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Non equilibrium effects in Kilonova

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A kilonova in the first neutron star merger GW170817 provided us with evidence that the merger ejects a large amount of neutron rich material. Despite the success of the very detailed observations, there remain unanswered questions. Non-LTE modelings of kilonovae likely play key roles to fully understand kilonovae. I will talk about the recent progress in non-LTE kilonova and discuss the implications of the non-LTE effects to the kilonova in GW170817 as well as to future observations.

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