The source of GW170817: neutron-star properties

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LIGO/Virgo data simulation image: T. Dietrich(AEI/FSU)/BAM

Neutron-star merger

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vTeAFAGpfso



LIGO/Virgo/University of Oregon/Ben Farr

GW170817 Masses and Spin



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An astrophysical collider



Net Baryon Density

Properties of dense matter

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Equation of state in beta equilibrium

Mass-radius relation, max mass, deformability

Neutron star

properties



Ozel and Friere 2016



Early inspiral dynamics determined by masses and spins (hard to modify!)







Tidal interactions lead to accumulated phase shift at higher frequencies.

Numerical simulations for the final coalescence Read et al 1306.4065





Matter effects on inspiral



- Deformation accelerates inspiral
- Size of effect on waveform determined by tidal deformability:







extreme radius like 2H disfavored by GW170817

Flanagan and Hinderer 2008

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Dense matter in GW170817



TaylorF2 model, low-spin prior

Independent deformabilities (no assumption that both are NS w/same EOS)

In progress: waveform systematics, direct EOS constraint

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Future possibilities for EOS/NS radius



- 95% regions
- 40 events (~ 1 yr)
- Advanced LIGO design
- Direct EOS constraint;
- implications for radius

Lackey & Wade 2014 arxiv:1410.8866



Radius (km)

Gravitational-wave spectrum



Above 500Hz: simulation data Tim Dietrich (AEI/FSU/BAM Collaboration) Phys. Rev. D95(12):124006 and Phys. Rev. D95(2):024029.