



# SNEWS

## The SuperNova Early Warning System in the age of Multi-Messenger Astronomy

of  
Exploding Stars,  
Weakly-Interacting Particles,  
and Being Prepared



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# Supernovae



HST photo by High-Z SN Search Team  
Nearby SNIa in NGC 4526

- Stars blowing themselves entirely apart
- Type I
  - No H lines in the spectra
  - Ia (white dwarf nuclear deflagration) most common sort
- Type II
  - H spectral lines
  - Core collapse of massive stars at end of life
- Divided roughly equally
  - Plus several oddball hybrid classes



# SN Galore

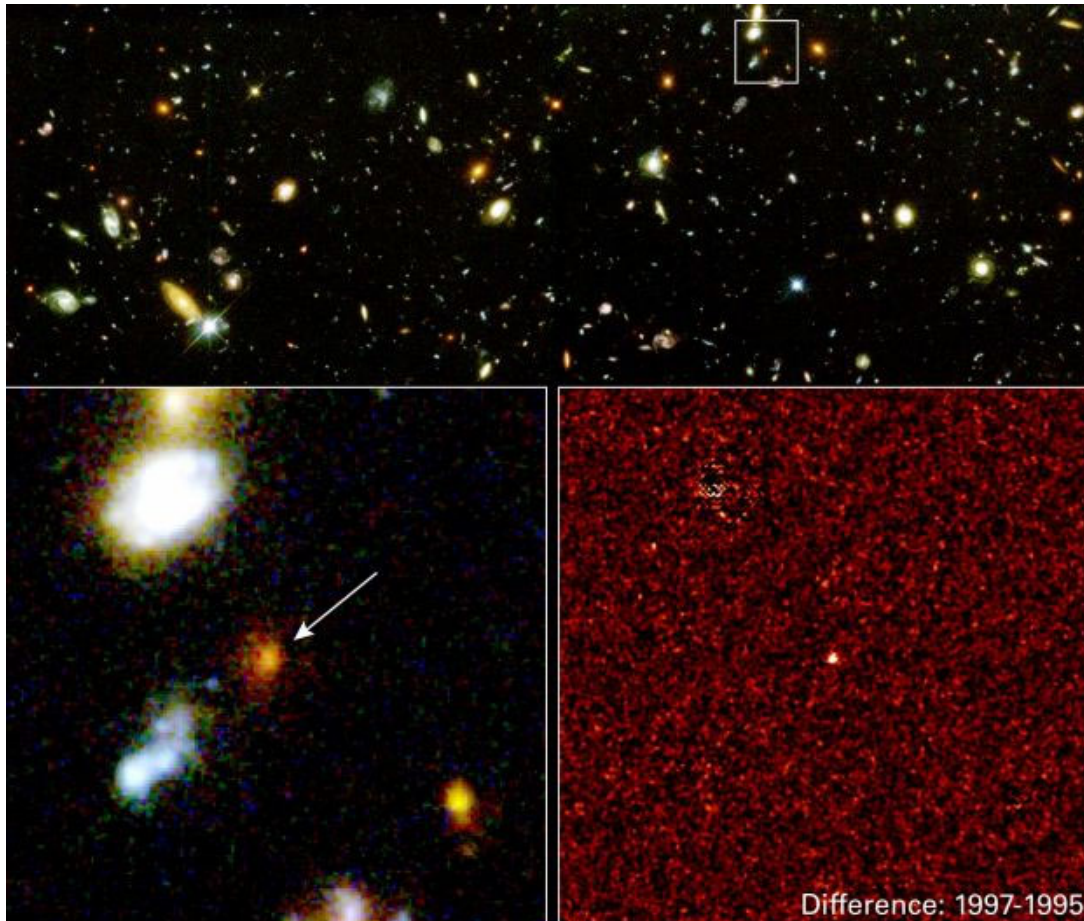


Photo by Adam Riess et al with HST

- Luminosity of a galaxy from one star for a few weeks
  - Visible across most of the universe
  - Ia are Standard Bombs used in cosmological work
  - These days the “year + letter” naming scheme is too cumbersome, almost need to bar code the things
- But all extragalactic!



# Core Collapse



- Type II SNe energy comes from the gravitational collapse of an iron core (*also type Ib, Ic*)
  - Can't fuse iron
  - When Chandrasekhar mass of iron accumulates, core goes from white dwarf conditions to neutron star conditions

$$\Delta E_B \approx \frac{GM_{core}^2}{R} = 3 \times 10^{53} \left( \frac{M_{core}}{M_{\odot}} \right) \left( \frac{R}{10\text{km}} \right)^{-1} \text{ ergs}$$

- $M_{core} \sim 1M_{\odot}$ ,  $R \sim 10$  km, so  $\Delta E_{\text{binding}}$  is  $\sim 3 \times 10^{53}$  ergs
- Luminosity of Type II SN somewhat less than Ia
  - Still, EM radiation only  $\sim 0.01\%$  of  $\Delta E_{\text{binding}}$
  - Plus add in kinetic energy of expanding SN remnant ( $\sim 1\%$ )
- Where's the rest of the gravitational energy going?
  - Neutrinos!



# Multi-Messenger Astronomy



- All the messengers on one plot vs. time, by luminosity

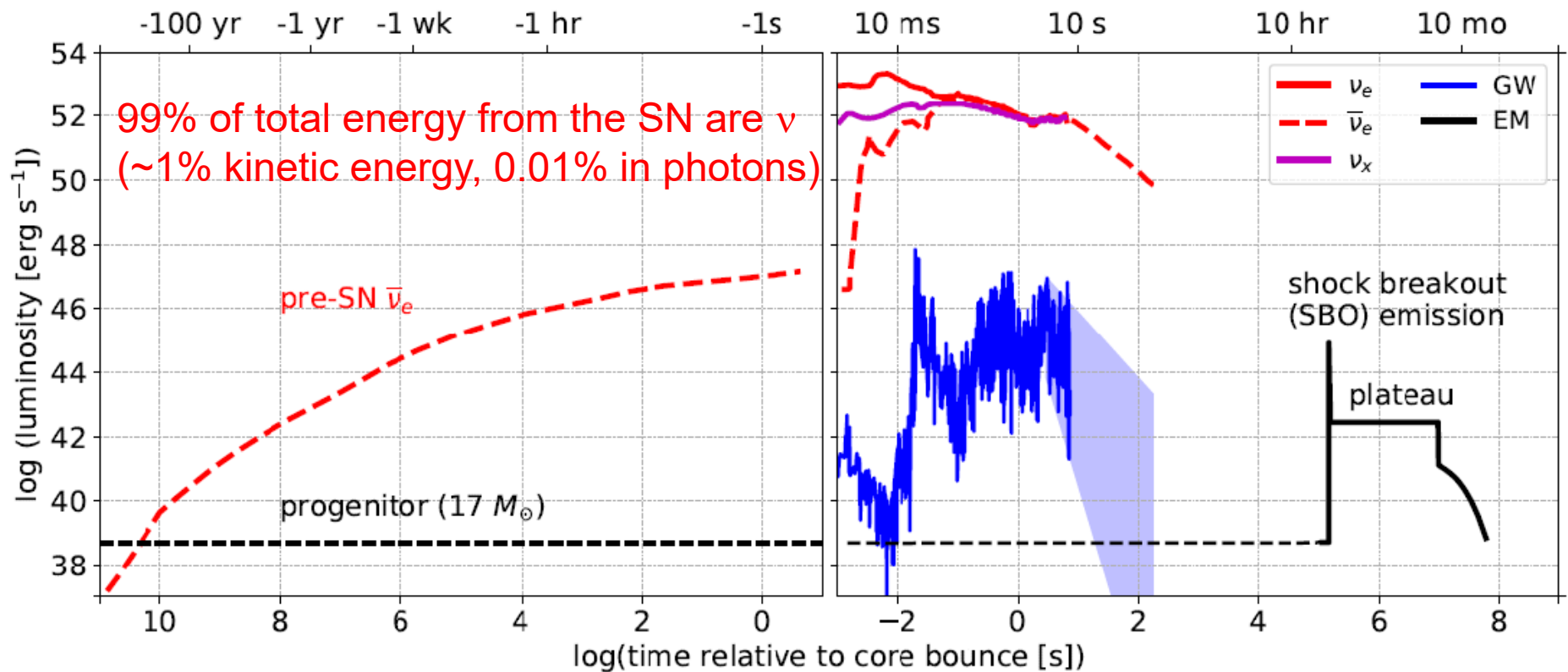
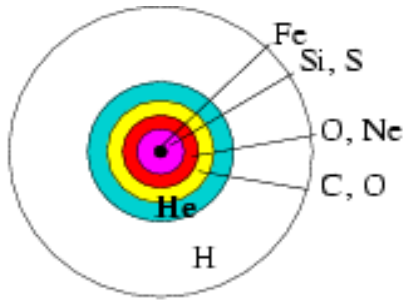
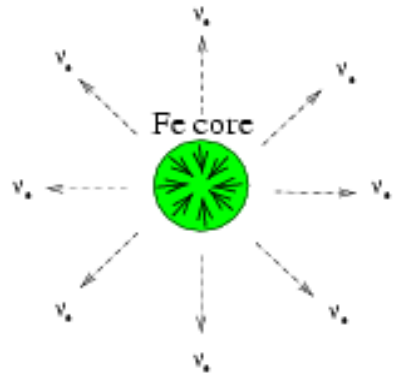


Figure from Nakamura *et al*, MNRAS 161, 3296 (2016)





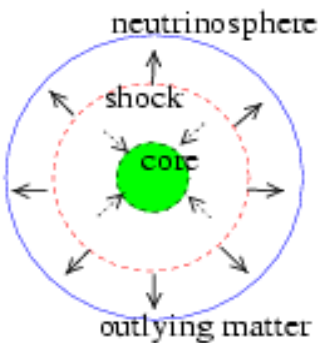
PRE-SUPERNOVA



COLLAPSE



NEUTRINO TRAPPING

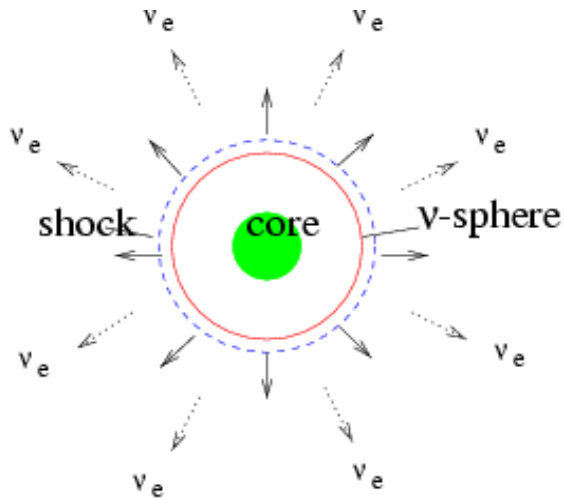


CORE BOUNCE

# Core Collapse



- Late-stage massive supergiant has many layers of shell burning
- Iron core has no energy source, when  $M_{Ch}$  is reached, collapses
  - Electrons forced into nuclei, “neutronization”
  - Inverse  $\beta$  decay,  $\nu$  produced
  - Quickly becomes so dense, opaque even to  $\nu$
- Shock wave of collapse rebounds when neutron degeneracy stops collapse

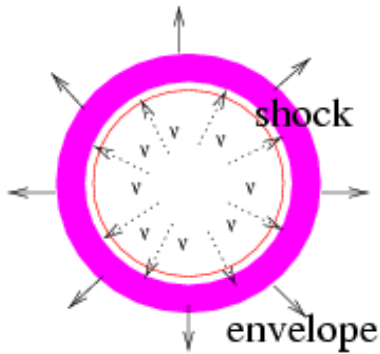


NEUTRINO  
BREAKOUT

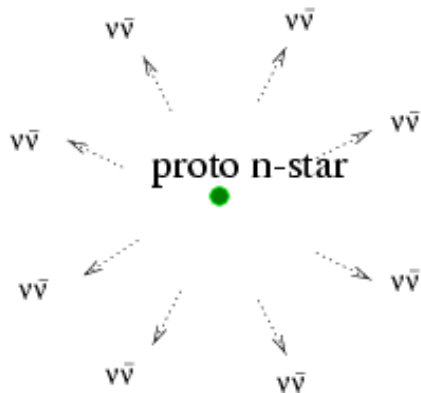
# $\nu$ production



- Shock wave passes neutrinosphere, density falls below  $\nu$  mean free path,  $\nu$  can escape
- Shock wave blows into rest of star from below, star disrupted
- Neutrinos can escape this, other particles cannot, so new neutron star cools via neutrino emission



EXPLOSION



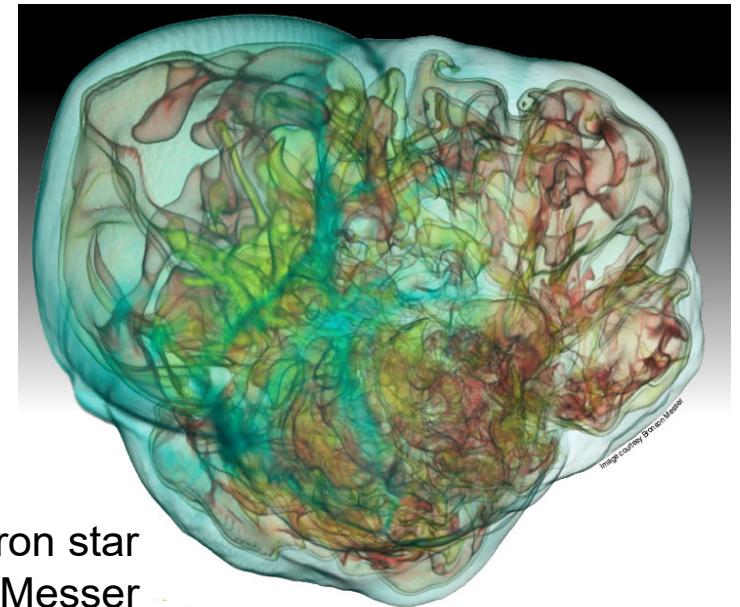
COOLING



# $\nu$ production



- $\sim 1\%$  of  $\nu$  produced by initial neutronization
  - $p^+ + e^- \rightarrow n + \nu_e$
- Thermal  $\bar{\nu}\nu$  pair production produces 99% of  $\nu$ 
  - $e^+e^- \rightarrow \bar{\nu}\nu$ ,  $e^- (Z,A) \rightarrow e^- (\bar{Z},A) \bar{\nu}\nu$ ,  $NN' \rightarrow NN'\bar{\nu}\nu$
  - Temperatures much larger than  $\nu$  rest mass
- Proto-neutron star transparent to  $\nu$ 
  - $\nu$  can escape
- But opaque to  $\gamma$ 
  - EM energy recycled back to thermal energy

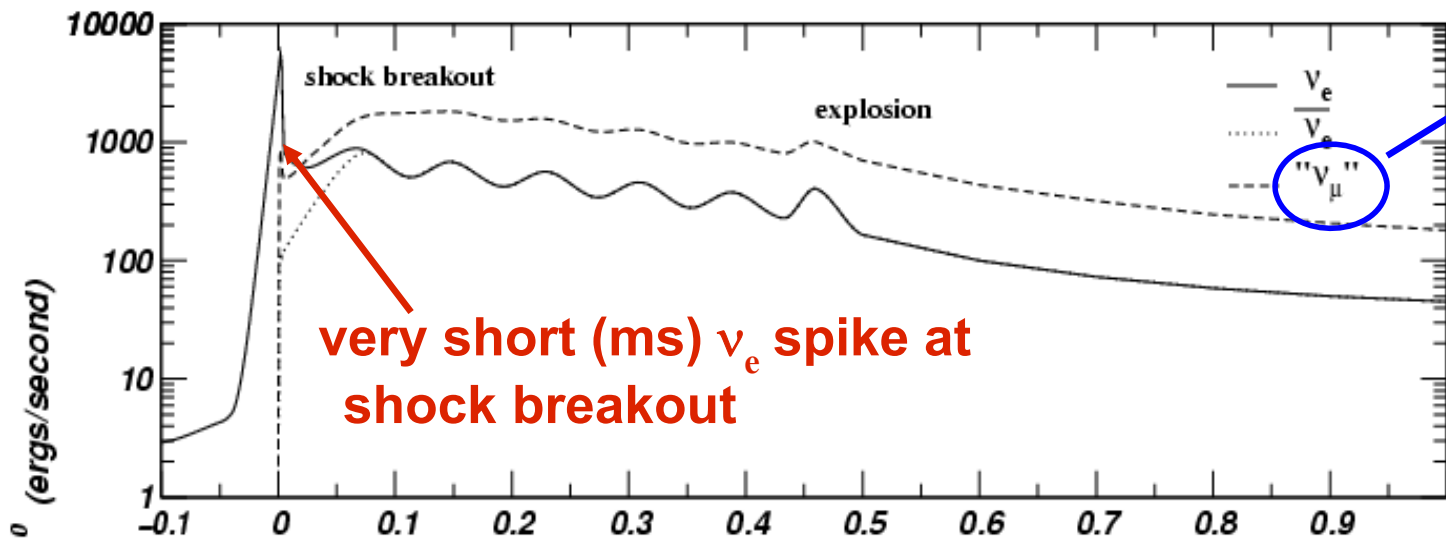


Equal entropy surfaces in a proto-neutron star model by Bronson Messer





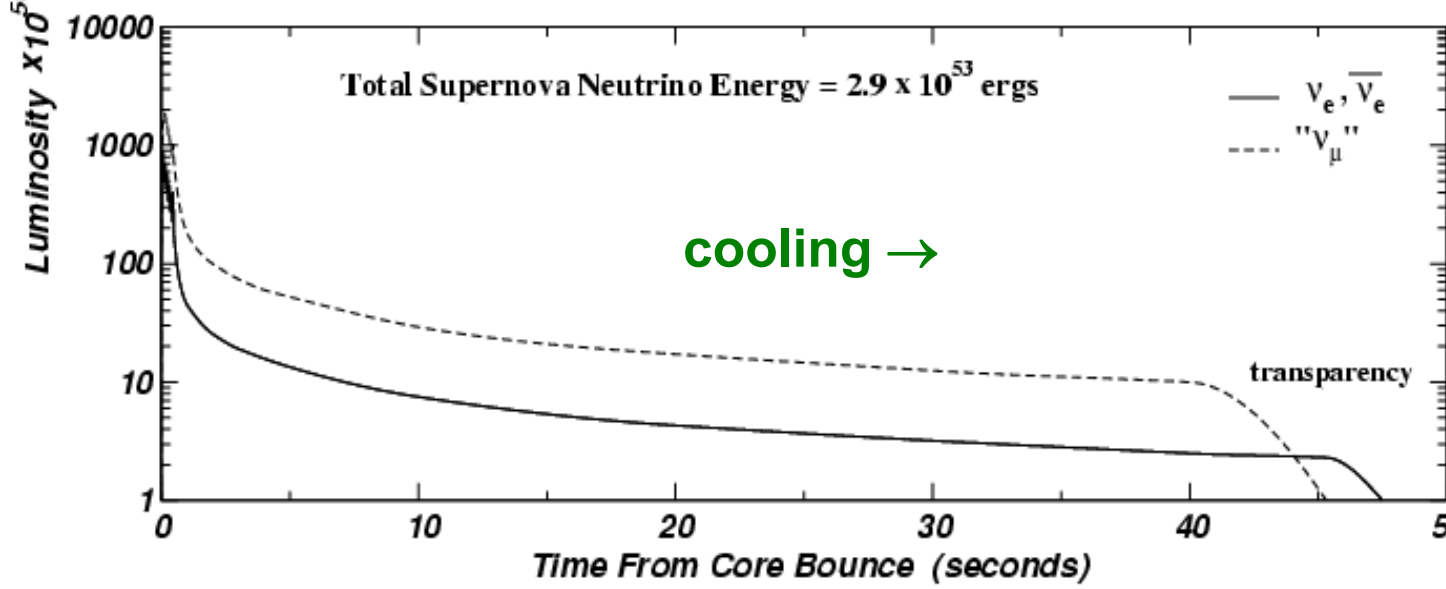
# $\nu$ light curve



sum of  $\nu_{\mu,\tau}$  and anti- $\nu$ 's

roughly equal luminosity per flavor

1 s



luminosity decrease over 10's of seconds

50 s

Burrows et al. 1992



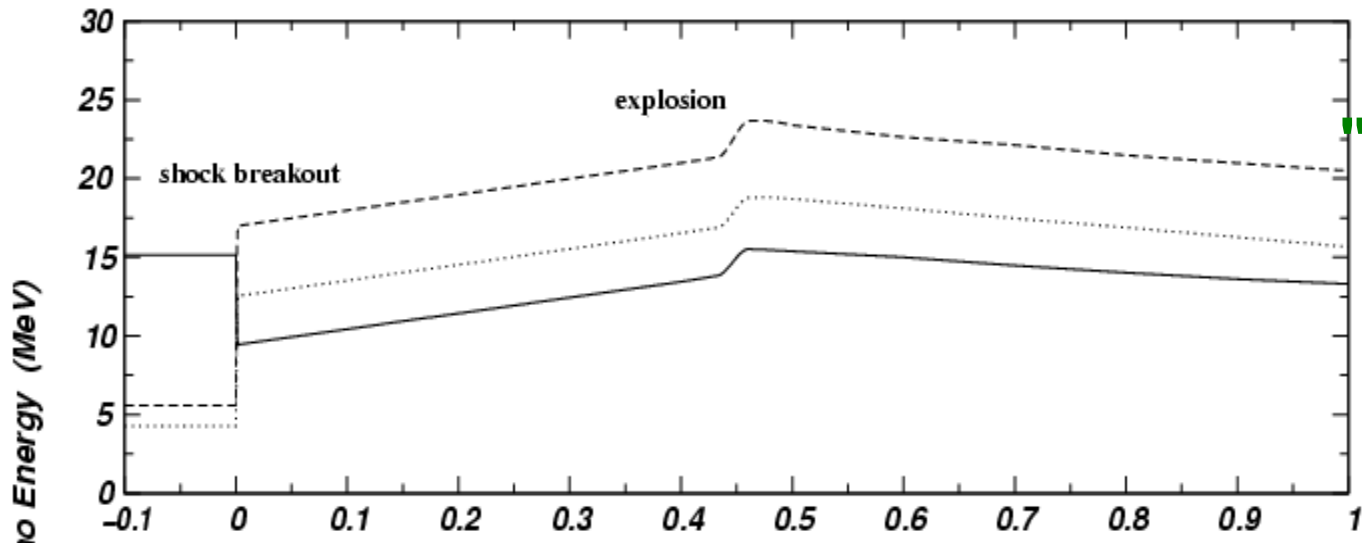
# $\nu$ transmission



- Details of  $\nu$  emission dominated by  $\nu$  opacity of proto-neutron star
- Energy transport all over again
  - All astrophysics seems to be just a fancy wrapper to encourage finding solutions to energy transport problems
- $\nu$  stopped via Charged or Neutral Current interactions (*Charged Current is stronger,  $m_{W^\pm} < m_{Z^0}$* )
  - All  $\nu$  see NC  $(\nu_e, \nu_\mu, \nu_\tau) \quad (\bar{\nu}_e, \bar{\nu}_\mu, \bar{\nu}_\tau)$
  - $\nu_e$  sees CC ( $n + \nu_e \rightarrow p^+ + e^-$ )
  - $\bar{\nu}_e$  can see CC, but protons rare ( $p^+ + \bar{\nu}_e \rightarrow n + e^+$ )
  - $E_\nu < m_\mu, m_\tau$ , so CC interactions not possible for  $\nu_\mu, \nu_\tau$

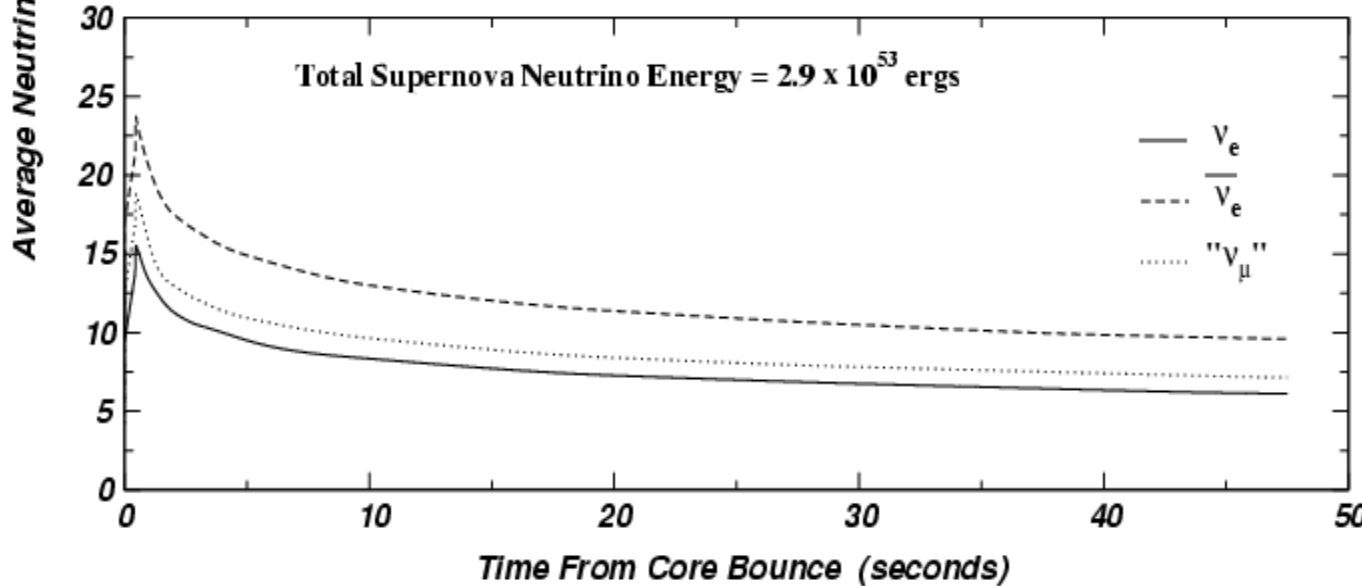


# $\nu$ spectra



$\nu_\mu$   
 $\bar{\nu}_e$   
 $\nu_e$

Transparent sooner, deeper in  $\nu$ -sphere,  $\Rightarrow$  hotter

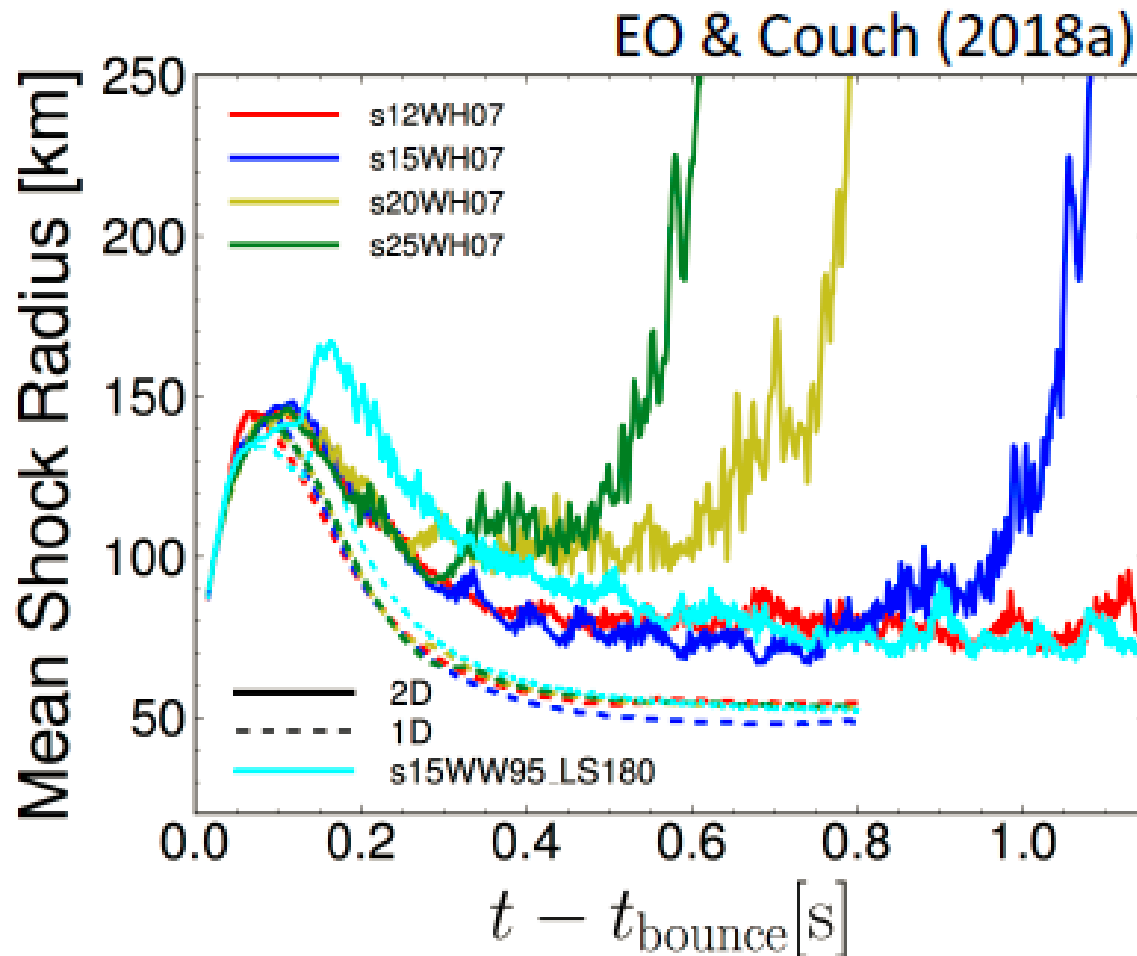


Energy decrease over long timescale (cooling)

Burrows et al.  
1992



# More details

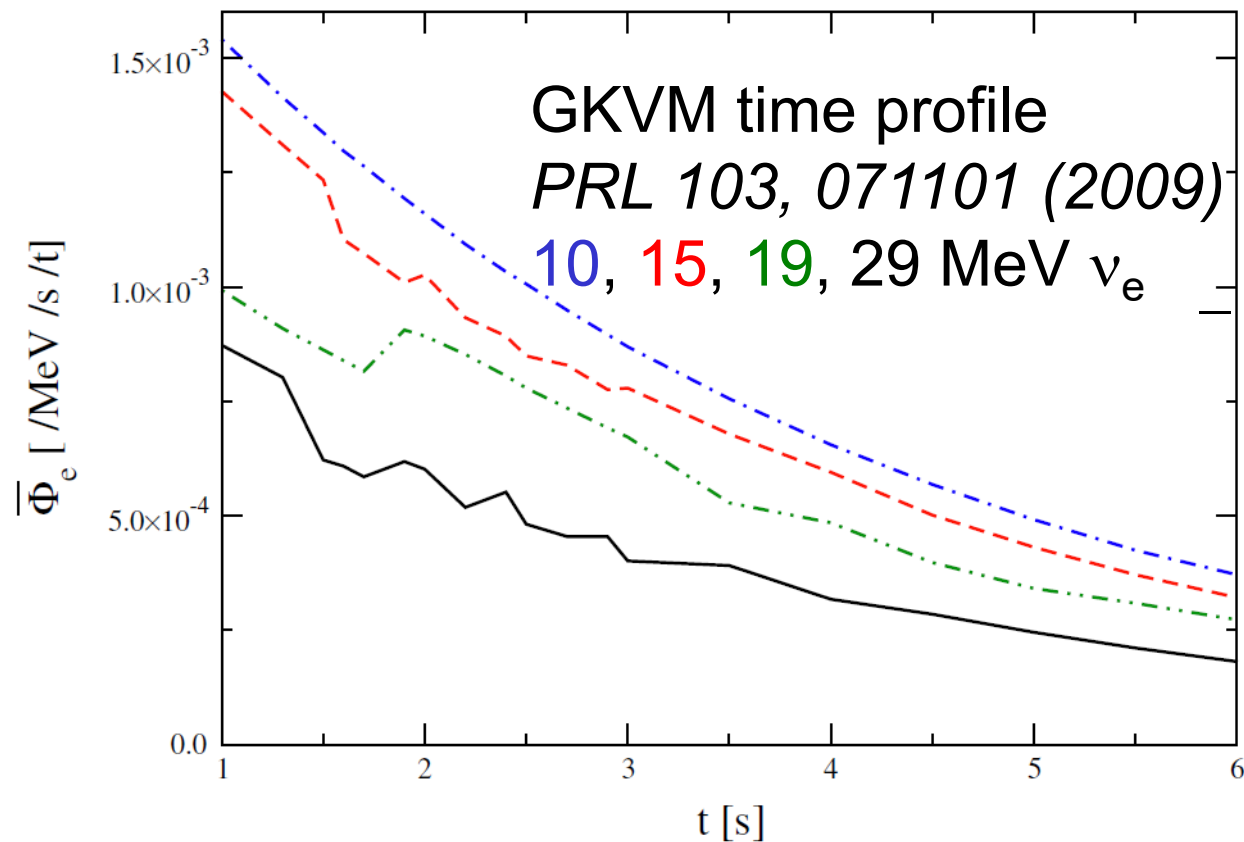


O'Connor & Couch  
(2018)

- 1D models reproduce luminosity well
- Newer models add GR, 3D, rotation, magneto-hydrodynamics, acoustics...
  - Same basic features
- Explosion seems driven by neutrino-induced convection and turbulence



# Time Profile



After the first second, it's an exponential cooling curve:  
the new neutron star is cooling via neutrino emission.  
Lasts out to  $\sim 100$  s unless a black hole forms

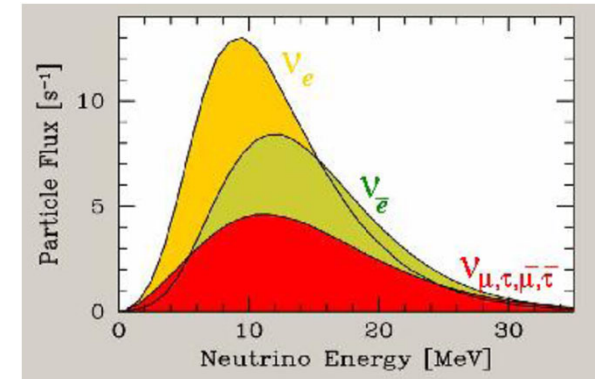




# Generalities



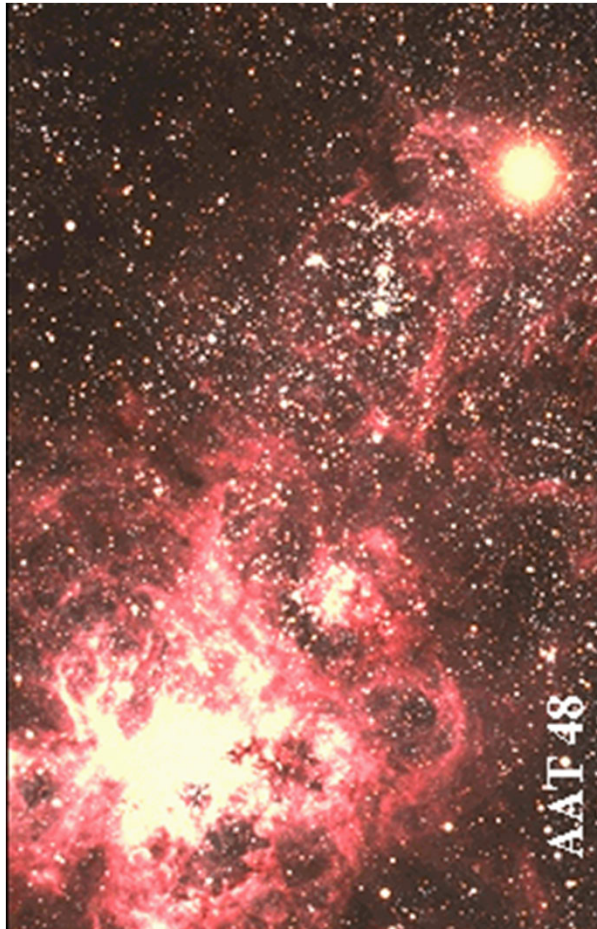
- Prompt  $\nu$  signal after core collapse
  - Lasts 10's of seconds
  - Abrupt cutoff could be black hole formation signal
- Roughly equal luminosity per flavor
- Initial energy hierarchy:
  - $\langle E_{\nu_e} \rangle \sim 12$  MeV
  - $\langle E_{\bar{\nu}_e} \rangle \sim 15$  MeV
  - $\langle E_{\nu_\mu} \rangle \sim 18$  MeV
  - But  $\nu$  oscillations will scramble this
    - And exactly how they do would be good probe of oscillation parameters, mass hierarchy, etc.
      - Spectral splitting, flavor swapping, collective effects, synchronized and/or bipolar oscillations
  - Sensitivity to flavors and  $\nu$  vs  $\bar{\nu}$  needed to study such effects



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# Experimentally Confirmed



- SN1987A
  - Type II
  - In LMC, ~55kpc
- Well studied due to proximity
  - Although a peculiar SN, blue giant progenitor, odd dim light curve
- And close enough so that  $1/r^2$  didn't crush the  $\nu$  signal
  - Seen in  $\nu$  detectors!
- A Gravity Powered Neutrino Bomb!

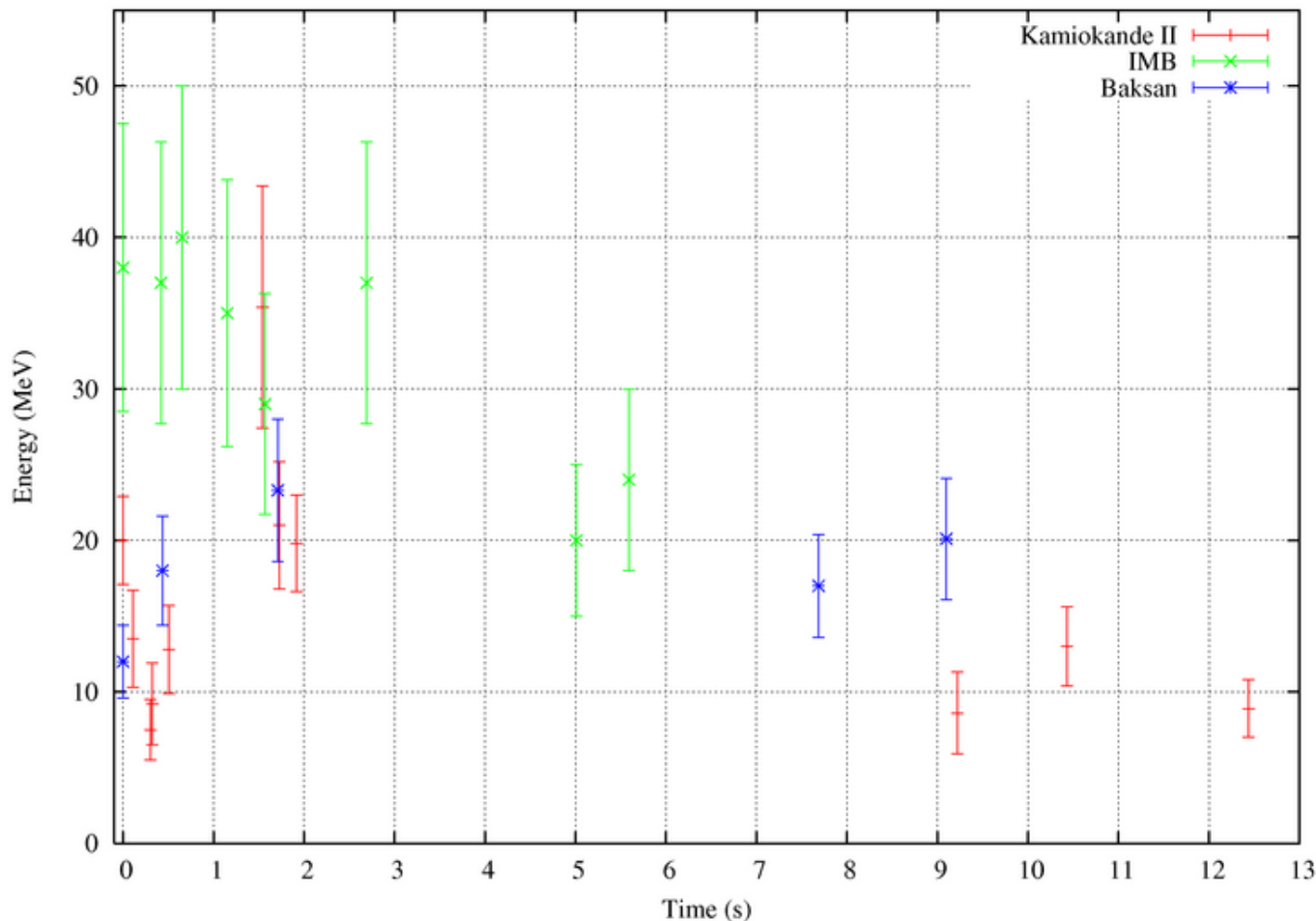


# SN1987A $\nu$ observations

Proton Decay experiments see:

Water Cherenkov

- **Kamiokande**
  - $E_{th} = 8.5 \text{ MeV}$
  - $M = 2.9 \text{ kt}$
  - Sees 11  $\nu$
- **IMB**
  - $E_{th} = 29 \text{ MeV}$
  - $M = 6 \text{ kt}$
  - Sees 8  $\nu$
- **Baksan**
  - $E_{th} = 10 \text{ MeV}$
  - $M = 130 \text{ t}$
  - Sees 3-5  $\nu$
- **Mont Blanc**
  - $E_{th} = 7 \text{ MeV}$
  - $M = 90 \text{ t}$
  - Sees 5  $\nu$  (??)



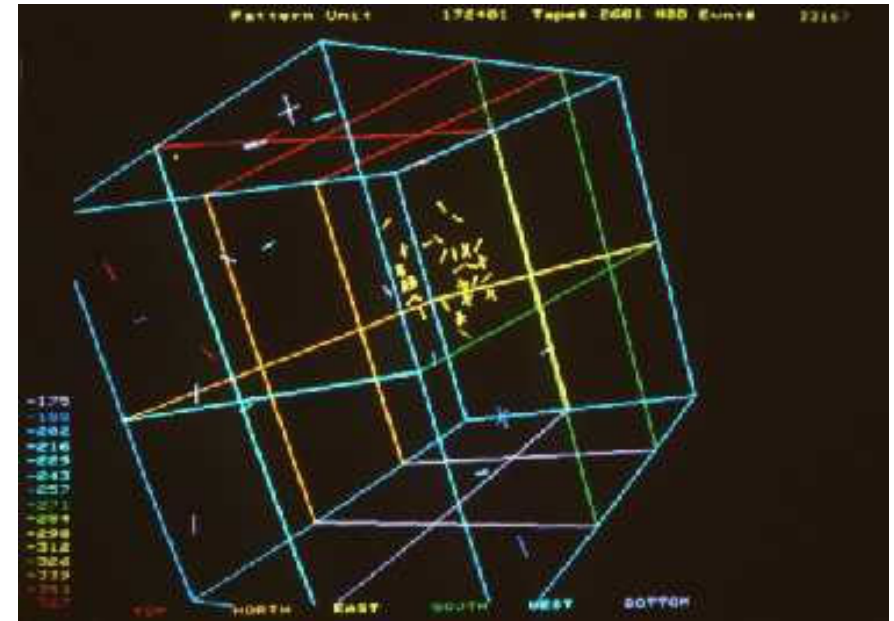
Liquid Scintillator



# Core Collapse Model Confirmed



- Take observed spectra, flux
- Project back to 55kpc
- Generalities of model confirmed!
  - ... given the low low statistics
- And time profile is about right too
- Signal also sets mass limit of  $m_{\nu_e} < 20\text{eV}$ 
  - No observed dispersion of  $\nu$  as a function of  $E_\nu$
- For a galactic SN happening tomorrow,
  - $R \sim 10$  kpc
  - Modern detectors,  $E_{\text{th}} \sim 5$  MeV,  $M \sim 10$ 's kt
    - 1000's of events would be seen



SN1987A  
 $\nu$  event  
seen in IMB



# Tomorrow?



- Humans haven't seen a galactic SN since Kepler (*which was a Ia*), why bother looking?

Method ( for CCSN)	Mean interval (yr) per galaxy
$^{26}\text{Al}$ Abundance	$1.9 \pm 1.1$
Neutron Star Birthrate	$7.2 \pm 2.7$
SNR Ages	$0.37 \pm 0.05$
Historical Rate (MW + Local Group)	0.66-2.04 (68%)

Overall?

$1.63 \pm 0.46$  per century!

Academically –  
one per career,  
if Monsieur Poisson  
cooperates

Latest estimates from Rozwadowska, Vissani, & Cappellaro,  
New. Astron. 83, 101498 (2020)

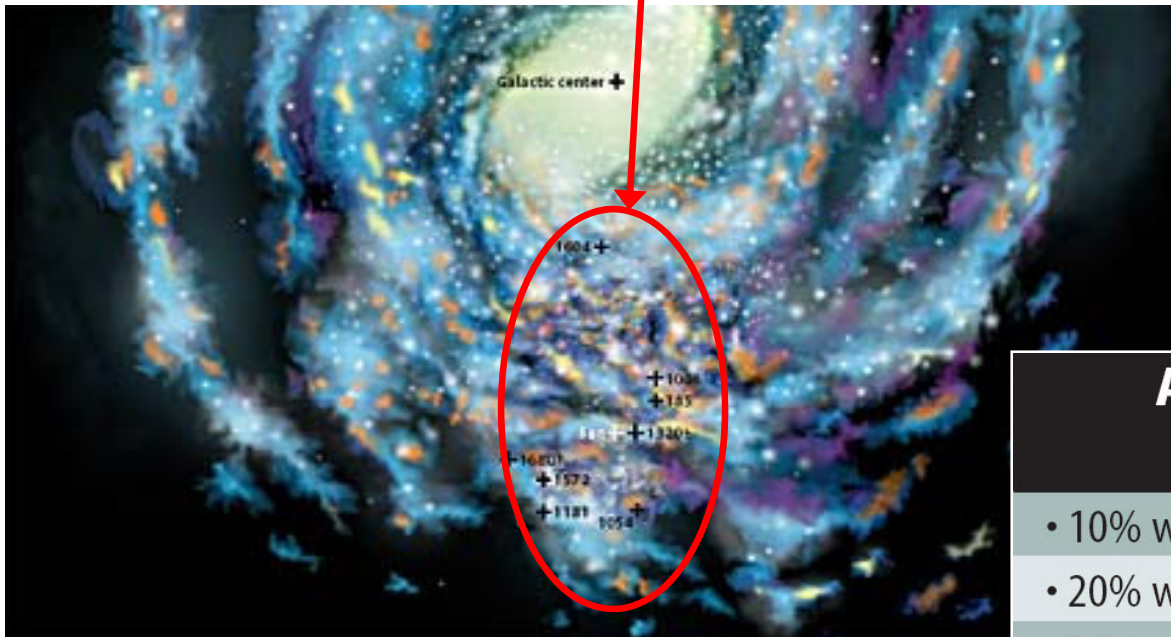




# Observational Efficiency



- Perhaps 1/6 would be easily seen optically



Historical SNe map from Sky & Telescope

## Apparent Brightnesses of Milky Way Supernovae

- 10% will peak brighter than magnitude  $-3$
- 20% will peak between magnitudes  $-3$  and  $+2$
- 20% will peak between magnitudes  $+2$  and  $+6$
- 20% will peak between magnitudes  $+6$  and  $+11$
- 30% will peak fainter than magnitude  $+11$

Only in the past decades have humans been able to “see” past galactic dust with  $\nu$ , IR, and radio

Progenitor:  
12–15 magnitudes fainter



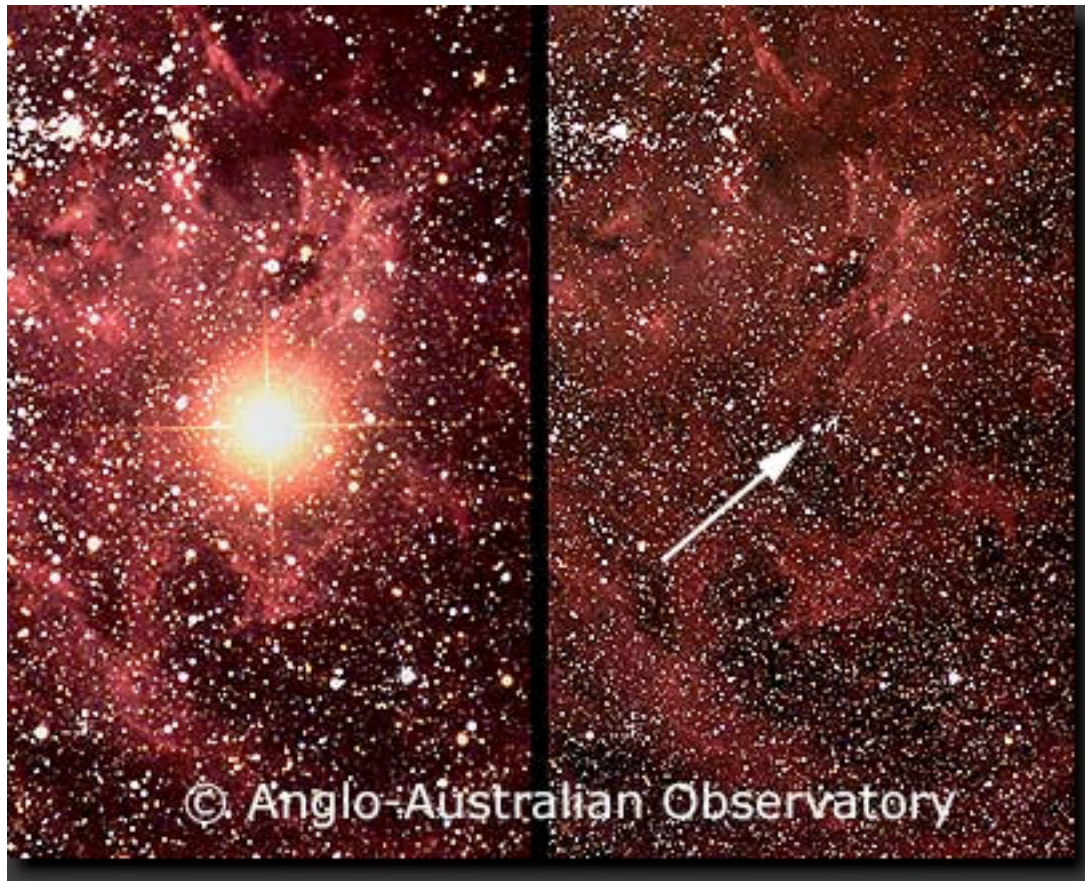
# Right, why bother?



- Is such a rare event worth expending brain cells on?
- Even a marginally nearby event (SN1987A) produced an amazing burst of progress on many fronts
  - Dozens of papers per  $\nu$  event seen
    - Something like an average of 1/week over almost 3 decades
- Imagine one even closer, with observations from  $t=0$  instead of hours, days, or weeks...
- $\nu$  density at origin so high that  $\nu$ - $\nu$  interactions and collective effects provide unique  $\nu$  lab!
- Also note: at a rate of 2/century and a galactic radius of 15kpc, that's hundreds of SN- $\nu$  wavefronts already on their way to us here on Earth!



# Small $\Delta t$ SN Observations



SN1987A

Blue Giant  
Sk -69 202

- Earliest observations (and non-observations) of SN1987a were fortuitous
  - ~hours before/after the actual event
  - Chance observations (*Shelton, Duhalde, Jones*)
  - Very careful observer records null-observations to constrain breakout time (*Jones*)
- Extragalactic SNe not so obvious
  - Typically days-weeks elapse before someone notices
- What goes on between these pictures?





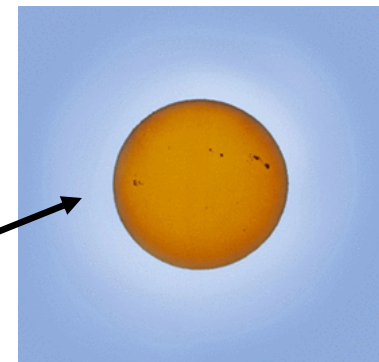
# Advance Warning



- Observations from  $t=0$ ?
  - Sure. Or very nearly so, certainly better than the serendipitous  $\sim$ hours of SN1987A, and far closer than the  $\sim$ days which is the best we can get on an extragalactic SN

- How?

- $\nu$ 's exit the SN promptly
- But stars are opaque to photons
- EM radiation is not released till the shock wave breaks out through the photosphere – a shock wave travel time over a stellar radius
- $\sim$ hour for compact blue progenitors,  $\sim$ 10 hours for distended red supergiants





# The Scheme



- Now that we know we can see SN  $\nu$ , how to do it differently the next time?
  - (*caveat – nearby only, from Milky Way and environs*)
- “Luck” = Opportunity x Preparation
  - Neutrinos are emitted promptly upon core collapse
  - Produce obvious signal in today’s detectors, most have automated analysis chain to trigger on SN  $\nu$
  - Instant information transfer now commonplace
  - A galactic SN would be close enough we’d really want to have very good observations starting at  $t=0$ 
    - *ie*, we’d have a prayer of *noticing* whatever cool things happen at or shortly after breakout
- So let’s trigger photon-based observations of the next galactic SN using the neutrino pulse





# Is This Practical?



- The neutrino experiments must be able to:
  - Identify a SN  $\nu$  signal
  - Confirm it's not noise
  - Get the word out
  - Figure out where people should be pointing
  - All in an hour
- Note that the GCN/Bacodine network does this in seconds for GRB's
  - Although they have a specialized circumstance and a lot of practice
- LIGO/VIRGO now doing a similar job with GWs



# Our Telescopes



- Photons should be the easy stuff to work with...
- SN  $\nu$  detectors need:
  - Mass ( $\sim 100$  events/kton)
  - Background rate  $\ll$  signal rate
- Bonus items:
  - Timing
  - Energy resolution
  - Pointing
  - Flavor sensitivity



# Basic Types



- Scintillator ( $C_nH_{2n}$ )
- Imaging Water Cherenkov ( $H_2O$ )
- Heavy Water Cherenkov ( $D_2O$ )
- Long String Water Cherenkov ( $H_2O$ )
- Nobel Liquids (Ar, Xe)
- High Z (Fe, Pb)
- Gravitational waves
  - Well, not neutrinos, but gravitons would also provide a prompt SN signal if SN was asymmetric



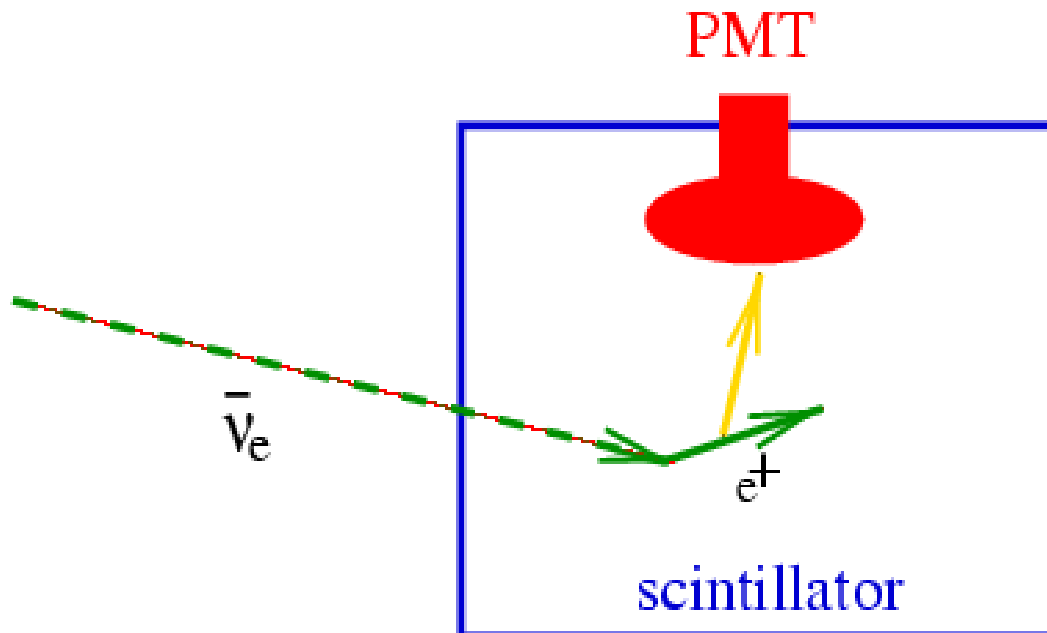
# Scintillator



- Volume of hydrocarbons (usually liquid) laced with scintillation compound observed by phototubes
  - Mostly inv.  $\beta$  decay (CC):  $\bar{\nu}_e + p^+ \rightarrow e^+ + n$
  - ~5%  $^{12}\text{C}$  excitation (NC):  $\nu_x + ^{12}\text{C} \rightarrow \nu_x + ^{12}\text{C}^*$
  - ~1% elastic scattering (NC+CC):  $\nu_x + e^- \rightarrow \nu_x + e^-$
  - Low E proton scattering (NC):  $\nu_x + p^+ \rightarrow \nu_x + p^+$

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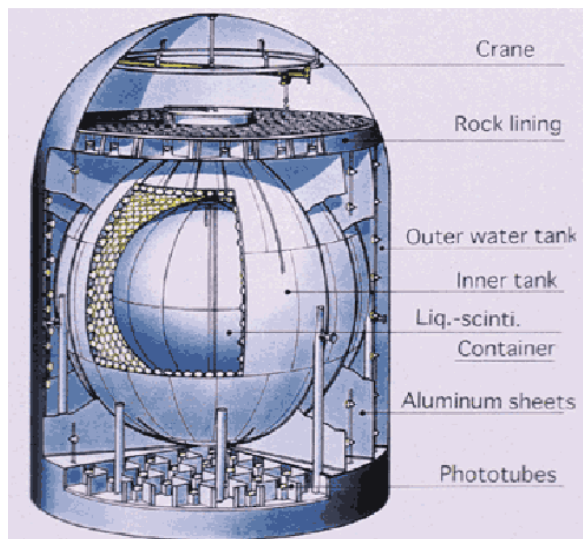
Little pointing capability



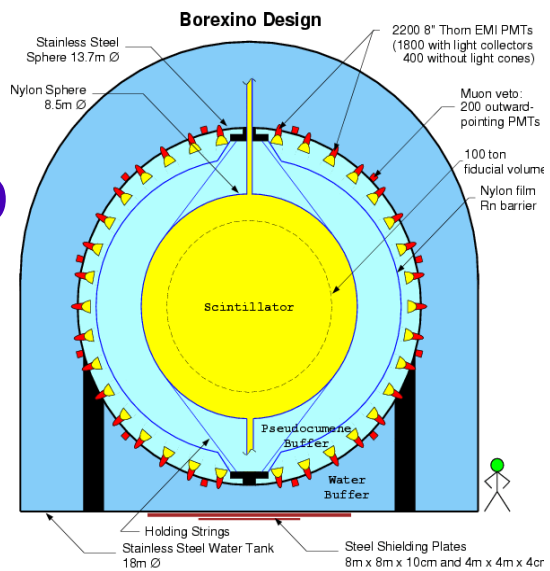
Mont Blanc, Baksan, MACRO,  
LVD, Borexino, KamLAND,  
MiniBooNE, DoubleCHOOZ,  
Daya Bay, SNO+, NO $\nu$ A, JUNO



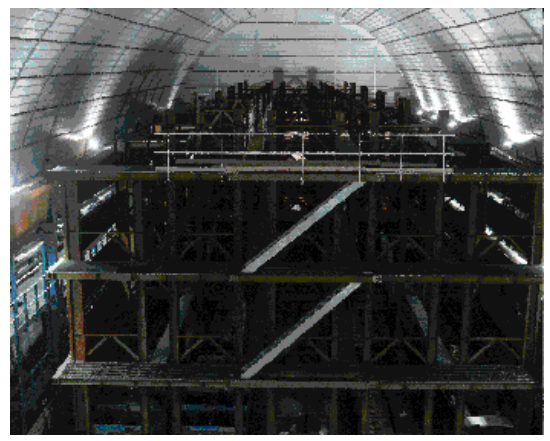
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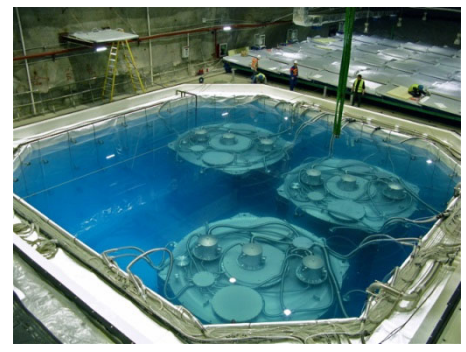
**KamLAND**  
(Japan)  
1 kton  
 $\sim 300 \bar{\nu}_e$   
at 8.5 kpc



**Borexino**  
(Italy)  
0.3 kton  
 $\sim 100 \bar{\nu}_e$



**LVD** (Italy)  
1 kton  
 $\sim 200 \bar{\nu}_e$



**Daya Bay**  
(China)  
8x {20ton w/ Gd  
+ 22ton plain scint}  
 $\sim 100 \bar{\nu}_e$

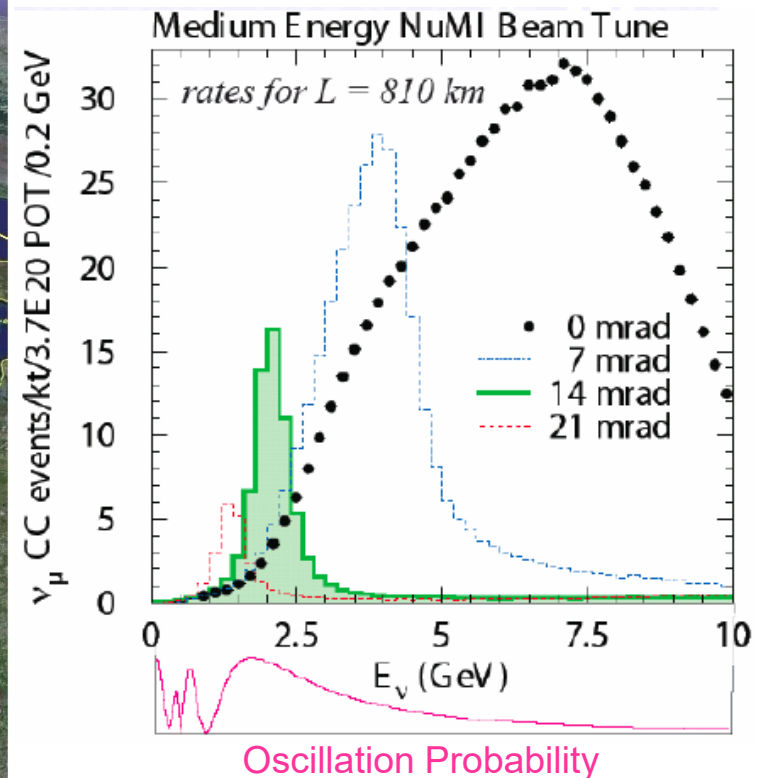
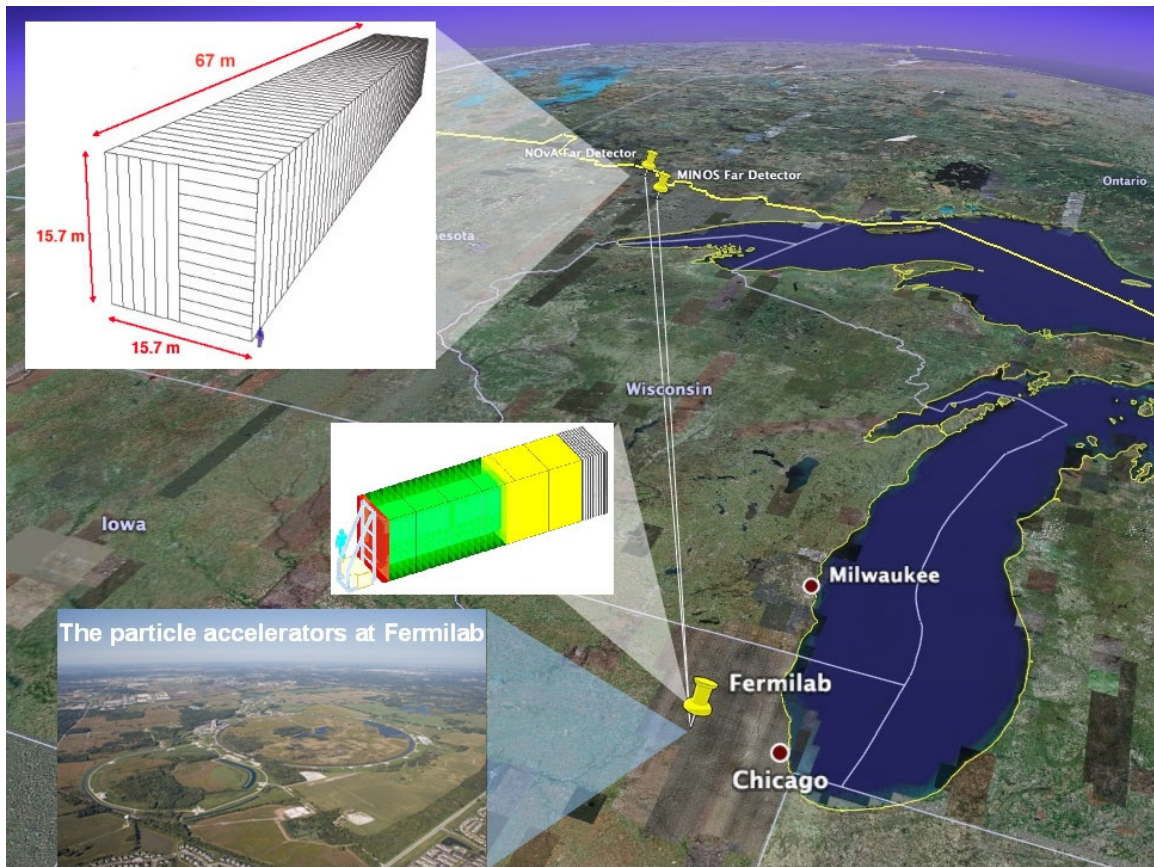




# The NOvA Experiment



- 810 km from Fermilab, 14 mrad off-axis gets a beam which is tight in energy but low in intensity

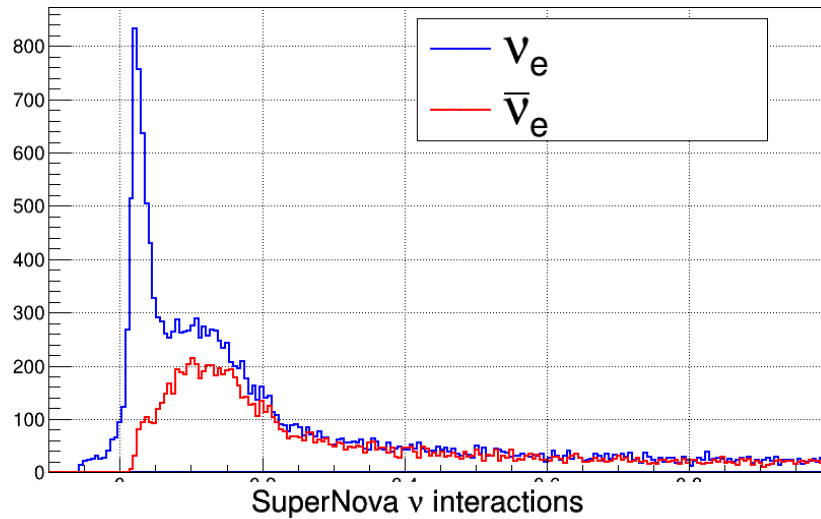




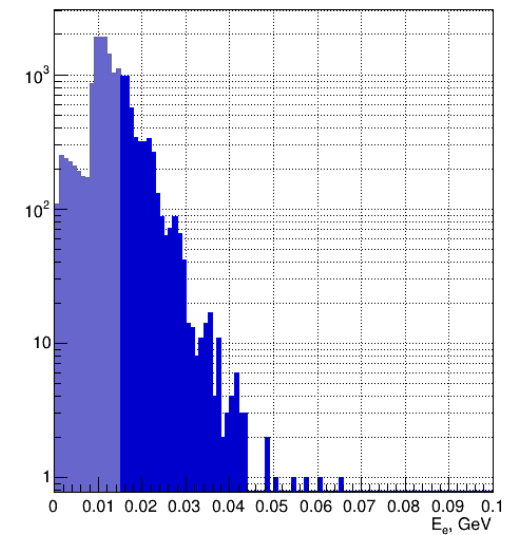
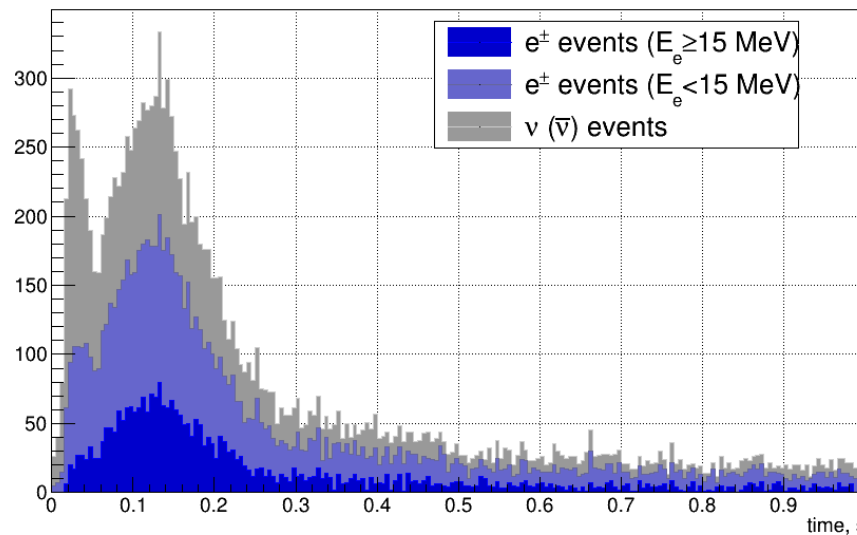
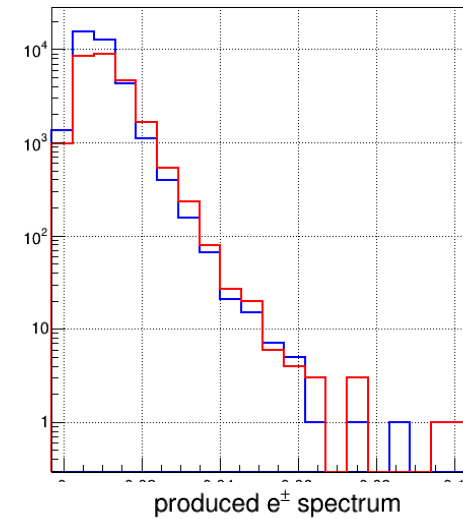
# $\sim 4000$ anti- $\nu_e$ in NOvA



Supernova  $\nu$  flux

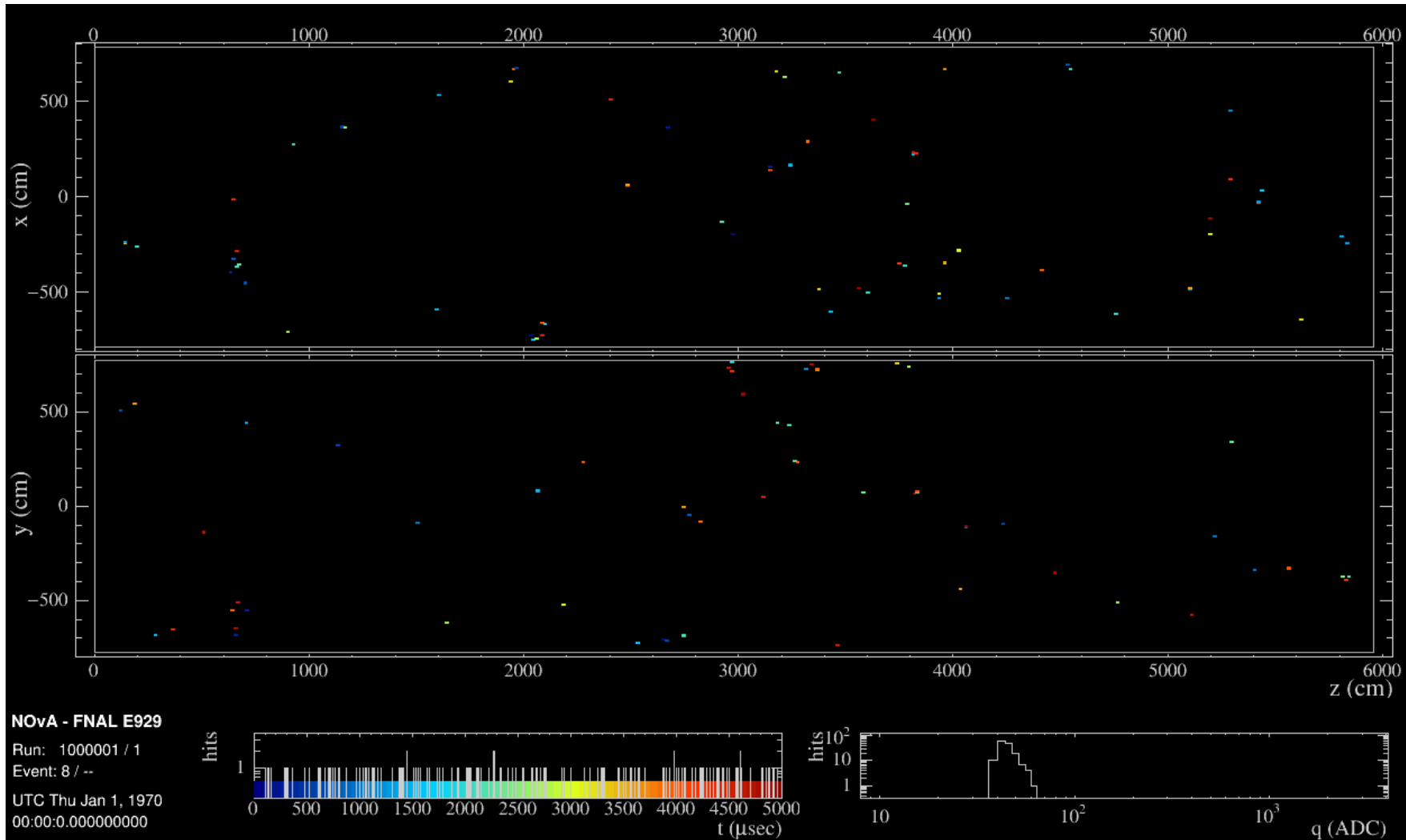


Supernova  $\nu$  spectrum





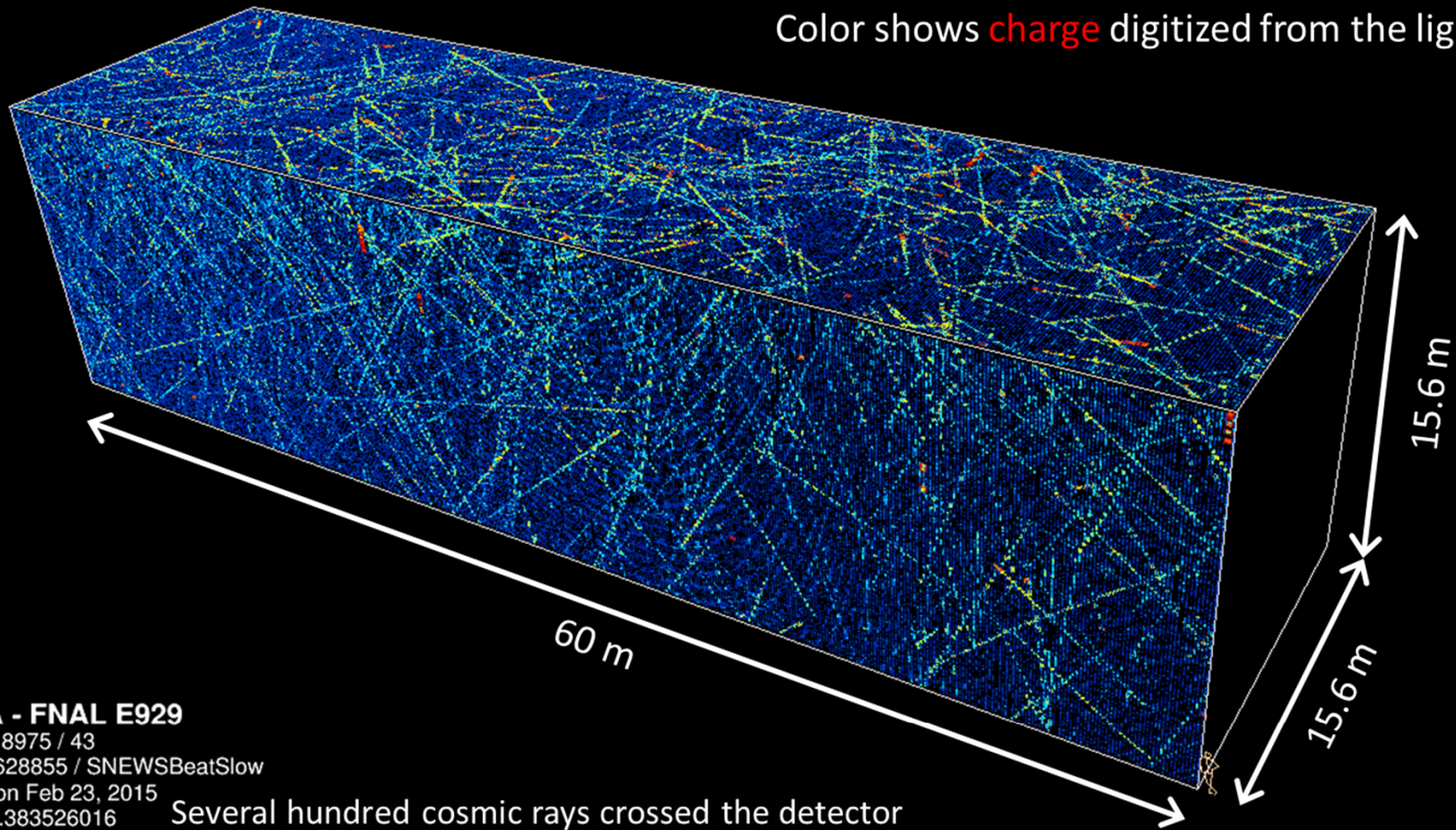
# A 5ms block of only SN $\nu$ data





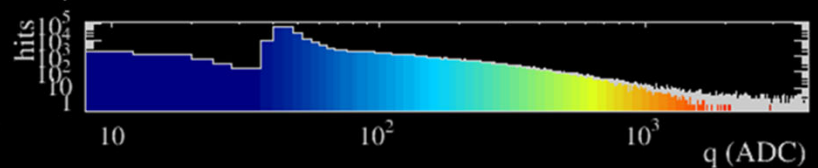
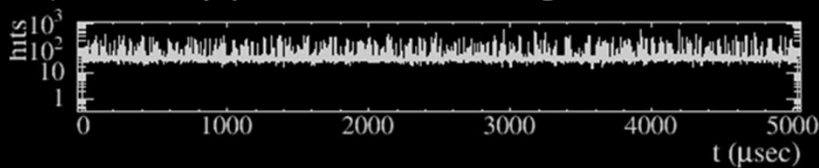
Data from SNEWS test trigger  
5ms of a seconds-long trigger

5ms of data at the NOvA Far Detector  
Each pixel is one hit cell  
Color shows **charge** digitized from the light



**NOvA - FNAL E929**  
Run: 18975 / 43  
Event: 628855 / SNEWSBeatSlow  
UTC Mon Feb 23, 2015  
14:30:1.383526016

Several hundred cosmic rays crossed the detector  
(the many peaks in the timing distribution below)



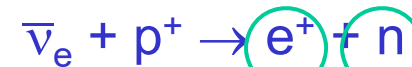


# Water Cherenkov



- H<sub>2</sub>O viewed with phototubes, Cherenkov radiation observed

– Mostly inv.  $\beta$  decay (CC):



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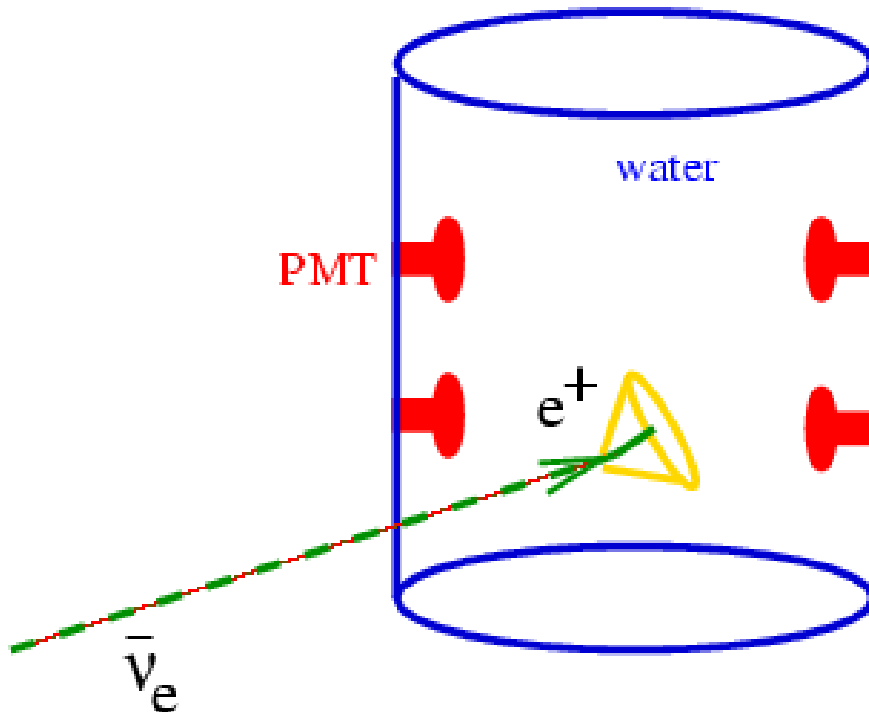
– ~% elastic scattering (NC+CC):



– <sup>16</sup>O excitation (NC):



– <sup>16</sup>O CC channels:  $\nu_e + {}^{16}\text{O} \rightarrow {}^{16}\text{F} + e^-$ ;  $\bar{\nu}_e + {}^{16}\text{O} \rightarrow {}^{16}\text{N} + e^+$



Pointing!

$$\delta\theta \sim \frac{25^\circ}{\sqrt{n}}$$

IMB, Kamiokande,  
Super-K,  
outer part of SNO,  
Hyper-K



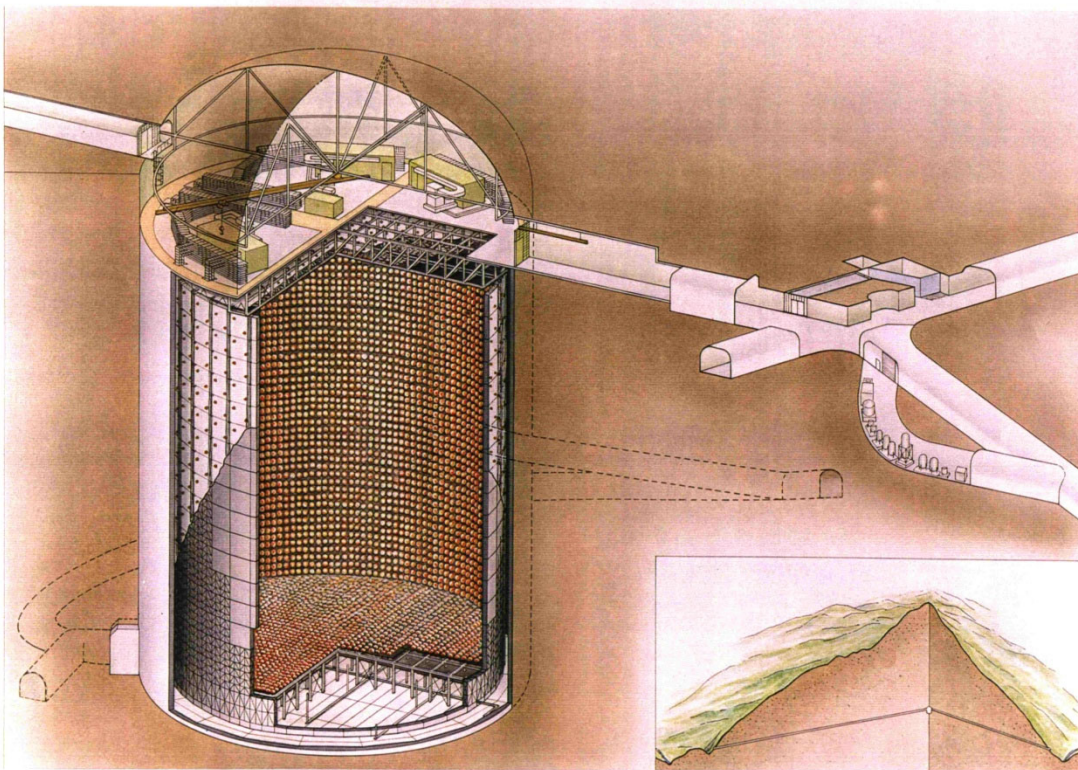


# Imaging Water Cherenkov



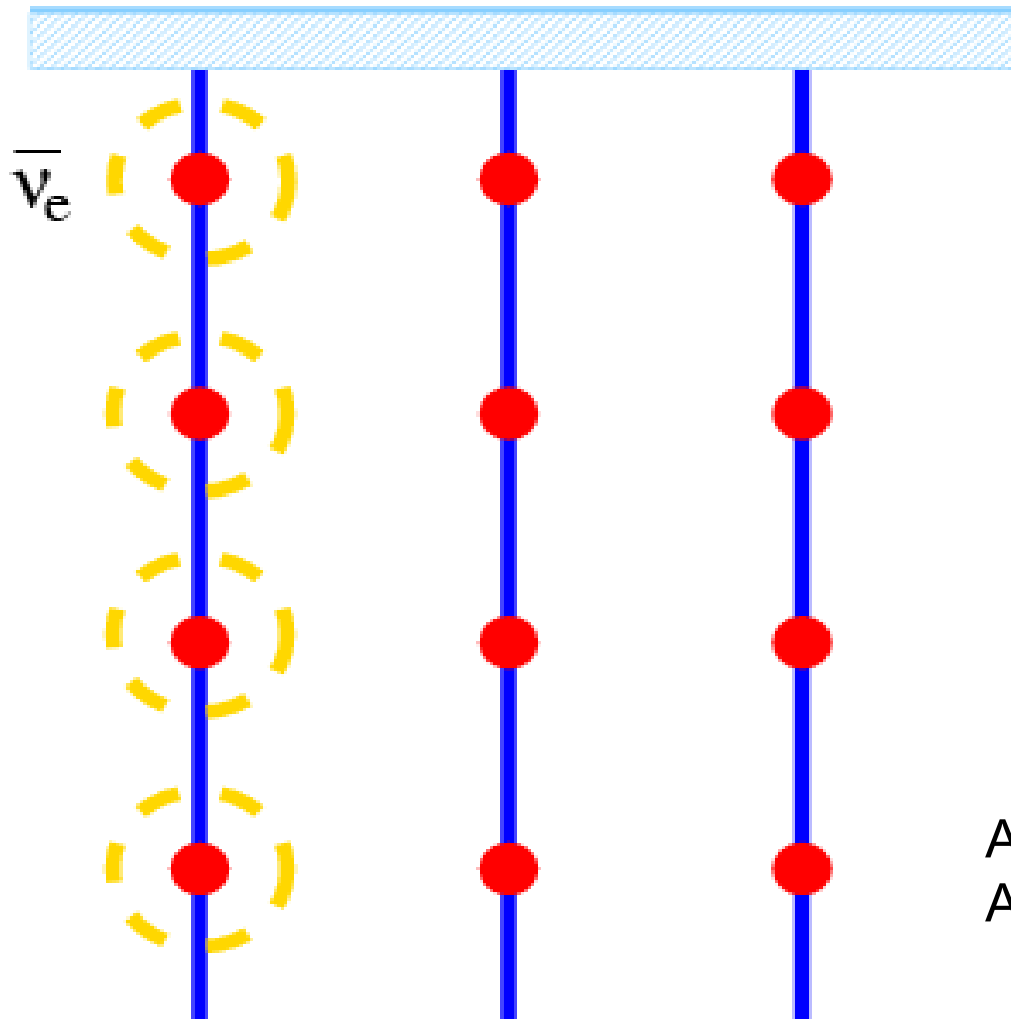
Super-Kamiokande (Japan) 50kton

- Events expected for SN@8.5 kpc > 5MeV
  - Inv  $\beta$  decay: 7000
  - $^{16}\text{O}$  excitation: 300
  - $^{16}\text{O}$  CC channels: 110
  - elastic scattering: 200
    - $4^\circ$  pointing





# Long String Water Cherenkov

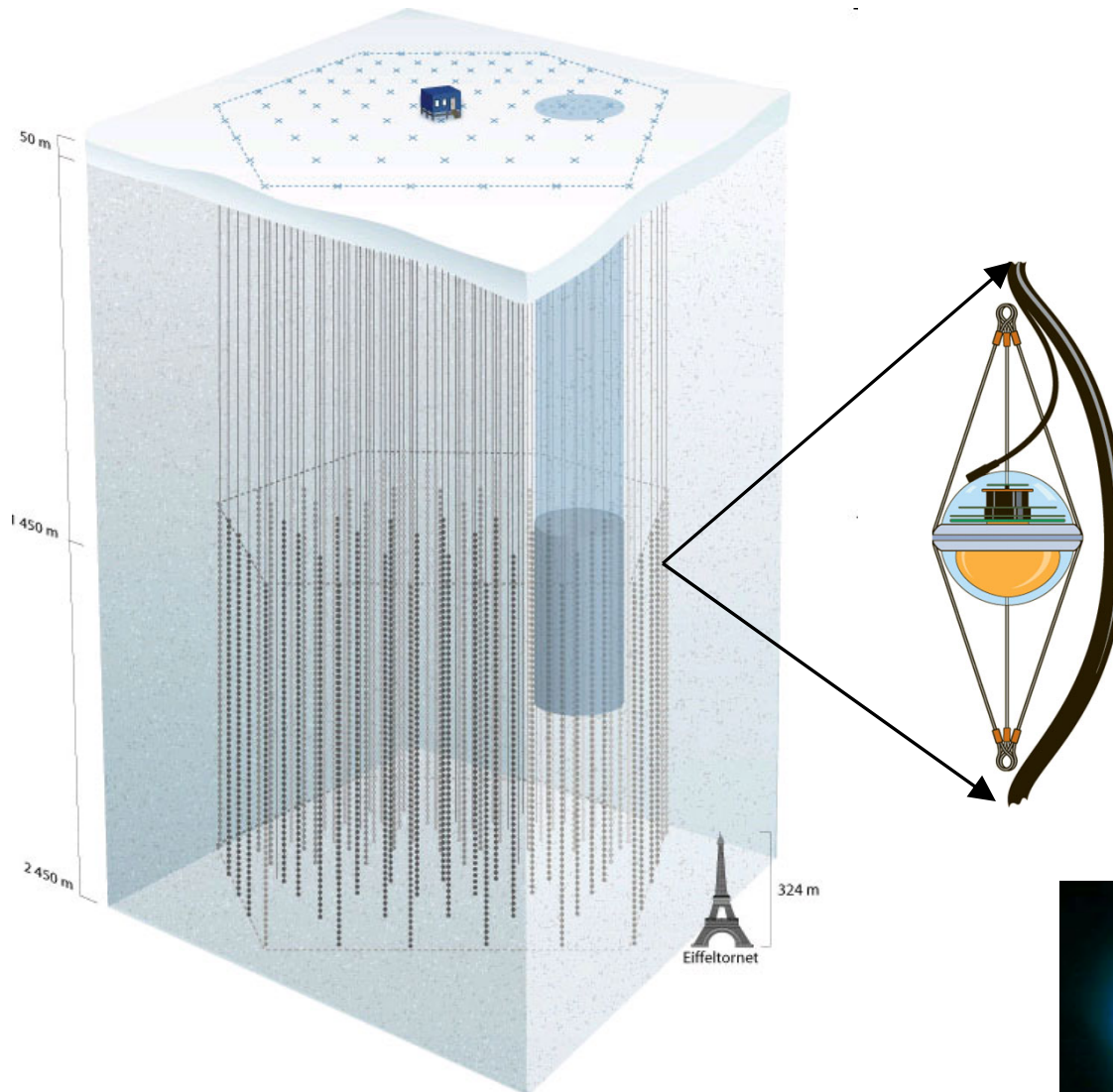


- Dangle PMT's on long ( $\sim$ km) strings in clear ice or water
- High-E  $\nu$  telescopes with  $E_{th} \sim 100$  GeV
- But singles rates around PMT's raised by SNe  $\bar{\nu}_e$ 
  - $M_{eff} = 0.4\text{kton/PMT}$

AMANDA, Ice Cube, Baikal, Antares, KM3Net



# Long String Ice Cherenkov



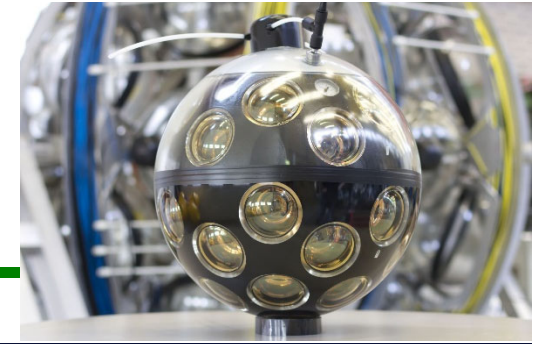
- Ice-based expts. have low background rate
  - Sea based have  $^{40}\text{K}$ , squid, etc: harder, but KM3net can do it!
- $16\sigma$  S/N @8.5kpc (IceCube)
  - But little  $\nu$  by  $\nu$  info such as energy
- AMANDA:
  - Special SN trigger was operational till experiment was retired



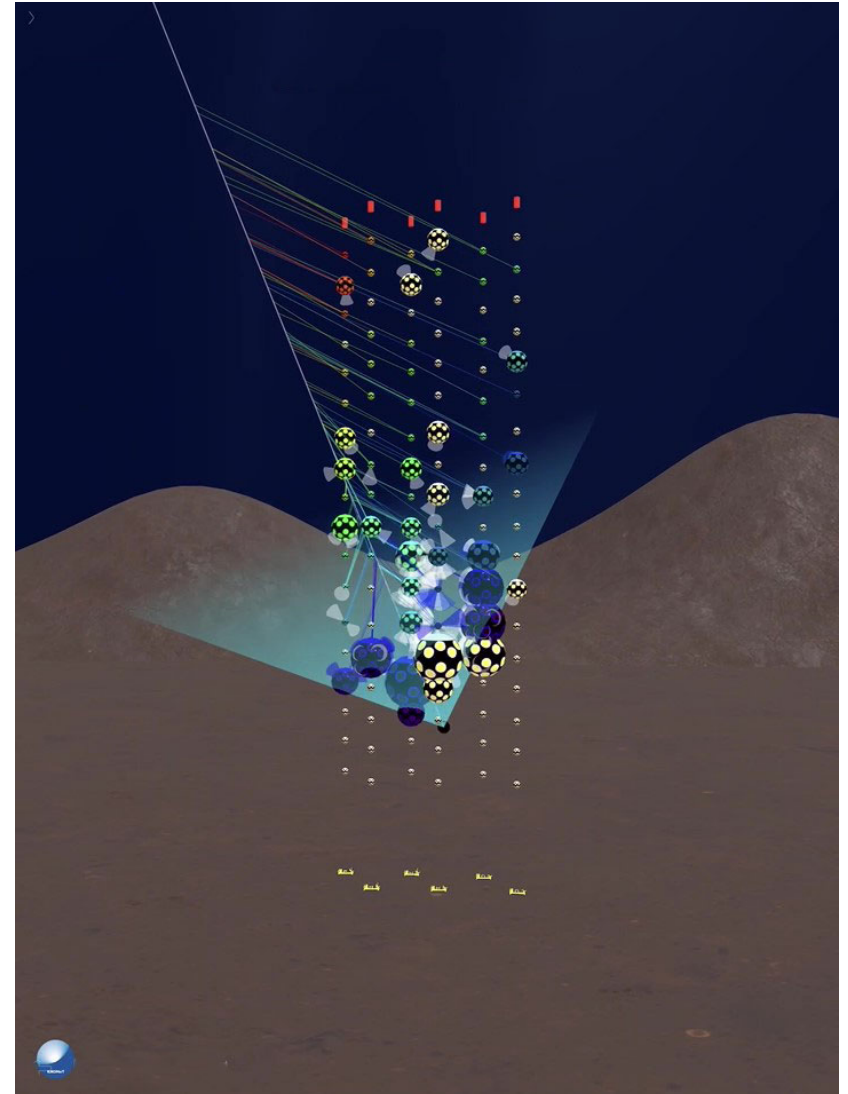




# KM3NeT



- Strings of DOMs deployed at two deep sites in the Mediterranean
  - Background reduced by using coincidences between individual PMTs in a DOM
  - SN- $\nu$  make experiment-wide rise in localized light, will be sensitive to whole galaxy,  $\sim$ ms time of SN start

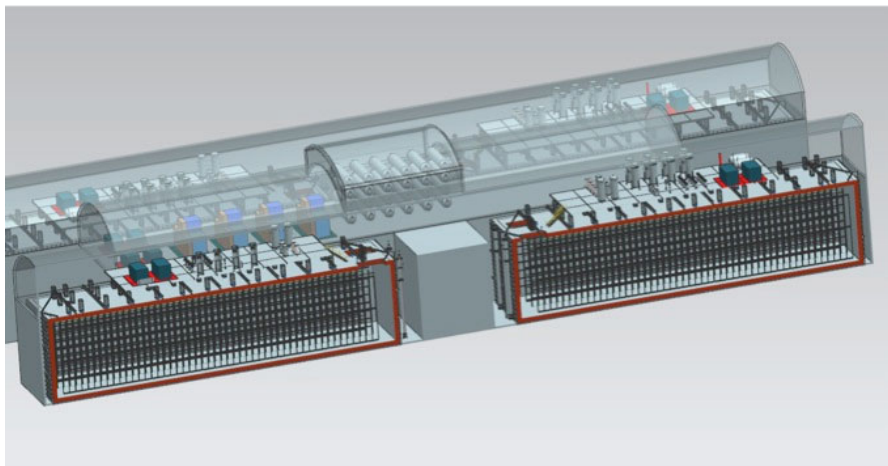




# Nobel Liquids



- 4 staged 10 kt LArTPC modules at Homestake



Start with 2 10kt Single-phase modules, one horizontal drift (ala ICARUS), one new vertical drift design

Gaining experience with LARIAT, MicroBoone, CAPTAIN, SBND at FNAL

- ... also: Dark Matter detectors are now so huge they can see  $SN_{\nu}$ , coherent scattering amplifies x-sec
  - ~10 events over no background for Xenon1T







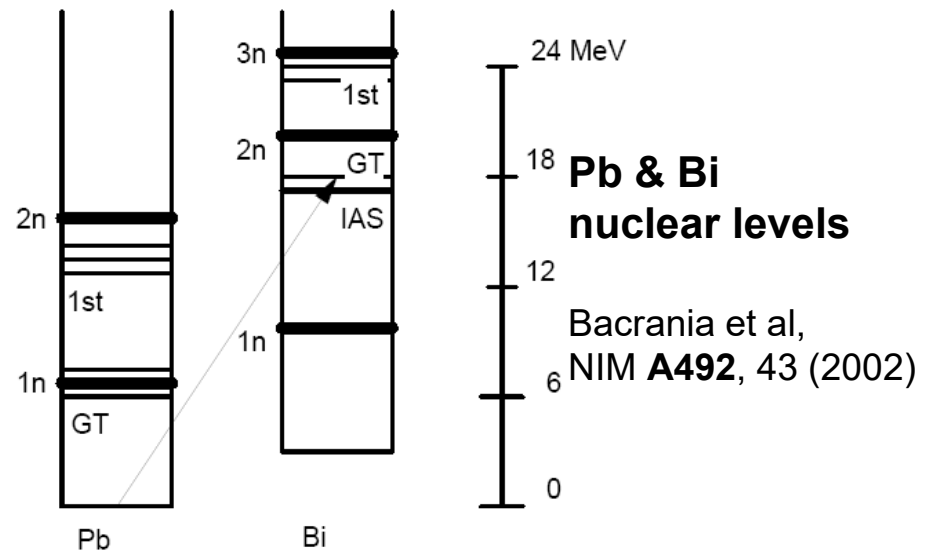
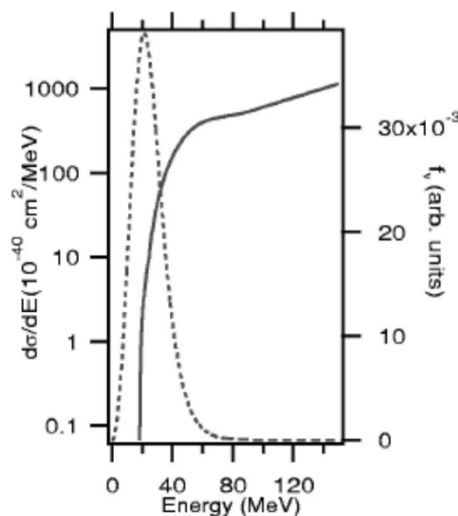
# SNe $\nu_e$ and Lead



- Pb's neutron excess Pauli-blocks the usual SN  $\nu$  detection channel of:
  - $\bar{\nu}_e + p^+ \rightarrow e^+ + n$
  - allowing:  $\nu_e + n \rightarrow e^- + p^+$
- An 18 MeV  $\nu_e$  will result in an excited Bi nucleus with high cross-section due to the Gamow-Teller giant resonance
  - Bi emits thermal neutrons, to which the surrounding Pb is fairly transparent
- So: instrument a big pile of lead with neutron counters, watch for SN-sized burst of neutrons

## Pb $\sigma$ & SN $\nu_e$ flux

S. Elliot,  
Phys. Rev. C **62**,  
065802 (2000)



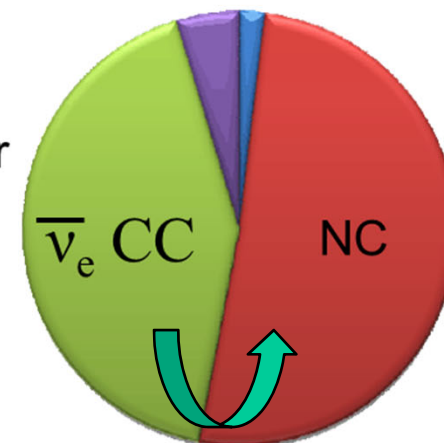


# Flavor Sensitivities

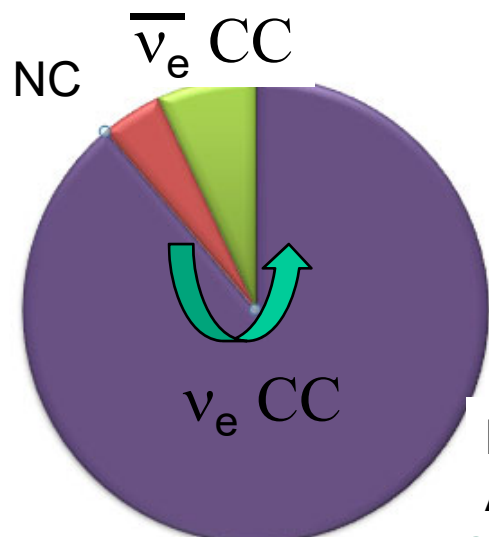


Water Cherenkov (w/o Gd)

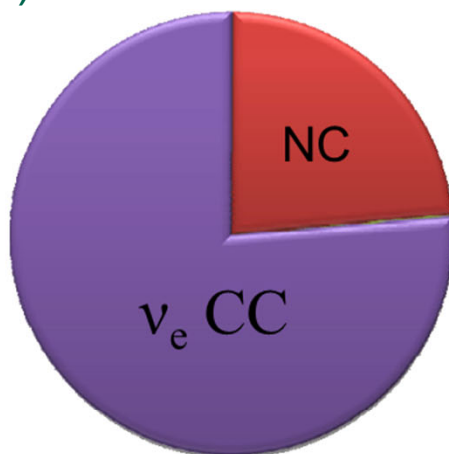
Liquid Scintillator



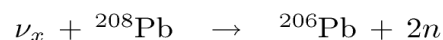
Strong threshold dependence



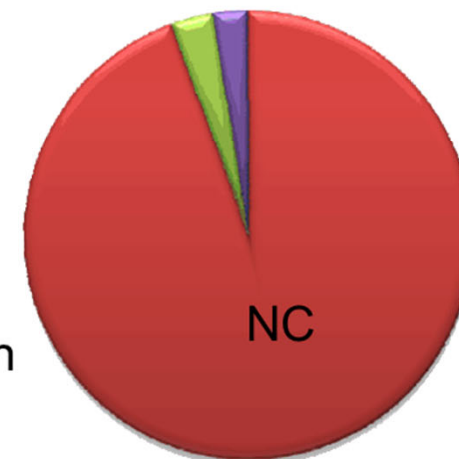
Low thresholds see NC coherent scattering



Lead

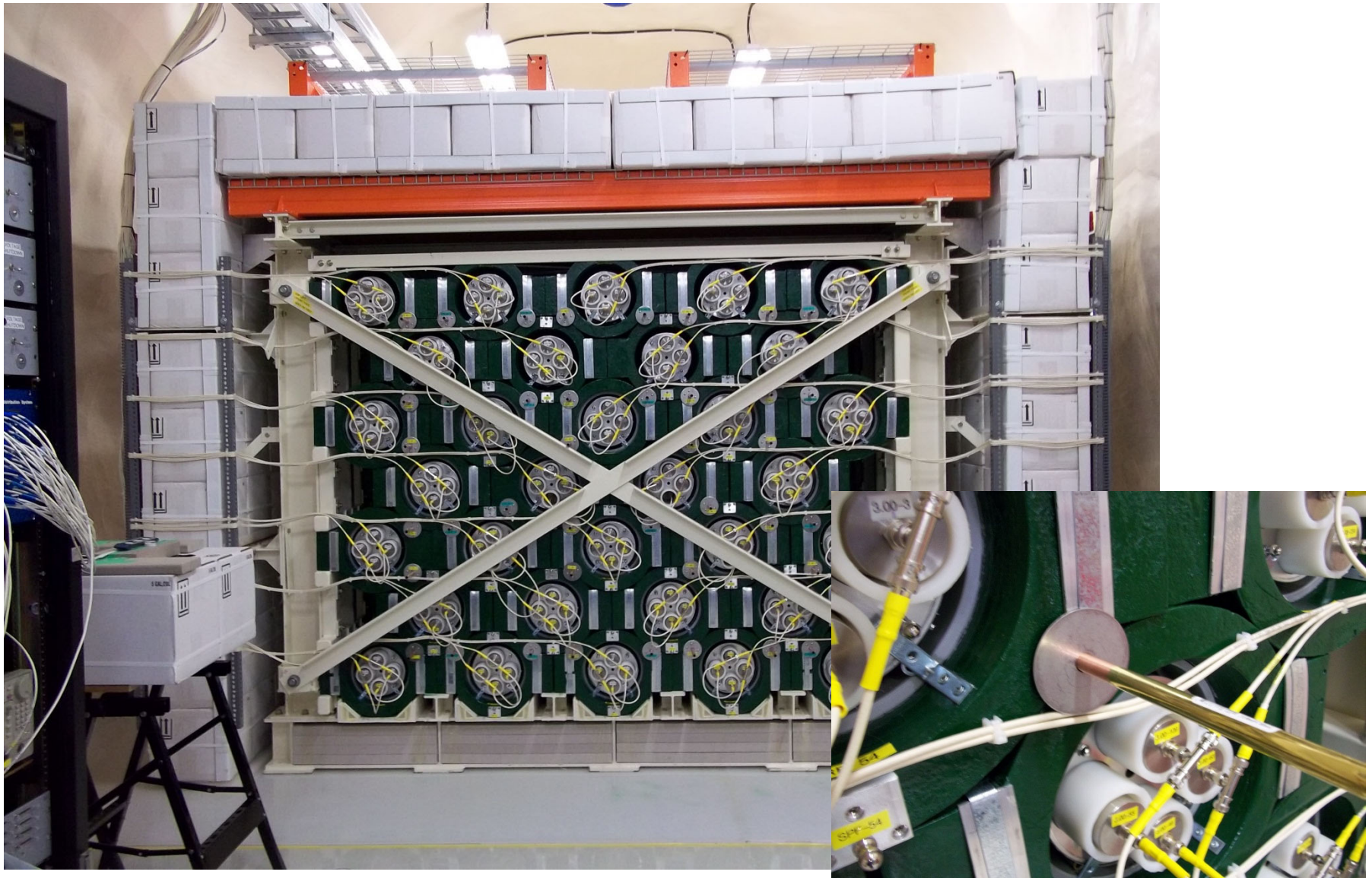


Iron





# HALO

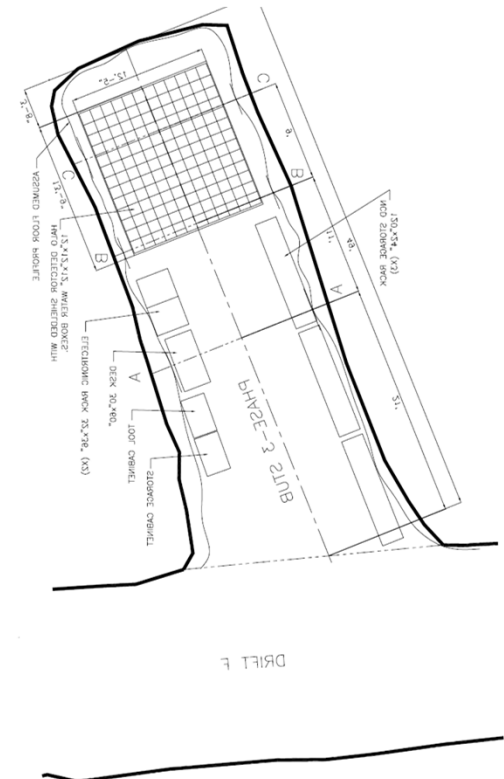
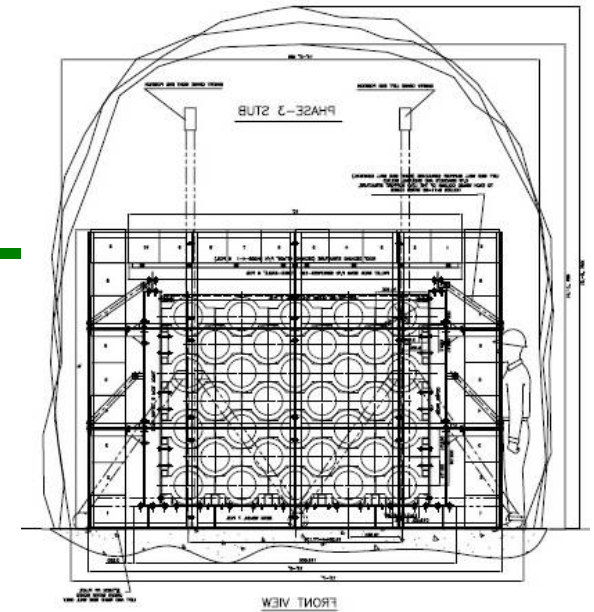
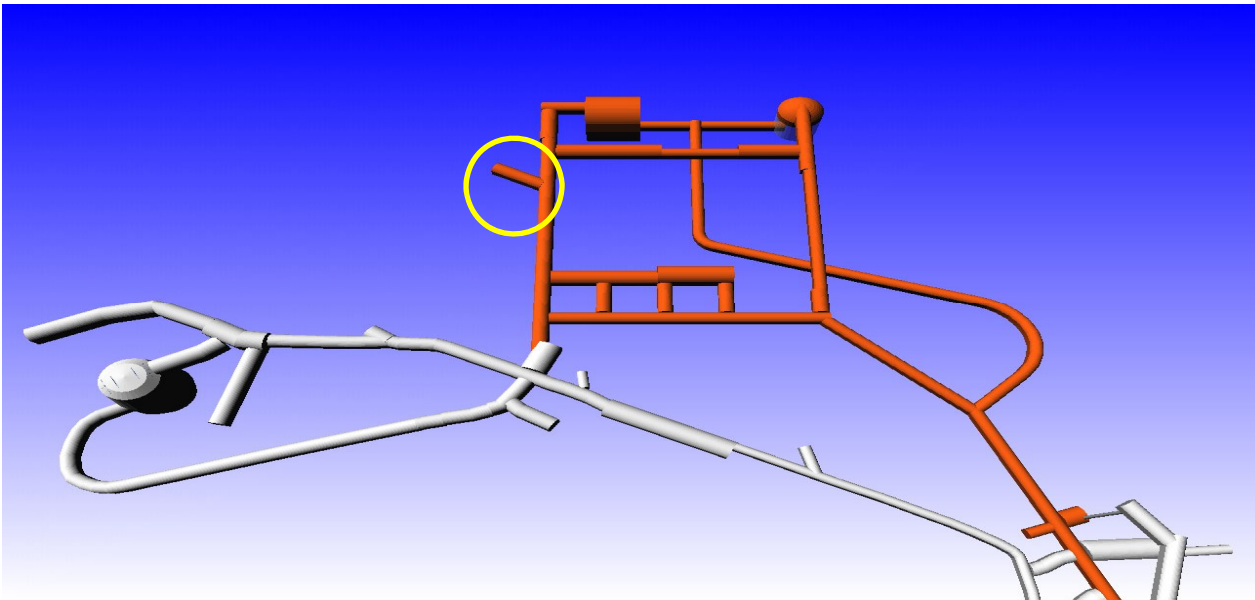






# HALO

- Helium And Lead Observatory
- Funding from NSERC & NSF
- Installed in SNOLAB's Phase 3 drift stub
  - Significant scientific and technical support from SNOLAB





# Low background



- With given signal, trigger on 6 neutrons in 2 seconds provides sensitivity to a SN @20kpc
- 150 mHz total BG rate triggers this ~monthly
  - Target “false” rate for SNEWS inclusion
  - Now 15 mHz after shielding completion!
    - That’s ~1 neutron/minute
  - Graphite would add factor of 2 more reduction
- Bulk  $\alpha$  contamination in NCD’s Ni tubes adds  $22\pm 1$  detected neutrons/day (negligible)





# HALO 1kt



- HALO is small, rate is low...
  - Can we do it bigger?
  - No one's going to give us 10's of millions of dollars for a dedicated SN experiment
- OPERA decommissioning at LNGS is leaving behind a kiloton of lead, already at depth
  - In thin (0.1cm) sheets, 10.3cm X 12.8 cm, with 56 sheets per emulsion brick
  - 1 kiloton =  $10^6$  kg = 119,446 OPERA bricks, or 6.69 million sheets
  - Would be a cube 4.45m on a side
  - More than an order of magnitude more neutrons per SN
- In the design phase



# Why a Network?



- SNEWS
  - Supernova Early Warning System
- Any single experiment has many sources of noise and few SNe
  - Flashing PMTs, light leaks, Electronic noise, Spallation, Coincident radioactivity
- Most can be eliminated by human examination
  - Takes about an hour: same as the headstart neutrinos have over photons
  - No experiment would want to make an automated SN announcement alone
- None will simultaneously occur in some other experiment
  - But neutrinos from a real SN will



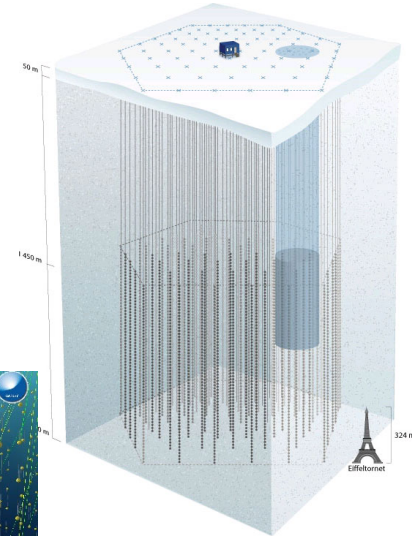
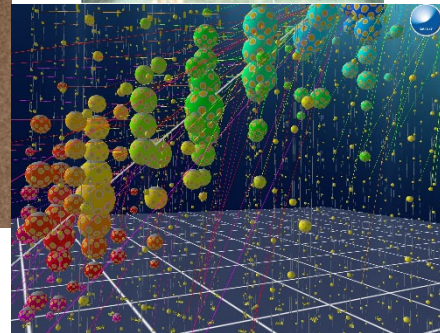
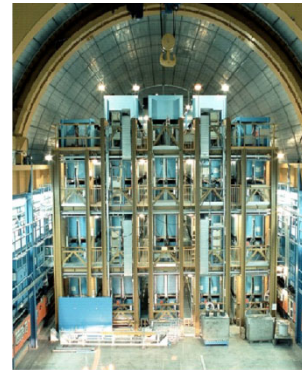
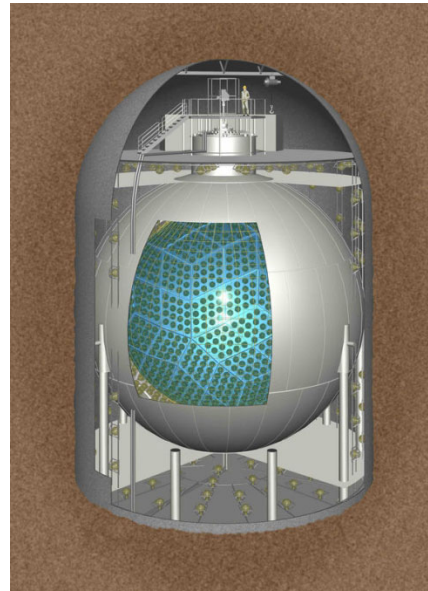


# The Experiments



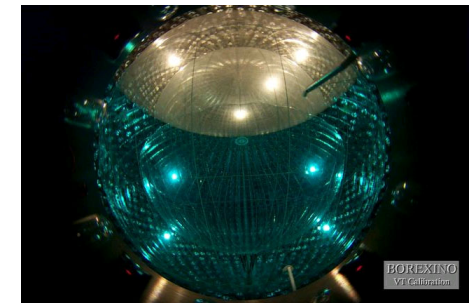
- Currently:

- Super-K
- LVD
- IceCube
- Borexino
- KM3NeT
- Kamland
- HALO



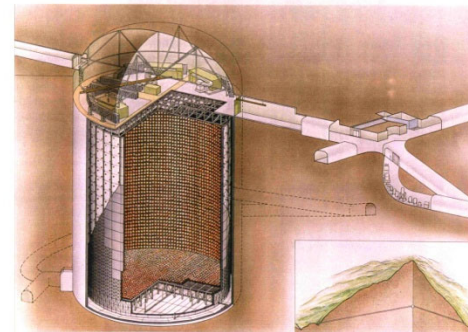
- Alumni:

- MACRO, SNO, AMANDA, Daya Bay

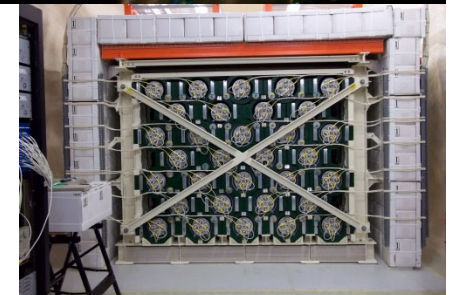


- In testing:

- NOvA, SNO+, Baksan

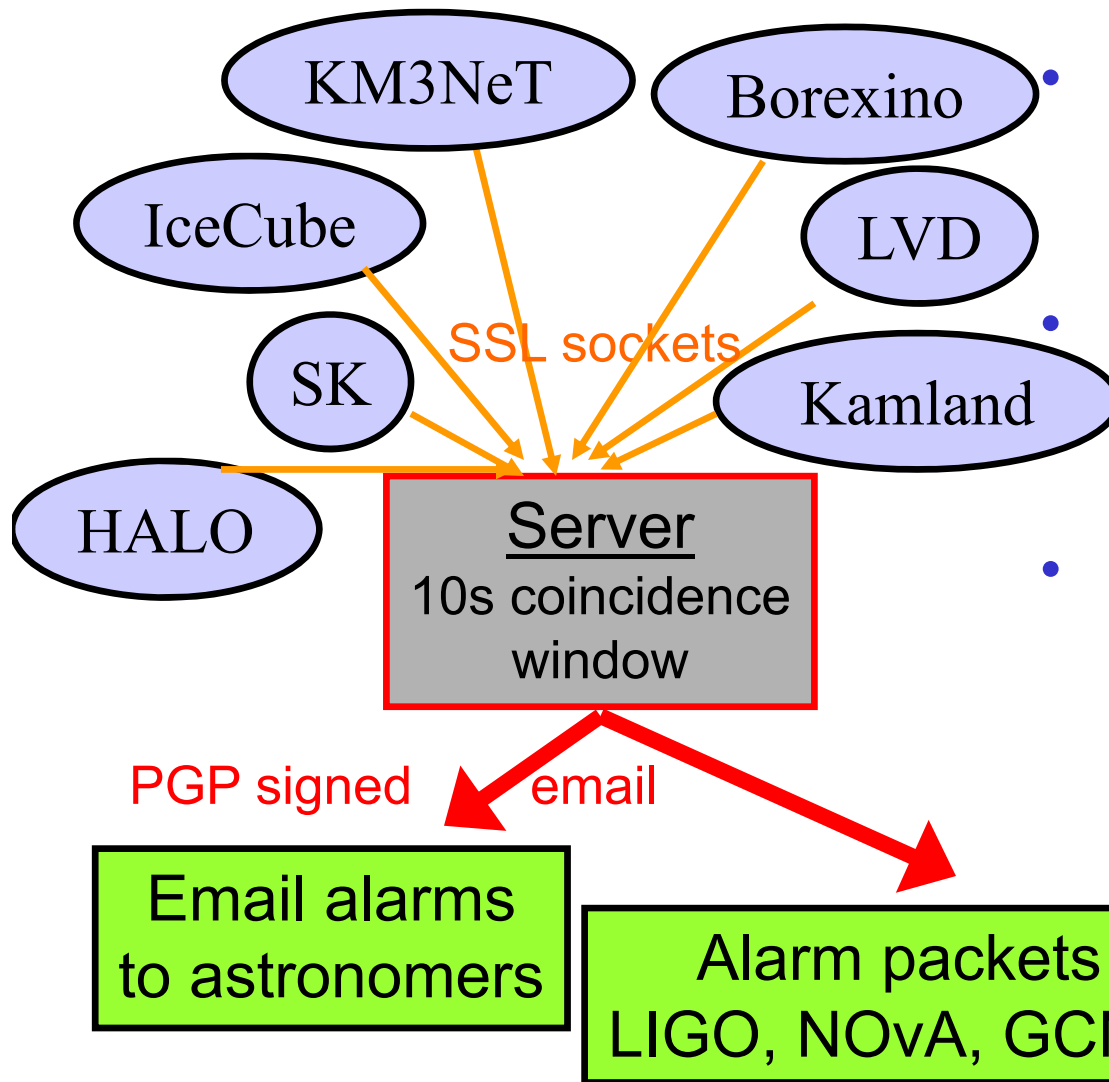


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# A Global Coincidence Trigger



- Experiments send blind TCP/IP packets to central coincidence server
- Secure, stable hosting at Brookhaven
  - Backup server at Bologna
- Other benefits such as down time coordination, working relationship between SN teams, etc



# SNEWS' Goals



- At a workshop in Sept. 1998 at Boston U., neutrino physicists and astronomers came up with design goals: the “Three P’s”:
  - Prompt ( $\ll$  1 hour)
  - Positive (false alarms  $<$  1/century)
  - Pointing
- Why?
- How well have we done in the nearly two decades we’ve been doing this?
  - Operational in test mode since 2001, fully operational July 1, 2005
- Should these goals change for the future?





# Prompt



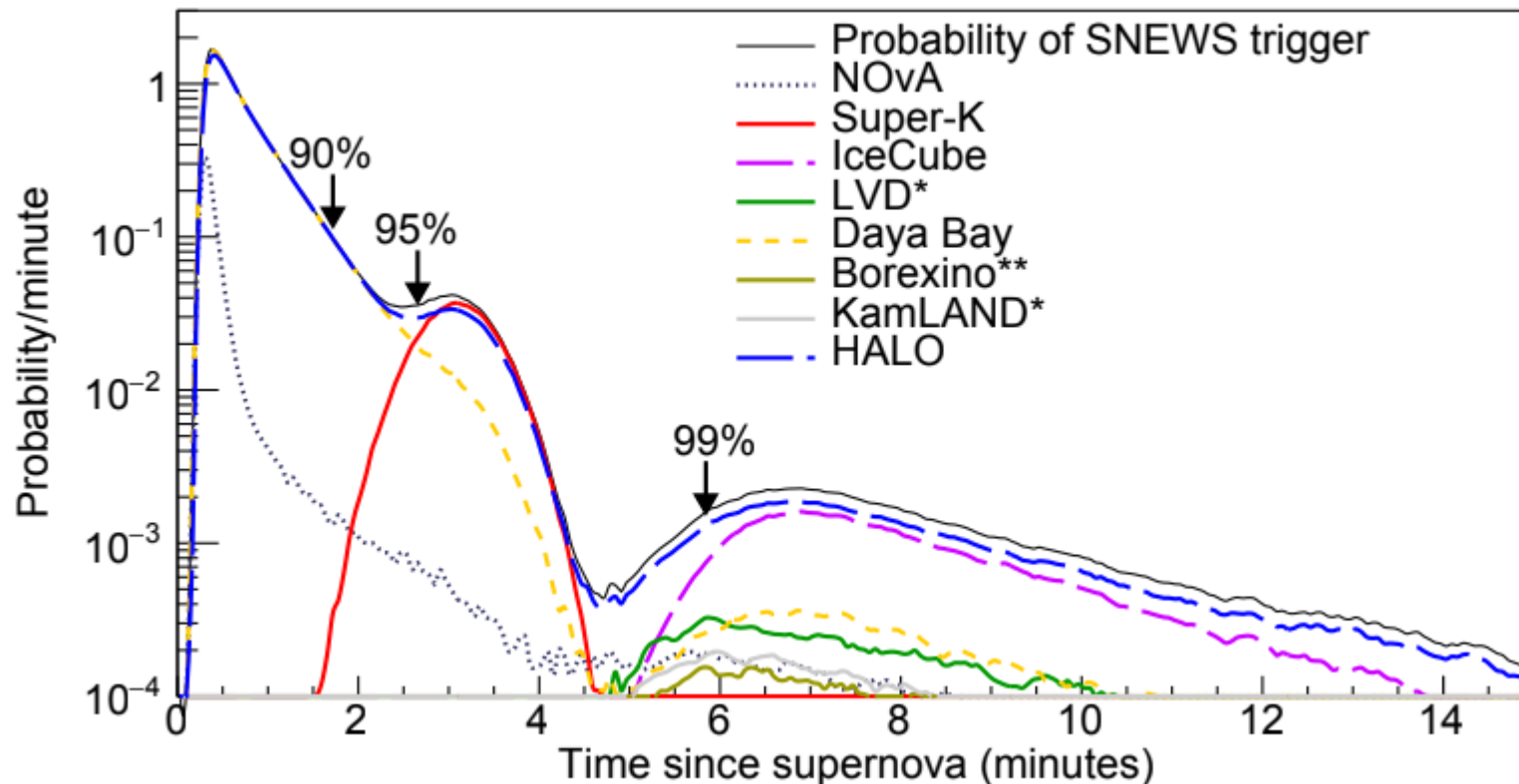
- Caveat: we have had no SNe in/near our galaxy since 1987: so SNEWS has never triggered
  - Something which confuses some fraction of the ~6,400 snews-alert subscribers when they subscribe but then don't get alerts!
- What do we expect? Given a two-fold coincidence, the fastest two experiments to report set the delay
  - The SNEWS machinery itself responds in ~seconds



# Estimated delay



- Matt Strait (UofM) took published SN trigger delays combined with sensitivities, estimated SNEWS response time
  - NOvA triggers on SNEWS but has a limited buffer time



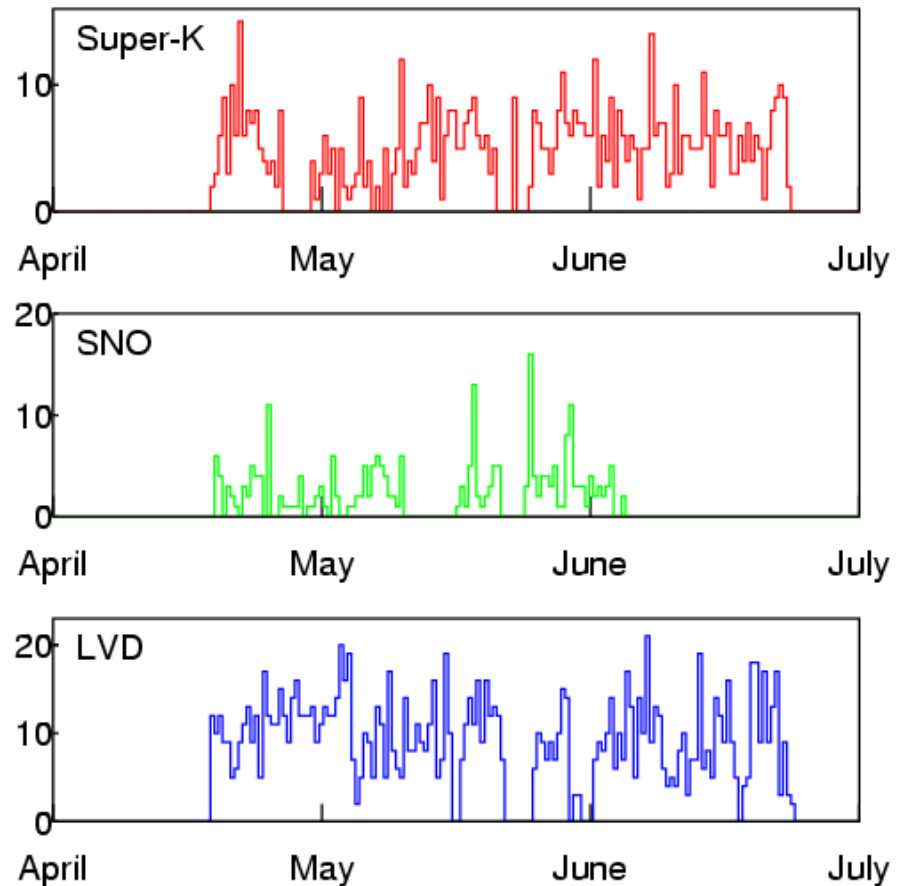


# Prompt?



- We think so, within minutes
  - Faster would be better: eg, unraveling the mysteries of GRBs became possible when followups could happen within seconds
- We don't know so: aside from a “high rate test” in 2001 (*low thresholds, triggered on noise*) the machinery doesn't get exercised
  - eg, recent LIGO GW alerts started off with more delay than desired, as kinks were worked out with practice

Alarm times





# Positive?



- No false alarms in two decades! (*knock on wood...*)
- The flip side is that we haven't had the full test of the pipeline which alarms (*false or otherwise*) would provide
  - 2001 high rate test exercised front end
  - 2003 “find Vesta” test exercised the back end
- What astronomers want has changed by 180° in those two decades:
  - **2000:** “If you have even one false alarm, no one will ever believe you again”
  - **Today:** “Multi-messenger astronomy generates oodles of alerts, no problem!”

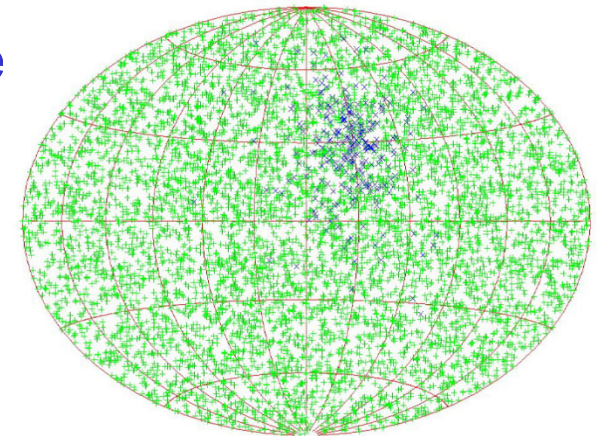




# Pointing?

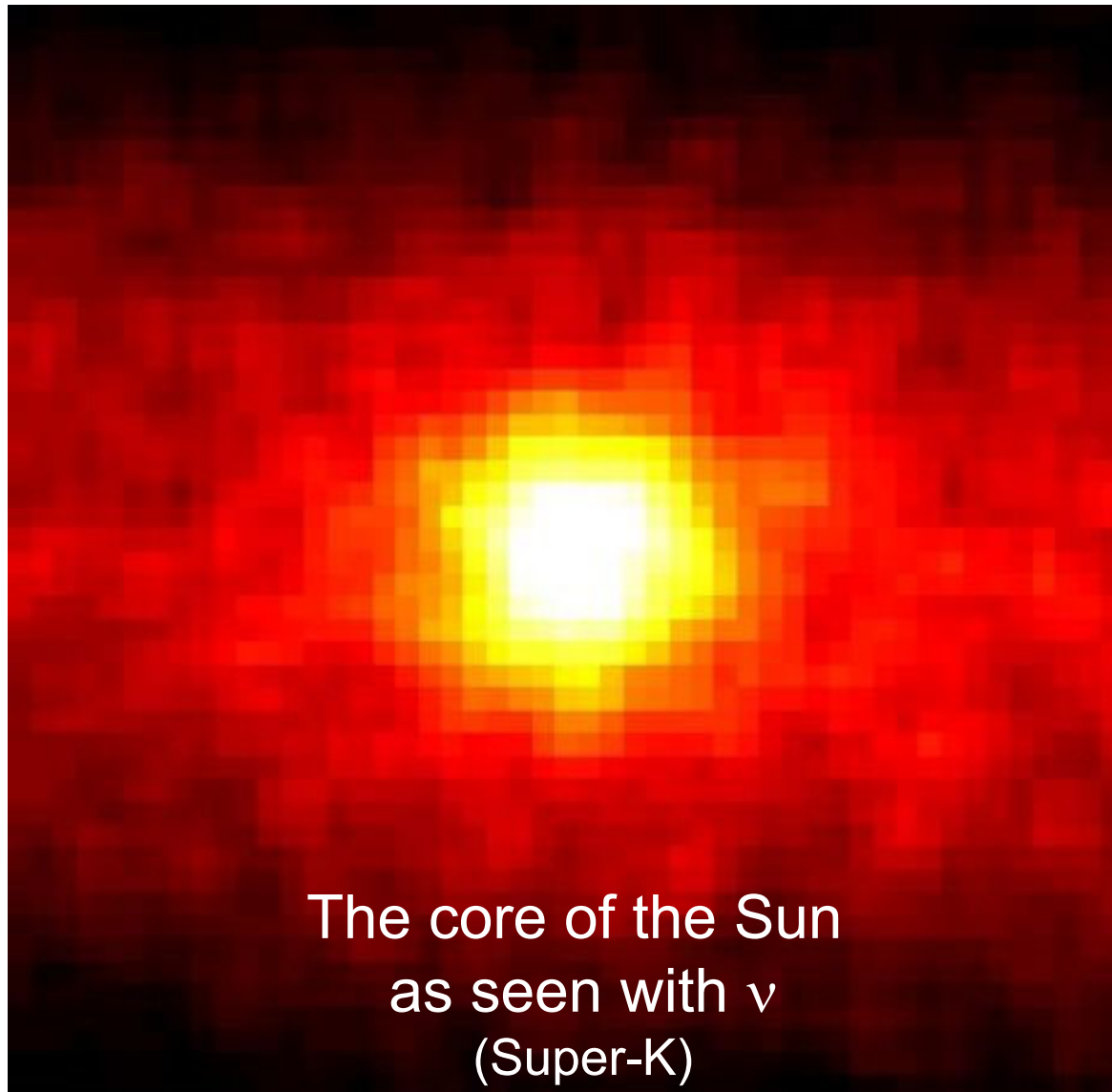


- An ideal alarm would be “Look at Betelgeuse, it’s about to blow!”
  - but SNEWS currently cannot generate directionality on its own
- Super-K can point back to within  $\sim 4^\circ$  using the sub-dominant electron elastic scatters
  - and will do this even better once Gd n captures tag IBD interactions
- Timing triangulation killed by statistics of leading edge of signal
  - Beacom&Vogel, [astro-ph/9811350](https://arxiv.org/abs/astro-ph/9811350)
  - ... or, is it?





# Elastic Scattering



- This is the reaction that lets Super-K identify solar neutrinos
- Problem – each pixel in this picture is about  $0.5^\circ$ 
  - Diameter of full moon
- Resolution dominated by neutrino/lepton scattering angle not experimental resolution
  - Can't upgrade that



# Improvements for SNEWS 2.0



- What can we do to update SNEWS to provide:
  - Multiple thresholds, to constantly exercise the machinery and to provide consumers with a “choose your own threshold” alert
  - Ability of experiments to compare  $v$  “light curves” real-time, to extract physics quickly: especially precision timing for triangulation
  - Get alerts out to the new networks, to best coordinate with modern multi-messenger networks



# Old Codebase



- Originally written in the late 1990's in C, running on VMS, Solaris, MacOS
  - DAQs for MACRO and LVD, Super-K, SNO

```
/*
 * Figure out the type of system that we're running on.
 *
 * Try to determine the environment automatically from the C compiler's
 * predefined symbols.
 * The following can be determined automatically:
 * BSD VAX, Pyramid, Xenix, AT&T 3b1, AT&T 80386, Celerity and MS-DOS.
 * If this doesn't work on some new system, ifdef this out, and set it
 * by hand.
 */

#ifdef unix
    /* true for most UNIX systems, BSD and Sys5 */
    /* but not for Xenix !! */
#define UNIX 1
    /* OS type */

#ifdef vax
    /* true for BSD on a VAX */
    /* also true for VAX Sys5, but we don't have to worry about that (for now) */
#define VAX 1
    /* hardware */
#define BSD 1
    /* OS type */
#else
#ifdef pyr
#define PYRAMID 1
    /* hardware */
```





# Maintenance Nightmare

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- This is getting really creaky. Adding new experiments is a serious adventure
  - Recent work from
    - Km3NET, NOvA, Baksan, SNO+
    - Daya Bay now offline, LVD, Borexino on the clock
  - OpenSSL library 0.9.8zh used from 2015, has been depreciated since 2017
  - 32 bit systems are no longer cutting edge, matching network bits to local bits is entertaining
  - Multiple arrays indexed by experiment, slightly differently



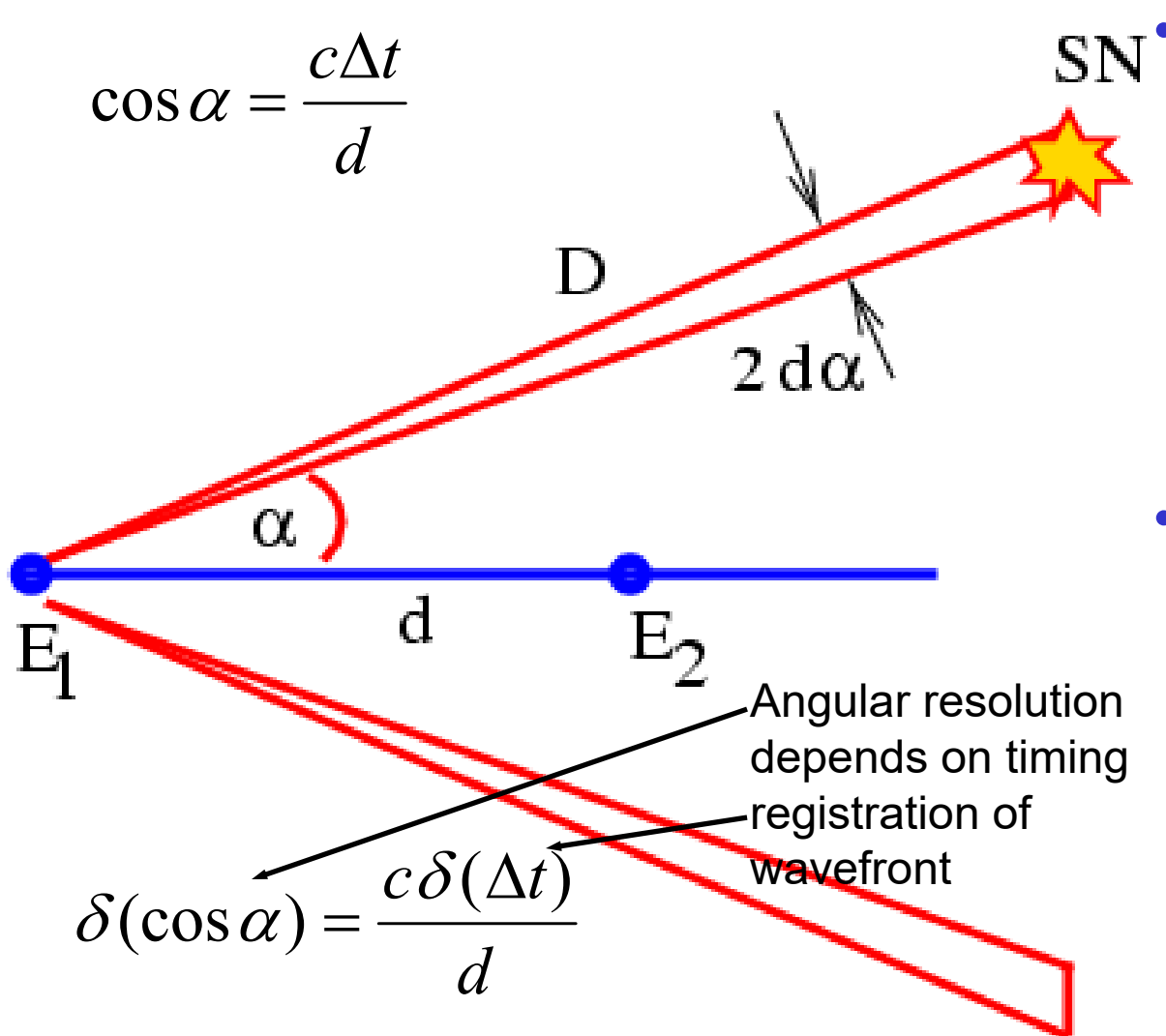
# New Physics for SNEWS 2.0



- Pre-supernova (*Si-burning*)  $\nu$  from nearby stars:
  - Kamland does this now on its own
  - SNO+ and JUNO will soon be able to as well, as can Super-K with Gd loading
  - This is an area where combining low statistics could let these experiments expand their range further into the galaxy
- Pointing:
  - DUNE and Hyper-K will have per-event directionality
  - SK will improve theirs with Gd tagging
  - Maybe SNEWS can contribute triangulation
  - A new opportunity to provide directionality combination for those experiments?



# Triangulation



- Look at arrival time difference of SN  $\nu$  wavefront at different detectors
  - With 2 expts, circle on sky at angle  $\alpha$
  - 3 expts – 2 blobs
  - 4 expts – 1 point
- With modern detectors, and fitting the whole  $\nu$  light curve rather than just the leading edge, this might now be possible

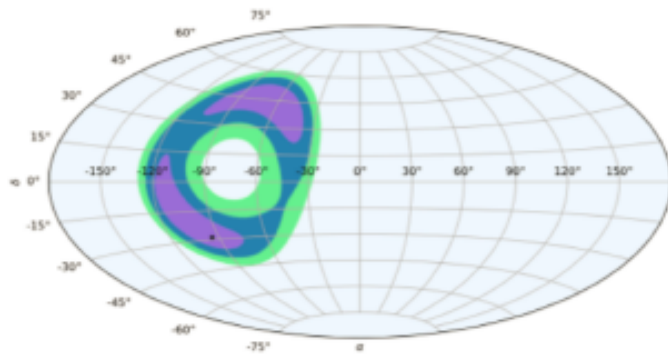


# Potential Error Boxes

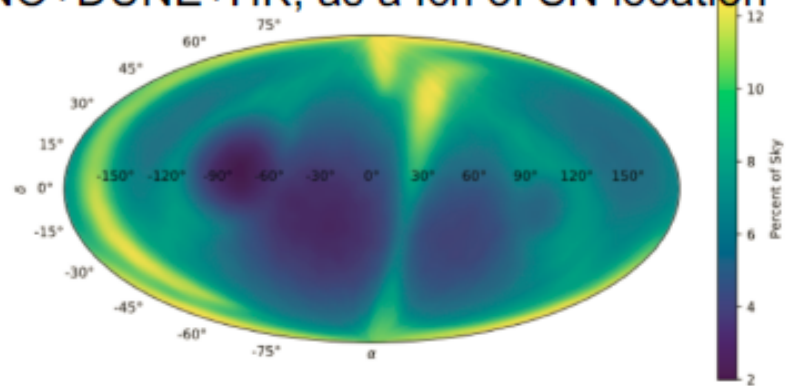


- Combinations of near-future detectors trying to localize a 10kpc SN

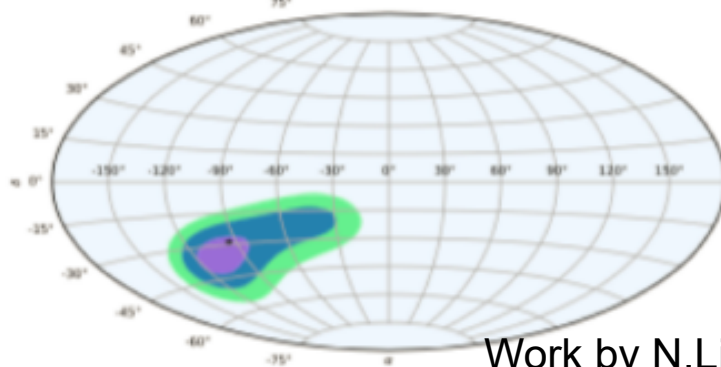
JUNO+DUNE+HK



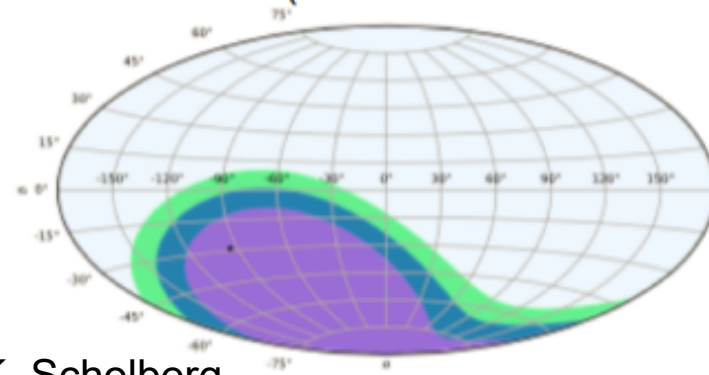
JUNO+DUNE+HK, as a fcn of SN location



JUNO+DUNE+HK+IceCube



JUNO+IceCube (case for no ES available)



Work by N.Linzer & K. Scholberg

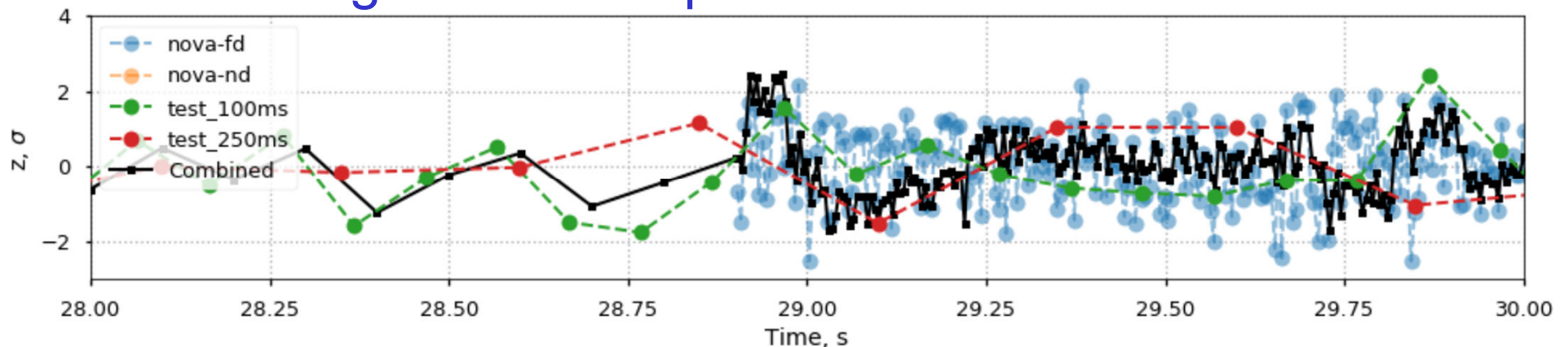




# Significance combining



- An example of a new tool: instead of just taking alarm coincidences, take current “chance of SN right now” numbers from the experiments in real time
  - NOvA is already working on this to combine Near and Far detector signals to increase sensitivity
- Sensitivity gain is of limited use for SN bursts (galaxy is too small, Andromeda too far away), but of great use for pre-SN neutrinos





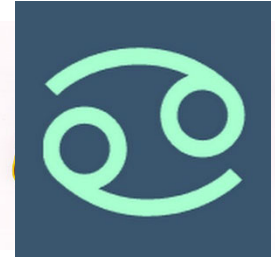
# Tools needed



- The simple coincidence riding on the network protocol stolen from the first “e-sports” game ever (*netrek, early 1990’s*) can’t support these new goals (*and you wouldn’t want to maintain it anyway*)
- What statistics are the best to compare experiments with extremely different signal rates and noise rates?
- What machinery is needed to reliably move that data from experiment to a SNEWS server?



# SCIMMA



- The Scalable Cyberinfrastructure to support Multi-Messenger Astrophysics project is helping us replace our netrek-era sockets with something modern, maintainable, and scalable
- A joint SCIMMA/SNEWS team replicated the existing SNEWS architecture using the “Hopskotch” framework this summer
  - We’re now working on adding the new SNEWS2.0 functionality

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# Using the Alert



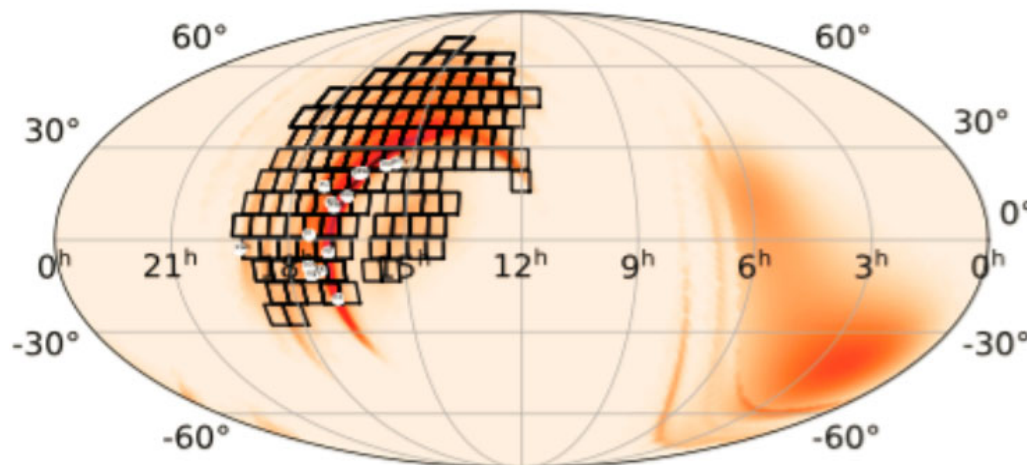
- The resulting coincidence alert goes to:
  - Email list of interested people
    - Amateur network of many skilled eyeballs!
    - Once someone optically ID's the new SN, we all know and can zoom in
    - Sign up for alert email, <http://snews.bnl.gov>
  - VOEvent network/GCN
    - Since photosphere breakout should really light up the high energy photon sky
  - LIGO, NOvA, MicroBoone, Xenon1t
- What cool stuff with a once-in-a-lifetime nearby supernova would you like to learn?
  - Progenitor status?
  - Shockwave blowing through stellar system?
  - Stellar wind just before the end?
- Data you couldn't take after the fact!
  - From a time window no-one's ever seen



# Transient Hunting



- An example: Zwicky Transient Facility covers thousands of square degrees quickly in the IR (ideal for seeing past dust)
- The GROWTH network spans the globe (and thus the sky) with many instruments



Left: followups to S190425z (2nd potential NS-NS merger) by ZTF. The initial localization was 10,000 deg<sup>2</sup>. (Coughlin et al. 2019, GCN 24283). ZTF is part of the GROWTH network (right), handing off observations as the earth rotates. Figs courtesy of Mansi Kasliwal.





# Summary



- A core-collapse SN will occur in our galaxy sooner or later
  - A once-in-a-career chance to study something that's never been studied before up close
- It will produce a  $\nu$  signal  $\sim$ hours in advance of the light
  - Early Warning!
- Pointing not great until someone sees it with photons
  - But even with no pointing, the time is well spent waking up, getting logged in, to the observatory, etc.
- SNEWS has been online ready to form a quick alarm for almost two decades now, and will continue into the future



# Summary



- While one of the  $\sim 200$  SNe  $\nu$  wavefronts currently traversing our galaxy hasn't arrived since 2000, we've been ready with a simple coincidence trigger
- Experimental capabilities have evolved
- Real-time multi-messenger astronomy is now a thing
  - People chase transients all the time
- We're figuring out how to get the world the most SN neutrino information in the least amount of time
  - An opportunity for gaining information that together is greater than the sum of its parts

SNEWS 2.0 Whitepaper *New J.Phys.* 23 (2021) 3, 031201  
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- HALO thanks go to SNOLAB, NSERC, U Washington
  - More HALO on the web at <http://www.snolab.ca/halo/>

