the puzzle of the *r*-process astrophysical site: a nuclear physics solution?

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r-process site: core-collapse supernovae?



neutrino-driven wind

e.g., Meyer+1992, Woosley+1994, Takahashi+1994, Witti+1994, Fuller & Meyer 1995, McLaughlin+1996, Qian & Woosley 1996, Hoffman +1997, Otsuki+2000, Thompson +2001, Terasawa+2002, Liebendorfer+2005, Wanajo 2006, Arcones+2007, Huedepohl+2010, Fischer+2010, Roberts & Reddy 2012, Martinez-Pinedo+2014, Chakraborty+ 2015, Goriely & Janka 2016, etc., etc.

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neutron-rich MHD jets

e.g., Cameron 2003, Kotake+2004, Nishimura+2006, Fujimoto+2008, Winteler+2012, Mösta+2014, Nakamura+2015, Tsujimoto+2015, Nishimura+2015, Shibagaki+2016, etc.

collapsars/IGRBs

e.g., Beloborodov 2003, Nagataki+2003, Surman & McLaughlin 2005, Nagataki +2006, Fryer+2006, Fujimoto+2007, Tominaga 2009, Maeda & Tominaga 2009, Nomoto+ 2010, Horiuchi+2012, Shibata & Tominaga 2012, Malkus+2012, Nakamura +2013, Fujibayashi+2015, etc.

r-process site: compact object mergers?

cold/mildly heated prompt ejecta

e.g., Lattimer & Schramm 1974, 1976, Meyer 1989, Frieburghaus+1999, Goriely +2005, Wanajo & Ishimaru 2006, Oechslin+2007, Nakamura+2011, Goriely +2011, Korobkin+2012, Wanajo+2014, Just+2015, Mendoza-Temis+2015, Eichler+2015, etc., etc.



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accretion disk ejecta

e.g., Pruet, Thompson, & Hoffman 2004, Surman & McLaughlin 2004, Arai+2004, Fujimoto+2004, Surman, McLaughlin, & Hix 2006, Barzilay & Levinson 2008, Metzger, Thompson, & Quataert 2008, Kizivat+2010, Wanajo & Janka 2012, Caballero+2012, Wanajo+2014, Perego+2014, Just+2015, Radice+2016, etc.

can mergers account for all r-process data?



Mathews & Cowan 1990, Argast+2004: merger timescale too slow Matteucci+2014, Ishimaru+2015: if coalescence time is ~ 1 Myr Wanderman & Piran 2014: delay times for sGRB ~3 Gyr

can mergers account for all r-process data?

microturbulence were 150K, 0.3 dex, and 0.15 k Table 1, the temperature errors were 200K due t

NSMs is much longer than ~ 300 Myr, it is too reproduce observations.

4.5. The rate of neutron star mergers

The yields of *r*-process elements in our models lated to the NSM rate as already mentioned i though the Galactic rate of NSMs is highly und The estimated Galactic NSM rate is 10^{-6} to 10^{-6} based on three observed binary pulsars (Abadi 2010a). Table 5 lists yields of models discussed her ure 13 shows predicted [Eu/Fe] as a function of assuming different NSM rate. Figure 13 (a) a represent models with the NSM fractions $f_{\rm NSM}$ = (mr0.001) and $f_{NSM} = 0.1 (mr0.1)$, respectively. T responding NSM rate in a MW-like galaxy is $\sim 10^{-10}$ (mr0.001) and ~ 10^{-3} yr⁻¹ (mr0.1). Model n predicts larger scatter and a smaller number of s [Fe/H] < -3 than m000. Model mr0.001 has dispersion by more than 3 dex at [Fe/H] = -2. dition, there remains ~ 1 dex dispersion even for with [Fe/H] > -2. In contrast, model mr0.1 p smaller scatter than m000, though it does not s be inconsistent with observations. Such tendend also seen in Argast et al. (2004), Komiya et al. and van de Voort et al. (2015).

Our fiducial model, m000, reproduces the ol *r*-process ratio as discussed in §4.2. The NSI of m000 for a MW-like galaxy is ~ 10^{-4} yr⁻¹ total mass of *r*-process elements produced b NSM corresponds to ~ $10^{-2}M_{\odot}$. The value is tent with recent nucleosynthesis calculations: 1(to $10^{-2}M_{\odot}$ (e.g., Goriely et al. 2011; Korobki 2012; Hotokezaka et al. 2013; Bauswein et al. Wanajo et al. 2014).

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Hirai+2015, Ji+2016: UFD galaxies account for lowmetallicity enrichment

Ji+2016

Hirai+2015

r-process abundance pattern signatures



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r-process simulations: required nuclear data

masses beta-decay rates beta-delayed neutron emission probabilities neutron capture rates

fission rates fission product distributions neutrino interaction rates

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sensitivity study review: Mumpower, Surman, McLaughlin, Aprahamian Progress in Particle and Nuclear Physics 86 (2016) 86

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mass models

compared to the 2012 Atomic Mass Evaluation

Mumpower, Surman, McLaughlin, Aprahamian 2016





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systematic uncertainties in nuclear masses: impact on *r*-process simulations



Surman, Mumpower, McLaughlin 2016, submitted

masses from massexplorer.frib.msu.edu: Olsen, Nazarewicz:

see also Martin+2016

SKM* SKP-3 SLY4 SV-MIN UNEDF0 UNEDF1

random uncorrelated uncertainties in masses: impact on *r*-process simulations



Surman, Mumpower, McLaughlin 2016, submitted

FRDM masses + Monte Carlo variations within mass model rms (~0.5 MeV)

neutron separation energy variations



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impact of upcoming measurements



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70

60

× −5 βoj

-10

t (sec)

100

Ν

110

120

rare earth peak

Its formation mechanism is sensitive to both the astrophysical conditions of the late phase of the *r*-process and the nuclear physics of the nuclei populated at this time



Surman, Engel, Bennett, Meyer 1997

trends in the rare earth masses



Neodymium (Z = 60) isotopic chain

Mumpower, McLaughlin, Surman, Steiner, in preparation

rare earth peak formation



Mumpower, McLaughlin, Surman 2012

rare earth peak formation



reverse-engineering the rare earth masses



mass modification parameterization:

Mumpower, McLaughlin, Surman, Steiner, in preparation

reverse-engineering the rare earth masses



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rare earth peak formation comparison



Mumpower, McLaughlin, Surman, Steiner arXiv:1603.02600v1

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predicted mass surfaces

Neodymium (Z = 60) isotopic chain



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summary

The site of the *r* process remains one of the greatest mysteries of nuclear astrophysics

The capacity of next-generation radioactive beam facilities to reach extremely neutron-rich nuclei for the first time will open up a promising new approach to this mystery

Once nuclear physics uncertainties are reduced, we can exploit details of the *r*process abundance pattern such as the rare earth peak to constrain the astrophysical conditions and, ultimately, determine the *r*-process site





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