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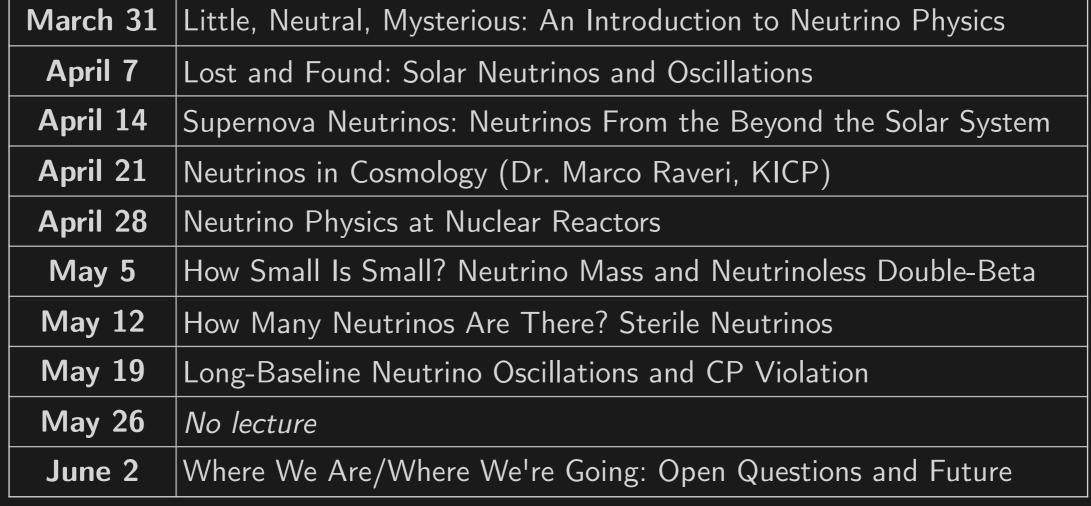


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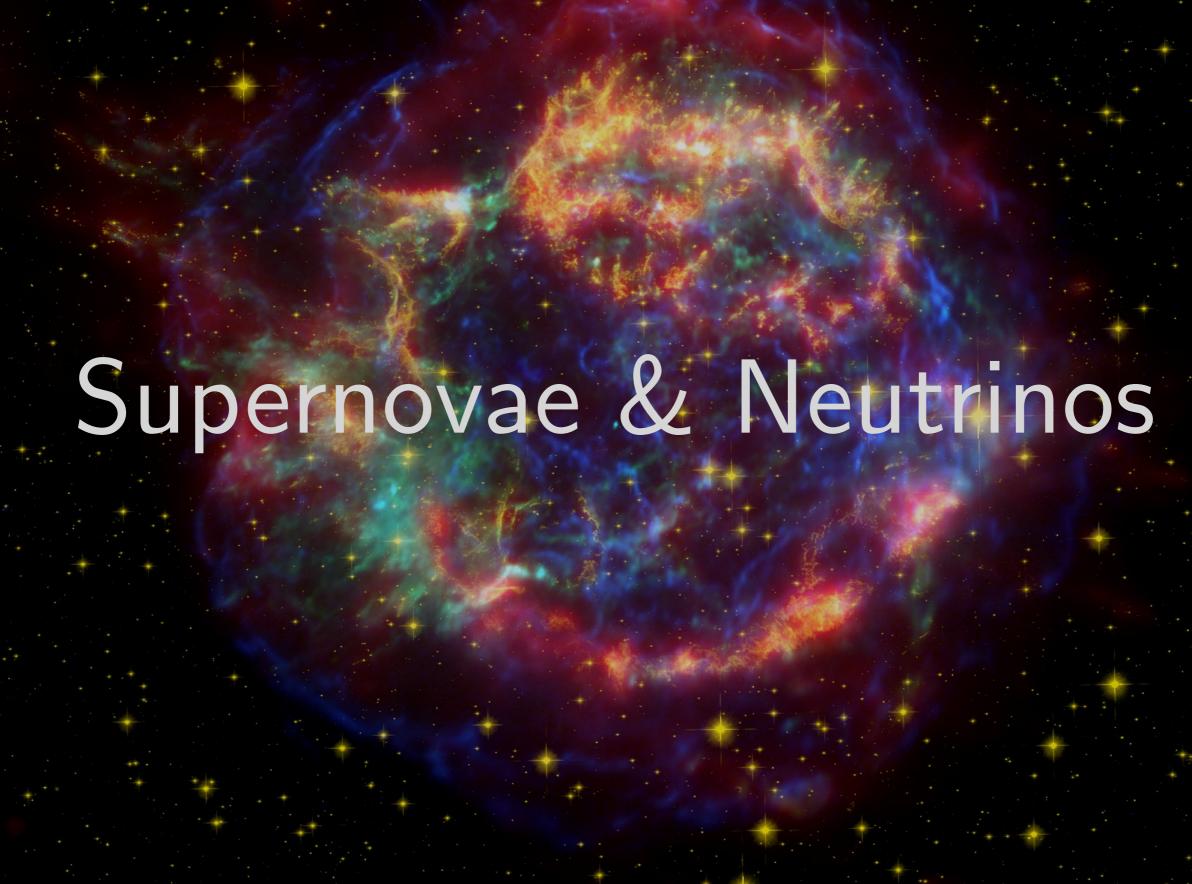
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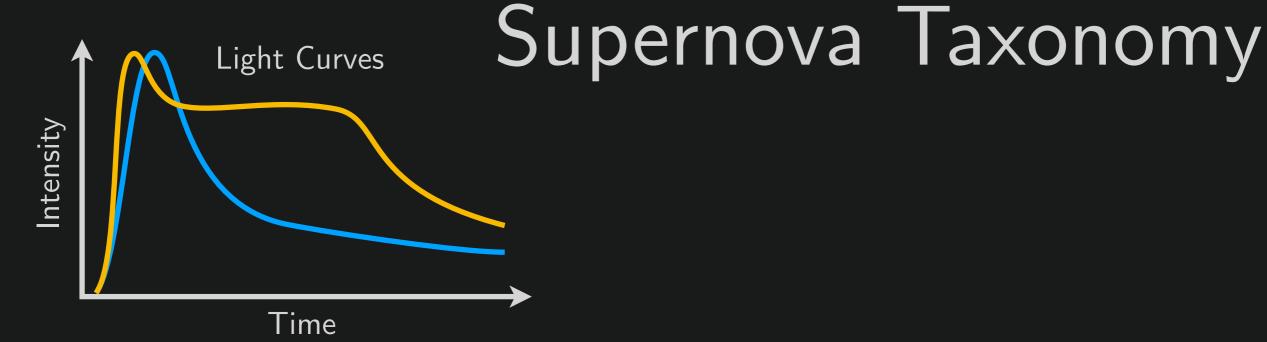
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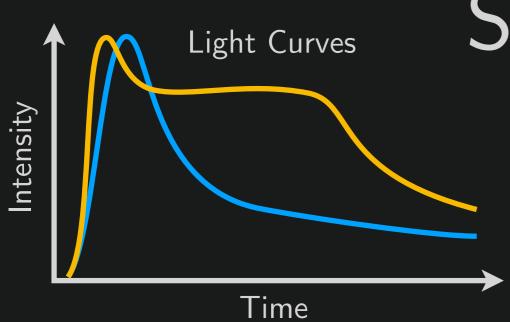
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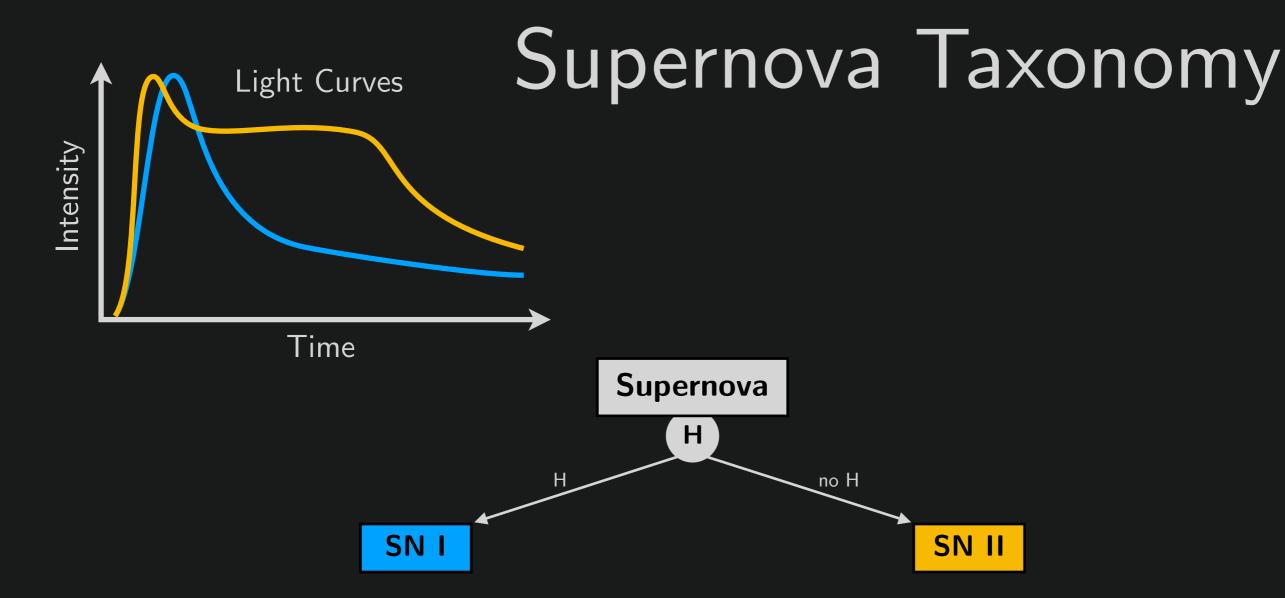
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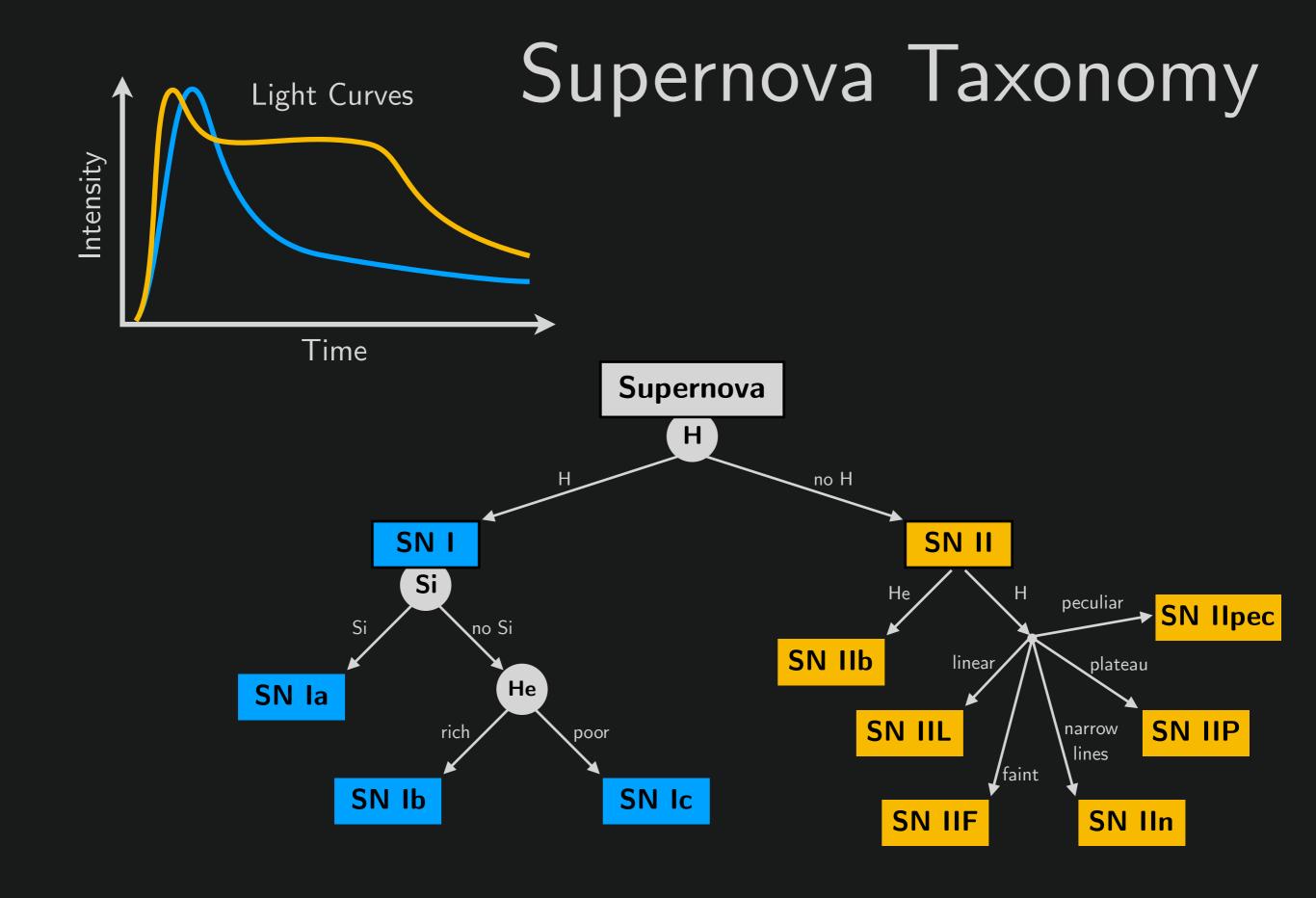


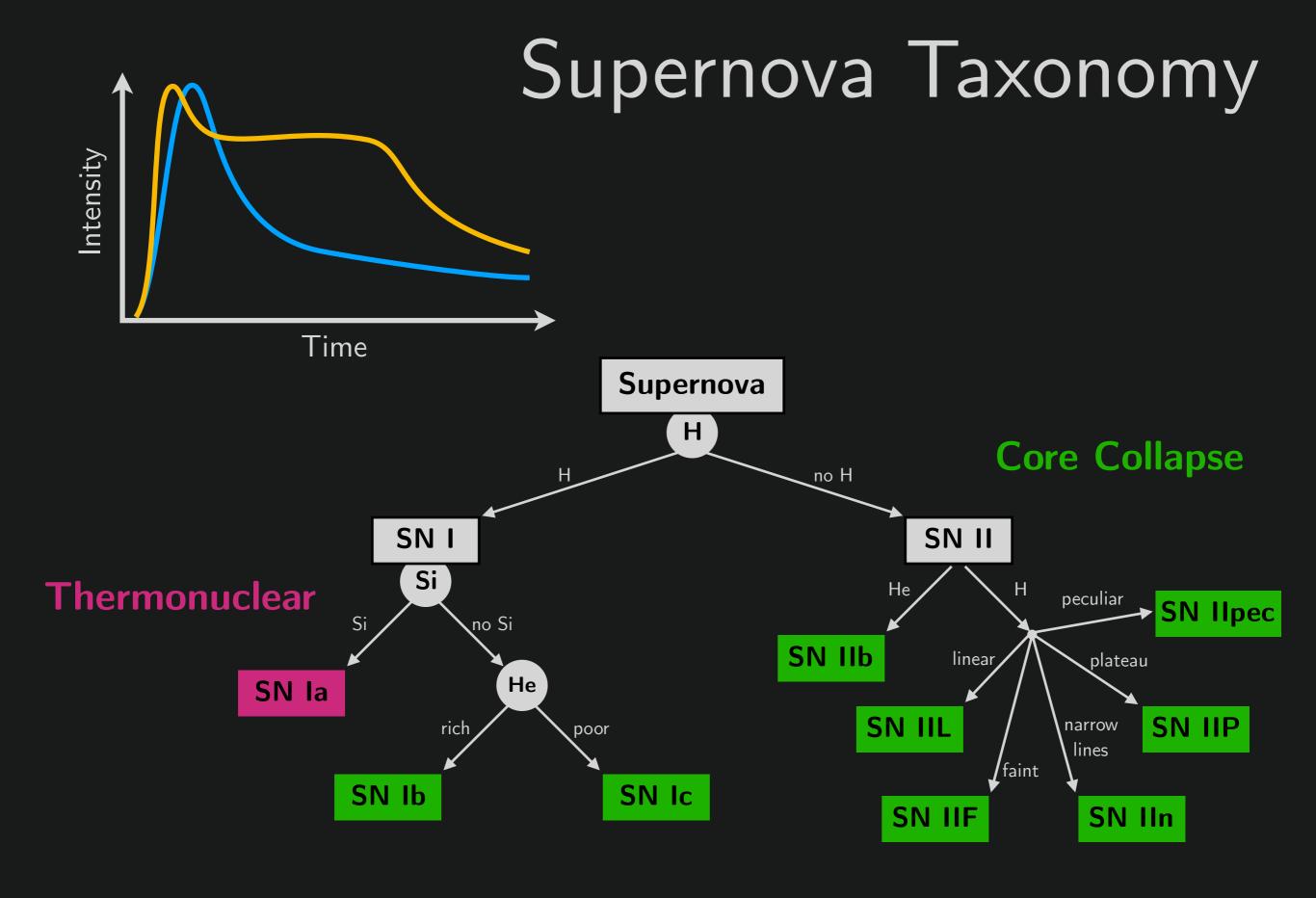


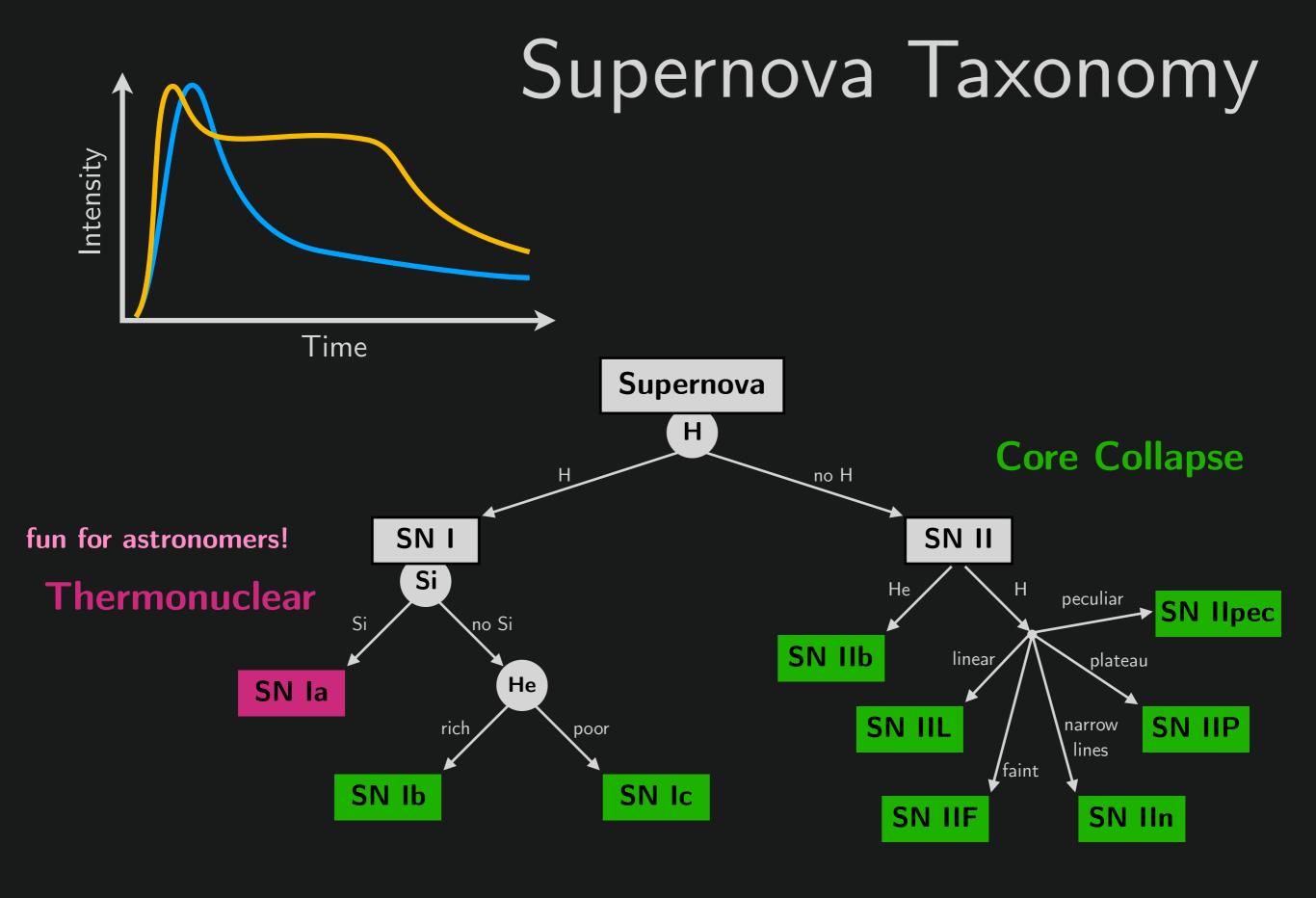
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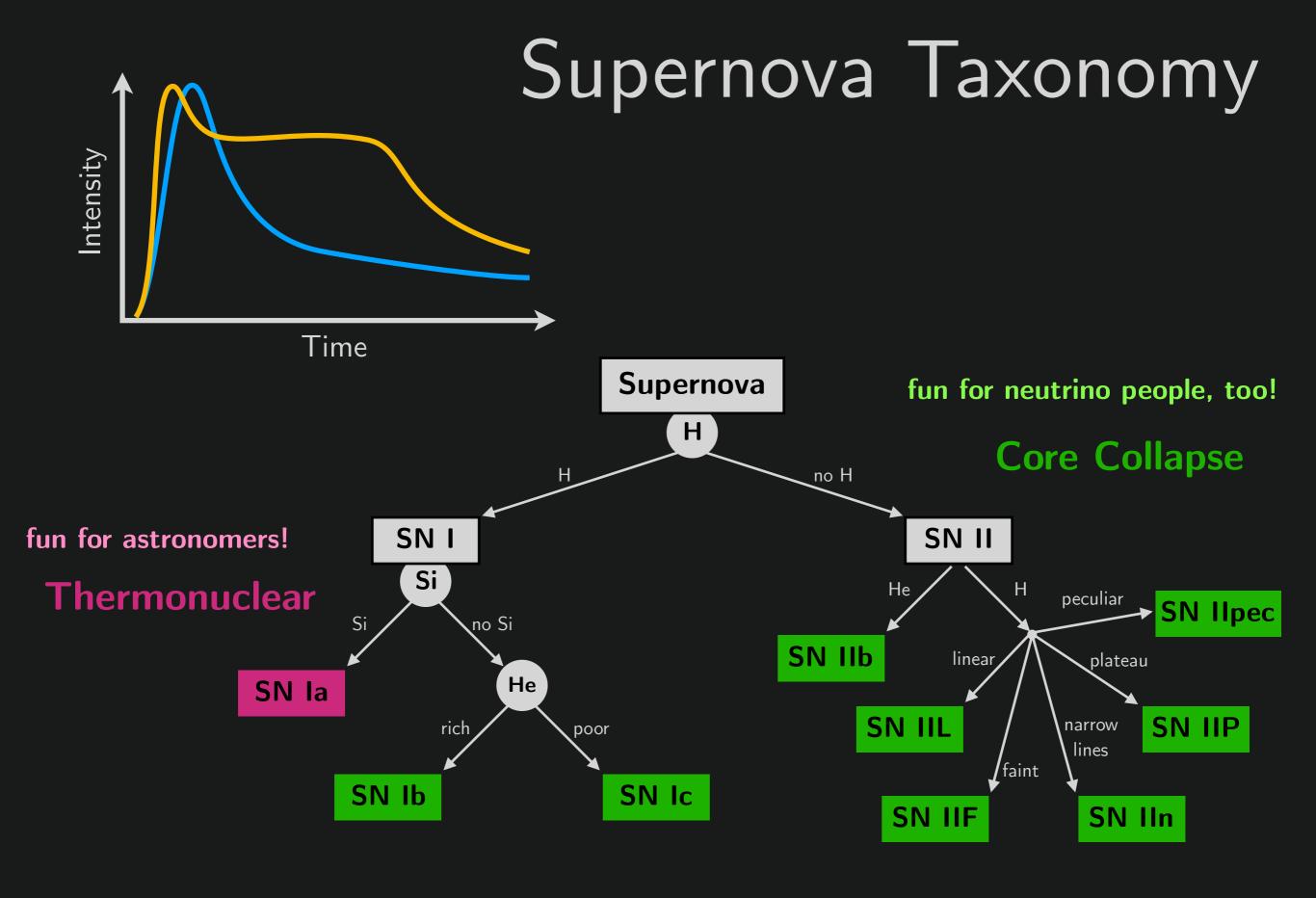
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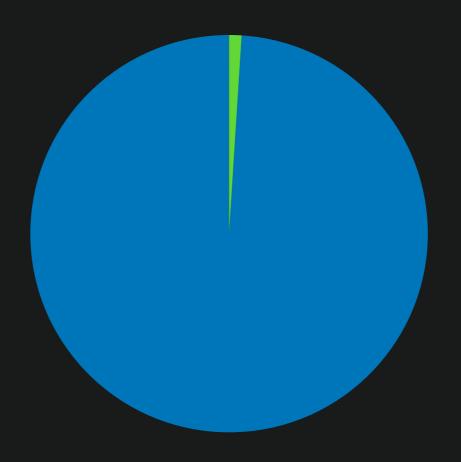


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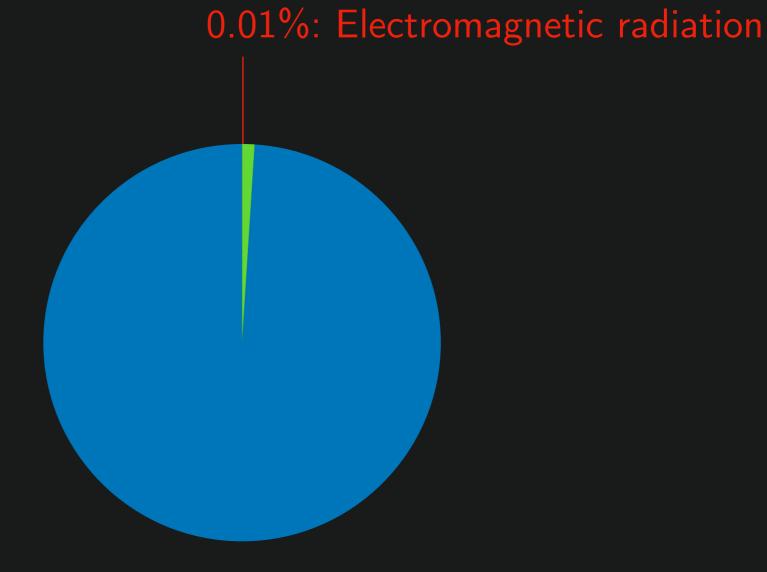


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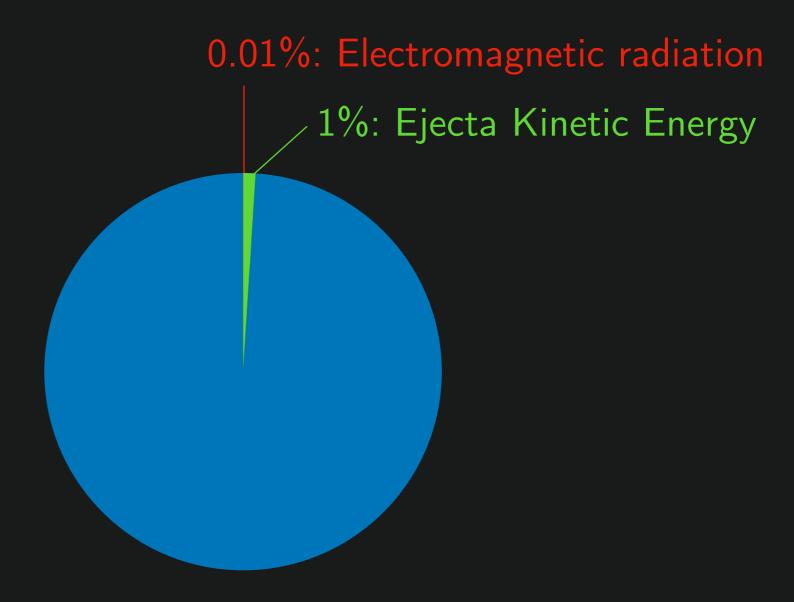
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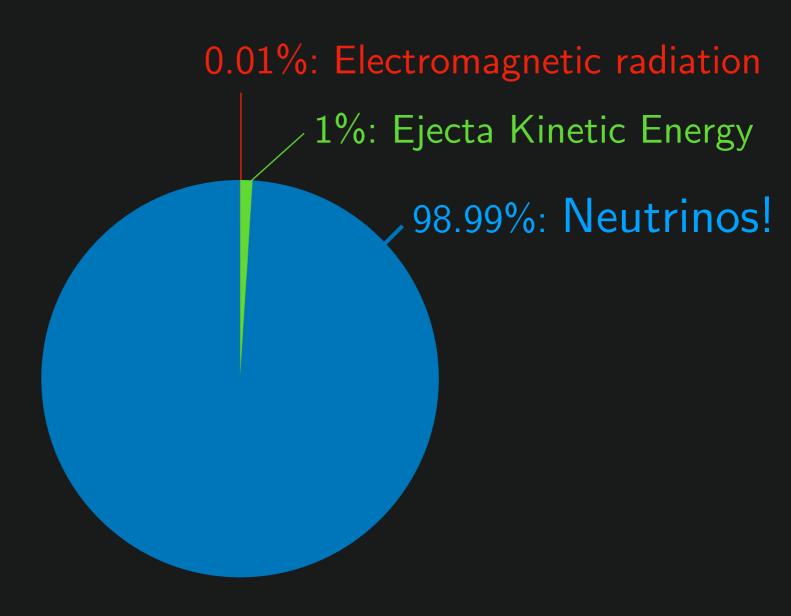


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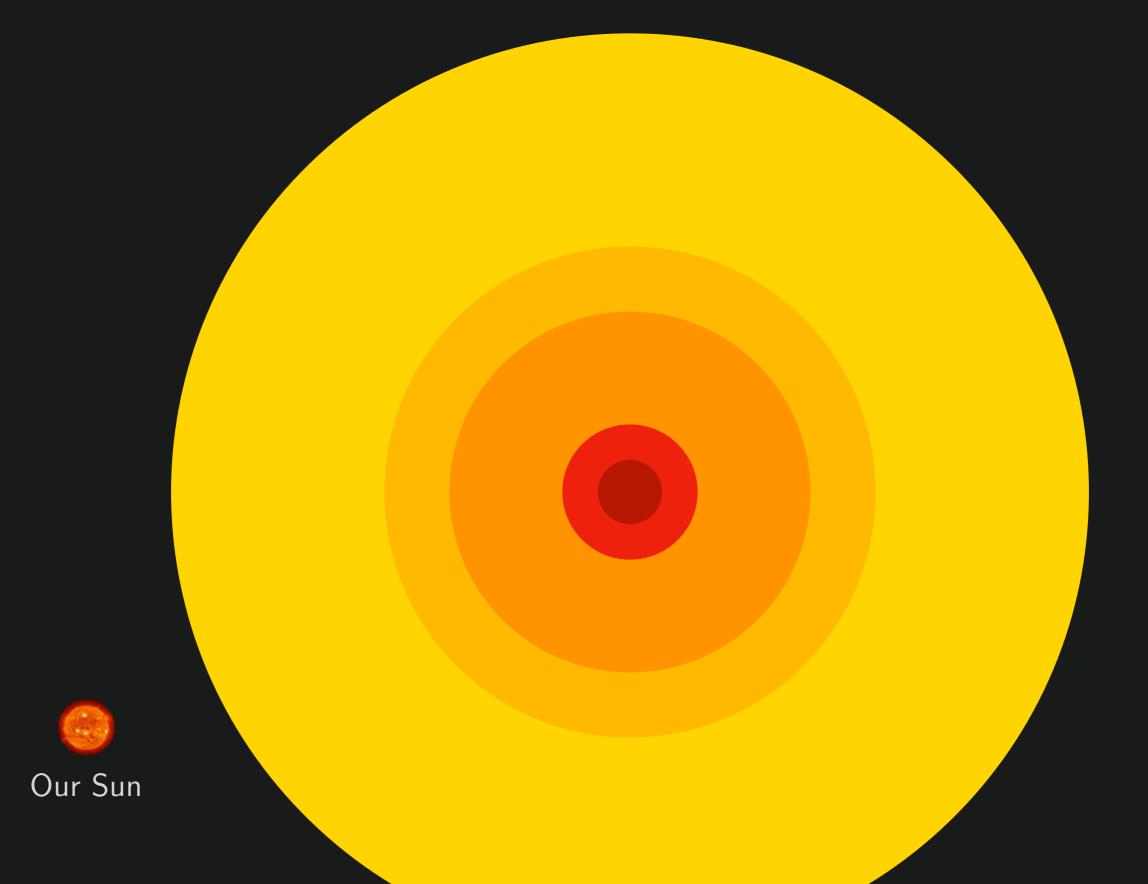


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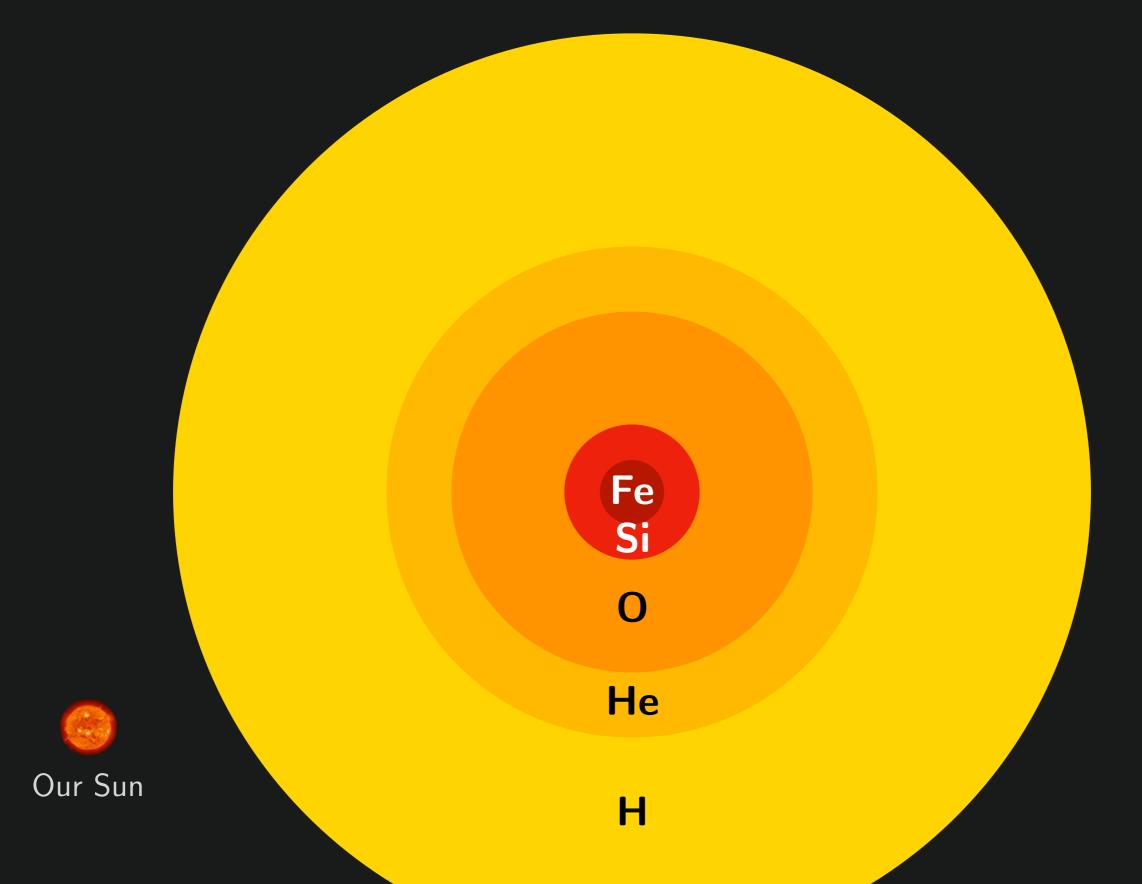
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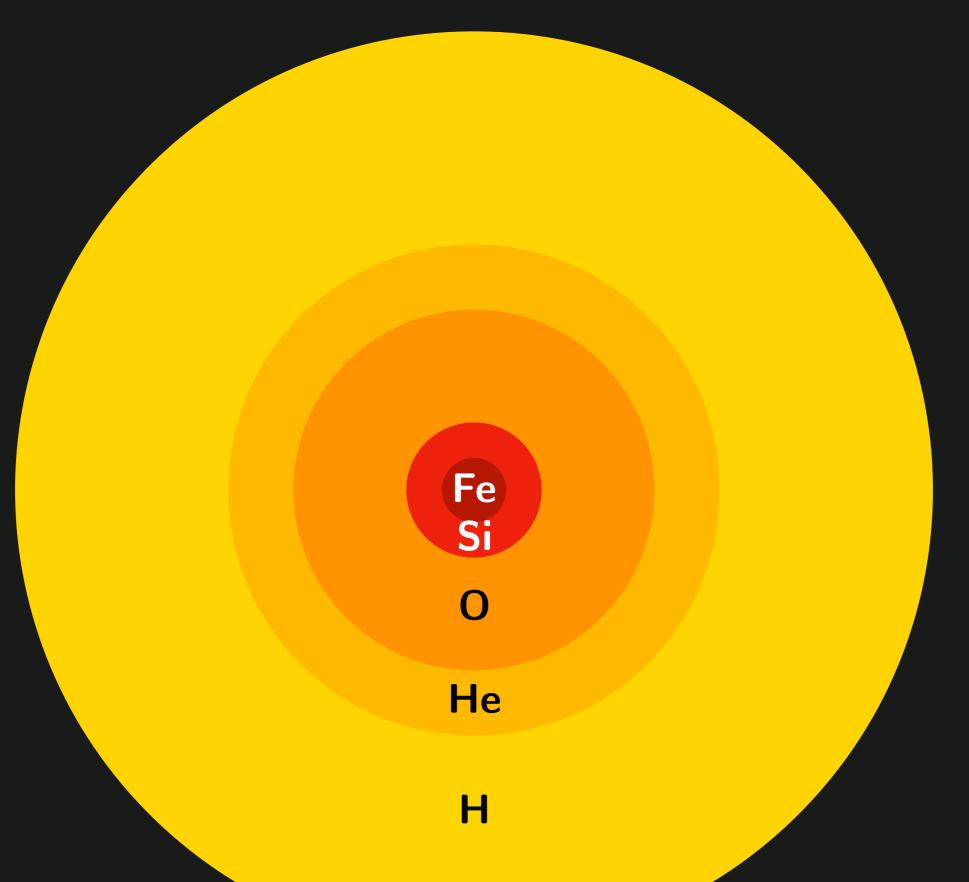
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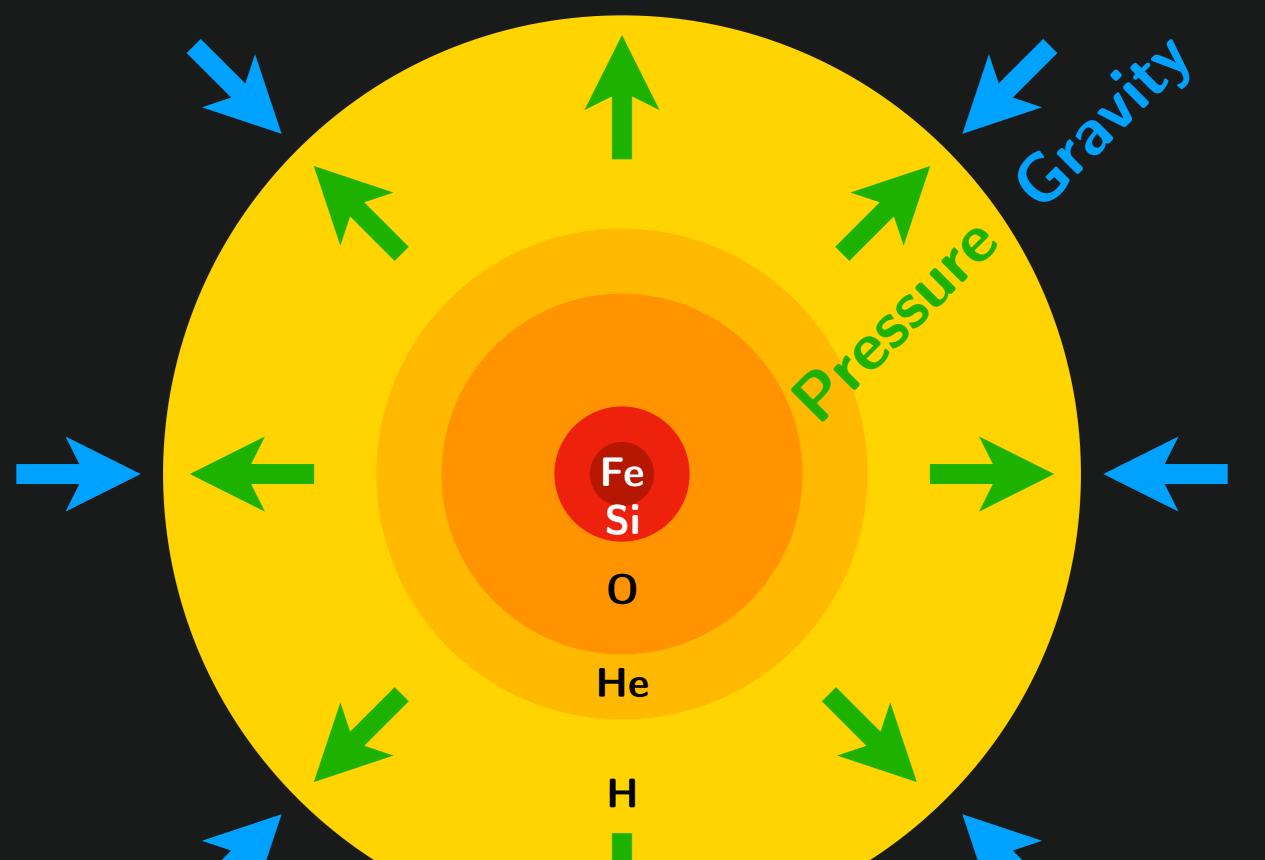
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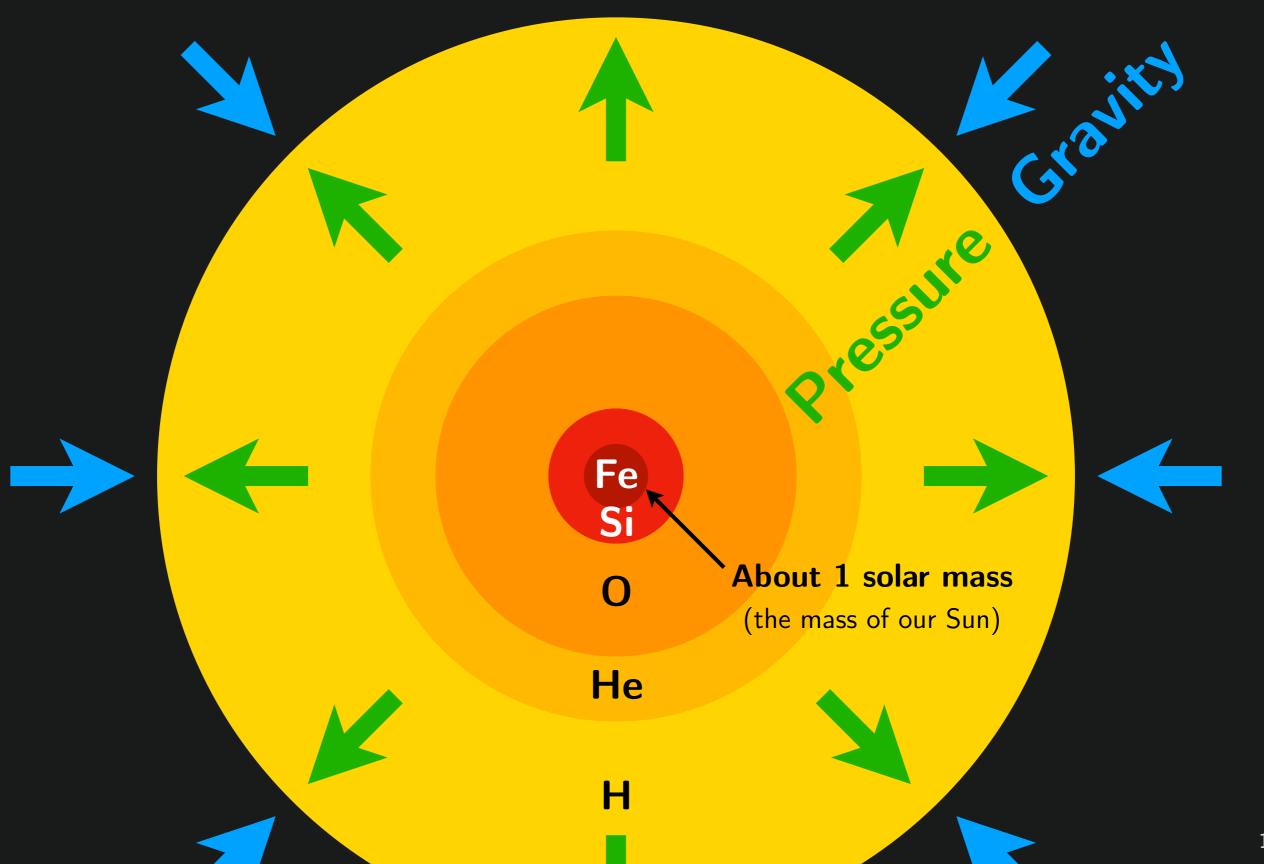
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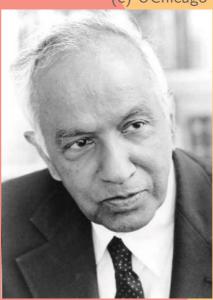
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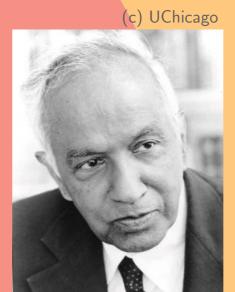
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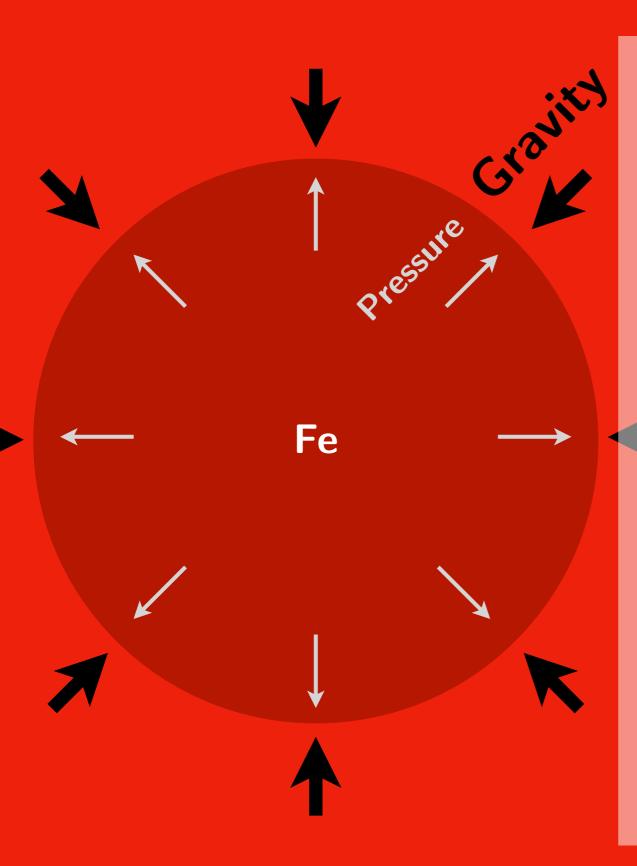
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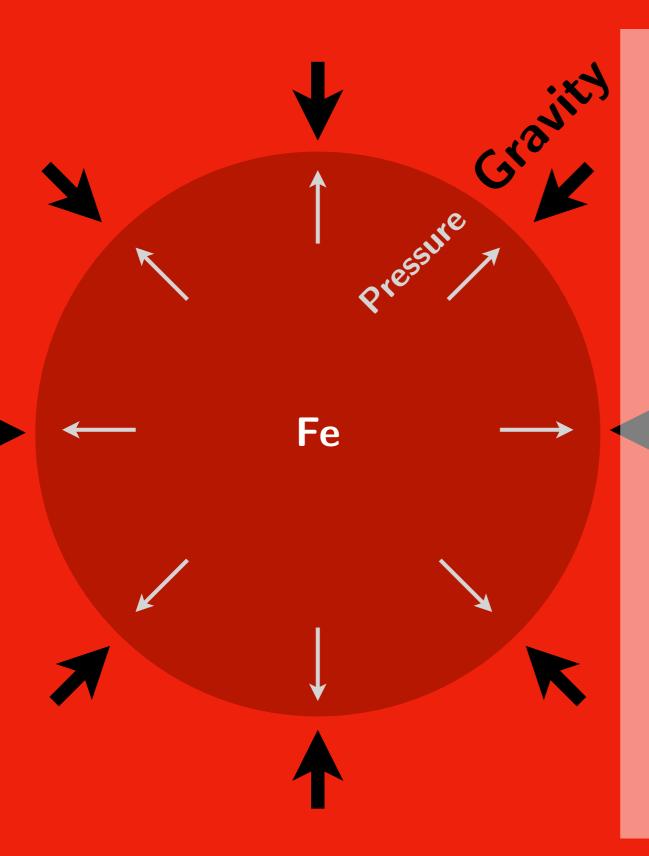
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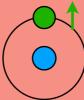


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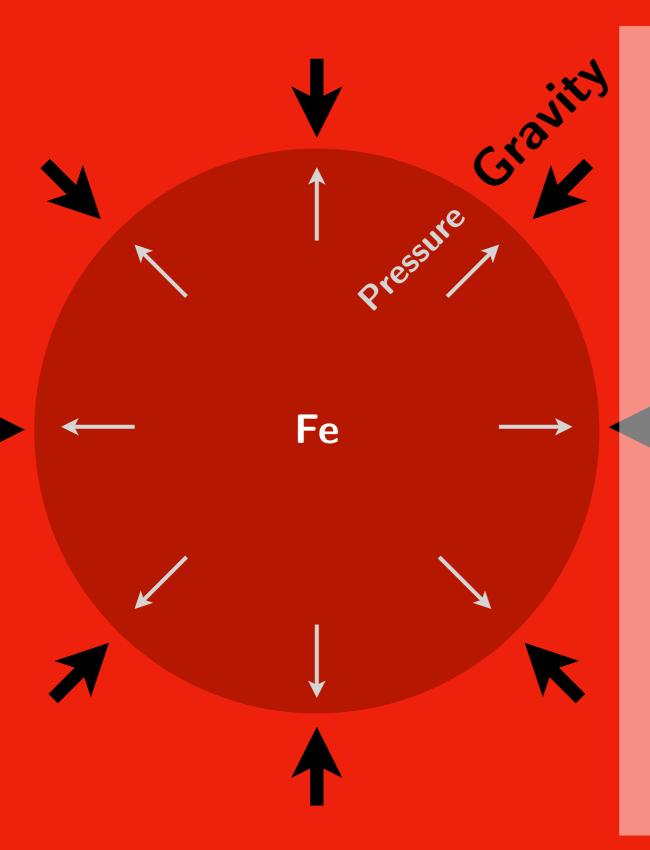


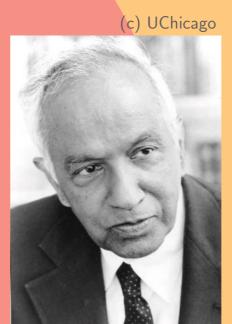






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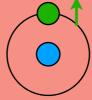


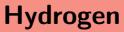


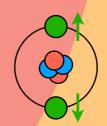




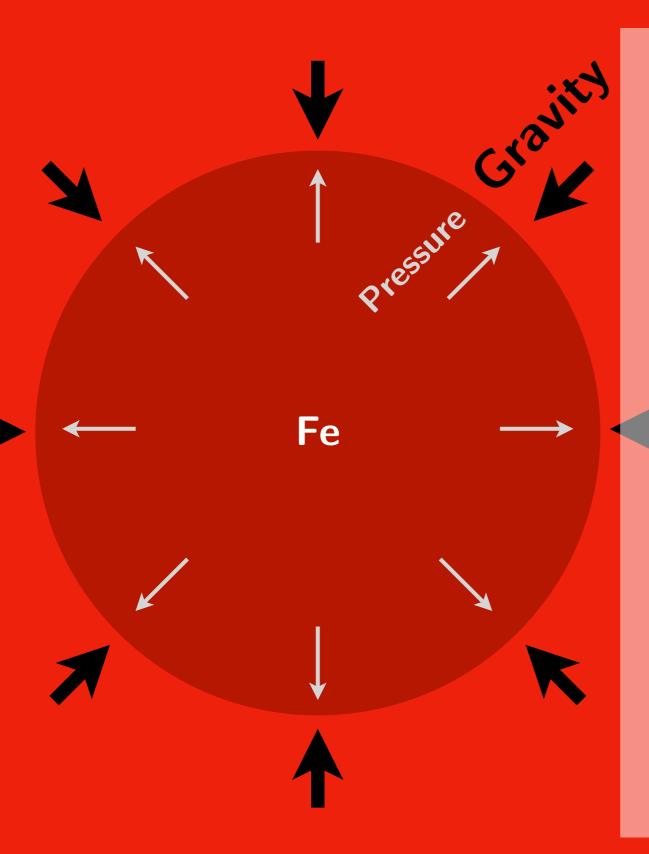


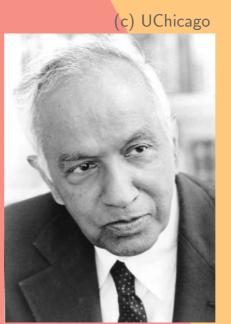


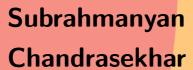




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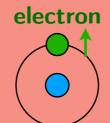


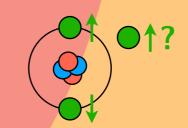








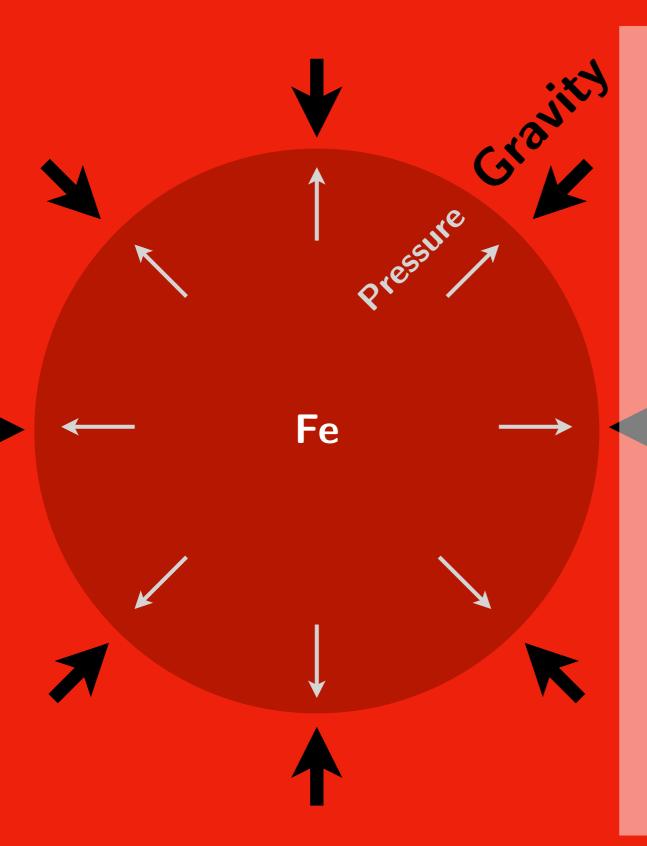


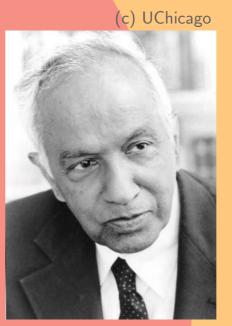


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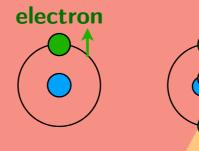








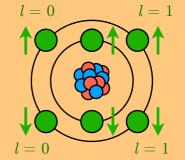




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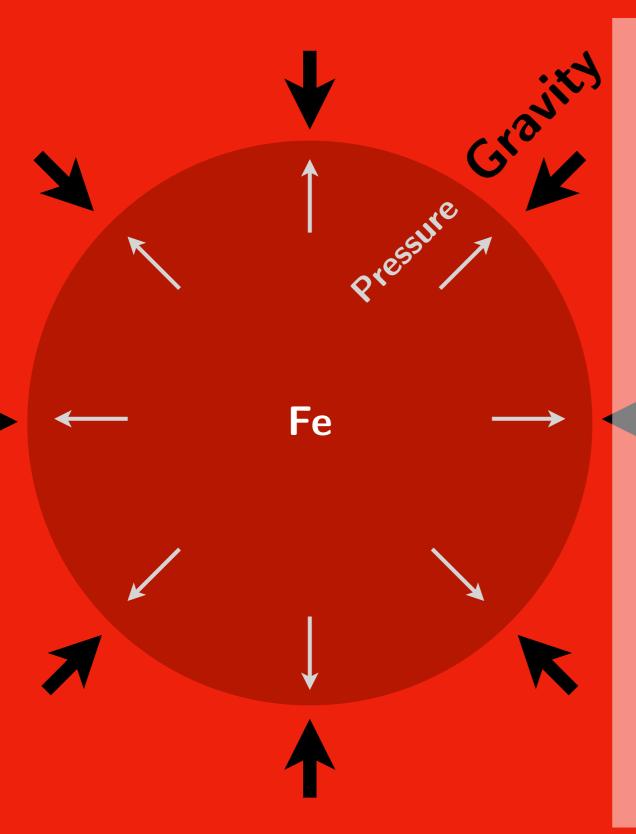
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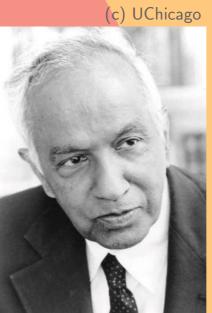
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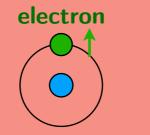


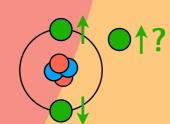
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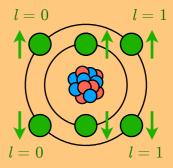


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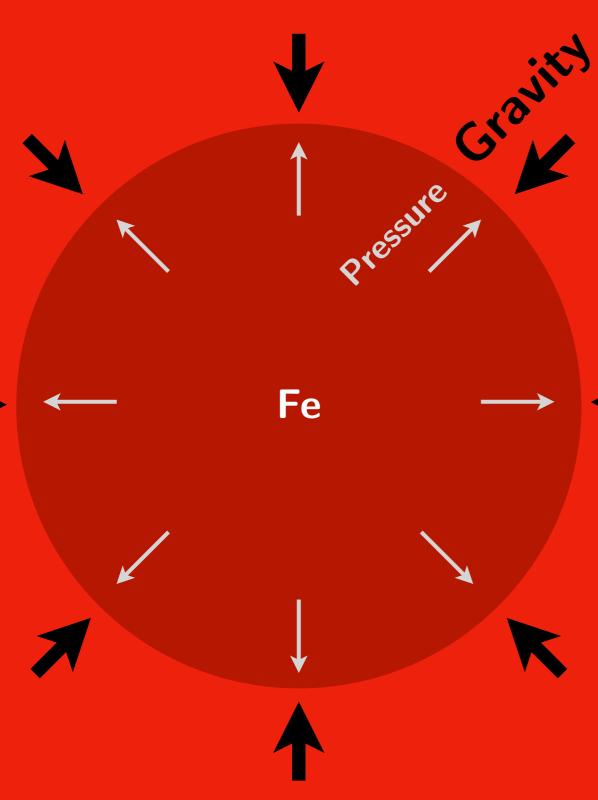
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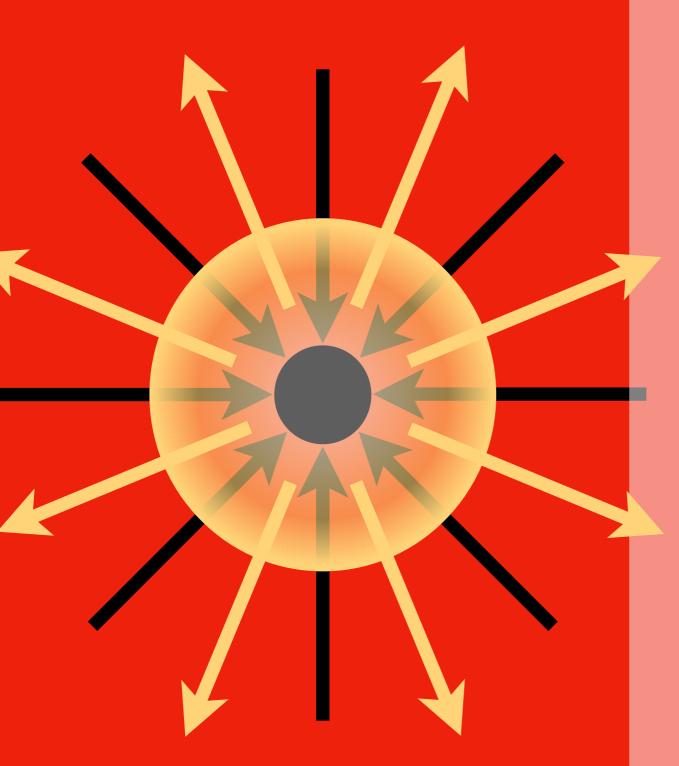
#### **Electron Capture**

Further energy loss through **neutrinos** 

$$\gamma + {}^{56}{
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#### **Photodissociation**

This **endothermic** reaction absorbs 124 MeV of energy



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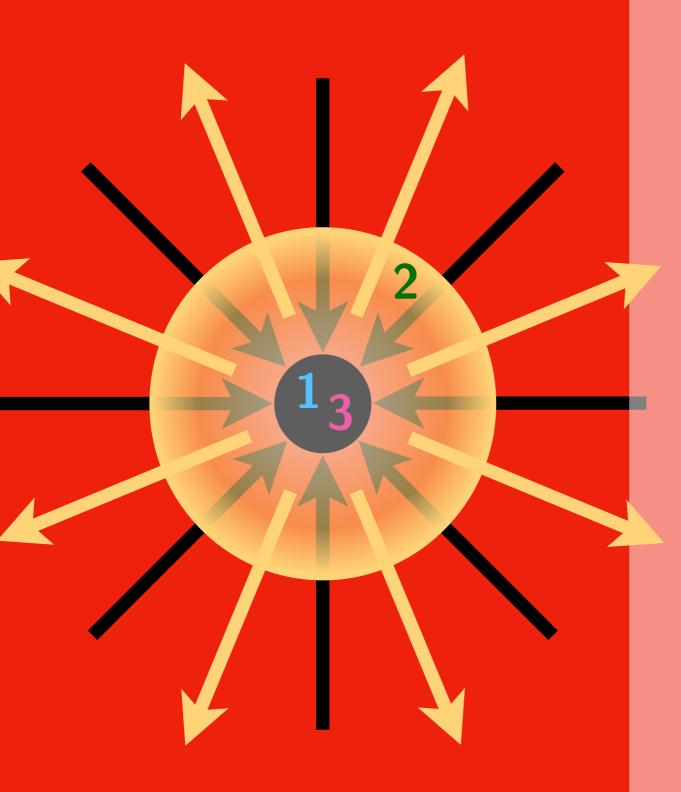
**Gravity** crushes the core into a proto-neutron star

2

The object reaches the density of a **nucleus**, stops, and **bounces** 

3

A **shock wave** moves outward, leading to an explosion



#### **Neutrino Production**

#### 1. Capture Phase

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Early on, these come right out

#### 2. Neutronization Burst

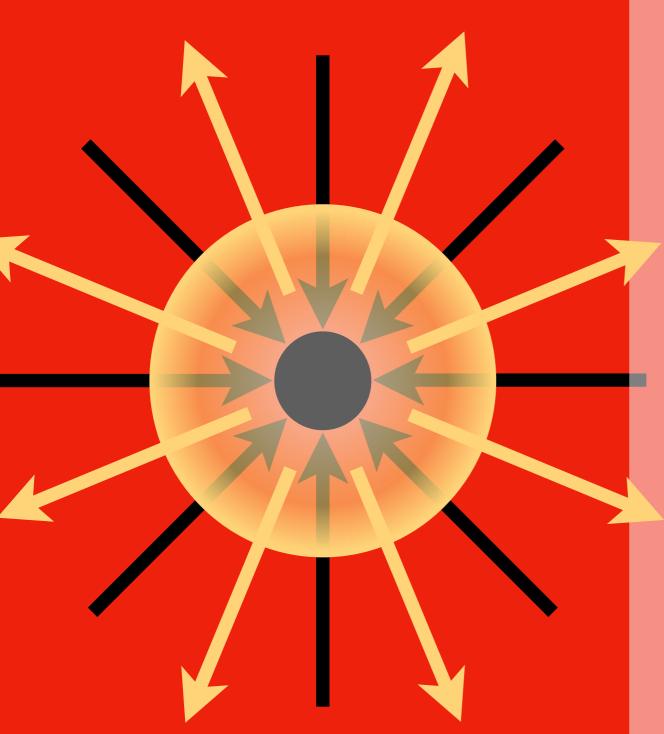
Neutrinos are trapped behind the very dense shock wave, until it grows and the density is reduced

#### 3. The Proto-Neutron Star

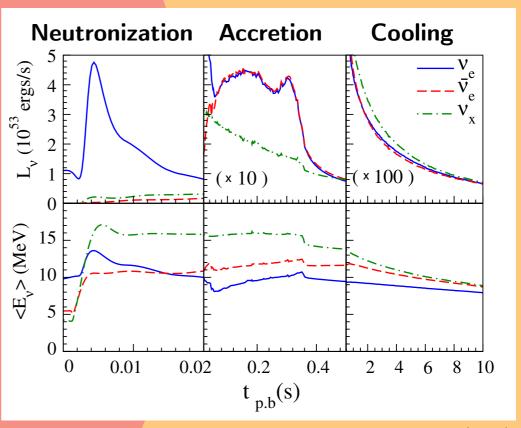
This is extremely hot and produces many neutrino/antineutrino pairs

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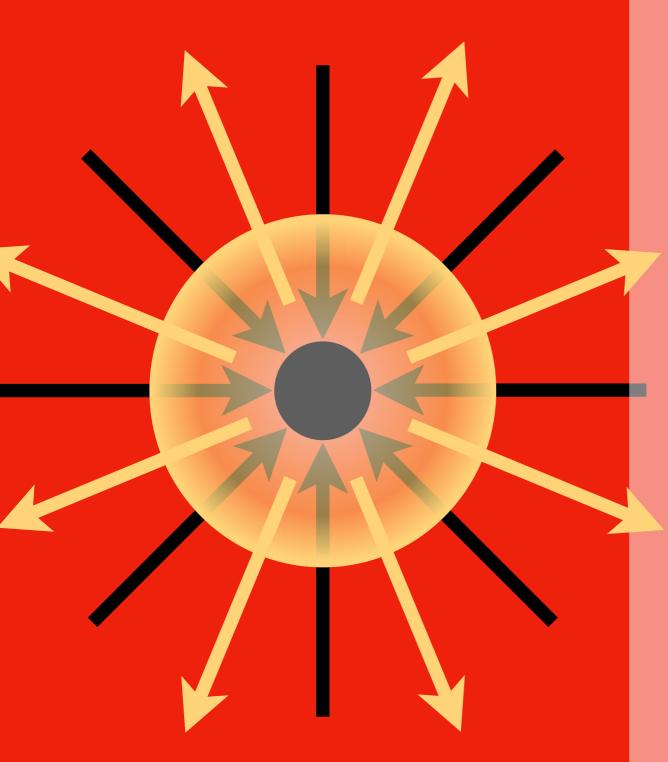
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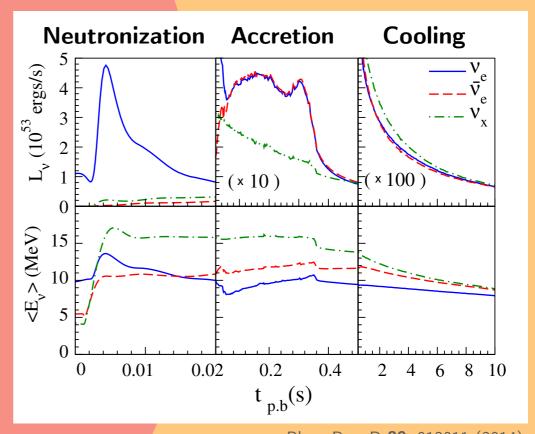
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We expect about **3 per century** close enough to detect a burst

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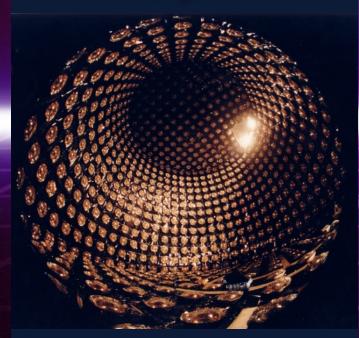
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# DETECTORS

# NEUTRINO

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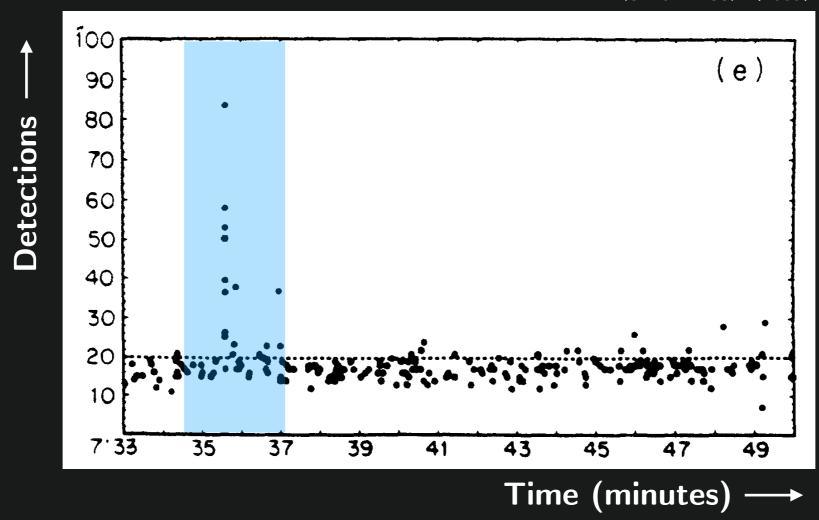


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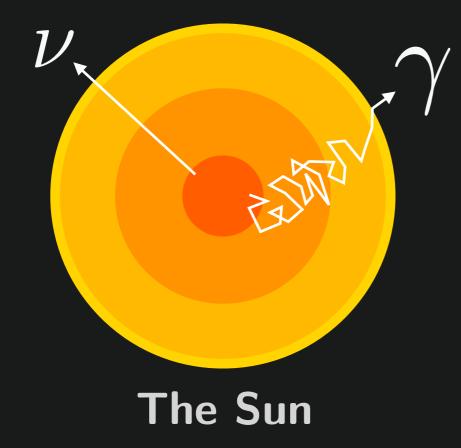
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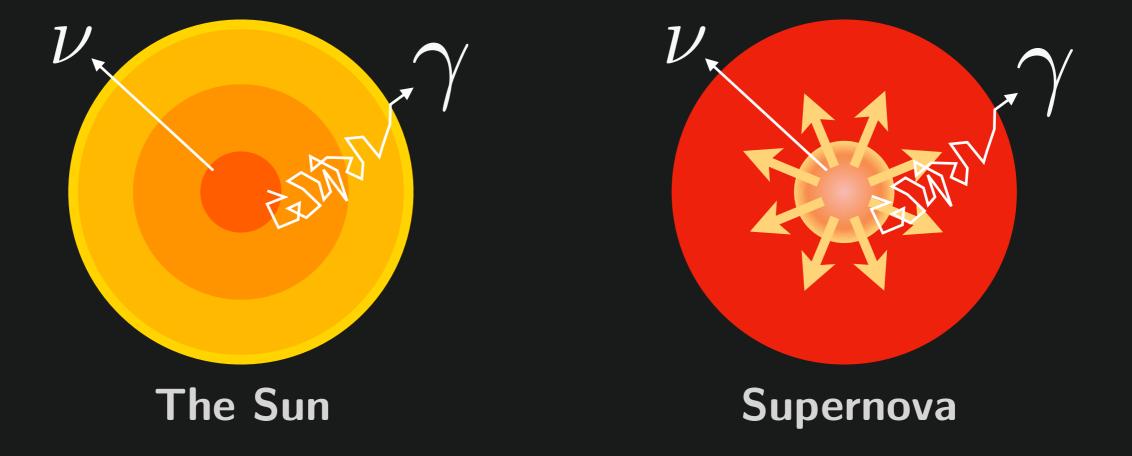
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K-II	0.507	12.8	135
K-II	0.686	6.3	68
K-II	1.541	35.4	32
K-II	1.728	21.0	30
K-II	1.915	19.8	38
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K-II	12.439	8.9	91
IMB	0	38	80
IMB	0.412	37	44
IMB	0.650	28	56
IMB	1.141	39	65
IMB	1.562	36	33
IMB	2.684	36	52
IMB	5.010	19	42
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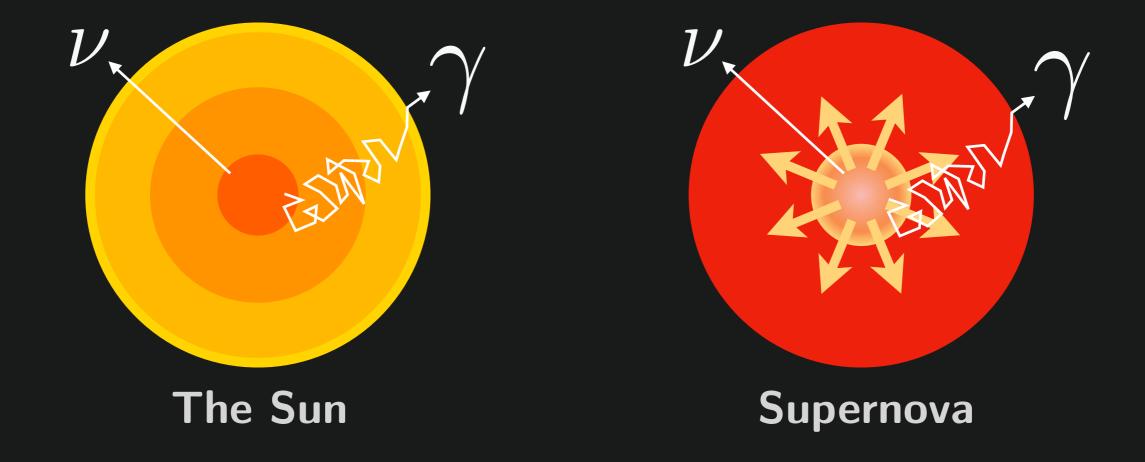
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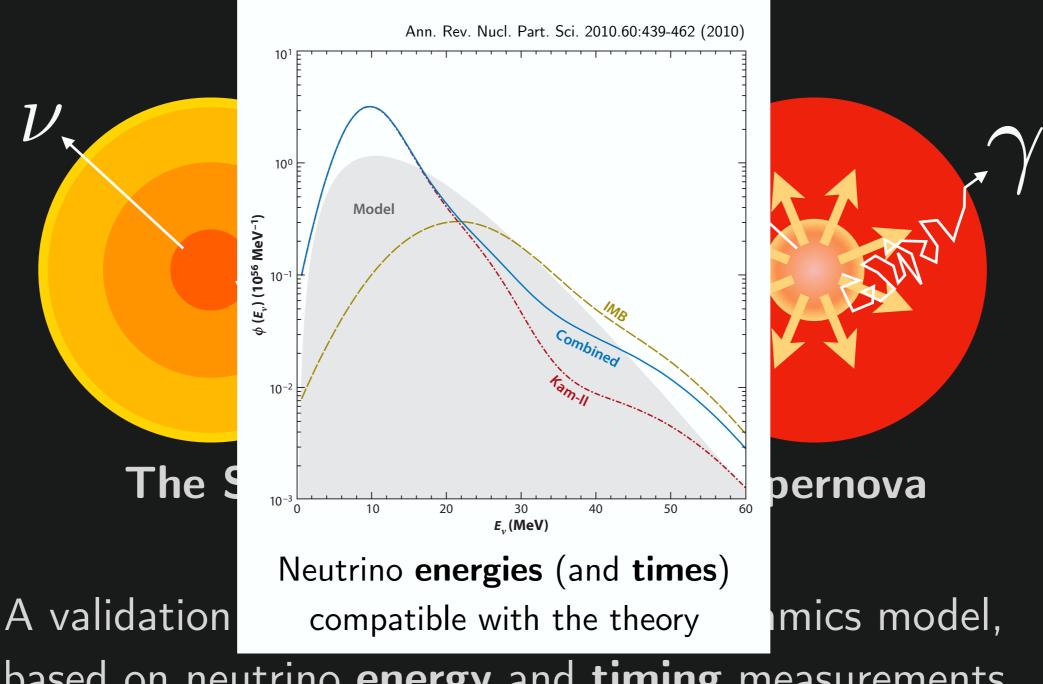


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#### 2. Do neutrinos decay?

Well, some of them made it to Earth from 50 kpc away, so

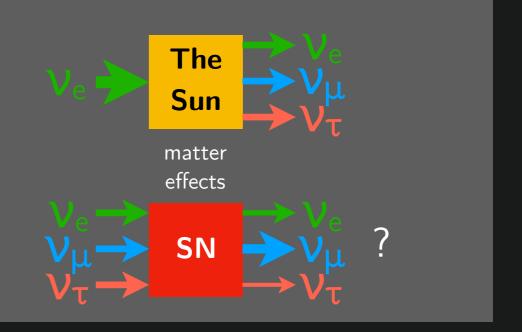
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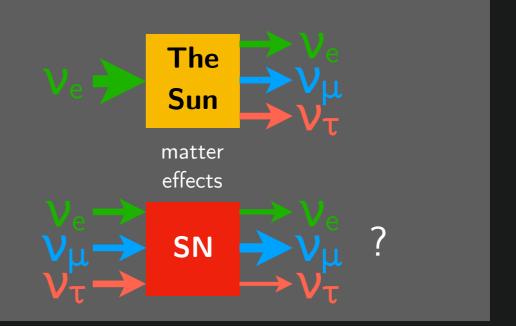
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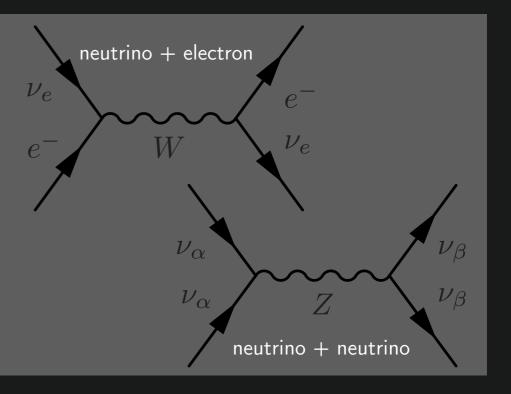
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The environment in the collapse is so dense that neutrino interactions with **other neutrinos** are believed to be important

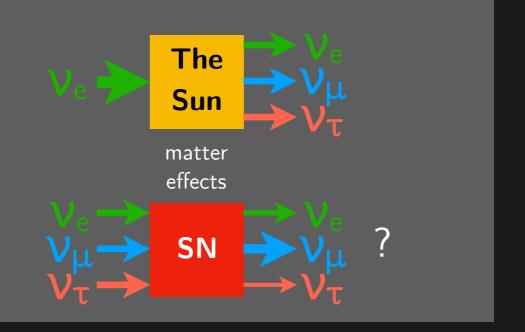
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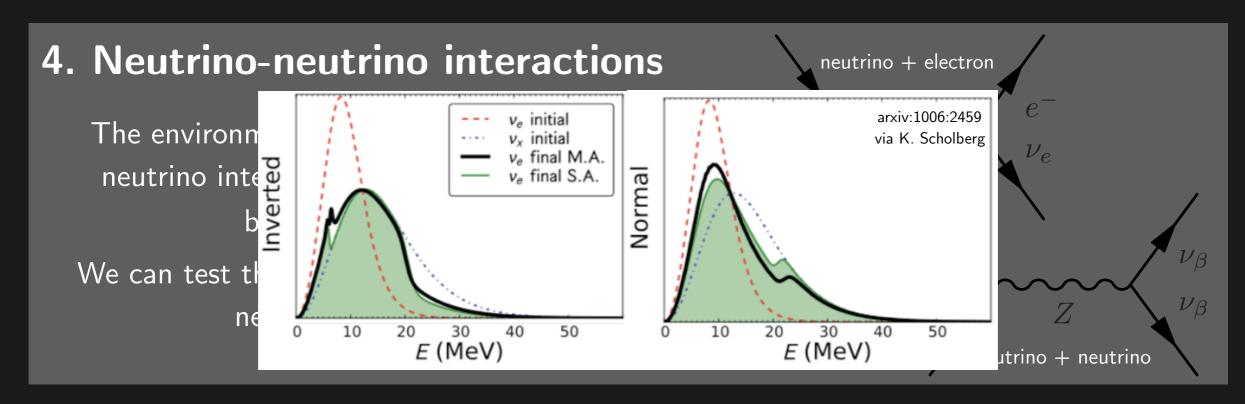


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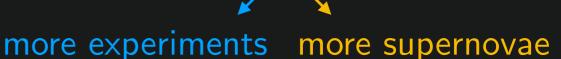


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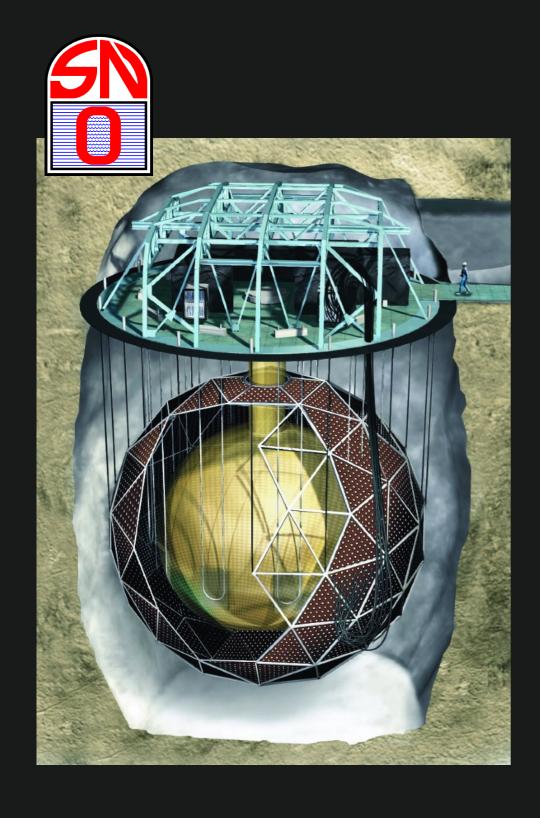
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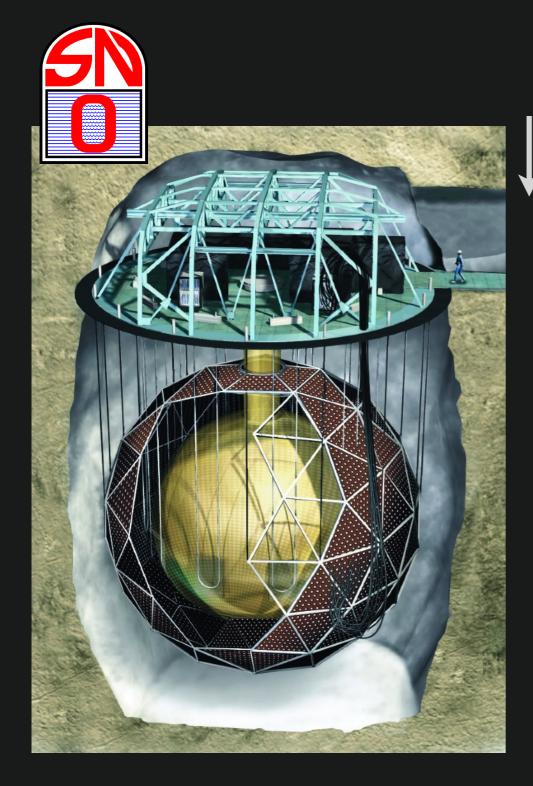
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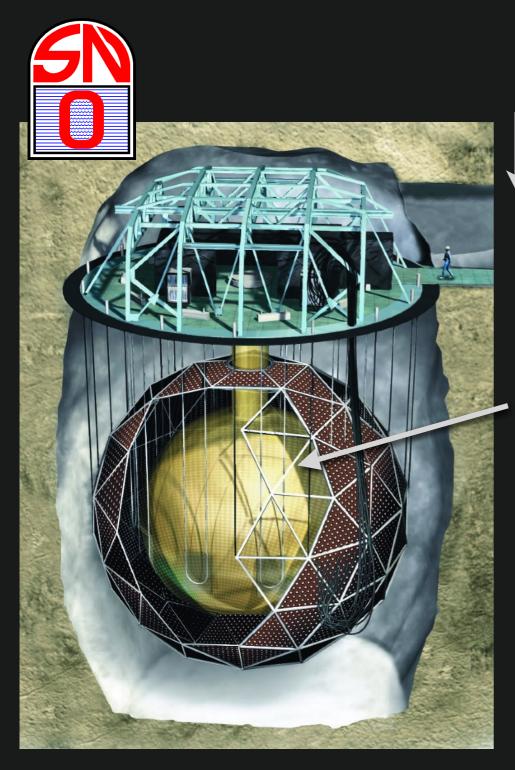
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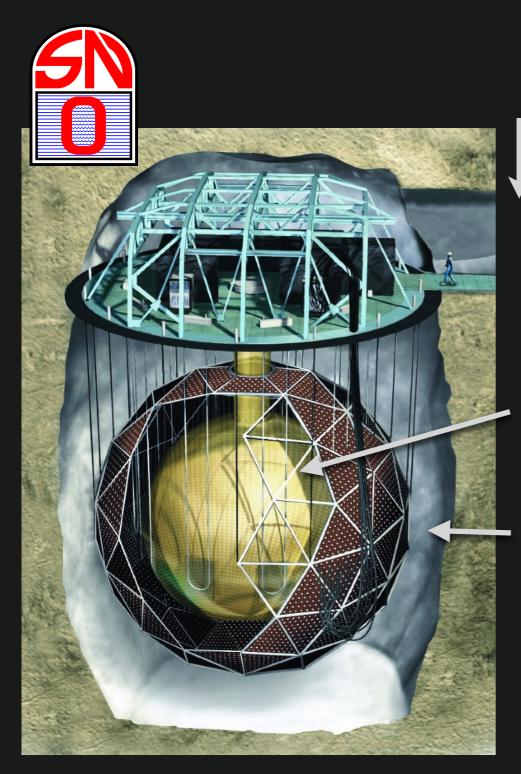


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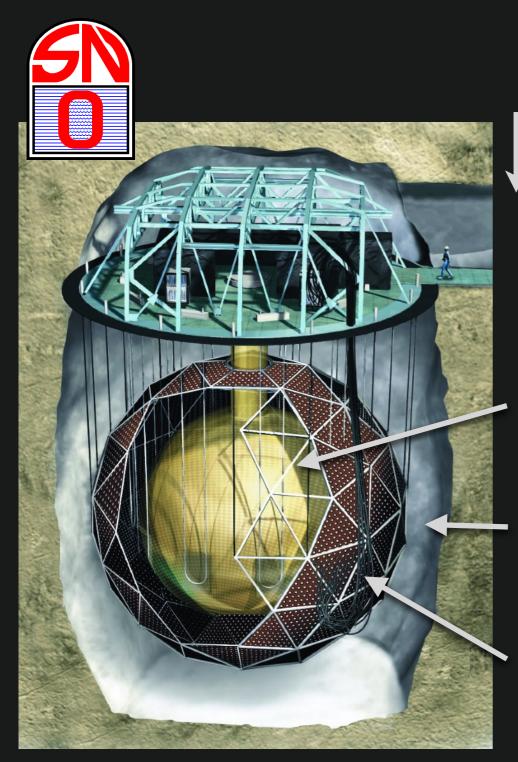
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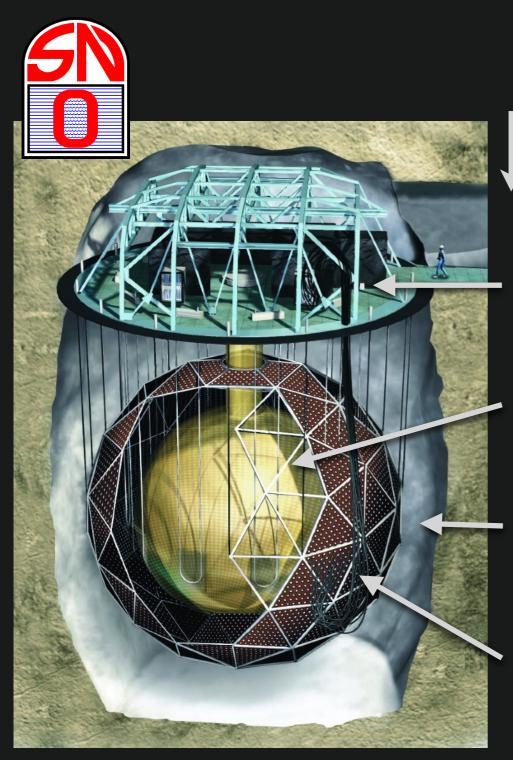
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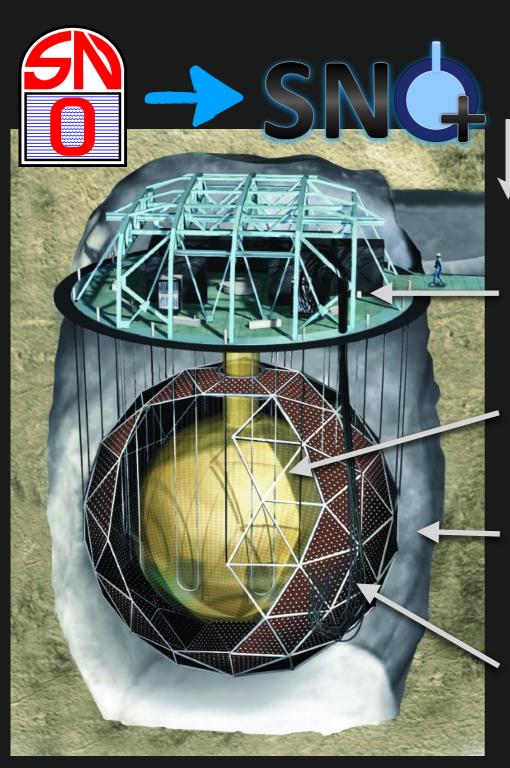


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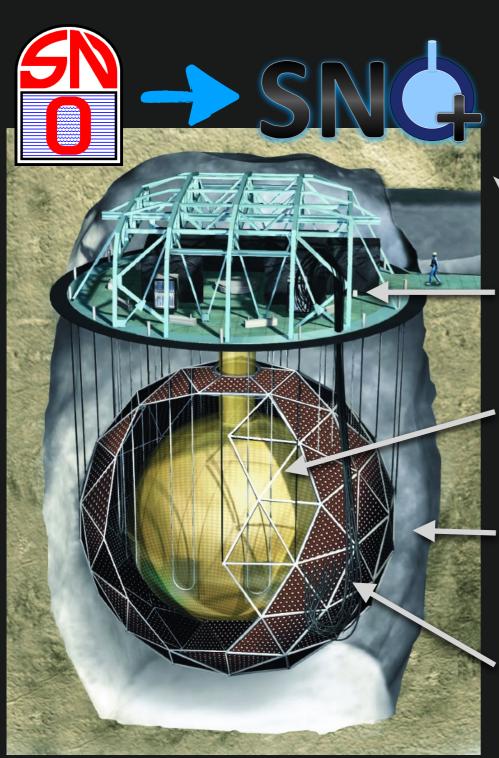
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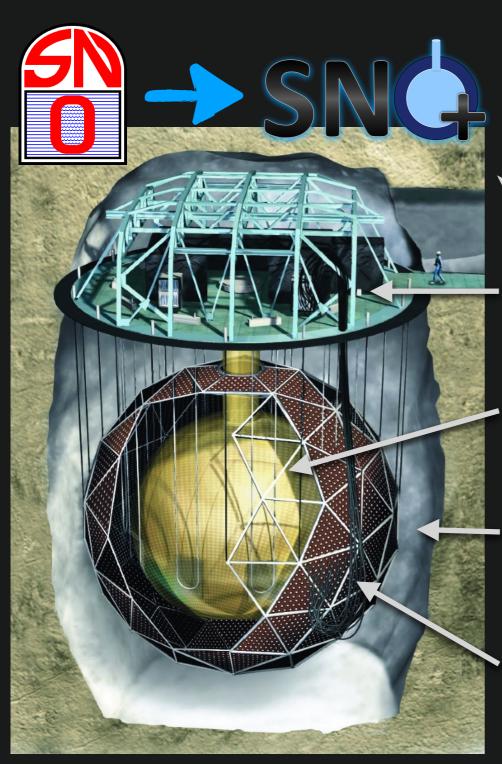
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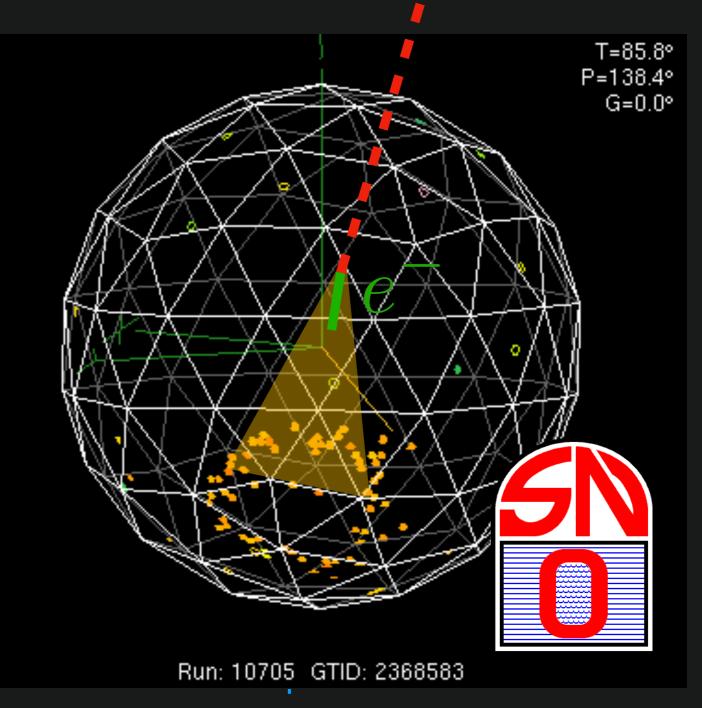
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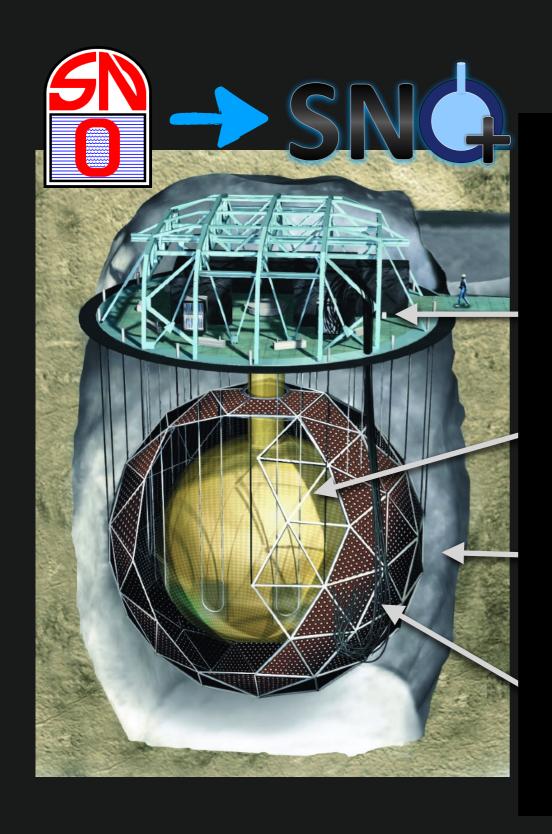
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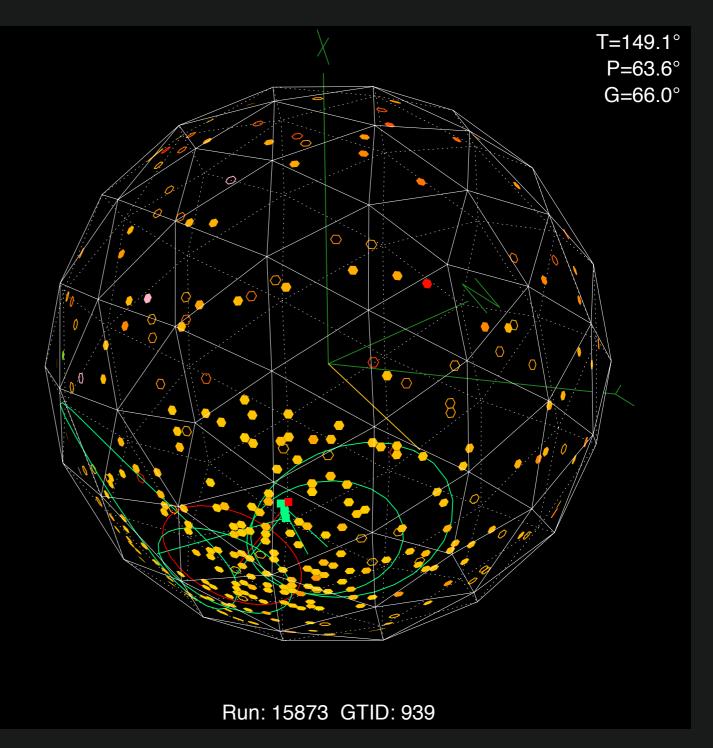
10,000 Photomultiplier Tubes

New hold-down rope net









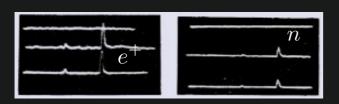




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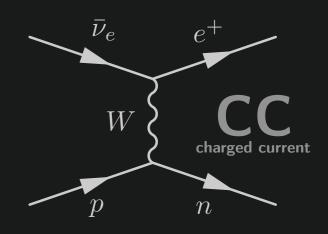


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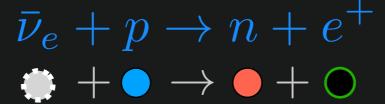


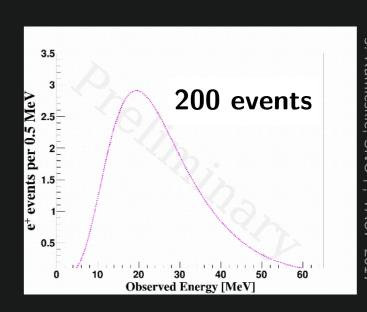


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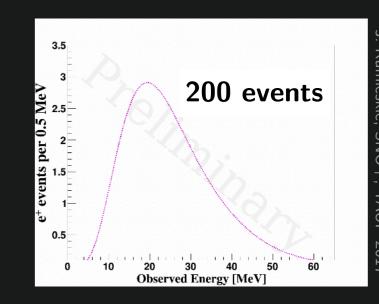
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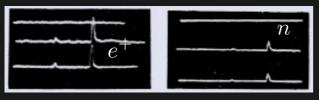
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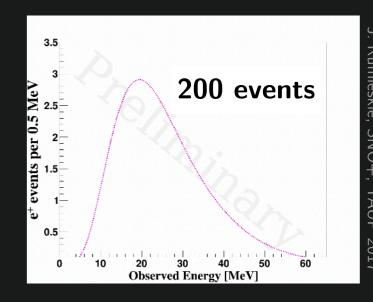


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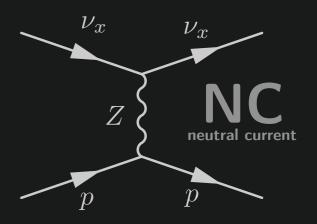


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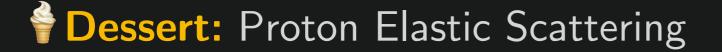


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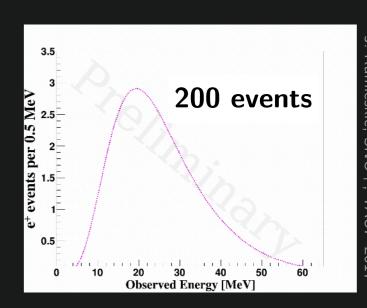
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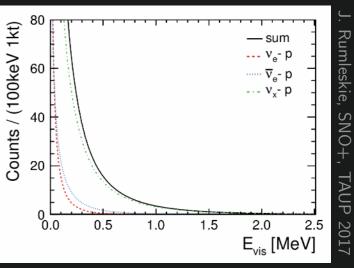


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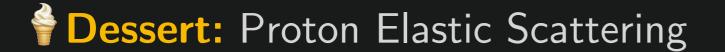


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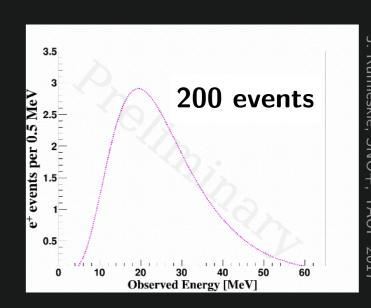
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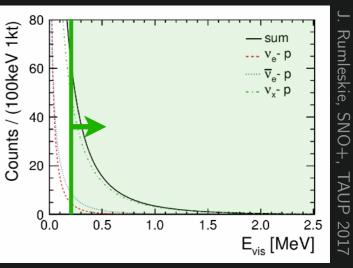
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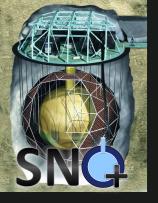


gives a proton a kick

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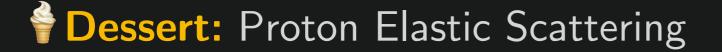


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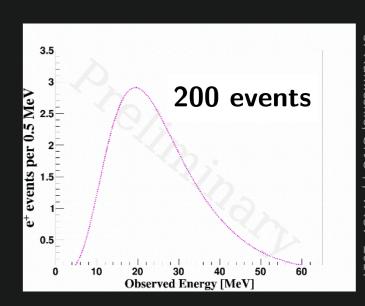
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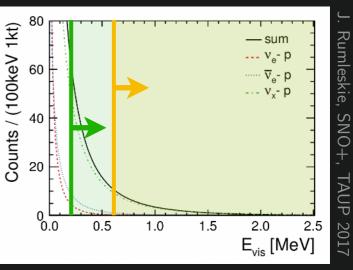


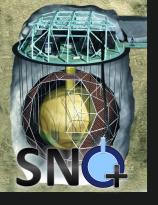
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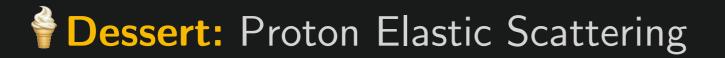
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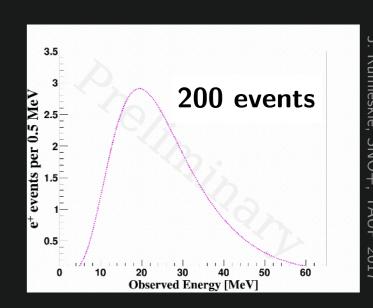
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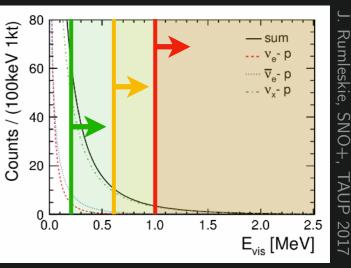


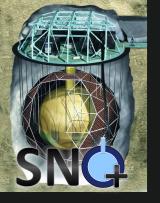
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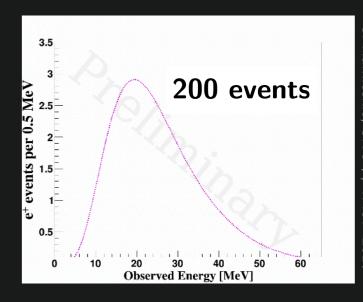


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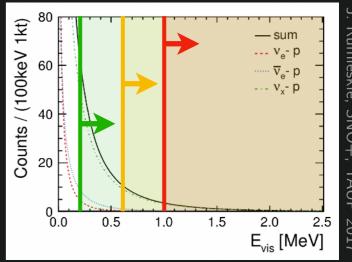


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Menu:

NC  $\nu_x + p \rightarrow \nu_x + p$ 

429 events?

**CC**  $\bar{\nu}_e + p \rightarrow n + e^+$ 

195 events

**CC**  $\bar{\nu}_e + {}^{12}\text{C} \rightarrow {}^{12}\text{B} + e^+$ 

7 events

CC  $\nu_e + {}^{12}\text{C} \rightarrow {}^{12}\text{N} + e^-$ 

3 events

**NC**  $\nu_x + {}^{12}\text{C} \rightarrow {}^{12}\text{C}^* + \nu'$ 

44 events

 $\mathbf{CC/NC}$   $\nu_x + {}^{12}\mathrm{C} \rightarrow {}^{11}\mathrm{C}/{}^{11}\mathrm{B} + X$  2 events

 $\mathbf{CC/NC}$   $\nu_x + e^- \rightarrow \nu_x + e^-$ 

13 events

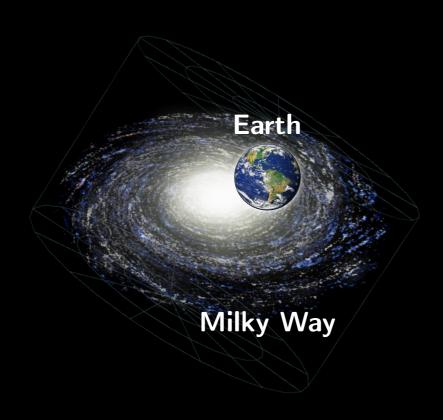
Thousands across all detectors

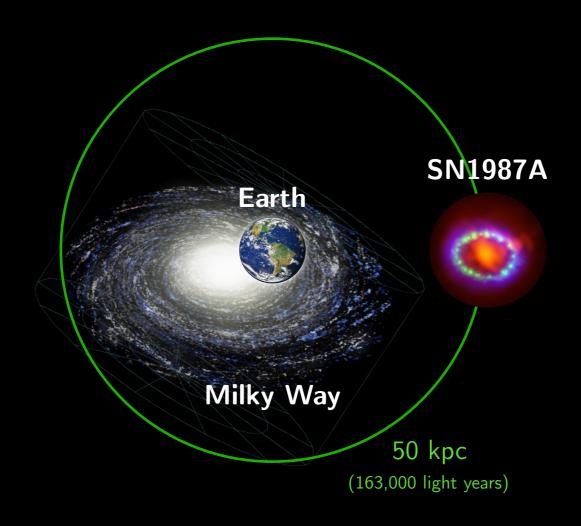
#### **Hundreds of events**

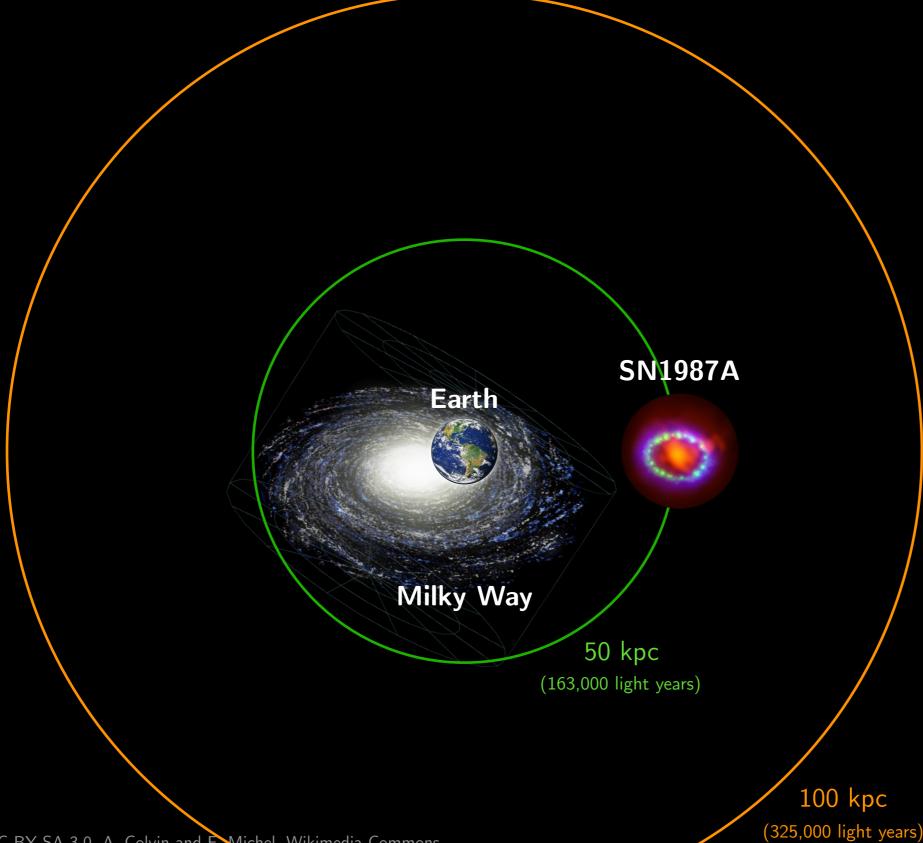
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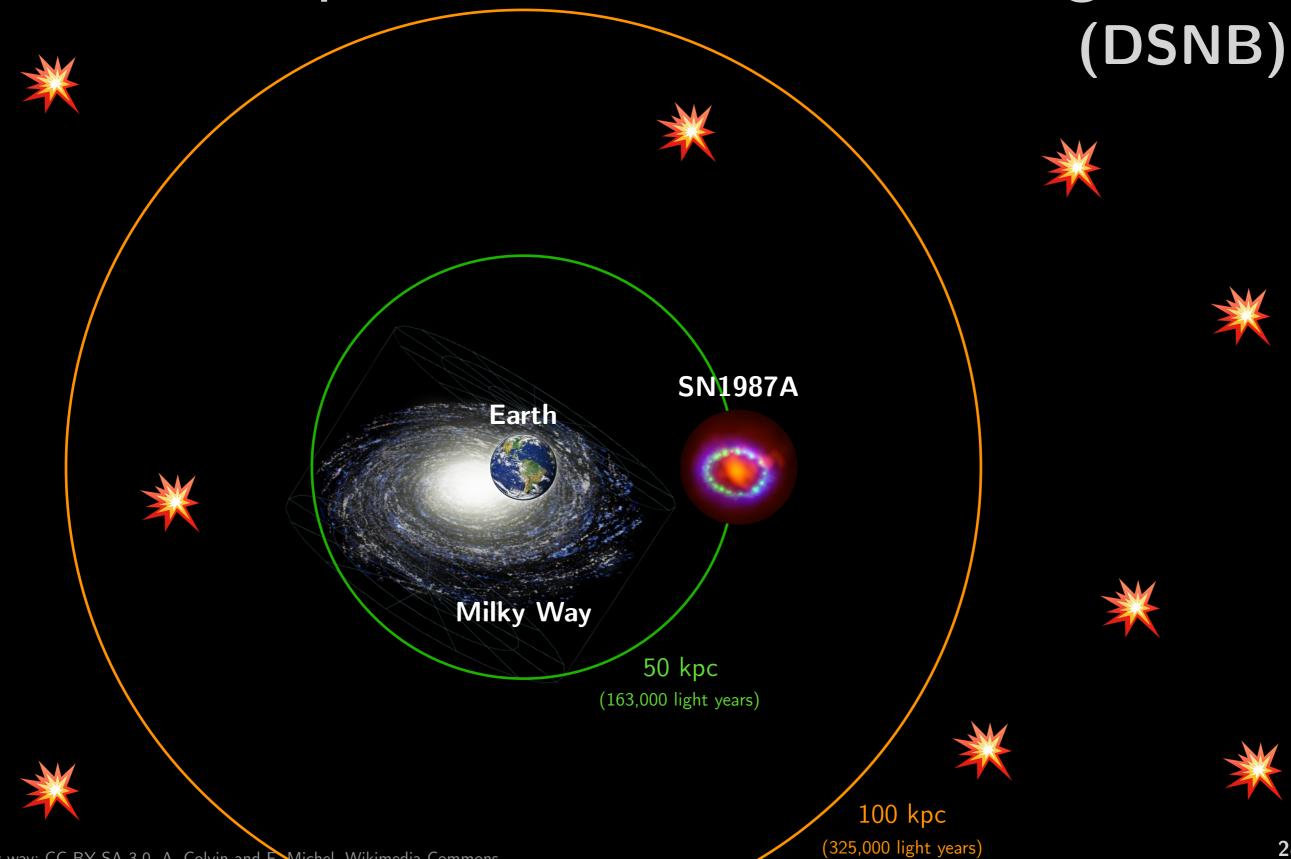


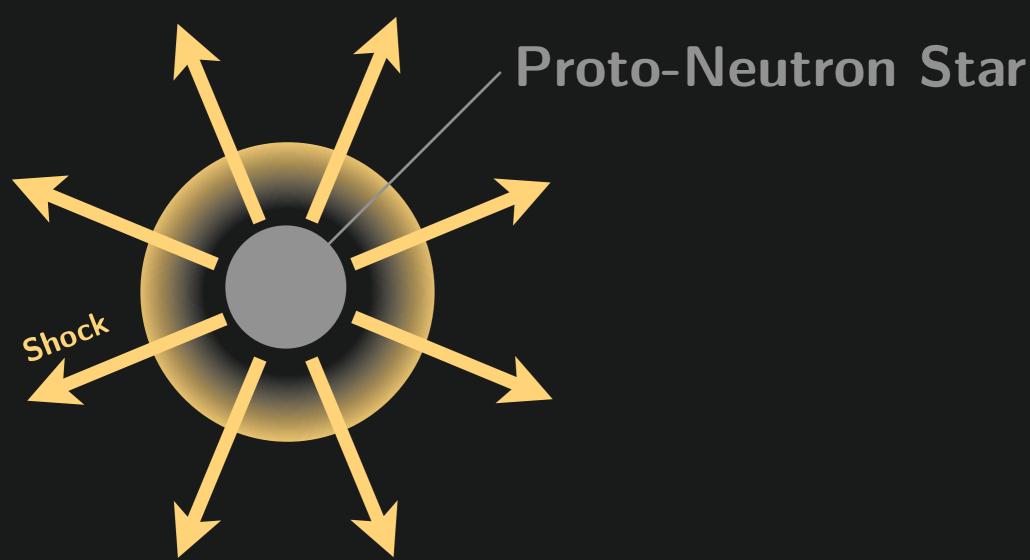


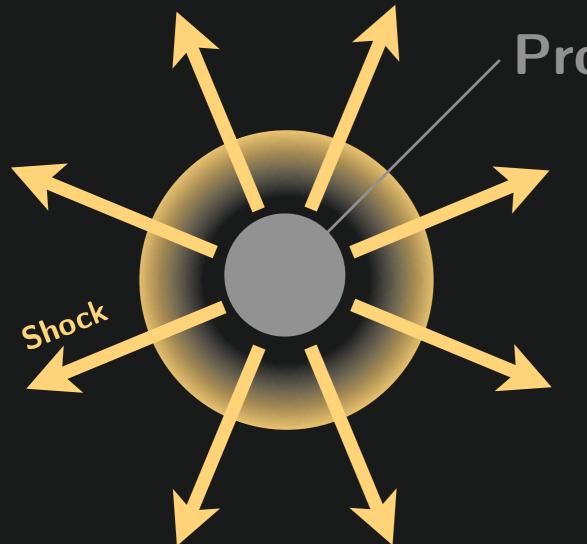










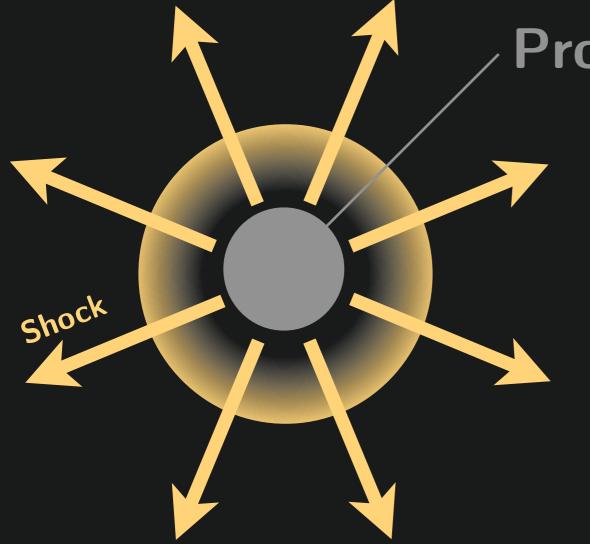


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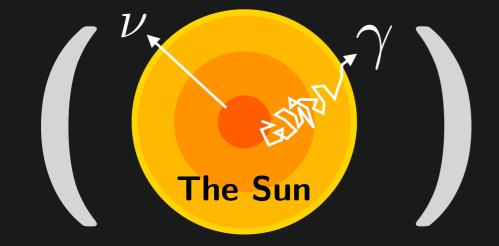


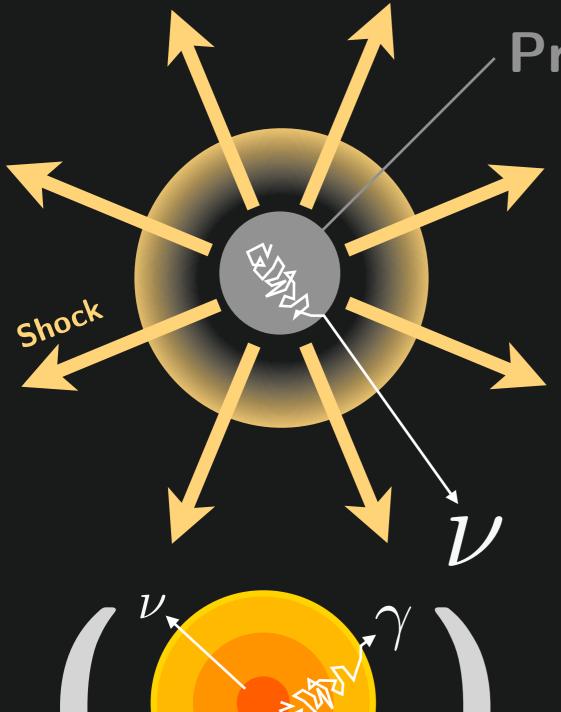
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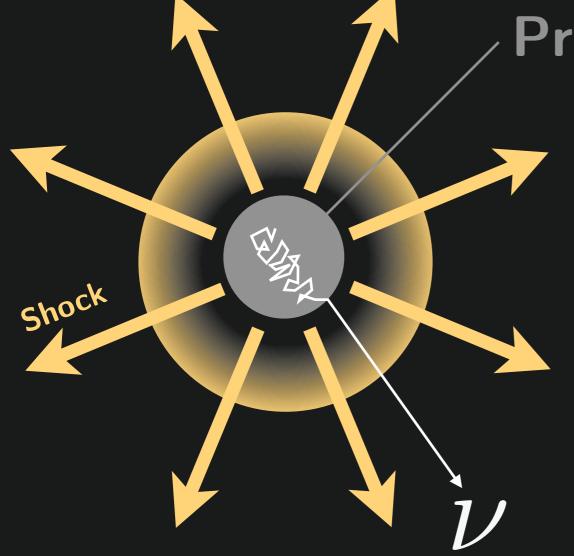


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**Proto-Neutron Star** 

Production of neutrino-antineutrino pairs

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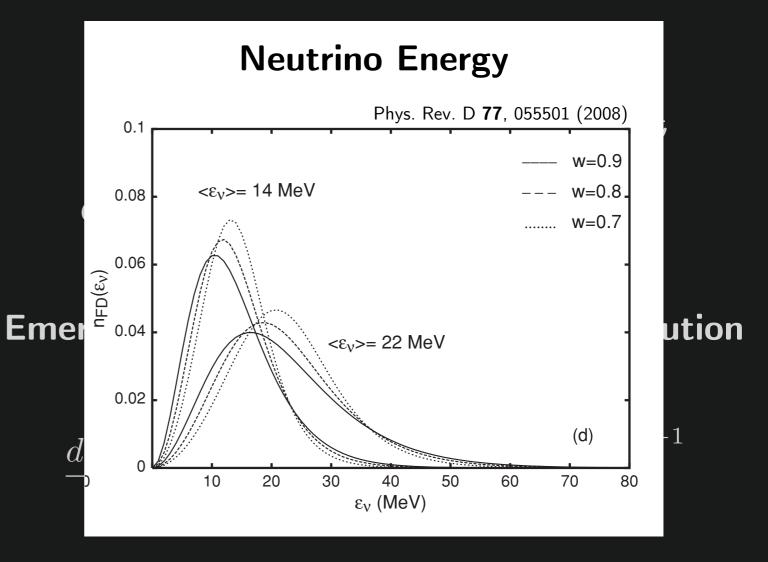
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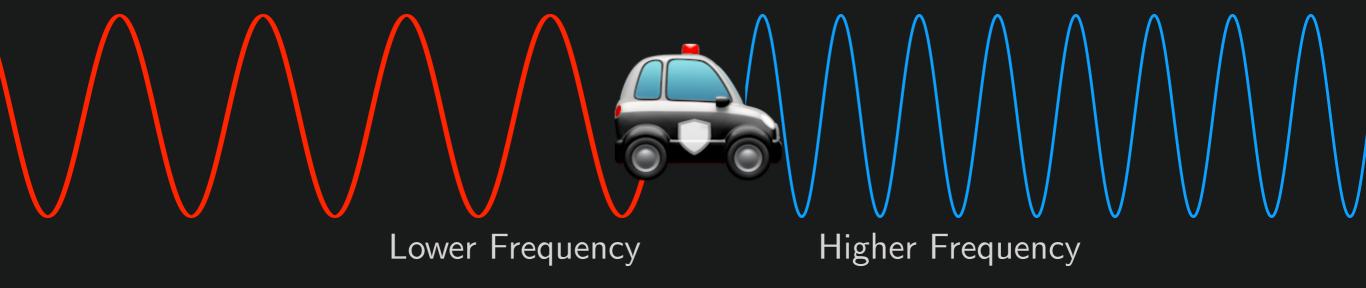
Emerge with an averaged energy distribution given by the temperature,  ${\cal T}$ 

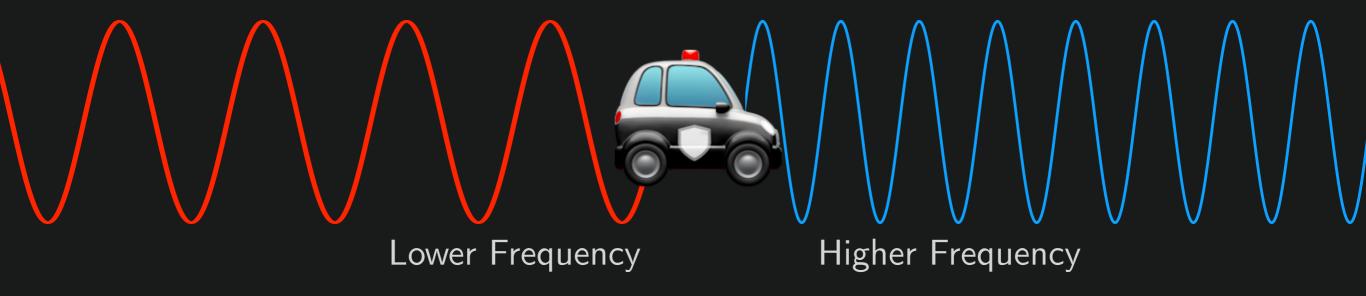
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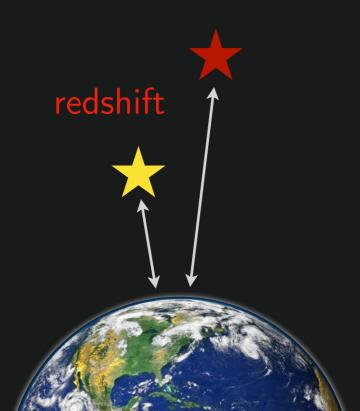
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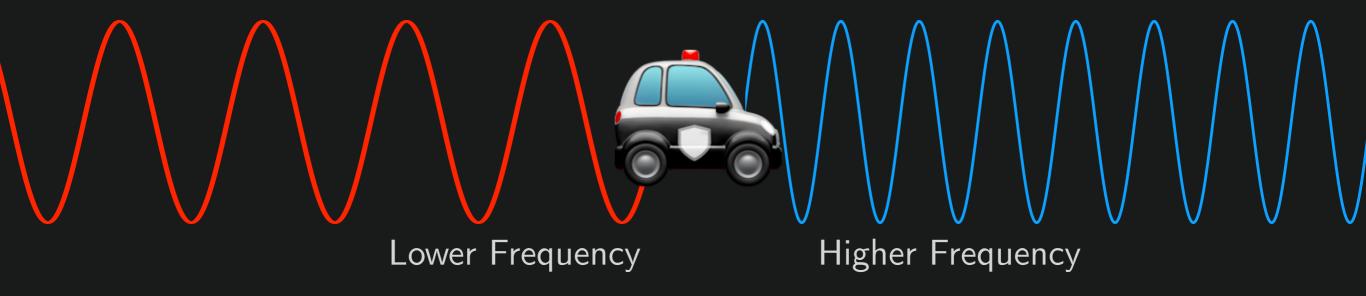
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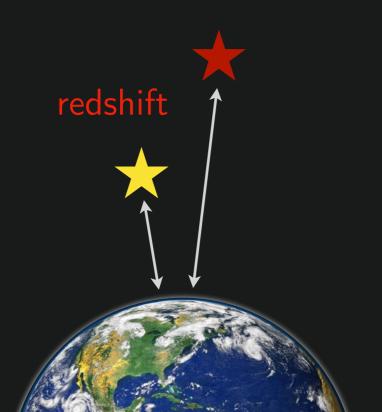


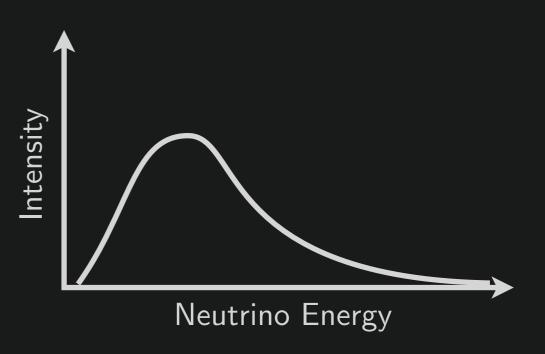


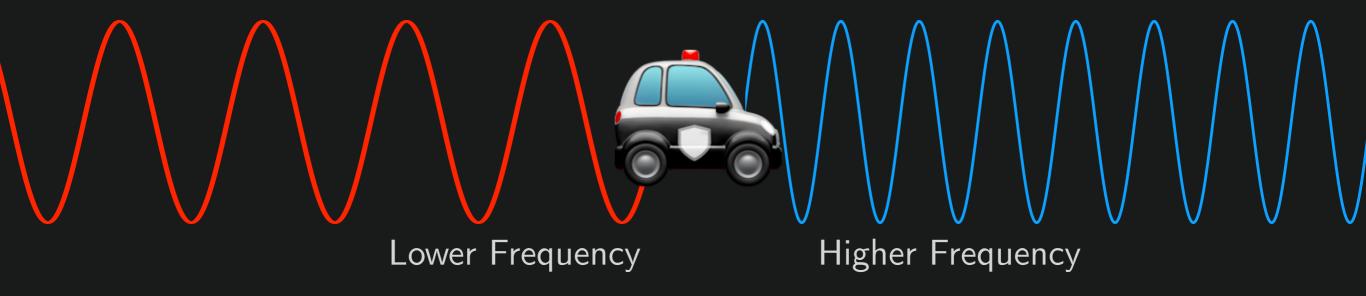


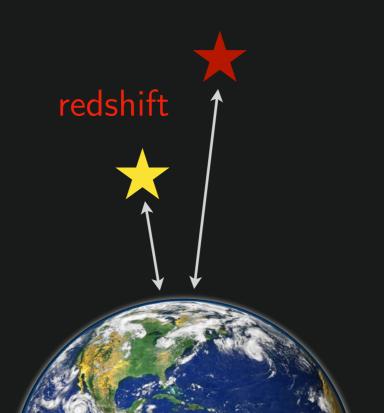


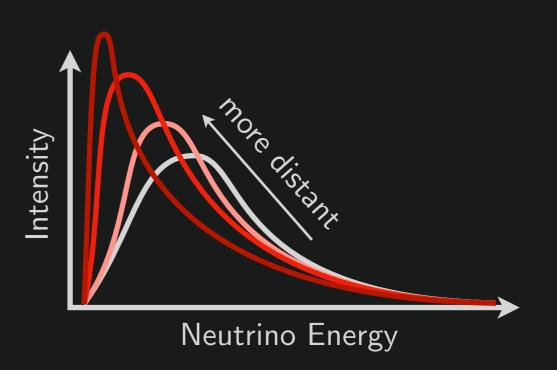


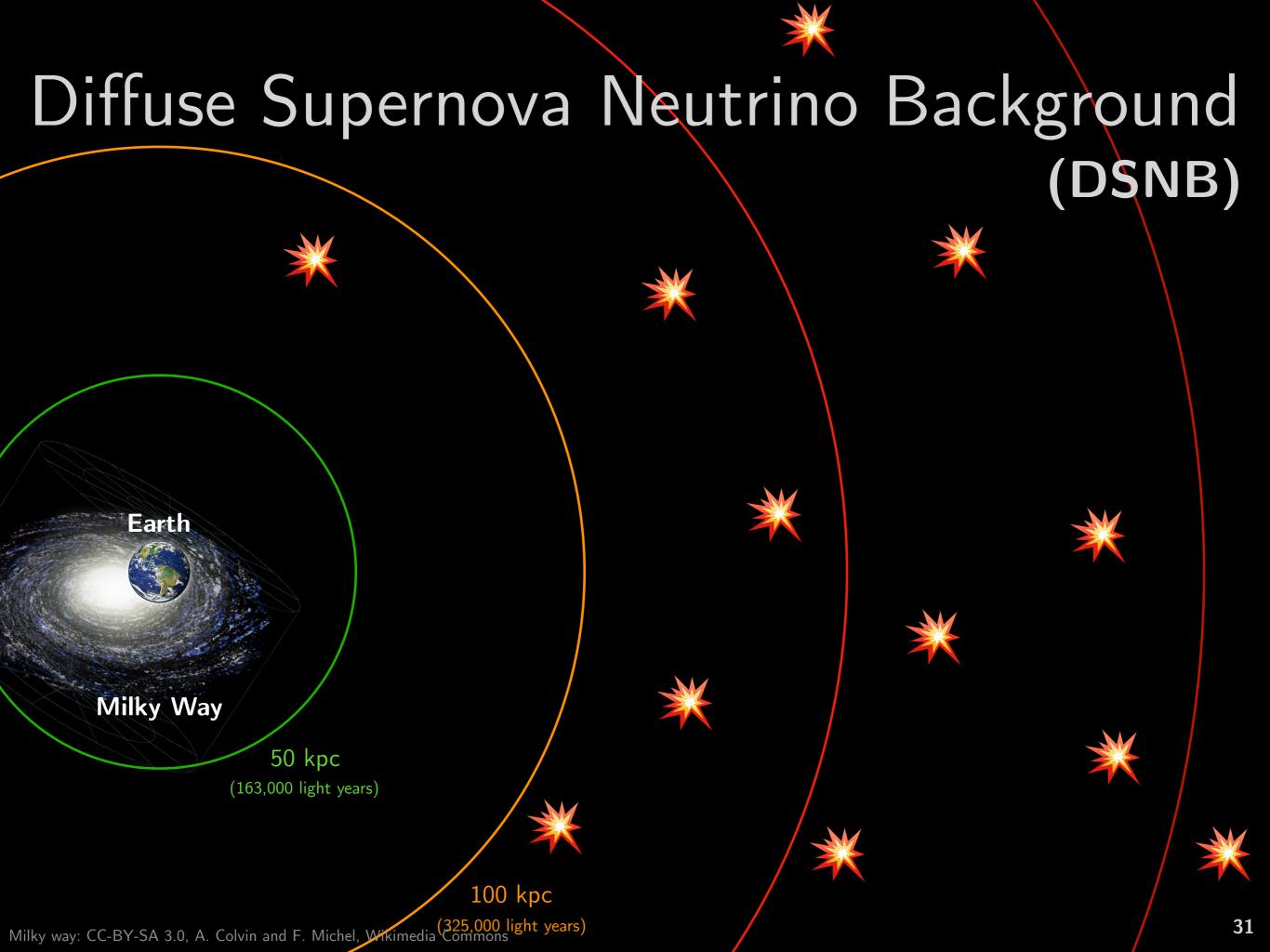


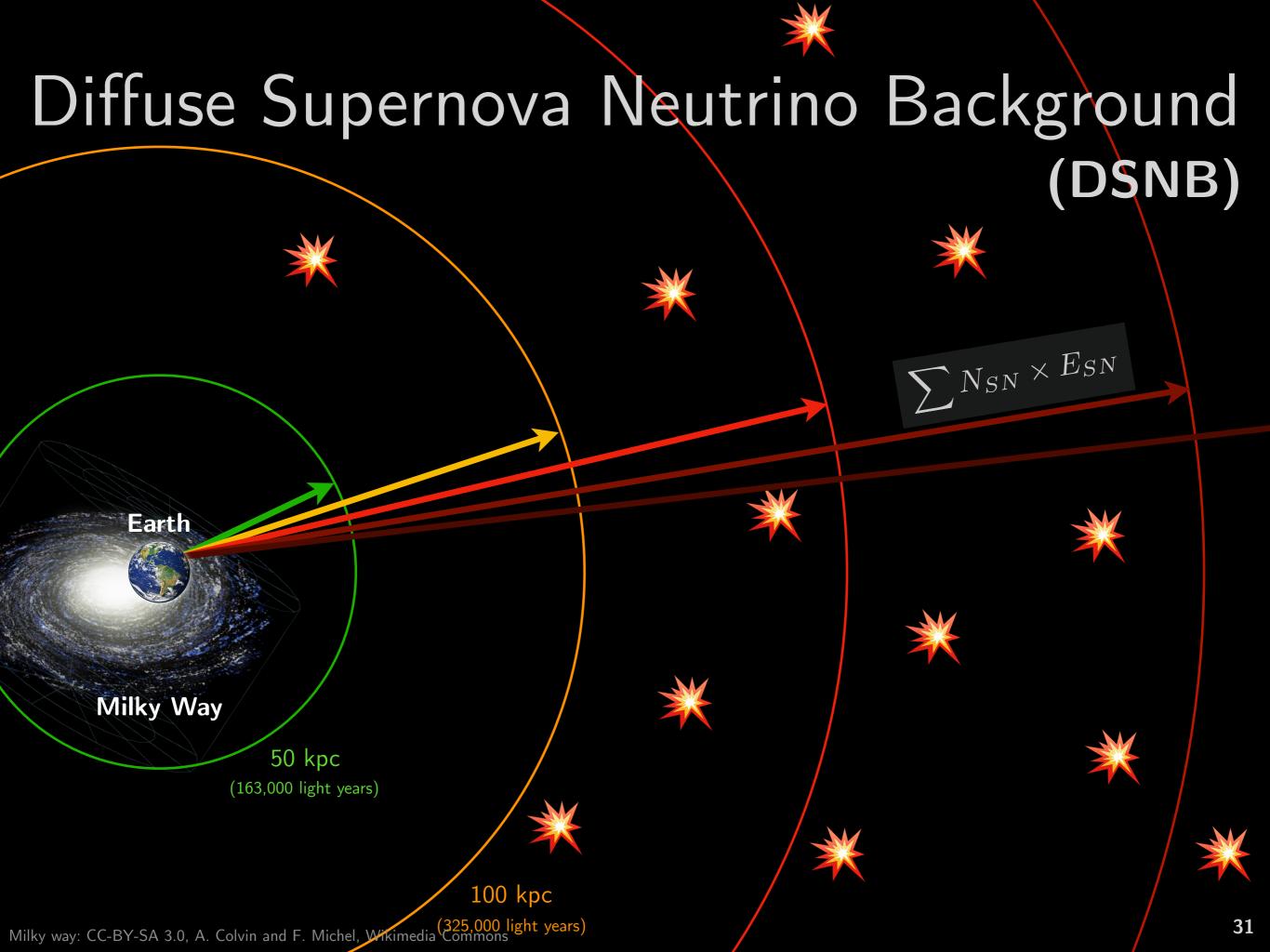


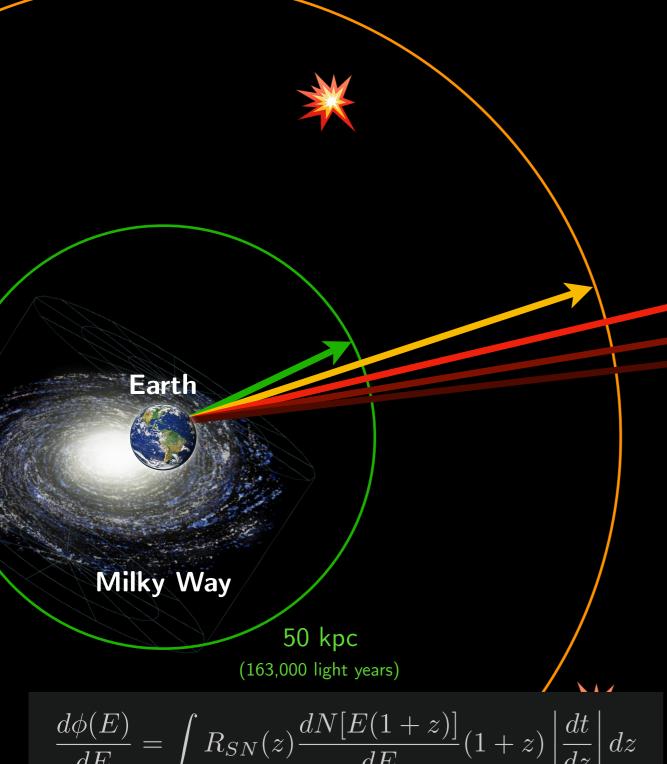




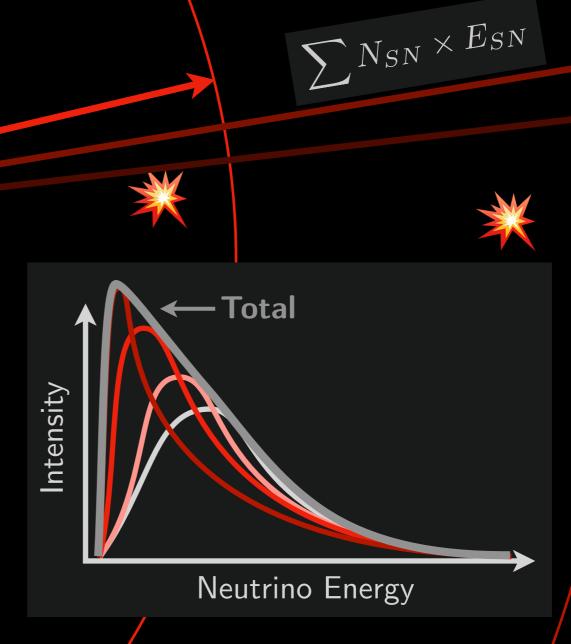








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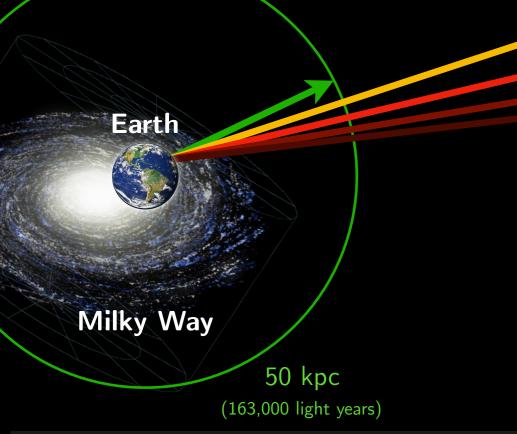
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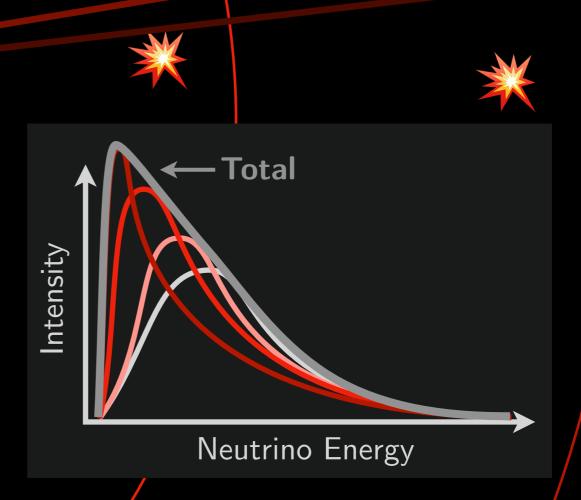
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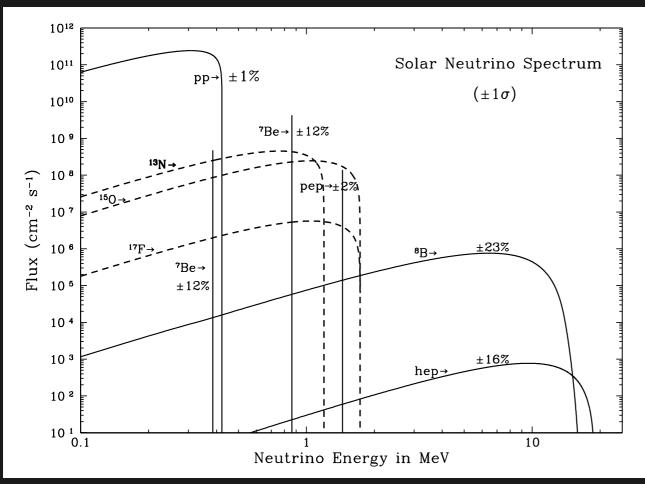
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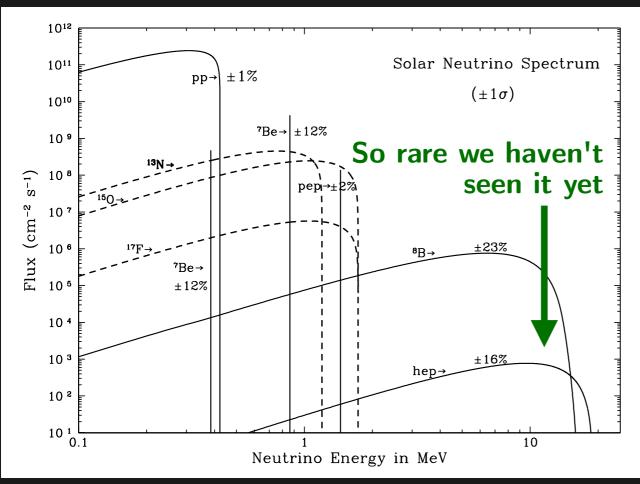
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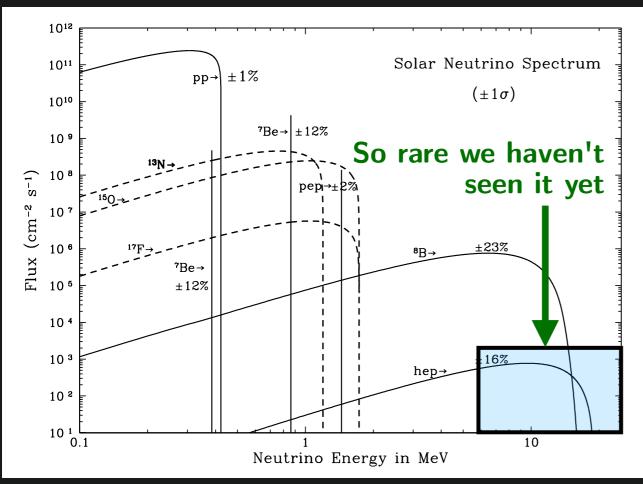
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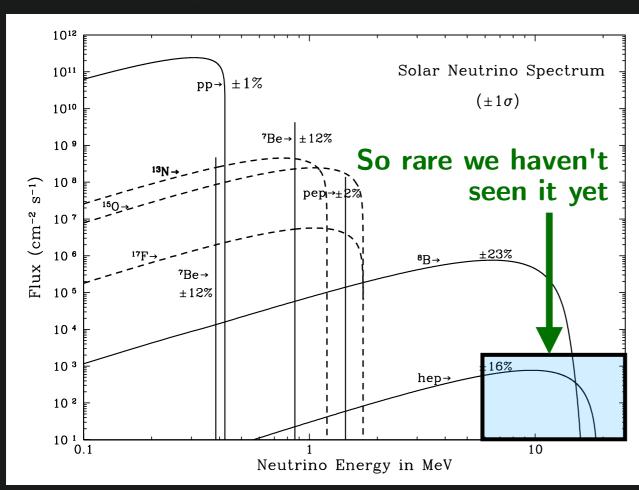
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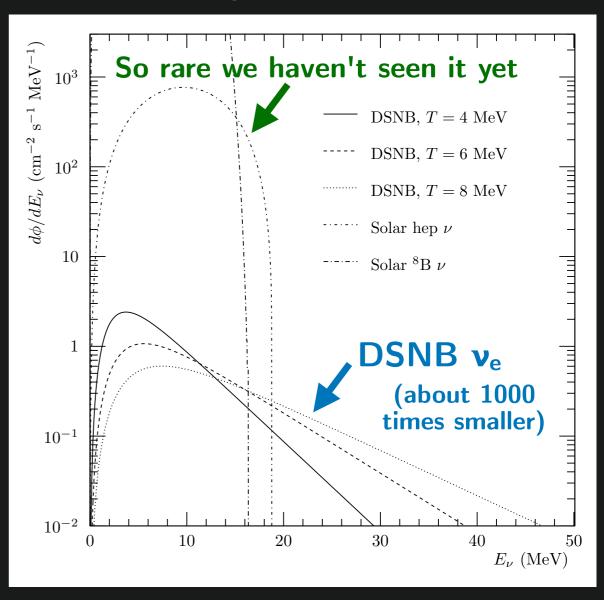
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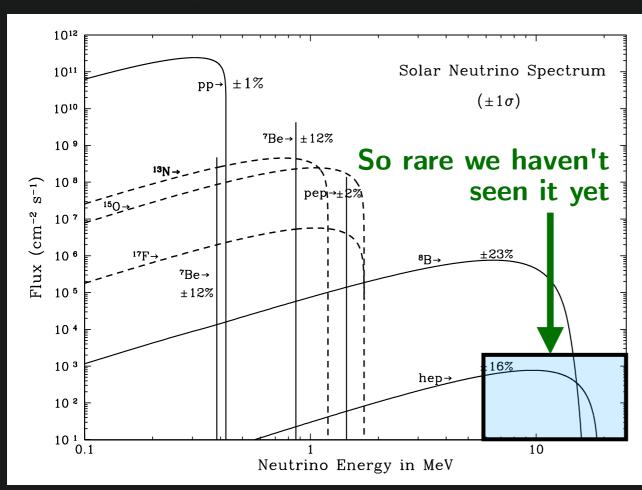
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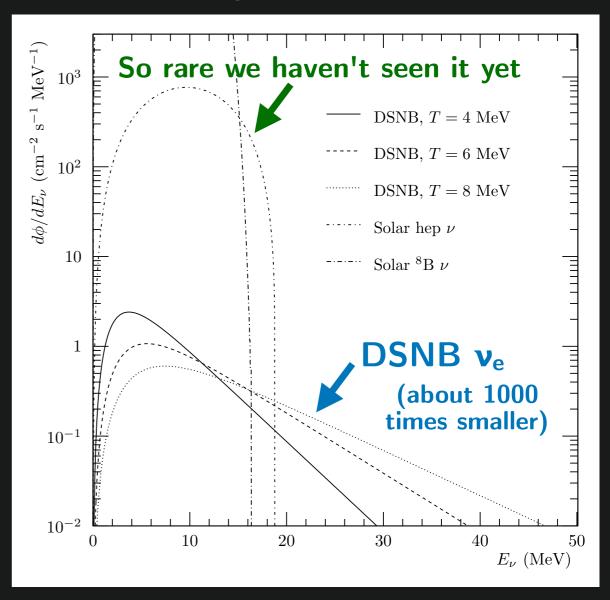


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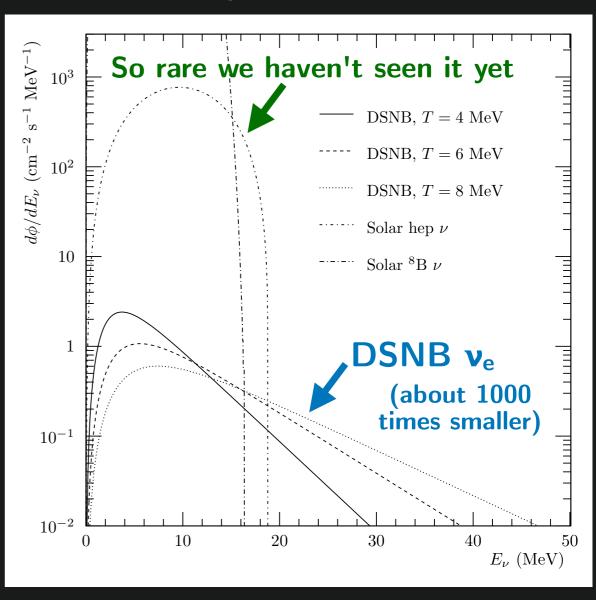
### It's really faint!

But sort of like solar neutrinos

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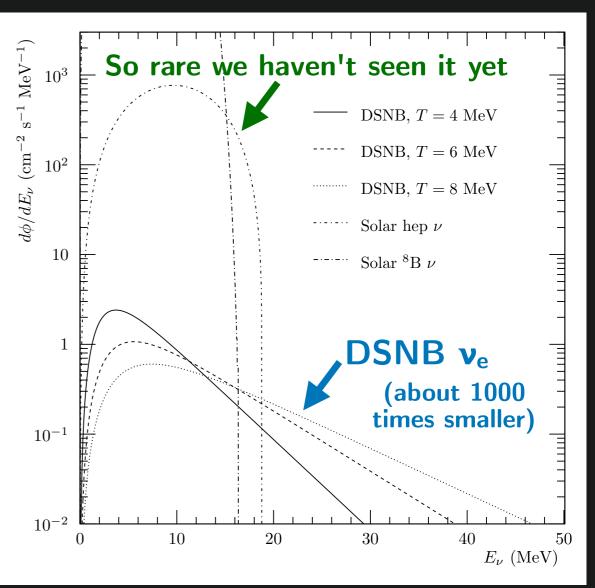
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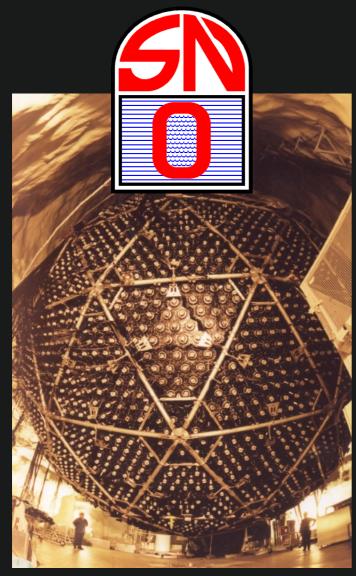
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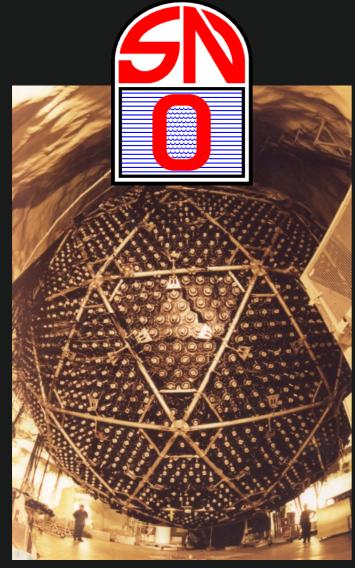


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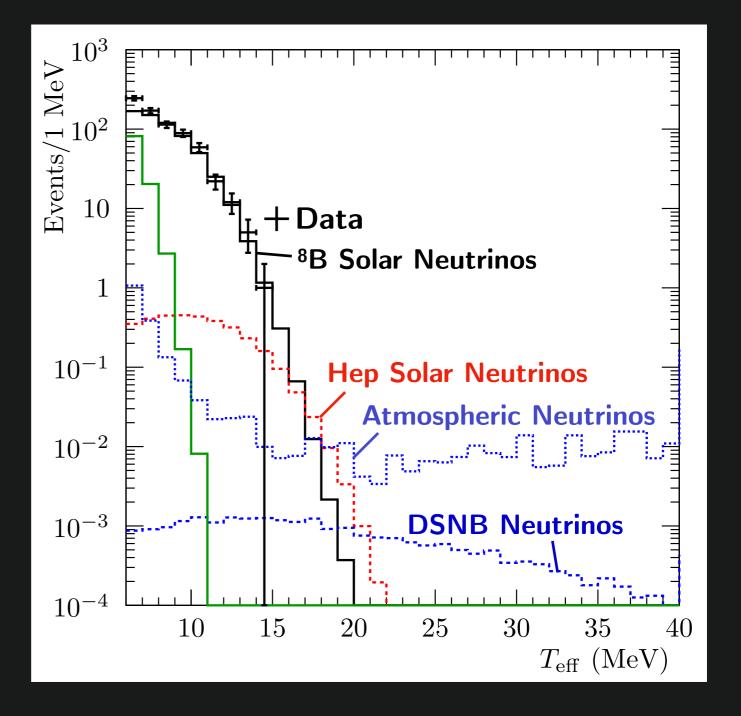


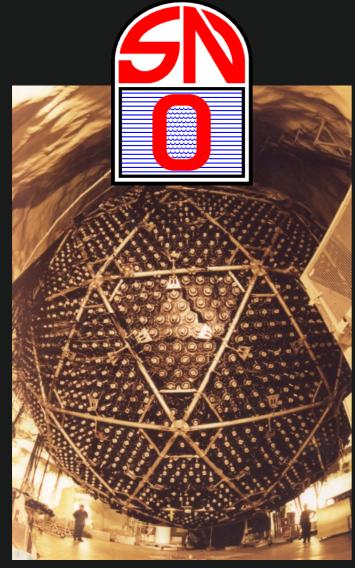


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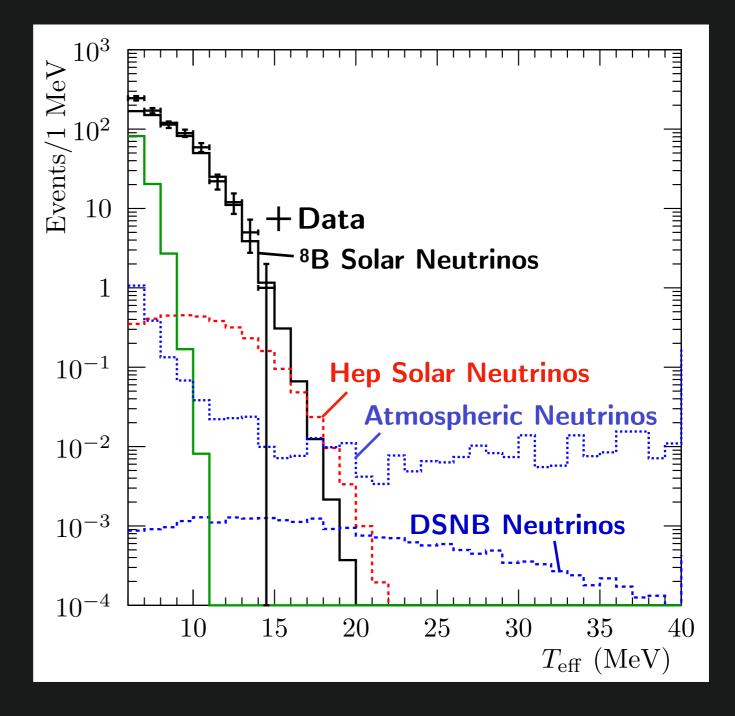


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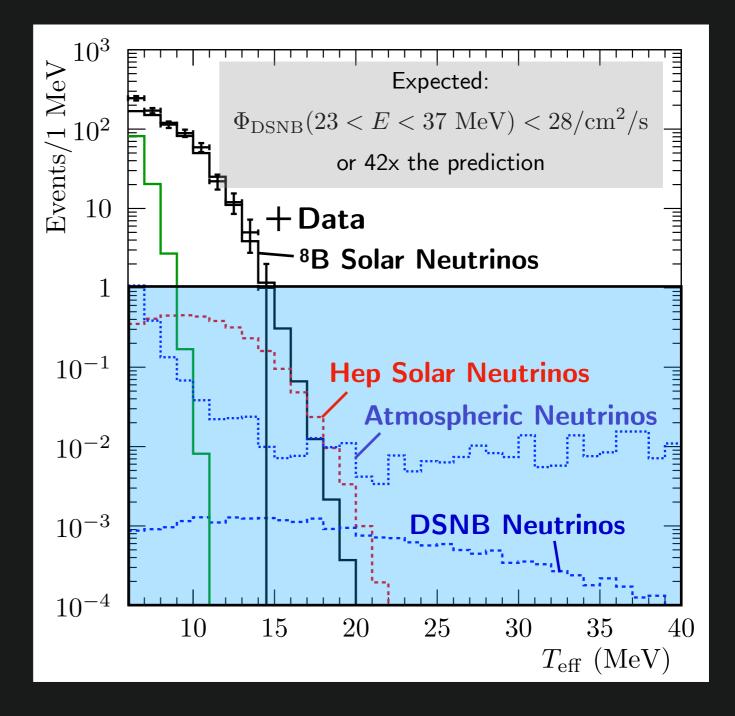
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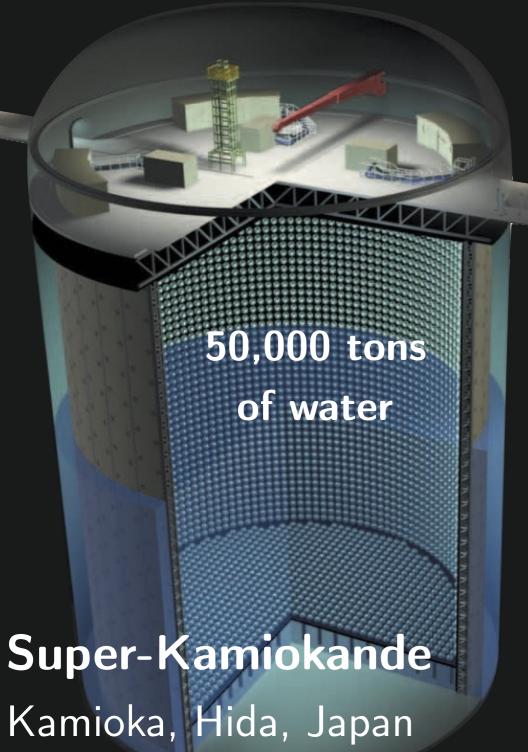
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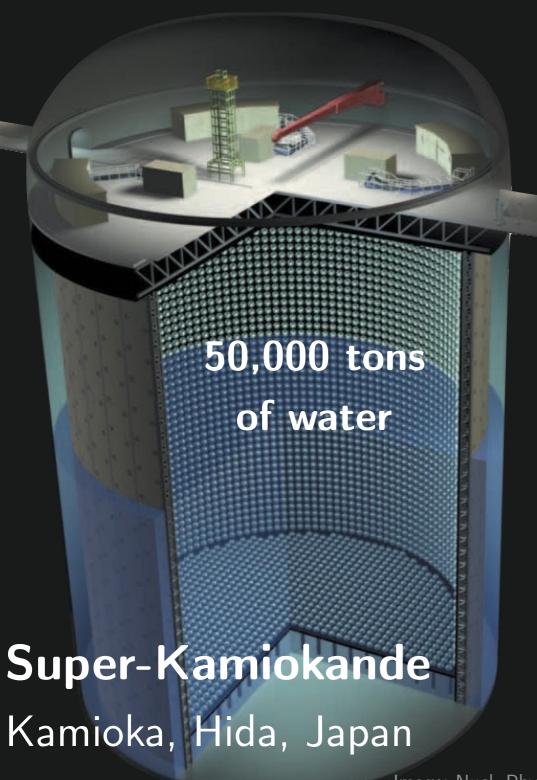
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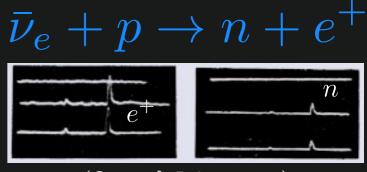
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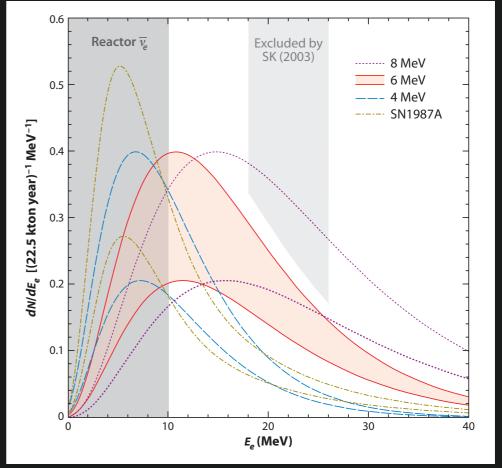
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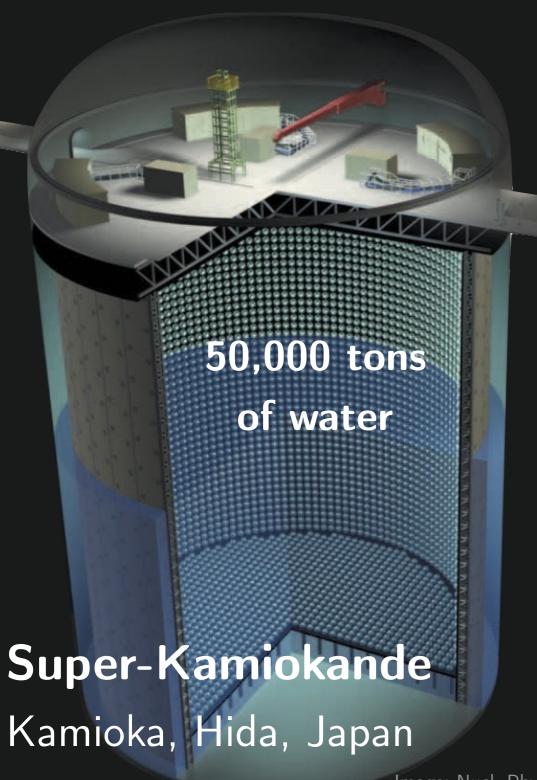
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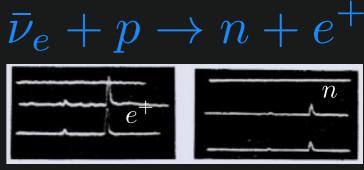
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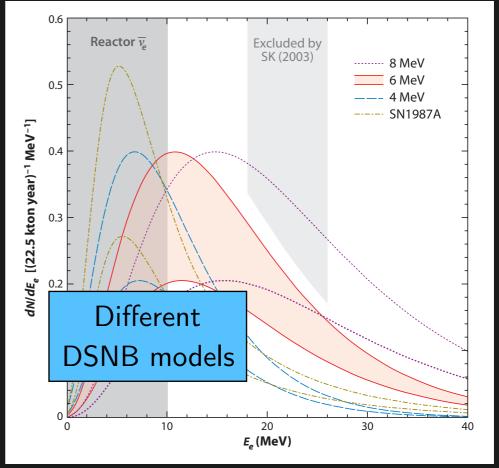
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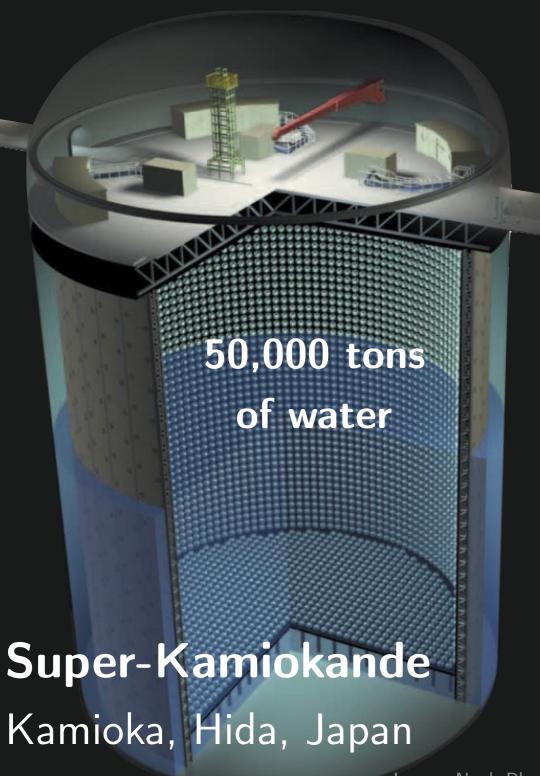
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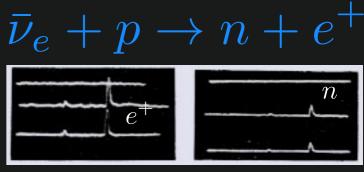
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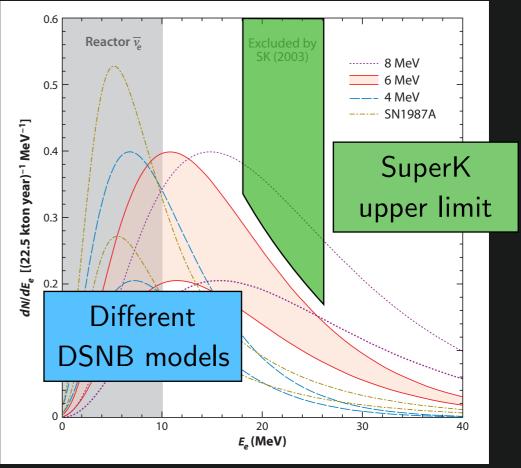
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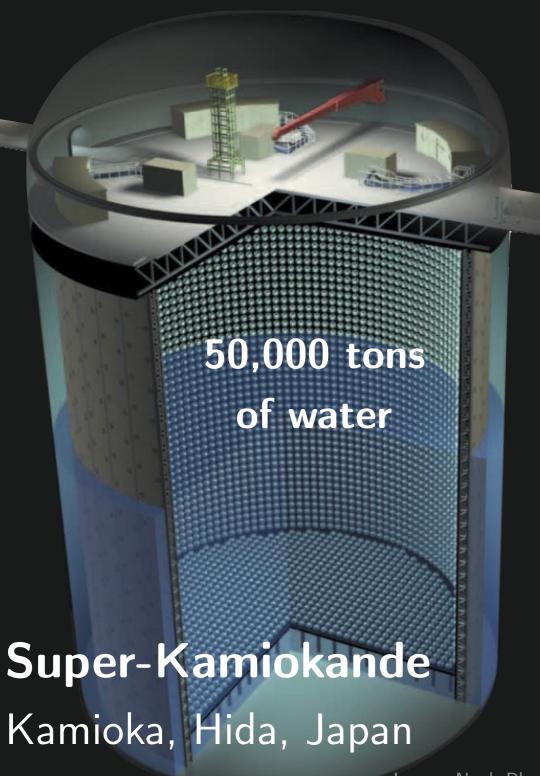
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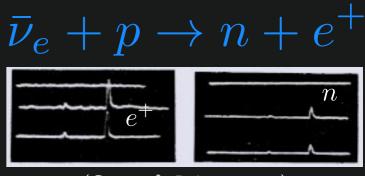
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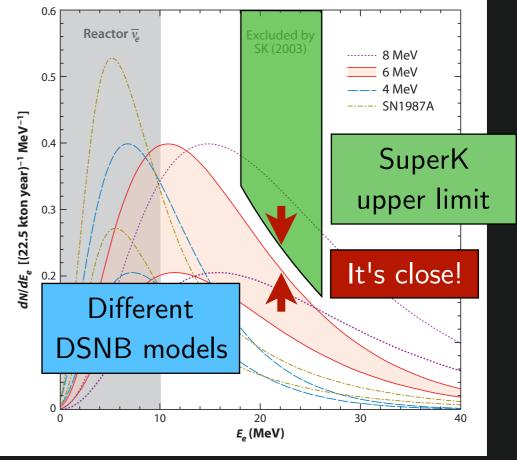
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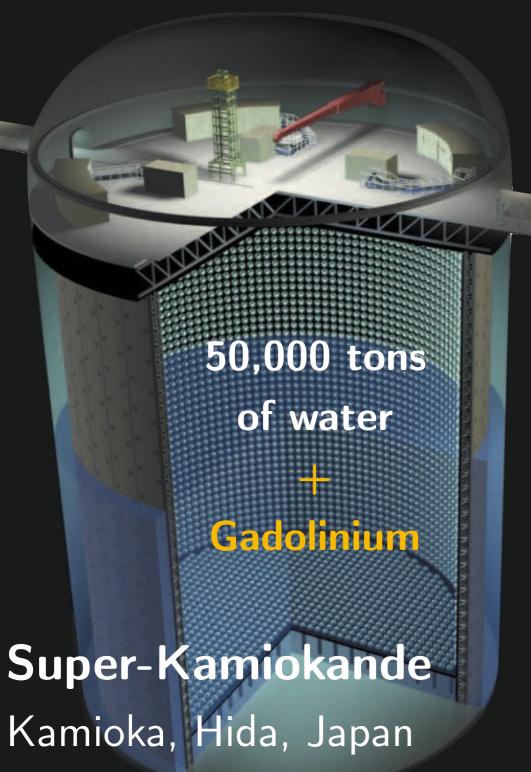
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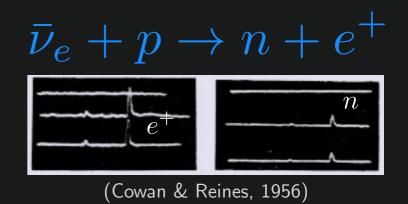
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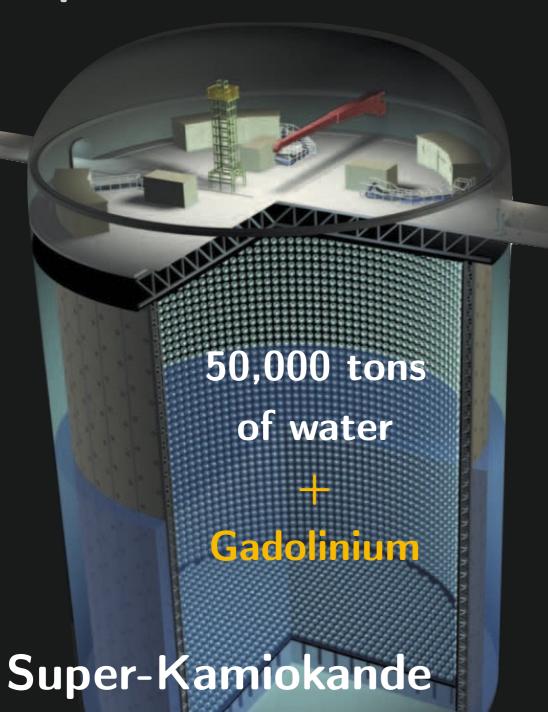


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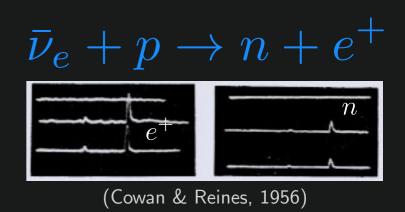


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Gd Gadolinium 157.25

By adding **gadolinium**, the ability to detect neutrons (and therefore inverse beta decay) is greatly improved

There's hope that Super-Kamiokande will detect the DSNB soon!

(this work starts in **June**!)

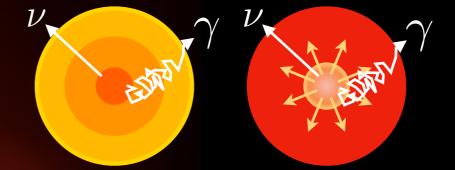
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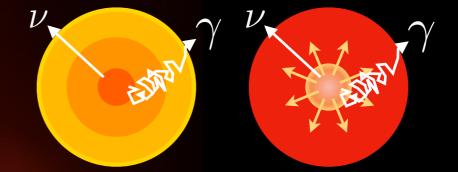
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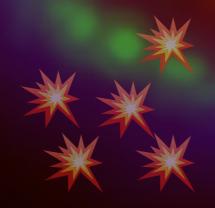
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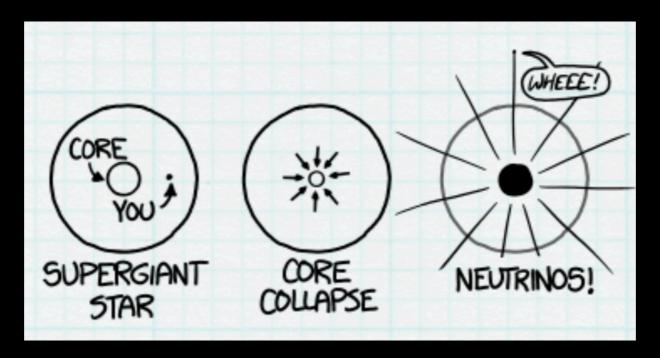
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While we wait for a SNe neutrino burst, we can study the DSNB, and learn about the average behavior of supernovae



"How close would you have to be to a supernova to get a lethal dose of **neutrino** radiation?"



https://what-if.xkcd.com/73/

### Next Week

Saturday, April 21, 2018



"study of the origin, evolution, and eventual fate of the universe"

**Neutrino Cosmology** 

with

Dr. Marco Raveri

KICP, UChicago

What can the structure of the universe teach us about neutrinos, and vice versa?

