

*GRB fireballs:  
neutron rich explosions*

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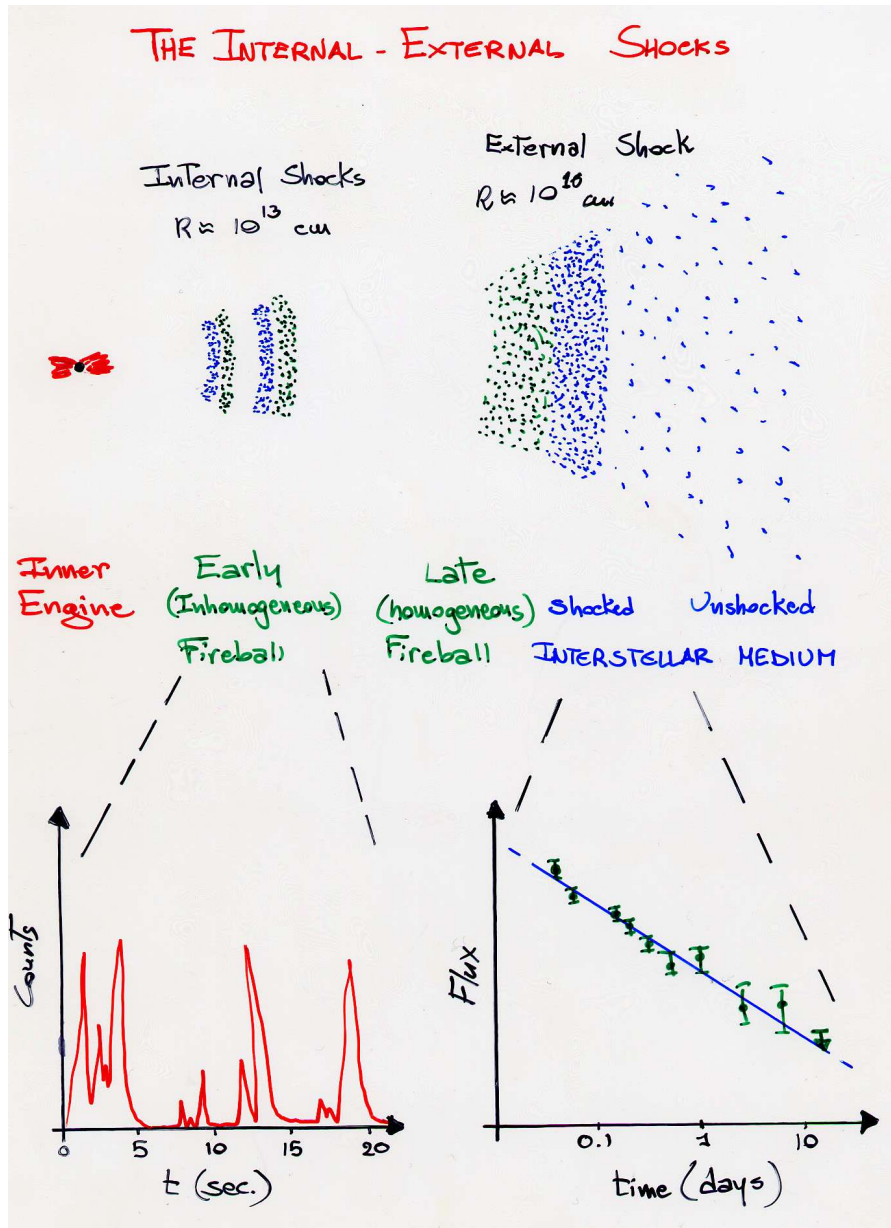
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# Outline

- *Brief introduction on GRB*
- *Nuclear composition of engine+jet:  
 $n/p > 1$*
- *Theory of GRB outflows with neutrons*
- *conclusions*

# The internal-external shock scenario



- Inner engine releases unsteady flow of  $\sim 10^{52}$  erg
- Shells with different  $\Gamma$  catch up at  $R \sim R_0 \Gamma^2 \sim 10^{13}$  cm
- Shock waves (internal) accelerate electrons and generate magnetic fields: synchrotron emission
- At  $R \sim 10^{16}$  cm an (external) shock is driven in the interstellar medium
- Synchrotron emission but at lower  $\nu$  and decreasing frequencies

# GRB outflows have neutrons

*Current engine models naturally predict*

$$n/p > 1 \quad (Y_e < 0.5)$$

*(Derishev et al 99, Beloborodov 03, Pruet et al 03)*

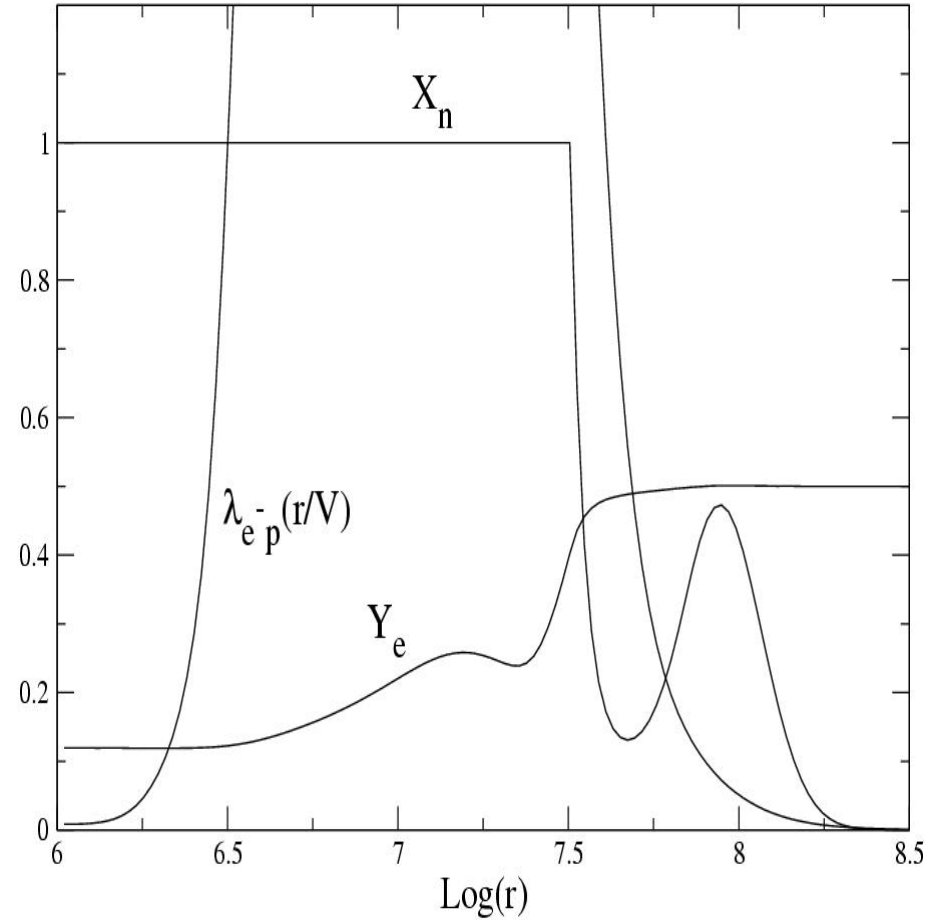
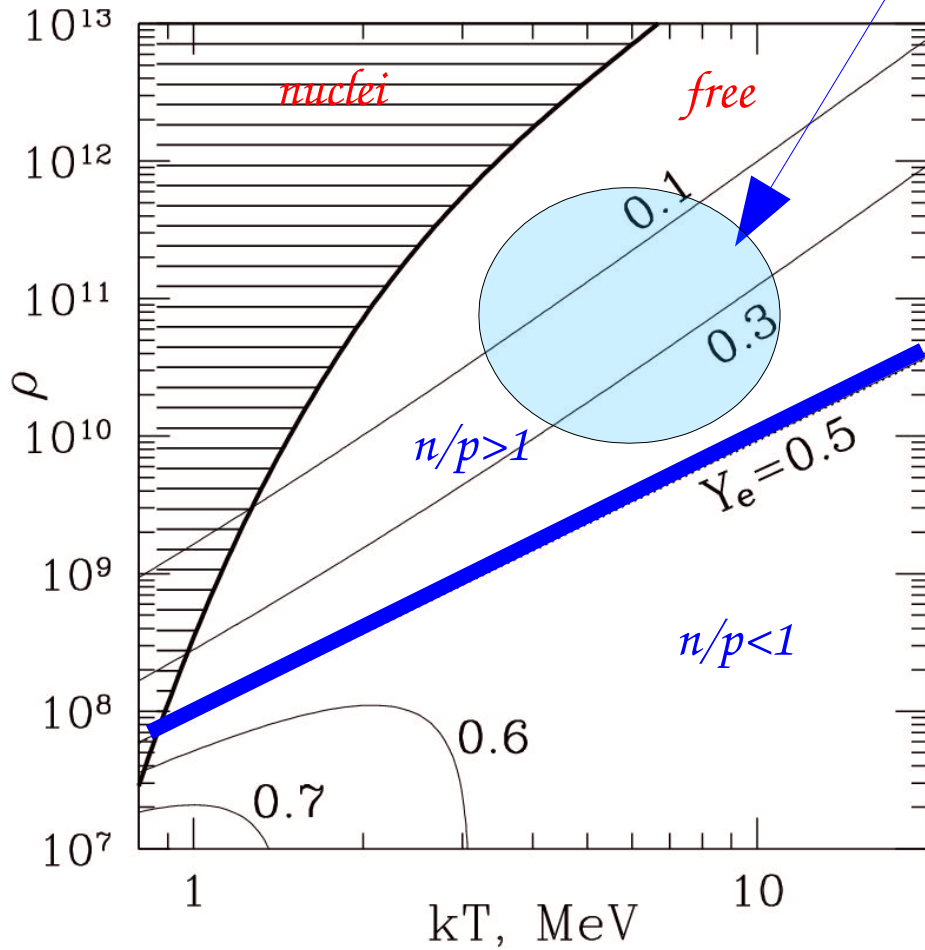
*GRB jets are powered by a high rate accretion  
disk of few  $M_{\text{sun}}$  per sec around a solar mass BH*

*(Woosley 93, Eichler et al. 89, Janka et al. 99&01,*

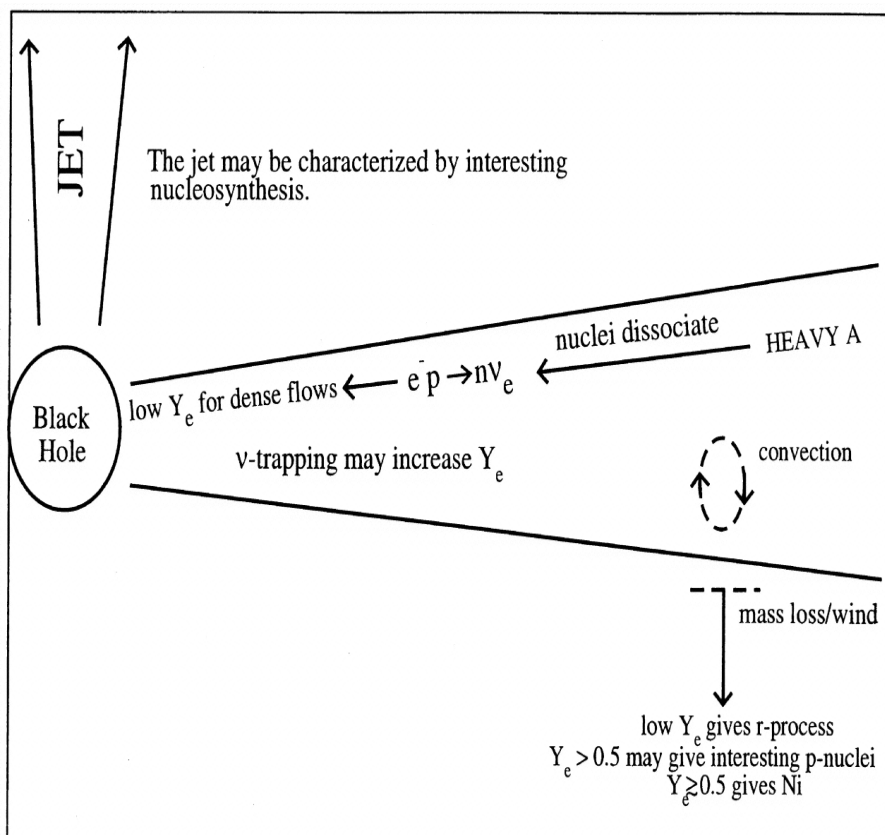
*Vietri&Stella 98, Zhang&Fryer 01, Fryer et al. 99)*

# *Jets are born in neutron rich sites* the inner accretion disk has:

$\rho \sim 10^{11} \text{ g/cm}^3$  and  $T \sim \text{few } 10^{10} \text{ K}$



# Jet baryonic composition



From Pruet et al 03

- *Escape vs neutralisation timescale:*

$$t_{e+p} > t_{esc} \quad \text{so}$$

*n/p jet = n/p engine*

- *Little Nucleosynthesis:*

*free p & n with n/p > 1*

(Beloborodov 03, Lemoine 02, Pruet et al 03)

*How do neutrons affect  
the fireball dynamics  
and thermodynamics of  
GRB fireballs?*

# *Fireball theory with neutrons*

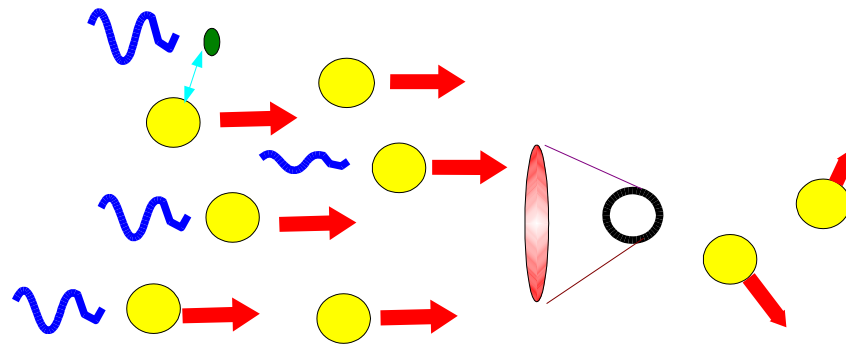
- Outflow with  $p+e+r+n$
- $r \leftrightarrow e$  by *Compton Scattering*
- $e \leftrightarrow p$  by *Coulomb Collision*
- $p \leftrightarrow n$  by *strong collision*

$p \leftrightarrow p_n$  ( $n \Rightarrow p_n + e + e^-$ ) by *plasma instability*

$$t = 900 \text{ s} \rightarrow R = c t_n$$



$$\beta_{rel} = \tau_{np} / \tau_d$$



***n-p* COLLISIONS AS MOMENTUM EXCHANGE AND FRICTION.**

collision rate per *n*:

$$\Gamma_{rel} n_p \sigma v_{rel} = \frac{\Gamma_{rel}}{\tau_{np}},$$

$$\sigma \approx \sigma_{np} (c/v_{rel}); \quad \sigma_{np} = 3 \times 10^{-26} \text{cm}^2.$$

mean momentum gained per *n* (isotropic scattering):

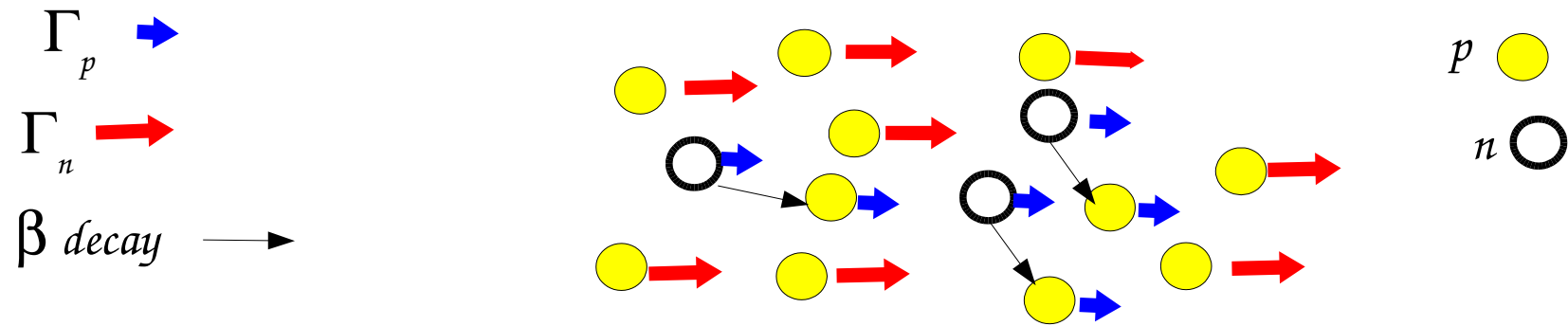
$$p_n = \langle p_p \rangle = m_p v_{rel} \Gamma_{rel}$$

mean force on a *n*

$$\frac{dp_n}{dt} = n_p \Gamma_{rel}^2 \sigma_{np} \beta_{rel} m_p c^2; \quad \frac{d\Gamma_n}{dr} = n_p \Gamma_{rel}^2 \beta_{rel} \sigma_{np}.$$

Volume dissipation rate (proton rest-frame):

$$\frac{dq_p}{dt'} = \frac{n_n^p (\Gamma_{rel} - 1) m_p c^2}{\tau_{np}}.$$



## TWO STREAM-INSTABILITY AS HEATING MECHANISM:

decay rate

$$\frac{dN_n}{dt'} = -\frac{N_n}{\Gamma_{rel} \tau_\beta} = -\frac{dN_p}{dt'}$$

the volume heating

$$\frac{dq_p}{dt'} = \frac{n_n^p}{\Gamma_{rel} \tau_\beta} (\Gamma_{rel} - 1) m_p c^2$$

# *Solving for dynamics and thermodynamics*

8 unknown :  $n_p, T_n, T_p, T_e, T_r, n_p, n_n$

8 coupled equations :

1) energy conservation  $(\mathcal{T}^r = 0)$

2) mass conservation  $(\mathcal{F} = 0)$

3)  $\mathcal{M}_p = f(\mathcal{M}_n)$ , decay changes  $n/p$

4)  $\mathcal{F}_n = f(\mathcal{F}_p)$  accelerating force of  $p$  on  $n$

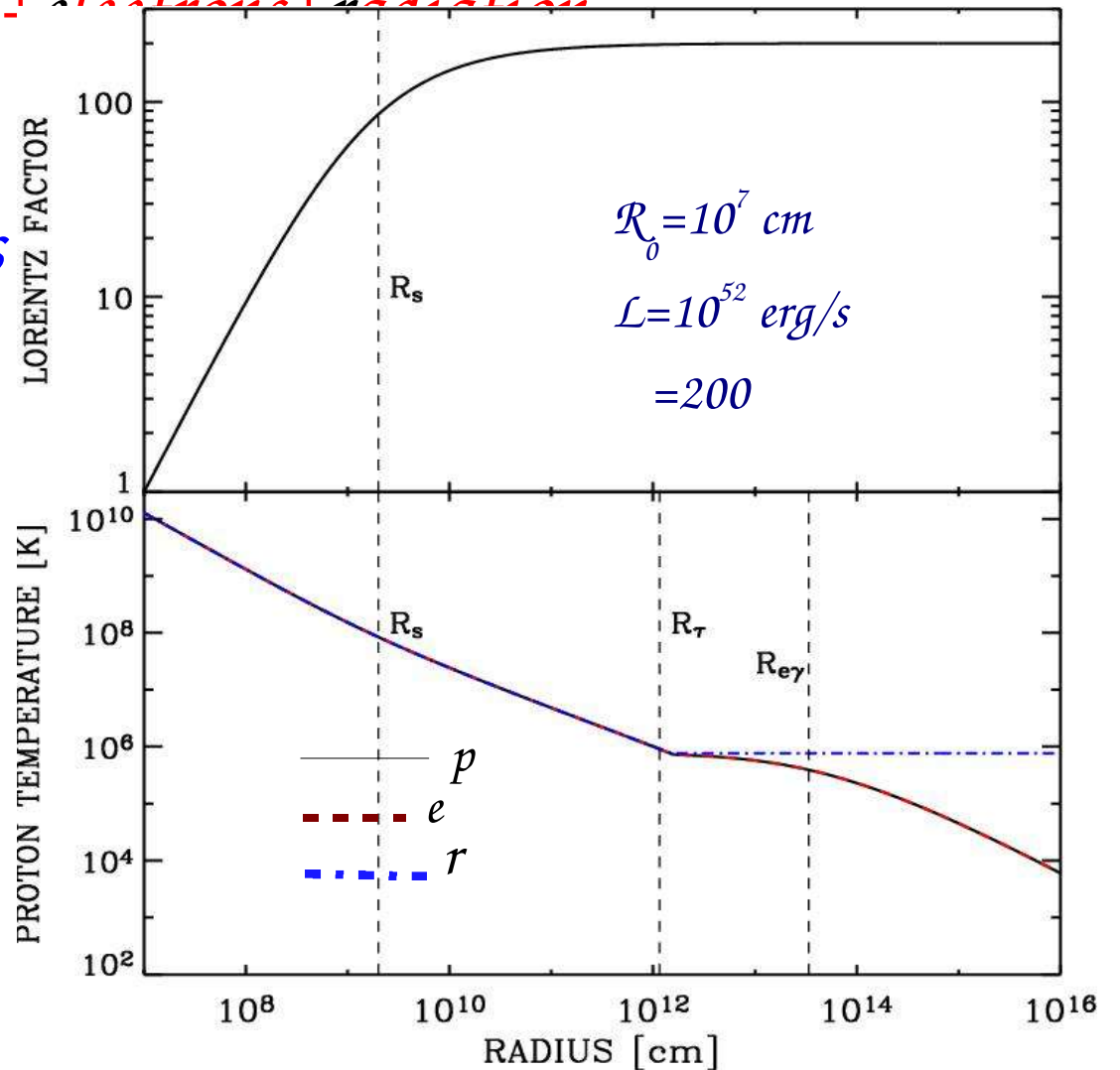
5-6-7-8)  $d\mathcal{E}_i = dQ_i - \mathcal{P}_i d\mathcal{V}$ ,  $i=r,e,p,n$

# Standard matter dominated fireball:

protons: *fermion radiation*

For most of the time is  
a **COLD**  
**COASTING**  
outflow

$$=E/M_b c^2$$



Rossi, Beloborodov, Rees 05

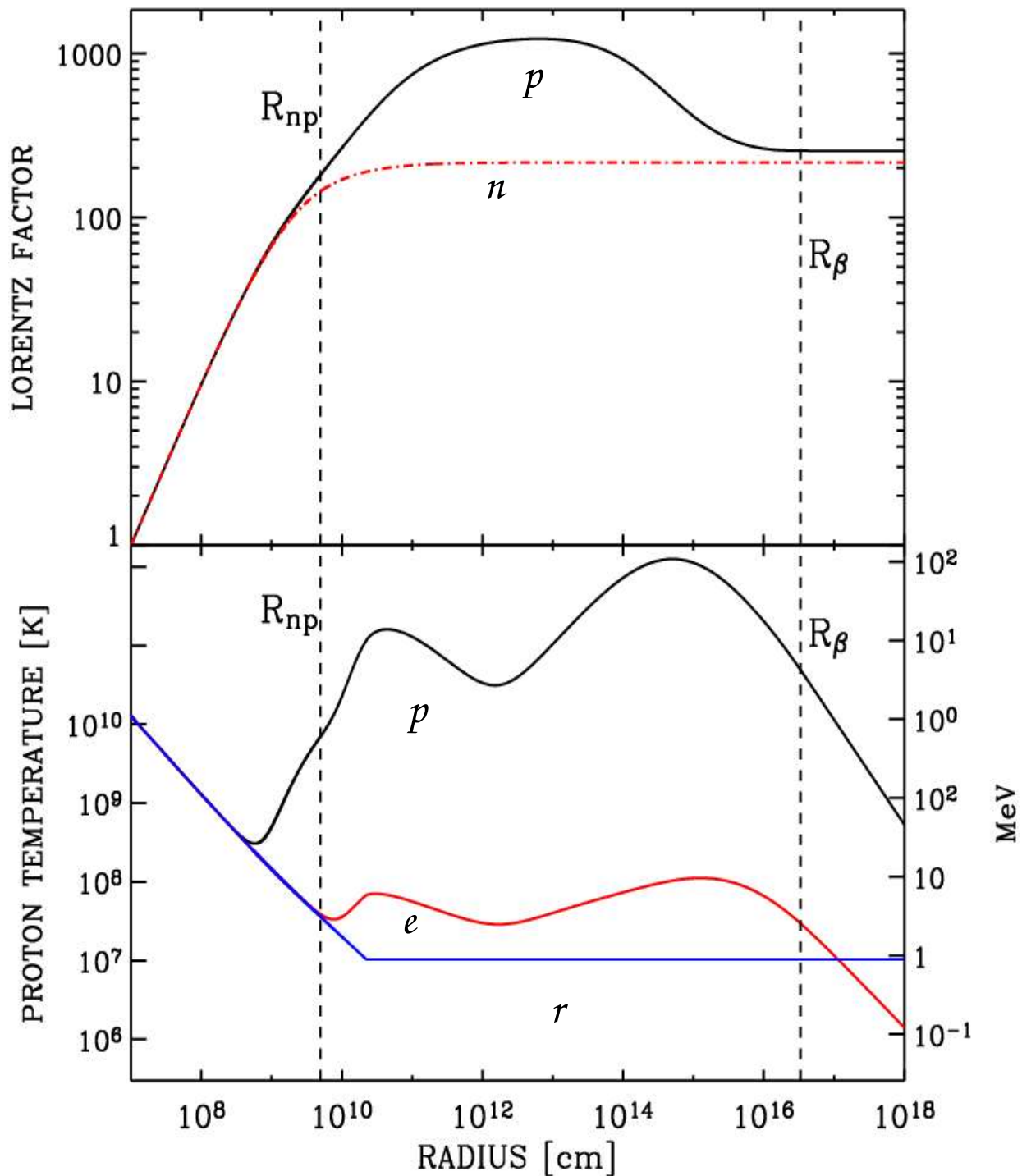
$\gamma = 300$

$n/p = 10$

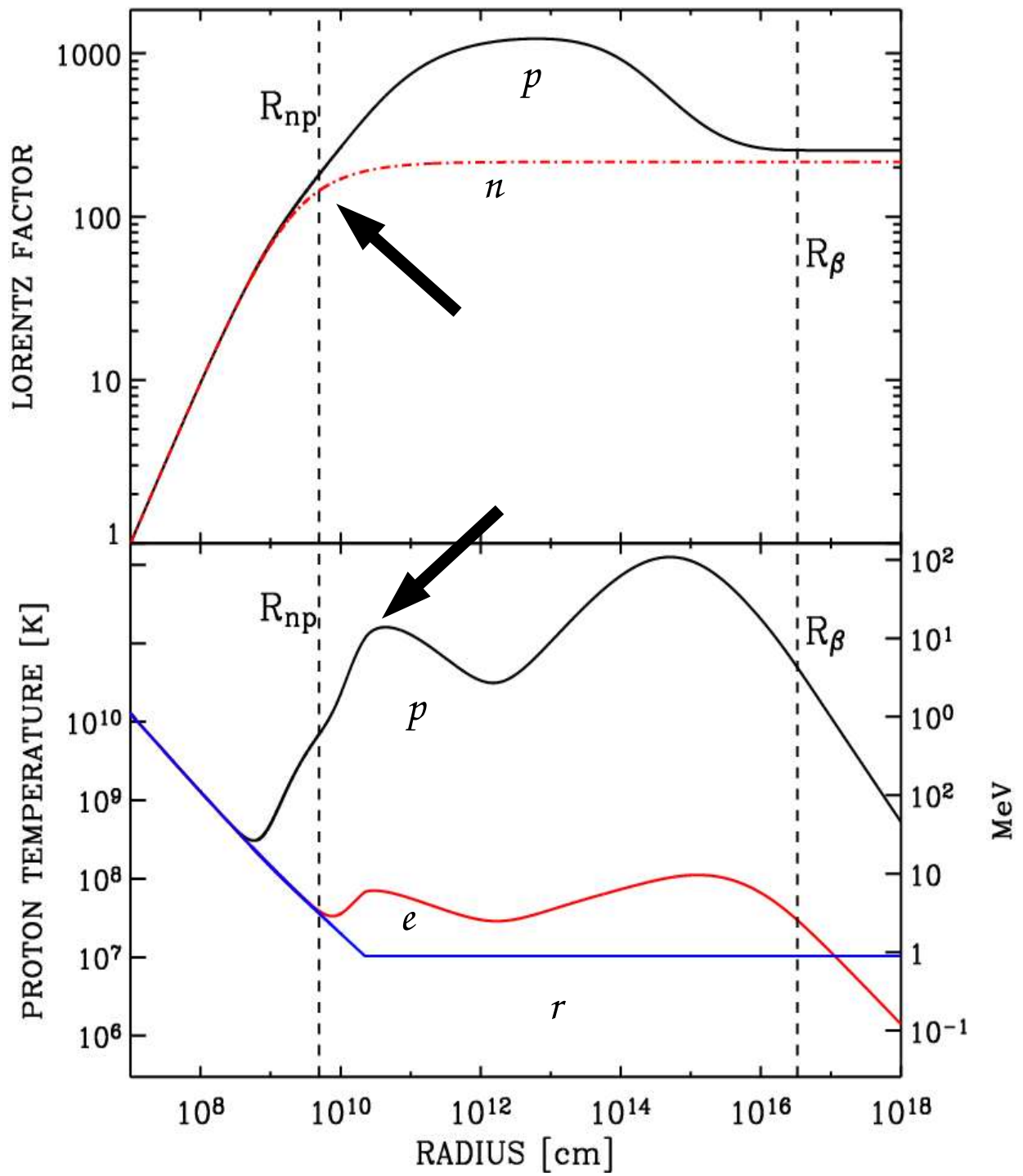
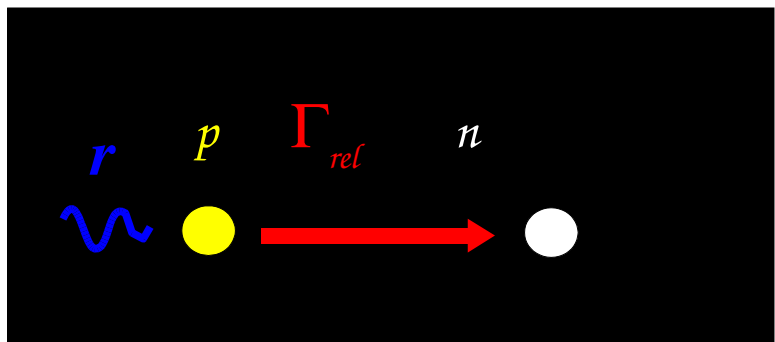
$L = 10^{52}$  erg/s

$R_0 = 10^7$  cm

$$R_{sep} \geq 2 \sqrt{\frac{L}{4\pi R^2 n}} \quad R \sim 2 \cdot 10^{16} \text{ cm}$$

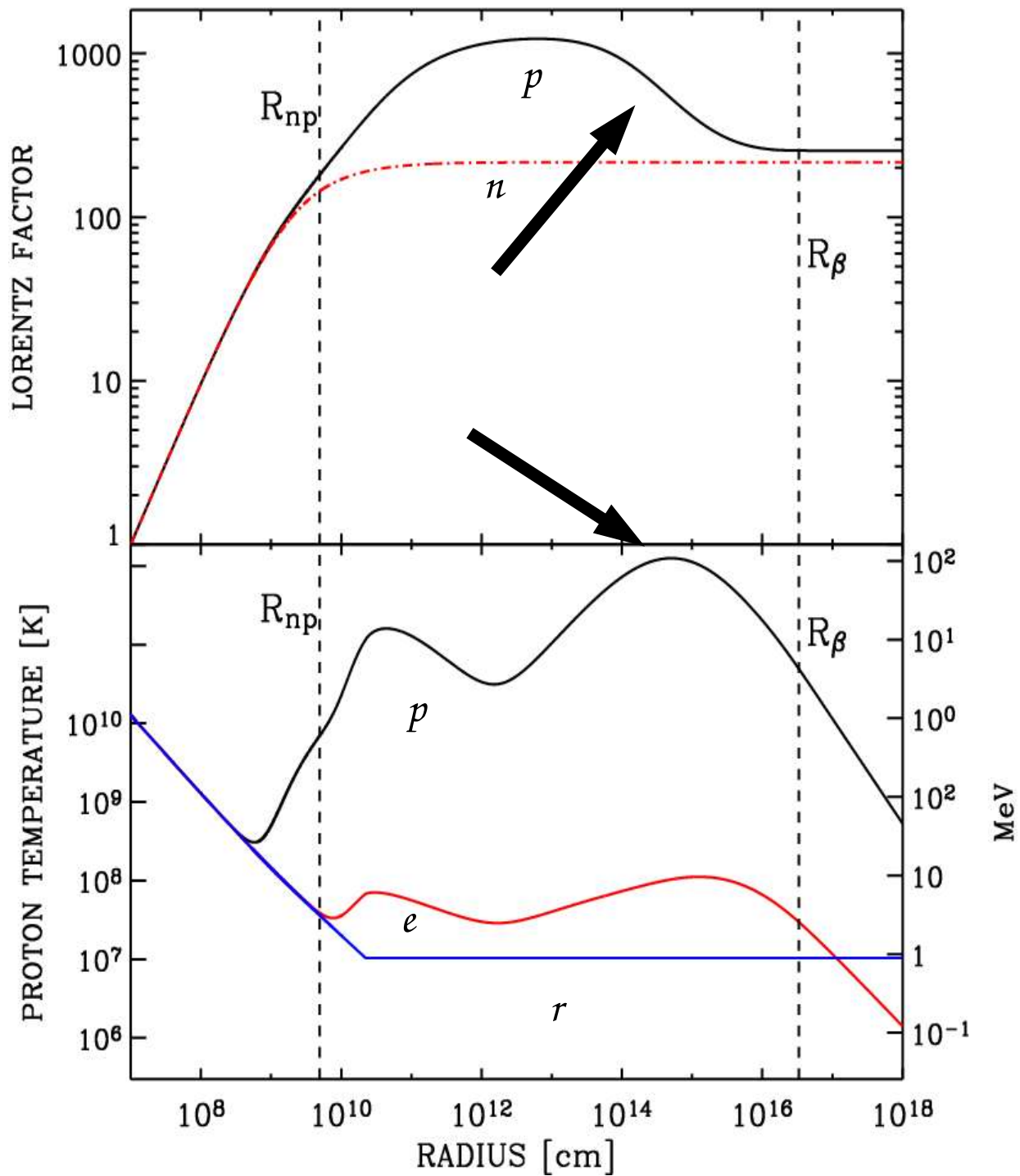
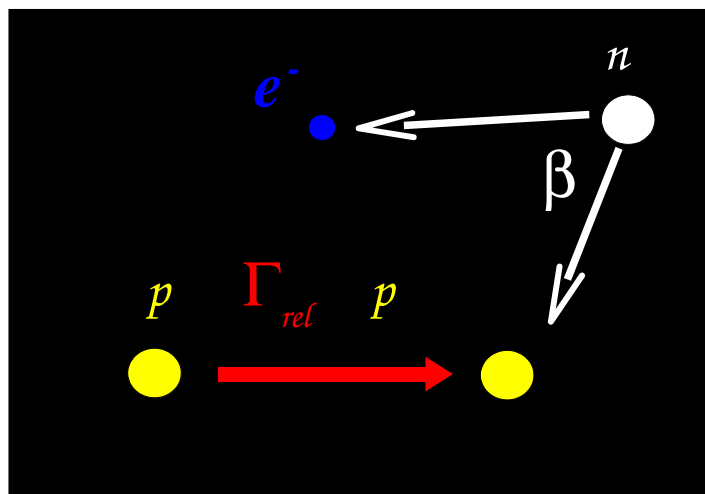


$\beta = 300$   
 $n/p = 10$   
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 $R_0 = 10^7 \text{ cm}$



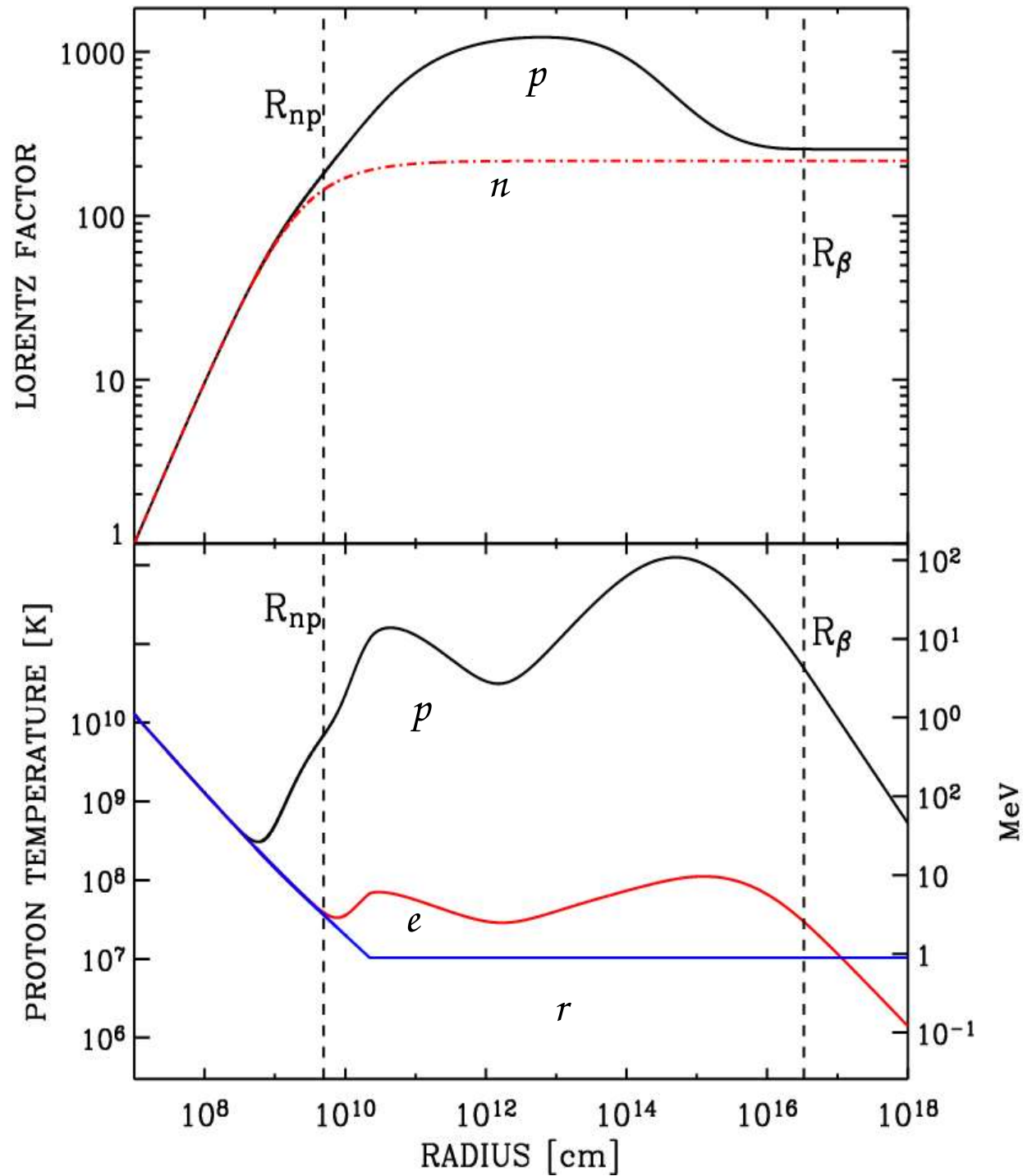
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$$n \propto e^{-R/R_0}$$



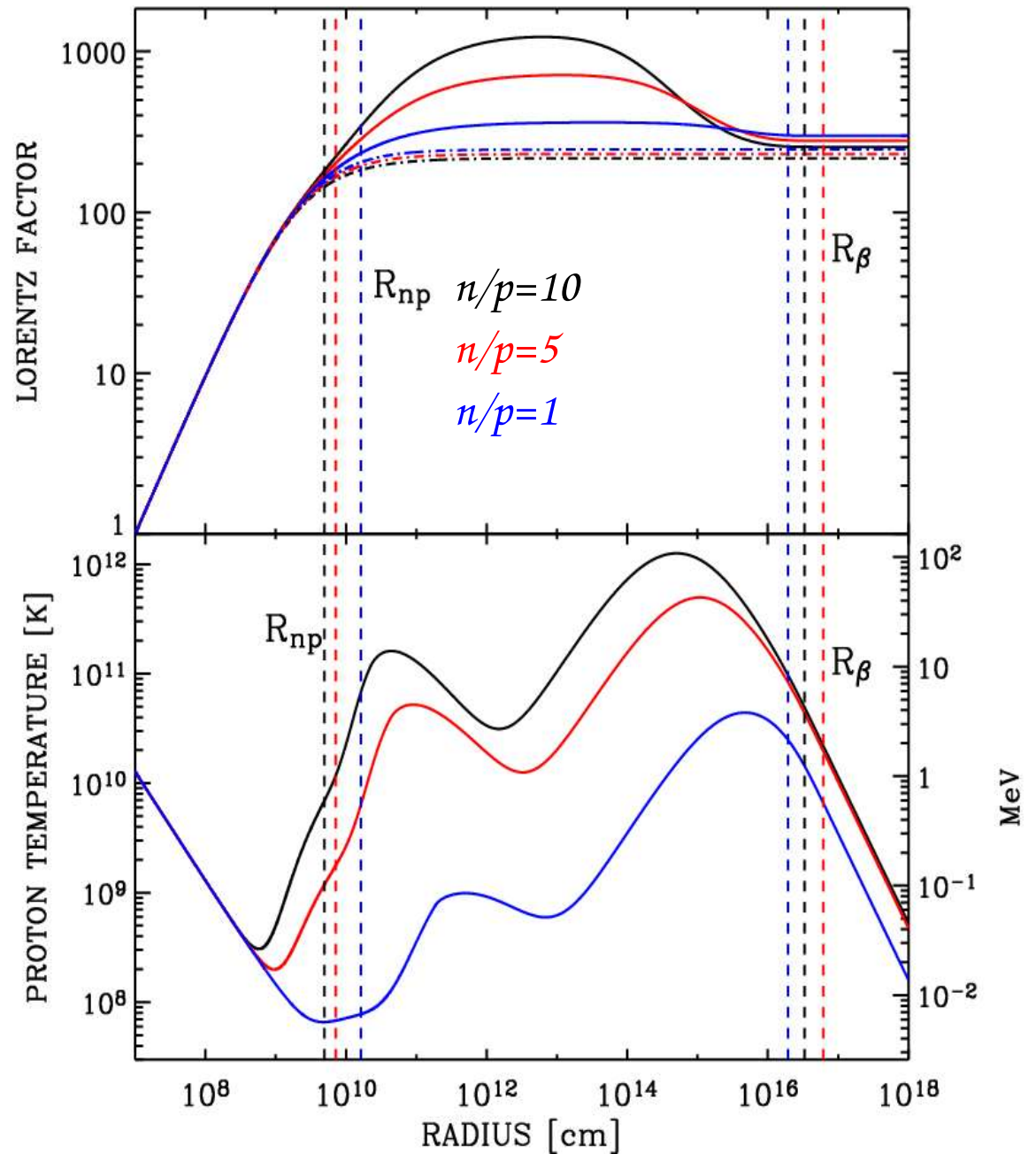
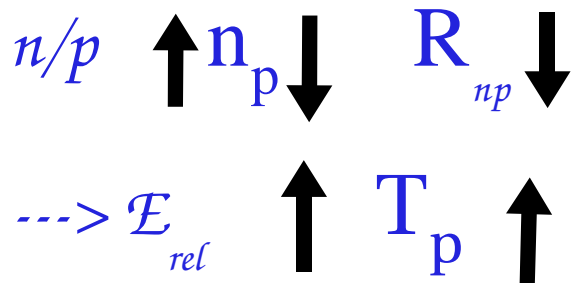
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**!! Protons are  
 a  
 decelerating  
 relatively hot  
 plasma !!**



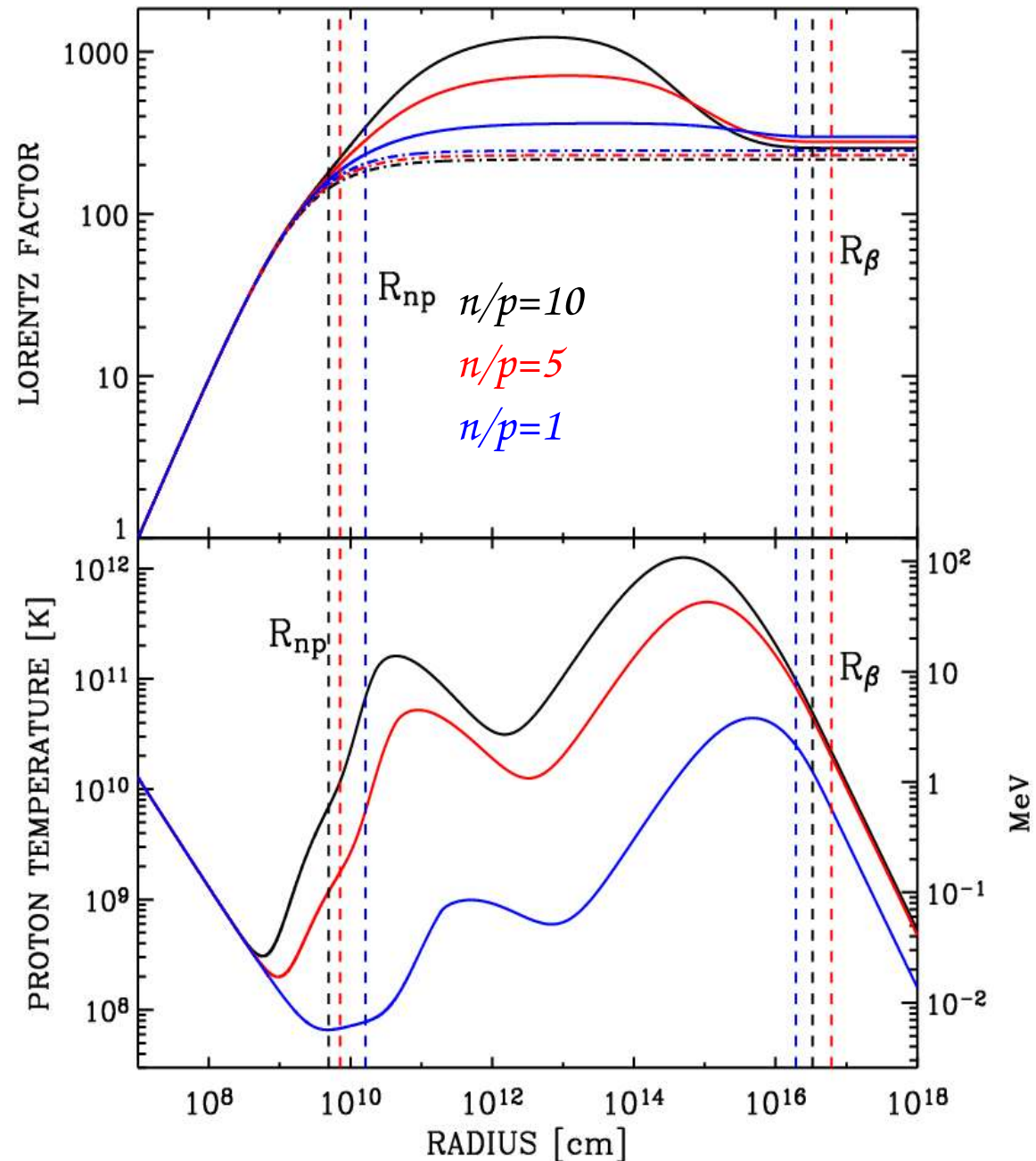


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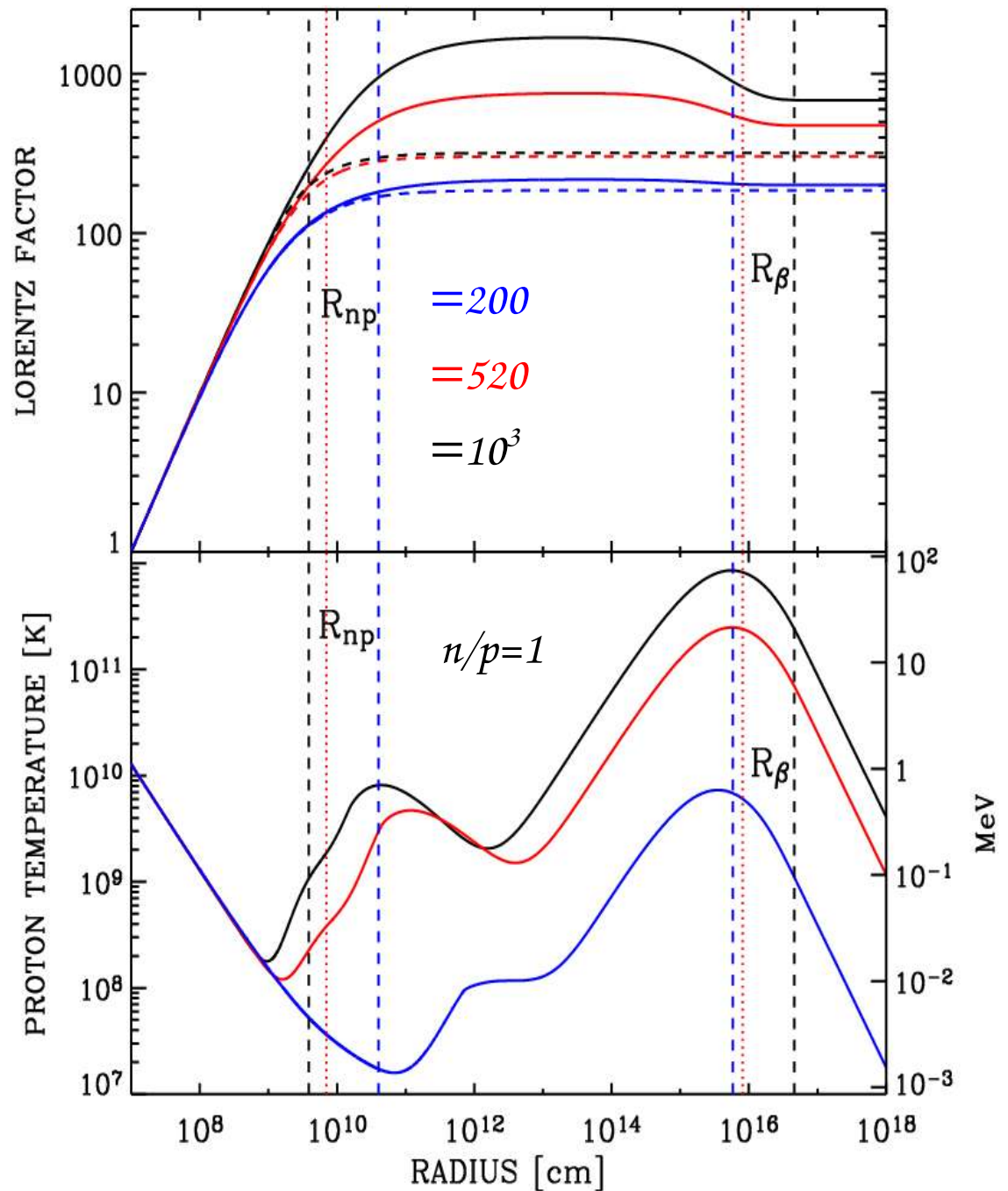
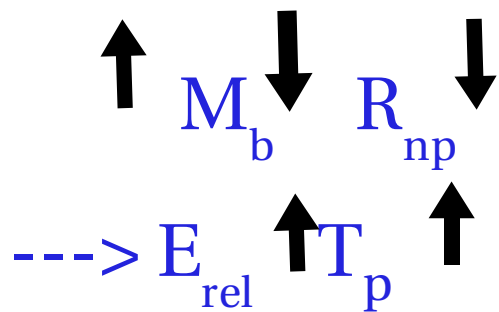
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*Dynamics and  
thermodynamic  
depend on the  
engine nuclear  
composition !*



$$= L / \dot{M}_b c^2$$

The higher  
the stronger the p  
dec. & heating



# *Conclusions*

- *Fireballs are likely neutron loaded*
- *This influences dynamics and thermodynamics of the proton component*
- *The heating and deceleration depends on  $\eta$  and especially on  $n/p$ : link with the accretion disk*

# Nucleosynthesis

(Beloborodov 03, Lemoine 02, Pruet et al 03)

	<i>Big Bang</i>	<i>GRB</i>
• Photon-to-baryon ratio:	$\sim 3 \cdot 10^9$	$\sim 8 \cdot 10^4$
• Exp. Timescale at $\mathcal{N}_{\text{Sy}}$ :	$\sim 100 \text{ s}$	$\sim 10^{-3} \text{ s}$
• $n/p$ ratio prior to $\mathcal{N}_{\text{Sy}}$ :	$n/p = 1/7$	$n/p > 1$

*GRB has marginally successful nucleosynthesis*

*$\Omega/(p+n) \sim 0.01-0.1 \rightarrow$  jet with free  $p$  &  $n$  with*

*$n/p > 1$*