

# Compact binary mergers: what else apart from gravitational waves?



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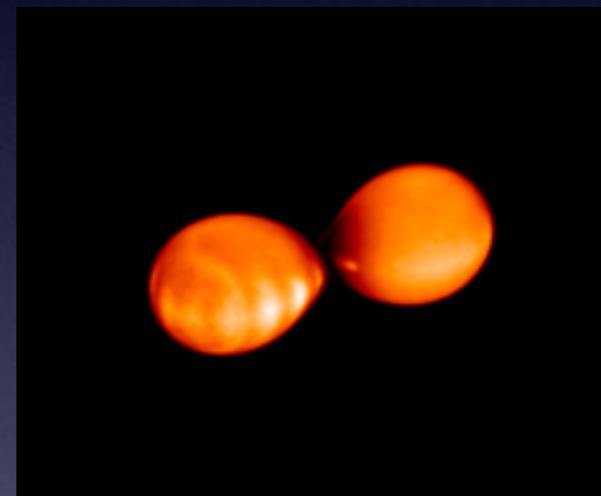
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⇒ “Detectability of compact binary merger macronovae”, arXiv:1611.09822

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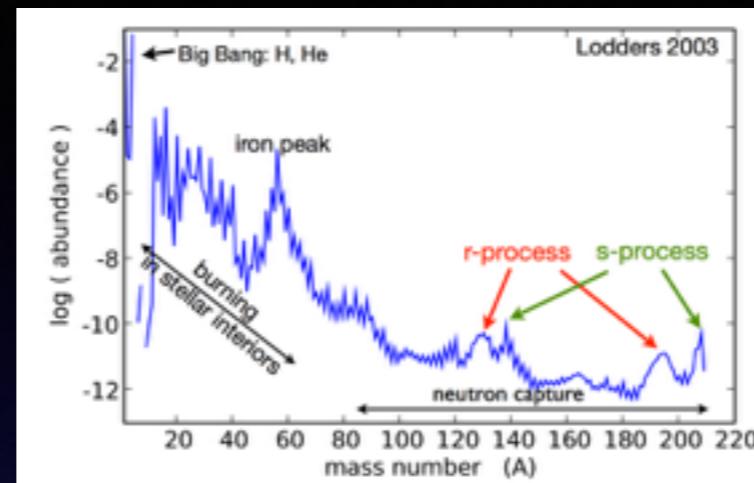
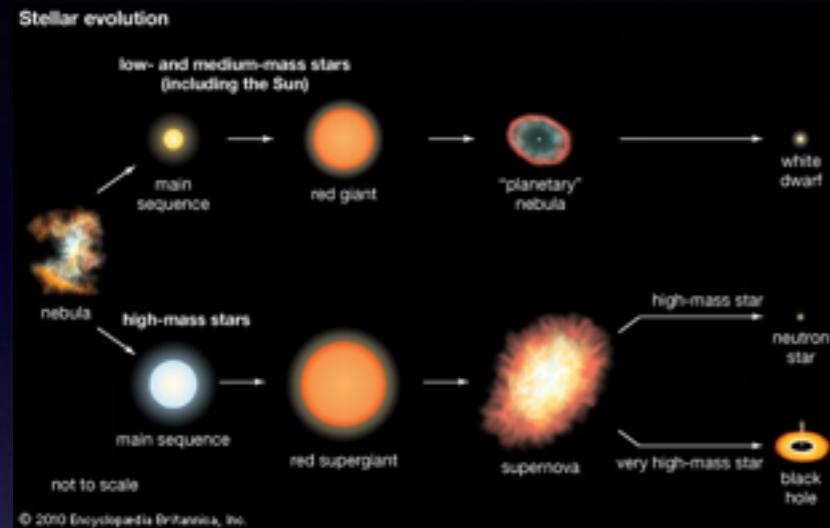
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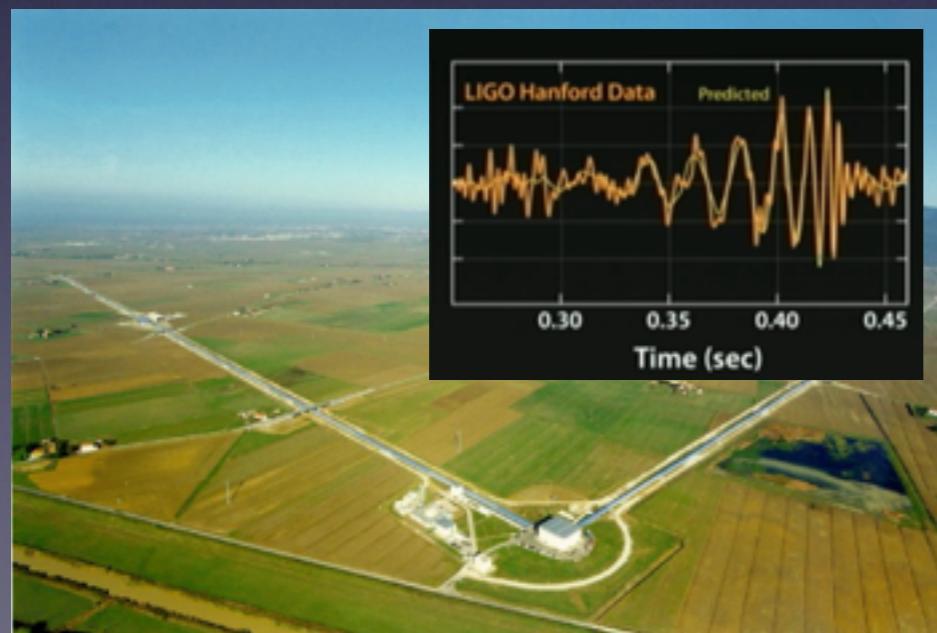
### Stellar (binary) evolution



### Chemical enrichment of the Cosmos



### Gravitational wave detection



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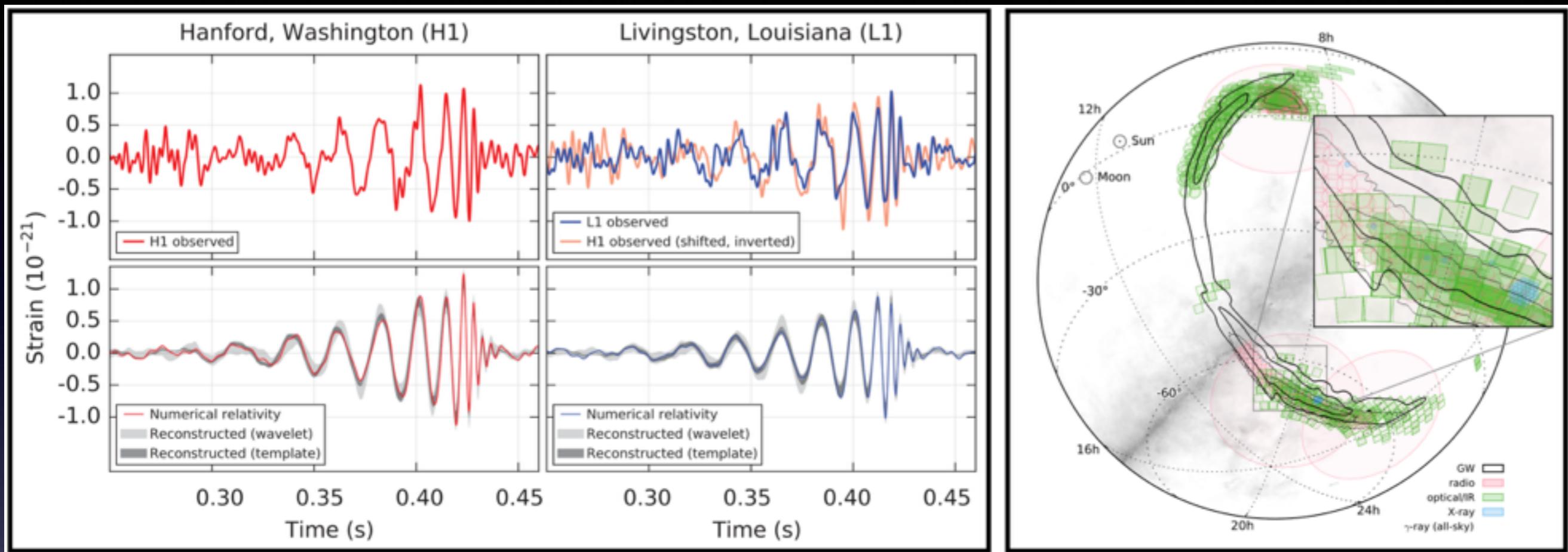


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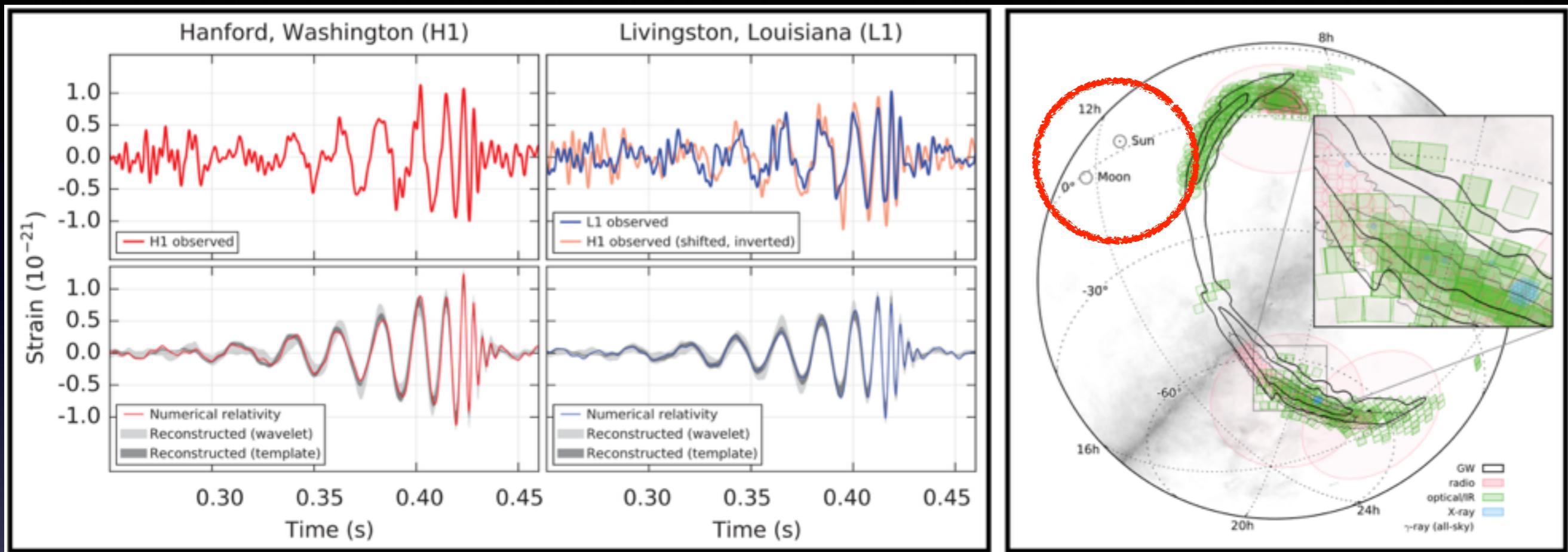
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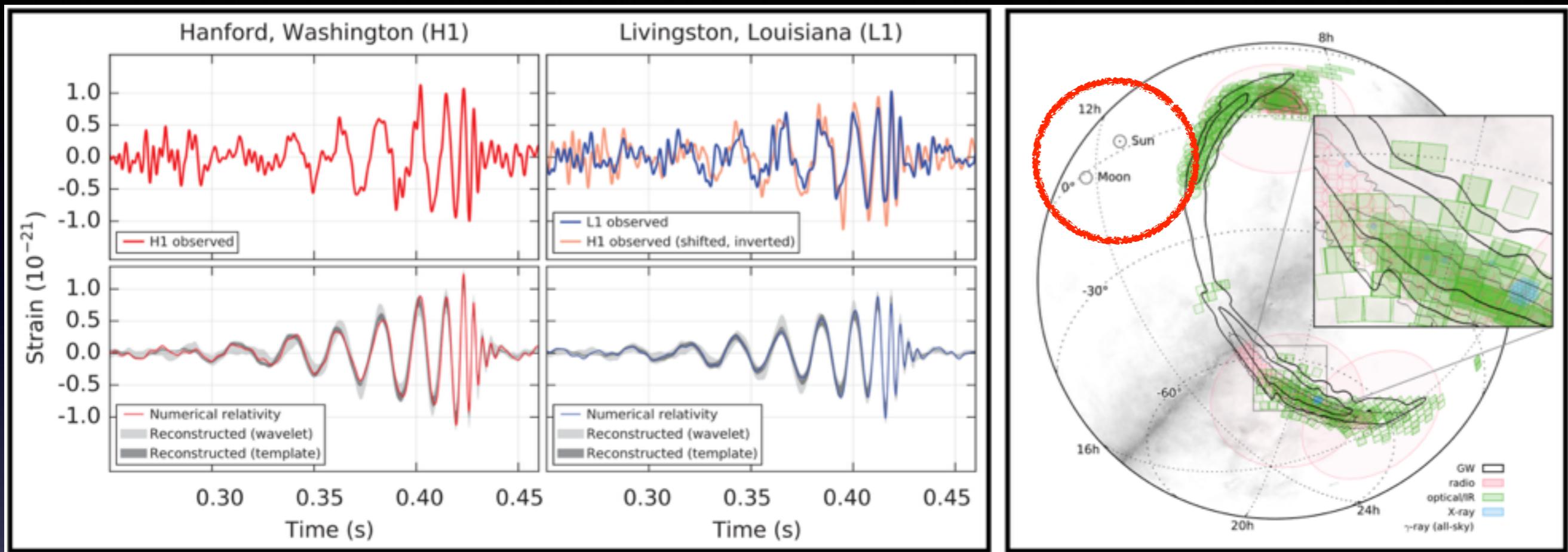
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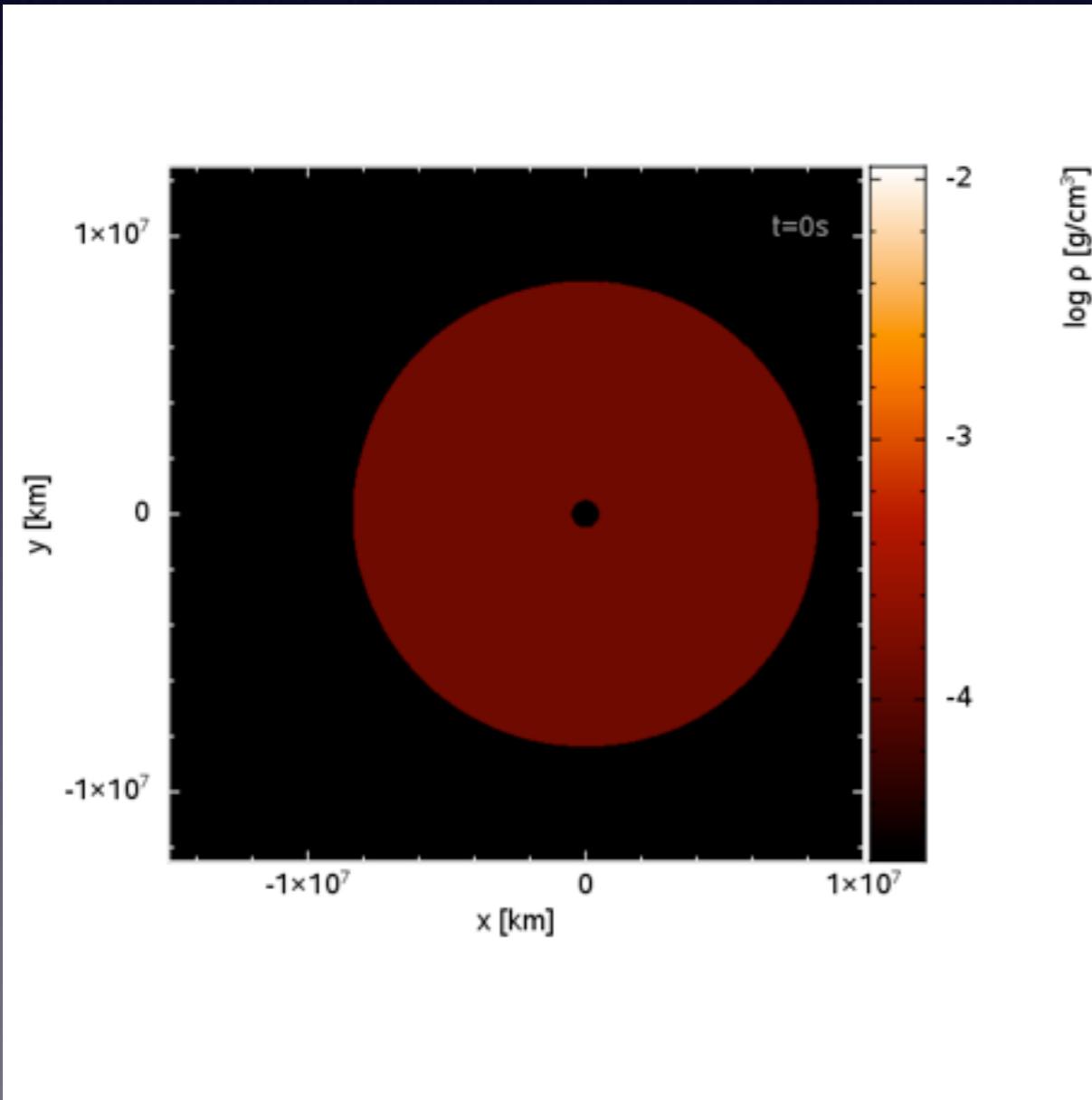
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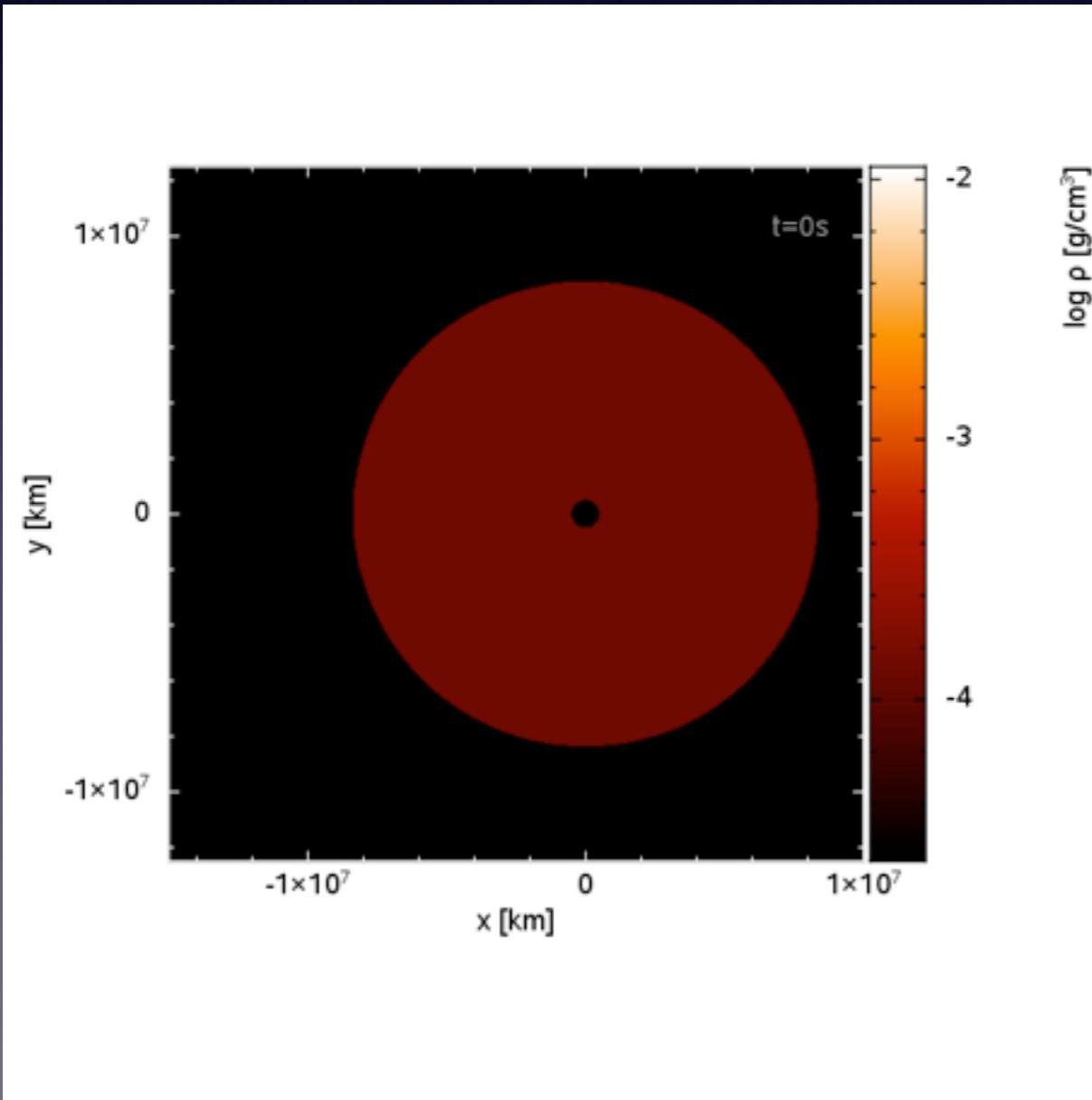
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for compact binaries involving neutron stars:

(1) Short Gamma-Ray Bursts

- collimated into  $\sim 8^\circ \Rightarrow$  detect  $\sim 1$  out of 70 bursts
- time scales  $\sim$  second



(2) Radioactively powered transients (“macronovae”)

- de-compressed neutron star matter forms heavy nuclei
- “cloud of radioactive, expanding matter”
- isotropic emission

time scales  $\sim$  days



(3) Radio flares

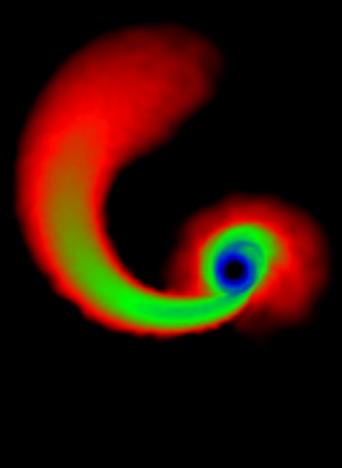
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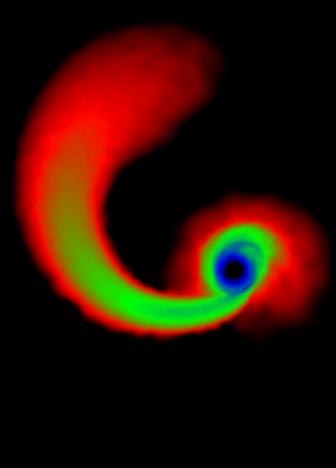
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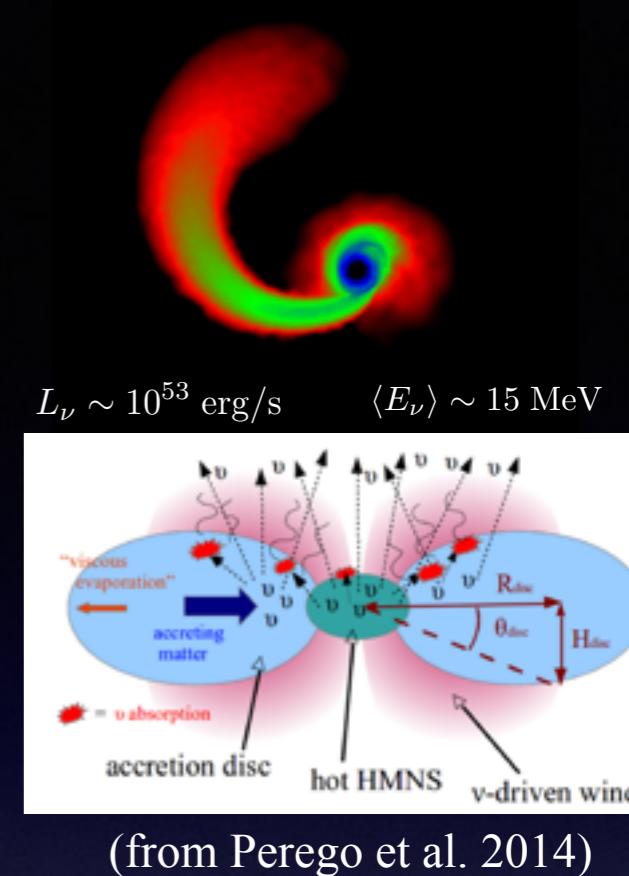
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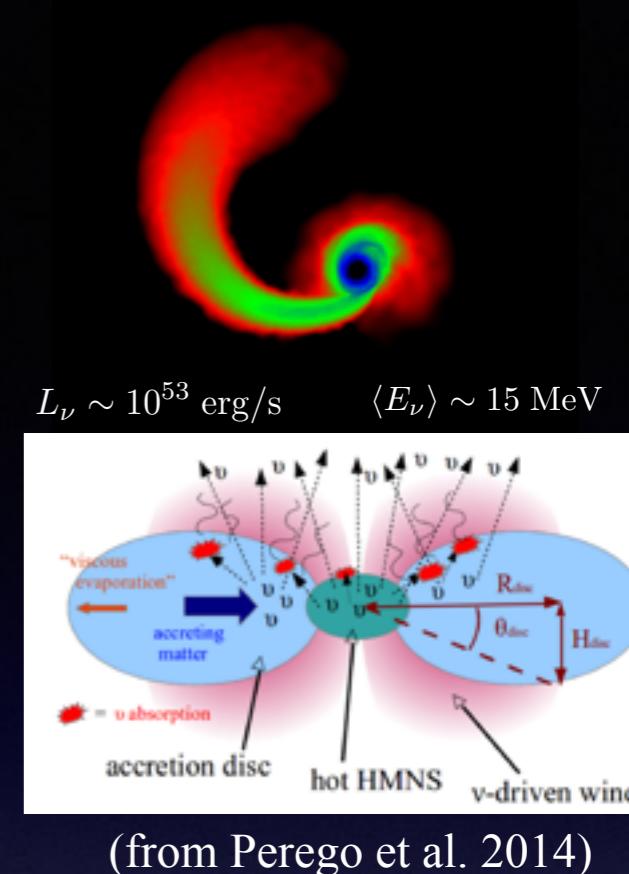
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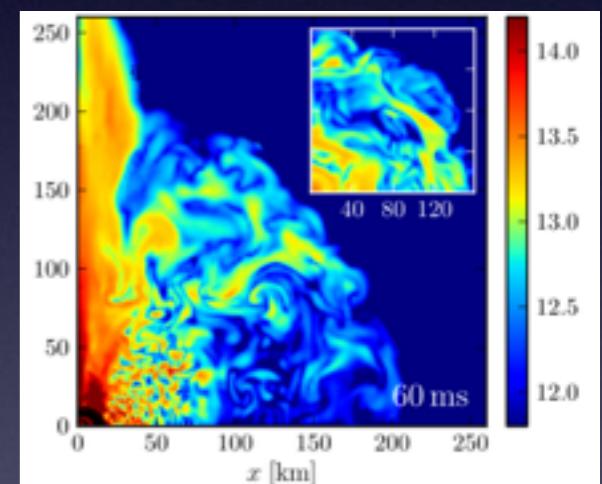
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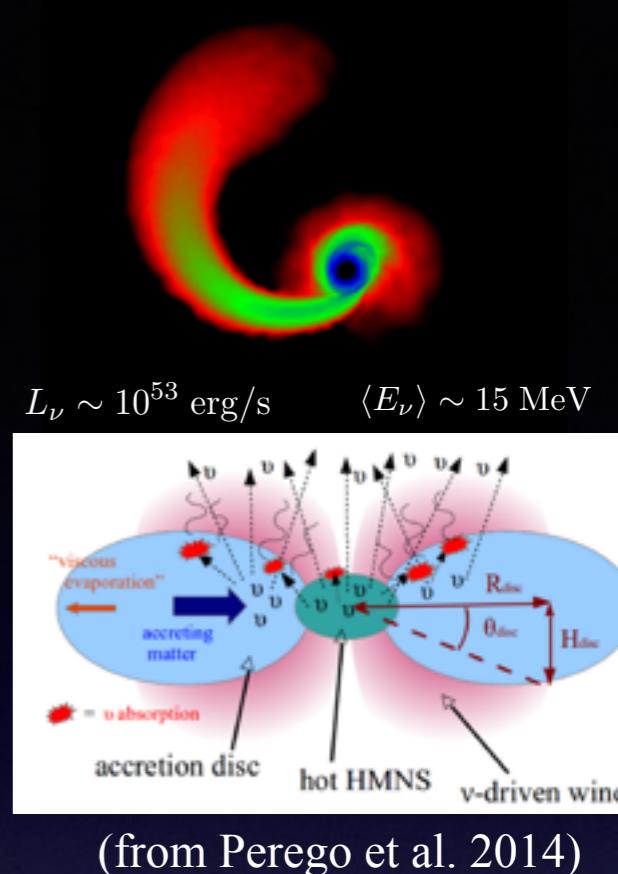
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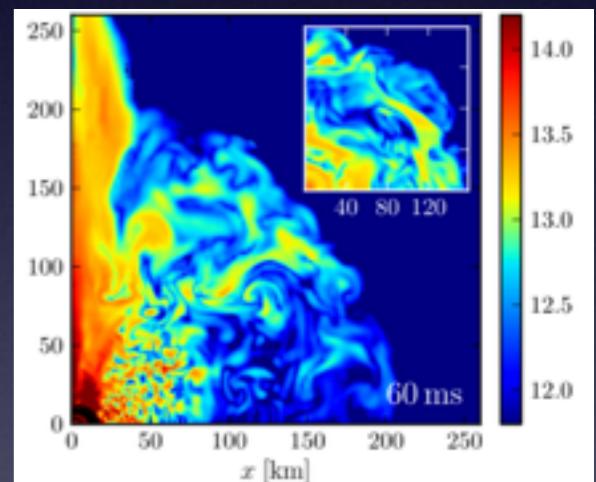
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- **torus unbinding** (viscous diss., nuclear recomb.):  
 $\sim 20\%$  of initial torus mass  
(Fernandez & Metzger 13, Just+ 15)
- **initial torus mass can be large!**

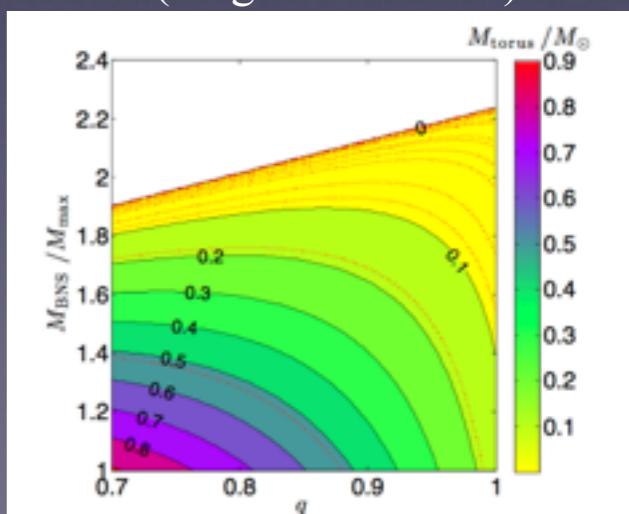
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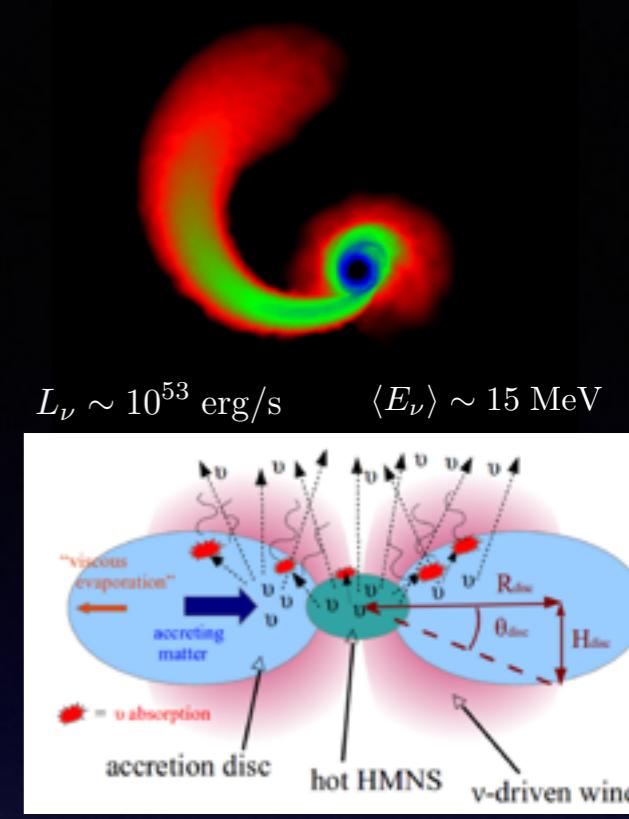


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- **mass loss “winds”**: - stay longer closer the central neutrino source  
 $\Rightarrow$  **electron fraction** driven towards equilibrium

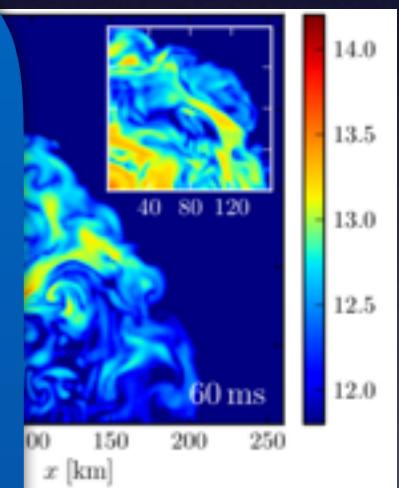
(Qian & Woosley 96)

$$Y_e^{\text{fin,wind}} \approx \left( 1 + \frac{L_{\bar{\nu}_e} \epsilon_{\bar{\nu}_e} - 2\Delta + 1.2\Delta^2/\epsilon_{\bar{\nu}_e}}{L_{\nu_e} \epsilon_{\nu_e} + 2\Delta + 1.2\Delta^2/\epsilon_{\nu_e}} \right)^{-1} \sim 0.3$$

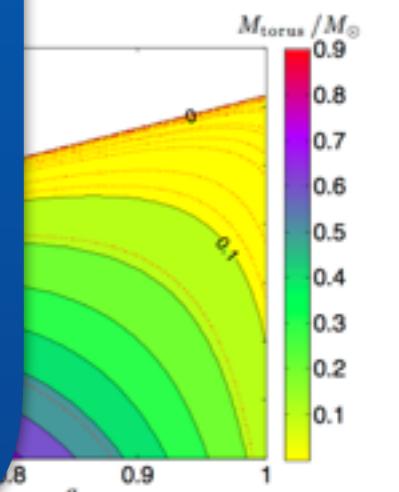
- **torus**
  - different velocities

$\Rightarrow$  **different nucleosynthesis**

$\Rightarrow$  **different EM-transients**



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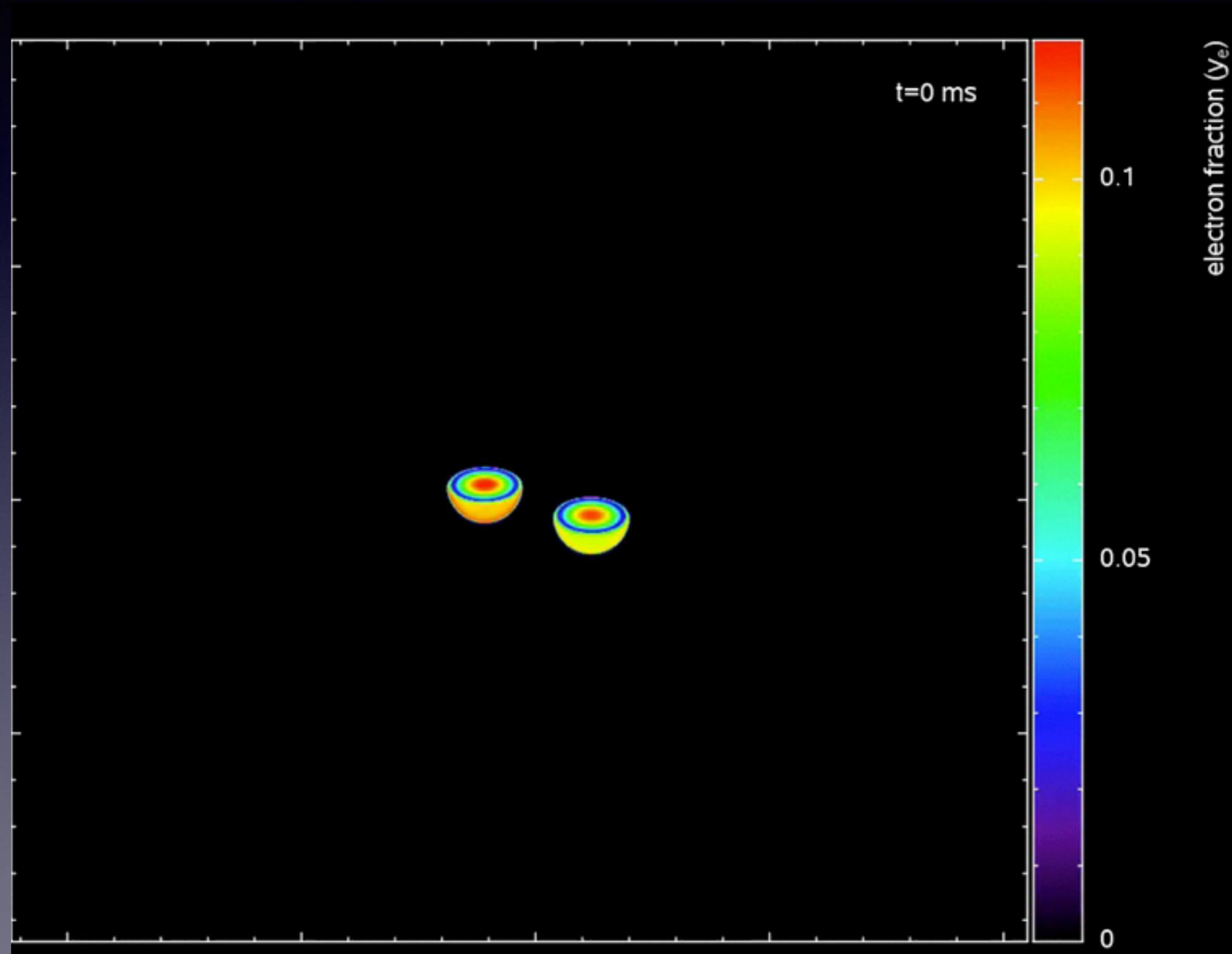
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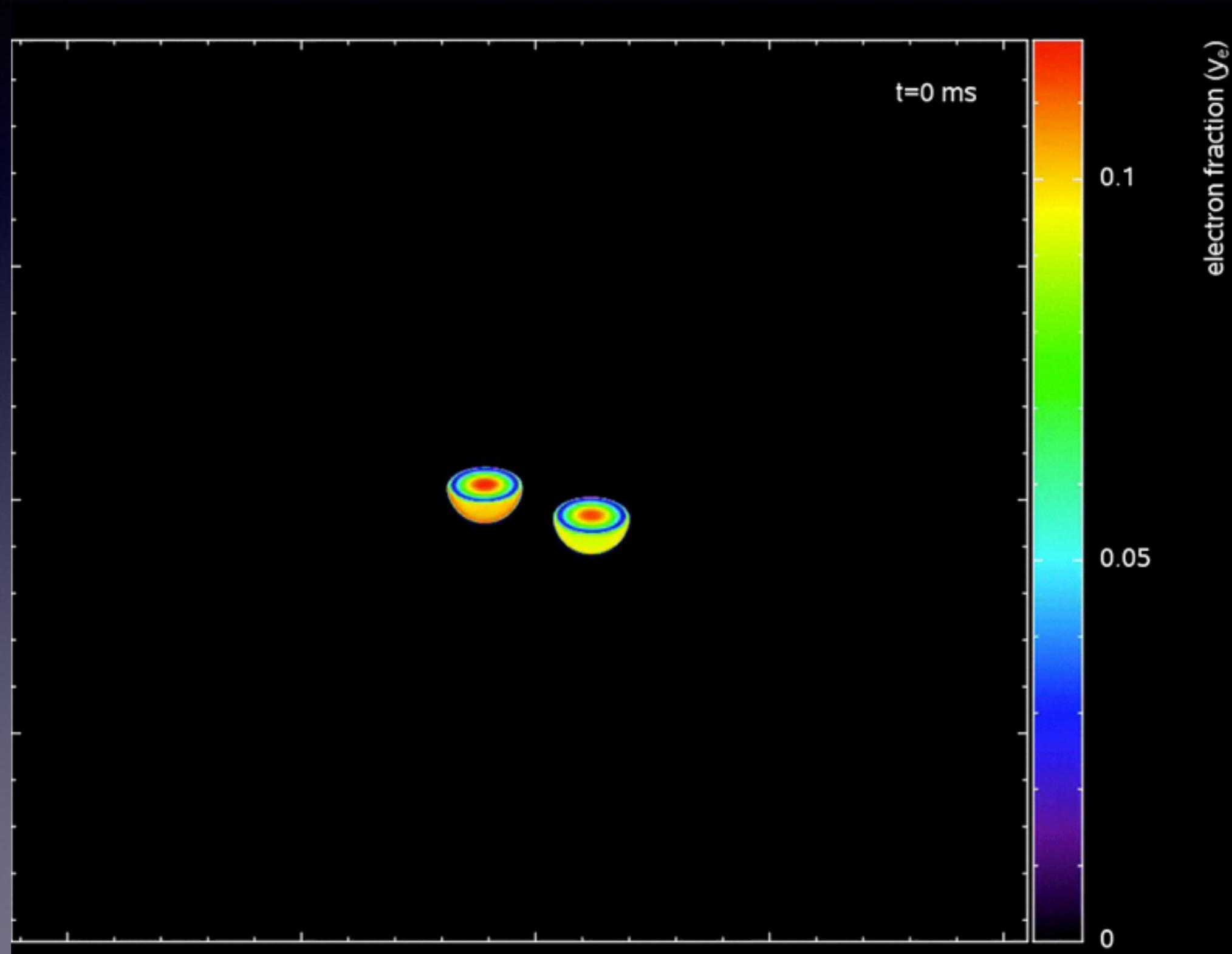
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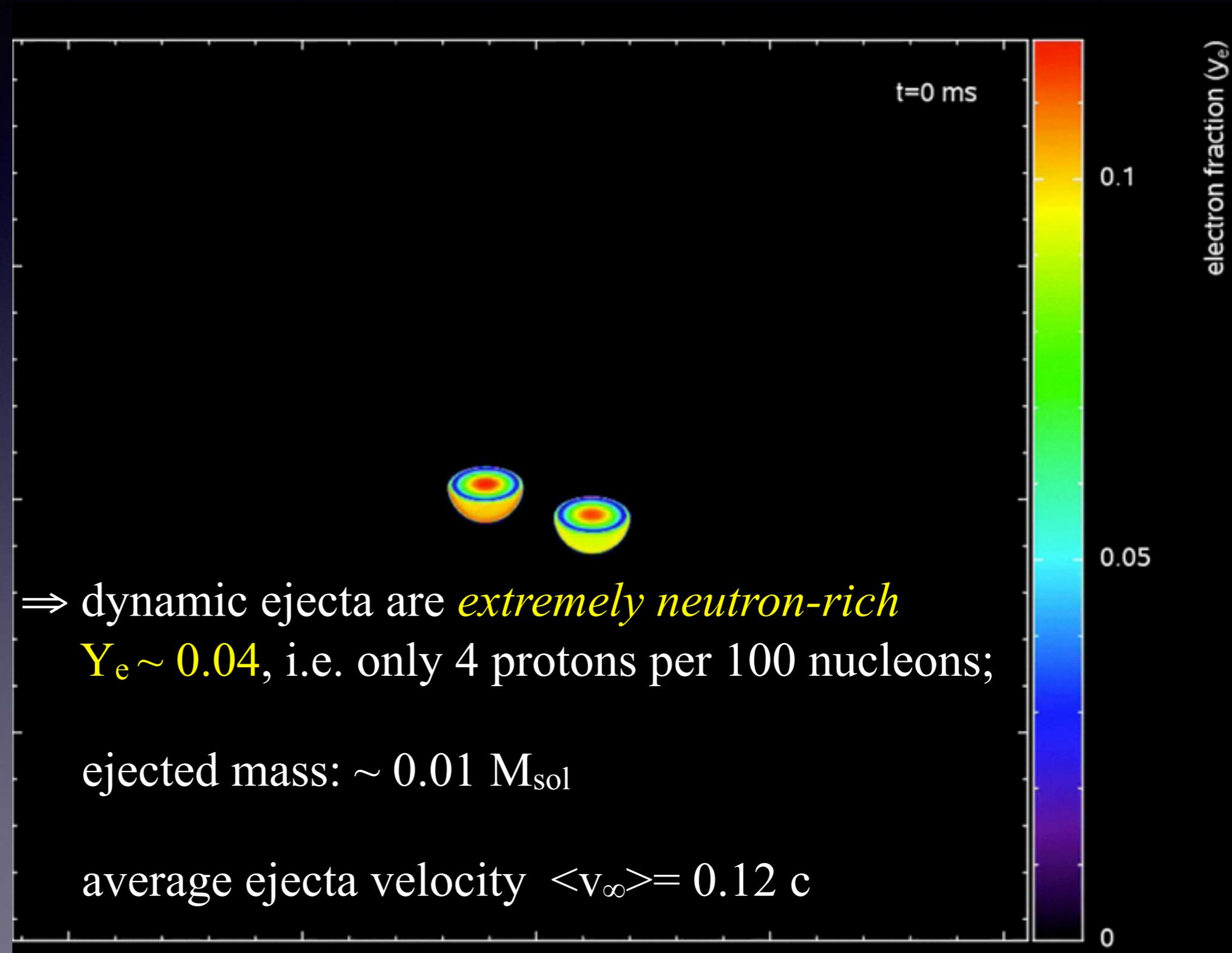
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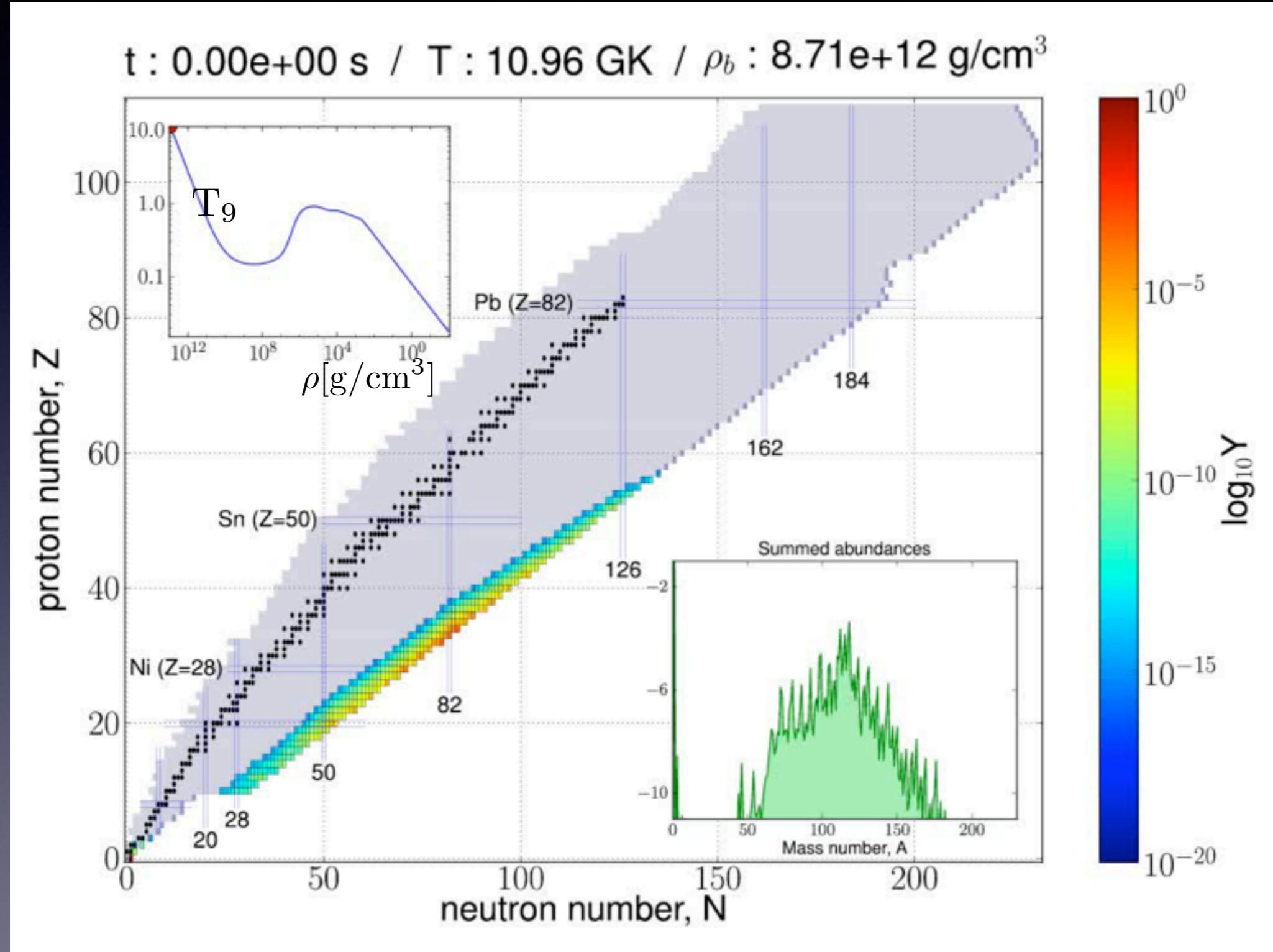
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## Resulting abundances

- “Punchlines”
  1. all binaries reach the “platinum peak” ( $A=195$ ) without any tuning, not much below  $A \sim 130$
  2. the abundance pattern is extremely robust with respect to astrophysics:
    - A. all mass ratios (even NSBH-systems) deliver the same pattern
    - B.  $Y_e \lesssim 0.25$  needed for 3rd r-process peak (“platinum peak”)
  3. sensitivity to nuclear physics  $\Rightarrow$  e.g. talks Eichler, Giuliani, Surman, Wu
  4. tidal dynamic ejecta component delivers very low- $Y_e$  material ( $Y_e \sim 0.04$ ), likely complemented by higher  $Y_e$  components ( $v$ -driven wind, disk evaporation etc.)

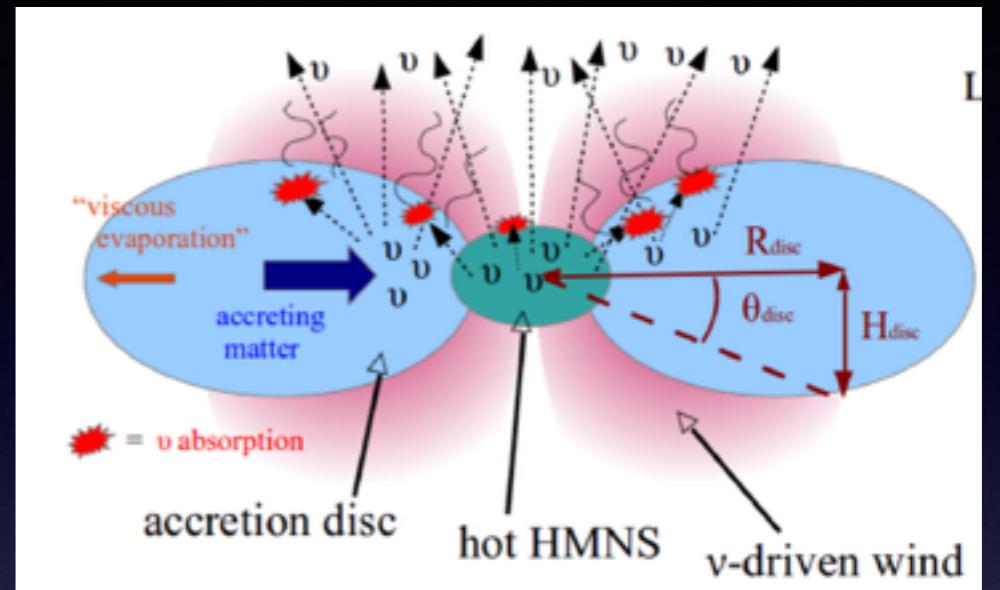
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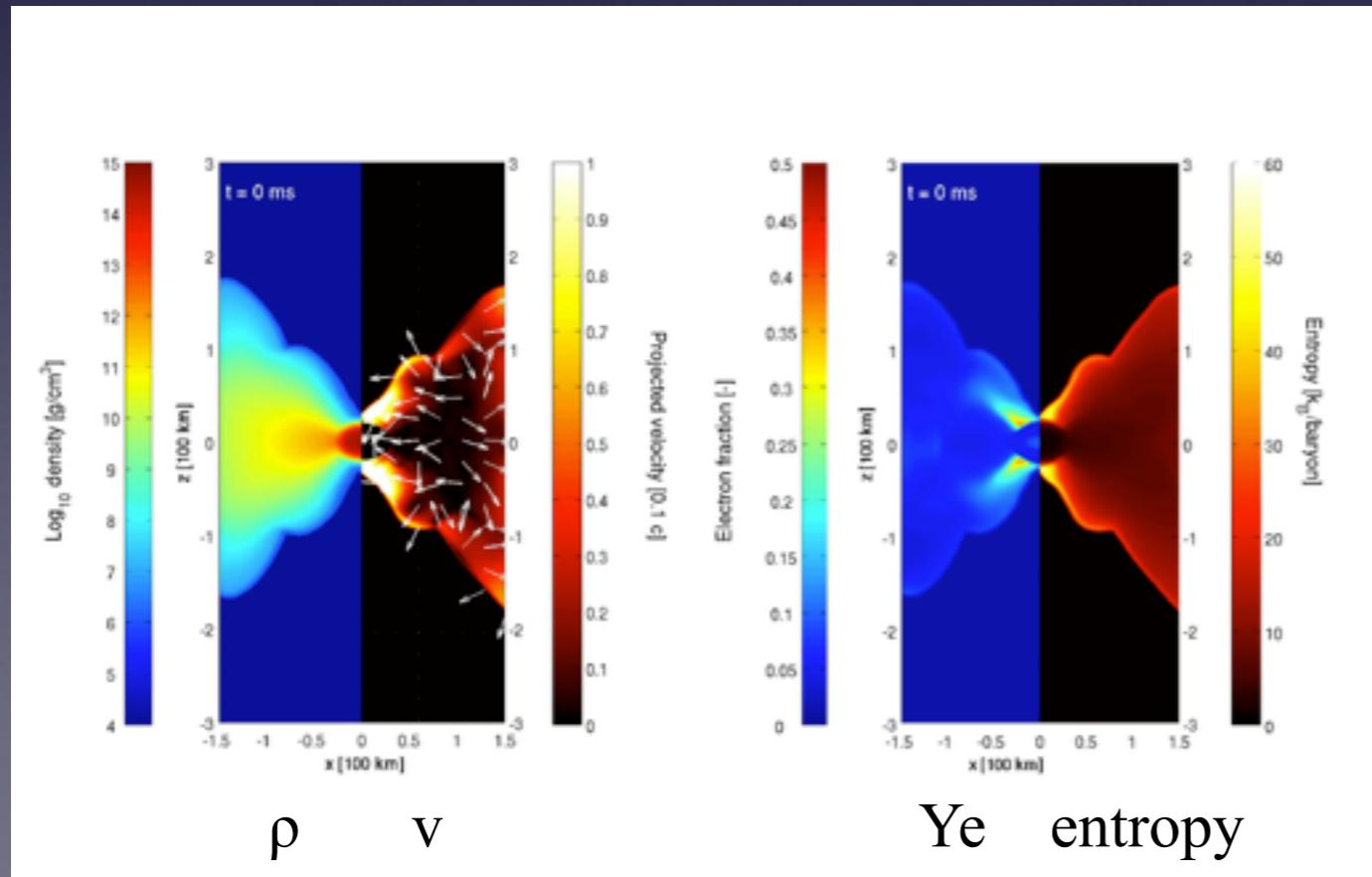
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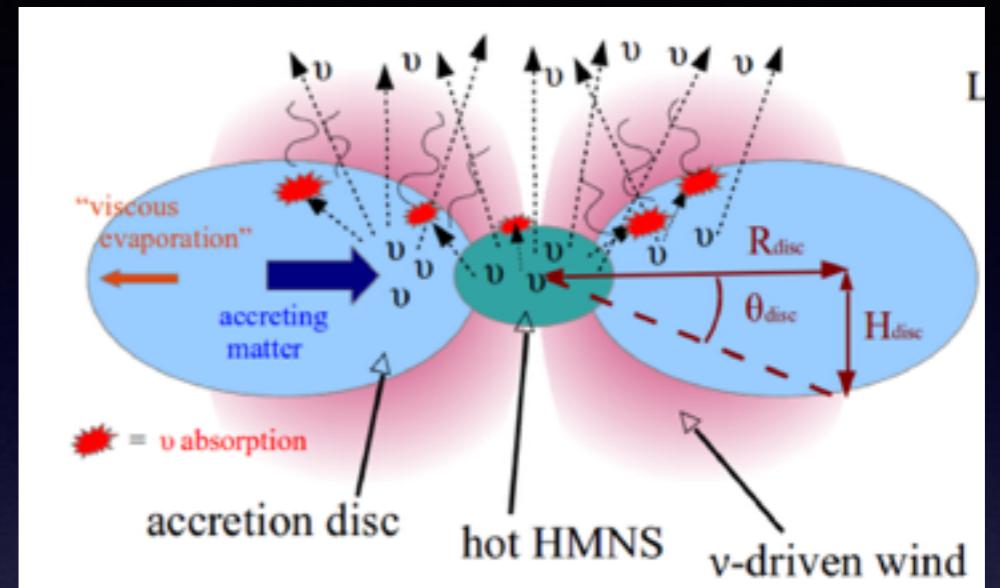
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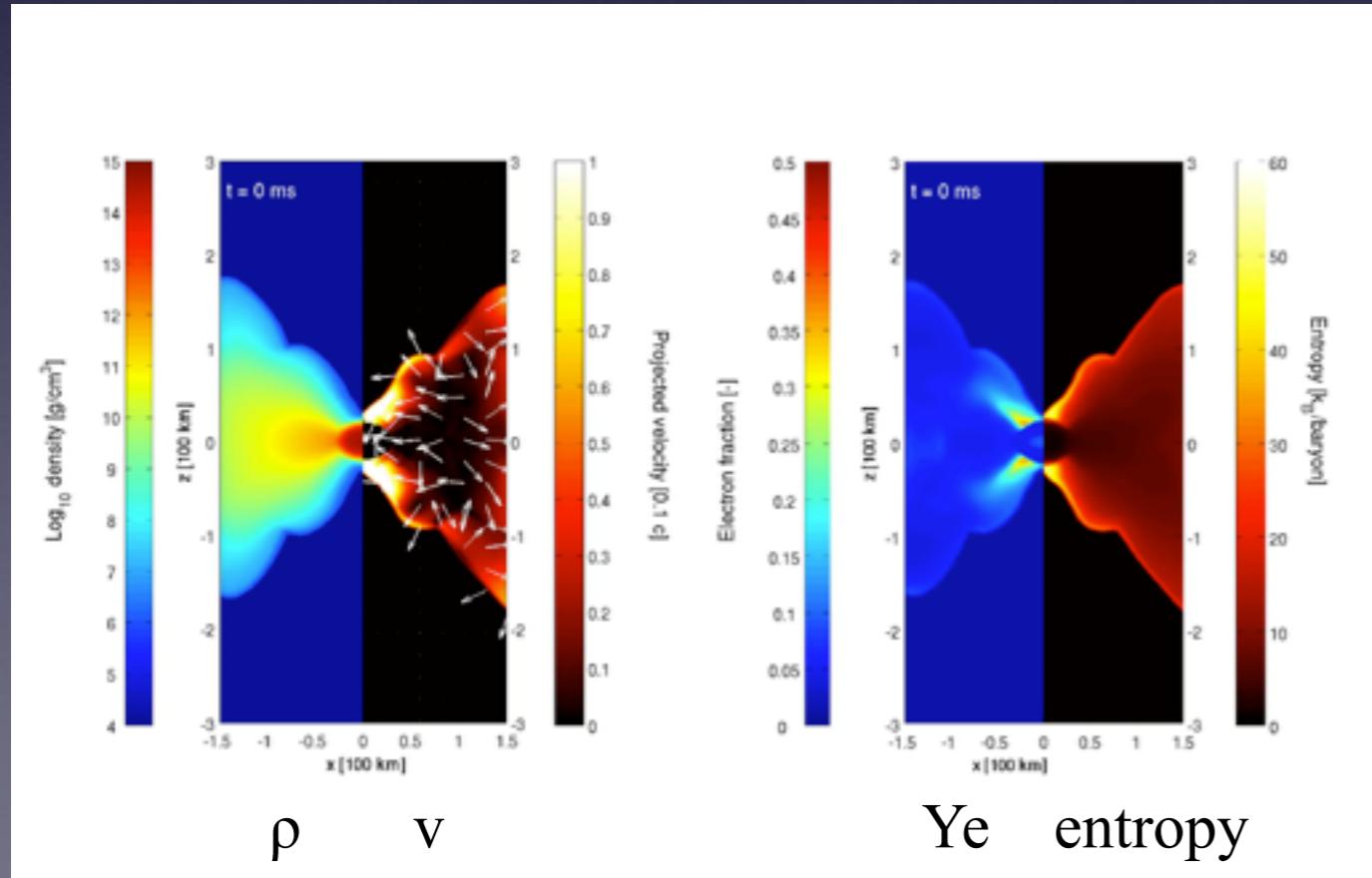
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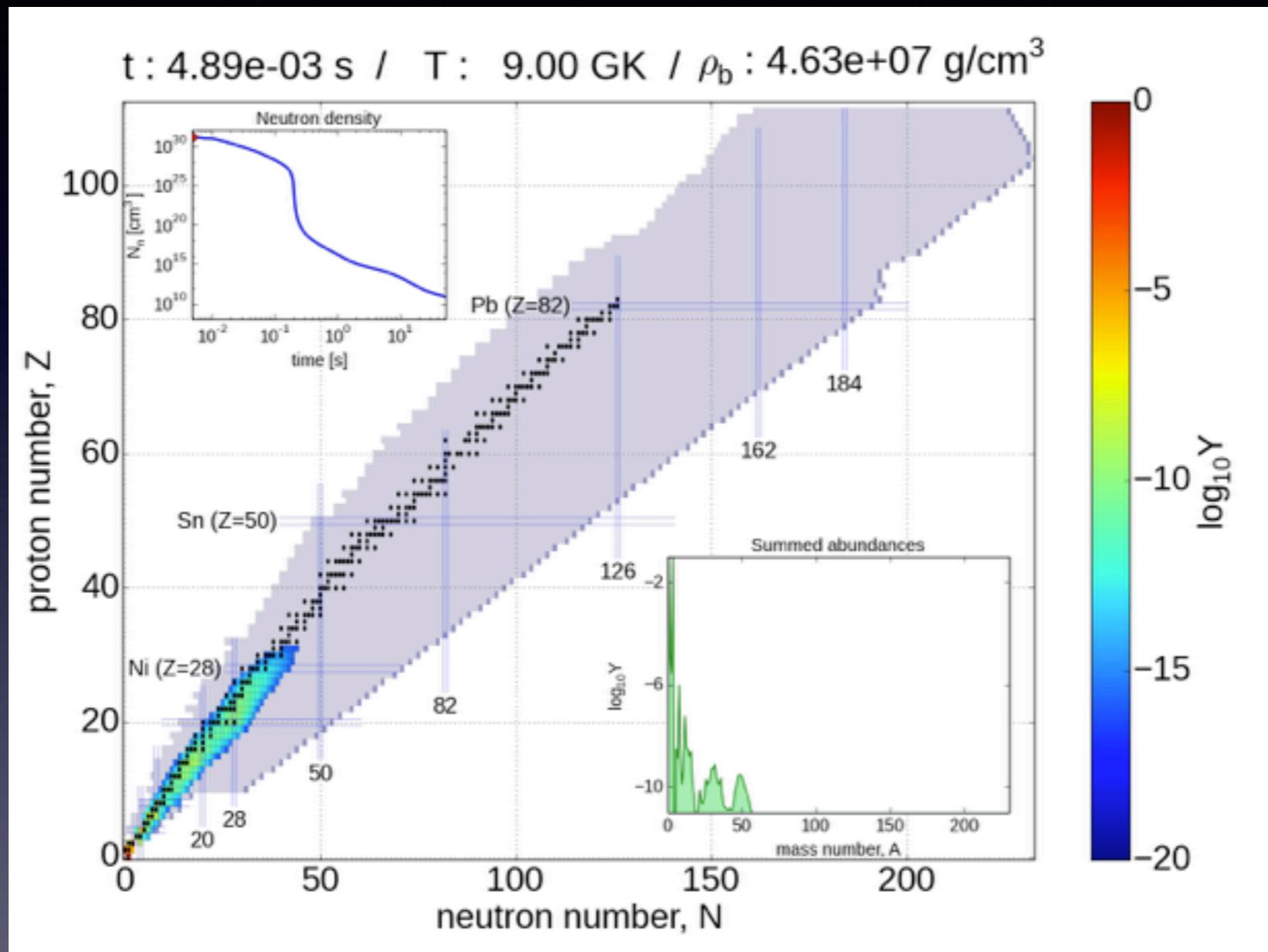
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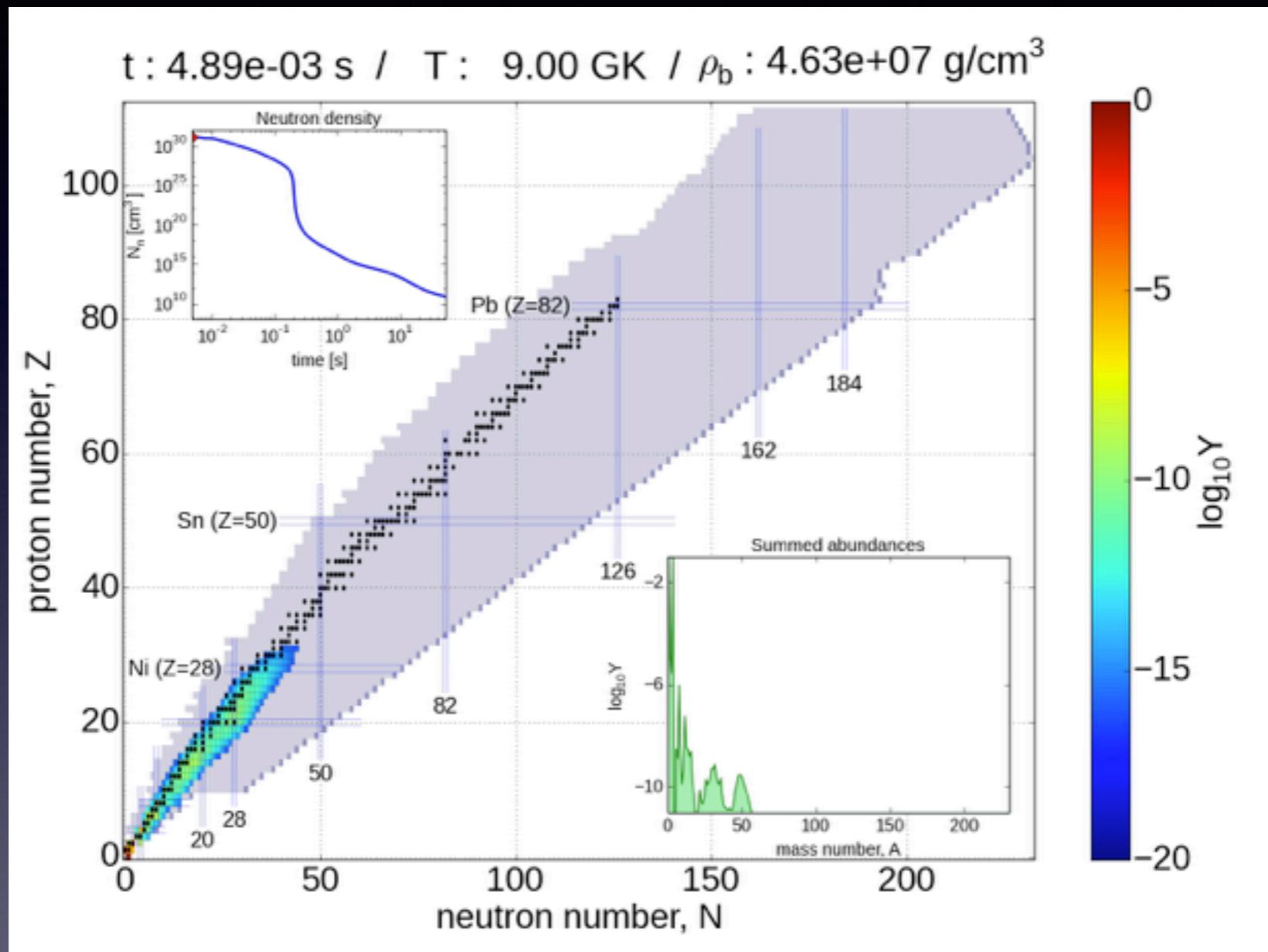


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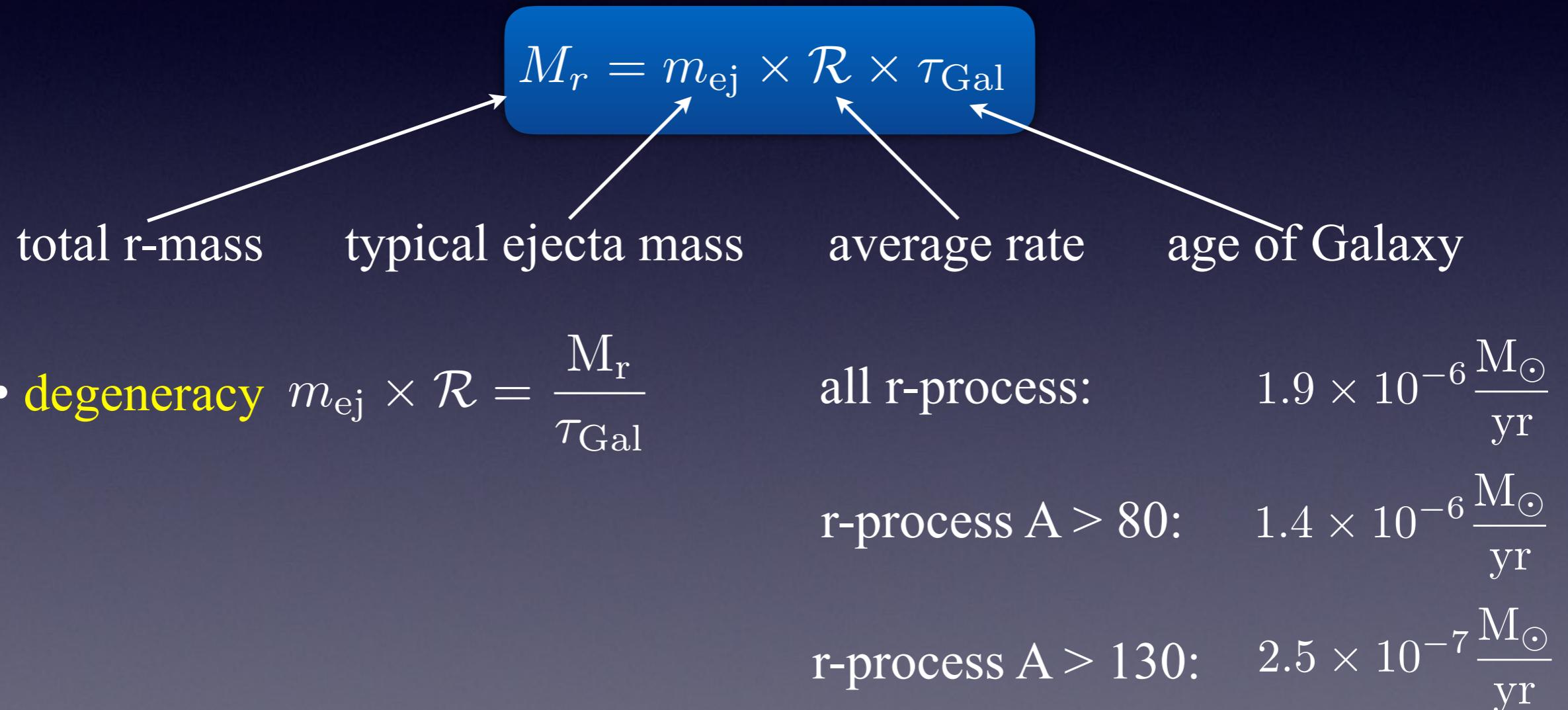
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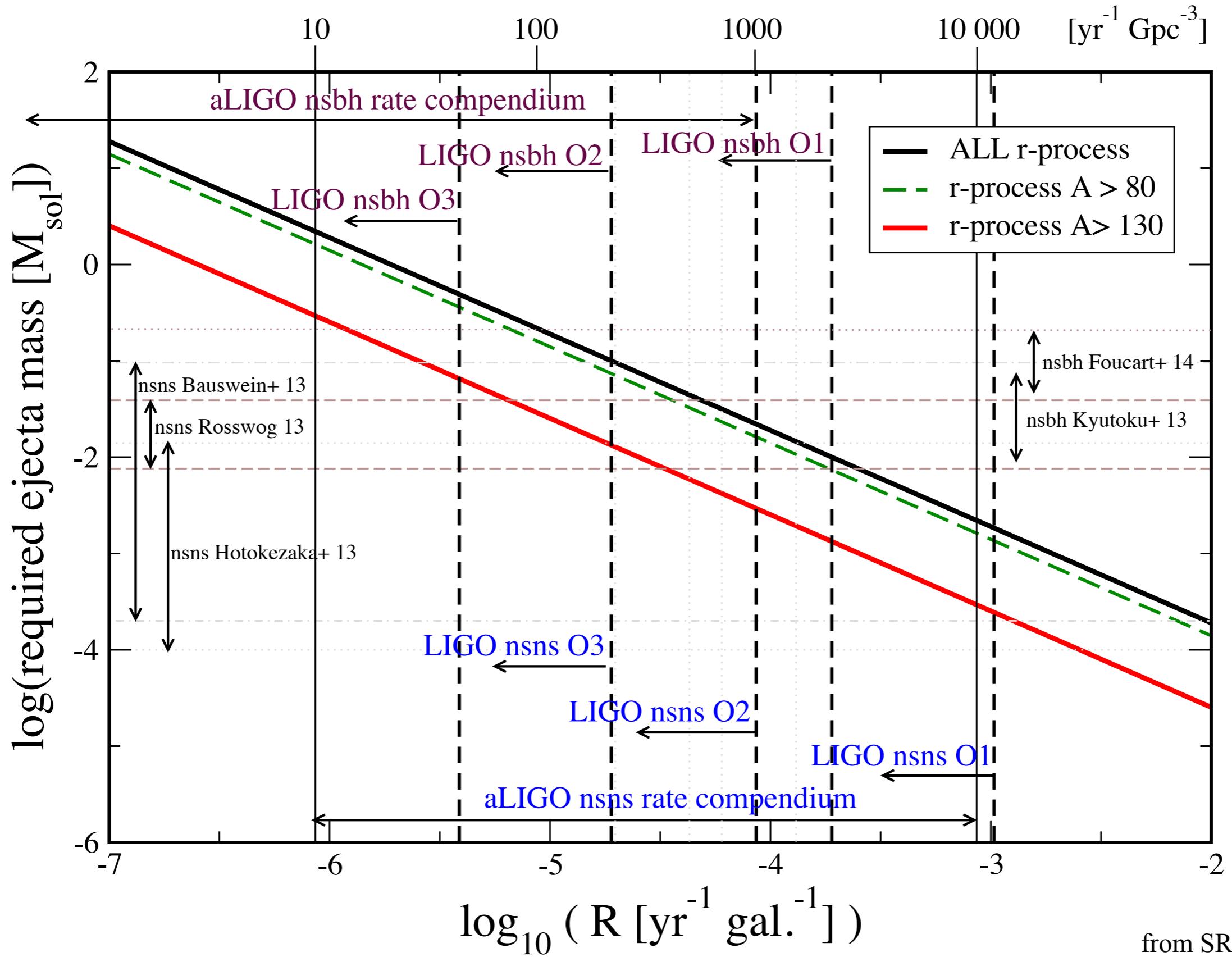
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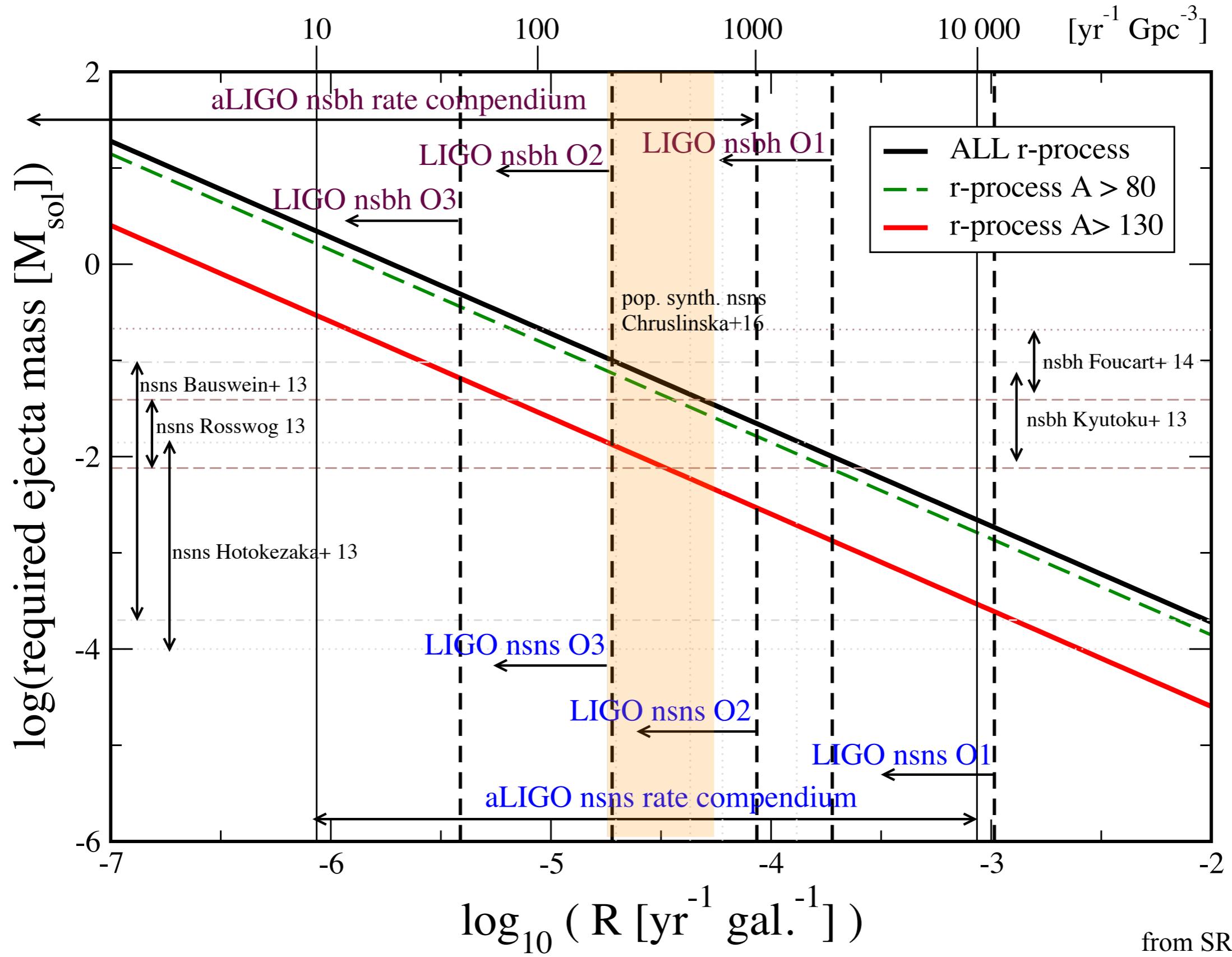
⇒ “rare high-mass (e.g. NSNS merger) or frequent low-mass events (like supernovae) ?”

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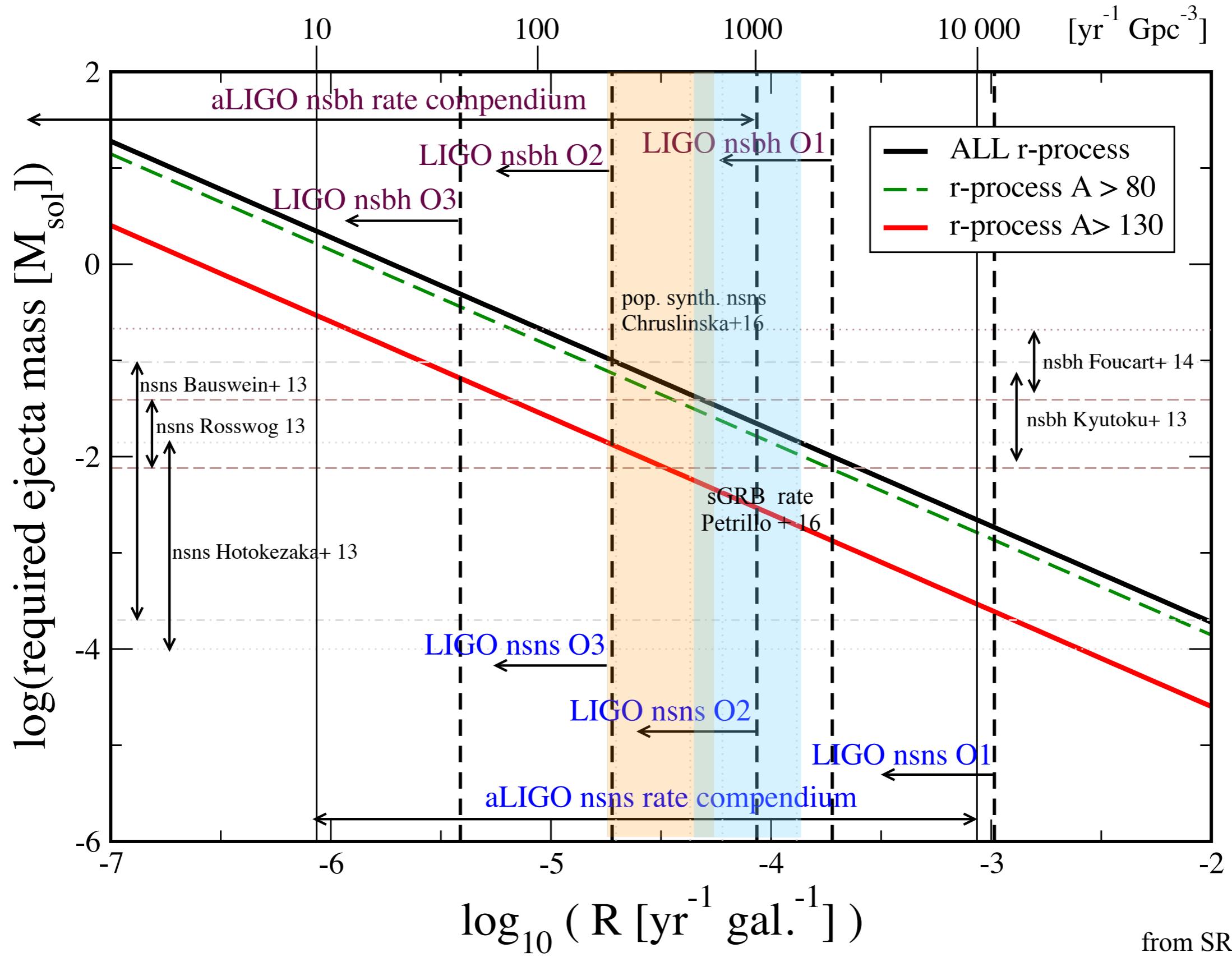
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### III. Macronovae (MN)

use here two simple models, i.e. no full radiative transfer ( $\Rightarrow$  talk Ryan Wollager):

#### macronova model I:

(Grossman++ 14)

- spher. symmetric, homologously expanding  $\rho$ -profile
- “radiating volume”: above “diffusion surface” ( $\tau_{\text{dyn}} = \tau_{\text{diff}}$ )
- nuclear heating rate direct from nuclear network
- “Finite Range Droplet Model” (FRDM) for nuclear mass (Moeller++ 95)
- constant thermalization used  $f= 0.5$
- BB-spectrum with effective temperature of the photosphere ( $\tau_{\text{ph}}=2/3$ )
- opacities:
  - dynamic ejecta:  $\kappa= 10 \text{ cm}^2/\text{g}$  (Kasen+13, Barnes+13)
  - “wind” ejecta:  $\kappa= 1 \text{ cm}^2/\text{g}$  (Grossman+14)

#### macronova model II:

like model I, BUT:

- either FRDM mass model or Duflo-Zuker (DZ31, Duflo-Zuker 95)
- time-dependent thermalization efficiencies for each species according to the model developed by Barnes et al. 16

## III.2 Explored parameter space

### Dynamic ejecta nsns- & nsbh mergers

lanthanide + actinides > 20% of mass

**Dynamic ejecta NSNS mergers**

Run	$m_1$ [ $M_\odot$ ]	$m_2$ [ $M_\odot$ ]	$t_{\text{end}}$ [ms]	$m_{\text{ej}}$ [ $10^{-2} M_\odot$ ]	$\langle v_{\text{ej},\infty} \rangle$ [c]	$m_{\text{ej,max}}$ [ $10^{-2} M_\odot$ ]	$X_{\text{lan}}$ [ $10^{-2}$ ]	$X_{\text{act}}$ [ $10^{-2}$ ]
N1	1.2	1.2	32.1	0.79	0.12	3.17	17.22	5.06
N2	1.3	1.3	31.1	1.26	0.11	2.70	17.01	5.69
N3	1.4	1.4	38.3	0.84	0.11	2.25	17.93	6.03
N4	1.2	1.4	30.6	1.59	0.11	2.92	17.82	5.39
N5	1.4	1.8	25.3	3.40	0.12	4.76	16.90	7.57

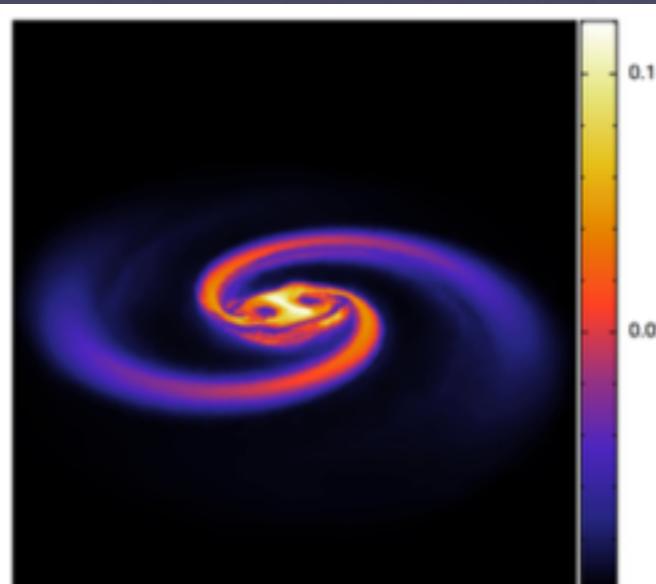
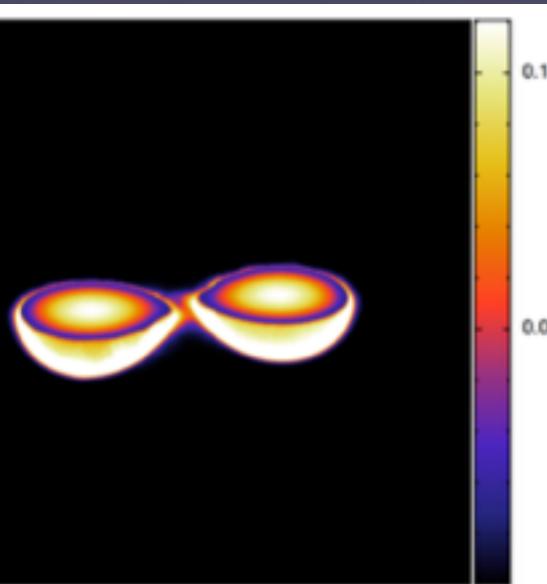
**Dynamic ejecta NSBH mergers**

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B1	1.4	7.0	0.7	4.0	0.20	19.87	4.10	Foucart et al. (2014), run M14-7-S7
B2	1.4	7.0	0.9	7.0	0.18	19.27	4.83	Foucart et al. (2014), run M14-7-S9
B3	1.2	7.0	0.9	16.0	0.25	19.48	4.64	Foucart et al. (2014), run M14-7-S9

$m_{\text{ej}}$  up to  $\sim 0.04 M_\odot$

$q=0.78$   
compare with  
J0453+1559:  $q=0.75$

$m_{\text{ej}}$  up to  $\sim 0.16 M_\odot$



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from SR++ (2016)

# (parametrized) winds

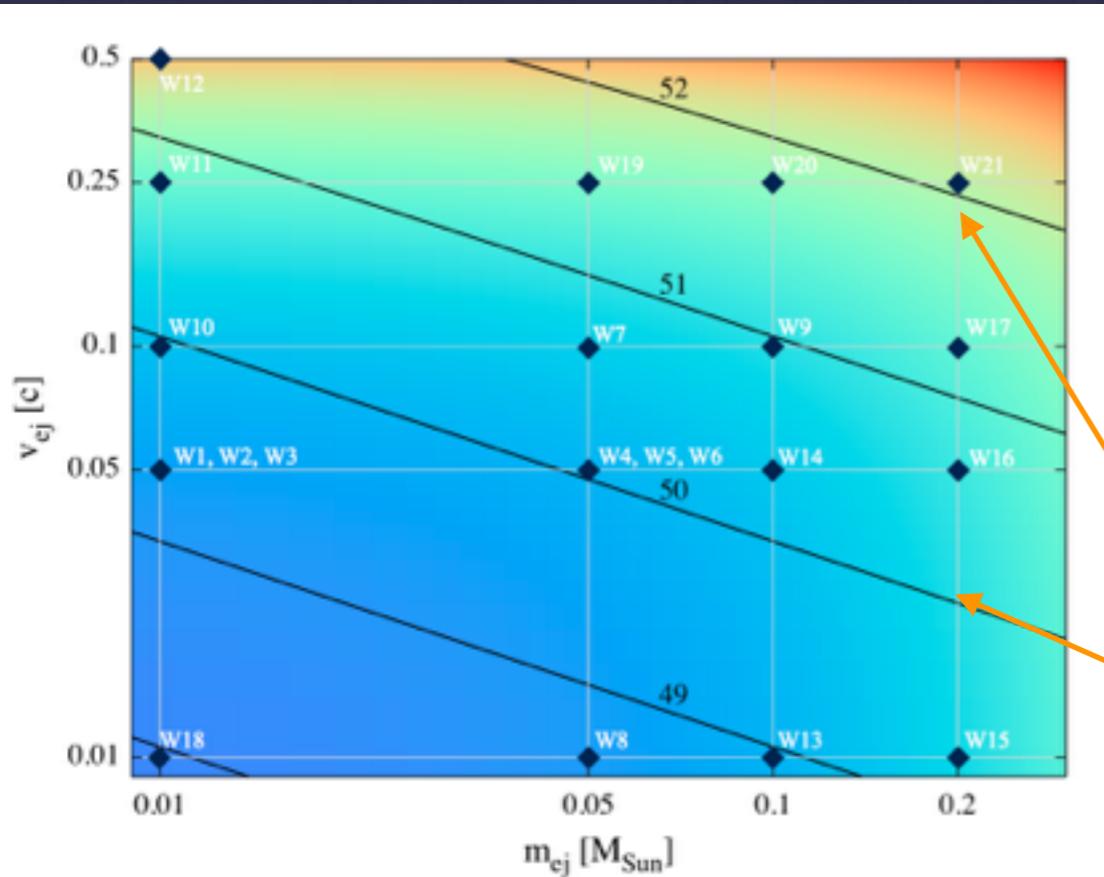
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wind 1	0.01	0.30	0.05	$2.2 \times 10^{49}$	$1.61 \times 10^{-7}$	$< 10^{-15}$	insp. by Perego et al. (2014)
wind 2	0.01	0.25	0.05	$2.2 \times 10^{49}$	$6.30 \times 10^{-5}$	$< 10^{-15}$	insp. by Perego et al. (2014)
wind 3	0.01	0.35	0.05	$2.2 \times 10^{49}$	$< 10^{-15}$	$< 10^{-15}$	insp. by Perego et al. (2014)
wind 4	0.05	0.25	0.05	$1.1 \times 10^{50}$	$2.41 \times 10^{-4}$	$< 10^{-15}$	unb. disk material
wind 5	0.05	0.30	0.05	$1.1 \times 10^{50}$	$2.45 \times 10^{-7}$	$< 10^{-15}$	unb. disk material; low-viscosity
wind 6	0.05	0.35	0.05	$1.1 \times 10^{50}$	$< 10^{-15}$	$< 10^{-15}$	unb. disk material; low-viscosity
wind 7	0.05	0.35	0.10	$1.8 \times 10^{49}$	$1.86 \times 10^{-5}$	$< 10^{-15}$	
wind 8	0.05	0.30	0.01	$4.5 \times 10^{48}$	$1.57 \times 10^{-4}$	$< 10^{-15}$	
wind 9	0.10	0.25	0.10	$9.0 \times 10^{50}$	$7.70 \times 10^{-5}$	$< 10^{-15}$	
wind 10	0.01	0.25	0.10	$9.0 \times 10^{49}$	$3.49 \times 10^{-5}$	$< 10^{-15}$	
wind 11	0.01	0.25	0.25	$5.9 \times 10^{50}$	$2.13 \times 10^{-2}$	$6.34 \times 10^{-6}$	
wind 12	0.01	0.25	0.50	$2.8 \times 10^{51}$	$7.50 \times 10^{-2}$	$1.66 \times 10^{-3}$	
wind 13	0.10	0.35	0.01	$8.9 \times 10^{48}$	$< 10^{-15}$	$< 10^{-15}$	
wind 14	0.10	0.30	0.05	$2.3 \times 10^{50}$	$1.35 \times 10^{-7}$	$< 10^{-15}$	
wind 15	0.20	0.35	0.01	$1.8 \times 10^{49}$	$< 10^{-15}$	$< 10^{-15}$	
wind 16	0.20	0.30	0.05	$4.5 \times 10^{50}$	$8.39 \times 10^{-8}$	$< 10^{-15}$	
wind 17	0.20	0.25	0.10	$1.8 \times 10^{51}$	$1.27 \times 10^{-4}$	$< 10^{-15}$	
wind 18	0.01	0.35	0.01	$8.9 \times 10^{47}$	$< 10^{-15}$	$< 10^{-15}$	
wind 19	0.05	0.25	0.25	$2.9 \times 10^{51}$	$3.91 \times 10^{-4}$	$< 10^{-15}$	
wind 20	0.10	0.25	0.25	$5.8 \times 10^{51}$	$4.95 \times 10^{-5}$	$< 10^{-15}$	
wind 21	0.20	0.25	0.25	$1.1 \times 10^{52}$	$3.20 \times 10^{-5}$	$< 10^{-15}$	

“v-wind inspired”

“disk evaporation inspired”

explore “unknown” parameter space



parameters of wind model:

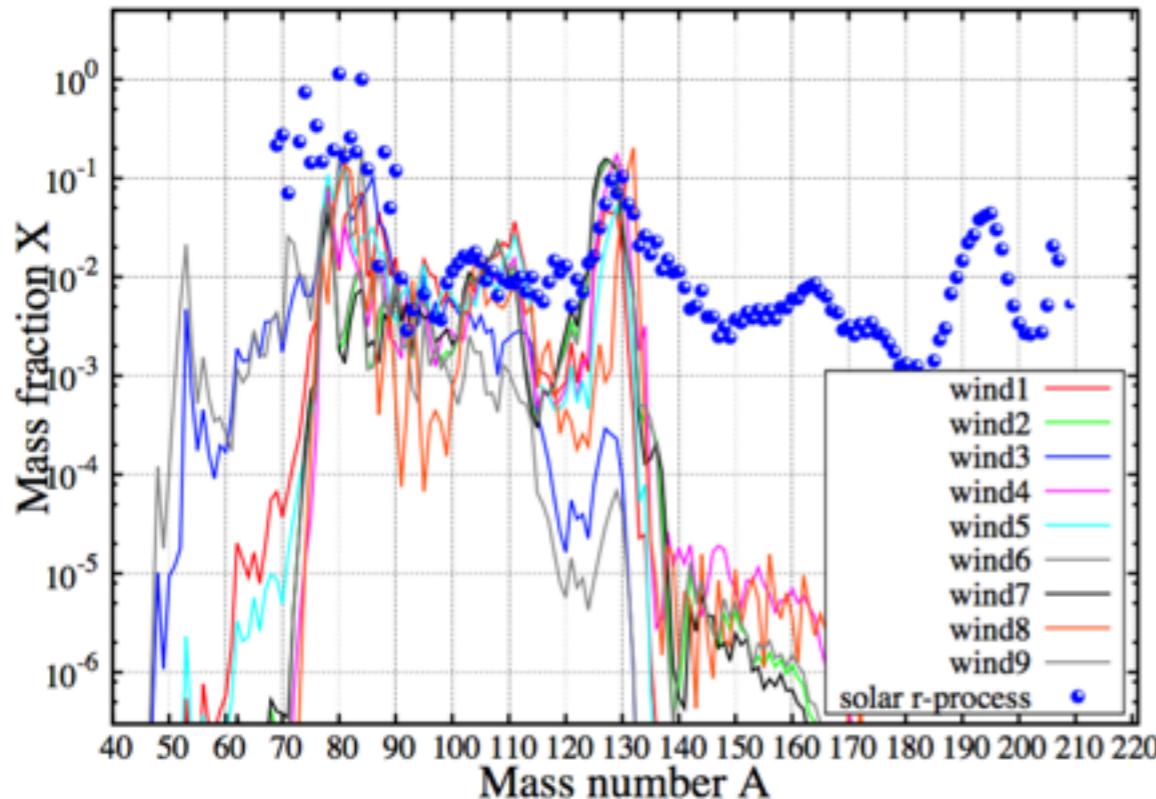
- mass:  $0.01 \dots 0.2 M_\odot$
- velocity:  $0.01 \dots 0.50 c$
- electron fraction:  $0.25 \dots 0.35$
- entropy:  $15 \text{ kB/bar.}$

Log(kinetic energy)

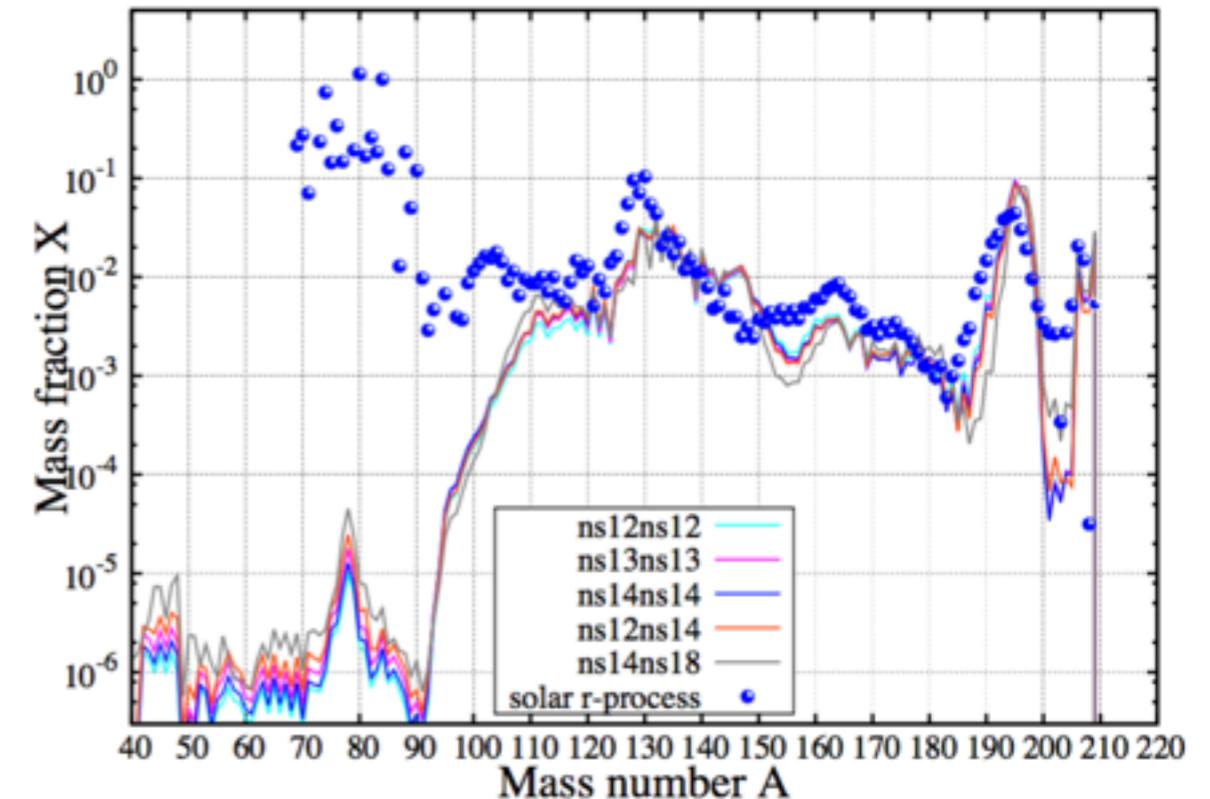
from SR++ (2016)

(broad-brush) nucleosynthesis:

“winds”



“dynamic ejecta”



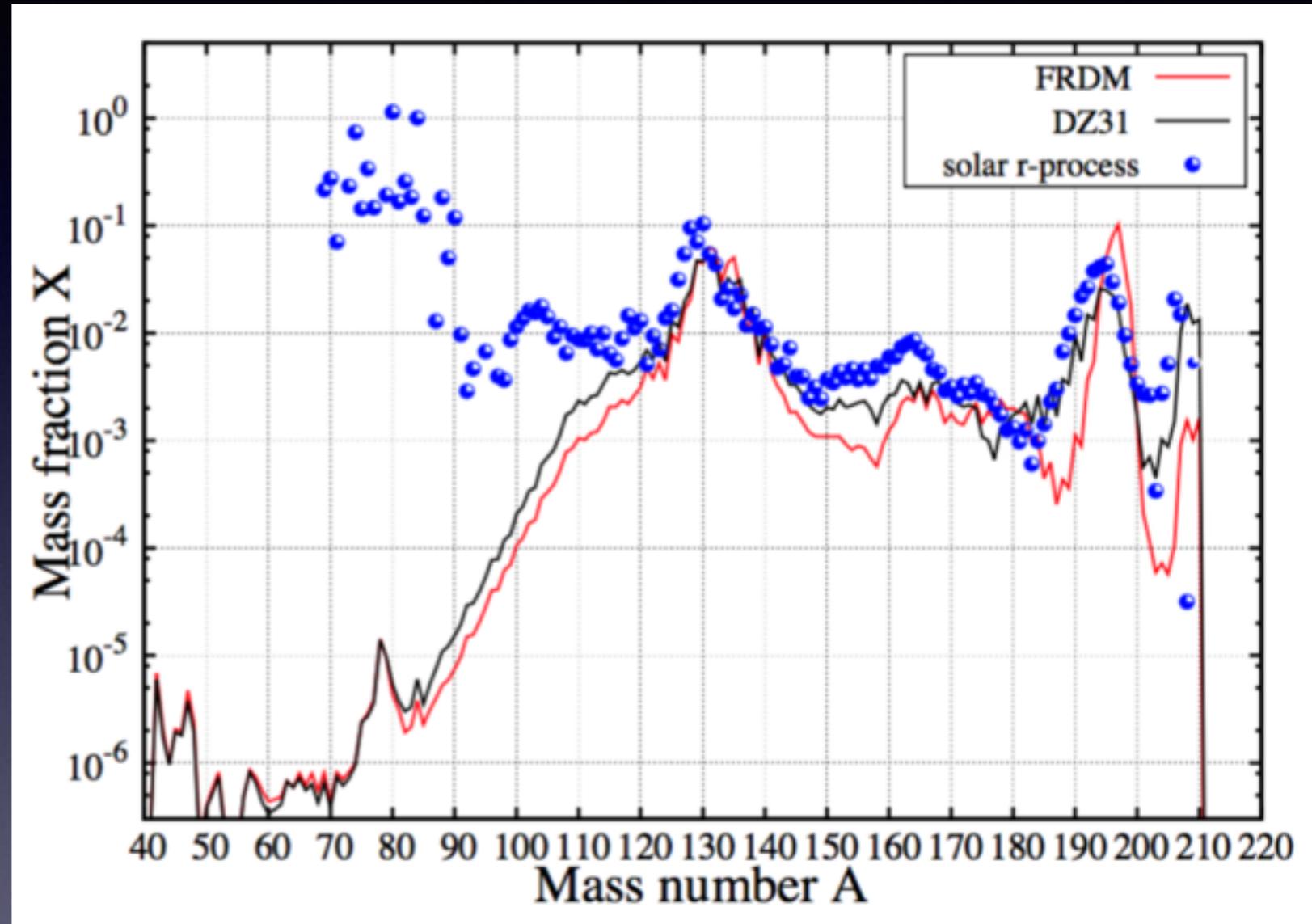
“weak r-process,  $A \lesssim 130$ ”

“strong r-process,  $A \gtrsim 130$ ”

### III.3 How big is the impact of nuclear physics on potential observability?

from SR++ (2016)

comparison nuclear mass formulae:  
Finite Range Droplet Model (FRDM)  
vs.  
Duflo Zuker 31 param. (DZ31)

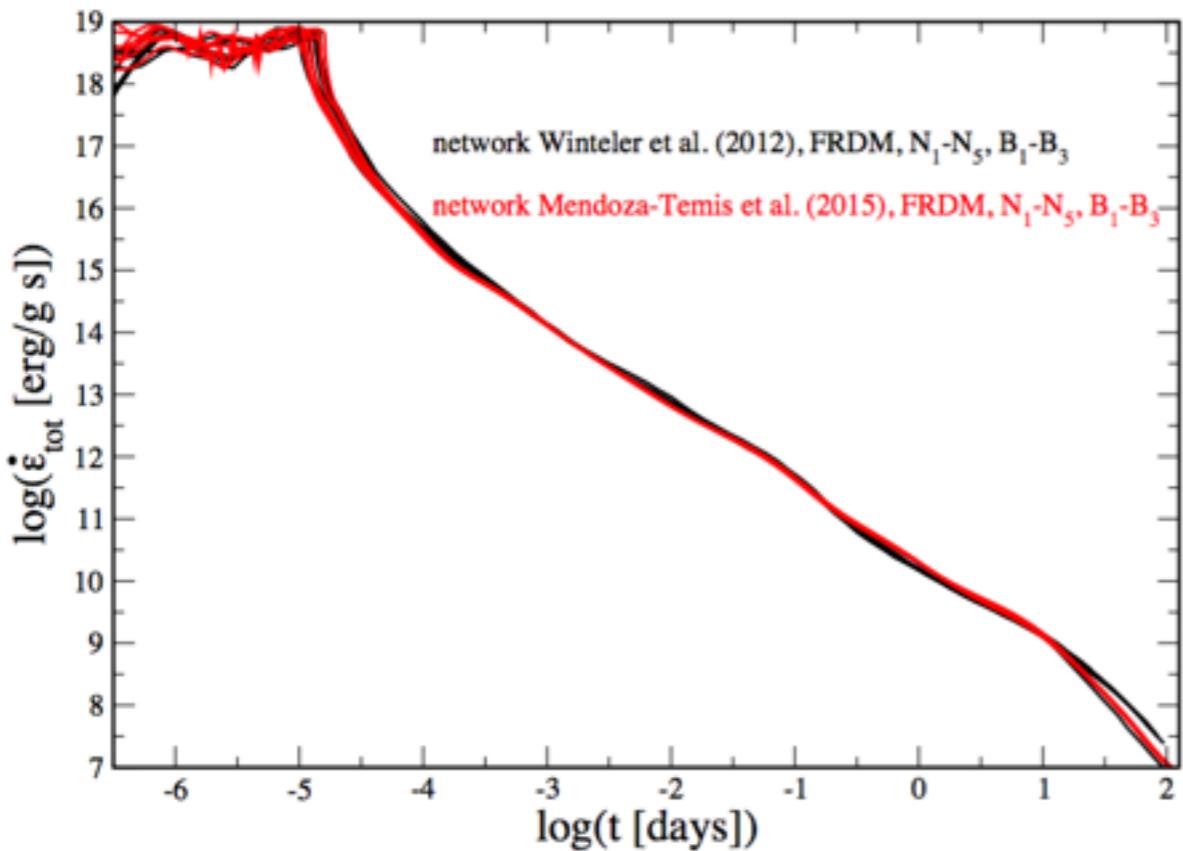


(at example ns12 + ns14 at t= 100 days)

⇒ substantially larger amounts of trans-lead elements for Duflo Zuker 31  
(as first discussed in Barnes et al. (2016) ⇒ talk Jennifer Barnes)

comparison networks:

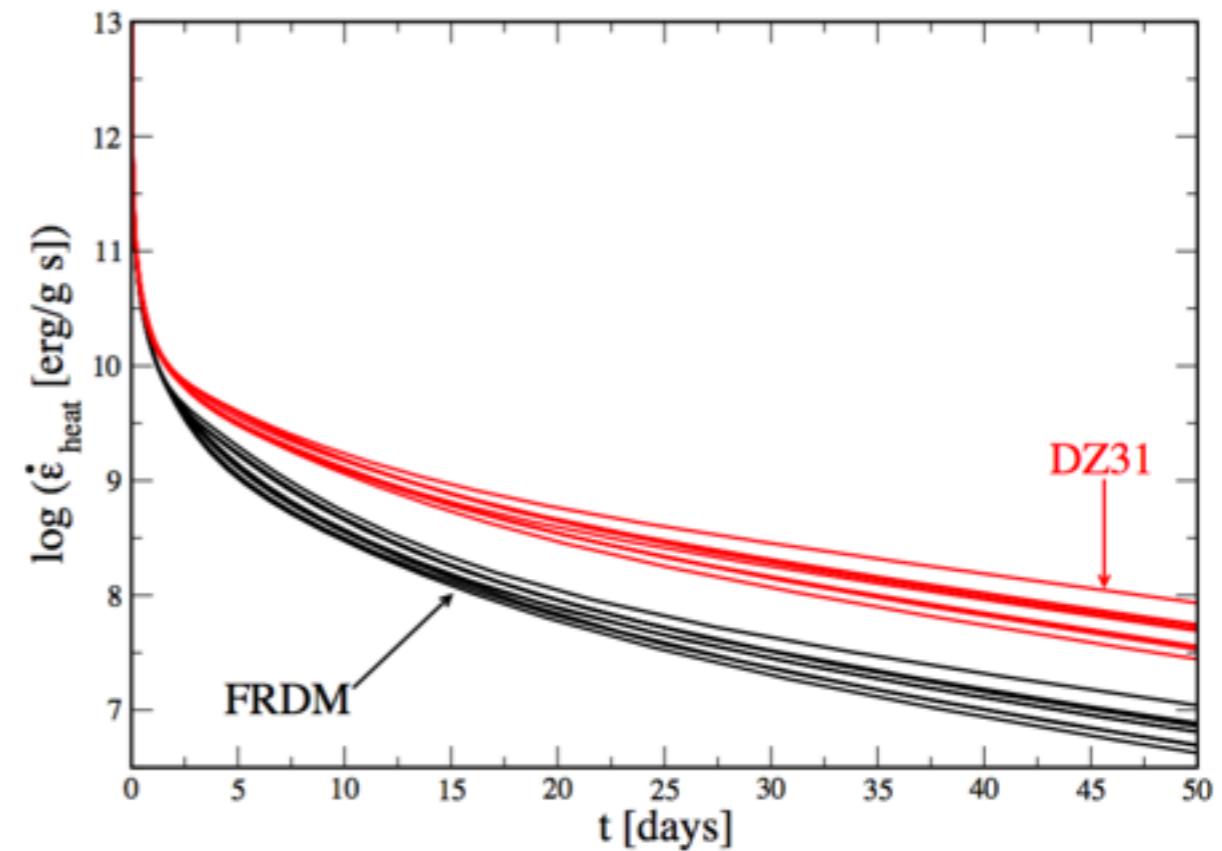
heating rate for same mass formula



comparison of mass formulae:

heating rate for FRDM vs DZ31

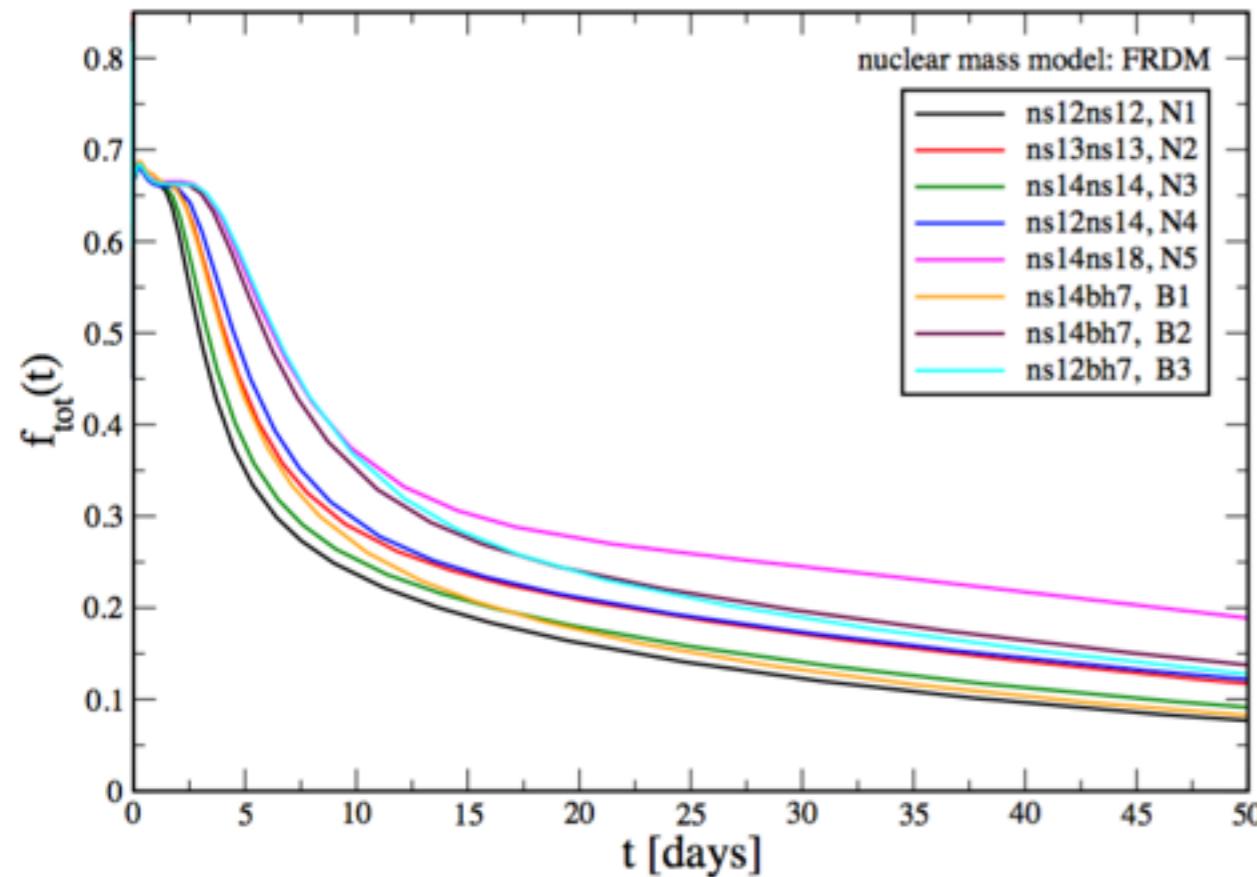
(for same network (Mendoza-Temis++ 2015))



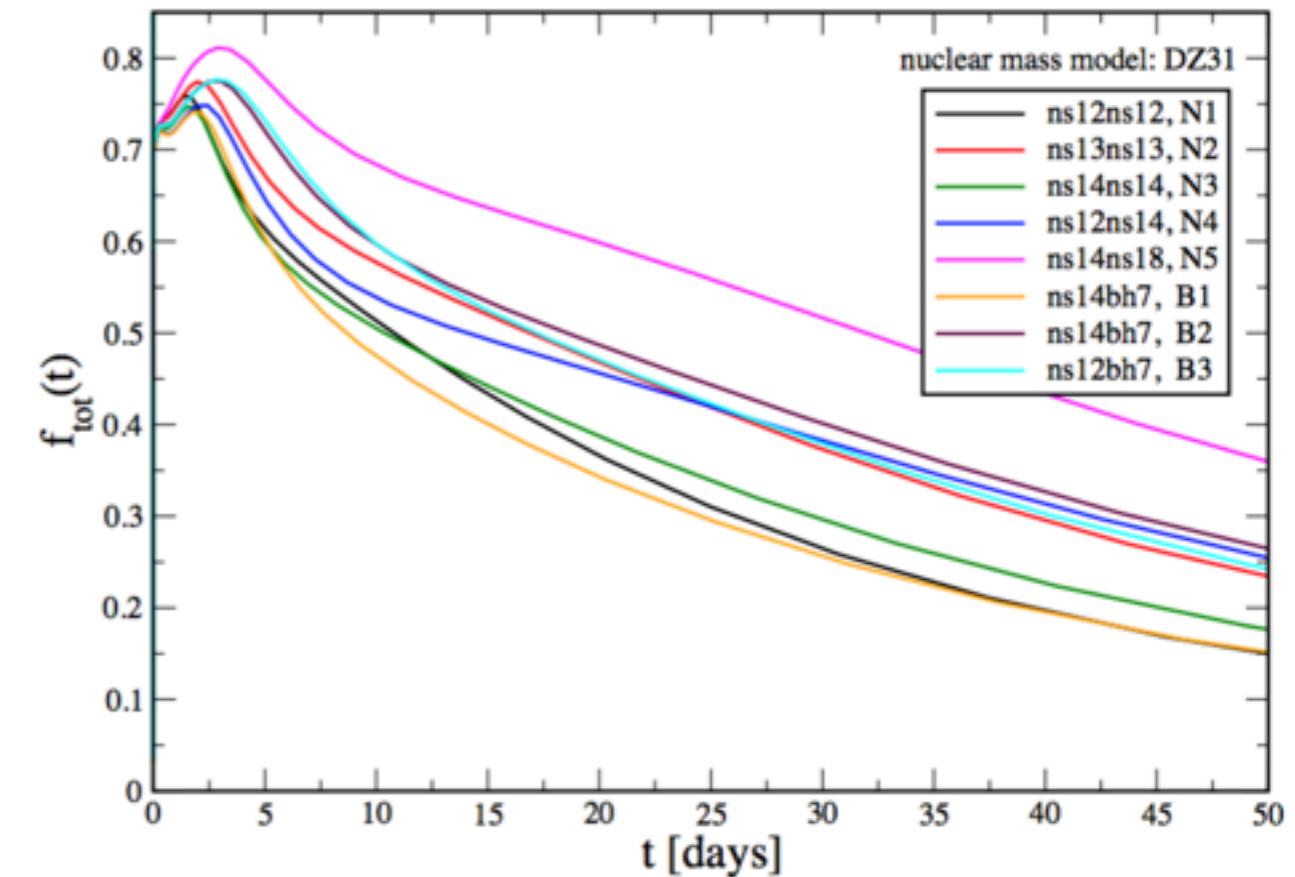
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⇒ at relevant times (days): ~ order of magnitude larger heating rate due to  $\alpha$ -decays of trans-lead elements for Duflo Zuker 31

thermalization efficiency FRDM



thermalization efficiency DZ31

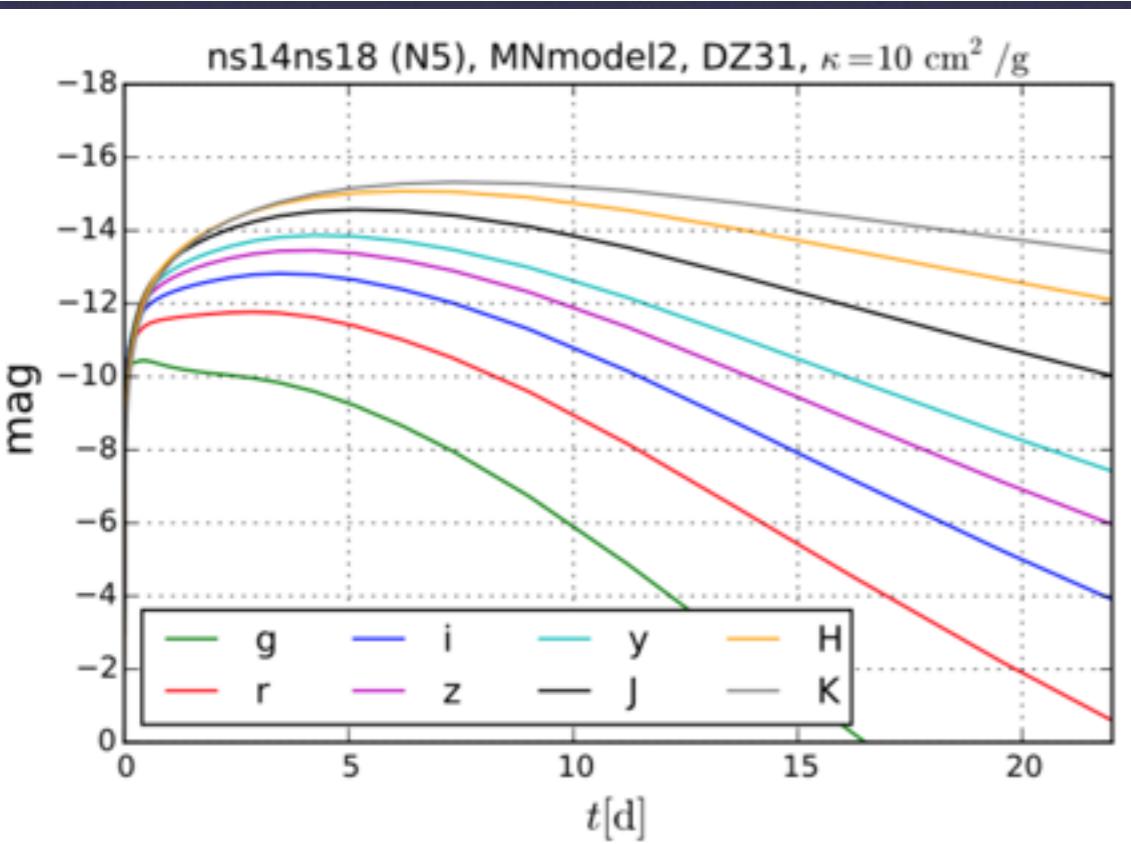
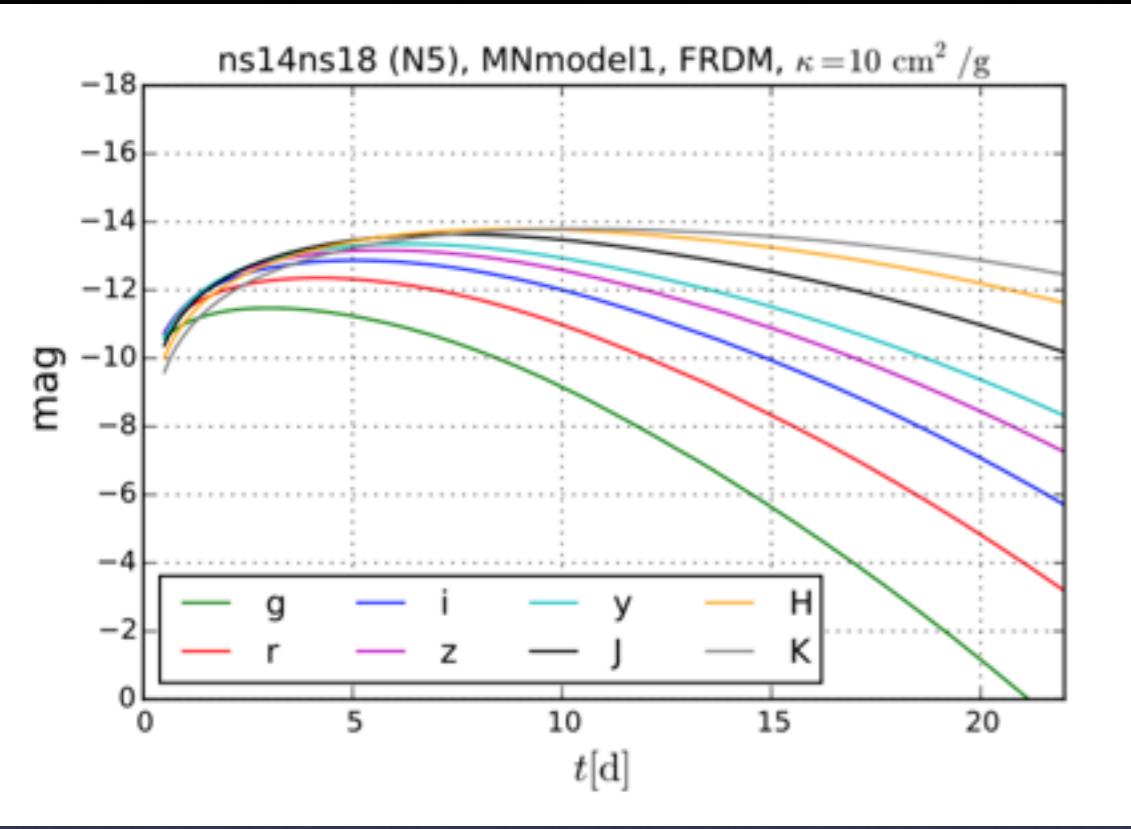


from SR++ (2016)

⇒ at  $\sim 10$  days ~factor of two larger for Duflo Zuker 31

# impact on optical/near IR light-curves:

our brightest nsns-example:  $1.4 M_{\odot} + 1.8 M_{\odot}$



broadband filters

	LSST
g	$\sim 380 - 580 \text{ nm}$
r	$\sim 520 - 700 \text{ nm}$
i	$\sim 650 - 850 \text{ nm}$
z	$\sim 780 - 950 \text{ nm}$
y	$\sim 950 - 1050 \text{ nm}$

2MASS

J	$\sim 1.1 - 1.4 \text{ micron}$
H	$\sim 1.5 - 1.8 \text{ micron}$
K	$\sim 2.0 - 2.4 \text{ micron}$

## Macronova model 1:

- original Grossman++(2014)
- FRDM mass model
- efficiency = 0.5 = const.

## Macronova model 2:

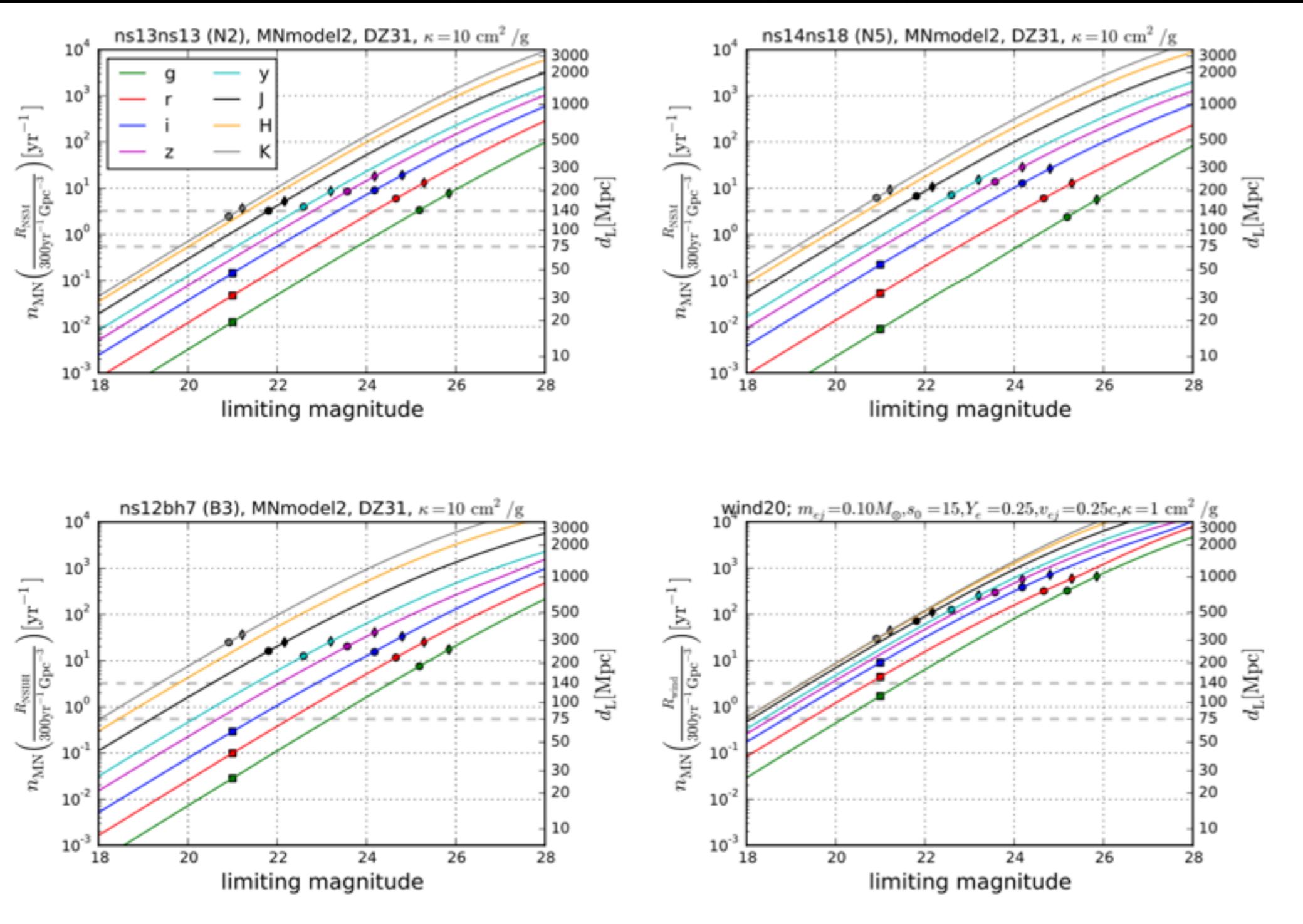
- like model 1, but
- DZ31
- time-dep. efficiencies

• “faint and fast in blue”

• “bright in NIR for weeks”

• “up to a magnitude brighter for DZ 31”

### III.4 What are the detection prospects?



~ 10 detections per year VISTA/LSST

from SR++ (2016)

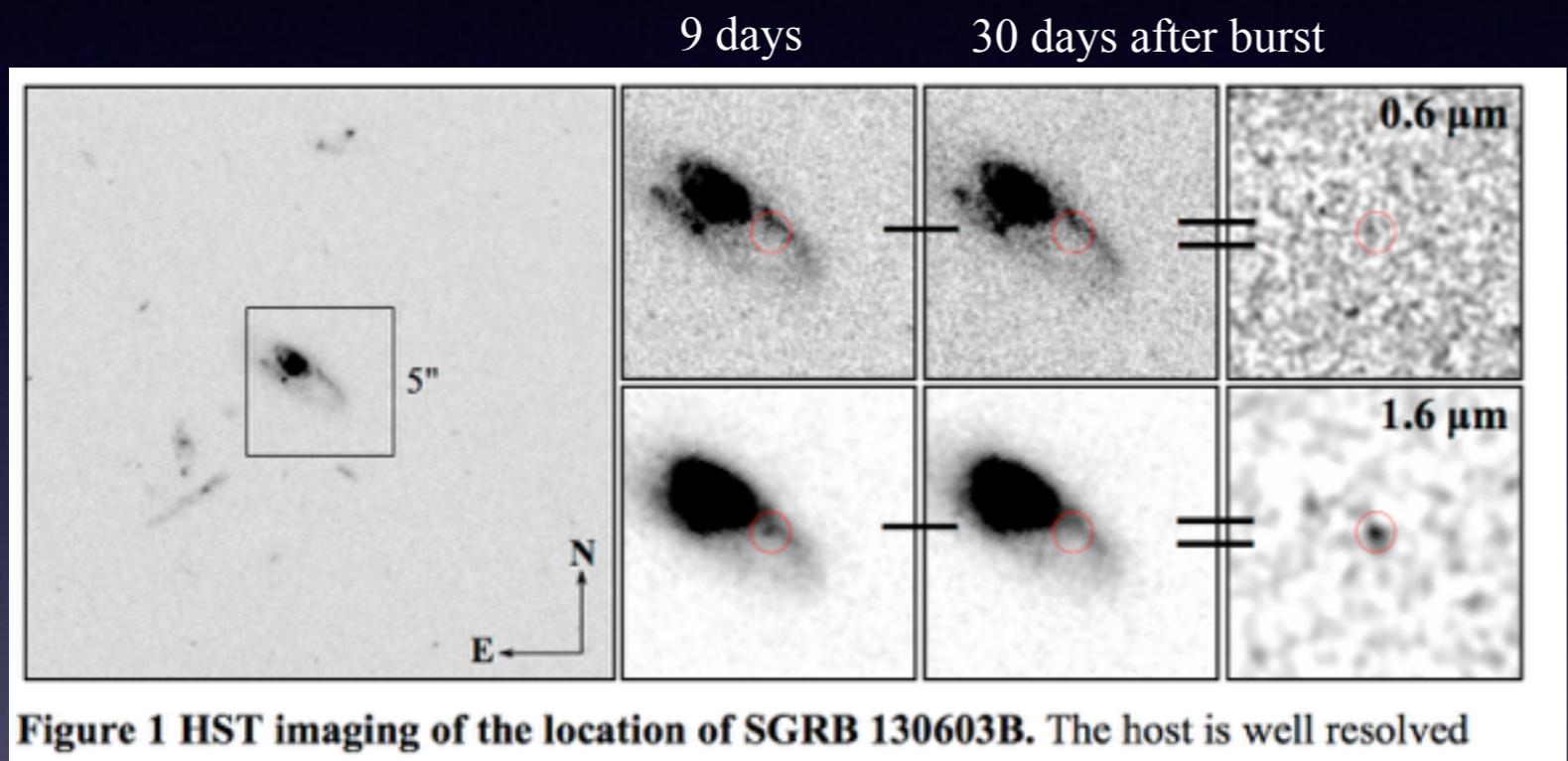
squares: Zwicky Transient Facility (ZTF; for depth 21 mag)

circles: 60 second exposures VISTA (J & K band) and LSST (grizy)

diamonds: 180 second exposures VISTA (J & K band) and LSST (grizy)

### III.5 Comparison with “macronova candidate” GRB130603B

- possibly first detection of “macronova” in the aftermath of short GRB 130603B



sGRB130603B (Tanvir et al. 2013):

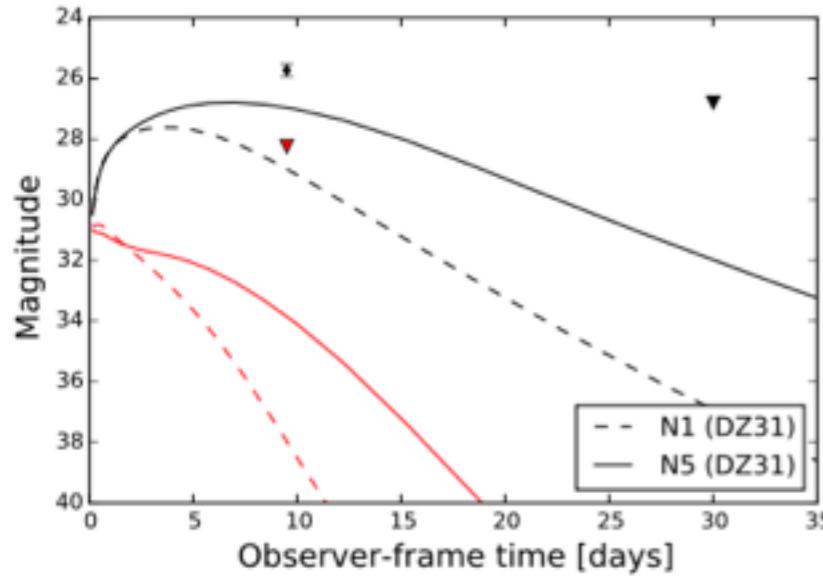
- $T_{90} \approx 0.18$  s,  $z = 0.356$
- nIR-transient, present at  $\approx 9$  days, but faded away after 30 days

nIR

- If interpretation correct:
  - short Gamma-ray Bursts caused by compact binary mergers
  - compact binary mergers are a major source of rapid neutron capture elements
  - isotropic macronovae promising accompanying signature for “chirp” GW signals

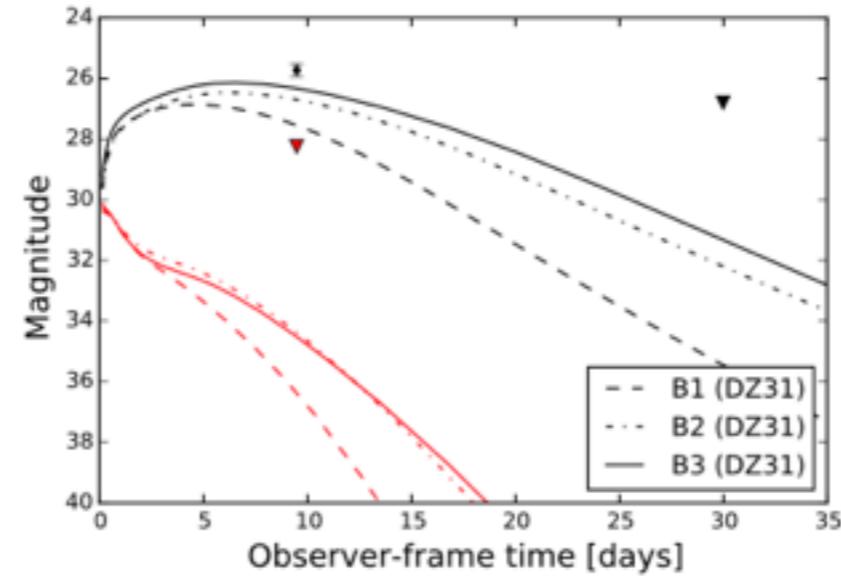
black: HST-band F160W (1.5  $\mu\text{m}$ )    red: HST-band F606W (peak: 5.9  $\mu\text{m}$ )

nsns



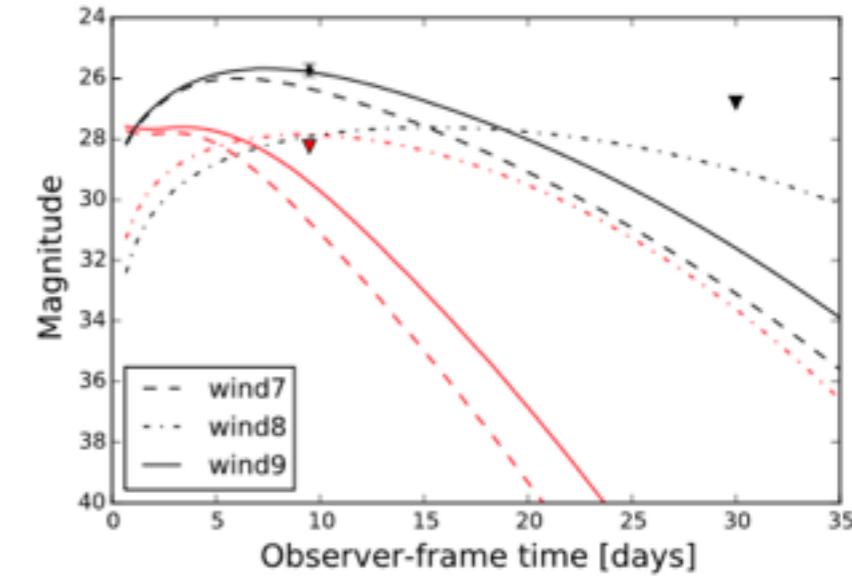
N1: dimmest nsns ( $1.2 + 1.2 M_\odot$ )  
N5: brightest nsns ( $1.4 + 1.8 M_\odot$ )

nsbh



B1: nsbh ( $1.4 + 7.0 M_\odot$ ,  $\chi = 0.7$ )  
B2: nsbh ( $1.4 + 7.0 M_\odot$ ,  $\chi = 0.9$ )  
B3: nsbh ( $1.2 + 7.0 M_\odot$ ,  $\chi = 0.9$ )

wind



wind7:  $m_{\text{ej}} = 0.05 M_\odot$ ,  $v_{\text{ej}} = 0.05 c$ ,  
 $Y_e = 0.25$   
wind8:  $m_{\text{ej}} = 0.05 M_\odot$ ,  $v_{\text{ej}} = 0.01 c$ ,  
 $Y_e = 0.30$   
wind9:  $m_{\text{ej}} = 0.10 M_\odot$ ,  $v_{\text{ej}} = 0.10 c$ ,  
 $Y_e = 0.25$

⇒ several models are “near” the observed properties

(e.g. nsns  $1.4 + 1.8 M_\odot$ ,  
nsbh  $1.2 M_\odot + 7.0 M_\odot$ ,  $\chi = 0.9$ ,  
wind  $m_{\text{ej}} = 0.10 M_\odot$ ,  $v_{\text{ej}} = 0.10 c$ ,  $Y_e = 0.25$ )

many models much dimmer

## V. Summary

- EM-transients crucial for GW-source localization
- EM-transients  $\Leftrightarrow$  matter ejection  $\Leftrightarrow$  r-process nucleo.  $\Leftrightarrow$  sGRBs
- various ejection channels:
  - dynamic (very low Ye component  $\Rightarrow$  “strong r-process”  $\Rightarrow$  large opacities  $\Rightarrow$  “late + red”)
  - various types of “winds” (higher Ye  $\Rightarrow$  “weak” r-process  $\Rightarrow$  lower opacities  $\Rightarrow$  “early + blue”)
- nuclear physics has substantial impact on observability, e.g.  $\alpha$ -decaying trans-lead nuclei (DZ31) impacts on
  - heating rates
  - thermalization efficiencies
  - $\Rightarrow$  substantially brighter lightcurves
- detection prospects: LSST could see  $\sim 10$  nsns-events  $\text{yr}^{-1}$
- several of our dyn. ejecta and wind models are good candidates for “Tanvir-event” (prov. DZ31, trans-lead  $\alpha$ -decay, standard opacities), but many will be very difficult to observe
- caveats of current MN model:
  - I) opacities
  - II) wait for full radiative transfer