

## Gamma-ray burst jets

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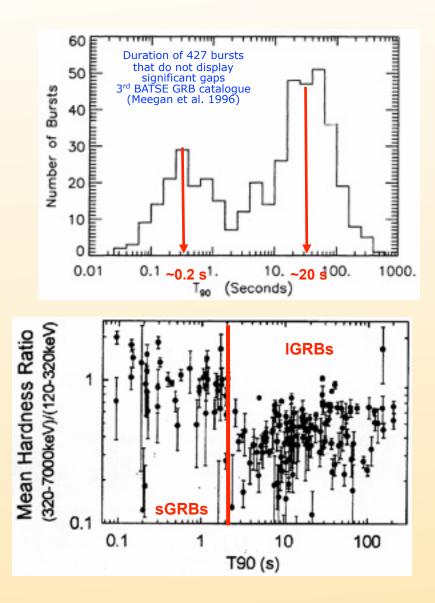
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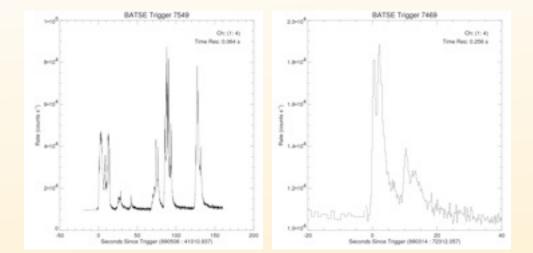
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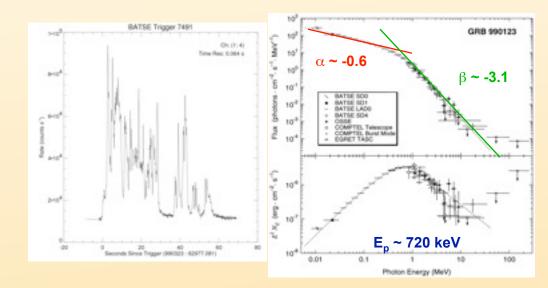


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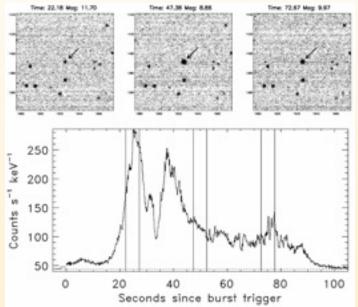


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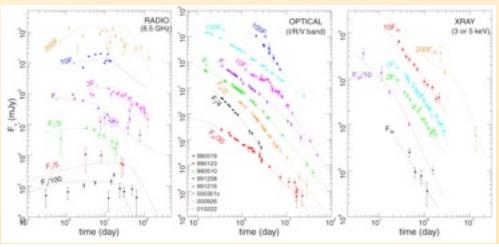
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- Host galaxies: IGRBs: starforming, dwarf, low-metallicity sGRBs: old elliptical + sligthtly starforming
- Location: IGRBs: z=0.0085 - 8.2, <z>~1.3 - 2, sGRBs: z=0.16 - 6.7, <z>~0.3-0.5

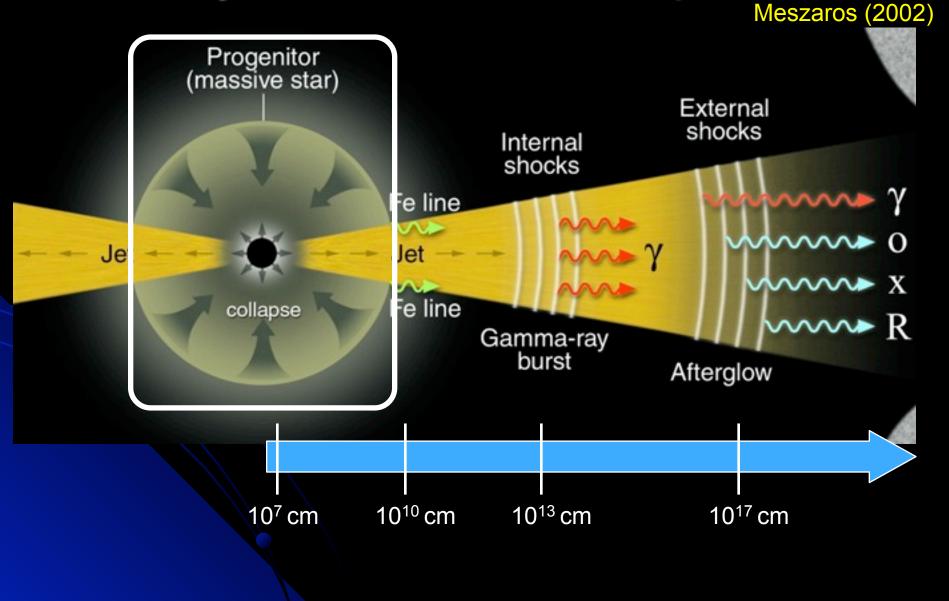
#### 3 ROTSE prompt optical images (Akerlof et al. 1999)



BATSE time profile. The intervals between vertical lines correspond to the 3 optical observations



# GRB jets: a multiscale problem

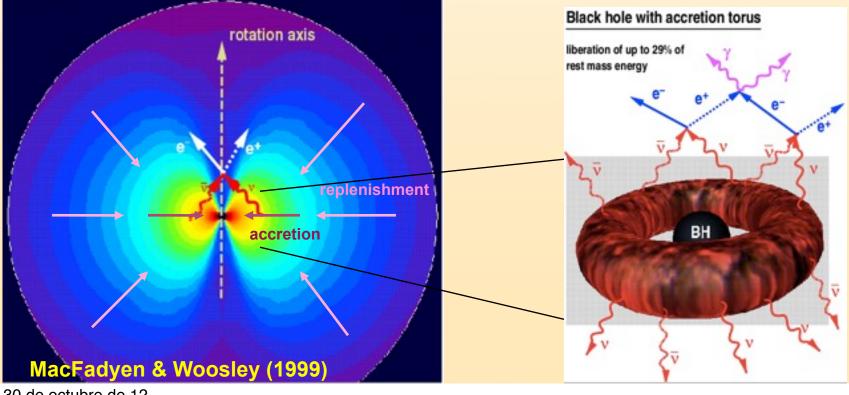


# **Progenitors IGRB: Collapsars**

Woosley (1993)

Collapse of a massive ( $M_* \sim 30M_{\odot}$ , WR) rotating star that does not form a successful SN but collapses to a BH ( $M_{BH} \sim 3M_{\odot}$ ) surrounded by a thick accretion disk. The hydrogen envelope is lost by stellar winds, interaction with a companion, etc.

- The viscous accretion onto the BH ⇒ strong heating ⇒ thermal vv-annihilating preferentially around the axis ⇒ formation of a relativistic jet (Γ>10)?.
- Alternative generation: hydromagnetic (Blandford-Payne mechanism) or electromagnetic (Blandford Znajek mechanism).



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GRHD simulations: sufficiently massive stars collapse and form BHs

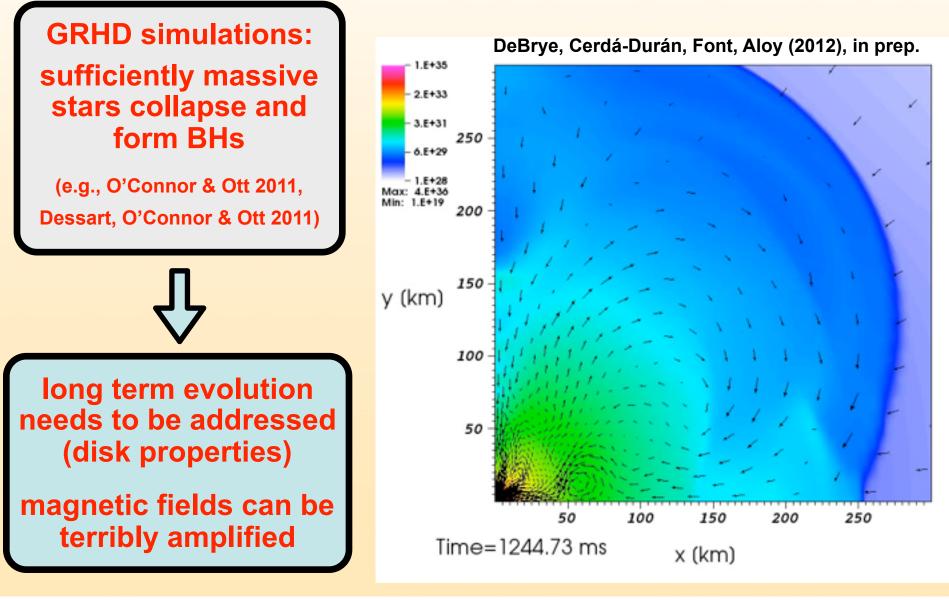
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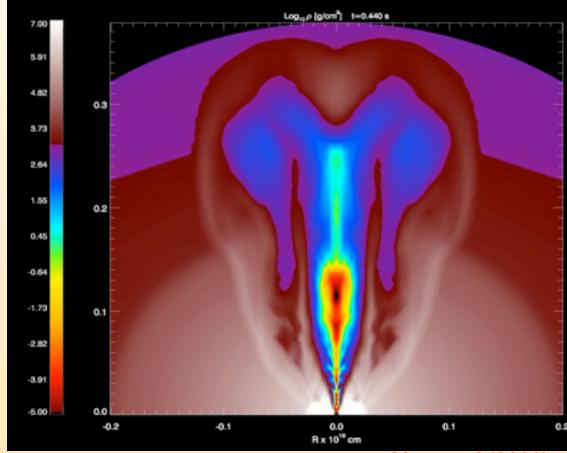


long term evolution needs to be addressed (disk properties)

magnetic fields can be terribly amplified DeBrye, Cerdá-Durán, Font, Aloy (2012), in prep.

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Aloy et al (2000)

(see also Mizuta's talk)

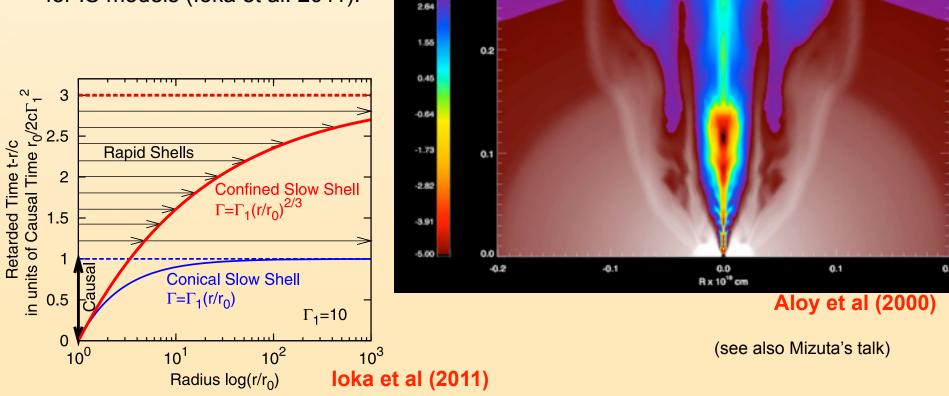
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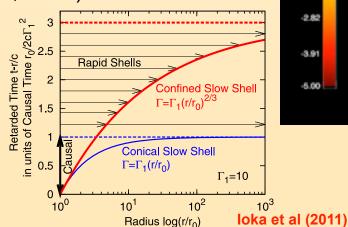
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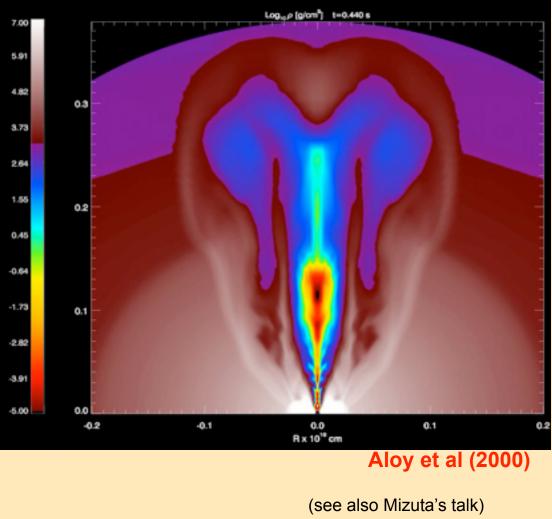
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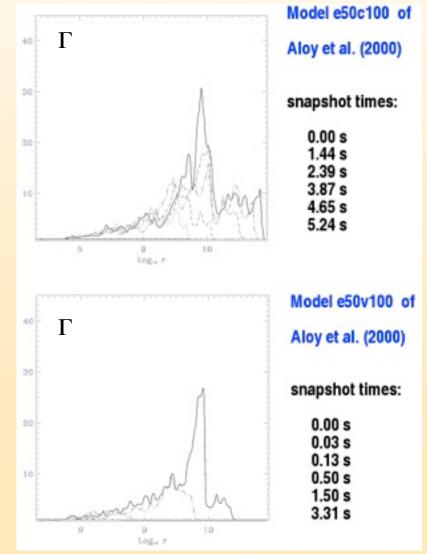
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- Jets show transverse structure: ultrarelativistic spine ( $\Gamma$ ~50) of  $\theta_{core}$ <5° + moderately relativistic, hot shear layer ( $\Gamma$ ~5-10) extending up to  $\theta_{shl}$ <30° (Aloy et al. 2000, 2002)





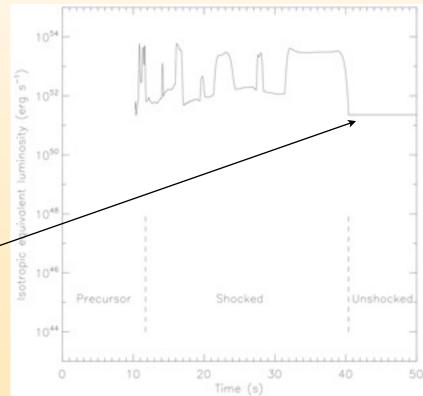
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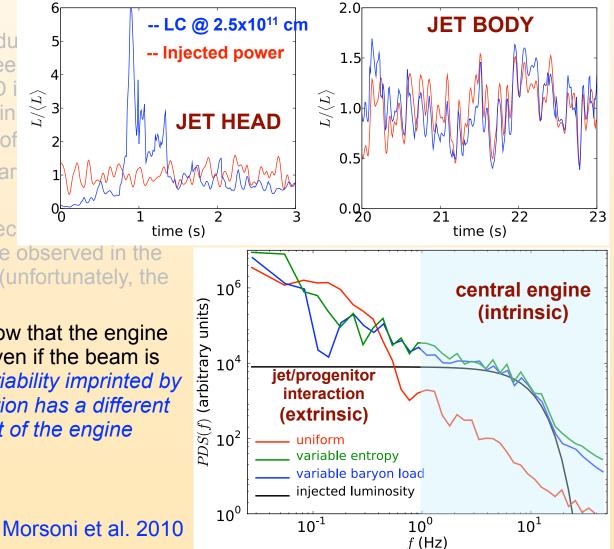
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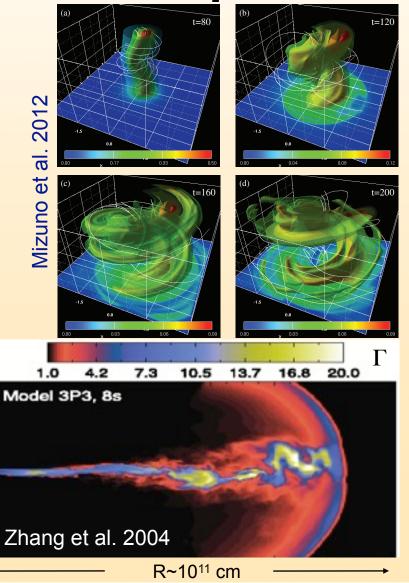
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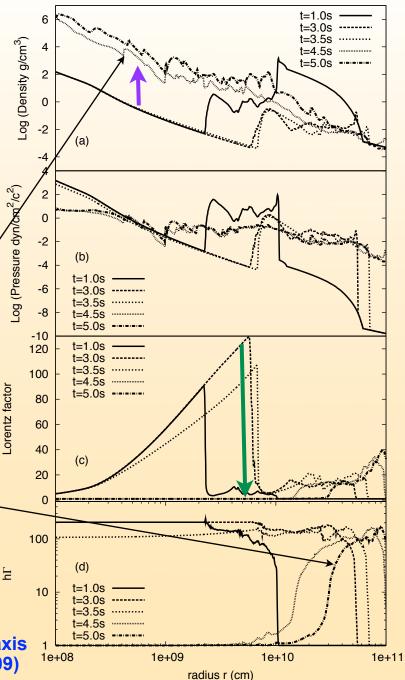
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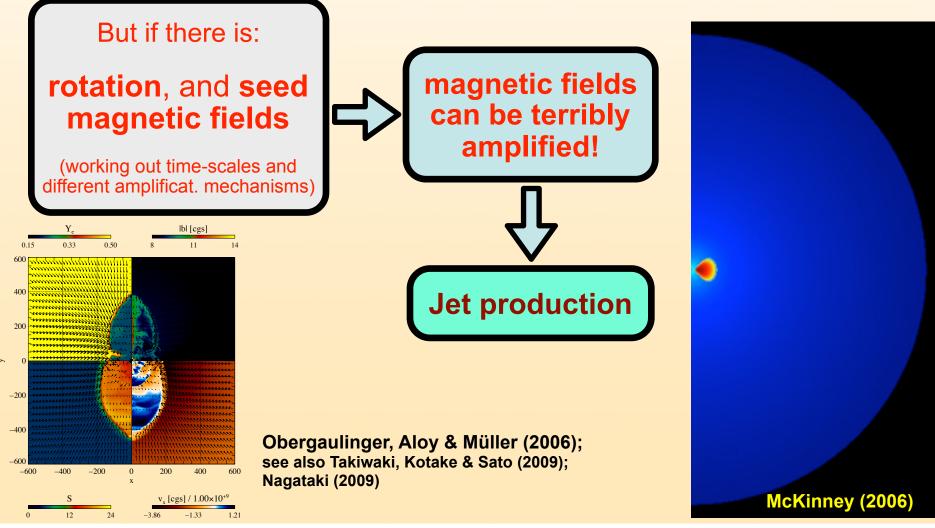
#### DYNAMICS AFTER THE ENGINE TURNS OFF

- Engine is switched gradually off after t<sub>inj</sub>=3 s.
- The unshocked region is lost
  - The unshocked region is refilled from the sides:  $\rho$  grows yielding a decrease of  $\Gamma$ .
  - To see any effect of the engine variability (as suggested by Morsony et al. 2007) the injection must be rather long  $t_{inj} \gtrsim 20$  s.
  - Short (t<sub>inj</sub> ≤ 5 10 s) long GRBs will show only extrinsic variability (not from the engine).
  - The shocked region accelerates by conversion of thermal-to-kinetic energy, being possible to reach  $\Gamma_{\infty} \sim 200$

Model HE16, profiles along the axis Mizuta & Aloy (2009)

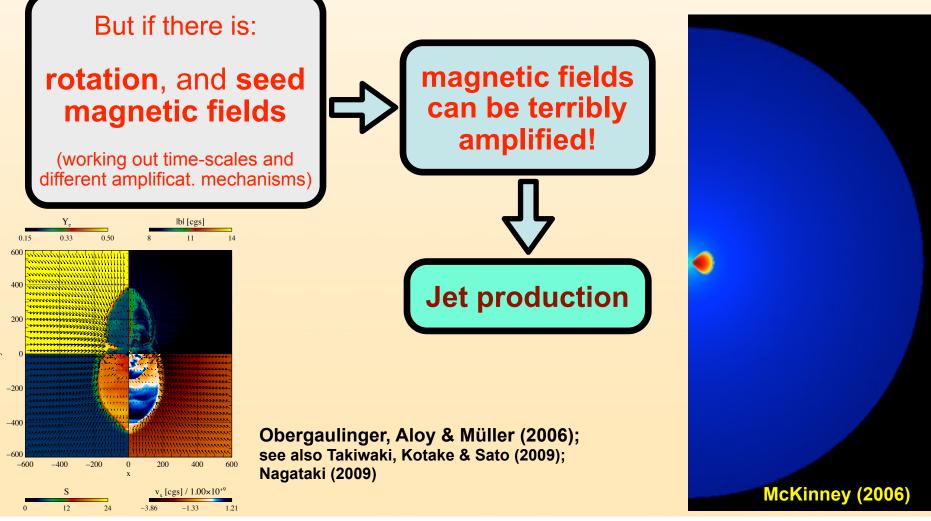


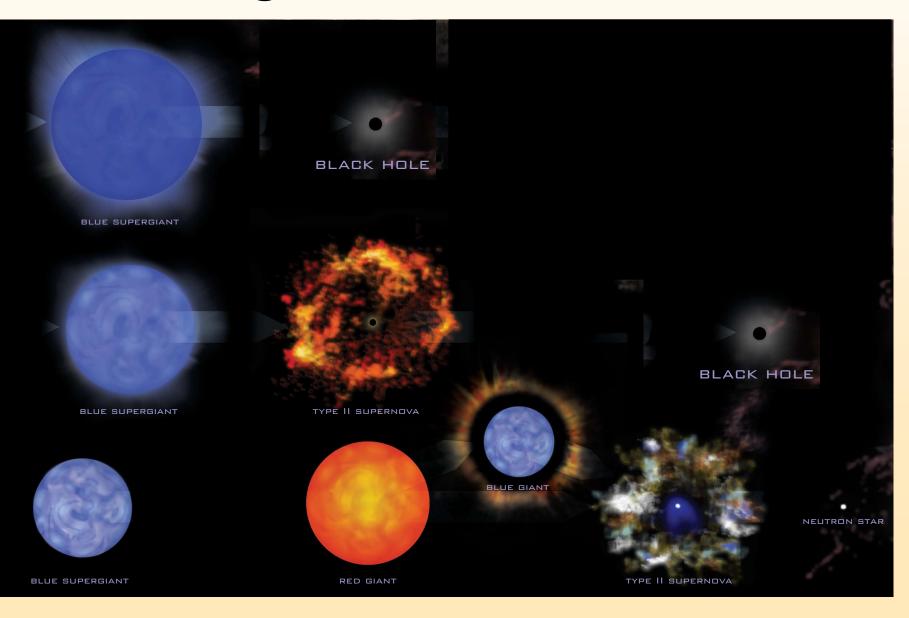
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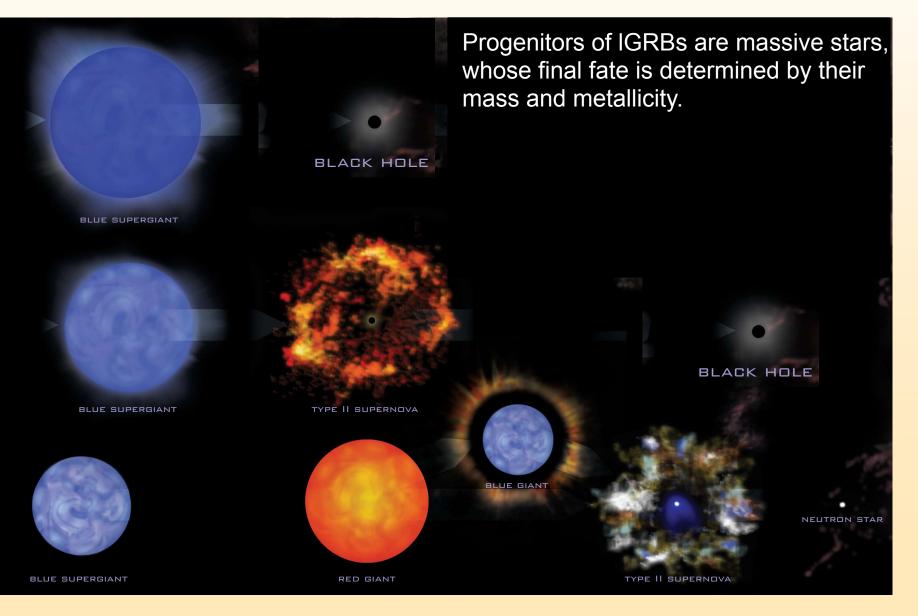


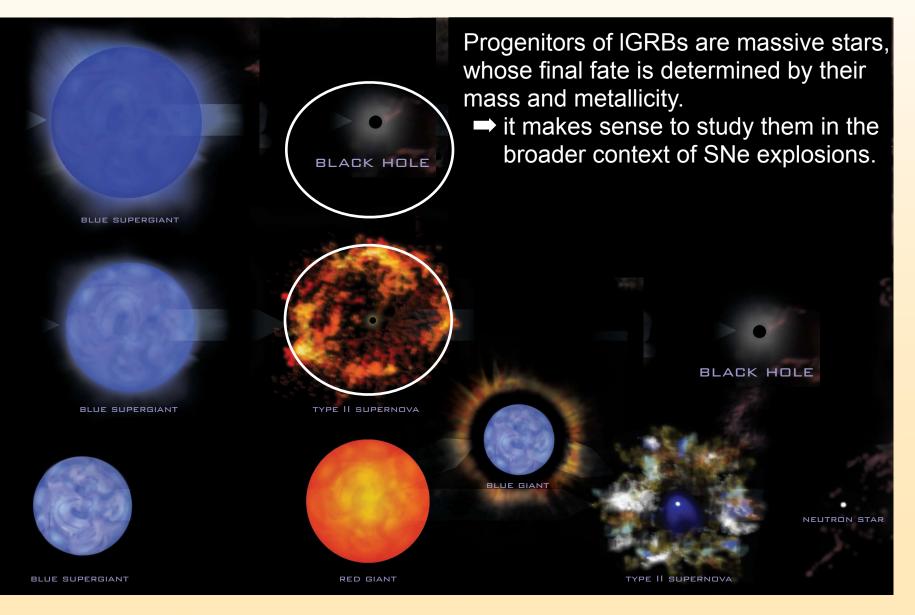
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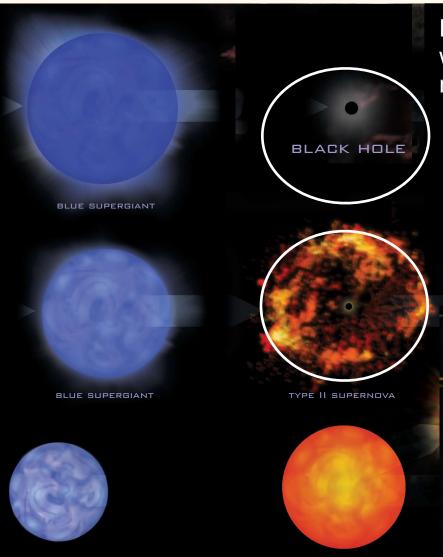
The B-fields in presupernova models are too small.











BLUE SUPERGIANT

Progenitors of IGRBs are massive stars, whose final fate is determined by their mass and metallicity.

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- understanding the B-field growth in SNe progenitors is key to understand the B-field growth in IGRB progenitors.

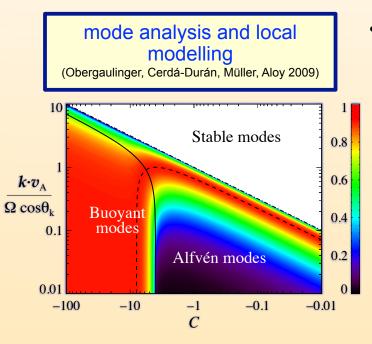
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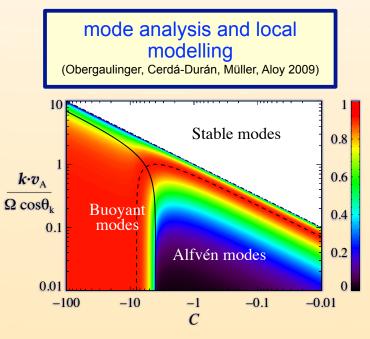
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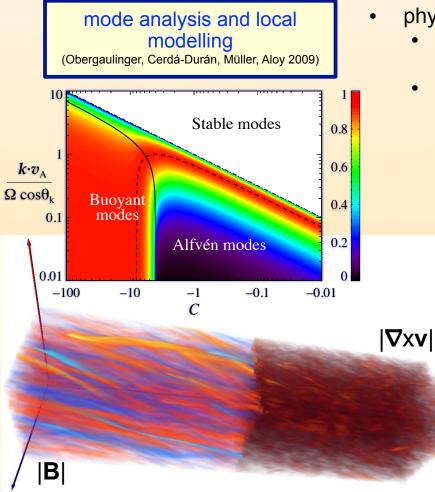
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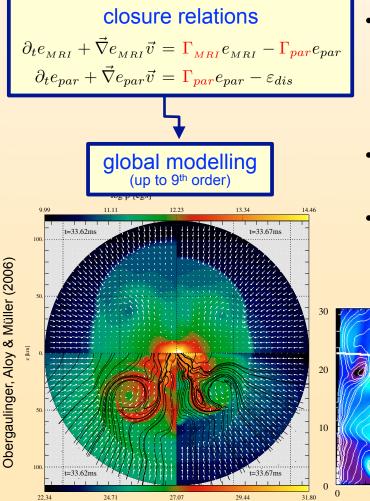
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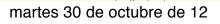
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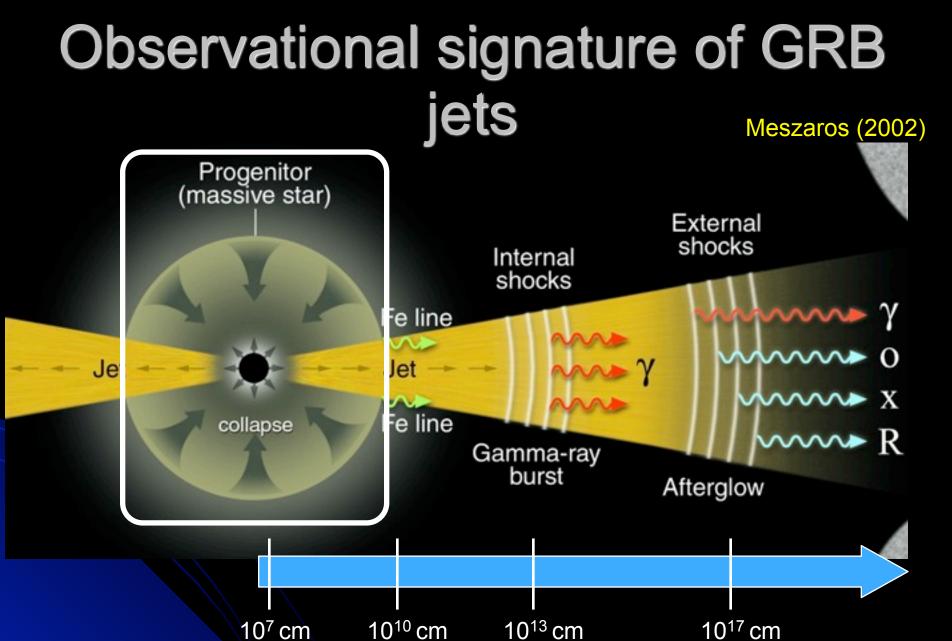


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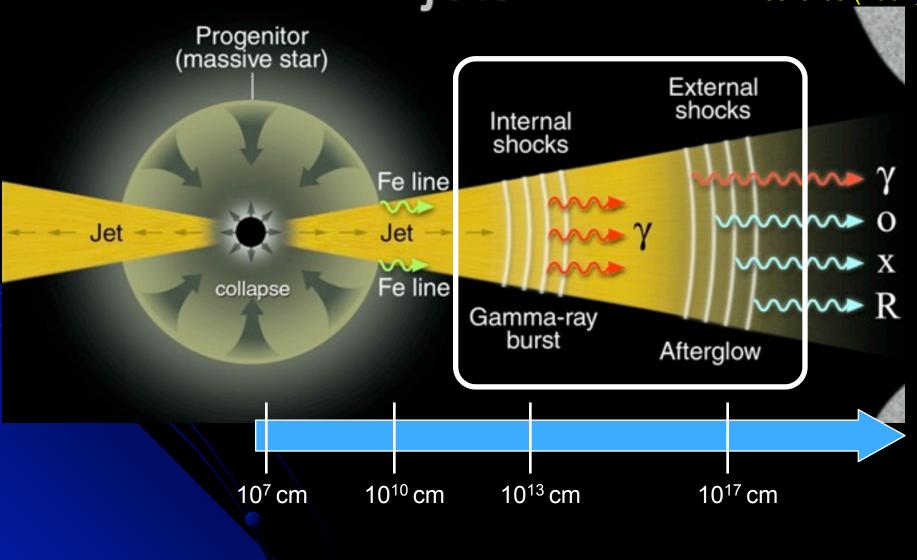
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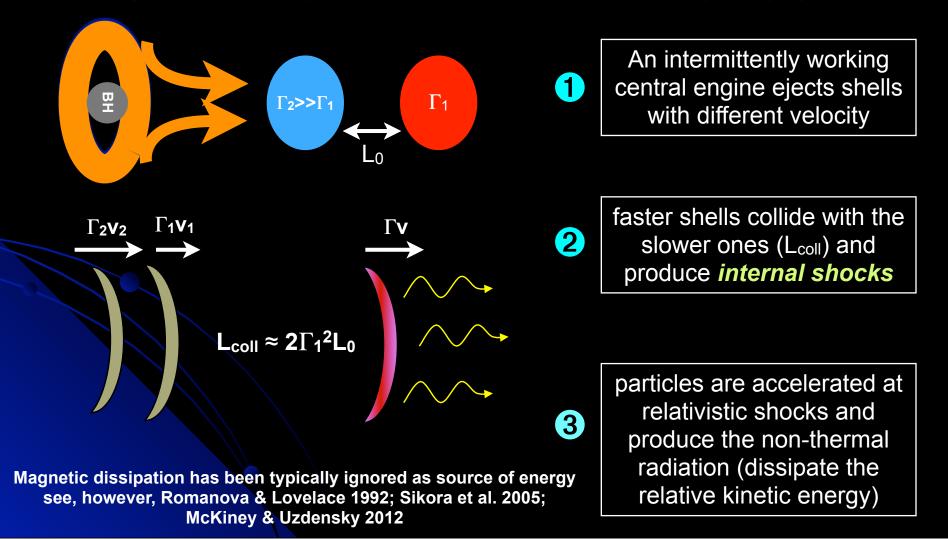
# Observational signature of GRB jets Meszaros (2002)



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# How are ISs produced?

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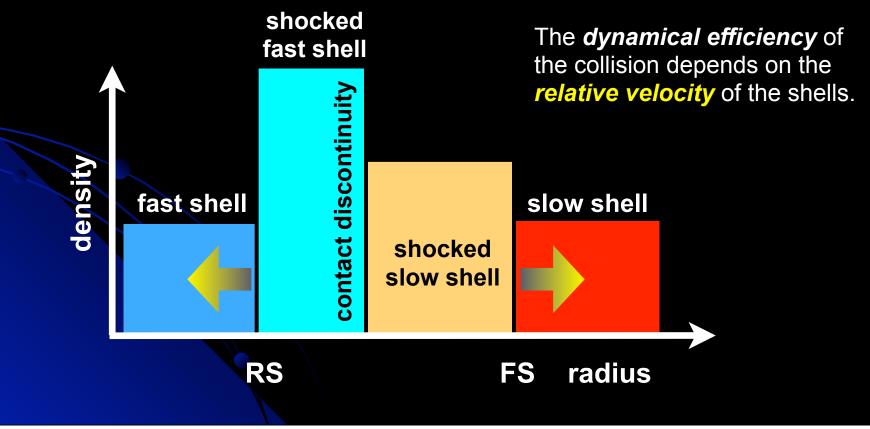


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A forward and a reverse shock form always (Sari & Piran 1995).

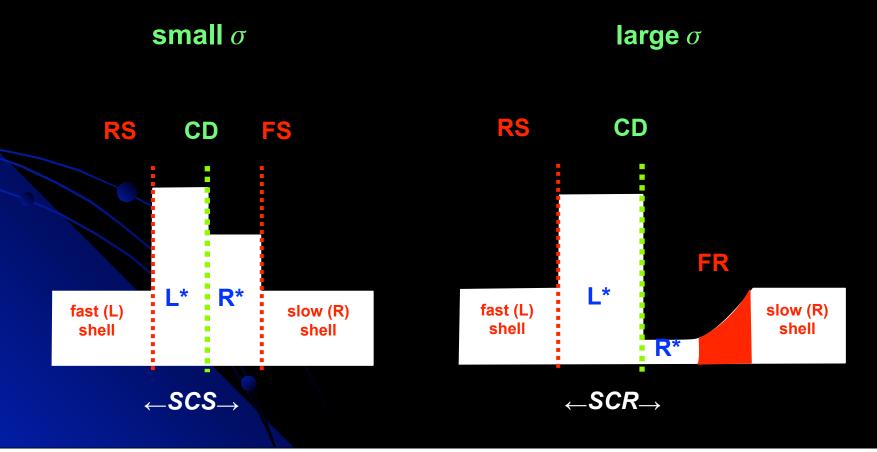
- Reverse shock (RS): compresses the faster shell and decelerates it.
- Forward shock (FS): compresses and sweeps the slower shell.



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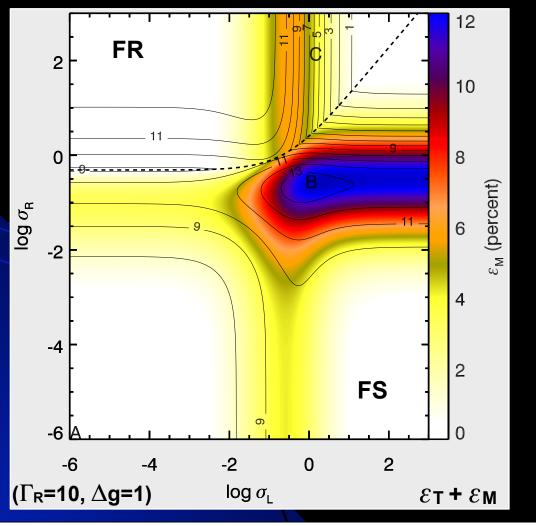
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Differently from non-magnetized shells, if the magnetization is large enough, a forward rarefaction (FR) rather than a FS forms (Mimica, Aloy & Müller 2007).



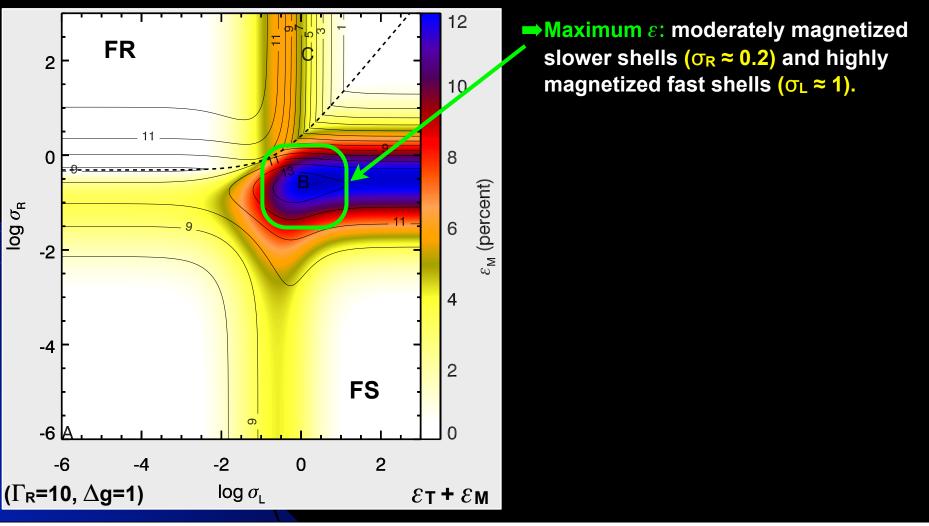
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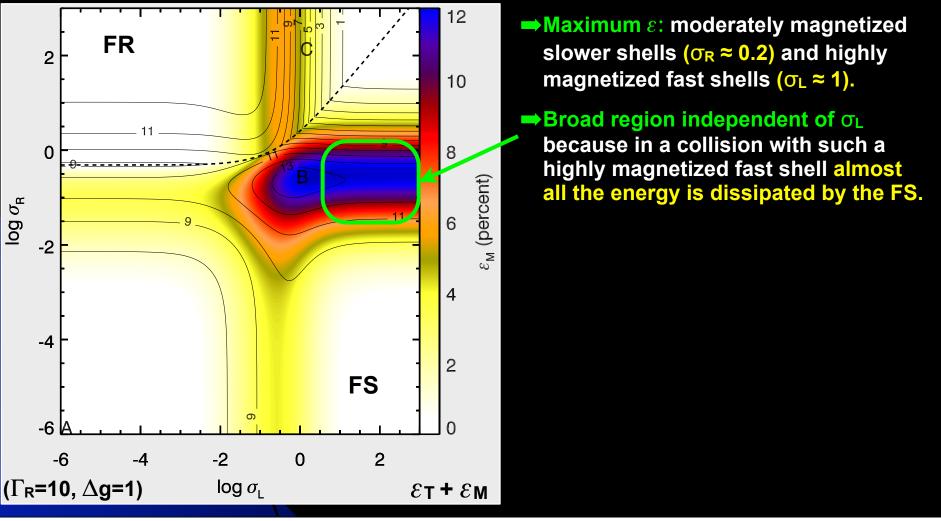


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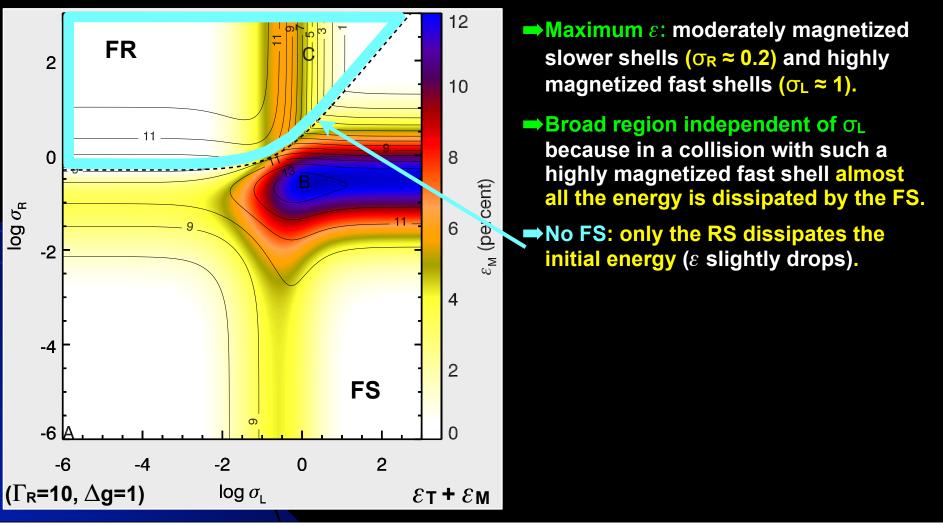
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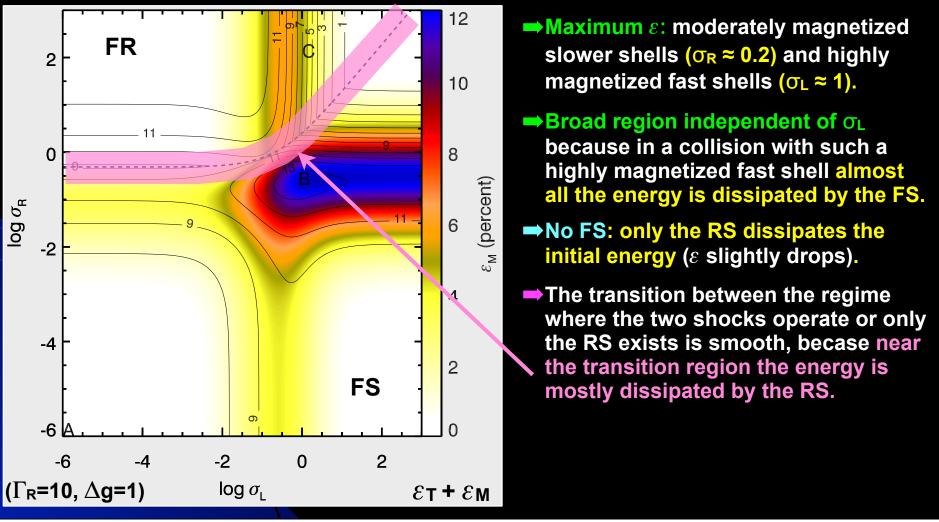
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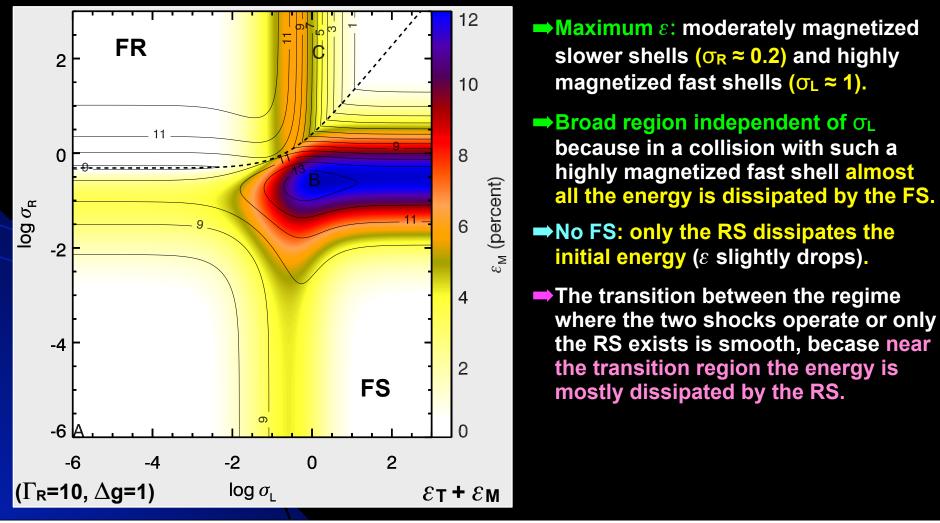


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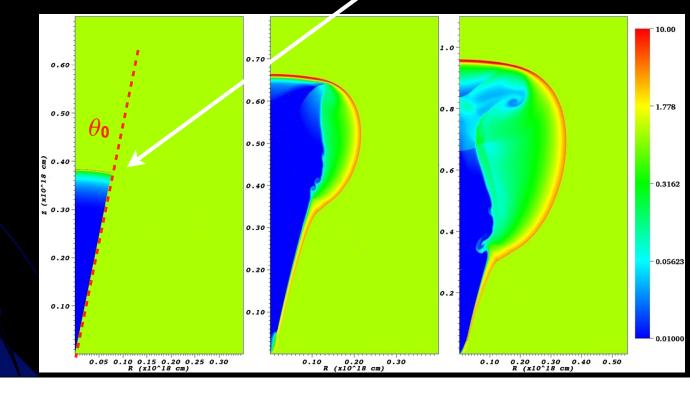
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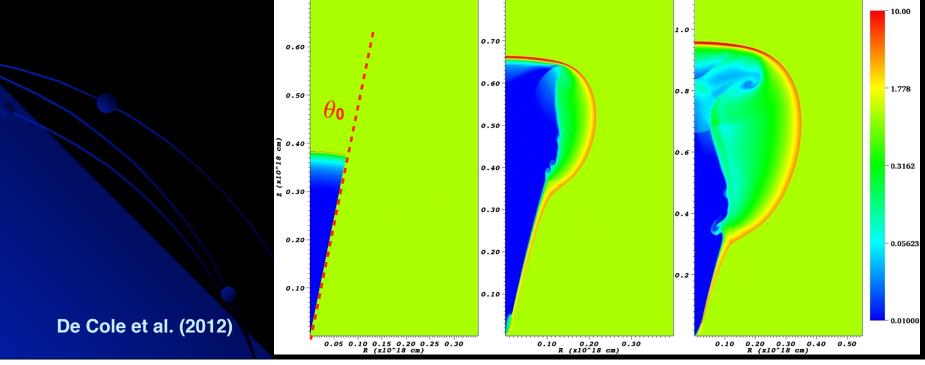


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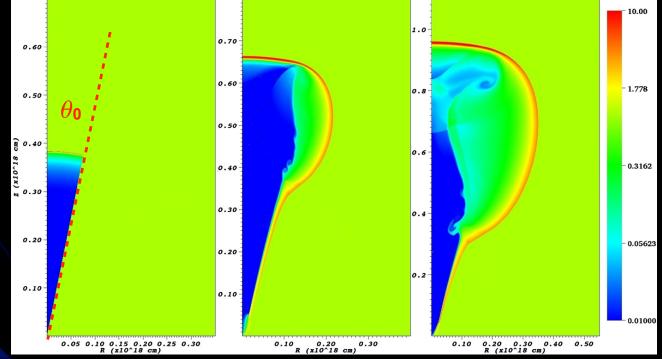
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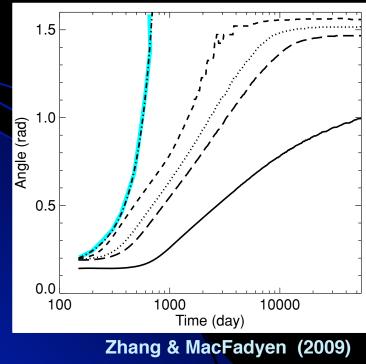


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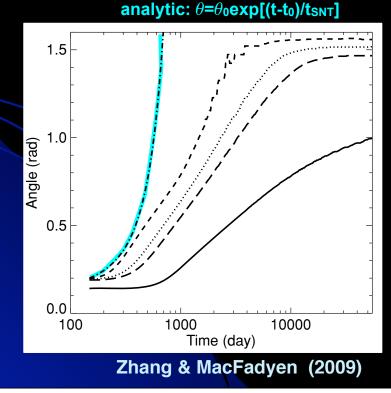


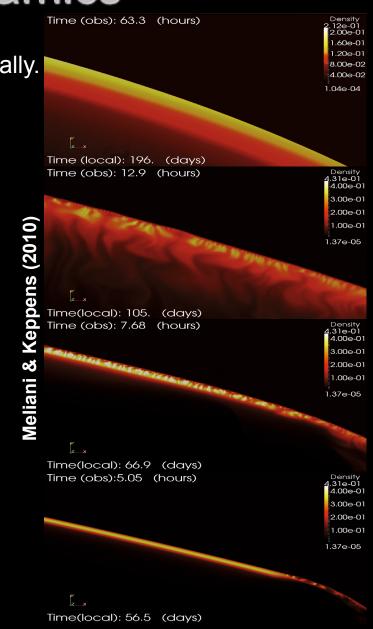
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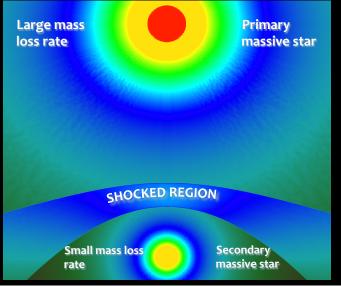




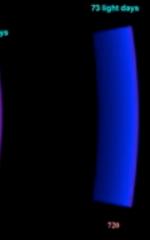
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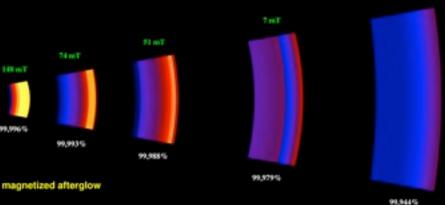
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  - From 1D models we get:
    - the late evolution of strongly RMHD shells resembles that of HD shells
    - the magnetization is key in the onset of the FS emission.









Mimica et al. (2009, 2010) uniform CBM

Mimica & Giannios (2011) realistic CBM

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negligible magnetic field

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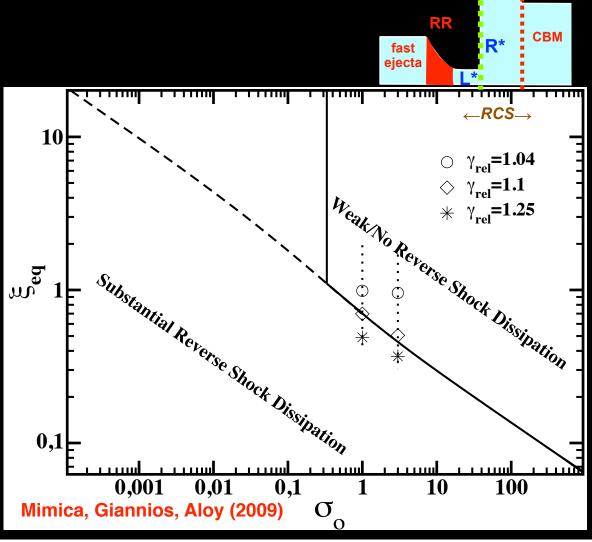
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