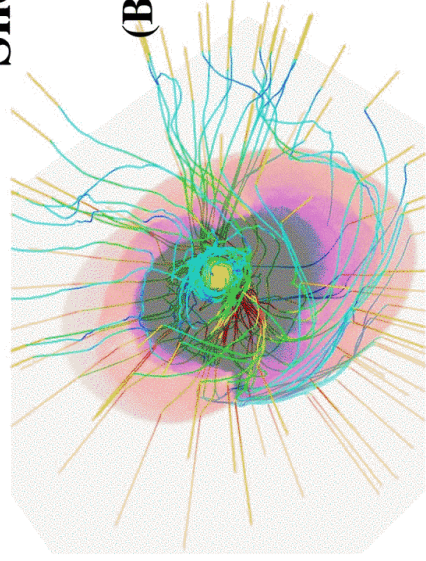




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# SASI: The Spherical Accretion Shock Instability



(Beware of Multi-D)

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## Outline...

- Define shock models in context of supernova theory
- Quantifying the SASI with 2D models
- What is the SASI
- What happens in 3D
- After the supernova

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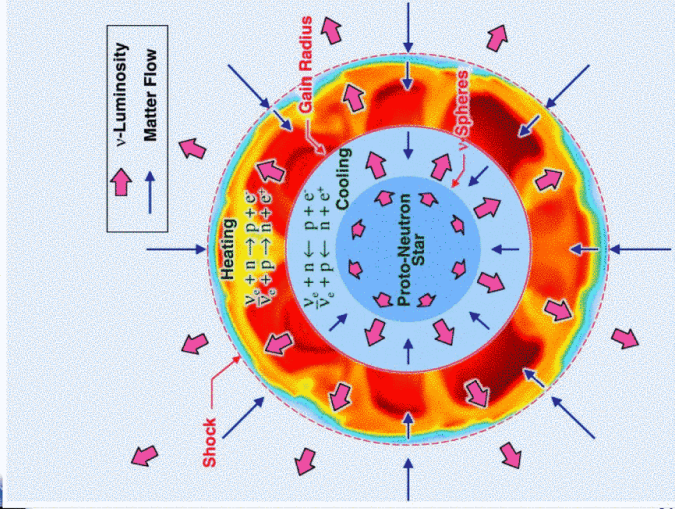
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# Anatomy of a Core-Collapse Supernova

The last decade has seen a great deal of interest in multidimensional effects:

- Convection with the proto-neutron star
- Neutrino-driven convection below the stalled shock
- Instability of the stalled shock

**All of these may operate together!**

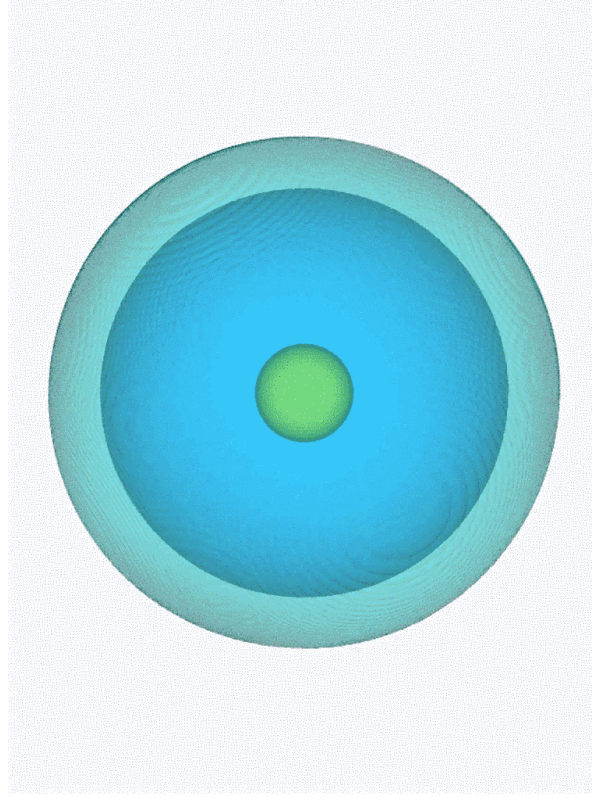


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## Modeling post-bounce shock



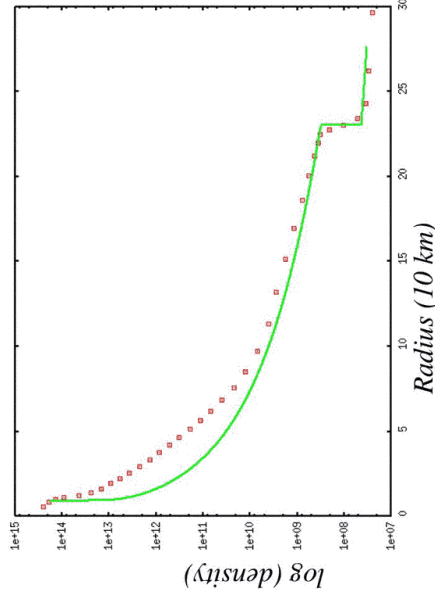
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An analytic solution is provided by Houck & Chevalier (1992).

- Reflecting inner boundary
- Adiabatic gas with  $\gamma = 4/3$
- Cooling proportional to  $T^{10}$
- Convectively stable

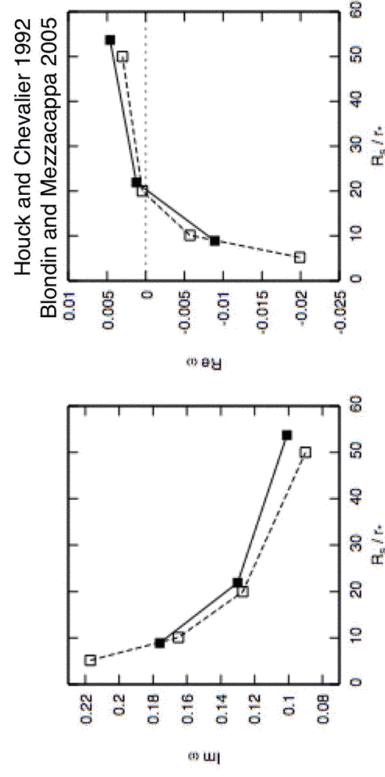


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## SN Code Verification



This post-bounce model provides an opportunity to verify supernova codes against the results of a linear perturbation analysis.

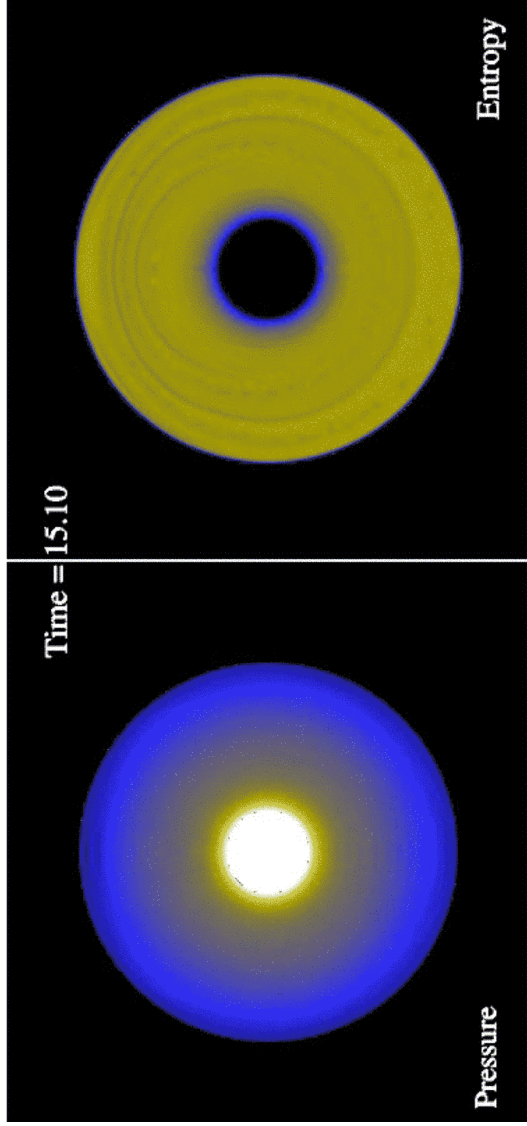
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### Spherical Accretion Shock Instability

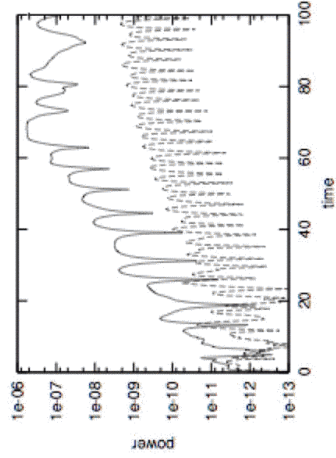


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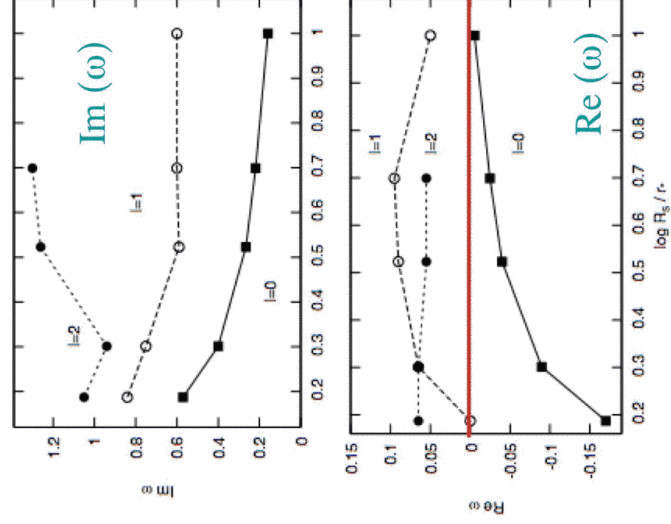
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Track the growth of global modes and fit with  $e^{\omega t}$ .



VH-1, ZeusMP, V2D

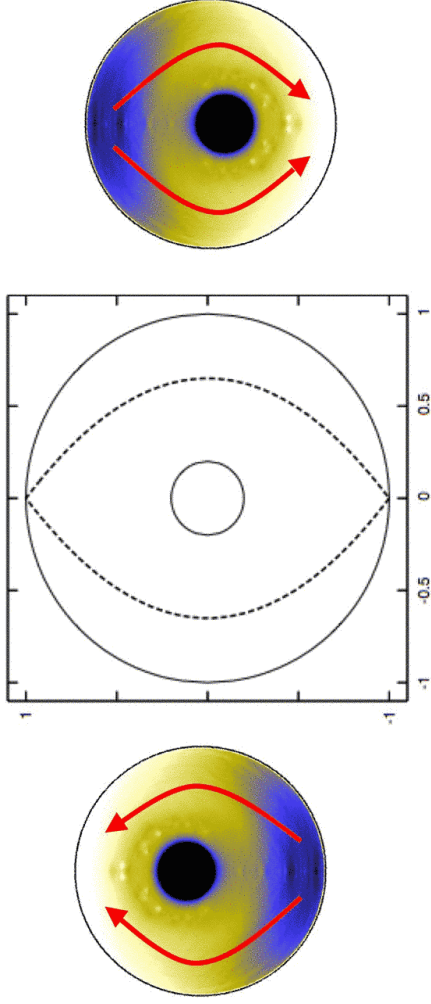


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The SASI is a global acoustic mode.

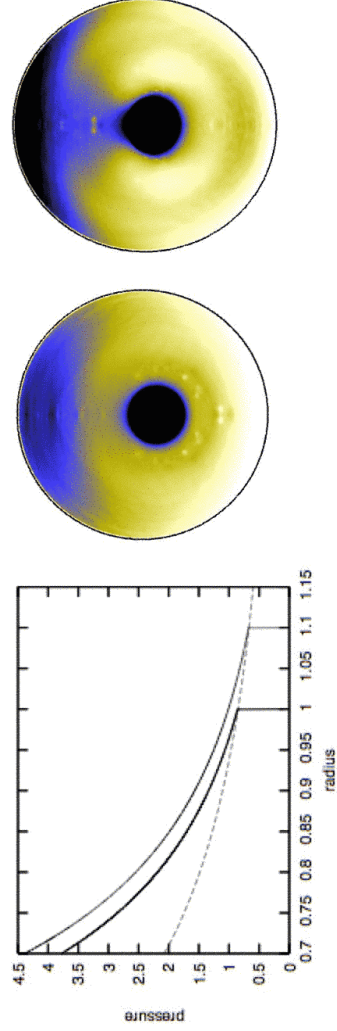


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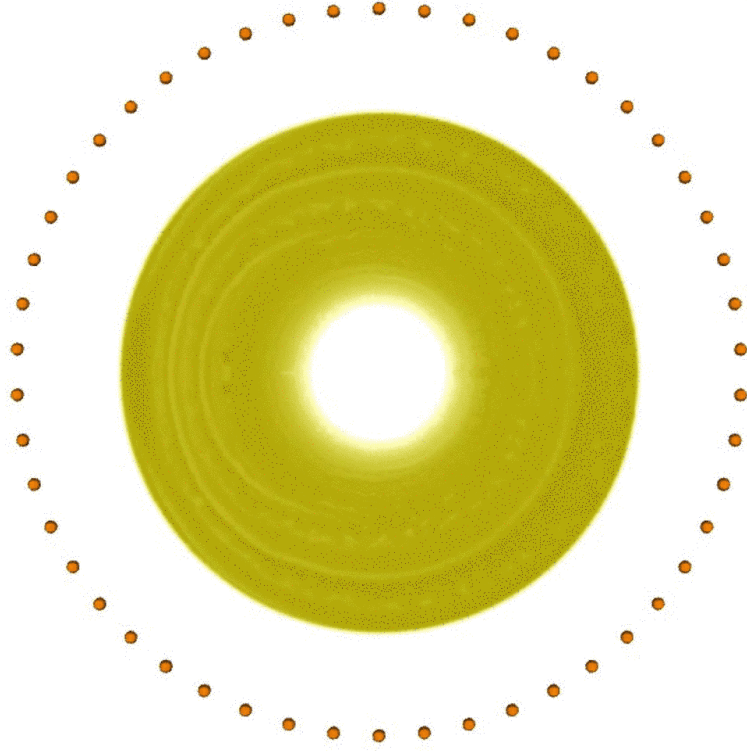
SASI is driven by dynamic response of the shock.



- Pressure pushes shock out
- Lower ram pressure at shock
- HIGHER pressure at fixed radius

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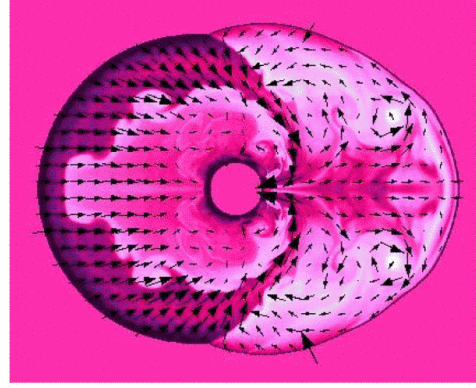


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Bulk flow and entropy variations  
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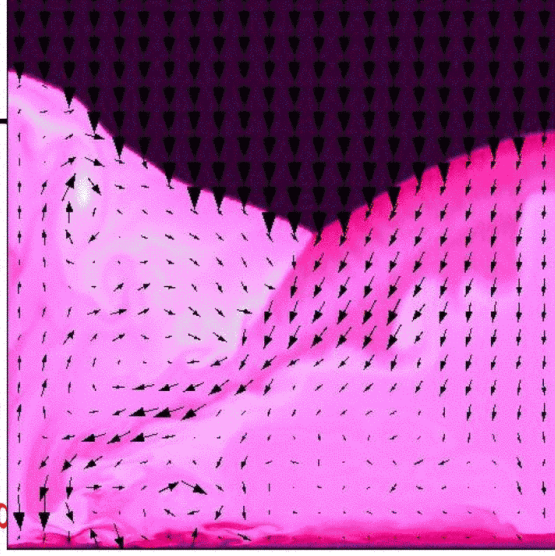


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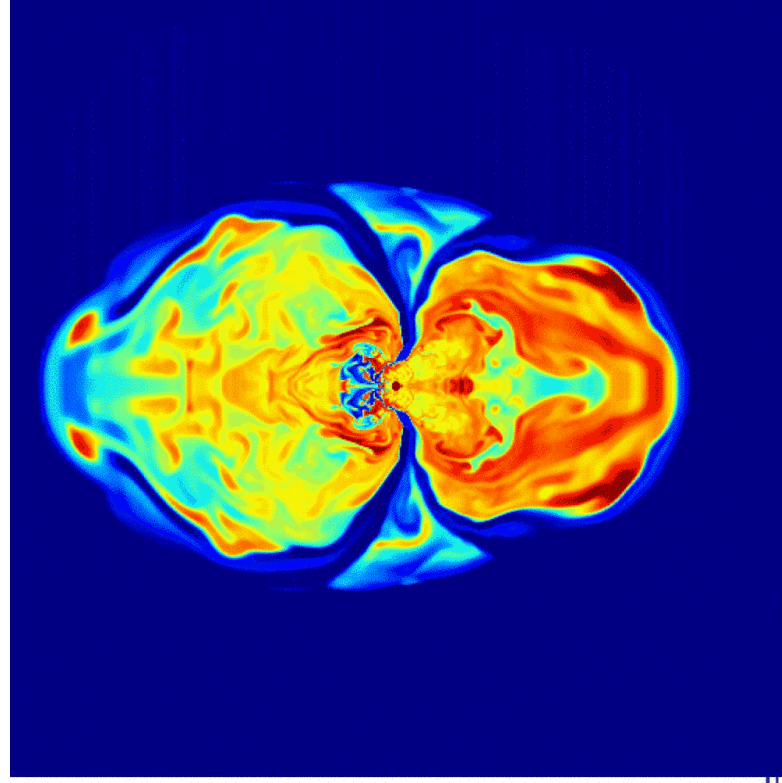


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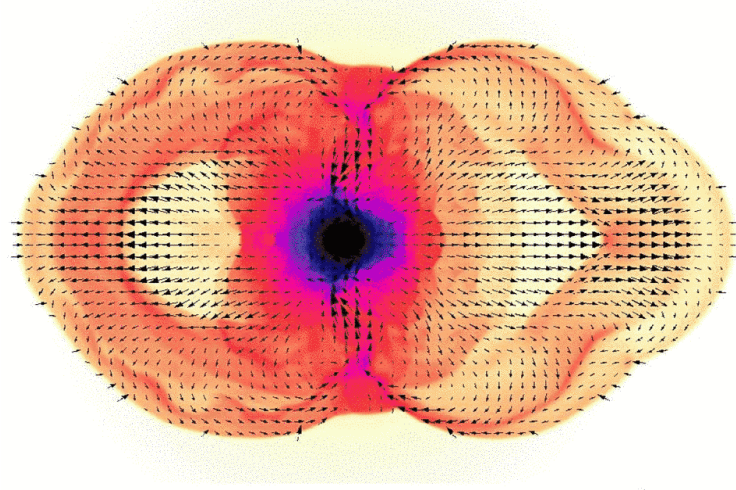




## Must move to 3D!

This initial SASI discovery with axisymmetric 2D simulations pointed to the obvious need for models in full 3D.

To better understand the challenges of 3D, let us first look at the process of discovery for the initial 2D models.



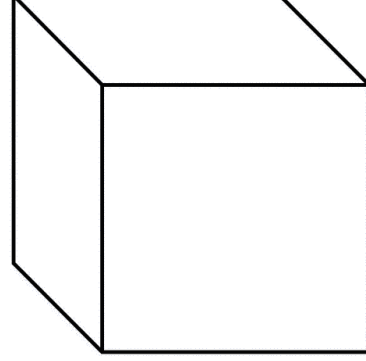

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Is this all an artifact of the imposed symmetry?



- 3D models in a cartesian box
- Inner boundary conditions replaced by an absorbing sphere

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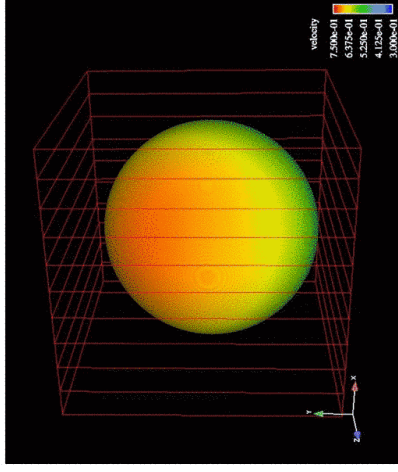
## Visualization of TB Datasets is non-trivial



Stepping up the simulations to 3D was simple, dealing with the increased volume of data was not.

Data is sliced into slabs and stored on local disks on the cluster nodes.

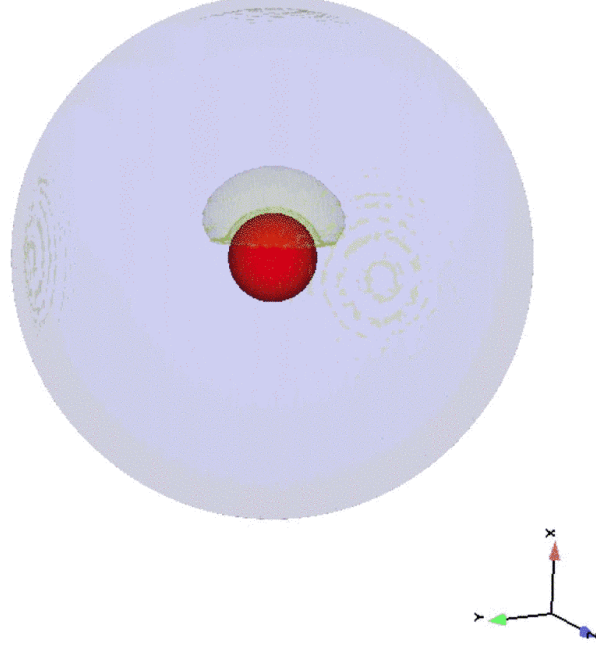
EnSight Gold provides an easy visualization solution, including remote client-server operation and collaboration.




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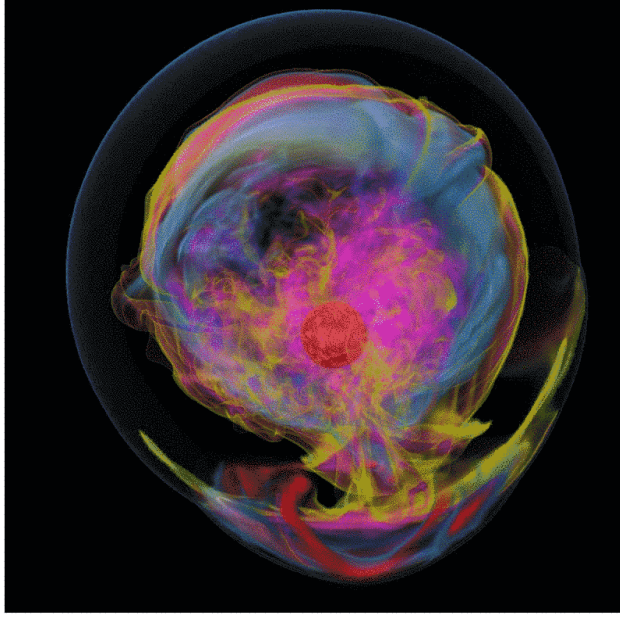

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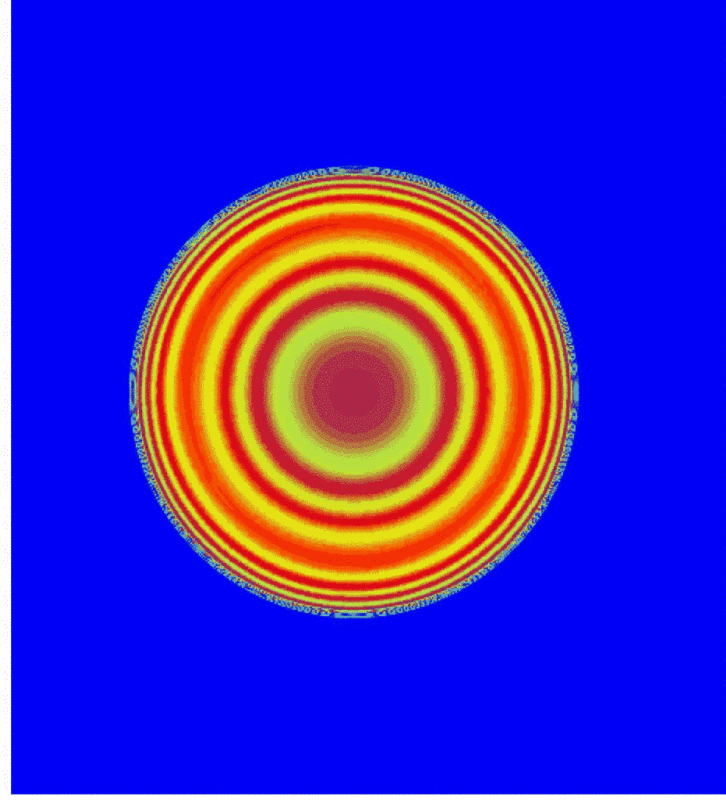
The  $l=1$  SASI mode grows up out of random acoustic noise. If the random seed is changed, the same axisymmetric mode develops, but oriented along a different random axis.



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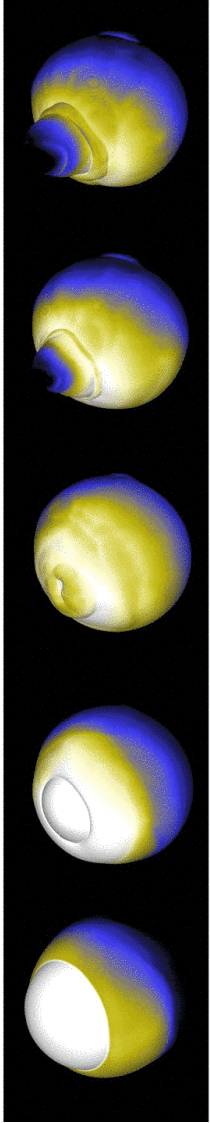
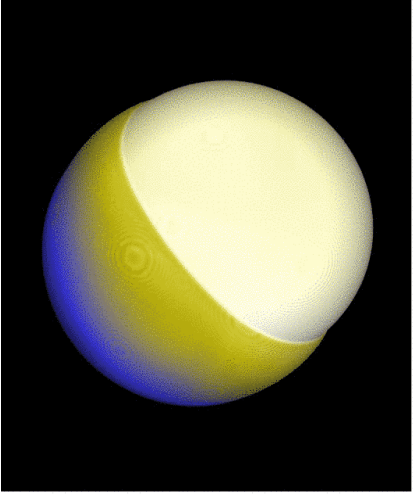
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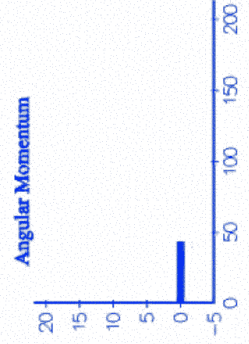
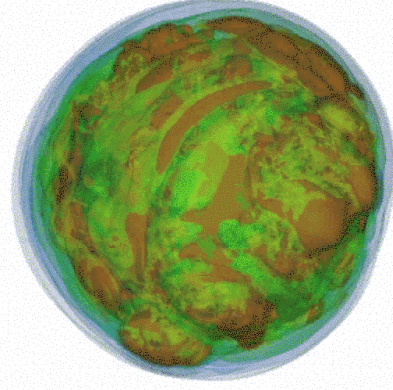


Once the SASI becomes nonlinear, axisymmetry is broken within a few oscillations.



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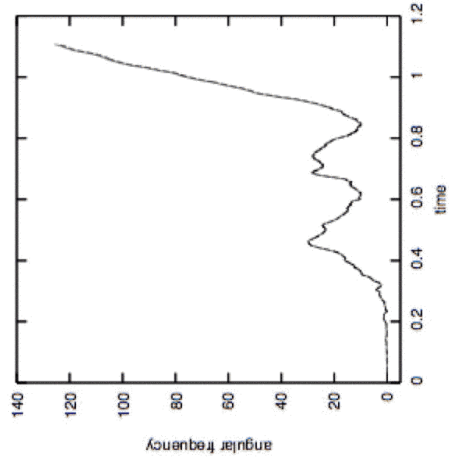
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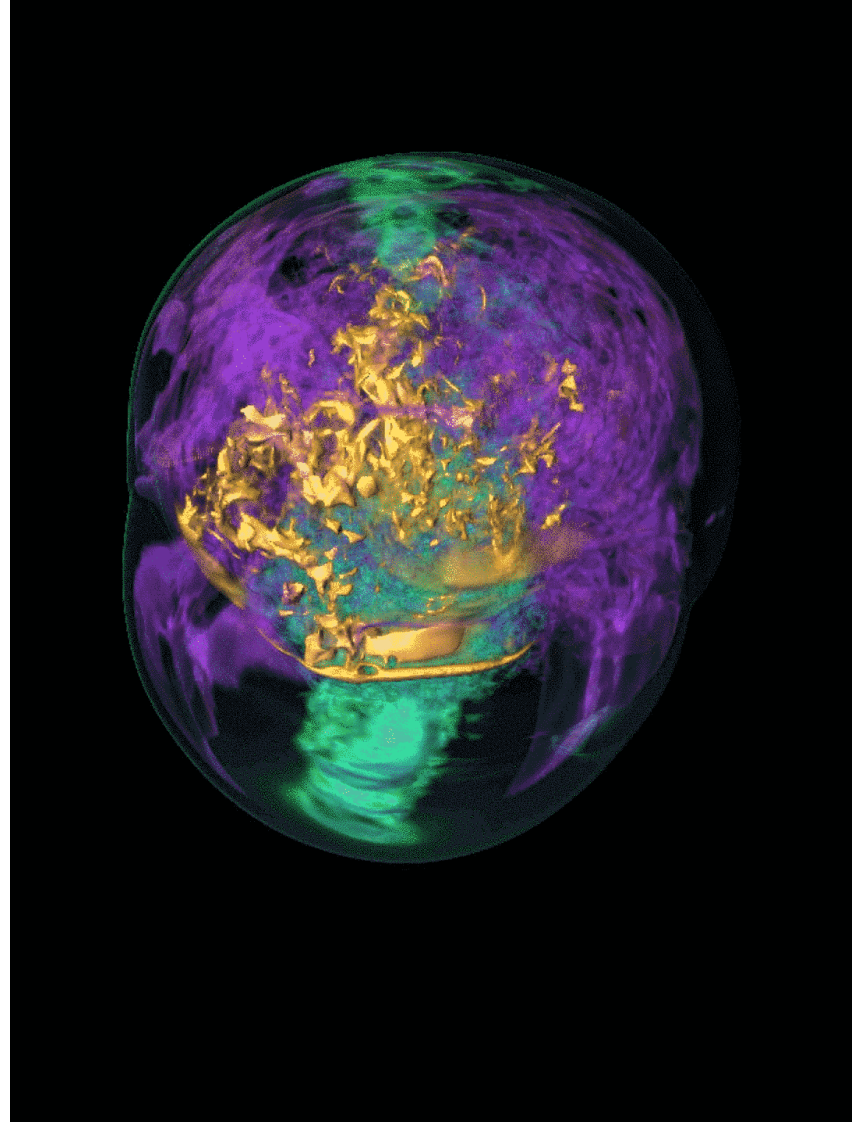
The total angular momentum remains zero, but the angular momentum accretion rate onto the central star can be significant.

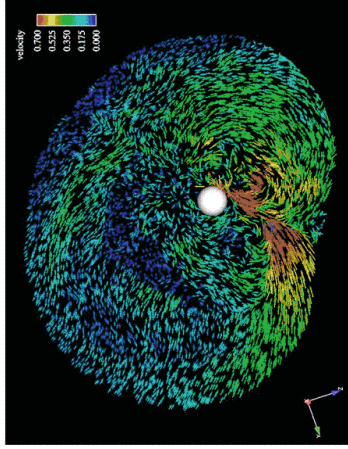
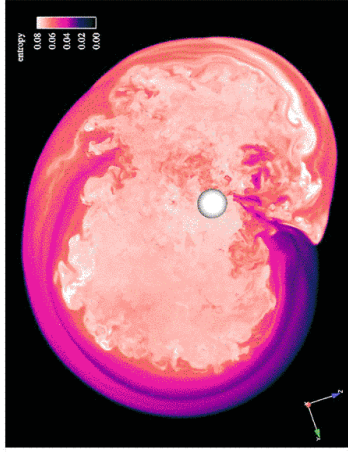
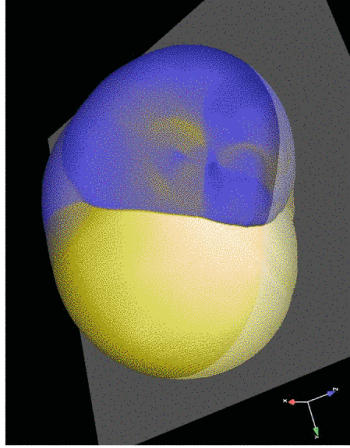


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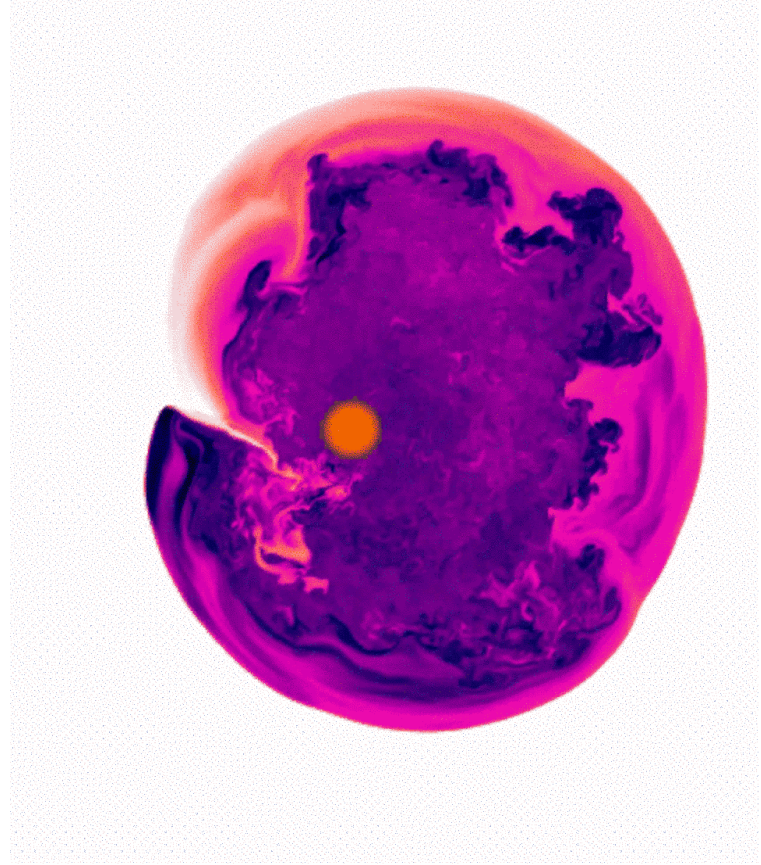
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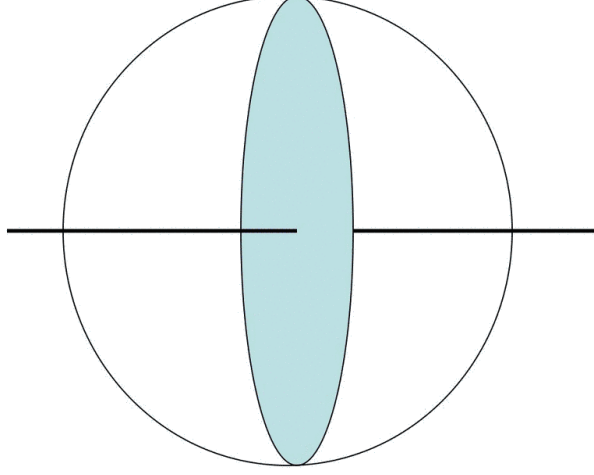


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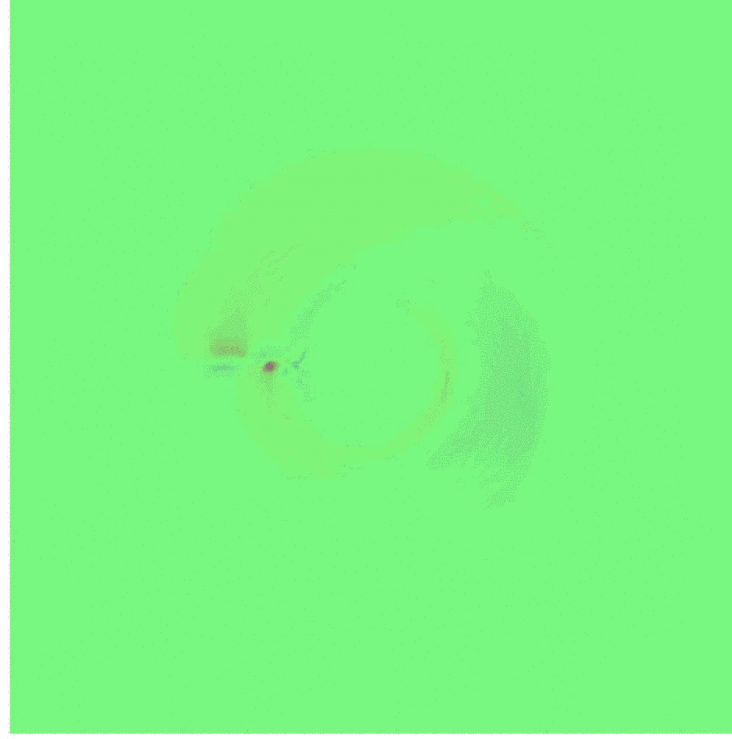
We (Samantha Shaw),  
are using 2D simulations  
of flow in the equatorial  
plane to capture the non-  
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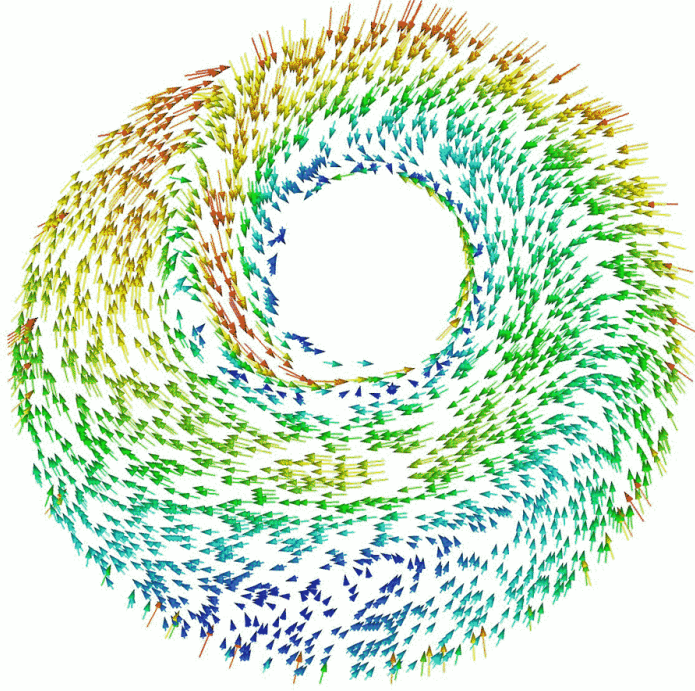


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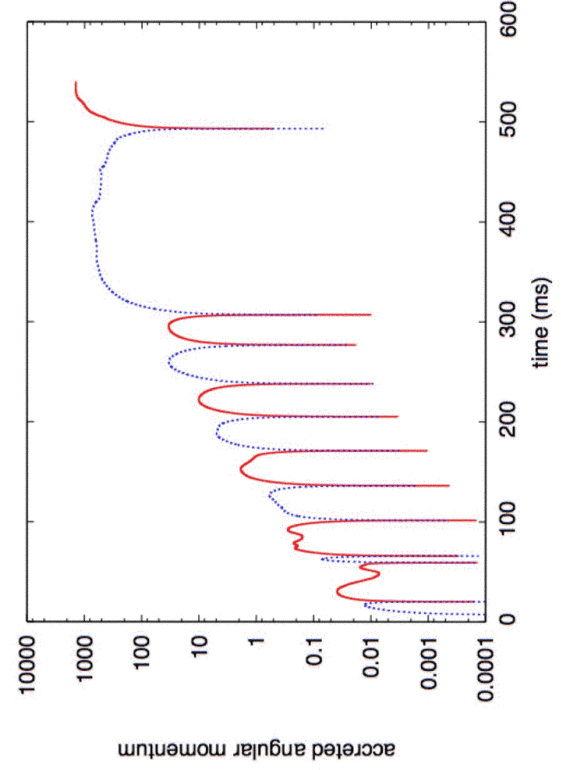
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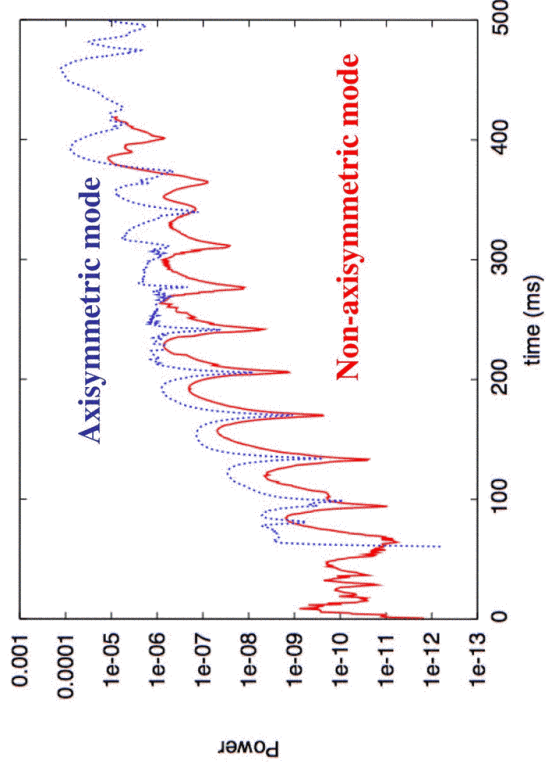
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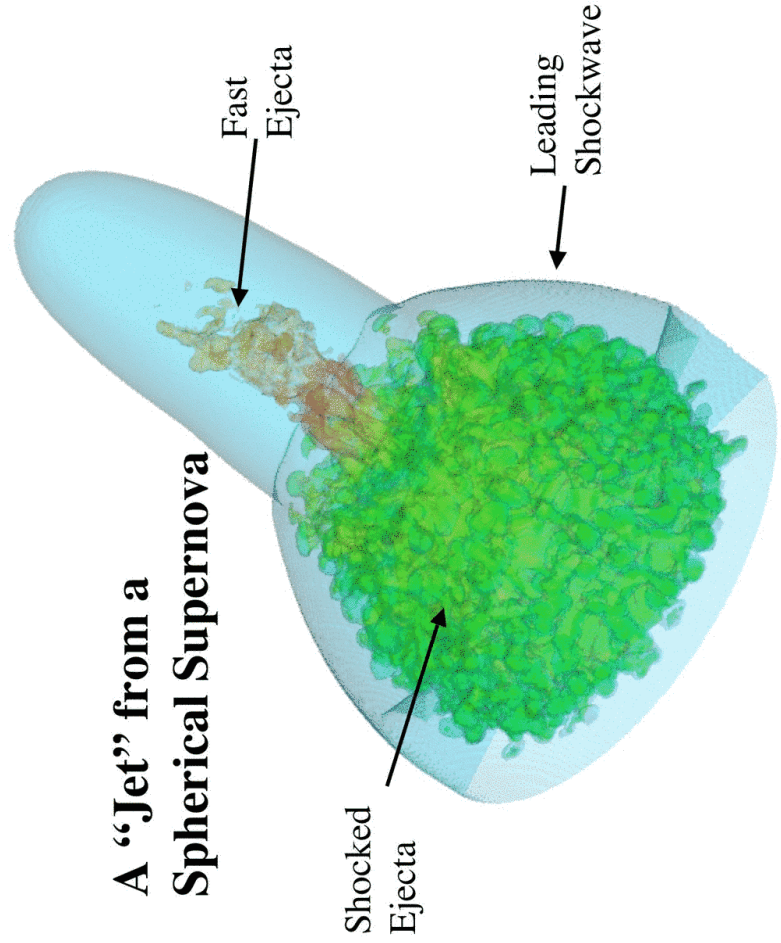
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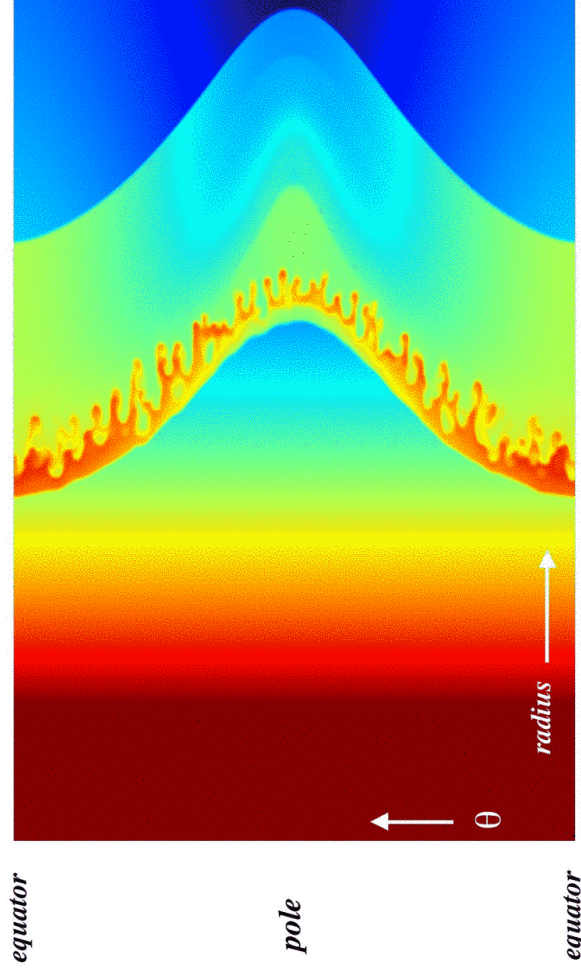
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### A "Jet" from a Spherical Supernova



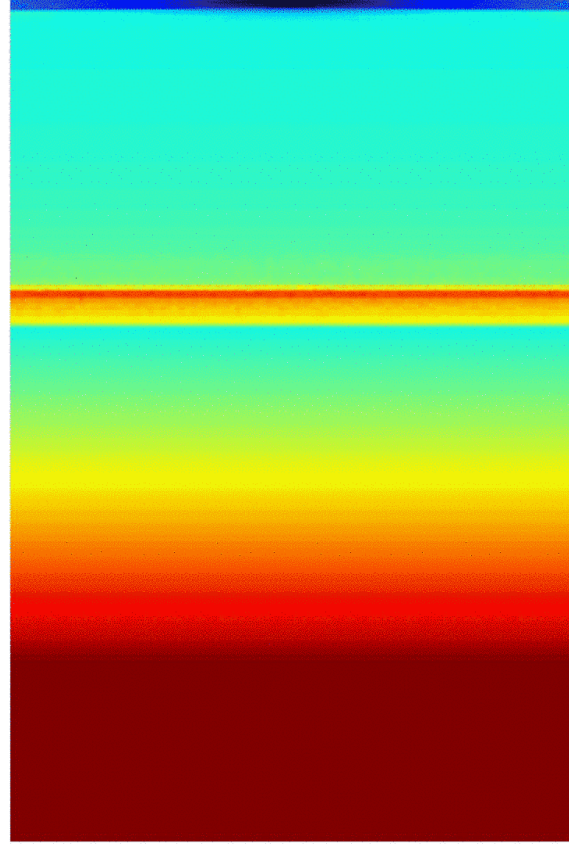


Spherically symmetric SN ejecta evolving into an axisymmetric circumstellar medium.



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