Two limits of supernovae: Electron capture supernova Pulsational pair-instability supernova

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The low mass limit: ECSN

Based on our series of PPISN papers:

Suzuki+ ApJ 881, 64 (2019); Zha + ApJ 886, 12 (2019);

Leung+, PASA 36, e006 (2019); Leung+ ApJ 889, 34 (2020)

What is pulsational pair-instability?



Note: exact mass depends on metallicity and mass-loss rate

Bifurcation of ECSN

• Collapse vs. Explode



Where and how the nuclear runaway takes place?

- Electron capture \rightarrow Suppress flame growth
- Nuclear reaction \rightarrow Enhance flame growth

Leung, Nomoto, PASA 36, e006 (2019)

What is the condition for the ECSN to collapse?

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Sensitivity to Ignition density and position



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Recent motivations

A change in the e-cap rate translates to the ignition position and density

• New e-cap rate of ²⁰Ne

$$\log ft = 10.47 \pm 0.11$$

• (Kirsebom+ 2018)



Suzuki, Zha, Leung, Nomoto, ApJ 881, 64 (2019)

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Impact

• When does the star runaway?



Zha, Leung, Suzuki, Nomoto, ApJ 886, 22 (2019)

Stellar evolution of ONeMg core before nuclear runaway



Most updated models



Most models tend to collapse to form a Low-mass neutron star.

Zha, Leung, Suzuki, Nomoto, ApJ 886, 22 (2019)

The high mass limit

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What is pair-instability?

- In a very massive star, photon pressure is the main supporting force
 - High temperature (10⁹ K), low density (10²⁻⁶ g cm⁻³)
- After core He-burning, energetic photon \rightarrow electron + positron pair
- Electron is non-degenerate \rightarrow Low pressure support ($\Gamma < 4/3$)
- Faster contraction, more photons converted





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Gamma diagram

1.6 1.55

1.5

1.4

1.35

1.3

1.25

1.2

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Gamma

What metallicity range forms PPISN?



Evolution and pulsation of 40 M_{sun} He core

Below 40 M_{sun} , the He core does not pulse and eject mass



- Obtained from ~80 solar mass star
- 5 weak pulses
- 1 strong pulse
 - Ejected ~1 Msun mass

Evolution and pulsation of 62 M_{sun} He-core

Above 64 M_{sun}, the He core does not pulsate but explode directly



Ejecta mass and composition



How much mass is ejected?



PPISN Remnant vs. LIGO



- Most aLIGO black holes are formed by CCSN
- Black hole between 36
 52 Msun by PPISN