Massive star clusters as a host of compact binaries

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Outline

Massive star clusters and compact binaries

Dynamical evolution of star clusters

Distribution of binary black holes (BBHs) formed in star clusters

Expected detection rate and mass function of BBHs by gravitational wave

Future plans

Massive star clusters

Globular cluster	a	b
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		2 & Carton
	Young massive cluster	Super star clusters
	R136 in LMC	in starburst galaxies

R136

Cluster	Age [Gyr]	$m_{ m to}$ $[{ m M}_{\odot}]$	M $[{ m M}_{\odot}]$	r _{vir} [pc]	$\frac{\rho_c}{[M_\odot\mathrm{pc}^{-3}]}$	Z [Z₀]	Location	t _{dyn} [Myr]	t _{rh} [Myr]
OC	$\lesssim 0.3$	$\lesssim 4$	$\lesssim 10^3$	1	$\lesssim 10^3$	~ 1	Disk	~ 1	$\lesssim 100$
GC	$\gtrsim 10$	${\sim}0.8$	$\gtrsim 10^5$	10	$\gtrsim 10^3$	<1	Halo	$\gtrsim 1$	$\gtrsim 1000$
YMC	$\lesssim 0.1$	$\gtrsim 5$	$\gtrsim 10^4$	1	$\gtrsim 10^3$	$\gtrsim 1$	Galaxy	$\lesssim 1$	$\lesssim 100$

Young massive clusters (super star clusters) As dense and massive as globular clusters As young as open clusters Portegies Zwart et al. (2010)

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As a host of compact binaries



Expected BBH mass distribution

Different mass distributions of merging BBHs are expected



Of course, these results depend on stellar evolution models and initial binary distribution

Dynamical Evolution of Globular Clusters

Globular clusters in the Milky Way

Age ~ 10 Gyr

Mass ~ 10⁵⁻⁶Msun

Size ~ 10 pc

Located in the Galactic halo

Old, massive, and dense star clusters The densest environment in the MW except for the Galactic center

The formation process is still unclear Core of dwarf galaxy? (Omega Cen) Accreted with dwarf galaxies?



Internal dynamical evolution of clusters

Core collapse: The core shrinks on the relaxation timescale

Mass segregation: Massive stars concentrates on the cluster core due to the energy equipartition

Binary formation: Three-body encounters form hard binaries

Post-collapse evolution (expansion): Cluster expands after the core-collapse due to the energy flux from hard binaries

Globular clusters host hard binaries of massive objects such as black holes and neutron stars

These proceed on the relaxation timescale

$$t_{\rm rh} \sim 2 \times 10^8 \,{
m year} \left(\frac{M}{10^6 \,{
m M}_\odot}\right)^{1/2} \left(\frac{r_{\rm vir}}{1 {
m pc}}\right)^{3/2} \left(\frac{\langle m \rangle}{{
m M}_\odot}\right)^{-1}$$

Stellar evolution (incl. evolution of binaries)



N-body simulation of star clusters



Direct N-body simulations (N~10⁶) for 10 Gyr including binaries are still not easy.

Difficulties

Hard (tight) binaries Massive stars form hard binaries BH-BH, NS-BH, NS-NS... these cause problems...

Long simulation time up to 10Gyr

Compared to the time scale of binaries (days or less), globular cluster life time is too long

Relatively large N for direct summation of the gravity

- Direct method $O(N^2)$
- Close encounters require high accuracy

Algorithm

(KS) Regularization A method to treat hard binaries Transform the coordinates in addition to time NBODY6 (Aarseth)

Tree and Direct Hybrid method Use tree method (approximate force for distant particles) O(N logN) P³T: Iwasawa+ (2015)



Hardware

GRAPE Special purpose hardware for N-body problem CPU clusters GPU clusters NBODY6++GPU

Parallelization is not so efficient, especially after core collapse Binaries decide the minimum step size

The largest N-body simulation

Wang+(2016): DRAGON simulation N=10⁶

- Star-by-star
- NBODY6++GPU
- BUT, the cluster density is relatively low
- -> Not many BBHs formed
- Dense run is up to 1Gyr



Hard binaries always cause problem!

Monte-Carlo simulations

The evolution of E, J (Δ E, Δ J) of particles is analytically computed using two-body relaxation theory

3-body encounters are directly solved

Some parameters are tuned compared with direct N-body simulations

These treatments depend on codes

Less computational resources than direct N-body

Two- or a few-body encounters (strong interactions) may not be correct

Rodriguez's group use this method

What we can do using direct N-body simulations? N-scaling relation



Tanikawa (2013)

Performed N-body simulations with different N The results are scaled by thermodynamical time (which depends on *N*)

$$\tau = \int_0^t \frac{dt'}{t_{\rm rh}}$$
$$t_{\rm rh} = 0.0477 \frac{N}{(G\rho_{\rm h})^{1/2} \log(0.4N)}$$

Distribution of BBHs formed in star clusters is modeled as a function of thermodynamical time

Distribution of Merging BBHs formed in Star Clusters

Model for BBH merger history per cluster

Tanikawa (2013)



Using the results of N-body simulations, Tanikawa (2013) constructed a model for BBH merger history per cluster

But, maximum mass of BH is 20Msun

We can generate a merger history of BBHs for a cluster

Estimate merging BBHs formed in globular clusters

Tanikawa (2013)

Modelling BBH merger history based on the results of N-body simulation Assuming number density of star clusters, they estimate the mass function of observed BBHs



Younger massive clusters?



Dynamical evolution of BBH distribution



With natal kicks



Retention fraction proportional to the BH mass 0.1—1.0 for 3—20Msun (1.0 for >20Msun) The total retention fraction was ~0.7

NS-NS mergers

After most of BHs are ejected, NS-NS merger starts

The expected NS-NS merger rate is an order of magnitude lower than that of BH-BH

Later dynamical evolution than BH-BH Natal kick



Bae et al. (2014)

*t*_{rh}: relaxation time Typically a few hundred Myr

Future plans

Update stellar evolution model

Massive stars

Metallicity (0 to Solar)

Especially Z<10⁻⁴

Binary evolution due to common envelope evolution

How dynamical evolution works?

Perform direct N-body simulations with the new models

Investigate the formation rate of BBHs and their mass function For each metallicity and cluster mass etc.



From Belczynski et al. (2016)

Summary

Massive clusters (globular clusters) are a host of merging BBHs

The distribution of merging BBHs (mass ratio, eccentricity) is different from that of isolated binaries (common envelope evolution, only)

Future N-body simulations will answer the merger rate of BBHs in star clusters and the mass distribution for different metallicity, mass, density of star clusters