

OUTFLOWS FROM NEUTRON-STAR MERGERS (AND RELATED ISSUES)

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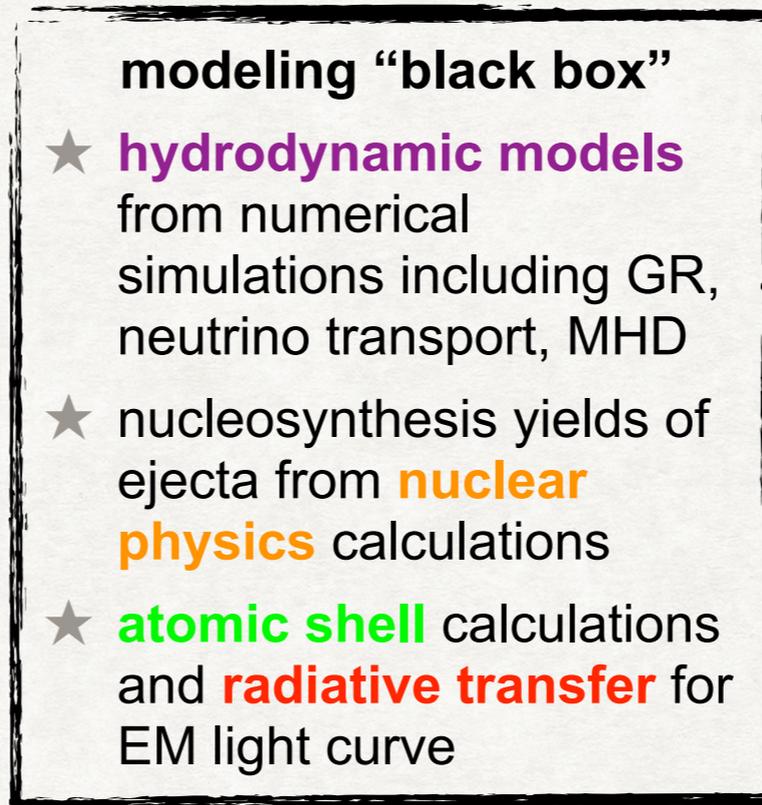


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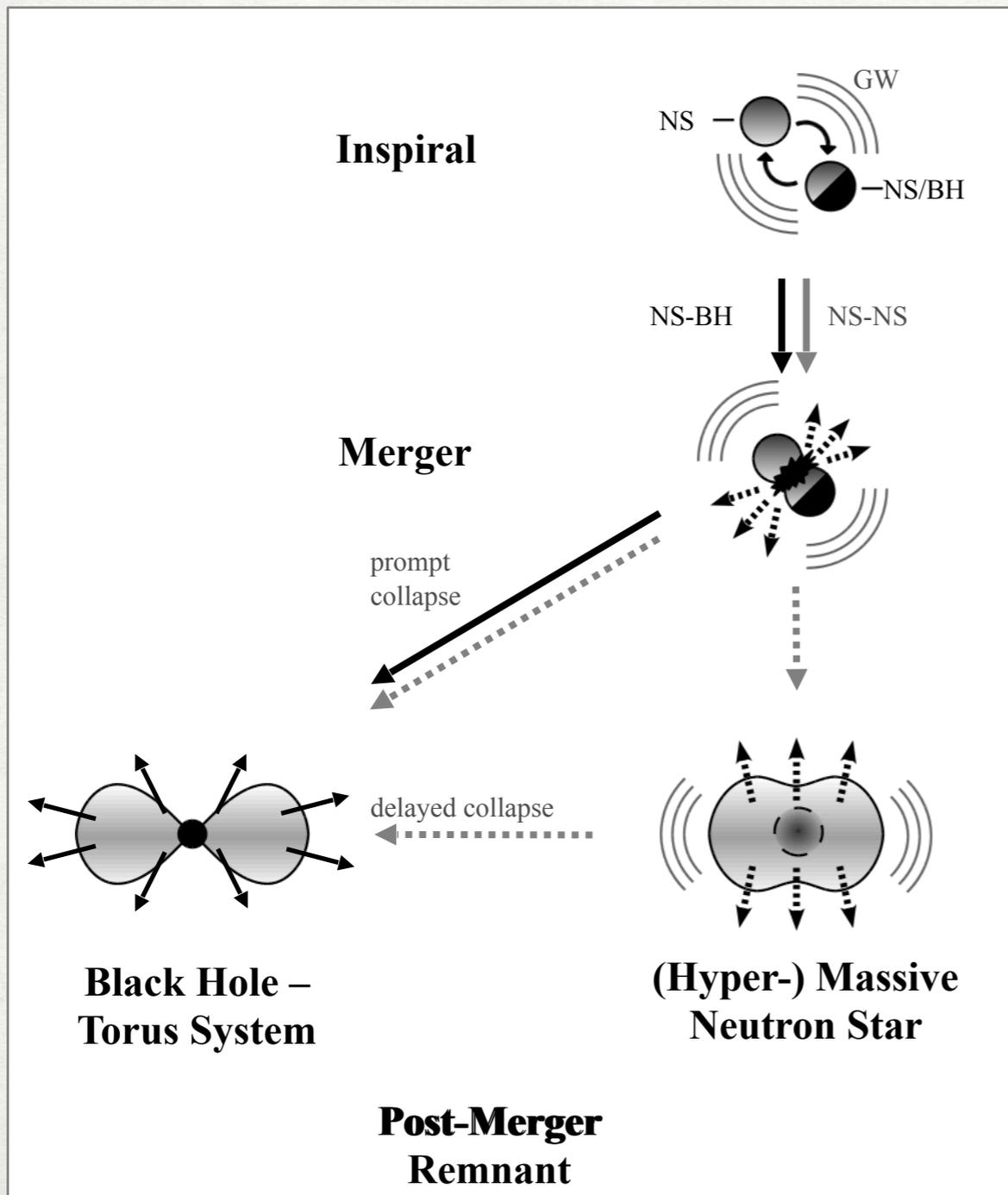
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each item may contain
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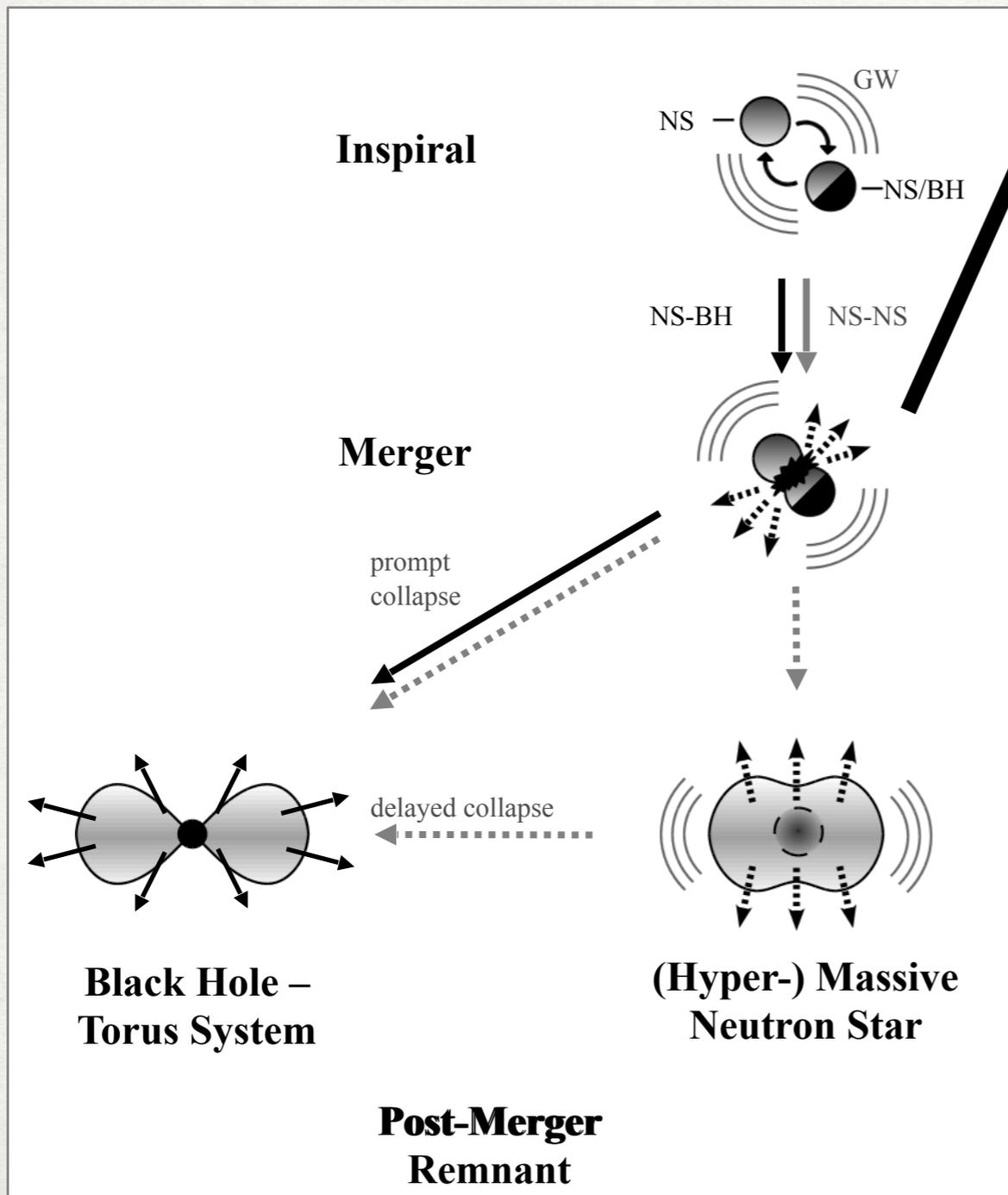
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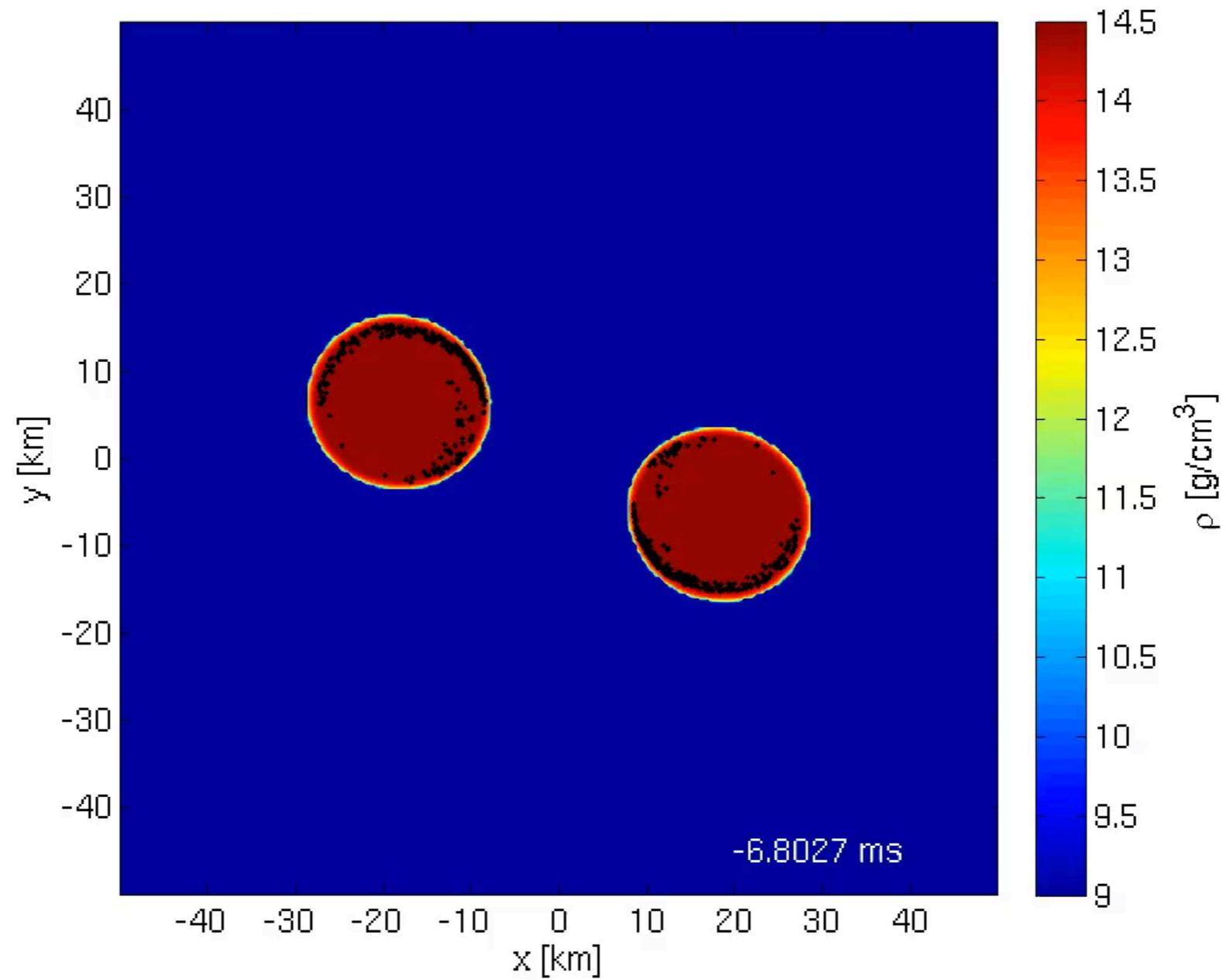
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- tidal tails
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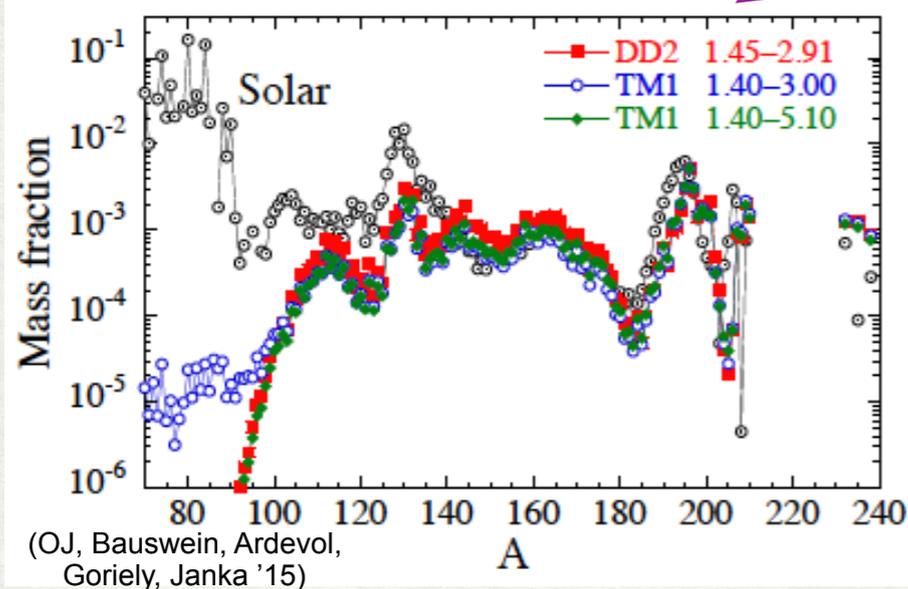
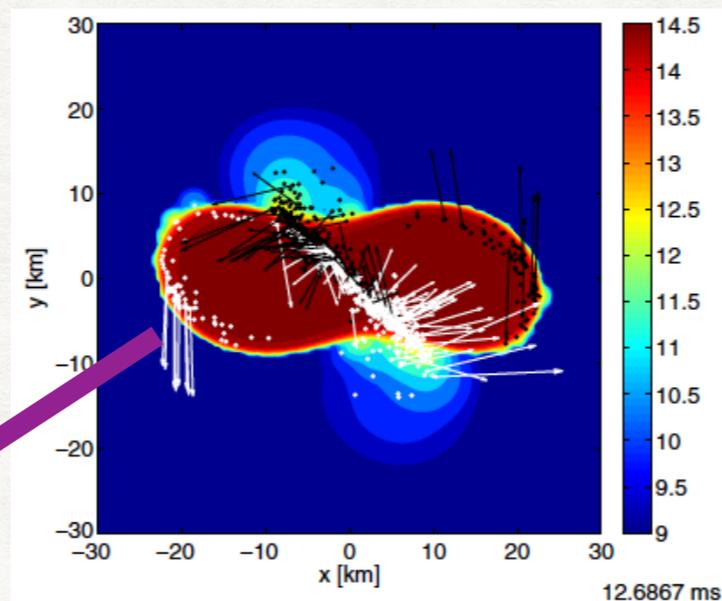
Movie: NS-NS Merger

(SPH simulation by A. Bauswein)



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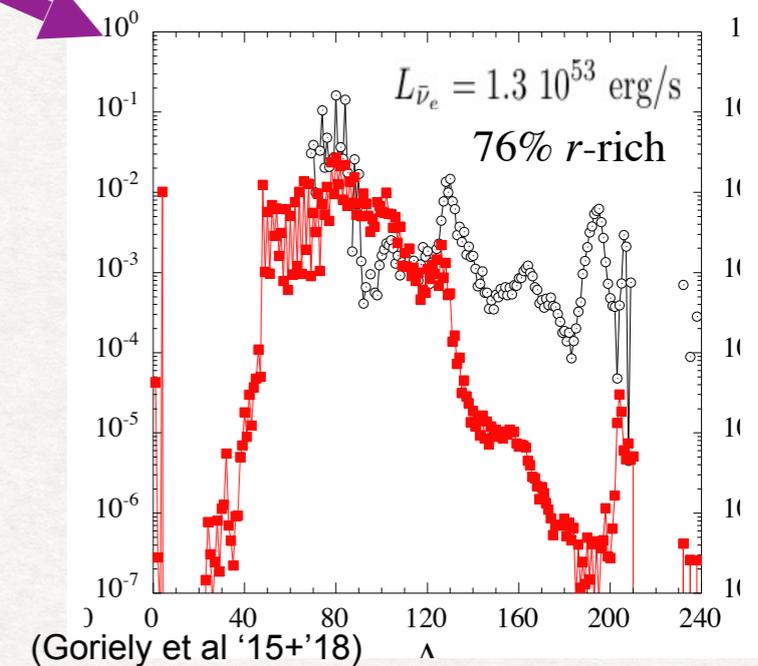
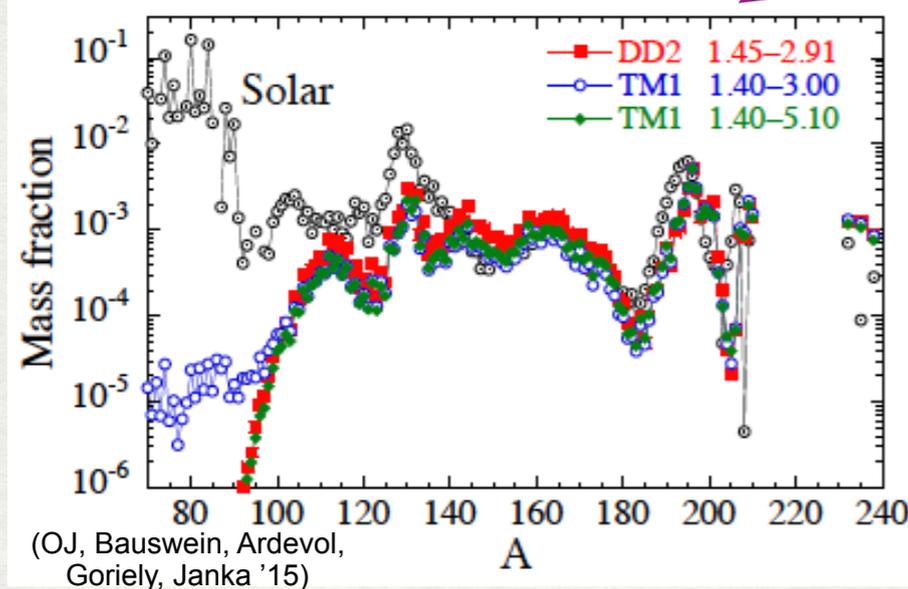
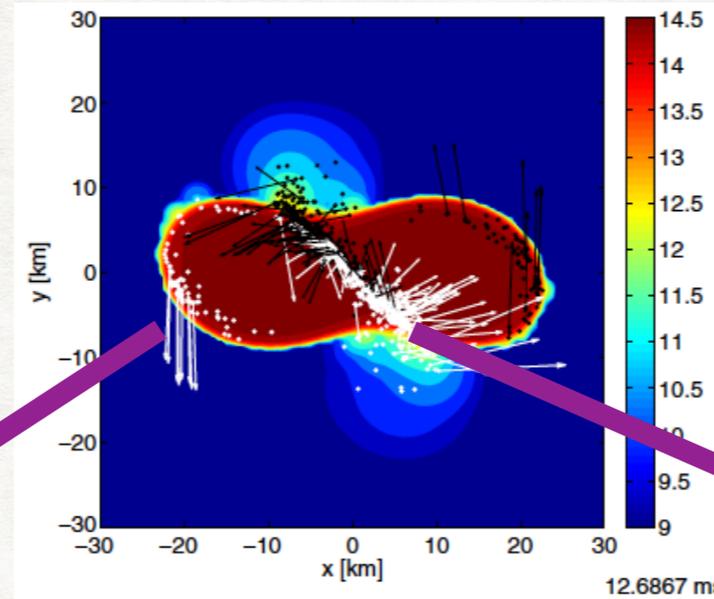


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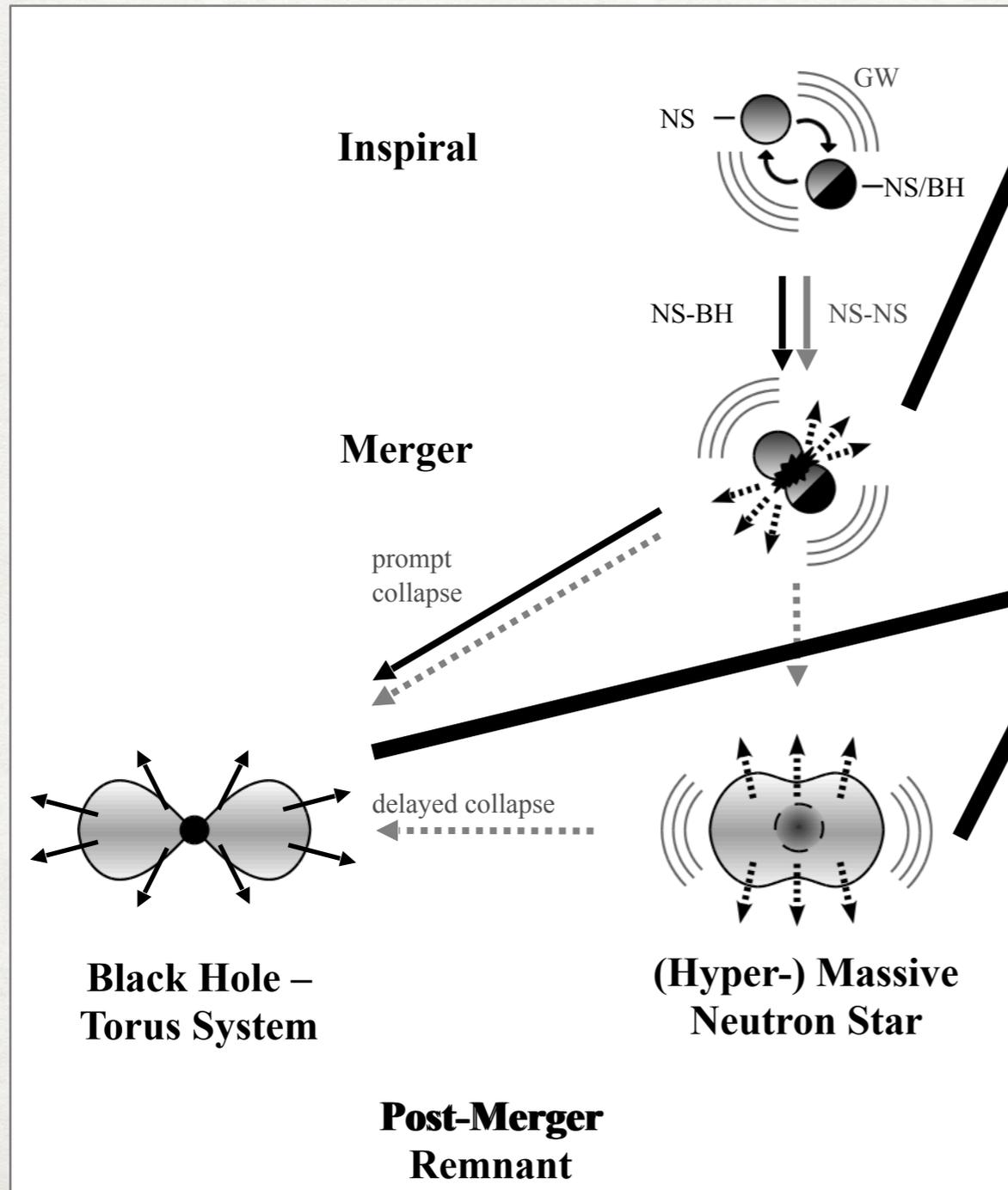
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Neutron-star mergers: ejecta components



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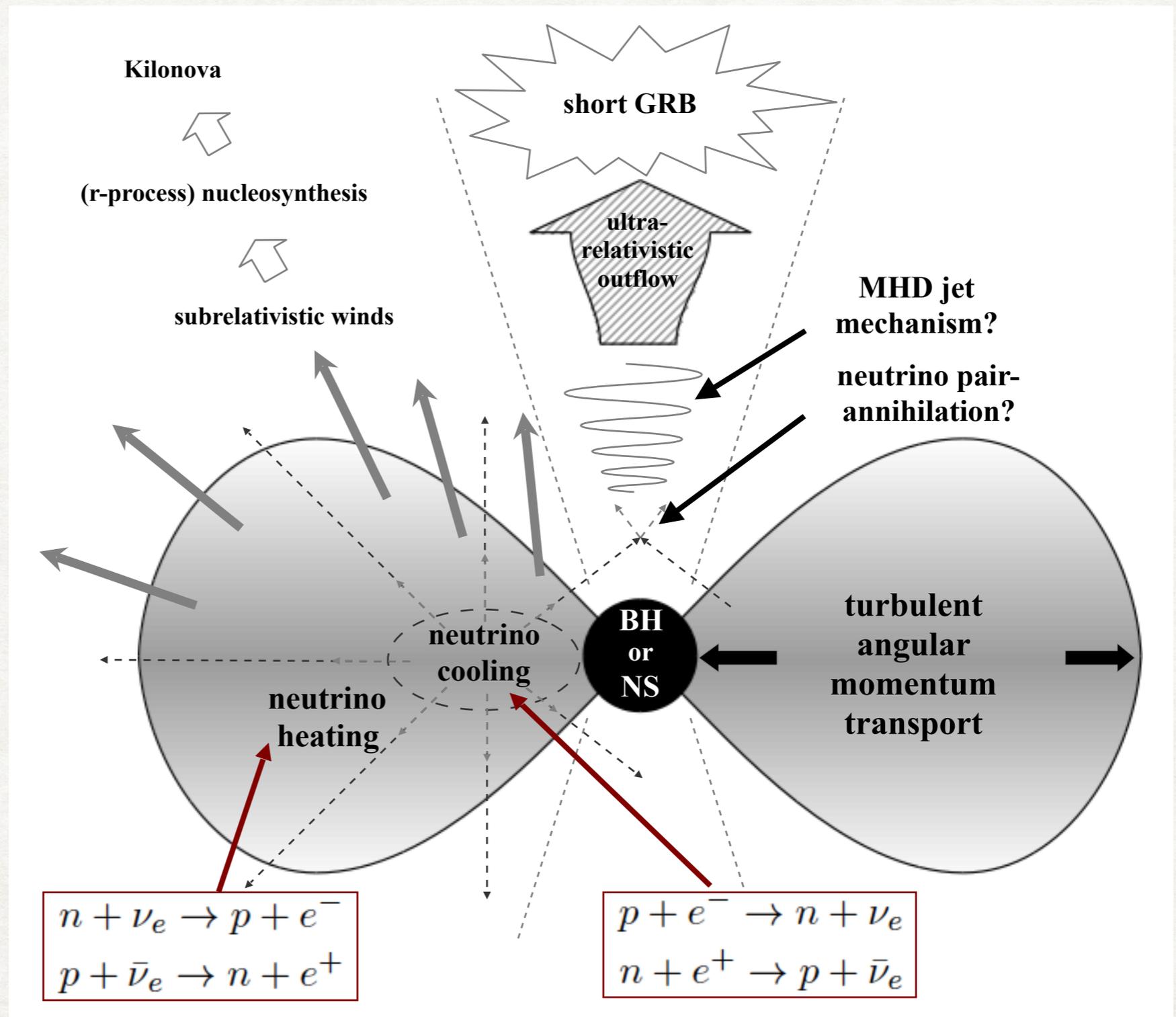
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post-merger ejecta

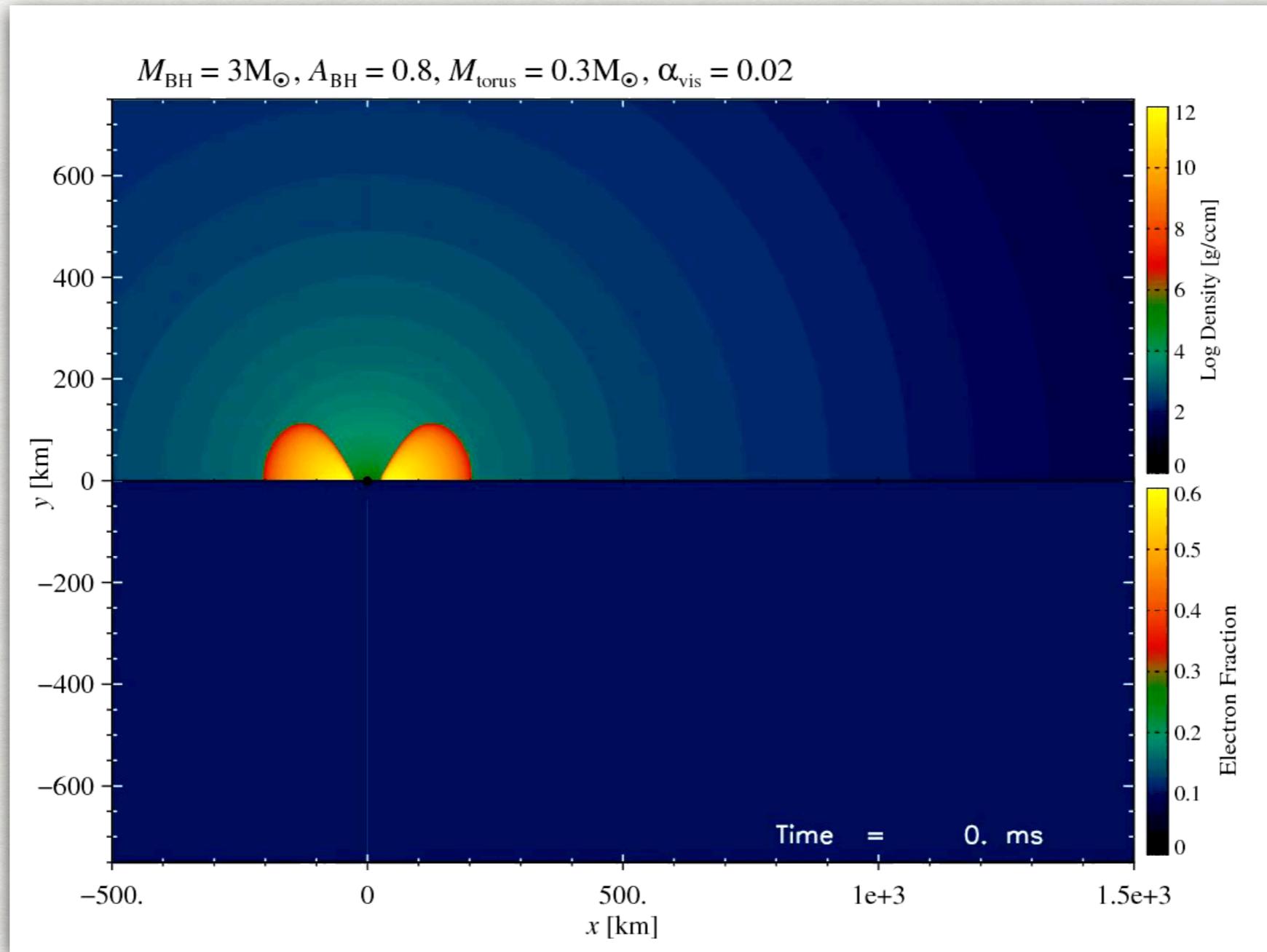
- neutrino-driven
- viscous/MHD driven expansion
- MHD turbulence

PHYSICS OF POST-MERGER CONFIGURATION

Mass accretion,
wind generation,
and jet launching
highly sensitive to
angular momentum
transport and
neutrino cooling
and heating



Post-merger BH-torus remnant



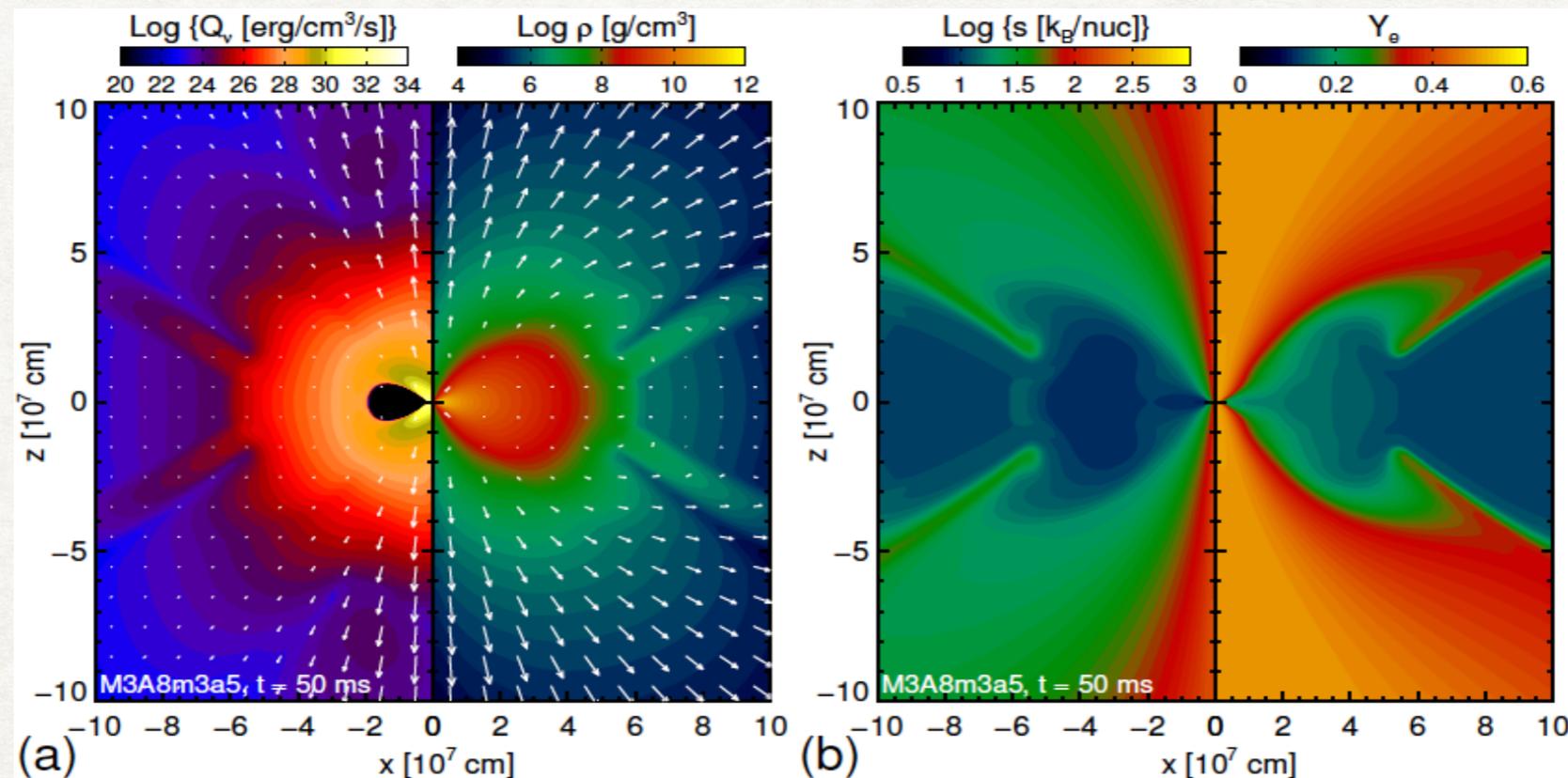
(OJ, Bauswein, Ardevol, Goriely, Janka '15)

*(qualitative agreement with
Fernandez '13, Wu '16,
Siegel '18)*

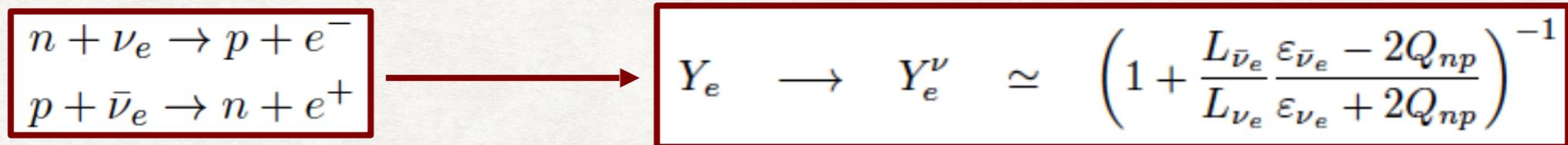
Post-merger BH-torus remnant

early phase: ejecta (mainly) driven by **neutrino-heating**

time = 50 ms



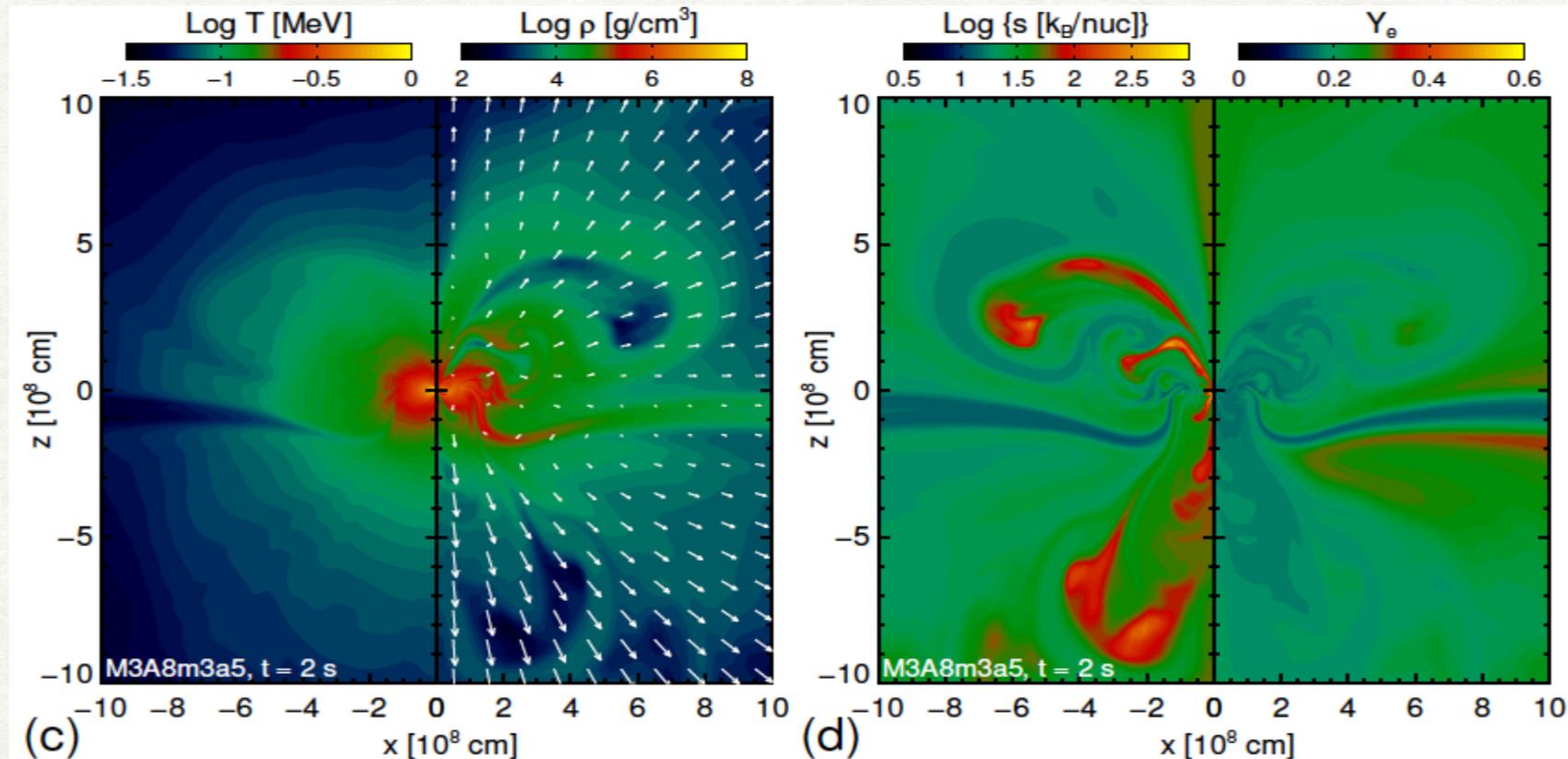
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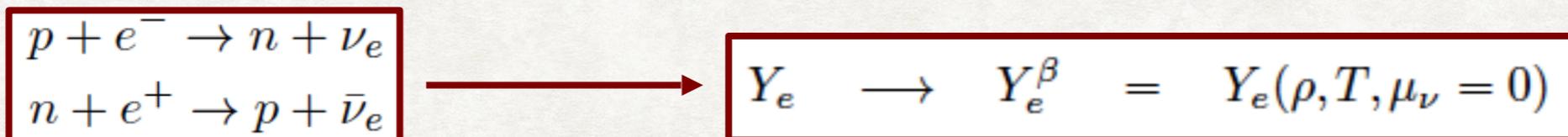
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later phase: ejecta (mainly) driven by **viscosity** (turb. ang. mom. tr.)

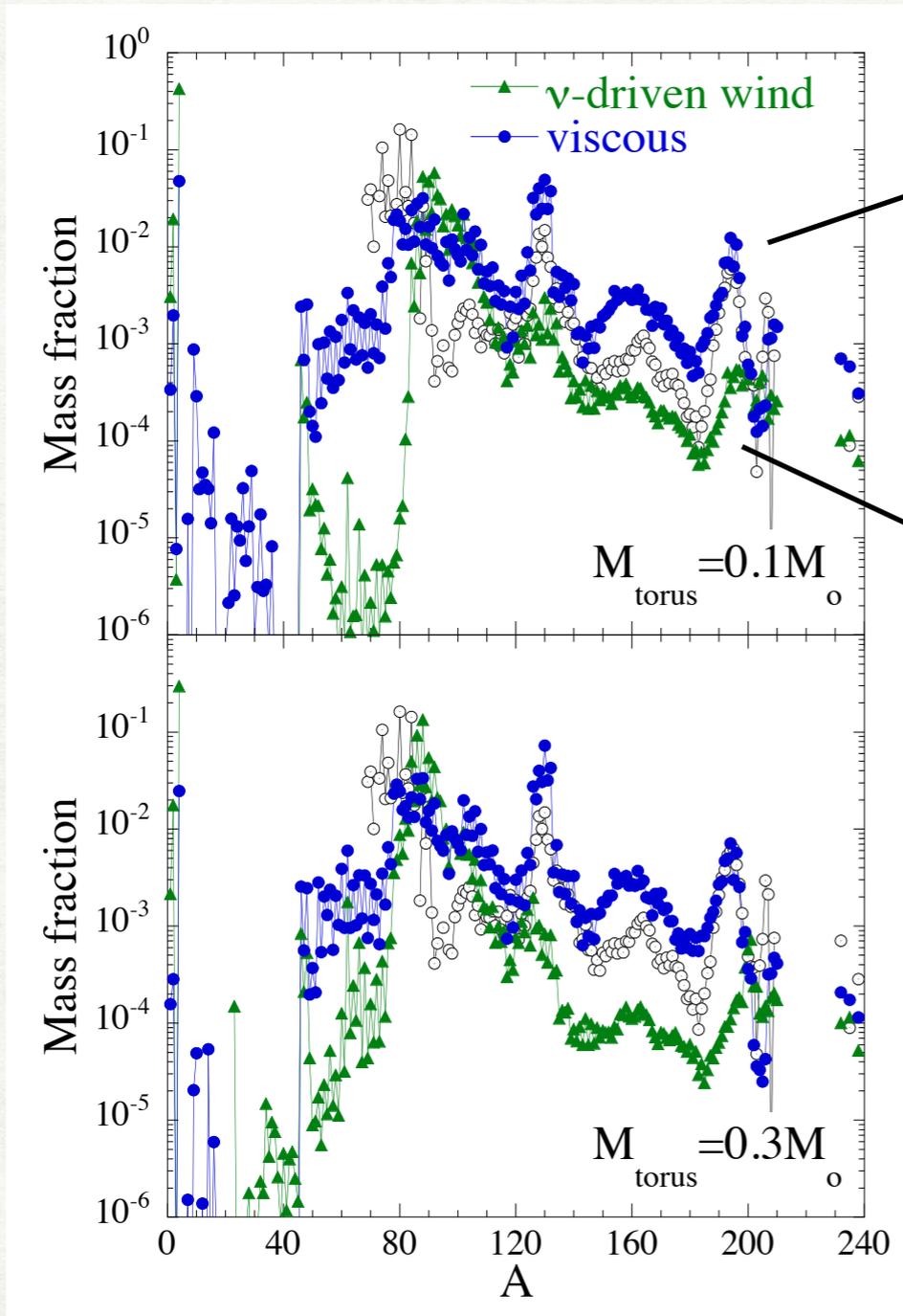
time = 2 s



Y_e in ejecta determined by **electron/positron captures**



Nucleosynthesis yields of BH-torus ejecta



viscous outflows:
-> low Y_e
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-> higher opacity
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neutrino-driven outflows:
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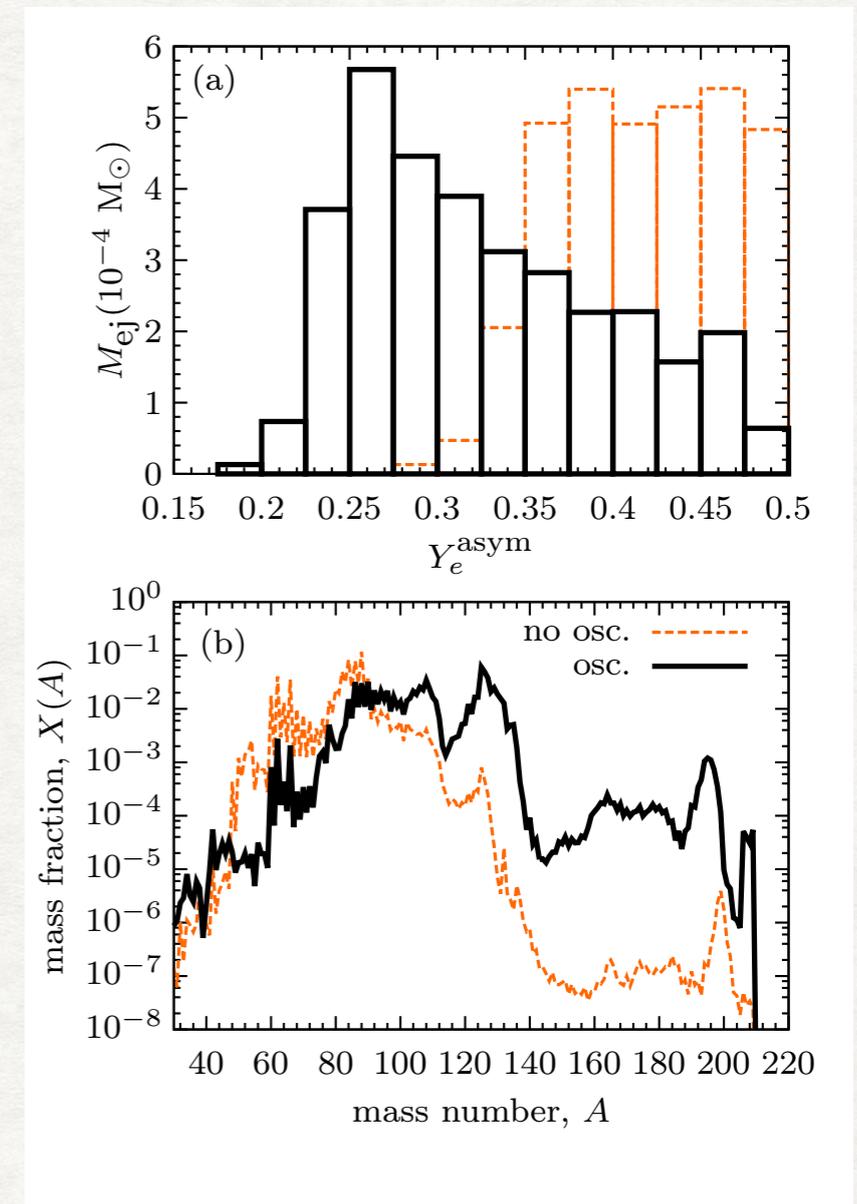
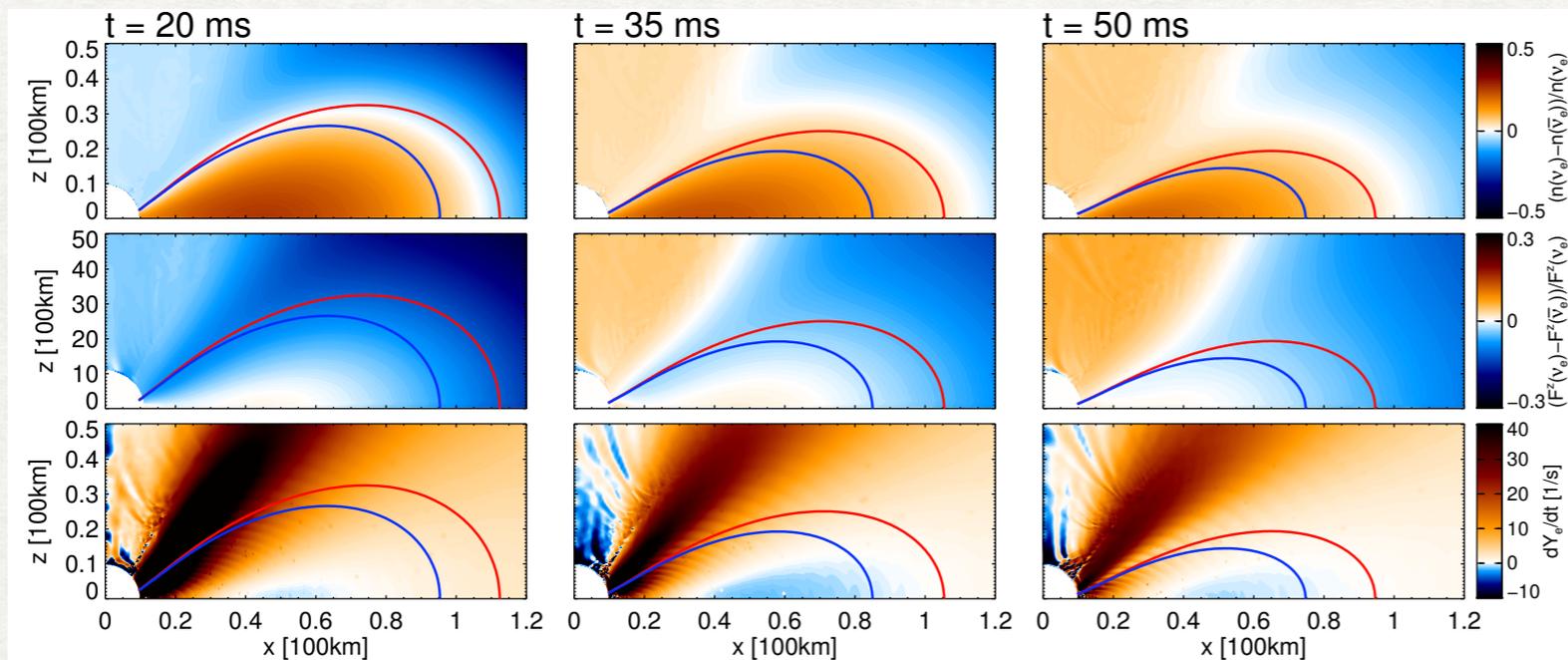
(similar qualitative tendency for outflows from a HMNS-torus system, e.g. Fujibayashi '17, Perego '14)

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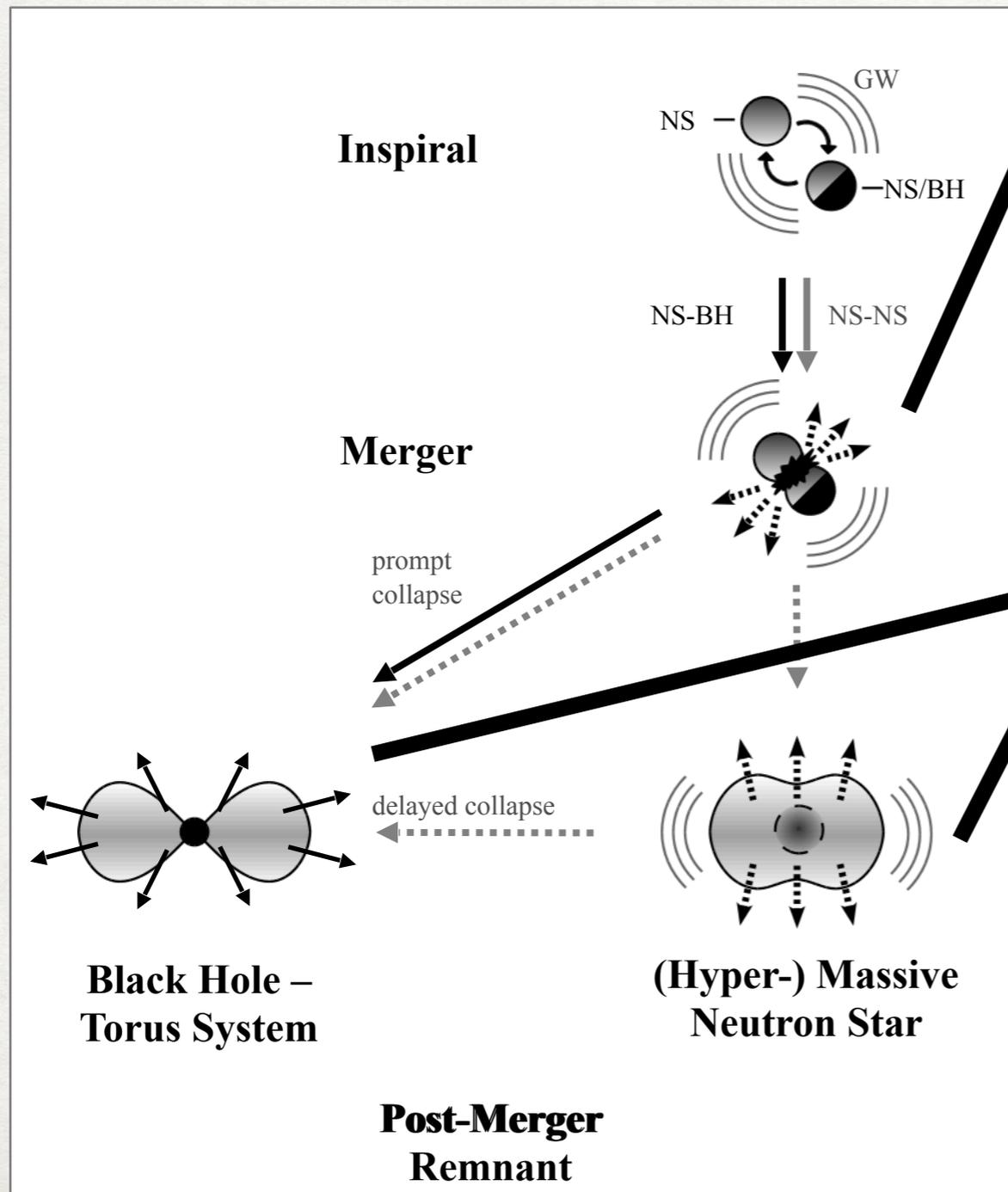
IMPACT OF NU-NU OSCILLATIONS ON THE NEUTRINO-DRIVEN WIND COMPONENT

(Wu, Tamborra, OJ, Janka, 2017PhRvD, 96I3015W)

- **“fast pairwise flavor conversions”** may lead to flavor equilibration on length scales of **O(10cm)** (e.g. Sawyer+ 05, 09, 16)
- our simplified, exploratory study indicates that neutrino-driven ejecta may remain **more neutron rich**



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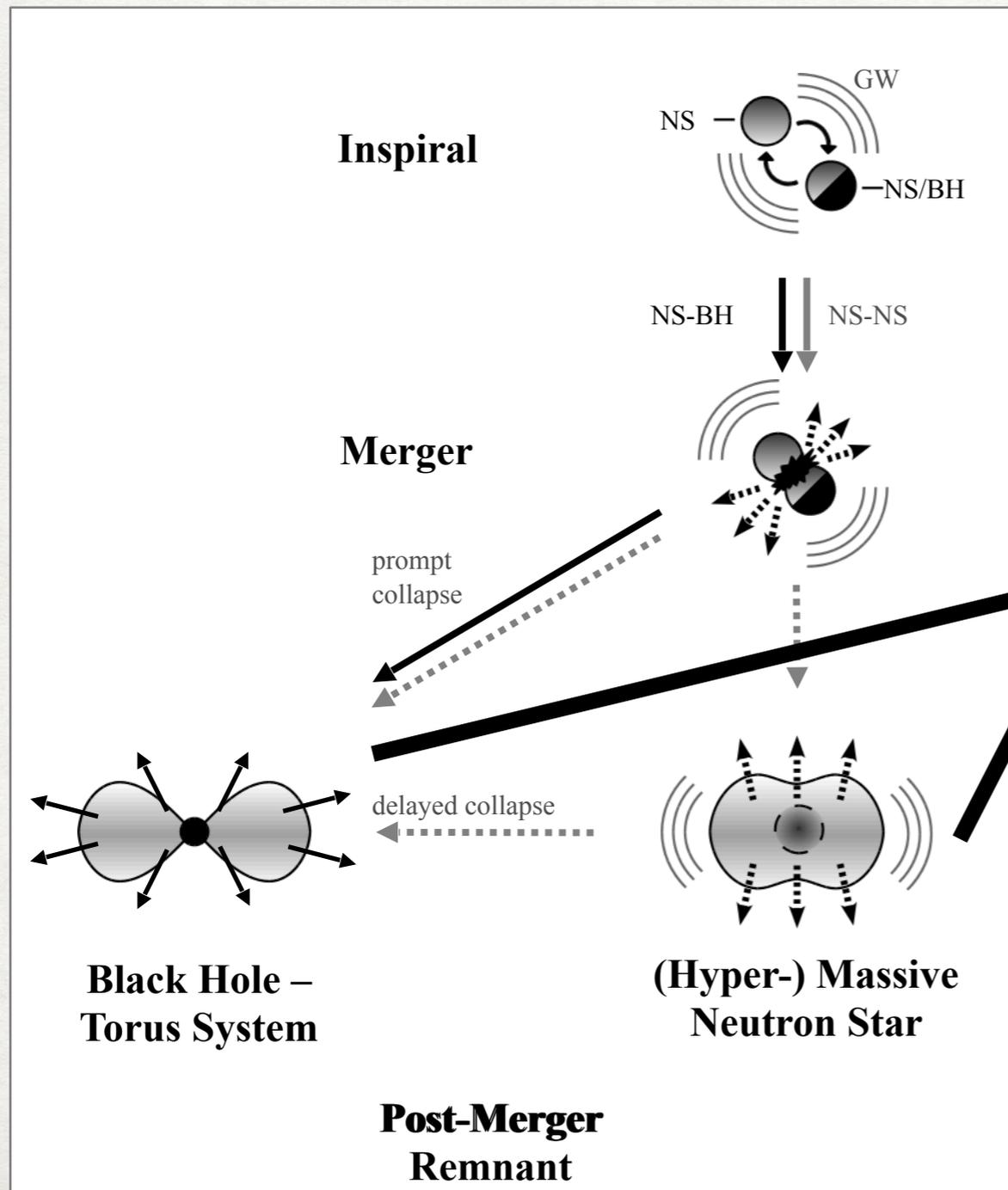
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BOTH ejecta types can contain **high- Y_e** and **low- Y_e** components
=> **observational distinction difficult**

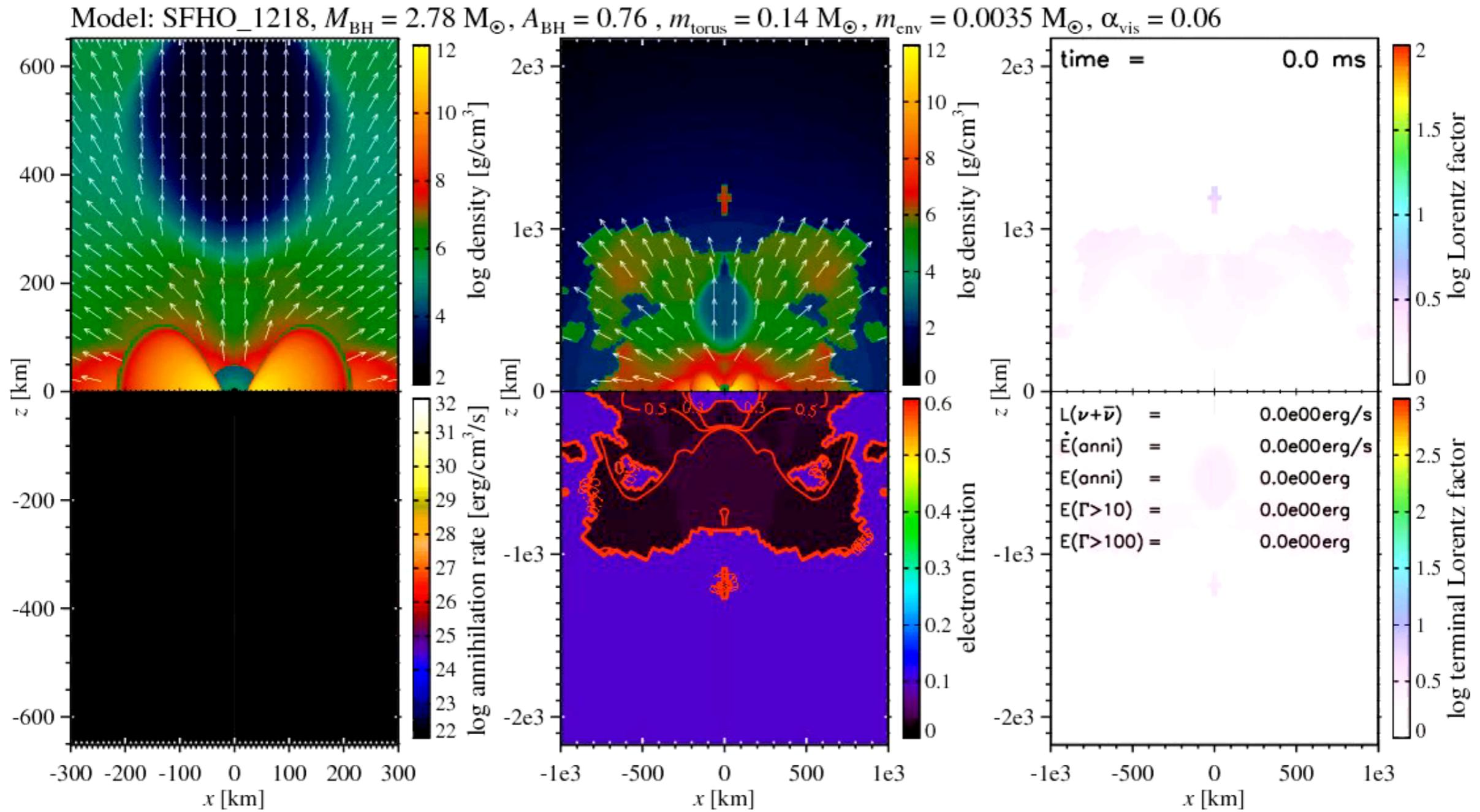
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(short gamma-ray burst) jet?

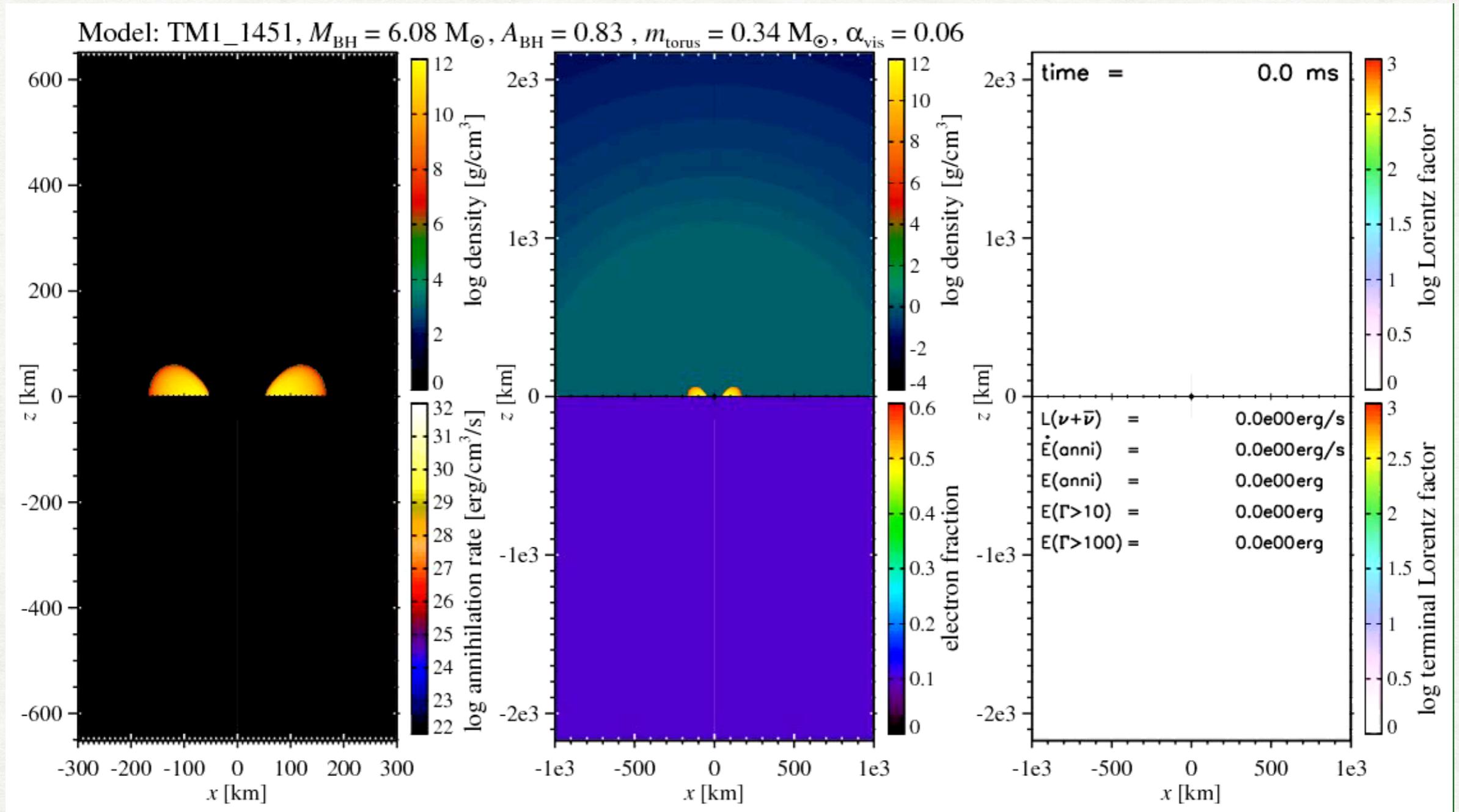
- from neutrino pair annihilation?
- from MHD Blandford-Znajek mech.?
- Magnetar spindown?

(ASYMMETRIC) NS-NS MERGER (OJ, Obergaulinger, Bauswein, Janka '15)



- jet is **successfully launched**, but then **dissipates most of its kinetic energy** into cloud of dynamical ejecta
- **choked jet, pair-annihilation NOT powerful enough**

NS-BH MERGER



- no dynamical ejecta in polar regions → jet can expand freely
- but energy still too low to explain majority of sGRBs
- neutrino pair-annihilation not powerful enough to explain sGRBs

GW170817/AT2017GFO

GW170817 + EM COUNTERPARTS

→ $M_{\text{tot}} = M_1 + M_2 \sim 2.74 M_{\text{sun}}$

→ $M_1/M_2 \sim 0.7 - 1$

→ **blue ejecta component** with

$\langle Y_e \rangle > 0.25$

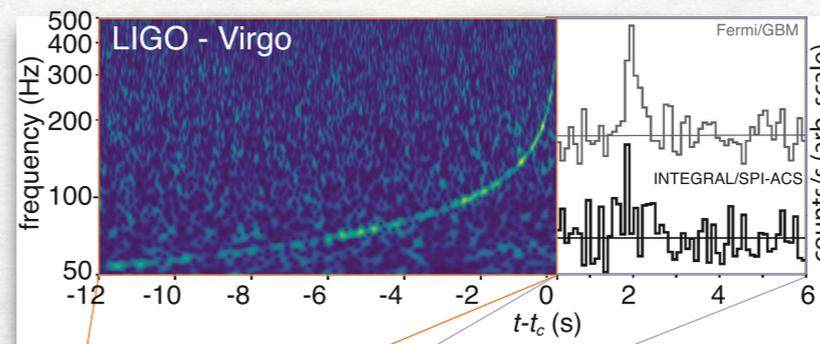
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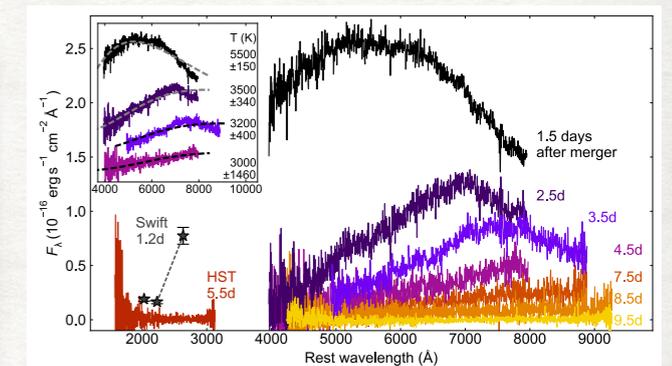
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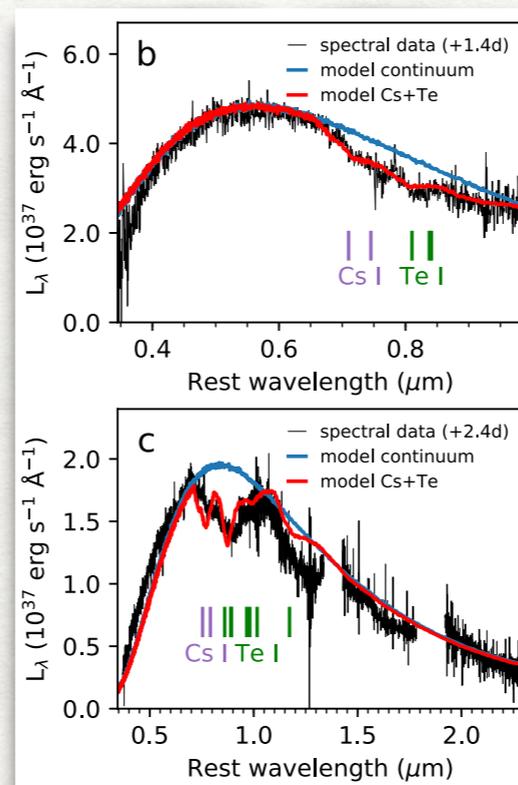
→ low-luminosity **gamma-ray burst**
with $E_{\text{peak}} \sim 100 \text{keV}$



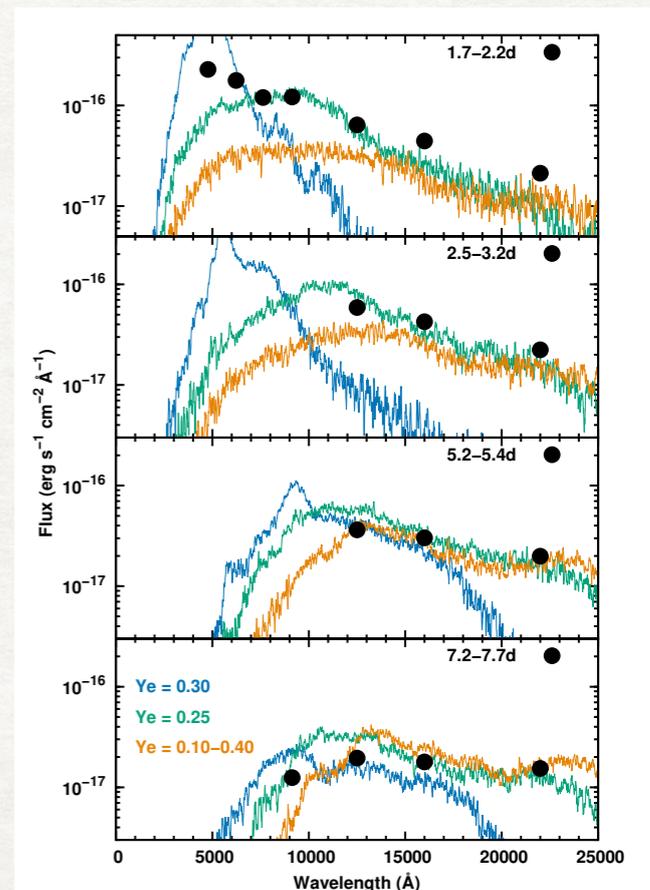
(LIGO Coll.+ '17)



(Nicholl+ '17)



(Smartt+ '17)



(Tanaka+ '17)

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shock-heated dynamical ejecta and/or neutrino-processed ejecta launched from a HMNS remnant? *High mass and velocity still enigmatic...*

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dynamical ejecta launched during merger or viscous ejecta from the remnant?

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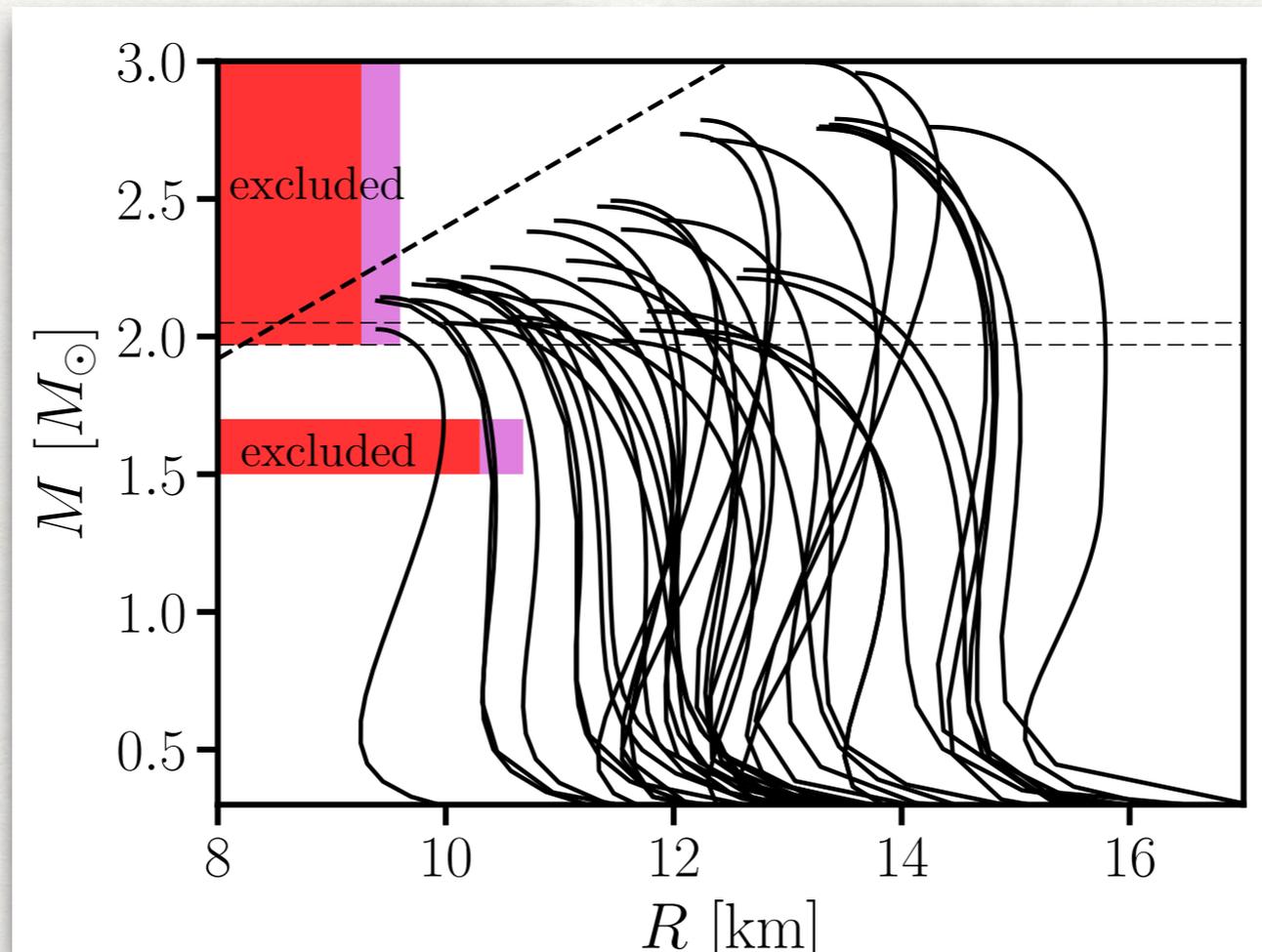


shock breakout emission or cocoon emission from structured jet. *High E_{peak} still puzzling...*

→ **major open questions remain...better models needed**

DELAYED COLLAPSE IS VERY LIKELY FOR GW170817: IMPLICATION FOR NUCLEAR EOS

(Bauswein, OJ, Janka, Stergioulas, 2017ApJ, 850L, 34B)



very conservative constraint
assuming HMNS lifetime > 0 ms



$$R_{16} > 10.3 \text{ km}$$
$$R_{\text{max}} > 9.3 \text{ km}$$

conservative constraint
assuming HMNS lifetime > 10 ms



$$R_{16} > 10.7 \text{ km}$$
$$R_{\text{max}} > 9.6 \text{ km}$$

(also several other EOS studies, e.g., Margalit+ '17, Rezzolla+ '17, Ruiz+ '17, Radice+ '17)

CCSN EXPLOSION MECHANISM: CODE COMPARISON

WHY CODE COMPARISONS?

Approximate neutrino transport schemes:

- local cooling schemes
- neutrino-leakage schemes
- Flux-limited diffusion
- M1
- Ray-by-Ray approximation
- ...

Boltzmann-solvers:

- discrete ordinate method
- Monte Carlo
- tangent-ray scheme (only Ray-by-Ray)
- ...

- 😊 computationally efficient
- 😊 possible to explore larger parameter space
- 😊 accuracy may be sufficient for many questions

- 😊 potentially most accurate
- 😊 provide reference solutions for approximate methods

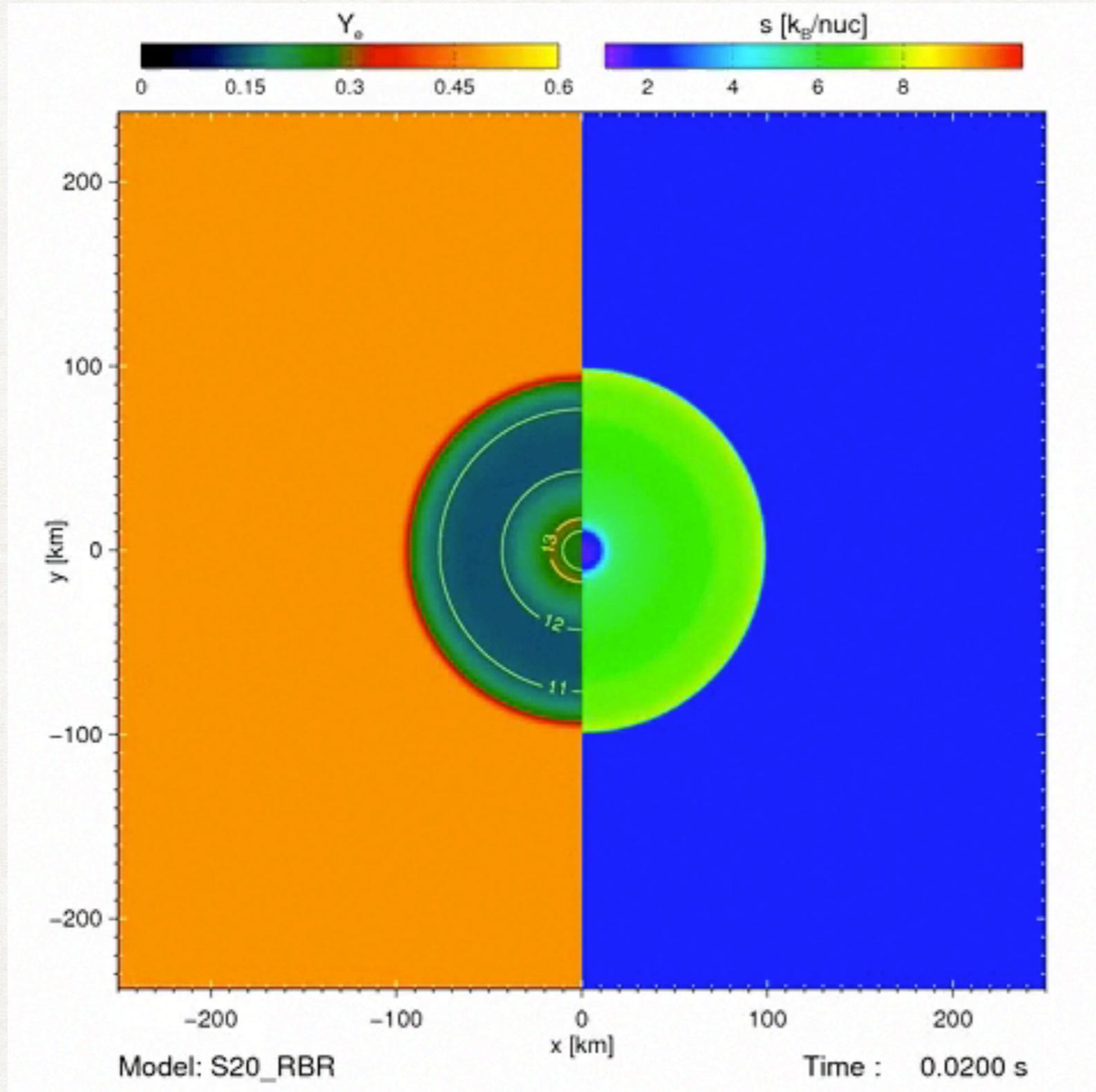
- 😞 potentially large uncertainties
- 😞 impact of each approximation must be tested individually for each application

- 😞 affordable resolution limited, impact not well known
- 😞 small number of available models: cross-comparisons and parameter exploration unfeasible

- ➔ cross-comparisons **invaluable** to assess reliability of final conclusions
- ➔ **particular challenges in multi-D comparisons:** high computational costs per simulation, turbulence, resolution, stochasticity...

COMPARISON STUDY IN 2D

(OJ, Bollig, Janka et al, '18)



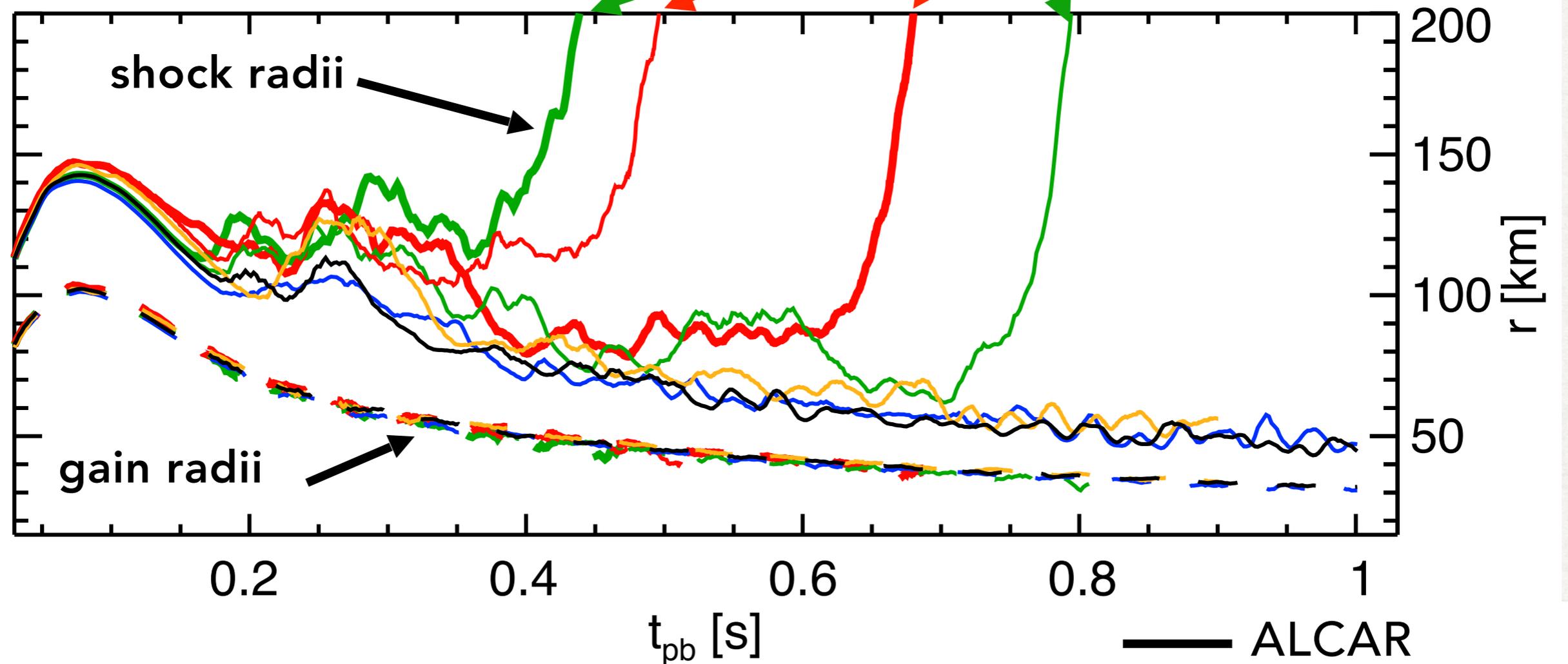
Aims:

- compare M1-RbR (ALCAR) with Boltzmann-RbR (VERTEX)
- compare M1-RbR with unconstrained M1
- test other common approximations used for neutrino transport

(20 Msun model, simulated with “ALCAR” code, M1 approximation, with ray-by-ray+)

ALCAR VS VERTEX VS RBR+: S20 MODEL

*only differ by initial
perturbation pattern!!!*

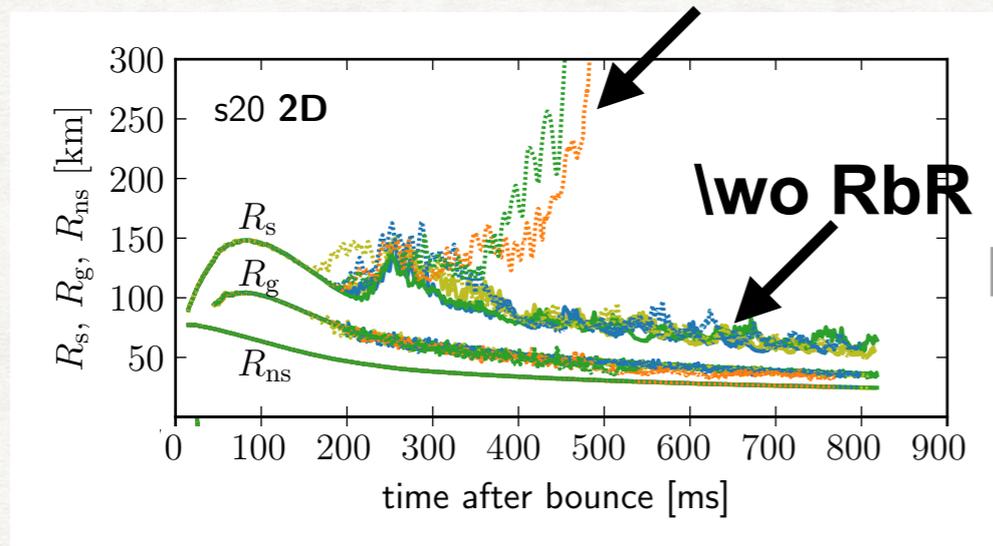


- **good agreement** between ALCAR and VERTEX with RbR
- RbR causes stronger linear sloshing = **earlier explosions**
- **large stochastic scatter** of explosion times

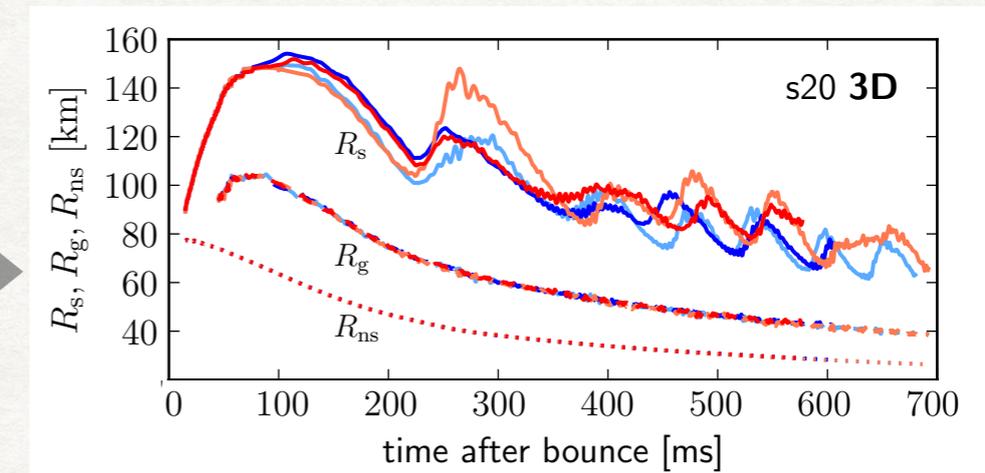
WHAT ABOUT IMPACT OF RbR IN 3D?

(Glas, OJ, Janka, Obergaulinger 2019, all simulations using ALCAR code)

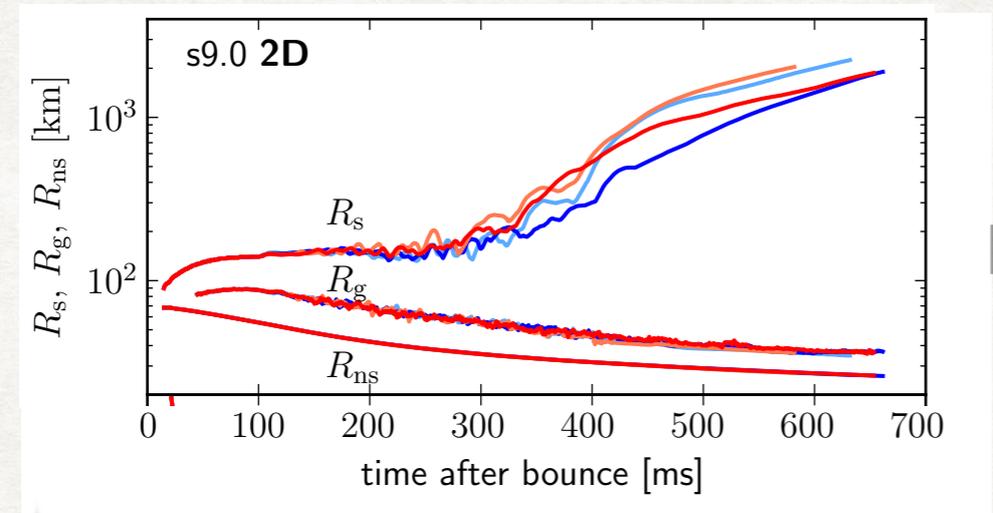
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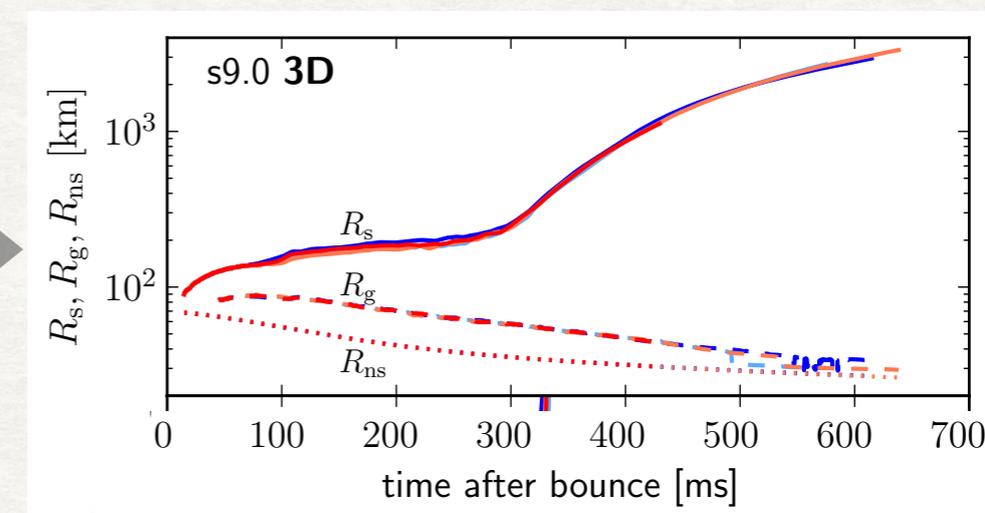
S20, 3D:



S9, 2D:



S9, 3D:



- overall **weaker oscillation amplitudes** in 3D than in 2D
- small impact of RbR** in 3D
- lends credibility** to existing RbR models

- FMD L \wo RbR, low resolution
- FMD H \wo RbR, high resolution
- RbR+ L \w RbR, low resolution
- RbR+ H \w RbR, high resolution

Summary

- NS mergers produce a **variety of different outflow components** with characteristic nucleosynthesis signature as well as EM signal
- observed Kilonova for GW170817 is probably due to a **mixture of dynamical, neutrino-driven, viscously driven, MHD-driven ejecta** => **however, safe identification not yet possible** => **better models needed**
- **the sGRB jet most likely not** powered by neutrino pair-annihilation
- **new method** to constrain NS radius, $R_{\text{NS}} > 10.7$ km if GW170817 was a delayed collapse
- neutrino oscillations **might have strong impact on Y_e**

- CCSNe: **M1 code ALCAR** compares well with **Boltzmann code VERTEX** using RbR approximation
- RbR approximation facilitates explosions **in 2D, but not in 3D**
- **significant stochastic scatter of explosion times** for same initial conditions => need to be careful when comparing models in the literature