

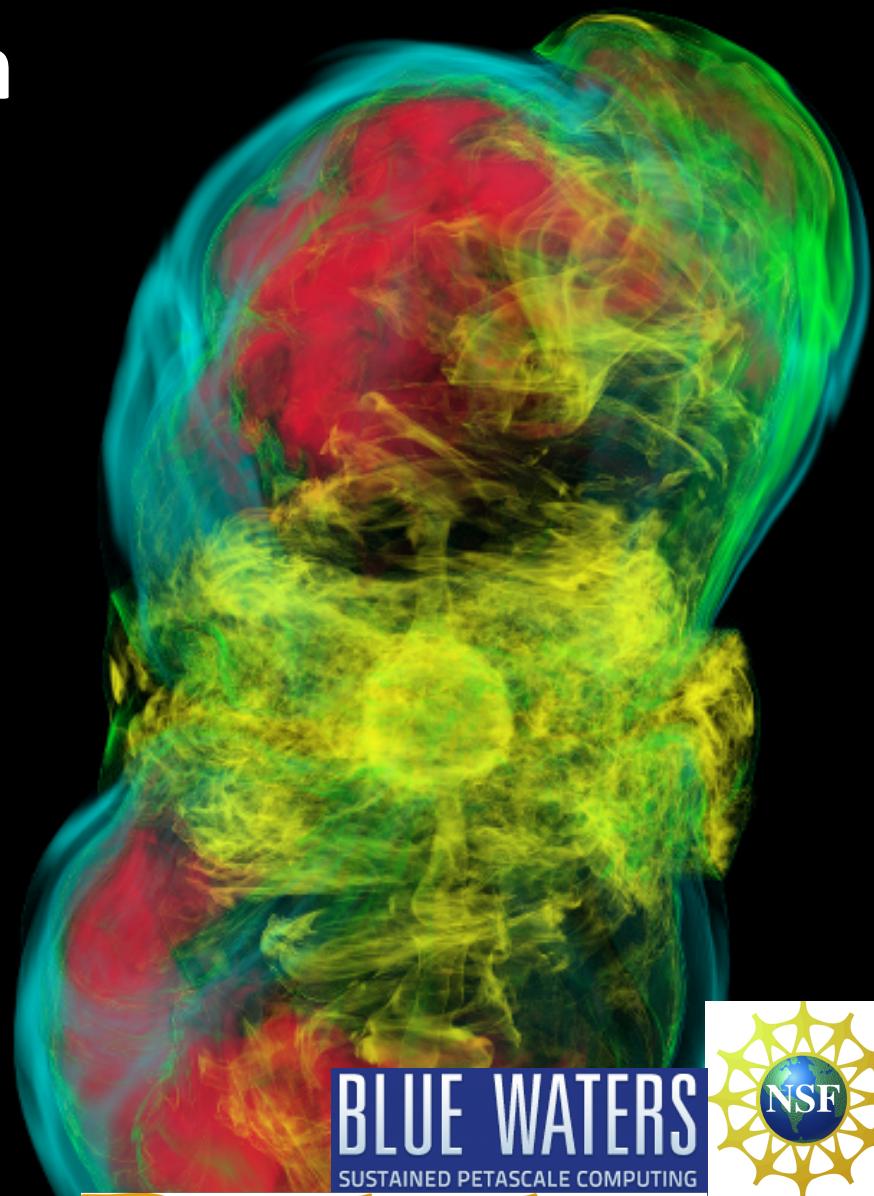
# Modeling MHD-driven Core-Collapse Supernovae in Three Dimensions

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# Core-Collapse Supernovae

Explosions of Massive Stars  $8M_{\odot} \lesssim M \lesssim 130M_{\odot}$

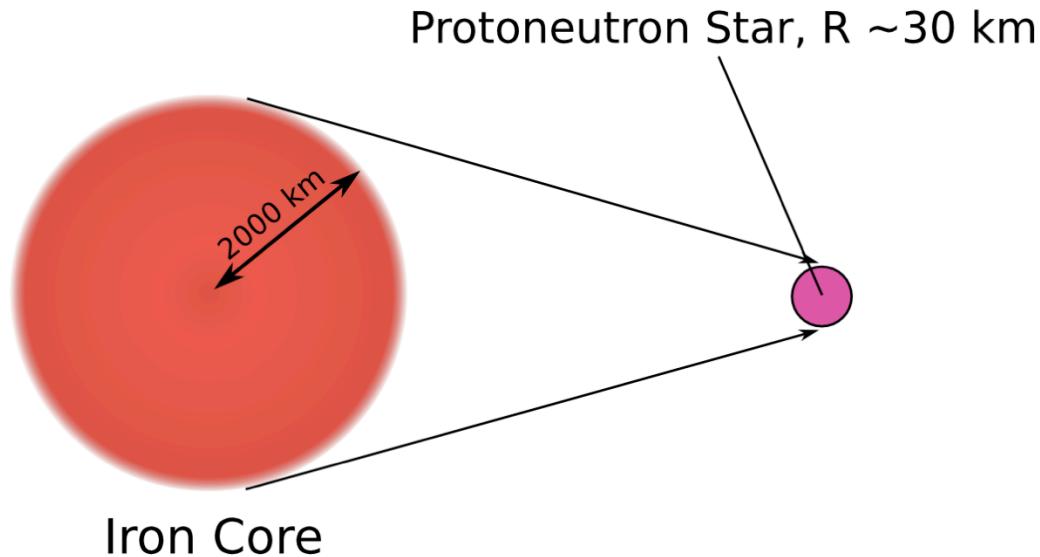


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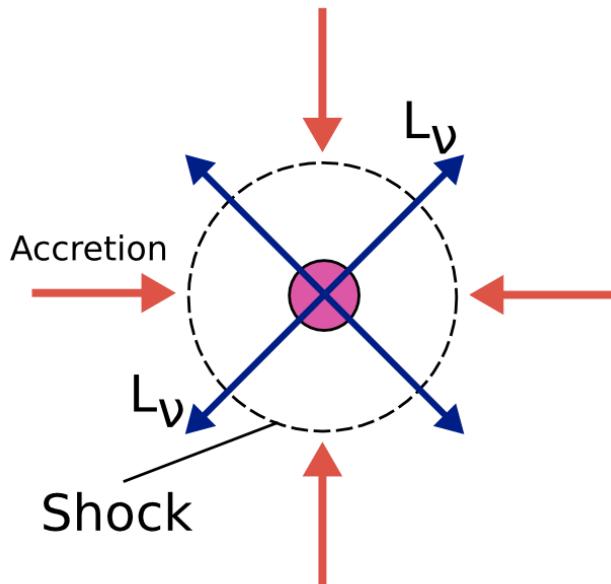


Supernova 1987A  
Large Magellanic Cloud  
Progenitor:  
BSG Sanduleak -69 220a,  $18 M_{\odot}$

# Core Collapse Basics



**Reviews:**  
Bethe'90  
Janka+'12



Nuclear equation of state (EOS) stiffens at nuclear density.

Inner core ( $\sim 0.5 M_{\odot}$ )  
-> **protoneutron star** core.  
**Shock wave** formed.

Outer core accretes onto  
shock & protoneutron star  
with  $O(1) M_{\odot}/s$ .

-> **Shock stalls at  $\sim 100$  km,  
must be “revived” to drive  
explosion.**

# Core-Collapse Supernova Energetics

- Collapse to a neutron star:  
 $3 \times 10^{53}$  erg = 300 [B]ethe gravitational energy ( $\approx 0.15 M_{\text{Sun}} c^2$ ) released.  
Initially stored in protoneutron star  
-> Any explosion mechanism must tap this reservoir
- Typical supernova:  $10^{51}$  erg = 1 B kinetic and internal energy of the ejecta; Extreme cases: 10 B “hypernova”
- 99% of the energy is radiated in neutrinos over tens of seconds in protoneutron star cooling  
-> Strong evidence from SN 1987A neutrino observations

# Hyperenergetic Supernovae

Small fraction ( $\sim 1\%$ ) of  
CCSN:

- Hyperenergetic and very luminous
- Some connected to long gamma-ray bursts

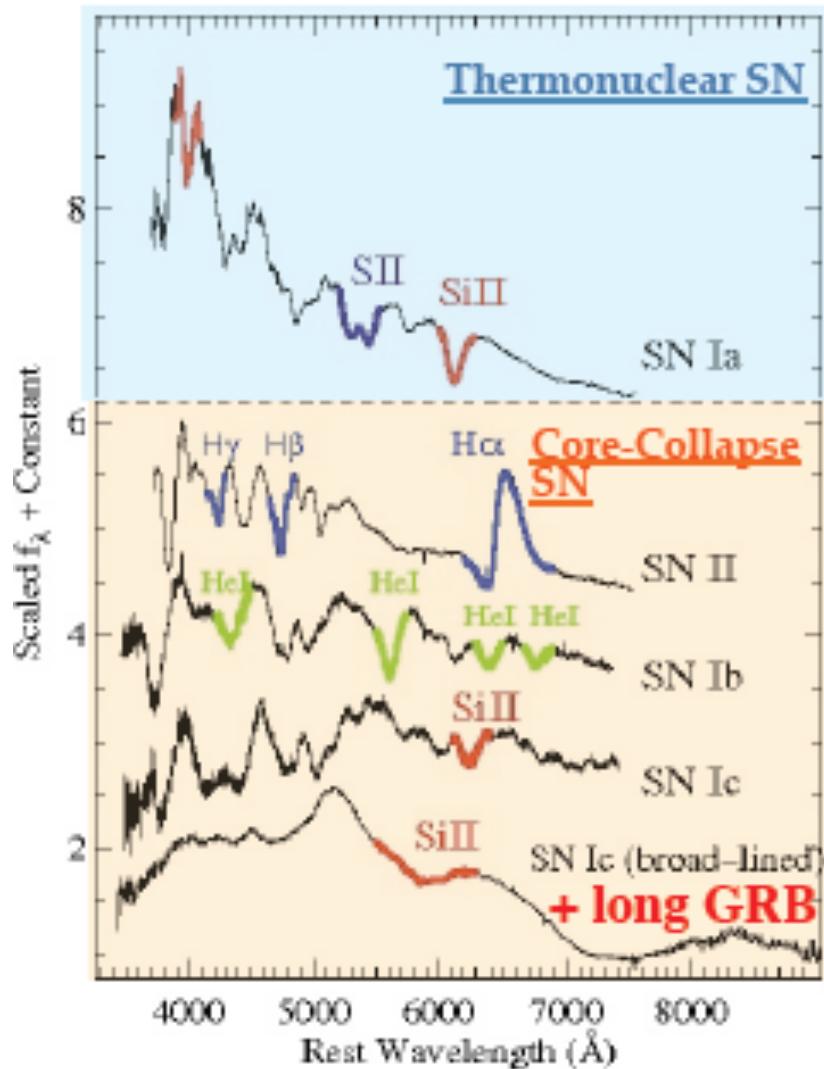


Supernova 1998bw  
Image Credit: ESO

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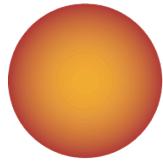
- doppler-broadened lines (Type Ic-bl) indicate relativistic outflows



# Hypernovae & GRBs

## Massive Star

$\sim 8 - 130 M_{\odot}$



RSG (not to scale)

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BSG

"WR"

Core  
Collapse

Mechanism/  
Engine

"normal"

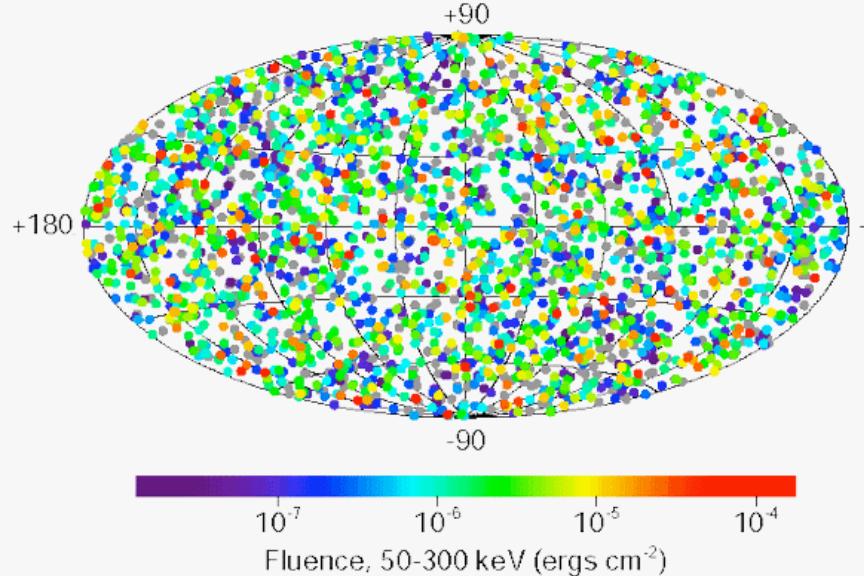
"extreme"

Supernova

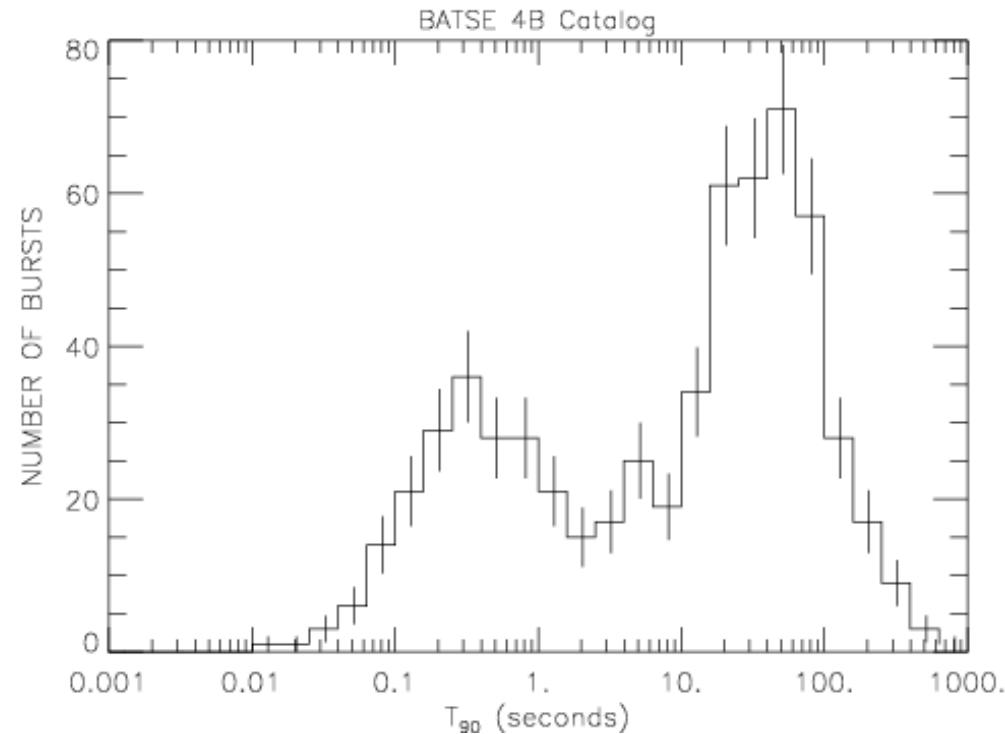
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Progenitor Characteristics

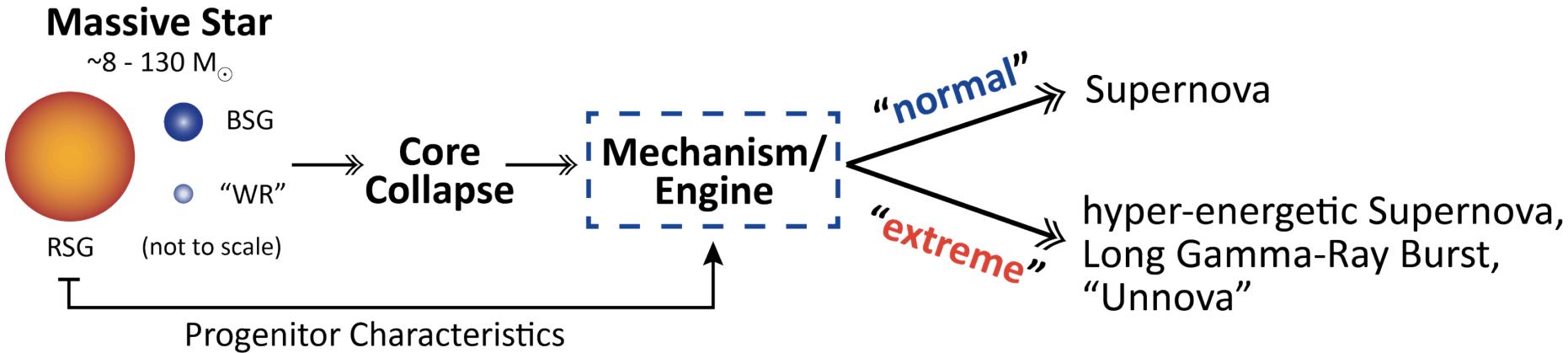
## 2704 BATSE Gamma-Ray Bursts



<http://apod.nasa.gov/apod/ap000628.html>

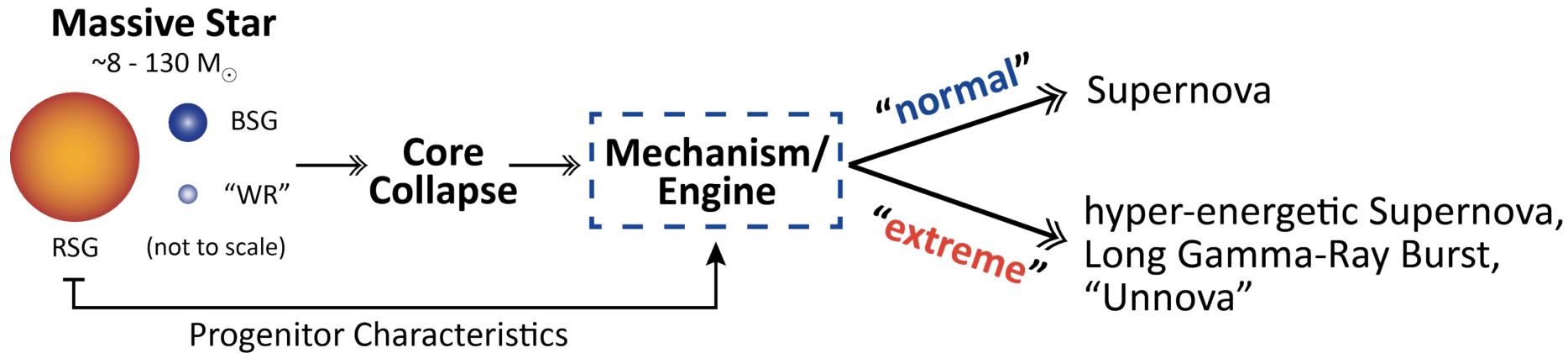


# Hypernovae & GRBs



- 11 long GRB – core-collapse supernova associations.
- **All GRB-SNe are of type “Ic-bl”**: no H, He in spectra, relativistic velocities (bl: “broad lines”), hypernova energies ( $\sim 10^{52}$  erg).
- But not all type Ic-bl supernovae come with GRBs
- Trace low metallicity and low redshift
- Neutrino mechanism is inefficient ( $\eta \sim 10\%$ ); can't deliver a hypernova.

# Hypernovae & GRBs



- What mechanism/engine drives these extreme explosions?
- What determines additional XRF/GRB launch?

# Magnetorotational Mechanism

[LeBlanc & Wilson '70, Bisnovatyi-Kogan '70, Obergaulinger+'06, Burrows+ '07, Takiwaki & Kotake '11, Winteler+ 12]



**Rapid Rotation + B-field amplification**  
(need magnetorotational instability [MRI];  
difficult to resolve, but see, e.g,  
Obergaulinger+'09)

**2D: Energetic bipolar explosions.**  
Energy in rotation up to  $10B$ .

Results in ms-period proto-magnetar.  
GRB connection?

**Caveats:** Need high core spin; only in  
very few progenitor stars? Magnetic field  
amplification?

# Detailed Models: Ingredients

Fully coupled!

Magneto-Hydrodynamics	→ Dynamics of the stellar fluid.
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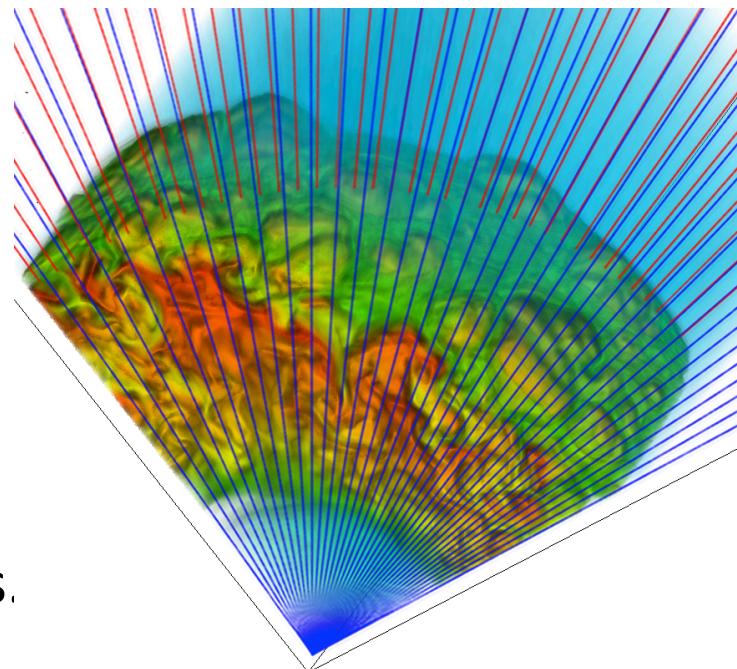
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- Additional Complication: **Core-Collapse Supernovae are 3D**
  - Rotation, fluid instabilities (convection, turbulence, rotational), **MHD**, multi-D structure from convective burning -> **Need 3D treatment**
  - turbulence (e.g. MRI) on scales  $10^3$  cm but radius of relevant stellar interior is  $10^9$  cm; Courant-limited timestep is  $10^{-6}$  s but cooling time of protoneutron star is 10 s
- Route of Attack: **Computational Modeling**

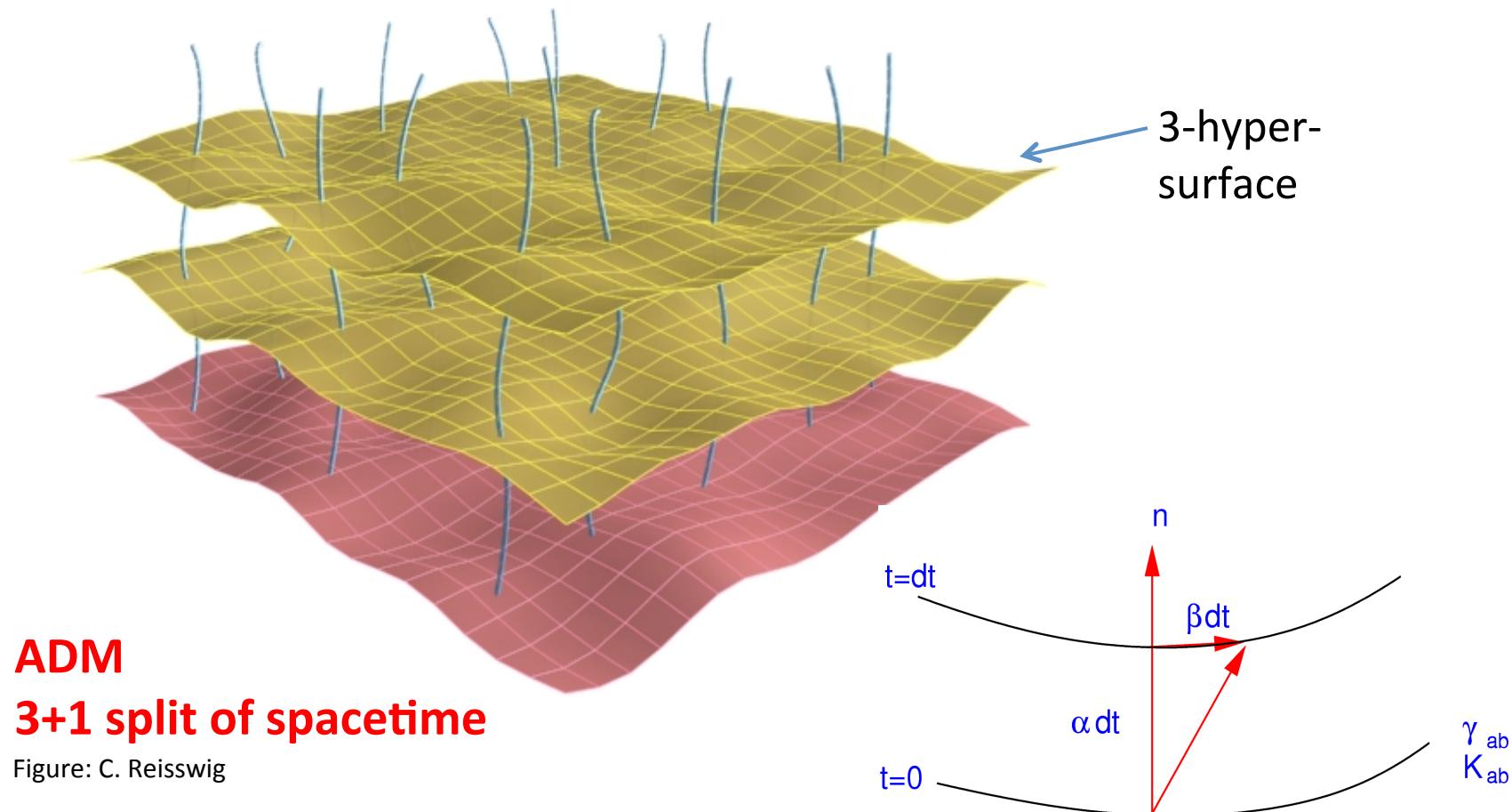
# Supernova Modeling in 3D



- Open-source simulation code based on **Einstein Toolkit** ([einstein toolkit.org](http://einstein toolkit.org)) [Moesta+’14].
- Full 3D general relativity (GR).
- Ideal GR magneto-hydrodynamics with nuclear equation of state (LS220) and neutrino heating/cooling via Leakage scheme [O’Connor+’10, Ott+’12].
- $\text{div } \mathbf{B} = 0$  via constrained transport.
- 9 levels of adaptive mesh refinement.  
6 TB runtime memory.  
500 TB simulation output.
- Simulations run on ~20k compute cores on NSF Blue Waters at NCSA/Illinois.



# 3D Supernova Modeling in Numerical Relativity

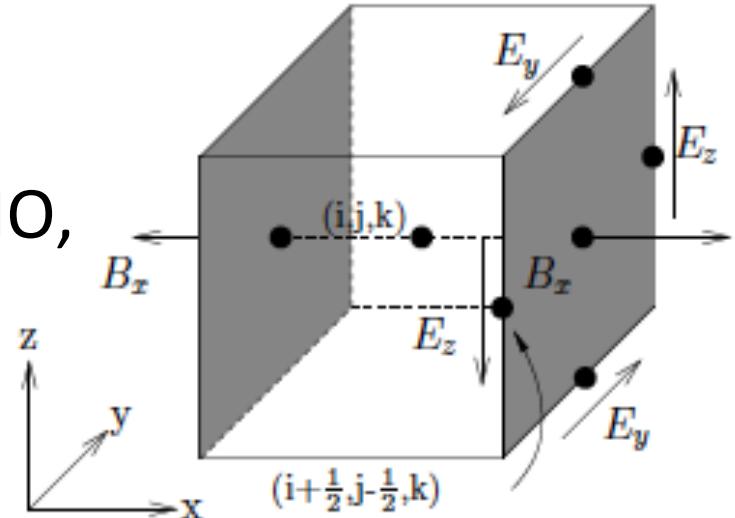


$$G^{\mu\nu} = \frac{8\pi G}{c^4} T^{\mu\nu}$$

- 12 first-order hyperbolic *evolution* equations.
- 4 elliptic *constraint* equations
- 4 coordinate gauge degrees of freedom:  $\alpha, \beta^i$ .

# MHD with the Einstein Toolkit

- Vertex or cell-centered AMR
- High-order reconstruction (WENO, MP5,...)
- Flexible EOS interface
- Can couple to different space-time evolution codes
- Divergence cleaning or constrained transport for  $\text{div}B = 0$



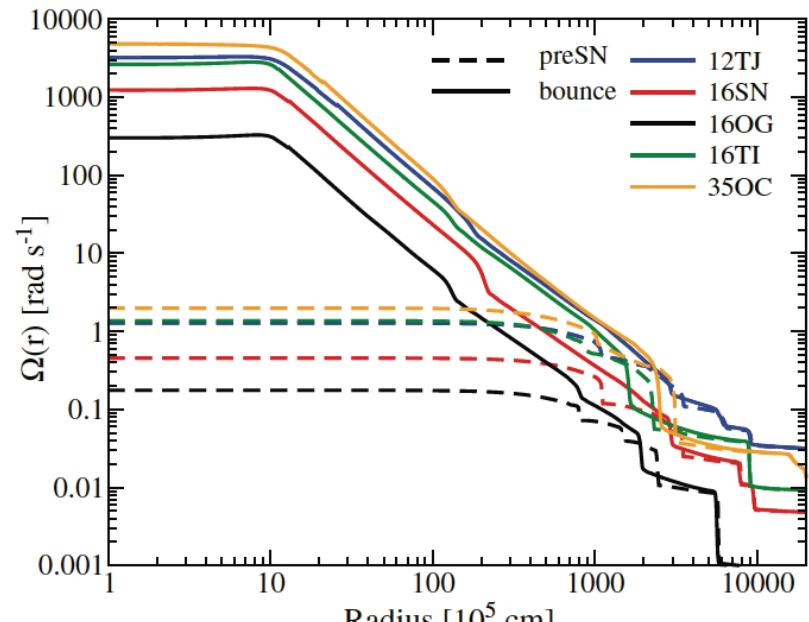
Moesta+14



# Initial Conditions

- E25 ( $25M_{\text{sun}}$  ZAMS) progenitor (Heger+’00), stripped-envelope Wolf-Rayet type star
- Strong differential rotation; precollapse spin period 2.25s -> millisecond rotation of protoneutron star

$$\Omega(x, z) = \Omega_0 \frac{x_0^2}{x^2 + x_0^2} \frac{z_0^4}{z^4 + z_0^4}$$



Dessart+’12

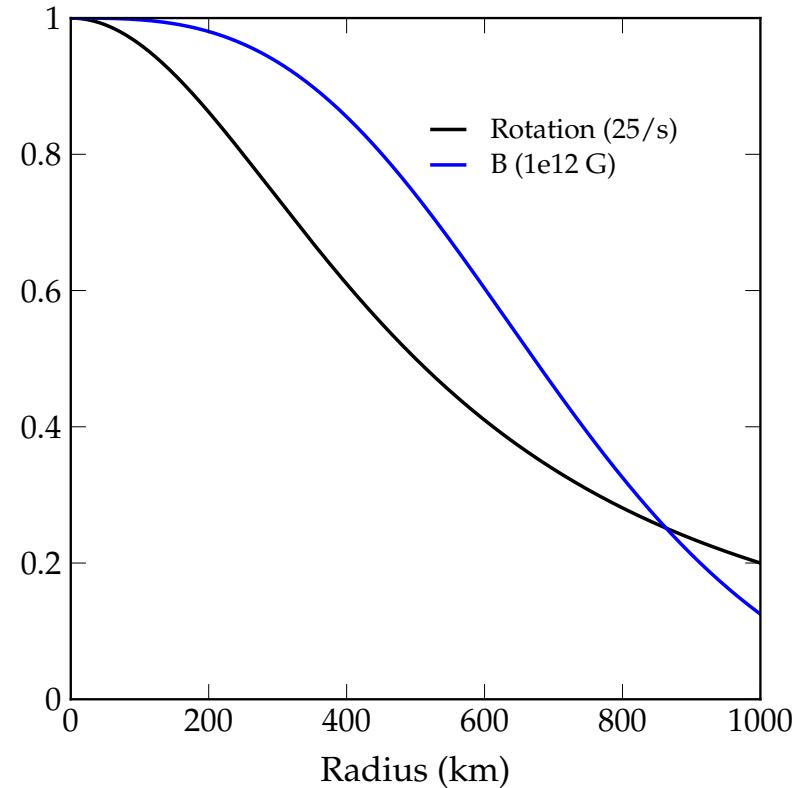
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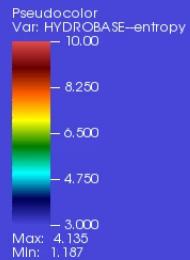
# 3D Dynamics of Magnetorotational Explosions

New, full 3D GR simulations. **Mösta+ 2014**, ApJ 759, L24

Initial configuration as in Takiwaki+11,  $10^{12}$  G seed field.

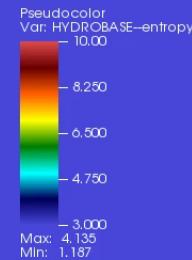
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$t = -3.00$  ms



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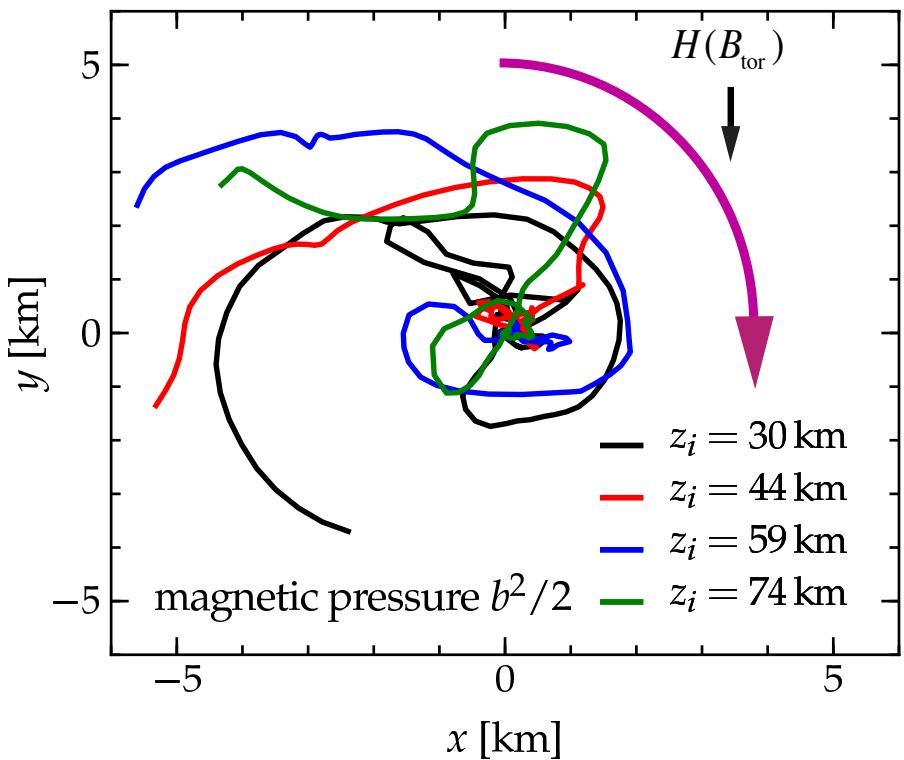
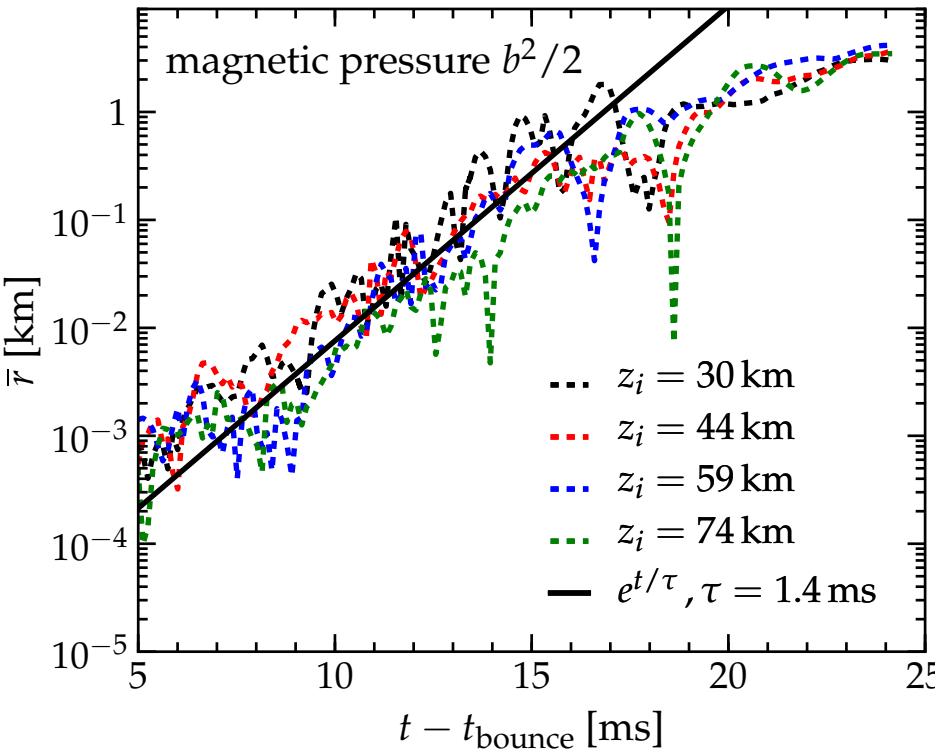
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Octant Symmetry (no odd modes)

Full 3D

# What's going on here?



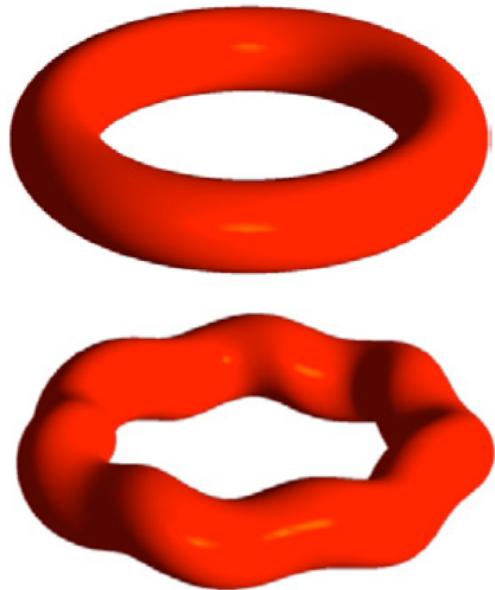
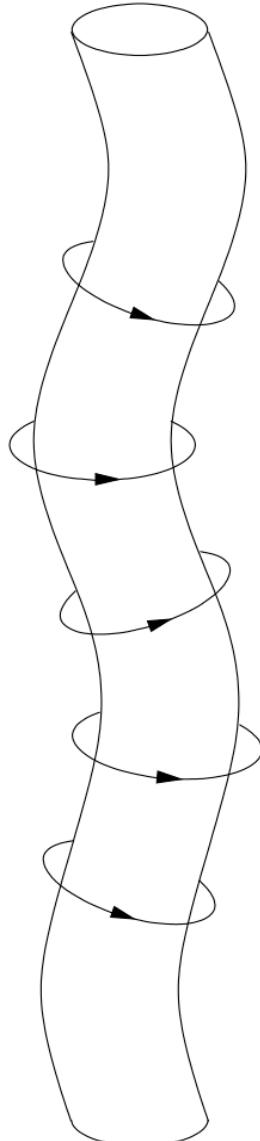
- $m=1$  spiral instability
- Growth rate, wavelength and helicity of fastest growing mode consistent with MHD kink instability; should hold independent of initial B-field strength

$$\tau_{\text{fgm}} \approx \frac{4a\sqrt{\pi\rho}}{B_{\text{tor}}} \approx 1 \text{ ms}$$

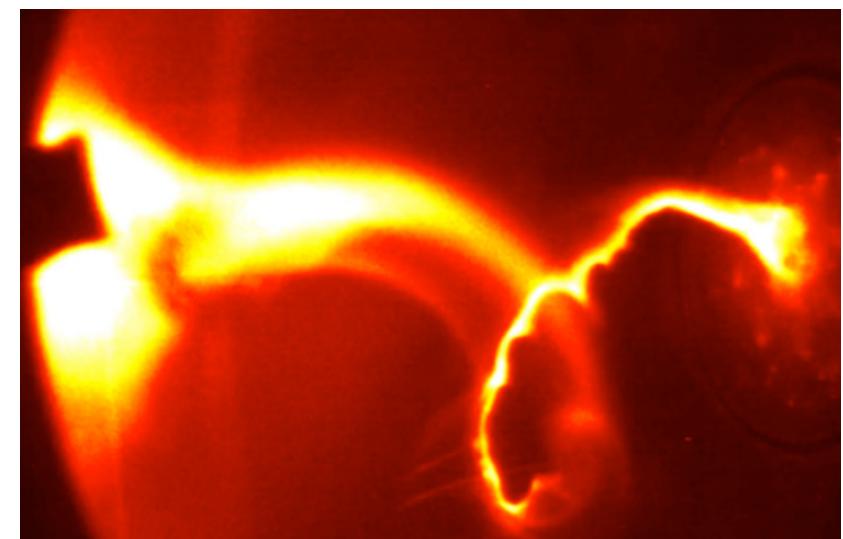
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# MHD Kink Instability

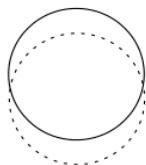
- B-field near proto-NS:  $B_{\text{tor}} \gg B_z$
- Unstable to MHD screw-pinch kink instability.
- Similar to situation in Tokamak fusion reactors!



Sarff+13



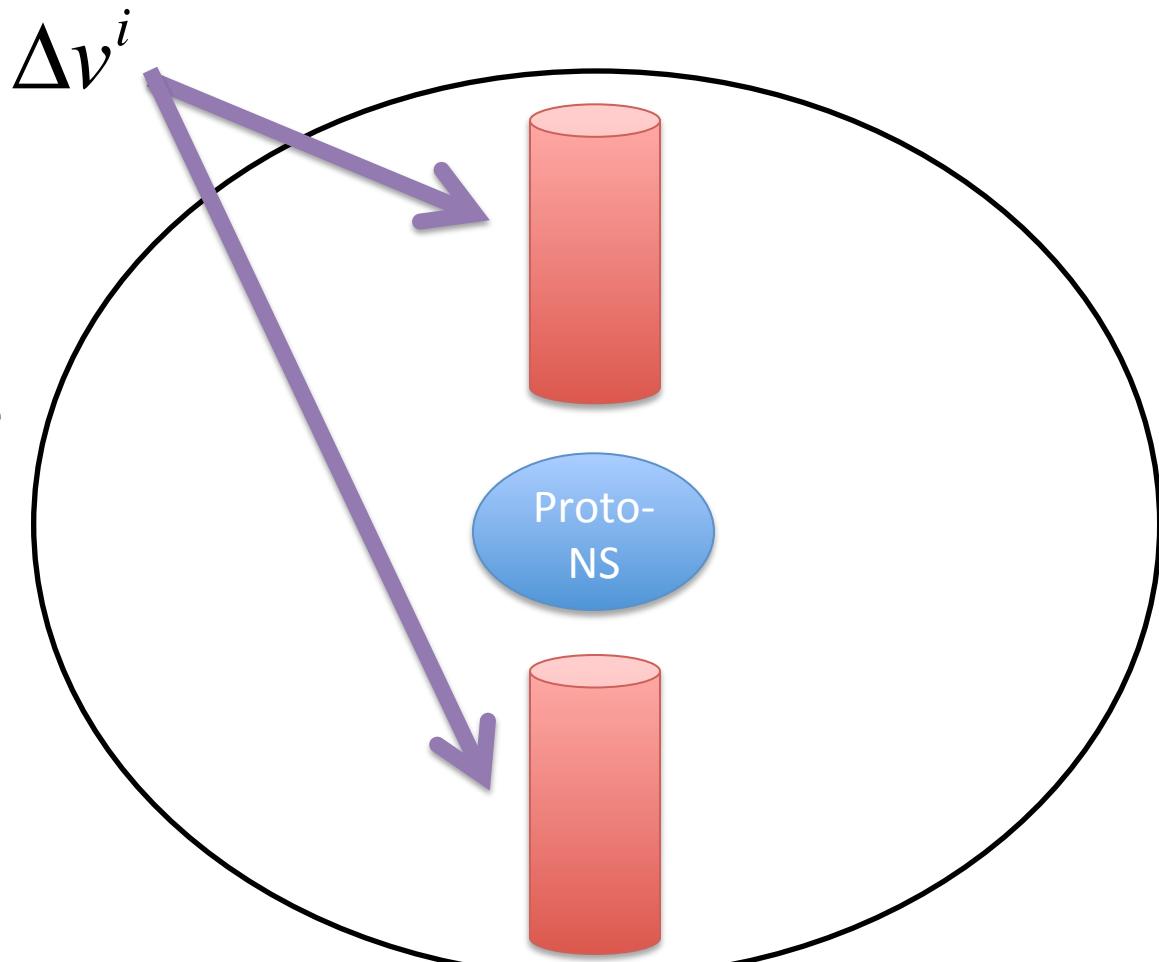
Credit: Moser & Bellan, Caltech



Braithwaite+ '06

# Perturbation Setup

- 1 % amplitude perturbations added 5 ms after bounce.
- Perturbations outside protoneutron star-> disentangle multiple instabilities (e.g. low-T/|W|, SASI).
- Unperturbed run -> jet explosion



Standing accretion shock

# MHD Kink Instability

3D: Plasma flow unstable to  
MHD “kink” instability

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[Shafranov+'56, Kruskal+'58]

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# Entropy

Mösta et al. 2014

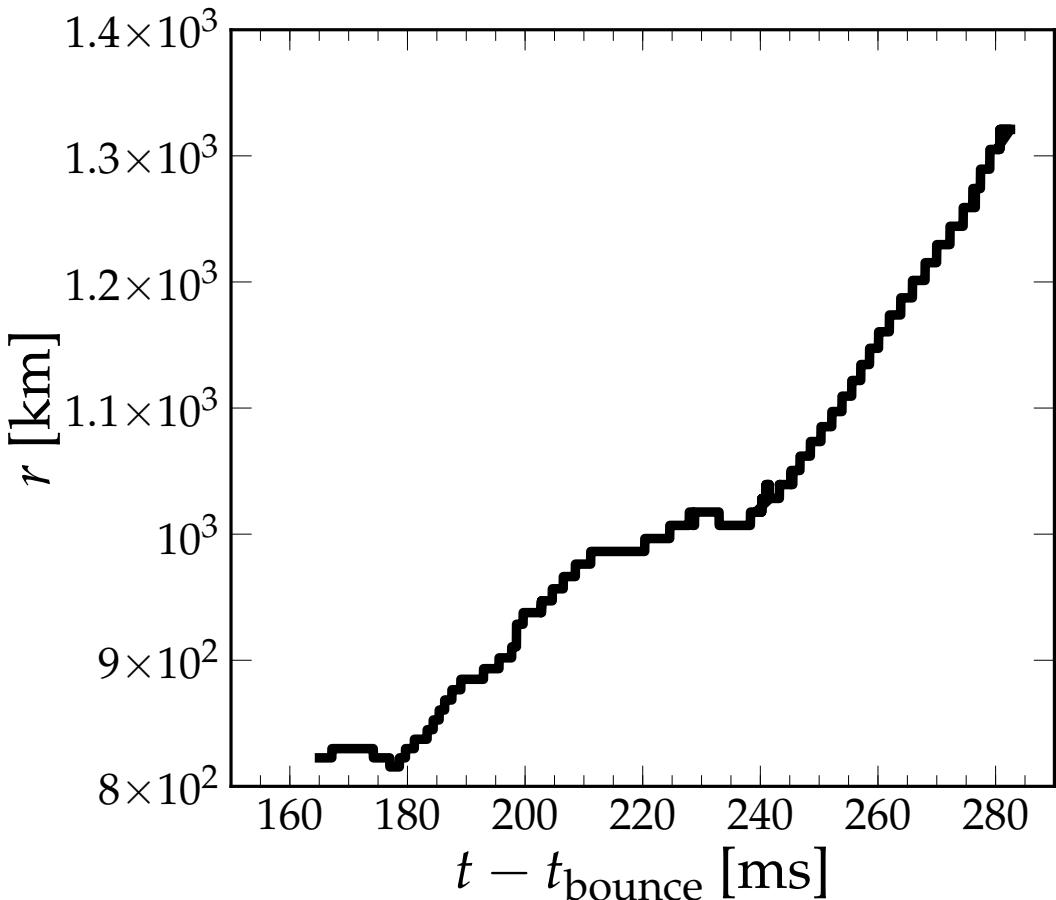
## 3D Volume Visualization of

$t = -4.95 \text{ ms}$

$$\beta = \frac{P_{\text{gas}}}{P_{\text{mag}}}$$

Mösta et al. 2014

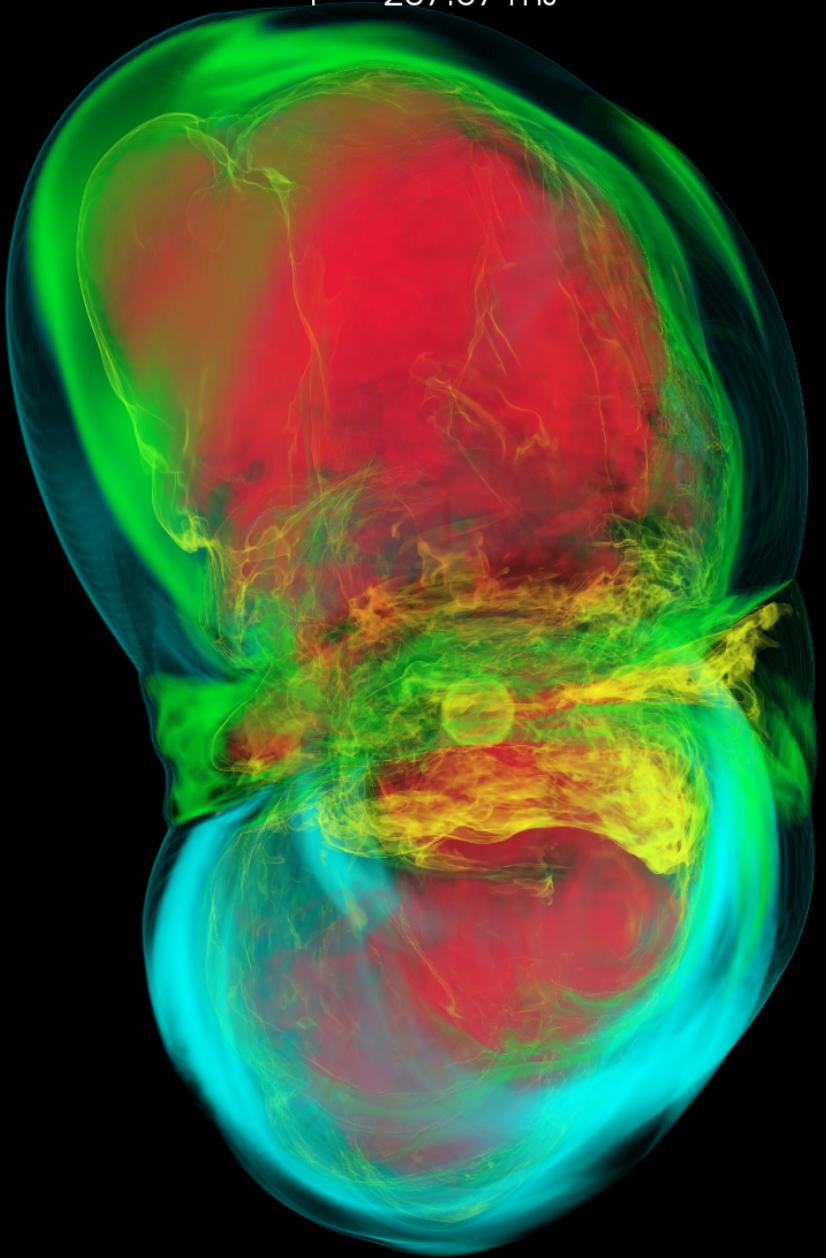
# Ongoing Simulation



- Tracking shock with lower resolution as scales become larger and larger
- Follow evolution with tracer particles to extract nucleosynthetic yields

Explosion?

$t = 287.37$  ms



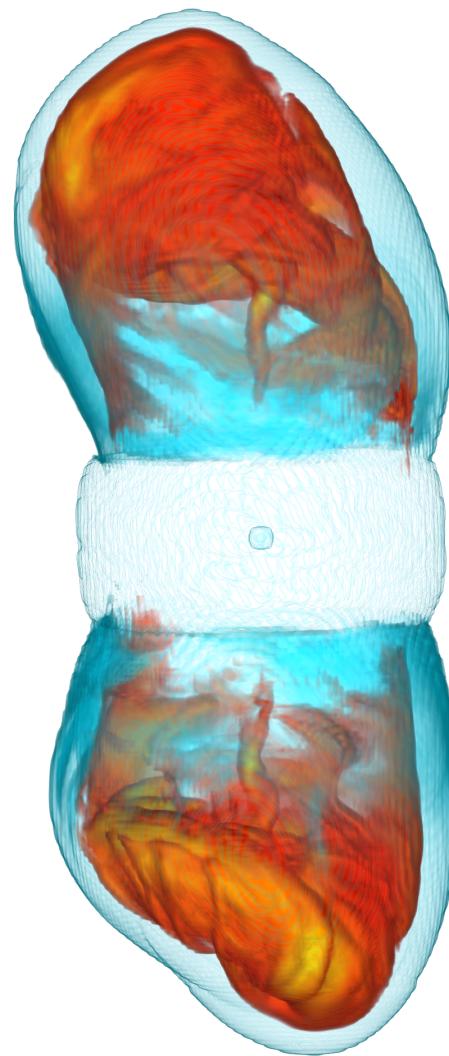
## Ongoing Simulation

- Geometry becomes even more tilted, but general wide-lobe trend continues
- Expansion speed few percent of the speed of light; very different from 2D jet explosion

# Cross-code comparison with FLASH simulations



Mösta+ 14

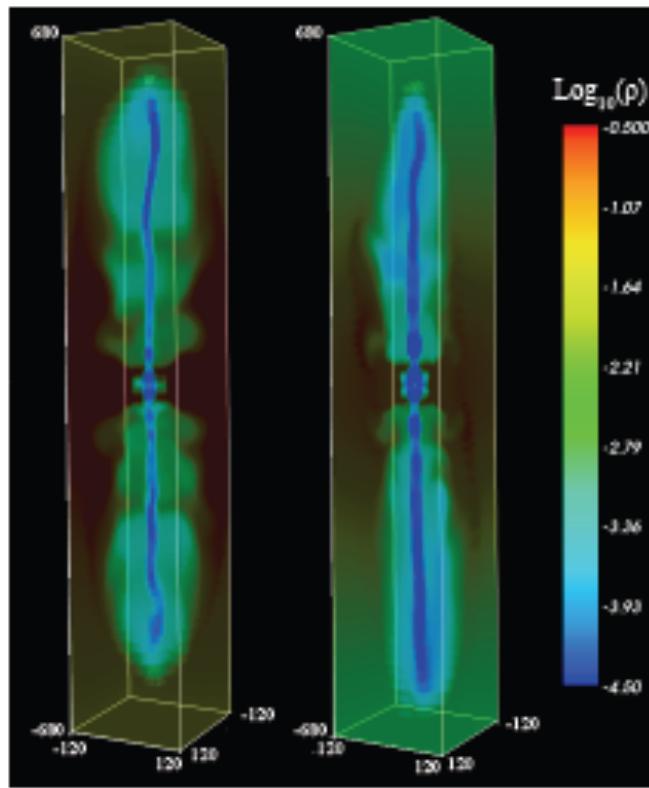


Couch+ 15 (in prep.)

# Connection to ‘other’ Jets



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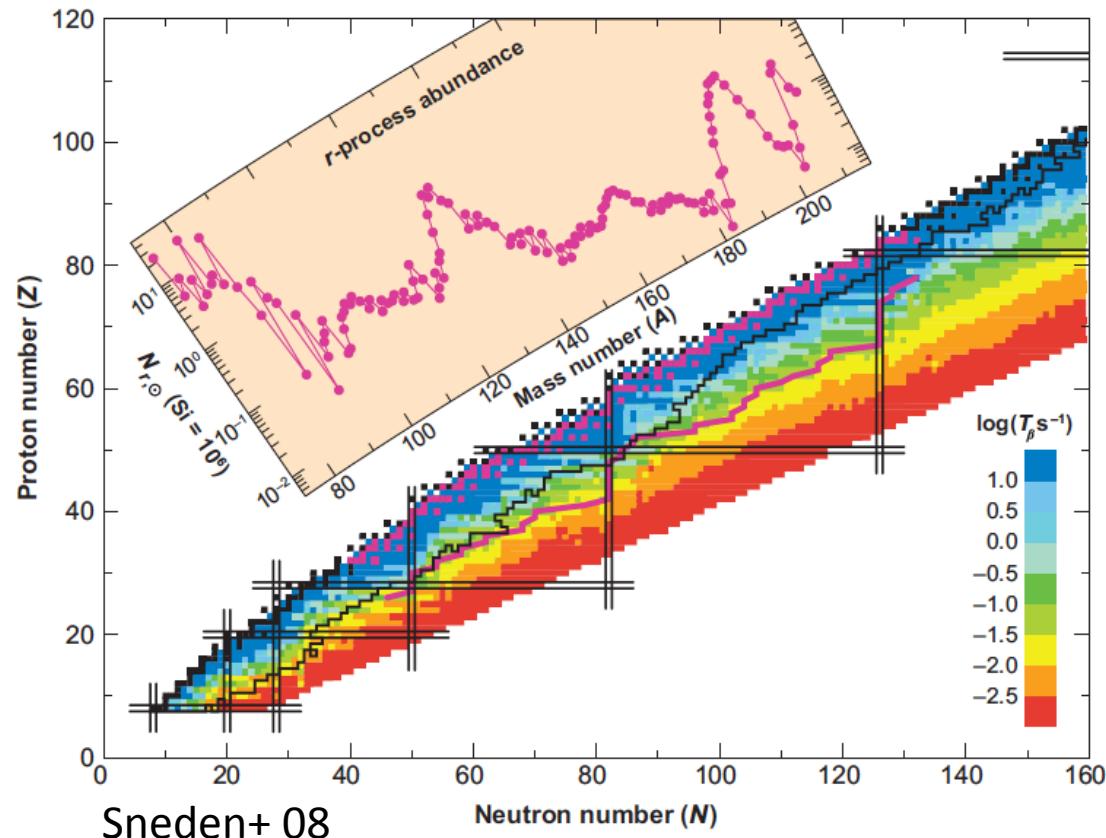
Bromberg & Tchekhovskoy 15

- Kink instabilities affect most jets (GRB/AGN); generally dissipate energy, lead to slower propagation speed, but also more mixing, better coupling to star!

# R-process Nucleosynthesis in Hypernovae

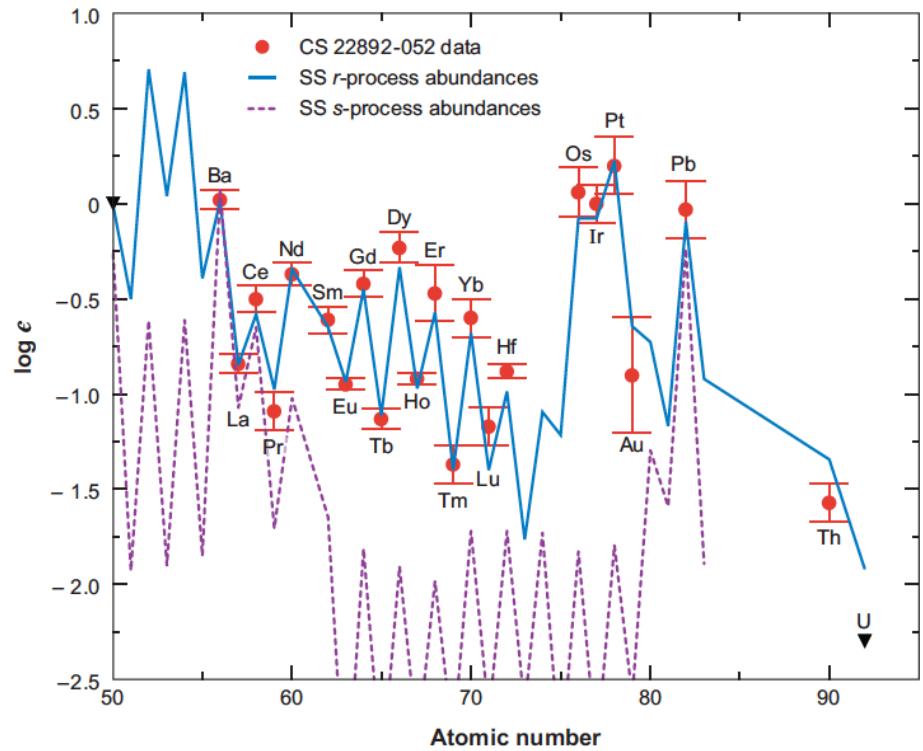
Jet-driven explosions proposed as site for r-process: Material in the jet characterized by

- Low electron fraction
- Medium entropy
- Low density
- High temperature



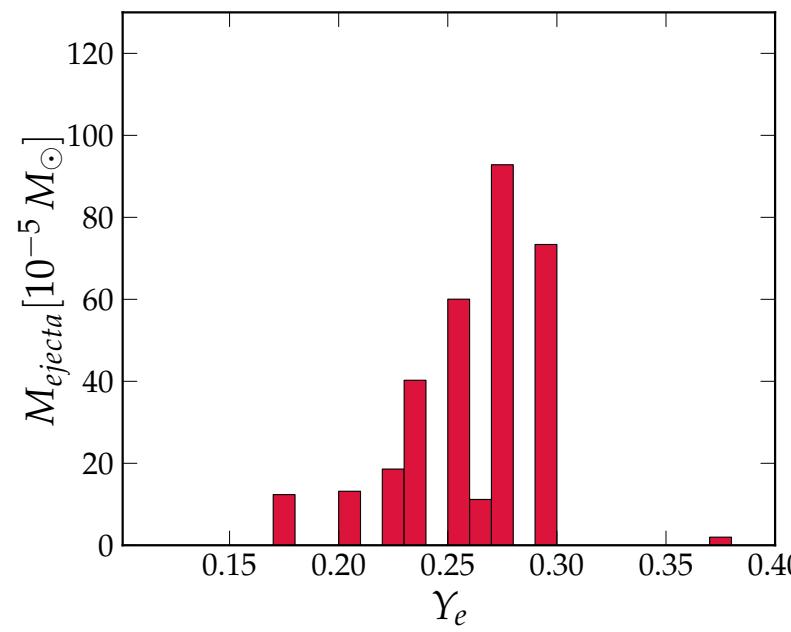
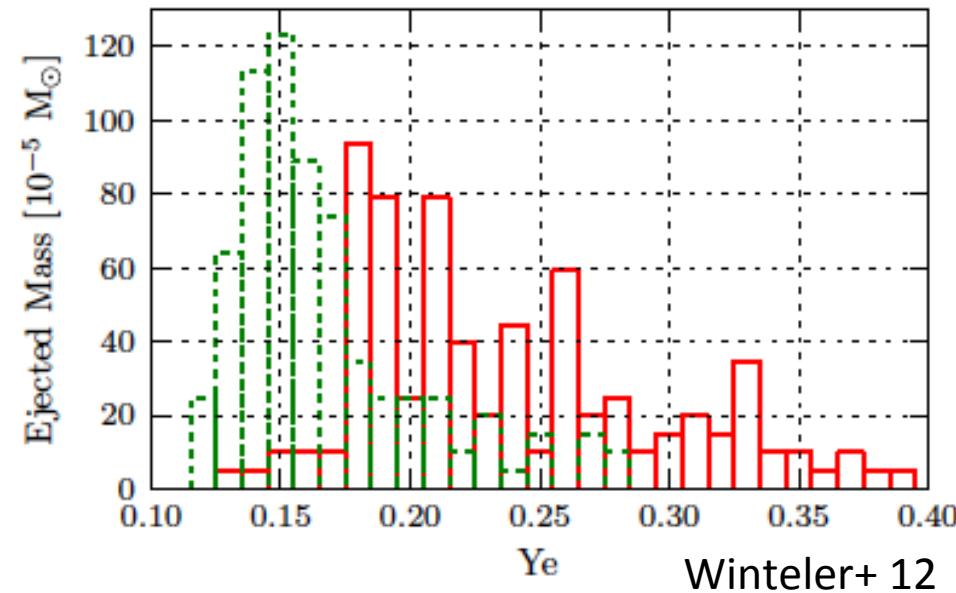
# R-process Observations

- Low-metallicity galactic halo stars show remarkable agreement with solar r-process abundance pattern (few exceptions, e.g. Honda+ 06)
- NS-NS / NS-BH binaries unlikely to contribute in early epochs

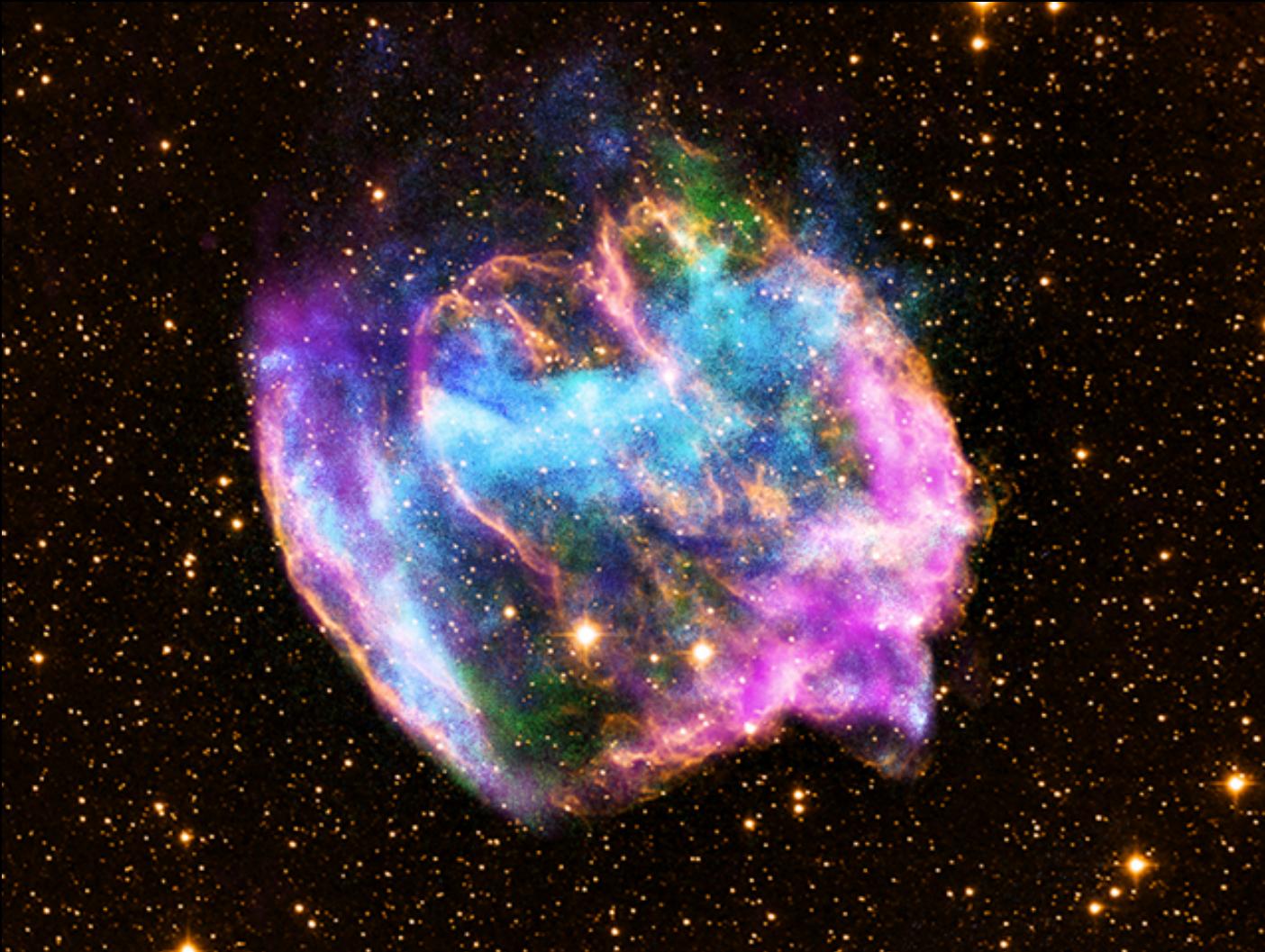


Sneden+ 08

# R-process: First Results



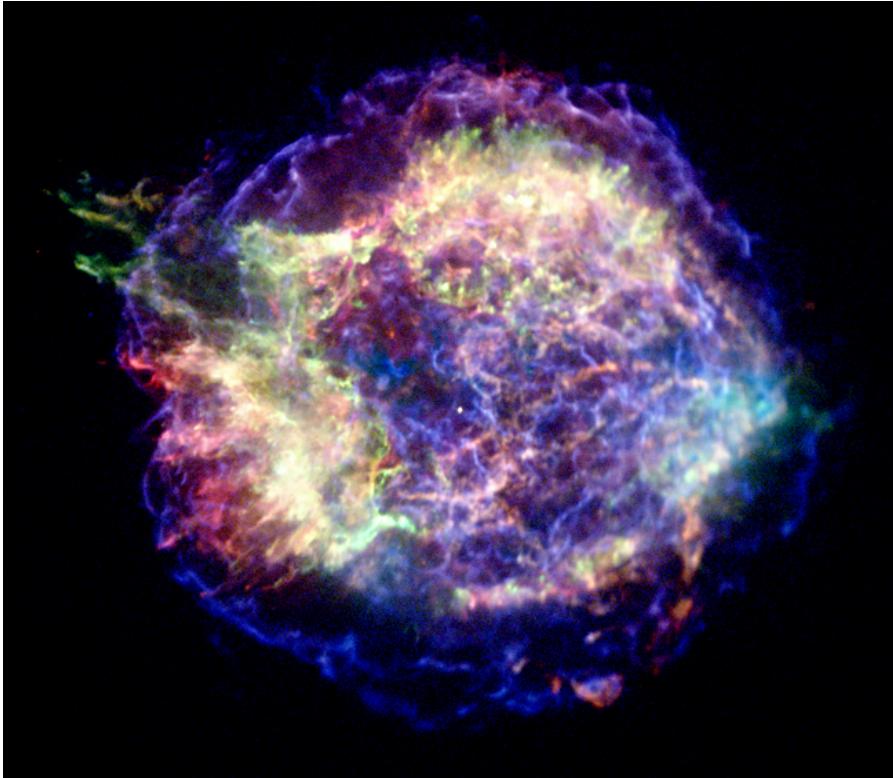
# Implications?



SNR W49B; harboring a black hole? (Lopez+2013)

Image credit: Composite X/IR/Radio image NASA/CXC/MIT/Lopez et al./  
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# Connection to Observations



Cassiopeia A Supernova Remnant  
Image Credit: NASA.

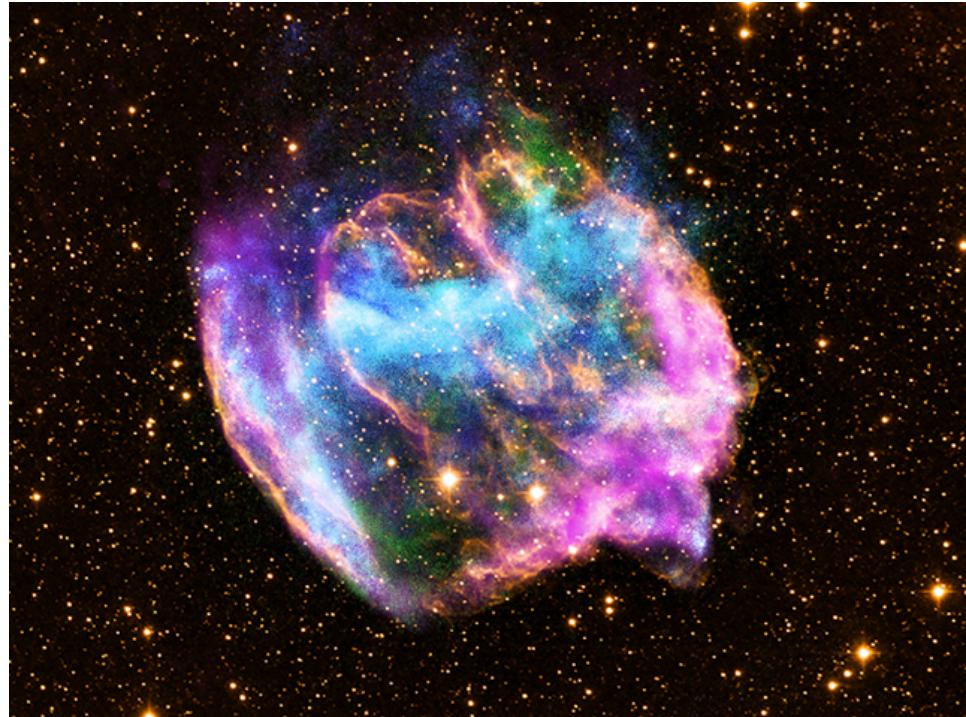
- Outflows show plausible conditions for creation of neutron-rich heavy elements, but electron fraction seems on the high end for r-process
- May explain observed asymmetries in SNR also for rotating progenitors (recent NuStar CasA observations)

$$Y_e \sim 0.1 - 0.2 \quad s \sim 10 - 15 \text{ k}_b \text{baryon}^{-1}$$

$$\beta \sim 0.01 - 0.1 \quad \text{underdense}$$

# Gamma-Ray Burst Connection

- Long gamma-ray bursts come with extreme supernovae
- Central engine of GRB: Black hole or magnetar?
- Simulations show continued accretion on the equator in supernova phase

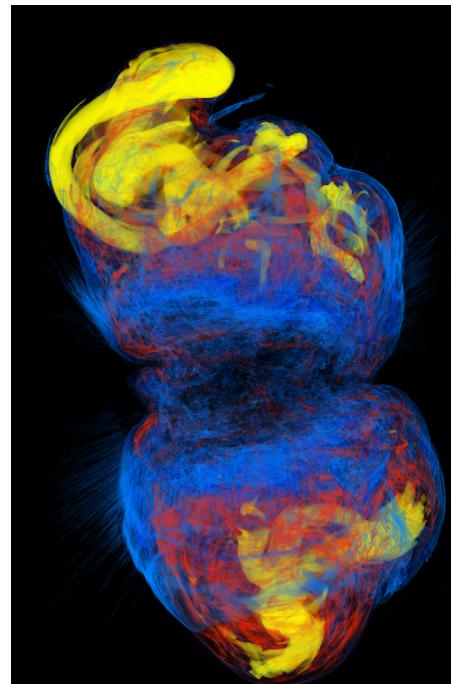
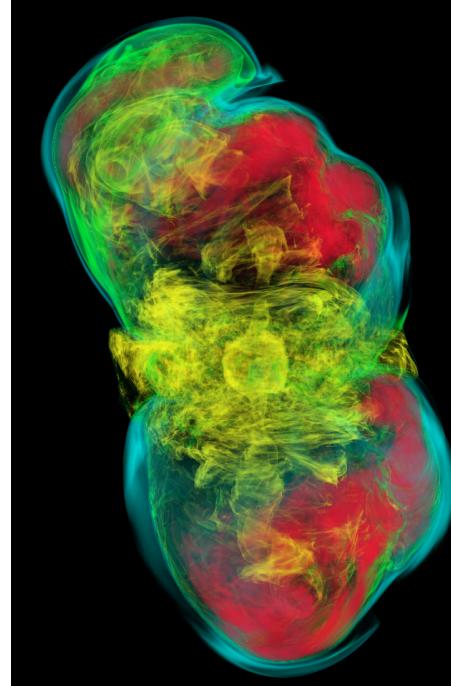


Supernova remnant W49B; harboring a black hole? (Lopez+2013)

Simulations allow for magnetar or collapsar scenario; progenitor dependence?

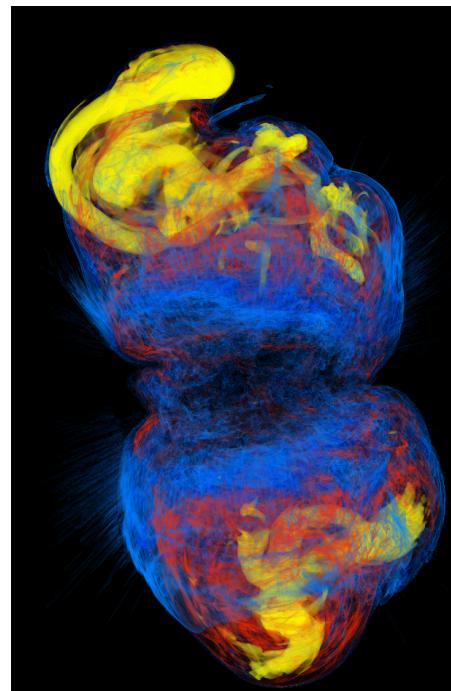
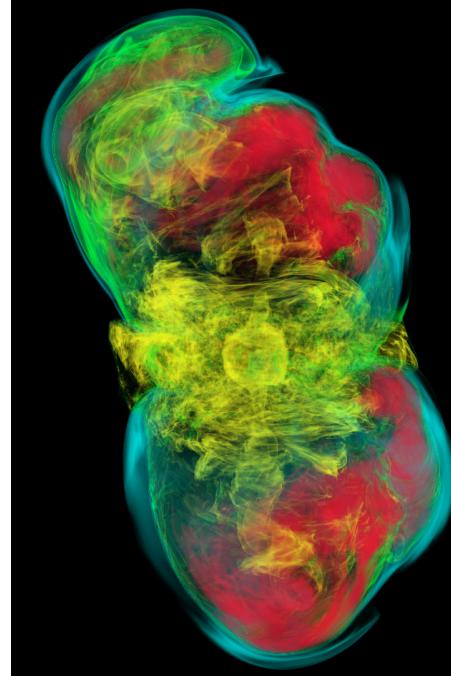
# Summary

- MHD supernovae (and other high-energy astro systems) need to be modeled in 3D
- Developing jets become ‘kink’-unstable, but highly magnetized outflows drive shock into dual-lobe structure that transitions into explosion
- Accretion continues and mass of the proto-NS increases -> Allows for magnetar and collapsar LGRB models
- Is the r-process robust for 3D MHD explosions?



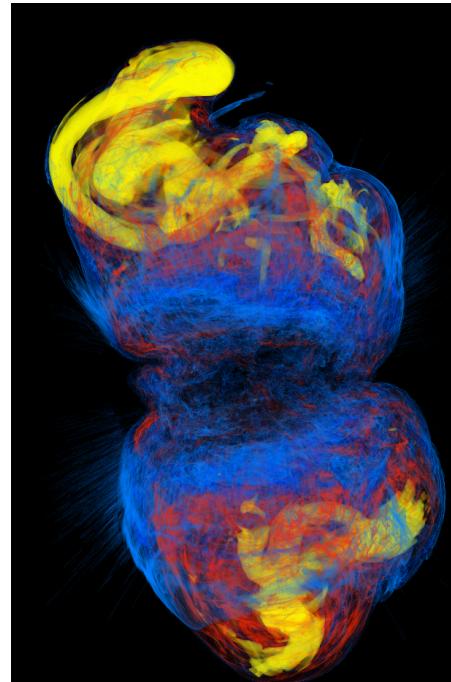
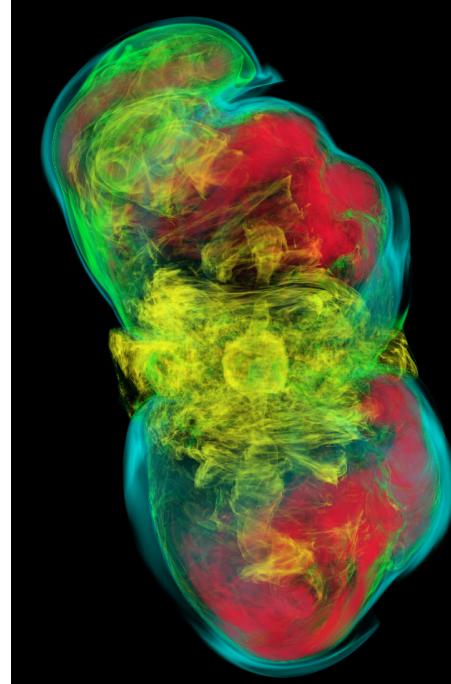
# Open Questions:

- How realistic are rapidly rotating progenitor stars?
  - Binary interaction, chemically homogenous evolution
  - But also magnetic braking and angular momentum redistribution
- What about progenitor magnetic fields?
  - How can we get constraints for massive stars?
  - Does the MRI work in delivering field?



# Next steps in modeling

- Robust numerical algorithms for high magnetization needed: Con2Prim, reconstruction, Riemann solver! **What is most important?**
- Radiation MHD -> M1, especially important for detailed nucleosynthesis
- **How much resolution do we need?** Can we build a (reliable) subgrid model for MHD turbulence?
- What about **weak magnetic fields** and their impact on turbulence in CCSN?
- Beyond ideal MHD -> resistivity, ... How important is this going to be in core-collapse?



Thank you!