Merging Neutron Stars

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Plan of the lectures

 \star Lecture I: the **math** of neutron-star mergers

Ecture II: the **physics/astrophysics** of neutron-star mergers

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₭ Gourgoulhon, "*3+1 Formalism in General Relativity",* Lecture Notes in Physics, Springer 2012

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The two-body problem in GR





The two-body problem in GR

• For BHs we know what to **expect**:

•For NSs the question is more **subtle**: the merger leads to an hyper-massive neutron star (HMNS), ie a metastable equilibrium:

NS + NS → HMNS+...? → BH+torus+...? → BH + GWs

 ejected matter undergoes nucleosynthesis of heavy elements



Broadbrush picture



Computersimulation of a Neutron Star Merger in full General Relativity

Credits: Cosima Breu, David Radice and Luciano Rezzolla





merger -----> HMNS ----> BH + torus

Quantitative differences are produced by: total mass (prompt vs delayed collapse) mass asymmetries (HMNS and torus) soft/stiff EOS (inspiral and post-merger) magnetic fields (equil. and EM emission) radiative losses (equil. and nucleosynthesis)

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The long-awaited event GW170817

	(u < 0.05)	High-spin priors $(\chi \le 0.89)$
	Low-spin priors $(\chi \le 0.05)$	1 36-2.26 Mo
	$1.36-1.60 M_{\odot}$	0.86−1.36 M _☉
	$1.17 - 1.36 M_{\odot}$	$1.188^{+0.004}_{-0.002} M_{\odot}$
Primary mass m_1	$1.188^{+0.004}_{-0.002} M_{\odot}$	0.4-1.0
Secondary mass m_2	0.7-1.0	$2.82^{+0.49}_{-0.09}M_{\odot}$
Secondary M	$2.74^{+0.04}_{-0.01}M_{\odot}$	$> 0.025M \odot^{\circ}$
Chirp mass	$> 0.025 M_{\odot} c^2$	40_14 ¹¹⁴ < 56°
Mass ratio m_2/m_1	40^{+8}_{-14} Mpc	≤ 28°
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Gravitational Wave GW170817 and Gamma-Ray Emission GRB170817A



Measured Mass Ratio of GW170817 (for high and low spin assumption)



GW170817







GW170817, GRB170817A Localisation and unusual dimness of GRB



GW170817: Tidal Deformability Restrictions on the Equation of State (EOS) (for high and low spin assumption)



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GW170817: Constraining the Neutron Star Radius and EOS



GW170817: Measurements of neutron star radii and equation of state, The LIGO /Virgo Collaboration, arXiv:1805.11581v1



GW170817:

 $12.00 < R_{1.4} / \text{km} < 13.45$

 $8.53 < R_{1.4} / \mathrm{km} < 13.74$ \bar{R}

See also: De, Finstad, Lattimer, Brown, Berger, Biwe 172702 (2018) ; Nandi & Char, Astrophys. J. 857, 12 (201 Annala, Gorda, Kurkela, Vuorinen, PRL 120, 172703 (201

JS Reference R_i [km] Without a phase transition $10.68^{+0.15}_{-0.03} \le R_{1.6}$ Bauswein et al. [42] Most et al. [51] $12.00 \le R_{1.4} \le 13.45$ Burgio et al. [54] $11.8 \le R_{1.5} \le 13.1$ $11.3 < R_{1.4} < 13.6$ Tews et al. [55] De et al. [56] $8.9 < R_{1.4} < 13.2$ LIGO/Virgo [57] $10.5 \le R_{1.4} \le 13.3$ With a phase transition Annala et al. [46] $R_{1.4} \leq 13.6$ $8.53 \le R_{1.4} \le 13.74$ Most et al. [51] Burgio et al. [54] $R_{1.5} = 10.7$ Tews et al. [55] $9.0 \le R_{1.4} \le 13.6$ This work NS $R_{1 4} = 13.11$ HS Model-2 $12.9 \le R_{1.4} \le 13.11$ $10.1 \le R_{1.4} \le 12.9$ HS_{T} Model-1 HS_{T} Model-2 $10.4 \le R_{1.4} \le 11.9$ TABLE II. Constraints on the radius of neutron stars from GW170817 for models without a phase transition (top), works con-

sidering the possibility of a transition to quark matter (middle) and

for EOSs of *Category III* in the present work (bottom).



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The Hadron-Quark Phase Transition and the Third Family of Compact Stars (Twin Stars)



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FIG. 1. Particle fractions as functions of the baryonic density for the FSU2H model [69, 70] up to the point where the HQPT is implemented, giving rise to a phase of deconfined quark matter which can be separated from the nuclear (or hadronic) phase by a mixed phase of hadrons and quarks. We note that the actual fractions of nucleons/hyperons and quarks u, d, s in the mixed and quark phases cannot be determined with the parametrizations used in this work.





Mass-Radius Relations for Twin-Star EOSs

The mass and radius of a single, nonrotating and spherically symmetric neutron star can be easily calculated by solving the static TOV equation numerically for a given EOS.



FIG. 3. Schematic behaviour of the mass-radius relation for the twin-star categories *I*–*IV* defined in the text. Note the appearance of a "twin" branch with a mixed or pure-quark phase; the twin branch has systematically smaller radii than the branch with a nuclear or hadronic phase. The colors used for these categories will be employed also in the subsequent figures.



In a binary hybrid star merger the two masses of the individual stars can be different (q<1). As a result, the tidal deformability and the stars composition can be different. In this plot the total mass of the binary system has been fixed to the measured chirp mass of GW170817 (M=1.188 Msolar) and the different curve show results for EOSs of Category III.

Constraining the global parameters of the phase transition with GW170817



Gravitational Waves from Neutron Star Mergers

Neutron Star Collision (Simulation)

Collision of two Black Holes GW150914





Binary Merger of two Neutron Stars for different EoSs

High mass simulations (M=1.35 Msolar)

Central value of the lapse function α_c (upper panel) and maximum of the rest mass density ρ_{max} in units of ρ_0 (lower panel) versus time for the high mass simulations.



Hanauske, et.al. PRD, 96(4), 043004 (2017)

Evolution of the density in the post merger phase

ALF2-EOS: Mixed phase region starts at 3p₀ (see red curve), initial NS mass: 1.35 M_{solar}



Gravitational wave amplitude at a distance of 50 Mpc

Rest mass density distribution $\rho(x,y)$ in the equatorial plane in units of the nuclear matter density ρ_0







Inspiral: well approximated by PN/EOB; tidal effects important



Merger: highly nonlinear but analytic description possible



post-merger: quasi-periodic emission of bar-deformed HMNS



Collapse-ringdown: signal essentially shuts off.

In frequency space



Read et al. (2013)

What we can do nowadays

Takami, LR, Baiotti (2014, 2015), LR+ (2016)



Time Evolution of the GW-Spectrum

The power spectral density profile of the post-merger emission is characterized by several distinct frequencies. After approximately 5 ms after merger, the only remaining dominant frequency is the f₂-frequency (See e.g. L.Rezzolla and K.Takami, PRD, 93(12), 124051 (2016))



Evolution of the frequency spectrum of the emitted gravitational waves for the stiff GNH3 (left) and soft APR4 (right) EOS

Extracting information from the EOS

Takami, LR, Baiotti (2014, 2015), LR+ (2016)


A new approach to constrain the EOS

Oechslin+2007, Baiotti+2008, Bauswein+ 2011, 2012, Stergioulas+ 2011, Hotokezaka+ 2013, Takami 2014, 2015, Bernuzzi 2014, 2015, Bauswein+ 2015, Clark+ 2016, LR+2016, de Pietri+ 2016, Feo+ 2017, Bose+ 2017 ...



A spectroscopic approach to the EOS

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Quasi-universal behaviour: inspiral



"surprising" result: quasiuniversal behaviour of GW frequency at amplitude peak (Read+2013) Many other simulations have confirmed this (Bernuzzi+ 2014, Takami+ 2015, LR+2016). Quasi-universal behaviour in the inspiral implies that once f_{max} is measured, so is tidal deformability, hence

 $\Lambda = \frac{\lambda}{\bar{M}^5} = \frac{16}{3} \kappa_2^T \quad \text{tidal deformability or Love number}$

Quasi-universal behaviour: post-merger



We have found quasiuniversal behaviour: i.e., the properties of the spectra are only weakly dependent on the EOS. This has profound implications for the analytical modelling of the GW emission: "what we do for one EOS can be

extended to all EOSs."

Quasi-universal behaviour: post-merger



 Important correlation also between compactness and deformability

 Correlations with Love number found also for high frequency peak f₂.

• This and other correlations are **weaker** but equally useful.



GW170817, maximum mass, radii and tidal deformabilities R, Most, Weih (2018)

Most, Weih, LR, Schaffner-Bielich (2018)



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- This is true also for **uniformly** rotating stars at mass shedding limit: $M_{\rm max}$

 $M_{\rm max}$ simple and quasiuniversal function of $M_{\rm TOV}$ (Breu & LR 2016) $M_{\rm max} = (1.20^{+0.02}_{-0.05}) M_{\rm TOV}$

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Green region is for uniformly rotating equilibrium models.
Salmon region is for differentially rotating equilibrium models.

Stability line is simply extended (Weih+18)

- GW170817 produced object as "x"; GRB implies a BH has been formed: "x" followed two possible tracks: fast (2) and slow (1)
- It rapidly produced a BH when still differentially rotating (2)
- It lost differential rotation leading to a **uniformly** rotating core **(1)**.
- •(1) is much more likely because of large ejected mass (long lived).
- Final mass is near M_{\max} and we know this is universal!



let's recap...

- The merger product of GW170817 was initially **differentially** rotating but collapsed as **uniformly** rotating object.
- •Use measured gravitational mass of GW170817
- Remove **rest mass** deduced from kilonova emission
- Use **universal relations** and account errors to obtain

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r timin $2.01^{+0.04}_{-0.04} \le M_{\rm TOV}/M_{\odot} \lesssim 2.16^{+0.17}_{-0.15}$



universal relations and GW170817; similar estimates

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The QCD Phae Diagram



Credits to http://inspirehep.net/record/823172/files/phd_qgp3D_quarkyonic2.png

Hypermassive Neutron Stars in the QCD Phase Diagram



Density-temperature profiles inside the inner area of a hypermassive neutron star simulated within the LS220 EOS (S see talk by J.Lattimer) with a total mass of Mtotal=2.7 Msolar in the style of a (T- ρ) QCD phase diagram plot at t=19.43 ms after the merger.

The color-coding indicate the radial position r of the corresponding $(T - \rho)$ fluid element measured from the origin of the simulation (x, y) = (o, o) on the equatorial plane at z = o.

The open triangle marks the maximum value of the temperature while the open diamond indicates the maximum of the density.

QCD Phase Diagram: The Late Inspiral Phase



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Binary Neutron Star Mergers in the QCD Phase Diagram





Evolution of hot and dense matter inside the inner area of a hypermassive neutron star simulated within the LS220 EOS with a total mass of Mtotal=2.7 Msolar in the style of a (T- p) QCD phase diagram plot

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The Co-Rotating Frame



Simulation and movie has been produced by Luke Bovard



² Note that the angular-velocity distribution in the lower central panel of Fig. 10 refers to the corotating frame and that this frame is rotating at half the angular frequency of the emitted gravitational waves, Ω_{GW} . Because the maximum of the angular velocity Ω_{max} is of the order of $\Omega_{GW}/2$ (cf. left panel of Fig. 12), the ring structure in this panel is approximately at zero angular velocity.

Density and Temperature Evolution inside the HMNS



Rest mass density on the equatorial plane

Temperature on the equatorial plane



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The Angular Velocity in the (3+1)-Split

The angular velocity Ω in the (3+1)-Split is a combination of the lapse function α , the ϕ -component of the shift vector β^{ϕ} and the 3-velocity v^{ϕ} of the fluid (spatial projection of the 4-velocity **u**):

(3+1)-decomposition of spacetime:





Time-averaged Rotation Profiles of the HMNSs



Time-averaged rotation profiles for different EoS Low mass runs (solid curves), high mass runs (dashed curves).

Temperature

Angular Velocity



EOS: LS200, Mass: 1.32 Msolar, simulation with Pi-symmetry



Evolution of the maximum value of the temperature (triangles) and rest mass density (diamonds) at the equatorial plane in the interior of a HMNS using the simulation results of the LS220-M135 run Color coding of triangles/diamonds: time of the simulation after merger in milliseconds

Grey and black curve: two heavy ion collision simulations within the quarkhadron chiral paritydoublet model

Yq = Quark fraction

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Phase transitions and their signatures

Most, Papenfort, Dexheimer, Hanauske, Schramm, Stoecker, LR (2019)



Modelling the EOS

- EOS based on Chiral Mean Field (CMF) and nonlinear SU(3) sigma model
- Includes hyperons and quarks that can be turned on/off
- Uses Polyakov loop to implement a strong first order phase transition
- Includes a cross-over transition at high temperatures





Quark fraction



- EOS based on Chiral Mean Field (CMF) model, based on a nonlinear SU(3) sigma model.
- Quarks appear at sufficiently large temperatures and densities.





 EOS based on Chiral Mean Field (CMF) model, based on a nonlinear SU(3) sigma model.

- Quarks appear at sufficiently large temperatures and densities.
- For EOS without quarks, the dynamics is very similar, but no PT.

Comparing with the phase diagram



• Phase diagram with quark fraction

Comparing with the phase diagram



- Phase diagram with quark fraction
- Circles show the position in the diagram of the maximum temperature as a function of time

Comparing with the phase diagram



- Reported are the evolution of the max. temperature and density.
- Quarks appear already early on, but only in small fractions.
- Once sufficient density is reached, a full phase transition takes place.
Binary Hybrid Star Mergers and the QCD Phase Diagram



Hot and dense matter inside the inner area of a collapsing hypermassive hybrid star in the style of a (T- p) QCD phase diagram plot at a time right before the apparent horizont is formed in its center

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The color-coding (right side) indicate the radial position r of the corresponding (T- ρ) fluid element

- measured from the origin of the simulation (x, y) = (o, o) on the equatorial plane at z = o.
 - The color-coding (top) indicates the fraction of deconfined quarks.

The open triangle marks the maximum value of the temperature while the open diamond indicates the maximum of the density.















Gravitational-wave emissiom



- In **low-mass binary**, after ~ 5 ms, quark fraction is large enough to change quadrupole moment and yield differences in the waveforms.
- Note the phase difference is zero in the inspiral.
- Sudden softening of the phase transition leads to collapse and **large difference** in phase evolution.

Gravitational-wave emissiom



- In low-mass binary, after ~ 5 ms, quark fraction is large enough to change quadrupole moment and yield differences in the waveforms.
- In high-mass binary, phase transition takes place rapidly after ~ 5 ms. Waveforms a

Observing mismatch between inspiral (fully hadronic) and post-merger

Binary Hybrid Star Mergers and the QCD Phase Diagram



A.Bauswein, N.U.F. Bastian, D.B.Blaschke, K.Chatziioannou, J.A.Clark, T.Fischer and M.Oertel "Identifying a first-order transition in neutron star mergers through gravitational waves", PRL 2019



E.R.Most, L.J.Papenfort, V.Dexheimer, M.Hanauske, S.Schramm, H.Stöcker and L.Rezzolla "Signatures of quark-hadron phase transitions in general-relativistic neutron-star mergers,, PRL 2019

Evolution of Tracerparticles tracking individual fluid elements in the equatorial plane of the HMNS at post-merger times

Rotational behavior of deconfined quark matter

Different rotational behaviour of the quark-gluon-plasma produced in non-central ultra-relativistic heavy ion collisions L. Adamczyk et.al., "Global Lambdahyperon polarization in nuclear collisions: evidence for the most vortical fluid", Nature 548, 2017



Recap (I)

- Spectra of post-merger shows clear "quasi-universal" peaks
- GW spectroscopy possible with post-merger signal
- Unless binary very close, peaks have SNR ~ 1. Multiple signals can be stacked and SNR will increase coherently.
- Only inspiral detected in GW170817 but new limits set on: Maximum mass

 $2.01^{+0.04}_{-0.04} \le M_{\rm TOV}/M_{\odot} \lesssim 2.16^{+0.17}_{-0.15}$

Typical radii and tidal deformabilities

Phase transition can take place after merger leading to clear signatures: misma

Recap (II)

Mergers lead naturally to EM counterparts (GRB, kilonova).

- Magnetic fields unlikely to be detected during the inspiral but important after the merger: instabilities and EM counterparts.
- Electromagnetic counterparts and a jet are likely to be produced but the details of this picture are still far from clear.
- Mergers lead to tiny but important ejected matter and macronova emission.
- "high-A" nucleosynthesis very robust (little dependence on EOS and mass ratio) and good agreement with solar abundances.



The Neutronstar Merger Dance



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