What is the Role of Fission in r-Process Environments: What is the site of the r-Process and its role in galactic evolution (supernovae vs. neutron star mergers)?



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HÄUFIGKEITSVERTEILUNG IM SONNENSYSTEM (AUS KOHLIGEN CHONDRITEN UND SOLAREN ABSORPTIONSSPEKTREN)



A unit on the y-axis corresponds to a factor of 10, i.e. hydrogen is about 10¹² time more abundant than lead



Stolen from one of Dick McCray's talks

Growing set of 2D CCSN Explosions (i.e., core collapse supernovae are finally also exploding in computations, here Hanke & Janka 2013 – MPA Garching)





Recent Basel Efforts in 2D ¹⁸ (Pan, Liebendörfer, Hempel, Thielemann 2015)



But there are still considerable uncertainties,
² also between different groups → nucleosynthesis predictions are still made in
⁶ induced spherical explosion models

Radioactivity Diagnostics of SN1987A: ⁵⁶Ni/Co, ⁵⁷Ni/Co, ⁴⁴Ti



Core-Collaps-Supernovae and Neutron Stars as End Stages of massive Stars



Main products: O, Ne, Mg, S, Ar, Ca, Ti and some Fe/Ni



[Fe/H]

r-Process Path



n/seed ratios for high entropy conditions are a function of entropy Farouqi et al. (2010)



The essential quantity for a successful r-process to occur is to have a n/seed ratio so that A_{seed} +n/seed= $A_{actinides}$!

n/seed ratios as function of S and Y_e Two options for a successful r-process



Individual Entropy Components

Farouqi et al. (2010), above S=270-280 fission back-cycling sets in HEW, ETFSI-Q, V_{exp}= 7500 km/s, Y_e= 0.45



A parameter game: Assuming entropy S, initial Ye, and expansion velocity (related to an expansion time scale) of the hot matter

Superposition of entropies and test for different mass models



 α - and r-Process Yields, Y_e= 0.450, V_{exp}= 7500 0.1 0.01 0.001 1e-05 1e-06 1e-07 80 100 120 140 160 180 200 220 240 Mass number, A

Farouqi et al. (2010)

This is a set of superpositions of entropies with a given expansion speed (or timescale) and Y_e .

A superposition of expansion velocities might be needed as well, if running into preexpanded material, shocks etc. (Arcones et al. 2007, Panov & Janka 2009, Wanajo 2008). That relates also to the question whether we have a "hot" or "cold" r-process, if chemical equilibria are attained and how long they persist.

Abundance, Y(A)=Σ_S Y_S(A) (Y(Si)=10⁶.



Kratz et al. (2014): Update from FRDM (1995) to FRDM (2012). Problem at A=138 is reduced and rare earths better filled up.

How far does the r-process proceed? (suggested first by Schramm & Fowler 1971) We need complete and accurate nuclear input (masses, fission barriers, reactions, decay channels)!!



Fission Barriers $(B_f - S_n)$ and the r-Process (if negative => neutron-induced fission)



Myers & Swiatecki*narrow path without*Mamdouh et al. barriers (ETFSI)barriers (TF/FRDM)*n-induced fission!*typically higher barriers

Inclusion of Decay Channels

Petermann et al (2012), Martinez-Pinedo et al. (2007), Panov et al. (2005), Panov (2008), fragment distributions (Kelic et al. 2007)



based on same mass model), spontaneous fission preliminary results ...





- a) double finger shape of sf exists down to Z (=102)
- b) nf reaches close to the dripline at N=190
- c) is there a chance to pass around the "fission island?" to higher Z and reach stability? (**further investigations beyond Z=110!** (Erler, Reinhard et al. 2013 **no!**)

b*) all mass model/fission barrier combinations discussed here lead to (n,f) close to N=184 and thus to a fission fragment distribution including the A=130 r-process peak. If this is not the case (like for the KTUY mass model??), matter would proceed up to A>300 and fission fragments might largely miss A=130.

Series of parametrized r-process calculations for a hot and a cold r-process: starting with a n/seed ratio of 200, results shown when 1 neutron left per heavy nucleus (typical timescales 1-2s)





How do we understand: low metallicity stars ... galactic evolution?





Average r-process (Eu) behavior resembles CCSN contribution, but large scatter at low metallicities!!

What determines the neutron/proton or proton/nucleon=Ye ratio?

 Y_e dominantly determined by e^{\pm} and ν_e , $\bar{\nu}_e$ captures on neutrons and protons

$$\nu_e + n \leftrightarrow p + e^-$$

 $\bar{\nu}_e + p \leftrightarrow n + e^+$

- high density / low temperature \rightarrow high E_F for electrons \rightarrow e-captures dominate \rightarrow n-rich composition
- if el.-degeneracy lifted for high T $\rightarrow \nu_e$ -capture dominates \rightarrow due to n-p mass difference, p-rich composition ?

If neutrino flux sufficient to have an effect (scales with 1/r²), and total luminosities are comparable for neutrinos and anti-neutrinos, only conditions with $E_{av,\bar{v}}$ - $E_{av,v}$ >4(m_n - m_p) lead to Y_e <0.5!

- General strategy for a successful r-process:
- 1. either highly neutron-rich initial conditions + fast expansion (avoiding neutrino interactions!)
- 2. have neutrino properties to ensure (at least slightly) neutron-rich conditions (+ high entropies)
- 3. invoke (sterile?/collective) neutrino oscillations

Possible Variations in Explosions and Ejecta (status before including medium effects)



Izutani et al. (2009)

• regular explosions with neutron star formation, neutrino exposure, vp-process.

• How to obtain moderately neutronrich neutrino wind and weak r-process or more ?? (see e.g. Arcones & Montes 2011, Roberts et al. 2010, Arcones & Thielemann 2013)

• under which (special?) conditions can very high entropies be obtained which produce the main r-process nuclei?

Innermost ejecta as a function of initial radial mass and also time of ejection, innermost zones ejected latest in the wind!

Inclusion of medium Effects, potential U in dense medium Martinez-Pinedo et al. 2012, Roberts et al., Roberts & Reddy 2012, changes neutrino and anti-neutrino energies

$$E_i(\boldsymbol{p}_i) = \frac{\boldsymbol{p}_i^2}{2m_i^*} + m_i + U_i, \quad i = n, p$$

$$E_{\nu_e} = E_{e^-} - (m_n - m_p) - (U_n - U_p)$$
$$E_{\bar{\nu}_e} = E_{e^+} + (m_n - m_p) + (U_n - U_p)$$

Can reduce slightly proton-rich conditions (Ye=0.55) down to Ye=0.4! (further applications to supernova models result only in weak r-process? (Lohs et al. 2014)



FIG. 1. (Color online) Opacity and emissivity for neutrino (left panels) and antineutrino (right panels), evaluated at conditions $\rho = 2.1 \times 10^{13}$ g cm⁻³, T = 7.4 MeV and $Y_e = 0.035$.

If including collective neutrinos oscillations, chance to also produce a weak component, but extending up to Eu? (Wu, Fischer, Huther, Martinez-Pinedo, Qian 2014, but no strong rprocess in regular core-collapse supernovae!)



Neutron stars observed with $10^{15}G$ Period (s)

Figure 2. The $P-\dot{P}$ diagram shown for a sample consisting of radio pulsars, 'radio-quiet' pulsars and magnetars, i.e. soft-gamma repeaters (SGRs) and anomalous X-ray pulsars (AXPs). Lines of constant characteristic age τ_c and magnetic field *B* are also shown. The single hashed region shows 'Vela-like' pulsars with ages in the range 10–100 kyr, while the double-hashed region shows 'Crab-like' pulsars with ages below 10 kyr. The grey regions are areas where radio pulsars are not predicted to exist by theoretical models. The inset at the bottom-left indicates the expected direction of movement for pulsars with a braking index of n = 1, 2 and 3, respectively. **3D Collapse of Fast Rotator with Strong Magnetic Fields:** 15 M_{sol} progenitor (Heger Woosley 2002), shellular rotation with period of 2s at 1000km, magnetic field in z-direction of 5 x10¹² Gauss, *results in 10¹⁵ Gauss neutron star*



3D simulations by C. Winteler, R. Käppeli, M. Liebendörfer et al. 2012 Eichler et al. 2013

Nucleosynthesis results



- r-process peaks well reproduced
- Trough at A=140-160 due to FRDM and fission yield distribution
- A = 80-100 mainly from higher Ye
- A > 190 mainly from low Ye
- Ejected r-process material (A > 62):

similar to mergers!!! $M_{
m r,ej} \approx 6 \times 10^{-3} \ M_{\odot}$

Effect of Mass Model and Fission Yield Distribution (Eichler et al. 2014, 2015)



In all fission-cycling environments HFB permits too much n-capture due to fission neutrons and shifts peaks, but effect generally not strong and overall good fit in such "weak" fission-cycling environments!

Another 3D Study (Mösta et al. 2014) 25 M_{sol} progenitor (Heger+ 2000), magnetic field in z-direction of 10¹² Gauss



Figure 4. Volume renderings of entropy and β at $t-t_b = 161$ ms. The z-axis is the spin axis of the protoneutron star and we show 1600 km on a side. The colormap for entropy is chosen such that blue corresponds to $s = 3.7k_b$ baryon⁻¹, cyan to $s = 4.8k_b$ baryon⁻¹ indicating the shock surface, green to $s = 5.8k_b$ baryon⁻¹, yellow to $s = 7.4k_b$ baryon⁻¹, and red to higher entropy material at $s = 10k_b$ baryon⁻¹. For β we choose yellow to correspond to $\beta = 0.1$, red to $\beta = 0.6$, and blue to $\beta = 3.5$. Magnetically dominated material at $\beta < 1$ (yellow) is expelled from the protoneutron star and twisted in highly asymmetric tubes that drive the secular expansion of the polar lobes.

Nishimura, Takiwaki, Thielemann (2015), varying rotation rates and magnetic fields \rightarrow from a weak to a strong r-process!



and mass model

What is the site of the r-process(es)?

• Neutrino-driven Winds (in supernovae?) ? Arcones, Burrows, Janka, Farouqi, Hoffman, Kajino, Kratz, Martinez-Pinedo, Mathews, Meyer, Qian, Takahara, Takahashi, FKT, Thompson, Wanajo, Woosley ... (no!?)

- Electron Capture Supernovae ? Wanajo and Janka (weak!)
- SNe due to quark-hadron phase transition *Fischer*, *Nishimura*, *FKT* (*if*? *weak*!)
- **Neutron Star Mergers?** Freiburghaus, Goriely, Janka, Bauswein, Panov, Arcones, Martinez-Pinedo, Rosswog, FKT, Argast, Korobkin, Wanajo, Just, Martin, Perego
- Black Hole Accretion Disks (massive stars as well as neutron star mergers, neutrino properties) *MacLaughlin, Surman, Wanajo, Janka, Ruffert, Perego*
- Explosive He-burning in outer shells (???) *Cameron, Cowan, Truran, Hillebrandt, FKT, Wheeler, Nadyozhin, Panov*
- CC Neutrino Interactions in the Outer Zones of Supernovae *Haxton*, *Qian* (*abundance pattern* ?)

• Polar Jets from Rotating Core Collapse? Cameron, Fujimoto, Käppeli, Liebendörfer, Nishimura, Nishimura, Takiwaki, FKT, Winteler, Mösta, Ott

Which events contribute to the strong r-Process??



Neutron star mergers in binary stellar systems vs. supernovae of massive stars with fast rotation and high magnetic fields

Neutron Star Mergers are observed

A 'kilonova' associated with the short-duration γ-ray burst GRB 130603B N. R. Tanvir, A. J. Levan, A. S. Fruchter, J. Hjorth, R. A. Hounsell, K. Wiersema, & R. L. Tunnicliffe (2013, Nature)



Short-duration γ-ray bursts (less than about two seconds) are produced by a relativistic jet created by the merger of two compact stellar objects (specifically two neutron stars or a neutron star and a black hole). Mergers of this kind are also expected to create significant quantities of neutron-rich radioactive species, whose decay should result in a faint transient, known as a 'kilonova', in the days following the burst. Recent calculations suggest that much of the kilonova energy should appear in the **near-infrared**, because of the **high optical opacity created by these heavy r-process elements**. Here we report optical and near-infrared observations of such an event accompanying the short-duration γ-ray burst GRB 130603B.

Based on early ideas by Lattimer and Schramm, first detailed calculations by Freiburghaus et al. 1999, Fujimoto/Nishimura 2006-08, Panov et al. 2007, 2009,



Neutron star merger updates (Korobkin et al. 2012)

Variation in neutron star masses fission yield prescription Fission yields affect abundances below A=165, The third peak seems always shifted to heavier nuclei



(n,f), (β,f) and fission yield distribution FRDM/TF (Eichler et al. 2014, 2015)



HFB and barriers from ETFSI



(c) fission fragments

Petermann et al. (2012), hot and cold r-process with f-cycling



Fig. 9. The evolution of fission rates for the different channels shown for a hot (top) and cold (bottom) r-process with the fission barrier/mass model selection TF/FRDM.



Fig. 10. Similar to Fig. 9 the evolution of fission rates for the different channels shown for a hot (top) and cold (bottom) r-process, but with the fission barrier/mass model selection ETFSI/ETFSI.

Importance of Fission Modes in Dynamic r-Process Ejecta FRDM/ETFSI (Eichler et al. 2015)



(n,γ)-(γ,n) equilibrium is in place up to about 1s



Fig. 7.—: Comparison of abundances from our calculations with $(n,\gamma)-(\gamma,n)$ equilibrium abundances on the r-process path for the FRDM mass model. The colours show the factor Y_{eq}/Y_{calc} . Only the most abundant nuclei are shown for each isotopic chain. See text for details.



Variations in mass models and fission fragment distributions

Late time neutron captures, after freeze-out of (n,y)-(y,n) equilibrium, move 3rd peak to higher masses.



(a) FRDM

(b) HFB-14

Exploring variations in beta-decay rates

Shorter half-lives of heavies release neutrons (from fission/fragments) earlier (*still in n*,*y*-*y*,*n equilibrium*), *avoiding the late shift???*



(a) FRDM, Marketin (2015)



Mendoza-Temis et al. (2014)



at n/seed=1, n-capture rates = beta rates, and final distribution after decay

Dynamic Ejecta and Wind Contribution (Martin et al. 2015)



Ye in neutrino wind

After ballistic/hydrodynamic ejection of matter, the hot, massive combined neutron star (before collapsing to a black hole) evaporates a neutrino wind (Rosswog et al. 2014, Perego et al. 2014)



Martin et al. (2015) with neutrino wind contributions from matter in more polar directions (of course the problem with with the dynamical ejecta composition persists).



FIG. 18.— Broadband light curves of the wind outflow (left panel) and wind+dynamic ejecta (right panel), showing the combined blue (U+V bands), red (V+R) and infrared (J+H+K) contributions. The top, middle and bottom rows show the three cases of MNS collapse times: 90 ms, 140 ms and 190 ms, respectively. The range for each light curve spans possible inclination angles of the system axis with respect to the observer: 0° (solid) – view from the top, 30° (dashed), 60° (short dashes) and 90° (dotted) – view "edge-on".



General relativistic grid calculations possibly leading to hot shocks, and e+e- pairs, which affect Ye and the position of the r-process peaks (**Wanajo et al. 2014**). Higher Ye leads to similar results as in jets. (see also recent calculations with parametrized neutrino properties by Goriely et al. 2015).^{mass number}

Full predictions with dynamic ejecta, viscous disk ejection, and late neutrino wind, **but old (neutron-less) fragment distribution** (*Just et al. 2014*), based on smooth particle hydrodynamics and conformal flat treatment of GR



SN rates and NS merging rate (from Matteucci 2013)

- The SN II and Ia rates compared with the NS merger rate (100 yr ⁻¹)
- The present time NS merger rate reproduces the observed present time NS merger rate of 83/Myr (Kalogera et al. 2004) This is obtained with alpha=0.018 (fraction of NS mergers from total NS production rate).
- The rate of mergers is by a factor of about 100 smaller than CCSNe, but they also produce more by a factor of 100 than required if CCSNe would be the origin



Stellar Abundances

Inhomogeneous "chemical evolution" Models due not assume immediate mixing of ejecta with surrounding interstellar medium, pollute only about 10⁵ Msol. After many events an averaging of ejecta composition is attained (Argast et al. 2004)



In the later phase

Contribution from multiple CCSNe

Plot "stolen" from Ko Nakamura



Argast, Samland, Thielemann, Qian (2004): Do neutron star mergers show up too late in galactic evolution, although they can be dominant contributors in late phases?



'ig. 4. Evolution of [Eu/Fe] and [Ba^r/Fe] abundances as a function of metallicity [Fe/H]. NSM with a rate of 2×10^{-4} yr⁻¹, a coalescence mescale of 10^{6} yr and 10^{-3} M_{\odot} of ejected r-process matter are assumed to be the dominating r-process sources. Symbols are as in Fig. 1. The

This is the main question related to mergers, ([Fe/H] can be shifted by different SFR in galactic subsystems), Is inhomogenous galactic evolution implemented correctly?? The problem is that the neutron star-producing SNe already produce Fe and shift to higher metallicities before the r-process is ejected!!!

Inhomogeneous Chemical Evolution with SPH (van de Voort et al. 2015), Left ejecta mixed in 5x10⁶ Msol, right high resolution mixed in 5x10⁴ Msol (see also Shen et al. 2015)





Update by Wehmeyer et al. (2015), green/red different merging time scales, blue higher merger rate (not a solution)

Combination of NS mergers and magnetorotational jets



Wehmeyer, Pignatari, Thielemann (2015)

Summary

The r-process in astrophysical environments comes in at least two versions (weakmain/strong)??

Does the neutrino wind in core collapse SNe lead initially to proton-rich conditions (and vp-process) or also to a weak r-process (extending up to Eu)?

The main/strong r-process comes apparently in each event in solar proportions, but the events are rare. The site is not clearly identified, yet. Options include rotating core collapse events with jet ejection, neutron star mergers and accretion disks around black holes (either from mergers or massive star collapse).

Findings by Wallner et al. (2014) with 60Fe detection from latest nearby supernova, but no Pu from r-process give an additional indication that heavy r-process is not coming from regular supernovae but only from rare events!

Do all simulatutions with the best available microphysics and attempt to identify the signatures in chemical evolution for these different contributions! (only low metallicity r-observations of U and Th seem to show variations in their contributions – sign of different r-process strength in MHD-jets, opposite to robust abundances in mergers?)