



Neutron Star

• supported by <u>neutron degeneracy pressure</u>

$$M_{ch} = 0.21 \left(\frac{Z}{A}\right)^2 \left(\frac{hc}{Gm_p^2}\right)^{3/2} m_p$$
$$= 5.6 M_{\odot} \text{ for } \frac{Z}{A} \approx 1$$

Neutron Star Properties

 $_{\circ}$ mass and radius

$$M \sim 1.4 \ M_{\odot}, \ R \sim 11 \ \mathrm{km} \left(\frac{M}{1.4 \ M_{\odot}}\right)^{-1/3}$$

 \circ escape speed

$$v_{esc} = \sqrt{\frac{2GM}{R}} = 1.8 \times 10^5 \text{ km s}^{-1} \left(\frac{M}{1.4 M_{\odot}}\right)^{2/3}$$

0.6 c

 $\rightarrow c$ when $M = 3.0 M_{\odot}$

Escape Speed

$$v_{esc} = \sqrt{\frac{2GM}{R}} = c$$

 $\Rightarrow R = \frac{2GM}{c^2} = 3 \operatorname{km} \left(\frac{M}{M_{\odot}}\right)$

Schwarzchild radius

Equivalence Principle



Einstein's Gravity

$$ds^{2} = dx^{2} + dy^{2} + dz^{2}$$

$$ds^{2} = dr^{2} + r^{2}d\theta^{2} + dz^{2}$$

$$ds^{2} = dr^{2} + r^{2}d\theta^{2} + r^{2}\sin^{2}\theta d\phi^{2}$$

gravity = spacetime curvature

$$ds^2 = g_{\mu\nu} \, dx^{\mu} dx^{\nu}$$
$$\sum_{\mu,\nu=0}^{3}$$

• Einstein's (1915) equations

curvature





 reduce to Newtonian gravity for small masses/low speeds

 $G = 8 \pi T$

mass and

energy

Matter tells spacetime how to curve Spacetime tells matter how to move

J. A. Wheeler

General Relativity

 $G = 8 \pi T$

$$R_{\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{2} R g_{\mu\nu} + \Lambda g_{\mu\nu} = \frac{8\pi G}{c^4} T_{\mu\nu}$$

$$R_{\mu\nu} = R^{\alpha}_{\mu\alpha\nu} = \frac{\partial\Gamma^{\alpha}_{\nu\mu}}{\partial x_{\alpha}} - \frac{\partial\Gamma^{\alpha}_{\alpha\mu}}{\partial x_{\nu}} + \Gamma^{\beta}_{\beta\alpha}\Gamma^{\alpha}_{\nu\mu} - \Gamma^{\alpha}_{\nu\beta}\Gamma^{\beta}_{\alpha\mu}$$

$$\Gamma^{\alpha}_{\beta\gamma} = \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{\partial g_{\alpha\beta}}{\partial x_{\gamma}} + \frac{\partial g_{\alpha\gamma}}{\partial x_{\beta}} + \frac{\partial g_{\beta\gamma}}{\partial x_{\alpha}} \right)$$

Schwarzschild Geometry



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clock at rest: $dr = d\theta = d\phi = 0$

$$\Rightarrow d\tau = \left(1 - \frac{r_s}{r}\right)^{1/2} dt$$

$$= \left(1 - \frac{2GM}{rc^2}\right)^{1/2} dt$$

$$\approx \left(1 - \frac{GM}{rc^2}\right) dt$$
time dilation
$$\Rightarrow \frac{d\tau}{dt} = 1 - \frac{GM}{rc^2} = 1 - \frac{\Delta\Phi}{c^2}$$
as $r \to r_s$

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frequency:

$$\frac{v(r)}{v(\infty)} = \frac{dt}{d\tau} = \left(1 - \frac{r_s}{r}\right)^{-1/2}$$

$$\implies \frac{v(\infty)}{v(r)} = \left(1 - \frac{r_s}{r}\right)^{1/2}$$

$$\approx 1 - \frac{GM}{rc^2}$$
gravitational
redshift
$$v(\infty) \to 0$$
as $r \to r_s$

$$r = r_s$$
 is the event horizon

Kerr Geometry



Planck Scales

$$\ell_p = \sqrt{\frac{\hbar G}{c^3}} = 1.6 \times 10^{-35} \text{ m}$$

 $\tau_p = \frac{\ell_p}{c} = 5.3 \times 10^{-44} \text{ s}$
 $m_p = \sqrt{\frac{\hbar c}{G}} = 1.2 \times 10^{-8} \text{ kg}$









globular cluster G1 (in M31) irregular galaxy M82

The Galactic Center at 2.2 microns









$$g_{\mu\nu} = \eta_{\mu\nu} + h_{\mu\nu}$$

$$\nabla^2 h_{\mu\nu} = -\frac{16\pi G}{c^4} \left(T_{\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{2} T_{\alpha\beta} \eta^{\alpha\beta} \eta_{\mu\nu} \right) + \frac{1}{c^2} \frac{\partial^2 h_{\mu\nu}}{\partial t^2}$$
$$\nabla^2 h = \frac{1}{c^2} \frac{\partial^2 h}{\partial t^2}$$

Gravitational Waves

- waves in spacetime
 - "ripples" in the local spacetime curvature
 - produce small local distortions in the sizes of objects as they pass
- produced by rapidly accelerating masses
 - how massive? $> M_{\odot}$, in practice
 - how fast? ~ speed of light

Neutron Star Inspiral

$$t_{\rm gwr} \simeq 0.02 \, \frac{c^5 a^4 (1 - e^2)^{7/2}}{G^3 M m (M + m)}$$

(Peters 1964)

neutron stars, e = 0.62, $M, m = 1.44, 1.39 M_{\odot}$, $a = 2.8 R_{\odot}$ (Hulse and Taylor 1975)

$$\rightarrow$$
 t_{gwr} = 300 Myr



Wave Properties

$$\frac{\Delta h}{h} \approx \frac{GM}{c^2} \left(\frac{v}{c}\right)^2 \times \frac{1}{r}$$

in practice (merging $10 M_{\odot}$ black holes at 10 Mpc),

$$\frac{\Delta h}{h} \approx 3 \times 10^{-20}$$

- tiny!

 $(proton = 10^{-15} m)$



LIGO

Laser Interferometer Gravitational-Wave Observatory





LIGO Sites

Hanford Observatory

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AIP Conference





Numerical Relativity

- Einstein equations very hard to solve analytically
- generally must approach the problem numerically
- efforts underway since 1970s many numerical difficulties
- \circ BH problem solved in 2005









GW150914

- $_{\odot}$ black hole masses 36 M_{\odot} and 29 M_{\odot}
- 36 + 29 = 62!
- $3 M_{\odot}c^2$ energy = 5.4 × 10⁴⁷ J emitted as gravitational waves (Earth annual consumption = 4 × 10²⁰ J)
- \circ 400 Mpc away







First Cosmic Event Observed in Gravitational Waves and Light

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