

NSF Focus Research Hub Nuclear Physics from Multi-Messenger Mergers



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Binary Neutron Star Mergers

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Open questions

- How do binary NS system form and evolve?
- How do neutron star mergers power gamma-ray bursts?
- What are neutron stars made of? Nucleons, hyperons, deconfined quarks?
- Are neutron star mergers the site of production of the heaviest elements like gold and uranium?





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WhiskyTHC

http://personal.psu.edu/~dur566/whiskythc.html



- Full-GR, dynamical spacetime*
- Nuclear EOS
- M0 & M1 neutrino treatment
- High-order hydrodynamics
- Open source!



* using the Einstein Toolkit metric solvers

THC: Templated Hydrodynamics Code

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Neutron rich outflows



Compact object + disk

Neutron star merger evolution



Merger phase



Dynamical mass ejection



See also Bausswein+ 2013, Hotokezaka+ 2013, Wanajo+ 2014, Sekiguchi+ 2015, 2016, Foucart+ 2016, Lehner+ 2016, Dietrich+ 2016, **DR**+ 2018, ...

DR, Galeazzi+ MRAS 460:3255 (2016)



From Nedora, Bernuzzi, **DR**+, ApJ 906:98 (2021)













Disk formation I

q = 1.8



q = 1.0













Bernuzzi, ..., **DR**+, MNRAS 497:1488 (2020)

Disk formation II



Bernuzzi, ..., **DR**+, MNRAS 497:1488 (2020)

Prompt collapse



- First proposed by Bauswein+ 2013, 2017
- Revised constraints: $R_{1.6} \ge 10.99^{+0.16}_{-0.04}$ km, $R_{\text{max}} \ge 9.87^{+0.14}_{-0.04}$ km
- Assumes $q \lesssim 1.25$
- See also Köppel+ 2019, Agathos+ 2019, Bernuzzi+ 2020, Tootle+ 2021

Kashyap, Das, **DR**+, in prep

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GW modeling and data analysis



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kilonova modeling

Isotropic ejecta Isotropic ejecta Anisotropic ejecta Dynamical component (D) Viscous component (V) v-driven wind (N)

Breschi+ 2021, MNRAS 505:1661 (2021)



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Nedora+ 2020, 2011.11110



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Equation of state constraints



See also Coughlin+ 2018; Capanno+ 2019; Dietrich+ 2020; Gamba+ 2020; ...

DR, Perego+ ApJL 852:L29 (2018); **DR** & Dai, Eur. Phys. J. A 55: 50 (2019)

Equation of state constraints



See also Gamba+ 2020

DR & Dai, Eur. Phys. J. A 55: 50 (2019)

Multimessenger constraints



- Potential to constrain the EOS and/or q: the basic physics is understood and included in the simulations
- Modeling uncertainties appear to be under control
- Systematic errors still dominant
- Need to explore the parameter space: EOS, mass ratios, etc.

Breschi+ 2021, MNRAS 505:1661 (2021)

Kilonova afterglow

- Shocks generated as the remnant bounces accelerate a small fraction of the ejecta to mildly relativistic velocities
- The ejecta drive a shock in the ISM
- Synchrotron emission from the shock produces an afterglow that evolves on timescales of years to decades







Nedora, **DR**+ 2021, 2104.04537

A possible detection?





From Hajela+ 2021

From Balasubramanian, Corsi+ 2021

Early postmerger evolution



Postmerger peak frequency



- Post-merger signal has a characteristic peak frequency
- fpeak correlates with the NS radius and tidal deformability
- Systematics not fully understood (e.g., turbulence [Radice+ 2017], bulk viscosity [Alford+ 2018], pions [Fore+ 2019])

See also Takami+ 2014; Rezzolla & Takami 2016; Dietrich+ 2016; Bauswein+ 2019; ...

Postmerger amplitude



High-density EOS encoded in the binding energy

DR, Bernuzzi, Del Pozzo+, ApJL 842:L10 (2017)

QCD phase transitions



- QCD transition can lead to early collapse
- Increase GW luminosity
- First order phase transitions can lead to shifts in f_{peak}
- The effect can be subtle, degenerate with other physics... more work is needed

See also Most+ 2018; Bauswein+ 2018; Weih+ 2019; Blacker+ 2020

Prakash, **DR**+, 2106.07885

Long-term evolution







Spiral-wave wind (I)



From Nedora, Bernuzzi, **DR**+, ApJL 886:L30 (2019)

Spiral-wave wind (II)



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Challenges

- Disk winds dominate EM counterpart and nucleosynthesis
- Neutrino transport
- MHD turbulence
- Nuclear burning
- 3D effects





Mösta, **DR**+ 2020

GRAthena++



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- Vertex centered octree AMR
- High order FD and low-storage Runge-Kutta time integration
- Hybrid MPI/OpenMP, SIMD vectorized

Coming soon

- GRMHD (already working, but needs testing)
- GPU acceleration (with Kokkos)
- Spectral-like compact FD

Daszuta+ 2021, 2101.08289

GRAthena++



Daszuta+ 2021, 2101.08289

Conclusions

- We can already do multimessenger astrophysics!
- Postmerger GWs can reveal the physics of matter at extreme densities
- The physics becomes increasingly complex on longer timescales in the postmerger. Higher resolution, longer, and more sophisticated simulations are needed