neutrino interactions and heavy element nucleosynthesis



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r-process nucleosynthesis

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observations of *r*-process elements



r-process astrophysical site: compact object mergers?

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cold/mildly heated prompt ejecta

e.g., Lattimer & Schramm (1974, 1976), Meyer (1989), Frieburghaus et al (1999), Goriely et al (2005), Argast et al (2004), Wanajo & Ishimaru (2006), Oechslin et al (2007), Nakamura et al (2011), Goriely et al (2012), Korobkin et al (2012), Rosswog el at (2013), Wanajo et al (2014), Just et al (2014), etc., etc.

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accretion disk outflows

e.g., Pruet, Thompson, & Hoffman (2004), Surman & McLaughlin (2004), Arai et al (2004), Fujimoto et al (2004), Surman, McLaughlin, & Hix (2006), Barzilay & Levinson (2008), Metzger, Thompson, & Quataert (2008), Kizivat et al (2010), Metzger et al (2011), Wanajo & Janka (2012), Perego et al (2014), Just et al (2014), Wanajo et al (2014)



r-process astrophysical site: core-collapse

supernovae?





supernova neutrino-driven wind

e.g., Meyer et al (1992), Woosley et al (1994), Takahashi et al (1994), Witti et al (1994), Fuller & Meyer (1995), McLaughlin et al (1996), Meyer et al (1998), Qian & Woosley (1996), Hoffman et al (1997), Cardall & Fuller (1997), Otsuki et al (2000), Thompson et al (2001), Terasawa et al (2002), Liebendorfer et al (2005), Wanajo (2006), Arcones et al (2007), Huedepohl et al (2010), Fischer et al (2010), Roberts & Reddy (2012), Horowitz et al (2012), Wanajo (2013), Martinez-Pinedo et al (2014)

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neutron-rich MHD jets

e.g., Cameron (2003), Kotake et al (2004), Nishimura et al (2006), Fujimoto et al (2008), Winteler et al (2012), Mösta et al (2014), etc.



Winteler et al (2012)

collapsars/IGRBs

e.g., Beloborodov (2003), Nagataki et al (2003), Surman & McLaughlin (2005), Nagataki et al (2006), Fryer et al (2006), Fujimoto et al (2007), Fujimoto et al (2008), Tominaga (2009), Maeda & Tominaga (2009), Nomoto et al (2010), Horiuchi et al (2012), Shibata & Tominaga (2012), Malkus et al (2012), Nakamura et al (2013), etc.

He shells in low metallicity SNe

e.g., Epstein et al (1988), Nadyozhin & Panov (2008), Banerjee et al (2011)

primary nucleosynthesis



neutrinos and primary nucleosynthesis



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'alpha effect' Fuller and Meyer (1995)

neutrinos and primary nucleosynthesis



Key quantities:





Meyer and Brown (1997)

supernova neutrino-driven wind conditions



Meyer and Brown (1997)

collective oscillations and a supernova r process

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No v for T < 9×10⁹ K
No oscillations
Test swap at seed assembly
Test swap at alpha assembly





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supernova neutrino-driven wind conditions



Neutrino emission from black hole accretion disks (AD-BH) is similar to that from a PNS, but there are key differences:

primarily $\nu_{\rm e}$ and $\overline{\nu}_{\rm e}$ (vs. all flavors in a PNS)

emission surfaces not spherical

 $v_{\rm e}$ emission surface much larger than that for $\overline{v}_{\rm e}$

As a result, antineutrino emission can dominate over neutrino emission close to the disk, but neutrino emission can dominate farther out



Disk models from Chen and Beloborodov (2008), neutrino calculation from Surman and McLaughlin



consequences for AD-BH outflow nucleosynthesis



positron captures dominate in merger disks, so

$$f_{\bar{v}_e} > f_{v_e}$$



$$p + \overline{v}_e \Leftrightarrow n + e^+$$
$$n + v_e \Leftrightarrow p + e^-$$

Surman, McLaughlin, Ruffert, Janka, Hix (2008)



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Surman, McLaughlin, Ruffert, Janka, Hix (2008)

general relativistic effects on the neutrino spectra



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nucleosynthesis from a time-dependent merger disk

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neutrino-only equilibrium electron fractions



Surman, Caballero, McLaughlin, Just, Janka (2014)



Surman, Caballero, McLaughlin, Just, Janka (2014)

nucleosynthesis from a time-dependent merger disk: ⁵⁶Ni^{Notre Dame} INT 15-2a



Neutrinos play a key role in heavy element synthesis in supernovae and collapsar and merger black hole accretion disk outflows. Neutrinos can:

- set the initial neutron-to-proton ratio
- determine free nucleon availability for capture after seed formation

A careful treatment of the neutrino physics – including oscillations and general relativistic effects – is therefore essential to accurately predict nucleosynthetic outcomes in these environments