

Dark Matter and Neutrinos, IHP, Paris, 5–9 May 2025

Supernova Neutrinos



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Neutrinos
Dark Matter
Messengers

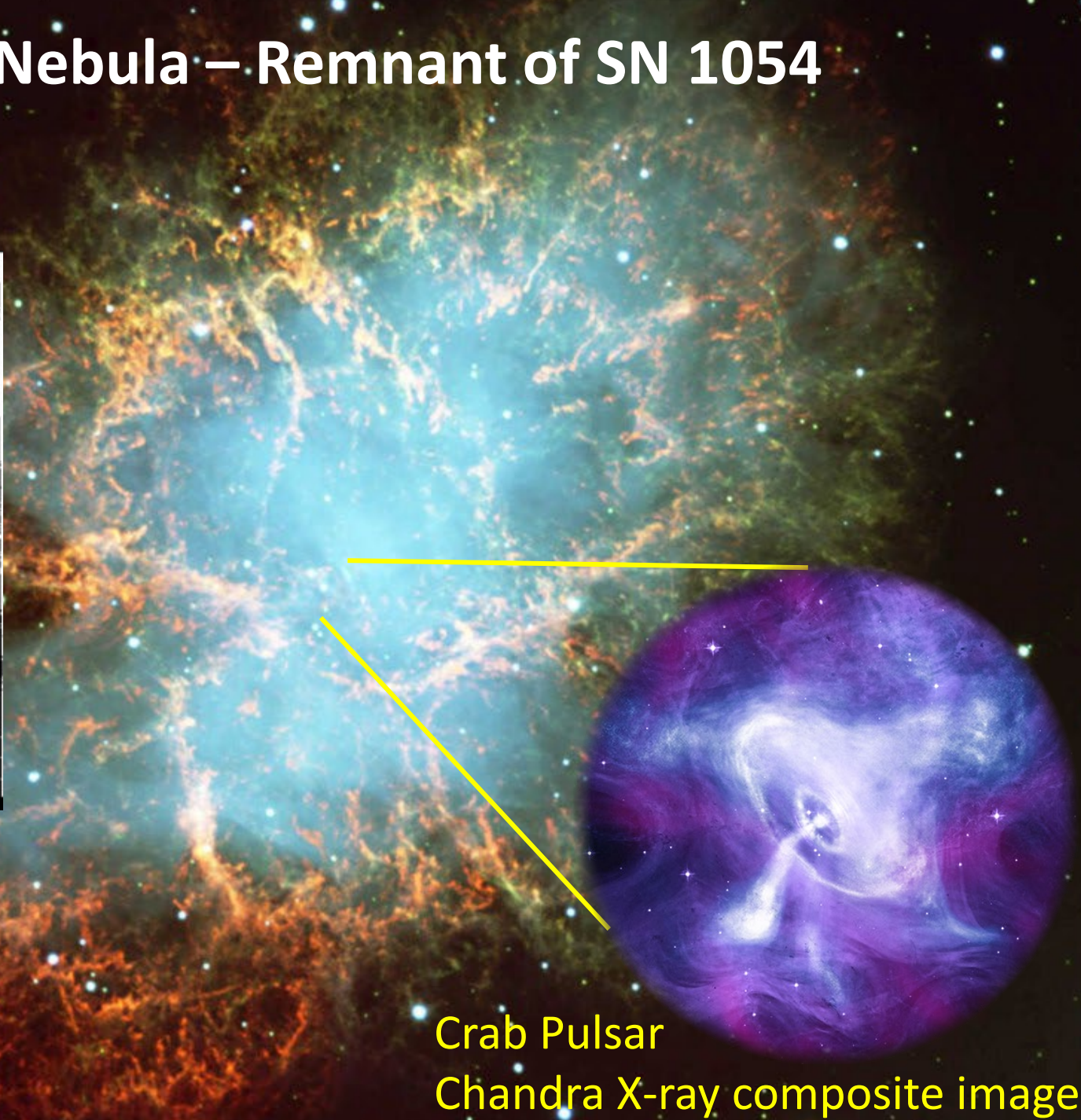


Georg G. Raffelt, Max-Planck-Institut für Physik, Garching

Crab Nebula – Remnant of SN 1054

凡十一日没三年三月乙巳出東南方大中祥符四年正月丁丑見南斗魁前天禧五年四月丙辰出軒轅前星西北大如桃速行經軒轅太星入太微垣掩右執法犯次將歷屏星西北凡七十五日入濁没明道元年六月乙巳出東北方近濁有芒彗至丁巳凡十三日没至和元年五月己丑出天關東南可數寸歲餘稍没熙寧二年六月丙辰出箕度中至七月丁卯犯箕乃散三年十一月丁未出天因元祐六年十一月辛亥出參度中犯掩側星壬子犯九游星十二月癸酉入奎至七年三月辛亥乃散紹興八年五月守婁

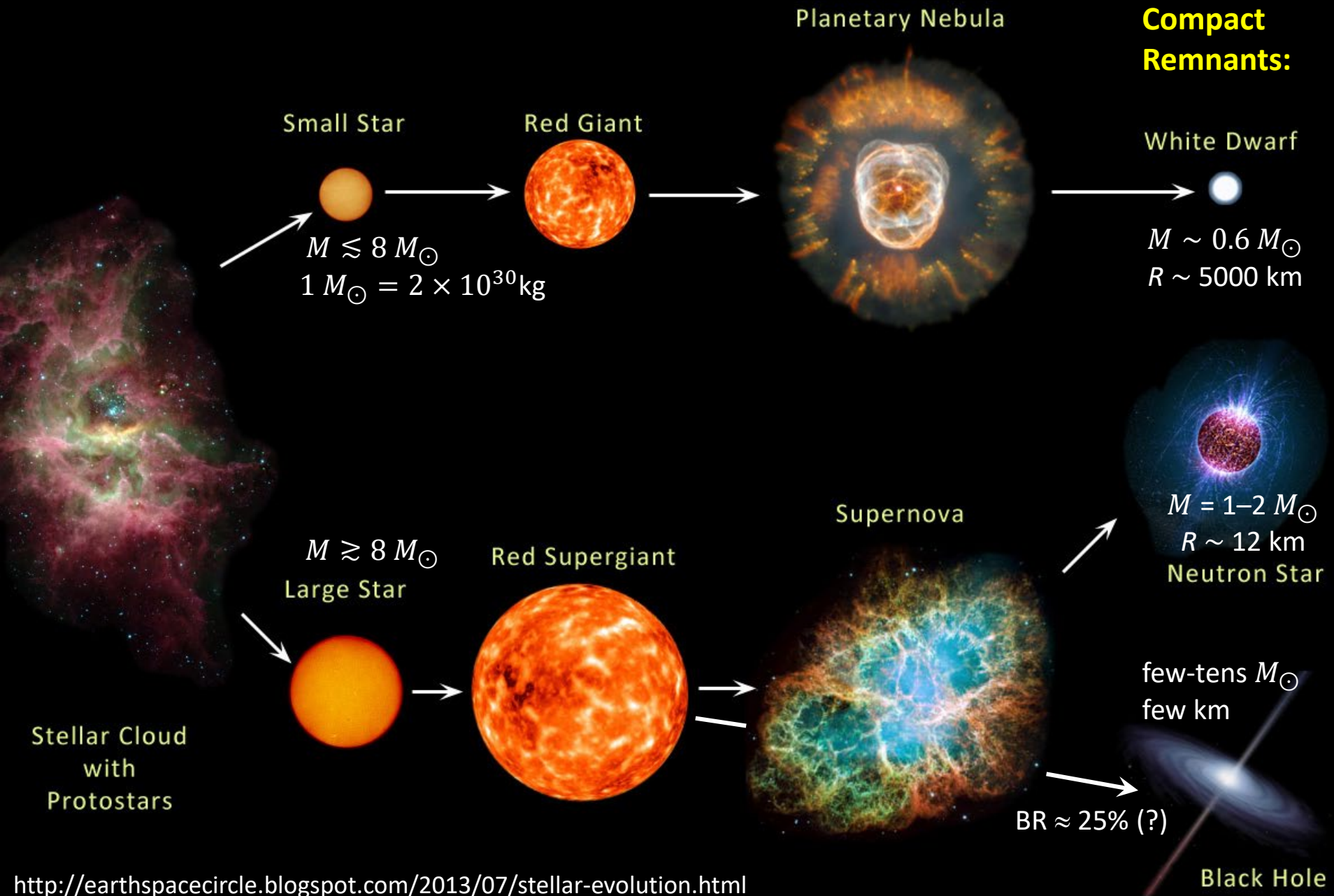
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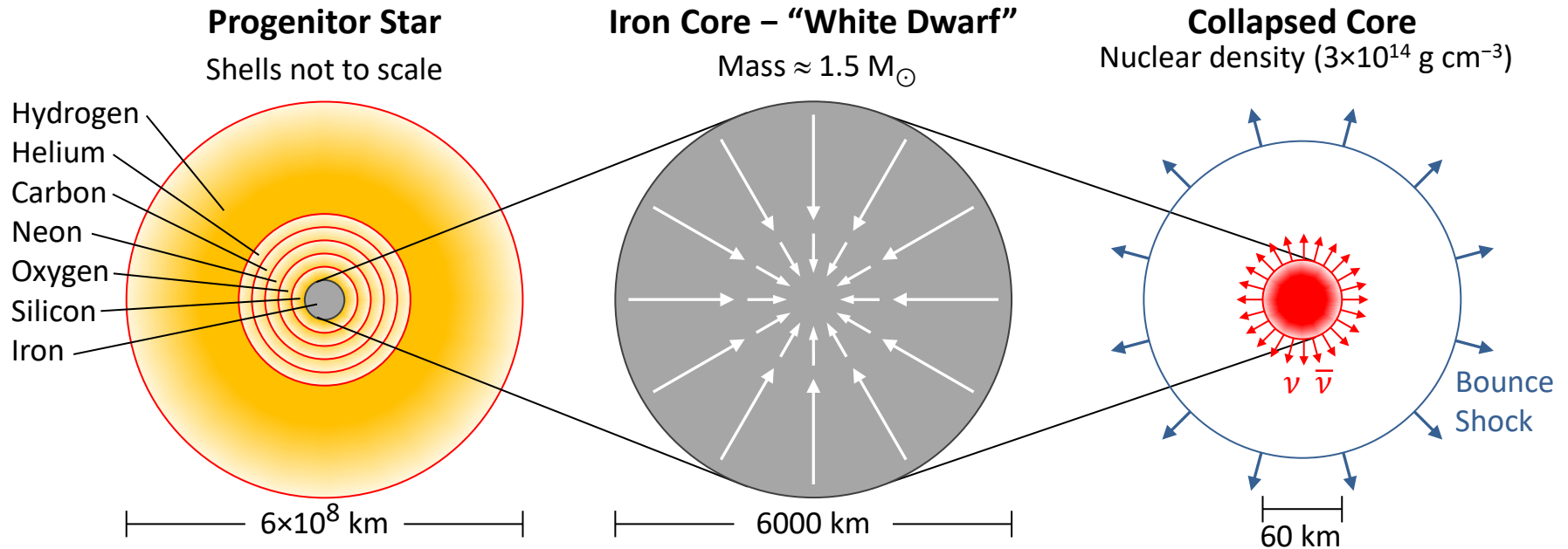
The image shows the Crab Nebula, a large, colorful, and intricate cloud of gas and dust in space. It has a complex, filamentary structure with various colors including blue, green, orange, and purple. In the bottom right corner, there is a circular inset showing a close-up of the Crab Pulsar, which appears as a bright, swirling, purple and white structure. Two yellow lines originate from the text 'Crab Pulsar' and 'Chandra X-ray composite image' and point towards the pulsar inset.

Crab Pulsar
Chandra X-ray composite image

EVOLUTION OF STARS



Stellar Collapse and Explosion



Gravitational binding energy

$$E_b \approx 3 \times 10^{53} \text{ erg} \approx 15\% M_{\text{SUN}} c^2$$

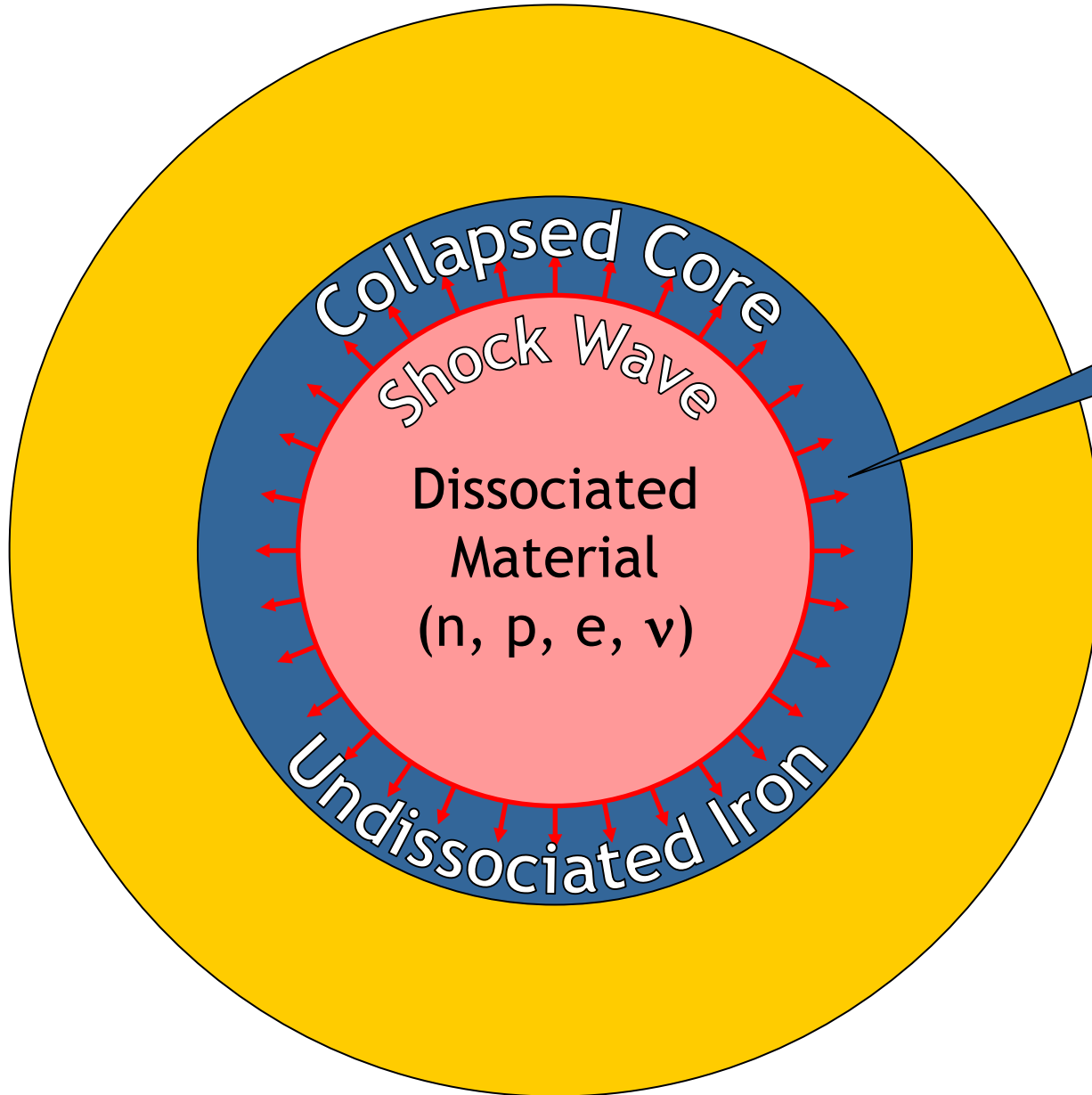
This shows up as

99% Neutrinos

1% Kinetic energy of explosion

0.01% Photons, outshine host galaxy

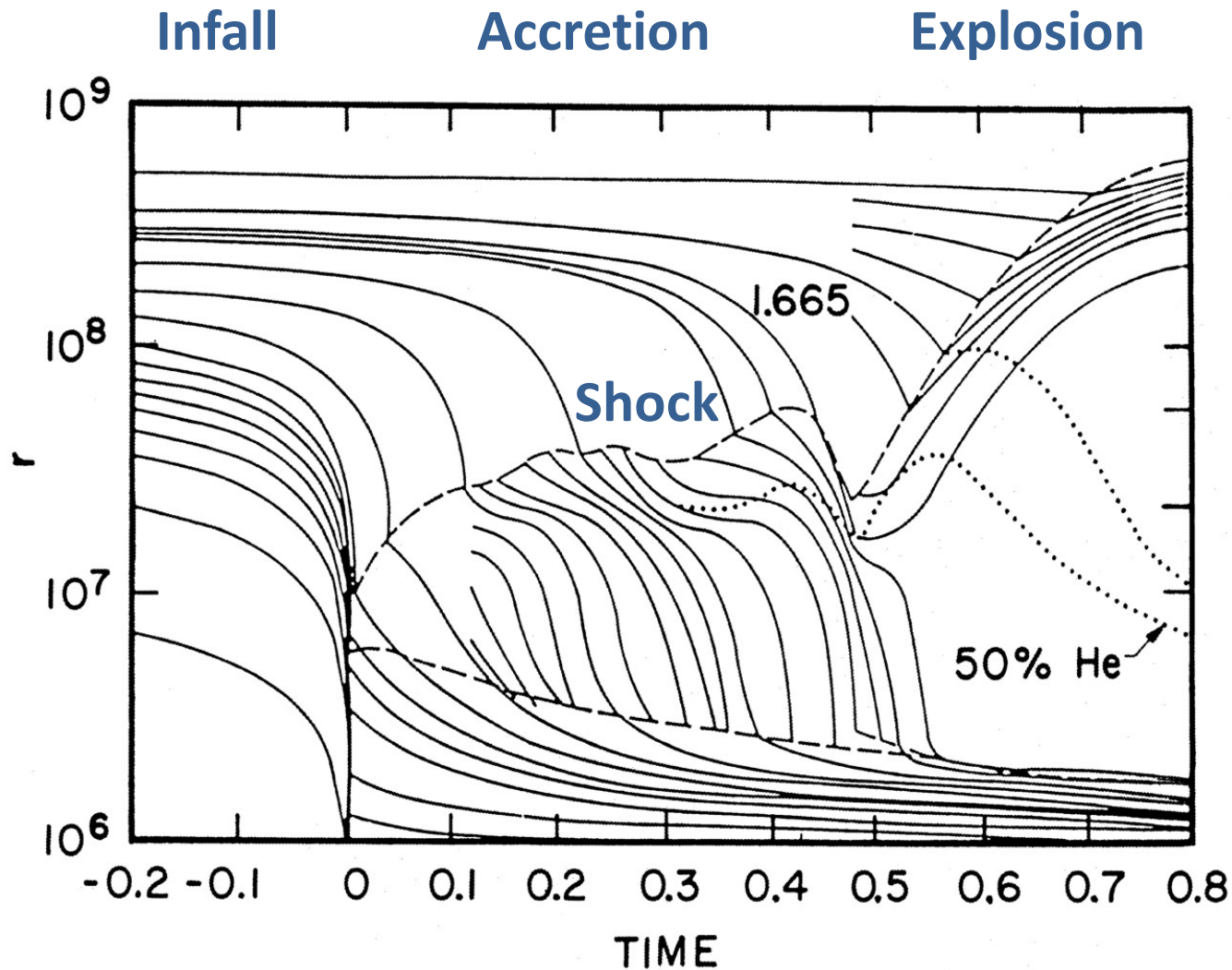
Why No Prompt Explosion?



- $0.1 M_{\text{sun}}$ of iron has a nuclear binding energy $\approx 1.7 \times 10^{51}$ erg
- Comparable to explosion energy

- Shock wave forms within the iron core
- Dissipates its energy by dissociating the remaining layer of iron

Delayed (Neutrino-Driven) Explosion

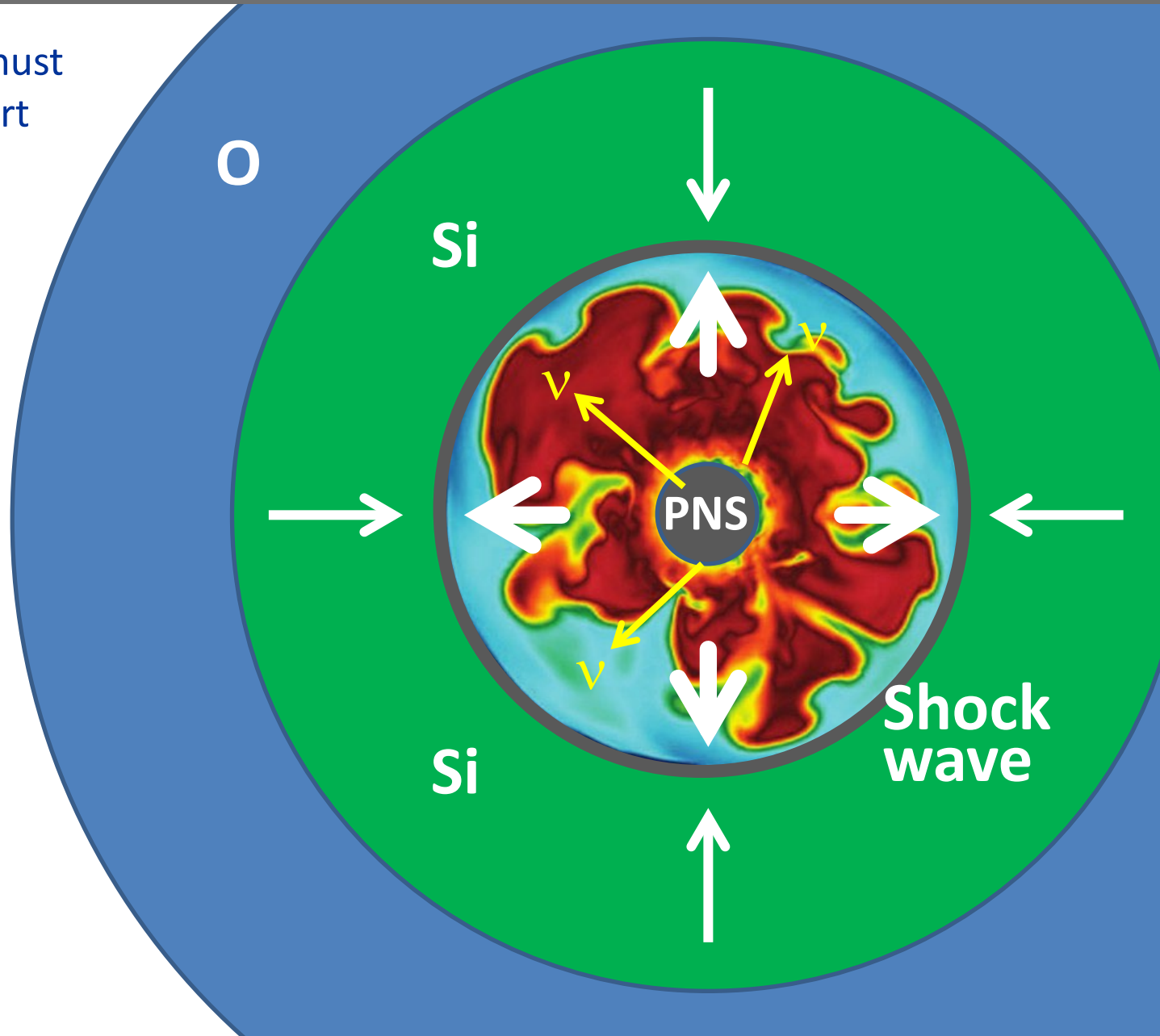


Wilson, Proc. Univ. Illinois Meeting on Num. Astrophys. (1982)
Bethe & Wilson, ApJ 295 (1985) 14

Shock Revival by Neutrinos

Stalled shock wave must receive energy to start re-expansion against ram pressure of infalling stellar core

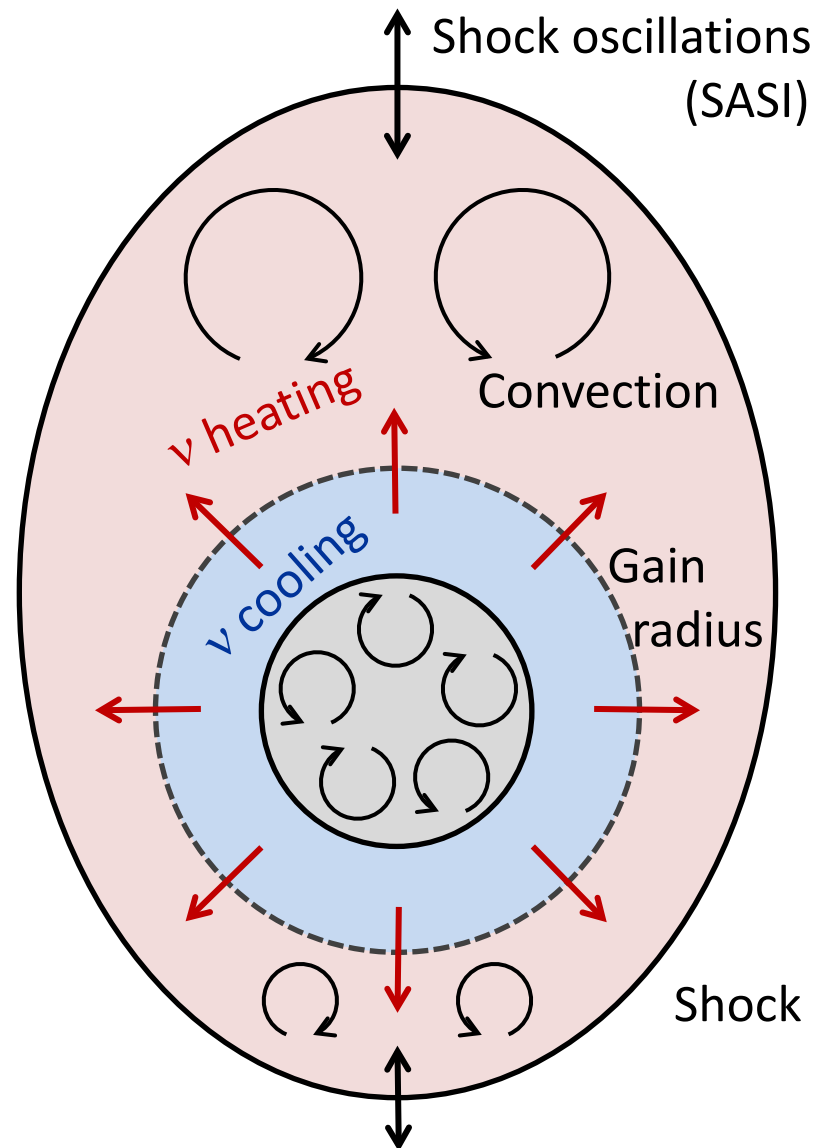
Shock can receive fresh energy from neutrinos!



Neutrino-Driven Mechanism – Modern Version

- Stalled accretion shock pushed out to ~ 150 km as matter piles up on the PNS
- Heating (gain) region develops within some tens of ms after bounce
- Convective overturn & shock oscillations (SASI) enhance efficiency of ν -heating, finally revives shock
- Successful explosions in 1D and 2D for different progenitor masses
- Details important (treatment of GR, ν interaction rates, etc.)
- Self-consistent 3D studies are performed, successful explosions

→ 3D Model of Princeton Group:
<https://youtu.be/i-Ly8aCoF7E>



Adapted from B. Müller

SELF-CONSISTENT 3D SUPERNOVA MODELS FROM -7 MINUTES TO $+7$ SECONDS: A 1-BETHE EXPLOSION OF A $\sim 19 M_{\odot}$ PROGENITOR

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ALEXANDER HEGER^{4,5,7,8}

[arXiv:2010.10506](https://arxiv.org/abs/2010.10506)

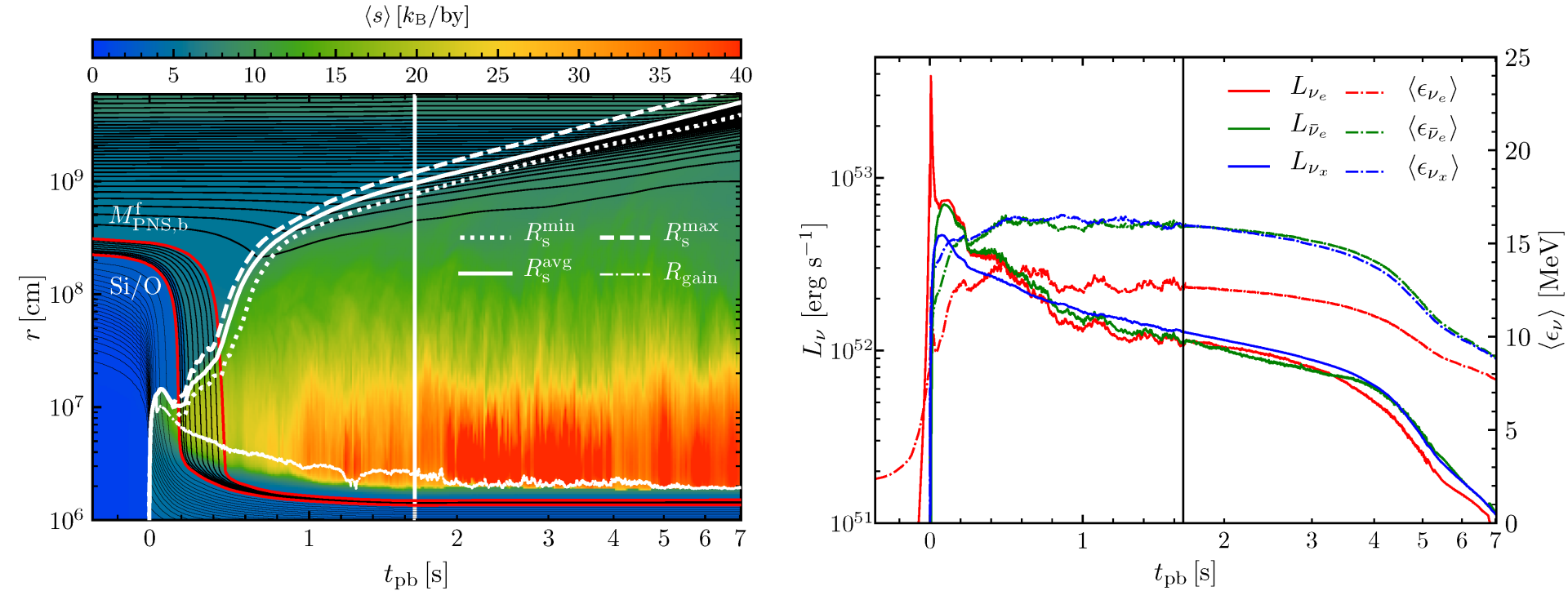


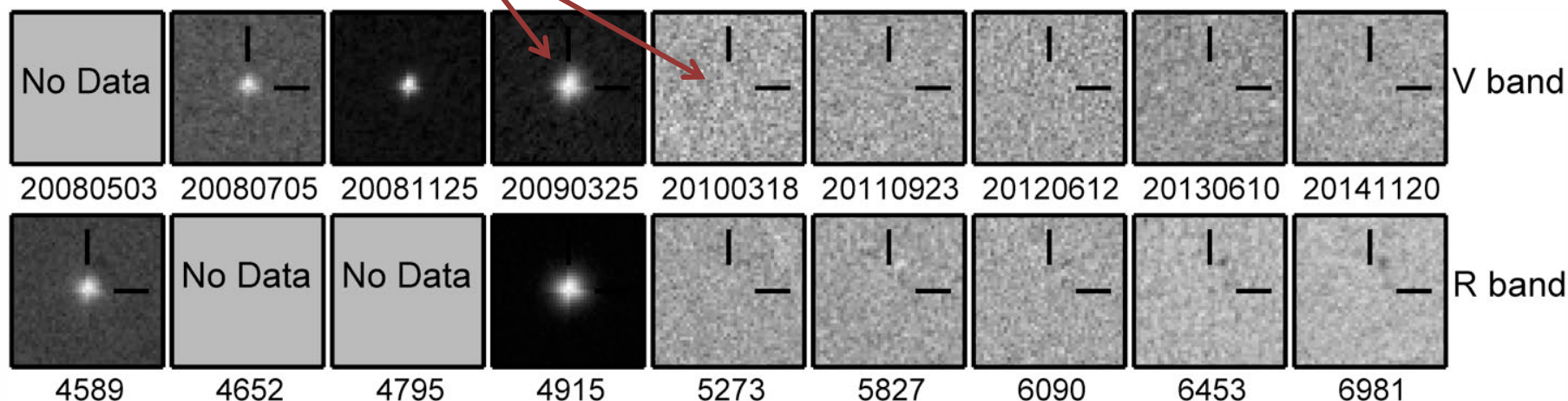
Figure 1. Explosion dynamics and neutrino emission of model M_P3D_LS220_m- and its extension M_P3D_LS220_m-HC. The time axes are chosen for optimal visibility. *Left:* Mass shells with entropy per nucleon color-coded. Maximum, minimum, and average shock radii, gain radius, and the mass shells of Si/O shell interface and final NS mass are marked. The vertical white line separates VERTEX transport (left, time linear) and HC neutrino approximation (right, time logarithmic). *Right:* Emitted luminosities and mean energies of ν_e , $\bar{\nu}_e$, and a single species of heavy-lepton neutrinos. The time axis is split as in the left panel. Right of the vertical solid line we show neutrino data from the artificially exploded 1D simulation.

Death Watch of a Million Supergiants

- Monitoring 27 galaxies within 10 Mpc for many years
- Visit typically twice per year
- 10^6 supergiants (lifetime 10^6 years)
- Combined SN rate: about 1 per year

First 7 years of survey:

- 6 successful core-collapse SNe
- 1 candidate failed SN



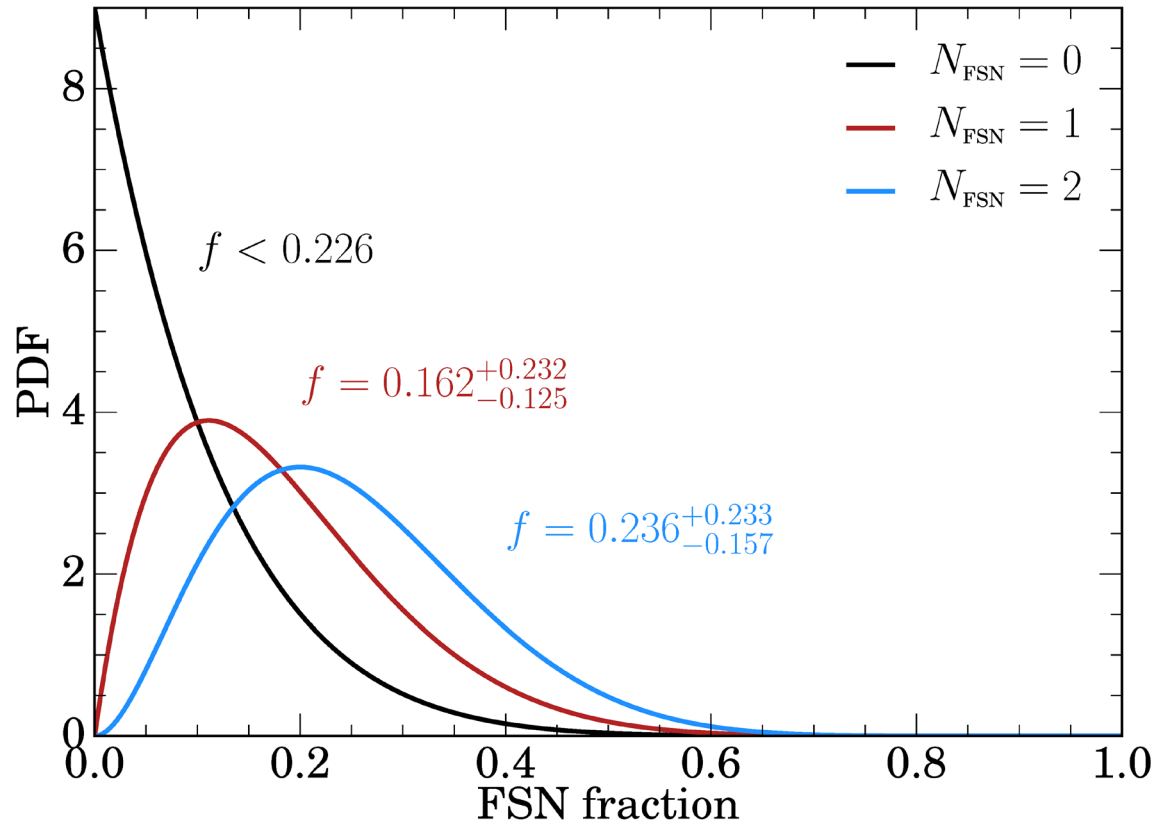
Gerke, Kochanek & Stanek, arXiv:1411.1761

Adams, Kochanek, Gerke, Stanek (& Dai), arXiv:1610.02402 (1609.01283)

Empirical Fraction of Black-Hole Formation

2020 update: 11 yr baseline, 8 SNe, 1 old & 1 new candidate for failed SN

Neustadt, Kochanek, Stanek, et al., [arXiv:2104.03318](https://arxiv.org/abs/2104.03318)

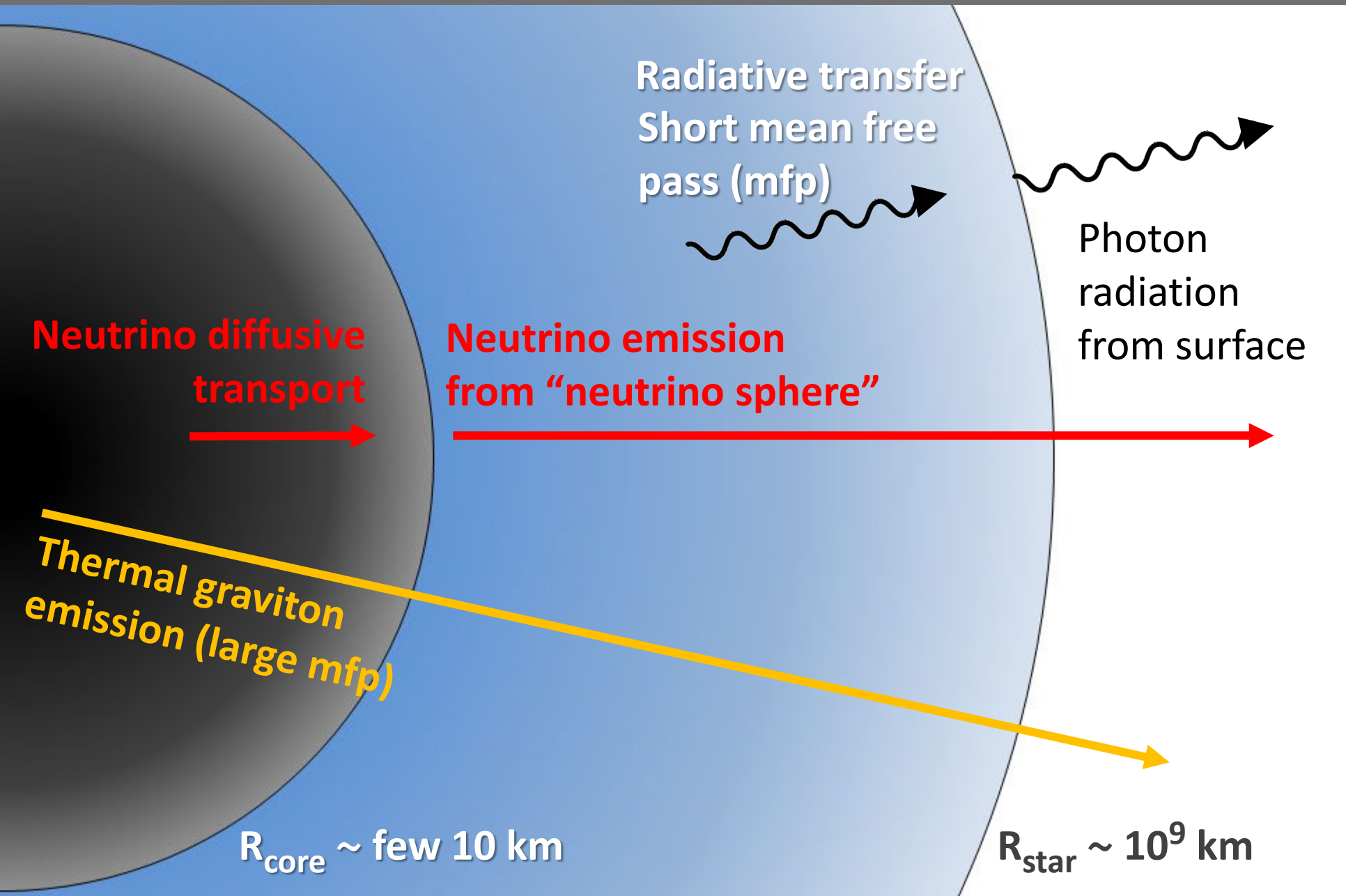


Roughly a quarter of all core-collapses could lead to BH formation,
in agreement with theory estimates!



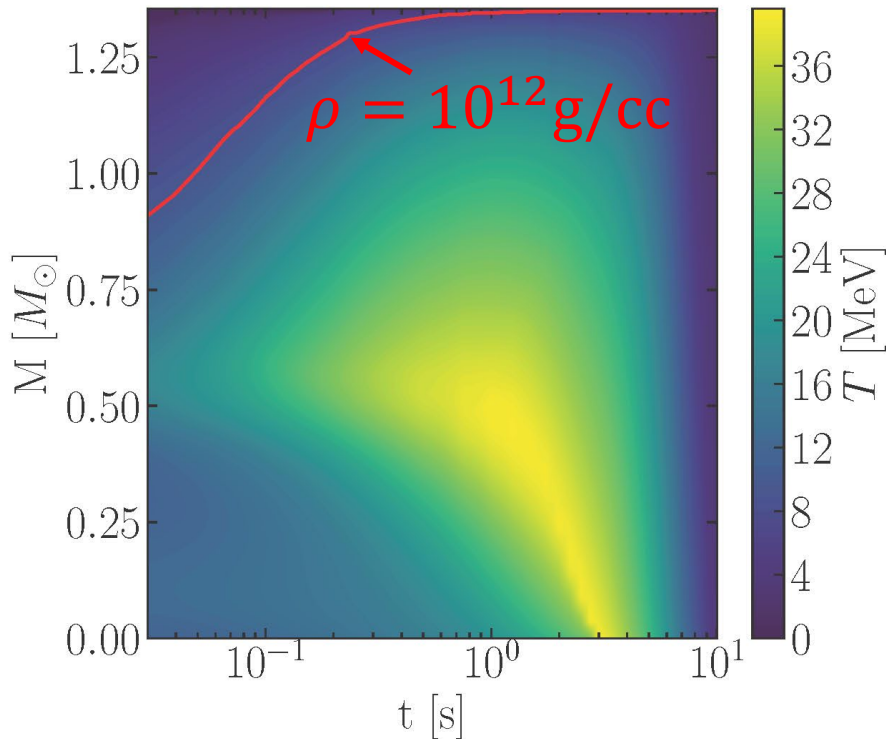
Neutrino Transport

Roles of Different Particles

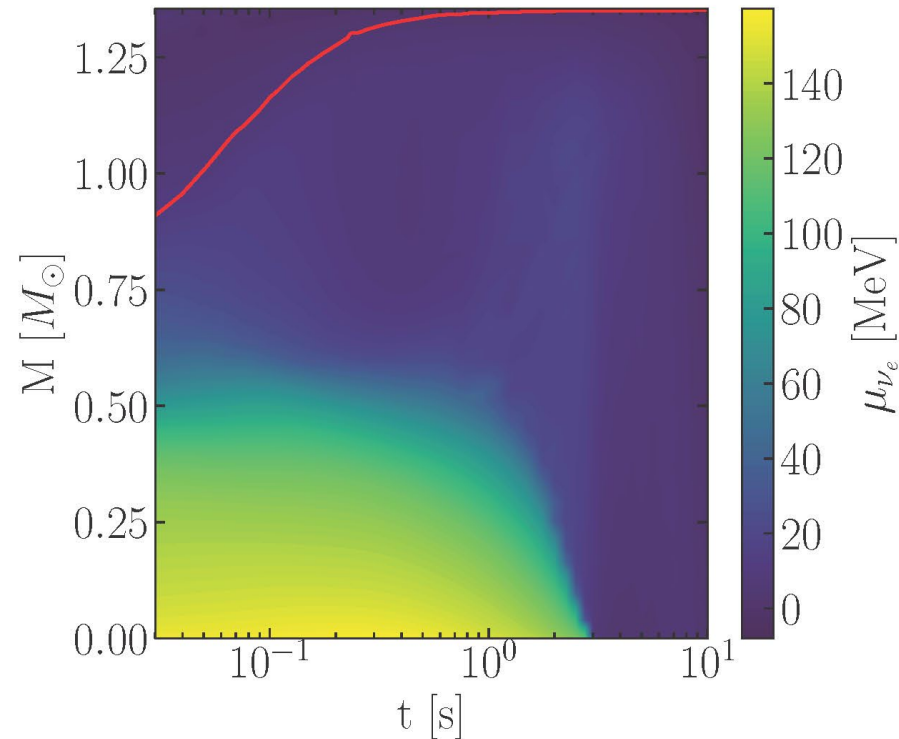


Inner Structure of a Typical Supernova Model

Temperature



ν_e Chemical Potential



SN core starts cold and heats up from outside in as in contracts and deleptonizes

Muonic SN model from Garching group, used in [2005.07141](#) and [2109.03244](#)
Fiorillo, Raffelt & Vitagliano ([arXiv:2209.11773](#))

Kinetic Equation for Neutrino Transport

Flavor-dependent phase-space densities (occupation number matrices)

$$\varrho = \begin{pmatrix} f_{\nu_e} & f_{\langle \nu_e | \nu_\mu \rangle} & f_{\langle \nu_e | \nu_\tau \rangle} \\ f_{\langle \nu_\mu | \nu_e \rangle} & f_{\nu_\mu} & f_{\langle \nu_\mu | \nu_\tau \rangle} \\ f_{\langle \nu_\tau | \nu_e \rangle} & f_{\langle \nu_\tau | \nu_\mu \rangle} & f_{\nu_\tau} \end{pmatrix}$$

Diagonal: Usual occupation numbers
Off-diag: Flavor coherence information

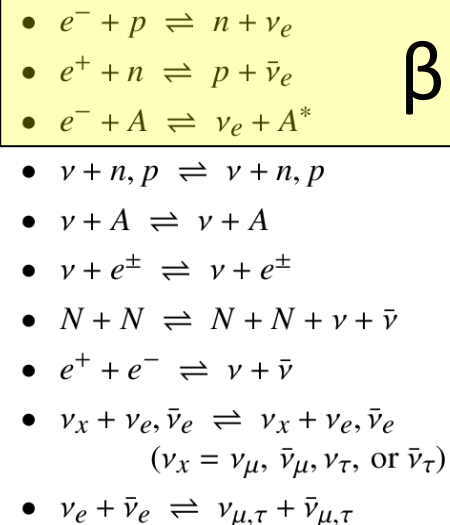
and similar for $\bar{\nu}$

Transport equation

$$\underbrace{(\partial_t + \vec{v} \cdot \vec{\nabla}_x)}_{\text{Streaming}} \underbrace{- \vec{F} \cdot \vec{\nabla}_p}_{\text{Gravitational forces (redshift, deflection)}} \varrho(t, \vec{x}, \vec{p}) = \underbrace{-i [\mathcal{H}(t, \vec{x}, \vec{p}), \varrho(t, \vec{x}, \vec{p})]}_{\text{Flavor oscillations (vacuum, matter, } \nu\nu)} + \underbrace{\mathcal{C}[\varrho(t, \vec{x}, \vec{p})]}_{\text{Collisions}}$$

Typical approximations in numerical simulations:

- Reducing 6+1 dimensions
(Angular moments, ray-by-ray, ...)
- No gravitational deflection
- No flavor conversion (large matter effect!)
- No muons
- 3-species transport: $\nu_e, \bar{\nu}_e, \nu_x$



Second & Third Particle Generations in SN Physics

Early universe,
stellar collapse &
NS mergers naturally
involve all flavor
neutrinos



Everyday physics and astrophysics
only first family of fermions

QUARKS

mass charge spin	$\approx 2.2 \text{ MeV}/c^2$ $\frac{2}{3}$ $\frac{1}{2}$ u up	$\approx 1.28 \text{ GeV}/c^2$ $\frac{2}{3}$ $\frac{1}{2}$ c charm	$\approx 173.1 \text{ GeV}/c^2$ $\frac{2}{3}$ $\frac{1}{2}$ t top	0 0 1 g gluon	$\approx 125.09 \text{ GeV}/c^2$ 0 0 H higgs
	$\approx 4.7 \text{ MeV}/c^2$ $-\frac{1}{3}$ $\frac{1}{2}$ d down	$\approx 96 \text{ MeV}/c^2$ $-\frac{1}{3}$ $\frac{1}{2}$ s strange	$\approx 4.18 \text{ GeV}/c^2$ $-\frac{1}{3}$ $\frac{1}{2}$ b bottom	0 0 1 γ photon	
	$\approx 0.511 \text{ MeV}/c^2$ -1 $\frac{1}{2}$ e electron	$\approx 105.66 \text{ MeV}/c^2$ -1 $\frac{1}{2}$ μ muon	$\approx 1.7768 \text{ GeV}/c^2$ -1 $\frac{1}{2}$ τ tau	$\approx 91.19 \text{ GeV}/c^2$ 0 1 Z Z boson	
	$< 2.2 \text{ eV}/c^2$ 0 $\frac{1}{2}$ ν_e electron neutrino	$< 1.7 \text{ MeV}/c^2$ 0 $\frac{1}{2}$ ν_μ muon neutrino	$< 15.5 \text{ MeV}/c^2$ 0 $\frac{1}{2}$ ν_τ tau neutrino	$\approx 80.39 \text{ GeV}/c^2$ ± 1 1 W W boson	

LEPTONS

GAUGE BOSONS
VECTOR BOSONS

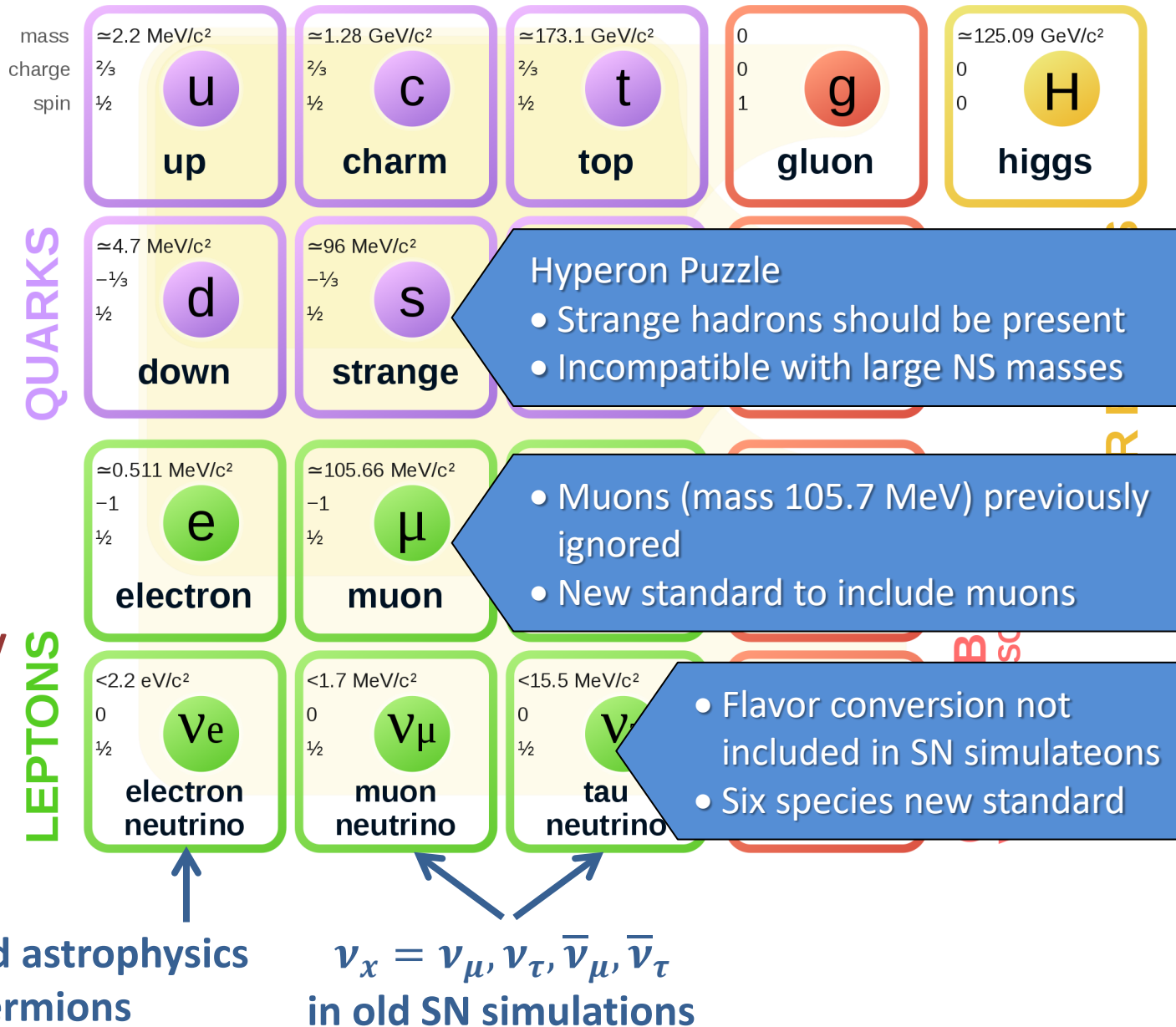
SCALAR BOSONS

$\nu_x = \nu_\mu, \nu_\tau, \bar{\nu}_\mu, \bar{\nu}_\tau$
in old SN simulations

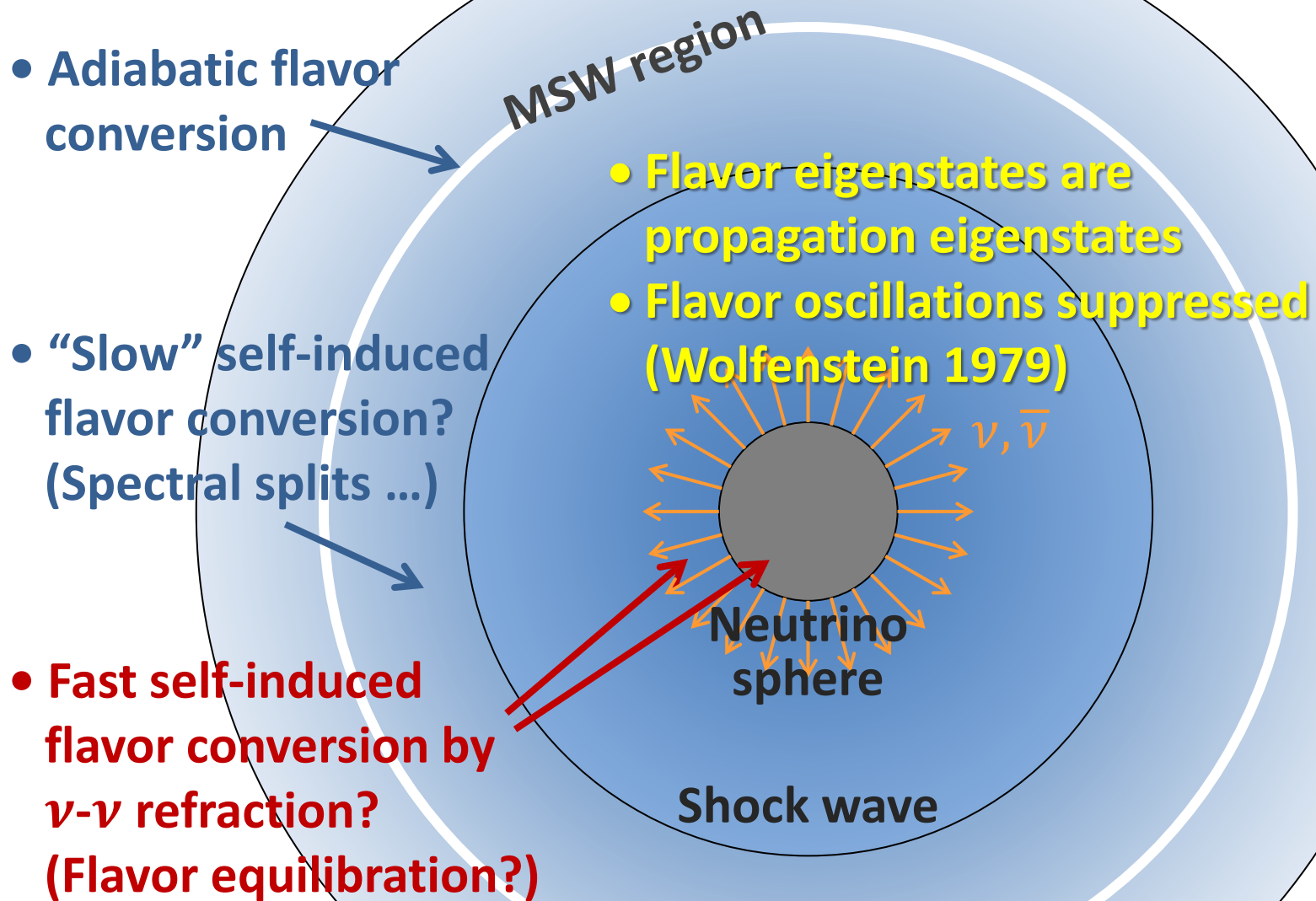
Second & Third Particle Generations in SN Physics

Early universe,
stellar collapse &
NS mergers naturally
involve all flavor
neutrinos

Everyday physics and astrophysics
only first family of fermions



Flavor Conversion in Core-Collapse Supernovae



Collective Neutrino Flavor Conversion

Mass
matrix

Charged
lepton
density

Neutrino
neutrino
refraction

$$i\partial_t \begin{pmatrix} \nu_e \\ \nu_\mu \\ \nu_\tau \end{pmatrix} = \left(\frac{\mathbb{M}^2}{2E} + \sqrt{2}G_F \mathbb{N}_\ell + \sqrt{2}G_F \mathbb{N}_\nu \right) \begin{pmatrix} \nu_e \\ \nu_\mu \\ \nu_\tau \end{pmatrix}$$

- Refractive back reaction of neutrinos on each other in neutrino-dense environments (Pantaleone 1992)

- **Active research field**
ca 40 papers/year recently

$$\int \frac{d^3\vec{p}}{(2\pi)^3} \begin{pmatrix} f_{\nu_e} & \psi_{\nu_e\nu_\mu}^* & \psi_{\nu_e\nu_\tau}^* \\ \psi_{\nu_e\nu_\mu} & f_{\nu_\mu} & \psi_{\nu_\mu\nu_\tau}^* \\ \psi_{\nu_e\nu_\tau} & \psi_{\nu_\mu\nu_\tau} & f_{\nu_\tau} \end{pmatrix}$$

Occupation
number

- Field of flavor coherence
- Depends on $(\vec{p}, \vec{r}, t)$
- **Can develop unstable flavor waves in the presence of $\nu\nu$ refraction**
- **Similar to plasma instabilities**
- **Large flavor coherence despite matter**

Fast flavor waves in analogy to plasma waves

Linear quantum kinetic equation for flavor coherence $\psi_{\vec{v}}(t, \vec{r})$

$$\left(\partial_t + \vec{v} \cdot \vec{\nabla}_{\vec{r}}\right) \psi_{\vec{v}} = -i\sqrt{2}G_F \int d\vec{v}' (1 - \vec{v} \cdot \vec{v}') (G_{\vec{v}} \psi_{\vec{v}'} - G_{\vec{v}'} \psi_{\vec{v}})$$

Vlasov operator

Integral over velocity distribution

In Fourier space

$$(\omega - \vec{v} \cdot \vec{k}) \psi_{\vec{v}} = \dots$$

Vanishes for Cherenkov condition:

Flavor wave $(\omega, \vec{k})$ on resonance with some neutrinos: $(\omega - \vec{v} \cdot \vec{k}) = 0$

- Landau damping or **exponential growth**, depending on velocity distribution $G_{\vec{v}}$
- Interaction of collective waves with individual particles
- Interpret dispersion relation in terms of “**flavor susceptibility**” (system response to applied flavor field)
- Flavor waves like plasma waves, have quanta **flavomons**



Damiano Fiorillo

Fiorillo & Raffelt (2023–2024), long list of papers, eg arXiv:2406.06708

Collective flavor conversions are interactions of neutrinos with quantized flavor waves

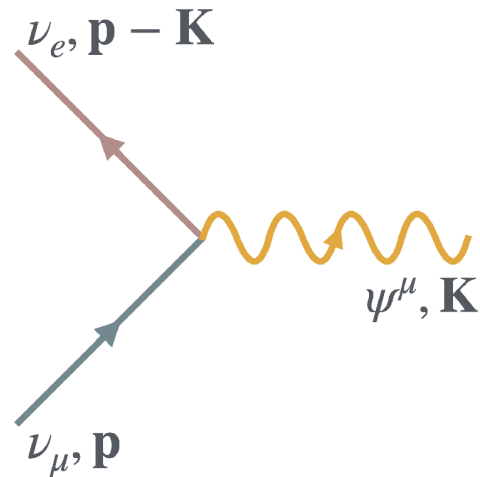
Damiano F. G. Fiorillo ¹ and Georg G. Raffelt ²

[arXiv:2502.06935](https://arxiv.org/abs/2502.06935)

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Collective oscillations in dense neutrino gases (flavor waves) are notable for their instabilities that cause fast flavor conversion. We develop a quantum theory of interacting neutrinos and flavor wave quanta, which are analogous to plasmons, but also carry flavor. The emission or absorption of such flavor plasmons ψ , or *flavomons*, changes the neutrino flavor. When an angular crossing occurs, the process $\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_e + \psi$ is more rapid than its inverse along the direction of the crossing, triggering stimulated ψ emission and fast instability. Calculating the rate via Feynman diagrams matches the fast instability growth rate. Our novel ν and ψ kinetic equations, corresponding to quasi-linear theory, describe instability evolution without resolving the small scales of the flavomon wavelength, potentially overcoming the main challenge of fast flavor evolution.



- Quanta of flavor waves (**flavomons**) analogous to plasmons
- Collective flavor instability is $\nu_e \rightarrow \nu_\mu + \psi$ (stimulated) classically resonant Cherenkov emission

A new theoretical framework for collective flavor conversion.
Will it be practically useful?

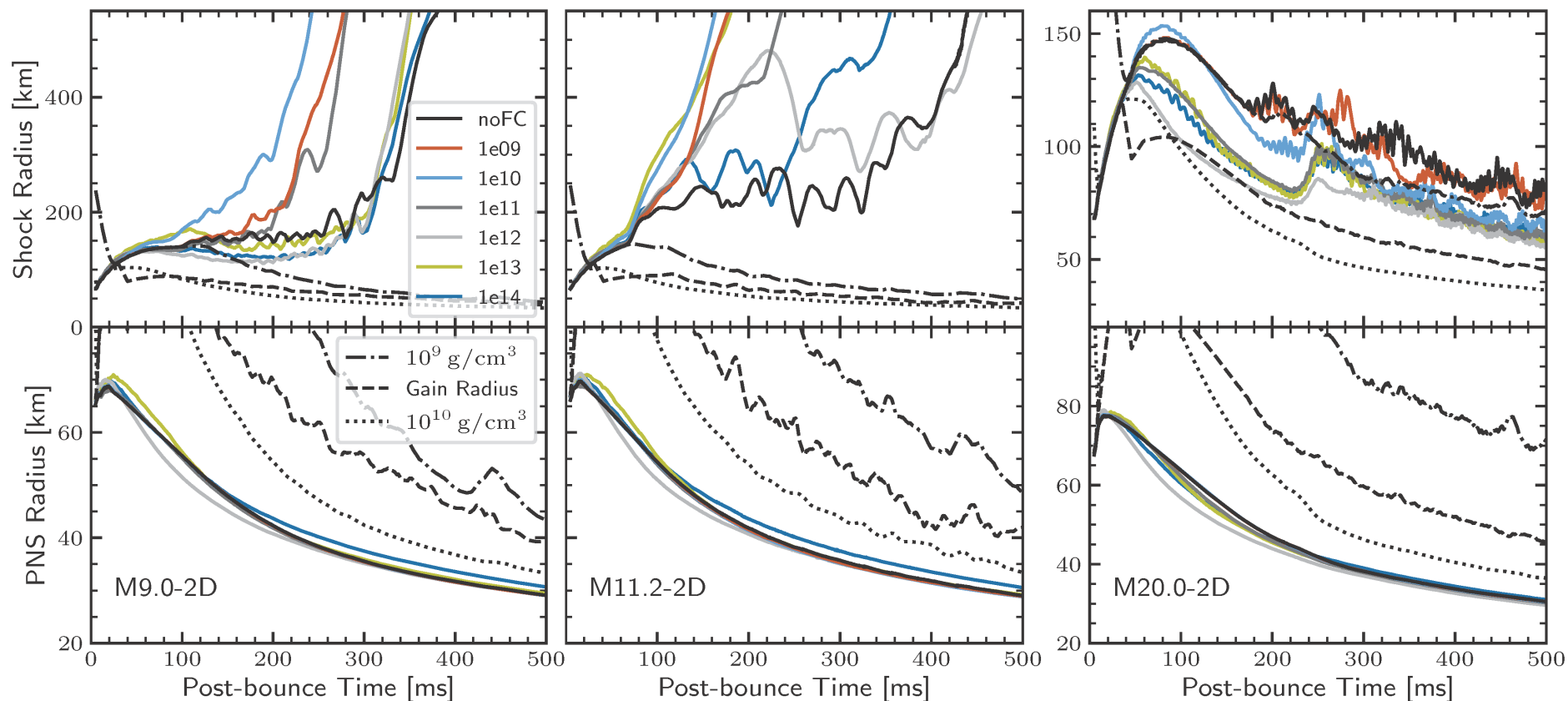
Pair-wise flavor conversion

- **True flavor conversion by neutrino masses**
 - Large mixing angle $\rightarrow$ large flavor conversion
 - Suppressed by matter refraction
 - Trapped electron lepton number remains conserved
- **Collective flavor conversion**
 - Redistributes flavor in neutrino phase space
 - Most importantly: $\nu_e \bar{\nu}_e \leftrightarrow \nu_x \bar{\nu}_x$
 - Happens anyway by “hard” collisions (order G_F^2)
 - **Speed up by refraction:**
Much faster (order G_F) by forward scattering
- **Local equilibrium on “fast” timescales?**
 - Many recent studies,
fundamental, parametric or numerical

Fast Flavor Conversion – Help or Hinder Explosion

Explosion sets in earlier

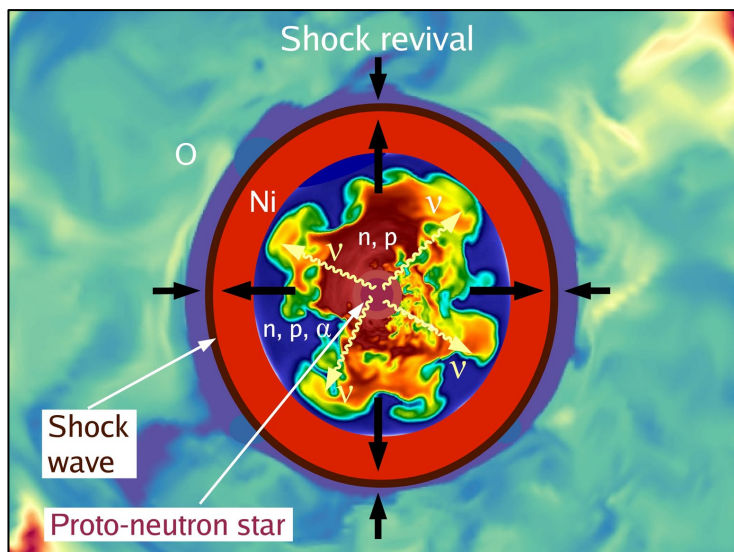
Contraction faster



Ehring+, arXiv:2305.11207

See also Wang & Burrows, arXiv:2503.04896

Why worry about detailed neutrino transport?



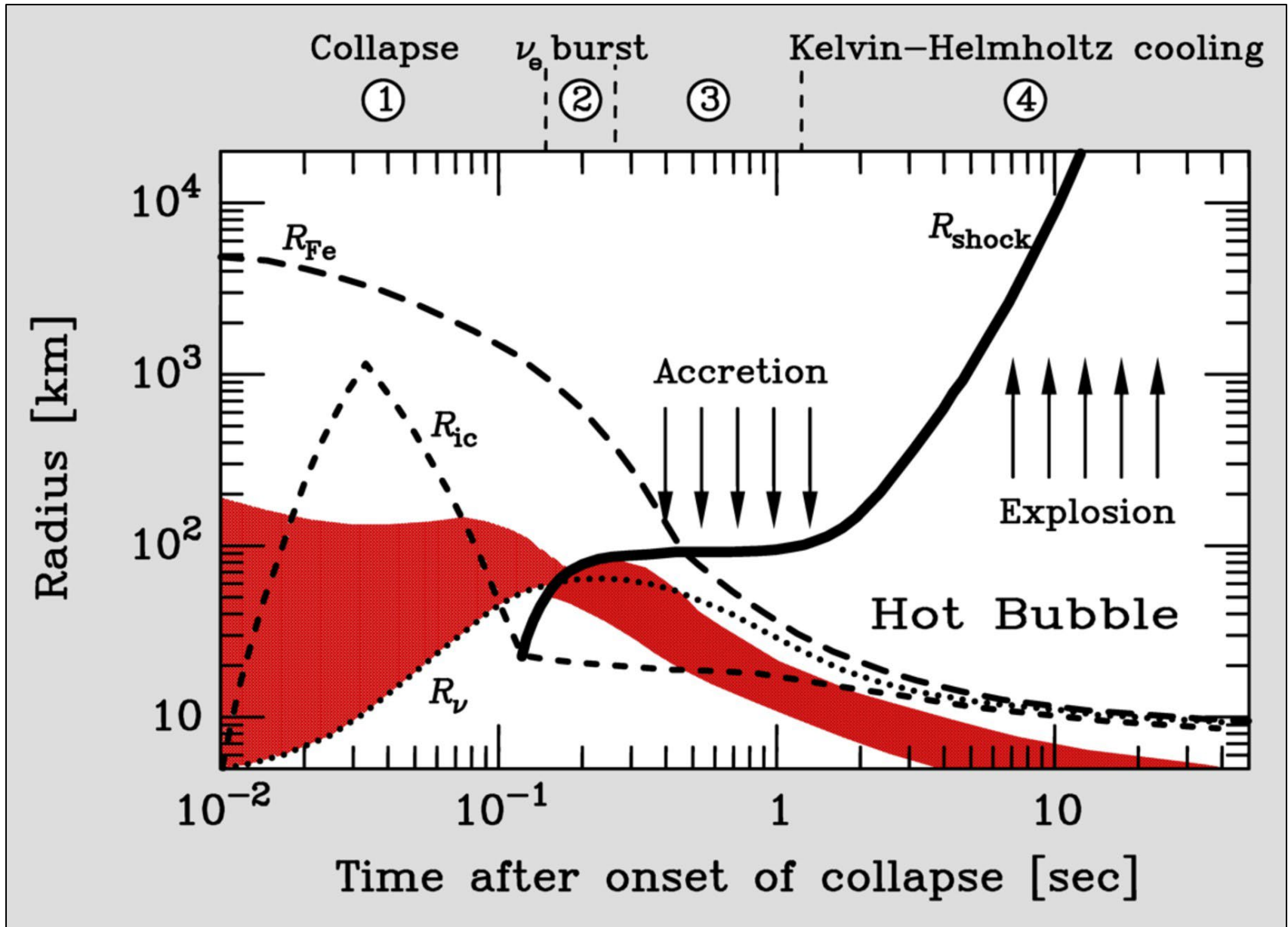
- Explosion mechanism:
Shock-wave revival by ν energy deposition
- Nucleosynthesis in neutrino irradiated outflows in SNe and NS-mergers depends on flavor (beta reactions!)
- Signal interpretation of DSNB and next nearby SN
- **Collective flavor conversion: interesting theoretical problem in its own right**
- **Theoretical frontier within standard physics**



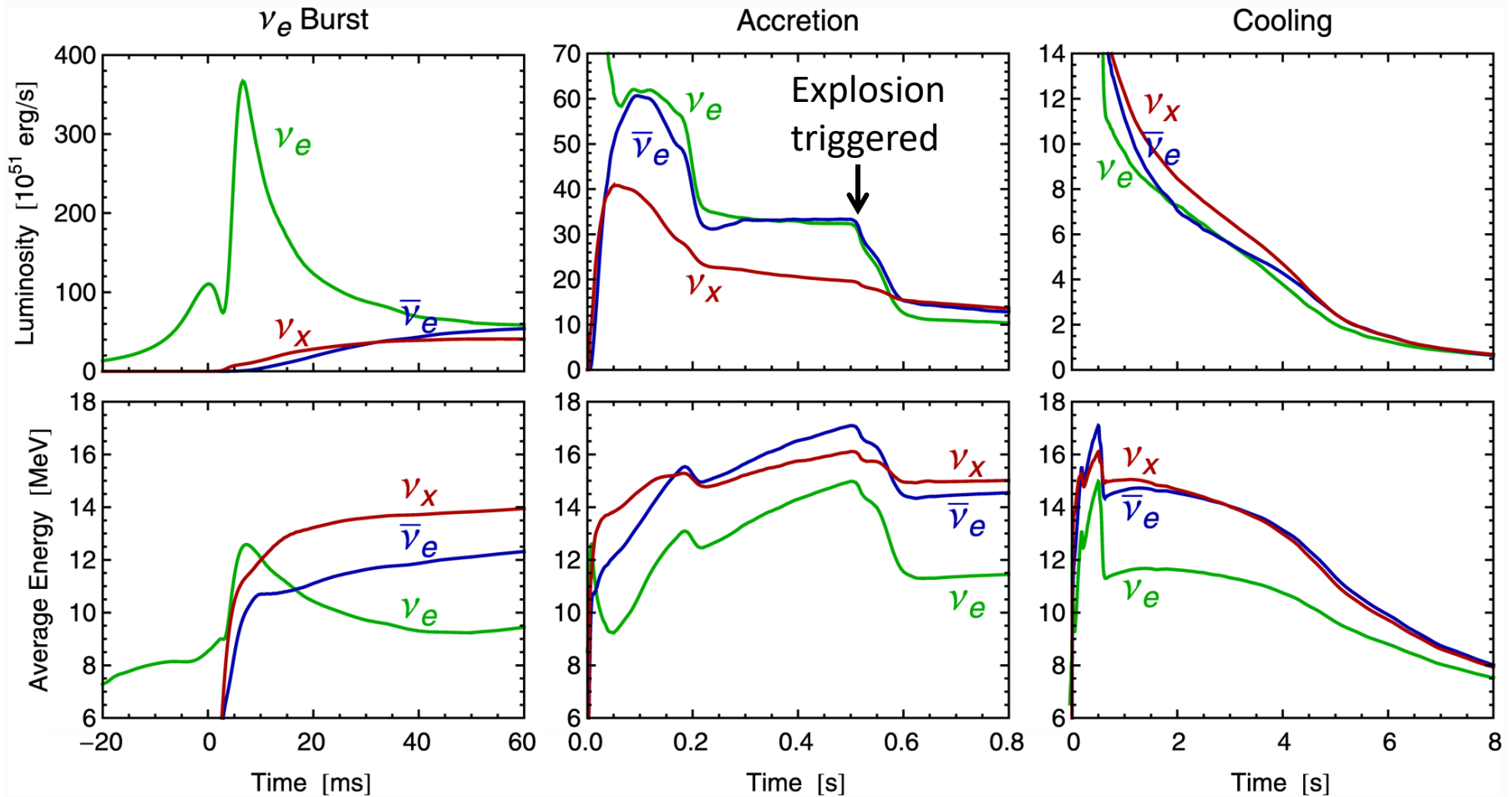


Characteristics of Neutrino Signal

Supernova Delayed Explosion Scenario



Three Phases of Neutrino Emission



- Shock breakout
- De-leptonization of outer core layers

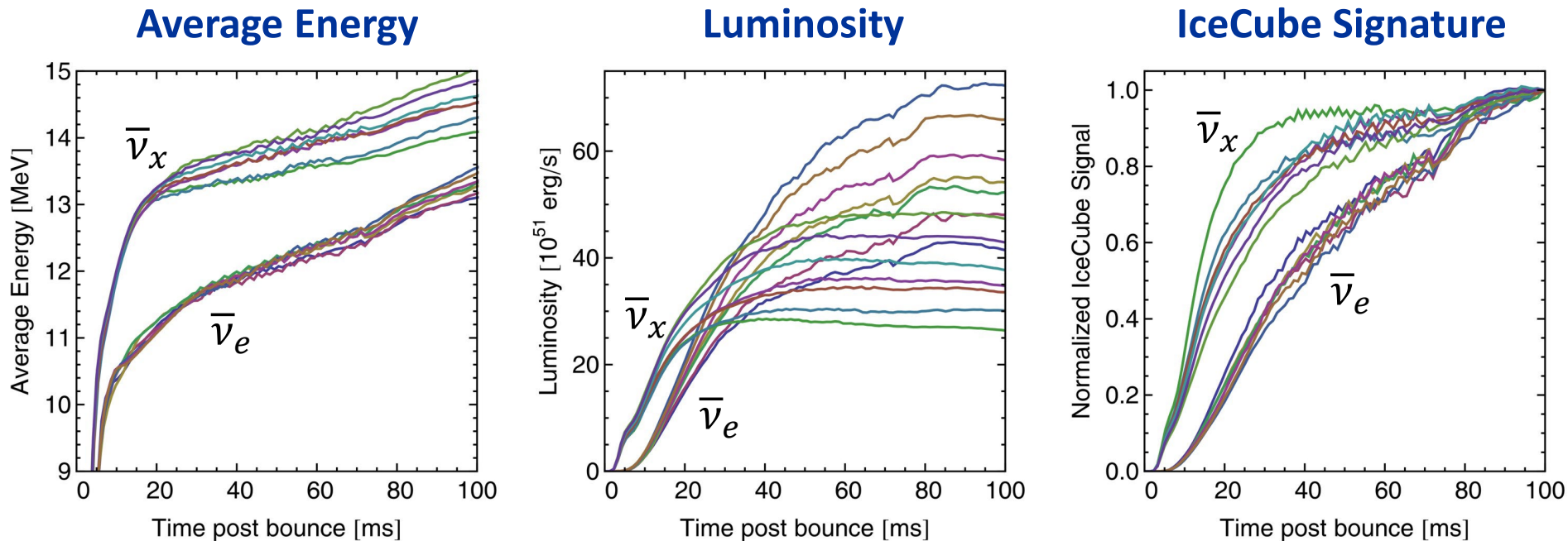
- Shock stalls ~ 150 km
- Neutrinos powered by infalling matter

Cooling on neutrino diffusion time scale

Spherically symmetric Garching model (25 $M_\odot$) with Boltzmann neutrino transport

Early-Phase Signal in Anti-Neutrino Sector

Garching Models with $M = 12\text{--}40 M_{\odot}$

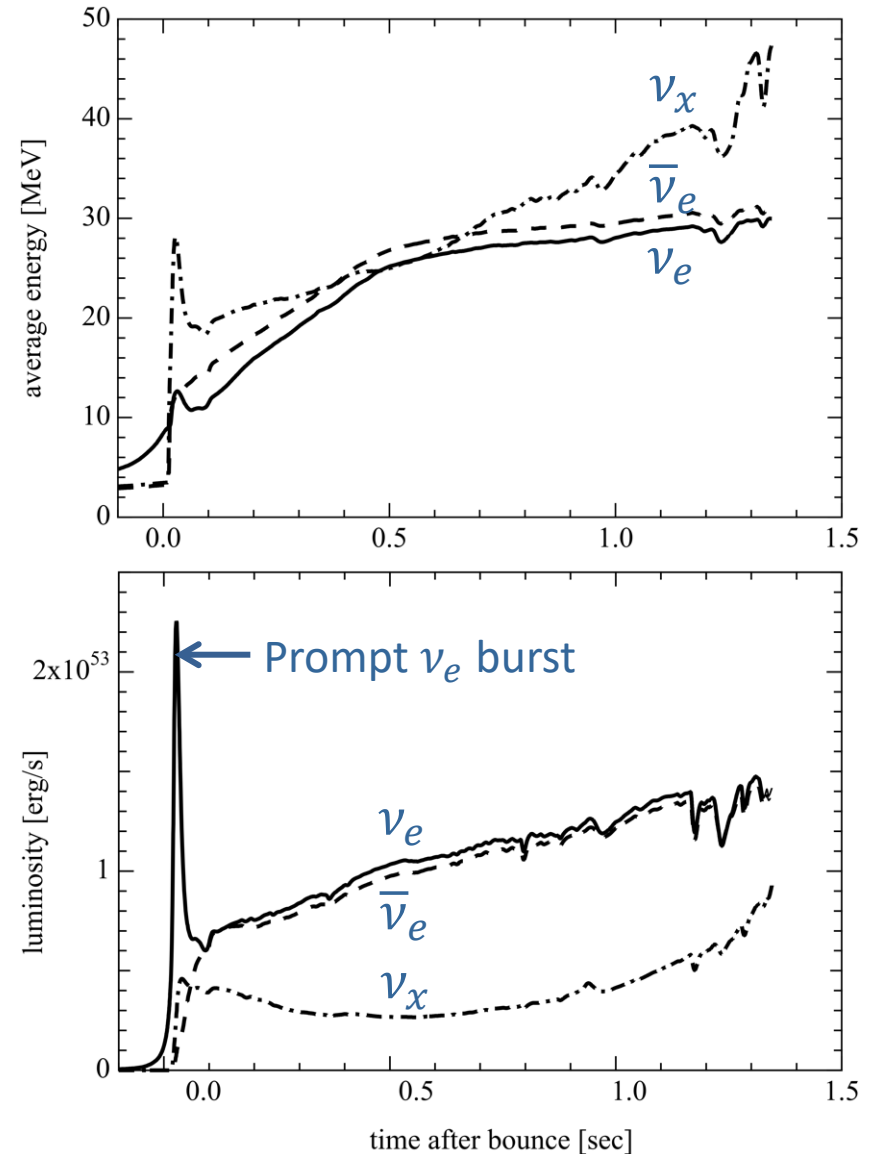
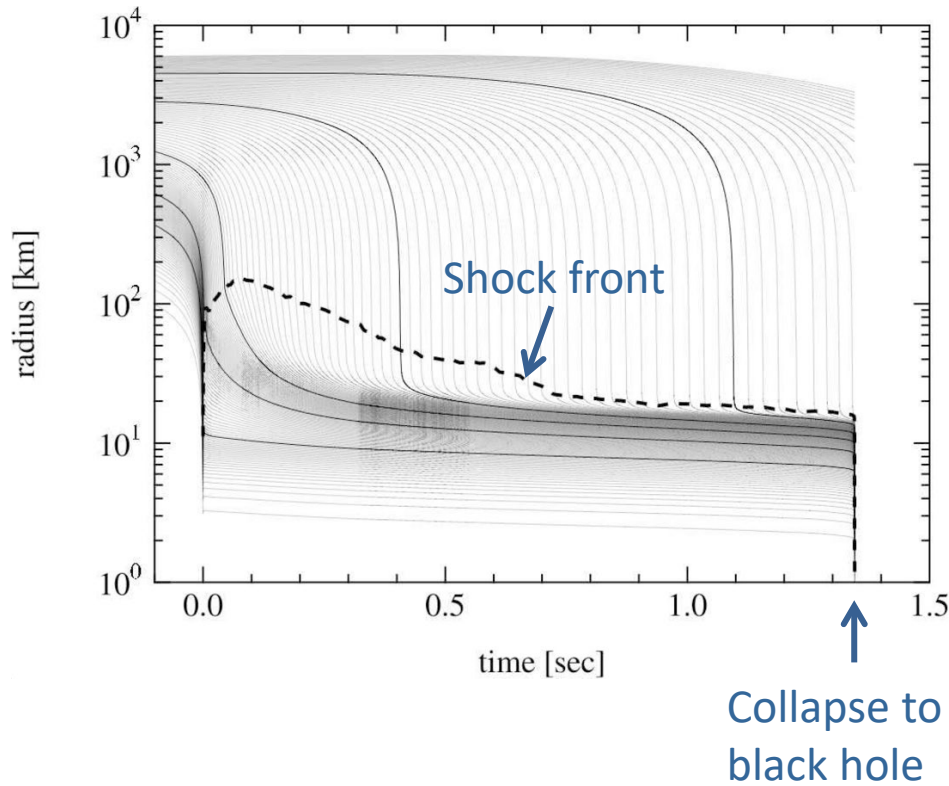


- In principle very sensitive to mass ordering, notably IceCube or HK
- “Standard candle” to be confirmed by other than Garching models

Abbasi et al. (IceCube Collaboration) A&A 535 (2011) A109

Serpico, Chakraborty, Fischer, H  depohl, Janka & Mirizzi, arXiv:1111.4483

Neutrino Signal of a Failed Supernova ($40 M_{\text{SUN}}$)



Sumiyoshi, Yamada & Suzuki, arXiv:0706.3762



Neutrinos from Supernova 1987A

Sanduleak -69 202



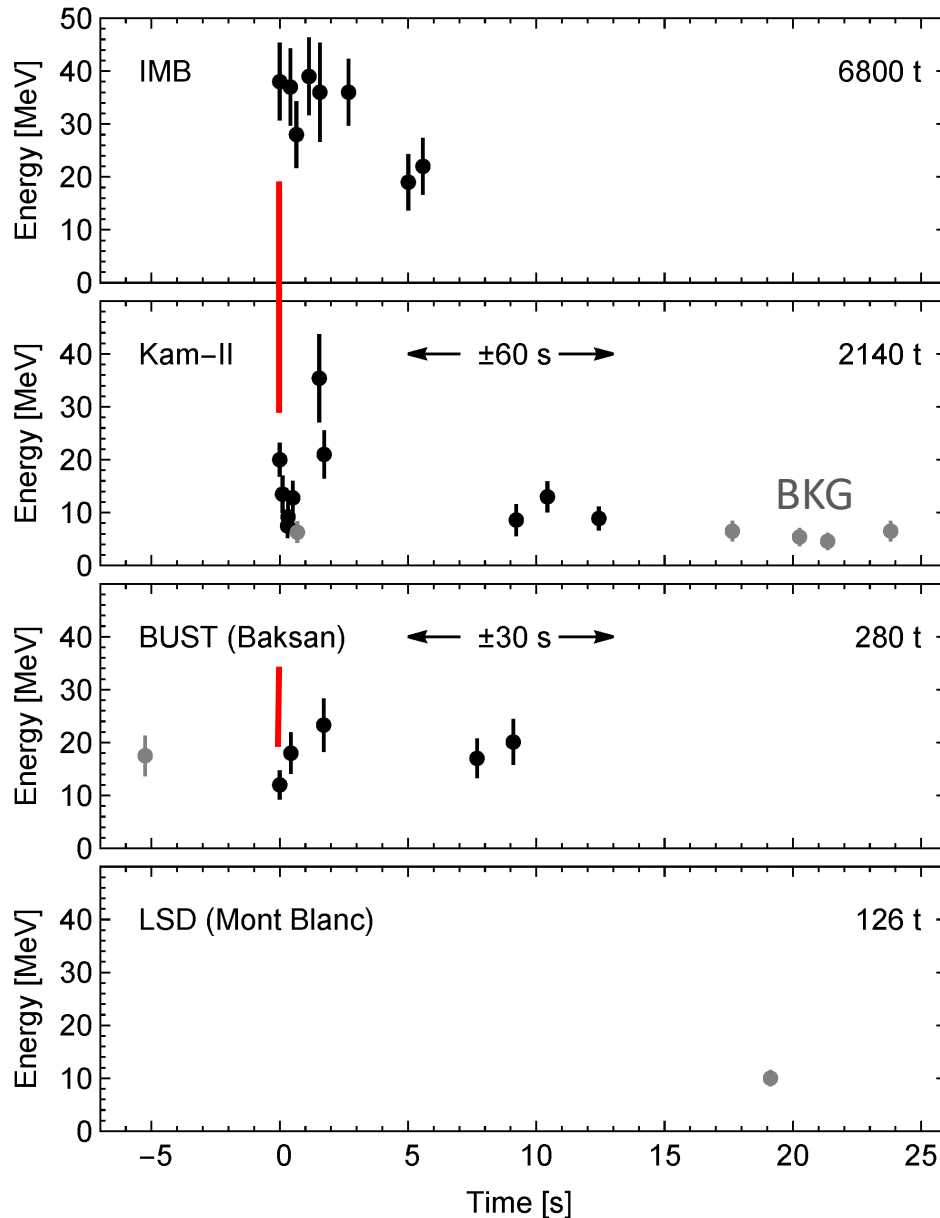
Supernova 1987A

23 February 1987





Neutrino Signal of Supernova 1987A



Irvine-Michigan-Brookhaven (US)
Water Cherenkov detector
6800 tons
Clock uncertainty ± 50 ms

Kamiokande-II (Japan)
Water Cherenkov detector
2140 tons
Clock uncertainty ± 1 min

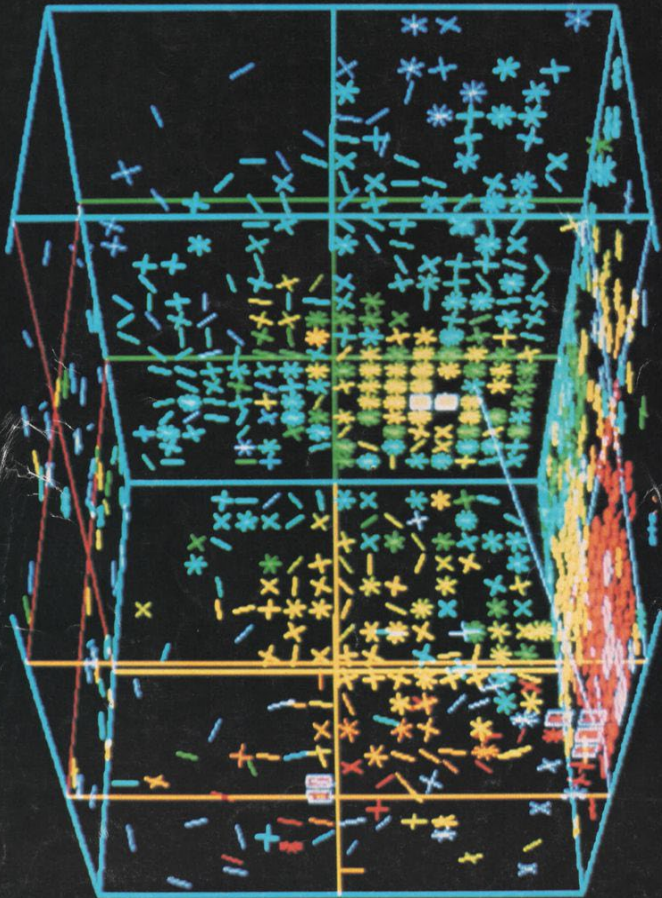
Baksan Scintillator Telescope
(Soviet Union), 200 tons (280 tons we)
Random event cluster $\sim 0.7/\text{day}$
Clock uncertainty $+2/-54$ s

Liquid Scintillator Detector (Mont Blanc)
90 tons (126 tons we)
Minimal background
Clock uncertainty ± 2 ms
Unexplained burst few hours earlier

Fiorillo+, arXiv:2308.01403

Irvine-Michigan-Brookhaven (IMB) Detector

physics today
APRIL 1983



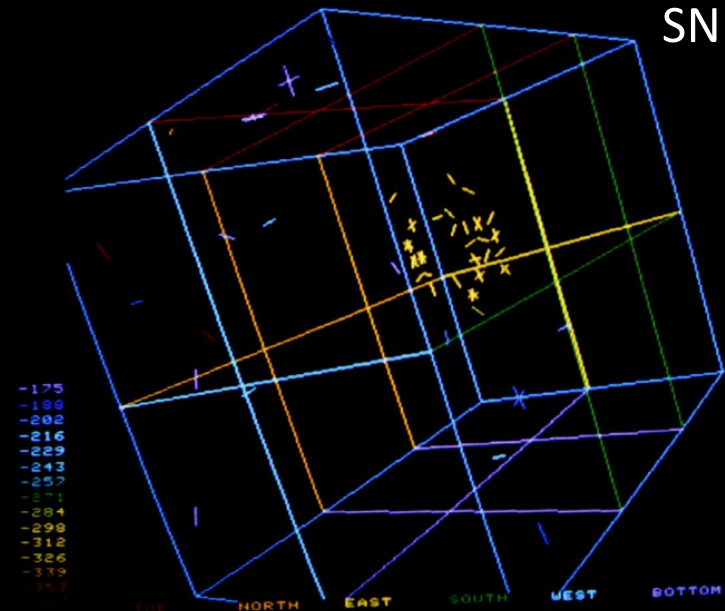
LOOKING FOR PROTON DECAY

6800 m³



Pattern Unit 172401 Tape# 2601 MB0 Evnt# 33167

SN 1987A

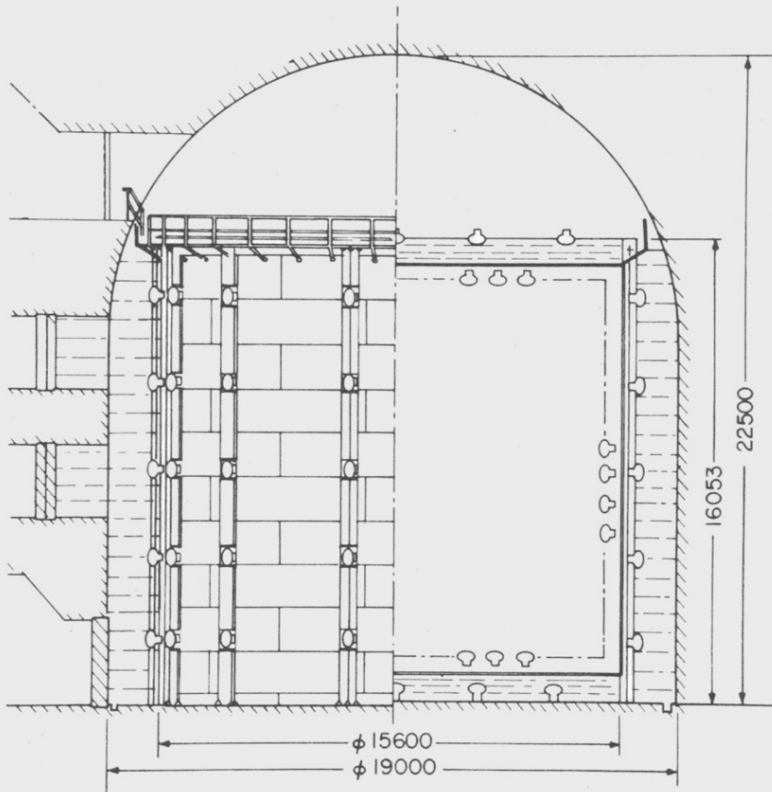


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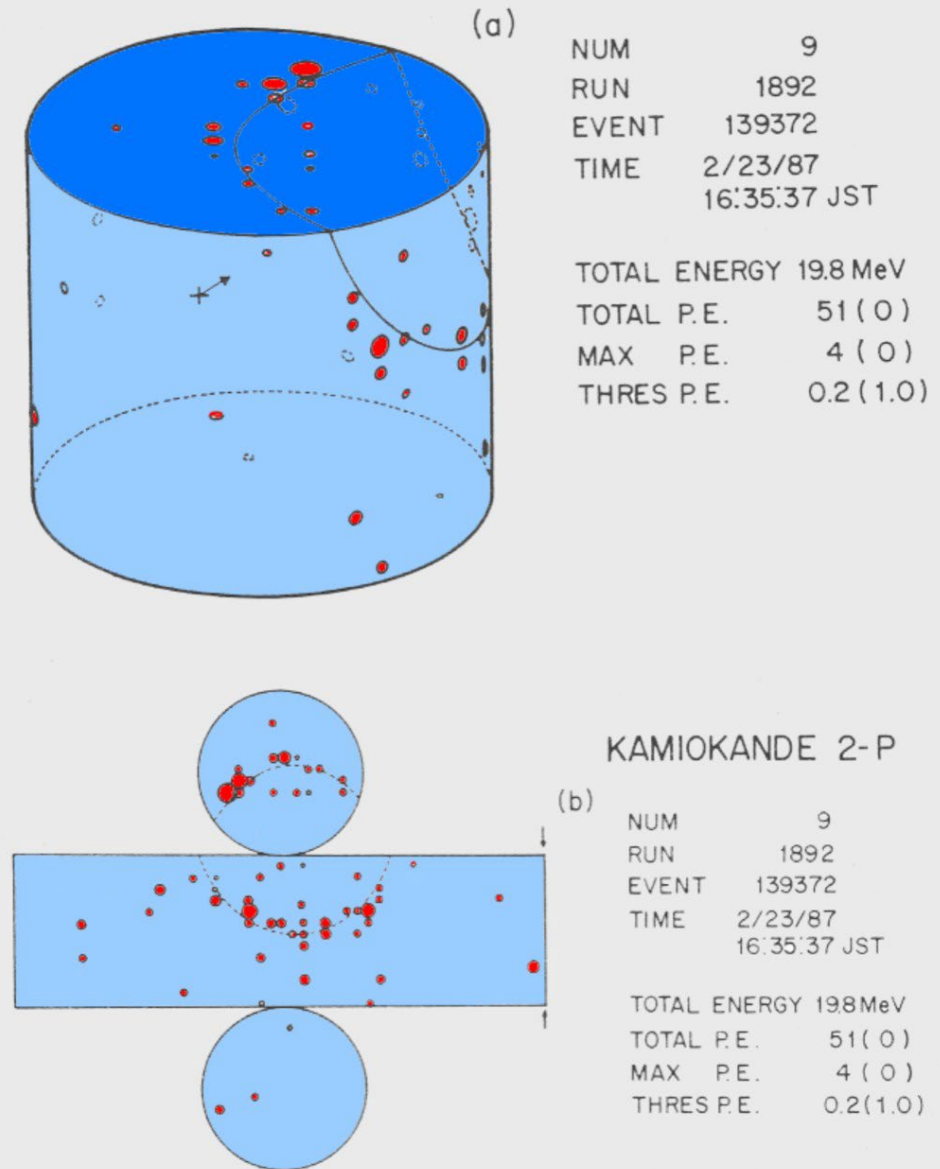
TOP NORTH EAST SOUTH WEST BOTTOM

SN 1987A Event No.9 in Kamiokande

Kamiokande-II Detector (2140 tons of water)

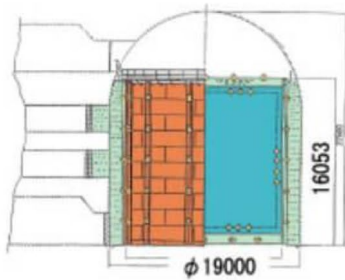


Hirata et al., PRD 38 (1988) 448

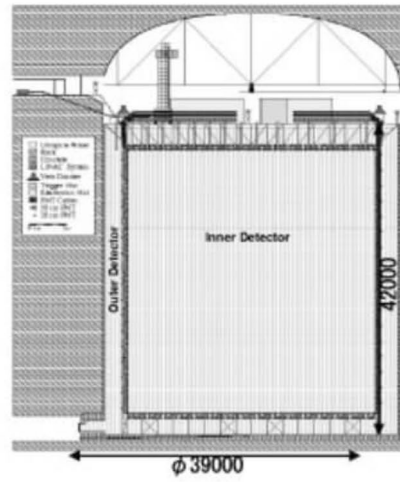


When collecting neutrinos, size definitely does matter!

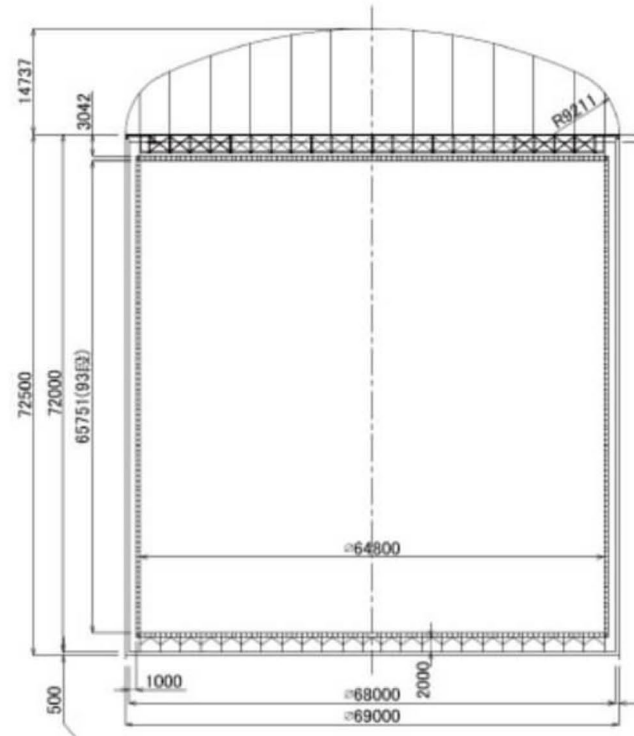
Credit
Mark Vagins



Kamiokande
(1983–1996)



Super-Kamiokande
(1996–present)



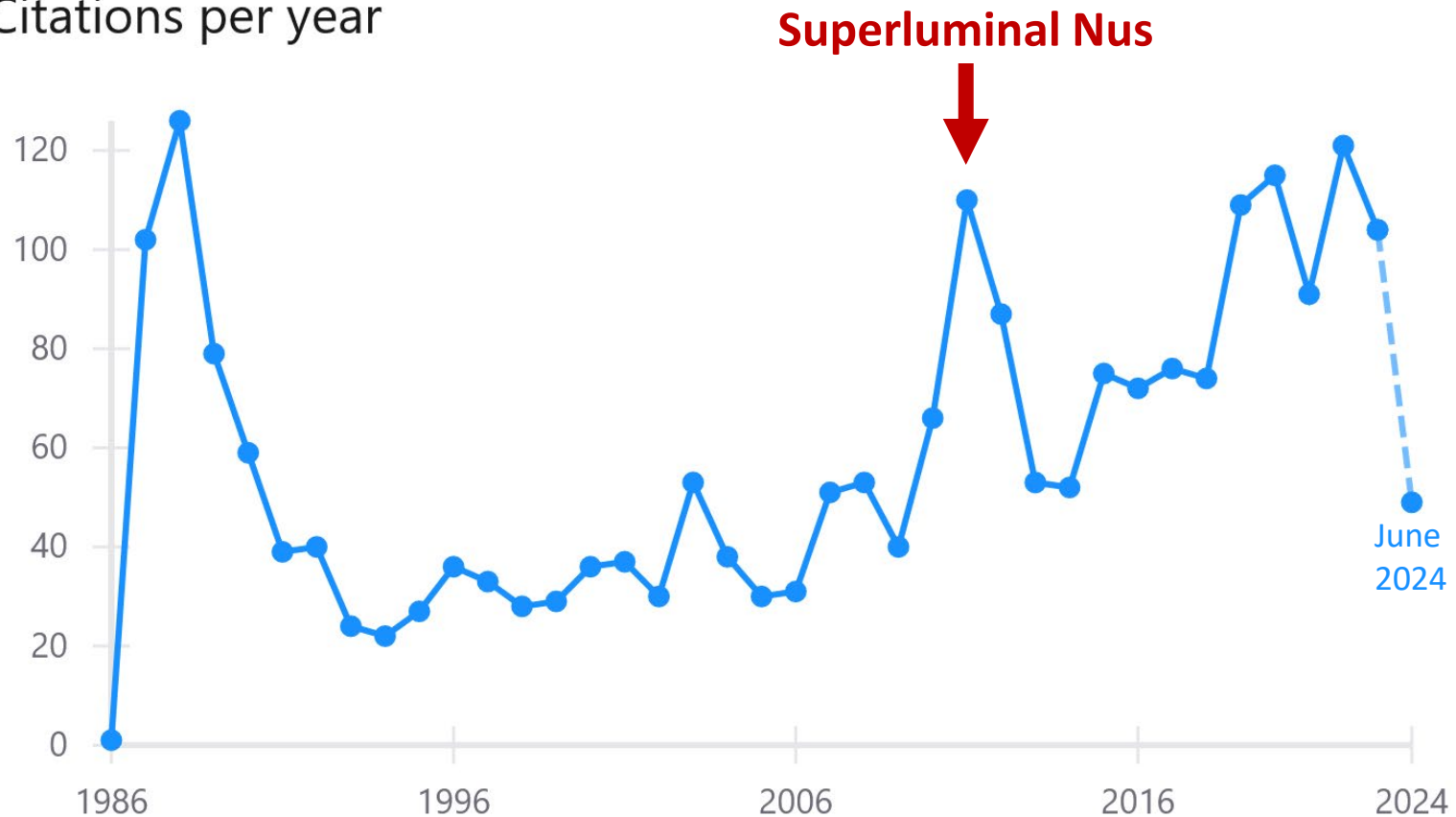
Hyper-Kamiokande
(to be started in 2027)

3 kilotons → 50 kilotons → 258 kilotons
(1 kt fiducial) → (22.5 kt fiducial) → (178 kt fiducial)

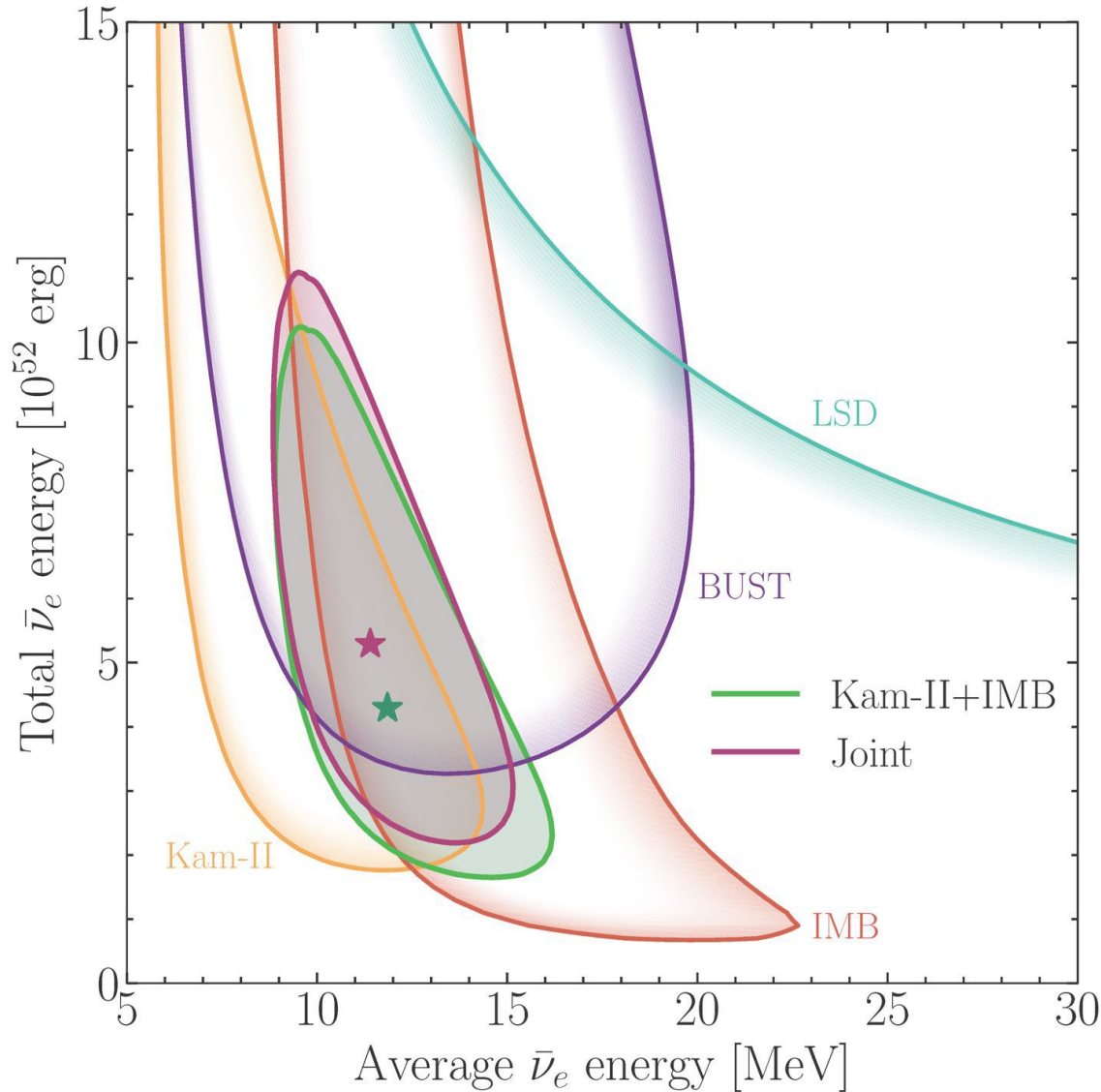
Continuing Interest in SN 1987A Neutrinos

- Hirata et al (Kamiokande-II), PRL 58 (1987) 1490
Observation of a neutrino burst from the supernova SN1987A
- Bionta et al (IMB), PRL 58 (1987) 1494, Observation of a Neutrino Burst in Coincidence with Supernova 1987A in the Large Magellanic Cloud

Citations per year



Generic Time-Integrated Analysis



Assume quasi-thermal $\bar{\nu}_e$ flux
(Maxwell-Boltzmann spectrum)
Distance 50 kpc
Likelihood fit with parameters

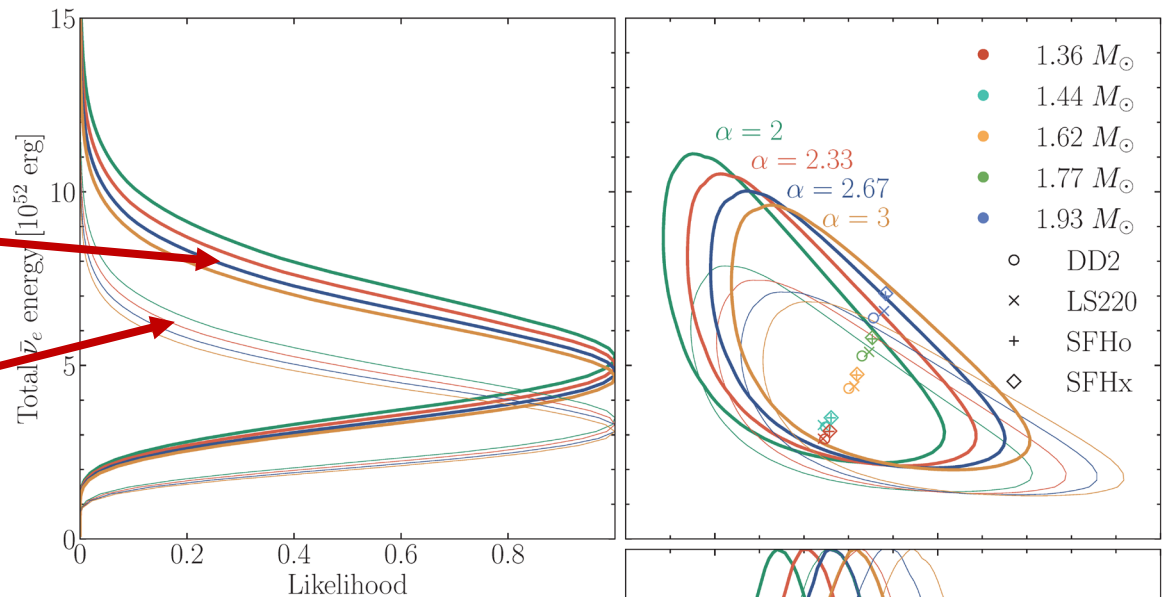
- Total emitted energy at source
- Average $\bar{\nu}_e$ energy

Fiorillo, Heinlein, Janka, Raffelt, Vitagliano & Bollig, [arXiv:2308.01403](https://arxiv.org/abs/2308.01403)

Time-Integrated Analysis with Pinched Spectra

With late events

Without late events

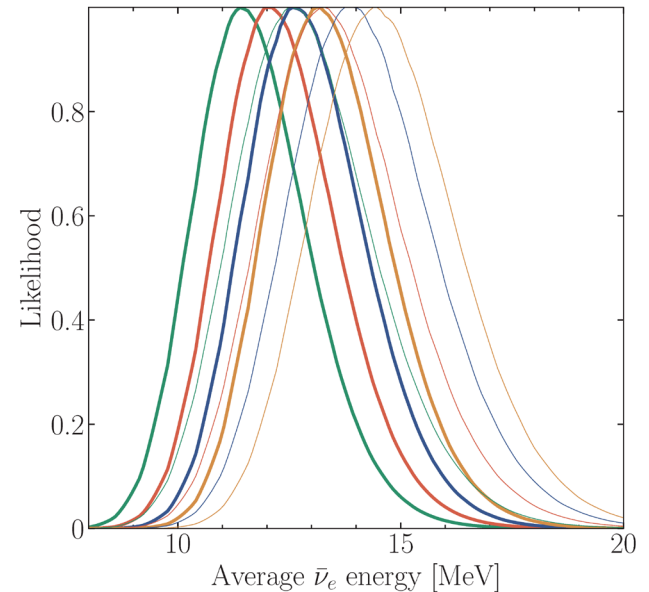


Quasi-thermal spectrum (“pinched spectrum”)

$$f_\nu(\epsilon) \propto \frac{\epsilon^\alpha}{\bar{\epsilon}^{1+\alpha}} e^{-(1+\alpha)/\bar{\epsilon}}$$

Average energy $\langle \epsilon \rangle = \bar{\epsilon}$

Maxwell-Boltzmann spectrum for $\alpha = 2$



Fiorillo, Heinlein, Janka, Raffelt, Vitagliano & Bollig, arXiv:2308.01403



Particle-Physics Constraints

Neutrino Limits by Intrinsic Signal Dispersion

Time of flight delay by neutrino mass

G. Zatsepin, JETP Lett. 8:205, 1968

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

SN 1987A signal duration implies

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

Loredo & Lamb

Ann N.Y. Acad. Sci. 571 (1989) 601

find 23 eV (95% CL limit) from detailed maximum-likelihood analysis

- At the time of SN 1987A competitive with tritium end-point
- Today $m_\nu < 0.45 \text{ eV}$ from tritium
- Cosmological limit today $m_\nu \lesssim 0.1 \text{ eV}$

“Milli charged” neutrinos

Path bent by galactic magnetic field, inducing a time delay

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

SN 1987A signal duration implies

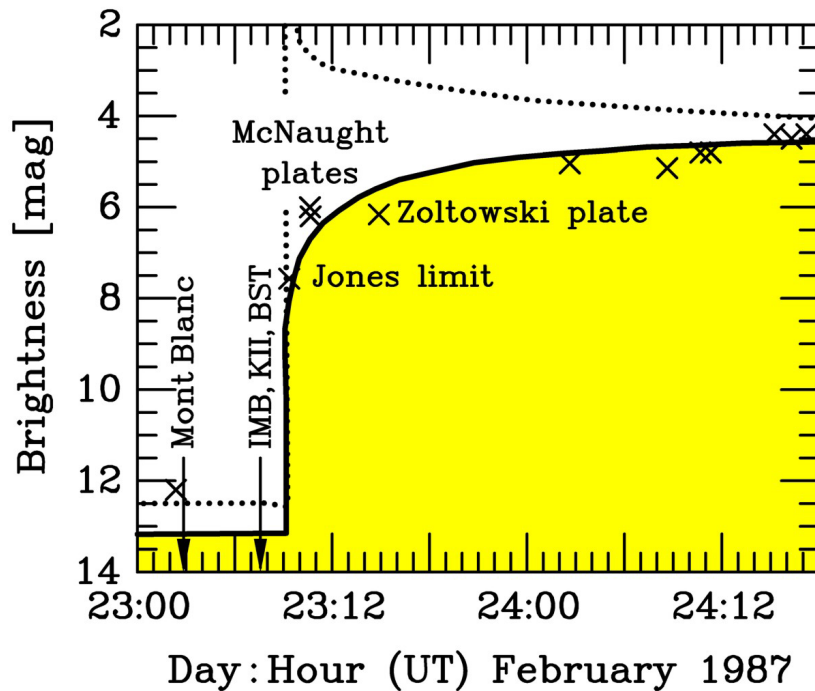
$$\frac{e_\nu}{e} < 3 \times 10^{-17} \frac{1\mu\text{G}}{B_\perp} \frac{1 \text{ kpc}}{d_B}$$

- Barbiellini & Cocconi, Nature 329 (1987) 21
- Bahcall, Neutrino Astrophysics (1989)

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

Do Neutrinos Gravitate?

Early light curve of SN 1987A



- Neutrinos arrived several hours before photons as expected
- Transit time for ν and γ same (160.000 yr) within a few hours

Shapiro time delay for particles moving in a gravitational potential

$$\Delta t = -2 \int_A^B dt \Phi[r(t)]$$

For trip from LMC to us, depending on galactic model,

$$\Delta t \approx 1-5 \text{ months}$$

Neutrinos and photons respond to gravity the same to within

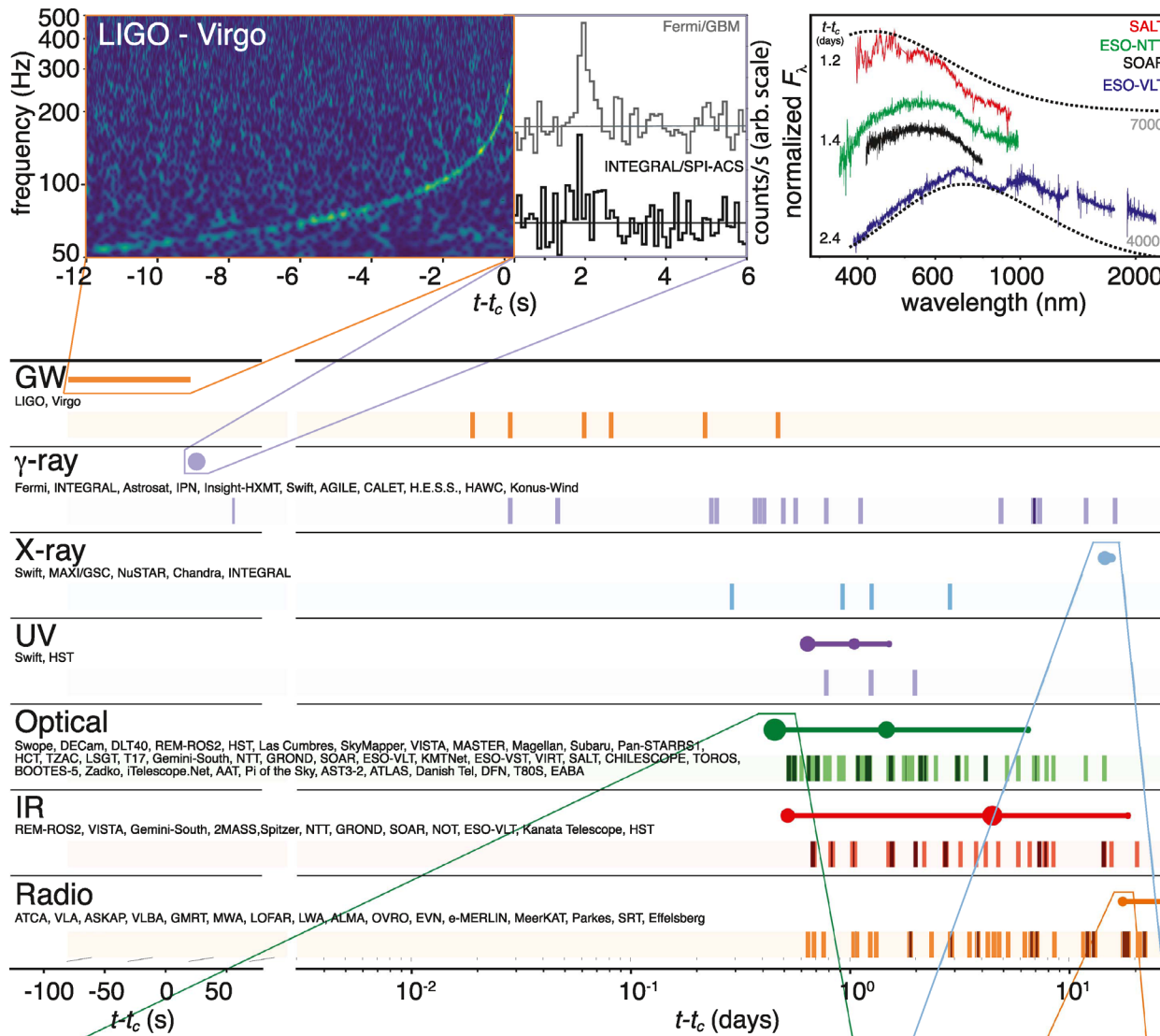
$$1-4 \times 10^{-3}$$

Longo, PRL 60:173, 1988

Krauss & Tremaine, PRL 60:176, 1988

GW vs Gamma-Ray Shapiro Time Delay

[ApJ Lett. 848 \(2017\) L12](#)



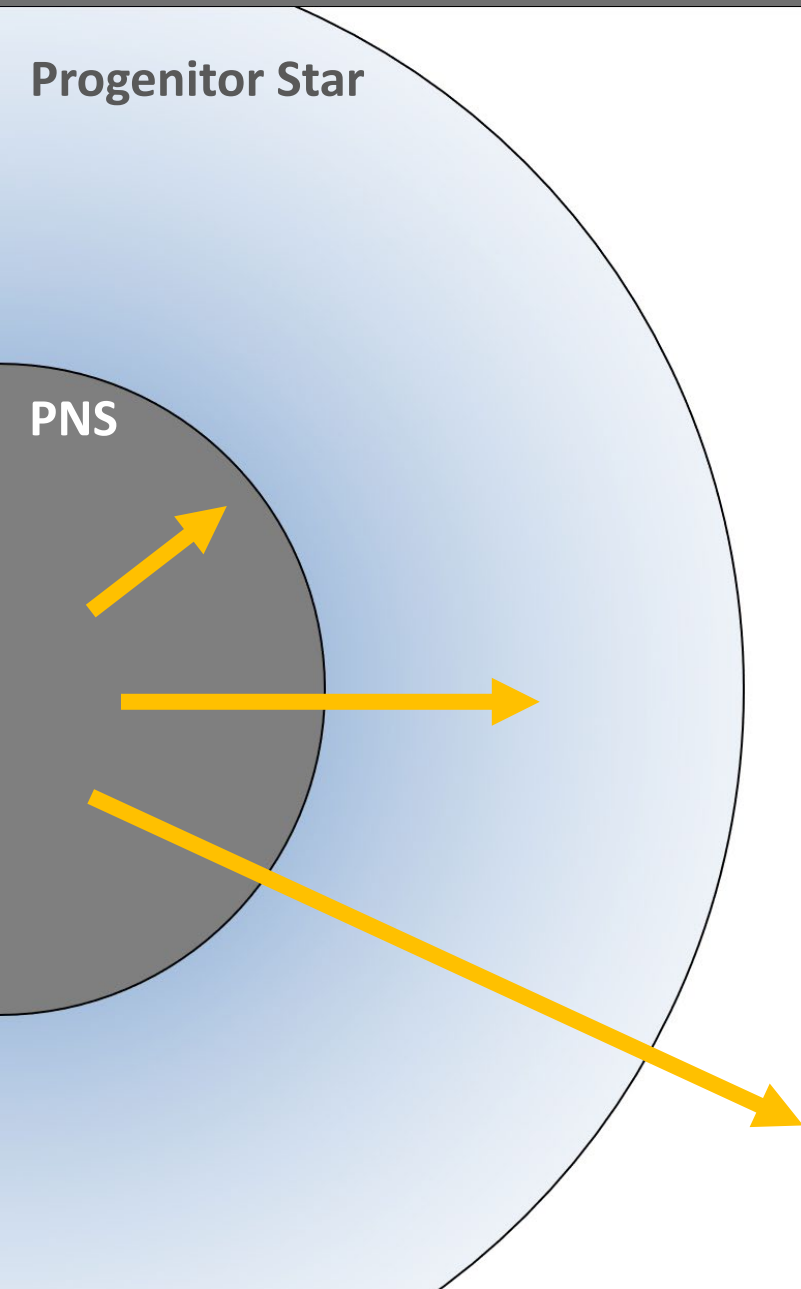
NS-NS Merger

- GW170817
- GRB 170817A

**GWs & γ arrive within 2 s
Equal Shapiro time delay
within $\sim 10^{-7}$**

(Shoemaker & Murase
[arXiv:1710.06427](#))

Impact of New Particles



**Energy and lepton transport
within PNS**

**Energy transport beyond neutrino sphere
(directly or decay products)**

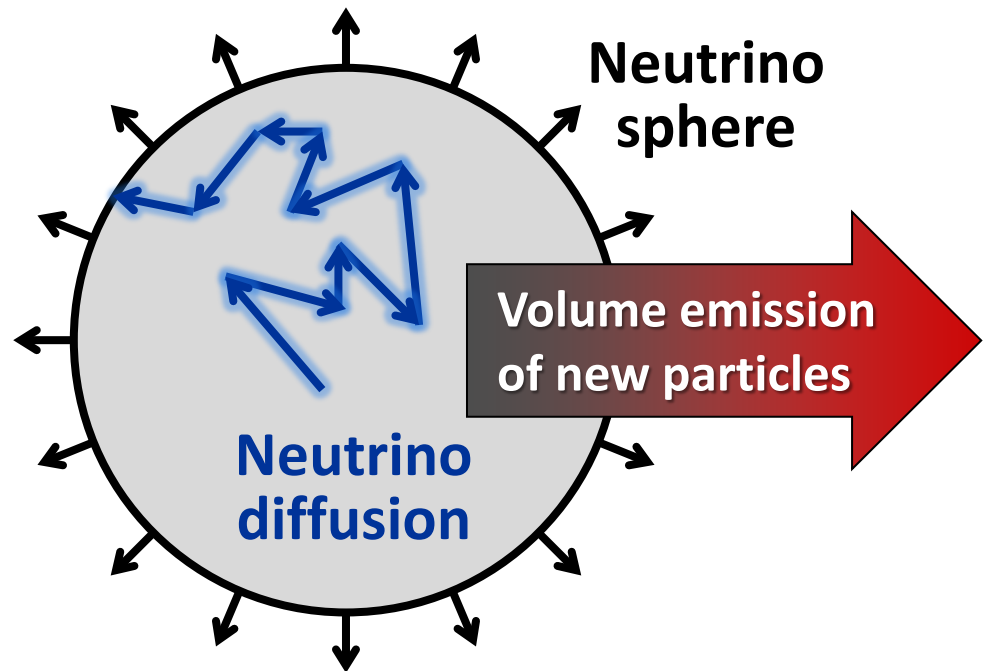
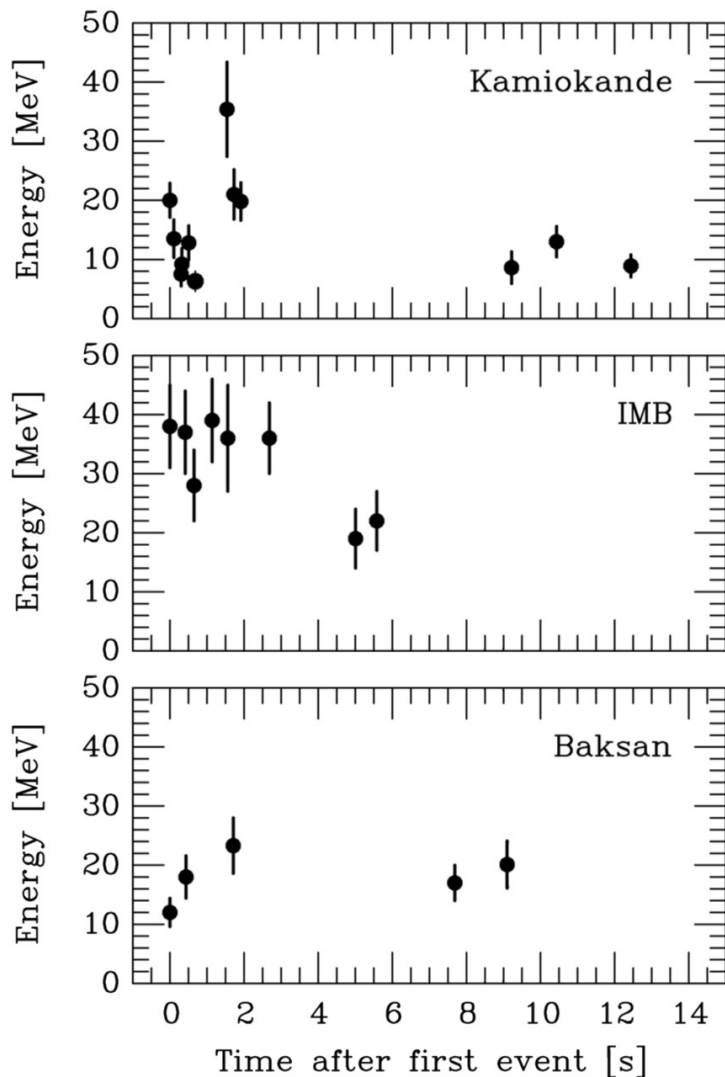
- Explosion
- Nucleosynthesis

Detection (direct or decay products)

- SN 1987A, next nearby SN
- Diffuse background from all past SNe

Supernova 1987A Energy-Loss Argument

SN 1987A neutrino signal

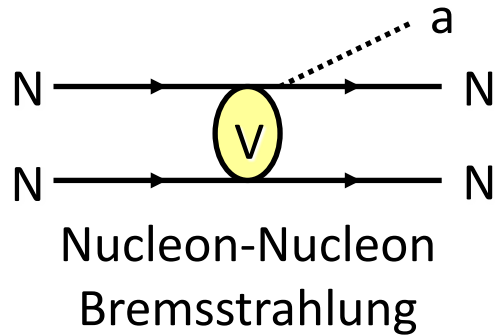


Emission of very weakly interacting particles would “steal” energy from the neutrino burst and shorten it.
(Early neutrino burst powered by accretion, not sensitive to volume energy loss.)

Late-time signal most sensitive observable

Axion Emission from a Nuclear Medium

Axion-nucleon interaction: $\mathcal{L}_{\text{int}} = \frac{c_N}{2f_a} \bar{\Psi}_N \gamma_\mu \gamma_5 \Psi_N \partial^\mu a = \frac{c_N}{2f_a} J_\mu^A \partial^\mu a$

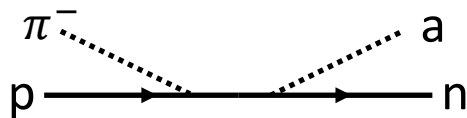


+ ... Axial-vector interaction implies dominance of spin-dependent process

- Interaction potential (one-pion exchange OPE often used, but too simplistic)
- In-medium coupling constants
- In-medium effective nucleon properties
- Correlation effects (static and dynamical spin-spin correlations)

→ For latest discussion see Carenza et al. [arXiv:1906.11844](#)

Thermal π^- contribute significant (dominant?)



→ For latest discussion see Carenza et al. [arXiv:2010.02943](#)

SN 1987A Axion Limits from Burst Duration

- Raffelt, Lect. Notes Phys. 741 (2008) 51 [hep-ph/0611350](#)
Burst duration calibrated by early numerical studies
“Generic” emission rates inspired by OPE rates
 $f_a \gtrsim 4 \times 10^8 \text{ GeV}$ and $m_a \lesssim 16 \text{ meV}$ (KSVZ, based on proton coupling)
- Chang, Essig & McDermott, JHEP 1809 (2018) 051 [1803.00993](#)
Various correction factors to emission rates, specific SN core models
 $f_a \gtrsim 1 \times 10^8 \text{ GeV}$ and $m_a \lesssim 60 \text{ meV}$ (KSVZ, based on proton coupling)
- Carenza, Fischer, Giannotti, Guo, Martínez-Pinedo & Mirizzi, JCAP 10 (2019) 016 & Erratum [1906.11844](#)
Beyond OPE emission rates, specific SN core models: similar to Chang et al.
 $f_a \gtrsim 4 \times 10^8 \text{ GeV}$ and $m_a \lesssim 15 \text{ meV}$ (KSVZ, based on proton coupling)
- Carenza, Fore, Giannotti, Mirizzi & Reddy [2010.02943](#)
Including thermal pions $\pi^- + p \rightarrow n + a$ (factor 3 larger emission)
 $f_a \gtrsim 5 \times 10^8 \text{ GeV}$ and $m_a \lesssim 11 \text{ meV}$ (KSVZ, based on proton coupling)
- Bar, Blum & D'Amico, Is there a supernova bound on axions? [1907.05020](#)
Alternative picture of SN explosion (thermonuclear event)
Observed signal not PNS cooling. SN1987A neutron star (or pulsar) not yet found.
(but see “NS 1987A in SN 1987A”, Page et al. arXiv:2004.06078)

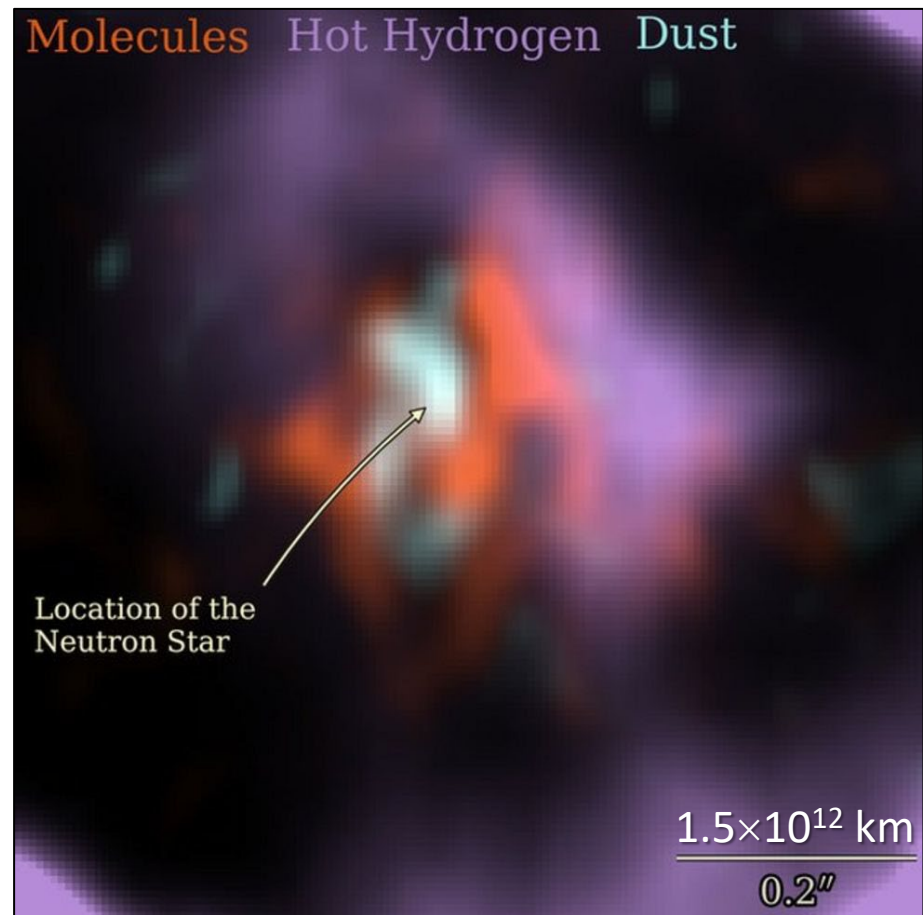
Where is the Neutron Star of SN 1987A?

No pulsar or neutron star has been seen until now (35 years later)

- Infra-red excess observed by ALMA: In “the blob” strong indication for NS
Expected position, remnant hidden by dust [Cigan+ arXiv:1910.02960]
- Most plausible model: Thermally cooling non-pulsar NS [Page+ arXiv:2004.06078]

<https://www.bbc.com/news/science-environment-50473482>

Atacama Large Millimeter/Submillimeter Array (ALMA) at ESO in Chile



SN 1987A Signal Duration Too Long?

Fiorillo+ [arXiv:2308.01403](https://arxiv.org/abs/2308.01403)

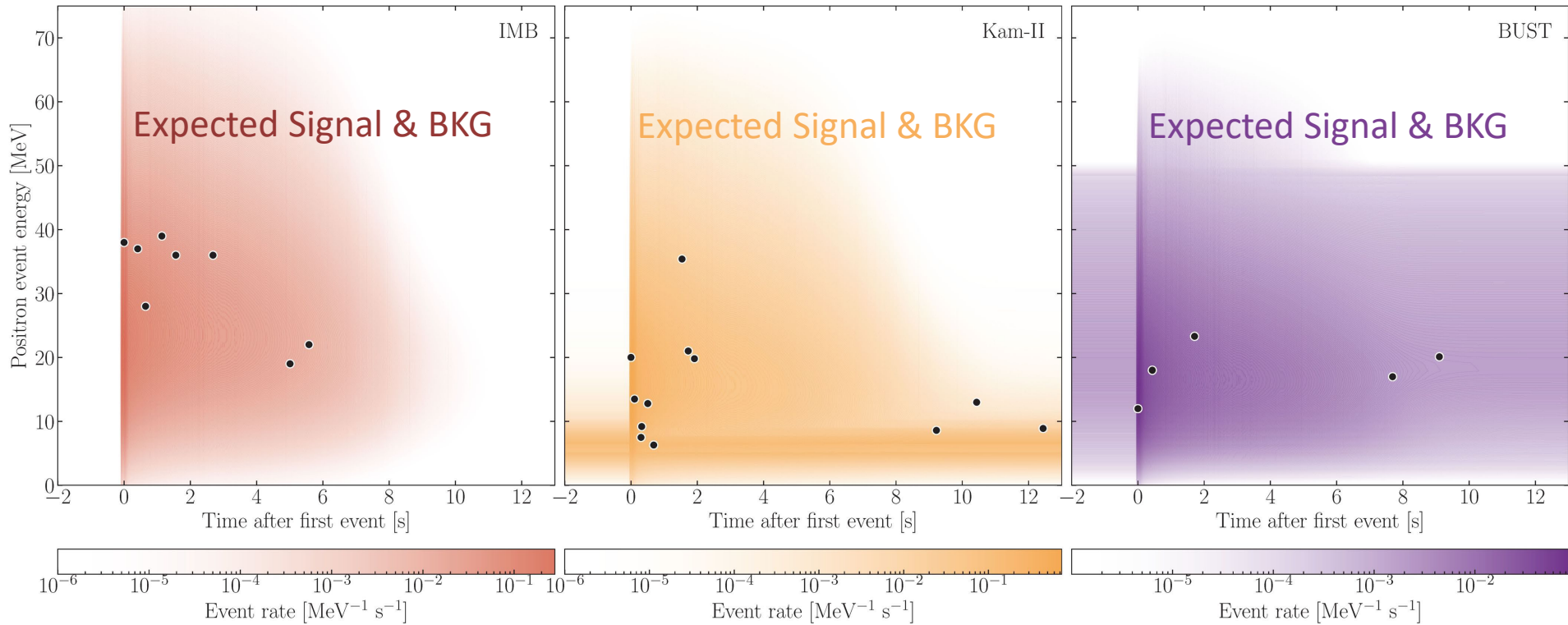


FIG. 17. Differential event distribution (signal and background) at each experiment, compared with the observations. Results are shown for model 1.44-SFHo without flavor swap; the offset time for each experiment is chosen as the best-fit value reported in Table VII.

- In a suite of Garching models (no axions), expected signal always too short (PNS convection!)
- Deserves dedicated study

Cooling Simulations of Five Neutron Stars

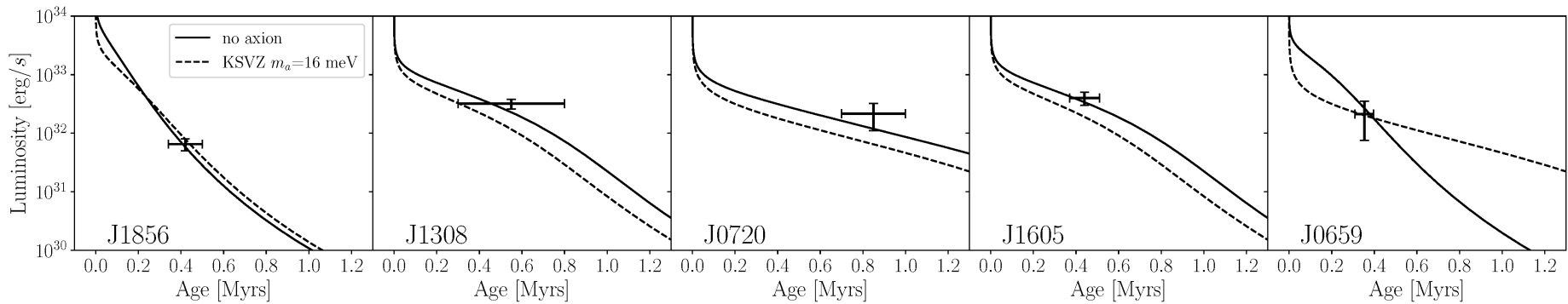
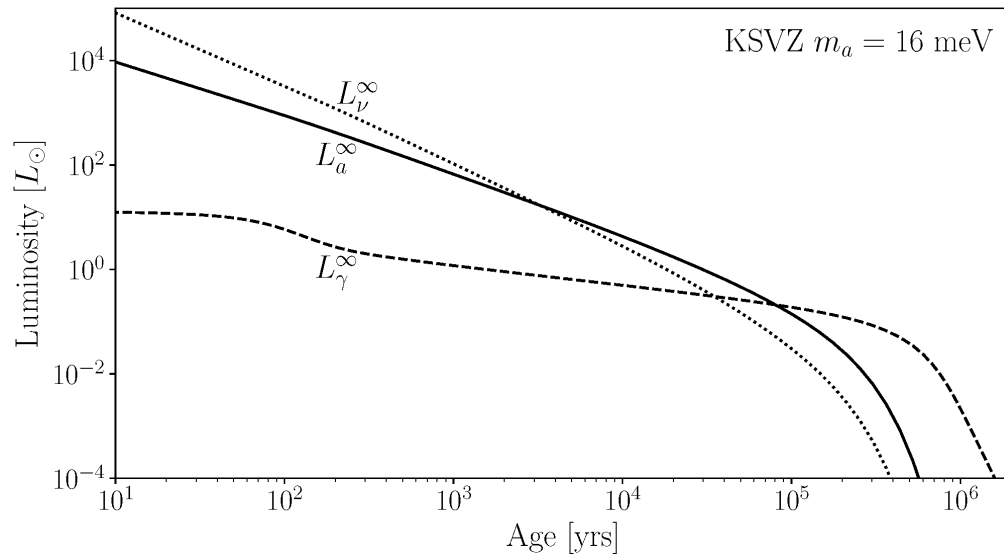


Figure 1. The luminosity and age data for each of the NSs considered in this work (see Tab. I). We show the best-fit cooling curves computed in this work for each of these NSs under the null hypothesis and with the axion mass fixed to $m_a = 16 \text{ meV}$, which is our 95% upper limit on the QCD axion mass in the context of the KSVZ model.

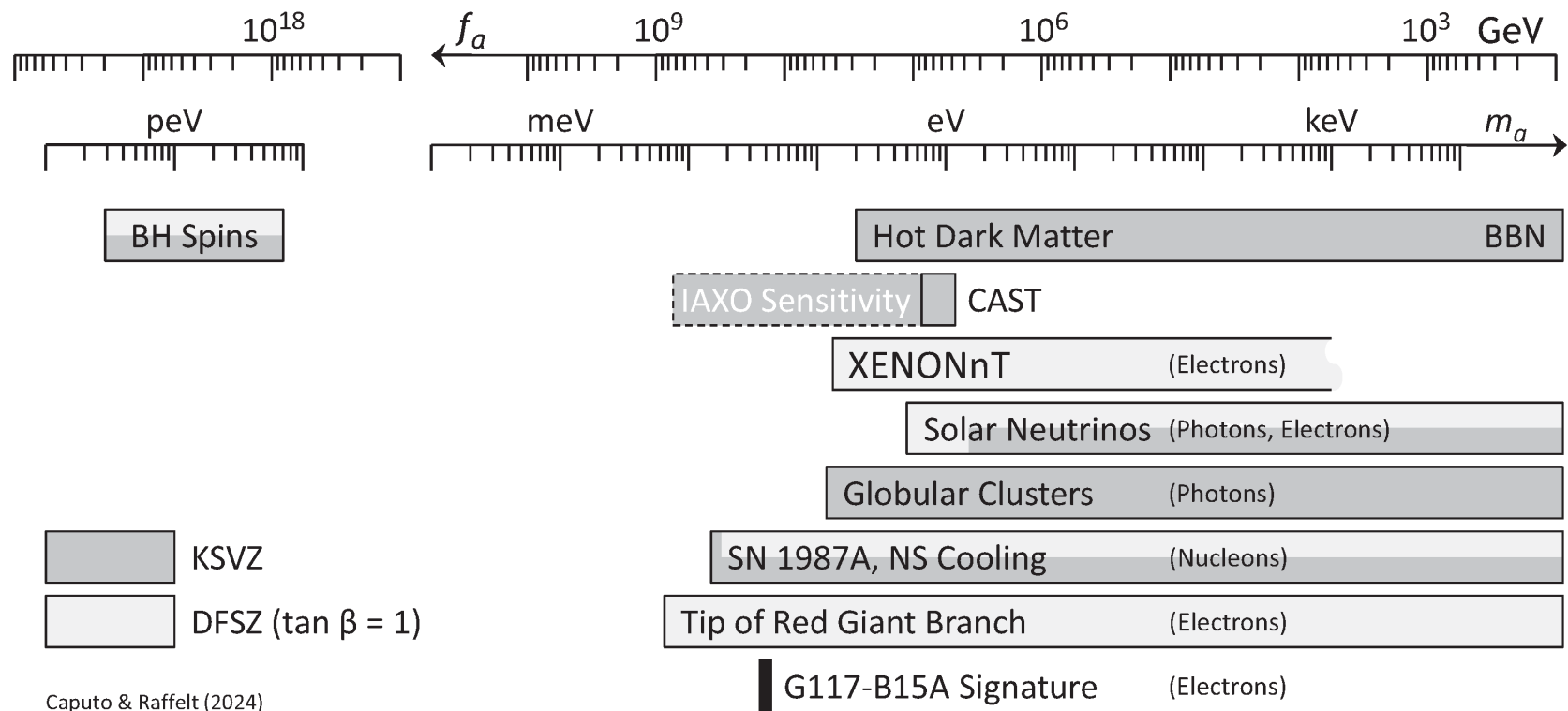


Cooling of J1605 with KSVZ axions,
BSk22 EOS, SBF-0-0 superfluidity
model, $M_{\text{NS}} = 1.0 M_\odot$

Upper Limit on the QCD Axion Mass from Isolated Neutron Star Cooling
Buschmann, Dessert, Foster, Long & Safdi, [2111.09892](#)

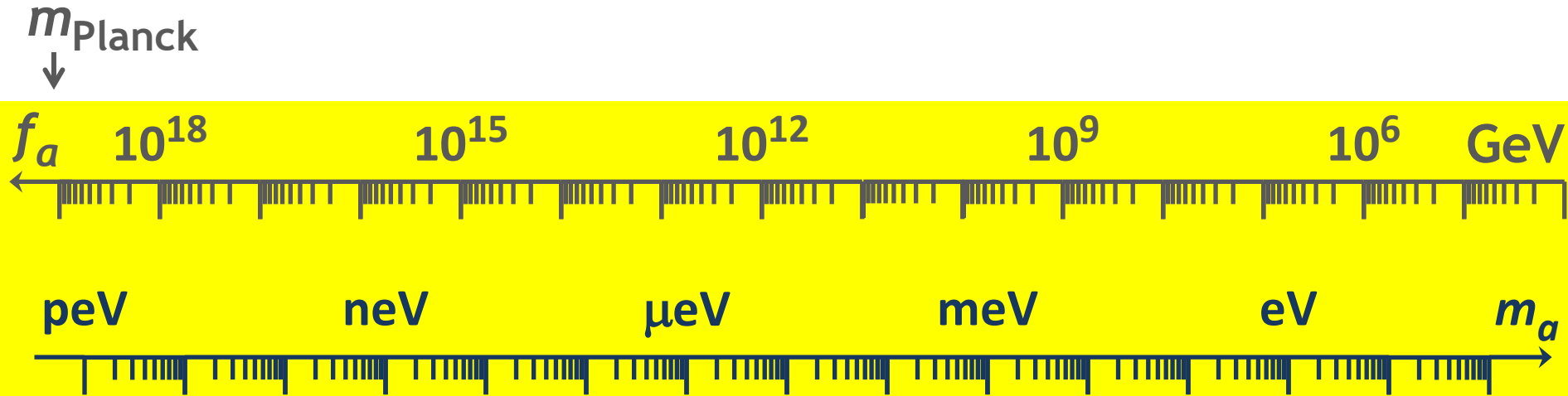
Astrophysical Axion Bounds

The 2024 Edition, Caputo & Raffelt, arXiv:2401.13728, 24 Jan 2024



- Many improvements over the years, but overall picture the same
- Specific QCD axion signatures hard to expect from cooling effects
- Best stellar detection opportunity probably (Baby)IAXO

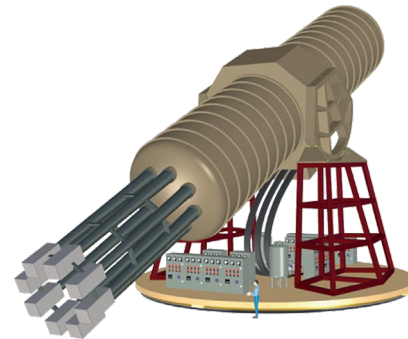
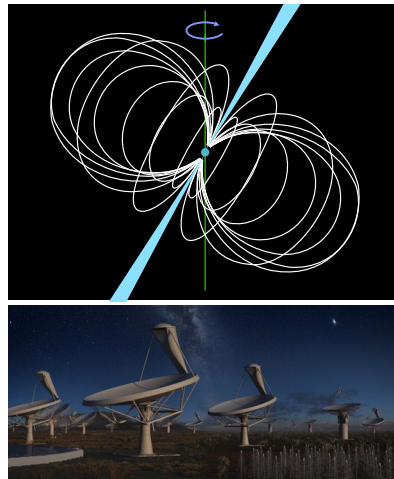
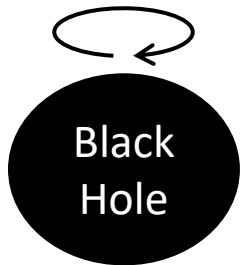
Astrophysical Axion Bounds and Opportunities



Super
Radiance

Opportunities for detection

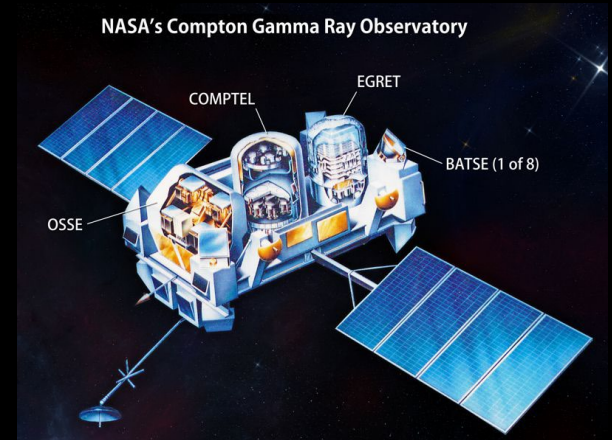
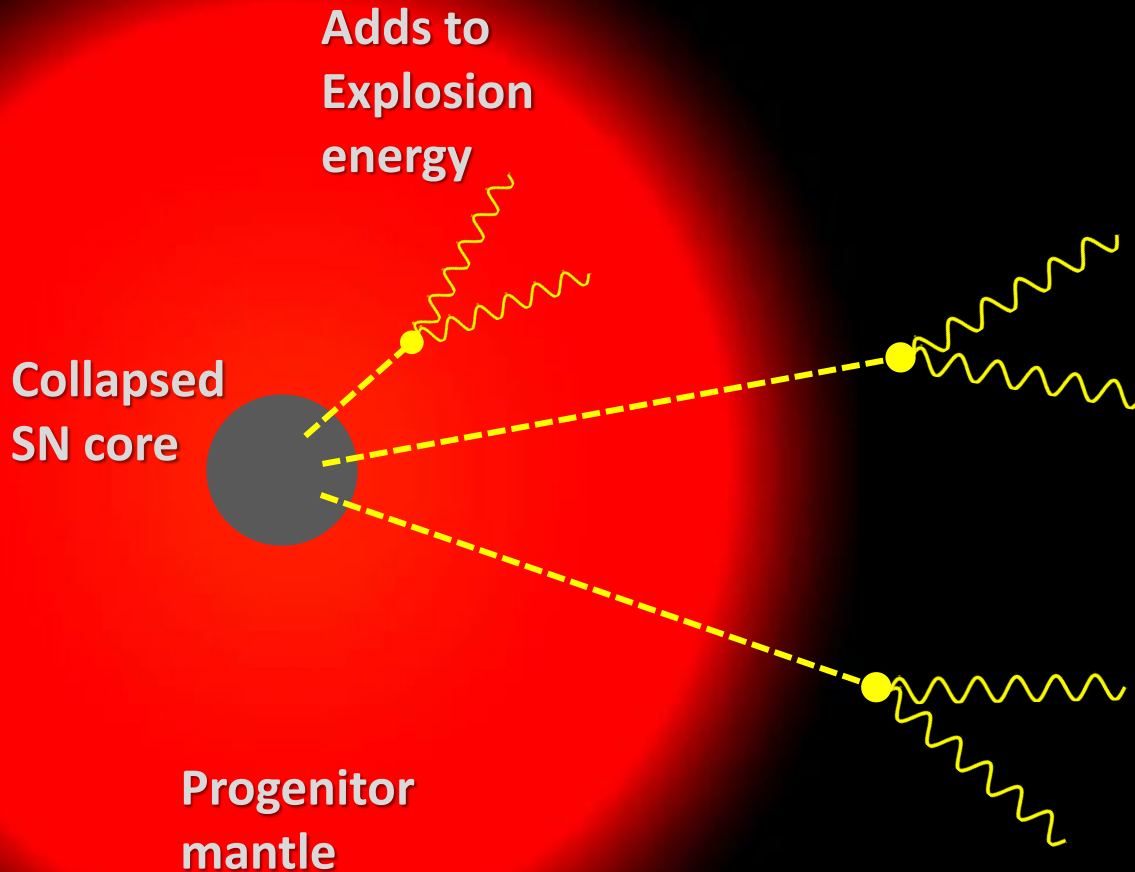
Astrophysical Bounds
(Energy loss of stars)



IAXO Solar
Axion Telescope

Axion conversion in neutron star magnetospheres

Supernova Bounds on Radiative Particle Decays



Cosmic gamma ray background from all past supernovae

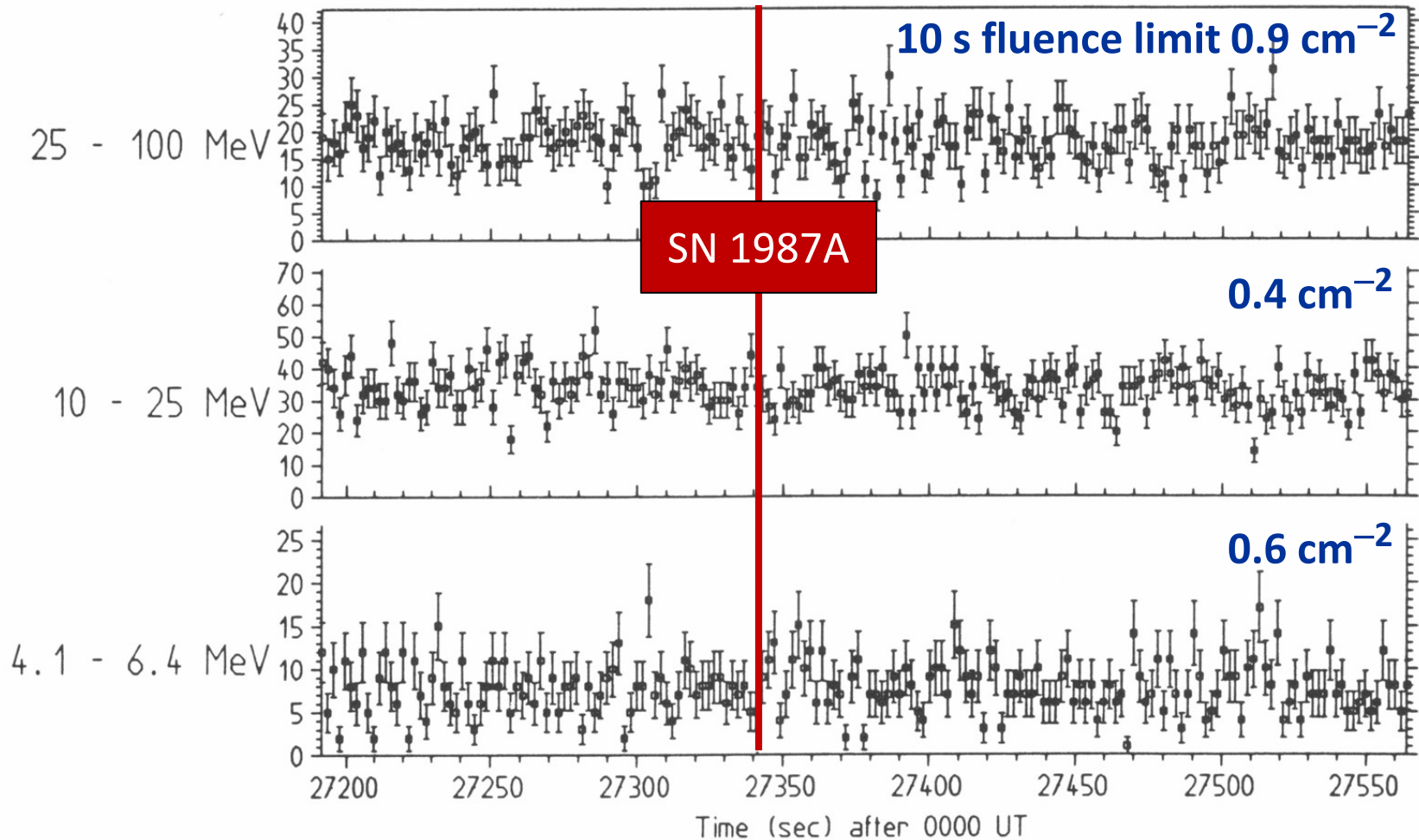
Solar Maximum Mission



No excess gamma rays
@ SN 1987A neutrino burst

Gamma-Ray Observations of SMM Satellite

Counts in the GRS instrument on the Solar Maximum Mission Satellite



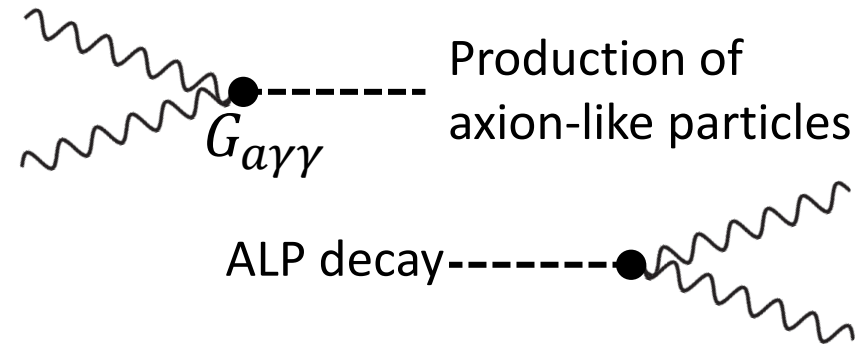
SN 1987A neutrino fluence $\sim 10^{10} \text{ cm}^{-2}$

$< 10^{-10}$ of neutrinos have decayed to photons on their way to Earth

Low-Energy Supernovae Severely Constrain Radiative Particle Decays

Andrea Caputo^{1,2} Hans-Thomas Janka³ Georg Raffelt⁴ and Edoardo Vitagliano⁵

arXiv:2201.09890 (24 Jan 2022)



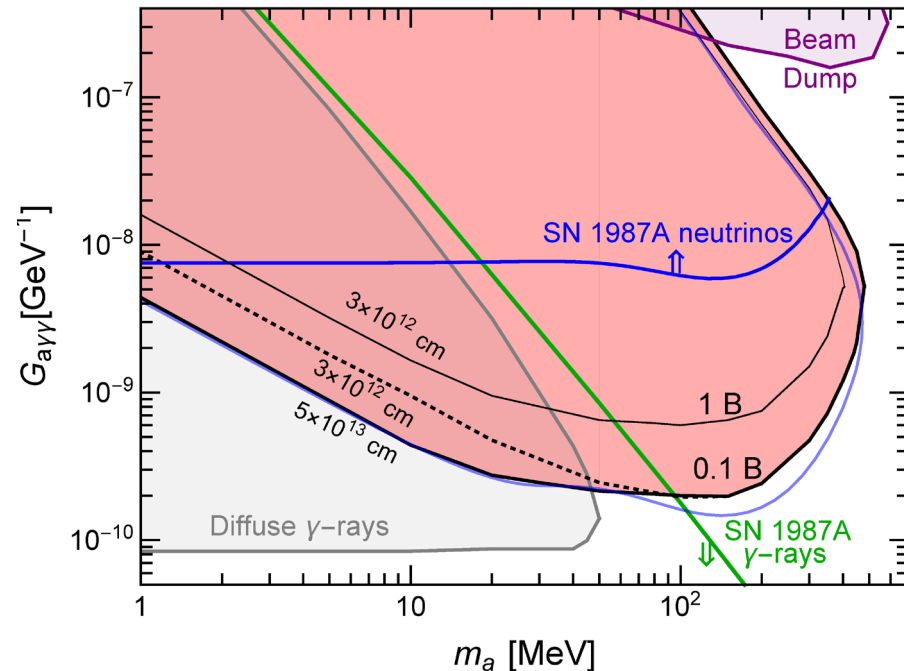
Typical SN explosion energy 1–2 B

Some SNe have very small observed explosion energies < 0.1 B
(e.g. subluminal type II-P SNe)

Restrictive limits on energy deposition in progenitor star by particle decays!

1 B (bethe) = 10^{51} erg

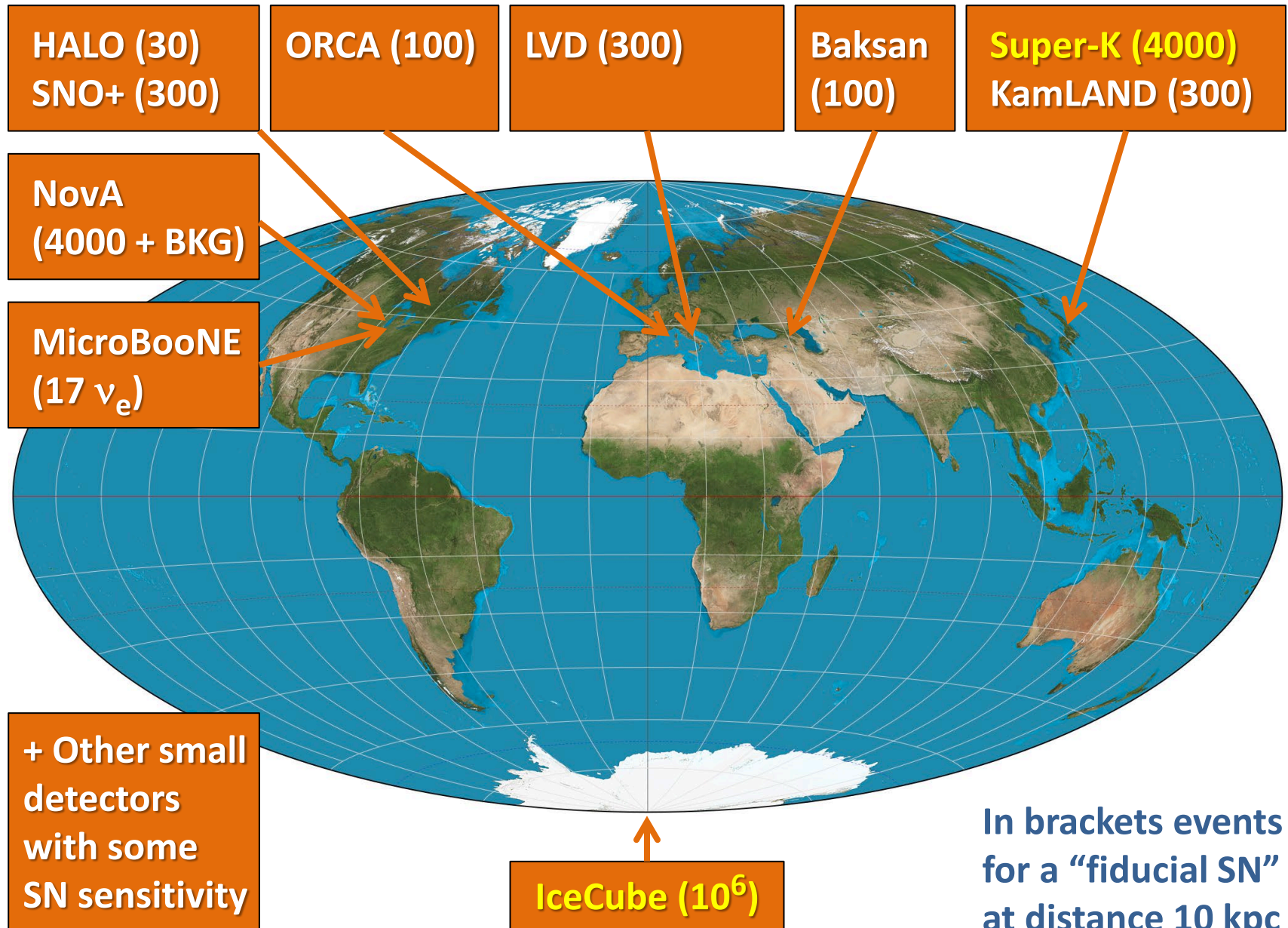
Neutron-star binding energy 200–400 B
(0.11–0.22 M_{SUN})





Neutrinos from Next Nearby SN

Operational Detectors for Next Galactic SN Neutrinos



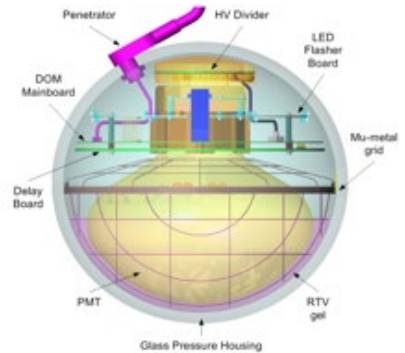
In brackets events for a "fiducial SN" at distance 10 kpc

IceCube Neutrino Telescope at the South Pole

IceCube Lab

50 meters

Digital
Optical
Module



IceCube Array

86 strings, 60 sensors each
5,160 optical sensors

1,450 meters

DeepCore

6 strings optimized
for low energies

2,450 meters

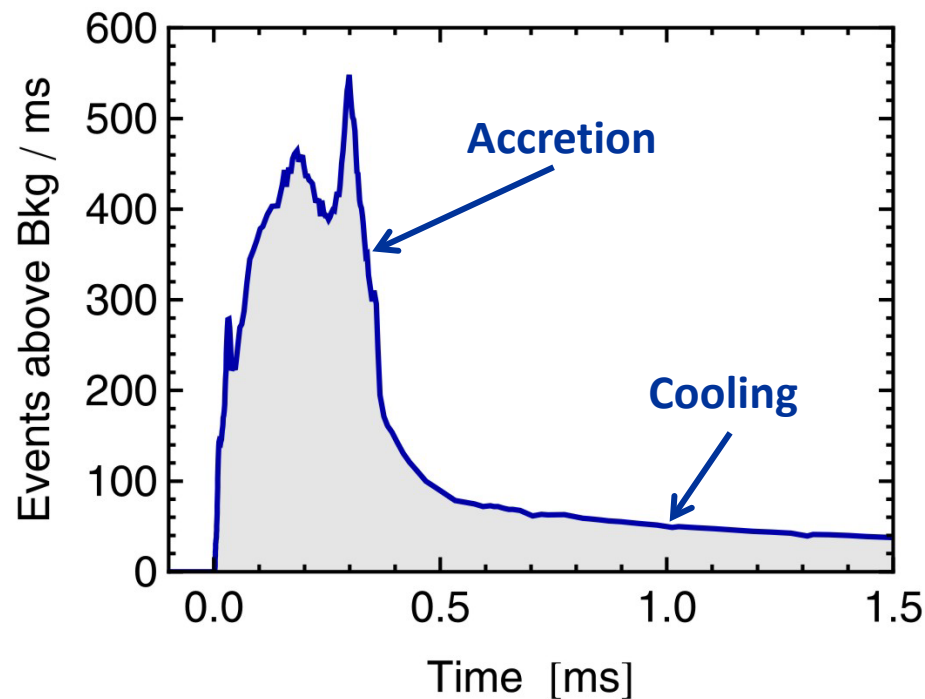
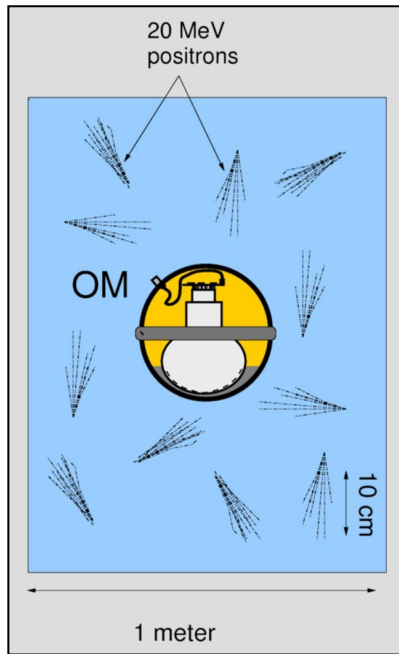
Eiffel Tower
324 meters



2,820 meters

bedrock

IceCube as a Supernova Neutrino Detector

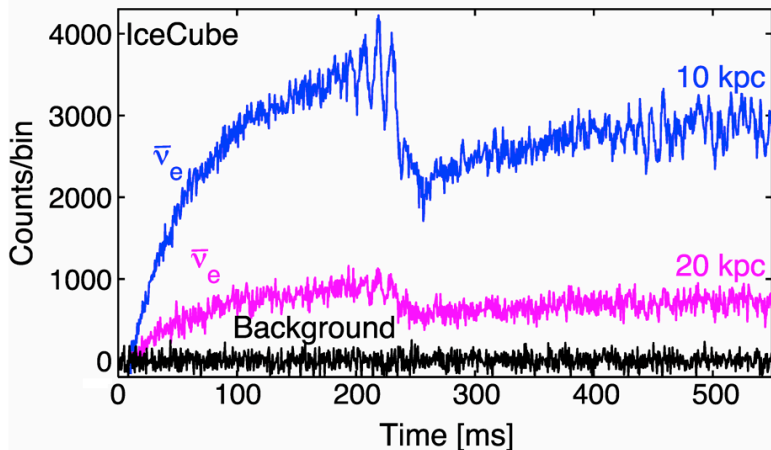
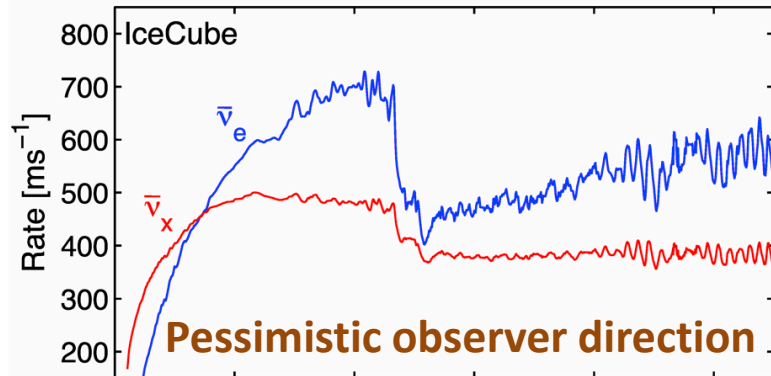
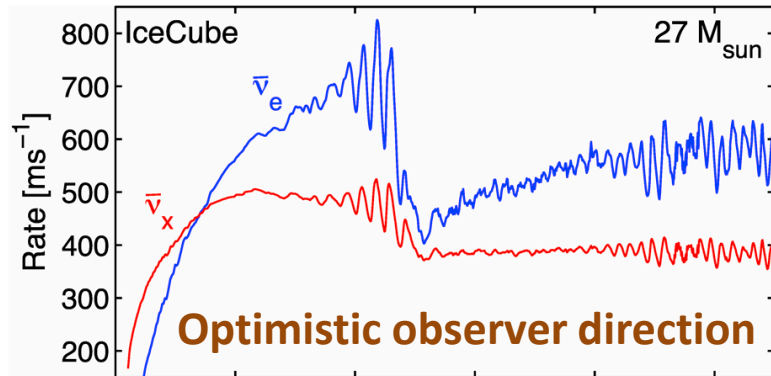


SN signal at 10 kpc
10.8 M_{sun} simulation
of Basel group
[arXiv:0908.1871]

- Each optical module (OM) picks up Cherenkov light from its neighborhood
- ~ 300 Cherenkov photons per OM from SN at 10 kpc, bkgd rate in one OM < 300 Hz
- SN appears as “correlated noise” in ~ 5000 OMs
- Significant energy information from time-correlated hits

Pryor, Roos & Webster, ApJ 329:355, 1988. Halzen, Jacobsen & Zas, astro-ph/9512080.
Demirörs, Ribordy & Salathe, arXiv:1106.1937.

SASI Detection Perspectives



Neutrino signal variations from hydro instabilities detectable!

Neutrino mass time of flight sensitivity if observing these modulations

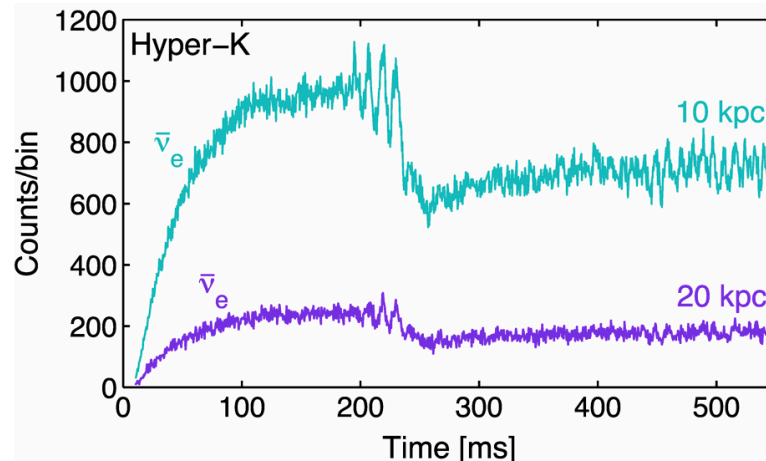
$$m_\nu \lesssim 0.14 \text{ eV}$$

arXiv:1202.0248

E.g. Lund+ [arXiv:1006.1889](https://arxiv.org/abs/1006.1889)

Tamborra+ [arXiv:1307.7936](https://arxiv.org/abs/1307.7936)

Walk+ [arXiv:1807.02366](https://arxiv.org/abs/1807.02366)

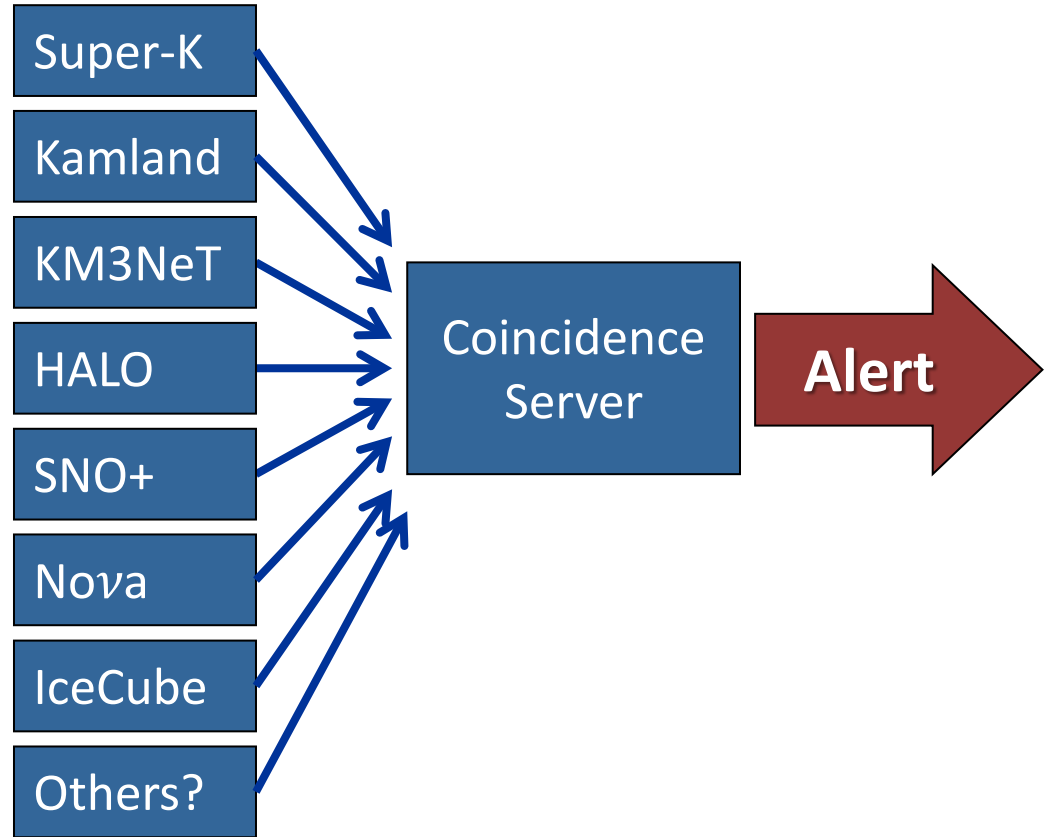


Includes shot noise

SuperNova Early Warning System (SNEWS)

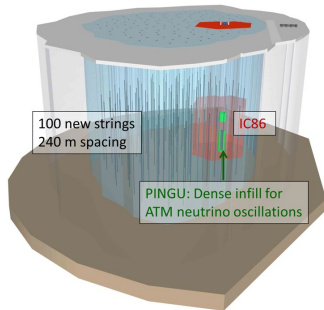


<https://snews2.org/>



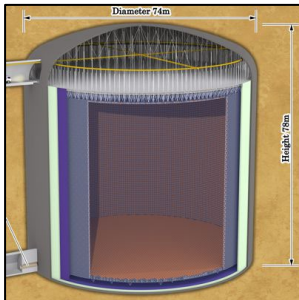
- Neutrinos arrive several hours before optical outburst
- Issue an alert to astronomical community
- Trigger to LIGO, NOvA, GCN

Next Generation Very-Large-Scale Detectors (2025+)



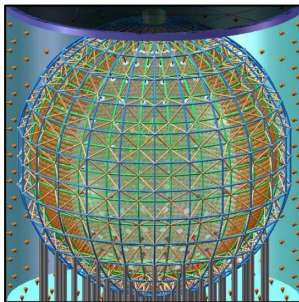
IceCube Gen-2

- Dense infill (PINGU)
 - Larger volume (statistics for high-E events)
- Doubling the number of optical modules



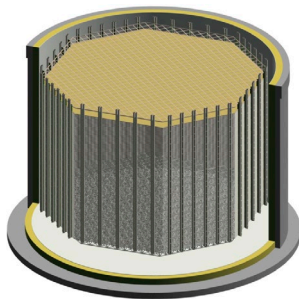
Megaton-class water Cherenkov detector

Hyper-Kamiokande (260 kt), under construction
SN nu statistics comparable to IceCube,
but with event-by-event energy information



Scintillator detectors (20 kiloton scale)

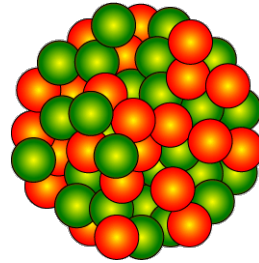
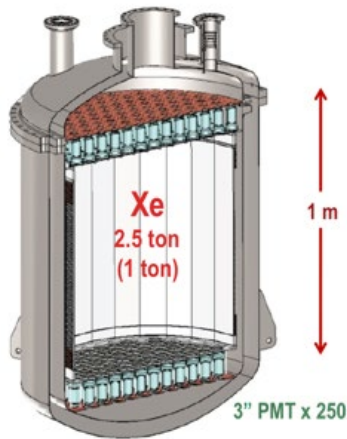
- JUNO in China for reactor nus (commissioning 2025)
- Jinping Liquid Scintillator Detector (4 kt, early studies)
- Baksan Large Volume Scintillator Detector (10 kt)
(Russia, early studies)



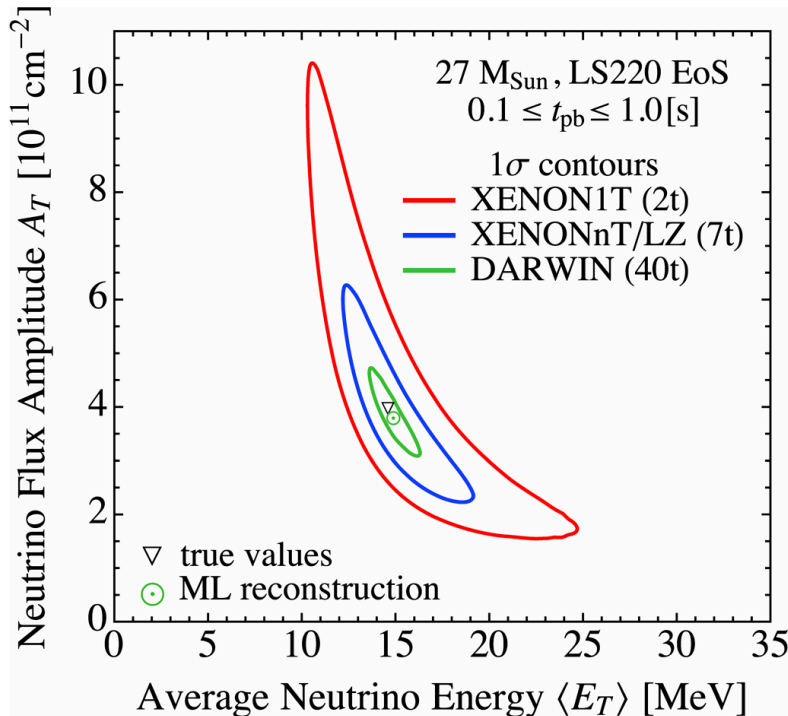
Liquid argon time projection chamber (>2028)

- For long-baseline oscillation experiment DUNE
- Unique SN capabilities (CC ν_e signal)
 - But cross sections poorly known

Xenon Dark Matter Detectors



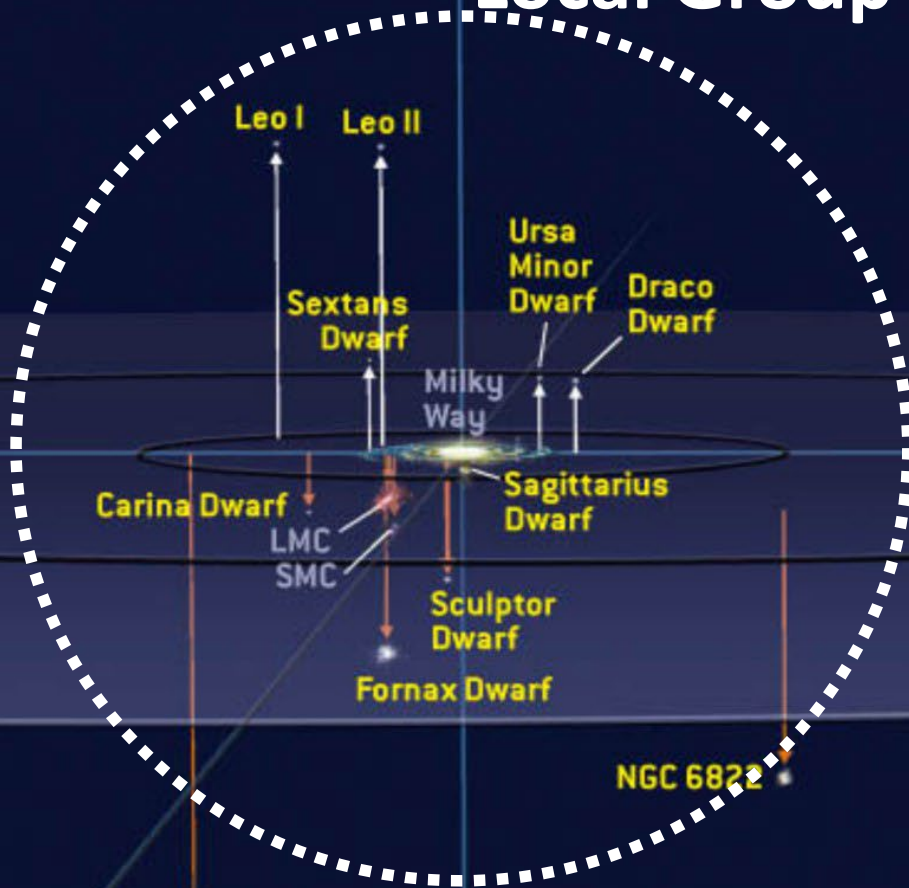
- Coherent scattering of low-E nus on Xe (77 neutrons)
- All 6 nu species contribute



Pinning down SN neutrino flux and average energy

See for example
 Horowitz et al. (astro-ph/0302071)
 Chakraborty et al. (arXiv:1309.4492)
 XMASS Collaboration (arXiv:1604.01218)
 Lang et al. (arXiv:1606.09243)

Local Group of Galaxies

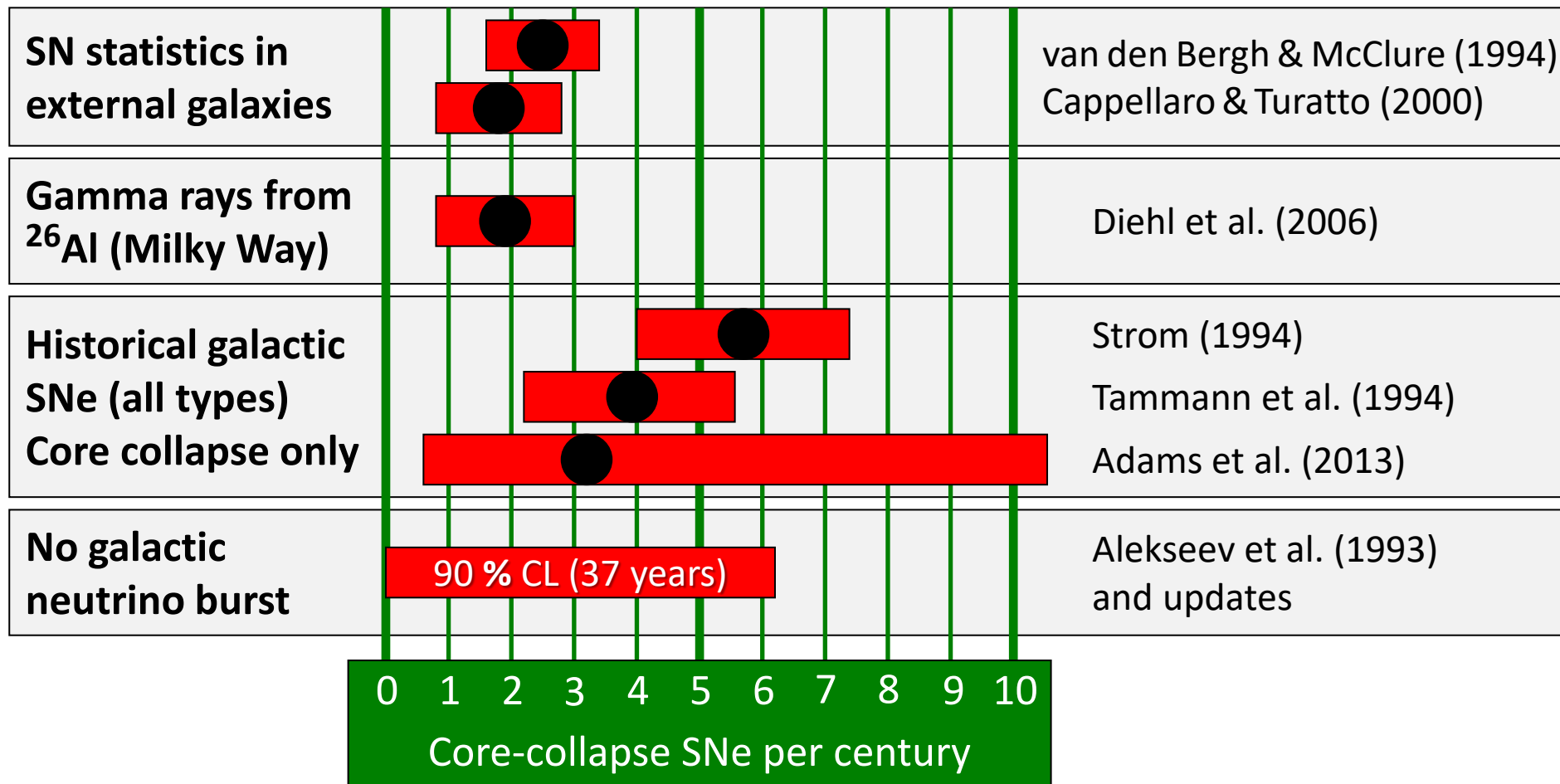


Current and most next-generation neutrino detectors sensitive out to few 100 kpc

With Hyper-K (5 x SK)
few events from Andromeda



Core-Collapse SN Rate in the Milky Way



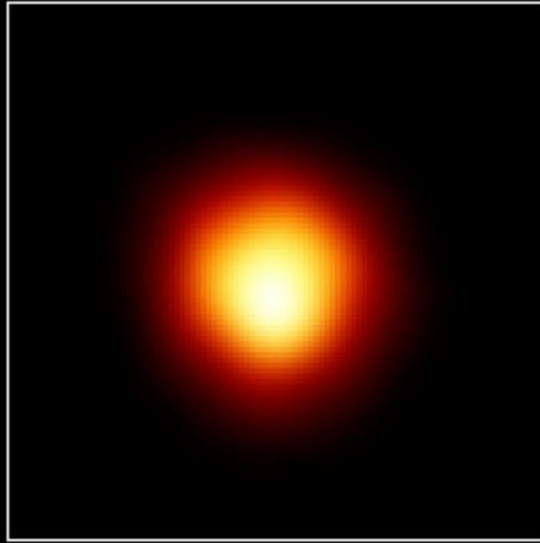
van den Bergh & McClure, ApJ 425 (1994) 205. Cappellaro & Turatto, astro-ph/0012455.

Diehl et al., Nature 439 (2006) 45. Strom, A&A 288 (1994) L1.

Tammann et al., ApJ 92 (1994) 487. Adams et al., ApJ 778 (2013) 164.

Alekseev et al., JETP 77 (1993) 339.

The Red Supergiant Betelgeuse (Alpha Orionis)



Size of Star

Size of Earth's Orbit

Size of Jupiter's Orbit



First resolved image of a star other than Sun

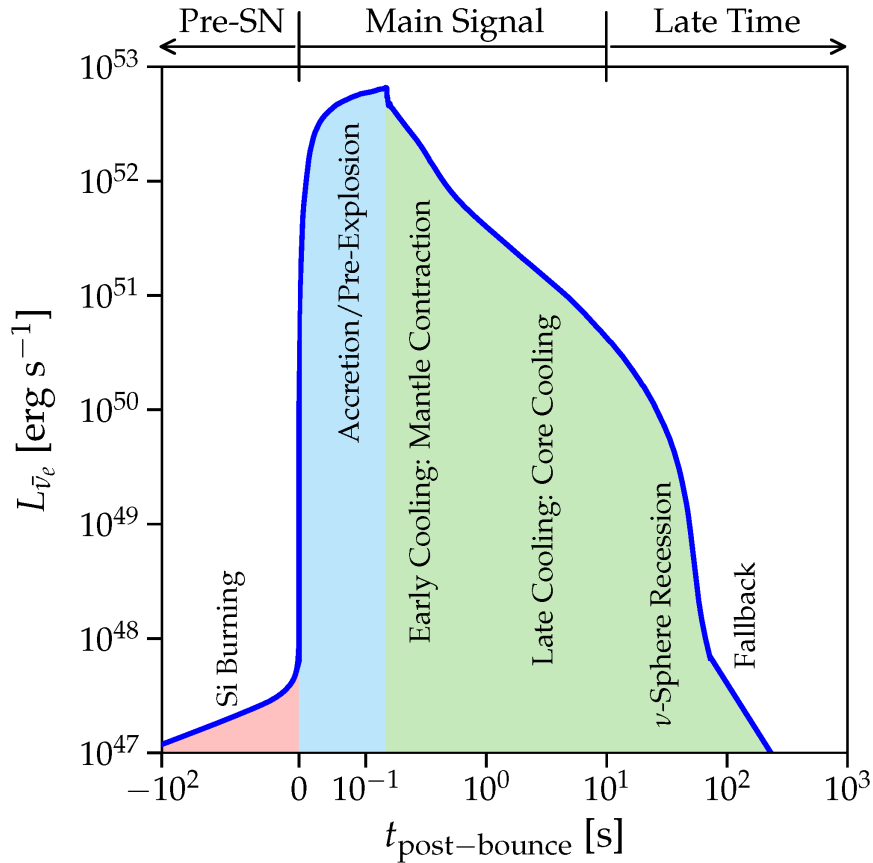
Distance
(Hipparcos)
130 pc (425 lyr)

If Betelgeuse goes Supernova:

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

Five Phases – Many Physics Opportunities

Li, Roberts & Beacom [arXiv:2008.04340]



Phase	Physics Opportunities
Pre-SN	early warning, progenitor physics
Neutronization	flavor mixing, SN distance, new physics
Accretion	flavor mixing, SN direction, multi-D effects
Early cooling	equation of state, energy loss rates, PNS radius, diffusion time, new physics
Late cooling	NS vs. BH formation, transparency time, integrated losses, new physics

TABLE I. Key physics opportunities from detecting supernova neutrinos in different phases.



Many large detectors online for next decades

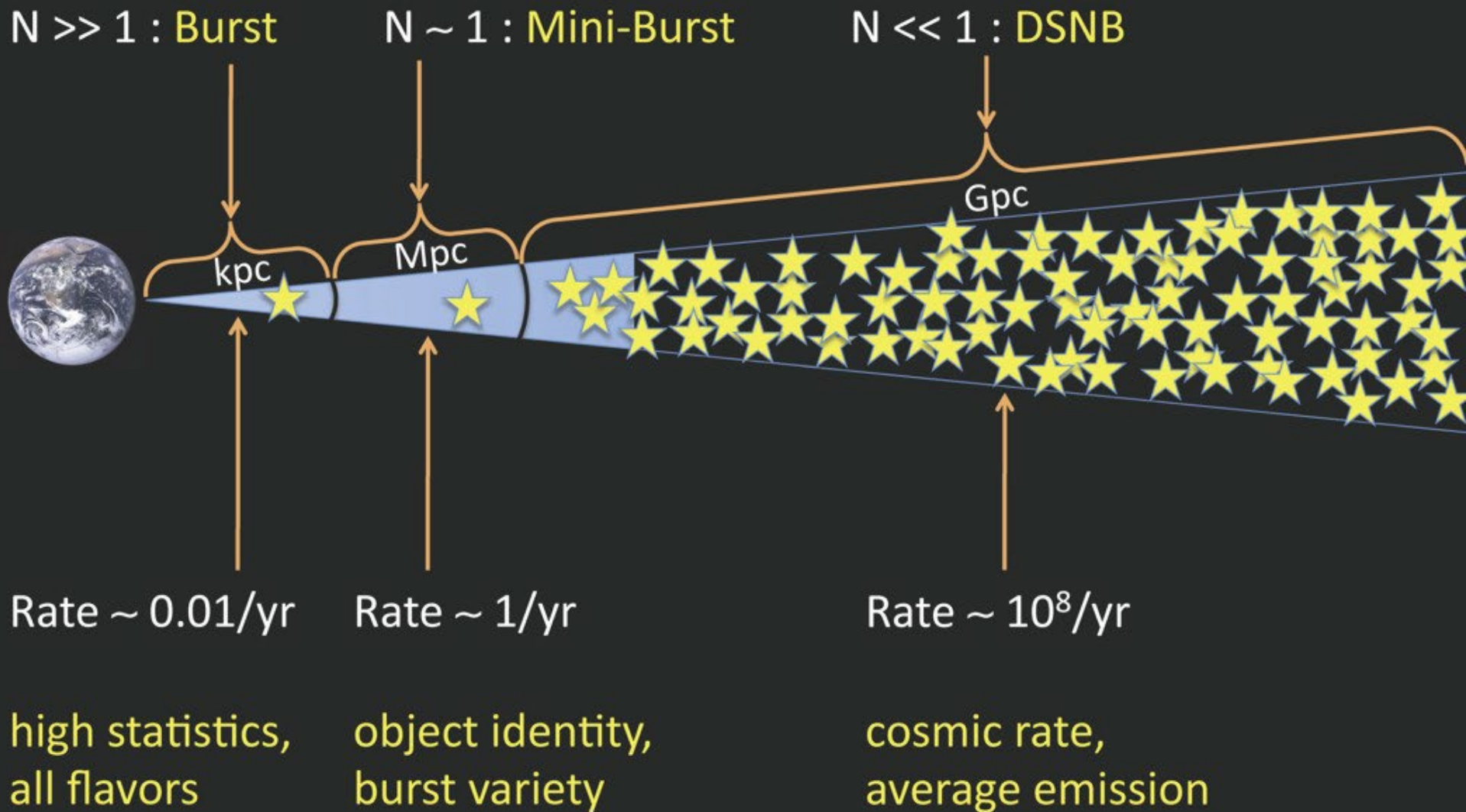
Every year a 3% chance

I am optimistic to see more supernova neutrinos!



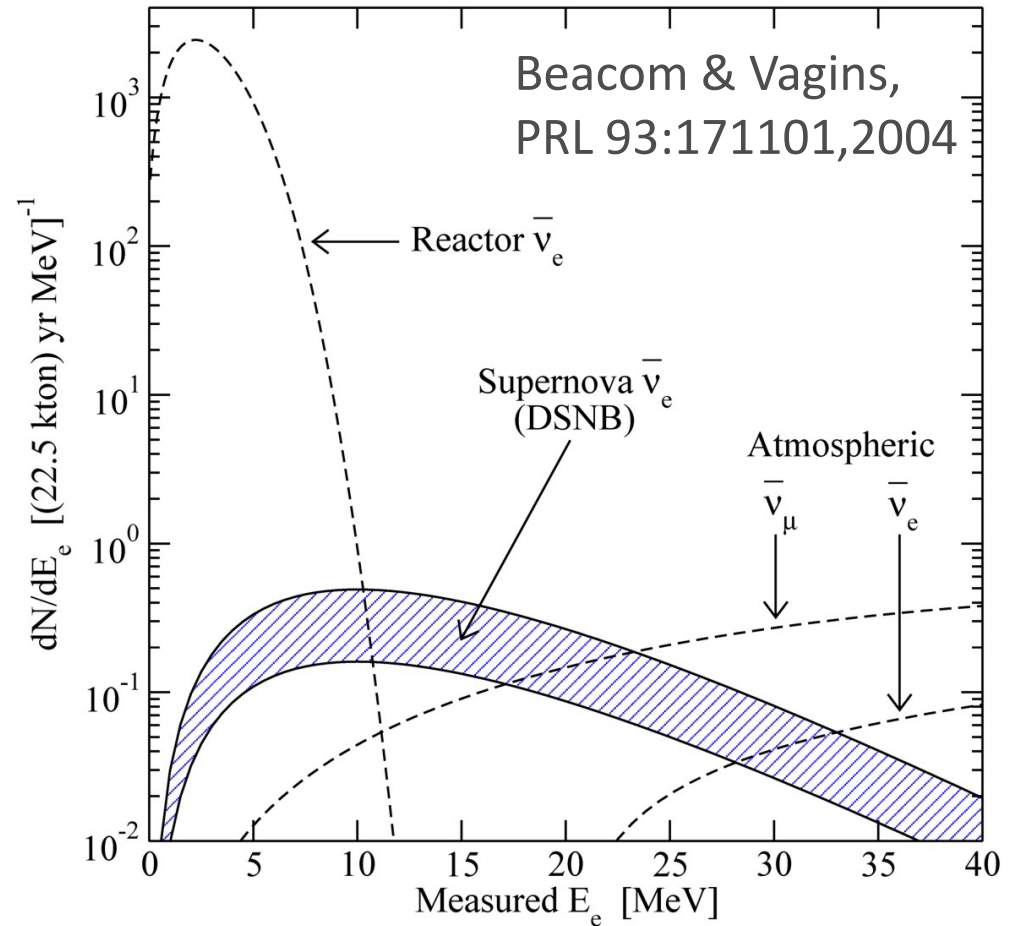
Diffuse SN Neutrino Background

Distance Scales and Detection Strategies



Diffuse Supernova Neutrino Background (DSNB)

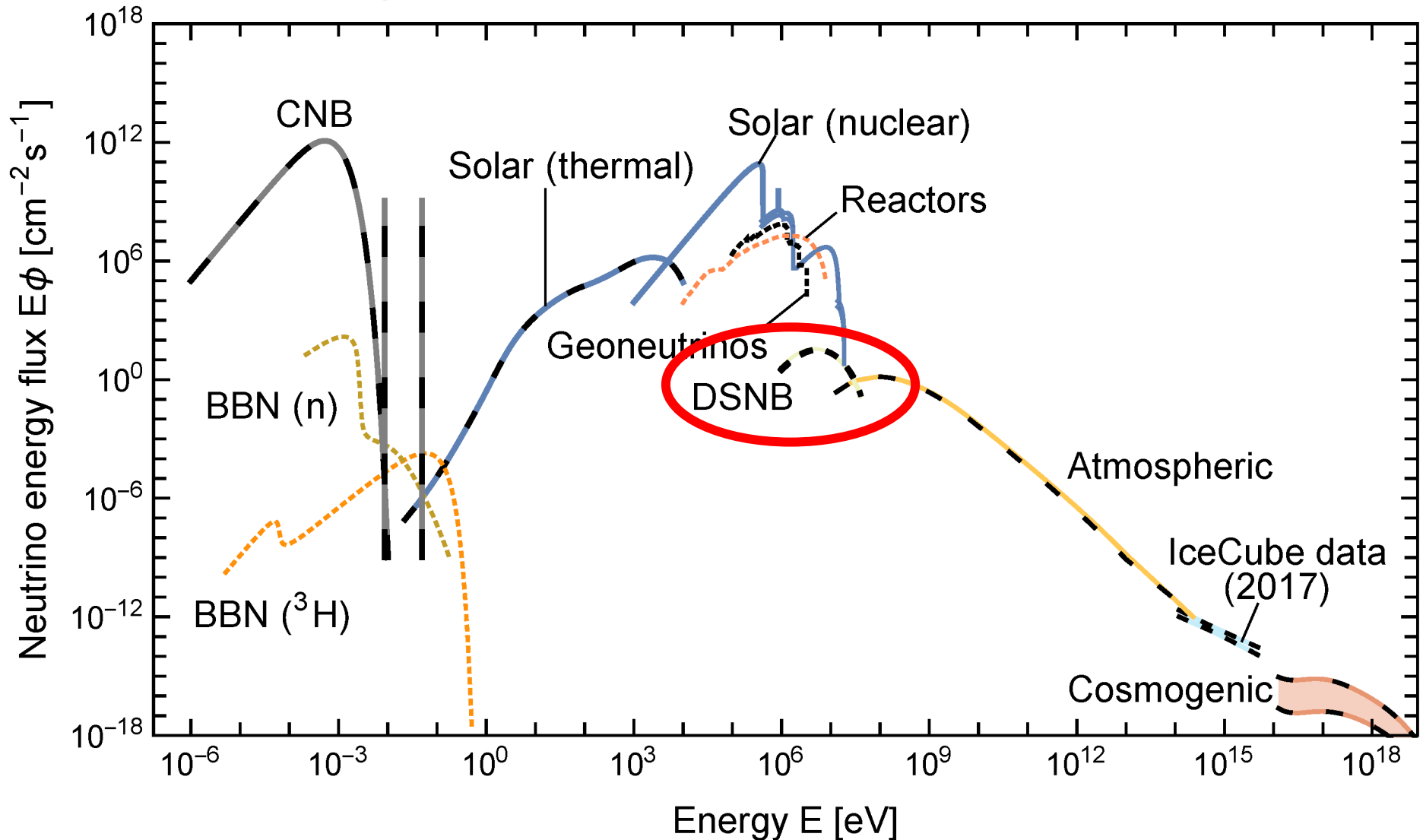
- A few core collapses/sec in the visible universe
- Emitted ν energy density
~ extra galactic background light
~ 10% of CMB density
- Detectable $\bar{\nu}_e$ flux at Earth
 $\sim 10 \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$
mostly from redshift $z \sim 1$
- Confirm star-formation rate
- Nu emission from average core collapse & black-hole formation
- Pushing frontiers of neutrino astronomy to cosmic distances!



Window of opportunity between reactor $\bar{\nu}_e$ and atmospheric ν bkg

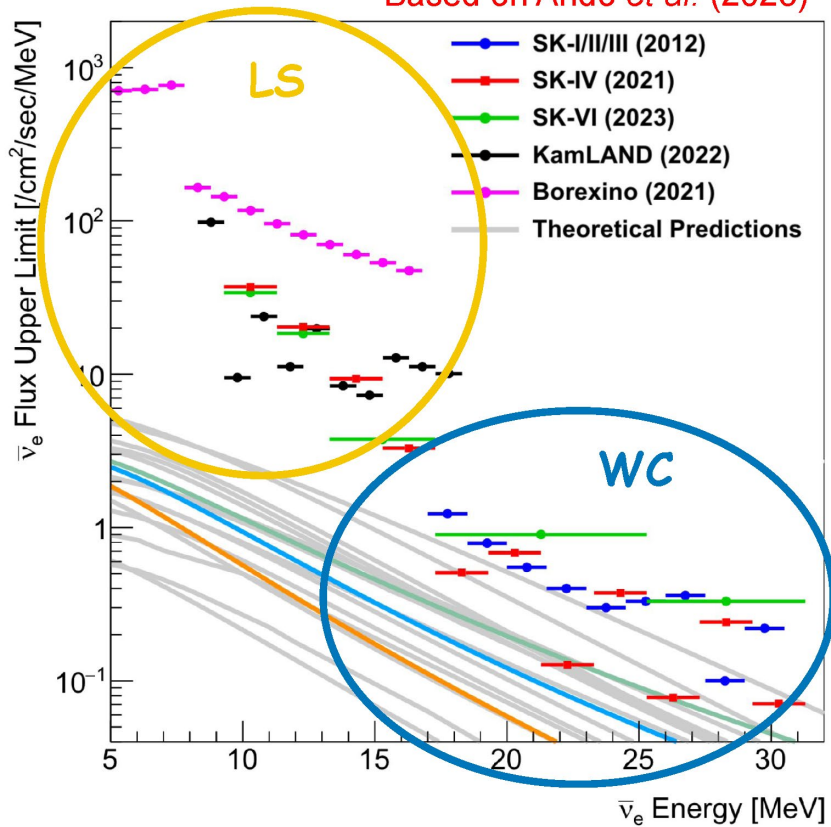
Grand Unified Neutrino Spectrum (GUNS) at Earth

Vitagliano, Tamborra & Raffelt, arXiv:1910.11878



DSNB Predictions and Limits

Based on Ando *et al.* (2023)

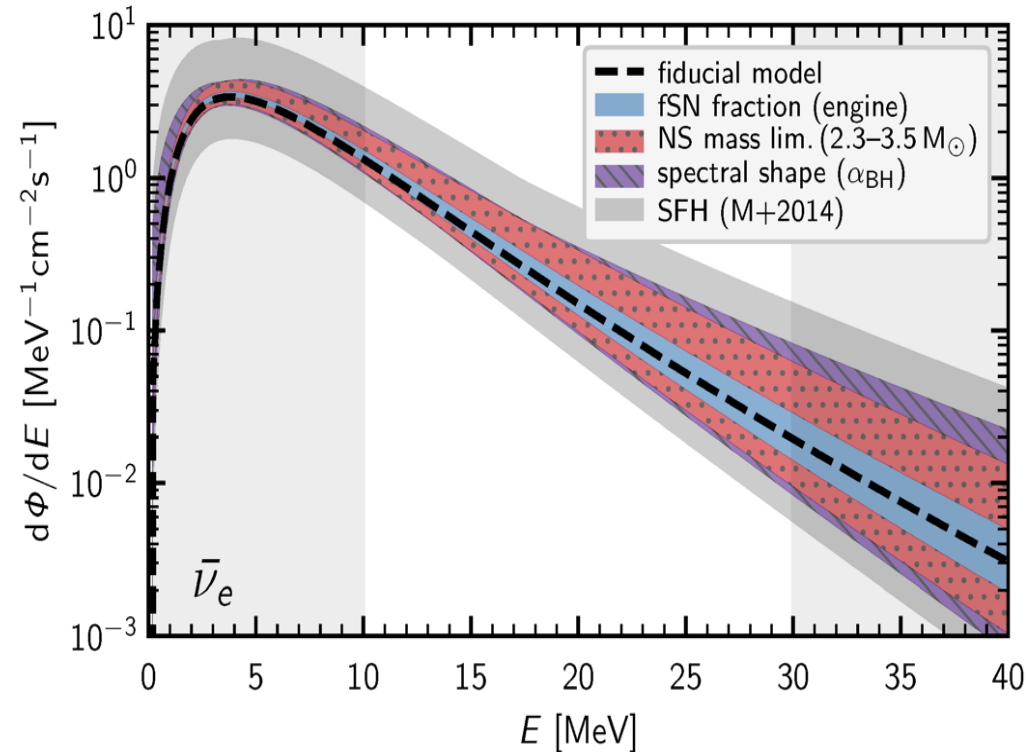


Current limits, in this form taken
from Saki Fujita @ Mainz Workshop

Kresse+

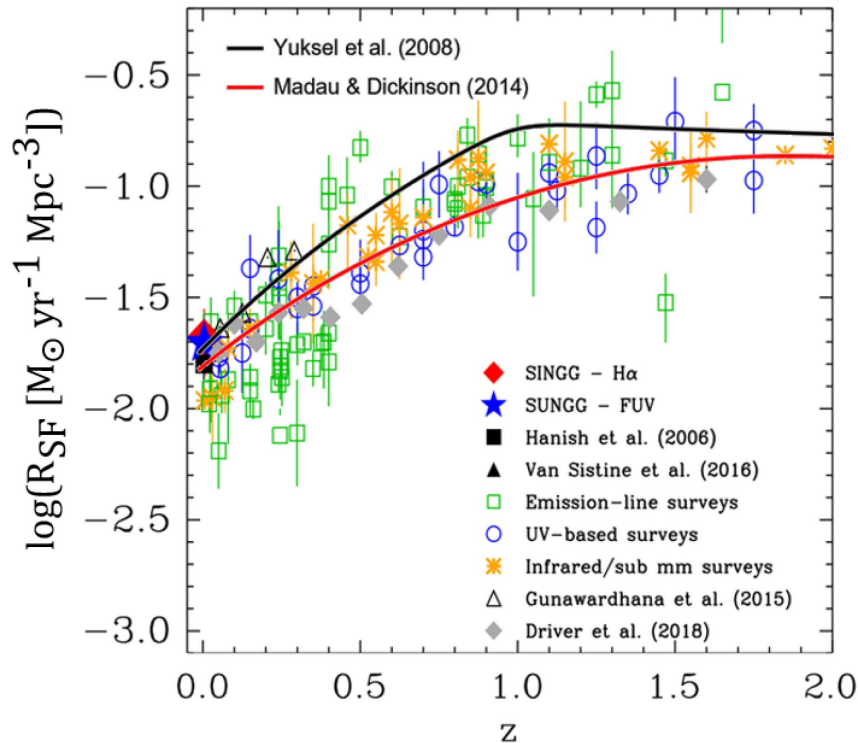
Stellar Collapse Diversity and DSNB

arXiv:2010.04728



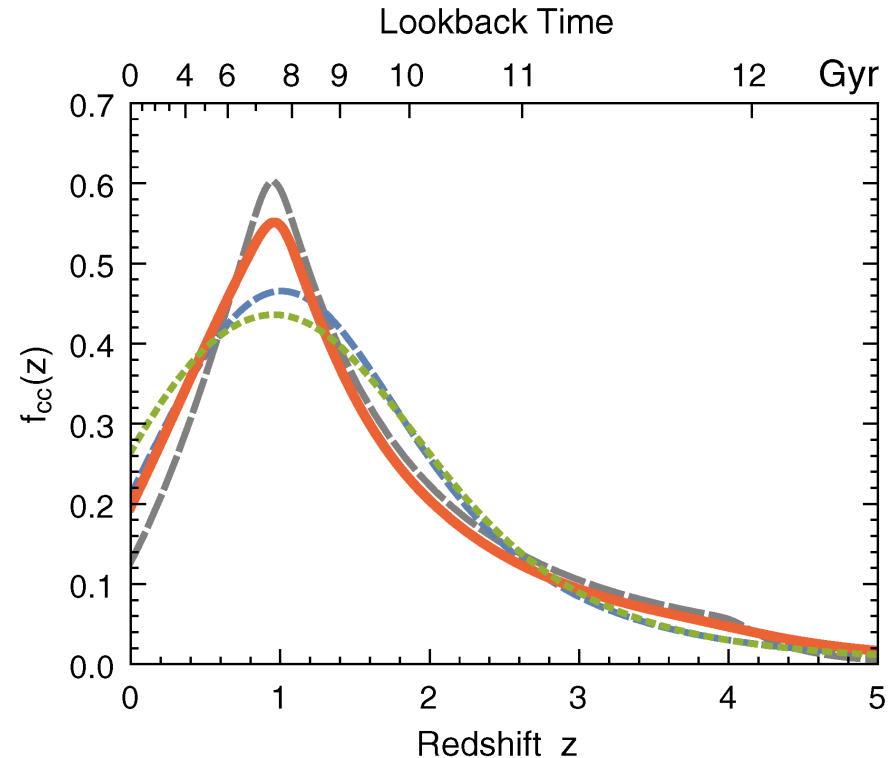
Cosmic Star Formation Rate

Cosmic star formation rate (per comoving volume)



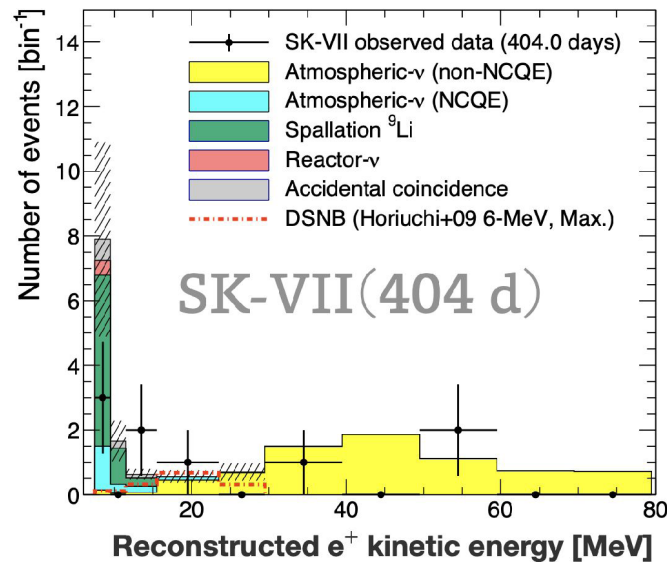
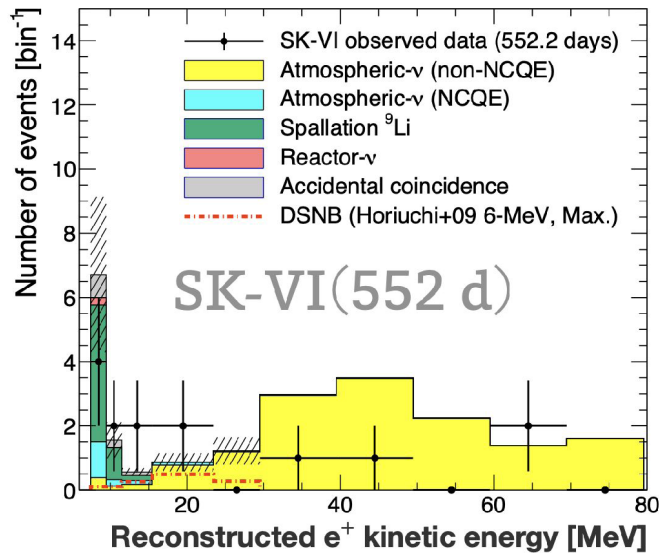
Ando+ arXiv:2306.16076

Redshift distribution after including cosmological model

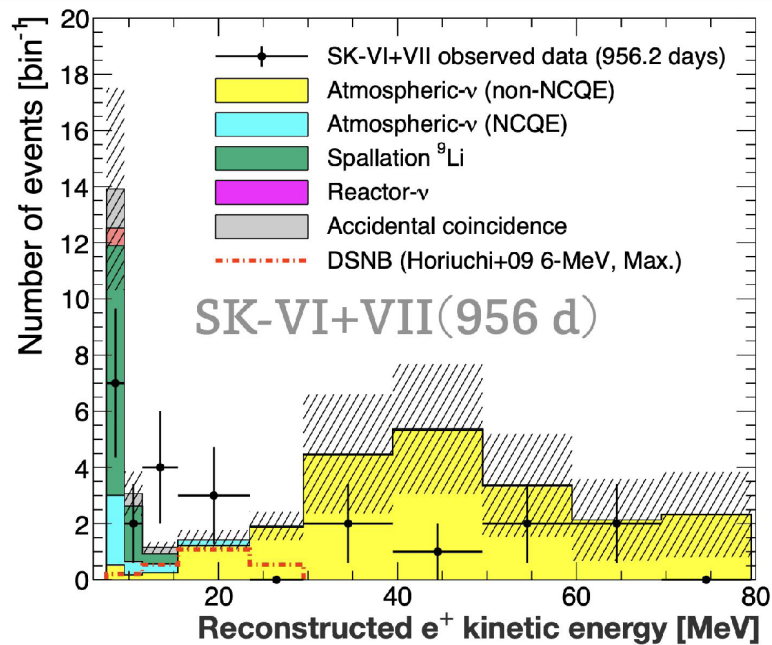
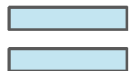


Vitagliano+ arXiv:1910.11878

Energy Spectrum in SK-Gd



Results shown at
Neutrino 2024

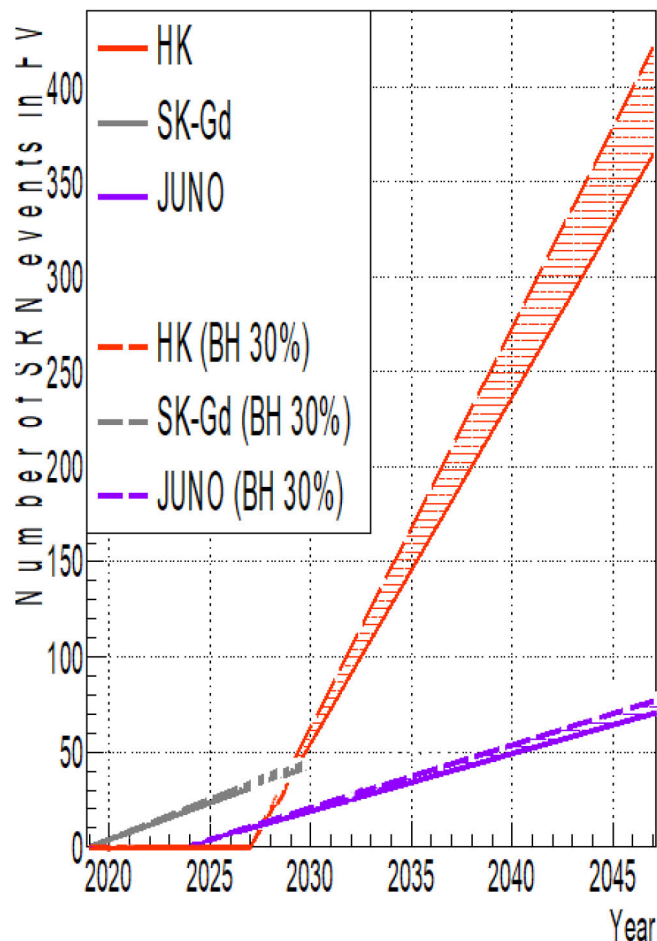


- Total of 956 days of SK-Gd data
- New ML-based neutron tagging and NCQE reduction
- No statistically significant excess but **minimum p-value of 0.04**

Slide from
Saki Fujita

Expected number of DSNB events in HK

Credit
Mark Vagins



Conditions

SK-Gd (22.5 kton H₂O + Gd)

Low energy threshold : 10 MeV
neutron tagging by Gd-loading

Started data-taking in 2020

Aim for the first discovery

JUNO (20 kton LS)

Low energy threshold : 12 MeV

Start data-taking in 2025

Hyper-K (187 kton H₂O)

Energy threshold : 16 MeV?

Start data-taking in 2027

**Aim for the precise flux and
energy spectrum measurement**

~4 events/yr in HK w/ H tag

- Stellar collapse
- Star formation rate
- Heavy element synthesis

Adding gadolinium to HK is being preserved as a future upgrade option → >10 DSNB events/yr

