# **Gravitating Around Gravity**

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# A very brief CV : Academic Background

- 2000 : PhD in mathematical physics → Low Dimensional Gravity
- 2003 : Post-Doc at Penn State University → Quantum Gravity
- 2004 : Associate Professor at Tours University → Modified Gravity

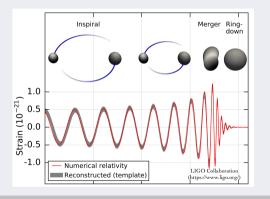




2021 : Professor at IJCLab, Paris-Saclay University → Still Gravity : GW?

# What I'd like to do? Towards the Physics of Gravitational Waves...

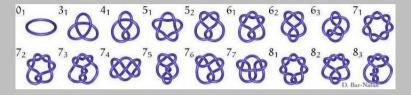
ullet The era of Gravitational Waves  $\Longrightarrow$  Testing Gravitation in Strong Field Regime



- One might expect new physics and deviations from General Relativity
- Discover alternative theories or modified gravity and study their phenomenology

# The beauty of Gravitation lies in its deepness and its diversity

#### A short story on knot invariants

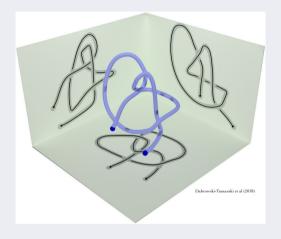


- For a long time, mathematicians (and physicists) tried to classify knots
- In the 80's, very important progresses with knot polynomials :

$$K \longrightarrow P_K(q) = \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} c_n q^n$$

ullet Computation of  $P_K(q)$  based on projecting the knot and applying some rules

# A problem on knot invariants (by M. Atiyah)



• Is there a 3 dimensional way to understand these invariants (knots have a 3D structure)?

# Knots and Gravitation: a fascinating and deep relationship by Witten

# Very formally (without going into details)

$$P_K(q)$$
 is related to  $\int [\mathcal{D}g_{\mu\nu}]W_K(g_{\mu\nu}) \, \exp\left[rac{i}{\hbar}S_{EH}(g_{\mu\nu})
ight]$ 

- Gravitation (in 3D) appears in mathematical theory of knot invariants
- Extremely important result for quantum gravity
- It has been one of my topic of research in the begining...

# Gravitation Around Gravity or Exploring the various facets of Gravitation

