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The Role of the Equation of State in Binary Mergers

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The Binary Merger Experience The Ultimate Heavy-Ion Collision



• $M_1 \leq M_2$

- radial separation: a(t)
- \blacktriangleright M_1 NS or SQM
- M_2 BH, NS, ...
- ► GW emission \Rightarrow

$$L_{GW} = \frac{1}{5} \frac{G}{c^5} \left\langle \ddot{I}_{jk} \ddot{I}_{jk} \right\rangle$$
$$= \frac{32}{5} \frac{G^4}{c^5} \frac{M^3 \mu^2}{a^6}$$

orbit shrinksMass transfer

Einstein's General Relativity $G^{\alpha\beta}[g,\partial g,\partial^2 g] = 8\pi T^{\alpha\beta}[g]$

- $G^{\alpha\beta}: 2^{nd}$ -order nonlinear differential operator acting on $g_{\alpha\beta}$
- $T^{\alpha\beta}$: Stress-energy tensor of matter fields

Parametrized Post-Newtonian (PPN) Formulation In weak field limit,

$$g_{\mu\nu}^{PPN} = \eta_{\mu\nu} + h_{\mu\nu}^{1PN}(M) + h_{\mu\nu}^{2PN}(M) + h_{\mu\nu}^{3PN}(M) + \cdots$$

- $\eta_{\mu\nu}$: flat-space Minkowski metric
- M: incorporates dependence on matter fields
- $1PN, 2PN, \dots \Rightarrow [\mathcal{O}(v^2/c^2)]^{\epsilon}$ with $\epsilon = 1, 2, \dots$

For vacuum gravitational fields (in transverse traceless gauge),

$$\left(-\frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2} + \nabla^2\right)h_{\times/+} = 0$$

GW Lines of Force



GW's have two transverse polarizations, $h_+ \& h_{\times}$.

Laser Interferometer GW Detector



For a readable account, see K. Thorne, arXiv:gr-qc/9506084

Gravitational Wave Detection

- GW Strain : $h(t) = F_{\times}h_{\times}(t) + F_{+}h_{+}(t)$
 - $F_{\times,+}$: Constants of order unity
 - $h_{\times,+} \sim \frac{\delta L}{L_0} \sim \frac{1}{c^2} \frac{4G(E_{kin}^{ns}/c^2)}{r}$: Gravitational waveforms
 - L_0 : Unperturbed length of detector arm
 - δL : Relative change in length
 - E_{kin}^{ns} : Nonspherical part of the internal kinetic energy
 - ELF: $10^{-15} 10^{-18}$ Hz VLF: $10^{-7} 10^{-9}$ Hz*
 - LFB : 10^{-4} Hz 1 Hz, HFB : 1 Hz 10^{4} Hz
- ► Astrophysical Sources Radiating GW's in the HFB
 - Supernovae Supernovae $1.4 M_{\odot}$ NS Binaries $10 M_{\odot}$ BH Binaries
 - at 10 Mpc Milky Way $h \sim 10^{-18}$ at 10 Mpc $h \sim 10^{-20}$ at 150 Mpc $h \sim 10^{-20}$
- $h \ge 10^{-25}$

Inspiral Waveform

Chirp signal:



$$h_{+} \propto \frac{\mathcal{M}^{5/3}}{r} f^{2/3} \cos(2\pi f t)$$

 $h_{\times} \propto \frac{\mathcal{M}^{5/3}}{r} f^{2/3} \sin(2\pi f t)$
 $f = K_0 \mathcal{M}^{-5/8} (t_c - t)^{-3/8}$

10⁻²² with the "chirp mass":

$$\mathcal{M} = (M_1 M_2)^{3/5} M^{-1/5}$$

and the constant:

$$K_0 = \frac{5^{3/8}}{8\pi} \left(\frac{c^3}{G}\right)^{5/8}$$



▶ Binary pulsar PSR 1913+16
 ▶ Period: 7 h 45 min
 ▶ M_{NS} = 1.4408 ± 0.0003 M_☉
 ▶ M_c = 1.3873 ± 0.0003 M_☉
 ▶ Distance: 7.13 kpc
 ▶ Merger in 300 Myr

Merger Rates of Binary Systems

Author(s)	Information	Туре	Merger Rate
Phinney (1991)	pulsar lifetimes,	cons.	5×10^{-8}
	distributions	bguess	7×10^{-6}
Van den Heuval &	pulsar detectability,	cons.	3×10^{-7}
Lorimar (1996)	distribution	bguess	8×10^{-6}
Bailes (1996)	galactic pulsar	lbound	10^{-7}
	birth rates	ubound	10^{-5}
Potegies Zwart &	"scenario machine"		0.2 - 3
Yungelson (1998)	w/ supernova kicks		$\times 10^{-5}$
Bethe &	common envelope	ubound	10^{-5}
Brown (1998)	hypercritical accretion		

Rates in yr⁻¹ Mpc⁻³ 1 pc = 3×10^{18} cm.

Discovery of Double-Pulsar System			
Pulsar	PSR J0737-3039A	PSR J0737-3039B	
Pulse Period P (ms)	22.69937855615(6)	2773.4607474(4)	
Period derivative \dot{P}	$1.74(5) \times 10^{-18}$	$0.88(13) \times 10^{-15}$	
Orbital period P_b (day)	0.102251563(1)	—	
Eccentricity e	0.087779(5)	—	
Characteristic age (My)	210	50	
Magnetic field B_s	6.3×10^{9}	1.6×10^{12}	
Spin-down			
luminosity \dot{E} (erg/s)	5.8×10^{33}	1.6×10^{30}	
Distance (kpc)	~ 0.6	—	
Stellar mass	1.337(5)	1.250(5)	

Merger expected in 85 Myr, a factor 3.5 shorter than PSR 1913+16
A.G Lyne et al., Science, 303, 1153 (2004)
Kalogera et al. (2004): Revisions w/ PSR J037-3039 imply 1 event per 1.5 yr for initial LIGO (for advanced LIGO, 20-1000 events per yr).

PSR J0737 3039 and LIGO

► Merger rate $R \propto N/\tau$

b Binary pulsar lifetime: $\tau = \tau_{BIRTH} + \tau_{COAL}$.

 $\frac{\tau_{1913}}{\tau_{0737}} = \frac{365 \text{ Myr}}{185 \text{ Myr}} \approx 2$

• scaling factor $N \propto L_{400}^{-1}$

$$\frac{N_{0737}}{N_{1913}} = \frac{L_{1913}}{L_{0737}} = \frac{200 \text{ mJy kpc}^2}{30 \text{ mJy kpc}^2} \approx 6$$

 $2 \times 6 = 12 \Rightarrow$ an order of magnitude increase of merger rates!

GW Detectors & Expected Gains

- Ground-Based Laser Interferometers
 - LIGO, VIRGO, GEO, TAMA, ...
- ► The Laser Interferometer Space Antenna (LISA)
- GW's provide valuable new information "orthogonal" to electromagnetic observations
 - First direct test of GR
 - Precise (\pm a few %) determination of Hubble's constant H_0
 - Calibration of distance measurements
 - Masses of NS, BH (large scale structure formation)
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Objectives

- ► Explore EOS dependence of GW signals from mergers.
 - Specifically, look at differences between "normal" stars and "self-bound" (e.g., SQM) stars.
 - EOS parameter : $\alpha(M_1) \equiv d \ln(R_1) / d \ln(M_1)$
 - $\circ \alpha_{NS} \leq 0$, while $\alpha_{SQM} \geq 0 \ (\approx 1/3)$

▶ Incorporate analysis to include GR (2PN, ...) orbital dynamics.

- Extend the Roche lobe analysis from Newtonian to 2PN, ... GR makes stable mass transfer easier.
- Utilize pseudo-GR potential to account for innermost circular orbit changes as a function of mass ratio. Study effects on results for existence of stable mass transfer.
- Explore astrophysical consequences of differences in $\alpha(M_1)$ in (1) merger time scales and (2) GW signals.



- $M \sim (1-2)M_{\odot}$ $M_{\odot} \simeq 2 \times 10^{33} \text{ g.}$
- ► $R \sim (8 16) \text{ km}$
- ▶ $\rho > 10^{15} \text{ g cm}^{-3}$
- ► $B_s = 10^9 10^{15}$ G.
 - Tallest mountain: $\sim \frac{E_{liq}}{Am_p g_s} \sim 1 \text{cm}$
- Atmospheric height: $\sim \frac{RT}{\mu g_s} \sim 1 \text{cm}$

Lattimer & Prakash, Science 304, 536 (2004).



Equation of State: $\alpha(M)$



Roche Lobe Overflow





Energy Loss

$$L_{GW} = \frac{1}{5} \langle \ddot{\vec{F}}_{jk} \ddot{\vec{F}}_{jk} \rangle = \frac{32}{5} a^4 \mu^2 \omega^6$$

Angular Momentum Loss

$$\left(\dot{J}_{GW}\right)_{i} = \frac{2}{5}\epsilon_{ijk}\langle\ddot{F}_{jm}\ddot{F}_{km}\rangle = \frac{32}{5}a^{4}\mu^{2}\omega^{5}$$

- ▶ a(t) and V_{Roche} shrink!
- $\blacktriangleright R_1 = r_{Roche}$
 - \Rightarrow Mass transfer begins!
- ► To merge or not to merge?

Pseudo-GR Potentials

Paczyński-Wiita (accretion disks)

$$\phi_N(r) = -\frac{M}{r} \qquad \rightarrow \qquad \phi_{PW}(r) = -\frac{M}{r - r_G}$$

Innermost Circular Orbit (ICO) at r_{ICO} = 3r_G; r_G = 2M
Post-Newtonian (PN): r_{ICO} < 3r_G for q ≠ 0

Pseudo-GR or Hybrid Potential :

$$\phi_H(r) = -\frac{M}{r-\zeta(q)r_G}; \qquad q = M_1/M_2$$

► $\zeta(q)$ - Mimics 2PN, 3PN Corrections to ICO

Test Particle Effective Potentials and ICO



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Roche Lobes: PW vs. 2PN



Effective Roche Lobe Radii



Ratković, Prakash, & Lattimer (2005)



Orbital Evolution

Angular Momentum Loss :

$$\left[\frac{1-q}{1+q} + \frac{r_G q \zeta'(q)}{a-\zeta(q)r_G}\right]\frac{\dot{q}}{q} + \frac{a-3\zeta(q)r_G}{2(a-\zeta(q)r_G)}\frac{\dot{a}}{a} = -\frac{\dot{J}_{GW}}{J_{BS}} = -\frac{32}{5}a^2\mu\omega^4$$

► Roche Lobe :

$$\frac{\dot{q}}{q} = \frac{1 - \frac{\partial \ln C(q, z)}{\partial \ln z}}{\frac{\alpha(M_1)}{1 + q} - \frac{\partial \ln Q(q)C(q, z)}{\partial \ln q}} \times \frac{\dot{a}}{a}$$

Connection to the dense matter EOS through

$$\alpha(M_1) \equiv \frac{d\ln(R_1)}{d\ln(M_1)}$$

Regions of stable mass transfer

Dashed curves: Lower mass limit to M_2 for stable mass transfer. Solid curve: Upper boundary for transfer beginning outside the ISCO.



Evolution: Orbit Separation *a*



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Evolution: Mass Ratio q



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Evolution: Angular Frequency ω



Evolution: Distance \times **Gravitational Ampitude** rh_+



Evolution: Normal Star (*APR***)**



► $M = 4M_{\odot}, q_{ini} = 1/3$

- GR speeds up evolution
- a(t) increases after
 "touchdown"
- ω(t) stabilizes at long times
- Little variation among EOS's of normal stars.
- M_1 approaches the NS minimum mass; subsequent plunge (timescale ~ a few minutes) yields a second spike in the GW signal !

Evolution: SQM Star



Major Results

- ► Incorporating GR into orbital dynamics leads to an evolution that is faster than the Newtonian evolution.
- ► Large differences exist between mergers of "normal" and "self-bound (SQM)" stars.
 - SQM stars penetrate to smaller orbital radii; stable mass transfer is more difficult than for normal stars.
 - For stable mass transfer, $q = M_1/M_2$ and $M = M_1 + M_2$ limits on SQM stars are more restrictive than for normal stars.
 - The SQM case has exponentially decaying signal and mass, while normal star evolution is slower.

Future Tasks

- Evolution of normal & self-bound star-black hole mergers including the effects of
 - non-conservative mass transfer,
 - tidal synchronization,
 - the presence accretion disk, etc.
- Calculation of templates of expected GW signals



