







Tracing r-process nucleosynthesis in neutron star mergers with long-lived remnants

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BNS & Kilonovae: some challenges

- BNS contribution to r-process
- AT2017gfo: ejecta, nucleosynthesis, spectra
- Kilonovae & long GRBs [Rastinejad+22; Troja+22; Mei+22; Levan+23]
- BNS merger population [Santoliquido+21; Mandel+22; Iorio+23]



Credits: Siegel, EPJA, 2019









Impact of EOS and neutrino treatment



E.g. Foucart+16,20; Radice+22; Kiuchi+23; Just+23; Ricigliano+24; Bernuzzi+24; Sneppen+24; Jacobi+25









Aims

- Investigate impact of neutrino winds on the nucleosynthesis
- Produce publicly available database of r-process yields varying BNS mass ratio and EOS







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Time windows $\Delta t_1, \dots, \Delta t_n$



















































Ejecta analysis: Ye distribution











Ejecta analysis: angular distribution











Tracer extraction



From 2.6x10⁵ to 3x10³ tracers: mass weighted extraction per time window









$$Y_e(t_{merger}) = 0.10$$











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 $Y_e(t_{fin}) = 0.49$





























































































Conclusions

- Dynamical ejecta: production of elements in 2nd and 3rd peak.
- Neutrino wind: production of lighter elements.
- Iron group elements among the most abundant irrespective of the EOS.
- Nuclear input physics?
- Asymmetric mass ratios?
- Role of oscillations?