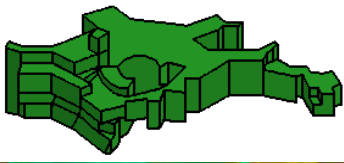


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# Core-Collapse Supernovae

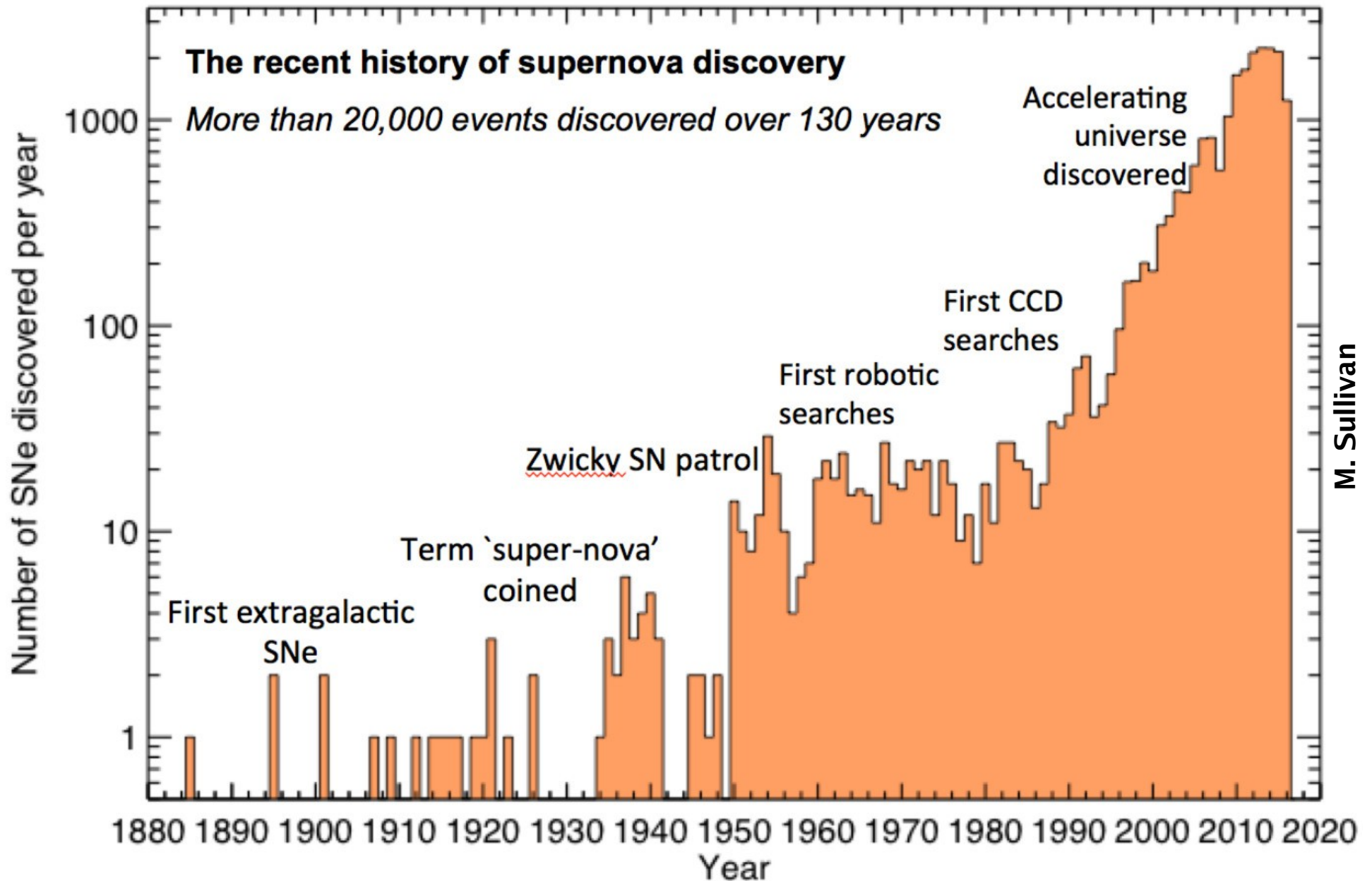
From Neutrino-driven Explosion Models to Observations

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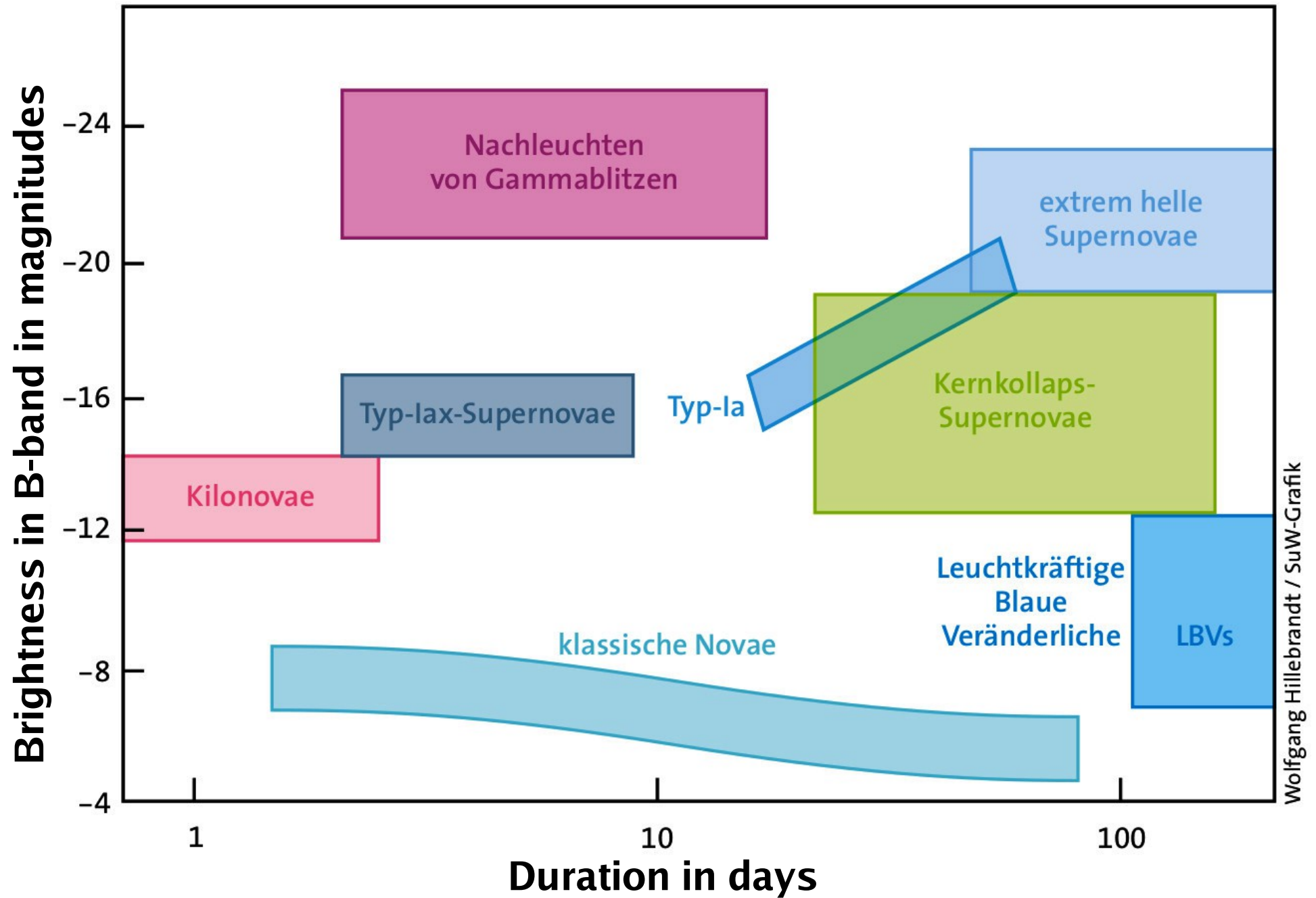
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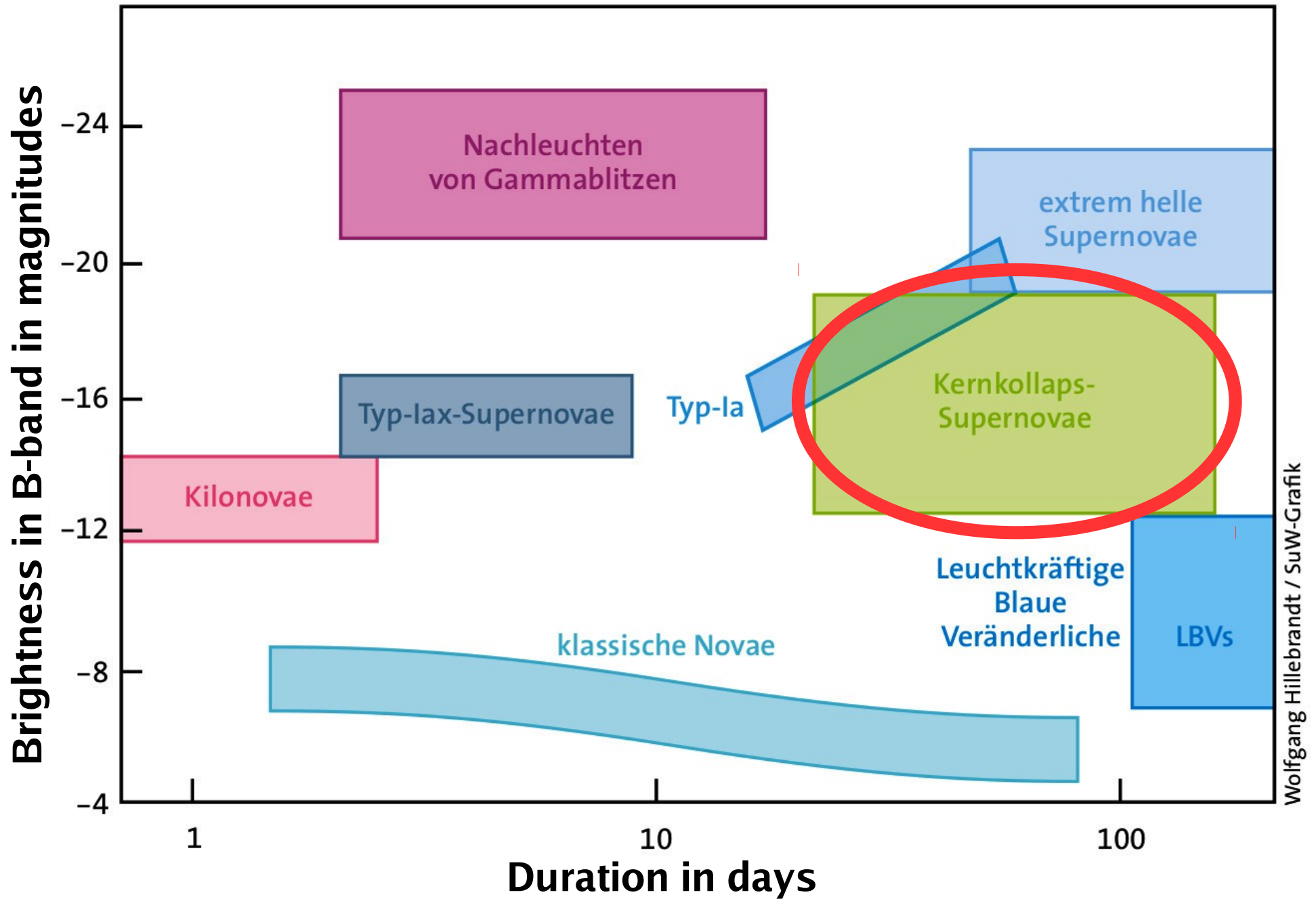
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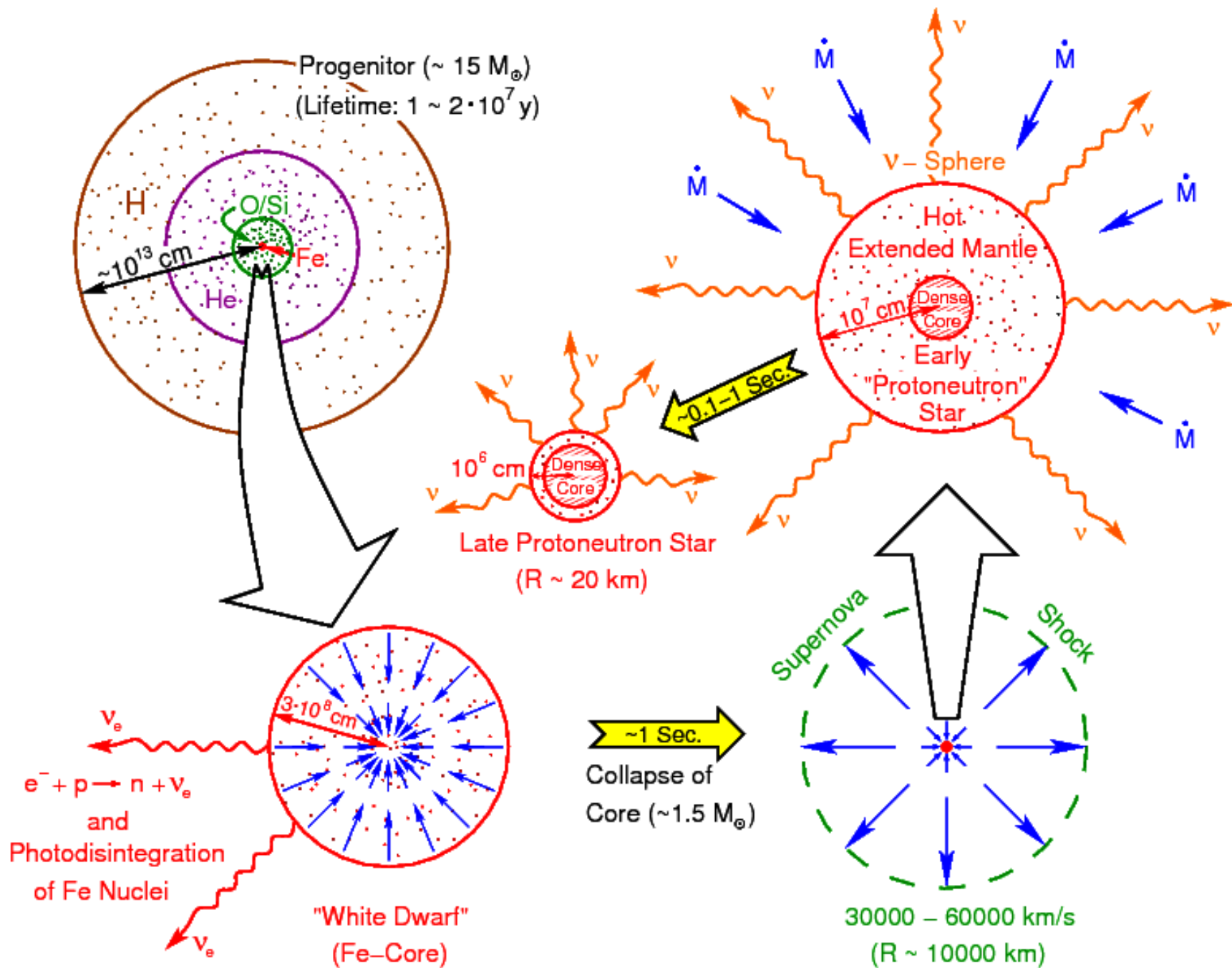
# Growing Diversity in the Zoo of "Transients"



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# Stellar Collapse and Supernova Stages



adapted from A. Burrows (1990)

# Neutrinos

play a crucial role!

They carry away the gravitational binding energy of the new-born NS:

$$E = f \cdot GM^2/R \sim \text{several } 10^{53} \text{ erg}$$

>100 times the SN explosion energy!

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Supernova 1987A 23.  
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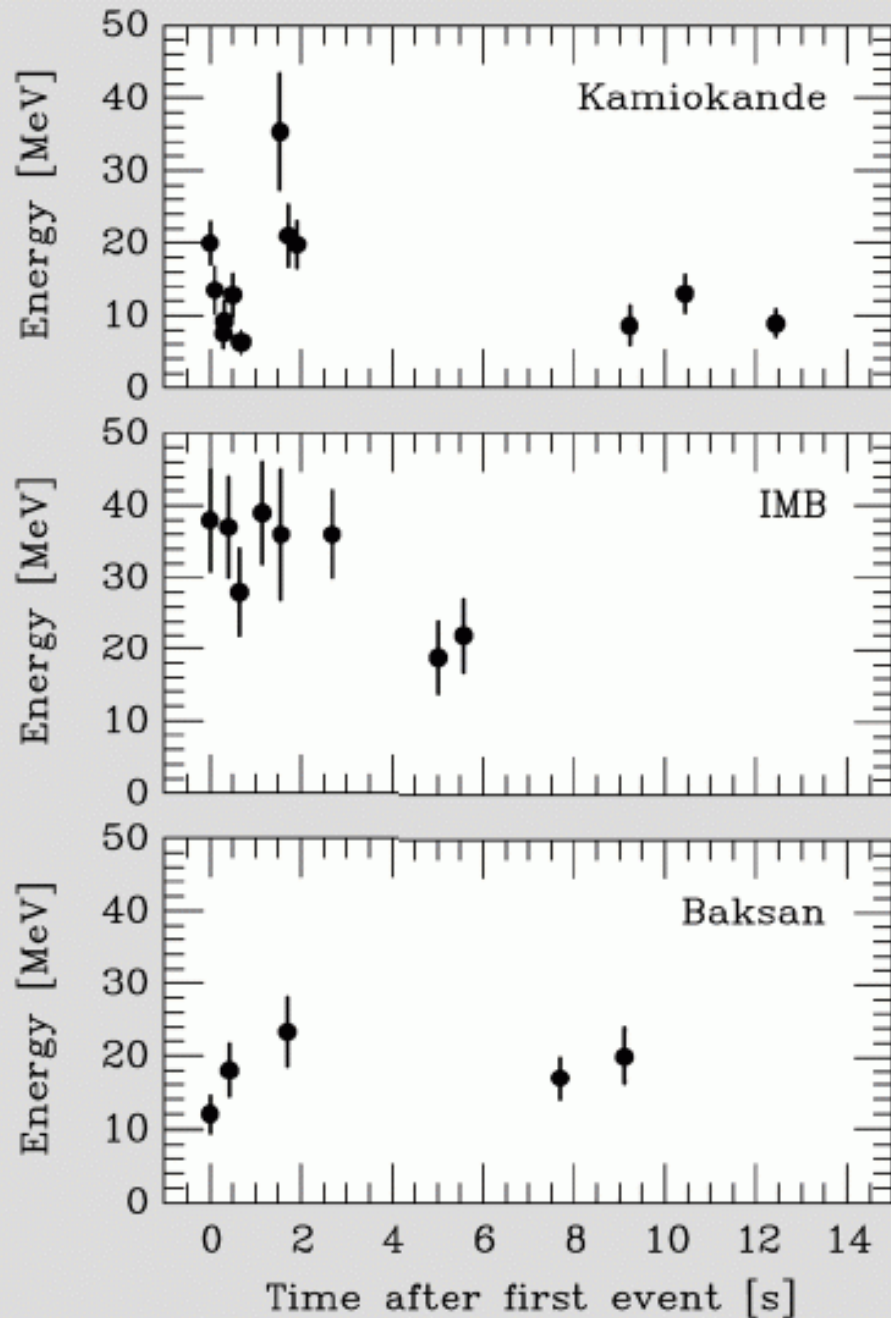


Supernova 1987A (SN 1987A)





# Neutrino Burst of Supernova 1987A



Kamiokande-II (Japan)  
Water Cherenkov detector  
2140 tons  
Clock uncertainty  $\pm 1$  min

Irvine-Michigan-Brookhaven (US)  
Water Cherenkov detector  
6800 tons  
Clock uncertainty  $\pm 50$  ms

Baksan Scintillator Telescope  
(Soviet Union), 200 tons  
Random event cluster  $\sim 0.7$ /day  
Clock uncertainty  $+2/-54$  s

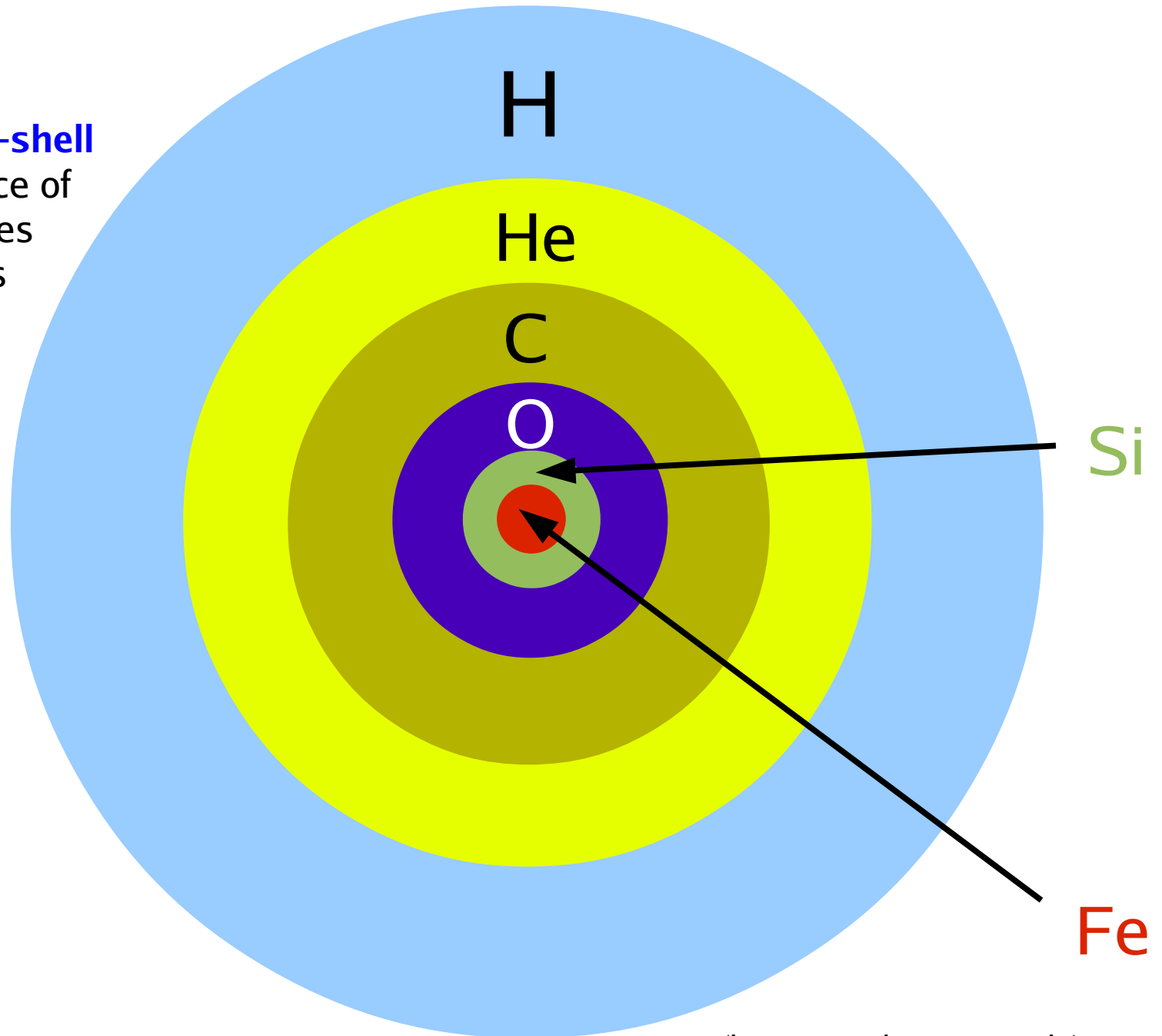
Within clock uncertainties,  
signals are contemporaneous

# Questions & Challenges

- **Core collapse SN explosion mechanism(s)**
- **SN explosion properties; explosion asymmetries, mixing, gaseous remnant properties**
- **NS/BH formation paths and probabilities (GW sources)**
- **NS/BH birth properties: masses, kicks, spins, magnetic fields**
- **Neutrino and gravitational-wave signals**
- **Neutrino flavor oscillations, sterile neutrinos, impact of Beyond Standard Model (BSM) physics**
- **Heavy-element formation; what are the sites of the r-process(es)?**
- **What is the equation of state (EOS) of ultra-dense matter?**

# Onion-shell structure of pre-collapse stars

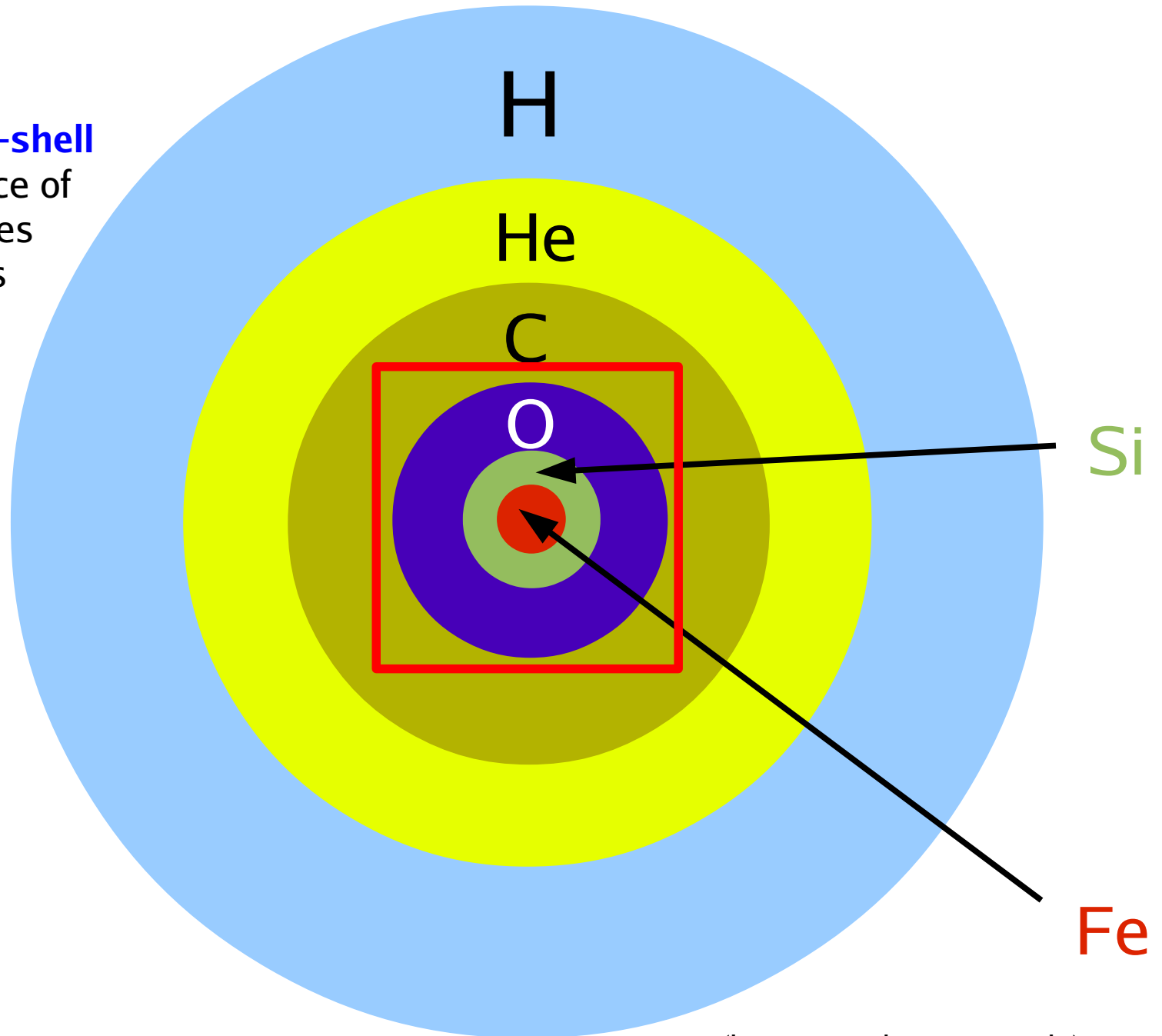
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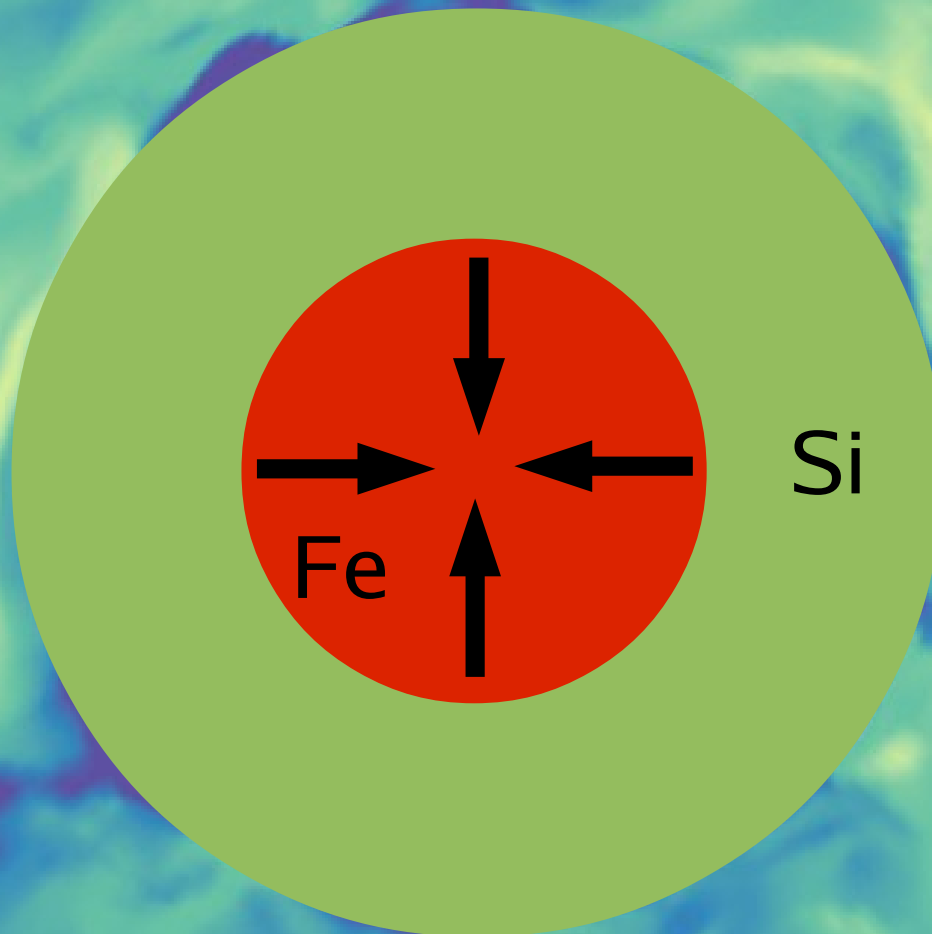
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# Gravitational instability of stellar core



Core bounce at nuclear density

Accretion

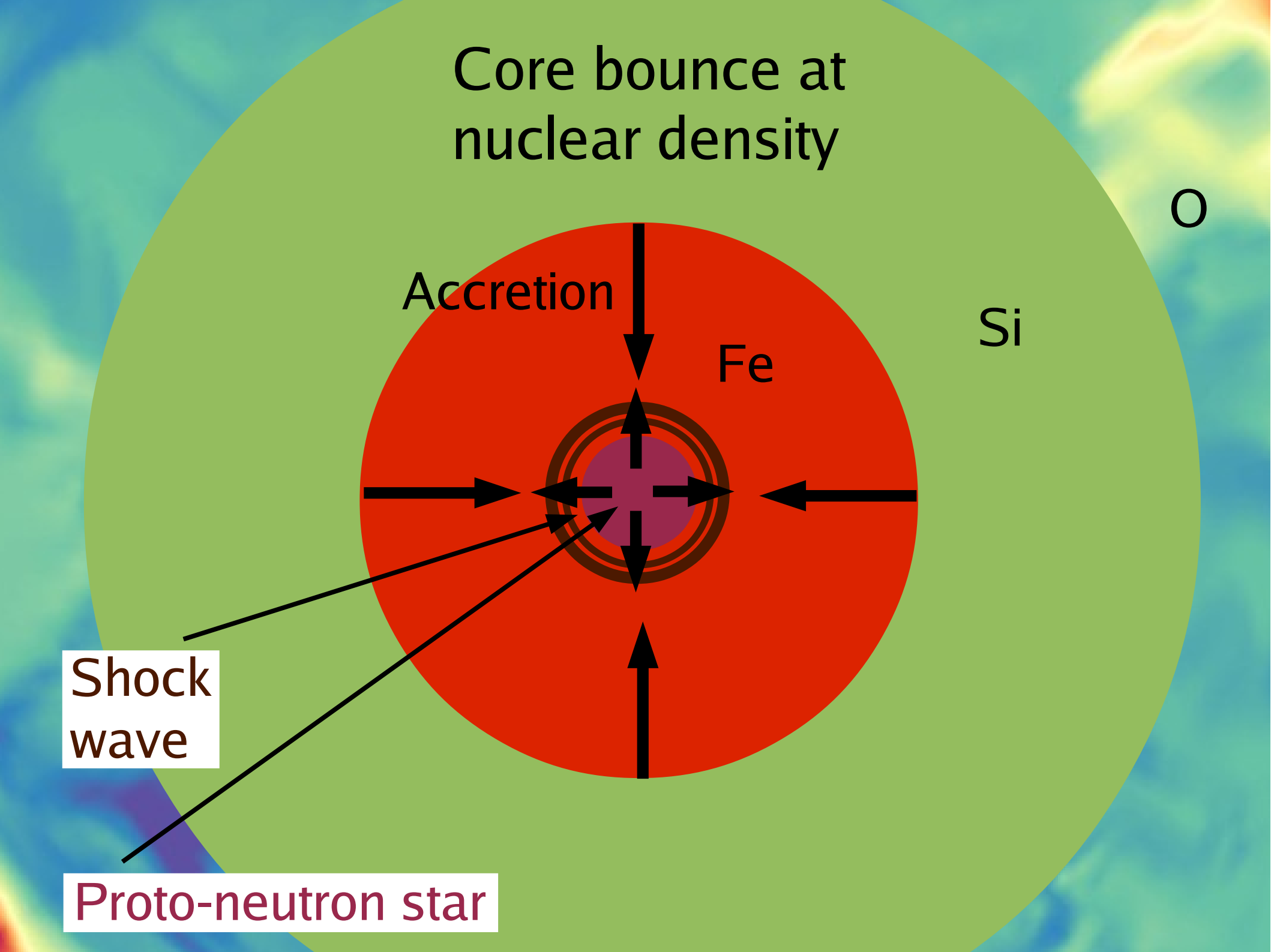
Fe

Si

O

Shock wave

Proto-neutron star



Shock stagnation

Accretion

O

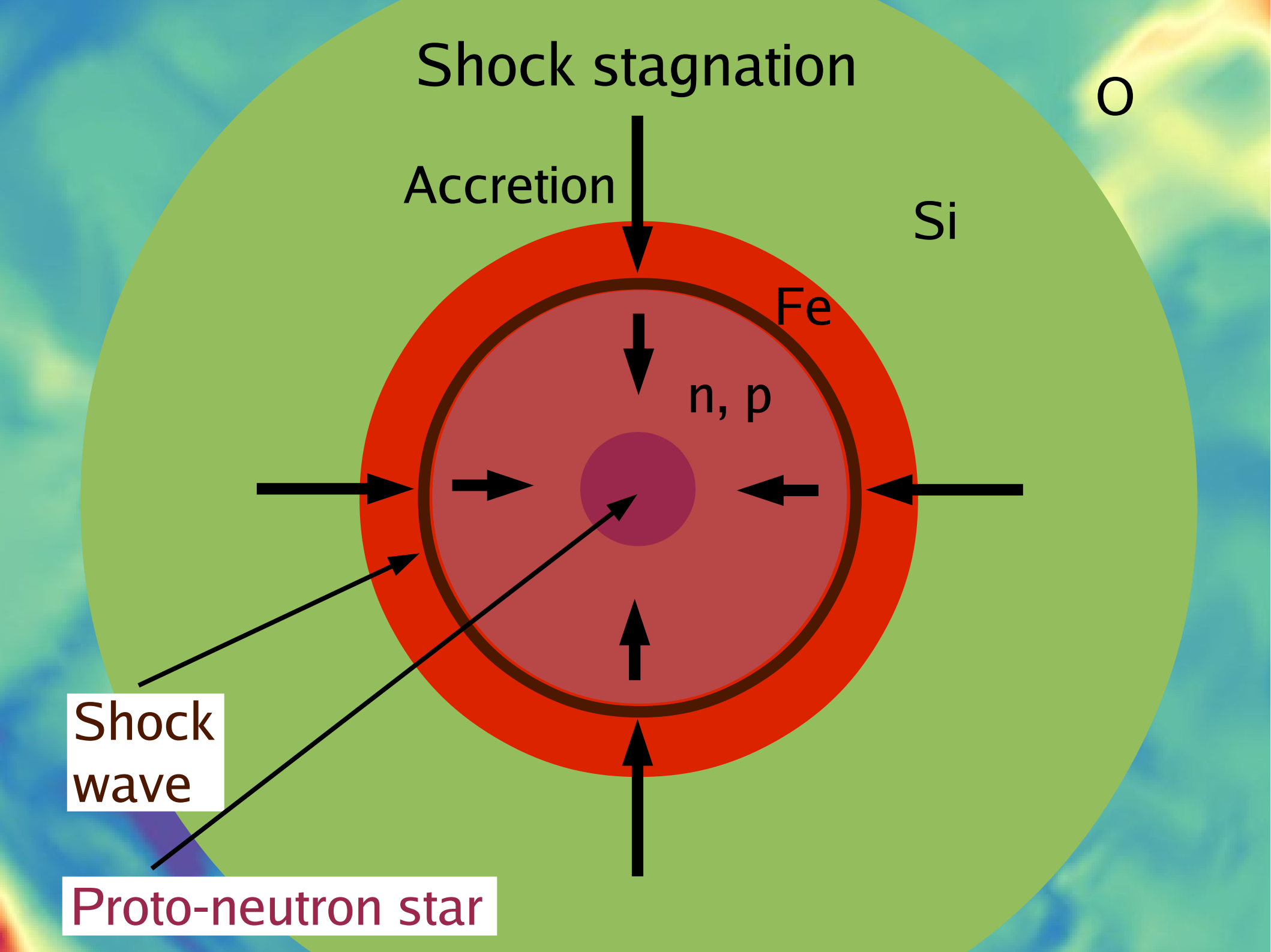
Si

Fe

n, p

Shock wave

Proto-neutron star



Neutrino heating

Accretion

O

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n, p

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Shock revival

O

Ni

n, p

n, p,  $\alpha$

$\nu$

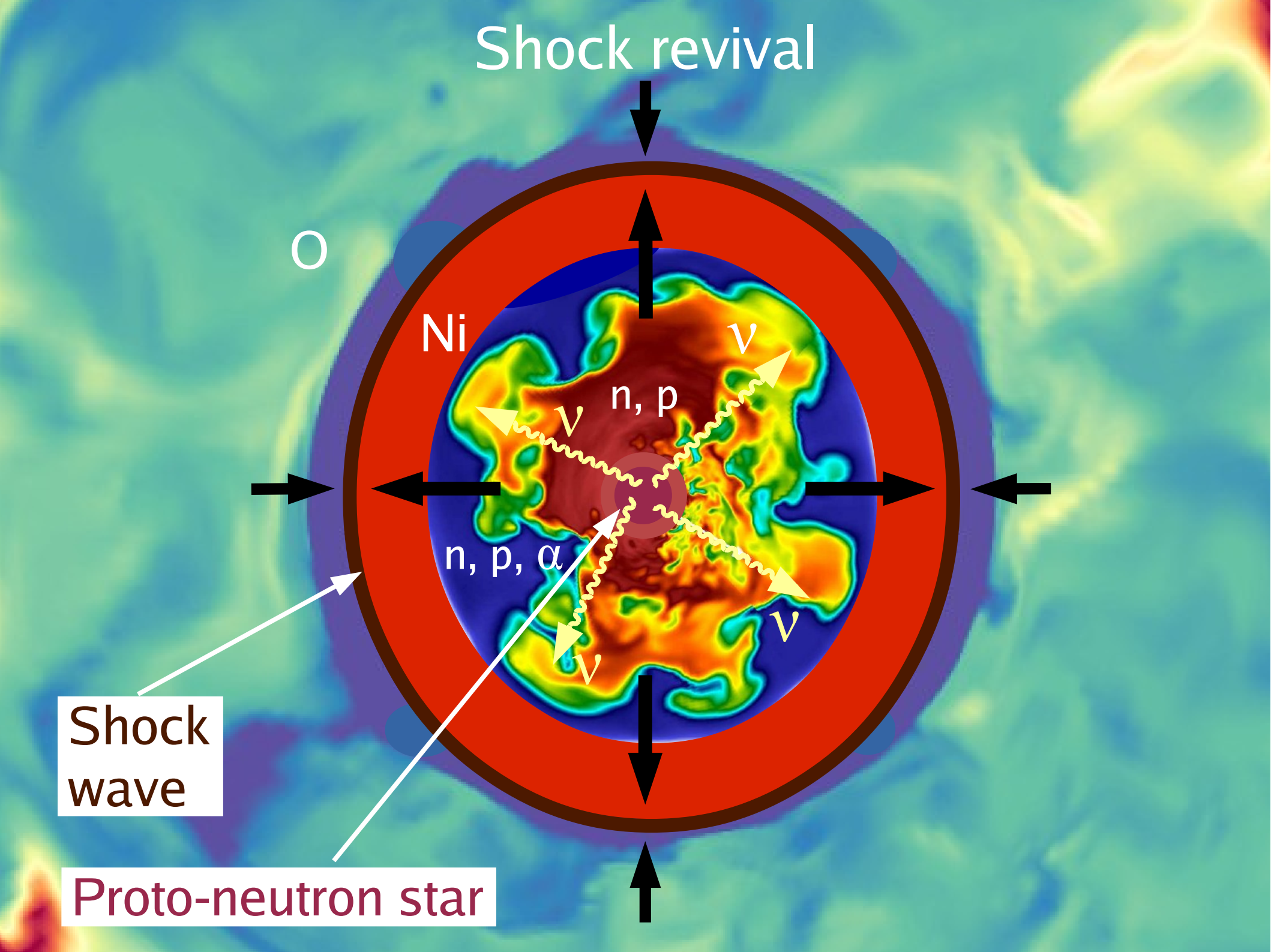
$\nu$

$\nu$

$\nu$

Shock wave

Proto-neutron star



# Explosion and nucleosynthesis

O

Ni

$n, p, \alpha,$   
 $(Z_k, N_k)$

$n, p$

$\nu$

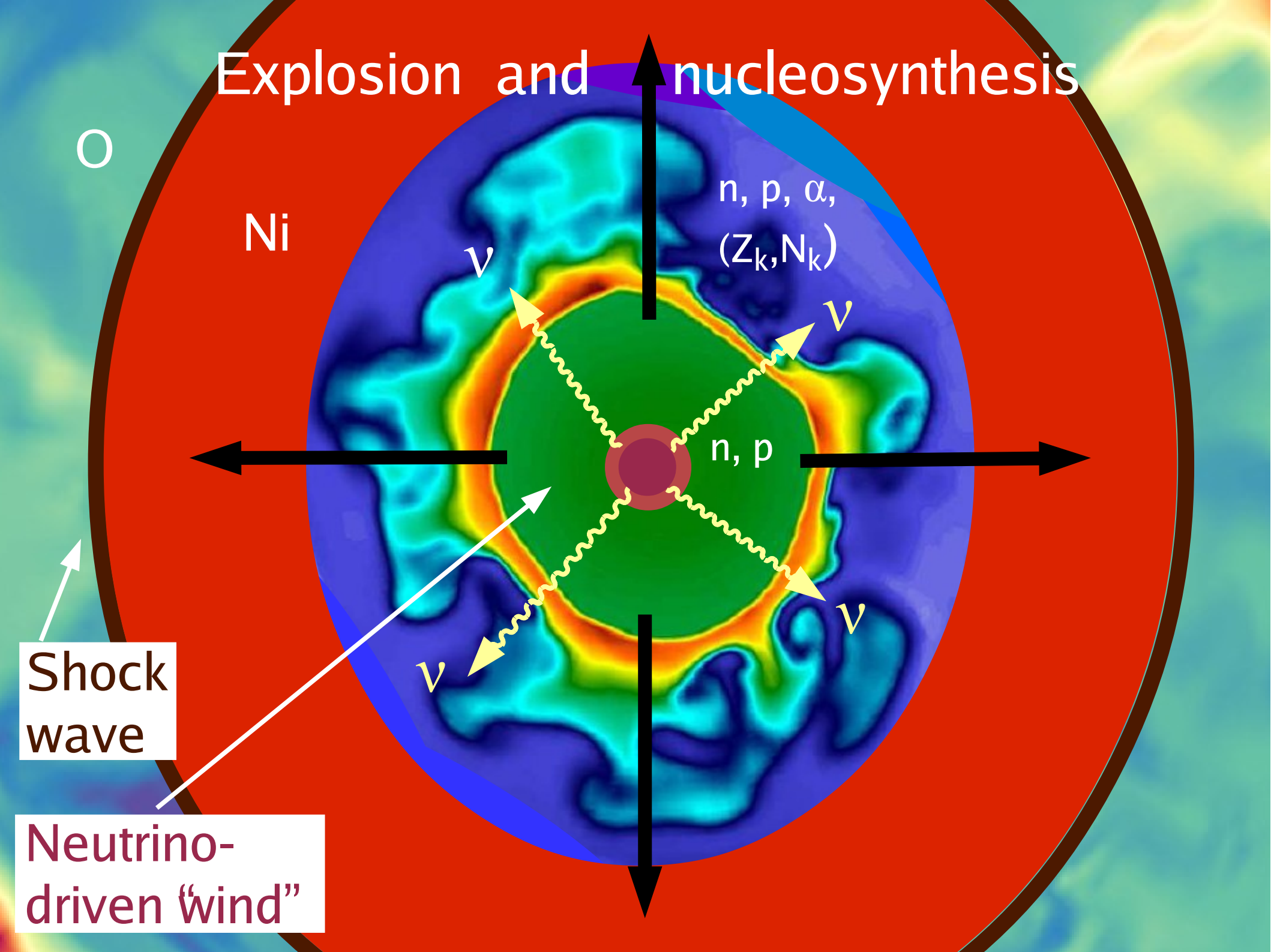
$\nu$

$\nu$

$\nu$

Shock wave

Neutrino-driven "wind"



# **Necessary Effort:**

**Self-consistent "ab-initio"  
3D neutrino-hydrodynamical  
simulations of  
neutrino-driven explosions**

# Predictions of Signals from SNe & NSs

hydrodynamics of stellar plasma

relativistic gravity

(nuclear) EoS

neutrino physics

progenitor conditions

dynamical models

neutrinos

LC, spectra

nucleosynthesis

gravitational waves

explosion asymmetries,  
pulsar kicks

explosion energies, remnant masses

# Improvements in Simulations since about 2000

- State-of-the-art neutrino transport methods (two-moment schemes with Eddington closure, Boltzmann solvers)
- More complete set of neutrino interactions with more consistent and accurate treatment of the reaction rates
- Modern nuclear equations of state for hot neutron star matter, compatible with all experimental and astrophysical constraints
- General relativistic gravity or well-tested approximate GR
- Modern progenitor models, partly 3D pre-collapse conditions
- 3D core-collapse and explosion modeling

# Neutrino Reactions in Supernovae

**Beta processes:**

- $e^- + p \rightleftharpoons n + \nu_e$
- $e^+ + n \rightleftharpoons p + \bar{\nu}_e$
- $e^- + A \rightleftharpoons \nu_e + A^*$

**Neutrino scattering:**

- $\nu + n, p \rightleftharpoons \nu + n, p$
- $\nu + A \rightleftharpoons \nu + A$
- $\nu + e^\pm \rightleftharpoons \nu + e^\pm$

**Thermal pair processes:**

- $N + N \rightleftharpoons N + N + \nu + \bar{\nu}$
- $e^+ + e^- \rightleftharpoons \nu + \bar{\nu}$

**Neutrino-neutrino reactions:**

- $\nu_x + \nu_e, \bar{\nu}_e \rightleftharpoons \nu_x + \nu_e, \bar{\nu}_e$   
( $\nu_x = \nu_\mu, \bar{\nu}_\mu, \nu_\tau, \text{ OR } \bar{\nu}_\tau$ )
- $\nu_e + \bar{\nu}_e \rightleftharpoons \nu_{\mu,\tau} + \bar{\nu}_{\mu,\tau}$

# Muons in Hot Neutron-Star Medium

- In proto-neutron stars temperatures of  $T > 30$  MeV and electron chemical potentials  $\mu_e > 100$  MeV can be reached.
- Muon abundance can become relevant ( $m_\mu c^2 \approx 105.66$  MeV).
- Additional reactions of neutrinos with muons need to be included and couple neutrinos of different flavors:

Neutrino reactions with muons.

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$$\nu + \mu^- \rightleftharpoons \nu' + \mu^{-'}$$

$$\nu_\mu + e^- \rightleftharpoons \nu_e + \mu^-$$

$$\nu_\mu + \bar{\nu}_e + e^- \rightleftharpoons \mu^-$$

$$\bar{\nu}_e + e^- \rightleftharpoons \bar{\nu}_\mu + \mu^-$$

$$\nu_\mu + n \rightleftharpoons p + \mu^-$$

$$\nu + \mu^+ \rightleftharpoons \nu' + \mu^{+'}$$

$$\bar{\nu}_\mu + e^+ \rightleftharpoons \bar{\nu}_e + \mu^+$$

$$\bar{\nu}_\mu + \nu_e + e^+ \rightleftharpoons \mu^+$$

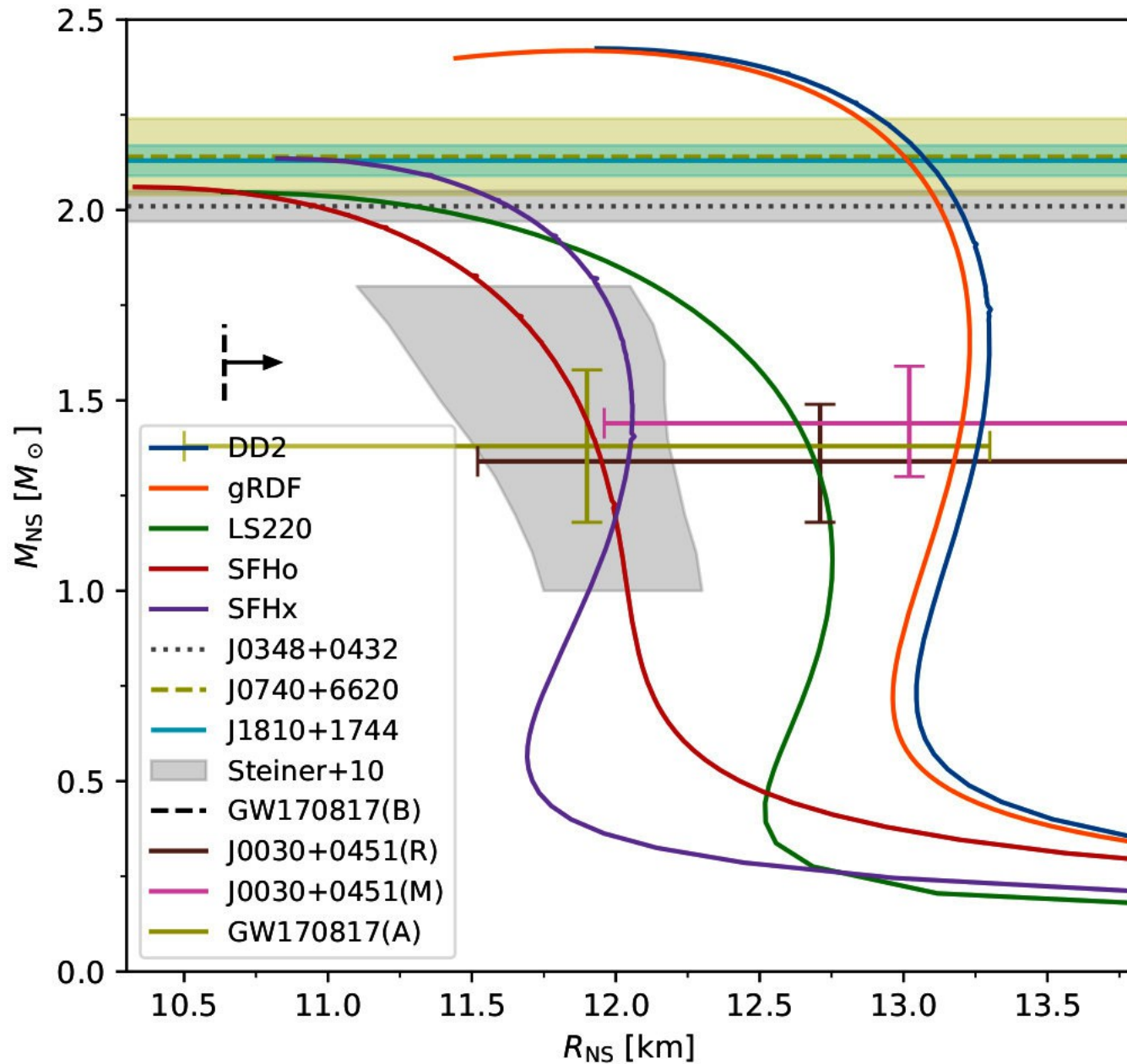
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$$\bar{\nu}_\mu + p \rightleftharpoons n + \mu^+$$

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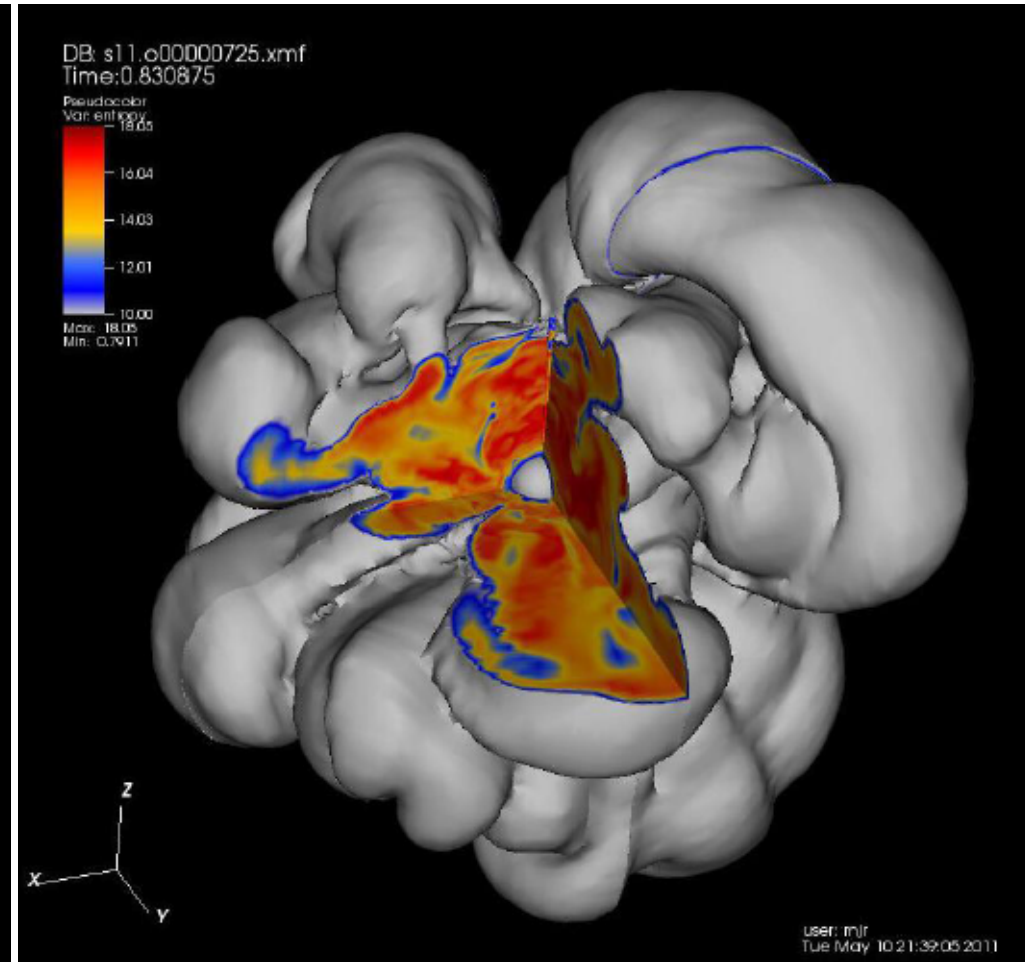
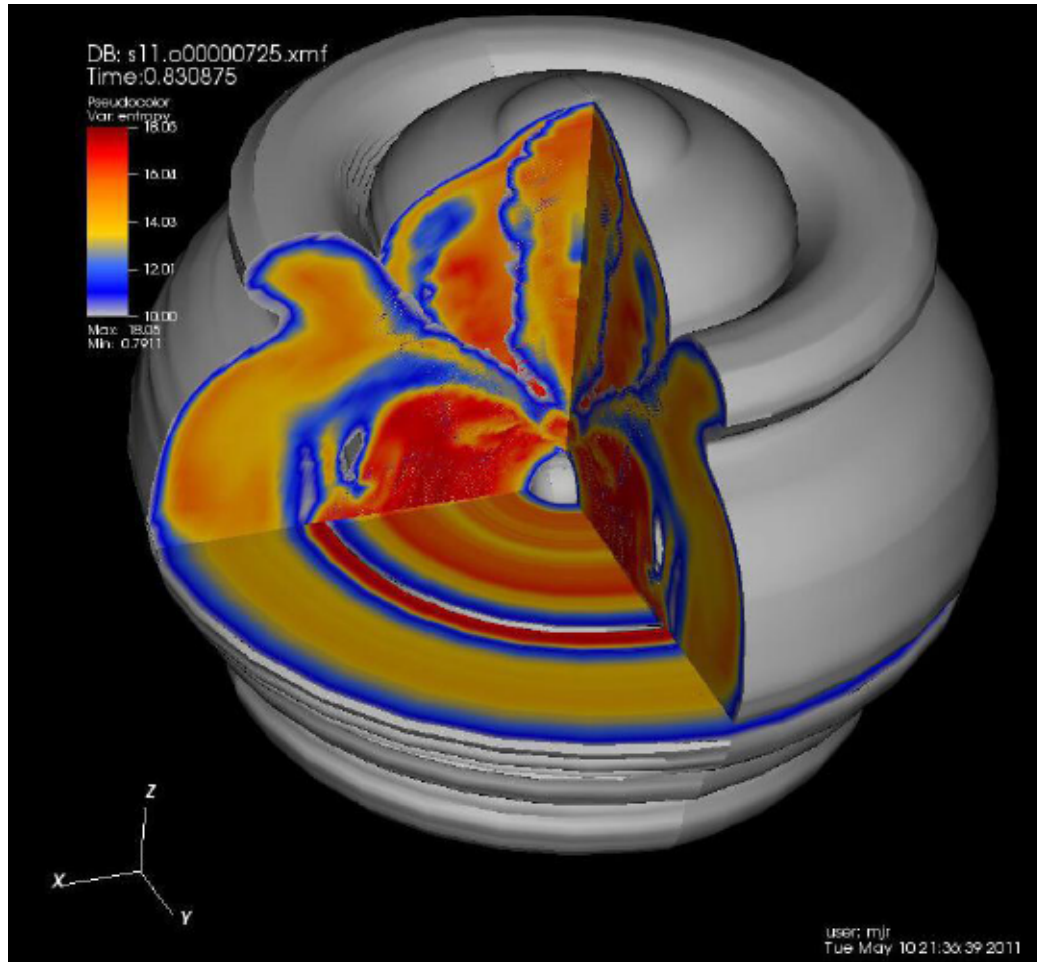
# Nuclear Equations of State & Constraints



Courtesy of M. Heinlein, Master Thesis, TUM 2022



# 2D and 3D Morphology

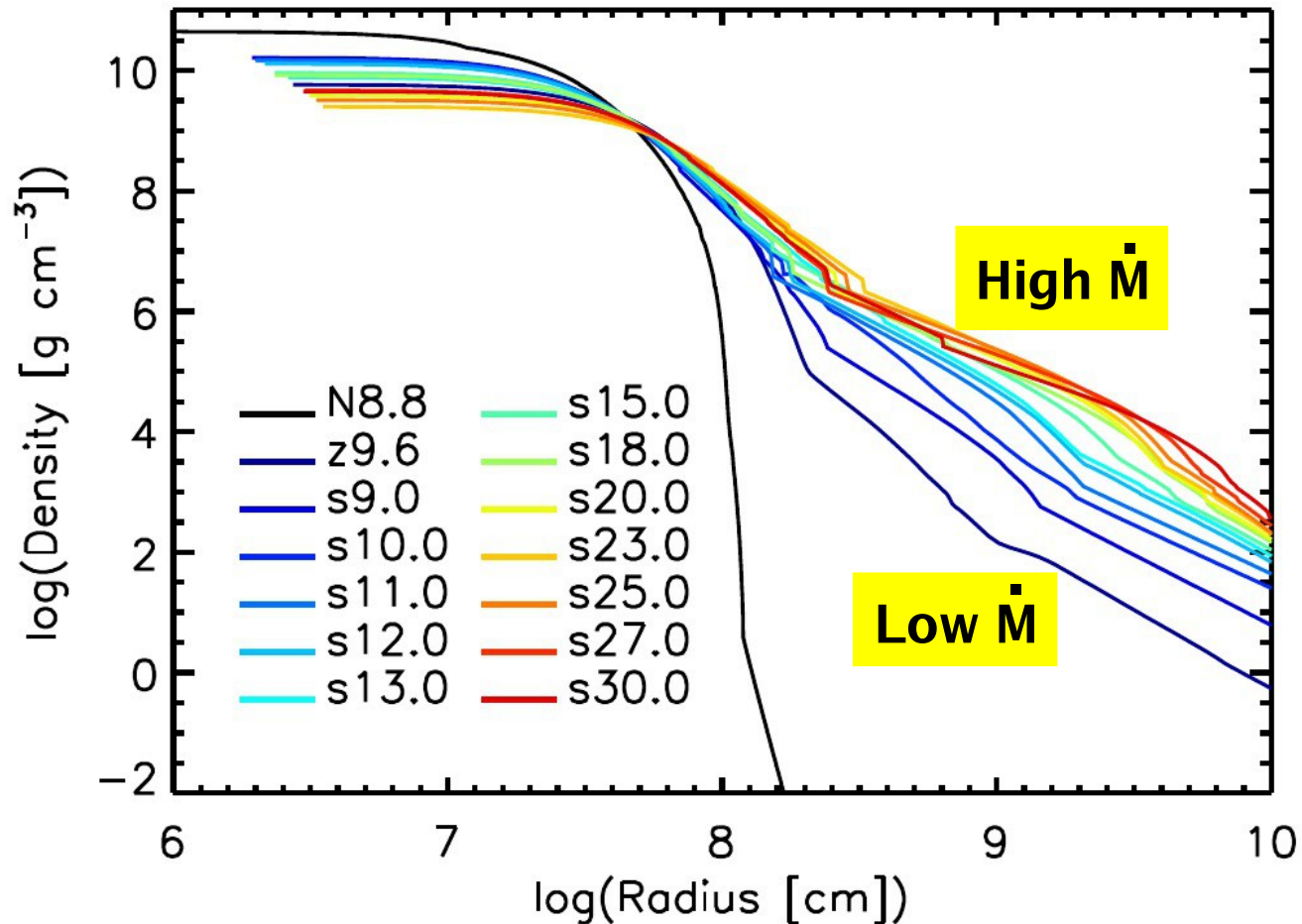


(Images from Markus Rampp, RZG)

**3D Simulations with  
Modern Physics:  
First Successful Explosions**

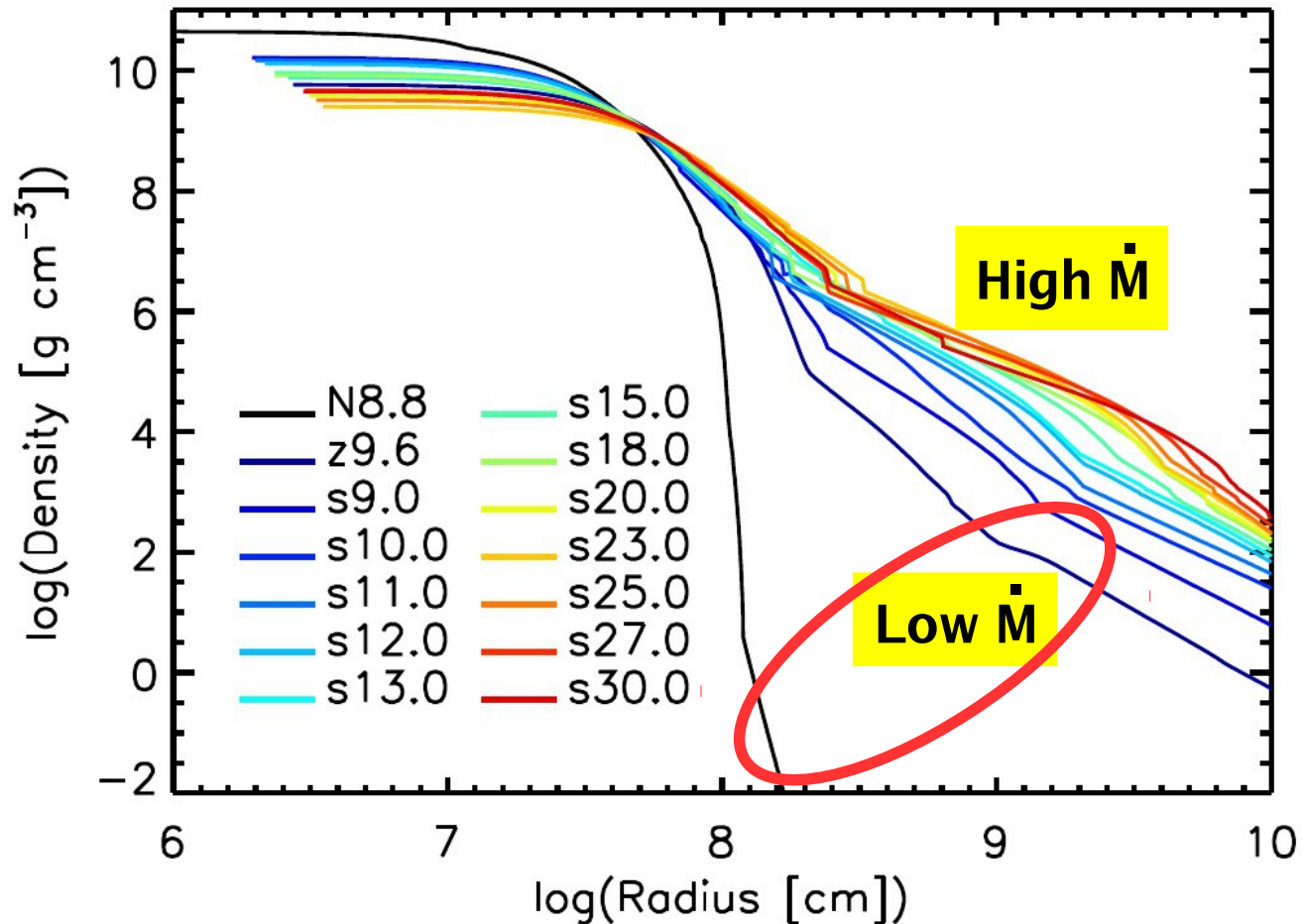
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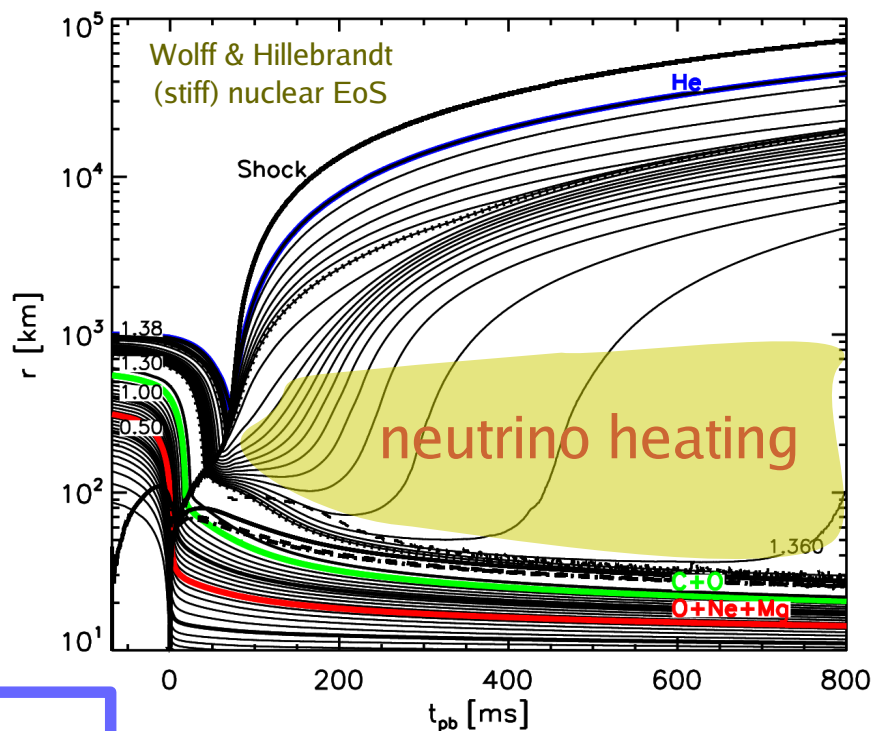
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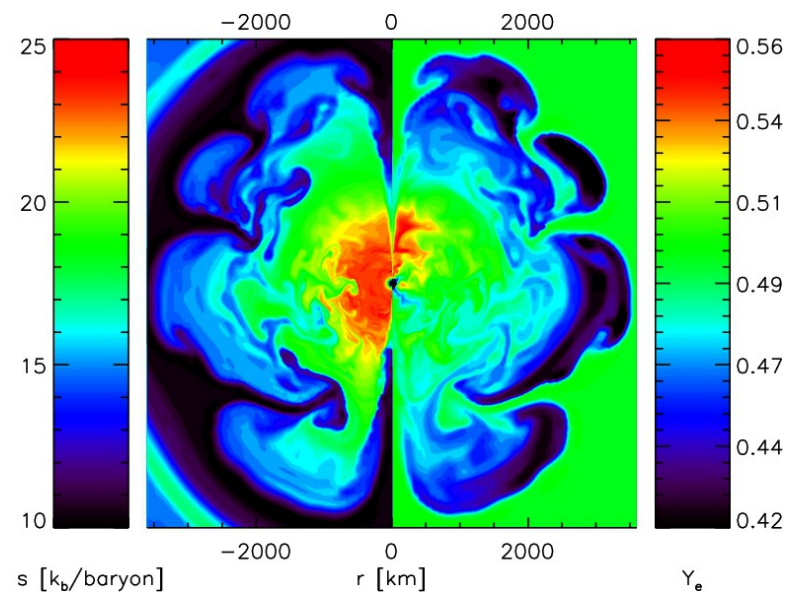


# 2D and 3D Electron-Capture SN Models

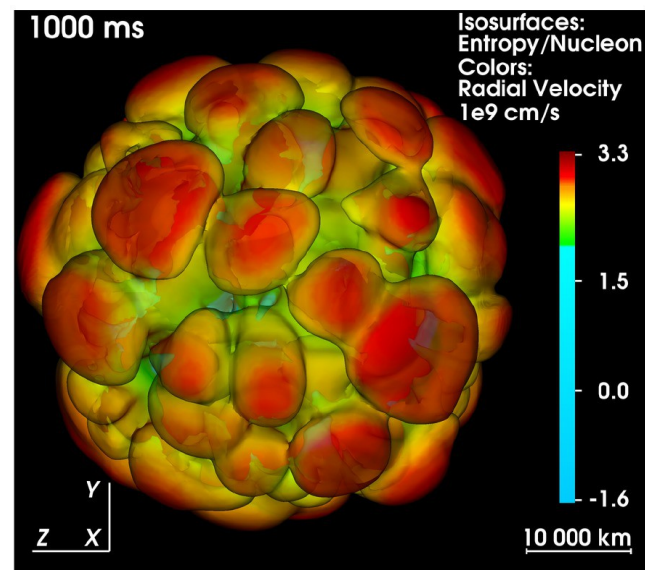
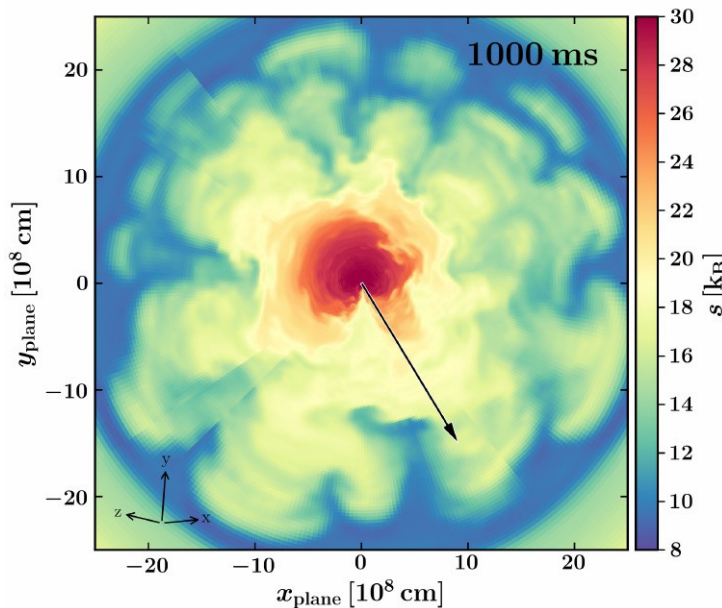
**ECSNe:**  
Explosions of  
low-mass stars  
( $\sim 9 M_{\text{sun}}$ ) with  
O-Ne-Mg cores



Kitaura et al., A&A 450 (2006) 345;  
Janka et al., A&A 485 (2008) 199



$E_{\text{exp}} \sim 10^{50}$  erg  
= 0.1 bethe  
 $M_{\text{Ni}} \sim 0.003 M_{\text{sun}}$



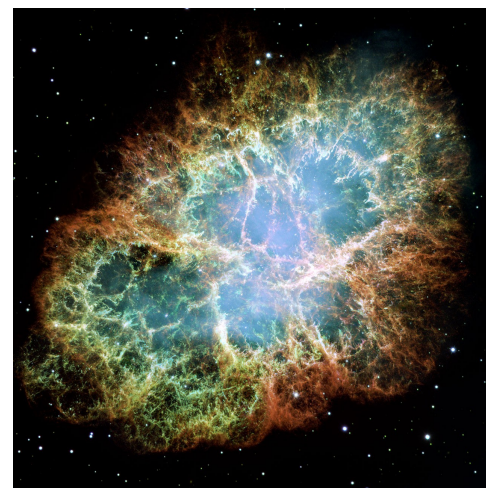
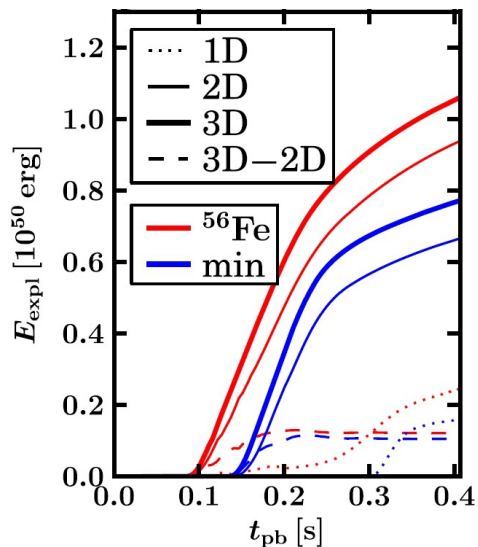
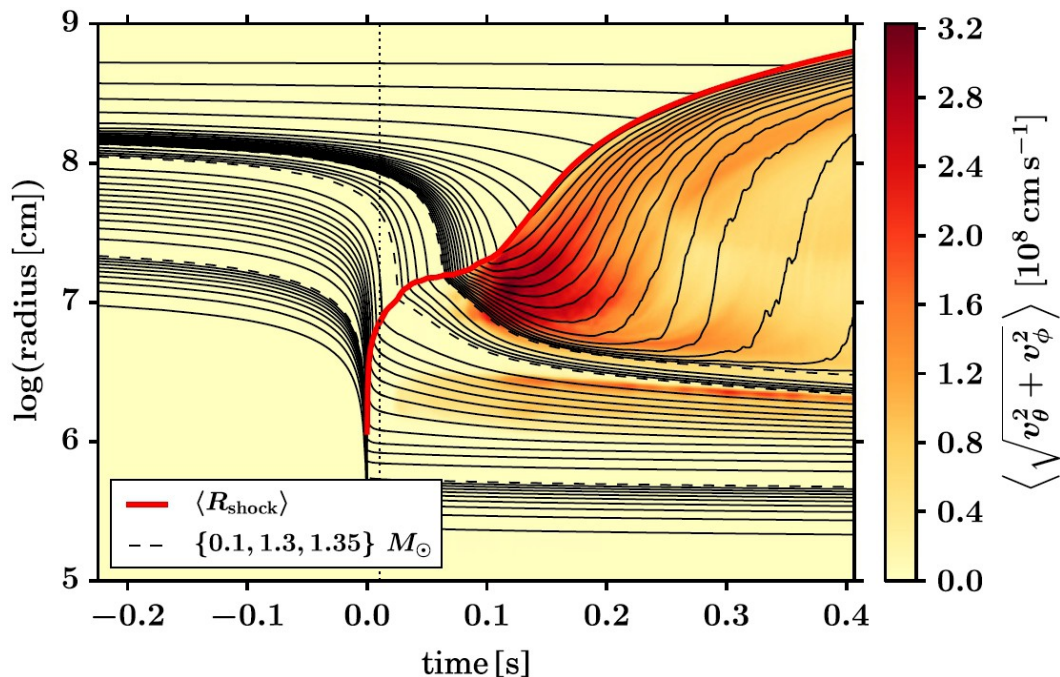
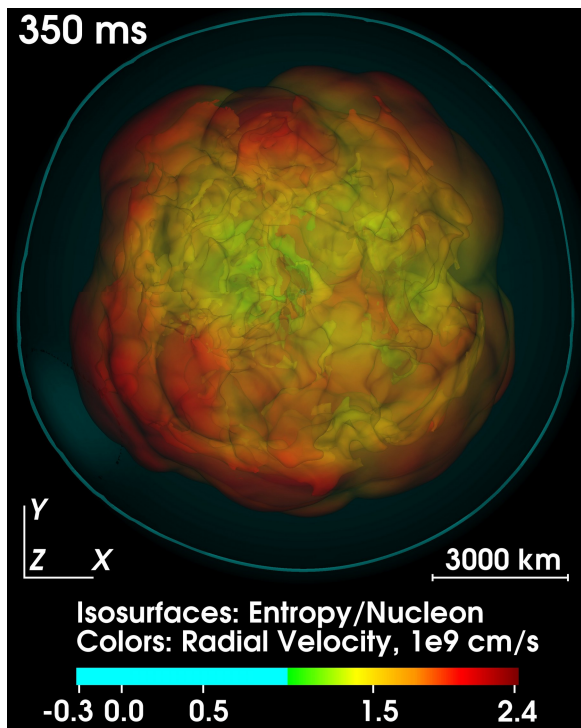
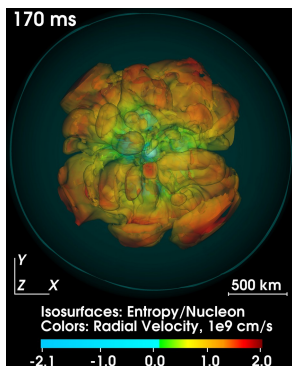
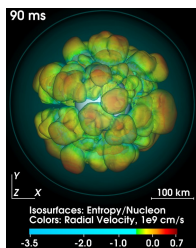
Gessner & Janka,  
ApJ 865 (2018) 61

# 3D Core-Collapse SN Explosion Models

9.6  $M_{\text{sun}}$  (zero-metallicity) progenitor (Heger 2010)

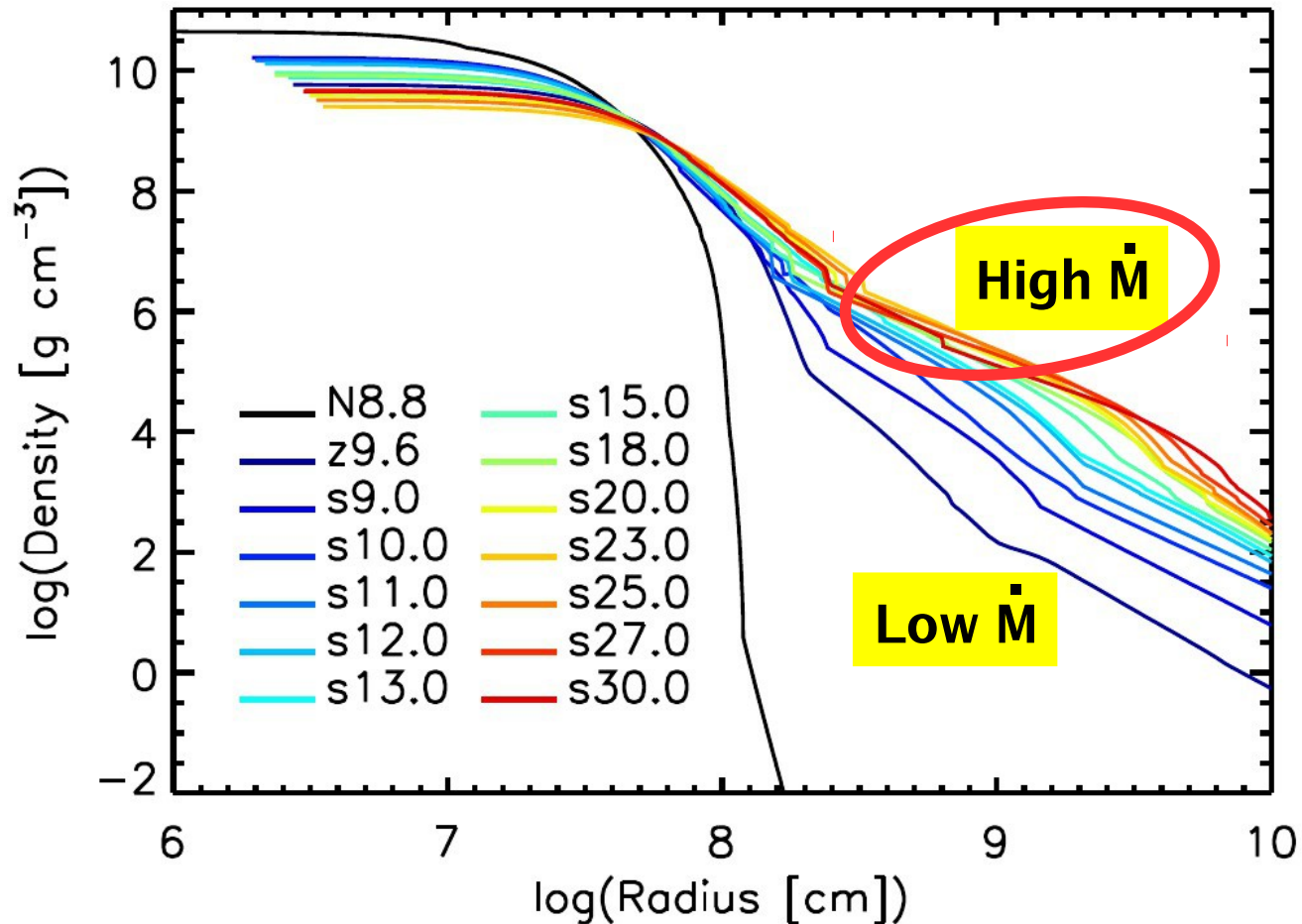
Fe-core progenitor (Heger 2012) with ECSN-like density profile and explosion behavior.

Melson et al.,  
ApJL 801 (2015) L24



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# 3D Core-Collapse SN Explosion Models

20  $M_{\text{sun}}$  (solar-metallicity) progenitor (Woosley & Heger 2007)

Explore uncertain aspects of microphysics in neutrinospheric region:  
 Example: strangeness contribution to nucleon spin, affecting axial-vector neutral-current scattering of neutrinos on nucleons

$$\frac{d\sigma_0}{d\Omega} = \frac{G_F^2 \epsilon^2}{4\pi^2} \left[ c_v^2 (1 + \cos \theta) + c_a^2 (3 - \cos \theta) \right], \quad (1)$$

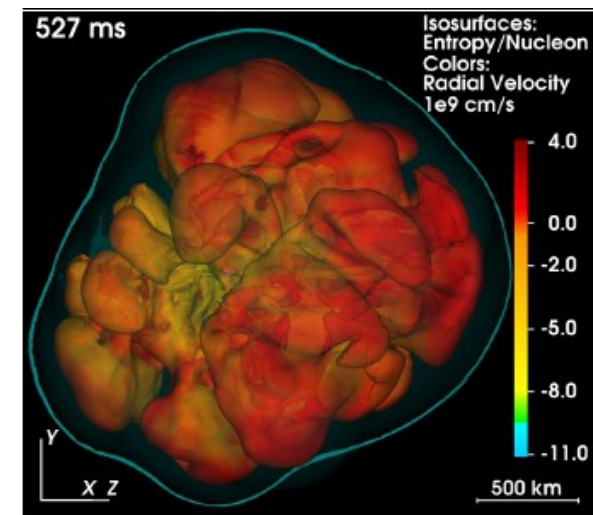
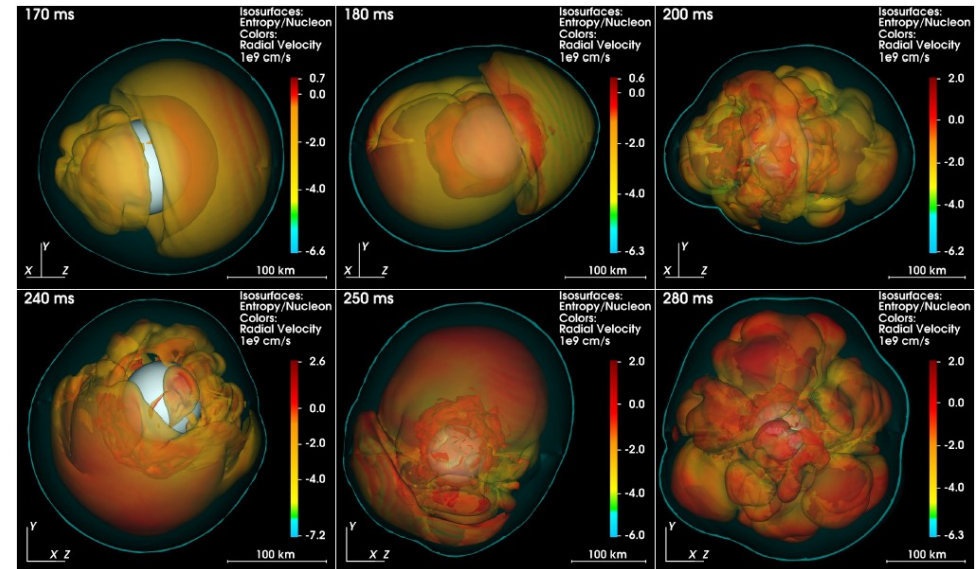
$$\sigma_0^t = \int_{4\pi} d\Omega \frac{d\sigma_0}{d\Omega} (1 - \cos \theta) = \frac{2G_F^2 \epsilon^2}{3\pi} \left( c_v^2 + 5c_a^2 \right). \quad (2)$$

$$c_a = \frac{1}{2} (\pm g_a - g_a^s), \quad (3)$$

We use:  
 $g_a = 1.26$   
 $g_a^s = -0.2$

Currently favored theoretical & experimental (HERMES, COMPASS) value:  
 $g_a^s \sim -0.1$

Effective reduction of neutral-current neutrino-nucleon scattering by ~15%



Melson et al., ApJL 808 (2015) L42



# 3D CCSN Explosion Model with Rotation

15  $M_{\text{sun}}$  rotating progenitor

(Heger, Woosley & Spruit 2005)

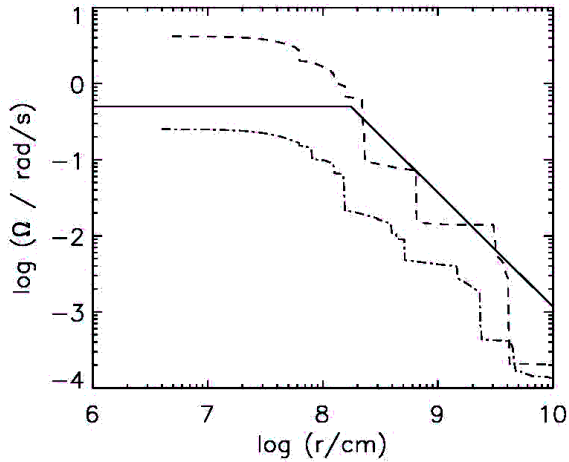
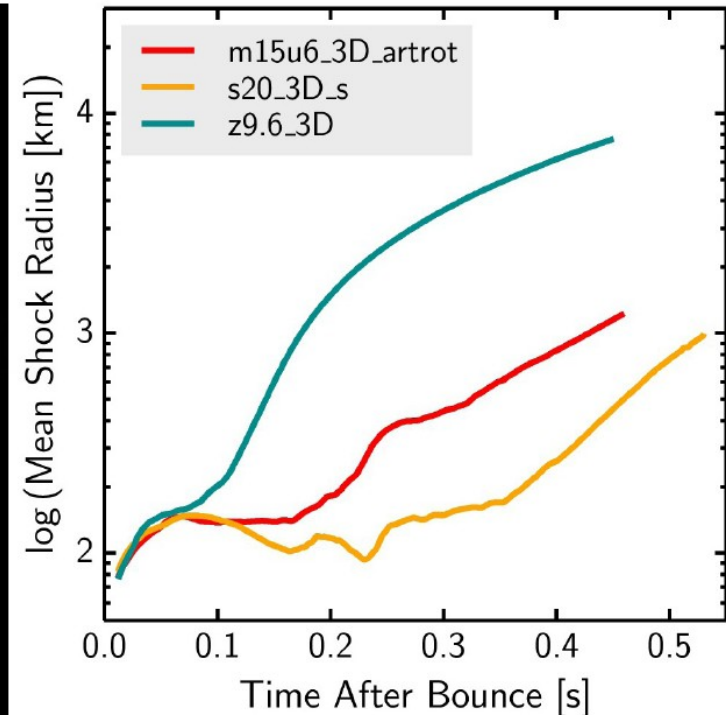
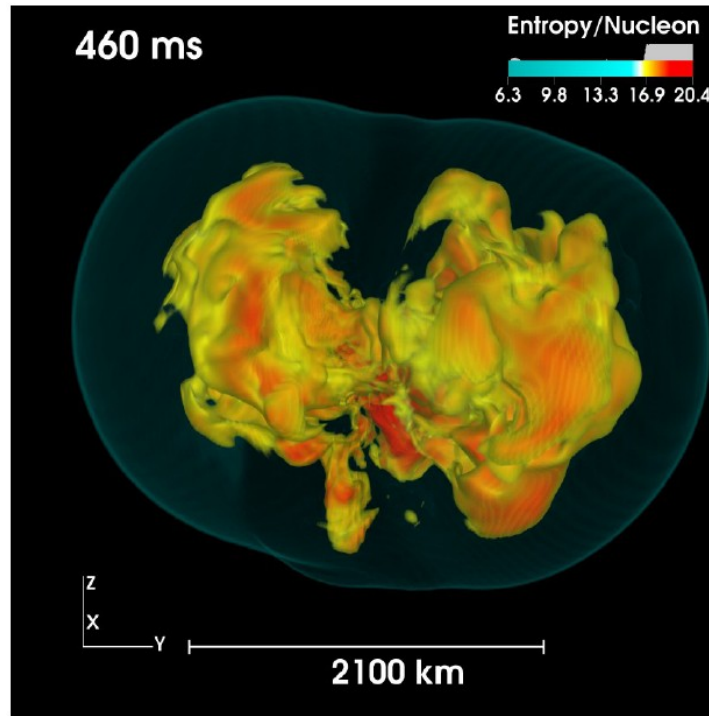


FIG. 1.—Angular velocity  $\Omega$  as a function of radius  $r$  for the rotating  $15 M_{\odot}$  presupernova model (dashed curve) of Heger, Langer, & Woosley (2000), for the magnetic rotating  $15 M_{\odot}$  presupernova model (dash-dotted curve) of Heger et al. (2004), and for our rotating model s15r (solid curve).

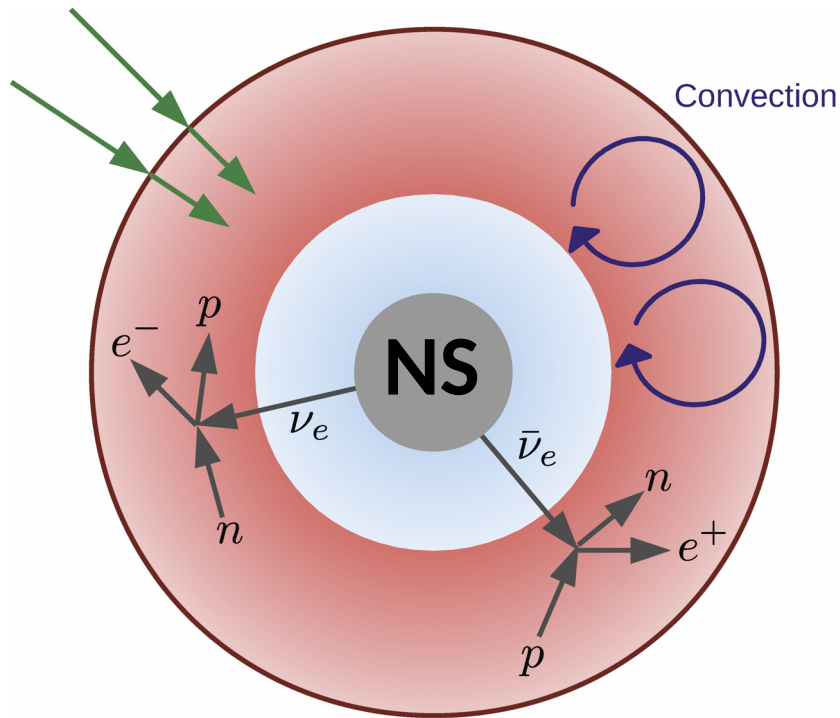
Explosion occurs for angular velocity of Fe-core of 0.5 rad/s, rotation period of  $\sim 12$  seconds (several times faster than predicted for magnetized progenitor by Heger et al. 2005). Produces a neutron star with spin period of  $\sim 1\text{--}2$  ms.

Janka, Melson & Summa,  
ARNPS 66 (2016);  
Summa et al., ApJ 852 (2018) 28

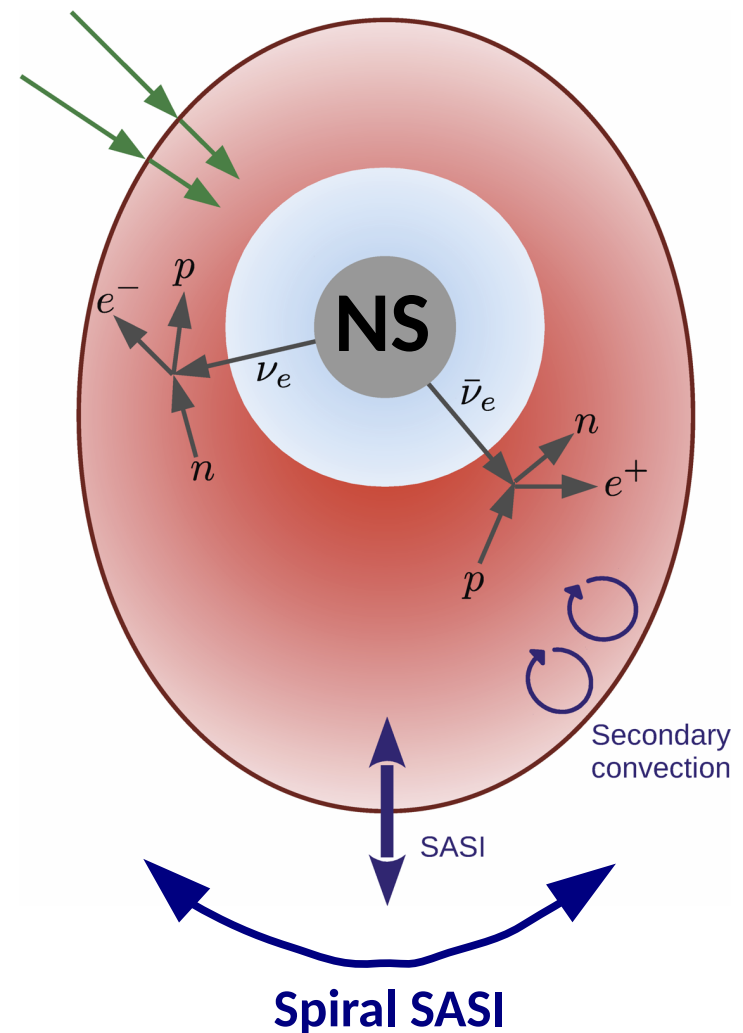


# Nonradial Hydrodynamic Instabilities

**Convection**  
Convective Overturn



**SASI**  
Standing accretion shock instability



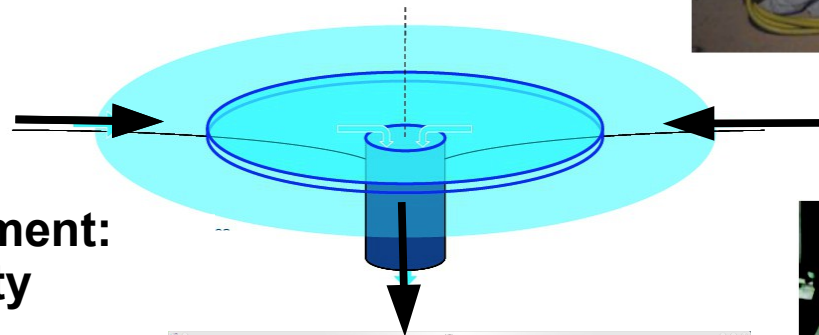
Images: Tobias Melson

# Laboratory Astrophysics

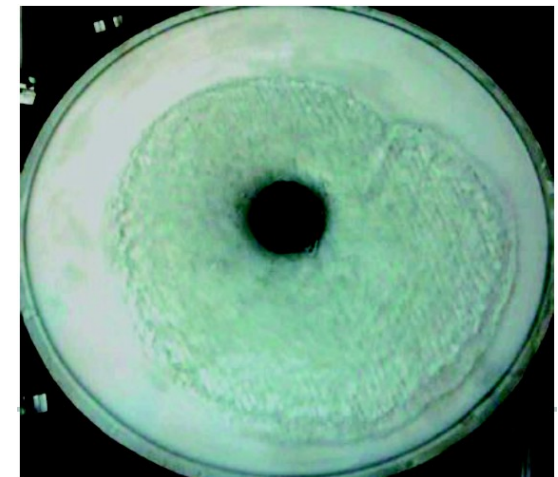
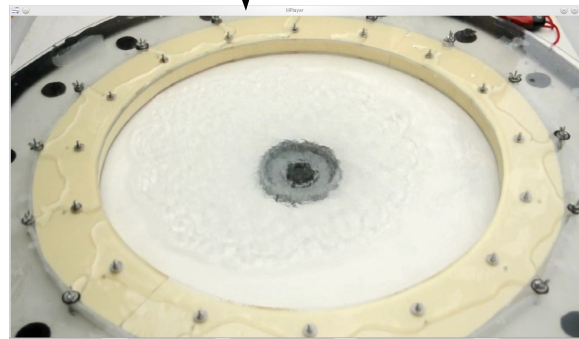
**"SWASI" Instability** as an analogue of SASI in the supernova core

Foglizzo et al., PRL 108 (2012) 051103;

Sebold et al., Phys. Rev. E 102 (2020) 063103; Günzkofer & Manz, Phys. Rev. Fluids 6 (2021) 05441



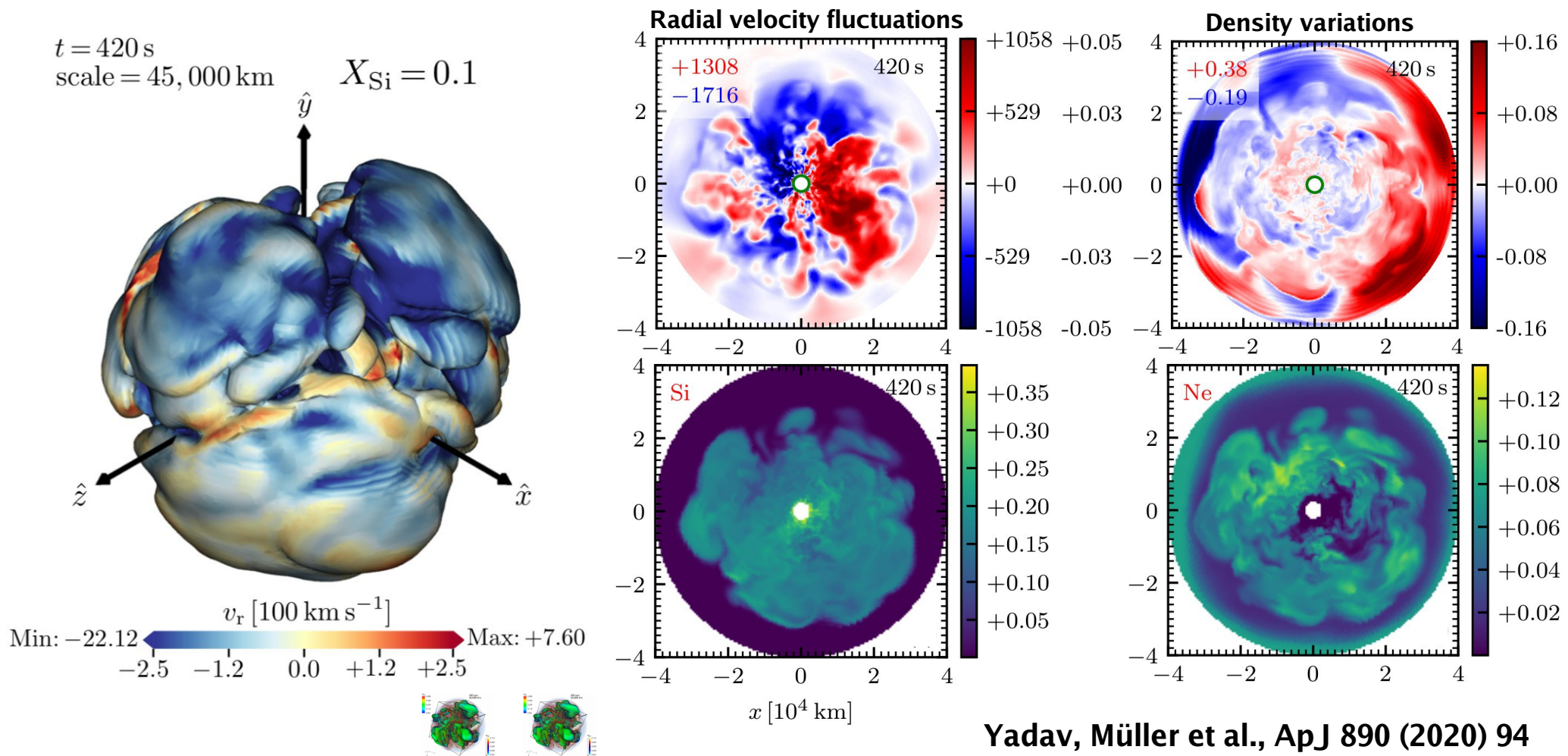
**Constraint of experiment:  
No convective activity**



**Pre-collapse  
3D Asymmetries  
in Progenitors**

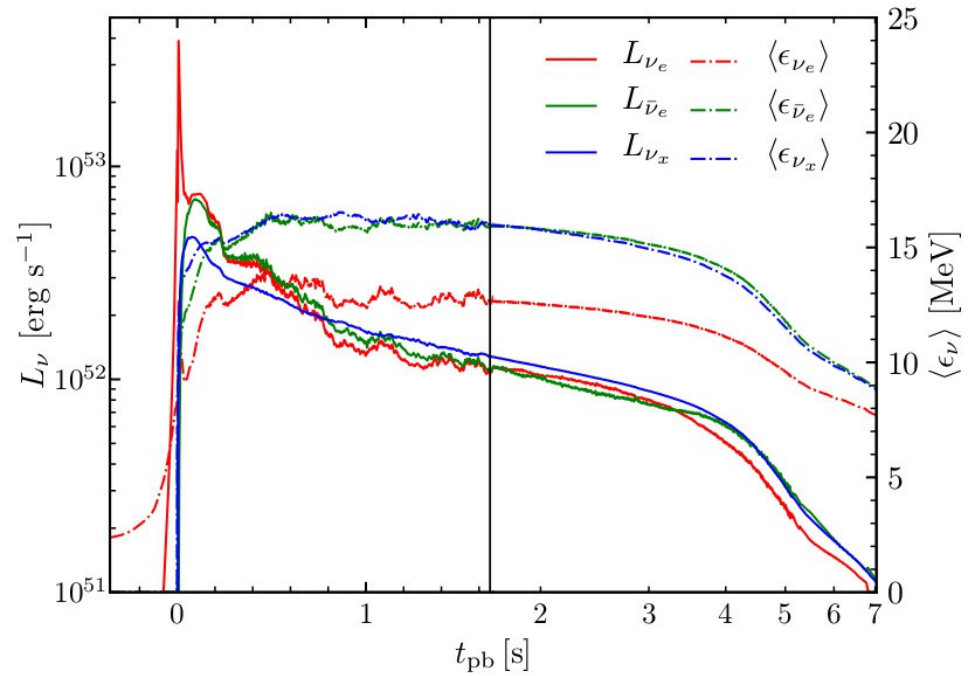
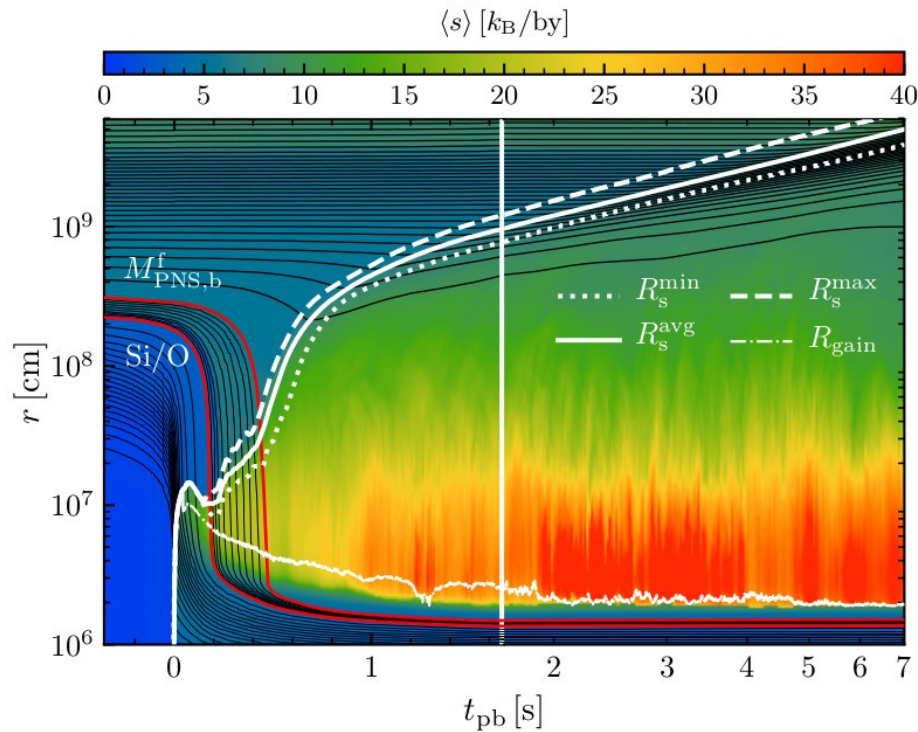
# Neon-oxygen-shell Merger in a 3D Pre-collapse Star of $\sim 19 M_{\text{sun}}$

Flash of Ne+O burning creates large-scale asymmetries in density, velocity, Si/Ne composition

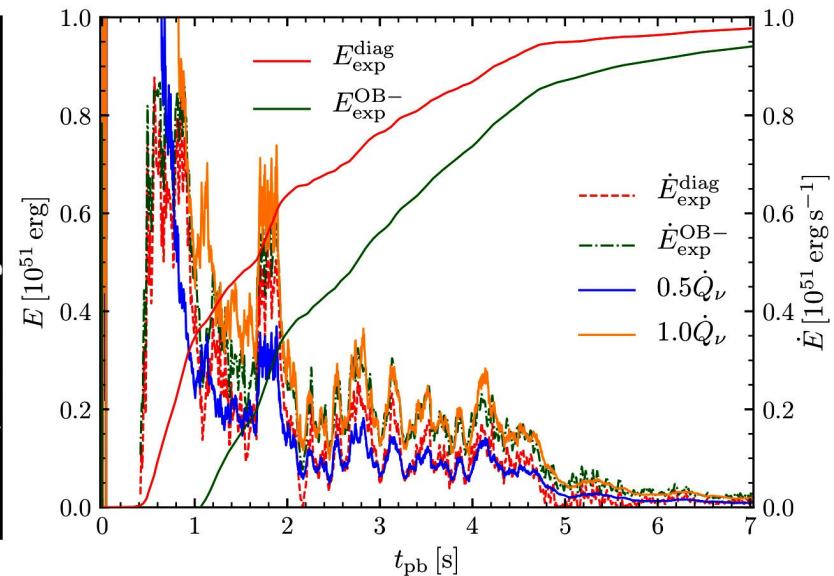
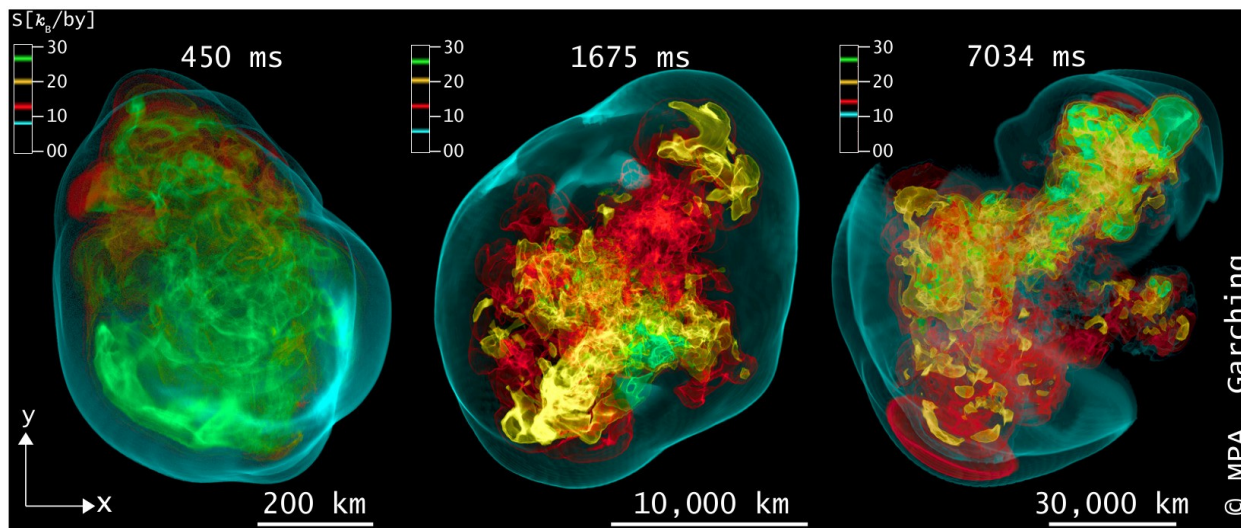


# 3D Explosion of $\sim 19 M_{\text{sun}}$ Star

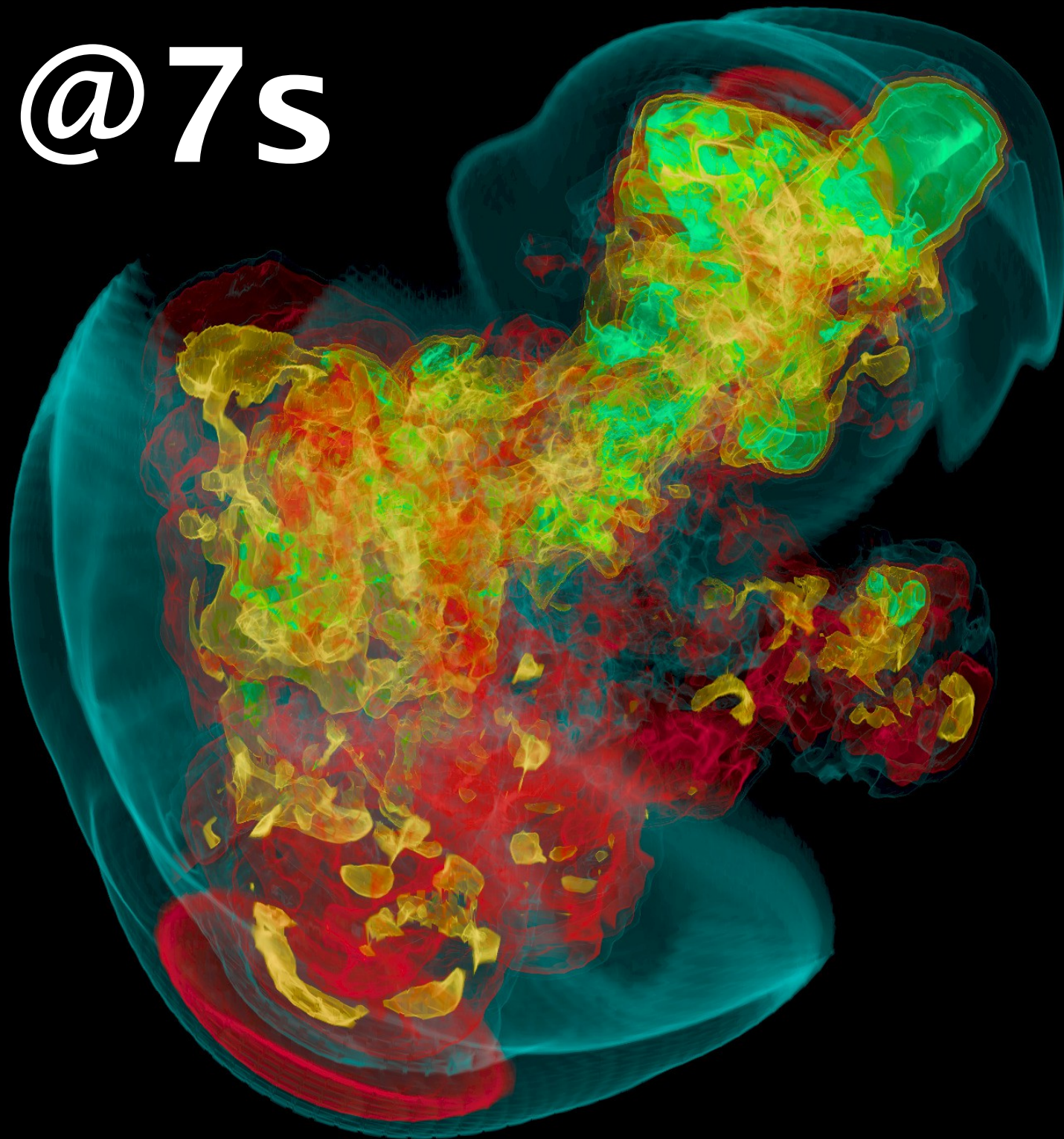
Explosion energy saturates at  $10^{51}$  ergs after 7 seconds



R. Bollig et al., arXiv:2010.10506



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# 3D Core-Collapse SN Explosion Models

**Garching/QUB/Monash** (Melson+ ApJL 2015a,b; Müller 2016; Janka+ ARNPS 2016, Müller+ MNRAS 2017, Summa+ ApJ 2018, Glas+ ApJ 2019):

9.6, 20  $M_{\text{sun}}$  nonrotating progenitors (Heger 2012; Woosley & Heger 2007)

18  $M_{\text{sun}}$  nonrotating progenitor (Heger 2015)

15  $M_{\text{sun}}$  **rotating** progenitor (Heger, Woosley & Smit 2005, modified rotation)

9.0  $M_{\text{sun}}$  nonrotating progenitor (Woosley & Heger 2015)

~19.0  $M_{\text{sun}}$  nonrotating progenitor (Sukhbold, Woosley, Heger 2018)

**Monash/QUB** (Müller+ MNRAS 2018, Müller+MNRAS 2019):

z9.6, s11.8, z12, s12.5  $M_{\text{sun}}$  nonrotating progenitors (Heger 2012)

he2,8, he3.0, he3.5  $M_{\text{sun}}$  He binary stars, ultrastripped SN progenitors  
(Tauris 2017)

Black-hole forming very massive stars



# 3D Core-Collapse SN Explosion Models

**Oak Ridge** (Lentz+ ApJL 2015): **15  $M_{\text{sun}}$  nonrotating progenitor** (Woosley & Heger 2007)

**Tokyo/Fukuoka** (Takiwaki+ ApJ 2014): **11.2  $M_{\text{sun}}$  nonrotating progenitor**  
**more massive progenitors with rapid rotation** (Woosley et al. 2002,2007)

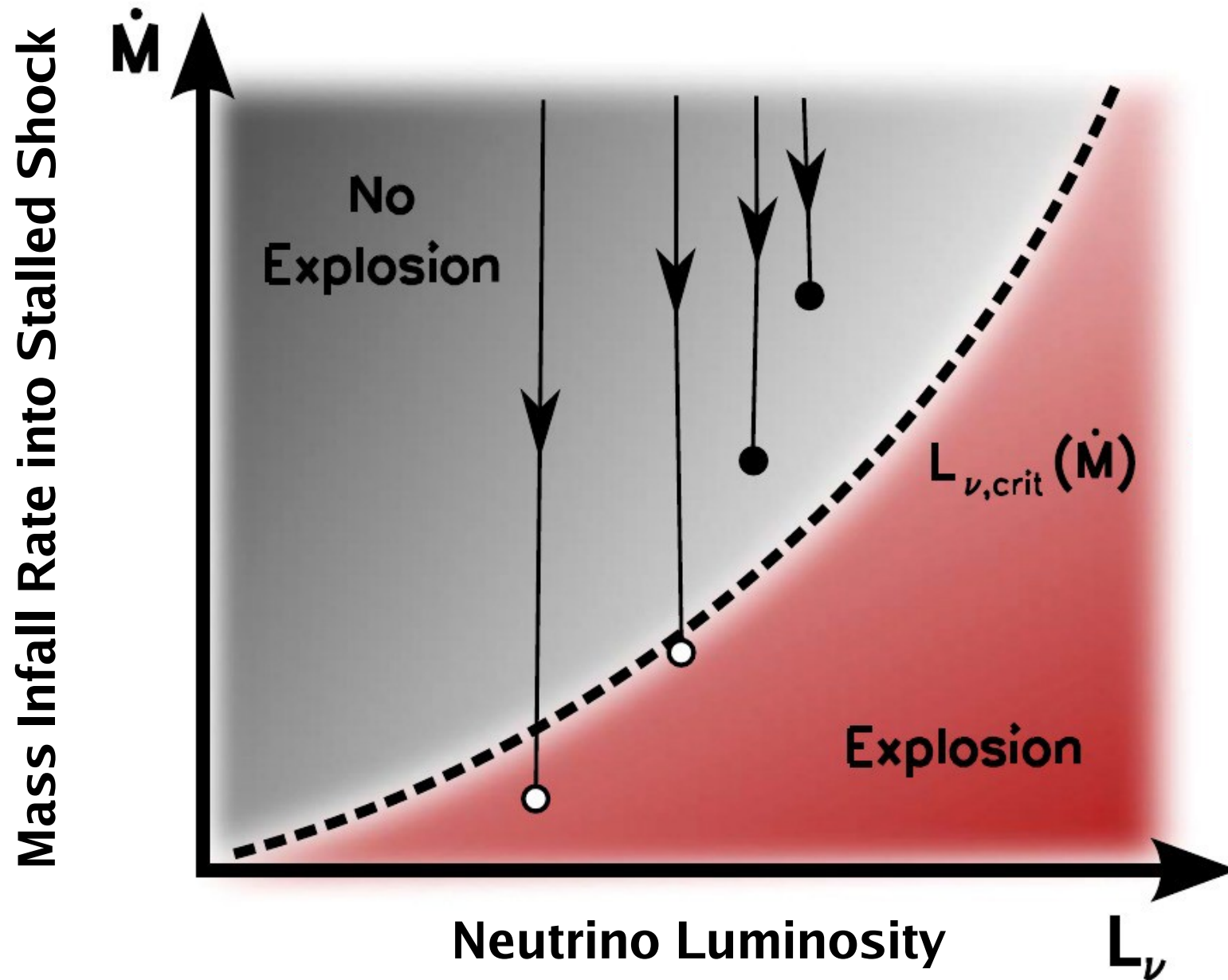
**Caltech/NCSU/LSU/Perimeter** (Roberts+ ApJ 2016; Ott+ ApJL 2018):  
**27  $M_{\text{sun}}$  nonrotating progenitor** (Woosley et al. 2002),  
**15, 20, 40  $M_{\text{sun}}$  nonrotating progenitors** (Woosley & Heger 2007)

**Princeton** (Vartanyan+ MNRAS 2019, Burrows+ MNRAS 2020):  
**9–40  $M_{\text{sun}}$  suite of nonrot. progenitors** (Woosley & Heger 2007, Sukhbold+2016)

**Modeling inputs and results differ in various aspects.**  
**3D code comparison is missing and desirable**

# Critical Condition for Explosion

Burrows & Goshy, ApJL (1993)



# Universal Critical Neutrino Luminosity for Explosion

$$(L_\nu \langle E_\nu^2 \rangle)_{\text{crit}} \propto (\dot{M} M)^{3/5} \xi_g$$

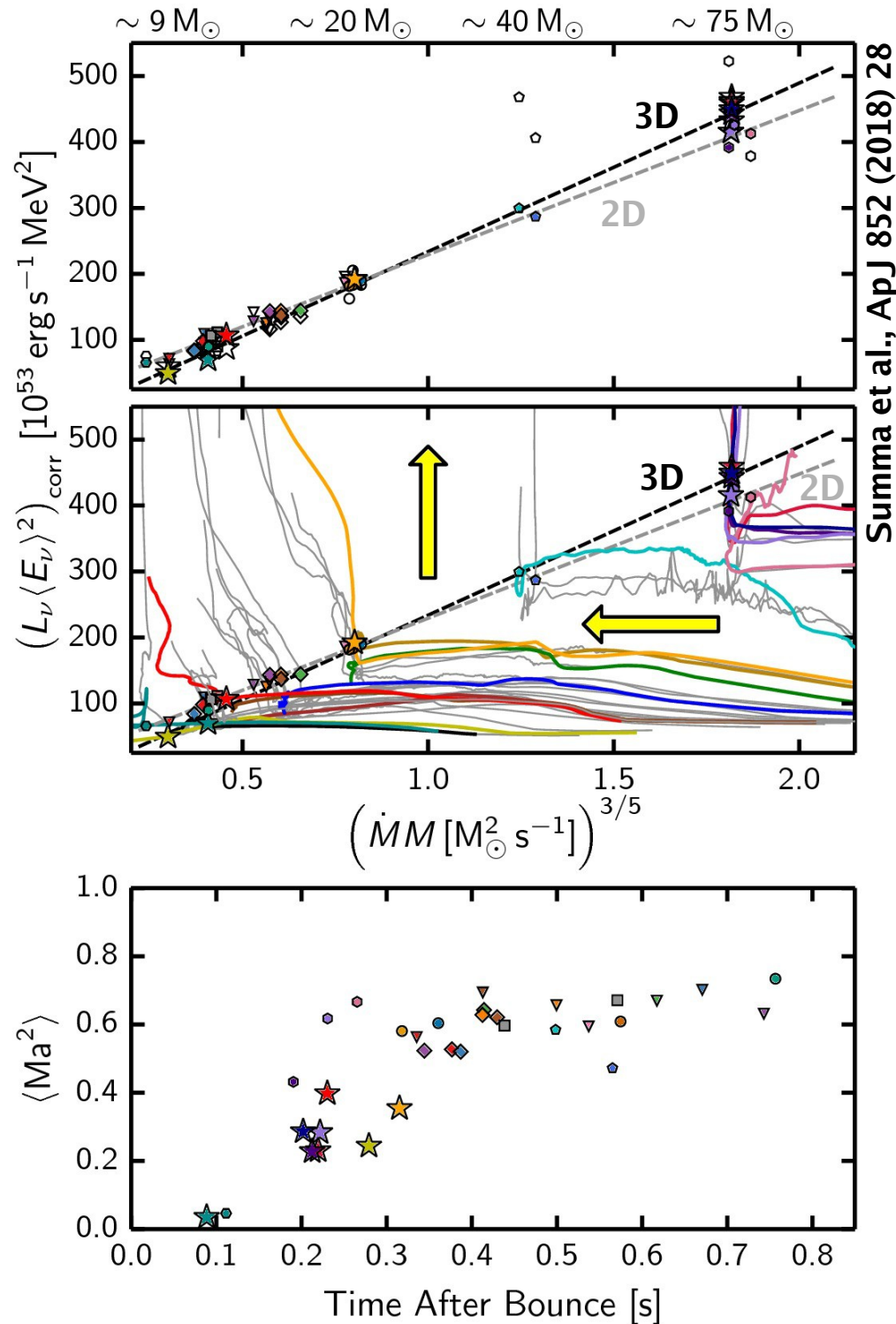
$$\xi_g \equiv |\bar{e}_{\text{tot,g}}|^{3/5} R_g^{-2/5} \xi_{\text{turb}}^{-3/5} \xi_{\text{rot}}^{6/5}$$

$$\xi_{\text{turb}} = 1 + \frac{4}{3} \langle \text{Ma}^2 \rangle \geq 1$$

$$\xi_{\text{rot}} = \sqrt{1 - \frac{j_0^2}{2GM R_s}} \leq 1$$

$$\bar{e}_{\text{tot,g}} = \frac{E_{\text{tot,g}}}{M_g}$$

$$(L_\nu \langle E_\nu^2 \rangle)_{\text{crit,corr}} \equiv \frac{1}{\xi_g / \xi_g^*} (L_\nu \langle E_\nu^2 \rangle)_{\text{crit}} \propto (\dot{M} M)^{3/5}$$



# Status of Neutrino-driven Mechanism in 3D Supernova Models

- **3D modeling has reached mature stage.**
- **3D differs from 2D in many aspects, explosions more difficult than in 2D.**
- **Neutrino-driven 3D explosions for progenitors between 9 and 40  $M_{\text{sun}}$**  (with rotation, 3D progenitor perturbations, or slightly modified neutrino opacities)
- **Explosion energy can take many seconds to saturate!  $10^{51}$  erg possible!**
- **Progenitor models are provided in 1D, but composition-shell structure and initial progenitor-core asymmetries can be crucial for onset of explosion.**
- **3D simulations may still need higher resolution for convergence.**

**Neutrino-driven  
Explosion Models**

**vs.**

**Observations**

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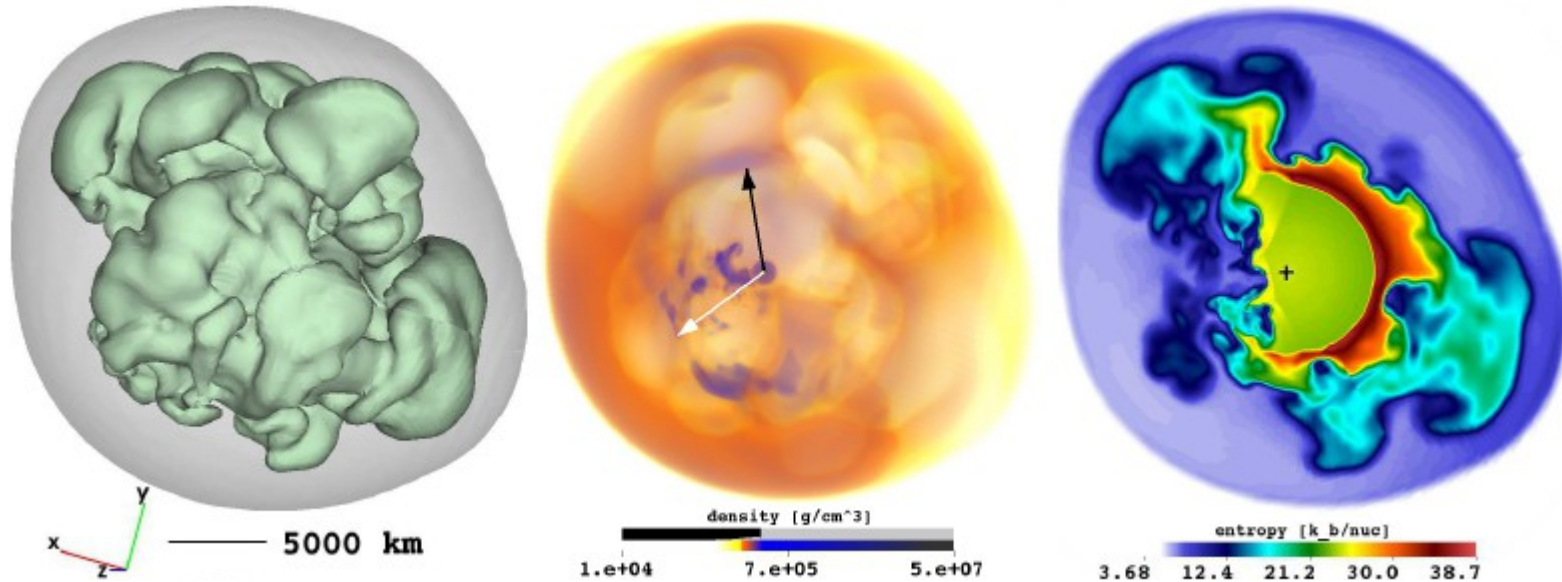
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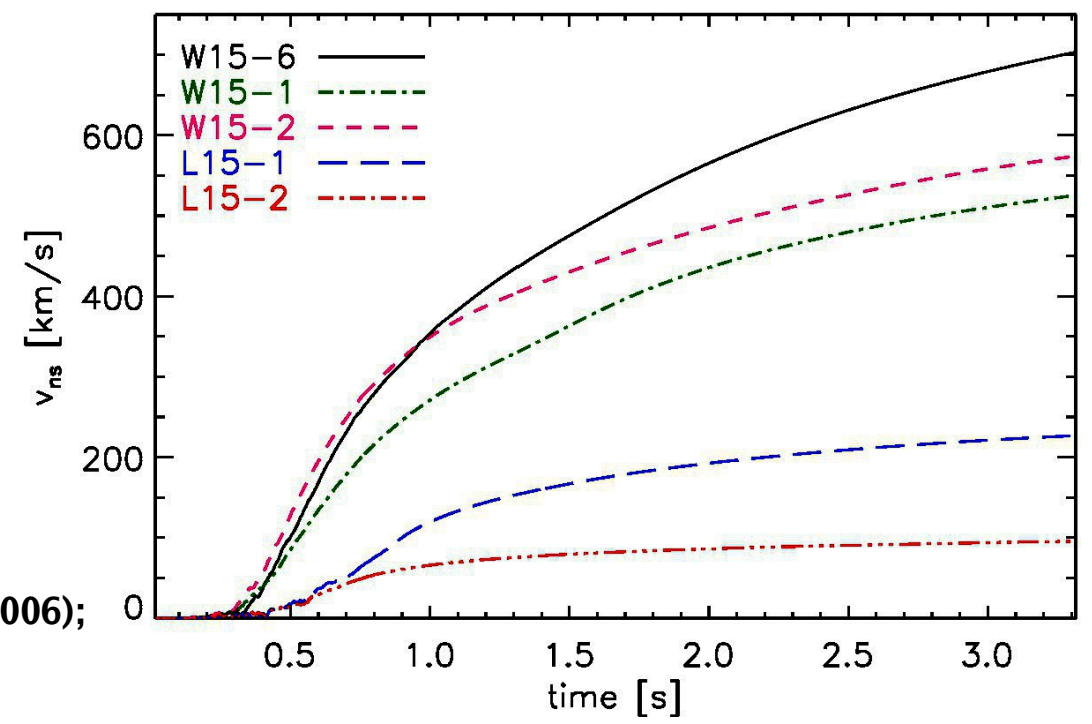
# Neutron Star Recoil in 3D Explosion Models



## Gravitational tug-boat mechanism

$$v_{\text{NS}} = 211 \text{ km s}^{-1} \left( \frac{f_{\text{kin}}}{\epsilon_5 \beta_\nu} \right)^{1/2} \left( \frac{\alpha_{\text{ej}}}{0.1} \right) \times \left( \frac{E_{\text{exp}}}{10^{51} \text{ erg}} \right) \left( \frac{M_{\text{NS}}}{1.5 M_\odot} \right)^{-1}$$

Wongwathanarat, Janka, Müller,  
 ApJL 725, 106 (2010); A&A 552, 126 (2013);  
 Scheck et al., PRL 92, 011103 (2004), A&A 457, 963 (2006);  
 Janka, ApJ 837, 84 (2017)





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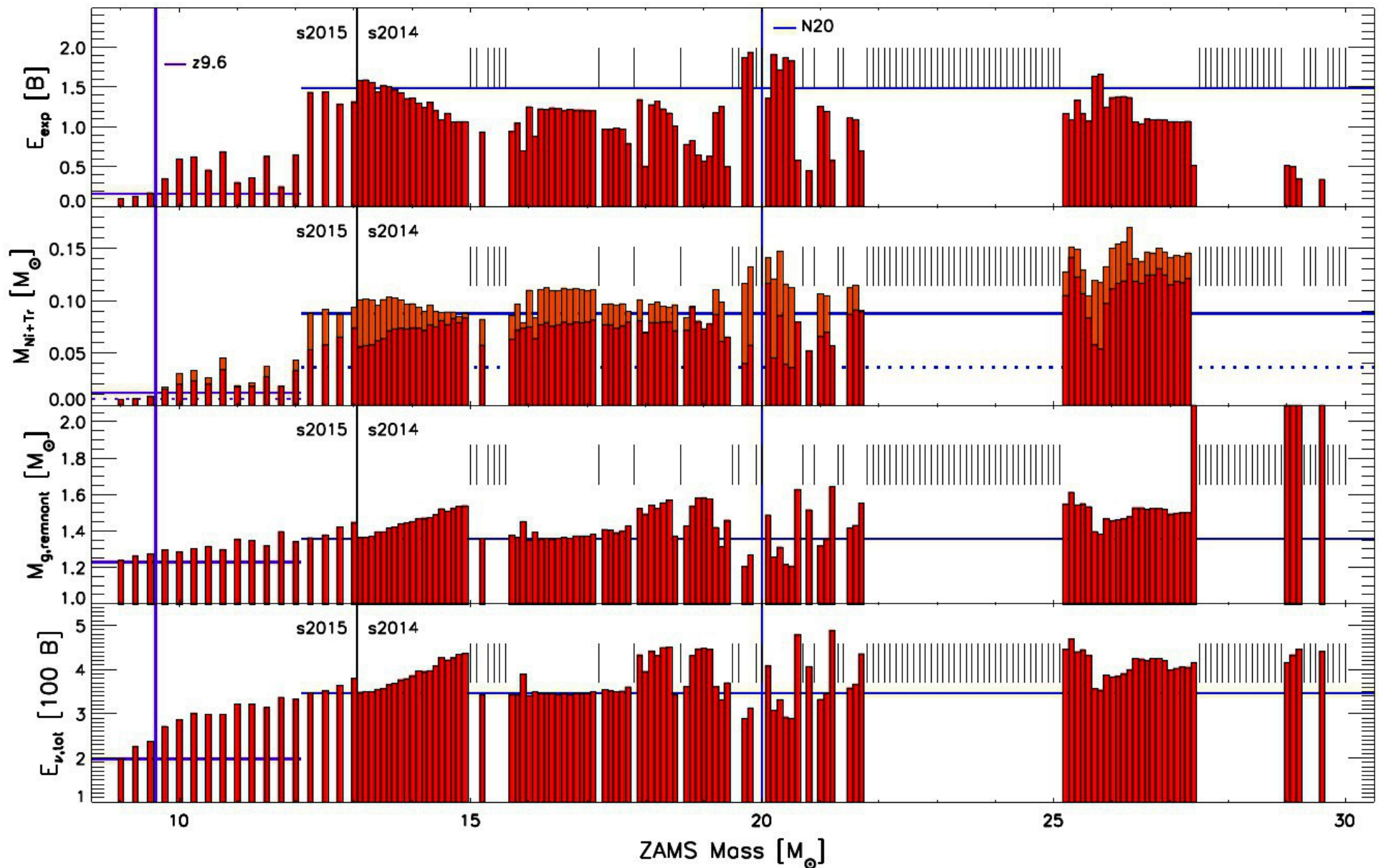
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# **Systematics of Neutrino-driven Explosions**

**Exploration by 1D modeling with neutrino-driven “engines”**

# Neutrino-driven Explosions vs. ZAMS mass



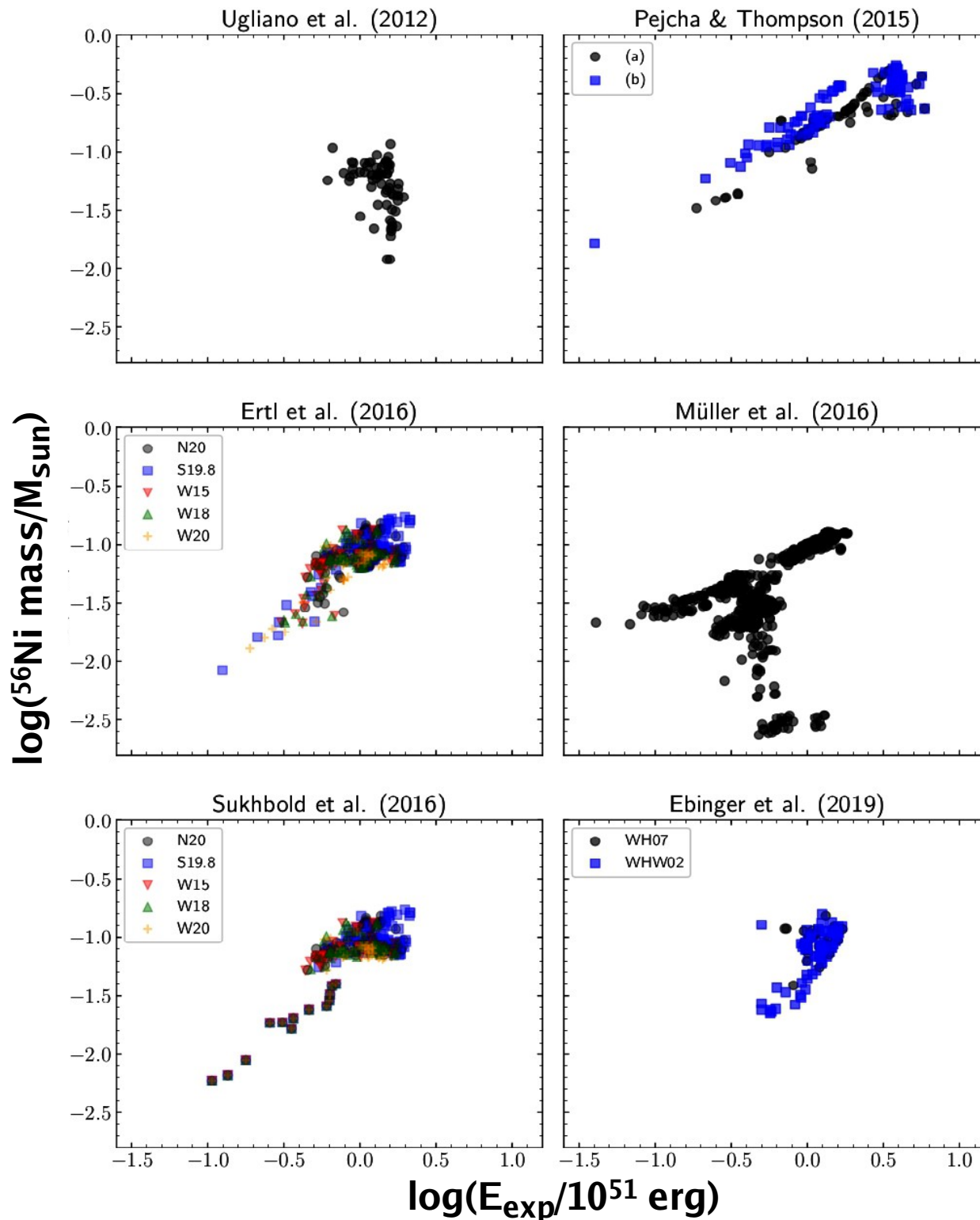
(Ertl et al., ApJ 808 (2016) 124; Sukbold et al., ApJ 821 (2016) 38; Ertl et al., ApJ 890 (2020) 51)

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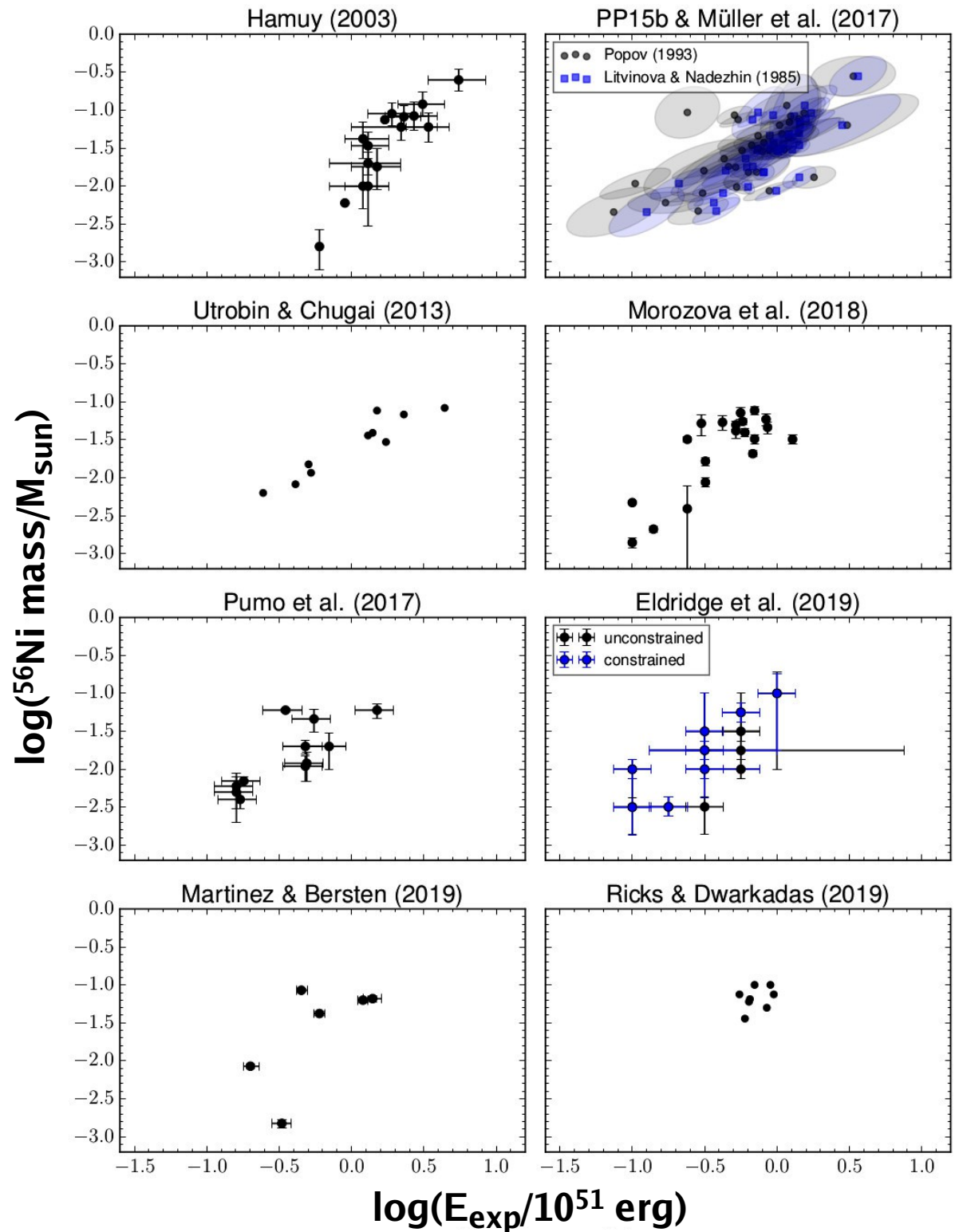
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# Conclusions

## Neutrino-driven Explosions in Supernova Simulations

- **Ab initio, self-consistent 2D and 3D simulations demonstrate viability of delayed neutrino-driven explosion mechanism**
- **Multi-D models of neutrino-driven explosions are sufficiently mature to test them against observations**
- **Unsolved aspects, e.g.:**
  - \* **Nuclear equation of state in neutron stars**
  - \* **Neutrino flavor oscillations in interaction in dense matter**
  - \* **Relevance of rotation and strong magnetic fields**
  - \* **Stripped-envelope supernovae: Jets? Magnetars?**
  - \* **Progenitors and explosions of extreme SNe?**

# Observational Supernova-Progenitor Connection

What is the role of rapid rotation? Which progenitors do spin rapidly?  
Which stars explode by magnetorotational mechanism? When with jets?

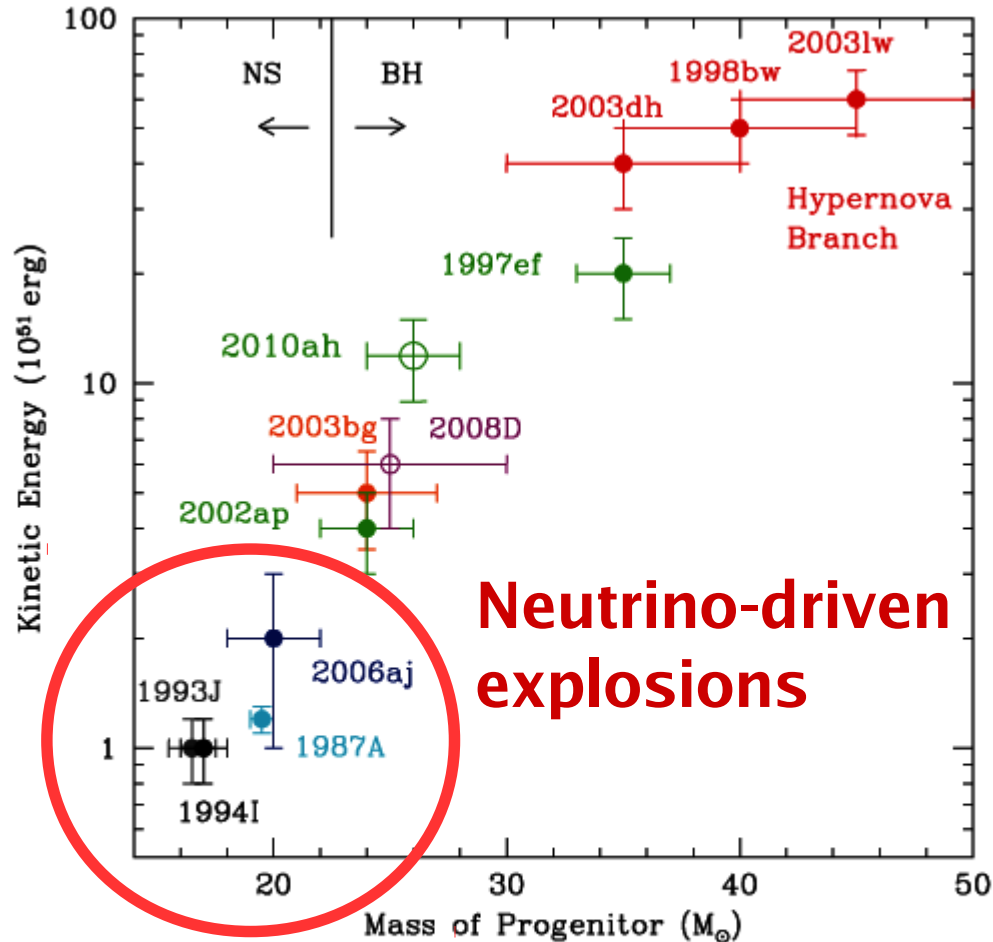


Figure 11. The  $E_{kin}$  derived from spectral/LC modelling of a number of SNe Ib/c plotted against the inferred ZAMS mass of the progenitor star using single-star evolutionary models. Colour coding is by spectral type, and it is the same as in Fig. 9.

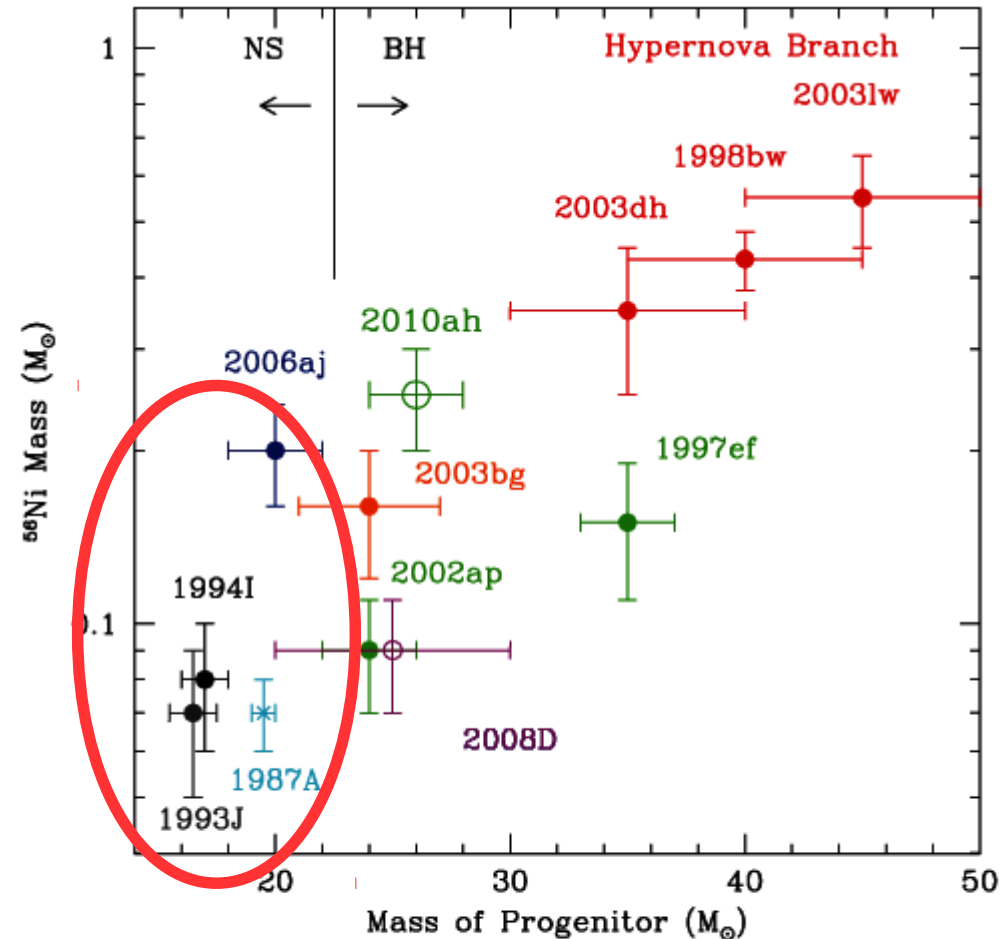
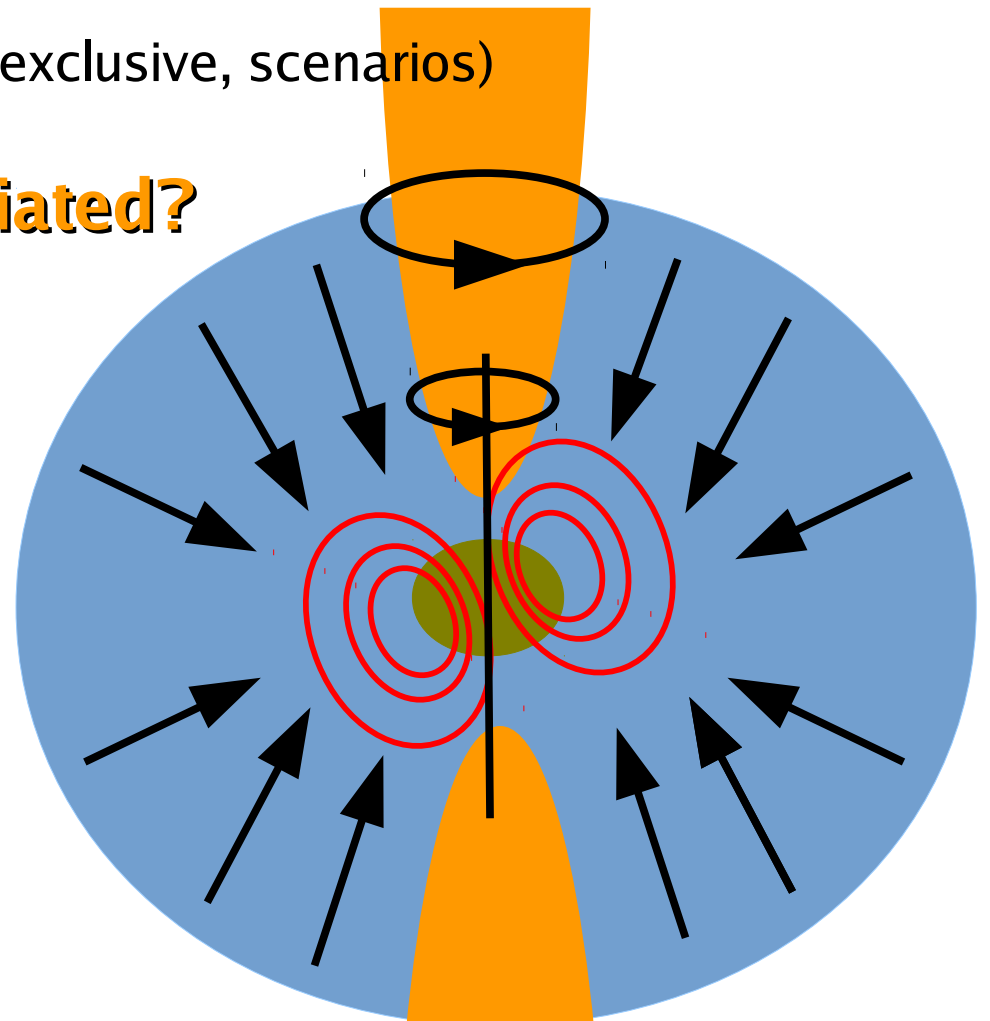
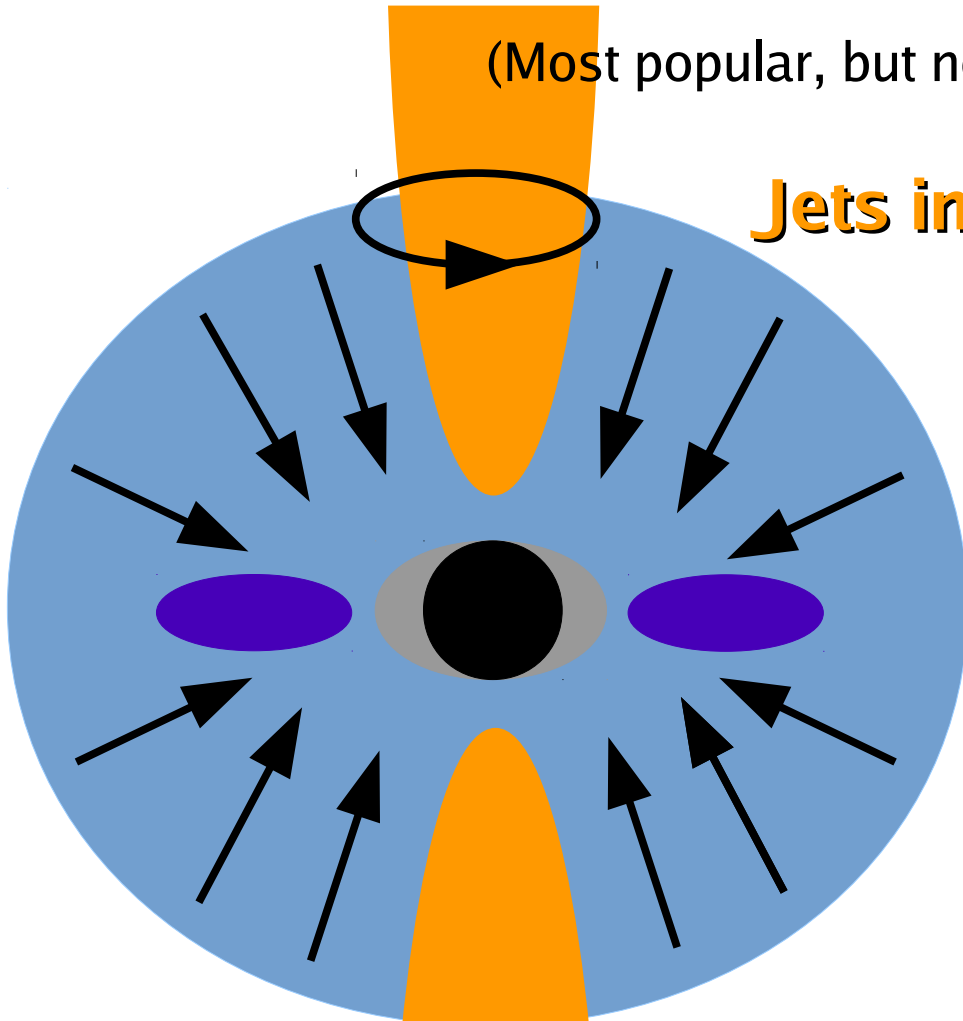


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# GRB-Hypernova & SLSN Central Engines

(Most popular, but not exclusive, scenarios)

**Jets initiated?**



**"Collapsar": BH+torus**

Woosley (1993), MacFadyen  
Woosley (1999), Lazzati et al. (2013)

**Magnetar "engine"**

Usov (1992), Metzger et al. (2011),  
Bucciantini et al. (2007, 2008, 2009)