

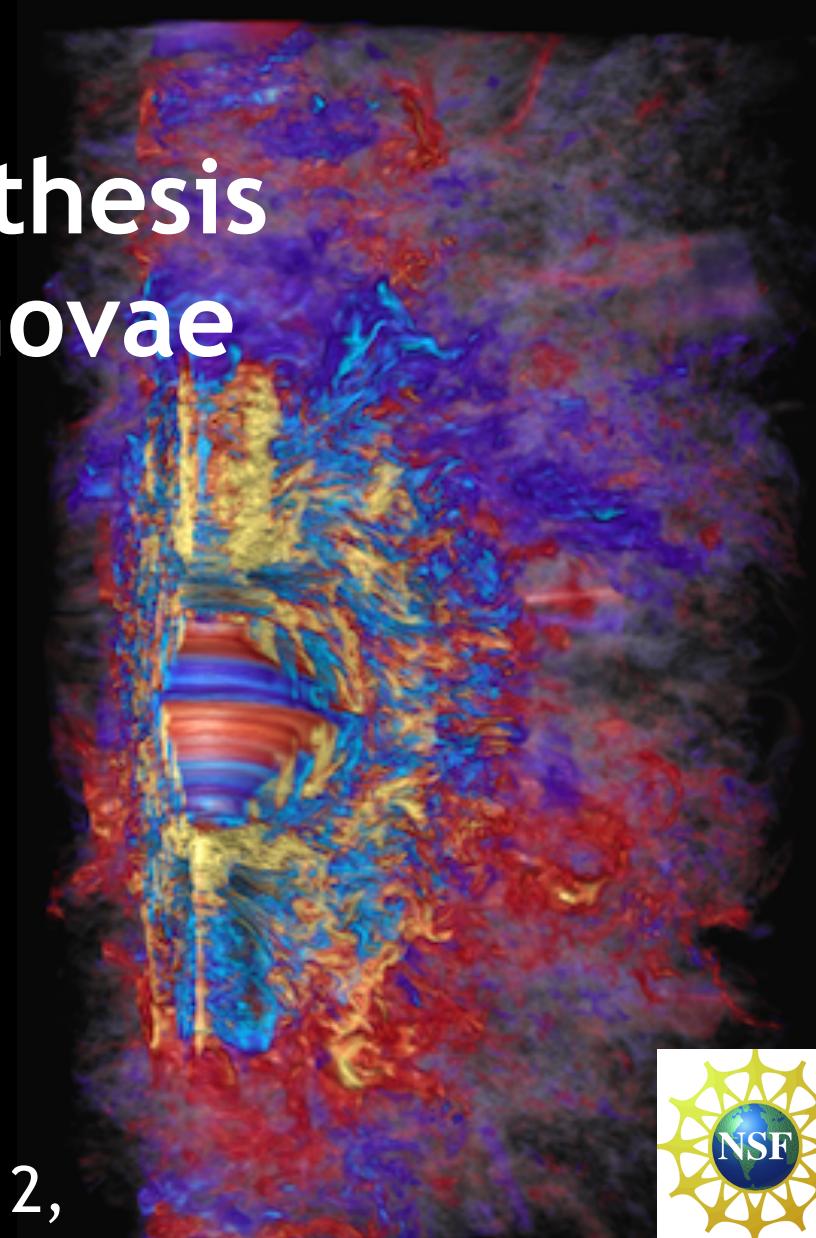
# R-process nucleosynthesis in jet-driven supernovae

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# New era of transient science

- Current (PTF, DeCAM, ASAS-SN) and upcoming wide-field time domain astronomy (ZTF, LSST, ...) -> wealth of data
- adv LIGO / gravitational waves detected
- Computational tools at dawn of new exascale era

Transformative years ahead for our understanding of these events



Image: PTF/ZTF/COO

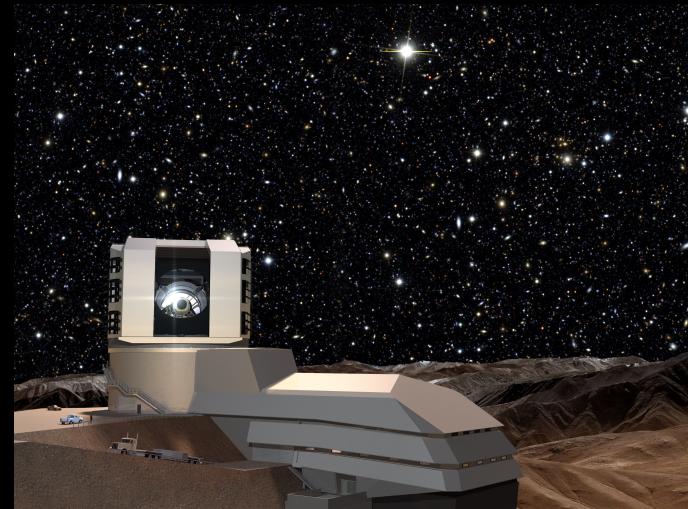


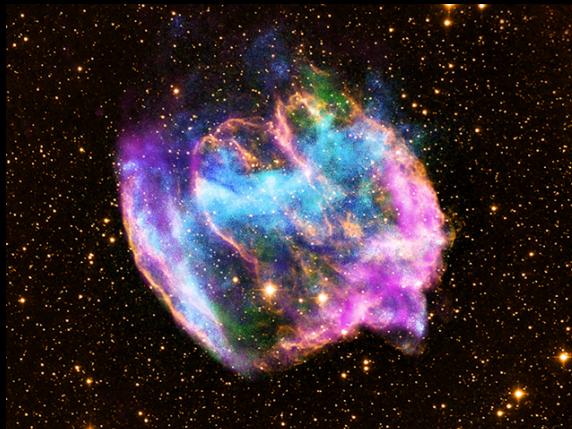
Image: LSST

# Astrophysics of core-collapse supernovae

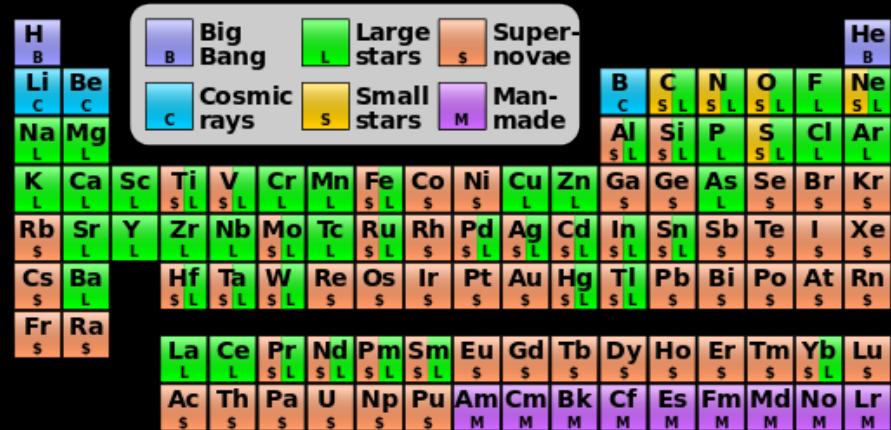


M82/Chandra/NASA

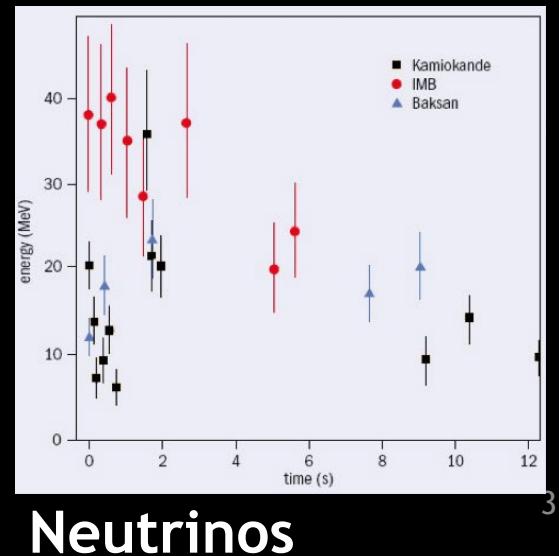
Galaxy evolution/feedback



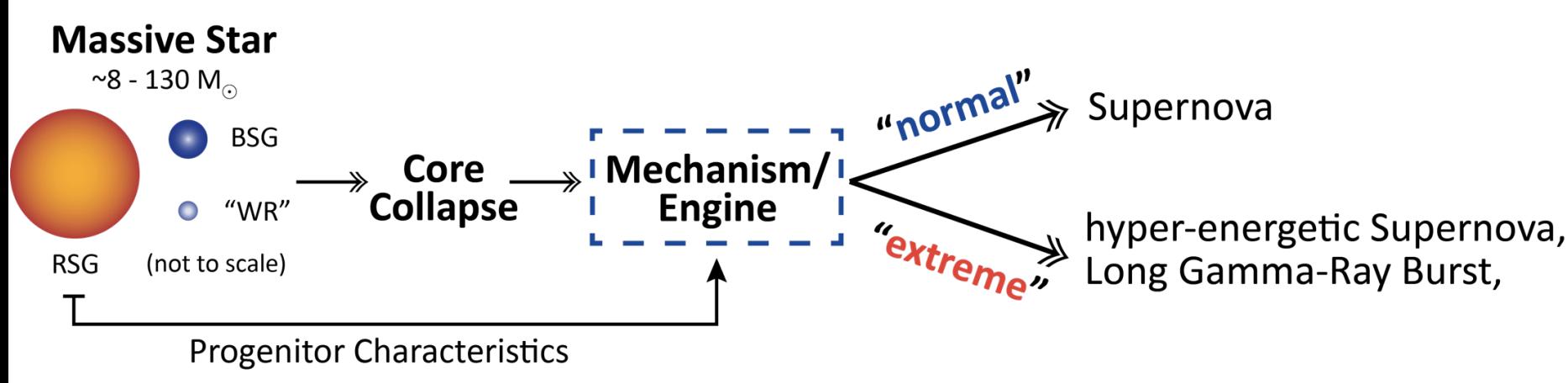
Birth sites of black holes / neutron stars



Heavy element nucleosynthesis

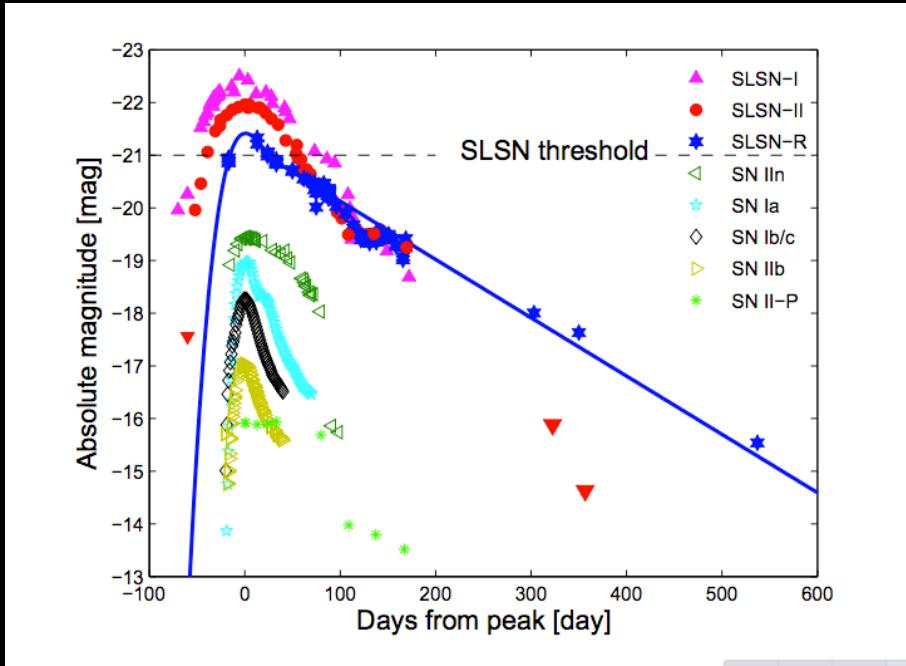


# Hypernovae & GRBs



- 11 long GRB - core-collapse supernova associations.
- All GRB-SNe are stripped envelope, show outflows  $v \sim 0.1c$
- But not all stripped-envelope supernovae come with GRBs
- Trace low metallicity and low redshift

# Superluminous supernovae



Some events:  
stripped envelope  
no interaction  
 $E_{\text{lum}} \sim 10^{45} \text{ erg}$   
 $E_{\text{rad}} \text{ up to } 10^{52} \text{ erg}$

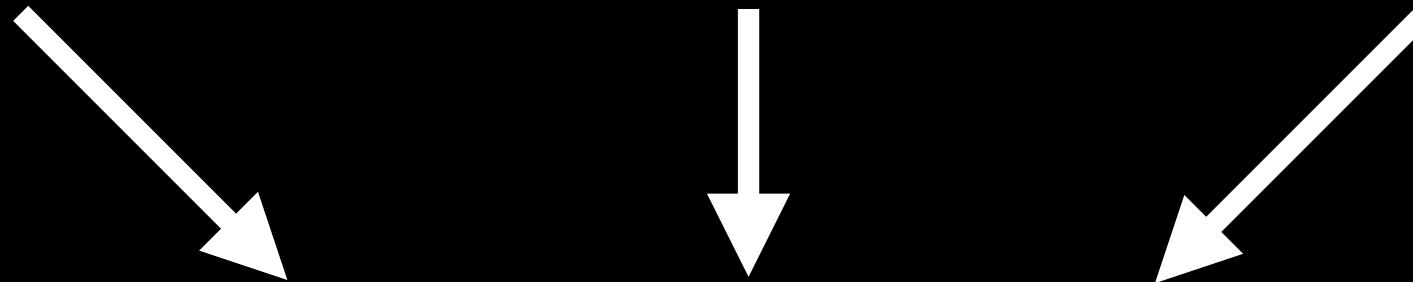
Gal-Yam+12

# Superluminous / hyperenergetic supernovae

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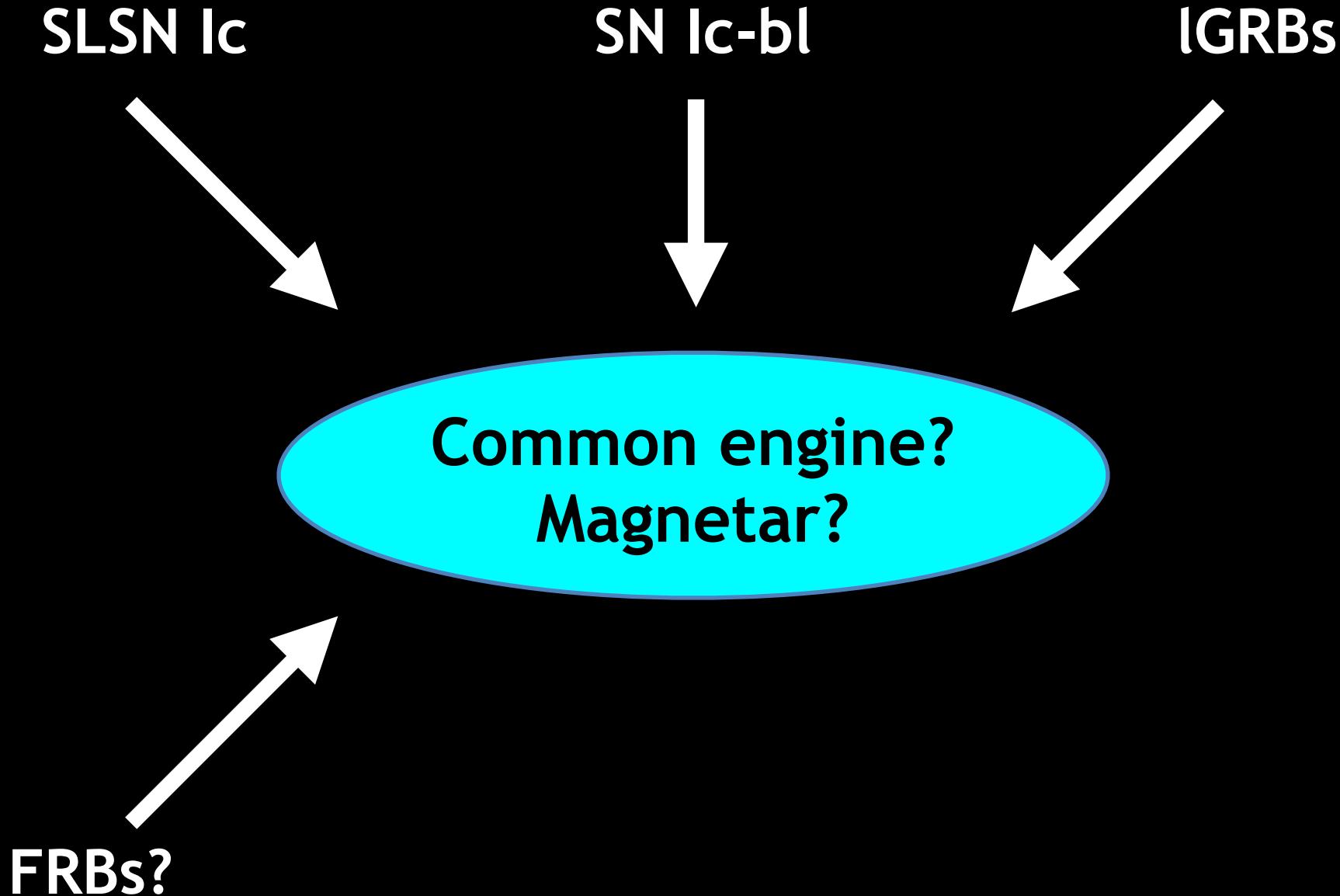
SN Ic-bl

IGRBs

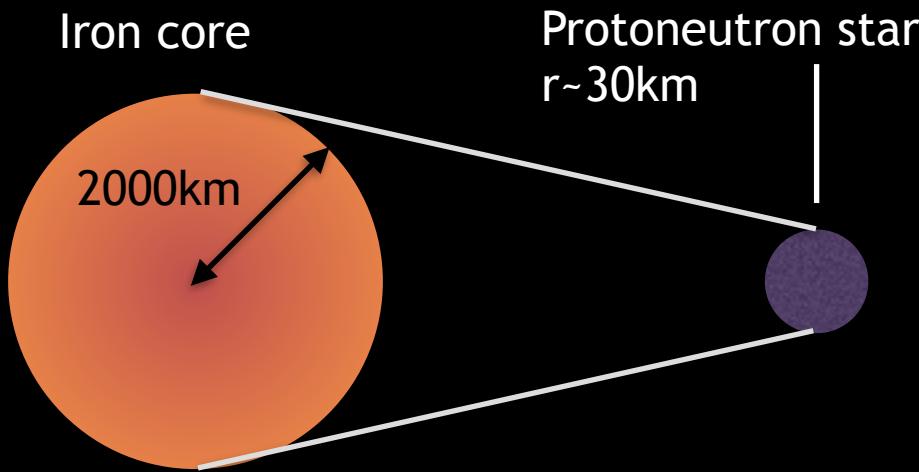


Common engine?  
Magnetar?

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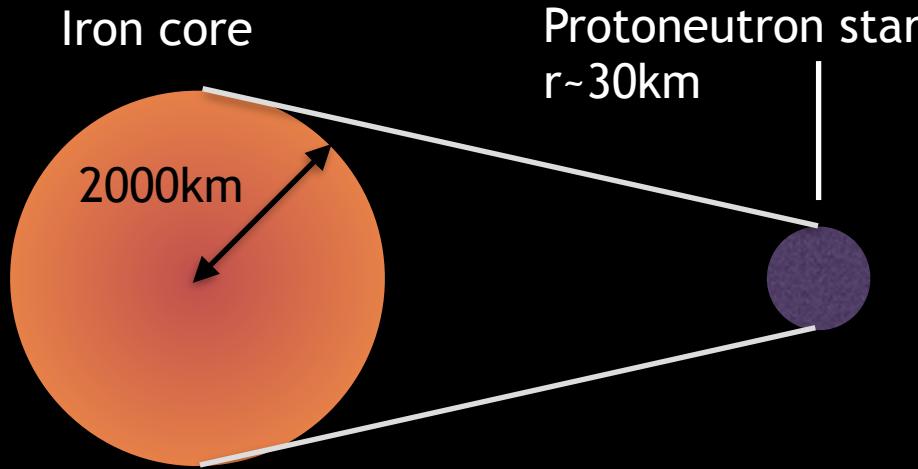
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Nuclear equation of state  
stiffens at nuclear density

Inner core ( $\sim 0.5 M_{\odot}$ )  
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shockwave

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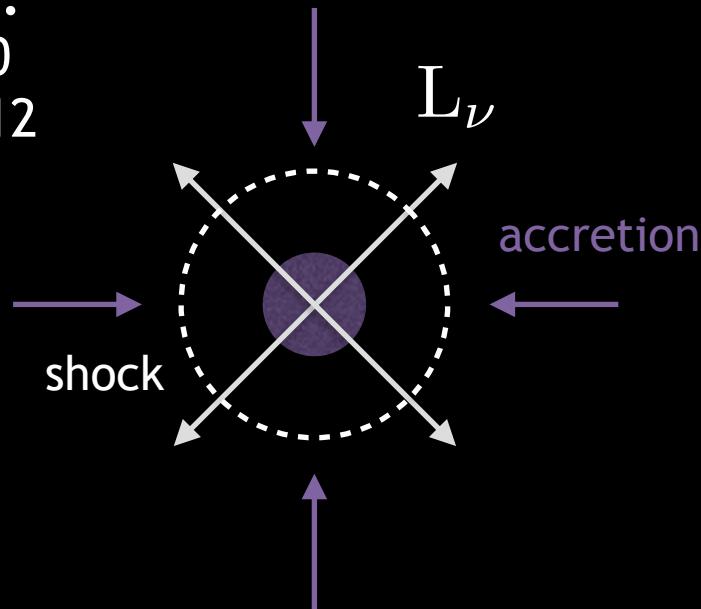
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## Reviews:

Bethe '90

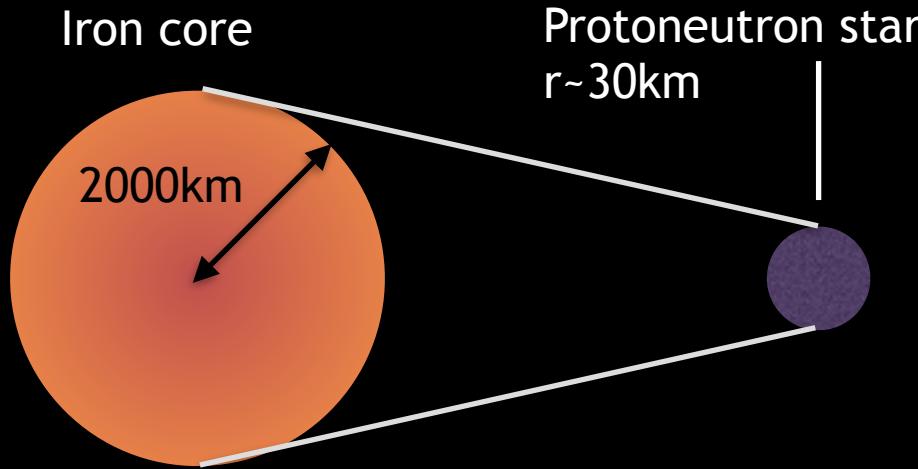
Janka+ '12



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

Shock stalls at  $\sim 100$  km

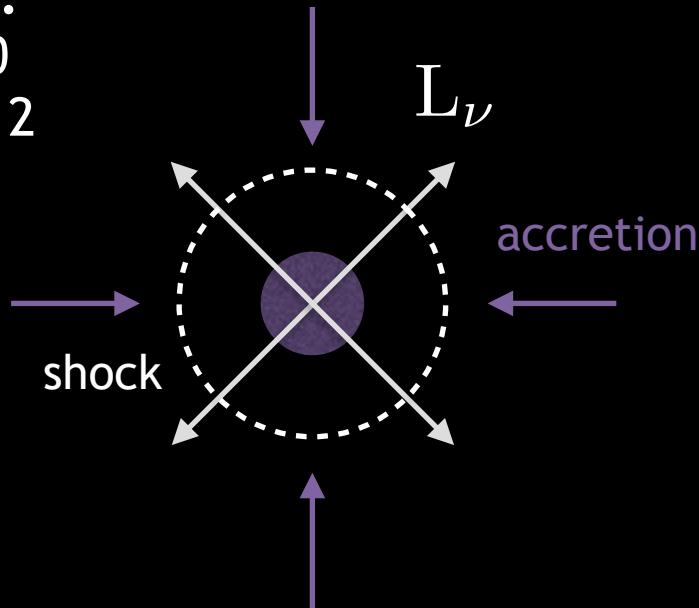
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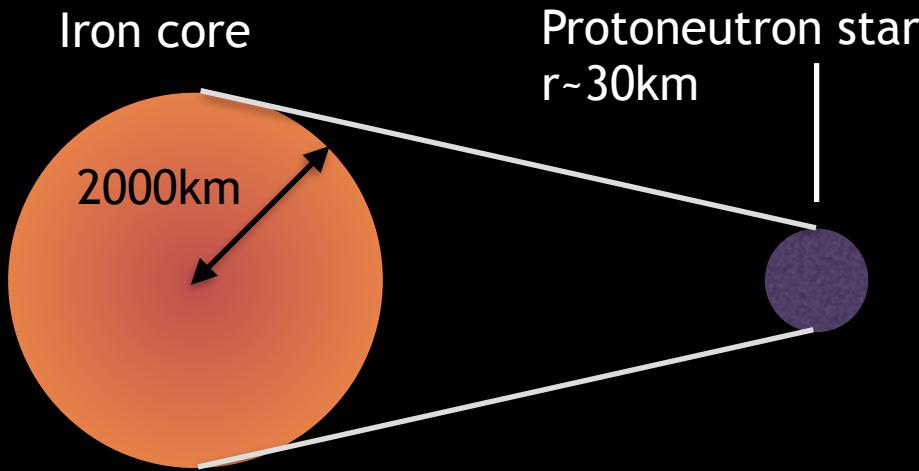
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**Core-collapse  
supernova problem:  
How to revive the  
shockwave?**

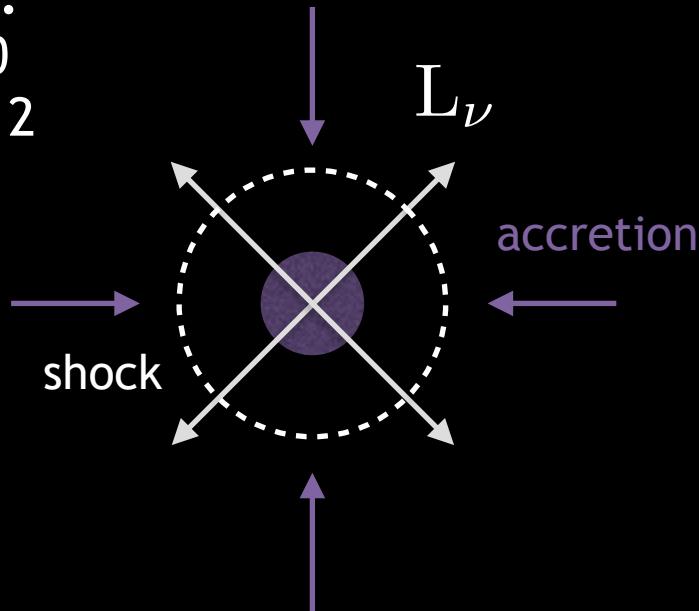
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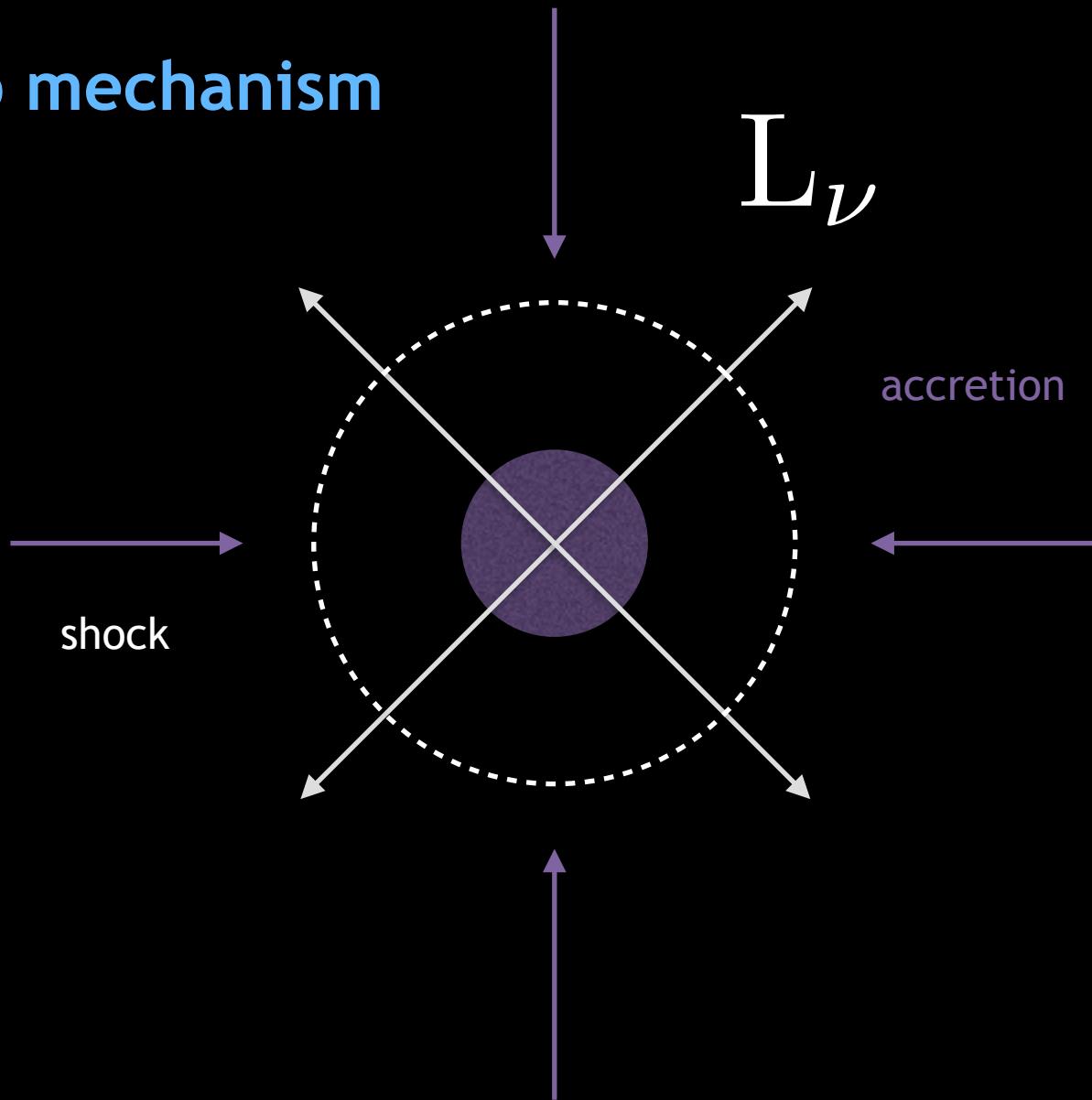
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Engine  
formation?

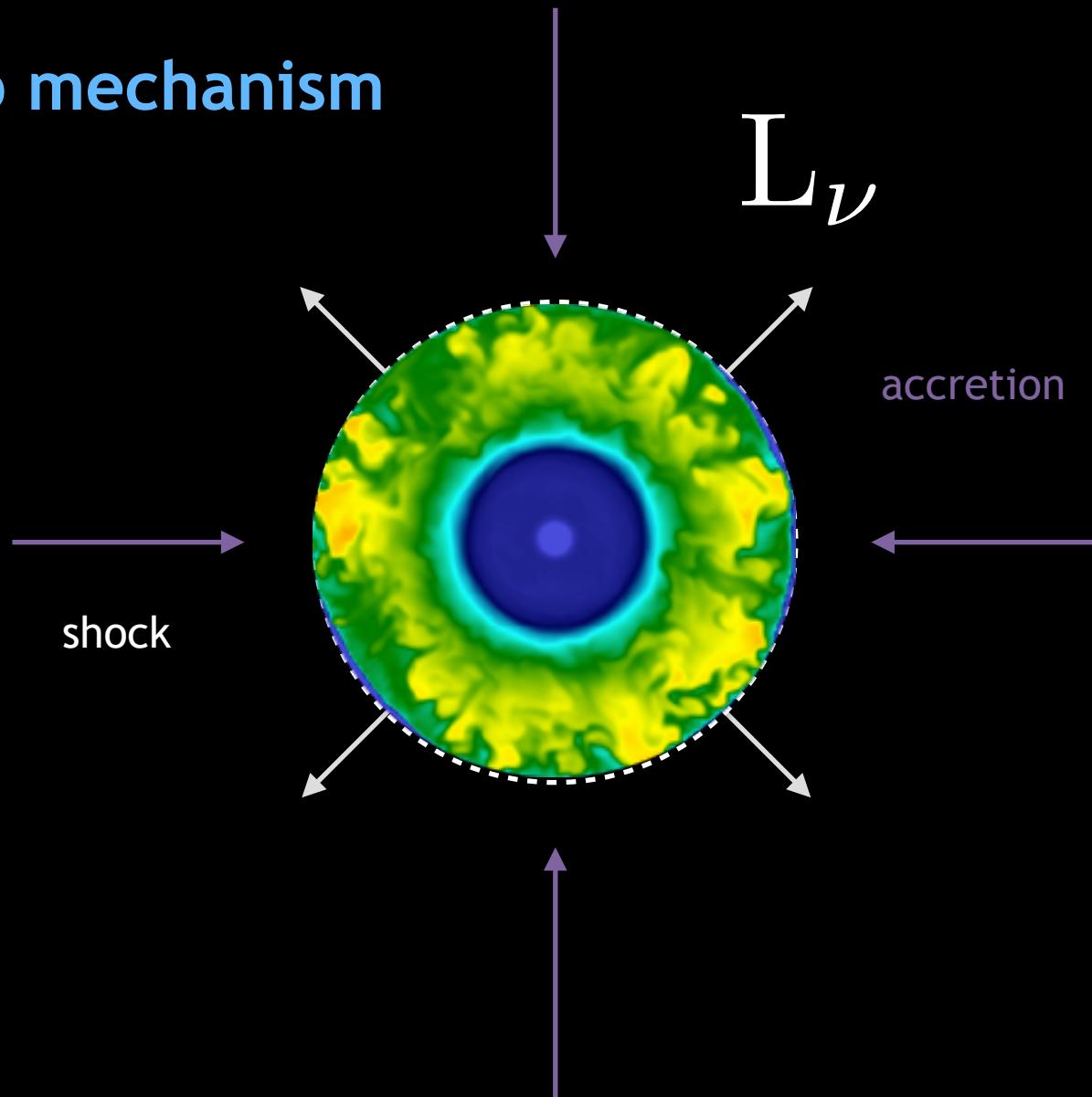
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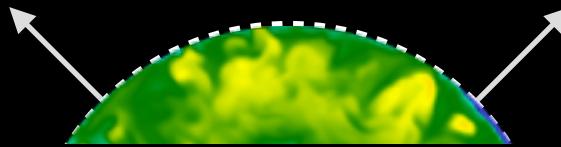
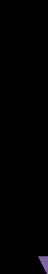
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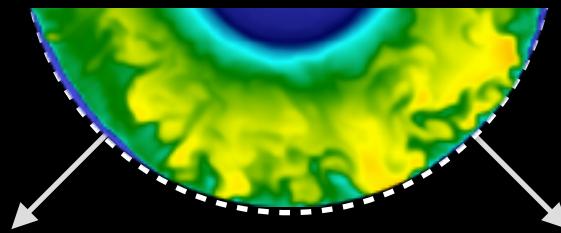
Neutrino mechanism

$$L_\nu$$



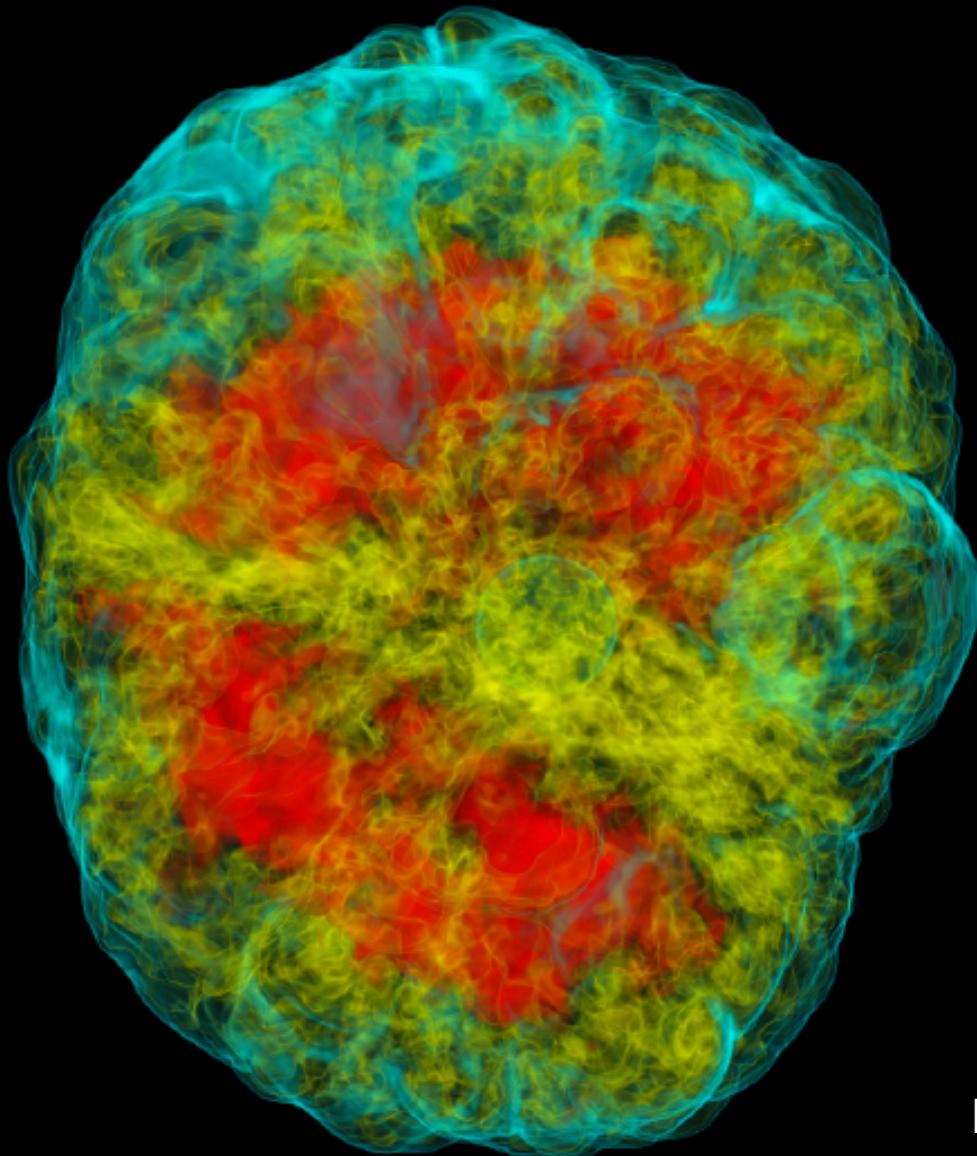
accretion

shock



## Theory incomplete!

# Core collapse basics



3D Volume  
Visualization of  
Entropy

Roberts+16

# Protomagnetar powered explosions



Rapid Rotation + B-field amplification

Results in ms-period proto-magnetar

**2D: Energetic bipolar explosions**  
Energy in rotation up to  $10^{52}$  erg

# A multiphysics challenge

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→ Gas/plasma dynamics

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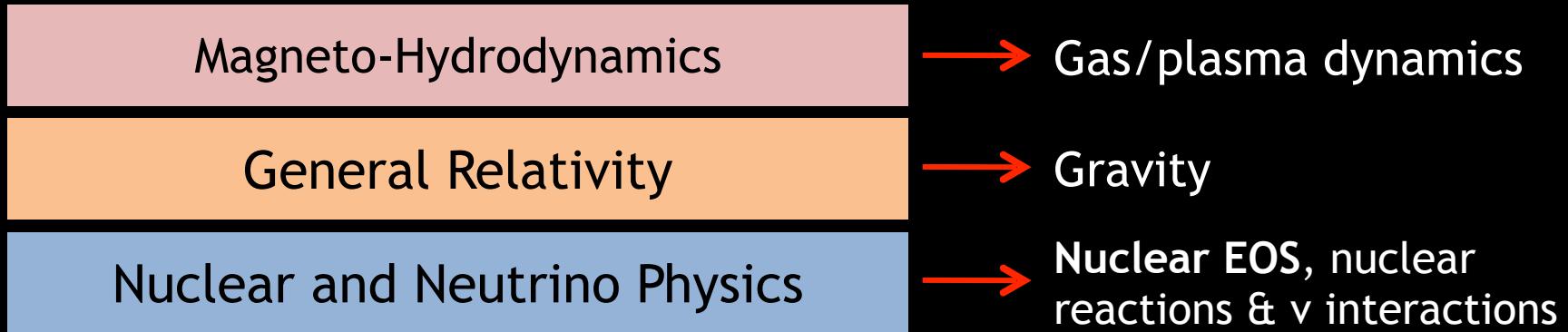
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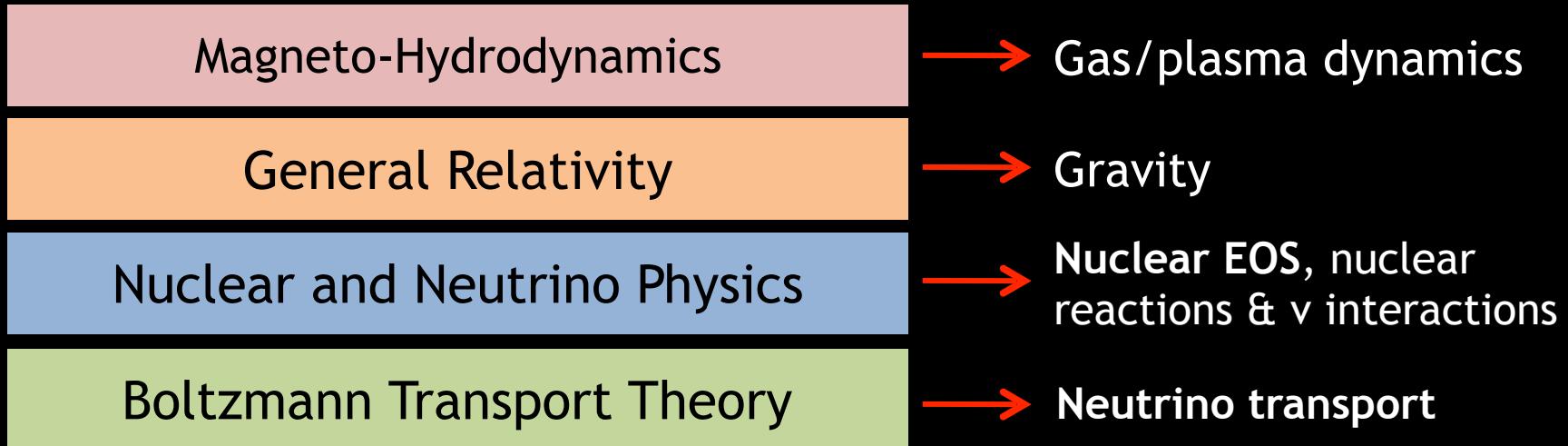
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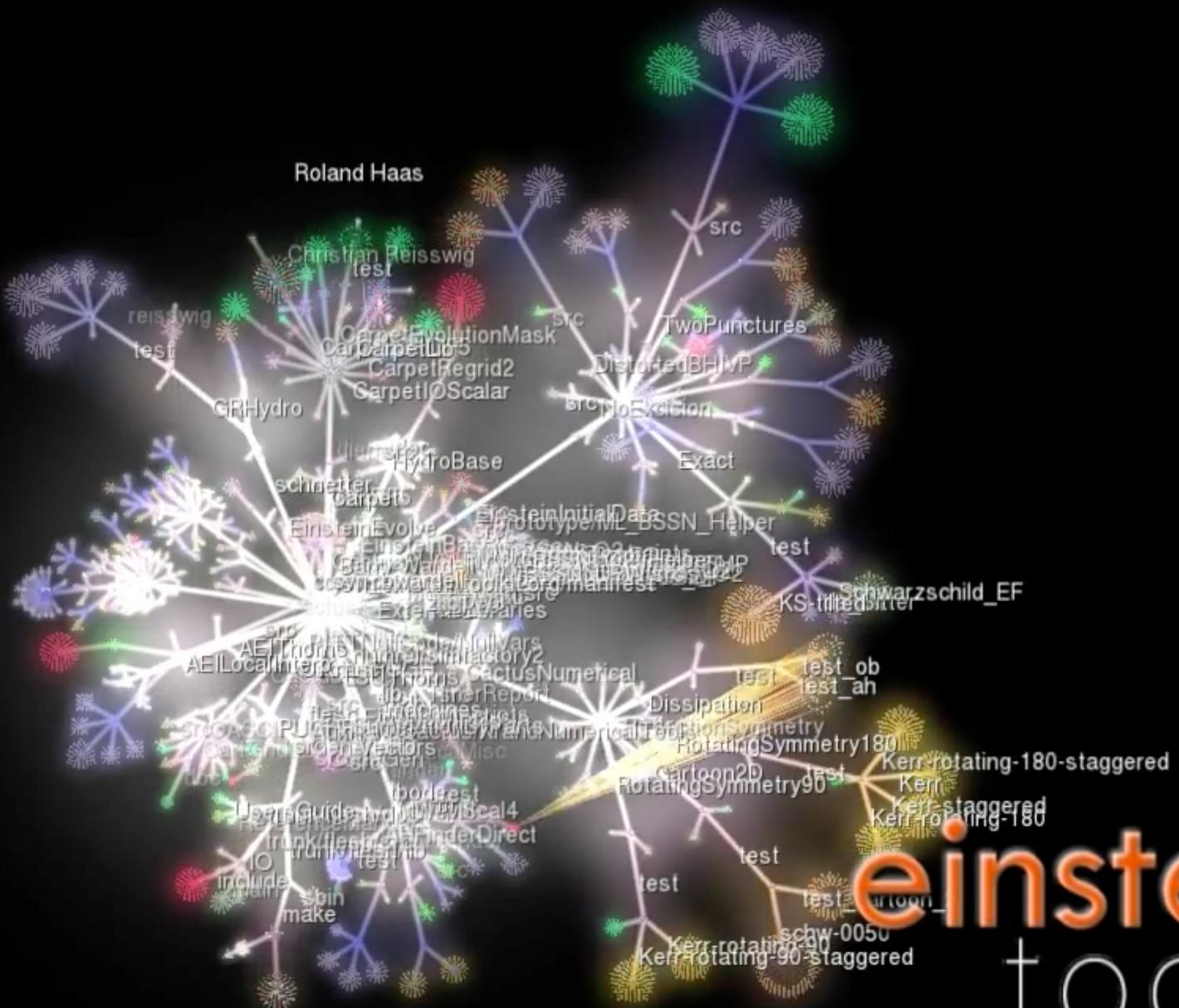
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Additional Complication: Core-Collapse Supernovae are 3D

- rotation
- fluid and MHD instabilities, multi-D structure, spatial scales

Need 21st century tools:

- cutting edge numerical algorithms
- sophisticated open-source software infrastructure
- peta/exa scale computers



# einstein toolkit

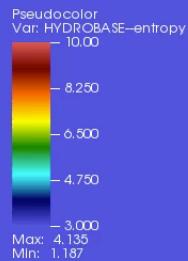
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# 3D explosions dynamics very different!

PM+ 14

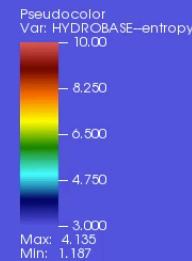
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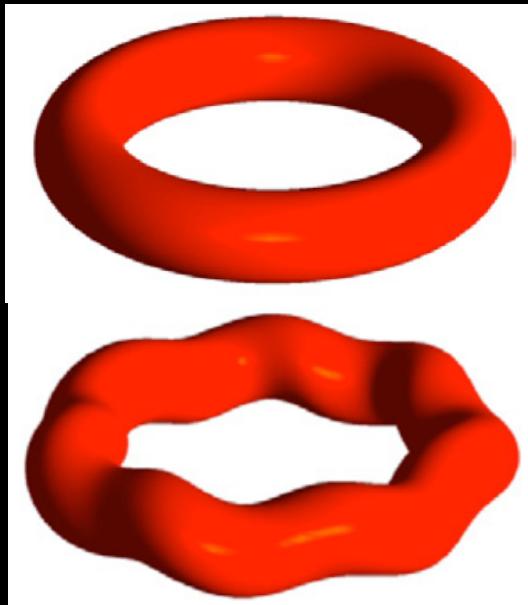


Octant Symmetry (no odd modes)  
identical to 2D

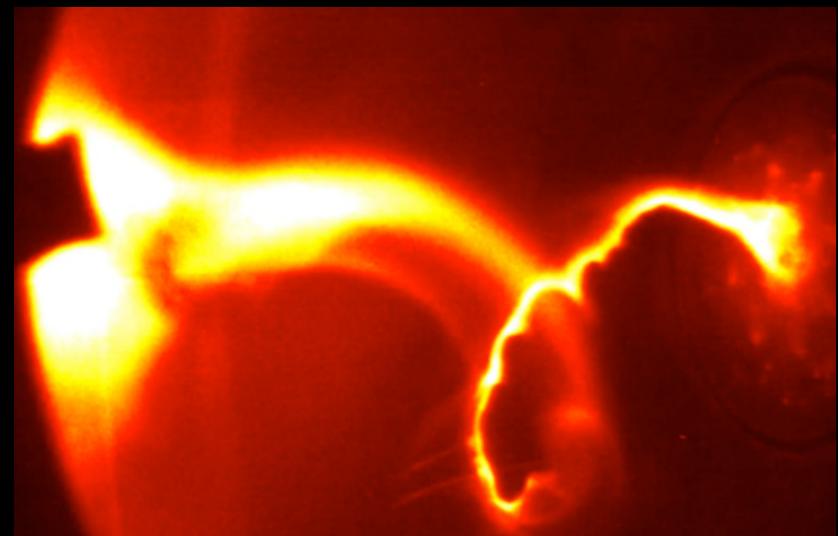
Full 3D

# 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



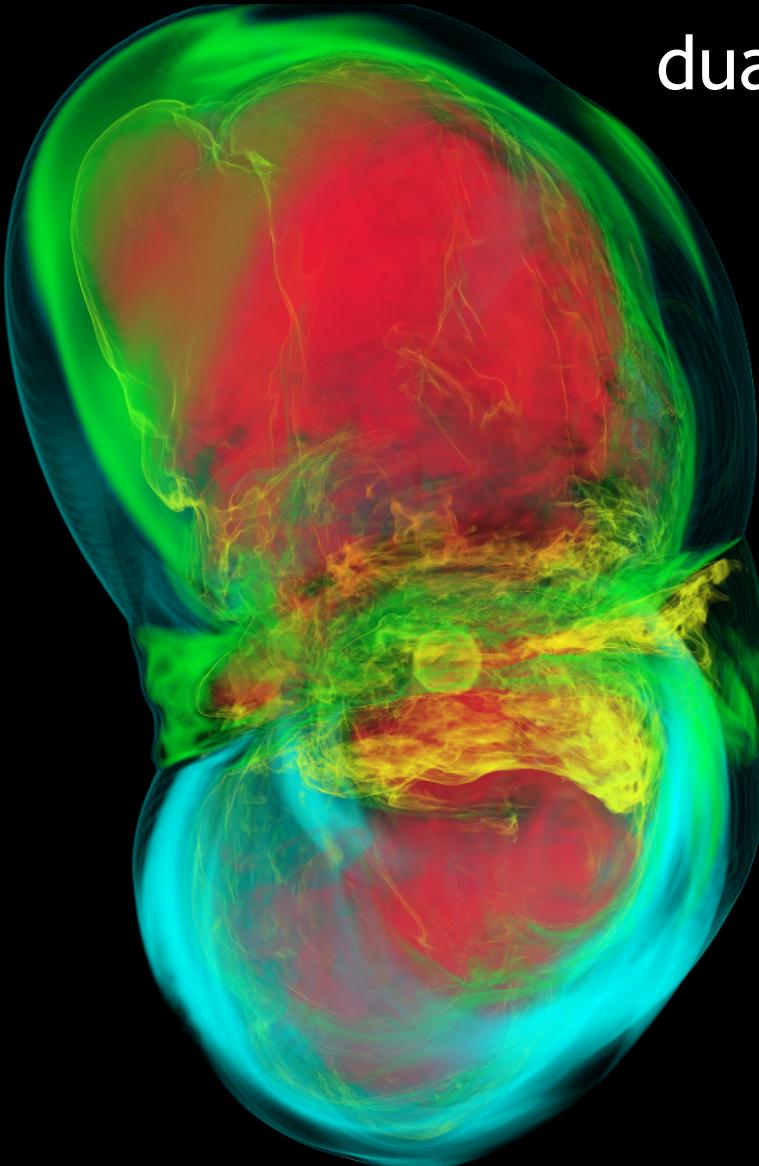
Credit: Moser & Bellan, Caltech

Braithwaite+ '06

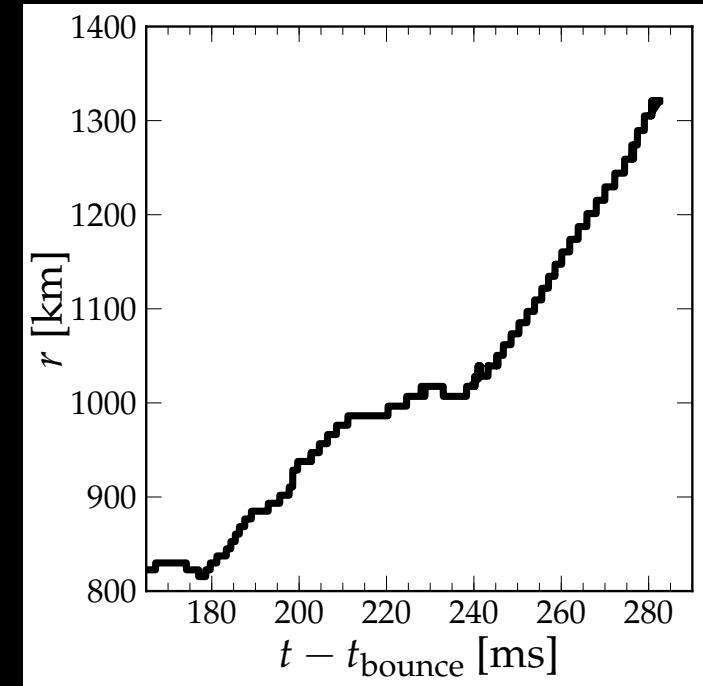
# Entropy

PM, Richers+ 14

# Implications for long Gamma-Ray Bursts



dual-lobe ‘slow’  
explosion



Continued accretion ->  
Black hole engine possible!

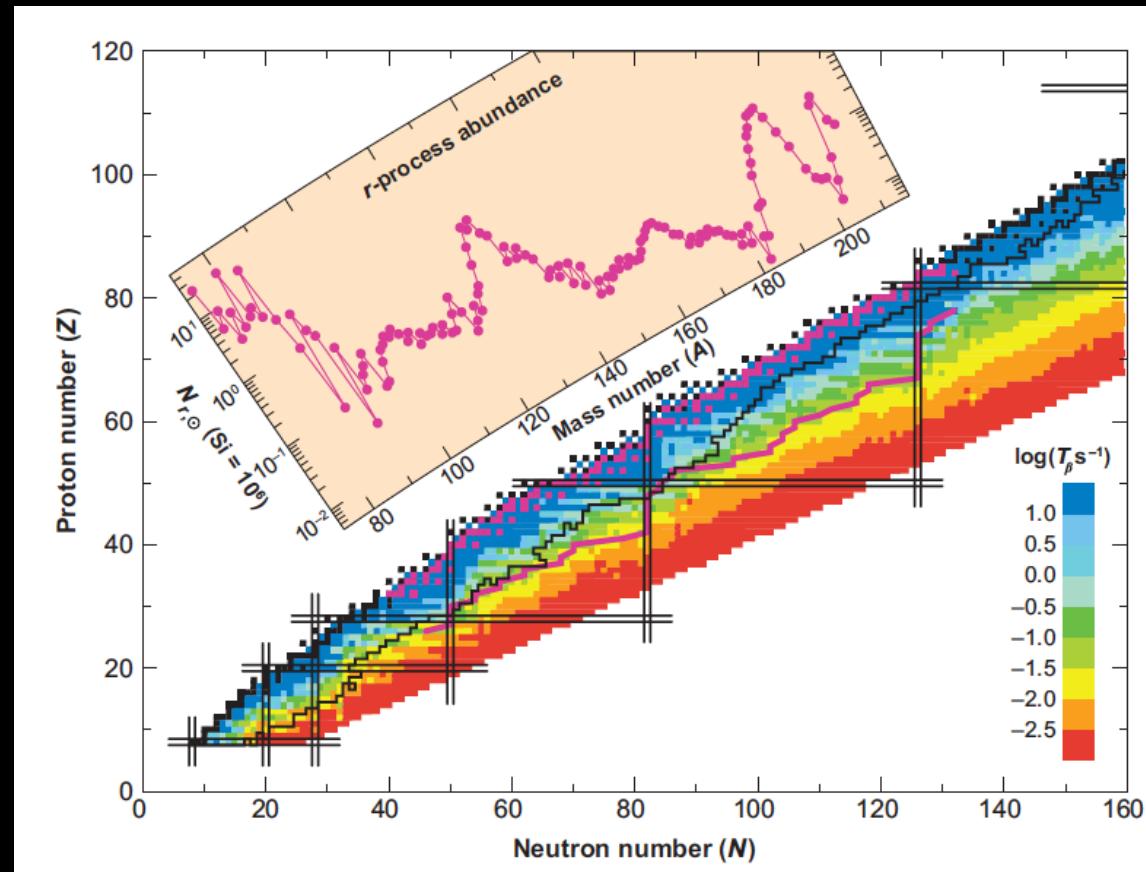
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# Neutron-rich nucleosynthesis in supernovae

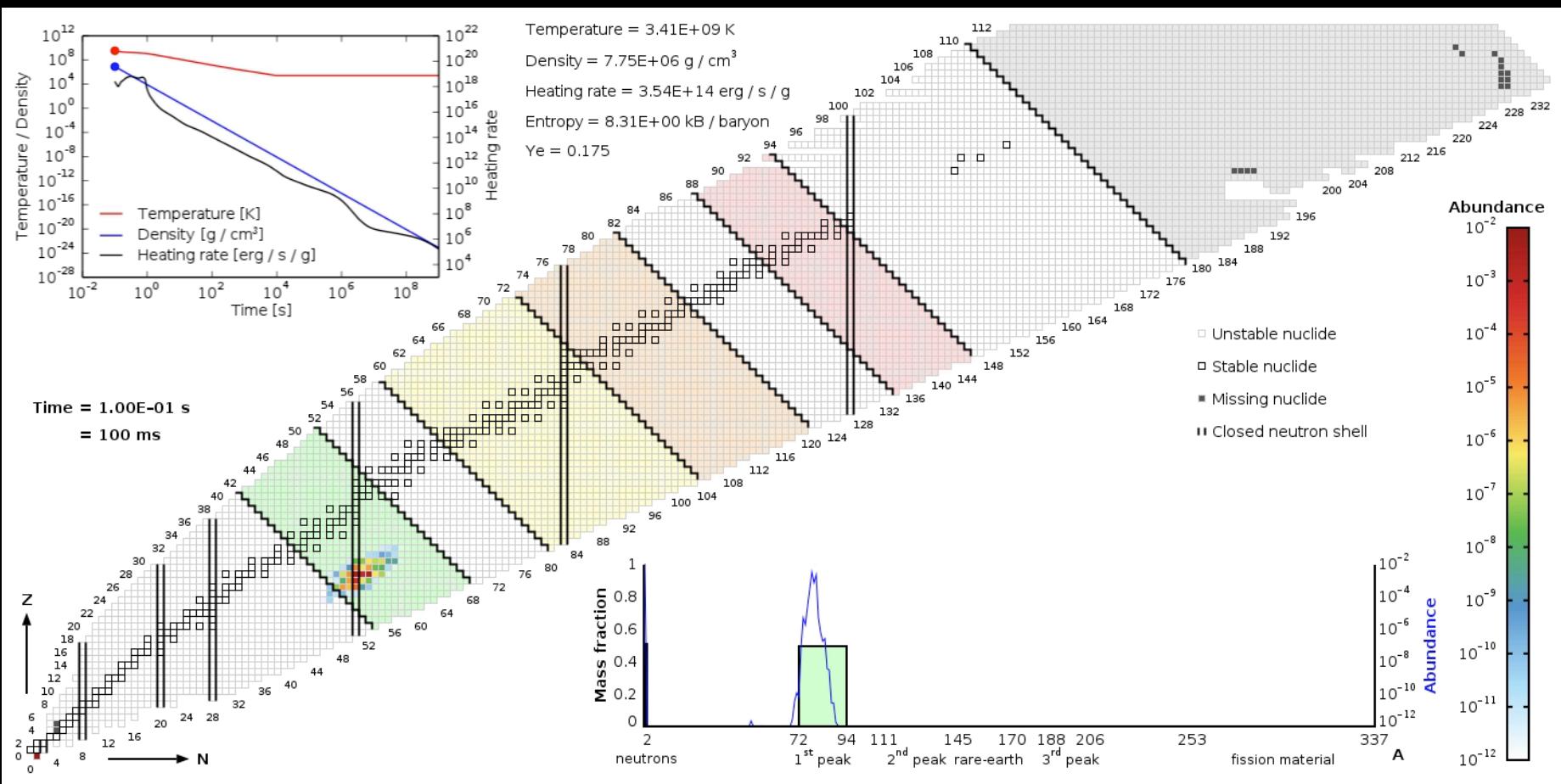
## Creating the heaviest elements

Jet-driven explosions proposed as site for r-process

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



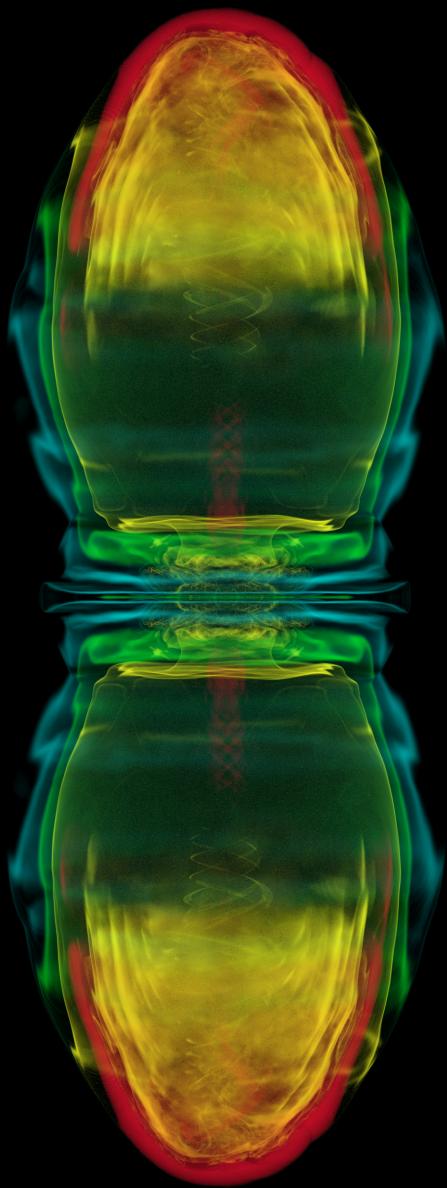
# R-process - Basics



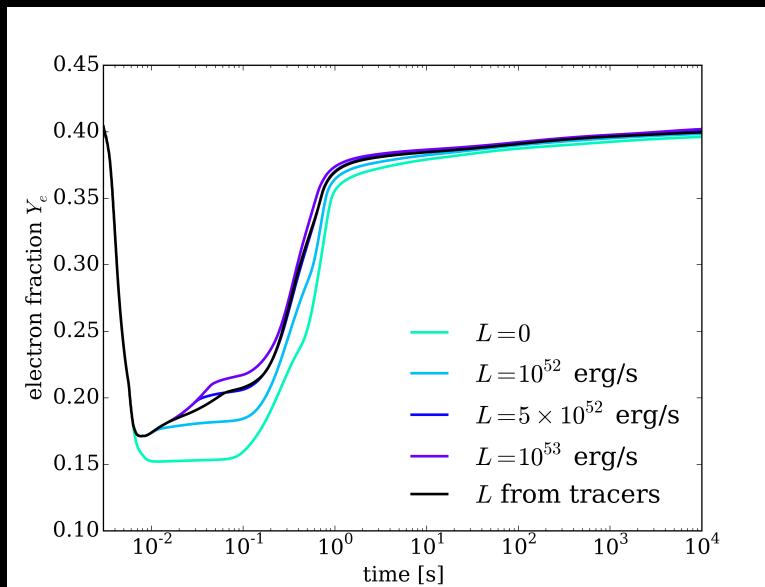
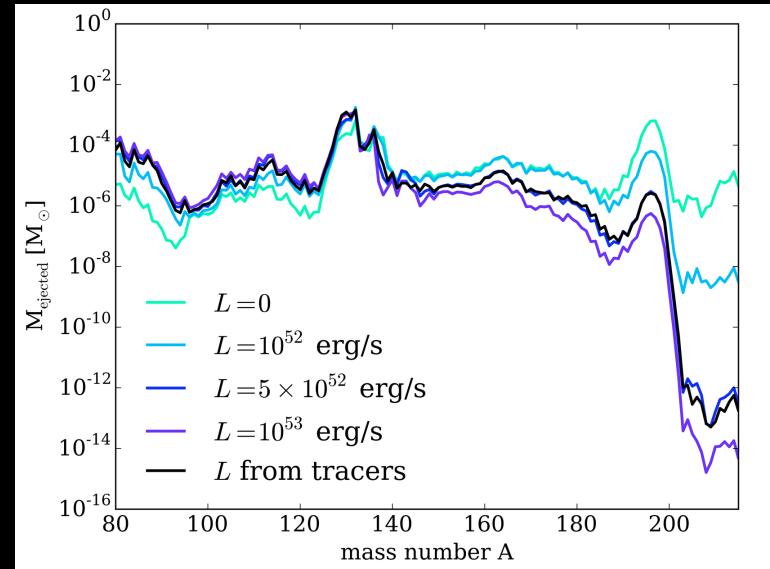
PM, Roberts, Halevi+ 17 (in prep)

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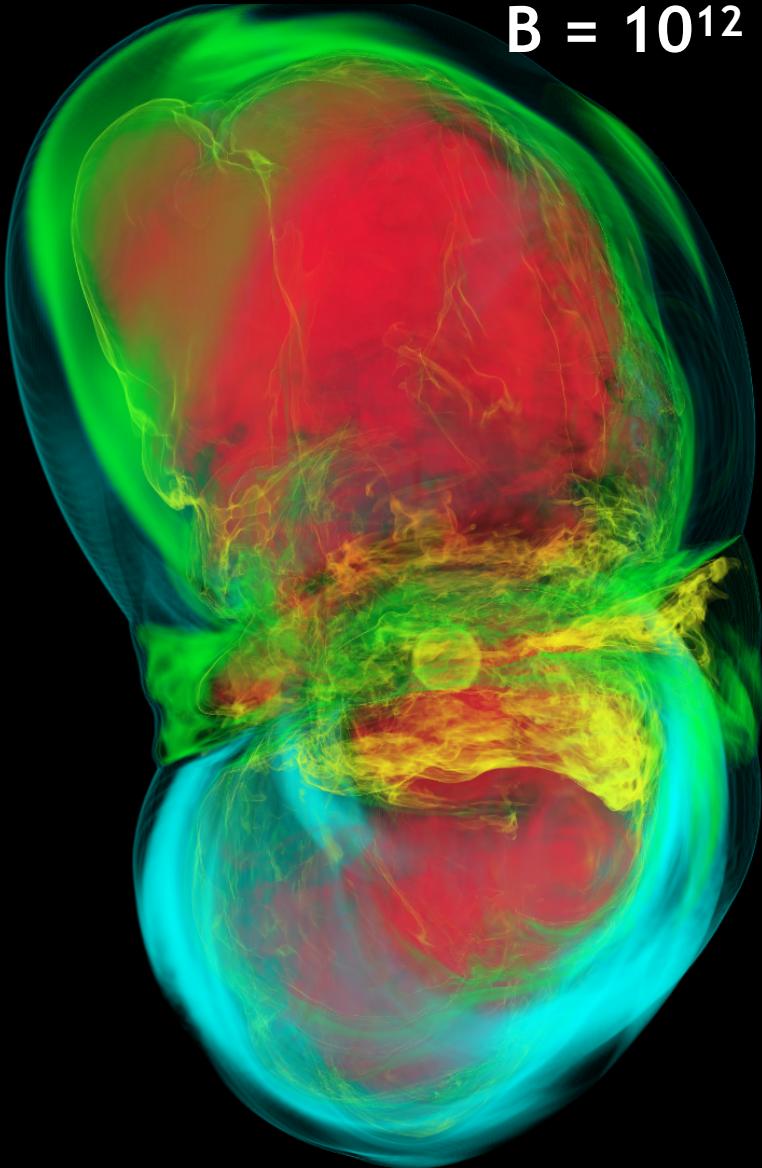


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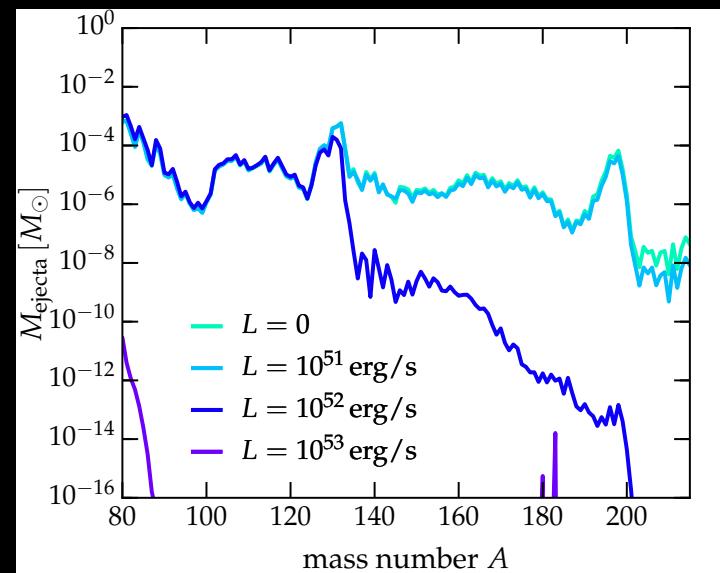
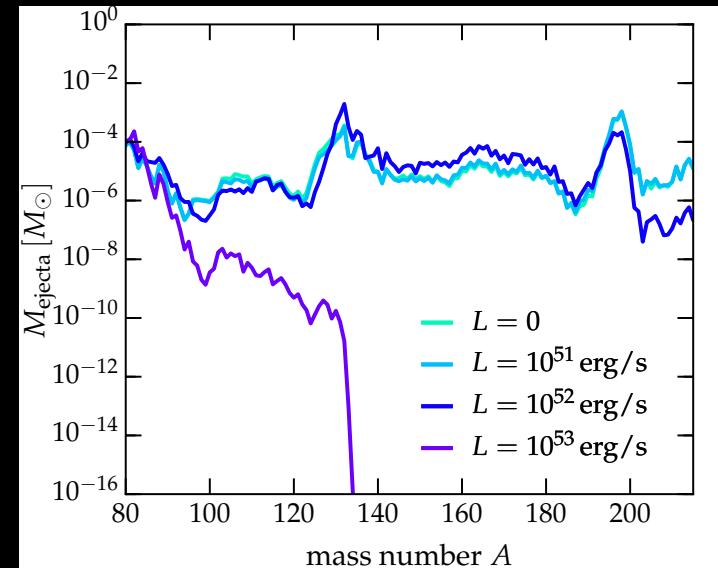


# R-process in jet-driven supernovae

$B = 10^{12}$  G / octant



$B = 10^{12}$  G full 3D



# Summary

New (hyperenergetic/superluminous) transients  
challenge our engine models

Need detailed massively parallel 3D GRMHD  
simulations to interpret observational data

Robust r-process elements only from iron cores that  
were magnetized strongly precollapse

**High-performance computing key to solving these  
puzzles**

# Thank you!