

Kilonova Lightcurve Modeling and Implications to the Recent GW Events

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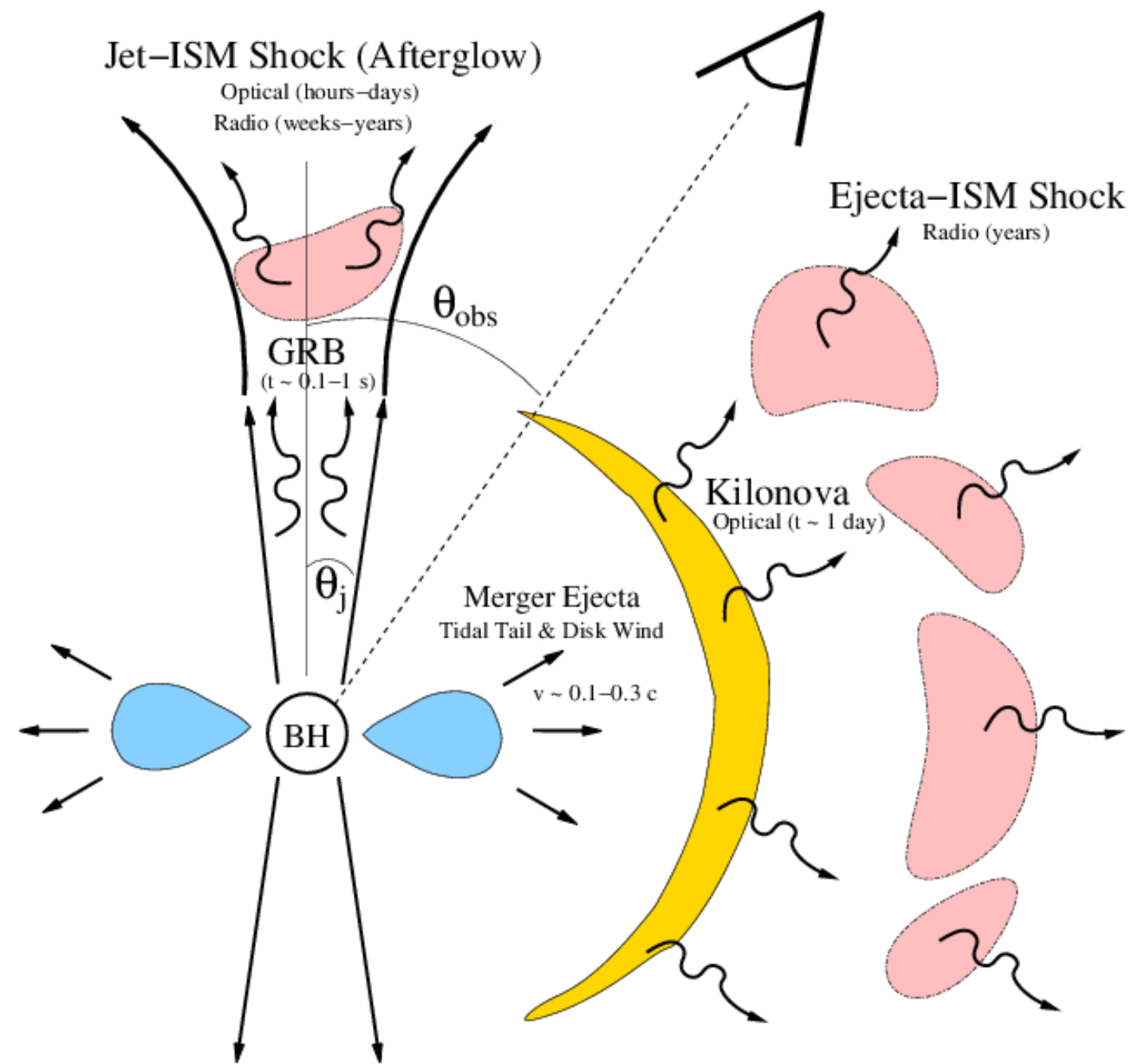
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Background/Motivation

- Various transient electromagnetic (EM) counterparts are proposed for NS binary mergers
- for example,
 - short-hard gamma-ray-burst
 - Afterglow
 - cocoon emission
 - **kilonovae/macronovae**
 - radio flare, etc.
- Host galaxy identification
, remnant properties, environment
- Possible synthesis site of r-process nuclei

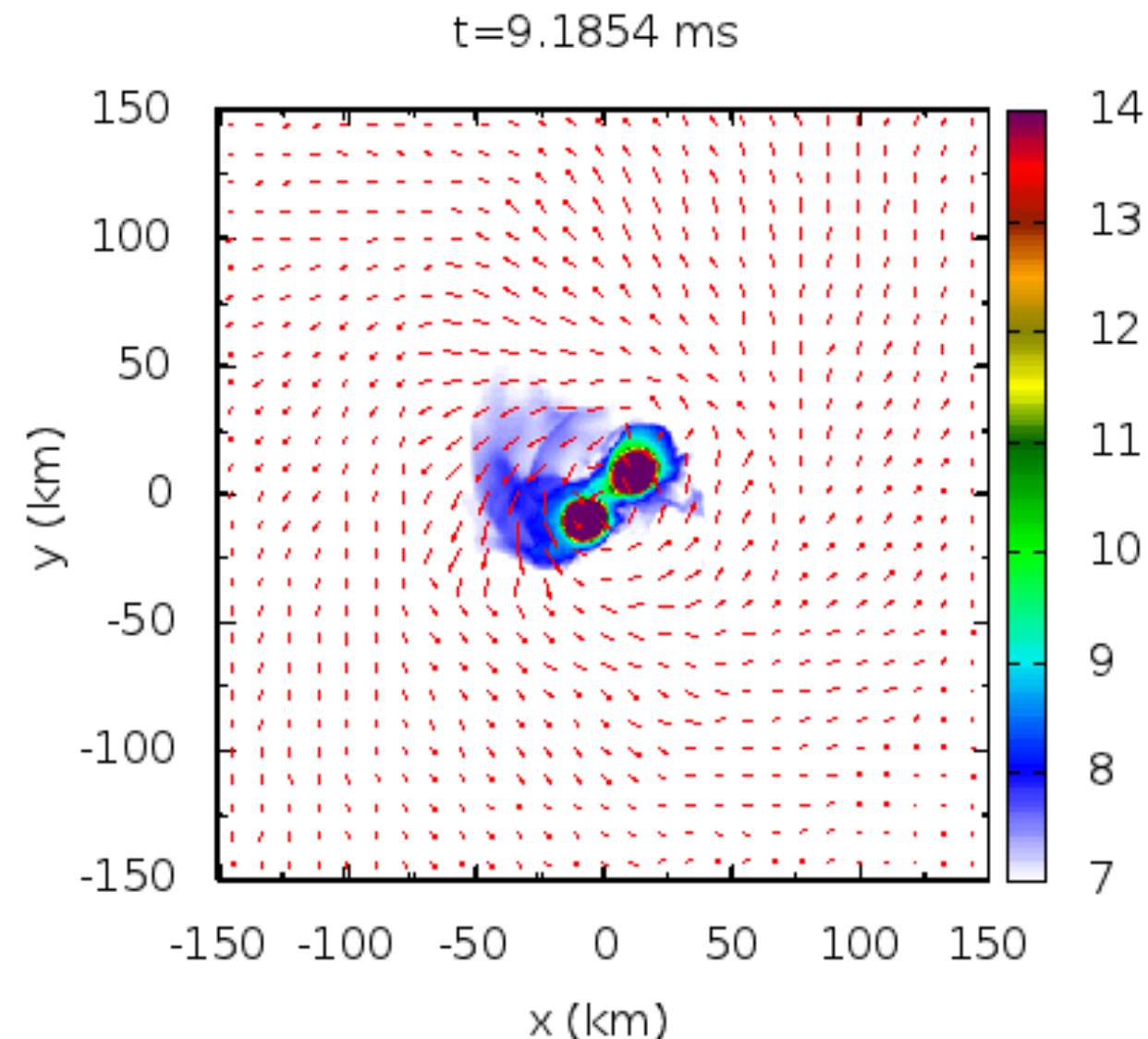


Ref: B. Metzger and E. Berger 2012

Kilonova/Macronova

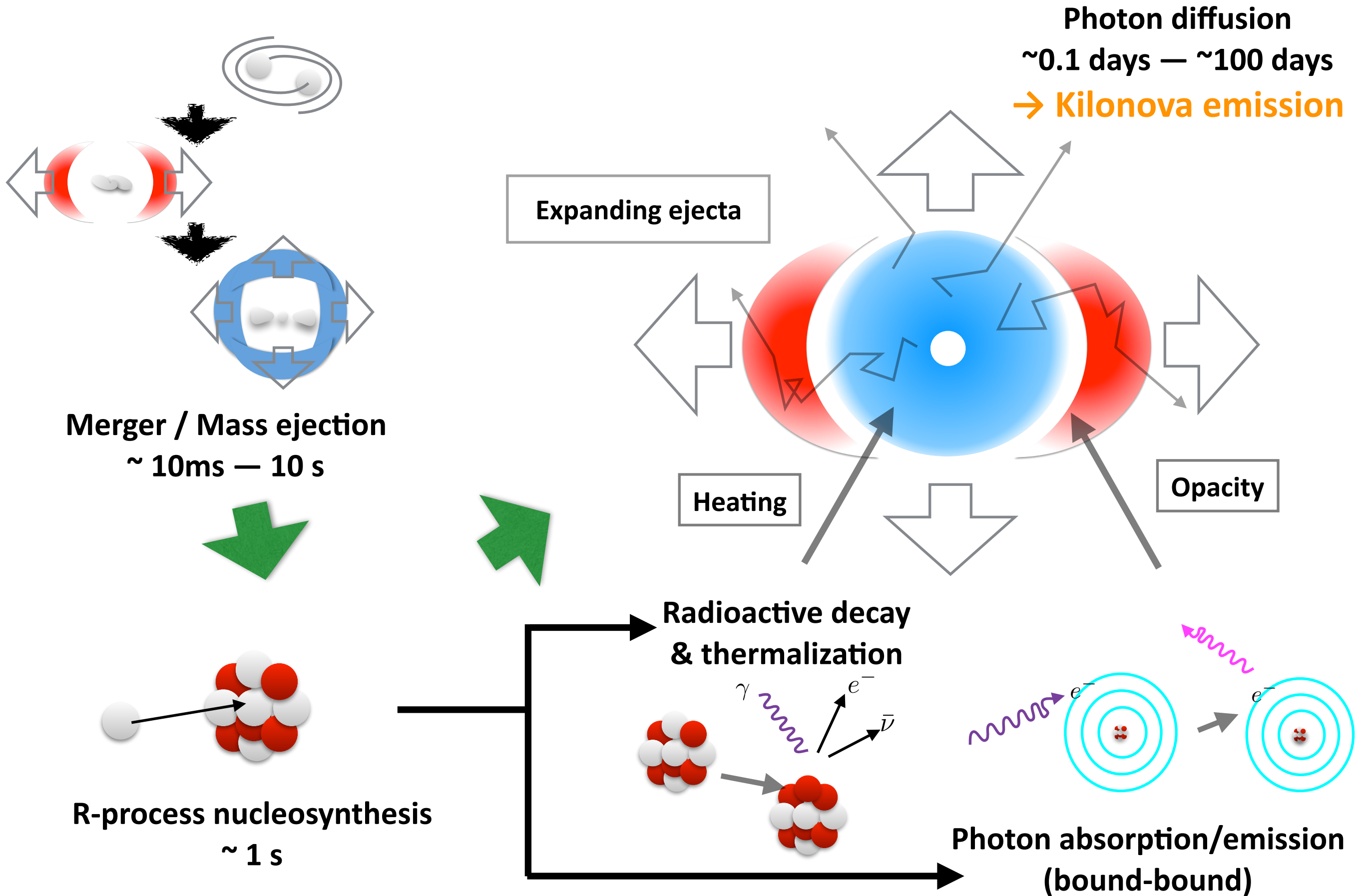
- **A Kilonova/macronova** is an electromagnetic (EM) emission which is expected to be associated with a NS binary merger.
- Ejected material is neutron-rich
→ heavy radioactive nuclei would be synthesized in the ejecta by the so-called **r-process nucleosynthesis**
→ EM emission in optical and infrared wavelengths could occur by radioactive decays of heavy elements
: **kilonova/macronova**

Li & Paczyński 1998, Kulkarni 2005,
Metzger et al. 2010 ...

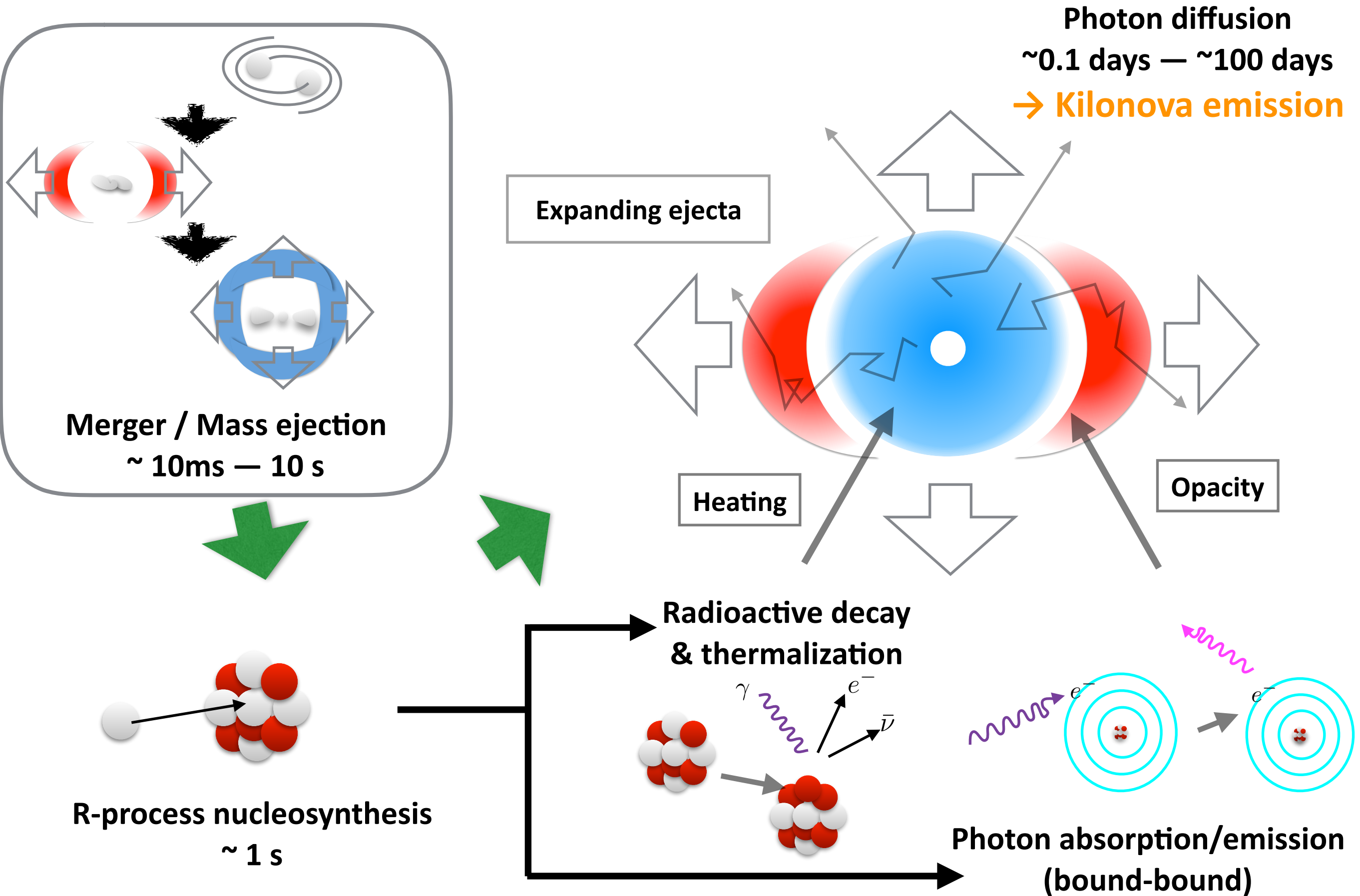


Ref: K. Hotokezaka et al. 2013

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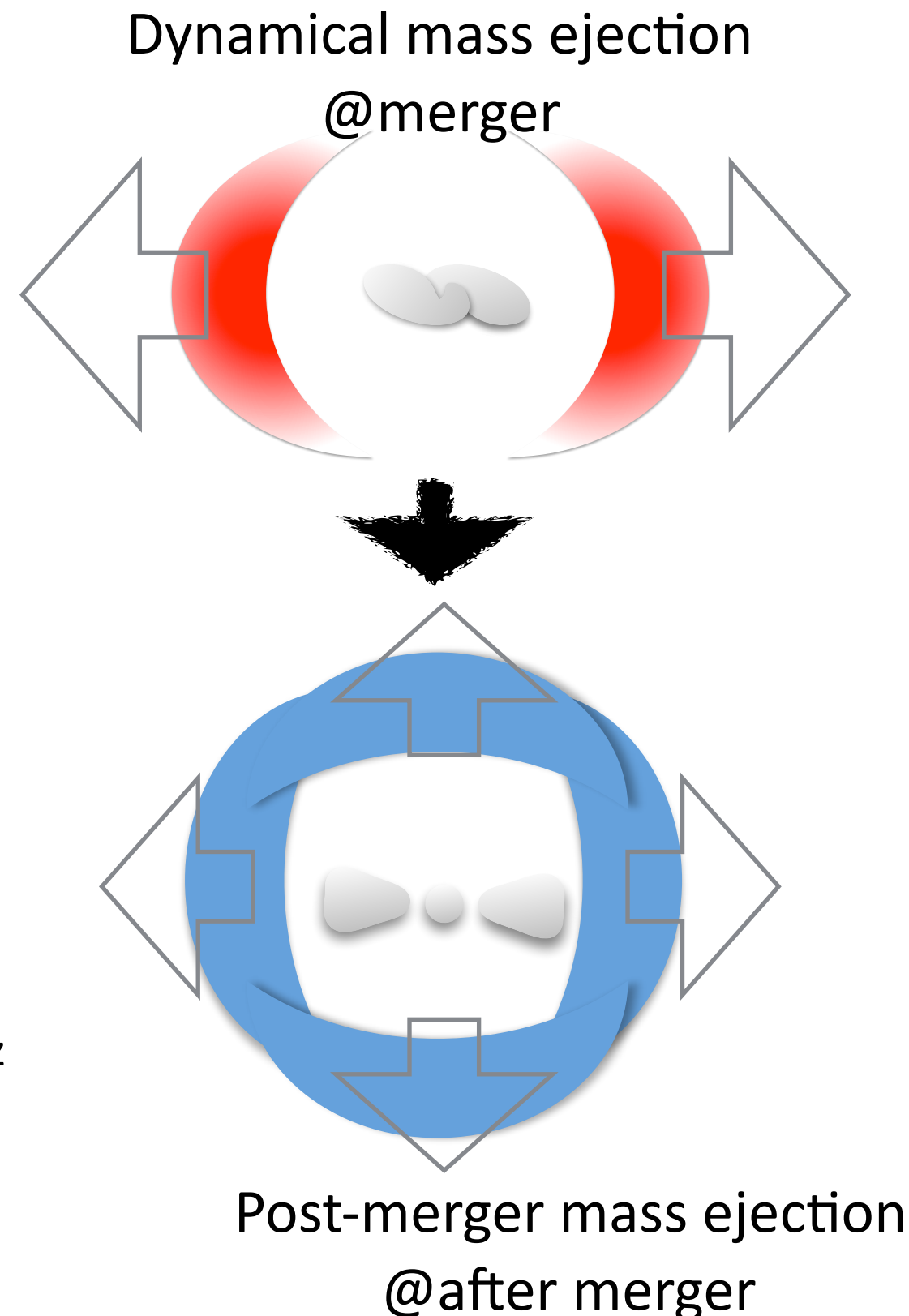


Overview



Mass Ejection Mechanisms

- In the last decades, many efforts have been made to study the mass ejection process and evolution of the merger remnant performing numerical-relativity simulations
- **Dynamical mass ejection**
mass ejection driven by tidal interaction
or
shock heating during the collision
(e.g., Hotokezaka et al. 2013; Bauswein et al. 2013; Sekiguchi et al. 2016; Radice et al. 2016; Dietrich et al. 2017; Bovard et al. 2017)
- **Post-merger mass ejection**
mass ejection from the merger remnant driven by magnetic fields / effective viscosity / neutrino heating
(e.g., Dessart et al. 2009; Metzger & Fernández 2014; Perego et al. 2014; Just et al. 2015; Shibata et al. 2017; Lippuner et al. 2017; Fujibayashi et al. 2018, Siegel et al. 2018, Fernandez et al. 2018, Christie et al. 2019, Fujibayashi et al. 2020)



Ejecta property $Y_e = \frac{[e]}{[p] + [n]}$

Type	Remnant	M_{dyn}	$Y_{e,\text{dyn}}$	M_{pm}	$Y_{e,\text{pm}}$
BNS	MNS/ SMNS	$\sim 0.001 \text{ Msun}^*$	$0.1-0.5^{**}$	$\sim 0.01-0.1 \text{ Msun}$	$0.3-0.5$
	HMNS	$\sim 0.001-0.01 \text{ Msun}^*$	$0.1-0.5^{**}$	$\sim > 0.01 \text{ Msun}$	$0.3-0.5 (t_{\text{life}} \sim > 1 \text{ s})$ $0.1-0.3? (t_{\text{life}} \ll 1 \text{ s})$
	BH (prompt collapse)	$< 0.001 \text{ Msun}^*$	$< 0.1?$	$< 0.001 \text{ Msun}$ ($\sim 0.01 \text{ Msun}$ for asym. case)	$0.1-0.3?$
BHNS	Tidal disruption	$\sim 0.001-0.05 \text{ Msun}$	< 0.1	$\sim 0.001-0.1 \text{ Msun}$	$0.1-0.3?$
	No tidal disruption	0	-	0	-

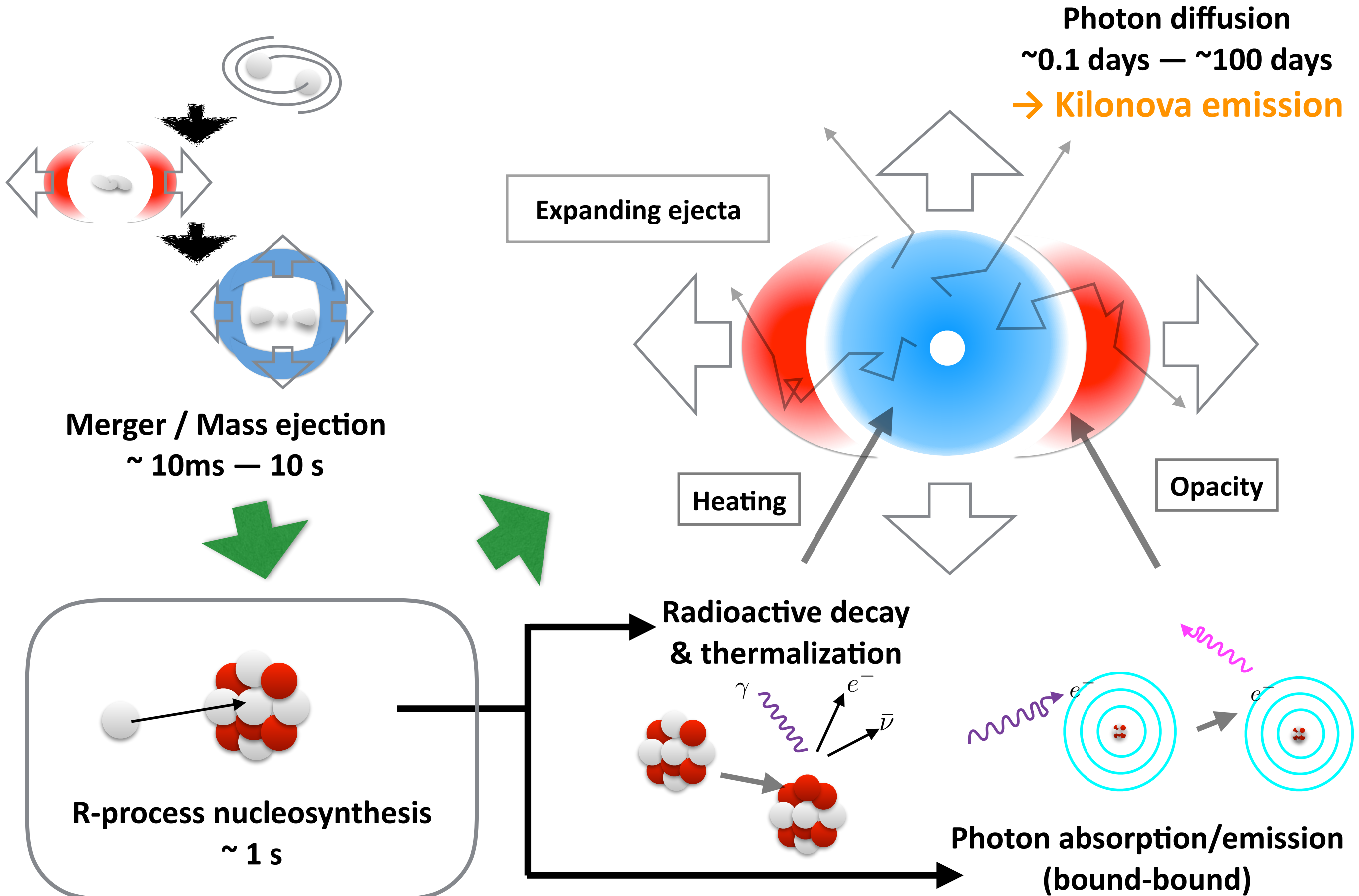
*Dynamical ejecta $\sim 0.01 \text{ Msun}$ can be formed for asymmetric cases

** Y_e of dynamical ejecta is high (> 0.3) in the polar region

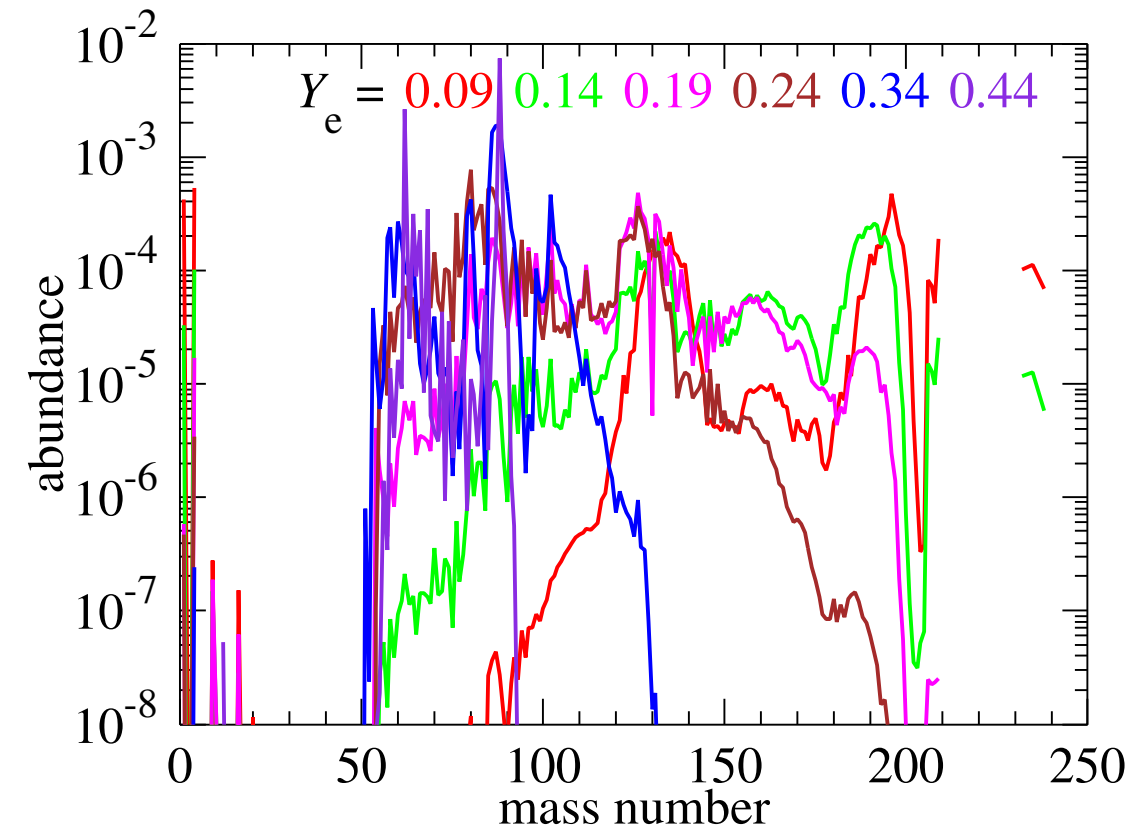
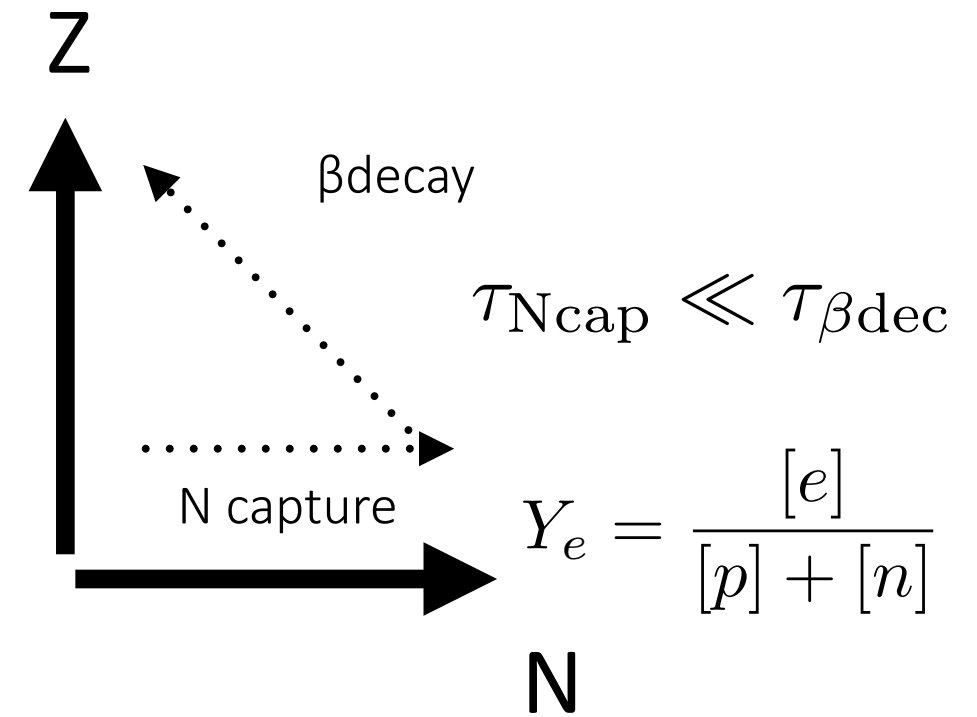
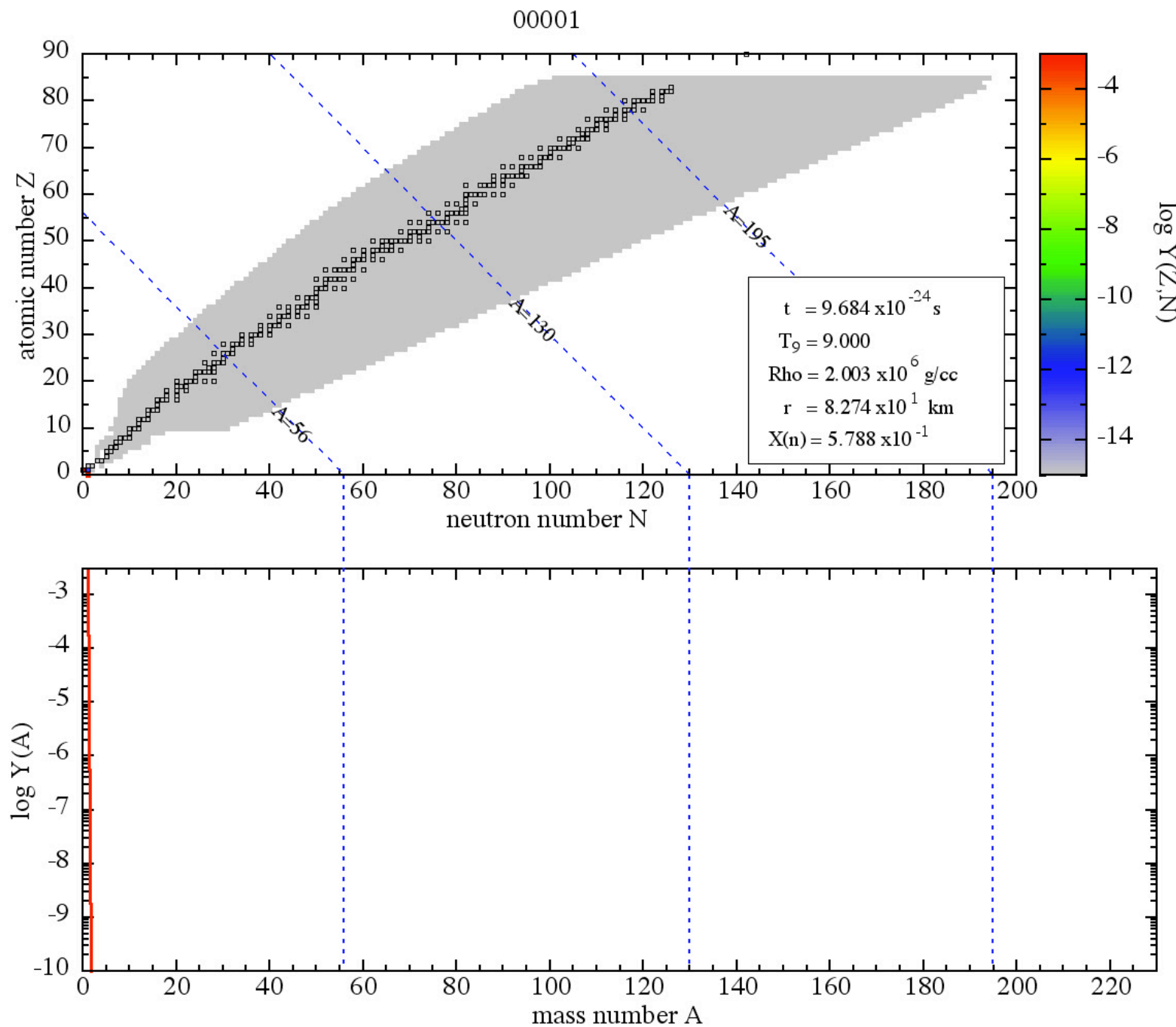
$$\langle v_{\text{dyn}} \rangle \approx 0.2 - 0.3 c$$

$$\langle v_{\text{pm}} \rangle \lesssim 0.1 c$$

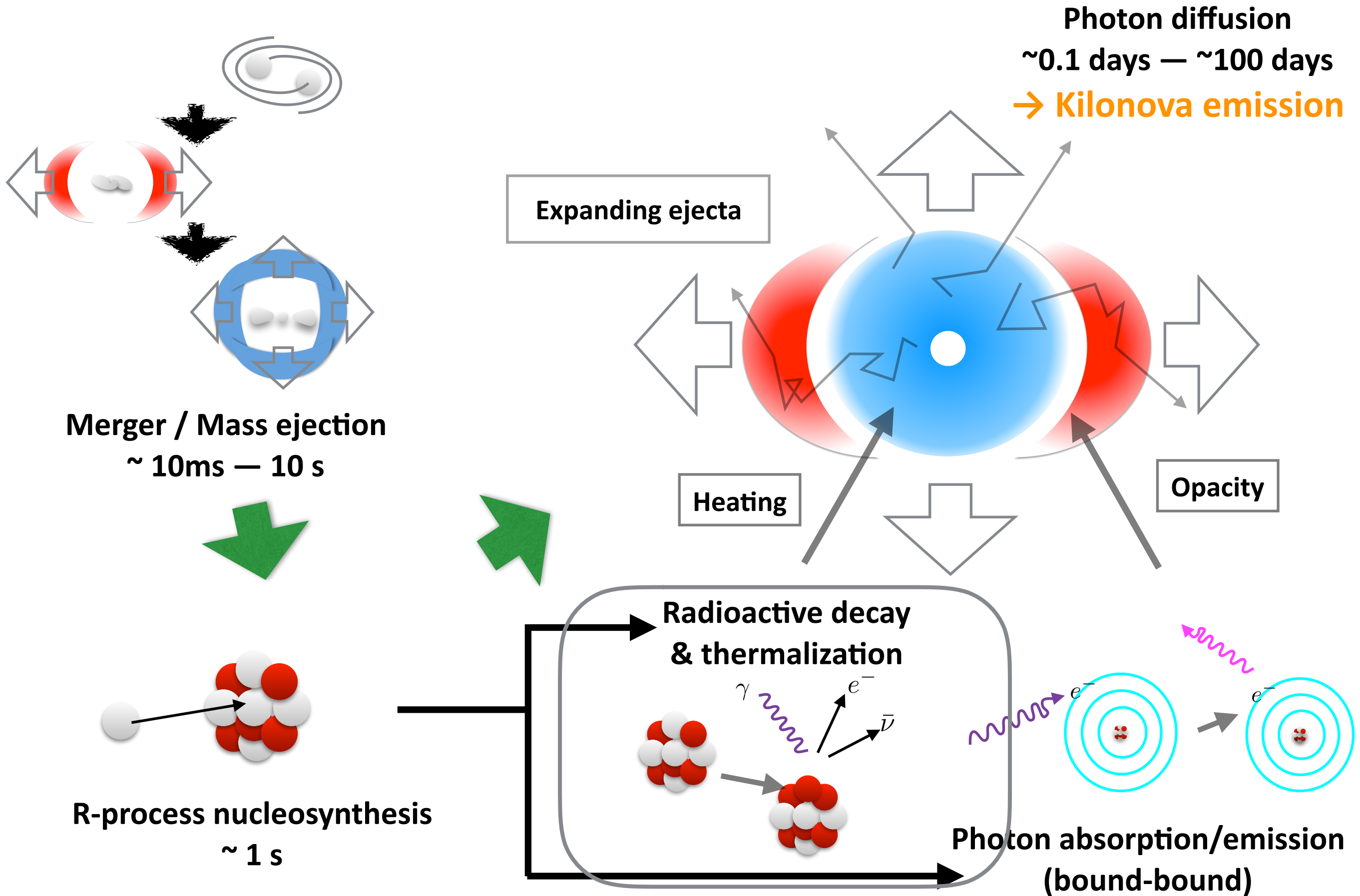
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R-process nucleosynthesis

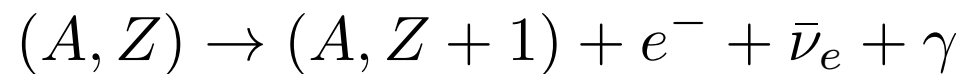


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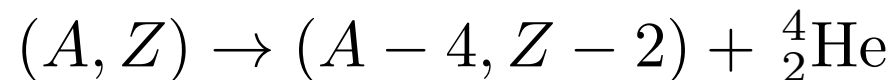


Radioactive heating

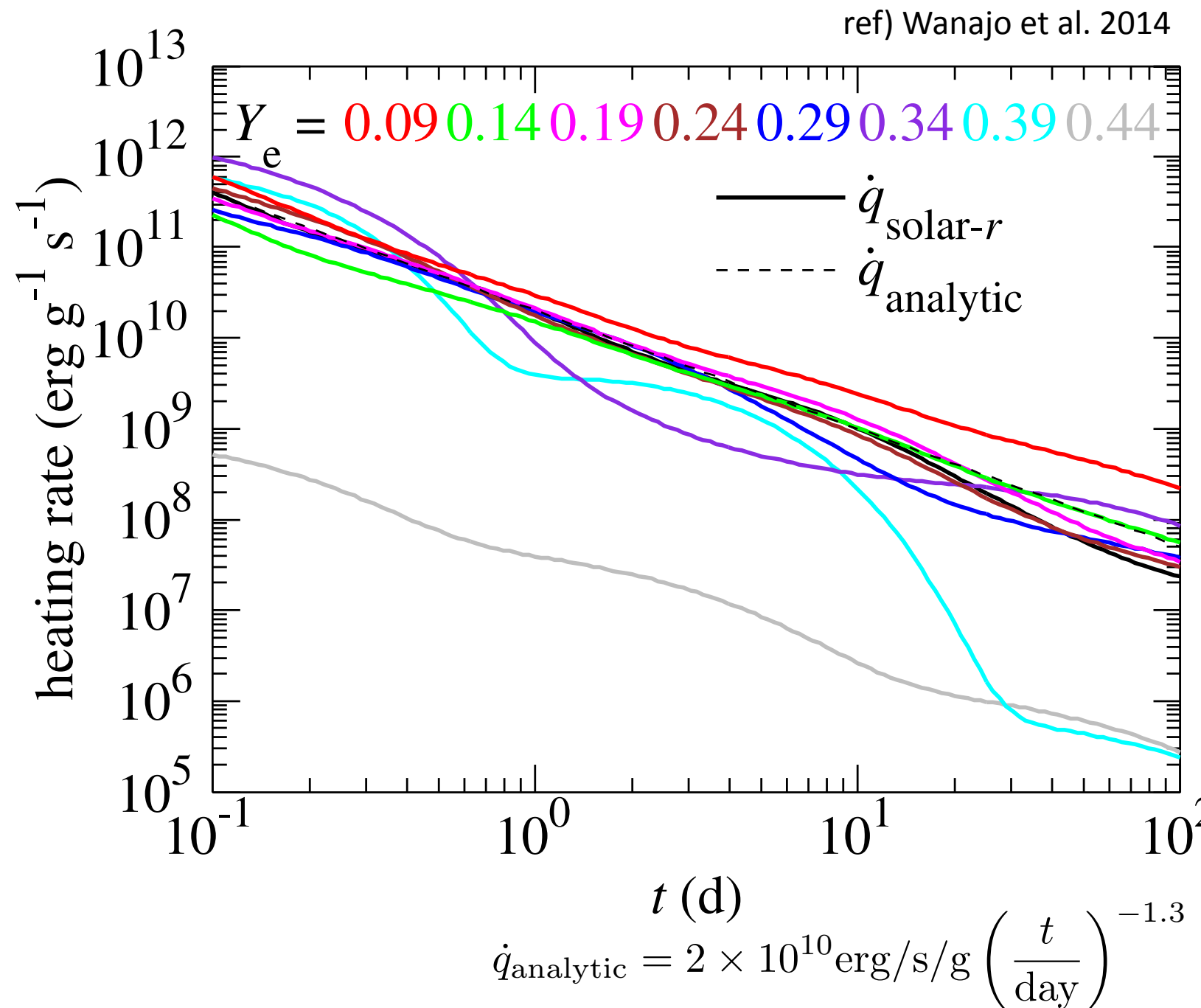
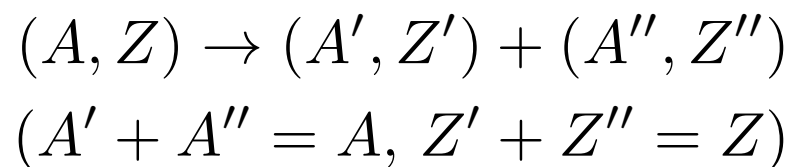
β decay



α decay

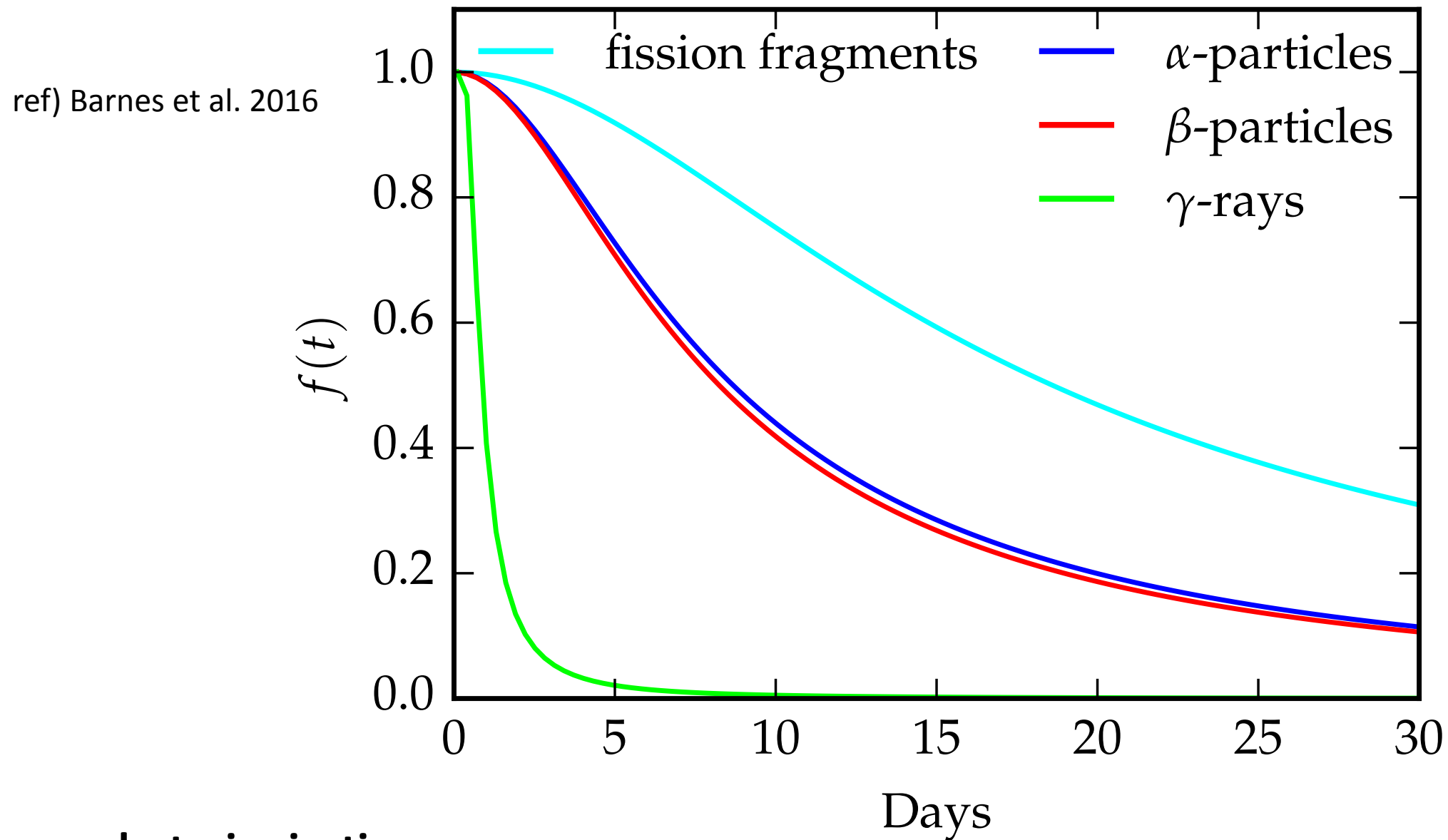


Spontaneous fission



*The contribution of the spontaneous fissions to the heating rate is highly uncertain due to the uncertainty in the β -decay and spontaneous fission lifetimes of the parents nuclide (e.g., Wanajo et al. 2014; Zhu et al. 2018; Wanajo 2018)

Thermalization

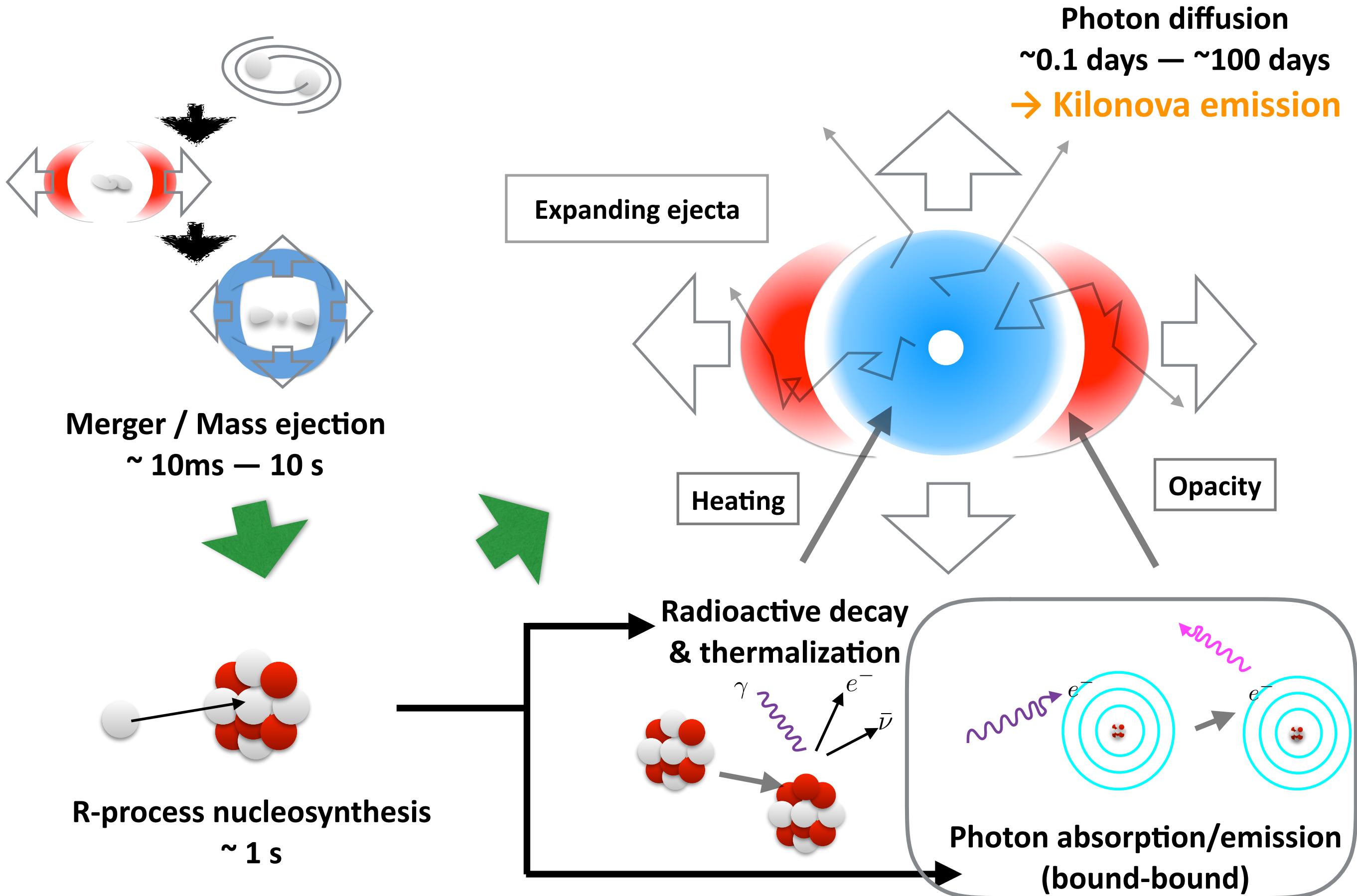


γ : photo-ionization

β , α , fission fragments: collisional ionization /excitation

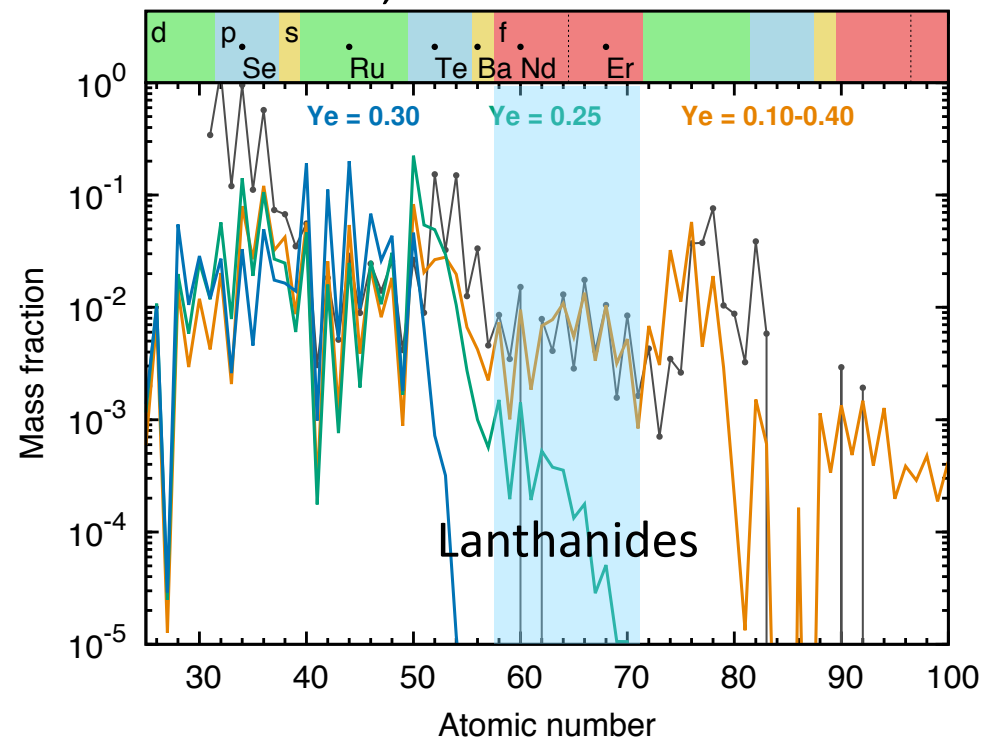
- Conversion efficiency of gamma ray energy and the kinetic energy of charged particles to the ejecta thermal energy evolves with time through the evolution of density.
(Barnes et al. 2016, Kasen & Barnes 2019, Waxman et al. 2019, Hotokezaka & Nakar 2019)

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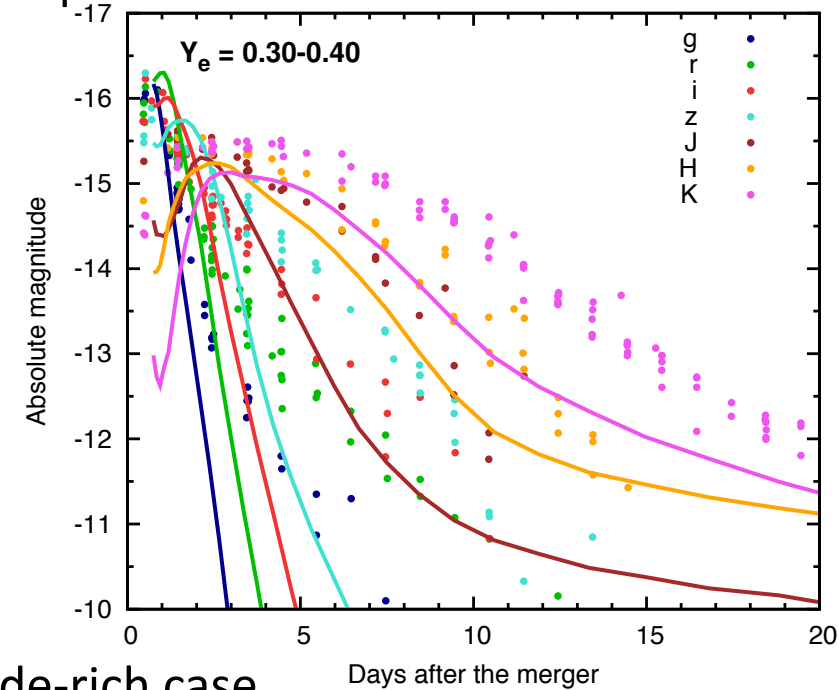


Ejecta opacity

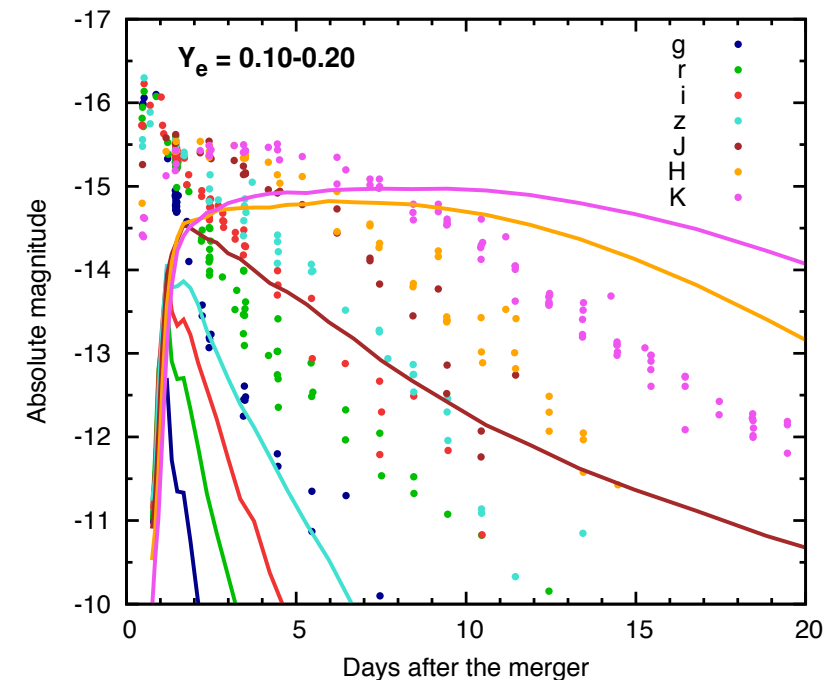
ref) Tanaka et al. 2018, 2019



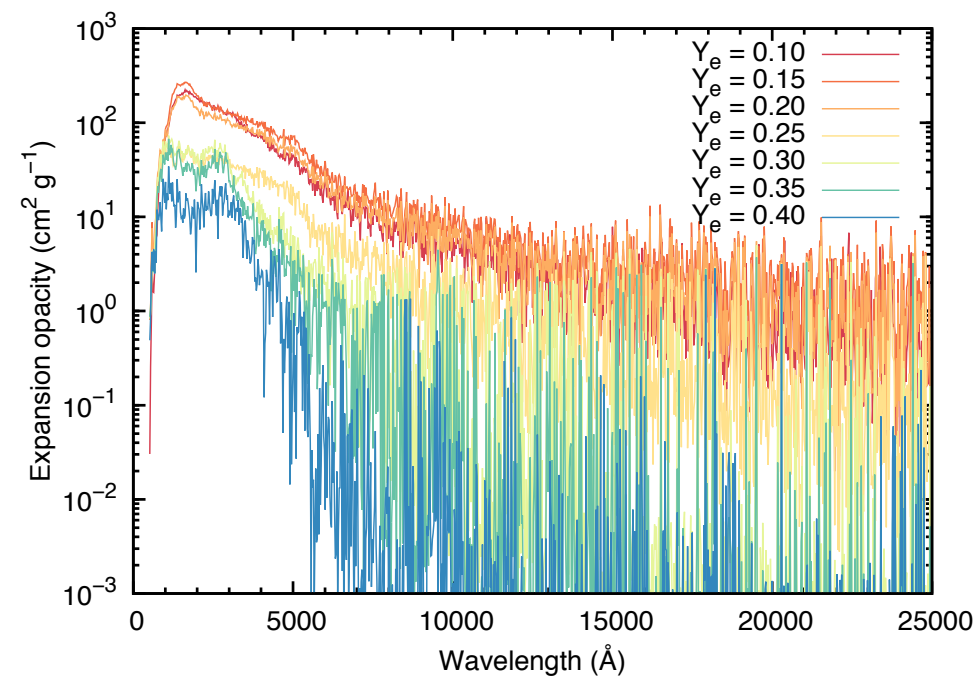
Lanthanide-poor case



Lanthanide-rich case



$$T_{\text{peak}} \propto M_{\text{ej}}^{-1/8} v_{\text{ej}}^{-1/8} \kappa^{-3/8}$$

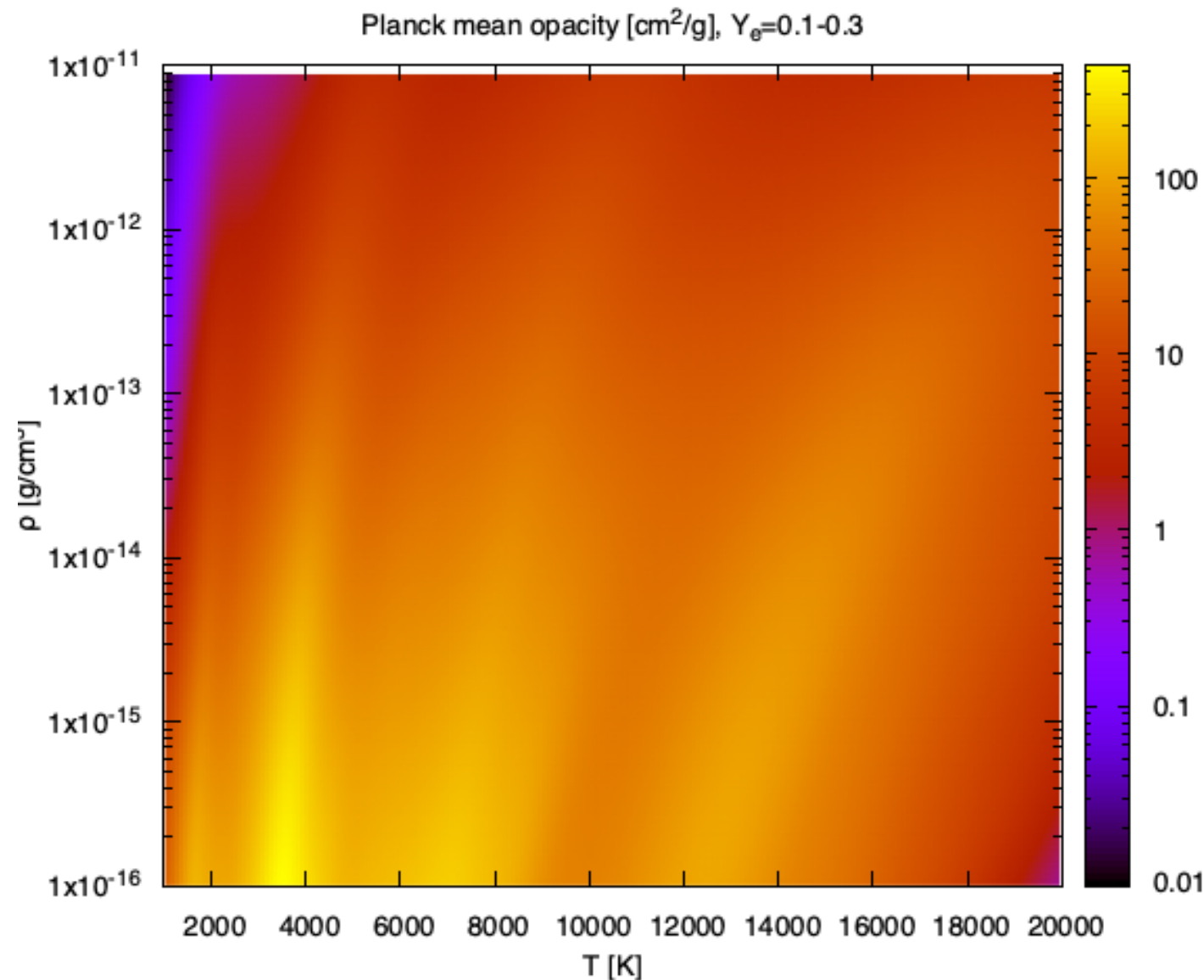


$$Y_e = \frac{[e]}{[p] + [n]}$$

The ejecta opacity varies significantly (0.1—10 cm²/g) depending particularly on whether **lanthanide elements** are synthesized or not, which reflects the electron fraction, Y_e , of ejecta.
(Kasen et al. 2013, Barnes et al. 2013, Tanaka et al. 2013)

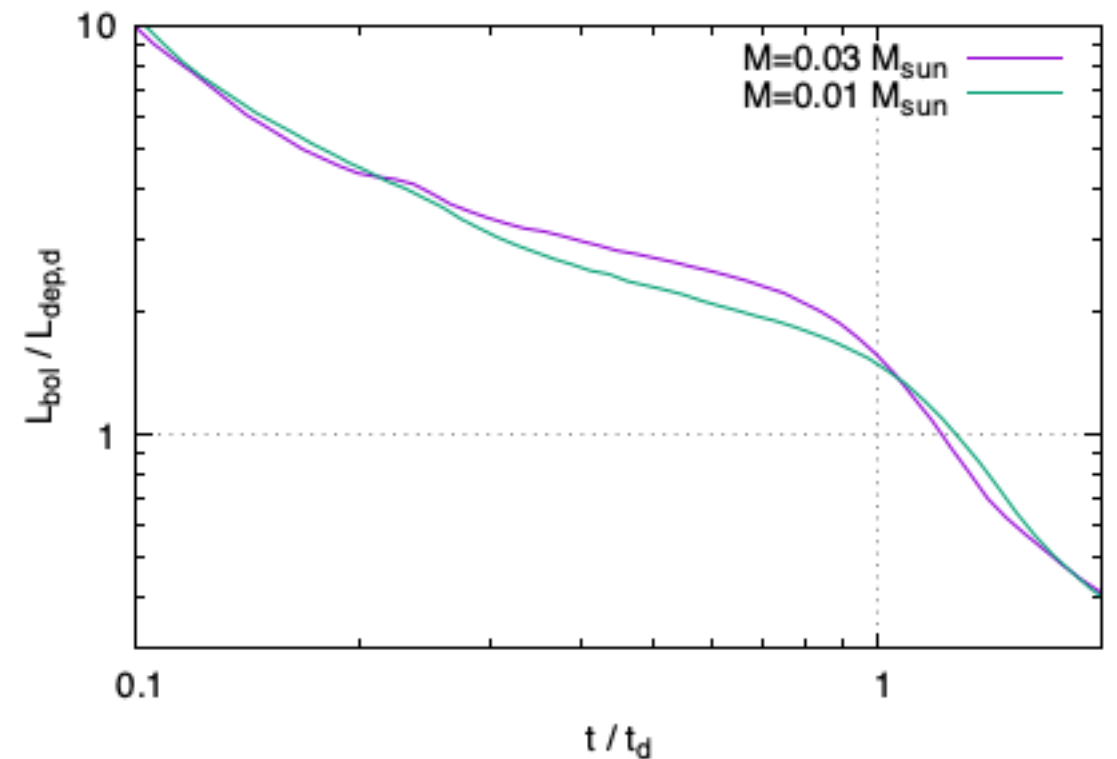
Dependence on ρ and T

ref) Tanaka et al. 2018, 2019



$$\dot{\epsilon}(t) = 10^{10} \text{erg s}^{-1} \text{g}^{-1} \left(\frac{t}{\text{day}} \right)^{-1.3}$$

$Y_e=0.1-0.3, v=0.25-0.1 \text{ c}$



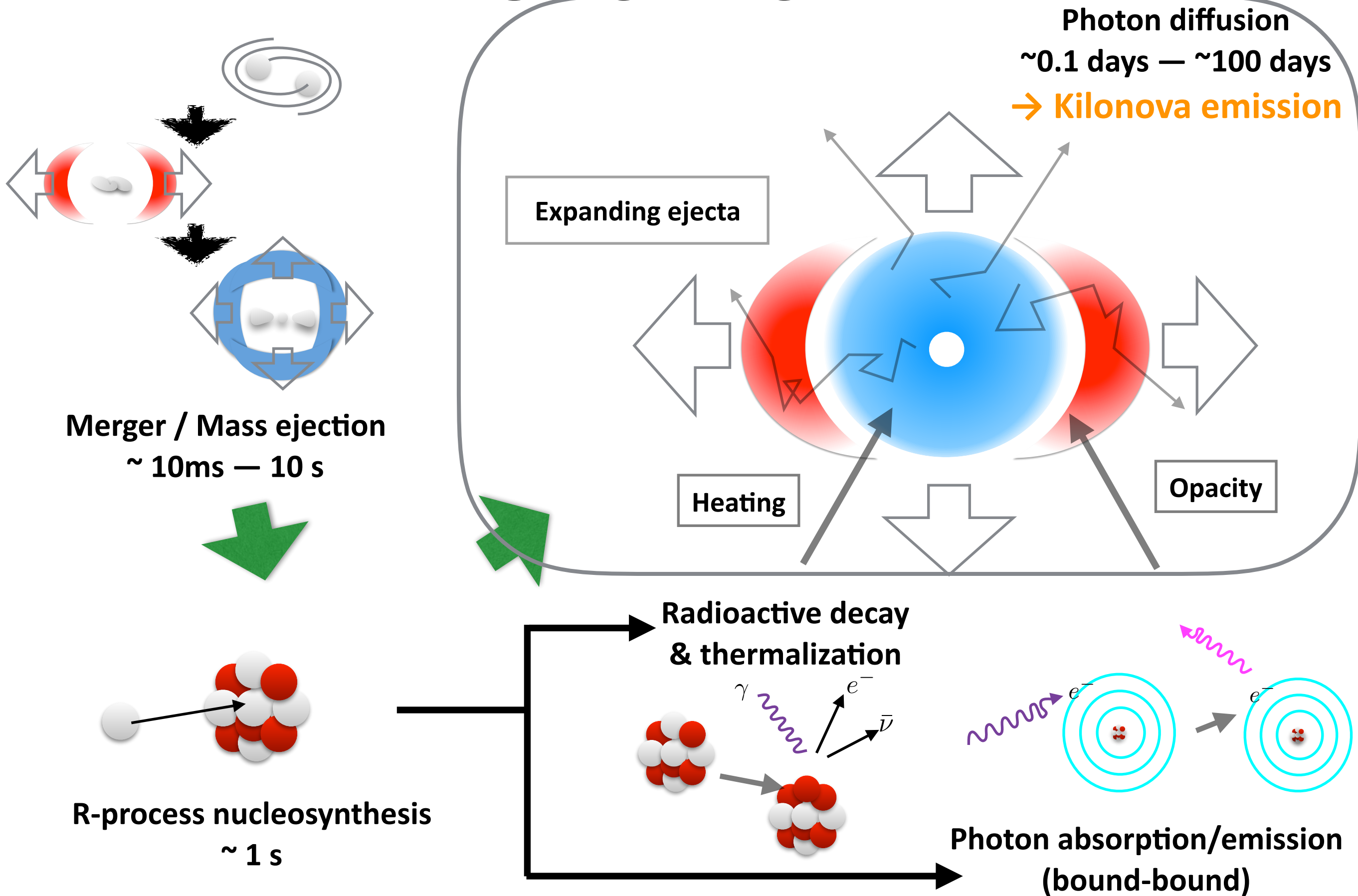
$$t_d = \sqrt{\frac{3\kappa_{\text{fid}} M}{4\pi v c}}$$

$$L_{\text{dep,d}} = M \dot{\epsilon}(t_d)$$

- Opacity depends on the temperature and density of ejecta through the change in the ionization levels and the saturation of line absorption.

*The Planck mean value can overestimate the effect of opacity in the expanding media (c.f. expansion opacity)

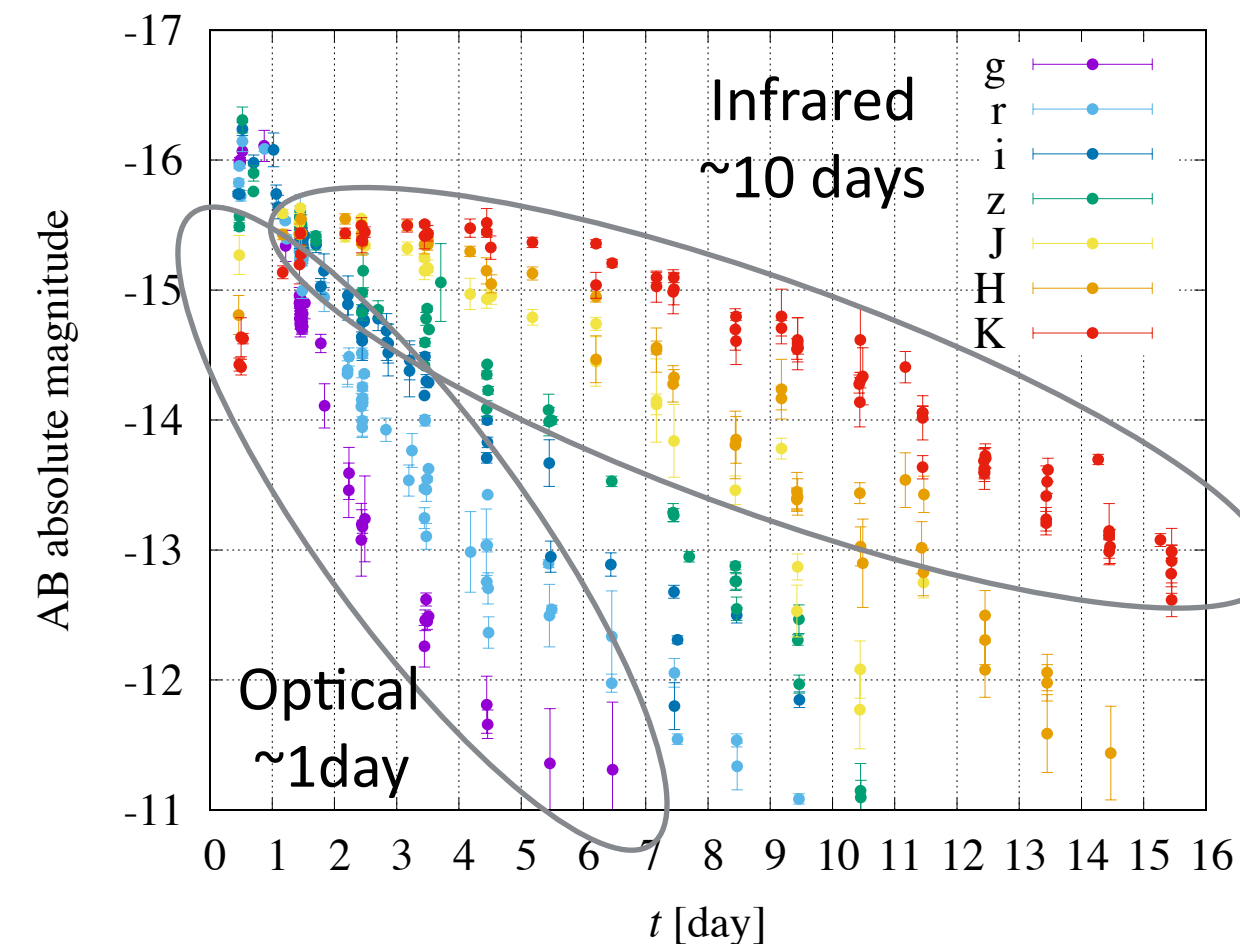
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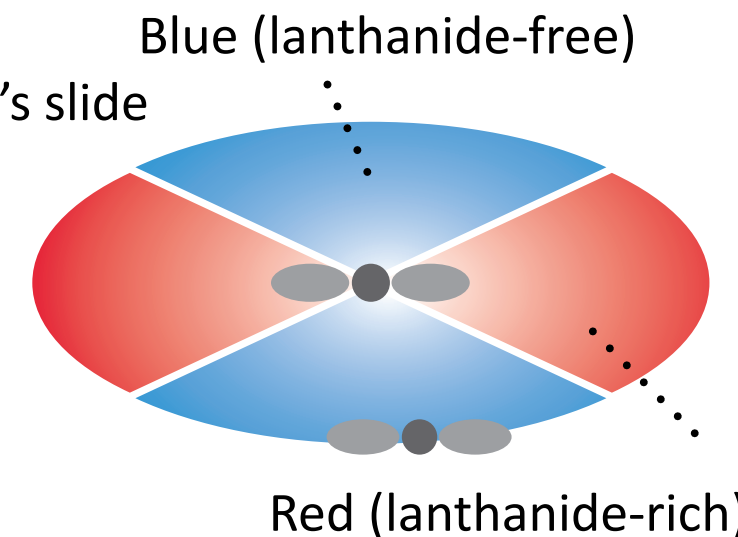
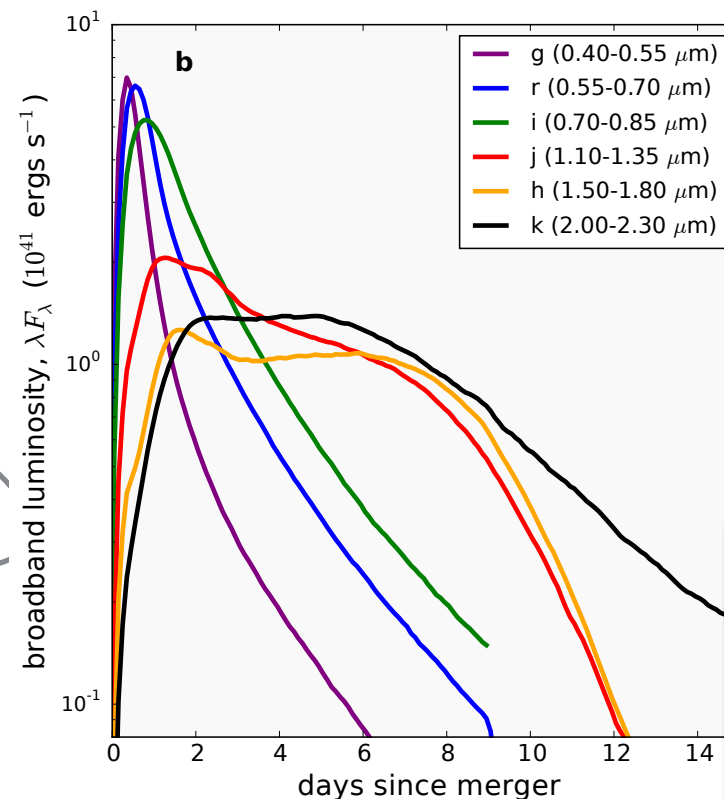
Kilonova lightcurve prediction

GW170817: Kilonova/macronova with multiple components

Data: Summarized in Villar et al. 2017
D=40 Mpc



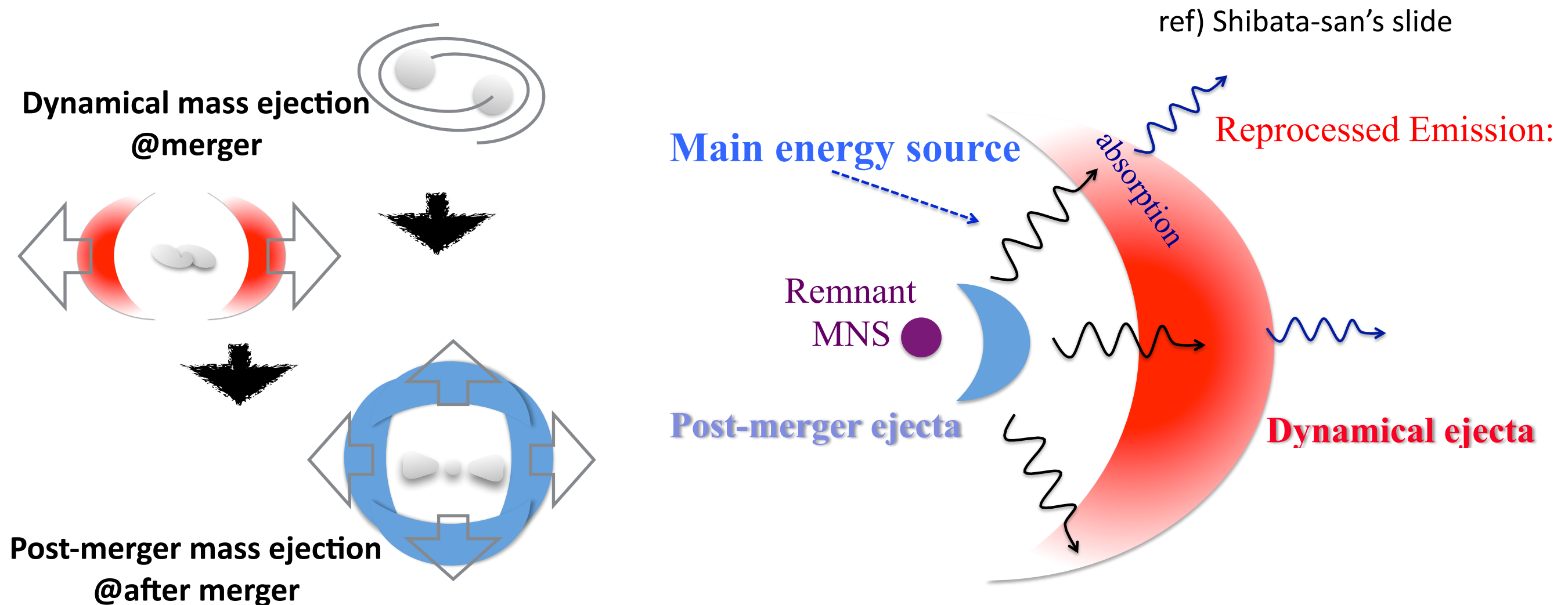
ref) Tanaka-san's slide



- **A Kilonova/macronova** model with multiple components well interprets the optical-Infrared observation (see e.g., Kasliwal et al. 2017, Cowperthwaite et al. 2017, Kasen et al. 2017, Villar et al. 2017)

The contribution from each ejecta component to the lightcurves is separately calculated and composited for most of the kilonova models employed for the parameter estimation

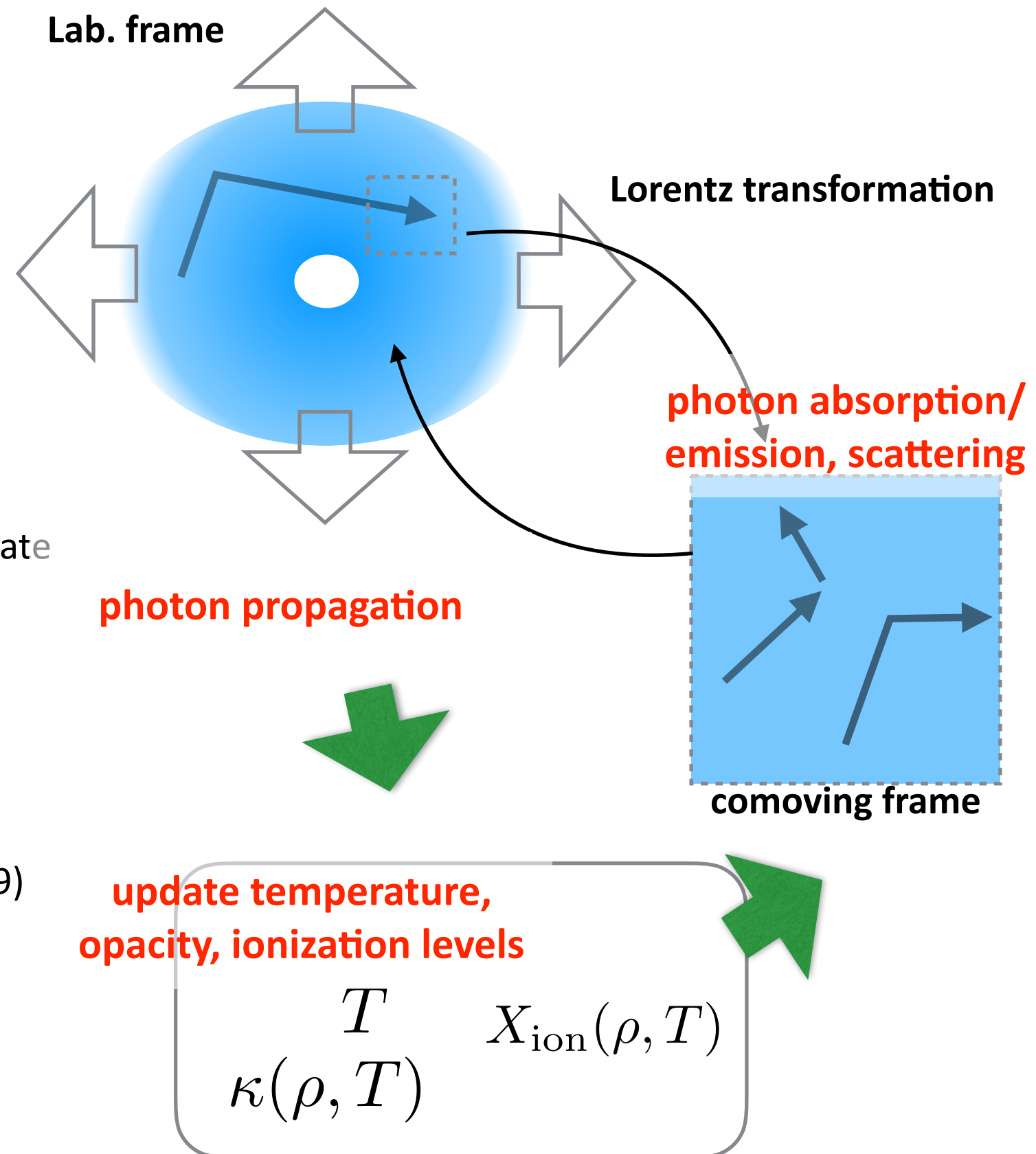
Photon interaction between different ejecta components



Radiative transfer of photons in multiple ejecta components
has a large impact on the lightcurve predictions
(see Perego et al. 2017, Wollaeger et al. 2017, Bulla 2019 for studies with similar setups
and also Matsumoto et al. 2018 for reprocessing models in different context)

Radiative transfer simulation

- A wavelength-dependent Monte-Carlo radiative transfer simulation code (M. Tanaka et al. 2013, 2014, 2017)
- Temperature, ionization level, and opacity are calculated consistently with the radiative field
- The abundance pattern and nuclear heating rate are given based on r-process nucleosynthesis calculations by (Wanajo et al. 2014)
- New line list derived by systematic atomic structure calculations for all the r-process elements from $Z=26$ to 92 (up to 3rd ionization states, Tanaka et al. 2019)
- The density, velocity, and Y_e profiles of ejecta based on predictions of numerical-relativity simulations.



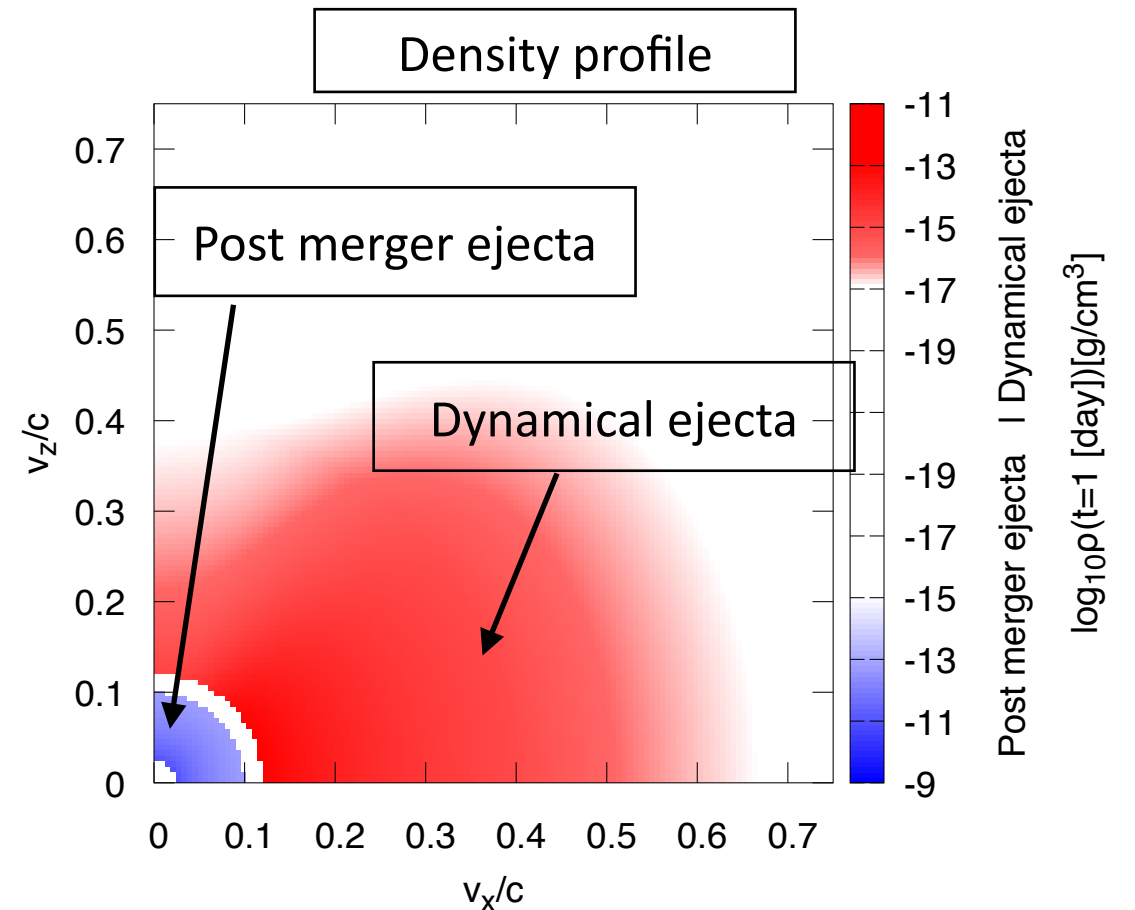
Ejecta profile

- Axisymmetric & homologous expanding ejecta

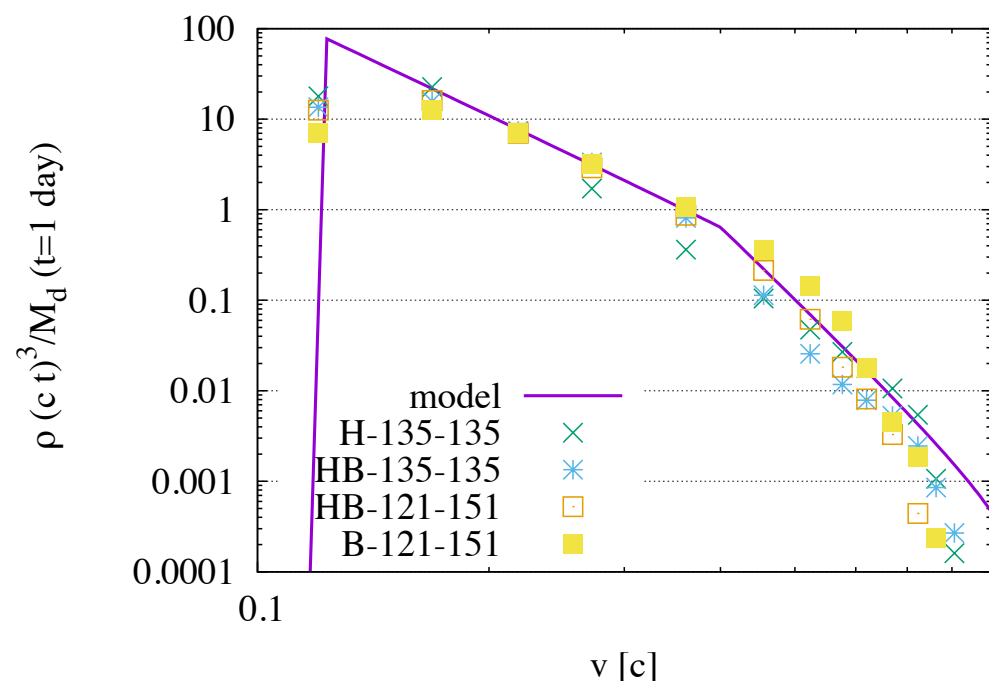
Post-merger ejecta: $v = 0.025c - 0.1c$
 $\rho \propto r^{-3} \quad \langle v \rangle \approx 0.05c$

Dynamical ejecta: $v = 0.12c - 0.9c$
 $\rho \propto r^{-4} (\leq 0.4c), r^{-8} (v > 0.4c) \quad \langle v \rangle \approx 0.25c$

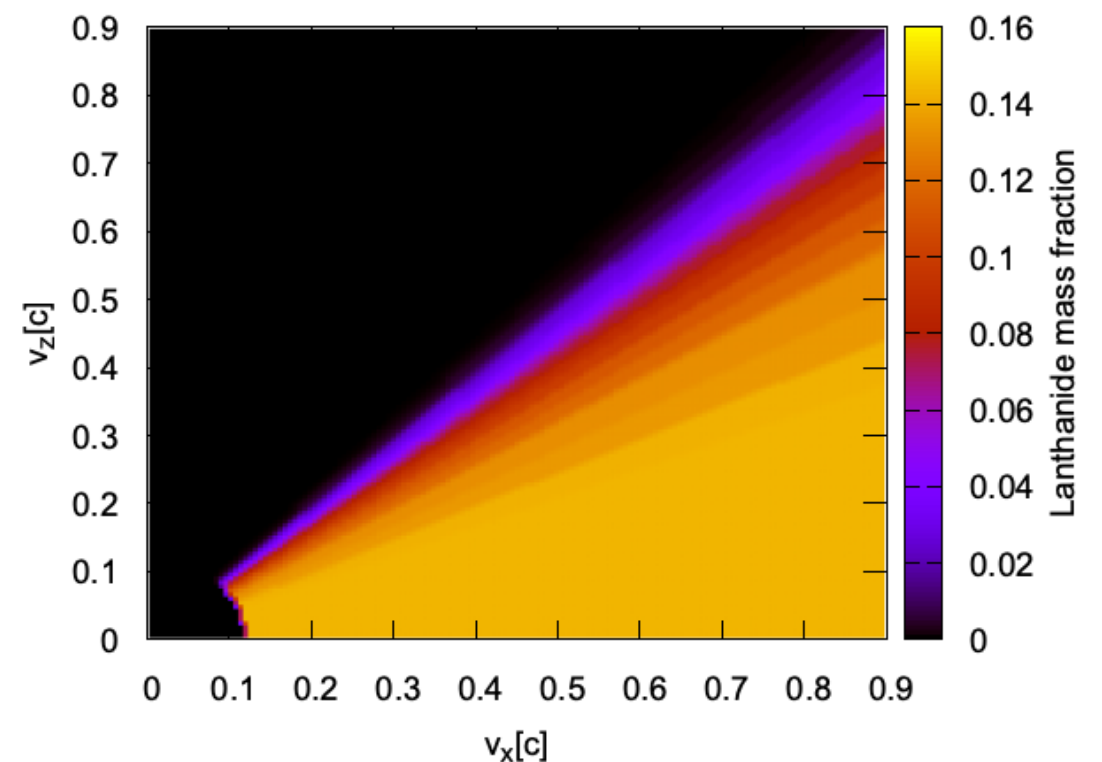
- Angular dependence of density and Ye distribution is taken into account for dynamical ejecta



Radial density profile of dynamical ejecta

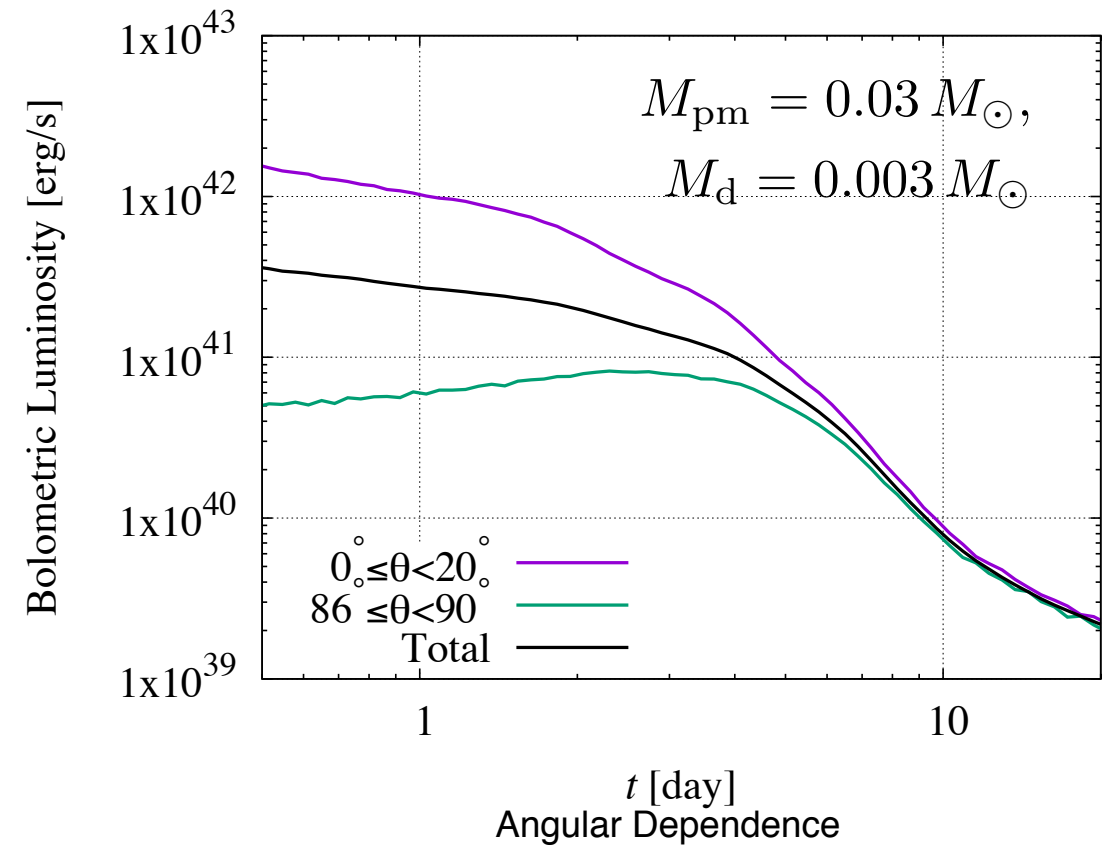
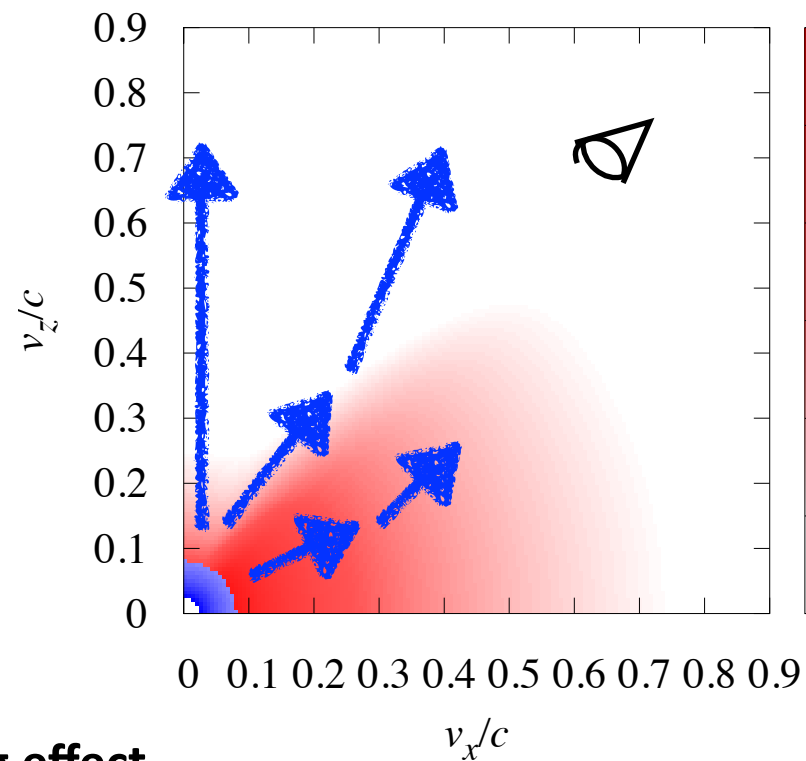


Lanthanide fraction (Hi-Ye post merger ejecta)

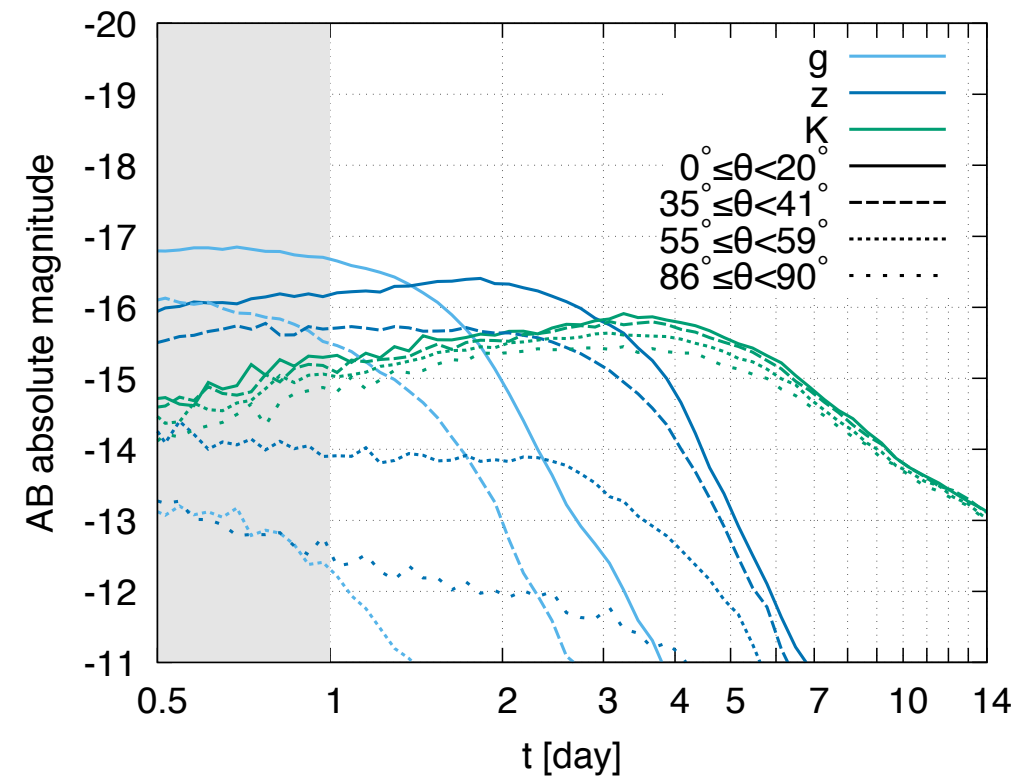
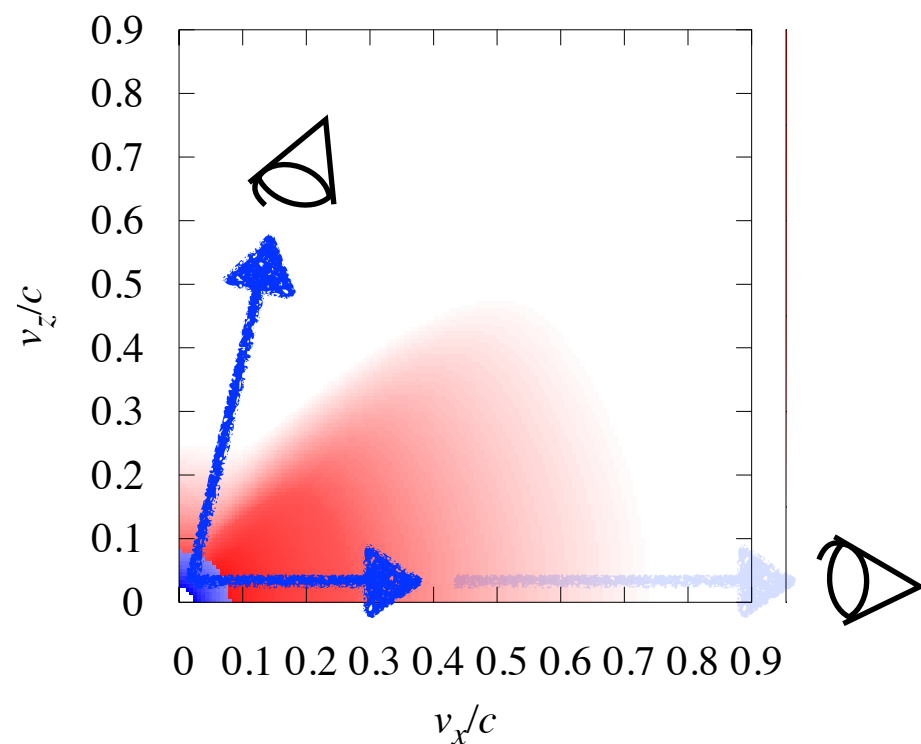


Effect of radiative transfer of photons in multiple ejecta components

- Enhancement of luminosity in polar direction



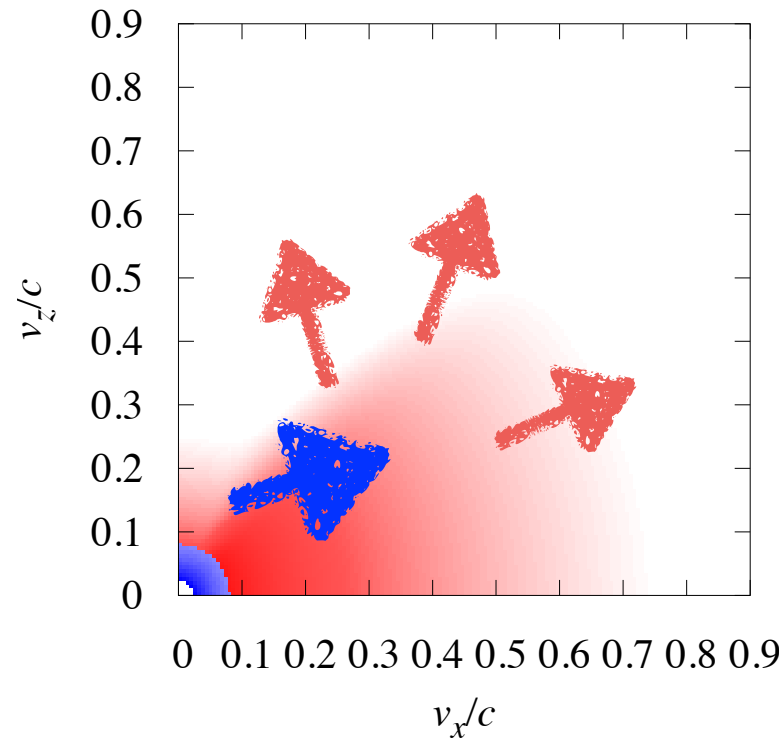
- Blocking effect



Effect of radiative transfer of photons in multiple ejecta components

- Heating up of the dynamical ejecta

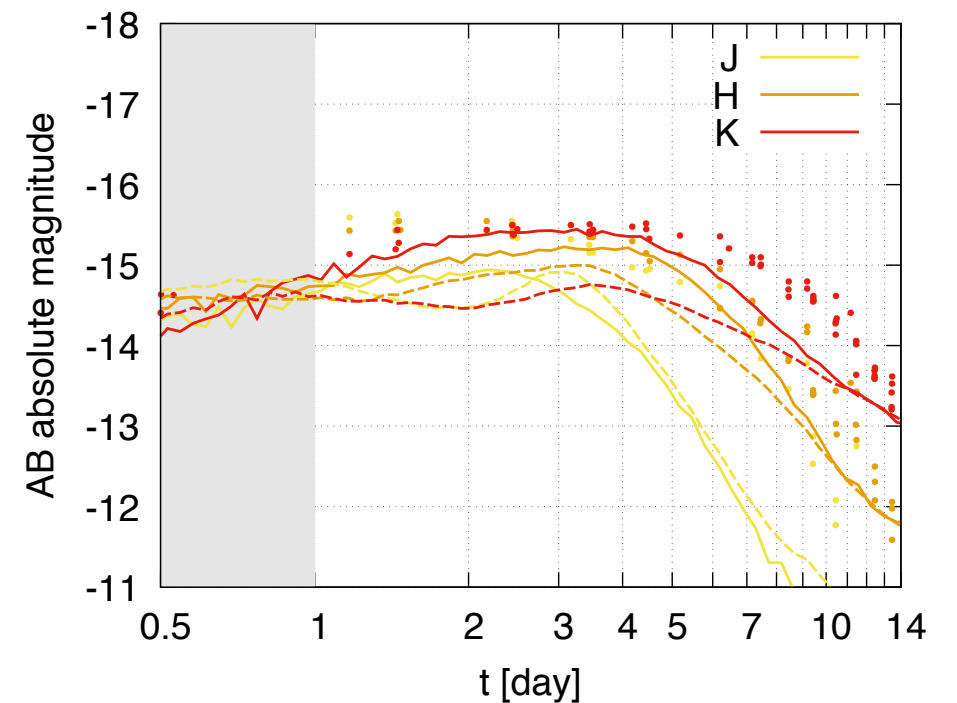
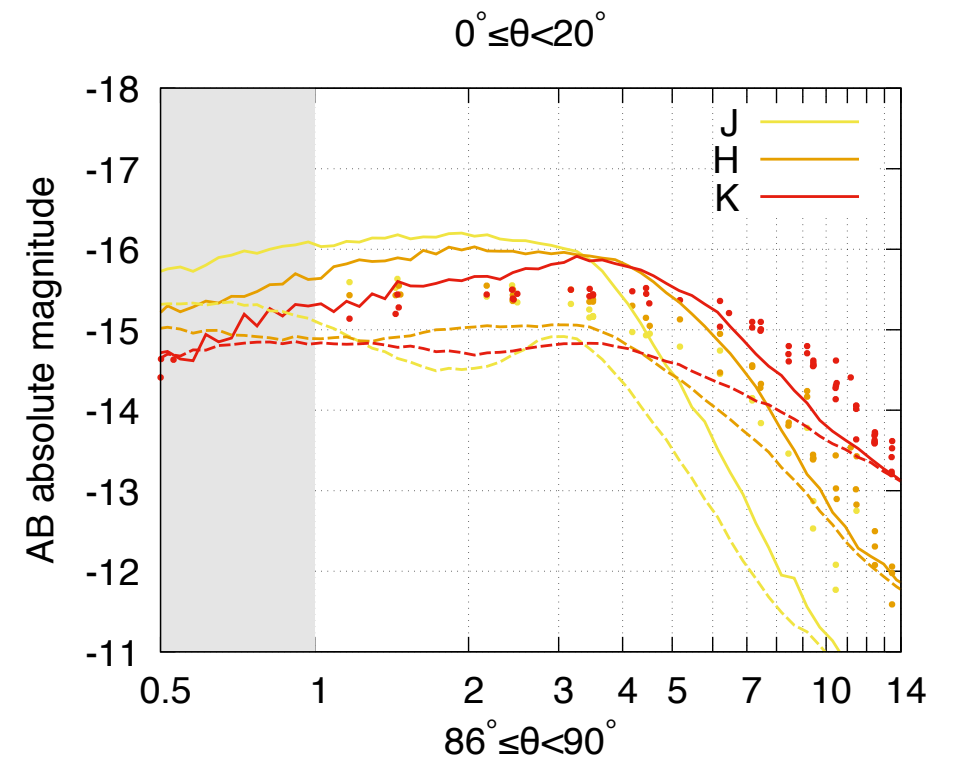
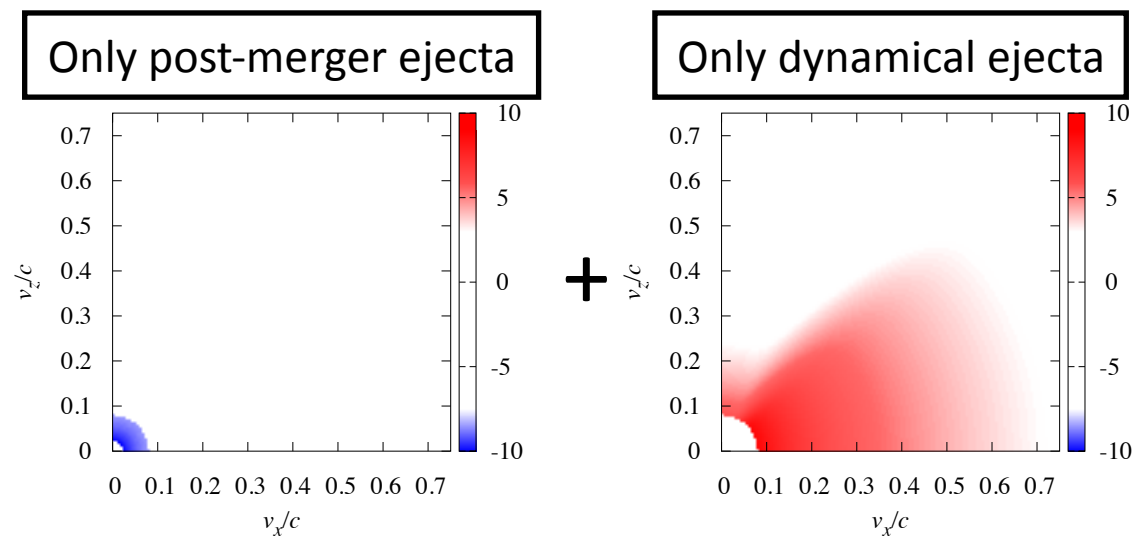
Solid: the full calculation



$$M_{\text{pm}} = 0.03 M_{\odot},$$

$$M_{\text{d}} = 0.003 M_{\odot}$$

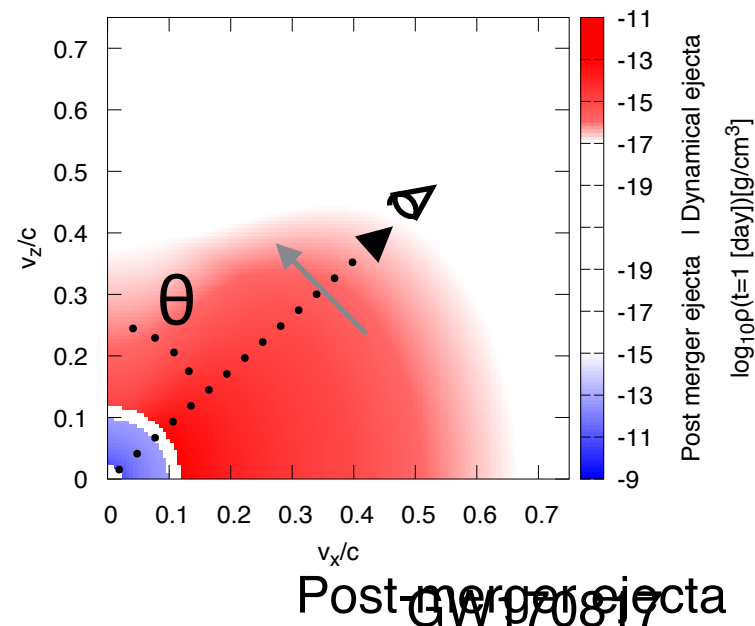
Dashed: Separately calculated and combined



Taking the radiative transfer effect of photons in the multiple ejecta components of non-spherical morphology into account is crucial for the lightcurve prediction

GW170817

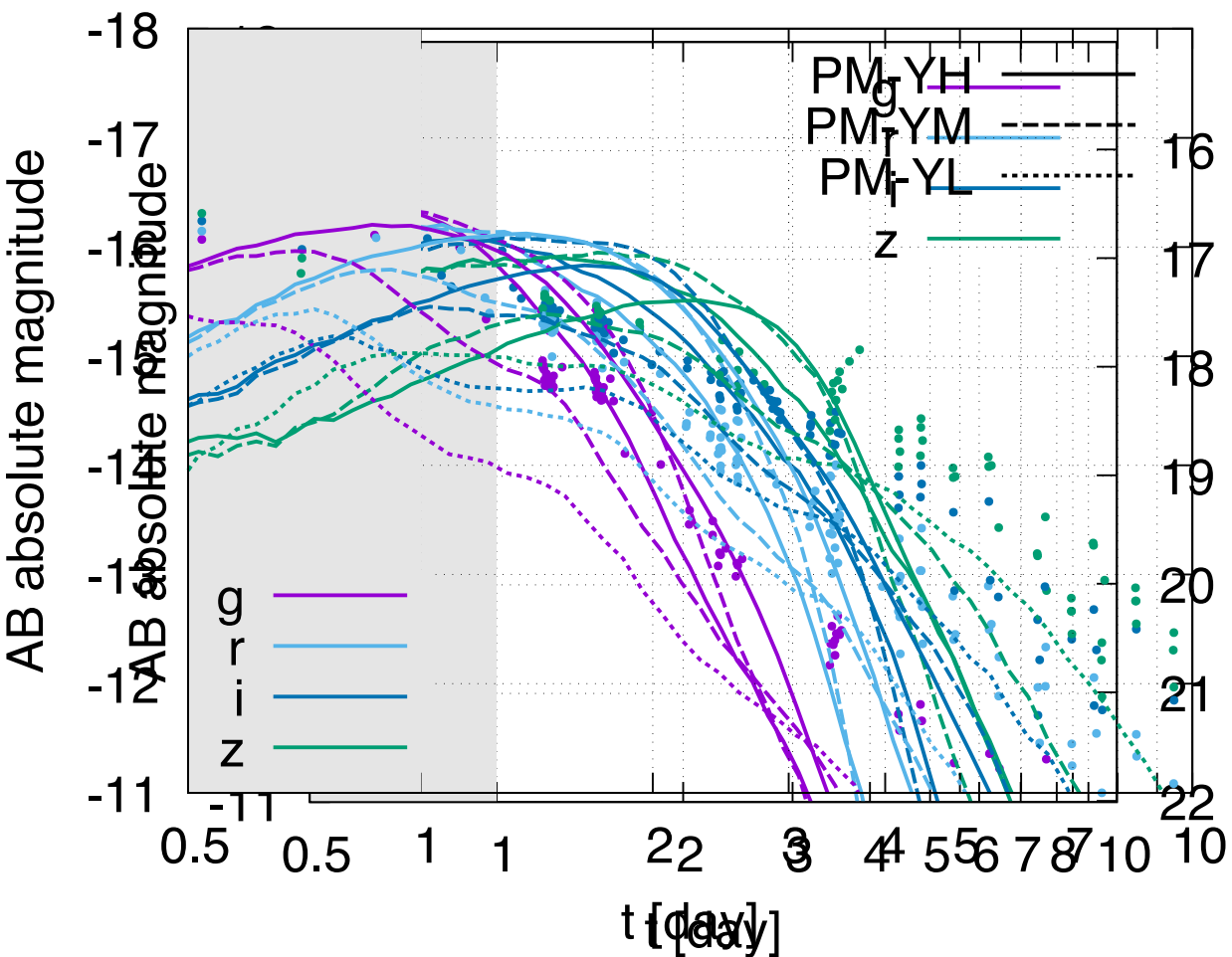
GW data analysis constraint : $\theta < \sim 30^\circ$



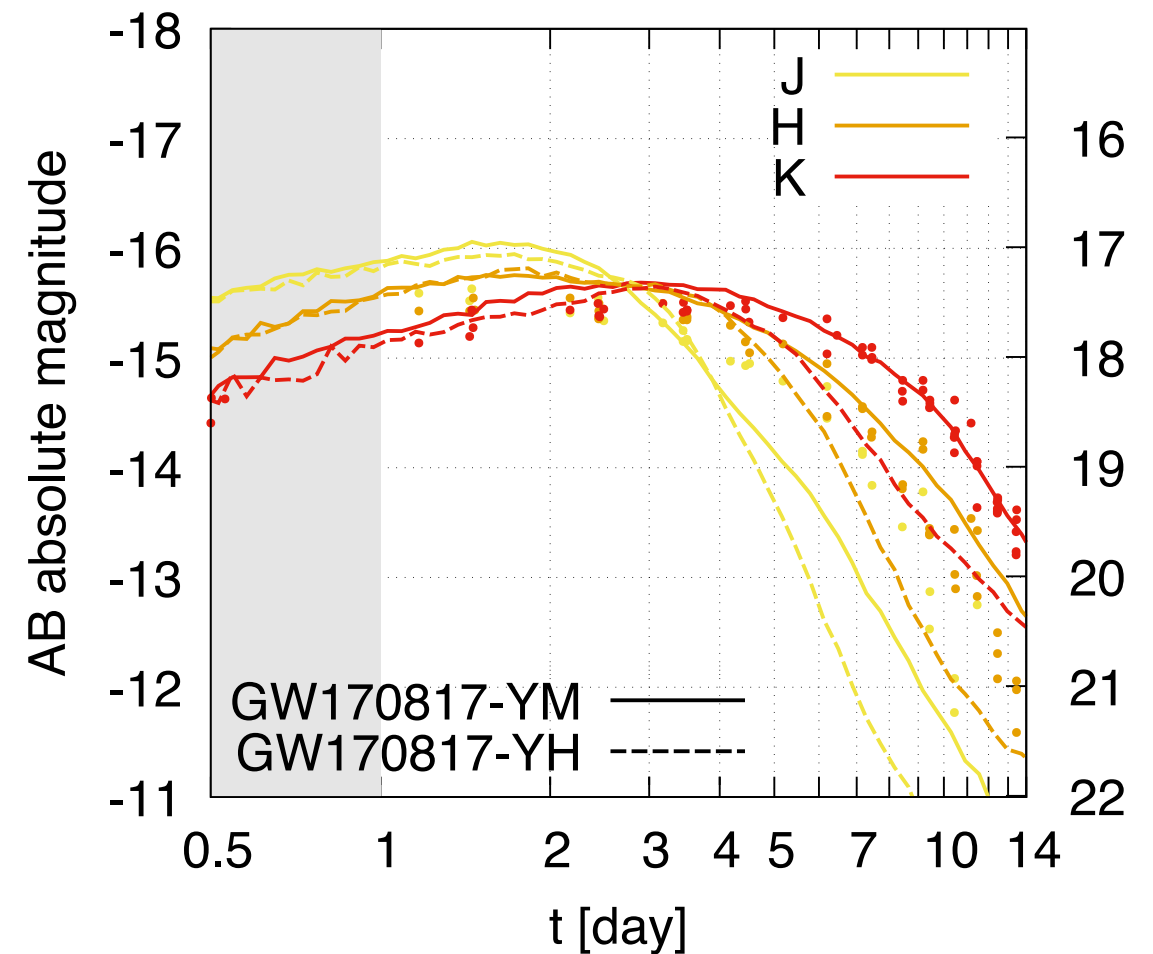
Models

GW170817-YM: $Y_{e,pm}=0.2-0.4$ ($X_{lan} \sim 0.03$), $0^\circ < \theta < 21^\circ$

GW170817-YH: $Y_{e,pm}=0.3-0.4$ ($X_{lan} \ll 1$), $21^\circ < \theta < 28^\circ$



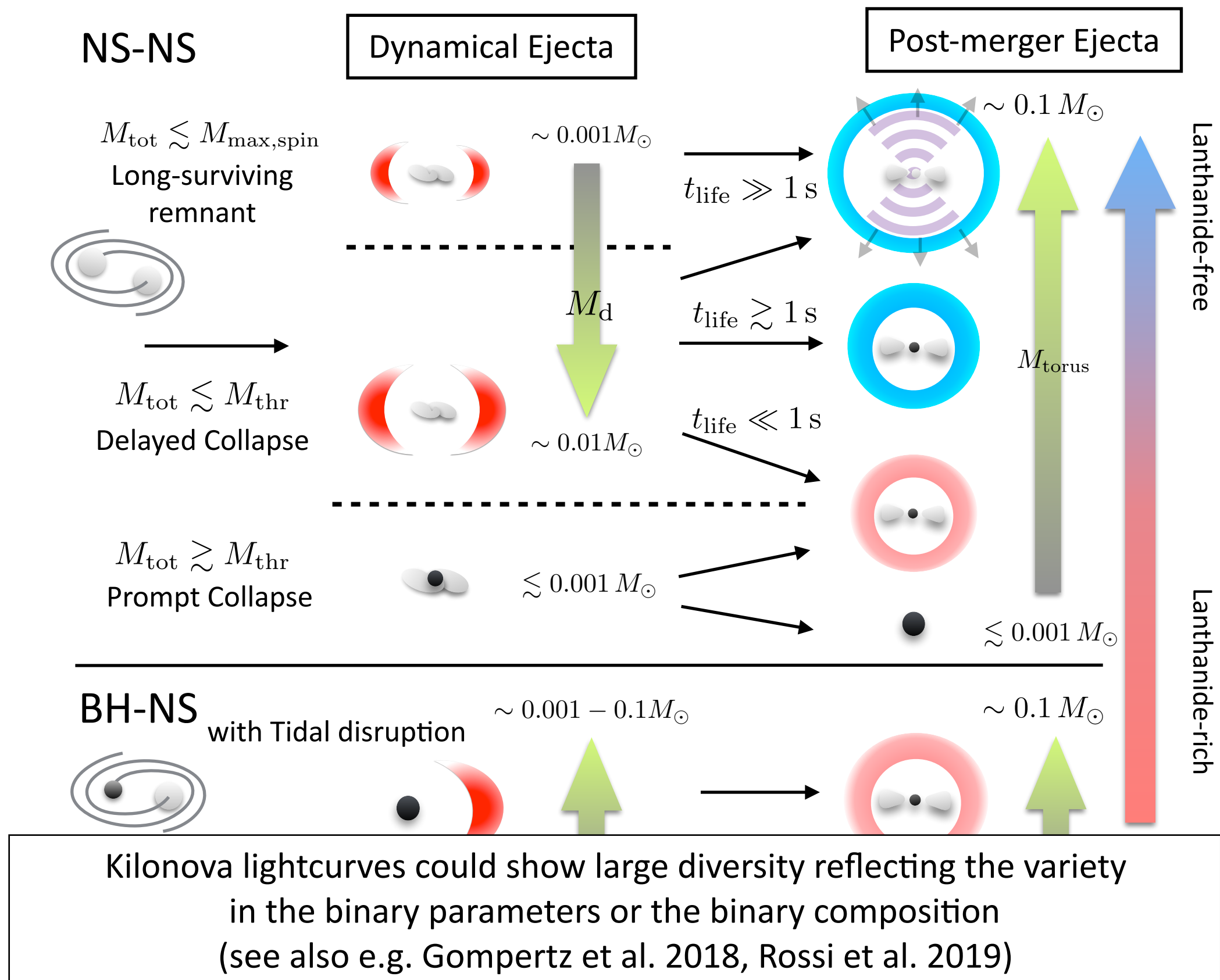
AB apparent magnitude



Dynamical ejecta: **0.003 Msun**, Post-merger ejecta: 0.02 Msun

Post-merger ejecta

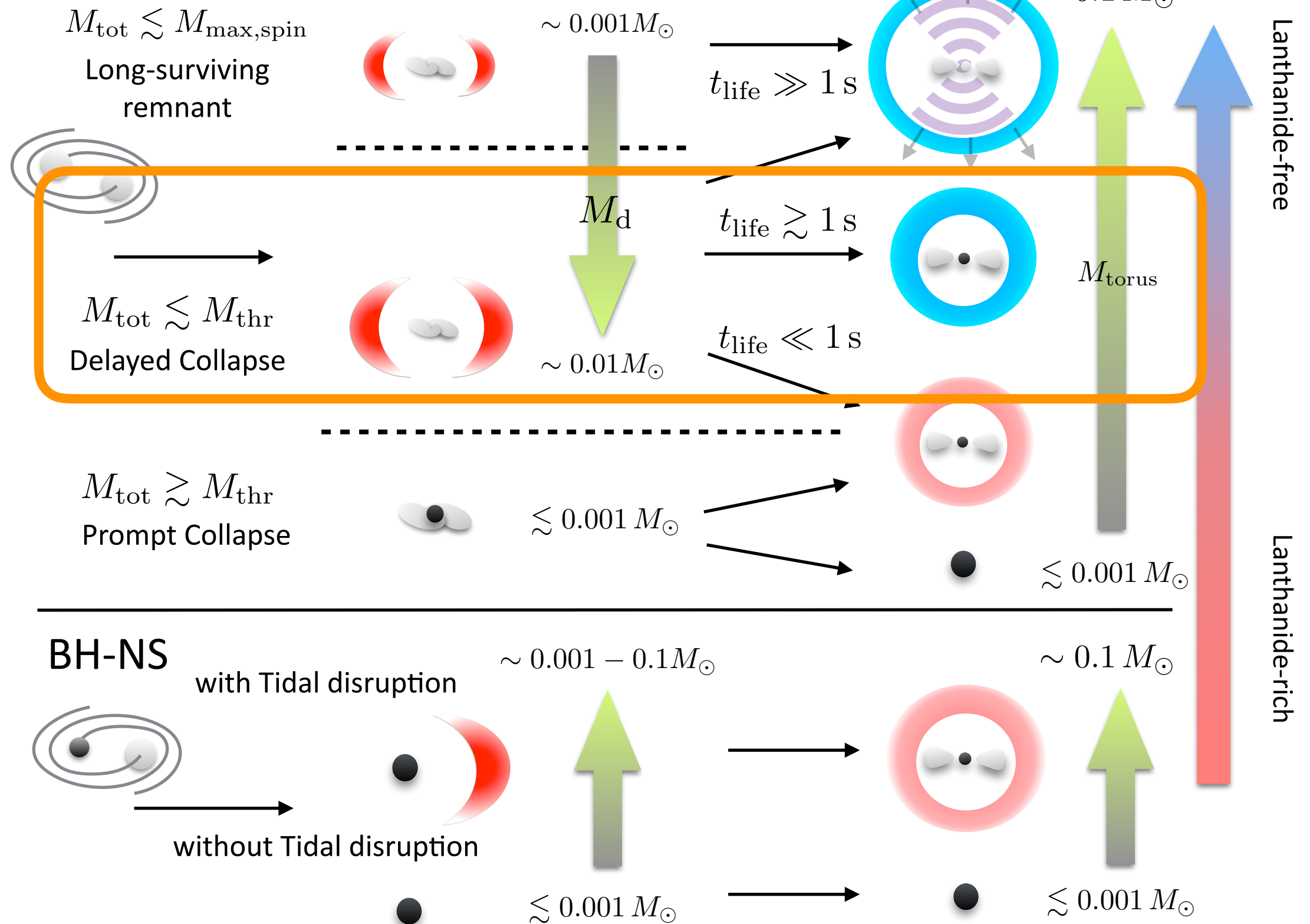
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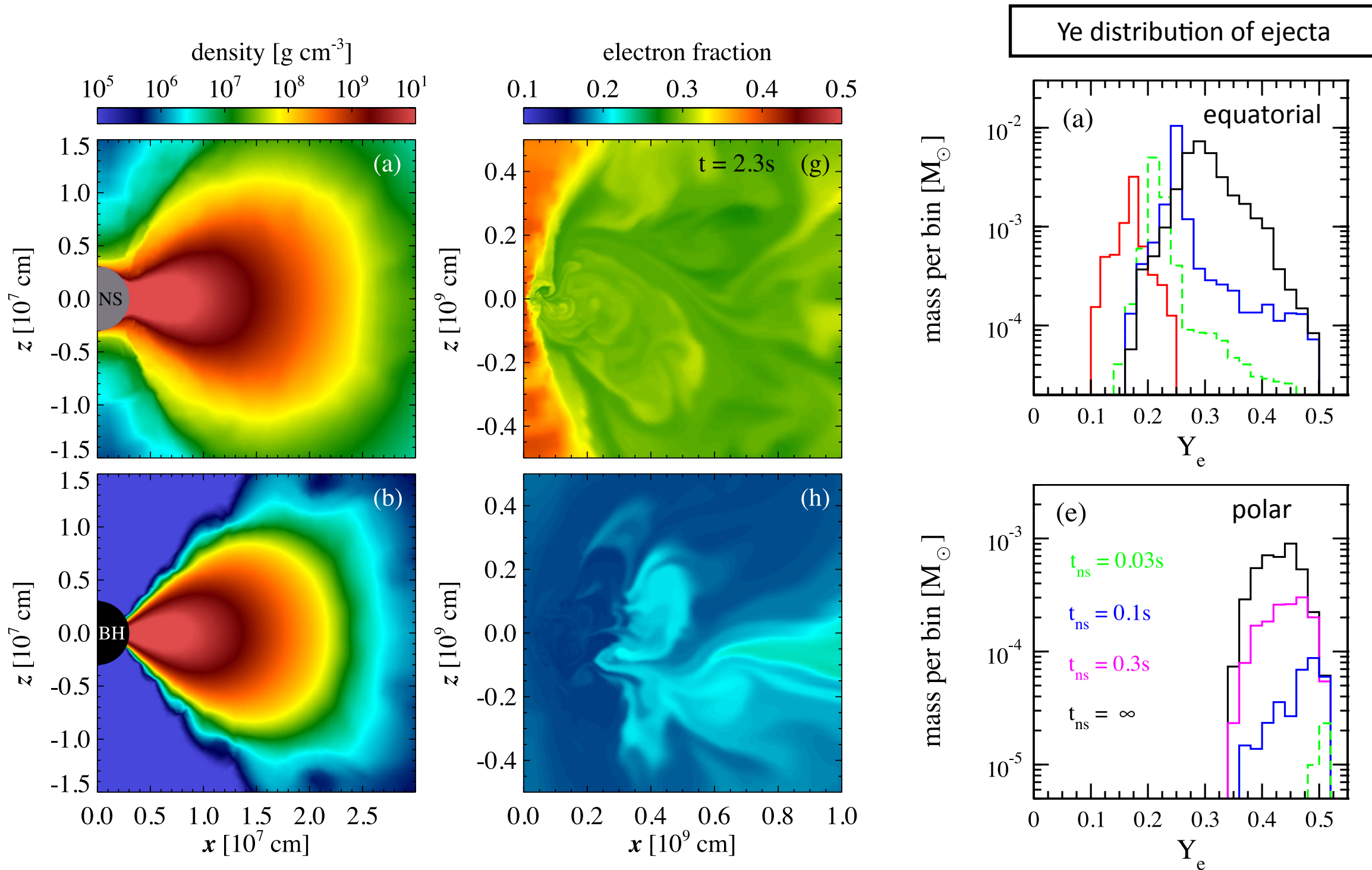
NS-NS

Dynamical Ejecta

Post-merger Ejecta



Remnant NS Lifetime

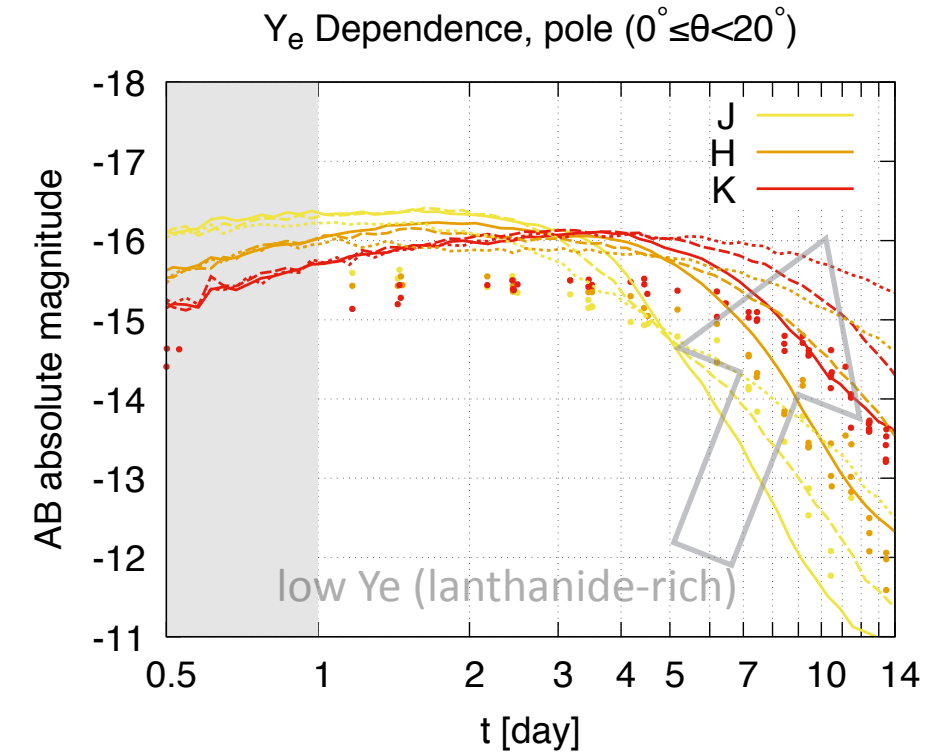
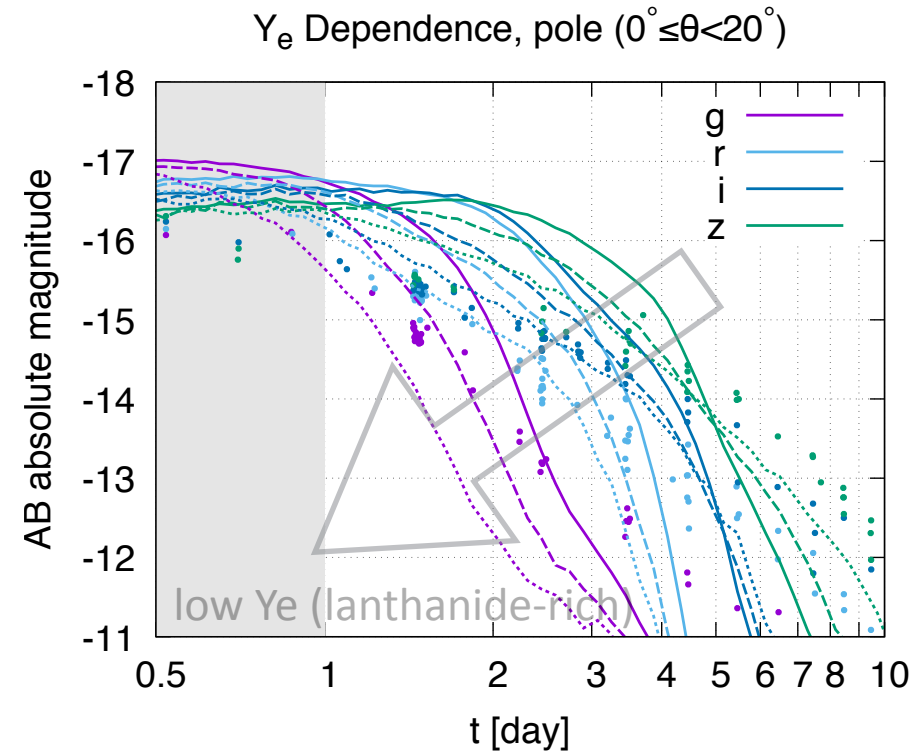
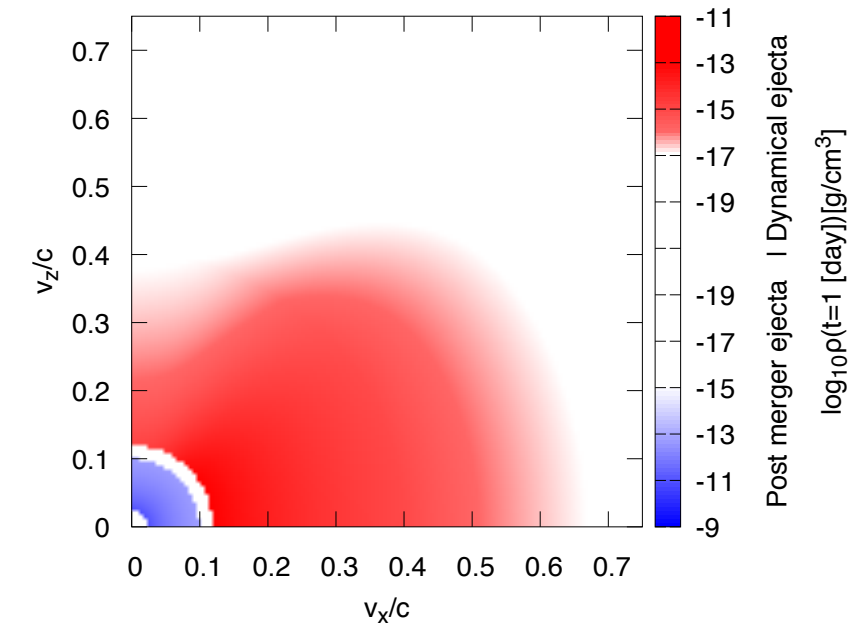


Ref: Metzger & Fernández et al. 2014

- Life time of the remnant NS has a large impact on the Y_e distribution of the post merger ejecta: low (high) $Y_e \rightarrow$ large (small) lanthanide fraction (See also Lippuner et al. 2017)

Ye dependence

Optical/infrared EM data points observed in
GW170817 summarized by Villar et al. 2017 (D=40Mpc)



$$M_{\text{pm}} = 0.03 M_\odot,$$

$$M_{\text{d}} = 0.01 M_\odot$$

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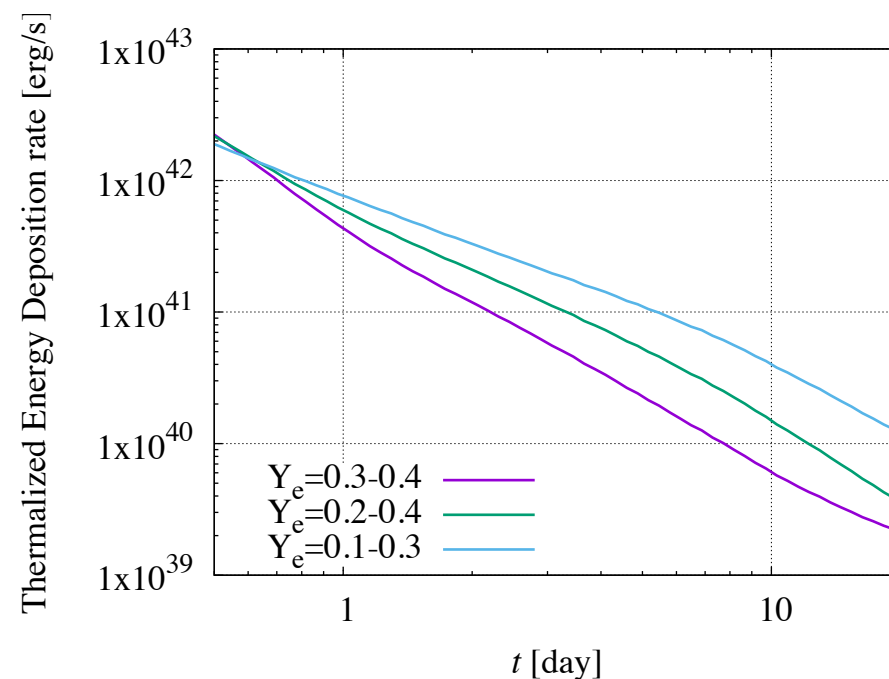
$$Y_{e,\text{pm}} : 0.3 - 0.4 (X_{\text{lan}} \ll 1)$$

Dashed:

$$Y_{e,\text{pm}} : 0.2 - 0.4 (X_{\text{lan}} \approx 0.025)$$

Dotted:

$$Y_{e,\text{pm}} : 0.1 - 0.3 (X_{\text{lan}} \approx 0.15)$$

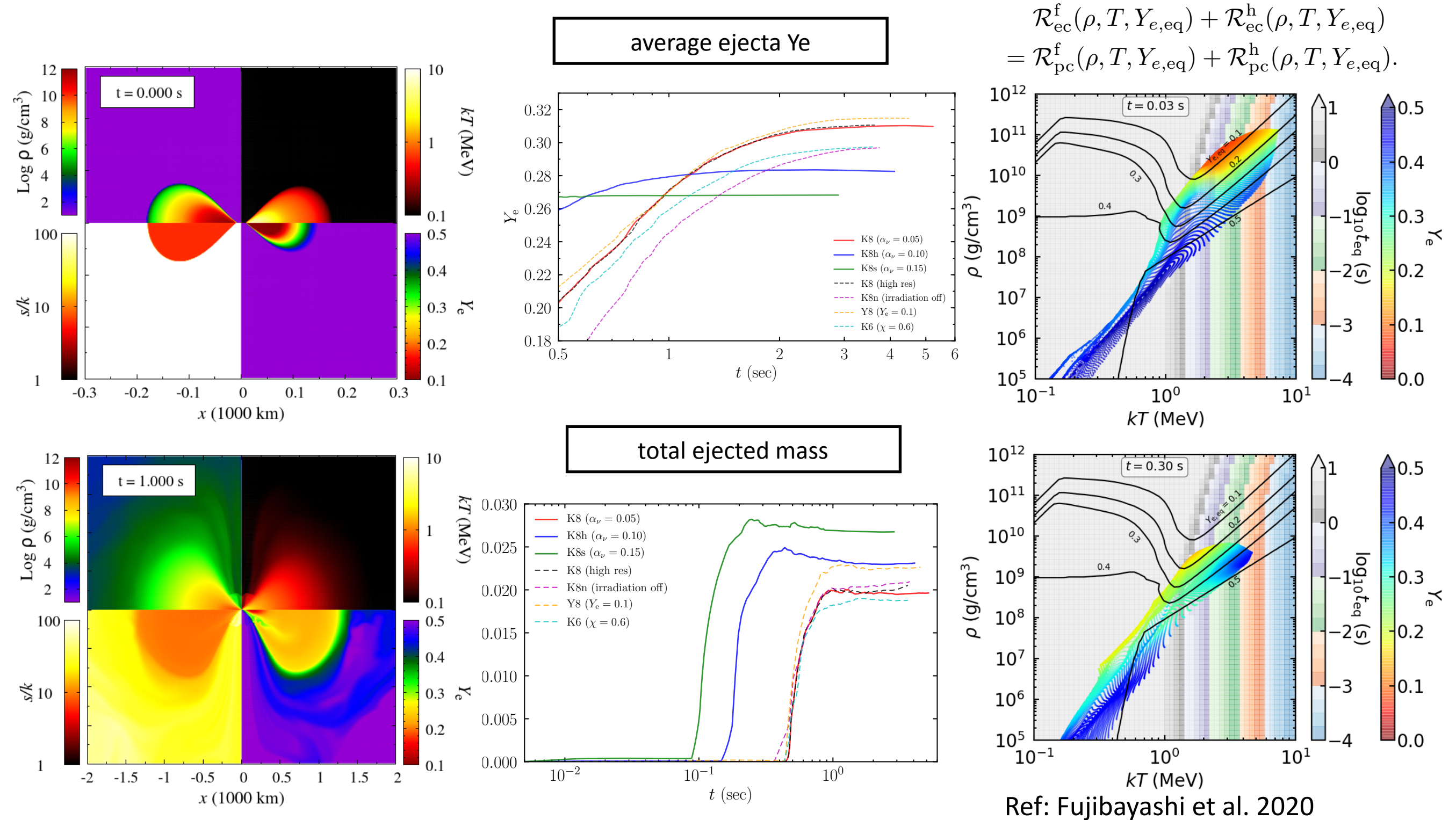


$$t_{\text{peak}} \propto M_{\text{ej}}^{1/2} v_{\text{ej}}^{-1/2} \kappa^{1/2}$$

$$L_{\text{peak}} \propto M_{\text{ej}}^{1/2} v_{\text{ej}}^{1/2} \kappa^{-1/2}$$

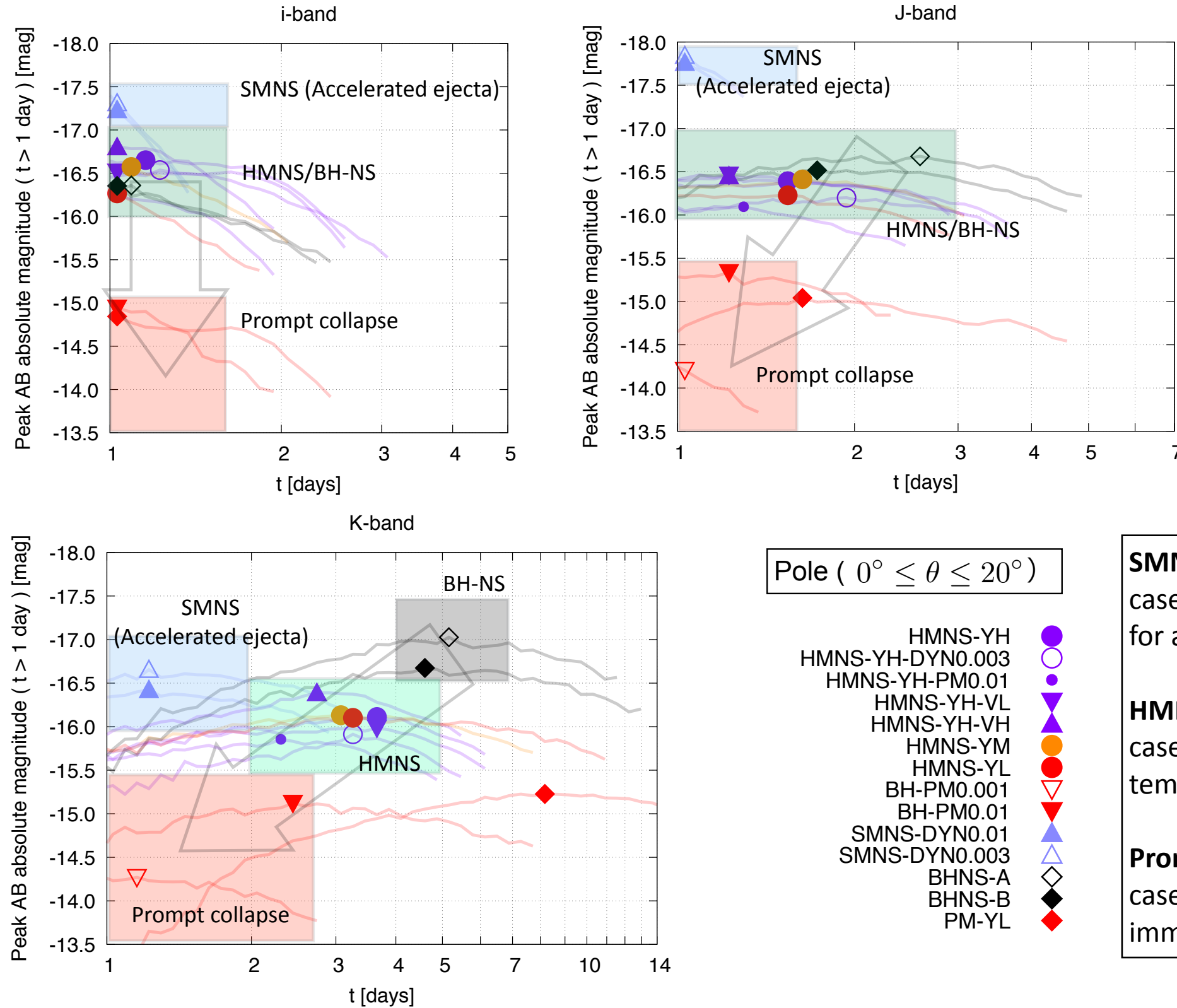
$$T_{\text{peak}} \propto M_{\text{ej}}^{-1/8} v_{\text{ej}}^{-1/8} \kappa^{-3/8}$$

Hi-Ye ejecta from BH accretion torus?



- Recent GR viscous RHD simulation suggests that Hi-Ye ejecta ($Y_e > 0.3$) may also be formed in the absence of remnant MNS if the ejection times scale is long ($\sim > 0.3$ s) (See also Fujibayashi et al. 2020)

Comparison among various models (polar)



SMNS:

cases that the remnant NS survives for a long time scale ($>>1$ s)

HMNS:

cases that the remnant NS survives temporarily and eventually collapses to a BH

Prompt collapse:

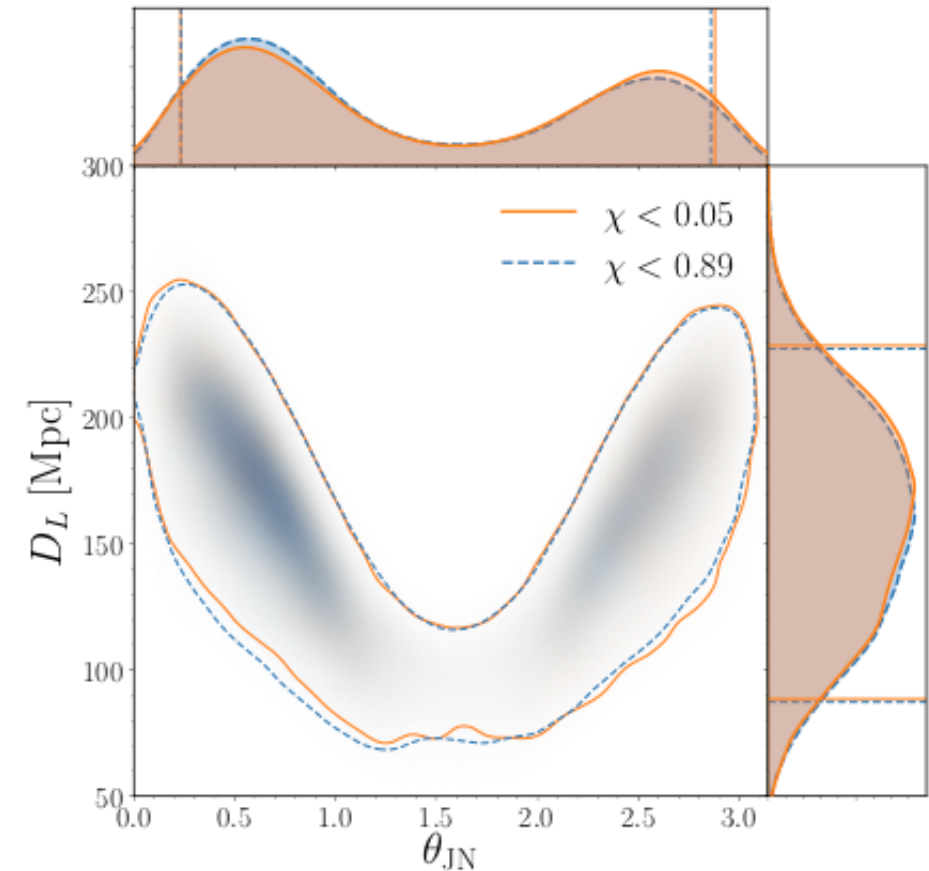
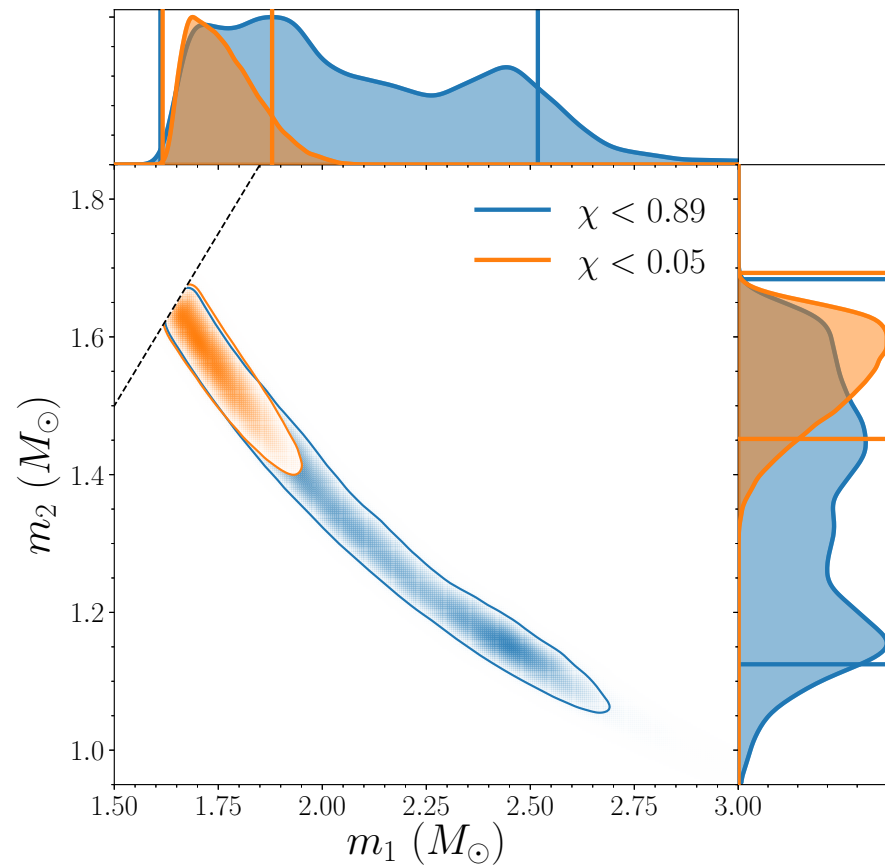
cases that the NSs collapses to a BH immediately after the merger

- We may be able to infer the type of the central engine for kilonovae by observation of the peak brightness and time of peak in the multiple band.

*since the lightcurves for $t < 1$ day are not reliable for our calculation, we define the peak magnitude as the brightest point after $t = 1$ day.

Application to
the recent GW events

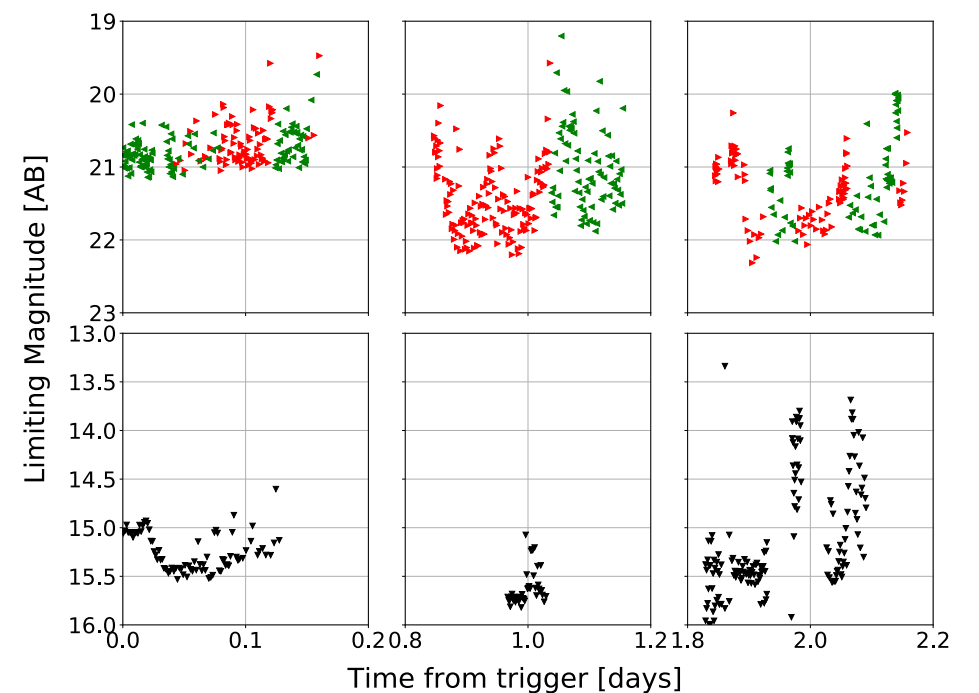
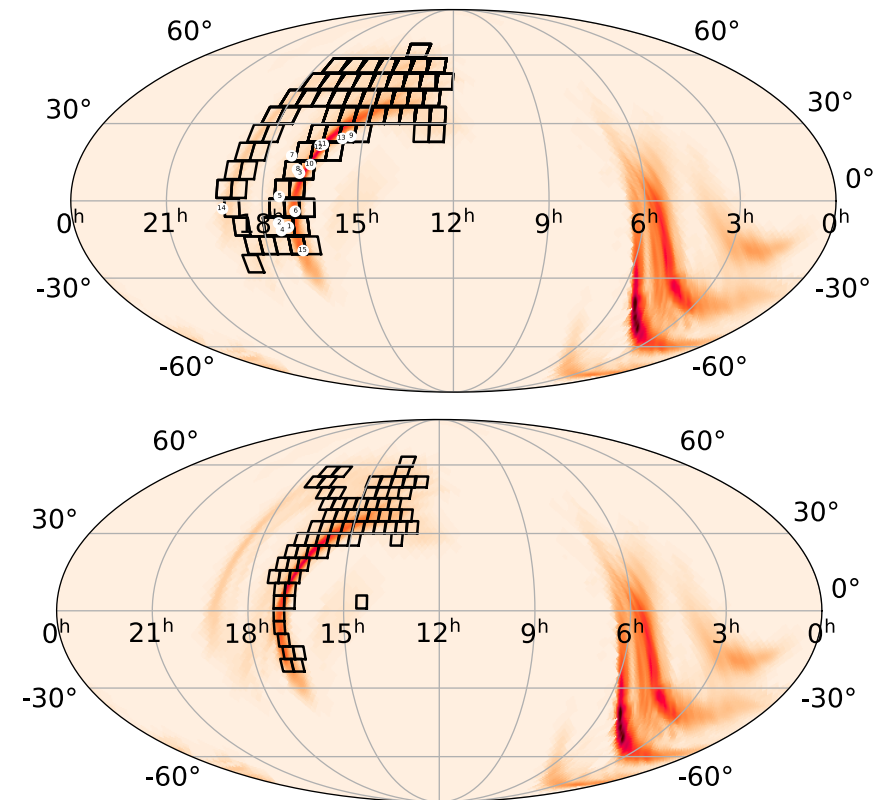
The 2nd NS-NS: GW190425



	Low-spin prior ($\chi < 0.05$)	High-spin prior ($\chi < 0.89$)
Primary mass m_1	$1.62 - 1.88 M_\odot$	$1.61 - 2.52 M_\odot$
Secondary mass m_2	$1.45 - 1.69 M_\odot$	$1.12 - 1.68 M_\odot$
Chirp mass $\mathcal{M}$	$1.44^{+0.02}_{-0.02} M_\odot$	$1.44^{+0.02}_{-0.02} M_\odot$
Detector-frame chirp mass	$1.4868^{+0.0003}_{-0.0003} M_\odot$	$1.4873^{+0.0008}_{-0.0006} M_\odot$
Mass ratio m_2/m_1	$0.8 - 1.0$	$0.4 - 1.0$
Total mass m_{tot}	$3.3^{+0.1}_{-0.1} M_\odot$	$3.4^{+0.3}_{-0.1} M_\odot$
Effective inspiral spin parameter χ_{eff}	$0.013^{+0.01}_{-0.01}$	$0.058^{+0.11}_{-0.05}$
Luminosity distance D_L	$161^{+67}_{-73} \text{ Mpc}$	$159^{+69}_{-71} \text{ Mpc}$
Combined dimensionless tidal deformability $\tilde{\Lambda}$	≤ 600	≤ 1100

EM followup

- GW190425
 - **$D=156\pm41\text{Mpc}$ (Initial announce)**
 - 10,000 deg² (A:BAYESTAR)
→7,500 deg²(B:LALInference)
- No EM counterparts was found.
- GROWTH: Coughlin et al. 2019
 - ZTF: g & r band
 - 1st Night: ~0.1days
~>20.4 mag (median) (A: 36% B:19%)
 - **2nd Night: ~1days**
~>21 mag (median) (A: 46% B:21%)
 - 3rd Night: ~2 days
~>21 mag? (median) (A: 46% B:21% ?)
 - Palomar Gattini-IR: J band
 - ~> 15.5 mag (median)

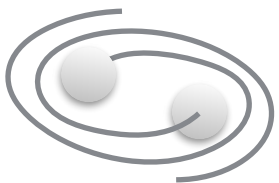


GW190425: Merger outcome

$$M_{\text{tot}} \gtrsim 3.4 M_{\odot}$$

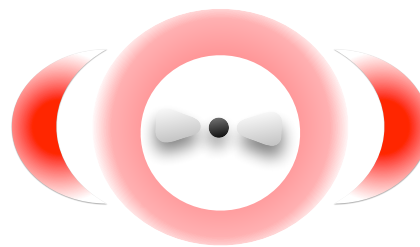
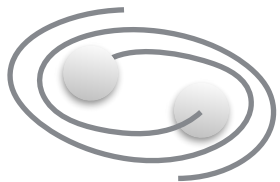
NS-NS

$$q = M_1/M_2 \approx 1$$



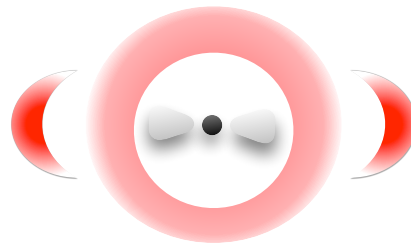
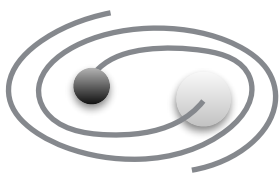
No mass ejection

$$q = M_1/M_2 < 1$$

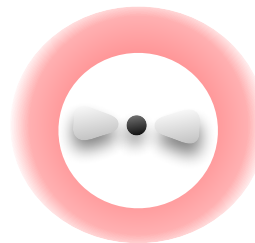


Post merge ejecta (0.01-0.03 Msun)
+ Dynamical ejecta ($\sim > 0.001$ Msun)

BH-NS

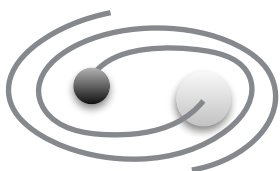


or



Post merge ejecta (0.01-0.03 Msun)
+ Dynamical ejecta (< 0.001 Msun)

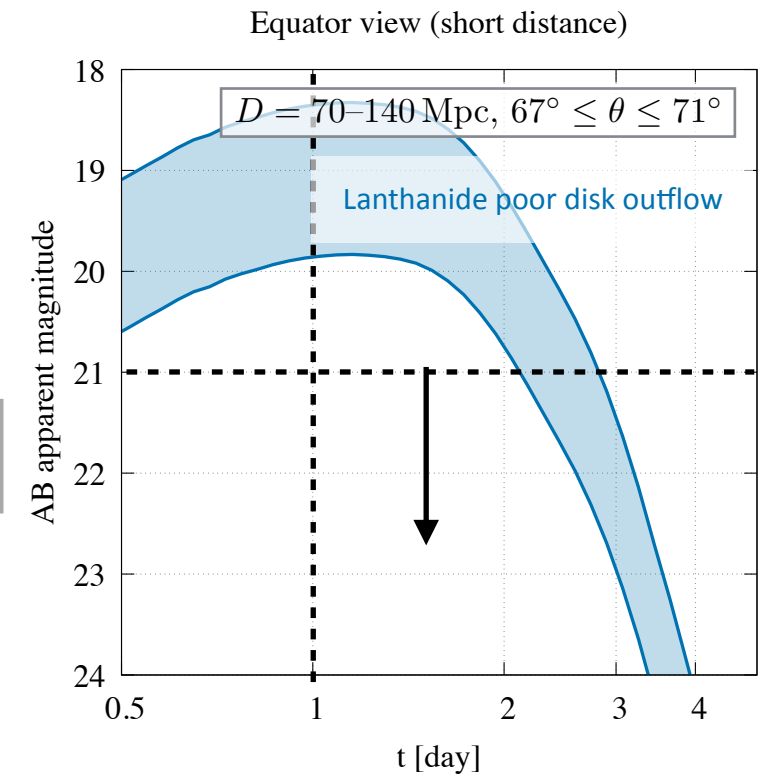
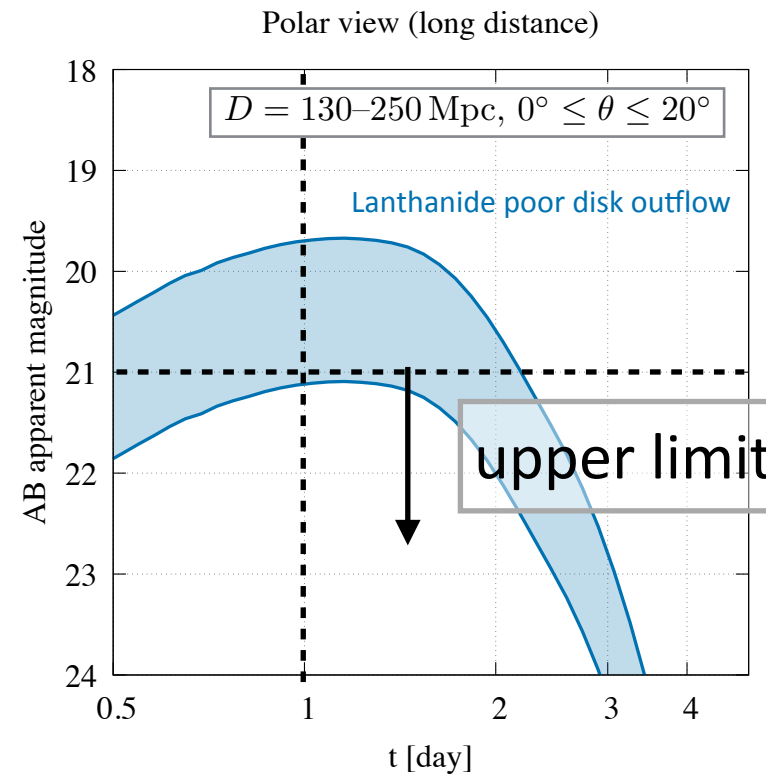
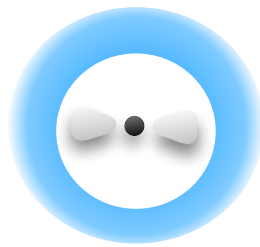
no tidal disruption
(small radius)



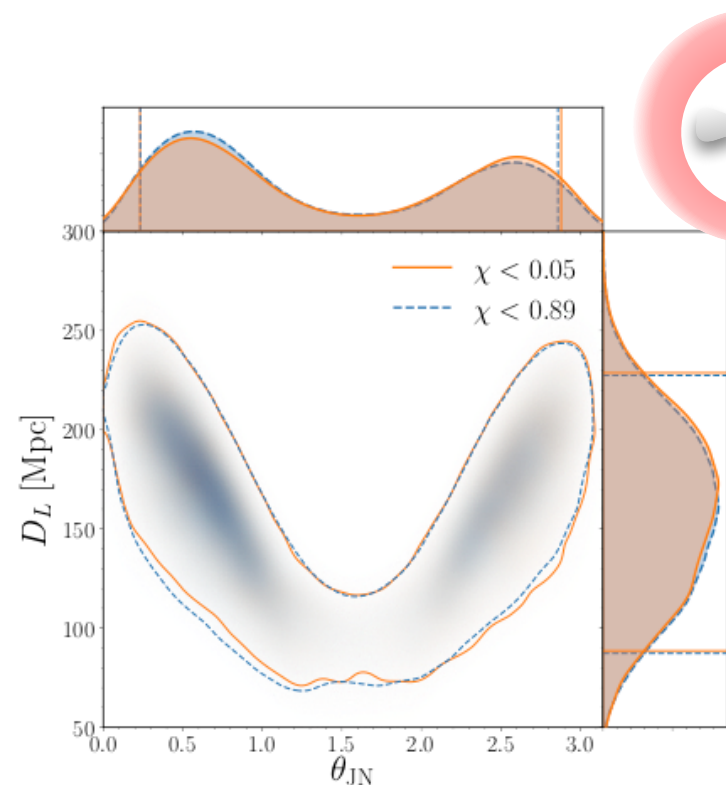
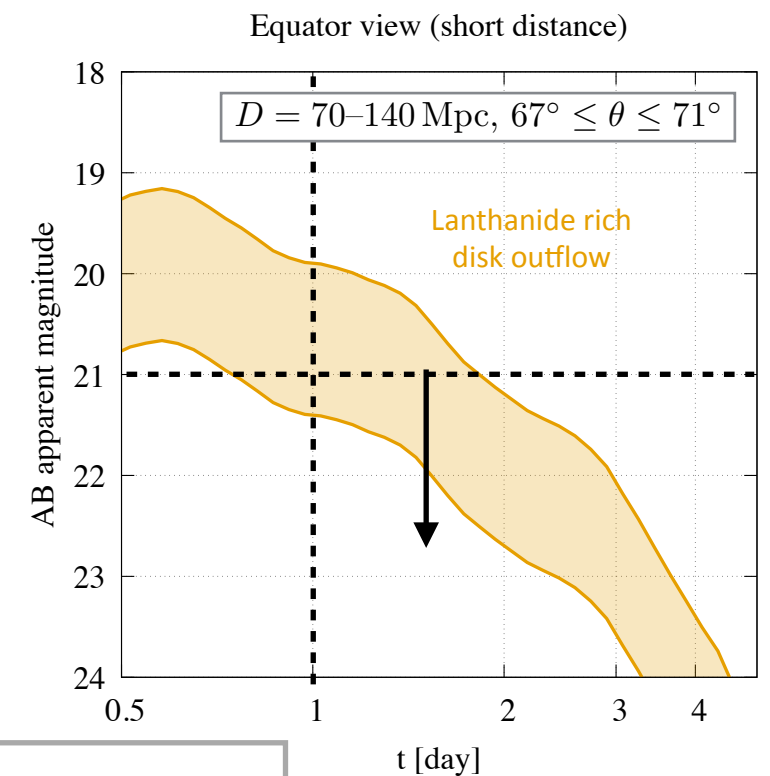
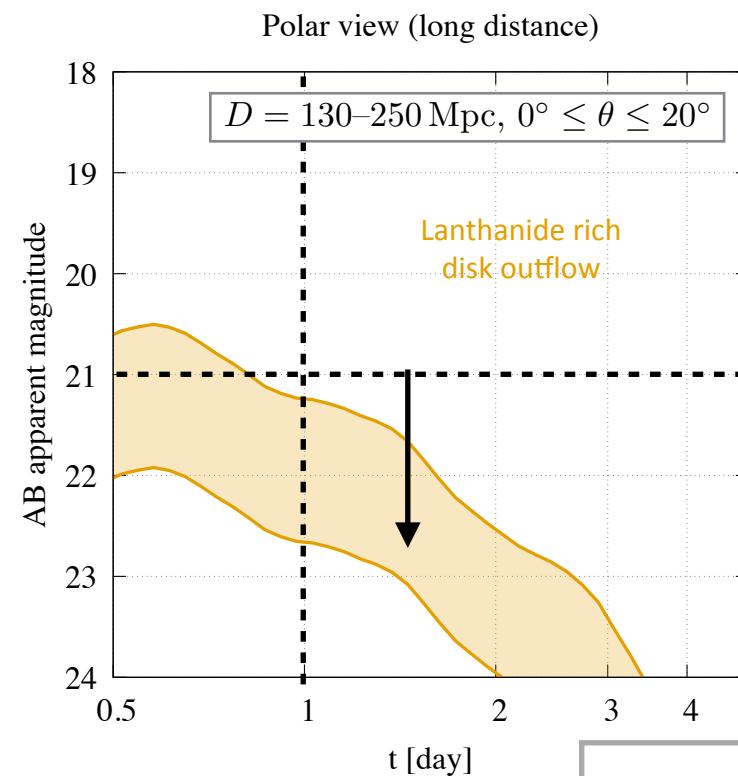
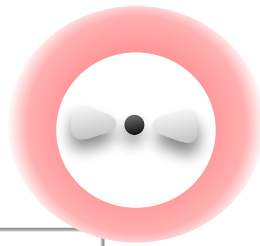
No mass ejection

GW190425: Kilonova detectability

Lanthanide poor disk outflow
0.02 Msun



Lanthanide rich disk outflow
0.02 Msun



r-band lightcurve

Ref) Kyutoku et al. (2020)

*larger (smaller) distance is inferred for smaller (larger) viewing angle

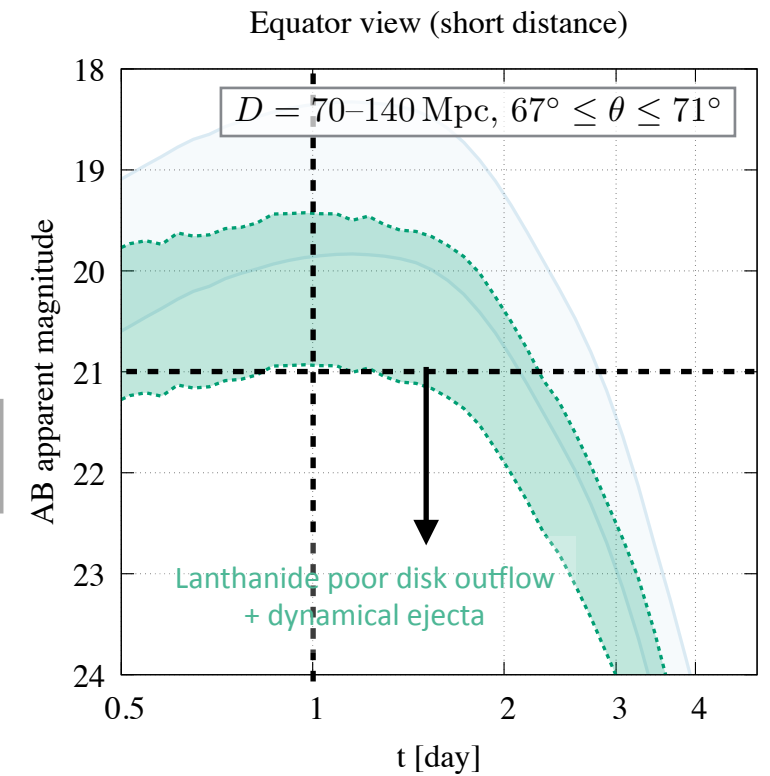
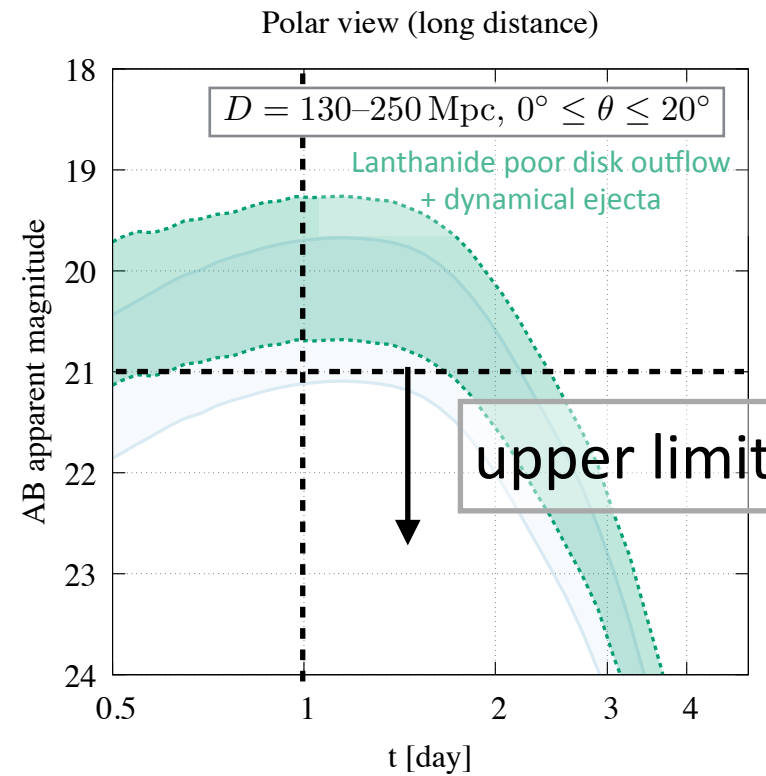
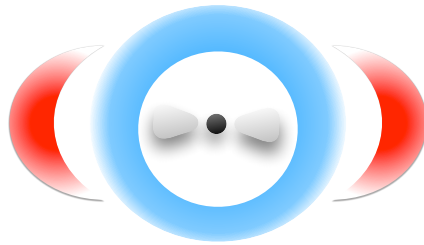
GW190425: Kilonova detectability

Lanthanide poor disk outflow

0.02 Msun

+dynamical ejecta

0.0001 Msun

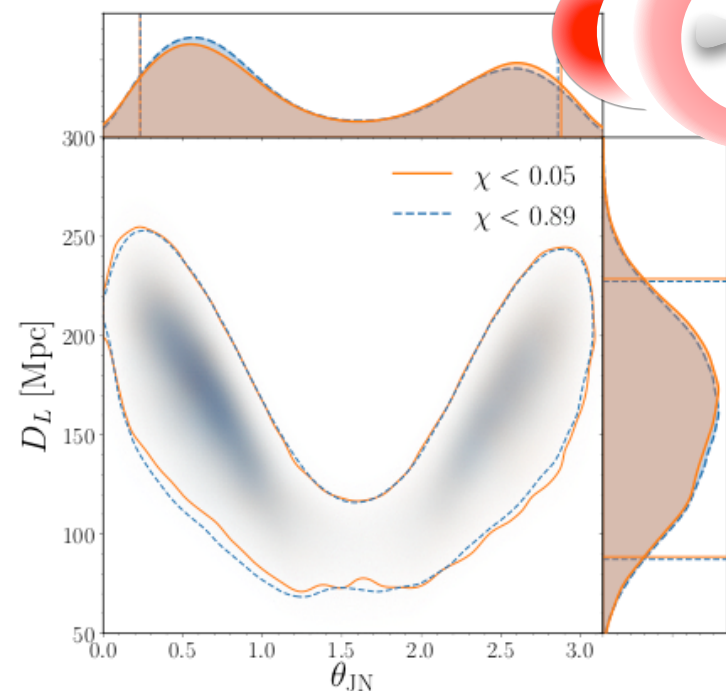
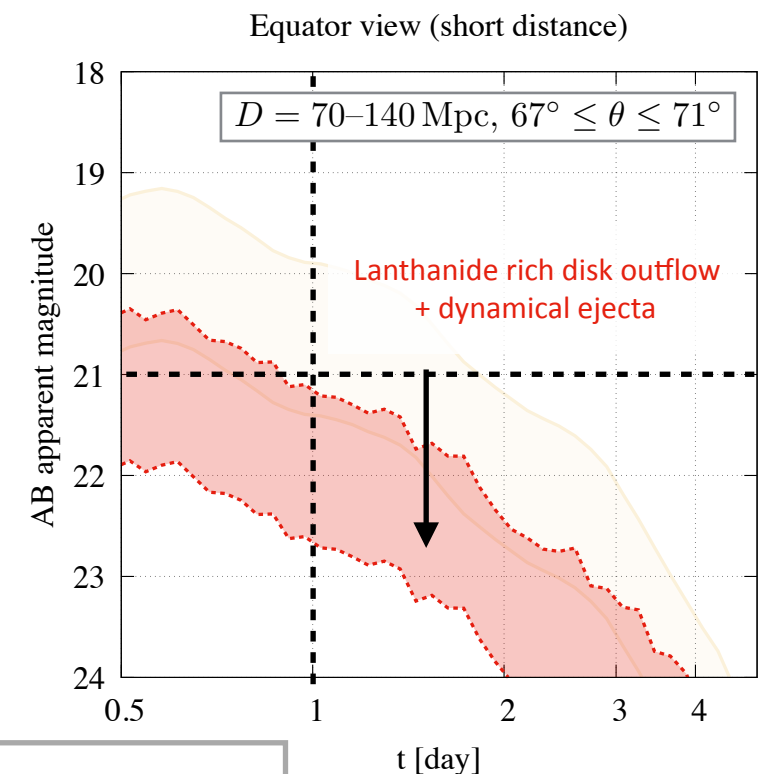
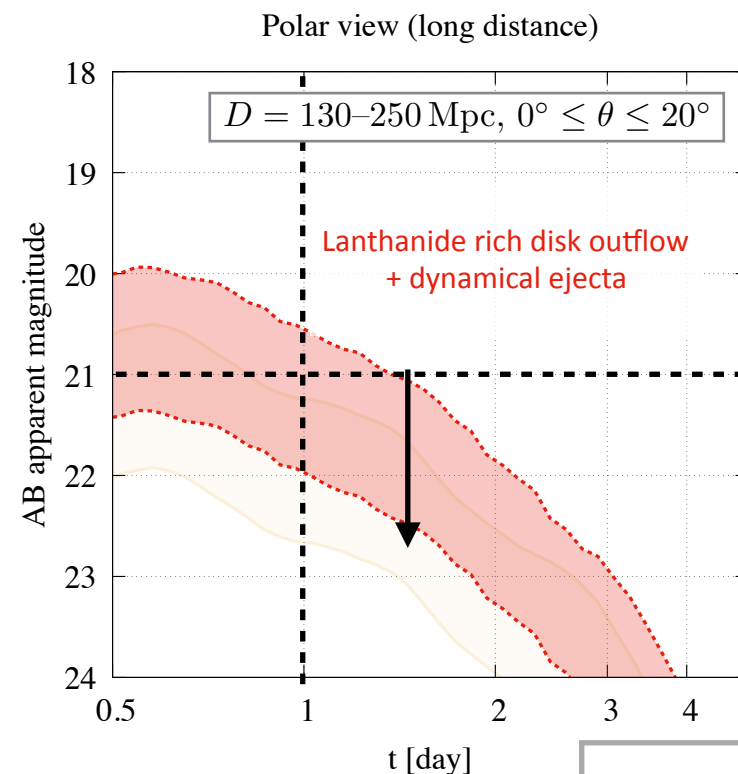
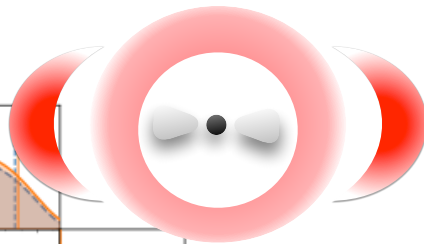


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r-band lightcurve

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Interpretation

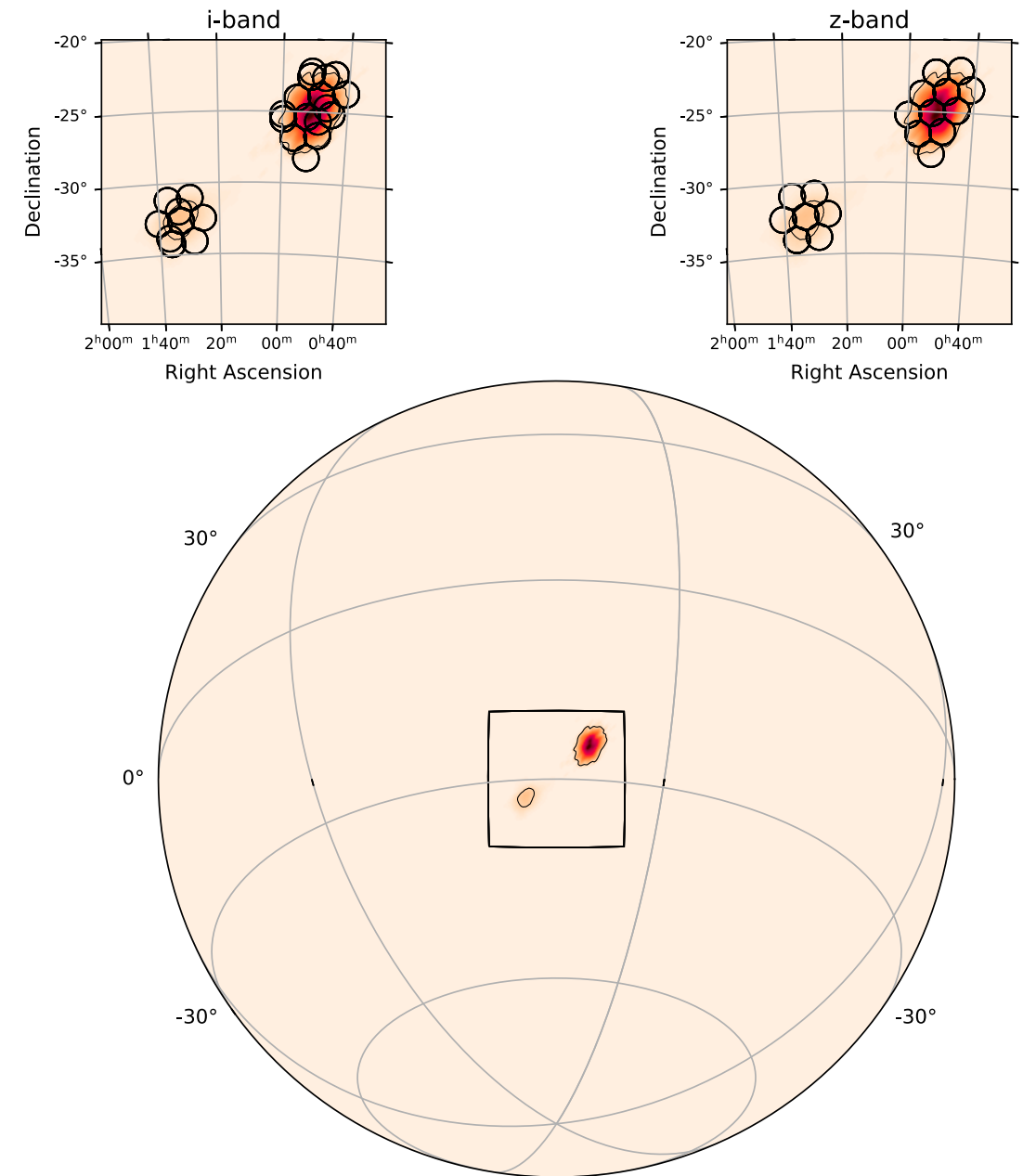
Ref) [Kyutoku et al. \(2020\)](#)

Binary type ^a	Merger Outcome ^b	Detectable? ^c
low-mass BH–NS	La-poor disk	YES
	La-poor disk+La-rich dyn.	≈YES
	La-rich disk	YES if equatorial
	La-rich disk+La-rich dyn.	YES if polar
	weak/no disruption (small radius)	NO
asymmetric NS–NS	La-poor disk+La-rich dyn.	YES if polar
	La-rich disk+La-rich dyn.	YES if polar
symmetric NS–NS	massive neutron star (large maximum mass)	YES if polar
	prompt collapse	NO

- A successful detection of kilonova emission with the information of viewing angle will enable us to constrain the types of mergers for GW190425-like events.

S190814bv: a BH-NS merger candidate

- Aug. 14, 2019 21:10:39 UTC, detection of a BH-NS merger candidates has been reported
- False alarm rate: $\sim 1 / 10^{25}$ yrs.
- Distance: $\sim 267 \pm 52$ Mpc
(c.f. GW170817: ~ 40 Mpc)
- Sky localization: $23 \text{ deg}^2 (90\%)$
- No electromagnetic counterpart was found
- upper limits to the optical /near infrared emission are obtained for the whole sky region.

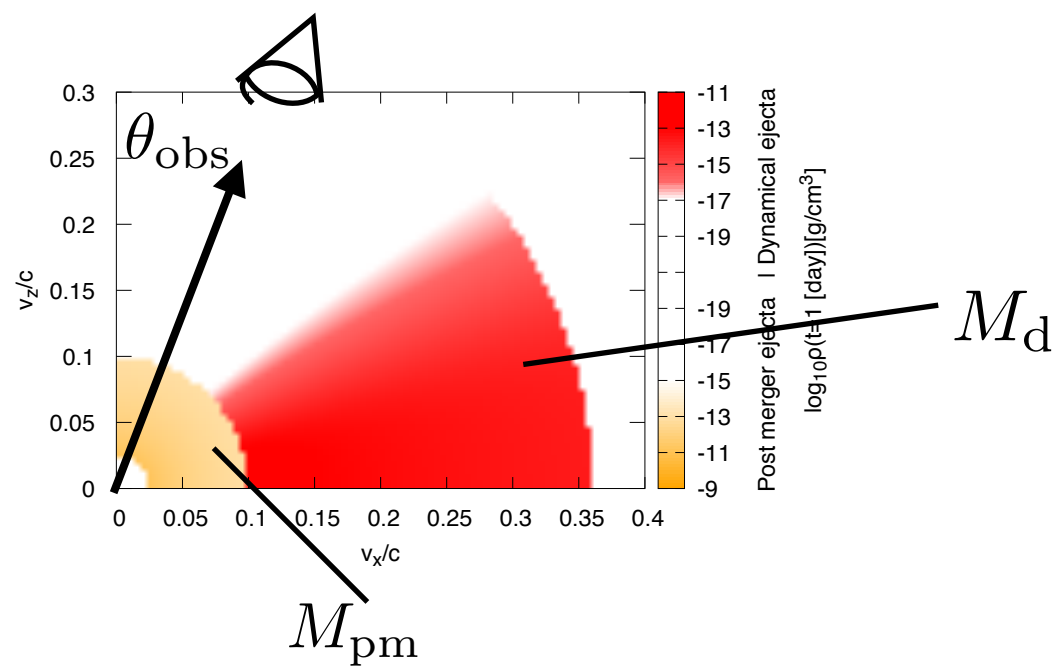
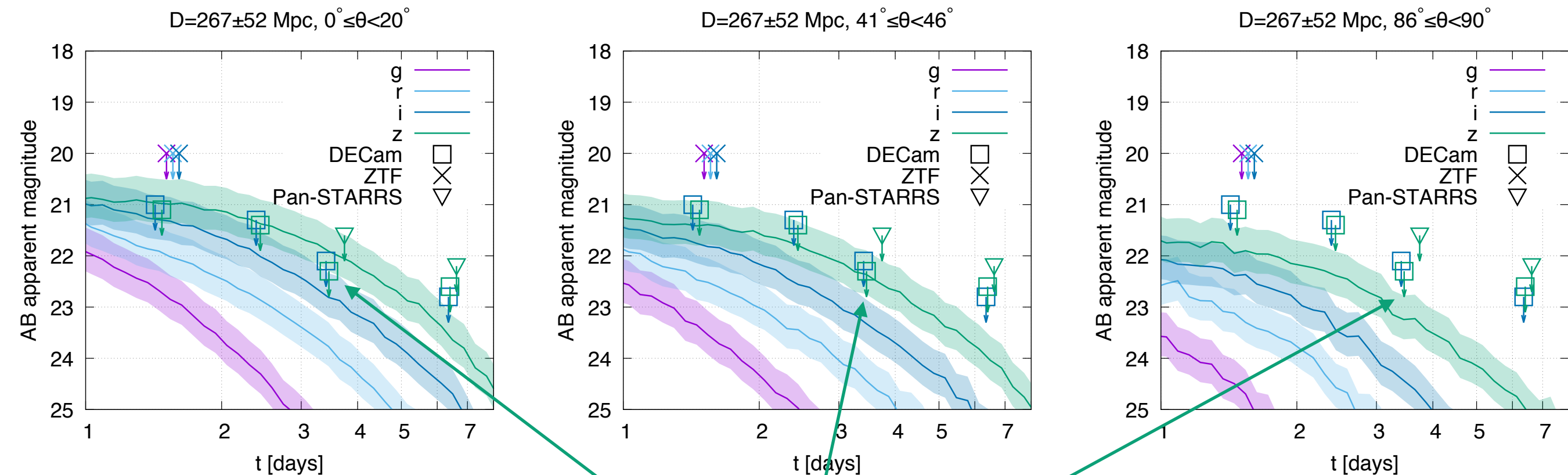


Ref) [Andreoni et al. \(2019\)](#)

Can we constrain the binary parameters from EM upper limits?

Upper limits to optical / near infrared emission

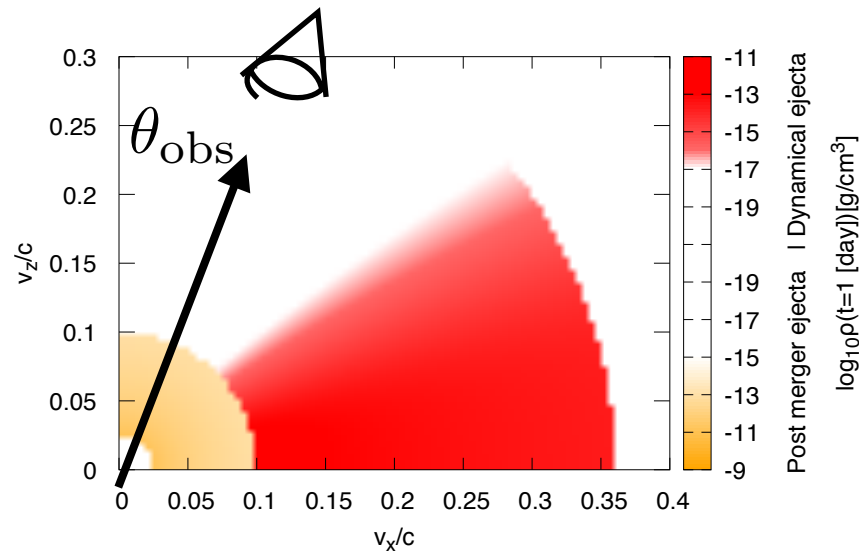
$$M_{\text{pm}} = 0.02 M_{\odot} \quad M_{\text{d}} = 0.02 M_{\odot}$$



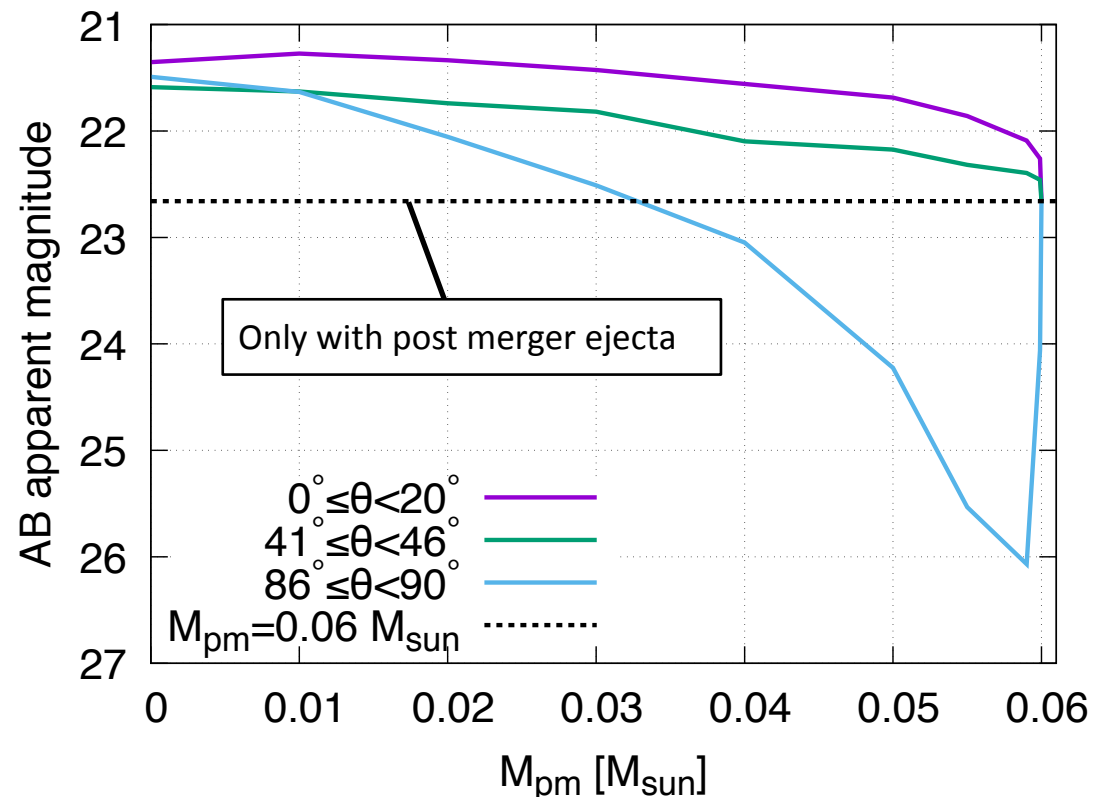
The upper limit $z=22.3$ @ $t=3.43$ d gives the strongest constraint on the lightcurve (Andreoni et al. 2019)

Constraint on the total ejecta mass

Ref) [Kawaguchi et al. \(2020\)](#)

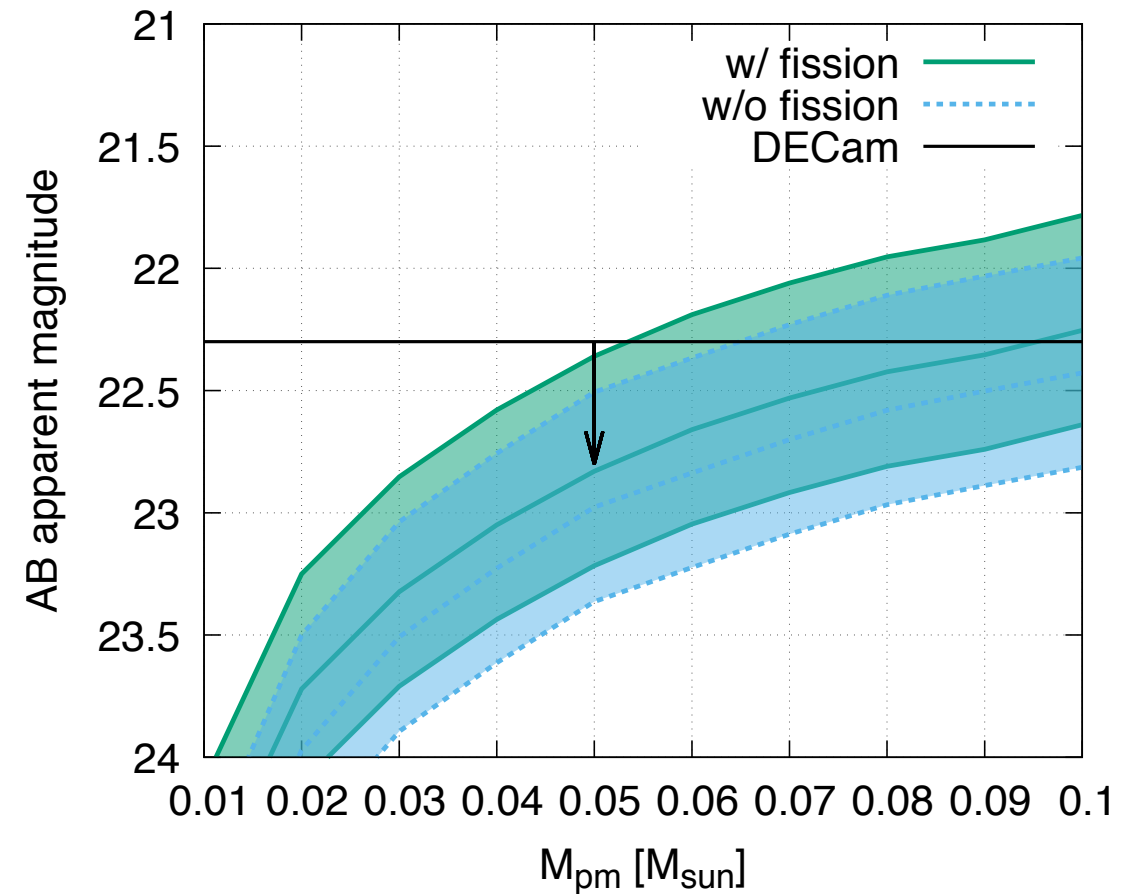


$D=267$ Mpc, z band, $t=3.43$ d
 $M_d + M_{pm} = 0.06 M_{\text{sun}}$



The upper limit $z=22.3$ @ $t=3.43$ d gives the strongest constraint on the lightcurve (Andreoni et al. 2019)

$D=267 \pm 52$ Mpc, z band, $t=3.43$ d,
 Only post-merger ejecta



$$M_{\text{tot}} \lesssim 0.1 \text{ (0.07)} M_{\odot}$$

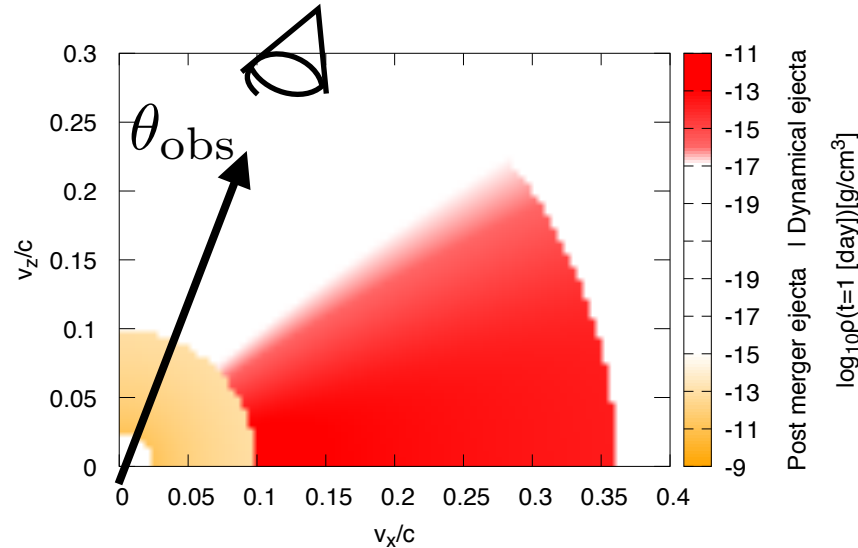
for $D = 267 \text{ (215)} \text{ Mpc}$, $\theta_{\text{obs}} \leq 45^\circ$

Constraint on the dynamical ejecta mass

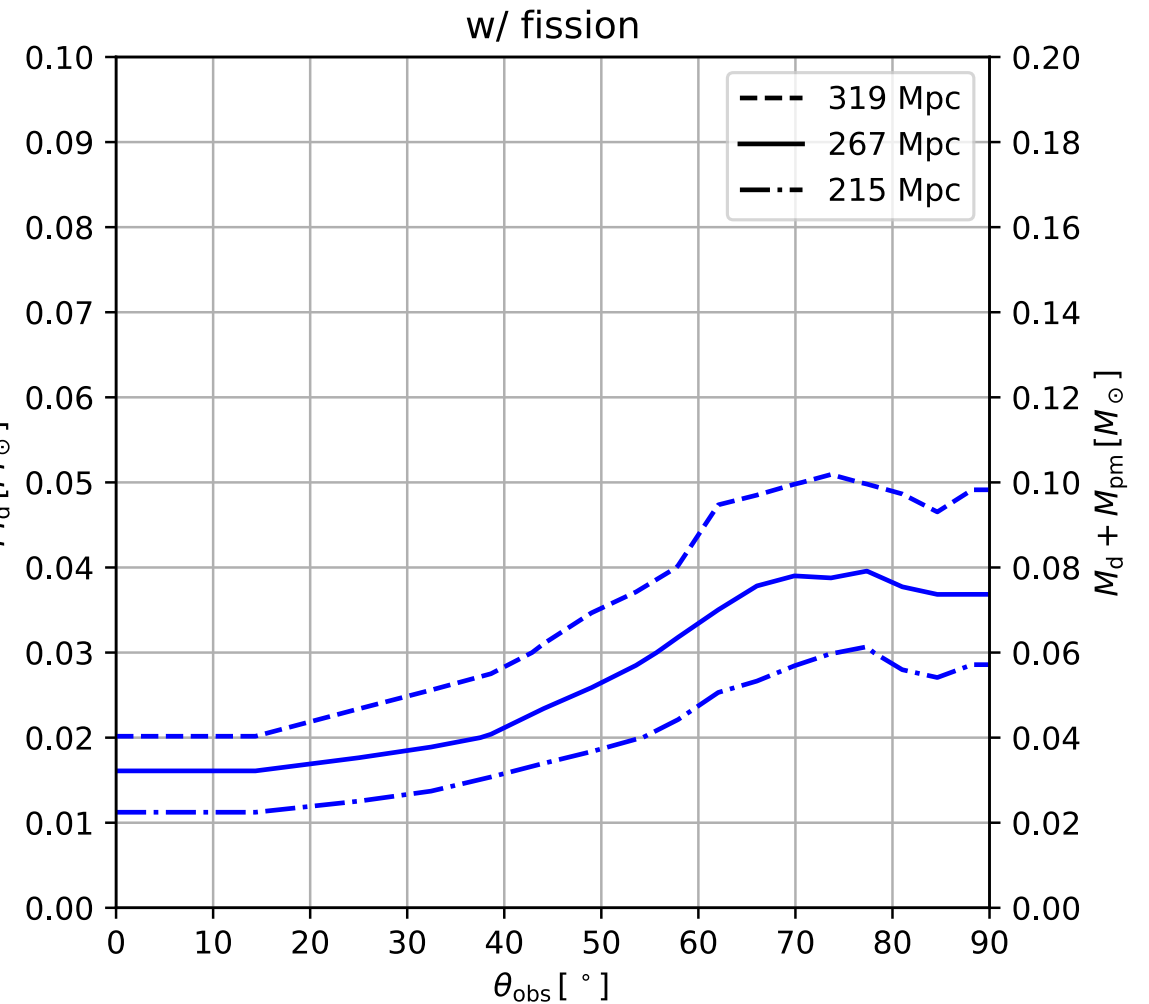
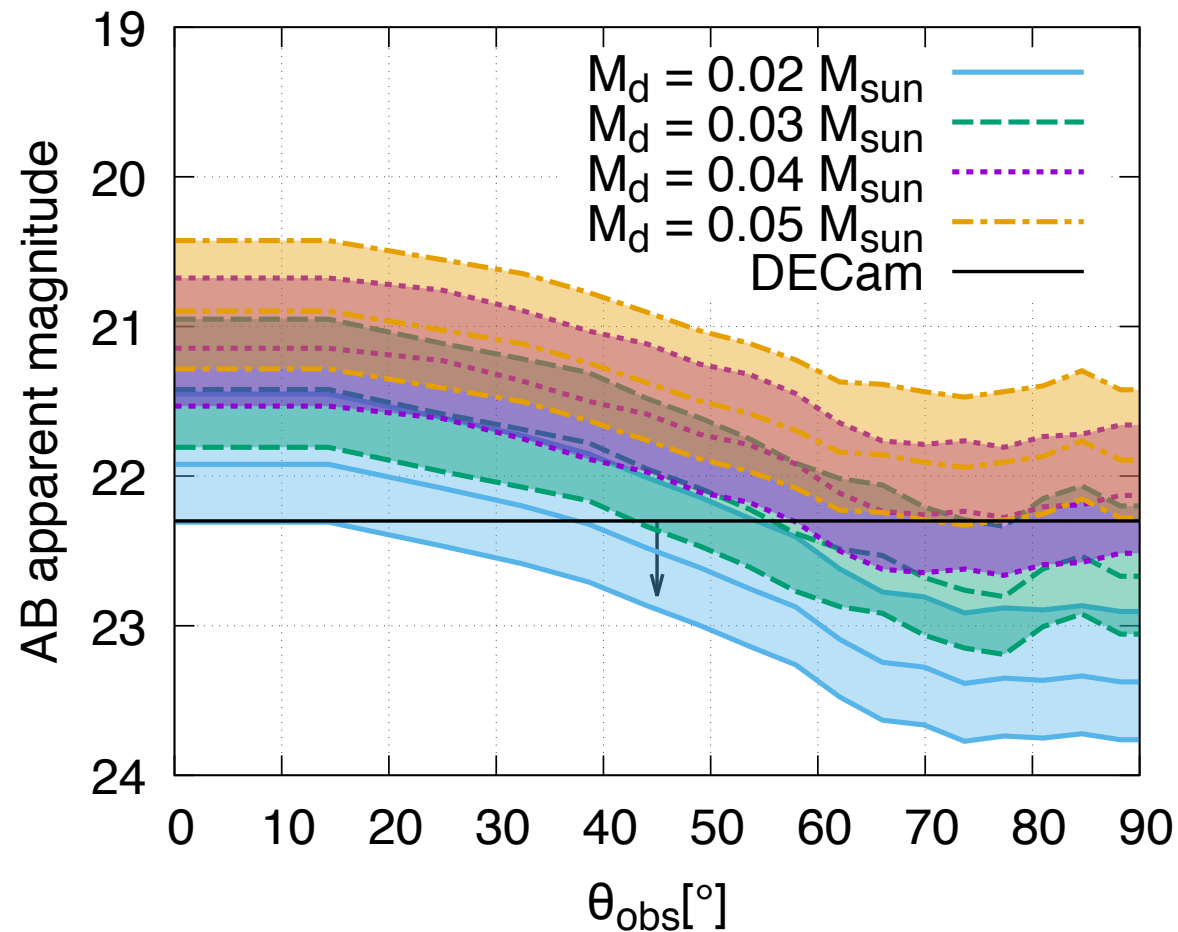
Ref) [Kawaguchi et al. \(2020\)](#)

$M_d \leq M_{pm}$ is assumed

since the remnant torus mass
is typically much larger than
the dynamical ejecta mass
(see e.g., Kyutoku et al. 2015)



$D=267 \pm 52$ Mpc, z band, $t=3.43$ d
 $M_{pm} = M_d$



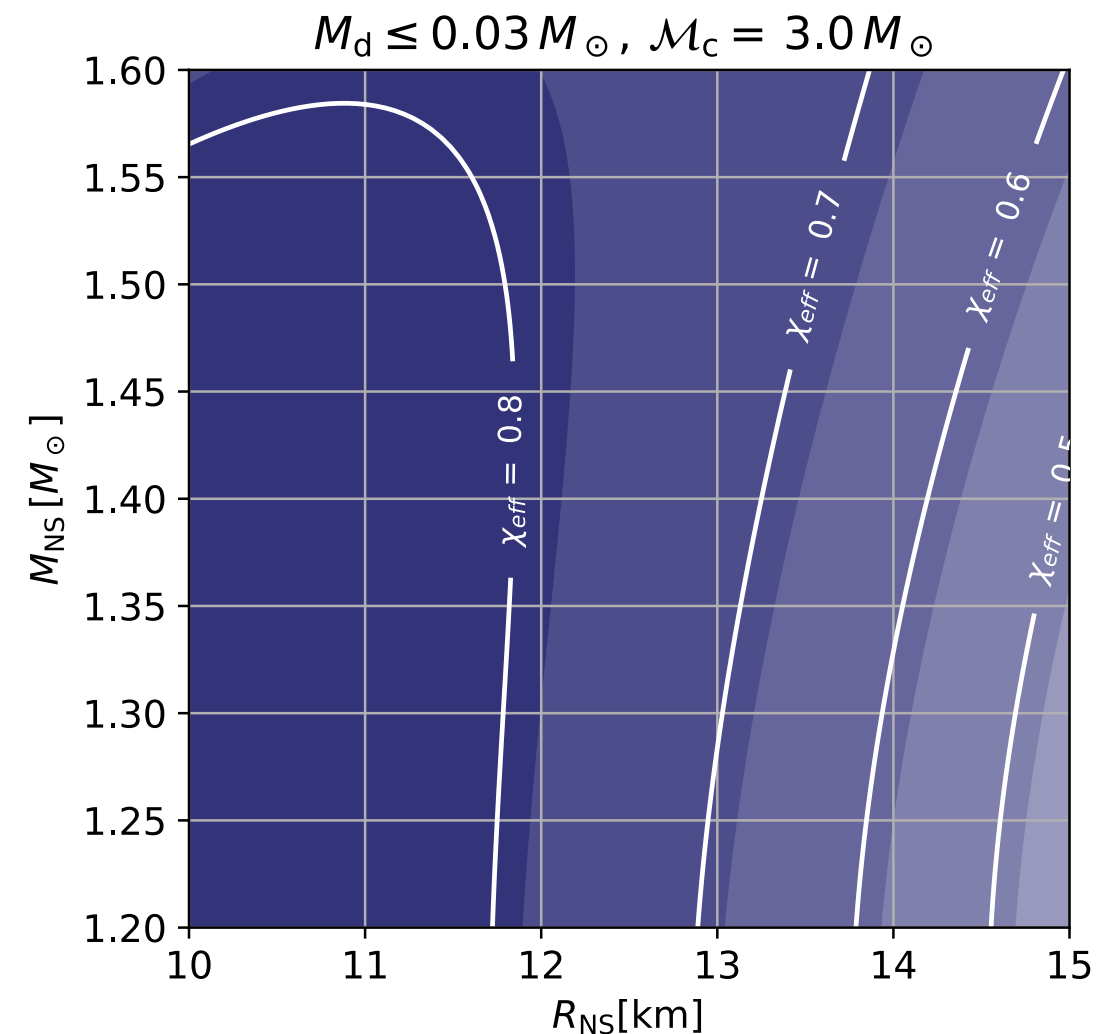
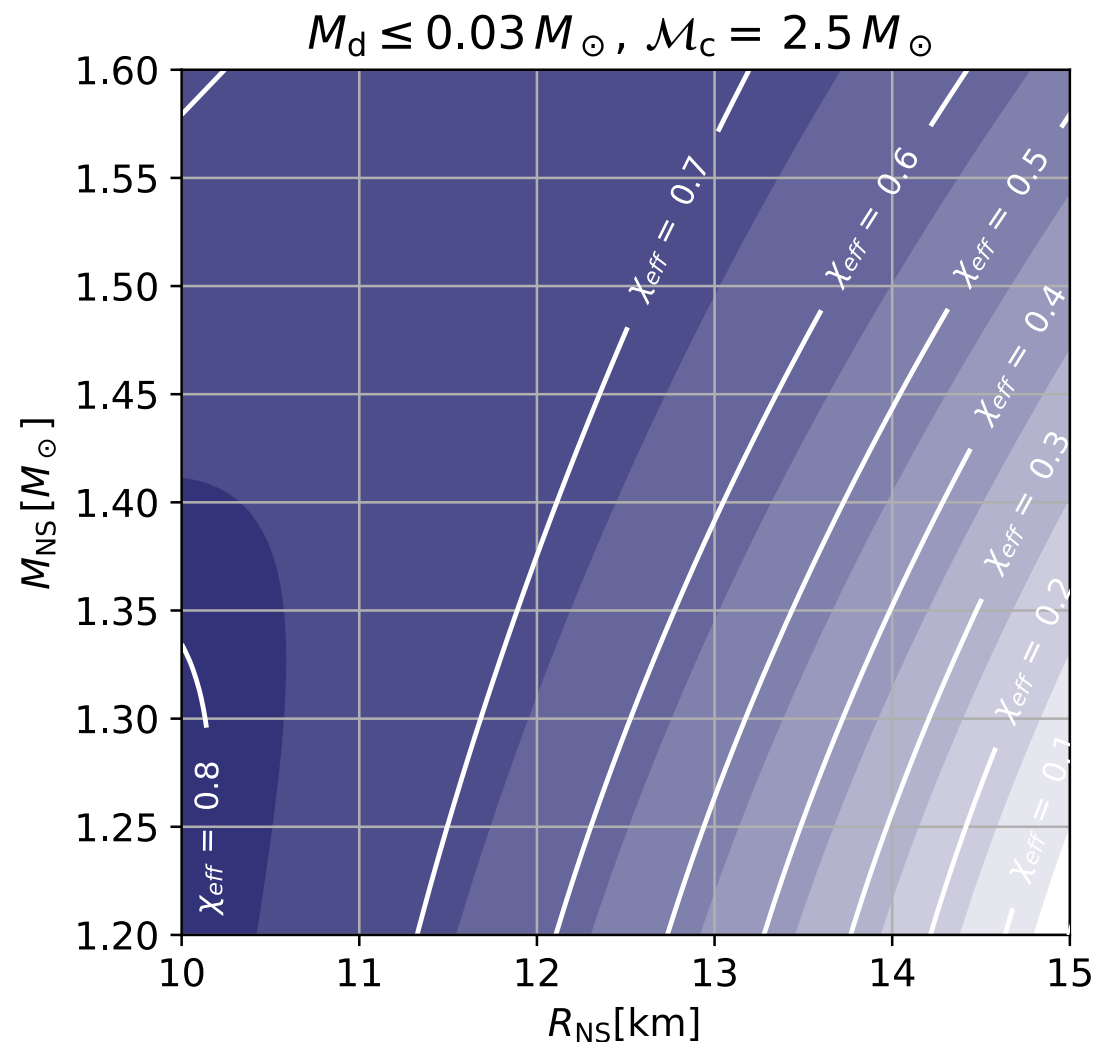
$M_d < 0.02 M_{sun}$, $0.03 M_{sun}$, and $0.05 M_{sun}$
for the viewing angle $\leq 20^\circ$, $\leq 45^\circ$, and for $\leq 90^\circ$

Constraint on binary parameters

$$\mathcal{M}_c = \frac{m_{\text{NS}}^{3/5} m_{\text{BH}}^{3/5}}{(m_{\text{NS}} + m_{\text{BH}})^{1/5}}$$

$$\chi_{\text{eff}} = \frac{m_{\text{BH}}}{m_{\text{NS}} + m_{\text{BH}}} \chi_{\text{BH}}$$

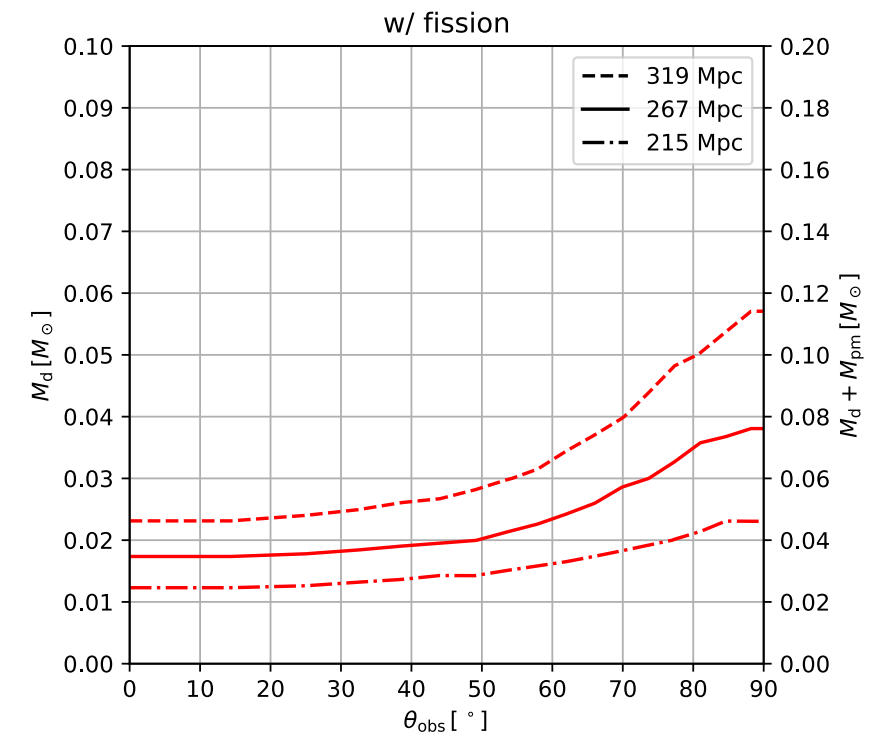
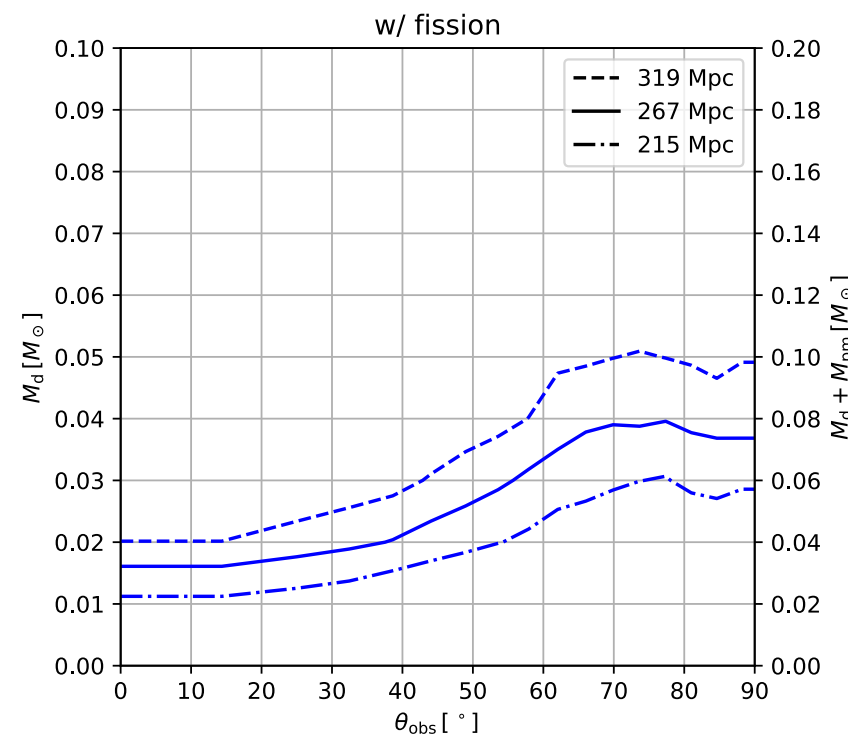
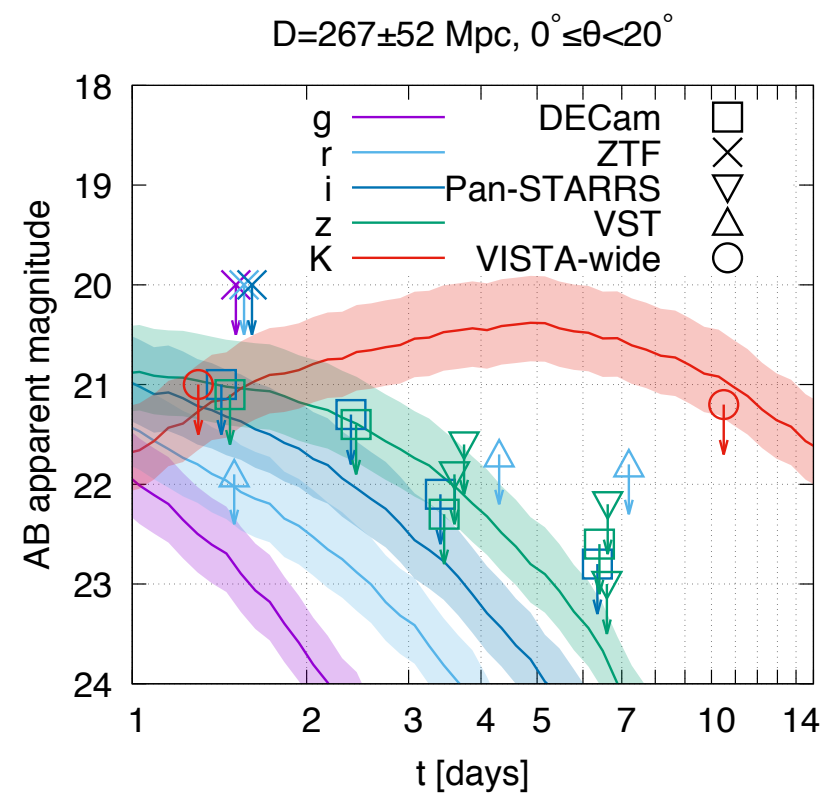
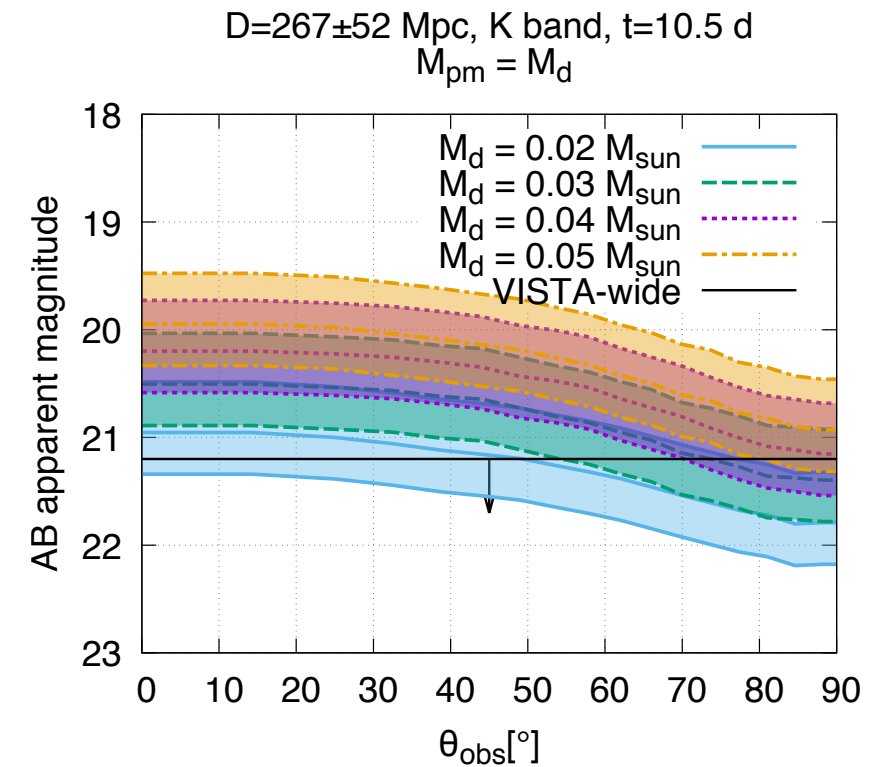
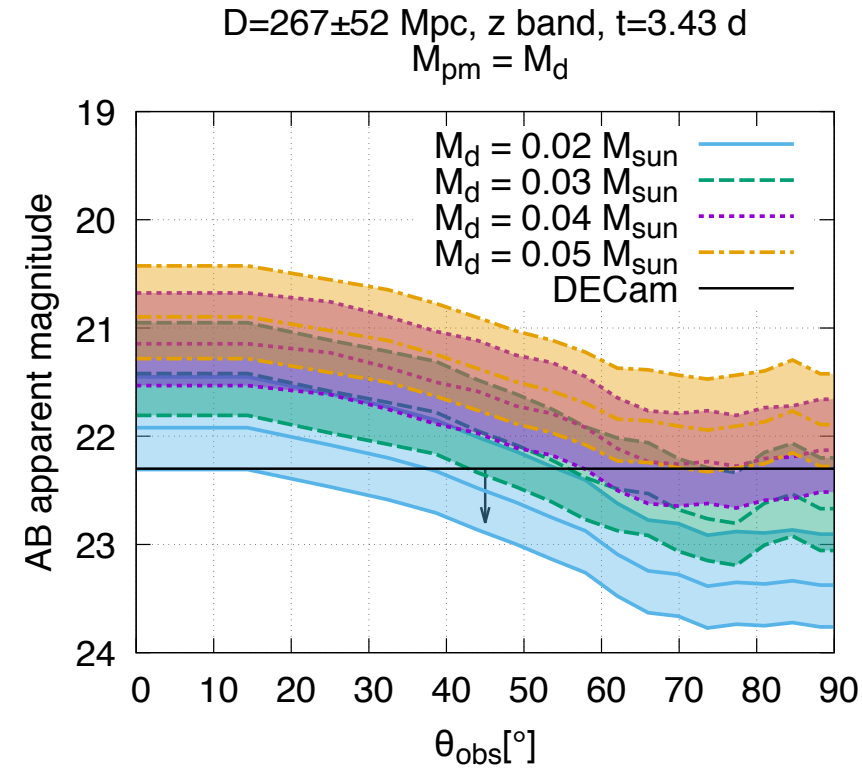
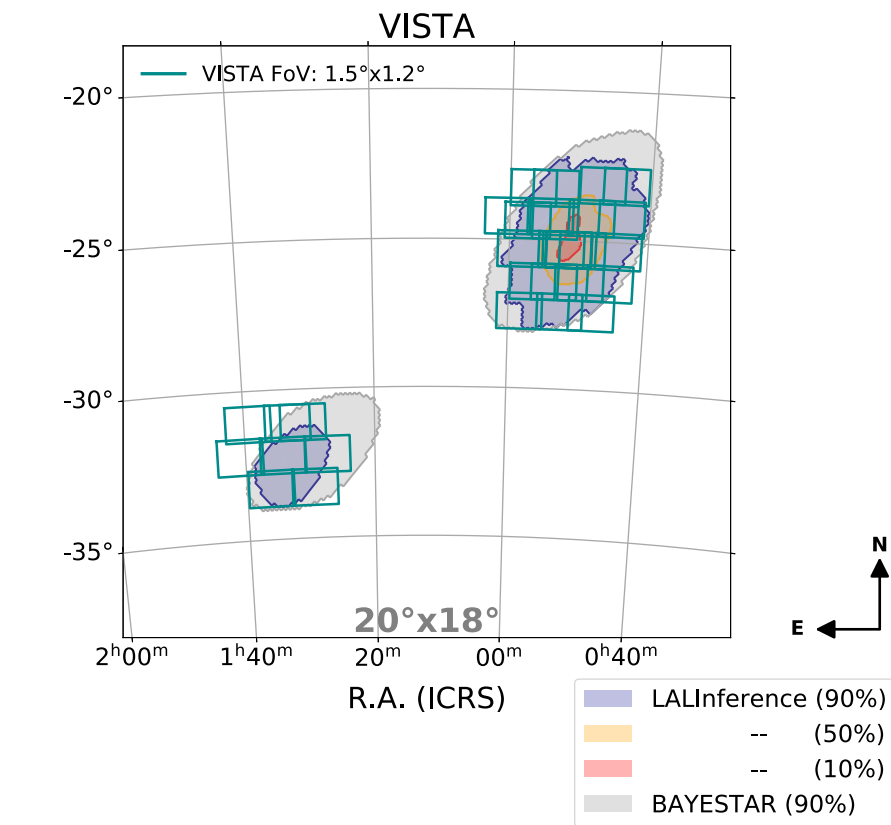
Ref) [Kawaguchi et al. \(2020\)](#)



- A strong constraint on the NS mass-radius relation can be obtained from the upper limit to the dynamical ejecta mass ($\sim 0.03 M_{\text{sun}}$) for a BH-NS event with the chirp mass smaller than $3 M_{\text{sun}}$ and effective spin larger than 0.5

Update in observations

Ref) ENGRAVE (2002.01950, 2020)

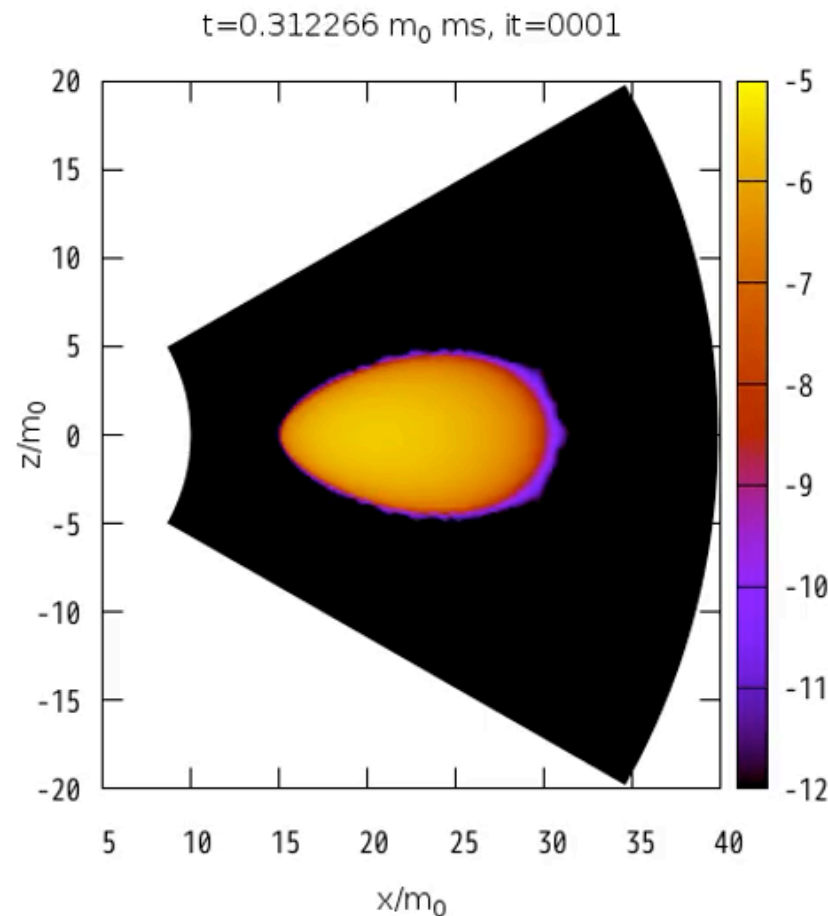


Summary

- **The radiative transfer effect between the multiple ejecta components with non-spherical geometry** are crucial for the quantitative prediction of the kilonova lightcurves.
- We perform radiative transfer simulations for kilonova lightcurves **in various situations** employing ejecta profiles predicted by **numerical-relativity simulations**.
We demonstrate that kilonova lightcurves could show **large diversity** reflecting the variety in the binary parameters or the binary composition.
 - We show that we may be able to **infer the type of the central engine for kilonovae** by the observation of the peak in the multiple band lightcurves.
- We applied our theoretical prediction of mass ejection and kilonova models to the upper limits obtained by the EM follow up for the recent GW events.
 - We show that **some types of central engine can be ruled out** for GW190425 **if the event is within the area of observation**. We also show that a successful detection of kilonova emission with the information of viewing angle will enable us to constrain the types of mergers for GW190425-like events.
 - We constrain **the total ejecta mass** to be less than **0.1 Msun** for **the face-on observation** at the distance of **267 Mpc** for S190814bv.
 - We show that the dynamical ejecta mass for S190814bv should be less than **0.02 Msun, 0.03 Msun, and 0.05 Msun** for the viewing angle $\leq 20^\circ$, $\leq 45^\circ$, and for $\leq 90^\circ$, respectively.

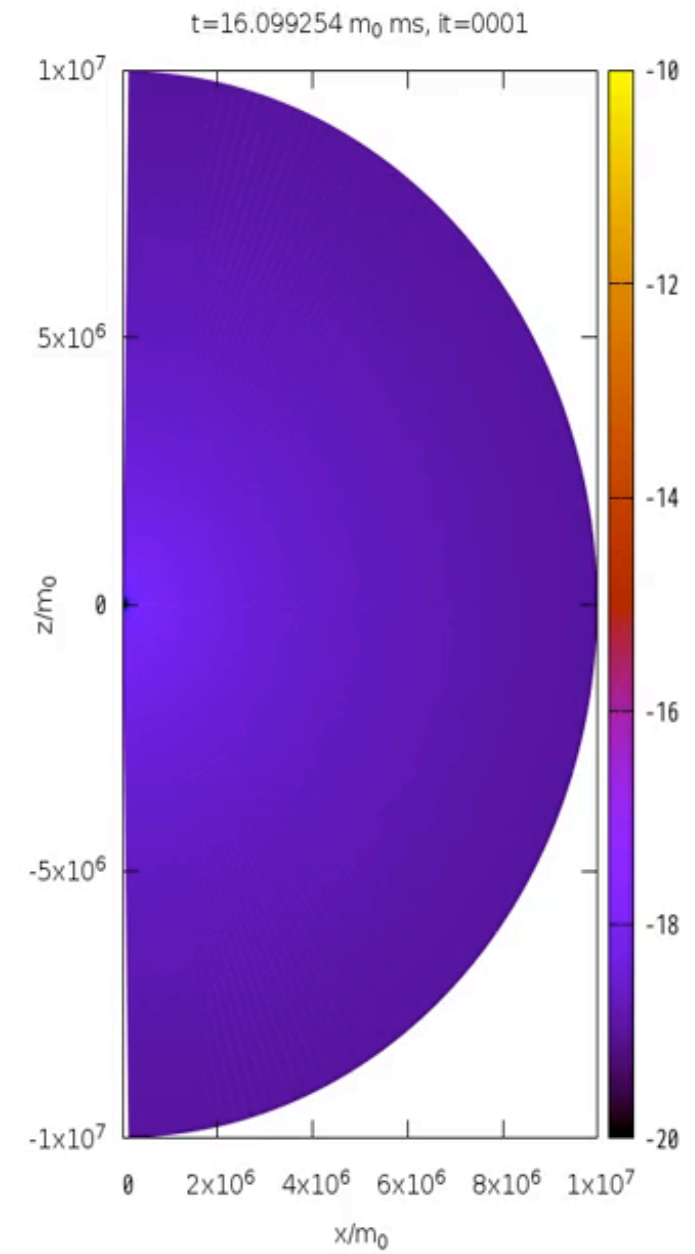
Current work

- Comprehensive modeling of KN lightcurve based on NR simulations
- -> need to evolve the ejecta profile until the homologous expansion phase
- GRHD code (fixed metric):
 - Sedov-Taylor: OK
 - BH-torus: OK



BH torus

Outflow test



Properties of kilonovae / macronovae

Order Estimation

ref) Li & Paczyński 1998

$$t_{\text{peak}} \approx 3.3 \text{ days}$$

$$\times \left(\frac{M}{0.03 M_{\odot}} \right)^{1/2} \left(\frac{v}{0.2c} \right)^{-1/2} \left(\frac{\kappa}{1 \text{ cm}^2/\text{g}} \right)^{1/2}$$

M_{eje} : ejecta mass

v_{eje} : expanding velocity

$$L_{\text{peak}} \approx 2.0 \times 10^{41} \text{ ergs/s}$$

$$\times \left(\frac{f}{10^{-6}} \right) \left(\frac{M}{0.03 M_{\odot}} \right)^{1/2} \left(\frac{v}{0.2c} \right)^{1/2} \left(\frac{\kappa}{1 \text{ cm}^2/\text{g}} \right)^{-1/2}$$

κ : opacity

f : energy conversion rate

$$T_{\text{peak}} \approx 3.1 \times 10^3 \text{ K}$$

$$\times \left(\frac{f}{10^{-6}} \right)^{1/4} \left(\frac{M}{0.03 M_{\odot}} \right)^{-1/8} \left(\frac{v}{0.2c} \right)^{-1/8} \left(\frac{\kappa}{1 \text{ cm}^2/\text{g}} \right)^{-3/8}$$

- The emission is expected to be bright in **the optical and infrared wavelength**.
- **The mass, velocity, morphology, and the composition(electron fraction)** of the ejecta characterize the lightcurve of the kilonova/macronova.