Binary Supernova Progenitors and why we haven't yet produced large grids

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Most progenitors we can see are/were in binaries

Binaries and binary products are unavoidable at population level

Binary interactions create unique pre-SN structures

Podsiadlowski *et al.* 1989, 1990, 1991, Cantiello *et al.* 2007, Justham *et al.* 2014, Renzo *et al.* 2020c, Schneider *et al.* 2020, 2021, 2023, Chatzopoulos *et al.* 2020, 2023, Renzo & Götberg 2021,Laplace *et al.* 2021, 2023, Renzo *et al.* 2023, Henneco *et al.* 2023, ...

CCSN progenitors from binaries

Donor

Accretor

Mergers (very massive ones)

Why no comprehensive answer (yet)





Time / vr























































Renzo et al. 2020c

Spera et al. 2019, di Carlo et al. 2019, 2020b, see also Kremer et al. 2020, Mapelli et al. 2020, Renzo et al. 2020c, Costa et al. 2023, Ballone et al. 2023

 $MESA \rightarrow GR1D{+}FLASH \quad {\rm credits: \ R. \ Fernandez}$



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Exploration of binary "explodability" landscape not yet possible



Variety of evolutionary paths

- Orbital architecture M_1, M_2, P, e
- Z, winds, rotation, overshooting, ...
- · Pre-/post-main sequence interactions
- Donors, Accretors, Mergers, Reversed-mergers

Getting one model to the onset of collapse:



xkcd.com/722

Numerical challenges

(for single & binary progenitors)

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"Compound" reactions: α-chain nuclear reaction networks



default in MESA

approx21.net $\Rightarrow N_{\rm iso} = 21$ cost $\propto (N_{\rm mesh} \times N_{\rm iso})^2 \times N_{\Delta t}$

Fig. from Marchant, Renzo et al. 2019, see also Timmes et al. 1996, Farmer et al. 2016, Renzo et al. 2017, Grichener, Renzo et al., in prep.

"Compound" reactions: *a*-chain nuclear reaction networks



The only weak reaction included

$$56 Fe + 2e^- \rightarrow 56 Cr + 2\nu_e$$

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The core Y_e is pre-determined:
 $Y_e(r = 0) \equiv Y_e(56 Cr) = 0.428$

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Nuclear reaction networks are the computational bottleneck but not the dominant uncertainty[†]

[†] cf. binary interactions, wind mass loss, rotation, convective boundary mixing, ...

e.g., Farmer et al. 2016, Renzo et al. 2017, Davies et al. 2019, Laplace et al. 2021, Vartanyan et al. 2021, Anders et al. 2021, 2022, 2023, Johnston et al., submitted

Neural Nuclear Network: emulate away the nuclear reaction network

- ✓ Training set standalone MESA one-zone burner at fixed (T, ρ)
- Design and train neural-network to emulate $f : \mathbb{R}^{\sim 123} \to \mathbb{R}^{\sim 121}$ $(\{X_i\} \times T \times \rho \times \Delta t) \to (\{X_i\} \times \varepsilon_{\nu, \text{nuc}})$



Grichener, Renzo, Kerzendorf et al., in prep.

Dall-E generated by K. Wong

Aldana Grichener (Technion)



Neural Nuclear Network: work in progress



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Core C/O ratio varies across models



Set by T_c during (late) He core burning

- Code assumptions:
 - H/He core boundary
 - Wind mass loss
 - Rotational mixing
 - Nuclear rates
- Mass loss/accretion
 - case A/B RLOF

Adam may be right **not** to believe CO core masses from nebular spectra

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$^{12}C(\alpha, \gamma)^{16}O$ reaction rate key for (Pulsational) Pair Instability



Farmer, Renzo et al. 2020, see also Farmer, Renzo et al. 2019, Costa et al. 2021, Woosley & Heger 2021, Farag, Renzo et al. 2022

Higher C/O \Rightarrow thicker C shell \Rightarrow stabilizing effect



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$^{12}C(\alpha, \gamma)^{16}O$ reaction rate was undersampled in publicly available tables



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BH mass gap from single He cores with updated ${}^{12}C(\alpha, \gamma){}^{16}O$ rate



✓ Open science success!

- Open-source codes and SDK
- Input & output files on zenodo.org
- Refine tabulated input physics
- Community-driven
 improvements

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3α rate uncertainties



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3*α* rate uncertainties: ongoing debate!



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GW detected BHs: feature at $\sim 35 M_{\odot}$ and tail "in the gap"



Hendriks, van Son, Renzo et al., 2023, data from Abbott et al. 2022

For ~ $35 M_{\odot}$ feature to be related to (P)PISN requires $\Delta \min\{M_{\text{CO,PPI}}\} \simeq 15 M_{\odot}$



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Late evolution results in $\nu/\dot{\nu} \ll \tau_{dyn}$ across the Hertzsprung-Russell diagram



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Conclusions

Progenitor uncertainties dominate the CCSN problem

Most progenitors are born in binaries

and

Binary products are unavoidable in observations

- Binary evolution produces unique progenitors:
 - $M_{\rm core}/M_{\rm env}, J(m) \rightarrow$ explodability, BH/NS, jets, obs. diagnostic, yields
 - RSG vs. BSG vs.WR
 - delay time, location relative to SFR
 - ...

X Computational challenges prevent exploring the parameter space

- Core structure \rightarrow leverage ML
- Envelope stability → "stellar engineering" missing relevant physics?
- $\sim 35 M_{\odot}$ feature in BH mass from GWs **not** from (P)PISN

Hendriks, van Son, Renzo et al. 2023

Backup

Formal definition of "stiffness"

A set of Ordinary Differential Equations is "stiff" if:

 $\frac{\max\left(\mathbb{E}(\mathcal{J})\right)}{\min\left(\mathbb{E}(\mathcal{J})\right)} \in \mathbb{C}$

and

$$\frac{|\max\left(\mathbb{E}(\mathcal{J})\right)|}{|\min\left(\mathbb{E}(\mathcal{J})\right)|} \gg 1$$

where $\mathbb{E}(\mathcal{J})$ are the eigenvalues of the Jacobian matrix of the system:

$$\mathcal{J}_{ij} = \frac{\partial f_i}{\partial x_j}$$

Timmes 1999

NNN normalized abundance losses: not equally good for every isotope

Training set size 60000



Yellow is worse

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Do BHs form via a failed, weak, or full blown SN explosion?



Possible causes for mass ejection at BH formation:

• *v*-driven shocks

Nadhezin 1980, Lovegrove & Woosley 2014, Fernandez *et al.* 2018, Ivanov & Fernandez 2021

 Jets and disk wind (even without net rotation)

Gilkis & Soker 2014, Perna et al. 2018, Quataert et al. 2019

• (weak) fallback powered explosion

Ott et al. 2018, Kuroda et al. 2018, Chan et al. 2020, Powell et al. 2021

see also Adams et al. 2017 for possible EM counterpart to BH formation

Accretion disks and ν -driven shocks remove little mass for BSG



Nadhezin 1980, Lovegrove & Woosley 2013, Piro et al. 2013, Coughlin et al. 2018, Fernàndez et al. 2018, Ivanov & Fernàndez 2021

Can convective random motion cause disk formation and collapsar?



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Not enough in non-rotating models

But the merger process might inject AM

c.f. Gilkis & Soker et al. 2014, Quataert et al. 2019, Coughlin et al. 2020

EM transients from (P)PISN

Approximate supernova type (mass-loss dependent, Sec. 7)

Pulse delay to core-collapse (Sec. 6)

Thermonuclear ignition (Sec. 5.1)

Radial expansion max $R(v < v_{esc})$ (Sec. 5.2)

Number of mass ejections (Sec. 5.3)

Mcsm He-rich

Thermal stability

(Sec. 5.1.1)

BH remnant

(Sec. 3)



Renzo, Farmer et al. 2020b

SN success/failure is determined by progenitor core profile

KEPLER $12 - 40 M_{ZAMS}$ models



Core structure is set by late core burning

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$$Y_e = \sum_i Z_i / (Z_i + N_i) \Rightarrow \nu$$
 flux

•
$$ho \Rightarrow (\dot{M}, L_{\nu_e}) \Rightarrow$$
 "explodability"

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Kinematics of the widowed stars

Accretor stars can be runaways...



Velocity w.r.t. pre-explosion binary center of mass

Renzo et al. 2019b

Numerical results: http://cdsarc.u-strasbg.fr/viz-bin/qcat?J/A+A/624/A66

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Structure of accretors

• Spin-up

Packet 1981, Cantiello et al. 2007, de Mink et al. 2013, Barker, Renzo et al., in prep.

Pollution

Blaauw 1993, Renzo & Götberg 2021

Rejuvenation

Hellings 1983, 1985, Renzo et al. 2023

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Renzo et al. 2023

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- 1. Binary evolution until detachment
- 2. Continue evolution of accretors as single stars
- 3. Compare binding energy of accretors and single stars of same total mass at given *R*

Belczynski et al. 16

The binding energy is the cost to "dig" into the star



$$BE(m, \alpha_{\rm th}) = -\int_m^M dm' \left(-\frac{Gm'}{r(m')} + \alpha_{\rm th} u(m') \right)$$

- Gravitational potential energy
- Internal energy
- α_{th} free parameter

fraction of internal energy usable to eject envelope
Comparing $20 M_{\odot}$ non-rotating single star vs. accretor



Taking the ratio: accretors are easier to unbind



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1.6 $100 R_{\odot} - 500 R_{\odot}$ **BH** progenitor $200 R_{\odot} - 1000 R_{\odot}$ 1.4 $30 \rightarrow 36 M_{\odot}$ $300\,\mathrm{R}_{\odot}$ $\begin{array}{c} BE(accretor)/BE(single)\\ \mathbf{8.0}\\ \mathbf{7.0}\\ \mathbf{8.0}\\ \mathbf{8.0}$ accretor more bound 0.2accretor less bound $\alpha_{\rm th} = 1$ 0.09 10 11 121314 $\log_{10}(r/[cm])$

Renzo et al. 2023

If the common-envelope donor is a former accretor



Implications for common-envelope

- Fewer "reverse" stellar merger
- Wider post-CE separation
- Mass-dependent (?) impact on GW merger rates

How far do they get?



Renzo et al. 19b

Nevertheless: widowed stars can escape local dust clouds



for $M \ge 7.5 M_{\odot}$: $\langle D \rangle = 128 \, \text{pc}$ $\langle D_{\text{run}} \rangle = 525 \, \text{pc}$ $\langle D_{\text{walk}} \rangle = 103 \, \text{pc}$

Renzo et al. 19b

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Low-Z massive accretors



$$Z = 0.0019 \simeq Z_{\odot}/10$$

(to focus on GW merger progenitors)

PPISN explodability

Population synthesis implementation

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Renzo, Farmer, et al. 2020b, see also Ertl et al. 2016,2020, O'Connor & Ott 2011, Müller & Mandel 2020, Couch et al. 2020

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Population synthesis: $M_{\text{initial}} \rightarrow \text{CO core mass}^{\dagger} \rightarrow \text{BH mass}$ and composition! (Patton & Sukhbold 2020) Black hole remnant mass distribution for single star evolution at Z=0.001 Fryer et al. 2012 60 see also Fryer et al. 22, Olejak et al. 22 50 Remnant mass [M_©] 0 0 0 0 see also. Belczynski et al. 2016, Spera & Mapelli Pre-sn mass 2017, Stevenson et al. 2019, Mandel & Müller 2020, van Son et al. 2021, Renzo et al. 2022, Farag et al. 2022 ... David D. Hendriks Univ. Surrey 10 0 50 100 200 250 n 150 ZAMS mass [M_o] "Initial mass" Hendriks, van Son, Renzo et al. 2023

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+ Farmer *et al.* 2019

Fryer et al. 2012

see also:

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Using "recipes" out-of-the-box leads to artificial features



Pair-instability mass loss for top-down compact object mass calculations

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 $M_{
m BH} = M_{
m proto-NS} + M_{
m fallback}$ (e.g., Fryer *et al.* 2012, 2022)

$$M_{\rm BH} = M_{\rm pre-explosion} - (\Delta M_{\rm SN} + \Delta M_{\nu,\rm core} + \Delta M_{\rm env} + \Delta M_{\rm PPI} + \cdots)$$

New fit to Farmer, Renzo et al. 2019



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Hendriks, van Son, Renzo et al. 2023

"Classical" wisdom: core and envelope decouple late in the evolution

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L_{
u, 	ext{cooling}} \gg L_{\gamma}
e.g., Fraley 1968
\downarrow
\tau_{	ext{nuc}}(m \leqslant M_{	ext{core}}) \ll \tau_{	ext{KH}}
\downarrow
"Frozen-envelope"
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Observational evidence that core and envelope do not decouple



Late mass-ejection episodes are common

- $\gtrsim 36\%$ and possibly up to $\sim 50\%$ of type II SNe
- $\dot{M} \gtrsim 10^{-3} M_{\odot} \ {\rm yr}^{-1}$ within 10^{2-3} days pre-explosion
- · Later SN looks "normal"

Bruch et al. 2023, see also, e.g., Kochanek 2012, Khazov et al. 2016

see also Igataki 2023, Jencson *et al.* 2023, Berger *et al.* 2023, Kilpatrick *et al.* 2023, Neustadt *et al.* 2023, ...



Single star wind uncertainties

Combination of algorithms



Wind mass loss history



$$\begin{array}{c} \hline \eta = 1.0 \\ \hline \eta = 0.33 \\ \hline \eta = 0.1 \\ \hline V-dJ \\ \hline K-vL \\ \hline V-vL \\ \hline V-NJ \\ \hline K-NJ \\ \hline K-dJ \\ \end{array}$$

 $M_{\rm ZAMS} = 15 M_{\odot}$

Wind mass loss history





$$M_{\rm ZAMS} = 15 M_{\odot}$$

Impact on the final mass



Impact on the final mass





Legend:

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$$\eta = 0.1$$

x $\eta = 0.33$
+ $\eta = 1.0$

Renzo et al. 2017