Supernova or direct collapse? Supernova explosions and black hole mass

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Core-collapse supernovae



When Fe core forms in a massive (> 8 Msun) star

- Fe-group atoms (Ni-62, Fe-58, Fe-56) have maximum binding energy: no more energy released by fusion
 ⇒ stellar core starts collapsing because pressure drops
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- 2) electron degeneracy pressure tries to stop collapse but if core mass > Chandrasekhar mass (~1.4 Msun) electron + proton capture removes electrons <u>→ electron pressure decreases</u>



- → COLLAPSE to NUCLEAR DENSITY, where <u>neutron degeneracy pressure</u> stops collapse
- \rightarrow **PROTO-NEUTRON STAR FORMS**

Fraction of binding energy of core (Eb,c ~10⁵³ erg) $W \sim 5 \times 10^{53} \operatorname{erg} \left(\frac{M_{\rm PNS}}{1.4 \, M_{\odot}}\right)^2 \, \left(\frac{10 \, \mathrm{km}}{R_{\rm PNS}}\right)$

used to launch a SHOCK : = supernova explosion

MECHANISM that converts binding energy into shock is UNKNOWN



STANDARD MODEL: CONVECTIVE ENGINE

Potential energy is converted into thermal energy (mostly thermal energy of neutrinos) and core bounces driving shocks

SHOCK MUST REVERSE COLLAPSE OF OUTER LAYERS

But density must be sufficiently high that neutrinos interact, otherwise neutrinos leak away without transferring energy → SHOCK MIGHT STALL

 \rightarrow SN FAILS

WHEN DOES THE SHOCK STALL and the SN FAILS? Convective region below shock where neutrino transfer is

enhanced by convection

Fryer 2014, http://pos.sissa.it/archive/conferences/237/004/FRAPWS2014_004.pdf



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HYDRODYNAMICAL SIMULATIONS

<u>**!!CAVEAT: only stars with mass 8 – 11 Msun explode easily!!</u></u>**

1D: large statistics (hundreds of models), approximate neutrino transfer (often kinetic bombs or thermal bombs to artificially induce explosion even in more massive stars)

(O'Connor & Ott 2011; Ugliano et al. 2012; Ertl et al. 2016)

2D: explode easily but might contain wrong physics (Marek & Janka 2009; Mueller et al. 2012a, 2012b)

3D: computationally expensive, explode slowly (Ott et al. 2005; Bondin & Mezzacappa 2007; Couch 2013; Couch & O'Connor 2014)

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Supernova shock stops if BOUND MASS is too LARGE (Fryer 1999; Fryer & Kalogera 2001)

Back-of-the-envelope calculation to connect direct collapse and pre-supernova mass:

$$E_{\rm SN} = \frac{G M_{\rm env} \left(M_{\rm env} + M_{\rm core}\right)}{R_{\rm env}} \sim 1 \,\rm Msur$$
Star cannot explode if
envelope binding energy
> SN energy
$$M_{\rm env} \sim 50 \,M_{\odot} \left(\frac{E_{\rm SN}}{10^{51} \rm erg}\right)^{1/2} \left(\frac{R_{\rm env}}{10 \,R_{\odot}}\right)^{1/2}$$

If M_{fin}>50 Msun this SN fails and star collapses to a BH!

CRITERIA FOR COLLAPSE TO A REMNANT

depends on the "compactness" of the inner layers of the star

1. MASS OF CARBON-OXYGEN CORE If Mco > 7 – 8 Msun SN FAILS (Fryer+ 1999, 2012; Belczynski+ 2010)

2. COMPACTNESS

3. TWO-PARAMETER CRITERION

2. COMPACTNESS (= ratio between mass and radius) of a given portion of the stellar core at the onset of collapse

(O'Connor & Ott 2011, Ugliano et al. 2012)



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3. enclosed mass (M₄) and mass gradient (μ_4) at a dimensionless entropy per nucleon s = 4

$$M_4 = m(s=4)/M_{\odot}$$
 $\mu_4 = \left[\frac{dm/M_{\odot}}{dr/1000 \,\mathrm{km}}\right]_{s=4}$



Ertl et al. 2016

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ISLANDS OF DIRECT COLLAPSE AND SN EXPLOSION

Concluding remark: MANY MODELS of SN EXPLOSION – REMNANT MASS CONNECTION BUT IF THE STAR IS VERY MASSIVE (>40 Mo) THEY GIVE SIMILAR RESULT

SN outcome depends on the "rapidity" of the explosion (e.g. Fryer+ 2012; Fryer 2014)



From Fryer 2014, http://pos.sissa.it/archive/conferences/237/004/FRAPWS2014_004.pdf

SN outcome depends on the "fallback" of the outer layers: How much material falls back to the proto-NS after the SN Barely constrained – depends on explosion energy, angular momentum, progenitor's mass/metallicity



PAIR-INSTABILITY SUPERNOVAE

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(=produces γ–ray radiation in core)
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produce electron-positron pairs (1 Mev)
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- \rightarrow an explosion is induced that leaves NO remnant

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is formed.

creating a shock wave that moves outward and blows the star apart. The core forms a neutron star or a black hole.

ELECTRON-CAPTURE SUPERNOVAE

Collapse of ONe core triggered by electron capture in 5 – 10 Msun stars

* stars which should produce white dwarfs

* if > 1.4 Msun ONe core is developed, electron capture is efficient onto Mg and Ne

* removes pressure leading to core collapse (Nomoto 1984; Jones+ 2016)

* thought to happen mostly in binaries

* smaller NS masses (~1.2 Msun)

* lower kicks (van den Heuvel 2007; Beniamini & Piran 2016)



The formation of compact remnants: wrap up

Very complicated. However, as rule of thumb (MM+ 2009, 2013):



Gravitational wave (GW) progenitors

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Heger et al. (2003)

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My cartoon from Heger et al. (2003)

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Remnant Model	Stellar Evolution	Supernova Model	Max. BH mass at Z~0.01 Zsun
MM+ 2009	Maeder+ 1992	Fryer+ 1999	~50 Msun
MM+ 2010	Portinari+ 1998	Fryer+ 1999	~80 Msun
Belczynski+ 2010	Hurley+ 2000 and Vink+ 2001	Fryer+ 1999	~80 Msun
Fryer+ 2012	Hurley+ 2000 and Vink+ 2001	Fryer+ 2012	~80 Msun
MM+ 2013,2014	SeBa (Portegies Z and Vink+ 2001	wart+ 2001)	~85 Msun
Spera, MM & Bressan 2015; Spera, Giacobbo & MM 2016	PARSEC (Bressan+ 2012; Tang, Bressan+ 2014; Chen, Bressan+ 2015)	O'Connor+2011 Fryer+ 2012 Ertl+ 2015 (6 different SN models compared)	~130 Msun

What about intermediate metallicities between 0 and solar?

- more difficult because stellar winds are uncertain
- importance of final mass: pre-supernova mass of the star (when CO core built)



Spera, MM, Bressan 2015

Remnant mass follows same trend as final mass \rightarrow stellar winds are crucial



Spera, MM, Bressan 2015

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Evolution of very massive stars still uncertain

→ stellar winds are Eddington-limited rather than metallicity dependent

Spera & MM 2017

Role of pulsational pair-instability and pair-instability supernovae (still missing in most models)

Spera & MM 2017

<u>Supernova kicks and compact-object binaries:</u>

A massive-star binary can become a compact-object binary only if it is not unbound by SN kicks

SN kicks for NSs constrained from velocity of PULSARS

Hobbs+ (2005): sample of 233 pulsars with proper motion measurements

A pulsar is currently at the position indicated by a circle

The track is its motion for the last 1 Myr assuming no radial velocity.

Supernova kicks and compact-object binaries:

Hobbs+ (2005): 3-D velocity distribution of pulsars obtained from the observed 2-D distributions of pulsars

 \rightarrow Maxwellian distribution with sigma ~ 265 km/s

Supernova kicks and compact-object binaries:

Beniamini & Piran 2016: Estimate kick of double neutron stars only Maximum likely-hood of ejected mass and kick from conservation of energy and angular momentum

Supernova kicks and black hole binaries:

WHAT ABOUT black holes?

No reliable methods to measure. Then people assume

1. conservation of linear momentum

$$v_{\rm kick, BH} = \frac{m_{\rm NS}}{m_{\rm BH}} v_{\rm kick, NS}$$

2. BHs formed without SN (failed or direct collapse) get NO KICK + kick modulated by FALLBACK

$$v_{\text{kick, BH}} = (1 - f_{\text{fb}}) v_{\text{kick, NS}}$$

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