Magnetized jets and explosions from the merger of a Neutron star binary

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r-process & Kilonova

"Matter that is expelled in the violent merger of two neutron stars can assemble into heavy elements such as gold and platinum in a process known as rapid neutron capture (r-process) nucleosynthesis. The radioactive decay of isotopes of the heavy elements is predicted to power a distinctive thermal glow (a 'kilonova')."



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What about GW170817? HMNS lifetime



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WHEN DID THE REMNANT OF GW170817 COLLAPSE TO A BLACK HOLE?



 $t_{\rm del} = 1.74 \pm 0.05 \,\mathrm{s} = t_{\rm coll} + t_{\rm br}(t_{\rm coll}) + t_R$

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Magneti field amplification



Short gamma-ray burst jets (MHD vs HD)



collapse after 1sec

no jet & short-GRB



The collapse of the compact remnant powers an explosion.....

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Jet or Explosion?



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A mildly relativistic wide-angle outflow in the neutron-star merger event GW170817 (Mooley et al. 2018)

 $E(>\Gamma\beta) \propto (\Gamma\beta)^{-\alpha},$

with $\alpha = 5$



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Superluminal motion



4 light years

Jet or Explosion?

Superluminal motion of a relativistic jet in the neutron-star merger GW170817





Afterglow from GR-MHD (3D to 1D)



 $\begin{array}{c} 2D \text{ or } 3D \\ \text{GR-MHD start at } 10^5 \text{ cm} \\ \text{and} \\ \text{Stops at} \sim 10^9 \text{ cm} \end{array}$

1D for every θ-angle go till 10¹⁶ cm Calclulate afterglow selfconsistently

Genetic algorithm



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Thank you!