

# Nucleosynthesis and Kilonova from BNS mergers: impact of nuclear matter properties

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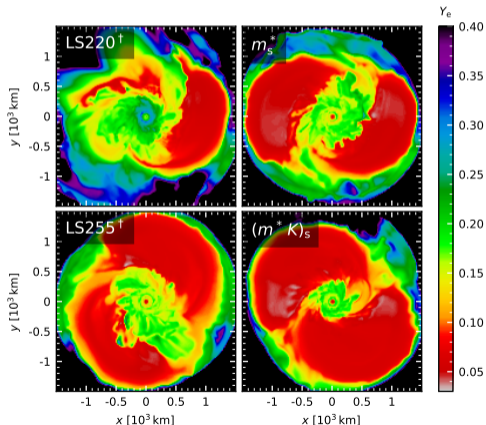
Are we able to infer something about the EOS of nuclear matter  
from BNS merger observables?

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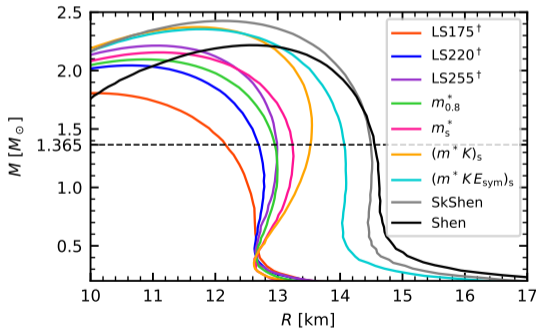
# Merger simulations with parametrized EOSs

Simulations of symmetric BNS merger with  $M_{\text{NS}} = 1.365 M_{\odot}$  ( $M_{\text{chirp}} = 1.188 M_{\odot}$ )

⇒ Jacobi et al. (in prep.)



- GRHD with Whisky THC (Radice & Rezzolla 2012)
- $\nu$  emission/absorption with leakage + M0 scheme (Galeazzi et al. 2013, Radice et al. 2018)
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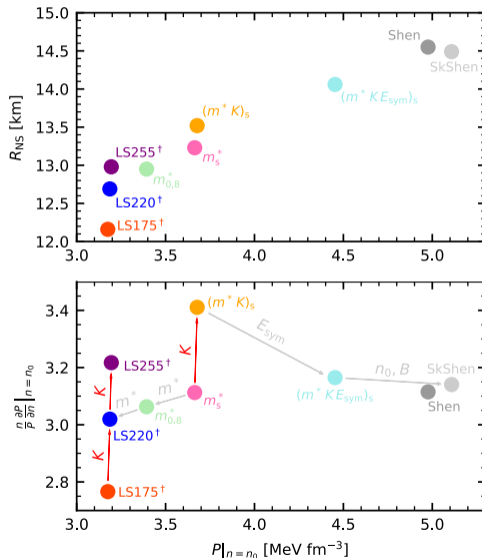
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Energy per particle expansion around  $n = n_0$ ,  $Y_e = 0.5$ :

$$\left. \frac{E}{A} \right|_{T=0} = -B + \frac{1}{2} K \chi^2 + S(\chi) \beta^2 + \mathcal{O}(\chi^3) + \mathcal{O}(\beta^4)$$

with  $\chi = \frac{(n-n_0)}{3n_0}$  and  $\beta = 1 - 2Y_e$



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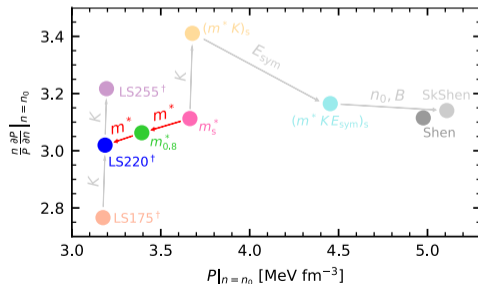
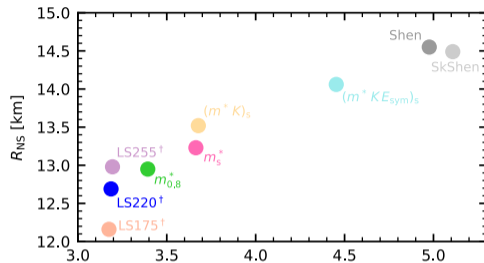
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Skyrme energy density functional:

$$P|_{T=0} = \sum_t \left( \frac{5}{3} \frac{1}{2m^*} - \frac{1}{2m} \right) \frac{(3\pi n_t)^{5/3}}{5\pi^2}$$

$$\text{Thermal index: } \Gamma_{\text{th}} := 1 + \frac{P_{\text{th}}}{\epsilon_{\text{th}}} \sim \frac{5}{3} - \frac{n}{m^*} \frac{\partial m^*}{\partial n}$$



# Ejecta structure

Classification at 300 km:

- Dynamical ejecta

→ geodesic criterion:  $-u_t > 1$

- ▶ Tidal component:

$Y_e \lesssim 0.1$ ,  $s \lesssim 10 \text{ k}_B/\text{baryon}$ ,

$\tau \lesssim 5 \text{ ms}$

- ▶ Shock heated component:

$0.2 \lesssim Y_e \lesssim 0.4$ ,  $s \gtrsim 10 \text{ k}_B/\text{baryon}$

- Disk wind

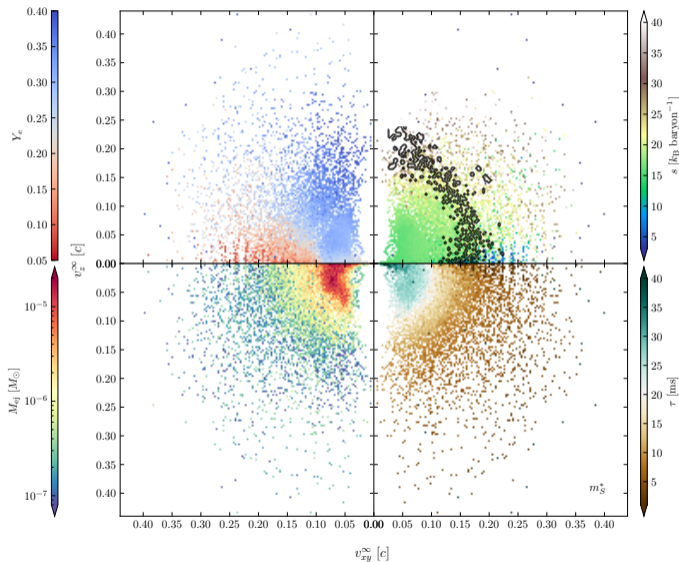
→ only Bernoulli criterion:  $-hu_t > h_\infty$

- ▶ Spiral wave wind:

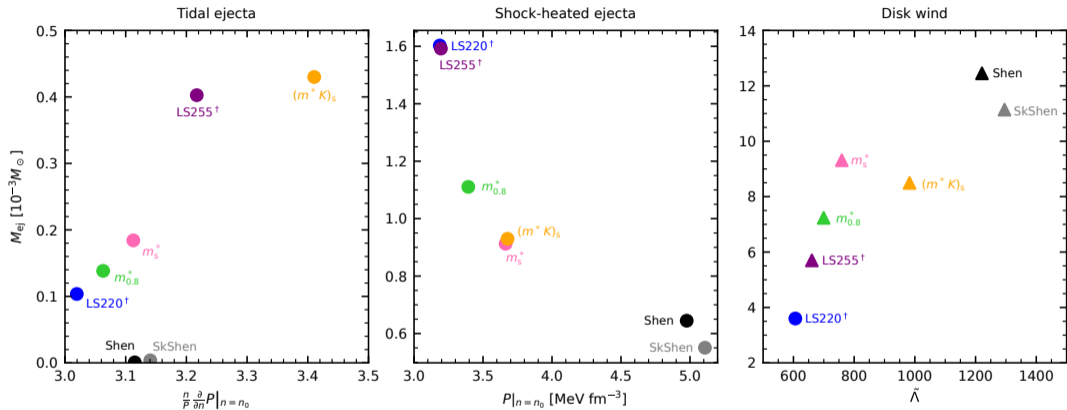
$t \gtrsim 10 \text{ ms}$ ,  $Y_e \lesssim 0.25$

- ▶  $\nu$ -irradiated wind:

$40^\circ \lesssim \theta \lesssim 80^\circ$ ,  $Y_e \sim 0.3$



# Ejecta correlations

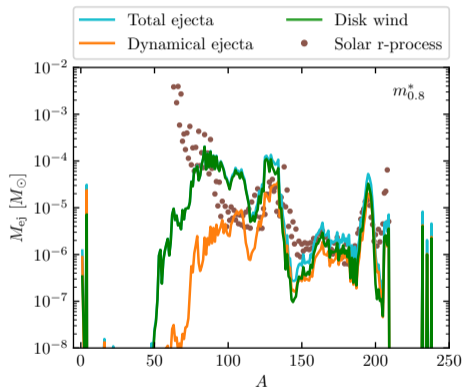


→ Mass values at simulation end ( $\sim 40$  ms)

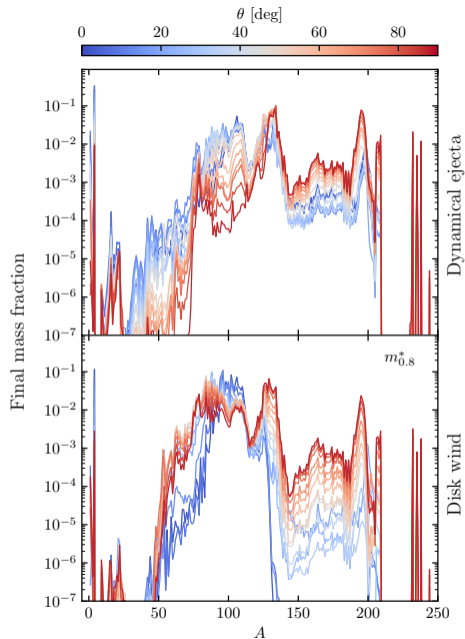
# Nucleosynthesis calculations

Reaction network WinNet (Reichert et al. 2023):

- ▶  $\sim 15000$  tracer particles per model
- ▶ NSE freeze-out at 7 GK



→ Disk ejecta dominate the yields





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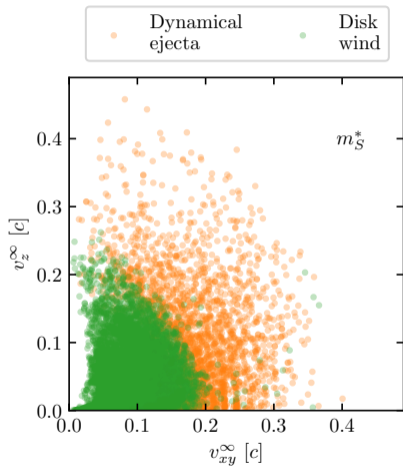
$$\text{KN1)} \quad \frac{dE_i}{dt} + \frac{E_i}{t} = \dot{Q}_i - L_i \quad \Rightarrow \quad L(t) = \sum_{\text{shell } i} \operatorname{erfc} \left( \sqrt{\frac{t_{\text{diff},i}}{2t}} \right) \frac{E_i}{\min(t_{\text{diff},i}, t) + \frac{v_i t}{c}}$$

Hotokezaka & Nakar (2019)

$$\text{KN2)} \quad \frac{DE}{Dt} - \frac{c}{3r^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left( \frac{r^2}{\chi} \frac{\partial E}{\partial r} \right) + \frac{4\dot{R}}{R} E = \dot{Q}_i \quad \Rightarrow \quad L(t) \propto \frac{(v_{\text{max}} t_0 T_0)^4}{\kappa M_{\text{ej}}} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{n+1} n \pi \phi_n(t)$$

Ricigliano et al. (2023), Wollaeger et al. (2017)

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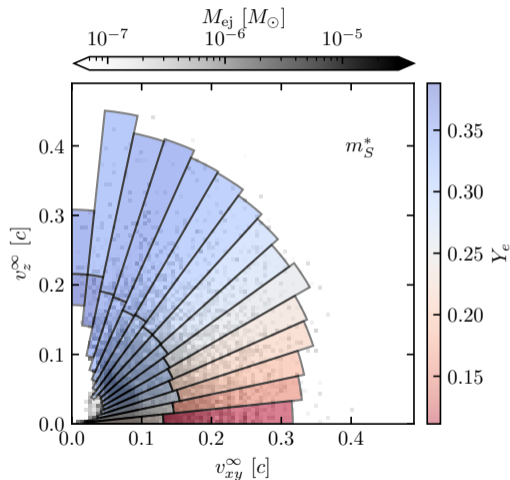


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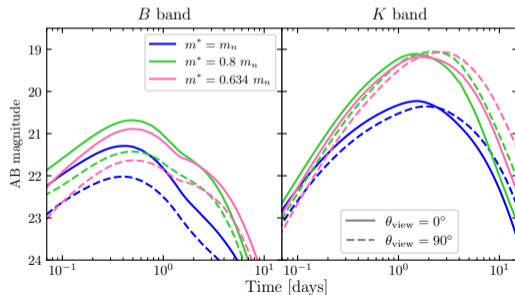
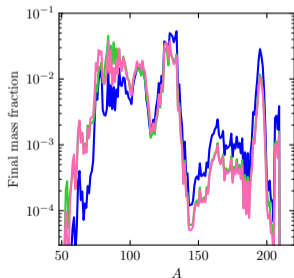
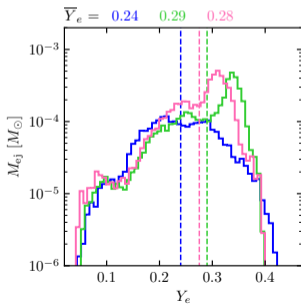
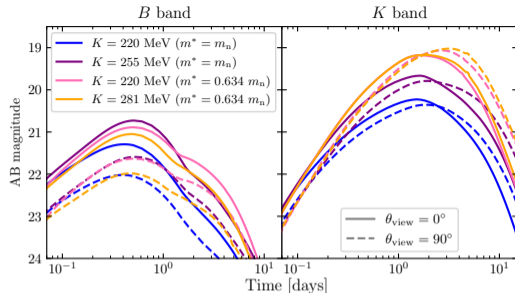
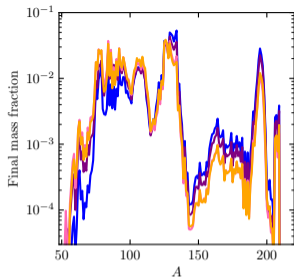
- ▶ Masses  $M_{ej}(\theta)$
- ▶ Characteristic velocities  $v_{ej}(\theta)$
- ▶ Average grey opacities  $\kappa(\theta)$
- ▶ Energy deposition rates  $\dot{\epsilon}(t, \theta)$

Distributions can be imported from NR and nucleosynthesis **simulations** or be **parametric**.

# EOS effects

Network with detailed thermalization treatment and **KN1** model

- Indirect impact through collapse
- Red bands mostly affected by EOS stiffness
- Blue bands also specifically by  $m^*$



# Trends reliability

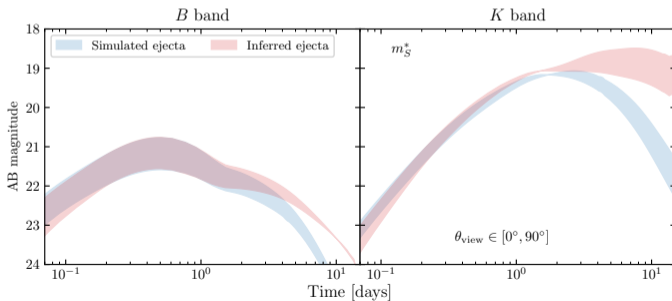
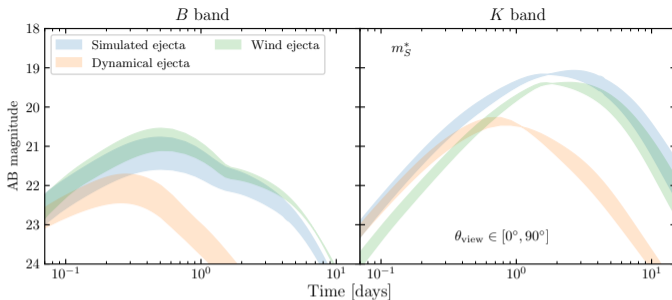
⇒ Dynamical ejecta more important for  $t \lesssim 1$  day:

- ▶ Tidal ejecta has curtain effect
- ▶ Shock-heated ejecta relevant very early (a few hours)

Model **secular ejecta**:

- ▶  $M_{\text{sec}}^{\text{ej}} \sim 20\%$  of  $M_{\text{disk}}$
- ▶ properties from last few ms of disk wind ejection

⇒ Effects only for  $t \gtrsim 1$  day while hierarchy preserved



# Case of study: GW190425

GRHD BNS simulations  
(leakage+M0 for  $\nu_s$ , finite  $T$  EOSs)  
+ Skynet + KN2 model  
(Camilletti et al. 2022)

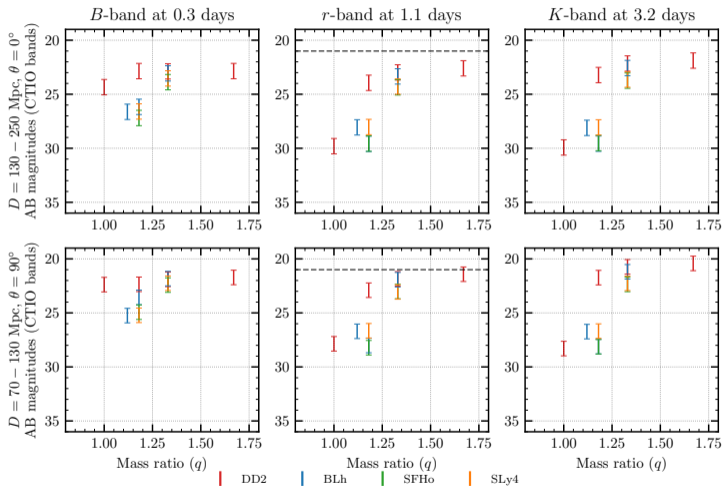
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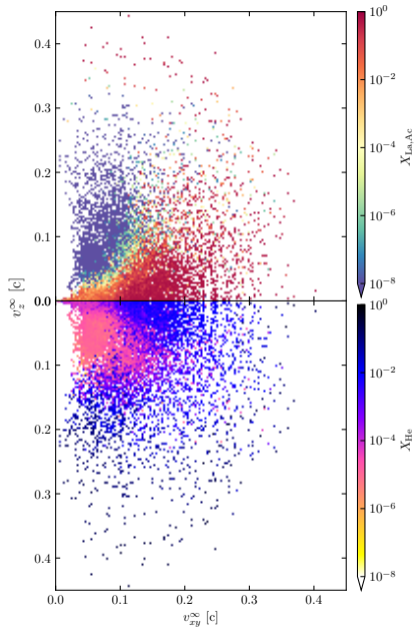
- ▶ anisotropic (from simulation)
- ▶  $M_{\text{dyn}} \sim 10^{-6} - 10^{-4} M_{\odot}$
- ▶  $v_{\text{dyn}} \sim 0.2 - 0.3 c$
- ▶  $Y_{e,\text{dyn}} \sim 0.10 - 0.25$

## Disk wind:

- ▶ isotropic (modeled from disk)
- ▶  $M_{\text{wind}} \sim 10^{-4} - 10^{-2} M_{\odot}$
- ▶  $v_{\text{wind}} \sim 0.06 c$
- ▶  $\kappa_{\text{wind}} \sim 5 \text{ cm}^2 \text{g}^{-1}$

Limit: 21 mag  $r,g$  at  $\sim 1$  day (ZTF)





- Simulations suggest **correlations** between **nuclear matter properties** and **dynamical ejecta** in particular
  - $K$ ,  $m^*$  variations affect **observables** (final yields, KN light curves), although not easy to **disentangle**
  - $m^*$  connection to **disk wind** has implications on **light elements** production and **blue KN bands**
- ... however to fully assess the impact, **further evolution** of the system is necessary!