

TaylorF2

1 Introduction

TaylorF2: a simple frequency-domain inspiral waveform. The waveform is composed of an amplitude and phase:

$$\tilde{h}(f) = A(f)e^{i\Psi(f)} \quad (1)$$

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$$A(f) = \frac{1}{d_L} \sqrt{5/24} \pi^{-2/3} M_c^{5/6} f^{-7/6} \quad (2)$$

$$\Psi = \frac{3}{128} (\pi M f)^{-5/3} \frac{1}{\eta} + 2\pi f t_c - \phi_c \quad (3)$$

and M , M_c , t_c , ϕ_c and d_L are the total mass, chirp mass, time of coalescence, phase of coalescence, and luminosity distance. The total mass M of the binary is given by $M = M_c/\eta^{3/5}$.

The amplitude of the waveform is set to zero for all frequencies $f > f_{ISCO}$, where

$$f_{ISCO} = \frac{1}{\pi 6^{1.5}} \frac{1}{M} \quad (4)$$

is the frequency of gravitational waves at the ISCO.