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# Neutrino astronomy with supernova neutrinos

— the triangulation method

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# Introduction

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Goal: locate SN by neutrinos

Why is it important?

SN neutrinos arrive before photons



Supernova Early Warning System



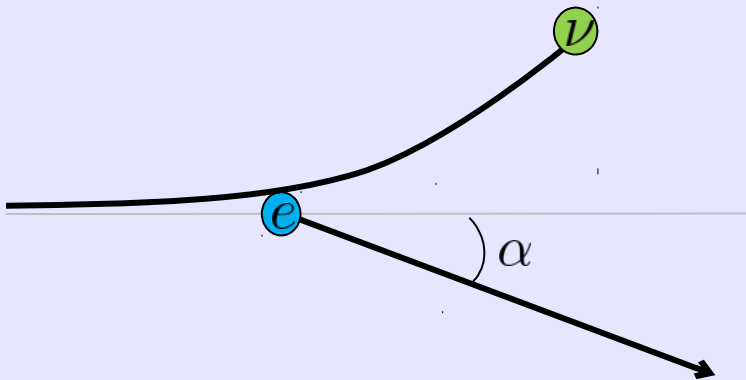
SN 1987A: neutrinos 3 hours before photons

# Introduction

Two methods

## Forward scattering

In  $\nu + e$  scattering,  $\alpha$  can be very small if  $E_\nu$  is high.



$$\cos \alpha = \frac{E_\nu + m_e}{E_\nu} \left( \frac{T}{T + 2m_e} \right)^{1/2}$$

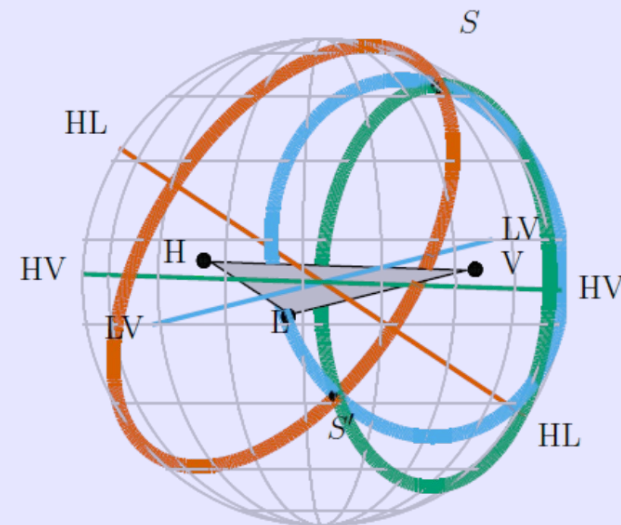
## Triangulation

Need 3 or more detectors;

Measure  $\Delta t \sim d/c \sim 40$  ms;

Only time information required;

Benefit from IBD (x-sec, bkg.).



# The triangulation method

Consider:

- an **instantaneous** neutrino pulse
- two detectors

Arrival time difference:

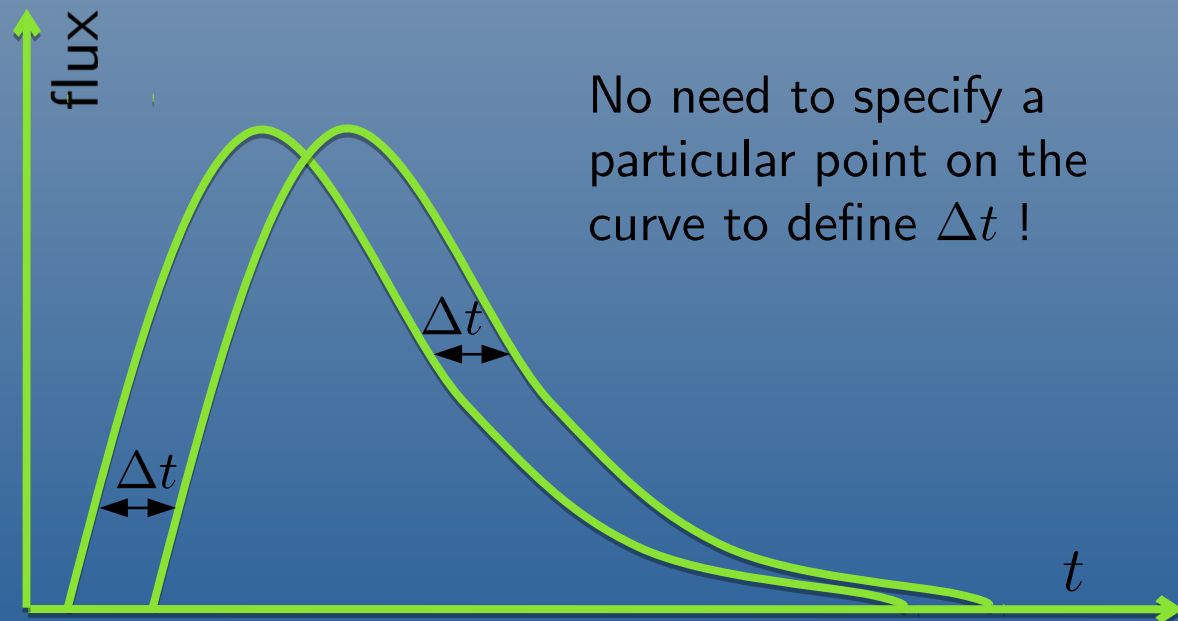
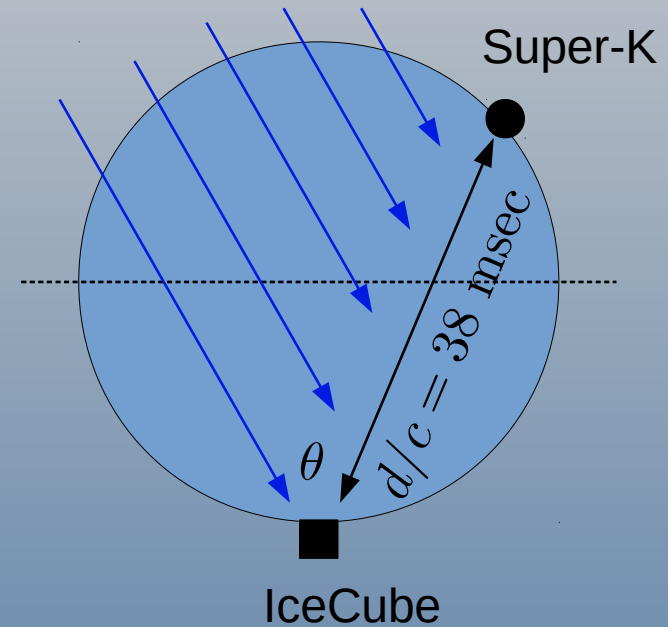
$$\Delta t = \frac{d}{c} \cos \theta$$

However, **instantaneous**



How to define  $\Delta t$  properly?

— defined as time shift



No need to specify a particular point on the curve to define  $\Delta t$  !

Previous conclusion:

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \text{SNO: } \delta t = 15 \text{ ms} \\ \text{Super-K: } \delta t = 3 \text{ ms} \end{array} \right\} \delta(\cos \theta) = 0.5$$



**HEP** 1 records found Search

**1. Can a supernova be located by its neutrinos?**  
John F. Beacom, P. Vogel (Caltech). Nov 1998. 10 pp.  
Published in **Phys.Rev. D60 (1999) 033007**  
DOI: [10.1103/PhysRevD.60.033007](https://doi.org/10.1103/PhysRevD.60.033007)  
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Today we have:

- more detectors
- better knowledge of the flux

Our result

SN → neutron star:

$1.5^\circ \sim 3.5^\circ$

SN → black hole:

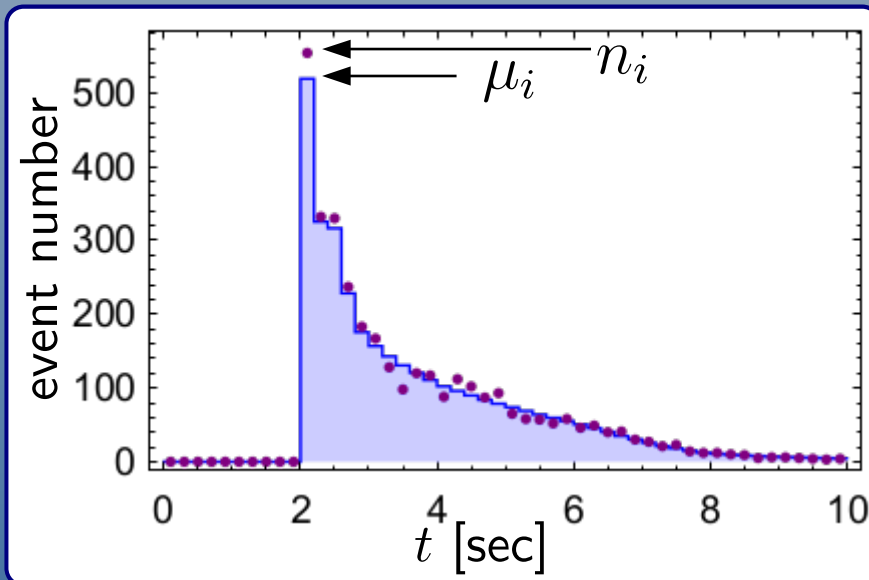
$0.2^\circ \sim 0.5^\circ$

## Our method

Likelihood analysis on binned data.

Assuming Poisson distribution in each bin,

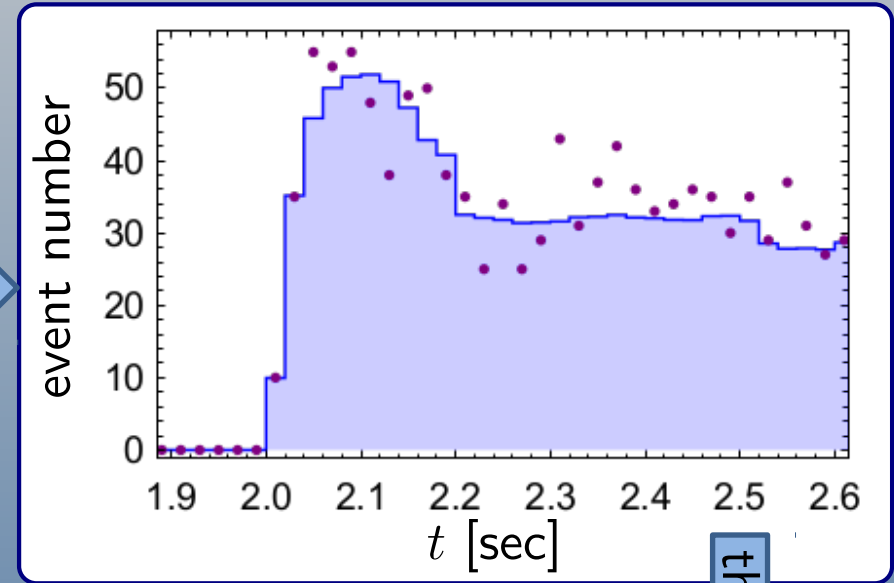
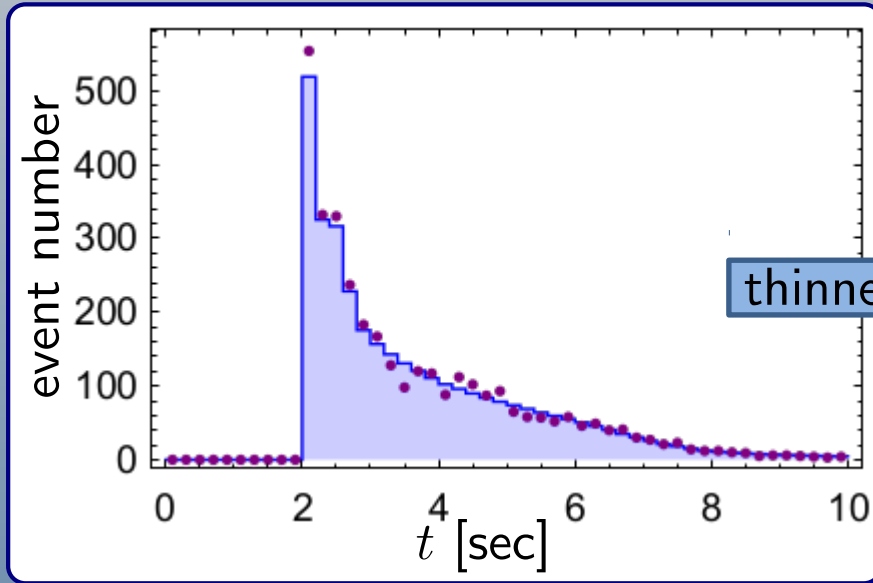
$$\chi^2(\Delta t) = 2 \sum_i \left( \mu_i - n_i + n_i \ln \frac{n_i}{\mu_i} \right)$$



- $n_i$ : event number observed
- $\mu_i$ : event number expected

Important:  
when  $\langle n_i \rangle$  &  $\mu_i \ll 1$ ,  
it is still valid.

# ... thinner and thinner



smaller  $dt$  (bin width)  $\Rightarrow$  better measurement of  $\Delta t \pm \delta t$

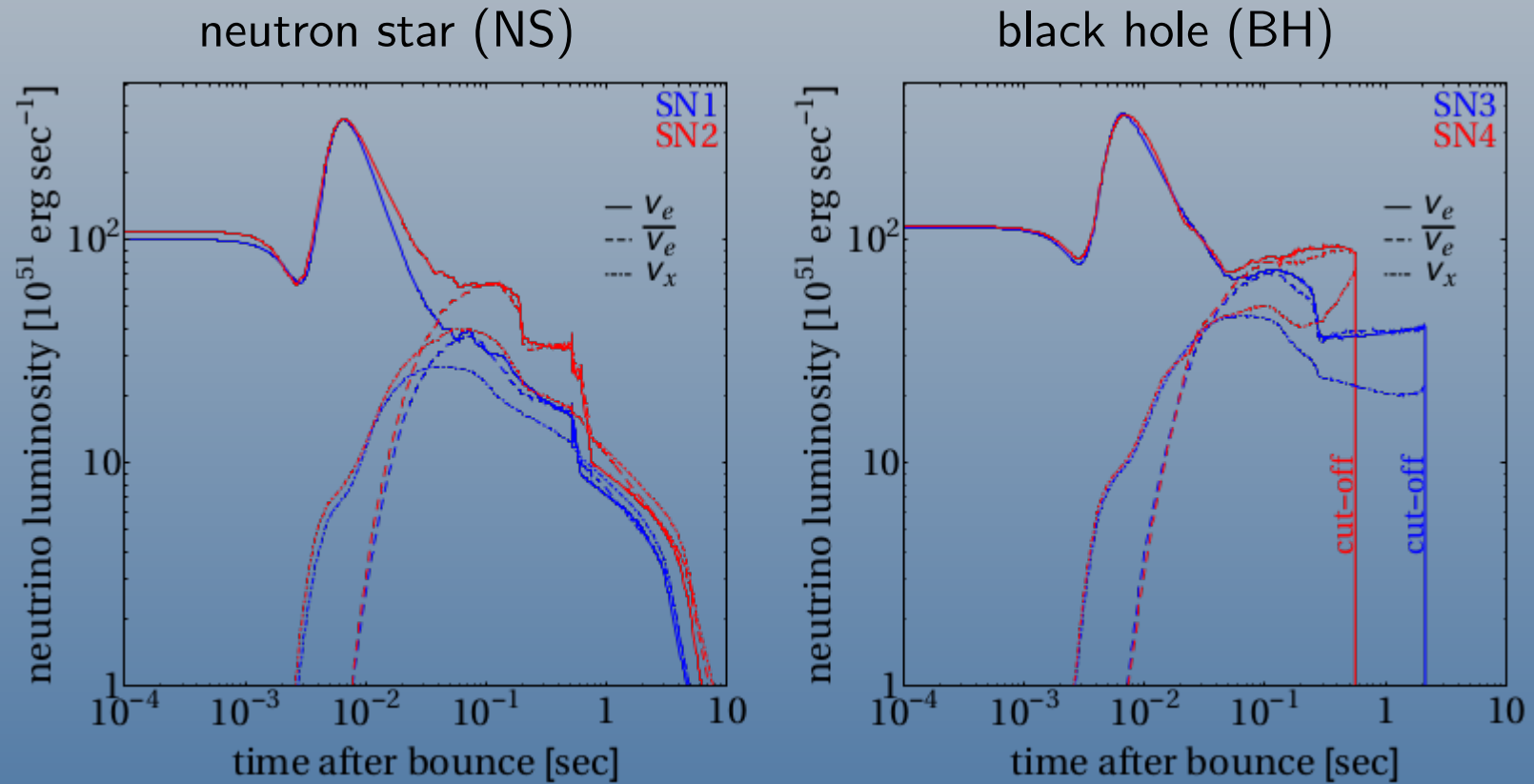
How small is enough? Answer:  $dt \ll \delta t$

E.g., Super-K,  
 $\delta t = 0.9$  ms,  
we use  $dt = 0.05$  ms

Note:  $dt \ll \delta t \Rightarrow \mu_i \ll 1$ . But the method is still valid.



# SN $\rightarrow$ neutron star (NS) or black hole (BH)?



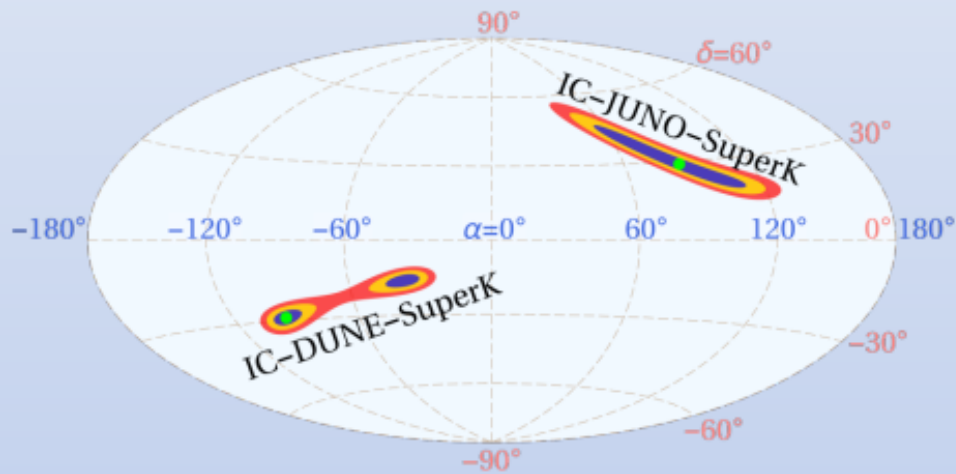
Difference: very sharp cut-off for BH.



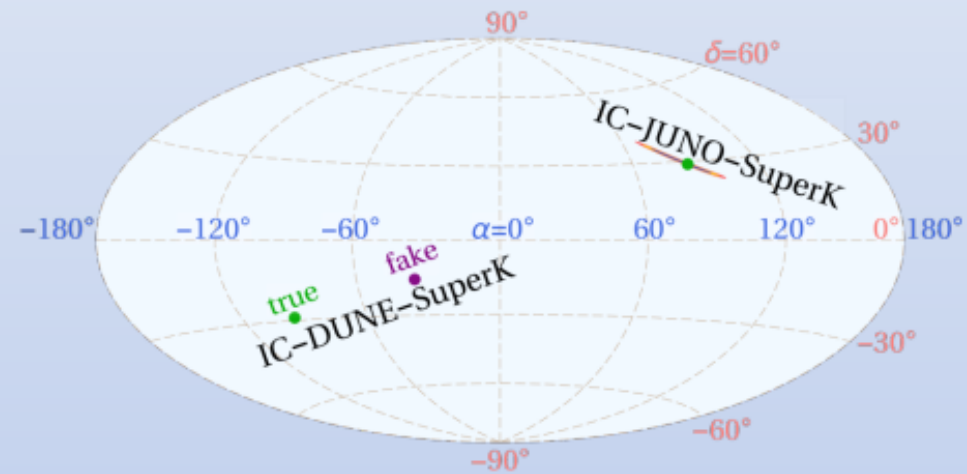


Experiments	major process	target	$N_{\text{total}}$	$\delta t$	$N_{\text{total}}$ (BH)	$\delta t$ (BH)
Super-Kamiokande [27]	$\bar{\nu}_e + p \rightarrow e^+ + n$	32 kt H <sub>2</sub> O	7625	0.9 ms	6666	0.14 ms
JUNO [43]	$\bar{\nu}_e + p \rightarrow e^+ + n$	20kt C <sub>n</sub> H <sub>m</sub>	4766	1.2 ms	4166	0.19 ms
DUNE [60]	$\nu_e + {}^{40}\text{Ar} \rightarrow e^- + {}^{40}\text{K}^*$	40 kt LAr	3297	1.5 ms	3084	0.18 ms
NO $\nu$ A [61]	$\bar{\nu}_e + p \rightarrow e^+ + n$	15 kt C <sub>n</sub> H <sub>m</sub>	3574	1.4 ms	3125	0.24 ms
CJPL [62]	$\bar{\nu}_e + p \rightarrow e^+ + n$	3kt H <sub>2</sub> O	715	3.8 ms	625	0.97 ms
IceCube [63]	noise excess	H <sub>2</sub> O	$\mathcal{O}(10^6)$ [64]	1ms	$\mathcal{O}(10^6)$ [64]	0.16 ms
ANTARES [65]	noise excess	H <sub>2</sub> O	$\mathcal{O}(10^3)$ [66]	100ms	$\mathcal{O}(10^3)$ [66]	32 ms
Borexino [67]	$\bar{\nu}_e + p \rightarrow e^+ + n$	0.3 kt C <sub>n</sub> H <sub>m</sub>	71.5	16 ms	62.5	5.5 ms
LVD [68]	$\bar{\nu}_e + p \rightarrow e^+ + n$	1 kt C <sub>n</sub> H <sub>m</sub>	238	7.5 ms	208	2.4 ms
XENON1T [69]	coherent scattering	2t X <sub>e</sub>	31	27 ms	29	10 ms
DARWIN [57]	coherent scattering	40t X <sub>e</sub>	622	1.3 ms	588	0.7 ms

# Locating SN by neutrino triangulation: 3-detector combinations.

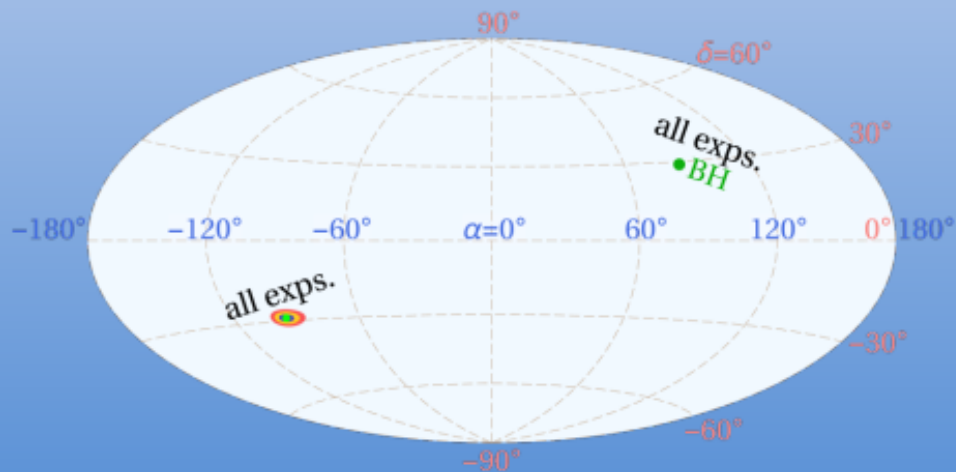


collapsed into neutron star (NS)



collapsed into black hole (BH)

## Combine all detectors.



### Location uncertainties (10 kpc SN)

SN  $\rightarrow$  NS:  $1.5^\circ \sim 3.5^\circ$

SN  $\rightarrow$  BH:  $0.2^\circ \sim 0.5^\circ$

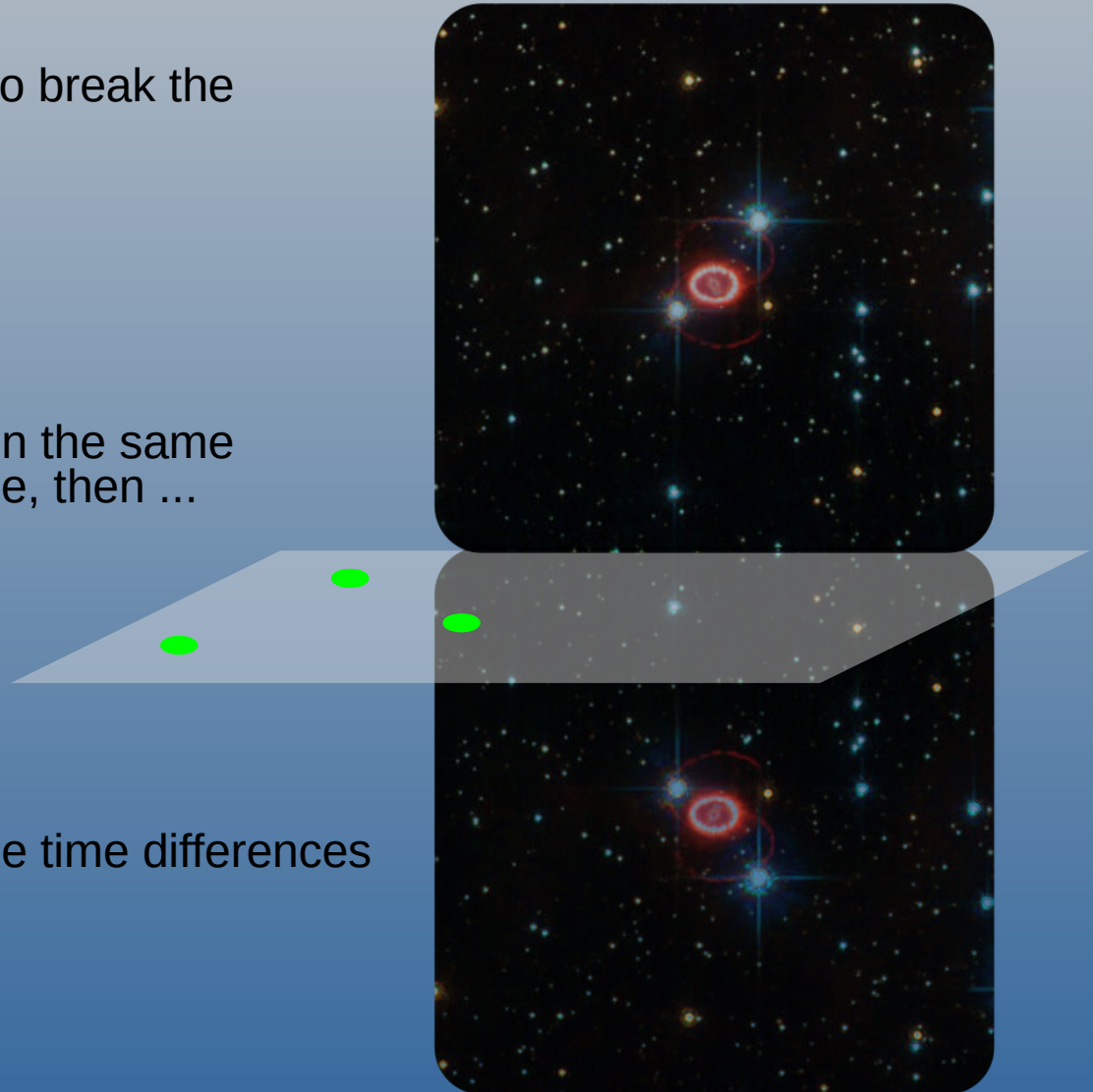
# Backup

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Three detectors are not enough to break the mirror degeneracy

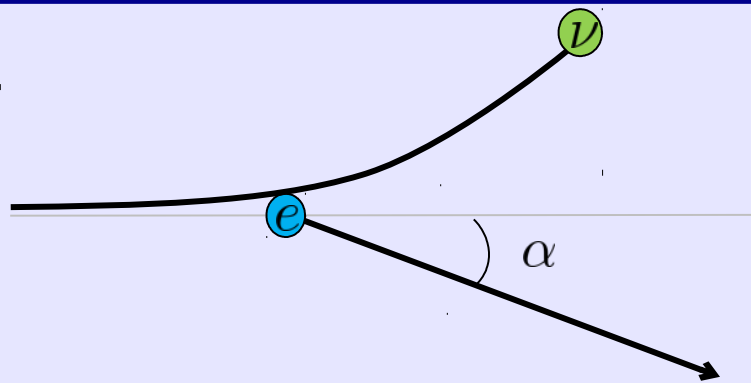
Reason: any 3 detectors can be in the same plane. If the SN is not in this plane, then ...

The mirror image has all the same time differences



# Backup

$\nu + e$  scattering



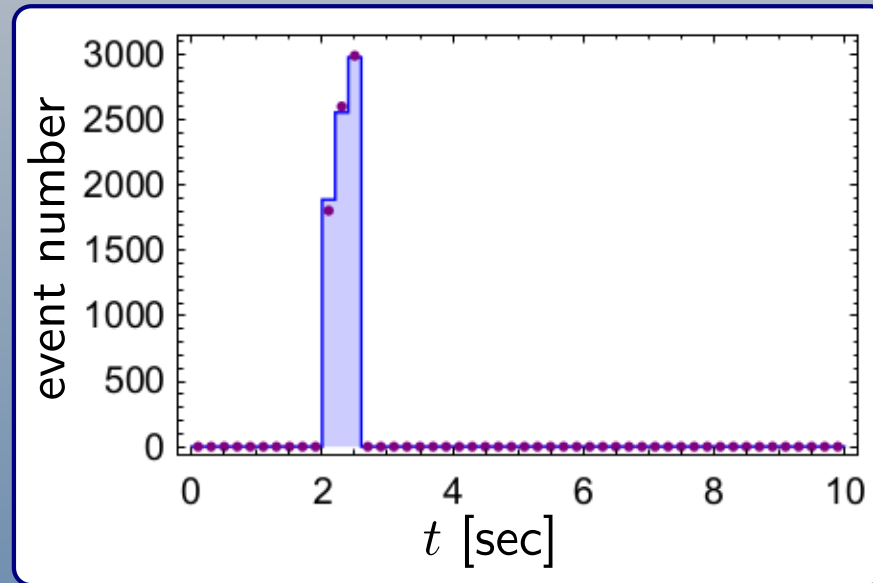
Super-K [1601.04778]

We have developed an algorithm to identify the SN direction and its error using a maximum likelihood method. The pointing accuracy estimated by the ensemble study is found to be 3.1 ~ 3.8° (4.3 ~ 5.9°) at 68.2% coverage for the Wilson (NK1) model at 10 kpc, where the range covers various neutrino oscillation scenarios.

Hyper-K [1805.04163]

events, the angular distributions for lower energy events show more enhanced peaks. The direction of a supernova at 10kpc can be reconstructed with an accuracy of about 1 to 1.3 degrees with Hyper-K, assuming the performance of event direction reconstruction similar to Super-K [252].

If collapses to black hole



total events	SN1 ( $11 M_{\odot}$ )	SN2 ( $27 M_{\odot}$ )	SN3 (BH)	SN4 (BH)
$10^5$	0.2 ms	0.2 ms	0.06 ms	0.02 ms
$10^4$	0.8 ms	0.8 ms	0.3 ms	0.1 ms
$10^3$	2.9 ms	3.1 ms	1.9 ms	0.6 ms
$10^2$	11 ms	13 ms	7.3 ms	4 ms