





## Modeling neutron star mergers with numerical relativity



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#### **Some questions**



- What can we learn about the EOS from GW observations?
- What are the implication for NS properties from observations (both GW and EM)?
- How can we improve current simulations? (What we need)
- Physics (and timescale) for the description of the remnant What is the interplay between rotational and thermal support in the hyper-massive or supermassive neutron star remnant, and how does it depend on the properties of the finite-temperature equation of state? What controls the "viscosity" inside the remnant?





GR Formulation and Cauchy problem + GR hydrodynamics

Coordinates and Singularities

#### Numerical relativity in a nutshell

Numerical methods for PDEs on adaptive grids



*High-performance-computing (HPC)* 



#### Simulation of merging binary neutron stars in full general relativity: $\Gamma = 2$ case

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Irrotational BNS

#### **Merger dynamics and remnant**







#### Prompt collapse to BH



EoS	$M_{\max}$	$R_{\max}$	$C_{\max}$	$R_{1.6}$	$M_{\rm thres}$	$ ho_{\rm c}/ ho_0$	$f_{\text{peak}}^{\text{stab}}$
NI 9 [40 41]	$[M_{\odot}]$	[KIII]	0.207			EC	0.70
[NL3   40, 41]	2.79	13.43	0.307	14.81	3.80	0.0	2.78
GS1 [42]	2.75	13.27	0.306	14.79	3.80	5.6	2.81
LS375 43	2.71	12.34	0.325	13.71	3.65	6.5	3.05
DD2 [41, 44]	2.42	11.90	0.300	13.26	3.35	7.2	3.06
Shen $[45]$	2.22	13.12	0.250	14.46	3.45	6.7	2.85
TM1 [46, 47]	2.21	12.57	0.260	14.36	3.45	6.7	2.91
SFHX [48]	2.13	10.76	0.292	11.98	3.05	8.9	3.52
GS2 [49]	2.09	11.78	0.262	13.31	3.25	7.6	3.19
SFHO [48]	2.06	10.32	0.294	11.76	2.95	9.8	3.67
LS220 [43]	2.04	10.62	0.284	12.43	3.05	9.4	3.52
TMA [47, 50]	2.02	12.09	0.247	13.73	3.25	7.2	2.96
IUF [41, 51]	1.95	11.31	0.255	12.57	3.05	8.1	3.31

[<u>Bauswein+ 2013</u>] 1.6 1.55 1.55 1.45 1.45 1.45 1.45



#### Merger remnant angular momentum

• BH:  $0.6 < J/M^2 < 0.8$  (HMNS  $\rightarrow 0.6-0.7$ , Prompt BH  $\rightarrow 0.7-0.8$ )

[Kiuchi+ 2009, Kastaun+ 2013, Bernuzzi+ 2016, Zappa+ 2018]



Radice, Perego, SB, Zhang 2018

#### **NS** remnant evolution on viscous timescale

[Radice, Perego, SB, Zhang 2018]



#### NS remnant spin



Spin after viscous phase O(100) ms (estimate)

Zappa+ 2018

Radice, Perego, SB, Zhang 2018

#### **Applications to GW170817**

- Merger product  $\rightarrow$  HMNS/SMNS (chirp mass + blue kN 1 day peak)
- Mmax ~ 2.1-2.3 [Margalit&Metzger 2017, Shibata+ 2017, Rezzola+ 2017, Ruiz+ 2017, ...]
- Radii R<13 [Bauswein+ 2017, Fattoyev+2018, Annala+2018, Raithel+2018, De+ 2018, Abbott+ 2018(LV)]
- Tidal parameter Lambda [Abbott+ 2017(LV), Radice+2017, Annala+2017, De+ 2018, Abbott 2018 (LV)]
- EOS parameters [Malik+2018]



# Joint constraint on the neutron star equation of state from multimessenger observations



- kN model  $\rightarrow$  lower bound on Mdisk
- Numerical relativity → Mdisk(Lambda)
- EM+NR analysis  $\rightarrow$  lower bound on Lambda
- GW analysis  $\rightarrow$  upper bound on Lambda



Radice, Perego, Zappa, SB ApJL (2018)

#### Mass ejection and related emissions

- Dynamical ejection (tidal tail or shocked)
- Disk or NS+disk (winds and viscous processes)
- Properties (m, vel, ...) incl. <u>composition</u> (Ye)

[Davies+ 1994, Rosswog+ 1999, ..., Hotokezaka+ 2013, Bauswein+ 2013, Wanajo+ 2014, Sekiguchi+ 2015, 2016, Foucart+ 2016, Radice+ 2016, ...]

Viz. By D.Radice

## **Ejecta from BNS mergers**

- Different ejection channels: mechanisms, time scales, merger remnant, etc...
  - Dynamic ejecta
  - Wind ejecta (neutrino or magnetic)
  - Viscous ejecta
- Different ejecta properties:
  - Mass, velocity
  - angular distributions
  - $\circ \quad \text{composition} \rightarrow \text{nucleosynthesis} \\ \rightarrow \text{opacity}$



#### [Rosswog 2012]

# An anisotropic and three-components kilonova counterpart of GW170817

[Perego+ ApJL (2017)]

- Kilonova model containing all the ejecta information
- Several components with different contributions
- Can we reproduce AT2017gfo, KN of GW170817?



#### **Dynamical ejecta**

[Davies+ 1994, Rosswog+ 1999, ... (Newtonian SPH, Stiff EOS)

Hotokezaka+ 2013, Bauswein+ 2013, Wanajo+ 2014, Sekiguchi+ 2015, 2016, Foucart+ 2016, Radice+ 2016]

- Tidal (cold, mainly equatorial) Vs shocked (hot, 4\*pi ejection)
- Mass ~10^-4 10^-3 Msun
- $\langle v \rangle \sim 0.2 0.3 c$ , with possible high speed tail (< 0.8 c)



Tidal tail (Newt.+Stiff EOS)

Tidal tail (NR)

Shock driven (NR, soft EOS)

#### **Dynamical ejecta: composition**

- Ejecta initially composed of free neutrons and protons (T > 10 GK)
- Ejecta composition  $\rightarrow$  neutron richness of the ejecta
- Only when T < 4 GK nuclear recombination occurs
- NS matter: initially very neutron rich and low entropy
- Weak interactions can change neutron richness

 $\frac{p + e^-}{n + e^+} \leftrightarrow \frac{p}{p} + \bar{\nu}_e \text{ (EC)}$  $\frac{p + e^+}{p + \bar{\nu}_e} \text{ (PC)}$ 



Impact of electron neutrino absorption on ejecta composition. Simulations by D.Radice [Perego+2017 ApJL] See also [Wanajo et al. (2014); Sekiguchi et al. (2015); Foucart et al. (2015), (2016)]

#### Dynamical ejecta: yields



- larger neutrino luminosities lead to larger <Ye> due to electron neutrino absorption
- too higher Ye distribution prevent production of third r-process peak

[Martin, Perego, Kastaun, Arcones 2018, Goriely+2015]

#### Disk & secular ejecta

- If T < 5 GK inside the accretion disk, nuclear recombination energy (+ 8 MeV/baryon) can unbind matter from the disk itself
- temperature drop due to disk cooling and matter expansion
- causes of remnant expansion:
  - Neutrino absorption (t ~ 10s ms) [Dessart+2011,Perego+2014,Martin+2015, Metzger&Fernandez 2014]
  - Magnetic processes (t ~ 10s ms) [Siegel+2014]
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[Fernandez & Metzger 2013]

#### Properties of disk and viscous ejecta

Neutrino-driven wind

- Ye >~ 0.3
- Mwind <~ 5% disk
- (m\_disk ~ 0.01 0.2Msun)
- <v> ~ 0.1 c



Viscous ejecta

- 0.15 < Ye < 0.35
- 20 40% disk
- <v> <~ 0.1 c



#### Mass outflow from NS + disk remnant



#### Blue+red kN signature from massive outflows

[Radice, Perego, SB, Zhang 2018]



- Fiducial NR model + Multicomponent kN model [Perego+ ApJL (2017)]
- Dyn. ejecta, winds, + 2 viscous ejecta components:
  - Disk (nuclear recombination) M <~ 0.06 Mo</li>
  - Remnant M <~ 0.18 Mo</li>

#### Potentially observable signatures, and distinguishable from BHNS

#### **Viscous hydrodynamics in GR**



**Figure 1.** Maximum density in the collapse of a differentially rotating equilibrium configuration. Turbulent transport of angular momentum leads to an accelerated collapse.



Radice 2017

- . Accelerated collapse
- . Massive winds  $\rightarrow$  brighter kN
- . Effect on post-merger GW amplitude
- . GR-LES [Radice 2017]
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### Viscous hydrodynamics in GR



Viscous-radiation simulation in 2D

- . Accelerated collapse
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### **Magnetic fields**

- No significant effect on inspiral-to-merge dynamics and GWs
- Magnetospheres interaction  $\rightarrow L_{EM} \sim 10^{40-43} (B/10^{11} \text{ G})^2 \text{ erg/s}$
- KH instability at contact
- Delayed HMNS collapse
- Jet formation (?)
- MRI, turbulence and viscosity  $\rightarrow T_{visc} \sim O(100 \text{ ms})$  [alpha-viscosity model]

Caveat: simulations employ artificially large B and poorly (if at all) resolve these effects



[Andersson+ 2008,Liu+ 2008,Giacomazzo+ 2009,Rezzolla+ 2011,Palenzuela+ 2013,Kiuchi+ 2014, Kiuchi+ 2015, Ruiz+ 2016,2017,Endrizzi+ 2016, Kiuchi+ 2017]

## The GW spectrum of binary neutron stars



#### Open problems:

- Faithful and complete waveform model (inspiral+merger+postmerger)
- Coverage of the parameter space (mass, spins, EOS, ...)
- Exploration of input physics

#### **Dynamics and waveform**



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FIG. 19. Schematic pictures for expected gravitational wave forms during and after the merger for (a) the neutron star formation case; (b) the black hole formation case in which the compactness of the neutron stars before the merger is not very large and the formation time scale is fairly long; (c) the black hole formation case in which the compactness of the neutron stars before the merger is large enough that the formation time scale is short.





#### inspiral → merger - postmerger



#### What can we say about neutron star matter?



Binary neutron star mergers

# Observing tidal effects in GWs tells us about the neutron star matter





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#### Methods for the GR 2-body problem



Credit: L.Barak

### Effective-one-body framework in a nutshell

[Buonanno&Damour 2000a, 2000b]



$$H_{\text{eff}} \sim \mu \sqrt{A(u)(1 + p_{\phi}^2 u^2) + p_{r^*}^2}$$
$$A(u; \nu; \kappa_2^T) = A^0(u; \nu) + A^T(u; \nu; \kappa_2^T)$$
$$A^0(u; \nu) = 1 - 2u + \nu(\dots$$

Factorized (resummed) PN waveform [Damour.lyer.Nagar 2008]

- . Includes test-mass limit (i.e. particle on Schwarzschild)
- . Includes post-Newtonian and self-force results
- Uses resummation techniques  $\rightarrow$  predictive strong-field regime
- Includes tidal interactions (→ BNS) [Damour&Nagar PRD 2010]
- . Flexible framework, can include NR results ("NR-informed")
- Most accurate framework to describe compact binary waveforms

See e.g. [Taracchini+ 2013,SB+ 2015,Nagar+ 2015,Hinderer+ 2016]

#### **Relativistic Tides**





[Hinderer 2007, Damour&Nagar 2009a, Binnington&Poisson 2009]

$$\kappa_2^T = 2\left[\frac{X_A}{X_B}\left(\frac{X_A}{C_A}\right)^5 k_2^A + \frac{X_B}{X_A}\left(\frac{X_B}{C_B}\right)^5 k_2^B\right]$$

[Damour&Nagar 2009b]

Tidal contribution to (post-) Newtonian dynamics and waveform:

Hamiltonian (Newtonian limit): 
$$\begin{aligned} H_{\rm EOB} &\approx Mc^2 + \frac{\mu}{2} \left( {\bf p}^2 + A(r) - 1 \right) \\ A(r) &= 1 - 2/r - \kappa_2^T(\lambda_2)/r^6 \end{aligned}$$
 Tides are attractive and "act" at small separations Tidal coupling constant 
$$\begin{aligned} & \text{Tidal coupling} \\ \text{Waveform:} \end{aligned}$$

$$h \sim Af^{-7/6}e^{-i\Psi(f)} \approx Af^{-7/6}e^{-i\Psi_{PP}(f) + i39/4\kappa_2^Tx(f)^{5/2}} \end{aligned}$$

Waveform:

h

#### One parameter to characterize merger dynamics

[SB.Nagar.Balmelli,Dietrich,Ujevic PRL 112 (2014)]



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Predict energy emitted in GW for all binaries, range 1-2% M (all possible EOS, masses, mas-ratios)



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#### **Developing analytical waveform models**



- Effective-one-body model (TEOBResumS) and PN Taylor T4
- · Align waveforms at low frequencies and measure accumulated phase diff.
- Accuracy: uncertainties of the numerical data (improve simulations!)

[SB,Nagar,Dietrich,Damour PRL 114 (2015), Nagar+ (2018)]

### Improved NR GW with high-order WENO schemes

[SB&Dietrich (2016)]



- Robust convergence assessment (although not 5th order)
- Large resolution span (64<sup>3</sup>-192<sup>3</sup>), no alignment
- Error budget: significant improvement wrt FV schemes
- Truncation error dominates at high frequencies
- Finite radius extraction dominates at low frequencies

See also [SB+ 2011,2012, Radice+ 2013, 2013b]

#### **Error analysis and systematics**

[SB+ <u>2012</u>]

[Radice+2013b]



Numerical dissipation of hydro schemes can be a significant source of systematic error

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#### Spins & tides during merger: energetics

[SB+ 2013, Dietrich+ 2017]



[Campanelli+ 2006] for binary black hole simulations "hang-up" effect

#### Spins & tides during merger: phasing

[Dietrich, SB, Ujevic, Tichy PRD 95 (2017)]



#### **Closed-form tidal approximants: NRtidal**

[Dietrich,SB,Tichy 2017]



NR-based tidal approximant 3F: *fast, flexible,faithful* 

Build: PN + TEOBResum + NR

Use: Add to any BBH waveform

Used for GW170817 analysis

Further developments [Kawaguchi+ 2018, Dietrich+ 2018]

#### **CoRe project: Exploring the BNS parameters**



www.computational-relativity.org

[Bernuzzi+ PRL (2015), Dietrich+ PRD91 (2015), SB+ PRD94 (2016), Radice+ PRD94 (2016), SB&Dietrich PRD94 (2016), Dietrich+ PRD95 024029 (2017), Radice+ ApJL 842 (2017), ....] Picture: F.Zappa

#### Inspiral - merger → postmerger



#### **Inspiral - merger** → **postmerger**



#### **Remnant HMNS is the loudest GW phase**



-0.16

-0.20  $\_$  2.4

Merger

3.2

1

2.8

5 ms after merger

Every 10 ms after merger

3.6

4.0

- Most of the power is emitted at frequency
  - ~ 2 x (Rotational frequency @ formation)

[<u>SB+ 2016</u>] Simulations w/ microphysical EOS and neutrino cooling effects (leakage)

#### **Compact binaries are the most luminous events**



- Simple description of all simulated BNS based on tidal parameter
- Estimate for GW170817:

Zappa+ 2018

 $9.896 \times 10^{54} \mathrm{erg/s} \lesssim L_{\mathrm{peak}} \lesssim 4.940 \times 10^{56} \mathrm{~erg/s}$ 

### Upper limit on total energy emitted



- Energy up to merger simple description based on tidal parameter [SB+ 2014]
- Post-merger energy requires more complex description, but tidal par. captures a behaviour
- Upper limit on total energy  $\rightarrow$  postmerger unlikely to be detected by LIGO/Virgo
- BBH events ~ 1-3 Msun c<sup>2</sup>

#### **Frequency content**

[Bauswein+ 2011, Hotokezaka+ 2013, Takami+ 2014, SB+ 2015, Clark+ 2015, ...]



#### Peak frequency correlates to TOV radius



#### Peak frequencies correlate to tidal parameter



- Large NR dataset (~100, 3 codes) [SB+,<u>Hotokezaka+ 2013,Takami+ 2014]</u>
- Postmerger frequencies essentially determined by *merger* physics
- Conceptually "compatible" with inspiral-merger  $\rightarrow$  Unified model !



#### **Merger remnant reaches extreme densities** Can GW observations inform us about EOS changes at those densities?



- Baryon number density n ~ 3-5 n<sub>nuc</sub>
  Extra DOF/phase transitions?
- Specific model: Λ-hyperons
   [Banik+ arxiv:1404.6173]

Microphysical EOS compatible with astro and nuclear phys constraints

In general: probe "softness" effects

[Radice+ 2016]

#### GWs could probe such "softness effects"



- Postmerger GW morfology contains unique info
- Detailed and generic models are necessary for DA studies
- High-freq. GW challenging to detect ( $\rightarrow$  Einstein telescope)

[Radice+ 2016]