Compact binary mergers and their electromagnetic counterparts

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- (A bit of) Relevant Nuclear Astrophysics
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 - r-process nucleosynthesis
- Compact binary merger: the ejecta and its properties
- Kilonova: basic ideas and status of modeling
- ► GRB and relativistic jet
- Radio emission from expanding ejecta

From compact binary mergers to their EM counterparts

Compact binary (CB) mergers in a nutshell



Bartos+13, for reviews see: Rosswog IJMPD 2015, Shibata & Taniguchi LRR 2011 (BH-NS)

BNS merger remnants

Final stages of a compact binary merger: binary NS merger



$$\left(Y_e = n_e/n_B \approx n_p/\left(n_p + n_n\right)\right)$$

- ► Massive NS (→ BH) $M \sim 2.2 - 3.2M_{\odot},$ $\rho \gtrsim 10^{13} \text{g cm}^{-3}$ $T \sim \text{a few 10 MeV}$
- ► thick accretion disk $M \sim 10^{-2} - 0.2M_{\odot}$ $Y_e \leq 0.20$ $T \sim a$ few MeV
- highly magnetized system B in excess of 10¹⁴ Gauss
- intense ν emission $L_{\nu,\text{tot}} \sim 10^{53} \text{erg s}^{-1}$ $E_{\nu} \gtrsim 10 \text{ MeV}$

BH-NS merger remnants

Final stages of a compact binary merger: BH-NS merger



Foucart+ 14,15 PRD

- ► (highly?) spinning BH $M \lesssim 10M_{\odot},$ $\hat{a} \gtrsim 0.7$
- thick (warped?) accretion disk $M \sim 10^{-3} - 0.6M_{\odot}$ $Y_e \lesssim 0.20$ $T \sim a$ few MeV magnetized
- significant ν emission $L_{\nu,\text{tot}} \lesssim 10^{53} \text{erg s}^{-1}$ $E_{\nu} \gtrsim 10 \text{ MeV}$

Mass ejection in compact binary mergers



Rosswog RMPh 12

- most of matter gravitationally bound to central object
- tiny amount of matter (up to a few %) ejected into space (ejecta)
- possibly *n*-rich matter: synthesis of heavy elements via *r*-process mechanism

e.g. Lattimer & Schramm 73 ApJL, Freiburghaus+ 99 ApJ and

many more. See Thielemann+ 17 ARNPS for a recent review

- different ejecta types:
 - different ejection mechanisms
 - different ejecta properties

Electromagnetic counterparts: kilonova



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- radioactive decay of freshly sinthetized *r*-process elements in ejecta: release of nuclear energy
- thermalization of high energy decay products with ejecta
- diffusion of thermal photons during ejecta expansion
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Electromagnetic counterparts: short-hard GRBs



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- production of a relativistic and collimated jet close to the merger remnant
- jet propagation, possibly inside expanding ejecta
- prompt non-thermal γ-ray emission: Gamma-ray burst (GRB)

Electromagnetic counterparts: synchrotron emission



- jet-ISM interaction: GRB afterglow emission (non-thermal synchrotron)
- ejecta-ISM interaction: radio emission from merger remnant (non-thermal synchrotron)

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Electromagnetic counterparts: a general comment

- ► all presented EM counterparts produced far from the central engine
- however, EM emission properties keep track of the strong field dynamics
- by observing EM counterparts we can learn something about strong field dynamics

(A bit of) Relevant Nuclear Astrophysics

Neutrino-matter interaction in hot and dense matter

- ν's are weakly interacting particles (NC & CC processes)
- ► production (→, and possibly absorption, ←): $p + e^- \rightarrow n + \nu_e$ (EC) $n + e^+ \rightarrow p + \bar{\nu}_e$ (PC) $e^- + e^+ \rightarrow \nu + \bar{\nu}$ $N + N \rightarrow N + N + \nu + \bar{\nu}$
- Scattering: $N + \nu \rightarrow N + \nu$ $e^{\pm} + \nu \rightarrow e^{\pm} + \nu$

From cold NSs ($k_BT \lesssim 0.1 \text{ MeV}$) ...

- matter in weak equilibrium, neutrino reactions negligible
- $\rho > 10^{12} \text{g/cm}^3$, very *n*-rich conditions
- ... to hot NS merger ($k_BT \lesssim 100$ MeV)
 - kinetic \rightarrow internal energy
 - matter (de)compression and shocks
 - activation of weak reactions for matter out of weak equilibrium



Equilibrium Y_e including ν 's.

Courtesy of L. Branca, Milano-Bicocca university

Production rates in hot and dense matter

▶ plasma (n, p, e^{\pm}, γ) in thermal and NSE (NS matter EOS)

ν production rates: boosted by high temperatures & densities

$$R_{\rm e^-} \propto n_p T^5 F_4(\mu_e/T) \qquad R_{\rm e^+} \propto n_n T^5 F_4(-\mu_e/T)$$

e.g.,

$$\begin{aligned} R_{\rm e^-} &= \int \frac{{\rm d}^3 p_\nu}{(2\pi\hbar c)^3} \, j_{\nu_e}(E_\nu) \\ &\approx \left(\frac{n_n - n_p}{\exp\left(\frac{\mu_p - \mu_n + \Delta}{k_B T}\right) - 1}\right) \int_0^\infty \frac{4\pi\sigma_0 c}{(2\pi\hbar c)^3} \left(\frac{E + \Delta}{m_e}\right)^2 f_{e^-}(E + \Delta) \, E^2 {\rm d}E \end{aligned}$$

$$\sigma_0 = \frac{4G_F^2(m_ec^2)^2(c_v^2 + 3c_a^2)}{\pi(\hbar c)^4} \approx 2.43 \times 10^{-44} \,\mathrm{cm}^2 \sim 2 \times 10^{-20} \sigma_{t,e}$$

$$F_k(\eta) = \int_0^\infty \frac{x^k}{1 + \exp(x - \eta)} \, \mathrm{d}x$$

e.g. Bruenn ApJ 85; Rosswog & Liebendörfer MNRAS 03

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 ν absorption/scattering rates:

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Log₁₀ Density [g/cm³]

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$$PNS/BNS \text{ merger remnant:} \qquad R \approx 10 \text{ km}$$

$$\rho_{\text{center}} \approx 10^{14} \text{ g/cm}^{3}$$

$$E_{\nu} \approx 10 \text{ MeV}$$

Role of ν 's in CB mergers

- exchange energy and momentum with matter
- ▶ set *n*-to-*p* ratio \rightarrow Y_e $p + e^- \leftrightarrow n + \nu_e$ (EC) $n + e^+ \leftrightarrow p + \bar{\nu}_e$ (PC)

ν luminosities

- ▶ *n*-richness $\rightarrow L_{\bar{\nu}_e} \gtrsim L_{\nu_e}$
- EOS dependence

anisotropic ν emission

- due to presence of the disk
- \blacktriangleright $L_{\nu,\text{pole}} \sim 3 L_{\nu,\text{equator}}$

e.g., Dessart+2009, Perego+14



Relevant disk and neutrino scales

disk lifetime:

$$t_{\rm disk} \sim \alpha^{-1} \left(\frac{H}{R}\right)^{-2} \Omega_{\rm K}^{-1} \sim 0.31 \, {\rm s} \left(\frac{\alpha}{0.05}\right)^{-1} \left(\frac{H/R}{1/3}\right)^{-2} \left(\frac{R_{\rm disk}}{100 \, {\rm km}}\right)^{3/2} \left(\frac{M_{\rm ns}}{2.5 \, M_{\odot}}\right)^{-1/2}$$

 α : viscosity coefficient $R_{
m disk}$: disk typical radius H/R: disk aspect ratio Ω_K : Keplerian angular velocity

Mns: MNS mass

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$$\begin{split} L_{\nu,\text{disk}} &\sim \frac{\Delta E_{\text{grav}}}{2 \, t_{\text{disk}}} \quad \approx \quad 8.35 \times 10^{52} \, \text{erg s}^{-1} \left(\frac{M_{\text{ns}}}{2.5 \, M_{\odot}}\right)^{3/2} \left(\frac{M_{\text{disk}}}{0.2 \, M_{\odot}}\right) \left(\frac{R_{\text{disk}}}{100 \, \text{km}}\right)^{-3/2} \\ &\times \left(\frac{\alpha}{0.05}\right) \left(\frac{R_{\text{ns}}}{25 \, \text{km}}\right)^{-1} \left(\frac{H/R}{1/3}\right)^2 \end{split}$$

 ΔE_{grav} : gravitational energy released during accretion

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• MNS L_{ν} :

$$\begin{split} L_{\nu,\mathrm{ns}} \sim \frac{\Delta E_{\mathrm{ns}}}{t_{\mathrm{cool,ns}}} &\approx 1.86 \times 10^{52} \, \mathrm{erg \, s^{-1}} \left(\frac{\Delta E_{\mathrm{ns}}}{3.5 \times 10^{52} \, \mathrm{erg}} \right) \left(\frac{R_{\mathrm{ns}}}{25 \, \mathrm{km}} \right)^{-2} \\ & \left(\frac{\rho_{\mathrm{ns}}}{10^{14} \, \mathrm{g cm^{-3}}} \right)^{-1} \left(\frac{k_{\mathrm{B}} T_{\mathrm{ns}}}{15 \, \mathrm{MeV}} \right)^{-2} \end{split}$$

 $\Delta E_{\rm ns}$: thermal energy $t_{\rm ns,cool} \sim 3\tau_{\nu,\rm ns}/(R_{\rm ns}c)$: diffusion time scale $\tau_{\nu,\rm ns}$: ν optical depth in MNS

r-process nucleosynthesis: basic ideas

▶ how do heavy elements (above Fe) form? *n*-capture processes

$$(A,Z)+n \leftrightarrow (A+1,Z)+\gamma$$

- ▶ hot, dense, *n*-rich matter: *r*-process nucleosynthesis
- ▶ high n_n : $t_{(n,\gamma)} \ll t_{\beta-\text{decay}}$
- ▶ $(n, \gamma) \rightleftharpoons (\gamma, n)$ freeze-out $\rightarrow \beta$ -decays to stable nuclei



r-process nucleosynthesis: yields

at low entropy ($s \leq 40k_h$ /baryon), Y_e dominant parameter

Hoffman+ ApJ 98

- \blacktriangleright Y_e > 0.5: no *r*-process
- $0.25 \lesssim Y_e < 0.5$: weak *r*-process
- $Y_e \leq 0.25$: strong *r*-process



because of electrons filling *f*-shell in ionized states no lanthanides: low opacity $(\kappa_{\gamma} \lesssim 1 \,\mathrm{cm}^2/\mathrm{g})$

> presence of lanthanides: increased opacity $(\kappa_{\gamma} \gtrsim 10 \,\mathrm{cm}^2/\mathrm{g})$

 κ_{γ} : effective gray opacity Courtesy of G. Martinez-Pinedo

Ejecta from binary compact mergers

Dynamical ejecta from CB merger

- ► $t_{\rm ej,dyn} \sim {\rm few} \ {\rm ms}$
- ► $v_{\rm ej,dyn} \sim 0.2 0.3 c$
- ► BH-NS: $M_{\rm ej,dyn} \sim 0 10^{-1} M_{\odot}$, depending on *q*, NS EOS, $M_{\rm bh}$, $a_{\rm BH}$
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Dynamical ejected particles from NSNS merger, Bauswein+ ApJ 13

tidal component

- both in BH-NS and BNS mergers
- first to develop
- equatorial
- cooler (lower entropy)
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← Radice+ ApJ 18 🔰 Tidal VS shocked dynamical ejecta, Radice+ ApJ 18 (35 BNS configurations, 49 different simulations in Numerical Relativity)

Impact of ν absorption on dynamical ejecta in BNS

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 - ▶ ejecta had always and everywhere Y_e < 0.1
 - robust r-process
- however, ν-matter interactions increase Y_e at polar latitudes
 - most relevant reaction: $n + \nu_e \rightarrow p + e^-$
 - possible angular dependence in *r*-process nucleosynthesis
 - mass angular distribution $\propto \sin^2 \theta$



w/o neutrino absorption



see also Wanajo+ ApJL 2014, Sekiguchi+ PRD 2015, Foucart+ PRD 2016

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Ye histograms and nucleosynthesis for dynamical ejecta for different neutrino luminosities, Martin+ CQG 2018

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Impact of ν absorption on dynamical ejecta in BHNS

- small effect on Y_e
- negligible effect on nucleosynthesis
- lower luminosities and fast equatorial expansion



Ye histograms and nucleosynthesis for dynamical ejecta for different neutrino luminosities, Roberts+ MNRAS 2016

Baryonic winds from CB merger

- due to neutrino absorption and/or magnetic pressure inside the remnant and the disk
- ▶ remnant expansion \rightarrow nuclear recombination in the disk

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Ejecta and nucleosynthesis from ν -driven winds

- ▶ wind intensity: strongly dependent on (H)MNS presence
- non-equatorial emission: $\theta < 60^{\circ}$
- ▶ larger Y_e in the polar regions
- nucleosynthesis: 1st r-process peak:
 - complementary to low-Y_e nucleosynthesis
 - low γ opacity, $\kappa_{\gamma} \lesssim 1 \text{cm}^2 \text{g}^{-1}$



Martin+ ApJ 2015

Viscosity-driven ejecta from CB merger

- due to viscosity and nuclear recombination in the disk
- $t_{\rm ej,sec} \sim {
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- $M_{\rm ej,sec} \sim (0.1 0.4) \, M_{\rm disk}$



Figures from Metzger & Fernandez MNRAS 14, Wu+ MNRAS 16, see e.g. Just+ MNRAS 15, Siegel& Metzger PRD 17

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Neutrino effect on viscosity-driven ejecta

- ▶ ejecta: broad distribution of *n*-rich matter ($0.1 \leq Y_e \leq 0.4$)
- ▶ all solid angle ejection, intermediate opacity $\kappa_{\gamma} \approx 1 10 \text{ cm}^2 \text{g}^{-1}$
- ▶ key parameter: HMNS lifetime; long lived HMNS:
 - significantly larger ejecta
 - ejecta with larger Y_e



Ye histograms (and nucleosynthesis) of viscous ejecta depending on HMNS lifetime. Lippuner+ MNRAS 2016
Disk masses from BNS mergers

winds & viscous ejecta: fraction of M_{disk}



- $\blacktriangleright \ 10^{-3} M_\odot \lesssim M_{\rm disk} [M_\odot] \lesssim 0.2$
- clear correlation with $\tilde{\Lambda}$
- relation with BH collapse time: presence of long-lived MNS VS BH formation
- BH formation from HMNS reduces mass (50 %) mass

- viscous (as 20% of M_{disk}) VS dynamical ejecta
- viscous ejecta dominant, unless prompt BH

Disk and ejecta from BH-NS mergers Mass outside the BH horizon: only if $R_{\text{tidal}} \gtrsim R_{\text{isco}}$





Mass in the disk and in dynamical ejecta after a BH-NS merger. NS EOS: SFHo. Fitting formulas from Foucart+ Arxiv 2018 & Kawaguchi+ PRD 2016.

Figures courtesy of Claudio Barbieri (PhD student Uni MiB).

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► nuclear heat computed by detailed nuclear network mainly β - decay $\Rightarrow \dot{e}_{r-\text{process}} = \dot{e}_0 t^{-\alpha}$ $\alpha \approx 1.3, \dot{e}_0 \gtrsim 10^{16} \text{erg/g/s}$

▶ $Y_e \gtrsim 0.25$: weak *r*-process: shorter β decays lifetimes

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Rosswog+ JphG 2017

Thermalization efficiency

Not all the nuclear energy released by radioactive decay thermalize with ejecta:

$$\dot{e}_{\text{heat}} = \dot{e}_{\text{r-process}} f_{\text{th}} \qquad 0 \le f_{\text{th}} \le 1$$



 $(A,Z) \rightarrow (A,Z+1) + e^- + \bar{\nu}_e + \gamma$ $(A,Z) \rightarrow (A-4,Z-2) + \alpha + \gamma$

$$(A,Z) \rightarrow (A',Z') + (A'',Z'') + n's + p's + \gamma's$$

Barnes+ ApJ 2016

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Fitting formulas derived from numerical results:

$$f_{\rm th}(t; m_{\rm ej}, v_{\rm ej})$$

 thermalization efficiency depends on:

- matter density
- matter temperature
- decay modes
- decay product spectra
- ...

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both nuclear and astrophysical uncertainties

(fiducial: $m_{\rm ej} = 10^{-3} M_{\odot}$, $Y_{\rm e} = 0.04$, v = 0.2c)

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A spherical model kilonova model

- ► $m_{\rm ej}$: amount of ejecta passing through a surface @ $R \gg R_{\rm NS}$
- radial, homologous expansion: we label each mass element by its velocity

$$m_{\rm ej} = \int_0^{v_{\rm max}} \left(\int_\Omega \frac{1}{4\pi} \xi(v,\theta,\phi) \, \mathrm{d}\Omega \right) \mathrm{d}v$$

► spherical symmetry: $\xi(v, \theta, \phi) \Rightarrow \xi(v)$

homologous expansion:

$$\begin{split} \xi(v) &= \xi_0 \left(1 - \left(\frac{v}{v_{\max}} \right)^2 \right)^3 \\ v_{\text{rms}} &= \left(\frac{1}{m_{\text{ej}}} \int_0^{v_{\max}} v^2 \xi(v) \mathrm{d}v \right)^{1/2} = \frac{v_{\max}}{3} \\ n_{>v}(\tilde{v}) &= \int_{\tilde{v}}^{v_{\max}} \xi(v) \mathrm{d}v \end{split}$$

e.g., Grossman+ MNRAS 2014; see Metzger LRR 2017, Fernandez & Metzger ARAA 2016 for good reviews



- let's suppose to consider a time
 t = t̃ after the merger
- the ejecta has maximally expanded up to $R_{\max} = v_{\max} \tilde{t}$
- diffusion radius R_{diff}(t̃) (at which matter is moving at ṽ(t̃)):

 $t_{\rm diff} \approx t_{\rm dyn}$

clearly

- $R_{\text{diff}}(\tilde{t}) = \tilde{v}(\tilde{t}) \tilde{t}$
- thermalizing photons outside this radius can be emitted at the photosphere carrying information about the present state of the system



$$t_{
m diff} pprox t_{
m dyn} \Rightarrow \tilde{v} = v_{
m eff}$$

where

- v_{eff} = c/τ is the photon effective (diffusion) speed
- τ is the optical depth:

$$\tau \approx \left< \rho \right> \Delta R \, \kappa \approx \frac{m_{>v}(\tilde{v}) \, \Delta R \, \kappa}{4\pi (\tilde{v}\tilde{t})^2 \, \Delta R}$$

 \Rightarrow implicit equation for $\tilde{v}(\tilde{t})$

$$c = \frac{m_{>v}(\tilde{v})\,\kappa}{4\pi\,\tilde{v}\,\tilde{t}^2}$$





Photospheric radius:

• $R_{\rm ph}(\tilde{t})$ where

$$\tau(R_{\rm ph}) = 2/3$$

matter at R_{ph}(t̃) expands with velocity v_{ph}(t̃):

$$R_{\rm ph}(\tilde{t}) = v_{\rm ph}(\tilde{t})\,\tilde{t}$$

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$$\frac{m_{>v}(v_{\rm ph})\,\kappa}{4\pi\,\left(v_{\rm ph}\,\tilde{t}\right)^2} = \frac{2}{3}$$



Photon luminosity:

emitted at the photosphere as a blacl body

$$L_{\gamma}(\tilde{t}) = m_{\mathrm{rad},\mathrm{env}}(\tilde{t}) \dot{e}_{r-\mathrm{proc}}(\tilde{t}) f_{\mathrm{th}}(\tilde{t})$$

$$n_{\mathrm{rad},\mathrm{env}}(\tilde{t}) = (m_{>v}(\tilde{v}) - m_{>v}(v_{\mathrm{ph}}))$$

Emission at the photosphere with black body temperature $T(\tilde{t})$

$$\frac{L_{\gamma}}{4\pi\,R_{\rm ph}^2} = \sigma_{\rm SB}T^4$$

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Peak properties: exploration of t_{peak} (days)



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Peak properties: exploration of $T_{peak}(K)$



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AT2017gfo: from spherical, one component models to anisotropic, multi-component models

Properties of AT2017gfo

- ► 17/08/17, GW+EM detection of an event compatible with BNS merger (*M*_{chirp} ≈ 1.118*M*_☉)
- ▶ bright, UV/O component, with a peak @ ~ 1day (blue component)
- rather bright, nIR component, with a peak @ ~ 5day (red component)



Light curves; Pian, D'Avanzo+2017 (left); Tanvir+2017 (right)





VLT@EOS;

Pian, D'Avanzo+2017

The need for multicomponent models

- failure of model with a single component in reproducing AT2017gfo key features
- "component": spherically symmetric KN model labelled by (M_{ei}, v_{ei}, κ)
- "model": different levels of approximations ranging from semi-analitical to radiative transfert approaches



Cowperthwaite+ 2017, ApJL

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Results from multicomponent models

- reasonable agreement of multicomponent models in reproducing AT2017gfo key features
- often, $(M_{\rm ej}, v_{\rm ej}, \kappa)$ still correlate in each component
- usually, multicomponent = combination of spherically symmetric single component models



Results from multicomponent models

Esample of results from 2 or 3 components fits:

Table 2. Kilonova Model Fits

Model	M^{blue}_{ej}	v^{blue}_{cj}	$\kappa_{\rm ej}^{\rm blue}$	T ^{blue}	M_{ej}^{purple}	v_{ej}^{purple}	$\kappa_{ej}^{\text{purple}}$	Trouple	M^{red}_{ej}	v ^{red}	κ_{cj}^{red}	Tred	σ	θ	WAIC
2-Comp	0.0230.005	$0.256_{0.002}^{0.005}$	(0.5)	3983 ⁶⁶		-		~	$0.050_{0.001}^{0.001}$	0.1490.001	3.650.09	115145	0.2560.006		-1030
3-Comp	$0.020^{0.001}_{0.001}$	$0.266_{0.008}^{0.008}$	(0.5)	674 ⁴⁸⁶ 417	$0.047_{0.002}^{0.001}$	0.1520.005	(3)	1308^{42}_{34}	$0.011\substack{+0.002\\-0.001}$	$0.137_{0.021}^{0.025}$	(10)	374575	0.2420.008		-1064
Asym. 3-Comp	$0.009_{0.001}^{0.001}$	$0.256_{0.004}^{0.009}$	(0.5)	3259 ₃₀₆	$0.007^{0.001}_{0.001}$	0.1030.007	(3)	3728 ⁹⁴ 178	$0.026_{0.002}^{0.004}$	$0.175_{0.008}^{0.011}$	(10)	1091 ²⁹ 45	0.2260.006	66 ¹ ₃	-1116

Villar+ ApJL 2017

Example of light curves from 2 component, 2D radiative transfer models (SuperNu)

Tanvir+ ApjL 2017



Multi-Component Anisotropic Kilonova Model

- kilonova model should include our present knowledge about ejecta
- ▶ different ejection channels → multi-component
- explicit dependency on polar angle \rightarrow anisotropic
 - multi-angle (polar angle discretization)
 - explicit dependence on observer viewing angle



Perego, Radice, Bernuzzi 17, ApjL



Application to AT2017gfo: best-fit models



- multi-components (2 or 3) models reproduce major observed features of AT2017gfo
- ▶ fast ($v \sim 0.3c$), low opacity ($\kappa \sim 1 \text{ cm}^2 \text{g}^{-1}$) material essential
- global properties for AT2017gfo
 - anisotropic and multicomponent ejecta
 - $M_{
 m ej,tot} \sim 0.05 M_{\odot}$, $heta_{
 m obs} pprox 30^{\circ}$, $M_{
 m disk} \sim 0.1 M_{\odot}$
 - low-opacity material at high latitude: neutrinos @ work

Representative kilonova emission

- light curves in relevant photometric bands (UV, Optical, NIR) for a broad set of BNS
- dynamical ejecta directly extracted from simulations
- wind and viscous ejecta: fraction of the disk mass (0.03 and 0.20, respectively) with properties obtained from AT2017gfo best-fit model

prompt BH

short-lived MNS

long-lived MNS



Radice+ 2018 ApJ

Systematics of kilonova peaks

Peak time, magnitude and time width ($\Delta M = 1 \text{ mag}$) VS $\tilde{\Lambda}$



Radice+ 2018 ApJ (35 BNS configurations, 49 different simulations in Numerical Relativity)

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Short-hard Gamma-Ray burst

Observational properties

- non-thermal emissions associated with γ -ray flashes
- discovered in 1967 by Vela satellites
- now routinely observed by X and γ -ray satellites (1 every few days)
 - CGRO/BATSE (1991-2000)
 - ► INTEGRAL, IBIS+SPI (2002-)
 - ► SWIFT/XRT+BAT (2004-)
 - ► FERMI/LAT+GBM (2008-)



NASA/BATSE team & Pe'er+ 15

 \leftarrow large intrinsic variability

 \downarrow isotropical (cosmological) distribution

2704 BATSE Gamma-Ray Bursts



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Short-hard VS long-soft GRBs

- ▶ 2 distinct classes based on burst duration (*T*₉₀)
 - ▶ 25% short (T₉₀ < 2 s)</p>
- systematic spectral shift
 - short-hard VS long-soft
- indication of two distinct progenitors/central engines







Up: FERMI/GRB Team. Bottom: Nava+ 2010 A&A
Different progenitors and host galaxies

- 1997 BeppoSAX satellite detected first GRB afterglow: fainter X-ray, optical, radio emissions following a GRBs on timescale of hours to months
- ► afterglow observations → host galaxies studies
- long GRBs
 - galaxies with high star formation rate
 - 1998-2003: identification of SNIb/c & hypernovae with long GRBs (5-20 days after, SWIFT)
 - long GRBs peak: $z \sim 2$ (SWIFT)

short GRBs

- 2005: first afterglow from short GRB (SWIFT)
- all types of galaxies, also with old stellar population
- often with significant displacement from host galaxy
- systematically fainter and closer (smaller z)
- $T_{90} \sim t_{\rm disk}$

\rightarrow all compatible with compact binary mergers

e.g. Berger 14 ARAA

Short GRBs and compact binary mergers



Tanvir+ 2013, Nature

Identification of BNS merger, short GRBs and kilonova (GW170817 + GRB170817A + AT2017gfo)



LVC+Fermi+Integral 2017 ApJL

Energetics and jets





much lower energies required if outflow is collimated in a jet



• half-opening angle: θ_{jet}

$$E_{\rm true} = E_{\rm iso} \frac{\Delta \Omega}{4\pi} = E_{\rm iso} (1 - \cos \theta_{\rm jet}) \approx \frac{E_{\rm iso}}{65} \left(\frac{\theta_{\rm jet}}{10^{\circ}}\right)^2$$

observational indications: θ_{jet} ~ 6^o
 (e.g. achromatic break)
 e.g. Fong+ 15 ApJ



Gomboc 2011

1. energy injection:

- ▶ a stellar-size object undergoes a catastrophic event that deposits $E \sim$ a few times E_{true} within $\Delta t \sim T_{90}$ and $\Delta R \sim 10^6 10^7$ cm
- *E* in form of heat, radiation or EM field, resulting in optically thick plasma of e^{\pm} , γ and baryons

$$\bullet \ \eta = E/Mc^2 \gg 1$$



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2. expansion to UR speed:

- ► the fireball accelerates under its own pressure to UR velocities ($\gamma_{\rm asym} \approx \eta \sim 100$)
- matter dominated jet: $B^2/(4\pi\gamma\rho c^2) \ll 1$
- adiabatic expansion until the plasma becomes thin to γ , $R \sim 10^{13} \text{cm} \sim 1 \text{AU}$

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3. pre-burst:

thermal emission from photosphere (much weaker than GRB)



Gomboc 2011

4. GRB - prompt emission:

- dissipation of jet energy via internal shock due to matter expanding at different speed, at R ~ 10¹³ cm
 Rees 78, Rees, Meszaros 94, Zhang+11
- collisionless plasma shocks: local amplification of magnetic field
- electrons: synchrotron radiation and possibly Compton processes



Gomboc 2011

5. GRB - afterglow emission:

- significant fraction of bulk kinetic energy still available
- dissipated in external shocks with ISM at $R \ 10^{14} 10^{16}$ cm $\sim 0.01 1$ ly
- electrons accelerated in power law distribution
- decellerating jet \rightarrow lower γ 's energy

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Why a relativistic jet?

- GRBs show variability $\Delta t_{\rm obs} \gtrsim 1 \text{ ms and } E_{\gamma} \lesssim 1 \text{ MeV}$
- a non-relativistic sphere of size D ~ Δt_{obs}c ~ 10⁷ cm populated by 1 MeV γ's (→ e[±]) would be very optically thick → thermal spectrum how to reconcile with non-thermal spectrum (compactness problem)?

matter moving at relativistic speed

- γ's blueshifted by relativistic motion: E_{obs} = ΓE_{rest}
- $\Delta t_{\rm obs} \sim \Delta t_{\rm em}/(2\Gamma^2)$ and $D \sim \Delta t_{\rm em}c$
- Γ ≥ 100 → significant reduction of e[±] pairs and larger D

how easily $\Gamma_{\rm asym} \sim 100$ (baryonic pollution problem)?



• if
$$\gamma_{\text{asym}} \approx \eta$$
 then
 $M_{\text{fb}} \approx 6 \times 10^{-6} M_{\odot} \left(\frac{E}{10^{51} \text{erg}}\right) \left(\frac{\Gamma}{100}\right)^{-1}$ $\frac{dN}{dt \, dE} = A \begin{cases} E^{\alpha} \exp\left(\frac{-(2+\alpha)E}{E_{p}}\right) & E < E_{b} \end{cases}$
 $E^{\beta} \left(\frac{E_{b}}{e}\right)^{\alpha-\beta} & E \ge E_{b} \end{cases}$

Still uncertain, with several possible mechanisms:

1. extraction of rotational energy from a BH through *B* field (Blandford-Znajek mechanism) Blandford & Znajek MNRAS 77



e.g. McKinney+ 12 MNRAS, Tchekhovskoy+ 2012 JPCS and references therein

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- BH formation: reduced baryon pollution
- BH-NS merger: always a BH in the center BNS merger: collapse of central MNS to a BH

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2. neutrino-antineutrino pair annihilation



Perego, Yasin, Arcones 18 CQG

▶ $\nu + \bar{\nu} \rightarrow e^+ + e^-$

evaporation"

u-w annihilatio

accretion disc

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Eichler+ 89 Nature

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BZ luminosity and jet energy

$$L_{BZ} \propto \frac{G^2}{c^3} \epsilon M_{BH} B^2 \Omega_H^2 f(\Omega_H) \lesssim \epsilon \dot{M} c^2 \Omega_H^2 f(\Omega_H)$$
$$E_{kin} \approx L_{BZ} t_{disk} \approx \epsilon M_{disk} c^2 \Omega_H^2 f(\Omega_H) \lesssim 10^{51} \text{ erg}$$
$$\Omega_H = \frac{\hat{a}}{2(1 + \sqrt{1 - \hat{a}^2})} \qquad f(\Omega_H) \approx 1 + 1.38\Omega_H^2 + 9.24\Omega_H^4 \qquad \epsilon \sim 0.01$$

ν annihilation mechanism: basic scaling relations

Energetics of ν -annihilation:

annihilation rate formula

$$q_{\rm ann}(t, \mathbf{x}) \approx \frac{1}{6} \frac{\sigma_0 \left(C_A^2 + C_V^2\right)}{c \left(m_e c^2\right)} \int I_\nu I_{\bar{\nu}} \left(E_\nu + E_{\bar{\nu}}\right) \left(1 - \cos\Phi\right)^2 d\Omega_\nu d\Omega_{\bar{\nu}} dE_\nu dE_{\bar{\nu}}$$

$$Q_{\nu,\bar{\nu}}(t) = \int_V q_{\nu,\bar{\nu}}(\mathbf{x}, t) dV$$

$$Q_{\nu,\bar{\nu}} \approx \mathcal{C} L_\nu L_{\bar{\nu}} \left[\frac{\langle \epsilon_\nu^2 \rangle}{\langle \epsilon_\nu \rangle} + \frac{\langle \epsilon_{\bar{\nu}}^2 \rangle}{\langle \epsilon_{\bar{\nu}} \rangle}\right] G_{\nu,\bar{\nu}} \sim 10^{49-50} \, \mathrm{erg/s}$$

► $E_{\nu,\bar{\nu}}(t) = \int_t Q_{\nu,\bar{\nu}}(t') dt' \sim 2 \times 10^{49} \text{ erg} (\text{at } t \sim t_{\text{disk}}) \text{ i.e., energy on the low-side}$

Magnetic origin of prompt emission?

Alternative origin for GRB prompt emission: magnetic energy

jet matter carries a globally ordered magnetic field: jet as Poynting-flux dominated outflow:

$$B^2/(4\pi\gamma\rho c^2)\gtrsim 1$$

- prompt emission energy from magnetic reconnection
- energy directly dissipated into energetic particles

e.g. Zhang+11

source of magnetic field?

 rotational kinetic energy of massive NS extracted by *B* field

e.g. Lyutikov 2006

- MHD models: B field produces a relativistic jet
 e.g. Drenkhahn & Spruit 02
- internal-collision-induced magnetic reconnection and turbulence model
 Zhang & Yan 11



Metzger+ 2018

Magnetar Model for SGRBs?

how do MNS spins compare with spins required by magnerat models of SGRB?



Gompertz+ 2013

Structured jet and cocoon

- jet moves in a polluted environment (ejecta)
- collimation but also jet structure and cocoon formation
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Lazzati+ 2017 MNRAS

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What did we observe in GRB170817A?



Abbott+ 2017 ApjL

A very weak GRB? No, an off-axis structured jet!



Emission from matter-interstellar medium interaction

Afterglow: basic ideas



Afterglow: basic ideas



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Afterglow: emission mechanisms



Afterglow: emission mechanisms



Afterglow: emission spectrum

synchrotron radiation emitted from accelerated electrons moving in locally amplified magnetic field:



Synchrotron emission from fast dynamical ejecta

- > expanding ejecta-ISM medium: shock that decellerates the ejecta
- synchroton emission from electrons accelerated in the shock

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e.g., Hotokezaka & Piran 2015, Hotokezaka+ 2018
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- high velocity tail provides most relevant contribution
- strong dependence on ISM density n

$$\begin{array}{rcl} t_{\rm dec} & \sim & 3 \cdot 10^3 \, {\rm day} \, \left(\frac{E}{10^{50} {\rm erg}} \right)^{1/3} \\ & \times \left(\frac{n}{10^{-3}} {\rm cm}^{-3} \right)^{-1/3} \left(\frac{v}{0.3c} \right)^{-5/3} \\ F_{\nu} & \sim 10 \, \mu {\rm Jy} \, \left(\frac{E}{10^{50} {\rm erg}} \right) \left(\frac{n}{10^{-3} {\rm cm}^{-3}} \right)^{\frac{p+2}{4}} \left(\frac{\epsilon_B}{10^{-2}} \right)^{\frac{p+2}{4}} \\ & \times \left(\frac{\epsilon_e}{10^{-1}} \right)^{p-1} \left(\frac{v}{0.3c} \right)^{\frac{3p-7}{2}} \left(\frac{D}{40 \, {\rm Mpc}} \right)^{-2} \left(\frac{\nu}{3 \, {\rm GHz}} \right)^{-\frac{p-1}{2}} \end{array}$$

- characteristic peak time: deceleration time
- characteristic peak flux: synchrotron emission at peak time

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$$2 \lesssim p \lesssim 2.5$$

Synchrotron emission: EOS signature

- high velocity tail strongly depends on EOS
- synchrotron emission as EOS signature



Radice, Perego, Hotokezaka+ ApJ 2018

Conclusions

- large number of EM counterparts associated with compact binary merger
- large variety of properties, fingerprints of strong field dynamics
- modelling: good understanding, but substancial progresses needs to be done
- multimessenger era has opened unprecedent opportunities, also thanks to EM counterparts