

# Pleasantness Review\*

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Supernova Ia scenarios in 2019:  
a rising demand for clean  
and symmetrical explosions

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•Dictionary translation of my name from Hebrew to English (**real!**):

Noam = Pleasantness

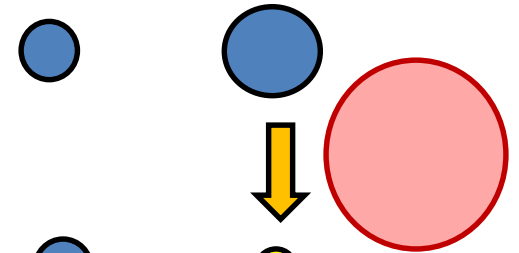
Soker = Review

**We** (my wife, 3 kids, and I)  
do not know what is the scenario  
that works for SNe Ia, and so  
we should be humble and  
consider all 5 scenarios.

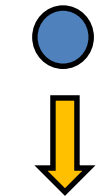
**Too many papers mention only 2 or at most 3 scenarios.  
This does not help, as it leads to wrong conclusions.**

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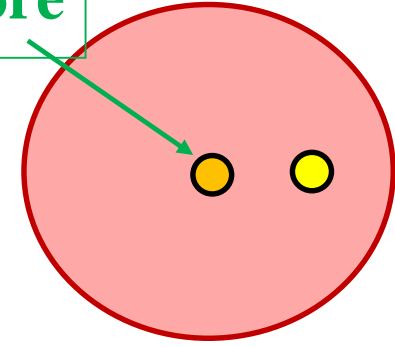
2 main sequence stars



main sequence + WD



AGB core

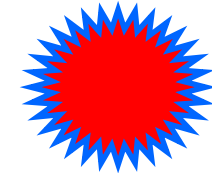


AGB star + WD in a common envelope

Core-WD merger and envelope ejection:  
Merger product is a WD of  $M_{\text{ch}} \sim 1.4 M_{\odot}$



The WD explodes with a delay of  
years to billions of years ????



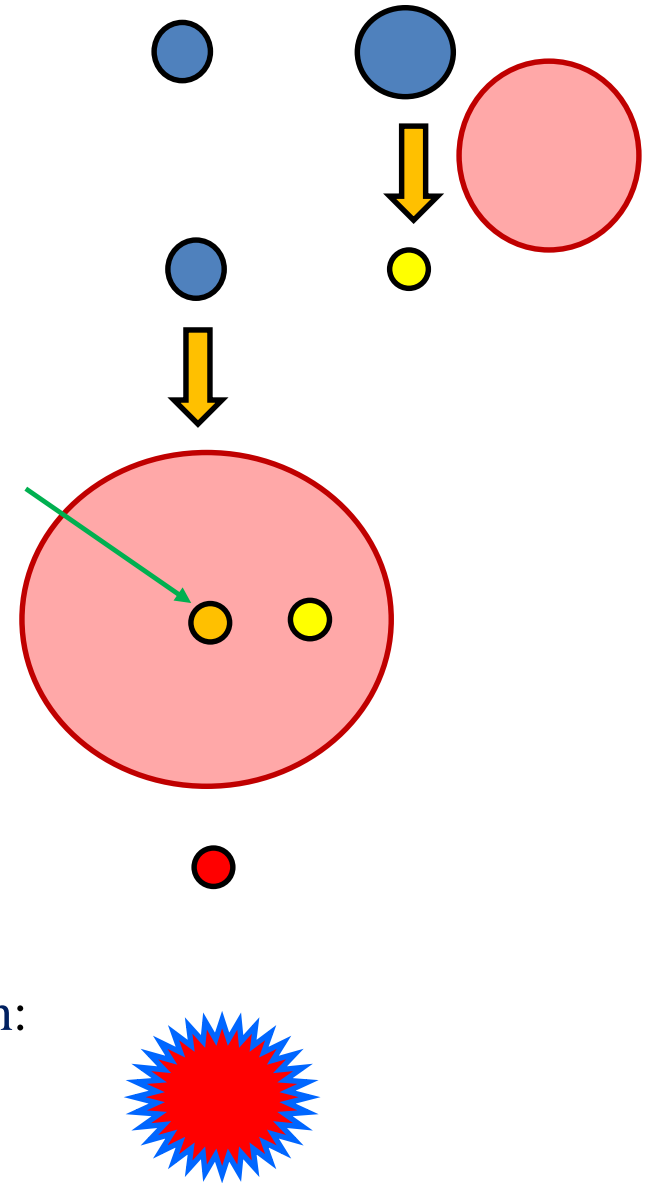
# The Core Degenerate (CD) scenario

## Main predictions:

- (1) A single WD at explosion.
- (2) A spherical explosion.
- (3) In some cases massive circumstellar matter (CSM).

In a new paper I argue that ~20% of SNe have CSM within few pc.

(Soker, N. 2019, accepted for publication by astro-ph:  
“**Common envelope to explosion delay time of type Ia supernovae**” )



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Post common envelope scenarios are:

- Core Degenerate
- Double Degenerate
- Double Detonation (some version)
- The common envelope wind single degenerate

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(3) If there is no surviving companion it is the double degenerate scenario.

**NO!** it can also be the core degenerate scenario.

# The five binary SN Ia scenarios

**Core Degenerate (CD):** WD-core merger during common envelope evolution.

**1** star at explosion. **0** survive. [Chandrasekhar mass (Mch)]

{1,0,Mch}

**Double Degenerate (DD):** WD-WD due to gravitational waves

**2** bound sub-Mch WDs at explosion. **0** survives. [Sub-Mch]

Including the hybrid model of **CO WD + HeCO WD (Yossef Zenati)**

{2,0,S-Mch}

**Double Detonation (DDet):** Helium ignites the WD.

{2,1,S-Mch}

**2:** sub-Mch WD + helium-rich star at explosion. **1** helium-rich star survives. [Sub-Mch]

Including the D6 scenario of dynamical mass transfer of He (**Ken Shen**)

**Single degenerate (SD):** Hydrogen-rich companion

{2,1,Mch}

**2:** Mch WD + hydrogen-rich star at explosion. **1** hydrogen-rich star survives. [Mch]

Including the common envelope wind SD (**Meng & Podsiadlowski 2017**)

**WD-WD collision(WWC):** Two WD collide and are ignited.

{2,0,S-Mch}

**2** unbound sub-Mch WDs at explosion. **0** survive. [Sub-Mch]



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(Doron Kushnir)

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Not easy to ignite, unless massive WDs.

But Yossef Zenati et al. showed in 2D simulations that the He CO + CO WD (hybrid model) might work. But they must show ignition in 3D.

Double Detonation (DDet): {2,1,S-Mch}

In a recent study Robert Fisher et al. showed the helium does not ignite the CO WD in the D6 scenario. But it has several strong points (e.g., Ken Shen).

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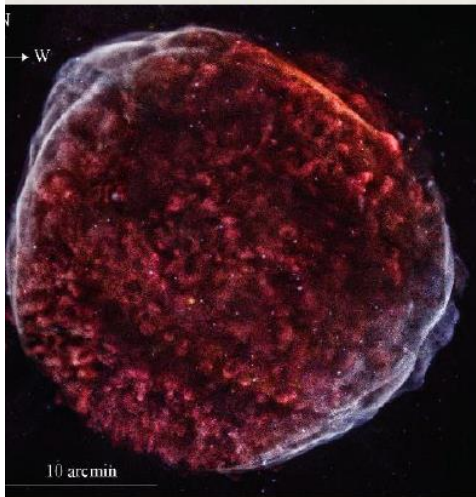
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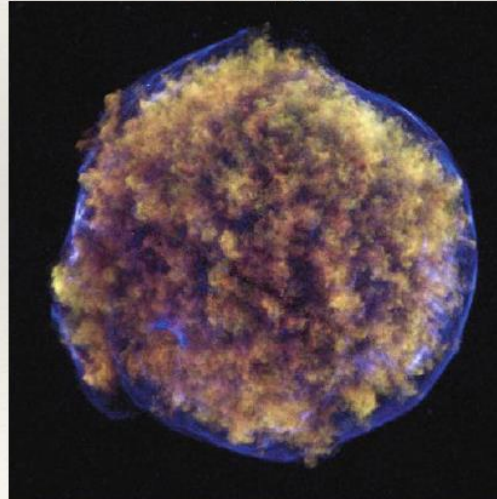
# Supernova remnants

- ❖ Roughly spherical with some protrusions
- ❖ No surviving companion

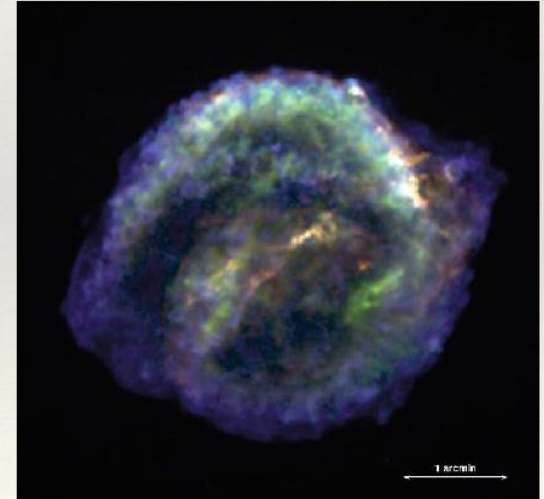
SN 1006



SN 1572 (Tycho)



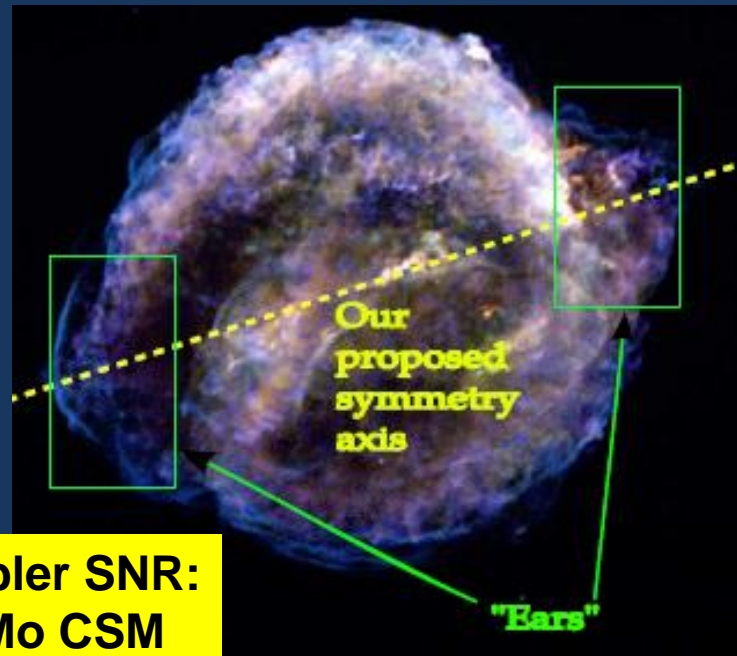
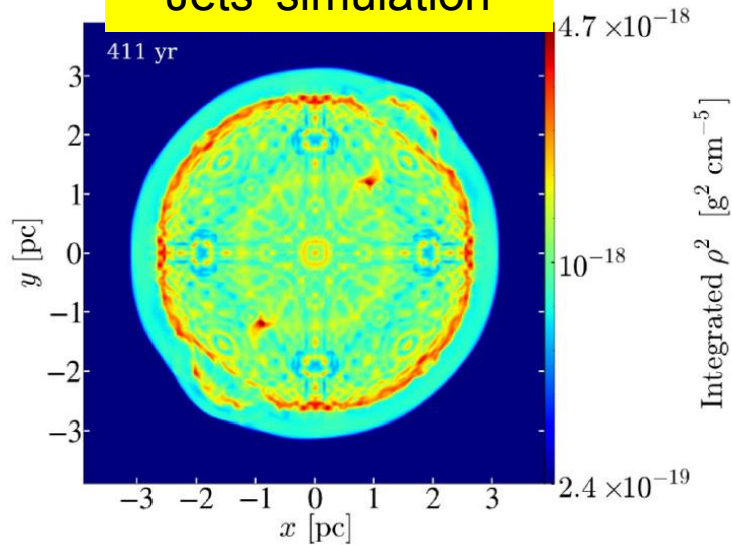
SN 1604 (Kepler)



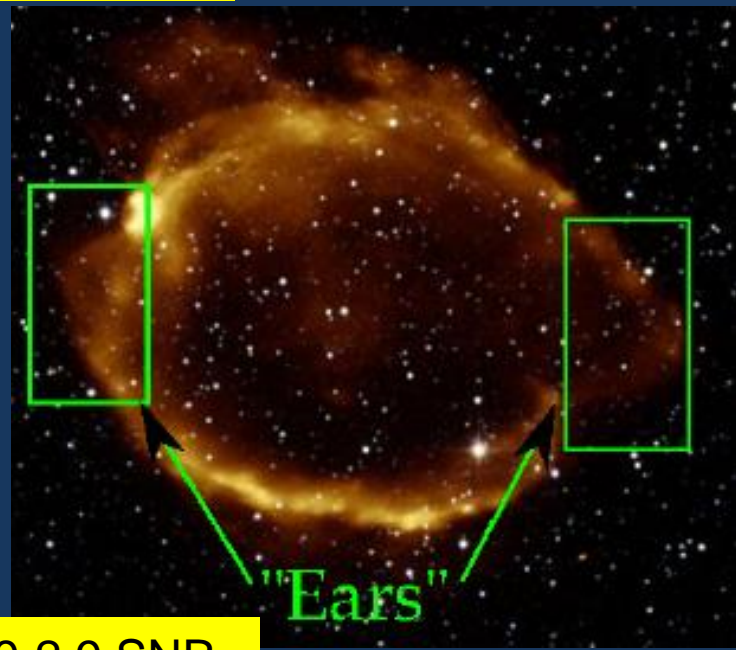
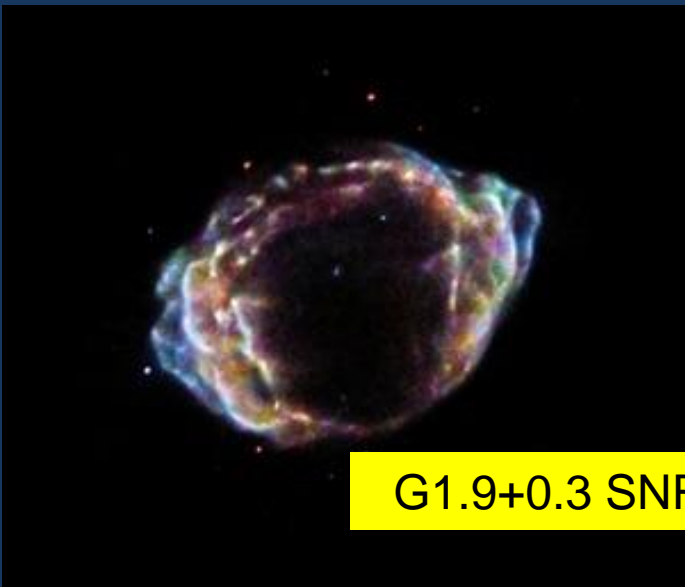
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# Ears in Type Ia SNRs

Jets' simulation



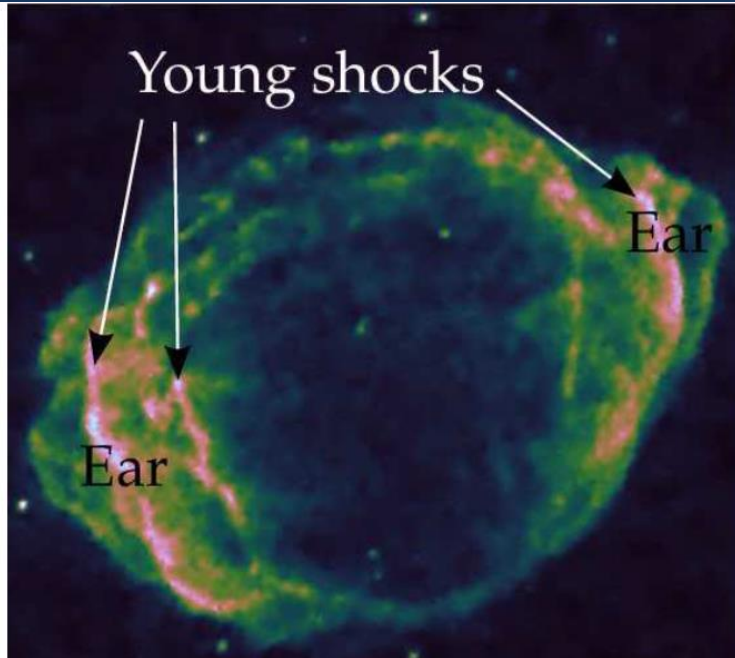
Kepler SNR:  
~1Mo CSM



G299-2.9 SNR

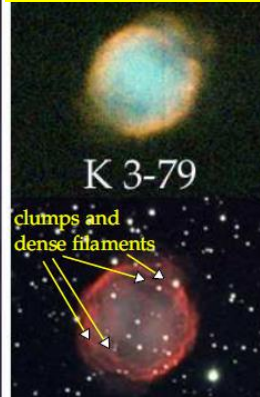


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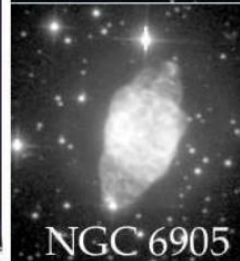


G1.9+0.3 SNR

## Planetary nebulae

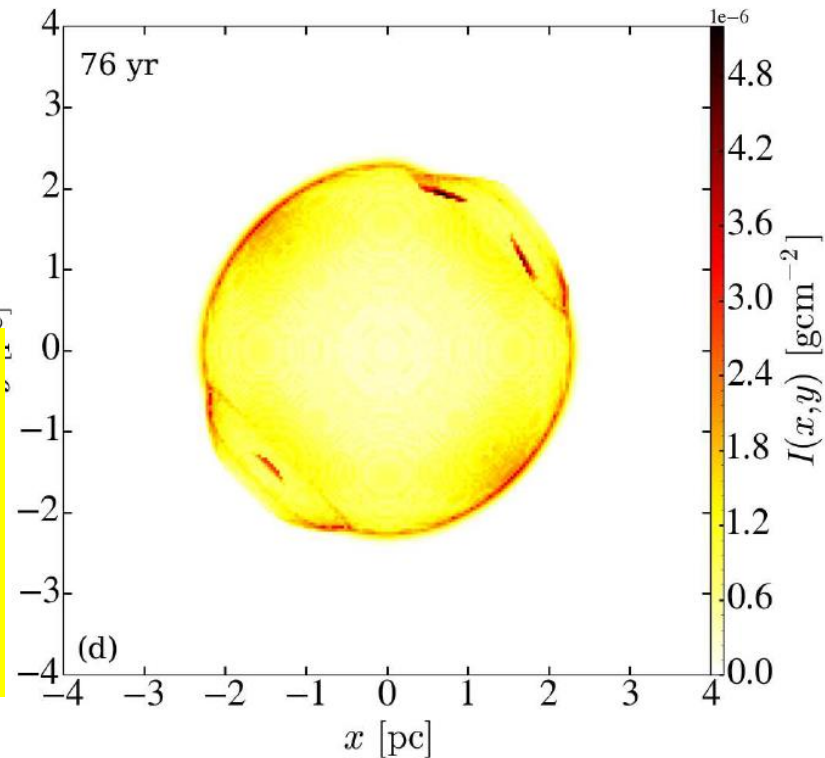


NGC 7139

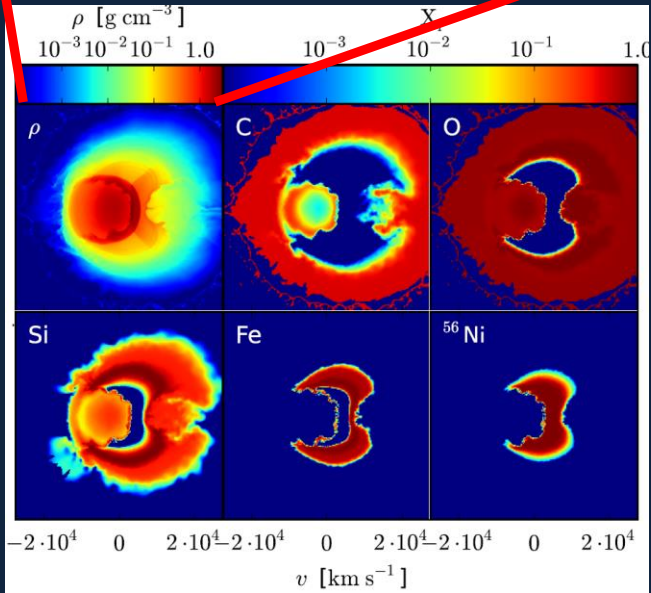
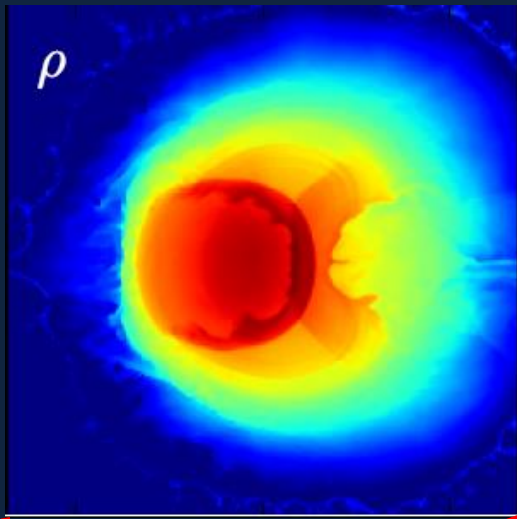


## Numerical simulations of a SN Inside a Planetary nebula (SNIP)

(from Tsebrenko, D. & Soker, N. 2015)



3D simulations of  
the DD scenario  
(Pakmor et al. 2012)



A highly non-spherical explosion

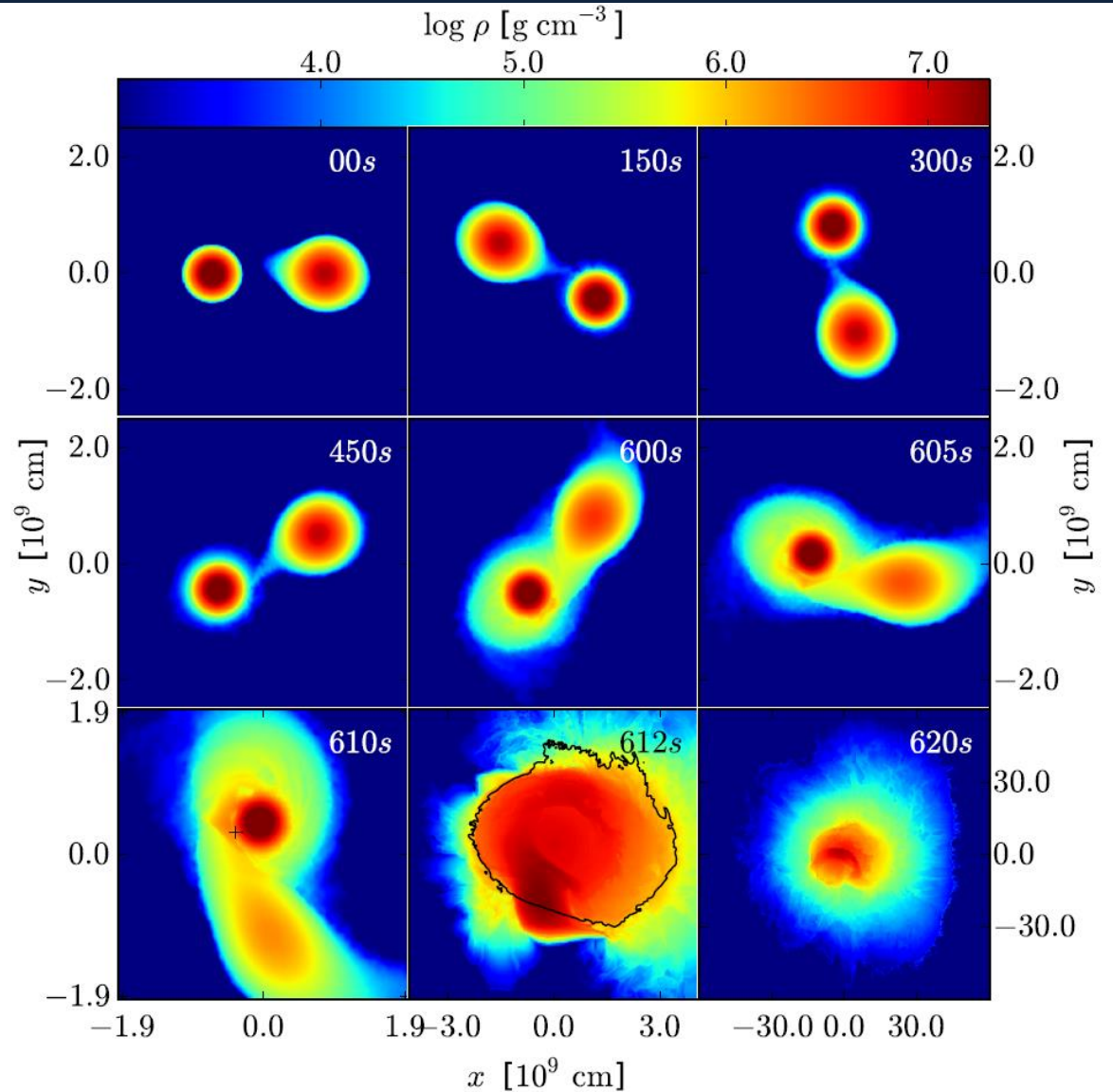
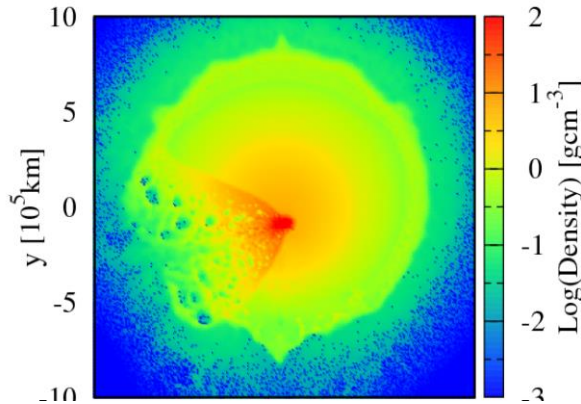


Figure 1. Snapshots of the merger of a  $1.1 M_{\odot}$  and a  $0.9 M_{\odot}$  carbon–oxygen

# The globally symmetrical explosion is a problem to the Double Detonation (DDet including D6).



The D6 scenario  
(Tanikawa, A. et al. 2018)

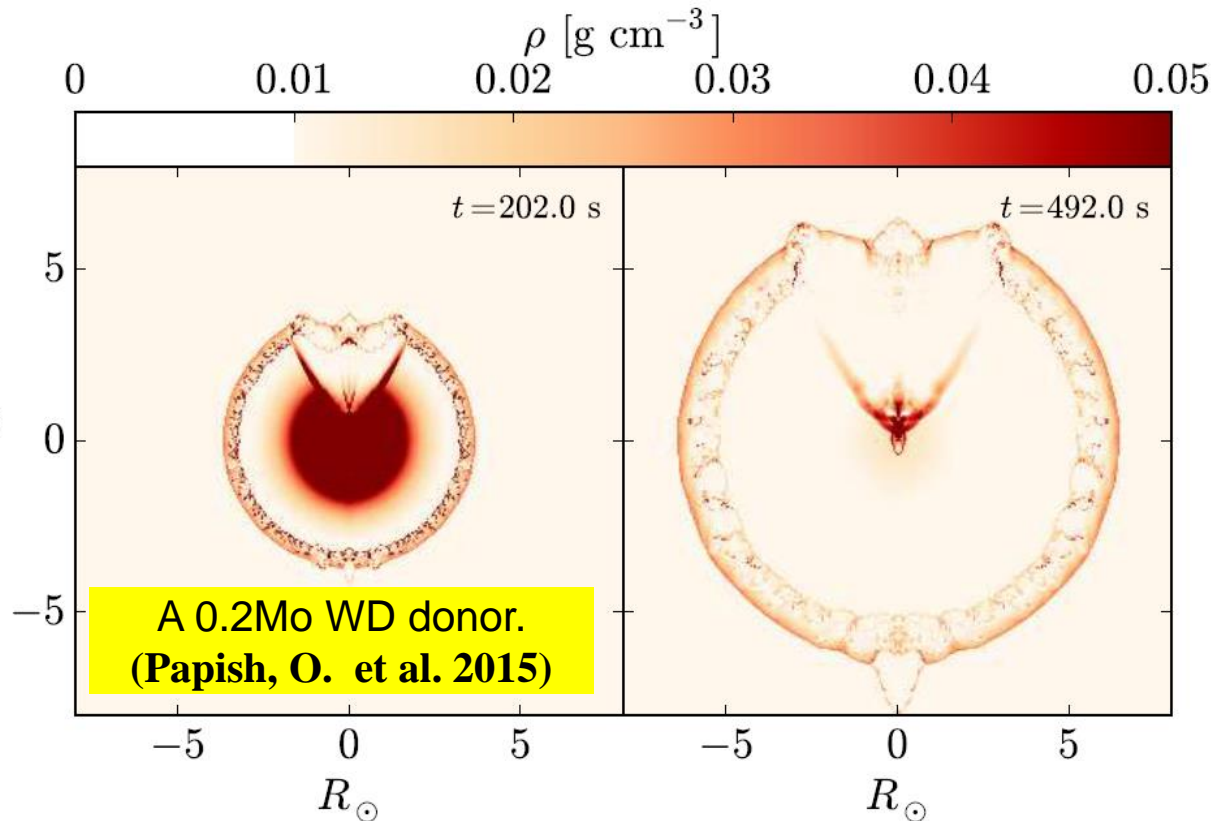


Fig. 4.— Density maps in the meridional plane at 2 late times for the case in which a  $0.2M_{\odot}$  WD is adopted. The computational grid was folded around the axis to present the entire meridional plane. A homologous expansion of the ejecta, with a Mach number  $> 10$ , has developed by the beginning of this evolutionary phase, with a dense conical surface surrounding a conical volume almost completely devoid of SN ejecta. The ambient gas



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- Only scenario that predicts spherical supernova remnant as observed in many cases
- Very small exploding star, as in SN 2011fe (also WWC)
- No surviving companion (also DD).
- Nucleosynthesis that requires Mch (also SD).

Prediction: When a WD will explode in our Galaxy, examination of old observations will reveal a single massive (Mch) WD.

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## Relevant to

Core-Degenerate (CD) (Soker, N. et al.)

Double Degenerate (DD) (all channels)

Double Detonation (Ddet) (most channels)

Common envelope channel of the SD scenario (Meng, & Podsiadlowski 2017)

# There are three delay times

**DTD** (Delay Time Distribution): **star formation to explosion.**

Relevant to all scenarios.

**CEED: Common Envelope to Explosion Delay time** (Soker 2019)

Relevant to CD, DD, DDet and the common envelope channel of the SD scenario (Meng, & Podsiadlowski 2017).

**MED: Merger/accretion to Explosion Delay time** (Soker 2018)

Merger relevant to CD ( $MED=CEED$ ), DD ( $DMED < CEED$ ), WWC ( $MED=0$ )

Accretion relevant to DDet ( $MED=0$ ) and SD

In my review paper from 2017

"Supernovae Ia in 2017: a long time delay from merger/accretion to explosion",  
**Science China Physics, Mechanics & Astronomy, 61(4), 049502, (2018)**

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About 20% of all SNe Ia occur within one million years after the common envelope ( $CEED < 1e6$  yr)

The expression for the SNe Ia rate as a function of time within a million years after the common envelope ( $CEED < 1e6$  yr) **cannot** be the one that is used for the Delay Time Distribution (DTD) long after star formation

The physical parameters of short CEED ( $CEED < 1e6$  yr) are different than those for much longer times ( $CEED > 1e7$  yr), namely, those that determine the Delay Time Distribution (DTD)

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SNR spherical	Expected	A problem	A problem	A problem	A large problem
$\approx 1M_{\odot}$ CSM in Keplers SNR + Na lines	The massive CSM might be a planetary nebula.	No CSM shell	Any CSM is of a much lower mass	Might be explained by heavy mass loss from an AGB donor.	No CSM shell
Main Scenario Predictions	1. Single WD Exp. 2. Massive CSM in some cases (SNIP)	1. Sufficient WD-WD close binaries 2. DTD $\propto 1/t$	1. Asymmetrical explosion 2. MWD $< 1.2M_{\odot}$	1. Companion survives 2. MWD $\approx M_{Ch}$	Asymmetrical explosion
<b>General Strong Characteristics</b>	1. Explains some SN Ia with H-CSM 2. Symmetric Exp.	Explains very well the delay time distribution (DTD)	Ignition achieved	1. Accreting massive WDs exist 2. Many with $\sim M_{Ch}$	1. Ignition easily achieved 2. compact object
General Difficulties	More work on 1. Ignition process 2. DTD 3. Merge during CE	1. Ignition process 2. Inflated gas around WD 3. Asymmetrical	Ejected He in some sub-scenarios	1. Cannot do DTD 2. CSM of PTF 11kx too massive *The common envelope wind SD works (Meng, & Podsiadlowski 2017)	Cannot reproduce manganese
<b>Severe Difficulties</b>			1. MWD $< 1.2M_{\odot}$ 2. Highly asymmetrical Exp.	1. Too few systems 2. No companions 3. No H observed	1. $< 1\%$ of SN Ia 2. Highly asymmetrical Exp.
<b>This study:</b> MED <sup>[f]</sup>	MED is built-in	Must include MED $\gtrsim 10^5$ yr	MED is problematic with helium accretion	2+3 are solved for MED $\gtrsim 10^7$ yr; problem 1 stays	MED is impossible
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