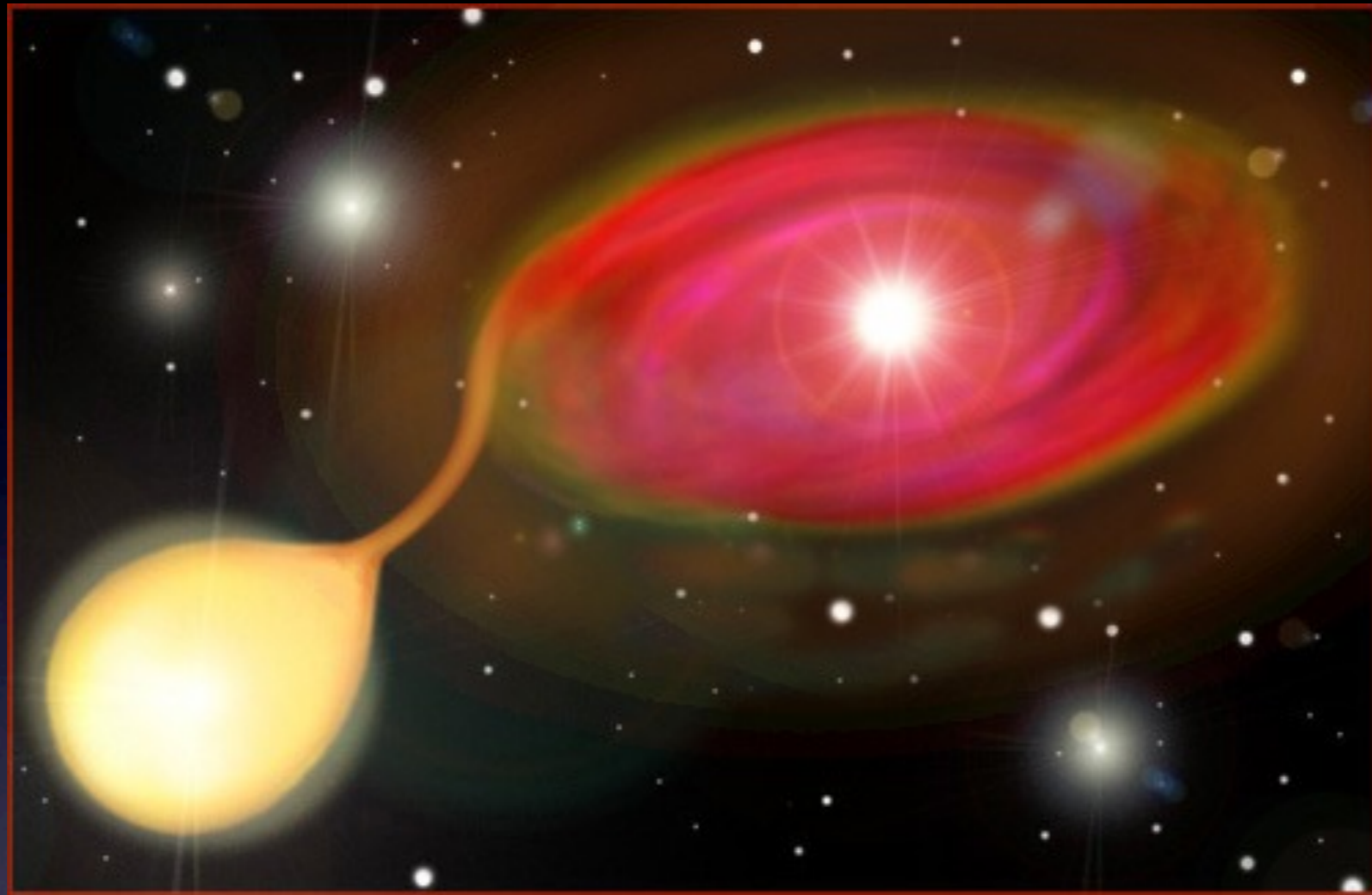


# SNe Ia Simulations with CASTRO

Shawfeng Dong  
UCO / Lick Observatory, UCSC





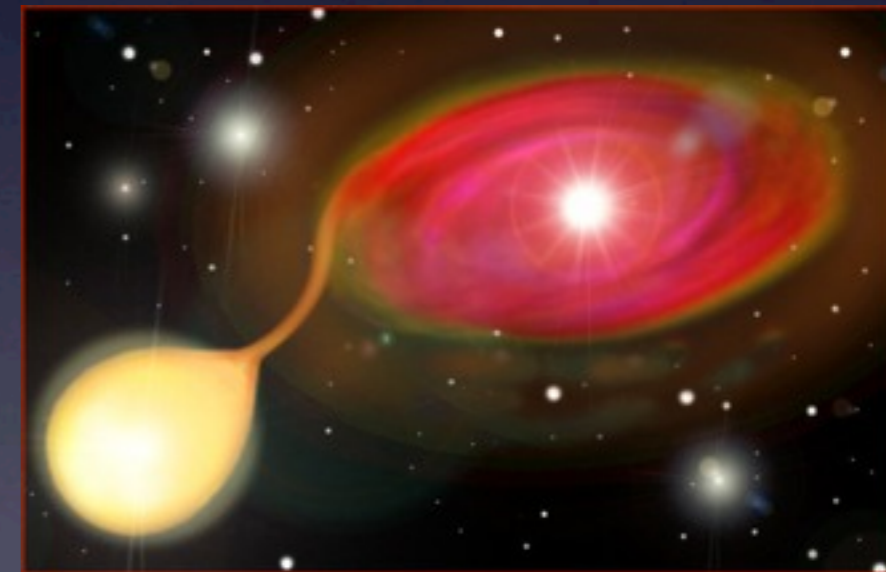
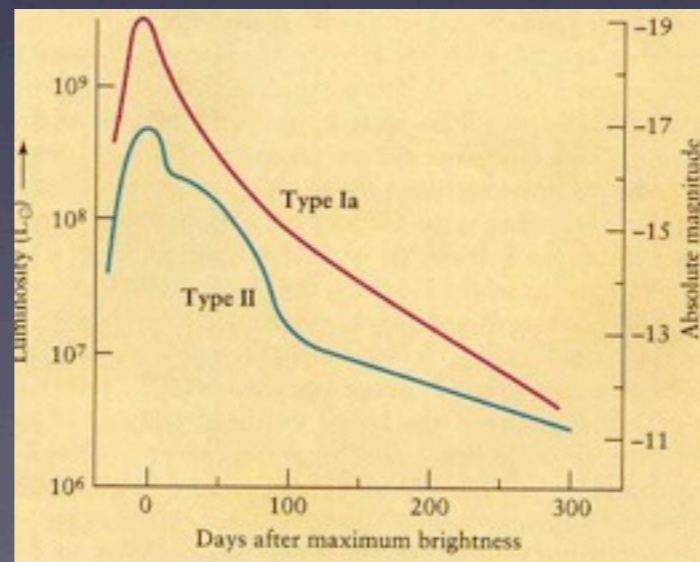
# Type Ia Supernovae

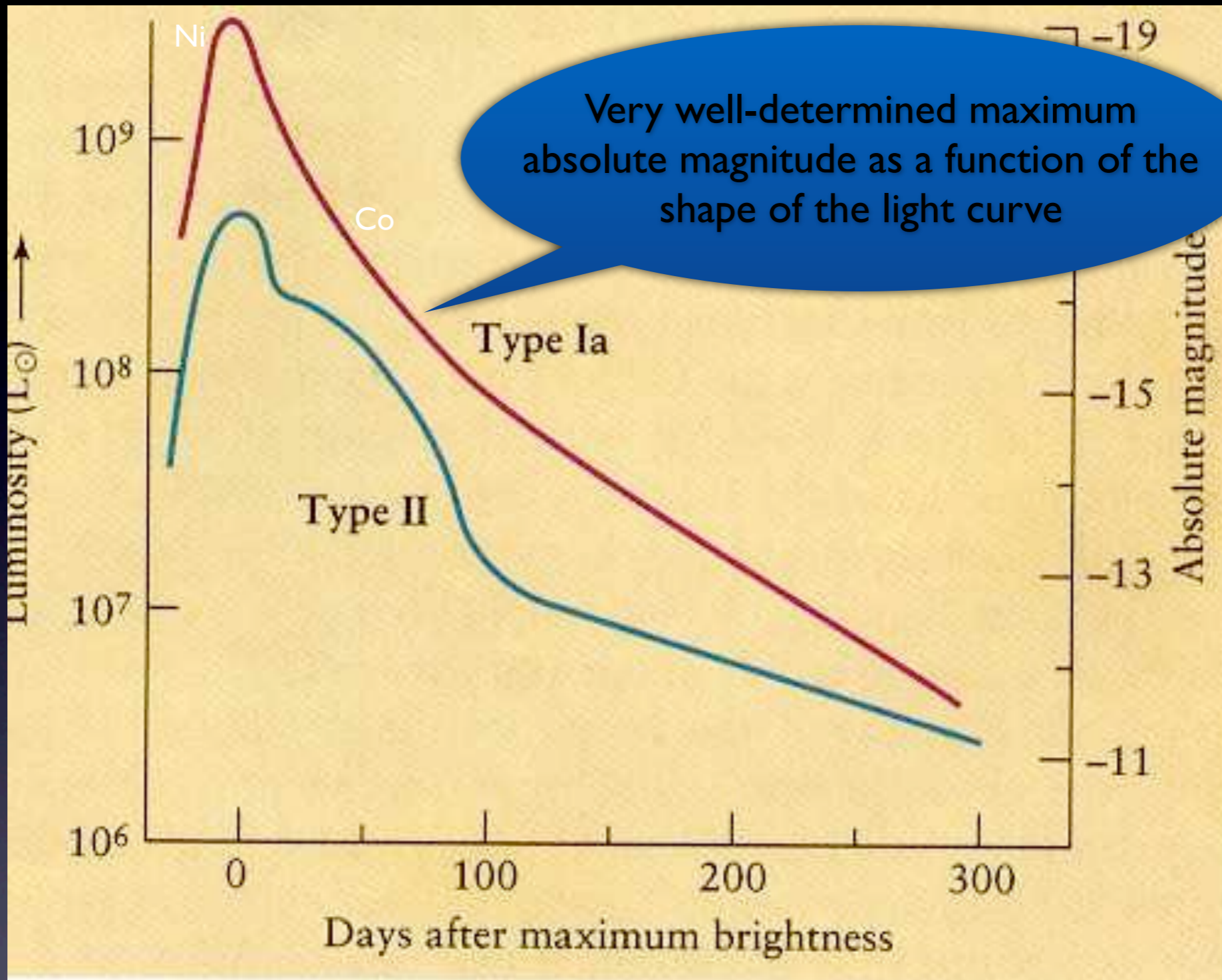


# Type Ia Supernovae

- Violent explosions of white dwarfs
  - Carbon-oxygen WD accretes from a companion
  - Chandrasekhar limit of  $1.38 M_{\star}$
  - Total energy of  $1 - 2 \times 10^{44}$  joules

- Standard candles





# Light Curves of SNe



# SNe Ia Simulations

Modeling of very diverse scales and physics

- Ignition
- Flame propagation
- Transition to detonation
- Full star models
- Light curve and spectra





# CAC

## Computational Astrophysics Consortium

- DOE-SciDAC-2
- LBNL (PI: John Bell)
- UCSC (PI: Stan Woosley)
- UCB
- Stanford
- LLNL
- LANL
- SUNYSB

# CASTRO

- Compressible hydrodynamics
- Self-gravity
- Multi-group flux-limited diffusion radiation
- Reaction network
- Level set method for front tracking
- Subgrid model for turbulence



CASTRO

FLASH

Unsplit hydro schemes

Operator split scheme

Refinement in space and time

Purely spatial refinement

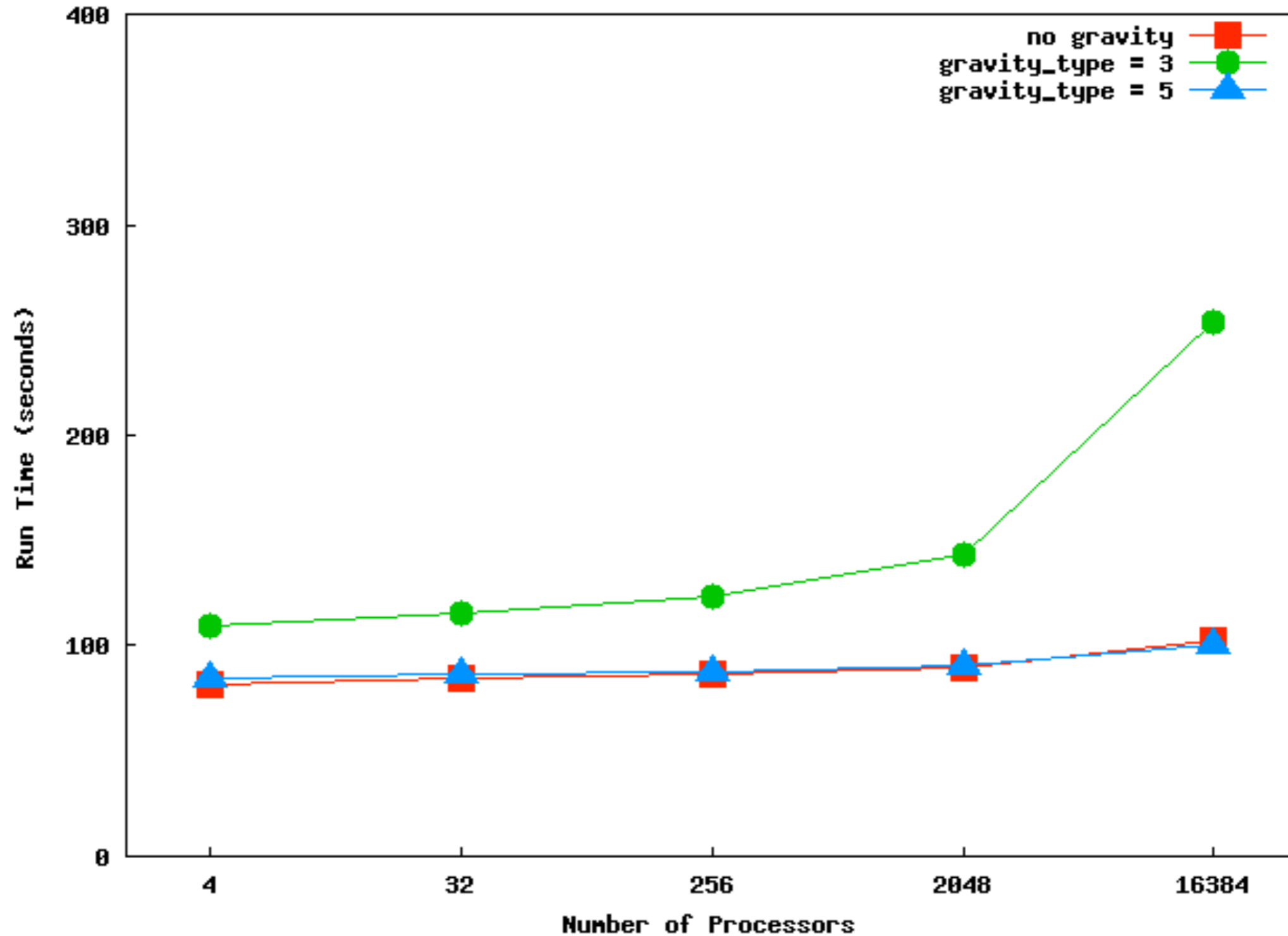
Array of grid patches of variable size

Octree of fixed-size patches

Multi-group radiation diffusion

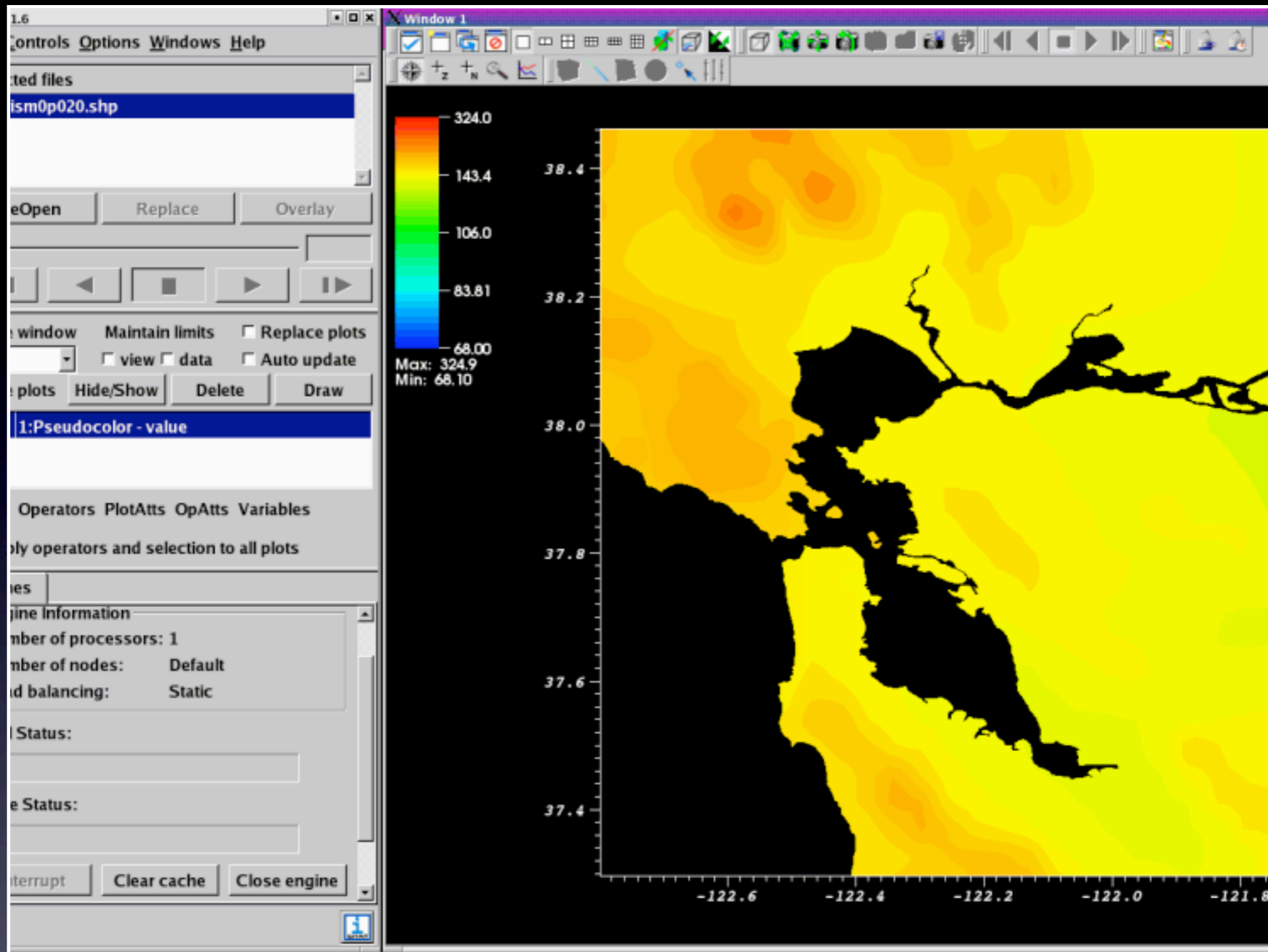
None

Scaling Behavior of ScalingTest Problem on franklin.nersc.gov



# Scaling of CASTRO





# Visualization

# Visualization tools

- Amrvis
- VisIt
- Amira
- OpenDX
- ParaView
- OpenDX
- IDL