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Neutrino Astrophysics

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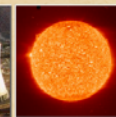
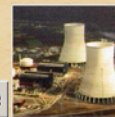
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Where do Neutrinos Appear in Nature?



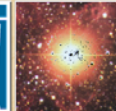
Nuclear Reactors



Sun



Particle-Accelerators

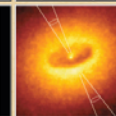
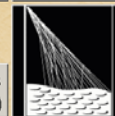


Supernovae
(Stellar Collapse)

SN 1987A



Earth Atmosphere
(Cosmic Rays)

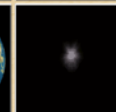


Astrophysical
Accelerators

Soon ?

2002 ?

Earth Crust
(Natural
Radioactivity)



Cosmic Big Bang
(Today $330 \text{ } \nu/\text{cm}^3$)

Indirect Evidence

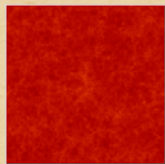
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Lecture I:
Physics with Supernovae



Lecture II:
Cosmological Neutrinos

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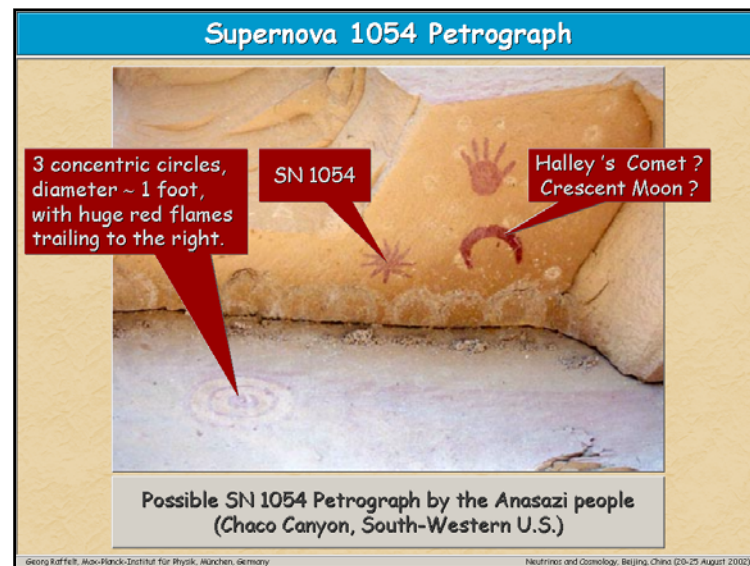
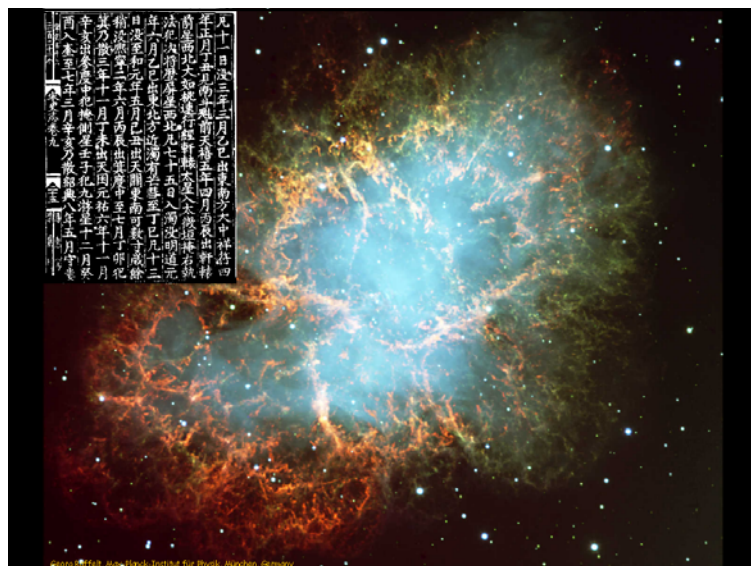
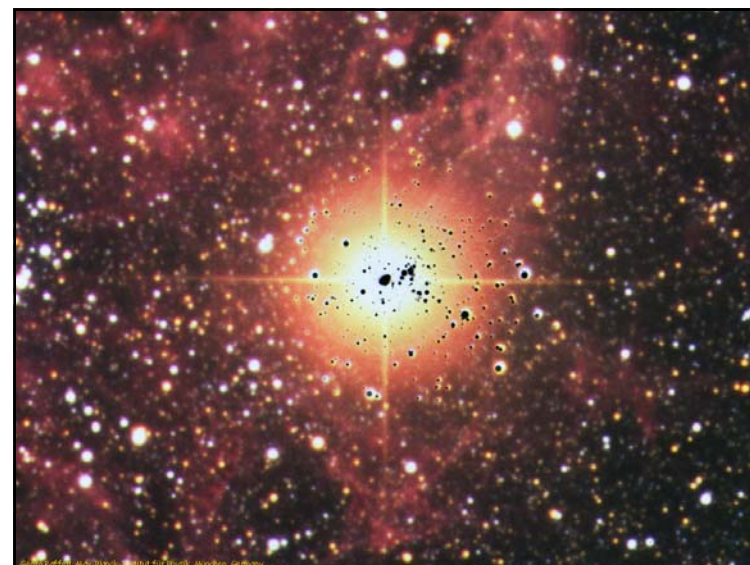


Tarantula Nebula

Large Magellanic Cloud
Distance 50 kpc
(160.000 light years)



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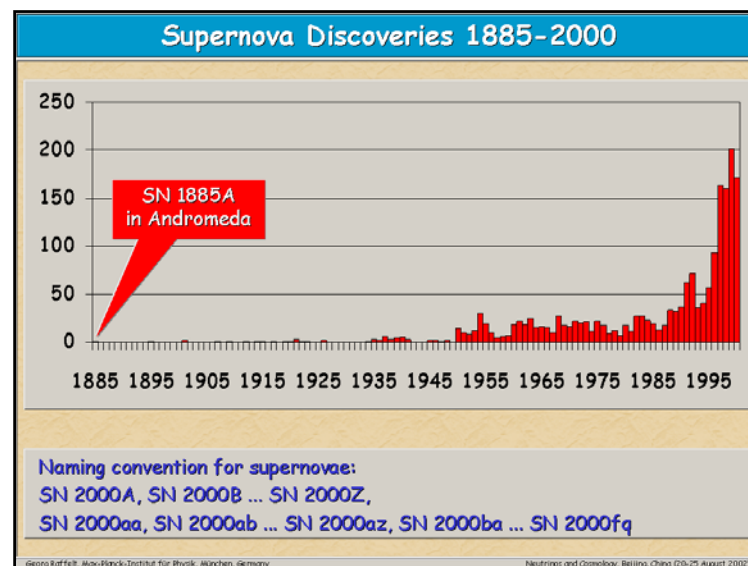
Classification of Supernovae				
Spectral Type	Ia	Ib	Ic	II
Spectrum	No Hydrogen			Hydrogen
	Silicon	No Silicon		
		Helium	No Helium	
Physical Mechanism	Nuclear explosion of low-mass star	Core collapse of evolved massive star (may have lost its hydrogen or even helium envelope during red-giant evolution)		
Light Curve	Reproducible	Large variations		
Neutrinos	Insignificant	~ 100 × Visible energy		
Compact Remnant	None	Neutron star (typically appears as pulsar) Sometimes black hole ?		
Rate / h ² SNU	0.36 ± 0.11	0.14 ± 0.07		0.71 ± 0.34
Observed	Total ~ 2000 as of today (nowadays ~200/year)			

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Neutrinos and Core-collapse Supernovae, Beijing, China (26-28 August 2010)

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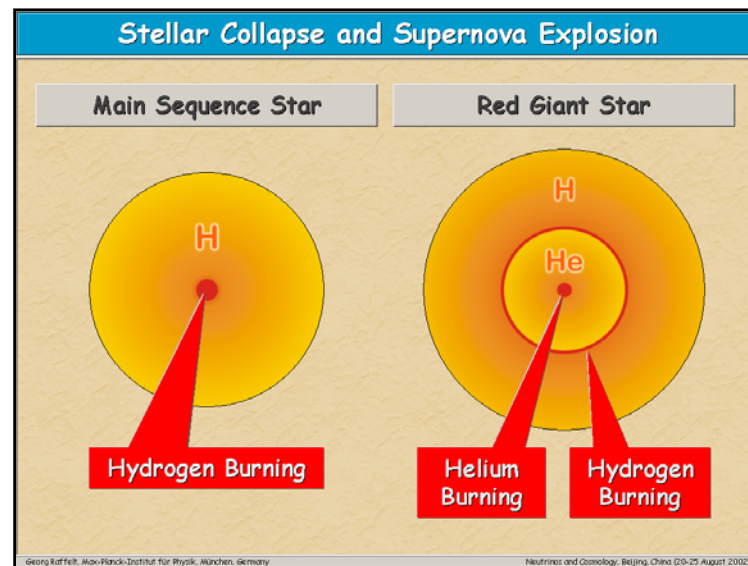
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	Physical Mechanism of Core-Collapse Supernovae
	Supernova Neutrino Detection
	Limits on Particle Properties
	Flavor Oscillations of Supernova Neutrinos

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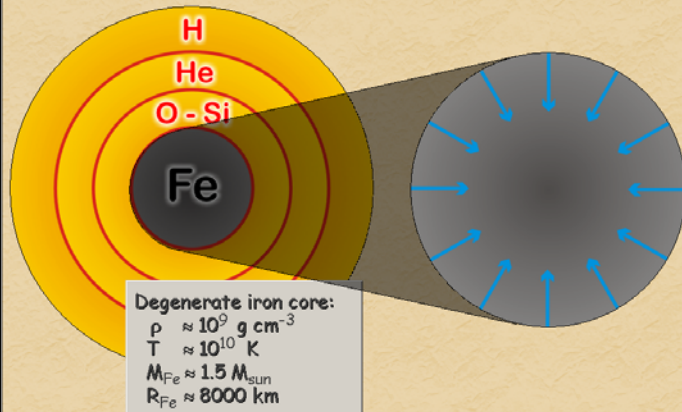
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Stellar Collapse and Supernova Explosion

Onion Structure

Collapse (Implosion)



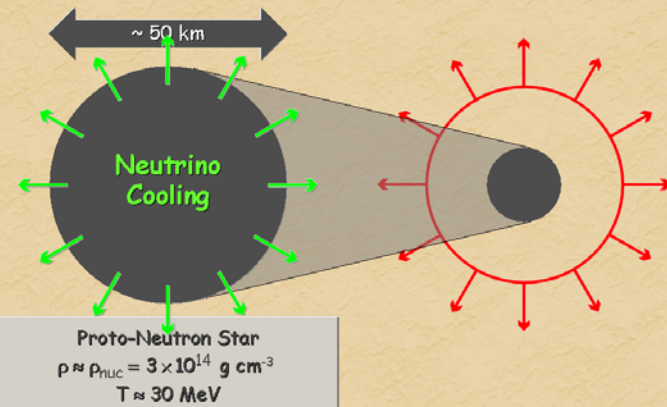
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Stellar Collapse and Supernova Explosion

Newborn Neutron Star

Explosion

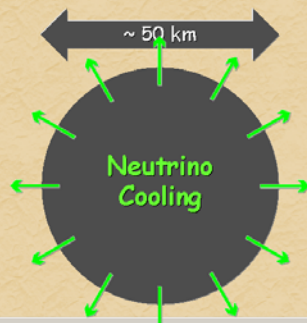


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Newborn Neutron Star



Proto-Neutron Star
 $\rho \approx \rho_{\text{nuc}} = 3 \times 10^{14} \text{ g cm}^{-3}$
 $T \approx 30 \text{ MeV}$

Gravitational binding energy

$$E_b \approx 3 \times 10^{53} \text{ erg} \approx 17\% M_{\text{SUN}} c^2$$

This shows up as

99% Neutrinos
 1% Kinetic energy of explosion
 (1% of this into cosmic rays)
 0.01% Photons, outshine host galaxy

Neutrino luminosity

$$L_\nu \approx 3 \times 10^{53} \text{ erg} / 3 \text{ sec}$$

$$\approx 3 \times 10^{19} L_{\text{SUN}}$$

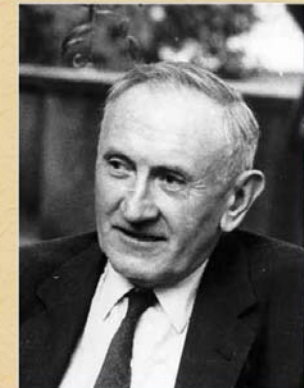
While it lasts, outshines the entire visible universe

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Walter Baade (1893-1960)



Fritz Zwicky (1898-1974)

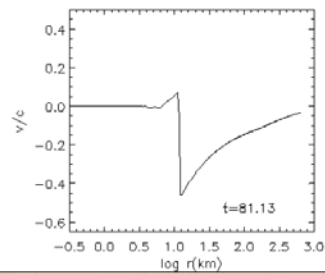
Baade and Zwicky were the first to speculate about a connection between supernova explosions and neutron-star formation
 [Phys. Rev. 45 (1934) 138]

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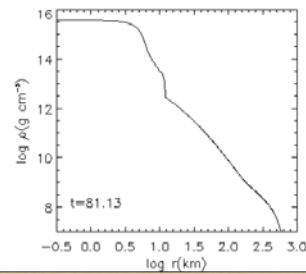
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Collapse and Prompt Explosion

Velocity



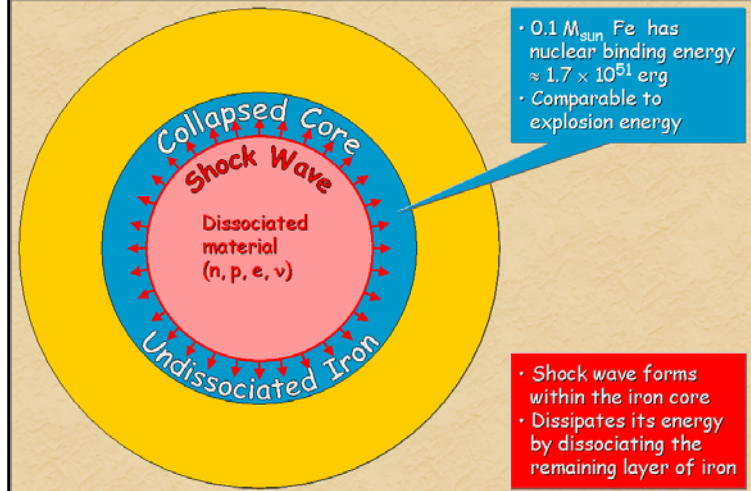
Density



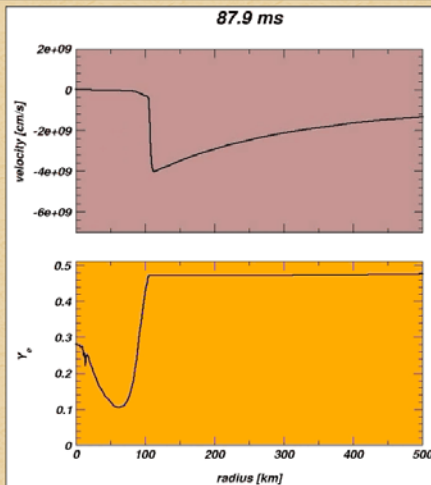
Supernova explosion primarily a hydrodynamical phenomenon

Movies by J.A.Font, Numerical Hydrodynamics in General Relativity
<http://www.livingreviews.org>

Why No Prompt Explosion?



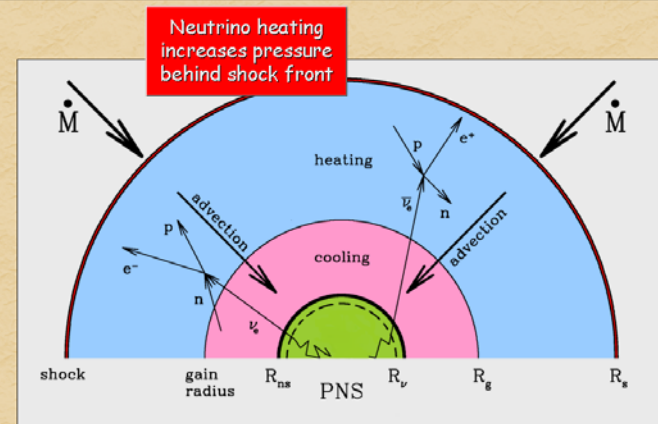
Failed Explosion



Spherically symmetric simulation of a $15 M_{\text{sun}}$ stellar model with state-of-the-art neutrino transport

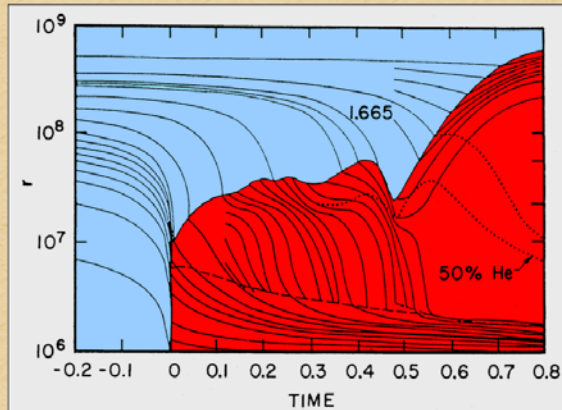
Movie courtesy of Bronson Messer, Oakridge group (2001)

Neutrinos to the Rescue



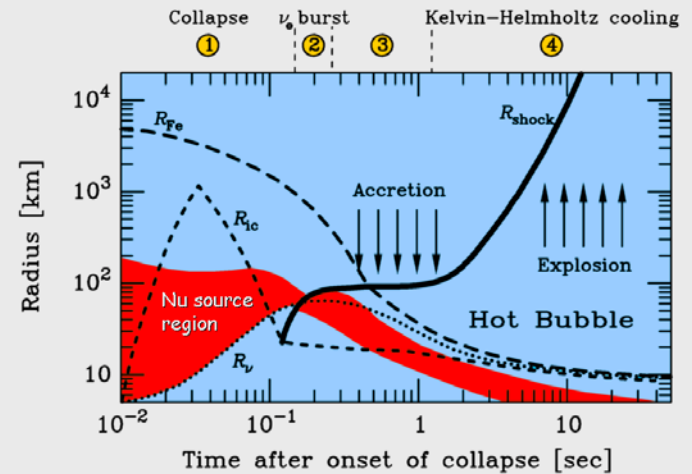
Picture adapted from Janka, astro-ph/0008432

Revival of a Stalled Supernova Shock by Neutrino Heating



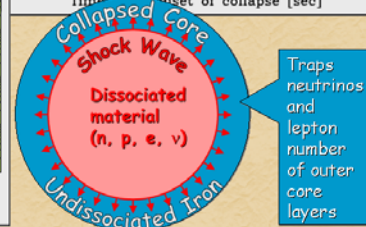
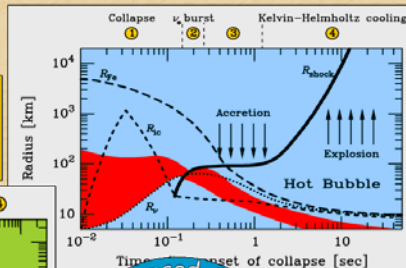
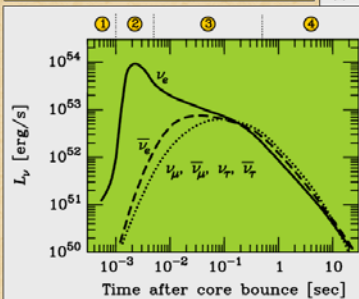
Wilson, Proc. Univ. Illinois Meeting on Numerical Astrophysics (1982)
Bethe & Wilson, ApJ 295 (1985) 14

Supernova Collapse and Explosion

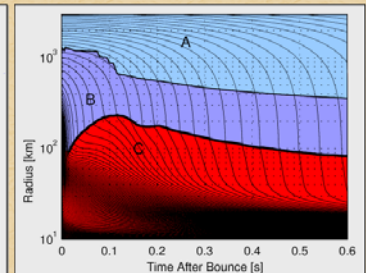
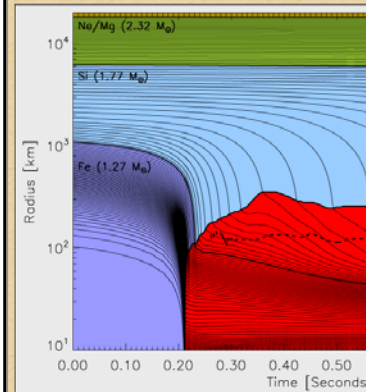


Structure of Supernova Neutrino Signal

1. Collapse (infall phase)
2. Shock break out
3. Matter accretion
4. Kelvin-Helmholtz cooling



Failed Explosions in Spherical Symmetry

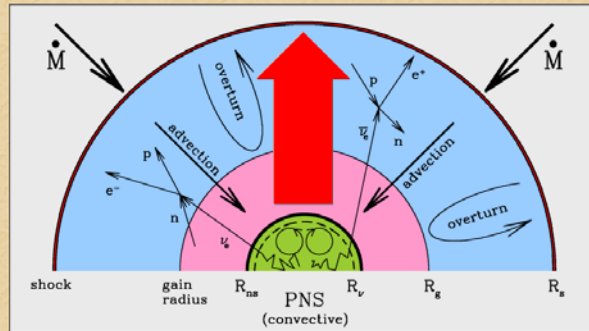


Mezzacappa et al., PRL 86 (2001) 1935

Rampp & Janka,
ApJ 539 (2000) L33

Spherically symmetric (1-D) simulations with state-of-the-art neutrino transport do not explode

Novel Forms of Energy Transfer?



New particles or neutrinos with novel properties could provide a new channel of energy transfer from proto neutron star to shock wave

Must not transfer too much energy → Limits on decaying neutrinos
[Falk & Schramm, PLB 79 (1978) 511]

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Shock Revival by Novel Particles?

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SUPERNOVAE INDUCED BY AXION-LIKE PARTICLES

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ABSTRACT

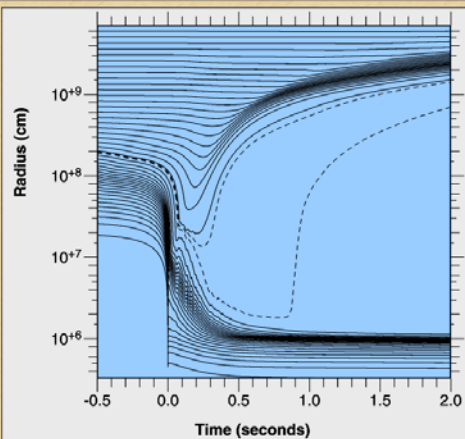
It is shown that a new type of particle which may have been seen in a recent accelerator experiment may, if truly present, provide a mechanism whereby gravitationally collapsing massive stars may eject their outer mantles and envelopes in supernova explosions of $\sim 10^{51}$ ergs while leaving the cores to form neutron star remnants. These particles are "axion-like," which means they interact semiweakly, decay to two photons with lifetimes $\sim 10^{-3}$ s, and have masses $0.15 \leq m_a \leq 1$ MeV. It is hoped that future accelerator searches will be able to confirm or deny the existence of these particles, the presence of which would cause a dramatic solution to the long-standing gravitational-collapse supernova problem.

Subject headings: elementary particles — nuclear reactions — stars: collapsed — stars: supernovae

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Neutron-Finger Convection to the Rescue



Totani, Sato, Dalhed & Wilson, ApJ 496 (1998) 216

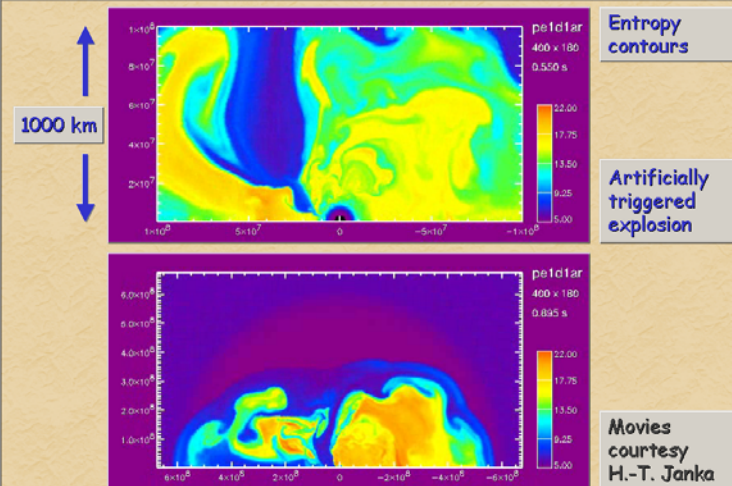
Livermore group obtains robust delayed explosions with 1-D code of Mayle & Wilson

Neutrino luminosity is enhanced by "neutron finger convection" in proto neutron star

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Convection in Supernovae (2-D Simulation)



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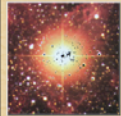
Theoretical Status of Supernova Explosions



- Spherically symmetric models do not explode, even with state-of-the-art Boltzmann solvers for neutrino transport
- Delayed explosion scenario requires enhanced neutrino luminosity at early times ($\sim$ factor 2)



- Convection between proto neutron star (PNS) and shock wave and perhaps within PNS helps
- Next steps: 2-D and 3-D simulations self-consistently coupled with state-of-the-art neutrino transport



- Particle-physics models for new channel of energy transfer can be constructed
- Simplest neutrino flavor-oscillation scenario suppressed by large matter effects relative to small Δm



- New physical ingredients required?
- Explosion a magneto-hydrodynamical effect? (Strong B-fields and fast rotation possible)

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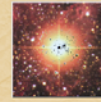
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Limits on Particle Properties

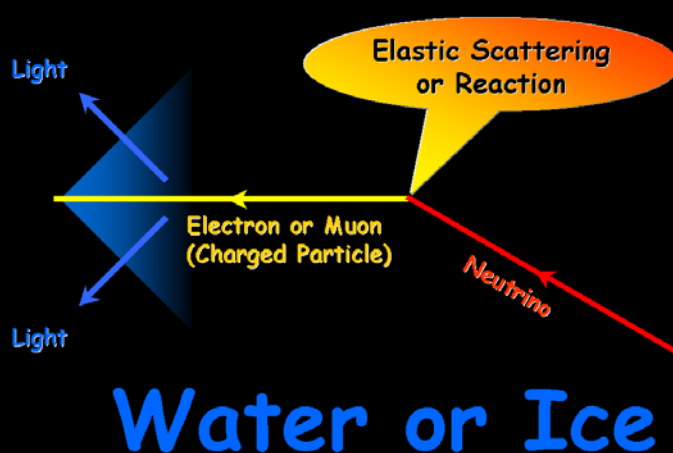


Flavor Oscillations of Supernova Neutrinos

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Cherenkov Effect

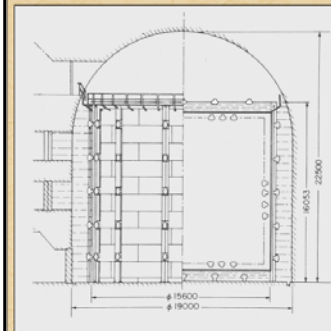


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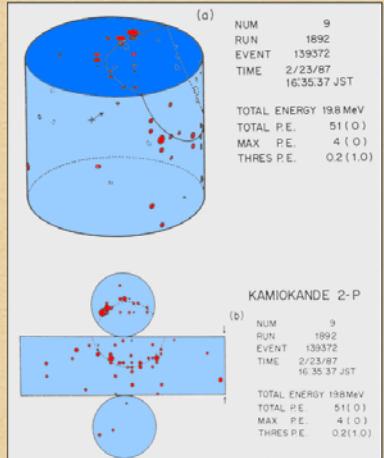
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SN 1987A Event No.9 in Kamiokande

Kamiokande Detector



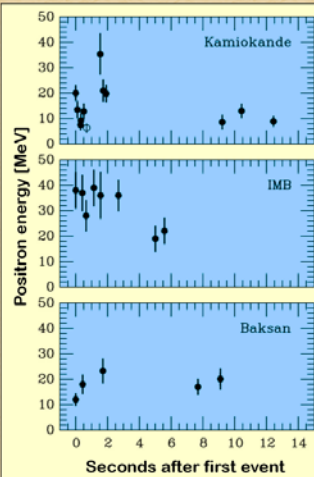
Hirata et al., PRD 38 (1988) 448



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Neutrino Signal of Supernova 1987A



Kamiokande (Japan)
Water Cherenkov detector
Clock uncertainty ± 1 min

Irvine-Michigan-Brookhaven (US)
Water Cherenkov detector
Clock uncertainty ± 50 ms

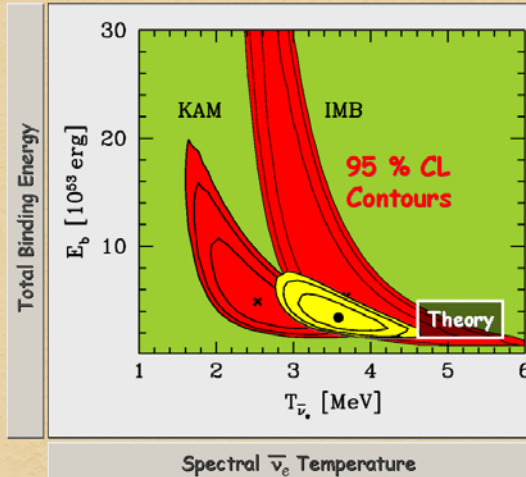
Baksan Scintillator Telescope
(Soviet Union)
Clock uncertainty $\pm 2/-54$ s

Within clock uncertainties,
signals are contemporaneous

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Interpreting SN 1987A Neutrinos



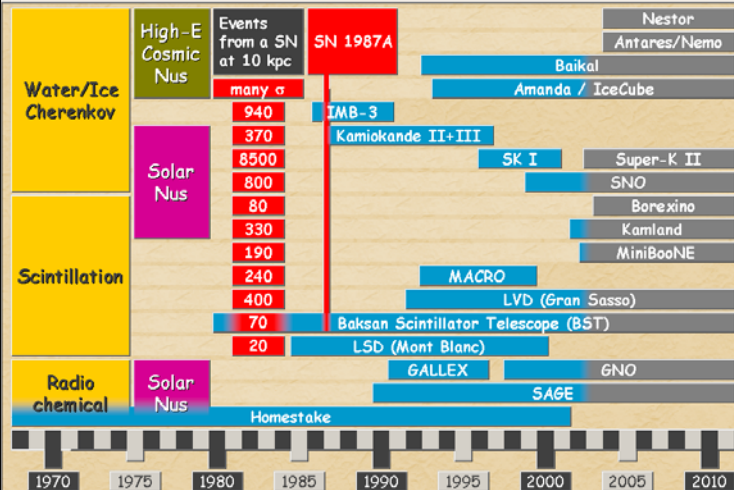
Jegerlehner,
Neubig & Raffelt,
PRD 54 (1996) 1194

Assume thermal
spectra and
equipartition of
energy between
the six degrees
of freedom
 $\nu_e, \bar{\nu}_e, \nu_\mu, \bar{\nu}_\mu, \nu_\tau, \bar{\nu}_\tau$
and their
antiparticles

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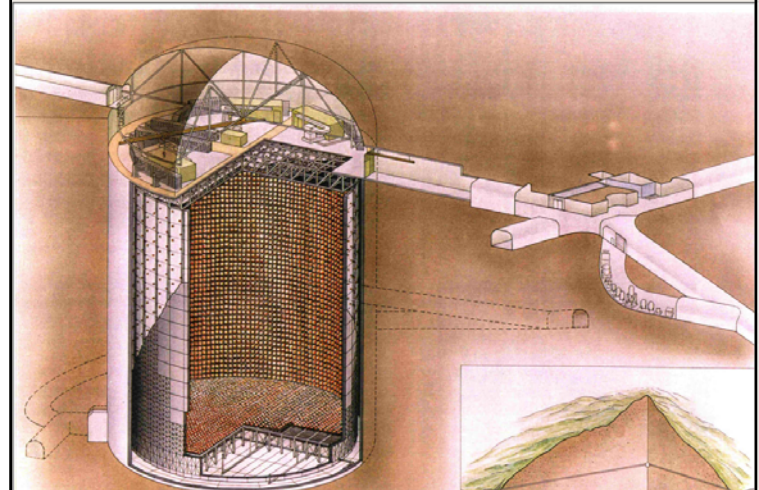
Short History of Neutrino Astronomy



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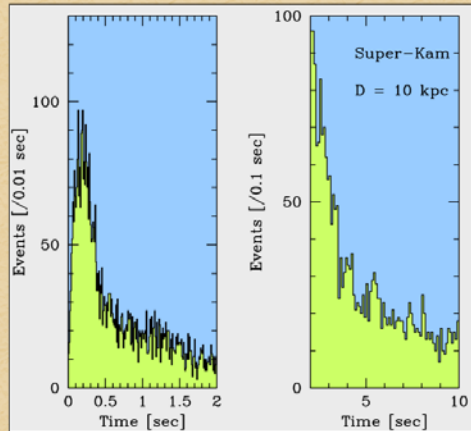
Super-Kamiokande Neutrino Detector



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Simulated Supernova Signal in Super-Kamiokande



Total of about 8300 events for $t < 18$ s

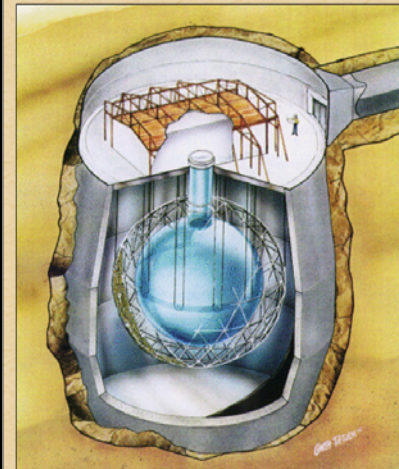
Monte-Carlo simulation for Super-Kamiokande signal of SN at 10 kpc, based on a numerical Livermore model

Totani, Sato, Dalhed & Wilson, ApJ 496 (1998) 216

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Sudbury Neutrino Observatory (SNO)



1000 tons of heavy water

Events from a SN at 10 kpc (no flavor oscillations)

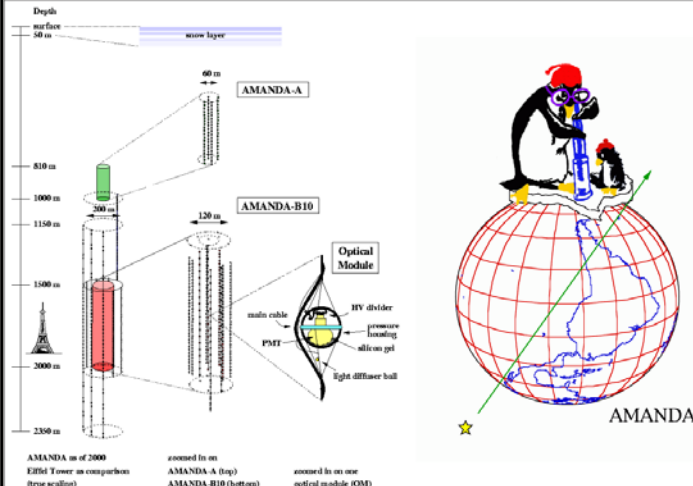
Heavy water (1 kt)	Events:
CC: $\nu_e + d \rightarrow p + p + e^-$	72
CC: $\bar{\nu}_e + d \rightarrow n + n + e^+$	138
NC: $\nu_e + d \rightarrow \nu_e + p + n$	30
NC: $\bar{\nu}_e + d \rightarrow \bar{\nu}_e + p + n$	32
NC: $\nu_x + d \rightarrow \nu_x + p + n$	164

Light water (1.4 kt)	Events:
CC: $\bar{\nu}_e + p \rightarrow n + e^+$	331

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AMANDA - Neutrino Telescope at the Southpole



AMANDA is of 1000 ERT4 Tower in comparison (true scaling)

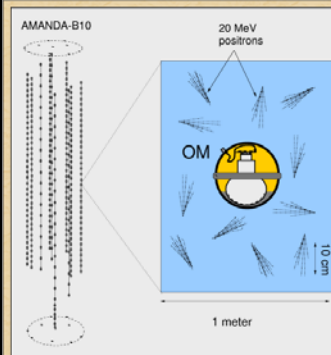
zoomed to an AMANDA-A (top)

zoomed to an optical module (OM)

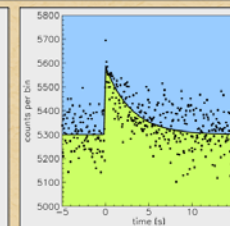
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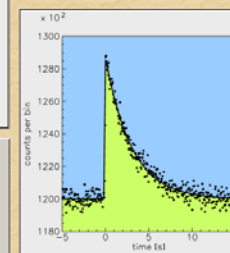
Amada/IceCube as a Supernova Detector



Each optical module (OM) picks up Cherenkov light from its neighborhood. SN appears as correlated "noise" between OMs



SN @ 8.5 kpc
Signal in
Amada



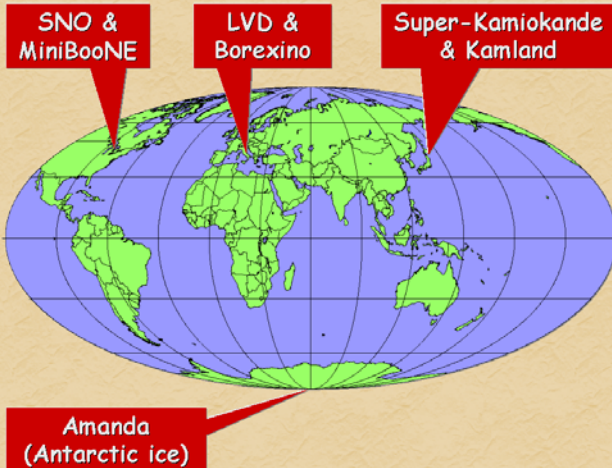
SN @ 8.5 kpc
Signal in
Ice Cube

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Collaboration
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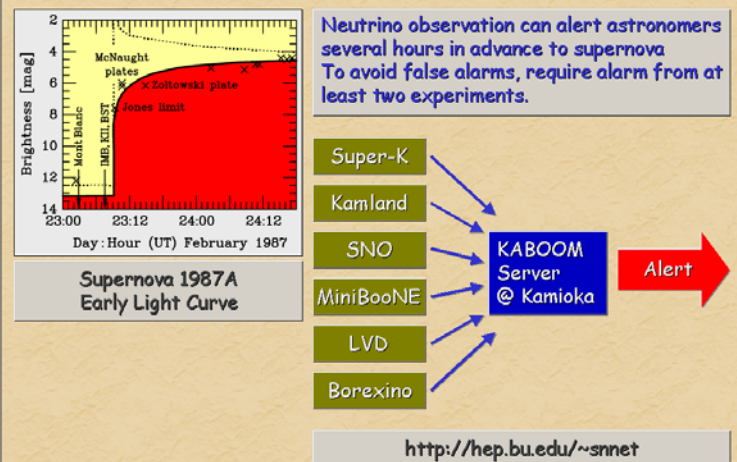
Large Detectors for SN Neutrinos



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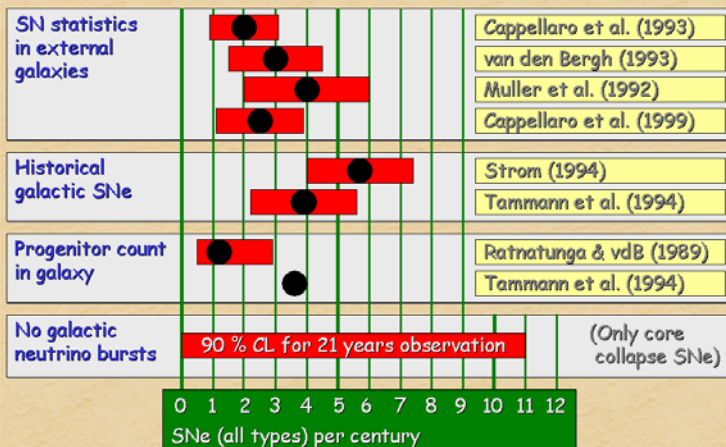
SuperNova Early Warning System (SNEWS)



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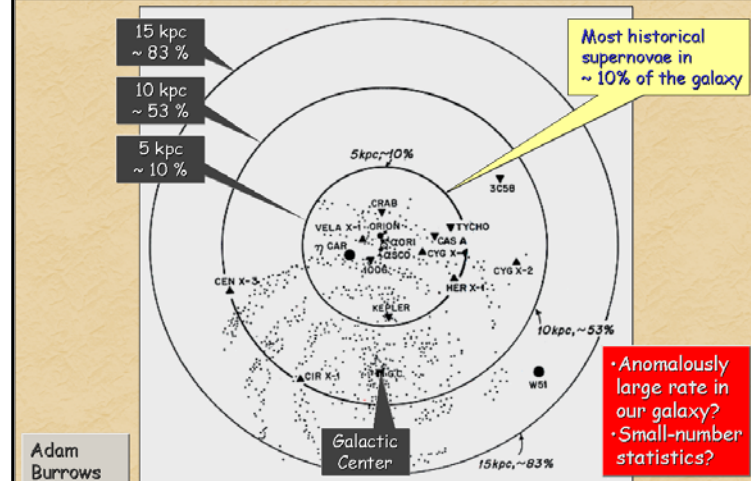
Estimates of the Galactic SN Rate



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Galactic Supernova Events



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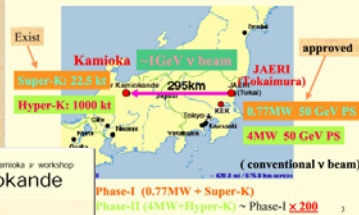
The Future: A Megatonne Detector?

Megatonne detector motivated by

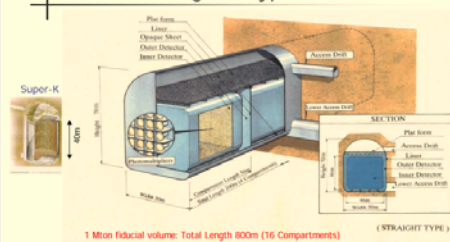
- Long baseline neutrino oscillations
- Proton decay
- Atmospheric neutrinos
- Solar neutrinos
- Supernova neutrinos ($\sim 10^5$ events for SN at 10 kpc)

1. Overview of the experiment

(expect to start in 2007)



Possible Design of Hyper-Kamiokande



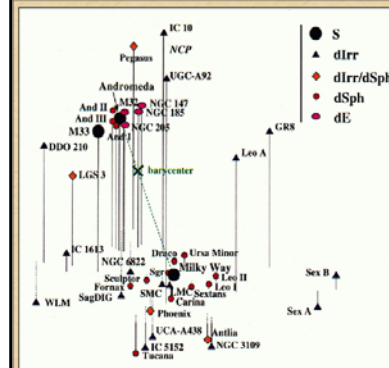
Similar discussions in

- USA (UNO project)
- Europe (Frejus Tunnel)

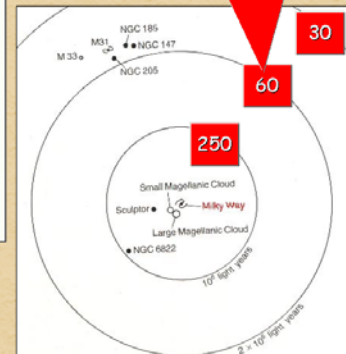
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Local Group of Galaxies



Events in a detector with $30 \times$ Super-K fiducial volume (8000 events in SK at 10 kpc)



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Diffuse Background Flux of SN Neutrinos

$$1 \text{ SNU} = 1 \text{ SN} / 10^{10} L_{\text{sun},B} / 100 \text{ years}$$

$$L_{\text{sun},B} = 0.54 L_{\text{sun}} = 2 \times 10^{33} \text{ erg/s}$$

$$E_{\nu} \sim 3 \times 10^{53} \text{ erg per core-collapse SN}$$

- Photons come from nuclear energy
- Neutrinos from gravitational energy

Present-day SN rate of $\sim 1 \text{ SNU}$, extrapolated to the entire universe, corresponds to ν_e flux of $\sim 1 \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$

Realistic flux dominated by much larger early star-formation rate

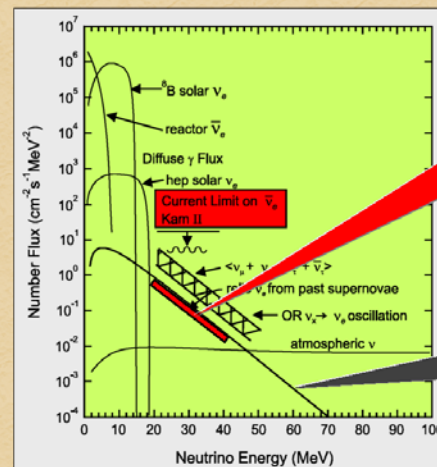
- Upper limit $\sim 54 \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$ [Kaplinghat et al., astro-ph/9912391]
- "Realistic estimate" $\sim 10 \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$ [Hartmann & Woosley, Astropart. Phys. 7 (1997) 137]

Measurement would tell us about early history of star formation

$1 \text{ SNU} \sim 4 L_{\nu} / L_{\gamma,B}$
Average neutrino luminosity of galaxies $\sim$ photon luminosity

For galaxies, average nuclear & gravitational energy release similar

Experimental Limits on Relic SN Neutrinos



Preliminary Super-K upper limit of $39 \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$ for Kaplinghat et al. spectrum (Totsuka, private comm.) $\sim$ factor 30 improvement

Upper-limit flux of Kaplinghat et al., astro-ph/9912391 Integrated $54 \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$

Cline, astro-ph/0103138

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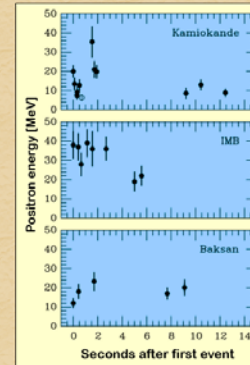
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Neutrino Mass Limits by Signal Dispersion

Time-of-flight delay
of massive neutrinos

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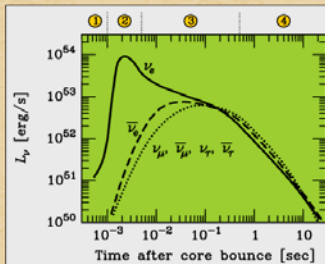
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Simple estimate or detailed maximum
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$$m_{\nu_e} < 20 \text{ eV}$$

Future
Galactic SN
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$D \approx 10 \text{ kpc}$, Rise-time 0.01 s
Sensitivity approximately
[T.Totani, PRL 80 (1998) 2040]

$$m_{\nu_e} \sim 3 \text{ eV}$$

Future SN
in Andromeda
(Megatonne)

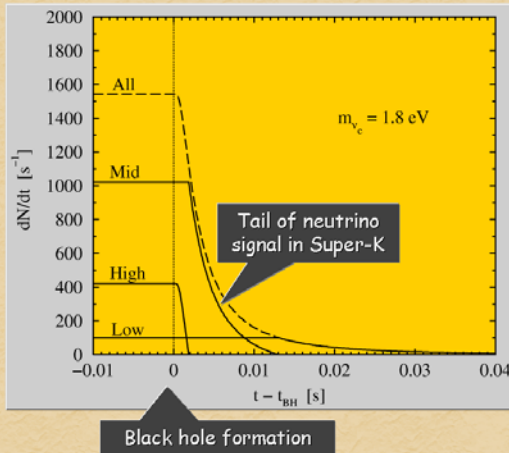
$D \approx 750 \text{ kpc}$, $\Delta t \approx 10 \text{ s}$
Sensitivity approximately

$$m_{\nu_e} \sim 1-2 \text{ eV}$$

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Neutrino Mass from Early Black Hole Formation



Beacom, Boyd &
Mezzacappa,
hep-ph/0006015

Super-Kamiokande
sensitivity
 $m_\nu \sim 1.8 \text{ eV}$

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Neutrino Mass Limits and Future Sensitivity

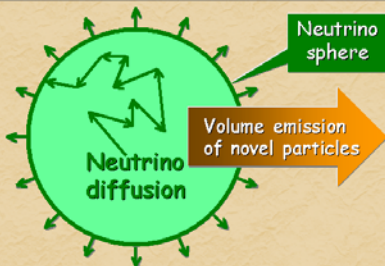
Tritium endpoint	Mainz/Troitsk	2.5 eV
	KATRIN	0.3 eV
Supernova Nus Time-of-flight	SN 1987A	20 eV
	Super-Kamiokande	3 eV
	with black hole	2 eV
	with gravity waves	1 eV
Cosmic structure	2dF Redshift Survey	0.8 eV
	Sloan Digital Sky Survey	0.3 eV

- Assume 3 mass eigenstates with very small mass differences as indicated by atmospheric and solar neutrinos
- The cosmological limit refers to $m_\nu = \Sigma m_\nu/3$

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The Energy-Loss Argument

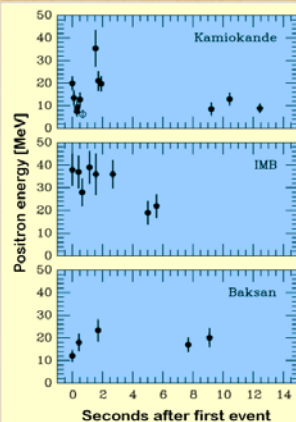


Assuming that the neutrino burst was not shortened by more than $\sim \frac{1}{2}$ leads to an approximate requirement on a novel energy-loss rate

$$e_x < 10^{19} \text{ erg g}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$$

for $\rho \approx 3 \times 10^{14} \text{ g cm}^{-3}$ and $T \approx 30 \text{ MeV}$

SN 1987A neutrino signal



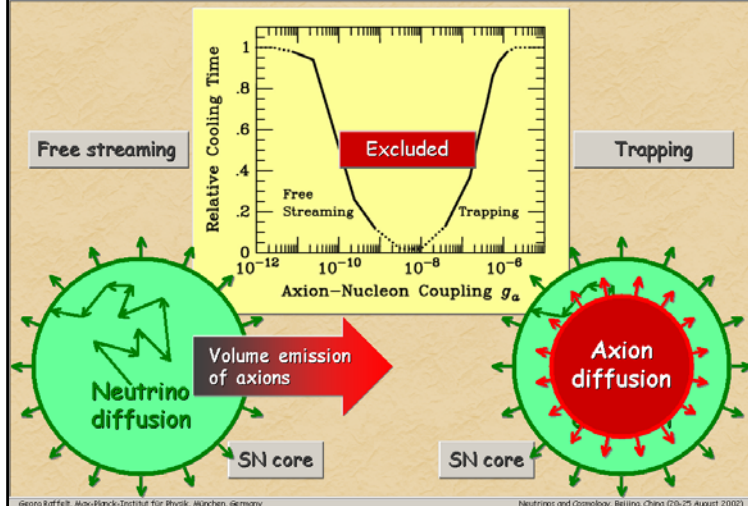
Axion Emission Processes in Stars

Nucleons	$\frac{G_N}{2f_a} \bar{\Psi}_N \gamma_\mu \gamma_5 \Psi_N \partial^\mu a$	Nucleon Bremsstrahlung	
Photons	$\frac{C_e}{2f_a} \bar{\Psi}_e \gamma_\mu \gamma_5 \Psi_e \partial^\mu a$	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	

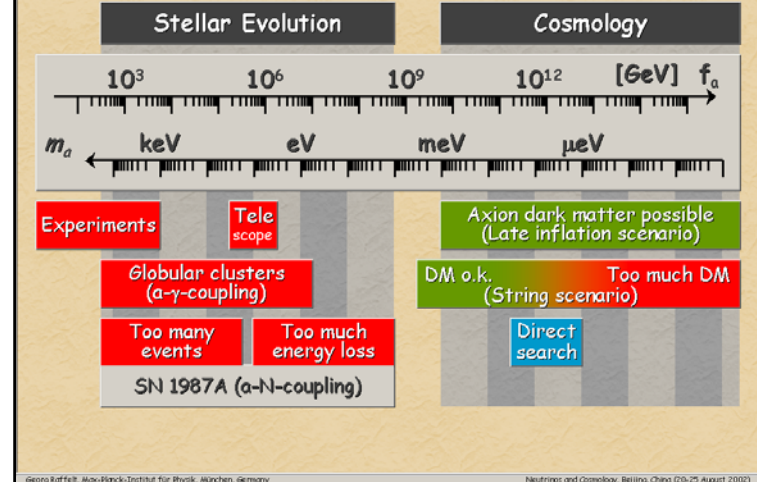
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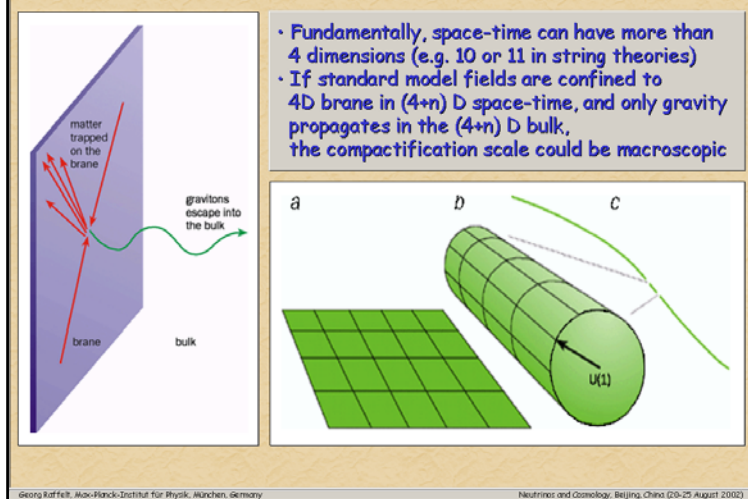
SN 1987A Axion Limits



Astrophysical Axion Bounds



Large Extra Dimensions



Supernova Limit on Large Extra Dimensions

Hierarchy problem solved by true Planck scale M being close to electro-weak scale in space with n extra dimensions, assumed to be compactified on n tori with periodicities $2\pi R$.
Newton's law at large distances governed by

$$G_N^{-1} = M_{Pl}^2 \approx M^{n+2} R^n$$

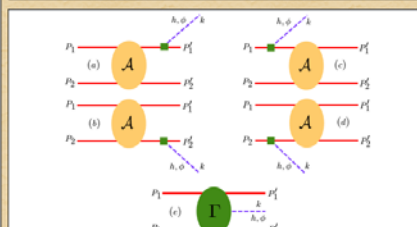


FIG. 1. The leading diagrams contributing to processes $NN \rightarrow NNh$ and $NN \rightarrow NNh$. Nucleons are denoted by solid lines and the KK modes $h_{\mu\nu}$ are denoted by dashed lines. Solid squares denote an insertion of the single-nucleon energy-momentum tensor, while solid circles containing A denote an insertion of the full NN scattering amplitude. The solid circle containing Γ denotes the non-pole vertex required for the sum of diagrams to satisfy $\partial_\mu M^{\mu\nu} = 0$.

Cullen & Perelstein, hep-ph/9904422
Hanhart et al., nucl-th/0007016

- SN core emits large flux of KK gravity modes by nucleon-nucleon bremsstrahlung
- Large multiplicity of modes

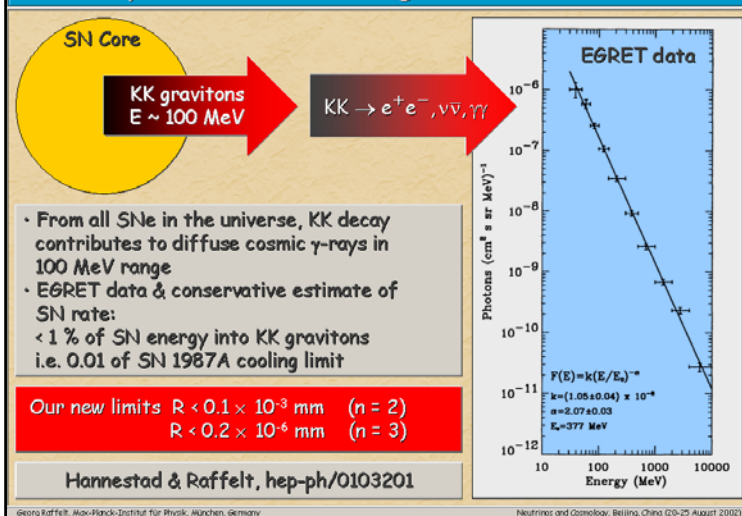
SN 1987A energy-loss argument:

$$R < 0.7 \times 10^{-3} \text{ mm} \quad (n = 2)$$

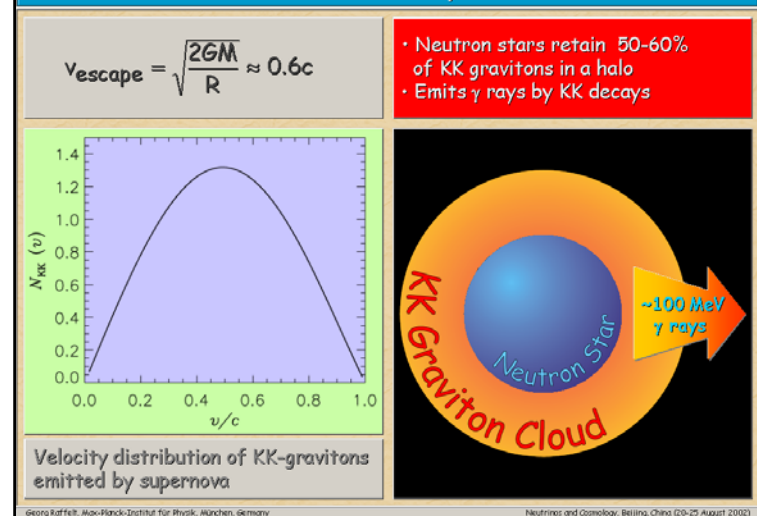
$$R < 0.8 \times 10^{-6} \text{ mm} \quad (n = 3)$$

Is the most restrictive limit on such theories, except for cosmological arguments

Improved Limits on Large Extra Dimensions

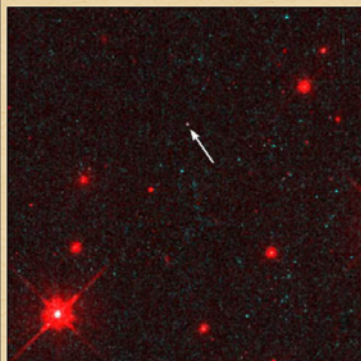


KK Graviton Retention by Neutron Star

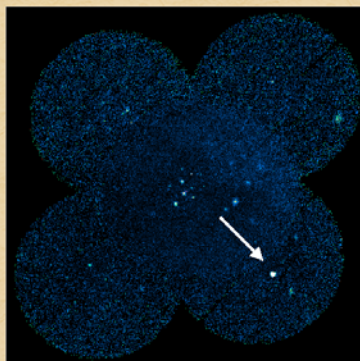


Nearby Neutron Star RX J185635-3754

$D = 61 \text{ pc}$ (closest known neutron star), Age $\sim 1.2 \times 10^6 \text{ yr}$

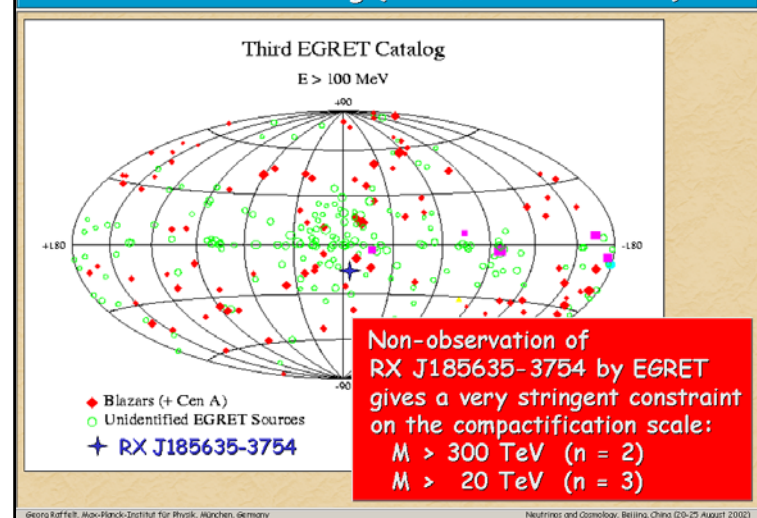


HST Image
 (Walter & Matthews 1997)



ROSAT Image
 (Walter, Wolk & Neuhauser 1996)

Third EGRET Catalog (Hartmann et al. 1999)

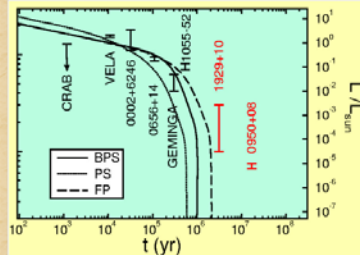


Neutron Star Excess Heat

- Neutron stars retain 50-60% of KK gravitons in a halo
- Emits γ rays by KK decays



Neutron star cooling calculations vs. observations (Pavlov, Stringfellow & Cordova 1996, Larson & Link 1999)



To avoid excess heating by KK decay

$$M > 1600 \text{ TeV} \quad (n = 2)$$

$$M > 60 \text{ TeV} \quad (n = 3)$$

Summary of Limits on Large Extra Dimensions

	$M_{\text{min}} [\text{TeV}]$		$R_{\text{max}} [\text{mm}]$	
	$n = 2$	$n = 3$	$n = 2$	$n = 3$
Laboratory experiments	0.6	-	0.2	-
SN 1987A neutrino signal	30	3	7×10^{-4}	8×10^{-7}
E0RET				
Cosmic SNe	84	7	8×10^{-5}	2×10^{-7}
Cas A	73	7	1×10^{-4}	2×10^{-7}
PSR J0953+0755	300	19	8×10^{-6}	4×10^{-8}
RX J185635-3754	454	27	3×10^{-6}	2×10^{-8}
Excess heat PSR J0953+0755	1680	60	2×10^{-7}	5×10^{-9}

Hannestad & Raffelt, PRL 88 (2002) 071301 [hep-ph/0103201]

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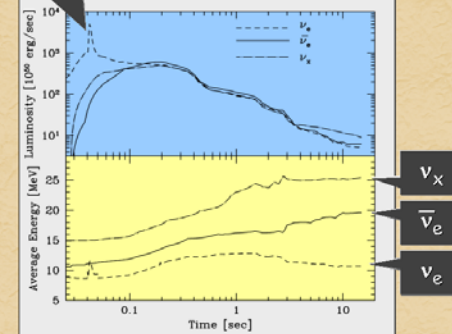
Limits on Particle Properties



Flavor Oscillations of Supernova Neutrinos

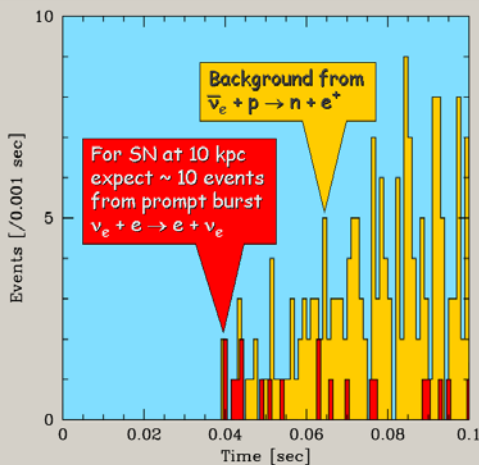
Flavor-Dependent Fluxes and Spectra

Prompt ν_e depletion/tonization burst



Numerical model of Totani, Sato, Dalhed & Wilson, ApJ 496 (1998) 216

Can we see the prompt neutrino burst?



Monte-Carlo example for early SN signal in Super-Kamiokande

Totani, Sato, Dalhed & Wilson, ApJ 496 (1998) 216

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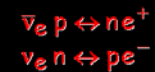
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Neutrino Spectra Formation

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Electron flavor ($\nu_e, \bar{\nu}_e$)

Thermal Equilibrium

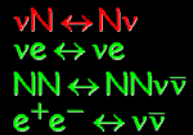


Free streaming

Neutrino sphere (NS)

Other flavors ($\nu_\mu, \nu_\tau, \bar{\nu}_\mu, \bar{\nu}_\tau$)

Thermal Equilibrium



Scattering Atmosphere



Diffusion

Free streaming

Energy sphere (ES)

Transport sphere

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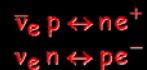
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$T_{flux} \sim T_{NS}$

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Scattering Atmosphere



T_{ES}

$T_{flux} \sim 0.6 T_{ES}$

Thermal Equilibrium

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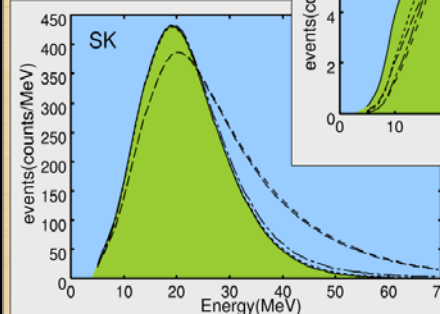
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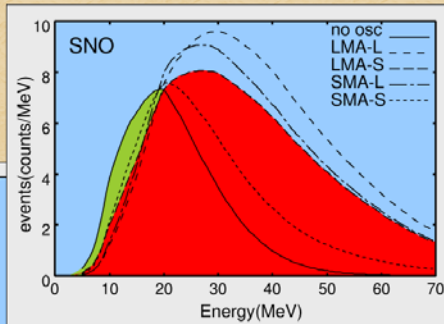
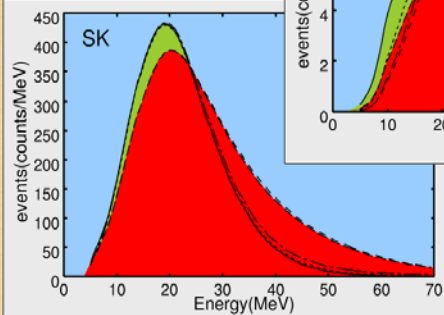


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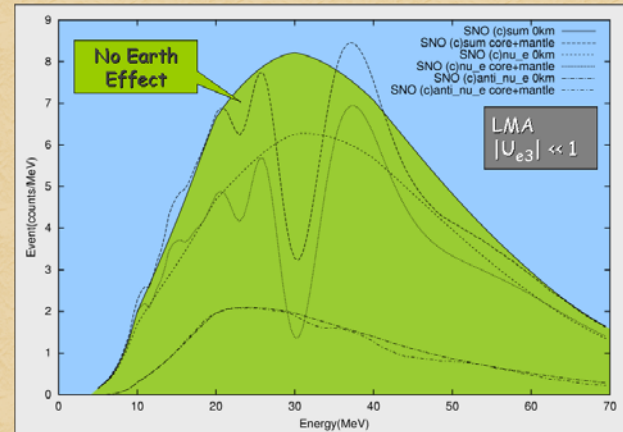
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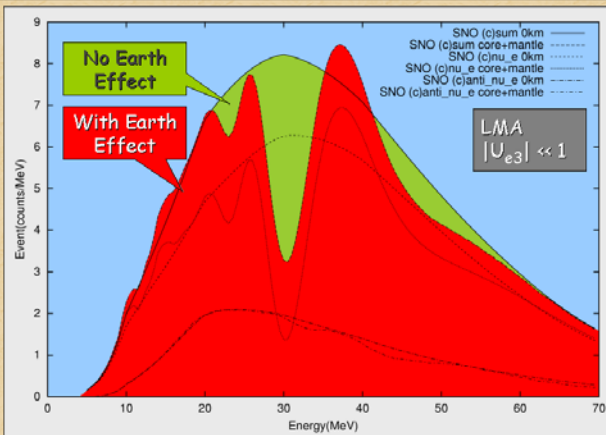
Oscillations with LMA and $|U_{e3}| \ll 1$

Earth Effect at SNO



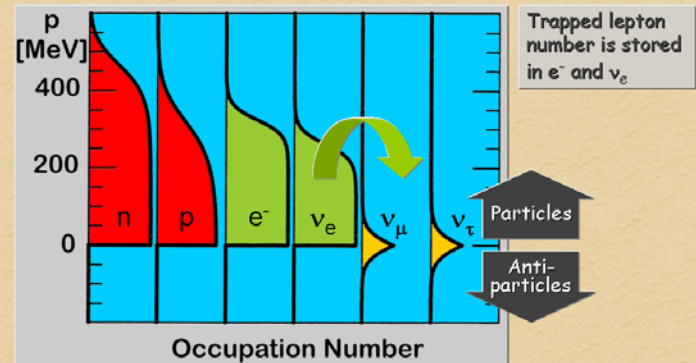
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Degenerate Fermi Seas in a Supernova Core



In true thermal equilibrium with flavor mixing only one chemical potential for charged leptons and one for neutrinos

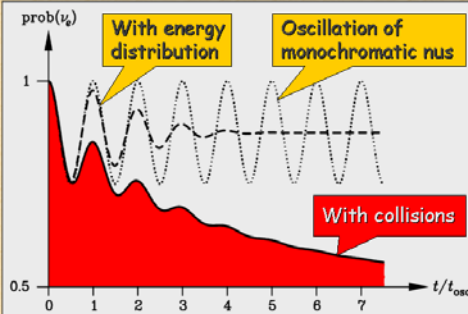
Time scale to achieve flavor equilibrium?

Flavor Relaxation in a Supernova Core

Neutrinos suffer collisions in a medium that can interrupt the coherence of flavor oscillations: The flavor content is "measured" and oscillations start from scratch from the "collapsed state".

Average oscillation probability $\frac{1}{2} \sin^2(2\Theta)$
Collision rate $\sim$ damping rate Γ

Conversion rate $\frac{1}{2} \sin^2(2\Theta) \Gamma$



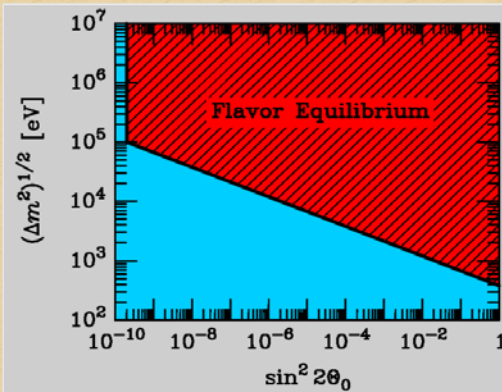
Θ is the mixing angle in the medium.
In a SN core, the weak potential corresponds to $\Delta m \sim 10\text{--}100$ keV

Vast suppression of flavor conversion for sub-eV masses.

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Flavor Conversion in a Supernova Core



Within ~ 1 sec
flavor equilibrium
is achieved between
 ν_e and ν_μ or ν_τ

Suppression of mixing angle by medium effects responsible for flavor-lepton number conservation in a supernova core

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Conclusions of Lecture I



- Core-collapse supernova explosions probably explained by neutrino-driven delayed explosion mechanism
- But thus far no working numerical standard model
- Convection key to successful explosion?



- High-statistics observation of a galactic SN is
- Crucial for empirical study of core-collapse event
- Not sensitive to sub-eV neutrino masses
- May differentiate between some mixing scenarios



- If neutrino mixing parameters in currently favored regions
- Neutrino flavor oscillations not important for SN physics
- But crucial for detector signal interpretation
- Sterile ν s and/or dipole moments can have strong effects



- Particle emission by supernova cores continues to provide most restrictive limits on various theories (axions, r.h. neutrinos, extra dimensions, ...)
- High-statistics observation would put these on firm grounds

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