Models for Type la Supernovae – status and challenges

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The progenitor challenge

- Initial conditions for hyperbolic set of model equations
- Can we make useful statements without knowing the initial conditions?
- What can we test?



Lessons from observations

► SN la diversity (e.g. Li + 2010)



Chandrasekhar-mass model

► Can reproduce some (peculiar) events and perhaps some sub-classes well → pure deflagrations



Chandrasekhar-mass model

- ► Model for normal SN Ia? → delayed detonations
- 2D study (Kasen+ 09) vs. 3D study (Sim+ 13)
- Main problems:
 - M_{Ch} WD in hydrostatic equilibrium
 - Fixed mass → not enough fidelity for reproducing range of observables (?)
 - Problems even (and especially) with trends
- Other models?
 GCD? Detonations triggered in pulsational phases?



Detonations in sub-M_{Ch} WDs

Promising scenario (Sim+ 2010)



- Primary parameter driving trends: mass of exploding WD (see Pinto & Eastman 2000)
- ► How to trigger detonation?

Double detonations

Explosion mechanism works robustly, provided He shell detonation triggers (Fink+ 2007, 2010, Moll & Woosley 2011)

0.00 \$

1.8

0.50

1.8

1.30 s

1.6

Products of He shell detonations shift flux redwards (Kromer+ 2010)



WD mergers

- Most promising model (?): violent merger
 (Pakmor+ 2010,2011,2012)
- possibly He-ignited (Pakmor+ 2013)
- Variant of sub-M_{Ch} detonation
 model
- May reproduce observed
 brightness distribution of SNe Ia
 (Ruiter+ 2013)





Parameter space not fully explored

Predicted observable signatures

- Not much difference in optical
- Or not precise enough?

- Hope: late observables
- Nucleosynthesis
- Spectrapolarimetry (Bulla+, 2015,2016)
- Nebular spectra
- Gamma ray observables



Current status:

- ► We can explain some sub-classes (02cx, 10lp, Kromer+ 2013a,b)
- There are suggestions for explaining normal SNe Ia, but these have to be tested more rigorously
- ► We are not (yet?) very useful for SN la cosmology...

How to proceed?

- Observe a nearby SN Ia and identify progenitor system \rightarrow is this enough?
- Simulate model series and search for systematic trends
 - Which trends do we expect from models and observations?
 - How do they relate to physical properties of the models?
 - → systematic analysis of
 observables, e.g.
 Sasdelli+ 2015, 2016 subm.



Expectations & discussion

- ► What exactly are the questions cosmologists want to have answered from modeling?
 - \rightarrow your ideas ?...