

Or, did we see gold and platinum in GW170817?

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origin of the "main" r-process elements



surviving old stars record nucleosynthesis memories in the early universe

 r-process enhanced stars show constant abundance patterns for 50 < A < 80

 the r-process appears to be robust for A ≥ 56 and to have variations for A < 50 and A > 80

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origin of the "weak" r-process elements



"normal" (or r-deficient) stars show high Sr/Eu ratio

"weak" r-process does not make gold (Wanajo & Ishimaru 2016) 理論懇2017 和南城伸也 3

origin of Eu (main r-process) from GCE



merger timescales ~ 100 Myr conflict with measured stellar r-process abundances in *single* Galactic halo models?



NO! r-process abundances at low metallicities can be due to slowly evolving small *sub-halo* components (also Hirai+2015; Komiya et al. 2016)

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origin of Sr (weak r-process) from GCE

ECSN model; Ojima, Ishimaru, Wanajo, Prantzos, François 2018



- sources may not associate with the main r-process because of large star-to-star scatters in Sr/Ba
- suggested sites include ECSNe (Wanajo+2011), PNS winds (Wanajo 2013; also Aoki+2017), rotating massive stars (Pignatari+2010), but neutron star mergers?

two mass ejection episodes



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NS mergers: dynamical ejecta



positron capture and neutring absorption on free nucleons result in less neutron-rich ejecta with Y_e ~ 0.1-0.45

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r-process range for A = 90-240

(similar result by Goriely+2015

but by Radice+2016)

$1.3+1.3 M_{\odot}$ neutron star merger with full-GR and neutrino transport (SFHo)

simulation by Yuichiro Sekiguchi



NS mergers: wind ejecta



mass ejection from accretion tori

- around a central massive NS or black hole
- due to neutrino heating, viscous heating, nuclear heating, or magnetic field 理論懇2017



(Just+2015; etc. but Wu+2016; Siegel & Metzger 2017)

First Cosmic Event Observed in Gravitational Waves and Light

August 17, 2017: discovery of the 1st NS merge





electromagnetic emission from mergers



EM (electromagnetic) emission as a counterpart of gravitational wave (GW) signals

- short gamma-ray bursts events should be restricted due to narrow beaming
- kilonovae (r-process novae) detectable from all directions within the GW horizon

heating rates that power kilonovae



r-process in merger ejecta ($Y_e = 0.09$)



thermalization factors



prediction of a kilonova emission

Tanaka, Kato, ..., Wanajo, Sekiguchi+2017; the draft completed on August 13



prediction for production of gold and beyond



* power-index break (from β-decay to α -decay and fission) was expected at about 10 days

Clearly seen in the K-band (near-infrared, ~ 2.2 μm) 理論懇2017

A bright-blue to dim-red kilonova !

EM transient associated with GW170817; Drout+2017



ejecta mass ~ 0.02-0.06 M_{\odot} , ejecta velocity ~ 0.1-0.3 c

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was it an r-process?



- main r-process model (Y_e (0.10-0.40) does not fit to the light curves
- weak r-process model with a single Y_e (= 0.25) well fit the curves

Did we find individual elements?



It might be likely that

- light r-process elements Te and Cs (Z = 52 and 55) formed in early times??
- but, no visible lines of heavy r-process in late times

did we see the elements beyond gold?



a site-independent approach



Wanajo 2018, in prep.; preliminary

free expansion model that mimics the physical conditions of the merger outflows (either of dynamical and wind ejecta)

three parameters:
(v_{exp}/c, S, Y_e)
= (0.05-0.30, 10-60, 0.01-0.50)
with intervals (0.05, 10, 0.01)
in total 1800 models

caution:

nuclear data assumed to be reliable (it is not the case!)

fit to the solar r-process abundances



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the abundance of each species
 i can be reasonably
 reproduced by an ensemble of
 N models with weight φ_i

$$Y_{\text{obs},i} \approx \sum_{j=1}^{N} Y_{\text{calc},i,j} \phi_j, \quad \sum_{j=1}^{N} \phi_j = 1$$

by minimizing the root-meansquare defined by

$$f_{\rm rms} = \exp\left(\frac{1}{N}\sum_{j=1}^{N}\ln^2\frac{Y_{\rm obs,j}}{Y_{\rm calc,j}}\right)^{1/2} \ge 1$$

(Bouquelle+1996)

restricted models (v_{exp} , S = const.)



weak r-process model (Honda star)



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heating rates for different models

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clear differences can be seen at > 10 days

 main (solar) r-process model keeps a flat decrease (index of ~ -1 because of fission and αdecay)

weak r-process (and Y_e = 0.25) model quickly decays (because of a consumption of available radioactivities)

summary and outlook



- EM counterpart (kilonova) of GW170817
 - overall agreement with theoretical predictions
 - ejection of r-elements at least up to Z ~ 60, A ~ 140
 - it was likely a weak r-process event, making silver but gold
- Better predictions of kilonovae with helps of EMP stars to confirm
 - if NS mergers are the origin of heavy r-elements (gold and platinum)
 - early histories of galaxies (see e.g., a talk by Hirai on Friday) 理論懇2017 和南城伸也