Advances in Computational Nuclear Physics: Recent Important Progress on Ascertaining the Core Collapse Supernova Explosion Mechanism

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How is the supernova shock wave revived?



The most fundamental question in supernova theory

- Gravity
- Neutrino Heating
- Convection
- Shock Instability
- Nuclear Burning
- Rotation
- Magnetic Fields

*New Ingredient

Stationary Accretion Shock Instability (SASI)



Shock wave unstable to non-radial perturbations.

SASI has *axisymmetric and nonaxisymmetric* modes that are both linearly unstable!

- Blondin and Mezzacappa, Ap.J. 642, 401 (2006)
- Blondin and Shaw, Ap.J. 656, 366 (2007)



The Heart of the Matter



Neutrino heating depends on neutrino luminosities, spectra, and angular distributions.

$$\dot{\epsilon} = \frac{X_n}{\lambda_0^a} \frac{L_{\nu_c}}{4\pi r^2} \langle E_{\nu_c}^2 \rangle \langle \frac{1}{\mathcal{F}} \rangle + \frac{X_p}{\bar{\lambda}_0^a} \frac{L_{\bar{\nu}_c}}{4\pi r^2} \langle E_{\bar{\nu}_c}^2 \rangle \langle \frac{1}{\bar{\mathcal{F}}} \rangle$$

Must compute neutrino distribution functions.

$$f(t,r,\theta,\phi,E,\theta_p,\phi_p)$$

Multifrequency Multiangle

$$E_{R}(t,r,\theta,\phi,E) = \int d\theta_{p} \, d\phi_{p} \, f$$
$$F_{R}^{i}(t,r,\theta,\phi,E) = \int d\theta_{p} \, d\phi_{p} \, n^{i} f$$

Multifrequency (solve for lowest-order multifrequency angular moments: energy and momentum density/frequency)

Requires a closure prescription:

- MGFLD
- MGVEF/MGVET



ReducOp = Bruenn (1985) – NES + Bremsstrahlung (no neutrino energy scattering, IPM for nuclei)



See also B. Mueller et al. 2012. Ap.J. **756**, 84 for a comparison in the context of 2D models, with similar conclusions.



Ray-by-Ray Approximation

Solve a number of spherically symmetric problems.

In spherical symmetry, RbR is exact.

What a Difference a Dimension Makes



Liebendoerfer et al., PRD, 63, 103004 (2001)

See also Lentz et al. 2012. Ap.J. 747, 73.

Agile-BOLTZTRAN



Bruenn et al. 2013. *Ap.J.* **767**, L6. Bruenn et al. 2014. arXiv:1409.5779v1

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Comparison with Observations



Bruenn et al. 2014. arXiv:1409.5779v1





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1D vs. 2D vs. 3D



Lentz et al. 2014. In preparation.

3D Counterpart Models

15 M LS (220)



Simulation Stats

Lentz et al. 2014. In preparation.

- 64,800 cores
- 35 weeks/postbounce second
- 100 M processor-hours/postbounce second



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Most simulations noted above need to be run MUCH longer. 14



What's Next?

Replace 1D RbR Transport with 3D (Lowest Angular Moments) Transport				
Will require ~3 days @ 1	Replace GR Monopole Correction with "Full" GR			
PF sustained.		Replace 3D Moments Transport with 3D Boltzma Transport Replace 3D Boltzman		
Strong scaling essential.		Will require ~12 days @ 1 EF sustained.	Transport with 3D Quantum Kinetics	
		~4000X more computationally intensive.	?	
		Will there be enough memory?		
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