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Selected Anniversaries at Neutrino 2006 (± 1 year)

 50 years Neutrino Discovery	 10 years Super-Kamiokande data taking (1 April 1996)	 1000 years Supernova 1006 (30 April)
 75 years Neutrino Proposed 4 December 1930	 20 years Leptogenesis proposed M. Fukugita & T. Yanagida „Baryogenesis without Grand Unification“ Phys. Lett. B 174 (1986) 45	 20 years Supernova 1987A 23 February 1987

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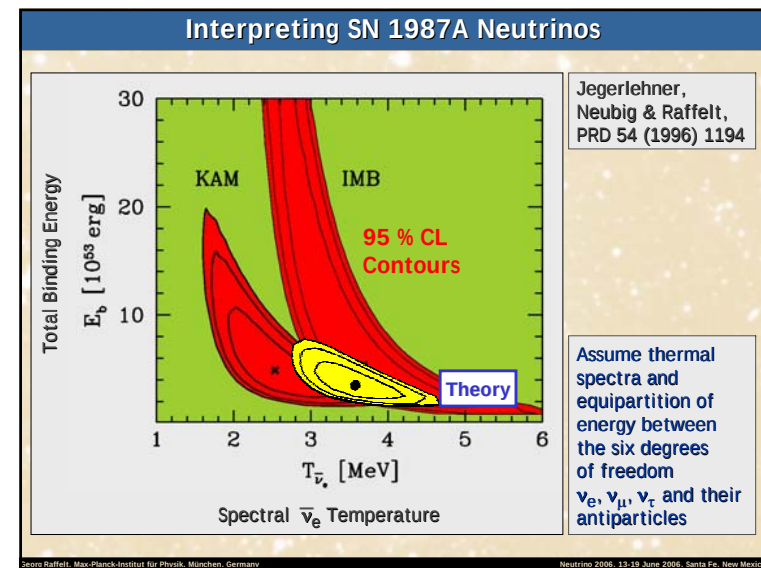
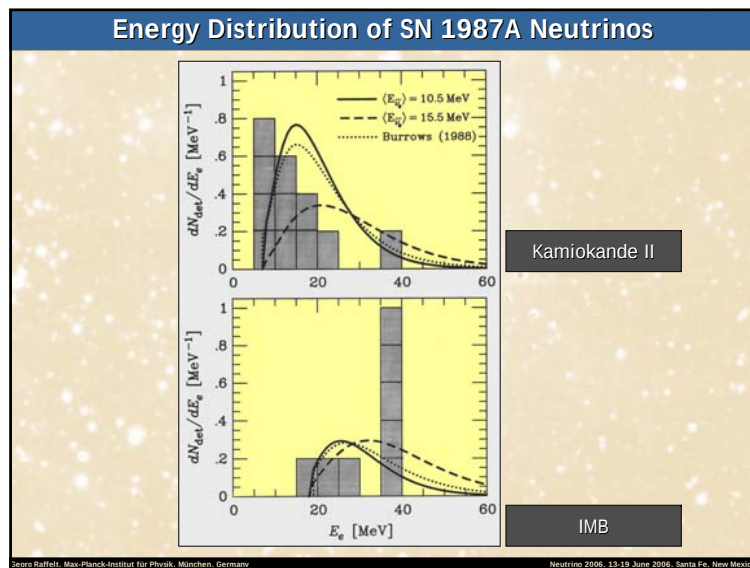
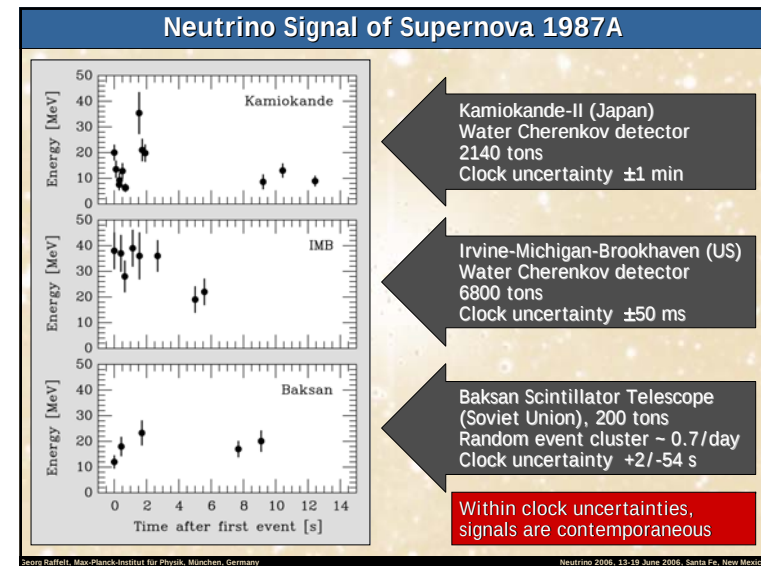
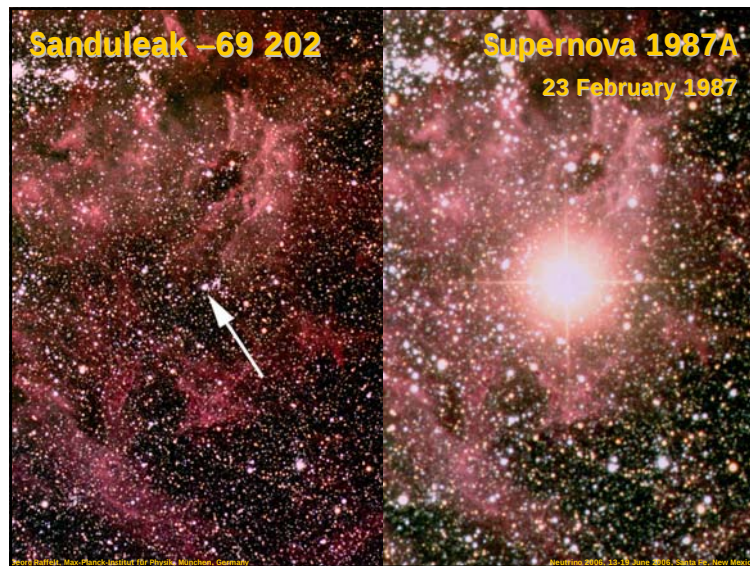
Tarantula Nebula



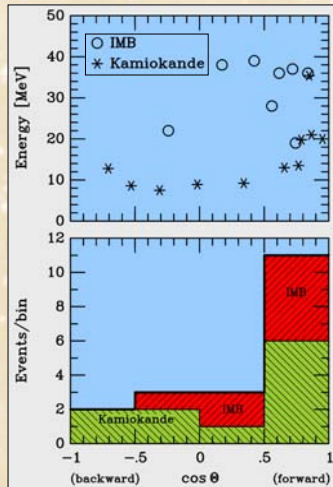
Large Magellanic Cloud
Distance 50 kpc
(160.000 light years)



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Angular Distribution of SN 1987A Neutrinos

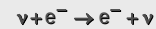


Main detection reaction



is essentially isotropic for the relevant energies.

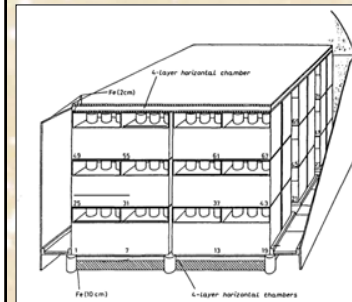
Expect only a fraction of an event from forward-peaked reaction



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SN 1987A Signal in LSD (Mont Blanc)?



LSD (Liquid Scintillator Detector) in the Mont Blanc Tunnel (Oct. 1984 - March 1999)
Supernova monitor for our galaxy
90 tons scintillator
200 tons iron (support structure)

- Observed a 5-event cluster 4.72 hours before IMB/Kam-II
- **Triggered automatic SN alert**
- Statistical fluctuation very unlikely
- No significant signal in IMB/Kam-II at LSD time
- No significant LSD signal at IMB time

- Interpretation as "double bang": Huge ν_e flux (~ 40 MeV) at LSD time
- LSD signal caused by interactions in iron of support structure
- Second bang ordinary multi-flavor signal

(Imshennik & Ryazhskaya, "A rotating collapsar and possible interpretation of the LSD neutrino signal from SN 1987A", astro-ph/0401613)

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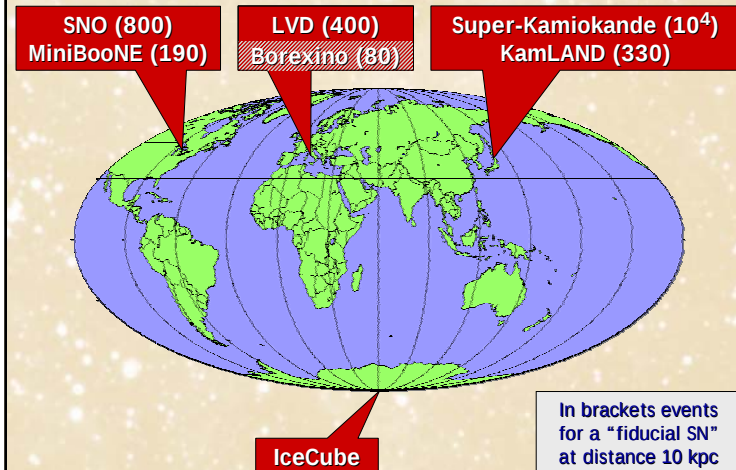


Oscillations of supernova neutrinos

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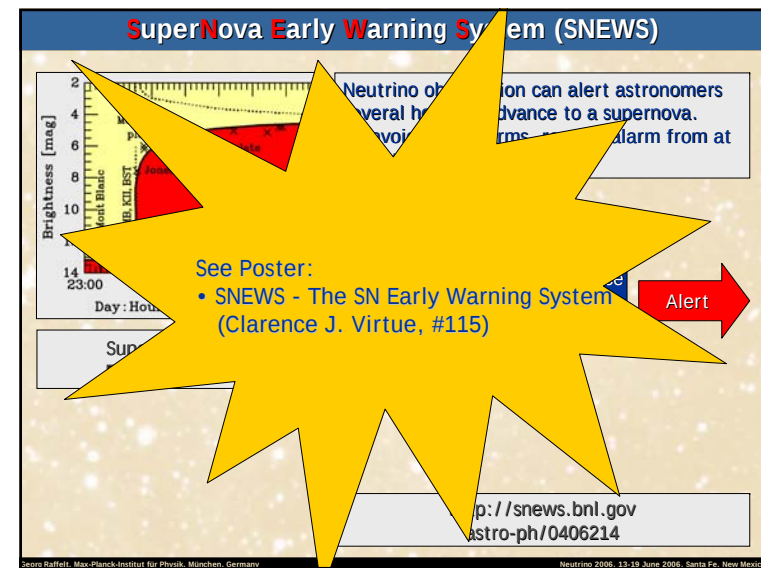
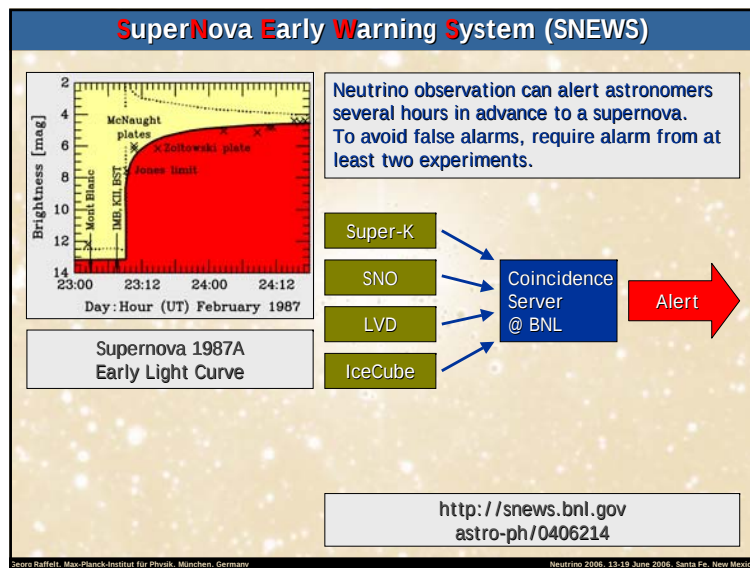
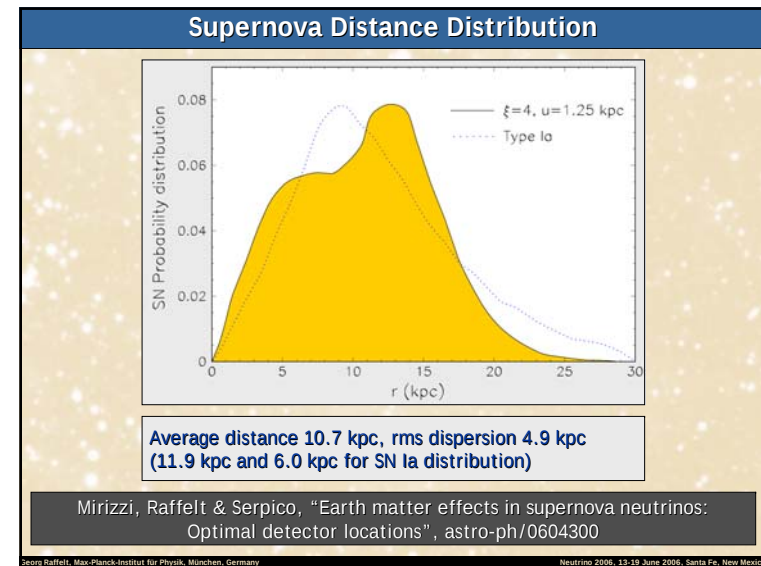
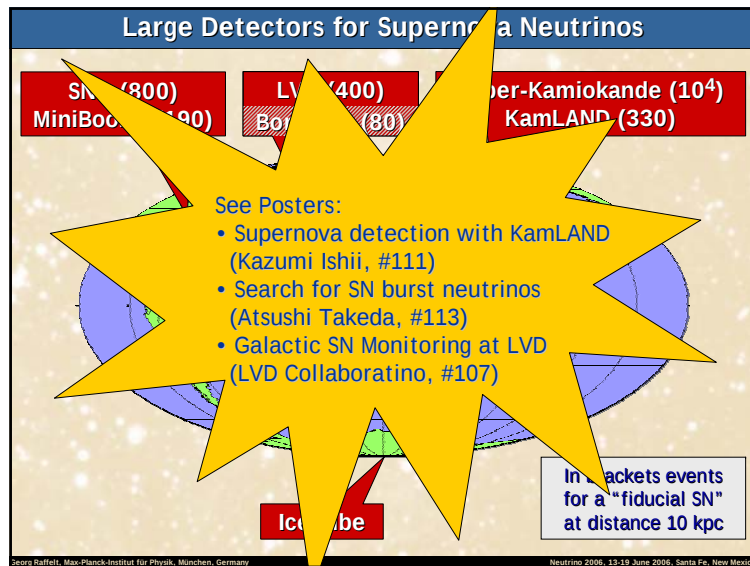
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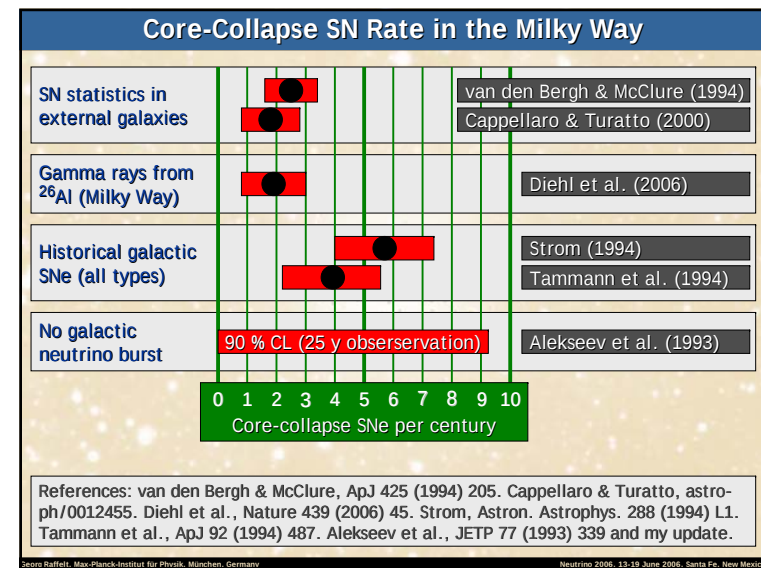
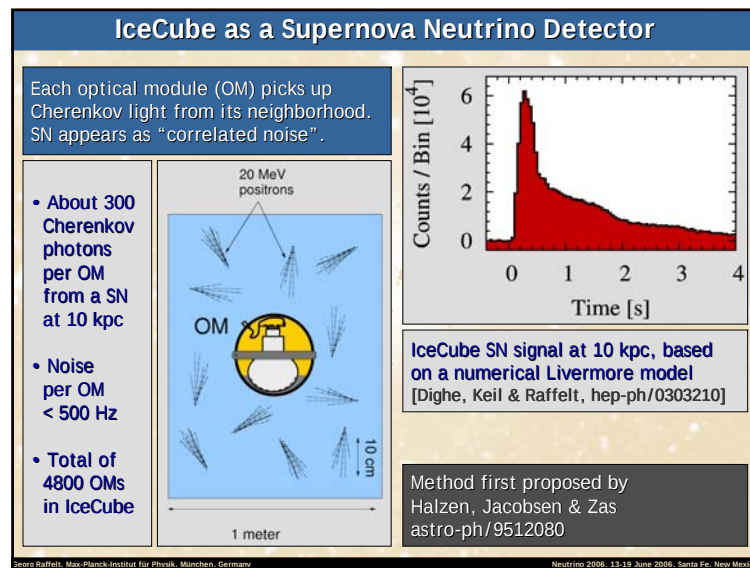
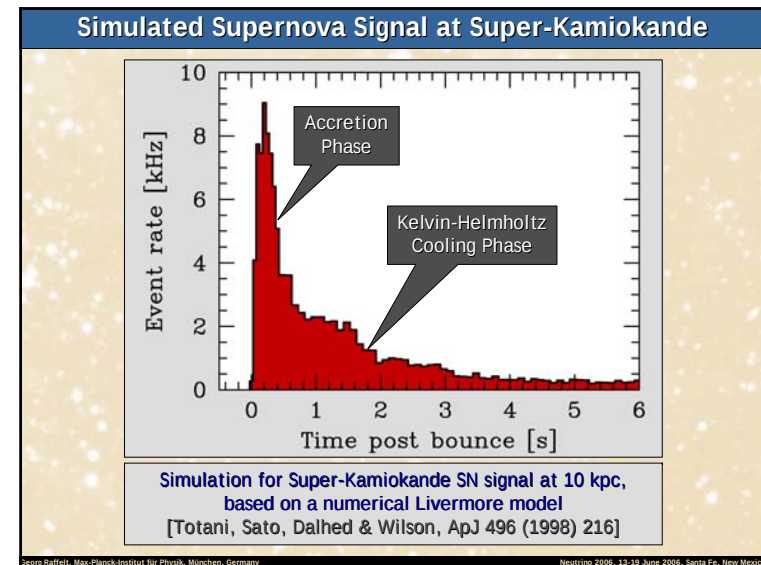
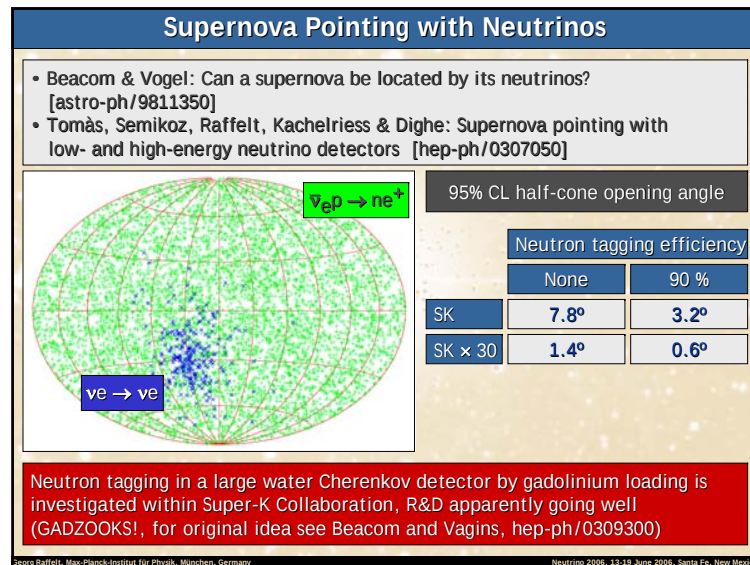
Large Detectors for Supernova Neutrinos

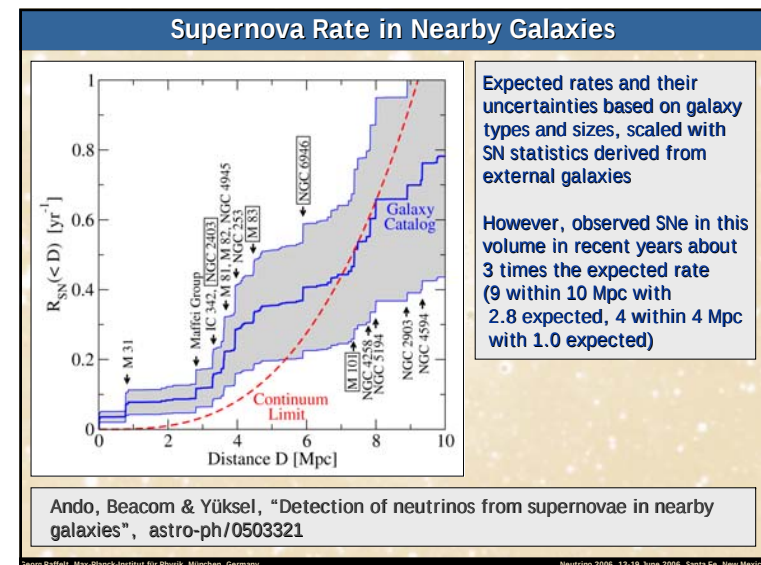
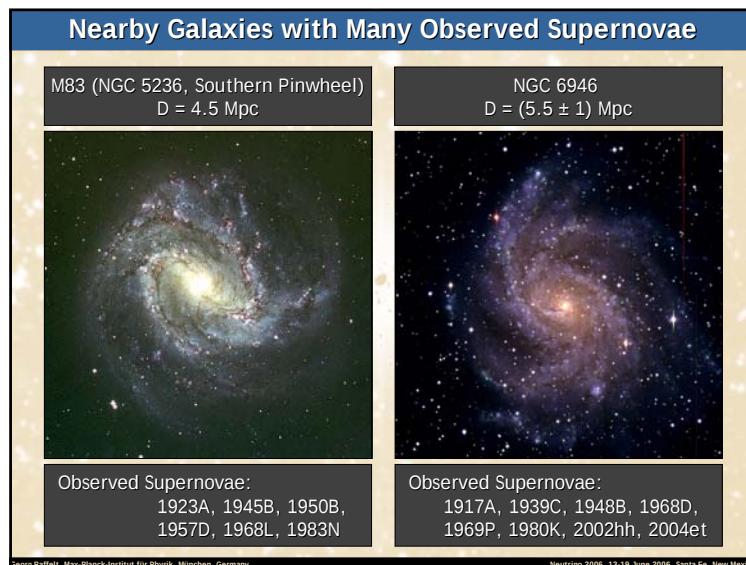
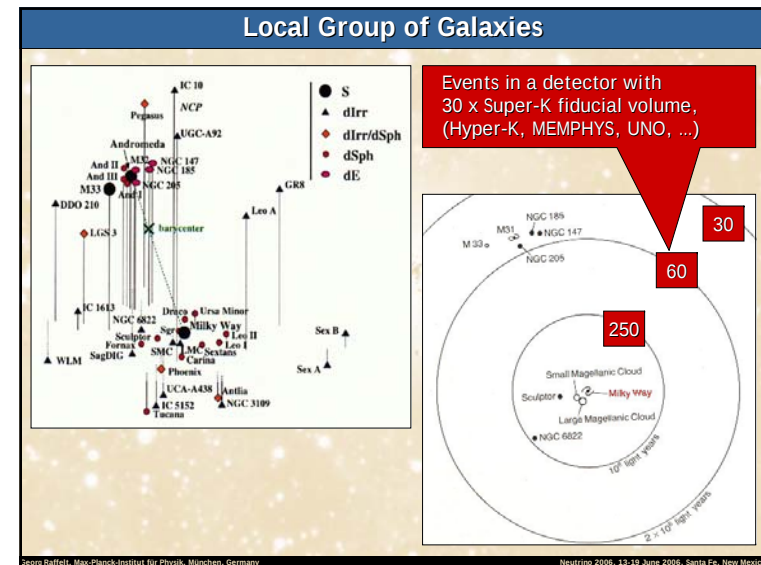
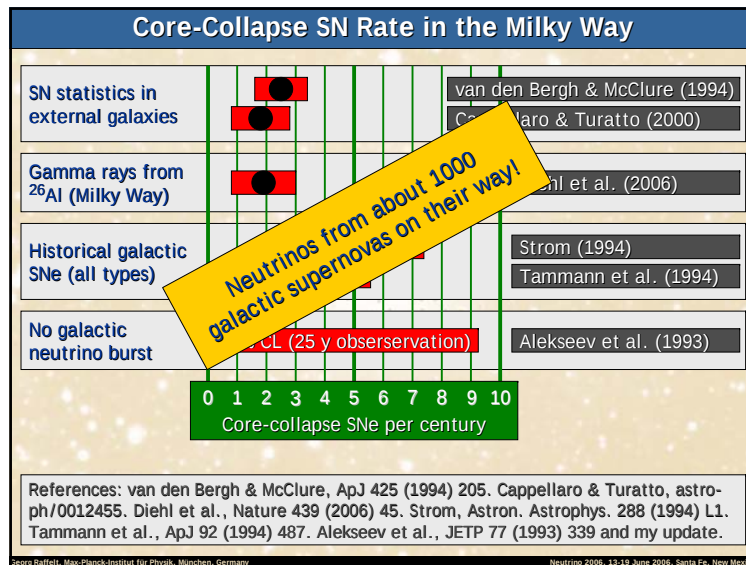


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Cosmic Diffuse Supernova Neutrino Background (DSNB)

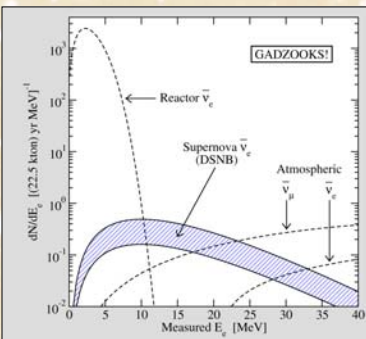


FIG. 1: Spectra of low-energy $\bar{\nu}_e + p \rightarrow e^+ + n$ coincidence events and the sub-Cherenkov muon background. We assume full efficiencies, and include energy resolution and neutrino oscillations. Singles rates (not shown) are efficiently suppressed.

Beacom & Vagins, hep-ph/0309300
[Phys. Rev. Lett., 93:171101, 2004]

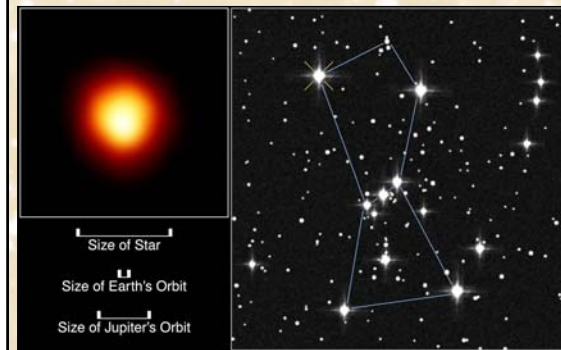
- About 1 SN per sec in the visible universe
- Diffuse SN neutrino background (DSNB) from all past SNe
few $\bar{\nu}_e \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1}$
- Can be measured even in Super-K sized detector (few events/year)
- Need neutron tagging
 - Gadolinium loading of SK
 - Large scintillator detector (LENA project, 50 kt)

Pushing the boundaries of neutrino astronomy to cosmological distances

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The Red Supergiant Betelgeuse (Alpha Orionis)



First resolved image of a star other than Sun
Distance (Hipparcos)
130 pc (425 lyr)

If Betelgeuse goes Supernova:

- 6×10^7 neutrino events in Super-Kamiokande
- 2.4×10^3 neutron events per day from Silicon-burning phase (few days warning!), need neutron tagging [Odrzywolek, Misiaszek & Kutschera, astro-ph/0311012]

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See Poster:

- Thermal neutrinos from pre-SN (Andrzej Odrzywolek, #117)

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Dispersion between Neutrinos and Photons

Transit time for photons and neutrinos are equal to within $\sim 3h$

Total transit time $\sim 5 \times 10^{12}$ sec
 $\rightarrow$ Equal for photons and neutrinos
 within $\sim 2 \times 10^{-9}$

(Longo 1987, Stodolsky 1988)

$$\left| \frac{c_\nu - c_\gamma}{c_\nu + c_\gamma} \right| < 10^{-9}$$

Shapiro time delay for particles moving
 through a gravitational potential

$$\Delta t_{\text{Shapiro}} = -2 \int_A^B U[r(t)] dt \approx 2 - 6 \times 10^6 \text{ sec}$$

(Krauss & Tremaine 1988)

Equal within $\sim 1 - 4 \times 10^{-3}$

- Proves directly that neutrinos respond to gravity in the standard way
- Provides limits on parameters of certain non-GR theories of gravitation
- Could be extended to neutrinos vs. anti-neutrinos or different flavors from signal of a future galactic SN

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Neutrino Limits by Intrinsic Signal Dispersion

Time of flight delay by neutrino mass

$$\Delta t = 2.57 \text{ s} \left(\frac{D}{50 \text{ kpc}} \right) \left(\frac{10 \text{ MeV}}{E_\nu} \right)^2 \left(\frac{m_\nu}{10 \text{ eV}} \right)^2$$

$$m_{\nu_e} \lesssim 20 \text{ eV}$$

- Detailed maximum-likelihood analysis yields similar limit
- At the time of SN 1987A competitive with tritium end-point limits, today $m_{\nu_e} < 2.2 \text{ eV}$
- Cosmological limit today $m_\nu \lesssim 0.2 \text{ eV}$

Next galactic SN observation:
 Time-of-flight dispersion not important
 for signal interpretation

For “milli charged” neutrinos,
 path bent by galactic magnetic field,
 inducing a time delay

$$\frac{\Delta t}{t} = \frac{e_\nu^2 (B_\perp d_B)^2}{6 E_\nu^2} < 3 \times 10^{-12}$$

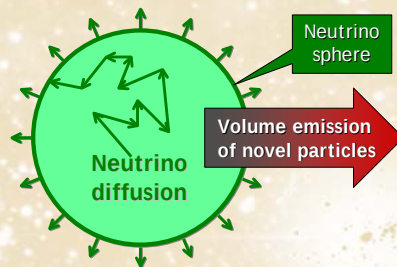
$$\frac{e_\nu}{e} < 3 \times 10^{-17} \left(\frac{1 \mu\text{G}}{B_\perp} \right) \left(\frac{1 \text{ kpc}}{d_B} \right)$$

Assuming charge conservation in
 neutron decay yields a more
 restrictive limit of about $3 \times 10^{-21} e$

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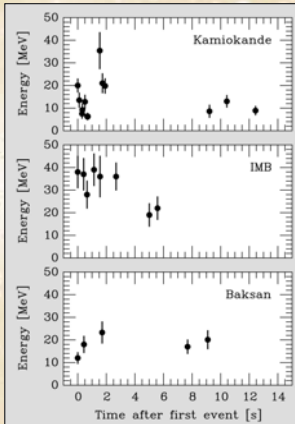
The Energy-Loss Argument



Emission of very weakly interacting
 particles would “steal” energy from the
 neutrino burst and shorten it.
 (Early neutrino burst powered by accretion,
 not sensitive to volume energy loss.)

Late-time signal most sensitive observable

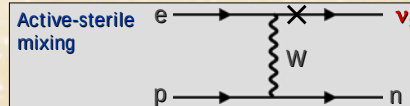
SN 1987A neutrino signal



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Sterile Neutrinos



Electron neutrino appears as sterile neutrino
 in $\frac{1}{2} \sin^2(2\theta_{es})$ of all cases

$$\Gamma_s \approx \frac{1}{2} \sin^2(2\theta_{es}) \Gamma_L$$

Average scattering rate in SN core
 involving ordinary left-handed neutrinos

$$\Gamma_L \approx 10^{10} \text{ s}^{-1}$$

To avoid complete energy loss in $\sim 1 \text{ s}$

$$\frac{1}{2} \sin^2(2\theta_{es}) 10^{10} \text{ s}^{-1} < 1 \text{ s}^{-1}$$

$$\sin^2(2\theta_{es}) \lesssim 3 \times 10^{-10} \quad (\text{for } m_s \gtrsim 100 \text{ keV})$$

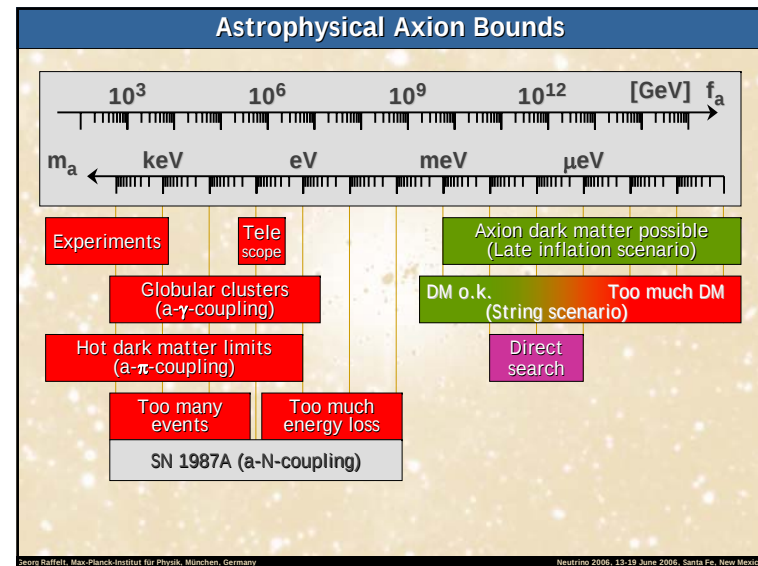
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Axion Emission Processes in Stars			
Nucleons	$\frac{C_N}{2f_a} \bar{\Psi} \gamma_\mu \gamma_5 \Psi N \partial^\mu a$	Nucleon Bremsstrahlung	
Photons	$\frac{C_e}{2f_a} \bar{\Psi} \gamma_\mu \gamma_5 \Psi e \partial^\mu a$	Primakoff	
Electrons	$C_\gamma \frac{\alpha}{2\pi f_a} \frac{1}{4} F_{\mu\nu} \tilde{F}^{\mu\nu} a$ $= -C_\gamma \frac{\alpha}{2\pi f_a} \vec{E} \cdot \vec{B} a$	Compton	
		Pair Annihilation	
		Electromagnetic Bremsstrahlung	

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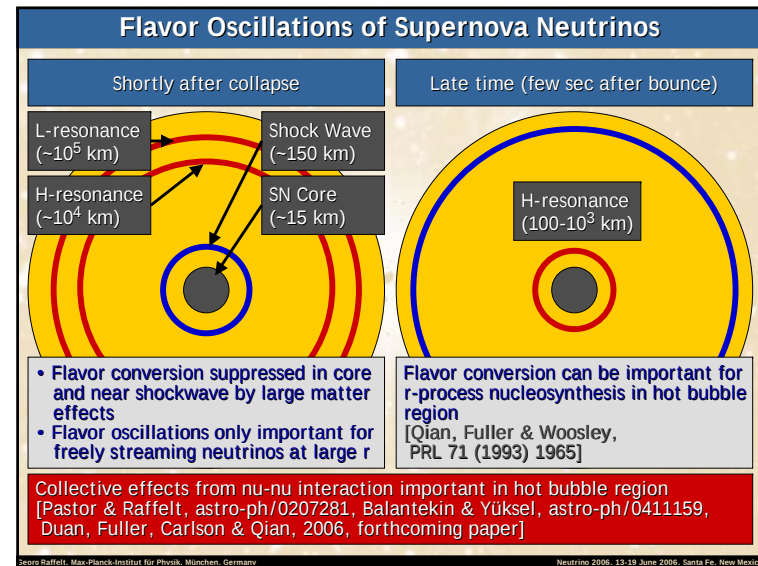
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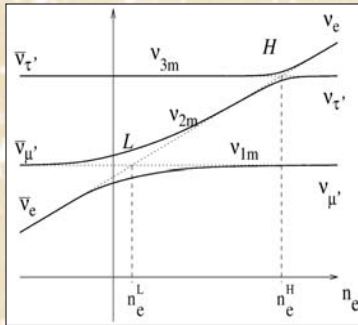


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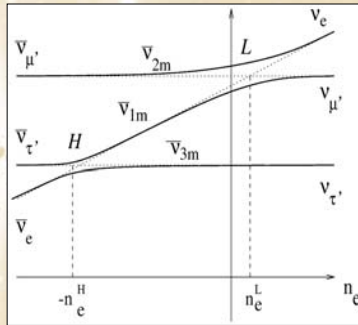
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Level-Crossing Diagram in a SN Envelope

Normal mass hierarchy



Inverted mass hierarchy



Dighe & Smirnov, Identifying the neutrino mass spectrum from a supernova neutrino burst, hep-ph/9907423

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Spectra Emerging from Supernovae

Primary fluxes

$$F_e^0 \text{ for } \nu_e$$

$$F_e^0 \text{ for } \bar{\nu}_e$$

$$F_x^0 \text{ for } \nu_\mu, \bar{\nu}_\mu, \nu_\tau, \bar{\nu}_\tau$$

After leaving the supernova envelope, the fluxes are partially swapped

$$F_e^0 = p F_e^0 + (1-p) F_x^0$$

$$F_e^0 = \bar{p} F_e^0 + (1-\bar{p}) F_x^0$$

$$\frac{1}{4} \sum F_x = \frac{2+p+\bar{p}}{4} F_x^0 + \frac{1-p}{4} F_e^0 + \frac{1-\bar{p}}{4} F_e^0$$

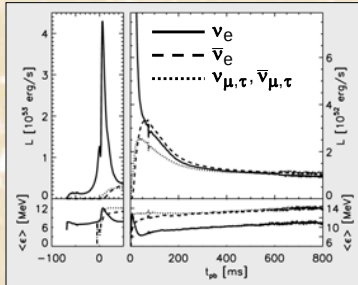
Case	Mass ordering	$\sin^2(2\Theta_{13})$	Survival probability	
			p (for ν_e)	$\bar{p}$ (for $\bar{\nu}_e$)
A	Normal	$\approx 10^{-3}$	0	$\cos^2(\Theta_{12}) \approx 0.7$
B	Inverted	$\approx 10^{-3}$	$\sin^2(\Theta_{12}) \approx 0.3$	0
C	Any	$\lesssim 10^{-5}$	$\sin^2(\Theta_{12}) \approx 0.3$	$\cos^2(\Theta_{12}) \approx 0.7$

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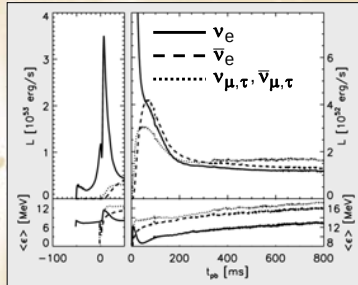
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Flavor-Dependent Neutrino Fluxes vs. Equation of State

Wolff & Hillebrandt nuclear EoS (stiff)



Lattimer & Swesty nuclear EoS (soft)



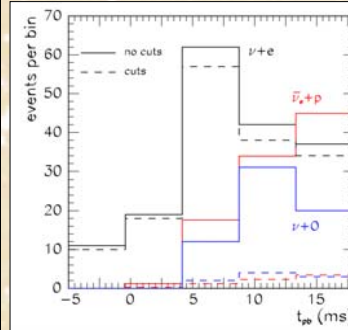
Kitaura, Janka & Hillebrandt, "Explosions of O-Ne-Mg cores, the Crab supernova, and subluminal Type II-P supernovae", astro-ph/0512065

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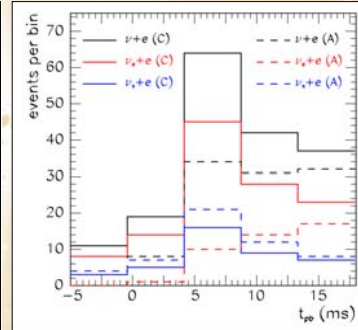
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Neutronization Burst in a Mt Detector w/ Neutron Tagging

After angular cuts, almost background-free neutronization burst from ν -e-scattering



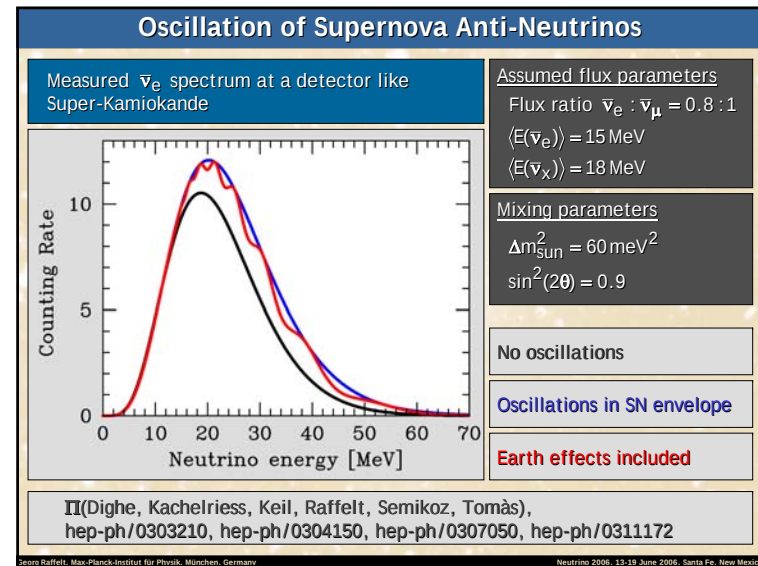
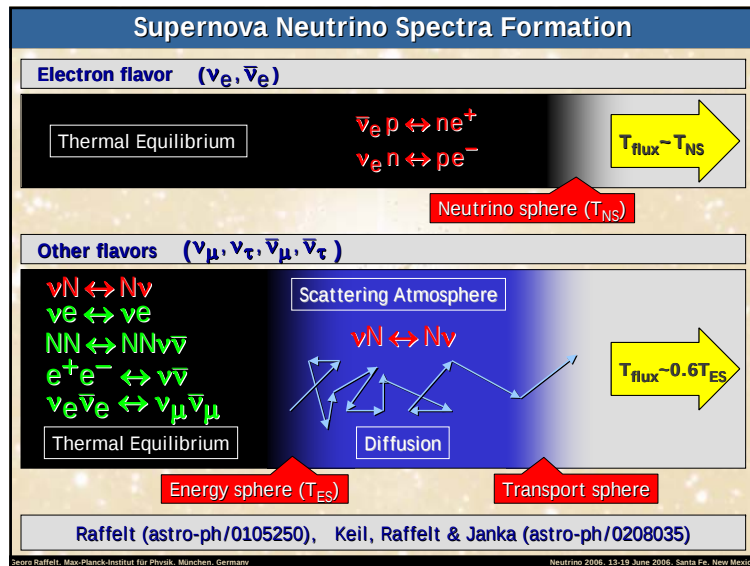
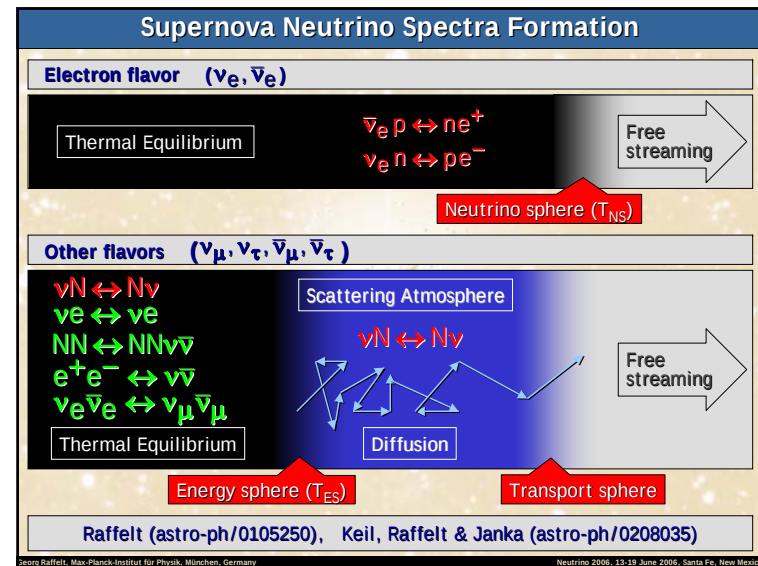
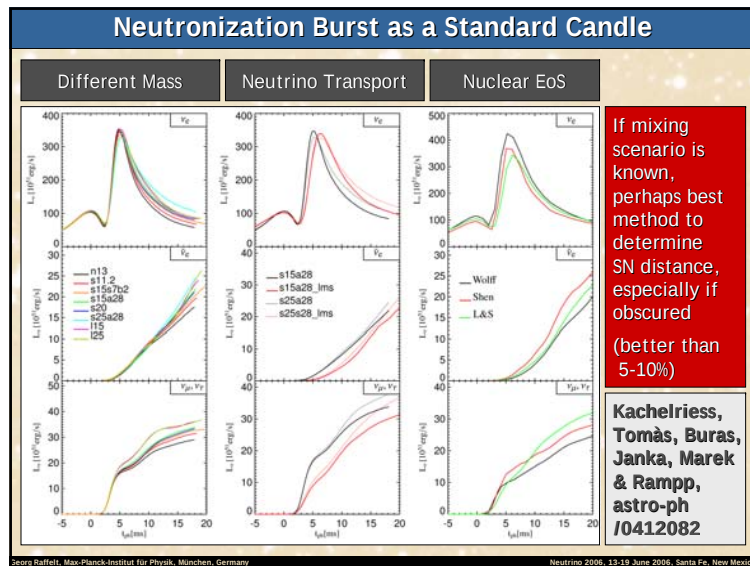
Neutrino oscillations cause a significantly different time profile (absolute flux depends on distance)



Kachelriess, Tomàs, Buras, Janka, Marek & Rampp, astro-ph/0412082

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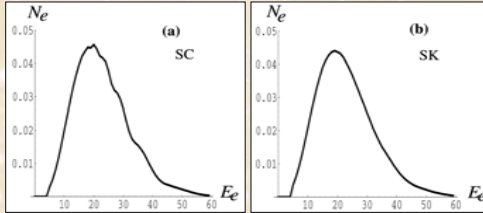
Model-Independent Strategies for Observing Earth Effects

One detector observes SN shadowed by Earth

Case 1:

- Another detector observes SN directly
- Identify Earth effects by comparing signals

Case2: Identify “wiggles” in signal of single detector Problem: Smearing by limited energy resolution



If 13-mixing angle is known to be “large”, e.g. from Double Chooz, observed “wiggles” in energy spectrum signify normal mass hierarchy

Scintillator detector
~ 2000 events
may be enough

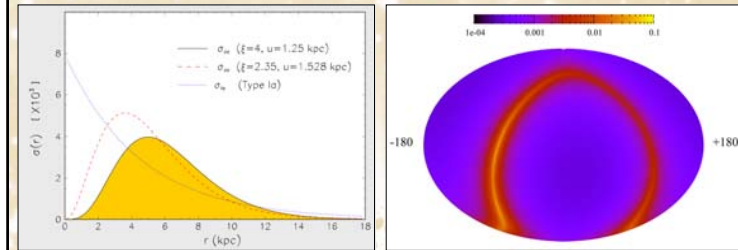
Water Cherenkov
Need megaton detector
with ~ 10^5 events

Dighe, Keil & Raffelt, “Identifying Earth matter effects on supernova neutrinos at a single detector” [hep-ph/0304150]

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Galactic Distribution of Core-Collapse Supernovae



“Surface density” depleted near center
(from pulsar distribution and other indicators)

$$\sigma \propto r^\xi \exp\left(-\frac{r}{u}\right)$$

Assumed vertical distribution in the galactic disk

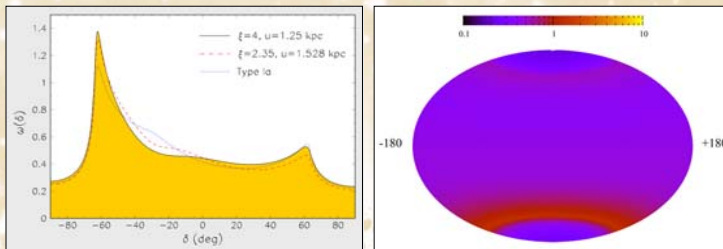
$$R(z) \propto 0.79 \exp\left[-\left(\frac{z}{212 \text{ pc}}\right)^2\right] + 0.21 \exp\left[-\left(\frac{z}{636 \text{ pc}}\right)^2\right]$$

Mirizzi, Raffelt & Serpico, “Earth matter effects in supernova neutrinos: Optimal detector locations”, astro-ph/0604300

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Average over Right Ascension (Earth Rotation)



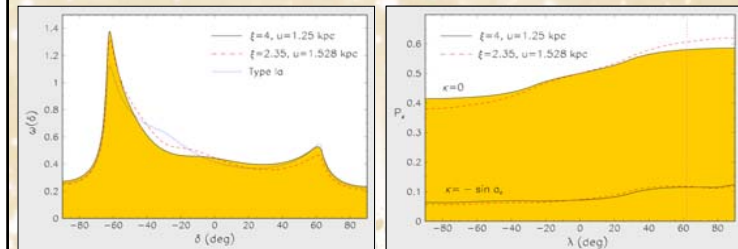
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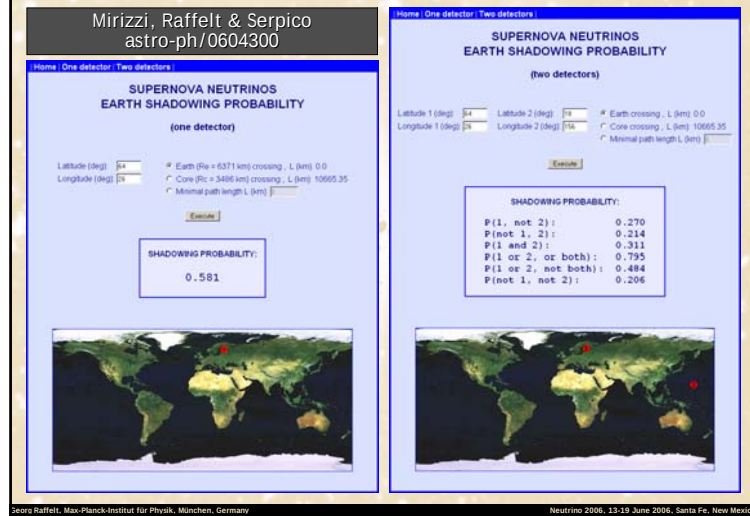
Probability of Earth and core shadowing as a function of geographic latitude

Mirizzi, Raffelt & Serpico, “Earth matter effects in supernova neutrinos: Optimal detector locations”, astro-ph/0604300

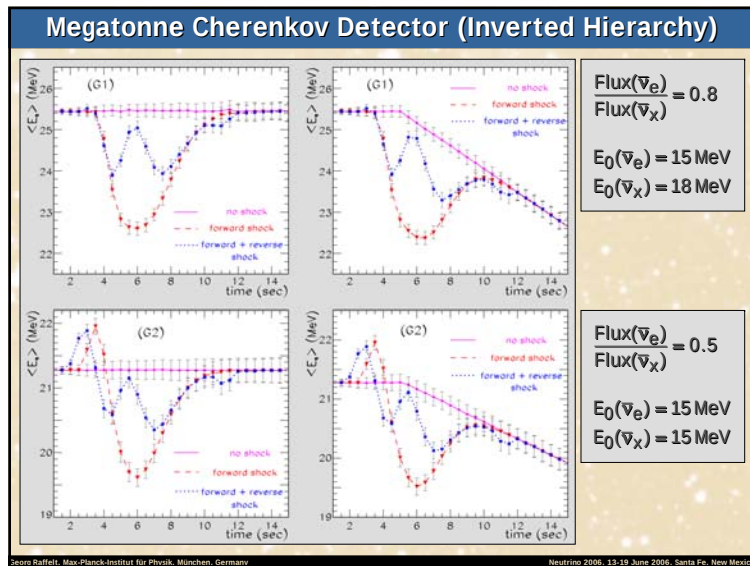
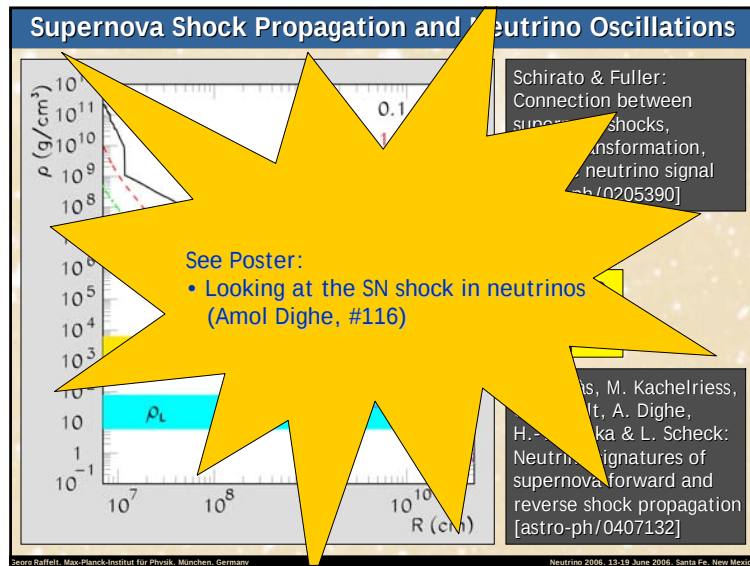
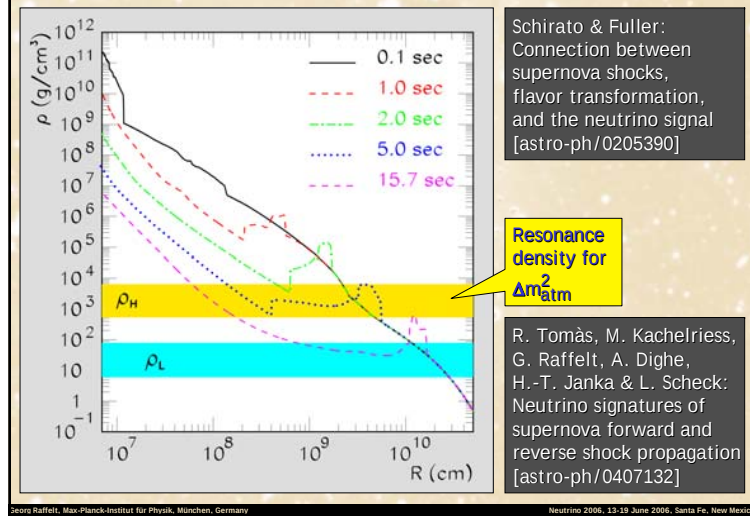
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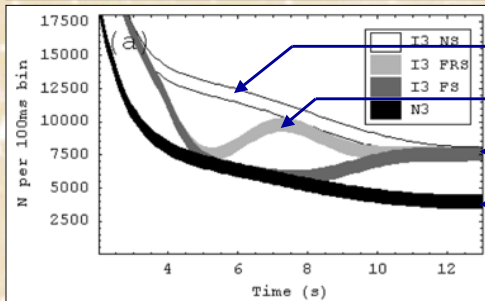


Supernova Shock Propagation and Neutrino Oscillations



Shock-Wave Propagation in IceCube

$$\text{Flux}(\bar{\nu}_e) = 0.8, \quad \langle E_{\bar{\nu}_e} \rangle = 15 \text{ MeV}, \quad \langle E_{\nu_x} \rangle = 18 \text{ MeV}$$



Inverted Hierarchy
No shockwave

Inverted Hierarchy
Forward & reverse shock

Inverted Hierarchy
Forward shock

Normal Hierarchy

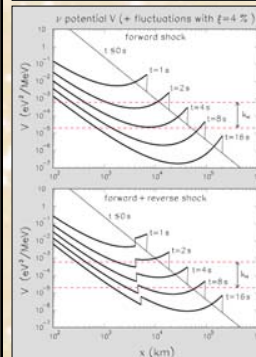
Choubey, Harries & Ross, "Probing neutrino oscillations from supernovae shock waves via the IceCube detector", astro-ph/0604300

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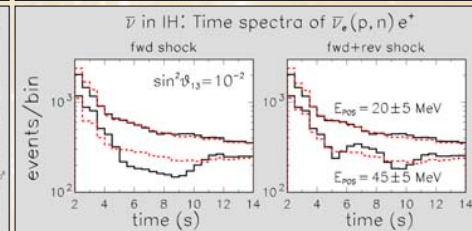
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Stochastic Density Fluctuations

Schematic time-dependent shock-wave profile



Events in a 0.4 Mt water Cherenkov detector
Black: no noise. Red: with noise.



Assume δ -correlated noise, length-scale of order the oscillation length (10 km), amplitude 4% (line-width on plot)

Fogli, Lisi, Mirizzi & Montanino, "Damping of supernova neutrino transitions in stochastic shock-wave density profiles", hep-ph/0603033

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So what could we learn?

Depends on which detectors will be running, what they will see, and what else will be known at that time, e.g. about neutrino mixing parameters.



Even small-statistics signal (e.g. SN at Andromeda distance with a Mt detector) useful to determine spectra and duration better than SN 1987A (especially useful for particle-physics limits and for prediction of diffuse SN neutrino background)



High-statistics observation from galactic SN:

- Early warning, direction and distance
- Follow in detail stellar collapse, test SN theory
- May observe new features (e.g. collapse to black hole)



Neutrino oscillations:

- May observe evidence for flavor oscillations and determine mass hierarchy and/or magnitude of Theta-13
- May observe shock-wave propagation effects



Probably requires new detectors, e.g. Mton water Cherenkov (Hyper-K, MEMPHYS, UNO), neutron tagging (GADZOOKS!) large scintillator detectors (LENA), large nu-e detector (liquid argon TPC). In Europe: LAGUNA R&D initiative forming

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Supernova 1054 Petrograph



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