

The PN ~~rem~~ nucleus continues to shine from shell burning until the shell decreases to $\sim 10^2 - 10^4 M_{\odot}$.

The PN expands at a rate $\sim 10^6$ km/s $\sim 10^6$ cm/s, and thus is dispersed after $\sim 10^4 - 5$ yr.

Further evolution of massive stars ($M_i \gtrsim 10 M_{\odot}$):

Subsequent stages of burning proceed (in general) non-explosively, degeneracy being achieved only when an iron core is reached.

There is much mass loss (which is not well understood) so that MS evolutionary paths often converge to those of a $M_i \approx 30 M_{\odot}$ star. Wolf-Rayet stars are $M_i \approx 30 M_{\odot}$ super-luminous stars with H-depleted envelopes and current mass that may be only $\sim 5 - 10 M_{\odot}$, ~~and~~ $\sim 40 - 600$ km/sec outflows, and bright N-rich nebulae.

The luminosity of post-C burning stars remains close to L_{edd} , and evolutionary tracks in the HR diagram criss-cross horizontally as subsequent burning stages are ignited and exhausted.

Core collapse:

After $\text{Si} \rightarrow \text{Fe}$ ceases in the core, the Fe core contracts until it is held up by degeneracy pressure. However, additional Si burning in a shell dumps more Fe into the core, and when the Fe-core mass exceeds $1.4 M_{\odot}$, it undergoes gravitational contraction.

However, unlike earlier stages of stellar evolution, the ~~are~~ ~~as~~ ~~the~~ ~~most~~ ~~tightly~~ ~~bound~~, here are no further exothermic reactions to increase the internal kinetic energy to supply increased pressure.

Instead, $\gamma + {}^{56}\text{Fe} \rightarrow 13 {}^4\text{He} + 4n$ ~~and~~ ~~absorbs~~ 124.4 MeV of energy and at higher T , $e^- + p \rightarrow n + \nu_e$ (which escapes), further reducing the pressure available to counteract gravity.

The core then collapses almost freely under gravity in a time $t_{\text{ff}} \approx (3\pi/32G\rho)^{1/2} \approx 10^{-3}$ sec, as soon as the Fe core has reached a density $\sim 10^9$ g/cm³ and undergoes at $T \sim 10^{10}$ K, as determined before. At very slightly higher T , $\gamma + {}^4\text{He} \rightarrow 2p + 2n$ releasing ~ 25 MeV.

1.4 M_{\odot} core when dissociated, absorbs 4×10^{51} erg from iron photo disintegration, and 10^{52} erg by ${}^4\text{He}$ disintegration, for a total of 1.4×10^{52} erg. (Comparable to the integrated energy output of the sun over 10 billion years: $2 \times 10^{33} \times 3 \times 10^7 \times 10^{10} \approx 6 \times 10^{50}$.)

At $\rho \approx 10^{10}$ g/cm³ e^- capture and neutronization:

At sufficiently high ρ , $E_F \approx 1.3$ MeV = $m_n - m_p$, and $e^- + p \rightarrow n + \nu_e$ will begin to convert protons to neutrons. In the iron core, there are no free neutrons, but the process $e^- + {}^{56}\text{Fe} \rightarrow {}^{56}\text{Mn} + \nu_e$ (inverse-beta decay) occurs for $E_F \geq 4.2$ MeV (again, total energy $KE = 3.7$ MeV), which occurs at density $\rho \approx 1.1 \times 10^{10}$ g/cm³. At $\rho = 1.5 \times 10^{10}$ g/cm³, $e^- + {}^{56}\text{Mn} \rightarrow {}^{56}\text{Cr} + \nu_e$. At $\rho \approx 10^{11}$ g/cm³, $n \rightarrow p$ becomes very rapid and the "neutronization neutrinos" carry energy away, thereby accelerating the collapse. The typical ν energy will be

$$\frac{E_{\nu}}{m_e c^2} \approx \frac{E_F}{m_e c^2} = \frac{p_F}{m_e c} = \left(\frac{3}{8\pi m_p}\right)^{1/3} \frac{h}{m_e c} \left(\frac{\rho}{M_{\odot}}\right)^{1/3} \approx 10^{-2} \left(\frac{\rho}{M_{\odot}}\right)^{1/3}$$

or $E_{\nu} \sim 10$ MeV for $\rho \sim 2 \times 10^{11}$ g/cm³. Since there are $\sim 10^{57}$ nucleons, roughly

$$E_{\text{car}} \approx 10^{57} (10 \times 1.6 \times 10^{-12}) = 1.6 \times 10^{52} \text{ erg}$$

are carried away by neutronization ν 's. As we will see, this is only a small fraction of the total ν flux. Although the collapse timescale is $\sim 10^{-3}$ sec, the ν burst from SN 1987A lasted ~ 10 sec. This is because at sufficiently high densities, the collapsing core becomes opaque to ν 's.

These γ 's interact primarily by a coherent scattering from nuclei of mass number A with cross section,

$$\sigma_{\gamma} \approx 10^{-45} \text{ cm}^2 \left(\frac{E_{\gamma}}{m_{\text{pc}} c^2} \right)^2 A^2 \quad \text{for } \gamma + (Z, A) \rightarrow \gamma + (Z, A)$$

$$\approx A^2 \left(\frac{\rho}{\mu_0} \right)^{2/3} 10^{-49} \text{ cm}^2;$$

and since $n \approx \rho / (\mu_0 A)$, the mean-free path is

$$l_{\gamma} \approx \frac{1}{n \sigma_{\gamma}} = \frac{1}{\mu_0 A} \left(\frac{\rho}{\mu_0} \right)^{-5/3} \approx 1.7 \times 10^{25} \text{ cm}.$$

With $\mu_0 \approx 2$, $A \approx 100$, $l_{\gamma} = 10^7 \text{ cm}$ (the core radius) for $(\rho/\mu_0) \approx 3.6 \times 10^9 \text{ g/cm}^3$. "Detailed calculations" show that γ 's are trapped in the collapsing core for $\rho \gtrsim 3 \times 10^{10} \text{ g/cm}^3$.

When the core has reached nuclear densities,

$$\rho \approx \rho_{\text{nuc}} \approx \frac{3AM_{\text{N}}}{4\pi r_0^3} = 2.3 \times 10^{14} \text{ g/cm}^3 \quad (\text{using } r_0 = 1.2 \times 10^{-13} \text{ cm})$$

The neutrons become degenerate, and their pressure halts further collapse, and a proto-neutron star of radius $R \approx 2 \times 10^6 \text{ cm}$ and mass $M \approx 1.4 M_{\odot}$ remains. The gravitational energy released in this collapse is

$$\Delta E_{\text{grav}} \approx +GM_{\text{c}}^2/R \approx 3 \times 10^{53} \text{ erg}$$

which is $\sim 20 \times$ the amount absorbed by photodisintegration and neutronization.

When this collapse occurs, the "bounce" drives a shock into the envelope that expels the envelope.

Although the details are not well understood (and probably require neutron energy transport), observations show that $\sim 10 M_{\odot}$ of envelope are ejected at velocities $v \sim 10^8 \text{ cm/sec}$, implying a kinetic energy,

$$E_{\text{kin}} \approx \frac{1}{2} 10 M_{\odot} v^2 \sim 10^{52} \text{ erg} \ll \Delta E_{\text{grav}}$$

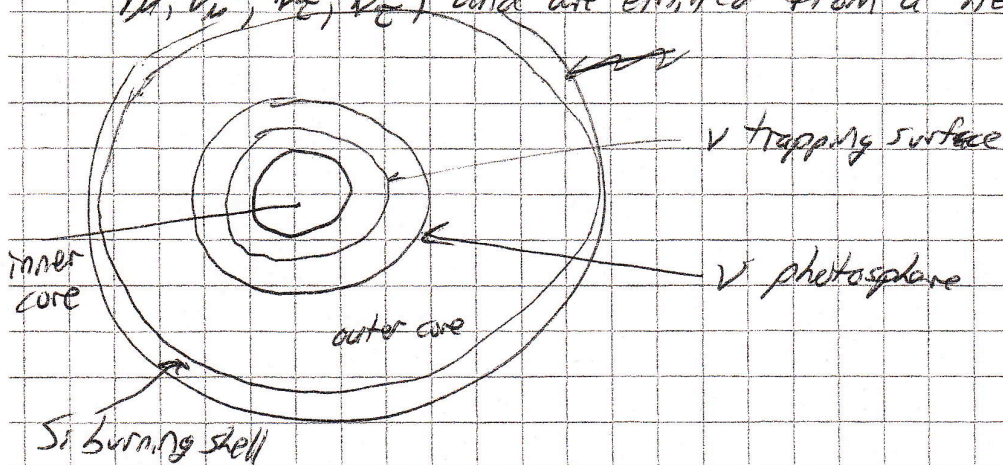
(Note that this is $\sim 20 \times$ the envelope binding energy,

$$E_{\text{bind}} \approx \frac{GM_{\text{c}}(M - M_{\text{c}})}{R_{\text{c}}} \approx 5 \times 10^{51} \text{ erg}.)$$

It is also the gravitational binding energy is also much larger than the optical energy of the SN:

$$E_{\text{opt}} \sim L_{\text{SN}} \tau_{\text{SN}} \sim (10^{44} \text{ erg/sec})(3 \times 10^7 \text{ sec}) \sim 3 \times 10^{51} \text{ erg}$$

Most (>90%) of the binding energy is liberated as ν 's. Neutrinos come into thermal equilibrium in the proto-NS ($\nu_e, \bar{\nu}_e, \nu_\mu, \bar{\nu}_\mu, \nu_\tau, \bar{\nu}_\tau$) and are emitted from a "neutrinosphere":



We can get a rough understanding of the size of the neutrinosphere by assuming all 6 ν degrees of freedom are emitted thermally from radius R . The luminosity,

$$L_\nu \approx \frac{3 \times 10^{53} \text{ erg}}{10 \text{ sec}} = 3 \times 10^{52} \text{ erg/sec}$$

must then be

since ν 's are fermions
for 6 ν dof as opposed to
2 for δ 's

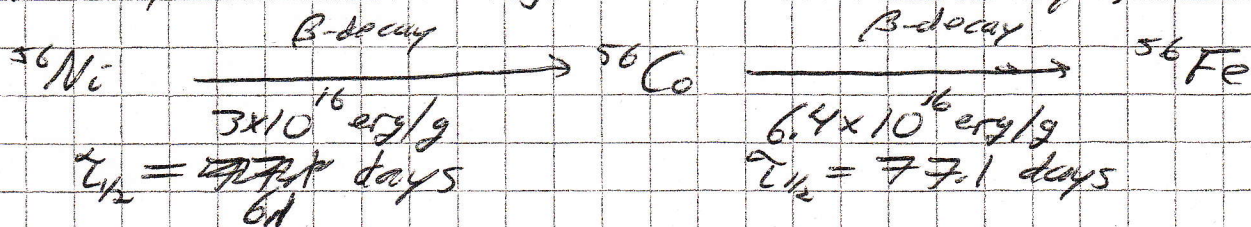
$$L_\nu = 4\pi R_\nu^2 \left(\frac{7}{8}\right) \left(\frac{6}{2}\right) \sigma T_\nu^4$$

$$= 7.5 \times 10^{53} (R/2 \times 10^6 \text{ cm})^2 (T/10^{11} \text{ K})^4 \text{ erg/sec}$$

For $L_\nu = 3 \times 10^{52}$ we get reasonable agreement with what we expect for the radius and T (note that the detected ν 's had energies $\sim 10 \text{ MeV} \sim 10^{11} \text{ K}$).

Real-world complications include the fact that ν_μ and ν_τ have different interaction strengths and so are emitted at higher T_ν from smaller R ; also the spectrum may not be precisely thermal; and the time evolution changes T_ν , etc on a ~ 10 -sec timescale.

As the shock generated by core collapse propagates through the mantle, it heats the material to $T > 5 \times 10^9 \text{ K}$ for layers below Ne-O layers. At these T , NSE is achieved in a few seconds (the dynamical time) producing primarily ^{56}Ni . The ejected ^{56}Ni then decays,



This powers the light output of the SN during the decaying part of its light curve.

For SN 1987a, $\sim 0.075 M_{\odot}$ of ^{56}Ni was ejected.

For Type-I SN where a degenerate CO is blown up, almost all $1.4 M_{\odot}$ are converted to ^{56}Ni .

EGRET on CGRO detected 1.8-MeV γ 's from decay of an excited state of ^{26}Al with $\tau_{1/2} = 7.2 \times 10^5 \text{ yr}$ throughout the galaxy. This provides evidence for ongoing stellar nucleosynthesis from SN. The decay products of ^{26}Al have been detected in solar-system meteorites indicating the solar system was formed from SN products.

Finally, the gamma-ray burst of 29 March 2003 (and to some extent, 1998bw before it) demonstrates that at least some, if not almost all GRBs are SN. The suggestion is that in some SN with rotating progenitors, the core may collapse to a BH rather than a NS, and an accretion disk or torus may form driving jets through the star and producing the GRB along this jet.