

Constraints to neutron star kicks in High-Mass X-ray binaries with Gaia EDR3



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Evolution of High-Mass X-ray binaries



Natal kicks – State of the art & Aims

- \rightarrow Analytical solution of its impact on orbital parameters in binaries (Kalogera 1996)
- \rightarrow Cir X-1 velocity & orbit explained by massive natal kick of ~500 km/s (Tauris+1999)
- \rightarrow Black Hole X-ray binary with high runaway velocity (Mirabel+2002)
- \rightarrow Isolated pulars: preferential direction of the kick wrt spin ? (Ng & Romani 2013)
- \rightarrow Natal kick derived on an HMXB with the Australian LBA radio interferometer (Miller-Jones+2018)
- \rightarrow Radio interferometry + Gaia DR2 \bigotimes to derive kick on 16 BH X-ray binaries (Atri+2019)

Kicks are still misunderstood, most studies tackle a single source in the case of binaries

- \rightarrow Infer the NS kick magnitude in known HMXBs of our Galaxy
- \rightarrow Use of astrometric data from Gaia EDR3
- \rightarrow Characterize the NS kick distributions across HMXB subtypes (Be, Oe, sg)

Pre-requisites

- i) build a list of HMXBs known in the Milky Way
- cross-match between old HMXB catalogue (Liu+2006) with current INTEGRAL sources (Bird+2016)
- cross-match with Simbad (Centre de Données astronomiques de Strasbourg)
- some candidate HMXBs in previous catalogues are now confirmed/discarded
- retrieve exact references for spectral type, mass, period, eccentricity, radial velocity (1D)
- ii) find the Gaia counterparts of those HMXBs & retrieve position (3D) and proper motion (2D)

 \rightarrow 6D data (position + proper motion + radial velocity) Peculiar Velocity = Velocity – Galactic orbital motion



Gaia counterparts to HMXBs

Gaia view of HMXBs in the Milky Way



- Position compatible with Spiral Arms (Coleiro & Chaty 2013)
 Galactic warp (Romero-Gomez+2019)
 - parallax quality criteria (SNR & astrometric excess noise)
 set of Gaia data, mass, spectral type, orbital parameters
- \rightarrow We can infer kicks on 35 known HMXBs.

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Deriving neutron star kicks

Analytical equation linking pre-SN to post-SN orbital parameters (Kalogera 1996), assuming an **isotropic probability of the kick direction**.

- Blaauw kick (spherically symmetric mass loss, Blaauw 1961)
- Asymmetric kick (random direction)

Hypotheses:

- circularized systems (initial mass transfer)
- fixed NS mass @ $1.4 M_{\mbox{Sun}}$
- companion is unaffected by the supernova



Deriving neutron star kicks

Bayesian approach:

- Priors on kick magnitude, initial $P_{\mbox{\scriptsize orb}}$ and pre-SN

mass

- Likelyhoods: Gaia observables, companion mass, P_{orb} & eccentricity
- → Explore the posterior distributions using Markov Chain Monte Carlo (MCMC)



Inferring kick distributions on HMXB subtypes

We have a posterior probability of kick velocities for each 35 HMXBs.

 \rightarrow How can we characterize the kick distributions on each HMXB subtypes ?

To get a representative distribution, we use a bootstrap method:

- for each HMXB, draw a random kick velocity according to its posterior probability
- 1 bootstrap iteration is a collection of those random draws, effectively one possible posterior for the whole HMXB subtype population in question $w = 136.47^{+197.25}_{-100.21}$
- iterate 1000 times

 \rightarrow Fit each posteriors with a Gamma function, retrieve median parameters.





Results on kick distributions

Inferred kick magnitudes on 35 HMXB :



- → Kicks are reproduced with Gamma functions (instead of the commonly used Maxwellian)
- → Can be confronted to population synthesis models in order to constrain the physics behind NS kicks



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Prospects: Gaia DR3, HMXB birthplace, catalogue

- Upcoming release(s) of Gaia
- → Gaia DR3 improvement over EDR3: addition of astrophysical parameters & some RVs
- \rightarrow No additional source, no improvement on astrometry
- \rightarrow Full release TBD, extra sources with more constrained astrometry.
- Finding the birthplace of HMXBs in the Galaxy (Fortin et al. in prep)
- \rightarrow We have the peculiar velocity of HMXBs
- \rightarrow If they are born within clusters, we could find them in Gaia \rightarrow get their peculiar velocity
- \rightarrow Integrate orbits over ~Myr to find candidate birthplaces for Galactic HMXBs.

- Catalogue of High-Mass X-ray Binaries in the Milky Way

Extra: Maxwellian vs. Gamma

Maxwellian is historically used to model kicks in isolated pulsars (Hobbs+2005, Ng & Romani 2007, Noutsos+2013)



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Extra: M_{pre-SN} distribution



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Extra: impact of missing radial velocity





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Extra: impact of neutron star mass

 \rightarrow Assumed constant NS mass of 1.4 Msun, what about more massive NSs ?



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Extra: building the list of HMXBs

Example: PSR B1259-63

Radial velocity followup of the Oe companion star \rightarrow Curve is presented but no value of the systemic velocity is given in the paper !

 \rightarrow WebPlotDigitizer: we retrieved the data from the plot and fitted the systemic velocity

 \rightarrow Do that for 130 HMXBs in the Galaxy.



Radial velocity of PSR B1259-63 (Johnston+1994)