

Numerical studies of white dwarf explosions: type Ia supernova and tidal disruption events

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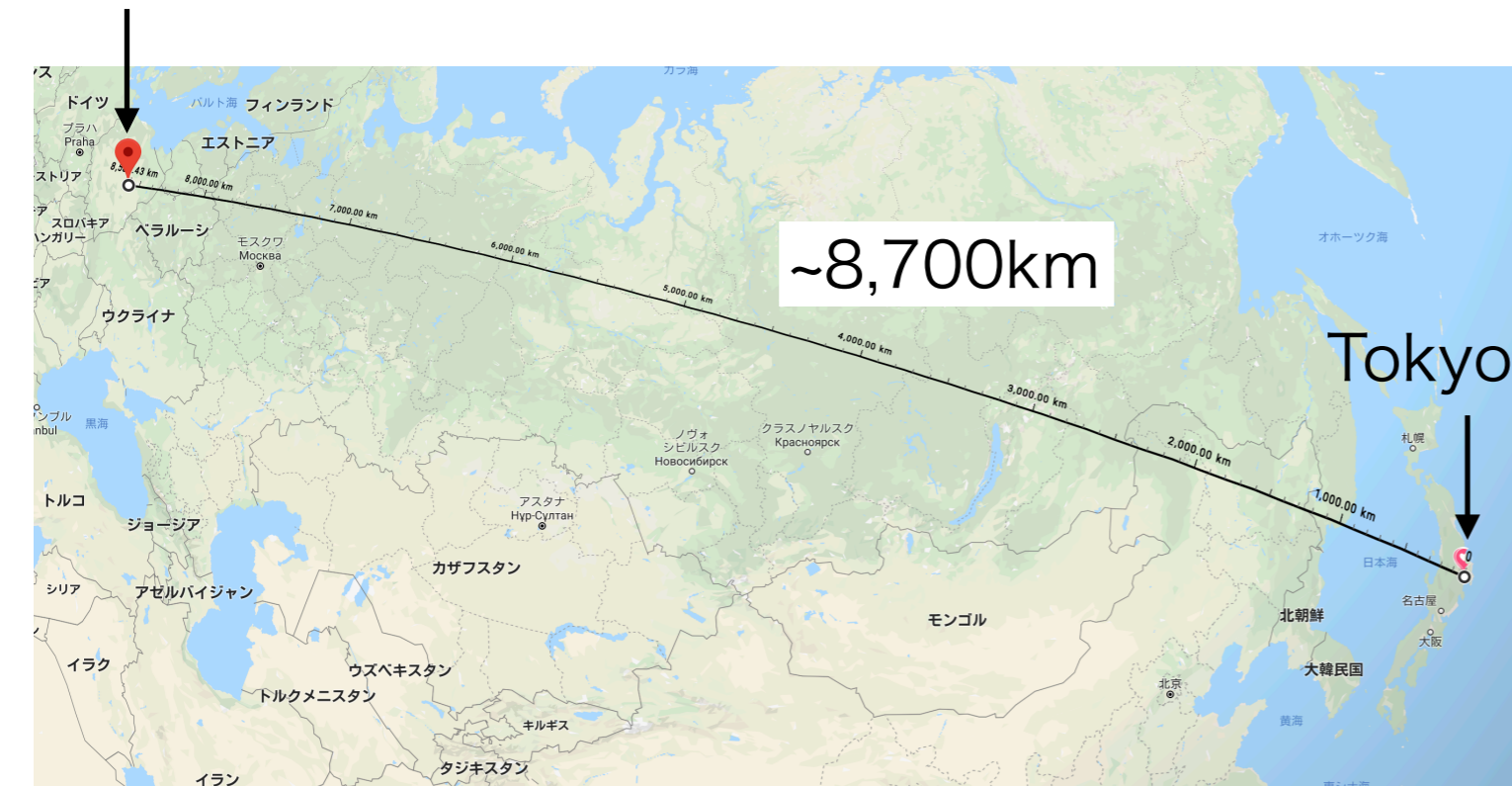
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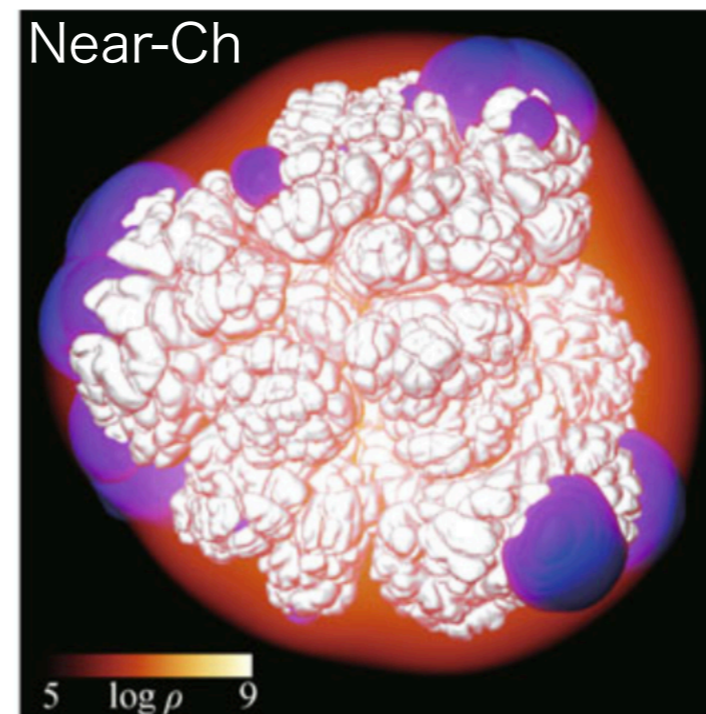
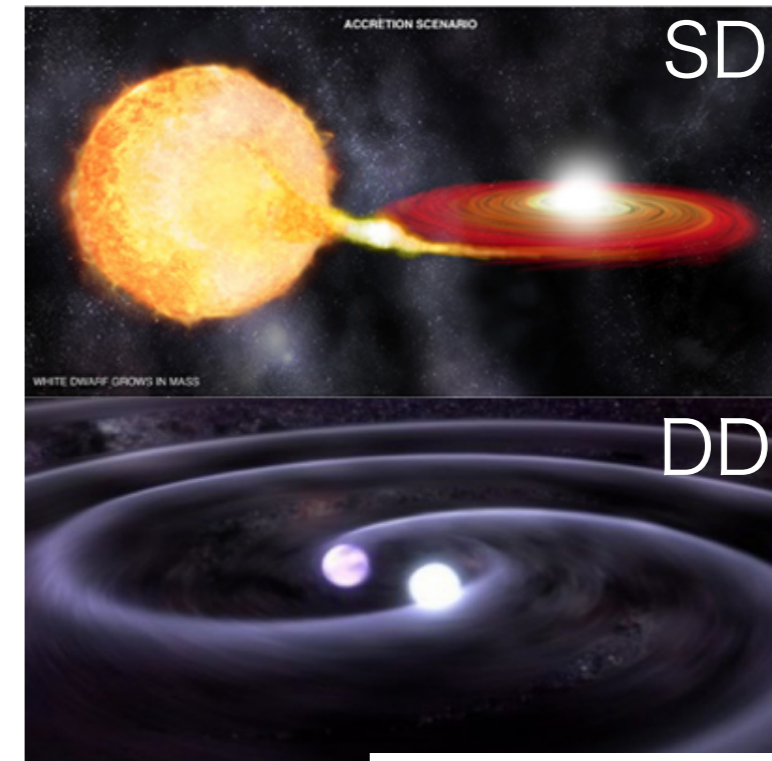
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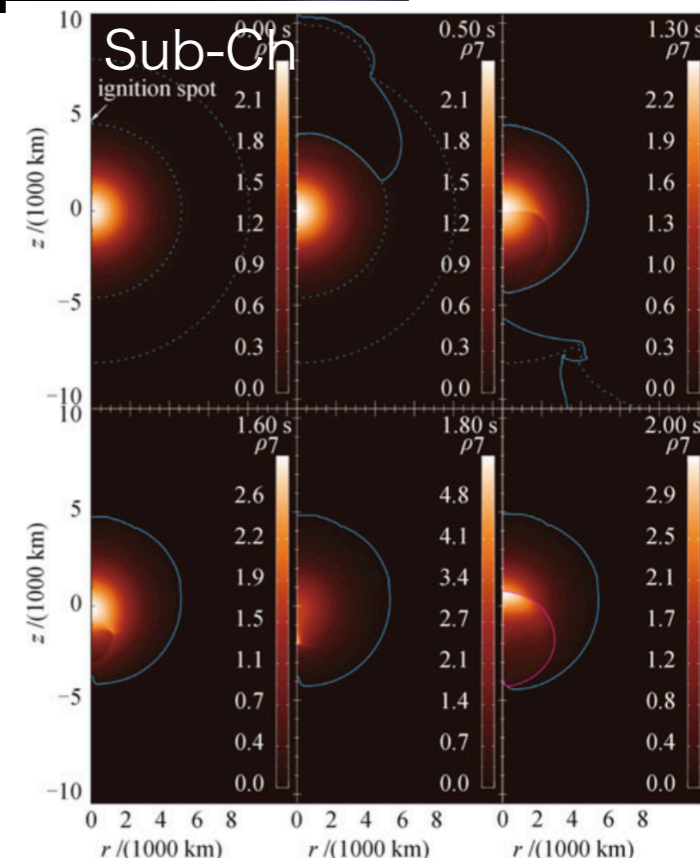
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Type Ia supernovae

- One of the brightest and most common objects in the universe
- A cosmic distance indicator
- The origin of iron peak elements
- Thermonuclear explosions of carbon-oxygen (CO) white dwarfs (WDs) in binary systems
- Open questions
 - Single Degenerate (SD) or **Double Degenerate (DD)**
 - Near-Chandrasekhar mass (Near-Ch) or **sub-Chandrasekhar (sub-Ch) mass**



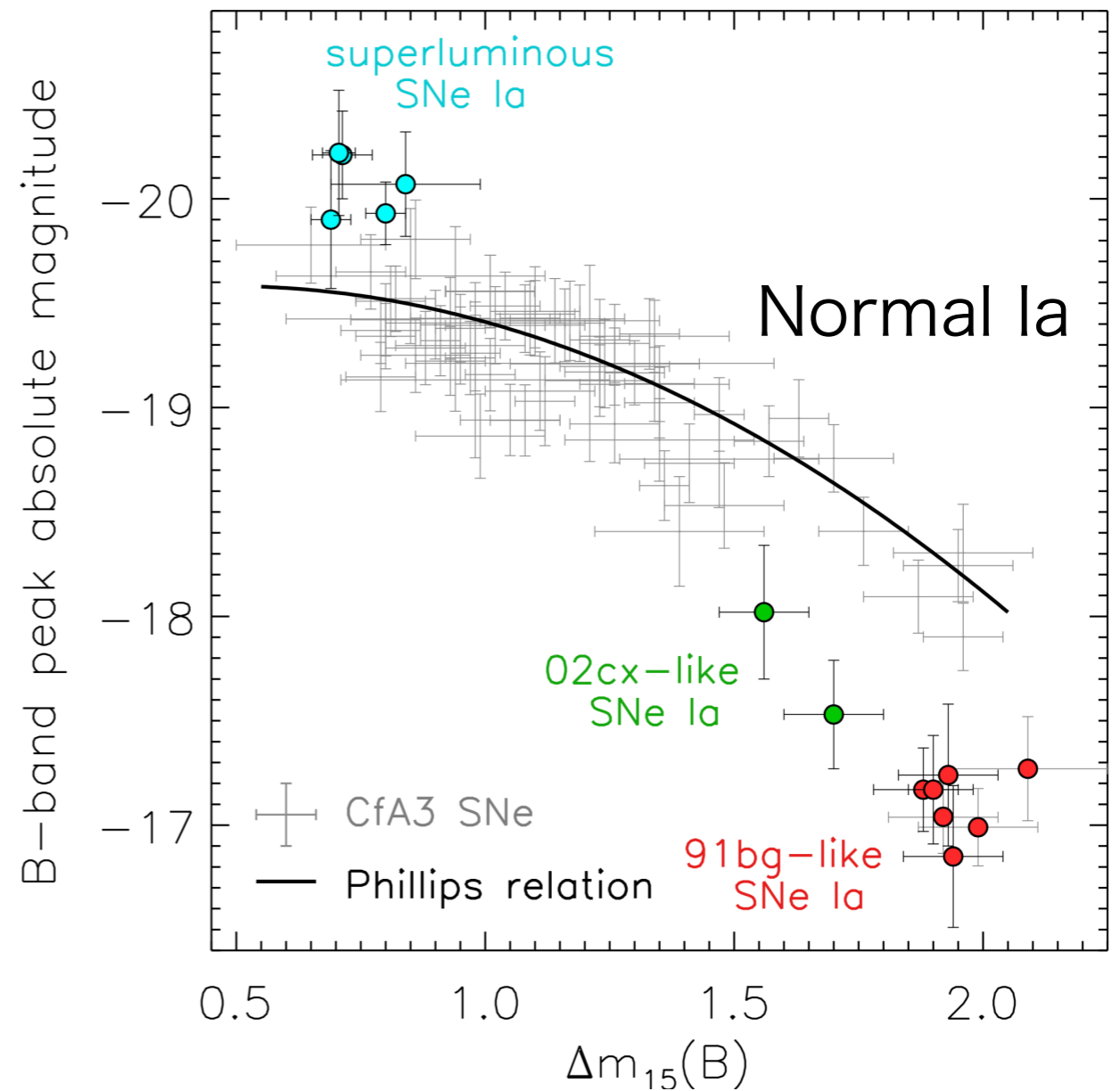
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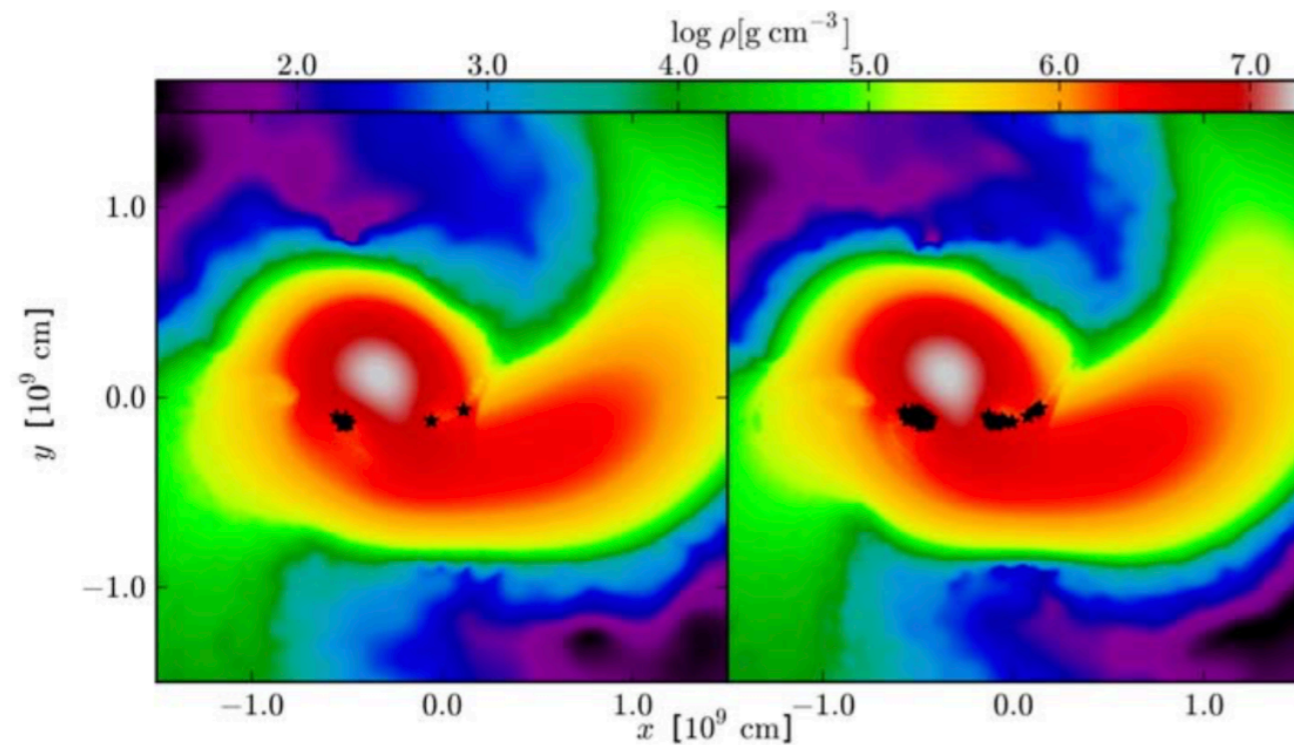
Normal & Peculiar SNe Ia

- Normal Ia
 - Standard candle
 - Dominant population (~50%)
- Peculiar SNe Ia
 - Sub-luminous Ia (e.g. 91bg-likes)
 - Type Iax, or O2cx-like
 - Over-luminous Ia (e.g. 91T-like and 99aa-likes)
 - Super-Chandrasekhar Ia
- Discussion about the normal Ia

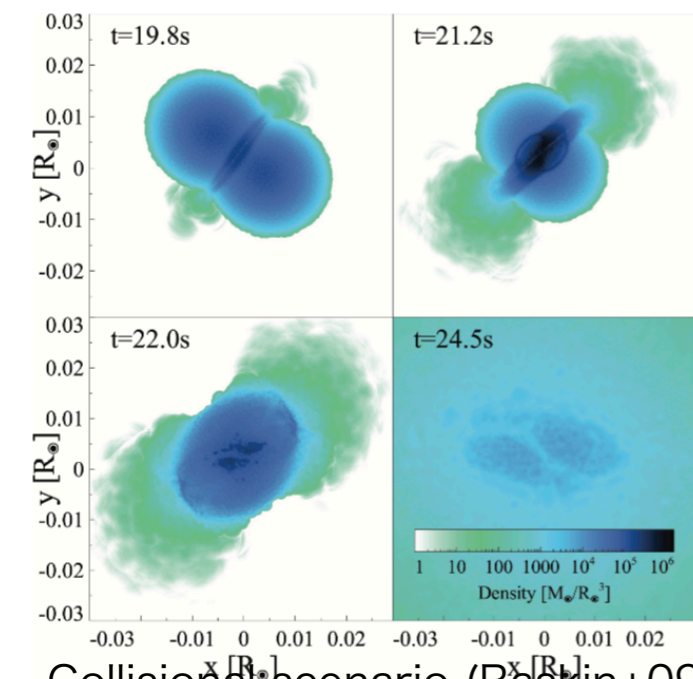


Hillebrandt+ (2013)

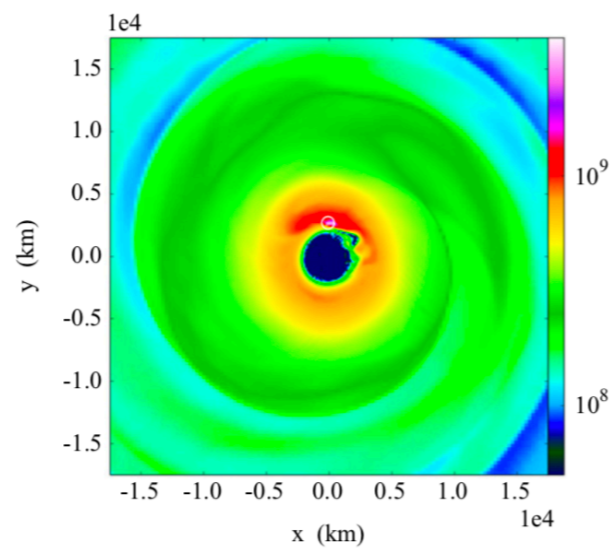
Sub-Ch DD Scenarios



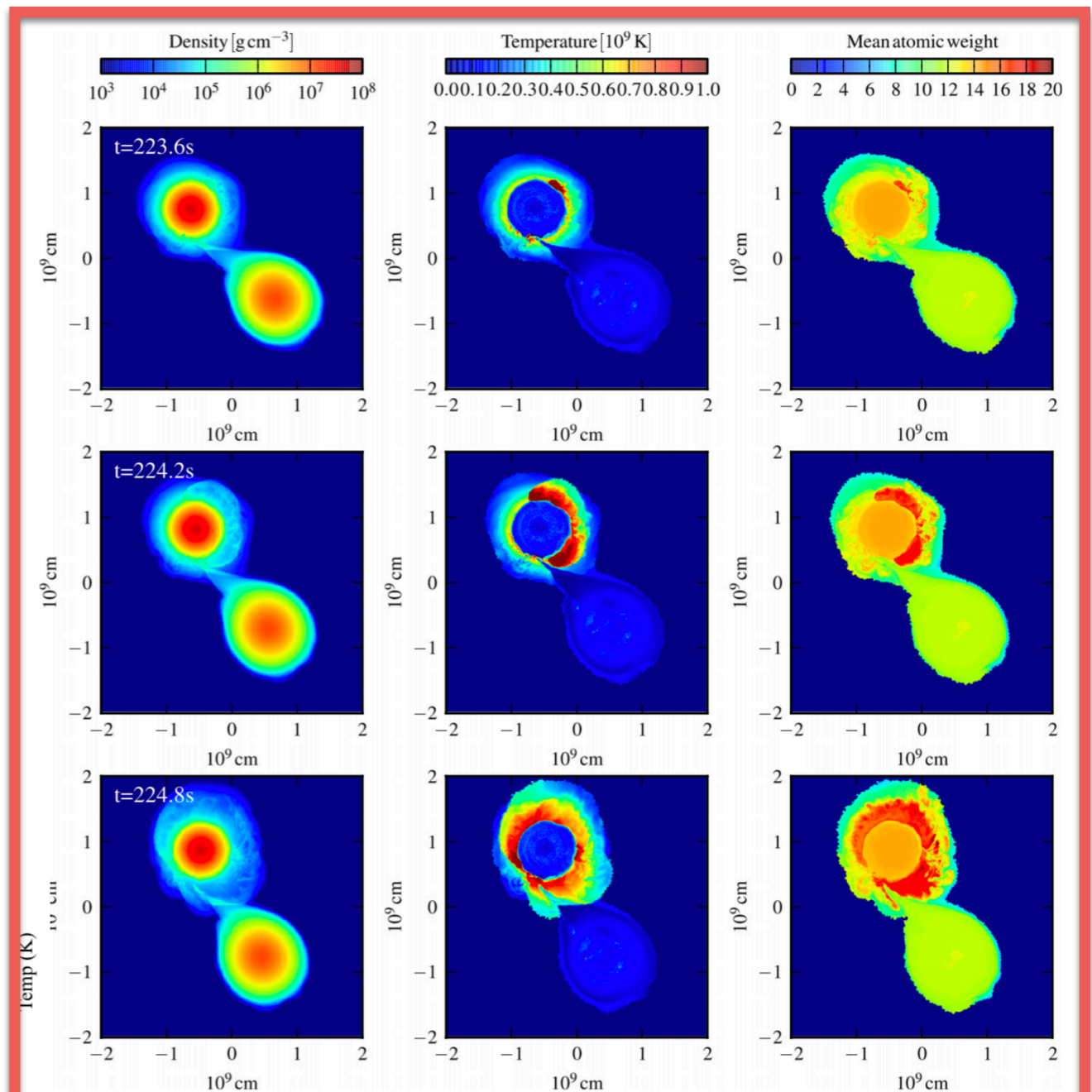
Violent merger (Pakmor+10; 11; 12;
see also Tanikawa+15; Sato+15;16)



Collisional scenario (Raskin+09;
Rosswog+09; Loren-Aguilar+10;
Dong+15; Isern's talk)



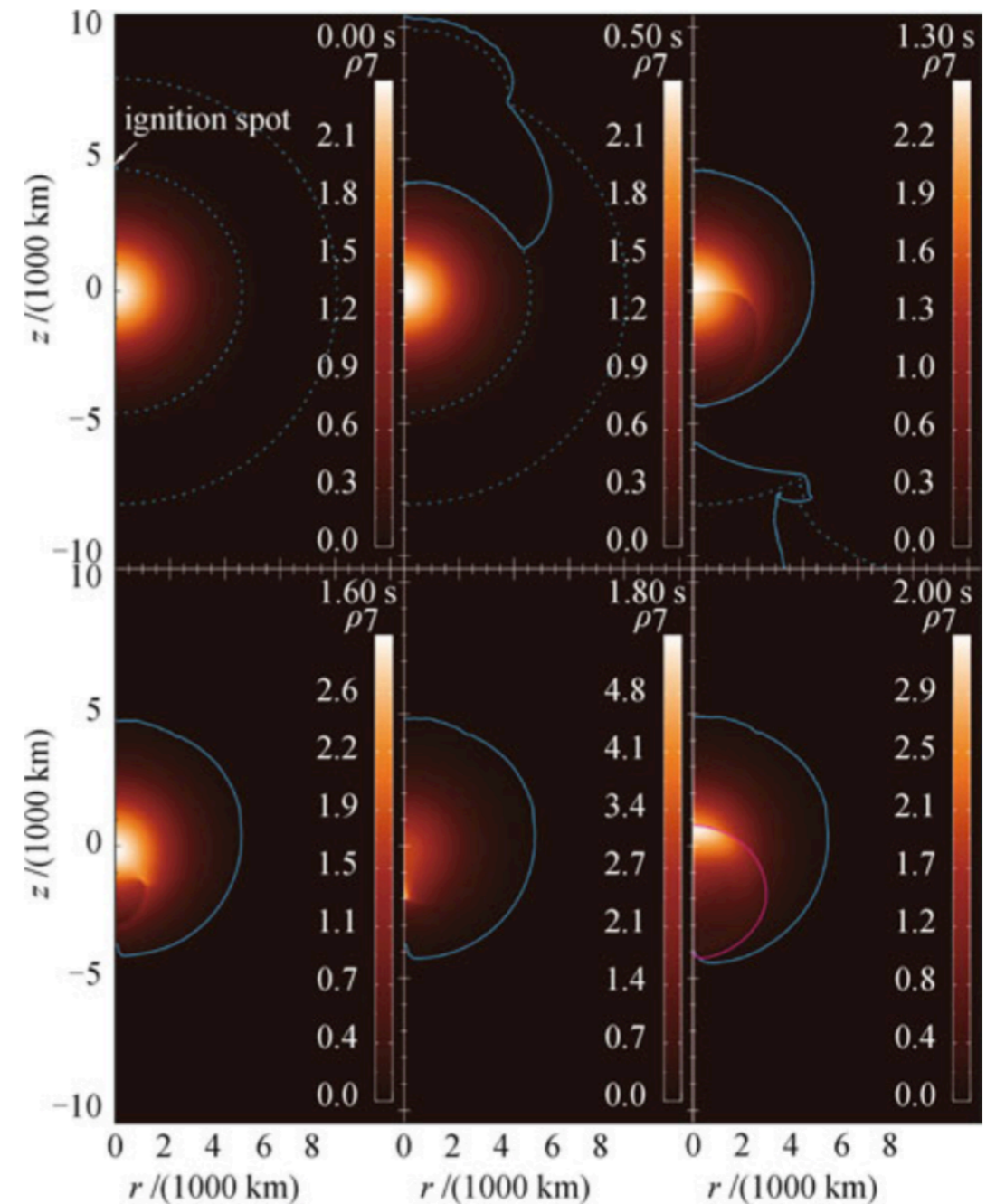
Spiral instability
(Kashyap+15;17)



Helium-ignited violent merger or Dynamically-
Driven Double-Degenerate Double-Detonation
(D6) model (Guillochon+10; Pakmor+13)

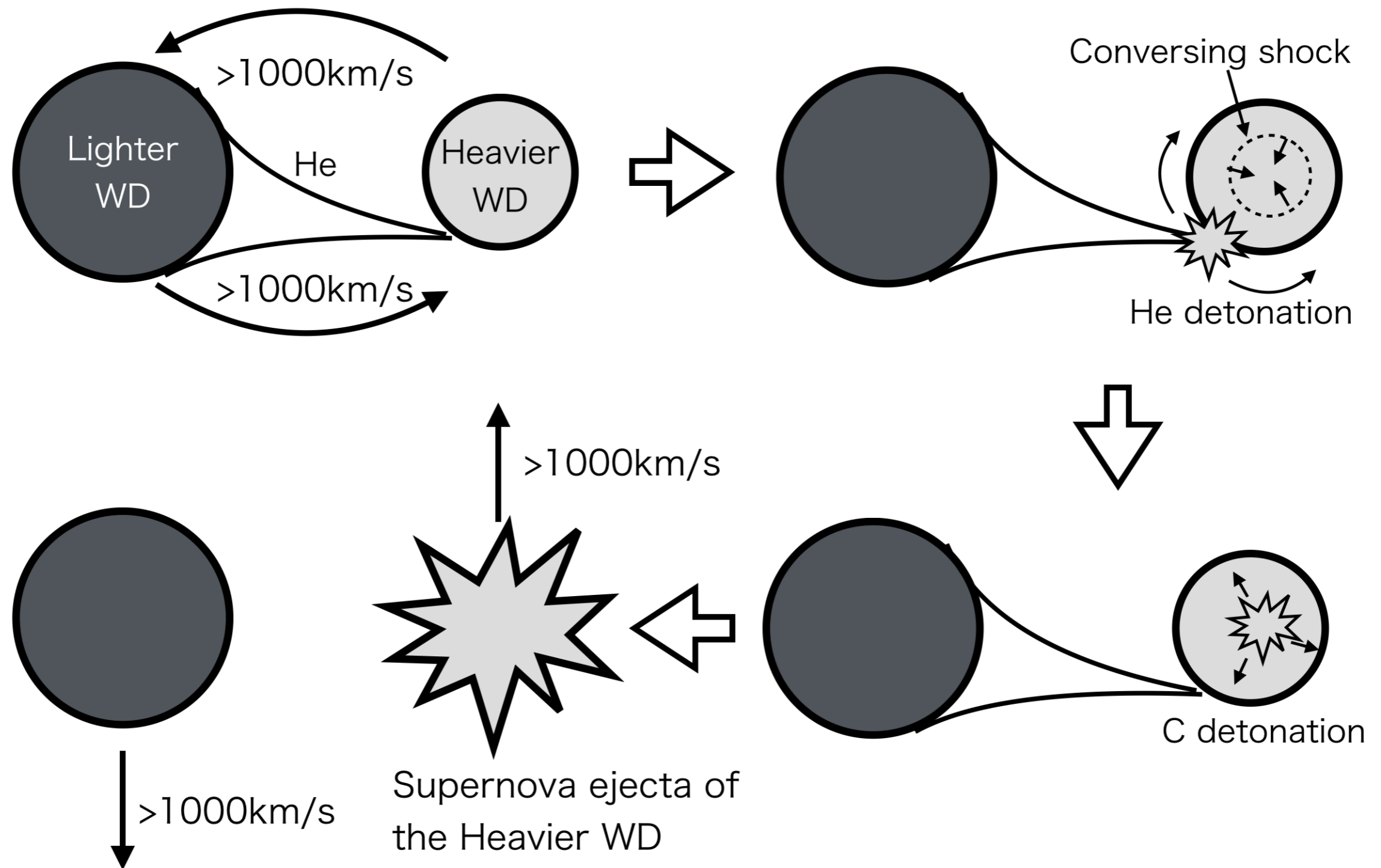
Double detonation

- Consider CO WD with a CO core and He outer shell.
- He detonation starts.
- The detonation
 - Propagates only in the He shell.
 - sends a shock separated from the detonation into the CO core.
- When the He detonation surrounds the CO core, the separated shock turns out to a converging shock.
- The converging shock makes a hot spot to generate C detonation.
- The C detonation explodes the CO WD.



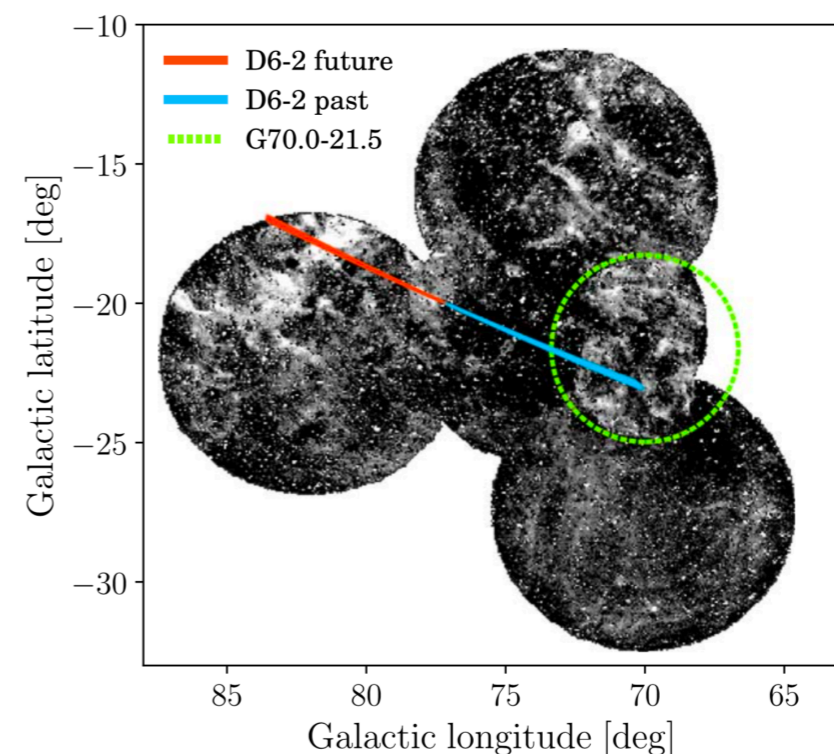
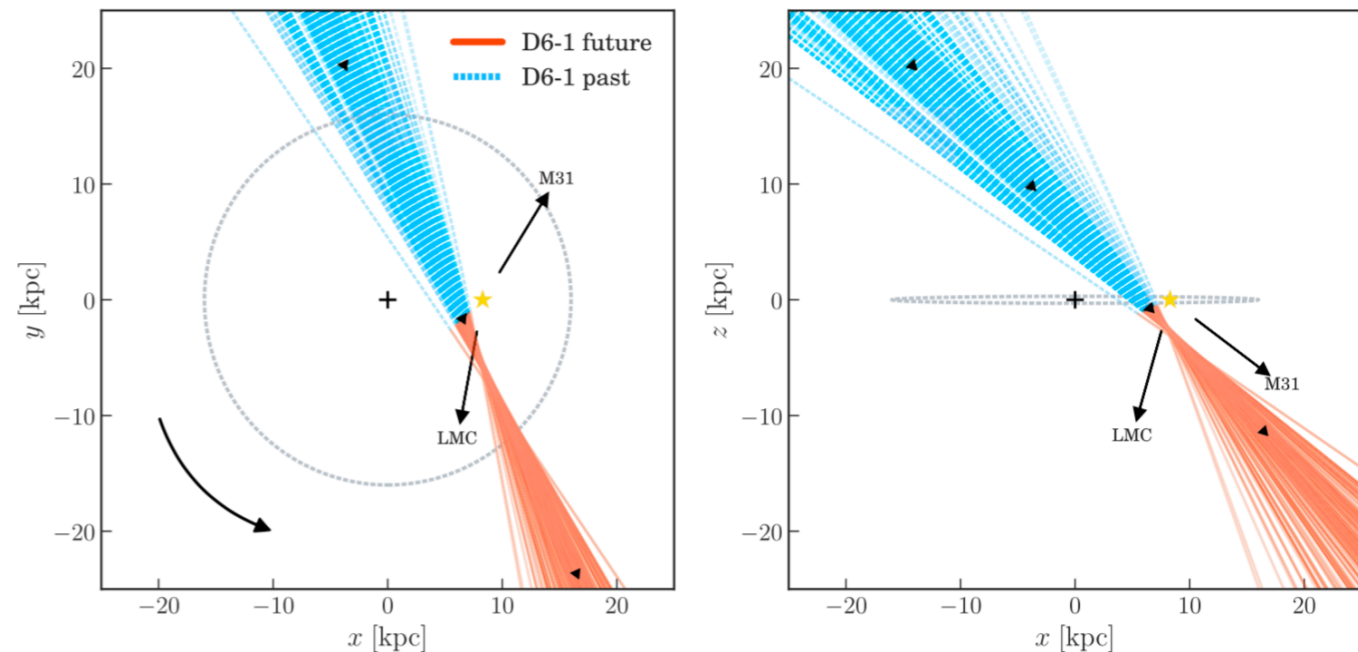
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The D6 explosion



Hypervelocity WDs

- Several hypervelocity WDs ($>1000\text{km/s}$) have been discovered from the Gaia's database (Shen+ 18).
- Their start points are NOT the Galactic center.
- One of them may start from a SNR.
- The D6 model is supported.
- Hypervelocity WDs are also formed from SNe Iax (e.g. Raddi et al. 2019)



Our study

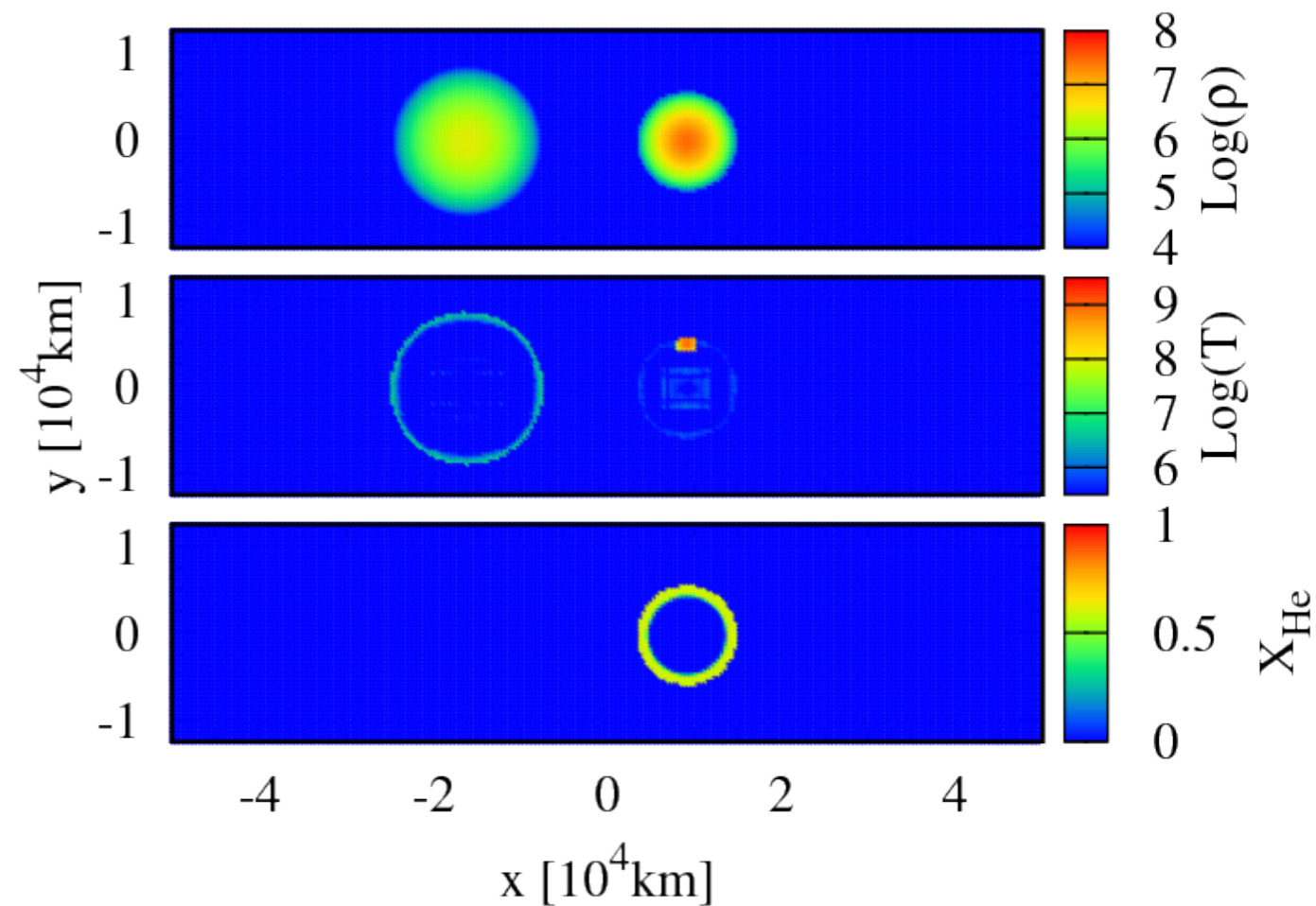
- The discoveries of these hypervelocity WDs make the D6 model promising.
- However, there is a possibility that the hypervelocity WDs are products of peculiar Ia.
- We reproduce D6 explosions, and investigate their features to assess whether they are consistent with normal Ia.

Simulation method

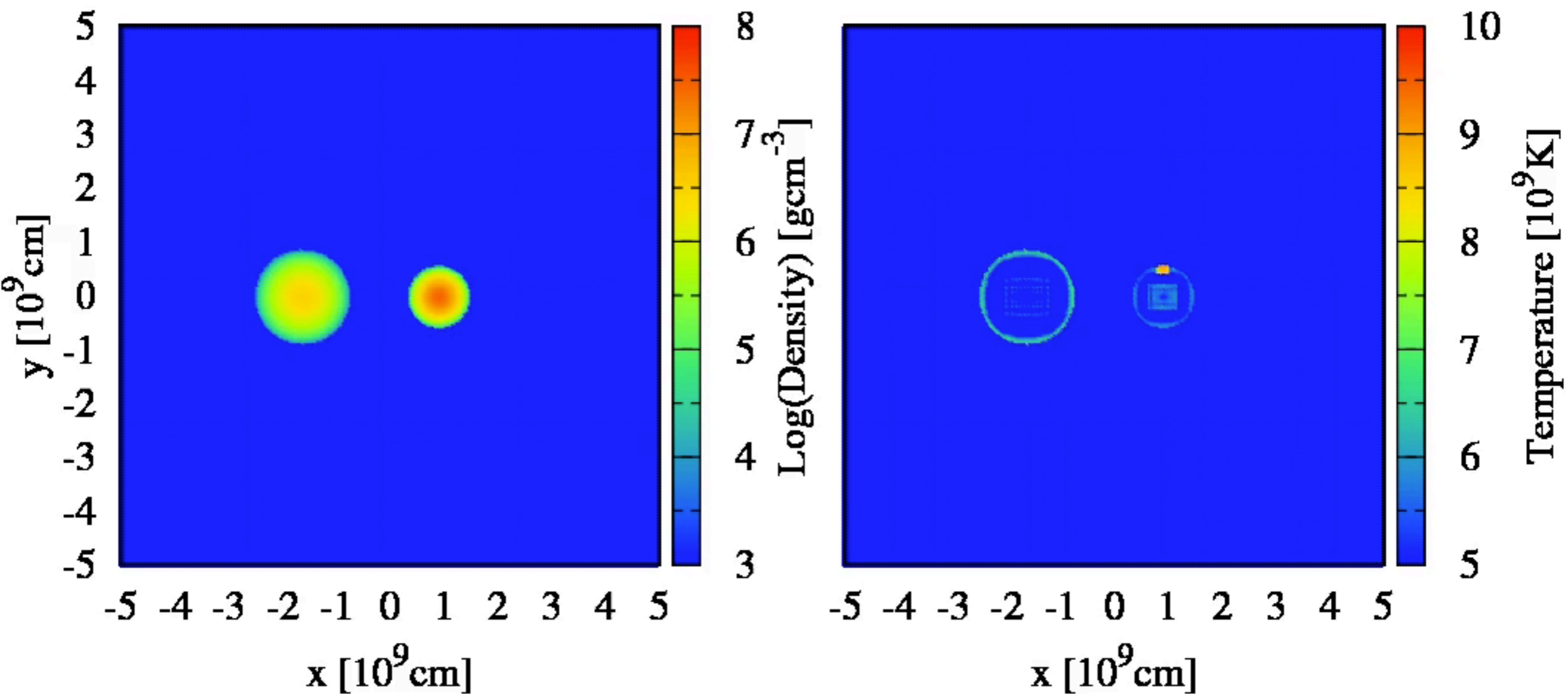
- 3D SPH method
 - Monaghan's artificial viscosity with Balsara switch (similar to GADGET)
- Optimization
 - Parallelized by FDPS (Iwasawa, AT+ 2016)
 - Vectorized by SIMD (e.g. AT+ 2012; 2013)
- Helmholtz EoS (Timmes, Swesty 2000)
- Approx 13 nuclear reaction networks (Timmes et al. 2000)

Initial condition

- $1.0M_{\odot}$ COWD
 - A He outer shell
 - A hot spot in the He shell
- $0.6M_{\odot}$ COWD
 - No He outer shell
- Separation
 - Just before Roche-lobe overflow



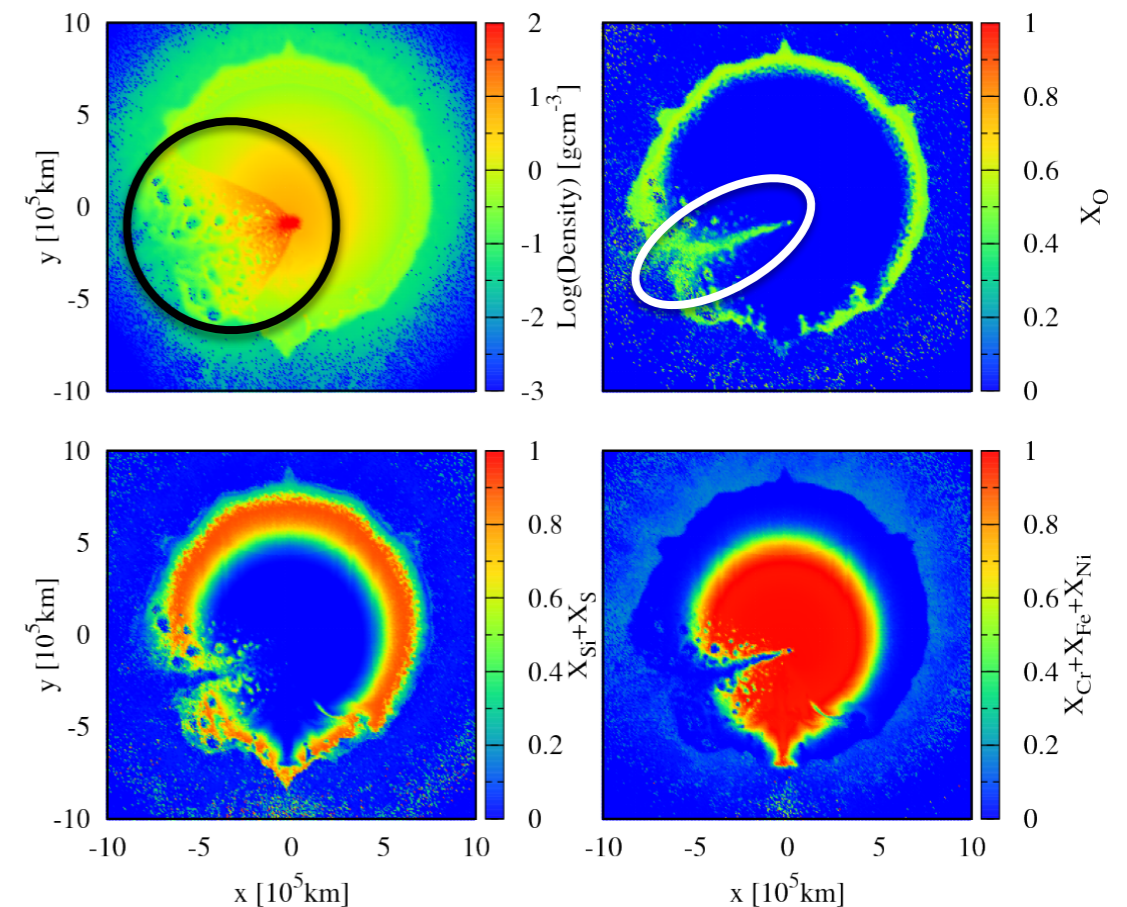
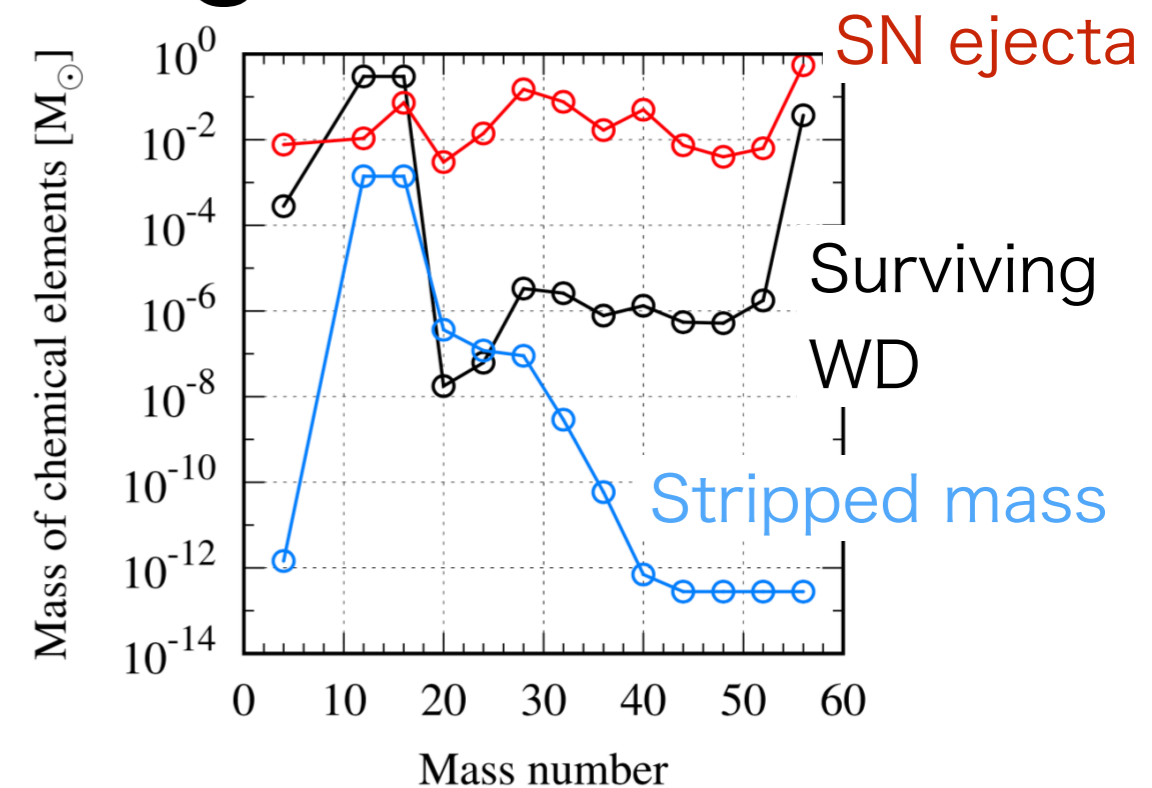
Animation



Tanikawa et al. (2018, ApJ, 868, 90)

Supernova ejecta

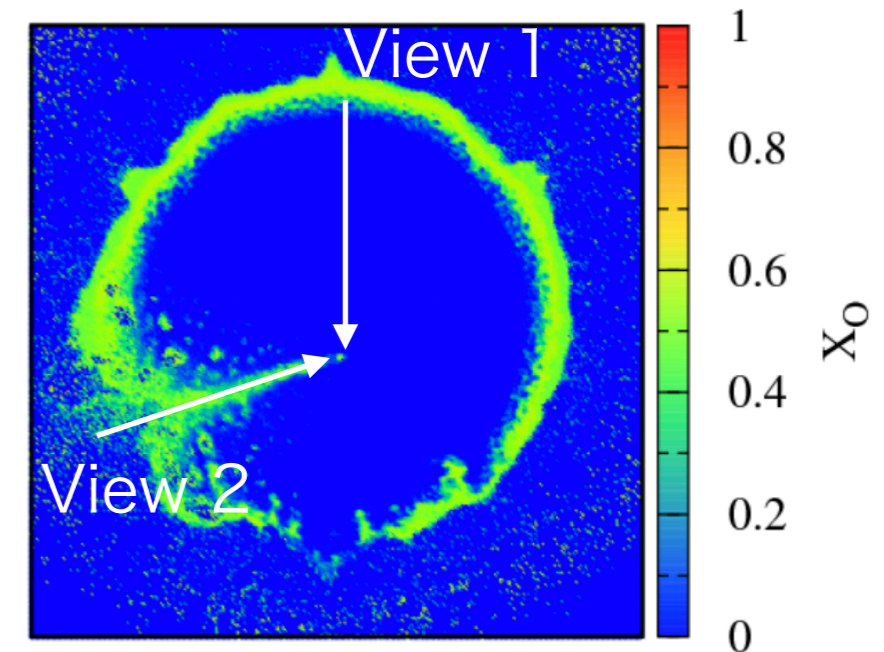
- ^{56}Ni mass is $\sim 0.6 M_{\odot}$
- SN ejecta with a shadow (see also Papish et al. 2015).
- Stripped materials from the lighter WD
 - $\sim 0.003 M_{\odot}$
 - Carbon and oxygen
 - Inner ejecta



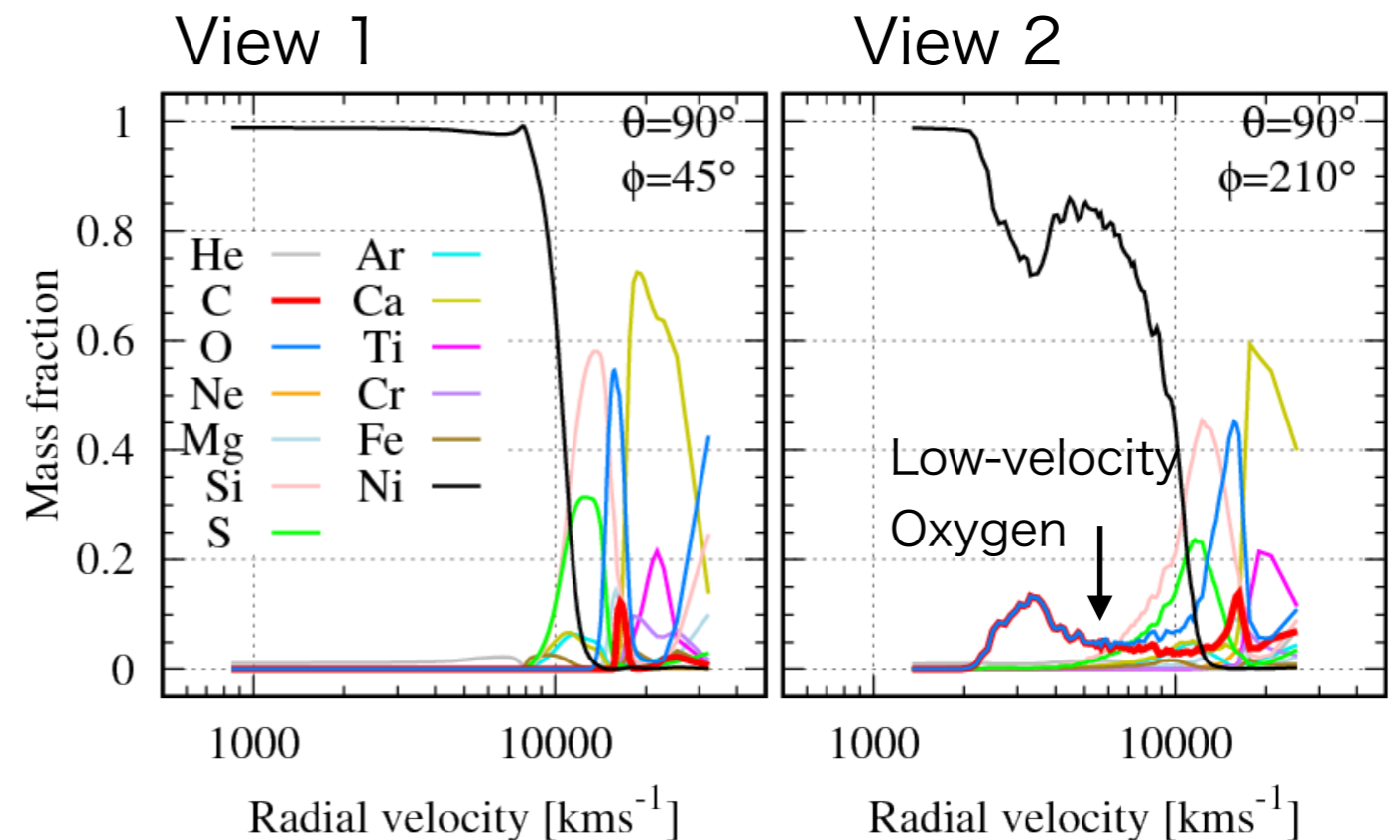
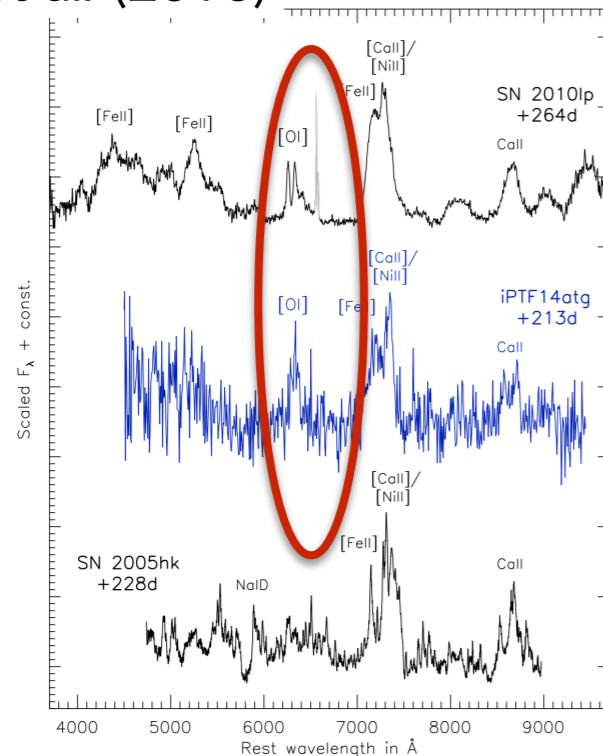
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Inner carbon and oxygen

- The inner CO components could be a key to identify D6 explosions.
- Such low-velocity oxygen can explain nebular-phase spectra of some of sub-luminous SNe Ia.

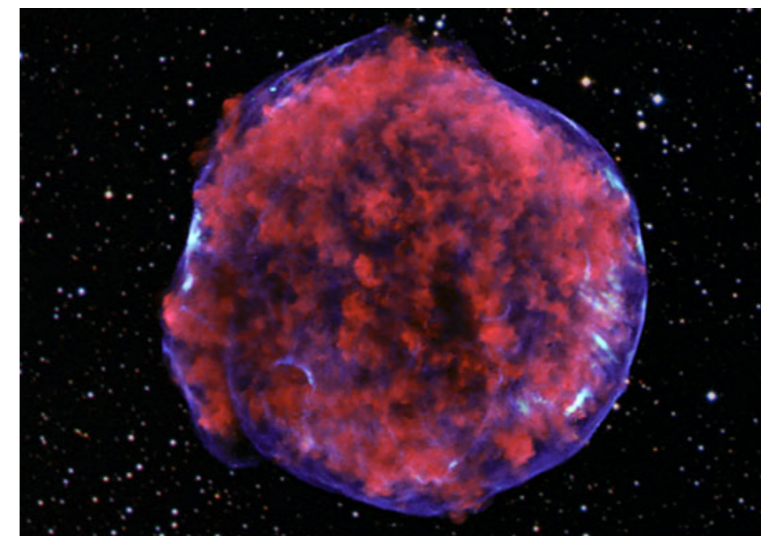
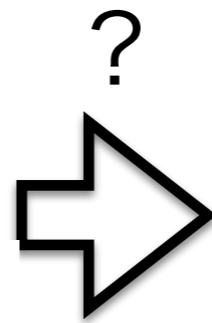
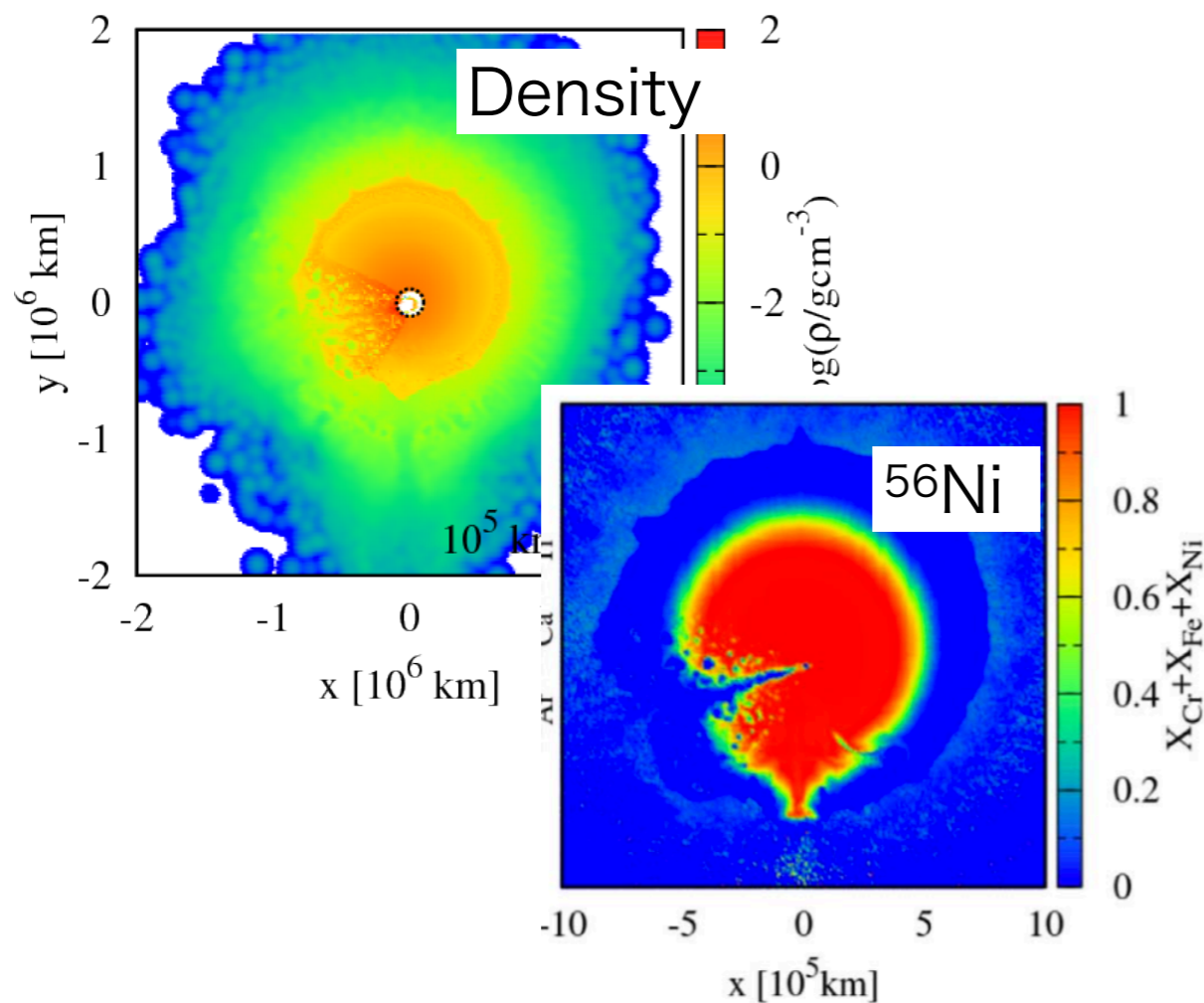


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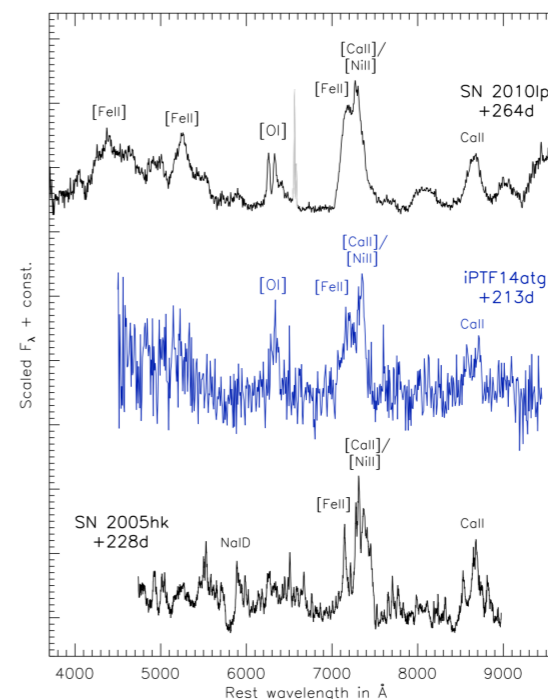
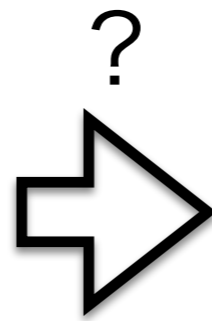
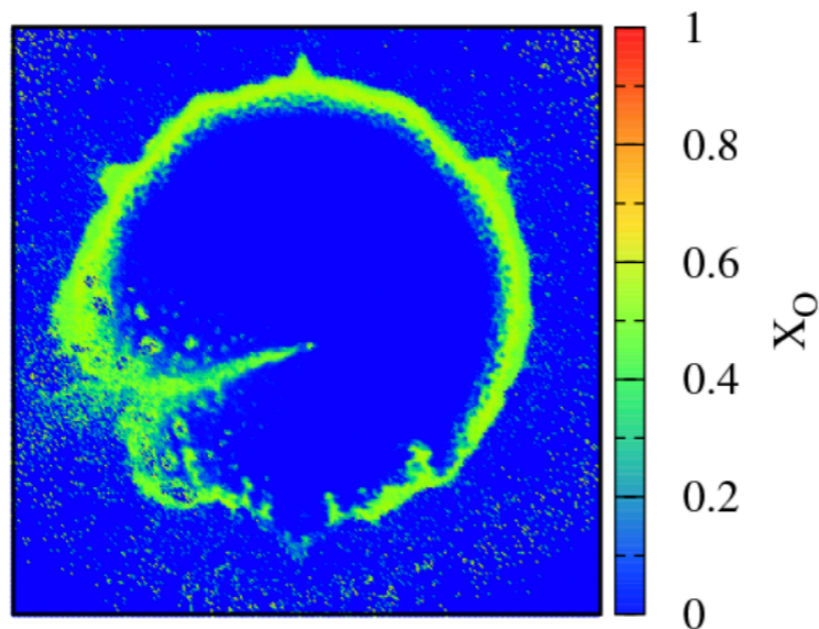
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Future plans



Collaboration with
G. Ferrand

Companion-
origin stream



Kromer et al. (2016)

Short summary

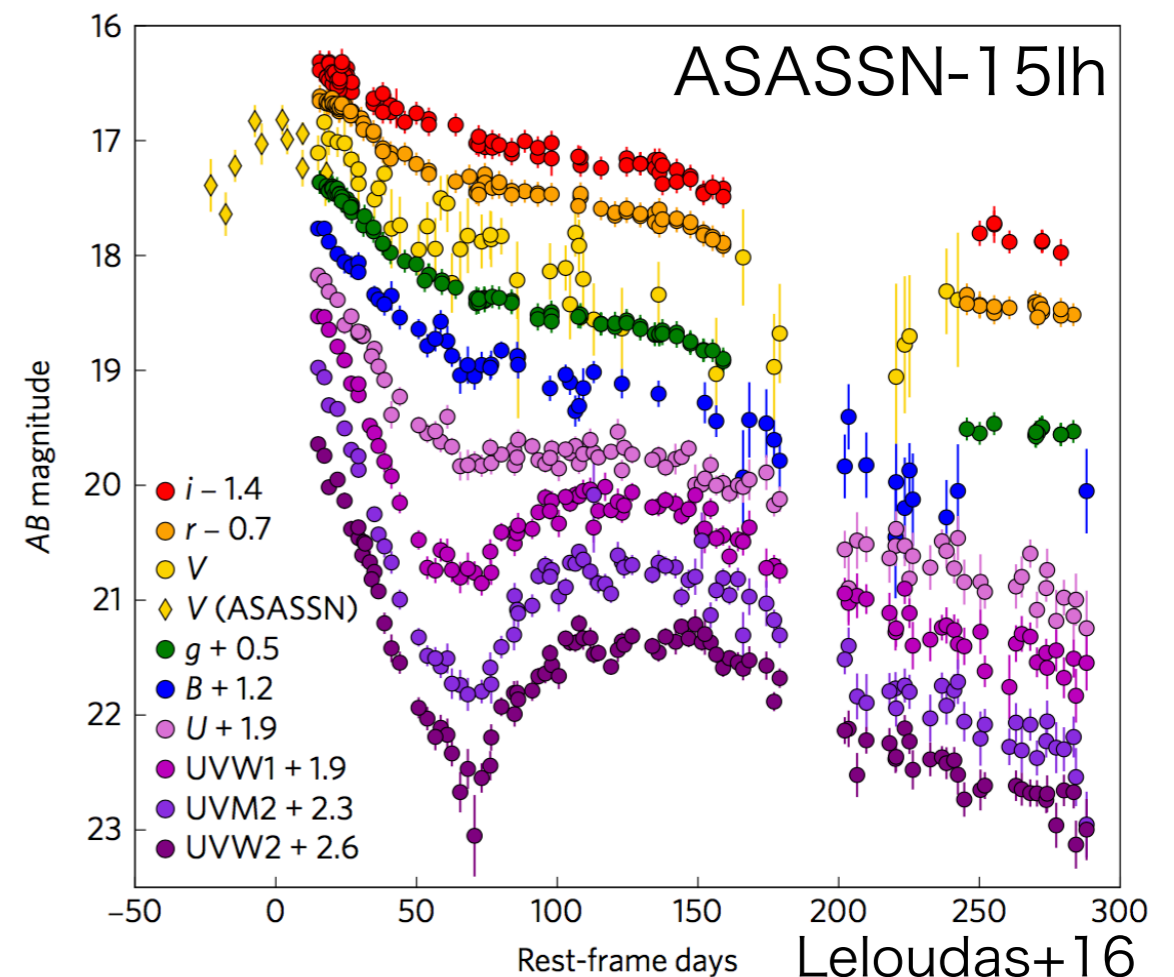
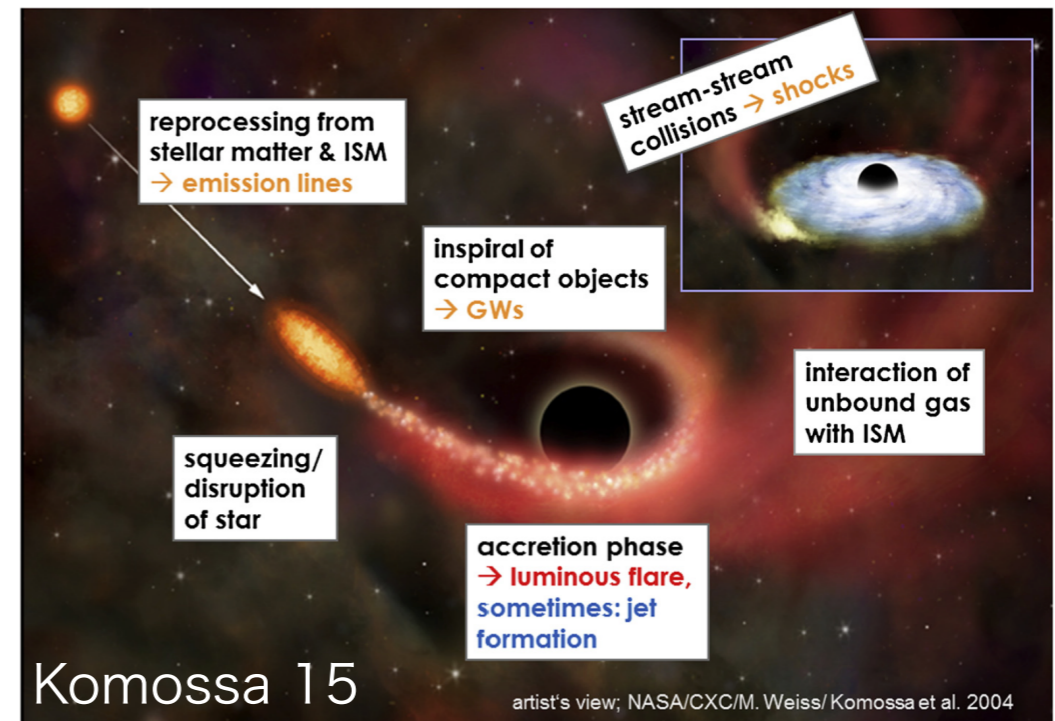
- SNe Ia can need the near-Ch SD and sub-Ch DD scenarios.
- We have assessed one of sub-Ch DD scenarios, the D6 model.
- We have found two potential discrepancies between the D6 model and normal Ia, the ejecta shadow and inner CO components.
- We will confirm whether these features can be observed or not.

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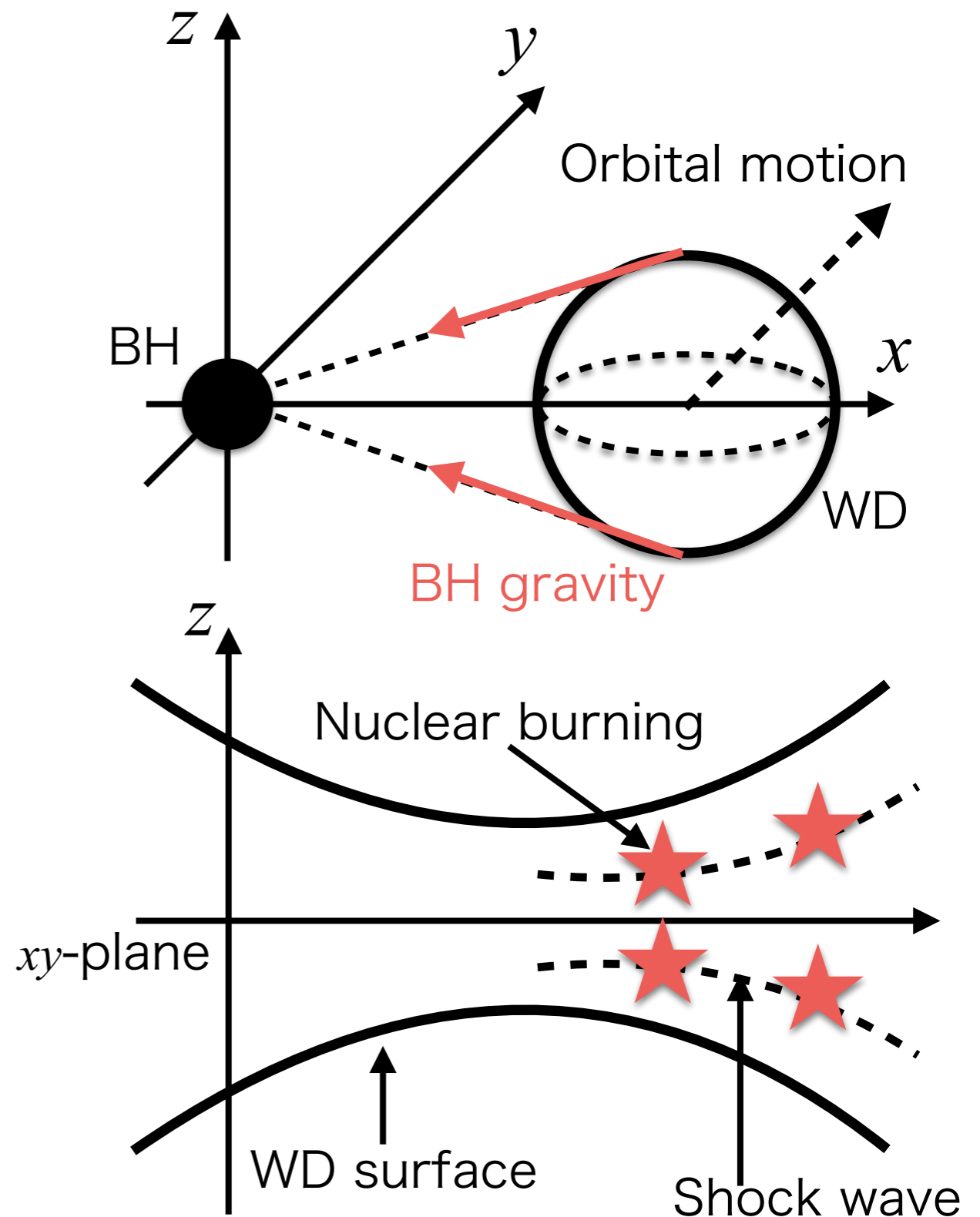
Tidal Disruption Event

- Tidal disruption of a star (e.g. main sequence stars) by a BH
- Bright flare powered by accretion of the stellar debris
- Several ten candidates (Kommosa 2015)
 - TDEs of main sequence stars
 - No confirmed WD TDEs



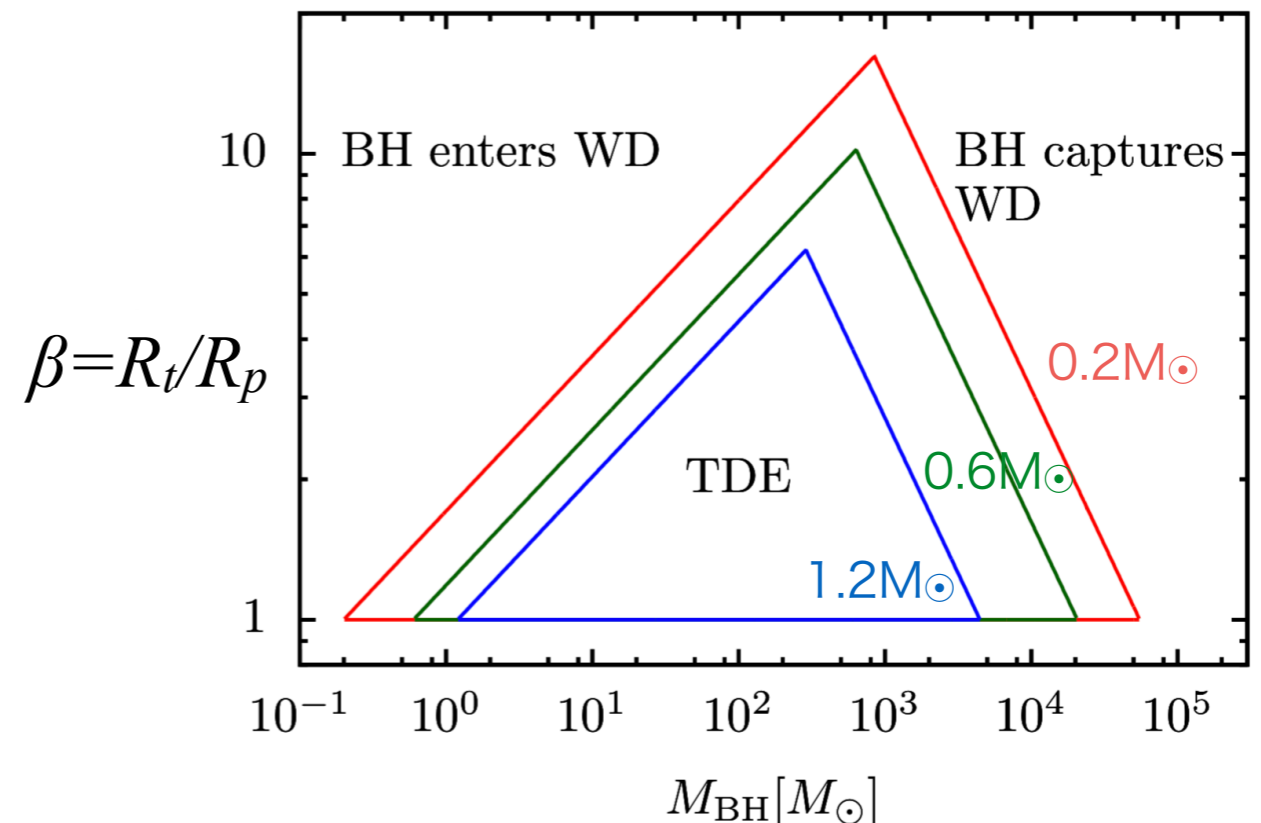
Tidal detonation

- Supersonic combustion induced by a tidal field of a BH
- The WD is compressed in z-direction.
- The compression induces a shock wave.
- The shock wave triggers a detonation wave.
- The detonation wave synthesizes ^{56}Ni .
- The WD TDE can be powered by ^{56}Ni , similarly to SNe Ia.



Probe to search for Intermediate mass black hole

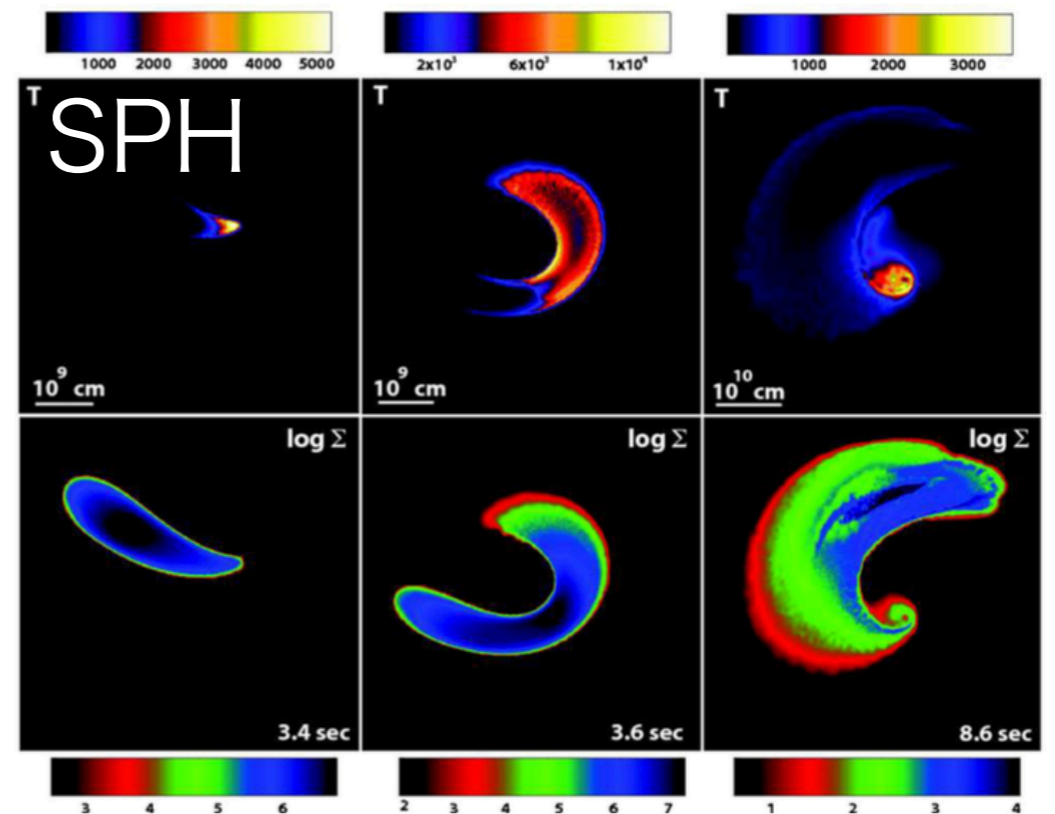
- Tidal detonation requires a WD TDE.
- A WD can be tidally disrupted only by an IMBH.
 - swallowing a stellar-mass BH.
 - swallowed by a massive BH.
- WD TDEs can illuminate only IMBHs.
- WD TDEs can be probes to search for IMBHs.



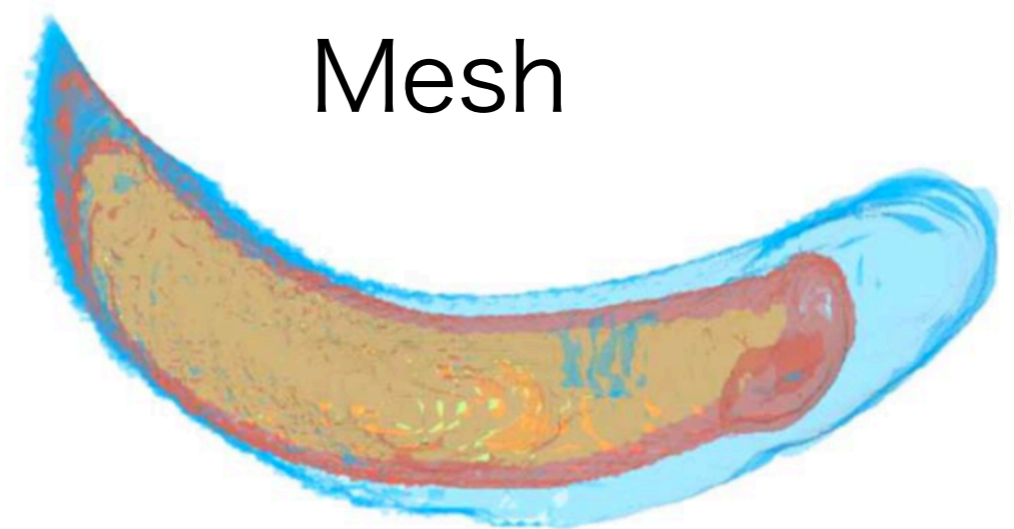
Kawana, AT+ 17 (see also
Luminet, Pichon 1989
Rosswog et al. 2009;
MacLeod et al. 2016)

Previous and our studies

- Previous studies
 - demonstrated tidal detonation by numerical simulations.
 - didn't explain the ignition mechanism explicitly.
- Our studies
 - make clear the ignition mechanism.
 - confirm tidal detonation.



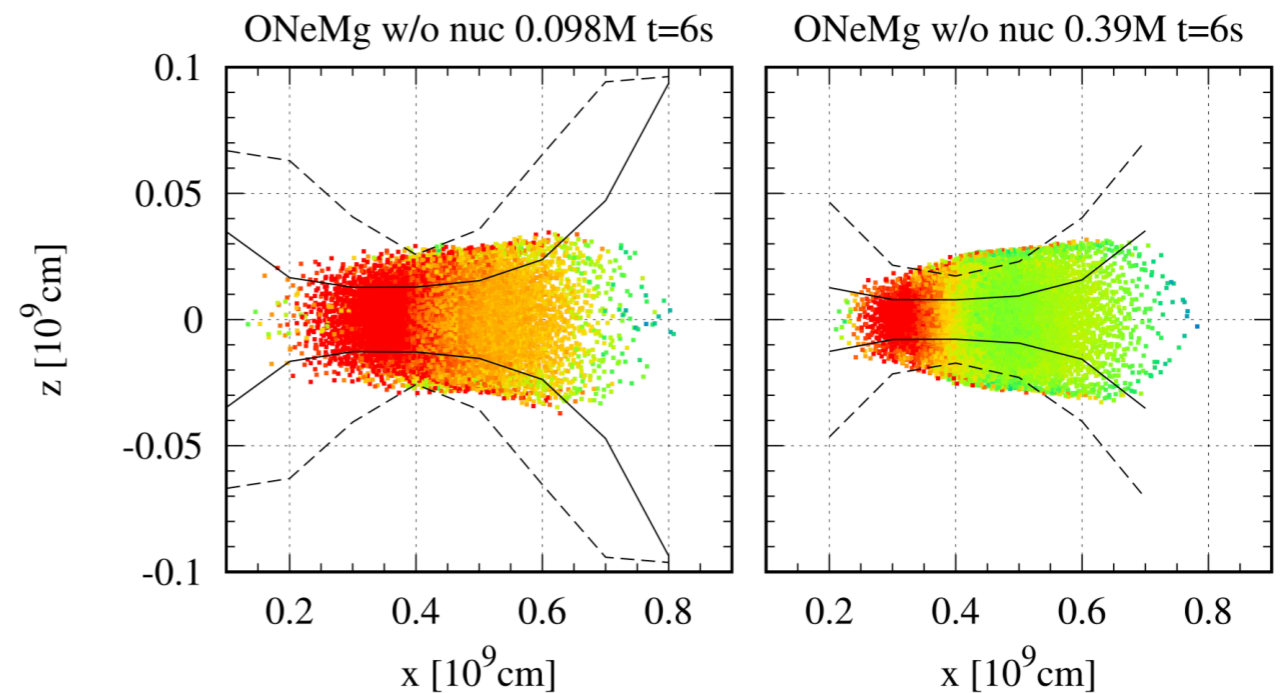
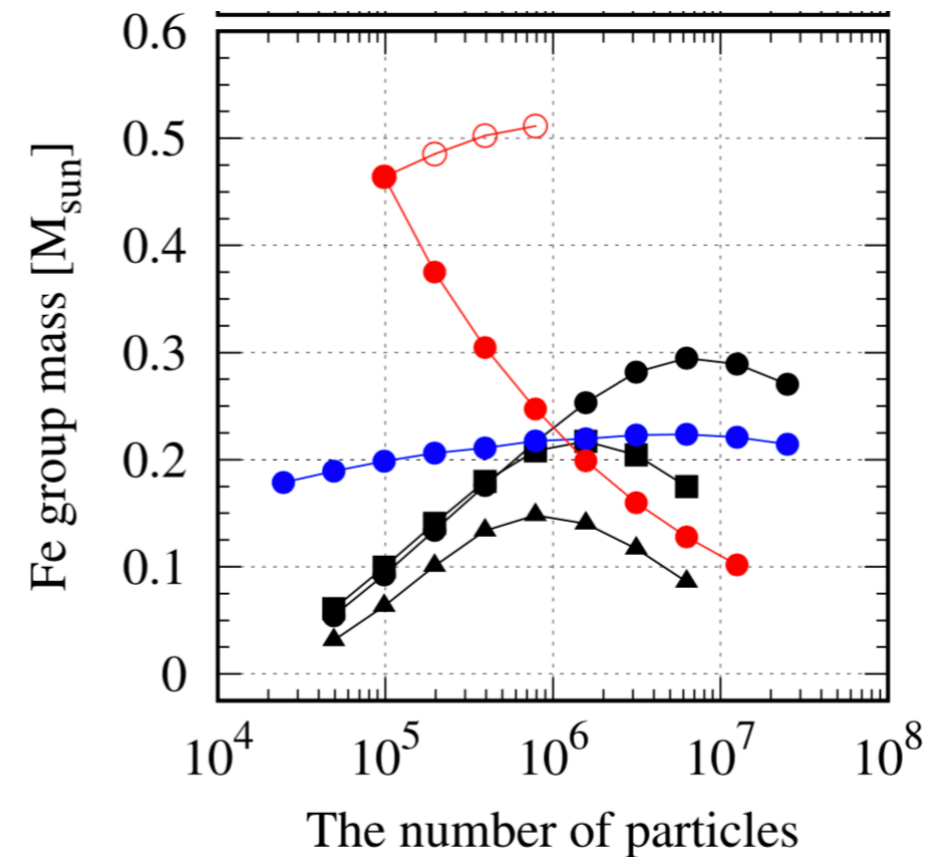
Rosswog et al. (2008; 2009)



Anninos et al. (2018; 2019)

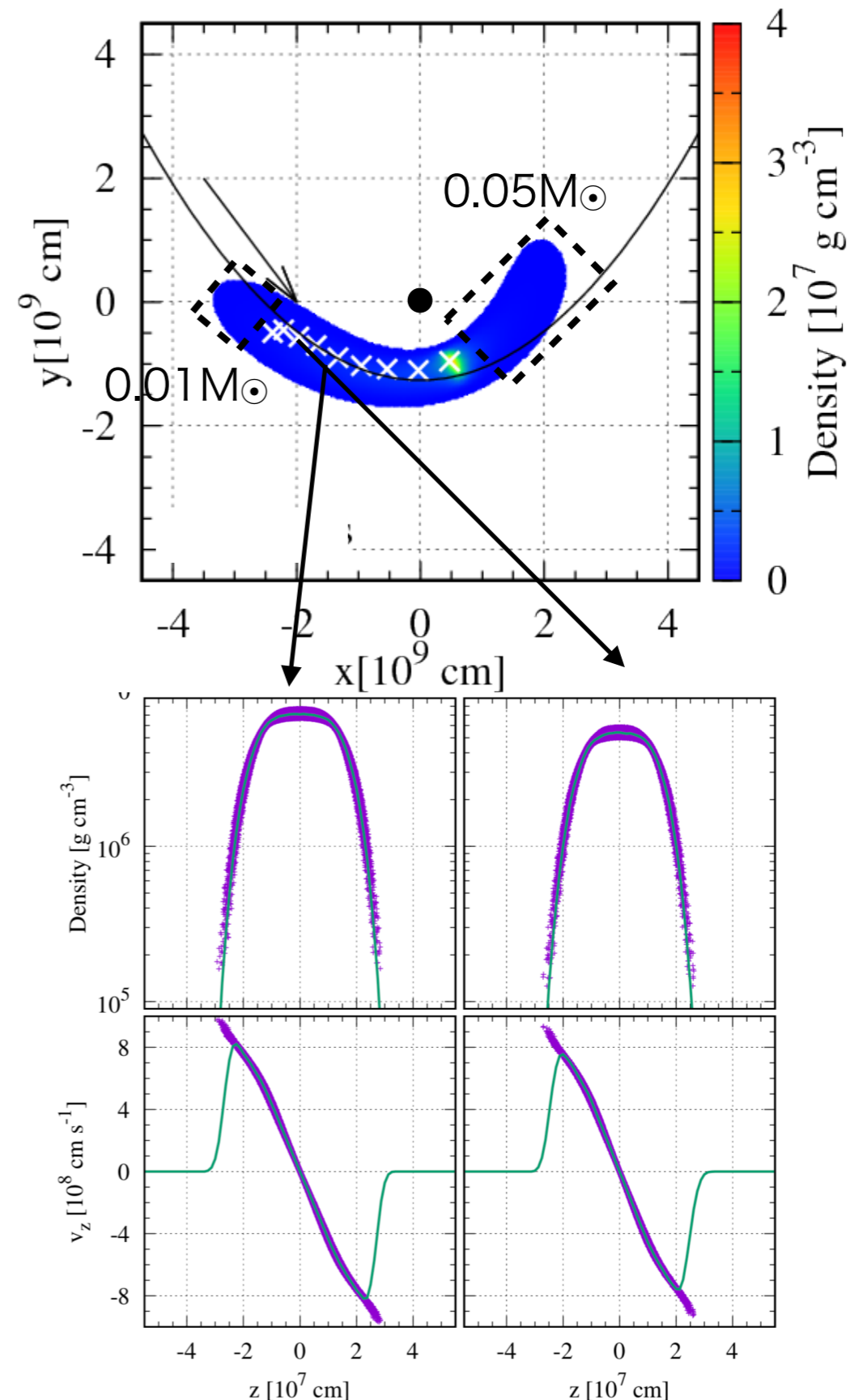
SPH simulation

- Mass of Yielded materials is not converged.
- ^{56}Ni yielded by spurious heating due to low resolution.
- Amounts of ^{56}Ni are decreased with resolution increasing.
- Does tidal detonation occur in reality?

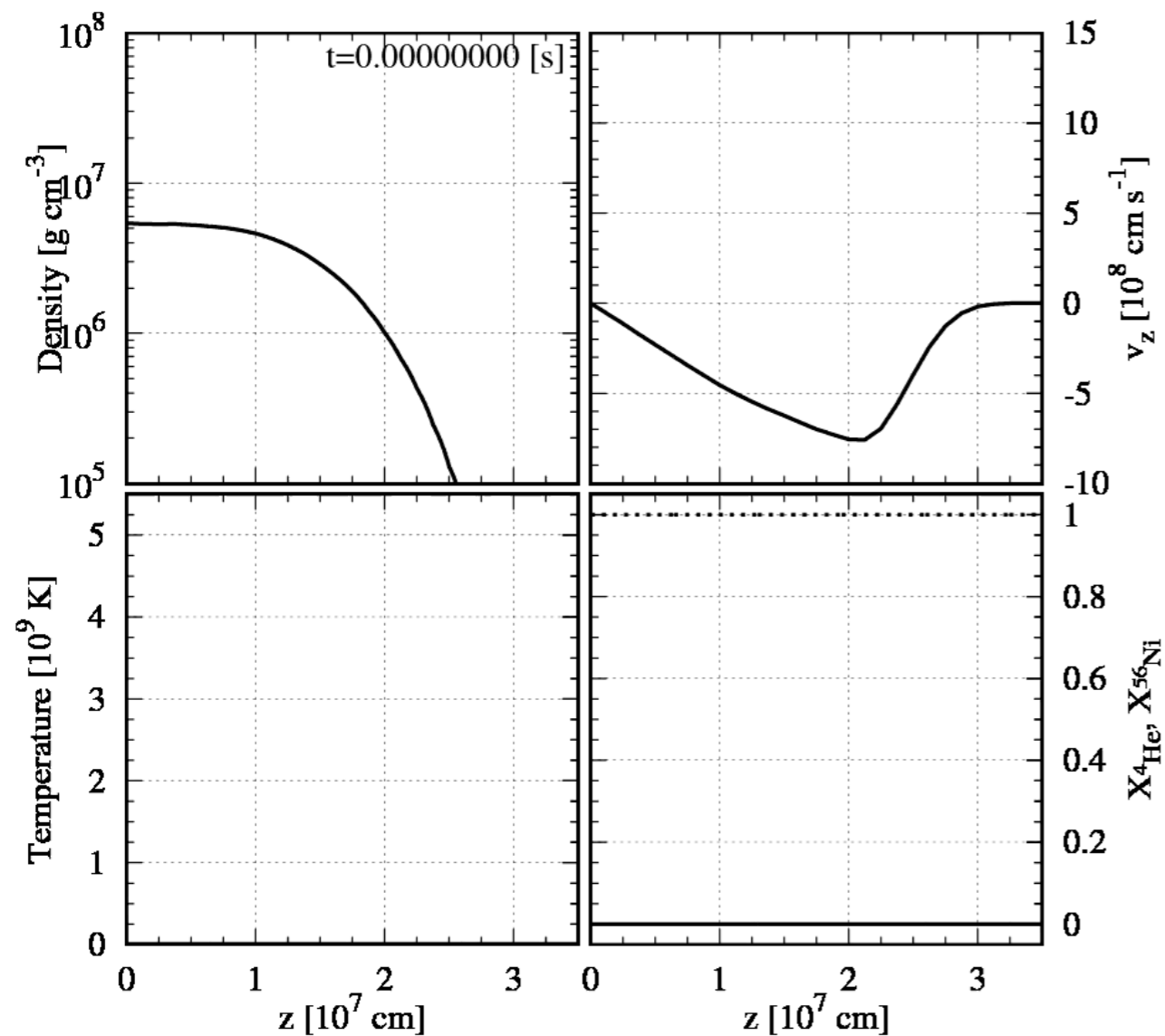
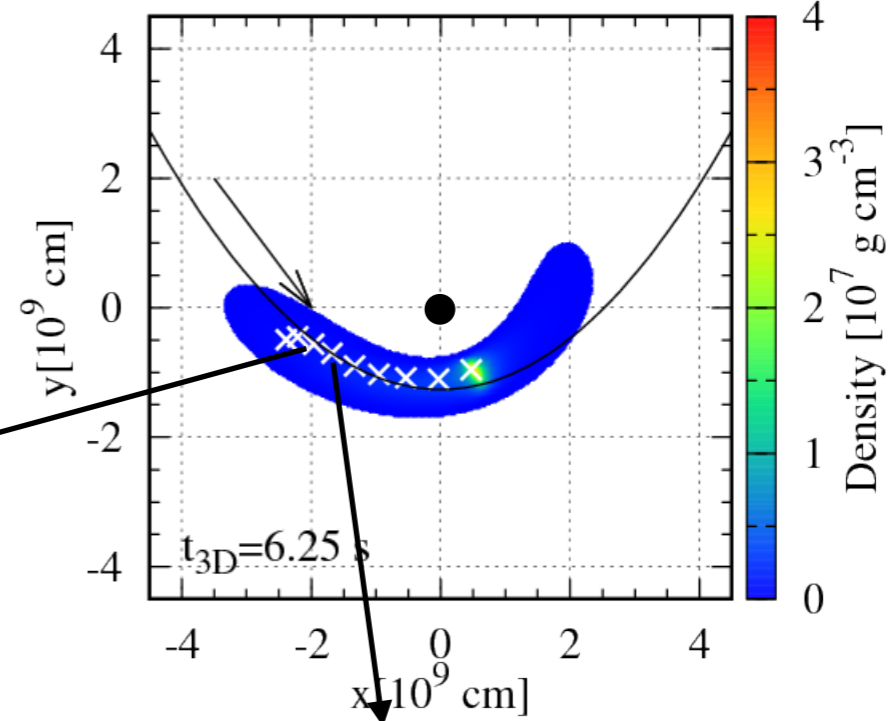


Switch 3D to 1D

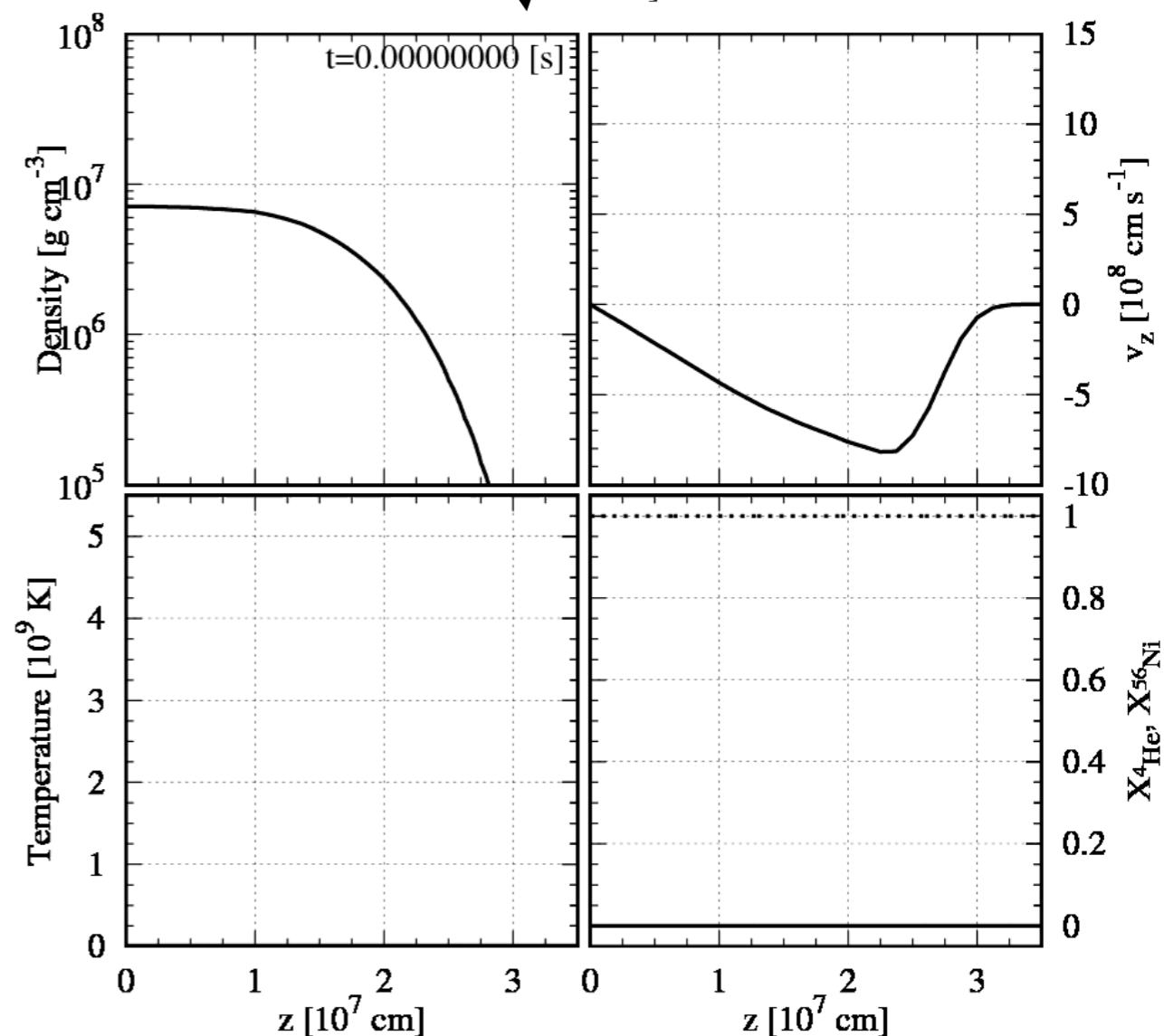
- 3D SPH simulation
 - $0.45M_{\odot}$ HeWD disrupted by $300M_{\odot}$ IMBH
 - $N \sim 3 \times 10^8$ for the He WD
 - without nuclear reactions
- Extracting z-columns indicated by white crosses
- 1D mesh simulation
 - z-columns
 - with nuclear reactions



Movies

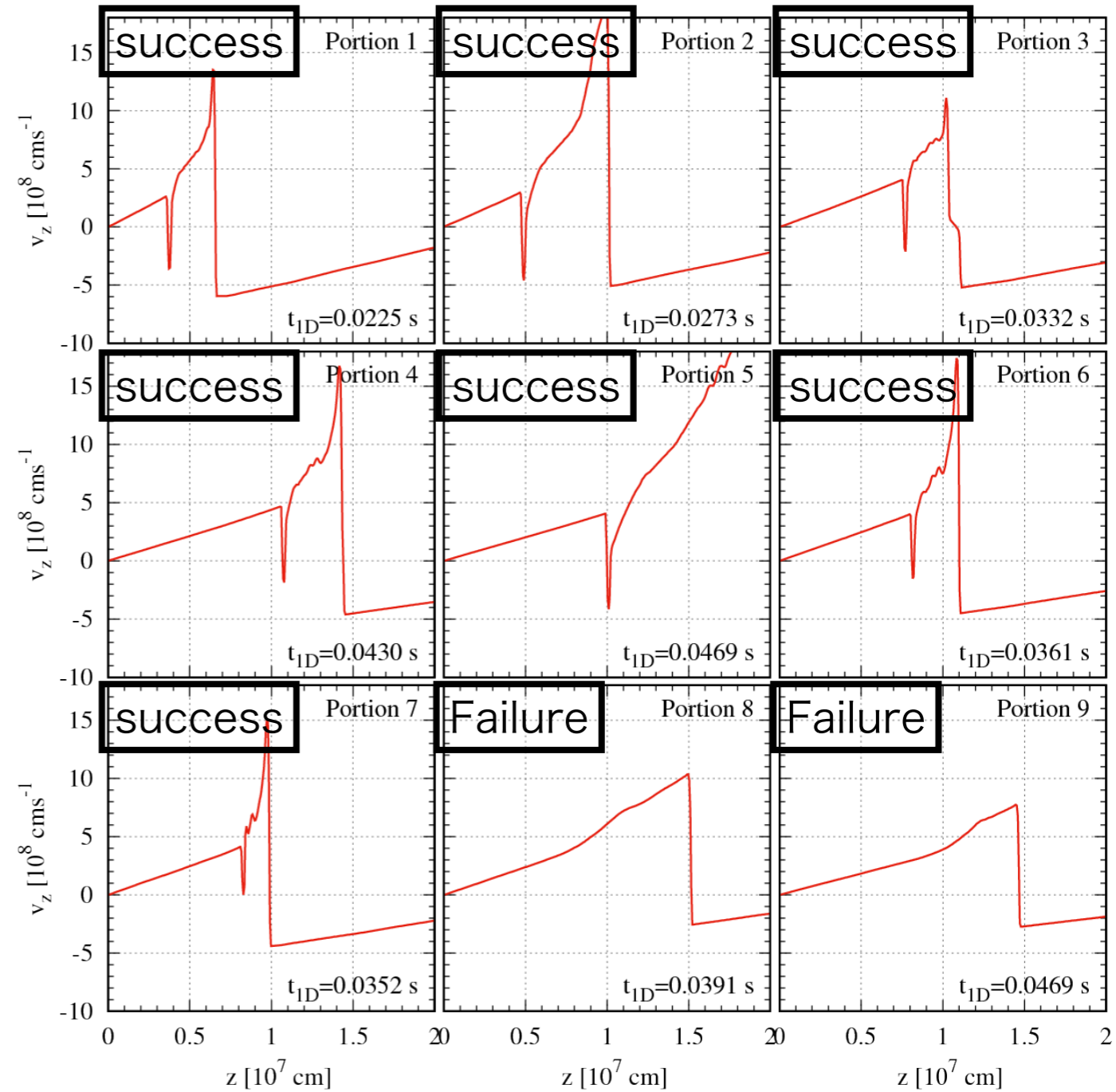
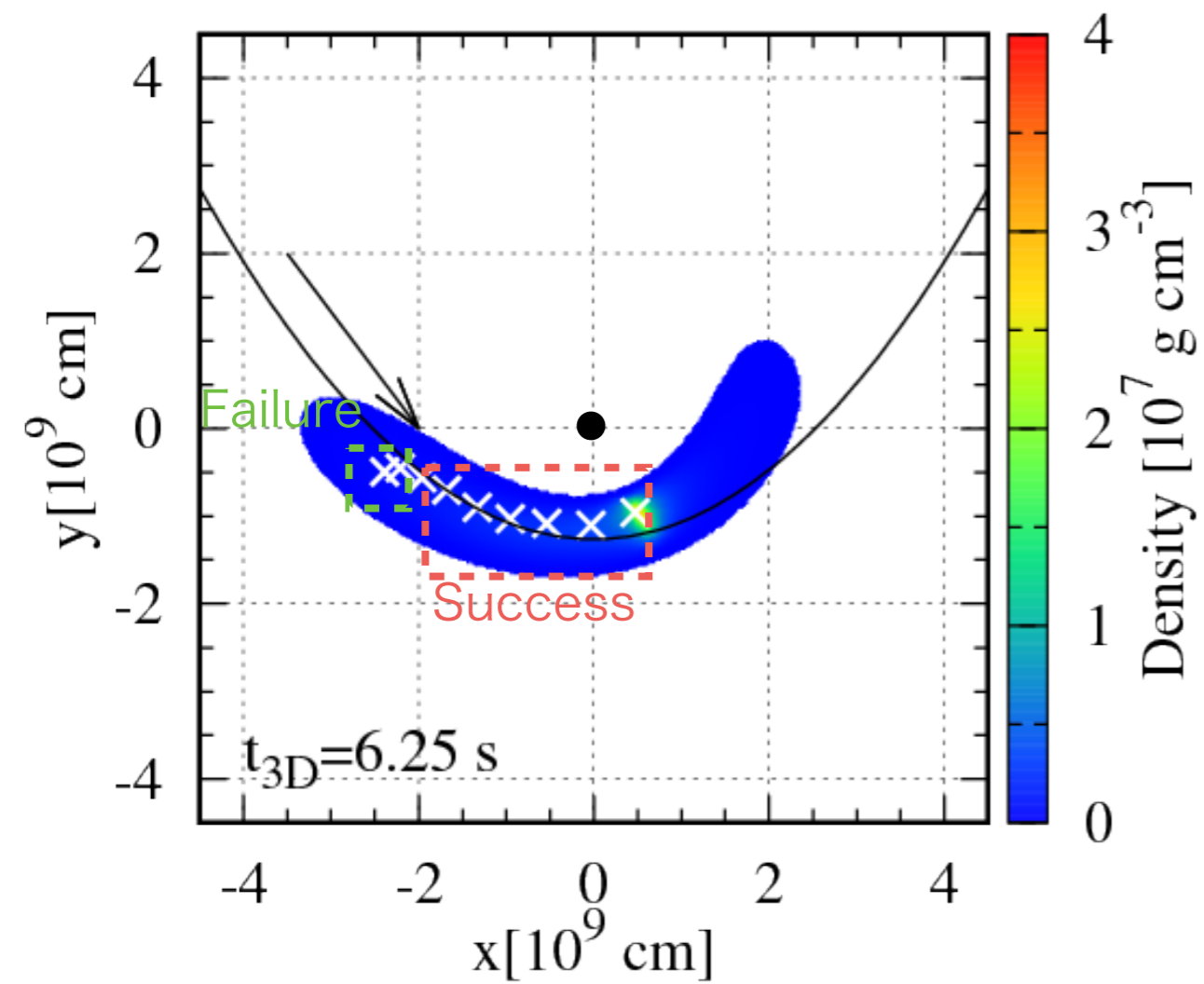


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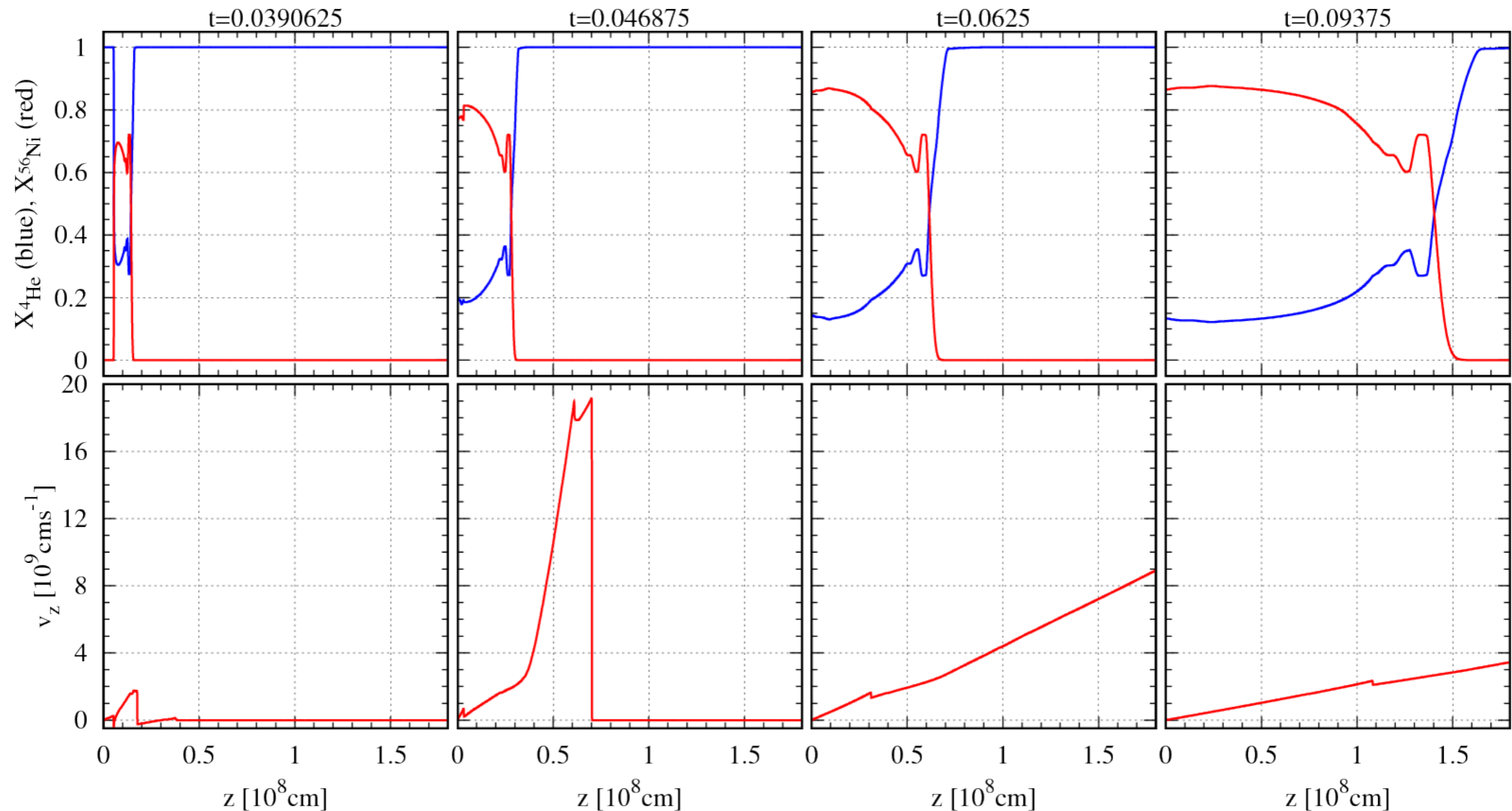


Success case

1D Results



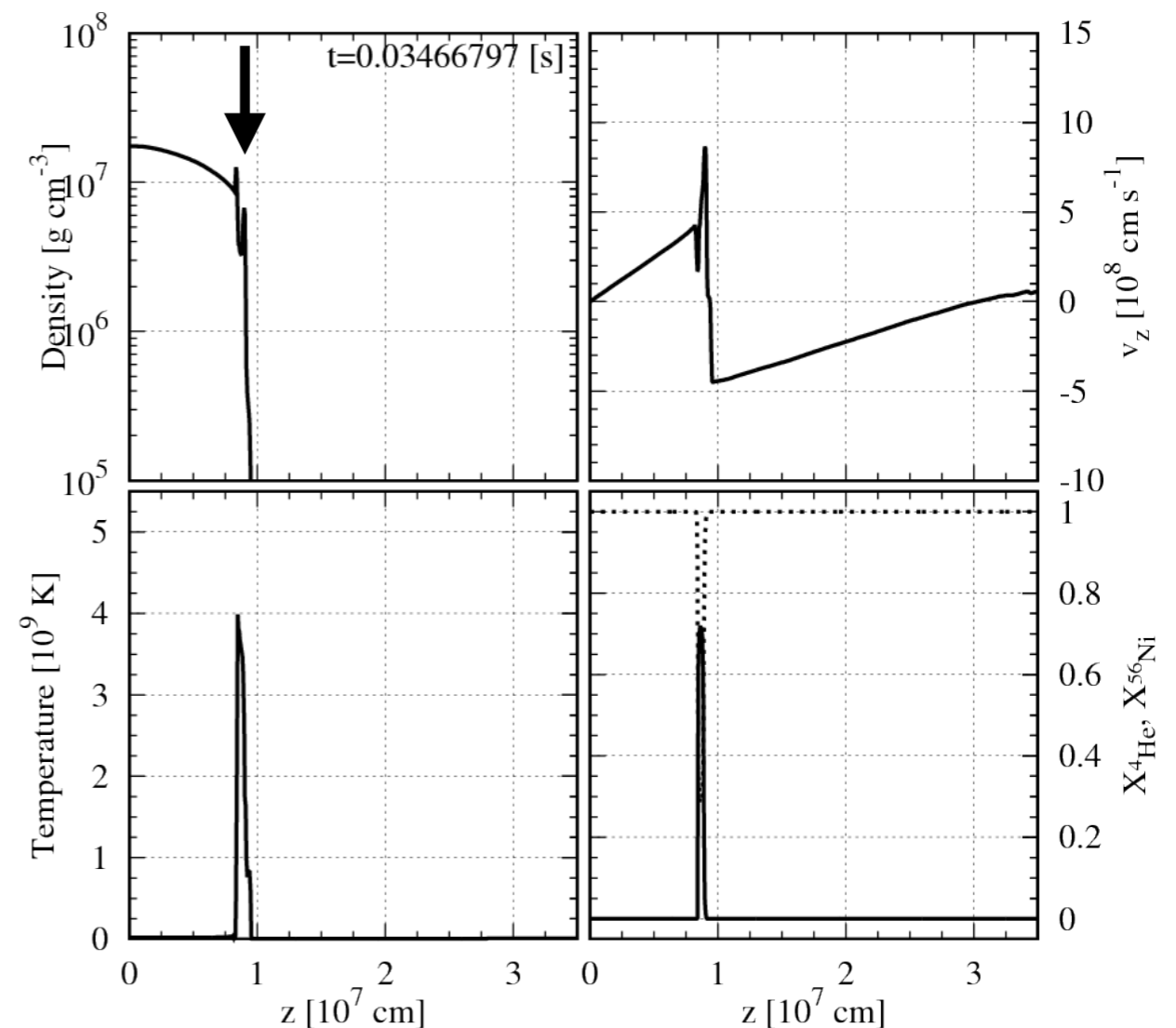
Nucleosynthesis



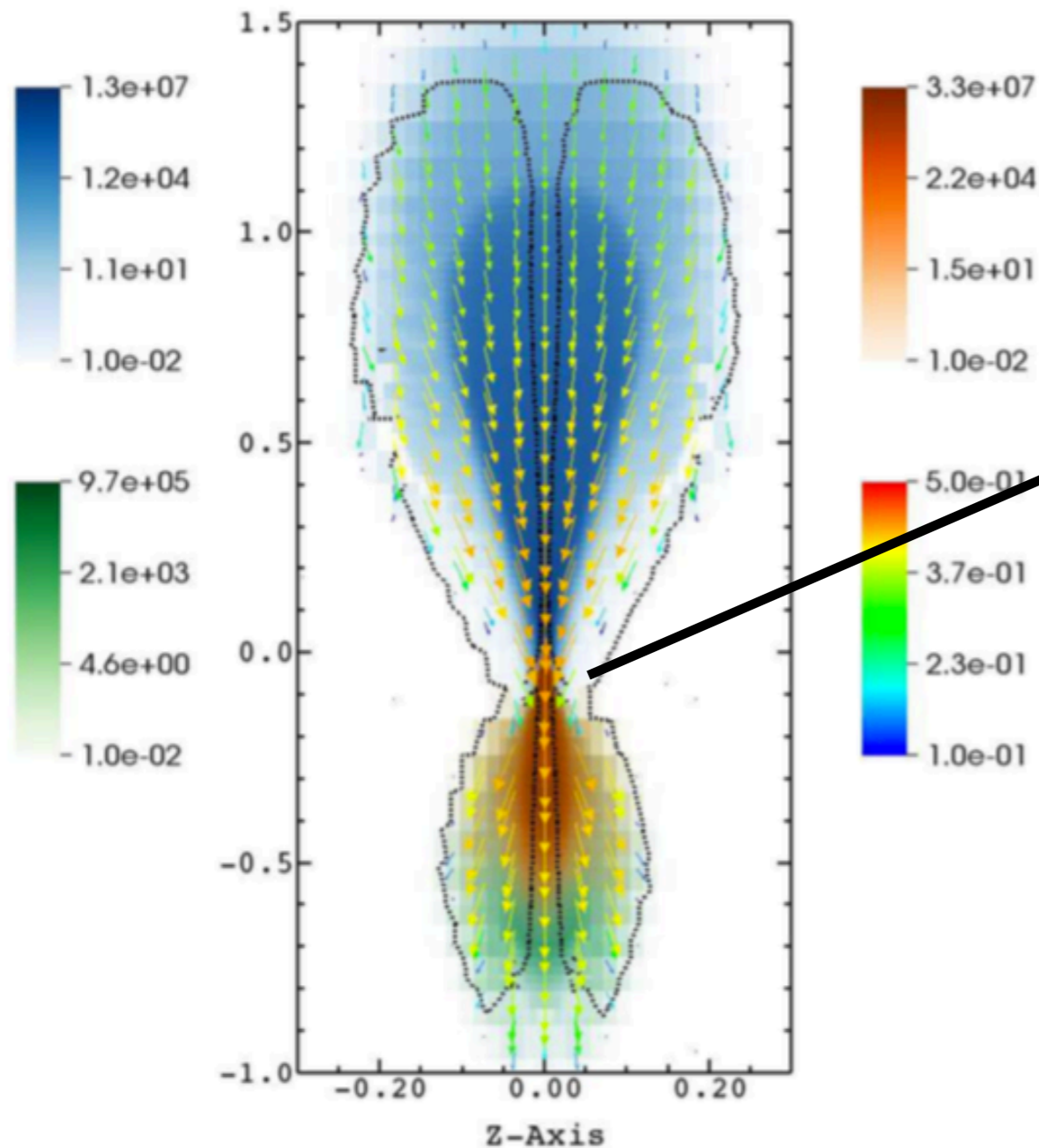
- The detonation wave leaves 20% ^4He and 80% ^{56}Ni .
- The detonated region has high density ($>10^6 \text{ g cm}^{-3}$).

The beginning point of tidal detonation

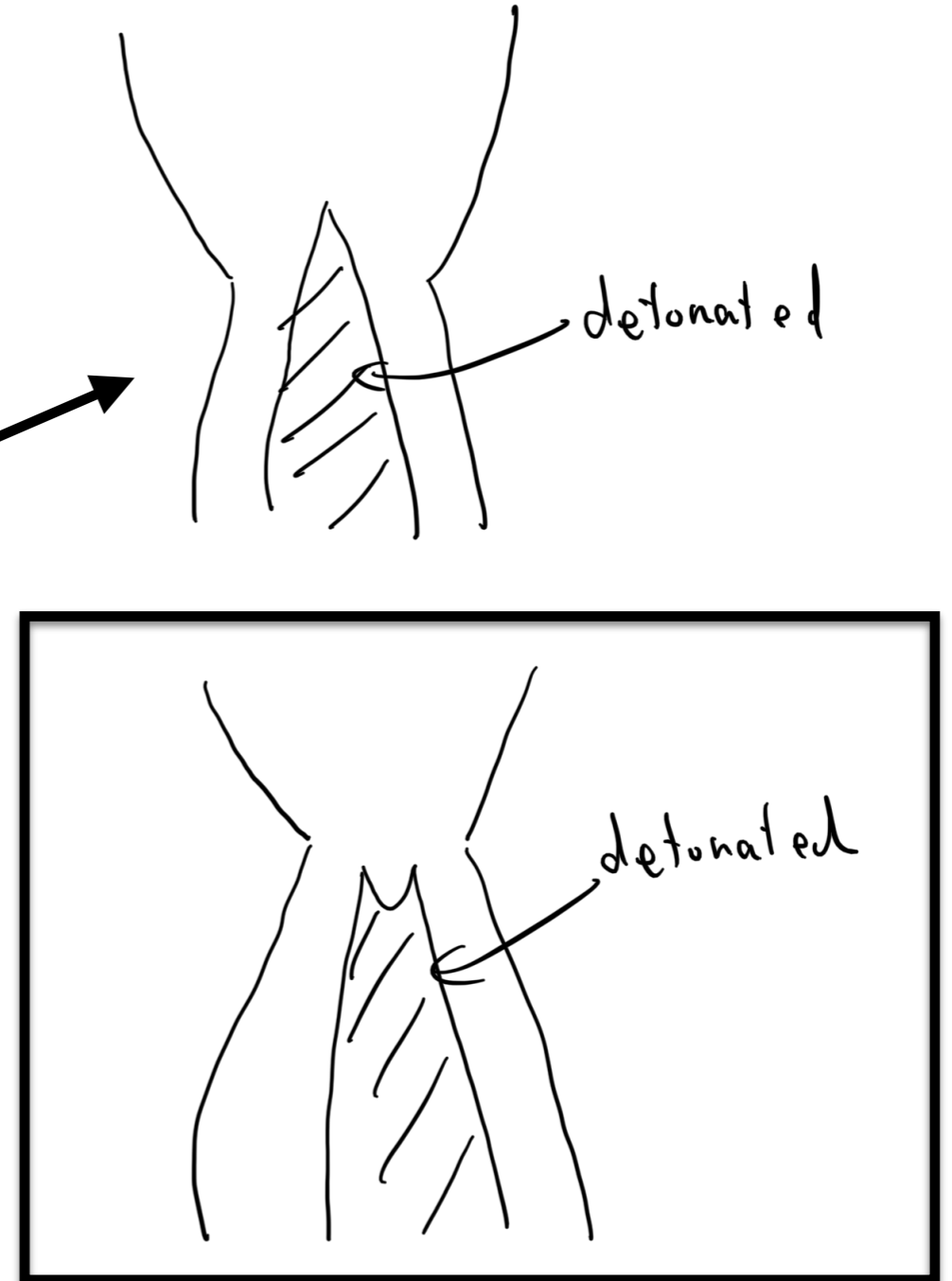
- Tidal detonation starts from the edge of the white dwarf.
- A pressure wave steepens into a shock wave due to steep decrease of sound velocity at the edge.
- SPH method is not good at resolving the edges of any objects.



Mesh simulation?

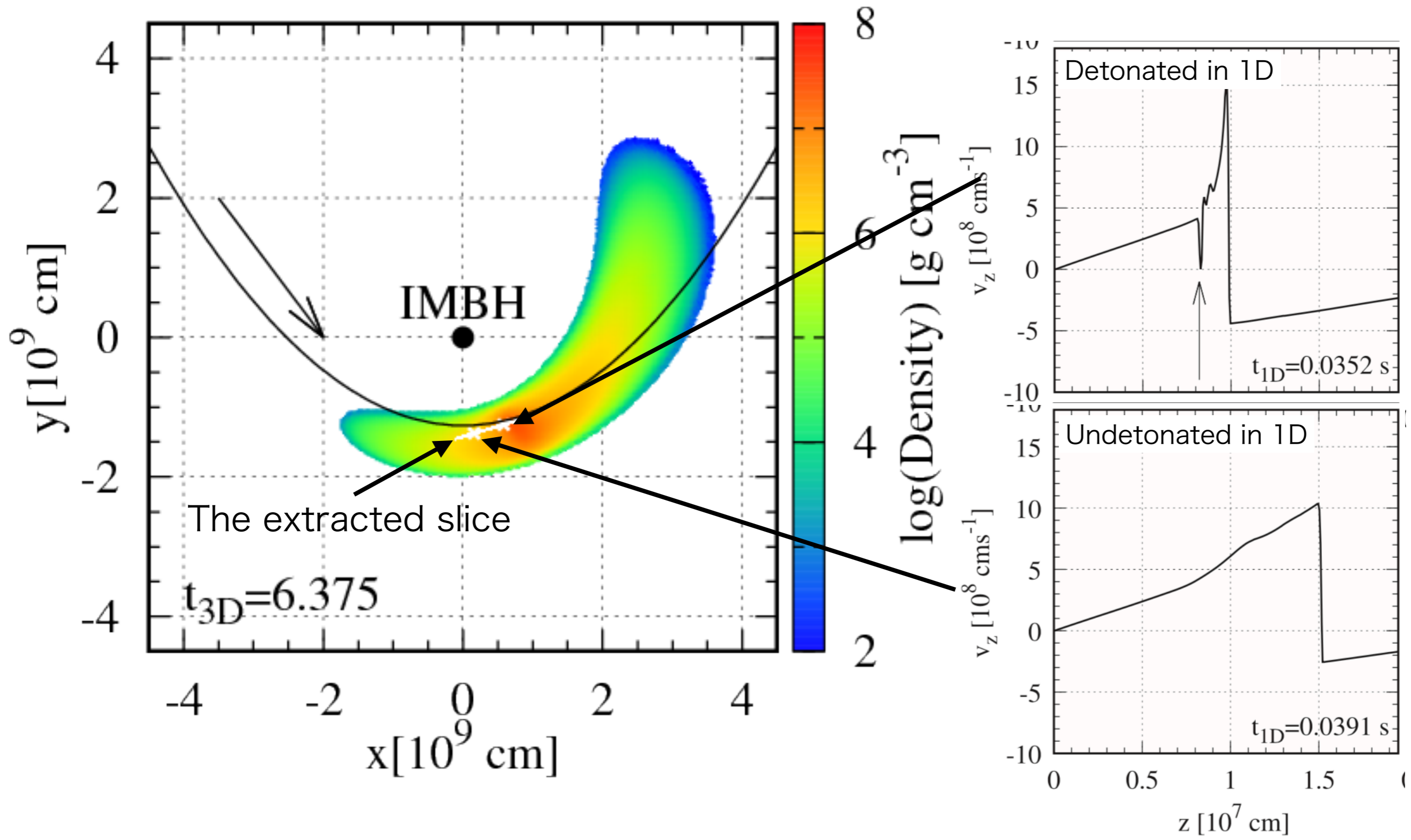


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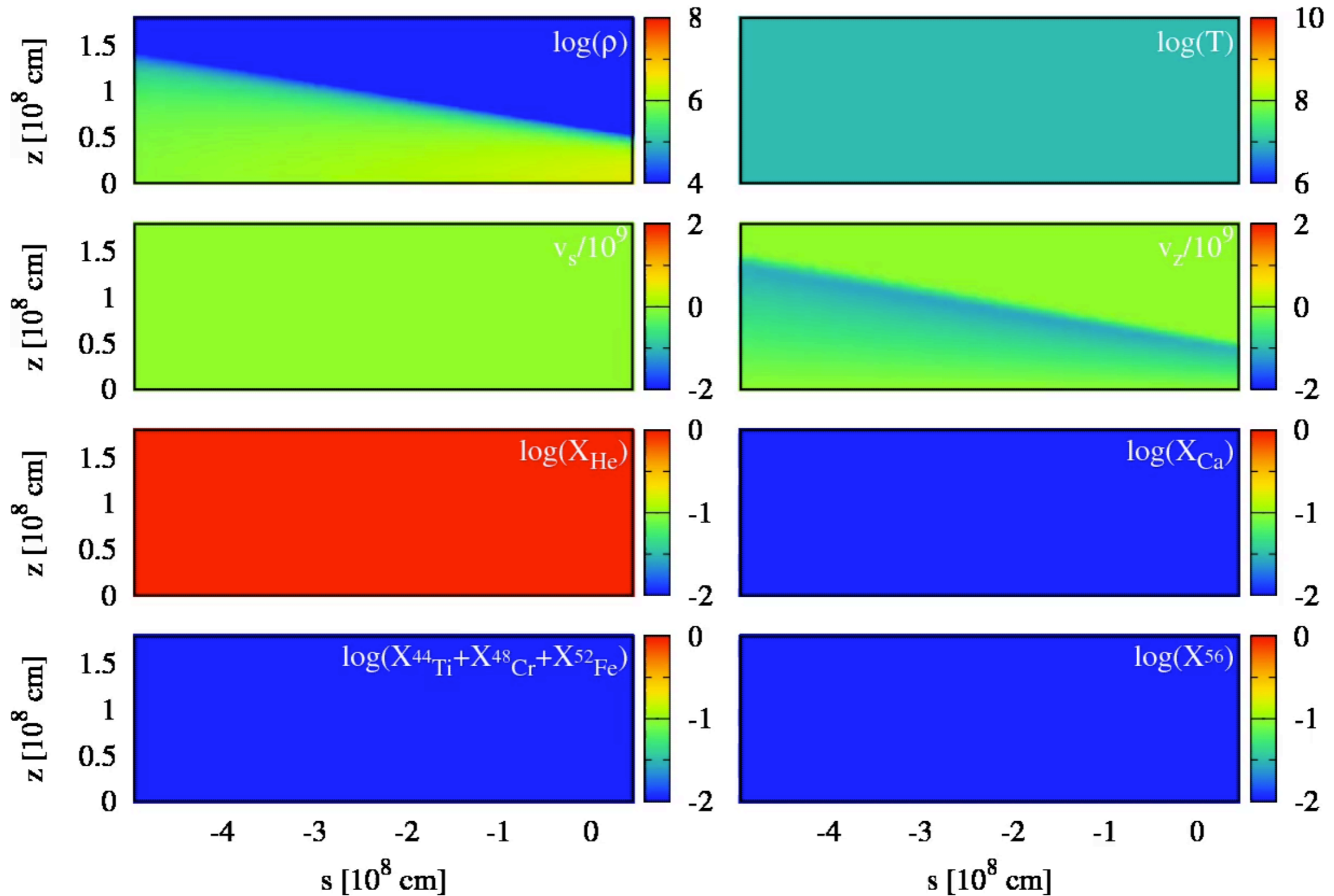


But, it should be like this.

2D simulation



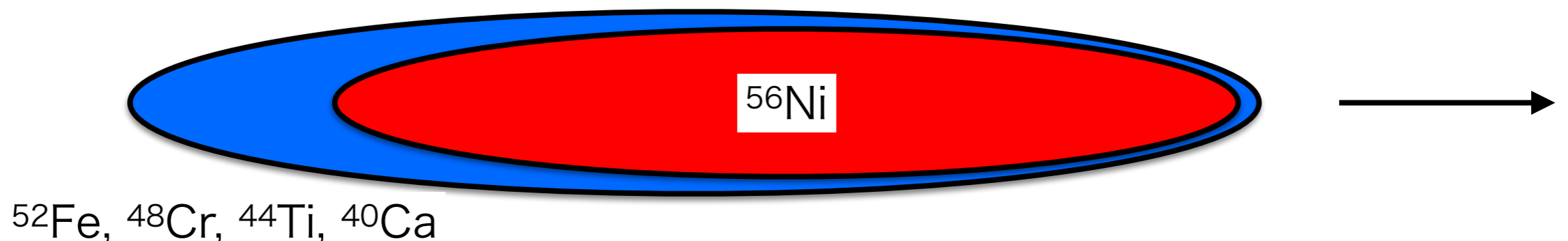
Simulation result



Short summary

- We confirm tidal detonation by extremely high-resolution simulations.
- ^{56}Ni are yielded around the ignition regions of tidal detonation.
- Elements lighter than ^{56}Ni (^{52}Fe , ^{48}Cr , ^{44}Ti , and ^{40}Ca) are yielded in the trailing part.
- We will investigate observational features of WD TDEs to help finding WD TDEs and IMBHs.

IMBH



Summary

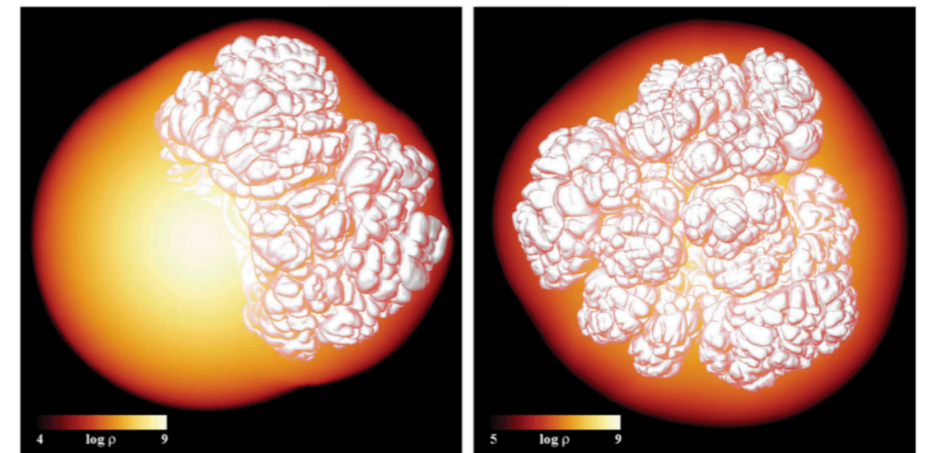
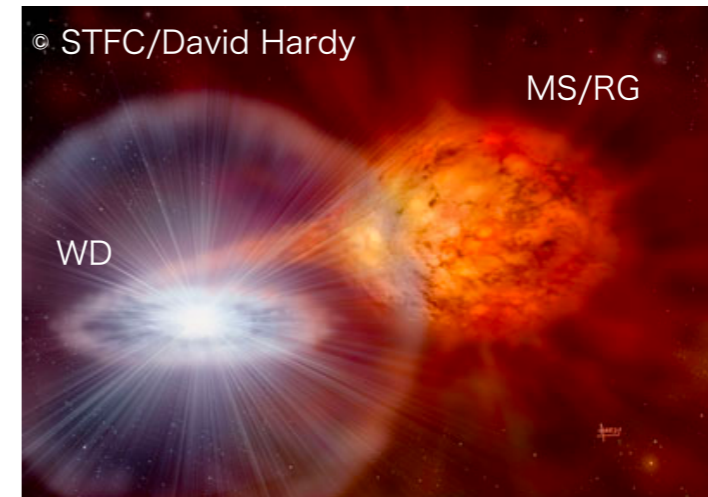
- SNe Ia
 - We perform D6 simulations.
 - We find two potential discrepancies.
- WD TDE
 - We confirm tidal detonation.
 - We find the ignition and propagation mechanism.

Backup slides

Type Ia supernovae

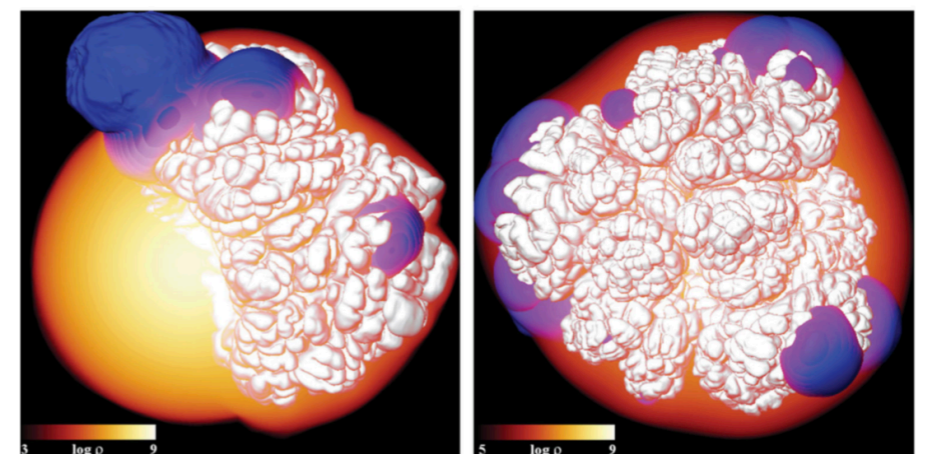
Near-Ch SD scenario

- Delayed detonation
 - A WD accretes materials from a non-degenerate companion star through Roche-lobe overflow.
 - The WD mass grows to near-Ch mass.
 - Thermonuclear runaway starts from deflagration (subsonic combustion wave).
 - It transitions to detonation (supersonic combustion wave)
- Successful light curve, and nucleosynthesis



(c) N3; $t = 1.05$ s

(d) N100; $t = 0.93$ s



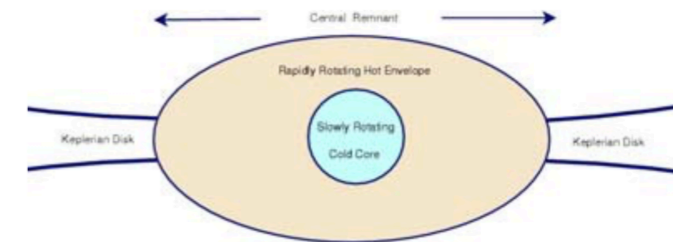
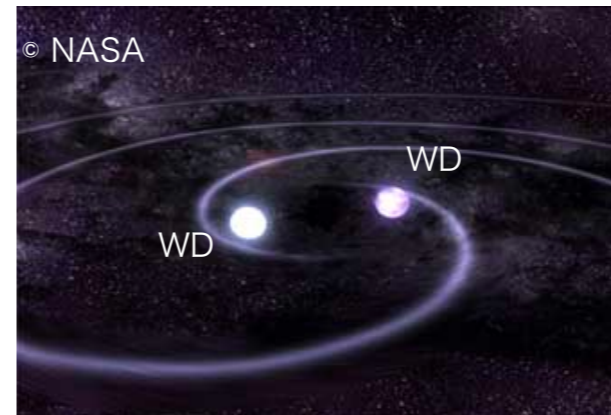
(e) N3; $t = 1.15$ s

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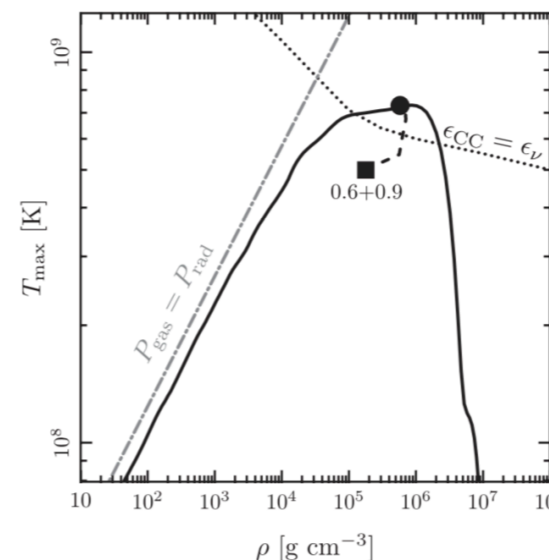
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Near-Ch DD scenario

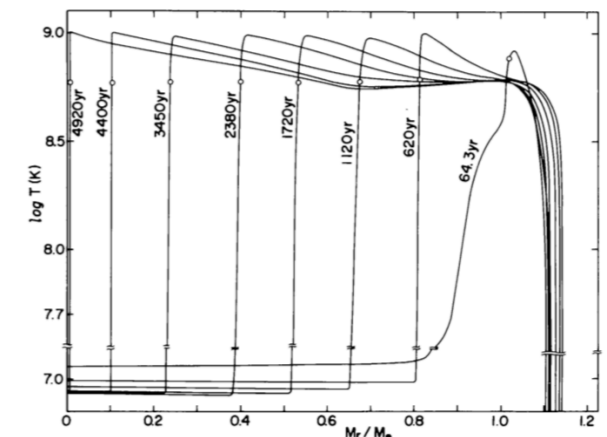
- Evolution of the near-Ch DD system
 - WD-WD merger
 - Merger remnant
 - Cold core (originally the heavier WD)
 - Debris (originally the lighter WD)
 - Rapid accretion of the debris due to magnetic viscosity
 - Ignition of slow (not explosive) C+C reactions
 - Conversion of the merger remnant from CO to ONeMg
 - Gravitational collapse to NS/BH
- A WD-WD merger ends with gravitational collapse unless some mechanism works before they completely merge.



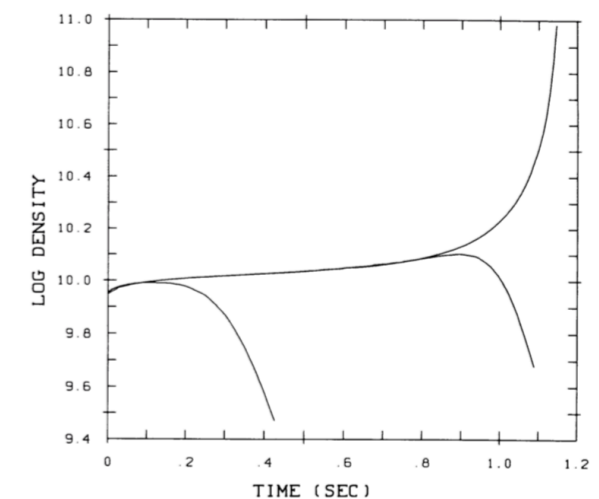
Yoon et al. (2007)



Schwab et al. (2012)



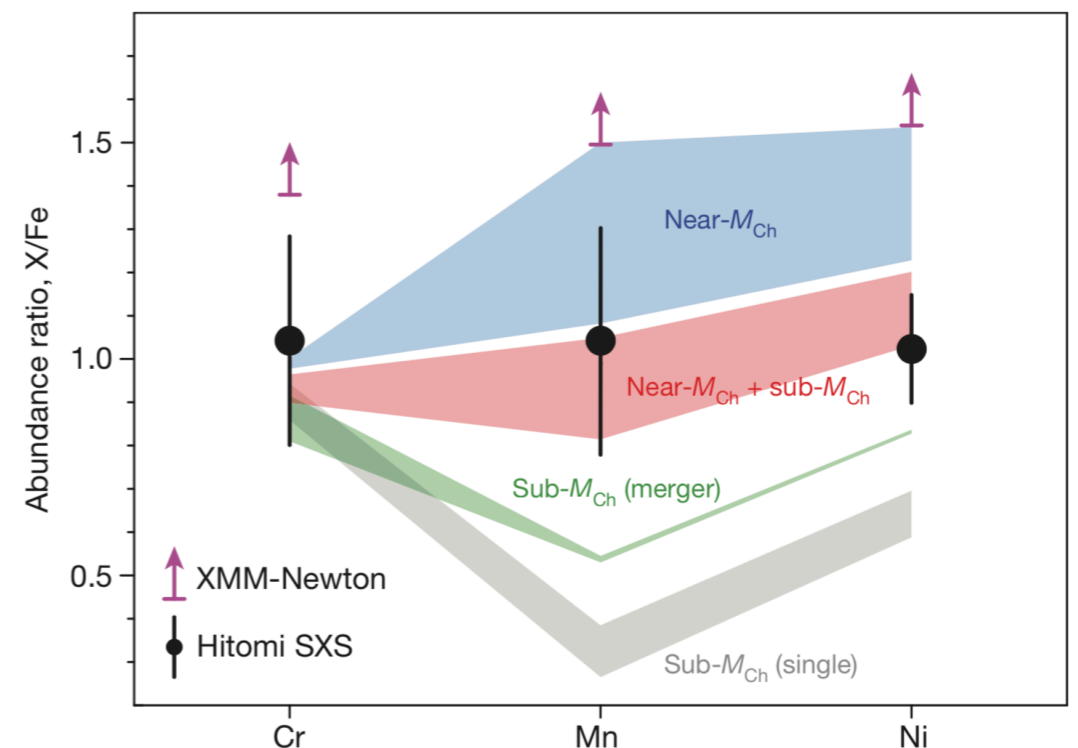
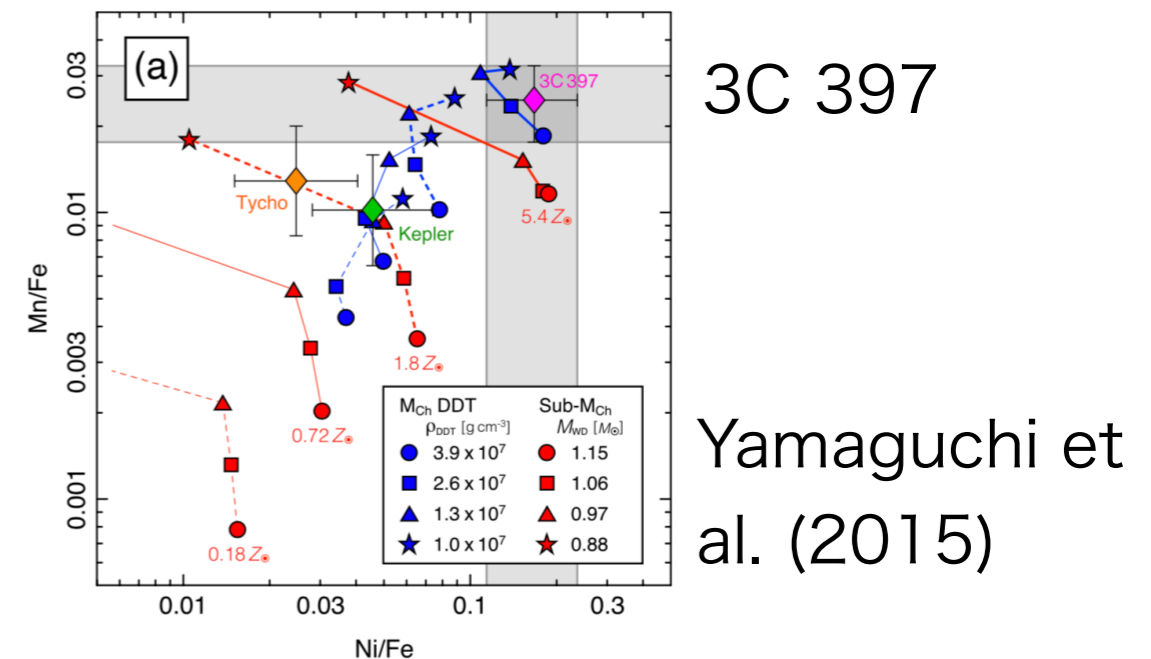
Saio, Nomoto (1985)



Nomoto, Kondo (1991)

Multiple origins?

- Not all SNe Ia may be explained by the sub-Ch DD scenarios.
- Nucleosynthesis of the sub-Ch DD scenarios may not be consistent with abundance pattern of iron peak elements in SNR 3C 397.
- The abundance pattern of iron peak elements in the Perseus cluster needs both of the near-Ch and sub-Ch scenarios.
- SNe Ia may have multiple origins of near-Ch and sub-Ch mass WD.



Hitomi Collaboration (2017)

D6 model

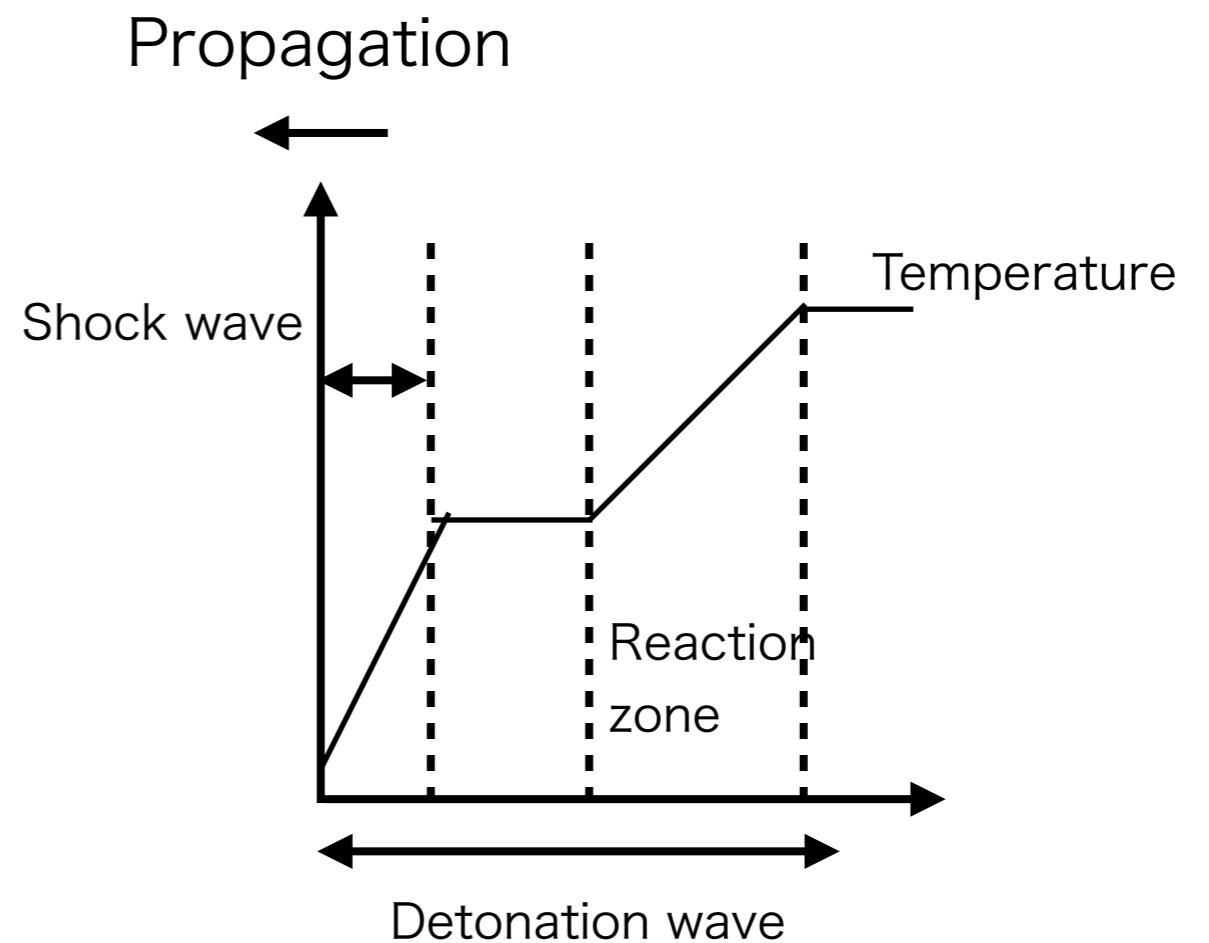
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Technical terms

- The D6 process
- Double detonation model
 - Detonation
 - Conversing shock mechanism

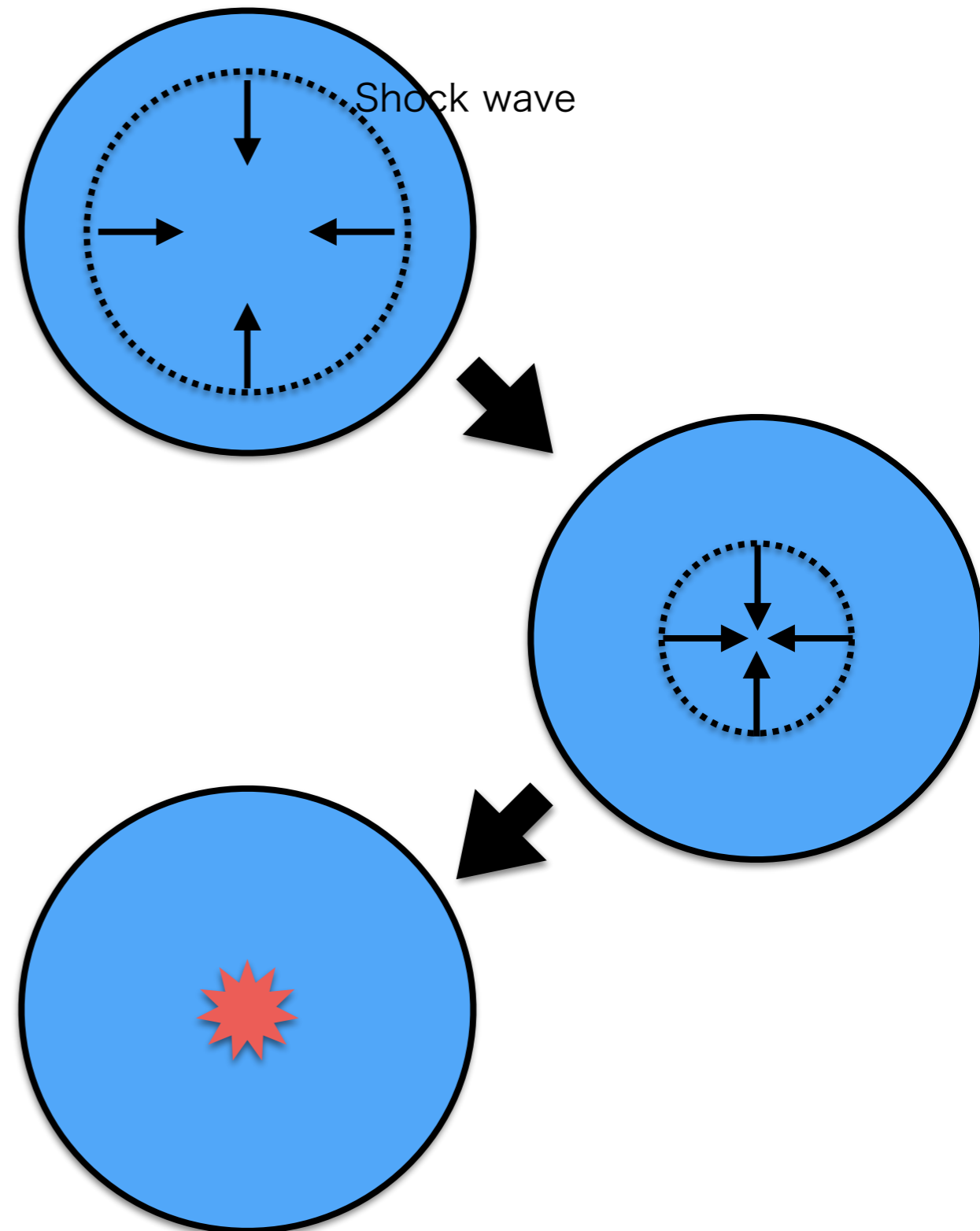
Detonation

- Supersonic combustion wave
- Process
 - Shock heating
 - Exothermic reactions
 - Fluid expansion due to the reactions
- Initiation
 - Hot spot
 - Preexisting or external shock
 - Deflagration-to-detonation transition



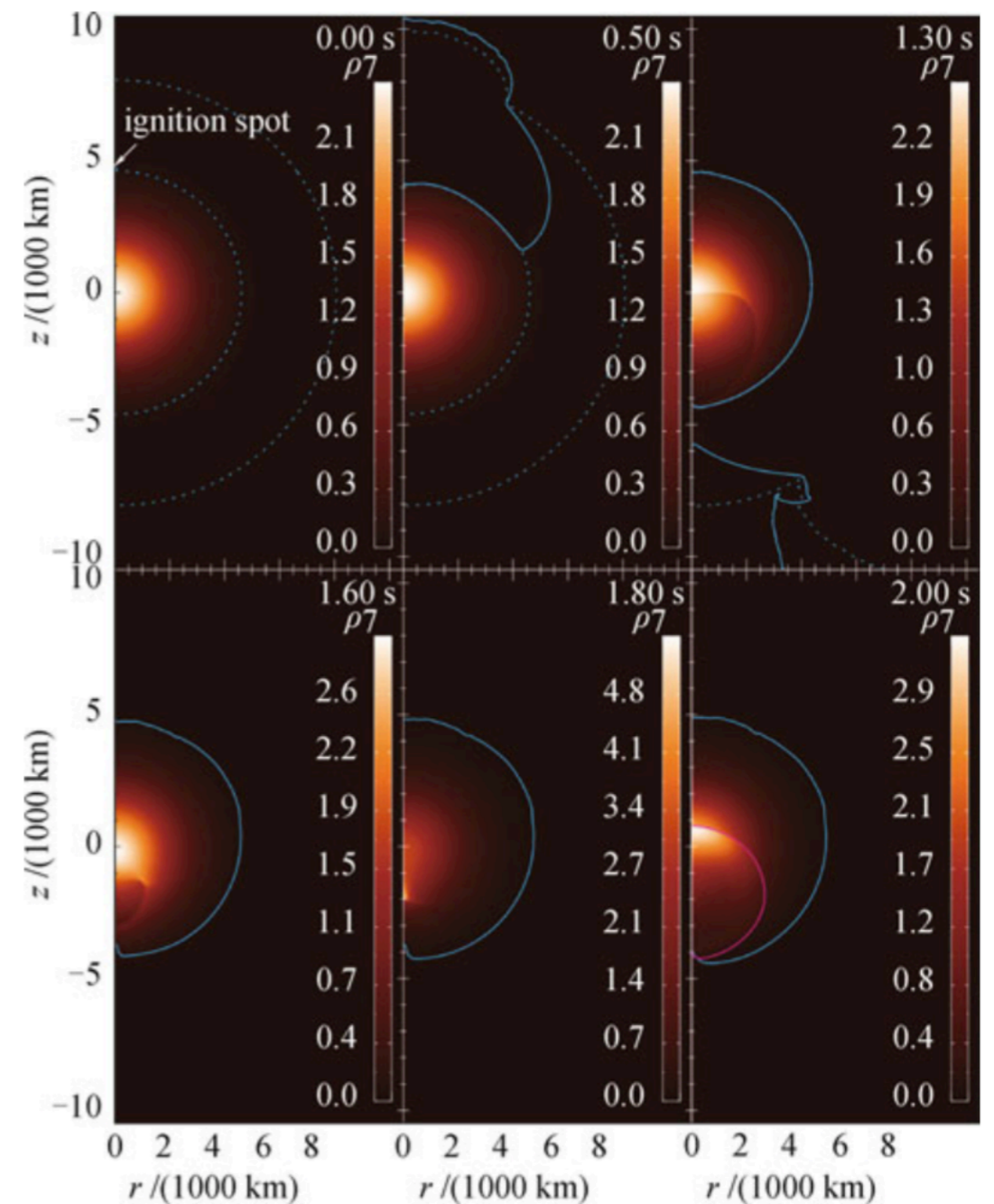
Conversing shock mechanism

- A shock wave surrounds a star for some reason.
- The shock wave converges at the center of the star.
- The shock wave strongly raises temperature.
- At the converging point, a hot spot emerges, and detonation starts from the hot spot.



Double detonation model

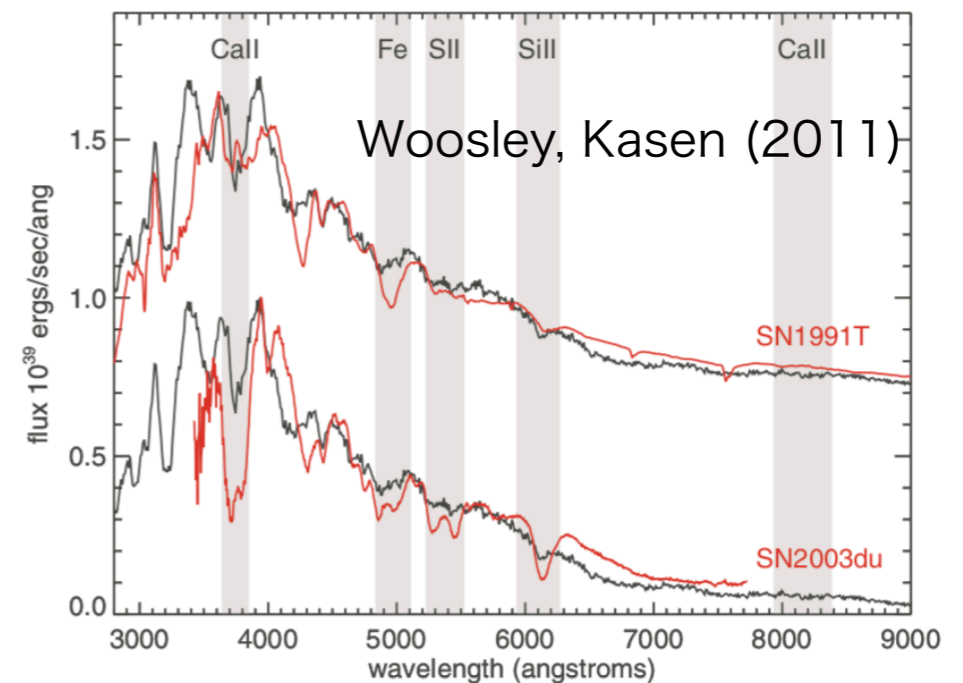
- Consider CO WD with He outer shell.
- He detonation starts.
- The detonation
 - Propagates in the He shell.
 - Cannot invade into the CO core, but sends a shock wave separated from the detonation.
- A converging shock wave appears when the He detonation surrounds the CO core.
- The converging shock wave ignites C detonation.



Fink et al. (2010)

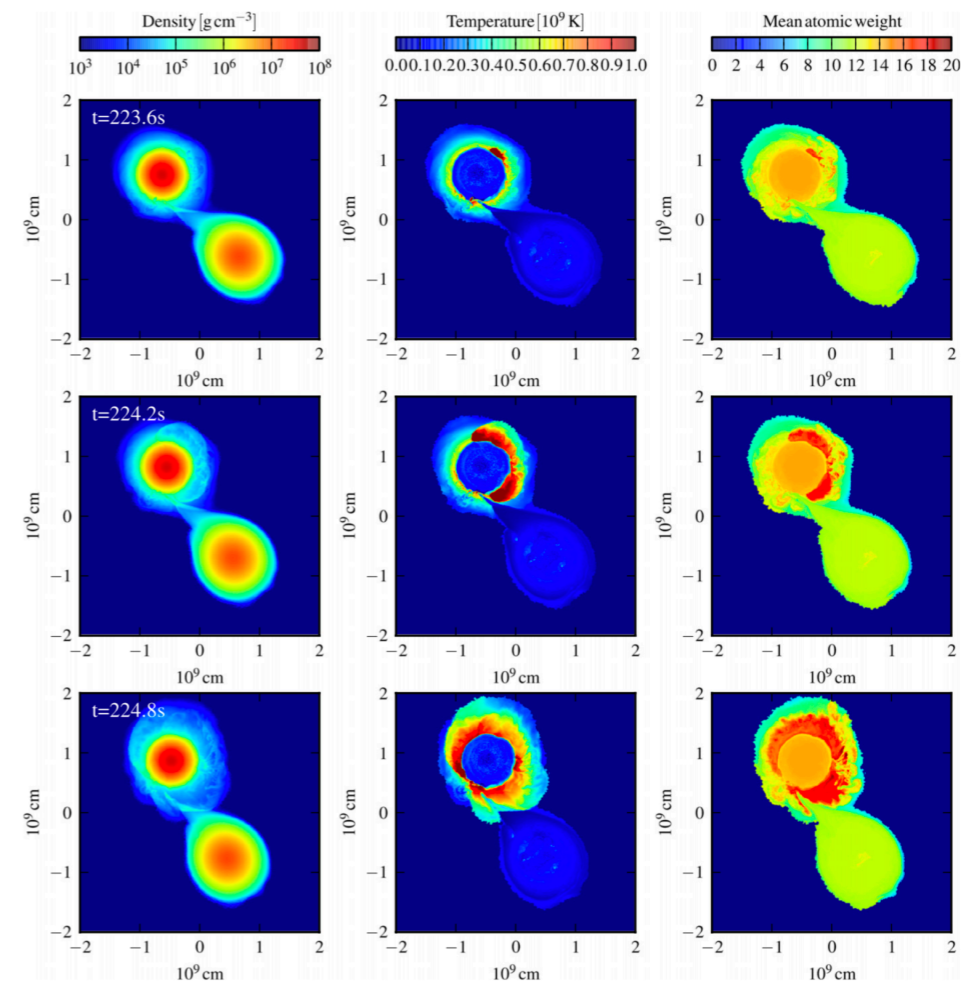
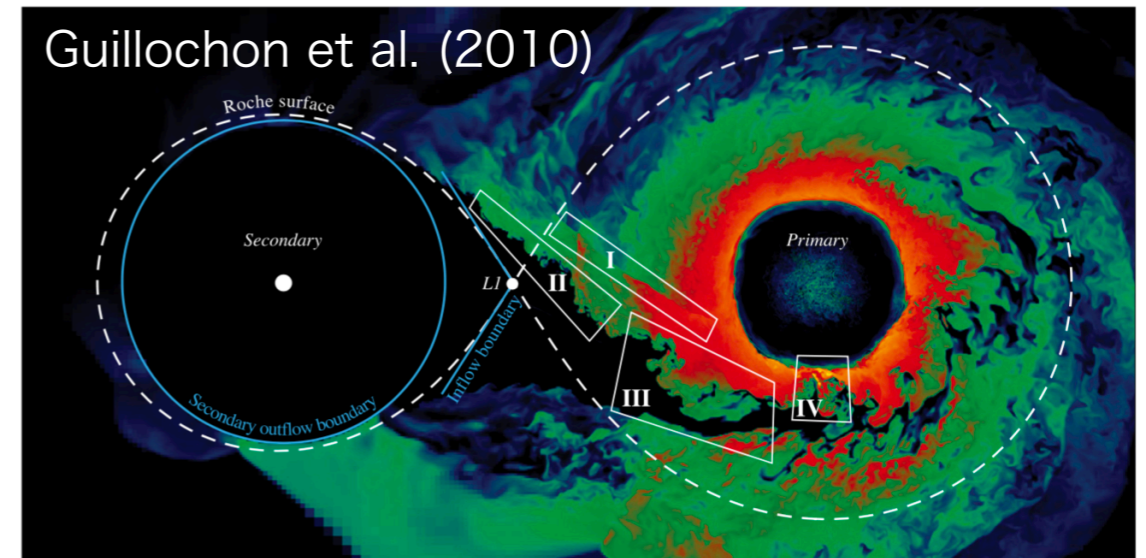
Double detonation problem

- Problem
 - Large He shell mass ($\sim 0.1M_{\odot}$)
 - Featureless spectra due to radioactive nuclei yielded by He detonation



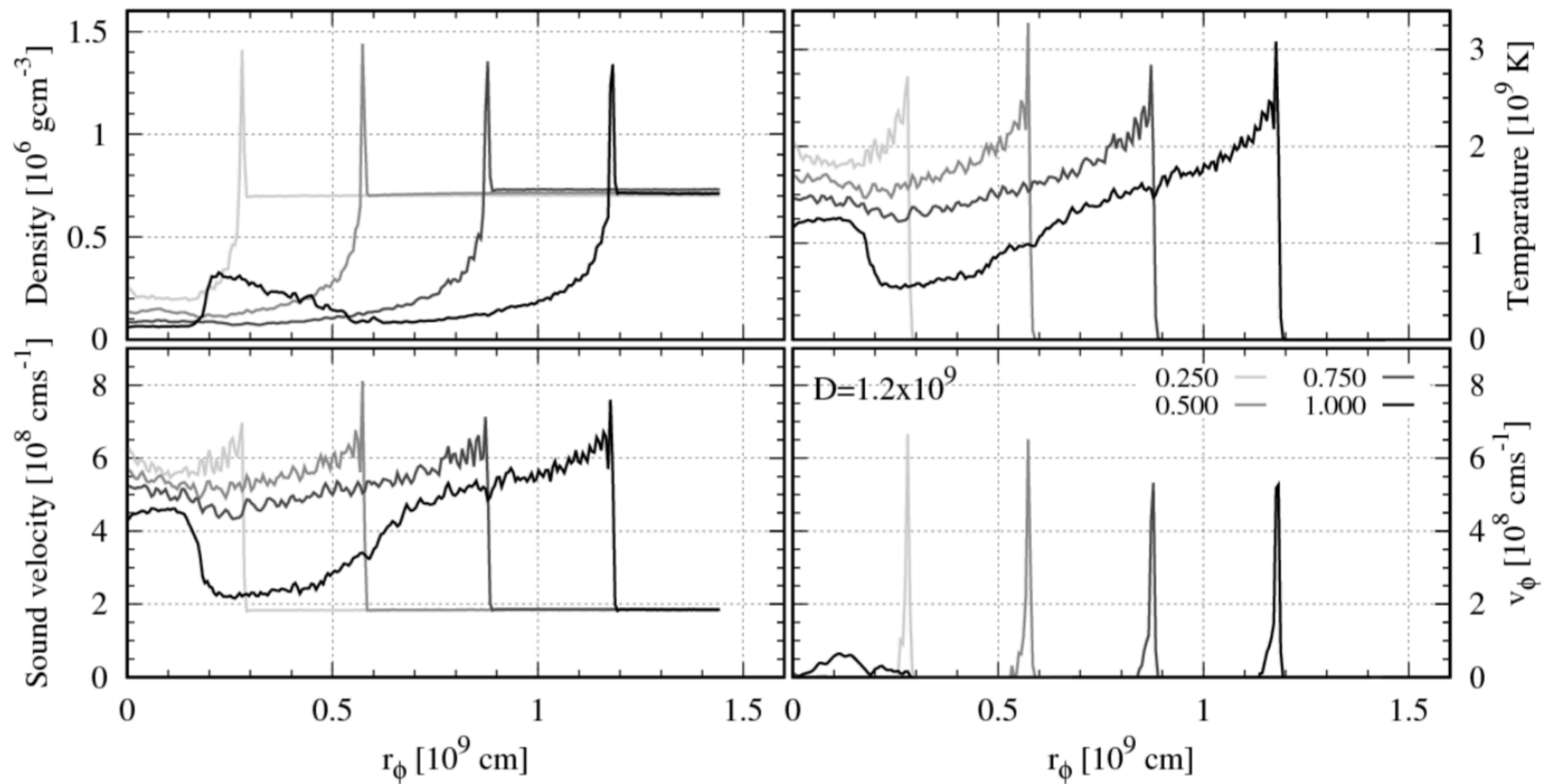
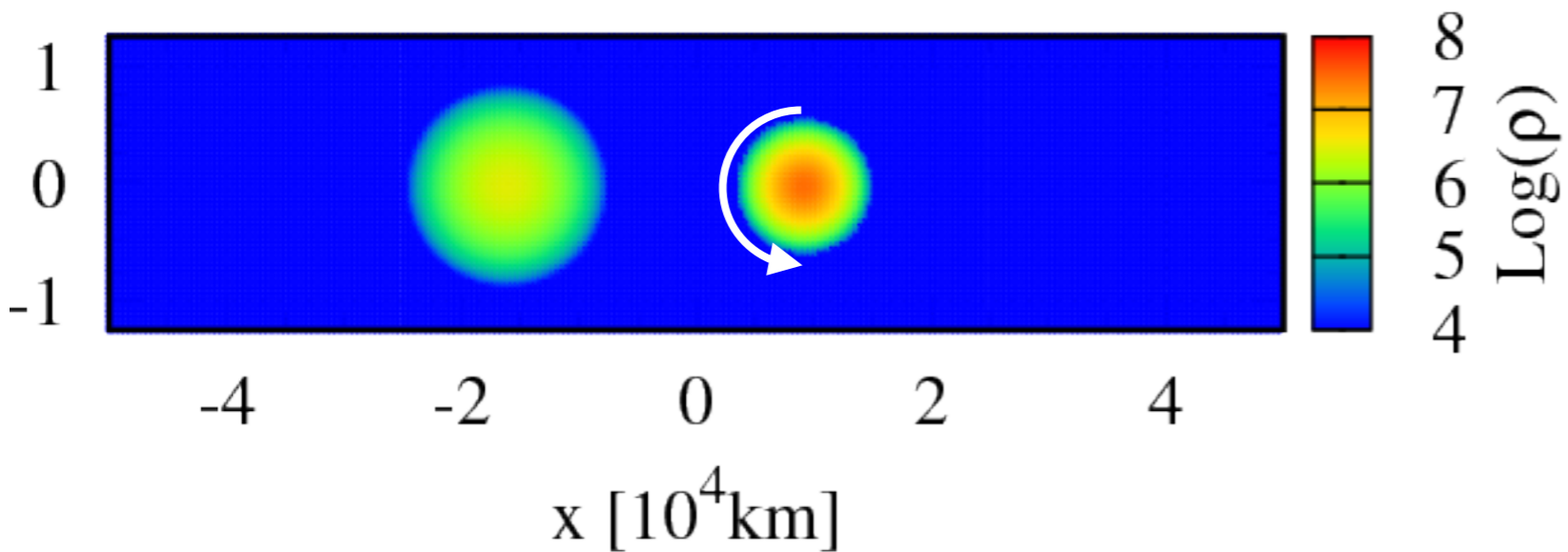
D⁶ feasibility

- Requisite: $M_{\text{He}} \lesssim 0.05 M_{\odot}$
 - He detonation ashes make spectra featureless due to their opacity (e.g. Woosley, Kasen 2011)
- He detonation feasible for $M_{\text{He}} \sim 0.01 M_{\odot}$
 - Hydrodynamical effects due to unstable mass transfer
 - C/O pollution (Shen, Moore 2014)
- Successful CO detonation unpublished

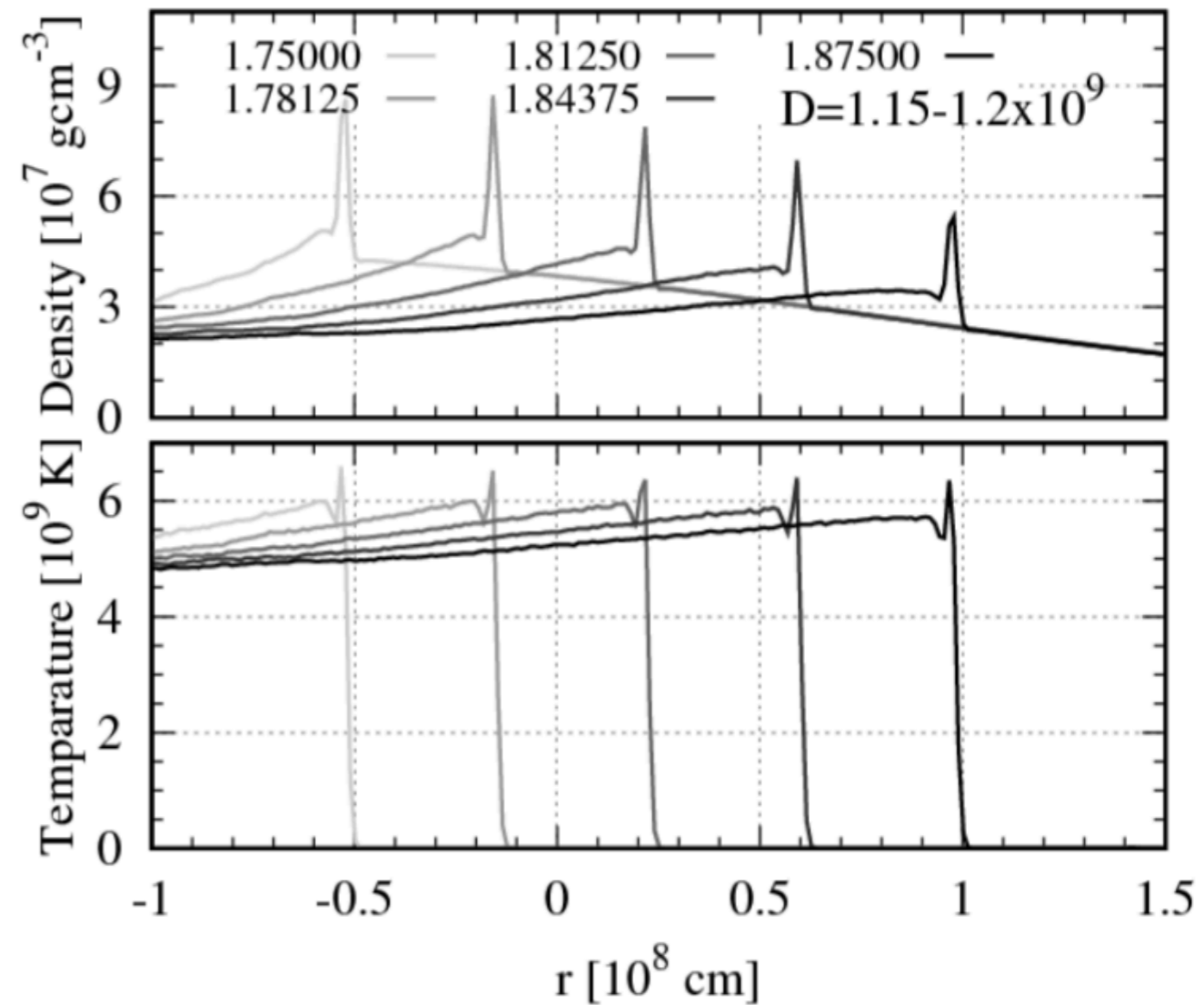
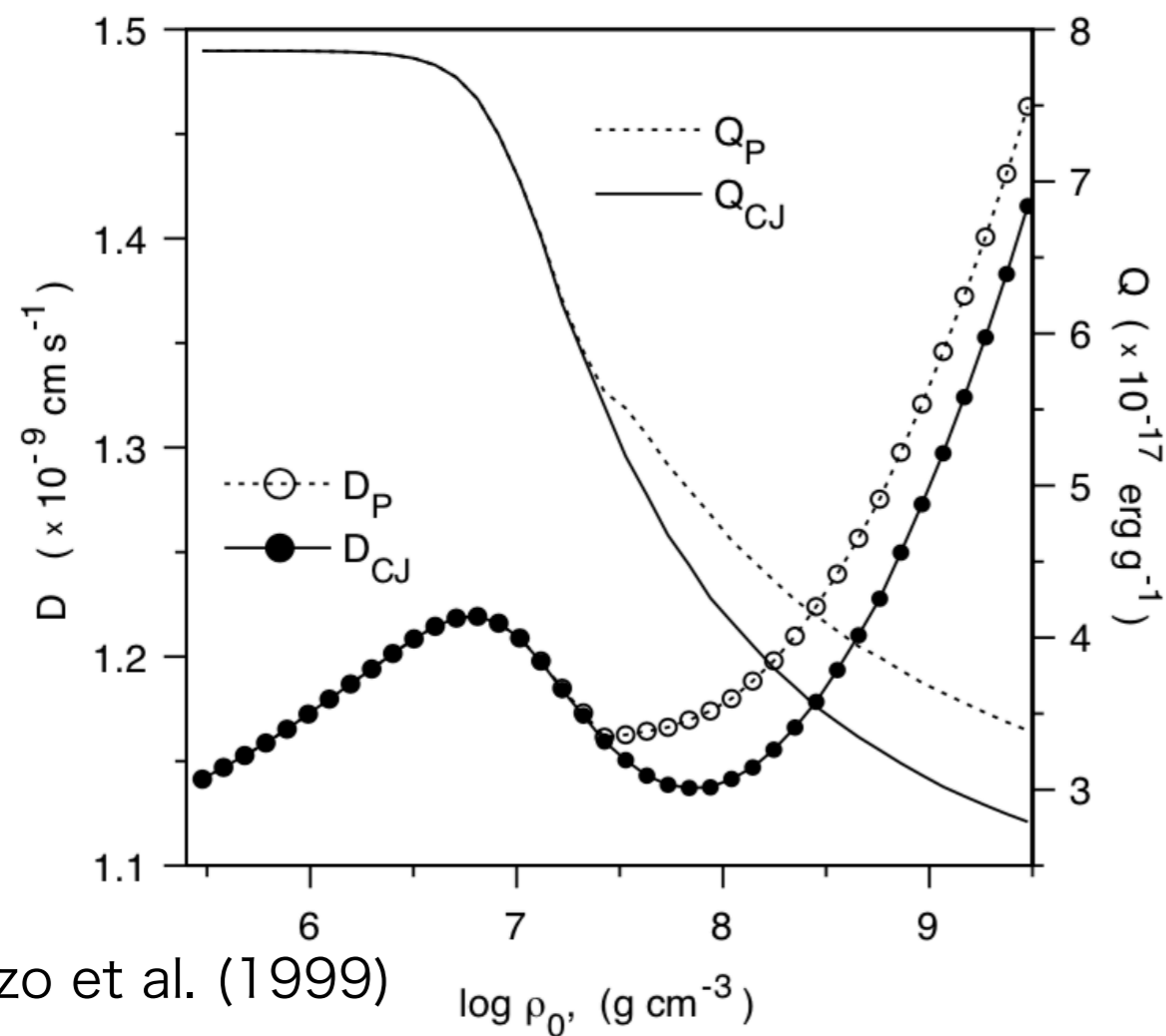
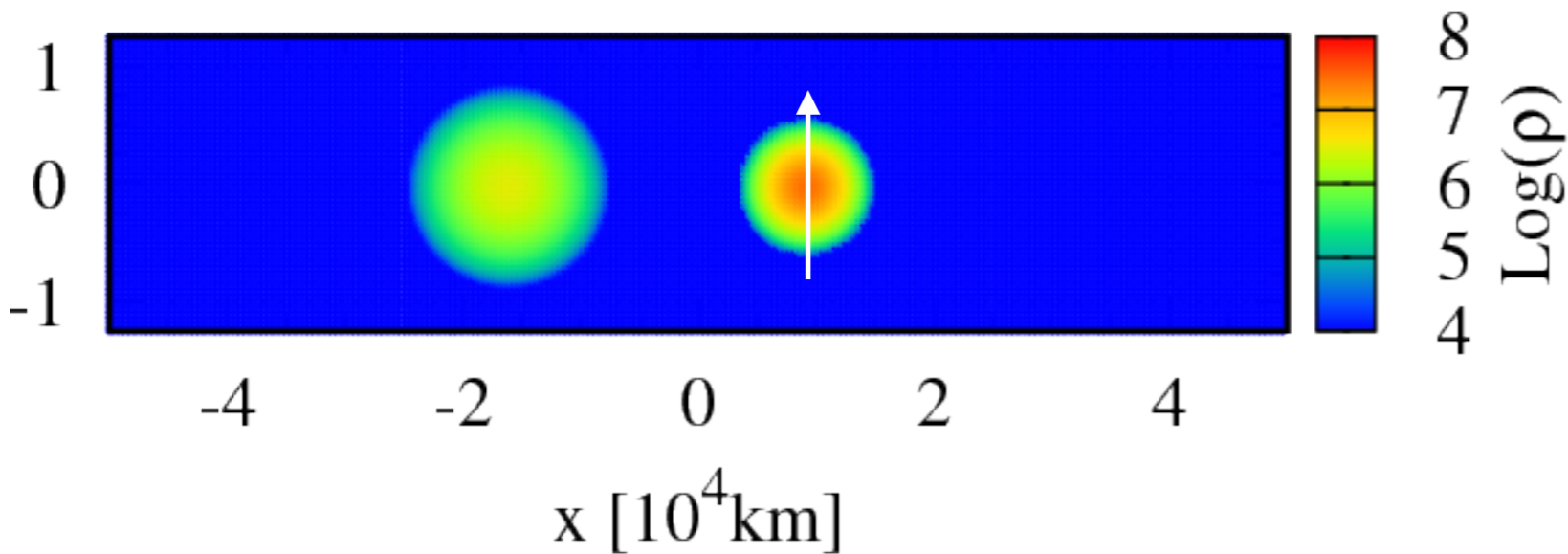


Pakmor et al. (2013)

He detonation

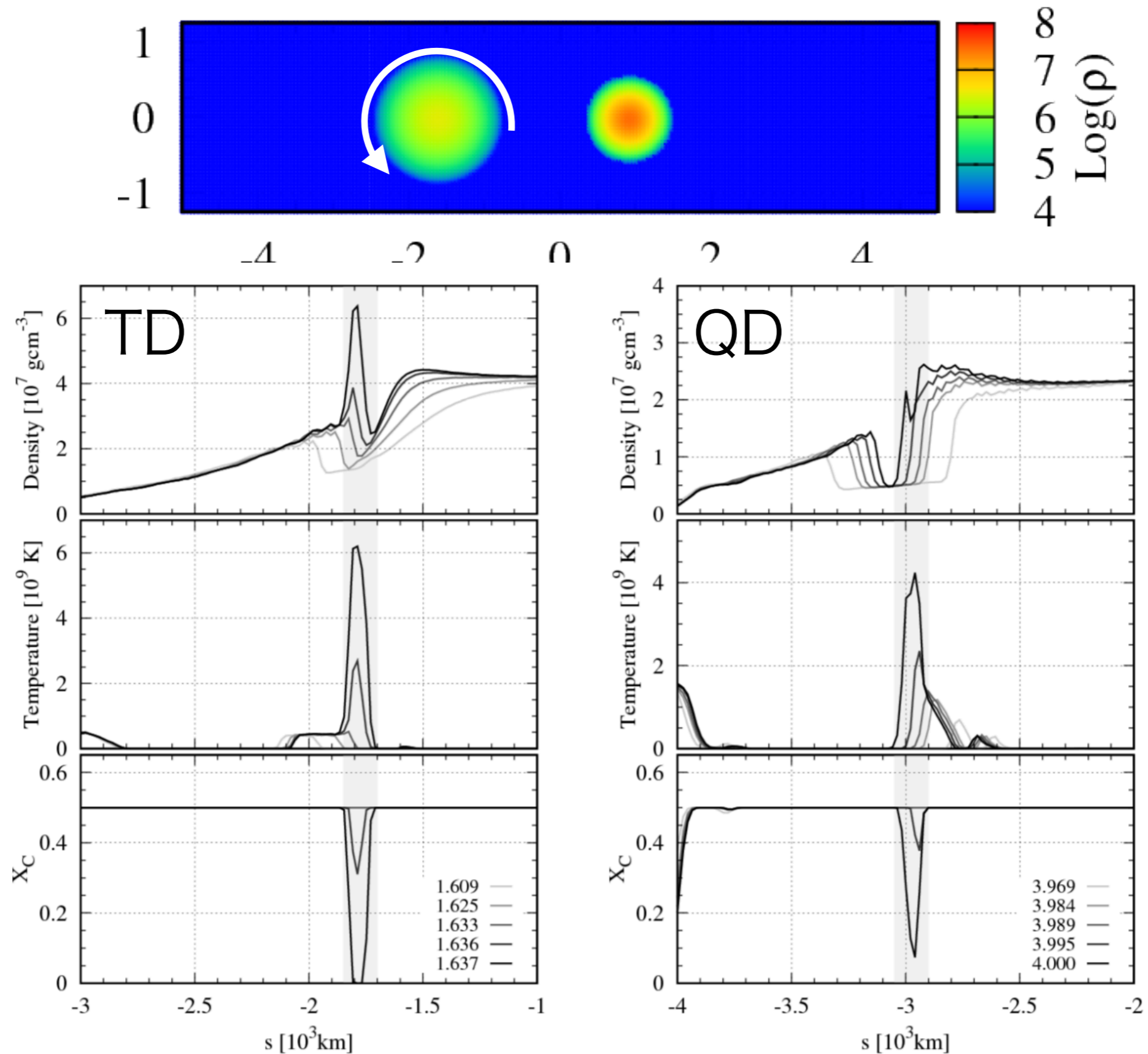


C detonation

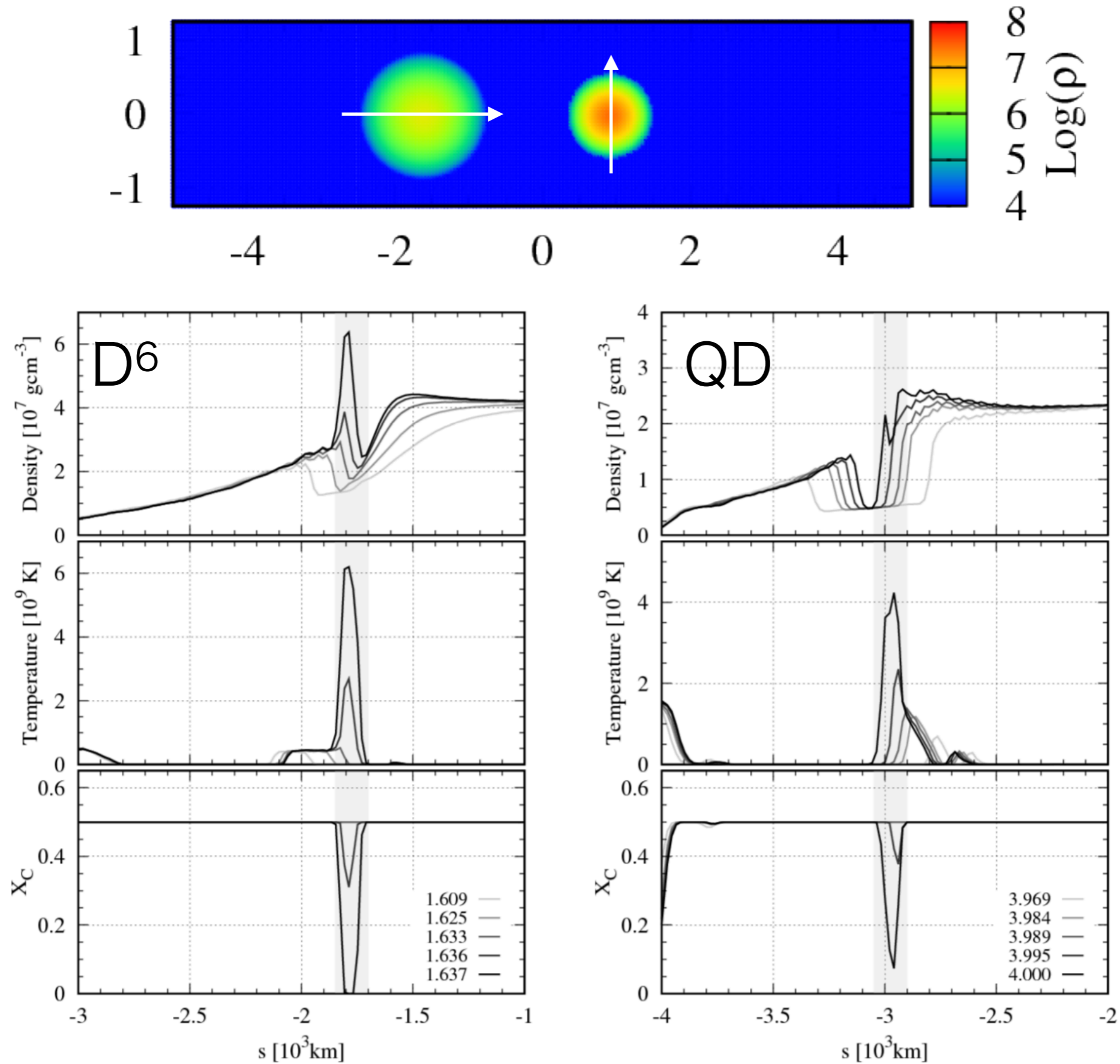


Gamezo et al. (1999)
(see also Sharpe 1999)

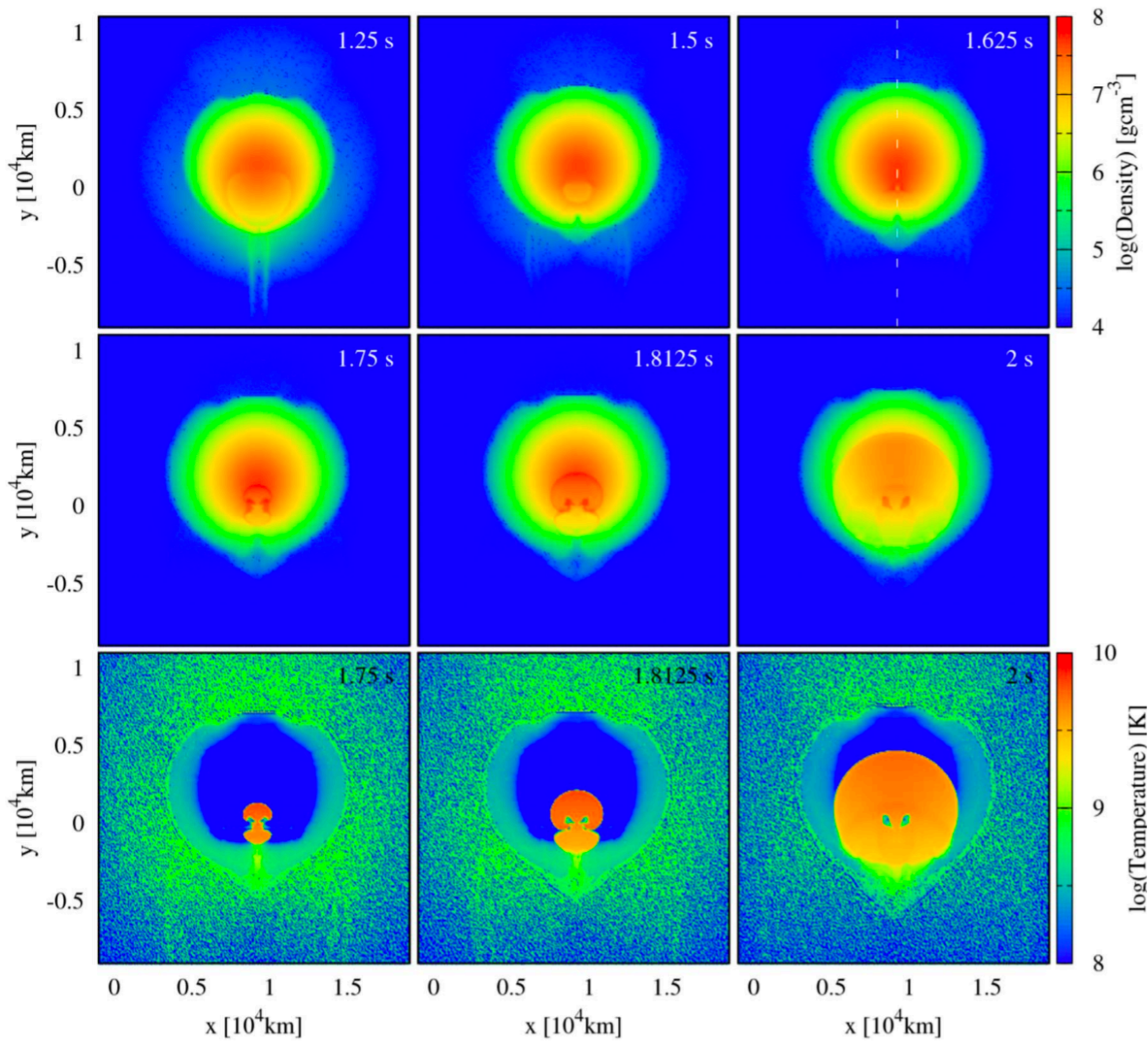
Hotspot for He detonation



Hotspot for C detonation



Unburned materials



Tanikawa et al. (2018)

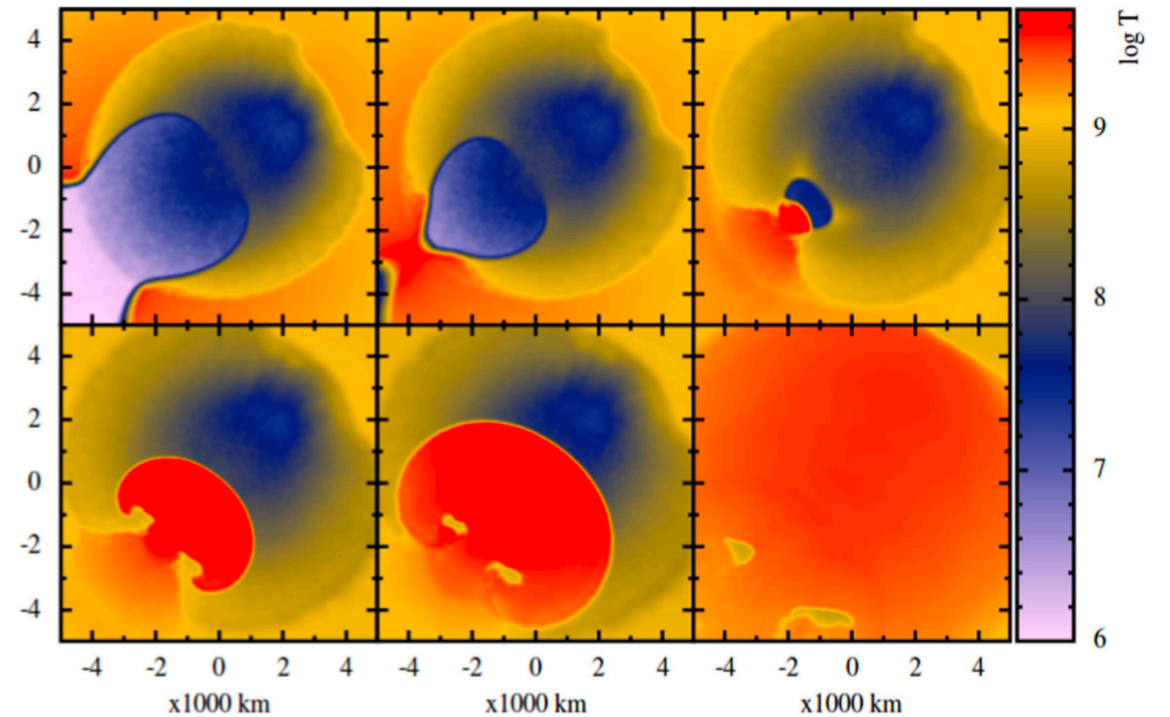


Figure 10. Colormap of temperature in a YZ (equatorial) slice, showing the core detonation of model B₆ in Table 1 at times $t = 1.10, 1.22, 1.42, 1.62, 1.72$, and 2.03 s, respectively. The box size is $[-5:5] \times 10^3$ km in all directions.

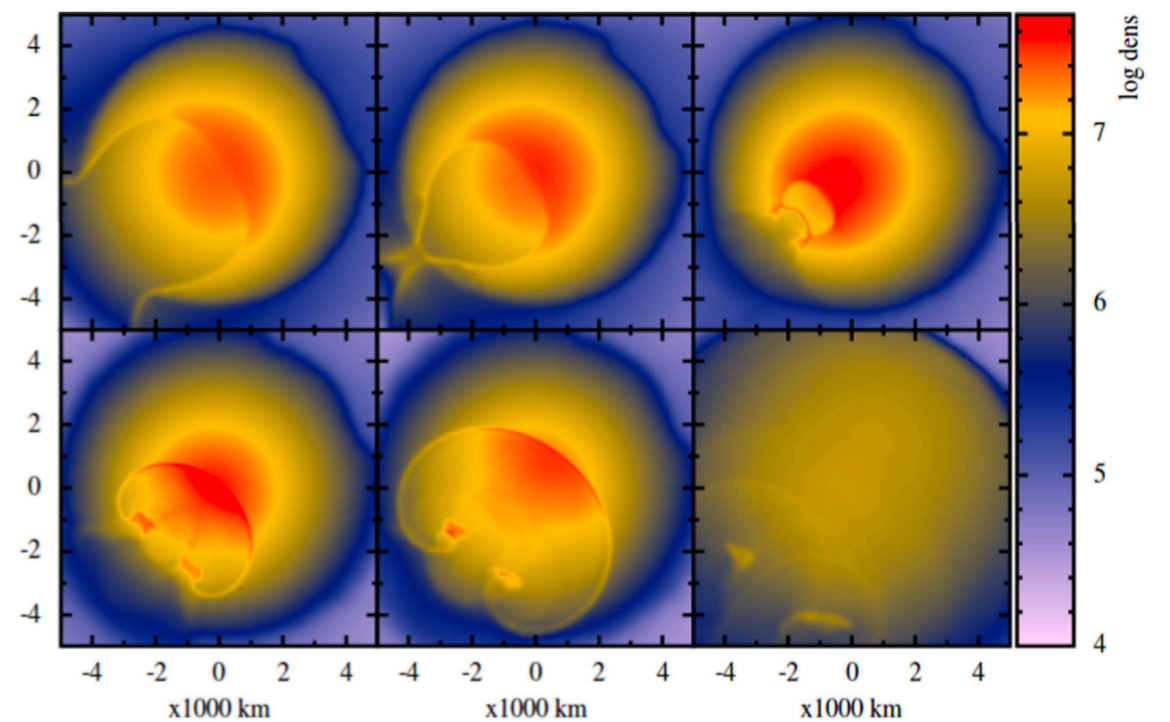
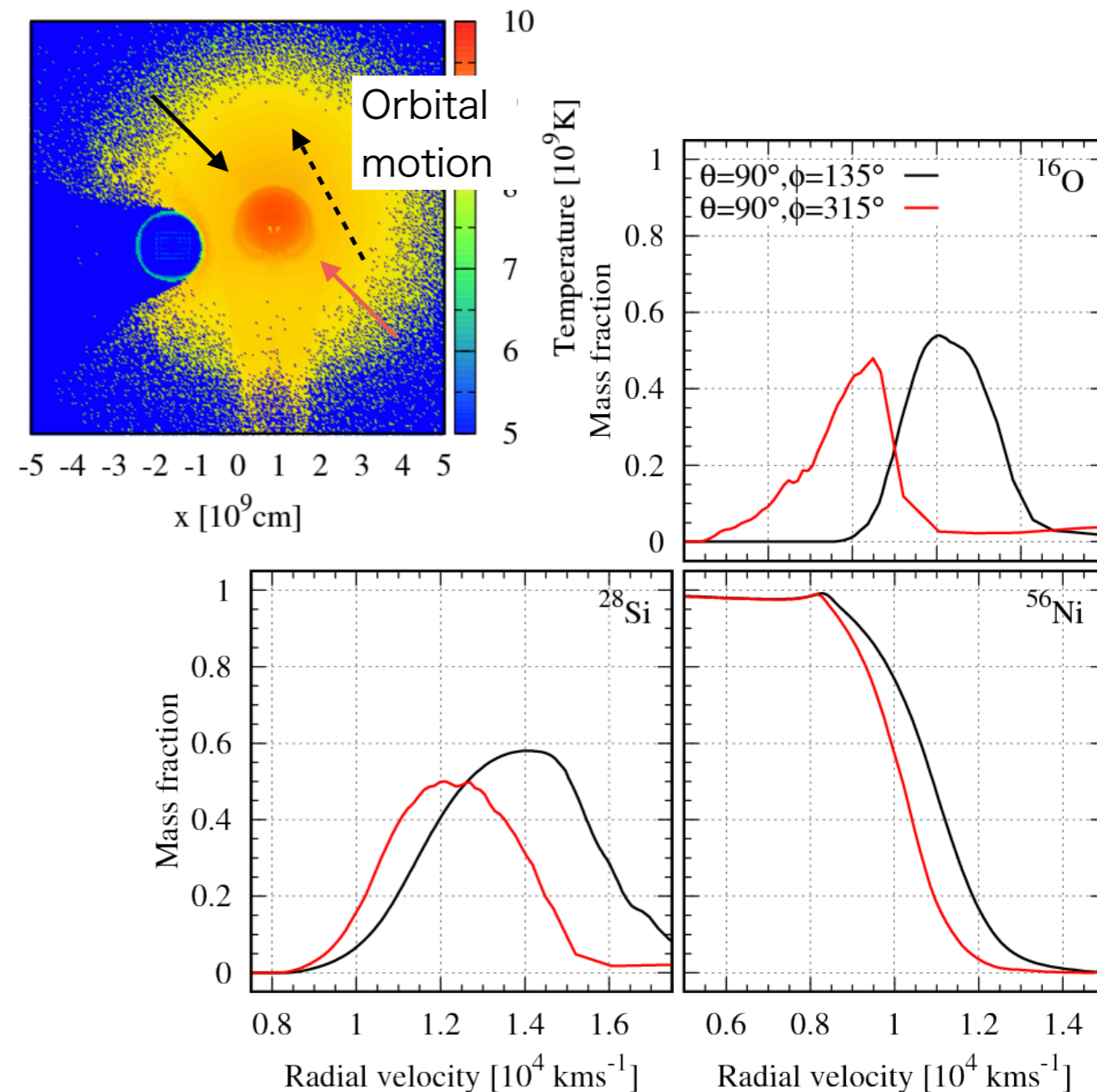


Figure 11. Same as Figure 10, but for density.

Garcia-Senz et al. (2018)

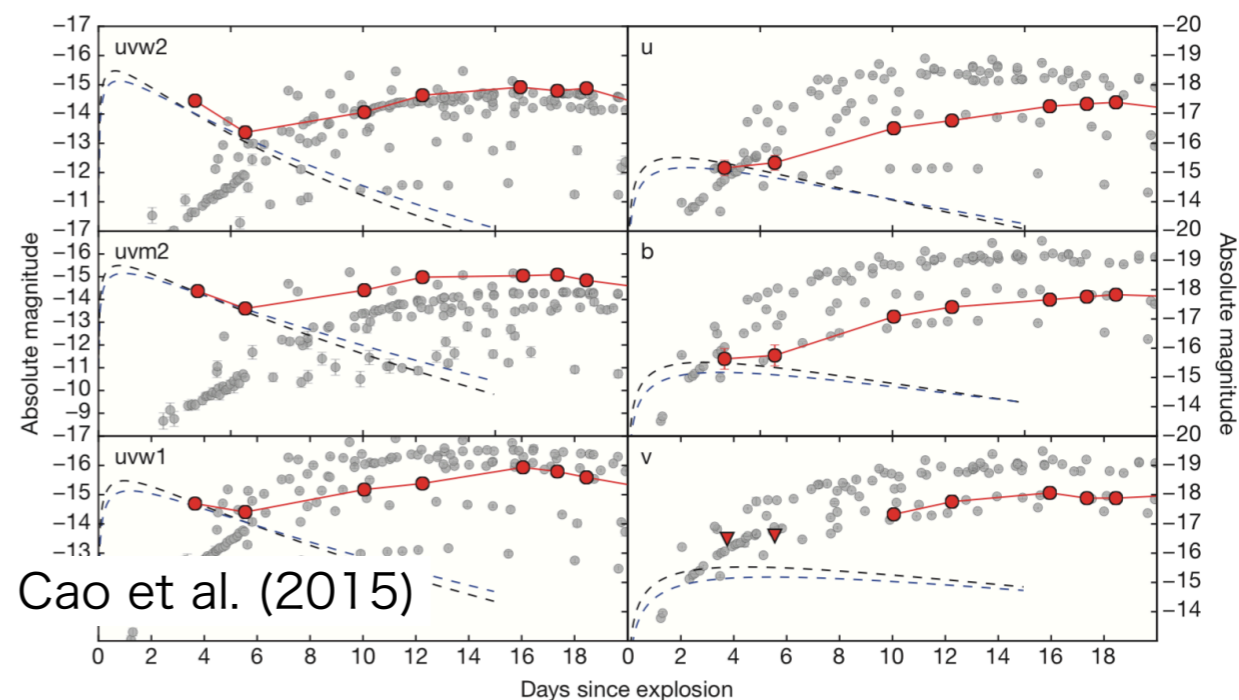
Velocity shift

- Radial velocities of O, Si, and ^{56}Ni are systematically shifted by the orbital motion of the heavier WD.
- The velocity shift is about 1000 km/s.
- This is not due to asymmetric explosion of double detonation.
 - Double detonation shifts velocities of O+Si and Ni in the opposite directions.

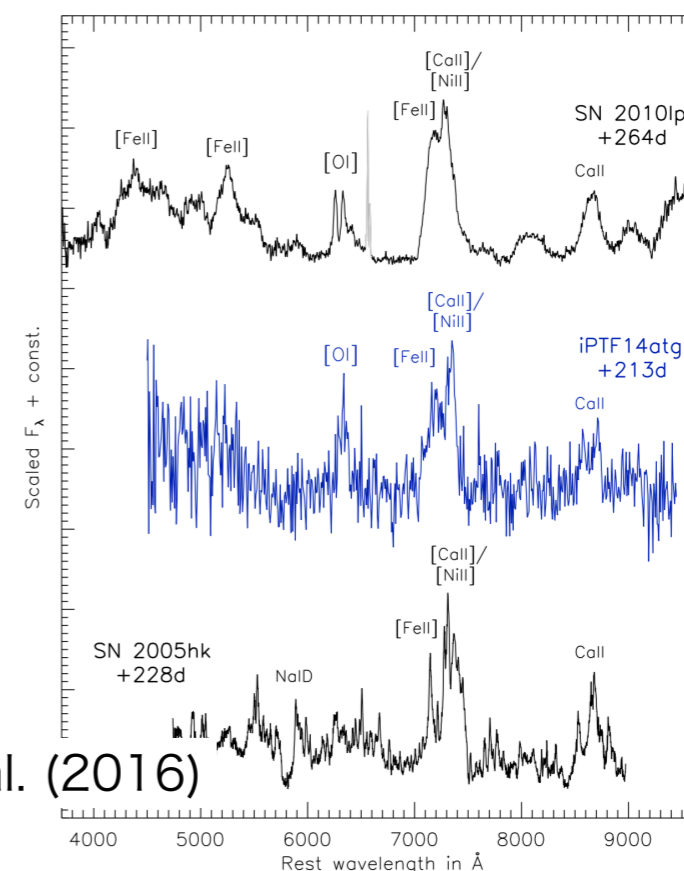


Possible counterpart

- iPTF14atg
 - Early flash
 - ← He-detonation ash
 - Oxygen emission in nebular phase
 - ← Stripped oxygen (but not confirmed)
- Sub-luminous SN Ia
 - ← Primary COWD with ~ 0.8 or $0.9M_{\odot}$
- But, D^6 explosion could not explain early flash and spectral features at maximum luminosity consistently (Maeda et al. 2018).

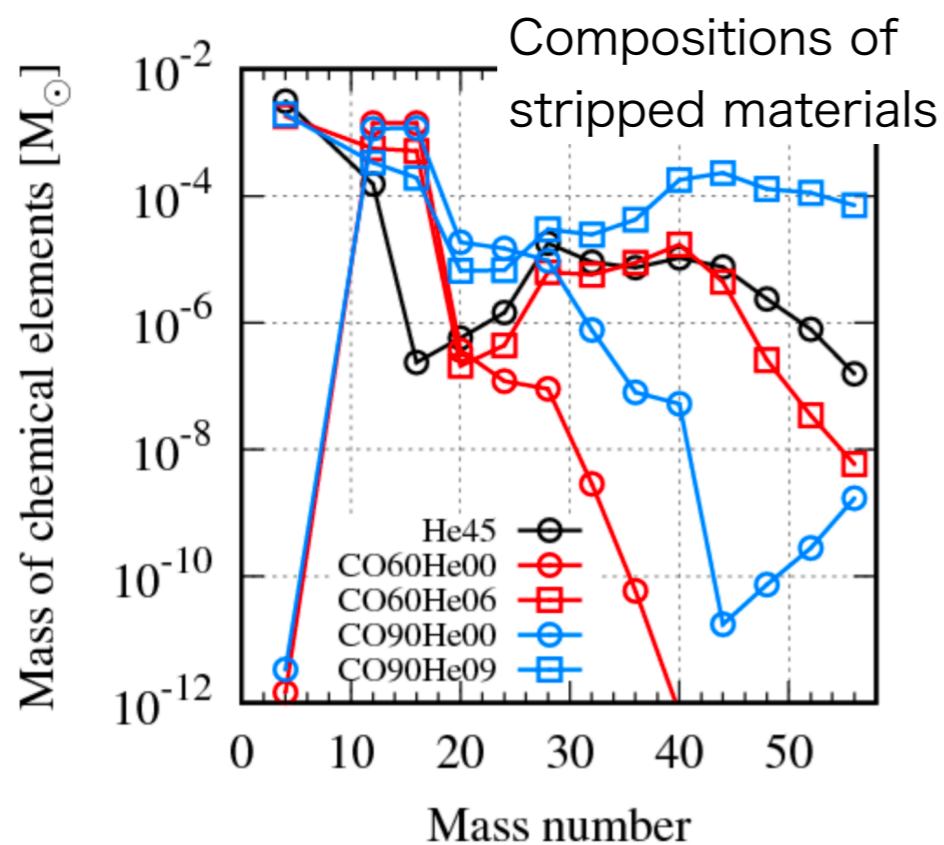


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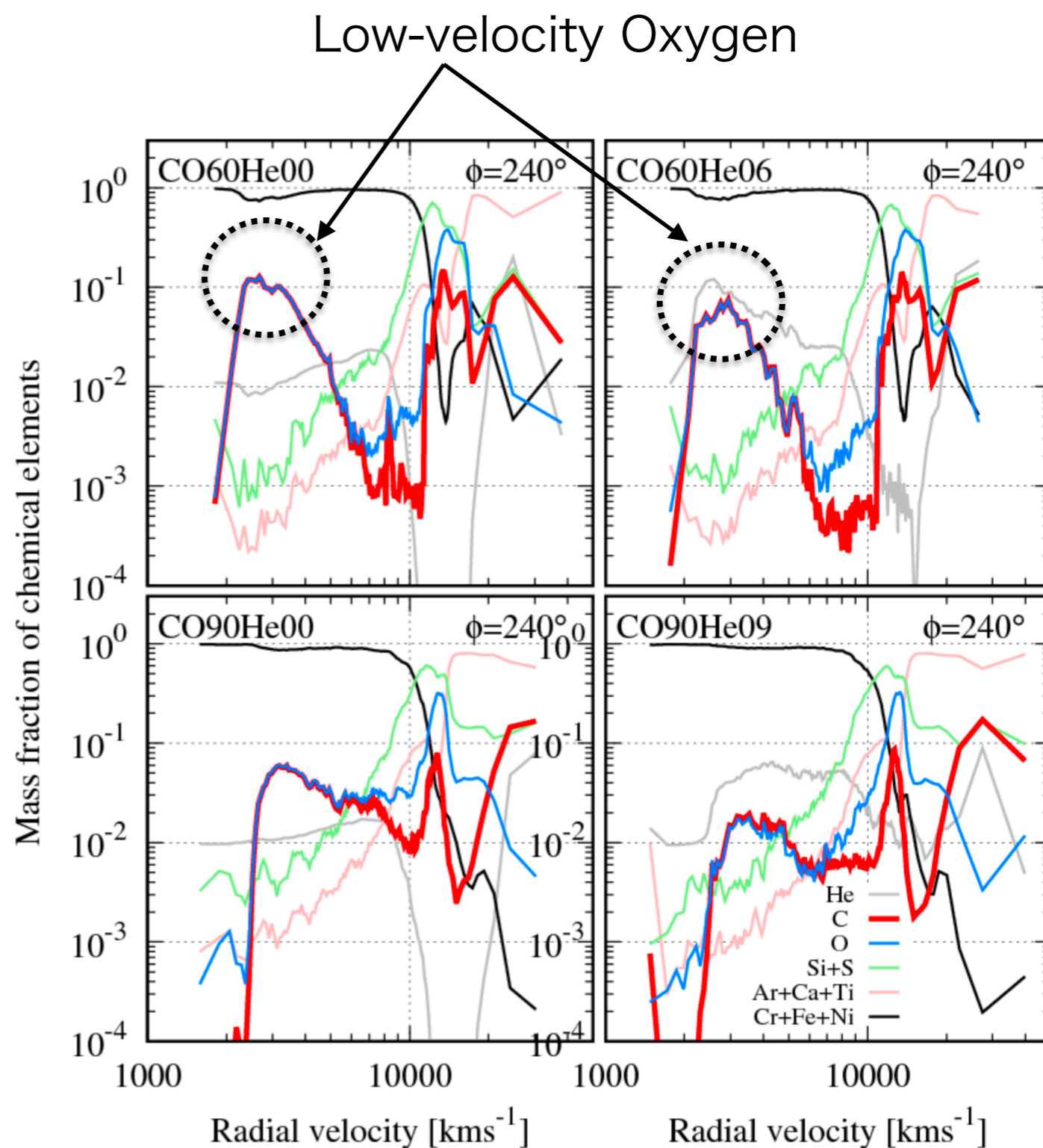
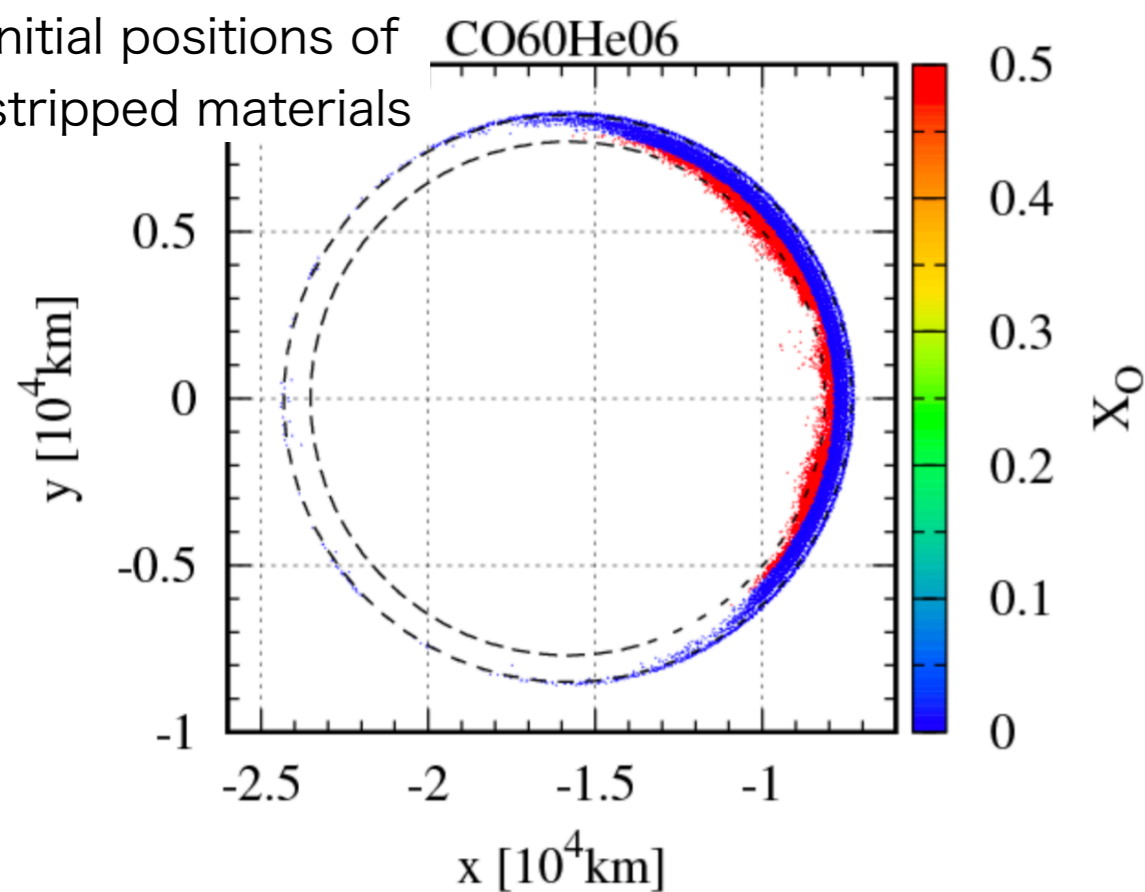


Kromer et al. (2016)

He shell on the companion



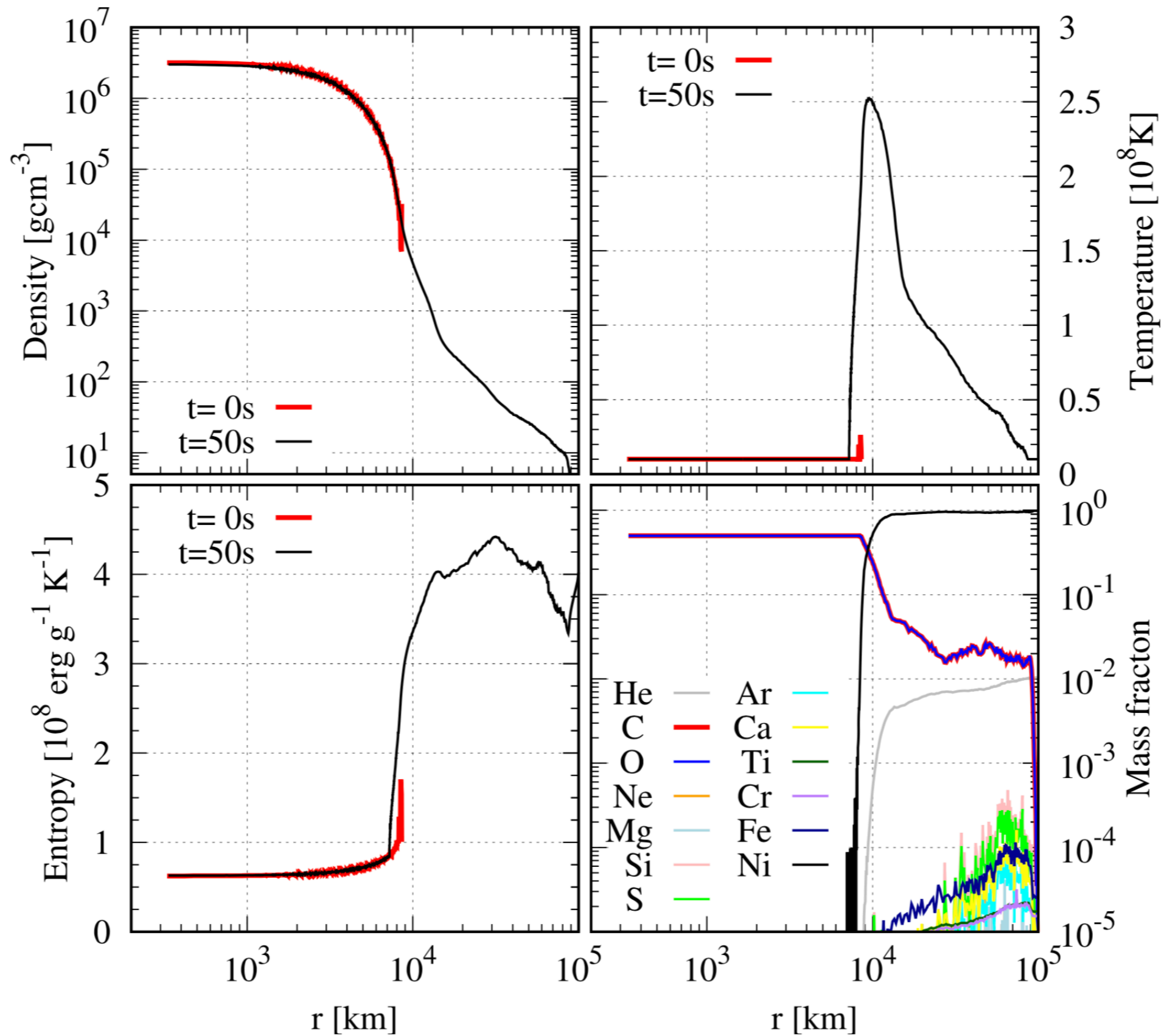
Initial positions of stripped materials



Comparison among sub-Chandrasekhar explosions in DD systems

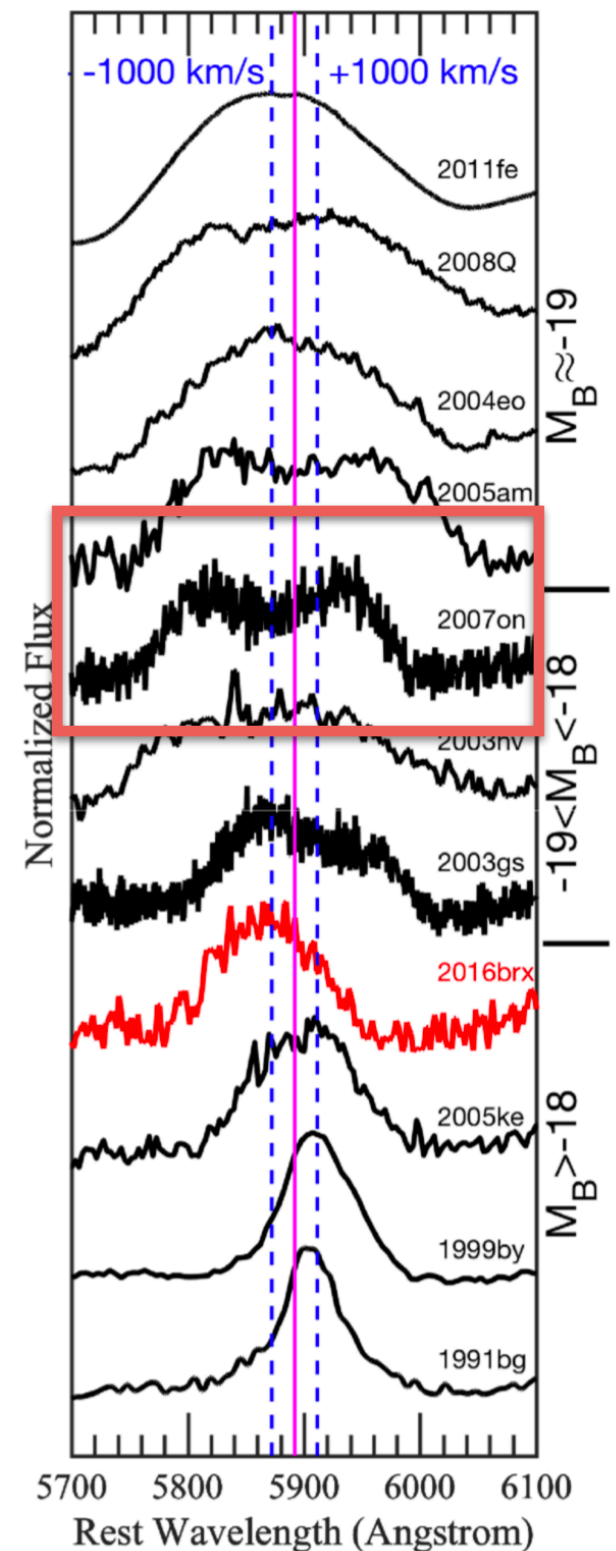
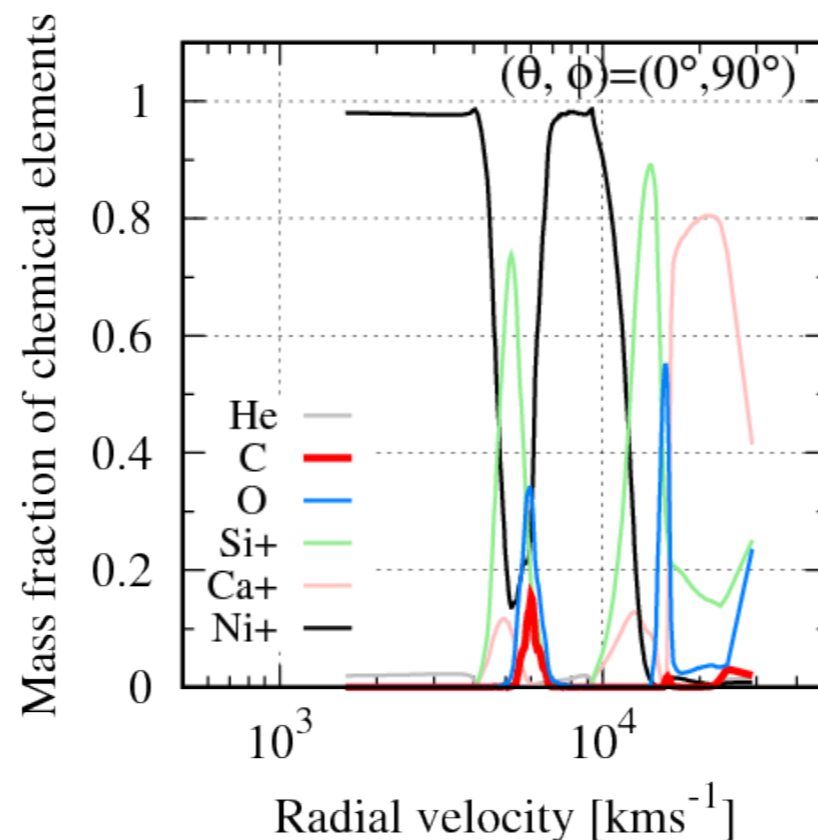
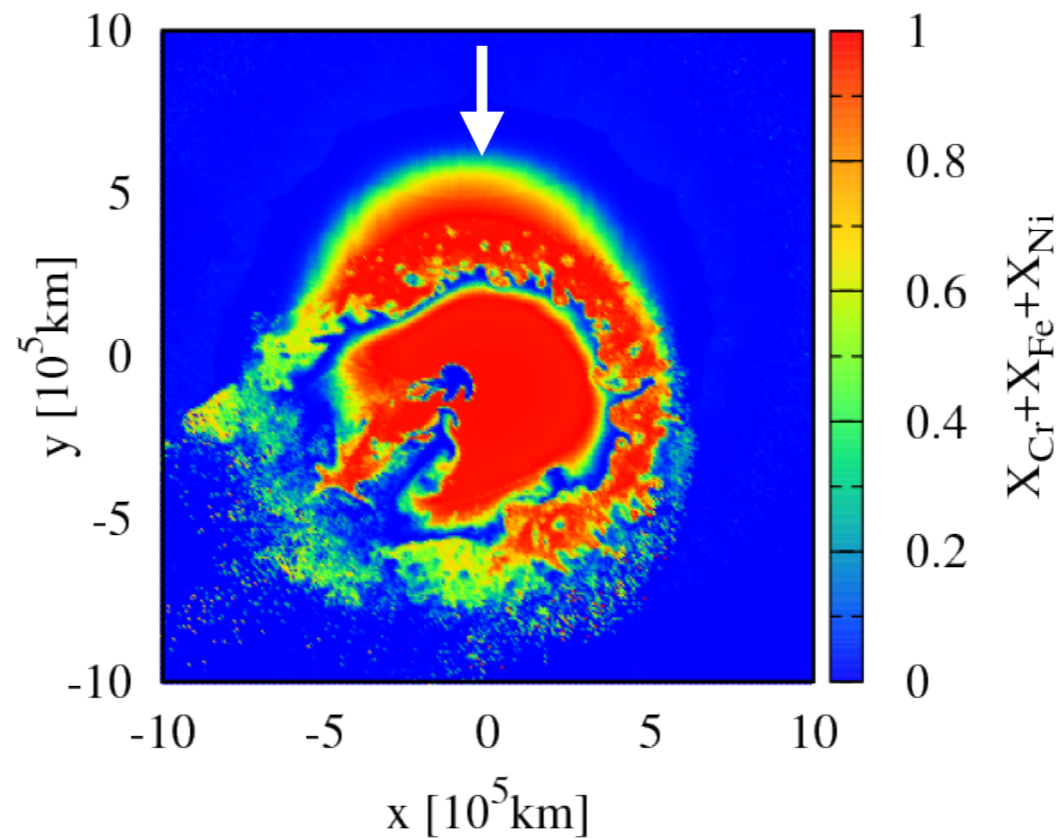
	D ⁶	Violent merger	Collision	spiral instability
Oxygen emission lines	✓	✓	×	×
Velocity shift (~1000km/s)	✓	×	×	×
Two ⁵⁶ Ni components	×	×	✓	×
Surface radio activity	✓?	×	×	×

Surviving WD



Two components of ^{56}Ni ?

- QD explosions have nested structure.
- The SN ejecta have two-component ^{56}Ni with $\sim 3000\text{km/s}$ and $\sim 8000\text{km/s}$.
- The feature can be consistent with SN2007on.

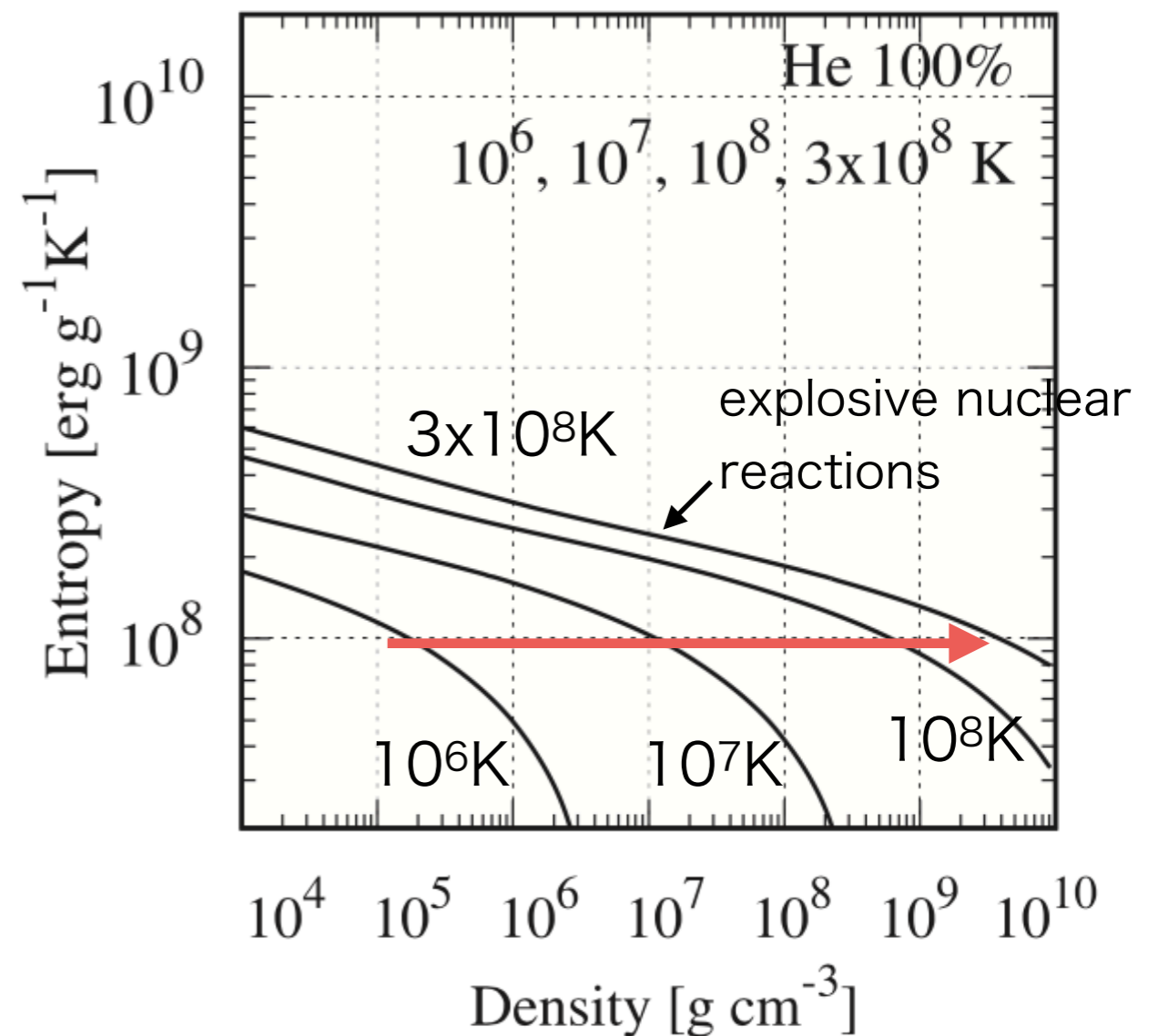


(Dong et al. 2018)

Tidal disruption event

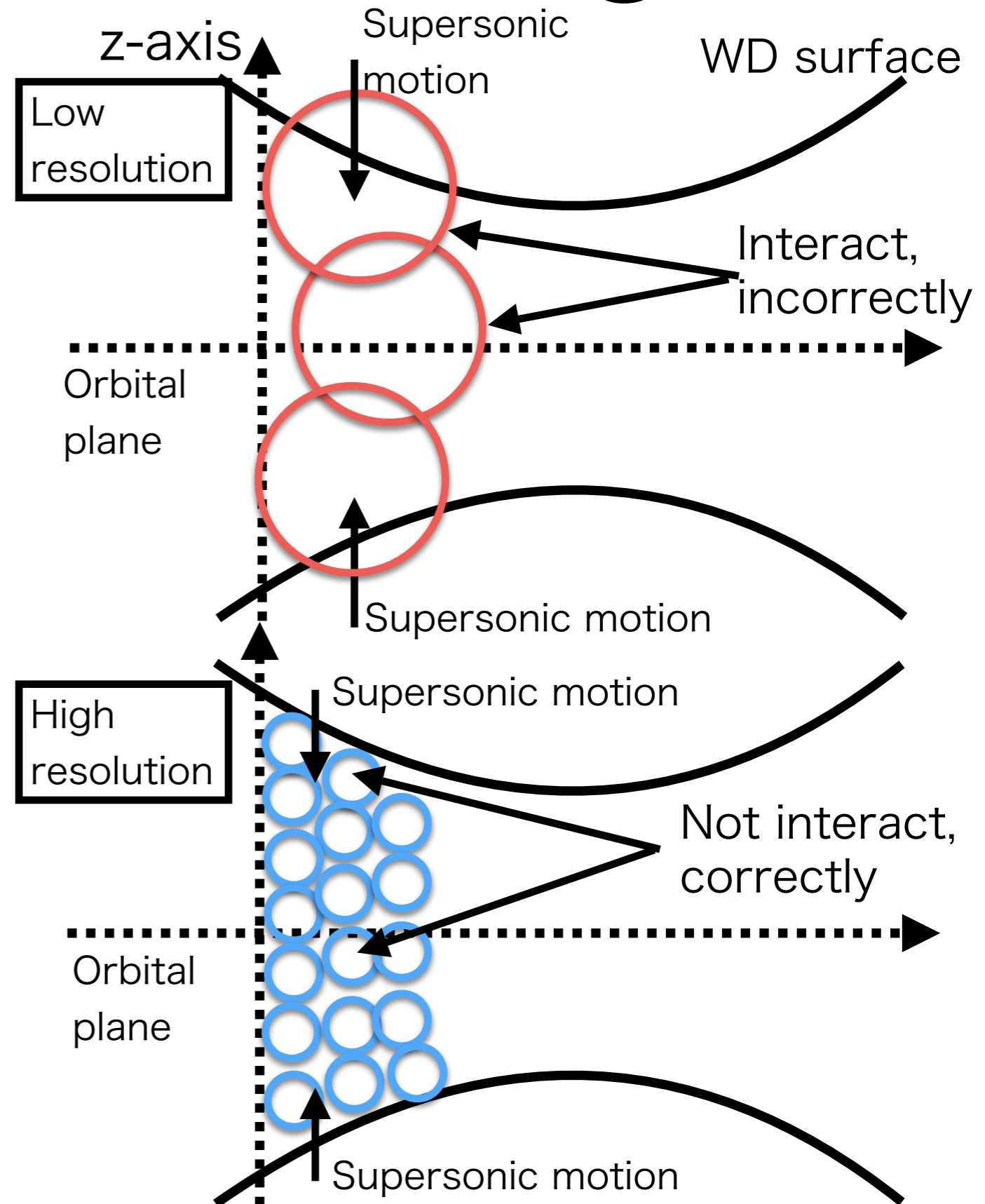
Adiabatic heating for tidal detonation

- Adiabatic compression is not sufficient for tidal detonation.
- Density should be increased by 5 orders of magnitude, if temperature rises from 10^6 K to 3×10^8 K
- Such orbits are impossible.
- Shock compression is required.

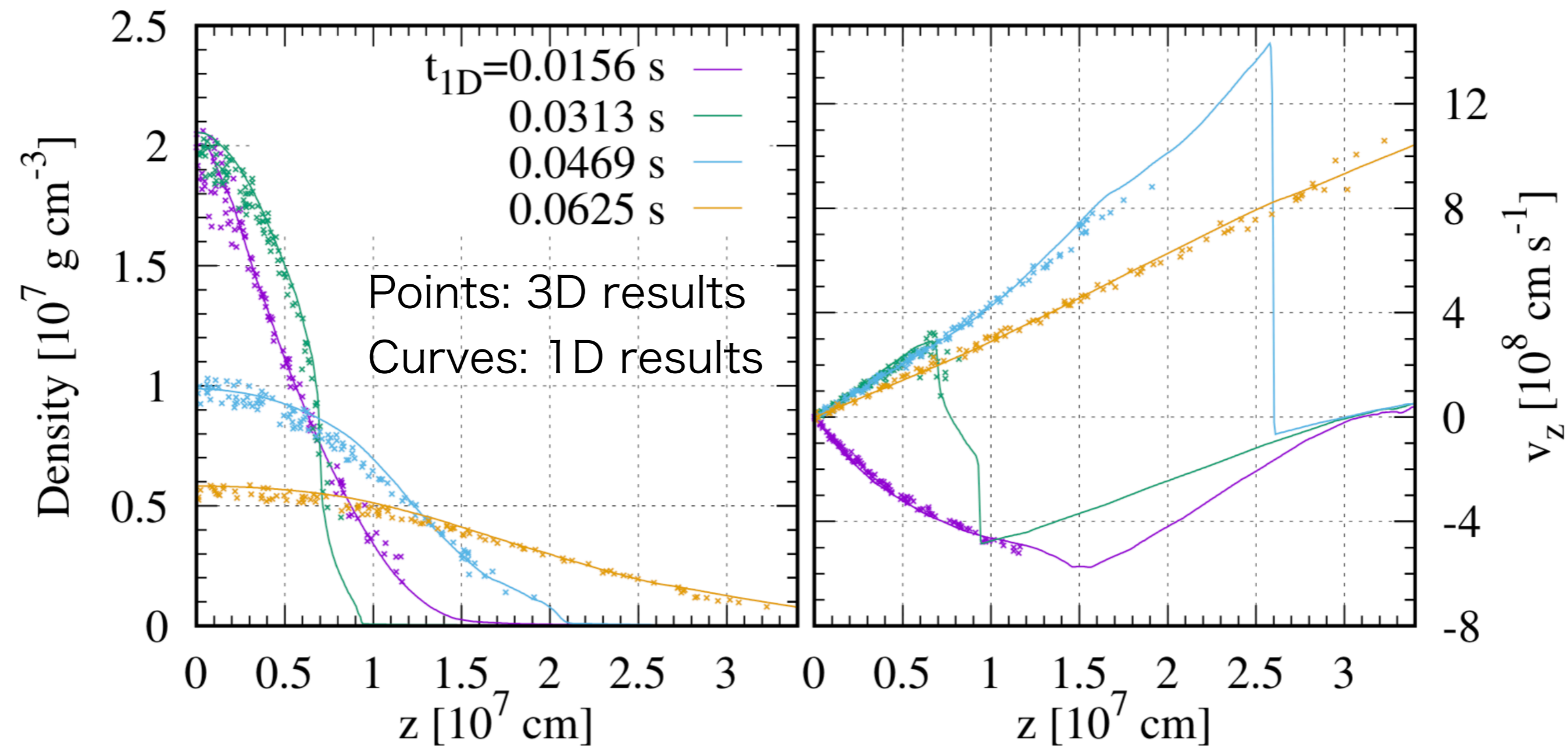


Spurious heating

- In small-N cases, the number of SPH particles is too few in z-direction.
- Distant particles interact incorrectly.
- Velocity gradient is overestimated.
- Overestimated velocity gradient falsely switches on artificial viscosity.
- The artificial viscosity raises spurious heating and false nuclear reactions.
- Note that artificial viscosity is correct, but velocity gradient is wrong.

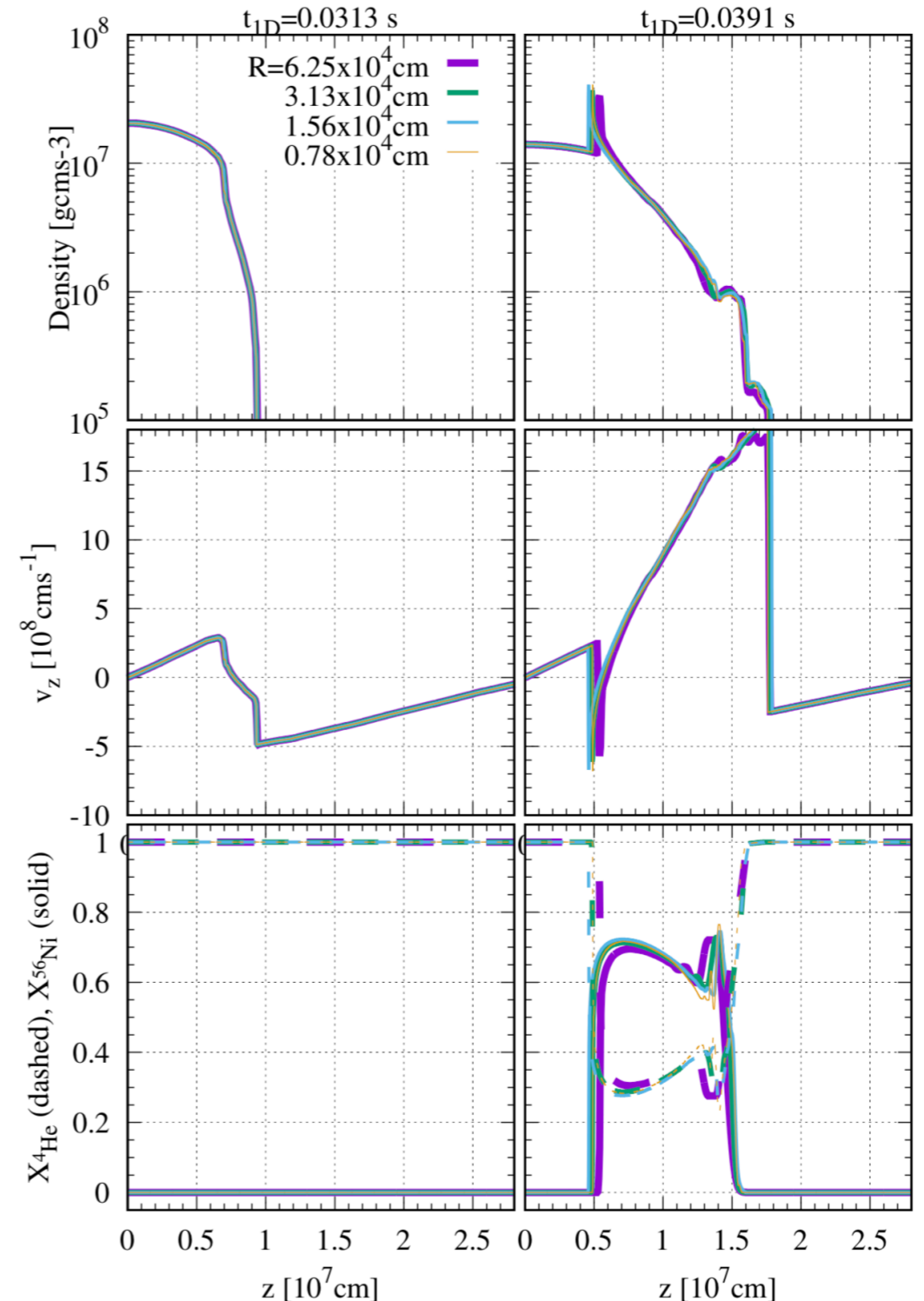


Comparison of 1D with 3D

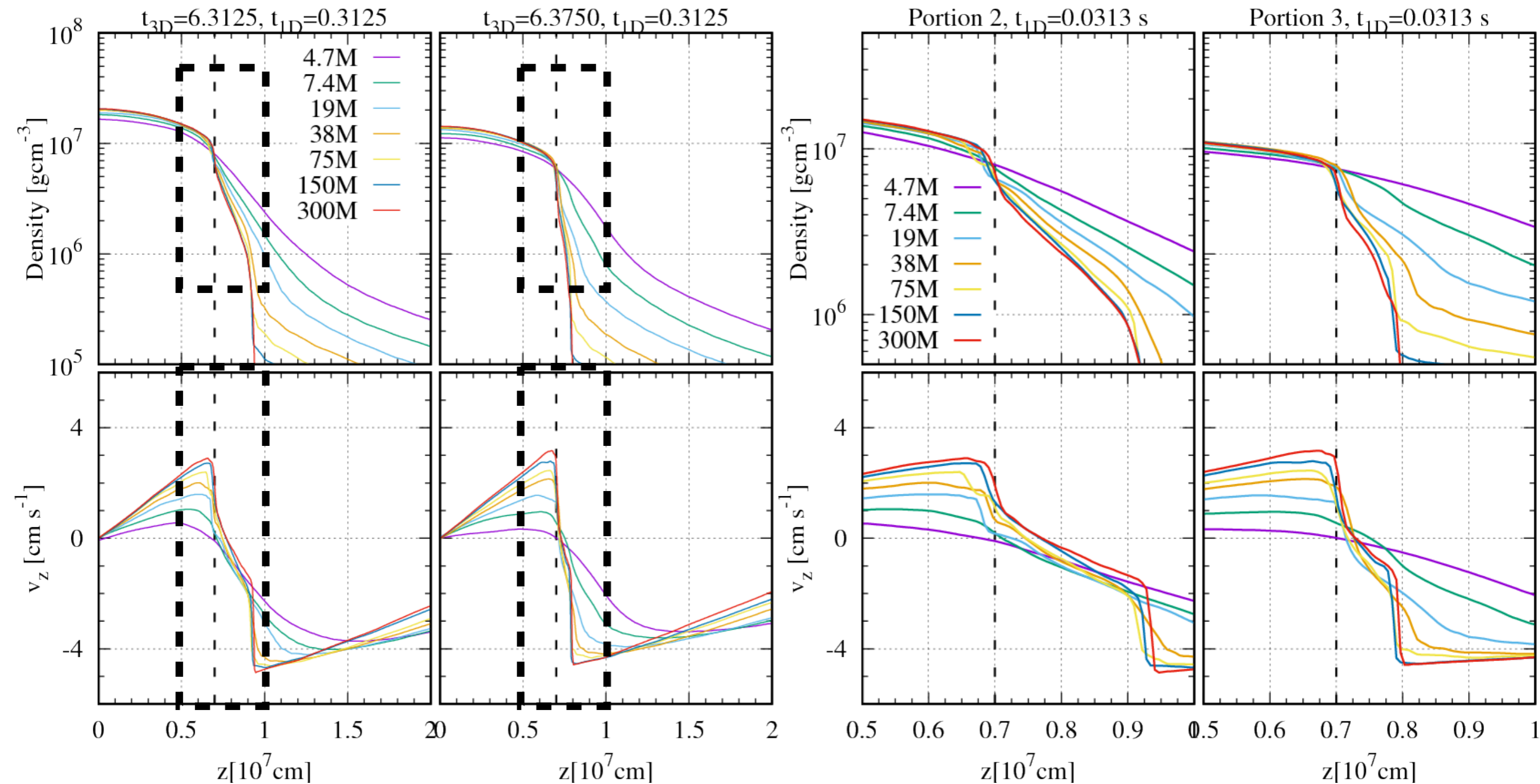


Convergence check of 1D resolution

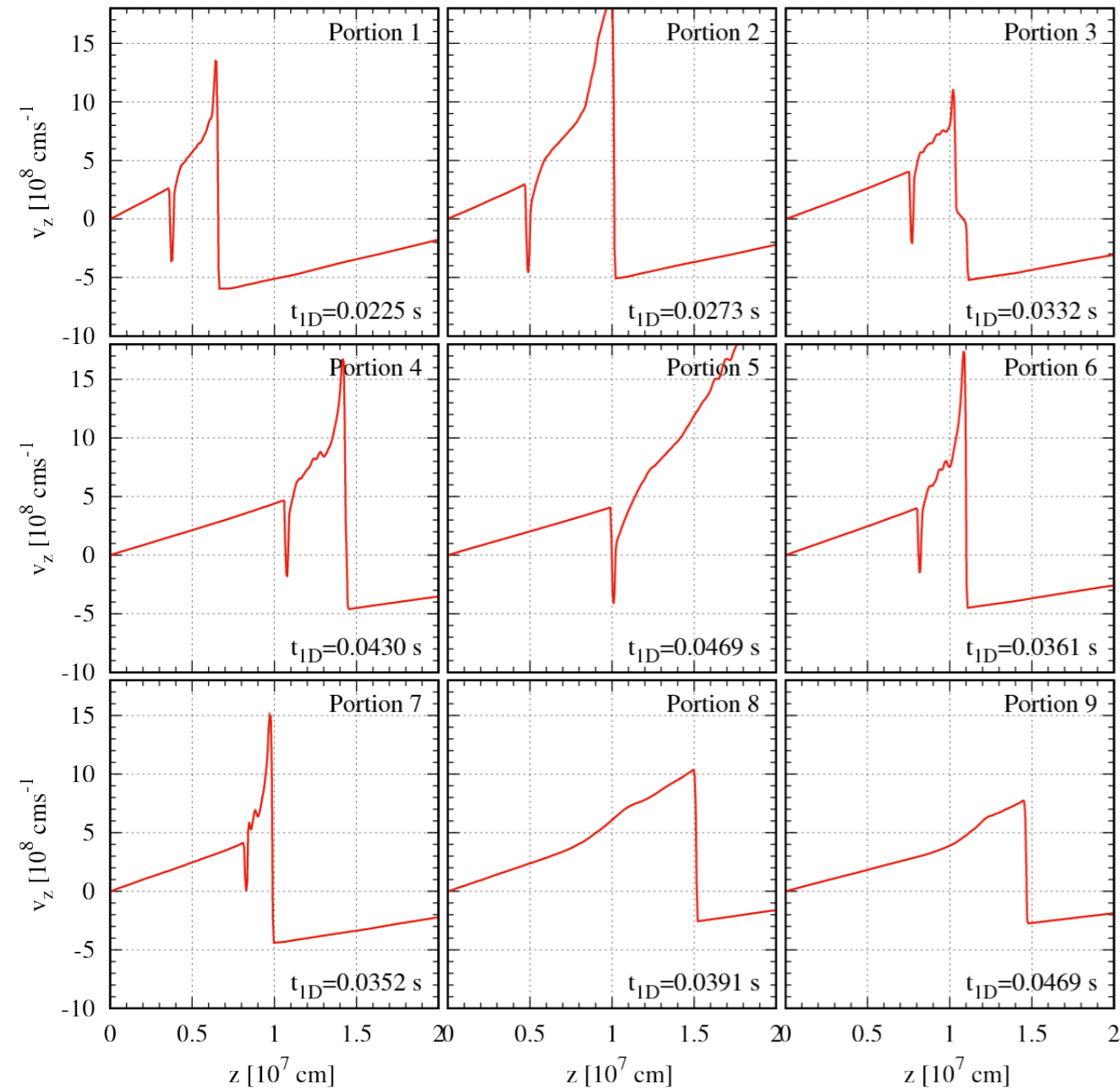
- Space resolution is changed by factors of 8.
- The evolution of density, z-velocity, and nuclear components is not changed as space resolution is changed.



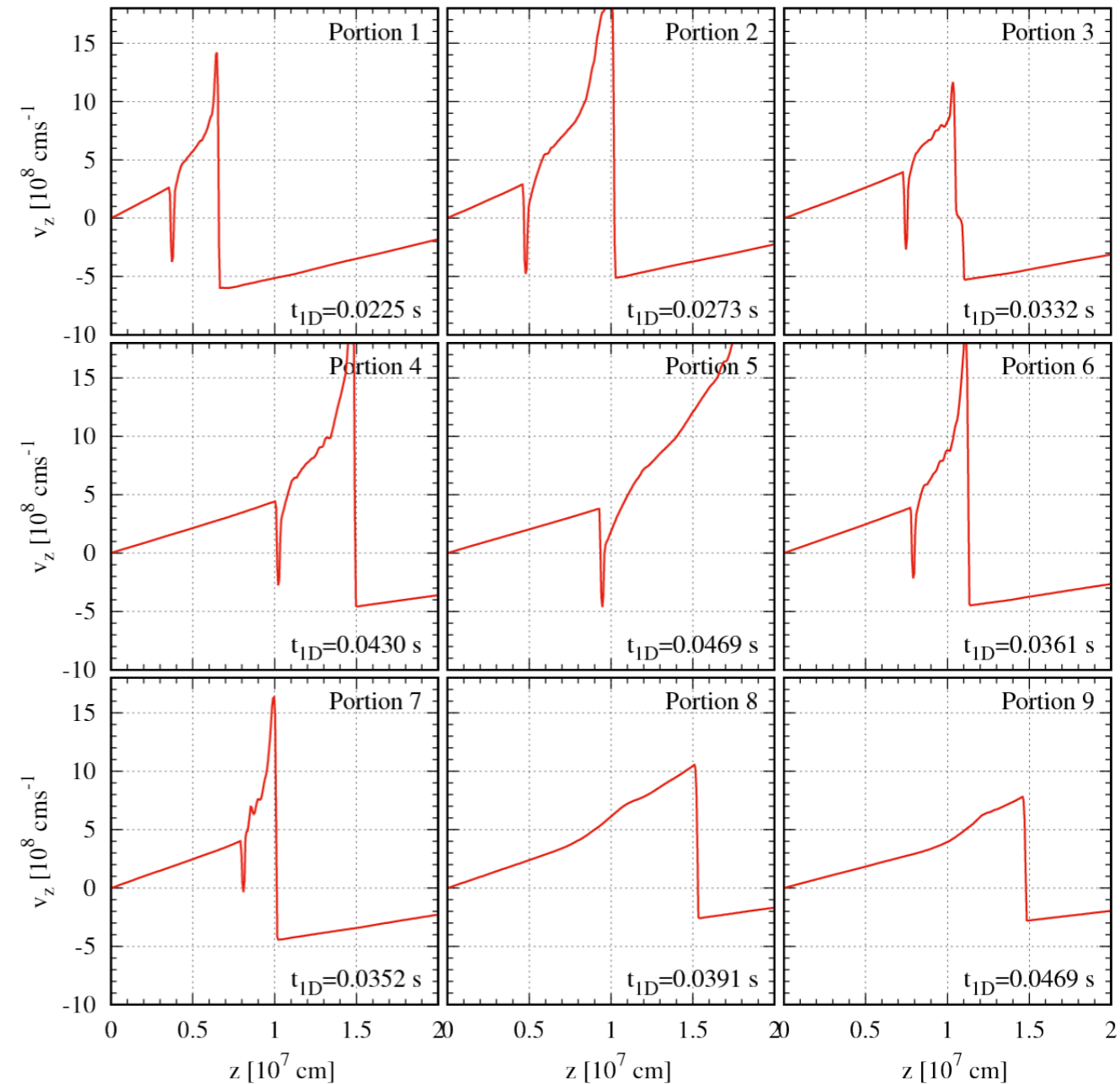
Convergence check of 3D SPH resolution



Tidal force (BH gravity) in z-direction



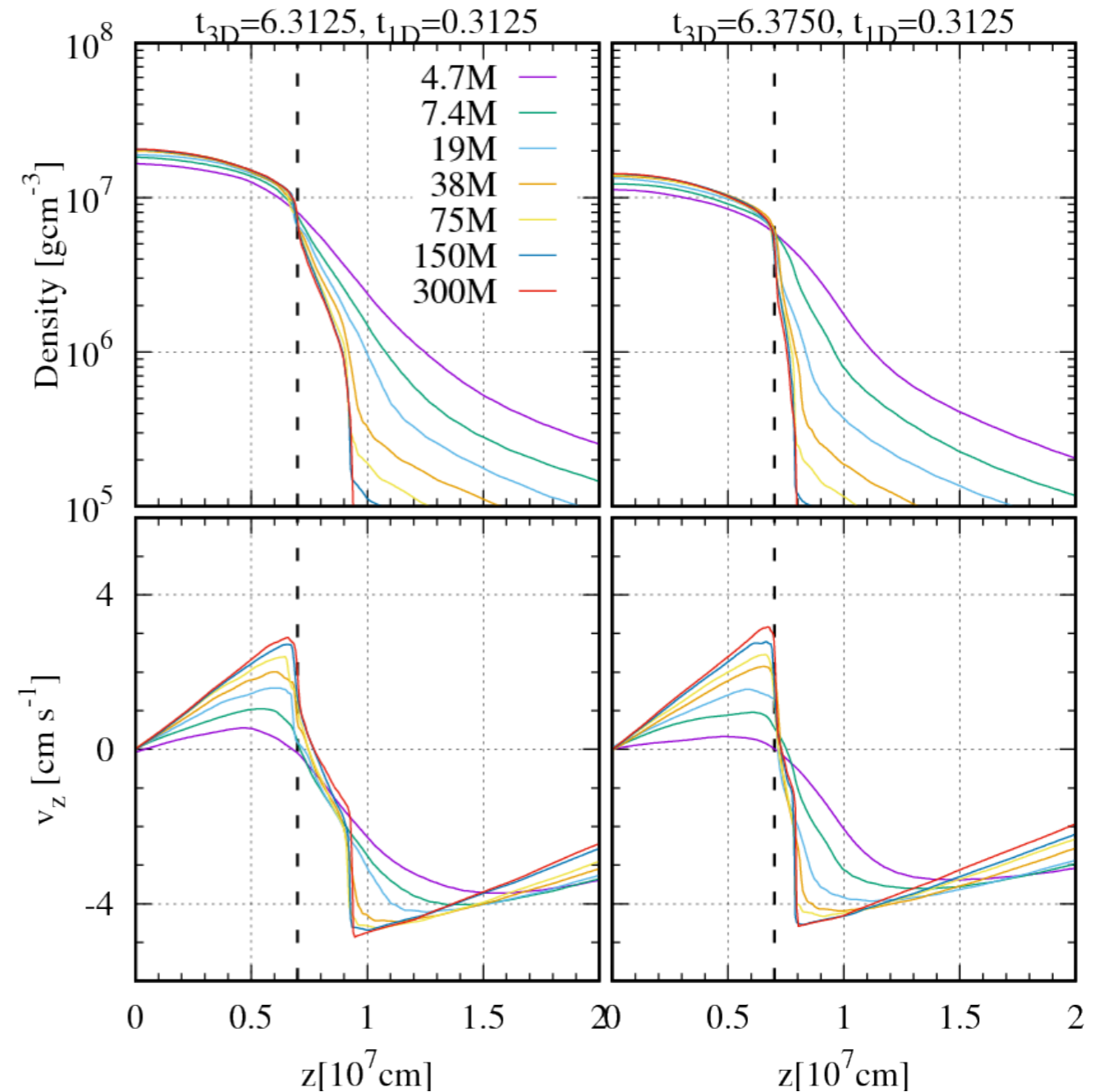
No BH gravity in z-direction



BH gravity in z-direction

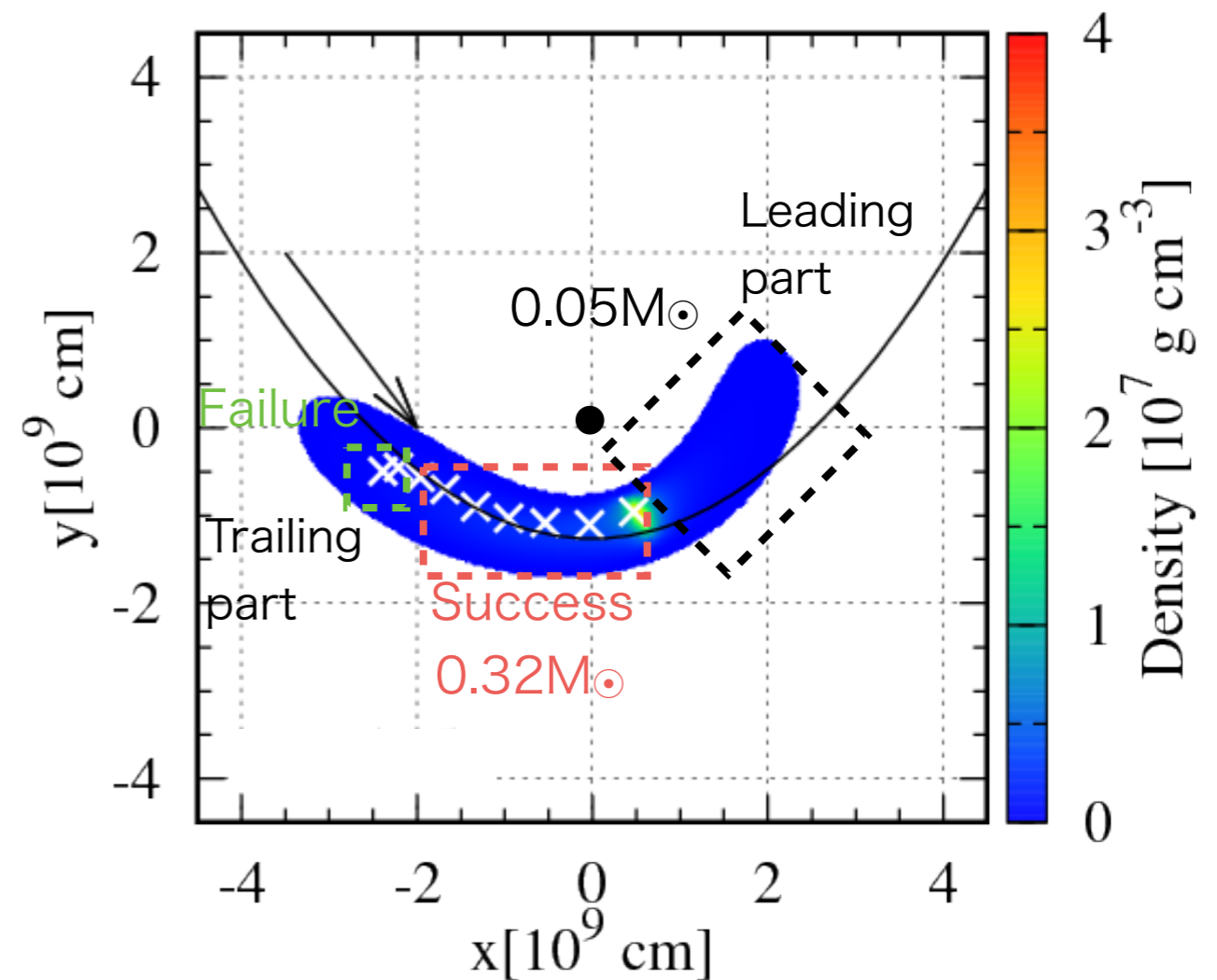
SPH VS mesh

- The shock wave appears near the surface of the WD.
- SPH simulation cannot resolve such thin layer, even if the number of particles is 300 million.
- SPH simulation cannot follow the emergence of the shock wave.



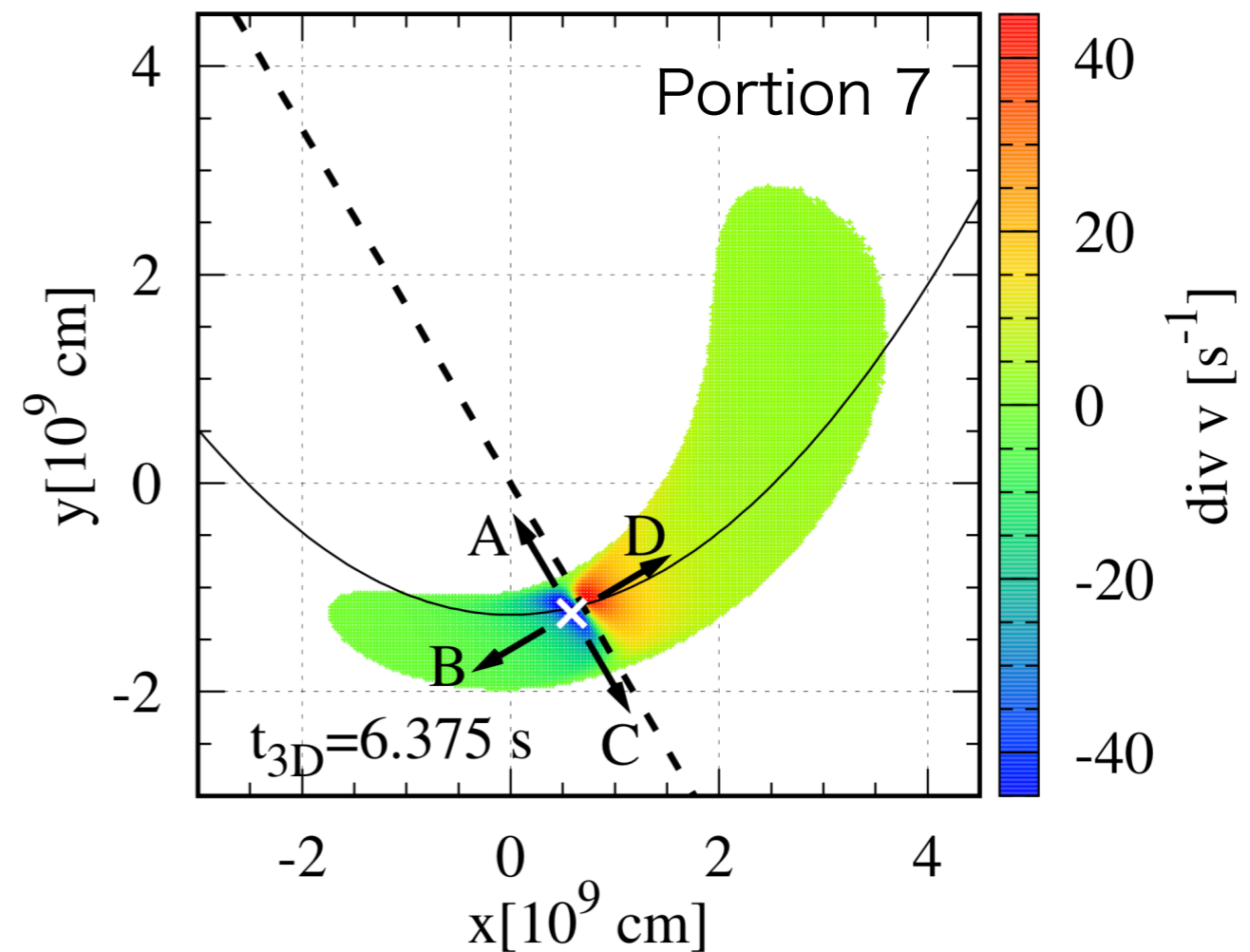
Difference between success and failure cases

- The detonated columns precedes the undetonated columns.
- A leading part of a WD passes closer to an IMBH than a trailing part.
- The leading part is more compressed, and easier to be detonated.
- The detonated mass is at least $0.32M_{\odot}$, and at most $0.37M_{\odot}$.



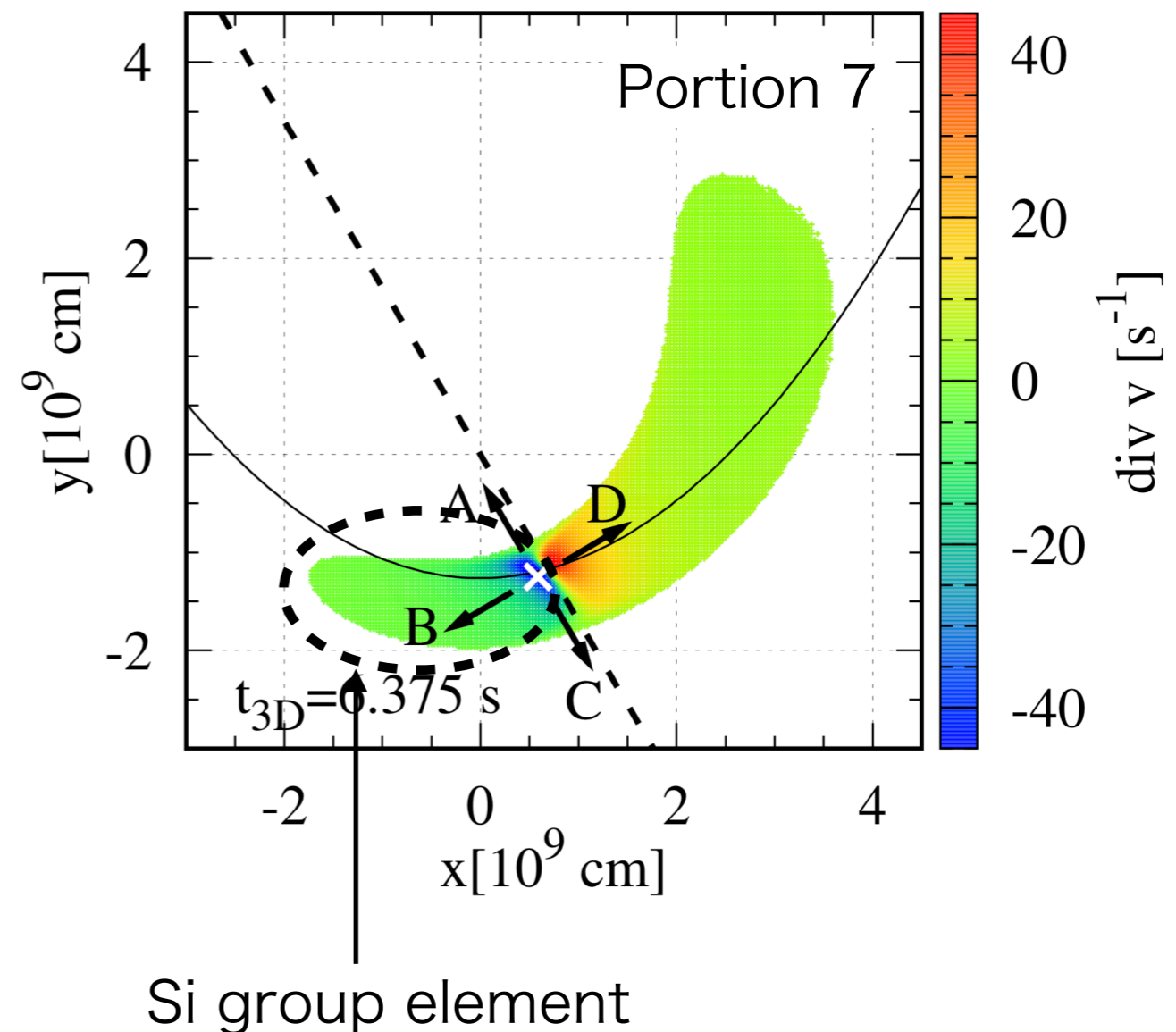
Interaction of z-columns

- Detonated z-columns do not interact with each other.
- The velocity of the WD: $\sim 10^{10} \text{ cm s}^{-1}$
- The velocity of detonation: $\sim 10^9 \text{ cm s}^{-1}$



Detonation wave proceeding orbital plane

- In A- and C-directions, detonation does not proceed, since detonation occurs simultaneously.
- In D-direction, detonation does not proceed, since materials in D direction have been already detonated.
- In B-direction,
 - detonation does not proceed if detonation occurs from the materials.
 - detonation proceeds if not.
- Si group elements would be synthesized in the materials in B-direction, since detonation reaches when their density becomes low.



Double detonation

- One of explosion scenarios of SNe Ia

- Explosion process

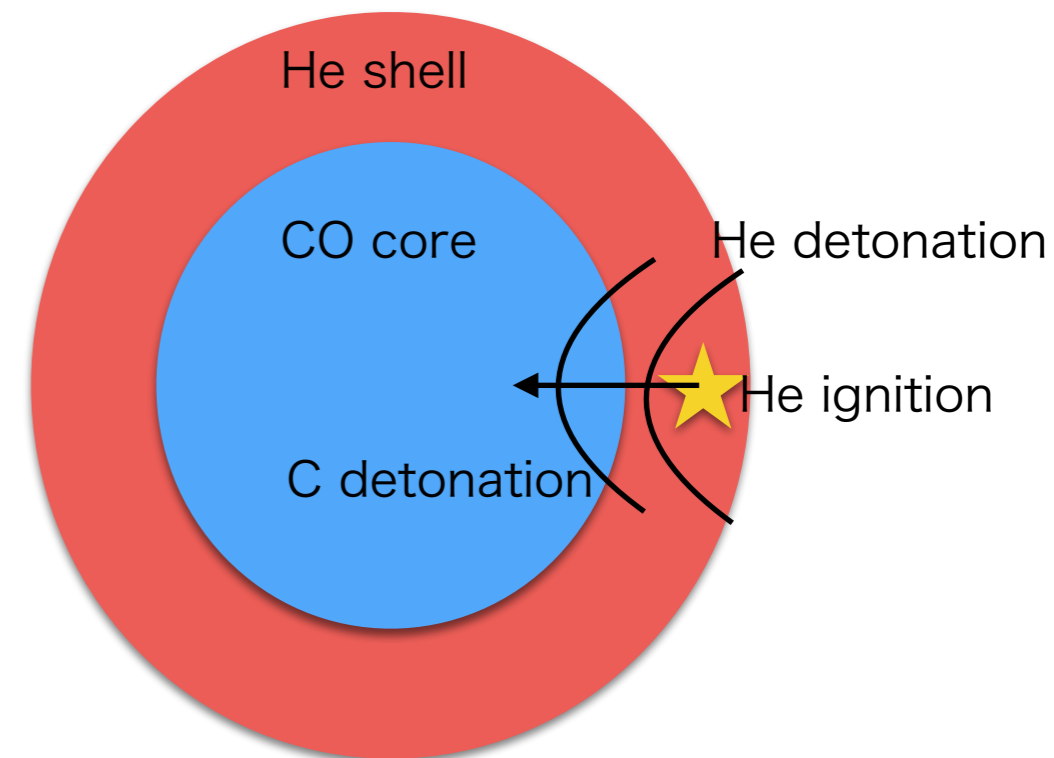
- In a Helium shell, Helium detonation is ignited by **mass accretion** onto a WD from its companion star.

- The Helium detonation drives Carbon detonation.

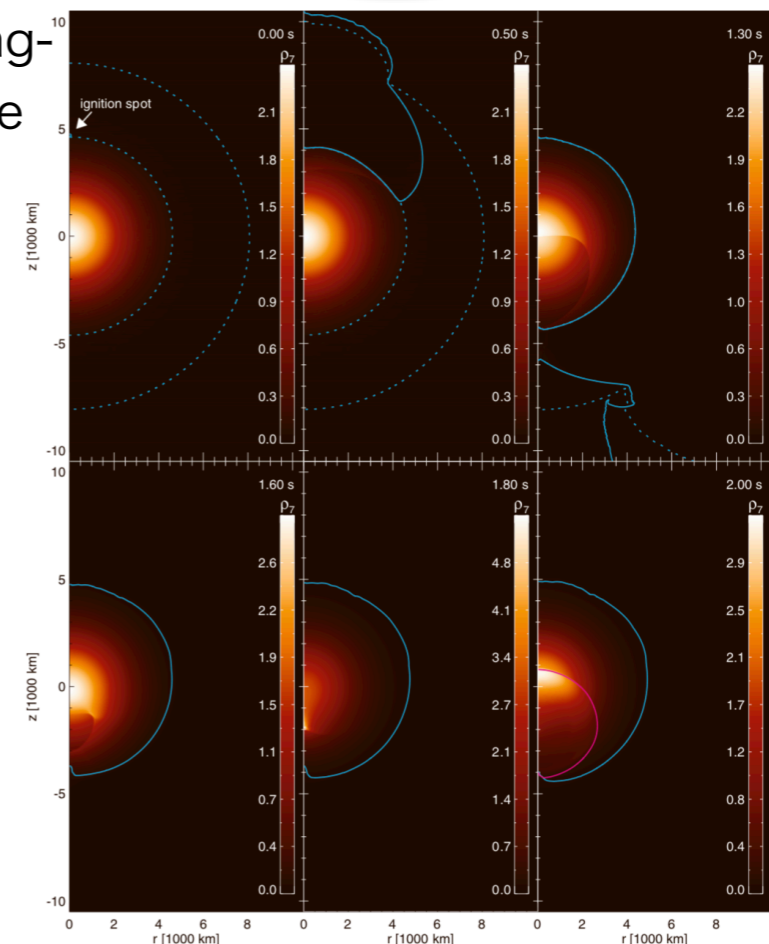
- Two types

- Edge-lit type (Nomoto 1980; 1982; Woosley et al. 1980)

- Converging-shock type (Livne 1990)



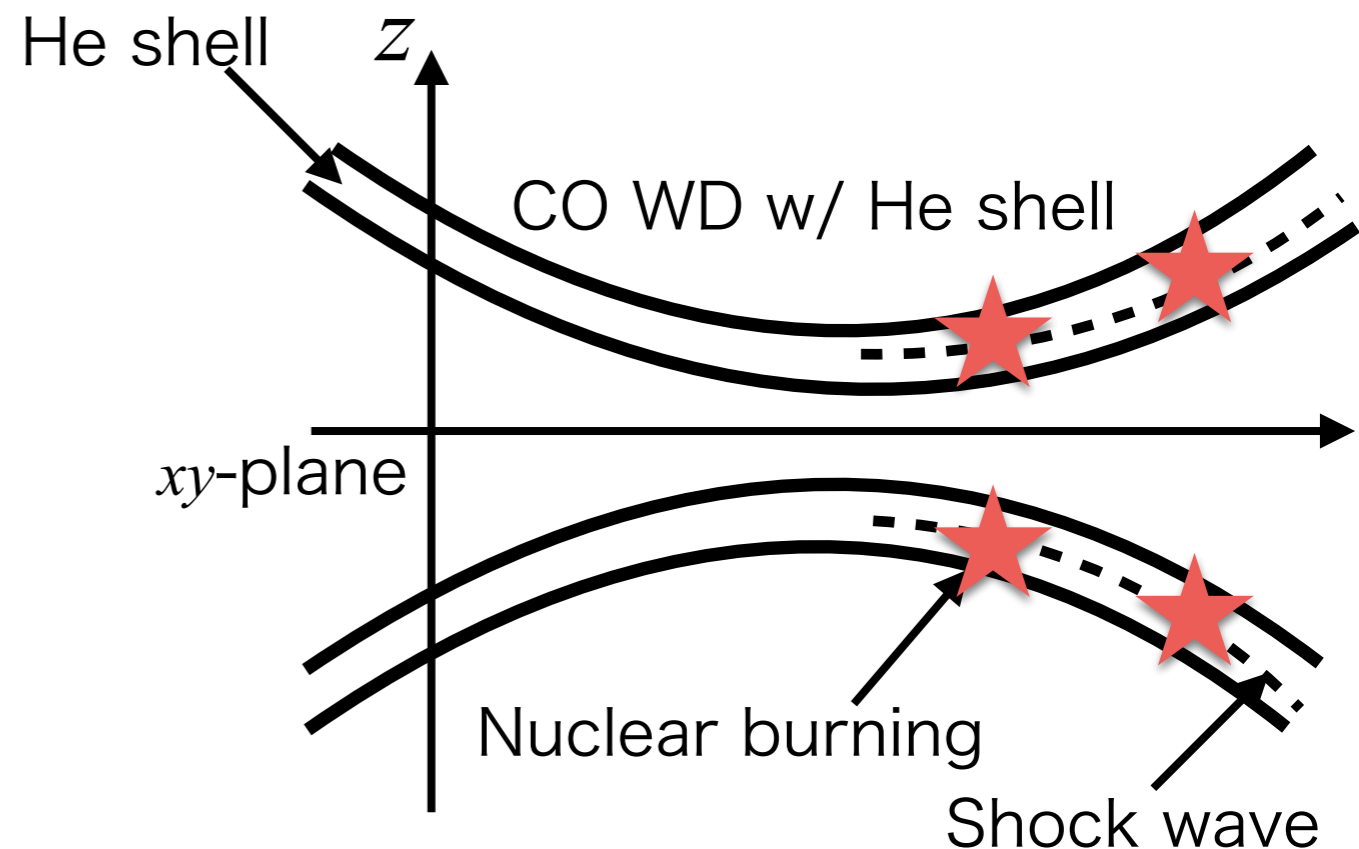
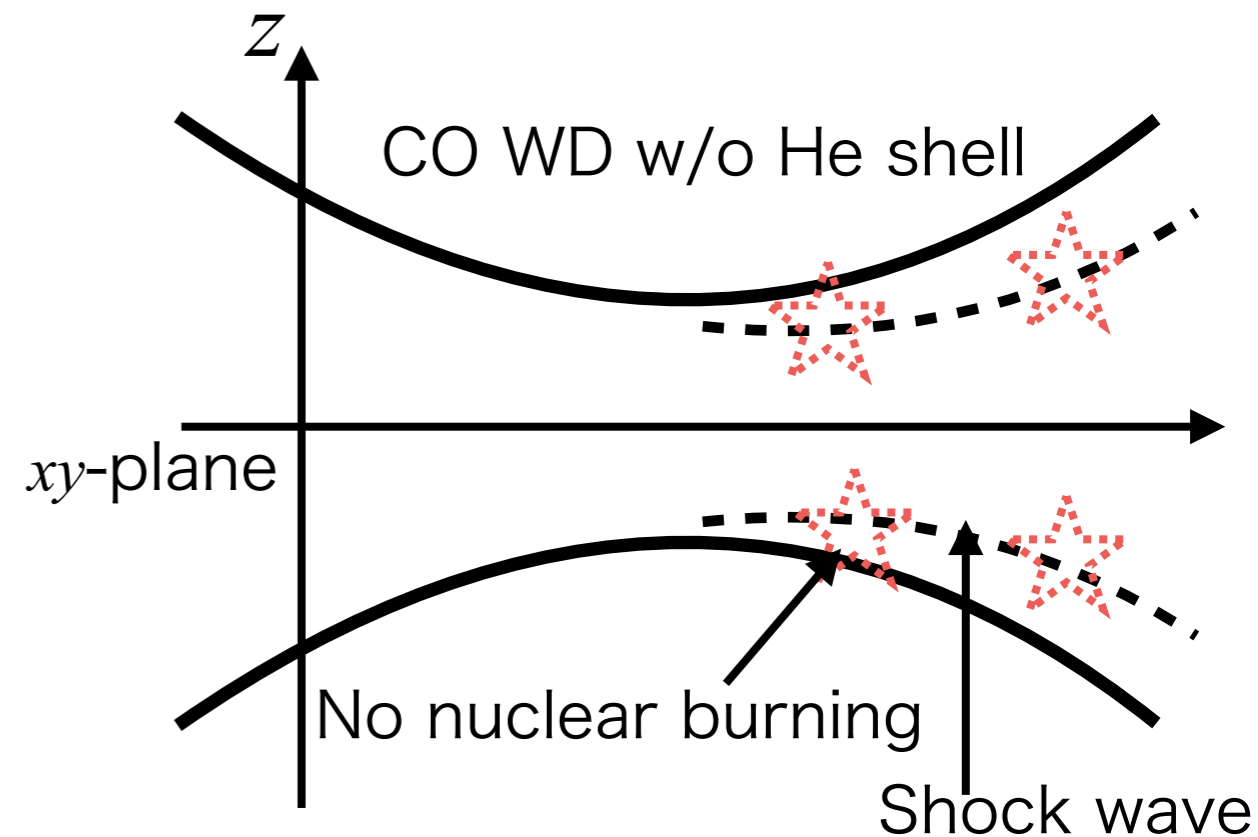
Converging-shock type



Fink et al.
(2010)

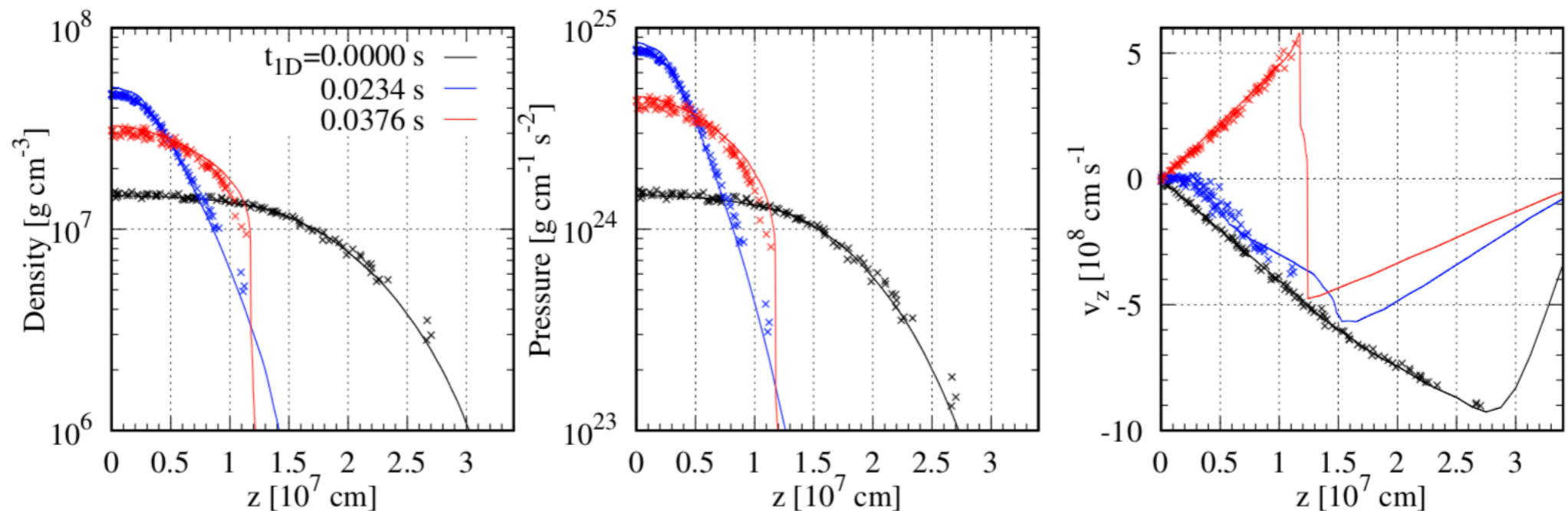
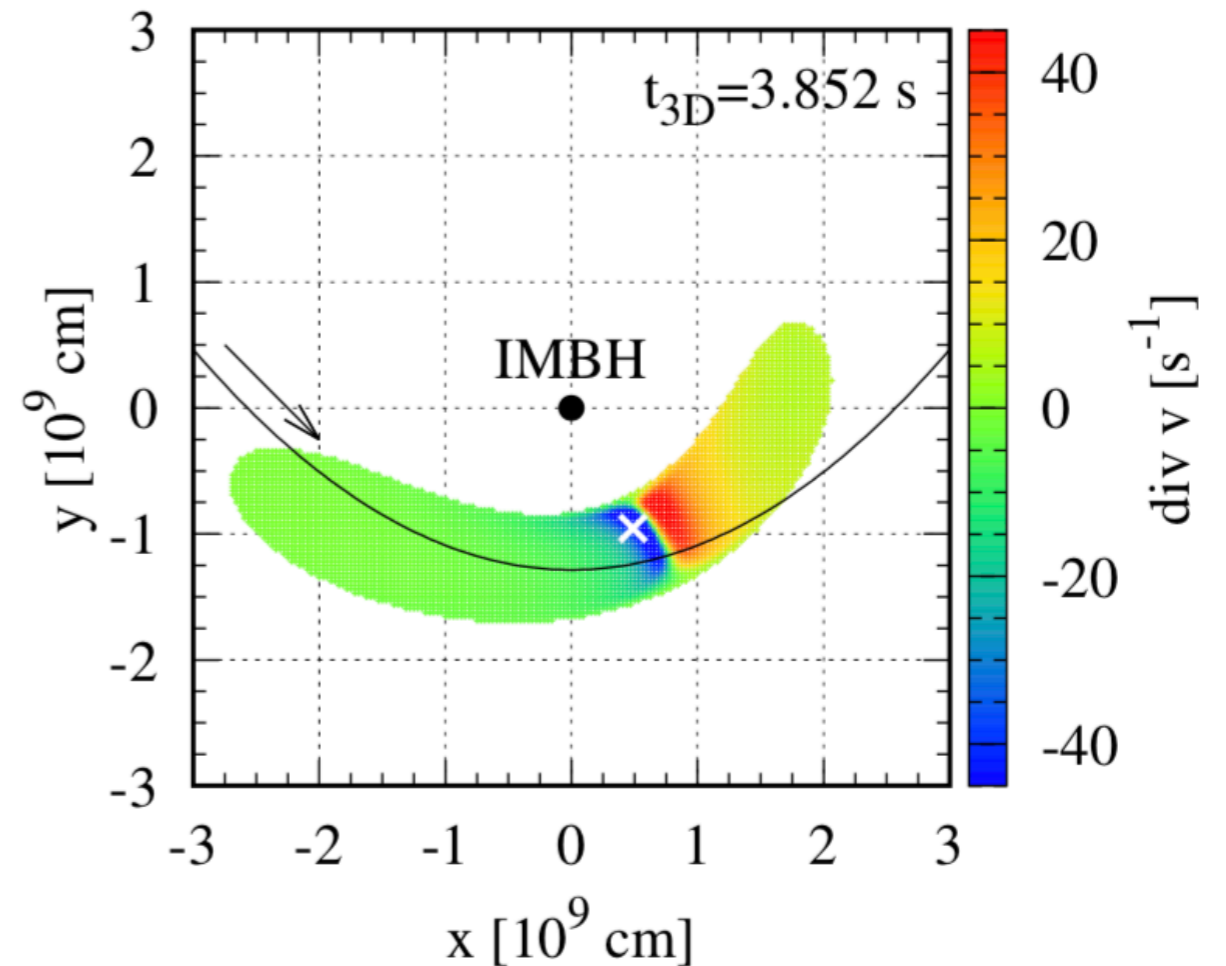
“Tidal” double detonation (TDD)

- A new explosion mechanism
- Helium detonation is ignited **by tidal force, not by mass accretion.**
- Tidal detonation is triggered by a shock wave in a He shell of a CO WD.
- If there is no He shell, tidal detonation may not occur, since Carbon is harder to be ignited than Helium.
- TDD raises probability of illuminating IMBHs as thermonuclear transients.

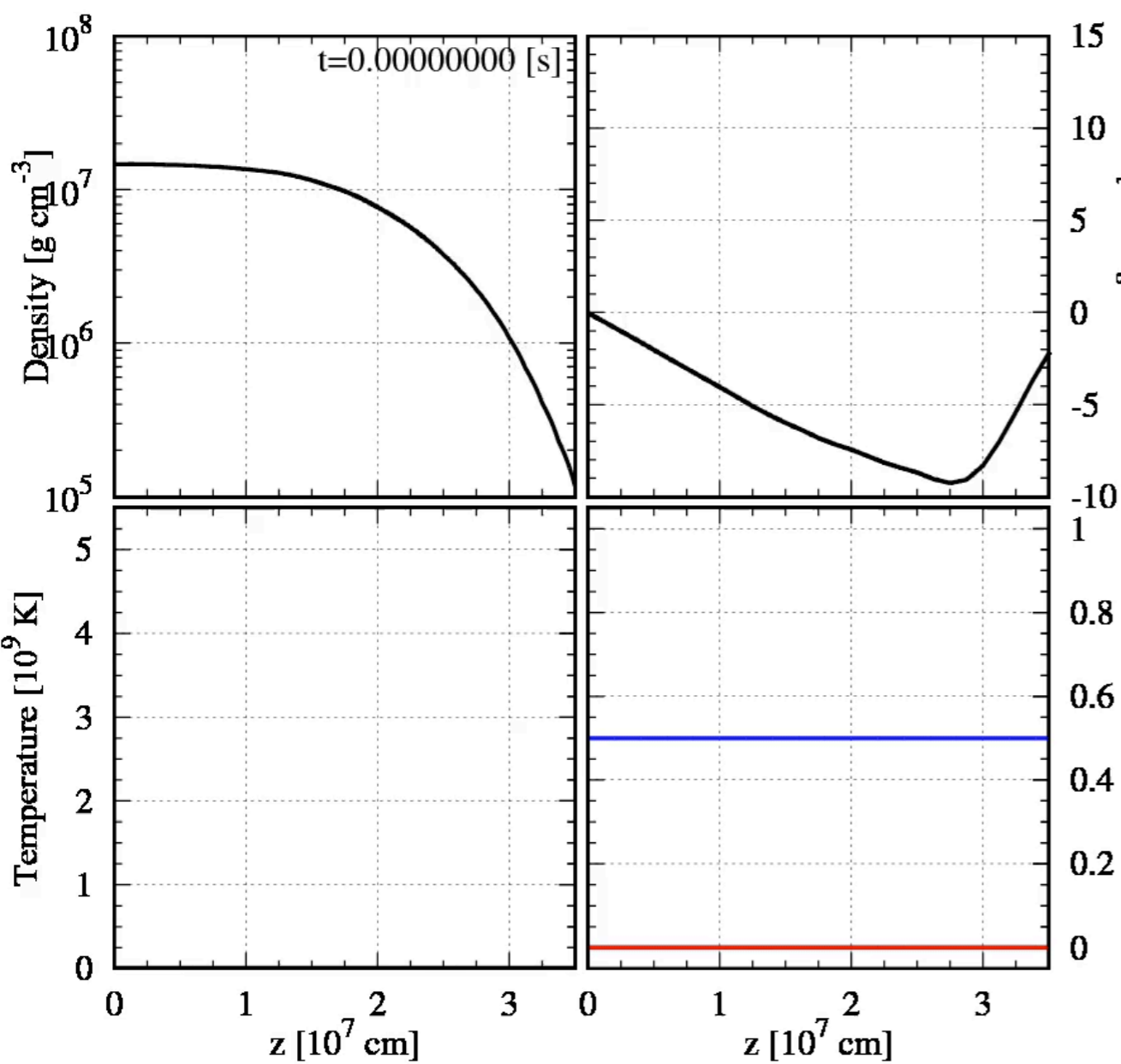


Initial conditions

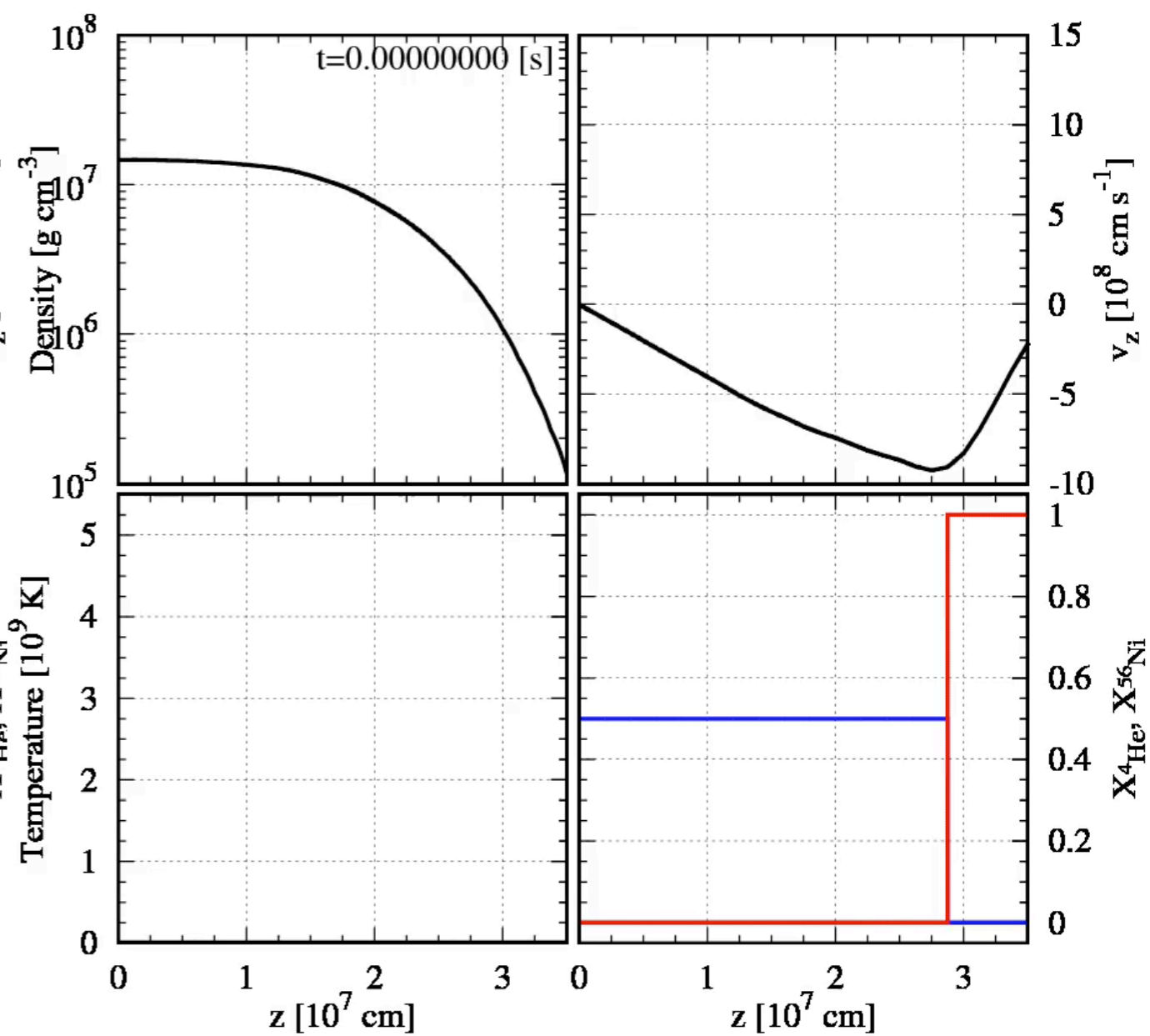
- $0.6M_{\odot}$ CO WD (N~100 millions)
 - w/o He shell
 - w/ He shell (5 and 10% of total mass)
- $300M_{\odot}$ IMBH
- Parabolic orbit, $\beta=5$
- Simulation method is the same as the above.



Results



w/o He shell



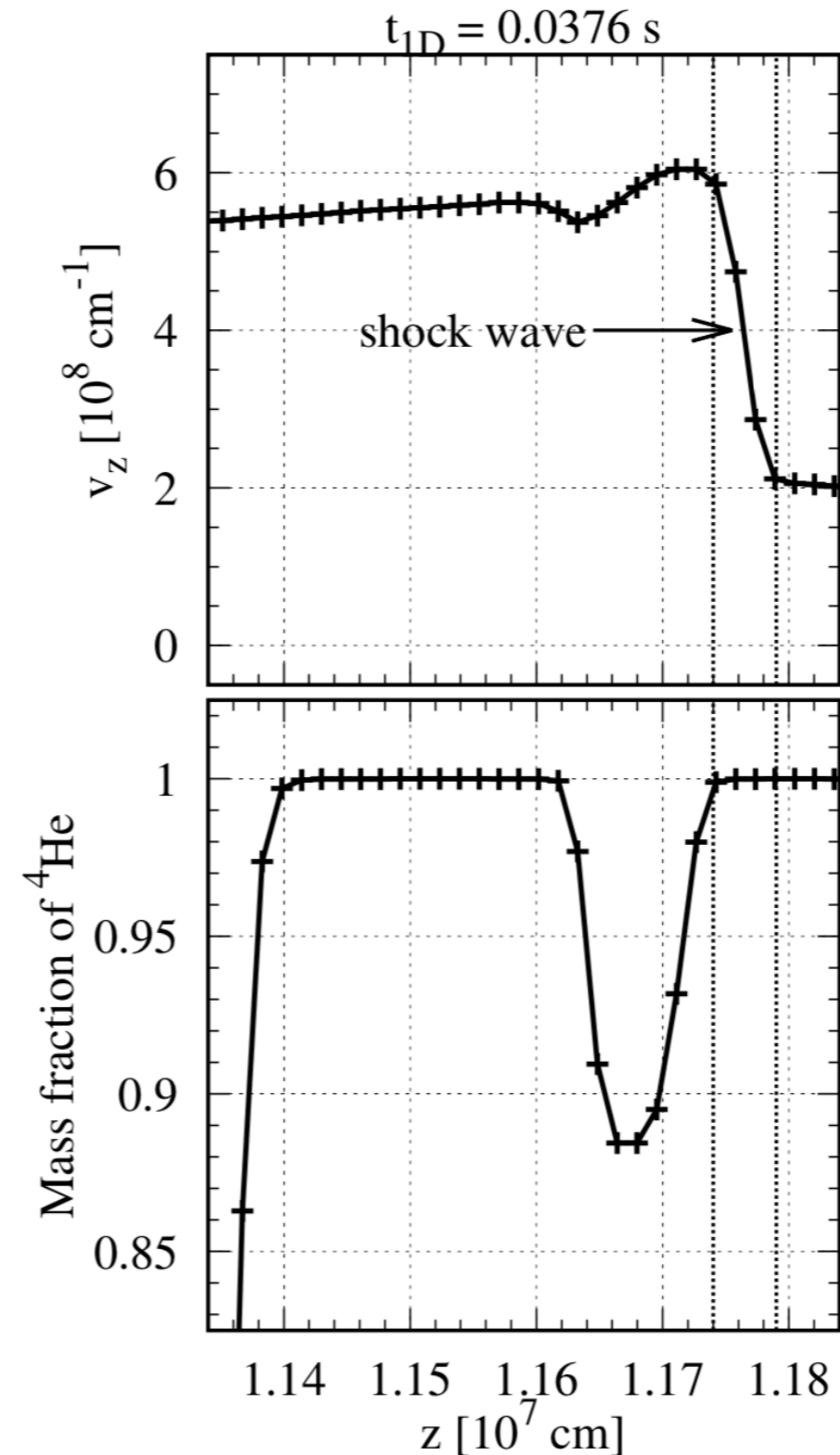
w/ 5% He shell

Signal of TTD

- Surface radioactivity
- Si group element, such as Calcium

Fine structure

- Detonation occurs in a He shell.
- Although mixing occurs, it does not affect TDD.
- We suppress nuclear reactions in a shock layer, using a flag in FLASH code.

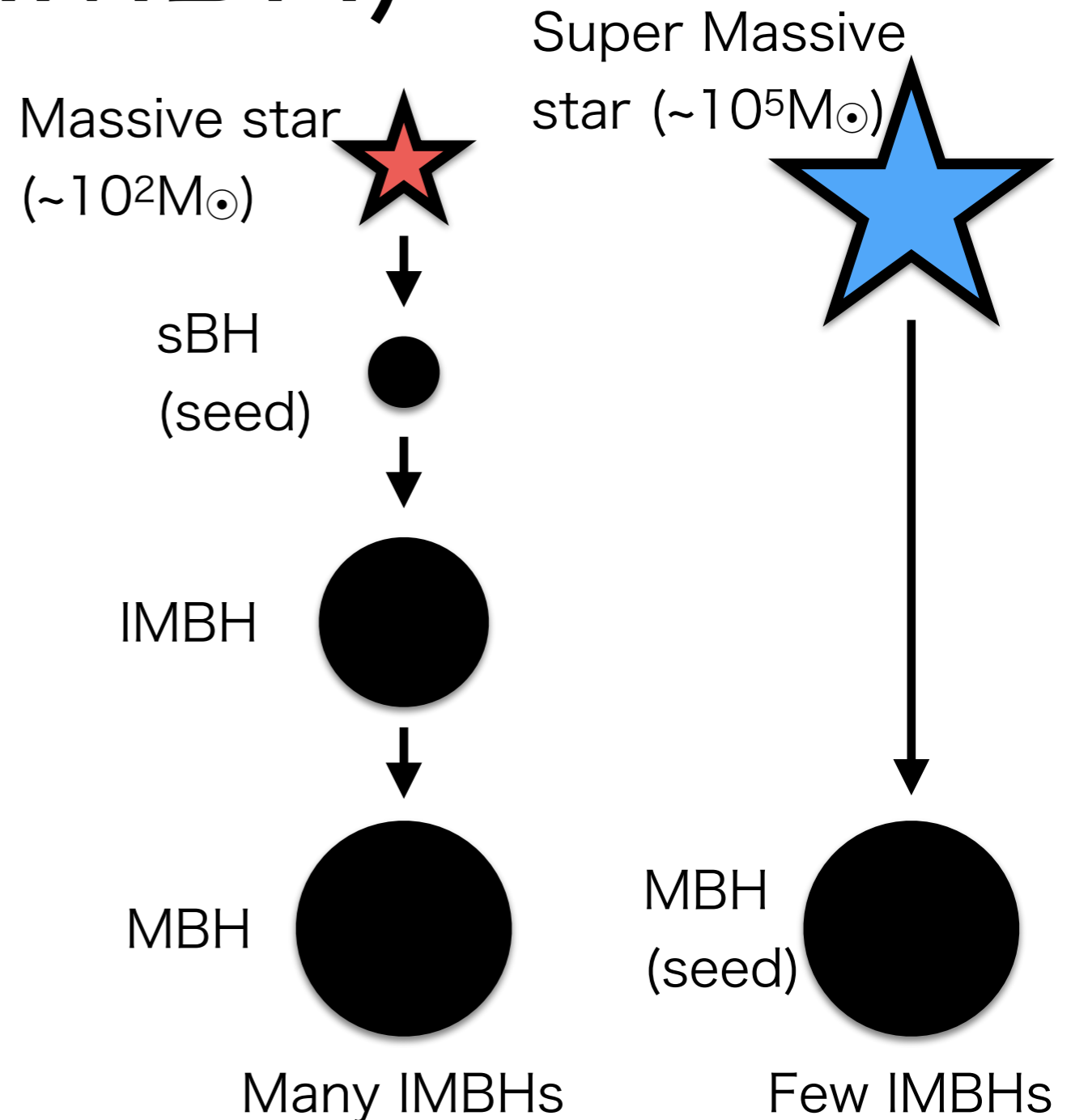


Summary

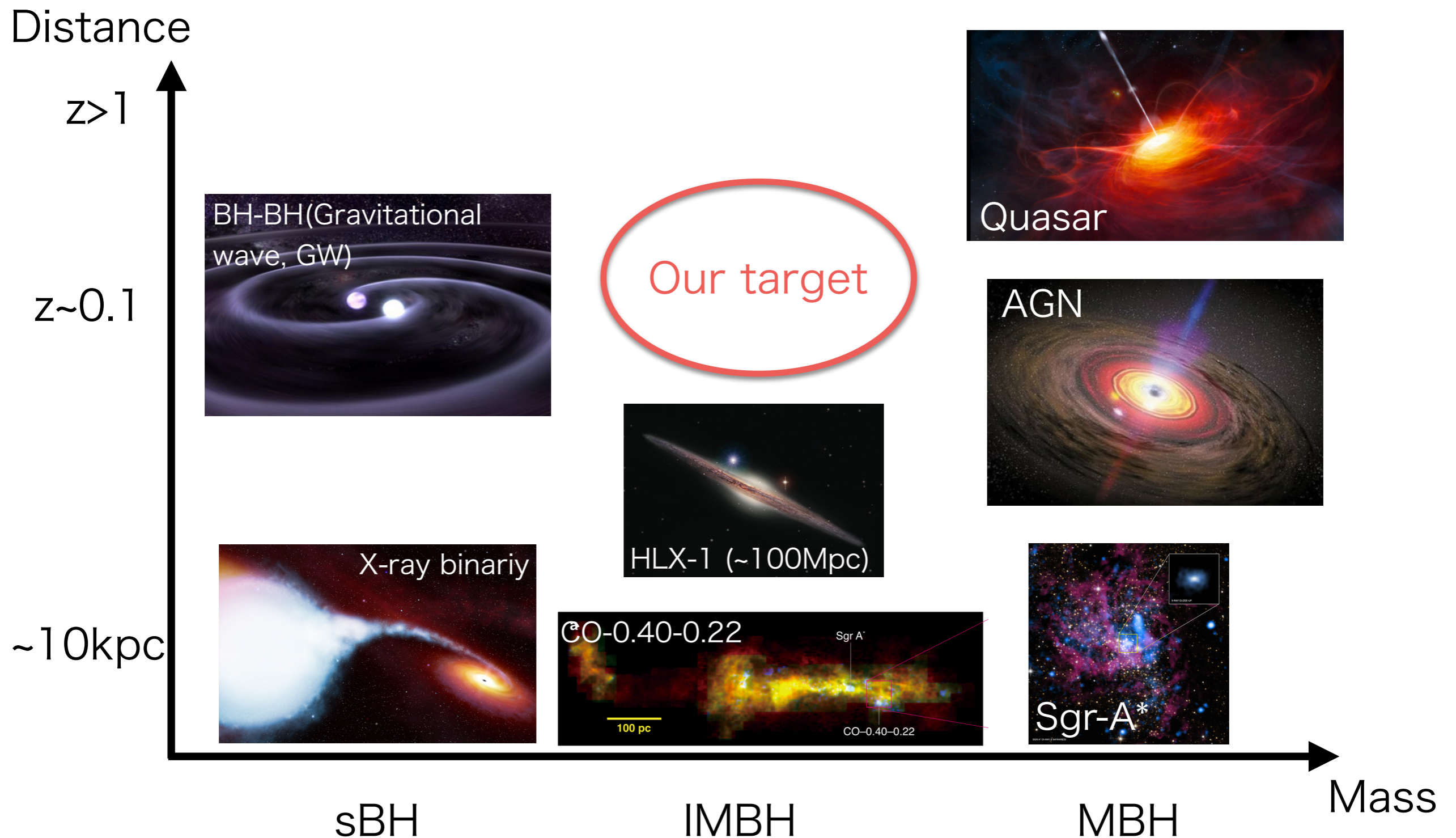
- We have studied tidal detonation of WDs.
- We should be careful of **spurious heating** in low-resolution SPH simulation.
- We have **verified tidal detonation of WDs** in the case of He WD with $0.45M_{\odot}$ in which large amount of ^{56}Ni ($\sim 0.3M_{\odot}$) is synthesized.
- We have suggested a new explosion mechanism of a WD: **tidal double detonation (TDD)**.
- In future, we will devise a method for getting nucleosynthesis **easily**, because our current method is too time-consuming to investigate wide parameter ranges.

Intermediate Mass Black Hole (IMBH)

- Black hole (BH) with 10^2 - $10^5 M_\odot$
 - Stellar-mass BH (sBH): $< 10^2 M_\odot$
 - Massive BH (MBH): $> 10^6 M_\odot$
- IMBH Candidates
 - M82 X-1 (Matsumoto et al. 2001)
 - HLX-1 (Farrell et al. 2009)
 - CO-0.40-0.22 (Oka et al. 2016)
 - IRS13E complex (Tsuboi et al. 2017)
- An important key to clarify the formation process of MBHs

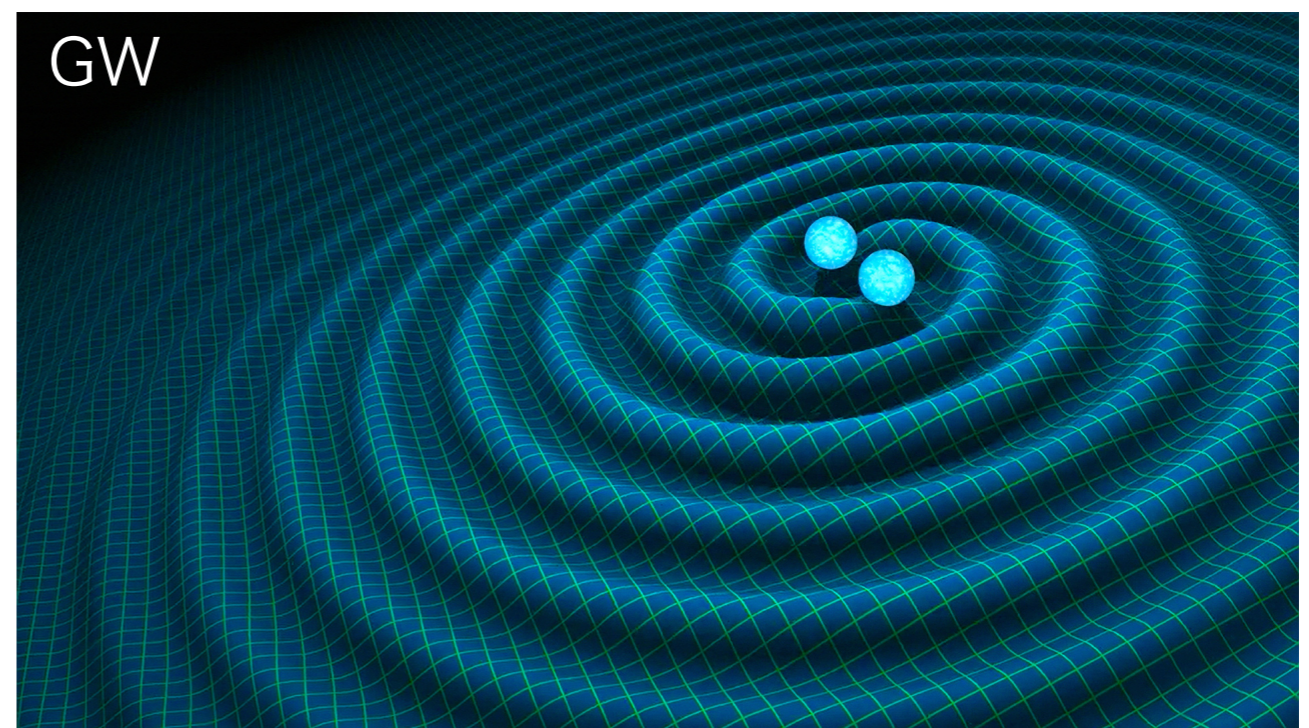
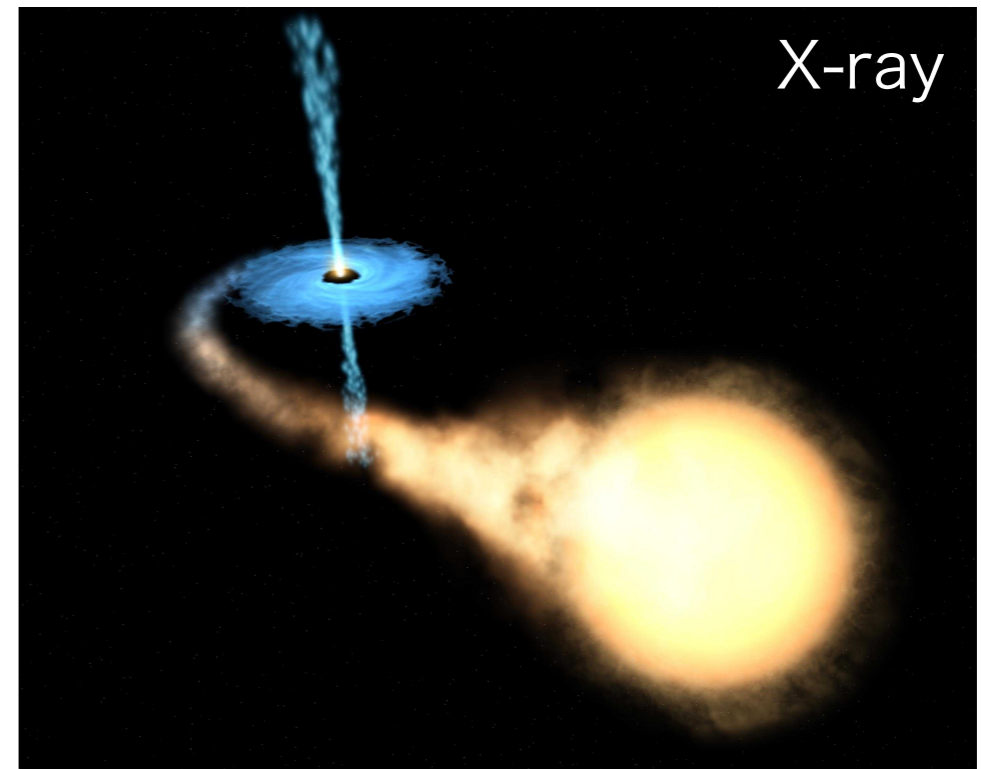


The current status of search for BHs

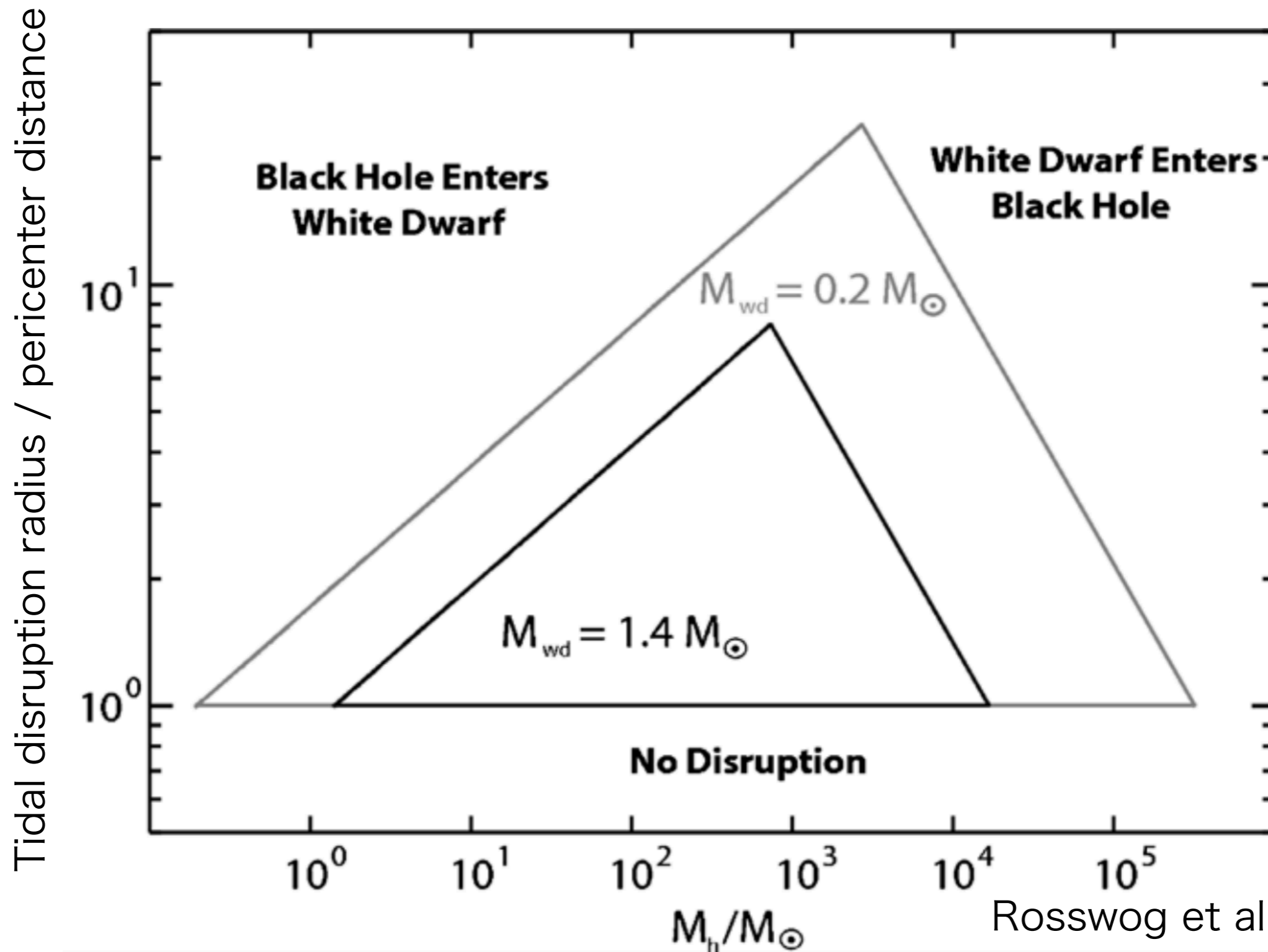


Strategies of IMBH survey

- Accretion disk (by X-ray observatory)
 - At most Eddington luminosity (not so luminous)
 - Super Eddington luminosity (strongly depending on line-of-sight directions)
- Inspiral of a BH (by GW observatory)
 - Space-based GW detector required (e.g. LISA, DECIGO)
 - LIGO, VIRGO & KAGRA are ground-based detectors.
 - Beyond 2030
- Tidal disruption events (TDEs) of white dwarfs (WD) (by optical observatory)



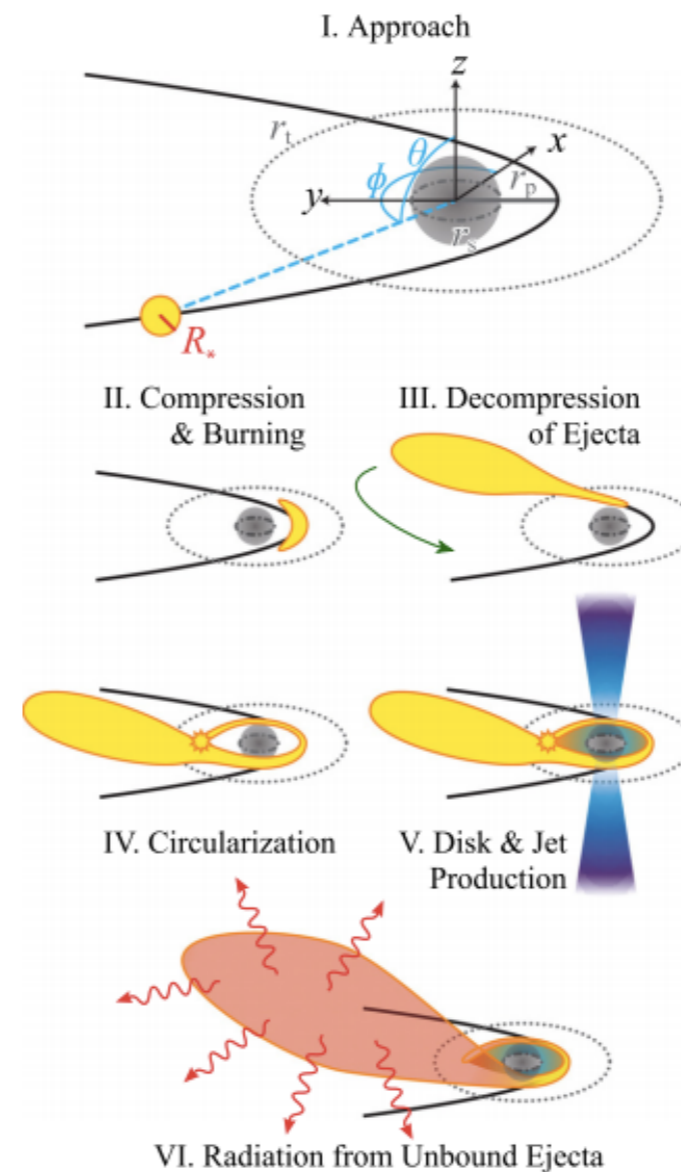
BH mass for WD TDE



Rosswog et al. (2009)

Tidal detonation in a WD TDE

- A WD approaches to an IMBH, and tidally disrupted.
- The WD is compressed in the direction perpendicular to the orbital plane.
- The WD is heated by the compression.
- The heating triggers explosive nuclear reactions (tidal detonation).
- The explosive nuclear reactions yield radioactive nuclei, such as ^{56}Ni .
- Radioactive decay of ^{56}Ni powers the emission from WD TDEs, similarly to type Ia supernovae (SNe Ia).
- WD TDEs at cosmological distance will be observed similarly to SNe Ia.



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IMBH



z-axis

WD

The orbital plane is perpendicular to this slide.

Estimated luminosity

- WD TDEs will be observed as thermonuclear transients powered by radioactive decay of ^{56}Ni .
 - Similar to SNe Ia
- The estimated luminosity is larger than accretion-powered luminosity of the WD TDEs by two orders of magnitude.
- Jet luminosity would be much more luminous than the thermonuclear luminosity, but should have very small opening angle.

