Merging Neutron Stars

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Plan of the lectures

 $\vert\mathcal{H}\vert$ Lecture I: the math of neutron-star mergers

$\vert\mathcal{H}\vert$ Lecture II: the physics/astrophysics of neutron-star mergers

✴Alcubierre, *"Introduction to 3+1 Numerical Relativity"*, Oxford University Press, 2008

✴Baumgarte and Shapiro, *"Numerical Relativity: Solving Einstein's Equations on the Computer"*, Cambridge University Press, 2010

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

★Rezzolla and Zanotti, "Relativistic Hydrodynamics", Oxford University Press, 2013

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The two-body problem in GR

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•For BHs we know what to expect:

$BH + BH$ BH + GWs

•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

 $menger \longrightarrow HMNS \longrightarrow BH + torus$

Quantitative differences are produced by: • mass asymmetries (HMNS and torus) • total mass (prompt vs delayed collapse) • 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

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 ofGRB

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

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Annala, Gorda, Kurkela, Vuorinen, PRL 120, 172703 (201

 GW 170817: Reference R_i [km] JS Without a phase transition
Bauswein et al. [42] $10.68^{+0.15}_{-0.03} \le R_{1.6}$ Most et al. $[51]$ $12.00 \le R_{1.4} \le 13.45$ Burgio et al. [54] $11.8 < R_{1.5} < 13.1$ Tews et al. $[55]$ $11.3 < R_{1.4} < 13.6$ De et al. $[56]$ $8.9 \leq R_{1.4} \leq 13.2$ $LIGO/Virgo [57]$ $10.5 \le R_{1.4} \le 13.3$ With a phase transition Annala et al. [46] $R_{1.4} \le 13.6$ Most et al. $[51]$ $8.53 < R_{1.4} < 13.74$ Burgio et al. [54] $R_{1.5} = 10.7$ Tews et al. $[55]$ $9.0 \le R_{1.4} \le 13.6$ This work EOSs without phase **NS** $R_{1.4} = 13.11$
 $12.9 \le R_{1.4} \le 13.11$ **HS** $Model-2$ $d_{12.5} \le R_{1.4} \le 15.11$ nabilities of neutron
 $d_{10.1} \le R_{1.4} \le 12.9$ HS_{T} Model-1 HS_{T} Model-2 $10.4 \leq R_{1.4} \leq 11.9$

TABLE II. Constraints on the radius of neutron stars from pted in PRL) See also: De, Finstad, Lattimer, Brown, Berger, Biwer, GW170817 for models without a phase transition (top), works con-
sidering the possibility of a transition to quark matter (middle) and the apples of the particle (2018 172702 (2018) ; Nandi & Char, Astrophys. J. 857, 12 (2018) $\frac{1}{2}$ for EOSs of *Category III* in the present work (bottom).

t, L.Weih, L.Rezzolla, J. $\overline{}$ ner-Bielich "New aints on radii and tidal rom GW170817", $1803.00549,$

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

Glendenning, N. K., & Kettner, C. (1998). Nonidentical neutron star twins. Astron. Astrophys., 353(LBL-42080), L9.

Sarmistha Banik, Matthias Hanauske, Debades Bandyopadhyay and Walter Greiner, Rotating compact stars with exotic matter, Phys.Rev.D 70 (2004) p.12304

I.N. Mishustin, M. Hanauske, A. Bhattacharyya, L.M. Satarov, H. Stöcker, and W. Greiner, Catastrophic rearrangement of a compact star due to quark core formation, Physics Letters B 552 (2003) p.1-8

M.Alford and A. Sedrakian, Compact stars with sequential QCD phase transitions. Physical review letters, 119(16), 161104 (2017)..

D.Alvarez-Castillo and D.Blaschke, High-mass twin stars with a multipolytrope equation of state. Physical Review C, $\overline{96(4)}$, 045809 (2017).

A. Ayriyan, N.-U. Bastian, D. Blaschke, H. Grigorian, K. Maslov, D. N. Voskresensky, How robust is a third family of compact stars against pasta phase effects?, arXiv:1711.03926 [nucl-th]

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 chirpmass

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 3_{P₀ (see <mark>red curve</mark>), initial NS mass: 1.35 M_{solar}}

Gravitational wave amplitude at a distance of 50 Mpc

Rest mass density distribution $p(x,y)$ in the equatorial plane in units of the nuclear matter density ρ_0^2

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 f_2 -frequency (See e.g. L.Rezzolla and K.Tākami, 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

Many other simulations have confirmed this (Bernuzzi+ 2014, Takami+ 2015, LR+2016) . "surprising" result: quasiuniversal behaviour of GW frequency at amplitude peak (Read+2013) Quasi-universal behaviour

in the inspiral implies that once fmax is measured, so is tidal deformability, hence $I, Q, M/R$

 $\frac{\lambda}{\bar{M}^5} = \frac{16}{3} \kappa_2^T.$ 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 f_2 .

•This and other correlations are weaker but equally useful.

GW170817, maximum mass, radii and tidal deformabilities

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) $M_{\text{max}} = (1.20^{+0.02}_{-0.05}) M_{\text{TOV}}$

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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 $M_{\rm max}$ 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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2.01^{+0.04}_{-0.04} \leq M_{\rm TOV}/M_{\odot} \lesssim 2.16^{+0}_{-0}
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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 (\odot 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- ρ) fluid element measured from the origin of the simulation $(x, y) = (0, 0)$ on the equatorial plane at $z = 0$.

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

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The Co-Rotating Frame

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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, $\Omega_{\rm GW}$. Because the maximum of the angular velocity Ω_{max} is of the order of $\Omega_{\text{GW}}/2$ (cf. left panel of Fig. 12), the ring structure in this panel is approximately at zero angular velocity.

Simulation and movie has been produced by Luke Bovard

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**

12.0

 10.5

9.0

 $7.5\,$

6.0

4.5

 3.0

1.5

 0.0

 -1.5

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

 Y_q = 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

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- 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- ρ) 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 $\overline{\Xi}$ corresponding (T- ρ) fluid element

- $\overline{6}$ \overline{H} measured from the origin of the simulation $(x, y) = (0, 0)$ on the equatorial plane at $z = 0$.
	- 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

- \cdot In low-mass binary, after \sim 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 \sim 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 \sim 5 ms. Waveforms are similar but all and ϵ

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

Binary Hybrid Star Mergers and the QCD Phase Diagram

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

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 Tracer particles 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 Lambda hyperon 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

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Typical radii and tidal deformabilities

hadronic EOSs $12.00 < R_{1.4}/\mathrm{km} < 13.45 \quad \tilde{\Lambda}_{1.4} > 375$ phase $8.53 < R_{1.4}/\mathrm{km} < 13.74 \quad \tilde{\Lambda}_{1.4} \gtrsim 35 \quad \tilde{\Lambda}_{1.7} \lesssim 460$ transitions

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

