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Credit:NASA

la SNe?



Double WD merger



~ $I yr^{-1}gal^{-1}$



Debris expansion (R Coronae Borealis variables?)

Not found



Fast-spinning WD? if @ mass shedding limit $P_{rot} = |-|0 \sec$

~ 10⁵⁰erg/100yr ~ 10 % of CCSN

Prospects of the fssWD survey

- Limiting magnitude: g = 19, sky coverage 10,000 deg²
- $f_{fssWD} = 0.3\%$



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Pipeline Construction, Test Observations Under Way

WDJ033129.57+211158.02



10°

10¹

10²

Period [sec]

10³

 10^{4}

10⁰

10¹

10²

Period [sec]

10³

 10^{4}

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LETTER

A massive white-dwarf merger product before final collapse

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Gravitational-wave emission can lead to the coalescence of close pairs of compact objects orbiting each other^{1,2}. In the case of neutron stars, such mergers may yield masses above the Tolman-Oppenheimer-Volkoff limit (2 to 2.7 solar masses)³, leading to the formation of black holes⁴. For white dwarfs, the mass of the merger product may exceed the Chandrasekhar limit, leading either to a thermonuclear explosion as a type Ia supernova^{5,6} or to a collapse forming a neutron star^{7,8}. The latter case is expected to result in a hydrogen- and helium-free circumstellar nebula and a hot, luminous, rapidly rotating and highly magnetized central star with a lifetime of about 10,000 years^{9,10}. Here we report observations of a hot star with a spectrum dominated by emission lines, which is located at the centre of a circular mid-infrared nebula. The widths of the emission lines imply that wind material leaves the star with an outflow velocity of 16,000 kilometres per second and that rapid stellar rotation and a strong magnetic field aid the wind acceleration. Given that hydrogen and helium are probably absent from the star and nebula, we conclude that both objects formed recently from the merger of two massive white dwarfs. Our stellar-atmosphere and wind models indicate a stellar surface temperature of about 200,000 kelvin and a luminosity of about 10^{4.6} solar luminosities. The properties of the star and nebula agree with models of the post-merger evolution of super-Chandrasekhar-mass white dwarfs⁹, which predict a bright optical and high-energy transient upon collapse of the star¹¹ within the next few thousand years. Our observations indicate that super-Chandrasekhar-mass white-dwarf mergers can avoid thermonuclear explosion as type Ia supernovae, and provide evidence of the generation of magnetic fields in stellar mergers.

A pale blue dot in an infra nebula J005311



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C/O dominated fairly broad emission lines



Neon is also (probably) enriched



 $X_{\rm Ne} = 0.01$

The pale blue dot on the HR diagram





time

a white dwarf merger product with a super-Chandrasekhar mass

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10 kyr

 \mathbf{O}



Q. How can the wind be so fast?

- Radiation pressure?
 - ightarrow wind velocity \sim escape velocity @ photosphere
 - \sim O(1,000) km s⁻¹ for a ~ solar mass obj.

<< 16,000 km s⁻¹ ...

• Rotating magnetic field?

 \rightarrow wind velocity $\uparrow\uparrow$ for a larger B field and a faster spin



<mark>Ji et al.13</mark>

Gvaramadze et al.19

- " ... this extremely high velocity can be explained in the framework of rotating magnetic wind models."
- "We find that a co-rotation speed of 16,000 km s⁻¹ at the Alfvén point in J005311, where the inertia force starts to dominate over the magnetic forces, requires an Alfvén radius of about 10 stellar radii (about 1.5R₀), which is achieved with a magnetic field strength of about 10⁸ G."



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- How fast the star rotates?
- How the wind is launched?
- Does it need to have a super-Chandrasekhar mass?

Kashiyama, Fujisawa, Shigeyama in prep



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Gaia gmag

Timing analysis of J005311



Summary and discussion

- The Hertz Spinning Object Survey
 - The goal is ~I (I0 night x I000 WDs)
- A target observation of J005311-like system will be also interesting.
- Pipeline construction under way.

Appendix

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Pulsating white dwarfs

A NEW SHORT-PERIOD BLUE VARIABLE*

discovered by

ARLO U. LANDOLT Louisiana State University Observatory and Kitt Peak National Observatory Received October 27, 1967; revised December 14, 1967

ABSTRACT

Photoelectric data which point to a 12^{m5} variation in the brightness of a white-dwarf-like star are discussed.



HELIOCENTRIC JULIAN DAY

Probing the internal structure

e.g., DBV J192904.6+444708 (KIC08626021) using Kepler data Giammich

Giammichele et al. 18



Radial p-modes also becomes unstable?

e.g., PULSATION PROPERTIES OF DA WHITE DWARFS: RADIAL MODE INSTABILITIES

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McDonald Observatory and Department of Astronomy, University of Texas at Austin Received 1982 June 2; accepted 1982 August 5

ABSTRACT

We have solved the equations describing linear, nonadiabatic, radial pulsations for models of compositionally stratified, evolving, DA white dwarfs. We find a κ -mechanism, radial mode, instability strip that is caused by the development of a hydrogen partial ionization zone during the evolutionary cooling of our models. Instabilities occur for radial modes with periods, Π , in the range $4 \ge \Pi \ge 0.2$ s, with *e*-folding growth times, τ_e , in the range $2 \times 10^9 \ge \tau_e \ge 8 \times 10^2$ s; the minimum growth times occur in the shortest period unstable modes. Comparison with our previous calculations for nonradial pulsations indicates that the blue edge for the radial instability strip is ~ 1600 K hotter than the blue edge of the theoretical ZZ Ceti instability strip, and further, that the maximum instability strip. Our results also indicate that the development of this instability strip is insensitive to the mass of the surface hydrogen layer and to uncertainties in the hydrogen opacities. We demonstrate that existing observations of the DA white dwarfs are insufficient to determine if such radial pulsations exist in the DA white dwarfs, and we evaluate the prospects for detecting these pulsations in the future.

But not detected so far.

VLT-ULTRACAM vs II WDs



Silvotti et al. 11

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Asteroid disruption by WD

Credit:NASA/ESA/Z. Levy (STScl)

WD1145+1017 with K2



Vanderberg et al. 15



Searching for transiting/eclipsing objects around 1148 WDs with K2



Our far far future .

Credit:ESA/Hubble

Habitable planets around WDs



Transit signals from WDs

