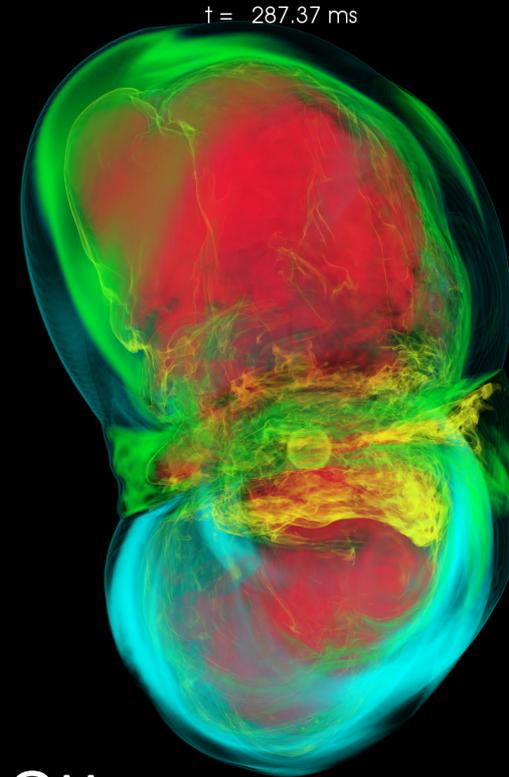
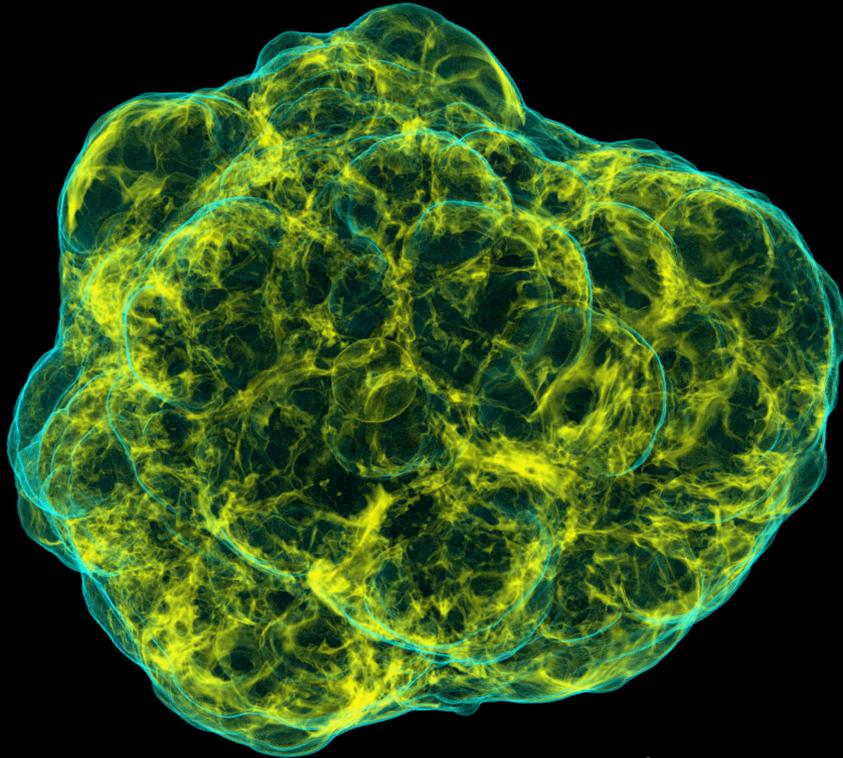


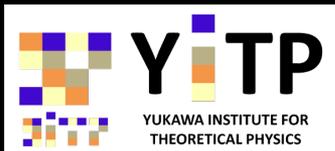
# Core-Collapse Supernova Overview



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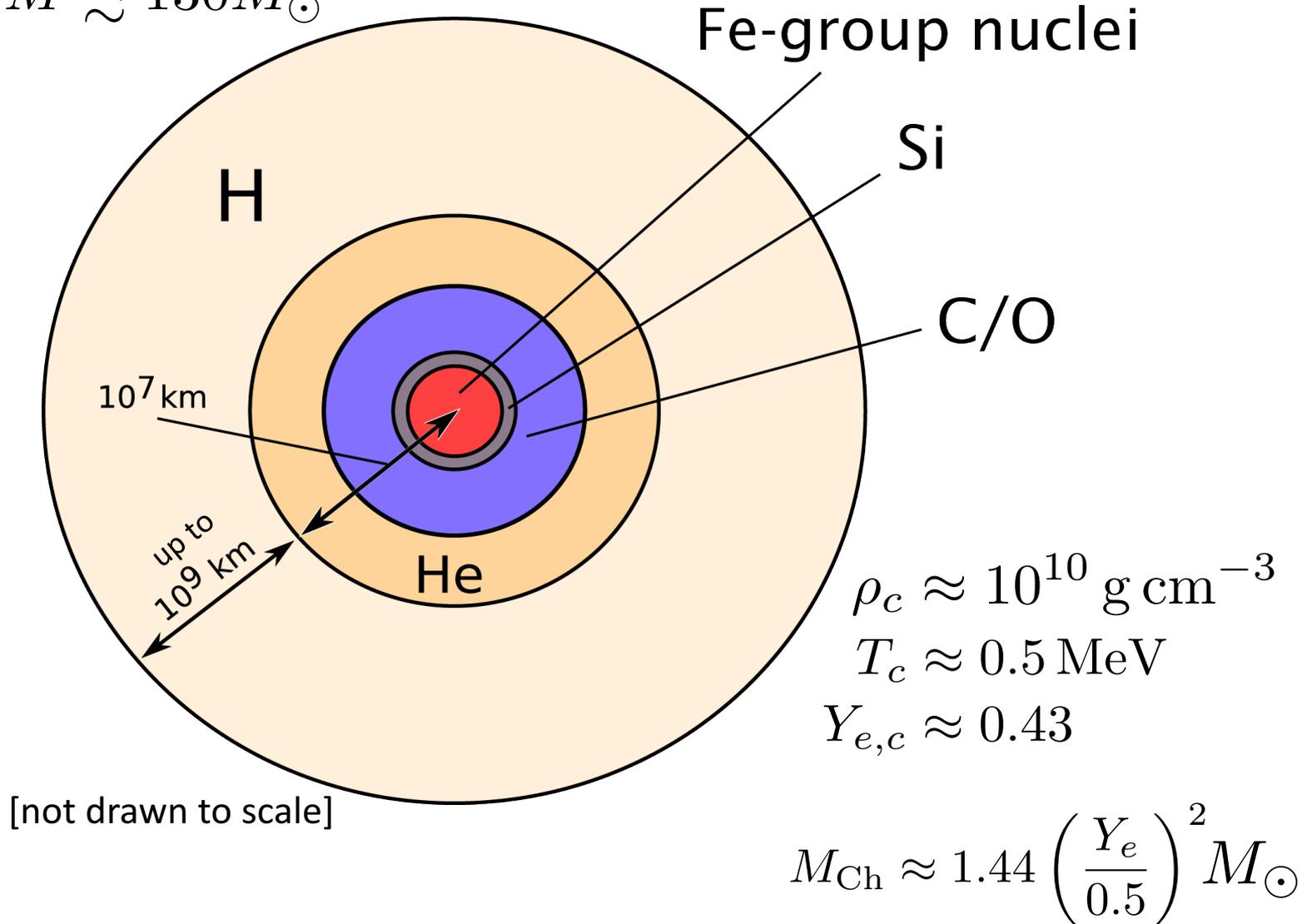


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Foundation

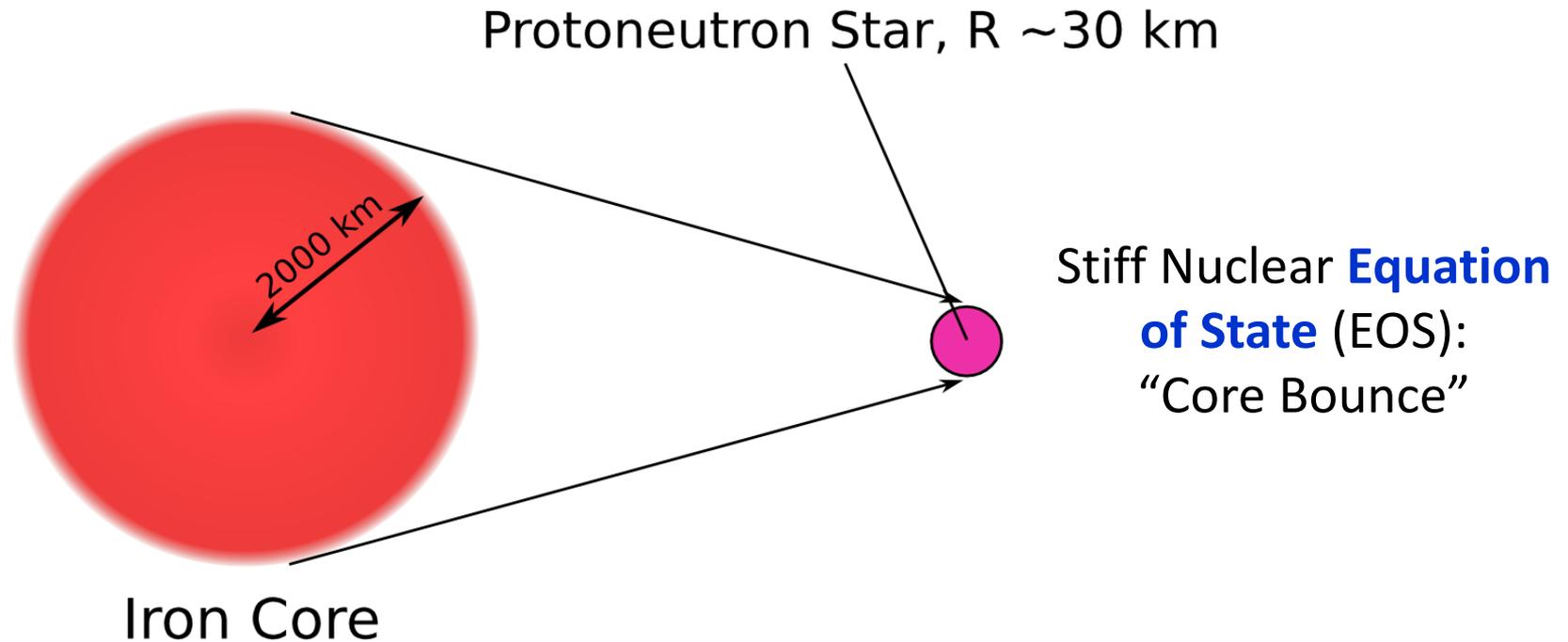


# The Basic Theory of Core Collapse

$$8M_{\odot} \lesssim M \lesssim 130M_{\odot}$$

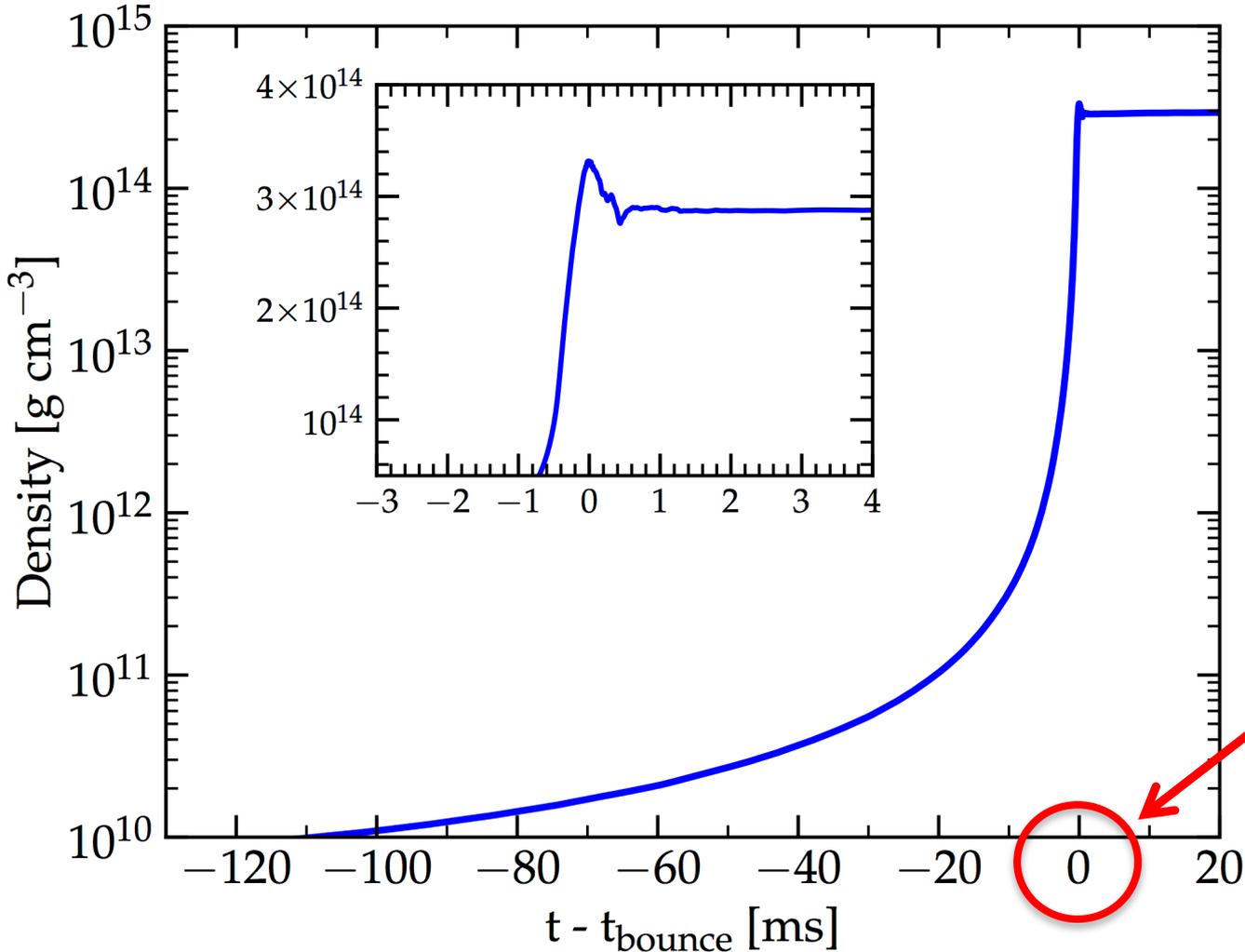


# Collapse and Bounce



# Collapse and Core “Bounce”

Central rest-mass density in the collapsing core:

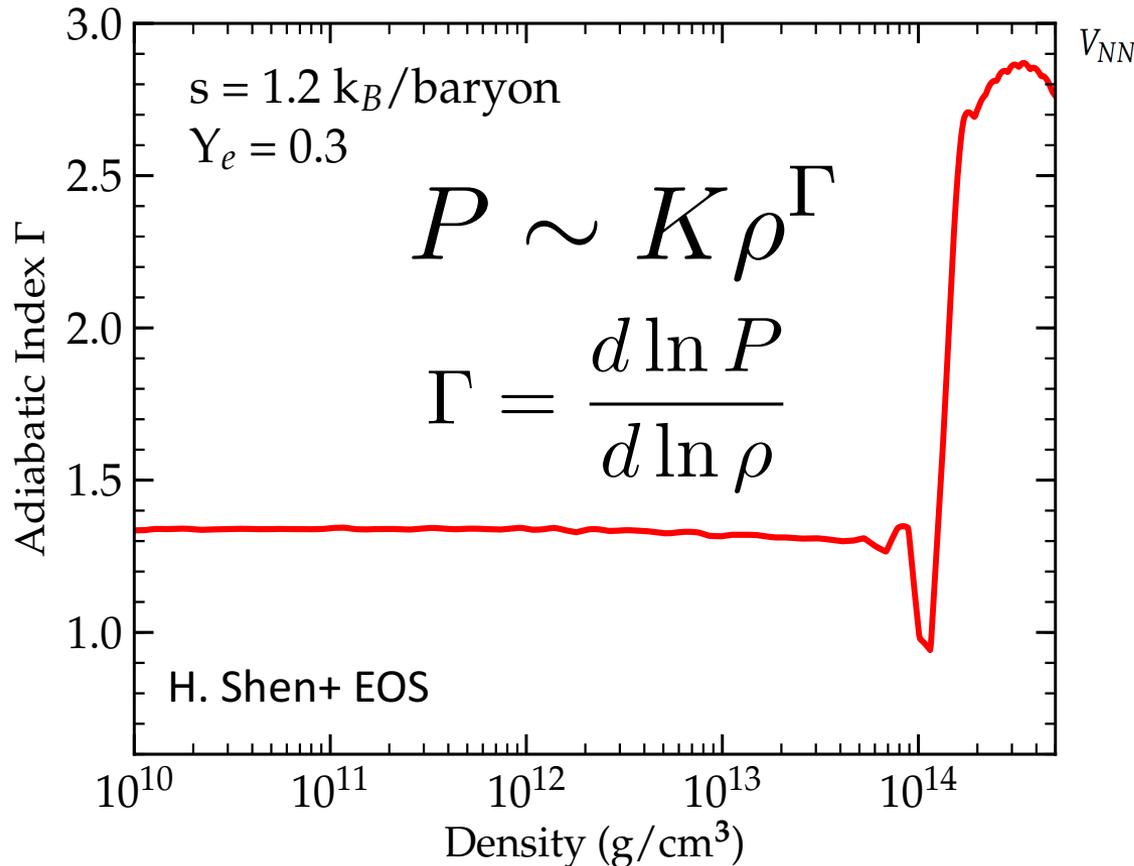


Stiff Nuclear **Equation of State (EOS):**  
“Core Bounce”

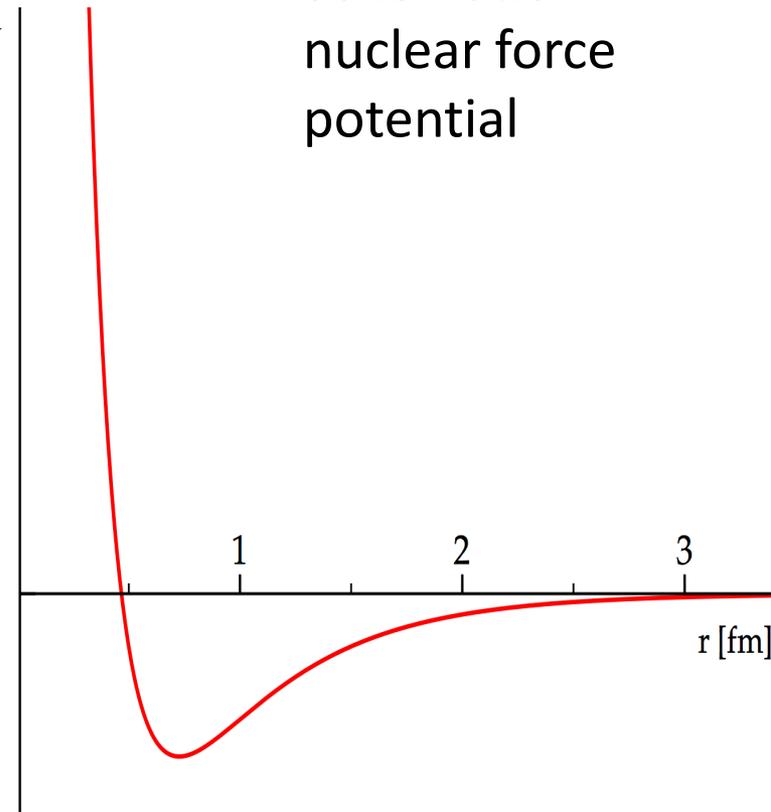
Bounce:  
t=0 for SN theorists.

# “Stiffening” of the Nuclear EOS

## “Core Bounce”

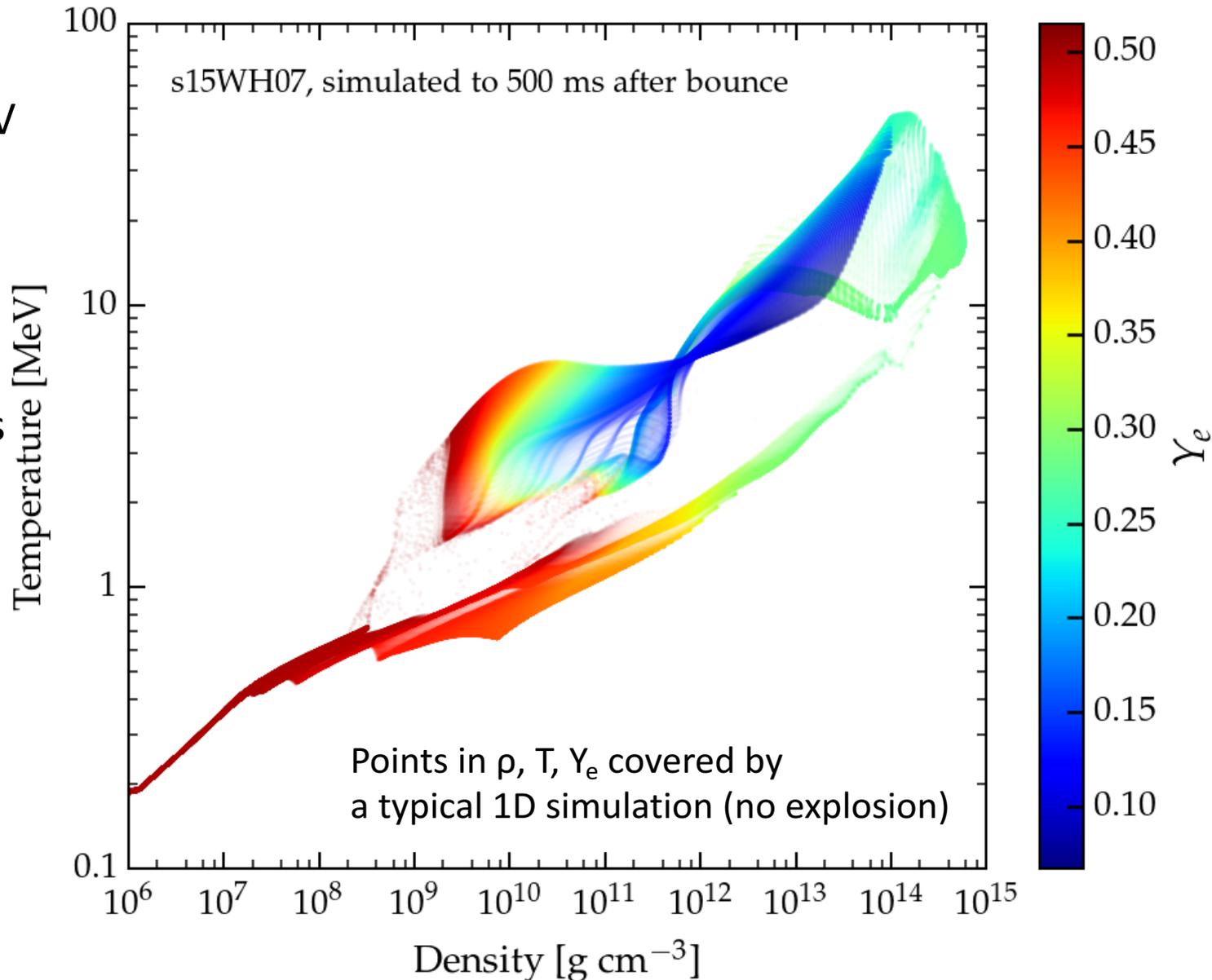


Schematic  
nuclear force  
potential



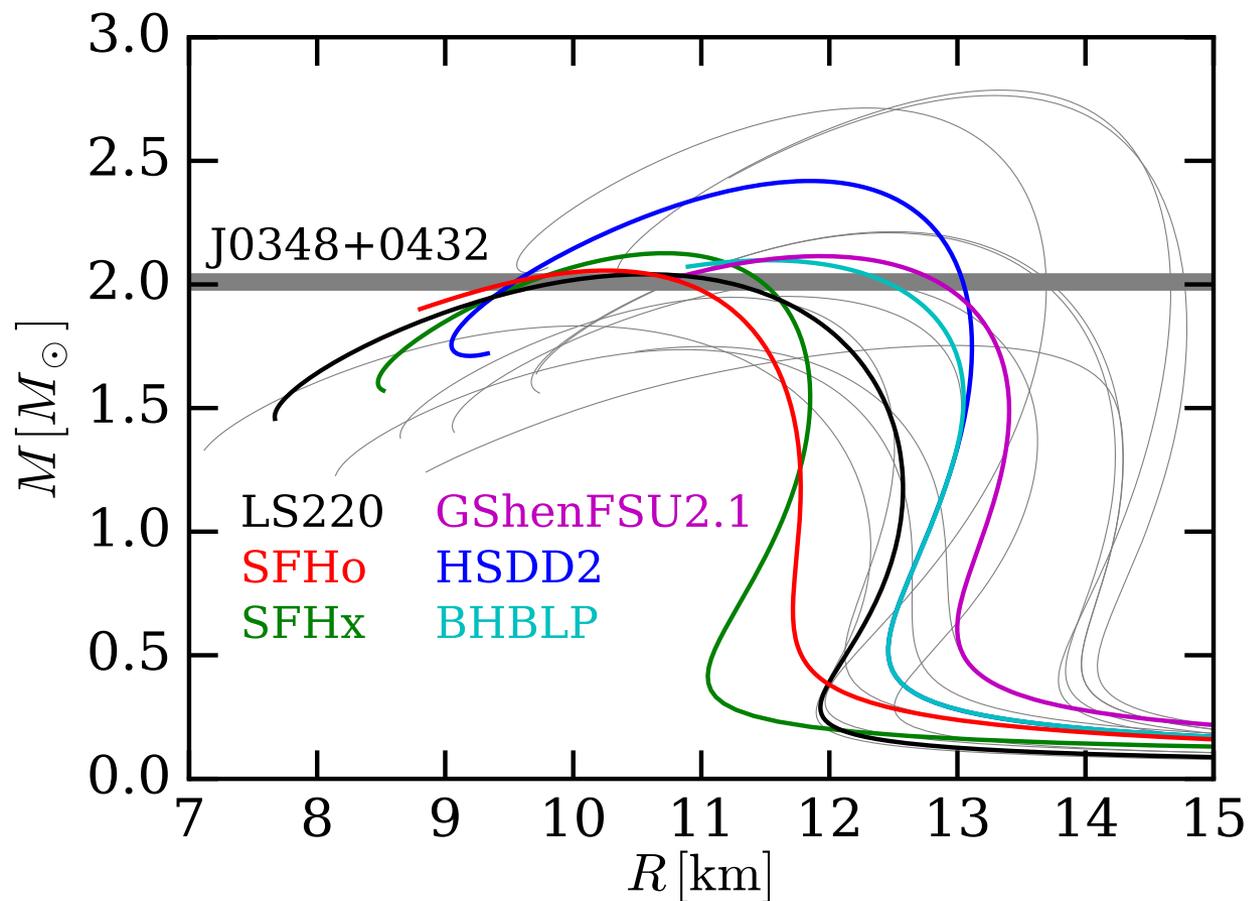
# An Aside on the Nuclear EOS

- Need hot EOS,  $T$  up to 100 MeV (BH formation!)
- EOS up to  $\sim 10 \times n_0$ .
- Proton fractions  $Y_e$  of 0 – 0.6.



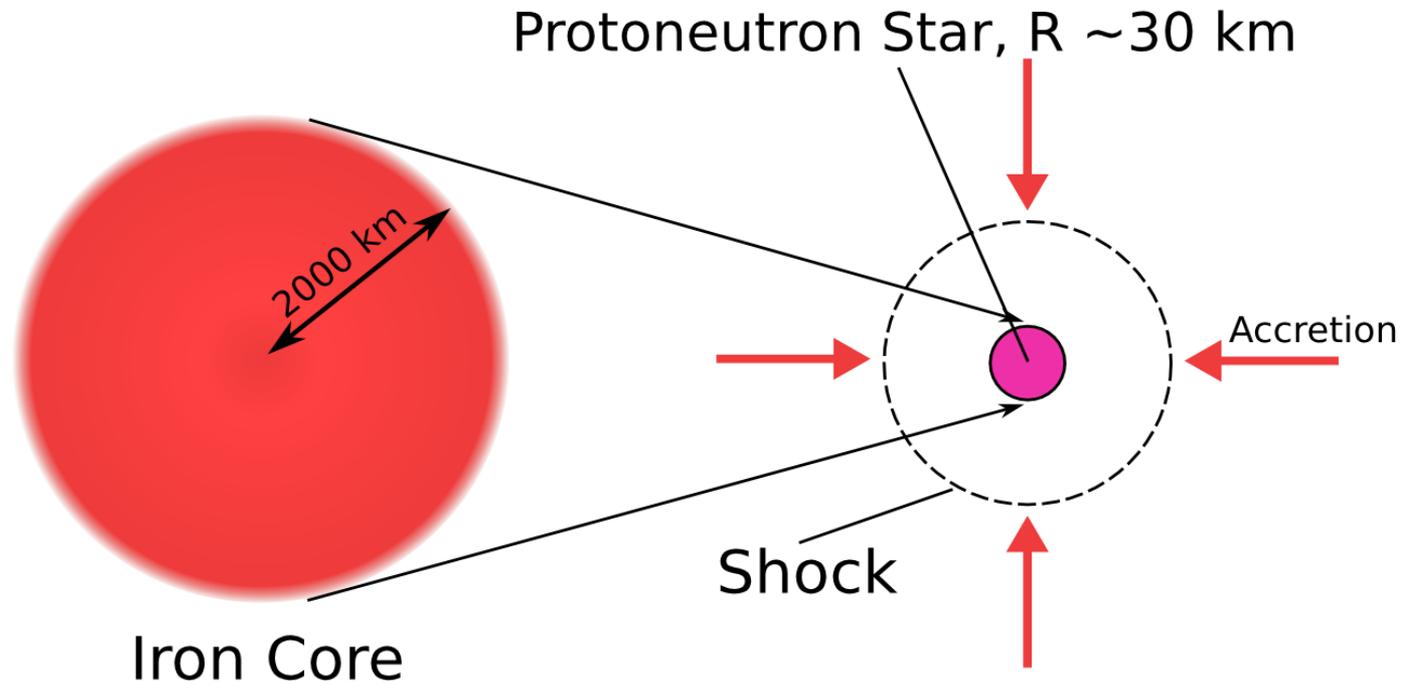
# Available Core-Collapse Supernova EOS

Richer+16 in prep, see <https://stellarcollapse.org> for tables and references

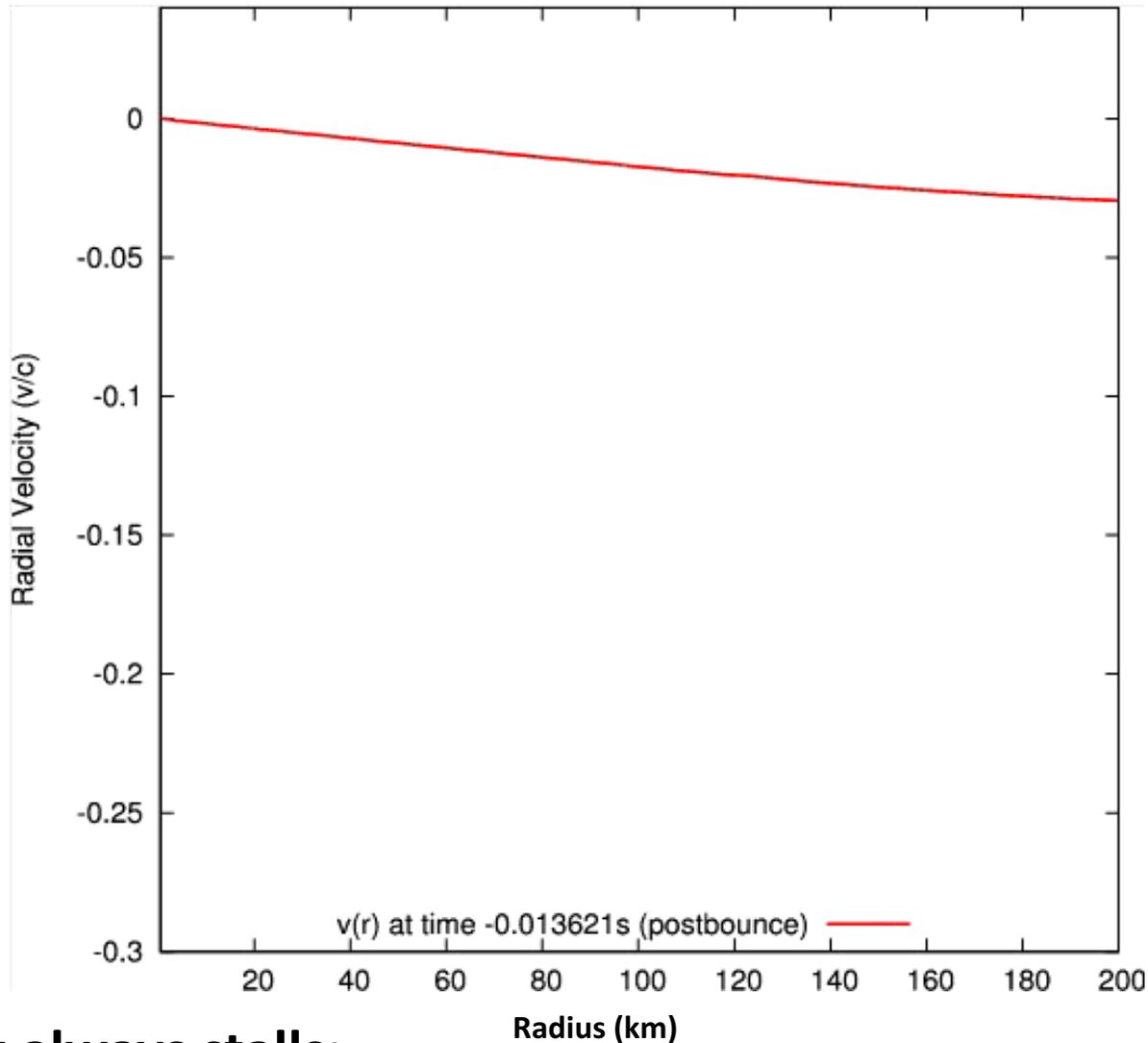


- ~18 hot nuclear EOS available for CCSN & NS merger simulations.
- Many ruled out by experiments / astrophysical constraints (-> Jim Lattimer's talk on November 1). **Need more EOS!**

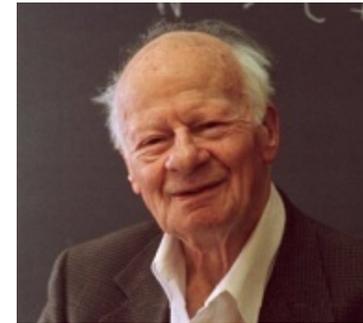
# Situation after Core Bounce



# Situation after Core Bounce



Animation  
by Evan O'Connor  
**GR1D** code  
[stellarcollapse.org](http://stellarcollapse.org)



Hans Bethe  
1906-2005

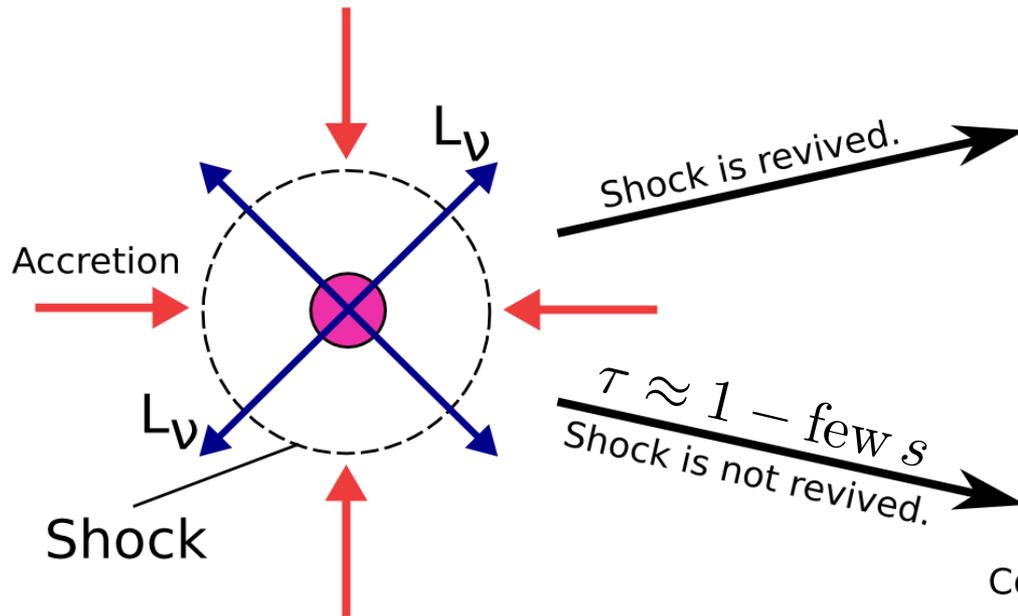
- **The shock always stalls:**

Dissociation of Fe-group nuclei @  $\sim 8.8$  MeV/baryon ( $\sim 17$  B/ $M_{\text{Sun}}$ ).

Neutrino losses initially @  $>100$  B/s (1 [B]ethe =  $10^{51}$  ergs).

# “Postbounce” Evolution

Protoneutron Star,  $R \sim 30$  km



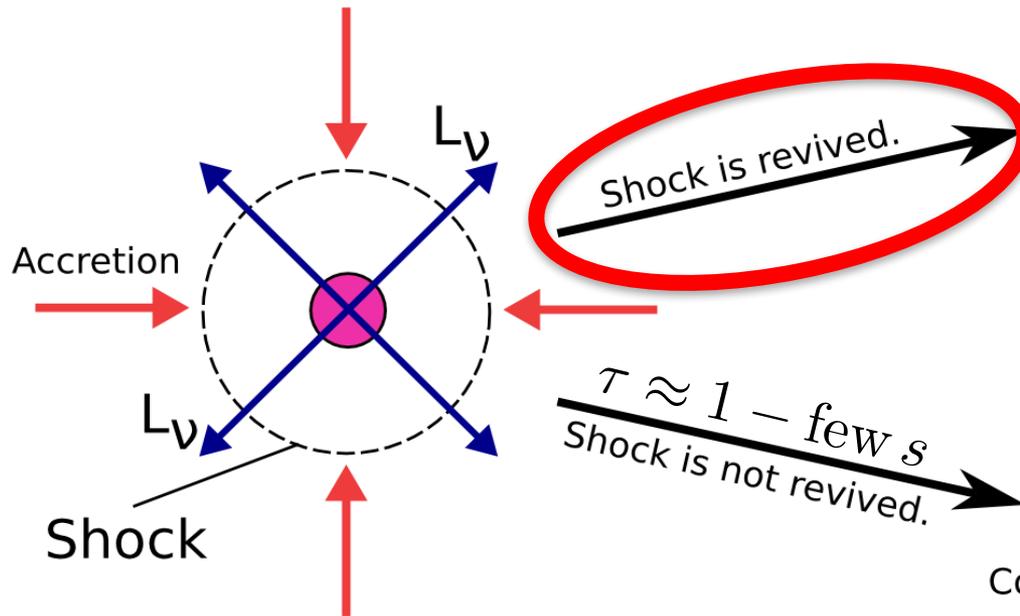
Supernova Explosion



Collapse to Black Hole

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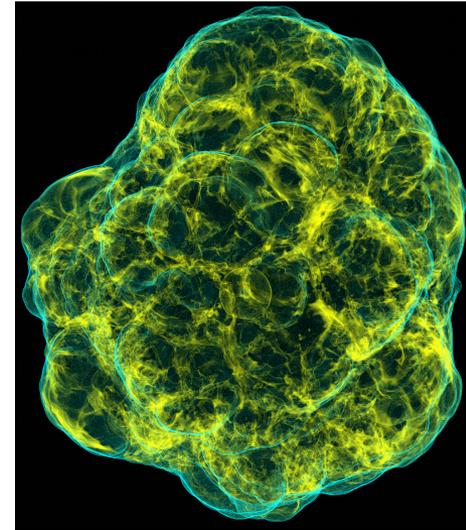
Collapse to Black Hole

**What is the mechanism that revives the shock?**

# Supernova Mechanisms

## Neutrino Mechanism

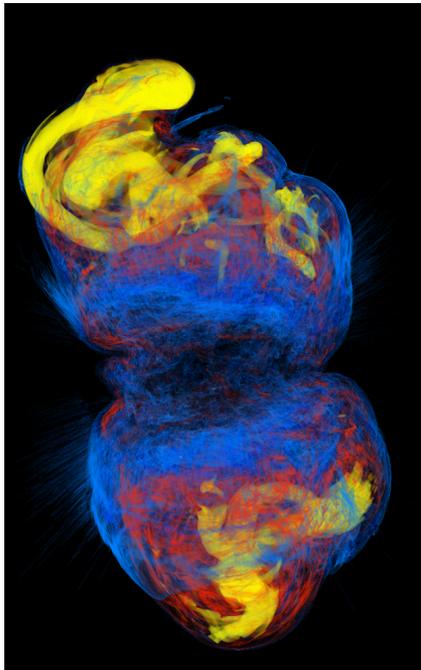
- Neutrino heating; **turbulent convection**, standing accretion shock instability (SASI).
- Works (even in 1D) for lowest mass massive stars.
- Sensitive to (multi-D) progenitor star structure.
- Inefficient ( $\eta \lesssim 10\%$ ); difficulty explaining  $E_{\text{explosion}}$ ?



Ott+13

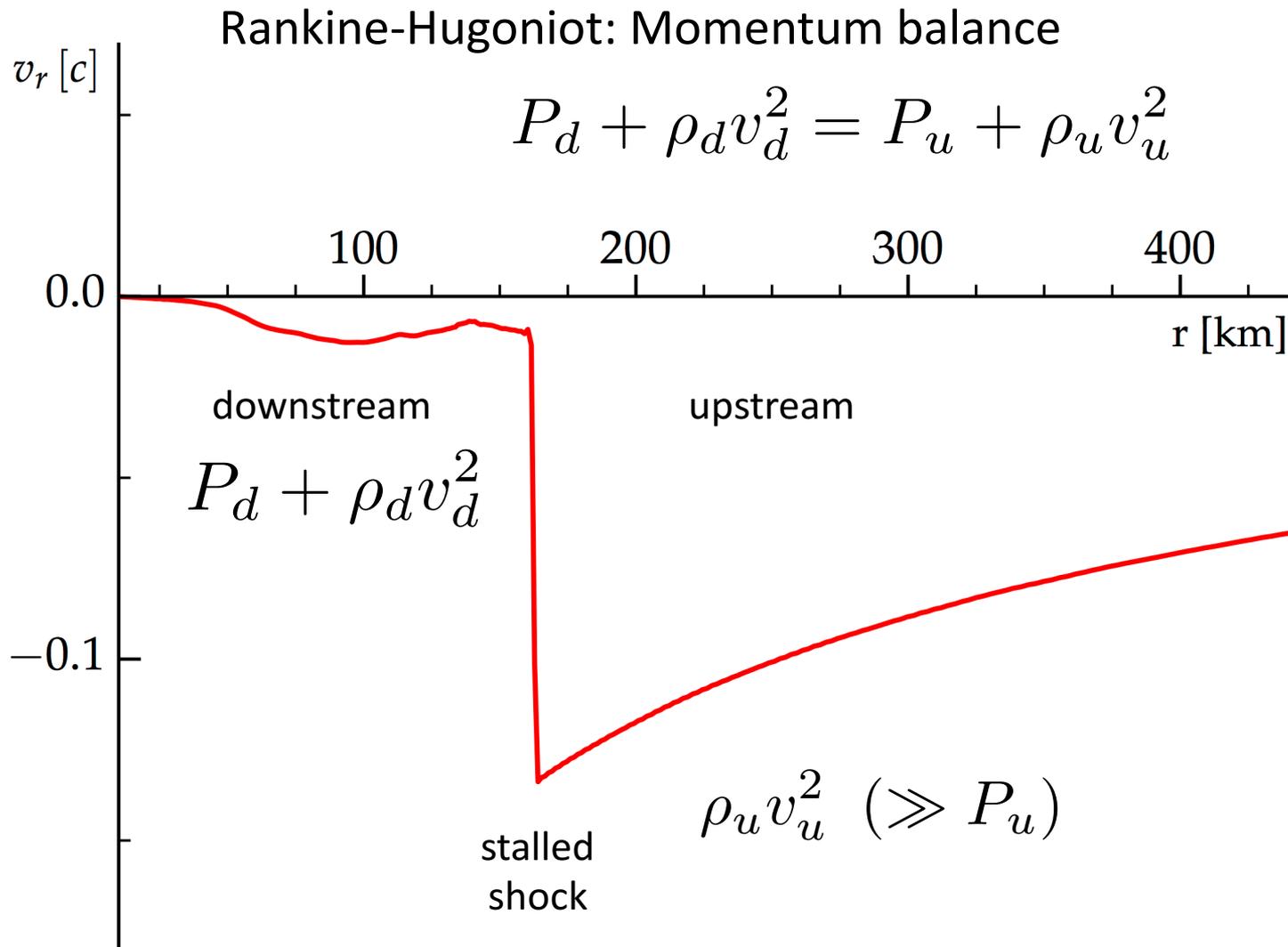
## Magnetorotational Mechanism

- Magneto-centrifugal forcing, hoop stresses.
- For energetic explosions and CCSN-LGRB connection?
- Very rapid core rotation + magnetorotational instability + dynamo for large-scale field.
- Needs “special” progenitor evolution.
- Jets unstable, may fail to explode in proto-NS phase; black hole formation, GRB central engine?

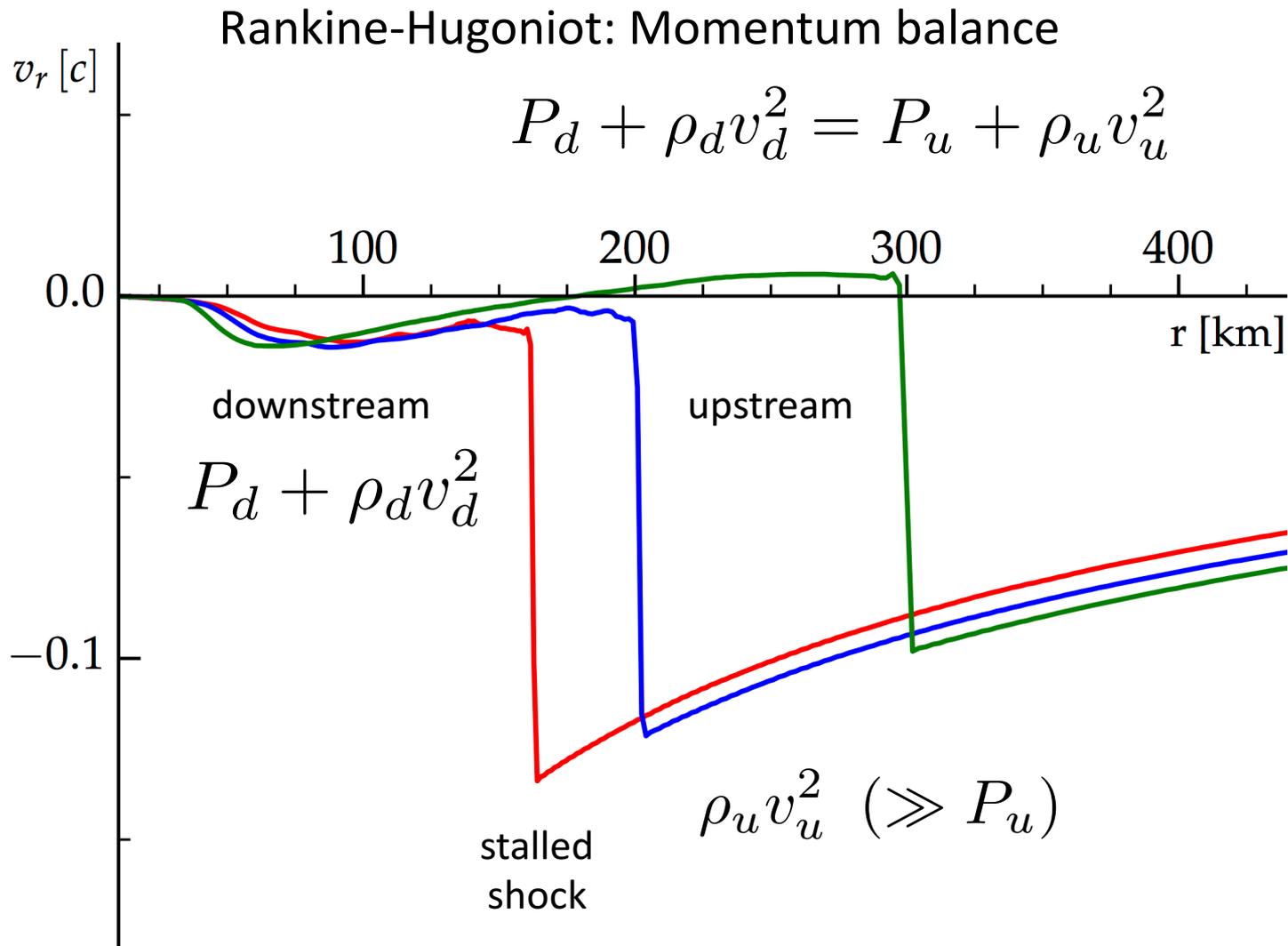


Mösta+14

# Basic Stalled-Shock Situation



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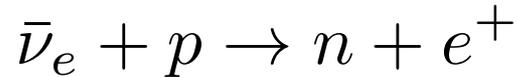
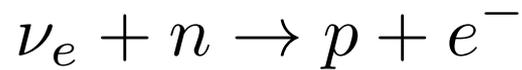
# Neutrino Mechanism: Heating

Bethe & Wilson '85; also see: Janka '01, Janka+ '07

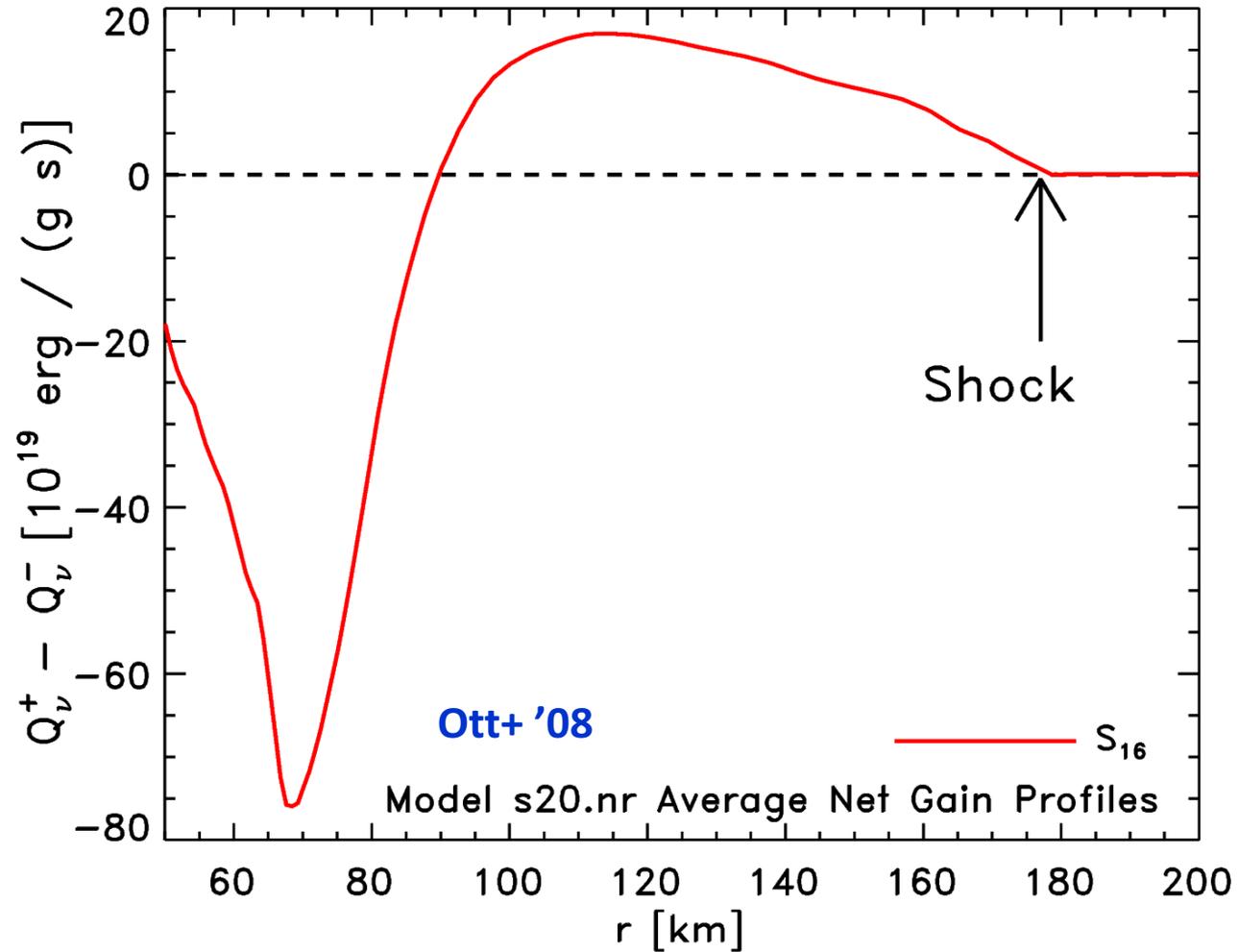
Cooling:

$$Q_{\nu}^{-} \propto T^6, T^9$$

Heating via  
charged-current  
absorption:

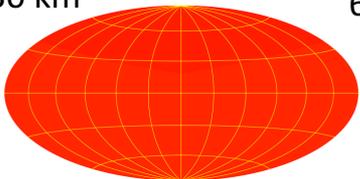


$$Q_{\nu}^{+} \propto \left\langle \frac{1}{F_{\nu}} \right\rangle L_{\nu} r^{-2} \langle \epsilon_{\nu}^2 \rangle$$

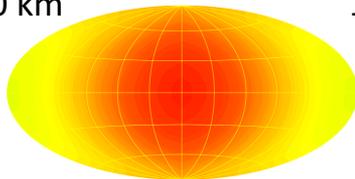


Neutrino radiation field:

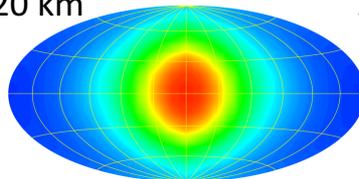
30 km



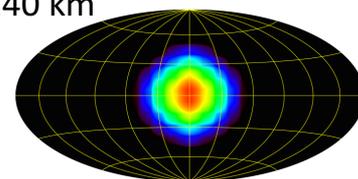
60 km



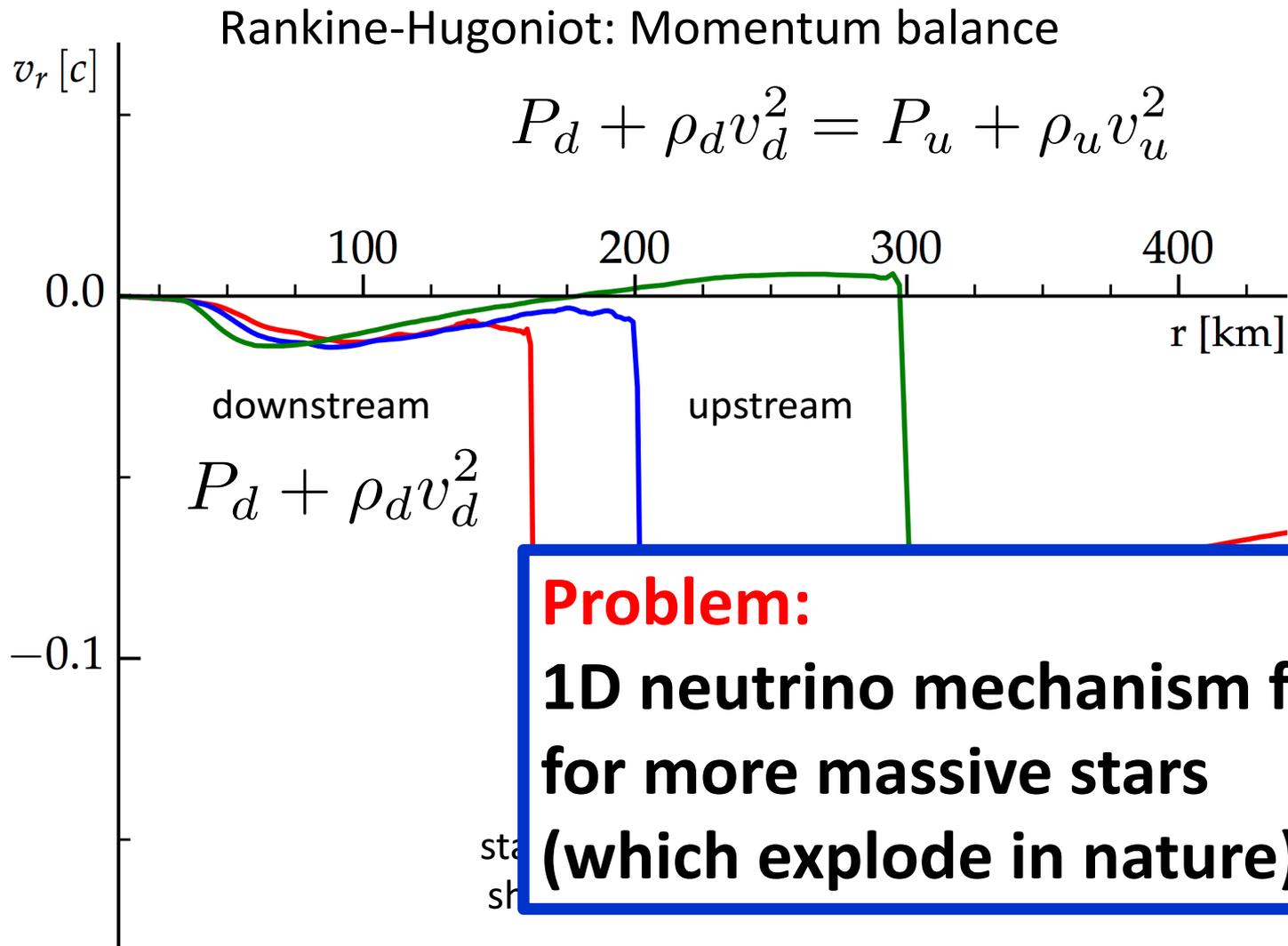
120 km



240 km



# Basic Stalled-Shock Situation



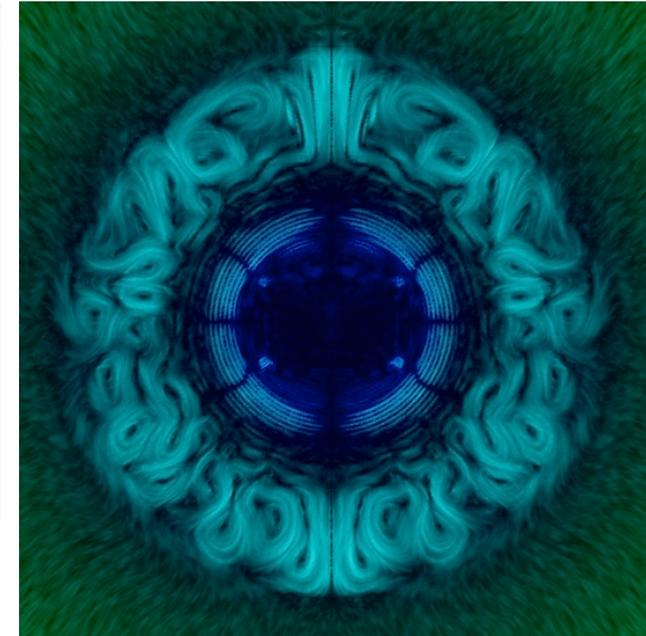
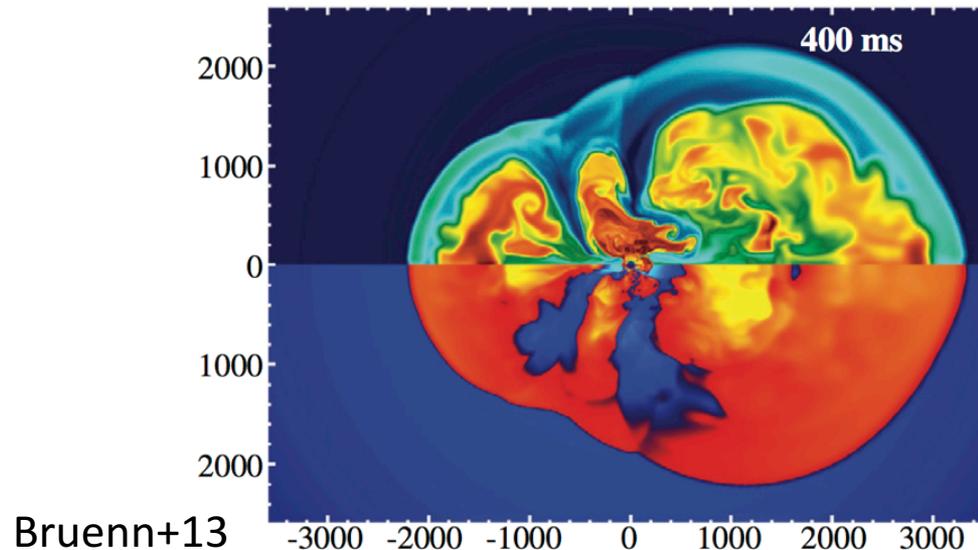
# 2D and 3D Neutrino-Driven CCSNe

- Progress driven by advances in compute power!
- First **2D (axisymmetric)** simulations in the 1990s:  
Herant+94, Burrows+95, Janka & E. Müller 96.



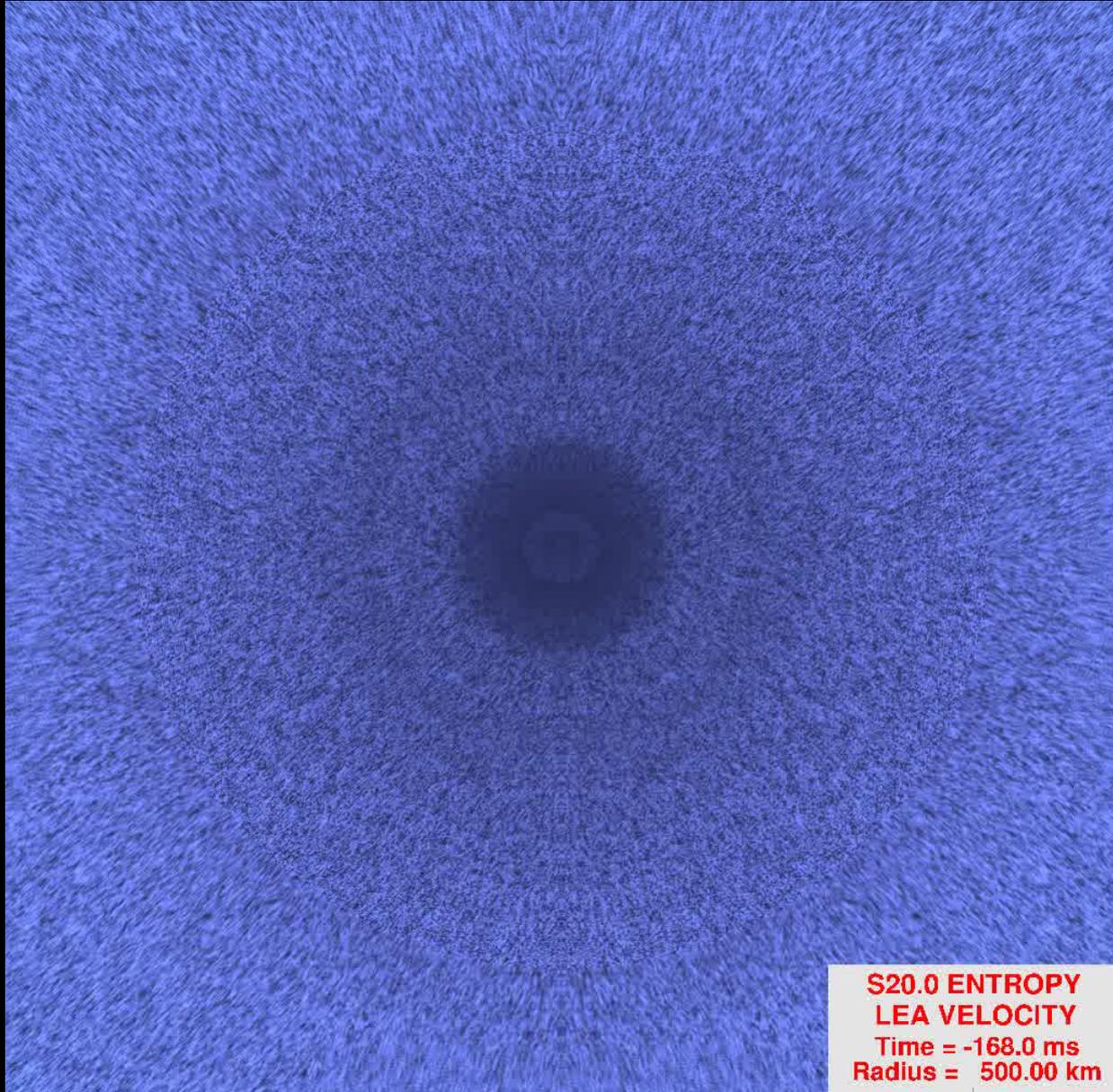
- 2D simulations now self-consistent & from first principles.  
E.g.: Bruenn+13,16 (ORNL), Dolence+14 (Princeton),  
B. Müller+12ab (MPA Garching), Nagakura+16 (YITP/Waseda),  
Suwa+16 & Takiwaki+14 (YITP/NAOJ/Fukoka)

Dessart+ '05



# Standing Accretion Shock Instability (SASI)

Blondin+'03  
Foglizzo+'06  
Scheck+ '08  
and many  
others

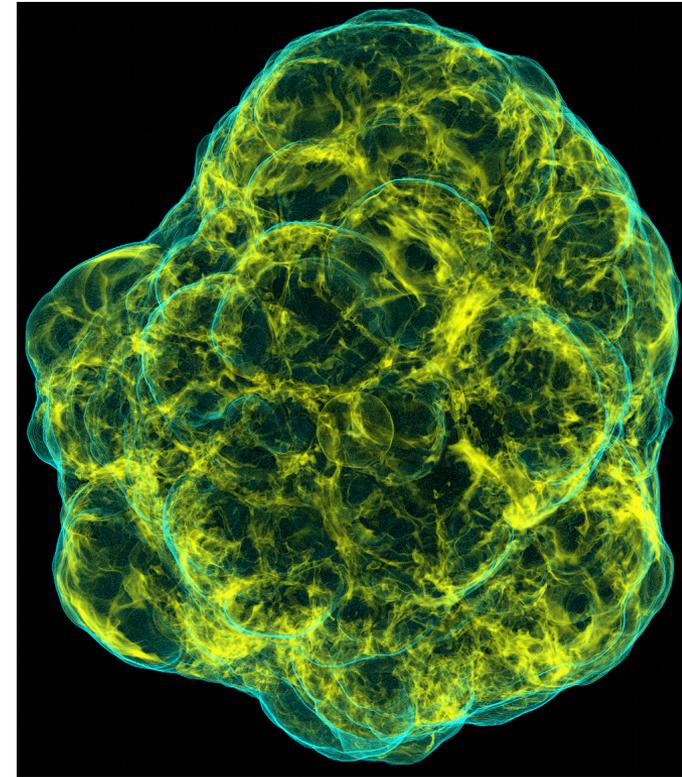


Movie by  
Burrows,  
Livne,  
Dessart,  
Ott, Murphy'06

# The 3D Frontier – Petascale Computing!



- Some early work: Fryer & Warren 02, 04
- **Much work since ~2010:**  
Fernandez 10, Nordhaus+10, Takiwaki+11,13,14,  
Burrows+12, Murphy+13, Dolence+13,  
Hanke+12,13, Kuroda+12, Ott+13, Couch 13,  
Couch & Ott 13, 15, Abdikamalov+15,  
Couch & O'Connor 14, Lentz+15, Melson+15ab,  
Kuroda+16, Roberts+16
- Approximations currently made:  
(1) **Gravity** (2) **Neutrinos** (3) **Resolution**



Ott+13  
Caltech,  
full GR,  
parameterized  
neutrino heating

-6.18 ms

# Multi-Dimensional Simulations: Effects

(e.g., Hanke+13, Couch&Ott 15, Murphy+08, Murphy+13, Ott+13, Dolence+13)

- (1) Lateral/azimuthal flow: “Dwell time” in gain region increases.
  - (2) New: Anisotropy of convection -> **Turbulent ram pressure**
- (Radice+15, 16, Couch&Ott 15, Murphy+13)

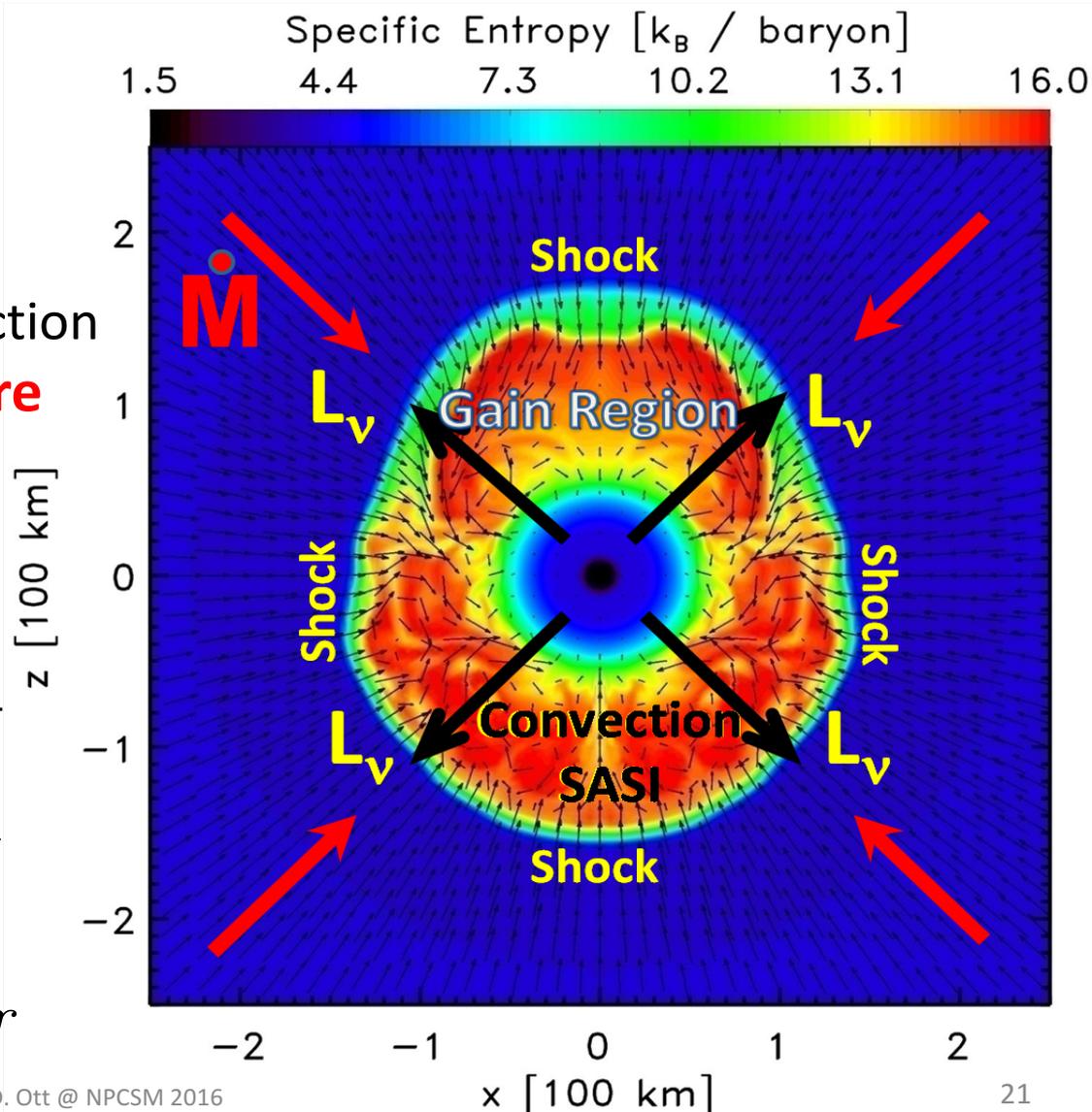
$$R_{ij} = \overline{\delta v_i \delta v_j}$$

$$\delta v_i = v_i - \overline{v_i}$$

$$R_{rr} \sim 2\{R_{\theta\theta}, R_{\phi\phi}\}$$

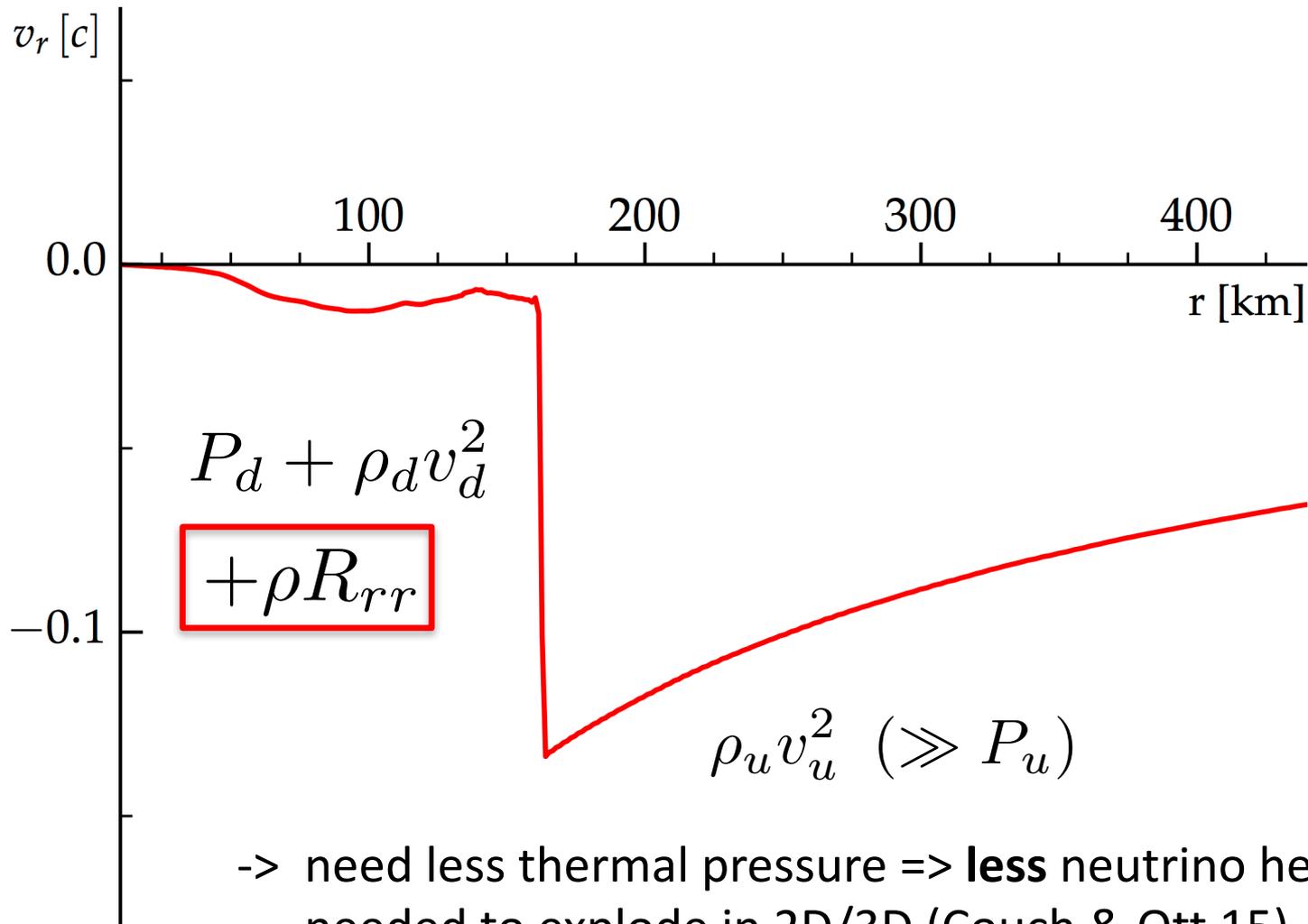
effective  
turbulent  
pressure

$$P_{\text{turb}} = \rho R_{rr}$$



# Accounting for Turbulent Ram

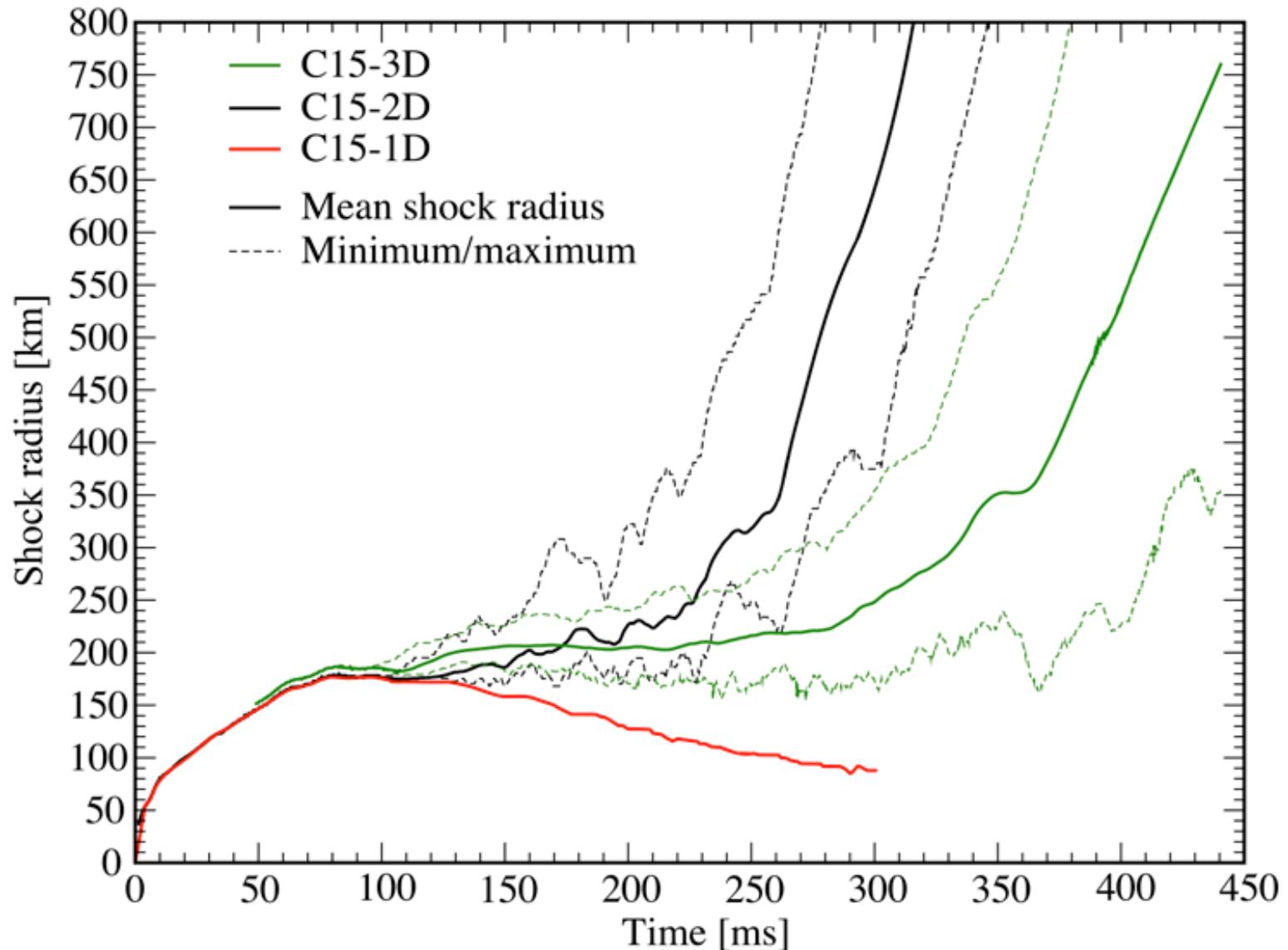
(Couch & Ott 2015, Murphy+13)



-> need less thermal pressure => **less** neutrino heating needed to explode in 2D/3D (Couch & Ott 15).

# 2D & 3D Explosions!

(e.g., Lentz+15, Melson+15ab)

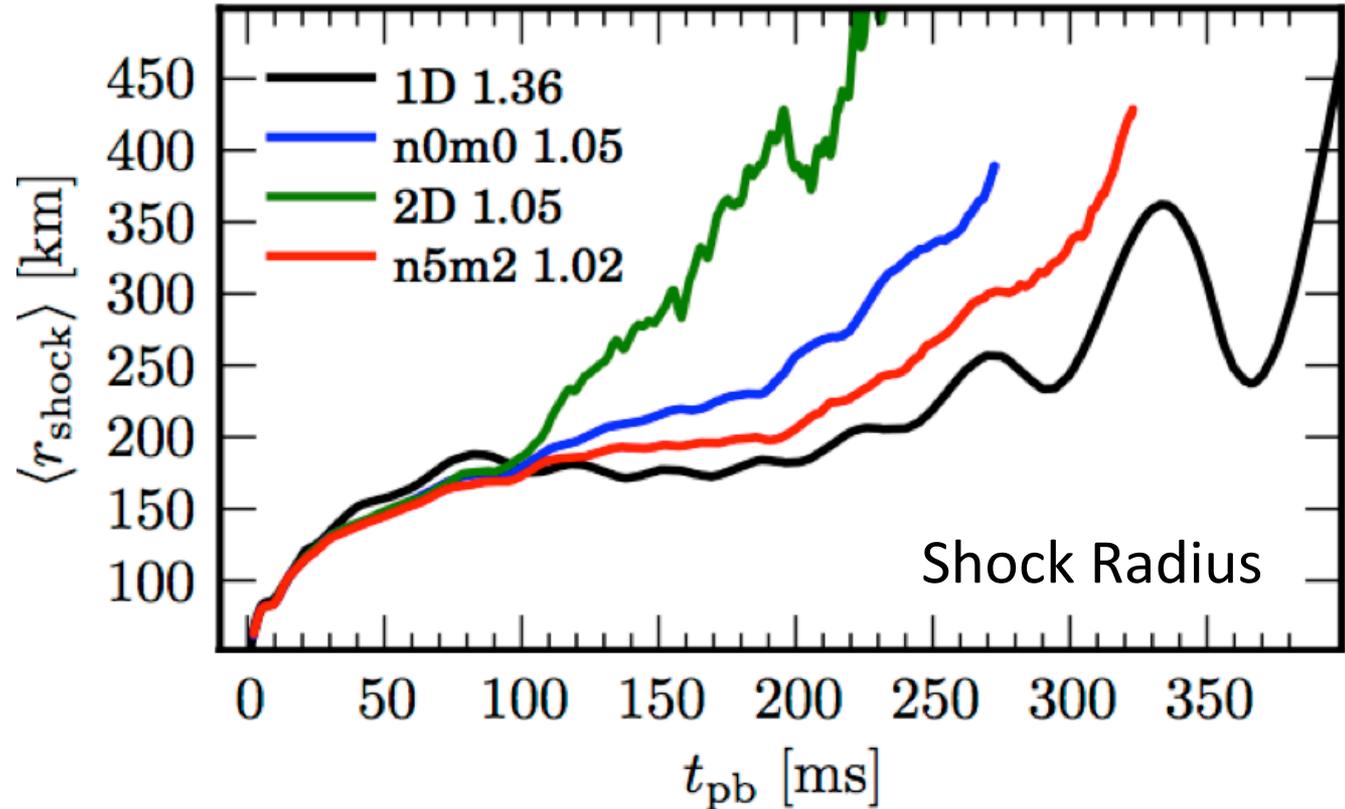


# 1D, 2D, 3D

(Couch & Ott 2015)

parameterized  
neutrino heating

black: 1D  
green: 2D  
red, blue: 3D



(1) 2D & 3D explode with less neutrino heating.

(2) 2D explodes more easily than 3D!

(see also: Couch & O'Connor 14, Hanke+13)

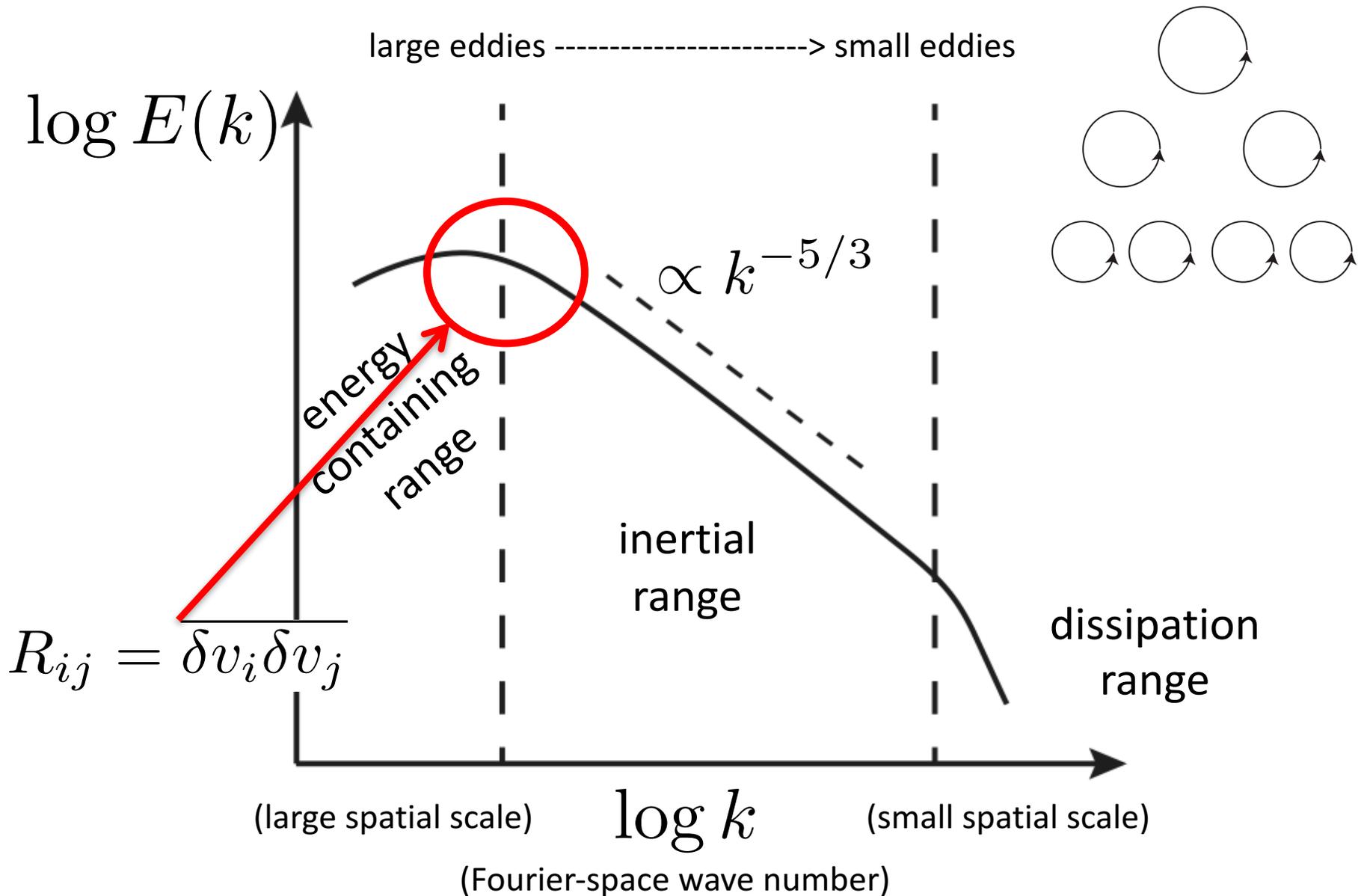
# Some Facts about Supernova Turbulence

(e.g., Abdikamalov, Ott+ 15, Radice+15ab)

- Neutrino-driven convection is turbulent.  $Re = \frac{lu}{\nu} \approx 10^{17}$
- **Kolmogorov** turbulence: Kolmogorov 1941  
isotropic, incompressible, stationary.  $E(k) \propto k^{-5/3}$
- Supernova turbulence:  
anisotropic (buoyancy), mildly compressible, quasi-stationary.
- Reynolds stresses (relevant for explosion!) dominated by  
dynamics at largest scales.

$$R_{ij} = \overline{\delta v_i \delta v_j}$$

# Kolmogorov Turbulence

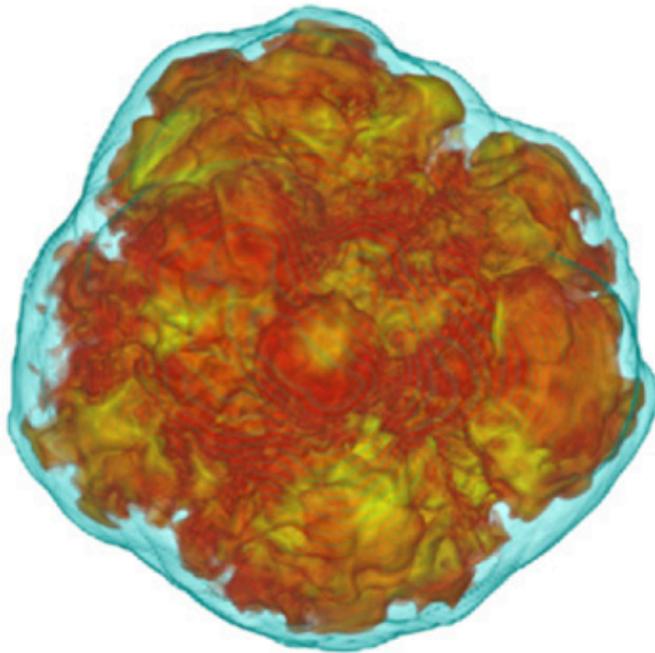


# 2D vs. 3D

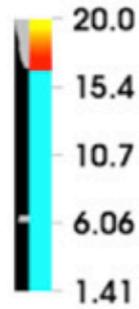
(e.g., Couch 13, Couch & O'Connor 14)

s27 1.05 3D

200 ms

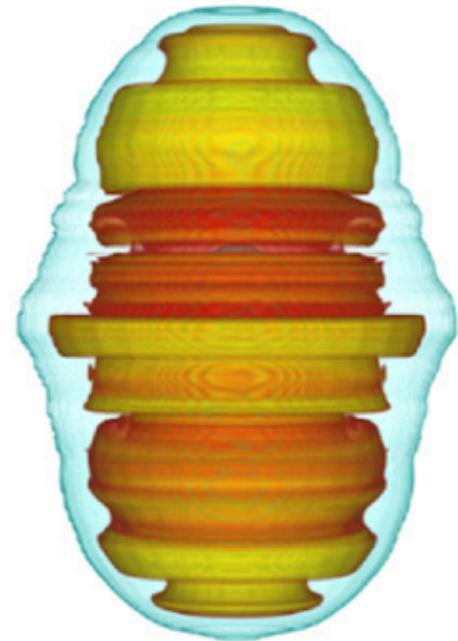


400 km



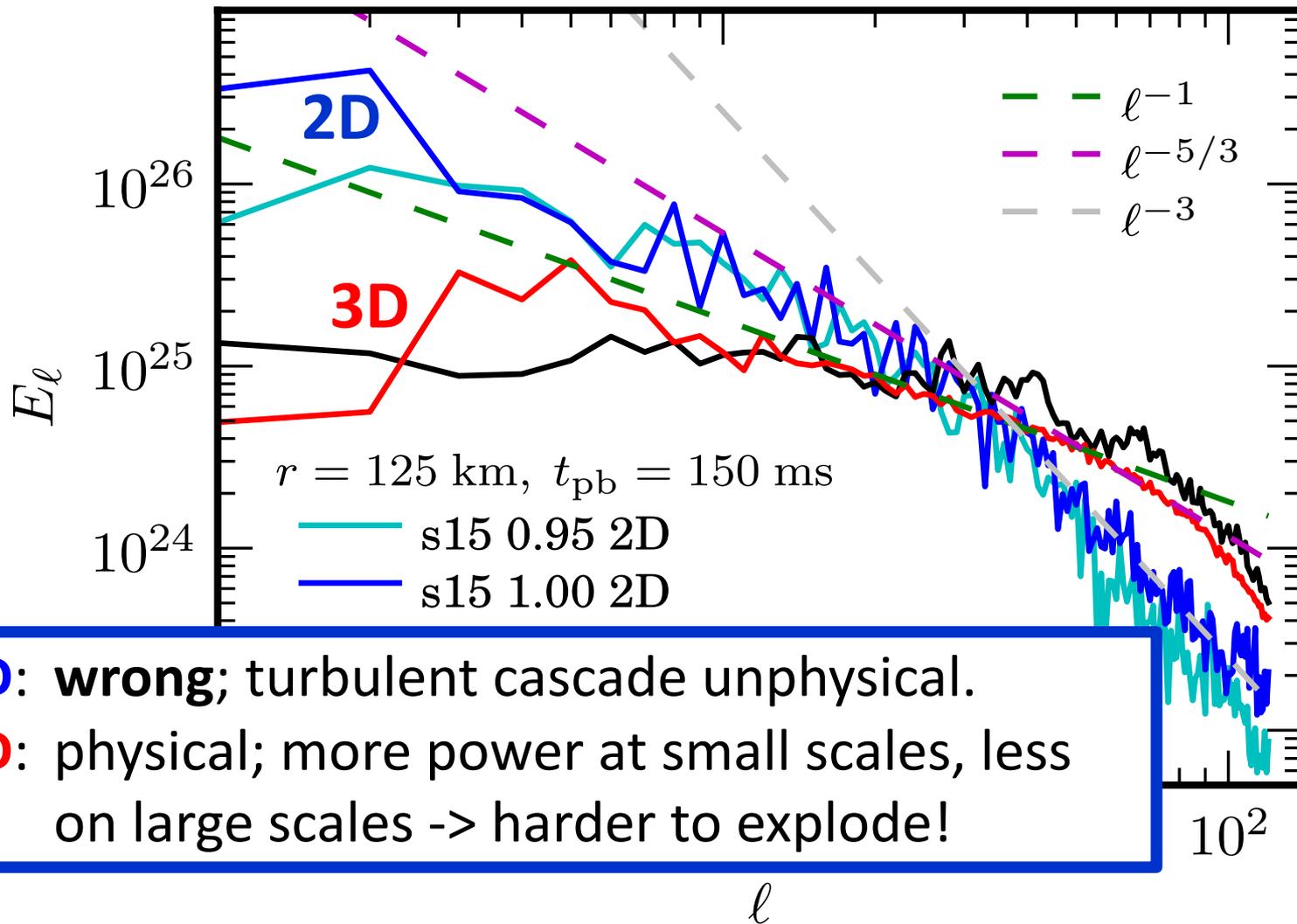
s27 0.95 2D

200 ms



400 km

# Turbulent Cascade: 2D vs. 3D



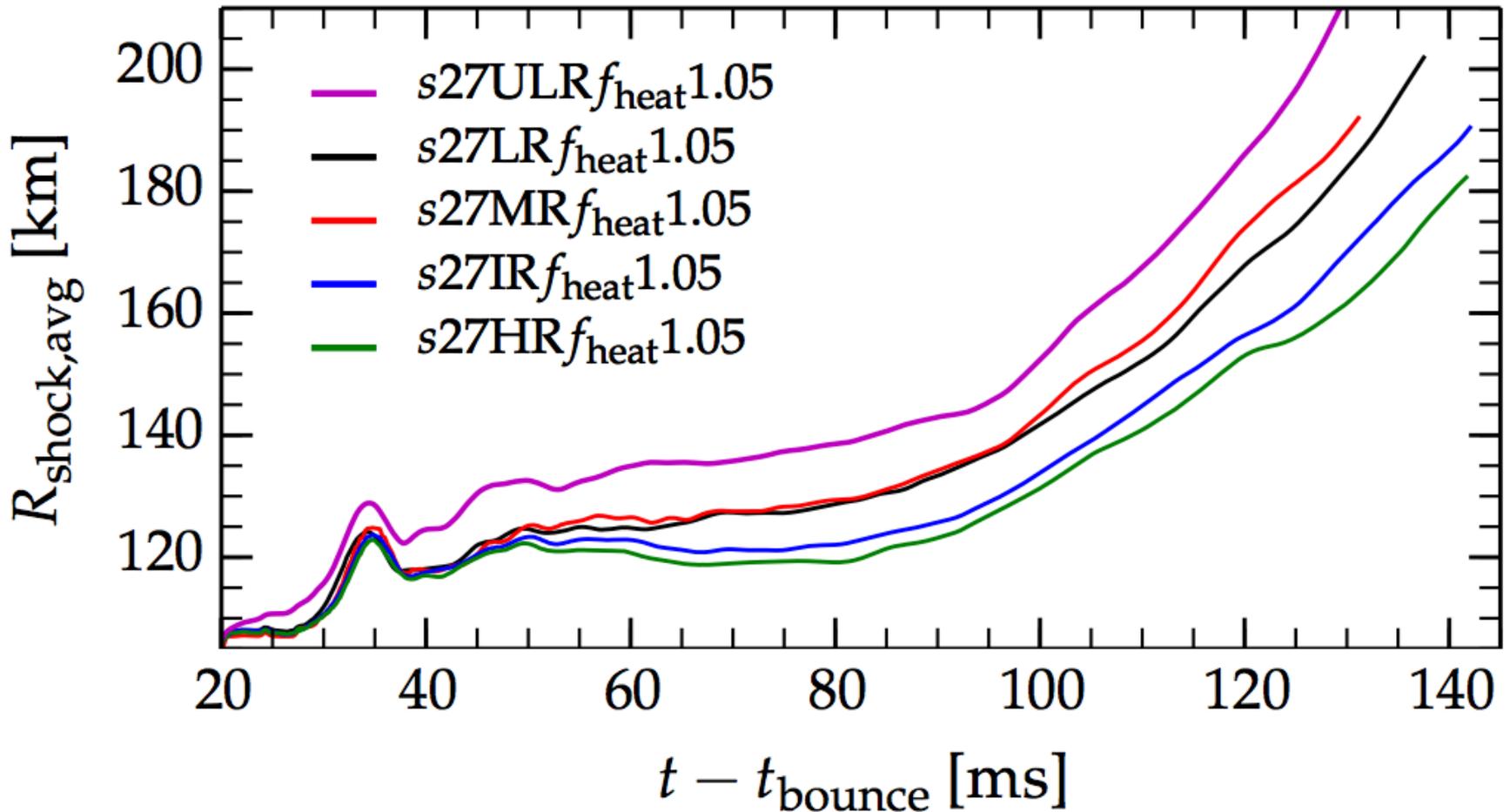
- **2D**: wrong; turbulent cascade unphysical.
- **3D**: physical; more power at small scales, less on large scales -> harder to explode!

**Couch & O'Connor 14**

see also: Dolence+13, Hanke+12,13, Abdikamalov+'15, Radice+15ab

# 3D: Sensitivity to Resolution

Abdikamalov+15

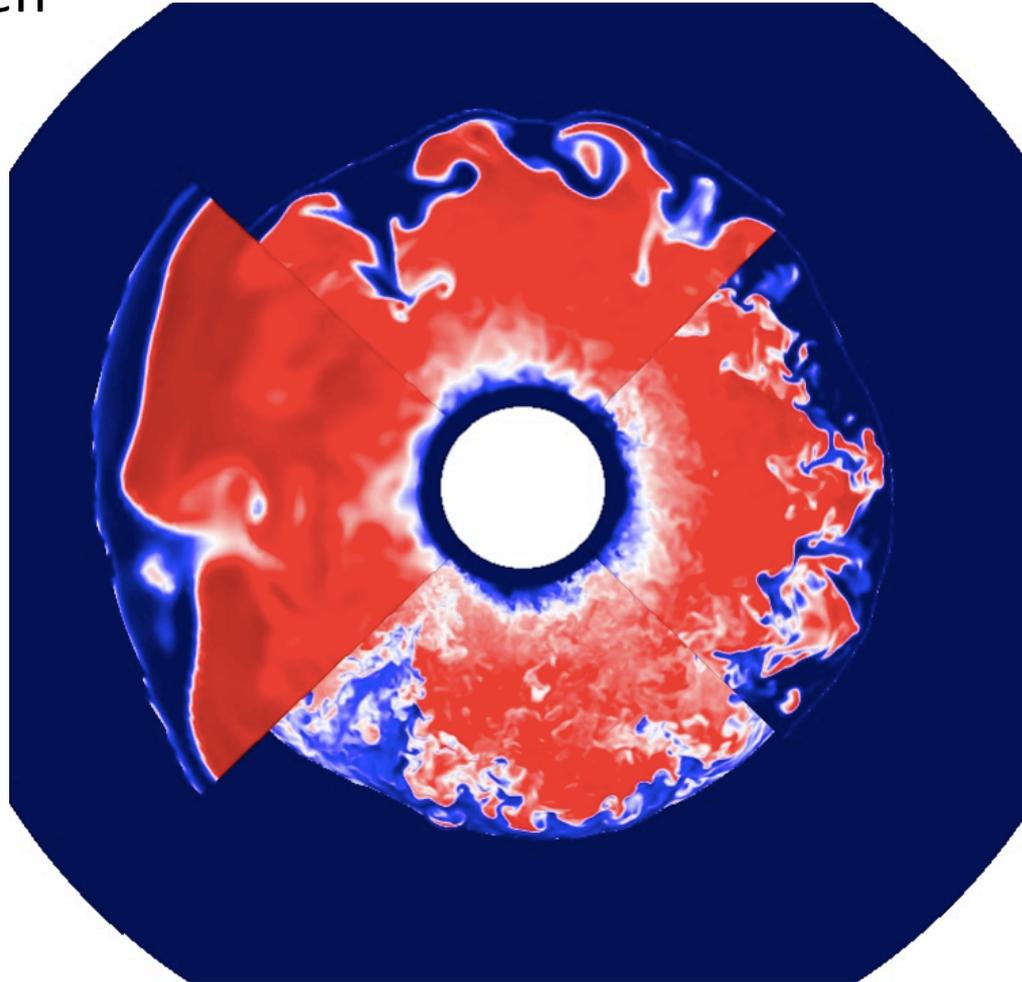


low resolution -> less efficient turbulent cascade  
-> kinetic energy stuck at large scales

# Resolution Comparison (Radice+16)

- semi-global simulations of neutrino-driven turbulence.

$d\theta, d\phi = 0.9^\circ$   
 $dr = 1.9 \text{ km}$



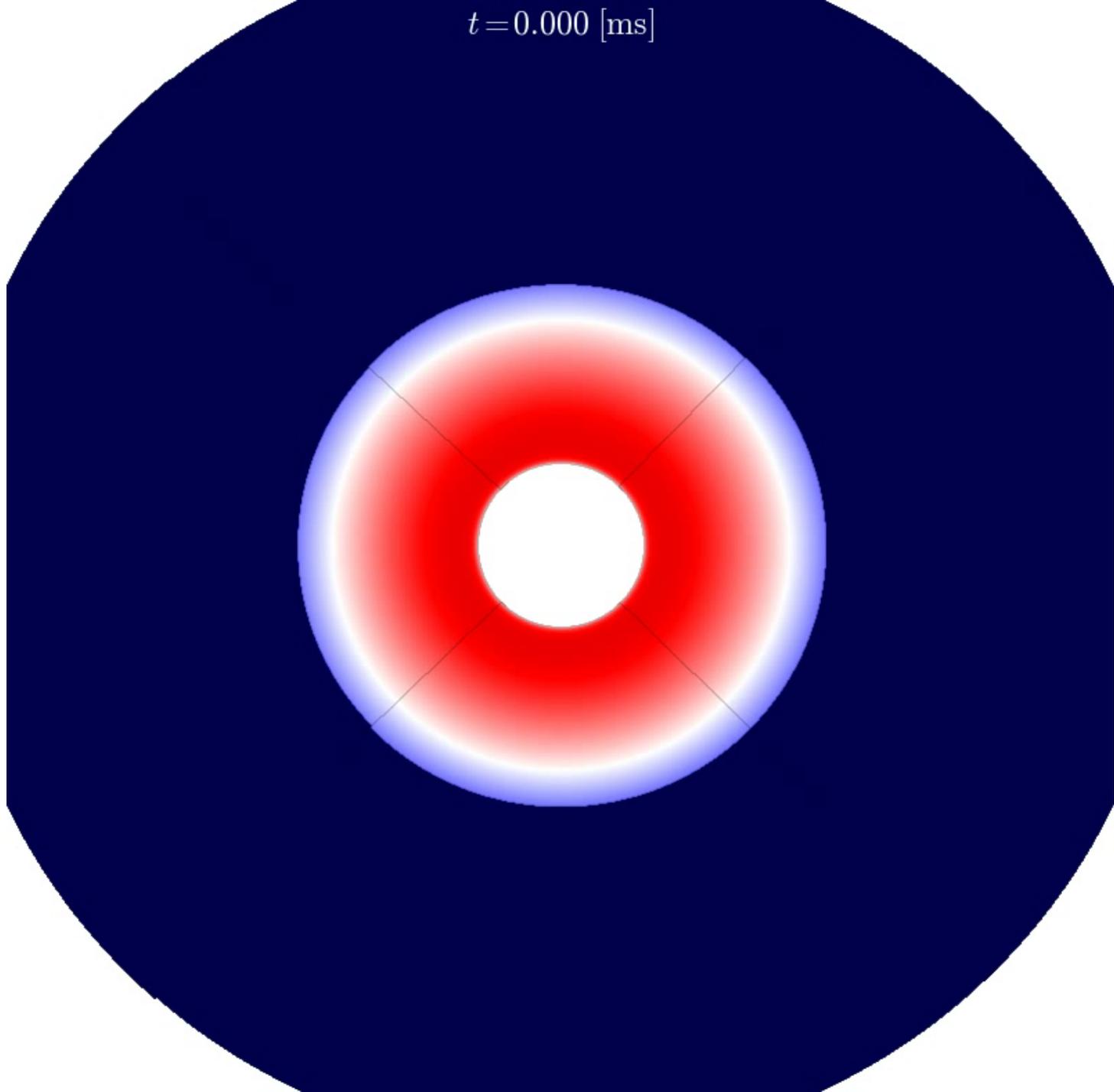
$d\theta, d\phi = 1.8^\circ$   
 $dr = 3.8 \text{ km}$

(typical resolution of  
3D rad-hydro sims)

$d\theta, d\phi = 0.45^\circ$   
 $dr = 0.9 \text{ km}$

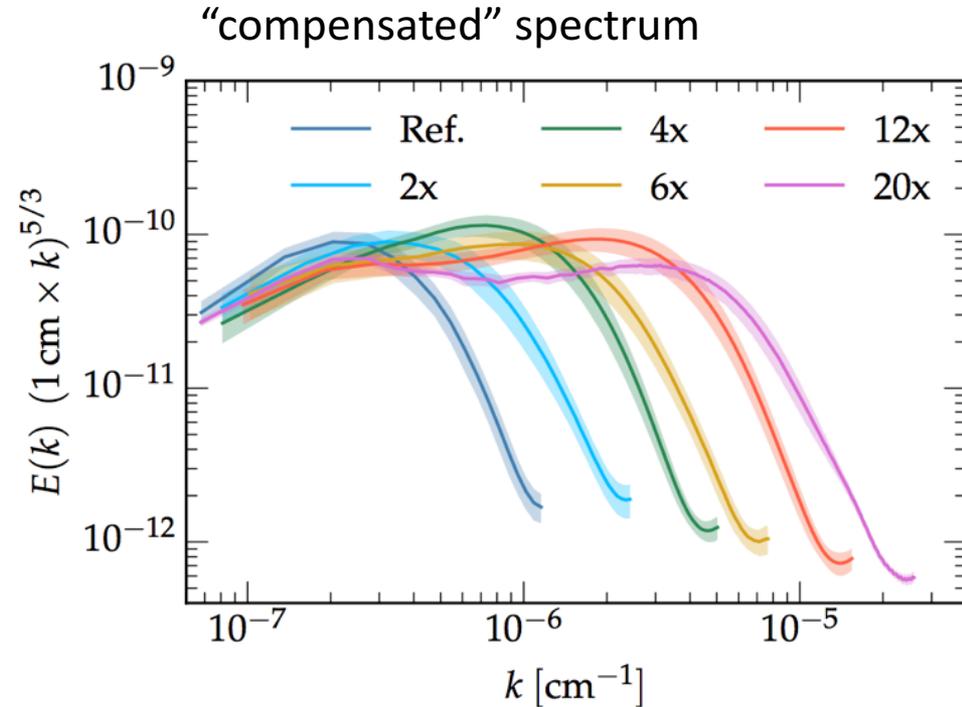
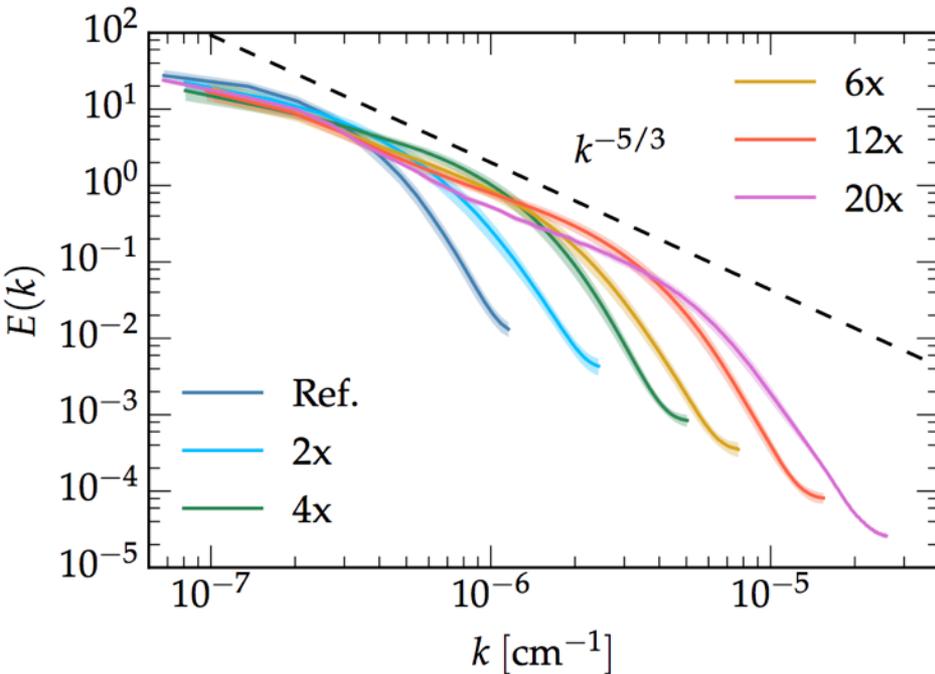
$d\theta, d\phi = 0.3^\circ$   
 $dr = 0.64 \text{ km}$

$t = 0.000$  [ms]



# Turbulent Kinetic Energy Spectrum

(Radice+16)



**Core-collapse supernova turbulence obeys Kolmogorov scaling!**

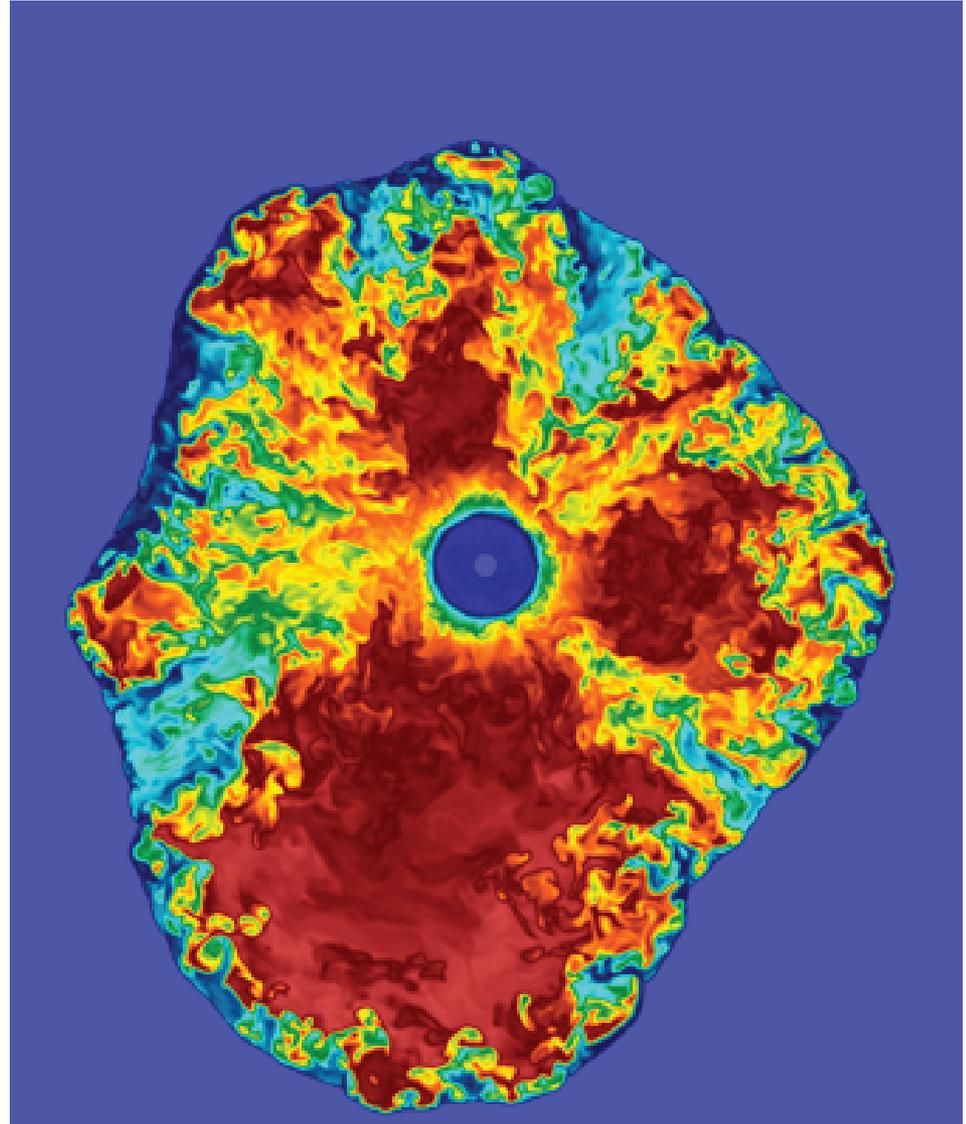
But: Global simulations at necessary resolution currently impossible!

**Way forward?** -> Subgrid modeling of neutrino-driven turbulence?

# Summary of 2D & 3D Neutrino-Driven CCSNe

- **More efficient neutrino heating, turbulent ram pressure.**
- **2D simulations** explode but can't be trusted (unphysical turbulence).
- **3D simulations:**
  - (1) most not yet fully self consistent (parameterized);
  - (2) **numerical bottleneck in energy cascade (resolution).**
- How much resolution is necessary?
- Subgrid model for 3D neutrino-driven turbulence?

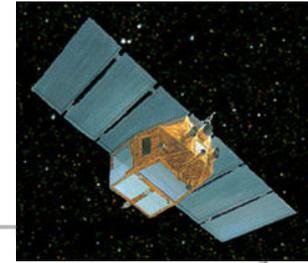
**See also Luke Robert's conference talk on Nov. 4!**



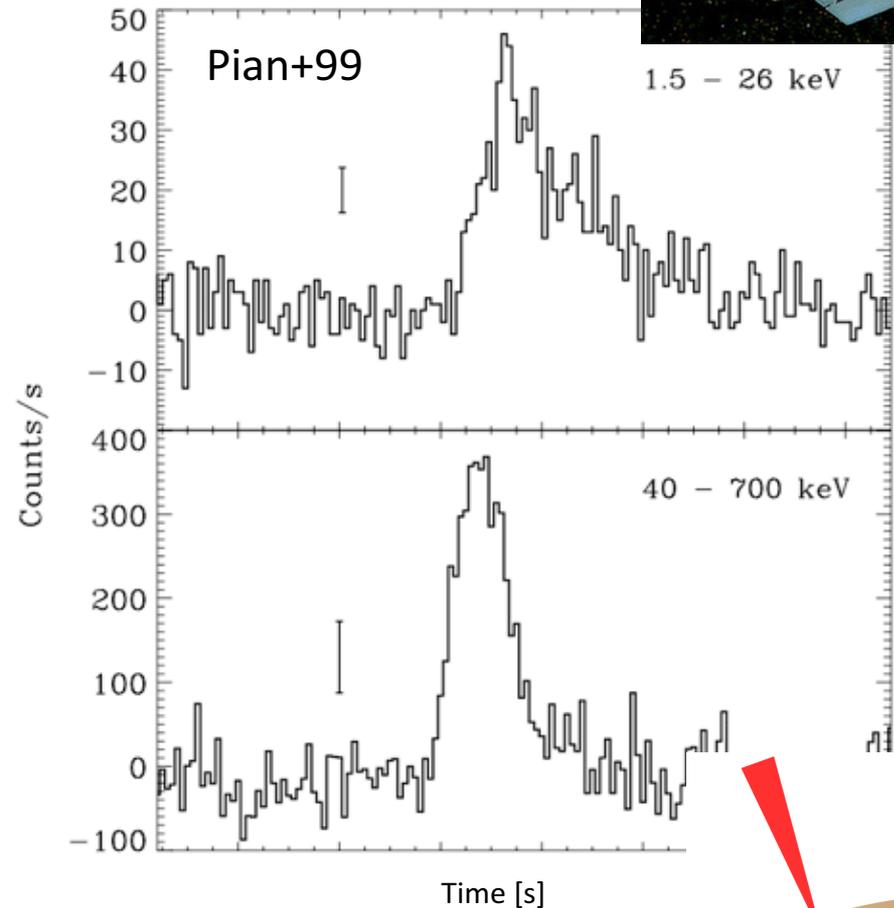
Ott+13

# Hypernovae & Gamma-Ray Bursts

BeppoSAX



SN 1998bw/GRB 980425



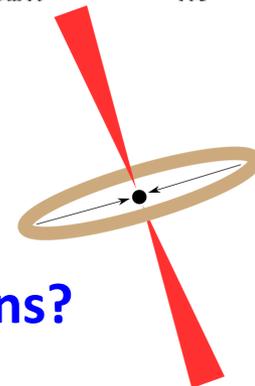
**Type Ic-bl** Hypernova – 10 x normal SN energy.

11 CCSN-long GRB associations.

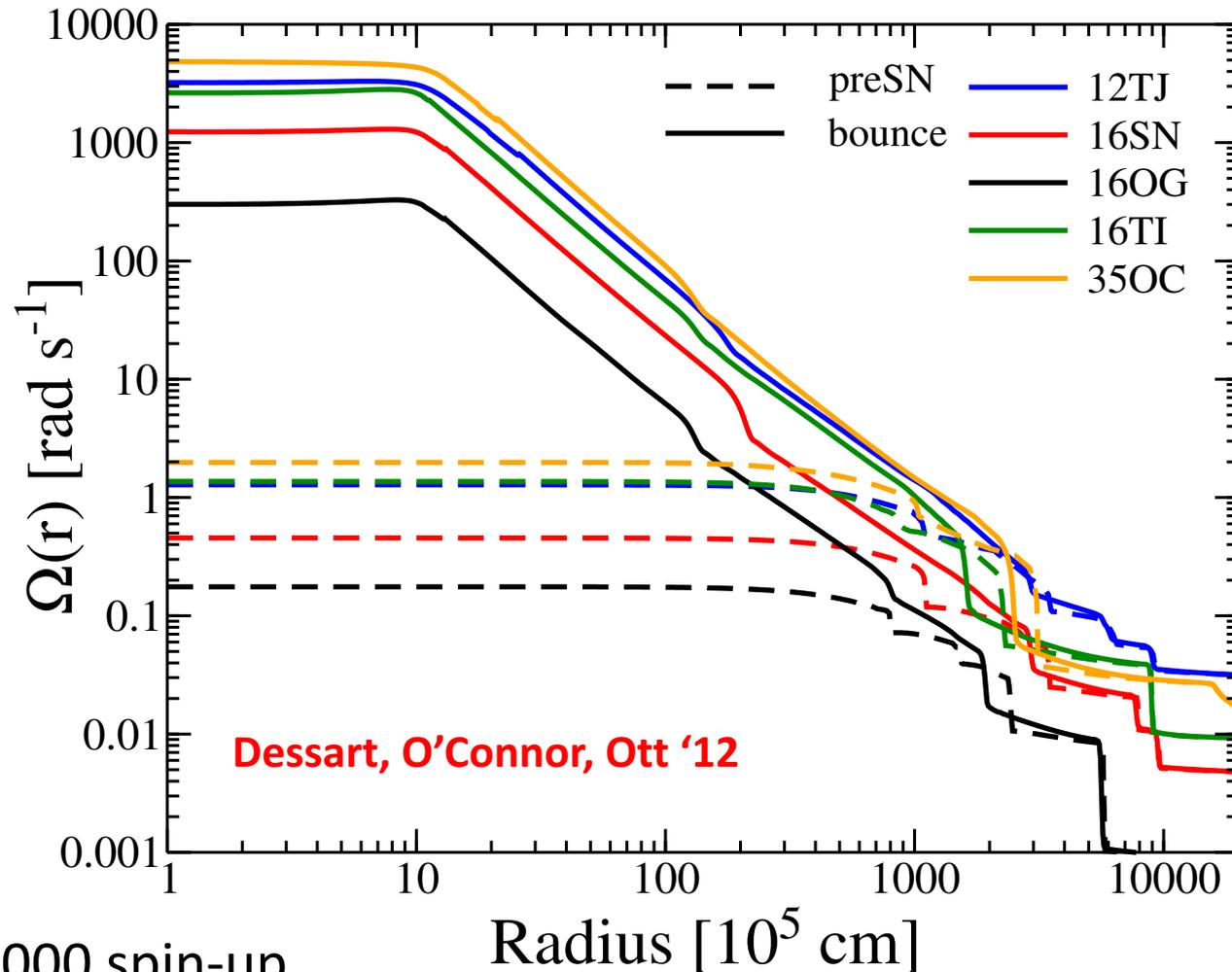
1% of CCSNe are Ic-bl (very few with GRB)

C. D. Ott @ NPCSM 2016

**What drives explosions?**



# Magnetorotational Explosions



- Core: x 1000 spin-up
- Differential rotation -> reservoir of free energy.
- Spin energy tapped by **magnetorotational instability (MRI)**?

# Magnetorotational Mechanism

[LeBlanc & Wilson '70, Bisnovaty-Kogan '70 & '74, Meier+76, Ardeljan+'05, Moiseenko+'06, Burrows+'07, Bisnovaty-Kogan+'08, Takiwaki & Kotake '11, Winteler+ 12, Mösta+14,15]



Burrows+'07

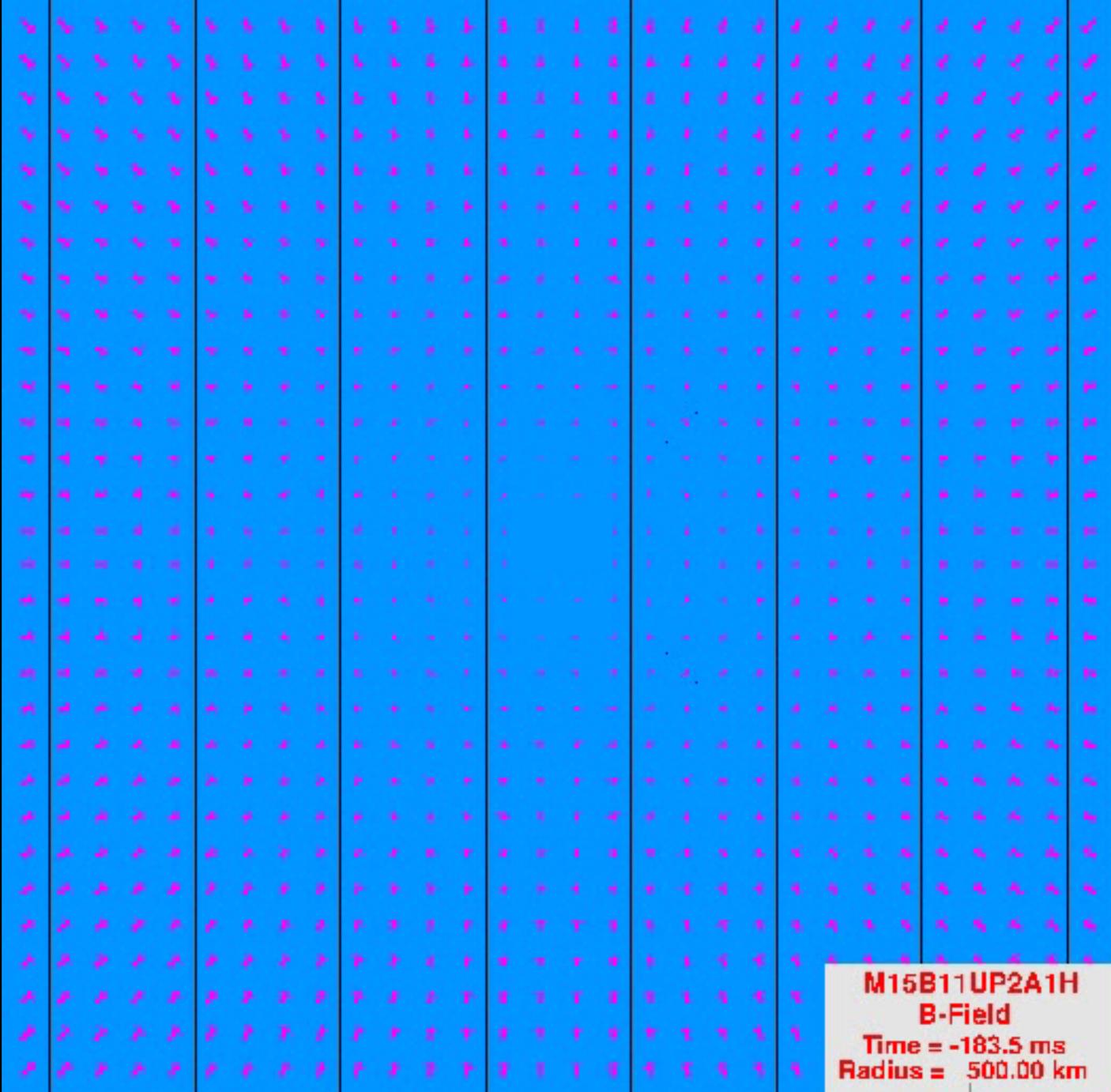
**Rapid Rotation + B-field amplification to  $> 10^{15}$  G**  
(need **magnetorotational instability** [MRI])

**MHD stresses lead to outflows.**

**2D: Energetic “bipolar” explosions.**

Results in ms-period “proto-magnetar.”  
-> connection to GRBs, Superluminous SNe?

**Problem: Need high core spin;  
only in very few progenitor stars?**



Burrows+'07

( $10^{11}$  G  
seed field)

**M15B11UP2A1H**  
**B-Field**  
 Time = -183.5 ms  
 Radius = 500.00 km

# 3D Dynamics of Magnetorotational Explosions

New, full 3D GRMHD simulations. **Mösta+ 2014**, ApJL.  
Initial configuration as in Takiwaki+11,  $10^{12}$  G seed field.

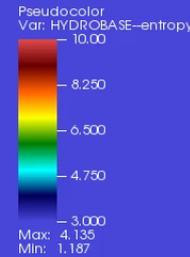
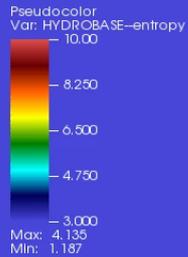


← 2000 km →

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$t = -3.00$  ms

$t = -3.00$  ms



Octant Symmetry (no odd modes)

Full 3D

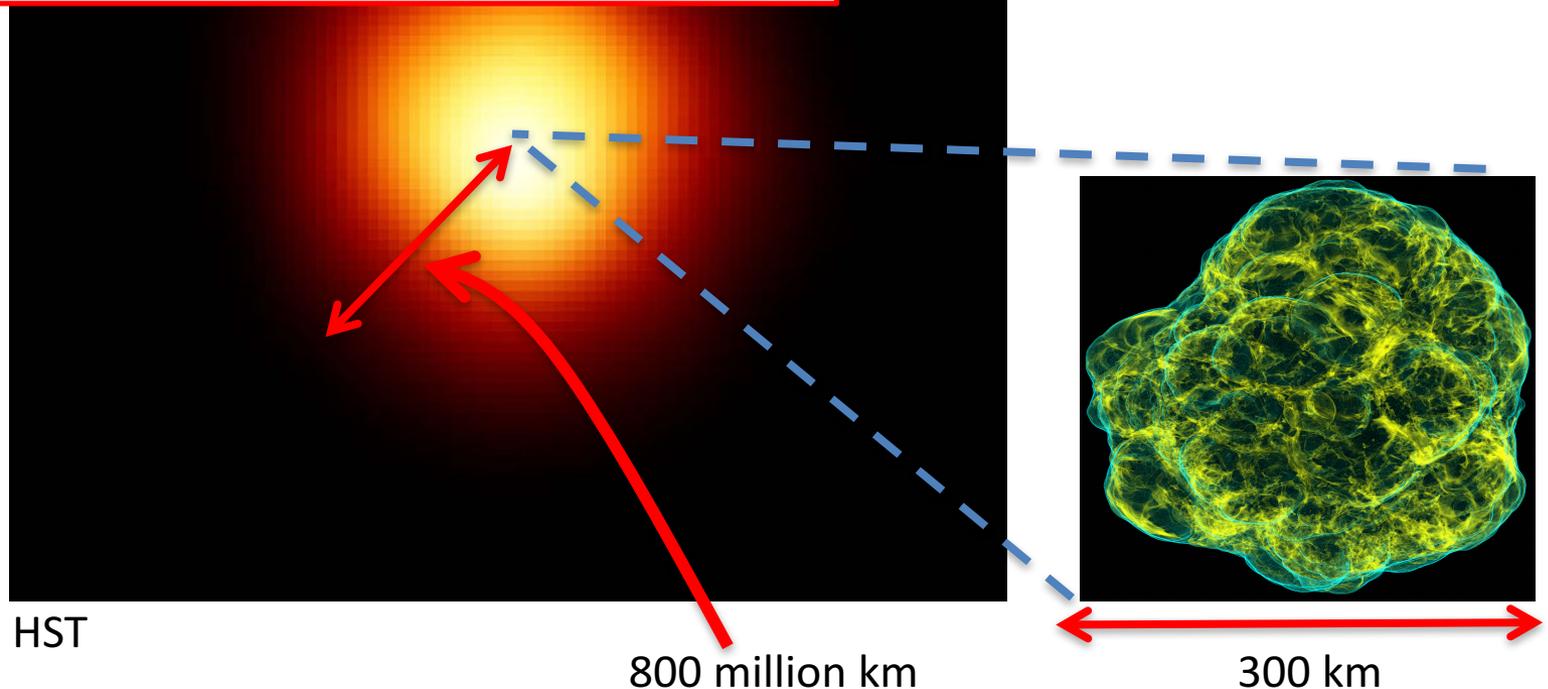


# Observing the Heart of a Supernova

Probes of Supernova & Nuclear Physics:

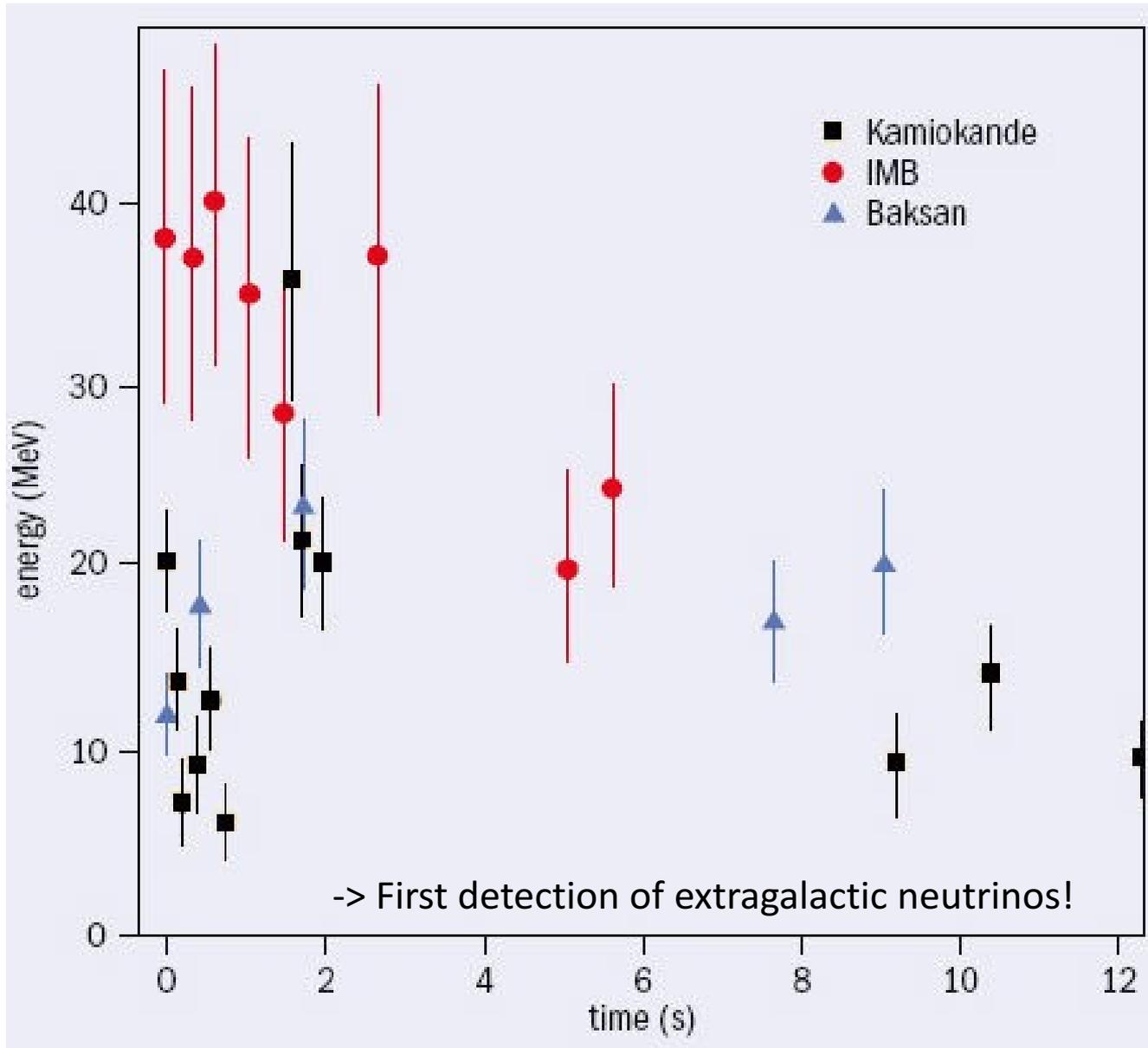
- **Neutrinos**
- **Gravitational Waves**
- **EM waves (optical/UV/X/Gamma):**  
secondary information,  
late-time probes.

Red Supergiant  
Betelgeuse



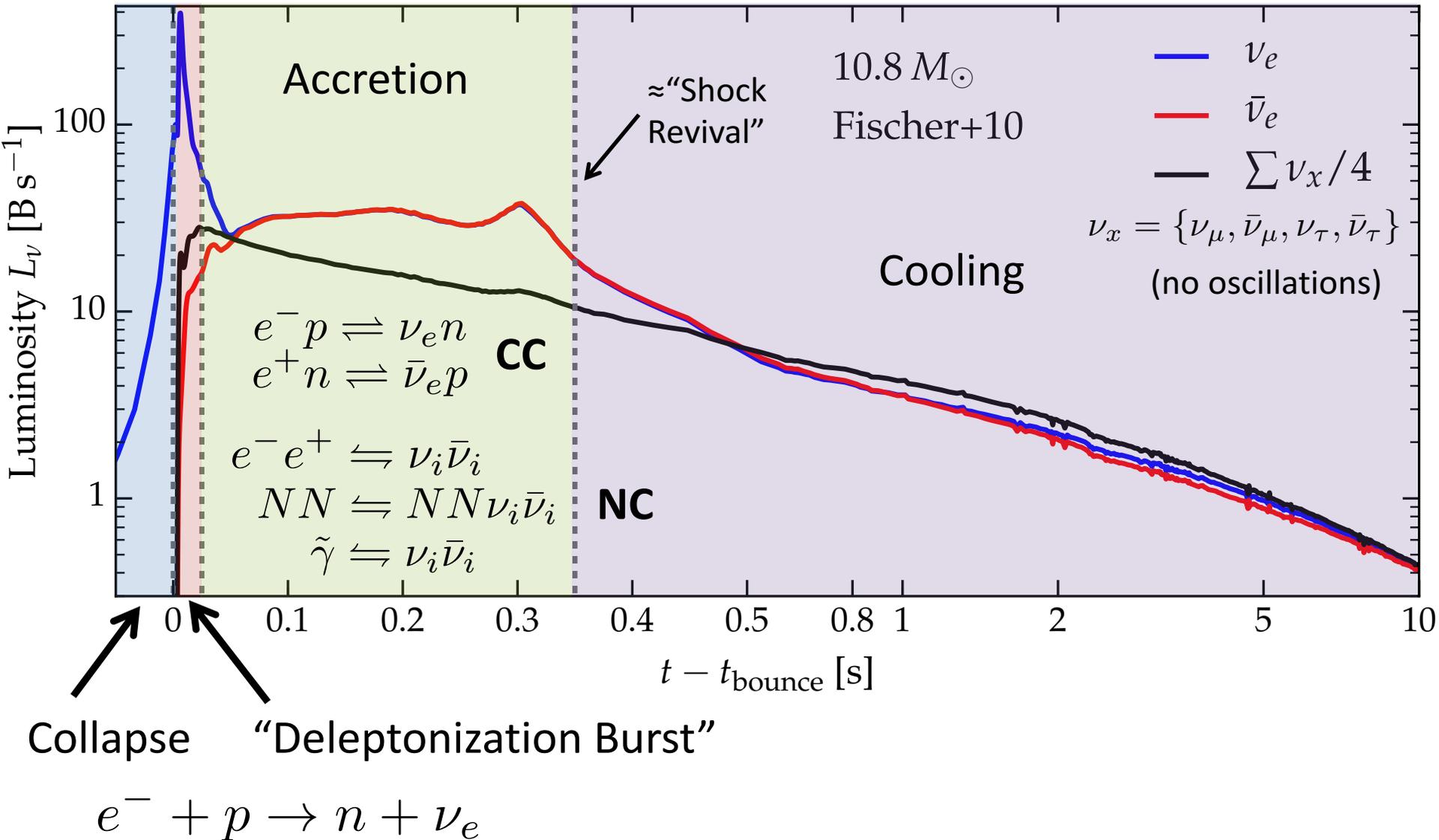
# SN 1987A: Neutrino Detection!

Hirata+87  
Bionta+87  
Aleksiev+87



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# Supernova Neutrino “Lightcurves”



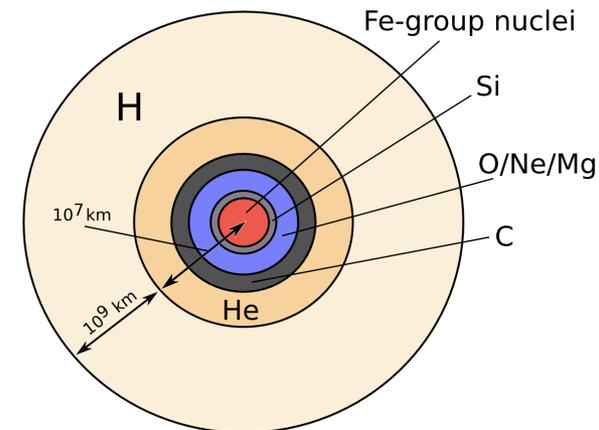
# Probing Stellar Structure and the Nuclear EOS with Pre-Explosion Neutrinos

O'Connor & Ott '13, ApJ

- Neutrino signal in the pre-explosion phase determined by  
(1) the accretion rate of the stellar envelope,  
(2) by the core temperature of the collapsing star.
- EOS dependence:  
softer EOS -> more compact proto-NS ->  
harder spectrum, higher luminosity

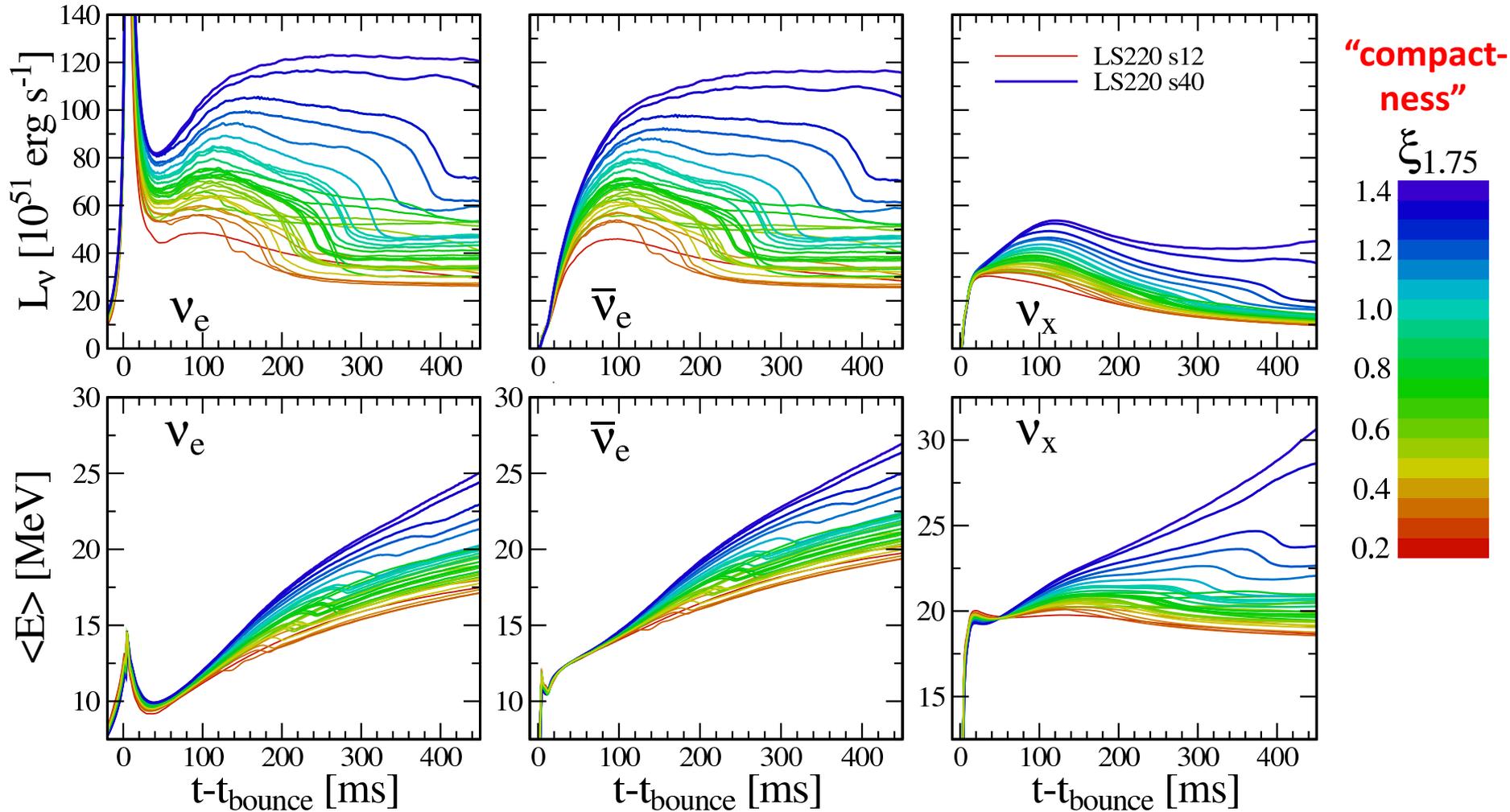
$$\xi_M = \frac{M / M_\odot}{R(M_{\text{bary}} = M) / 1000 \text{ km}} \Big|_{t=t_{\text{bounce}}}$$

“compactness parameter” (O'Connor & Ott '11)



# Probing Stellar Structure with Pre-Explosion Neutrinos

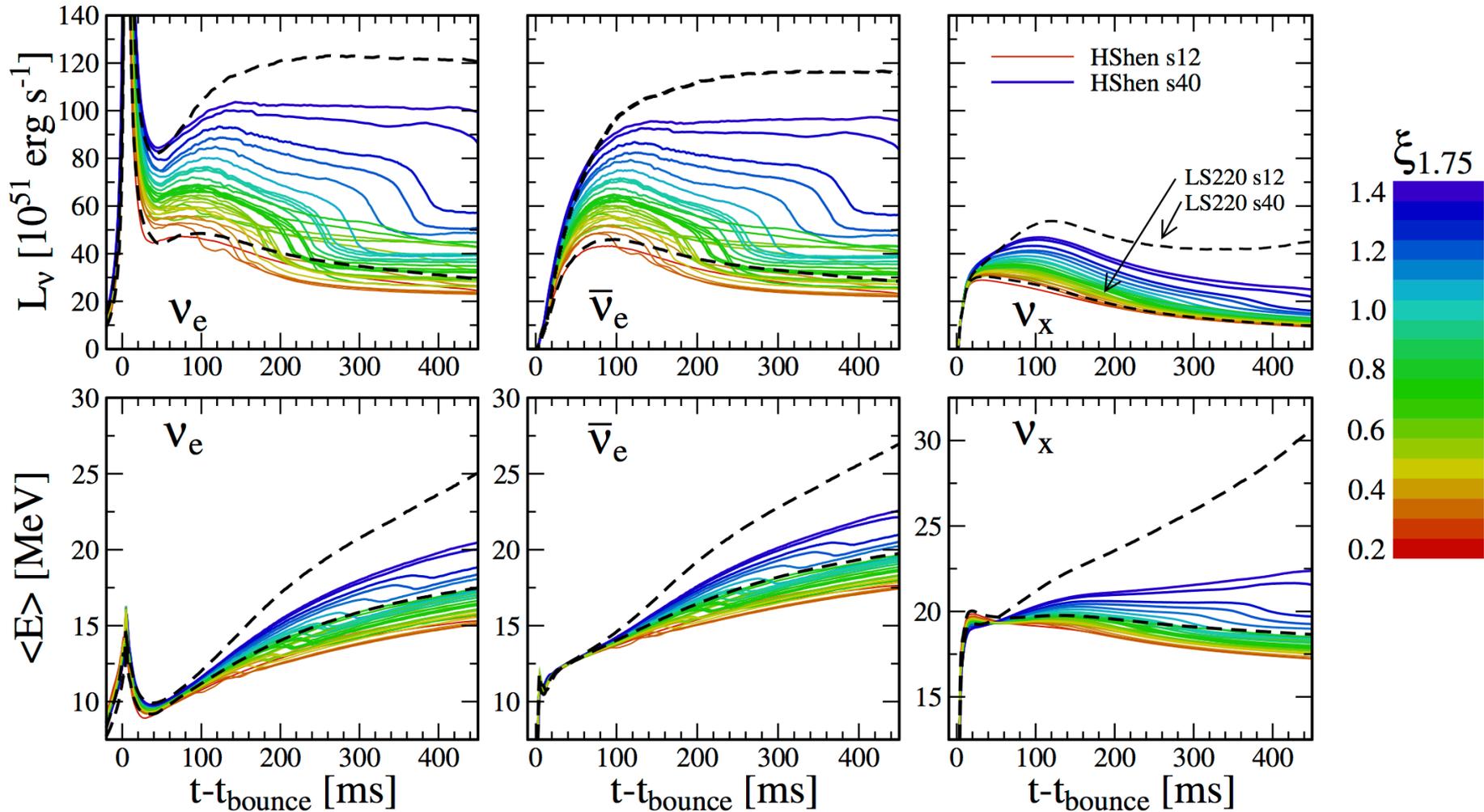
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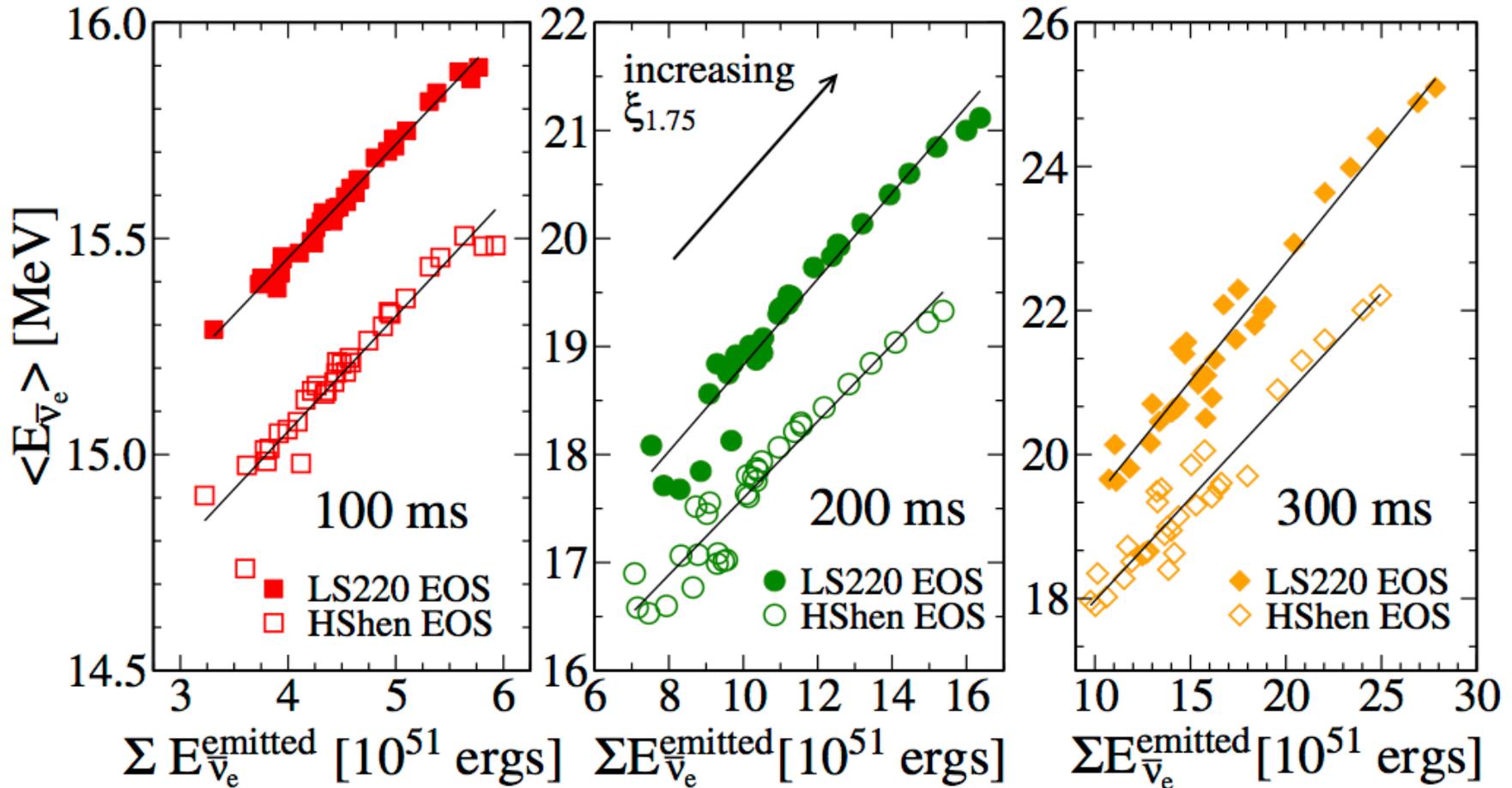
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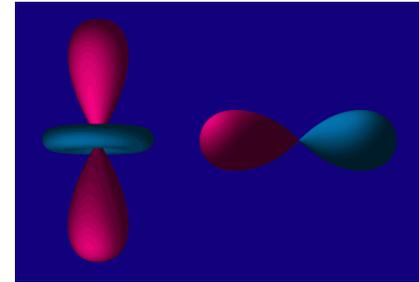
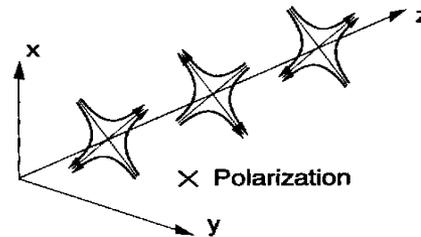
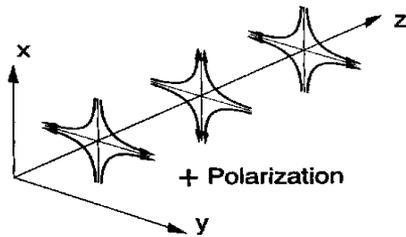
Note: Extracting EOS information will require precise knowledge of distance to source.

# Gravitational Wave (GW) Refresher

- Emission:** Accelerated quadrupole bulk mass-energy motion.

Quadrupole approximation

$$h_{jk}^{TT}(t, \vec{x}) = \left[ \frac{2}{c^4} \frac{G}{|\vec{x}|} \ddot{I}_{jk}(t - \frac{|\vec{x}|}{c}) \right]^{TT} \quad \frac{G}{c^4} \approx 10^{-49} \text{ s}^2 \text{ g}^{-1} \text{ cm}^{-1}$$
$$10 \text{ kpc} \approx 3 \times 10^{22} \text{ cm}$$



-> must measure relative displacements of  $10^{-22}$

- Detection:**

Measure changes in separations of test masses with laser interferometry.

-> Advanced LIGO, Kagra  
Advanced Virgo,  
LIGO India.

LIGO Livingston, Louisiana



# Gravitational-Waves from Core-Collapse Supernovae

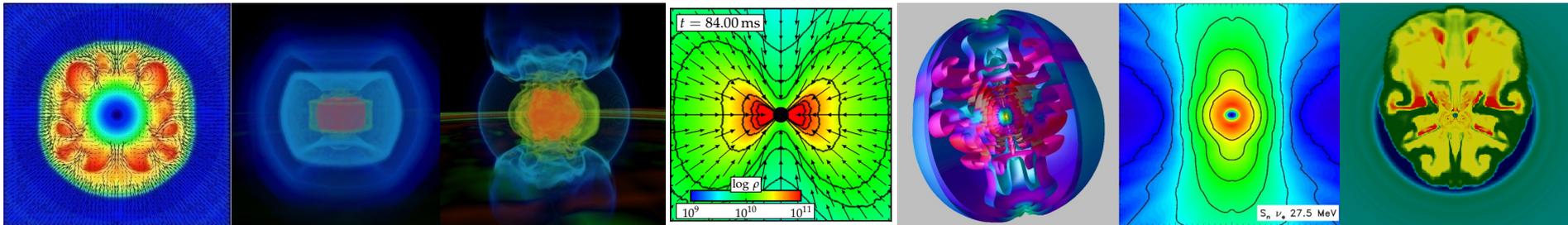
Reviews: Kotake 11, Fryer & New 11, Ott 09

**Need:**

$$h_{jk}^{TT}(t, \vec{x}) = \left[ \frac{2}{c^4} \frac{G}{|\vec{x}|} \ddot{I}_{jk}(t - \frac{|\vec{x}|}{c}) \right]^{TT} \rightarrow \text{accelerated aspherical (quadrupole) mass-energy motions}$$

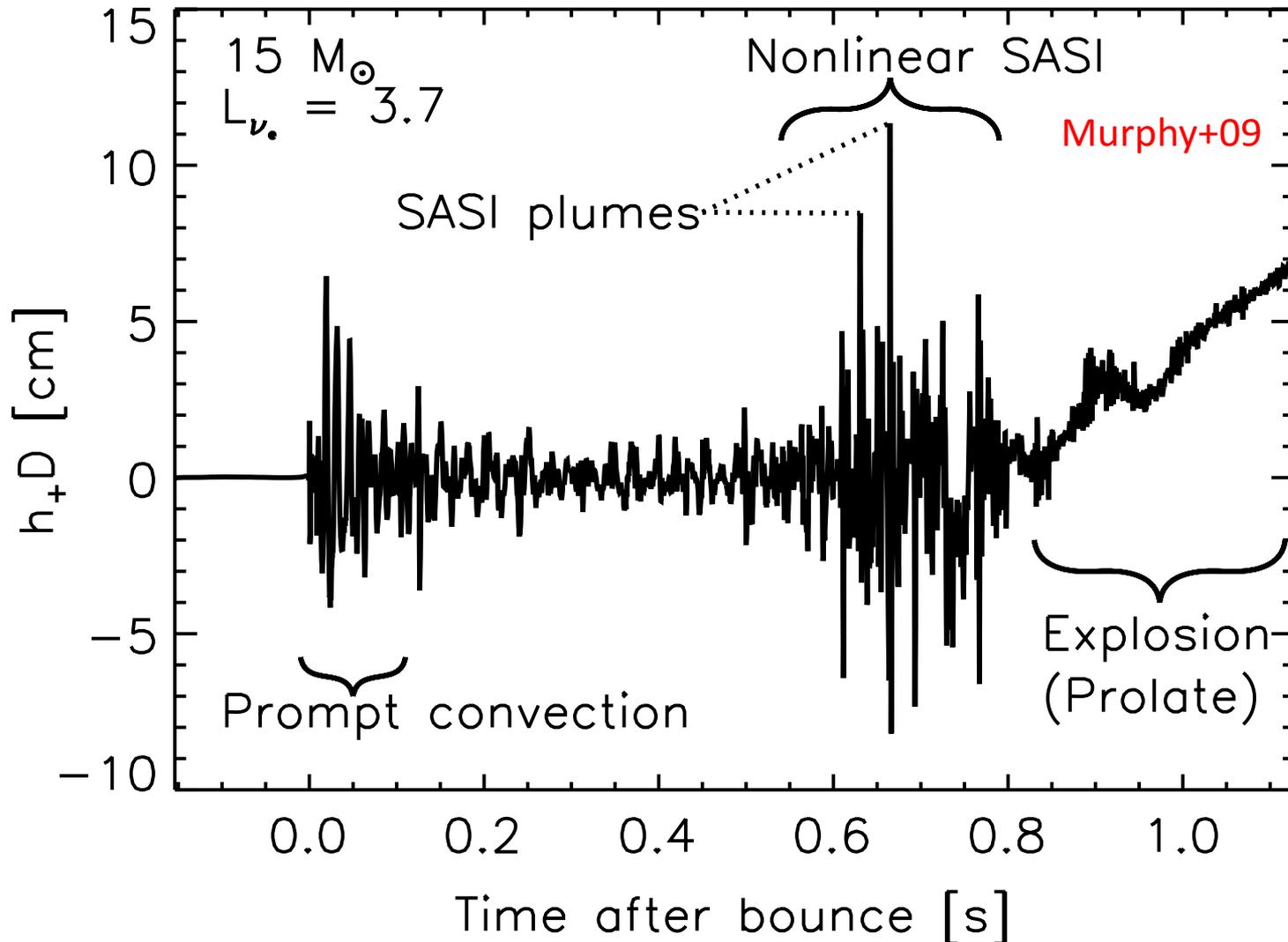
## Candidate Emission Processes:

- ❖ Turbulent convection
- ❖ Rotating collapse & bounce
- ❖ 3D MHD/HD instabilities
- ❖ Aspherical mass-energy outflows



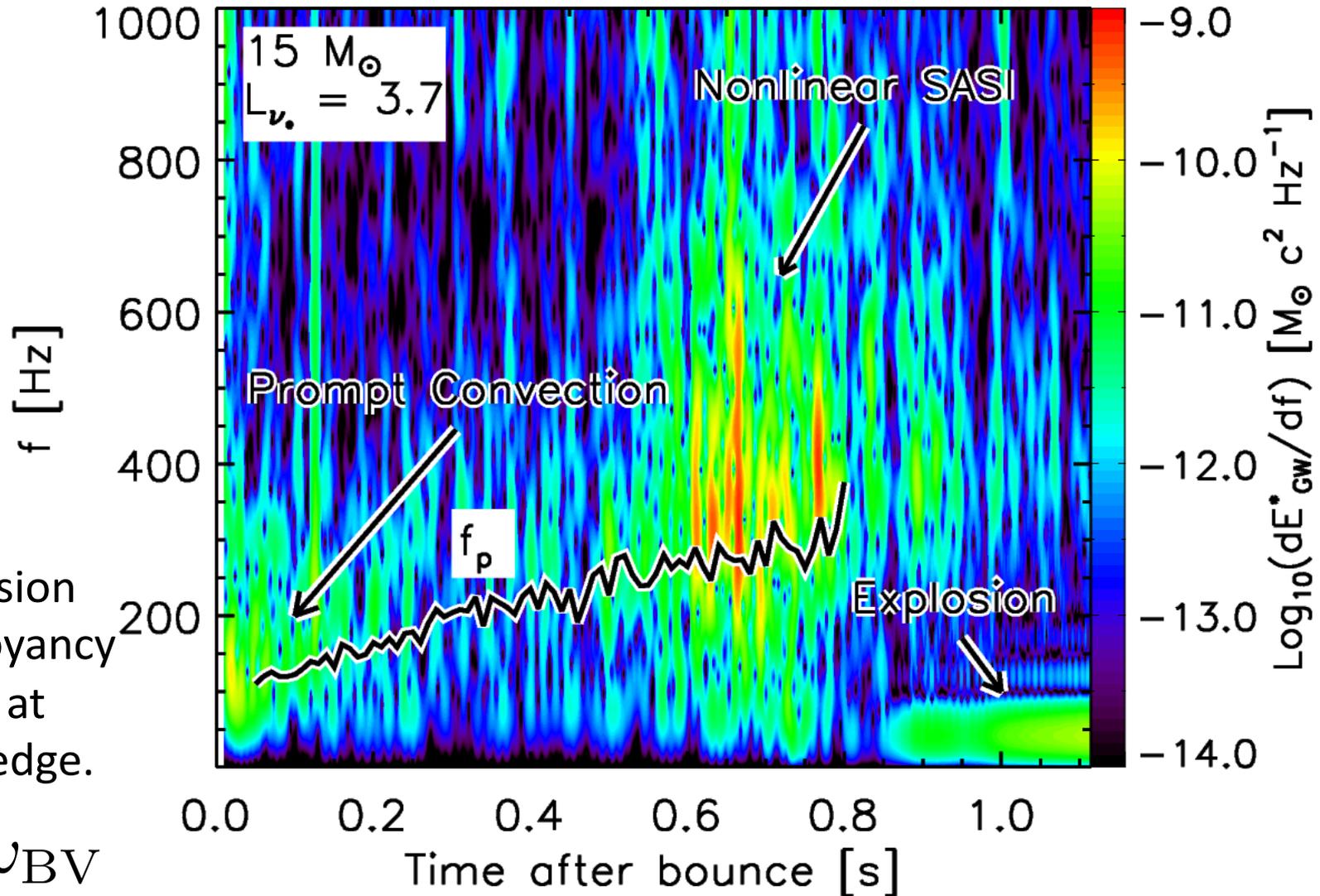
# GWs from Convection & Standing Accretion Shock Instability

Recent work: Murphy+09, Kotake+09, 11, Yakunin+10,16, E. Müller+12, B.Müller+13



# Time-Frequency Analysis of GWs

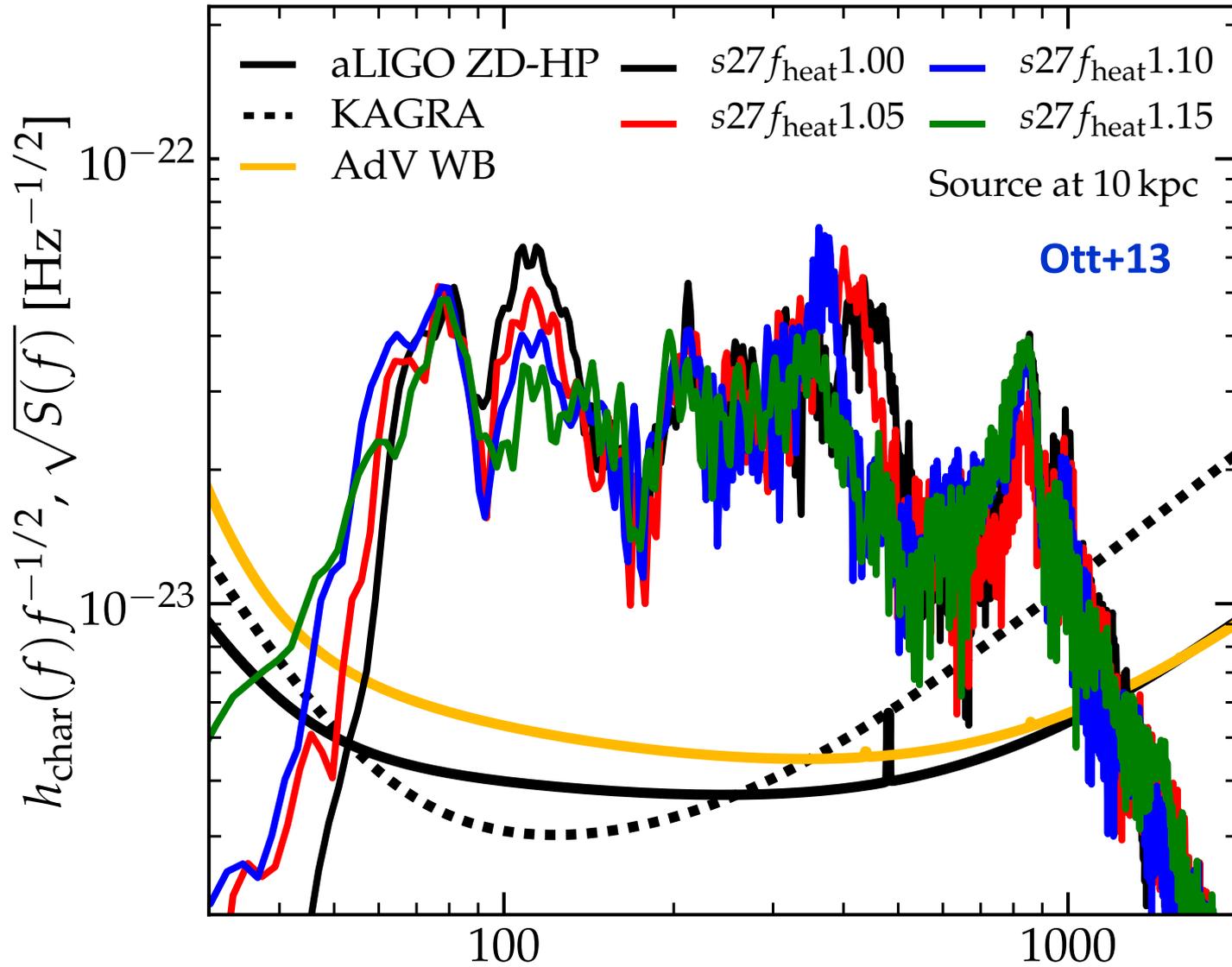
Murphy, Ott, Burrows 09, see also B. Müller+13, Sotani & Takiwaki 16



Peak emission traces buoyancy frequency at proto-NS edge.

$$f_p \sim \frac{\omega_{\text{BV}}}{2\pi} \quad (\text{buoyancy frequency})$$

# Detectability?

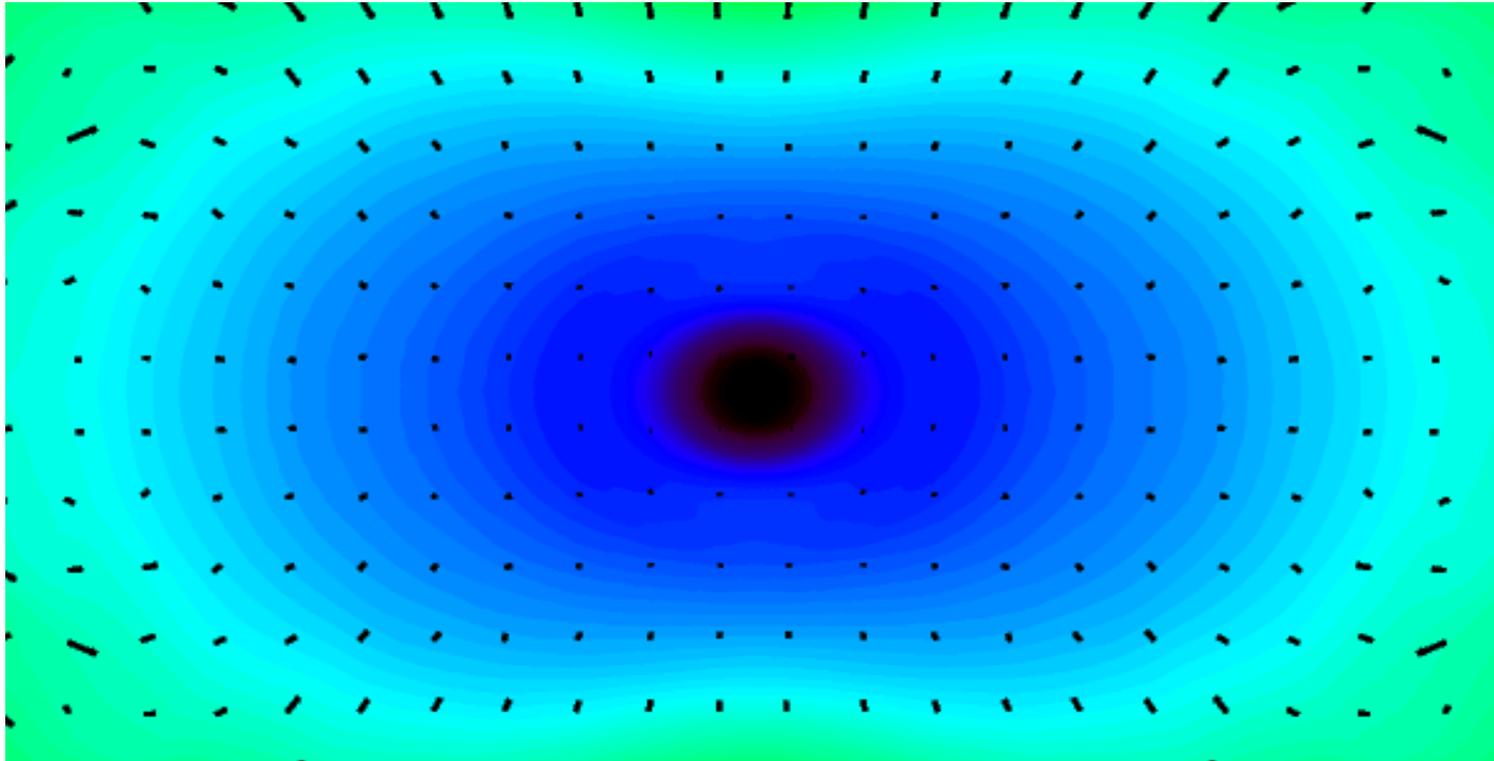


$$h_{\text{char}}(f) = \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi^2} \frac{G}{c^3} \frac{1}{D^2} \frac{dE_{\text{GW}}(f)}{df}},$$

Frequency [Hz]

# GWs from Rotating Collapse & Bounce

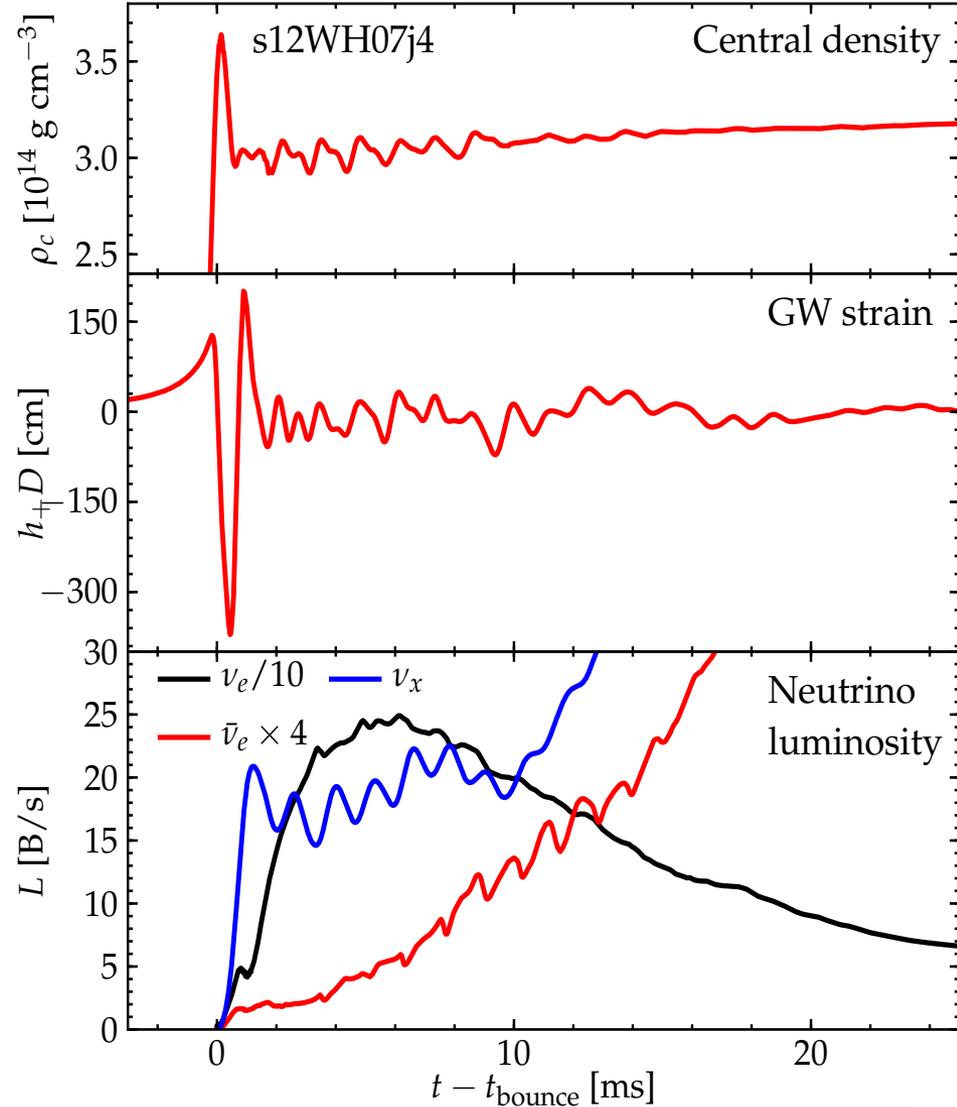
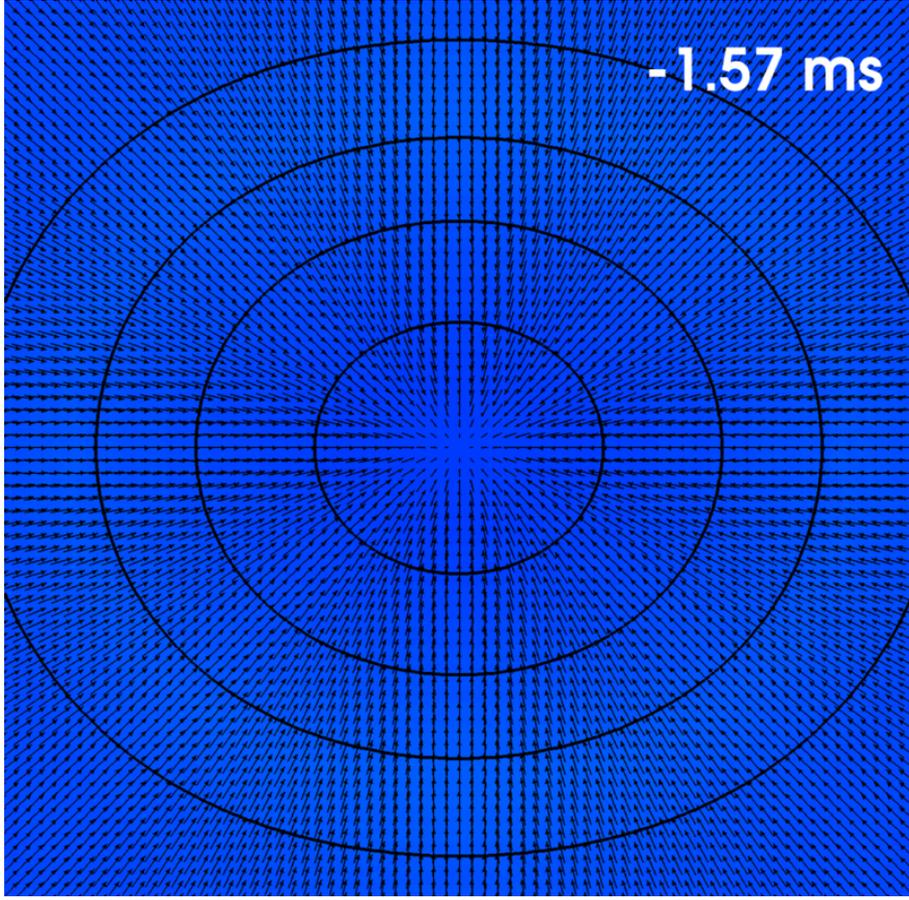
Recent work: Dimmelmeier+08, Scheidegger+10, Ott+12, Abdikamalov+14



- **Axisymmetric: ONLY  $h_+$**
- Simplest GW emission process: **Rotation** + mass of the inner core + **gravity** + **stiffening of nuclear EOS**
- Strong signals for rapid rotation (-> millisecond proto-NS).
- Magnetorotational mechanism.

# Probing Multi-Dimensional Supernova Dynamics

- **Rotating core collapse:** Correlated neutrino and gravitational-wave signal.  
Ott+2012



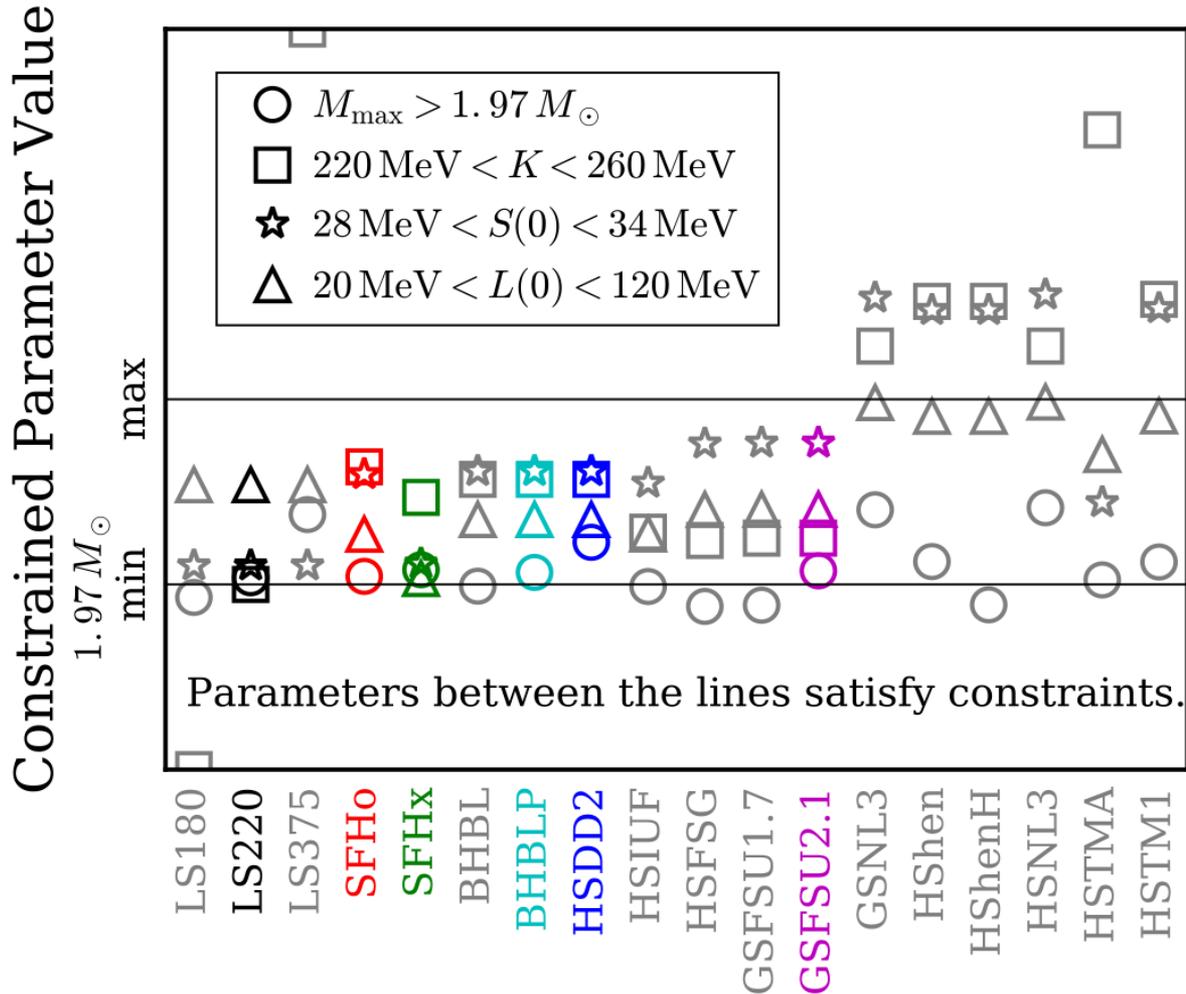
# EOS Dependence of the GW Signal?

Richers+2016, in preparation, **talk on November 10.**



Sherwood Richers

- 2D general-relativistic hydrodynamics.
- 18 EOS, taken from <http://stellarcollapse.org>
- ~1800 simulations.



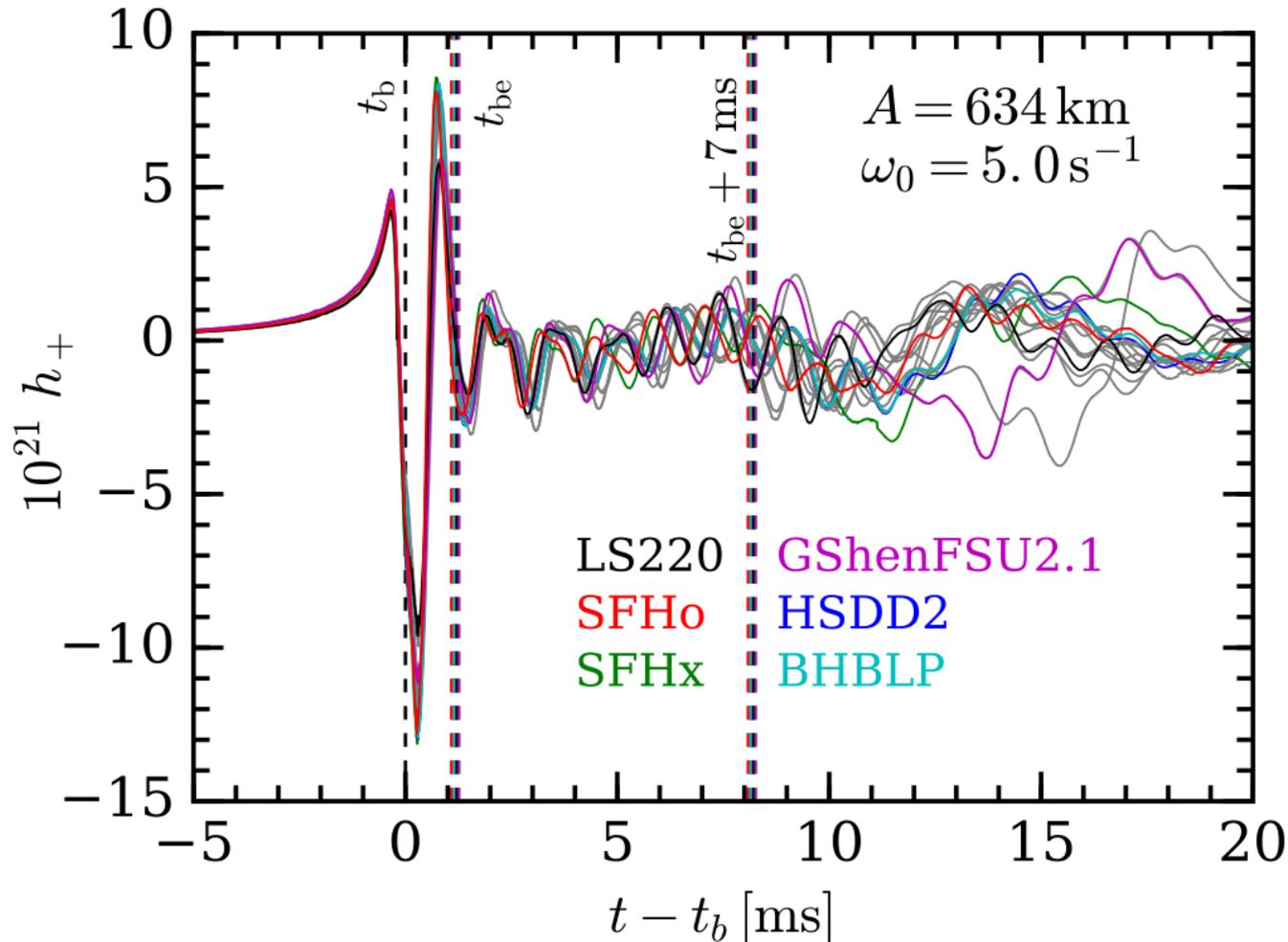
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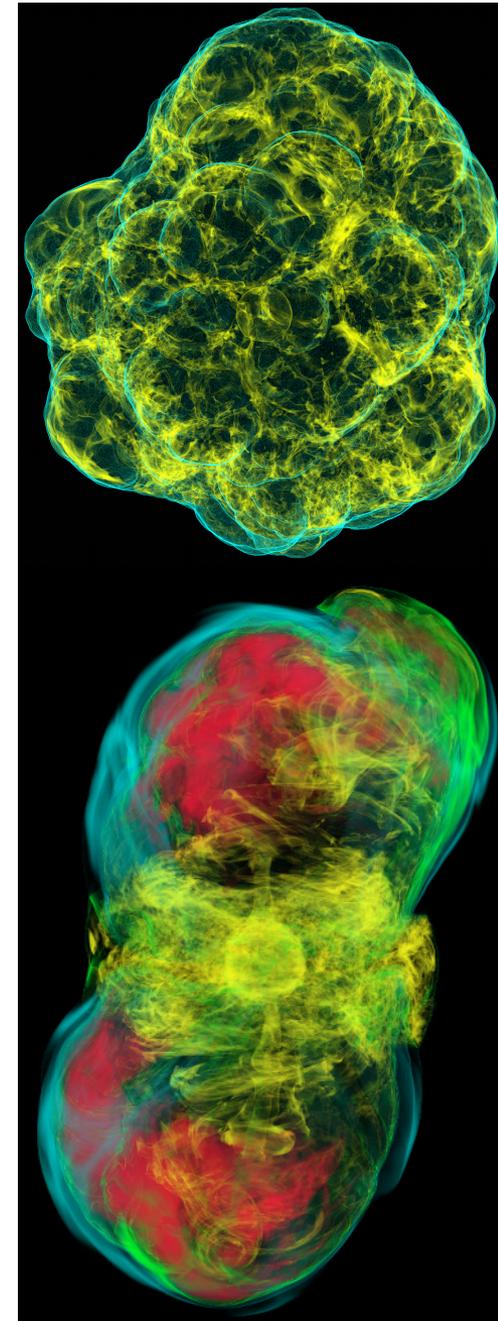
Example result:



- Rotating core collapse GW signal: determined by mass and angular mom. of inner core.
- Dependence on nuclear EOS is weak.

# Summary

- Core-Collapse Supernovae are fundamentally 3D: **Turbulence (not resolved!), magnetic field**
- 2D/3D simulations: neutrino-driven explosions with limitations -> “supernova problem” not yet solved. Main issues:
  - Progenitor star structure (-> Suwa & Müller 16).
  - Neutrino transport & gravity approximations.
  - Numerical resolution.
  - Neutrino oscillations? ( $\nu$ - $\nu$  interactions)
  - Input microphysics (EOS,  $\nu$  interactions).
- Probably need magnetorotational mechanism to explain hypernovae.
- Neutrino and GW signals carry information on supernova thermodynamics, dynamics, and nuclear EOS.

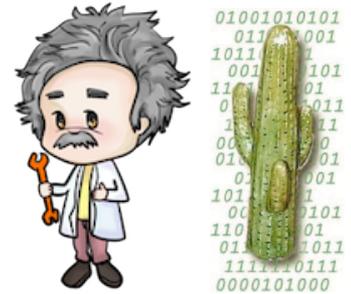


# Supplemental Slides

# Technical Details: The Caltech CCSN Code

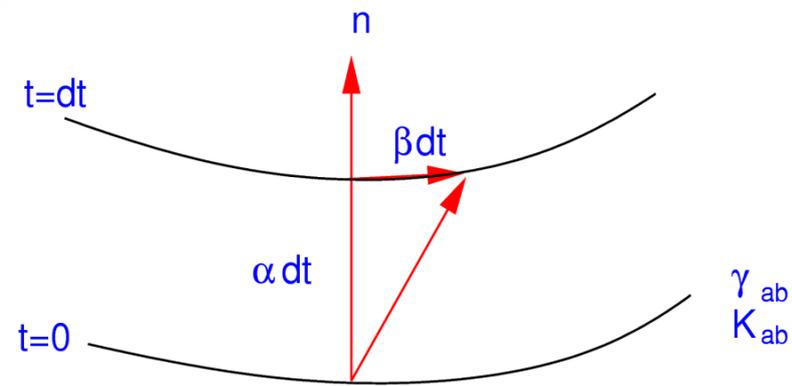
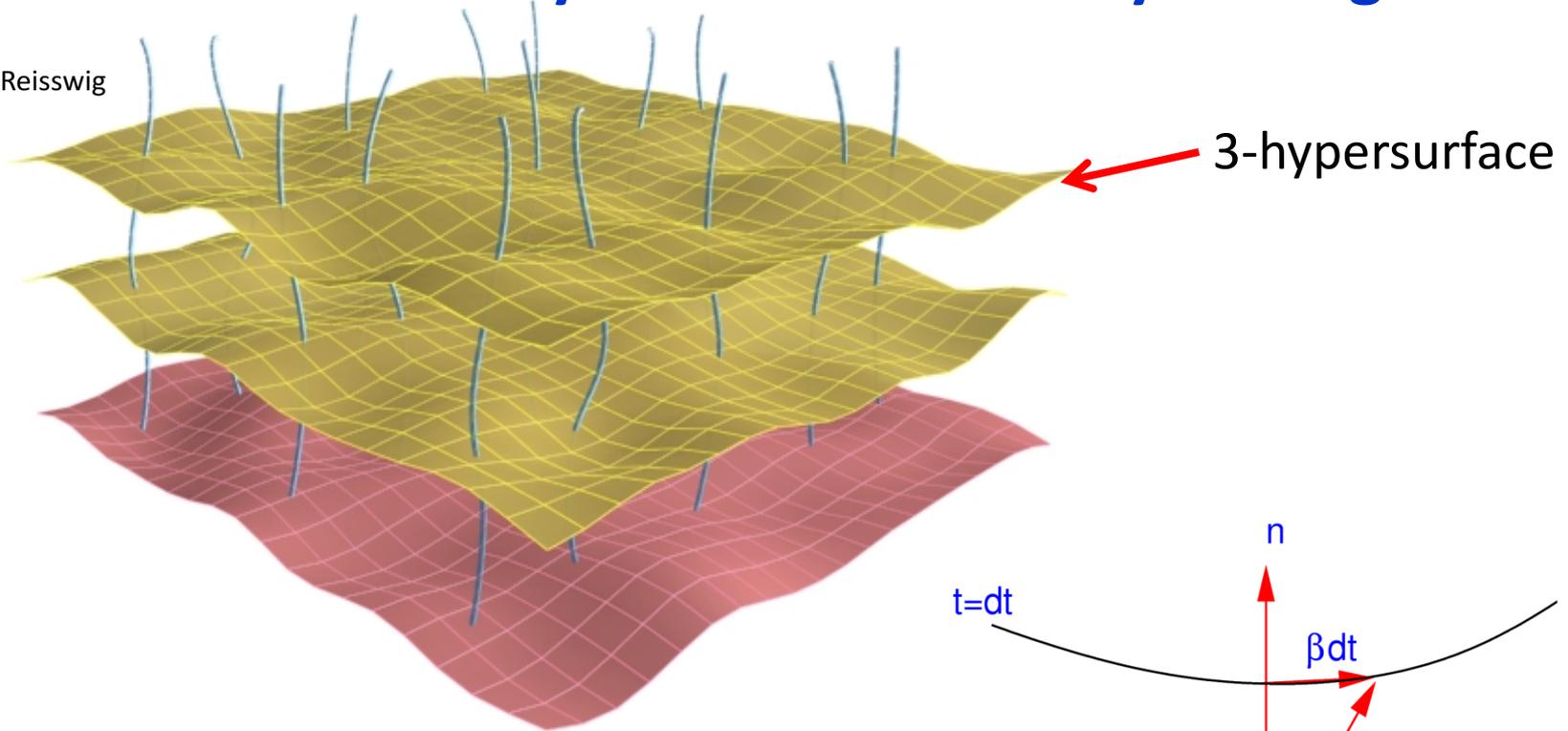
[Ott+09, Ott+12, Reisswig+13, Ott+13, Roberts+16]

- Based on the open-source Einstein Toolkit (<http://einsteintoolkit.org>) and the Cactus Framework.
- Fully general-relativistic using numerical relativity.
- Cartesian AMR grids, cubed-sphere generalized grids.
- Spacetime solvers based on BSSN formalism of numerical relativity.
- Finite-volume GR hydrodynamics, magnetohydrodynamics.
- Microphysical finite-temperature nuclear equations of state.
- Neutrino treatment:
  - (1) Multi-group two-moment + analytic closure relation.
  - (2) Extremely efficient gray “leakage”+heating scheme.



# Numerical Relativity: How to do Gravity the Right Way

Figure: C. Reisswig



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

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

# “Equation of State” of Turbulent Pressure

(Radice+15a)

- Reynolds tensor:  $R_{rr} \approx R_{\theta\theta} + R_{\phi\phi}$  (buoyancy)

$$R_{ij} = \delta v_i \delta v_j$$

- Specific turbulent energy:  $\epsilon_{\text{turb}} = \frac{1}{2} |\delta \mathbf{v}|^2$

$$|\delta \mathbf{v}|^2 = (\delta v_r)^2 + (\delta v_\theta)^2 + (\delta v_\phi)^2 \approx 2(\delta v_r)^2 \quad (\text{buoyancy})$$

$$(\delta v_r)^2 \approx \frac{1}{2} |\delta \mathbf{v}|^2 = \epsilon_{\text{turb}}$$

- Rankine-Hugoniot with turbulence:

$$P_d + \rho_d v_d^2 + \rho_d (\delta v_r)^2 = \rho_u v_u^2 \quad \Gamma_{\text{th}} \approx 4/3$$

$$(\gamma_{\text{th}} - 1) \rho \epsilon_{\text{th}} + \rho_d v_d^2 + \rho (\delta v_r)^2 = \rho_u v_u^2 \quad \Gamma_{\text{turb}} \approx 2$$

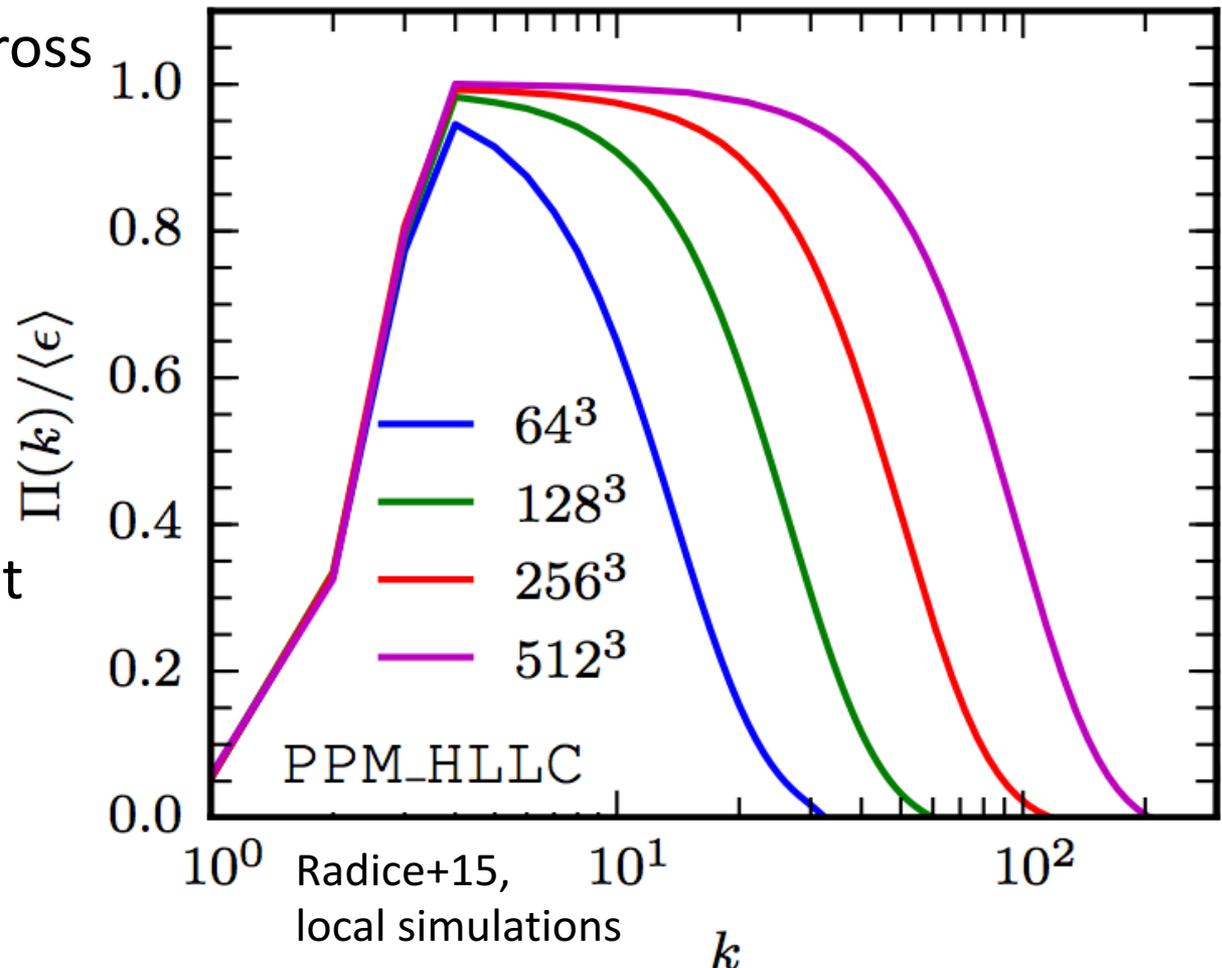
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# How much resolution is needed?

- Must (at least) capture correct rate of kinetic energy flux from largest scales.
- Need  $\sim 128^3$  zones across turbulent layer.
- Roughly 2 x current high-resolution global simulations.
- Resolve inertial range: 10-20 x current resolution needed.

Normalized kinetic energy flux.



# Can this work at all?

Mösta+15, Nature

- All simulations of the magnetorotational mechanism **assume**: MRI works + large-scale field created by dynamo.

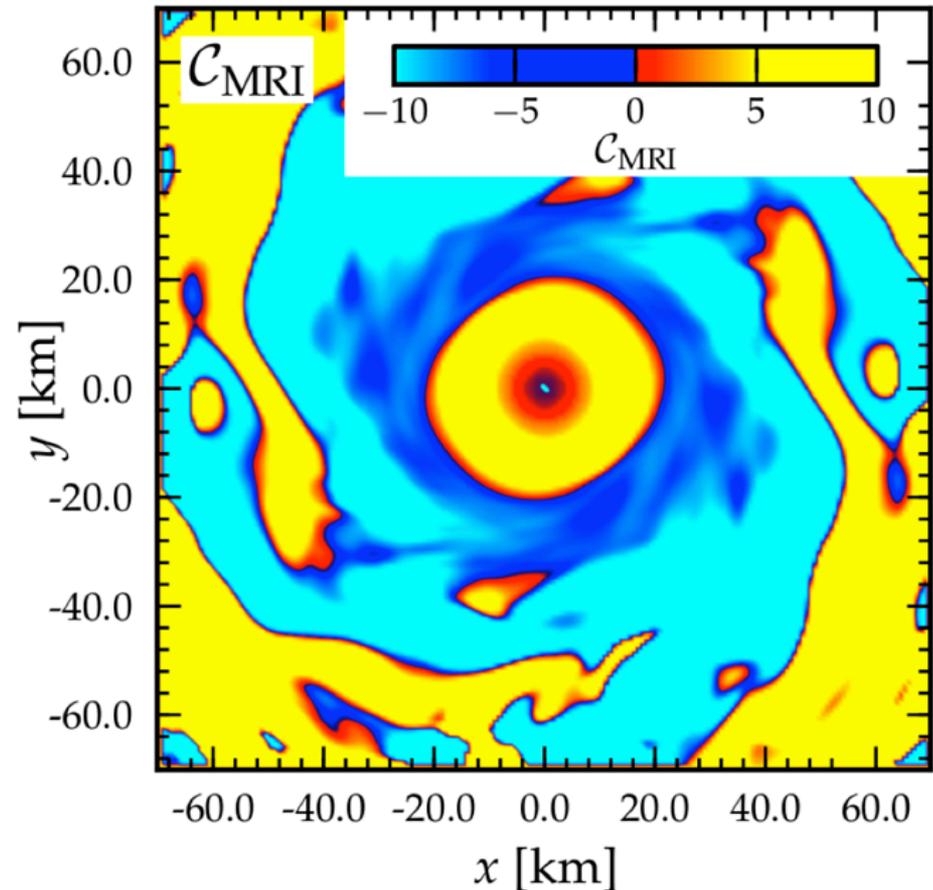
- So far impossible to resolve fastest-growing MRI mode in global 3D simulations.

- Unstable regions (roughly):

$$\frac{d \ln \Omega}{dr} < 0$$

- Precollapse field  $10^{10}$  G,  $\sim 10^{14}$  G at bounce.

- Fastest growing mode:  $\lambda \sim 1$  km.



dark blue: most MRI unstable

# Simulation Setup

Mösta+15, Nature

- Rapidly spinning, magnetized proto-NS.
- Global simulation in quadrant symmetry:  
**70 km x 70 km x 140 km box**
- Resolutions: **500 m/200 m/100 m/50 m**
- hot nuclear eq. of state, neutrinos, fixed gravity, GRMHD.
- Simulations on **130,000 CPU cores** on NSF Blue Waters, simulate for 10-20 ms.



## Key questions:

- Does the MRI efficiently build up dynamically relevant field?
- Saturation field strength? Global field structure?



# Global Field Structure

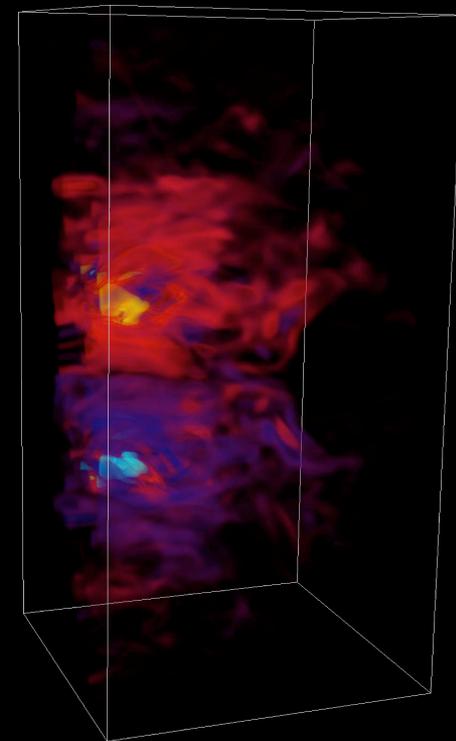
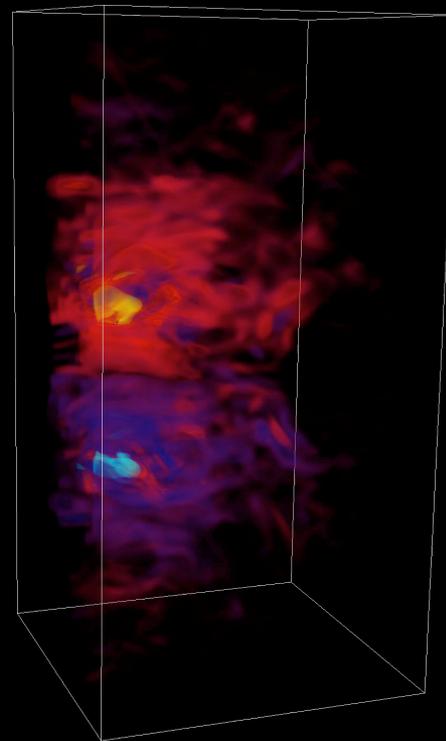
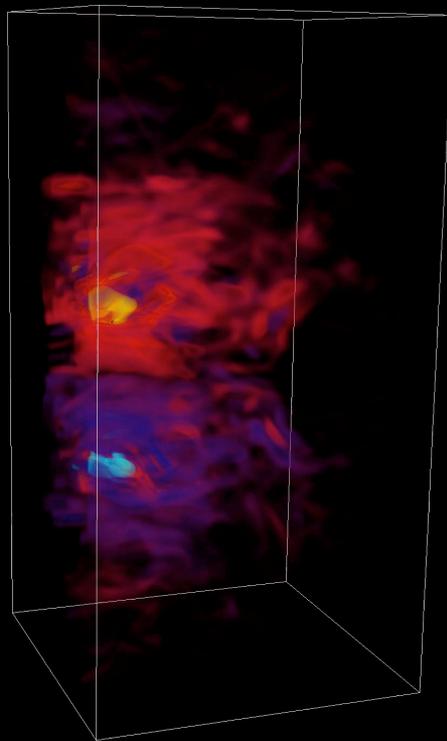
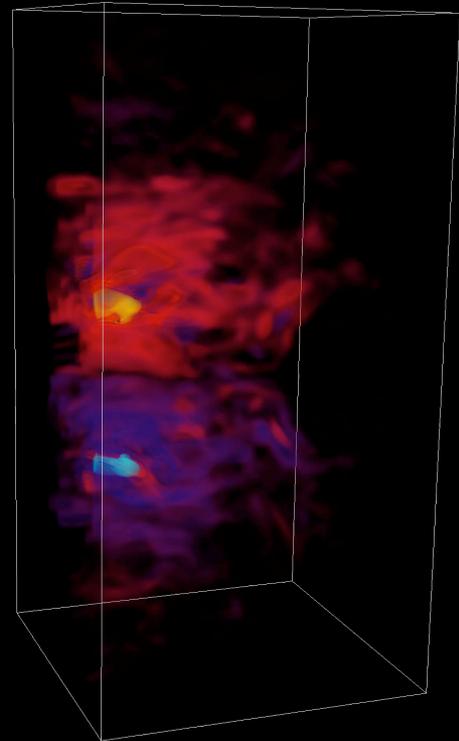
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$t = 0.00$  ms

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$dx = 500$  m

$dx = 200$  m

$dx = 100$  m

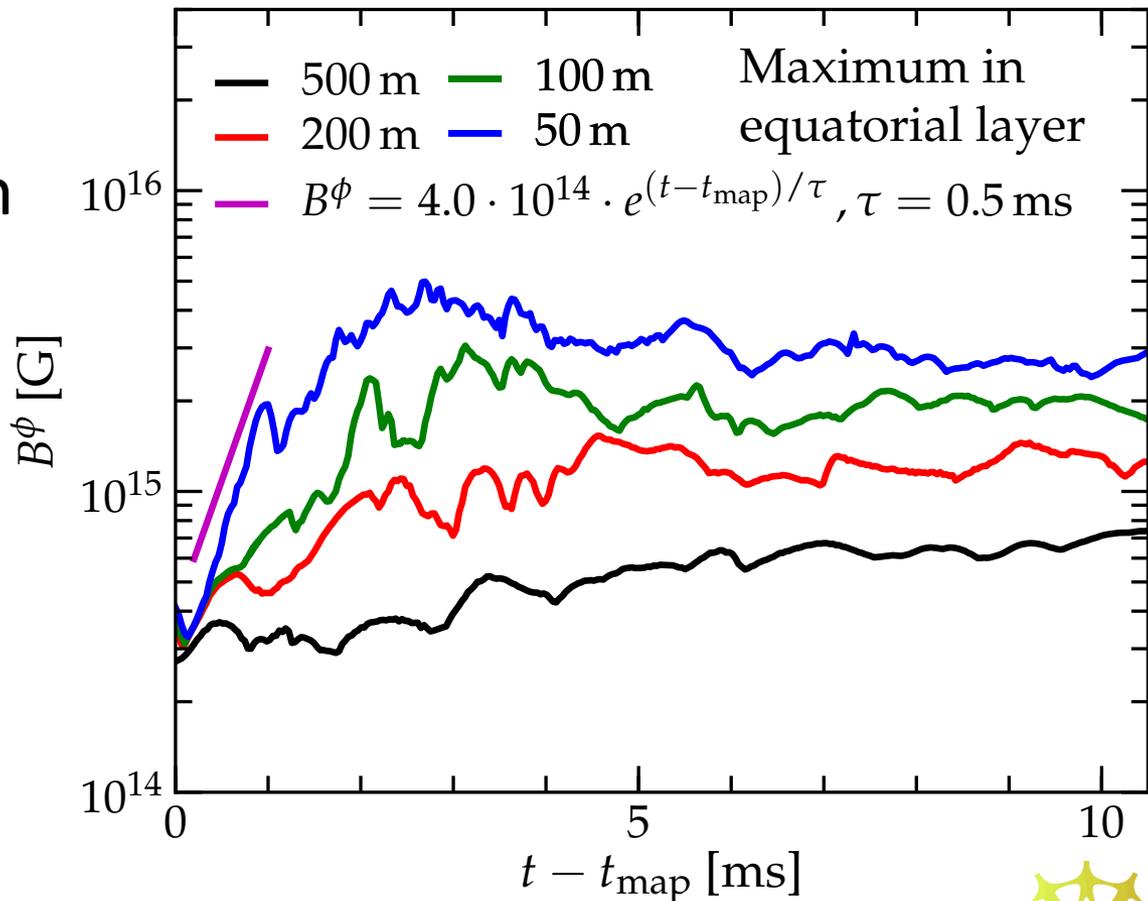
$dx = 50$  m



# Local Magnetic Field Saturation

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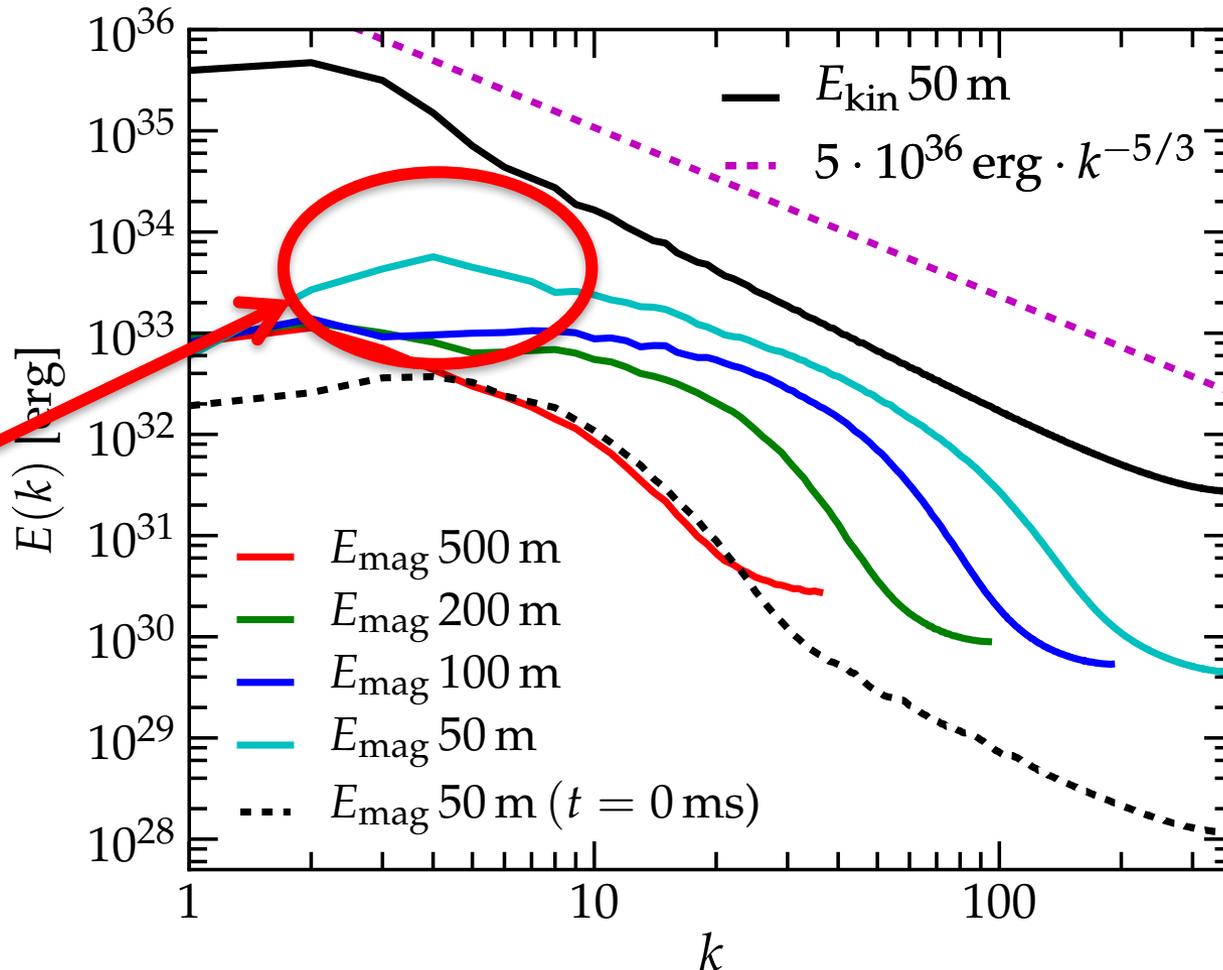
- Initial exponential growth resolved with 100m/50m simulations.
- Saturated turbulent state within 5 ms.



# Energy Spectra

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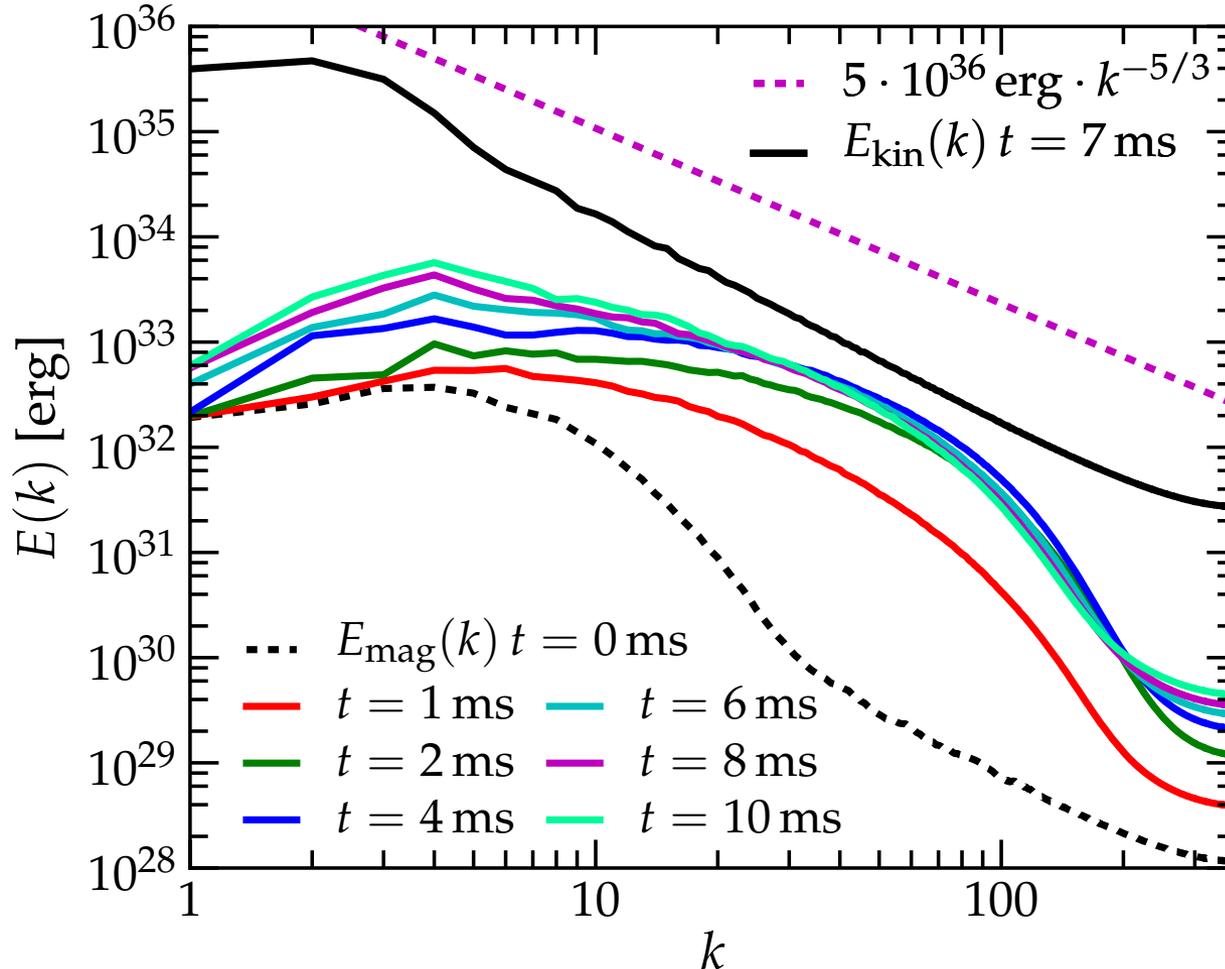
**Inverse  
Cascade:  
Dynamo!**



Magnetic energy spectrum very resolution dependent.

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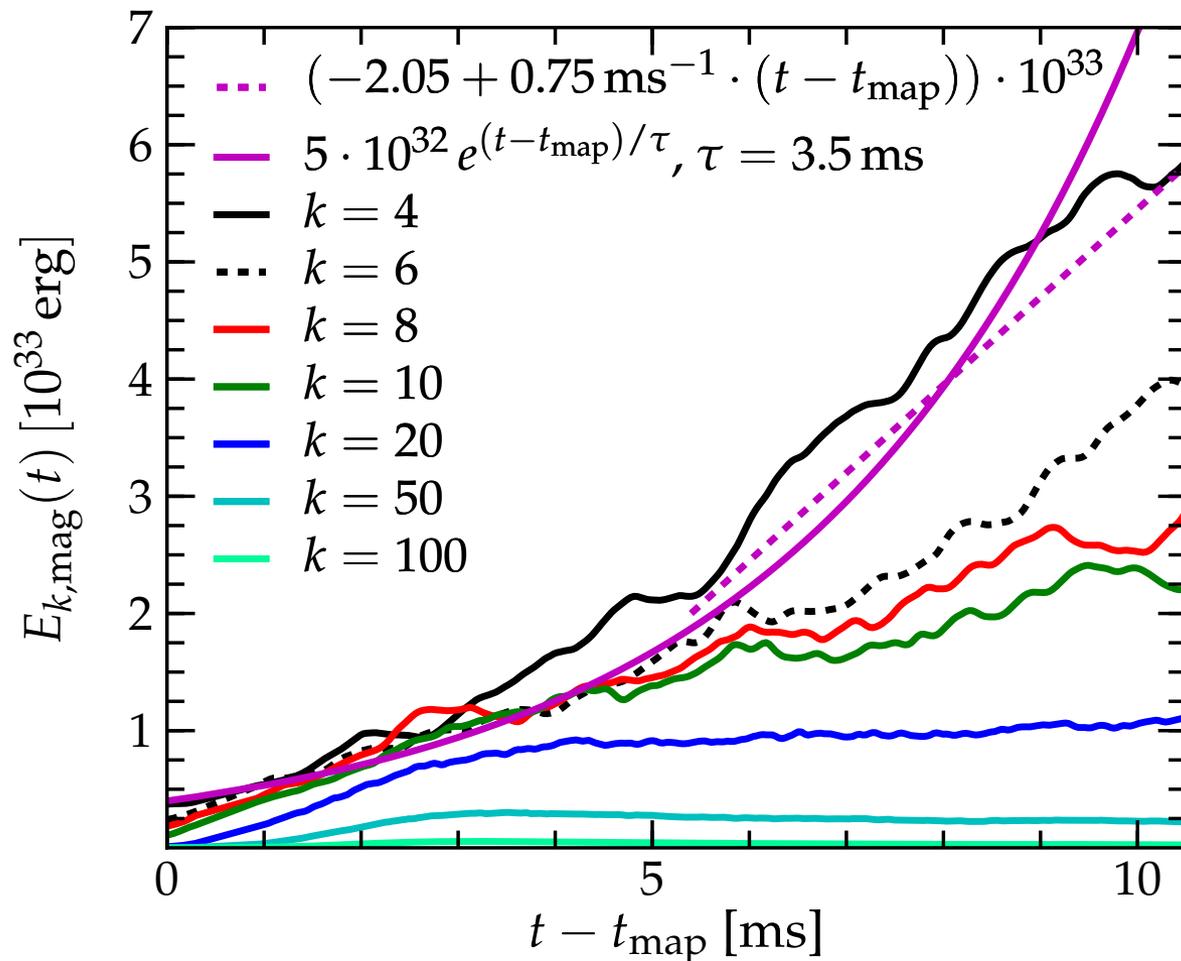


- Turbulent saturated state after  $\sim 3$  ms.
- Inverse cascade (dynamo) afterwards.

# B-Field Growth at Large Scales

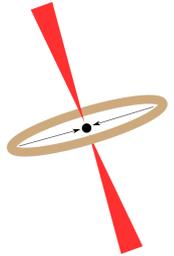
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- $k=4$ ; corresponding roughly to width of shear layer
- Field will grow to saturation at large scales within  $\sim 60$  ms.



# Implications: Magnetars, Hypernovae, GRBs

- MRI+dynamo -> prompt formation of “proto-magnetar.”
  - > magnetorotational explosions possible -> hypernovae?
  - > could drive relativistic jet at late times -> GRB? (Metzger+11)



Artist's impression of the magnetar in Westerlund 1

- Power “superluminous supernovae”?  
(Kasen & Bildsten 10)
- ~10% of Milky Way neutron stars are magnetars.



# What is happening here?

Mösta+14, ApJL

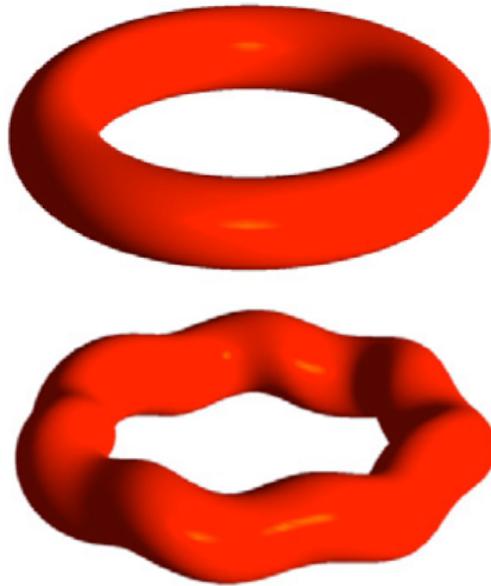
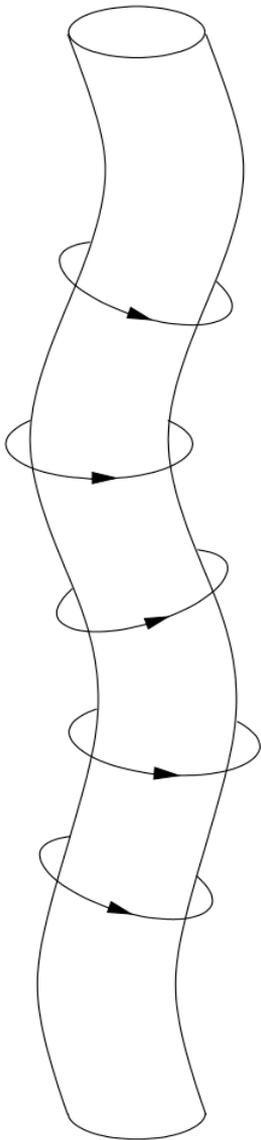


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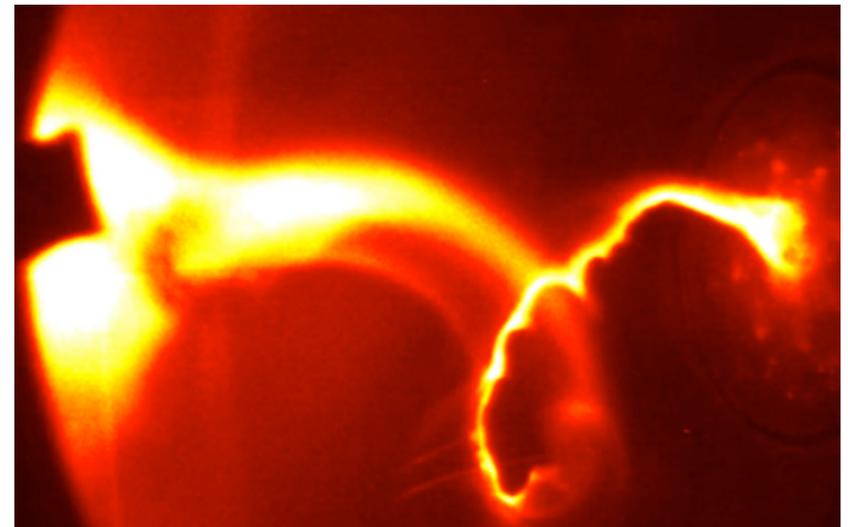


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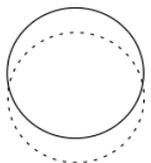
- B-field near proto-NS:  $B_{\text{tor}} \gg B_z$
- Unstable to MHD screw-pinch **kink** instability.
- Similar to situation in Tokamak fusion reactors!



Sarff+13



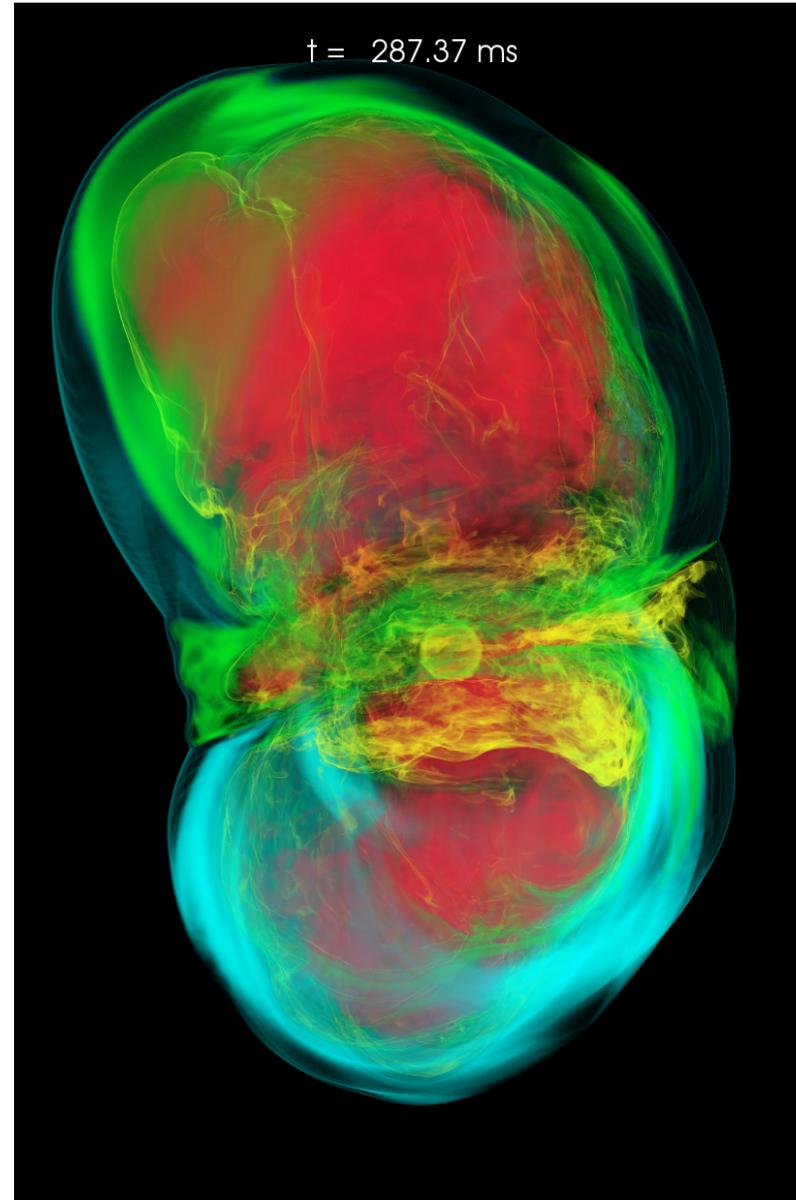
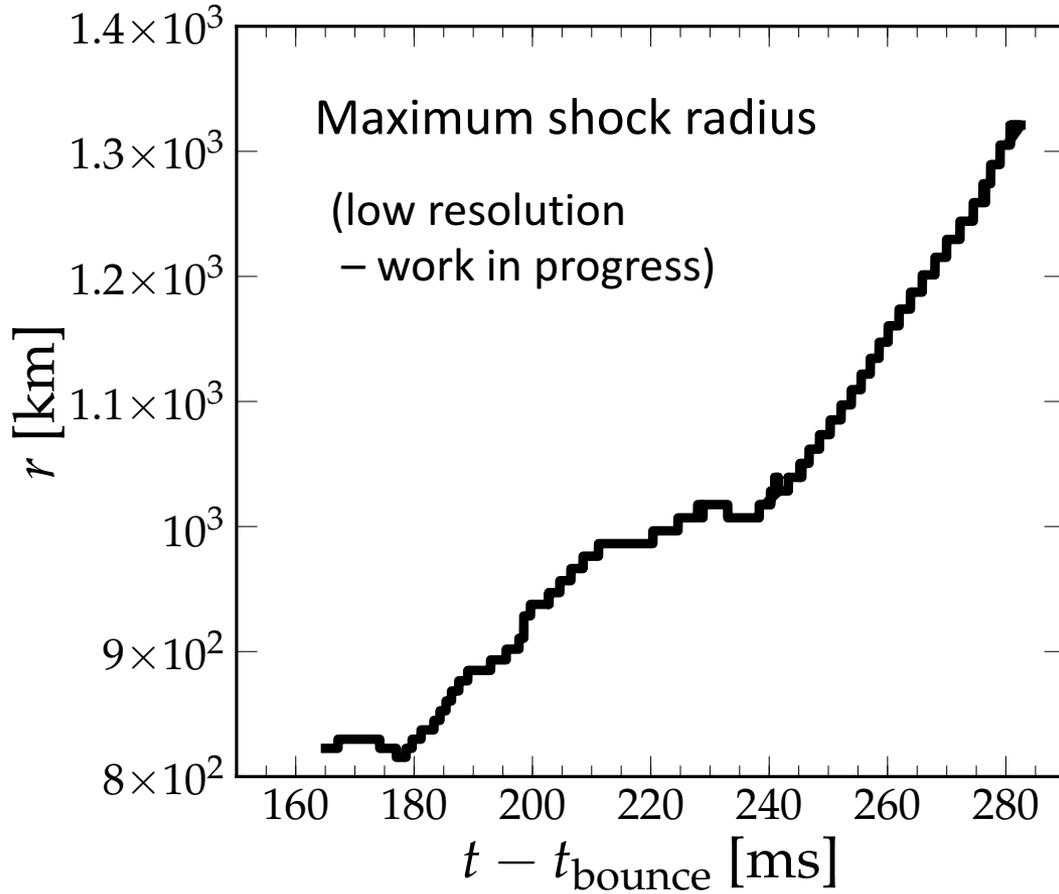
Credit: Moser & Bellan, Caltech



Braithwaite+ '06

# Explosion?

Mösta+16, in prep.



† = -4.95 ms

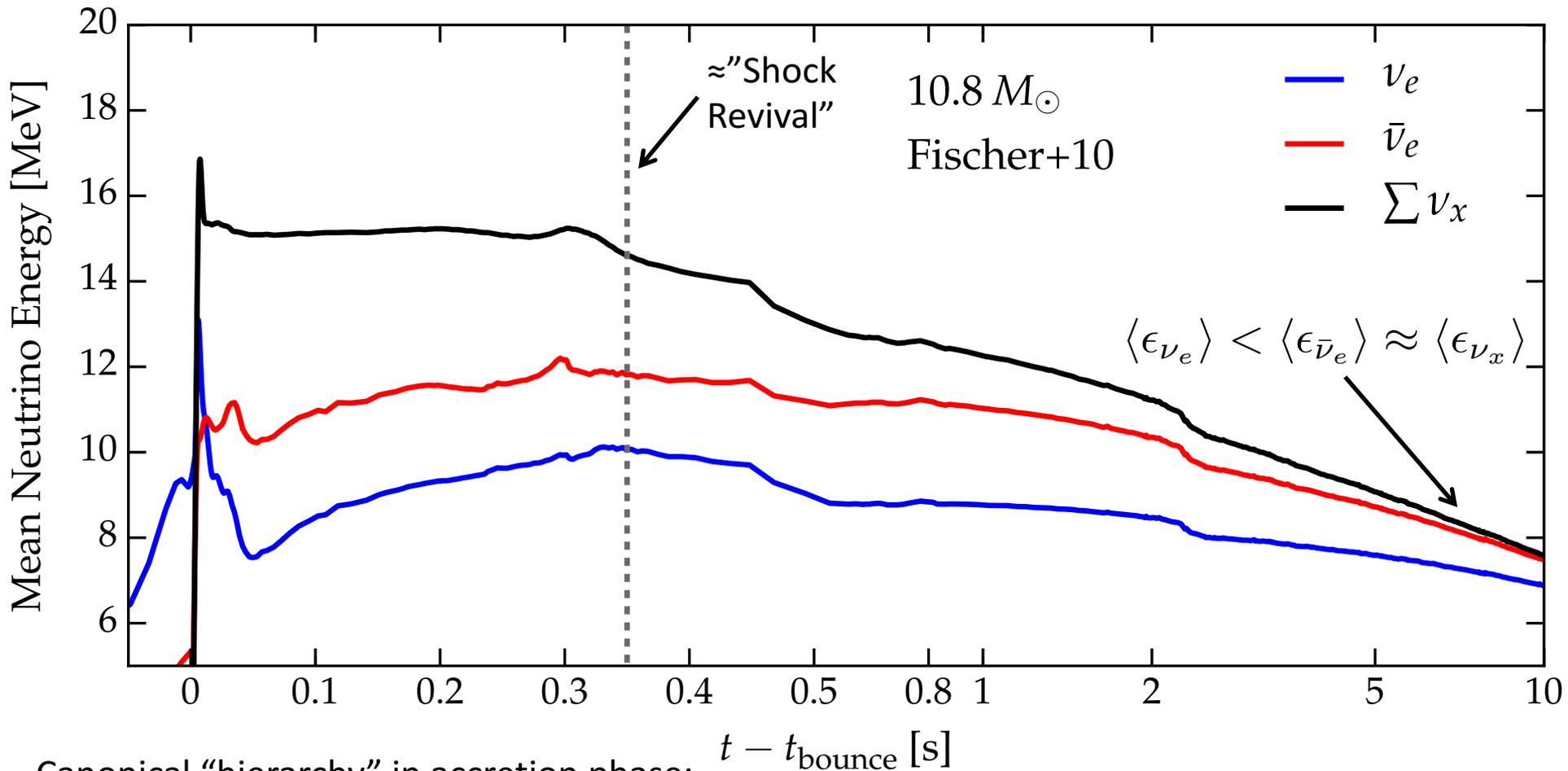
Mösta+ 2014

ApJL

Plasma  $\beta$

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

# Neutrinos: Mean Energies



Canonical "hierarchy" in accretion phase:

$$\langle \epsilon_{\nu_e} \rangle < \langle \epsilon_{\bar{\nu}_e} \rangle < \langle \epsilon_{\nu_x} \rangle$$

(at least at early times & lower-mass stars)

$$\langle \epsilon_{\nu_e} \rangle < \langle \epsilon_{\nu_x} \rangle \lesssim \langle \epsilon_{\bar{\nu}_e} \rangle$$

(late accretion phase, more massive stars)