Stellar Collapse, Core-Collapse Supernovae and Gravitational Waves



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Plan of this Talk



- Introduction: The Core-Collapse Supernova Problem
- Supernova Mechanisms
 - Neutrino Mechanism
 - MHD/Magnetorotational Mechanism
 - Acoustic Mechanism
- Remarks on Black Hole Formation
- Gravitational Waves from Stellar Collapse, Core-Collapse Supernovae and Protoneutron Stars:
 - GW emission mechanisms.
 - How to probe the core-collapse supernova explosion mechanism with GWs.





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SN1987A, LMC, D \approx 51.4 kpc Progenitor: BSG Sanduleak -69° 220a, 18 M_{SUN}

- < 1 SN/40 years in the Milky Way
- < 2-3 SN/100 years in the Local Group</p>
- >1 SN/2 years at D ~ 3-5 Mpc.



The Core-Collapse Scenario



- Nuclear fusion up to O/Ne or iron-group nuclei.
- O/Ne or Iron core: electron degenerate, Chandrasekhar-mass object; $P \approx K \rho^{4/3} + P_{\text{thermal}}$
- Effective Chandrasekhar mass: $M_{\rm Ch} \approx 5.38 Y_e^2 \left[1 + \frac{s_e^2}{\pi k_{\rm B} Y_e} \right] M_{\odot}$

 \sim **1.4 – 2 M**_{SUN}.

 Onset of gravitational collapse when pushed over effective M_{Ch}:

$$e^- + p \xrightarrow{(W)} \nu_e + n$$

$$\gamma + {}^{56}_{26}\mathrm{Fe} \rightleftharpoons 13\alpha + 4n$$





Collapse and Bounce

- Collapse separates iron core into homologously (v∞r) collapsing inner core and supersonically collapsing outer core.
- EOS stiffens at ρ_{nuc}: Core rebounds ("core bounce"); hydrodynamic bounce shock.
- Shock loses kinetic energy to dissociation + neutrinos:

-> Shock stalls.

$$\begin{split} \rho_c &\approx 3 \times 10^{14} \text{ g/cm}^3 \\ T &\approx 5 - 10 \text{ MeV} \\ s &\approx 1 - 2 \text{ k}_\text{B} \text{/baryon} \\ \gamma_e &\approx 0.25 - 0.30 \\ \text{M}_{\text{PNS}} &\approx 0.6 \text{ M}_{\text{SUN}} \end{split}$$



The Supernova Problem



- Shock always stalls (no 'prompt' hydrodynamic explosions).
- Shock revival and SN explosion or collapse to BH (collapsar/GRB?).
- What is the mechanism of shock revival?

Blowing up Massive Stars: Core-Collapse SN Mechanisms

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The Neutrino Mechanism

[Wilson 1985, Bethe & Wilson 1985; recent reviews: Kotake et al. 2006, Janka et al. 2007]

[100 km]

- Neutrino cooling: $Q^-_
 u \propto T^6$
- Neutrino heating: $Q_{\nu}^{+} \propto L_{\nu} r^{-2} \langle \epsilon_{\nu}^{2} \rangle$
- Neutrino mechanism:

Based on subtle imbalance between neutrino **heating** and **cooling** in the postshock region.

Problem: Fails to explode massive stars in spherical symmetry.

[Thompson et al. 2003, Rampp & Janka 2002, Liebendörfer et al. 2002,2005]

Breaking of spherical symmetry is a key ingredient of the supernova mechanism!



Standing Accretion Shock Instability

[Blondin et al. '03,'06; Foglizzo et al. '06, Scheck et al. '06, '07, Burrows et al. '06, '07, **Kotake et al. '07, '09, Iwakami et al. '08, '09**]



Advective-acoustic cycle drives shock instability.

Seen in simulations by all groups!

Status of the Neutrino Mechanism

- Works for low-mass massive stars in spherical symmetry (1D):
 O-Ne cores with ZAMS M≤ 9 M_{SUN}. [Kitaura et al. 2006, Burrows 1988, Burrows et al. 2007c]
- **Dessart et al. '06,'07**: 2D works in the case of accretion-induced collapse (AIC) of White Dwarfs to Neutron Stars.
- Marek & Janka 2009: 2D + soft equation of state (EOS) + pseudogeneral-relativistic (GR) potential + ray-by-ray neutrino transport.
 -> late, weak explosion in 11.2 and 15 M_{SUN} stars.
- Mezzacappa, Bruenn et al. [unpublished, private communication]: 2D + soft EOS + pseudo-GR potential + ray-by-ray MGFLD neutrino transport. -> early, strong explosions (in disagreement with Marek & Janka?)
- Ott et al. 2008: Outcome insensitive to neutrino transport details, but no neutrino-driven explosions in best VULCAN/2D simulations.

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MHD-driven Explosions

[e.g., Burrows et al. 2007, Dessart et al. 2008, Kotake et al. 2004, Yamada & Sawai 2004, Sawai et al. 2008, Takiwaki et al. 2009]

- Rapid rotation:
 - P₀ < 4-6 s -> millisecond PNS
- PNS rotational energy: ~10 B
- Amplification of B fields up to equipartition:
 - compression
 - dynamos
 - magneto-rotational instability (MRI)
- Jet-driven outflows.
- MHD-driven explosion may be GRB precursor.

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VULCAN 2D R-MHD code, Livne et al. 2007, Burrows et al. 2007.



Newtonian Radiation-MHD Simulations with VULCAN/2D

Magnetic field lines in M15B11UP2A1H of Burrows, Dessart, Livne, Ott, Murphy '07.



ismod2p_r04k B-Field Time = -178.5 ms Radius = 100.00 km

Features/Limitations of the Magnetorotational Mechanism

[Burrows et al. 2007]

- Jet powers up to 10 B/s (10^{52} erg/s).
- Simultaneous explosion and accretion.
- Hypernova energies (> 10 B) attainable.
- MHD mechanism inefficient for cores with precollapse P₀ > 4 s, but stellar evolution + NS birth spin estimates: P₀ > 30 s in most cores. [Heger et al. 2005, Ott et al. 2006]
- MHD explosion a GRB precursor?
- Limitations: Resolution does not allow to capture MRI in VULCAN/2D; Simulations 2D and Newtonian.

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Setting the Stage: SASI

[e.g., Burrows et al. 2006, 2007bc, Ott et al. 2006]





Time = -0.50 ms

Width = 50.00 km

PNS core oscillations, Burrows et al. 2006, 2007; Ott et al. 2006

Acoustic Mechanism

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 [Burrows et al. 2006, 2007b/c, Ott et al. 2006]
 SASI-modulated supersonic accretion streams and SASI generated turbulence excite lowest-order (I=1) g-mode in the PNS. f ≈ 300 Hz.



- g-modes reach large amplitudes
 ~500 ms —1 s after bounce.
- Damping by strong sound waves that steepen into shocks; deposit energy in the stalled shock.
- ~1 B explosions at late times.
- (1) hard to simulate; unconfirmed,
 (2) possible parametric instability,



(2) possible parametric instability, limiting mode amplitudes. [Weinberg & Quatert'08]

Testing the Acoustic Mechanism

- So far no independent confirmation of the acoustic mechanism.
- However: unstable physical g-modes PNS shown to exist. [Ferrari et al. 2003, 2007; Yoshida et al. 2007]
- Key questions:
 - Do g-mode reach amplitudes as high as seen in our calculations?
 - Can the neutrino mechanism be made to work generically?
 - Effects of GR and 3D?
- Fundamental prerequisite for non-linear numerical tests of g-mode excitation: Grid must be singularity free & allow change of the inner core's geometric





A Few Words on Black Hole Formation

Black Hole Formation in Stellar Collapse

[O'Connor, Ott & Phinney in preparation]

1) There is no direct/prompt BH formation:



- Generic: M_{IC} = M_{PNS} at bounce ≈ 0.5 0.7 M_{SUN}.
 Set by nuclear physics, electron capture and rotation.
- Inner core easily stabilized by stiff core of the nuclear force (+ nucleon degeneracy).

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- 1) There is no direct/prompt BH formation.
- 2) Route 1 to a BH: Collapsar Type I [Heger et al. 2003]
- Explosion fails.
- BH forms on accretion timescale. τ_{BH} determined by (1) Stiffness of the nuclear EOS. (2) Accretion rate
 - <- progenitor structure.

3) Route 2 to a BH: Collapsar Type II

• Weak explosion, subsequent fall-back accretion. [Zhang & Woosley 2008]



Simulations of Black Hole Formation in Failing Core-Collapse Supernovae

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 Parameter study underway in 1D: Dependence on progenitor structure/mass, metallicity, nuclear EOS stiffness, neutrino heating.

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Gravitational Waves from Stellar Collapse, Core-Collapse Supernovae and Protoneutron Stars

[Ott 2009a , Class. Quant. Grav. and Ott 2009b, arXiv:0905.2797]

A SN Theorist's GW Wishlist



- Explosion mechanism and its multi-D nature.
- Finite-temperature nuclear EOS.
- PNS structure and evolution to NS.
- PNS/NS magnetic fields.
- PNS rotation; birth spin of NSs.
- Black hole formation.

- Progenitor physics:
 - Nature: AIC, O/Ne, or Iron core.
 - Structure, rotational configuration.
 - Precollapse asphericities.

GW Emission Processes in Core-Collapse SNe

[Reviews: Kotake et al. 2006, Ott 2009]

- Rotating core collapse and core bounce
- Dynamical rotational 3D instabilities
- Postbounce convection and SASI
- Protoneutron star core pulsations
- BH formation
- Anisotropic neutrino emission
- Aspherical outflows
- Magnetic stresses

Bursts with "Memory"

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GWs from Rotating Core Collapse & Bounce

[Ott et al. 2004, Kotake et al. 2003, 2004, Dimmelmeier et al. 2008, Dimmelmeier et al. 2007, Ott et al. 2007 etc.]

 Collapse: Angular momentum conservation leads to spin up & rotational deformation of inner



- At core bounce: Very large accelerations -> rapidly changing mass quadrupole moment.
- Most extensively studied GW emission in core collapse
- Always axisymmetric: ONLY h₊
- Simplest GW emission process: Rotation + Gravity + Stiffening of EOS.
- MHD effects: only for extreme t t_{box} precollapse magnetization._{[Kotake et al.} '04, Obergaulinger et al.'05, '06]



New Extended 2D GR Model Set

[Dimmelmeier, Ott, Marek, and Janka 2008, Dimmelmeier et al. 2007ab, Ott et al. 2007]

- >140 2D GR models with Y_e(ρ) parametrization.
- 6 presupernova models.
- Slow to very rapid rotation.
- Solid-body to moderately differential rotation.
- 2 finite-temp. nuclear EOSs.

Results

- GW signature of rotating collapse multi-degenerate.
- Key parameters:
 - Precollapse central Ω.
 - Precollapse iron-core mass/entropy.



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PNS Spin and Rotational Instabilities

[Dimmelmeier et al. 2008, Ott et al. 2007, Ott et al. 2006]



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Rapid Rotation and Nonaxisymmetric Dynamics

3D GR simulation Ott 2006, rendition by R. Kähler, Zuse Institute, Berlin

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 Direct numerical simulation:
 No – collapsing cores hit rotational barrier.

[Ott et al. PRL 2007 & CQG 2007, Dimmelmeier et al. 2008]

 Critical T/|W| (secular/ dynamical) attainable during PNS cooling.

B-fields: rapid spindown (?)

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Low-T/|W| Rotational Instability

• Dynamical rotational instability at low T/|W|.

[e.g., Centrella et al. 2001, Saijo 2003, Saijo & Yoshida 2006, Ott et al. 2005, Ou & Tohline 2006, Cerdá et al. 2007b]

- Dominant m=1 mode; m={2,3} modes mixed in (radial & temporal variation).
- Mechanism: Corotation instability Resonance of unstable mode with background fluid at corotation point(s).
- Spiral density waves relationship to accretion and galactic disks?
 -> angular momentum transport.



 Note: PNS embedded in SN core and continuously accreting angular momentum. Cannot be described by an equilibrium NS model!





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GW Emission vs. Detector Noise



 3D component: lower in amplitude than core-bounce GW spike, but greater in energy! Emission in narrow frequency band around 900—930 Hz (~2 x pattern speed of the unstable mode!) models.

Switching Gears:

GWs emitted by Convection and SASI

(Most) Calculations performed with the axisymmetric Newtonian VULCAN/2D radiation-(magneto)hydrodynamics code.

[Livne et al. '93, '04, '07, Burrow et al. '06, '07abc, Dessart et al. '06, ab '07, Ott et al. '06ab, '08]

Gravitational Waves from Convection & SASI

[Ott 2009, Marek et al. 2009, Kotake et al. 2007, 2009, Ott et al. 2006, Müller et al. 2004, Janka & Müller 1997]

- Prompt postbounce convection.
- Neutrino-driven convection & SASI in postshock region.
- Lepton-gradient driven convection inside the PNS.
- SASI modifies/distorts convection, leads to enhanced accretion.
- Turbulence/convection/SASI are "stochastic" sources of GWs; impossible to template.



Convection in Postbounce Supernova Cores

[Ott 2009, Marek et al. 2009, Kotake et al. 2007, 2009, Ott et al. 2006, Müller et al. 2004, Janka & Müller 1997]

• Solberg-Høiland criterion for instability:

$$N^{2} + \frac{1}{r^{3}} \frac{d}{dr} j^{2} < 0 \quad j = \Omega r^{2} \qquad N^{2} = \frac{g}{p\gamma} \left(\frac{\partial p}{\partial s} \Big|_{\rho,Y_{i}} \frac{ds}{dr} + \frac{\partial p}{\partial Y_{i}} \Big|_{\rho,s} \frac{dY_{i}}{dr} \right)$$
-> rotation generally damps convection! (Brunt-Väisäla Frequency)
$$\sum_{\substack{i=0 \\ i=0 \\$$



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	Сс	onvecti	on & SASI	(cont'd)	[Ott '09, see also
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	char (10 ⁻²²)	MMM			$h_{\rm char} = \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi^2} \frac{1}{D^2} \frac{G}{c^3} \frac{dE_{\rm GW}}{df}}$
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		100	f (Hz)	1000	
Process	Typical $ h $	Typical f	Duration Δt	$E_{\rm GW}$	Limiting Factors
	(at 10 kpc)	(Hz)	(ms)	$(10^{-10} M_{\odot} c^2)$	or Processes
\mathbf{Prompt}	$10^{-23} - 10^{-21}$	50 - 1000	$0 - \sim 30$	$\lesssim 0.01 - 10$	Seed perturbations,
Convection	(Emission	characteristics	depend on seed pert	surbations.)	entropy/lepton gradient rotation
PNS	$2-5\times 10^{-23}$	300 - 1500	500 - several 1000	$\lesssim 1.3(\frac{\Delta t}{1s})$	rotation,
Convection					BH formation,
					strong PNS g -modes
Neutrino-	$10^{-23} - 10^{-22}$	100 - 800	$100 - \gtrsim 1000$	$\gtrsim 0.01(\frac{\Delta t}{100ms})$	rotation,
driven	(peaks up			$\lesssim 15(\frac{\tilde{\Delta}t}{100ms})$	explosion,
Convection	to 10^{-21})			2000	BH formation
and SASI					

Switching Gears:

GWs emitted by Anisotropic Neutrino Emission and Large-Scale Asymmetries

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GWs from Anisotropic Neutrino Emission

[Epstein 1978, Burrows & Hayes 1996, Janka & Müller 1997, Müller et al. 2004, Ott 2009, Kotake et al. 2007, 2009]

GW

"Memory"

 Any accelerated mass-energy quadrupole will emit GWs. Anisotropic neutrino radiation:

$$h_{+,e}^{TT}(t) = \frac{2G}{c^4 D} \int_{-\infty}^{t-D/c} \alpha(t') L_{\nu}(t') dt'$$

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u(t)} \int_{4\pi} \Psi(artheta',arphi') rac{dL_
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- Anisotropic neutrino emission in core-collapse SNe:
 - Convective overturn & SASI
 - Rapid rotation
 - Large-scale asymmetries



 $S_n \nu_e 27.5 \text{ MeV}$

GWs from Aspherical Outflows

[Burrows & Hayes 1996, Fryer et al. 2004; in the MHD context: Kotake et al. 2004, Obergaulinger et al. 2005, 2006]



- Precollapse inhomogeneities in nuclear silicon/oxygen burning may be large, leading to density perturbations O(10%). [Bazan & Arnett '97, Meakin et al. '06].
- May result in asymmetric explosions (-> pulsar recoils) and emission of GW burst (with memory!) from mass motions and neutrinos.
- Somewhat unexplored: Only 2 studies; most stellar evolution is done in 1D. Would need large parameter study.
- Aspherical outflows also in jet-driven explosions.

Switching gears again:

GWs emitted by Protoneutron Star g-Mode Pulsations (in the context of the 'Acoustic Mechanism' Burrows et al. 2006, 2007, Ott et al. 2006)

Calculations performed with the axisymmetric Newtonian VULCAN/2D radiation-(magneto)hydrodynamics code.

[Livne et al. '93, '04, '07, Burrow et al. '06, '07abc, Dessart et al. '06, ab '07, Ott et al. '06ab, '08]

PNS g-modes and the Acoustic Mechanism



[Burrows et al. 2006, 2007b/c, Ott et al. 2006]

GWs from PNS core g-modes: The GW Signature of the Acoustic Mechanism

- Core bounce: prompt convection.
- Convection: PNS and v-driven.
- SASI
- g-modes:
 l=2 components
 emit GWs.
- But: g-modes may saturate at low level. [Weinberg & Quatert 2008]

GW Spectra and LIGO Sensitivity

• $E_{GW} \sim 10^{\text{-8}} - 10^{\text{-6}} \; M_{SUN} c^2$, one model 8 x 10^{\text{-5}} \; M_{SUN} c^2.

• Progenitor mass (= accretion rate) dependence.

Time-Frequency Analysis of the GW Power Spectrum

Modelss15.0WHW02

Can we use GWs as Indicators for the Core-Collapse Supernova Explosion Mechanism?

[Ott 2009, arXiv:0905.2797]

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Dominant GW Emission Process(es)

Convection and SASI.

Magnetorotational Mechanism

> Acoustic Mechanism

Some Observational Aspects

Core-Collapse Supernova Rates

- Local group of galaxies: $V \sim 30 \text{ Mpc}^3$
 - Milky Way, Andromeda (M31), Triangulum (M33)
 - + \sim 30 small galaxies/satellite galaxies (incl. SMC & LMC).

Galaxy	Distance	Core-Collapse SN Rate	
-	(kpc)	$(100 \text{ yr})^{-1}$	
Milky Way	0-~15	0.50-2.50	
LMC	~ 50	0.10 - 0.50	
SMC	~ 60	0.06 - 0.12	
M31	~ 770	0.20 - 1.20	
M33	$\sim \! 840$	0.16 - 0.68	
IC 10	~ 750	0.05 -0.11	Compi
IC 1613	\sim 770	~ 0.04	long lis
NGC 6822	\sim 520	~ 0.04	e.g. Ca den Be

Compiled from long list of references, e.g. Cappellaro et al., den Bergh & Tammann.

- Local group: worst case 1 SN in 90 years, best case 1 SN in 20 years.
- Most local group events with ~100 kpc from Earth.

Nearby Core-Collapse Supernovae

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SNR Scaling: Rotating Collapse & Bounce

SNR Scaling: PNS Pulsations

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SNR Scaling: Convection & SASI

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Summary and Remarks

- Multi-D core-collapse SN simulations are maturing -> 3 potential explosion mechanisms: v, MHD, acoustic
- The GW signature of the 3 considered mechanisms is likely to be mutually exclusive.
- Galactic core-collapse SN would allow to constrain SN mechanism.
- Problem: Galactic SN rate: 1 in ~40 years.
 Local group: 2 in ~40 years.
 - -> Need to go out to 3-5 Mpc where rate jumps to 1 in ~2 years. Further problem: adv. LIGO not sufficiently sensitive:

Need more adv. LIGO sensitivity from ~500 to ~1000 Hz.

- Status of the modeling of GW emission processes:
 - Rotating collapse: getting robust. Convection, SASI: need 3D models.
 - All other mechanisms: need more simulations to understand systematics and emission characteristics.
 - Are we missing something?

Bonus: The Lowest-Mass Neutron Stars

- Observations: There are some NSs with M < ~1.3 M_{SUN}.
 -> 4U1538-52: 0.9±0.2 M_{SUN}.
 -> B1756-2251: 1.2±0.01 M_{SUN}.
 -> J1141-6545: 1.3±0.01 M_{SUN}.
- Factors determining the NS mass:
 - Nuclear physics, electron capture (progenitor entropy), rotation during collapse -> size of the inner core at bounce: $0.45 0.75 M_{SUN}$.
 - Time between core bounce and explosion. Accretion rate: $O(1 M_{SUN}/s)$.
 - Fallback after explosion (perhaps \sim 0.1 M_{SUN} and more).
- Most likely progenitors:
 - AIC: Accretion induced collapse of (super-Chandrasekhar) O/Ne WD
 - Collapse of O/Ne core of evolved low-mass massive star ~6-8 M_{SUN} .
- Some AIC results:
 - Dessart et al. 2006: 2 models simulated; 1.30 M_{SUN} and 1.39 M_{SUN} .
 - Abdikamalov et al. 2009: large GR model set. $0.9 1.1 M_{SUN}$.

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