Title: Modelling waveforms from binary neutron stars

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Abstract: The familiar post-Newtonian inspiral description of a binary neutron star system is sufficient for detection in current instruments. However, as we consider making astrophysical measurements using advanced detectors, the effects of matter and strong gravity on gravitational wave signals may become significant. I will review recent work modelling the waveforms produced by the inspiral and coalescence of binary neutron stars. In the mid-to-late inspiral this includes modifications to the post-Newtonian waveform models from tidal deformations. In the late inspiral and coalescence, numerical simulations are exploring a range of masses, mass ratios, equations of state, and magnetic fields. In some circumstances a hypermassive remnant produces significant additional signal after the merger. Numerical simulation results also link neutron-star merger to potential counterpart signals.

Waveforms from binary neutron stars

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Gravitational waves from merging binary neutron stars



Expect ~1-60 NS-NS / year with SNR > 8 in single 2nd generation detector

10% within 100 Mpc @ SNR ~ 20 ~ 1% within 50 Mpc @ SNR ~ 40

O'Shaughnessy 2009

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Outline: Recent and in-progress work



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Three X-ray bursters + thermal emission from transiant LMXBs + cooling of an isolated neutron star. (Steiner et. al. 2010, 1005.0811) Pirsa: 10060072

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Results are still valid.

For advanced detectors and parameter estimation matter can play a role.

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 $\lambda = \frac{Q}{\mathcal{E}} = \frac{\text{size of quadrupole deformation}}{\text{strength of external tidal field}}$

$$\lambda = \frac{2}{3}k_2R^5$$

Calculate via linear Y_{20} perturbation of spherical neutron star Q and \mathcal{E} defined by external field of perturbed star leading terms $\sim r^2$ and $\sim r^{-3}$ when far from star

For given realistic EOS, λ is function of M(similar to radius or moment of inertia)



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Unequal mass binaries



Tidal effects on gravitational wave phase depend on a weighted average $\tilde{\lambda}(m, \eta)$ combining λ_1 for m_1 and λ_2 for m_2

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Neutron star Samurai: WHISKY and SACRA (so far)

- Same initial data (Taniguchi quasiequilibrium code)
- Range of EOS
- 1.35-1.35 M_☉ equal mass binary
 - ▶ Observed NS masses 1.2-1.5 M_☉ in DNS, "average" 1.35 M_☉, mass ratio > 0.8





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additional effects at higher frequency assumes identical (PP) waveforms before numerical simulation

Note: Putting in leading order tidal λ of the largest-radius 2H waveform (green) gives $\Delta \varphi > 2\pi$ between 450 Hz and start of simulations.

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Imminent improvements: calculation of next leading order piece; longer numerical simulations - still may not give robust overlap of applicability

Can we tune the inspiral model using the numerical results?

Intermediate frequency and hybrids EOB radial potential [Damour&Nagar 09b] $A(r) = A_{3PN}(r) + A^{tidal}(r)$

where

$$A^{\text{tidal}}(u) = \sum_{\ell > 2} -\kappa_{\ell}^{T} u^{2\ell+2} \hat{A}_{\ell}^{\text{tidal}}(u)$$

Dimensionless relativistic Love numbers (self-gravity of the NS) [FH08, DN09a, BP09, H09]

$$\kappa_{\ell}^{T} = 2 \frac{M_{B} M_{A}^{2\ell}}{(M_{A} + M_{B})^{2\ell+1}} \frac{k_{\ell}^{A}}{\mathcal{C}_{A}^{2\ell+1}} + 2 \frac{M_{A} M_{B}^{2\ell}}{(M_{A} + M_{B})^{2\ell+1}} \frac{k_{\ell}^{B}}{\mathcal{C}_{B}^{2\ell+1}}$$

With higher (NLO & NNLO) PN corrections

$$\hat{A}_{\ell}^{\text{tidal}} = 1 + \bar{\alpha}_{1PN} u + \bar{\alpha}_{2PN} u^2 \qquad u = 1/r$$

$$\kappa_{\ell}^{T,eff}(u) = \kappa_{\ell}^T \hat{A}_{\ell}^{\text{tidal}}(u)$$

Effective amplification of tidal effects [DN09b]

where $\bar{\alpha}_{1PN}, \bar{\alpha}_{2PN}$, can be computed analytically (in principle) or Pirsa: 10060072 estimated by comparing with numerical simulations (in practice).^{Page 69/88} Intermediate frequency and hybrids

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