# Turbulent Magnetic Field Amplification in Binary Neutron Star Mergers

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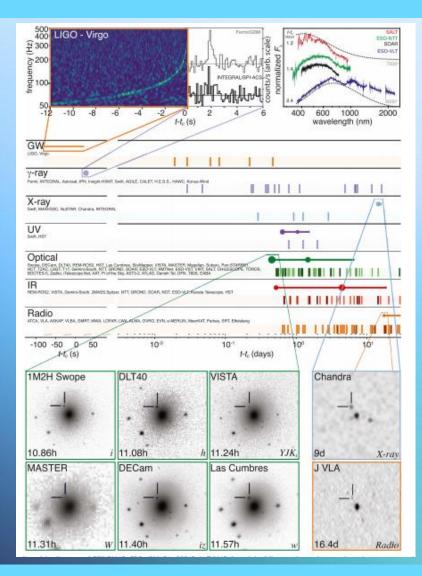


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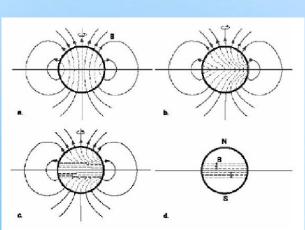
## GW170817: the beginning of the multi-messenger with GW era (first BNS merger detection)

#### Things that we can learn:

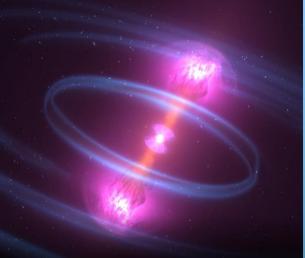
- Internal properties of NSs (eq. state) → <u>Jan-Erik's previous talk!</u> <u>and Bhaskar Biswas's talk (Friday)</u>
- Magnetic field amplification mechanisms
- Test General Relativity (or alternative theories to GR)
- Production of heavy elements
- EM counterpart (short GRB, kilonova)
- Formation of massive NS and/or light BH

#### Motivation

- PROCESSES DURING AND AFTER THE MERGER:
  - Kelvin-Helmholtz instability (small scale) <sup>\*</sup>
  - Winding up (large scale)
  - Magneto-rotational instability (large scale)







Jet appear during the merger  $\rightarrow$ 

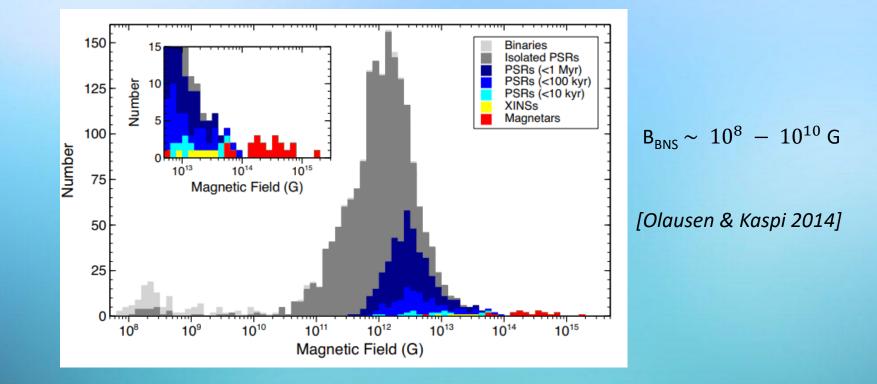
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Simulate these mechanisms via BNS merger simulations

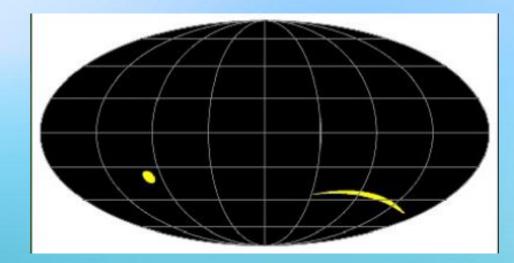
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NICER results [Riley++ 2019, Bogdanov++ 2019, Miller++ 2019]

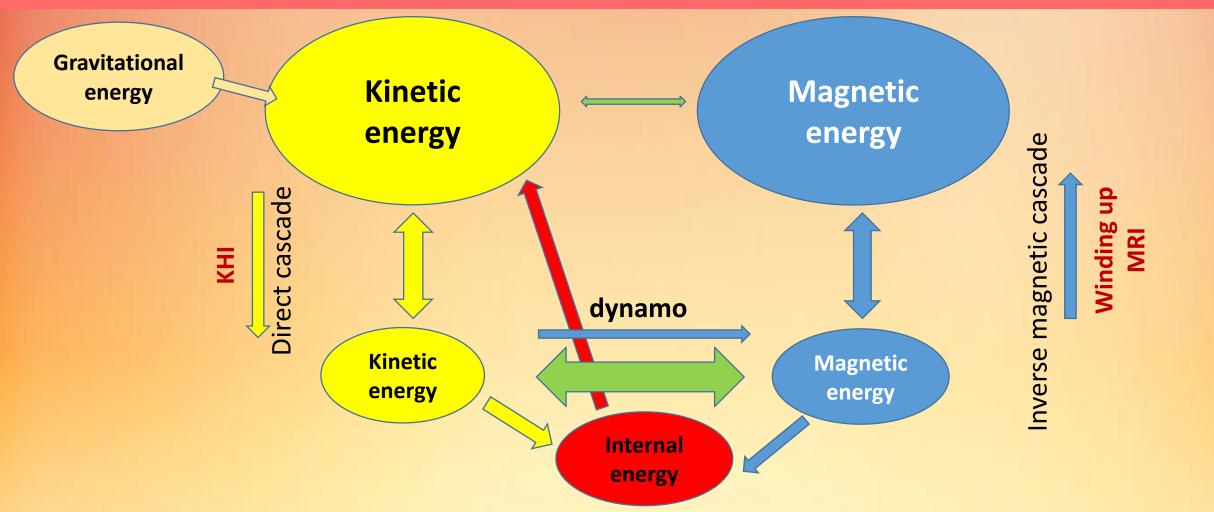
Strong indications of a multipolar structure in NS
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 Assuming a strong dipolar magnetic field topology is unsupported by the NICER results.

Does the initial magnetic field strength and topology matter at all in BNS mergers?

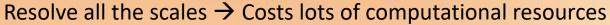
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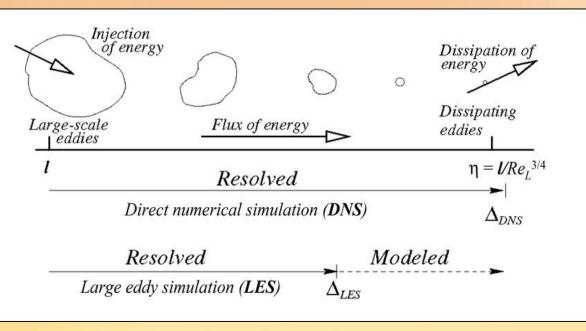
#### Large Eddy Simulations of BNS mergers

2.1. Filtering



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[Foroozani 2015]

The finite resolution of a simulation corresponds to an effective spatial filter for the fields:

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Take the simplest non-linear evolution equation, Burgers:

$$\partial_t u + \frac{1}{2} \partial_x u^2 = 0 \implies \partial_t \bar{u} + \frac{1}{2} \partial_x \overline{u^2} = 0 \implies \partial_t \bar{u} + \frac{1}{2} \partial_x \bar{u}^2 = \frac{1}{2} \partial_x \bar{\tau}$$

$$\bar{\tau} \equiv \bar{u}^2 - \overline{u^2}$$

The new sub-filter-scale tensor is not known, by definition. It needs to be modelled (or ignored)

Filtering a non-linear term: loosing information

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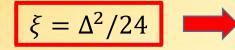
$$\bar{u}(\vec{x},t) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} G(\vec{x}-\vec{x}') u(\vec{x}',t) d^3x'$$

- Ideally, with infinite resolution, the kernel function is a Krönecker delta:  $\delta(\vec{x} \vec{x}')$
- <u>BUT:</u>
  - Our world is not ideal  $\mathfrak{S}$ . Our simulations have a finite grid cell size ( $\Delta$ )
- Simplest kernel function: Step function:

$$G_{i}(|\vec{x} - \vec{x}'|) = \begin{cases} 1/\Delta_{f} & \text{if } |\vec{x} - \vec{x}'| \leq \Delta_{f}/2\\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

- <u>BUT:</u>
  - It is not suitable for analytical calculations involving derivatives... Better to use this other smooth kernel: (1) (1) (1)

$$G_i(|x_i - x_i'|) = \left(\frac{1}{4\pi\xi}\right) \exp\left(-\frac{|x_i - x_i'|^2}{4\xi}\right)$$



We obtain a Gaussian function that resembles to a step function up to the **third moment!** 

#### 2.2. The gradient model

$$G_i(|x_i - x'_i|) = \left(\frac{1}{4\pi\xi}\right) \exp\left(-\frac{|x_i - x'_i|^2}{4\xi}\right) \quad \text{with} \quad \xi = \Delta^2/24$$

• The gradient model assumes a Gaussian kernel. After performing a Fourier transformation of the kernel and expand it in Taylor series we can rewrite:

$$\overline{fg} \approx \overline{f}\,\overline{g} + 2\xi\nabla\overline{f}\cdot\nabla\overline{g}$$

$$\overline{fgh} \approx \overline{f}\,\overline{g}\overline{h} + 2\xi\big(\overline{h}\nabla\overline{f}\cdot\nabla\overline{g} + \overline{g}\nabla\overline{f}\cdot\nabla\overline{h} + \overline{f}\nabla\overline{g}\cdot\nabla\overline{h}\big)$$

#### 2.3. Compressible non-relativistic MHD evolution equations

$$\begin{aligned} \partial_t \bar{\rho} &+ \partial_k N^k (\tilde{P}) = \partial_k \bar{\tau}_N^k \\ \partial_t \bar{N}^i &+ \partial_k T^{ki} (\tilde{P}) = \partial_k \bar{\tau}_T^{ki} \\ \partial_t \bar{U} &+ \partial_k S^k (\tilde{P}) = \partial_k \bar{\tau}_S^k \\ \partial_t \bar{B} &+ \partial_k M^{ki} (\tilde{P}) = \partial_k \bar{\tau}_M^{ki} \end{aligned}$$

### 2.3. Compressible non-relativistic MHD evolution equations

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[Viganò, R. A-M.+ 2020]

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[Palenzuela, R. A-M+ 2020]

#### 2.5. Effects of LES in BNS mergers

#### **MHDuet code generated with Simflowny software**

- Einstein equation 4<sup>th</sup> order accurate finite differences
- Kreiss-Oliger 6<sup>th</sup> order dissipation
- Fluid MP5 reconstruction scheme + Lax-Friedrichs flux splitting formula
- LES 4<sup>th</sup> order differential operators for SGS terms
- 4<sup>th</sup> order Runge-Kutta
- CCZ4 formulation of Einstein equations.
- Initial data by Lorene code, equal masses (1.3 Msun), quasi-circular orbits separated by 45 km
- Magnetic fields initially **10<sup>11</sup> G**, confined to each star
- Hybrid EoS: piecewise APR4 + ideal

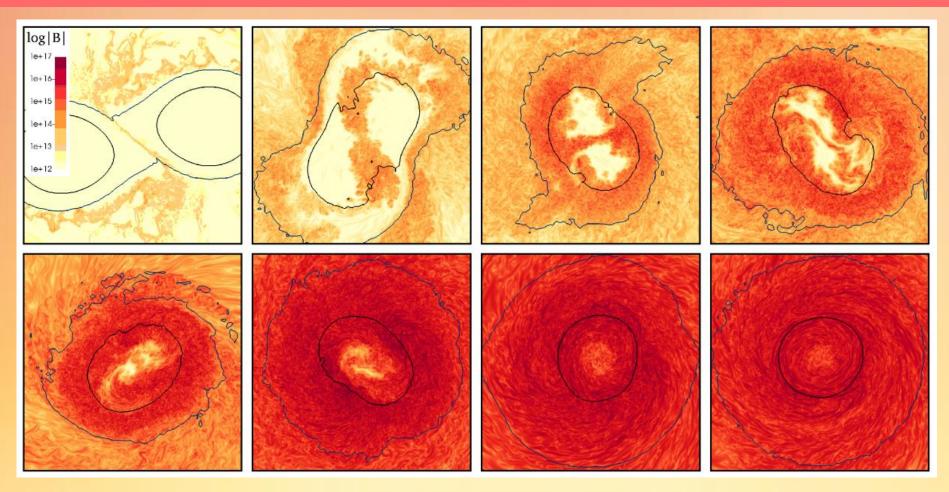
# Numerical methods

#### Physical setup

Case	$\mathcal{C}_{\mathcal{M}}$	Refinement levels	$\Delta L_{min}$ [km]	$\Delta_{min}$ [m]
LR	0	7 FMR	[-28, 28]	120
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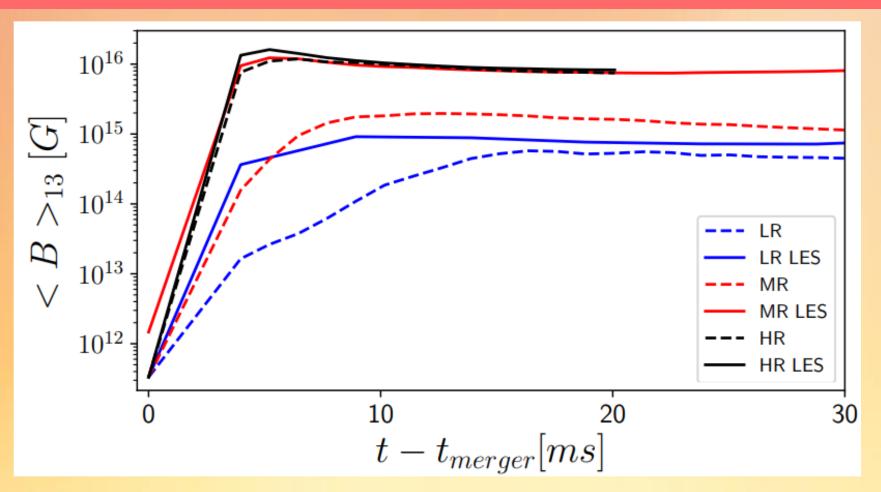
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t =  $\{0.5, 1.5, 2, 2.5, 3.5, 5, 10, 15\}$  ms Constant density surfaces in  $10^{13}$  and  $5 \times 10^{14}$  g / cm<sup>3</sup>

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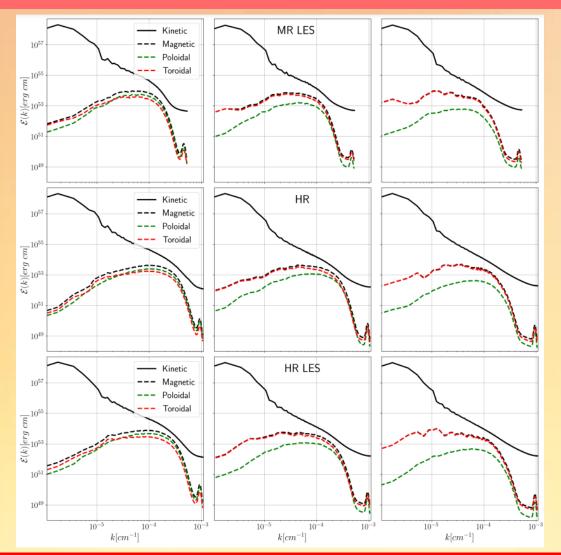
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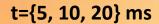


Saturation of magnetic field in t < 5 ms and convergence of averaged magnetic field strength and components!!

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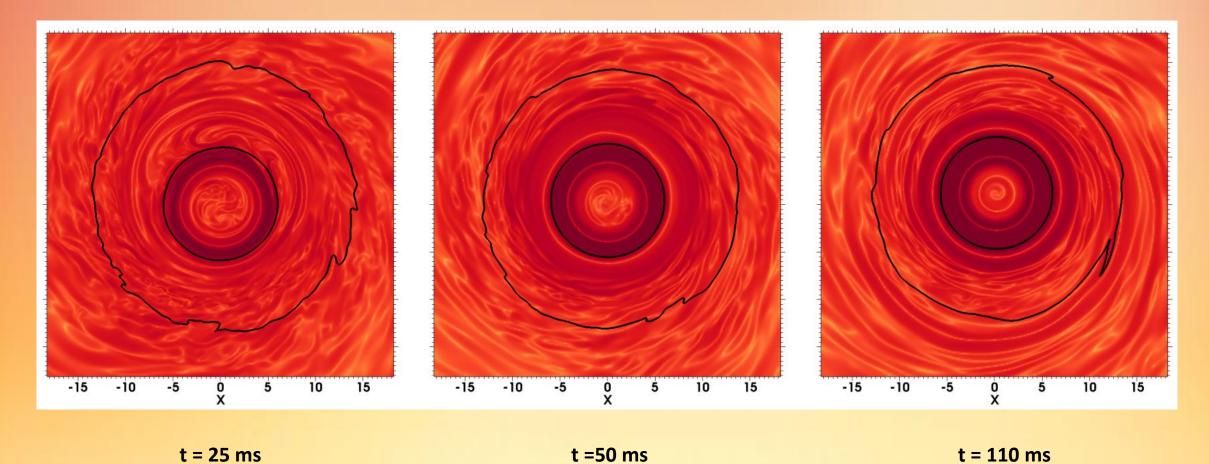
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#### 2.6. Magnetic field evolution

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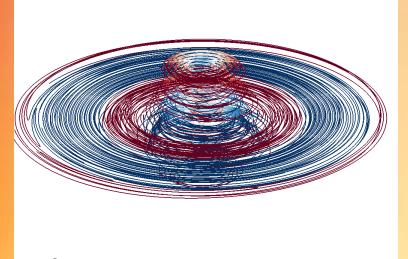


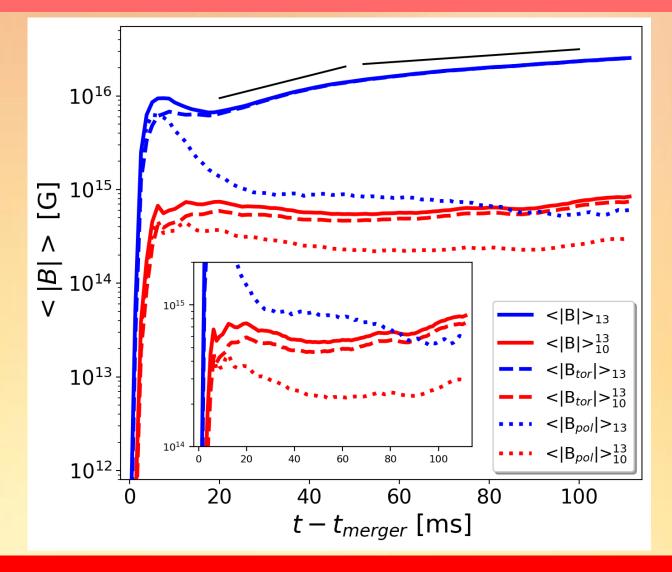
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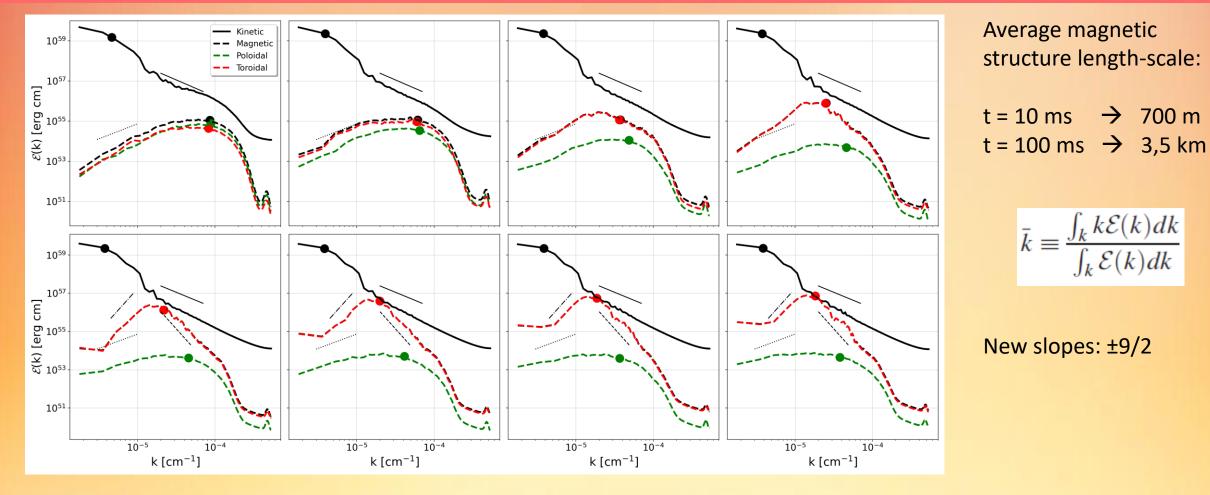
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t = {5, 11, 21, 31, 50, 78, 100, 111} ms

#### 2.7. Importance of the magnetic field topology

Does the initial magnetic field strength and topology matter at all in BNS mergers? Dipolar magnetic field <B>~ 10<sup>11</sup> G (Dip)

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#### [Aguilera-Miret+ 2022]



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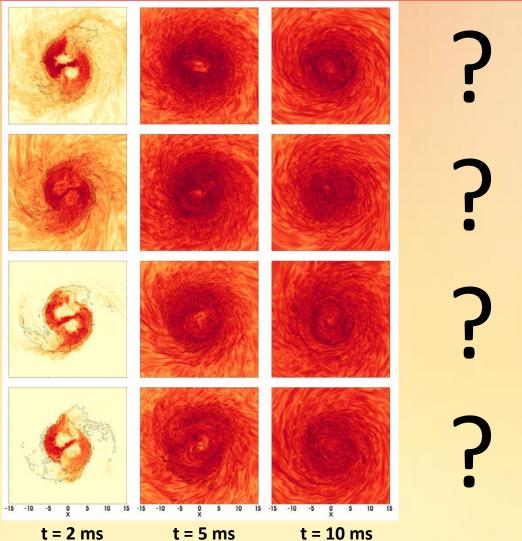
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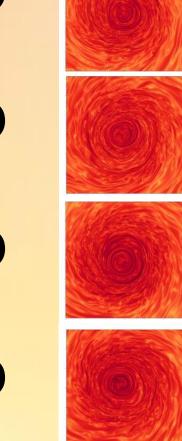
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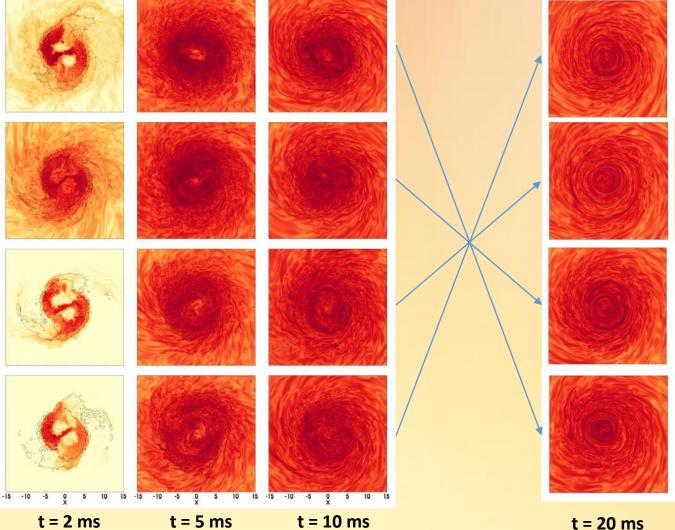
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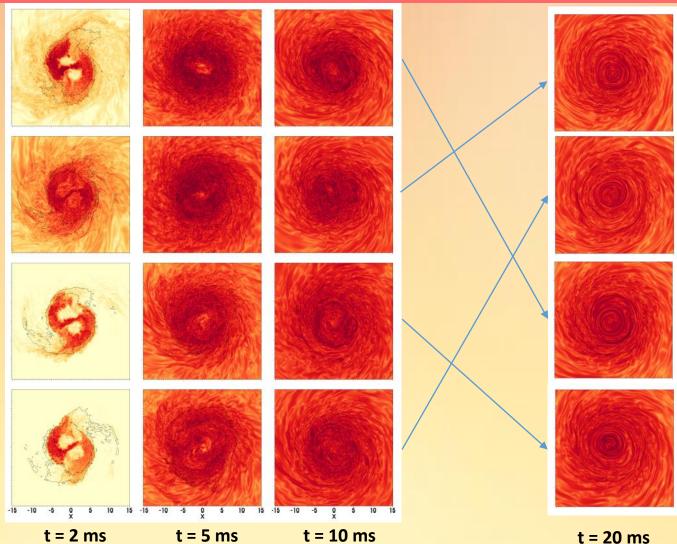
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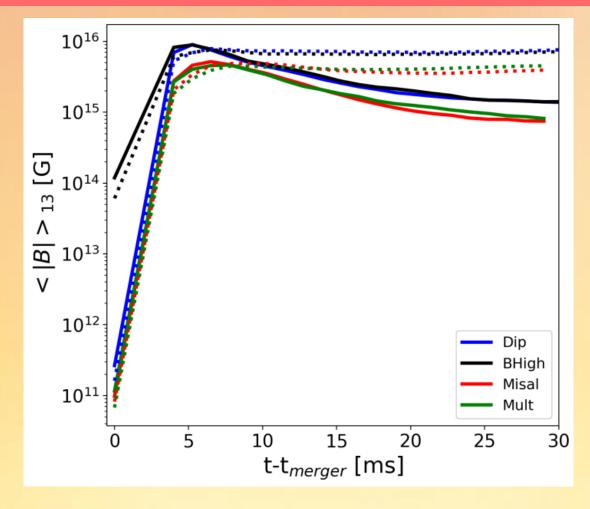
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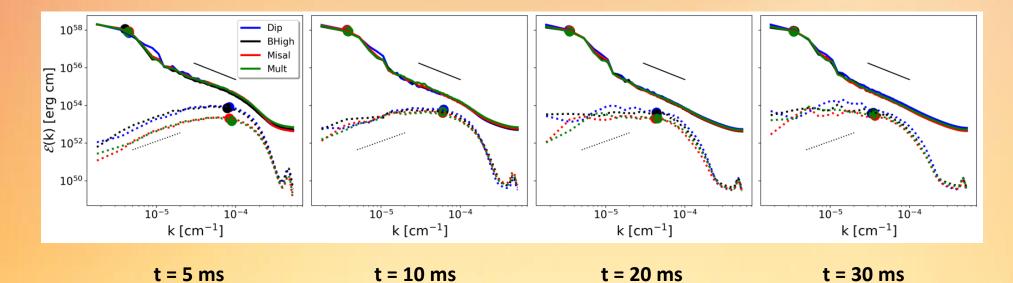
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Comparable averaged magnetic fields!!

#### 2.7. Importance of the magnetic field topology

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Comparable magnetic field spectra (both toroidal and poloidal part)!!

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- 3. The initial magnetic field strength and topology DOES NOT MATTER at all... as long as you can resolve the KHI that causes a turbulent amplification of the magnetic field. The turbulent magnetic field is isotropic and erases any dependence on the initial magnetic field topology and strength.
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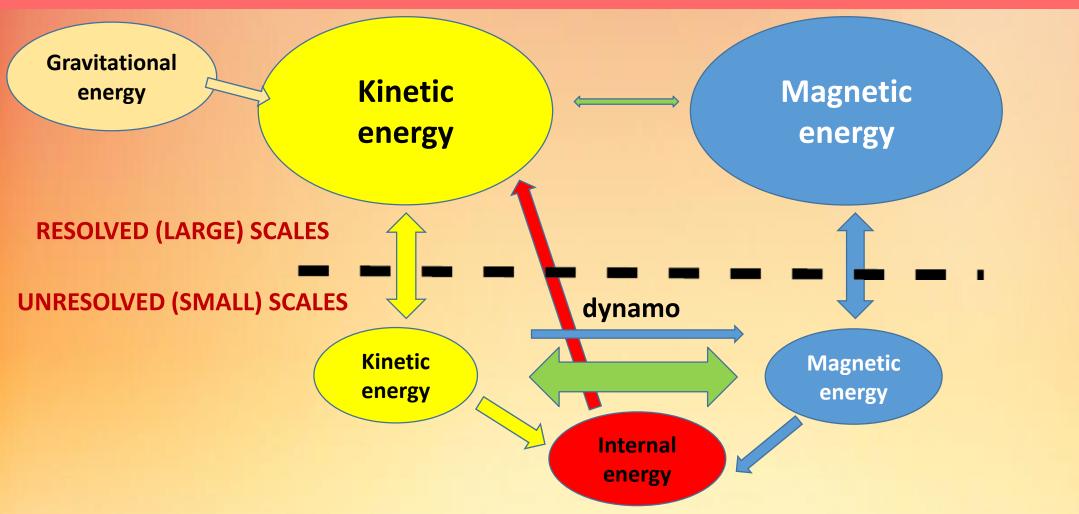


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#### Turbulent Magnetic Field Amplification in Binary Neutron Star Mergers

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2.1. Filtering



#### 2.3. Compressible non-relativistic MHD evolution equations

#### [Viganò, R. A-M.+ 2019]

$$\begin{aligned} \partial_{t}\bar{\rho} + \partial_{k}N^{k}(\bar{\rho}) &= \partial_{k}\bar{\tau}_{N}^{k} \\ \partial_{t}\bar{N}^{i} + \partial_{k}T^{ki}(\bar{\rho}) &= \partial_{k}\bar{\tau}_{N}^{ki} \\ \partial_{t}\bar{U} + \partial_{k}S^{k}(\bar{\rho}) &= \partial_{k}\bar{\tau}_{N}^{ki} \\ \partial_{t}\bar{B} + \partial_{k}M^{ki}(\bar{\rho}) &= \partial_{k}\bar{\tau}_{N}^{ki} \\ \partial_{t}\bar{B} + \partial_{k}M^{ki}(\bar{\rho}) &= \partial_{k}\bar{\tau}_{N}^{ki} \\ \hline T^{ki}(\bar{\rho}) &= \tilde{v}^{i}\bar{v}^{j}\bar{\rho} - \bar{B}^{i}\bar{B}^{j} + \delta^{ij}\left(\bar{\rho} + \frac{\bar{B}^{2}}{2}\right) \\ S^{k}(\bar{\rho}) &= \left(\bar{U} + \bar{\rho} + \frac{\bar{B}^{2}}{2}\right) \tilde{v}^{k} - \bar{v} \cdot \bar{B}\bar{B}^{k} \\ M^{ki}(\bar{\rho}) &= \tilde{v}^{k}\bar{B}^{i} - \tilde{v}^{i}\bar{B}^{k} \end{aligned}$$

$$(UNKNOWN SFS TERMS)$$

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$$(GRADIENT SGS MODEL TERMS)$$

$$\overline{\tau}_{M}^{ki} &= M^{ki}(\bar{\rho}) - M^{ki}(\bar{\rho})$$

$$\overline{\tau}_{M}^{ki} &= -4 \left[ \nabla \frac{d\bar{\rho}}{d\bar{\rho}} \cdot \nabla \bar{\rho} + \nabla \frac{d\bar{\rho}}{d\bar{c}} \cdot \nabla \bar{e} - \frac{2}{\bar{\rho}} \frac{d\bar{\rho}}{d\bar{c}} \nabla \bar{\nu} \cdot \nabla \bar{e}^{j} - \frac{1}{\bar{\rho}} \frac{d\bar{\rho}}{d\bar{c}} (\bar{\rho} \nabla \bar{v}_{j} \cdot \nabla \bar{v}^{j} + \nabla \bar{B}_{j} \cdot \nabla \bar{B}^{j}) \right]$$

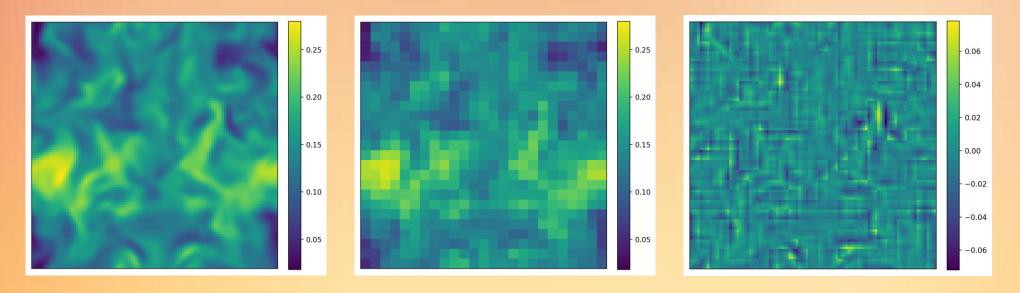
$$\overline{\tau}_{ener}^{ki} &= -2\xi [\nabla \bar{\rho} \nabla \bar{v}^{k} + (\bar{B}^{k}\bar{B}_{j} \nabla \bar{v}^{j} - \bar{\Theta} \nabla \bar{v}^{k}) \cdot \nabla (\ln \bar{\rho}) - \bar{B}^{k} \nabla \bar{B}_{j} \cdot \nabla \bar{v}^{j} - \nabla (\bar{v} \cdot \bar{B}) \cdot \nabla \bar{B}^{k}]$$

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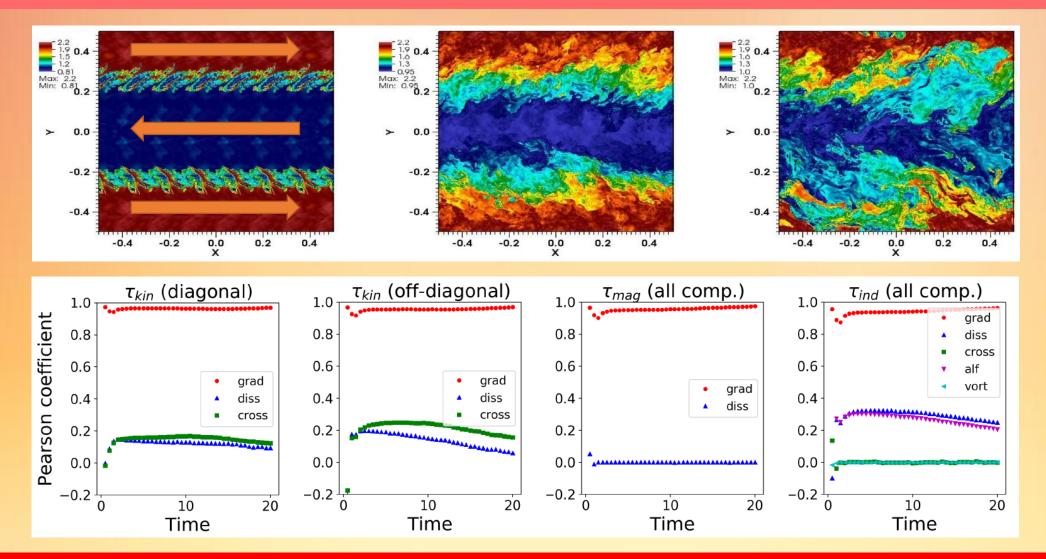
#### [Viganò, R. A-M.+ 2019]



 $u(\vec{x},t) = \bar{u}(\vec{x},t) + u'(\vec{x},t) \qquad \bar{\tau} = \bar{u}\bar{u} - \overline{u}\bar{u}$ 

$$\mathcal{P} = Corr\{\bar{\tau}^{ki}, \tau^{ki}\} = [-1, 1], \quad C_{\text{best}}^{\text{ki}} = \frac{\Sigma \bar{\tau}^{ki} \tau^{ki}}{\Sigma (\tau^{ki})^2}$$

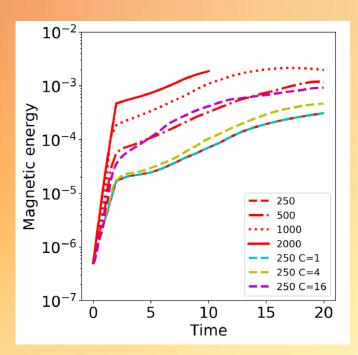
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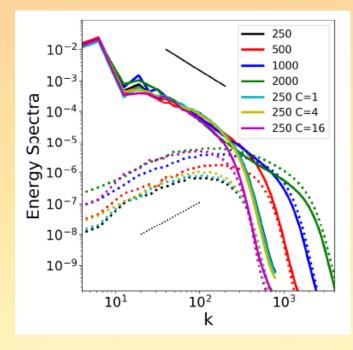


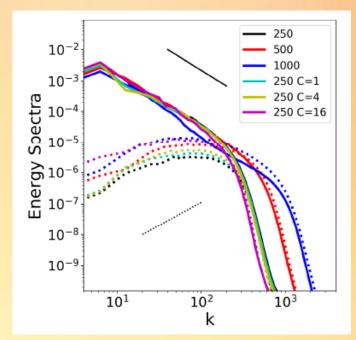
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#### 2.3. Compressible non-relativistic MHD evolution equations

- Amplification of the magnetic energy with SGS
- Effective resolution x2 in the magnetic energy and x8 in the spectra at low k!







t = 10

t = 20

#### 2.4. GRMHD evolution equations

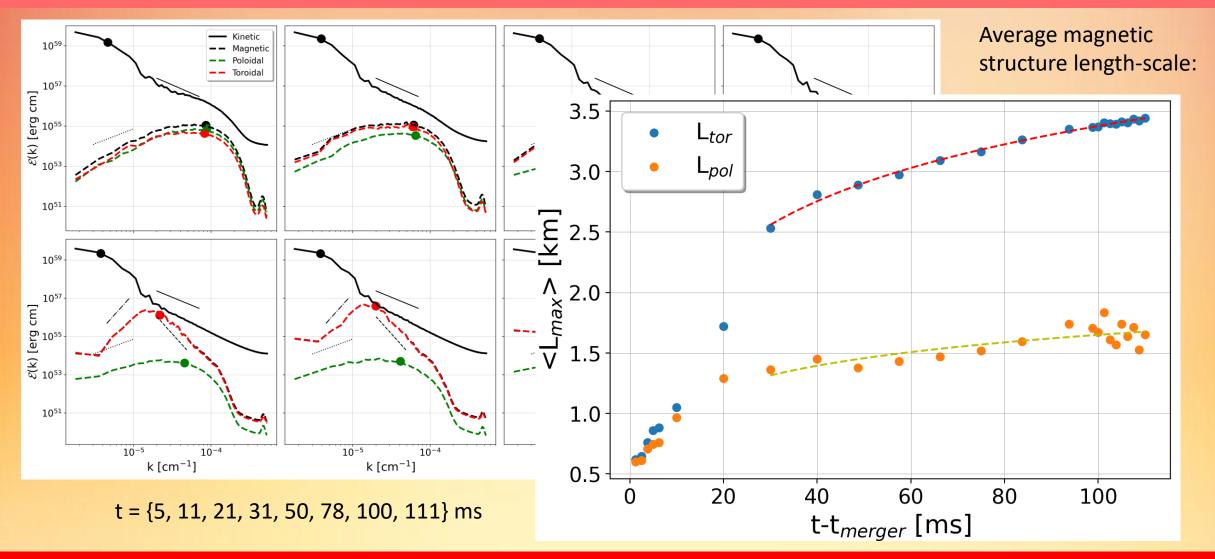
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# **Assumptions & Caveats**

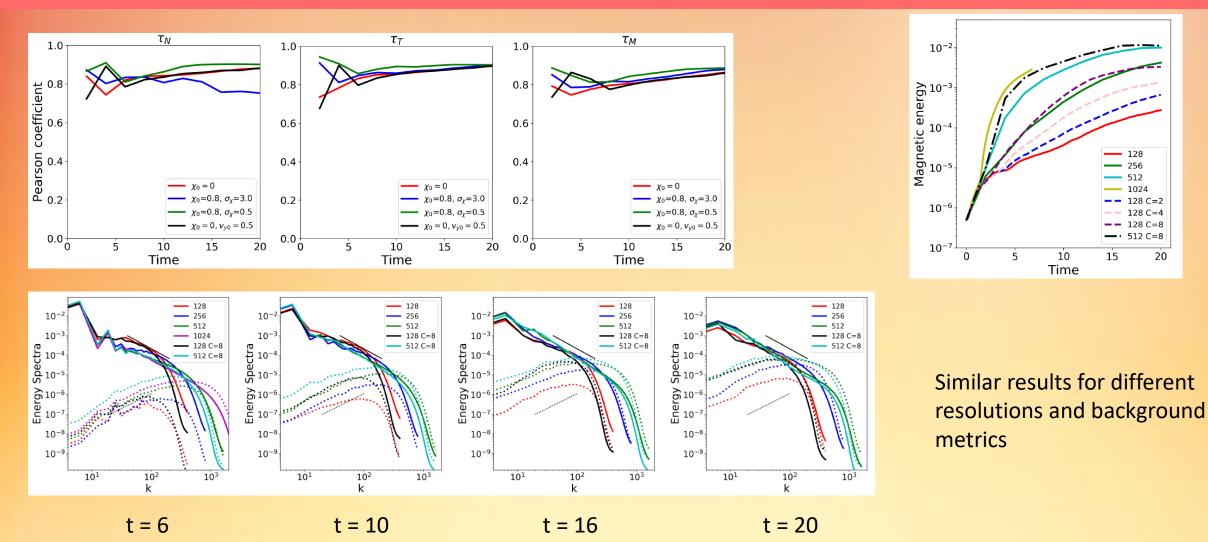
- The space-time metric is not "turbulent", i.e., the gradient terms arising from metric components in the fluid equations are neglected (verified by a-priori tests under typical conditions)
- Similarly, the SGS terms arising in the Einstein equations are not included, i.e., the steepness (derivatives) of MHD fields are dominating the non-linearity of the turbulence.
- The gradient SGS model can be thought as a reconstruction scheme because mimics the dynamics down to finite "depths" inside the cell without assuming any physical dynamics: if physical dynamics qualitatively differ at much smaller scales, there is nothing one can do.

#### 2.6. Magnetic field evolution

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#### 2.4. GRMHD evolution equations

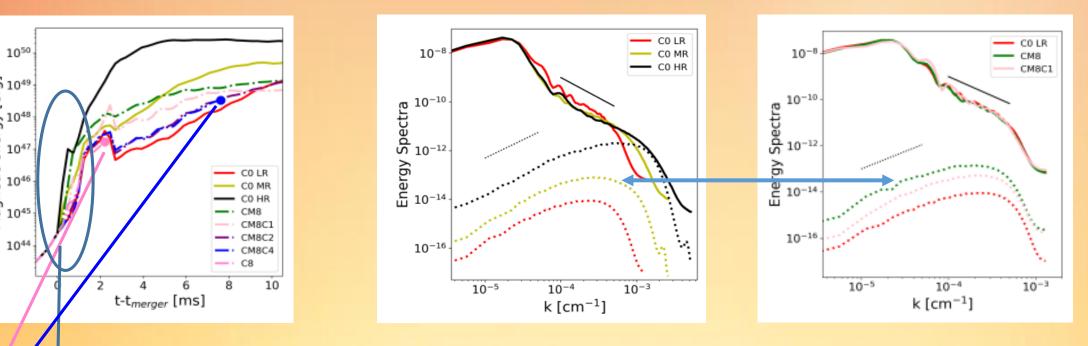


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#### 2.5. Effects of LES in BNS mergers

[Aguilera-Miret+ 2020]



Spectra at 5 ms

Effectiveness of SGS terms is evident mostly in the fast amplification phase. Non-linearity causes resolution/SGS-dependent collapse (adds an extra dissipation).

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[b10<sup>49</sup>] for a 10<sup>49</sup> and 10<sup>49</sup> and 10<sup>47</sup>

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#### 2.8. Importance of the initial configuration of the NSs?

[Aguilera-Miret+ in prep, 2024]

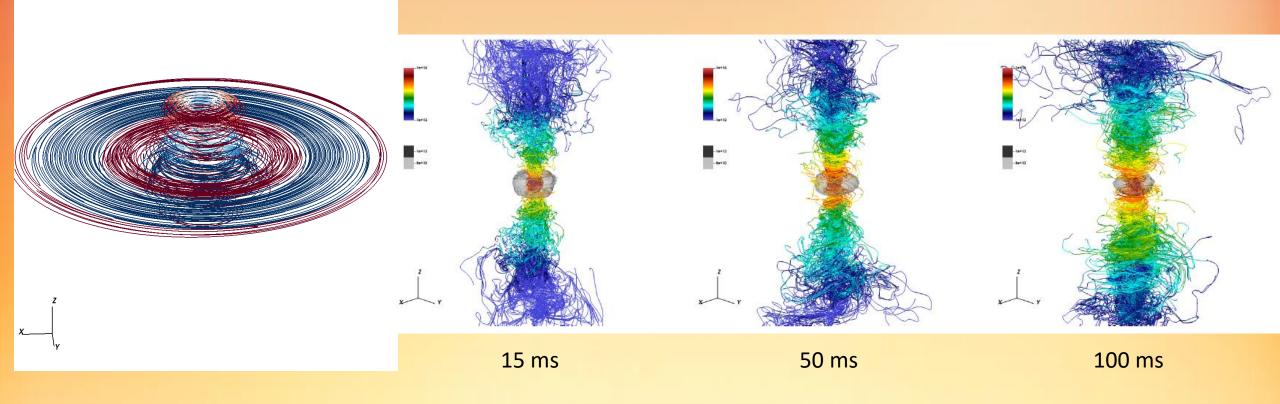
Ongoing work...

- Is this amplification independent from the initial data of the neutron stars?
  - q = 1, total mass = {1.8 3.0} Msun ---> Firsts results seem not to change at all!
  - $q \neq 1 \rightarrow$  Firsts results seem not to change at all!  $\bigcirc$

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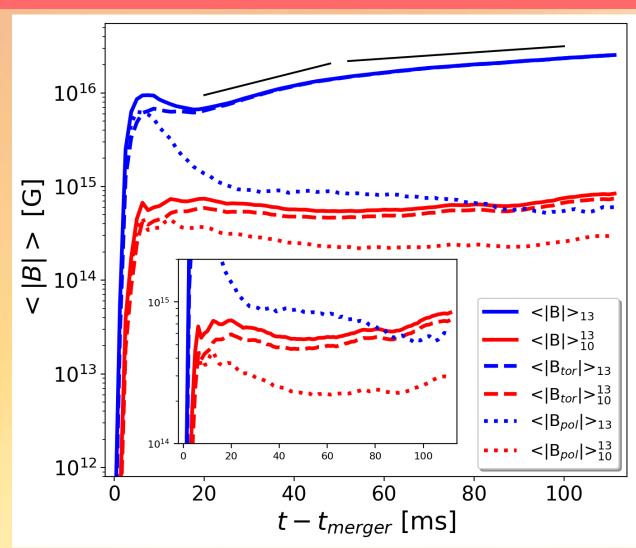
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Varying the total mass (keeping q = 1 and q != 1)  $\rightarrow$ 

