

Mass ejection and nucleosynthesis in binary neutron star mergers leaving short-lived massive neutron stars

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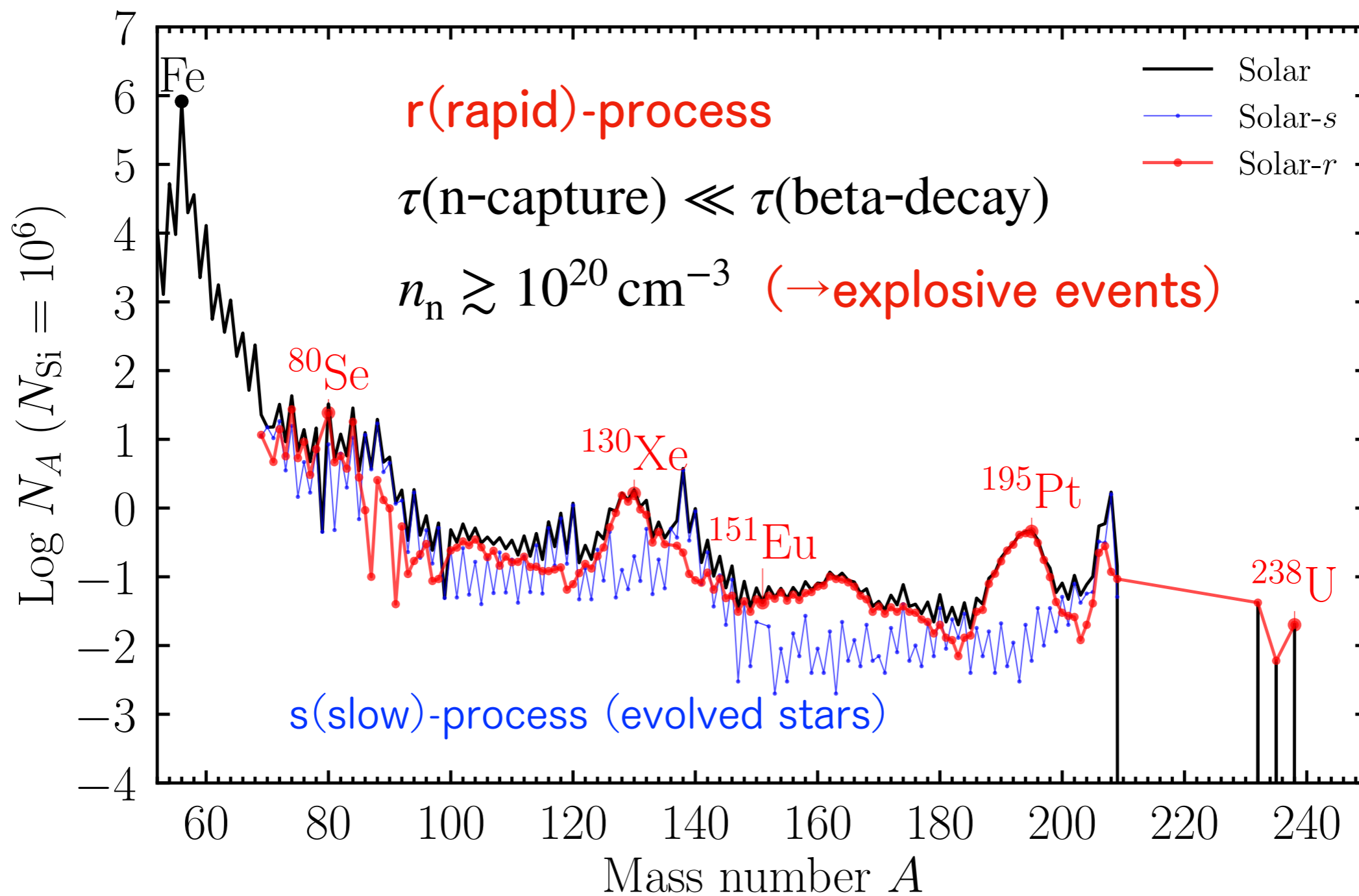
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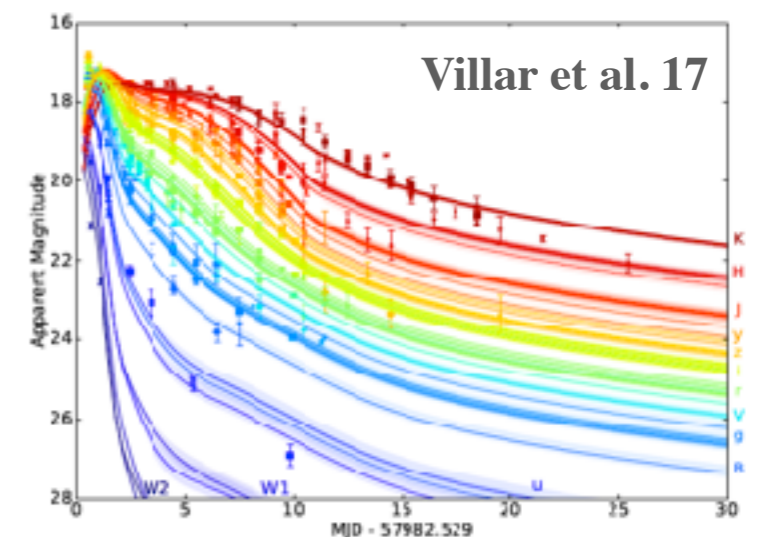
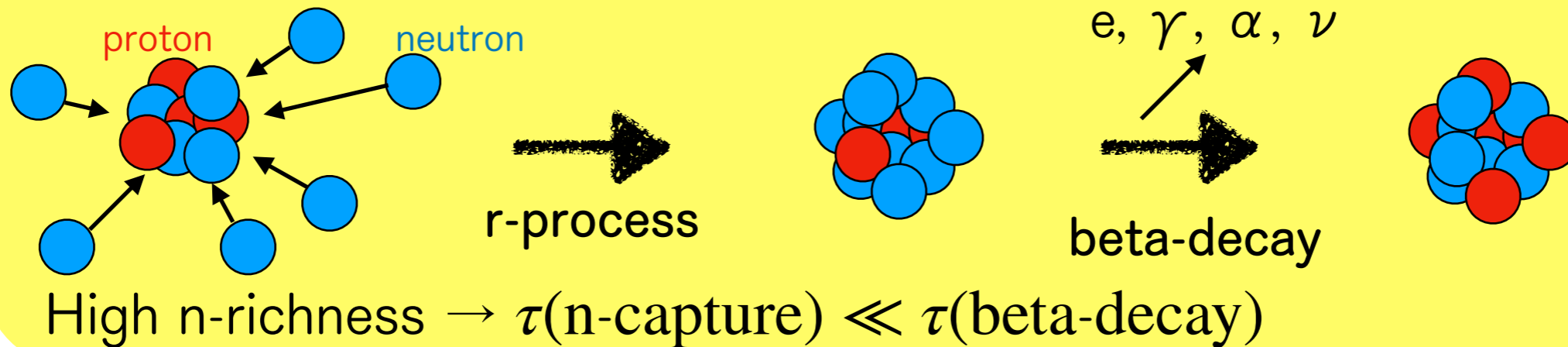
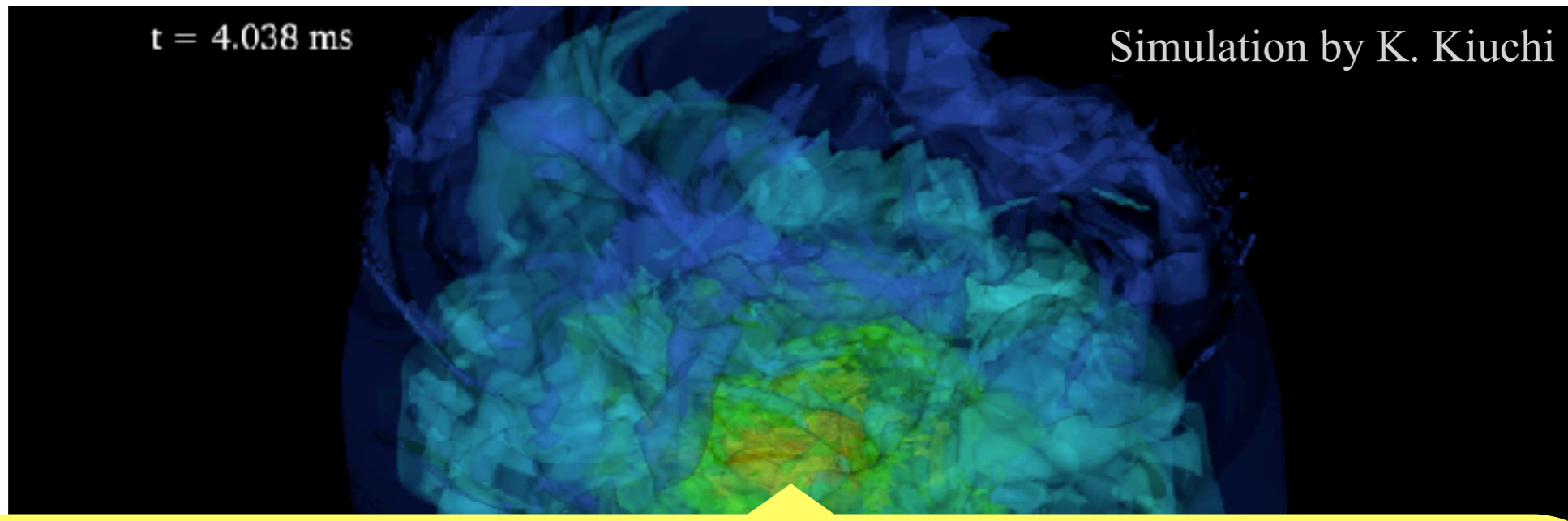
I . Introduction

Processes making nuclei heavier than iron



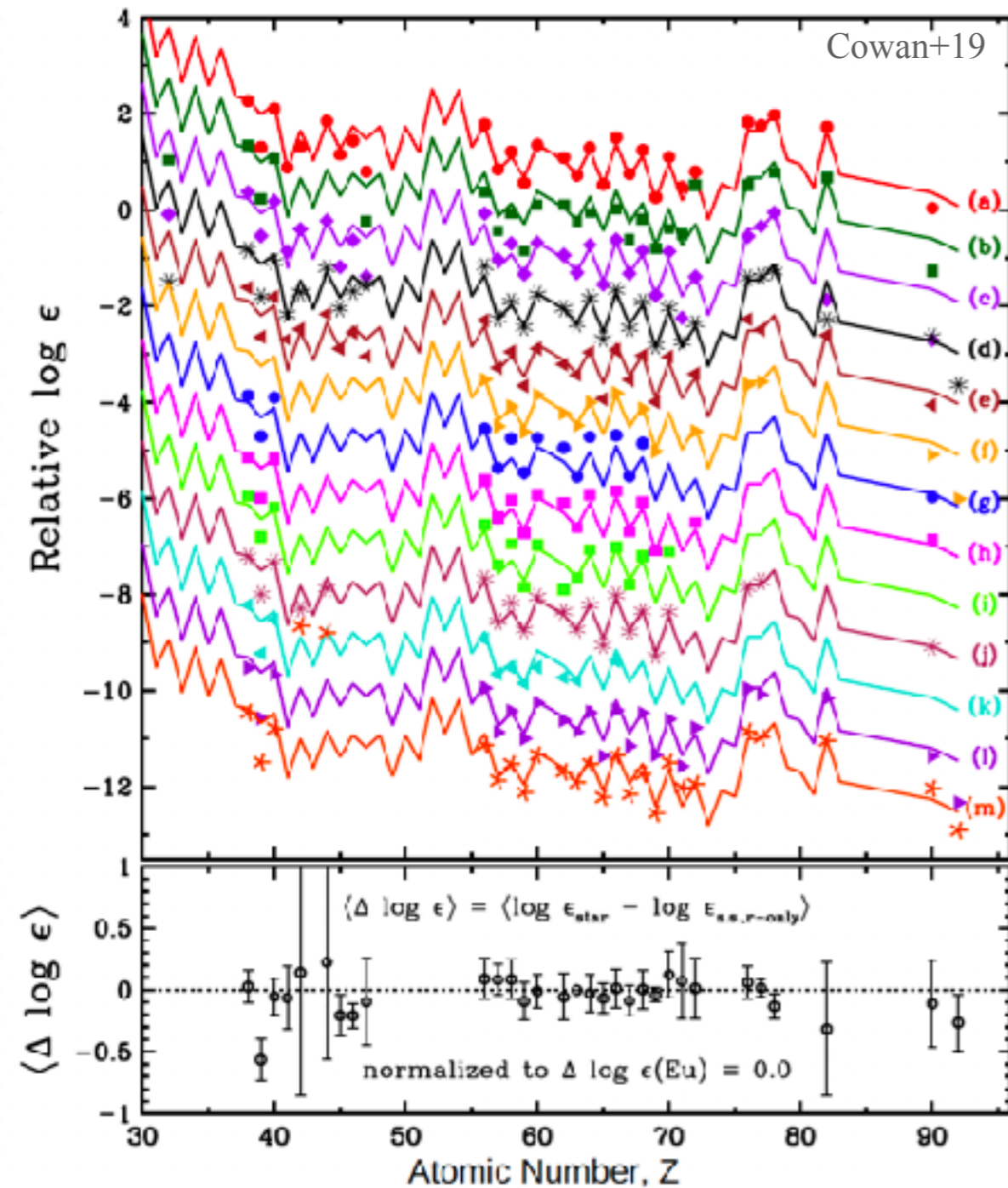
r-process in NS-NS merger

Symbalisty & Schramm 82, Eichler+ 89, ...
Li & Paczynski 98, Kulkarni 05, Metzger 10



“Universality” of the r-process

Abundance pattern in metal-poor stars $[\text{Fe}/\text{H}] \lesssim -3$



Some metal-poor stars with enhanced r-process elements have a similar pattern to solar r-process pattern

Very old stars experienced only a few nucleosynthesis events.

They may have imprint of a single event.

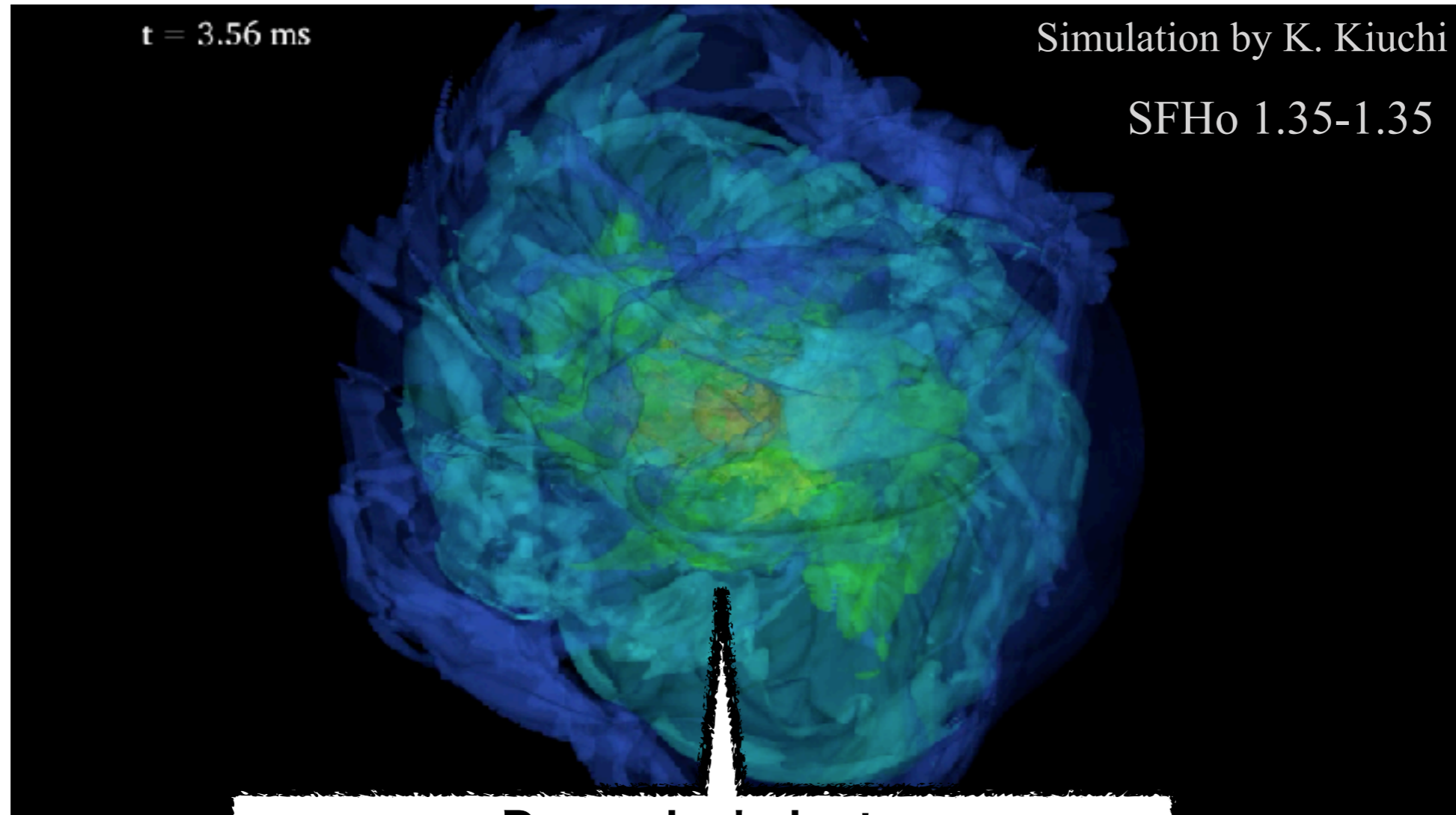
Constraint:

Each r-process enrichment event has to provide the solar pattern.

(elements with $Z < 50$ have some scatter)

(There are some outliers with non-solar pattern)

Mass ejection in different phases

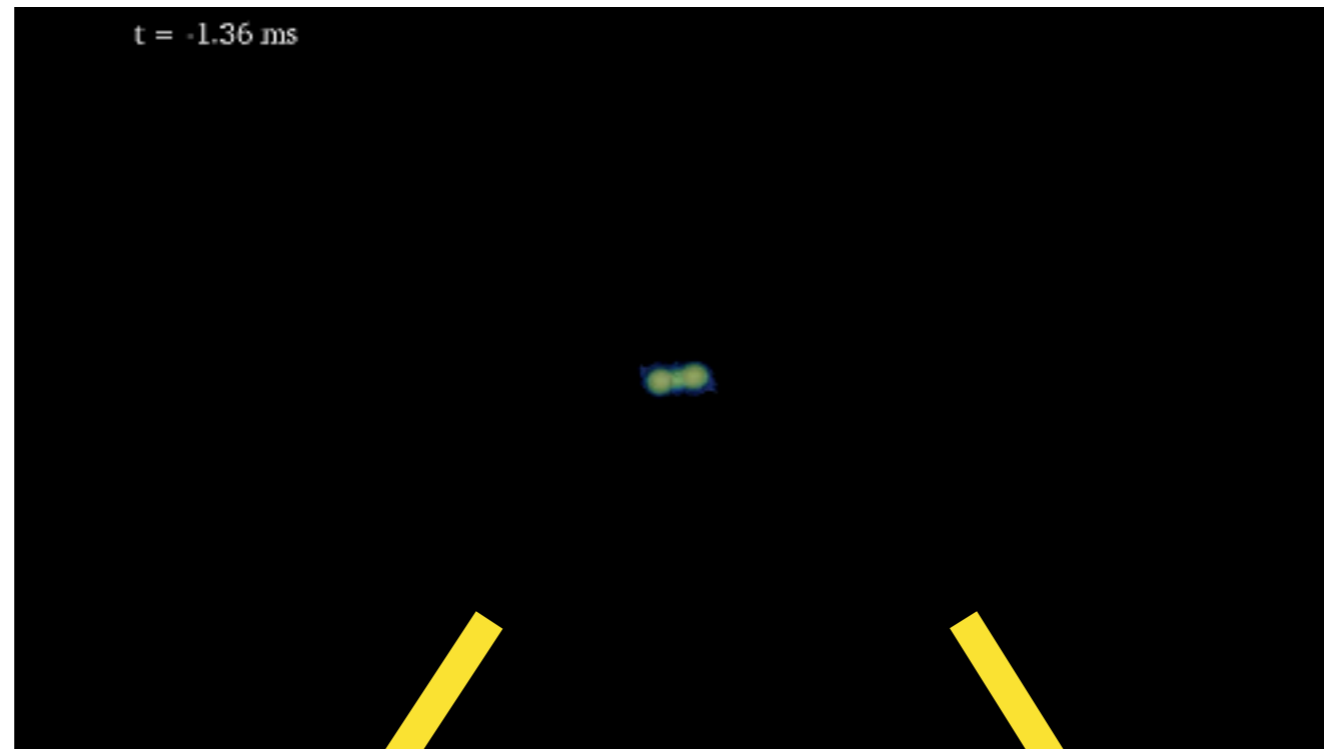


Dynamical ejecta

Due to tidal force and shock heating

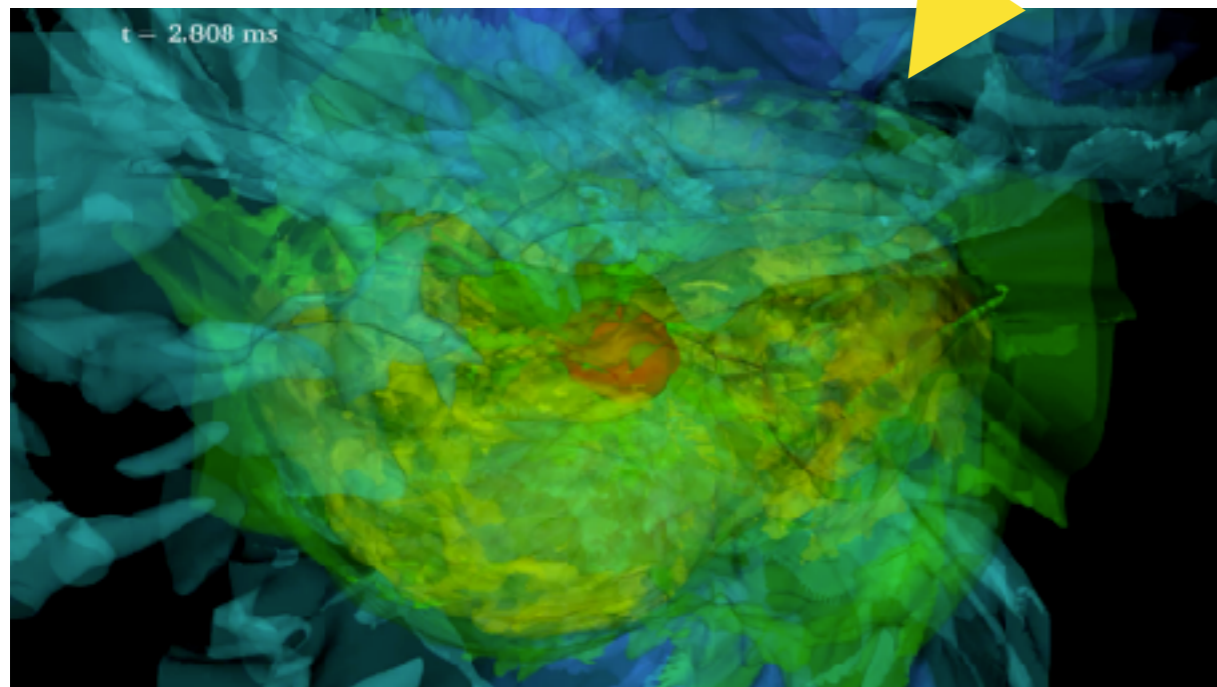
e.g., Rosswog+ '99,
Hotokezaka+ 13, Bauswein+ 13; Palenzuela+ 15,
Sekiguchi+ 15,16, Foucart+ 15, Radice+ 18, Kullmann+ 21

Evolution in Post-merger Phase

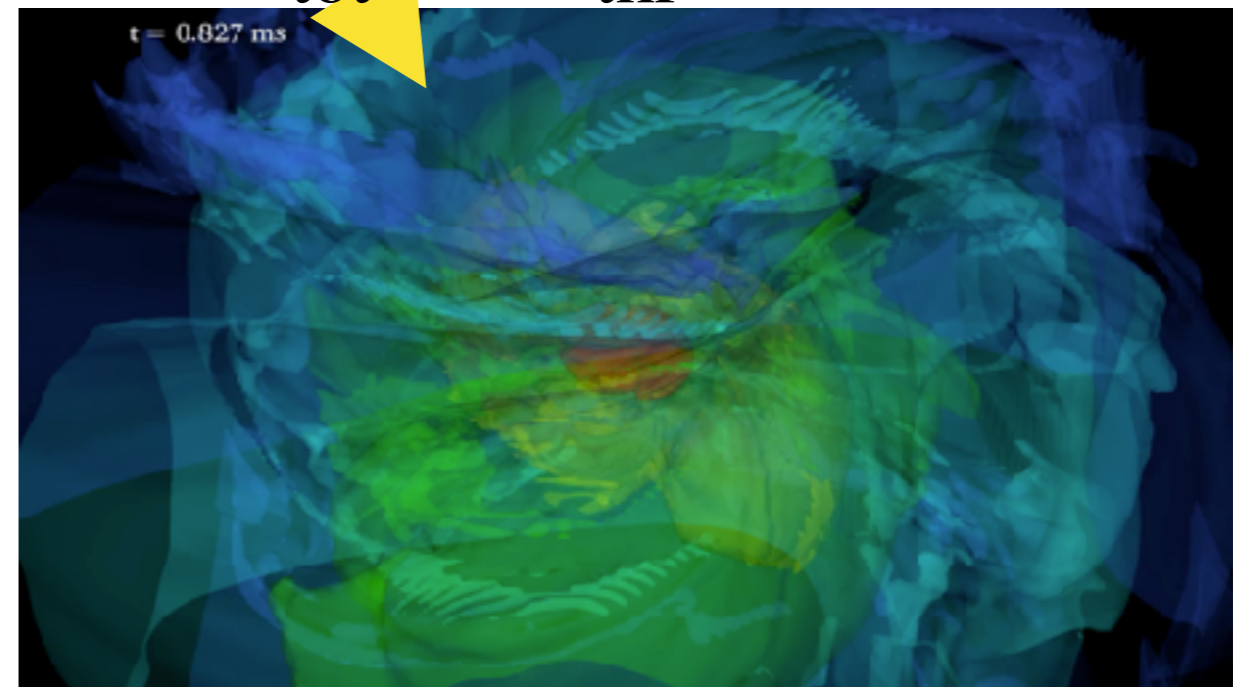


$$M_{\text{tot}} > M_{\text{thr}}$$

$$M_{\text{tot}} < M_{\text{thr}} (\text{given EOS})$$



BH formation



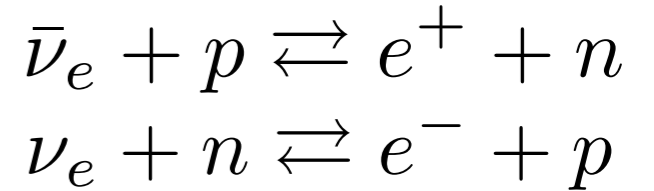
long-lived massive NS

Mass ejection in Post-merger phase

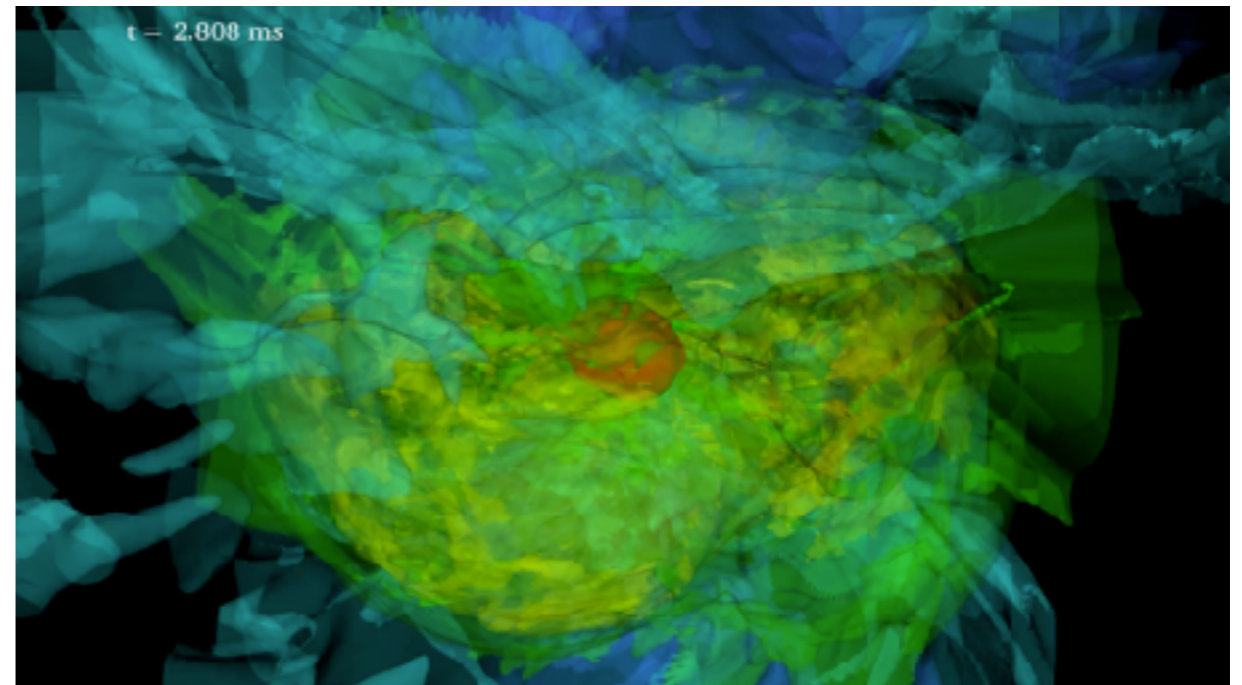
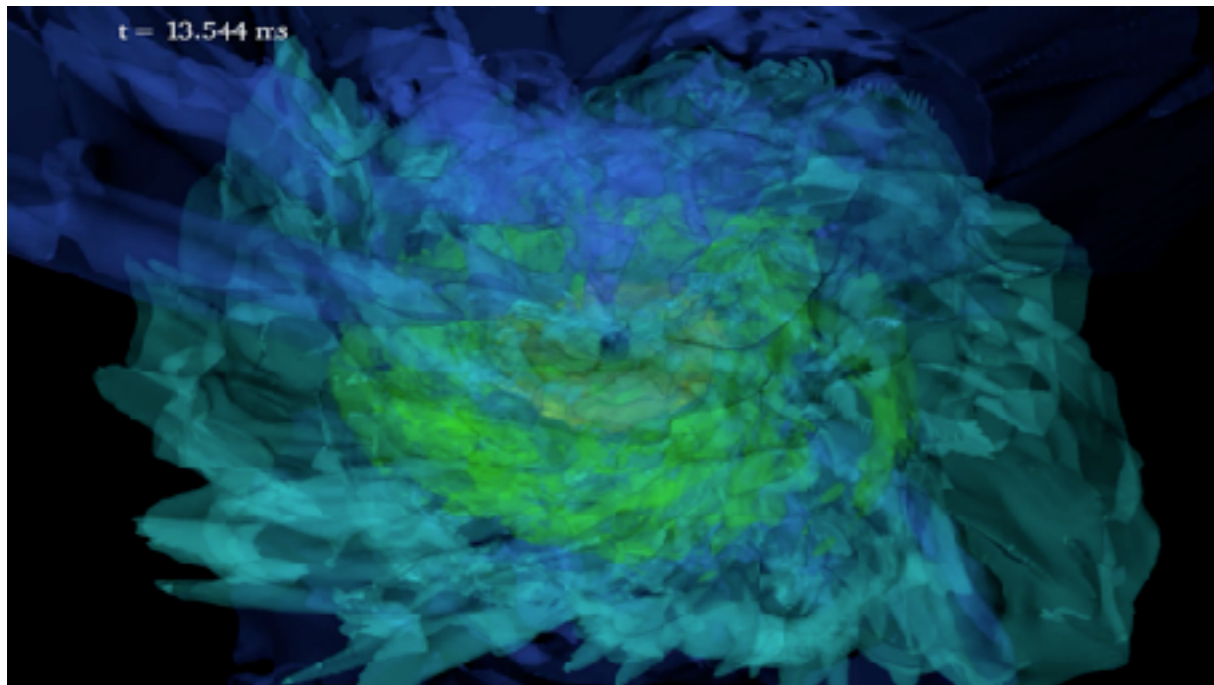
In post-merger phase. . .

- High temperature \rightarrow weak interaction plays an important role

$$t_{\text{weak}} \sim 1 \text{ ms} \left(\frac{T}{5 \text{ MeV}} \right)^{-5} \ll \text{timescale of the evolution}$$



- Neutrino emission cooling evolves the system
- Determine the neutron-richness (Y_e)
- Heating by neutrino irradiation \rightarrow mass ejection



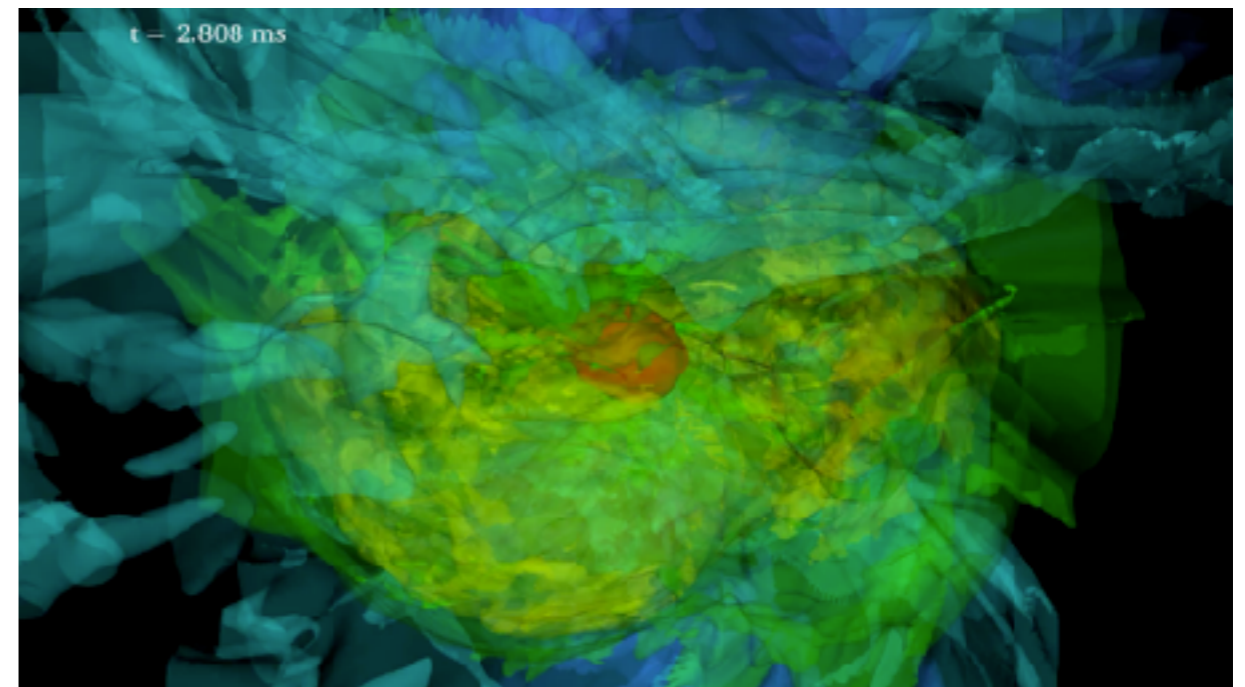
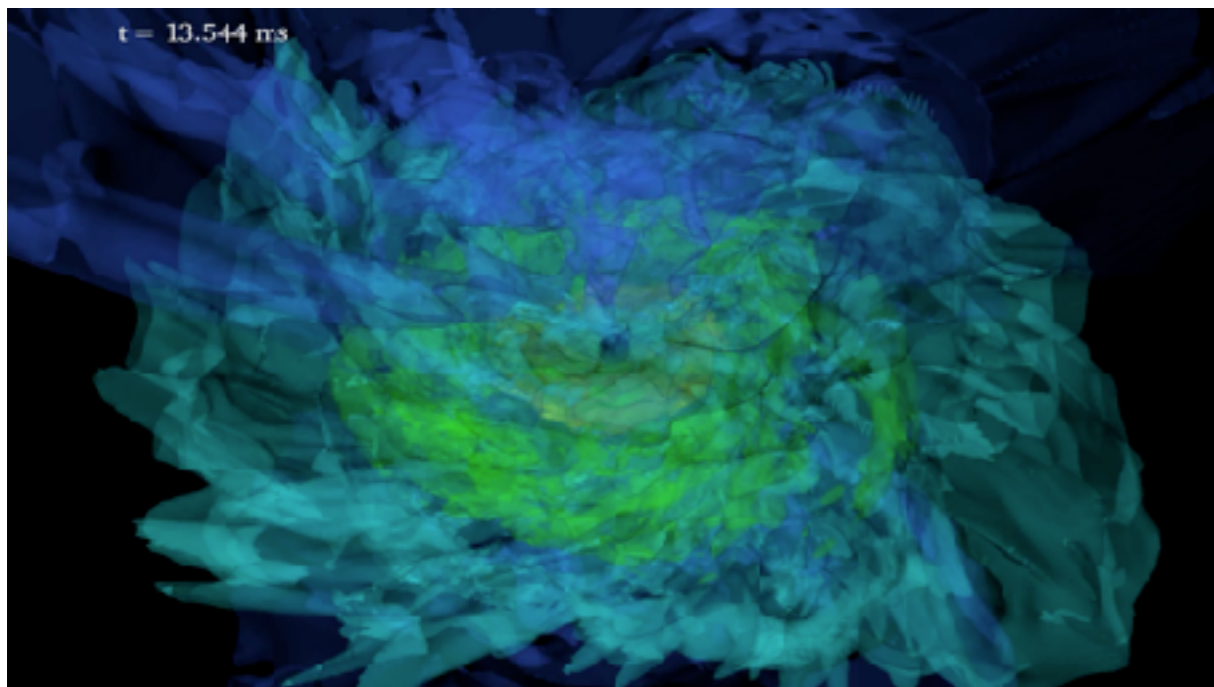
Mass ejection in Post-merger phase

In post-merger phase. . .

- Magnetic field is amplified due to MHD processes.
- MRI in the disk \rightarrow Viscosity (by turbulent motion) emergence
- Viscous angular momentum transport/heating \rightarrow **mass ejection**

$$t_{\text{vis}} \sim 1 \text{ s} \left(\frac{\alpha_{\text{vis}}}{0.03} \right)^{-1} \left(\frac{R_{\text{disk}}}{50 \text{ km}} \right)^{3/2} \left(\frac{M_*}{3M_{\odot}} \right)^{1/2} \left(\frac{3H_{\text{scale}}}{R_{\text{disk}}} \right)^{-2} \text{ (assuming standard disk)}$$

- Mass ejection by (purely) MHD processes (due to aligned global B-field)



e.g., Surman & McLaughlin 04, Metzger+08, Fernandez & Metzger 13, Just+ 15, SF+ 18, Lippuner+ 17, Just+ 21, ...
Siegel+ 18, Fernandez+ 19, Hayashi+ 21,...

2. Simulations for NS-NS Mergers

Dynamical ejecta

Post-merger ejecta

Composition

Mass ejection in Post-merger phase

In many work for mass ejection in the post-merger phase,
the initial conditions are the equilibrium disks (tori) around BHs.

(with fixed mass, radius...)

e.g., Fernandez & Metzger 13, Just+ 15, Lippuner+ 17, Siegel+ 18, Fernandez+ 19, Christie+19, SF+20a, 20b, Just+ 21

The properties of the disk should depend on those of merging binaries
(mass ratio, total mass, ...)

Our Purpose:

To model the post-merger mass ejection consistently with the merger

for (I) modeling lightcurves of Kilonovae, (II) Inputs of galactic chemical evolution

Out previous work:

Equal mass ($M_1 = M_2$) case leaving a long-lived massive NS

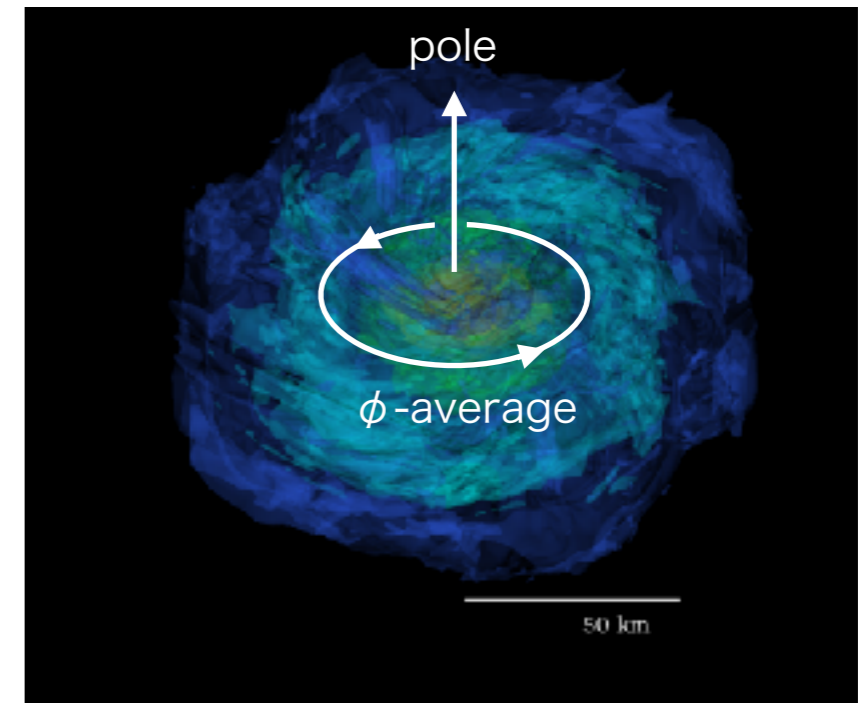
Here we investigated the cases in which the massive NS is short-lived (< 20 ms).

Our procedure

i) Perform NS-NS merger simulation (3D)

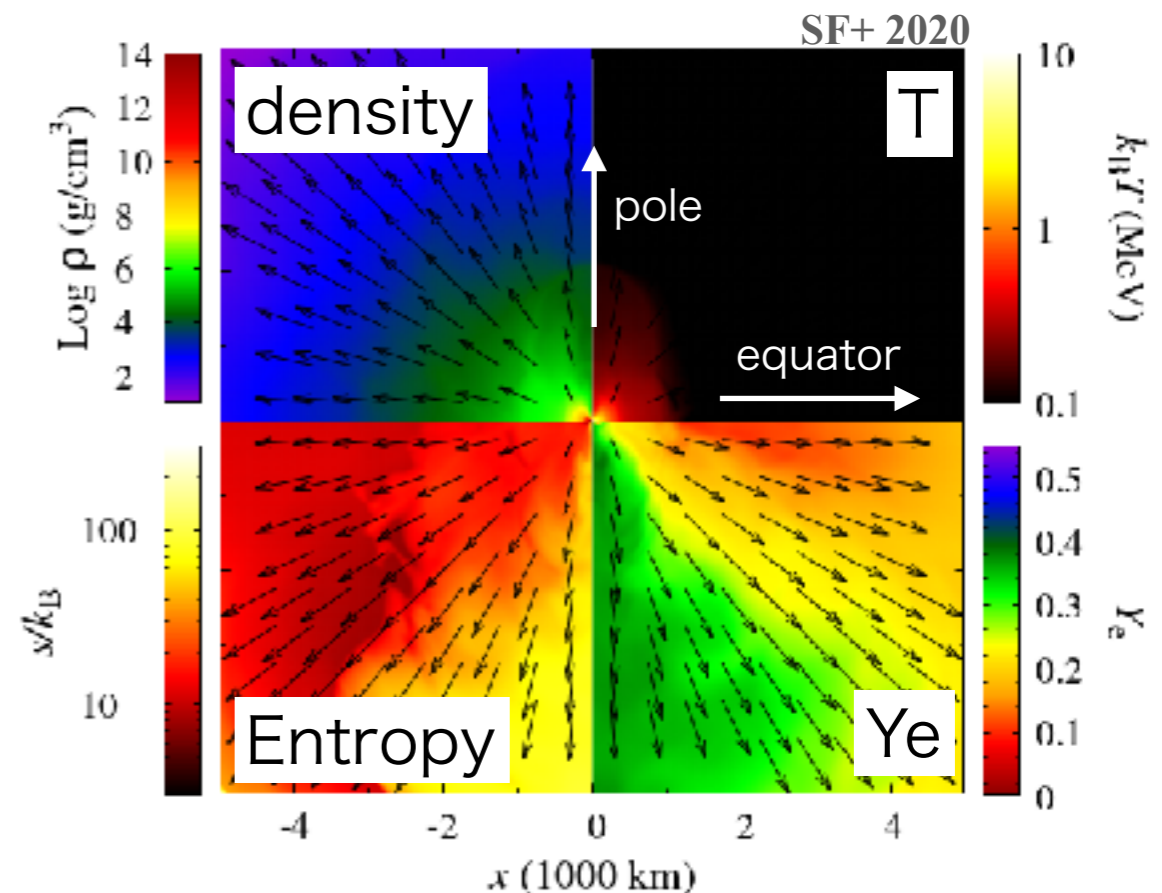
Sekiguchi+ 15, 16 Kiuchi+22

Take an average over the azimuthal angle around the rotational axis.



ii) Long-term Axisymmetric 2D simulation using angle-averaged configuration as the initial condition

This enable us to model the post-merger phase consistent with merger simulation (important for later study of Kilonova with photon-radiation transfer)



Method

- Fully general relativistic radiation hydrodynamics code.
- Original code is developed by Y. Sekiguchi

- **Einstein's equation**

BSSN formalism

Nakamura & Shibata 95, Baumgarte & Shapiro 99

- **Neutrino radiation transfer equation**

A leakage-based scheme

incorporating a moment formalism

Sekiguchi 15

Thorne 81, Shibata et al. 11

- **3D: Ideal-gas hydrodynamics equation**

- **2D: Viscous hydrodynamics equation**

A effective model for causal viscous hydrodynamics

Israel & Stuart 79, Shibata et al. 17, Shibata & Kiuchi 17

$$\nu = \alpha c_s H_{\text{tur}} \quad \text{with } \alpha H_{\text{tur}} = 400 \text{ m (= Const.)}.$$

Dynamical ejecta

Mass-ratio dependence of dynamical ejecta

EOS, Mass(M_{\odot})	M_2/M_1	M_{ej} (Dynamical)
SFHo 1.35-1.35	1.0	$6.9 \times 10^{-3} M_{\odot}$
SFHo 1.30-1.40	0.93	$4.6 \times 10^{-3} M_{\odot}$
SFHo 1.25-1.45	0.86	$5.4 \times 10^{-3} M_{\odot}$
SFHo 1.20-1.50	0.80	$3.7 \times 10^{-3} M_{\odot}$
SFHo 1.25-1.55	0.81	$8.6 \times 10^{-3} M_{\odot}$

SFHo EOS, Total mass 2.7 and $2.8M_{\odot}$ with different mass ratios.

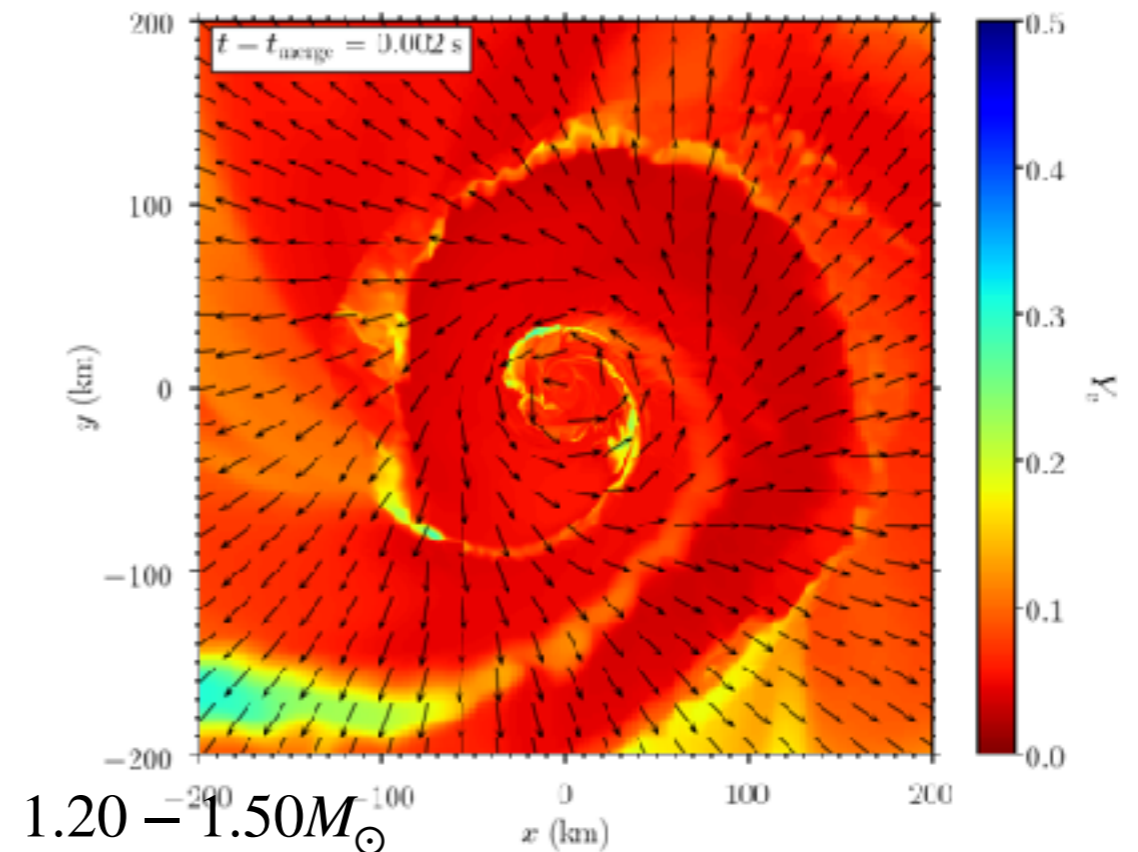
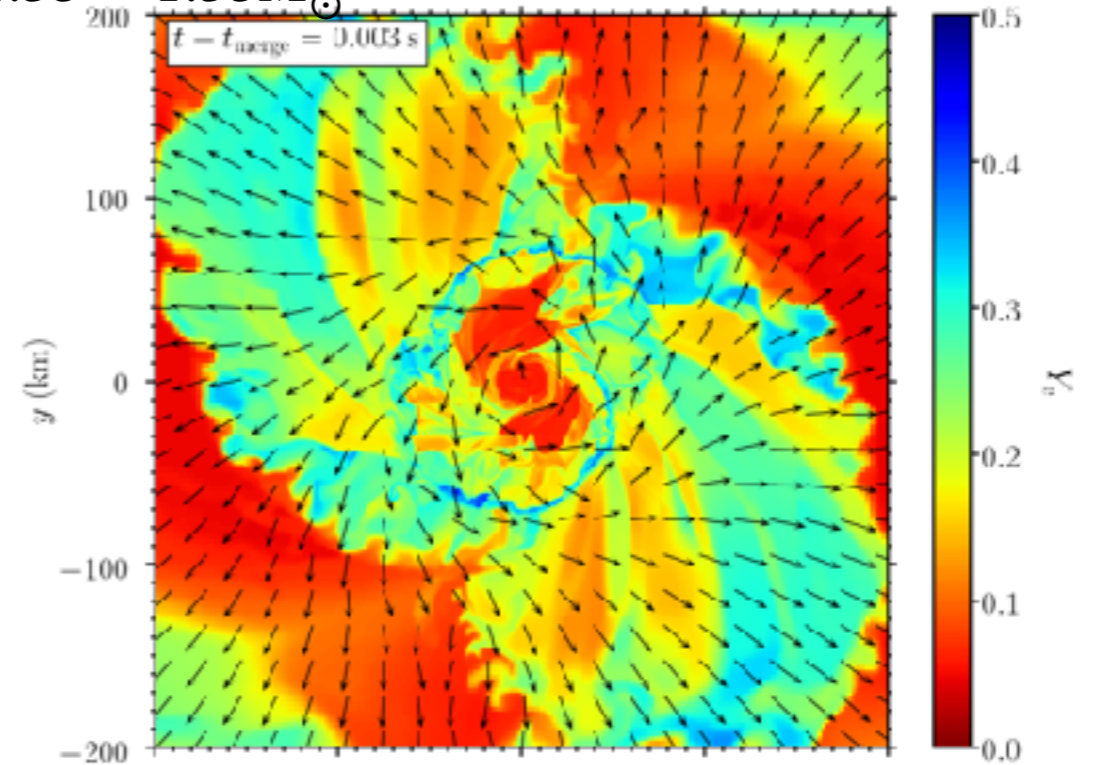
After the merger, massive NS collapses in 3-20 ms.

Ejecta Y_e

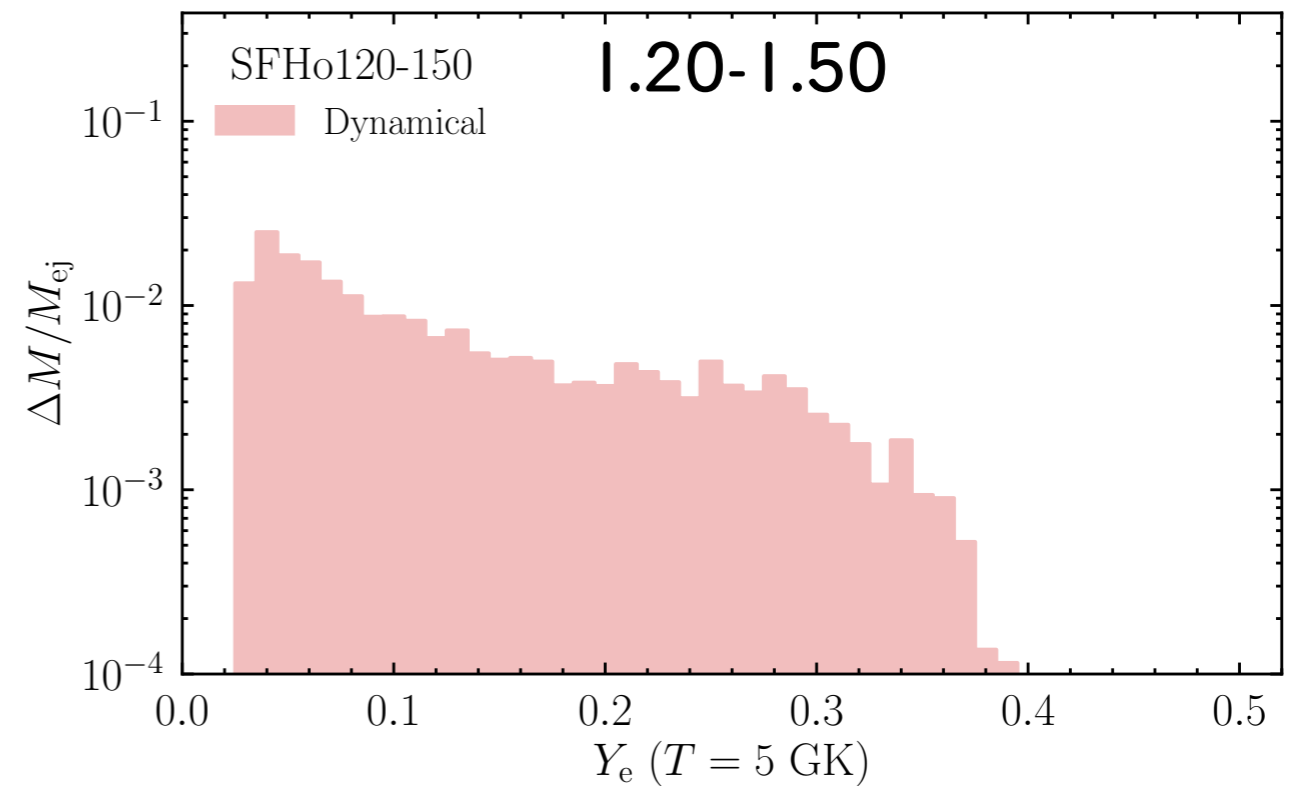
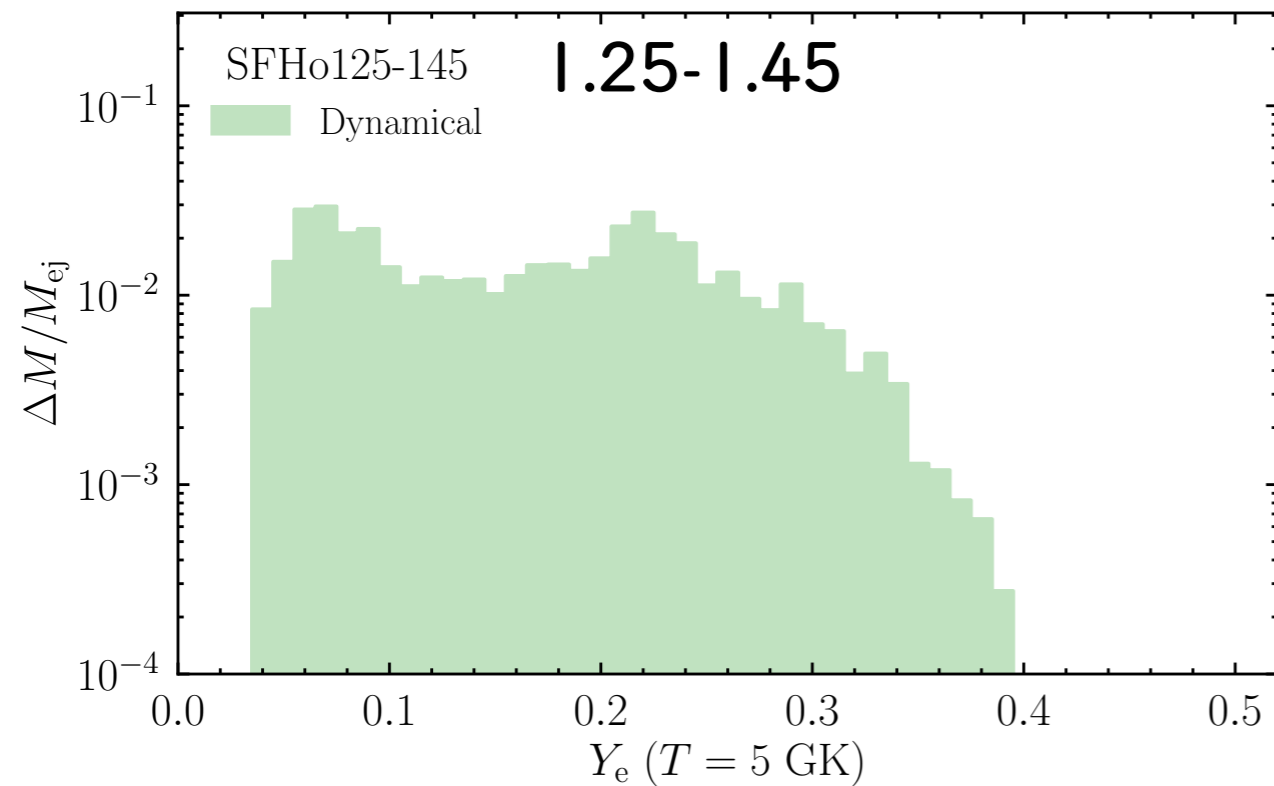
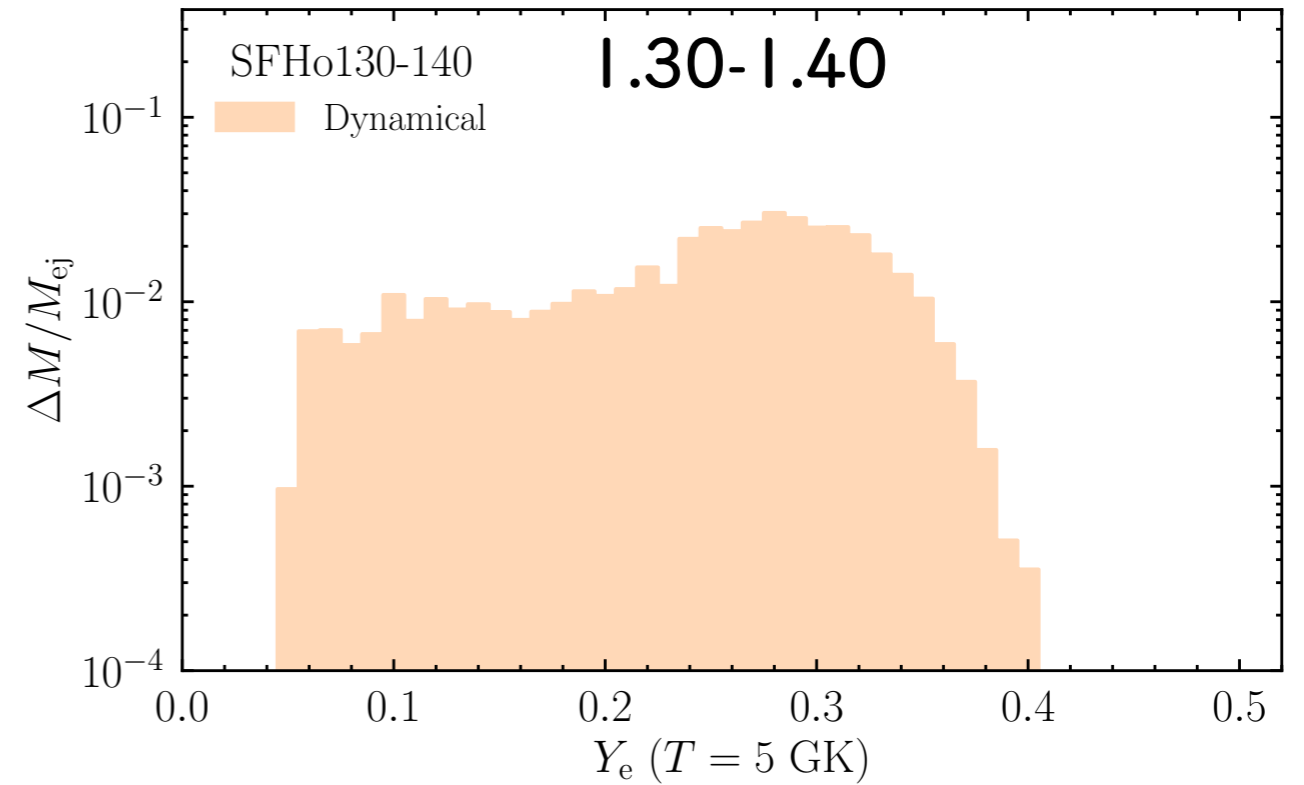
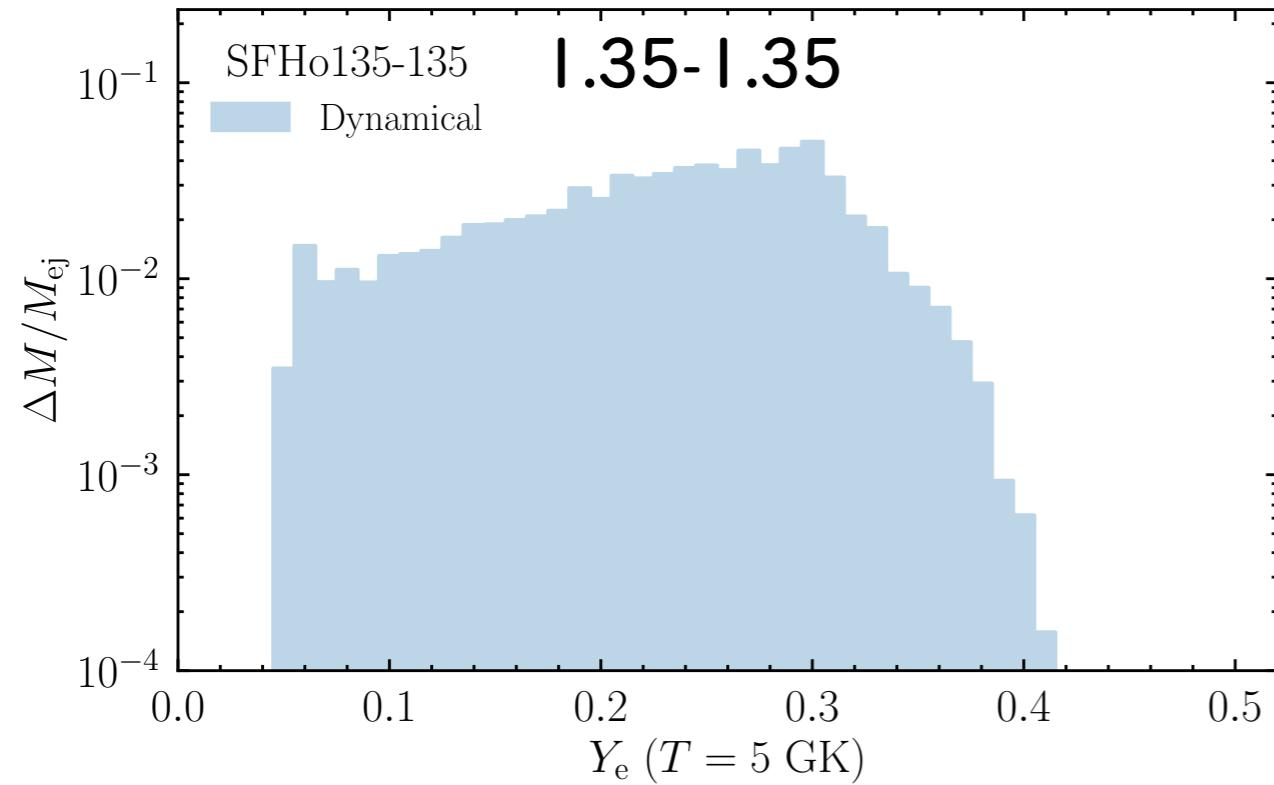
Equal-mass : Mainly by shock heating
 \rightarrow high Y_e ($e^+ + n \rightarrow \bar{\nu}_e + p$)

Asymmetric : Mainly by tidal interaction
 \rightarrow low Y_e

Ye distribution on x-y plane
 1.35 – 1.35 M_{\odot} Ye low \leftrightarrow high

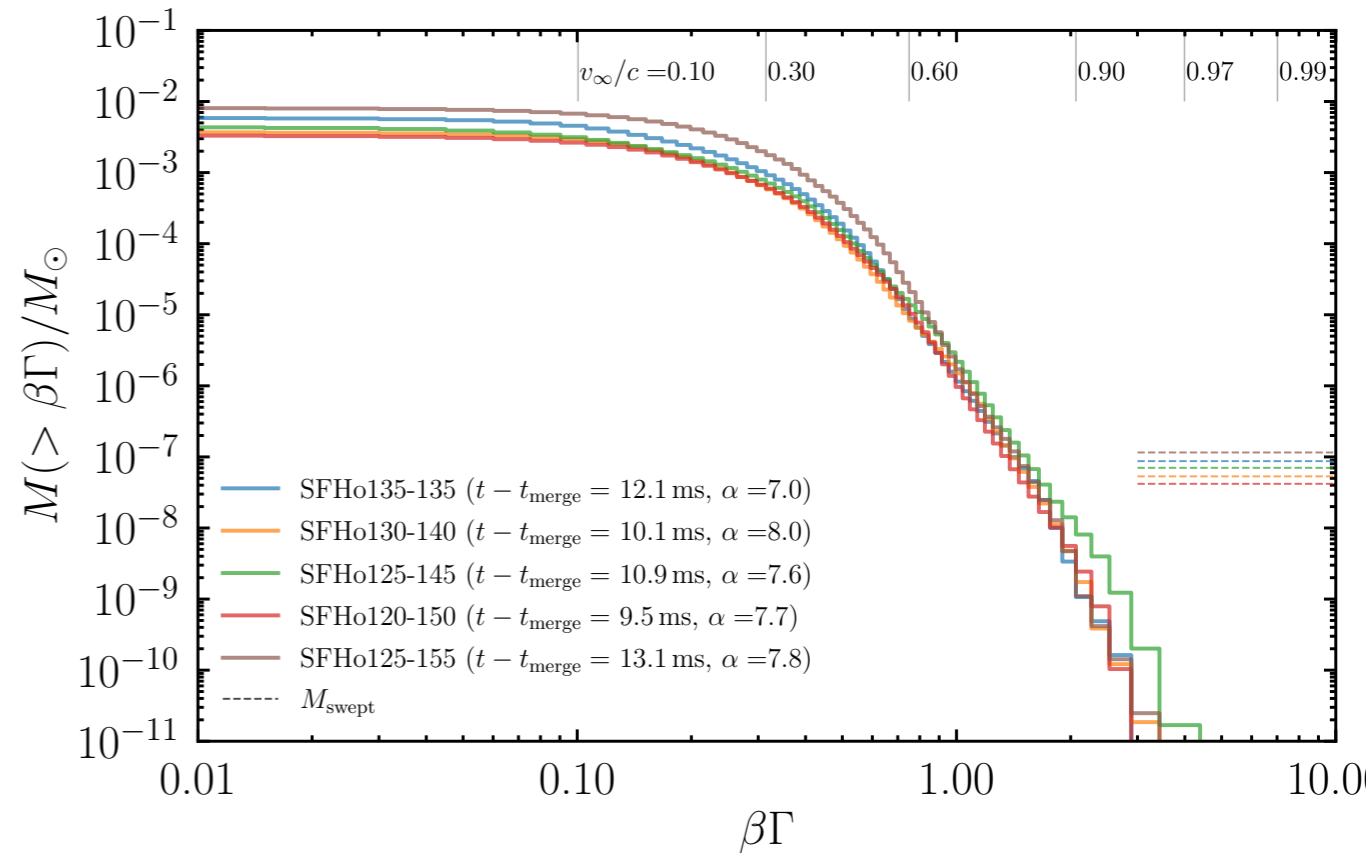
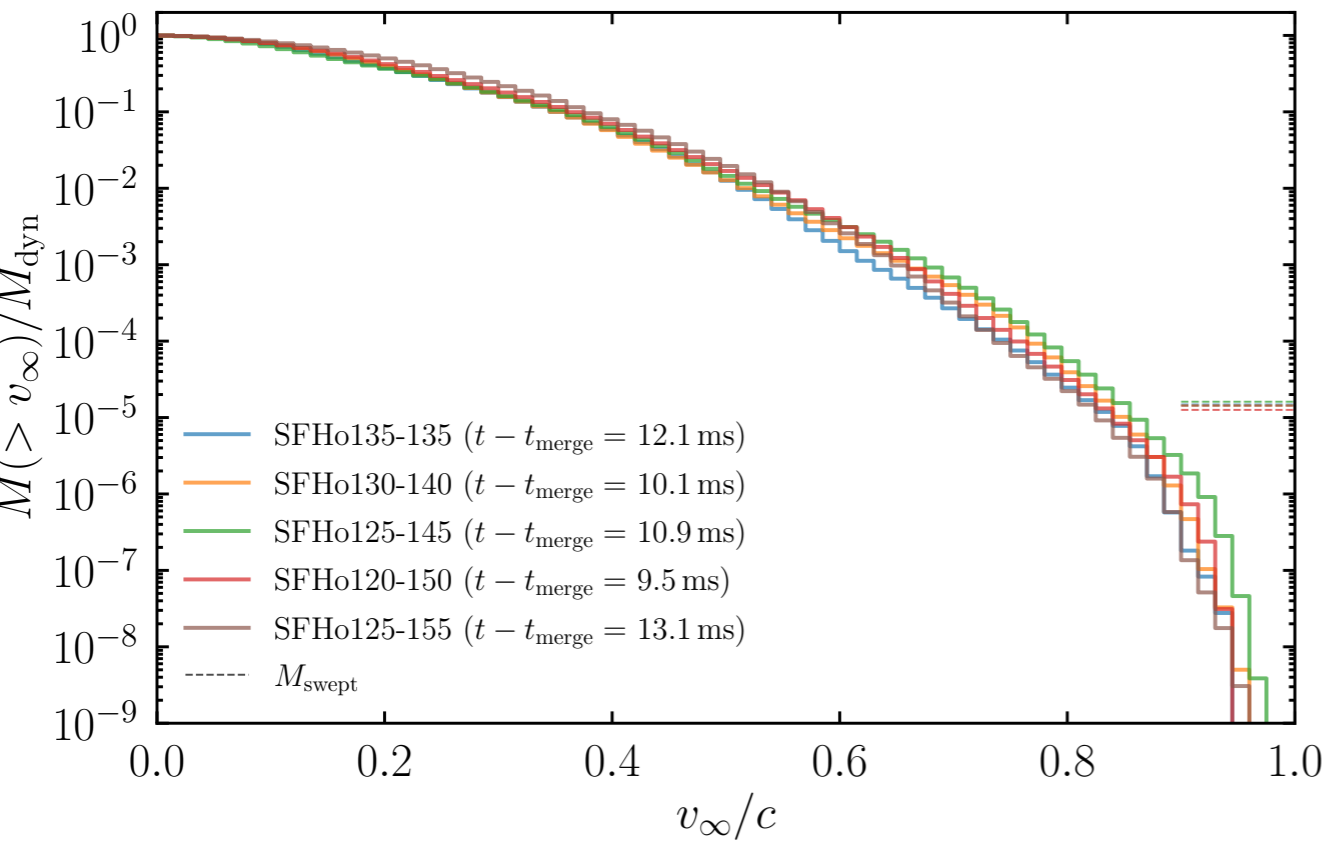


Mass-ratio dependence of n-richness

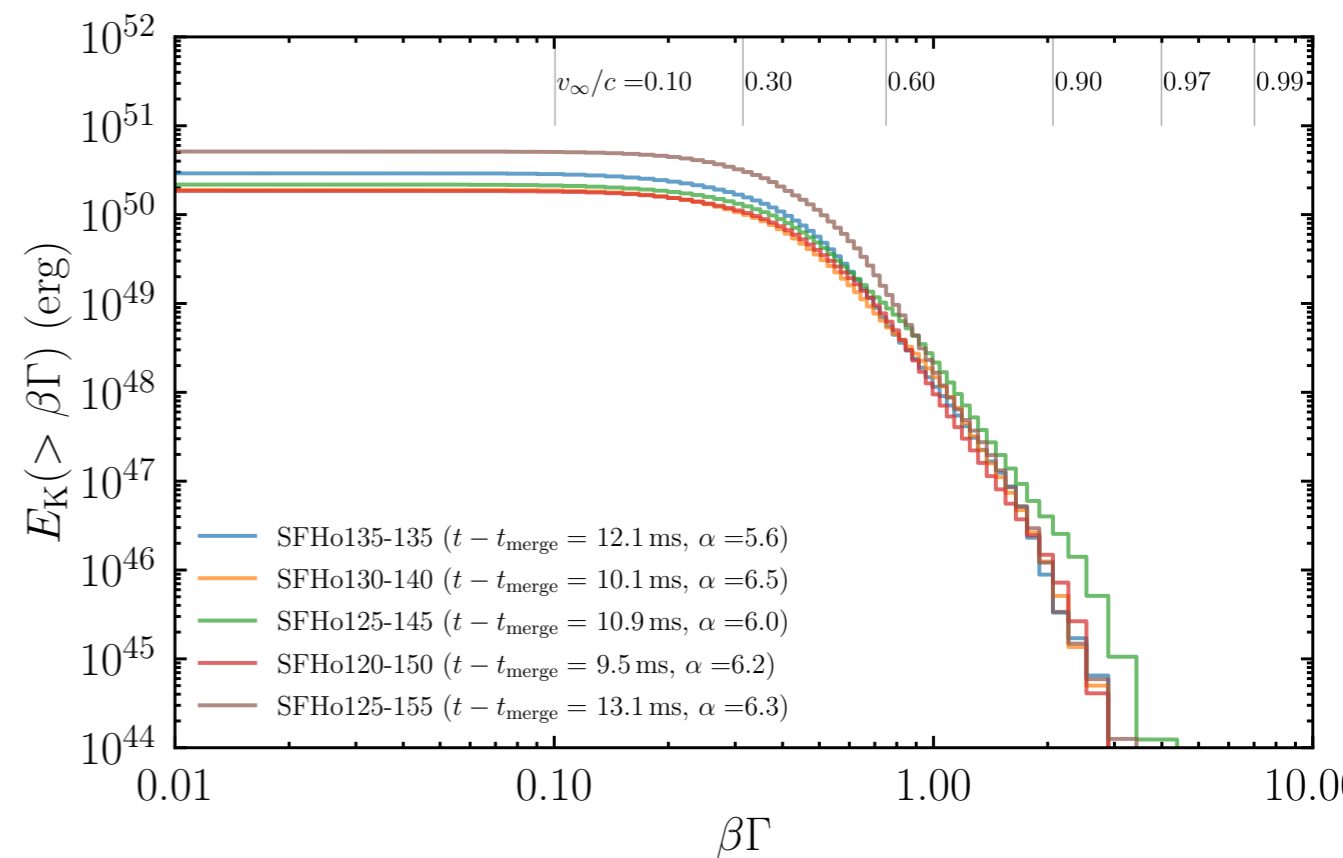


More asymmetric merger results in more n-rich dynamical ejecta

High-velocity Component

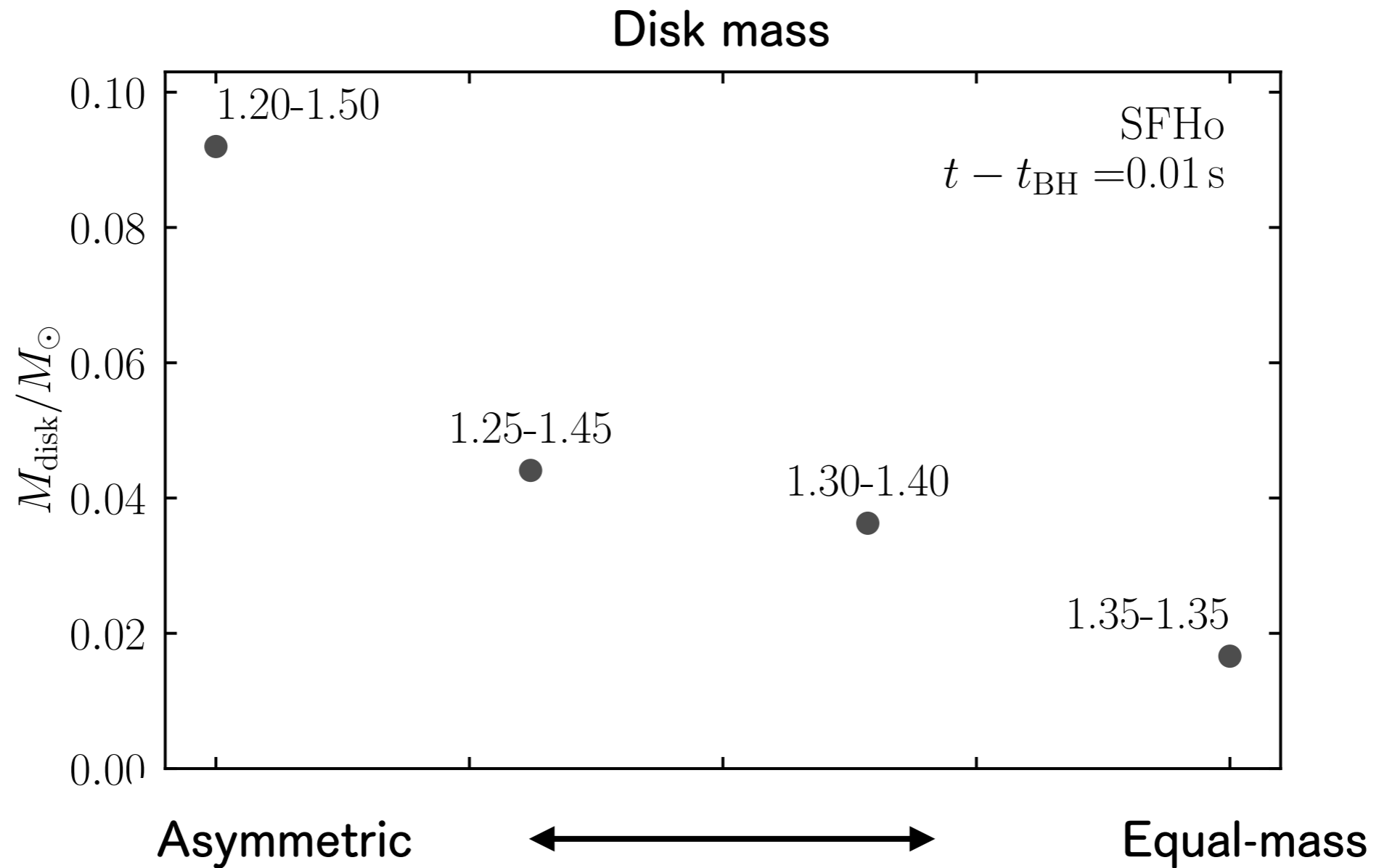


Highest velocity $> 0.9 c$
 irrespective of the total mass, mass ratio.
 $M(v/c > 0.5) \sim 1e-4 M_{\text{sun}}$.



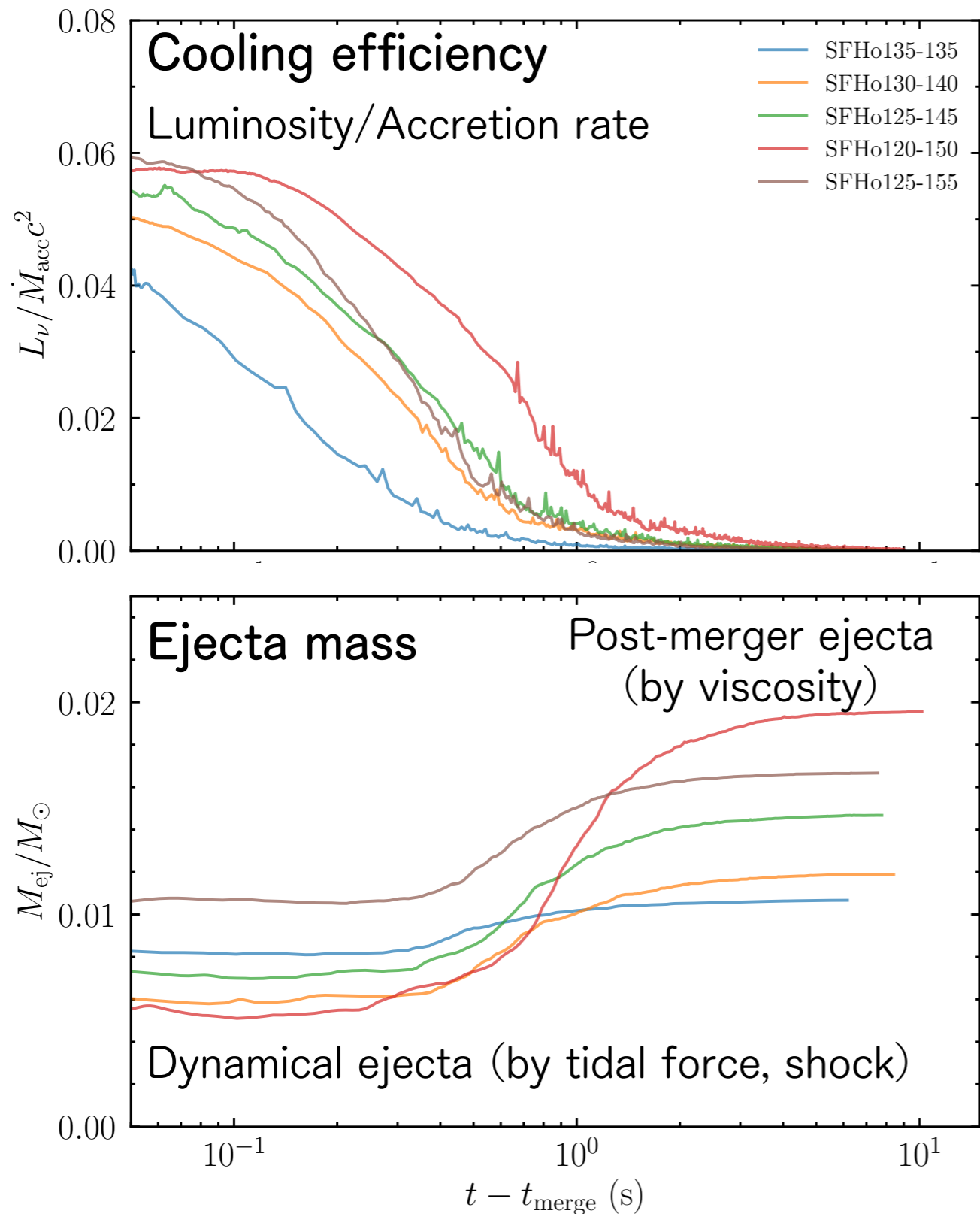
Post-merger ejecta

Mass-ratio dependence of disk mass



Disk mass (\leftrightarrow Importance of post-merger ejecta) is larger for the merger of more asymmetric binary

Post-merger mass ejection



Mass-ejection mechanism

Disk temperature decreases
 due to the drop of accretion rate

Cooling efficiency drops $t_{\text{weak}} \sim 1 \text{ ms} \left(\frac{kT}{5 \text{ MeV}} \right)^{-5}$
 → Mass ejection by viscous heating

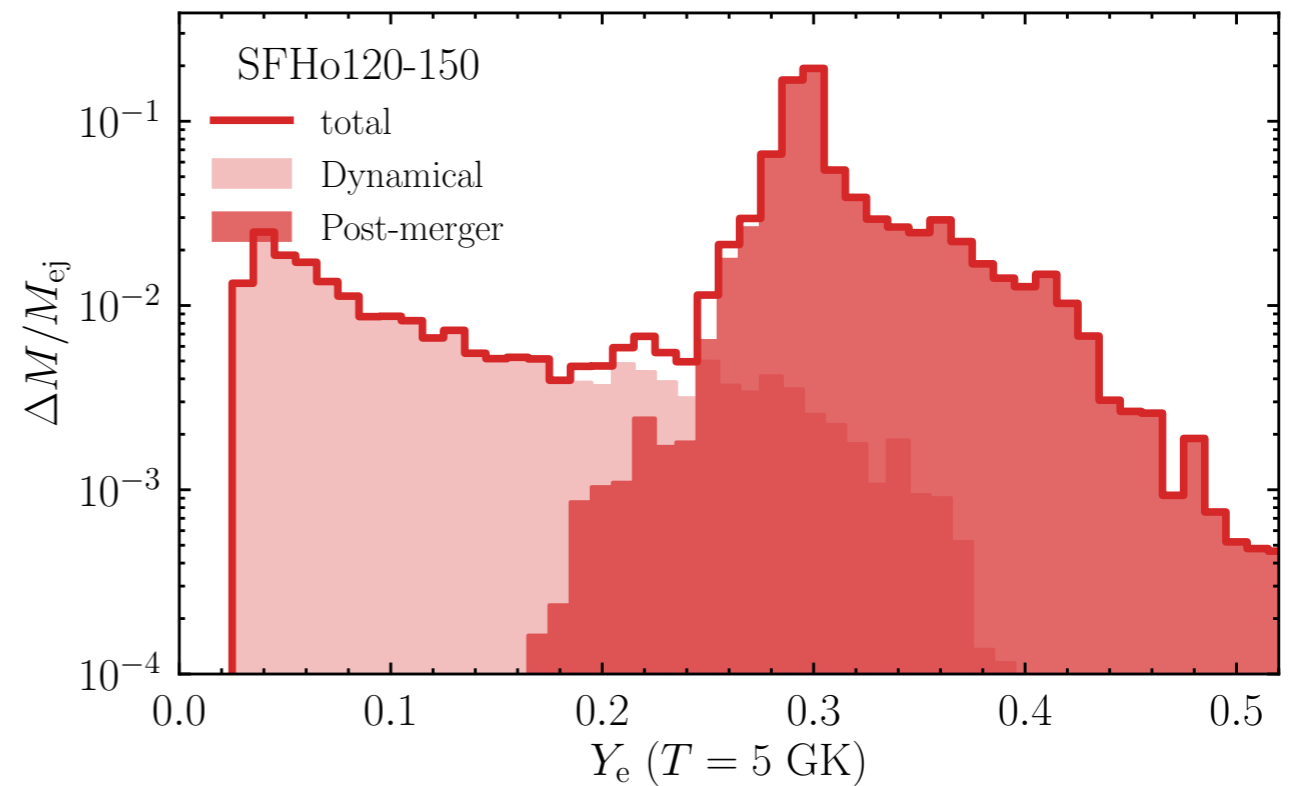
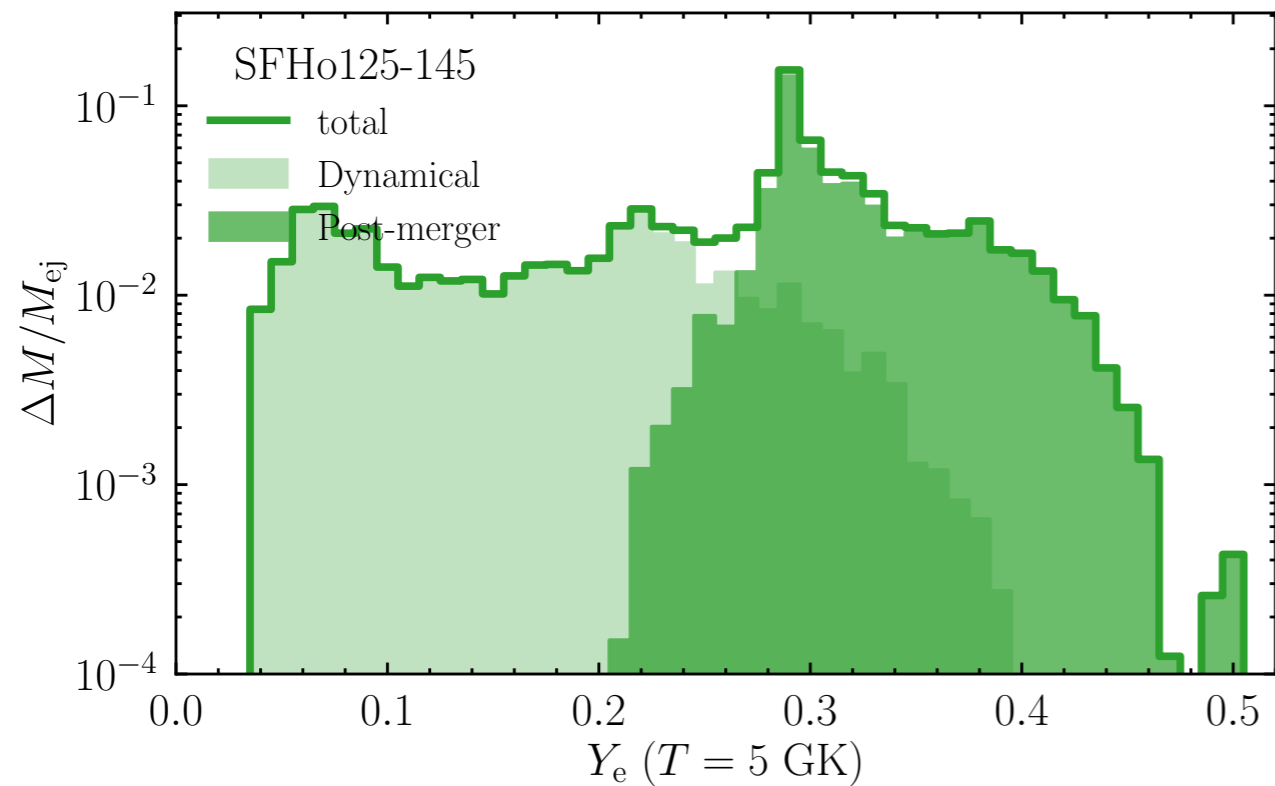
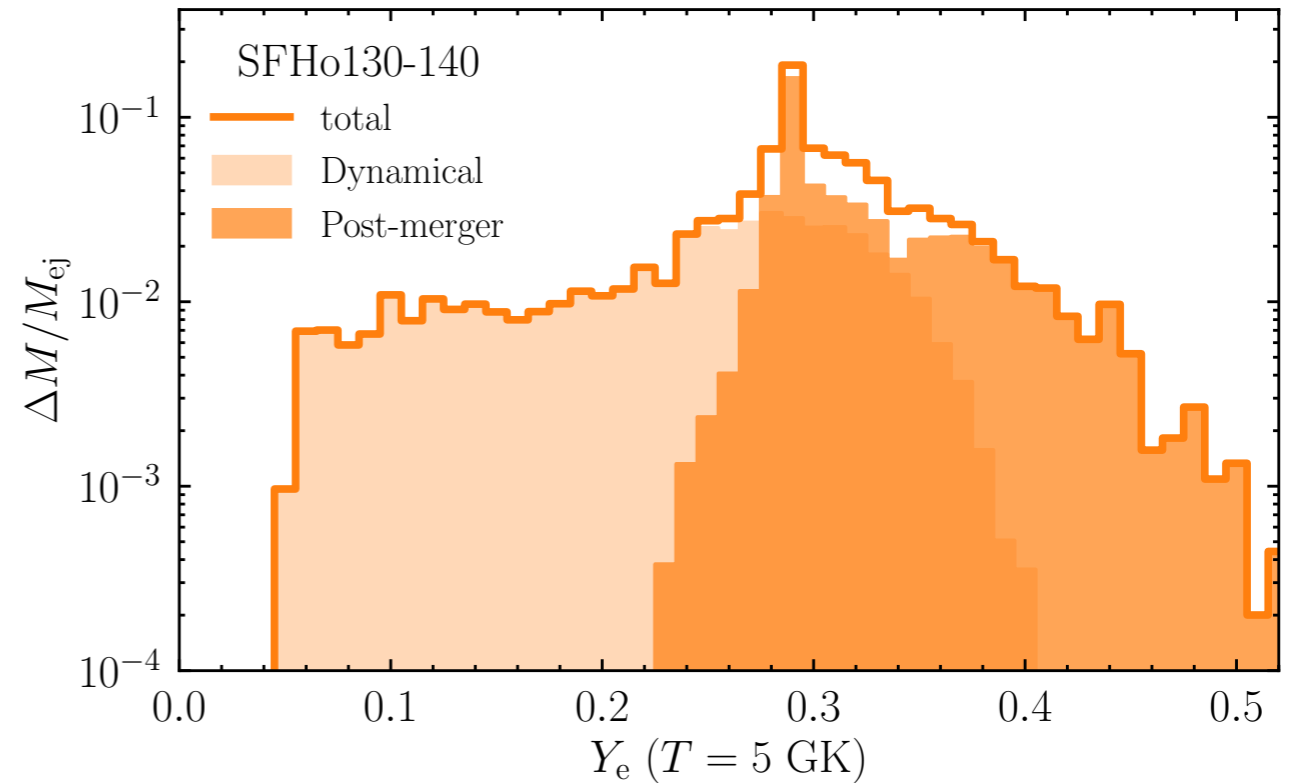
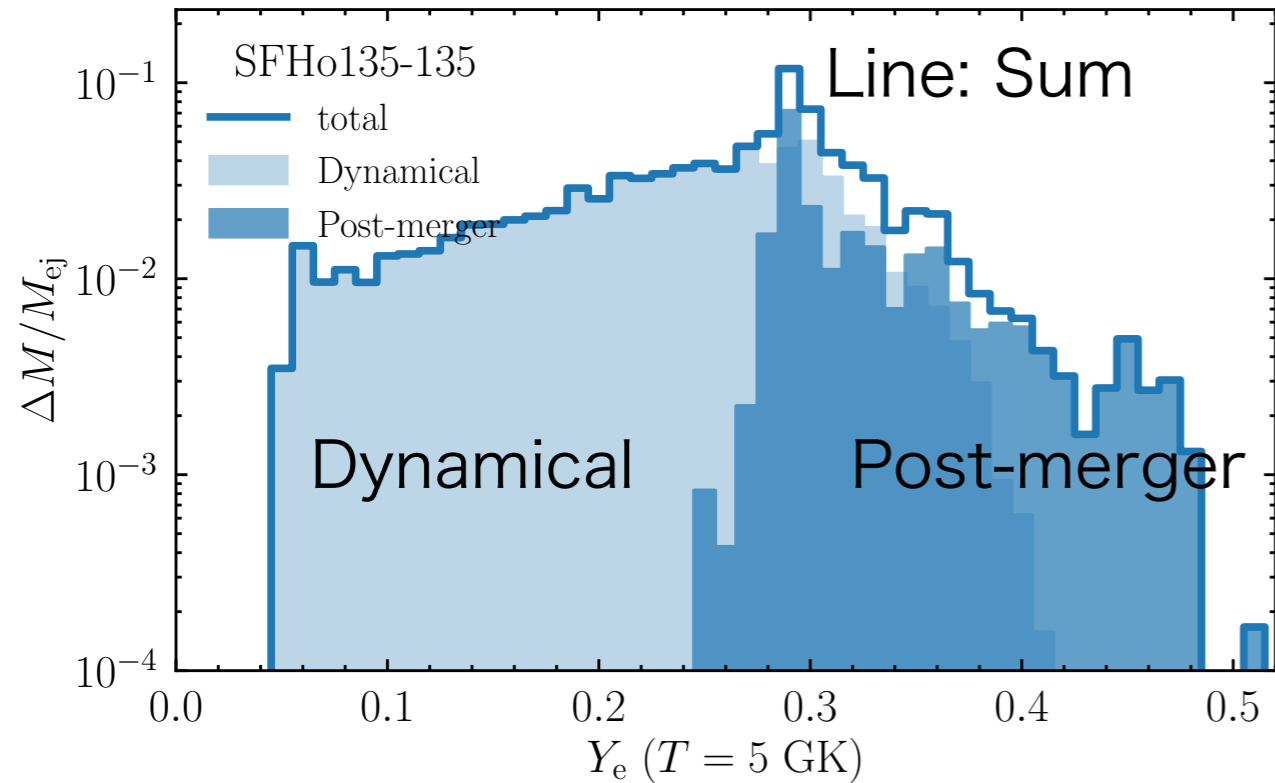
Mass-ratio dependence

Equal-mass: Lower disk mass
 → Dynamical ejecta dominates

Asymmetric mergers leave
 more massive disks
 → Post-merger ejecta dominates

Ejecta composition

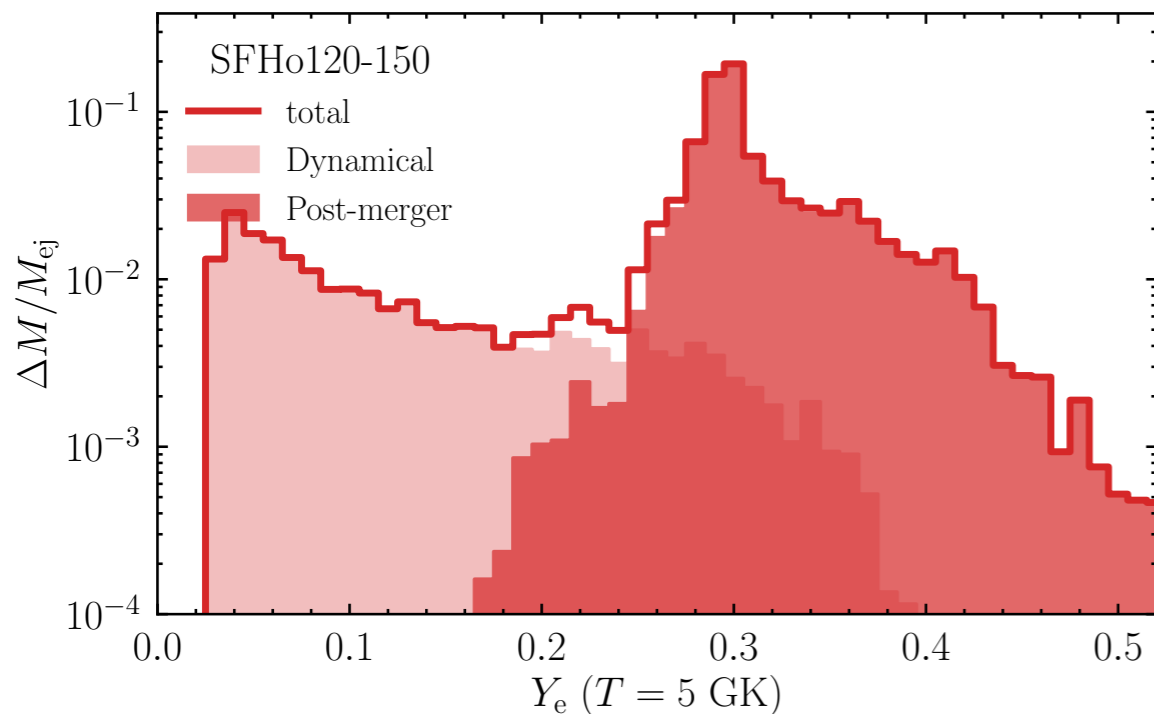
Composition of the ejecta



Contribution of the post-merger ejecta is larger for more asymmetric case
The peak at $Y_e \approx 0.3$ irrespective of mass ratio

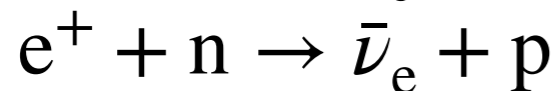
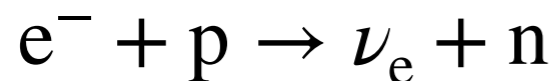
Composition of the ejecta

see also Just+22



Distribution peaks at $Y_e \approx 0.3$
(irrespective of mass ratio)

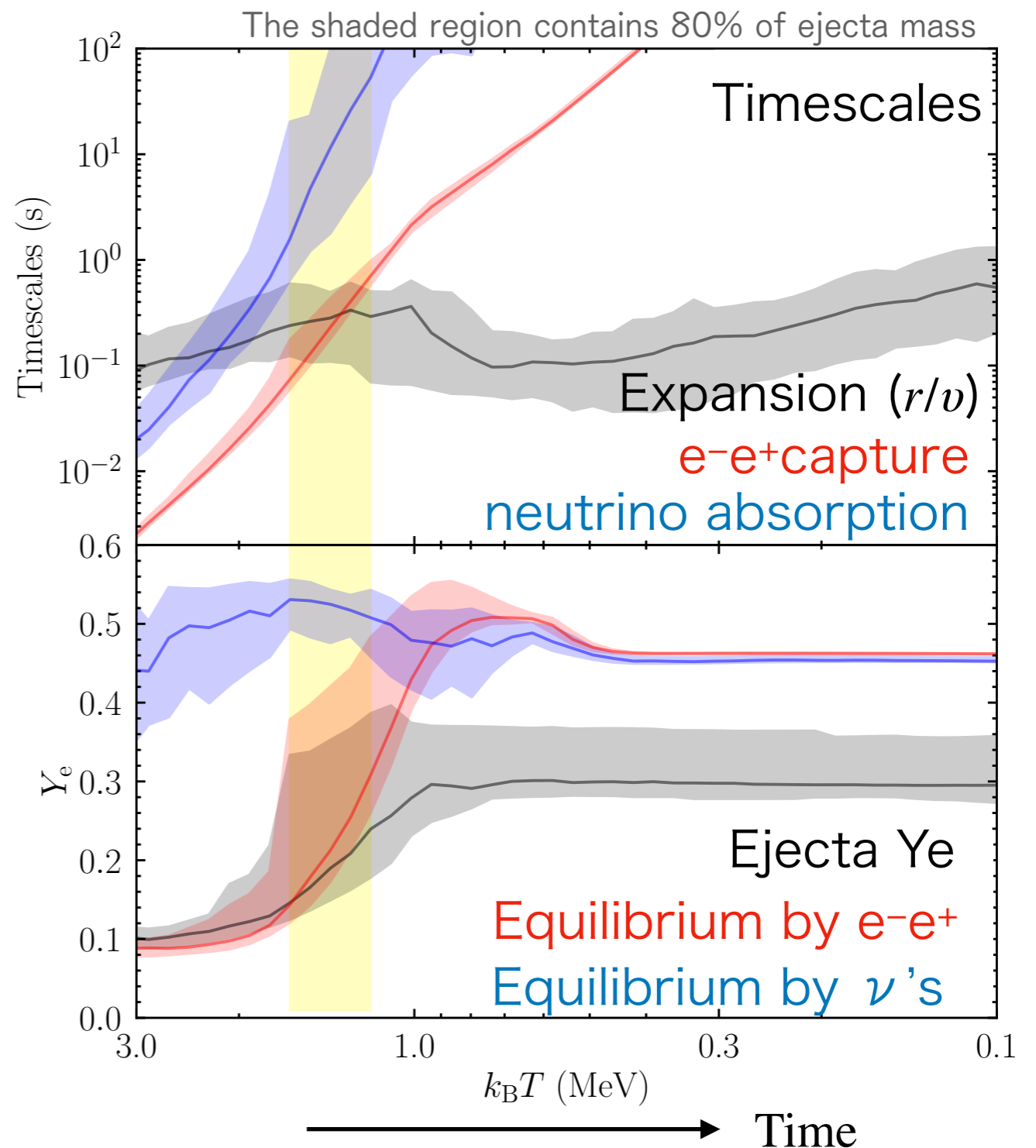
At high temperature



determines Y_e , which freezes out when

$$t_{\text{expansion}} \sim t_{\text{weak}} \quad (k_B T \sim 1 - 2 \text{ MeV})$$

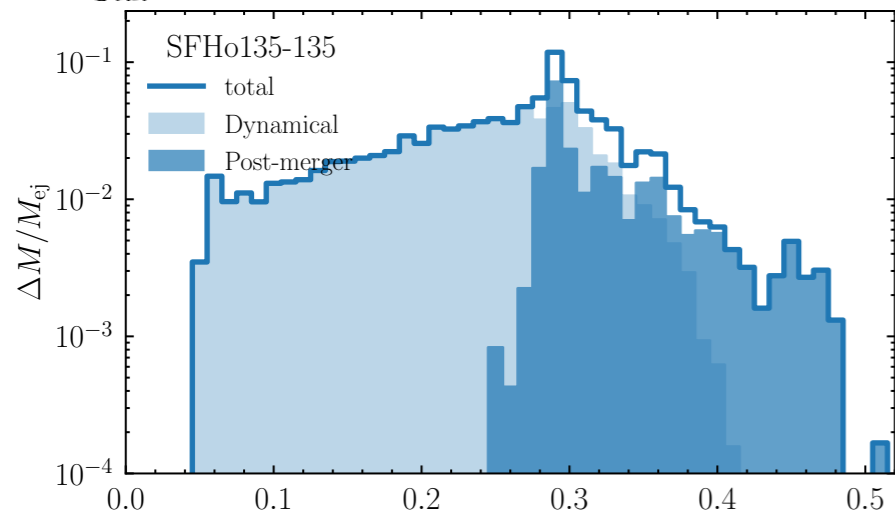
⊗ Resulting Y_e depends on the strength of the viscosity (or expansion timescale).



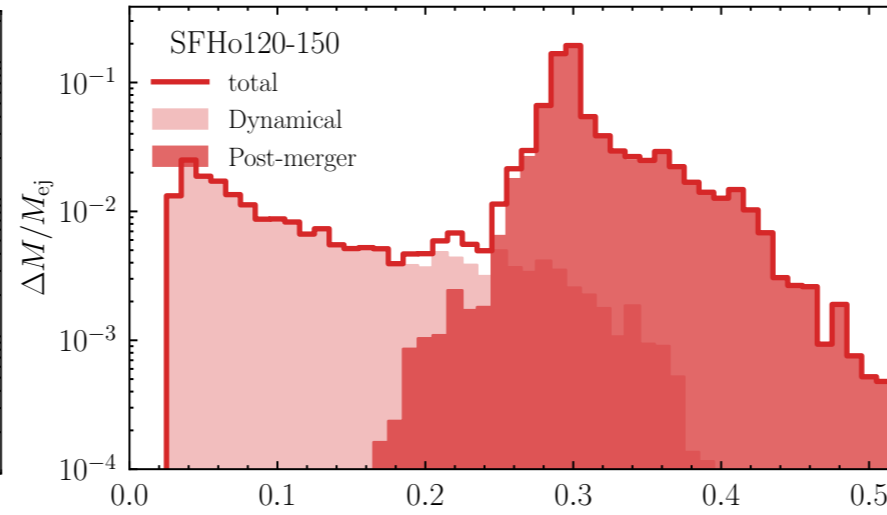
Composition of the ejecta

Short-lived massive NS

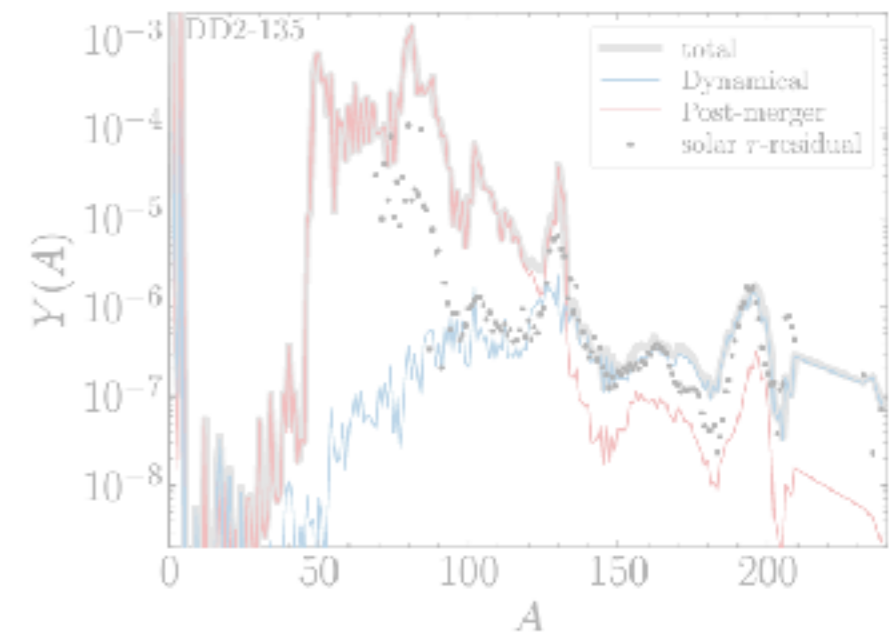
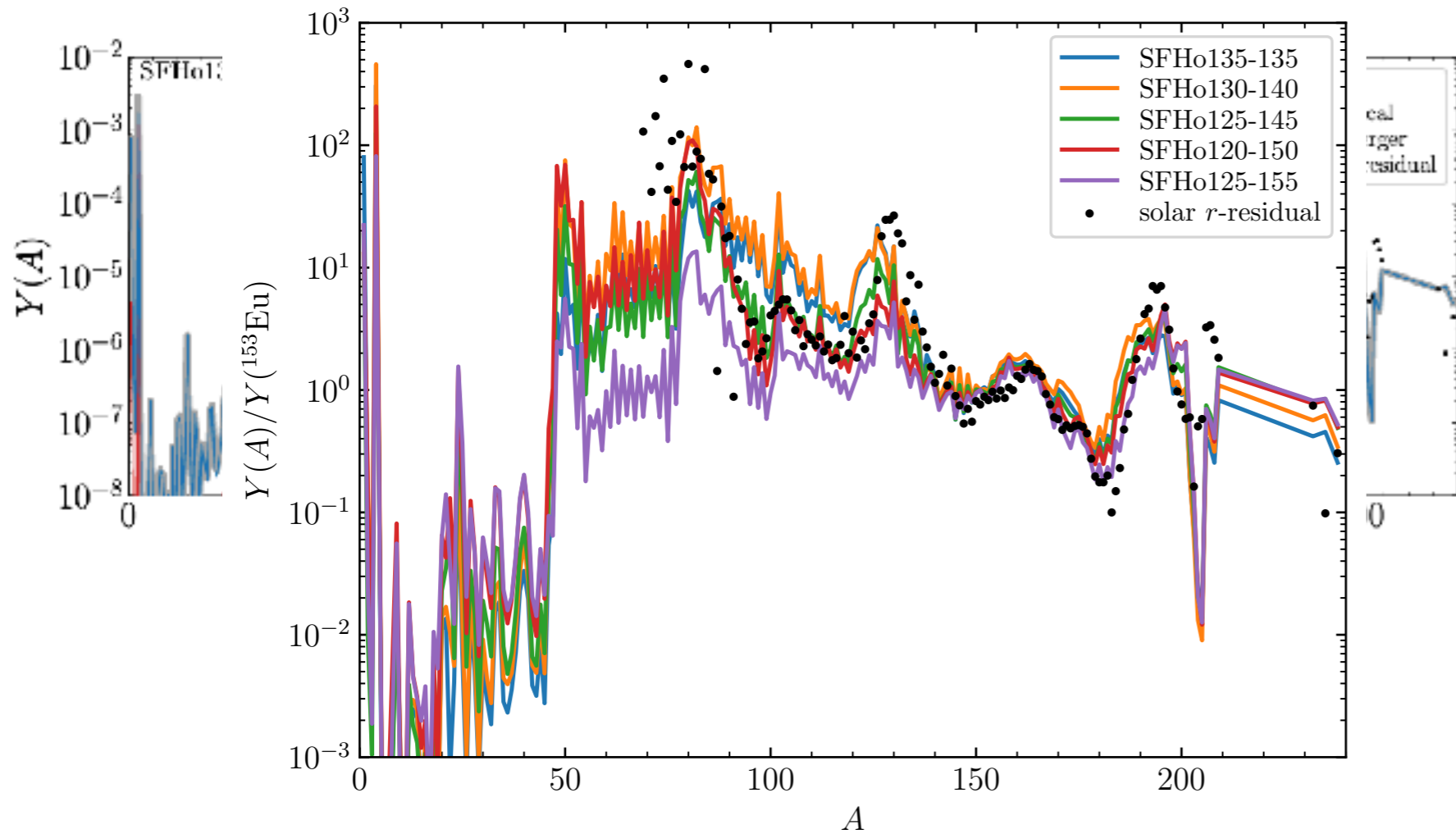
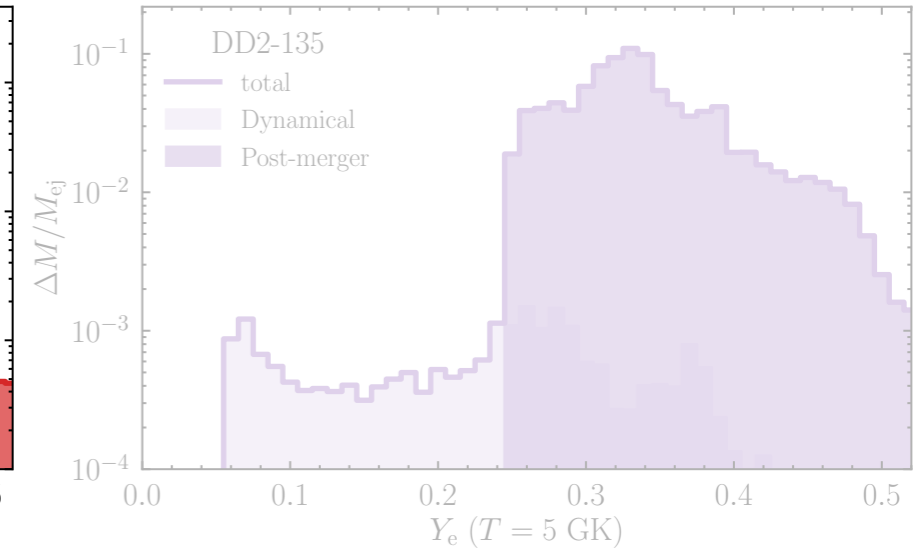
equal-mass (1.35-1.35)



asymmetric (1.20-1.50)



Long-lived massive NS
equal-mass (DD2 1.35-1.35)

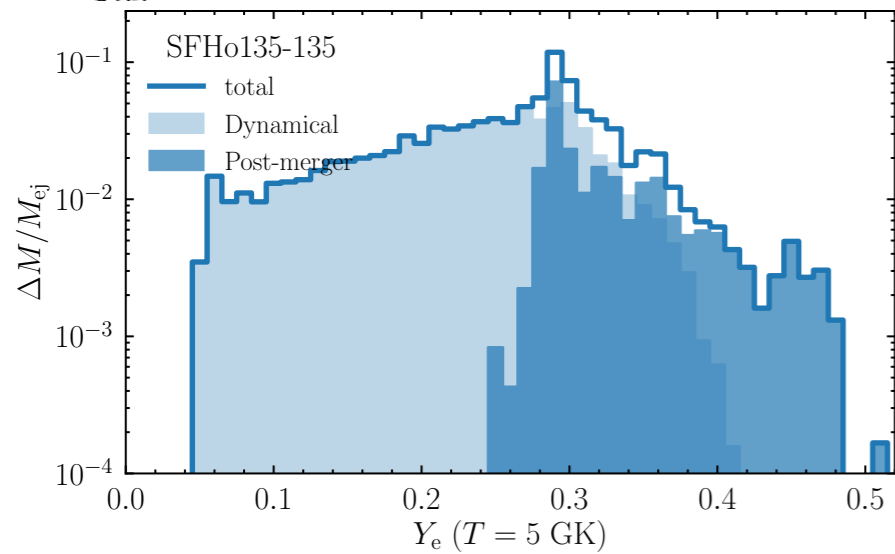


Long-lived massive NS case

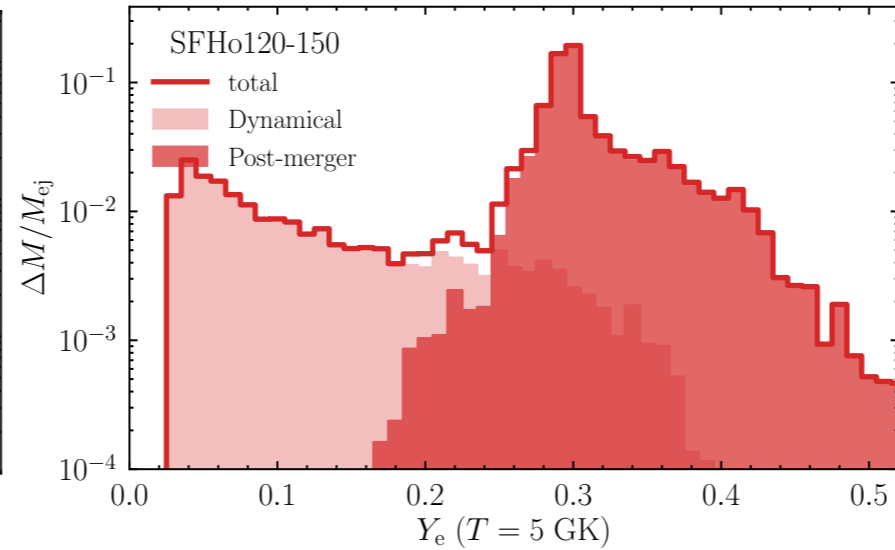
Composition of the ejecta

Short-lived massive NS

equal-mass (1.35-1.35)

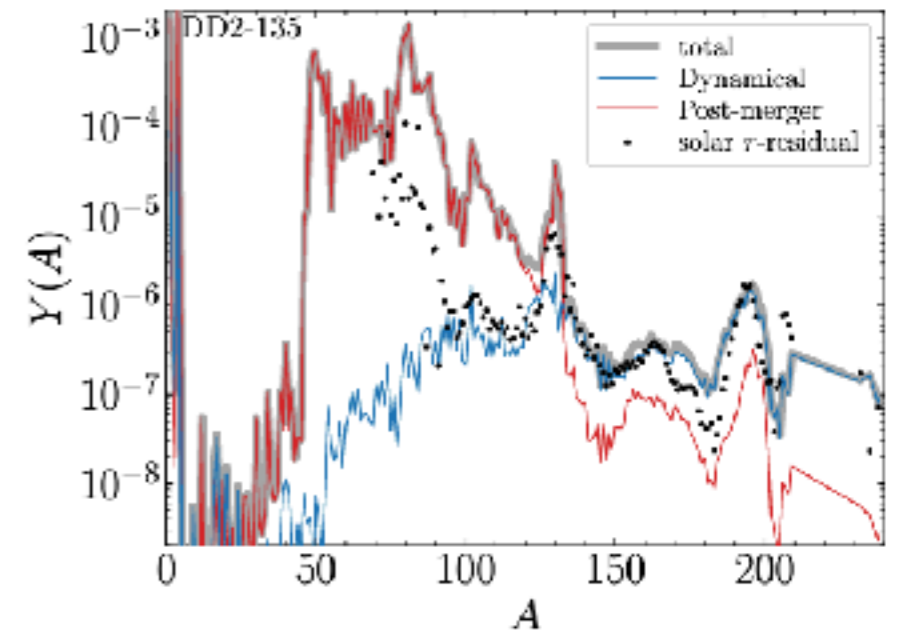
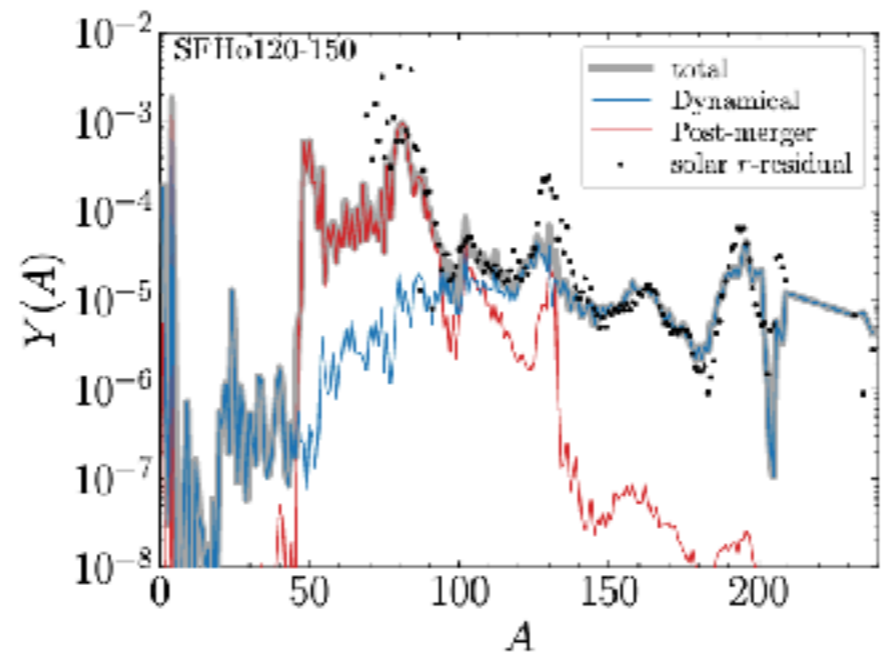
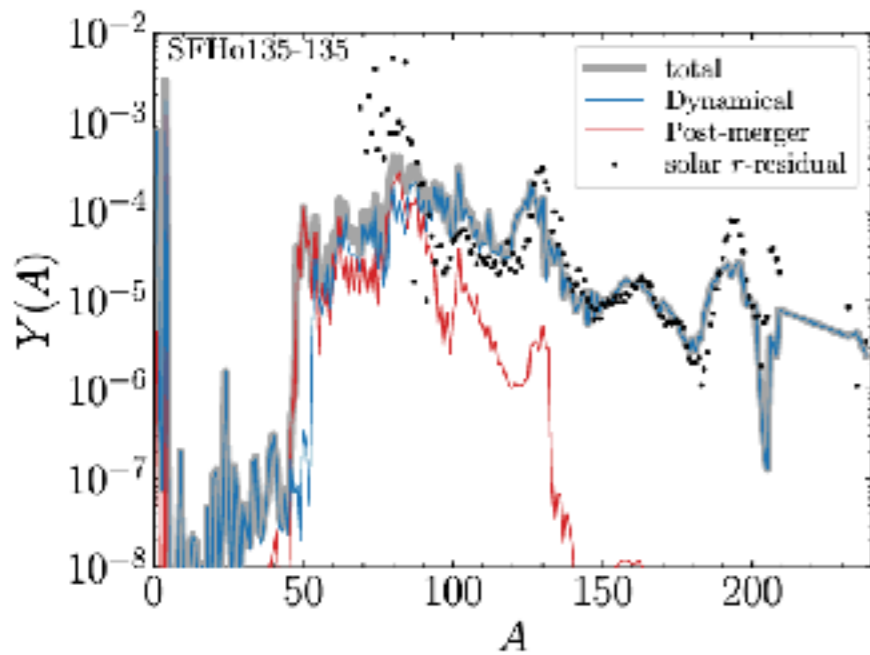
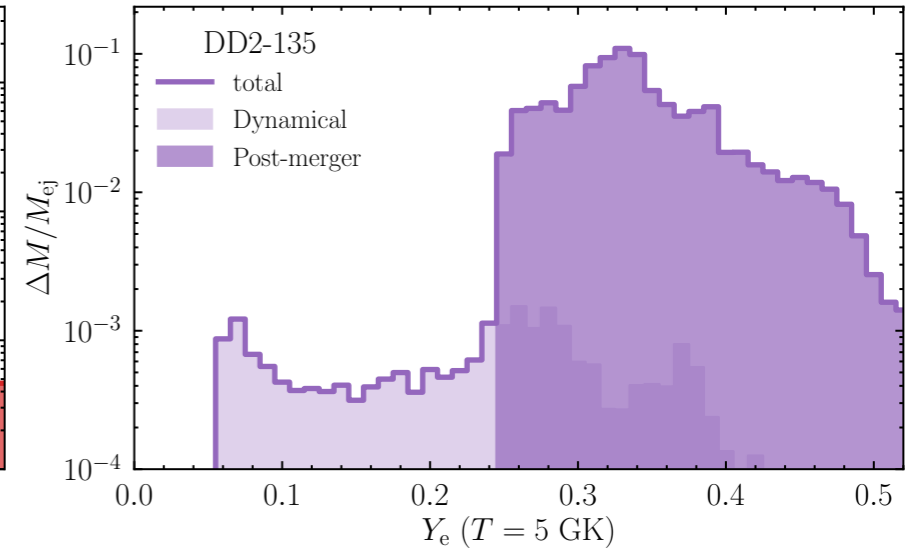


asymmetric (1.20-1.50)



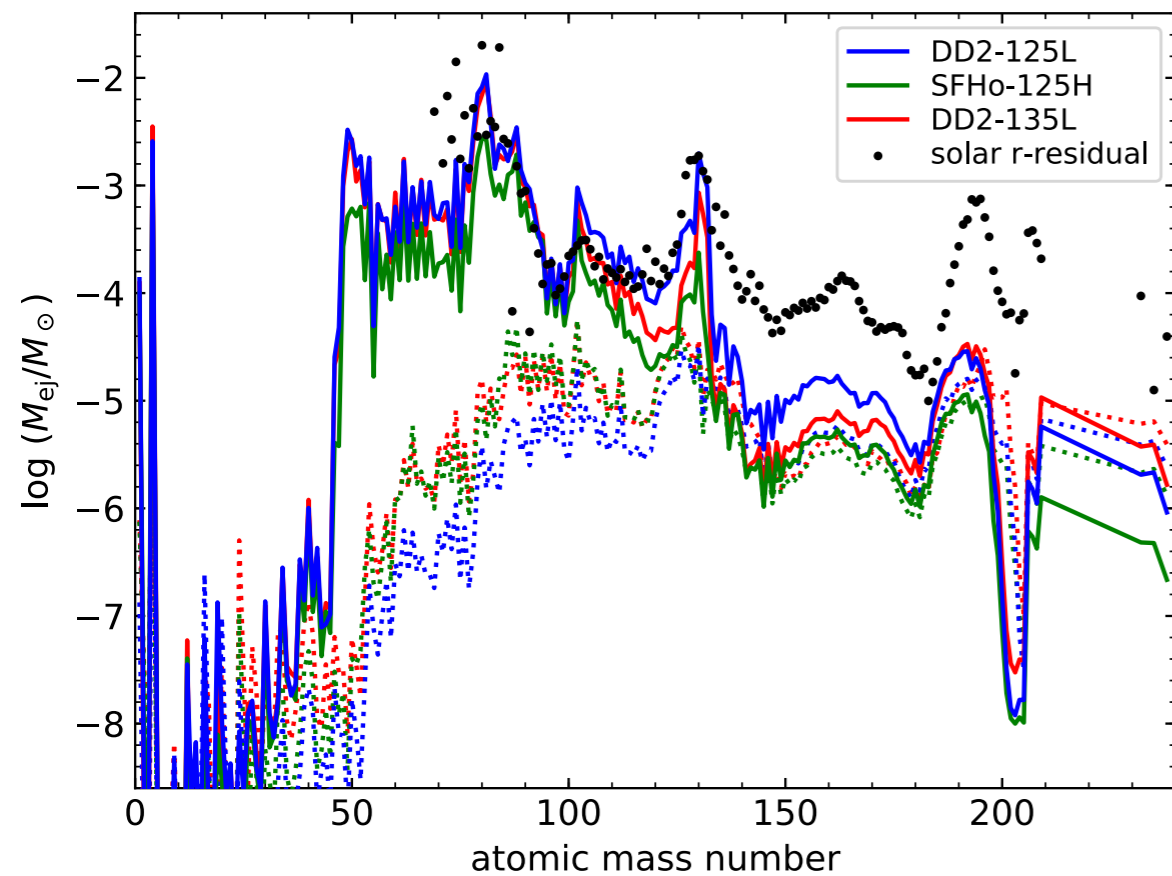
Long-lived massive NS

equal-mass (DD2 1.35-1.35)



Long-lived massive NS cases

	EOS, Mass(M_{\odot})	M_{ej} (Dynamical)	M_{ej} (Post merger)	$\frac{M_{\text{ej}}(\text{Post merger})}{M_{\text{ej}}(\text{Dynamical})}$
(stiff EOS)	DD2 1.25-1.25	$1.0 \times 10^{-3} M_{\odot}$	$0.113 M_{\odot}$	113
	DD2 1.35-1.35	$1.5 \times 10^{-3} M_{\odot}$	$0.085 M_{\odot}$	57
(soft EOS but smaller total mass)	SFHo 1.25-1.25	$1.3 \times 10^{-3} M_{\odot}$	$0.060 M_{\odot}$	46



Post-merger ejecta dominates

$$\frac{M_{\text{ej}}(\text{Post merger})}{M_{\text{ej}}(\text{Dynamical})} \sim 50 - 100$$

Severe underproduction for $A > 140$.

**(If binary NS merger is the main r-process site)
Mergers leaving long-lived NSs should be minor.**

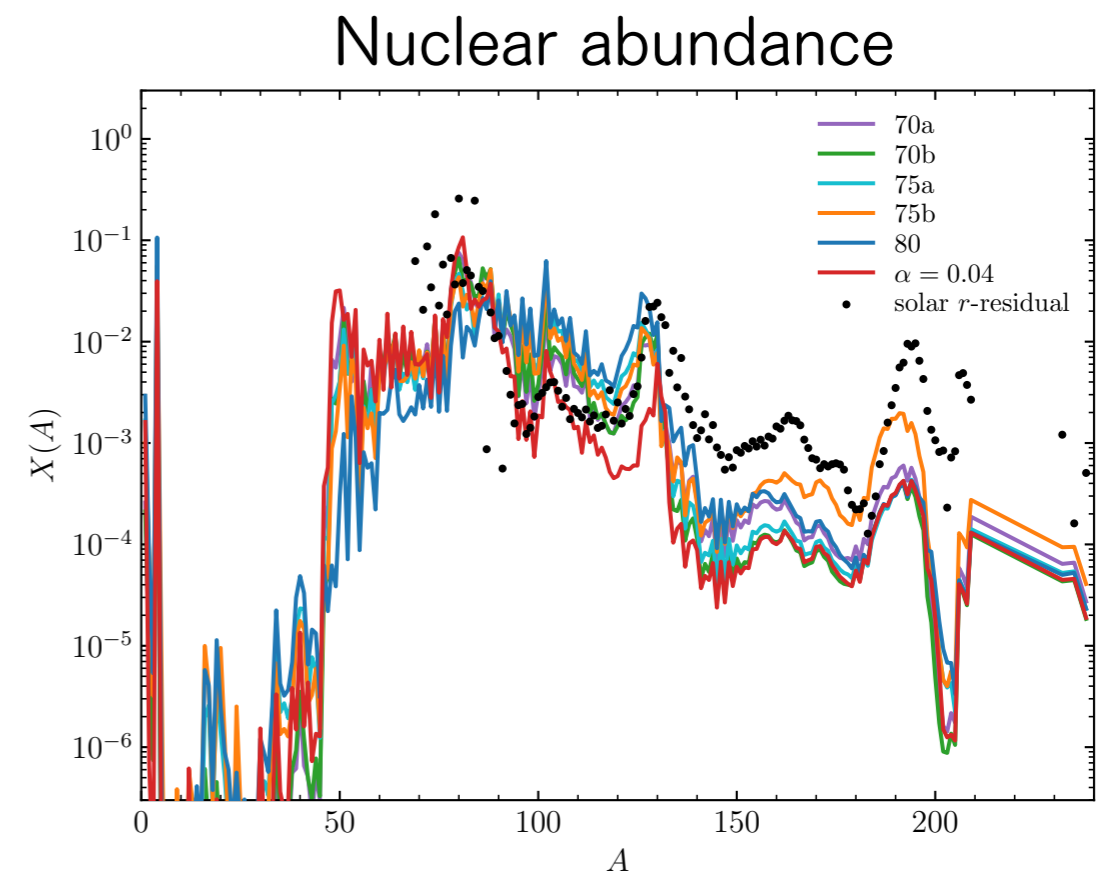
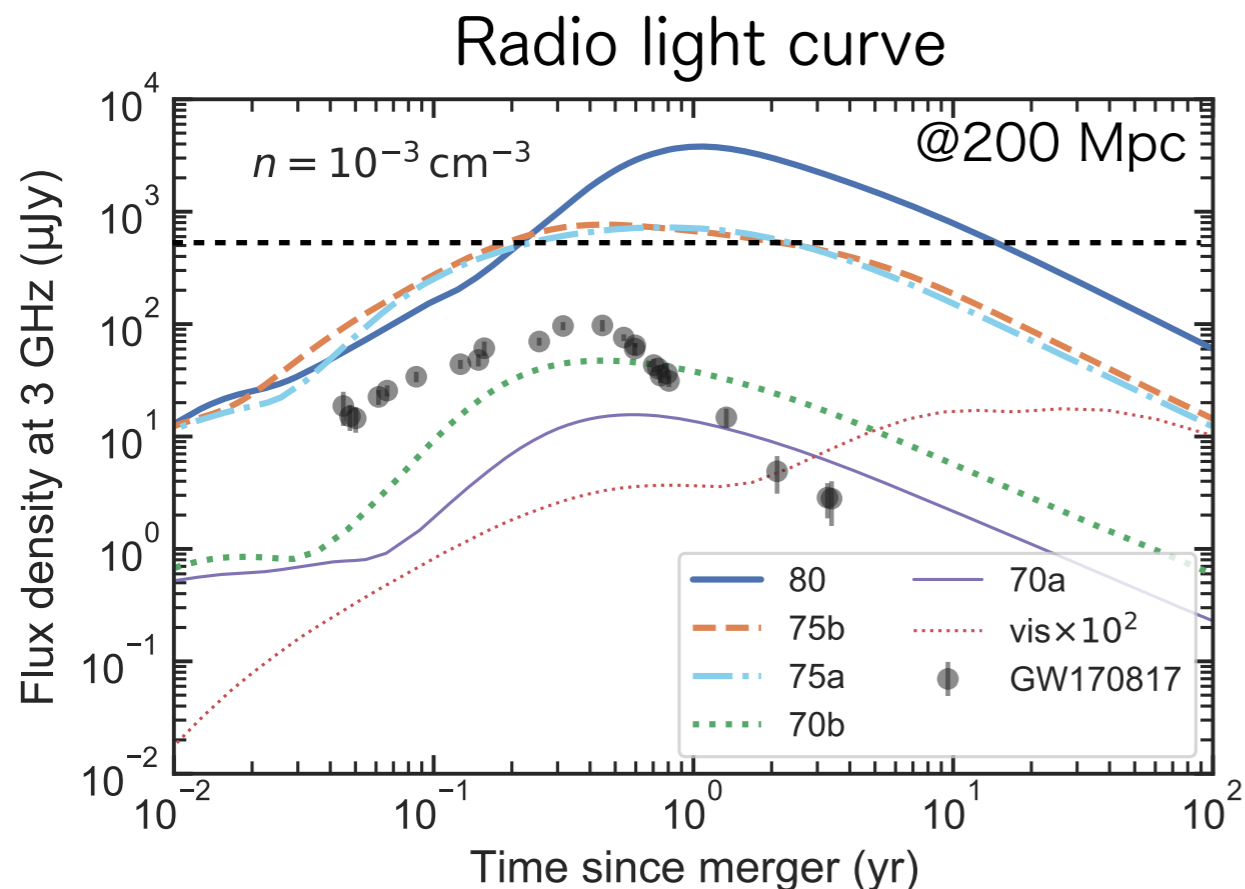
RMHD simulation with effective dynamo term for merger remnant

Shibata, SF, and Sekiguchi 21,
Kawaguchi, SF+22 (submitted)

We investigated the possible amplification of B-field inside the long-lived massive NS by performing 2D MHD simulations for merger remnant with effective dynamo term.

(Depending on the growth timescale of B-field in the NS)

- Mass ejection is more violent with large kinetic energy.
 - Very bright radio emission (event rate already constrained?).
- MHD effect makes Ye lower, but not sufficient.
 - Underproduction for $A > 140$ is still present.



Summary

★ Numerical simulation of NS-NS mergers and its remnants
(merger in 3D, post-merger in 2D with approx. neutrino transport)

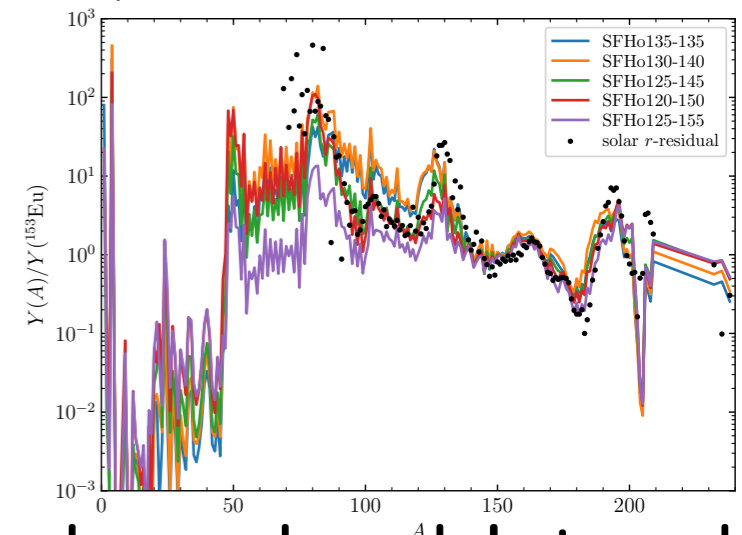
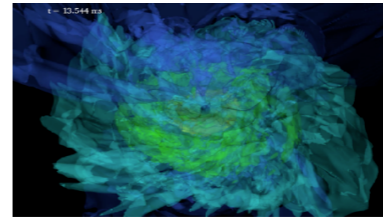
• Short-lived (~ 10 ms) massive NS cases:

• Dynamical ejecta is more n-rich for the more asymmetric merger.

• Post-merger ejecta (mildly n-rich) is more massive

for the more asymmetric merger, which compensate underproduced 1st peak.

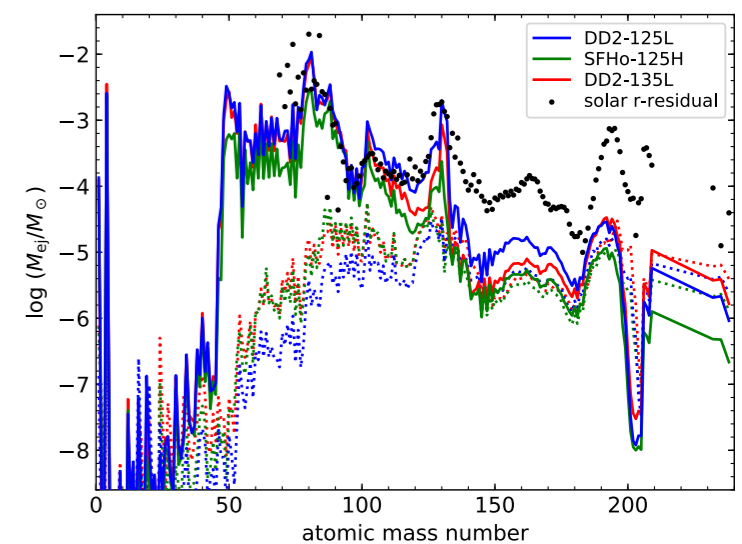
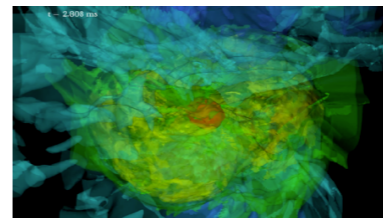
• can reproduce solar r-process abundance approximately



• Long-lived ($>$ seconds) massive NS cases:

• Post-merger ejecta dominates

→ Nucleosynthesis result deviates from the solar r-process pattern.



(If binary NS merger is the main r-process site)

Mergers leaving long-lived NSs should be minor.