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First observation gravitational waves from binary black hole merger by LIGO

Facts about GW150914 Merger of two black holes of around 36 and 29 solar masses Energy released during the merger: 3 solar masses Distance: 410 Mpc (1340 million Ly)







Credit: Les Wade from Kenyon College.

Neutron Stars (NS) ↔ Pulsars

~ 2500 neutron stars are known, large magnetic fields (up to 10¹¹ Tesla), fast rotation (up to 700 rotations/second), radius ~10 km, mass 1-2 solar masses.
 Some NS are in binary systems (NS-planet, NS-(white dwarf) or NS-NS).
 Double Pulsar (PSR J0737-3039A/B), discovered in 2003, separated only by
 800,000 km, orbital period of 147 minutes, Periodic eclipse of one pulsar by the other, emission of gravitational waves → will merge in 85 million years.



Size of a neutron star compared to New York



McGill NCS Multimedia Services Animation by Daniel Cantin, DarwinDimensions)

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The Neutron Star Merger Product



GWs from Neutron Star Mergers

Simulation of Gravitational Waves from <u>Neutron Star Merger</u>

Observed binary black hole merger by LIGO



Estimated gravitational-wave strain amplitude from GW150914.



Simulated gravitational wave amplitude h_{\perp} and |h| at a distance of 50 Mpc.

The Einstein Equation



The Equation of State and the QCD Phase Diagram



The QCD – Phase Transition and the Interior of a Hybrid Star



Numerical Setup

Several different EOSs : ALF2, APR4, GNH3, H4 and Sly, approximated by piecewise polytopes.



Thermal ideal fluid component (Γ =2) added to the nuclear-physics EOSs.

BSSNOK conformal traceless formulation of the ADM equations. 3+1 Valencia formulation and high resolution shock capturing methods for the hydrodynamic evolution. Full general relativity using the **Einstein-Toolkit** and the **WHISKY code** for the general-relativistic hydrodynamic equations.

Grid Structure:

Adaptive mesh refinement (six ref. levels) Grid resolution: (from 221 m to 7.1 km) Outer Boundary: 759 km Initial separation of stellar cores: 45 km

HMNS Evolution for different EoSs

High mass simulations (M=1.35)



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.

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Low mass simulations (M=1.25)



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 low mass simulations .

EoS: ALF2, M=1.35 Post-Merger Phase





Time [ms]

GW-Spectrum for different EoSs



See:

Kentaro Takami, Luciano Rezzolla, and Luca Baiotti, Physical Review D 91, 064001 (2015)

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Time Evolution of the GW-Spectrum

The power spectral density profile of the post-merger emission is characterized by several distinct frequencies f_{max} , f_1 , f_2 , f_3 and f_{2-0} . After approximately 5 ms after merger, the only remaining dominant frequency is the f_2 -frequency. See L.Rezzolla and K.Takami, arXiv:1604.00246



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

Universal Behavior of f₁ and f_{max}



Values of the low-frequency peaks f_1 shown as a function of the tidal deformability parameter κ_2^T . Mass-weighted frequencies at amplitude maximum f_{max} shown as a function of the tidal deformability parameter κ_{2}^{T} .



Universal behavior of the f₂-peak



Values of the low-frequency peaks f_2 shown as a function of the tidal deformability parameter κ_2^T .

Time-averaged Rotation Profiles



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

Ω^* versus GW-frequency $\Omega_2 = 2\pi f_1$



Maximum value Ω^* [kHz] of the time-averaged rotation profiles versus the gravitational wave frequency-peak Ω_2 [kHz].

The detection of GWs from merging neutron star binaries can be used to determine the high density regime of the EOS. With the knowledge of f_1 , f_2 and the total mass the system, the GW signal can set tight constraints on the EOS.



K.Takami, L.Rezzolla, and L.Baiotti, Physical Review D 91, 064001 (also PRL 113, 091104)

Summary

- 1. With the first observation of gravitational waves from binary black hole merger by LIGO, the whole branch of observational astronomy will enter a new era the so called gravitational-wave astronomy.
- 2. GWs emitted from merging neutron star binaries are on the verge of their first detection.
- 3. The spectrum of the emitted GWs, within the merger and postmerger phase, depend strongly on the high density regime of the EOS.
- 4. With the knowledge of the f₁- and f₂-frequency peak and the total mass the system, the GW signal can set tight constraints on the EOS.



Neutron Stars



Hybrid Stars

 $8\pi G$



$$\mathcal{L} = \underbrace{\overline{\psi}(i\partial - \hat{m}_{0})\psi}_{\text{Kinetische und Massenbeiträge}} + \underbrace{G_{S}\sum_{j=0}^{8} \left[\left(\overline{\psi} \frac{\lambda_{j}}{2}\psi\right)^{2} + \left(\overline{\psi} \frac{i\gamma_{5}\lambda_{j}}{2}\psi\right)^{2} \right]}_{\text{Skalare Wechselwirkung}} \quad \epsilon^{Q} = \\ - \underbrace{G_{V}\sum_{j=0}^{8} \left[\left(\overline{\psi}\gamma_{\mu}\frac{\lambda_{j}}{2}\psi\right)^{2} + \left(\overline{\psi}\gamma_{\mu}\frac{\gamma_{5}\lambda_{j}}{2}\psi\right)^{2} \right]}_{\text{Vektorielle Wechselwirkung}} \quad \psi \equiv \psi_{Aa}^{f} = \\ -\underbrace{K\left[\det_{f}\left(\overline{\psi}\left(1-\gamma_{5}\right)\psi\right) + \det_{f}\left(\overline{\psi}\left(1+\gamma_{5}\right)\psi\right)\right]}_{\text{Flavour Mischterme}} + \underbrace{\mathcal{L}_{L}}_{\text{Leptonische Beiträge}} \quad \psi$$

 $+ \frac{1}{2} R g_{\mu
u}$

 $R_{\mu\nu}$ –

$$MIT-Bag model$$

$$Q = \sum_{f=u,d,s} \frac{\nu_f}{2\pi^2} \int_0^{k_F^f} k^2 \sqrt{m_f^2 + k^2} \, dk + B$$

$$Q = \sum_{f=u,d,s} \frac{\nu_f}{6\pi^2} \int_0^{k_F^f} \frac{k^4}{\sqrt{m_f^2 + k^2}} \, dk - B,$$

 $T_{\mu
u}$

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**):



Averaging Procedure for Ω



In order to compare the structure of the rotation profiles between the different EOSs, a certain time averaging procedure has been used:

$$\bar{\Omega}(r,t_c) = \int_{t_c - \Delta t/2}^{t_c + \Delta t/2} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \Omega(r,\phi,t') \, d\phi \, dt$$

The tidal polarizability parameter κ_{2}^{T}

$$\kappa_2^{T} \equiv 2 \left[q \left(\frac{X_A}{C_A} \right)^5 k_2^A + \frac{1}{q} \left(\frac{X_B}{C_B} \right)^5 k_2^B \right] , \qquad (11)$$

where A and B refer to the primary and secondary stars in the binary

$$q \equiv \frac{M_B}{M_A} \le 1$$
, $X_{A,B} \equiv \frac{M_{A,B}}{M_A + M_B}$, (12)

The tidal polarizability parameter κ_2^T

 $k_2^{A,B}$ are the $\ell = 2$ dimensionless tidal Love numbers, and $\mathcal{C}_{A,B} \equiv M_{A,B}/R_{A,B}$ are the compactnesses. In the case of equal-mass binaries, $k_2^A = k_2^B = \bar{k}_2$, and expression (11) reduces to

$$\kappa_2^T \equiv \frac{1}{8} \bar{k}_2 \left(\frac{\bar{R}}{\bar{M}}\right)^5 = \frac{3}{16} \Lambda = \frac{3}{16} \frac{\lambda}{\bar{M}^5},$$
(13)

where the quantity

$$\lambda \equiv \frac{2}{3}\bar{k}_2\bar{R}^5.$$
(14)

is another commonly employed way of expressing the tidal Love number for equal-mass binaries [32], while $\Lambda \equiv \lambda/\overline{M}^5$ is its dimensionless counterpart and was employed in [34].