Detection possibility of continuous gravitational waves from isolated rotating magnetized neutron stars

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How to Detect 'Isolated' or 'Invisible' NSs?

Isolated NSs (not in binary/ negligible dipole radiation) \Rightarrow tiny size & thermal energy \Rightarrow lowly luminous (or pulse not directing towards earth) thus Invisible

difficult to detect in electromagnetic (EM) surveys, such as SDSS, Kepler, Gaia

But isolated NSs and WDs can produce continuous GW!

emitted continuously, as long as star is magnetized and spinning (like a singer holding a single note for a long time).

Direct detection of invisible stars! idea about mass, magnetic field, spin and equation of state.









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We simulate CGW from isolated magnetized rotating NSs and try to understand observation plausibility.

GRAVITATIONAL WAVES FROM PULSATING COMPACT STARS



2D cross-section of an asymmetric NS



Bonazzola & Gourgoulhon 1996

MODELLING NS USING XNS Pili et al. 2014

Einstein's equation solver in GRMHD

XNS (A code to study magnetized NSs)

Einstein's equation (describes space-time metric) $G_{\mu\nu} = 8\pi T_{\mu\nu}$

 $ds^{2} = -\alpha^{2} dt^{2} + \psi^{4} \left[dr^{2} + r^{2} d\theta^{2} + r^{2} \sin^{2} \theta \left(d\phi + \beta^{\phi} dt \right)^{2} \right]$

Magneto-Hydrostatic Equilibrium (provides distribution of matter/energy) $T^{\mu\nu} = (e + p + b^2)u^{\mu}u^{\nu} - b^{\mu}b^{\nu} + \left(p + \frac{b^2}{2}\right)g^{\mu\nu}$ \longrightarrow TOV eq Momentum-energy conservation: $\nabla_{\mu}T^{\mu\nu} = 0$ Axisymmetric equilibrium configuration (Uniformly/differentially rotating & Poloidal/Toroidal/mixed field) of NSs in GRMHD

Input 🔿

- EOS: polytropic law $P = k\rho^{1+\frac{1}{n}}$, adiabatic index $\gamma = 1 + 1/n$ (We use K=100, γ =1.95).
- Magnetic field:

Toroidal: magnetic polytropic law $B^{\Phi} \sim rk_m \rho^m$, m =polytropic index, k_m = magnetization index. Poloidal: Current $J^{\Phi} \sim rk_{pol}\rho$, currents are all confined within the star $\Rightarrow B^r, B^{\Theta}$

Output ➡ M, R, I_{xx}, I_{zz}

Toroidal Magnetic field ($ec{B}=B_{oldsymbol{\phi}}\widehat{oldsymbol{\phi}}$) with rotation







 $\rho_c = 10^{15} g/cc, B_{max} = 5 \times 10^{17} G, \nu = 500 Hz \Rightarrow M = 2M_{\odot}, R_E = 14 km, R_P/R_E = 0.92, ME/GE = 0.056$

Poloidal Magnetic field ($\vec{B} = B_r \hat{r} + B_{\theta} \hat{\theta}$) with rotation





 $\rho_c = 10^{15} g/cc, B_{max} = 5 \times 10^{17} G, \nu = 50 Hz, \Rightarrow M = 2M_{\odot}, R_E = 12 km, R_P/R_E = 0.81, ME/GE = 0.02$

GRAVITATIONAL WAVE DETECTION

GW strain for various magnetic configuration (modelled from XNS) as a function of frequency along with the sensitivity curves of various detectors. $h = 0.0110297h_0$ for $\chi = 3^\circ$, d=10 kpc

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GW strain (h)	¢	Rotation frequency (Ω) Obliquity angle (χ) Magnetic field strength (B)	Decays with time!
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Evolution of B (ν , χ constant)



$$\begin{array}{c} & \text{Rotation frequency } (\Omega) \\ & \text{GW strain (h)} \propto & \text{Obliquity angle } (\chi) \\ & \text{Magnetic field strength (B)} \end{array} \end{array} \\ \begin{array}{c} & \text{Decays with time!} \\ & \text{Decays with time!} \\ & \text{Then how long we can detect them?} \\ & \Omega \text{ and } \chi \text{ evolution:} \end{array}$$

GW (quadrupole) radiation & Electromagnetic (dipole) radiation: $\Omega, \chi \downarrow$

$$\frac{d(\Omega I_{z'z'})}{dt} = -\frac{2G}{5c^5}(I_{zz} - I_{xx})^2\Omega^5 \sin^2 \chi (1 + 15\sin^2 \chi) - \frac{B_p^2 R_p^6 \Omega^3}{2c^3} \sin^2 \chi F(x_0)$$

$$I_{z'z'}\frac{d\chi}{dt} = -\frac{12G}{5c^5}(I_{zz} - I_{xx})^2\Omega^4 \sin^3 \chi \cos \chi - \frac{B_p^2 R_p^6 \Omega^2}{2c^3} \sin \chi \cos \chi F(x_0) + \zeta \epsilon_\Omega^2 \epsilon R^3 \frac{g(\chi)}{I_{zz} \sin \chi \cos \chi}$$

$$\zeta = \zeta(T), x_0 = x_0(\Omega), T(t) = \left(\frac{6N^s}{C}t + \frac{1}{T_0^6}\right)^{-1/6},$$

$$F(x_0) = \frac{x_0^2}{5(x_0^6 - 3x_0^4 + 36)} + \frac{1}{3(x_0^2 + 1)}.$$
Viscous & thermal effect:
Negligible, in few hours χ increases
upto 3% and saturates
Chau & Henriksen 1970
Lander & Jones 2018

Evolution of v and χ (B constant): Toroidal magnetic field



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However, for $B_{max}^{Poloidal}(initial) = 10^{15}$ G, Ω , χ decays in few days of time,

but stable NSs are actually toroidally dominated. (Wickramasinghe et al. 2014)



Timescale for v, χ **decay** << **Timescale for B decay**

Decay of v, χ **is more important to study GW amplitude decay**

TO INCREASE GW DETECTION POSSIBILITY:

Signal to noise ratio (SNR) for I Year integration time



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Number of NSs to be detected in observational timescale?



- Small probability of detection in this 5-10 year?
- Number of NSs to be detected (in 10 kpc³/galactic volume) in 10 yr observational timescale is < 0.02.
 [Ns birthrate in galaxy 0.002/year: Beniamini et al. 2019]

CONCLUSION

Uniformly rotating massive NSs, which are detectable after birth, may not be detectable forever. Because its GW amplitude decays due to decay of B, Ω and χ . Perhaps this is why we have **not yet detected CGW** from NSs by aLIGO, aVIRGO, KAGRA.

We can try to **increase the detection** probability by calculating SNR over 1 year leading to direct detection of NSs (which cumulatively adds up the SNR, thus can have better probability to detect after some time).

Future gravitational wave missions with Einstein Telescope and Cosmic Explorer should be planned accordingly to detect such massive NSs, which, if successful can provide us an idea about its spin, magnetic field, as well as about the equation of state.

THANK YOU