

# On the feasibility of constraining the neutron star equation of state using advanced gravitational-wave detectors

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Advanced ground-based gravitational-wave detectors have the capability of measuring tidal influences in binary neutron star systems. In this work, we report on the statistical uncertainties in measuring tidal deformability by using a full Bayesian parameter estimation implementation. We show how simultaneous measurements of chirp mass and tidal deformability can be used to constrain the neutron star equation of state. We also study the effect of systematic and statistical error on these measurements. We notably find that systematic error between post-Newtonian waveform families can significantly bias the estimation of tidal parameters, thus motivating the development of waveform models that are more reliable at high frequencies.

## I. BACKGROUND AND MOTIVATION

Advanced interferometric gravitational-wave (GW) detectors currently under construction are expected to begin operating in the next few years. Advanced LIGO is expected to achieve its design sensitivity c. 2019 [1], at which time the detection rate of binary neutron star (BNS) events will most likely be  $\sim 40 \text{ yr}^{-1}$  (though this value is quite uncertain) [2].

When a compact binary coalescence (CBC) signal is detected [3, 4], the corresponding interferometer data stream segment is sent through a parameter estimation pipeline to determine the source parameters of the system. Some of these source parameters include the binary component masses and spins, the sky location, distance, and orientation of the system. Bayesian inference is used to explore the probability distribution of the CBC's source parameters by comparing model waveform templates, whose form depends on these source parameters, to the data stream segment containing the GW. For this work, we use `lalInference_mcmc`, which is included in the `LALInference` LSC Algorithm Library [5], as our parameter estimation pipeline. It is a Markov Chain Monte Carlo (MCMC) sampler designed to efficiently explore the full waveform parameter space in order to make reliable and meaningful statements about CBC source parameters [6–8].

This paper's focus is on measuring the effect of tidal influence on BNS GW signals with advanced detectors. Neutron stars (NSs) in merging CBC systems will be tidally deformed by the gravitational gradient of their companion across their finite diameter. This effect is insignificant at large separations but becomes increasingly significant as the NSs near [9]. The internal structure of a NS, which is characterized by its equation of state (EOS), determines how much each star will deform. The amount that a NS deforms will affect the orbital decay rate, which is encoded in the observed gravitational wave-

form. Therefore, if a gravitational signal from a BNS system is detected, then such a detection could provide insight into the NS EOS [9–11].

In order to make meaningful statements regarding the recoverability of tidal parameters from BNS signals, it is important to understand the effects of error on parameter estimation. One such obstacle to measuring tidal influence is accurate waveform modeling. The error resulting from inaccurate waveform models is a kind of *systematic error*. Some of the most commonly used CBC waveforms rely on a post-Newtonian (pN) expansion in orbital speed. As the CBC inspirals, the orbital speed of the binary components increases leading to a higher frequency signal. These waveform families are thus unreliable at high frequencies at which orbital speeds become large [12], and also where tidal effects emerge. Another difficulty in measuring tidal influence results from fluctuations in detector noise. This type of error is called *statistical error*. Tidal influences only noticeably affect the final high frequency orbits of the binary where the detector noise (in strain units) is comparatively large. Extracting such a small influence occurring in the high frequency band is an investigation at the very brink of our detectors' sensitivity. Even small fluctuations in detector noise might be able to dramatically affect the recovery of tidal deformability. Understanding the magnitude of these two sources of error is the core motivator of this work.

Several studies have used the *Fisher Information Matrix* (FM), which is only valid in the large signal-to-noise ratio (SNR) limit, to estimate the measurability of tidal effects on the CBC gravitational waveform [9–11, 13–16]. Flanagan and Hinderer were among the first to show that advanced detectors can constrain the tidal influence of NSs on the early inspiral portion of the CBC waveform. They notably use pN waveforms truncated at 400 Hz to remove the unreliable high-frequency portion of the pN model [9]. Hinderer *et al.* later investigated how well con-

straints on the tidal deformability from the early inspiral can discriminate between several theoretical relativistic NS EOSs [10]. Also using pN waveforms, they find that advanced detectors will likely only be able to probe stiff EOSs.

Additional FM studies moved away from the use of pN waveforms in favor of waveforms that are more reliable at high frequencies. Read *et al.* probed the late inspiral portion of the CBC waveform with numerical relativity (NR) simulations, which are accurate during the late inspiral and merger epochs [13]. They find that the additional high frequency information results in greater measurement accuracy of the tidal deformability. For a  $1.35 M_{\odot}:1.35 M_{\odot}$  BNS system at an effective distance of 100 Mpc, the  $1\sigma$  (68%) measurement uncertainty of  $\sigma_{\tilde{\Lambda}} \sim 100$ , where  $\tilde{\Lambda}$  is the tidal deformability parameter introduced in Section II B. For comparison, this amounts to measuring the radius of the NS to  $\sim 10\%$ . Damour, Nagar, and Villain also probed beyond the early inspiral with tidally corrected effective-one-body (EOB) waveforms, which they claim to be accurate up to merger. They show that advanced detectors should in fact be able to constrain the NS EOS for reasonably loud signals [15].

While the above mentioned studies are very progressive and informative, the FM is not always trustworthy in estimating the measurability of source parameters [17–20]. Though it is known that FM estimates are only accurate for loud signals, recent investigations have highlighted additional shortcomings of FM estimates when compared to real GW parameter estimation pipelines [18]. It is now clear that there is no substitute for full Bayesian results when making definitive statements regarding parameter estimation.

Del Pozzo *et al.* recently performed Bayesian simulations of BNS systems with tidally corrected pN waveforms. They find that advanced detectors will be able to measure tidal effects on GW signals and constrain the NS EOS by combining information from many BNS sources [21]. While this result is very important, their analysis assumes that true BNS signals have the exact same form as their model. Although the authors acknowledge this limitation, it is necessary to study how much their result depends on this assumption.

Recently, there have been several FM investigations that have studied the effects of systematic error on the measurability of tidal parameters [13, 14, 22, 23]. In particular, Yagi and Yunes in [22] and Favata in [23] both find that current PN waveforms, which are known only up to 3.5PN order [12], cannot be used to make accurate measurements of tidal effects. This is an extremely important result that motivates a full Bayesian investigation into the effect of systematic error from tidally corrected PN waveforms on parameter estimation.

In this work, we use a full Bayesian framework to demonstrate the ability of advanced detectors to constrain the NS EOS by measuring the effects of tidal influence on BNS signals. We estimate the anticipated measurement uncertainty associated with using the advanced

LIGO/Virgo network to recover tidal influence in BNS systems. We find that systematic error significantly biases the recovery of tidal parameters. Additionally, we find that statistical error can on occasion considerably reduce the measurability of tidal parameters. We consider only BNS systems.

This work is organized as follows. In Section II we review how tidal influences affect the CBC waveform. In Section III we briefly outline the parameter estimation pipeline used in this analysis and present estimates of the measurement uncertainties of using advanced detectors in the recovery of tidal influences in BNS systems. In Section IV we explain how simultaneous mass-like and radius-like measurements, specifically the measurement of chirp mass and tidal deformability, can help constrain the NS EOS. In Section V we describe the two main sources of error in parameter estimation, and how much each source of error affects the recovery of tidal parameters. We finish with a summary of our main results in Section VI. We also refer the interested reader to Appendix A where we derive how the tidal corrections appear in several pN waveform families.

## II. TIDAL CORRECTIONS TO CBC PN WAVEFORM FAMILIES

In this section, we review the effects of tidal influences on the CBC waveform. For a more complete discussion, refer to Appendix A, which outlines how tidal effects appear in the following pN waveform families: Taylor T1, Taylor T2, Taylor T3, Taylor T4, and Taylor F2. For more details regarding each of these waveform families, see [12] and references therein.

### A. Constructing tidally corrected pN waveforms

To model the CBC waveform, it is customary to approximate each massive body as having infinitesimal size. As the two *point-particles* orbit, they emit GWs that carry energy away from the system. This causes their separation to decrease while their orbital frequency increases. The strength of the signal will also increase with increasing frequency, giving the CBC signal a characteristic ‘chirping’ property. The energy and flux of the point-particle system ( $E_{pp}$  and  $\dot{E}_{pp}$  respectively) are currently known to 3.5 post-Newtonian (pN) order [12].

If the two compact objects are NSs, each will start to deform under the tidal field of the other as their separation decreases. The deformation of each body will have an effect on the rate at which the bodies coalesce. BNS systems therefore depart from the point-particle approximation at high frequencies and require an additional correction to the energy and flux of the system relative to the point-particle terms.

Since a NS in a binary system will deform under the tidal influence of its companion, its *quadrupole moment*

$\mathcal{Q}_{ij}$  must be related to the tidal field  $\mathcal{E}_{ij}$  caused by its companion. For a single NS, to leading order,

$$\mathcal{Q}_{ij} = -\lambda \mathcal{E}_{ij}, \quad (1)$$

where  $\lambda = (2/3)k_2 R^5$  parameterizes the amount that a NS deforms [9]. The  $i$  and  $j$  are spatial tensor indices,  $k_2$  is the second Love number, and  $R$  is the NS's radius. Since  $\lambda$  parameterizes the severity of a NS's deformation under a given tidal field, it must depend on the NS EOS. NSs with large radii will more easily be deformed by the external tidal field because there will be a more extreme gravitational gradient over their diameter. For a fixed mass, NSs with large radii are also referred to as having a *hard* EOS, and, for the same mass, NSs with small radii have a *soft* EOS. Therefore, NSs that have large values of

$\lambda$  will have large radii, a hard EOS, and become severely deformed in BNS systems; on the other hand, NSs that have small values of  $\lambda$  will have small radii, a soft EOS, and will be less severely deformed in these systems.

Tidal effects are most important at small separations and therefore at high frequencies in BNS systems. Tidal corrections to the energy  $\delta E_{\text{tidal}}$  and tidal corrections to the flux  $\delta \dot{E}_{\text{tidal}}$  add linearly to the point-particle energy  $E_{\text{pp}}$  and flux  $\dot{E}_{\text{pp}}$ . Though the leading order tidal correction is a Newtonian effect, it is often referred to as a 5pN correction because it appears at 5pN order relative to the point-particle terms. In this work, we keep the leading order (5pN) and next-to-leading order (6pN) corrections to the energy and flux [24]:

$$\delta E_{\text{tidal}} = -\frac{1}{2}M\eta x \left[ -9\frac{\chi_2}{\chi_1} \frac{\lambda_1}{M^5} x^5 - \frac{11}{2} \frac{\chi_2}{\chi_1} \frac{\lambda_1}{M^5} (3 + 2\chi_1 + 3\chi_1^2) x^6 + (1 \longleftrightarrow 2) \right] \quad (2)$$

$$\delta \dot{E}_{\text{tidal}} = -\frac{32}{5}\eta^2 x^5 \left[ \left( \frac{18}{\chi_1} - 12 \right) \frac{\lambda_1}{M^5} x^5 + \frac{1}{28\chi_1} (-704 - 1803\chi_1 + 4501\chi_1^2 - 2170\chi_1^3) \frac{\lambda_1}{M^5} x^6 + (1 \longleftrightarrow 2) \right]. \quad (3)$$

The total mass  $M = m_1 + m_2$ , where  $m_1$  and  $m_2$  are the component masses,  $\eta = m_1 m_2 / M^2$  is the symmetric mass ratio,  $x = (\pi G M f_{\text{gw}} / c^3)^{2/3}$  is the PN expansion parameter,  $f_{\text{gw}} = 2f_{\text{orb}}$  is the GW frequency,  $f_{\text{orb}}$  is the binary's orbital frequency, and  $\chi_1 = m_1/M$  and  $\chi_2 = m_2/M$  are the two mass fractions. Note that the pN order is labelled by the exponent on  $x$  inside the square brackets, which is why these terms are referred to as 5pN and 6pN corrections. Since the 5pN and 6pN tidal correction coefficients multiply  $x^5$  and  $x^6$  respectively, these effects will be insignificant at low frequencies and increasingly more significant at higher frequencies ( $x \sim f_{\text{orb}}^{2/3}$ ), as anticipated. Appendix A derives each tidally corrected pN waveform family from Equations 2 and 3.

The point-particle energy and flux are only known to 3.5pN order [12]. However, we add tidal corrections to the energy and flux that appear at 5pN and 6pN orders without knowing the higher order point-particle terms. The justification for including the tidal corrections has typically been that they are always associated with the large coefficient  $\lambda_n / (GM)^5 \sim [c^2 R_n / (GM)]^5 \sim 10^5$  [24].

Therefore, although they appear at high pN orders, the effect of the tidal terms on the binary's orbit are comparable to the effects of the 3pN and 3.5pN point-particle terms. However, we show in Section V A that not knowing the higher order pN point-particle terms leads to significant systematic error when recovering tidal parameters. Yagi and Yunes in [22] and Favata in in [23] also discuss the importance of these unknown point-particle terms.

## B. Reparameterization of tidal parameters

It becomes convenient to reparameterize the tidal parameters  $(\lambda_1, \lambda_2)$  in terms of purely dimensionless parameters, which we call  $(\tilde{\Lambda}, \delta\tilde{\Lambda})$  [23]. Inspired by the  $\tilde{\lambda}$  from [9],  $\tilde{\Lambda} = 32c^{10}\tilde{\lambda}/(GM)^5$  is essentially the entire 5pN tidal correction in all of the pN waveform families, while the 6pN tidal correction is a linear combination of  $\tilde{\Lambda}$  and  $\delta\tilde{\Lambda}$ . For example, the tidal corrections to the Taylor F2 phase later derived in Equation A29 of Appendix A can equivalently be expressed as follows:

$$\delta\psi_{\text{tidal}} = \frac{3}{128\eta x^{2.5}} \left[ \left( \frac{39}{2} \tilde{\Lambda} \right) x^5 + \left( \frac{3115}{64} \tilde{\Lambda} - \frac{659}{364} \sqrt{1-4\eta} \delta\tilde{\Lambda} \right) x^6 \right], \quad (4)$$

where

$$\tilde{\Lambda} = \frac{8}{13} \left[ (1 + 7\eta - 31\eta^2) (\hat{\lambda}_1 + \hat{\lambda}_2) + \sqrt{1-4\eta} (1 + 9\eta - 11\eta^2) (\hat{\lambda}_1 - \hat{\lambda}_2) \right] \quad (5)$$

$$\delta\tilde{\Lambda} = \frac{1}{2} \left[ \sqrt{1-4\eta} \left( 1 - \frac{13272}{1319}\eta + \frac{8944}{1319}\eta^2 \right) (\hat{\lambda}_1 + \hat{\lambda}_2) + \left( 1 - \frac{15910}{1319}\eta + \frac{32850}{1319}\eta^2 + \frac{3380}{1319}\eta^3 \right) (\hat{\lambda}_1 - \hat{\lambda}_2) \right]. \quad (6)$$

The dimensionless parameters  $\hat{\lambda}_1 = c^{10}\lambda_1/(Gm_1)^5$  and  $\hat{\lambda}_2 = c^{10}\lambda_2/(Gm_2)^5$ , and we have assumed that  $m_1 > m_2$ . Though we choose to express Equations 5 and 6 in terms of dimensionless parameters, they can be equivalently expressed more compactly in terms of dimensional parameters. The parameters  $(\tilde{\Lambda}, \delta\tilde{\Lambda})$  were chosen such that they have the following convenient properties:

$$\tilde{\Lambda}(\eta = 1/4, \hat{\lambda}_1 = \hat{\lambda}_2 = \hat{\lambda}) = \hat{\lambda} \quad (7)$$

$$\delta\tilde{\Lambda}(\eta = 1/4, \hat{\lambda}_1 = \hat{\lambda}_2 = \hat{\lambda}) = 0. \quad (8)$$

Setting  $\eta = 1/4$  implies that  $m_1 = m_2$ . Since all NSs have the same EOS, NSs with the same mass will also have the same value for  $\hat{\lambda}$ . We have over-specified Equations 7 and 8 for clarity. We refer to  $\tilde{\Lambda}$  as the *tidal deformability* of a BNS system throughout this work. For more details regarding this reparameterization, see [23].

### III. MEASURABILITY OF TIDAL INFLUENCE

In this work, we use `lalinference_mcmc` to run full Bayesian simulations for our parameter estimation investigation into the measurability of tidal deformability. `lalinference_mcmc` uses an MCMC sampling algorithm to calculate the *posterior* probability density function (PDF) of a detected CBC signal. The algorithm is designed to efficiently explore a multi-dimensional parameter space in such a way that the density of parameter samples is a good approximation to the underlying posterior distribution. In this section, we briefly outline the algorithm used by `lalinference_mcmc`. For a more comprehensive, we refer the reader to the following sources [6–8].

#### A. MCMC overview

A true GW signal will be buried in detector noise. Assuming a detection pipeline has found a data stream segment containing a GW signal, the segment  $d(t)$  will have the following form in the time-domain:

$$d(t) = h(t) + n(t). \quad (9)$$

The detector noise is denoted  $n(t)$  while the pure GW signal is denoted  $h(t)$ . Since no GWs have yet been detected by ground-based interferometers, our studies require simulated signals. It is therefore customary to inject a modeled signal with chosen parameters into synthetic noise.

To determine the physical properties of a CBC system, we seek to map out the functional form of the posterior probability distribution (*posterior* for short) of its param-

eters. Bayes's theorem relates the posterior  $p(\vec{\theta}|d, m)$  for a set of parameters  $\vec{\theta}$  given a model  $m$  and data stream segment  $d(t)$  to the prior probability distribution (*prior* for short) and the *likelihood*:

$$p(\vec{\theta}|d, m) = \frac{p(\vec{\theta}|m)p(d|\vec{\theta}, m)}{p(d|m)} \quad (10)$$

$$\propto p(\vec{\theta}|m)\mathcal{L}(d|\vec{\theta}, m). \quad (11)$$

The posterior is the probability that the GW source modeled by  $m$  that produced the data stream segment  $d(t)$  has the physical properties  $\vec{\theta}$ . The prior  $p(\vec{\theta}|m)$  is the *a priori* probability that the system modeled by  $m$  has the physical properties  $\vec{\theta}$ . The prior reflects everything that we know about the physical properties of any CBC system before attempting to determine the parameters of a specific source. The *evidence*  $p(d|m)$  is the probability of observing the data stream segment  $d(t)$  with the model  $m$ . The evidence is a normalization factor that can be used to compare how well different models would produce the data. The likelihood  $\mathcal{L}(d|\vec{\theta}, m) = p(d|\vec{\theta}, m)$  is the probability of observing the data stream segment  $d(t)$  assuming the system that produced it is modeled by  $m$  and has the physical properties  $\vec{\theta}$ . The likelihood is a measure of how well the model  $m$  with parameters  $\vec{\theta}$  matches the data stream segment  $d(t)$ . Assuming the noise is stationary and Gaussian, the functional form of the likelihood when using a single detector is [25]

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{det}}(d|\vec{\theta}, m) \propto \exp \left[ -2 \int_0^\infty \frac{|\tilde{d}_{\text{det}}(f) - \tilde{m}(f, \vec{\theta})|^2}{S_{\text{det}}(f)} df \right]. \quad (12)$$

$S_{\text{det}}(f)$  is the one-sided noise power spectral density (PSD),  $\tilde{d}_{\text{det}}(f)$  is the detector data stream segment,  $\tilde{m}(f, \vec{\theta})$  is a model for the waveform, and a tilde indicates that a function has been transformed into the frequency domain. When using a network of GW detectors, the posterior probability becomes

$$p(\vec{\theta}|d, m) \propto p(\vec{\theta}|m) \prod_{\text{det}} \mathcal{L}_{\text{det}}(d|\vec{\theta}, m). \quad (13)$$

Our parameter estimation pipeline draws samples from the underlying posterior distribution  $p(\vec{\theta}|d, m)$ . More samples are drawn from regions in the parameter space that have high probability, and less samples are drawn from regions with low probability. The samples can be binned to produce histograms for the full multi-dimensional posterior distribution. Histograms of fewer dimensions are produced by *marginalizing* the posterior

over parameters that are not of interest. For example, a 1-dimensional PDF for the tidal deformability  $\tilde{\Lambda}$  is produced by integrating the posterior over all the other parameters:

$$p(\tilde{\Lambda}|d, m) = \int_{\vec{\theta}_{\text{other}}} p(\vec{\theta}|d, m) d\vec{\theta}_{\text{other}}, \quad (14)$$

where  $\vec{\theta}_{\text{other}}$  are all the parameters in the set  $\vec{\theta}$  except  $\tilde{\Lambda}$ .

Various aspects of this algorithm have been fine-tuned to optimize speed and robustness. For instance, `lal inference_mcmc` uses parallel tempering in its exploration of the multi-dimensional parameter space of CBC waveforms. This section is meant to merely provide an adequate overview of the parameter estimation pipeline used in this work. We refer the interested reader to the following sources for more details [6–8].

## B. Models, Parameters, and Priors

Equation 11 is used to calculate the posterior  $p(\vec{\theta}|d, m)$ , which is the quantity of interest, from the prior  $p(\vec{\theta}|m)$  and likelihood  $\mathcal{L}(d|\vec{\theta}, m)$ . It depends on a model  $m$ , the model source parameters  $\vec{\theta}$ , and the prior distribution of each parameter. The waveform models used in this work are the following tidally corrected pN waveform families, which we outline in Appendix A: TaylorT1, TaylorT2, TaylorT3, TaylorT4, and TaylorF2. To focus on purely EOS effects, we consider non-spinning BNS systems with no amplitude corrections. (Parameter estimation can be just as easily performed with spinning waveforms.) These assumptions lead to the following 11-dimensional parameter space:

$$\vec{\theta} = \{\mathcal{M}_c, q, \tilde{\Lambda}, \delta\tilde{\Lambda}, D, \iota, \alpha, \delta, \phi_{\text{ref}}, t_{\text{ref}}, \psi\}. \quad (15)$$

These parameters are: the chirp mass  $\mathcal{M}_c = \eta^{3/5} M$ , the mass ratio  $q = m_2/m_1$  where  $m_1 > m_2$ , the distance to the binary  $D$ , the angle between the line of sight and the orbital axis  $\iota$ , the right ascension and declination of the binary  $\alpha$  and  $\delta$ , the GW’s polarization  $\psi$ , and the arbitrary reference phase and time  $\phi_{\text{ref}}$  and  $t_{\text{ref}}$ . It is known that  $\tilde{\Lambda}$  is comparatively more measurable than  $\hat{\lambda}_1$  and  $\hat{\lambda}_2$  [9, 10], which is why we choose to parameterize in terms of  $\tilde{\Lambda}$  and  $\delta\tilde{\Lambda}$ . We use a uniform prior distribution in component masses between  $1 M_\odot < m_{1,2} < 30 M_\odot$ , a uniform prior distribution in  $\tilde{\Lambda}$  between  $0 < \tilde{\Lambda} < 3000$ , a uniform prior distribution in  $\delta\tilde{\Lambda}$  between  $-500 < \delta\tilde{\Lambda} < 500$ , a uniform prior distribution in volume to  $D < 200$  Mpc, an isotropic prior distribution in sky location  $(\alpha, \delta)$  and emission direction  $(\phi_{\text{ref}}, \iota)$ , a uniform prior distribution in polarization angle  $\psi$ , and a uniform prior distribution in  $t_{\text{ref}}$  over the data stream segment.

Since we are concerned only with measuring EOS effects on BNS signals, we fixed all the injected signals to have the exact same sky position ( $\alpha = 0.648522$  and

$\delta = 0.5747465$ ), orientation ( $\iota = 0.7240786$ ), and polarization ( $\psi = 2.228162$ ) for comparison purposes. We vary the strength of injected signals by adjusting  $D$ . We also use a 3-detector advanced LIGO/Virgo network. We use advanced PSDs with the zero-detuned high power (ZDHP) configuration [26] for each detector. Injection and template waveforms all have a low frequency cut-off at  $f_{\text{low}} = 30$  Hz and end when the system reaches  $f_{\text{high}} = f_{\text{ISCO}}$ , where  $f_{\text{ISCO}}$  is the frequency of the binary when it reaches the inner-most stable circular orbit (ISCO).

## C. Measurability of Tidal Deformability

In order to simulate the parameter estimation of a GW signal, one typically injects a model waveform into a data stream segment consisting of simulated detector noise. The strength of the injected signal relative to the detector noise is characterized by the SNR. The SNR  $\rho_{\text{det}}$  of an injection into a single GW detector is

$$\rho_{\text{det}} = \sqrt{4 \int_0^\infty \frac{|\tilde{m}(f, \vec{\theta})|^2}{S_{\text{det}}(f)} df}, \quad (16)$$

where  $\tilde{m}(f, \vec{\theta})$  is the injected waveform model in the frequency domain,  $\tilde{n}_{\text{det}}(f)$  is the detector’s noise, and  $S_{\text{det}}(f)$  is the detector’s one-sided noise PSD. For a collection of detectors, the network SNR  $\rho_{\text{net}}$  is

$$\rho_{\text{net}} = \sqrt{\sum_{\text{det}} \rho_{\text{det}}^2}. \quad (17)$$

We report on the optimal measurability of tidal influences in BNS systems assuming a 3-detector LIGO/Virgo network. We follow a similar procedure to the one used in [27], which details the statistical uncertainties in the mass parameters and sky location parameters of BNS systems that are expected to be achieved with advanced detectors. While one typically injects a signal into synthetic noise, we sometimes choose not to add synthetic noise to our injected signal, which essentially means that we set  $n(t) = 0$  in Equation 9. However, we still calculate the likelihood and the network SNR by dividing by the detector noise PSD. In this way, we incorporate the *overall* effect of noise, which broadens the posterior, without dealing with the statistical fluctuations of *individual* noise realizations. We refer to this procedure as “injecting into zero-noise”. While this may seem like an unrealistic approach, it is shown in [28] that the average posterior PDF, or the posterior distribution averaged over noise realizations, is recovered by setting the noise to zero. Therefore, we can get reliable estimates for the mean measurement uncertainty of tidal parameters recovered from a signal injected into many different noise realizations by simply injecting that signal into zero-noise.

In Figure 1, we present the 1D and 2D posterior PDFs for  $\tilde{\Lambda}$  and  $\delta\tilde{\Lambda}$ . The true BNS signal was injected with  $\rho_{\text{net}} = 32.4$ . We use tidally corrected Taylor F2 waveforms for the injected waveform as well as for the recovery template waveforms. The injection has the following properties:  $m_1 = m_2 = 1.35 M_\odot$ ,  $\tilde{\Lambda} = 590.944$ , and  $\delta\tilde{\Lambda} = 0$ , which is consistent with the MPA1 EOS model<sup>1</sup> [29]. We find that the injected value of  $\tilde{\Lambda}$  is well recovered. However, advanced detectors are not able to discern  $\delta\tilde{\Lambda}$  contributions to the waveform even at a network SNR of 32.4.

In Table I we outline the measurement uncertainties for the tidal deformability parameter  $\tilde{\Lambda}$  for several equal mass and unequal mass BNS systems. We compute the  $1\sigma$  and  $2\sigma$  measurement uncertainty interval by determining the smallest interval in  $\tilde{\Lambda}$  that contains 68% and 95% of the total marginalized posterior probability. We then report the lower and upper bound on this confidence interval. The  $1\sigma$  confidence interval for a  $1.35 M_\odot:1.35 M_\odot$  BNS system consistent with the MPA1 EOS model is [838.7, 1194] for  $\rho_{\text{net}} = 30$ . We find that the measurability of the other parameters are not noticeably affected.

We additionally report the measurement uncertainty of a  $1.35 M_\odot:1.35 M_\odot$  BNS system using just a single detector with  $\rho_{\text{det}} = 30$ . We find that the standard deviation  $\sigma_{\tilde{\Lambda}} = 129$ , where the injected  $\tilde{\Lambda} = 607.3$  is consistent with H EOS model [13]. This result is consistent with the FM estimate

$$\sigma_{\tilde{\Lambda}} = \frac{\tilde{\Lambda}_{\text{H}} - \tilde{\Lambda}_{\text{B}}}{||h_{\text{H}} - h_{\text{B}}||} = 104 \quad (18)$$

from [13] where Read *et al.* use full hybrid waveforms with  $\rho_{\text{det}} = 33.78$ .

#### IV. CONSTRAINING NS EOS

The NS EOS is an equation that describes the structure of *all* NSs in equilibrium by relating NS state variables, such as pressure and density. Simultaneous NS mass-radius measurements, or equivalently mass- $\lambda$  measurements, can highly constrain the NS EOS [30–32]. While many accurate NS mass measurements have been made, corresponding radius measurements are still needed [33].

While  $\hat{\lambda}_1 \sim R^5/m_1^5$  and  $\hat{\lambda}_2 \sim R^5/m_2^5$  are poorly measured by advanced GW detectors due to their strong correlation, the tidal deformability parameter  $\tilde{\Lambda}$ , which is a linear combination of  $(\hat{\lambda}_1, \hat{\lambda}_2)$ , is better measured.

Ground-based interferometers are most adept at measuring a system’s chirp mass  $\mathcal{M}_c$ . In the same way that a binary’s chirp mass is a mass-like parameter that contains information about the mass of both components, the fifth root of the tidal deformability parameter  $\tilde{\Lambda}^{1/5}$  can be thought of as a dimensionless radius-like parameter that contains information about the radius of both components. While GW detectors may not be able to simultaneously constrain the mass and radius of individual NS’s, we showed that they can simultaneously constrain the mass-like and radius-like parameters describing the binary system as a whole. To further this analogy, we chose to define a dimensionful radius-like parameter  $\mathcal{R}_c = 2G\mathcal{M}_c\tilde{\Lambda}^{1/5}/c^2$ , which we call the binary’s *chirp radius*. Therefore, making a  $\mathcal{M}_c$ – $\mathcal{R}_c$  measurement of a CBC system is analogous to making a mass–radius measurement of a single NS star. Note that the component masses and radii are entangled in the former case and are only determined in combination. The question then becomes: “Does measuring the chirp mass and the chirp radius as opposed to the individual mass and individual radius contain enough information to constrain the NS EOS?”

In Figure 2, we take a mass-radius plot with multiple theoretical EOS curves [29] (upper left) and transform it into a  $\mathcal{M}_c$ – $\mathcal{R}_c$  plot with the same EOS curves, now smeared out due to the extra degrees of freedom from not specifying individual masses and radii (upper right). The three horizontal, black lines are the  $1\sigma$  confidence regions of three recovered injections. Because chirp mass is so well measured, these confidence regions appear to be lines due to the aspect ratio of this plot. The three bottom plots in Figure 2 are zoomed-in plots of each recovered injection. From left to right, the important parameters for each injection are:  $m_1 = m_2 = 1.50 M_\odot$  and  $\tilde{\Lambda} = \hat{\lambda}_1 = \hat{\lambda}_2 = 318.786$ ,  $m_1 = m_2 = 1.35 M_\odot$  and  $\tilde{\Lambda} = \hat{\lambda}_1 = \hat{\lambda}_2 = 590.944$ , and  $m_1 = m_2 = 1.20 M_\odot$  and  $\tilde{\Lambda} = \hat{\lambda}_1 = \hat{\lambda}_2 = 1135.63$ . The injections all correspond to the EOS MPA1 [29] and have  $\rho_{\text{net}} = 30$ . Figure 2 demonstrates that simultaneous  $\mathcal{M}_c$ – $\mathcal{R}_c$  measurements can indeed constrain the NS EOS. However, because certain regions of parameter space can be described by overlapping EOS curves, BNS observations with varying values for chirp mass will likely need to be observed before tight constraints on the NS EOS can be made with this approach.

Other studies in constraining the NS EOS with future GW observations include work by Del Pozzo *et al.*, in which Bayesian simulations are used to incorporate information from tens of detections to discriminate between hard, moderate, and soft EOSs [21], and work by Lindblom and Indik which suggests that just two or three high quality measurements of NS masses and tidal deformability can determine the NS EOS to just a few percent [32].

While Del Pozzo *et al.* showed that tens of BNS sources can constrain  $\lambda$  for a  $1.4 M_\odot$  NS, which can then be used to constrain the NS EOS, it might even be possible to

<sup>1</sup> We actually use the parameterized EOS presented in [29] that matches the theoretical MPA1 EOS, as well as many other theoretical EOSs, to a few percent. This approximation is used throughout this work for our convenience. Since the EOS is only used to estimate injected  $\tilde{\Lambda}$  values, our results will not be affected by this approximation.

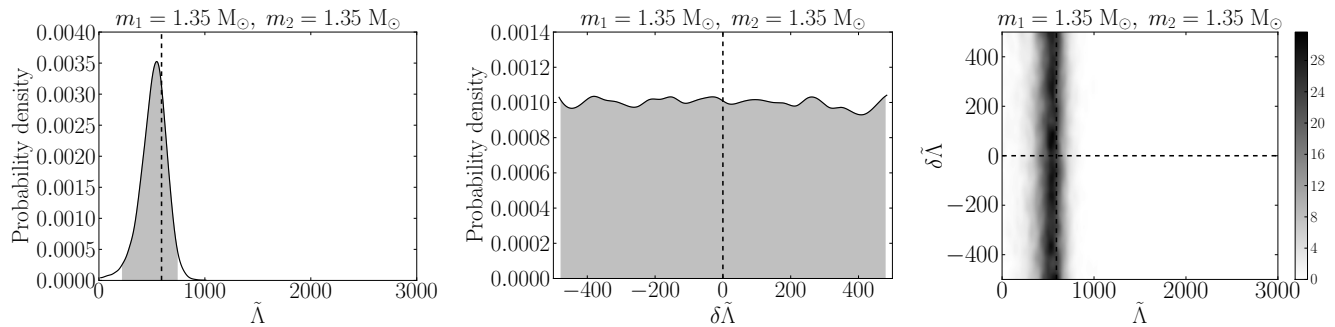


FIG. 1: Marginalized 1D (left and middle) and 2D (right) posterior probability density functions for  $\tilde{\Lambda}$  and  $\delta\tilde{\Lambda}$  of a  $1.35 M_{\odot}:1.35 M_{\odot}$  BNS system with  $\rho_{\text{net}} = 32.4$ . The shaded regions in the 1D PDFs enclose  $2\sigma$  (95%) confidence regions. The injected values for  $\tilde{\Lambda}$  and  $\delta\tilde{\Lambda}$  are consistent with the MPA1 EOS model [29] and are marked with straight dashed lines. These plots are PDFs smoothed with a Gaussian kernel density estimator. For these results, we injected into zero-noise (see Section III C).

TABLE I: The  $1\sigma$  (68%) and  $2\sigma$  (95%) confidence intervals [min,max] for  $\tilde{\Lambda}$ . The BNS systems considered are labeled by their injected masses and tidal deformability  $\tilde{\Lambda}$ . Both equal mass and unequal mass systems ranging from  $m_{\text{min}} = 1.20 M_{\odot}$  to  $m_{\text{max}} = 2.10 M_{\odot}$  are considered. The injected values for  $\tilde{\Lambda}$  are consistent with the MPA1 EOS model [29]. We report confidence intervals for systems with a network SNR of both 20 and 30. For these results, we injected into zero-noise (see Section III C).

System	$\rho_{\text{net}} = 20$				$\rho_{\text{net}} = 30$			
	$1\sigma$		$2\sigma$		$1\sigma$		$2\sigma$	
	min	max	min	max	min	max	min	max
$1.20 M_{\odot}:1.20 M_{\odot}, \tilde{\Lambda} = 1135.63$	553.8	1258	134.6	1700	838.7	1194	516.6	1359
$1.35 M_{\odot}:1.35 M_{\odot}, \tilde{\Lambda} = 590.944$	251.3	690.2	60.73	963.0	382.0	636.7	182.3	750.8
$1.50 M_{\odot}:1.50 M_{\odot}, \tilde{\Lambda} = 318.786$	113.2	398.9	22.94	576.8	162.1	357.4	63.88	447.7
$1.65 M_{\odot}:1.65 M_{\odot}, \tilde{\Lambda} = 175.963$	54.46	250.2	9.576	377.2	63.53	213.9	14.03	290.8
$1.80 M_{\odot}:1.80 M_{\odot}, \tilde{\Lambda} = 98.1908$	29.23	176.8	4.872	274.9	28.93	136.1	5.001	196.8
$1.95 M_{\odot}:1.95 M_{\odot}, \tilde{\Lambda} = 54.6697$	20.06	132.5	3.510	214.4	16.63	96.11	2.621	148.2
$2.10 M_{\odot}:2.10 M_{\odot}, \tilde{\Lambda} = 29.8435$	14.78	104.8	2.126	174.4	11.65	73.95	1.942	118.6
$1.35 M_{\odot}:1.20 M_{\odot}, \tilde{\Lambda} = 820.610$	433.7	1018	102.7	1382	612.9	941.3	340.7	1095
$1.35 M_{\odot}:1.50 M_{\odot}, \tilde{\Lambda} = 435.585$	200.0	574.9	44.39	814.5	282.5	518.0	125.5	626.1
$1.35 M_{\odot}:1.65 M_{\odot}, \tilde{\Lambda} = 328.177$	196.1	570.5	45.45	834.6	221.3	495.9	85.49	619.1
$1.35 M_{\odot}:1.80 M_{\odot}, \tilde{\Lambda} = 252.398$	155.1	593.1	33.02	907.0	155.9	433.5	45.51	598.6
$1.35 M_{\odot}:1.95 M_{\odot}, \tilde{\Lambda} = 197.899$	119.0	546.9	21.51	922.6	107.3	348.2	24.65	489.1
$1.35 M_{\odot}:2.10 M_{\odot}, \tilde{\Lambda} = 157.974$	90.67	445.4	15.78	819.9	79.27	296.8	16.17	424.9

constrain the full form of the NS EOS over all masses. Read *et al.* have presented a parameterized EOS that matches an extensive set of theoretical EOSs to a few percent [29]. The four free parameters of this polytropic fit can replace the tidal parameters in our MCMC simulations. Since all NSs have the same EOS, the information from multiple detections can be combined to put tighter constraints on these EOS parameters. In this way, parameter estimation of multiple BNS sources can be used to constrain the overall form of the NS EOS as opposed to just a single point in mass-radius space. While this is still work in preparation to be submitted for future publication, preliminary FM results by Lackey have been very promising.

## V. SOURCES OF ERROR

Sources of error in estimating the parameters of a CBC system given its gravitational signal can be categorized as statistical and/or systematic. Statistical error is due to the presence of random detector noise. The kind of systematic error that we are studying arises because our template waveforms only approximate true signals. Statistical error is SNR-dependent, since it depends on the relative strength of the signal to the detector noise, while systematic error is SNR-independent, because our waveforms do not attempt to model noise. In this section, we present the effects of both statistical error and systematic error on the ability of advanced ground-based interferometers to measure tidal deformability.

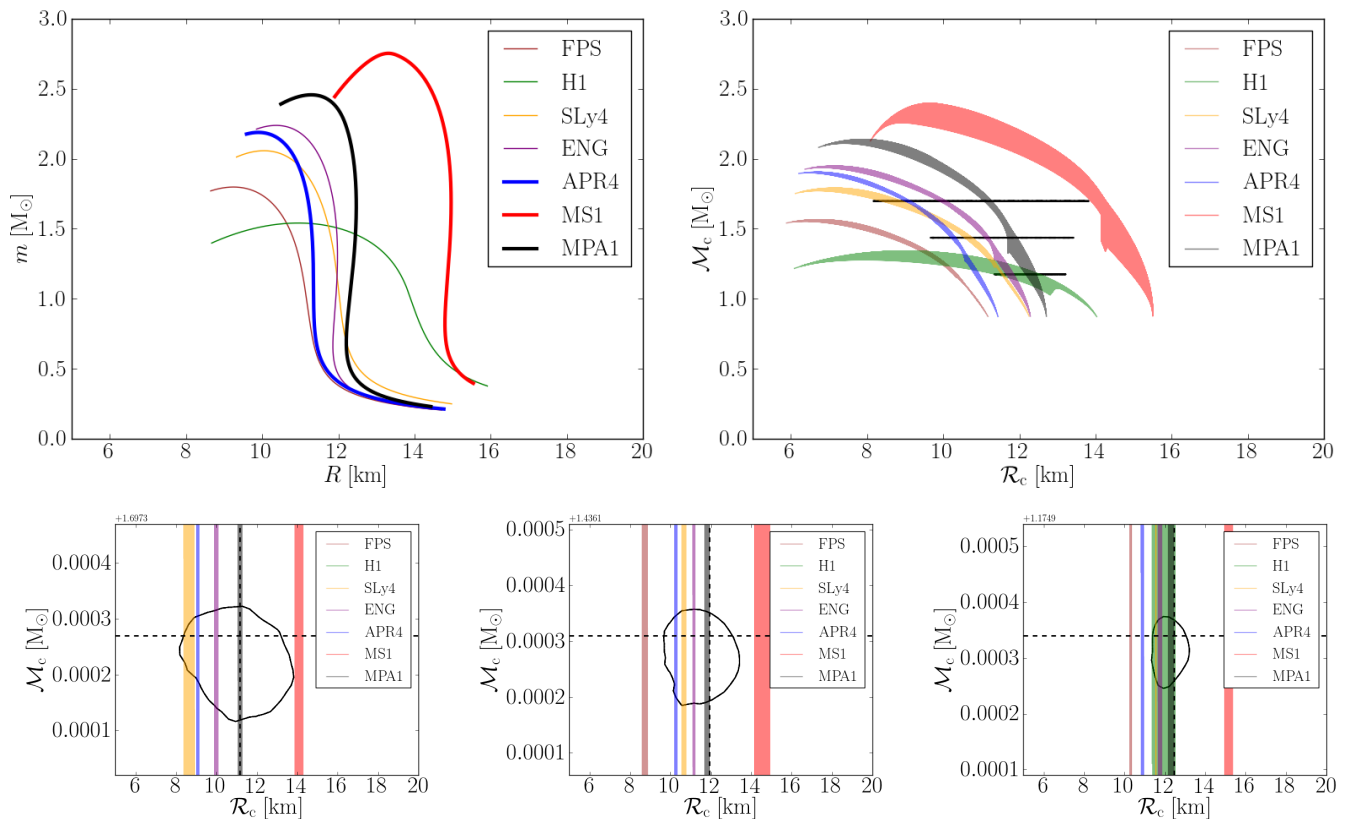


FIG. 2: Typical NS mass-radius plot for several theoretical EOS models [29] (top left). The  $\mathcal{M}_c$ - $\mathcal{R}_c$  plot (top right), where  $\mathcal{R}_c$  is defined in Section IV, depicts the same EOSs as the mass-radius plot now smeared out due to the extra degrees of freedom from not specifying individual masses and radii. NSs with masses less than  $1 M_\odot$  are not considered. The three horizontal, black lines are the  $1\sigma$  (68%) confidence regions of three recovered injections. The three bottom plots are zoomed-in to show these recovered injections more clearly. The injected values for  $\mathcal{M}_c$  and  $\mathcal{R}_c$  are consistent with the MPA1 EOS model and are marked with straight dashed lines. For these results, we injected into zero-noise (see Section III C).

### A. Systematic Error

The pN approximation to the energy and flux of a CBC system is an expansion of the equations of motion about small characteristic velocities, or small frequencies ( $v \sim f_{\text{gw}}^{1/3}$ ). Currently, the point-particle corrections to the CBC energy and flux are known to 3.5pN order [12]. While pN waveforms match a true GW signal at small frequencies, they are unreliable at high frequencies. Since tidal influences become significant at high frequencies, it is expected that the systematic error from having unreliable waveforms at high frequencies will bias the recovery of tidal parameters. The question is: “By how much?”

We expect that the deviation of pN waveform families away from the true CBC waveform will be comparable to the amount that they deviate away from each other. For this reason, we test systematic bias by injecting one pN waveform family and recovering with another. In this way, we can get an order of magnitude estimate of the systematic bias that results from using waveforms that are unreliable at high frequencies to estimate tidal parameters whose effects arise at high frequencies.

In Figure 3, we present example 1D posterior PDFs for  $\tilde{\Lambda}$ . We inject signals from each of the five pN waveform families derived in Appendix A but only recover with Taylor F2 templates. Since injected waveforms are only generated once while template waveforms are generated millions of times during an MCMC run, we only use Taylor F2 templates, because they are generated much faster than the other pN waveform families. The injected component masses are labeled in each figure’s title, while the injected value of  $\tilde{\Lambda}$ , which is consistent with the EOS labeled in the legend, is marked by a dashed, vertical line. Each injection has a network SNR of 32.4 and was injected into zero-noise in order to isolate systematic error from statistical error. (Remember that the effects of noise are not completely ignored by injecting into zero-noise. An averaged PSD is still used to calculate likelihood and network SNR.) While we only present three mass combinations and one EOS model in Figure 3, we also find similar results when considering several other equal and unequal mass combinations and EOS models.

We find that systematic error can be significant in each of the mass combinations and EOSs considered. In par-



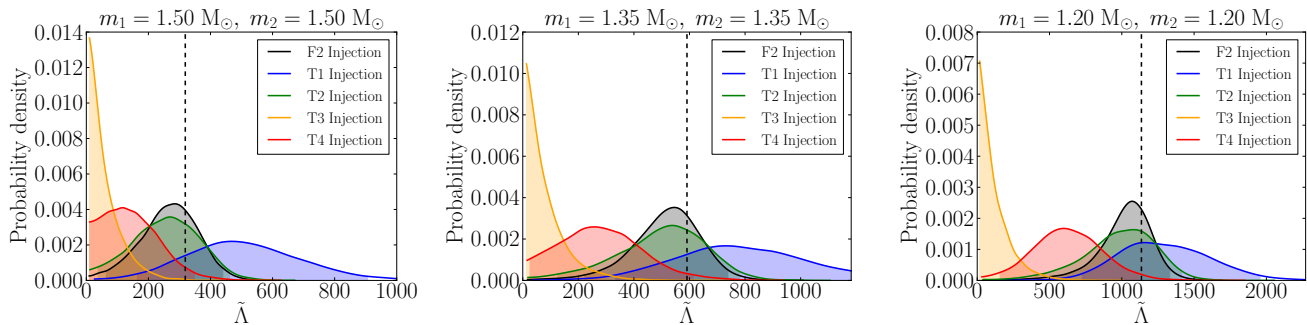


FIG. 3: Marginalized 1D posterior probability density functions for  $\tilde{\Lambda}$  of three BNS systems (labelled by the masses in the title) each with  $\rho_{\text{net}} = 32.4$ . The shaded regions in the 1D PDFs enclose  $2\sigma$  (95%) confidence regions. The injected  $\tilde{\Lambda}$  values are consistent with the MPA1 EOS model [29] and are marked with straight dashed lines. These plots are PDFs smoothed with a Gaussian kernel density estimator. To generate a single plot, we inject BNS signals modeled by each of the five pN waveform families derived in Appendix A. Though the waveform family for each signal is different, the injected waveform parameters are identical. The five PDFs, which are labelled by the injected waveform family, are all recovered using Taylor F2 waveform templates. The deviation of each peak away from the injected value is due to the systematic error in the pN waveform approximants. For these results, we injected into zero-noise (see Section III C).

ticular, the Taylor T4 waveform family has been found to be remarkably similar to equal mass numerical relativity (NR) waveforms [34]. Therefore, for a typical  $m_1 = m_2 = 1.35 M_\odot$  BNS system with a moderate EOS, say MPA1, systematic error will likely bias the maximum likelihood recovery of  $\tilde{\Lambda}$  by  $\sim 50\%$ .

It is also interesting to note that the Taylor T3 injected waveforms are all recovered with little to no tidal contribution with Taylor F2 templates. We suspect that this is due to the peculiar termination conditions associated with the Taylor T3 waveform family, which is outlined in [12].

### B. Statistical Error

Statistical error is due to random fluctuations in detector noise and can affect the recovery of tidal parameters. In the previous sections, all signals have been injected into zero-noise, which gives the posterior averaged over noise realizations [28]. However, to get an understanding of how much a particular instance of noise can bias parameter recovery, we inject the same signal into ten different synthetic noise realizations (Figure 4). Here, both the injected waveform model and the recovery waveform model is Taylor F2. Each injection has  $\rho_{\text{net}} = 32.4$ .

We find that the measurability of  $\tilde{\Lambda}$  can vary dramatically from one instance of noise to the next. A few out of the ten PDFs plotted in Figure 4 have significantly broadened peaks, and some even inherit strange multimodal behavior. Therefore, even though the true parameter value still lies within the 90% confidence interval 90% of the time (as expected [17]), statistical error occasionally acts to significantly reduce the measurability of  $\tilde{\Lambda}$ . Unfortunately some BNS detections may provide uninformative tidal deformability estimates due to random detector noise. Multiple detections will likely need to be

averaged together to overcome the effects of noise, which was successfully shown in [21].

## VI. CONCLUSION/DISCUSSION

In Section III C, we have shown with full Bayesian simulations that tidal deformability in BNS systems is measurable with the Advanced LIGO/Virgo Network (see Table I). This is in general agreement with FM studies [13] and compliments the Bayesian results shown in [21]. For a canonical  $1.35 M_\odot:1.35 M_\odot$  BNS system with the moderate EOS MPA1 recovered using the advanced LIGO/Virgo network, we find that the standard deviation in  $\tilde{\Lambda}$  will likely be roughly  $\sigma_{\tilde{\Lambda}} = 225$  for  $\rho_{\text{net}} = 20$  and  $\sigma_{\tilde{\Lambda}} = 137$  for  $\rho_{\text{net}} = 30$ .

Both statistical error and systematic error have been shown to significantly affect the measurement of tidal deformability. Statistical error, which can severely broaden the peaks of the marginalized  $\tilde{\Lambda}$  posteriors, is overcome by combining information from multiple sources to average out the effects of noise. Stacking sources to overcome statistical error requires many ( $\sim 20$ ) BNS detections [21], instead of just two or three loud signals [32]. Both optimistic and realistic estimates for the BNS detection rate predict that it will take less than a year after reaching design sensitivity ( $\sim 2019$ ) to constrain the NS EOS with GW signals. However, according to pessimistic estimates, this may take considerably longer [2]. Systematic error, which can significantly bias the recovered parameters, is overcome by improving current waveforms. Higher order point-particle terms would be required in order to trust pN waveform families at frequencies sufficiently high to recover tidal deformability. However hybrid waveforms, which are pN waveforms at low frequencies stitched to NR waveforms at high frequency, or phenomenological waveforms, which are waveforms fitted

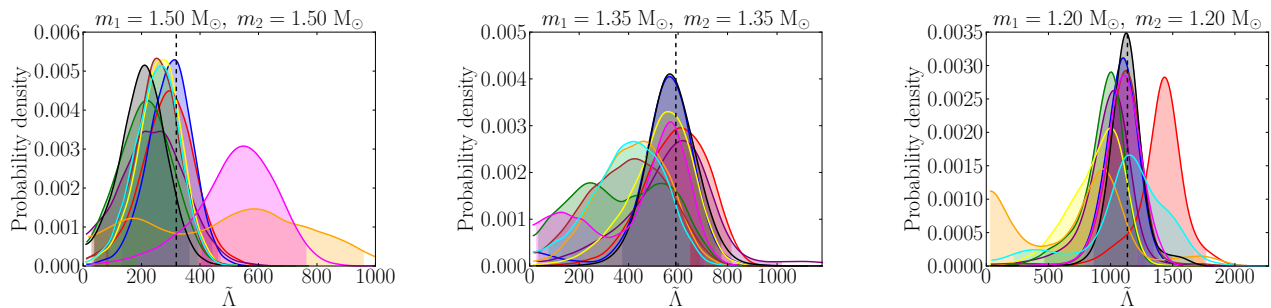


FIG. 4: Marginalized 1D posterior probability density functions for  $\tilde{\Lambda}$  of three BNS systems (labelled by the masses in the title) each with  $\rho_{\text{net}} = 32.4$ . The shaded regions in the 1D PDFs enclose  $2\sigma$  (95%) confidence regions. The injected  $\tilde{\Lambda}$  values are consistent with the MPA1 EOS model [29] and are marked with straight dashed lines. These plots are PDFs smoothed with a Gaussian kernel density estimator. To generate a single plot, we inject the same BNS signal into ten different noise realizations. The deviation of each peak away from the injected value is due to the statistical error from the presence of random detector noise.

to NR, will likely be required to reliably capture high frequency effects, such as tidal deformability. We hope that these results motivate the importance of prioritizing waveform development that incorporates NS matter effects.

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### Appendix A: Tidally corrected pN waveform derivations

We now choose to adopt units where  $G = c = 1$ . The equations that describe the CBC orbital phase evolution are the following:

$$\frac{d\phi}{dt} = \frac{v^3}{M} \quad (\text{A1})$$

$$\frac{dv}{dt} = \frac{dv}{dE} \frac{dE}{dt} = \frac{\dot{E}}{E'}, \quad (\text{A2})$$

where  $\phi$  is the binary’s orbital phase,  $t$  is time, the dot represents a derivative with respect to  $t$ , and the prime represents a derivative with respect to  $v$ . Integrating Equations A1 and A2 give the alternate form:

$$t(v) = t_{\text{ref}} - \int_v^{v_{\text{ref}}} \frac{E'(u)}{\dot{E}(u)} du \quad (\text{A3})$$

$$\phi(v) = \phi_{\text{ref}} - \int_v^{v_{\text{ref}}} \frac{\nu^3 E'(u)}{M \dot{E}(u)} du, \quad (\text{A4})$$

where  $t_{\text{ref}} = t(v_{\text{ref}})$ ,  $\phi_{\text{ref}} = \phi(v_{\text{ref}})$ , and  $v_{\text{ref}}$  is an arbitrary reference velocity, following [12]. Solutions for  $\phi(t)$  and  $v(t)$  fully determine a non-spinning CBC waveform with polarizations that go like

$$h_+(t) \propto v^2 \cos 2\phi \quad (\text{A5})$$

$$h_\times(t) \propto v^2 \sin 2\phi. \quad (\text{A6})$$

Because there are several ways to solve for the orbital phase starting with the same energy and flux inputs, there are several different pN waveform families. These pN families are equivalent up to unknown truncation terms at the next pN order. We briefly outline each waveform family below and point out how tidal corrections are incorporated in their derivation. See [12] for the point-particle terms for each waveform family and details regarding initial conditions.

#### 1. Taylor T1

The Taylor T1 approximant is achieved by numerically solving Equations A1 and A2 for  $\phi(t)$  and  $v(t)$ . Tidal corrections enter through the energy derivative  $E'$  and the flux  $\dot{E}$ :

$$E(v) = E_{\text{pp}} + \delta E_{\text{tidal}} \quad (\text{A7})$$

$$E'(v) = E'_{\text{pp}} + \delta E'_{\text{tidal}} \quad (\text{A8})$$

$$\dot{E}(v) = \dot{E}_{\text{pp}} + \delta \dot{E}_{\text{tidal}}, \quad (\text{A9})$$

where  $\delta E_{\text{tidal}}$  and  $\delta \dot{E}_{\text{tidal}}$  come from Equations 2 and 3 respectively.

#### 2. Taylor T2

The Taylor T2 approximant is achieved by solving Equations A3 and A4. First, the ratio  $E'/\dot{E}$  is expanded about  $v = 0$  to consistent pN order, then the result is

analytically integrated to find  $t(v)$  and  $\phi(v)$ . Tidal corrections enter through the energy derivative  $E'$  and the

flux  $\dot{E}$  and appear at 5pN and 6pN order in  $t(v)$  and  $\phi(v)$ :

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$$\delta\phi_{\text{tidal}}(v) = -\frac{1}{32\eta x^{2.5}} \left\{ \left( \frac{72}{\chi_1} - 66 \right) \frac{\lambda_1}{M^5} x^5 + \left[ -\frac{14975}{56} - \frac{2255}{14}\eta + \left( \frac{15895}{56} + \frac{2595}{14}\eta \right) \frac{1}{\chi_1} \right. \right. \quad (\text{A10})$$

$$\left. + \frac{3985}{28}\chi_1 - \frac{965}{7}\chi_1^2 \right] \frac{\lambda_1}{M^5} x^6 + (1 \longleftrightarrow 2) \left. \right\} \quad (\text{A11})$$

$$\delta t_{\text{tidal}}(v) = -\frac{5M}{256\eta x^4} \left\{ \left( \frac{288}{\chi_1} - 264 \right) \frac{\lambda_1}{M^5} x^5 + \left[ -\frac{2995}{4} - 451\eta + \left( \frac{3179}{4} + 519\eta \right) \frac{1}{\chi_1} \right. \right. \quad (\text{A12})$$

$$\left. + \frac{797}{2}\chi_1 - 386\chi_1^2 \right] \frac{\lambda_1}{M^5} x^6 + (1 \longleftrightarrow 2) \left. \right\}. \quad (\text{A13})$$


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Here,  $x = v^2 = (\pi M f_{\text{gw}})^{2/3}$  is the PN expansion parameter. The tidal corrections add linearly to the point-particle terms:

$$\phi(v) = \phi_{\text{pp}}(v) + \delta\phi_{\text{tidal}}(v) \quad (\text{A14})$$

$$t(v) = t_{\text{pp}}(v) + \delta t_{\text{tidal}}(v). \quad (\text{A15})$$

These parametric equations are then solved numerically to obtain  $\phi(t)$  and  $v(t)$ .

following reparameterization is used:

$$\theta(t) = \left[ \frac{t_{\text{ref}} - t(v)}{5M} \eta \right]^{-1/8}. \quad (\text{A16})$$

Next,  $v(\theta)$  is found to consistent pN order via reversion of the power series. The characteristic velocity  $v(\theta)$  can then be used to find the 5pN and 6pN tidal corrections to the phase  $\phi(\theta) = \phi(v(\theta))$  as well as the 5pN and 6pN tidal corrections to the GW frequency  $f_{\text{gw}} = v^3/(\pi M)$ :

### 3. Taylor T3

The Taylor T3 approximant starts by following the Taylor T2 approach. After  $t(v)$  and  $\phi(v)$  are found, the

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$$\delta\phi_{\text{tidal}}(\theta) = -\frac{1}{\eta\theta^5} \left\{ \left( \frac{9}{128\chi_1} - \frac{33}{512} \right) \frac{\lambda_1}{M^5} \theta^{10} + \left[ -\frac{130715}{1376256} - \frac{8745}{114688}\eta + \left( \frac{23325}{229376} + \frac{4905}{57344}\eta \right) \frac{1}{\chi_1} \right. \right. \quad (\text{A17})$$

$$\left. + \frac{3985}{114688}\chi_1 - \frac{965}{28672}\chi_1^2 \right] \frac{\lambda_1}{M^5} \theta^{12} + (1 \longleftrightarrow 2) \left. \right\} \quad (\text{A18})$$

$$\delta f_{\text{gw,tidal}}(\theta) = \frac{\theta^3}{8\pi M} \left\{ \left( \frac{27}{256\chi_1} - \frac{99}{1024} \right) \frac{\lambda_1}{M^5} \theta^{10} + \left[ -\frac{8579}{65536} - \frac{1947}{16384}\eta + \left( \frac{18453}{131072} + \frac{4329}{32768}\eta \right) \frac{1}{\chi_1} \right. \right. \quad (\text{A19})$$

$$\left. + \frac{2391}{65536}\chi_1 - \frac{579}{16384}\chi_1^2 \right] \frac{\lambda_1}{M^5} \theta^{12} + (1 \longleftrightarrow 2) \left. \right\}. \quad (\text{A20})$$


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The tidal corrections add linearly to the point-particle terms:

$$\phi(\theta) = \phi_{\text{pp}}(\theta) + \delta\phi_{\text{tidal}}(\theta) \quad (\text{A21})$$

$$f_{\text{gw}}(\theta) = f_{\text{gw,pp}}(\theta) + \delta f_{\text{gw,tidal}}(\theta). \quad (\text{A22})$$

These equations are essentially the equations for  $\phi(t) = \phi(\theta(t))$  and  $v(t) = [\pi M f_{\text{gw}}(\theta(t))]^{1/3}$ .

### 4. Taylor T4

The Taylor T4 approximant is achieved by numerically solving Equations A1 and A2 for  $\phi(t)$  and  $v(t)$  after first expanding the ratio  $E'/\dot{E}$  about  $v = 0$  to consistent pN order. The 5pN and 6pN tidal corrections are:

$$\delta\dot{v}_{\text{tidal}} = -\frac{32\eta}{5M}x^{4.5} \left\{ \left( \frac{72}{\chi_1} - 66 \right) \frac{\lambda_1}{M^5}x^5 + \left[ -\frac{4619}{56} + \frac{275}{2}\eta + \left( \frac{4421}{56} - \frac{273}{2}\eta \right) \frac{1}{\chi_1} \right. \right. \quad (\text{A23})$$

$$\left. + \frac{797}{4}\chi_1 - 193\chi_1^2 \right] \frac{\lambda_1}{M^5}x^6 + (1 \longleftrightarrow 2) \left. \right\}. \quad (\text{A24})$$

The tidal corrections add linearly to the point-particle terms:

$$\dot{v}(v) = \dot{v}_{\text{pp}}(v) + \delta\dot{v}_{\text{tidal}}(v). \quad (\text{A25})$$

## 5. Taylor F2

The CBC gravitational waveform can also be derived in the frequency domain using the *stationary phase approximation*. The waveform takes the form

$$\tilde{h}(f_{\text{gw}}) = A(f_{\text{gw}}) \exp[i\psi(f_{\text{gw}})], \quad (\text{A26})$$

where  $\psi(f_{\text{gw}}) = 2\pi f_{\text{gw}}t(v) - 2\phi(v) - \pi/4$ . Substituting Equations A3 and A4 for  $t$  and  $\phi$  into  $\psi$  yields:

$$\psi(f_{\text{gw}}) = 2\pi f_{\text{gw}}t_{\text{ref}} - 2\phi_{\text{ref}} - 2 \int_v^{v_{\text{ref}}} \frac{v^3 - u^3}{M} \frac{E'(u)}{\dot{E}(u)} du. \quad (\text{A27})$$

The tidal corrections are found by expanding the ratio  $E'/\dot{E}$  about  $v = 0$  to consistent pN order and integrating the expression in Equation A27. By choosing to neglect amplitude corrections, the waveform becomes:

$$\tilde{h}(f) = \mathcal{A}f_{\text{gw}}^{-7/6} \exp[i\psi(f_{\text{gw}})], \quad (\text{A28})$$

where  $\mathcal{A} \propto M^{5/6}/D$ . The chirp mass  $\mathcal{M}_c = \eta^{3/5}M$ , and  $D$  is the distance between the GW detector and the binary. The 5pN and 6pN tidal corrections are:

$$\delta\psi_{\text{tidal}} = \frac{3}{128\eta x^{2.5}} \left[ \frac{24(1 + 11\chi_2)}{\chi_1} \frac{\lambda_1}{M^5}x^5 + \frac{5(3179 - 919\chi_1 - 2286\chi_1^2 + 260\chi_1^3)}{28\chi_1} \frac{\lambda_1}{M^5}x^6 + (1 \longleftrightarrow 2) \right]. \quad (\text{A29})$$

The tidal corrections add linearly to the point-particle terms:

$$\psi(v) = \psi_{\text{pp}}(v) + \delta\psi_{\text{tidal}}(v). \quad (\text{A30})$$

The Taylor F2 waveform is one of the most utilized CBC waveforms because its fully analytic frequency-

domain form makes it the fastest pN waveform to generate.

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