Matter effects in the gravitational waves from inspiraling neutron star binaries



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Outline of this talk

- Gravitational waves GWs: a new tool for exploring the universe
- Theoretical models needed to extract the unique information they encode
- Main focus of this talk: imprints of NS matter during the inspiral
- Outlook









Preliminary: black holes and neutron stars



GW signals from black-hole binary systems

Binary inspiral



Interpreting GW signals via matched filtering

here: only total mass of the binary and distance vary



Very sensitive to the phasing

Challenges for computing templates

• must solve for the dynamical spacetime of the binary system.



6 coupled eqs. in 6 variables

Approaches to computing templates



mass ratio

Complete waveform model for comparable-mass binaries



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Imprints of objects' internal structure on GWs

black holes (aligned spins)

What changes for other objects?

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Rotational quadrupole effect



• Effects important for $\chi \gtrsim 0.1$ (depending on parameters, LIGO)

I. Harry & TH arXiv:1801.09972

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Interaction zone

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Matched asymptotic expansions (for D>>R, no initial spins)

- There are NO GR non-tidal interactions (but new kinds of tides)
- derive the effects on the bodies and on the dynamics
- Then compute the GWs and back-reaction on the binary



Straightforward extension to higher multipoles Damour, Nagar 2009, Binnington, Poisson 2009

Computation of the tidal deformability for NSs

• equilibrium NS structure + ODE for y (~ deformed NS's gravitational potential):

$$0 = \frac{d\boldsymbol{y}}{dr} + \boldsymbol{y}^2 + A(r)\boldsymbol{y} + B(r)$$

involve mass, pressure, density

- boundary condition: y(r=0) =2
- evaluate Y=y(R)

• substitute into
$$\lambda = \frac{2}{3} \frac{k_2(Y,C) R^5}{\uparrow}$$
 $C = \frac{m_{\rm NS}}{R}$

explicit algebraic expression

• Dimensionless deformability: $\Lambda = rac{\lambda}{m_{
m NS}^5}$





Credit: B. Lackey

- Energy goes into deforming the NS
- moving tidal bulges contribute to gravitational radiation



Imprint in GW phasing:

$$\Delta \phi_{
m GW}^{
m tidal} \sim \lambda rac{(M\Omega)^{10/3}}{M^5}$$

 $M = m_1 + m_2$

for NS-NS: most sensitive to the weighted average:

$$ilde{\Lambda} = rac{1}{26} \left[\left(1 + 12 rac{m_2}{m_1}
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ight]$$



[Flanagan & TH, 2008, Vines, Flanagan & TH 2011]

Measurement of the tidal deformability GW170817



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Accumulation of information about source properties



Dynamical f-mode tides



Enhancement of tidal effects also seen in affine approach [Ferrari+2011,12] & in numerical-relativity-based models [Dietrich+2017, Kawaguchi+2018]

Including tidal effects in waveform models

- Need baseline point-mass models that include relativistic effects
- Effective one body model (EOB):



- Phenomenological models:
 - post-Newtonian tides [Vines+2011, Damour+2012]
 - fits to numerical-relativity results [Dietrich+2017, Kawaguchi+2017]

NS-NS binary inspiral



What happened post-inspiral?



Couldn't tell anything about their fate from GWs

.... but spectacular electromagnetic counterparts at all wavelengths

Remaining challenges



spins: new phenomena, possible enhancement of small effects
Prospects for probing more details of NS interiors
shifts of NS mode resonances (f-,g-,r-modes most interesting for inspirals) [Ho & Lai 2000]
new tidal interactions and parameters [Pani+ 2016, Landry 2017]

• gravitomagnetic effects [Poisson, Landry, Vines]

Anticipated next discovery: neutron star + black hole



NS matter

Summary & outlook

- Abundant scientific opportunities with GWs, tremendously more with complementary multimessenger information
- Accurate models essential to realize full GW science potential & gain deeper understanding
- Much recent progress but further advances needed
 - GW source modeling
 - Link to EM counterparts
 - Combined data analysis strategy & tools
 - Connection with developments in nuclear physics / pulsars
- Expect a wealth of new insights in the coming years











