

Merging stellar- and intermediate-mass black holes in dense clusters: implications for LIGO, LISA and the next generation of GW detectors

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Summary

A. Formation of IMBH seeds

B. IMBH-BH mergers

C. Perspectives for current and future GW detectors



Formation of IMBH seeds in young clusters



From Rizzuto et al (2021)

- 1. Direct *N*-body simulations with GR effects for binary COs
- 1.1 No GW recoil!
- 1.2 No Spins!!
- 2. An <u>IMBH forms in 17 cases out of 80</u> (~20%)

From Arca Sedda et al (ArXiv: 2105.07003)

Use NR fitting formulae to measure spin and GW kicks for;

- a. 2 IMBH-BH mergers
- b. 1 IMBH-BH-BH merger
- c. 1 triple BH merger chain

Rizzuto et al (2021), MNRAS, 501, pp 5257-5273 Arca Sedda, M. et al, ArXiv: 2105.07003



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Our phase space:

- 1. 2 stellar BHs orbiting around 1 IMBH
- 2. no initial hierarchy
- 3. PN1, 2, and 2.5 included
- 4. cluster overall field included

Main properties

- a. IMBH mass: 4 values
- b. Cluster density: 3 cases
- c. BH masses: 3 spectra
- d. Metallicity: 2 values
- e. Orbital distribution: 2 cases





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How?

Use previous scheme, with:

z = 2-6 $M_{seed} = 100-500 \text{ M} \circledast$ $M_{c} = 10^{5} - 5 \times 10^{6} \text{ M} \circledast$ $f(M) = kM^{-2}$

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- Do we have any chance to observe the closest one (e.g. within 8 kpc)?
- ▶ Is there any cluster within 8 kpc from us? Any IMBH host candidate?
 - 47Tuc (Kızıltan et al. 2017), NGC6266 (Abbate et al. 2019a), NGC6128 and NGC288 (Sollima et al. 2016), NGC6388 and NGC2808, the Galactic Centre (Oka et al 2017, Takekawa et al 2019)
 - SNR = 6 100 $[M_{IBH} = 10^3 10^4 M_{SUN} + M_{BH} = 10 30 M_{SUN}]$



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Implications for current and future GW detectors: IMRIs cosmic merger rate

Signal to noise ratio (we set SNR = 15, observation time $T_{obs} = 4$ yr):

$$SNR^{2} = \int_{f_{1}}^{f_{2}} \frac{h_{c}^{2}(f, z_{hor})}{S_{n}^{2}(f)} df$$

IMRIs merger rate:

$$\Gamma_{\rm IMRI} = \Omega_s \int_{M_1}^{M_2} \int_0^{z_{\rm hor}} \frac{\mathrm{d}n_{\rm IMRI}}{\mathrm{d}M_{\rm IMBH}\mathrm{d}z} \frac{\mathrm{d}V_c}{\mathrm{d}z} \frac{\mathrm{d}z}{1+z} \mathrm{d}M_{\rm IMBH}$$

□ Number of IMRIs per unit IMBH mass (3 approaches):



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Instrument	$M_{\rm SBH}$	z _{max}	M _{IMBH,max}	$\Delta\Gamma_1$
	M_{\odot}		${ m M}_{\odot}$	yr^{-1}
LIGO	10	0.38	200	0.003 - 0.54
LIGO	30	0.57	200	0.006 - 1.3
LISA	10	0.70	46240	0.024 - 5.1
LISA	30	1.78	46240	0.27 - 56.2
ET	10	6.00	2000	1.9 - 399.7
ET	30	6.00	2000	2.8 - 596.5
DECIGO	10	6.00	46240	15.0 - 3139
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Nr. of detection per yr

LIGO-Virgo-Kagra: ~1-2 IMRIs with $M \le 200 \text{ M} \otimes \text{ in } 1 \text{ yr of observation}$

LISA: ~5-60 IMRIs with M < 46,000 M \otimes in 1 yr of observation

ET/DECIGO: >10³ IMRIs with M < 46,000 M \otimes in 1 yr of observation



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Takehome

- 1. From direct *N*-body + postprocessing (*Arca Sedda, M. et al, ArXiv: 2105.07003*):
 - *a*. Formation probability of IMBHs in young clusters $\sim 20\%$ (stellar accretion efficiency?)
 - *b*. IMBH-BH mergers attain masses ~ 300 M_{\odot} in dense clusters (long-term retention?)
 - c. if long IMBH-BH merger chain are rare, IMRIs can tell us more about IMBHs natal spins (natal spins?)
- 2. From the three-body + semi-analytic approach (*Arca Sedda, Amaro-Seoane, and Chen, ArXiv: 2007.13746*):
 a. IMRI mergers ~ 5-50% of models (how many BHs if an IMBH is there?)
 b. For M_{IMBH} ~ 500 M_☉ → retention <50% if M_{BH} > 15 M_☉ (mass spectra of BHs?)
 c. IMBH mass and spin distributions at z < 1 peak at M_{IMBH}~750 M_☉ and a_{IMBH}~0.3 (parameter space?)
 d. LISA in the Milky Way: detection of M_{IMBH}~10³⁻⁴ M_☉ (SNR ~ 6 100) (how many IMBHs in MW?)
 - *e*. LIGO \leq 2 detections yr⁻¹, LISA \leq 60 yr⁻¹, ET/DECIGO \sim (500 3000) yr⁻¹ (sensitivity curves?)



Supplementary slides



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Mergers in the upper mass-gap: spin and kicks of hierarchical merger products

- 1. Extract BH masses from direct *N*-body (Gen-1a + Gen-1b)
- Sample BH spins from a distribution (Gaussian centered on 0.5 or 0.7, Uniform)
- 3. Calculate remnant mass and spin through NR fitting formulae and recoil kicks (e.g. Arca Sedda & Benacquista 19, Arca Sedda+20) (Gen-1a + Gen-1b) → Gen-2a
- 4. Merge the remnant with the next stellar BH (Gen-2a + Gen-2b) \rightarrow Gen-3a



A triple merger leads to a final BH spin compatible with GW190521 in 60-78% of cases



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What environment could retain the merger remnant?

1. The timescale for the merger formation is connected with the relaxation time

 $t_{
m rlx} \propto M^{1/2} r_h^{3/2}$

2. The central escape velocity must increase

 $v_{
m esc}^2 \propto M/r_h$

3. Possible host have same $t_{\rm rlx}$ and $v_{\rm esc} > v_{\rm kick}$



Only cluster with $M_c > 3 \times 10^5 M_{\odot}$ and $R_c < 0.6$ pc can retain long merger chains



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There are three main phases:

A. Chaotic: the three BHs interact continuously, exchanges may occur

B. Periodic/(mildly) hierarchical: the three objects from a triple, the outer BH exert perturbations on the inner BH-IMBH binary.

In this phase Kozai-Lidov (-like) oscillations may take place

C. GW emission kicks in and drives the IMBH-BH to merger





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