

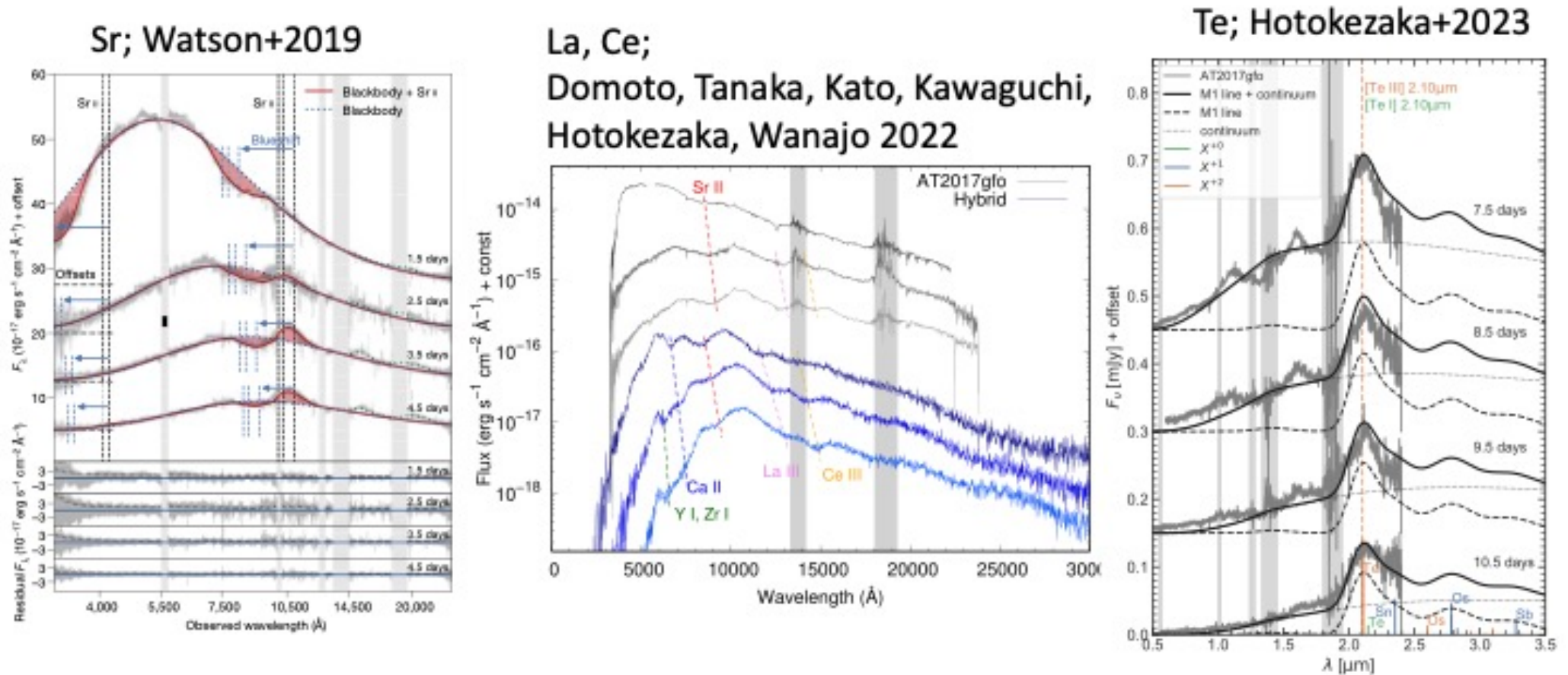
# Production of Heaviest in Compact Binary Mergers (recent progress in the Potsdam group)

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# 1. 2+1 mysteries from observations

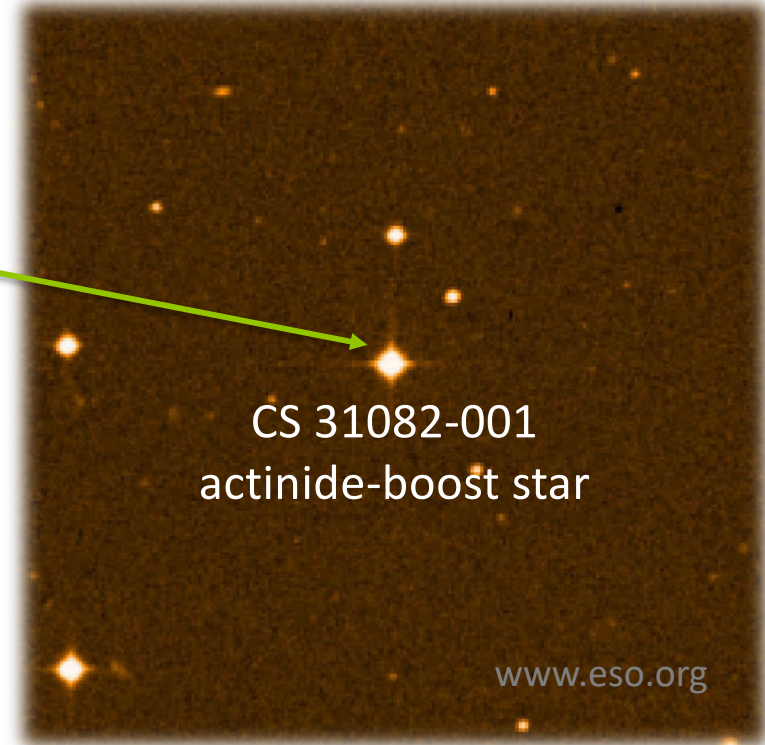
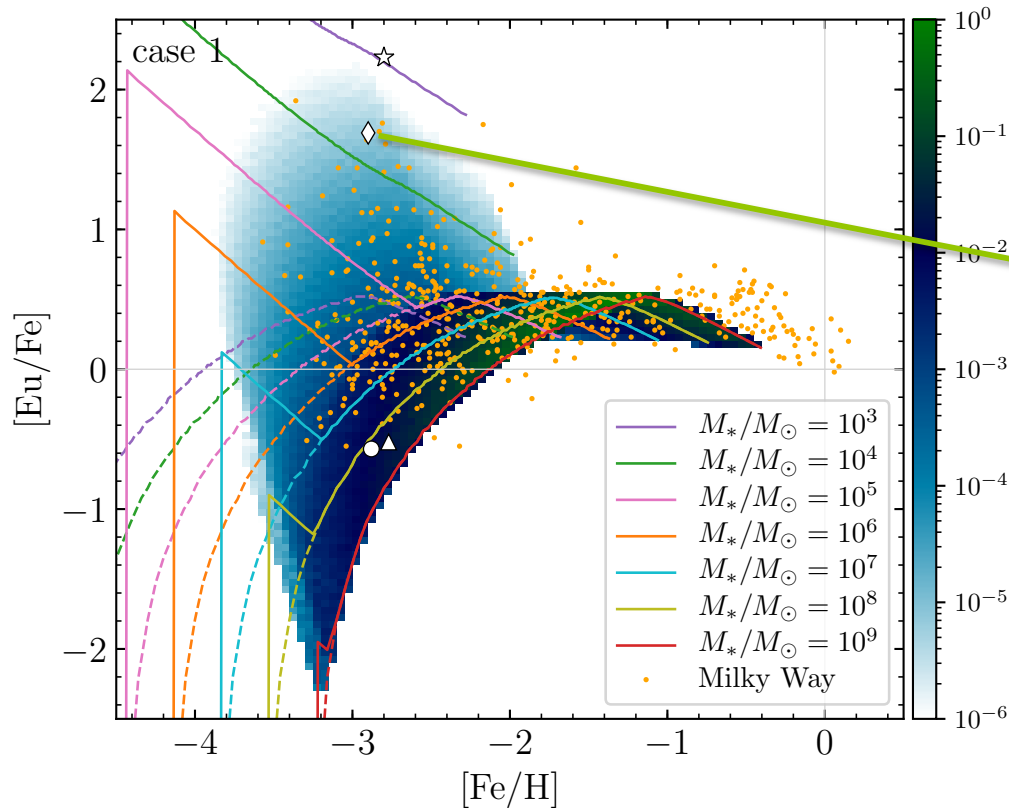
# did NS merger GW170817 make gold ?



- ❖ heaviest measured element is Ce (Domoto+2022), a light lanthanide
- ❖ Th may be detectable by JWST in the future (Domoto, Wanajo+2024)

# indication from galactic stars

Galactic chemical evolution model with neutron star mergers; Wanajo, Hirai, Prantzos 2021



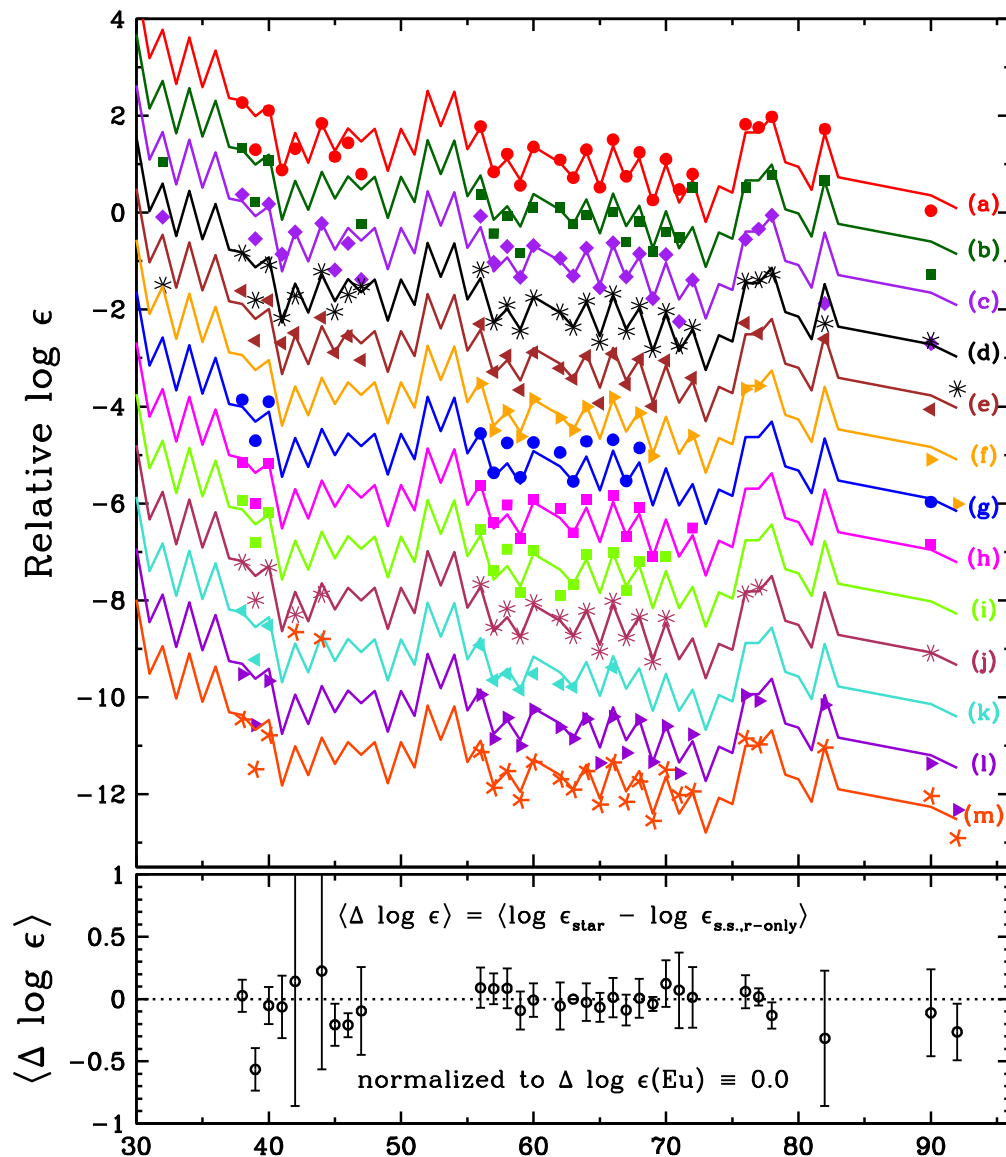
- ❖ r-process enhanced stars originate from low-mass building blocks ( $M_*/M_\odot < 10^5$ , Ishimaru+2015; Ojima+2018; Wanajo+2021; Hirai+2022)
- ❖ rare ( $\sim 10$  event per Myr) and prolific ( $0.01 M_\odot$  r-elements) sources such as neutron star mergers (or a rare-class of SNe ?)

# mystery 1: universality of r-process

r-enhanced stars with scaled solar r-pattern; Cowan+2021 Rev. Mod. Phys. ← good review !!

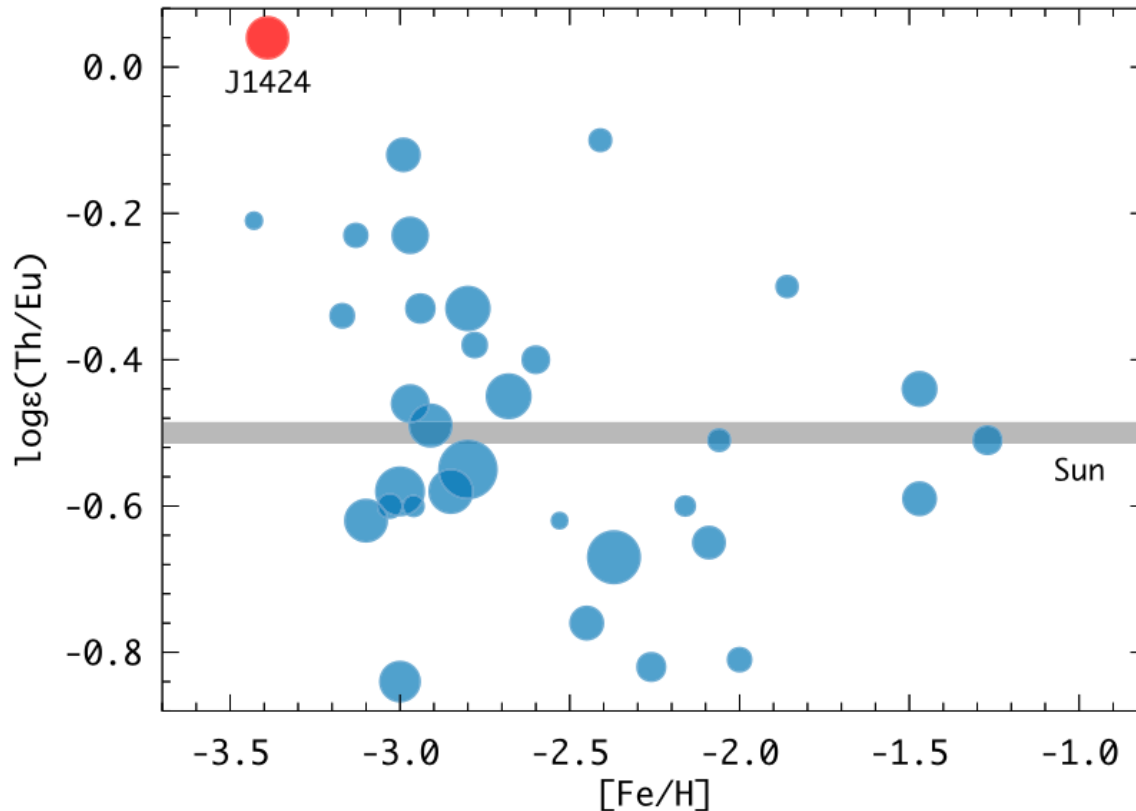
solar-like r-process abundance patterns in r-enhanced stars

❖ why the pattern is such robust ?



# mystery 2: actinide boost

Placco+2023



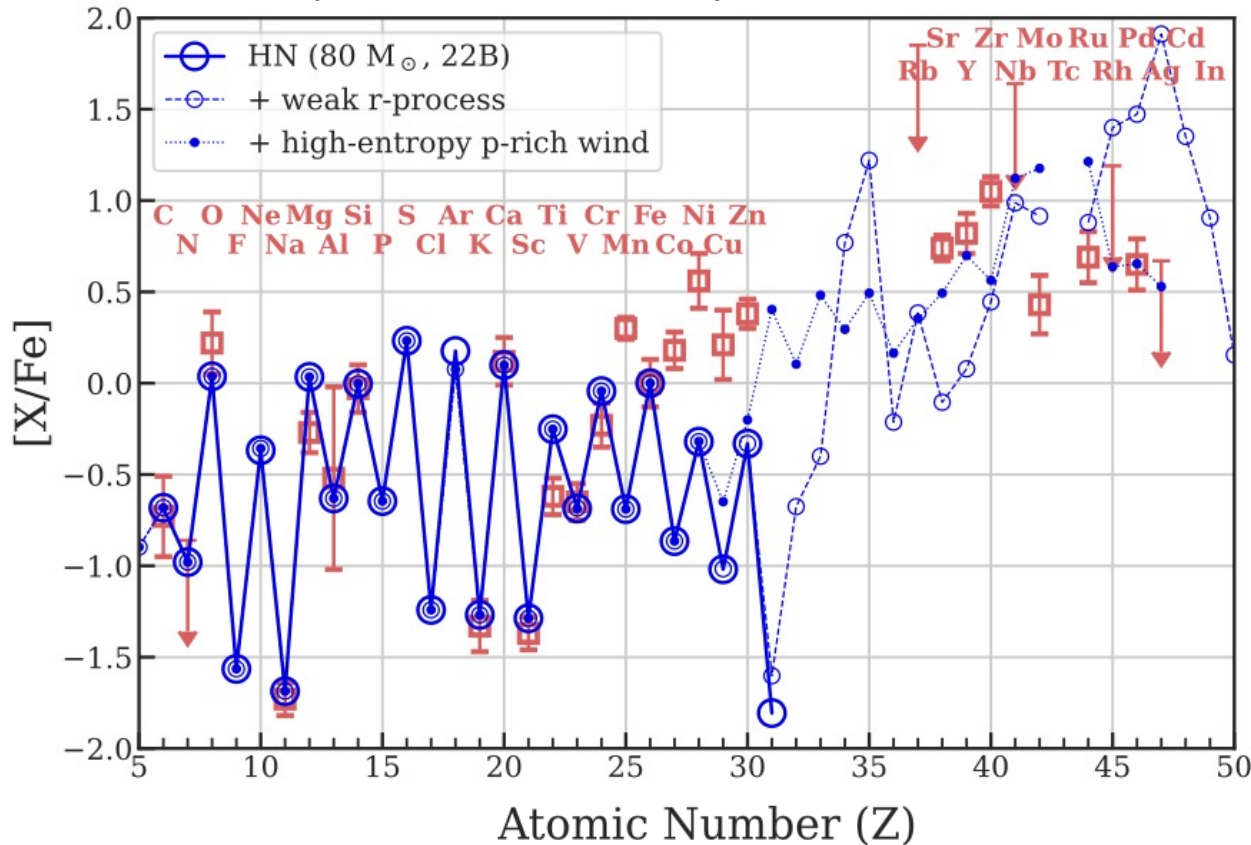
factor of 8 variation in Th/Eu

❖ above  $\text{Th}/\text{Eu} = 0.5$   
( $\text{Th}/\text{Eu} \sim 0.9$  when the stars  
were born) are defined as  
“actinide-boost” stars  
(1/3 of all r-rich stars)

what gives rise to the  
actinide boost ?

# mystery +1: unknown nucleosynthesis

“Spectacular Nucleosynthesis”; Ji+2024



strong odd-even effect in alpha elements and light r-process elements

❖ nucleosynthesis from stars of  $> 50 M_{\odot}$ ?: hypernovae or pair-instability supernovae ?

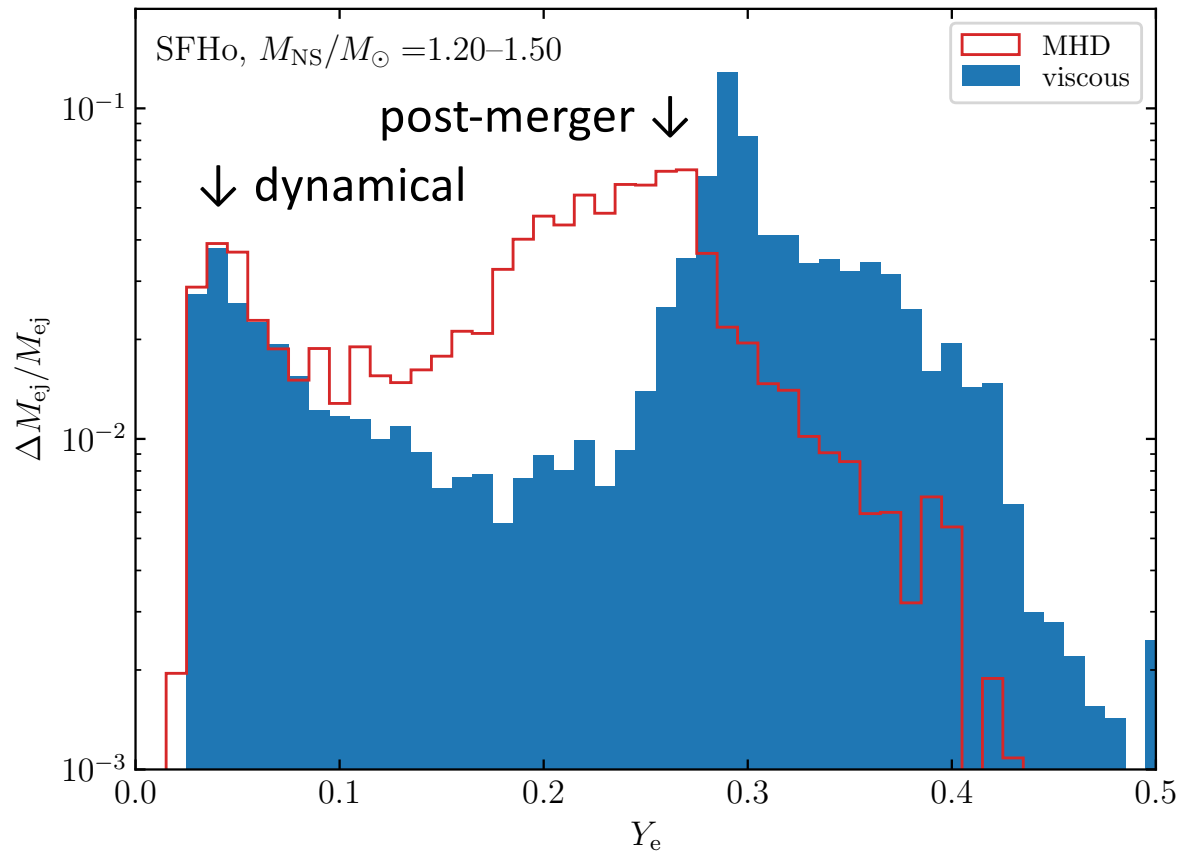
what gives rise to the weak r-process ?

## 2. neutron star mergers in MHD



# $Y_e$ distribution in MHD model

MHD vs viscous models; Wanajo+ in prep.



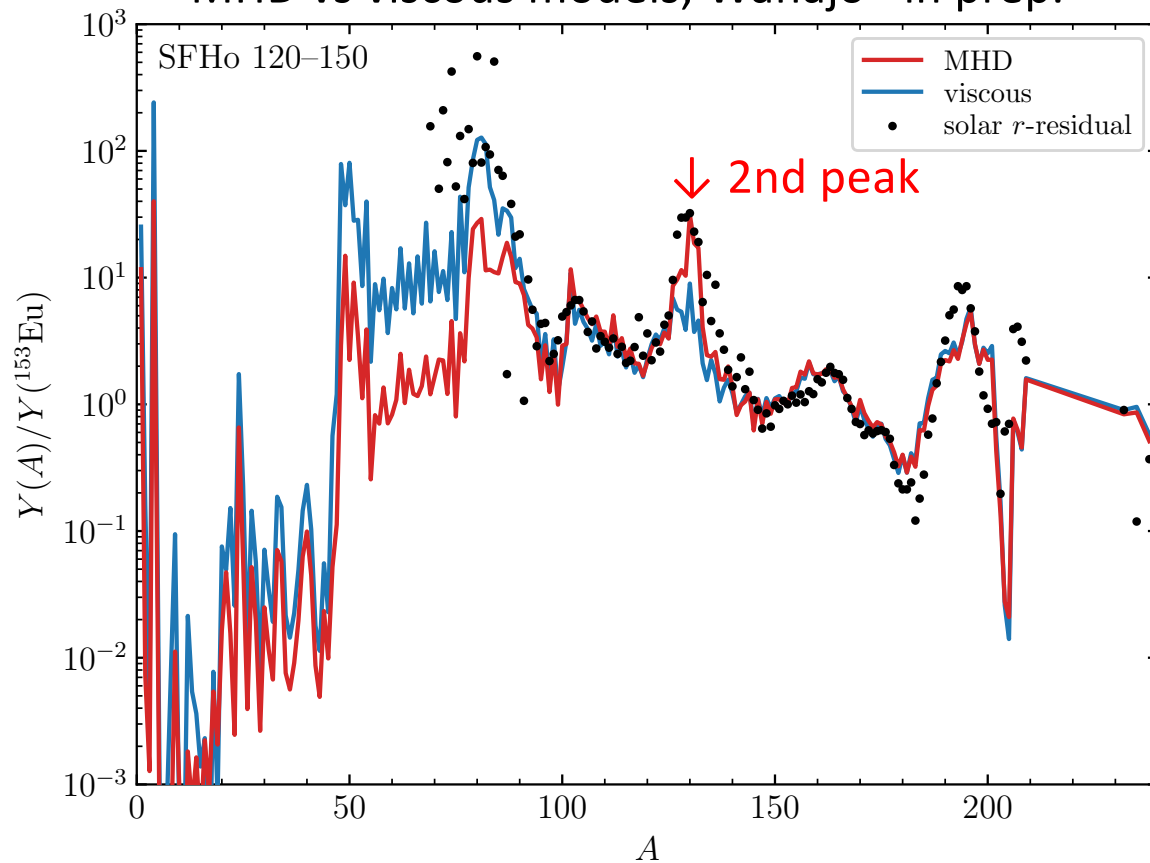
$$Y_e = N(\text{proton})/N(\text{proton}+\text{neutron})$$

1st self-consistent 3D simulation of a neutron star merger over 1s (including both dynamical and post-merger ejecta; Kiuchi+2023)

❖ MHD model results in  $Y_e = 0.2-0.26$  (and  $\sim 0.01 M_{\odot}$ ) instead of  $\sim 0.3$  in viscous model (Fujibayashi+2023)

# nucleosynthesis in MHD model

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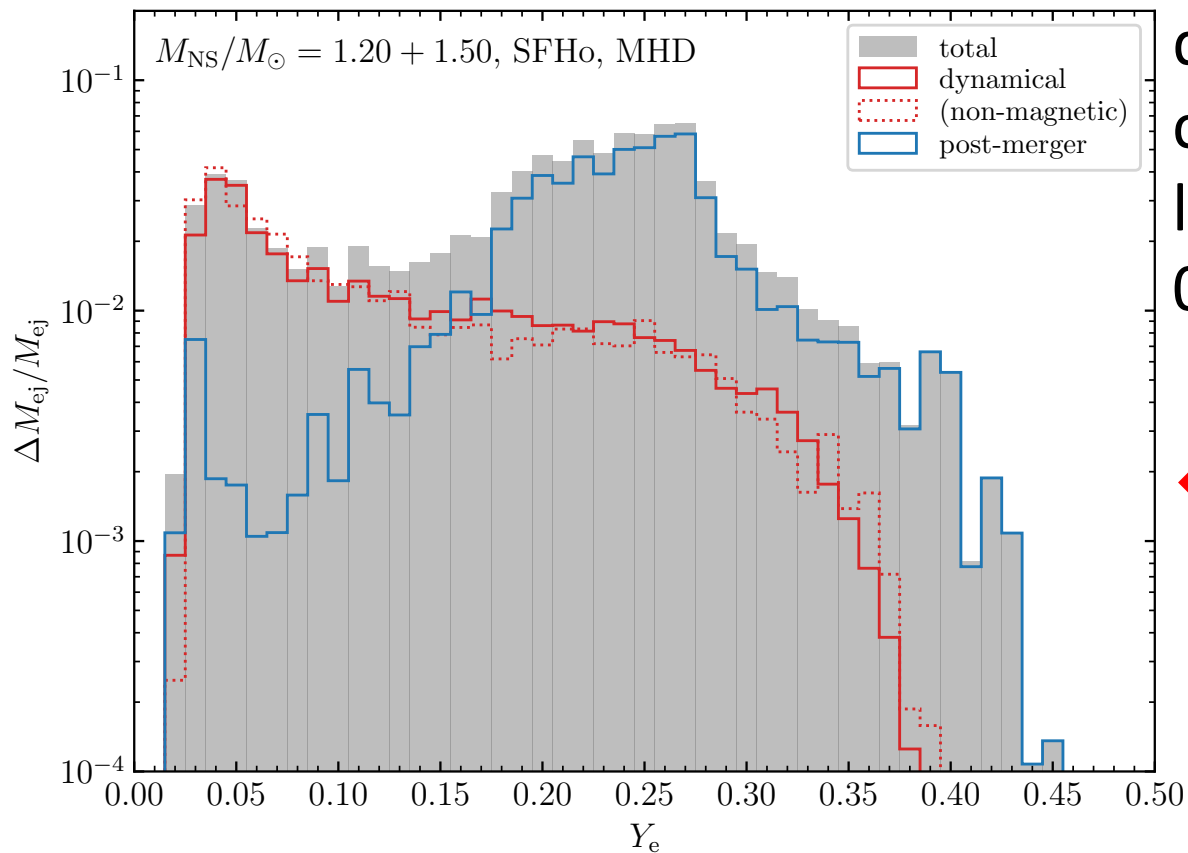


~16000 tracer particles are used for nucleosynthesis calculations

❖ MHD model results in very good agreement with solar  $r$ -process pattern including 2nd peak ( $A \sim 130$ )

# dynamical vs post-merger

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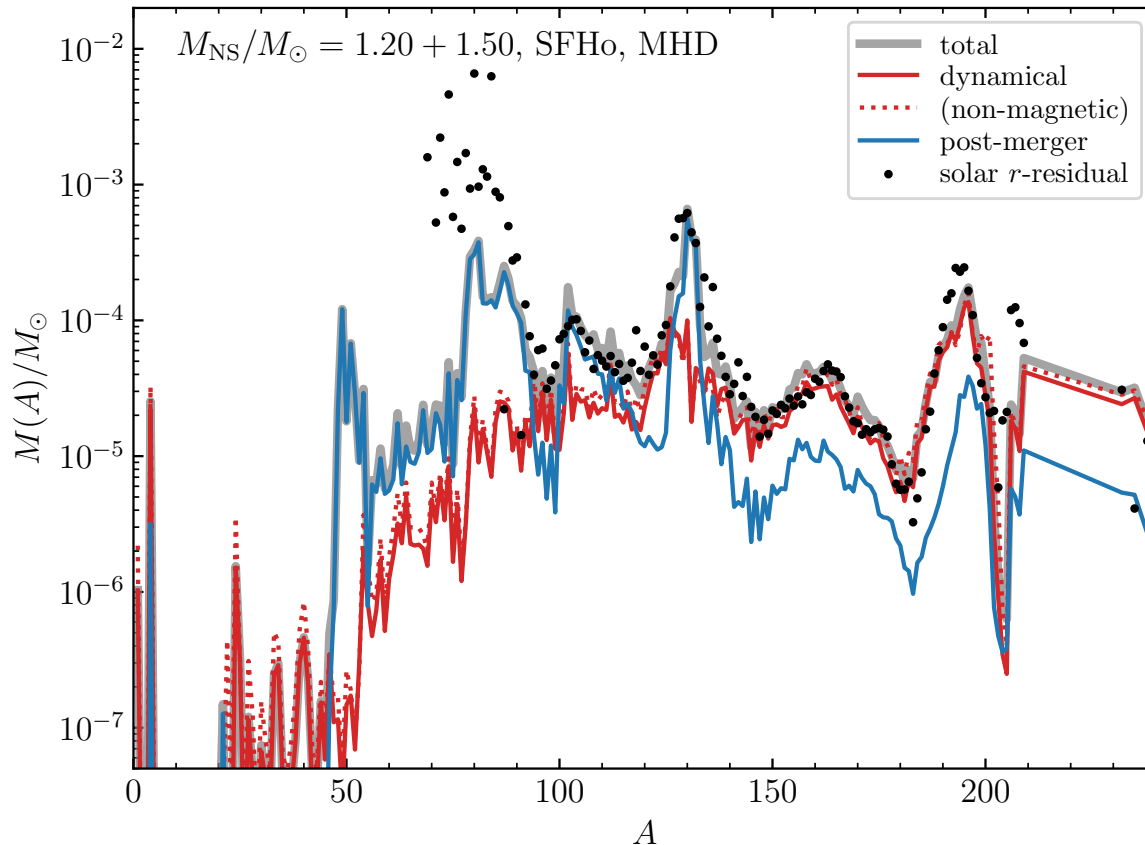
$$Y_e = N(\text{proton})/N(\text{proton}+\text{neutron})$$

dynamical and post-merger components are dominated by low ( $Y_e < 0.2$ ) and high ( $Y_e > 0.2$ ) ejecta, respectively

❖ ensemble of both components exhibit a wide range of  $Y_e \sim 0.05-0.45$  (also in viscous models; Fujibayashi+2023)

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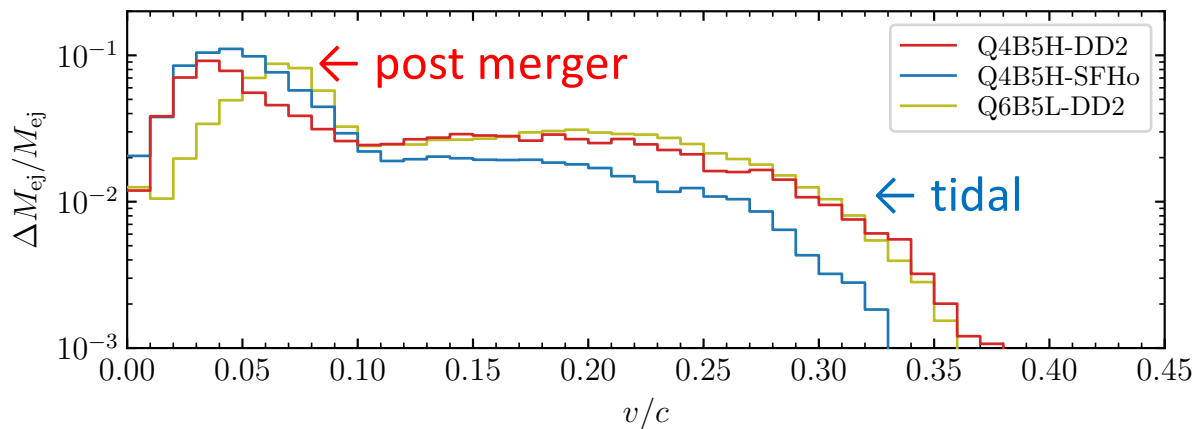
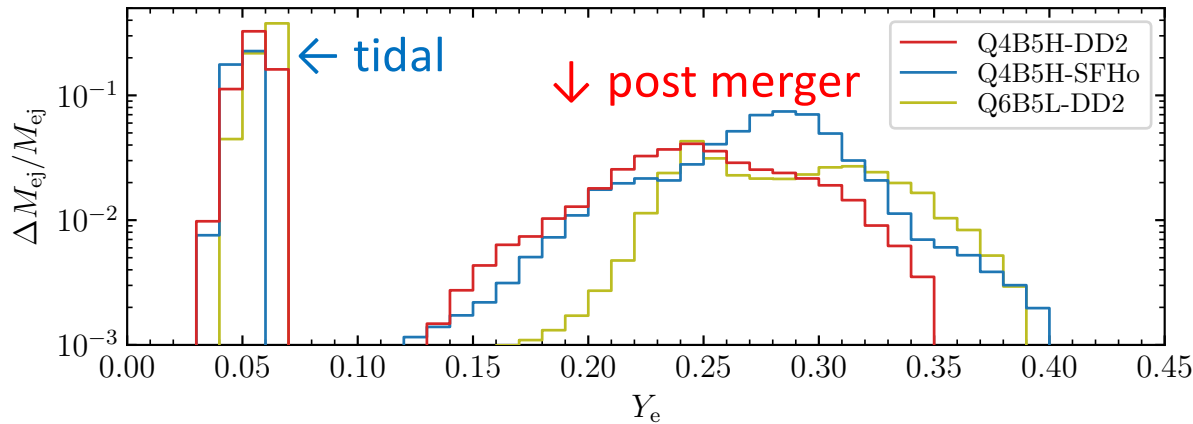
dynamical and post-merger components are responsible for heavier ( $A > 140$ ) and lighter ( $A < 140$ ) nuclei, respectively

❖ ensemble of both components results in very good agreement with solar  $r$ -process pattern (also in viscous models; Fujibayashi+2023)

# 3. black hole-neutron star mergers in MHD

# ejecta compositions of BH-NS mergers

Wanajo+2024; adopted from Hayashi+2022



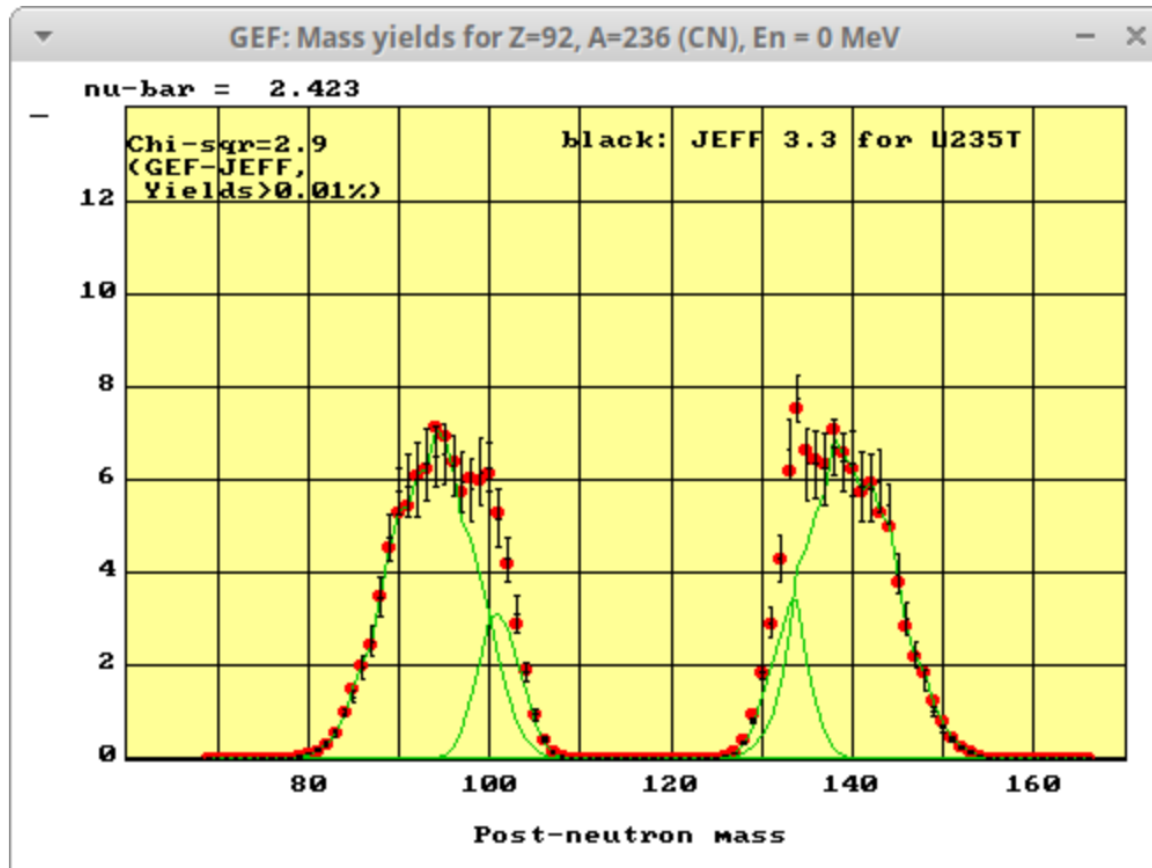
self-consistent, 3D GRMHD  
BH-NS simulations over 1 s  
(with DD2 or SFHo EOSs)

❖ tidal (cold) component:  
 $Y_e \sim 0.05-0.06$  (pure NS  
material without weak  
interaction)

❖ post-merger (hot)  
component:  
 $Y_e \sim 0.2-0.3$  (weak-  
processed material)

# fission fragment distribution

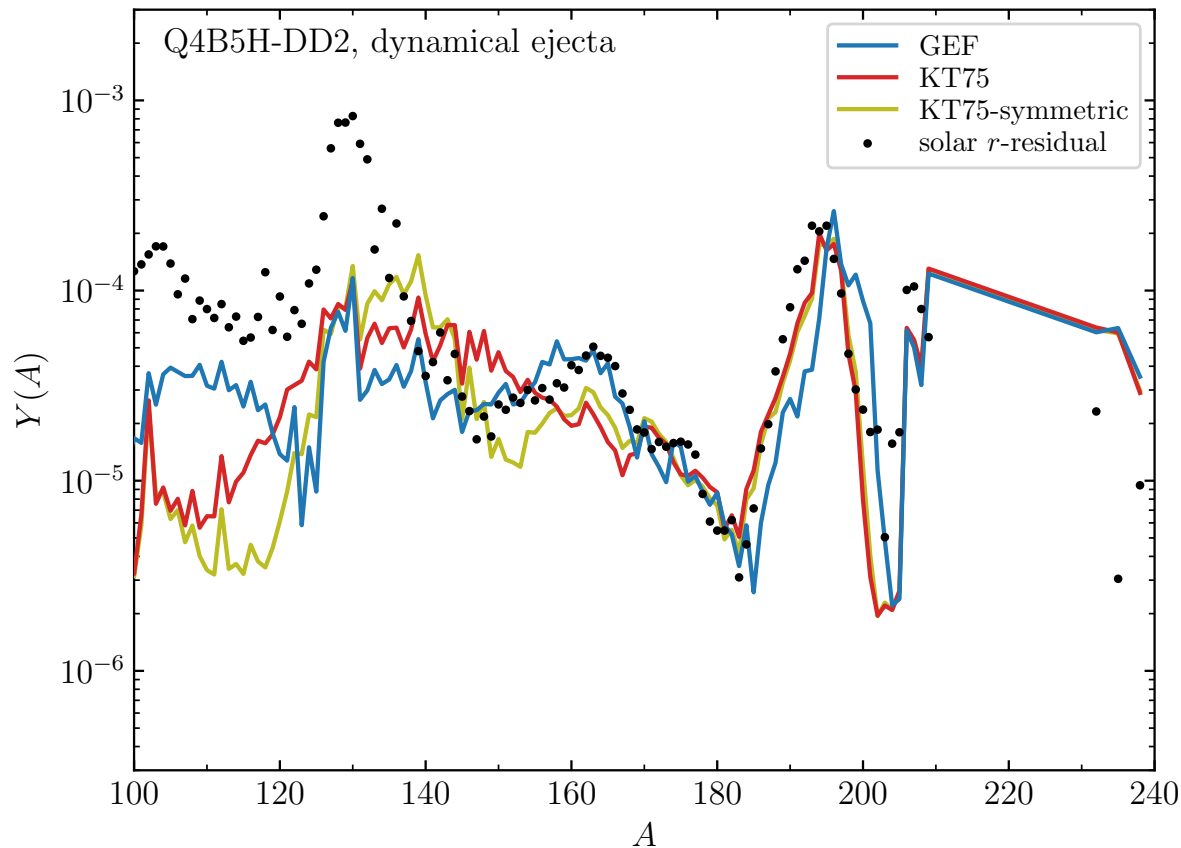
GEF 2021/1.1; Schmidt et al.



computed by using the GEF code (free BASIC) for isotopes with  $Z = 90-110$

# dependence on fission models

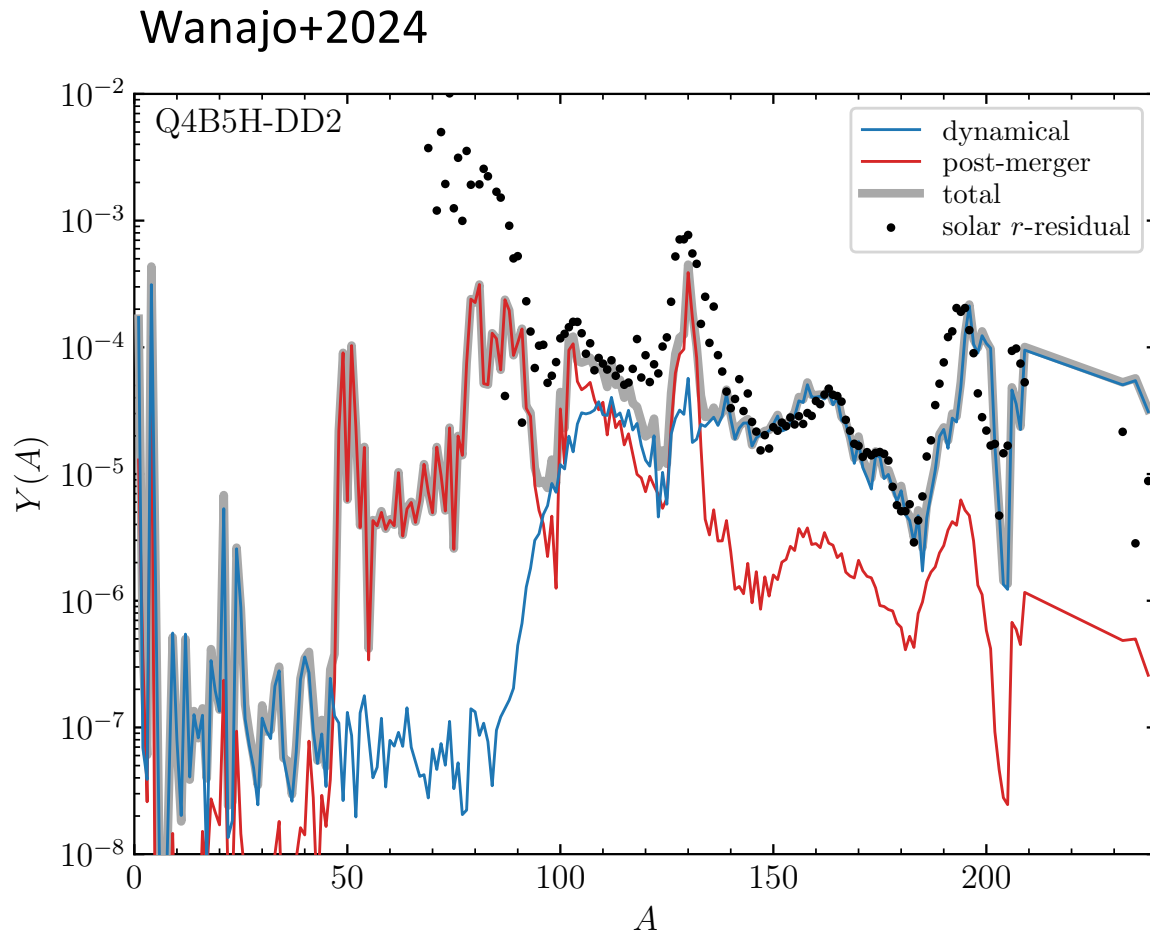
Wanajo+2024



- ❖ GEF well reproduces the solar  $r$ -pattern for  $A > 140$
- ❖ Kodama & Takahashi 1975 (phenomenological double gaussian distribution) cannot reproduce the solar  $r$ -pattern



# comparison with solar r-abundance

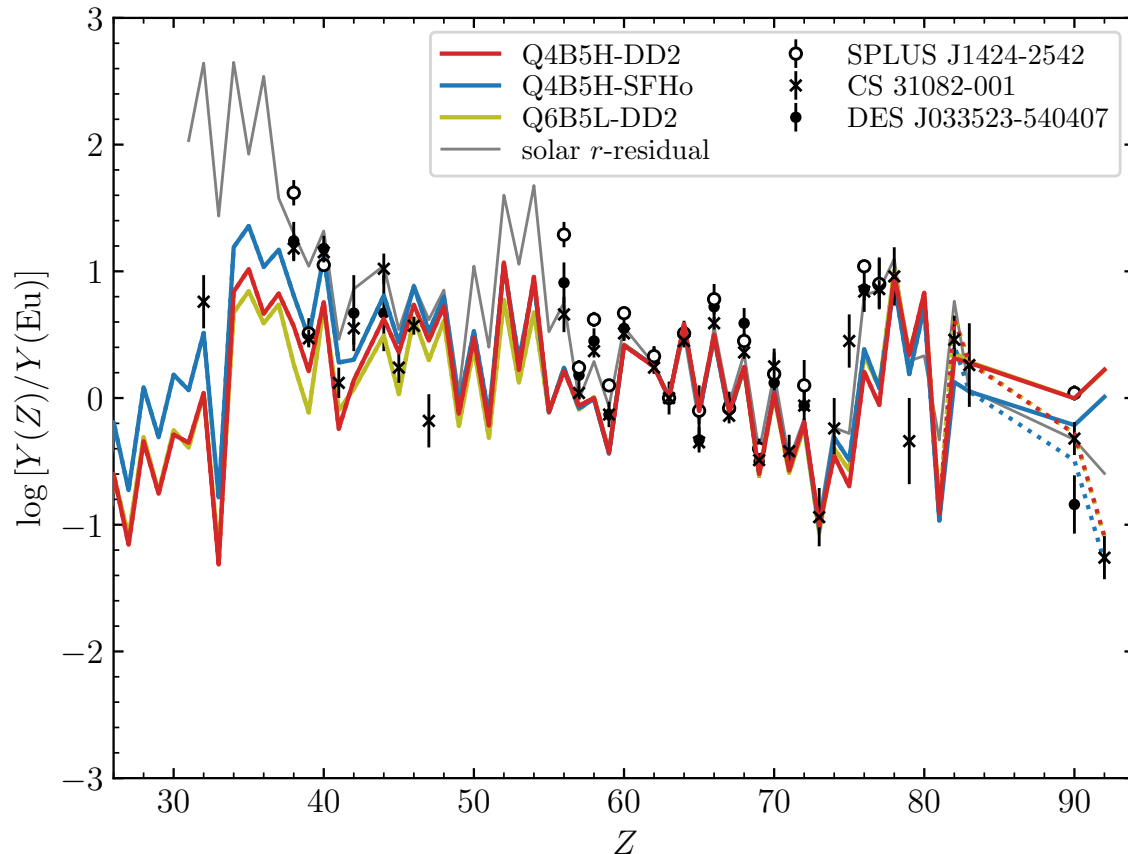


good agreement with the solar *r*-process abundance

- ❖ tidal (cold) component: responsible for  $A > 140$
- ❖ post-merger (hot) component: responsible for  $A = 90-140$

# comparison with actinide-boosted stars

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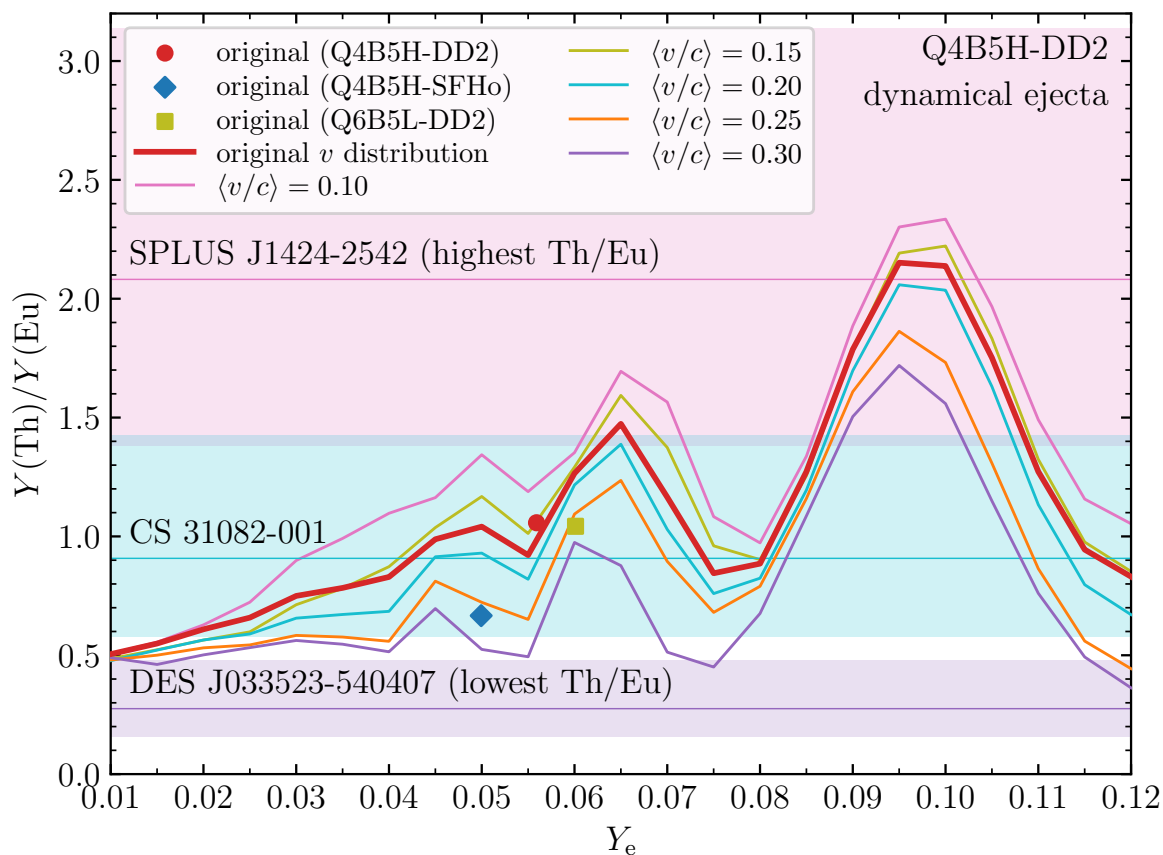


actinides (Th and U) after 13 Gyr ( $\sim$  ages of these stars) with respect to lanthanides (Eu)

❖ good agreement with the present-day Th and U for CS31082-001 (actinide-boost star)

# $Y_e$ constraint from actinide production

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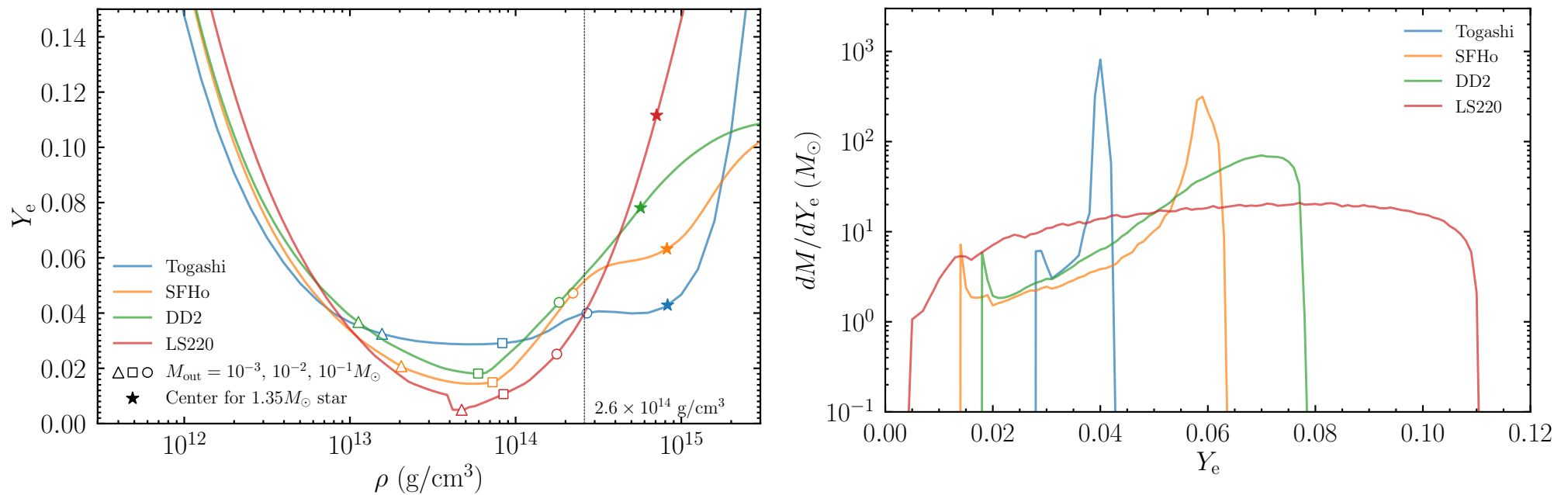


tests with  $Y_e = 0.01, \dots, 0.1$  are consistent with Th/Eu in metal-poor stars (13 Gyr ago)

❖ presence of actinide-boost stars (Th/Eu > 0.9) implies  $Y_e \sim 0.05-0.1$  in the dynamical ejecta

# constraint on nuclear equations of state

Wanajo+2024



❖ range of  $Y_e \sim 0.05-0.1$  excludes some nuclear equations of state (e.g., Togashi EOS)

# 4. hypernovae in MHD

# GR-MHD collapsar models

Shibata, Fujibayashi, Wanajo+2024, in prep.

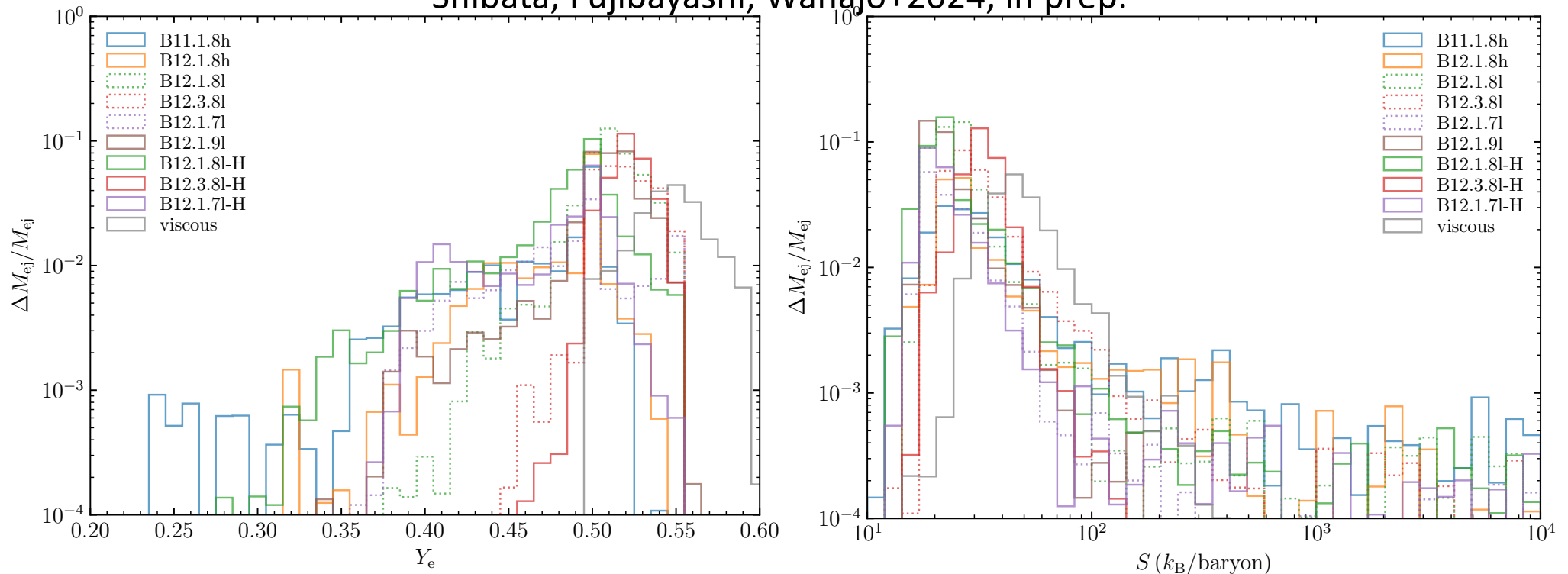
Model	$B_{\max}$ (G)	$\alpha_d$	$\sigma_c$ ( $s^{-1}$ )	$\rho_{\text{cut}}$ ( $g/cm^3$ )	$\Delta x$ (m)	Explosion	Jet
B11.1.8h	$10^{11}$	$10^{-4}$	$10^8$	$10^8$	360	Yes	Yes
B12.1.8h	$10^{12}$	$10^{-4}$	$10^8$	$10^8$	360	Yes	Yes
B12.1.8l	$10^{12}$	$10^{-4}$	$10^8$	$10^6$	360	Yes	Yes
B12.3.8l	$10^{12}$	$3 \times 10^{-4}$	$10^8$	$10^6$	360	Yes	Yes
B12.1.7l	$10^{12}$	$10^{-4}$	$10^7$	$10^6$	360	Yes	Weak
B12.1.9l	$10^{12}$	$10^{-4}$	$10^9$	$10^6$	360	Yes	Yes
B12.1.8l-H	$10^{12}$	$10^{-4}$	$10^8$	$10^6$	300	Yes	Yes
B12.3.8l-H	$10^{12}$	$3 \times 10^{-4}$	$10^8$	$10^6$	300	Yes	No
B12.1.7l-H	$10^{12}$	$10^{-4}$	$10^7$	$10^6$	300	Yes	Weak
viscous	—	—	—	—	360	Yes	No

long-term ( $> 10$  s) 2D neutrino-radiated, GR-MHD simulations of BH-forming SNe (collapsars) from a  $35 M_{\odot}$  star (Aguilera-Dena+2020) with phenomenological dynamo parameters (Shibata+2021)

❖ all models explode with or without jets (depending on the stochastic nature of magnetic field evolution)

# nucleosynthesis-relevant conditions

Shibata, Fujibayashi, Wanajo+2024, in prep.

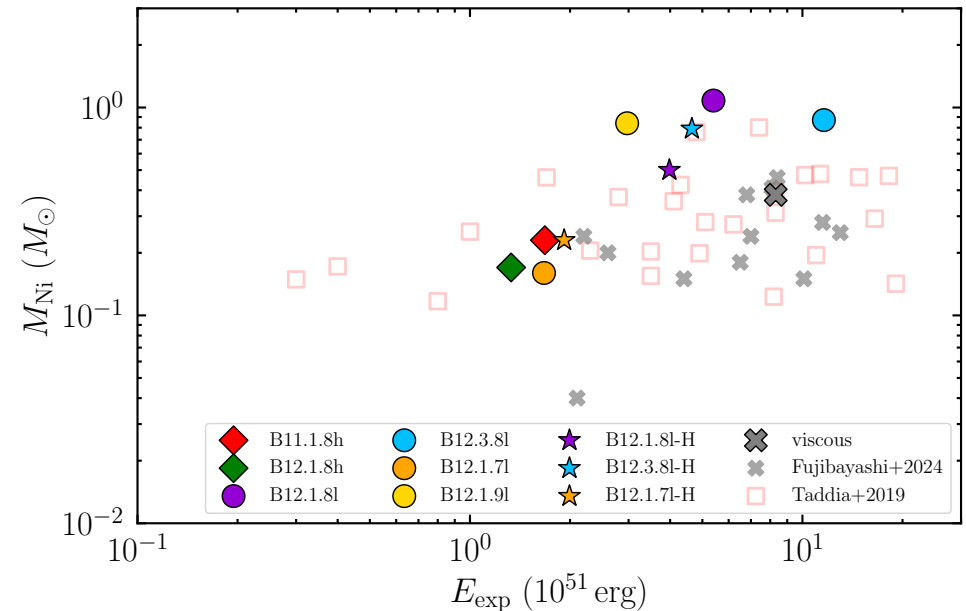
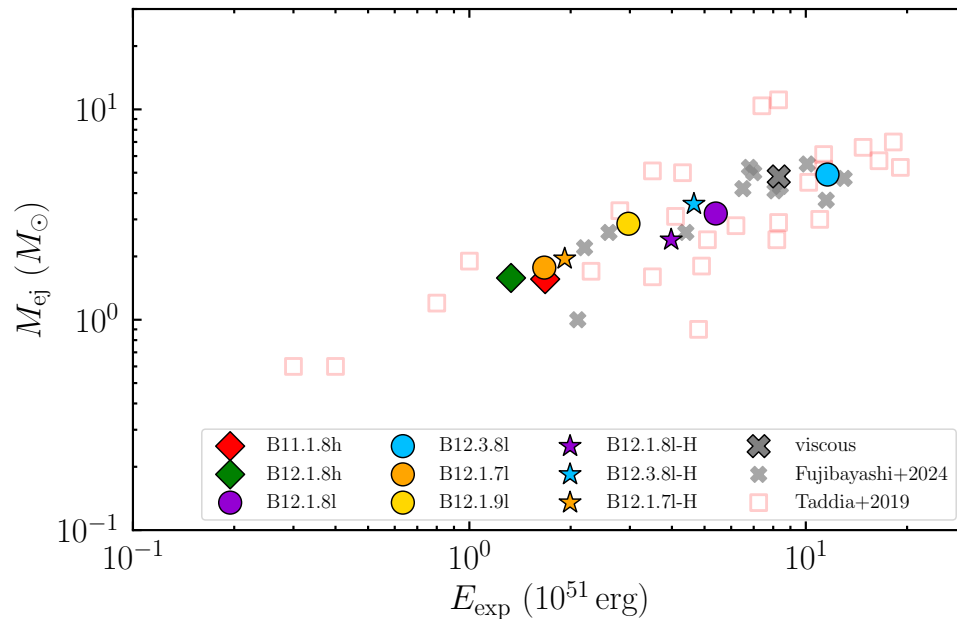


matter is modestly neutron rich but with high entropy for jet models

❖ ejecta near the jet achieve the conditions for successful r-process  
(and  $\nu p$ -process ?)

# explosion energy and Ni production

Shibata, Fujibayashi, Wanajo+2024, in prep.



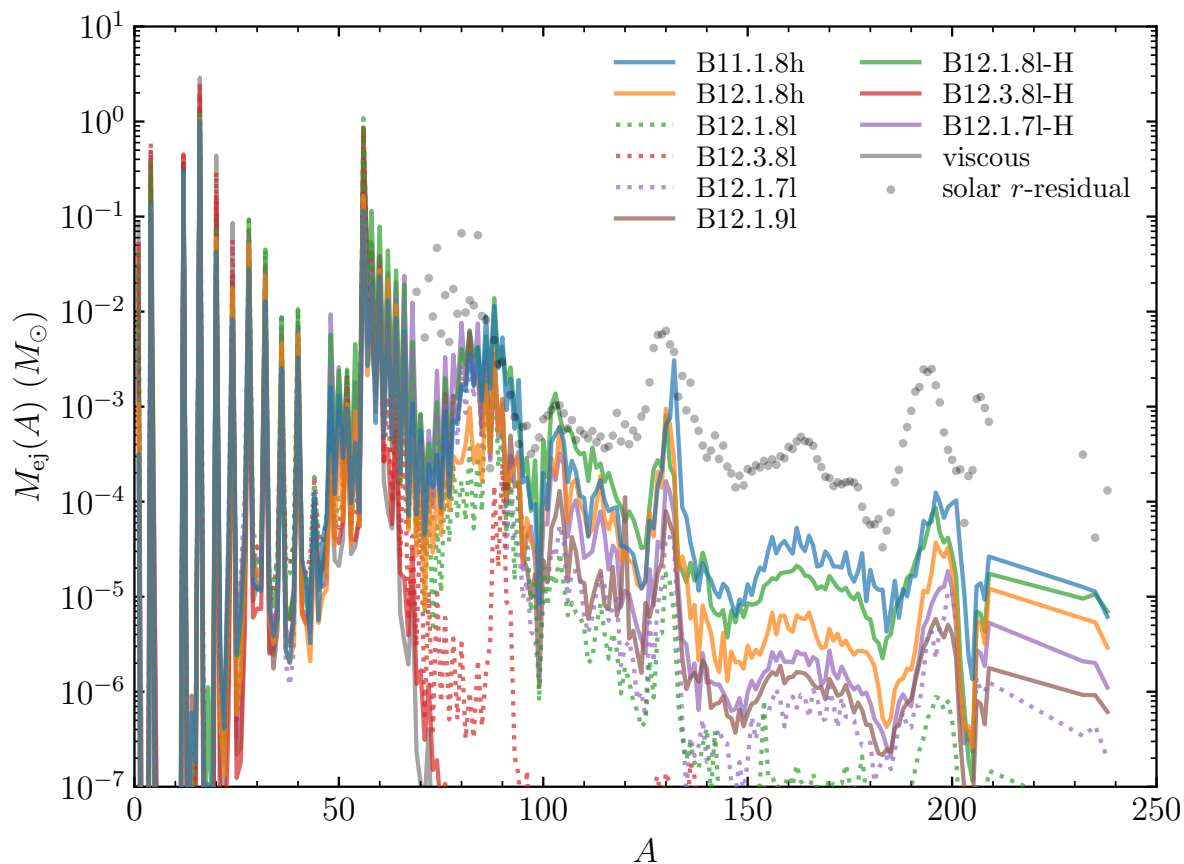
observed SNe Ic-BL (hypernovae) exhibit large explosion energies and large  $^{56}\text{Ni}$  masses (Taddia+2019)

❖ models well reproduce the observational trends for explosion energy, ejecta mass, and  $^{56}\text{Ni}$  mass



# unknown nucleosynthesis ?

Shibata, Fujibayashi, Wanajo+2024, in prep.

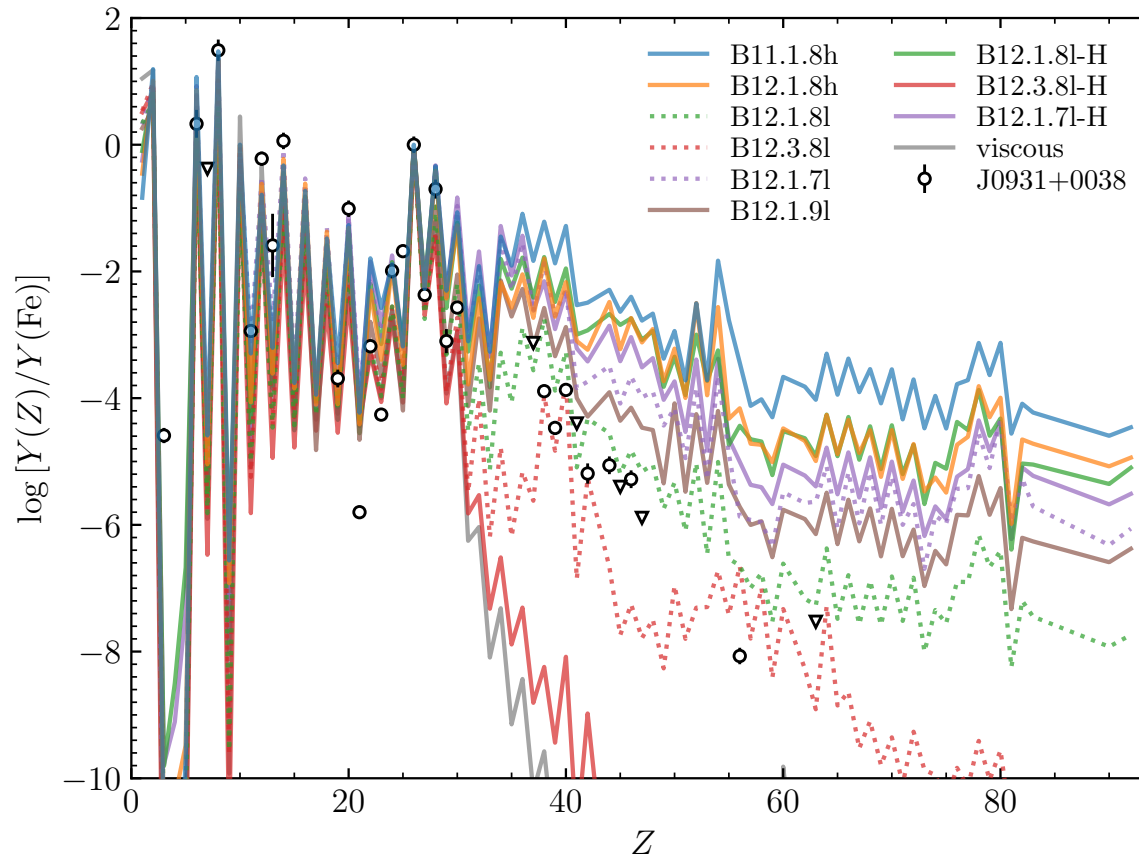


high entropy and mild  
neutron-richness in ejecta  
for models with jets

- ❖ no r-process in non-GRB SNe
- ❖ **weak r-process in GRB-SNe**
- ❖ no kilonova-like transients because of low lanthanides (consistent with observation of SNe Ic-BL; Rastinejad+2024)

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comparison with the star of  
Ji+2024 (J0931+0038)  
normalized at Fe

- ❖ different dynamo parameters lead to variation in weak r-process patterns
- ❖ more observation of stars with such rare abundance patterns constrain models

# summary

- ❖ universality of r-process abundance patterns
  - ensemble of dynamical (heavy) and post-merger (light) ejecta
  - both NS-NS and BH-NS mergers can be the sites
- ❖ actinide boost
  - highly neutron-rich dynamical ejecta leading to fission recycling
  - BH-NS mergers are favored than NS-NS mergers
- ❖ peculiar nucleosynthesis (the star of Ji+2024)
  - large  $^{56}\text{Ni}$  production with weak r-process in hypernovae with jets
  - MHD-driven BH-forming SNe (collapsars) may be possible sites