

Supernova explosions of  
massive blue-supergiant stars  
triggered by the QCD phase transition

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**on the origin of massive  
neutron stars**

# From protoneutron stars to hybrid stars

## Exploring the QCD phase transition in core collapse supernovae

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### Signals of the QCD Phase Transition in Core-Collapse Supernovae

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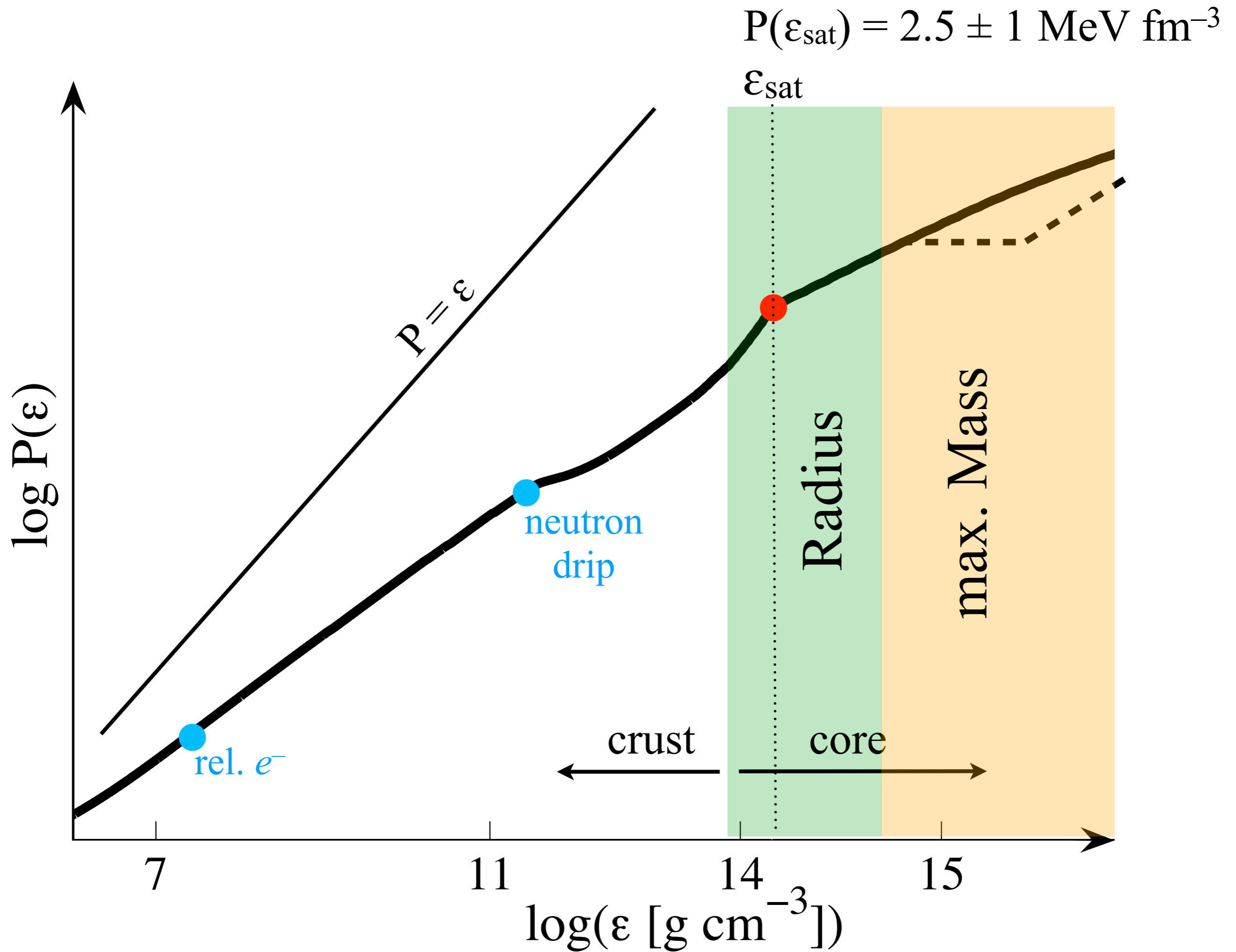
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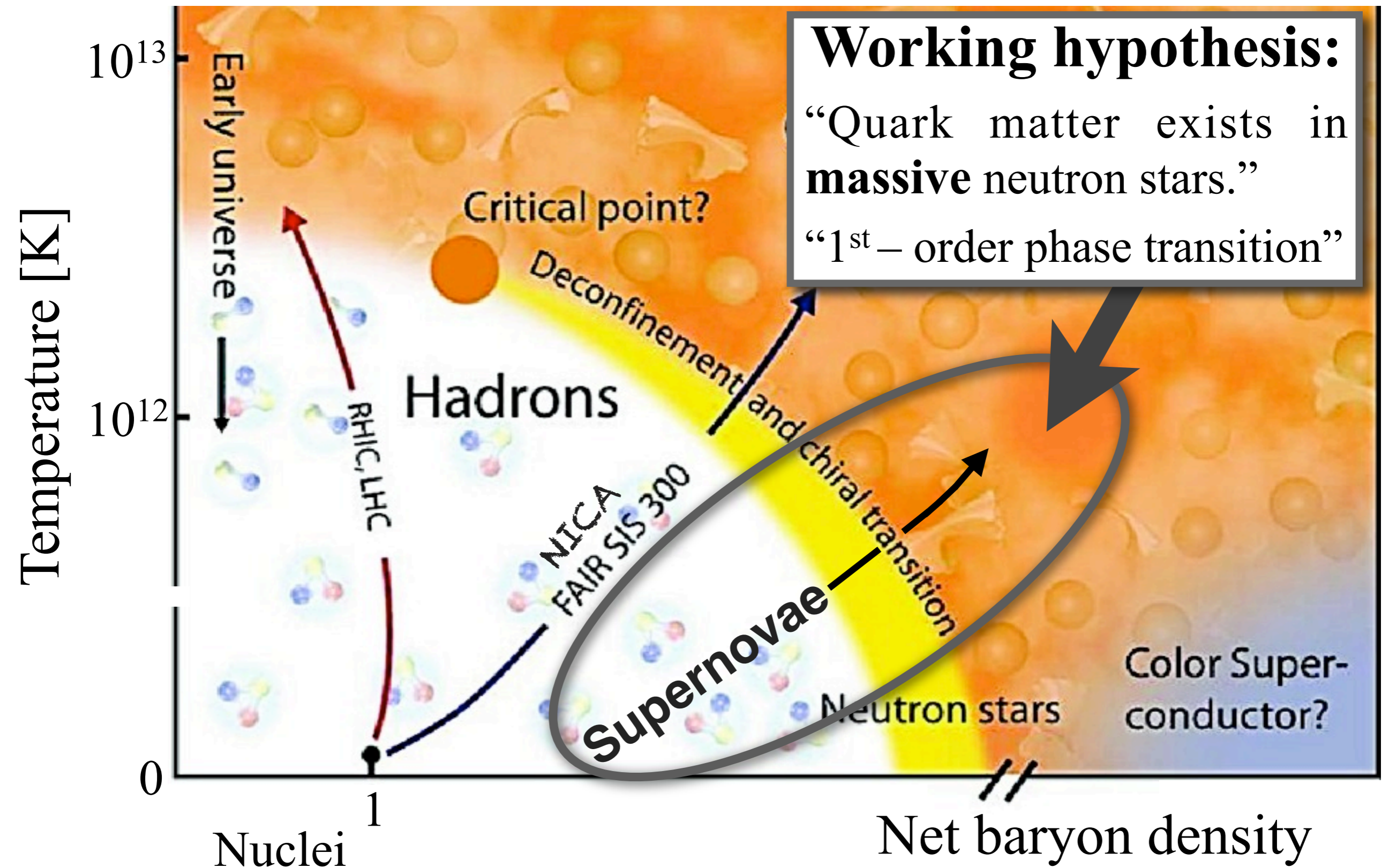
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We explore the implications of the QCD phase transition during the postbounce evolution of core-collapse supernovae. Using the MIT bag model for the description of quark matter, we model phase transitions that occur during the early postbounce evolution. This stage of the evolution can be simulated with general relativistic three-flavor Boltzmann neutrino transport. The phase transition produces a second shock wave that triggers a delayed supernova explosion.

$$\rho_{\text{transition}} \simeq \rho_{\text{sat}} , \quad M_{\text{max}} < 2 M_{\odot}$$



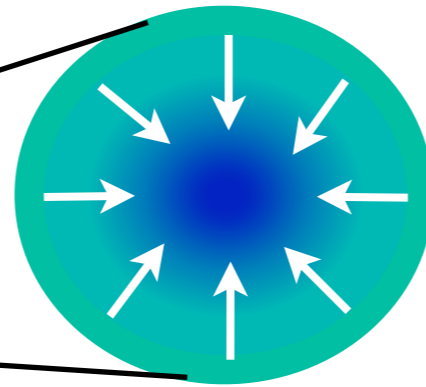
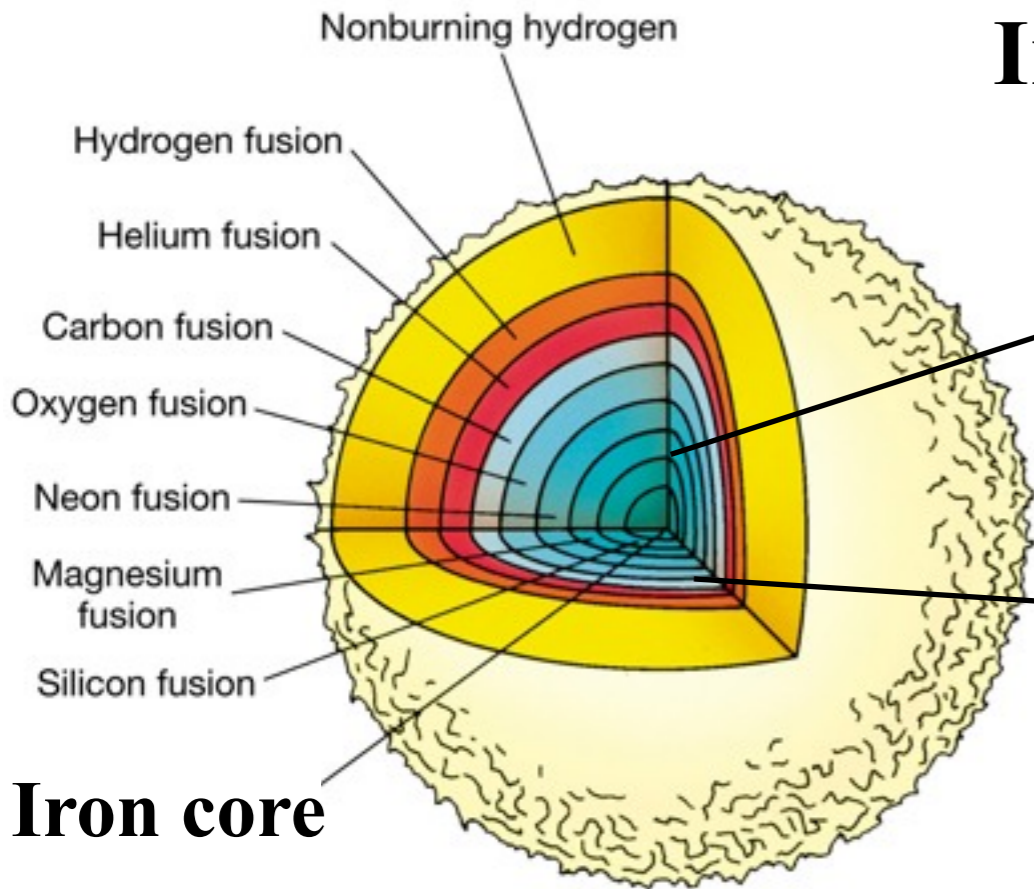
# Inaccessible in heavy-ion collisions



# Iron core collapse

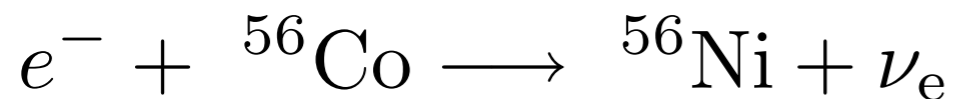
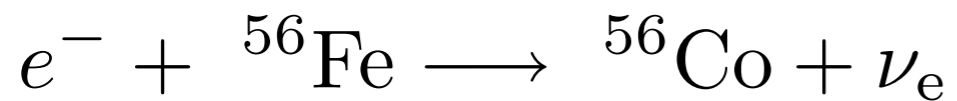
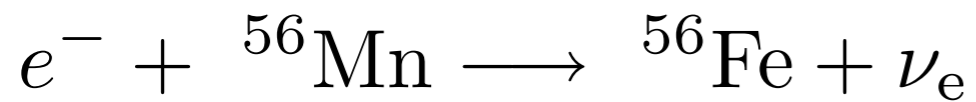
$\sim 10^3$  km

$$E_{\text{gain}} \simeq 3 - 6 \times 10^{53} \text{ erg}$$

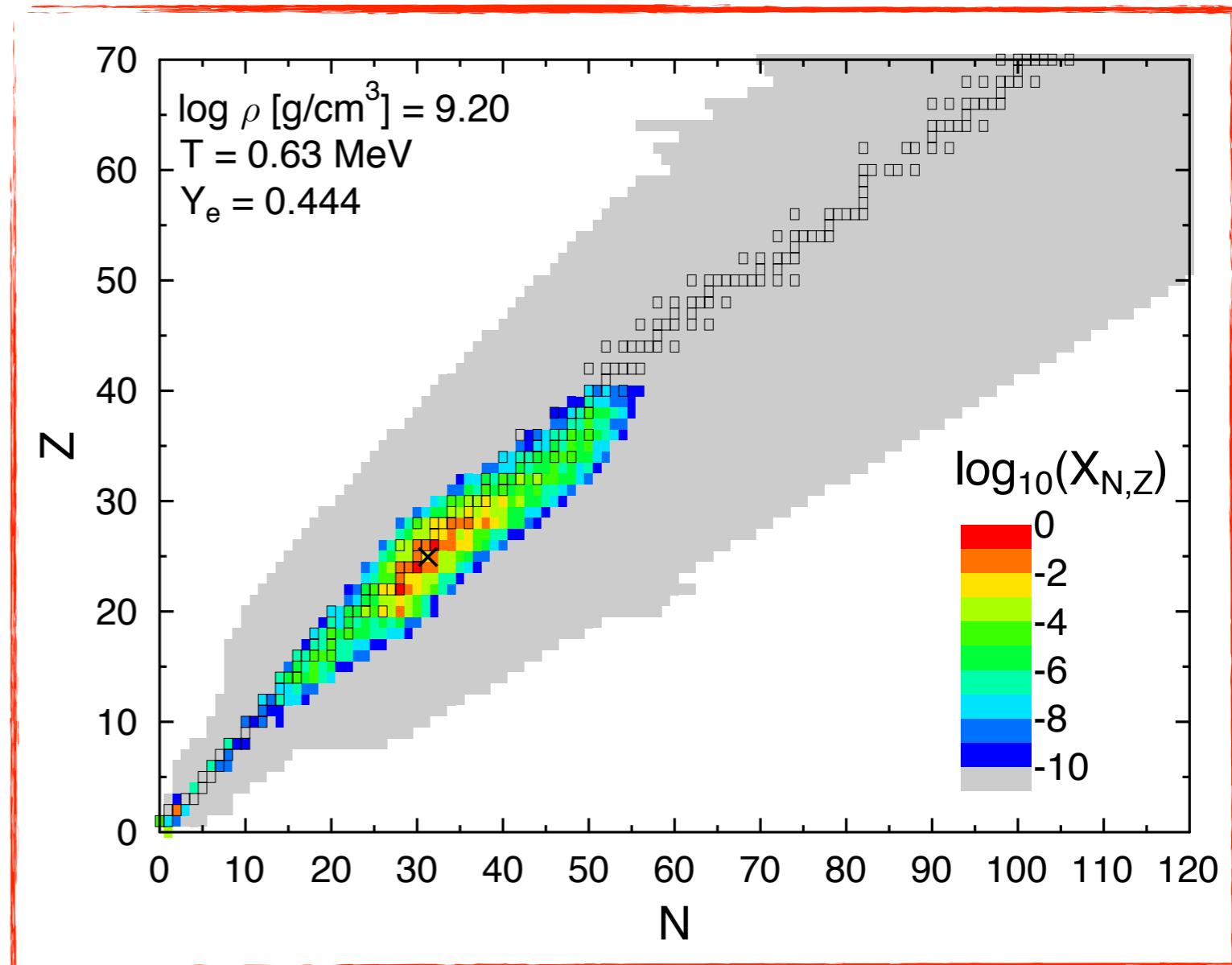


**Iron core**

$$M_{\text{ZAMS}} > 8 M_{\odot}$$



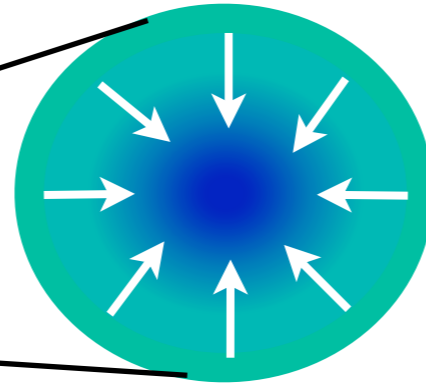
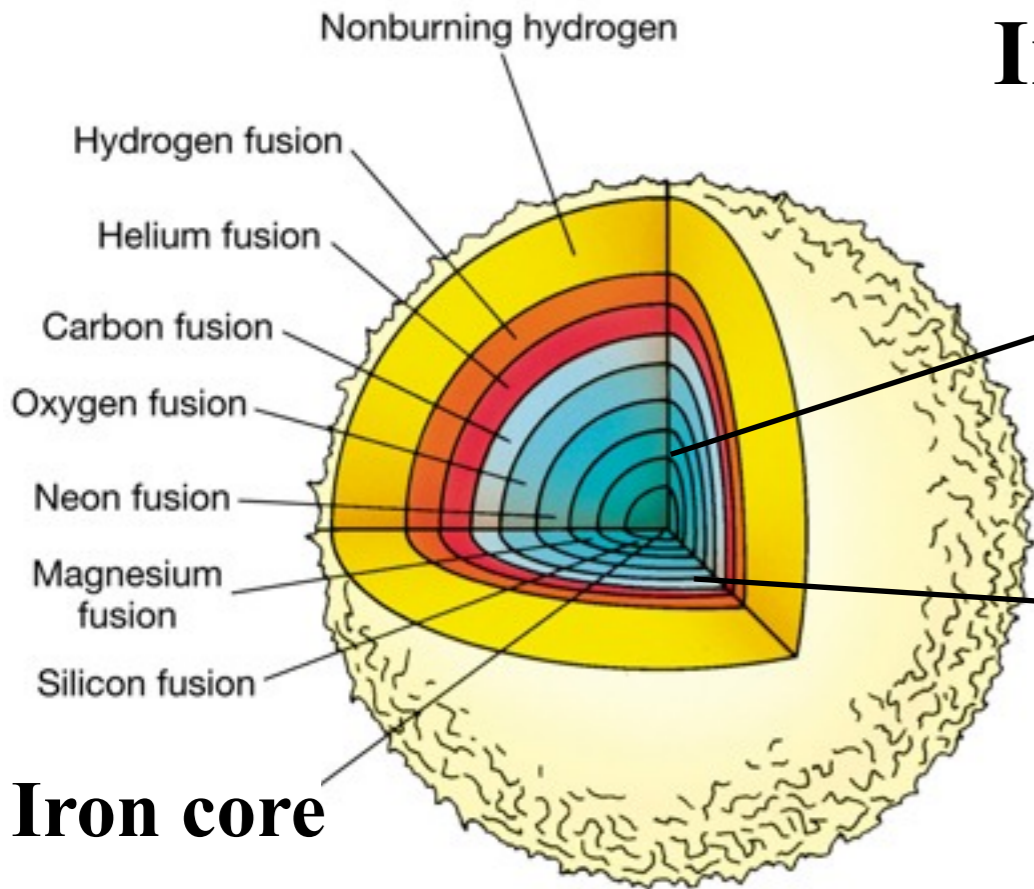
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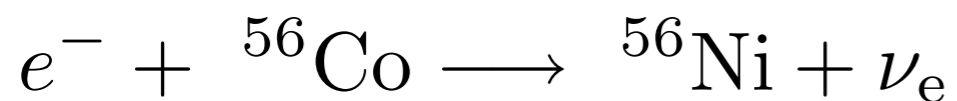
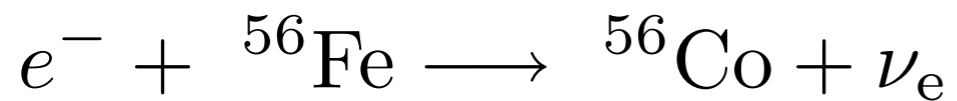
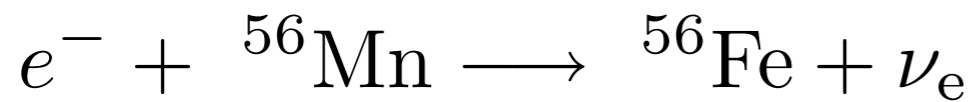
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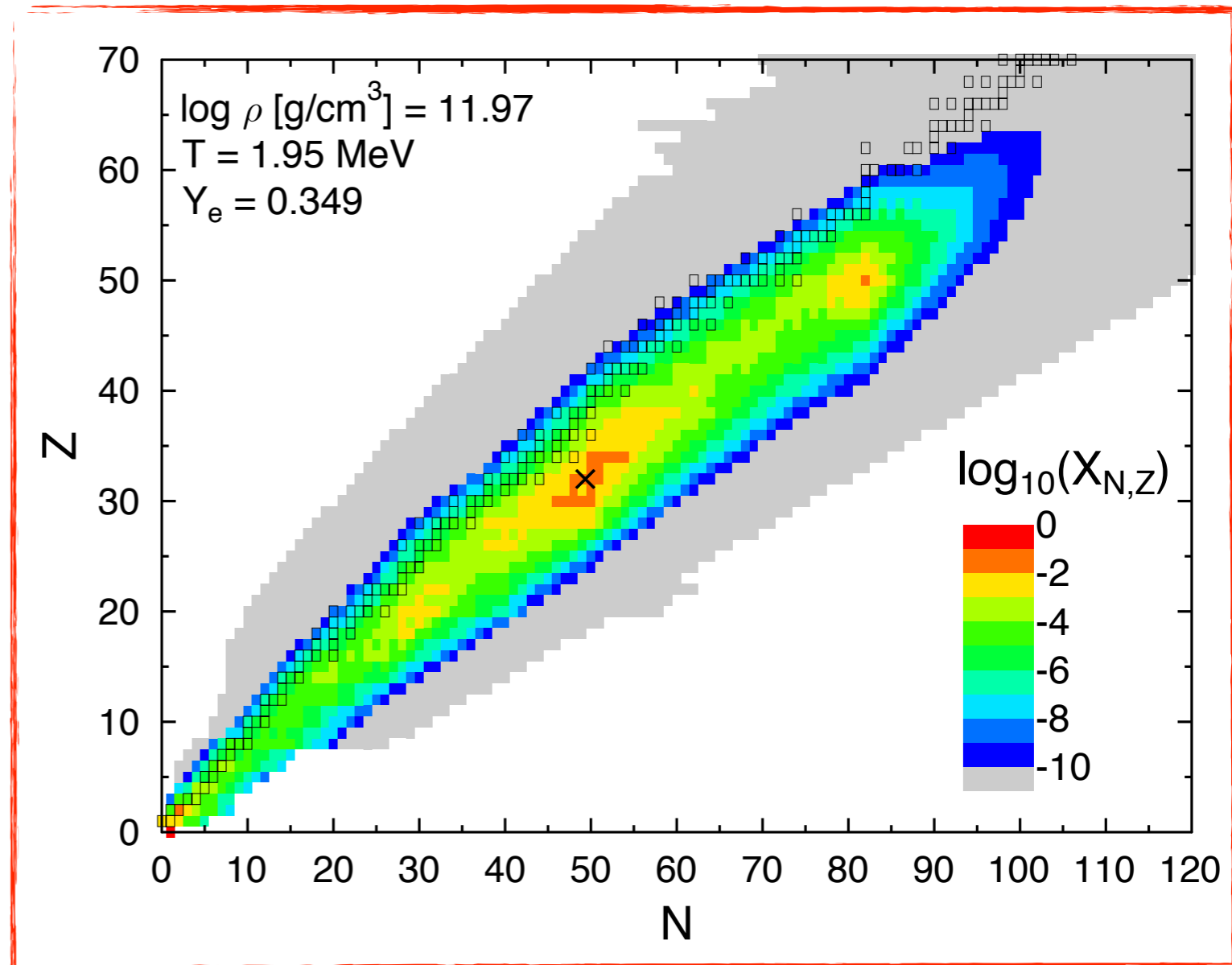


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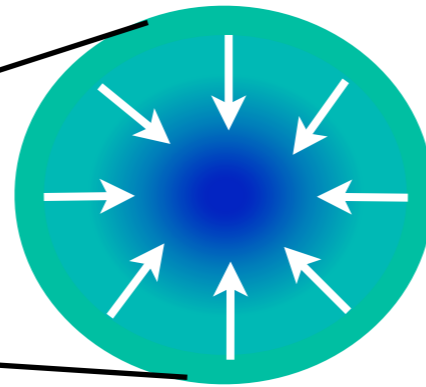
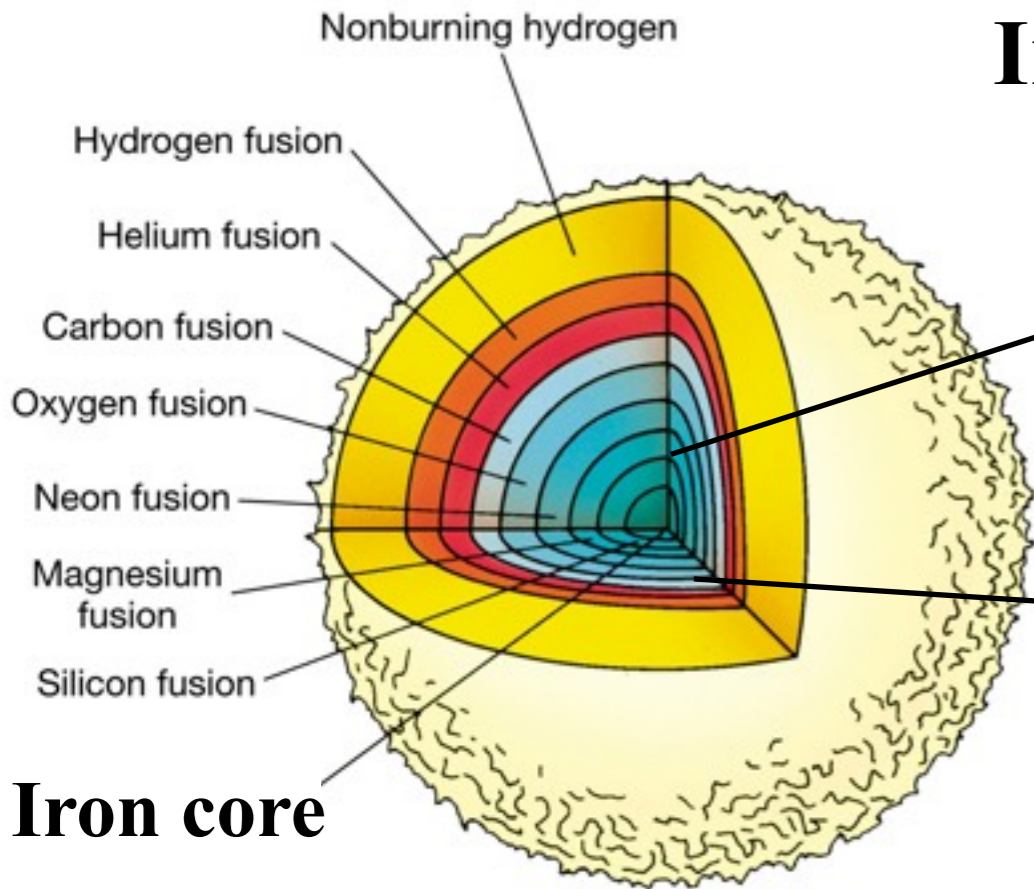
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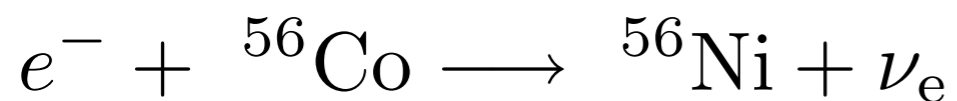
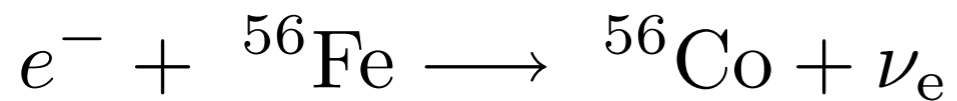
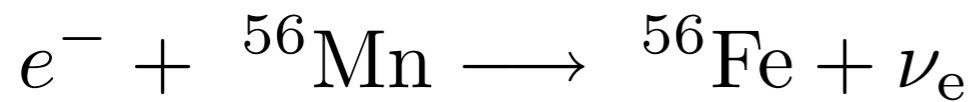
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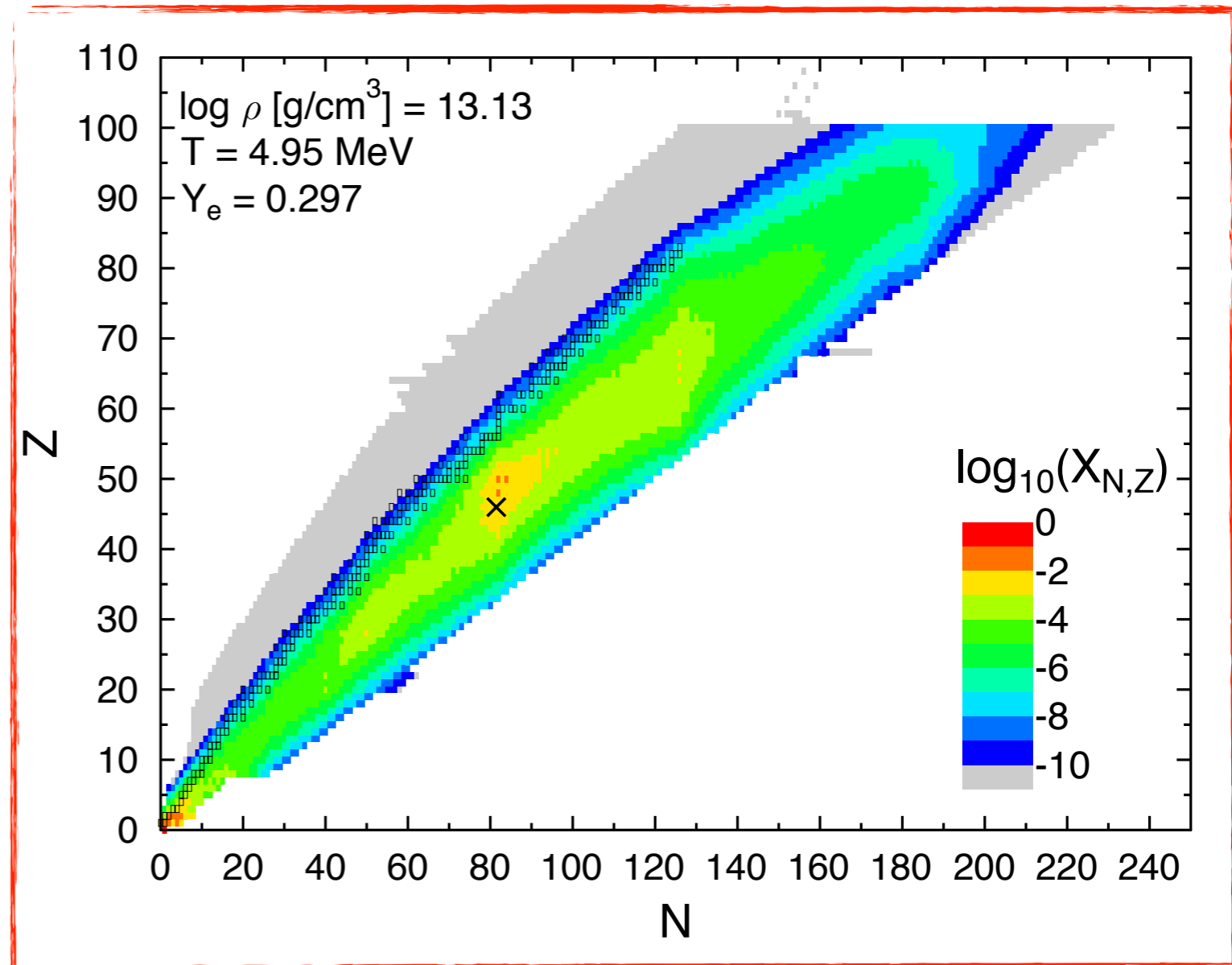


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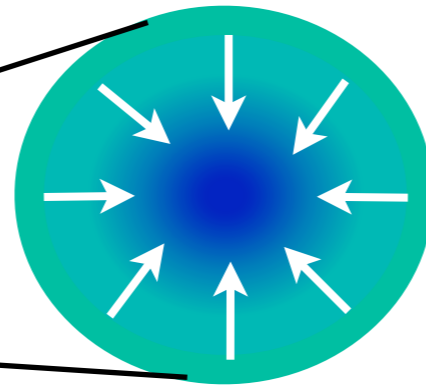
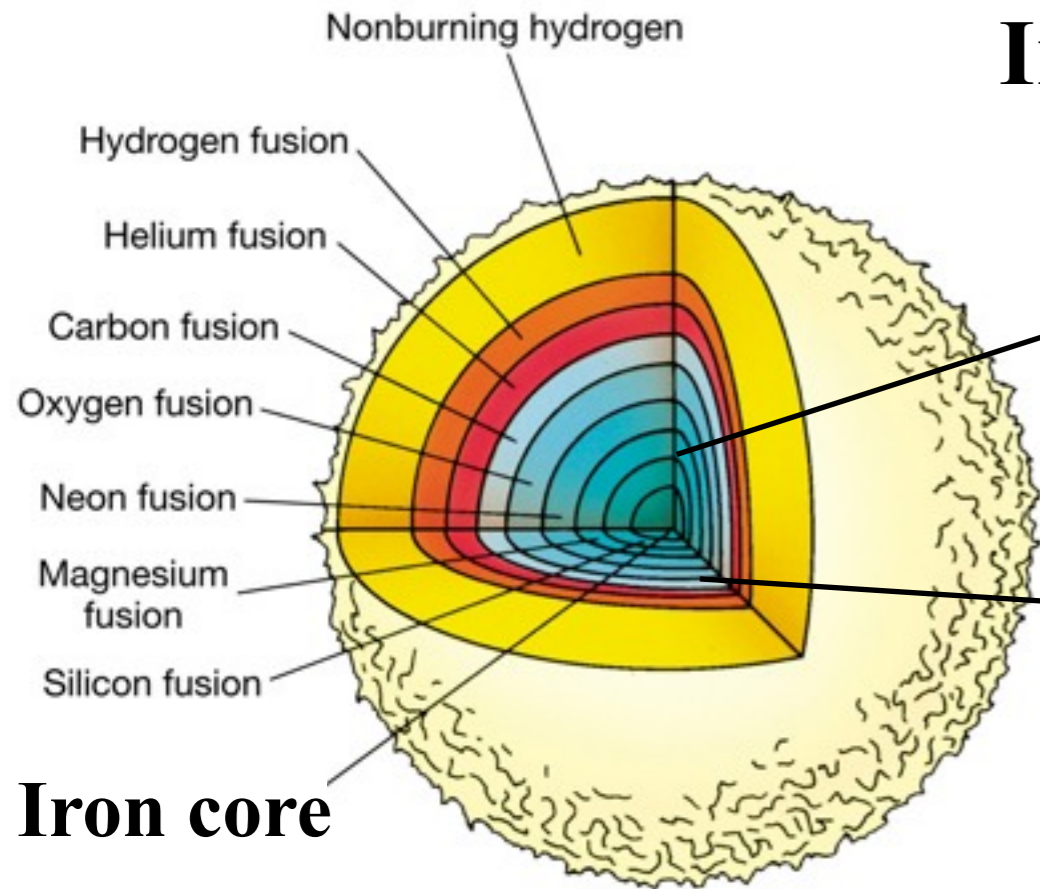
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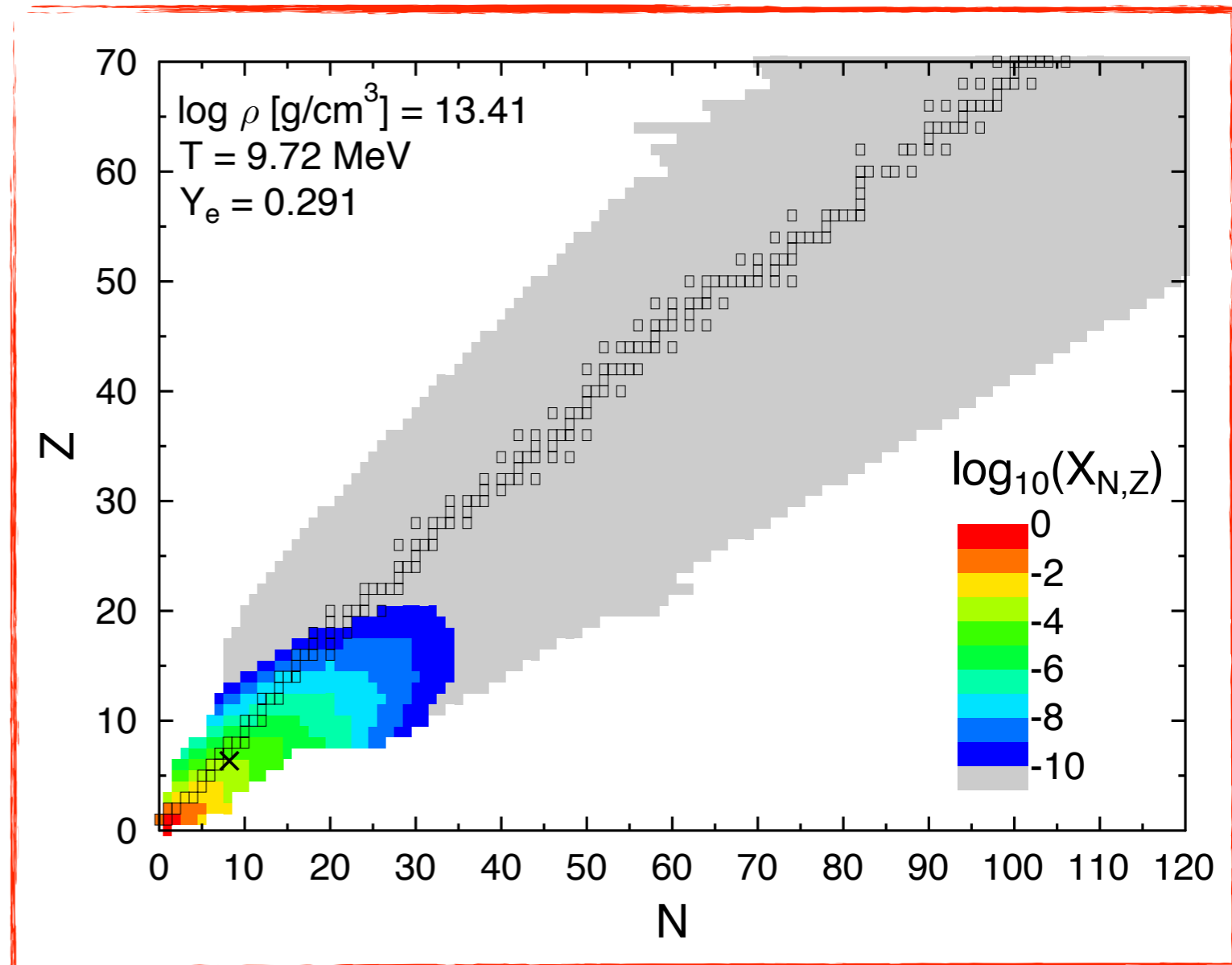
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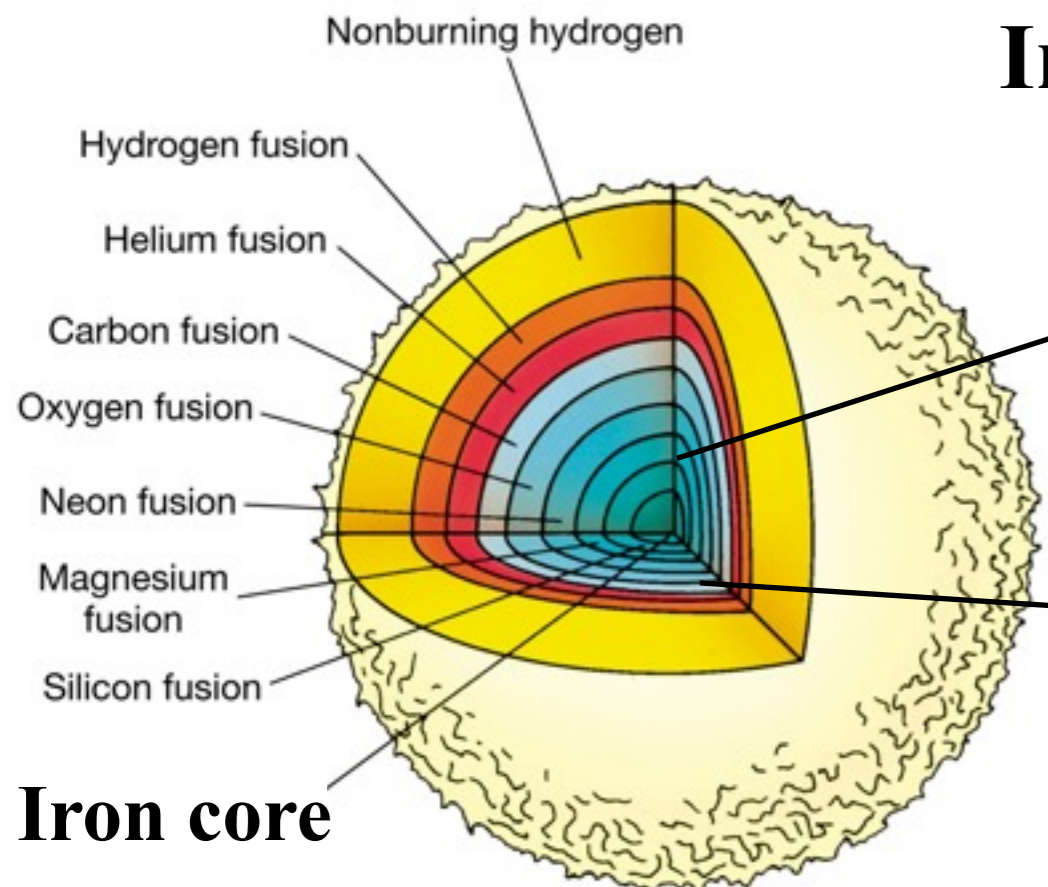


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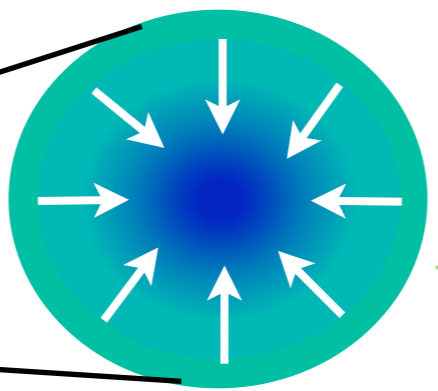






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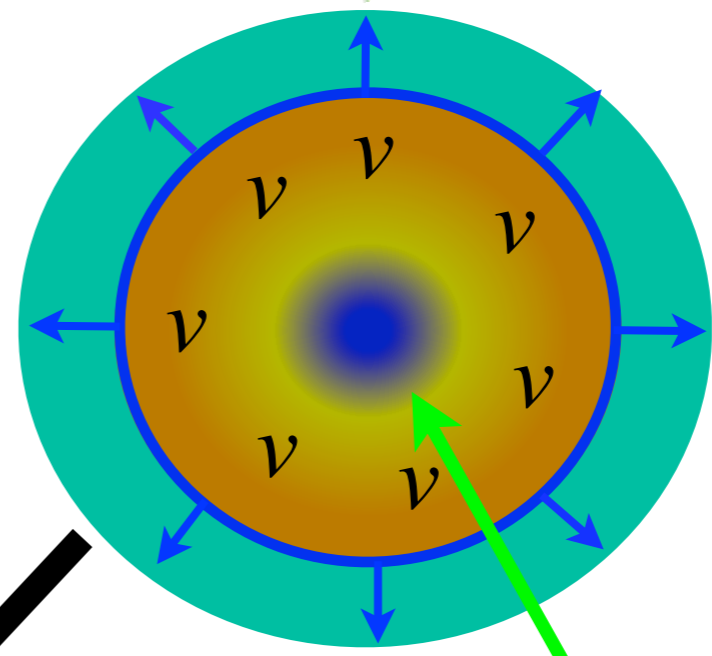
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**“Supernova problem”**  
(ejection of stellar mantle)

$E_{\text{expl}} \simeq 10^{50} - 10^{51}$  erg



$8 - 25 M_{\odot}$

**proto-neutron star (PNS)**

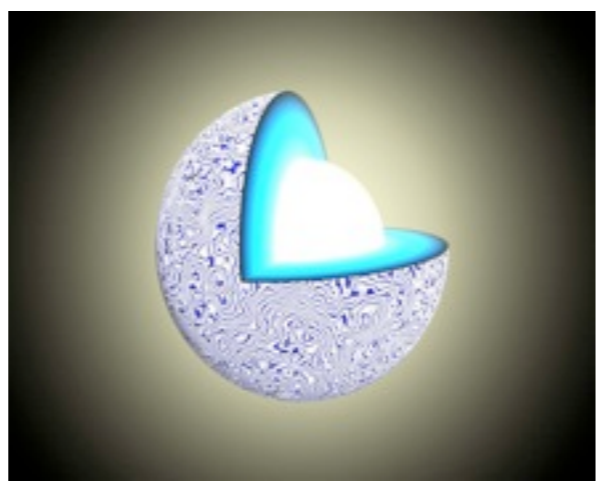
$\sim 40 - 80$  km

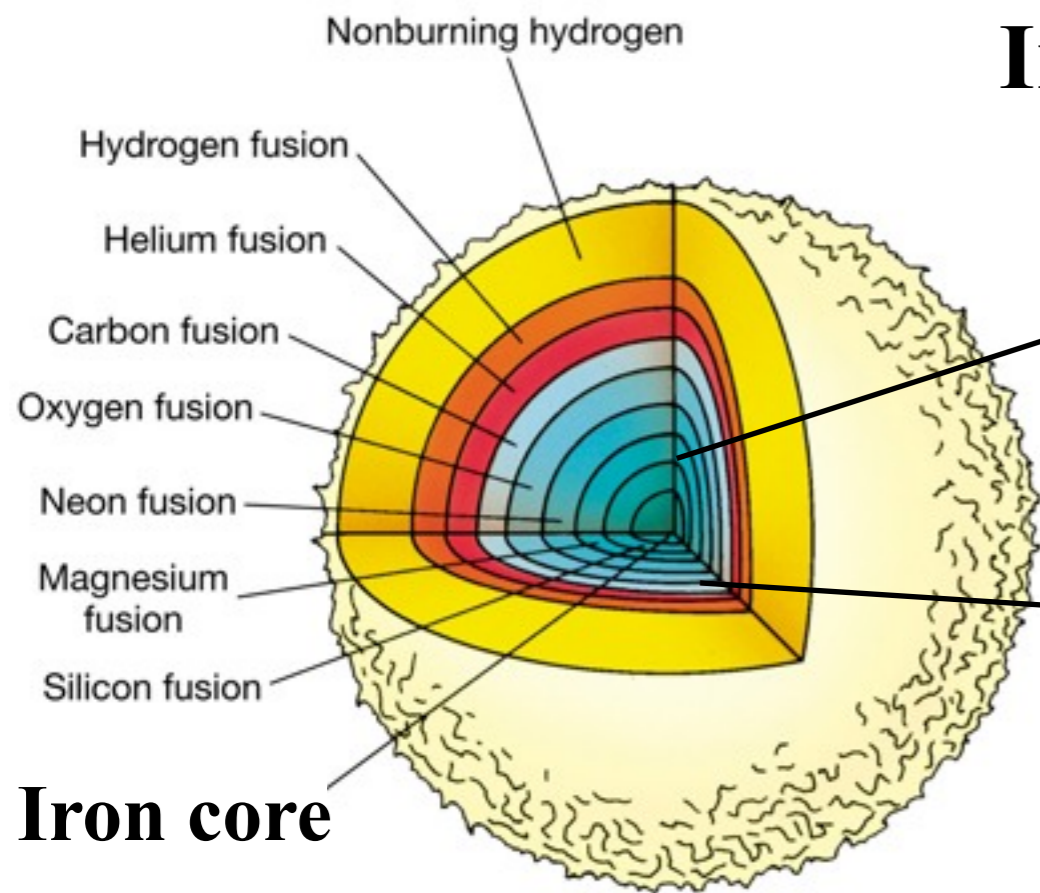
$T \sim 10 - 50$  MeV

**neutron star**

$\sim 12 - 14$  km

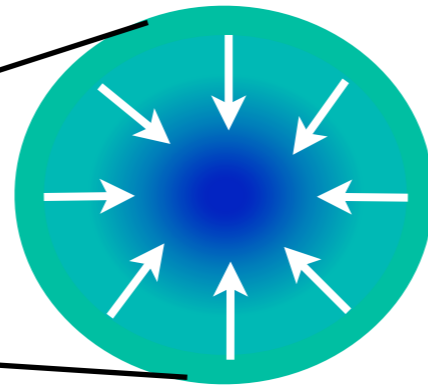
$T = 0$





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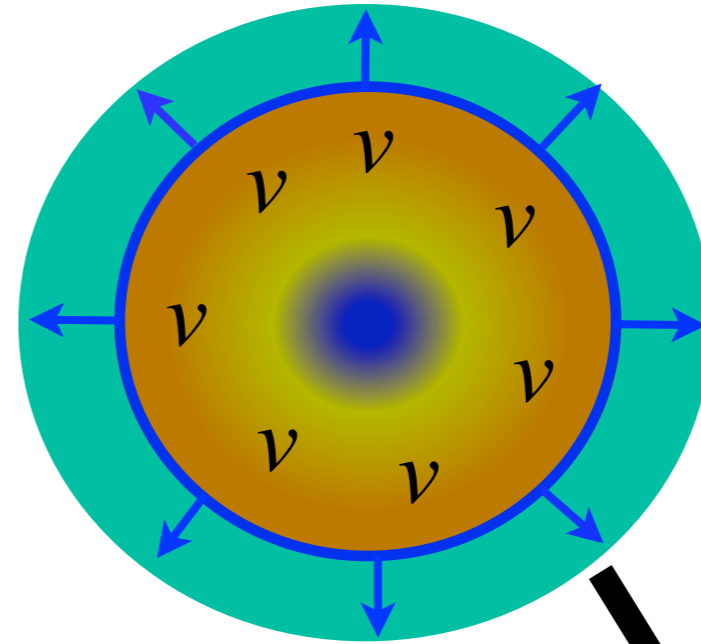
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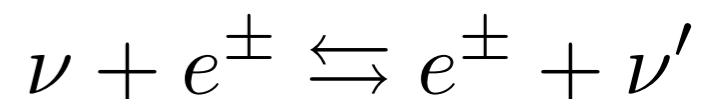
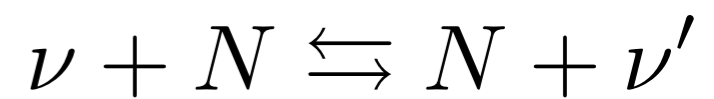
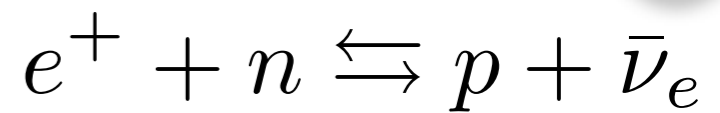
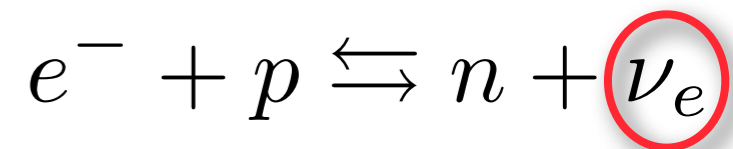
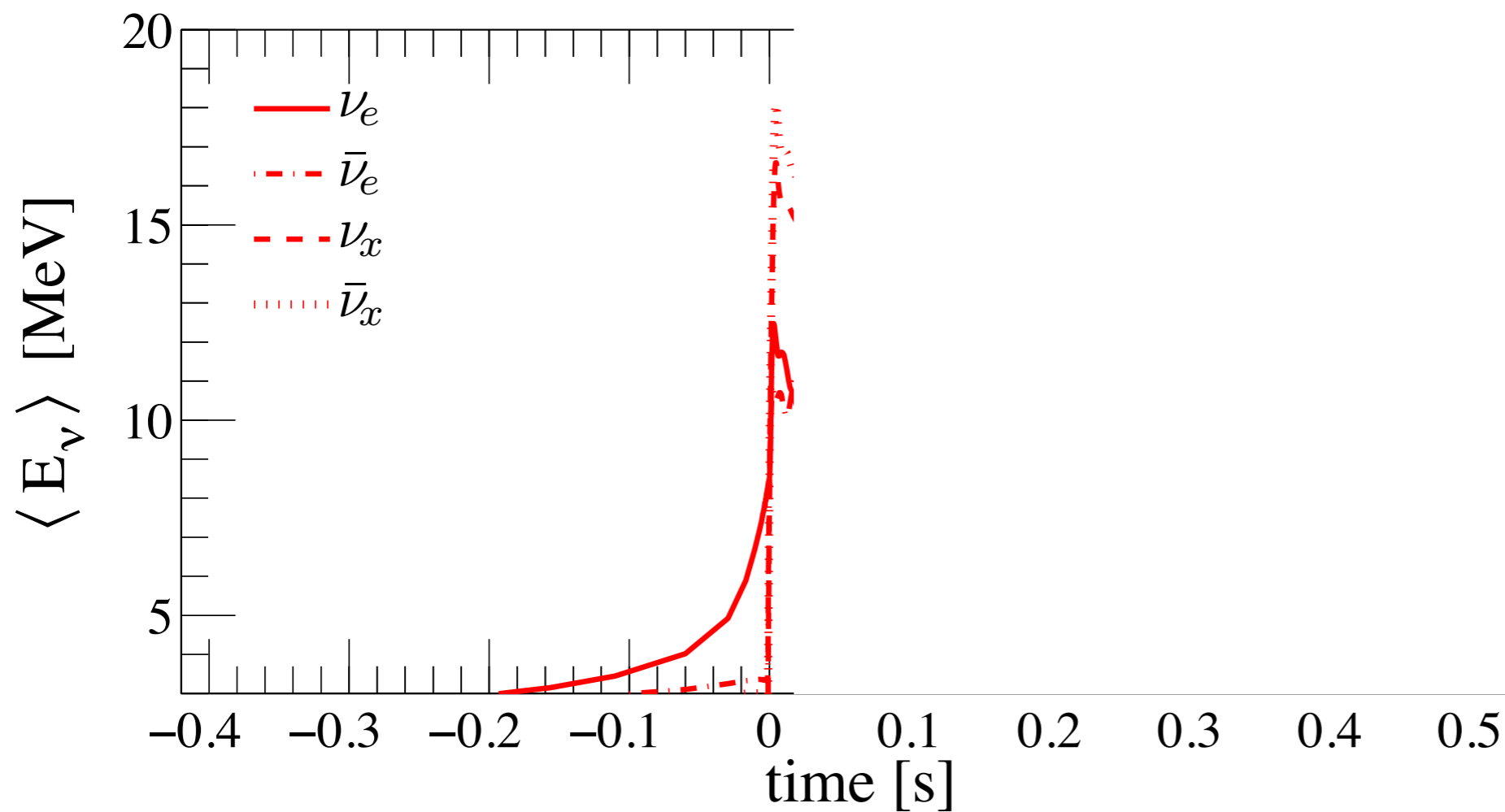
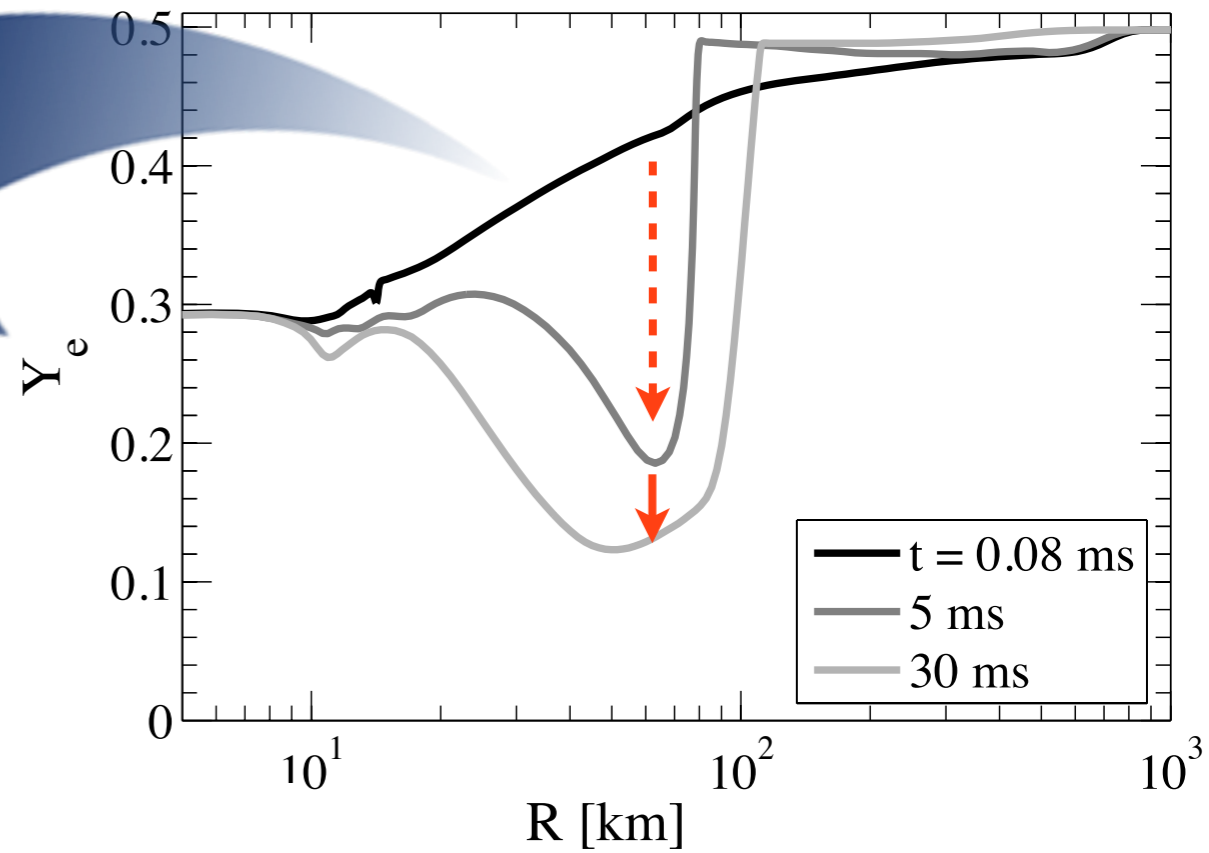
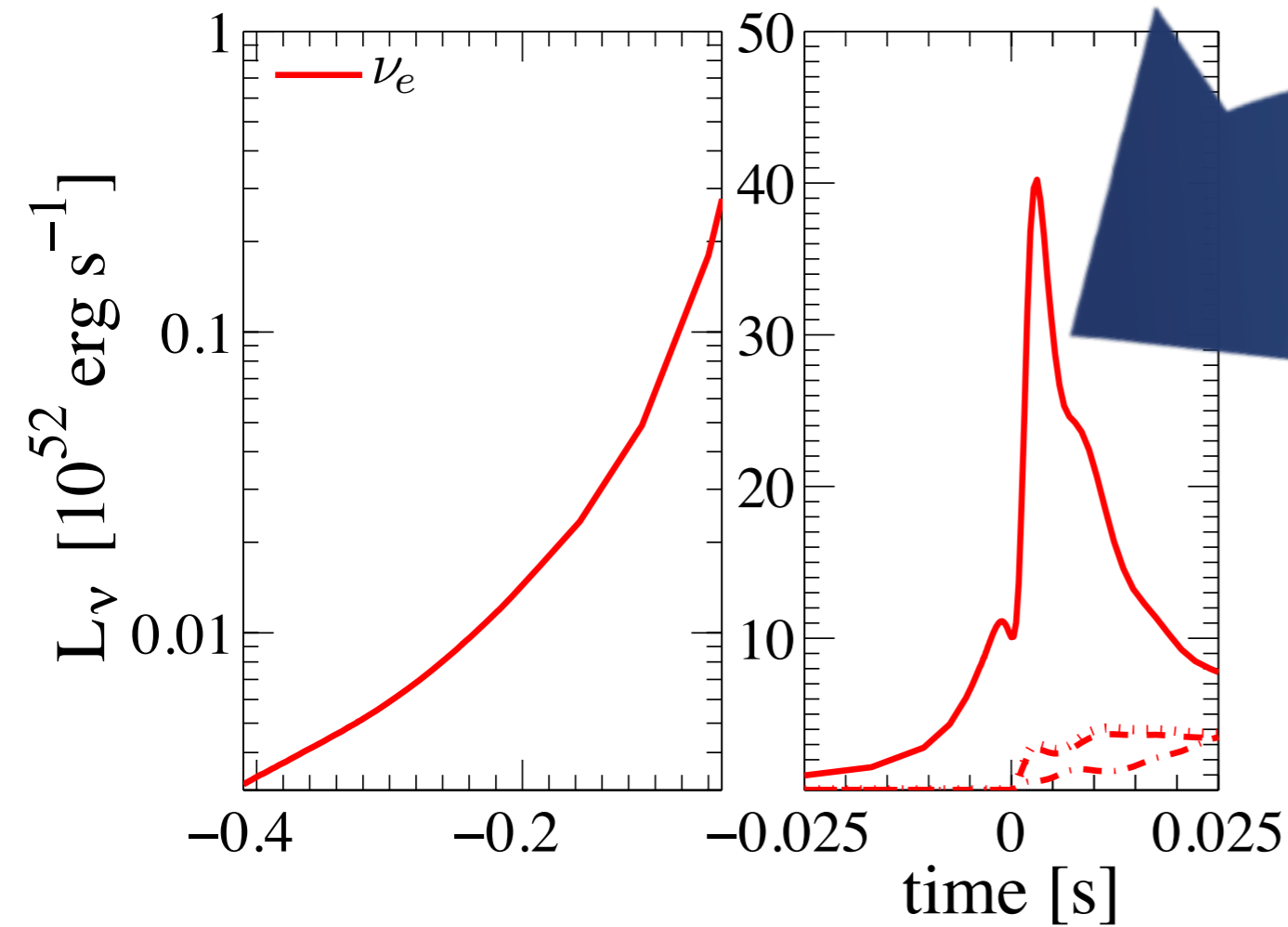
$E_{\text{expl}} \simeq 10^{50} - 10^{51}$  erg



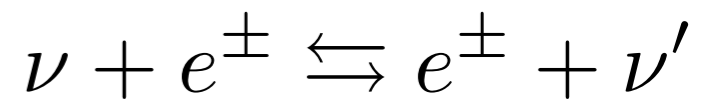
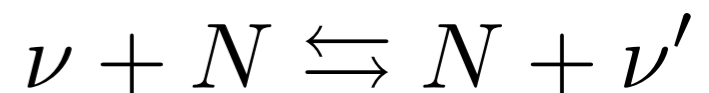
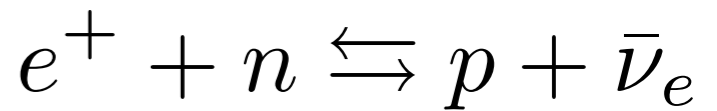
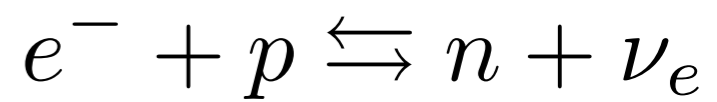
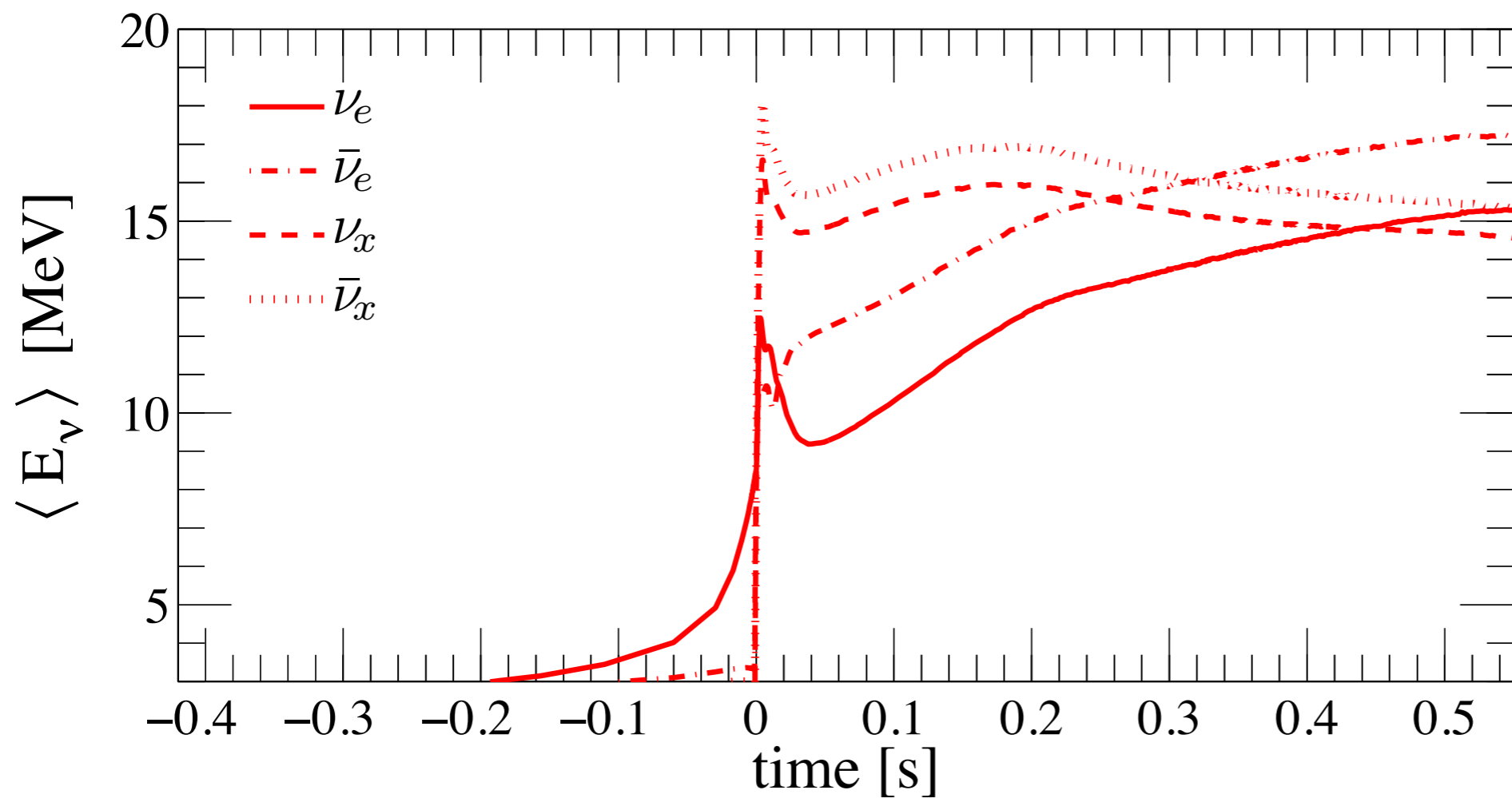
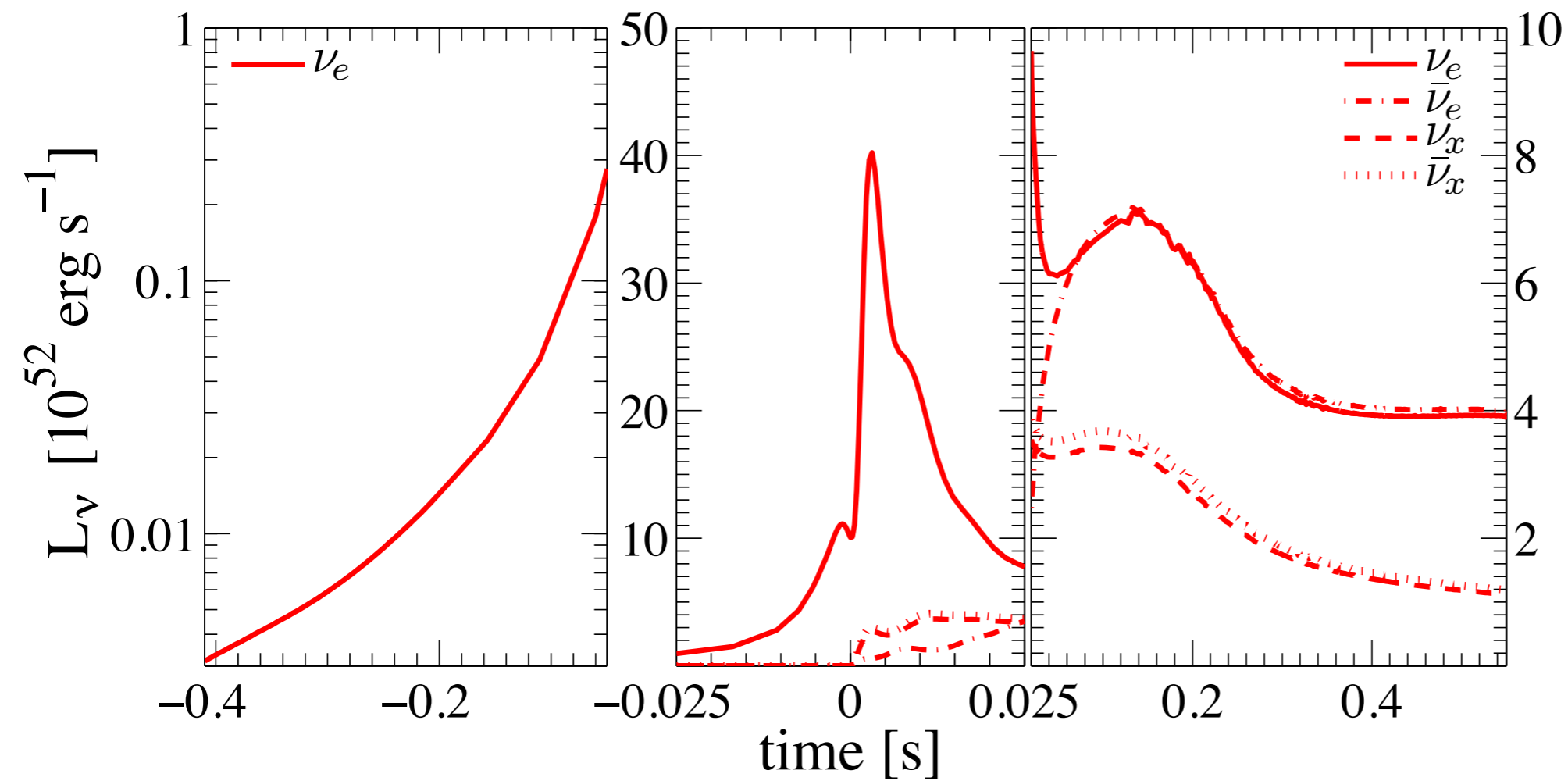
$\gtrsim 30 M_{\odot}$  (?)

**black hole**

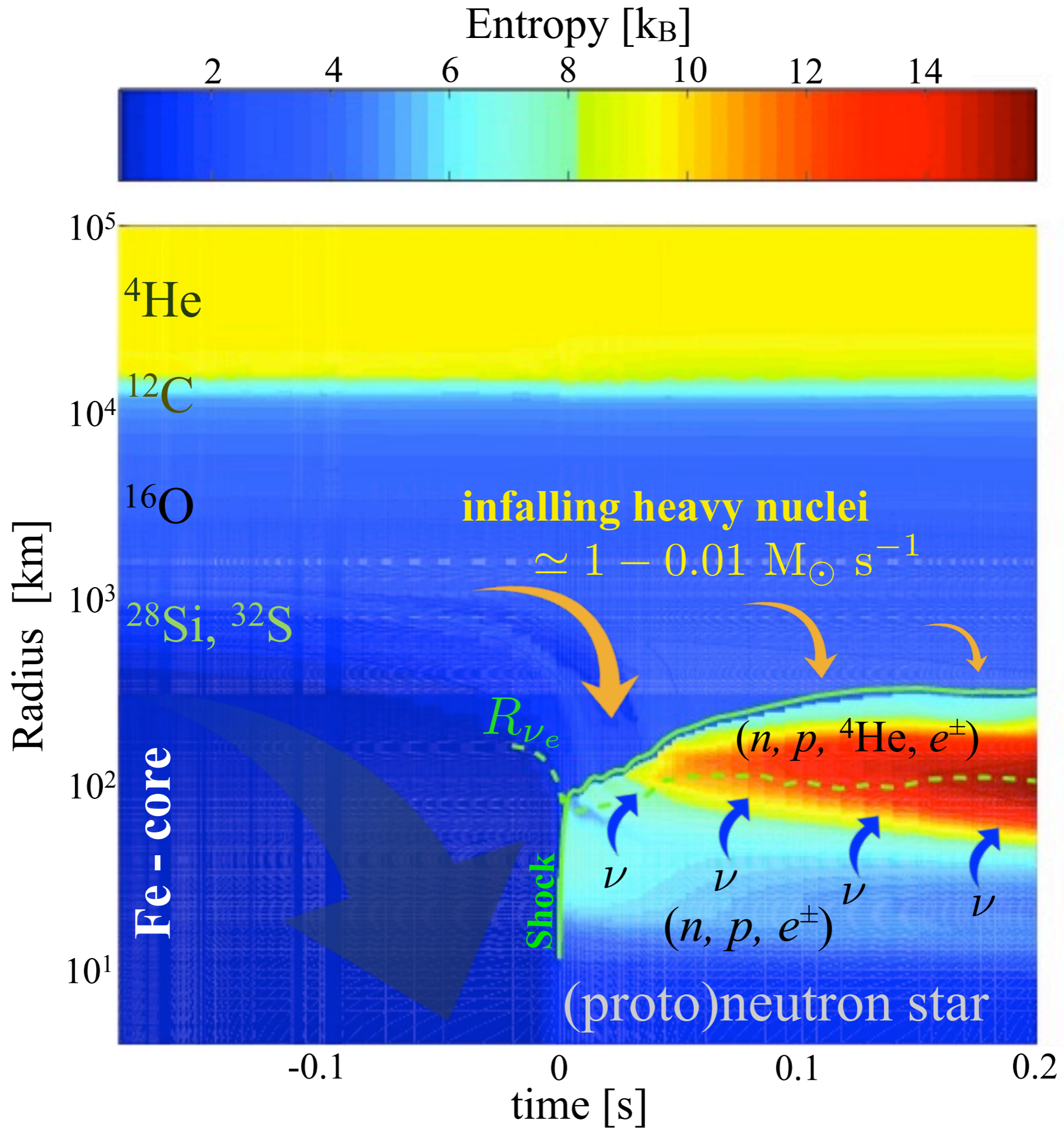




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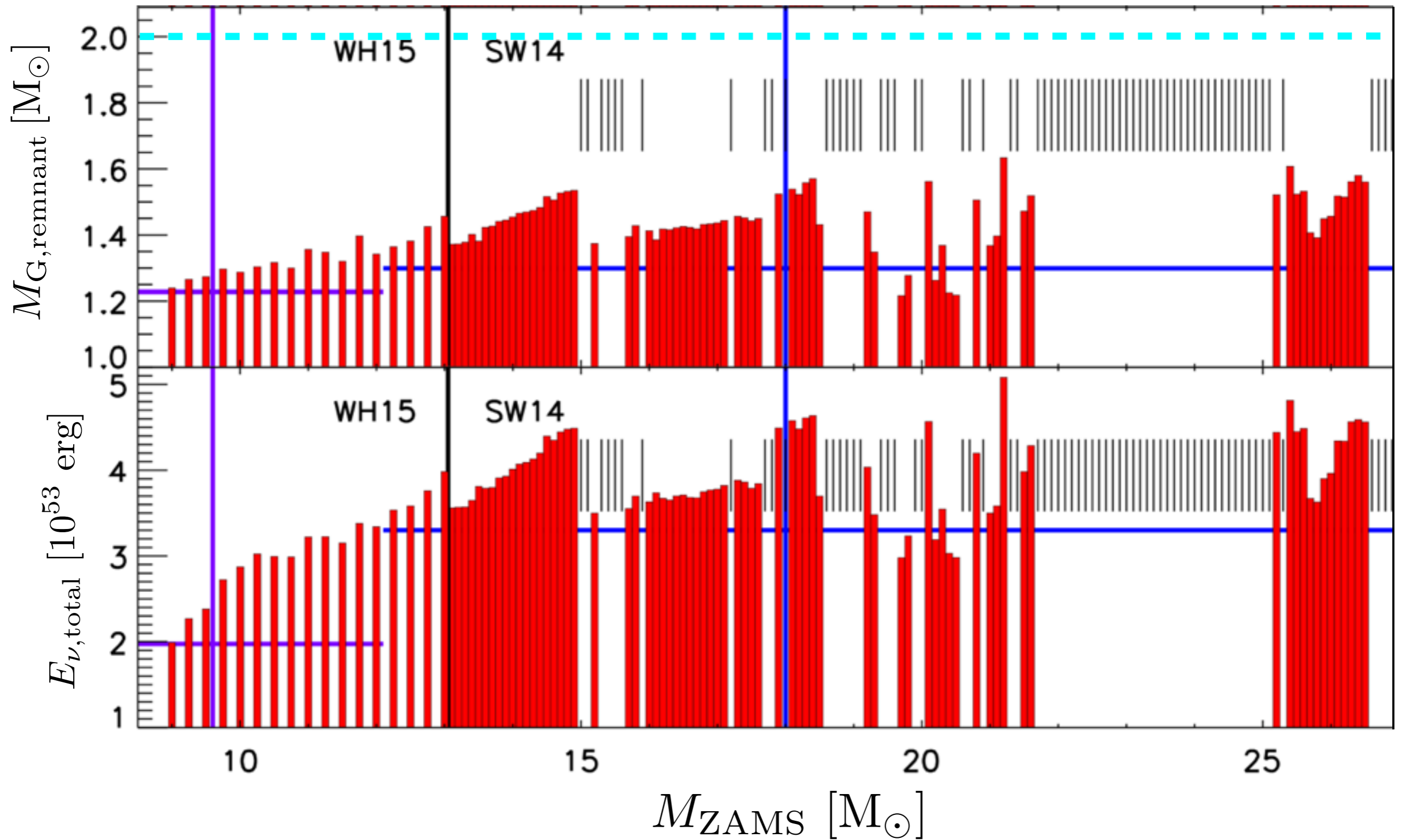
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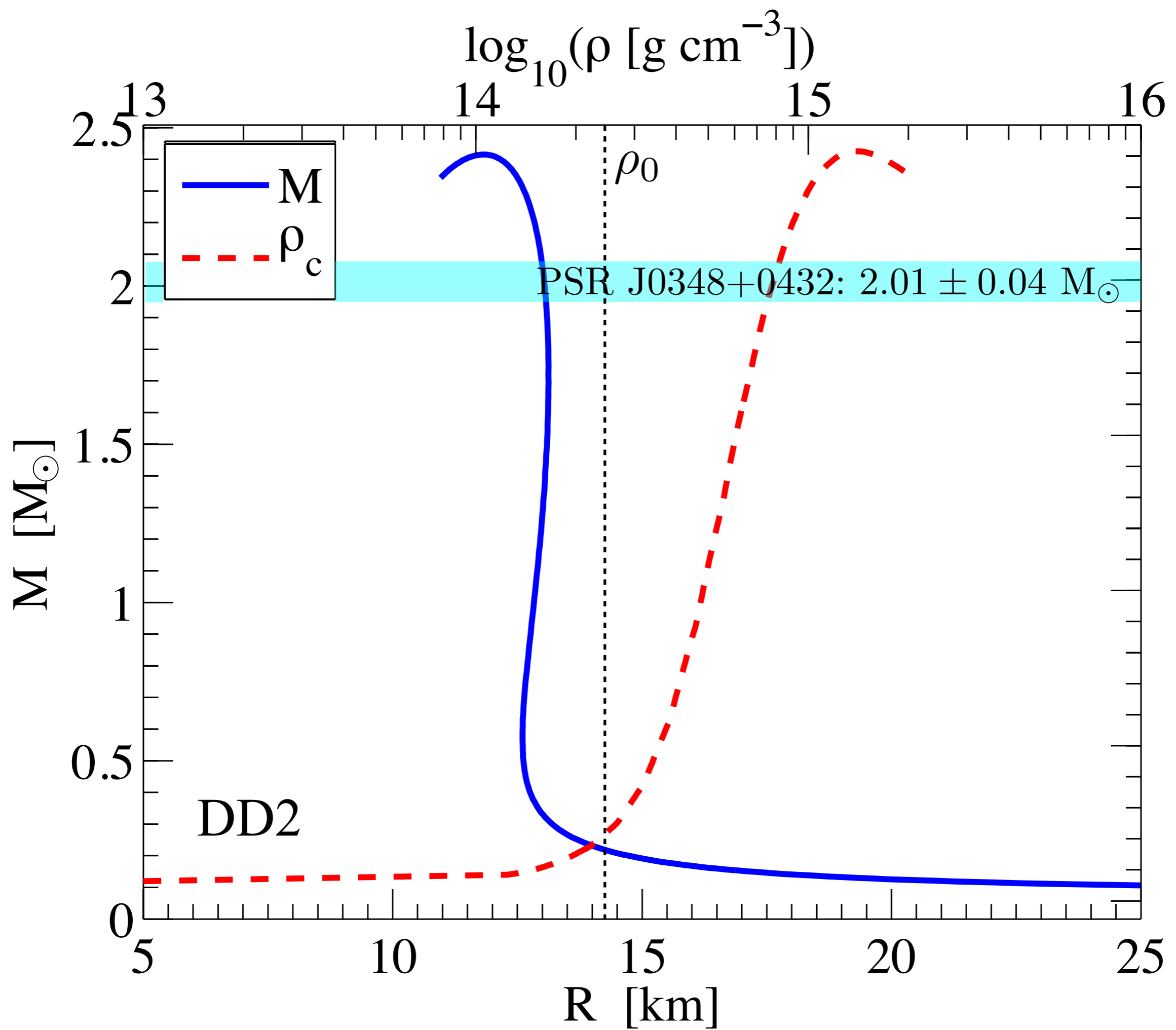


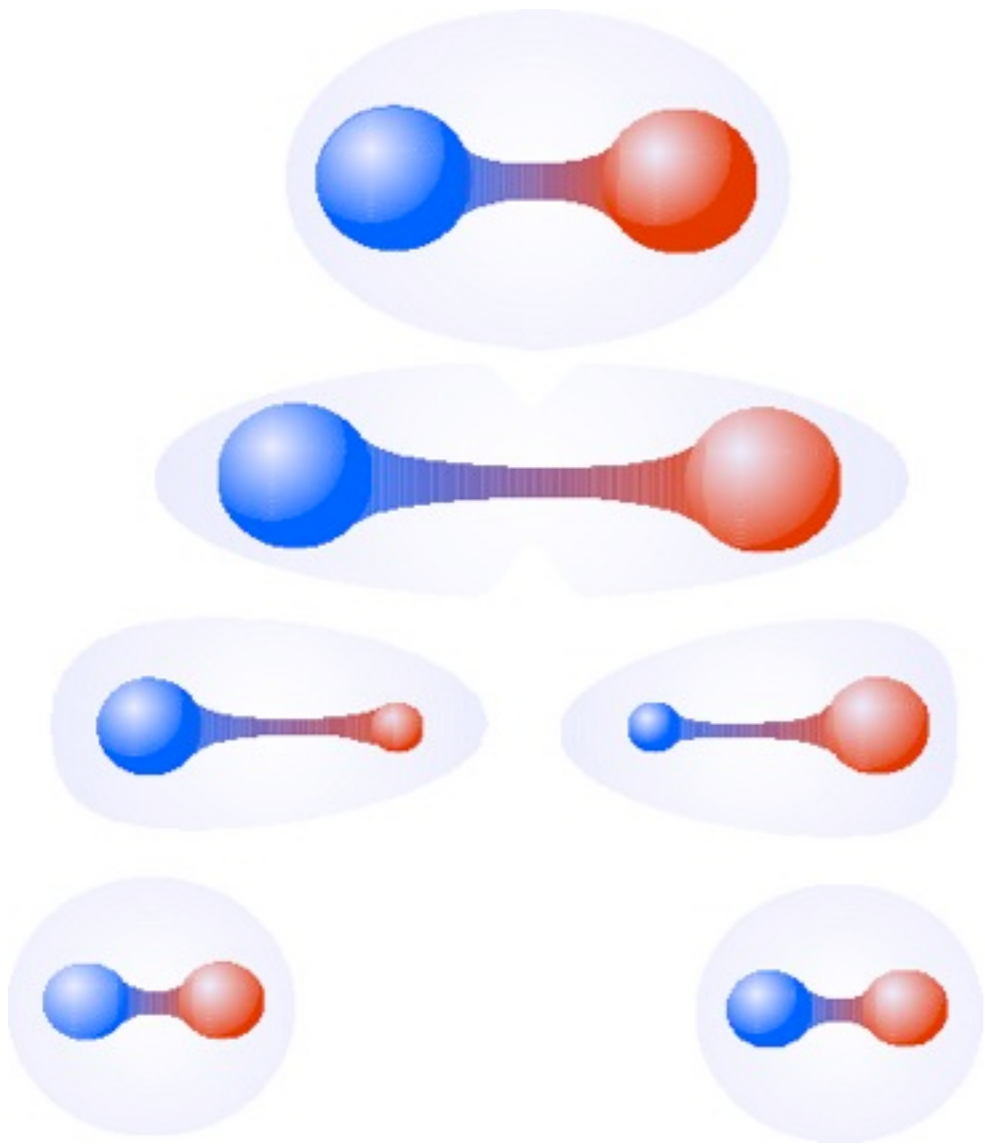
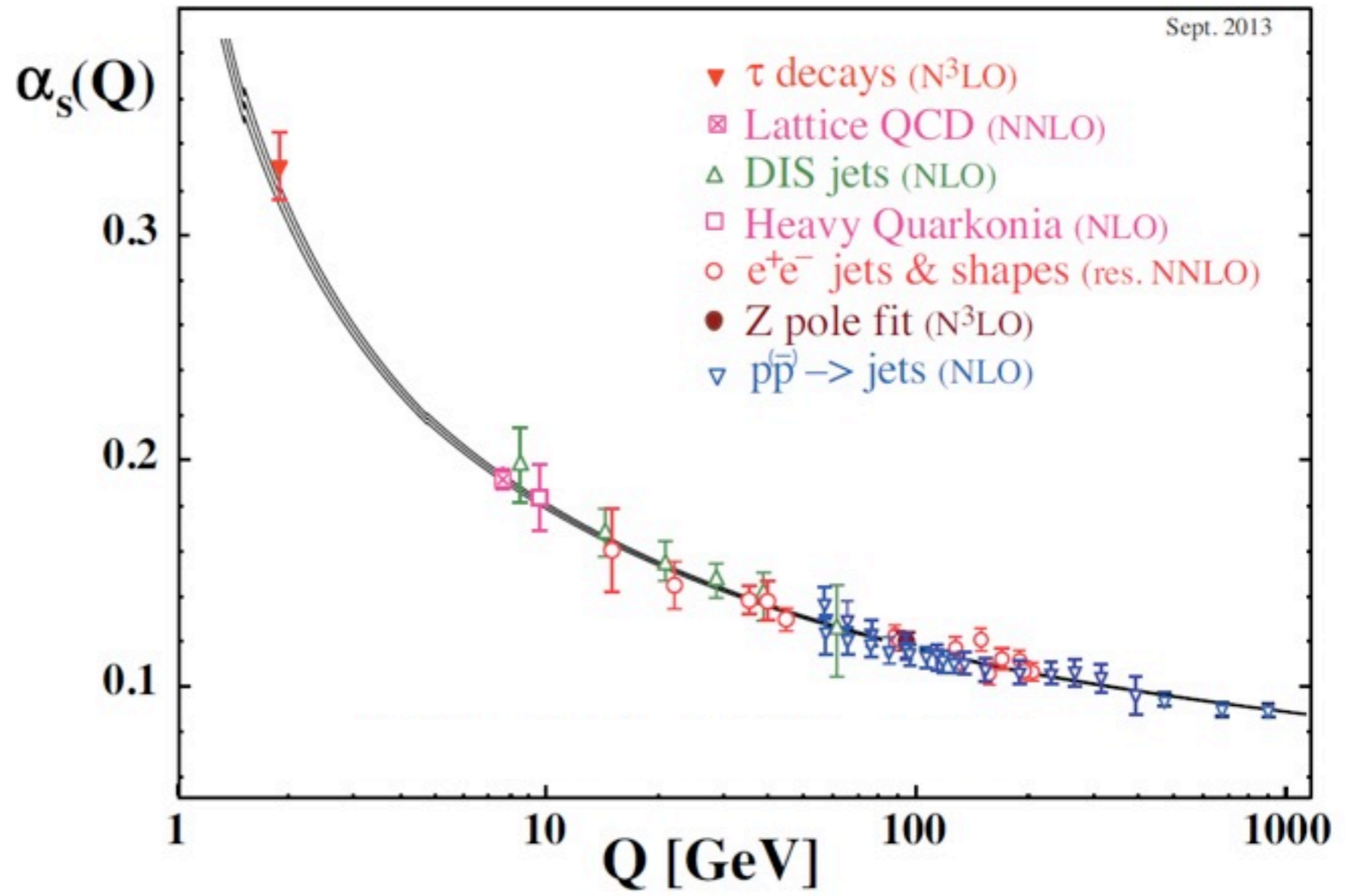
$e^-$  capture  
supernovae

SN1987A

$M_{G,\text{remnant}} < 1.65 M_{\odot}$



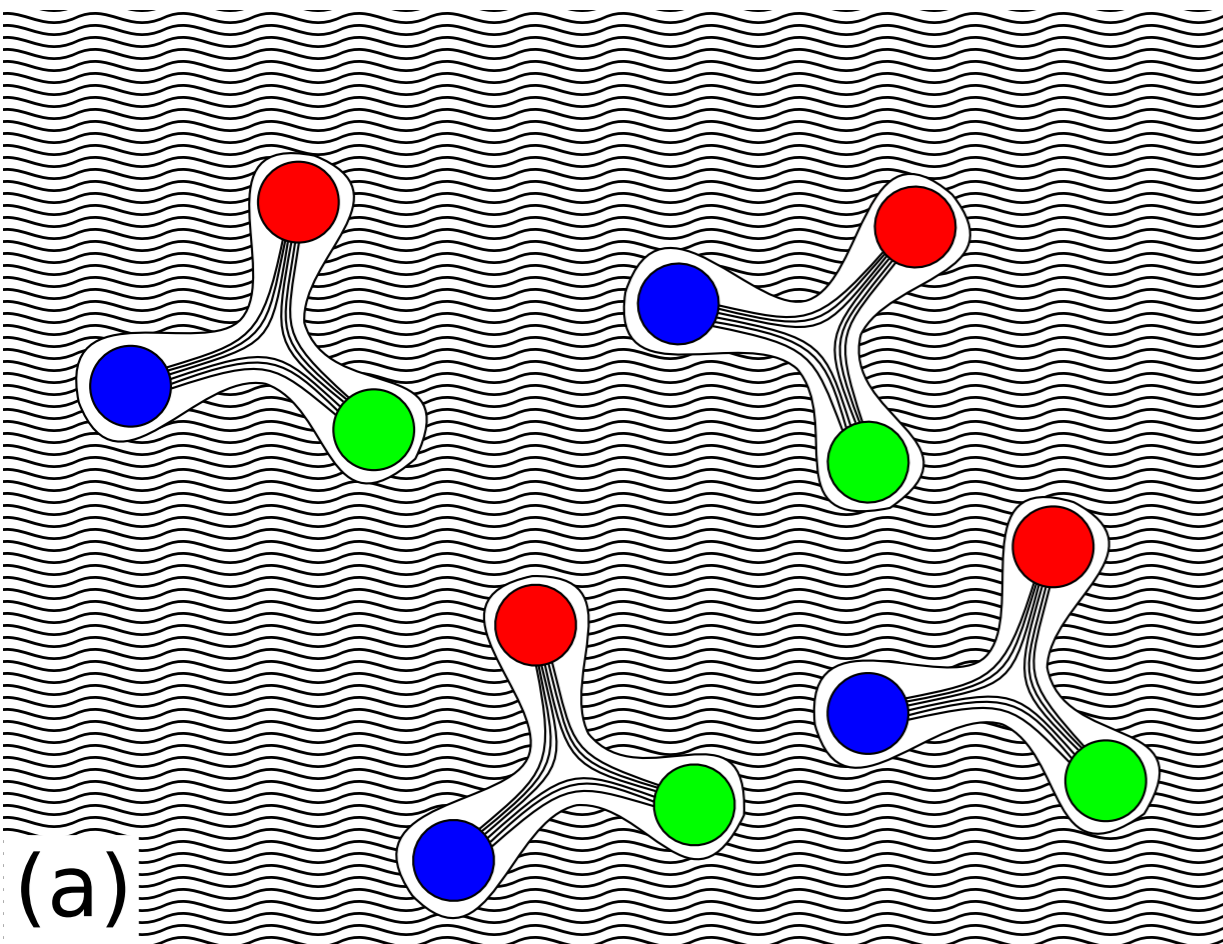




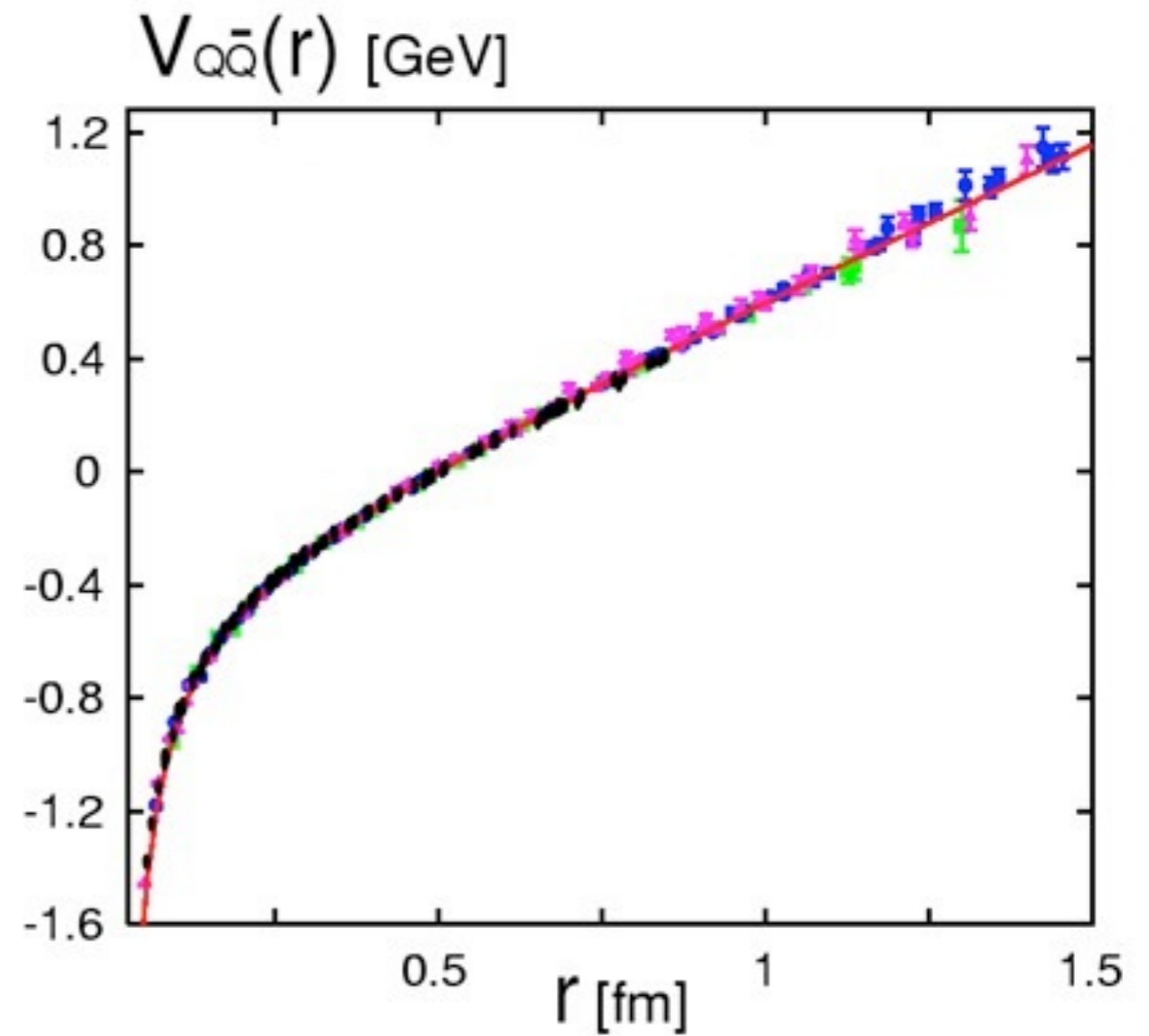
see talk by Niels-Uwe Bastian



vacuum



$$D = D_0$$



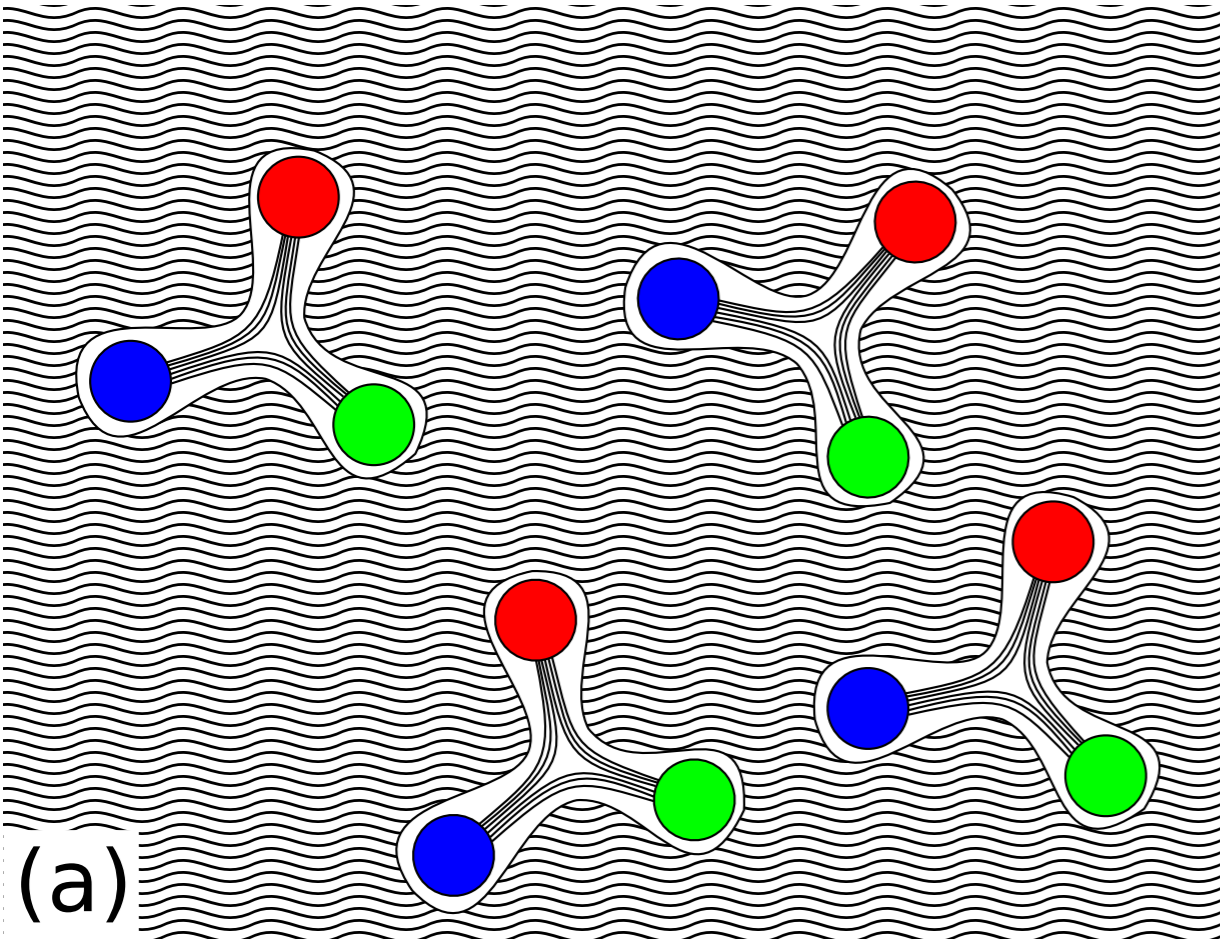
$$V_{Q\bar{Q}}(r) \propto D_0 r - \frac{A}{r}$$

$$D_0 = 1 \text{ GeV fm}^{-1}$$

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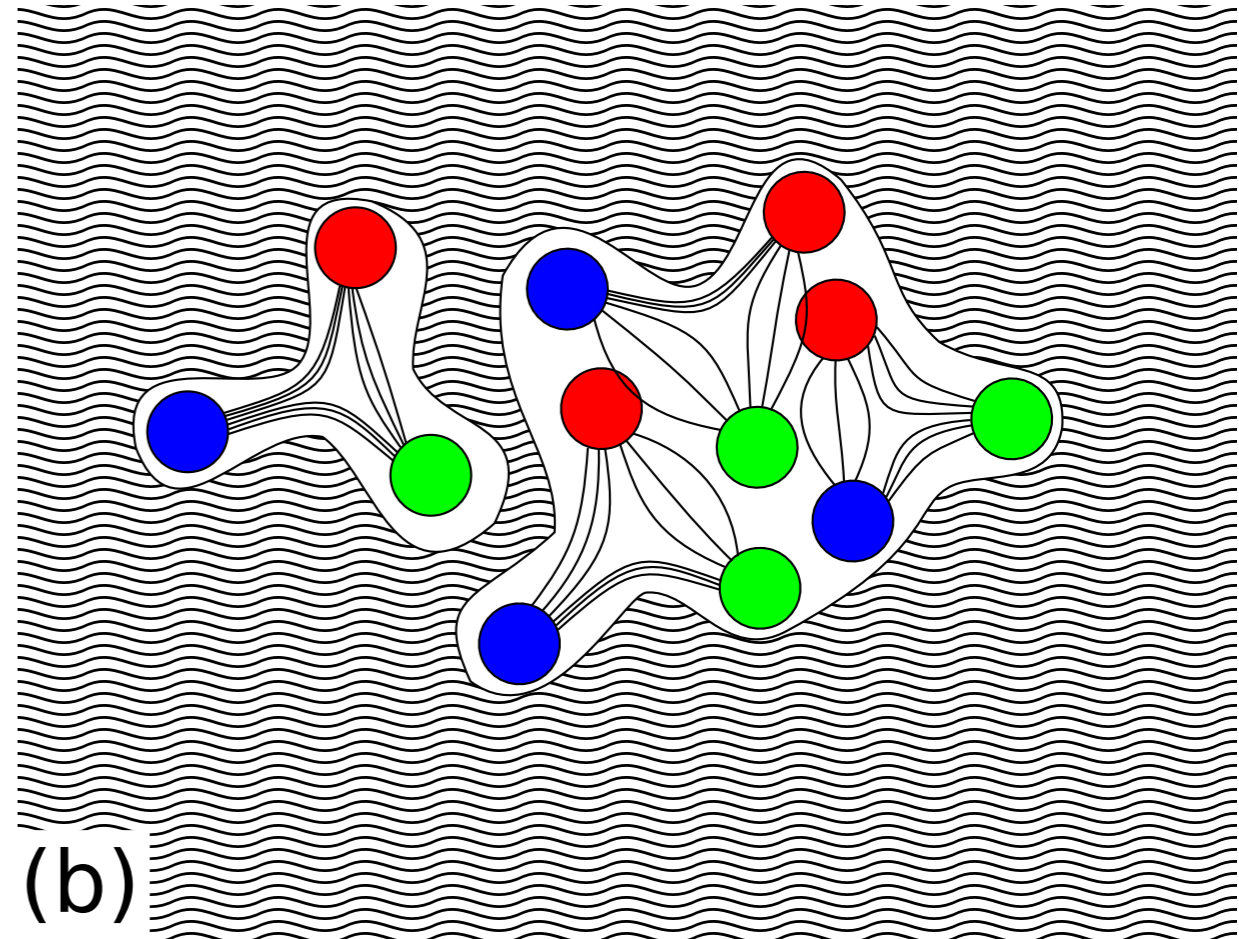
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(see talk by Aleksandr Nikolaev)

## medium dependence



$$D(\rho) = D_0 \Phi(\rho)$$

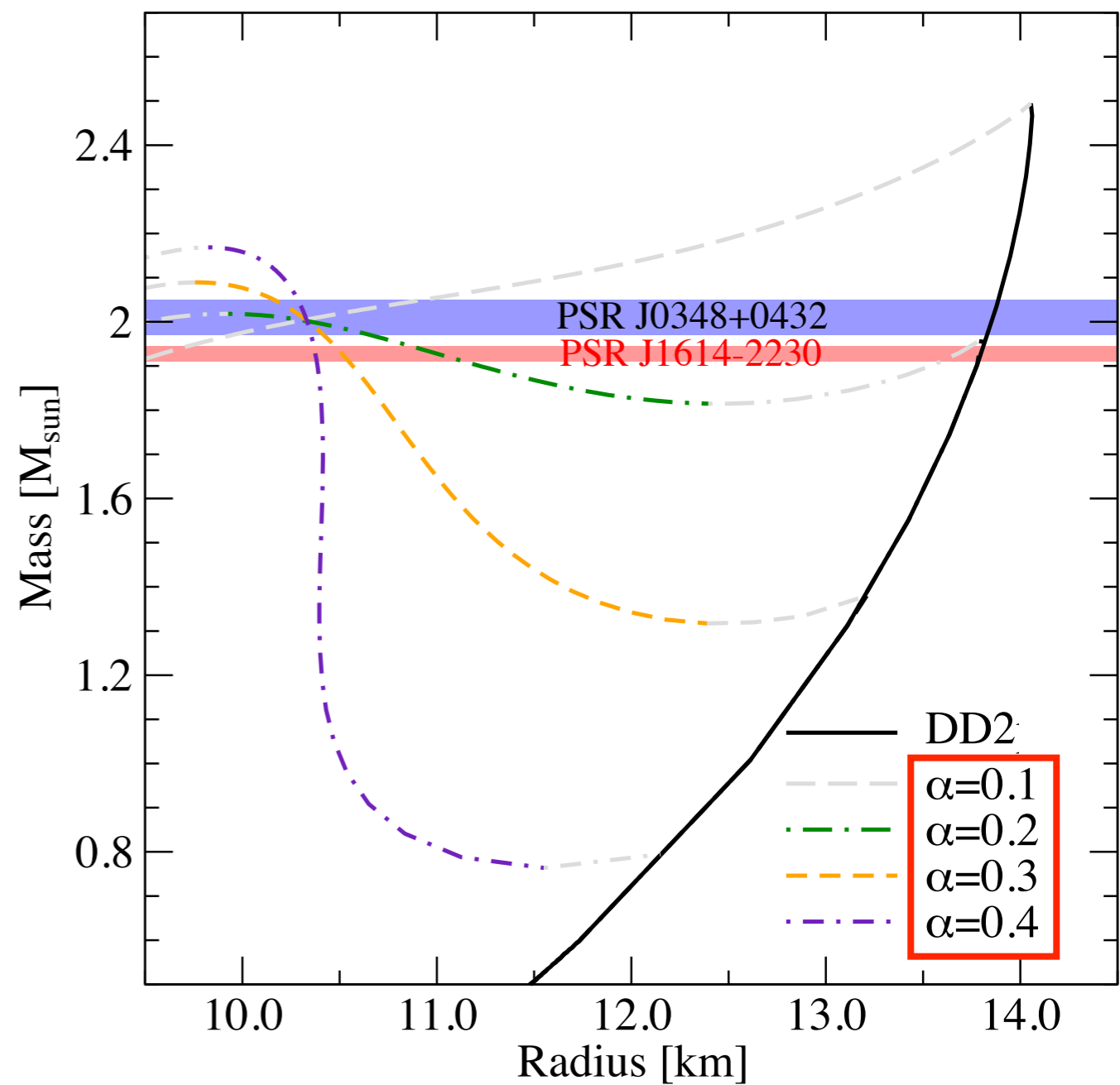
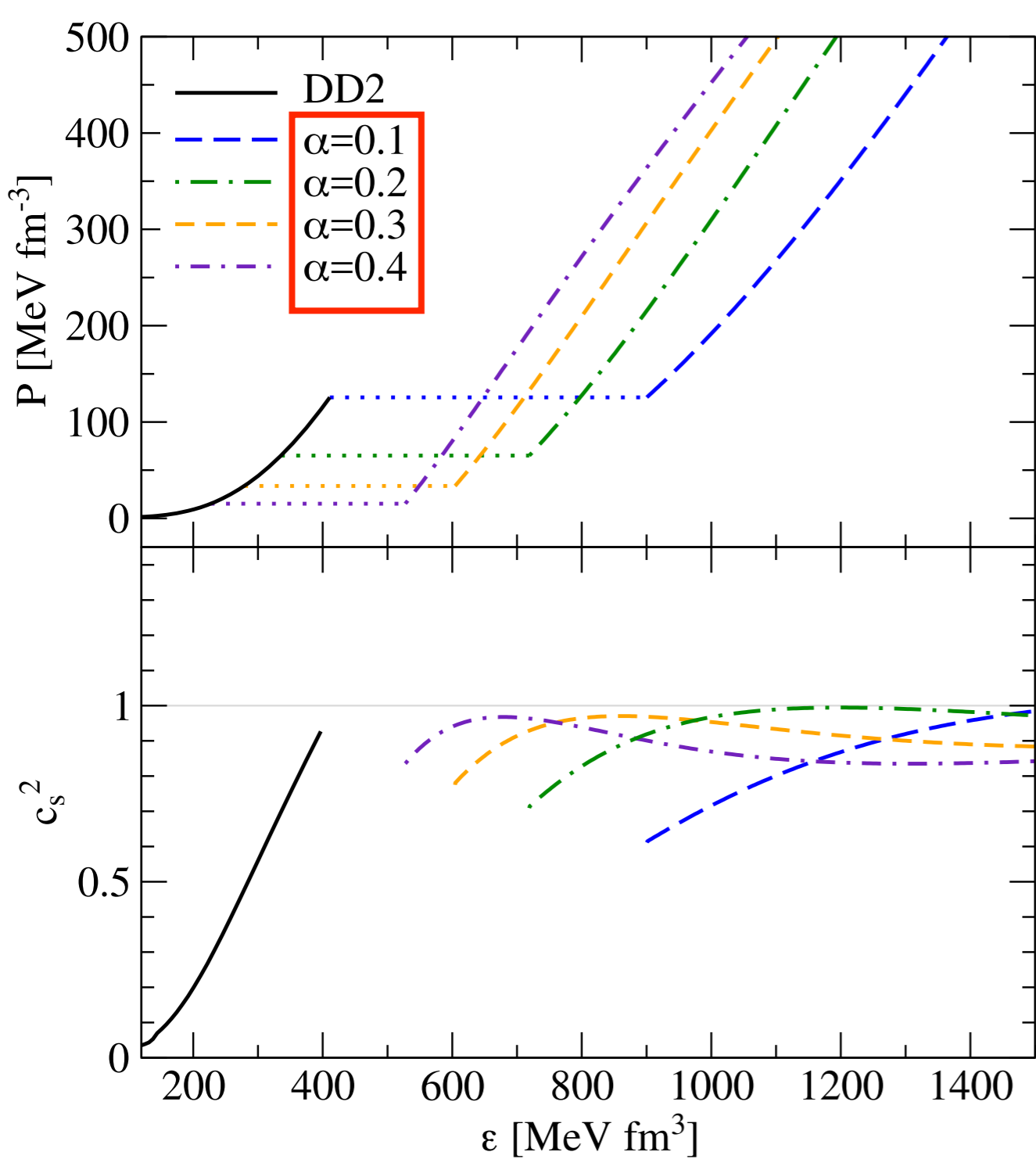
$$\Phi(\rho) = \exp \left\{ -\alpha (\rho - \rho_0)^2 \right\}$$

repulsive vector interaction:

$$\mu^* = \mu - a \rho - \mathcal{O}(\rho^3)$$

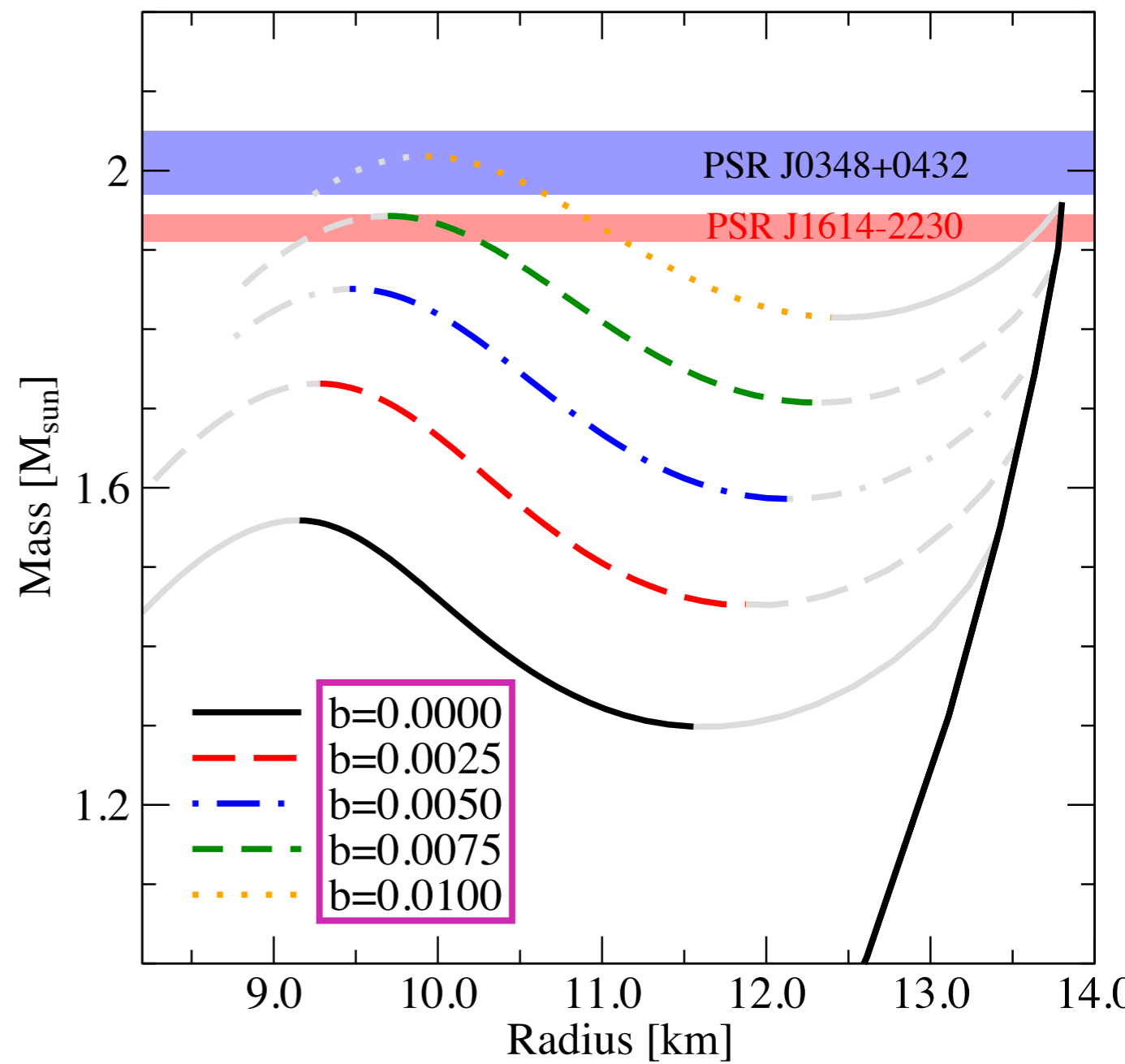
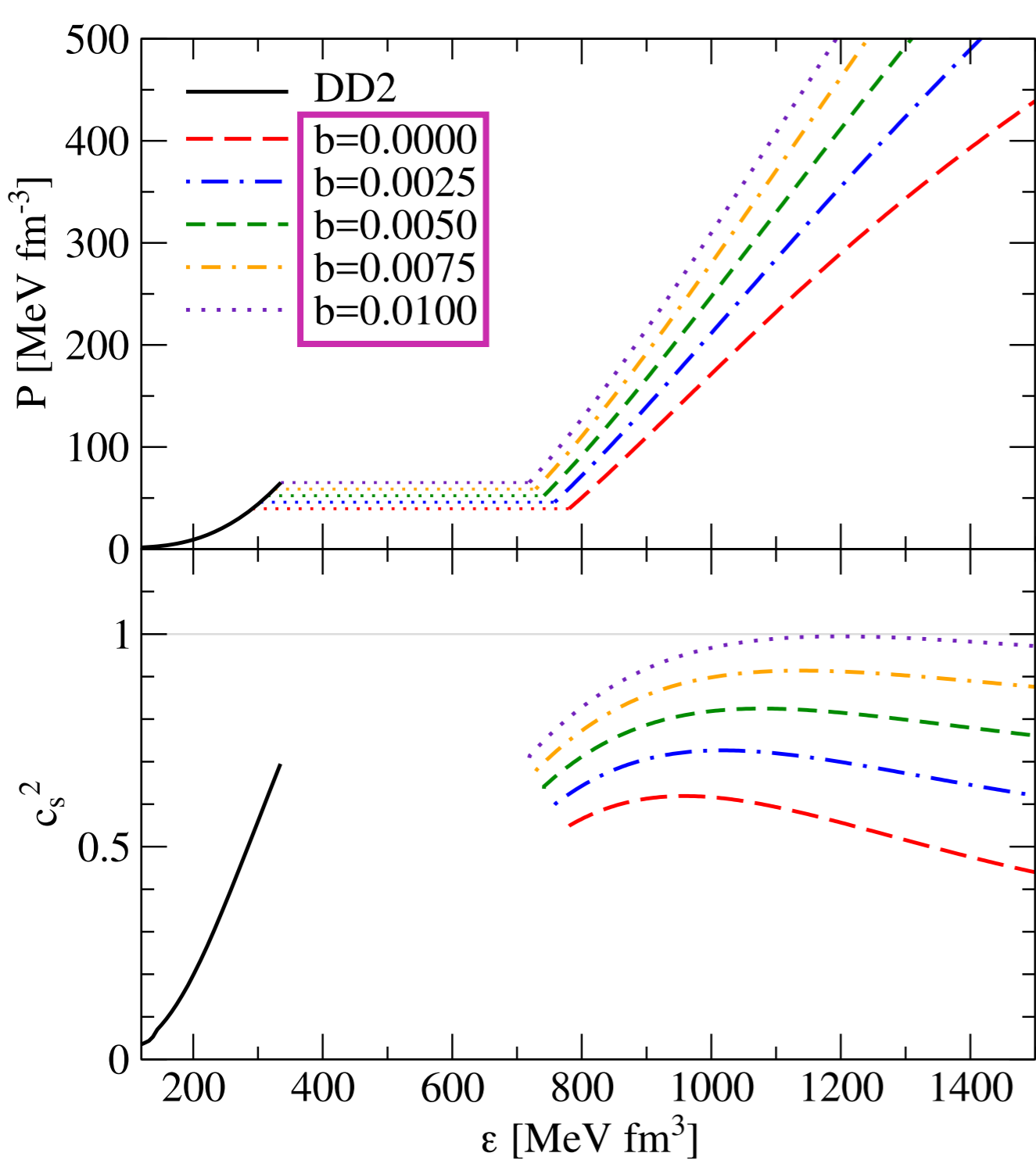
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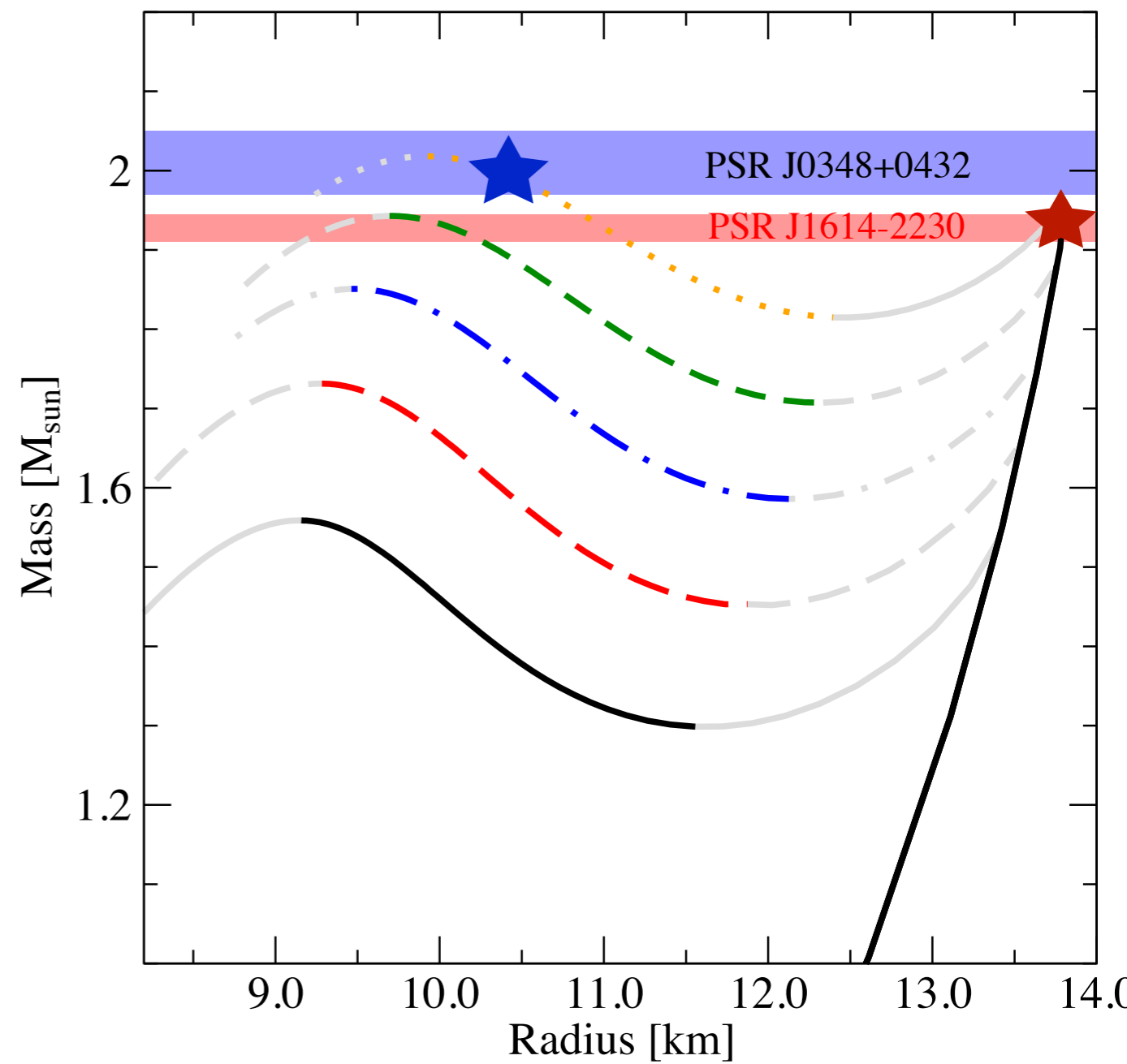
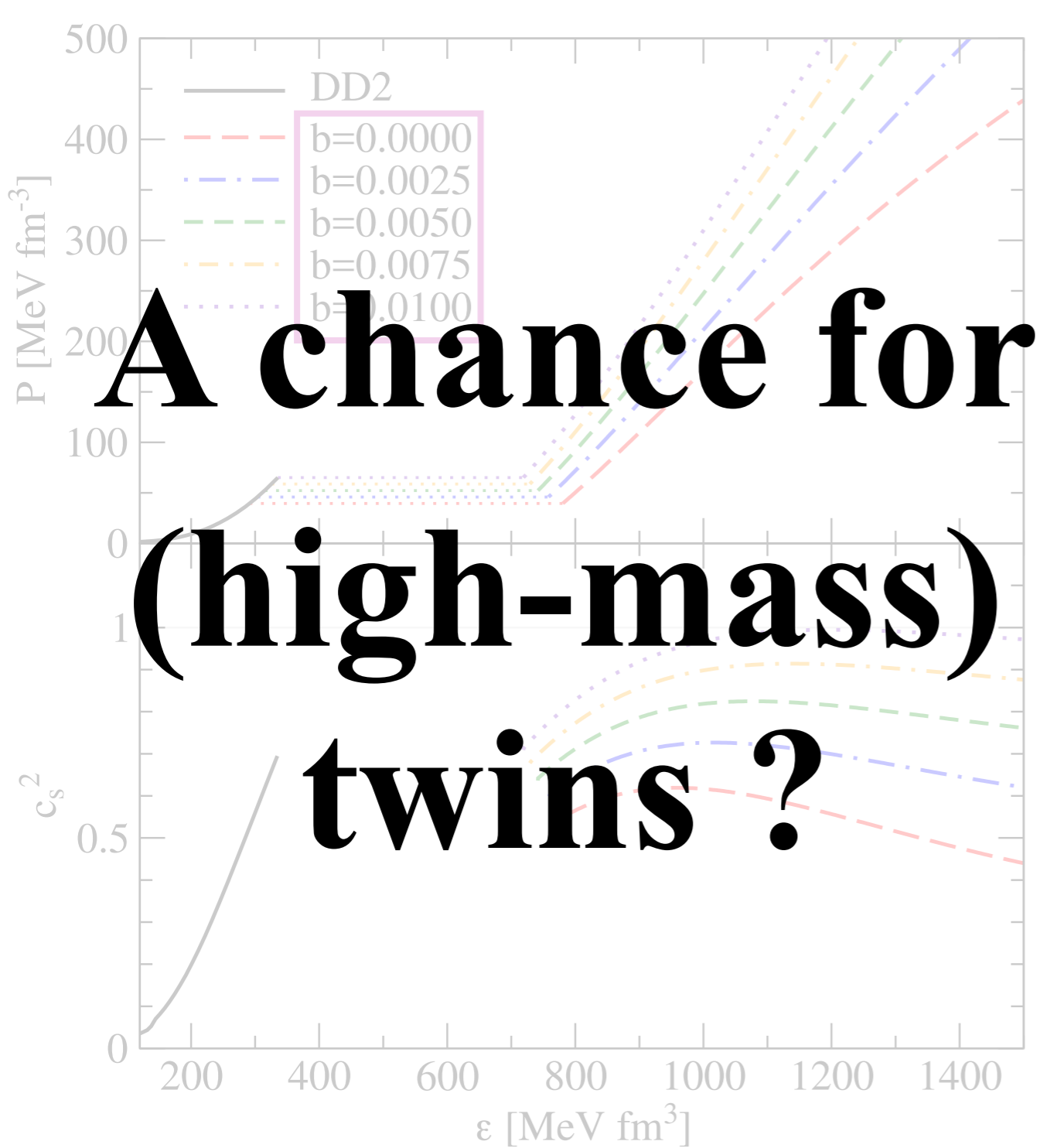
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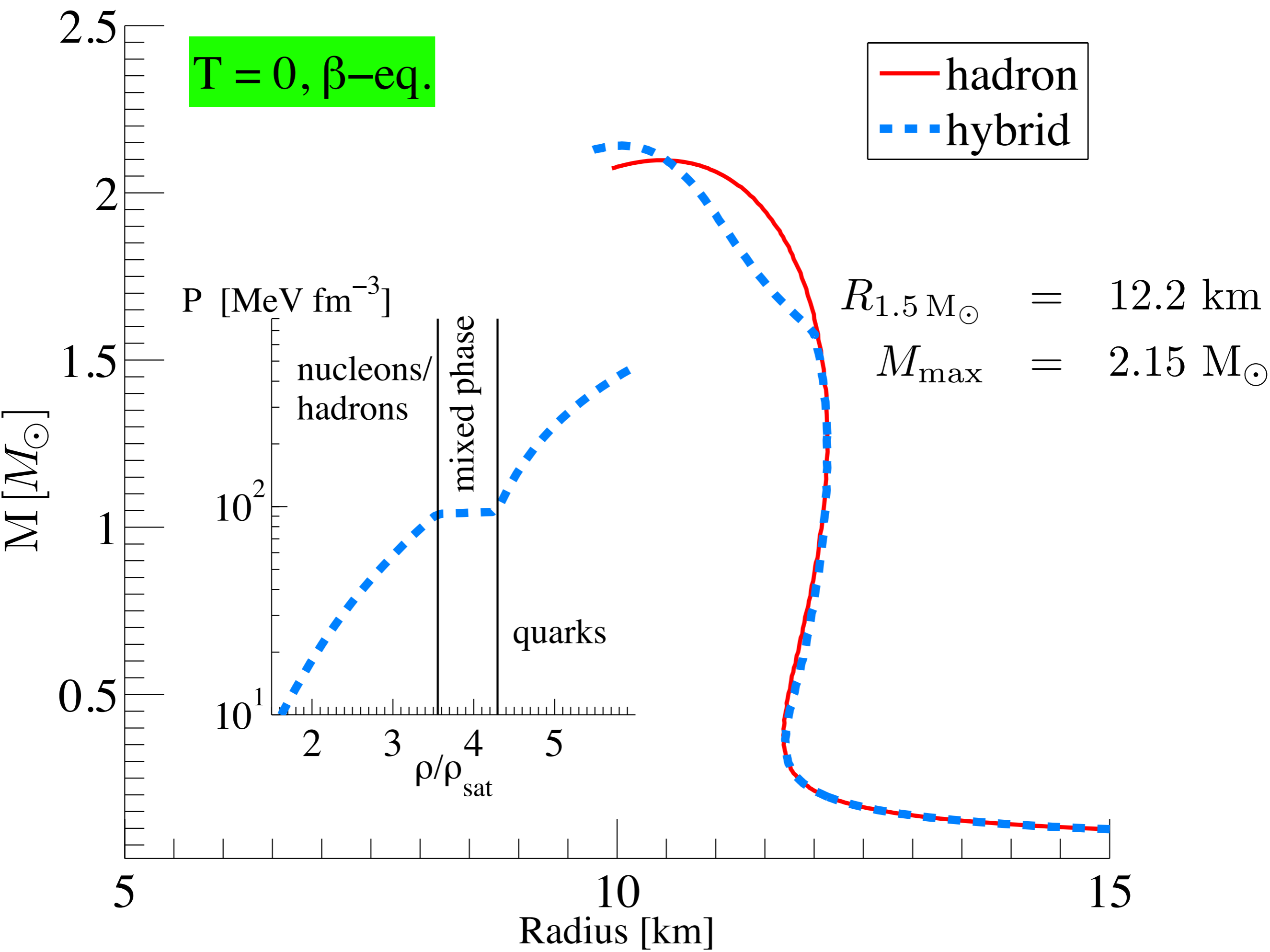
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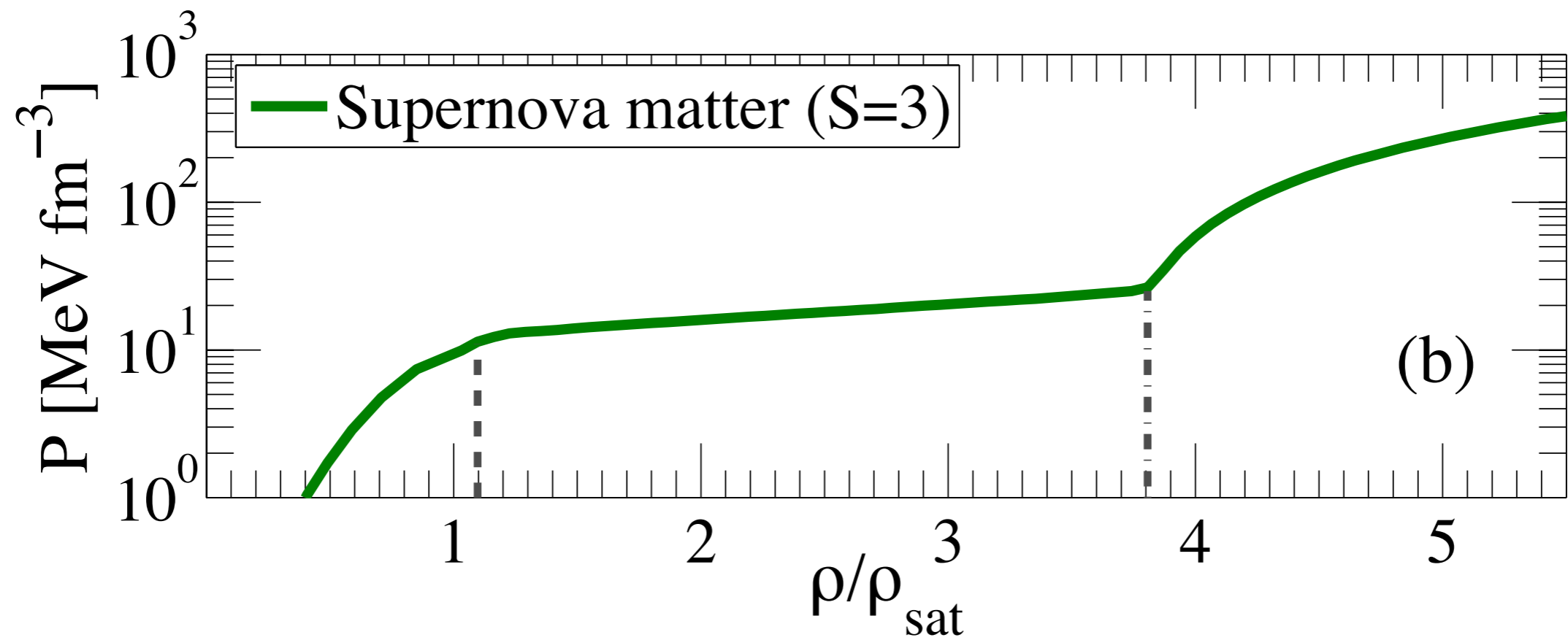
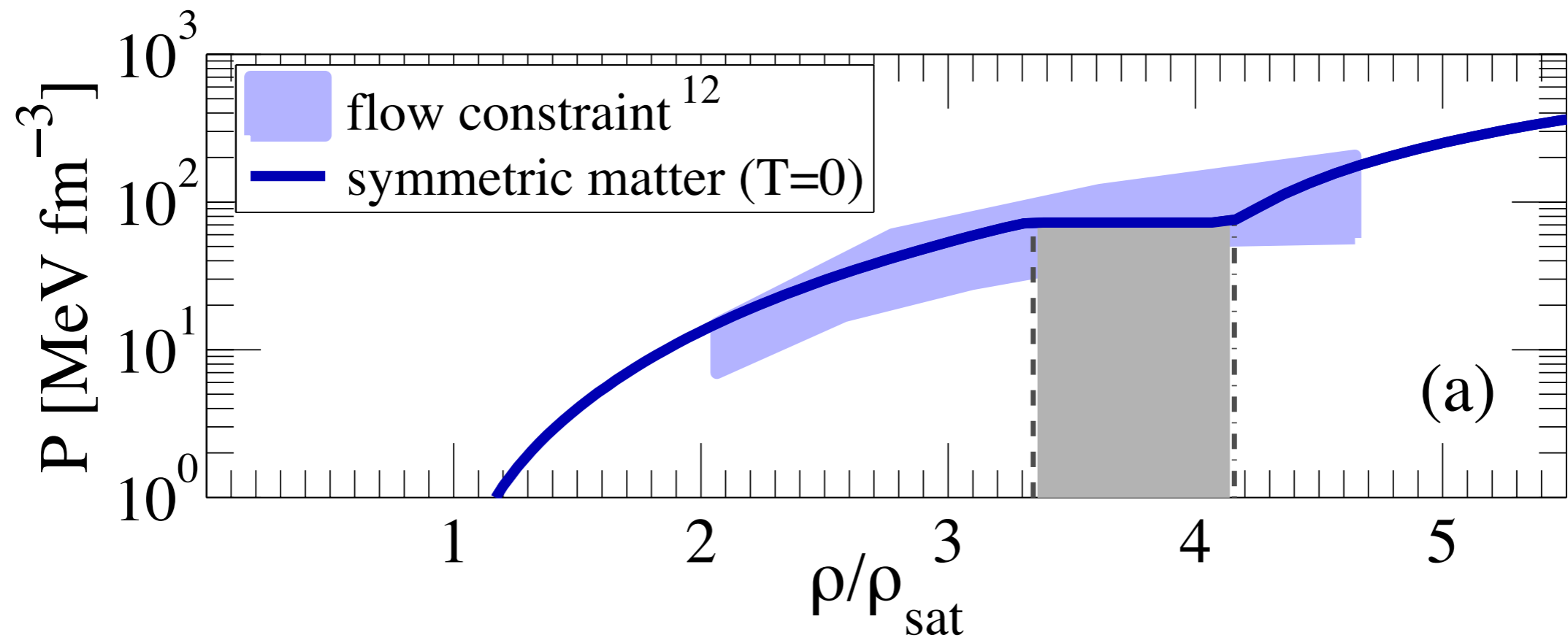


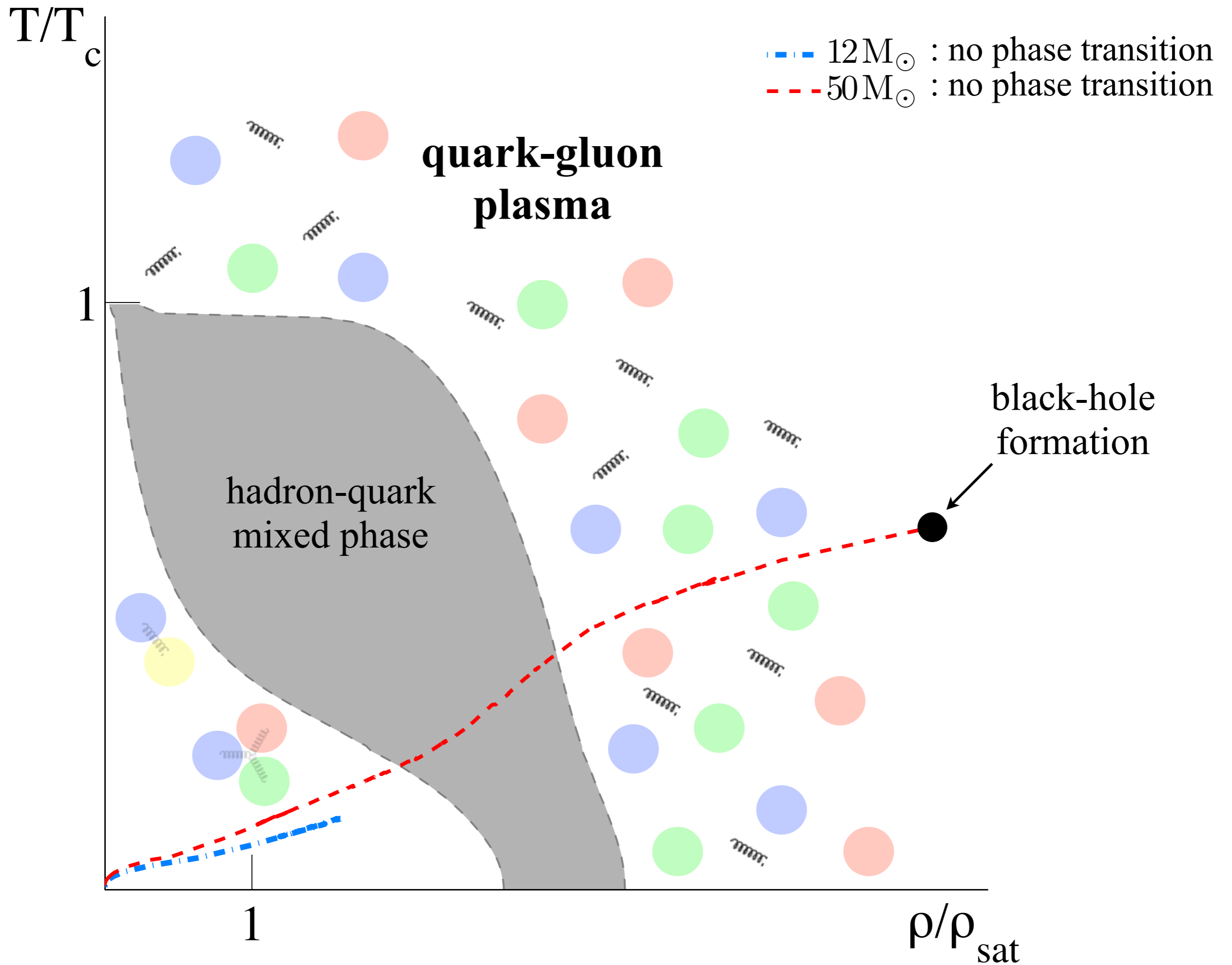
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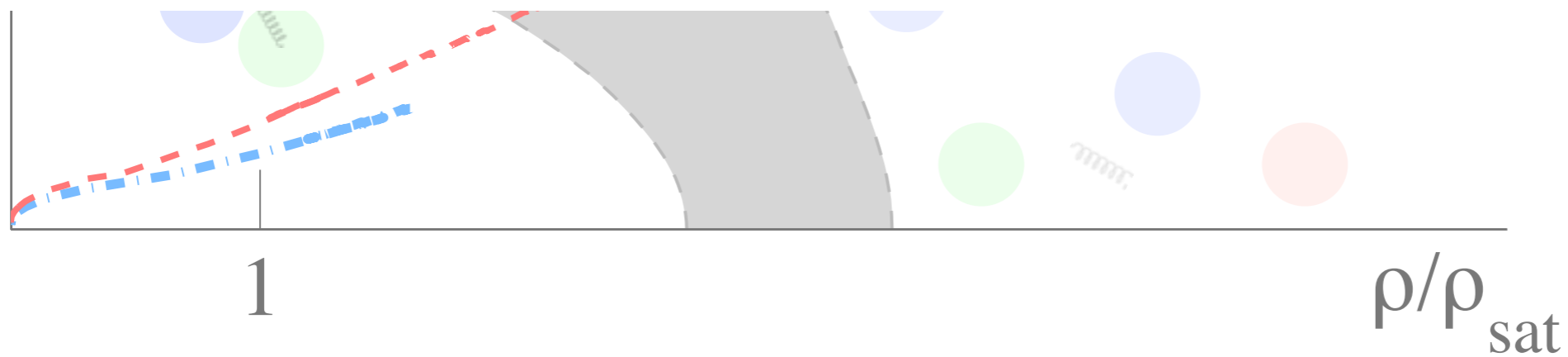
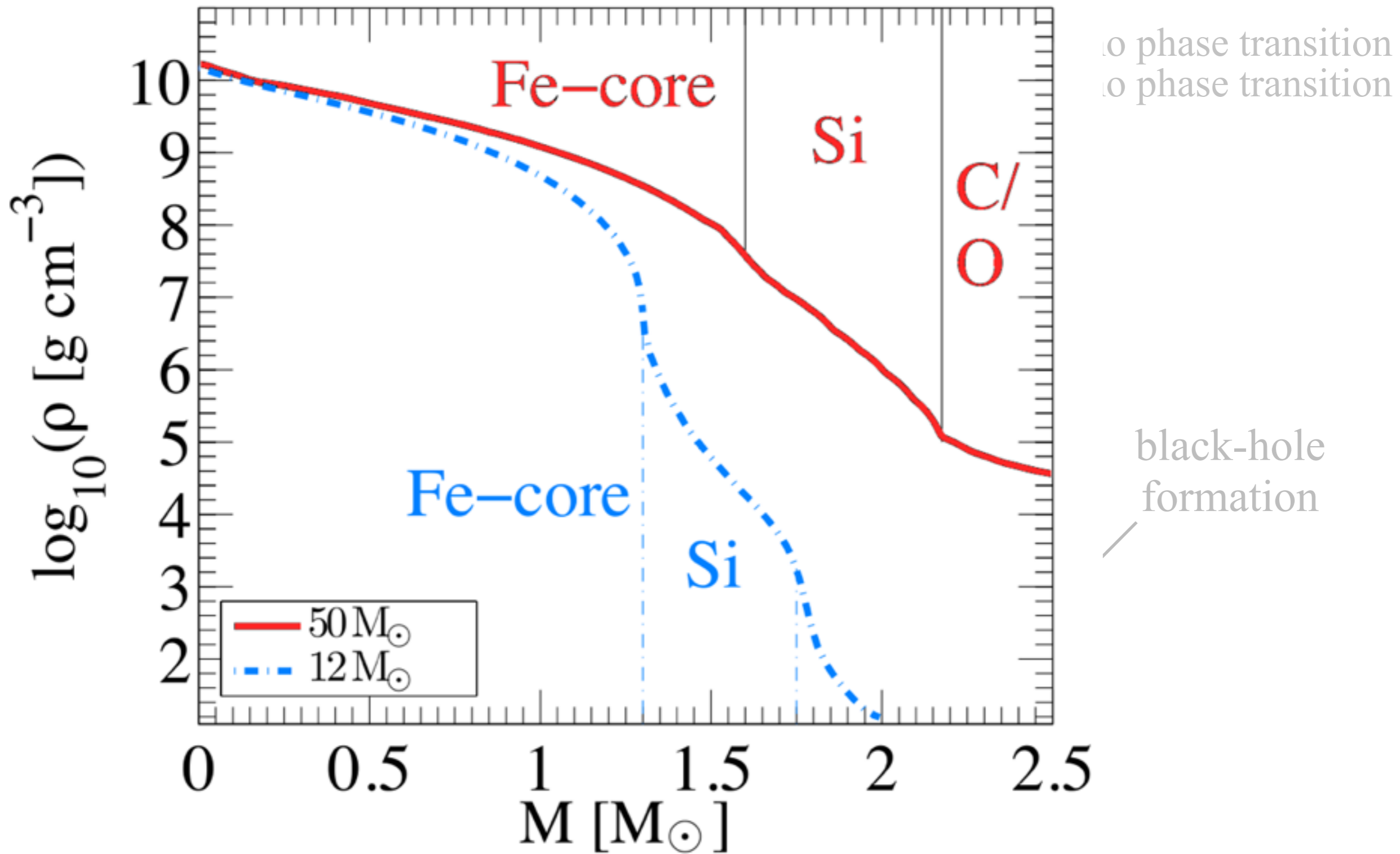


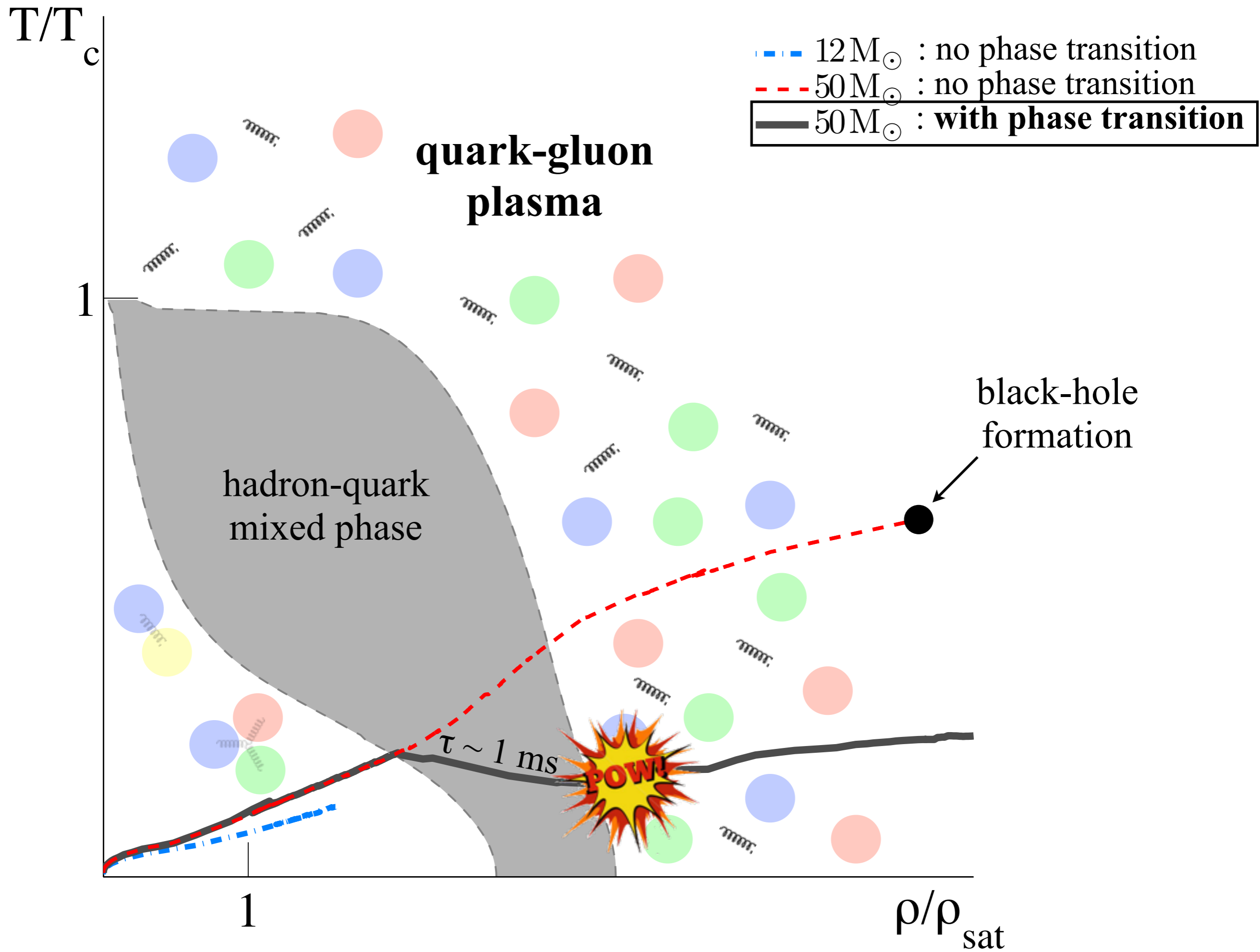


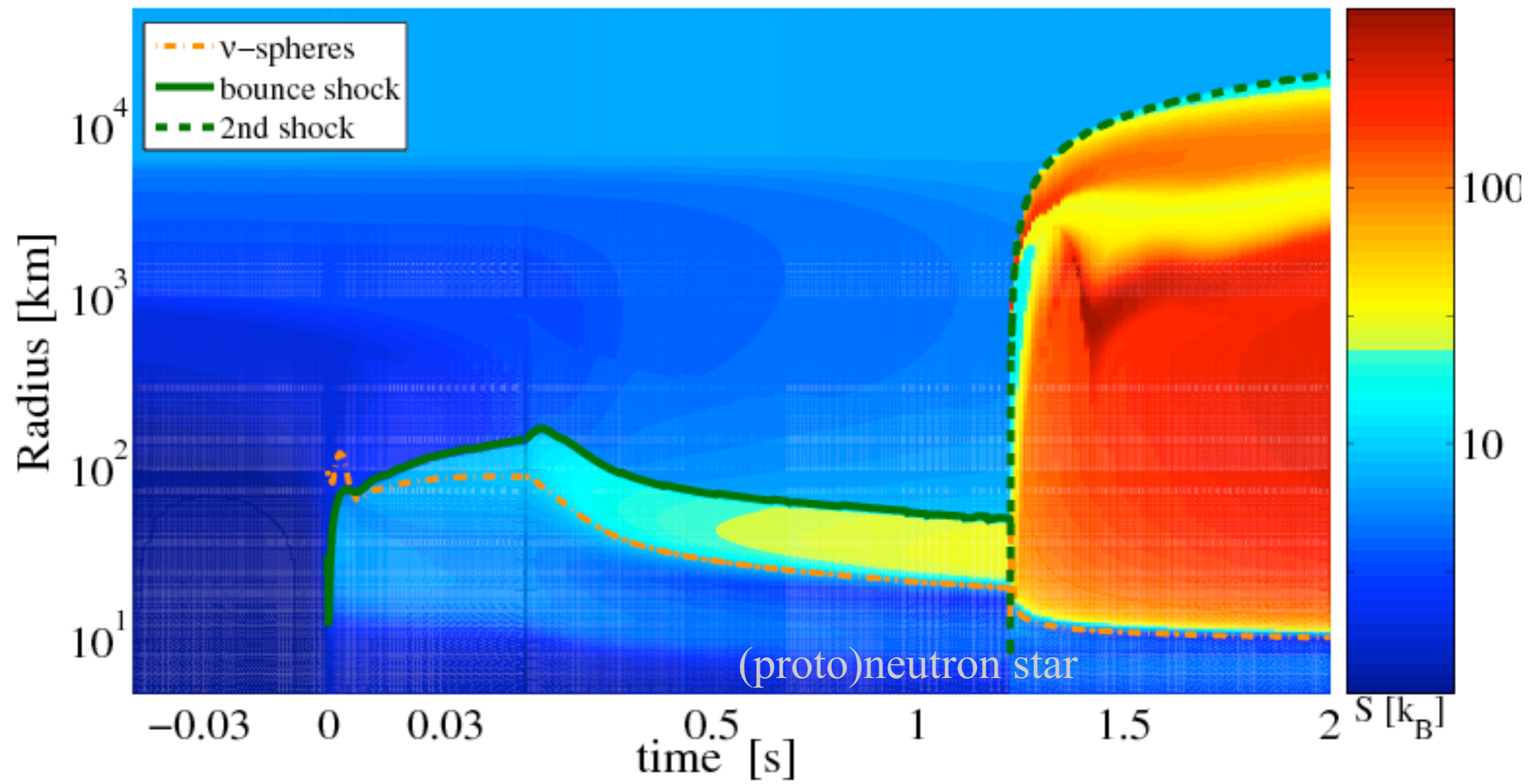


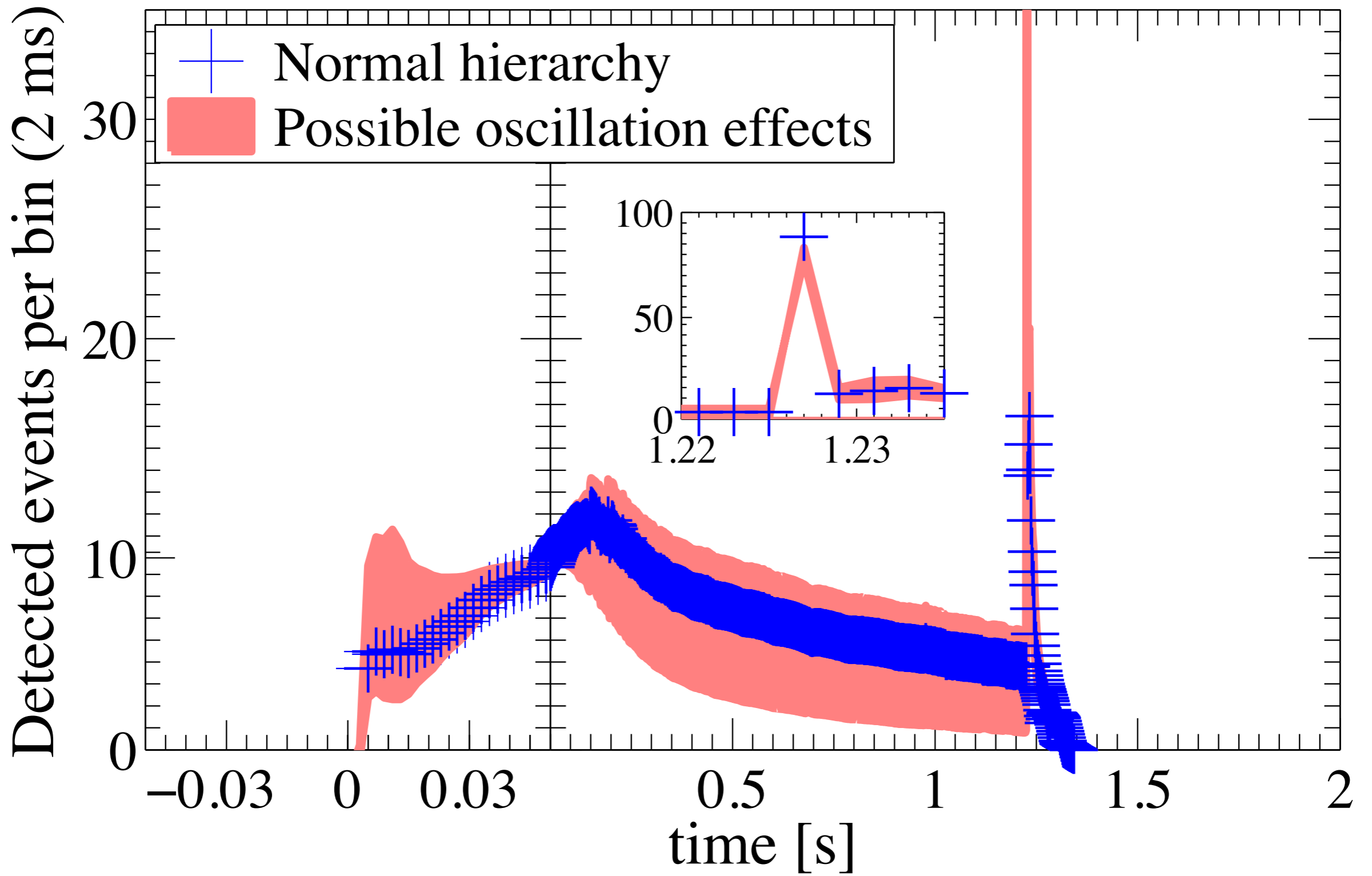






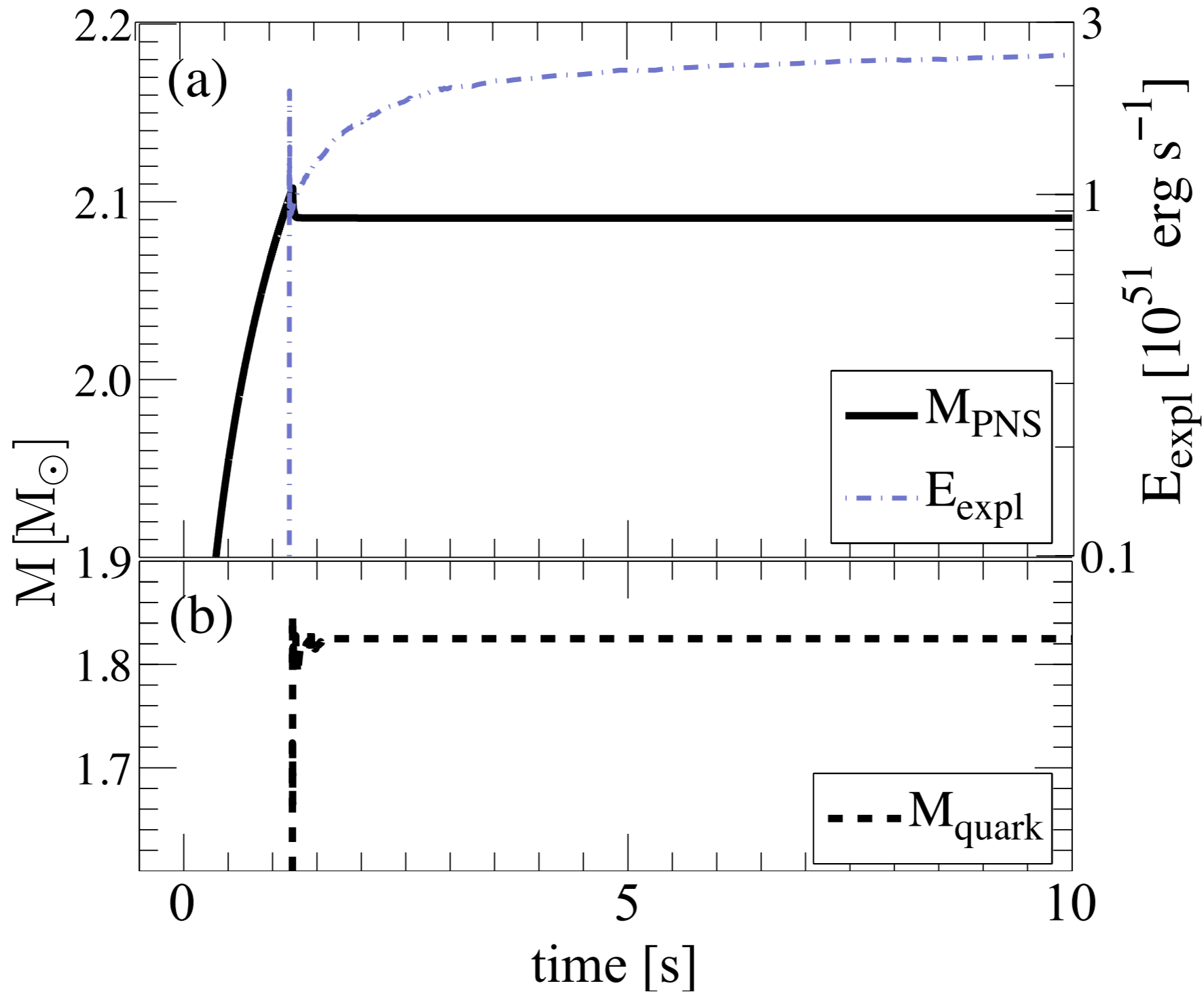






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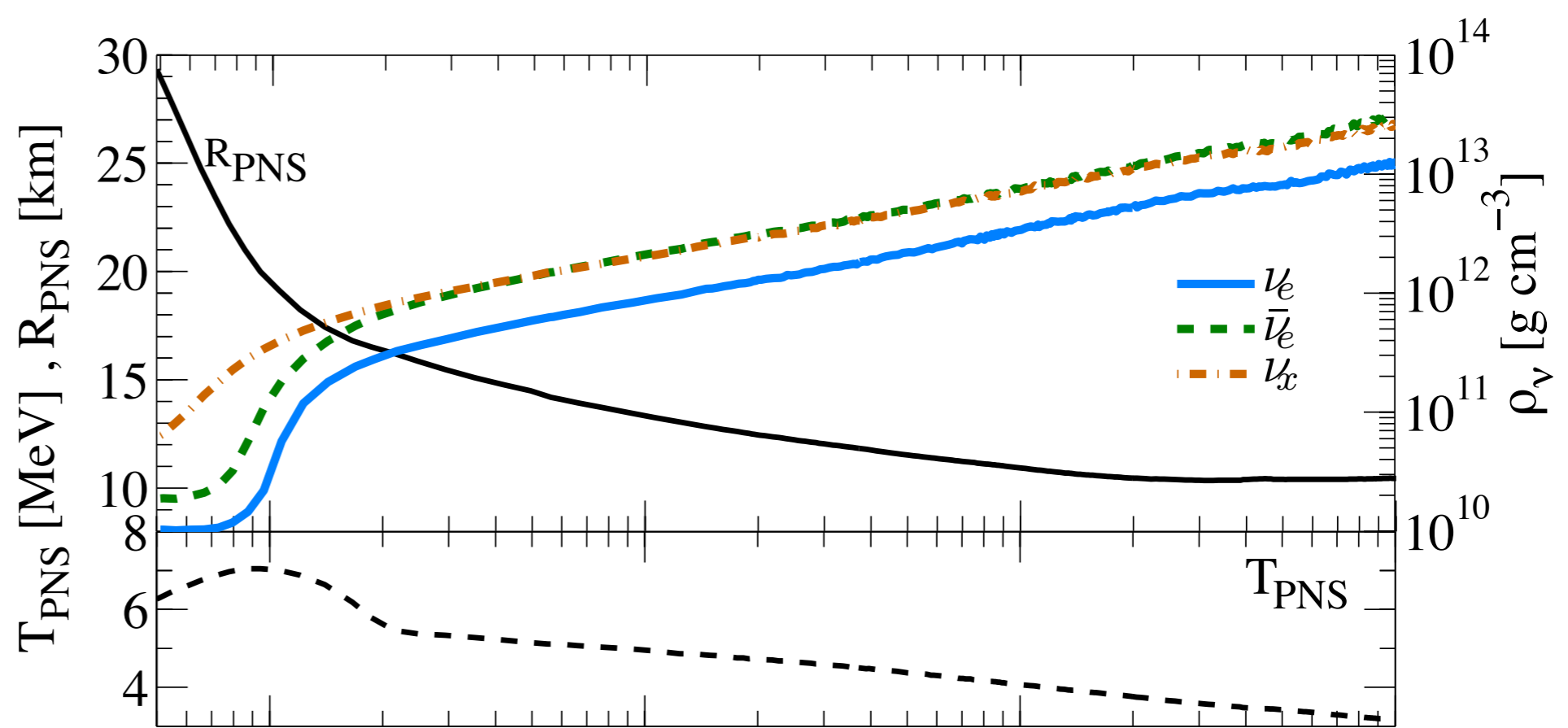
$$M_{\text{NS}} \simeq 2 M_{\odot}$$



# hadron-quark phase transition (this work)

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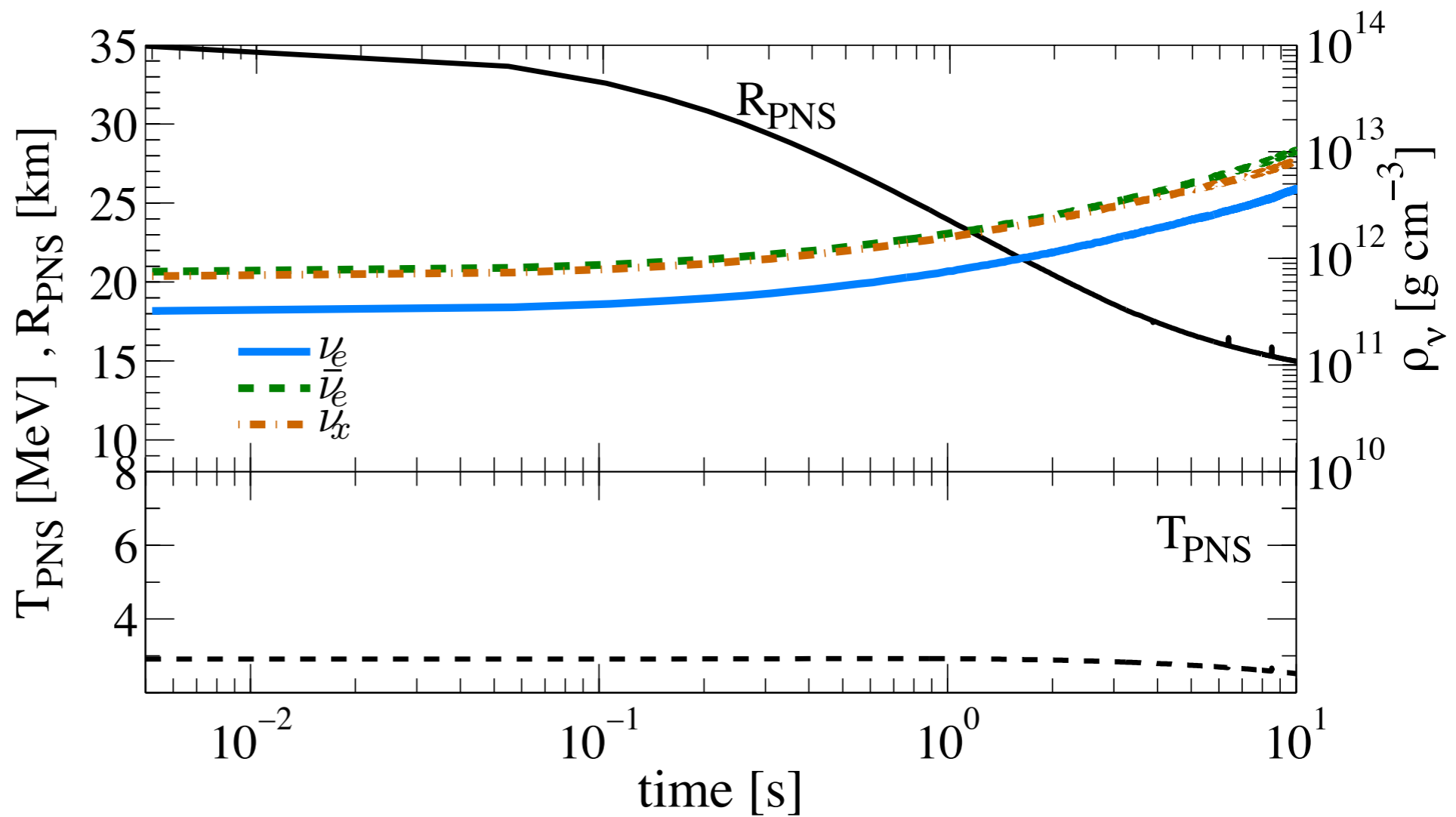
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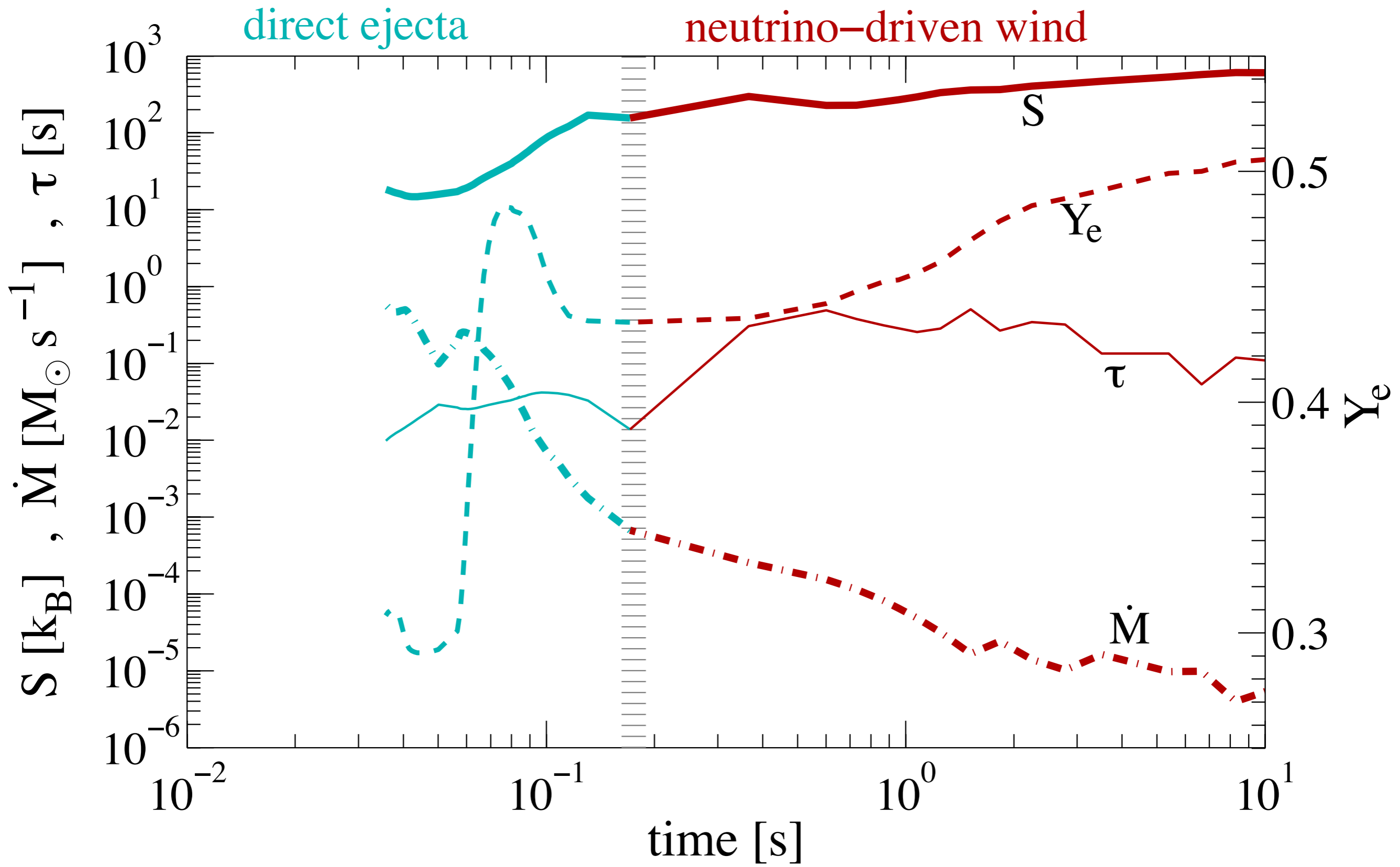


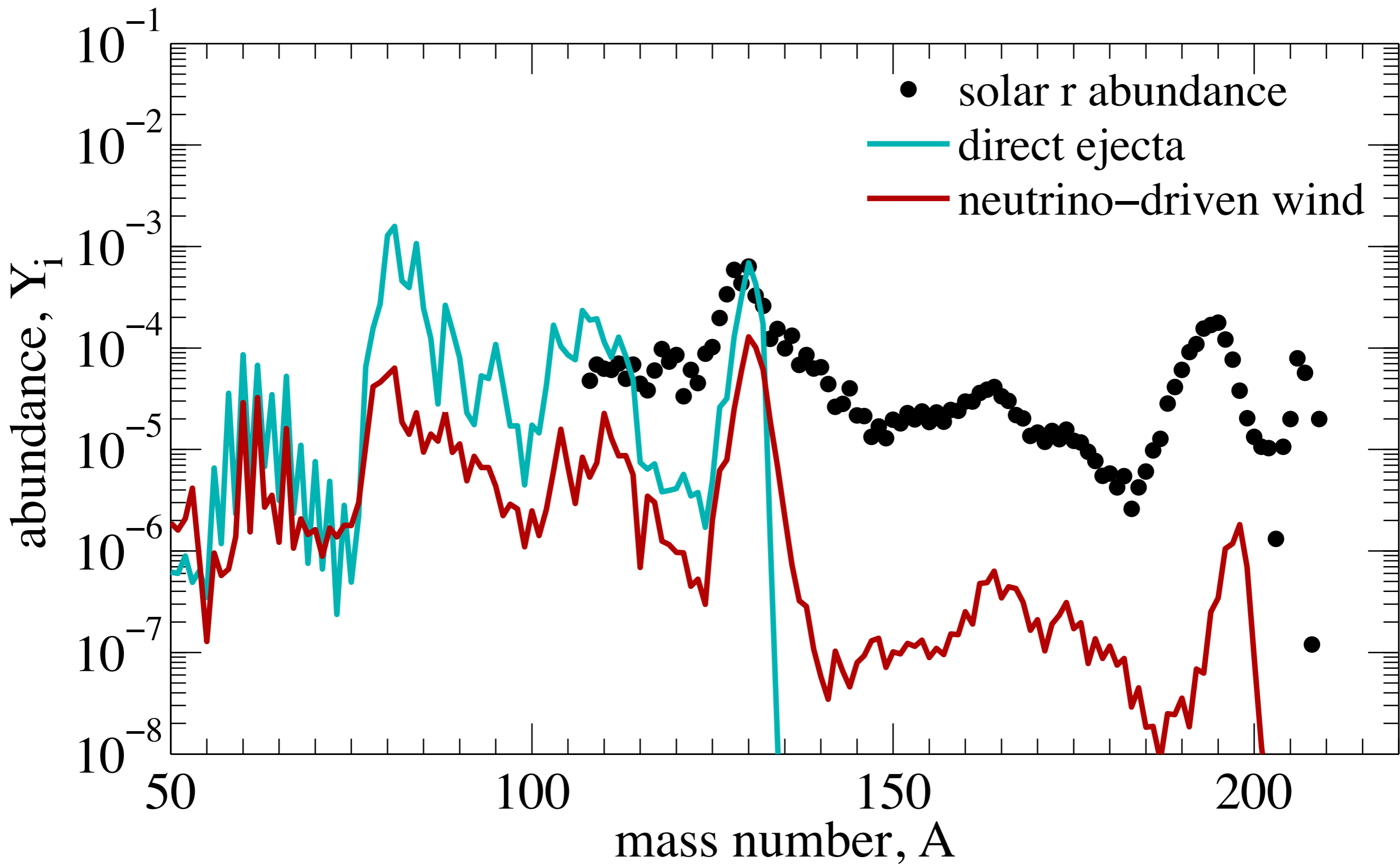
# $\nu$ -driven explosion (ref. model)

$$M_{\text{ZAMS}} = 18 M_{\odot}$$

$$M_{\text{NS}} = 1.5 M_{\odot}$$



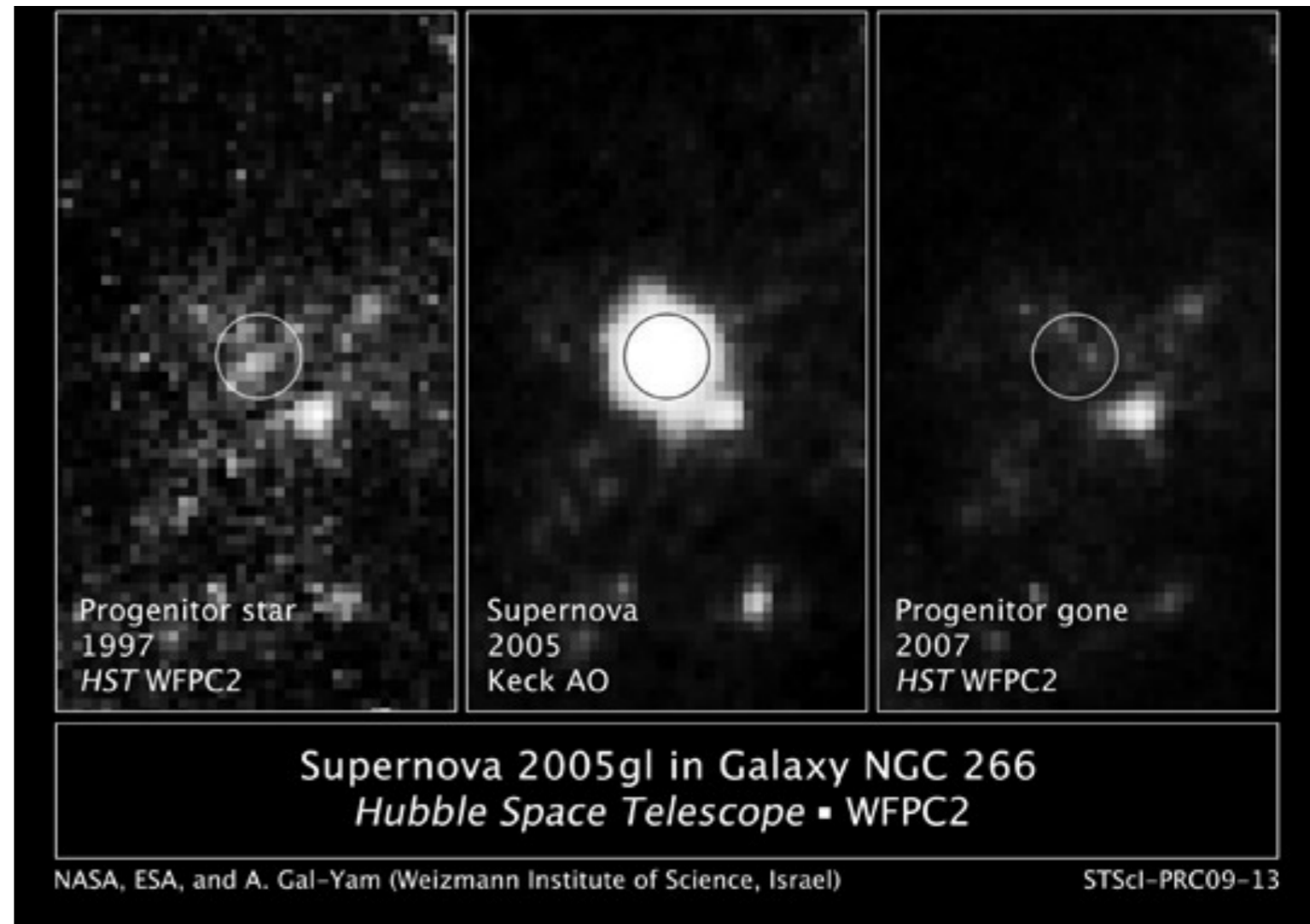






# Novel road to explosions of very massive stars $\gtrsim 40 - 50 M_{\odot}$

“The progenitor was so bright that it probably belonged to a class of stars called Luminous Blue Variables (LBVs)”



remnants: massive neutron stars  $\sim 2 M_{\odot}$

*r* process nucleosynthesis

# Wroclaw Supernova Project

Thanks for your attention

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