

# Mass ejection from binary neutron star merger and nucleosynthesis

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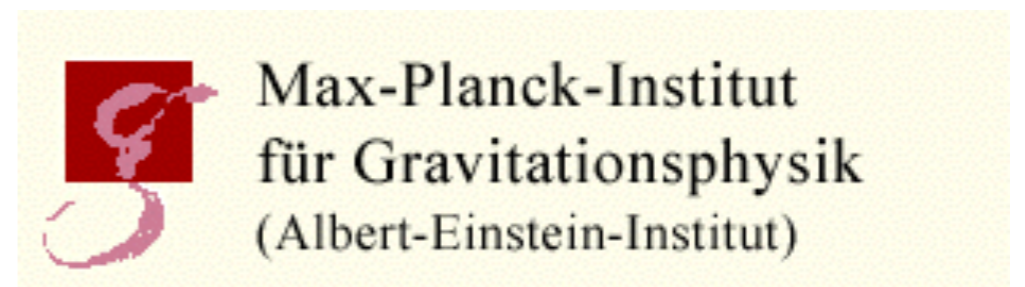
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SF et al. (2020) ApJ 901, 122

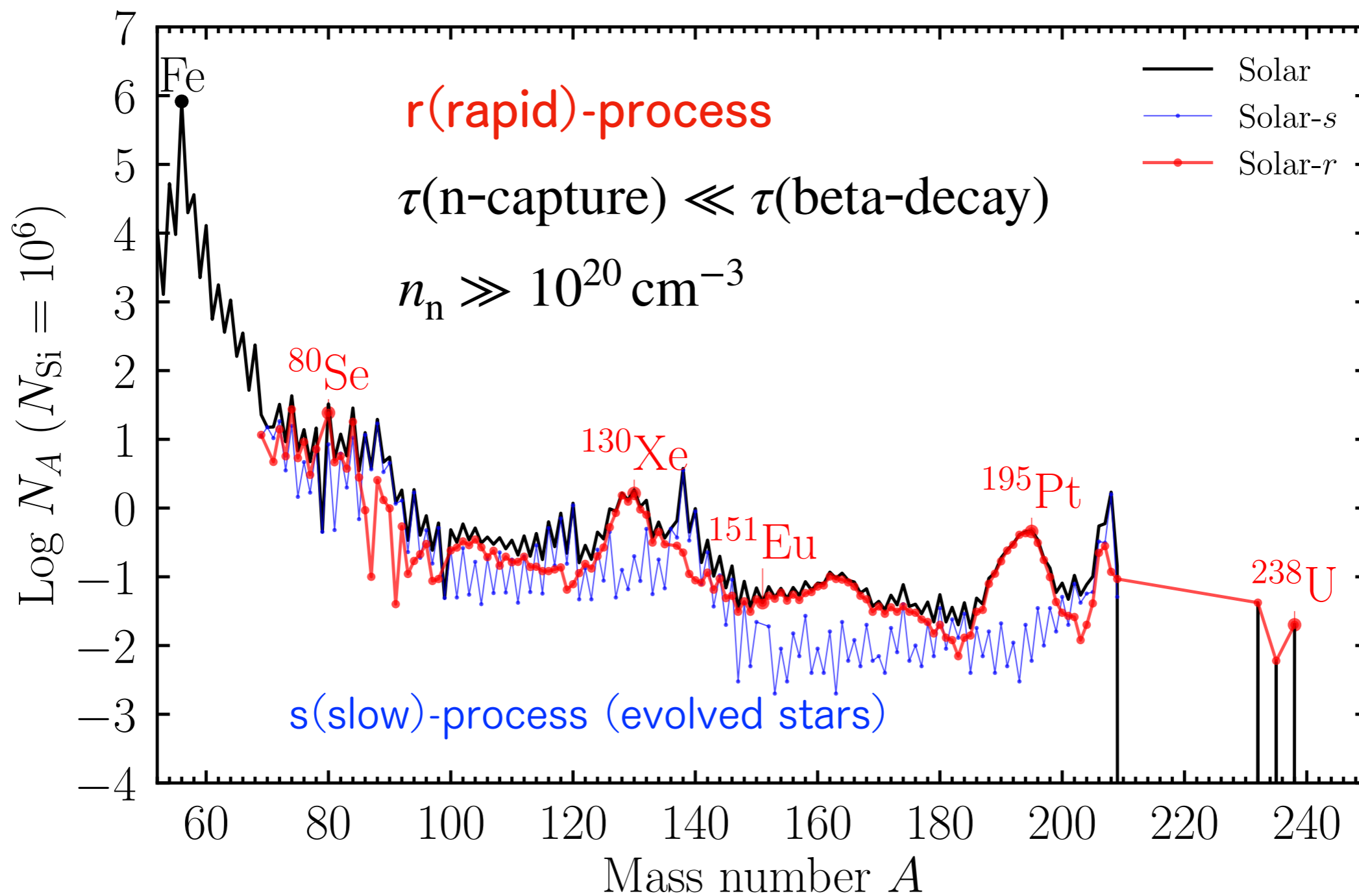


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# I . Introduction

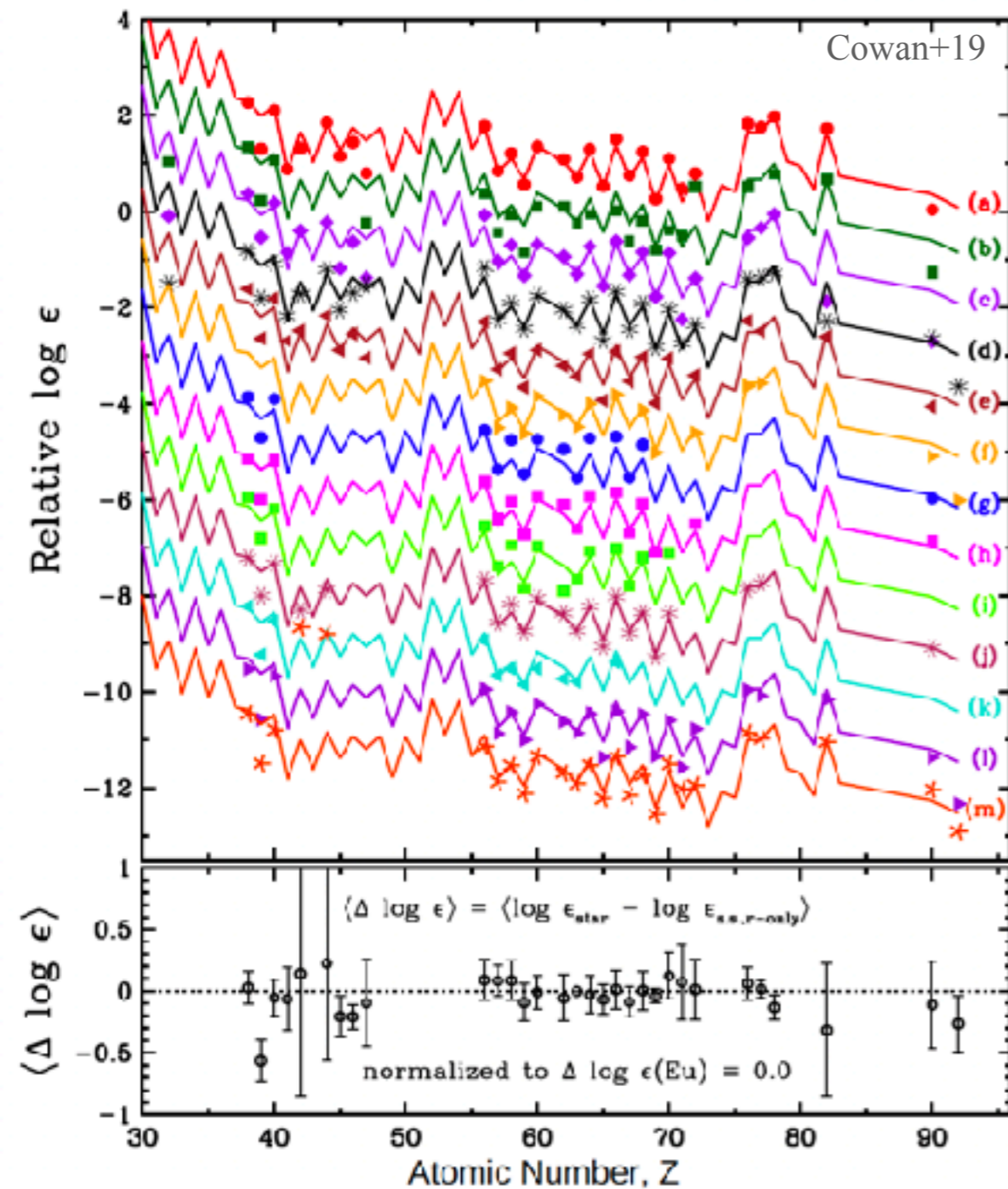
# Processes making nuclei heavier than iron



NS mergers are ideal places for the process

# Robust pattern of the r-process in metal-poor stars

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.

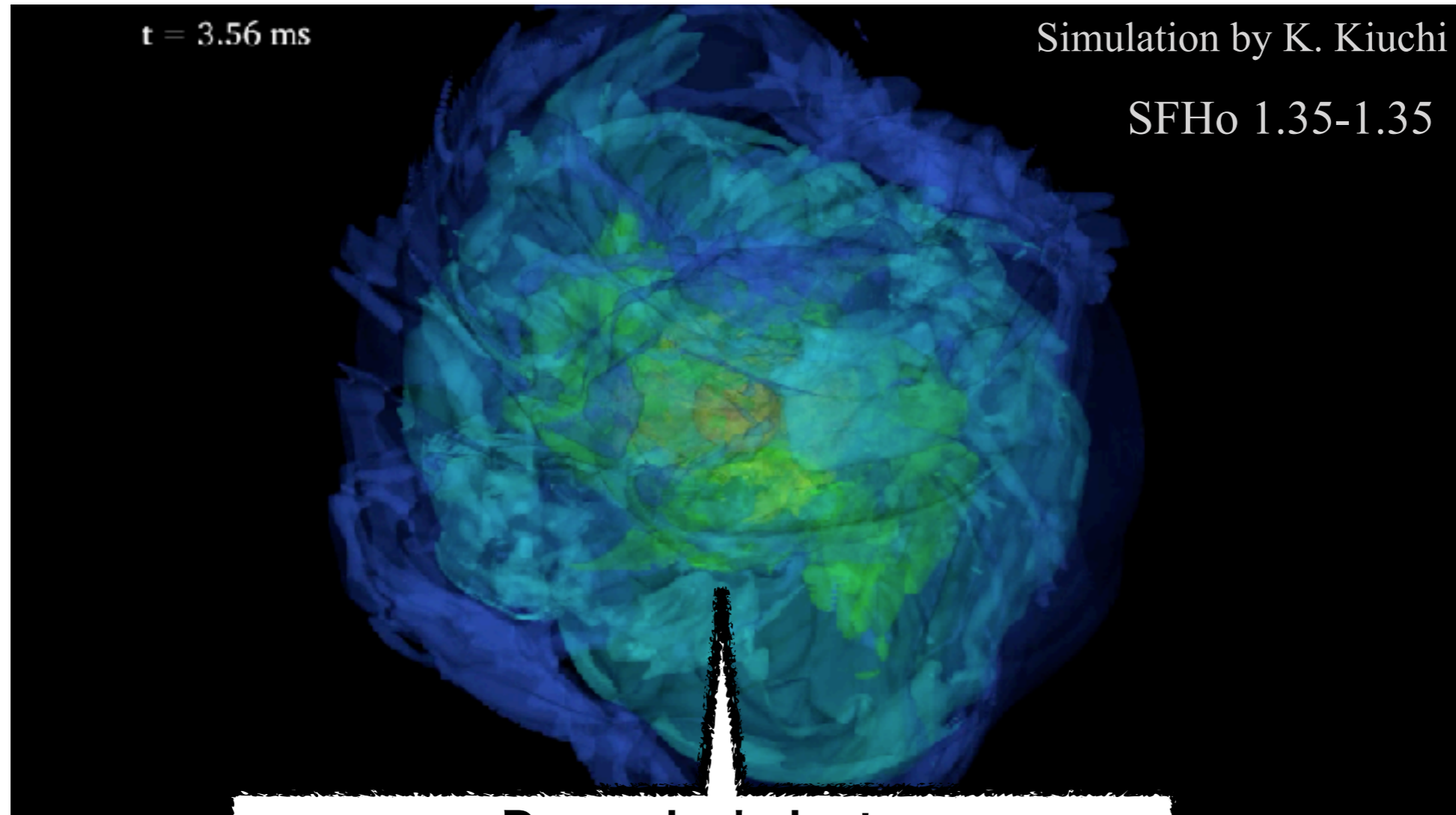
**Constraint:**

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, Foucart+ 15, Radice+ 18, Kullmann+ 21

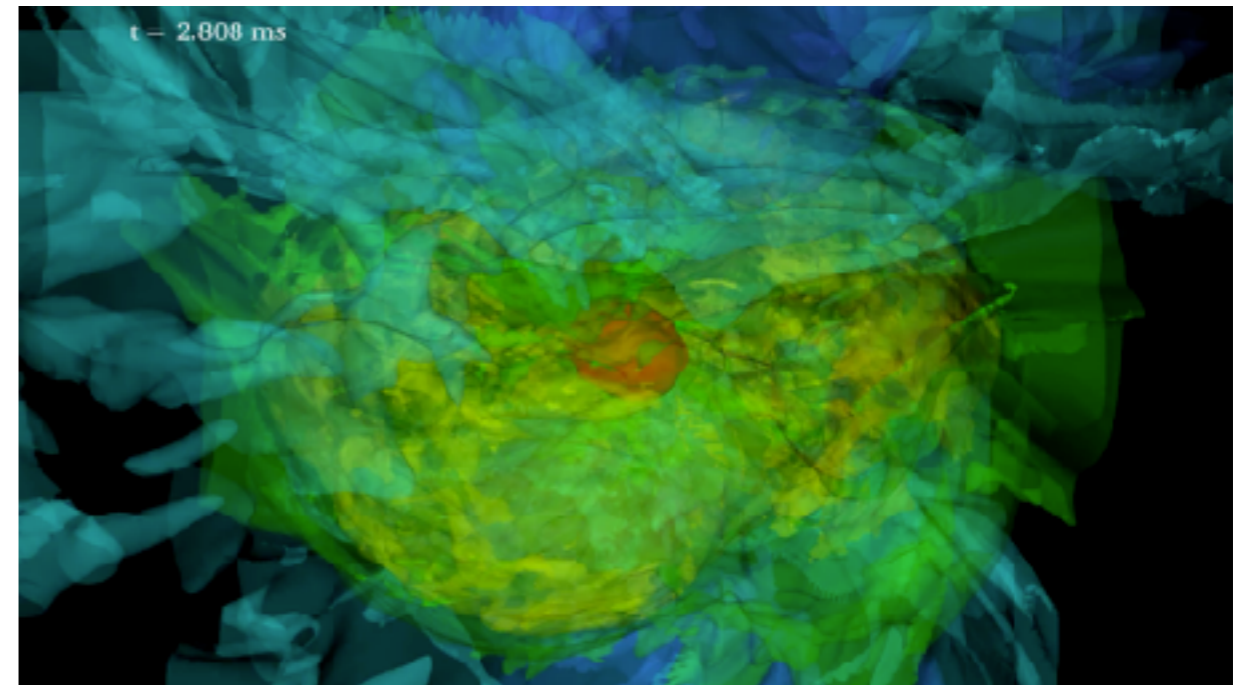
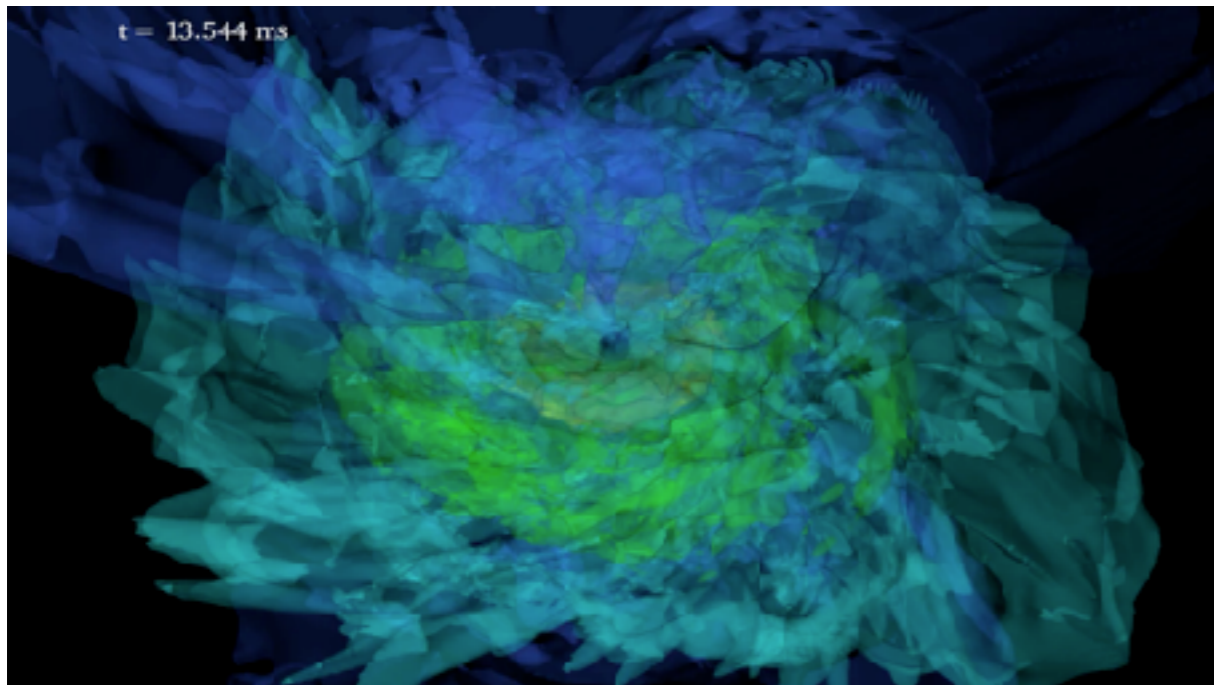
# Activities in Post-merger phase

In post-merger phase. . .

- High temperature  $\rightarrow$  weak interaction plays an important role

$$t_{\text{weak}} \sim 1 \text{ ms} \left( \frac{kT}{5 \text{ MeV}} \right)^{-5} \ll \text{timescale of the evolution}$$
$$e^- + p \rightleftharpoons \nu_e + n$$
$$e^+ + n \rightleftharpoons \bar{\nu}_e + p$$

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



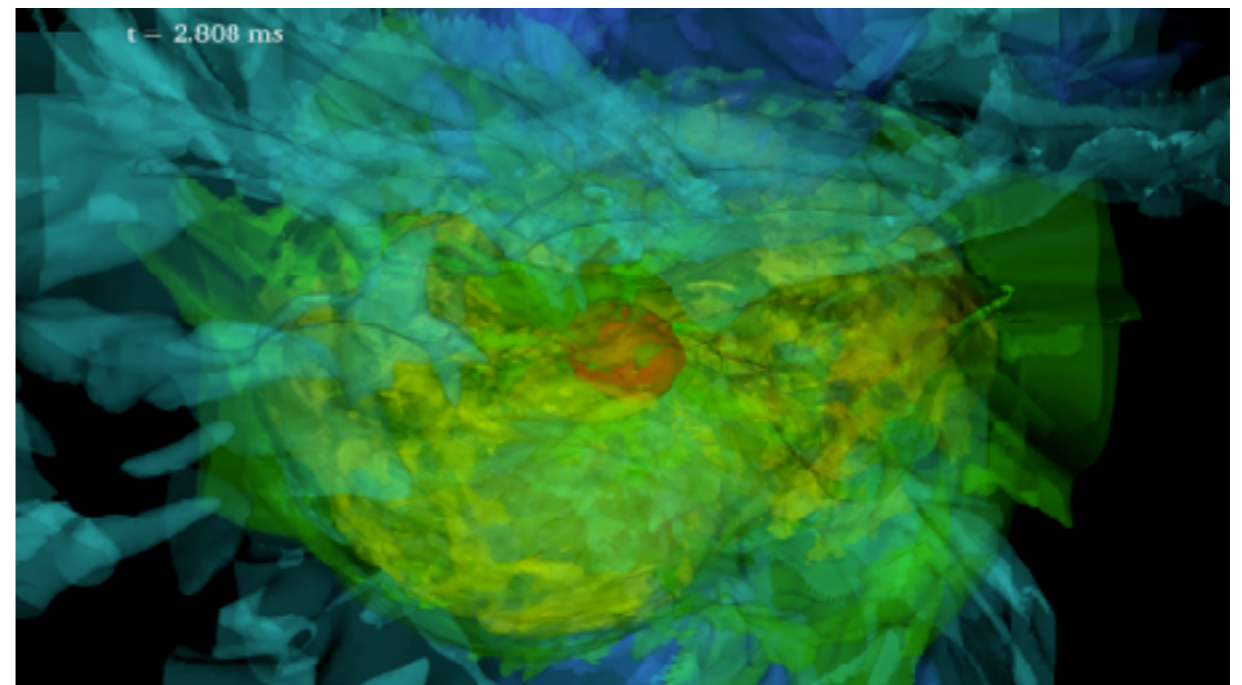
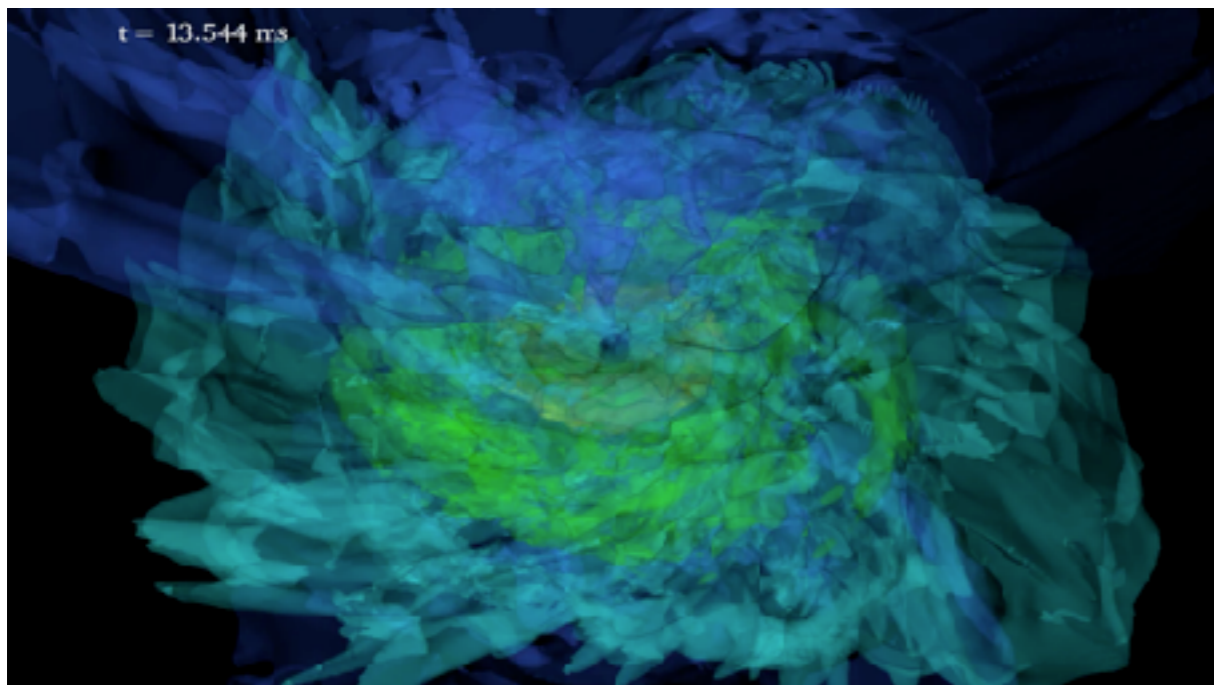
# Activities in Post-merger phase

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, Miller+ 19, Hayashi+ 22, Fahlman & Fernandez 22, ...



## 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, Miller+19, Just+ 21, Fahlman & Fernandez 22

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

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

Out previous work:

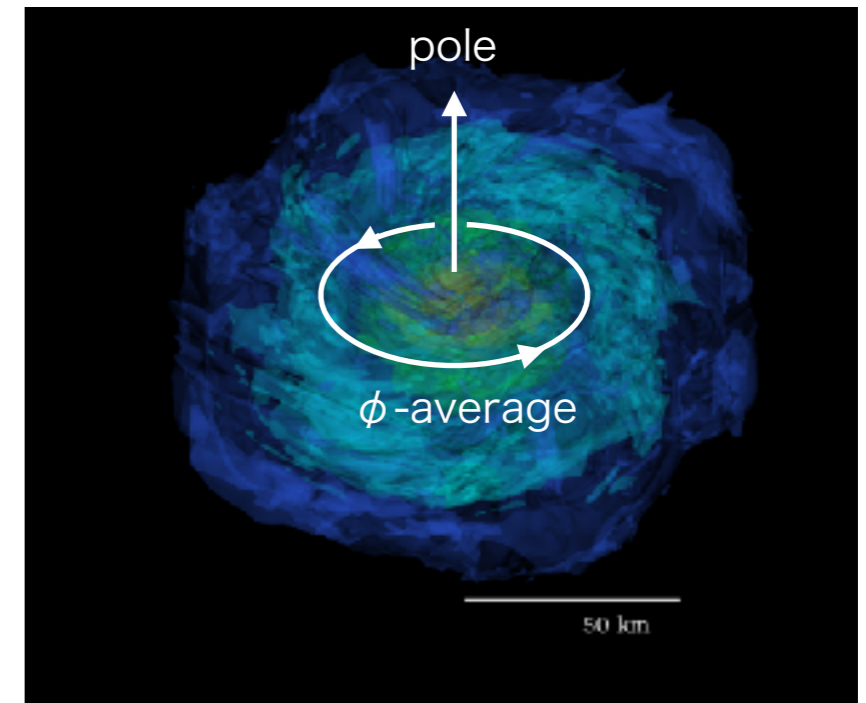
Equal mass ( $M_1 = M_2$ ) case leaving a long-lived massive NS

# Our procedure

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

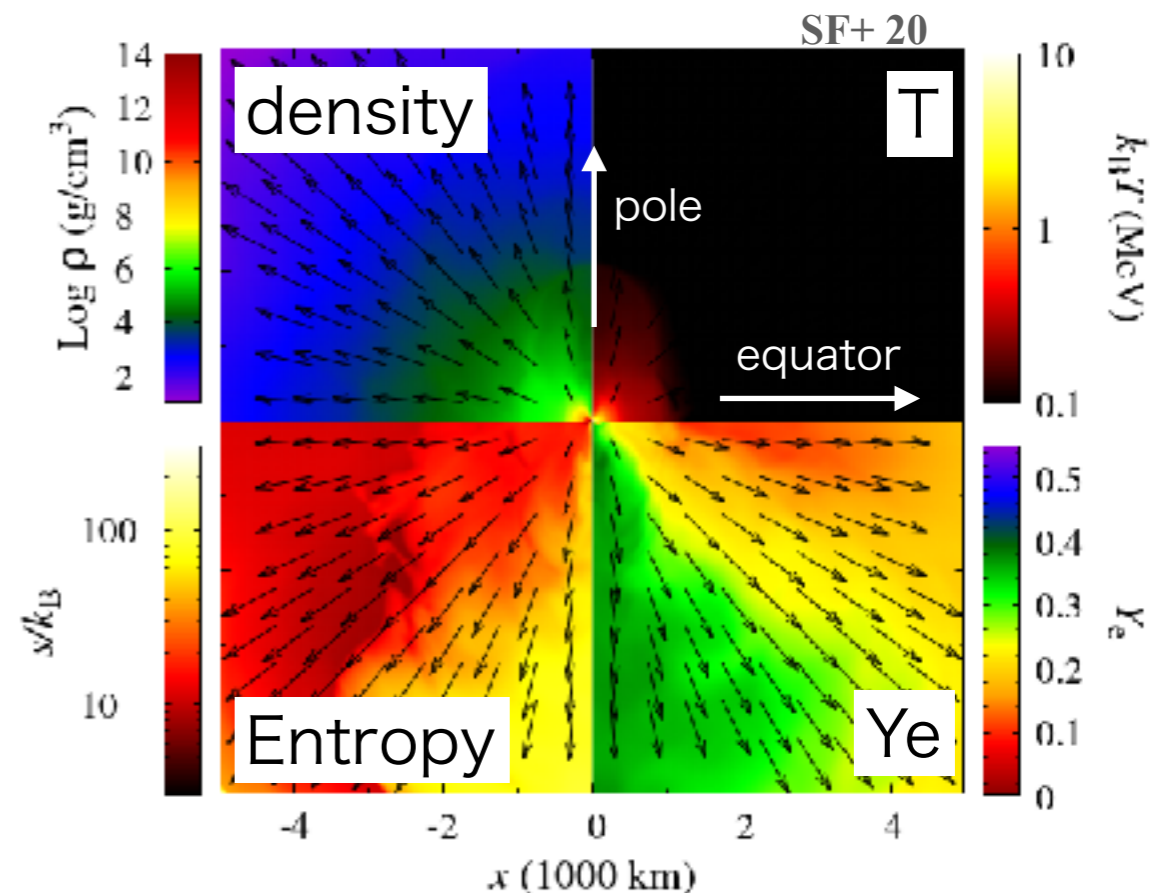
Sekiguchi+ 15, 16 Kiuchi+22

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**

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- **2D: Viscous hydrodynamics equation**

A effective model for causal viscous hydrodynamics

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

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

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.

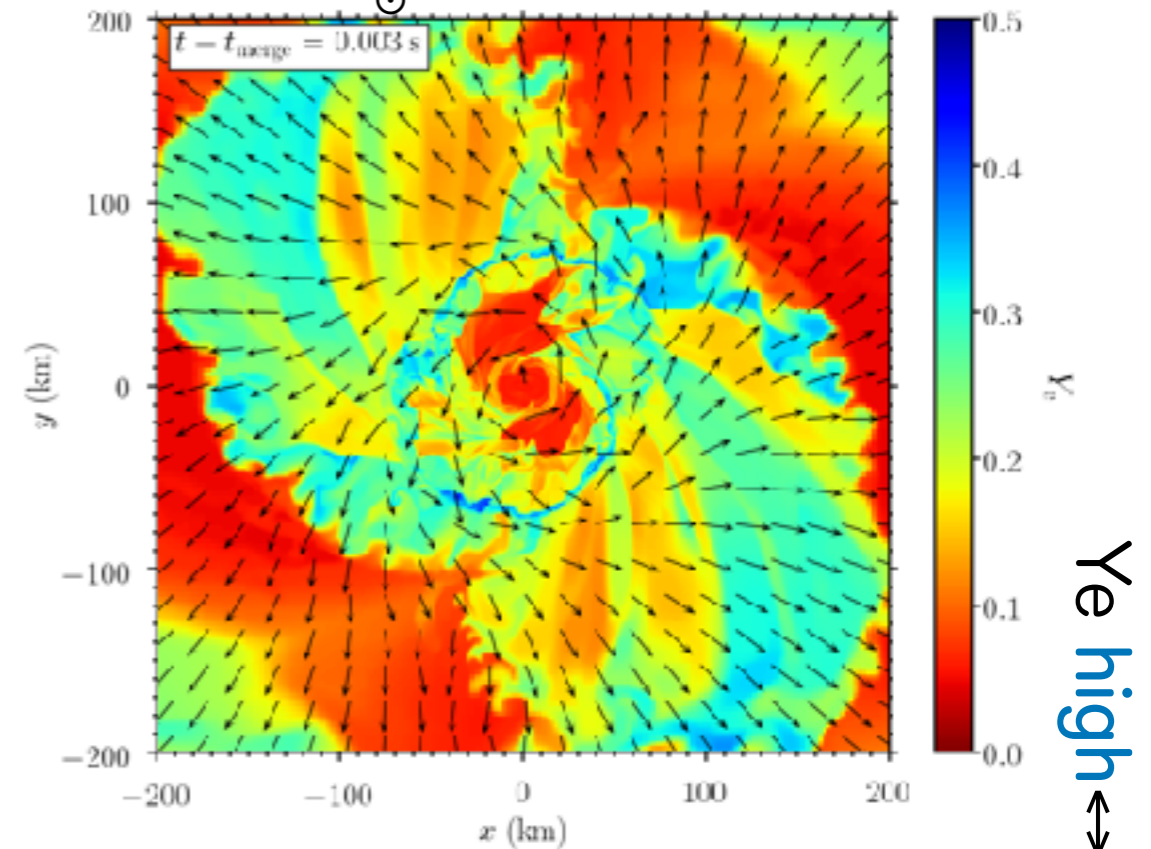
After the merger, massive NS collapses in 3-20 ms.

## Ejecta $Y_e$

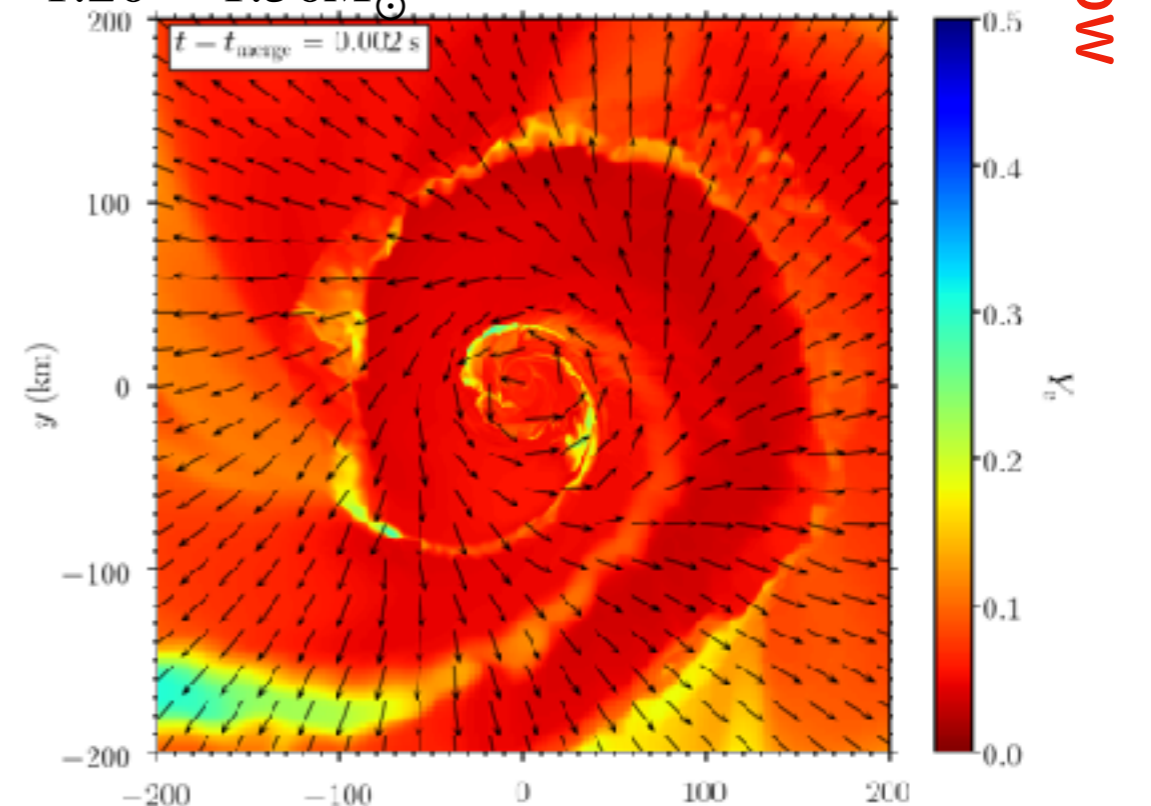
Equal-mass : Mainly by shock heating  
 $\rightarrow$  **high**  $Y_e$  ( $e^+ + n \rightarrow \bar{\nu}_e + p$ )

Asymmetric : Mainly by tidal interaction  
 $\rightarrow$  **low**  $Y_e$

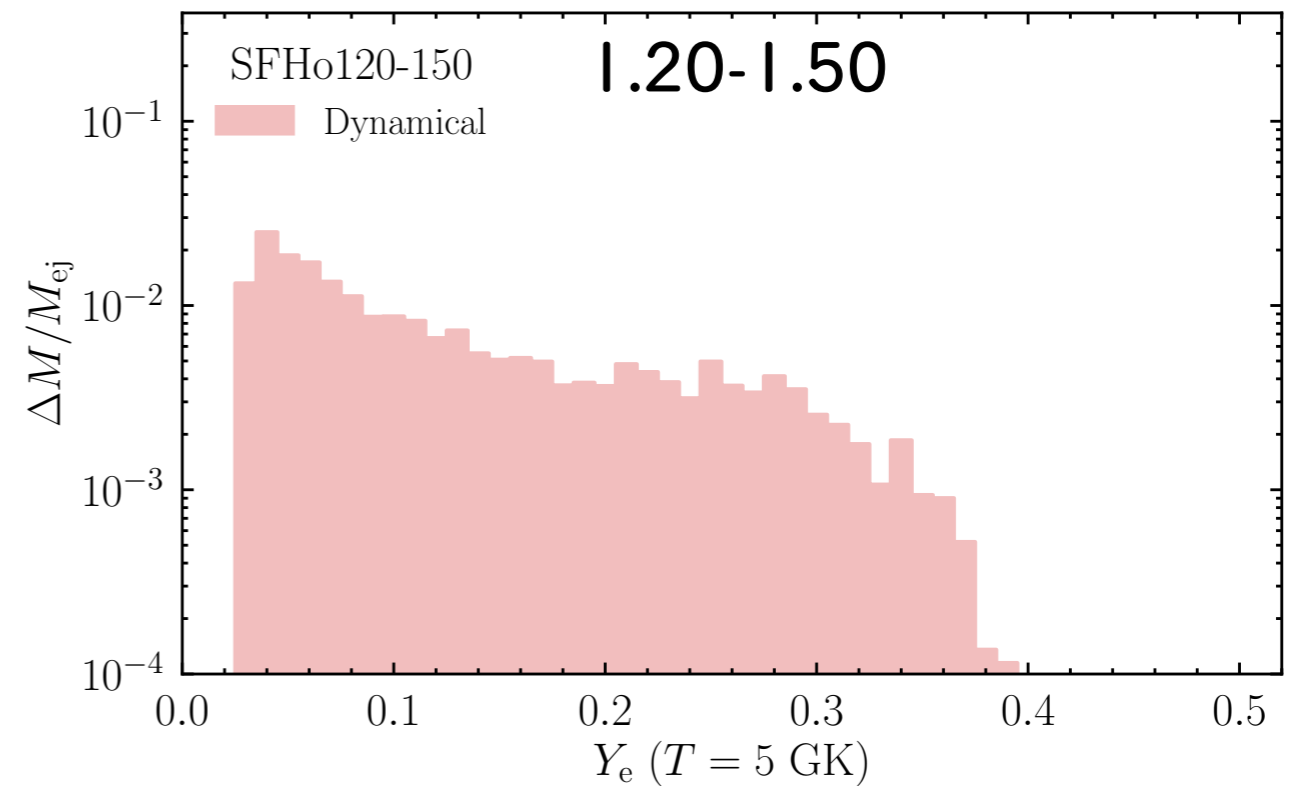
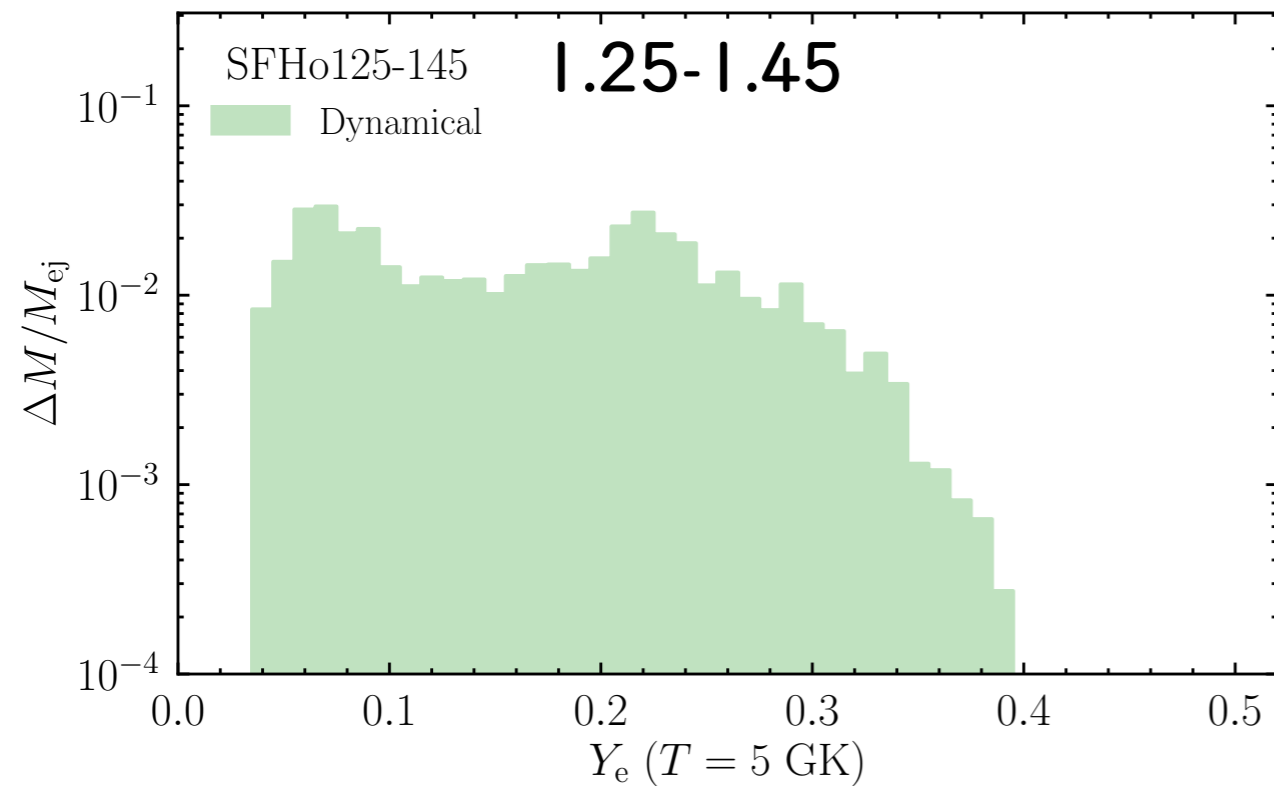
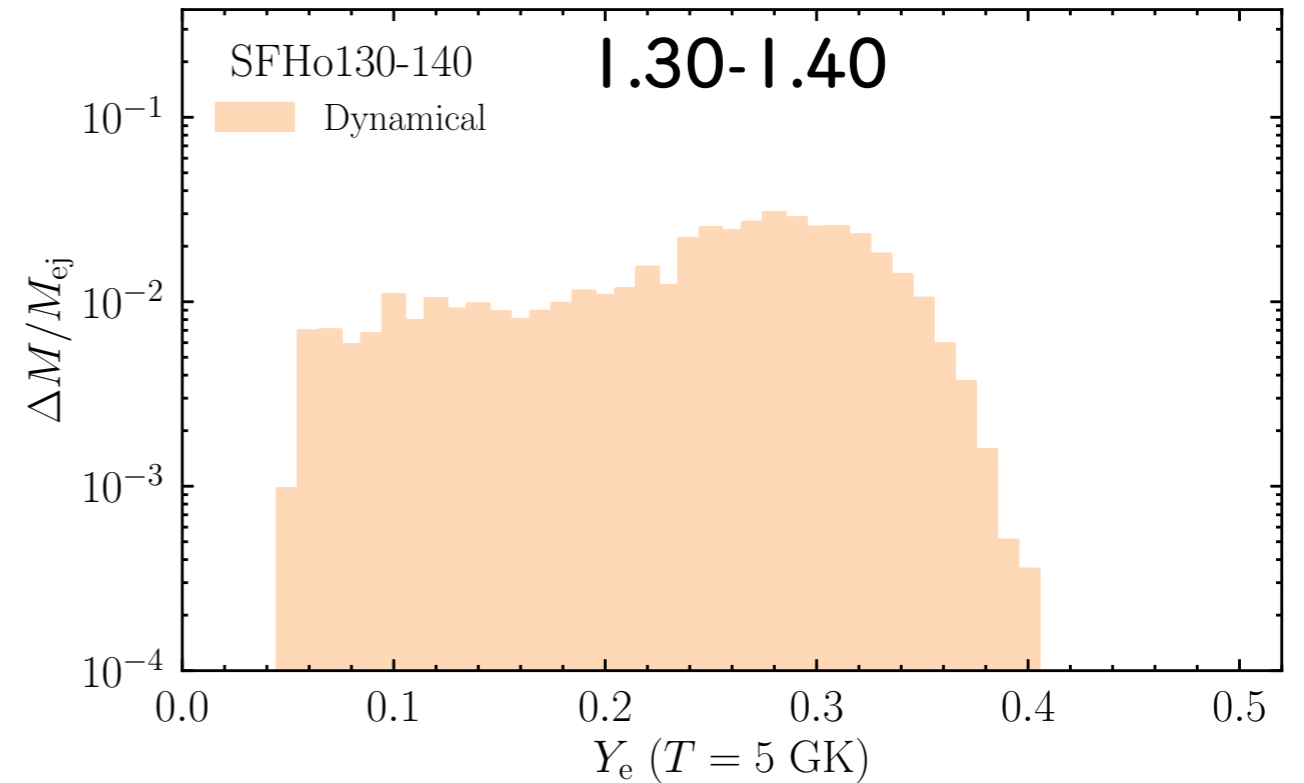
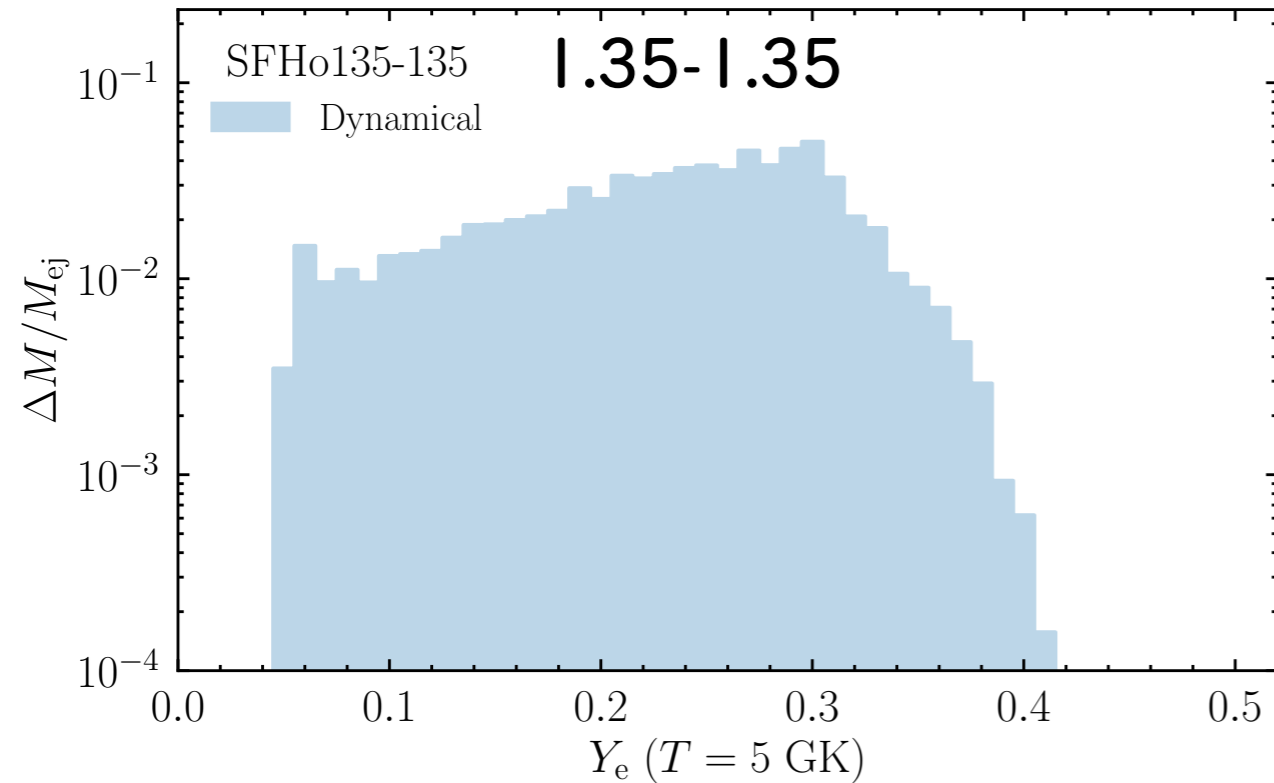
$Y_e$  distribution on x-y plane  
 $1.35 - 1.35M_{\odot}$



$1.20 - 1.50M_{\odot}$



# Mass-ratio dependence of n-richness

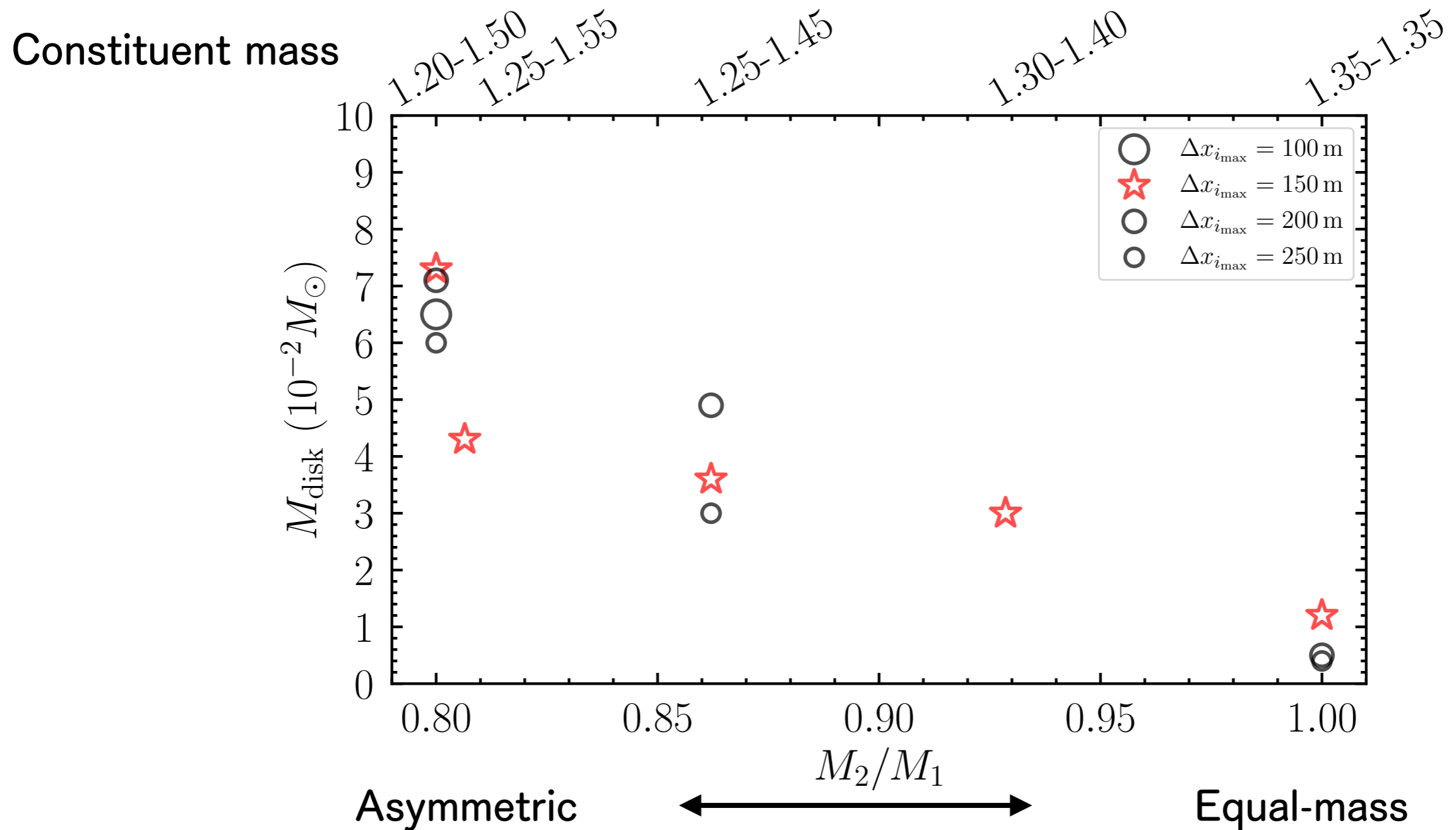


More asymmetric merger results in more n-rich dynamical ejecta

Post-merger ejecta

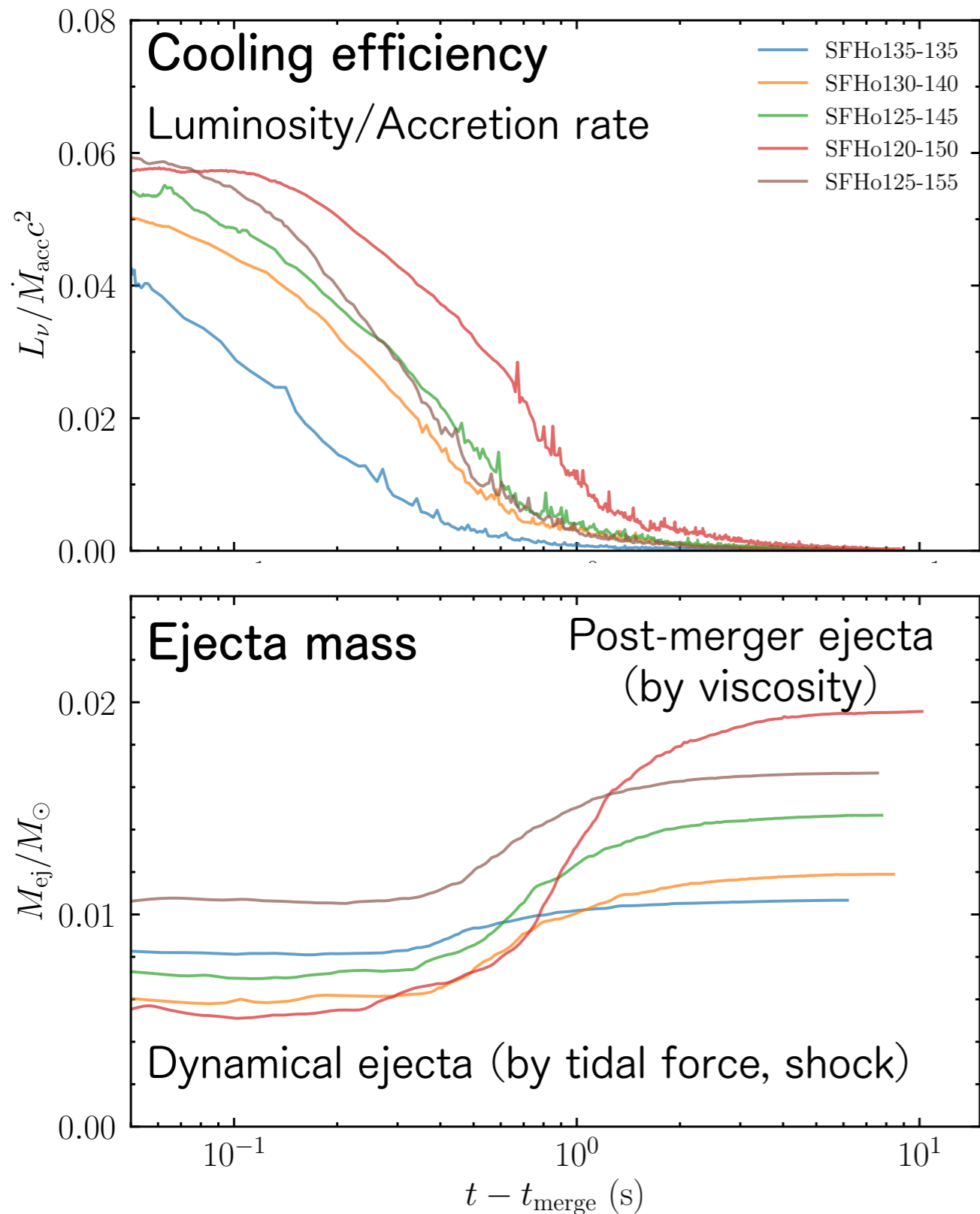


# Mass-ratio dependence of disk mass



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

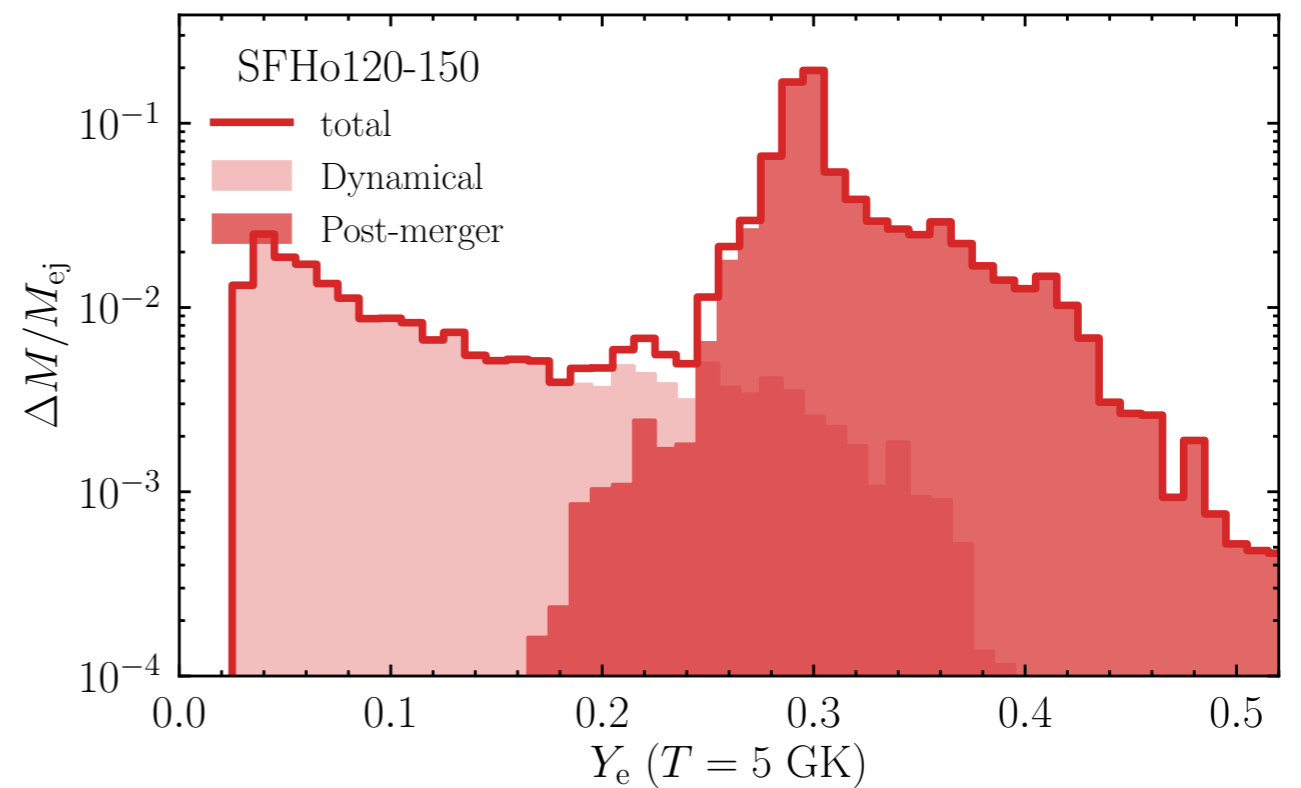
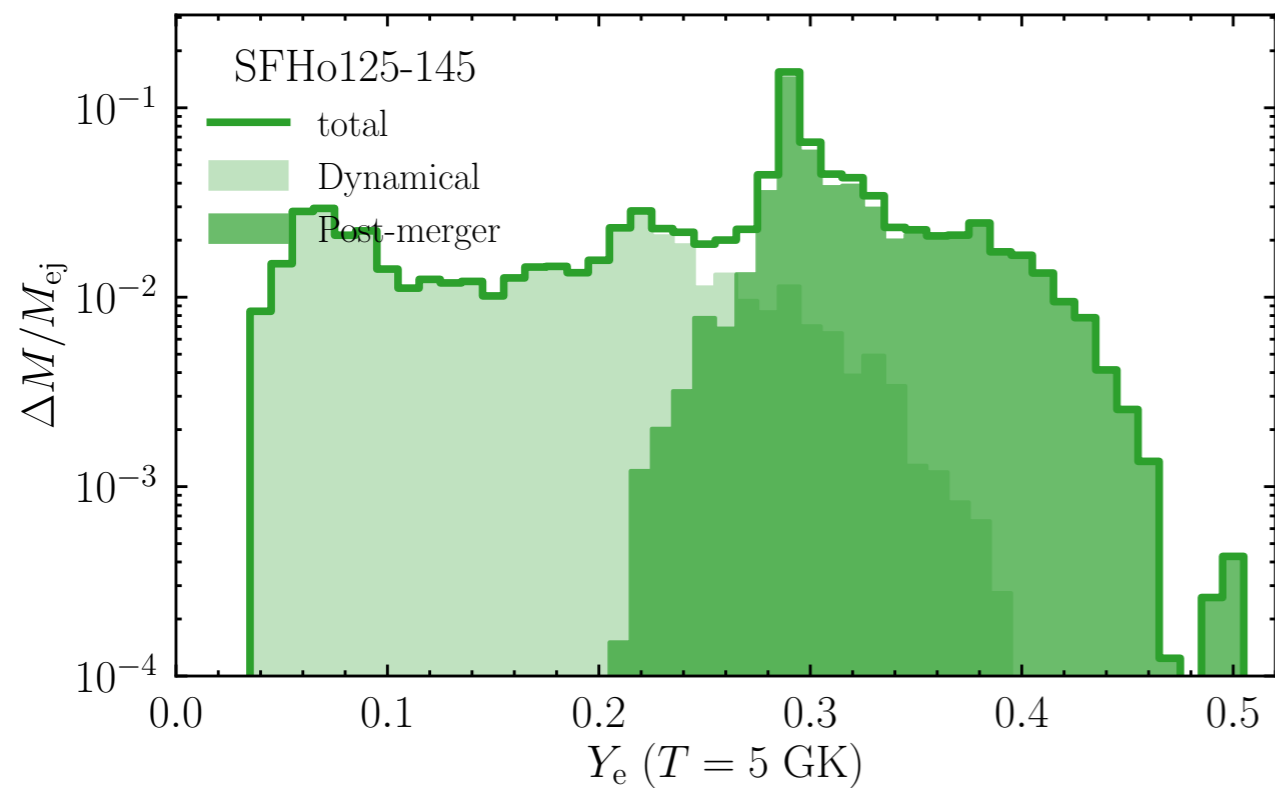
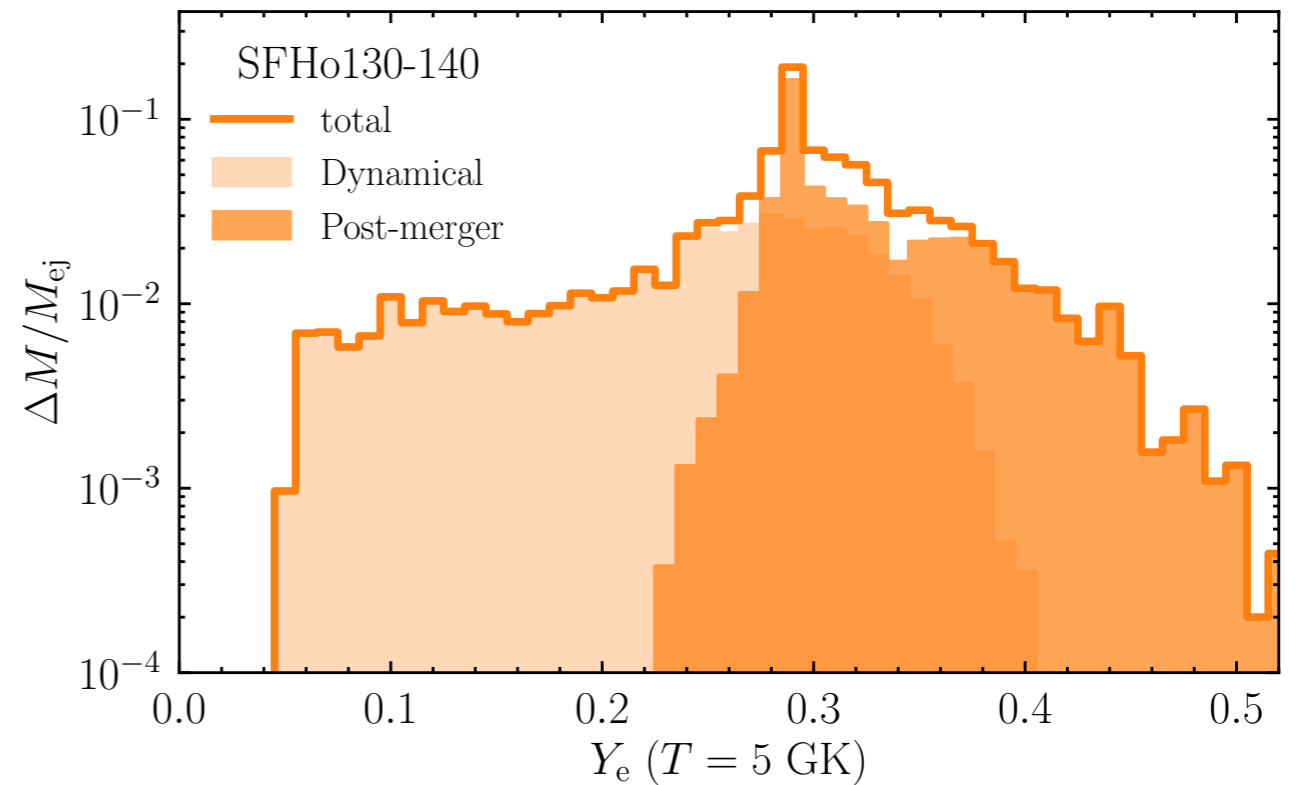
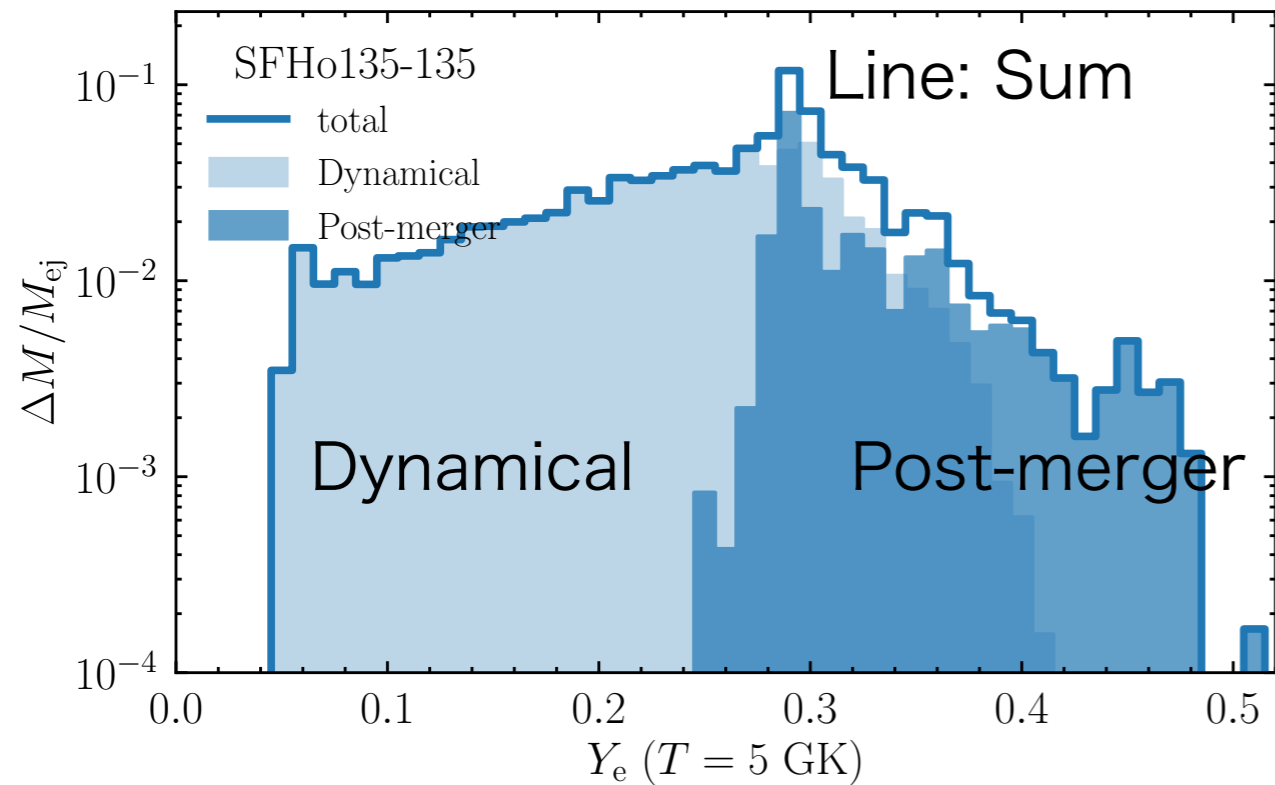
Mass ejection not visible in high- $L_\nu$  phase  
→ Neutrino irradiation plays subdominant  
role for mass ejection

## Mass-ratio dependence

Equal-mass: Lower disk mass  
→ Dynamical ejecta dominates

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

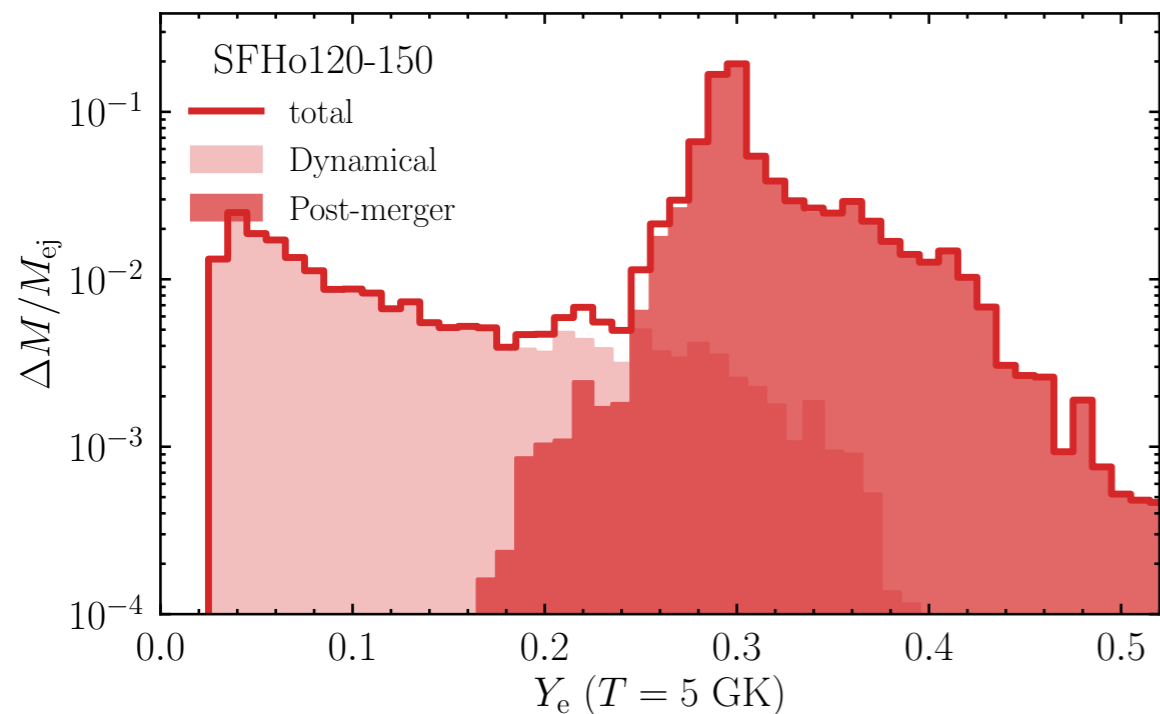
# Composition of the ejecta



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

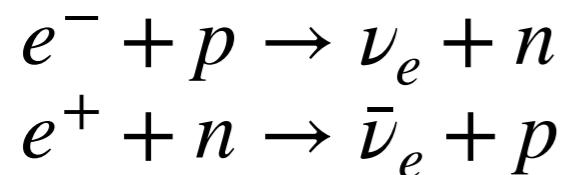
# Composition of the ejecta

see also Just+22



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

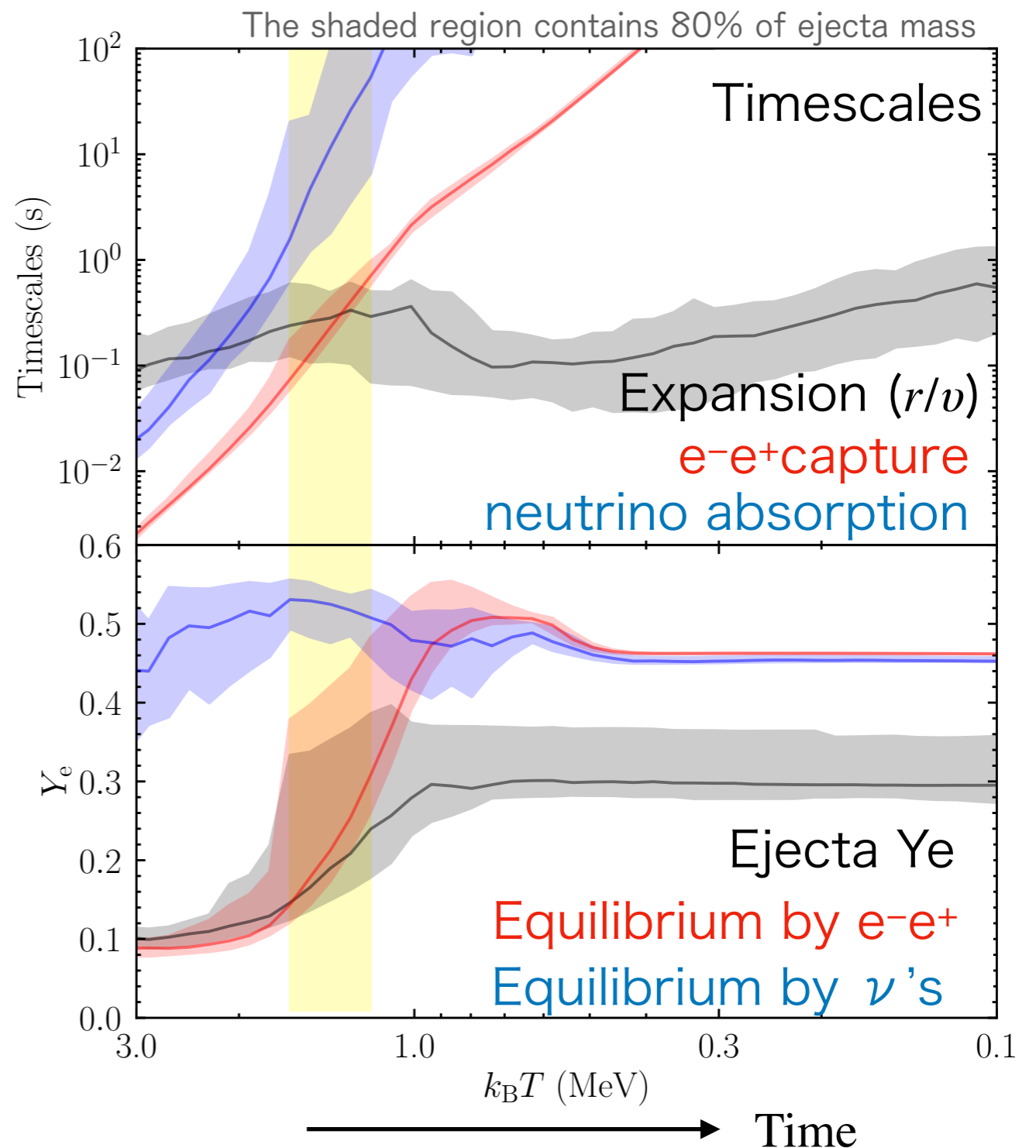
At high temperature



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).

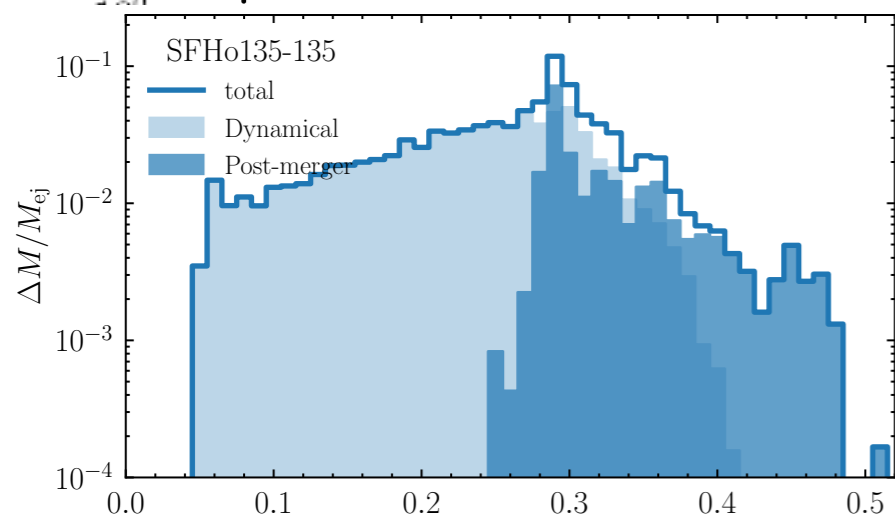


Ejecta composition

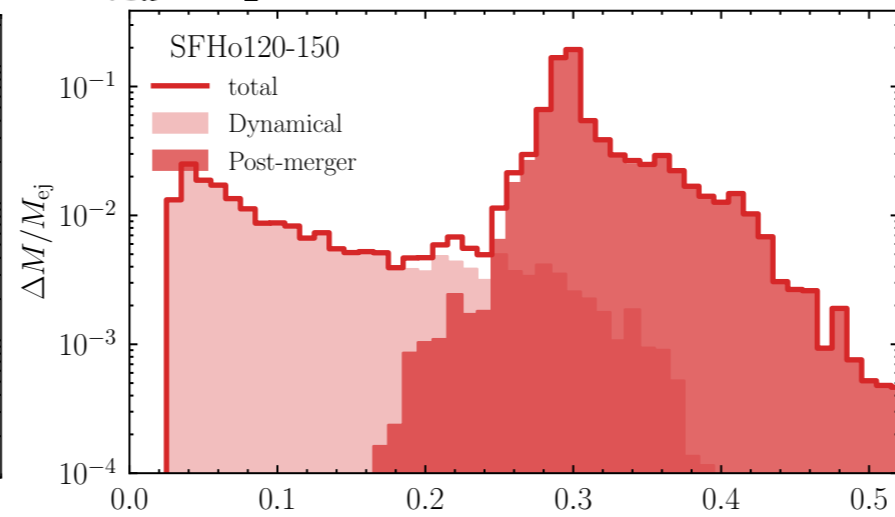
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Short-lived massive NS

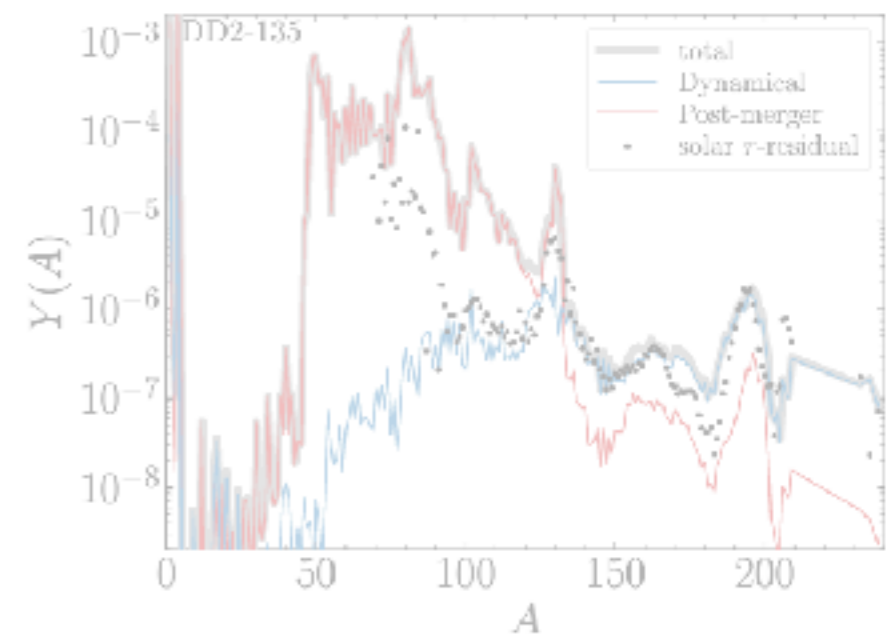
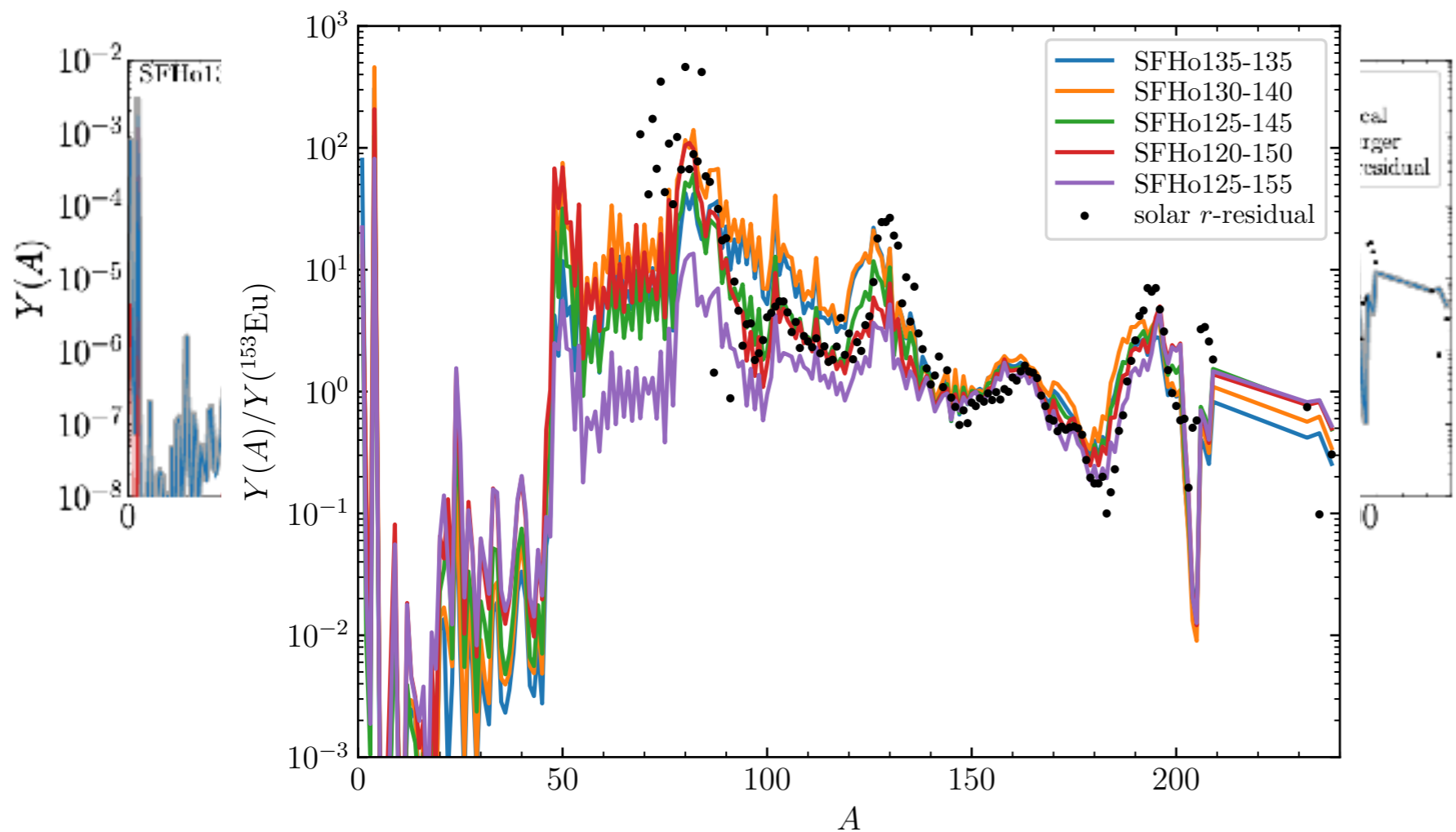
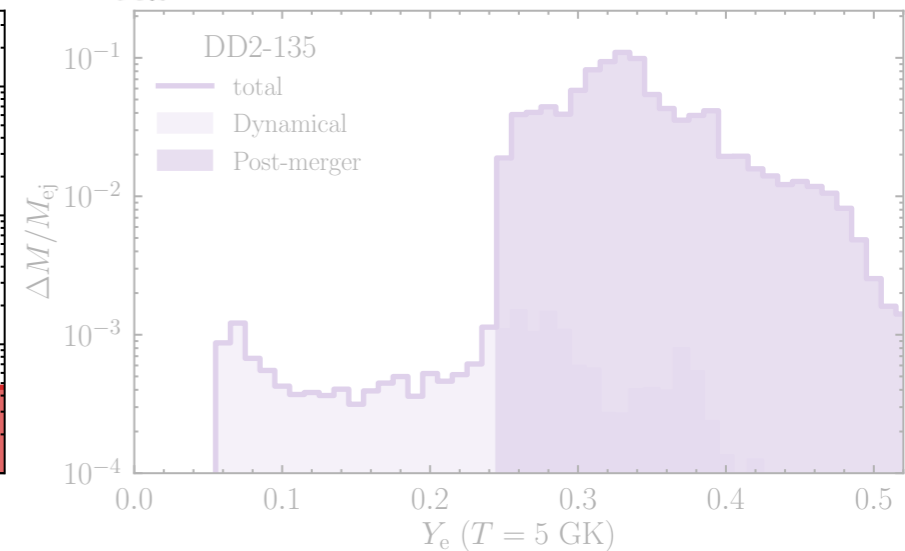
equal-mass (1.35-1.35)



asymmetric (1.20-1.50)



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

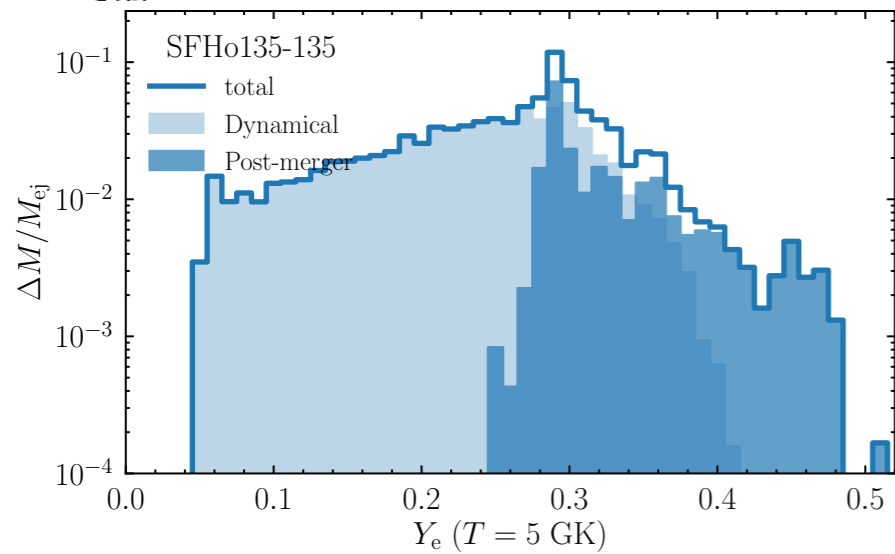


Long-lived massive NS case

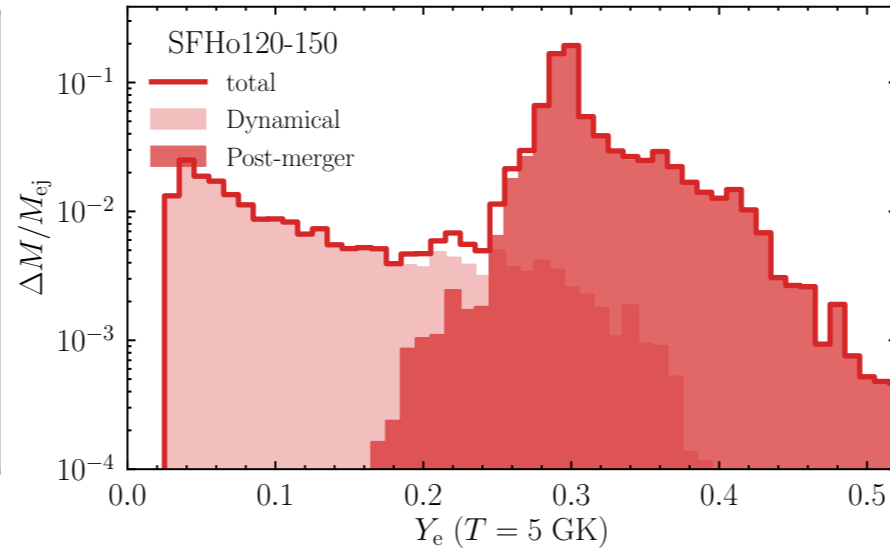
# Composition of the ejecta

Short-lived massive NS

equal-mass (1.35-1.35)

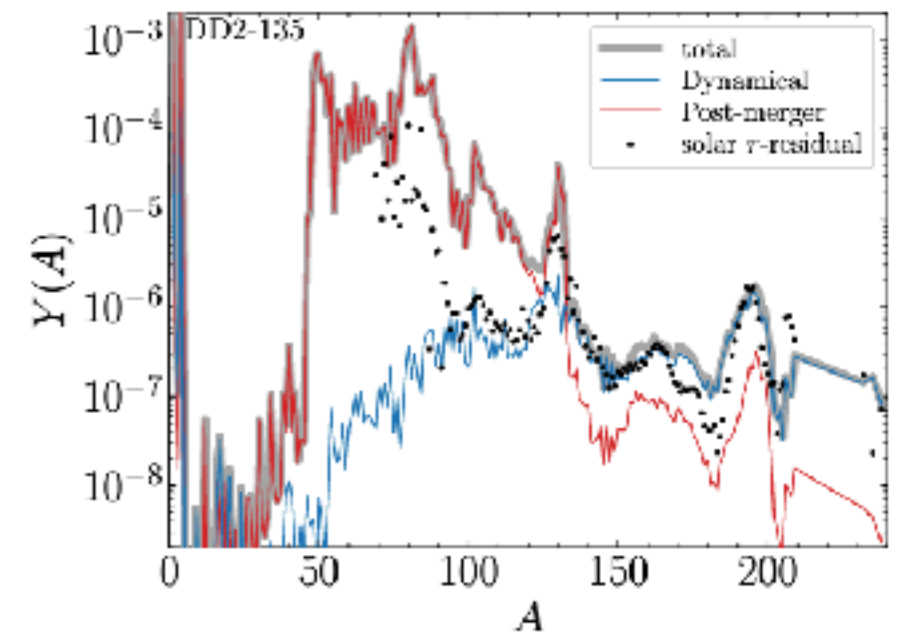
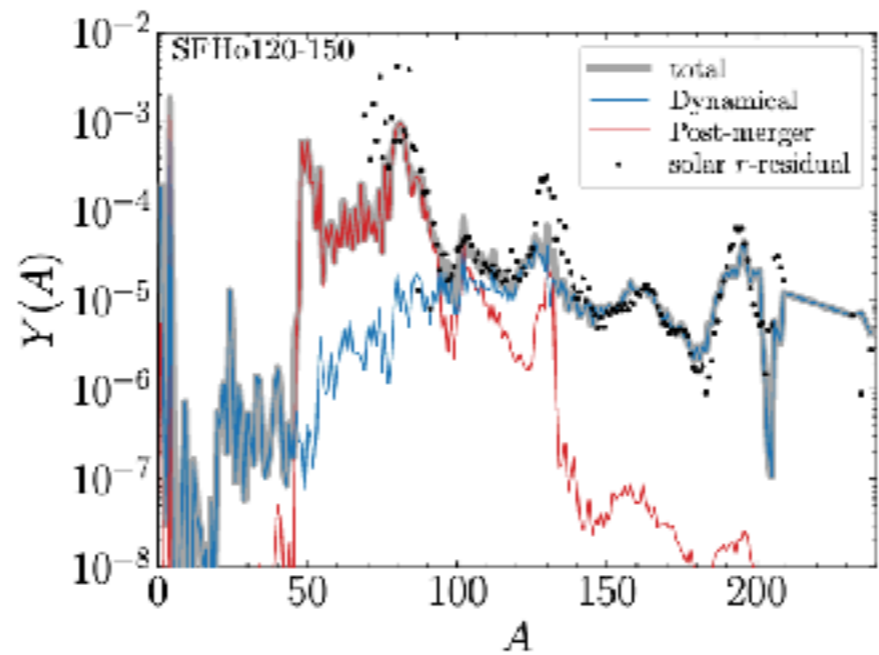
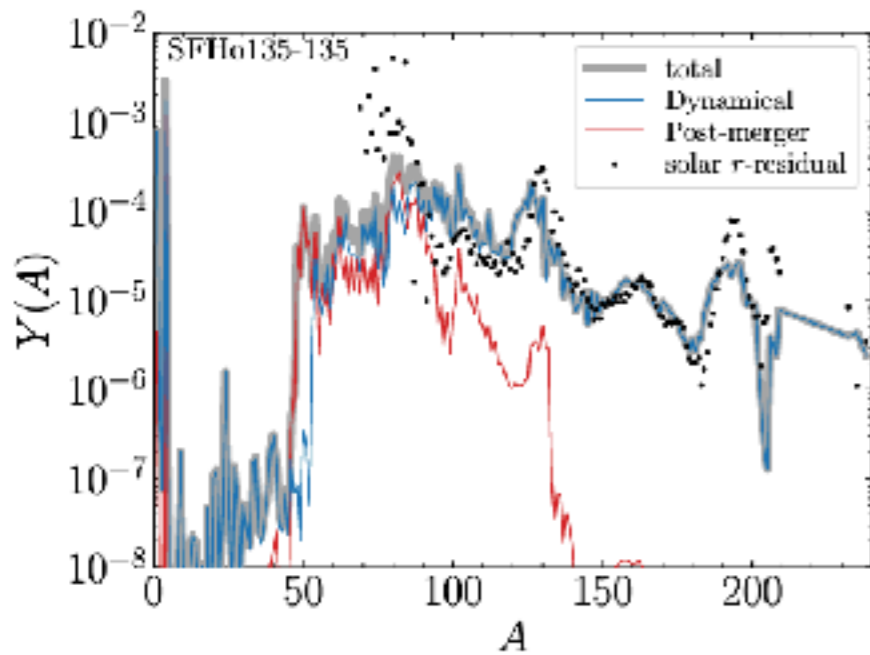
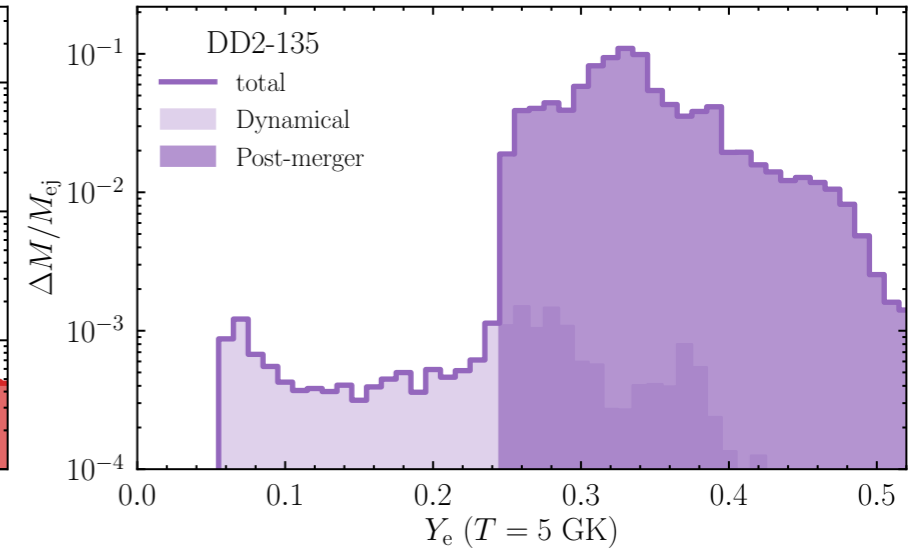


asymmetric (1.20-1.50)



Long-lived massive NS

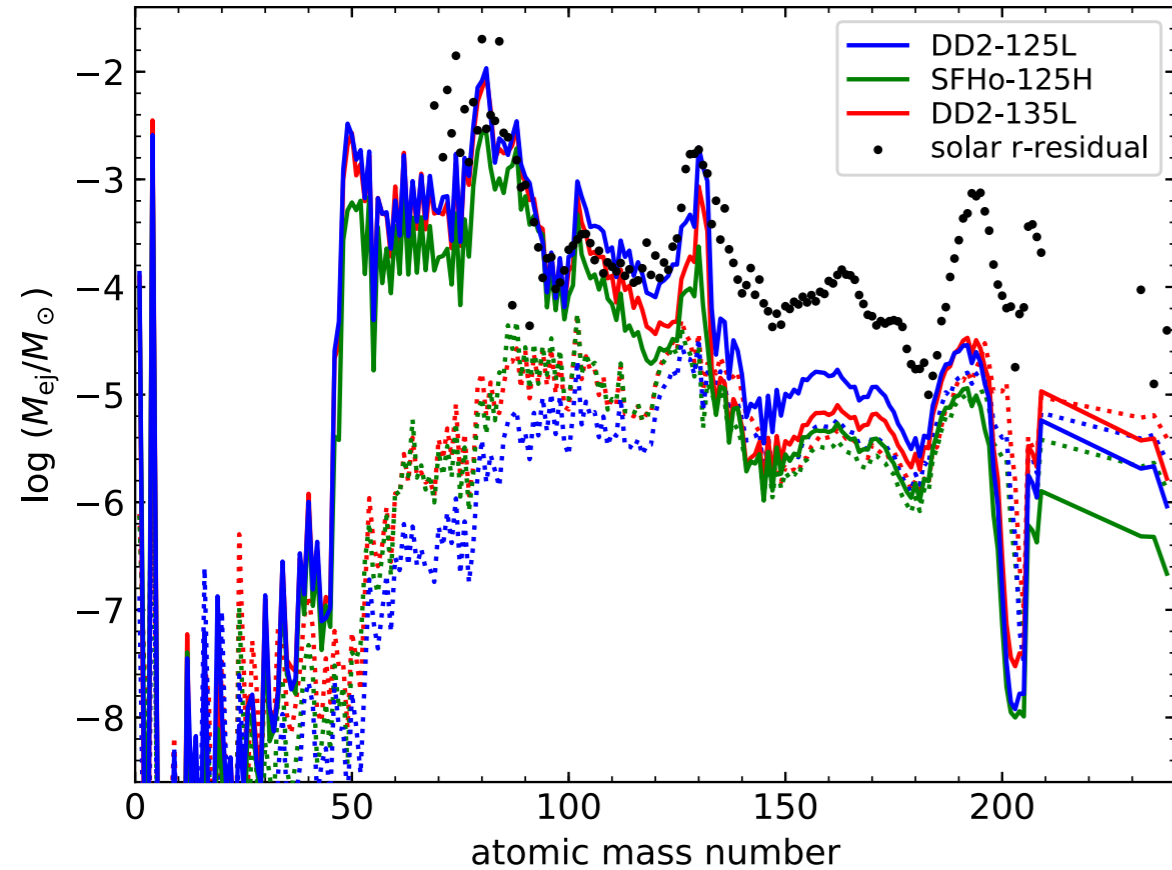
equal-mass (DD2 1.35-1.35)





# Long-lived massive NS cases

	EOS, Mass( $M_{\odot}$ )	$M_{\text{ej}}$ (Dynamical)	$M_{\text{ej}}$ (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.**

Talk by Kawaguchi for possible constraints based on EM signals

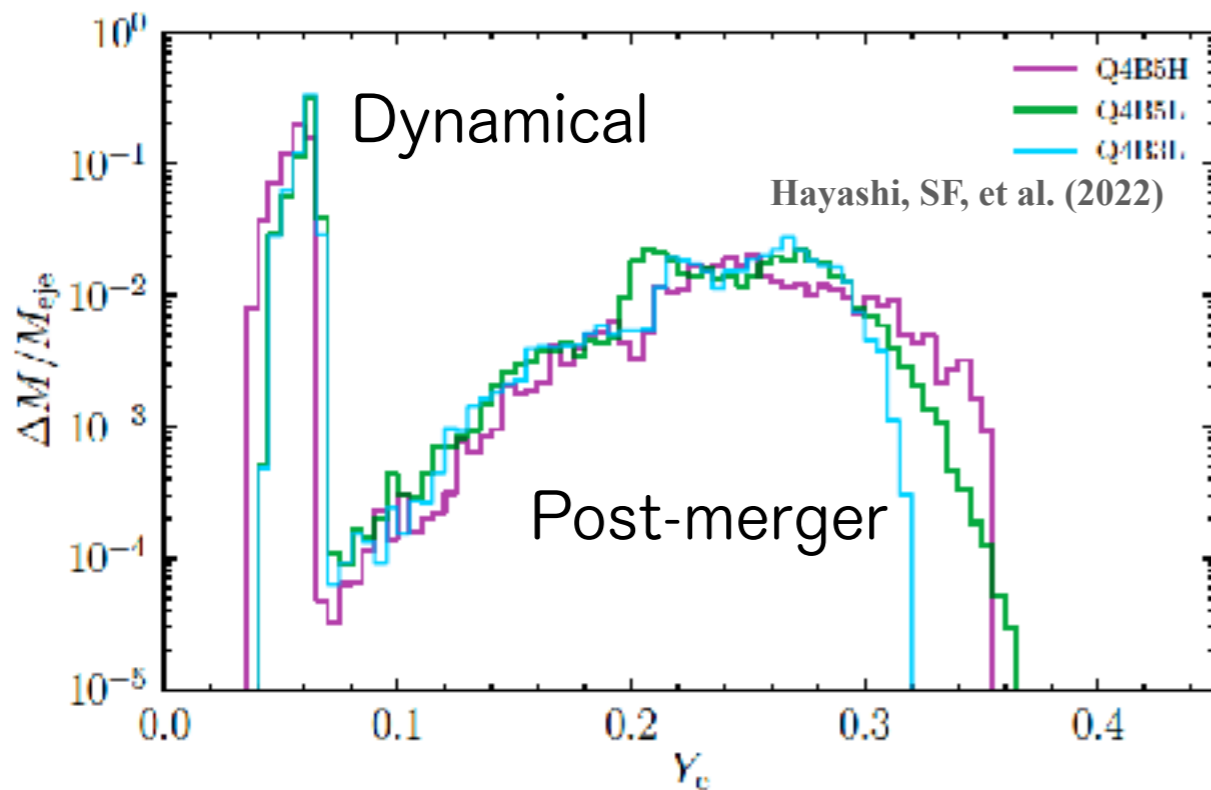
# Seconds-long BH-NS merger simulations

1.35 Msun NS with DD2 EOS

and BH with mass ratio 4 (BH mass : 5.4 Msun); MHD simulation.

Talk by Shibata for its dynamics

Wanajo, SF, et al. in prep.



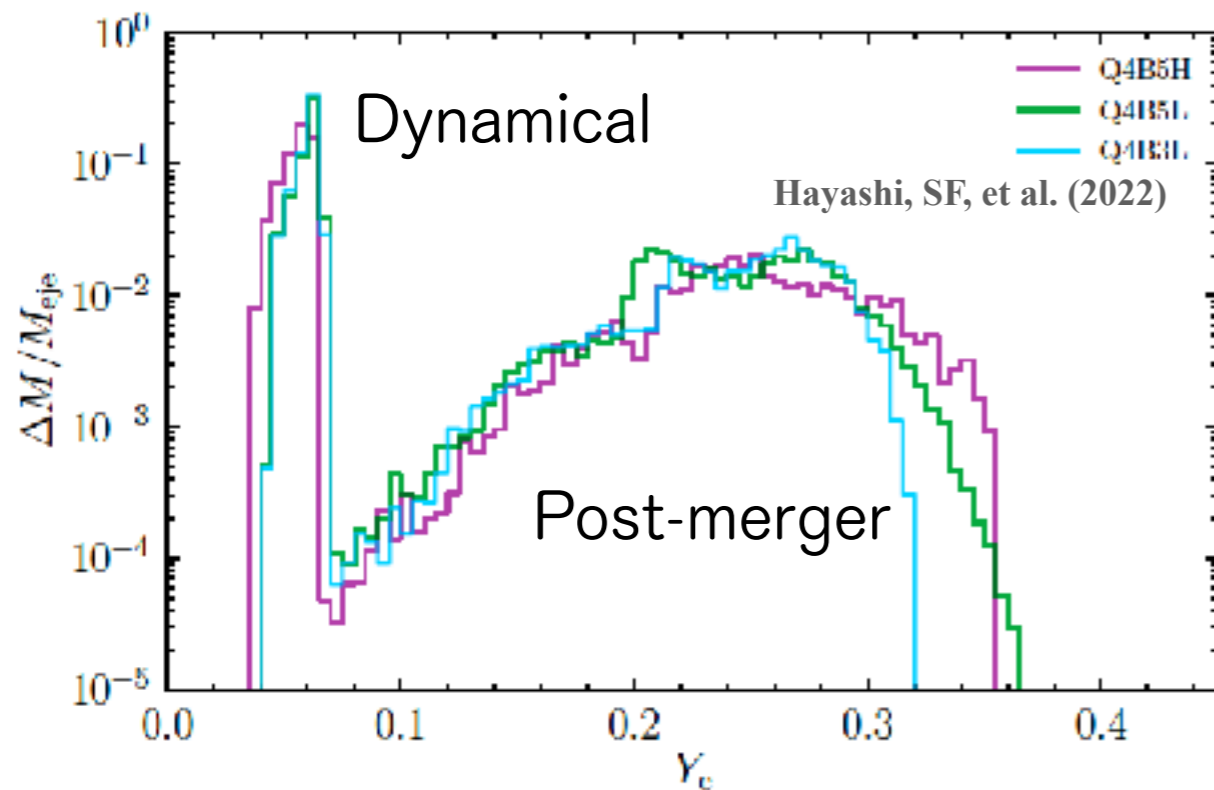
Preliminary

- Post-merger ejecta have similar typical  $Y_e$  ( $\sim 0.25-0.3$ ) to that in viscous model.
- $M(\text{dynamical}) \sim M(\text{post-merger})$ 
  - Nuclear abundance with similar pattern to the solar pattern.

# Seconds-long BH-NS merger simulations

- Also for different mass ratio ( $M_{\text{BH}}/M_{\text{NS}}=6$ ) and different EOS (SFHo), solar pattern is reasonably reproduced.

Wanajo, SF, et al. in prep.



Preliminary

Average logarithmic deviation  $\sim 0.3$

# Summary

## NS-NS

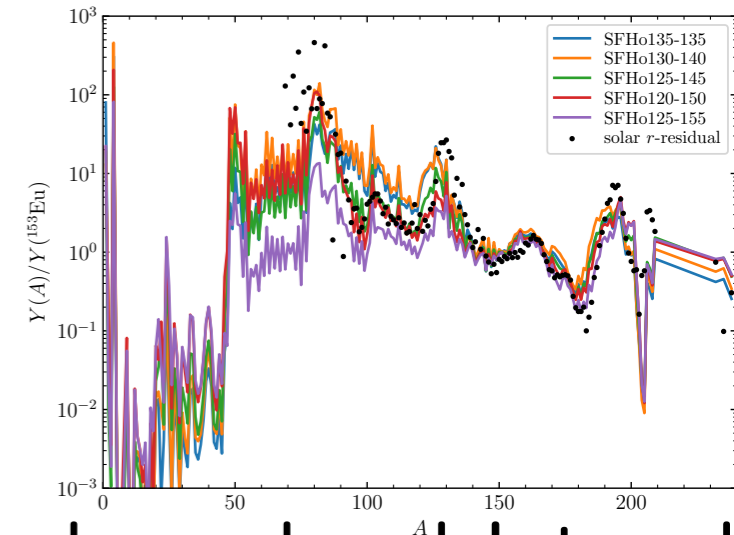
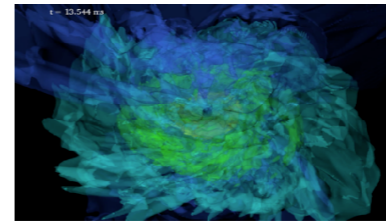
- Short-lived ( $\sim 10$  ms) massive NS cases:

- 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.

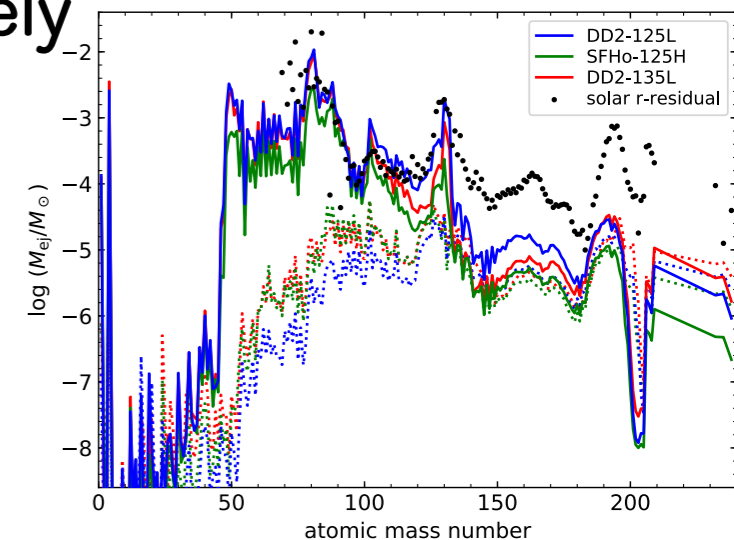
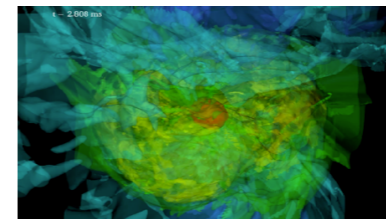
- can reproduce solar r-process abundance approximately



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

- Post-merger ejecta dominates

$\rightarrow$  Nucleosynthesis result deviates from the solar r-process pattern.



## BH-NS

- Dynamical + post-merger ejecta can reproduce the solar pattern.

