

MeV  $\nu$ -astronomy:

# Challenges and Opportunities

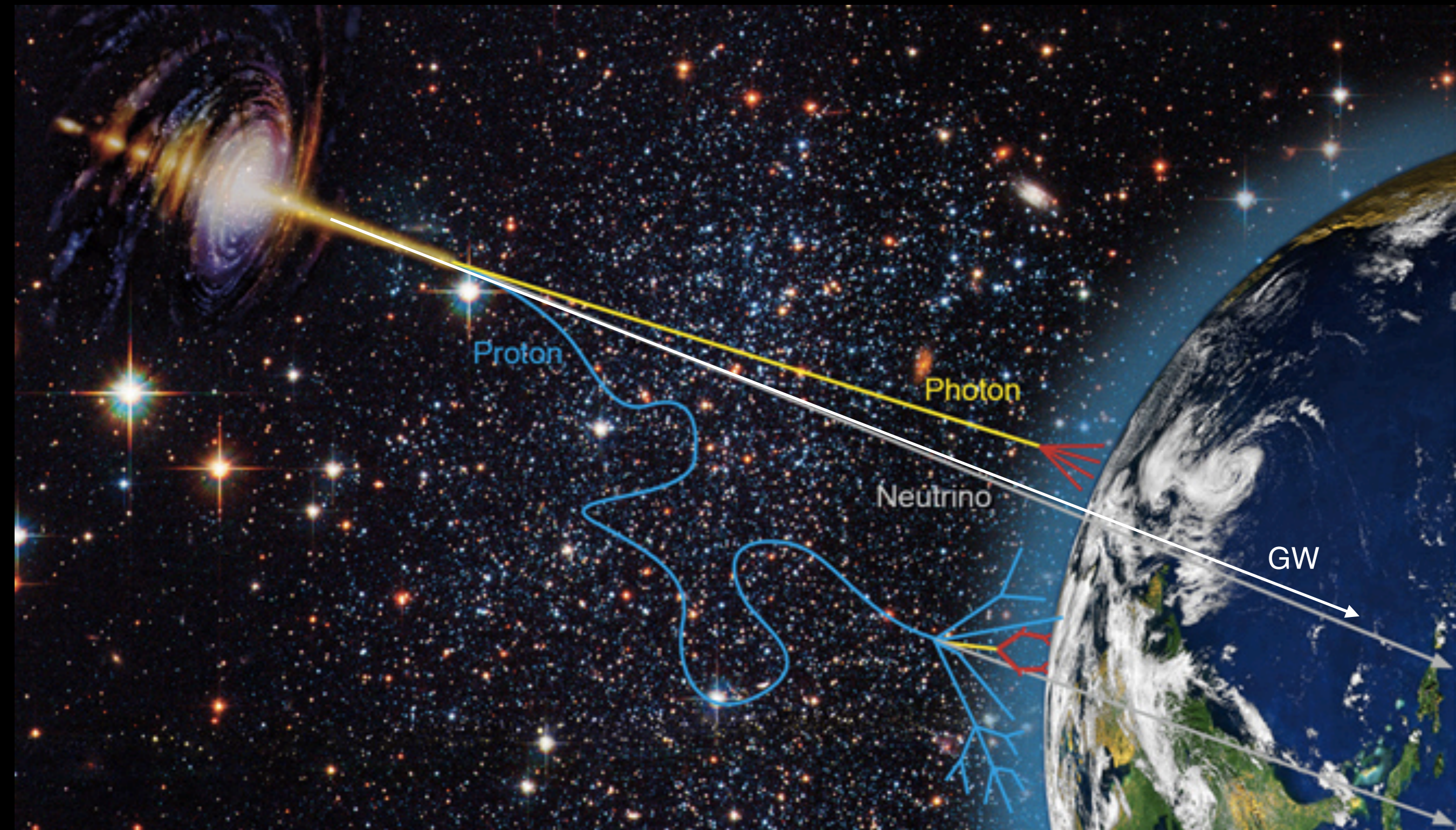
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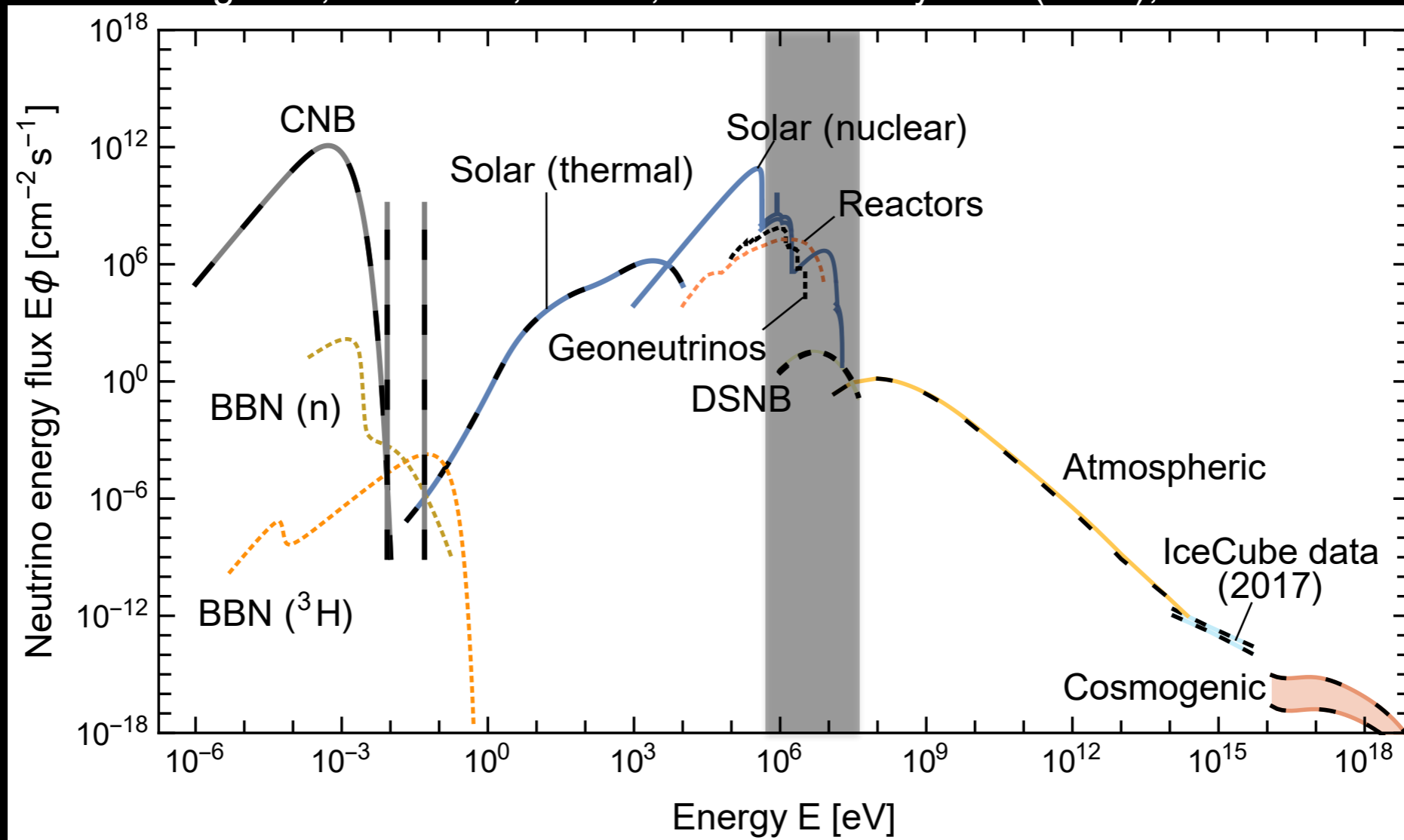




# $\nu$ -Astronomy

Plenty of sources available

Vitagliano, Tamborra, Raffelt, Rev. Mod. Phys. 92 (2020), 45006

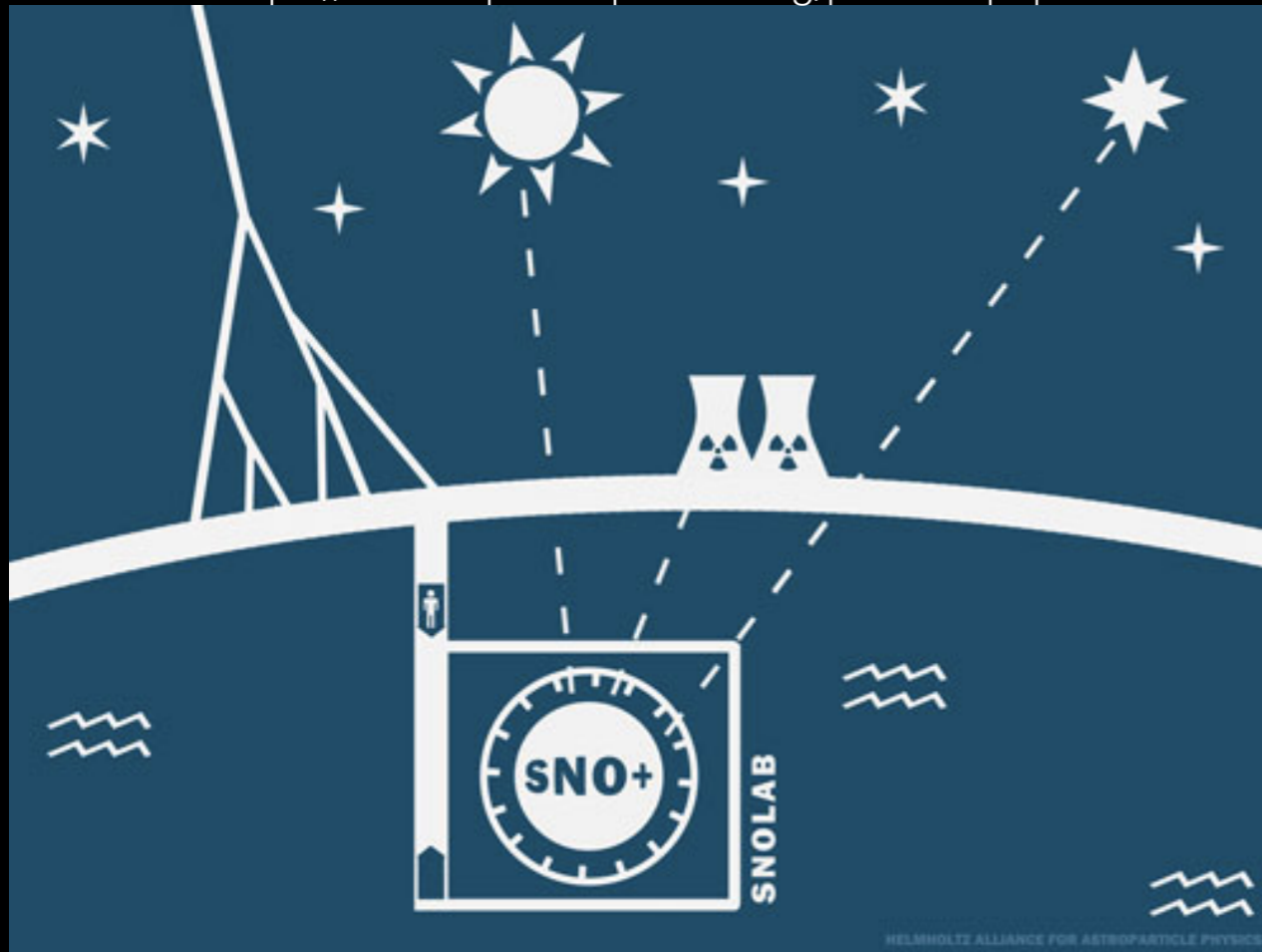


Here we only focus on MeV neutrinos

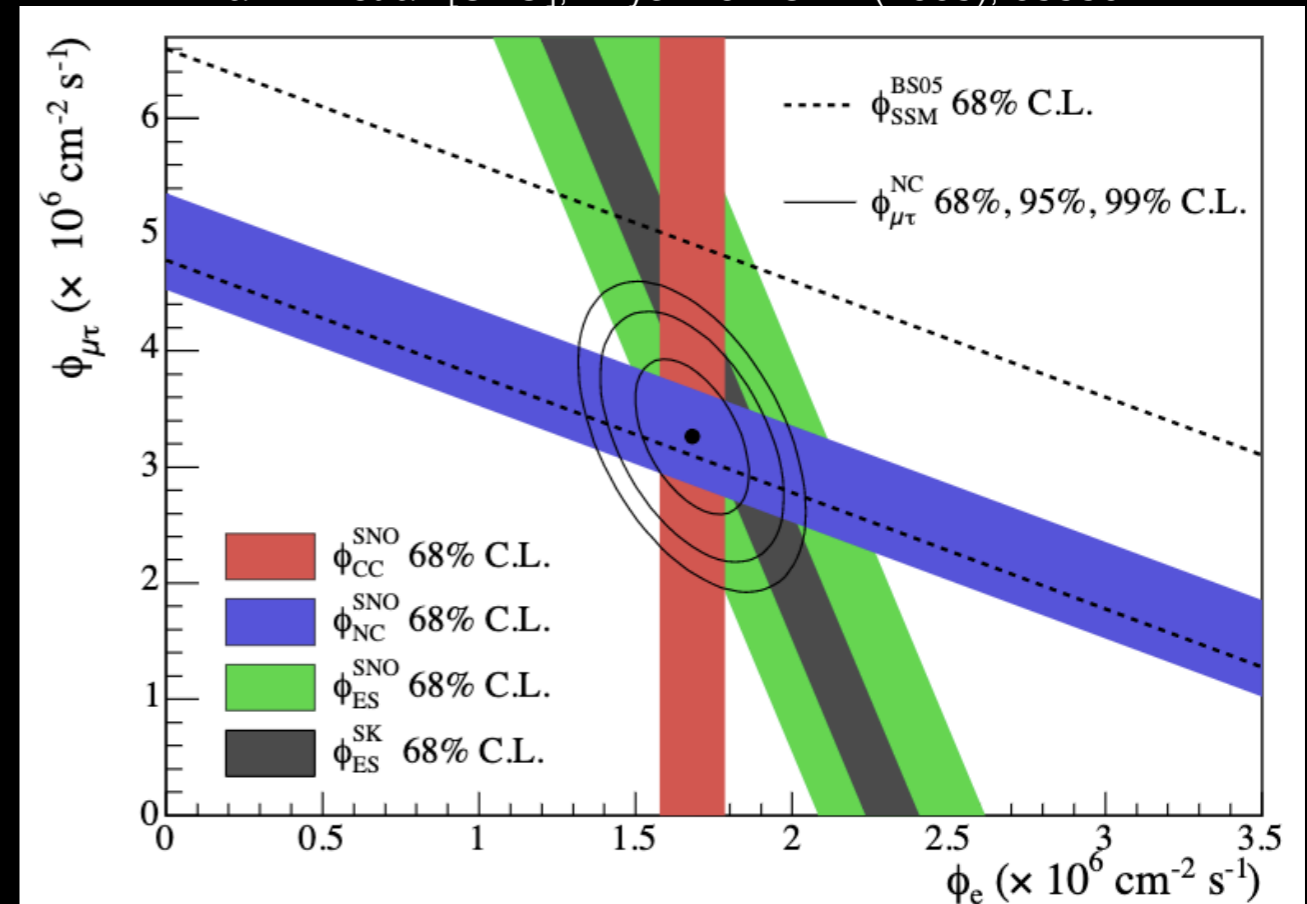
# MeV $\nu$ -Astronomy: the past

## Confirmation of neutrino oscillations and standard solar model

Helmholtz Alliance for Astroparticle Physics,  
<https://www.hap-astroparticle.org/poPAHrt.php>



Aharmim et al. [SNO], Phys. Rev. C 72 (2005), 055502



Interplay between particle and astro-particle physics



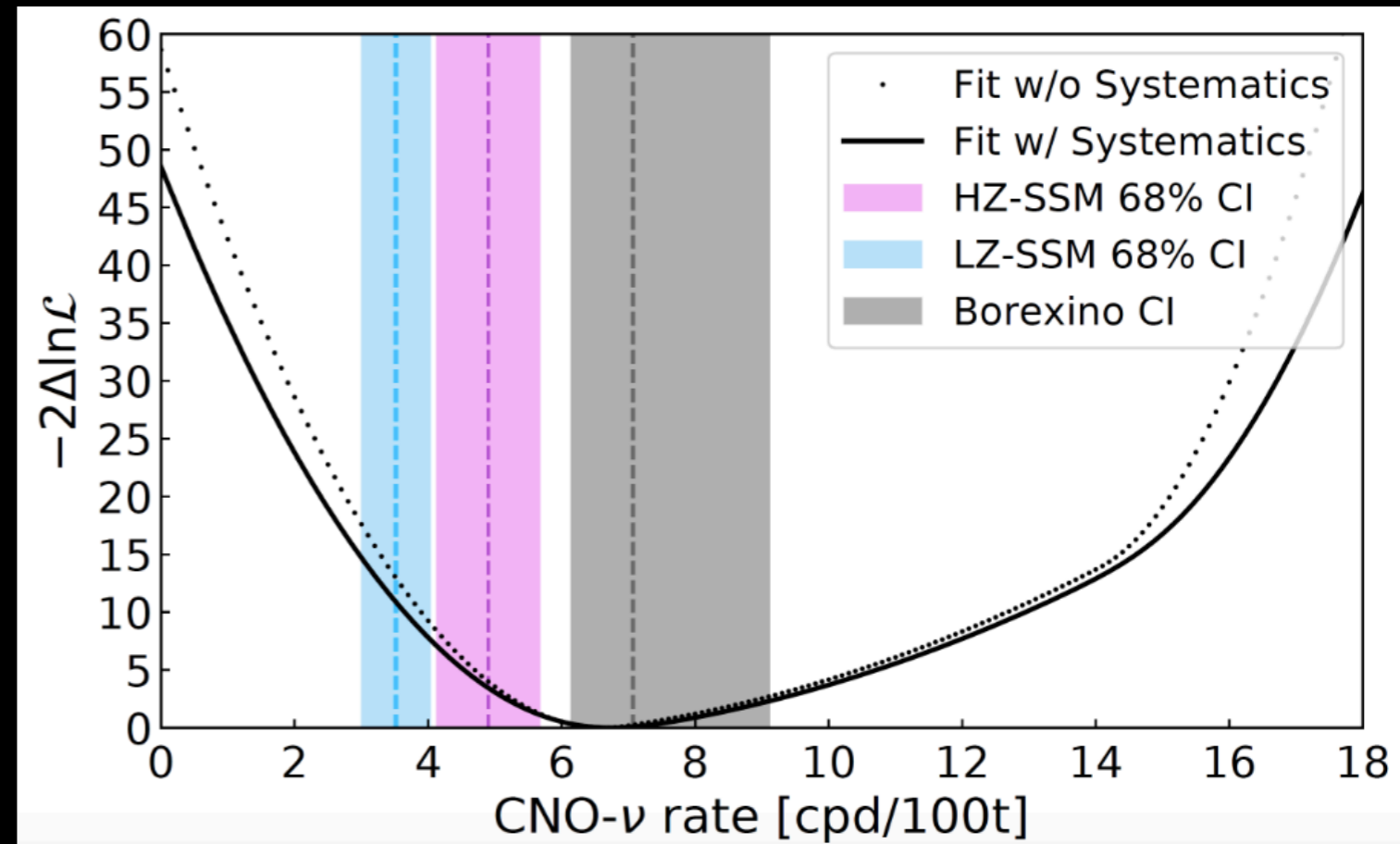
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## First experimental evidence for CNO solar neutrinos

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B. Caccianiga talk at Neutrino 2022



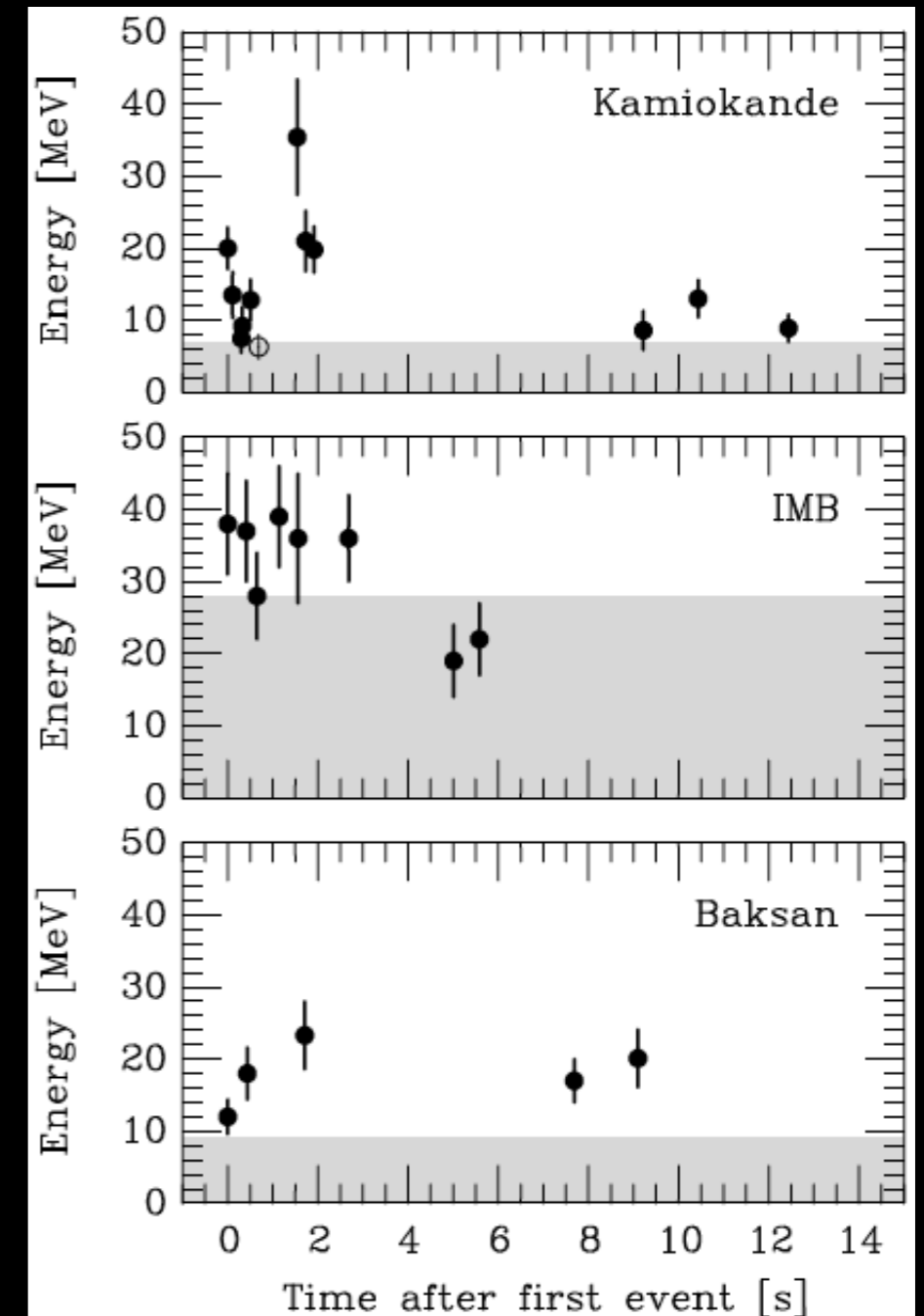
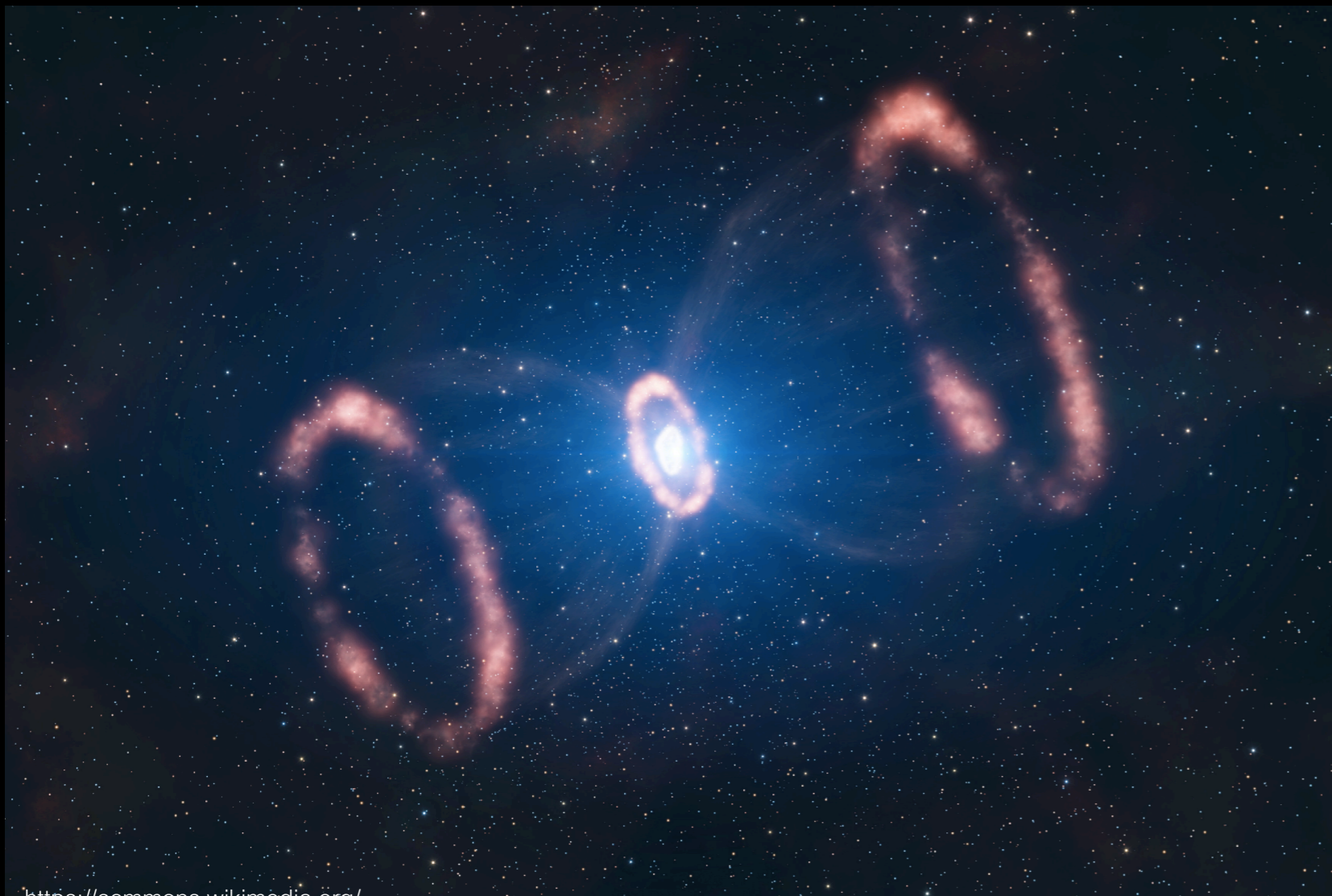
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# MeV $\nu$ -Astronomy: the past

Raffelt, Stars as Laboratories for Fundamental Physics

## SN1987a





# MeV $\nu$ -Astronomy: the future

Neutrino  
properties

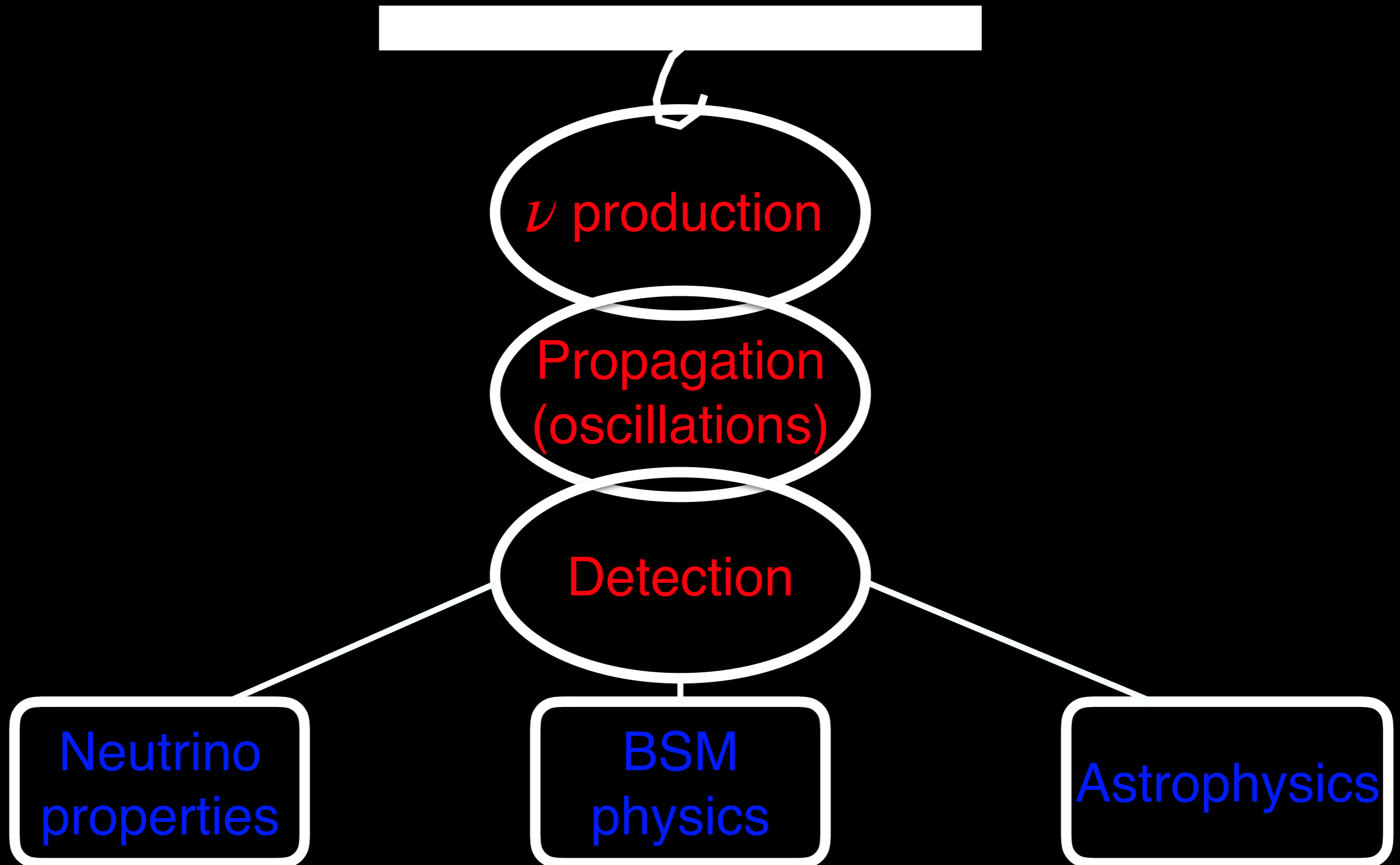
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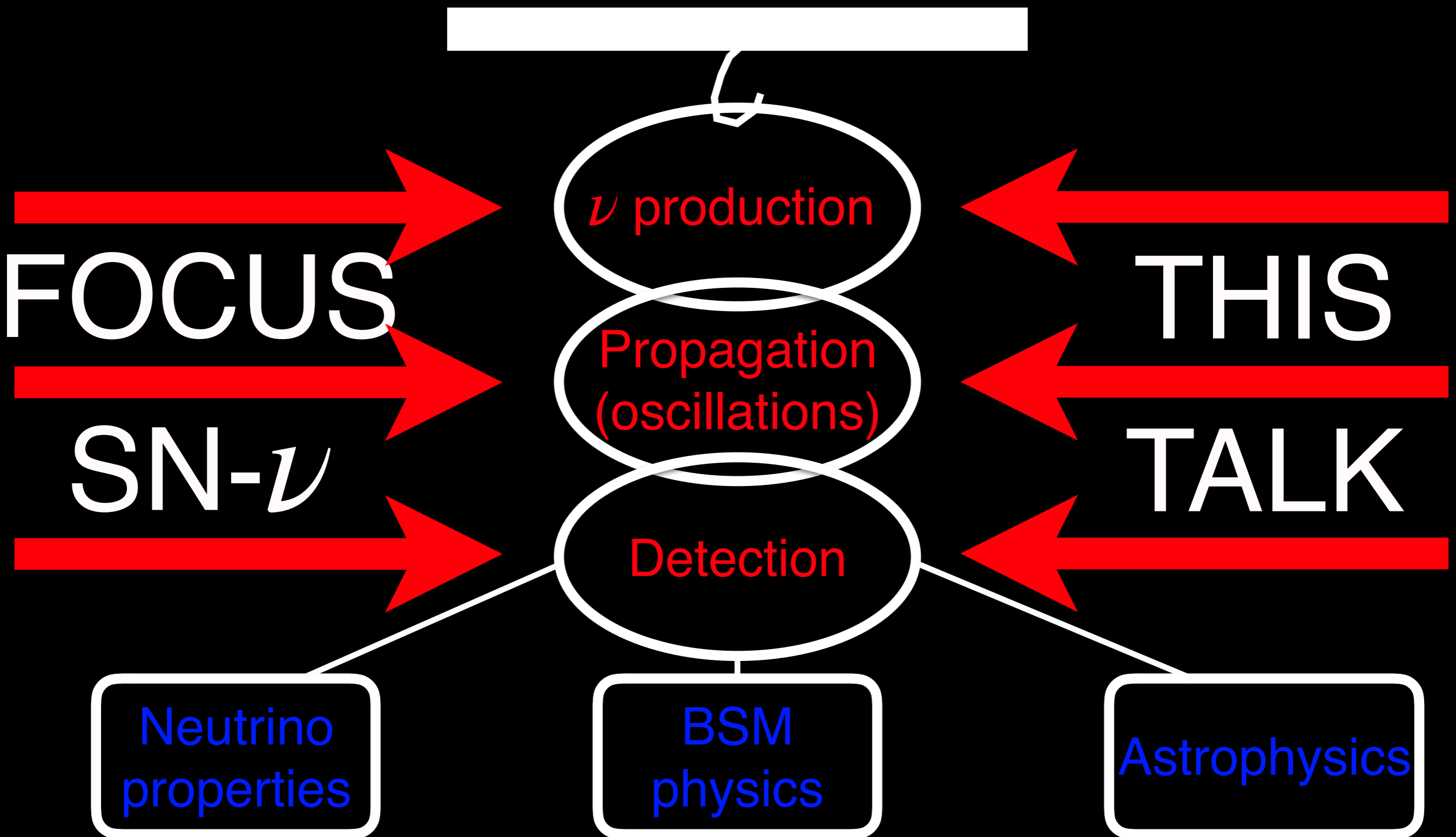
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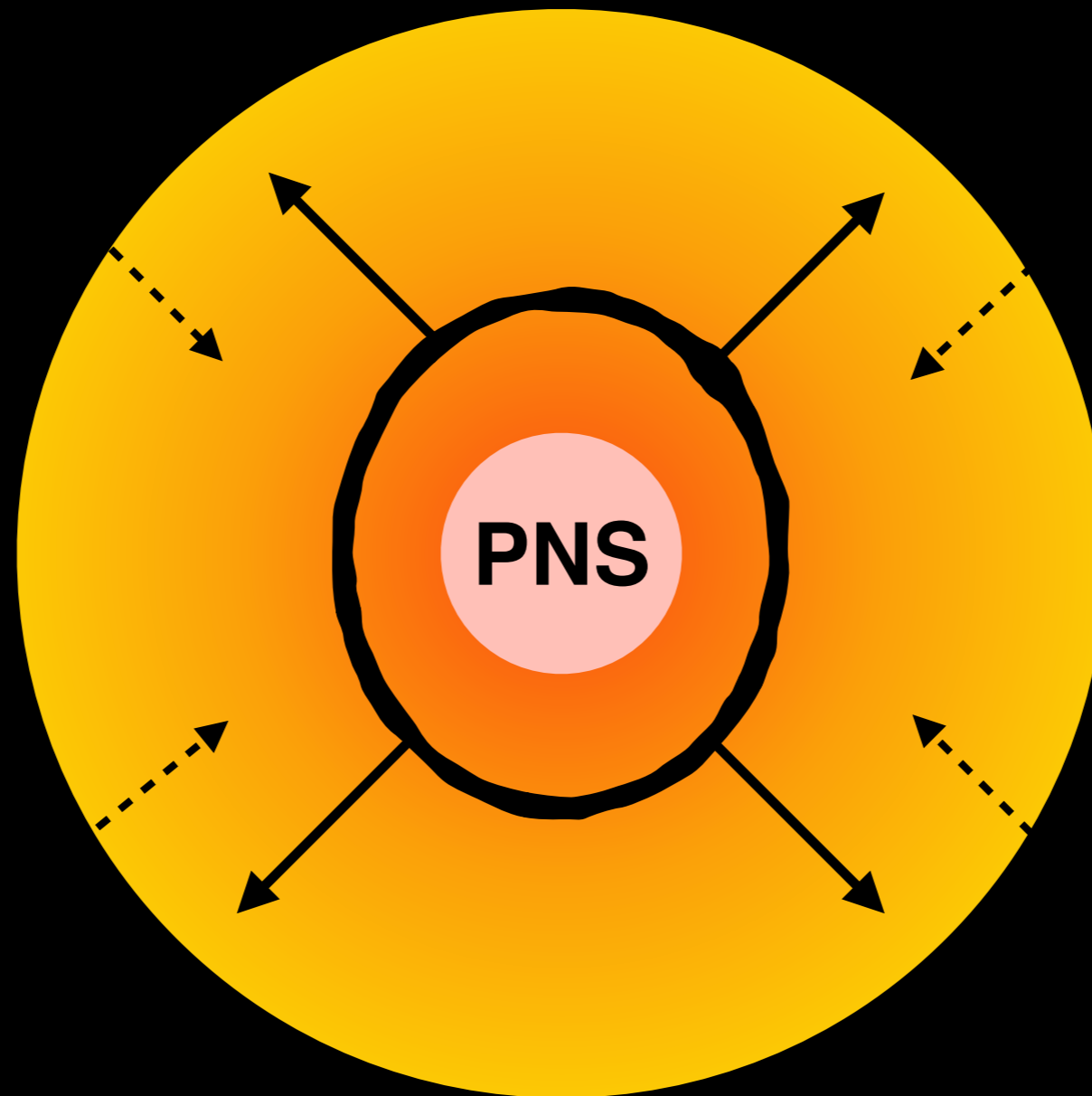
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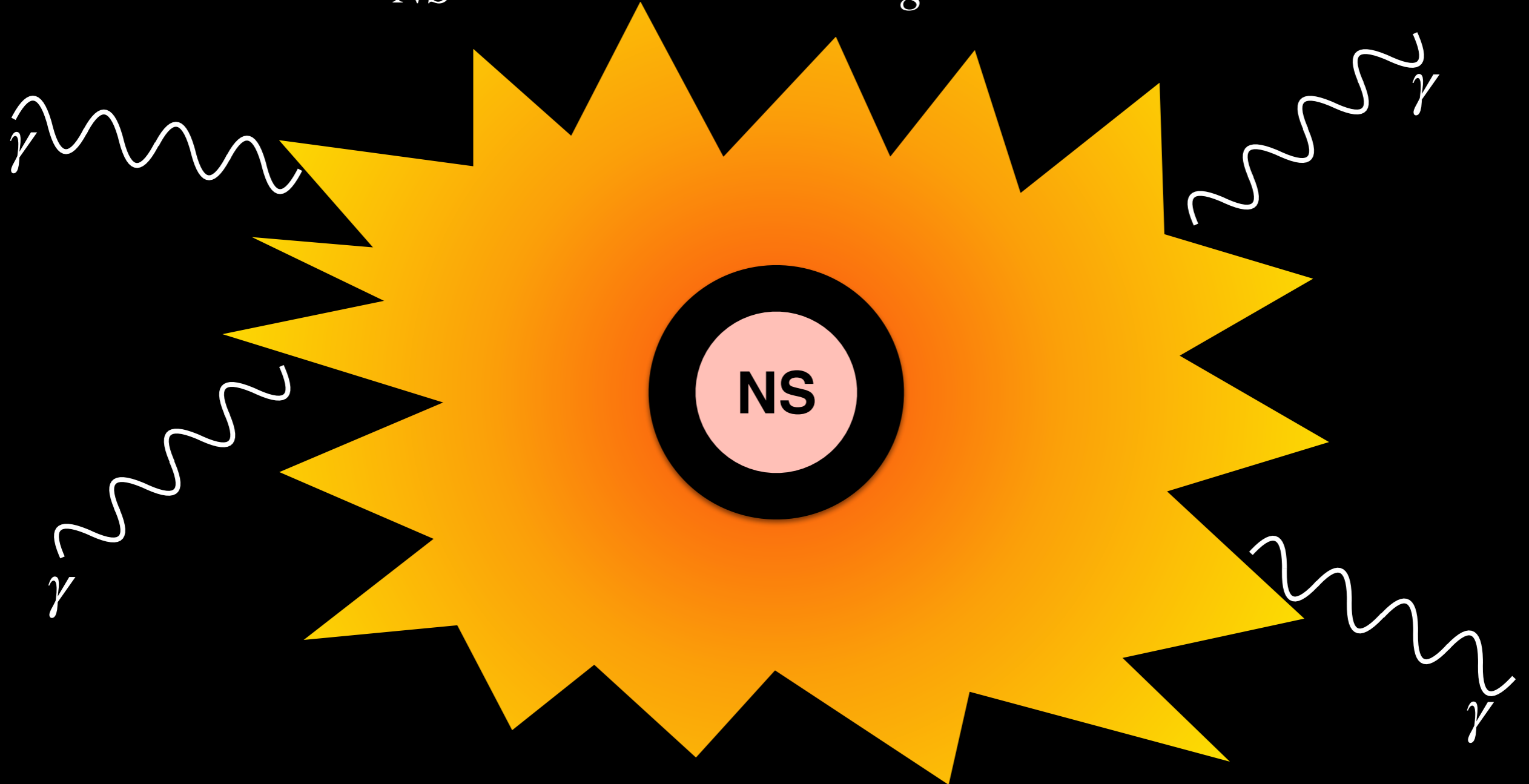
The density reaches nuclear saturation  $\rho \sim 10^{14} \text{ g/cm}^3$



A shock wave is produced blowing up the star (Supernova)

# What are supernovae?

$$R_{NS} \sim 10 \text{ km} \quad E_g \sim 10^{53} \text{ erg}$$

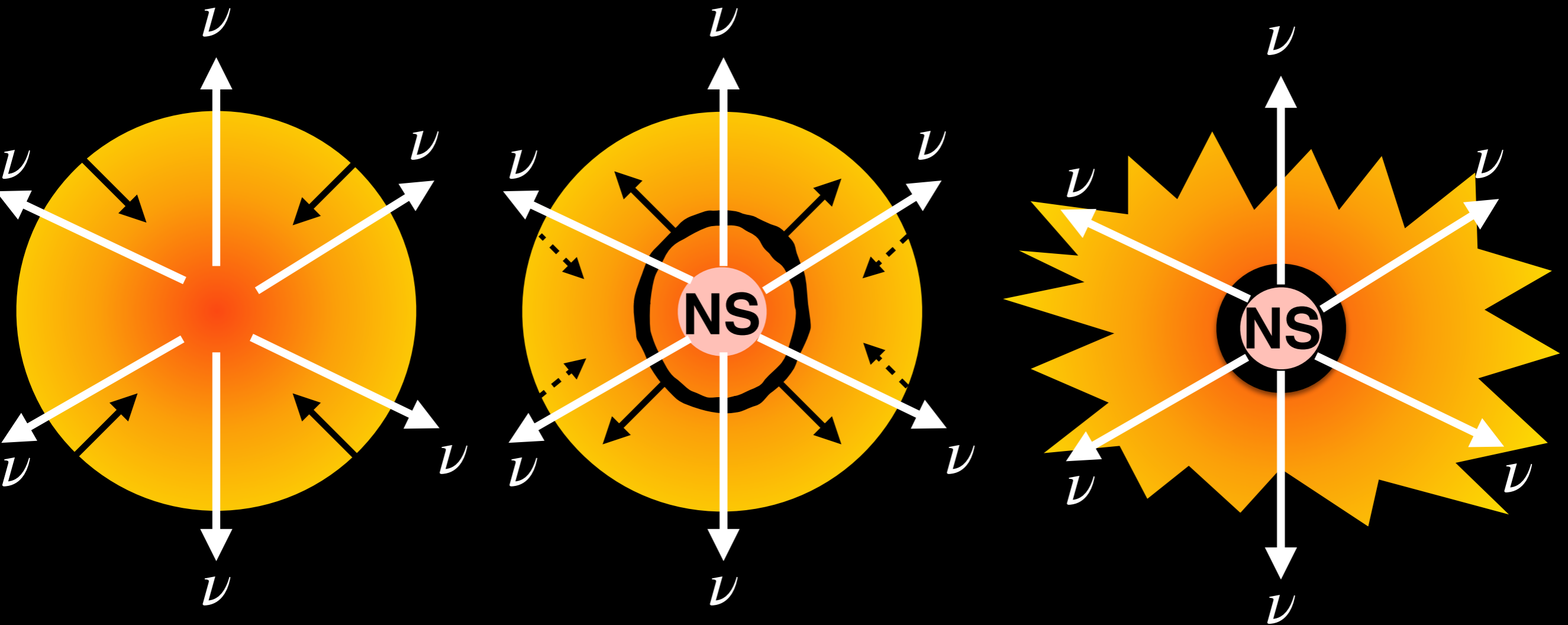


$$E_{\text{exp}} \sim 1 \% E_g \quad E_{\gamma} \sim 0.01 \% E_g$$



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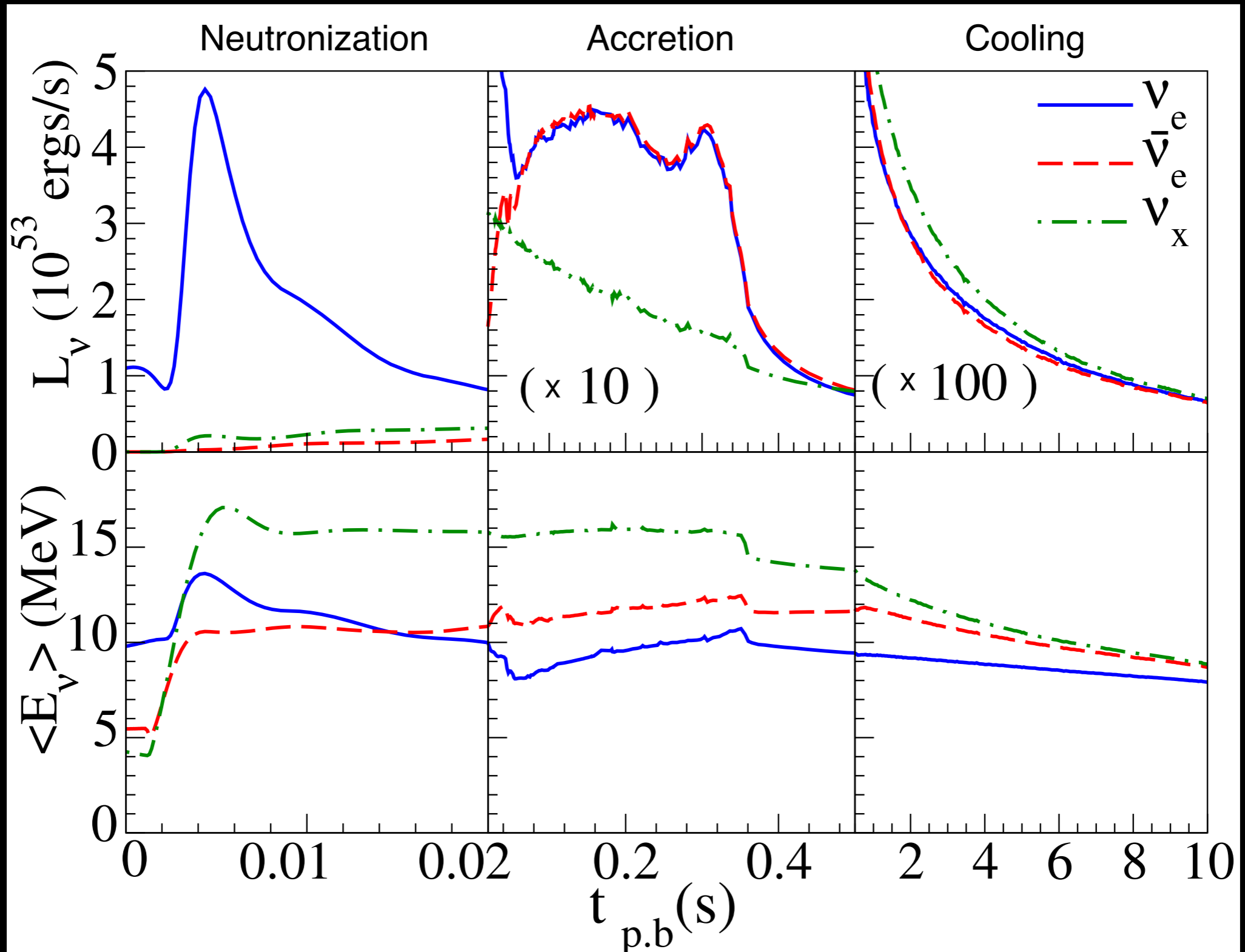
$\nu/\bar{\nu}$  of all flavor carry away 99% of  $E_g$  in  $\sim 10$  seconds



Neutrinos are messengers from the interior of the exploding star

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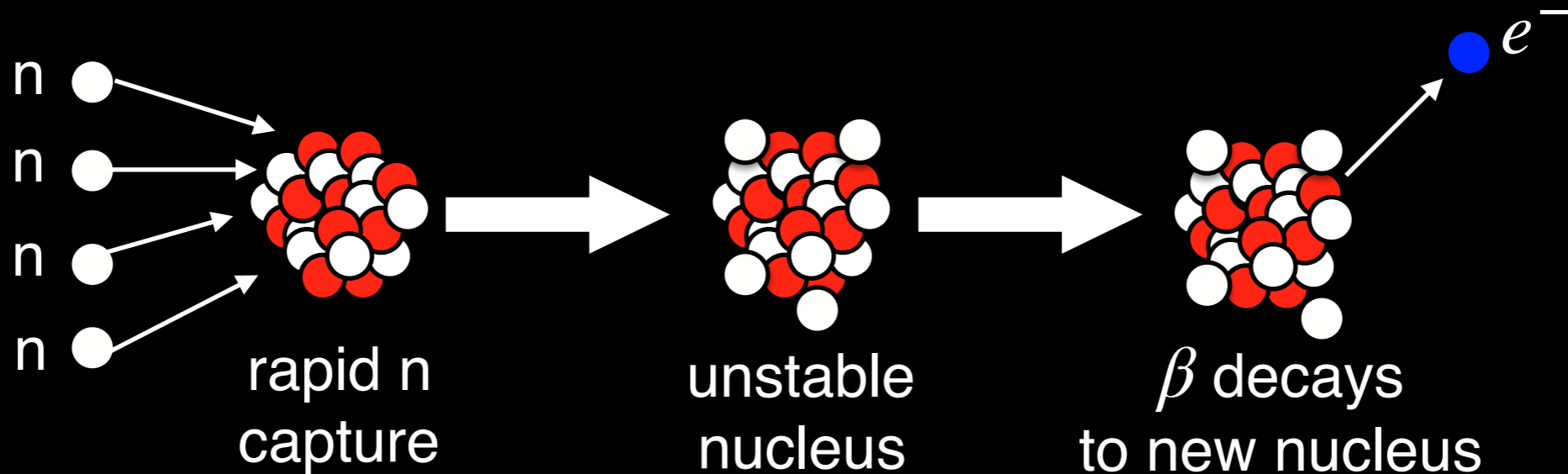
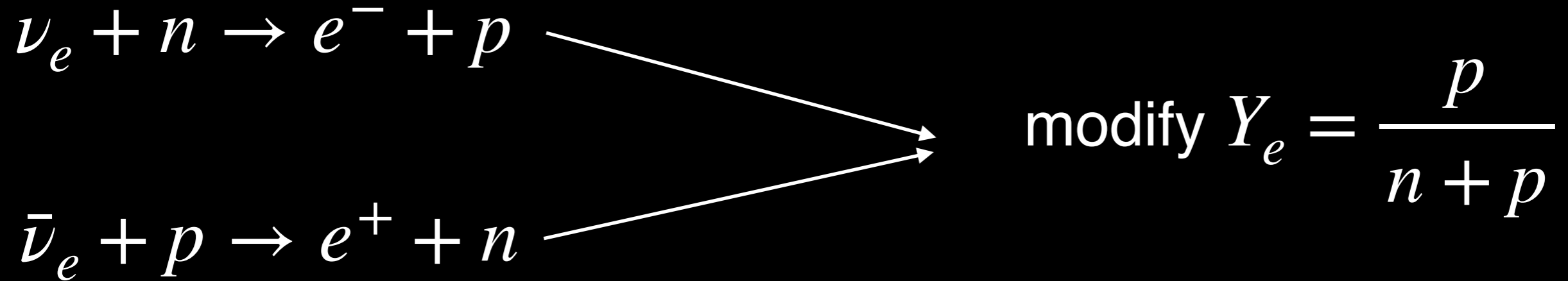
Chakraborty, Bhattacharjee, Kar, Phys. Rev. D 89 (2014) no.1, 013011, T. Fischer et al, Astron. Astrophys. 517, A80 (2010)





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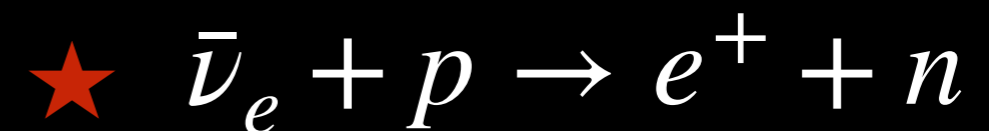
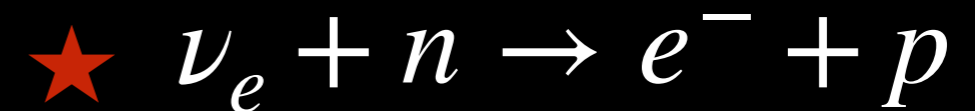
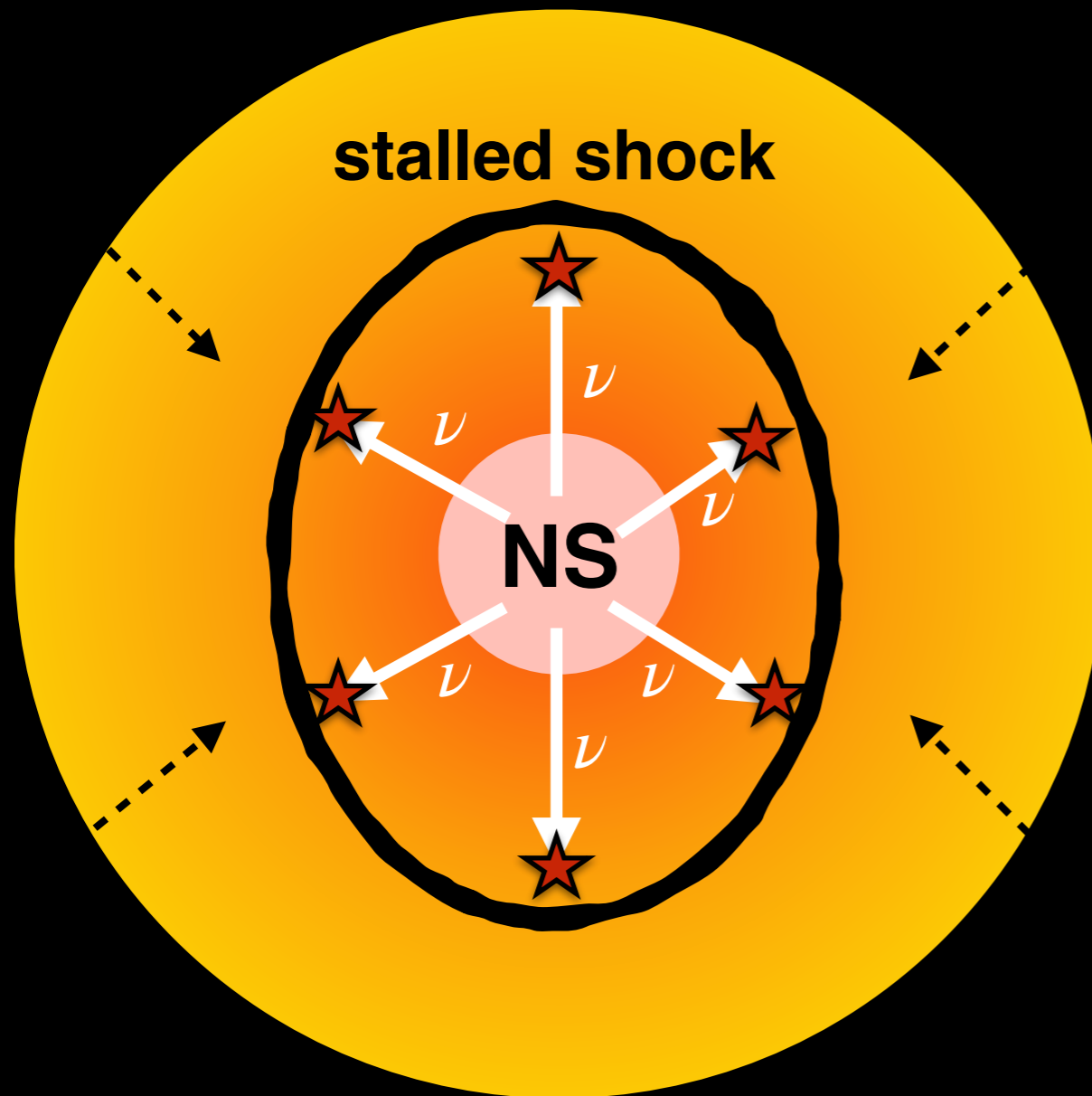
$Y_e$  in neutrino heated material affected by neutrino interactions



Possible impact on r-process nucleosynthesis ( $Y_e < 0.5$ )

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The shock wave stalls after  $\sim$  few 10 ms

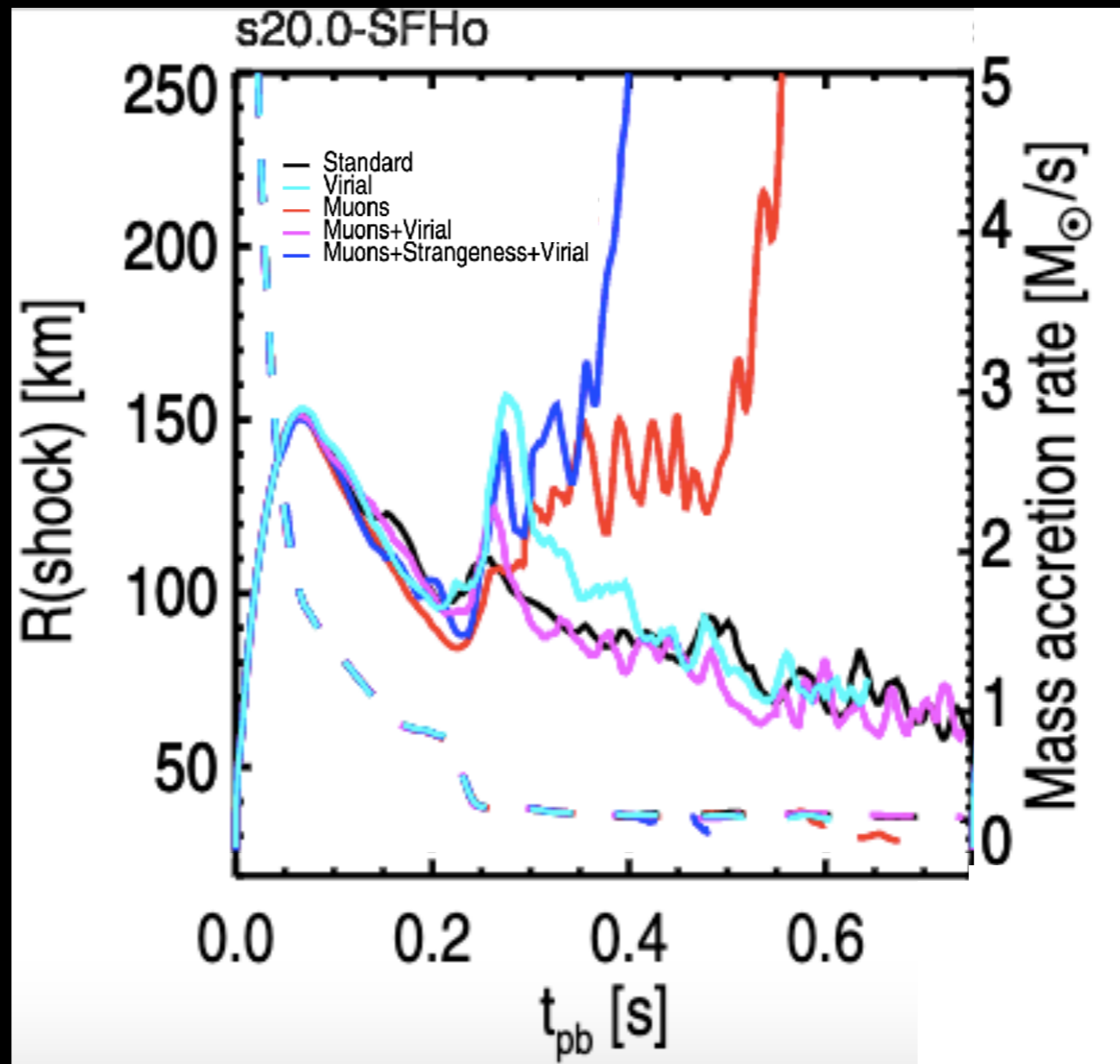


Delayed neutrino heating mechanism revives the shock

# What is the role of neutrinos?

Neutrino heating mechanism still requires confirmation in 3D

Bollig, Janka, Lohs, Martinez-Pinedo, Horowitz, Melson, Phys. Rev. Lett. 119 (2017) no.24, 242702



Dependence on details:  
production of muons, s-quark corrections, ...



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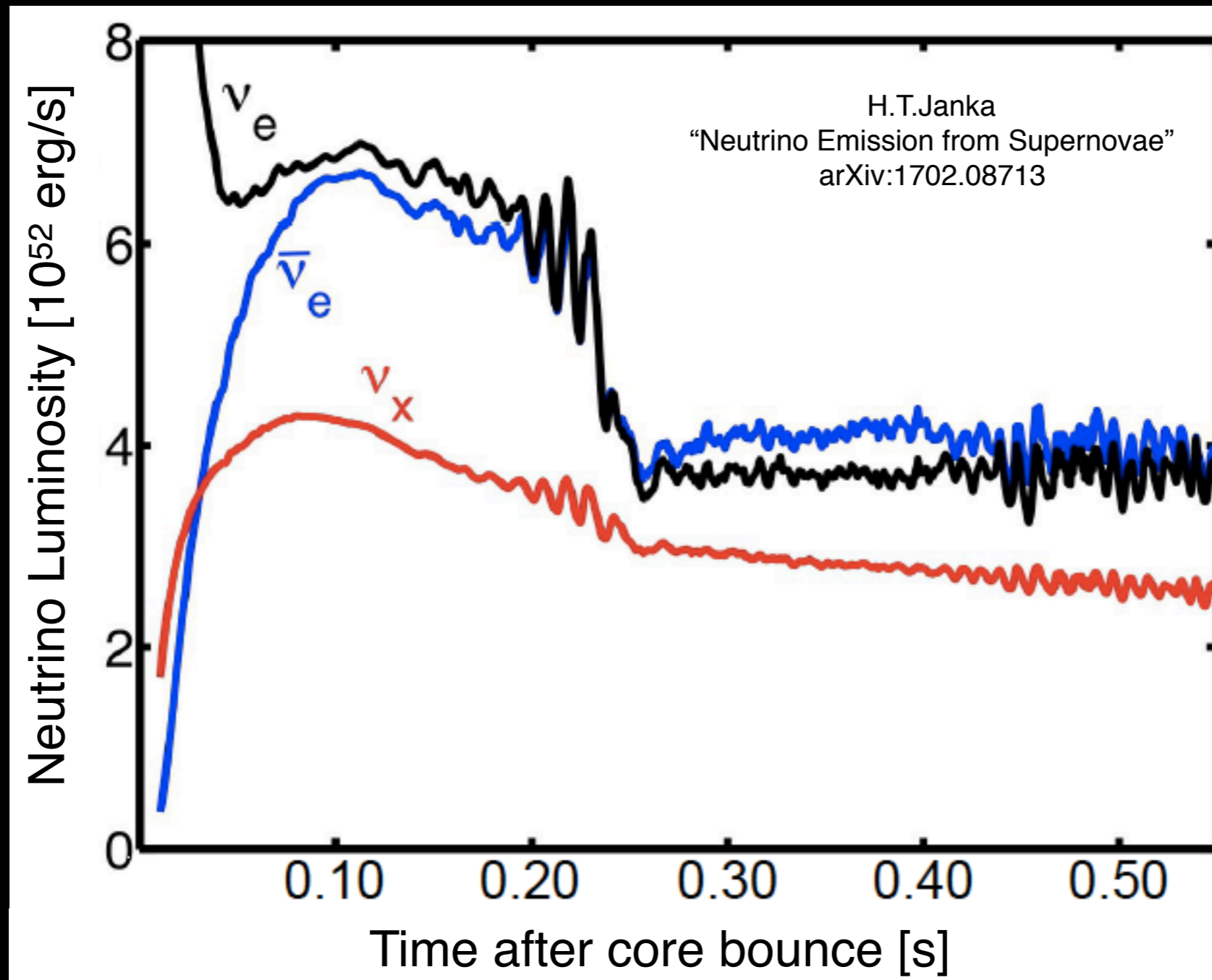
## Hypothesis 2

The delayed neutrino mechanism **IS** robust.  
Simulations are missing some key ingredients

More refined simulations are needed

# Multi-D neutrino signal features

Sloshing/spiraling (SASI) motion of the shock modulates  $L_\nu$

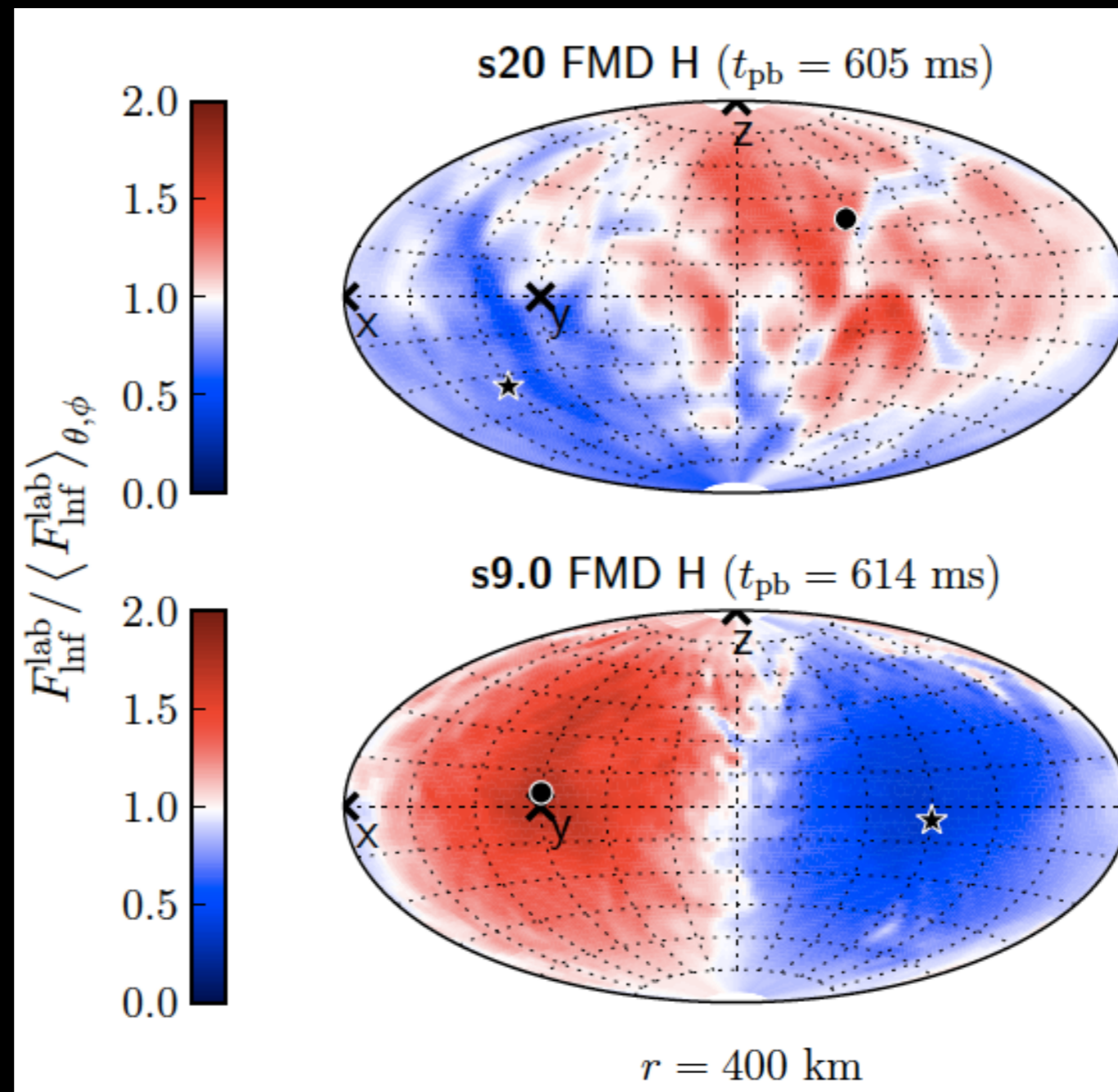


Neutrinos are probe of the explosion mechanism



# Multi-D neutrino signal features

Lepton number is emitted asymmetrically (LESA)



Tamborra et al.,  
Astrophys. J. 792 (2014) no.2, 96

Glas et al.,  
Astrophys.J. 881 (2019) no.1, 36

confirmed by

O'Connor and Couch,  
Astrophys. J. 865 (2018) no.2, 81

Vartanyan, Burrows and Radice,  
MNRAS 489 (2019) 2, 2227

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# Simulations vs 1987a

Bayesian analysis comparing 1987a data with 1D models

Olsen, Qian, Phys. Rev. D 104 (2021) no.12, 123020

Model	$d$ (kpc)	$t_{\text{off}}$ (s)	$\langle N \rangle$	$p(M_i D)$
A (NO)	51.39	0.048	6.81	0.2807
A (NH)	51.39	0.036	7.17	0.2684
A (IH)	51.39	0.024	7.92	0.2037
B (NO)	51.45	0.054	19.5	0.0058
B (NH)	51.45	0.054	19.4	0.0060
B (IH)	51.45	0.026	19.3	0.0043
C (NO)	51.43	0.051	15.1	0.0913
C (NH)	51.43	0.051	15.1	0.0875
C (IH)	51.43	0.033	15.0	0.0523

9.6  $M_{\odot}$  {  
20  $M_{\odot}$  {  
27  $M_{\odot}$  {

Best agreement with low mass progenitor model (9.6  $M_{\odot}$ )

# Flavor evolution in dense environments

Boltzmann equation of the density matrix  $\rho_{\mathbf{p},\mathbf{x}}$

$$(\partial_t + \mathbf{v}_{\mathbf{p}} \cdot \nabla_{\mathbf{x}}) \rho_{\mathbf{p},\mathbf{x}} = -i[H_{\mathbf{p},\mathbf{x}}^{\text{vac}} + H_{\mathbf{p},\mathbf{x}}^{\text{mat}} + H_{\mathbf{p},\mathbf{x}}^{\nu\nu}, \rho_{\mathbf{p},\mathbf{x}}] + \hat{\mathcal{C}}[\rho_{\mathbf{p},\mathbf{x}}]$$

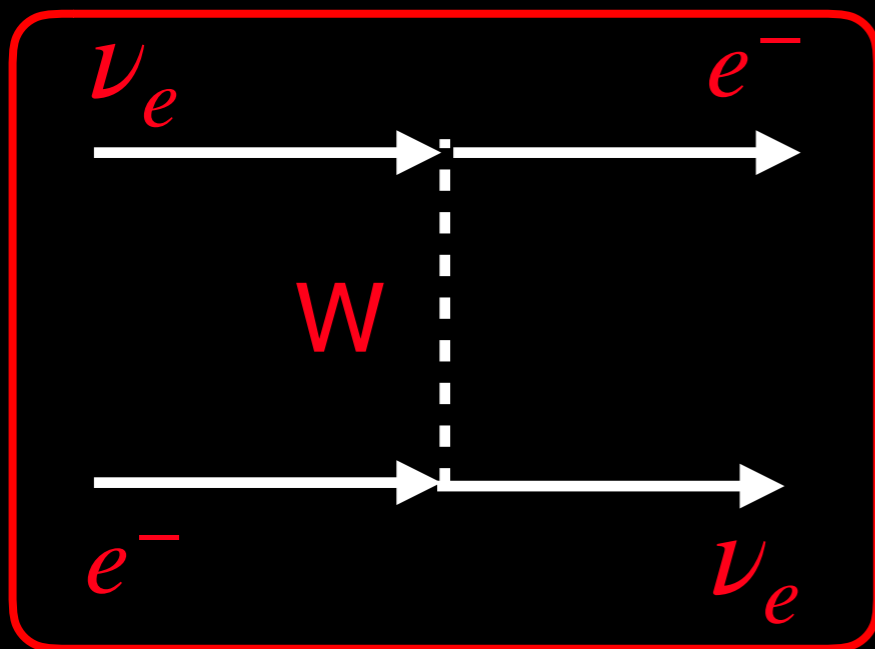


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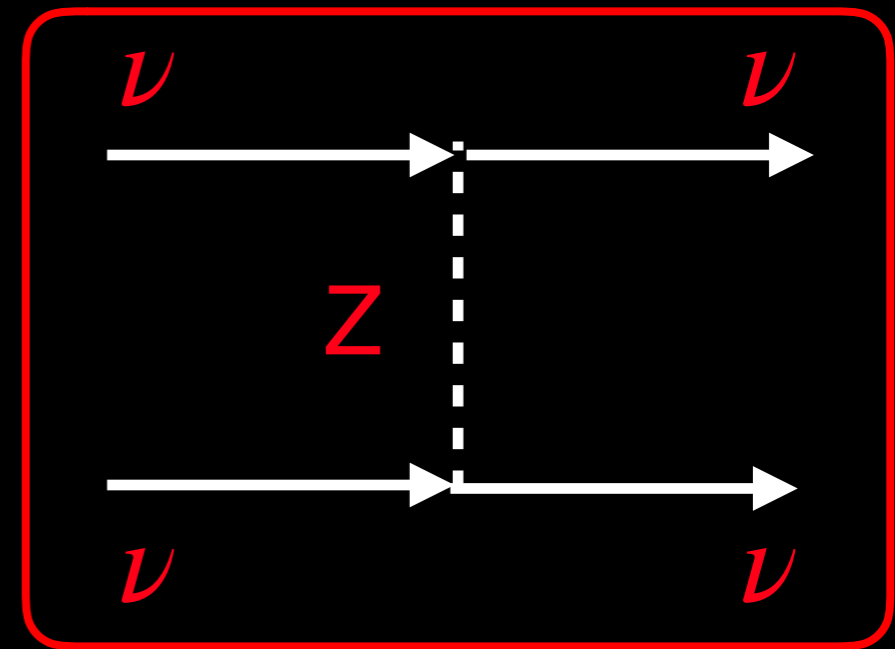
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$H_{\mathbf{p},\mathbf{x}}^{\text{mat}}$



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Non-linear equations. Only solvable with some assumptions

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Two ways to tackle the problem

Linear  
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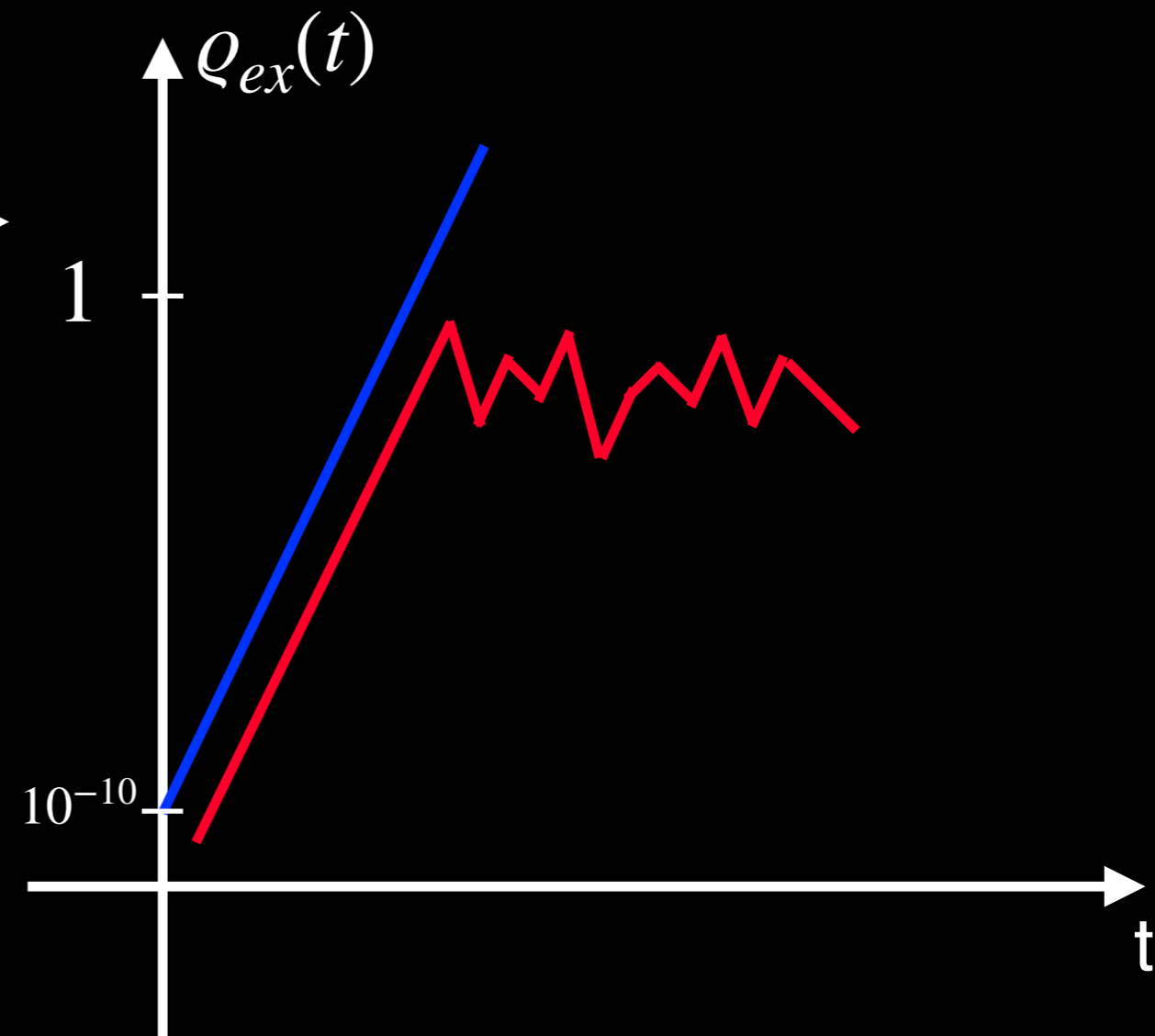
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Find instabilities, hard to know amount of flavour conversions

Numerically hard, simplifying assumptions can alter final results



# Fast and slow conversions

Linear stability analysis predicts two kind of instabilities

Fast  
conversions

Growth rate  $\propto G_F n_\nu$   
Time scale  $\sim 1$  ns

Slow  
conversions

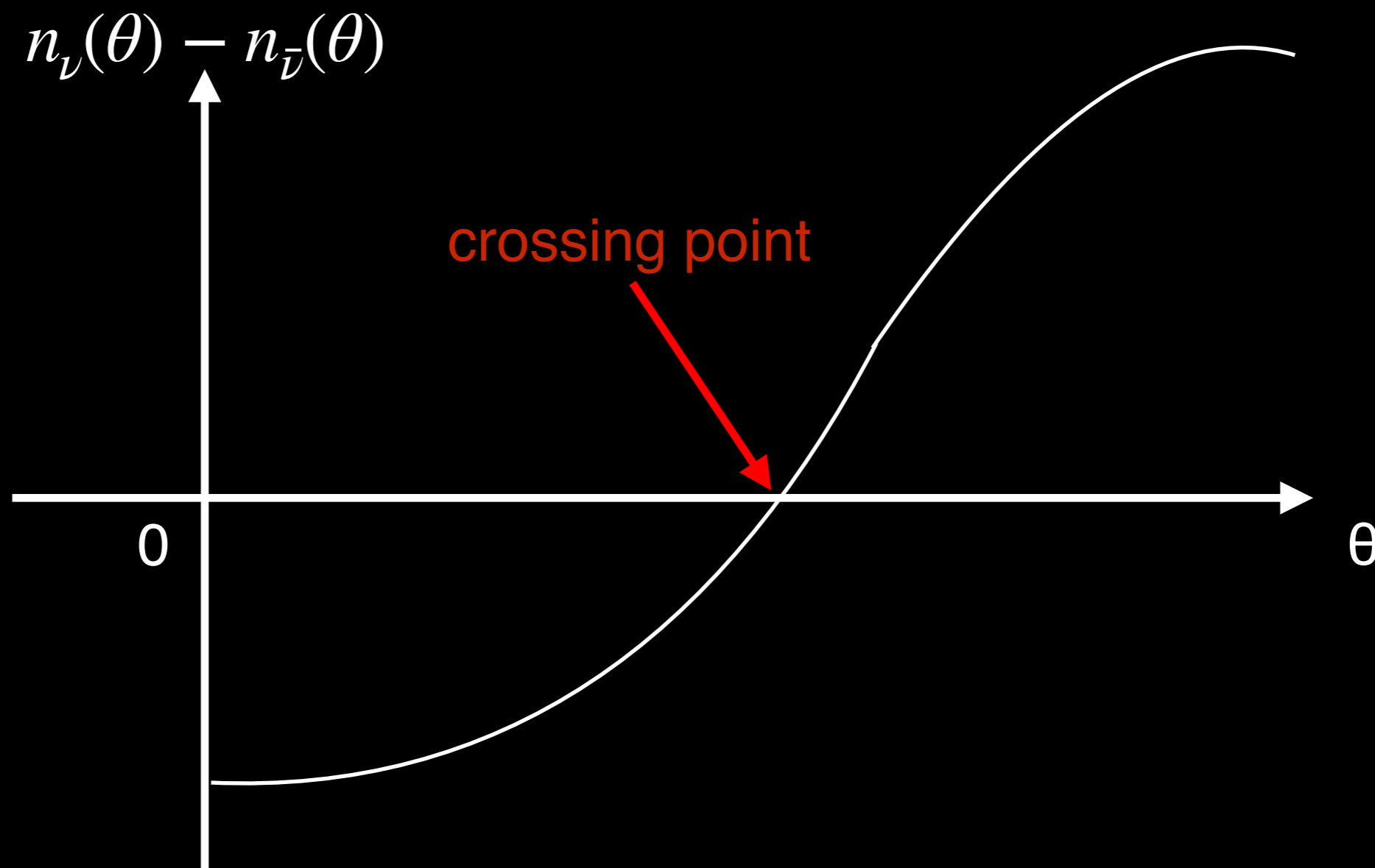
Growth rate  $\propto \sqrt{\frac{\Delta m^2}{E_\nu}} G_F n_\nu$   
Time scale  $\sim 0.1$   $\mu$ s

Fast conversions develop on very short time scales

# Fast conversions

Necessary and sufficient condition: **angular crossing**

Morinaga, Phys. Rev. D105 (2022) no.10, L101301, Dasgupta, Phys. Rev. Lett. 128 (2022) no.8, 8

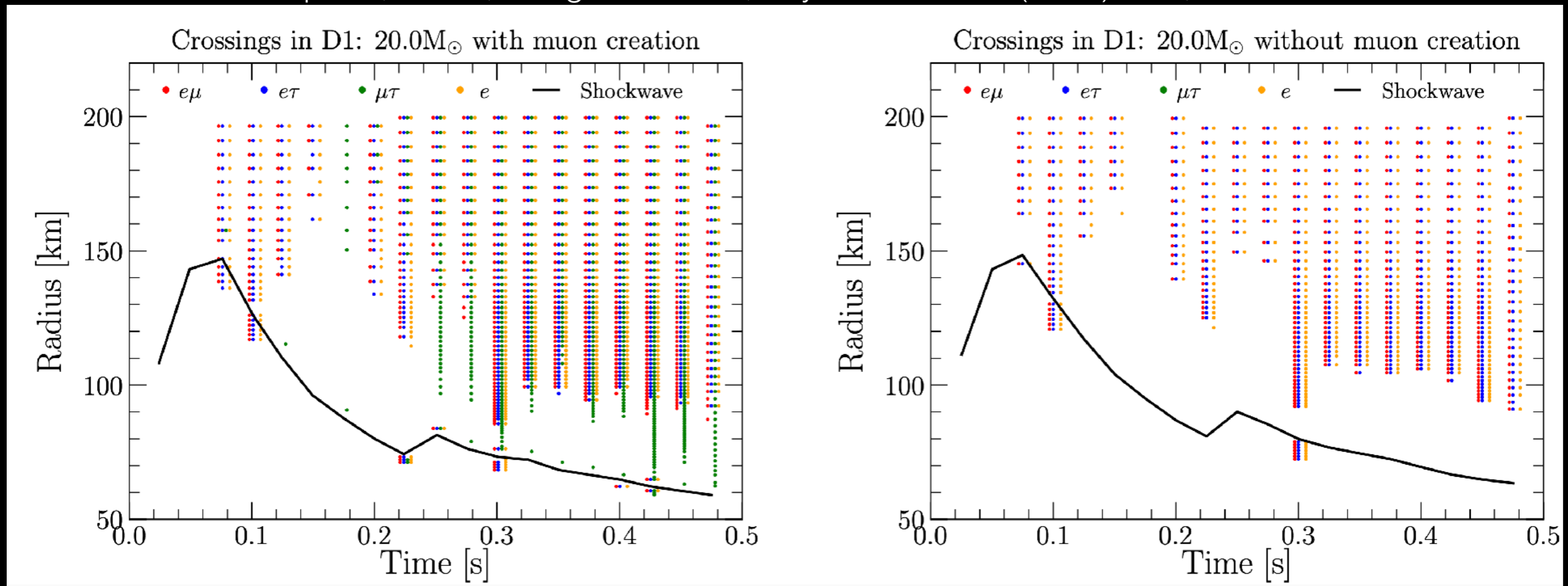


Example:  $\nu$  ( $\bar{\nu}$ ) dominate in the forward (backward) direction

# Fast conversions in real simulations

## Are crossings really happening in supernovae?

Capozzi, Abbar, Bollig and Janka, Phys. Rev. D 103 (2021) no.6, 063013



see also

Tamborra, Huedepohl, Raffelt, Janka, 2017; Abbar, Duan, Sumiyoshi, Takiwaki, Volpe, 2018; Morinaga, Nakagura, Kato, Yamada, 2019; Azari, Yamada, Morinaga, Iwakami, Okawa, Nakagura, Sumiyoshi 2019; Morinaga, Nagakura, Kato, Yamada 2020; Abbar, Capozzi, Glas, Janka, Tamborra Phys. Rev. D 103 (2021) no.6, 063033

## Crossings possible both below and above the shock wave

# Fast conversions in real simulations

**What is the impact of fast conversions?**

Including fast conversions in supernova simulations?

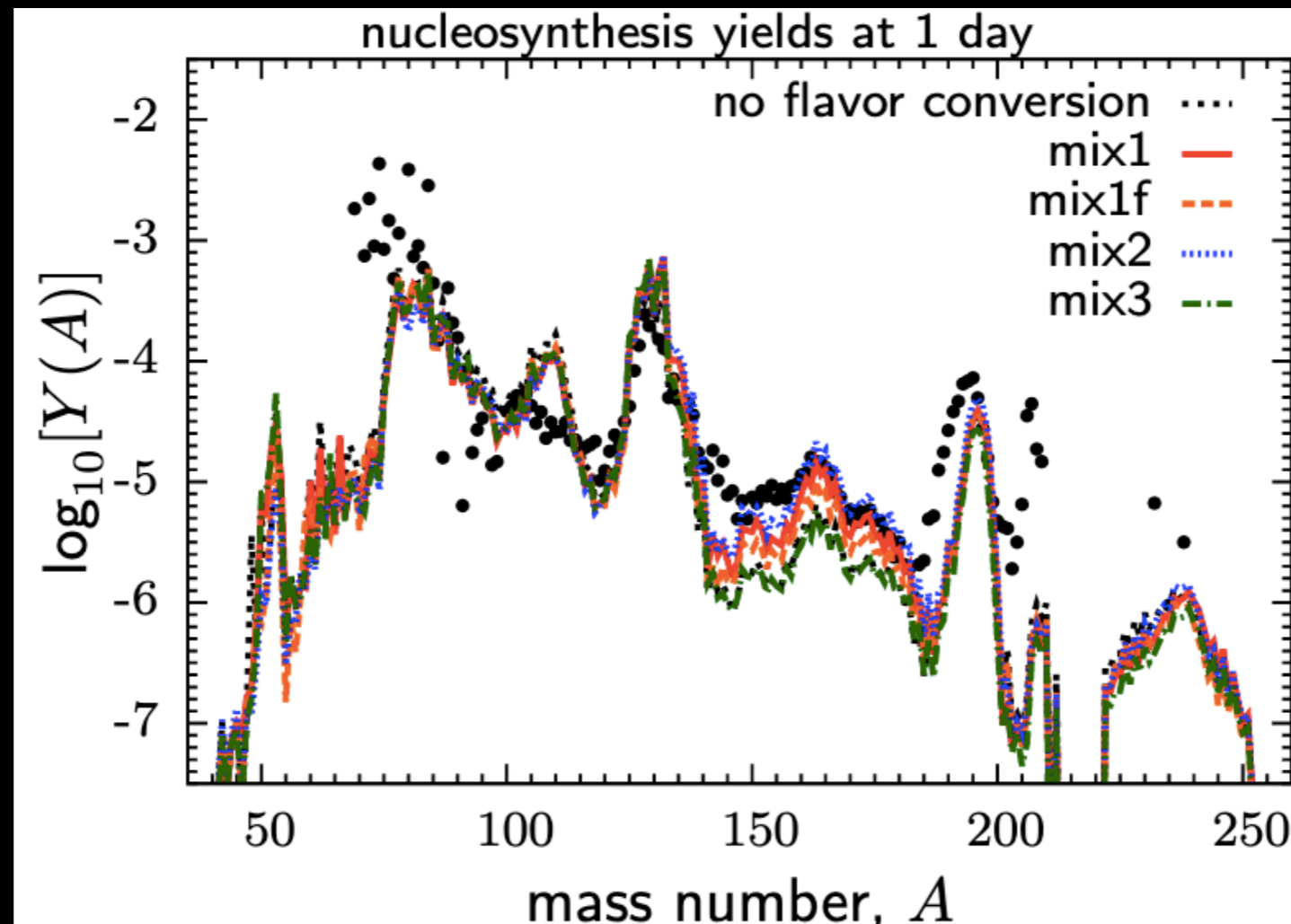
xxxx, et al. Phys. Rev. Lett. nn (20yy) mm, ll

Still a lot of work ahead

# Digression: neutron star mergers

## Implementation of fast conversions in an “effective” way

Just, Abbar, Wu, Tamborra, Janka, Capozzi, Phys. Rev. D 105 (2022) no.8, 083024



see also Wu, Tamborra, Phys. Rev. D 95 (2017) no.10, 103007, Wu, Tamborra, Just, Janka, Phys. Rev. D 96 (2017) no.12, 123015, George, Wu, Tamborra, Ardevol-Pulillo, Janka, Phys. Rev. D 102 (2020) no.10, 103015, Li, Siegel, Phys. Rev. Lett. 126 (2021) no.25, 251101

Mild impact of fast conversions on r-process yields.  
This is stable to changing the model parameters



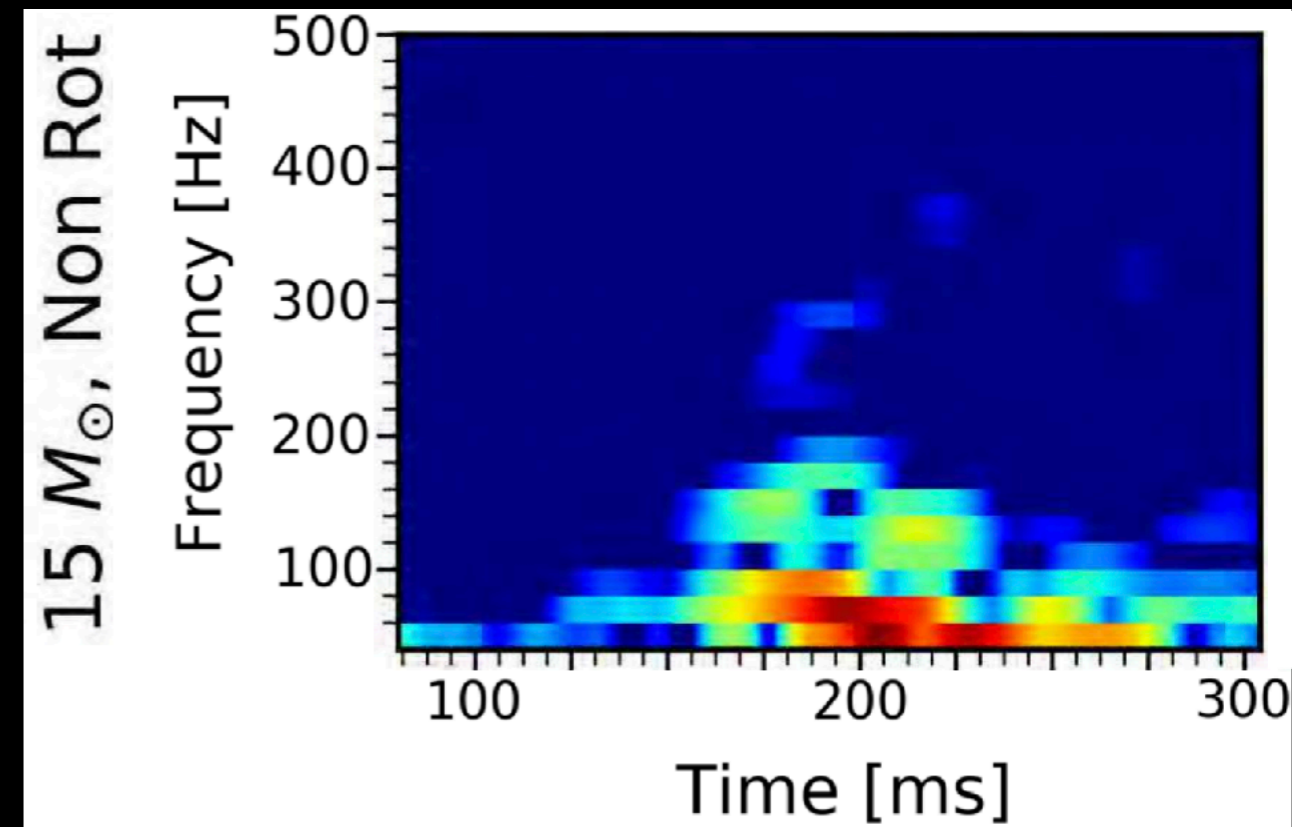
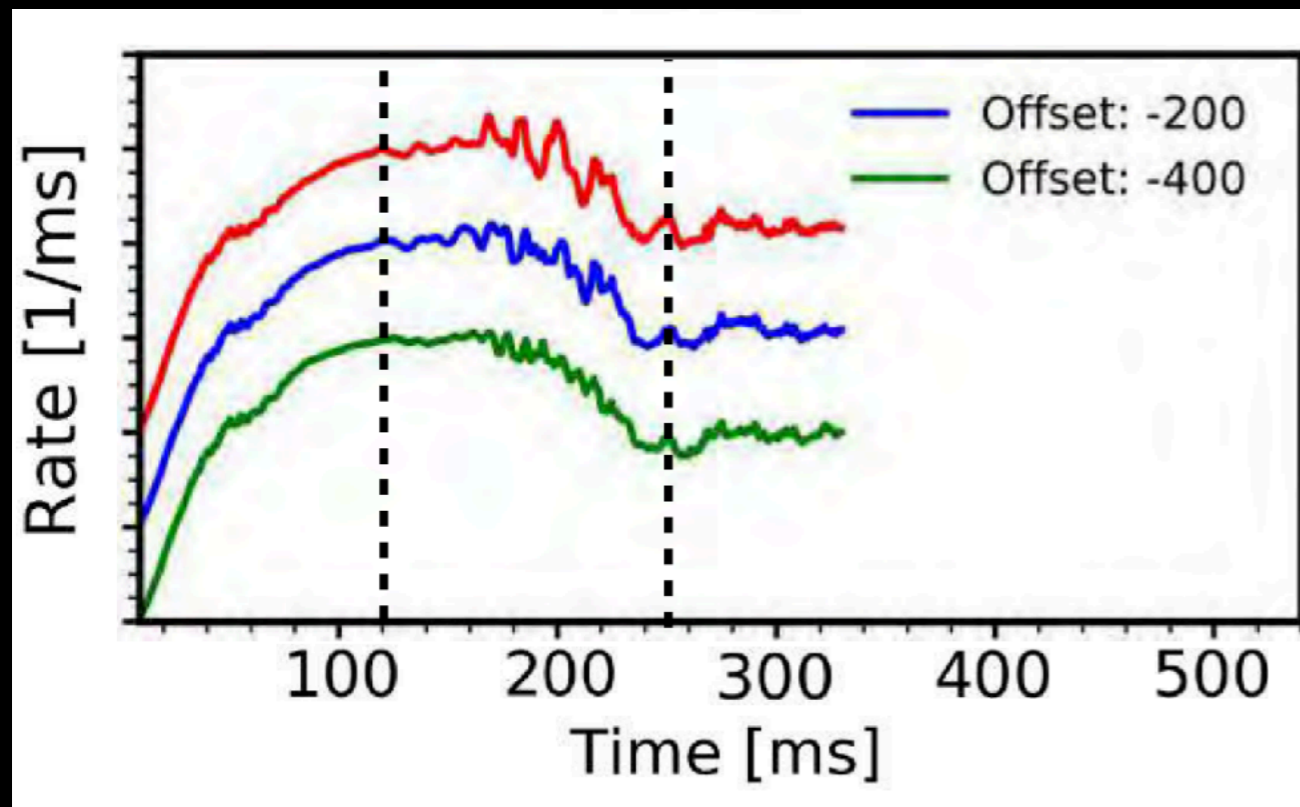
# Detecting Supernova Neutrinos

Flavor	Detection channel	Experiments	Events (10 kpc)
$\bar{\nu}_e$	$\bar{\nu}_e + p \rightarrow n + e^+$	SuperK, HyperK IceCUBE JUNO	$10^4 - 10^5$ $10^6$ $\text{few} \times 10^3$
$\nu_e$	$\nu_e + {}^{40}\text{Ar} \rightarrow e^- + {}^{40}\text{K}^*$	DUNE	$10^3$
$\nu_x$	$\nu + p \rightarrow \nu + p$ $\nu + {}^N\text{X} \rightarrow \nu + {}^N\text{X}$	JUNO Dark matter, Lead	$10^2$ $10 - 10^3$

# What can we learn?

Water Cherenkov will have high statistics and precise time info

Walk, Tamborra, Janka, Summa, Phys. Rev. D 98 (2018) no.12, 123001

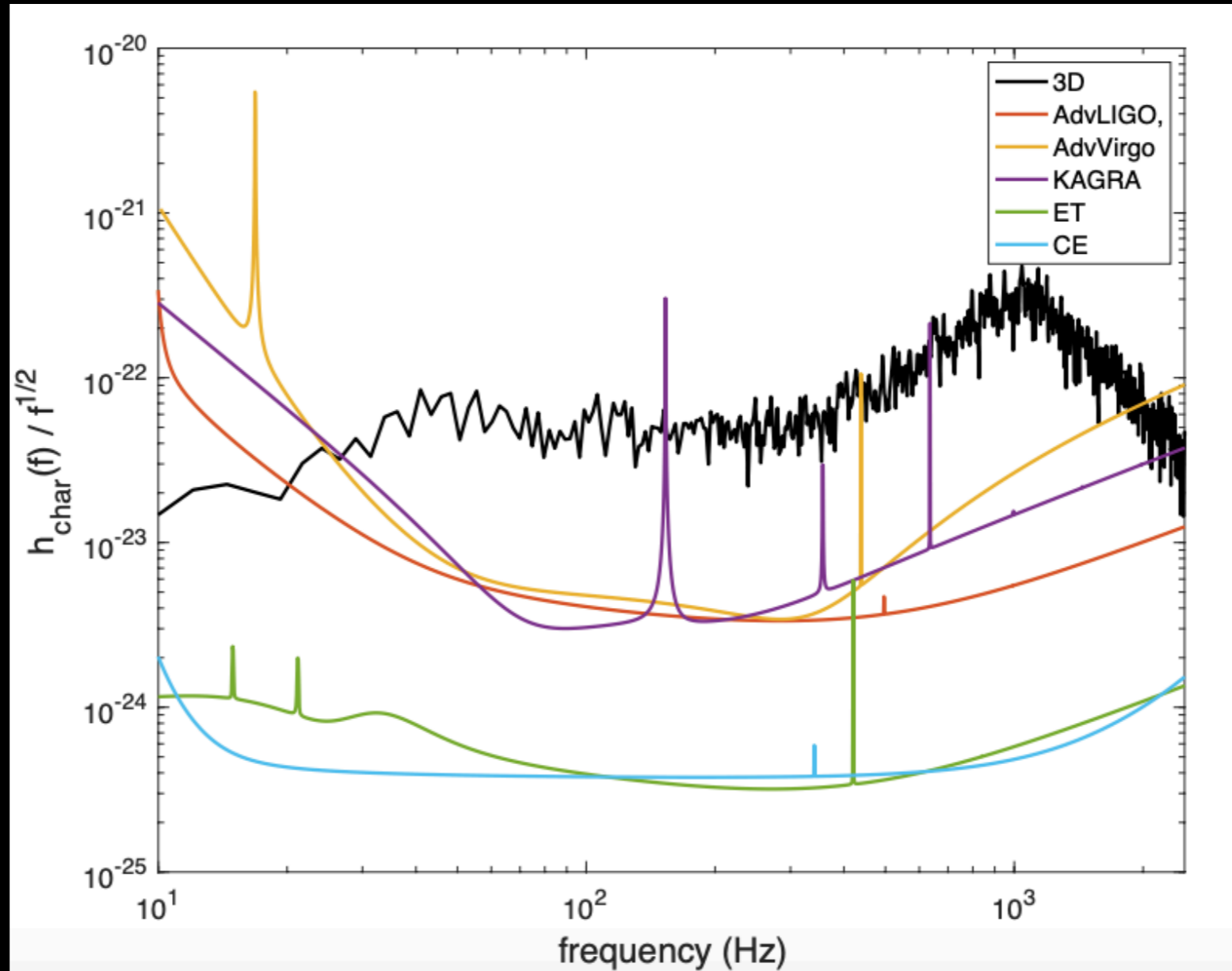


Time variations in the neutrino signal (SASI) can be studied

# What can we learn?

Neutrinos and GW carry important information from the PNS

Mezzacappa, et al., Phys. Rev. D 102 (2020) no.2, 023027



see also

Westernacher-Schneider, et al.,  
Phys. Rev. D 100 (2019) no.12, 123009

Vartanyan, Burrows,  
Astrophys. J. 901 (2020) no.2, 108

Pan, Liebowitz, Couch, Thielemann,  
arXiv:2010.02453

Abdikamalov, Pagliaroli, Radice,  
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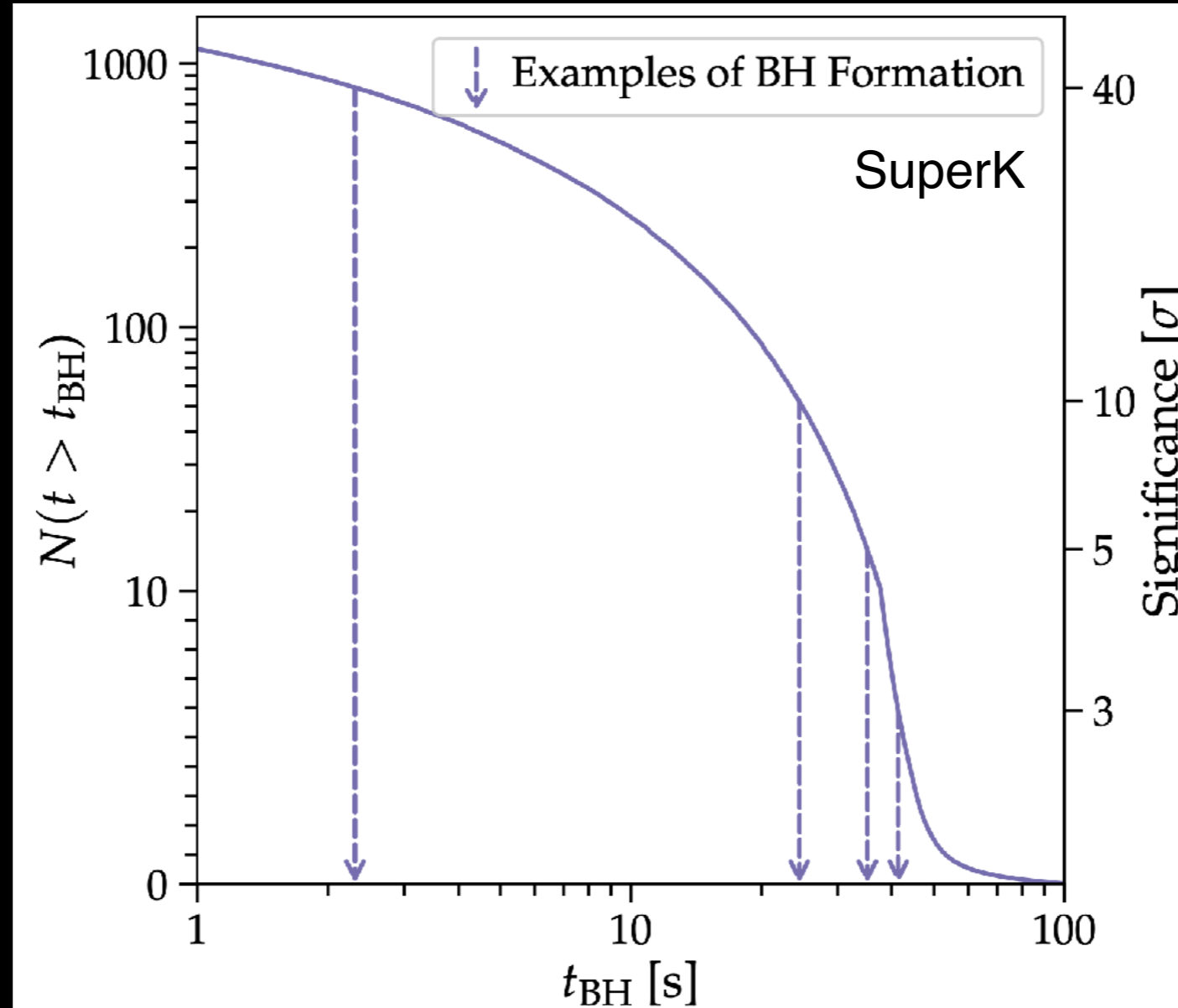
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GW are complementary to neutrinos

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Li, Beacom, Roberts, Phys. Rev. D 103 (2021) no.2, 023016



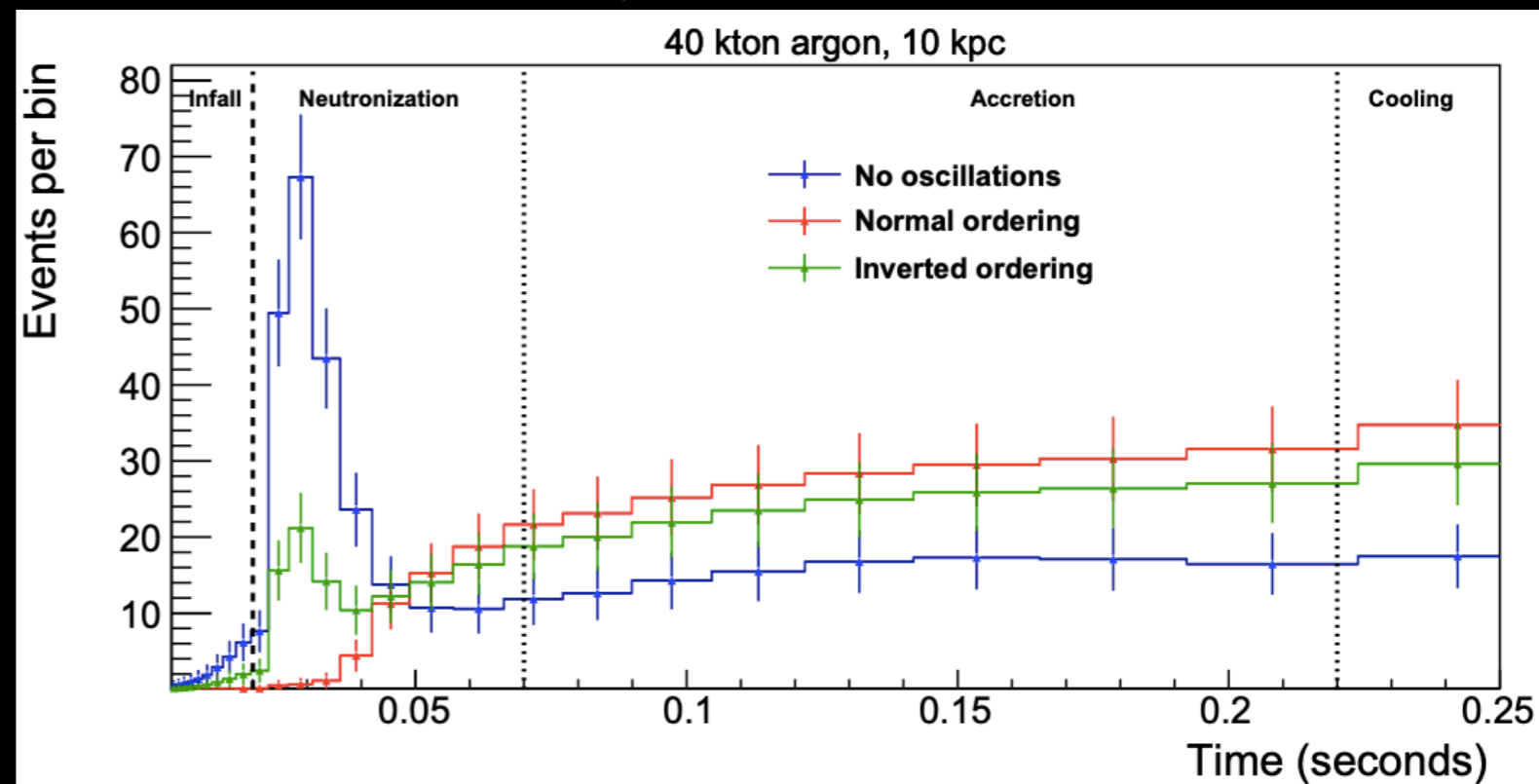
Evidence of black hole formation

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DUNE has direct access to the neutronization burst



Jost Migenda, talk at Nuphys 2017



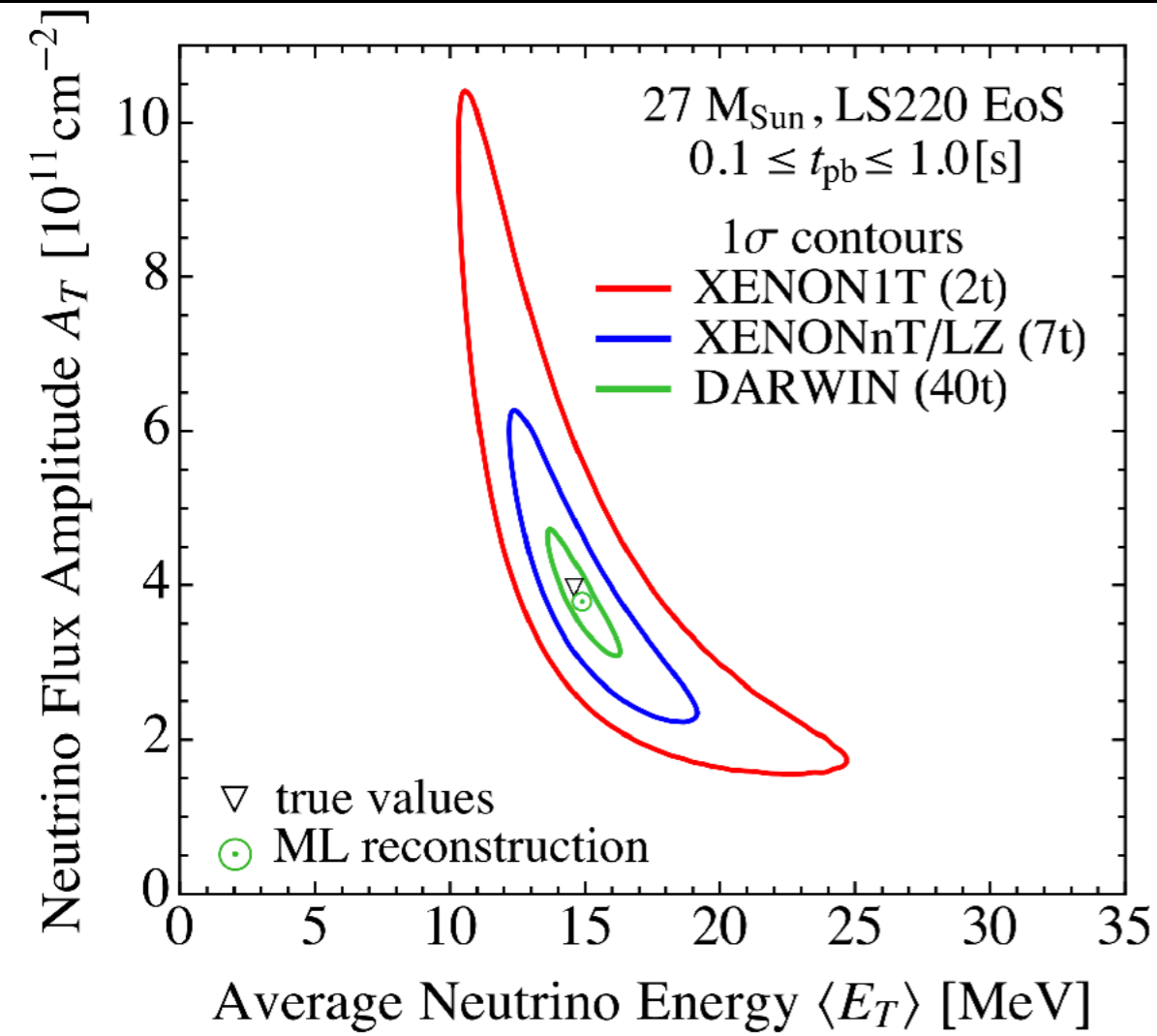
Study the neutronization burst:  
distance, light sterile, neutrino mass (see poster by F. Pompa)



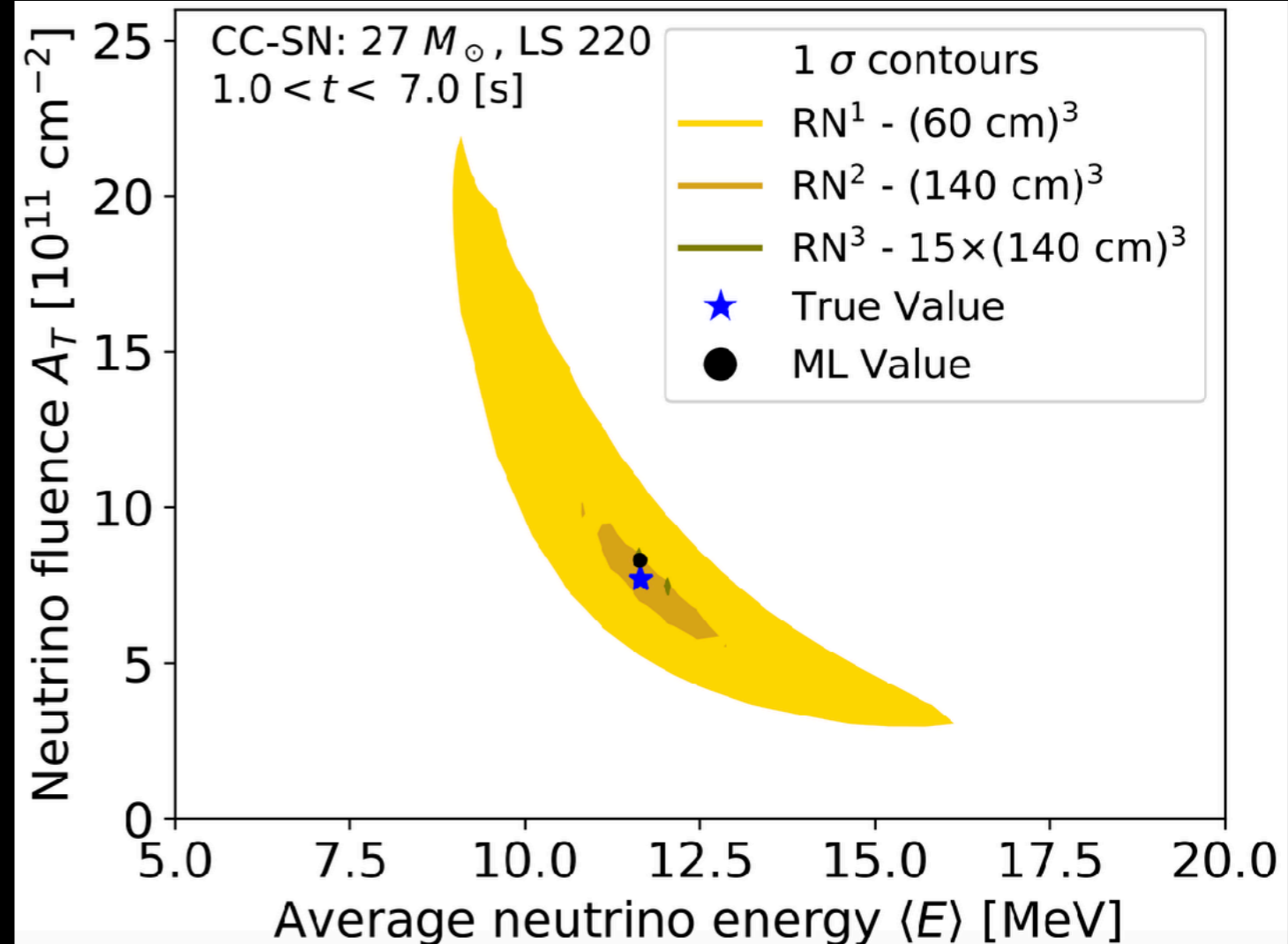
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## Dark matter (Xe) and Lead detectors

Lang, McCabe, Reichard, Selvi, Tamborra, Phys. Rev. D 94 (2016) no.10, 103009

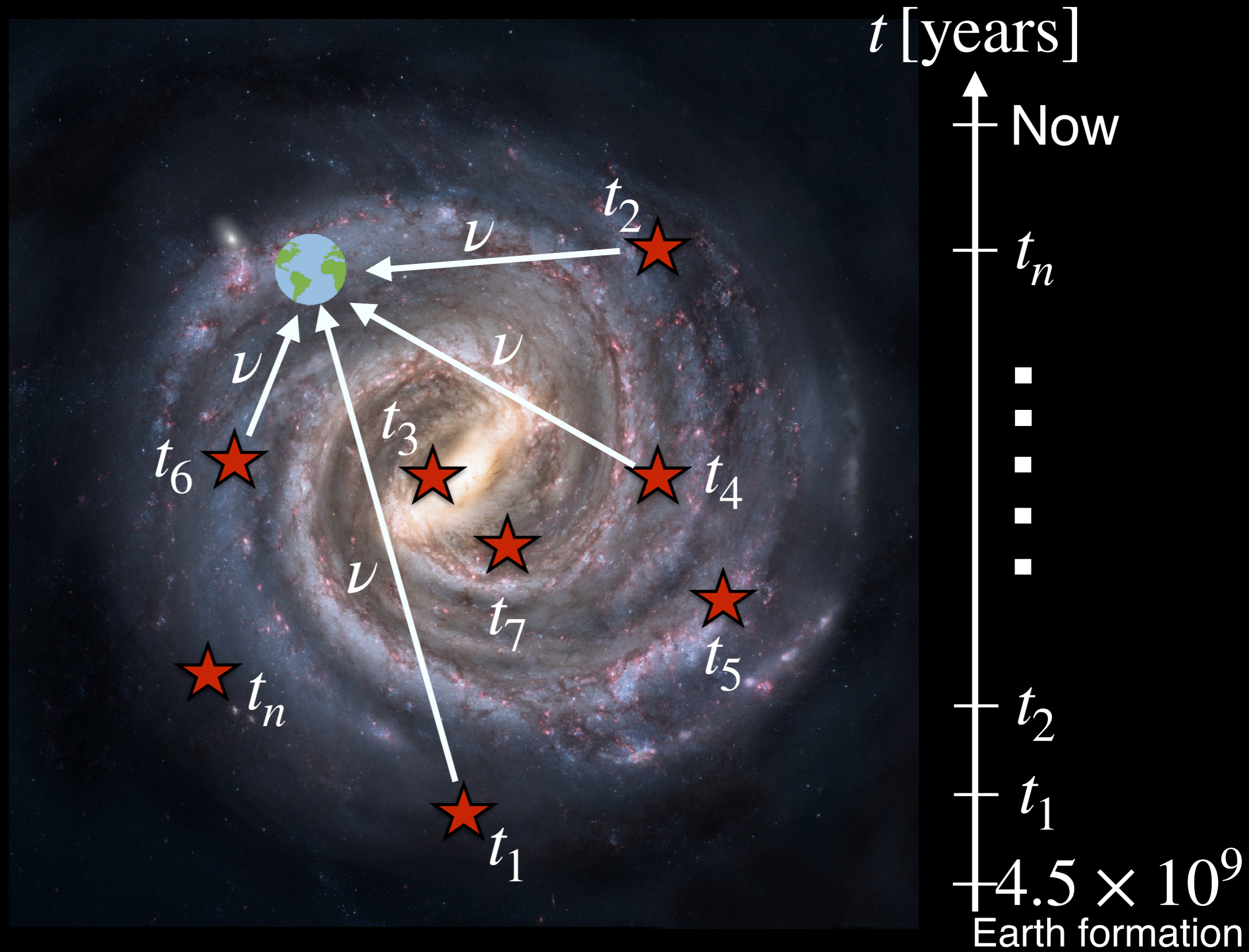


Pattavina, Ferreiro Iachellini, Tamborra, Phys. Rev. D 102 (2020) no.6, 063001



Great potential for  $\nu_x$

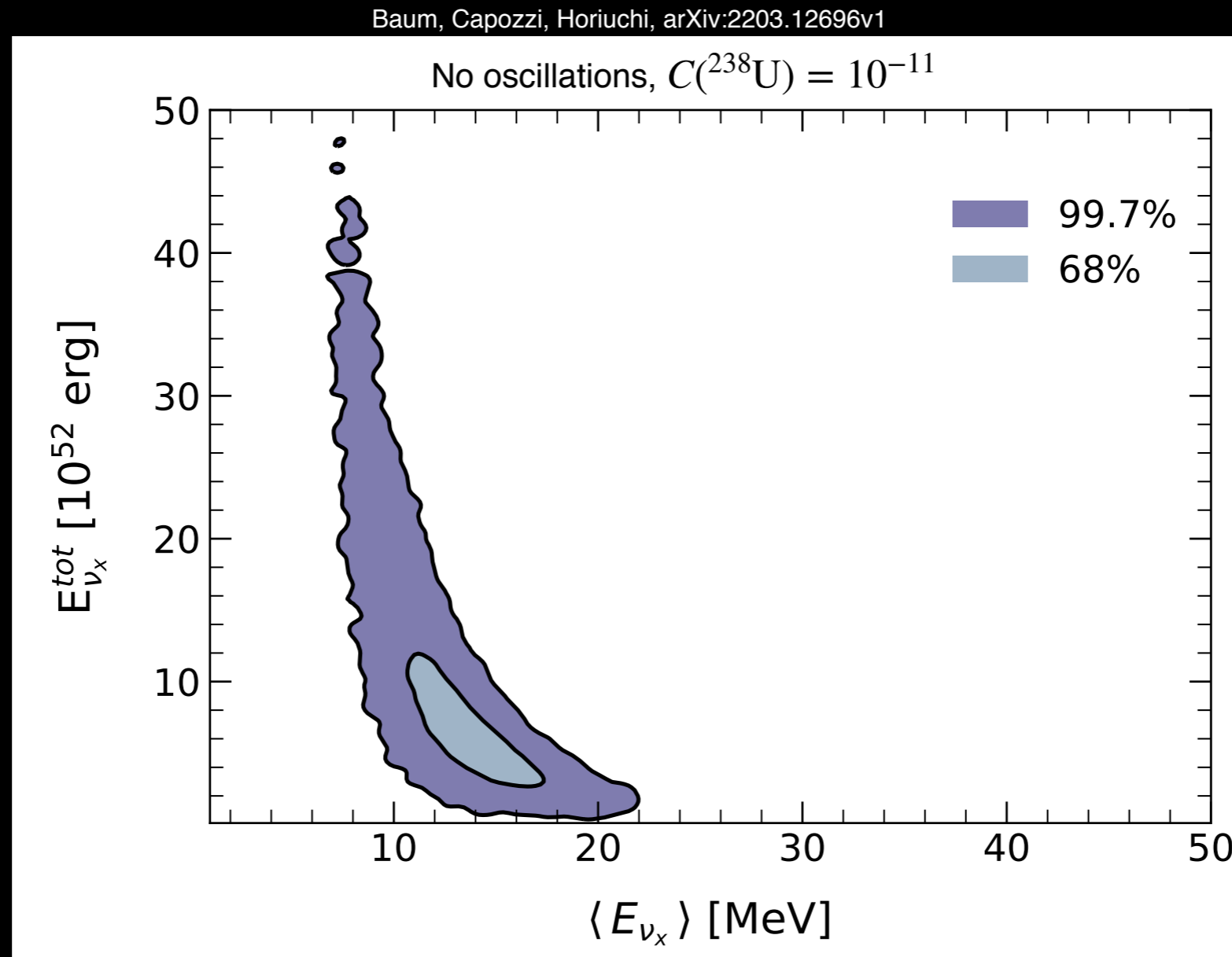
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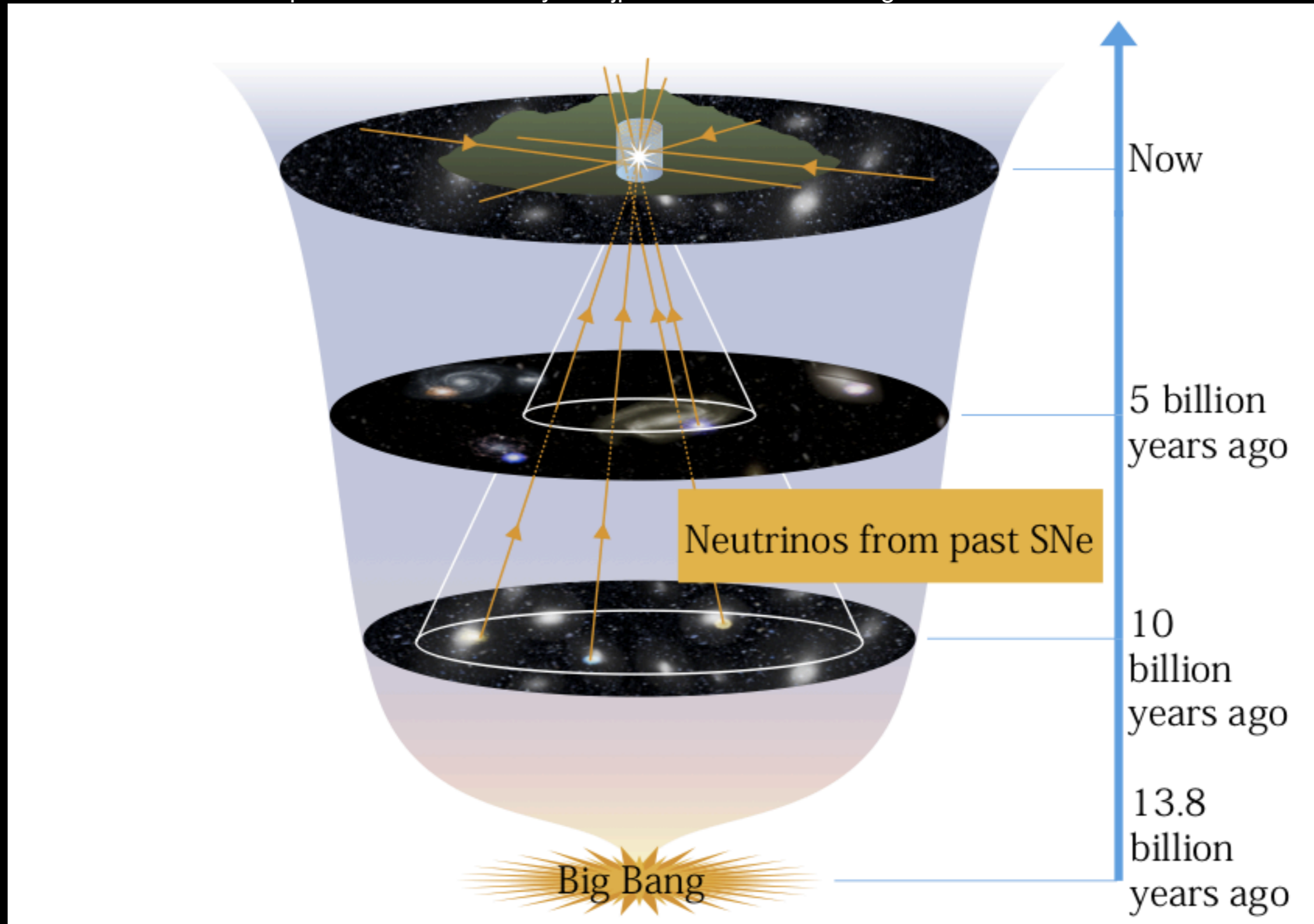
The sum of neutrinos emitted by all SN exploded in our galaxy



Potential detection using paleo-detectors.  
Low background sample needed

# Time Integrated Signals: Diffuse

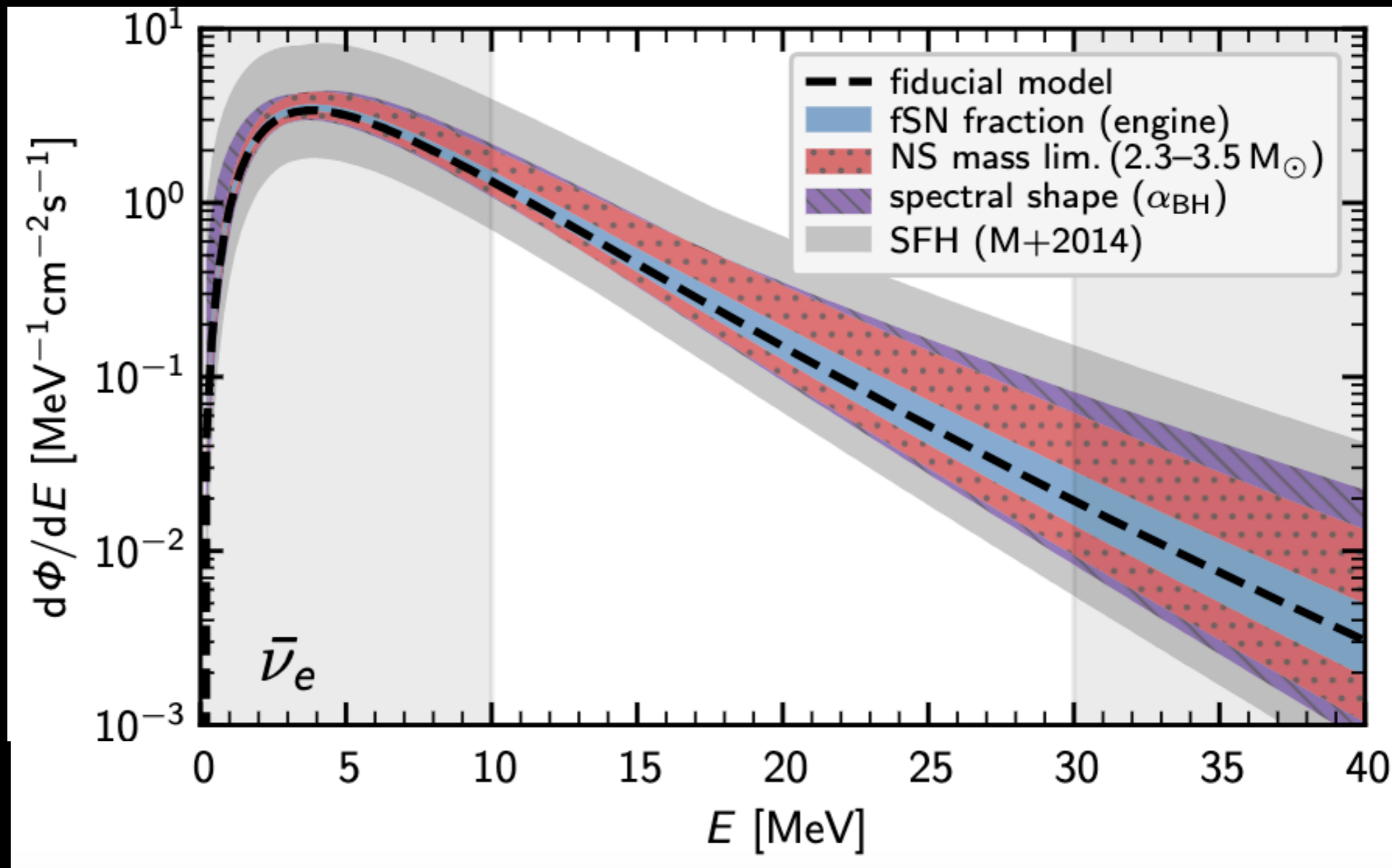
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# Time Integrated Signals: Diffuse

Diffuse flux sensitive to astrophysical ingredients

Kresse, Ertl, Janka, *Astrophys. J.* 909 (2021) no.2, 169



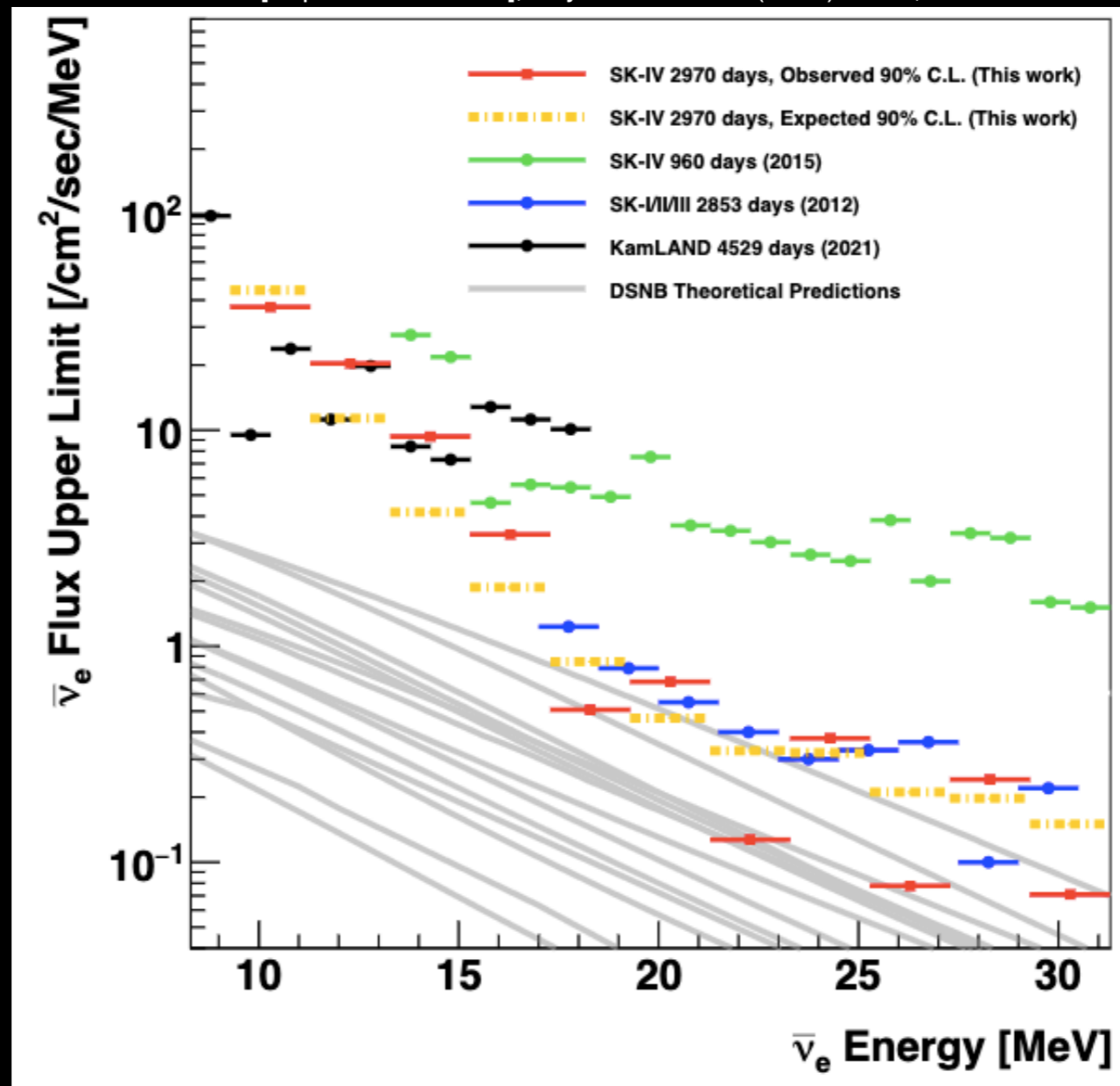
Measure star formation and failed supernova rates



# Time Integrated Signals: Diffuse

SuperK has currently the best sensitivity to DSNB

Abe et al. [Super-Kamiokande], Phys. Rev. D 104 (2021) no.12, 122002

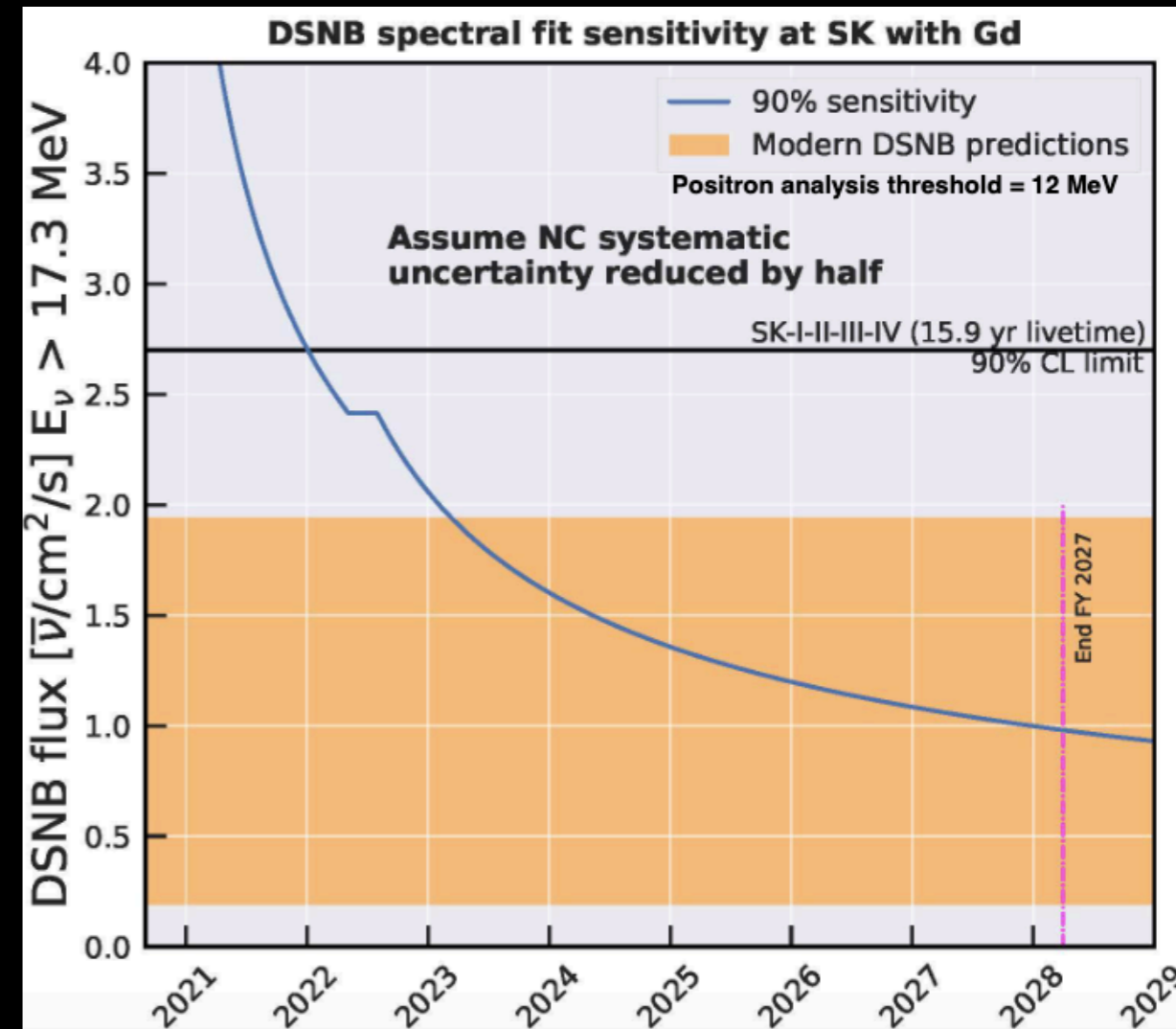


Some theoretical predictions are currently excluded

# Time Integrated Signals: Diffuse

SuperK is currently adding more Gadolinium to the detector

M. Vagins talk at Neutrino 2022



Improvements in sensitivity expected in the next few years



# Conclusions

MeV neutrinos play a key role in astrophysical sources

Neutrinos carry complementary information to (GW,  $\gamma$ )

Theoretical work still needed to be fully ready

**Thank you!**