Gravitational waves from binary neutron stars and the equation of state

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1. Introduction

Gravitational-wave detectors

http://gwcenter.icrr.u-tokyo.ac.jp/wp-content/themes/lcgt/images/img_abt_lcgt.jpg

KAGRA (Kamioka, Japan)

Advanced LIGO (Hanford/Livingston, USA)

https://www.advancedligo.mit.edu/graphics/summary01.jpg



Advanced Virgo (Pisa, Italy)

http://virgopisa.df.unipi.it/sites/virgopisa.df.unipi.it.virgopisa/files/banner/virgo.jpg

Binary black holes: GW150914



What we learned from GW150914

Masses of individual stars are measured Many "massive" black holes have been found

The luminosity distance is measured directly

Primary black hole mas	SS	$36^{+5}_{-4} M_{\odot}$
Secondary black hole r	nass	$29^{+4}_{-4} {M}_{\odot}$
Final black hole mass		$62^{+4}_{-4} M_{\odot}$
Final black hole spin		$0.67\substack{+0.05 \\ -0.07}$
Luminosity distance	1Mpc ~ 3 million light years ~ 3 x 10^24 cm	410^{+160}_{-180} Mpc

Binary neutron stars: GW170817

First Cosmic Event Observed in Gravitational Waves and Light

Colliding Neutron Stars Mark New Beginning of Discoveries

Collision creates light across the entire electromagnetic spectrum. Joint observations independently confirm Einstein's General Theory of Relativity, help measure the age of the Universe, and provide clues to the origins of heavy elements like gold and platinum

avitational wave lasted over 100 secon

On August 17, 2017, 12:41 UTC, LIGO (US) and Virgo (Europe) detect gravitational waves from the merger of two neutron stars, each around 1.5 times the mass of our Sun. This is the first detection of spacetime ripples from neutron stars.

Within two seconds, NASA's Fermi Gamma-ray Space Telescope detects a short gamma-ray burst from a region of the sky overlapping the LIGO/Virgo position. Optical telescope observations pinpoint the origin of this signal to NGC 4993, a galaxy located 130 million light years distant.

https://www.ligo.org/detections/GW170817/images-GW170817/gatech-moviestill2.png-O

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Neutron star binary coalescence

Gravitational waves

high-density matter signature: equation of state test of the theory of gravitation in a non-vacuum

Formation of a hot massive remnant (star/disk)

central engine of short-hard gamma-ray bursts

Mass ejection of neutron-rich material

r-process nucleosynthesis

radioactively-driven "kilonova/macronova"

Observed event by the end of O3

~90 binary black holes vs. 2 binary neutron stars



Observation plan and the status

O4b will continue until the middle of 2025

O5 will be 2027-2030, and then detectors are upgraded

Updated 2024-07-11	— 01	- 02	2 — O3	— 04	— O5
LIGO	80 Mpc	100 Мрс	100-140 Мрс	<i>150</i> -1 <mark>60+</mark> Мрс	240-325 Mpc
Virgo		30 Мрс	40-50 Мрс	50-80 Mpc	See text
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Candidate from O4

~150 binary black holes vs. **0 binary neutron stars** (a few black hole-neutron star merger candidates)

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Thought and concern

Binary-neutron-star mergers are "less frequent than binary-black-hole mergers" This is not particularly surprising at least for me (and probably most gravitational-wave astronomers)

"in fact, two orders of magnitude less frequent"

Unexpected at least for me, unlikely to be a fluke

- consistent with short-hard gamma-ray bursts?
- consistent with r-process elements in the universe?

2. Neutron star in astrophysics

Neutron star

Remnant of massive stars (mass range is uncertain)

Mostly consists of neutrons 1.4 solar mass, ~10km The density is higher than nuclear saturation values "a huge nucleus" Arena for nuclear physics



Supernova: birth of a compact object

When the massive star dies, a supernova explosion could occur and leave a black hole or a neutron star



(Two outcomes may be distinguishable w/ neutrinos for nearby [Galactic] supernovae)

Neutron-star cooling

Rapid enough to realize $T \ll E_F$ (Fermi energy >> MeV) depend on mass, surface composition, superfluidity, etc.



QCD phase diagram

Neutron stars are in the low-T, high- μ regime



Neutron star equation of state

We want to know the realistic equation of state, that uniquely determines the mass-radius relation



Other macroscopic observables

The binary dynamics, i.e., the orbital motion are affected more directly by other quantities such as



Astronomical observation

Maximum mass from radio pulsars J1614-2230, J3048+0432, J0740+6620

Tidal deformability from gravitational waves GW170817(, GW190425: not so informative)

Compactness=mass/radius from X-ray pulsations J0030+0451, J0740+6620

+ moment of inertia from radio pulsars in the future?

Current constraint

~ 11.5 - 13.5km for typical-mass neutron stars?





3. Inspiral: neutron-star equation of state

Various phases of coalescence



Binary as a two-body problem

Both gravitational-wave and radio observations basically analyze gravitational two-body problems



http://asd.gsfc.nasa.gov/blueshift/wp-content/uploads/2016/02/htbinarypulsar-1024x835.jpg 2024/11/7

Quadrupolar tidal deformability

Leading-order finite-size effect on orbital evolution (strongly correlated with the neutron-star radius)

$$\Lambda = G\lambda \left(\frac{c^2}{GM}\right)^5 = \frac{2}{3}k \left(\frac{c^2R}{GM}\right)^5 \propto R^5$$

 $k \sim 0.1$: (second/electric) tidal Love number



Different orbital evolution





Numerical waveform

Binaries merge earlier for stiffer equations of state This allows us to measure the tidal deformablity



GW170817

The longest signal ever (longer than 100 second) Detected by LIGO Hanford/Livingston detectors Virgo did not detect, but informative for localization



Parameters of GW170817

The chirp mass is determined to $10^{-3}M_{\odot}$ precision The masses suggest that both are neutron stars Tidal deformability was measured for the first time

Binary inclination θ_{JN}	146^{+25}_{-27} deg	
Binary inclination θ_{JN} using EM	151_{-11}^{+15} deg	
distance constraint [108]	11 -	
Detector-frame chirp mass \mathcal{M}^{det}	$1.1975^{+0.0001}_{-0.0001} \mathrm{M_{\odot}}$	$m_{1}^{3/5}m_{2}^{3/5}$
Chirp mass \mathcal{M}	$1.186^{+0.001}_{-0.001} \ \mathrm{M}_{\odot}$	$\mathcal{M} \coloneqq \frac{\mathcal{M}_1}{\mathcal{L}_2} \xrightarrow{\mathcal{M}_2} \mathcal{M}_2$
Primary mass m_1	$(1.36, 1.60) \mathrm{M}_{\odot}$	$(m_1 + m_2)^{1/5}$
Secondary mass m_2	$(1.16, 1.36) \ \mathrm{M}_{\odot}$	
Total mass m	$2.73^{+0.04}_{-0.01}~{ m M}_{\odot}$	
Mass ratio q	(0.73, 1.00)	
Effective spin χ_{eff}	$0.00\substack{+0.02\\-0.01}$	
Primary dimensionless spin χ_1	(0.00, 0.04)	LIGO&Virgo (2019)
Secondary dimensionless spin χ_2	(0.00, 0.04)	
Tidal deformability $\tilde{\Lambda}$ with flat prior	300_{-190}^{+500} (symmetric)/ 300_{-190}^{+100}	$^{420}_{230}(\text{HPD})$
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Uncertainty in the waveform model

1 radian difference usually makes differences Current systematic errors are larger than 1 radian We need accurate waveforms for better estimation



Kyoto gravitational-wave model

TaylorF2: analytic, Post-Newton phase $(x \propto f^{2/3})$

 $\Psi_{\text{tidal}}^{2.5\text{PN}} = \frac{3}{128\eta} \left(-\frac{39}{2} \tilde{\Lambda} \right) x^{5/2} \left[1 + \frac{3115}{1248} x - \pi x^{3/2} + \frac{28024205}{3302208} x^2 - \frac{4283}{1092} \pi x^{5/2} \right]$ + correction terms associated w/ mass asymmetry ($\tilde{\Lambda}$: binary tidal deformability, i.e., weighted average)

We introduce a nonlinear-in- $\widetilde{\Lambda}$ term (empirically)

$$-\frac{39}{2}\tilde{\Lambda}(1+12.55\tilde{\Lambda}^{2/3}x^{4.240})$$

This $\tilde{\Lambda}^{2/3}$ term well reproduces numerical relativity

Constraint from GW170817

Systematic bias is only ~100 and currently negligible but may become problematic in the foreseeable future



Case of GW190425



Current status of understanding

The equation of state has already been constrained and will be constrained more severely in the near future



Postmerger: crossover vs. 1st-order phase transition

Various phases of coalescence


Third-generation detector

Einstein Telescope, Cosmic Explorer ... aiming at more precise understanding of already-detected binaries



What should we understand then?

Moderate-density (around twice the saturation density) will be understood precisely by a lot of observations

On the basis of this idea, we would like to understand properties of ultrahigh-density matter



Future high-frequency observation

The high density requires high-frequency observations

$$f \sim \sqrt{G\rho}$$

Some proposals are made for postmerger signals



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Postmerger peak frequency

Depends on the equation of state and the total mass, also weakly on the mass ratio



Pre-postmerger correlation

Frequency at the amplitude peak is correlated strongly with the property of premerger neutron stars



QCD phase diagram

What kind of transition occurs from hadrons to quarks



Strong 1st-order phase transition

The mass-radius relation breaks suddenly

An extreme case results in the so-called "twin star"



Effect on the postmerger peak

Significant deviation from hadronic expectations The shift in the peak frequency may reveal strong 1storder phase transition at moderately high density



Current view of the transition

Smooth crossover transition might be realistic



Crossover vs. 1st order PT

Crossover Smoothly connects two limits Note: we need to explain 2 solar mass neutron stars

1st-order phase transition

Only very high density allow strong phase transition... No effect on astrophysics?



Merger and gravitational waves





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Black-hole formation as a key

Gravitational emission suddenly ends for crossover because of the gravitational collapse of the remnant



Gravitational-wave spectrum

The postmerger peaks do not differ appreciably

The quasinormal-mode cutoff could be distinguishing



Lifetime of the merger remnant

Determined primarily by the total mass of the binary



Weak dependence on mass ratio



Did GW170817 form a black hole?

Nobody knows the answer Important for

- QCD phase structure
- gamma-ray burst
- r-process and kilonova

Gravitational waves are emitted for 10-100ms at ~kHz and will be the key [neutrinos? Kyutoku-Kashiyama 2018]



LIGO&Virgo&Fermi&INTEGRAL (2017)

Distinguishable in reality?

Bayesian hypothesis testing with simulated real signals

$$B = \frac{Z_{co}}{Z_{pt}} \sim \frac{L(\text{data}|\text{crossover})}{L(\text{data}|\text{phase transition})}$$

Compare the consistency of the residual with the noise $L \propto \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}|\text{data} - \text{waveform model}|^2\right)$

Transition scenarios should easily be distinguishable with sensitive detectors and/or nearby events

Distinguishability in data analysis

AdLIGO is insufficient even at design sensitivity (left) Third-generation detectors may do at >100Mpc (right)



Summary

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- The neutron-star equation of state is constrained by measuring tidal deformability from inspiral gravitational waveforms, particularly GW170817.
- In the future, postmerger gravitational waveforms may enable us to study the QCD phase structure via the gravitational collapse of merger remnants.
- The key toward these goals is the sensitivity at high frequency, specifically (1) ~3kHz for postmerger peaks, and (2) ~7kHz for quasinormal modes excited at the black-hole formation.

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Appendix

Binary-neutron-star coalescence

A remnant massive neutron star will be formed Collapse into a black hole radiating angular momentum

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Spacetime curvature, log(rescaled absolute value)



Electromagnetic counterpart

EM radiation will accompany neutron star mergers



localization

host identification cosmological redshift

ejecta properties ejection mechanism r-process element

Diversity of neutron stars



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Dipole radiation and spindown

The rotational energy is radiated via magnetic fields and the spin is decelerated, i.e., the period increases



P-Pdot diagram



(surface) magnetic field:

$$B \sim 3 \times 10^{19} \text{ G} \left(\frac{P\dot{P}}{\text{s}}\right)^{1/2}$$

above $B_{\rm CT} \sim 4 \times 10^{13} {\rm G}$, QED becomes important

low-B, rapid neutron stars are produced by accretion

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Supernova explosion mechanism

The iron core has exhausted all the nuclear fuel

The collapse sets in due to photodissociation of irons

One the density approaches the nuclear saturation value, the core bounce triggers shock waves ... supernova



The remnant is not monotonic

There is no single threshold of the initial mass separating neutron-star and black-hole formation

...stellar evolution is a highly complicated process

(and calculations/simulations are not mature enough)



Red bar: explode -> a neutron star is formed

Black line: not explode -> a black hole is formed

One-to-one correspondence

Via Tolman-Oppenheimer-Volkoff equation of GR



Tight correlation

Not necessarily independent information is encoded



NICER X-ray pulse observation

Hot spots behind can be seen thanks to light bending in

general relativity

The compactness

 $C \sim M/R$

is constrained well

because

it is essentially

the grav. potential



How reliable?

In principle OK, but the shape of the hot spots are...?



Newton two-body problem

Kepler motion: elliptic orbit characterized by (a, e)Physically, the energy and the angular momentum



Note: actual location of M is more outward

Relativistic two-body problem

Neglecting spins, eccentricity, finite-size effects...



Necessity of numerical simulations

The amplitude maximum comes after the contact

- Gravity (post-Newtonian correction) is nonlinear
- Hydrodynamics (tidal effect) is also nonlinear Analytic computations cannot be fully accurate


Role of theoretical templates

Parameters of binaries are estimated by measuring the match between data and theoretical waveforms Accurate theoretical models are indispensable



Theoretical waveform and the noise

Signals are usually weaker than the detector noise



Taking the correlation with theoretical waveform Accurate theoretical calculations are very important



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Strong correlation of $\widetilde{\Lambda}-\mathcal{M}_{\mathcal{C}}$



Waveform library

https://www2.yukawa.kyoto-u.ac.jp/~nr_kyoto/SACRA_PUB/catalog.html

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GW190425

Total mass $m_{tot} = 3.4^{+0.3}_{-0.1} M_{\odot}$, no EM counterpart Heavier by >5sigma than Galactic binary neutron stars



Constraint from the kilonova?

Indication of the large ejecta mass of ~ $0.05 M_{\odot}$ It has been claimed that "this requires $\widetilde{\Lambda} > 400$ "



A lot of counterexamples

Our conclusion: Lower limits on $\widetilde{\Lambda}$ can be derived only under restrictive assumptions

(vertical bars denote mass ejection efficiency from the disk, not errors)



Reason?

 M_{max} may not be strongly correlated with $\tilde{\Lambda} \propto R^{\sim 6}$ of typical-mass neutron stars

If the remnant survived moderately long due to the large value of M_{max} , there should be no reason that mass ejection is weak



Nondetection for GW170817

Simply, sensitivity at high frequency is insufficient



Uncertainty in chiral EFT

The validity range is crucial for strength of constraints



Current view on the sound speed

Not stiff at low density, but $2M_{\odot}$ must be supported.

Conformal limit $(c_s^2/c^2 = 1/3)$ is likely to be exceeded



Structure of the merger remnant

Density/temperature structures are not very different Quarks appear at the high-n core and high-T envelope



Quarkyonic matter

Baryons emerges near the Fermi surface of quarks



Sound speed of quarkyonic matter



Sound speed in the crossover

Crossover may induce a peak in the sound speed

Phase transition makes the sound speed very low



Mass-radius relation



Relation to independent studies

There exists other studies, e.g., those based on QHC We require explicitly that the perturbative QCD regime is realized after the crossover from hadronic matter



Results with QHC

Stiffening associated with the sound-velocity peak modifies the peak frequency to some extent



Magnetic-field and the peak

Magnetar-level premerger magnetic fields could also affect the peak frequency



Quasinormal modes of black holes

Damped oscillations governed by the mass and spin

Excited when they are formed in gravitational collapse



Which density range we can see?

The collapse is likely to set in when the central density reaches the maximum density of spherical stars

Not likely to dig into the unstable branch [cf. Ujevic+ 2024]



Multimessenger observation

If the collapse is too early, no material is left outside and the kilonova cannot be as bright as AT 2017gfo

Our crossover model may be pass this test Mwith mass asymmetry (1s-order PT trivially passes this test because no gravitational collapse)



Possible source of uncertainties

Finite-temperature effect? (modeled by " Γ_{th} ")

We vary systematically the strength of thermal pressure

Neutrino effect? (neglected)

Its time scale is ~1s, much longer than our target

Magnetic-field effect? (neglected)

Its time scale is ~0.1s, again longer than our target

Grid resolution? (finite, of course)

Checked that dependence is weak, but not clean