Nuclear Star Clusters as LISA sources



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Other Phenomena

- Mass transfer to the supermassive black hole.
 - MS extreme mass ratio inspiral MS-EMRIs
 - emission of gravitational waves
- Tidal Disruption Events.
 - Explosion of stars
- Breakup of binaries produces:
 - Hyper Velocity Stars
 - S- stars ?
- Plunges of compact objects into BH ¹⁰¹⁰
- QPEs





Dimensionless #s in The Milky Way

 $\frac{M}{m} \sim 4 \times 10^6$

• Stars compared to black hole:

Other galaxies with m-sigma relation

 $\propto M$

• Radius of influence compared to Schwarzschild:

$$\frac{R_h}{R_s} \sim 4 \times 10^6 \qquad \propto M^{-1/2}$$

• Tidal radius compared to Schwarzschild:

$$\frac{R_t}{R_s} \sim 10 \qquad \qquad \propto M^{-2/3}$$

Gravitational Waves & Eccentric Orbits

$$T_{GW} = \frac{R_s}{c} \frac{M}{m} \left(\frac{r_p}{R_s}\right)^4 \left(\frac{r}{r_p}\right)^{1/2}$$

$$T_{2B} = \frac{R_s}{c} \left(\frac{M}{m}\right)^2 N(r)^{-1} \left(\frac{r}{R_s}\right)^{3/2} \frac{r_p}{r}$$

$$T_{GW} = T_{2B} \quad \rightarrow \quad r_p = R_s \left(\frac{r}{R_h}\right)^{-1/2}$$

Scatterings & Gravitational Waves



 $r_0 = R_h \left(\frac{R_s}{R_*}\right)^2$

 $\frac{\mathcal{R}_{\rm EMRIS}}{\mathcal{R}_{\rm TDEs}} = \left(\frac{R_s}{R_T}\right)^2$ $\sim 1\%$

Galaxy mass Stellar mass Compact objects

2 Body Relaxation & The Cusp

• The typical time for significant scattering.

$$T_{rel} = \left[\frac{N(r)}{r^3} \left(\frac{Gm}{v^2}\right)^2 v\right]^{-1} = P(r) \left(\frac{M}{m}\right)^2 N(r)^{-1}$$

• Constant partical flux:

Peebles

$$\frac{N(r)}{T_{rel}} = const. \rightarrow N \propto P(r)^{1/2} \propto r^{3/4} \qquad \rho \propto r^{-9/4}$$

• Constant energy flux:

$$\frac{E(r)N(r)}{T_{rel}} = const. \rightarrow N \propto r^{1/2}P(r)^{1/2} \propto r^{5/4} \quad \rho \propto r^{-7/4}$$

Segregation

- Naive flux = #stars * n sigma v
- Only "zero flux" solutions: flux << naive flux
- Balanced solutions (zero flux):
 - Mass dependent sinking (Dynamical Friction)
 - Scattering
- Generalised Bacall Wolf solutions

Segregation

$$0 = Q(x,m) = \int_{m_{\min}}^{m_{\max}} m' \, dm' \int_{x_{\min}}^{x_{\max}} dx' \left\{ \max(x,x') \right\}^{-3/2} \times \left\{ mf(x,m)\partial_{x'}f(x',m') - m'f(x',m')\partial_{x}f(x,m) \right\},$$
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$$f(x,m) \propto m^{-(\gamma+15)/5} \cdot \exp\left(-mAx^{5/(4\gamma+10)}\right).$$

New Self Similar Solution With mass spectrum.

Meaning: for a given mass:

> Strong segregation at low E Flat distribution at high E cross section m^(3/2).







Segregation Linial & Sari 2022

Strong segregation (AH)

zero flux solutions. no constant flux (AH)

In our galaxy

~0.1 Mass transferring stars

Mass excess within S2 orbit

1500 Ms in BH independent of #BH
3000 Ms in MS stars
Slight tension with GRAVITY observations.
Should be detected soon.

LISA will detect 10³ sources SNR>8.

Mostly black holes Independent of #BH in galactic centers.

Dominates noise for LISA.

Dominated by BHs. Exceeds galactic binaries. @ 3x10⁻⁴ Hz



Scatterings & Gravitational Waves



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Eccentricity Distribution



Geodesic Universal Infall (GUI) Trajectory



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Test Particle Waveform vs. NR



