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The Extreme Physics of Zombie Stars

A neutron star is born when a massive star runs out of nuclear fuel and dies in a supernova explosion. The object that emerges when the dust settles — effectively, a zombie star — involves physics at the edge of our understanding (and beyond!). We need to consider many extremes, in terms of density, pressure, temperature, magnetic fields and so on, which cannot be tested in our laboratories. This is an immense challenge, yet increasingly precise astrophysical observations (both electromagnetic and through gravitational waves) allow us make progress. This talk provides a map of this journey; where we are and where we are going.

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