

Gravitational Wave Astronomy: RIP

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Abstract

As an epitaph of the project for so-called GW astronomy, I suggest the famous saying by Confucius: “The hardest thing of all is to find a black cat in a dark room, especially if there is no cat”. Specific examples are drawn from [GW 150914](#) and [LISA Pathfinder](#), to explain why [GW astronomy](#) was born dead [from the outset](#). Since the issue of energy transport by gravity is crucial to General Relativity, in the second part of the paper I offer a hypothesis about the origin of gravitational radiation in Relative Scale (RS) spacetime, and outline hypothetical applications of spacetime engineering for producing ecologically clean and unlimited energy by polarization of the so-called light vacuum.

Comment: Due to the sensitive nature of [clean unlimited energy sources](#) from spin-0 gravitational radiation, the full paper is available only upon request ([Matthew 7:6](#)).

1. Is GW150914 a [fraud](#)?

I smell a rat.

The announcement of “the first direct detection of gravitational waves” on 11 February 2016^{1,2}, denoted as GW150914, is a shocking provocation to General Relativity (GR): we are fully aware of the inherent limitations of the linearized approximation of GR^{3,4} and know the *unavoidable* requirements for detecting the “ripples” of spacetime metric⁵. This provocation is sharply exacerbated from the parallel claim of “the first observation of a binary black hole merger”¹, given the well-known fact that we still do not understand the hypothetical formation of “event horizon”^{6,7} and its interior spacetime⁸, if any. Moreover, the announcement of GW150914 ‘swept the garbage under the rug’ by ignoring the unsolved problems of gravitational wave (GW) astronomy, which were acknowledged in August 2002⁴, leaving the impression that this whole GW “discovery” could be a [fraud](#).

If needed, the detailed examination of such (certainly unsettling) possibility can be immediately provided, ensuing from the guiding principle of [Sherlock Holmes](#): *When you have eliminated the impossible, whatever remains, however improbable, must be the truth*.

In the first part below*, I will briefly explain two crucial errors of GW astronomy, which contradict General Relativity: bare spacetime (**NB1**) and GW parapsychology (**NB2**). In the [second part](#), I will elaborate on the alternative possibility that the transient signal, detected on September 14, 2015 at 09:50:45 UTC², was in fact a genuine GW pattern, and will offer (i) an explanation of GW localization⁹ ([spin-2 bozons](#) are not acceptable), and (ii) hypothetical applications of spacetime engineering for producing ecologically clean and

* The latest version of the paper, with live links, can be downloaded from <http://chakalov.net>.

unlimited spin-0 gravitational radiation by polarization¹⁶ of the so-called light vacuum. Needless to say, Sherlock Holmes' principle will be implemented as well.

First, let me focus on the crucial proposal by Rainer Weiss from 1972, suggesting “phase measurements in a Michelson interferometer”² for detecting alteration of distances due to trespassing GW. Such transient changes of the interference pattern are the essence of all ground-based (LIGO, VIRGO and the like) and space-based (LISA Pathfinder) GW detectors.

In my opinion, Rainer Weiss made a **grave error** by bluntly ignoring the fundamental requirement of GR: there is no “bare” spacetime without matter. It is manifestly **wrong** to even imagine that one could somehow suck out all matter from a spacetime region and end up with “bare” spacetime without any matter *whatsoever*, like the grin of the Cheshire cat *without* the cat. Yet this is exactly what all **GW astronomers** are trying to “measure”: a *bare* spacetime region defined *only* with ‘size’, as monitored with laser interferometers!

Surely Reiner Weiss, Kip Thorne, and all their colleagues knew very well that they are breaking the rules of GR. My explanation of their error is that they *deliberately* did it. But why? Perhaps because they cannot define the **transport of energy** by GWs and compute the **stresses** in the **material substrate**, produced by trespassing GWs. So they decided to quietly “bypass” this *fundamental* problem⁵, as there can be no **stresses** induced on a light beam. Just “bare” distances coupled to “spin-two” GWs. Is the Brooklyn Bridge for sale?

NB1: If the proponents of GW astronomy¹ wish to use GR, their first off task is to explain the coupling of GW strain, leading to **stresses** induced in some solid object¹⁰ – not light beam. Say, a plastic bottle.

Consider an empty plastic bottle on your desk, trespassed by GWs from PSR J1603-7202¹¹, with *dimensionless* amplitude 2.3×10^{-26} , and explain the coupling of their wave strain to the plastic material of the bottle, leading to stresses¹⁰. How can gravitational radiation⁵ produce **work** to induce stresses¹⁰ and squeeze the bottle? Perhaps at 2.3×10^{-26} m?

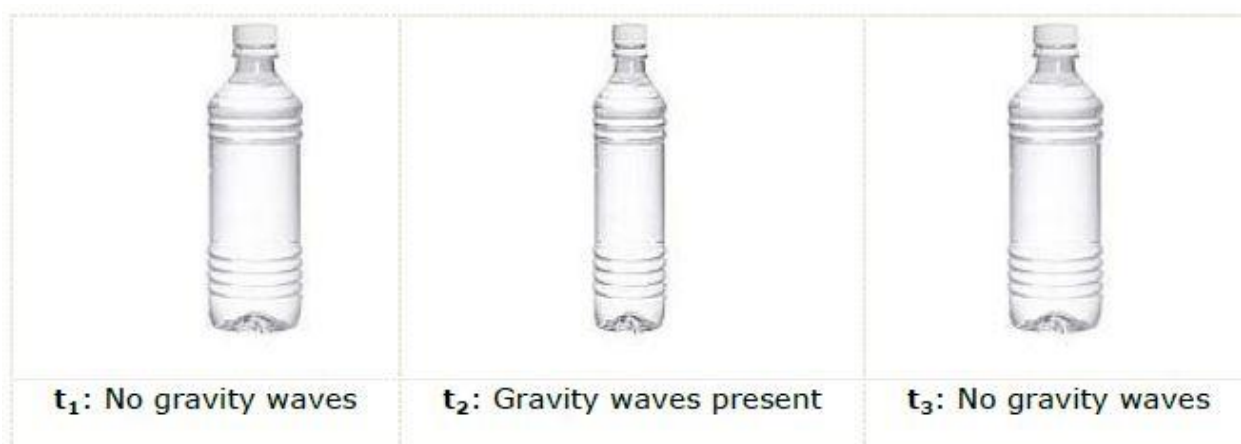


Fig. 1

Moreover, we have a second “miracle” related to the *bare* spacetime (the grin of the Cheshire cat *without* the cat) used in GW astronomy¹: no gamma-ray busts (GRBs) were detected on September 14, 2015 at 09:50:45 UTC. We were told (based on approximations in numerical relativity) that about 1.3 billion years ago, three solar masses were converted to *bare* (see NB2 below) gravitational radiation, and $\sim 5.4 \times 10^{47}$ J of *bare* (see NB2 below)

gravitational energy was released within a fraction of a second, but without “hot gas or stars swirl around them at far greater distances.”¹² It is indeed a “miracle”: an *enormous* explosion due to black hole merger^{6,7,8} that emits GW signal without any GRBs.

According to Bruce Allen¹², “For a tenth of a second [the collision] shines brighter than all of the stars in all the galaxies. But only (emphasis mine - D.C.) in gravitational waves.” Kip Thorne says that “other stellar explosions called gamma-ray bursts can also briefly outshine the stars, but the explosive black-hole merger sets a mind-bending record. (...) It is by far the most powerful explosion (emphasis mine - D.C.) humans have ever detected except for the big bang.”¹²

How come this “mind-bending record” of “the most powerful explosion” (Kip Thorne¹²) – -5.4×10^{47} J released within $0.2s^2$ – was *not* detected as GRBs as well?

For comparison, recall galaxy cluster [MS 0735.6+7421](#): its GRBs were duly detected, but there was no “GW signal”, while “the most powerful explosion” (Kip Thorne¹²) produced only a sneaky “GW signal”¹ and no GRBs whatsoever.

How can we safely separate (i) immensely violent explosions producing *only* GRBs but no “GW signal” from (ii) immensely violent explosions producing *only* one “GW signal” but no GRBs, as claimed by Bruce Allen and Kip Thorne¹²? Apparently by black holes^{6,7,8}, provided that they are *carefully* interpreted with selected approximations from numerical relativity. Is the Brooklyn Bridge for sale, again?

NB2: If the proponents of GW astronomy¹ wish to use GR, they must never use bare gravitational energy of some bare spacetime, resembling the grin of the Cheshire cat *without* the cat: GR does *not* admit such Biblical “miracles”. The object known in GR as ‘gravitational energy’ is like an adjective, say, ‘blue’. If they claim to have detected ‘blue’, they must explain *what* was ‘blue’, like in the example in Fig. 1 [above](#). In GR the grin of the Cheshire cat is *always* on its face ([Fig. 1](#)), that is, in the right-hand side of Einstein’s field equations. It contains *real* physical stuff, not some mythical “[gravitons](#)”.

Only in parapsychology people talk about “mental energy”, simply because they cannot answer the question ‘energy of *what?*’, so they called it “mental”. GR is **not** compatible with such GW parapsychology. We do **not** accept Biblical “miracles” either. **No way.**

To sum up, I conclude that GW150914¹ was most likely a plain **fraud**: see Sherlock Holmes’ principle above. There are no *bare* spacetime (**NB1**) nor *bare* gravitational energy (**NB2**) in General Relativity. If the proponents of GW astronomy¹ wish to use “[gravitons](#)”, their first off task is to develop their own “quantum gravity” and *prove* beyond any doubt that such [renormalizable](#) “[graviton](#)” with upper mass limit at 2.16×10^{-58} kg and Compton wavelength “[roughly 1 light-year](#)” – not over 10^{90} km⁴ – does exist. First things first.

Without such proof, their bold announcement of “the first direct detection of gravitational waves and the first observation of a [binary black hole merger](#)”¹ is sheer jabberwocky, like claiming that pink unicorns *love* to dance with red herrings.

But if [LISA Pathfinder](#) detects GW signal by [September 2016](#), it will require an explanation. It will be an incredibly interesting observation, resembling Fred Hoyle’s discovery of a [resonance in the carbon-12 nucleus](#) – we cannot use the so-called anthropic principle, for the same reason we reject GW parapsychology. They do not make sense, to say the least. Therefore, we will most likely need new physics⁹, which I will outline in Part 2 below.

2. How to detect and utilize physicalized gravitational energy?

Suppose, for the sake of the argument, that the signal detected last year¹ had gravitational origin. To explain how this event might have happened, I will use an old joke.

Three men in a mental clinic, Tom, Dick, and Harry, have to pass a test before they check out. The test is very simple: how much is $2 + 2$. The doctor asks Tom, and he replies: '11'. 'Are you sure?', asks the doc. 'Of course', says Tom, ' $2 + 2$ makes 11. What else?' 'Well, you'll have to stay here for another month or two, but you'll be fine'. Same question to Dick. He immediately replies: 'Tuesday'. 'Are you sure?' 'But of course', says Dick, ' $2 + 2$ makes Tuesday. What else?' 'Well, you will have to stay here for another month or two', says the doc. Finally comes Harry. Same question, and he immediately strikes back with 4. 'Congratulations', says the doc, 'you passed the test and may check out tomorrow. But how did you actually calculate it?' 'Easy', Harry replies, 'I divided Tuesday by 11 and got 4. What else?'

The answer is obviously correct, but Harry's calculation is like the so-called "graviton"² that cannot, not even in principle, solve the cosmological constant problem: "the worst theoretical prediction in the history of physics!"¹³. This is 'the proof of the pudding' of the mythical "graviton", if any. The proponents of GW parapsychology (see NB2 above) never acknowledged this fact about their 'pudding', although they know perfectly well that any hypothetical "graviton"² *must* explain the contribution of the quantum vacuum to gravity. This is *conditio sine qua non* for the alleged "fundamental cosmological scalar fields" and Higgs boson as well: Why is the universe larger than a football?

Now, can we explain the origin⁹ of the 'correct answer' without dividing Tuesday by 11? Perhaps we can, but we won't be able to trace back any local astrophysical source: metaphorically speaking, the *origin* of GWs could be a global holistic "school of fish"¹⁴ created by non-linear interactions between every local fish and the entire 'school of fish'.

What if the *correction* to the mass, energy-momentum, and angular momentum of every fish (Fig. 1) is delivered by the *entire* 'school of fish' in terms of gravitational radiation? Such corrections and contributions to the transient state of every *quasi-local* fish¹⁴, due to non-linear interactions between every fish and the *holistic* 'school of fish' it is "part" of (similar to *particle's self-energy*), could be miniscule¹⁰ (Fig. 1). There will be no need for some "powerful explosion"¹² somewhere in the cosmos. No need for dedicated "gravitons" to carry such corrections either, as non-linear GWs "transport" their own source⁵ spread over the entire 'school of fish'. In this sense, the gravitational energy is non-localizable¹⁵.

Perhaps we encounter non-localizable¹⁵ gravitational energy density of the holistic 'school of fish' (placed in what is currently the left-hand side of Einstein's field equations), which becomes *physicalized* upon its point-wise (Sic!) localization⁹, by providing perpetual *corrections* to the mass, energy-momentum, and angular momentum of every *quasi-local* fish (Fig. 1) placed in what is currently the right-hand side of Einstein's field equations.

But again, this hypothesis will be put forward iff LISA Pathfinder detects genuine GW signal by September 2016. Once we have such indisputable fact, I will be happy to launch my explanation¹⁶, after which I will suggest possible ways to harness such *physicalized* spin-0 gravitational radiation by spacetime engineering. (Please read the comment above.)

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