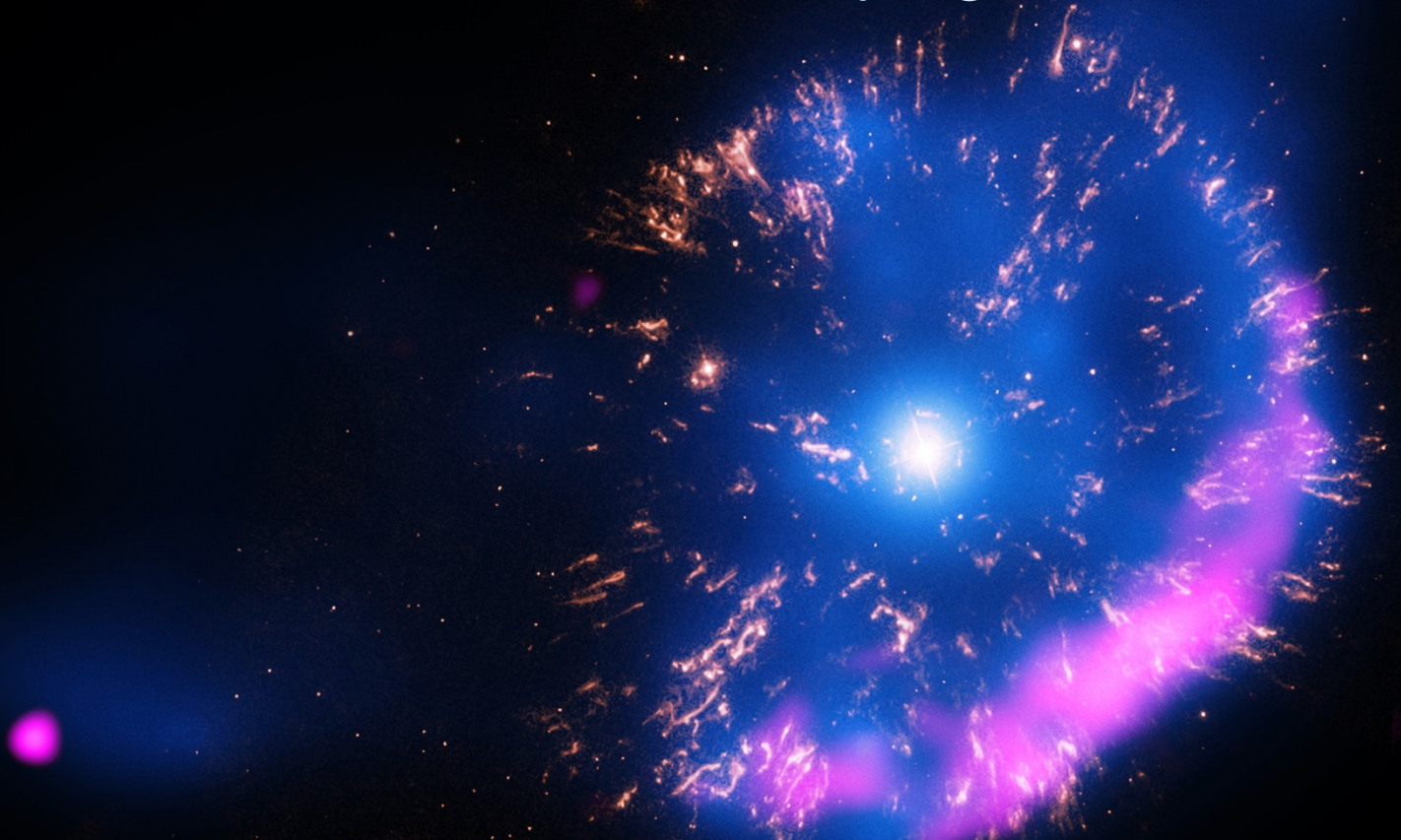


# Classical (and Recurrent) Novae and the Mass of the Underlying White Dwarf



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## **A Roadmap for Today's Talk:**

What are classical novae

What do/don't we know about novae?

What is the connection (if any) between novae and (type Ia) supernovae?

# I. Introduction – Classical Novae in a Nutshell

A **nova** is a **thermonuclear explosion** driven by mass transfer onto a **WD** in a close binary system ( $P_{\text{orb}} \sim 1 - 10$  hr). They have been observed in all  $\lambda$ 's (but **detected** in  **$\gamma$ -rays** only at  $E > 100$  MeV)

Moderate **rise times** ( $< 1 - 2$  days),

$$L_{\text{Peak}} \sim 10^4 - 10^5 L_{\odot}$$

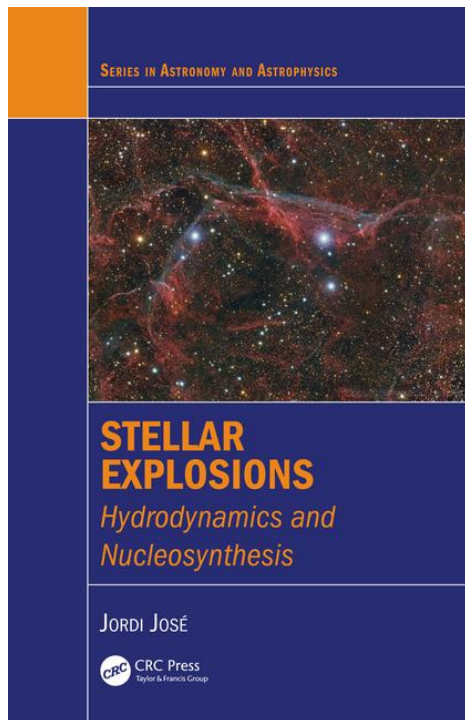
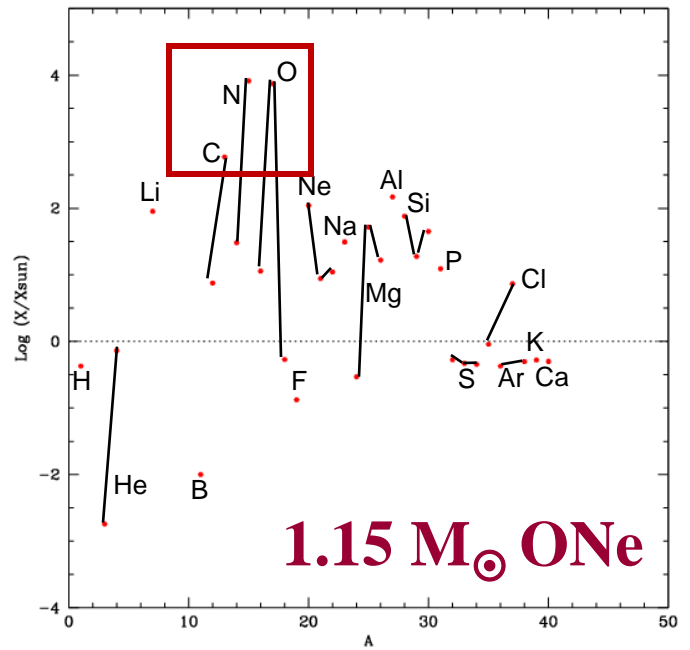
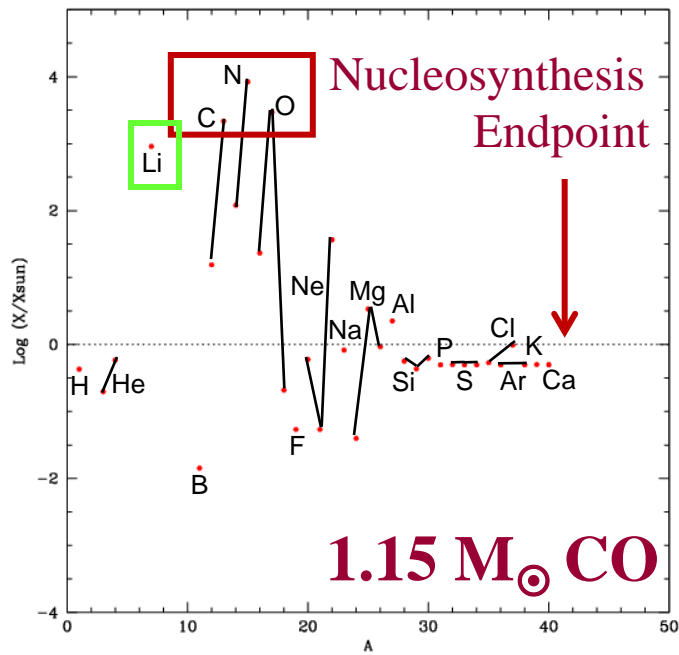
$$E_{\text{output}} \sim 10^{45} \text{ ergs} = \mathbf{1 \mu\text{FOE}}$$

**WD + MS** (often, K-M dwarfs), **WD + RG**

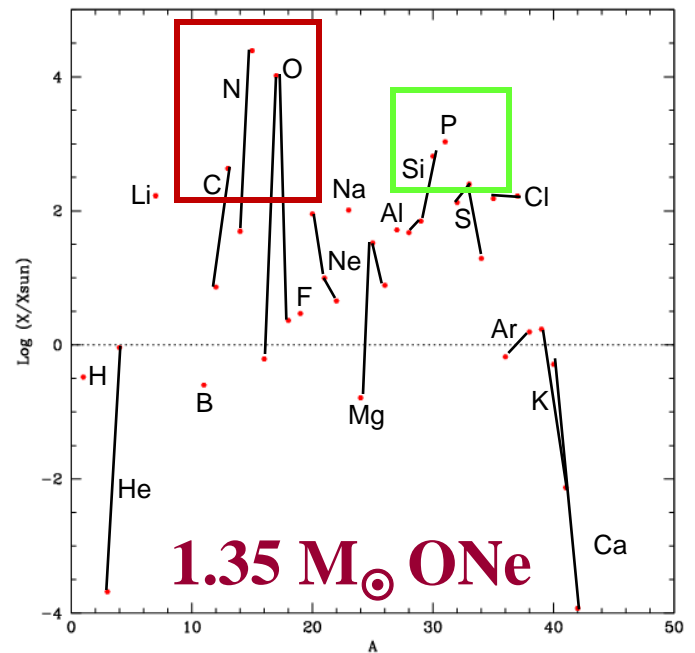
**Mass ejected:**  $10^{-7} - 10^{-4} M_{\odot}$   
( $\sim 10^3 \text{ km s}^{-1}$ )

**Recurrence:**  $\sim 1 - 100$  yr (RNe) –  
 $10^5$  yr (CNe)

**Frequency:**  $30 \pm 10 \text{ yr}^{-1}$   
[Obs.  $\sim 10 \text{ yr}^{-1}$ ]



JJ (2016)



## Presolar Grains and Dust

Evidence for **dust formation** (IR) accompanying nova outbursts



Gehrz et al. (1998)

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### GRAINS OF ANOMALOUS ISOTOPIC COMPOSITION FROM NOVAE

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Isotopic peculiarities:  $^{13}\text{C}$ ,  $^{14}\text{C}$ ,  $^{18}\text{O}$ ,  $^{22}\text{Na}$ ,  $^{26}\text{Al}$ ,  $^{30}\text{Si}$

Nova	Year	$V_{\infty}$ ( $\text{km s}^{-1}$ )	Types of Dust Formed <sup>b</sup>
FH Ser .....	1970	560	C
V1229 Aql .....	1970	575	C
V1301 Aql .....	1975	...	C
V1500 Cyg <sup>a</sup> .....	1975	1180	...
NQ Vul .....	1976	750	C
V4021 Sgr .....	1977	...	C
LW Ser .....	1978	1250	C
V1668 Cyg .....	1978	1300	C
V1370 Aql <sup>d</sup> .....	1982	2800	C; SiC; SiO <sub>2</sub>
GQ Mus .....	1983	600	No dust
PW Vul .....	1984 #1	285	C
QU Vul <sup>a</sup> .....	1984 #2	1–5000	SiO <sub>2</sub>
OS And <sup>b*</sup> .....	1986	900	C?
V1819 Cyg <sup>a</sup> .....	1986	1000	No dust
V842 Cen .....	1986	1200	C; SiC; HC
V827 Her <sup>a</sup> .....	1987	1000	C
V4135 Sgr .....	1987	500	...
QV Vul .....	1987	700	C; SiO <sub>2</sub> ; HC; SiC
LMC 1988 #1 .....	1988 #1	800	C?
LMC 1988 #2 .....	1988 #2	1500	...
V2214 Oph .....	1988	500	...
V838 Her .....	1991	3500	C
V1974 Cyg <sup>a</sup> .....	1992	2250	No dust
V705 Cas .....	1993	840	C; HC; SiO <sub>2</sub>
Aql 1995 <sup>a</sup> .....	1995	1510	C

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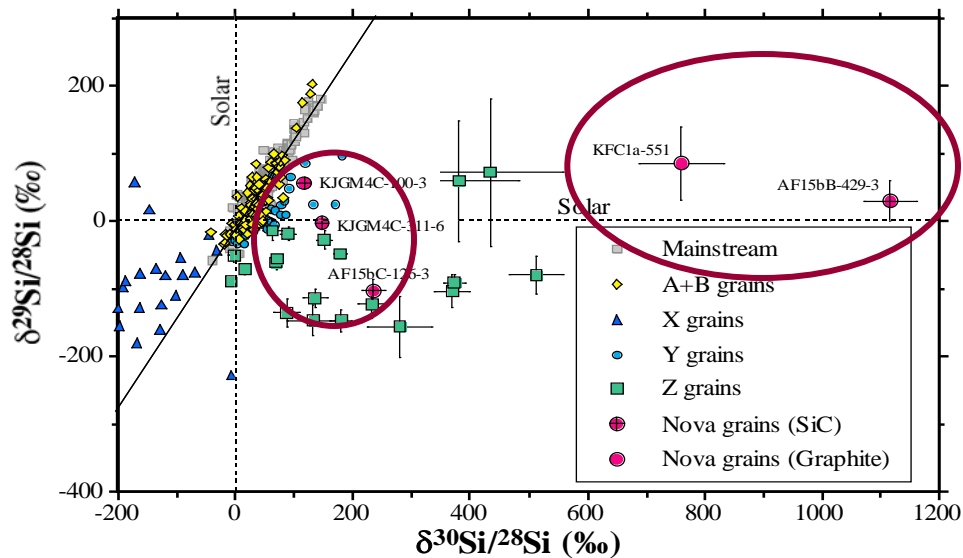
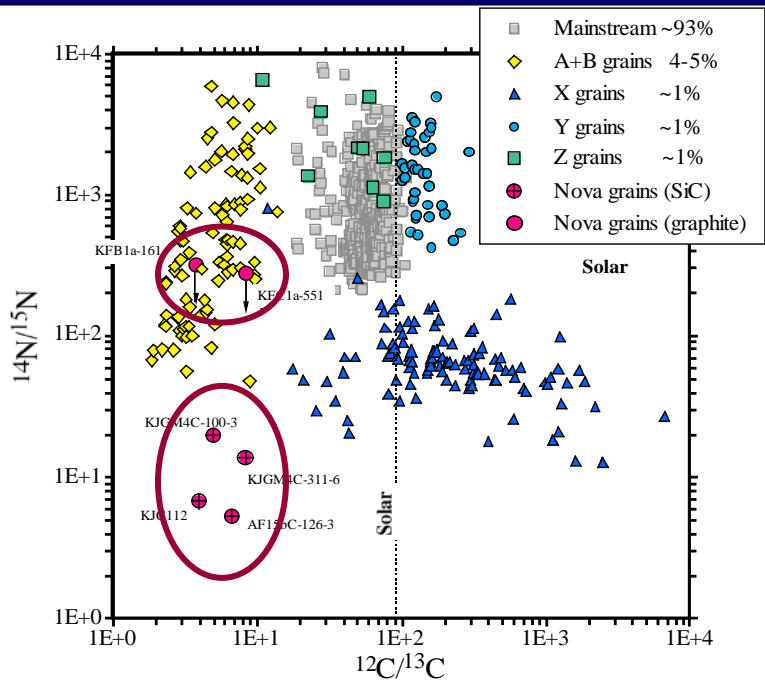
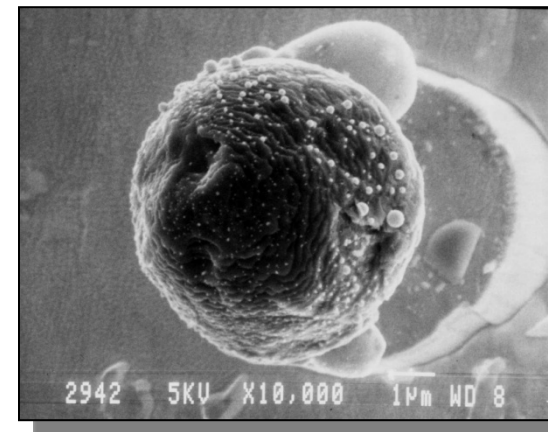
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## Presolar Grains



Novae may have contributed to the inventory of **presolar grains**

**\* identification of 18 presolar nova candidates**

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## On Presolar Stardust Grains from CO Classical Novae

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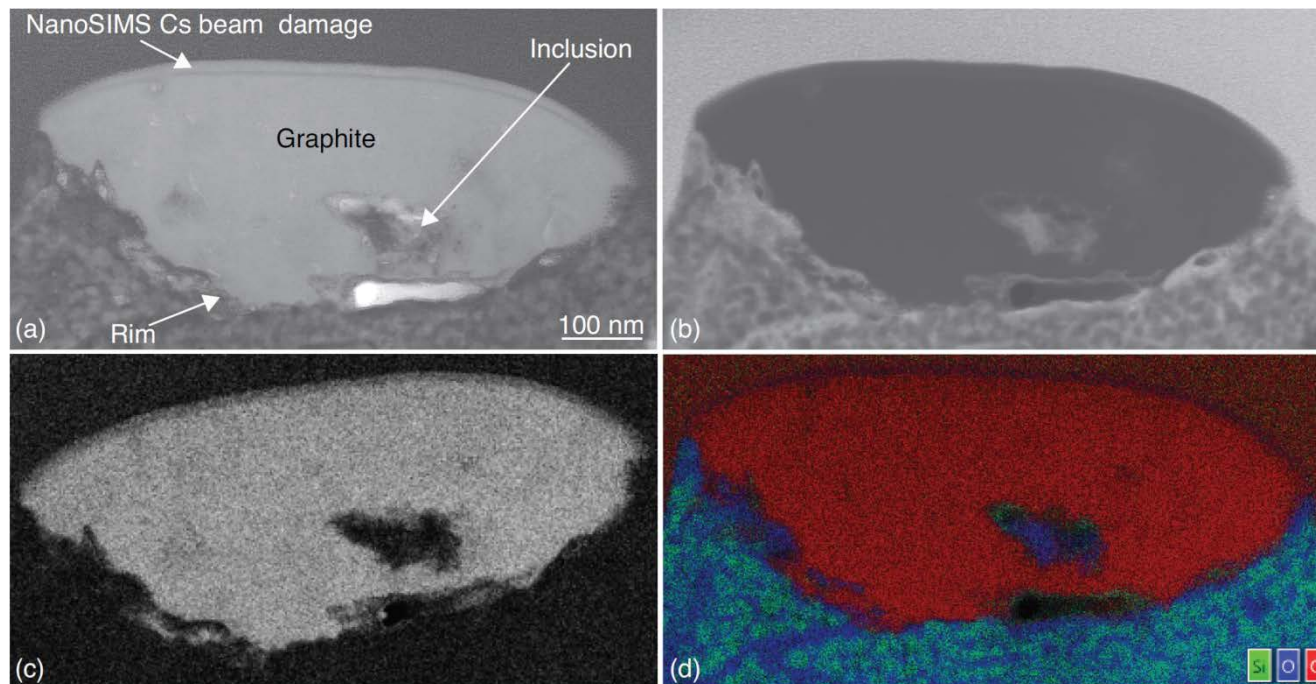
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# Laboratory evidence for co-condensed oxygen- and carbon-rich meteoritic stardust from nova outbursts

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## The Recurrent Nova ID Card

- **long period binaries**: very homogeneous class (WD + RG)  
ex: **RS Oph**
- **short period binaries**: heterogeneous class (WD + MS)  
→ Subclasses: **U Sco, CI Aql, T Pyx** [[Anupama 2007](#)]

**Recurrence time**: 1 – 100 yr

$M_{\text{acc}} \sim 10^{-7} - 10^{-8} M_{\odot} \text{ yr}^{-1}$

$M_{\text{WD}}$  close to Chandrasekhar limit (RS Oph, U Sco)

NOT all the accreted material is ejected → **SN Ia progenitors**

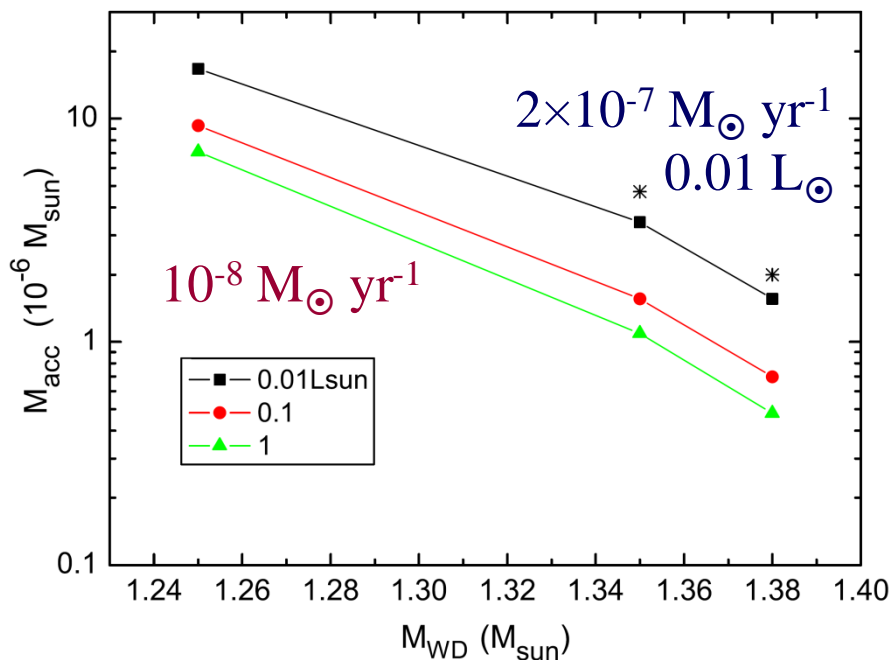
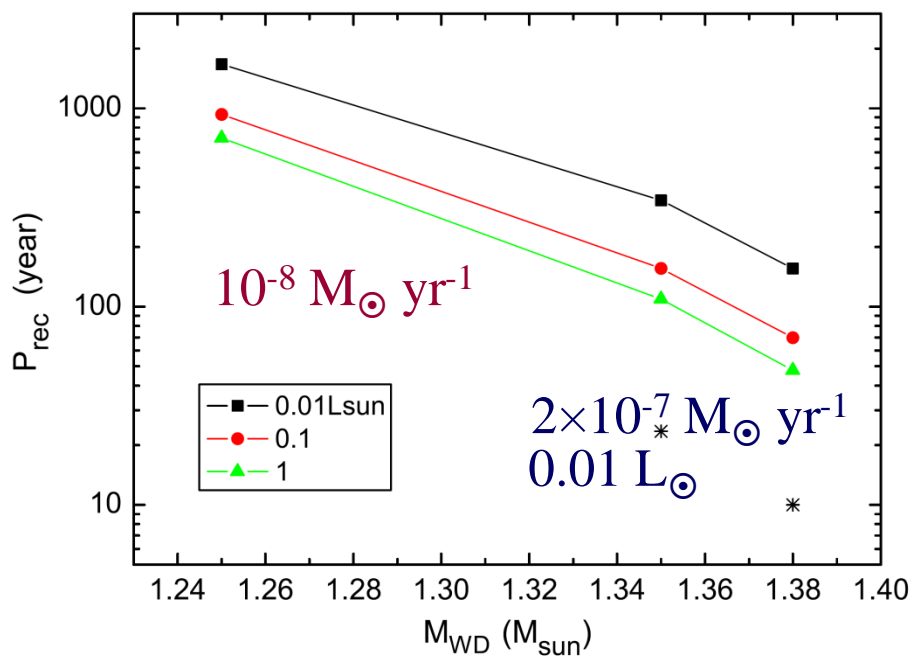
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$M_{\text{WD}}$	$T_{\text{peak}}$	$M_{\text{acc}}$	$M_{\text{ej}}$	$t_{\text{acc}}$	$t_{\text{rec}}$	$\Delta M_{\text{wd}}$	$\Delta t_{\text{Chandra}}$
$L_{\text{ini}} = 10^{-2} L_{\odot}; \dot{M} = 2 \times 10^{-7} M_{\odot}/\text{year}$							
1.35	2.8	4.7E-6	3.0E-6	23.3	24	1.7E-6	6.9E5
1.38	3.1	2.0E-6	1.3E-6	10.0	10.4	0.7E-6	2.9E5
$L_{\text{ini}} = 10^{-2} L_{\odot}; \dot{M} = 10^{-8} M_{\odot}/\text{year}$							
1.38	3.0	1.6E-6	1.1E-6	156	157	4.1E-7	7.6E6
$L_{\text{ini}} = 1 L_{\odot}; \dot{M} = 10^{-8} M_{\odot}/\text{year}$							
1.38	2.5	4.8E-7	4.0E-7	47.8	57.6	7.7E-8	1.2E7

Hernanz & JJ (2008), New Astr. Rev.



## II. Current Challenges in Nova Modeling

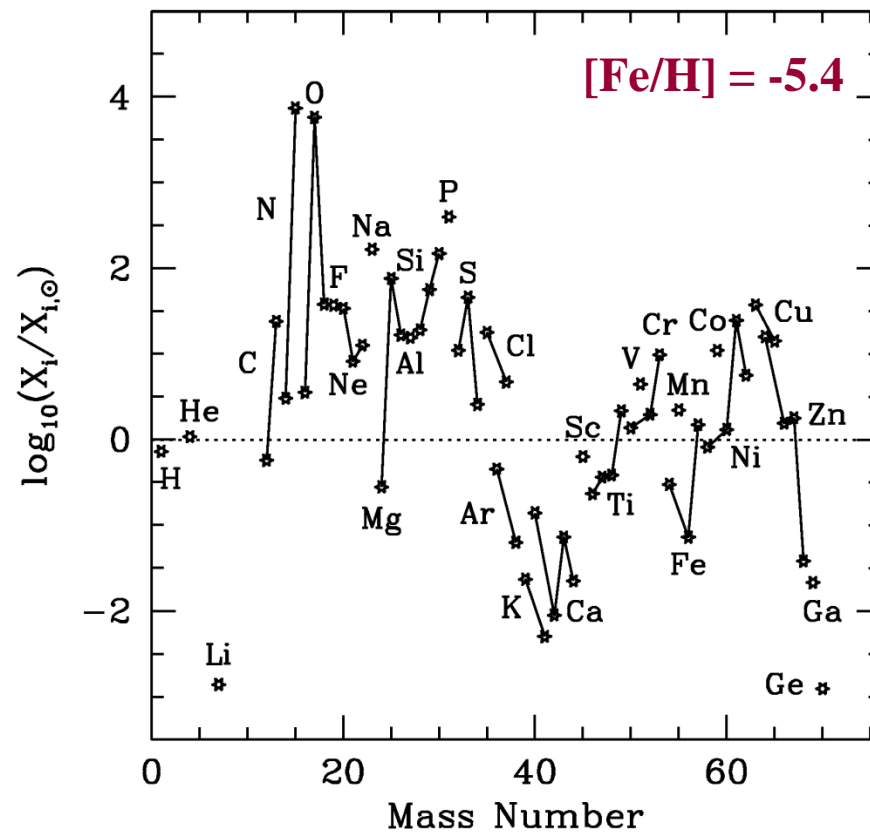
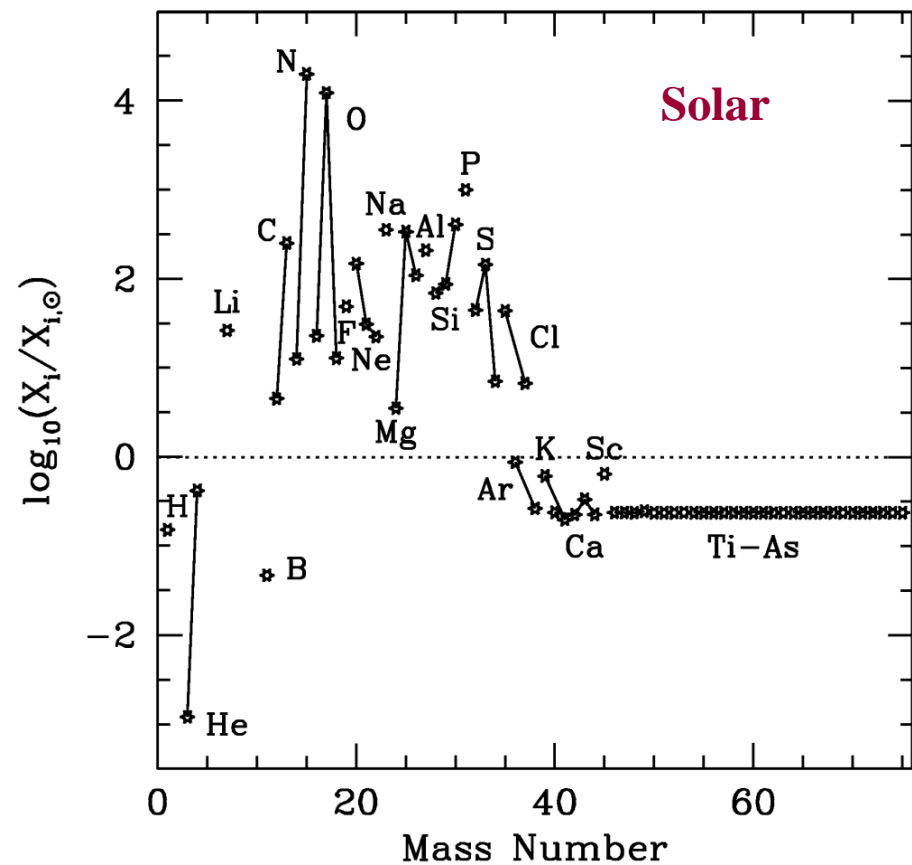
**1D (Spherically Symmetric) Models** have been **successful** in reproducing the ***gross observational features*** that characterize Classical Nova outbursts (e.g., **light curves, nucleosynthesis...**)

\* Have **nova explosions** been **similar** during the overall Galaxy's history?

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JJ, García-Berro, Hernanz, & Gil-Pons, ApJL (2007)

The assumption of **spherical symmetry (1D)** has excluded an entire sequence of events:

\* The way the **explosion/TNR initiates** (point-like ignition) and **propagates**

\* **Composition of the ejecta:**  $Z_{\odot} \rightarrow Z \sim 0.2 - 0.5$  (up to **0.86**, for V1370 Aql 1982)? Limited  $T_{\text{peak}}$  CNO-breakout **unlikely!**  $\rightarrow$  **Mixing at the core-envelope interface**



Some 1D attempts

**Diffusion Induced Convection** [Prialnik & Kovetz 1984; Kovetz & Prialnik 1985; Iben, Fujimoto & MacDonald 1991, 1992; Fujimoto & Iben 1992]

**Shear mixing** [Durisen 1977; Kippenhahn & Thomas 1978; MacDonald 1983; Livio & Truran 1987; Kutter & Sparks 1987; Sparks & Kutter 1987]

**Convective Overshoot Induced Flame Propagation** [Woosley 1986]

**Convection Induced Shear Mixing** [Kutter & Sparks 1989]

\* The amount of **mass ejected** predicted by 1D models is smaller than values *\*inferred\** observationally [**not unanimously agreed!**]

\* The **long-term evolution** of a classical nova requires to address the **interaction** between the **nova ejecta**, the **disk** and the **stellar companion**

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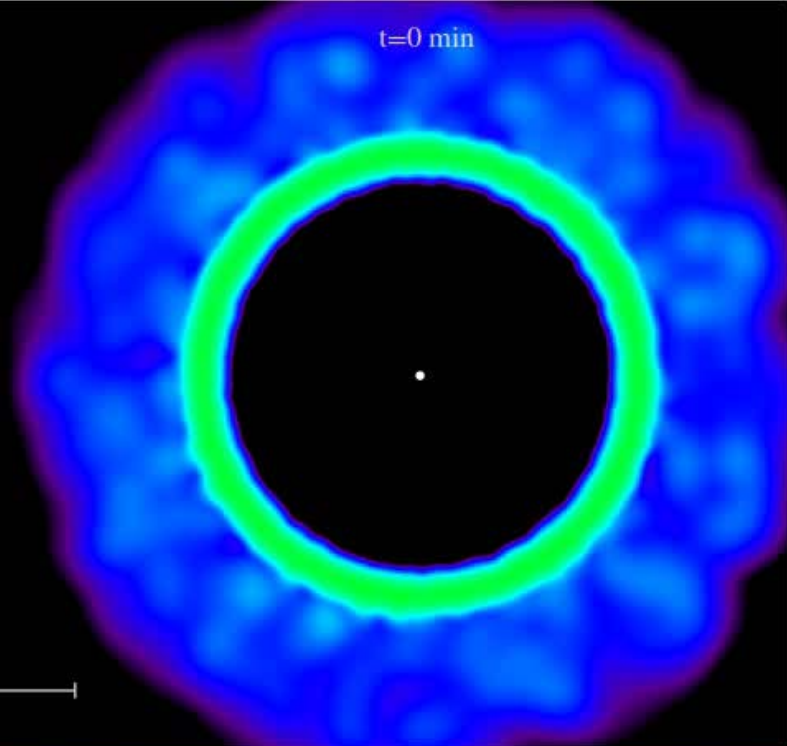
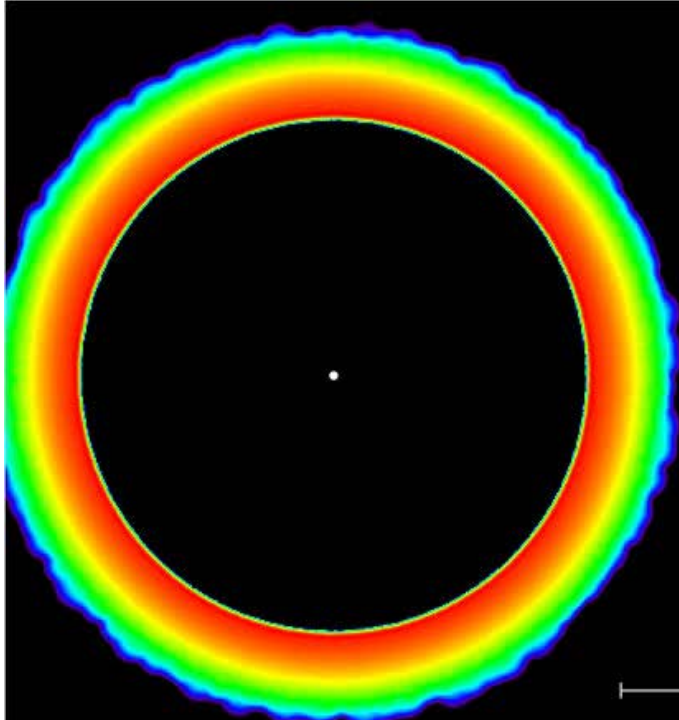
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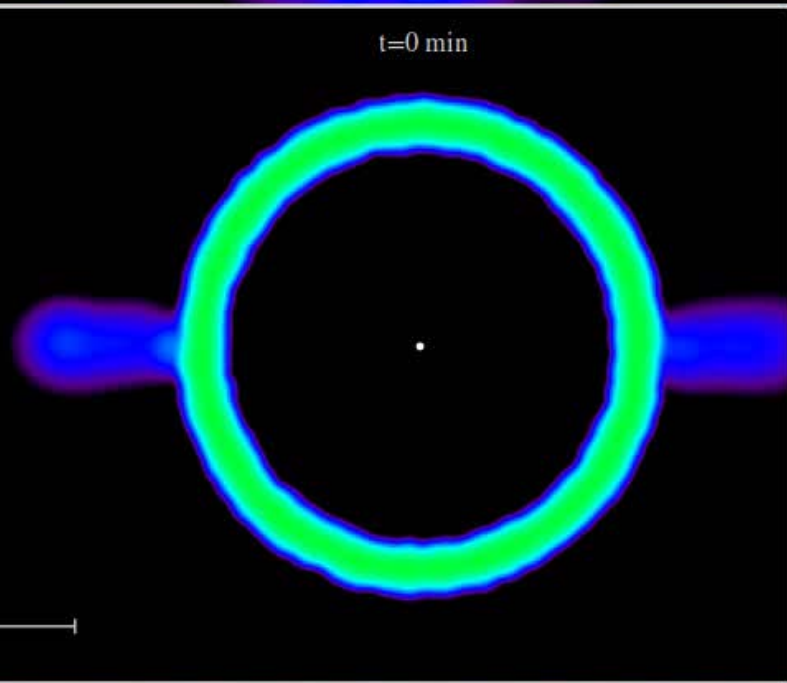
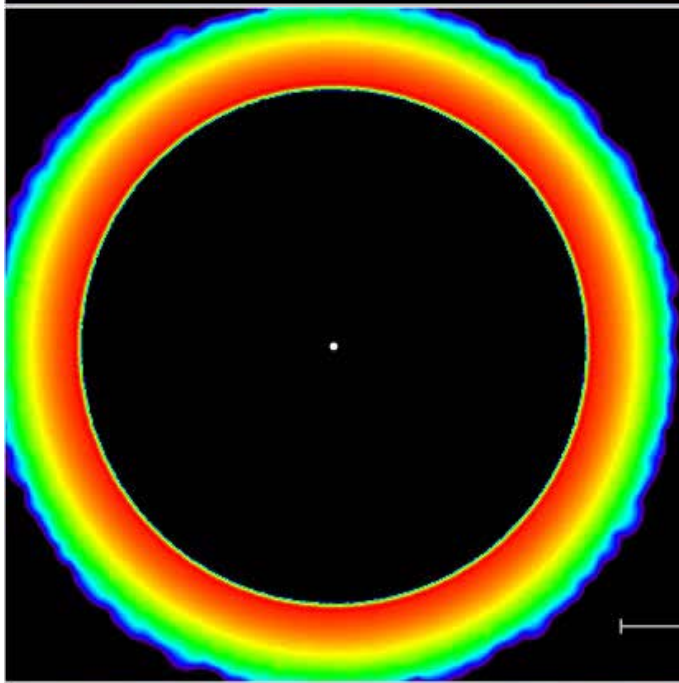
## **Three-dimensional simulations of the interaction between the nova ejecta, accretion disk, and companion star★**

Joana Figueira<sup>1,2</sup>, Jordi José<sup>1,2</sup>, Enrique García-Berro<sup>2,3</sup>, Simon W. Campbell<sup>4,5,6</sup>, Domingo García-Senz<sup>1,2</sup>, and Shazrene Mohamed<sup>7,8,9</sup>

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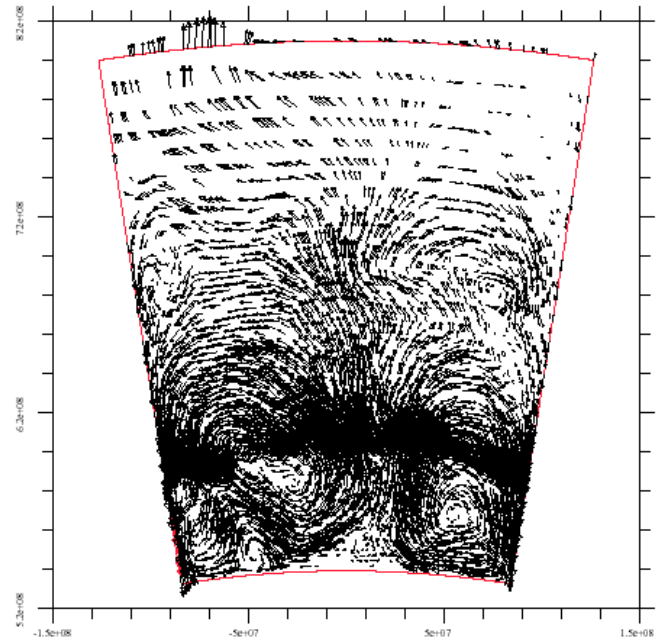
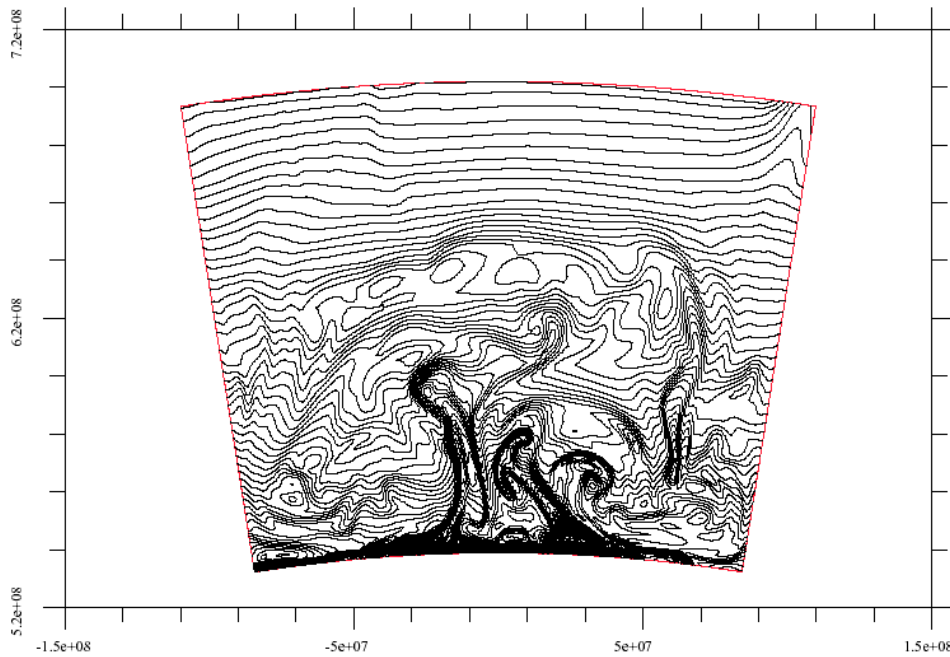
## III. Multidimensional Models

Glasner & Livne (1995), ApJ; Glasner, Livne & Truran (1997), ApJ

A  $1.0 M_{\odot}$  CO WD accreting solar composition material (1D)  
→ mapped into a 2D domain at  $T_{\text{base}} = 10^8 \text{ K}$ . 2D simulations performed with *VULCAN* (ALE code). Slice of  $0.1\pi^{\text{rad}}$ , resolution  $5 \times 5 \text{ km}^2$ , 12 isotope network

### Differences with 1-D simulations:

- \* TNR initiates as a myriad of irregular, **localized eruptions**
- \* **Core/envelope interface is now convectively unstable** → mechanism for mixing? (~ convective overshoot, Woosley 1986)
- \* **Large** convective eddies ( $h \sim 2/3 \Delta z_{\text{env}}$ )



But, overall, good **agreement** with 1-D simulations!

- \* Role of  $\beta^+$ -unstable nuclei  $^{14,15}\text{O}$ ,  $^{17}\text{F}$  ( $^{13}\text{N}$ ) in the ejection process
- \* Significant presence of  $^{14,15}\text{N}$ ,  $^{17}\text{O}$  ( $^{13}\text{C}$ ) expected in the ejecta

➡ Expansion and progress of the TNR is almost **spherically symmetric** (although the initial burning process is not!)

➡ **Kelvin-Helmholtz** instabilities identified as responsible for **mixing**



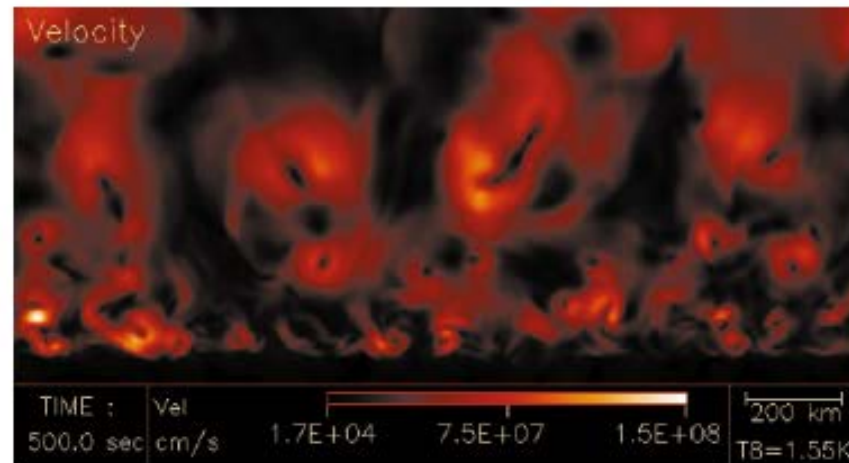
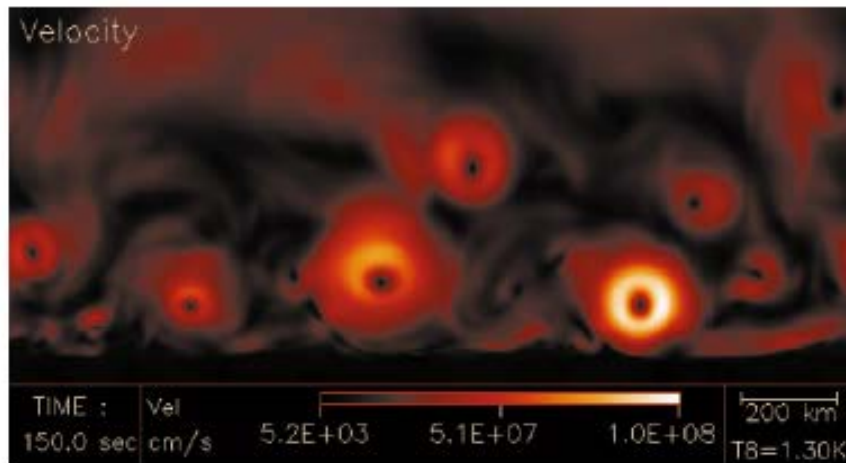
**Kelvin-Helmholtz instabilities**



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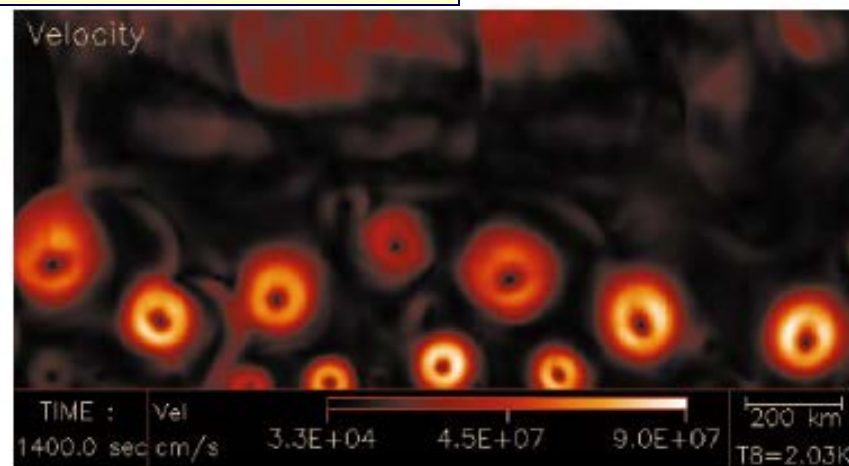
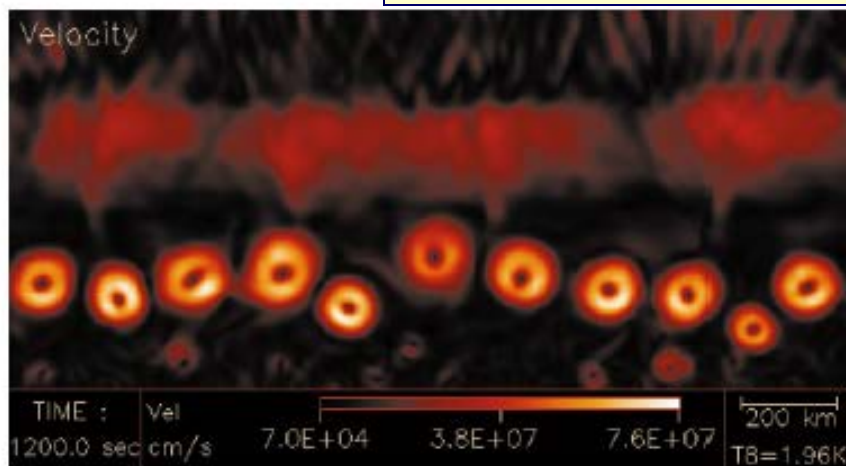
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Kerçek, Hillebrandt & Truran (1998), 2D



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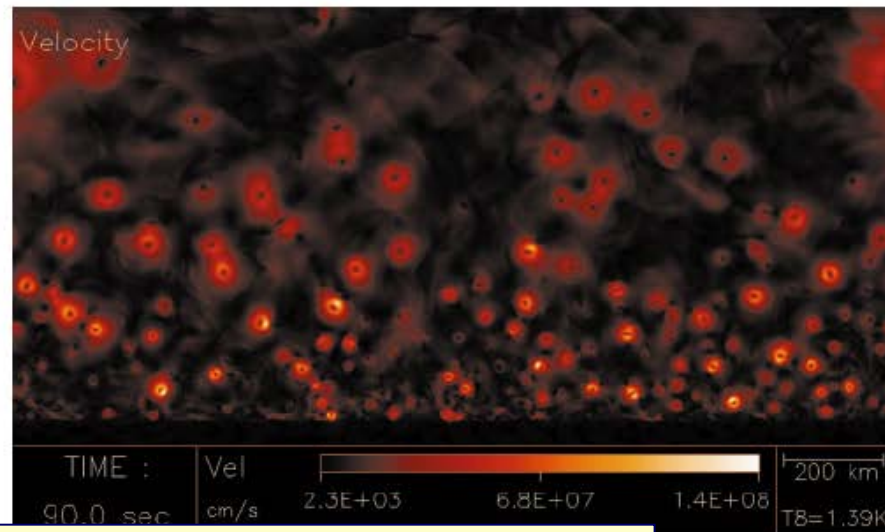
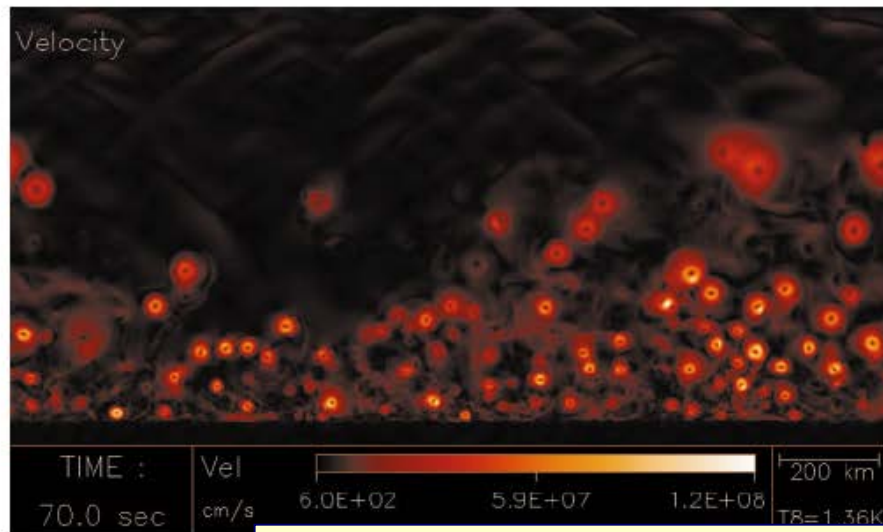
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Very **limited dredge-up** and mixing episodes  $\longrightarrow$  **fainter events!**

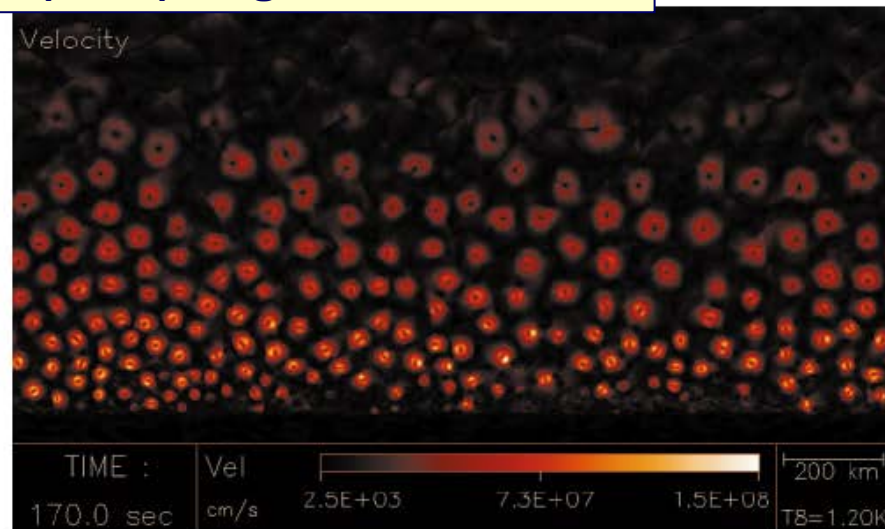
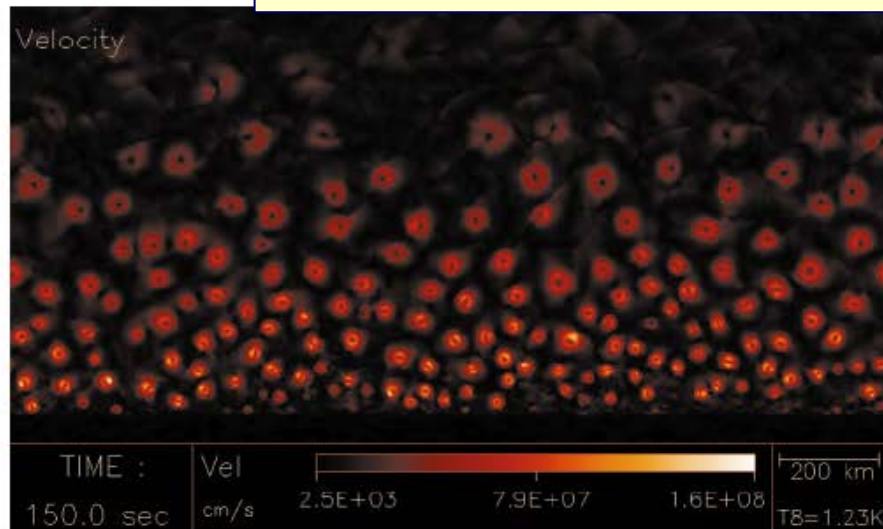
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**Kercek, Hillebrandt & Truran (1999), High-resolution 2D**



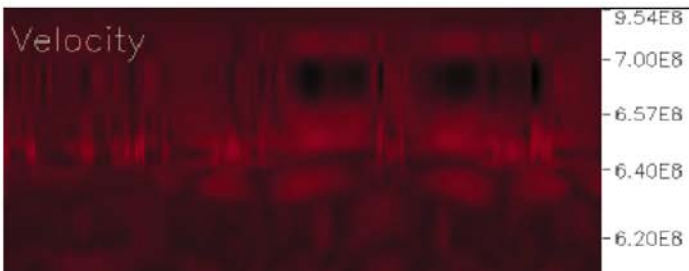
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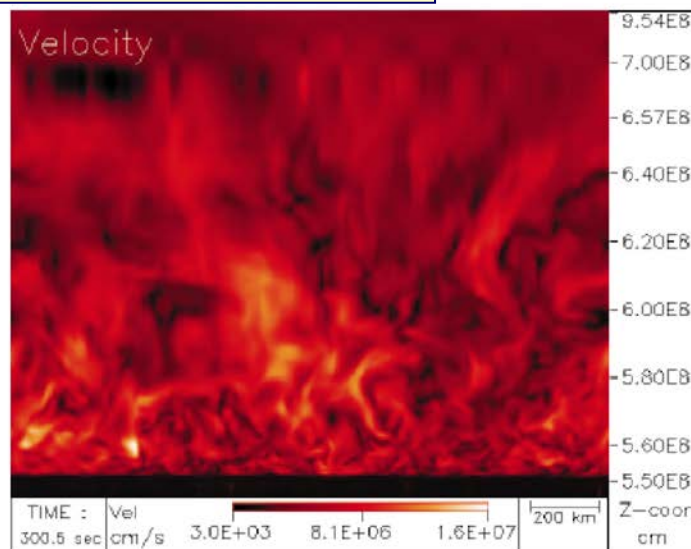
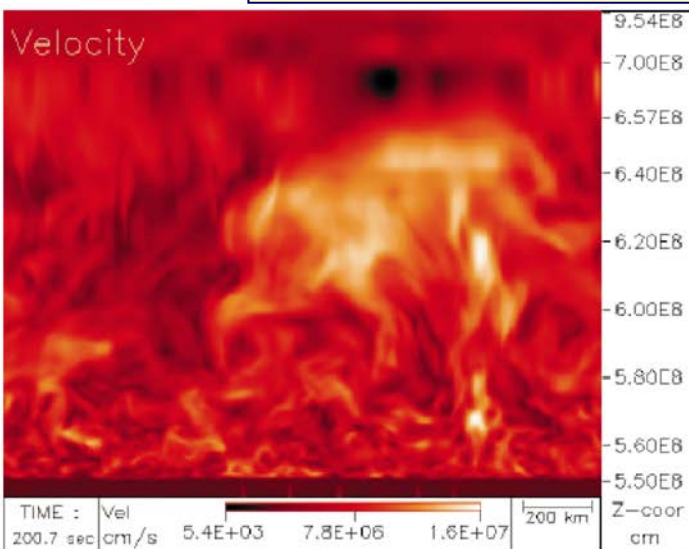


**CO mixing** must take place **prior** to the TNR! (in contrast with **Glasner et al. 1997**)



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**Kercek, Hillebrandt & Truran (1999), 3D**



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# Multidimensional Models @ UPC Barcelona

## 2D Simulations

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

### On mixing at the core-envelope interface during classical nova outbursts

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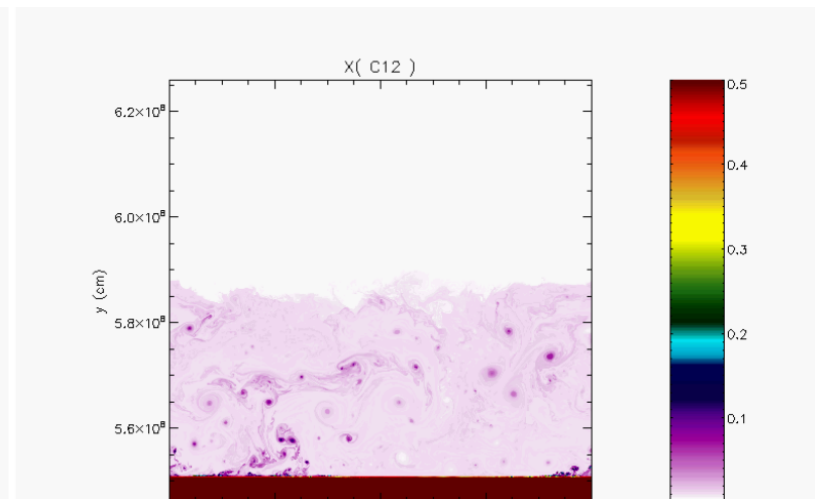
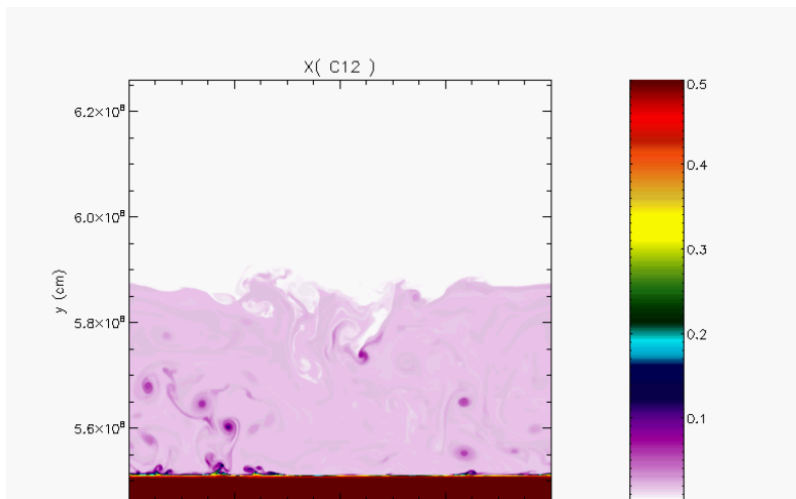
### Mixing in classical novae: a 2-D sensitivity study<sup>★</sup>

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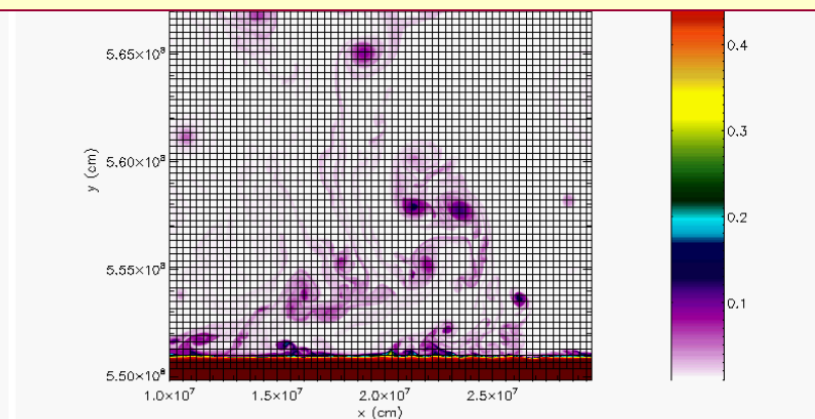
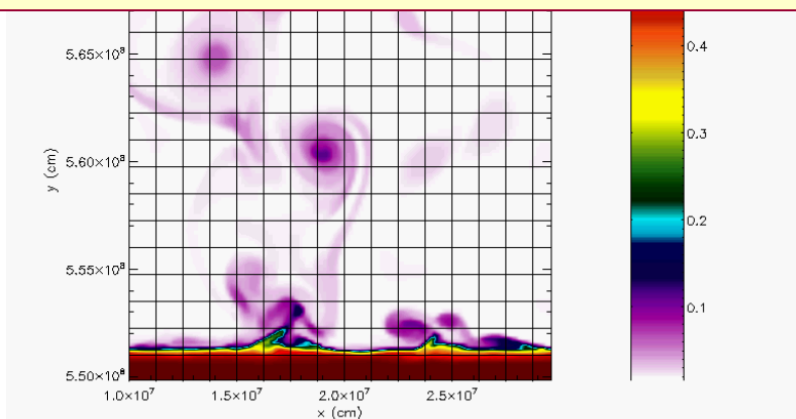
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Results are **independent** of the specific choice of the **initial perturbation** (duration, strength, location, and size), the **resolution adopted**, or the **size of the computational domain**





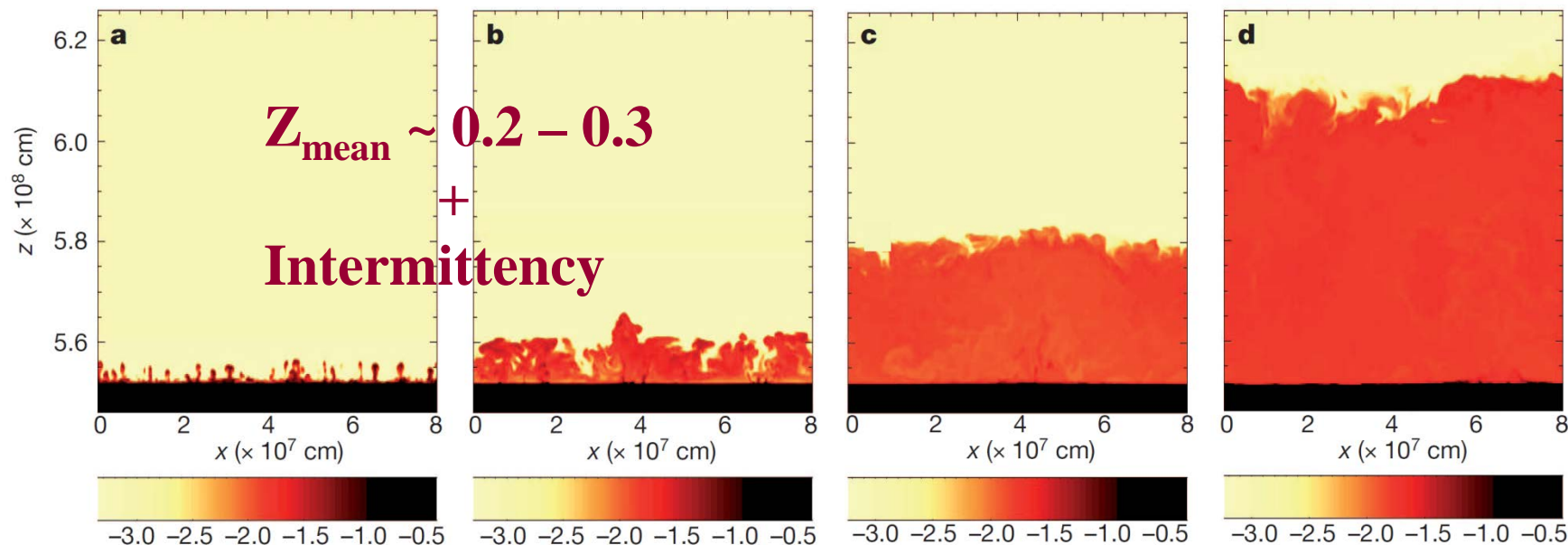
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## 3D Models of Mixing

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# Kelvin–Helmholtz instabilities as the source of inhomogeneous mixing in nova explosions

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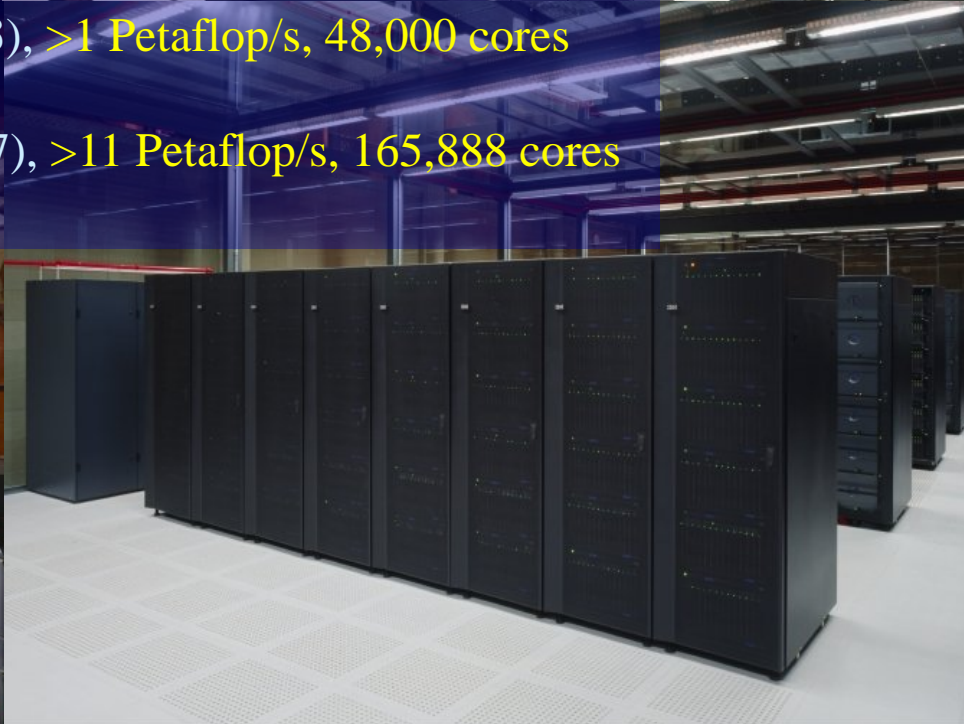
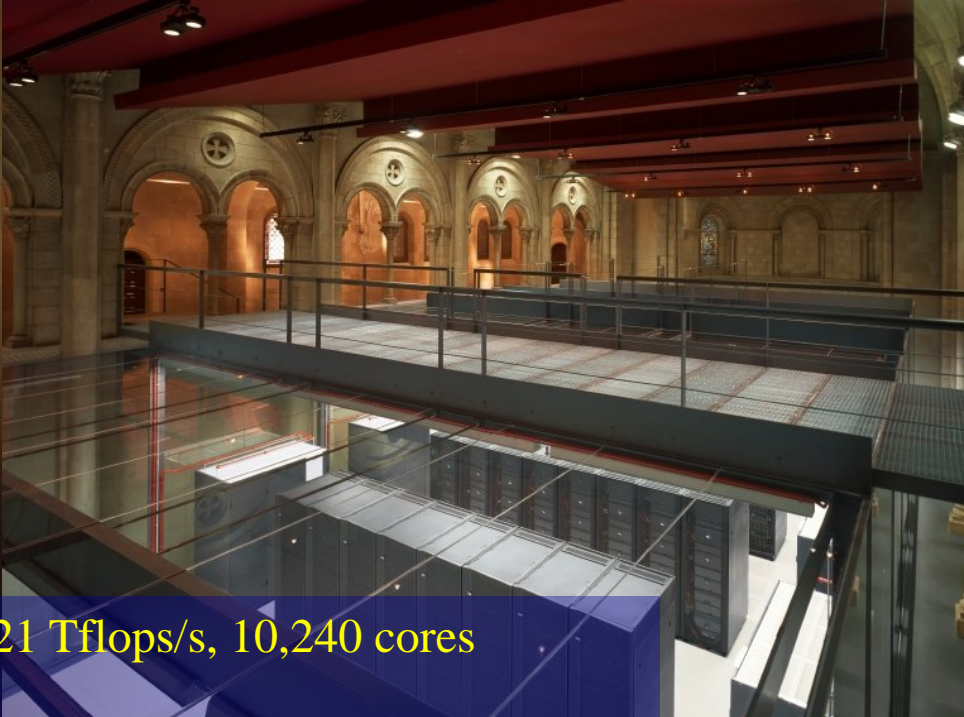
MareNostrum II (BSC, 2006), 94.21 Tflops/s, 10,240 cores



MareNostrum III (BSC, Jan. 2013), >1 Petaflop/s, 48,000 cores



MareNostrum IV (BSC, Jun. 2017), >11 Petaflop/s, 165,888 cores



# Three-dimensional simulations of turbulent convective mixing in ONe and CO classical nova explosions<sup>★</sup>

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## Two-dimensional simulations of mixing in classical novae: The effect of white dwarf composition and mass<sup>★</sup>

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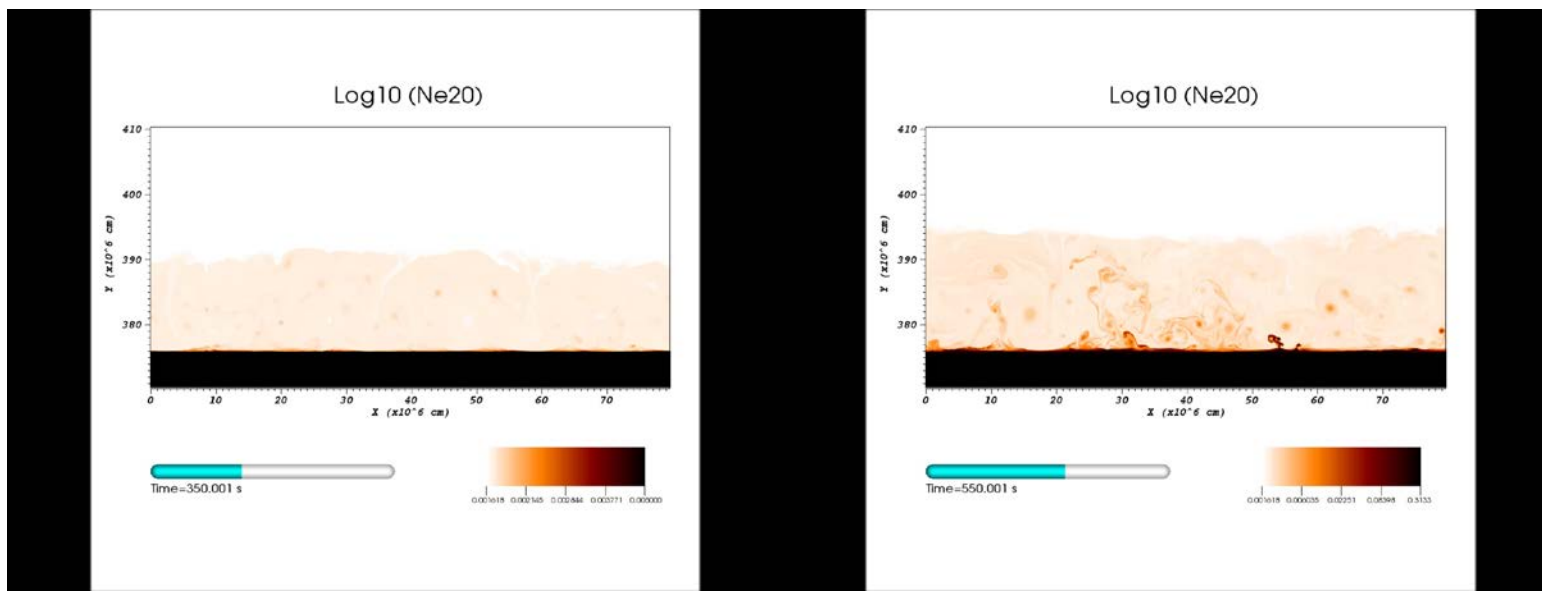
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### III. Does the White Dwarf Mass Grows or Decreases ?

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**Classical nova explosions: SN Ia progenitors and lithium factories**

We report on studies of Classical Nova (CN) explosions where we follow the evolution of thermonuclear runaways (TNRs) on Carbon Oxygen (CO) white dwarfs (WDs). We vary both the mass of the WD (from  $0.6M_{\odot}$  to  $1.35M_{\odot}$ ) and the composition of the accreted material. Our simulations rely on the results of multi-dimensional studies of TNRs in WDs that find sufficient mixing with WD material occurs after the TNR is well underway, reaching levels of enrichment that agree with observations of CN ejecta abundances. We use NOVA (our 1-dimensional hydrodynamic code) to accrete solar matter until the TNR is ongoing and then switch from the solar composition to a mixed composition (either 25% WD material and 75% solar or 50% WD material and 50% solar). Because the amount of accreted material is inversely proportional to the initial  $^{12}\text{C}$  abundance, by first accreting solar matter the amount of material taking part in the outburst is larger than in those simulation where we assume a mixed composition from the beginning. We find large enrichments of  $^7\text{Be}$  in the ejected gases implying that CO CNe may be responsible for a significant fraction ( $\sim 300 M_{\odot}$ ) of the  $\sim 1000 M_{\odot}$  we determined for the total amount  $^7\text{Li}$  in the galaxy. Finally, these simulations eject less material than accreted. We predict, therefore, that the WD is growing in mass as a consequence of the accretion/ CN outburst/ accretion cycle. This result implies that CO CNe may be a channel of Supernova Ia progenitors and not the Super-soft X-ray sources as has been assumed previously.

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- \* Classical Novae **DO NOT** make most of the  ${}^7\text{Li}$  in the Galaxy
- \* The WD in both CO and ONe is **NOT** growing in mass to the Chandrasekhar limit  $\rightarrow$  Novae are **NOT** SNIa progenitors

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**Thank you for your attention!**



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