

Enabling code portability of a parallel & distributed smooth-particle hydrodynamics application, FleCSPH

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Core-collapse Supernovae (CCSNe): Nature's grandest explosions, are a kind of Type II supernovae. These cosmic events are the deaths of massive stars, caused by gravitational collapse that results in a shock-driven explosion. CCSNe are furnaces inside which many elements heavier than carbon are forged.



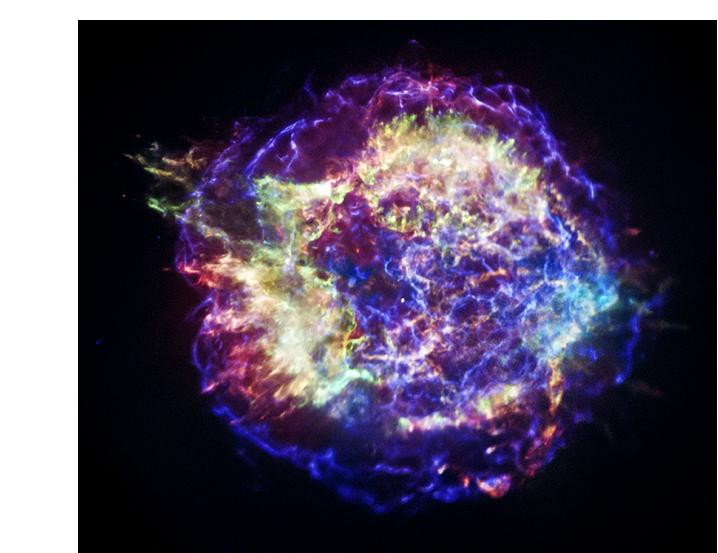
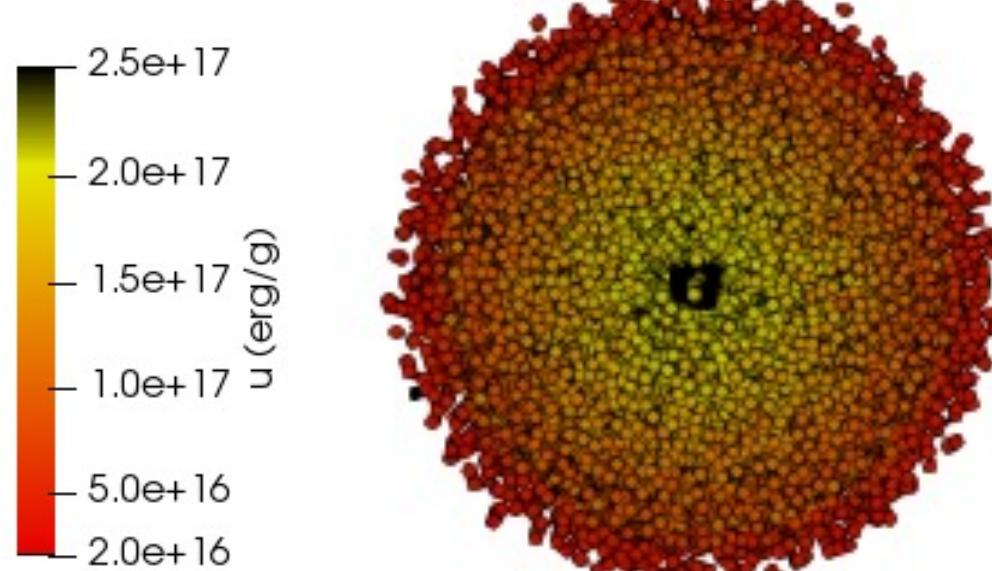
Large-scale numerical simulations of CCSNe, can provide a glimpse of hydrodynamic & nucleosynthetic processes that are difficult to observe. However, the CCSNe problem is highly complex and inherently nonlinear: multi-scale, multi-physics, and multi-dimensional. Therefore, to study the impact of various shock structures on CCSNe nucleosynthetic yields and distribution of these yields, it is essential to work with numerical tools capable of solving such dynamical systems.

FleCSPH, a parallel & distributed application, is based on the mesh-free method of Smoothed-Particle Hydrodynamics (SPH). The SPH formulation discretizes the hydrodynamic equations for a set of particles and embeds the properties of the flow onto these particles.

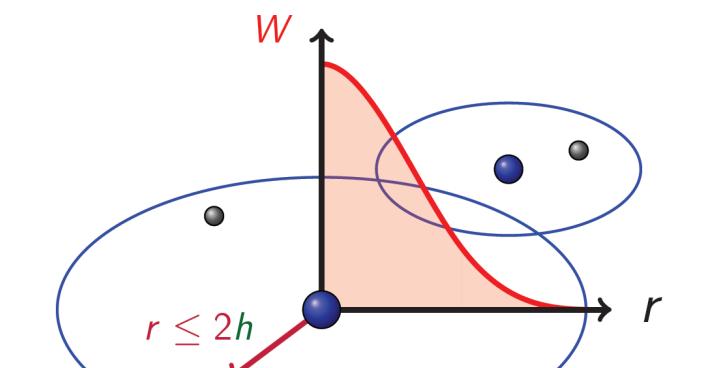
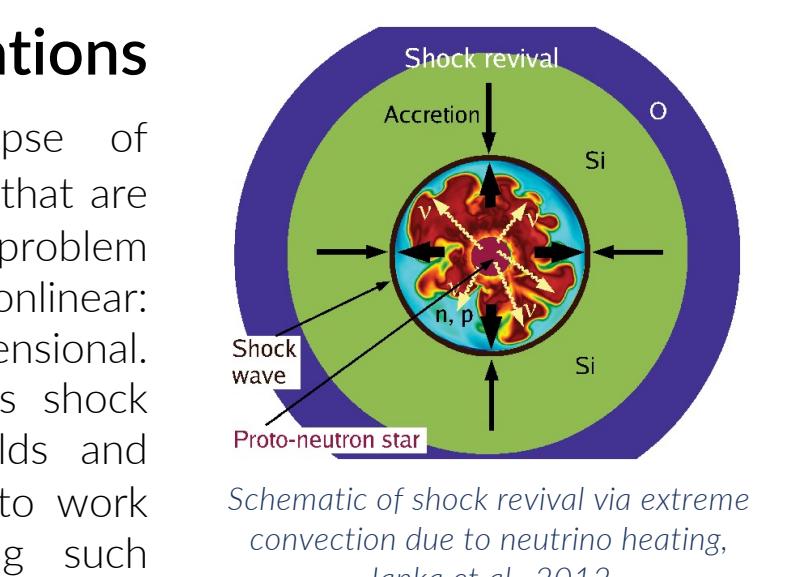
$$\langle f(\mathbf{r}) \rangle \approx \sum_b \frac{m_b}{\rho_b} f(\mathbf{r}_b) W(|\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}_b|, h)$$

W : Kernel
h : Smoothing-length
 r_b : Position vector of particle b
 m_b : Mass of particle b
 ρ_b : Density of particle b

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Chandra images of Cassiopeia A (CCSN remnant)
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