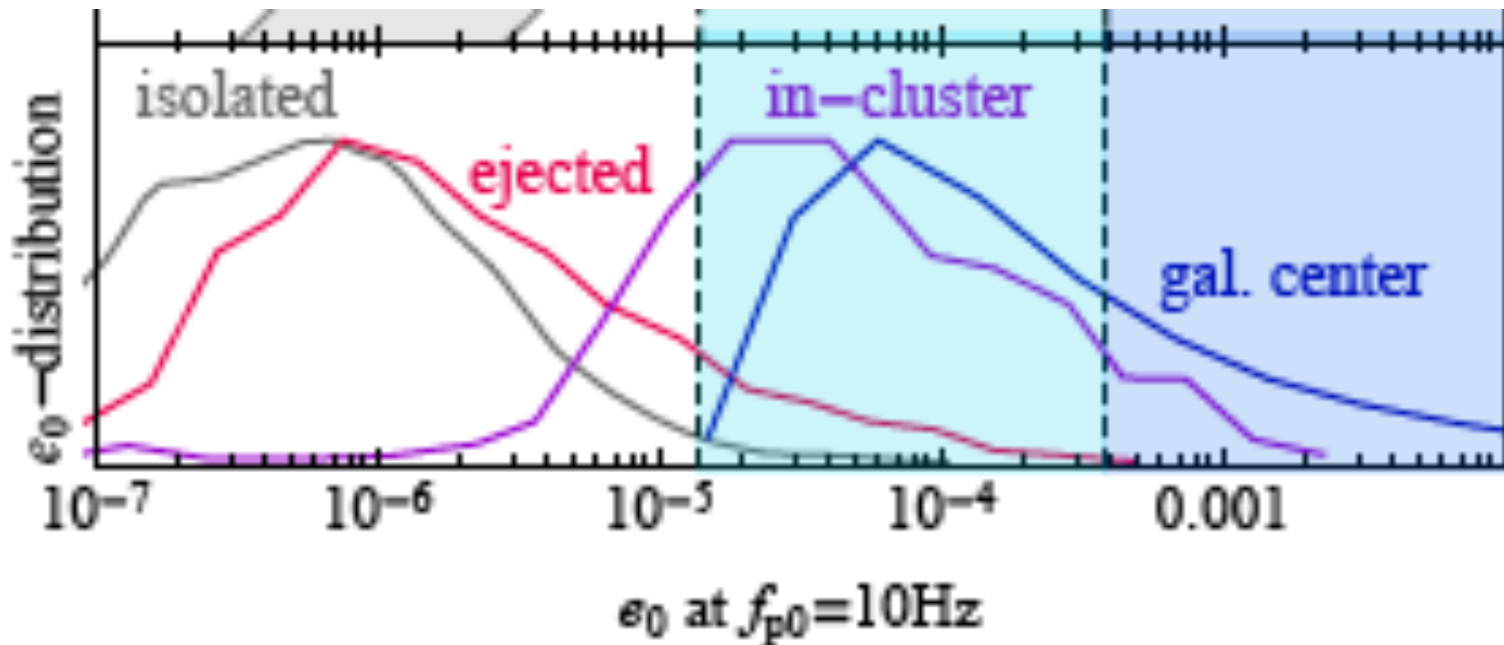
from the cusp model (68) with $m_1 = M$, $\alpha = 7/4$, $\rho_0 = 106M/\text{pc}^3$ and $a_{20} = 0.1\text{pc}$. We perform the integration (73) for several sets of initial distributions and show the resultant probability $P(e)$ in Fig. 10. For the cusp model, we take the same background profile as the one we take for Fig. 9, while the core profile corresponds to replacing $\alpha = 7/4$ by $\alpha = 1/2$. It is clear from the figure that the cusp profile tends to produce a more elliptic distribution than a core model when other parameters are fixed. More interestingly, lighter binaries tend to gain more eccentricity in NC than heavier binaries, which means there is an anti-correlation between the binary mass and eccentricity in this formation channel. This is different from the binaries in GCs where the mass has little impact on eccentricity distribution [30], and is in contrast to what is claimed in [22] who considered an alternative eccentric BBH formation channel with direct two-body encounter and found that the binary mass and the eccentricity is positively correlated. Though we have yet to analyze such situations, such parameter-dependence might ultimately be used to distinguish different formation scenarios. In general, it is clear that most binaries in NCs will have small eccentricities. A careful

LISA/LIGO and eccentricity

- Number in LISA affected by
 - Peak gravitational frequency
 - Enhanced number density required to produce LIGO observed rate
 - Reduced S/N
- Observe number of binaries as a function of frequency
- Determine formation channel based on predicted expected eccentricity
- BUT DON'T NEED TO HAVE ECCENTRIC TEMPLATES
- Though more information with modest eccentricities detected

LIGO eccentricity predictions

- Eccentricity predicted for LIGO very correlated with black hole binary origin
- Dynamical channels clearly predicted to have larger eccentricity in LIGO window
- Break at about 10^{-5}
- Most values too small to be observed at LIGO
- But project back to higher values in LISA



Peak Frequency

- Depends on Periapsis

$$f_p \simeq \frac{\sqrt{Gm}(1+e)^\gamma}{\pi[a(1-e^2)]^{3/2}}, \quad \gamma = 1.1954.$$

Means highly eccentric binaries radiate at higher frequencies

Important to use peak frequency (not orbital frequency) as relevant LISA variable

$$\frac{da}{dt} = -\frac{64}{5} \frac{G^3 \mu m^2}{c^5 a^3} \frac{1 + \frac{73}{24}e^2 + \frac{37}{96}e^4}{(1-e^2)^{7/2}},$$

$$\frac{de}{dt} = -\frac{304}{15} \frac{G^3 \mu m^2}{c^5 a^4} \frac{e(1 + \frac{121}{304}e^2)}{(1-e^2)^{5/2}},$$

Eliminate a:

where G is Newton's constant and c is the speed of light
 Eliminating t from Peters' equation, we get a relation between $a(t)$ and $e(t)$ for a binary with initial value (a_0, e_0)

$$\frac{a}{a_0} = \frac{\mathcal{G}(e)}{\mathcal{G}(e_0)}, \quad \mathcal{G}(e) \equiv \frac{e^{12/19}}{1-e^2} \left(1 + \frac{121}{304}e^2\right)^{870/2299}.$$

$$\frac{f_p}{f_{p*}} = \frac{\mathcal{H}(e)}{\mathcal{H}(e_*)}, \quad \mathcal{H}(e) \equiv \frac{(1+e)^\gamma}{[(1-e^2)\mathcal{G}(e)]^{3/2}}$$

Notice eccentricity in LIGO determines min frequency where it radiates

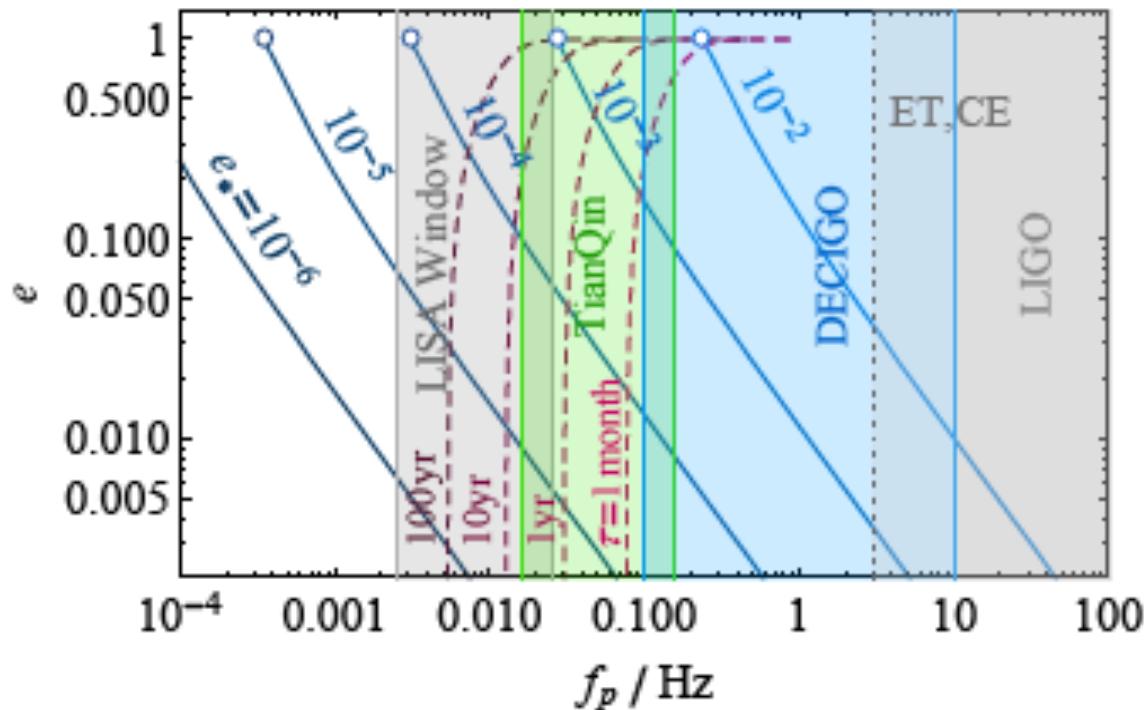


FIG. 1: The binary eccentricity e as a function of the peak GW frequency f_p . The five blue solid curves correspond to five reference values $e_* = 10^{-n}$ ($n = 2, 3, 4, 5, 6$) at $f_{p*} = 10 \text{ Hz}$, respectively. The four dashed magenta curves show the time τ to coalescence of binaries with $m_1 = m_2 = 30M_\odot$. The shaded strips show the frequency ranges covered by several GW telescopes.

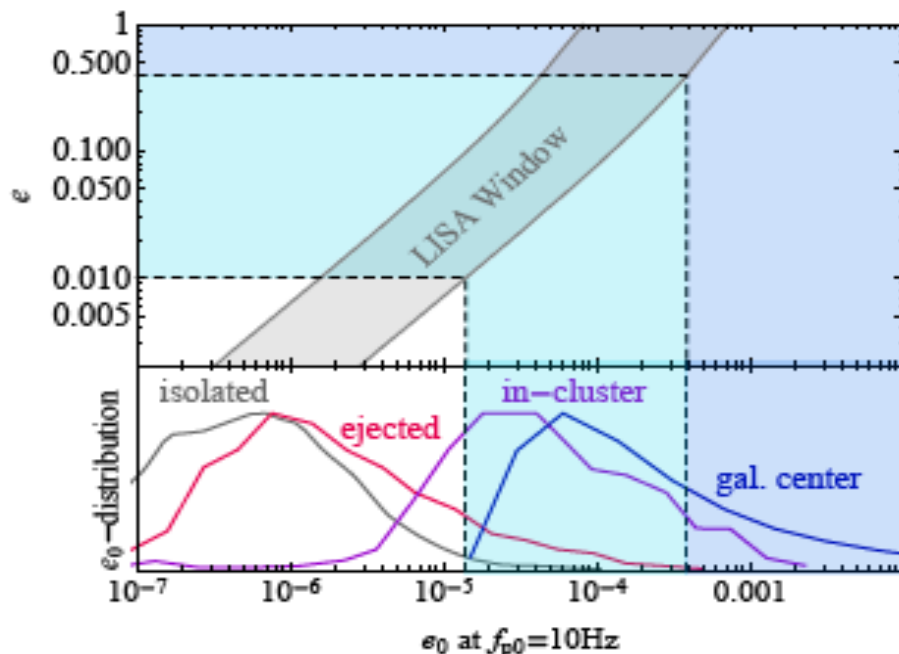


FIG. 2: UPPER: The eccentricity e in the LISA window (grey strip, same as in Fig. 1) versus the eccentricity e_* at $f_{p*} = 10\text{Hz}$. BBHs to the lower-left of the black dashed lines could be seen in LISA if LISA is able to measure e up to 0.01 or 0.4, respectively. LOWER: Eccentricity distributions from several channels at 10Hz. The four curves corresponds to the isolated channel [3], the ejected binaries from globular clusters and the in-cluster mergers [7], and binaries from galactic centers [8]. All curves are normalized at their peak values and the overall heights do not represent relative fractions of channels.

To get numbers need

- Rate
- S/N
- Both as function of eccentricity

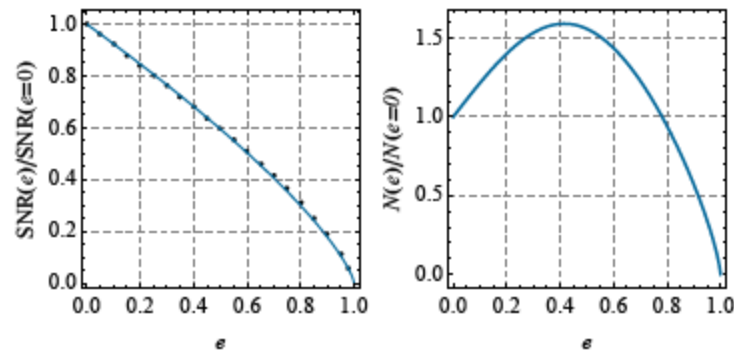


FIG. 3: LEFT: The SNR of a non-chirping eccentric binary as a function of eccentricity e , with peak frequency f_p and all other parameters fixed. The black dots are calculated from summation over harmonics and the blue curve shows the simplified formula (11). RIGHT: The relative enhancement/suppression of expected number of BBHs in LISA due to finite eccentricity.

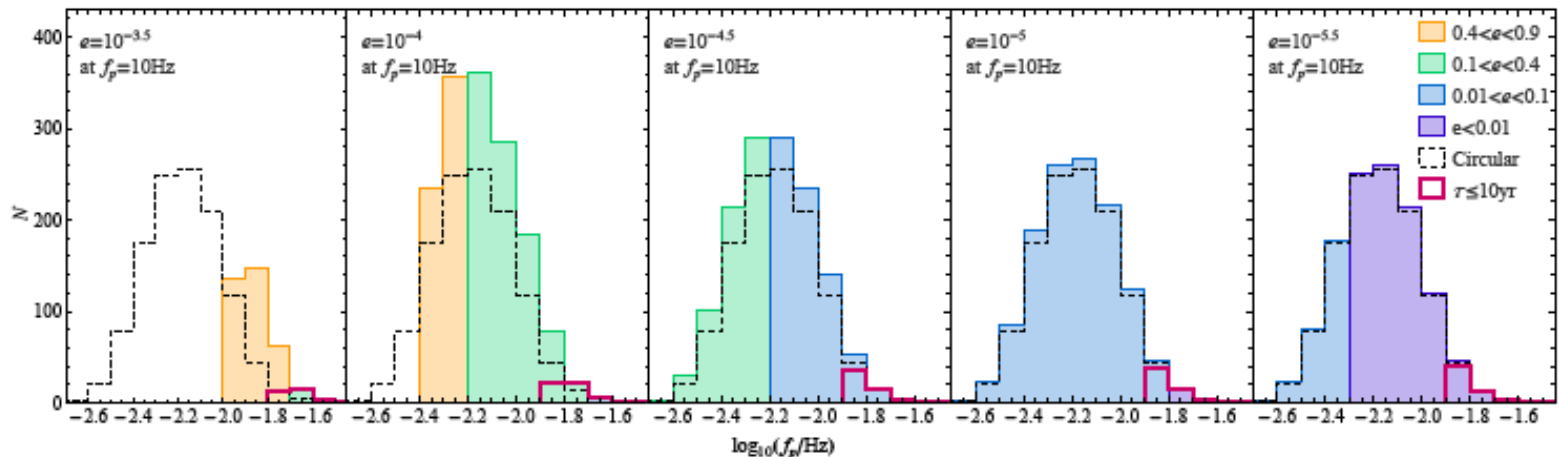


FIG. 4: The number of resolvable ($\varrho > 8$) BBHs in LISA with N2A5 configuration [11] and 10yr observation. In all panels, we use dashed black lines to show a circular distribution with $e_* = 0$, which serves as a basis to which we compare number distribution with finite e_* . In each panel, we choose a different e_* at 10Hz ranging from $10^{-3.5}$ Hz to $10^{-5.5}$ Hz. The purple, blue, green, and orange shadings correspond to $e_{\text{cut}} = 0.01, 0.1, 0.4, 0.9$, respectively. The binaries enclosed by magenta lines were in 10 years so are possible for joint detection with ground CW telescopes.

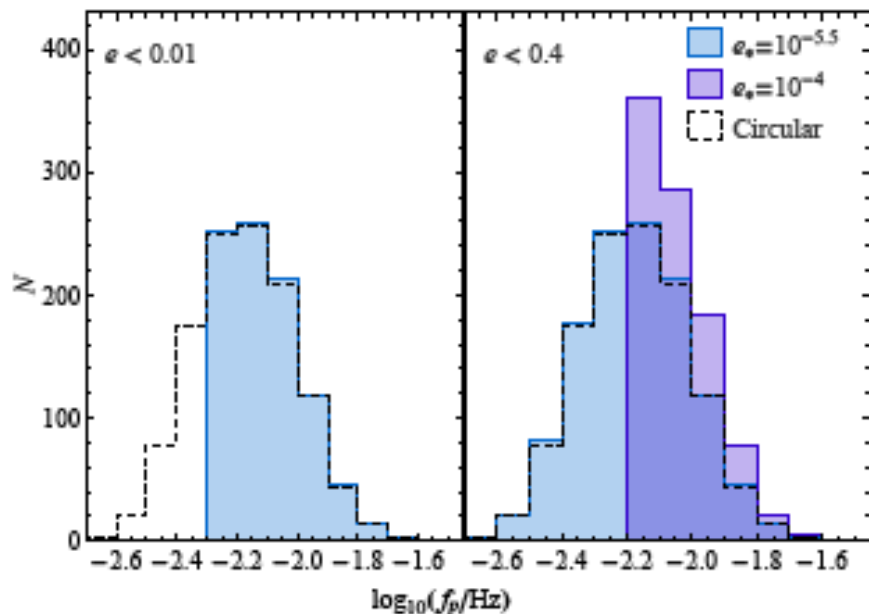


FIG. 5: Rearrangement of histograms in Fig. 4 to highlight the effects of eccentricity e_* on the number of resolvable binaries. The left (right) panel shows the resolvable number with eccentricity in LISA smaller than 0.01 (0.4). The blue and purple shadings correspond to $e_* = 10^{-5.5}$ and 10^{-4} , respectively.

Conclusion

- Number of events
 - As function of frequency
- Can give big insights into eccentricity distribution
 - Hence formation channel
- Some ranges of eccentricities will be seen with templates
 - Some lost entirely (sufficiently large e^*)
- Amazing that LISA has just the right frequency range to distinguish dynamical and isolated processes