

Supernova Neutrinos

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Tarantula Nebula

Large Magellanic Cloud
Distance 50 kpc
(160.000 light years)



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Supernova 1987A

23 February 1987





SN 1987A Rings (Hubble Space Telescope 4/1994)



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Foreground Star

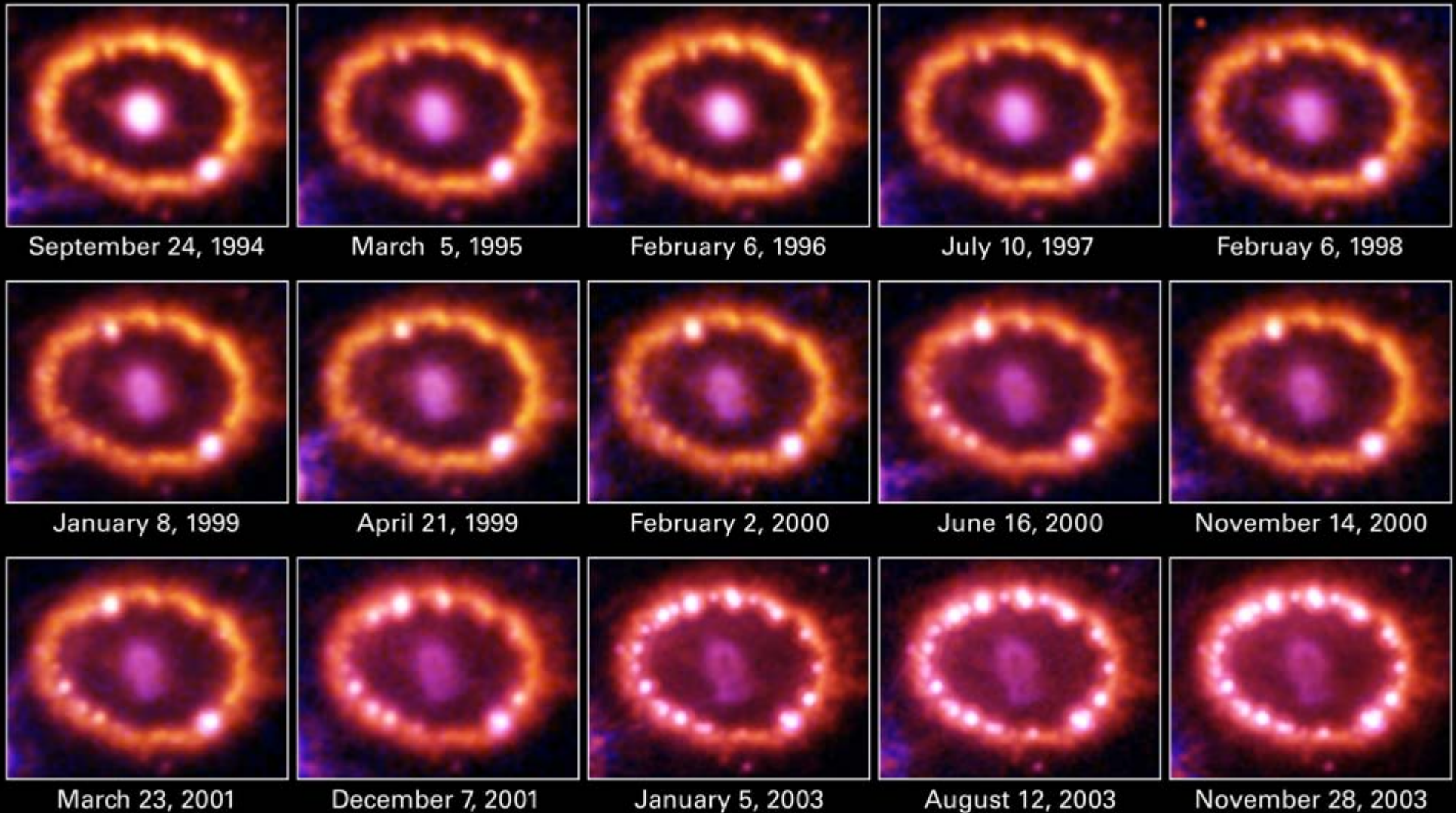
Supernova Remnant
(SNR) 1987A

500 Light-days

Ring system consists of
material ejected from
the progenitor star,
illuminated by UV flash
from SN 1987A

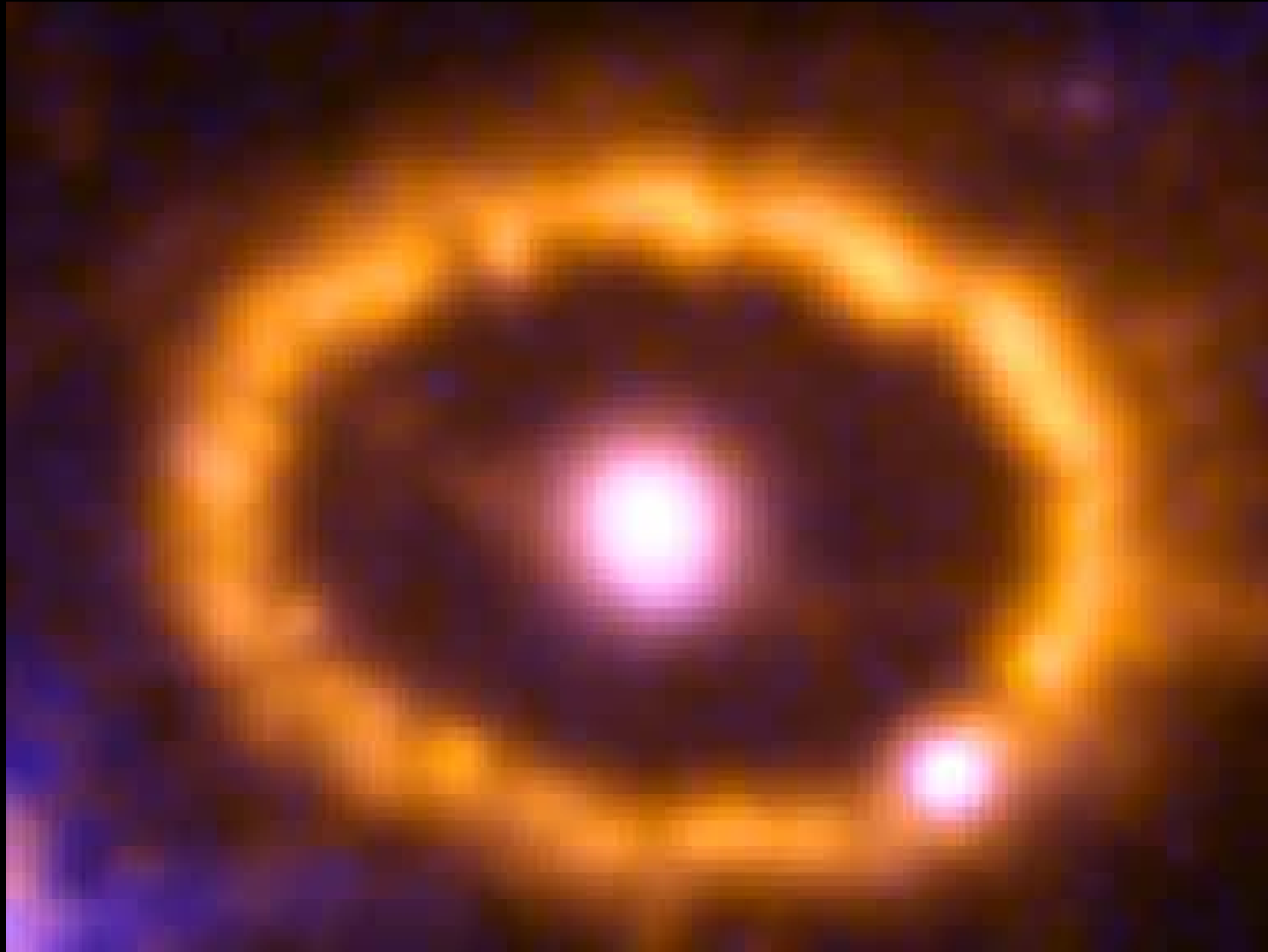
Foreground Star

SN 1987A - Explosion Hits Inner Ring



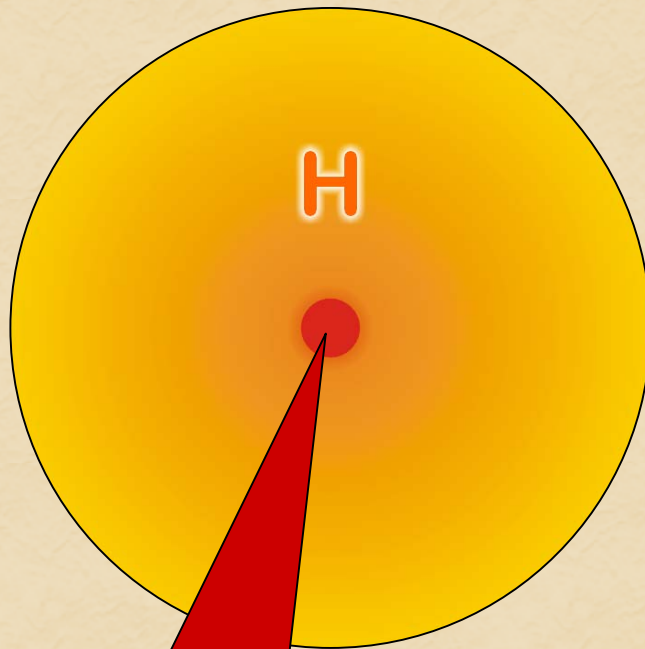
Supernova 1987A • 1994-2003
Hubble Space Telescope • WFPC2 • ACS

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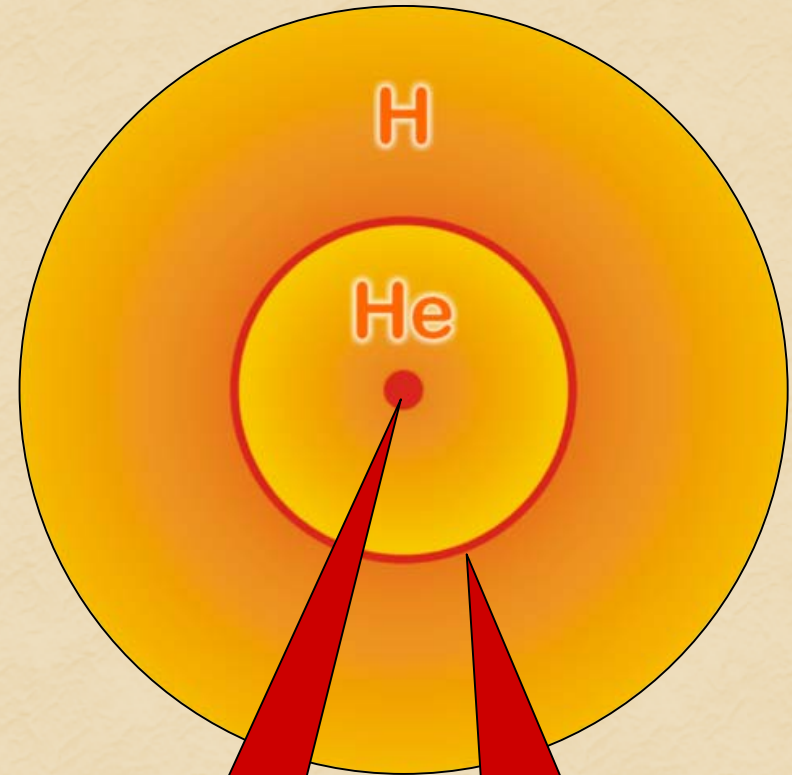
Stellar Collapse and Supernova Explosion

Main-sequence star



Hydrogen Burning

Helium-burning star



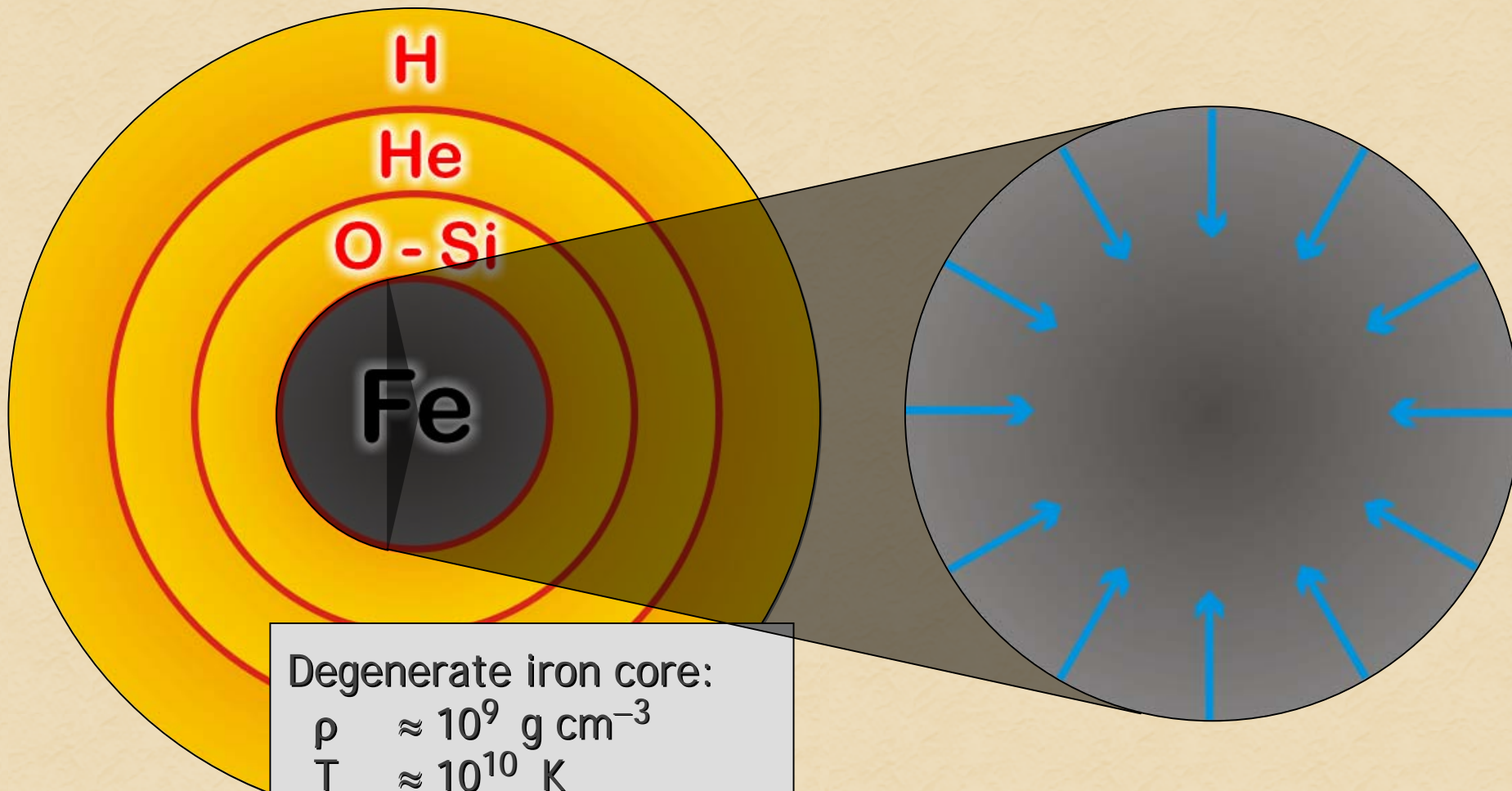
Helium
Burning

Hydrogen
Burning

Stellar Collapse and Supernova Explosion

Onion structure

Collapse (implosion)



Degenerate iron core:

$$\rho \approx 10^9 \text{ g cm}^{-3}$$

$$T \approx 10^{10} \text{ K}$$

$$M_{\text{Fe}} \approx 1.5 M_{\text{sun}}$$

$$R_{\text{Fe}} \approx 8000 \text{ km}$$

Stellar Collapse and Supernova Explosion

Newborn Neutron Star

Explosion

~ 50 km

Neutrino
Cooling

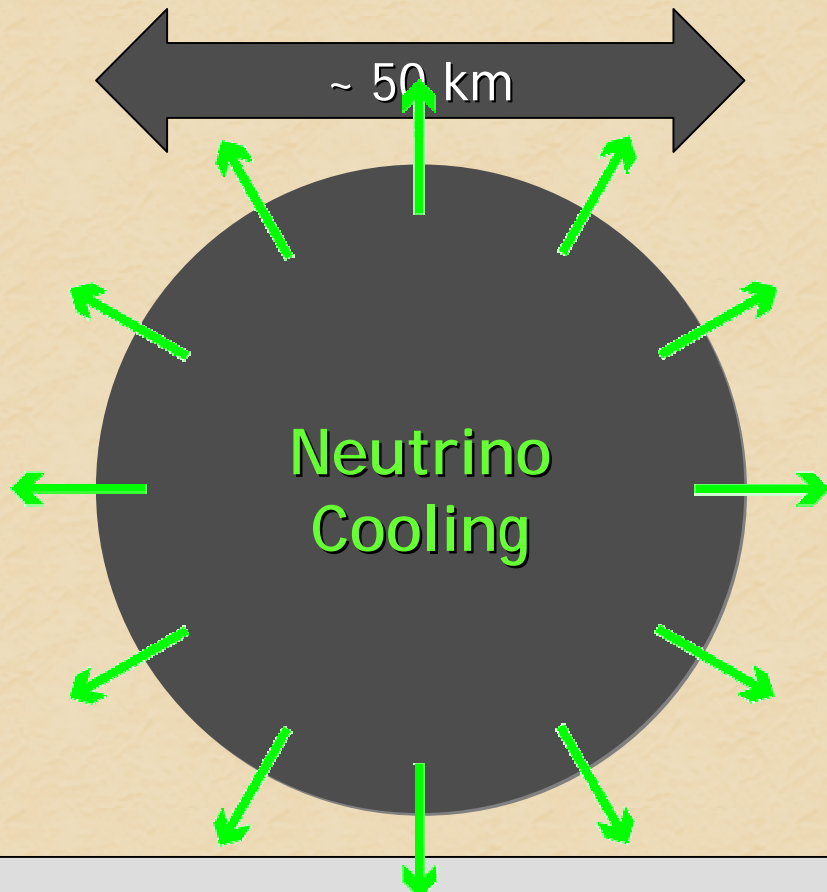
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Gravitational binding energy

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

This shows up as

99% Neutrinos

1% Kinetic energy of explosion
(1% of this into cosmic rays)

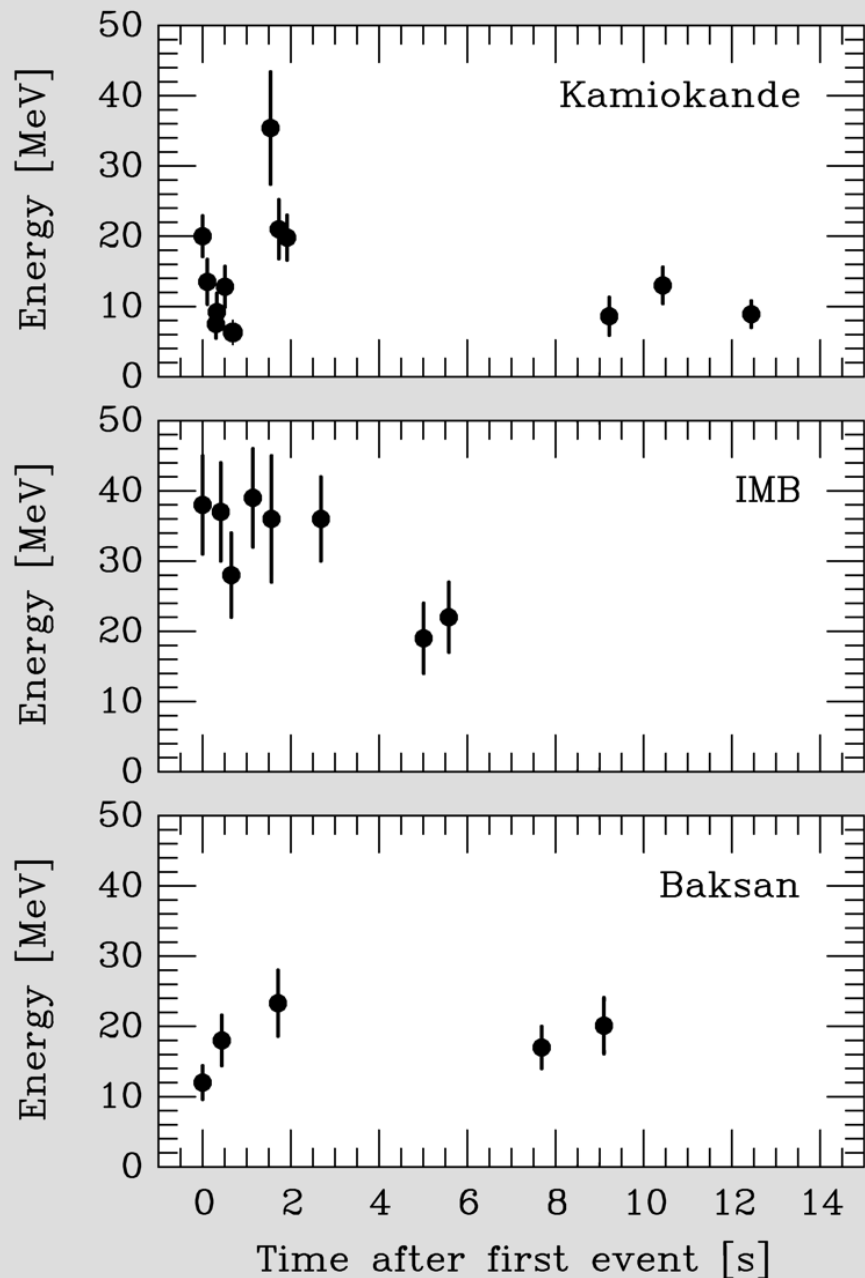
0.01% Photons, outshine host galaxy

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

Neutrino Signal of Supernova 1987A



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

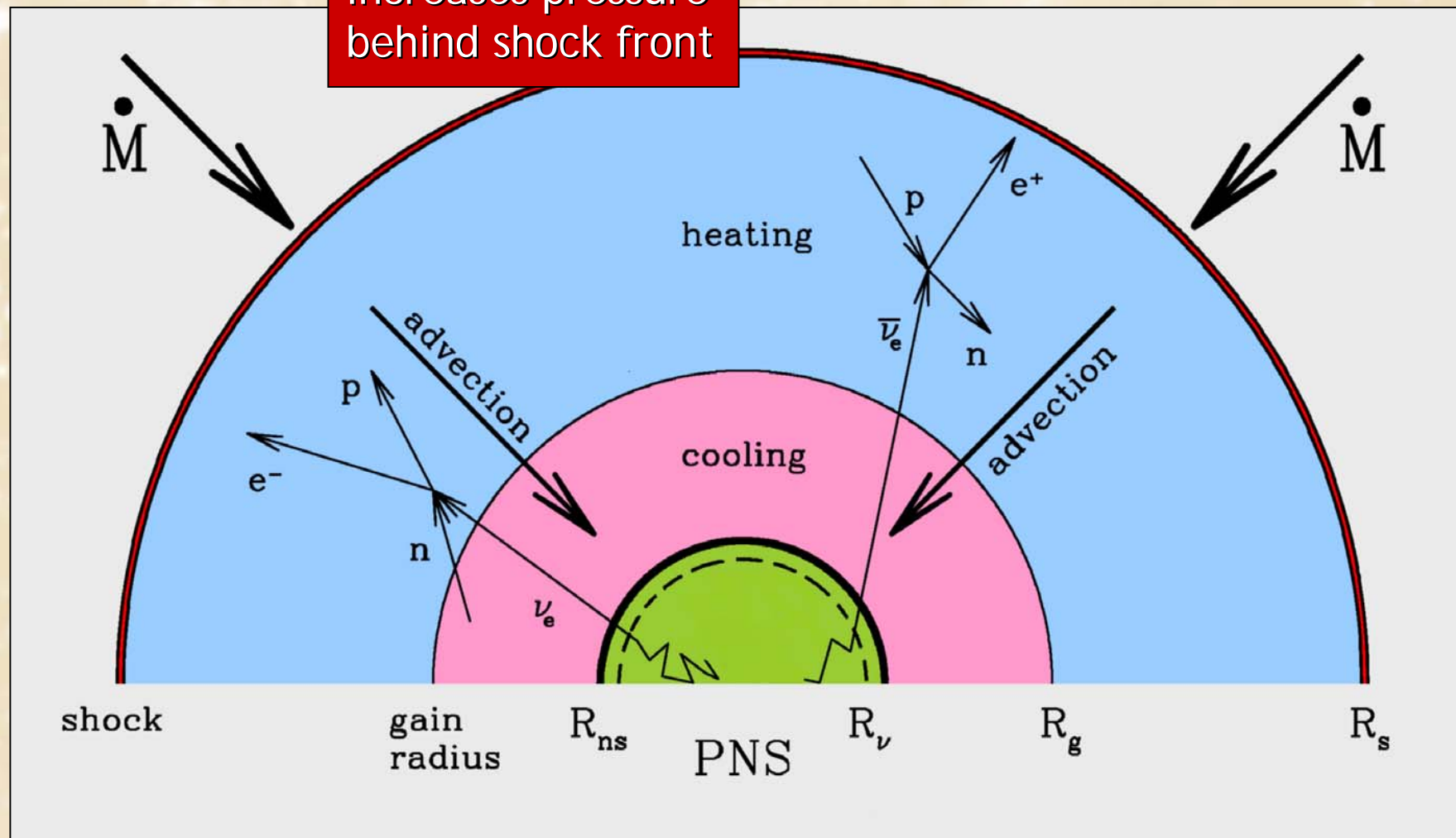
Irvine-Michigan-Brookhaven (US)
Water Cherenkov detector
6800 tons
Clock uncertainty ± 50 ms

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

Within clock uncertainties,
signals are contemporaneous

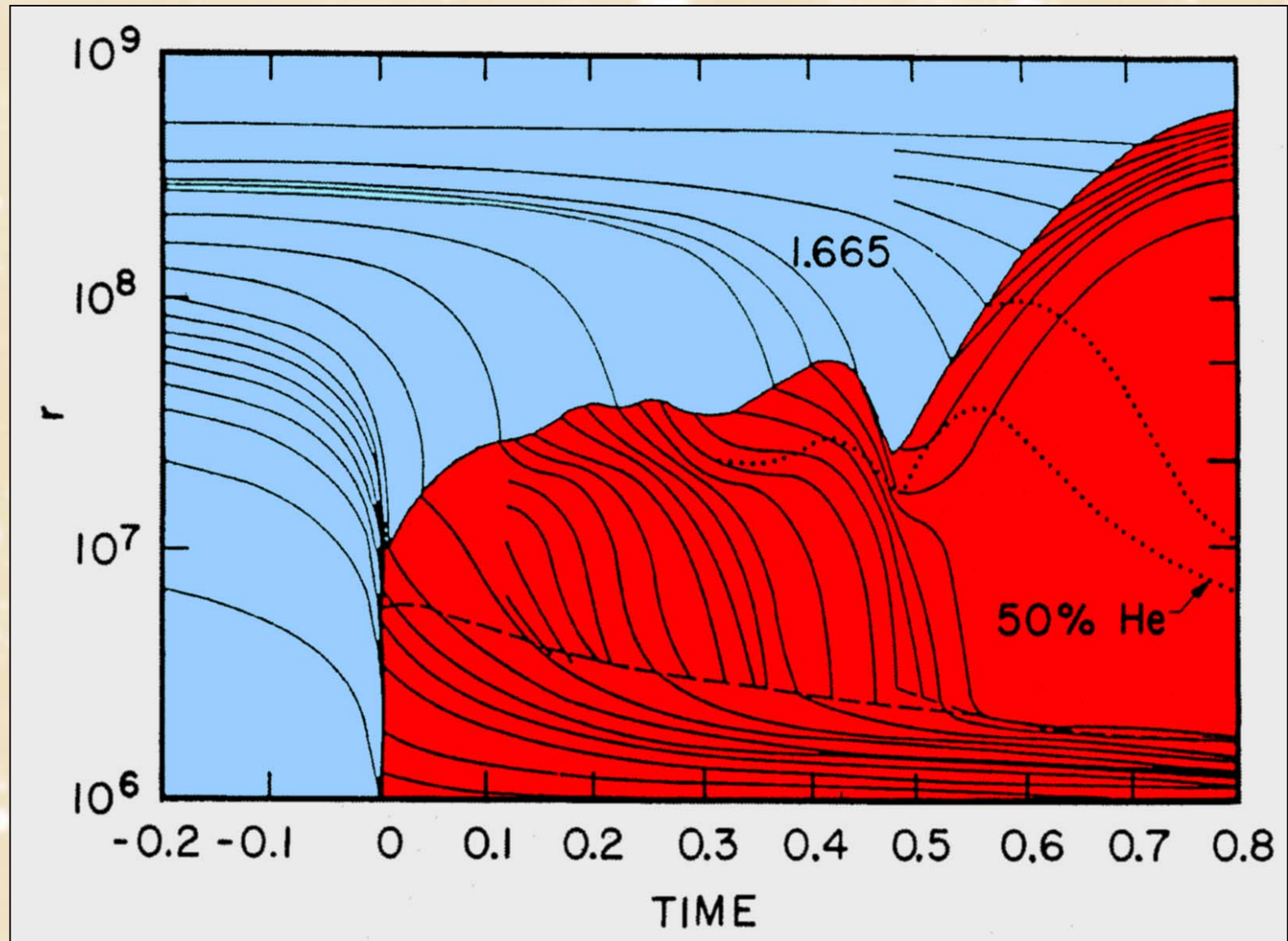
Neutrino-Driven Delayed Explosion

Neutrino heating
increases pressure
behind shock front



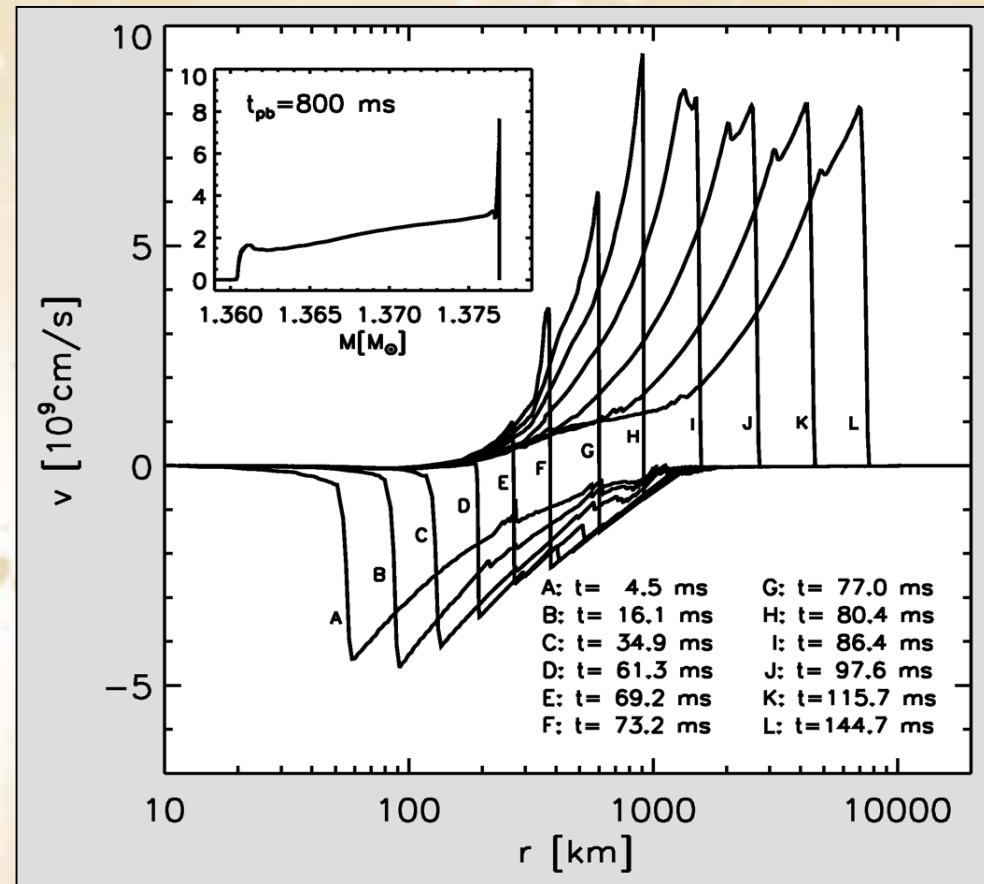
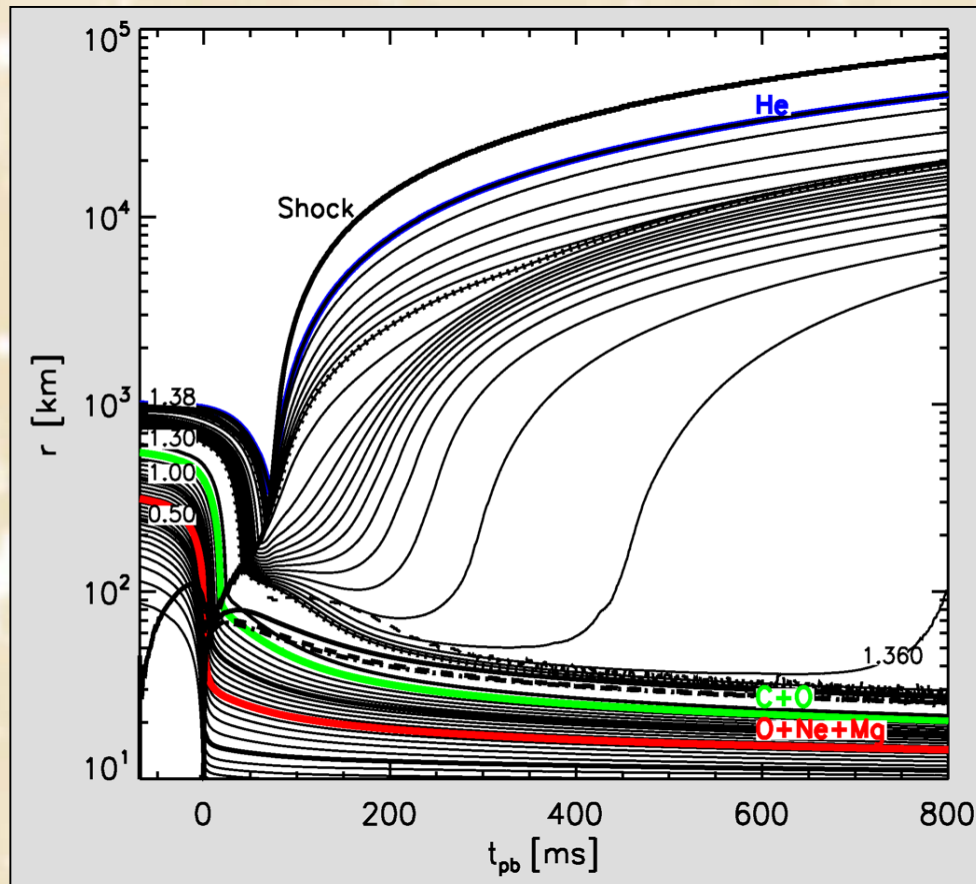
Picture adapted from Janka, astro-ph/0008432

Delayed Explosion



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

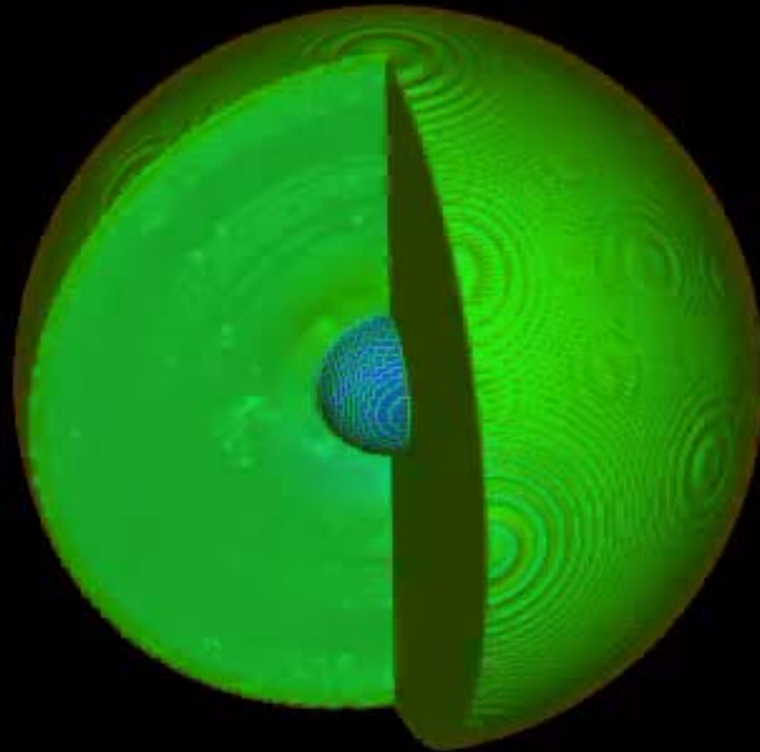
Exploding Models (8-10 Solar Masses) with O-Ne-Cores



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

Standing Accretion Shock Instability (SASI)

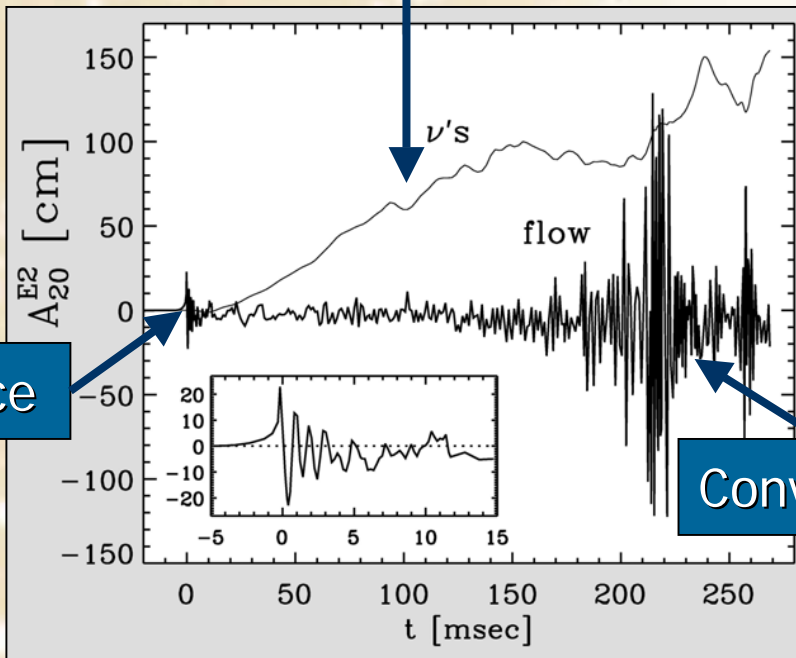
Mezzacappa et al., <http://www.phy.ornl.gov/tsi/pages/simulations.html>



Gravitational Waves from Core-Collapse Supernovae

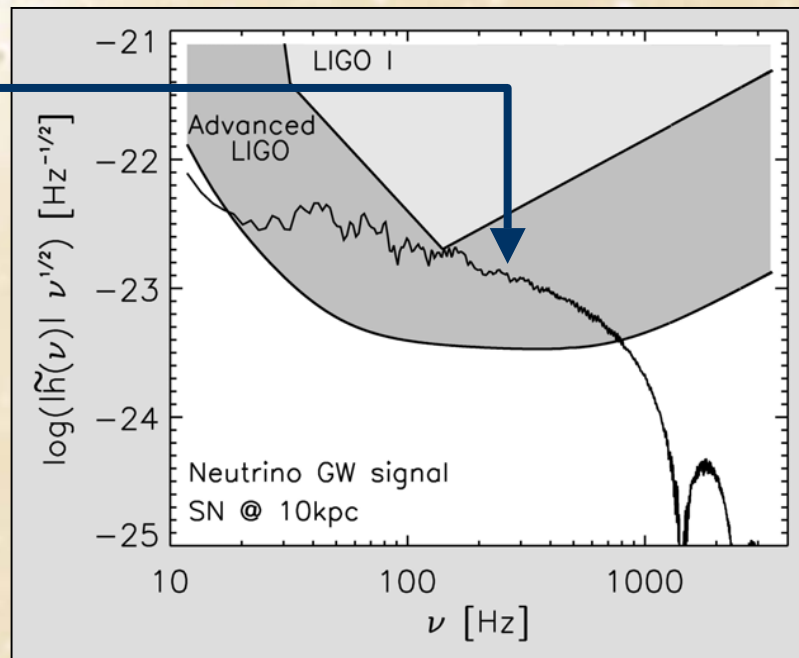
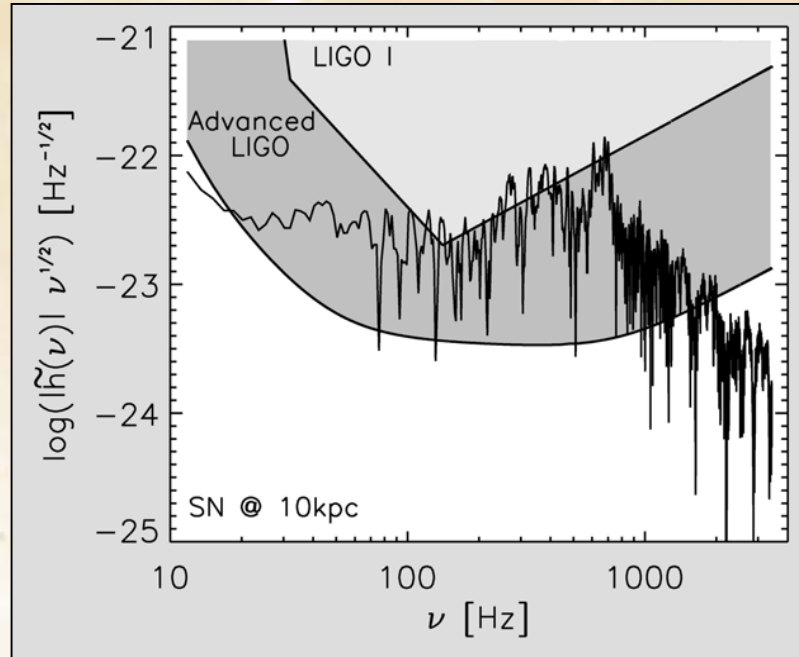
Müller, Rampp, Buras, Janka, & Shoemaker,
"Towards gravitational wave signals from realistic core collapse supernova models,"
astro-ph/0309833

Asymmetric neutrino emission



Bounce

Convection



The gravitational-wave signal from convection is a generic and dominating feature



**Future Supernova
Neutrino Observations**

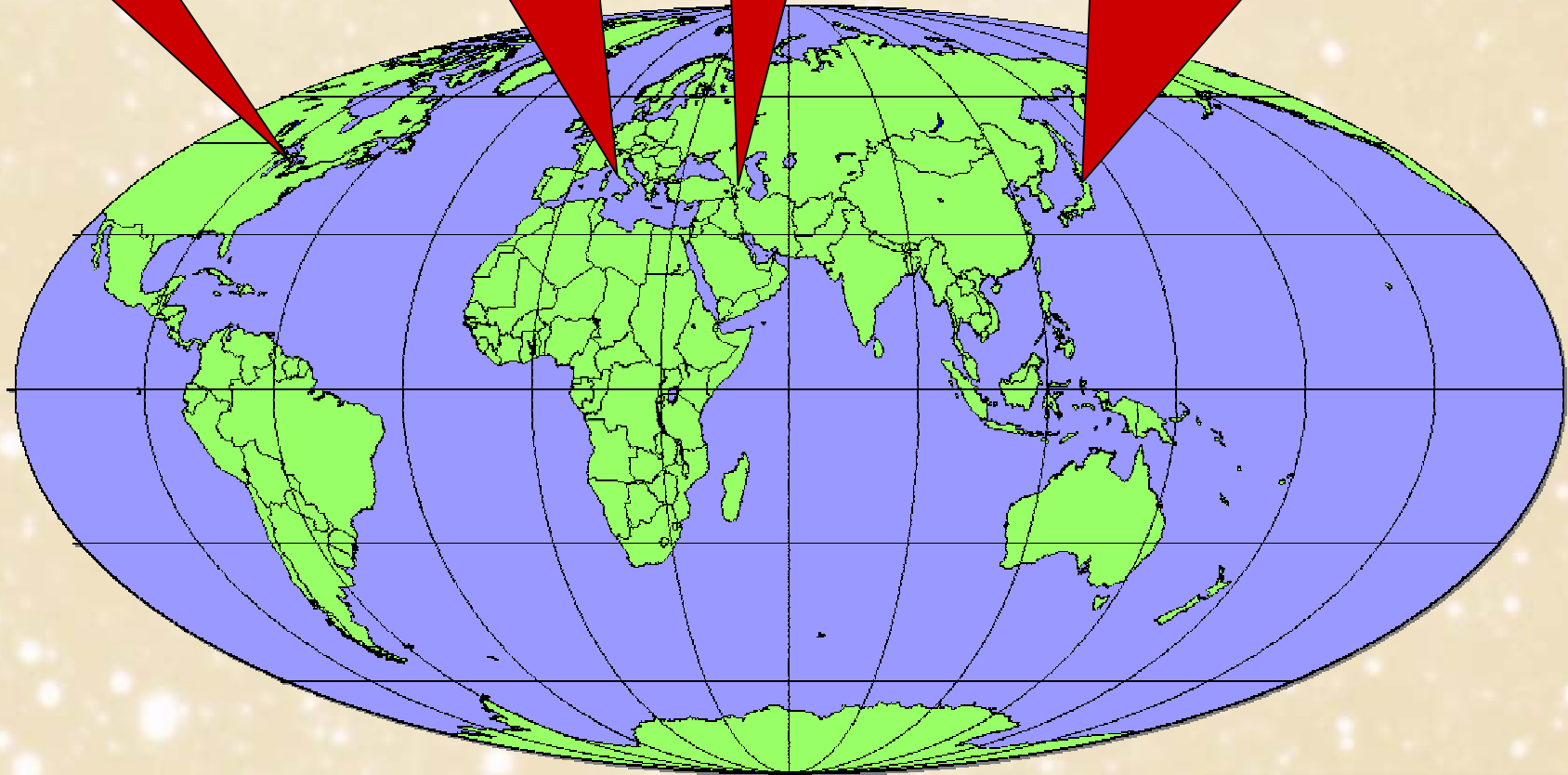
Large Detectors for Supernova Neutrinos

MiniBooNE
(190)

LVD (400)
Borexino (80)

Baksan
(70)

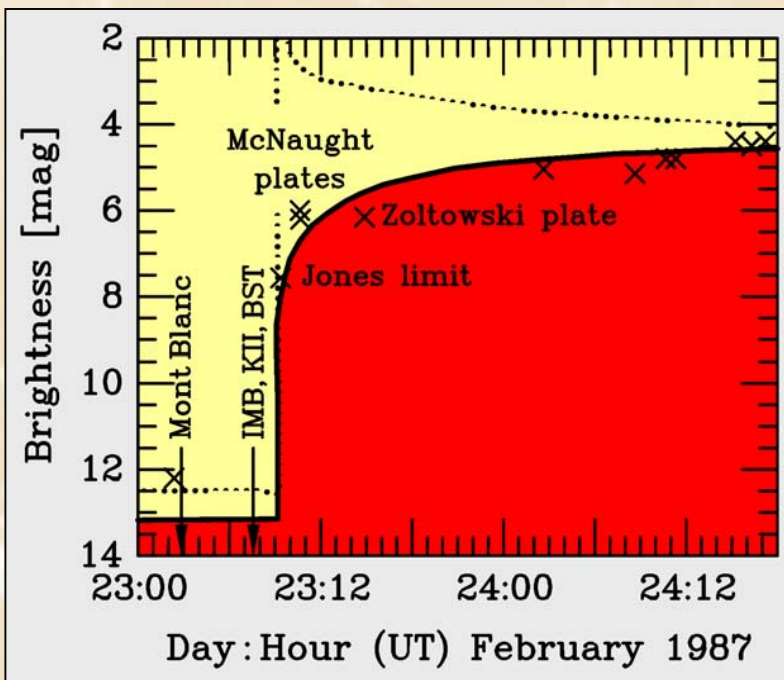
Super-Kamiokande (10^4)
KamLAND (330)



IceCube (10^6)

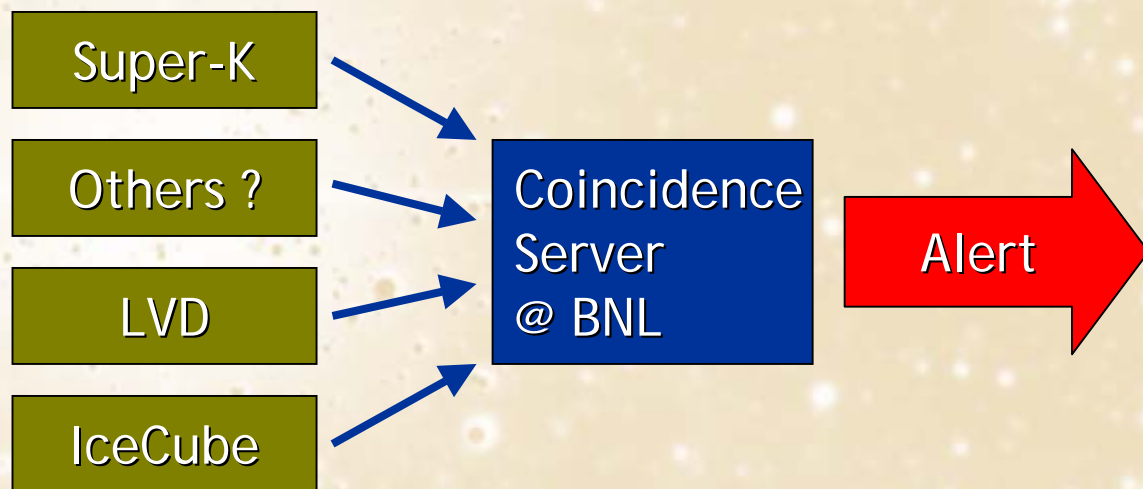
In brackets events
for a "fiducial SN"
at a distance 10 kpc

SuperNova Early Warning System (SNEWS)



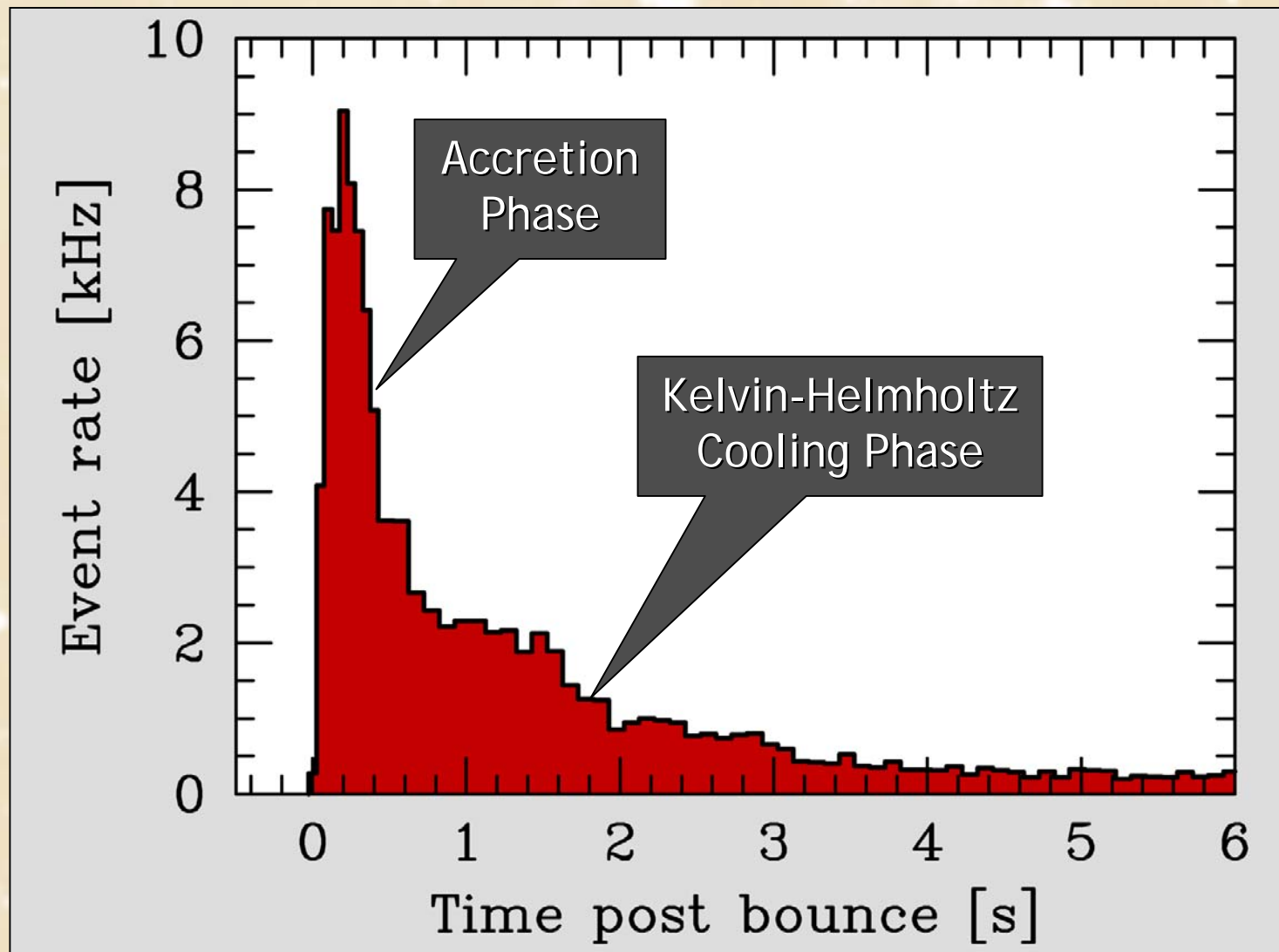
Supernova 1987A
Early Light Curve

Neutrino observation can alert astronomers several hours in advance to a supernova. To avoid false alarms, require alarm from at least two experiments.



<http://snews.bnl.gov/astro-ph/0406214>

Simulated Supernova Signal at Super-Kamiokande

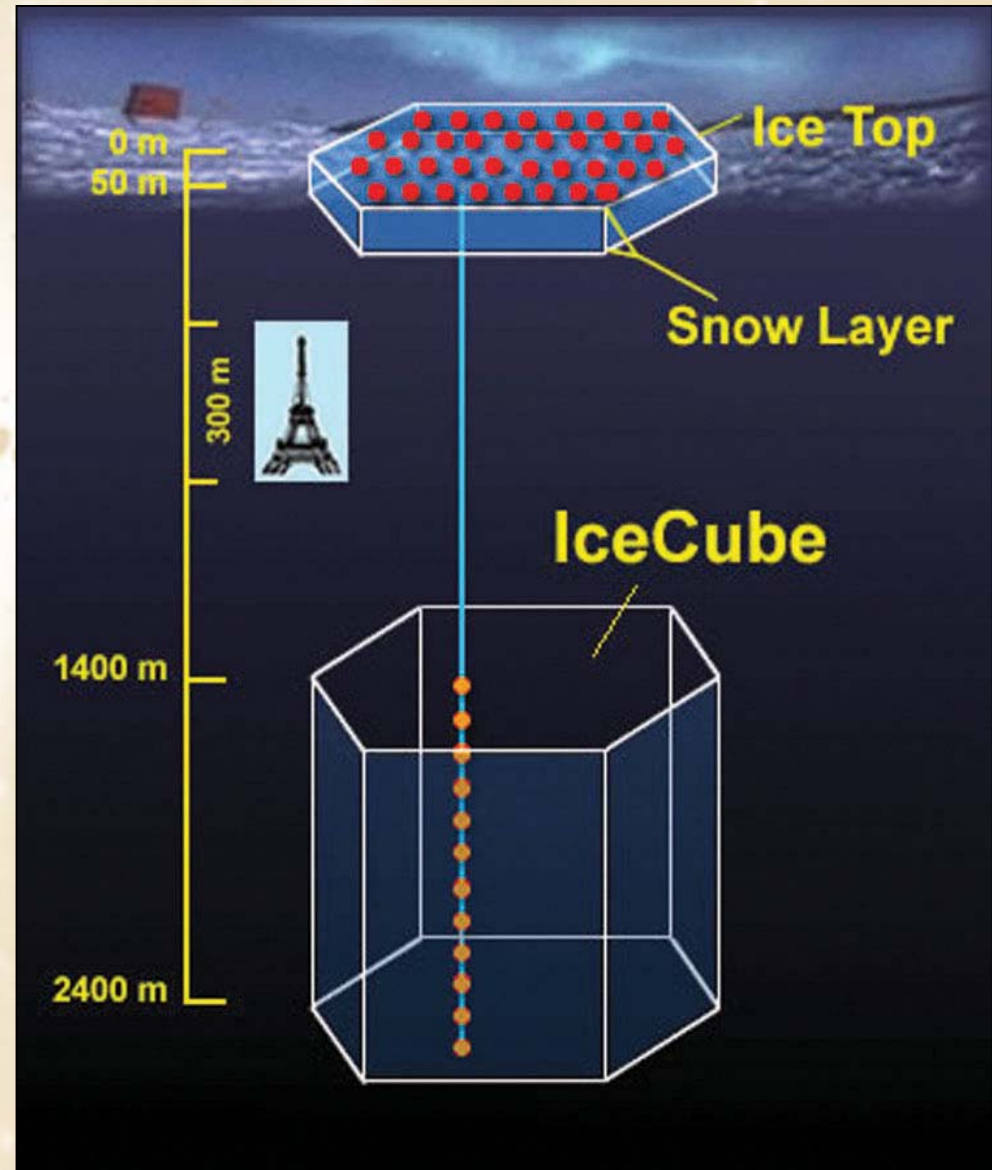
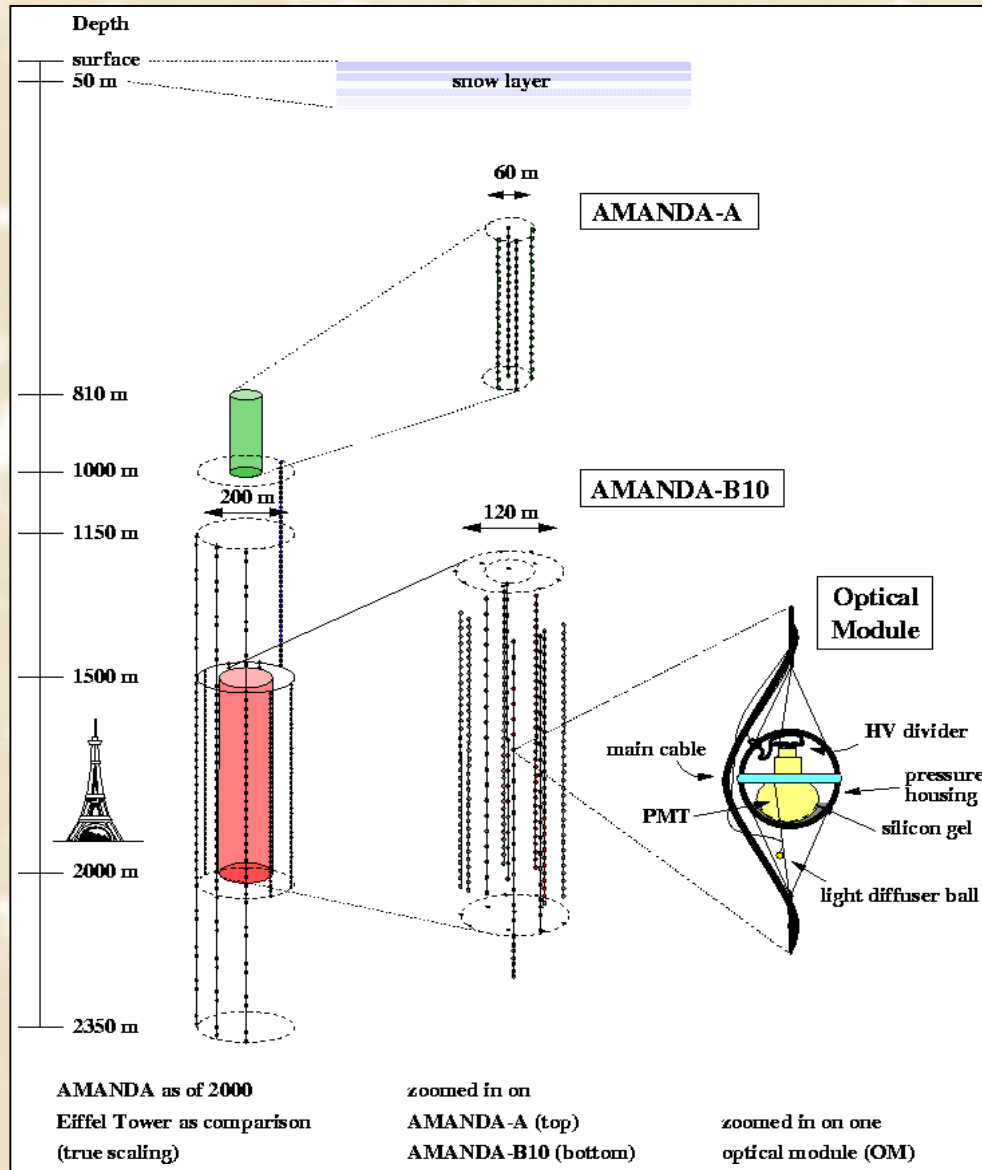


Simulation for Super-Kamiokande SN signal at 10 kpc,
based on a numerical Livermore model
[Totani, Sato, Dalhed & Wilson, ApJ 496 (1998) 216]

Southpole Ice-Cherenkov Neutrino Detectors

AMANDA II (0.1 km³, 800 PMTs)

Future IceCube (1 km³, 4800 PMTs)



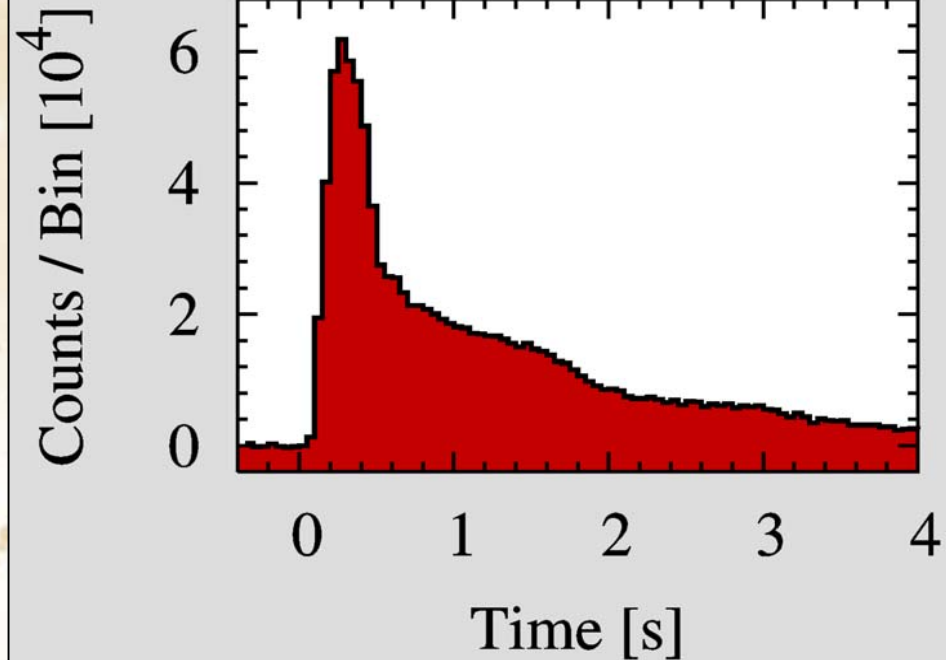
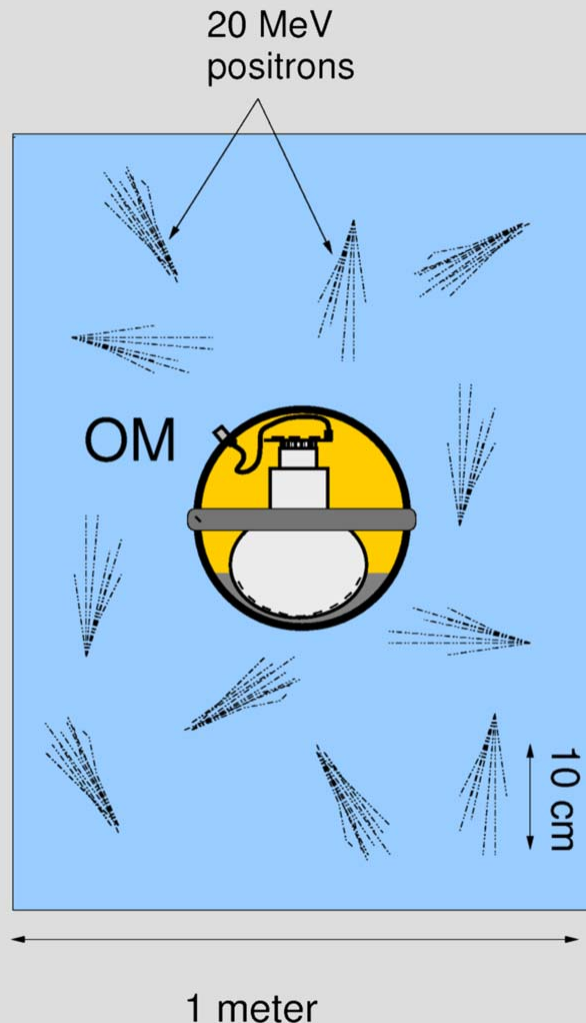
IceCube as a Supernova Neutrino Detector

Each optical module (OM) picks up Cherenkov light from its neighborhood. SN appears as “correlated noise”.

- About 300 Cherenkov photons per OM from a SN at 10 kpc

- Noise per OM < 260 Hz

- Total of 4800 OMs in IceCube



IceCube SN signal at 10 kpc, based on a numerical Livermore model [Dighe, Keil & Raffelt, hep-ph/0303210]

Method first discussed by

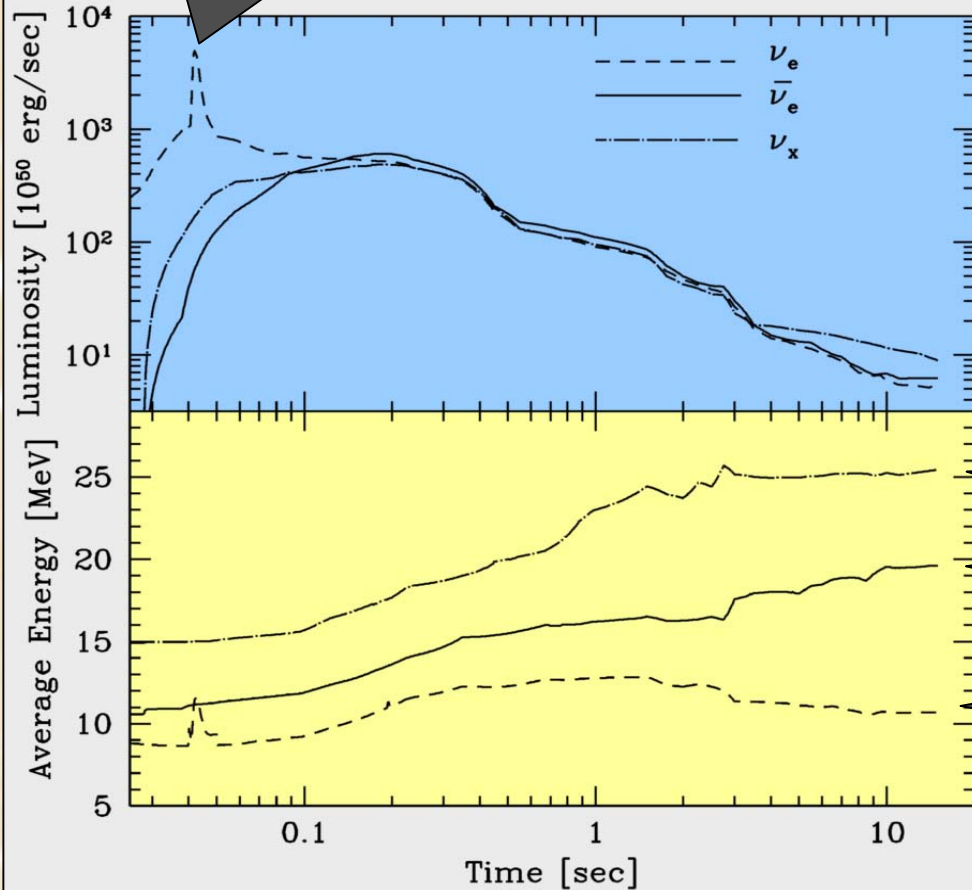
- Pryor, Roos & Webster, ApJ 329:355 (1988)
- Halzen, Jacobsen & Zas astro-ph/9512080



**Supernova
Neutrino Oscillations**

Flavor-Dependent Fluxes and Spectra

Prompt ν_e
deleptonization
burst



Livermore numerical model
ApJ 496 (1998) 216

Broad characteristics

- Duration a few seconds
- $\langle E_\nu \rangle \sim 10\text{--}20$ MeV
- $\langle E_\nu \rangle$ increases with time
- Hierarchy of energies
 $\langle E_{\nu_e} \rangle < \langle E_{\bar{\nu}_e} \rangle < \langle E_{\nu_x} \rangle$
- Approximate equipartition of energy between flavors

ν_x

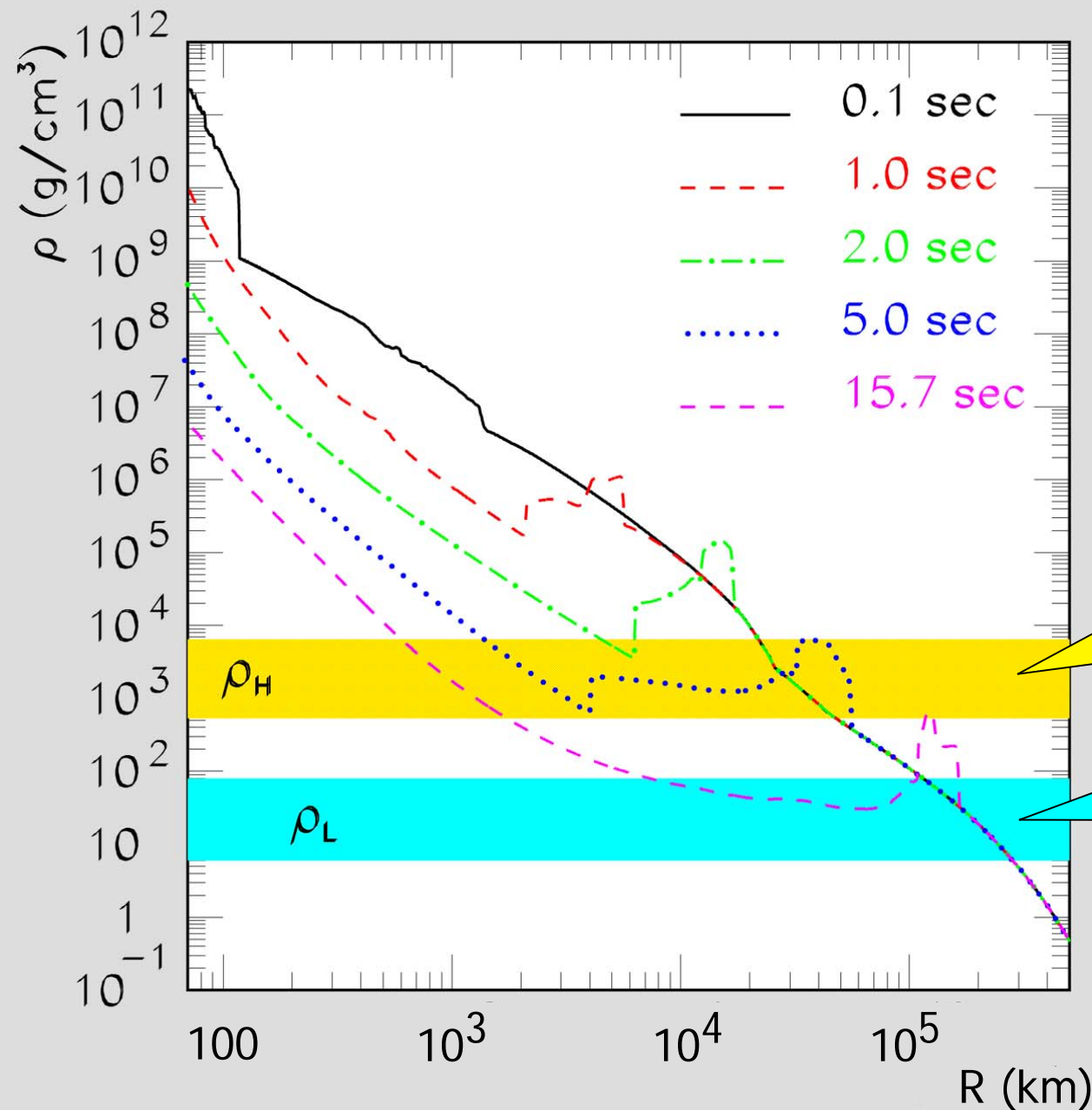
$\bar{\nu}_e$

ν_e

However, in traditional simulations transport of ν_μ and ν_τ schematic

- Incomplete microphysics
- Crude numerics to couple neutrino transport with hydro code

H- and L-Resonance for MSW Oscillations



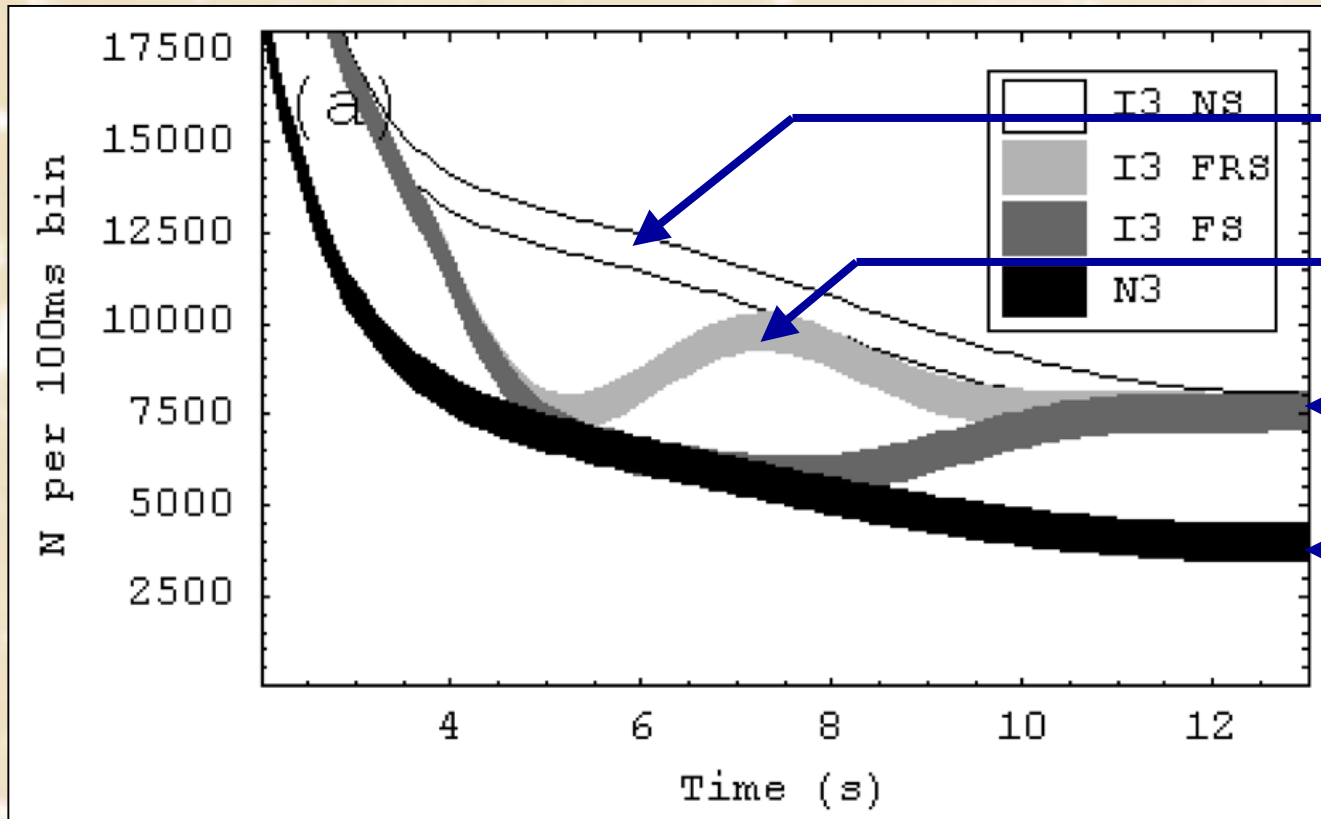
R. Tomàs, M. Kachelriess, G. Raffelt, A. Dighe, H.-T. Janka & L. Scheck: Neutrino signatures of supernova forward and reverse shock propagation [astro-ph/0407132]

Resonance density for Δm_{atm}^2

Resonance density for Δm_{sol}^2

Shock-Wave Propagation in IceCube

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



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

Self-Induced Flavor Oscillations of SN Neutrinos

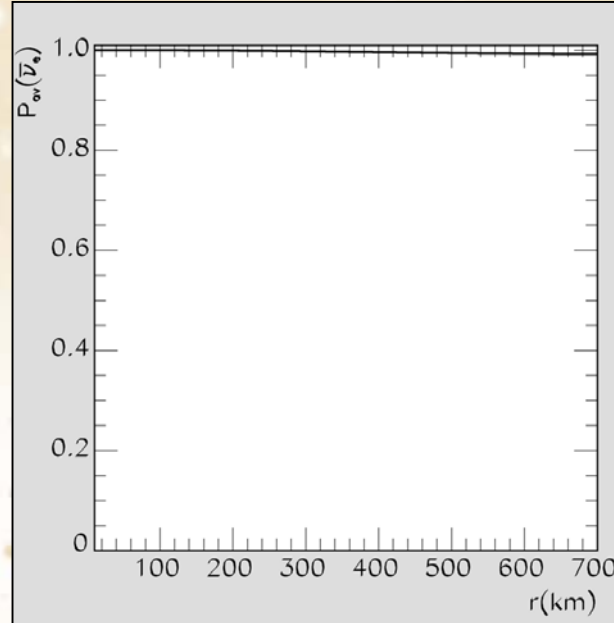
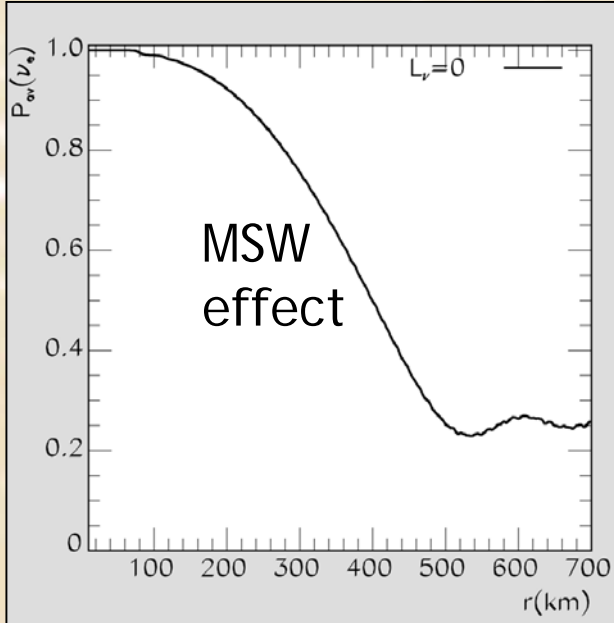
Survival probability ν_e

Survival probability $\bar{\nu}_e$

Normal Hierarchy

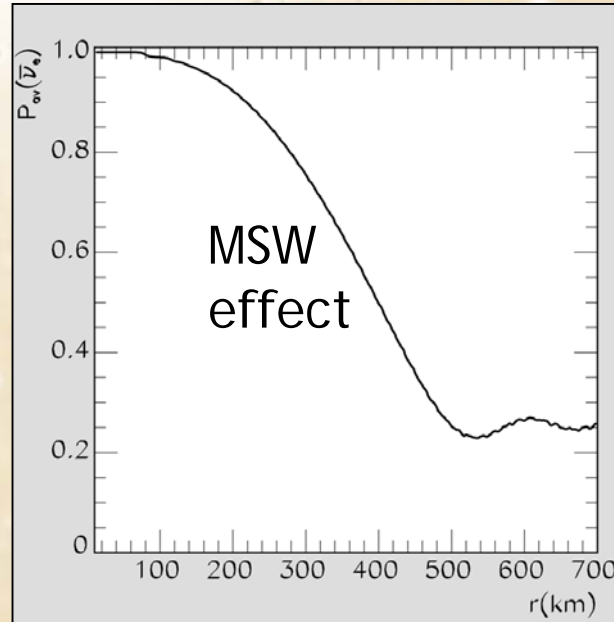
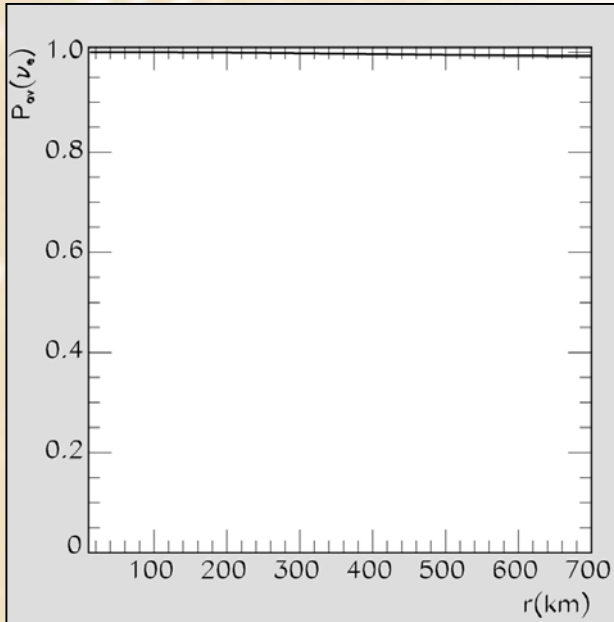
atm Δm^2

Θ_{13} close to Chooz limit



No nu-nu effect

Inverted Hierarchy



No nu-nu effect

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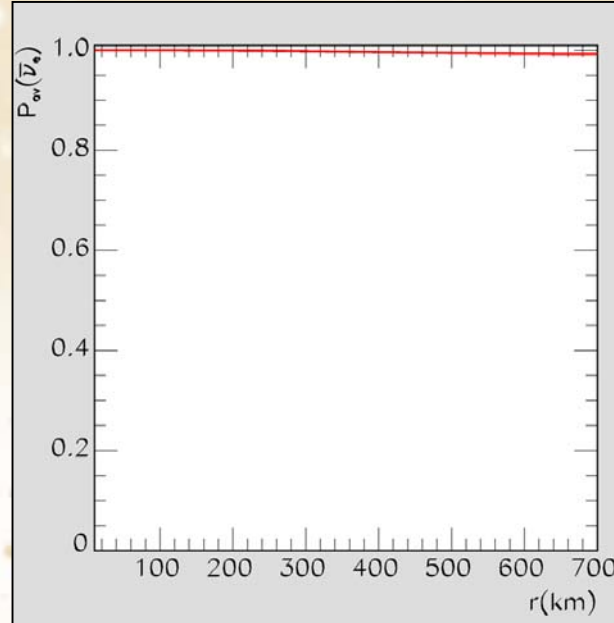
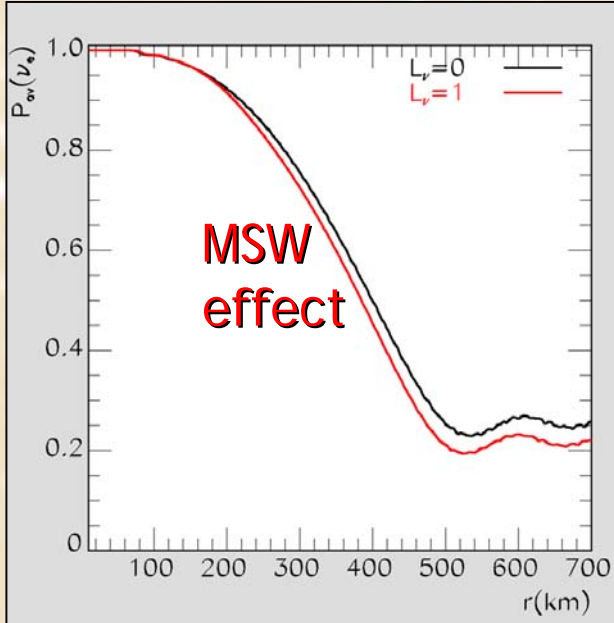
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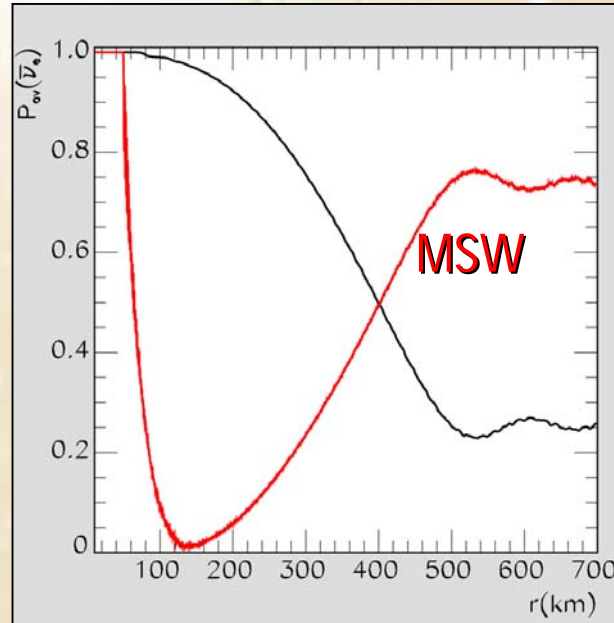
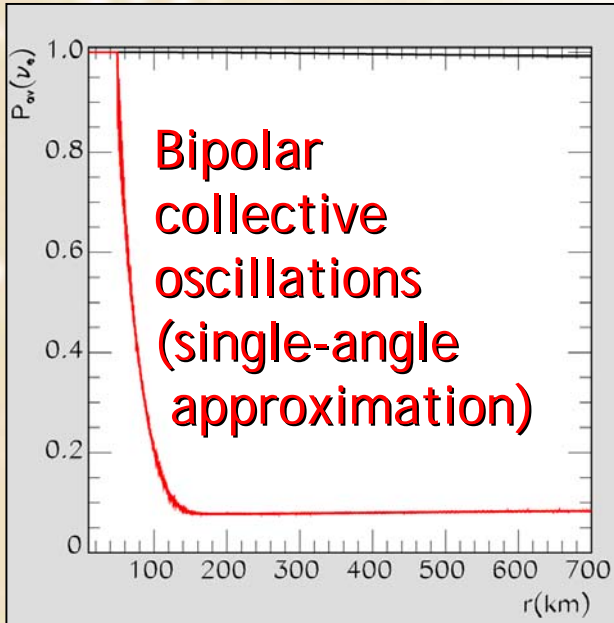
Θ_{13} close to Chooz limit



Realistic nu-nu effect

No nu-nu effect

Inverted Hierarchy



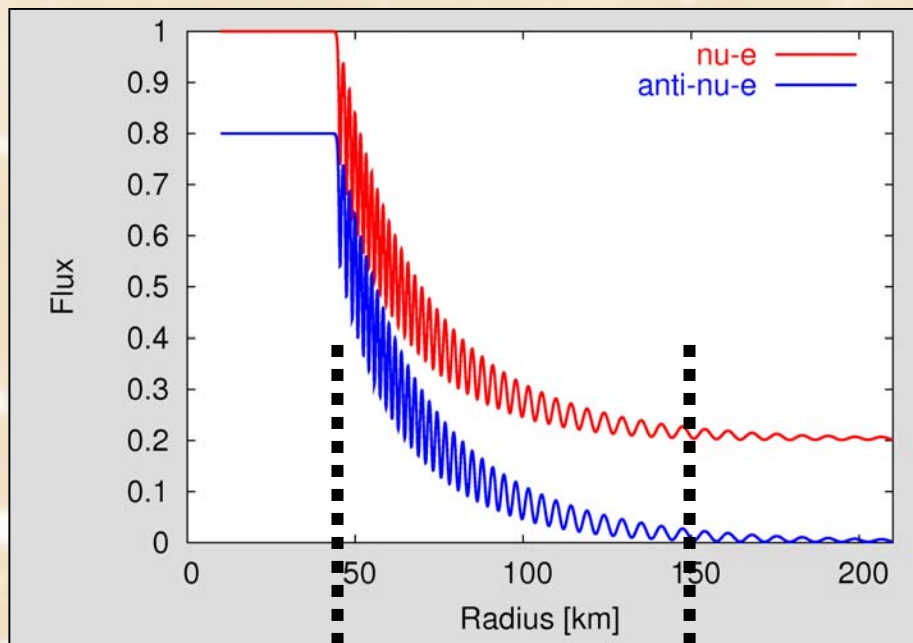
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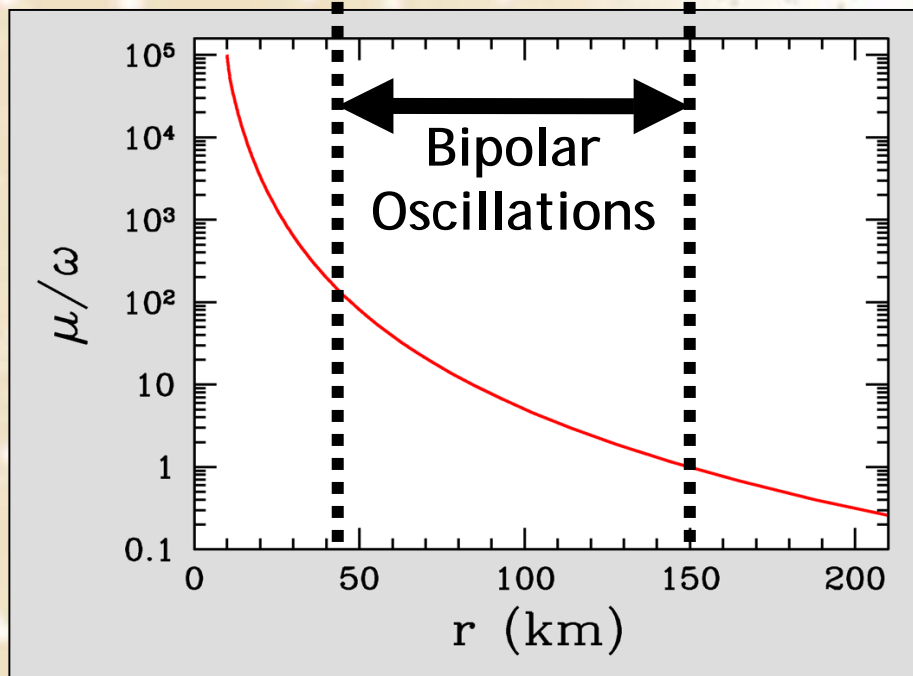
Types of Neutrino Oscillation Phenomena

| | Ordinary Flavor Oscillations | Collective Pair Oscillations |
|--|---|---|
| What oscillates? | Flavor: $\nu_e \rightarrow \nu_\mu$ $\bar{\nu}_e \rightarrow \bar{\nu}_\mu$ | Pairs: $\nu_e \bar{\nu}_e \rightarrow \nu_\mu \bar{\nu}_\mu$ (flavor lepton number is conserved in the mass basis) |
| Frequency in vacuum | $\omega = \frac{\Delta m^2}{2E}$ | $\kappa = \sqrt{\omega \mu} \quad \text{with} \quad \mu = \sqrt{2} G_F n_\nu$ |
| Role of mixing angle | Determines oscillation amplitude | Almost no dependence |
| Role of matter | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Modifies mixing angle and oscillation length • Can lead to resonance (MSW) | Almost no effect |
| Role of dense neutrinos $\mu > \omega$ | Synchronization of ordinary flavor oscillations | Is a prerequisite for any collective phenomena |

Toy Supernova in "Single-Angle" Approximation



- Assume 80% anti-neutrinos
- Vacuum oscillation frequency $\omega = 0.3 \text{ km}^{-1}$
- Neutrino-neutrino interaction energy at ν sphere ($r = 10 \text{ km}$) $\mu = 0.3 \times 10^5 \text{ km}^{-1}$
- Falls off approximately as r^{-4} (geometric flux dilution and ν s become more co-linear)



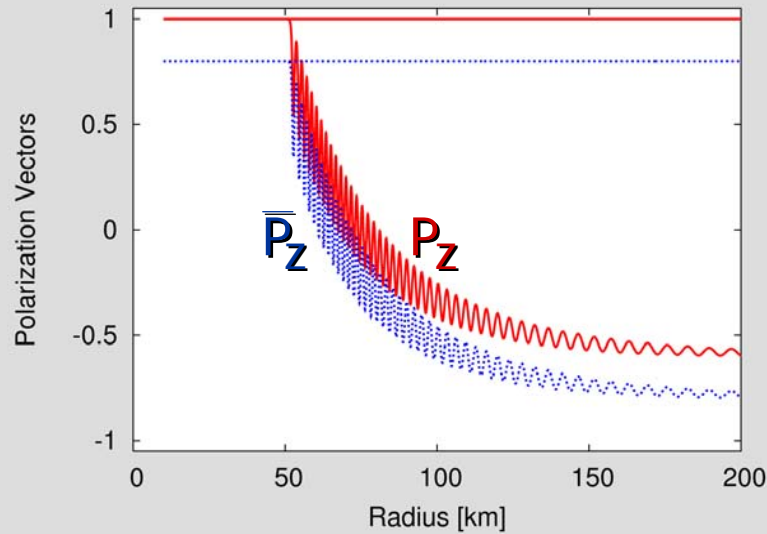
Decline of oscillation amplitude explained in pendulum analogy by increasing moment of inertia (Hannestad, Raffelt, Sigl & Wong astro-ph/0608695)

Inverted Hierarchy - Asymmetric Case ($\alpha = 0.8$)

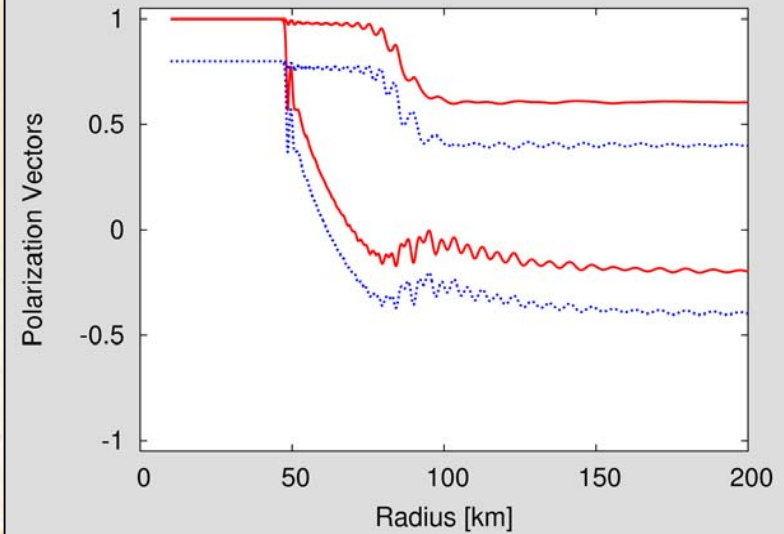
Polarization vectors

- Length
- z-component

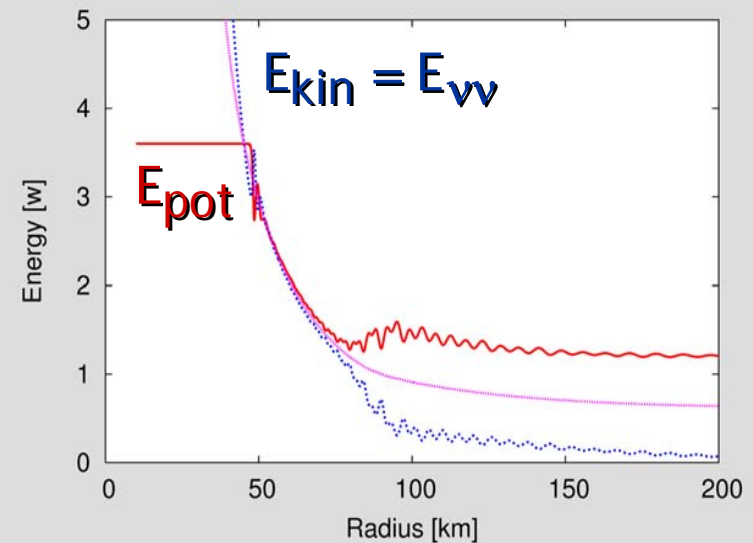
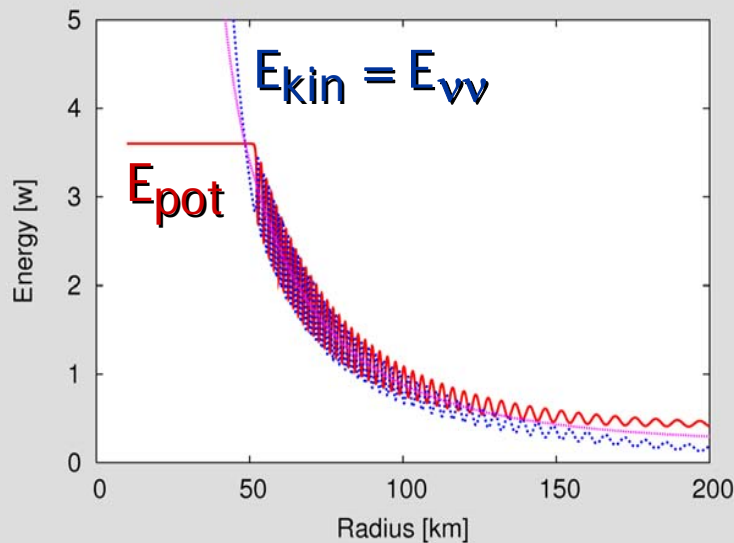
Single angle



Multi angle



Energy components

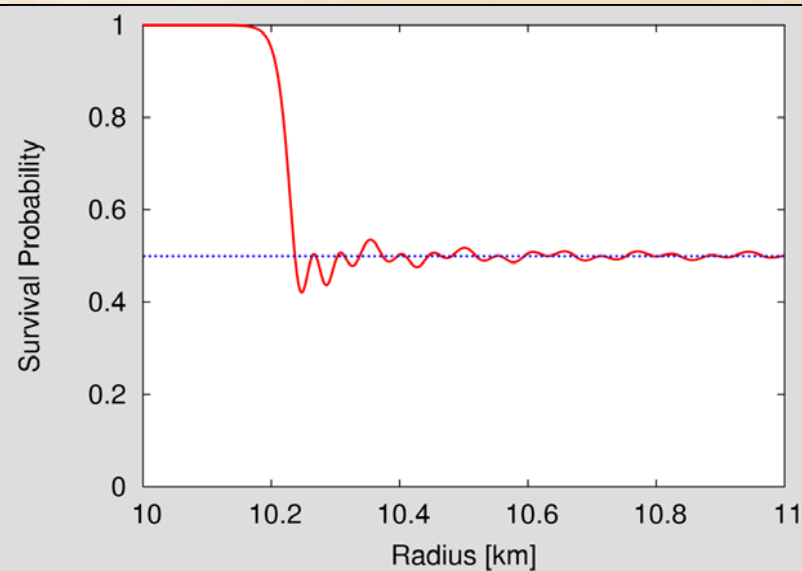
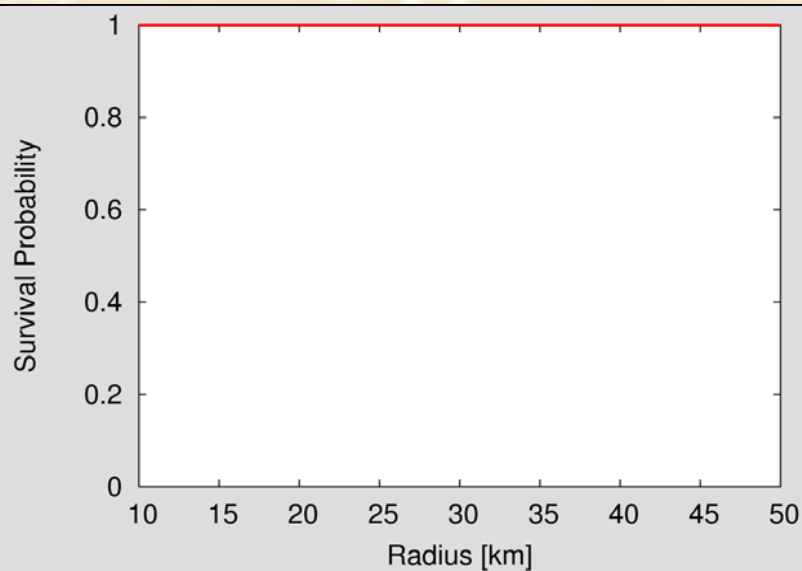


Kinematical Decoherence - Symmetric Case

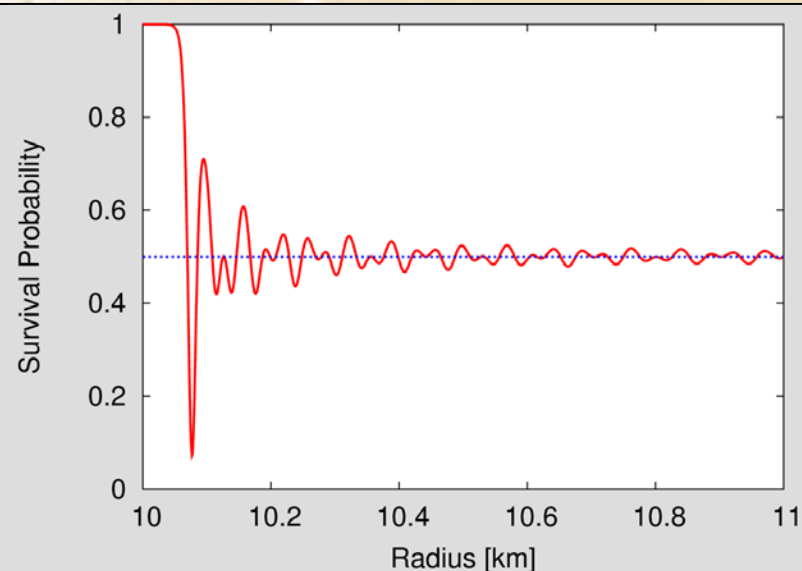
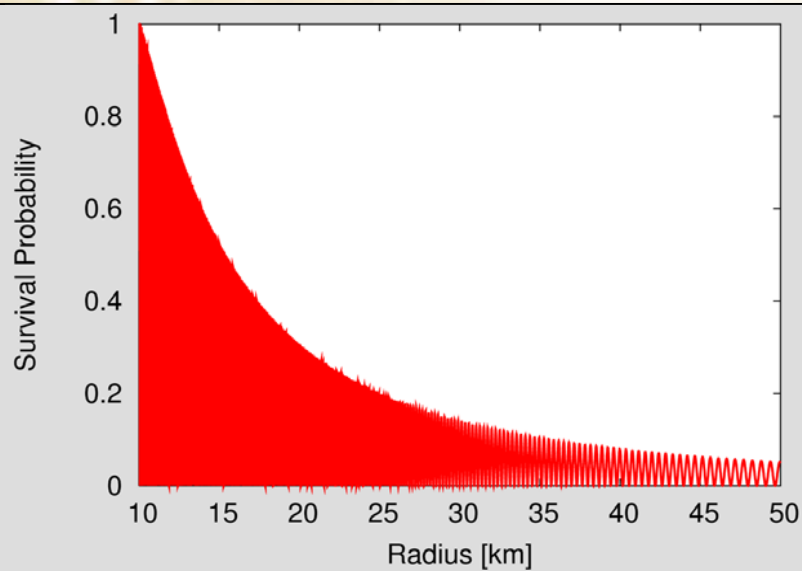
Isotropic (single angle)

Large flux ("half isotropic")

Normal Hierarchy



Inverted Hierarchy



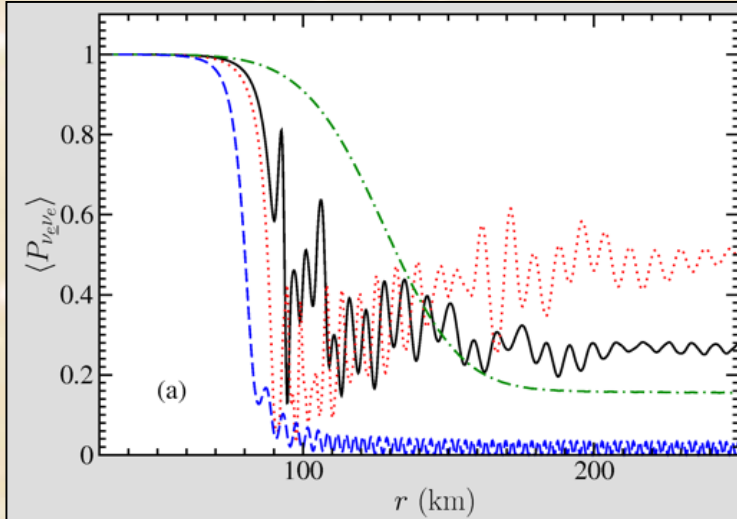
Nonlinear Neutrino Conversion in Supernovae

Normal
Hierarchy

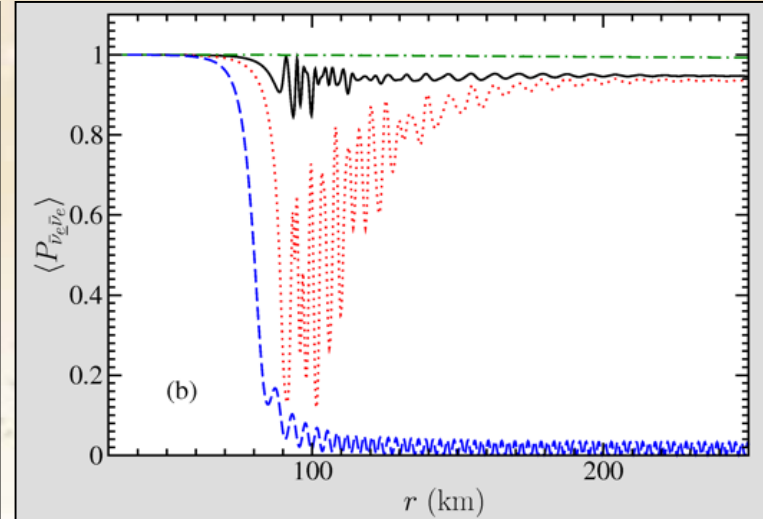
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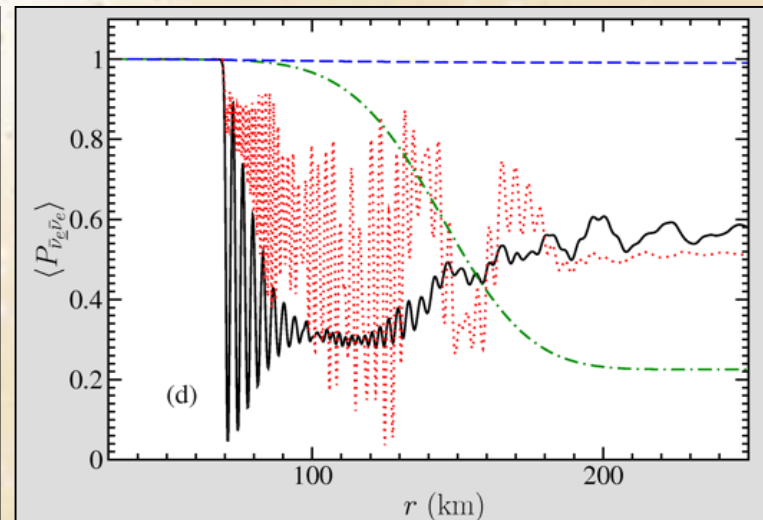
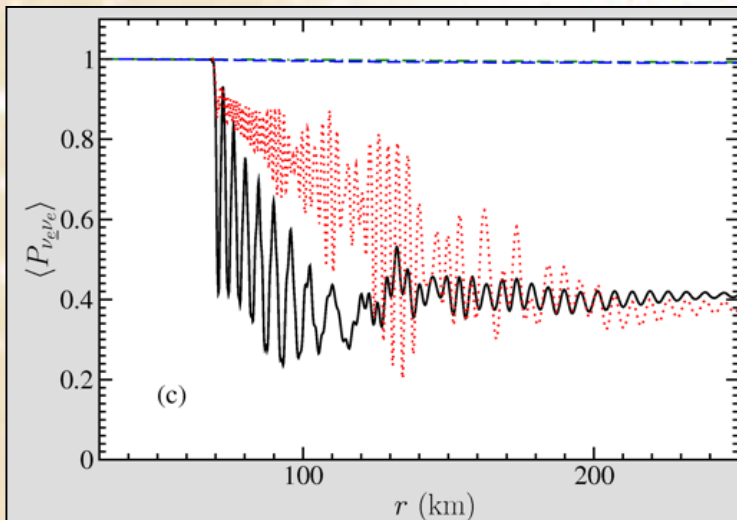
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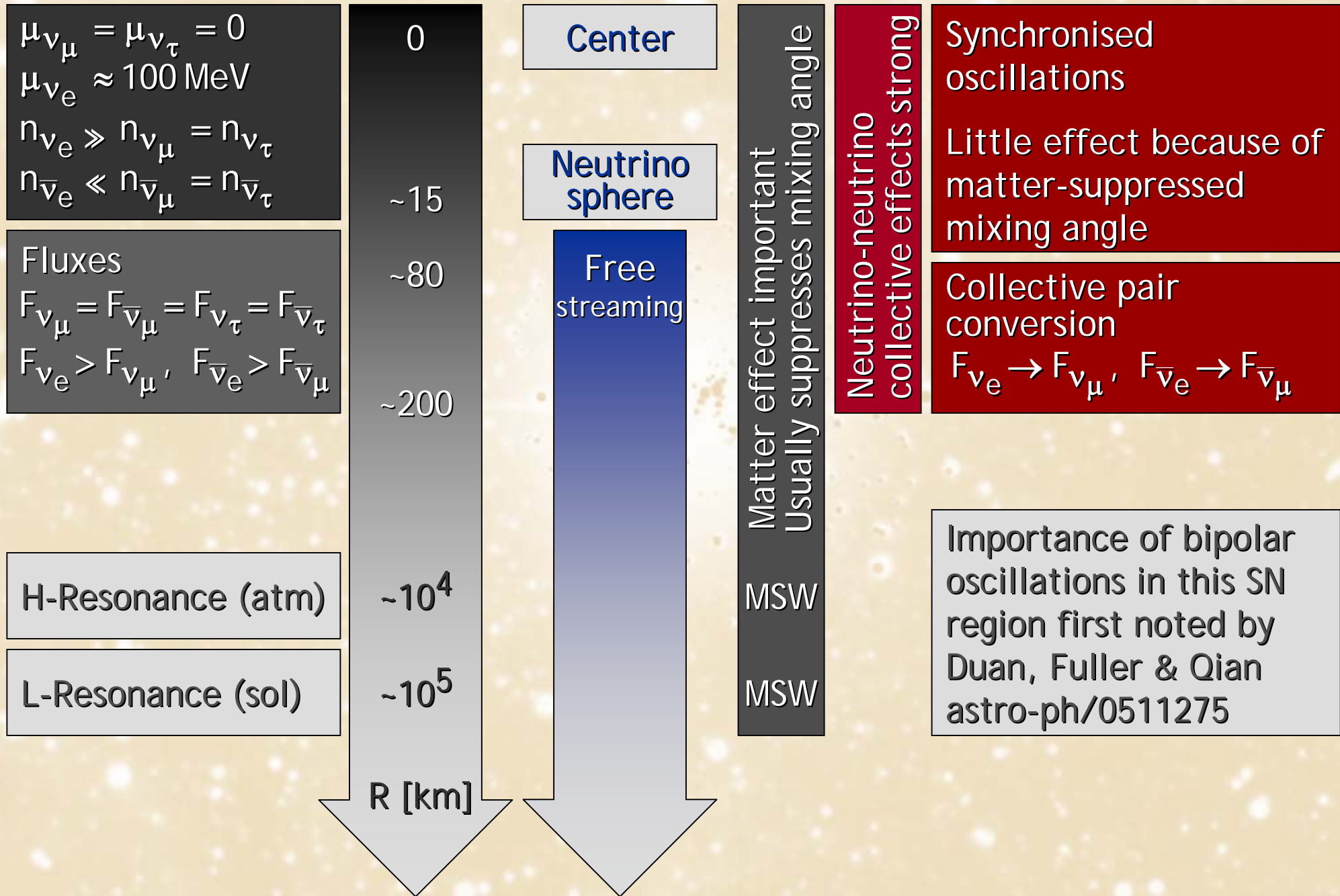


Inverted
Hierarchy



Duan, Fuller, Carlson, Qian: "Simulation of Coherent Non-Linear Neutrino Flavor Transformation in the Supernova Environment. 1. Correlated Neutrino Trajectories", astro-ph/0606616. See also: astro-ph/0608050

Different Oscillation Modes in Supernovae



Papers on collective neutrino oscillations

1992 Flavor off-diagonal refractive index

Pantaleone, PLB 287(1992) 128

1992-1998
Numerical & analytic studies, but not much impact (nobody really understood)

Samuel, Kostolecký & Pantaleone
in various combinations:
PLB 315:46 & 318:127 (1993), 385:159 (1996)
PRD 48:1462 (1993), 49:1740 (1994), 52:621 & 3184 (1995), 53:5382 (1996), 58:073002 (1998)

2001-2002
Flavor equilibration of cosmological neutrinos with chemical potential before BBN epoch

Pastor, Raffelt & Semikoz, hep-ph/0109035
Lunardini & Smirnov, hep-ph/0012056
Dolgov et al., hep-ph/0201287
Wong, hep-ph/0203180
Abazajian, Beacom & Bell, astro-ph/0203442

1994-2004
SN neutrino oscillations and r-process nucleosynthesis (everybody missed the main point)

Pantaleone, astro-ph/9405008
Qian & Fuller, astro-ph/9406073
Sigl, astro-ph/9410094
Pastor & Raffelt, astro-ph/0207281
Balantekin & Yüksel, astro-ph/0411159

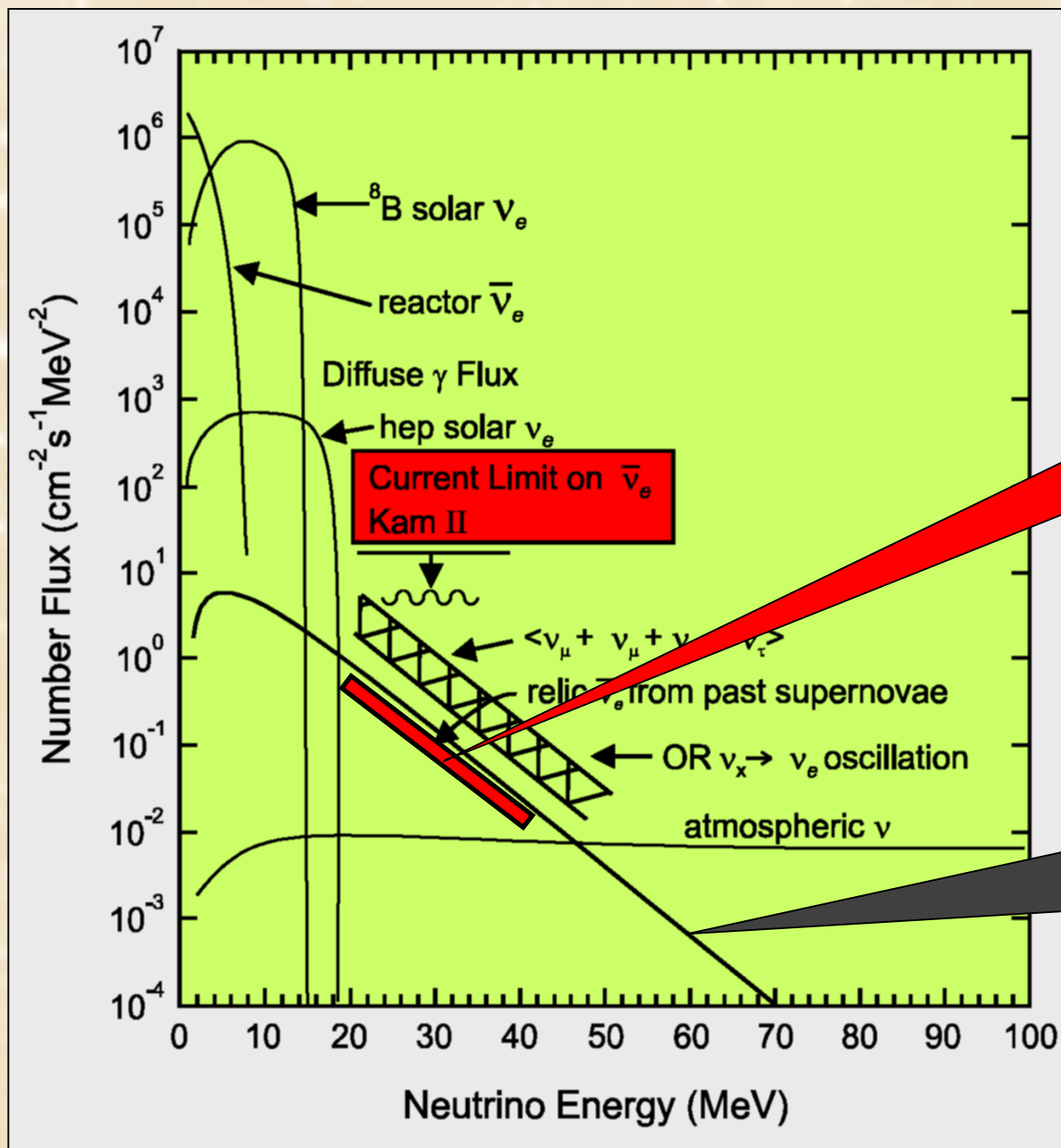
2006-2007
"Bipolar" oscillations crucial for SN neutrinos

Duan, Fuller & Qian, astro-ph/0511275
Duan, Fuller, Carlson & Qian, astro-ph/0606616
Hannestad, Raffelt, Sigl & Wong, astro-ph/0608695
Raffelt & Sigl, hep-ph/0701182



**Cosmic Diffuse Supernova
Neutrino Background (DSNB)**

Experimental Limits on Relic Supernova Neutrinos



Super-K upper limit
 $29 \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$ for
 Kaplinghat et al. spectrum
 [hep-ex/0209028]

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

Cline, astro-ph/0103138

Improved Sensitivity with Neutron Tagging

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

Detection of DSNB limited by

- Solar neutrinos for $E_\nu \lesssim 18$ MeV
- Sub-Cherenkov muons from atm nus
 $\mu \rightarrow e + \nu_e + \bar{\nu}_\mu$
- **Solution: neutron tagging from**
 $\bar{\nu}_e + p \rightarrow e^+ + n$
- 2.2 MeV gamma from $n + p \rightarrow d$
invisible in water Cherenkov detector

Add gadolinium to Super-Kamiokande

- Efficient neutron capture on Gd
- 8 MeV gamma cascade easily visible
- 0.1% (100 tons of Gd Cl₃)
achieves > 90% tagging efficiency
- Diffuse SN nu background (DSNB):
a few events per year in Super-K
with no background at all

Status of R & D (04/2006)
[Mark Vagins, private communication]

Nov 05: Gd Cl₃ added to K2K test tank
(kiloton or KT detector)

- Gd Cl₃ is easy to dissolve
- Gd Cl₃ does not significantly affect
the light collection
- Choice of detector materials critical
(old rust in KT with Gd Cl₃ badly
affected transparency)
- The 20 inch Super-K PMT's operate
well in conductive water
- Gd filtration works as designed at
3.6 tons/h, can easily be scaled up

- Looks promising for Super-K,
conceivable within next few years
- Capital cost negligible for future
megatonne-class detectors

DSNB Measurement with Neutron Tagging

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

Future large-scale scintillator
detectors (e.g. LENA with 50 kt)

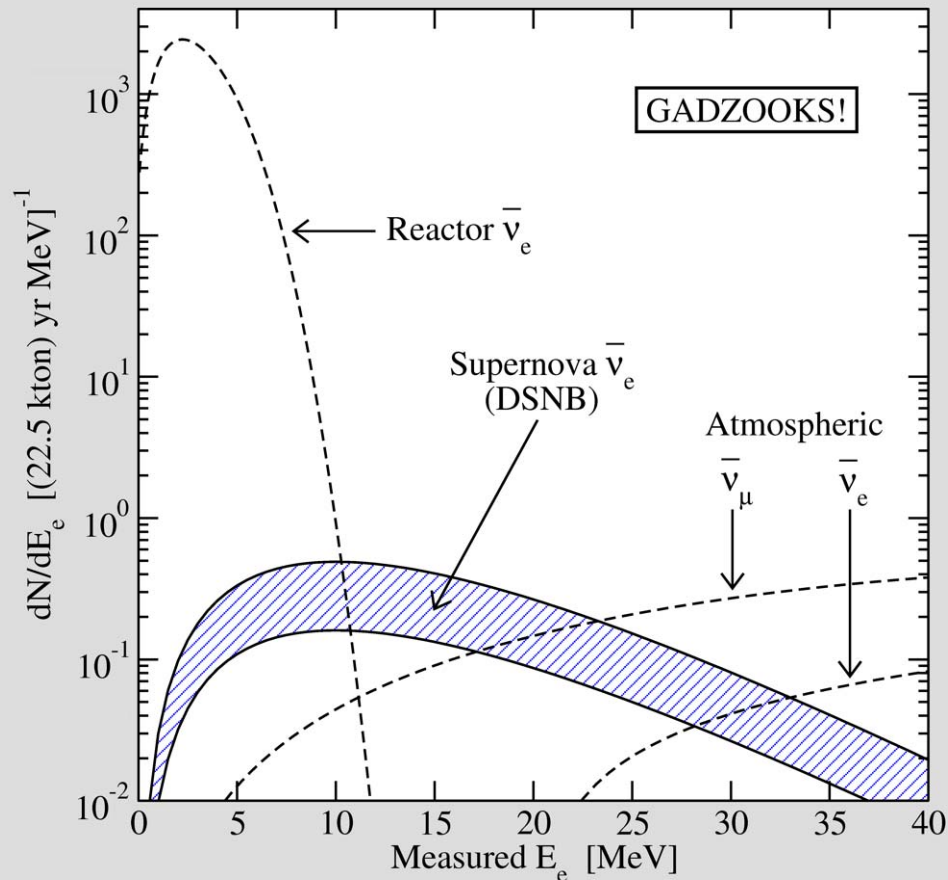


FIG. 1: Spectra of low-energy $\bar{\nu}_e + p \rightarrow e^+ + n$ coincidence events and the sub-Cherenkov muon background. We assume full efficiencies, and include energy resolution and neutrino oscillations. Singles rates (not shown) are efficiently suppressed.

- Inverse beta decay reaction tagged
- Location with smaller reactor flux (e.g. Pyhäsalmi in Finland) could allow for lower threshold

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