Dynamics of a tertiary body orbiting an inner black-hole binary







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After joining the institute, he studied at the Cavendish Laboratory in the UK, directed by Ernest Rutherford. There, he had a fateful encounter with Niels Bohr, who proposed a model of the atom based on a completely new "principle." Bohr's laboratory in Copenhagen, Denmark, was the center of the birth of "quantum mechanics", and he moved there at Bohr's invitation, where he studied from 1923 to 1928 amongst the world's young geniuses, achieving outstanding experimental results in X-ray spectroscopy. In 1928, his talents as a theorist blossomed and, together with his close friend the theorist Oskar Klein, he derived the "Klein-Nishina formula" for the scattering of X-rays by electrons, based on the newly published "relativistic quantum" mechanics" of Paul Dirac, which earned him international recognition as an atomic physicist.

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Bohr visited Japan in 1937







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First-order phase transition of a vacuum and the expansion of the Universe

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1 Hierarchical three-body systems

Ubiquity of hierarchical triples

Stellar systems

more than 70% of OBA-type stars and 50% of FGK-type stars a belong to binary/multiple systems (e.g., Alpha Centauri)

(Exo)Planetary systems

planets around binary stars, multi-planets, satellites,,,

Compact objects

- Possible pathway towards binary BHs detected by GW
- Binaries (stars, BHs) around a supermassive BH in galaxies
- Triples of compact objects, e.g., pulsar-WD binary + tertiary WD (Ransom et al. 2014)

Hierarchical three-body systems

 $\iota_{\rm mut}$

 $P_{\rm in}$

 m_3

Pout

Gravitational three-body systems are unstable in general

- stable three-body systems are mostly hierarchical: tight binary
 + distant tertiary orbiting the center-of-mass of the inner binary
- observed three-body systems are likely to be hierarchical
- Stable systems are inevitably associated with (undemocratic) hierarchies

quite universal in biological, astronomical and social systems

 quarks and leptons – atoms – molecules – DNAs – cells – organs – animals – villages – cities – nations – planets – stars – star clusters – galaxies – galaxy clusters – universe(s) – multiverse(s)

 non-intuitive (counter-intuitive) dynamical behavior of hierarchical triples triggers unexpectedly broad diversities in astronomical phenomena (e.g., ZKL effect)

A millisecond pulsar in a stellar triple system

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Ransom et al. Nature 505(2014)520 NS-WD binary + WD

PSR J0337+1715 parameters

inner orbital period (pulsar+WD)	1.629401788(5) day
outer orbital period (WD)	327.257541(7) day
pulsar spin period	2.73258863244(9) msec
mutual orbital inclination	0.0120(17) deg.
Pulsar mass	1.4378(13) M _☉
Inner WD mass	0.19751(15) M _☉
Outer WD mass	0.4101(3) M _☉

2 Lyapunov vs. Lagrange instabilities of hierarchical triple systems

My cosmology research tree

- Chushiro Hayashi
 - Katsuhiko SatoYasushi Suto

My three-body research tree

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Diversities triggered by triple dynamics

Alpha Centauri was a triple system, two suns tightly orbiting one another, and a third, more remote, circling them both. What would it be like to live on a world with three suns in the sky? — Carl Sagan "Contact"



Triples are unstable in general ⇔ diversity



Stability criterion (Mardling & Aarseth 2001)

$$\left(\frac{r_{\rm p,out}}{a_{\rm in}}\right)_{\rm MA} \equiv 2.8 \left(1 - 0.3 \frac{i_{\rm mut}}{\pi}\right) \left[\left(1 + \frac{m_3}{m_{12}}\right) \frac{(1 + e_{\rm out})}{\sqrt{1 - e_{\rm out}}}\right]^{2/2}$$

- Well-known and widely used, but its implication is often misinterpreted...
- What does it mean?
- Lyapunov (chaoticity of local trajectory) vs. Lagrange (escape of a body from the system) stability
- Disruption timescale, instead of the stable-unstable boundary ?

Normal and chaotic evolution of triple systems



Mardling & Aarseth (1999)





"A system was deemed stable if two orbits, initially differing by 1 part in 10⁵ in the eccentricity, remained close after 100 orbits." (Mardling & Aarseth 1999)

"We deem a triple system stable if it remains bound for 100 outer orbits and if the semimajor axes of both inner and outer orbits do not change by more than 10 percent of the initial value." (Vynatheya et al. 2022 MNRAS 516, 4146)



Lyapunov vs. Lagrange instability



Lyapunov instability

 Local divergence of trajectories of bodies (~chaoticity)



Lagrange instability

- cannot be studied under secular approximation in which energies of inner and outer orbits are conserved separately.
- Relation between Lyapunov and Lagrange instabilities is not clear
- global escape of a body from the triple system (~boundedness of an orbit)



Longer-term N-body simulations in Newtonian dynamics *neglecting GR effects*



Examples of orbital evolution of triples



Disruption timescales on $a_{out}(1-e_{out})/a_{in} - e_{out}$ plane

(Initial phases are fixed)

 $m_1 = m_2 = 5m_3$

Dynamical stability boundary by Mardling & Aarseth (2001)



 $T_{\rm d}/P_{\rm in}$ 10² 10³ 10⁴ 10⁵ 10⁶ 10⁷ 10⁸ 10⁹

Inclination dependence

 10^{1}

 10^{2}

 10^{3}

T_d/P_{out} on $a_{out}(1-e_{out})/a_{in} - e_{out}$ plane

(Initial phases are fixed)

 10^{4}

 $T_{\rm d}/P_{\rm out}$

 10^{5}

 10^{6}

 10^{7}

60<i_{mut} (deg)<150 destabilized by the Kozai-Lidov oscillations i_{mut} (deg)>160

significantly stabilized due to inefficient

energy transfer between inner and outer orbits

Very different from the stability boundary by Mardling & Aarseth (2001) --



Chaotic nature of disruption timescale distribution



- Tiny difference in the input value of P_{in} leads to one or two order-of-magnitude difference of disruption timescales
- Initial phase difference of the three bodies also leads to one or two order-ofmagnitude difference of disruption timescales
- We do not understand why just one or two order-ofmagnitudes ...

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$T_d/P_{out} (r_{p,out}/a_{in}; i_{mut}, e_{out})$ with random initial phases

 Lyapunov stability boundaries (Vynatheya et al. 2022) are plotted in dashed lines for reference



3 Dynamical signature of triple systems including inner binary black-holes

Generic picture of binary BH evolution



Proposals to search for star-BH binaries

Gaia mission (2013-)

Astrometry of stars in Galaxy $\sim 10^9$ stars eventually RV with 200-350m/s precision for brightest stars (Katz 2018)



Yamaguchi+ (2018)

5-year mission may detect 200-1000 star-BH binaries

TESS mission (2018-)

photometry of nearby stars (~ 12mag) transit planets

Masuda & Hotokezaka (2019)

Light curve modulation (relativistic effects, tidal deformation) $\Rightarrow (10 - 100)$ star-BH binaries may be identified



Some of them may be indeed a star-binary BH triple! Can precise radial velocity follow-up unveil the inner BBH?

Radial velocity modulation of a tertiary star due to an inner binary



RV modulations for coplanar triples



RV modulations for non-coplanar triples





30 data/100 days triple, $e_{in} = 10^{-5}$, $e_{out} = 10^{-5}$ period ~ $P_{\rm in}/2$

Kepler motion + Short-term RV variations (inner-binary perturbation)

(ii) Non-coplanar triple

high-precision RV follow-up

Keplerian motion RV

+ RV variations by inner binary К_{Кер}

Inclination $I_{out}(t)$ modulated in the Kozai-Lidov timescale

$$P_{\text{out}} \qquad K_{\text{Kep}}(t) = K_0 \sin I_{\text{out}}(t)$$

Amplitude of Kepler RV varies with the timescale

Coplanar circular Prograde equal-mass

Simulation against Perturbative model (Morais & Correia 2008, 2012)

> Retrograde equal-mass

$$u_{-3} \equiv 2\nu_{\rm in} - 3\nu_{\rm out},$$
 $\nu_{-1} \equiv 2\nu_{\rm in} - \nu_{\rm out}.$

Prograde unequal-mass Hayashi & YS (2020)



Coplanar eccentric triples

Simulation against Perturbative model (Morais & Correia 2008, 2012)

Prograde equal-mass

Prograde unequal-mass

Hayashi & YS (2020)







Evolution of radial velocity for non-coplanar triples



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4 Summary

Dynamical stability of triple systems

- Lagrange vs. Lyapunov stability for triple systems
 - Conventional criteria correspond to Lyapunov stability
 - Lagrange stability is more relevant in considering the fate of astronomical triples, i.e., disruption timescale
- We derive triple disruption timescales as a function of orbital parameters (within intrinsic variation of one or two order-of-magnitudes due to the chaotic dynamics of triples)
- Strong dependence on the mutual inclination
 - Strongly misaligned systems (60° <i_{mut}<150°) are destabilized due to the Kozai-Lidov oscillations over longer timescales
 - Coplanar retrograde triples are significantly stabilized

Dynamical signature of inner binary black holes in triple systems Radial velocity (RD) monitoring of future star-black hole binary candidates may reveal inner binary black holes (instead of single black holes) in those systems

short-term RD variations Hayashi, Wang + YS: ApJ 890(2020)112

periodic modulations of O(1) percent of the Kepler orbital velocity amplitude with a half inner orbital period Hayashi + YS:

ApJ 897(2020)29

Iong-term RD variations in inclined triples

the semi-amplitude of the Kepler orbital velocity modulated periodically by the precession of the inner and outer orbits over roughly the von Zeipel-Kozai-Lidov oscillation timescale