Evolution & interaction in stellar binaries & triples



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Single stars



uncertainties e.g. convection, wind mass loss, rotation => See Monday

Single stars + binaries



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- What happens at Roche Lobe OverFlow (RLOF)?
 - Tricky: mass transfer → change of donor radius → redistribution mass, i.e separation + mass loss from system → change separation → change in Roche lobe
- Compare donor's & Roche lobe's radial response to mass loss
 Donor star: difference between radiative and convective envelopes
 - Roche lobe depends on mass ratio and angular-momentum loss
- Boundary between stable/unstable mass transfer
 - Not all giants expand upon mass loss (Passy+ 12)
 - * Globally $t_{dyn} < t_{thermal}$, but locally $t_{dyn} \sim t_{thermal}$
 - Mass accretion important (Soberman+ 97, Woods+11, 12)
 - Non-conservative mass loss can stabilize the mass transfer

Stable mass transfer

 Simplest assumption: "conservative" mass transfer in a circular system from a synchronized spherical Roche-lobe-filling donor

- Significant accretion:
 - Algol variables (low-mass giant companion eclipsed by young massive MS)
 - Blue stragglers (MS more luminous & blue than turnoff point in cluster)

- However, mass transfer is often non-conservative (e.g. Han ea '02,'03)
 - Accretor star easily spun up to critical surface rotation (Packet 1981)
 - * What happens to the angular momentum?
 - Winds, tides? (de Mink+ 14)
 - Angular-momentum loss affects orbital evolution
 - Different prescriptions give very different outcomes

Stable mass transfer

- Mass-driving mechanisms
 - Evolutionary-driven mass loss
 - Nuclear evolution
 - Thermal evolution
 - Irradiation-driven evolution
- Evolution driven by systemic angular momentum loss
 - Gravitational radiation (well understood)
 - Magnetic braking (poorly understood)
 - e.g. low-mass X-ray binary, Cataclysmic variables (mass transfer to compact objects)

Unstable mass transfer

Motivation

- Compact stars in close orbits observed
- Reduction of orbit needed
- Mayor source of uncertainty in binary evolution
- Steady progress:
 - * 3D hydro simulations (review Ivanova+ 13)
 - recombination energy (Livio '89, Nandez+ '15,16, Iaconi+ '17, '18)
 - Empirical constraints (Nelemans 00, 01, van der Sluys+ 06, Zorotovic+ 10, Toonen+ 13, Portegies Zwart 13, Camacho+ 14)

Importance

- Transients
 - * V838 Mon, V1309 Sco, Eta Carinae
- Mergers
 - 10-30% of single WDs come from mergers (Toonen+ 17)

- Compact binaries with an compact object/stripped star
- Planetary nebulae
 - >20-80% of PN central course in binary (Mizsalski+ 09, De Marco+ 04, Douchin+ 15)

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 - * forming first WD \rightarrow modest widening
 - forming second WD → modest contraction

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- large & uniform populations of compact binaries
- well-understood selection effects

Eclipsing populations

- ≁70 WD-MS known (Parsons +15)
 - period~hours-days
- ~7 WD-WD known
 - period~min-hours
- Mass-radius relation (e.g. Parsons+ 10)
- Supernova type Ia
 progenitors (e.g. Wang+ 12)
- Tides / WD viscosity (e.g. Piro 11)
- Circum-binary planets
 (Beuermann+ 10,12, Marsh+ 14)

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What happens to a planetary companion? (e.g. Soker+ 98, Nelemans & Tauris+ 98)

- Evaporation
- Merger with core
- Survivial
- Second generation planets?
 - See also Leen Decin's talk tomorrow

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Possible e-pumping mechanisms

- Enhanced wind-mass loss at periastron (van Winckel+ 95, Bonanic+ 08)
- Mass transfer at periastron (Soker+ 00,Vos+ 15)
- Circumbinary disks (Waelkens+ 96, Dermine+ 13, Vos+ 15)
- Wind-RLOF (Mohamed+ 07, Mohamed+ 10, Abate+ 15)
- Triple companion (Perets & Kratter 12)

Courtesy: Onno Pols

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From: Gotberg+ 2017

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Triples

Stellar Trio

In a three-star system, two stars orbit each other, then the pair and a third star also orbit each other.

Fairly common

	Binary fraction	Triple fraction
Low-mass stars	40-50%	10-15%
High-mass stars	>70%	>30%
Refs	Raghavan+ '10, Tokovinin '08, '14, Remage Evans '11, Duchene & Kraus '13, Sana+ '14, Moe+ '17	

Evolution of stellar triples

- ✓ Triple evolution provoked for:
 - Gravitational wave sources, supernova type Ia progenitors, mergers, blue stragglers, low-mass X-ray binaries etc. etc.

- ✓ Unique evolution
 - Three-body dynamics
 - Stellar (& binary) evolution

- ✓ Impressive recent progress, but little coupling
 - Rich interacting regime (Shappee+ '13, Hamers+ '13, Michaely+ '14, Toonen+16, Antonini+ 17)
 - New code TRES for (coeval stellar hierarchical) triple evolution (Toonen+ 2016 => also for review on triple evolution in stellar systems)

Kozai-Lidov cycles

MI=1.3, M2=0.5, M3=0.5MSun, aI=200, a2 =20000RSun, eI=0.1, e2 =0.5, i=80, gI=0.1, g2=0.5

Binary caseTriple case

Triple evolution leads to...

- Enhanced occurrence rate of mass transfer
 - ~1.5x more often mass transfer compared to binaries (Toonen+ in prep.)
 - ≁ ~40% of onset mass transfer in an eccentric orbit (Toonen+ in prep.)
- Enhanced merger rate
 - Dominant source of collisions in the field (Perets & Kratter '12)
 - * BH-BH mergers from initially very wide orbits:
 - * 0.3-1.2 per year per Gpc^3 (Antonini, Toonen & Hamers '17)

Triple evolution leads to...

- Enhanced occurrence rate of mass transfer
- Enhanced merger rate of compact objects
- Enhanced formation rate of compact binaries
 - Excess of close MS-MS (Fabrycky & Tremaine '07, Naoz+ '11)
 - ✤ 96% is part of a triple (Tokovinin+ '06)

Triple evolution leads to...

Kozai-Lidov cycles with dissipation

(tides, gravitational waves)

credit: Nasa/JPL

Heartbeat stars

*KIC 2835289, KIC 3749404, KIC 3766353 (Conroy+ 15, Hambleton+ '16, priv. comm.)

Hot Jupiters

*High-eccentricity migration (e.g. Wu+ '03, Ngo+ '16)

- Initial binary fraction: increases with primary mass
- Initial period distribution: more compact binaries as primary mass increases
- ✤ → More binary interactions as primary mass increases
- Stellar interactions change orbit, mass accretion, mass stripping
 - Ionizing flux from stripped stars
- The presence of a third star can have a strong effect on the evolution of the inner binary
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Questions?