Mass transfer in binary systems

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Mass transfer necessary to explain population of stripped SNe



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Mass transfer determines the kinematics of ejected companions



Renzo et al. 2019b

Numerical results: http://cdsarc.u-strasbg.fr/viz-bin/qcat?J/A+A/624/A66

Mass transfer in binary systems can be

dynamically stable:

Roche lobe overflow



dynamically unstable:

Common envelope



what is/isn't "dynamical" is the response of the orbit

Orbital response to stable RLOF



Stable RLOF tends to widen binaries

except until $M_1 > M_2 \Rightarrow$ channel for GW van den Heuvel *et al.* 2017, Marchant *et al.* 2021, van Son *et al.* 2021, Gallego-Garcia *et al.* 2021, ... Abstract. When a contact binary expands so much that the stellar surface moves beyond the outer Lagrangian point, a common envelope binary is formed. The suggestion is made that while the two dense stellar nuclei spiral towards each other, the envelope expands and is eventually lost. Most of the angular momentum is lost with the envelope, and therefore the final orbital period may be orders of magnitude shorter than the initial period.

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Orbital consequences of mass transfer

dynamically stable:

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Common envelope shrinks the orbit

Important for the formation of compact binaries (CVs, GW progenitors,...)

Which binaries remain stable?

Major uncertainty in rate calculations

Stability depends on the reaction of

• donor star envelope to mass **loss**

Ge et al. 2010, 2015, 2022, 2023

accretor star envelope to mass accretion

Renzo & Götberg 2021, Lau et al. 2024

· orbit and Roche lobes to mass changes

Kippenhahn & Weigert 1977

How and when mass is exchanged matters as well as

where E and J go

Relevant timescales

- $P_{\rm orb} \simeq {\rm hours} {\rm decades}$
- $\tau_{\rm dyn} \simeq {\rm hours} {\rm days}$
- $\tau_{\rm thermal} \lesssim 10^5 \, {
 m yr}$

3D radiation-hydro simulations of the onset of RLOF

Project in need of person-power only!



Already available:

- ATHENA++ working setup
- 3D RHD models of donors
- CPUh on Pleiadis

with K. Kratter, Y.-F. Jiang, J. Goldberg

Objectives:

Full answer for mass-transfer onto BH/NS

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3D donor stars from Jiang et al. 2018, Goldberg et al. 2022, Goldberg et al., in prep., more can be computed if really needed