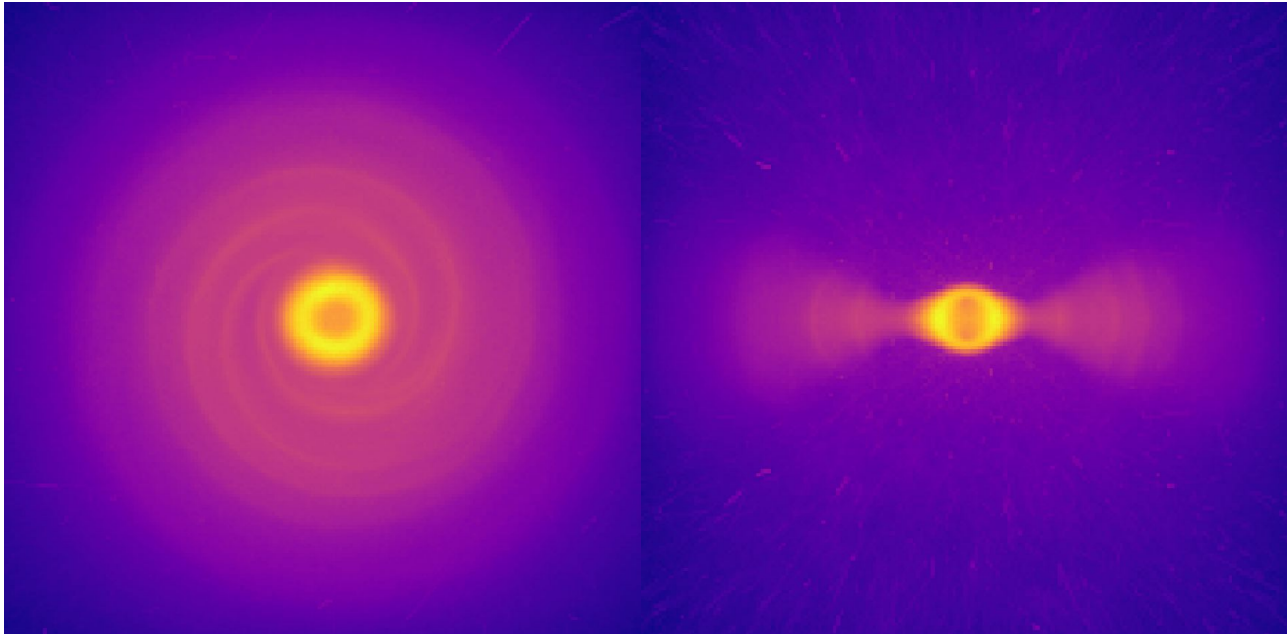


Neutrino-matter interactions in neutron star merger simulations

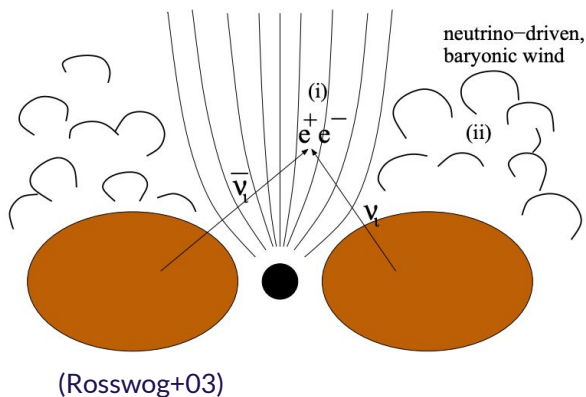


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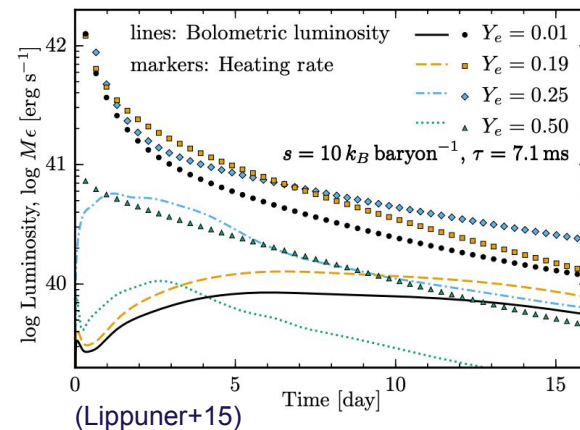
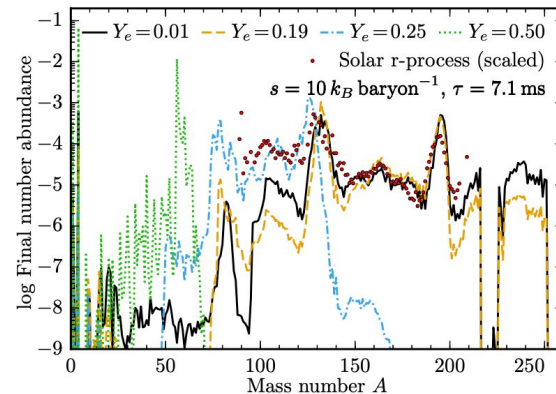
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Why care about neutrinos in NS mergers?

- r-process nucleosynthesis, kilonovae
(Kasen+19, Eichler+19, Martin+18, Barnes+16, Metzger+10)
- short gamma-ray burst mechanism
(Perego+17, Just+16, Zalamea+11, Richers+15, Eichler+89)



Very important to get the neutrino physics right!



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Light bulb, leakage,

FLD, M0, M1

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Different interactions

Emission/absorption
Scattering
Oscillations

Which interactions are
important to include?

The unreasonable effectiveness of Monte Carlo techniques

- Probabilistic solution, very accurate and very expensive.
(Miller+19, Foucart+18, Richers+15, Abdikamalov+12, Keil+03, Yamada+99, Janka+91, Tubbs+78)

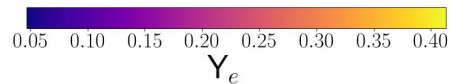
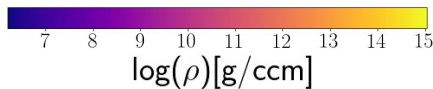
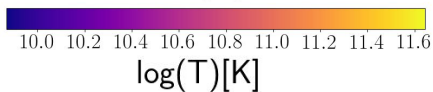
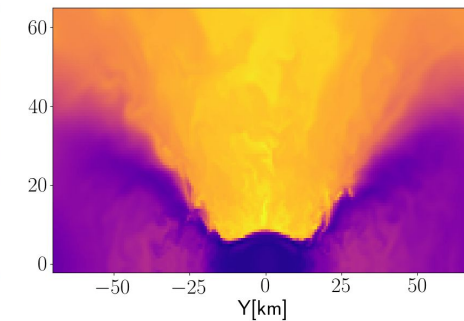
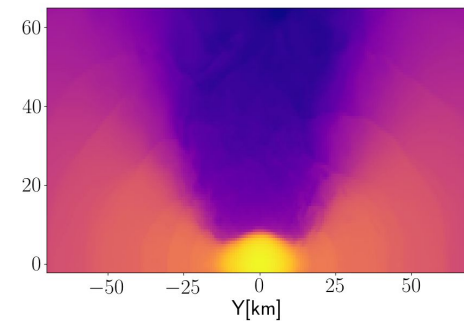
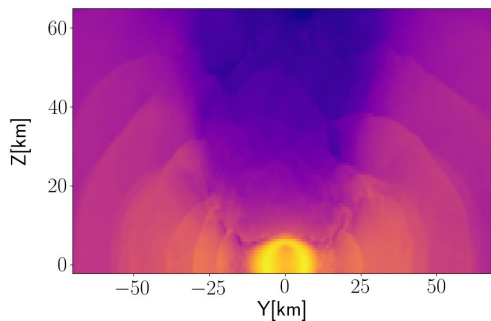
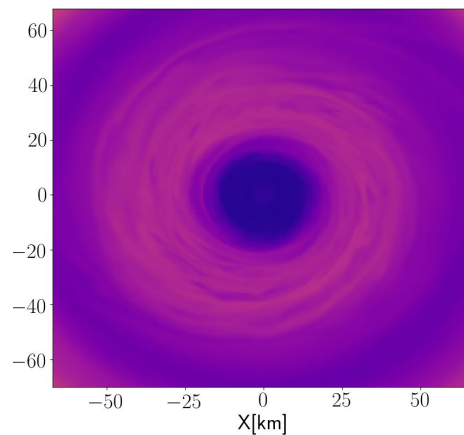
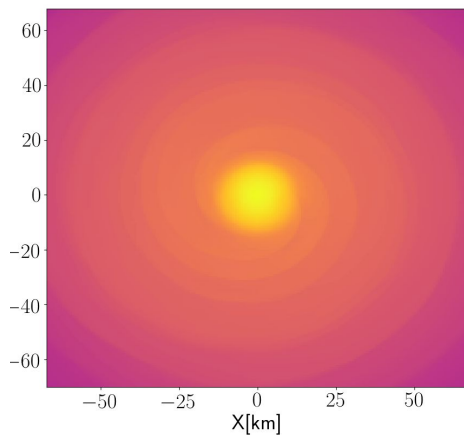
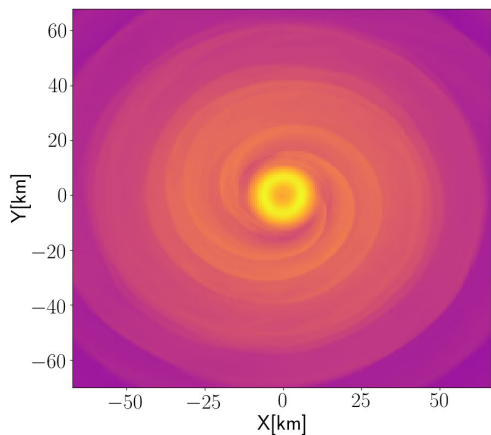
This study:

- MC neutrino transport on fluid snapshots from M0 simulations and compare results.
- Investigate importance of various neutrino interactions over broad parameter space.

SedonuGR: Time-independent MC transport

- General-relativistic Monte Carlo neutrino transport code.
- Emit neutrino ‘packets’. Propagate and scatter (with correct probability density functions!) till they escape or are absorbed.
- Neutrino-fluid interactions depend on $(\rho, T, Y_e, E_\nu, S_\nu)$. Tabulated rates from NuLib (nulib.org), given an EOS and set of interactions.

Fluid Snapshots



Post-merger
snapshots

4 EOSs

Equal and
unequal mass
binaries

(Radice et al. 2018)

Questions:

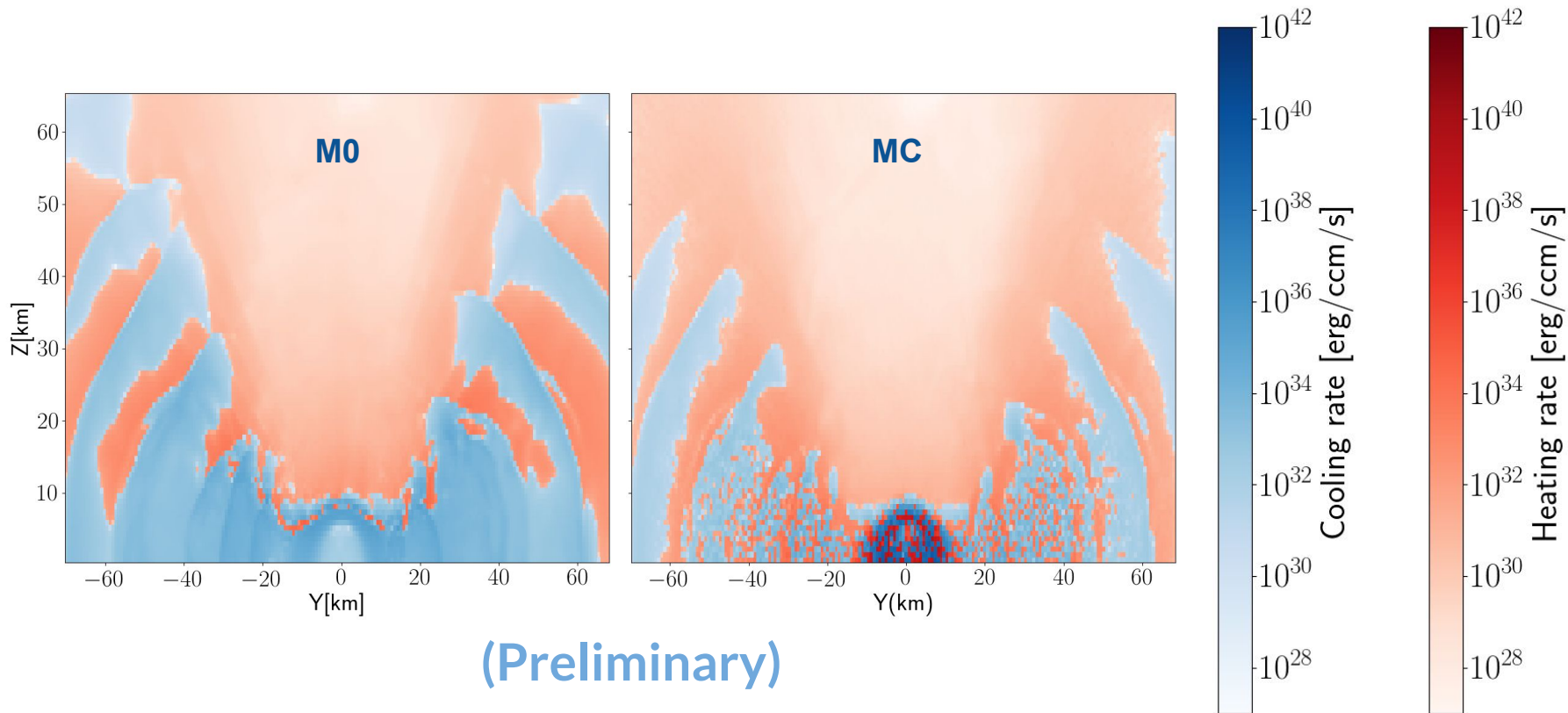
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M0 and MC: heating and cooling rates



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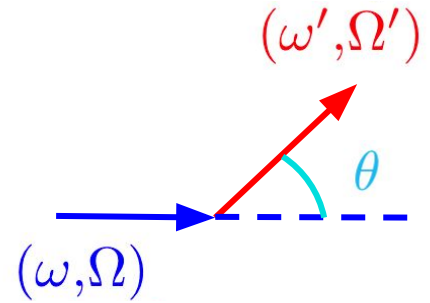
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Neutrino-electron inelastic scattering

$$\kappa_s(\omega) = \frac{1}{h^3 c^4} \int d\left(\frac{\omega'^3}{3}\right) \int d\Omega' R(\omega, \omega', \mu)$$

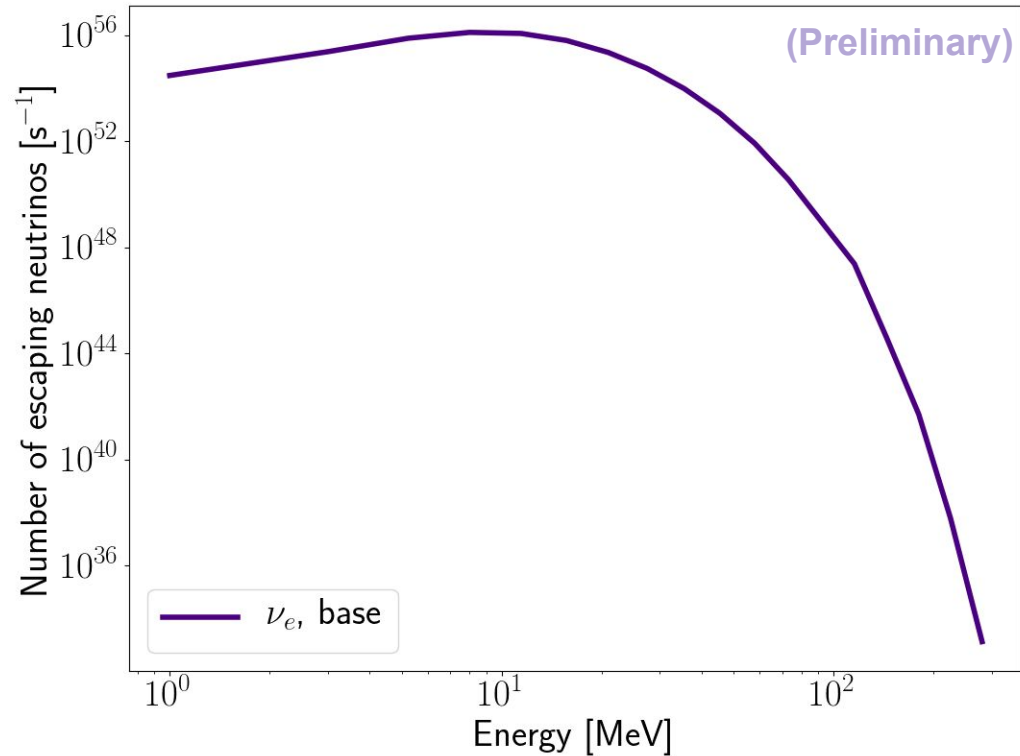
$$R(\omega, \omega', \mu) \approx \frac{1}{2} \Phi_0(\omega, \omega') + \frac{3}{2} \mu \Phi_1(\omega, \omega')$$



1. Pick random new energy (inelastic)
2. Pick random new direction (anisotropic)

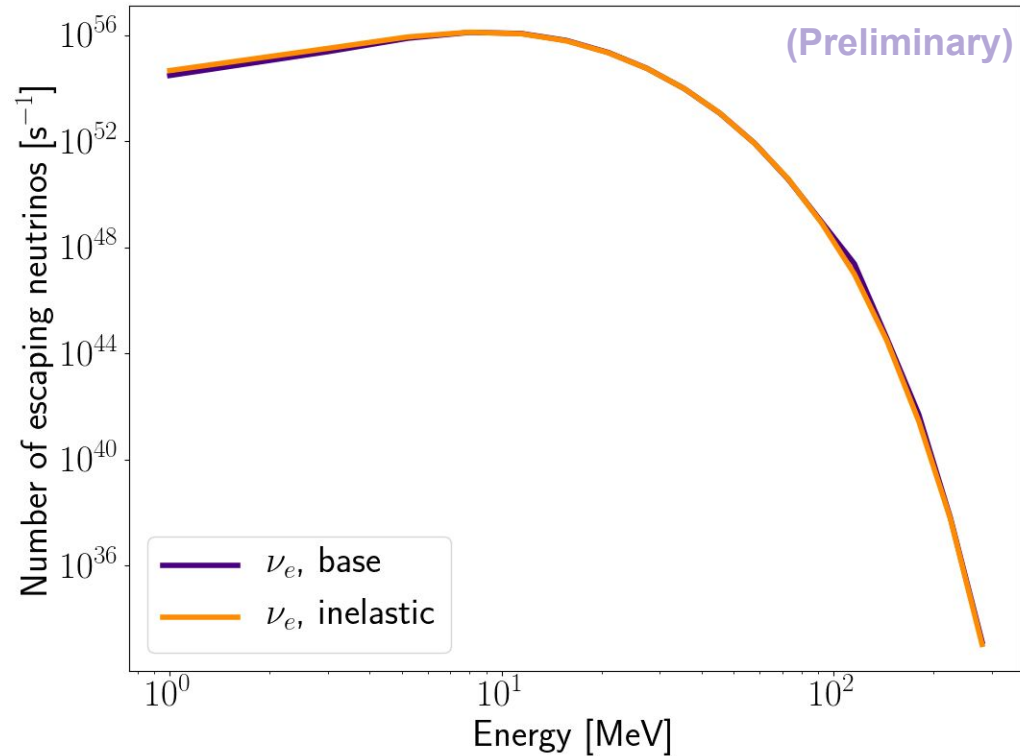
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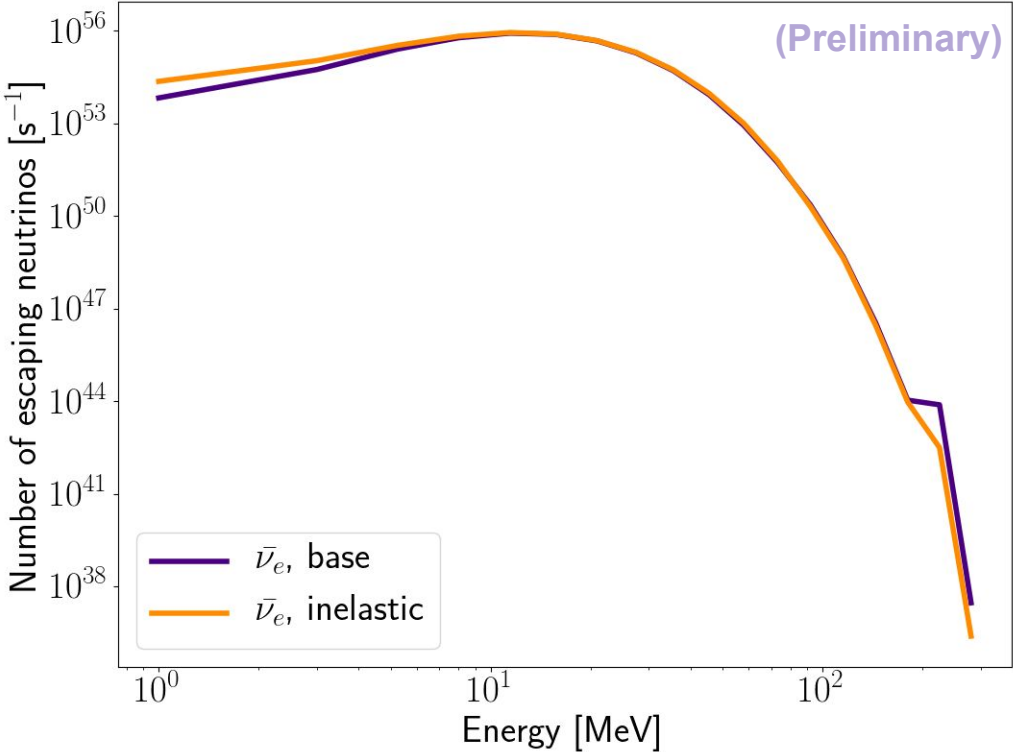
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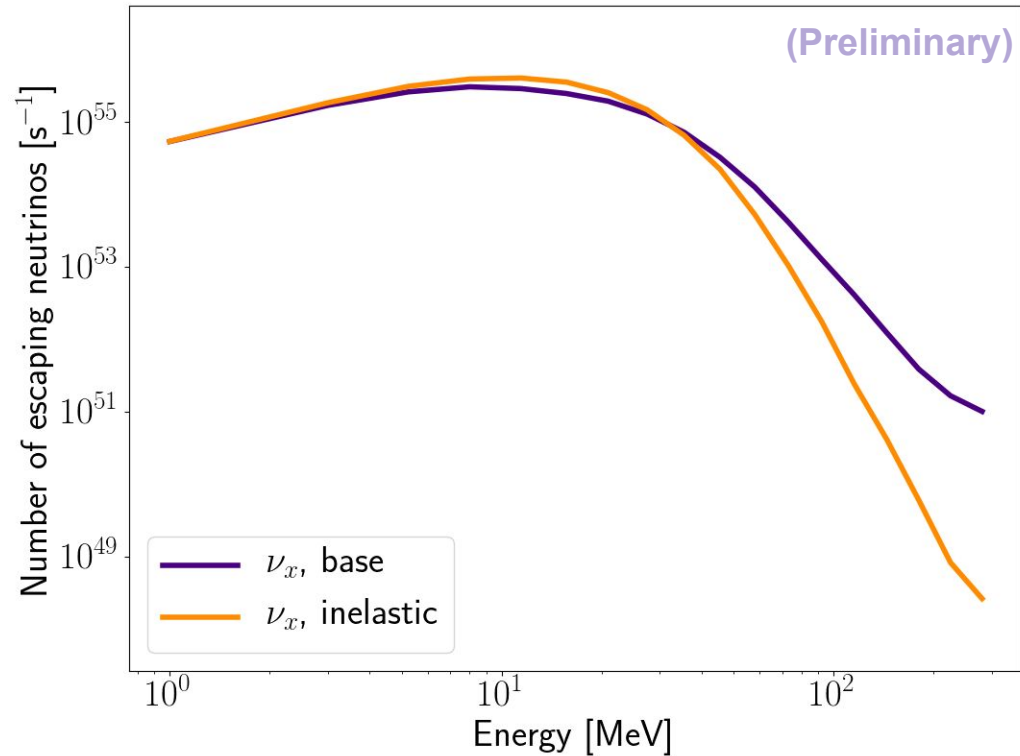
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2. Anti-electron flavor



Neutrino-electron inelastic scattering

3. Heavy flavors



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Estimating the energy deposited via neutrino pair-annihilation

$$\mathcal{F}_{\text{annihil}}^{\mu} = \int \widetilde{d}p_{(1)} \int \widetilde{d}p_{(2)} \int d\Omega_{(1)} \int d\Omega_{(2)} f_{(1)} f_{(2)} \left(p_{(1)}^{\mu} + p_{(2)}^{\mu} \right) \Phi(\cos \theta)$$

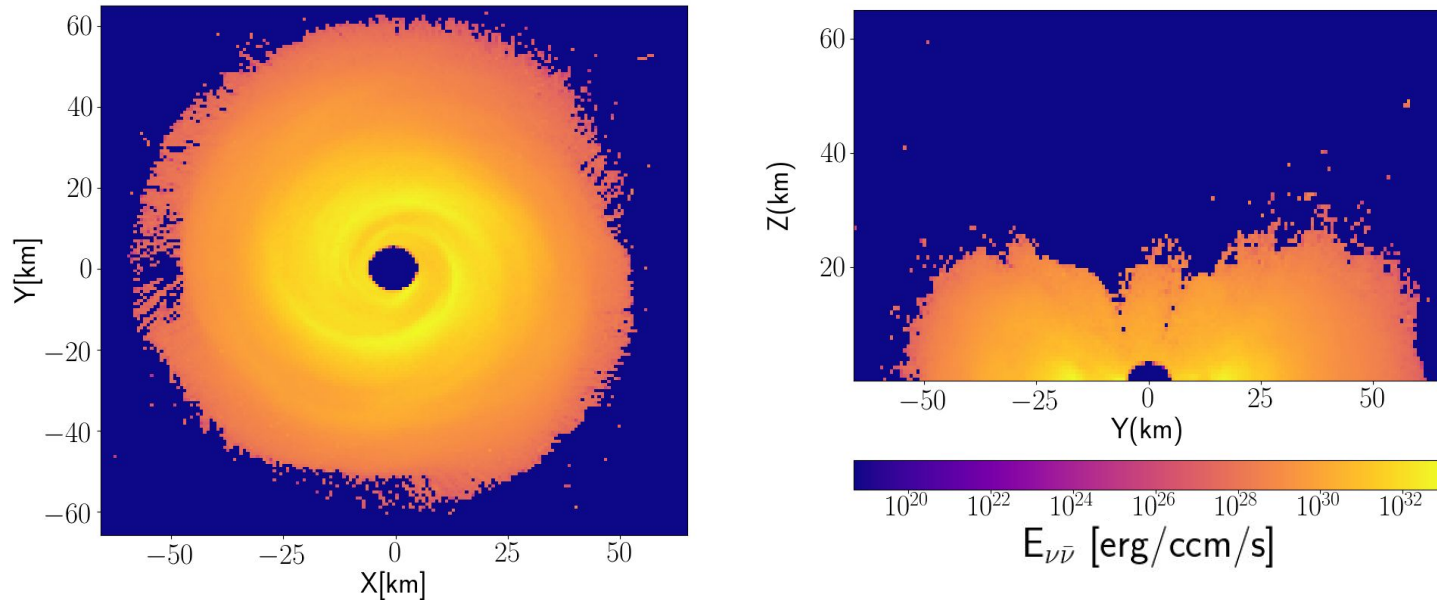
1. Reconstruct distribution function from moments
2. First two moments of annihilation kernel, guess third
3. Calculate annihilation rate for all species in a given cell
4. Multiply by four-volume of the cell to get energy deposited

Can pair-annihilation power sGRB jet?

1. BH case: SFHo, $M=1.35, 1.35$, $t \sim 25.9$ ms

$E(\text{annihilation}) = 1.14 \times 10^{48}$ erg/s (Preliminary)

(Just+16, Zalamea+11, Birkel+07, Kneller+06)

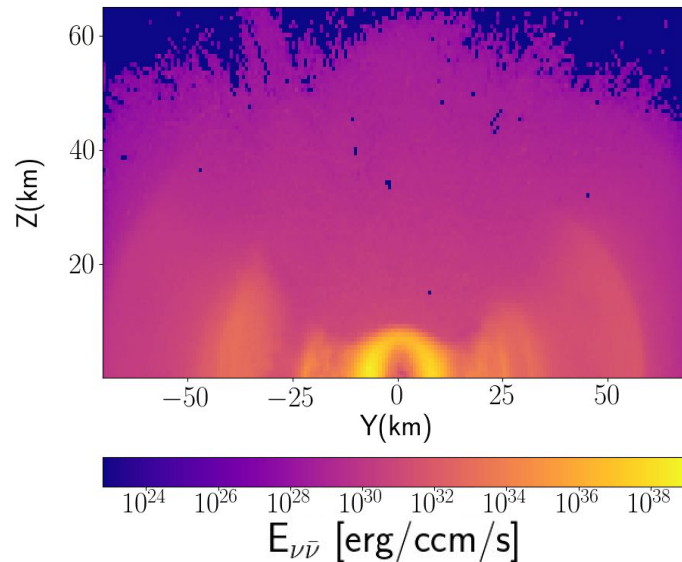
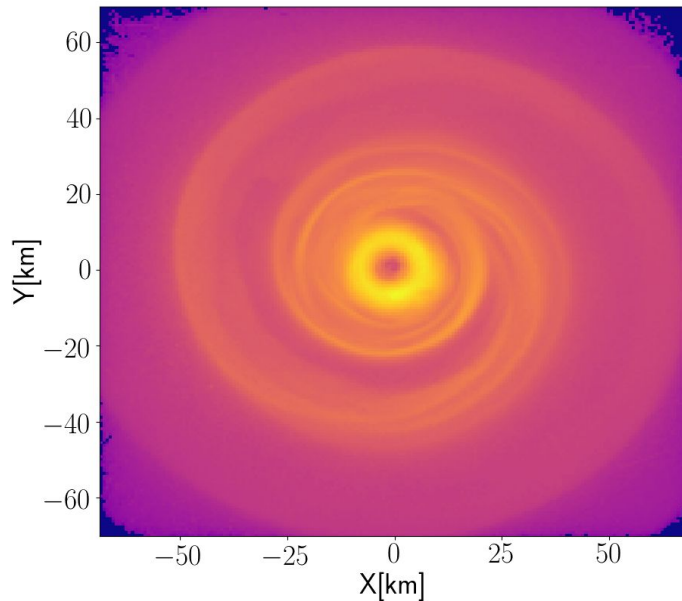


Can pair-annihilation power sGRB jet?

2. HMNS case: DD2, $M=1.35, 1.35$, $t \sim 27.5$ ms



$E(\text{annihilation}) = 1.16 \times 10^{50}$ erg/s (Preliminary)

(Perego+17, Richers+15, Dessart+09)



Takeaways (and an invitation!)

- MC transport is well-suited for exploring neutrino-matter interactions in NS mergers.
- So far, we have looked at:
 1. **MC-M0 comparison**: order of magnitude consistent
 2. **Neutrino-electron inelastic scattering**: heavy flavors most affected
 3. **Neutrino pair-annihilation**: HMNS case needs further exploration
- In progress: unequal mass binaries, neutrino blocking effects
- **Suggestions?**

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