

Neutrino Astrophysics



[core-collapse supernova detection as a possible application for Fast Machine Learning]

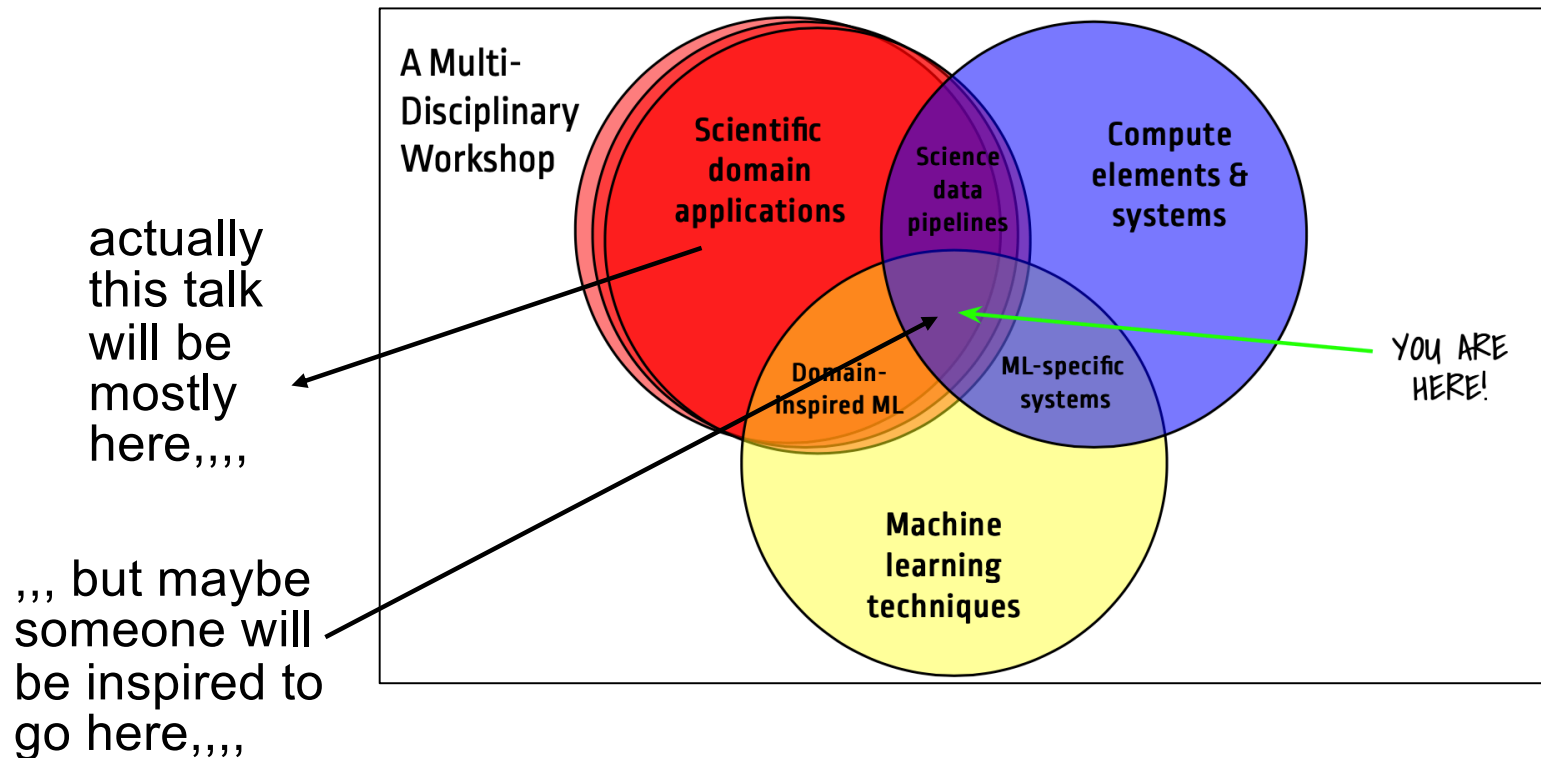
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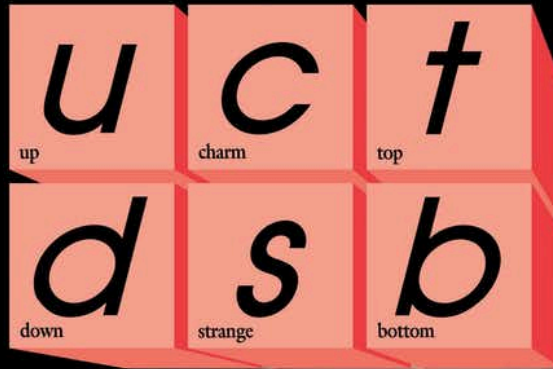
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I am not a fast
machine learning expert ...
(have dabbled a little on the slow side)

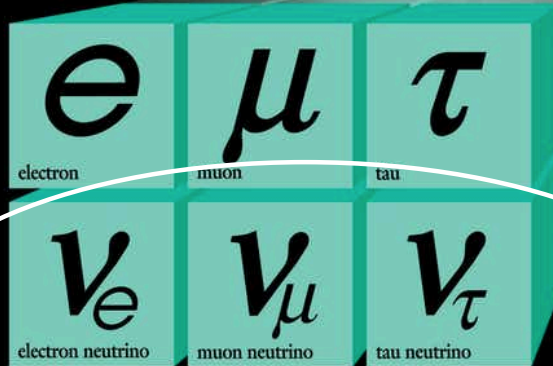
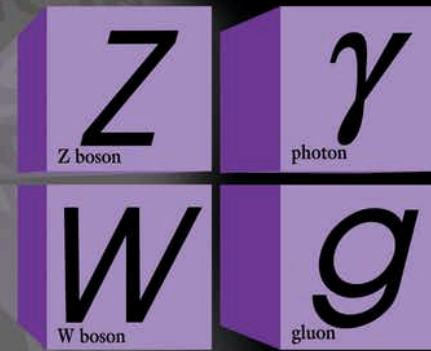
Will instead describe a possible
“scientific domain application” for FastML



Quarks



Forces



Leptons

Neutrinos are famously weakly interacting fundamental particles in the Standard Model

We care about them for many reasons...

THE STANDARD MODEL

| | Fermions | | | Bosons | |
|---------|------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------|----------------|
| Quarks | u up | c charm | t top | γ photon | Force carriers |
| | d down | s strange | b bottom | Z Z boson | |
| Leptons | ν_e electron neutrino | ν_μ muon neutrino | ν_τ tau neutrino | W W boson | |
| | e electron | μ muon | τ tau | g gluon | |
| | | | Higgs boson* | | |

*Yet to be confirmed

Source: AAAS

fundamental particles and interactions



cosmology



nuclear physics

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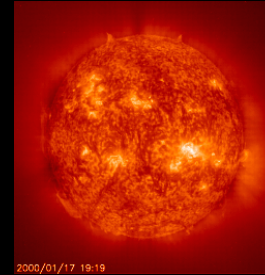
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astrophysical systems

They are astrophysical messengers...
astrophysics and particle physics



cosmology



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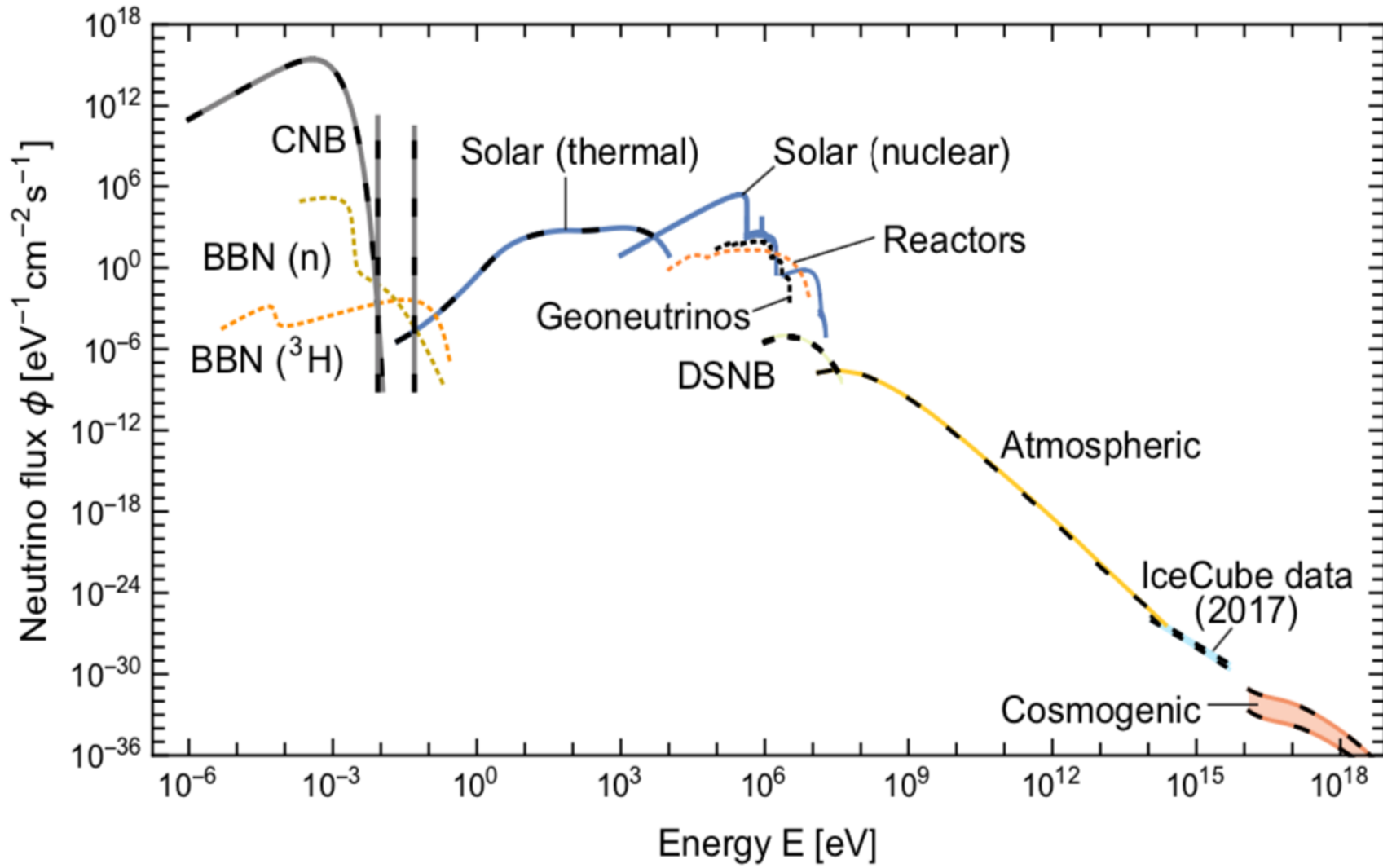
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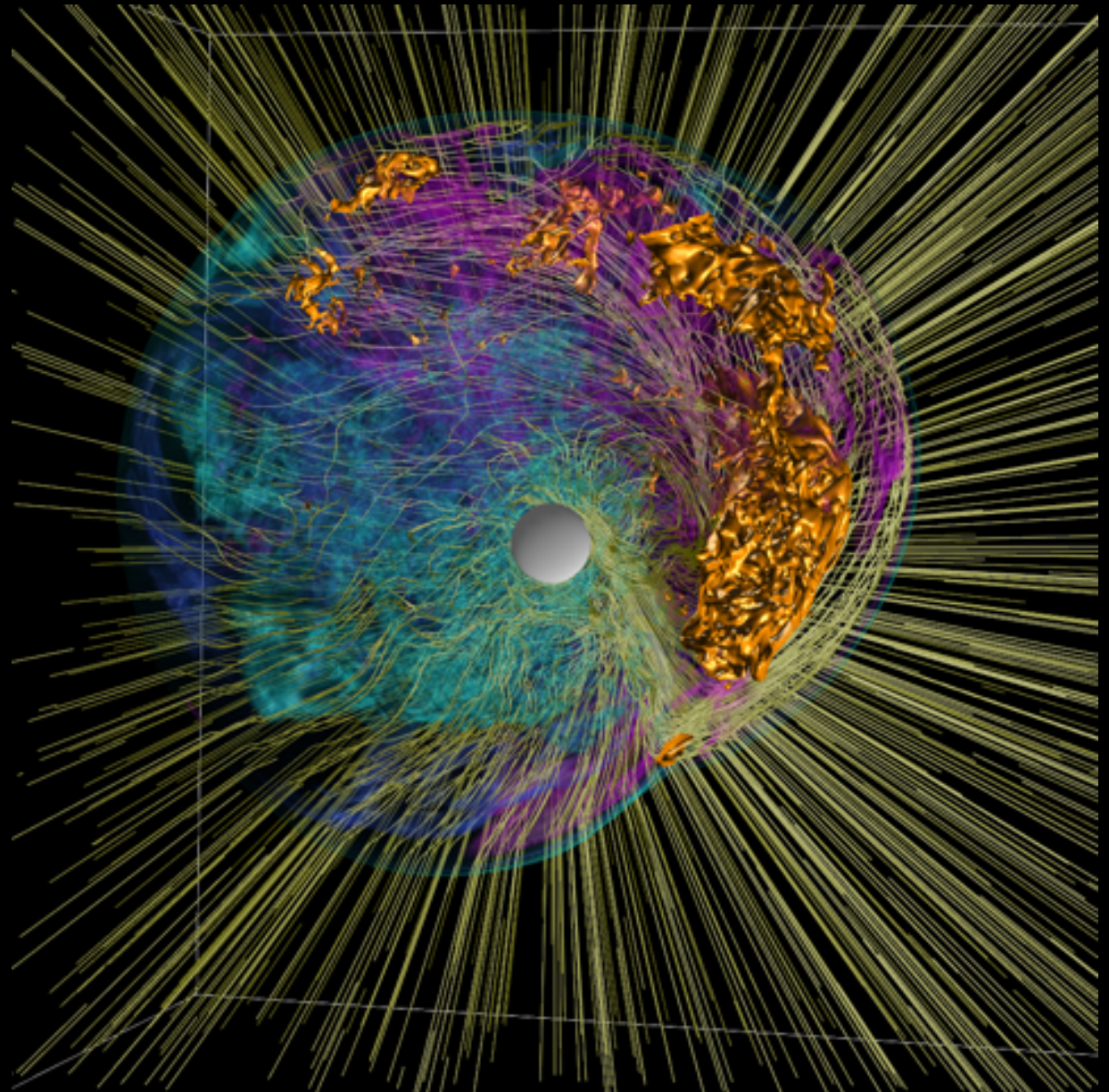
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Neutrinos arrive as **transient** sources also

When a star's core collapses, ~99% of the gravitational binding energy of the proto-neutron star remnant goes in neutrinos of all flavors, over a timescale of **tens of seconds**



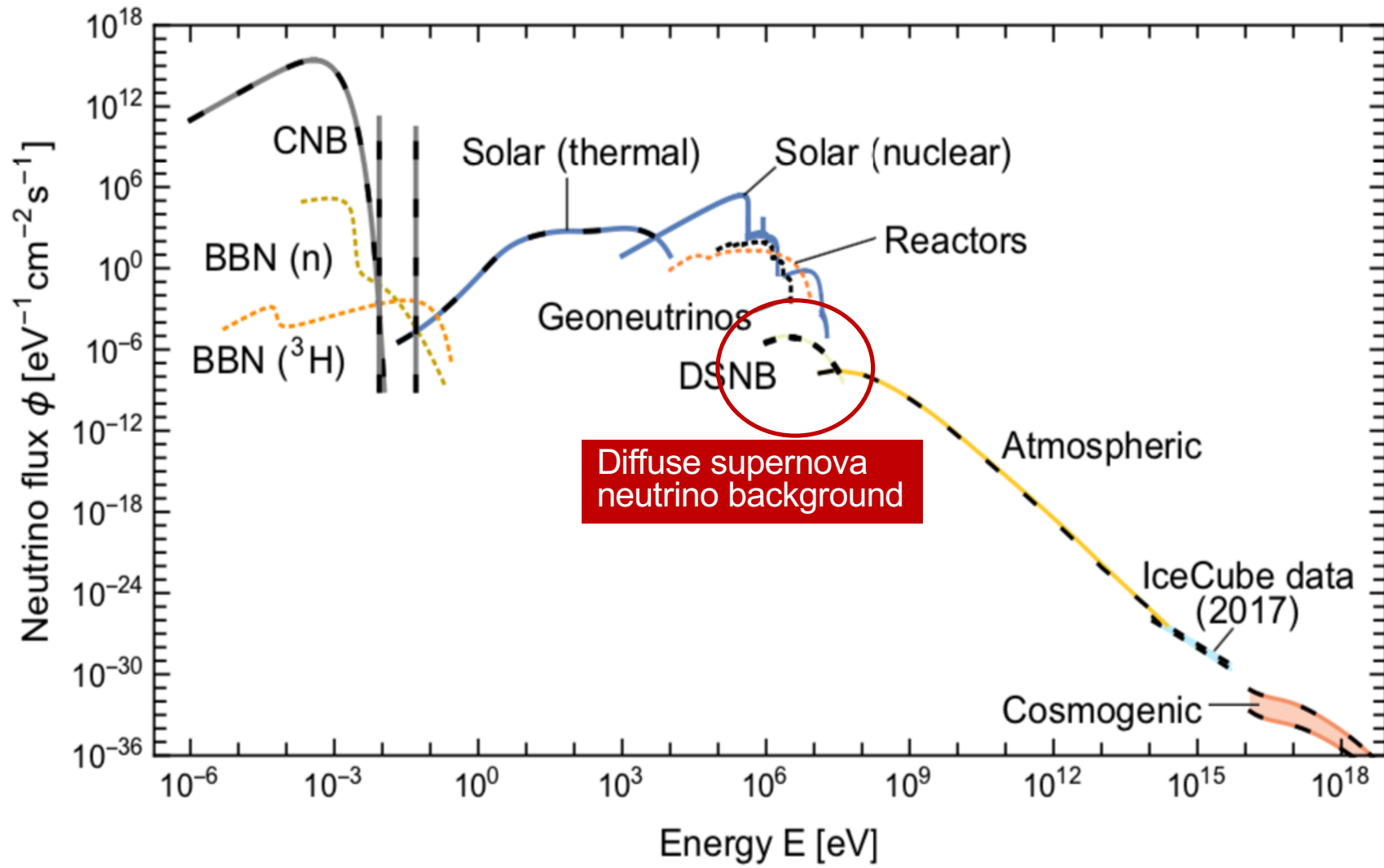
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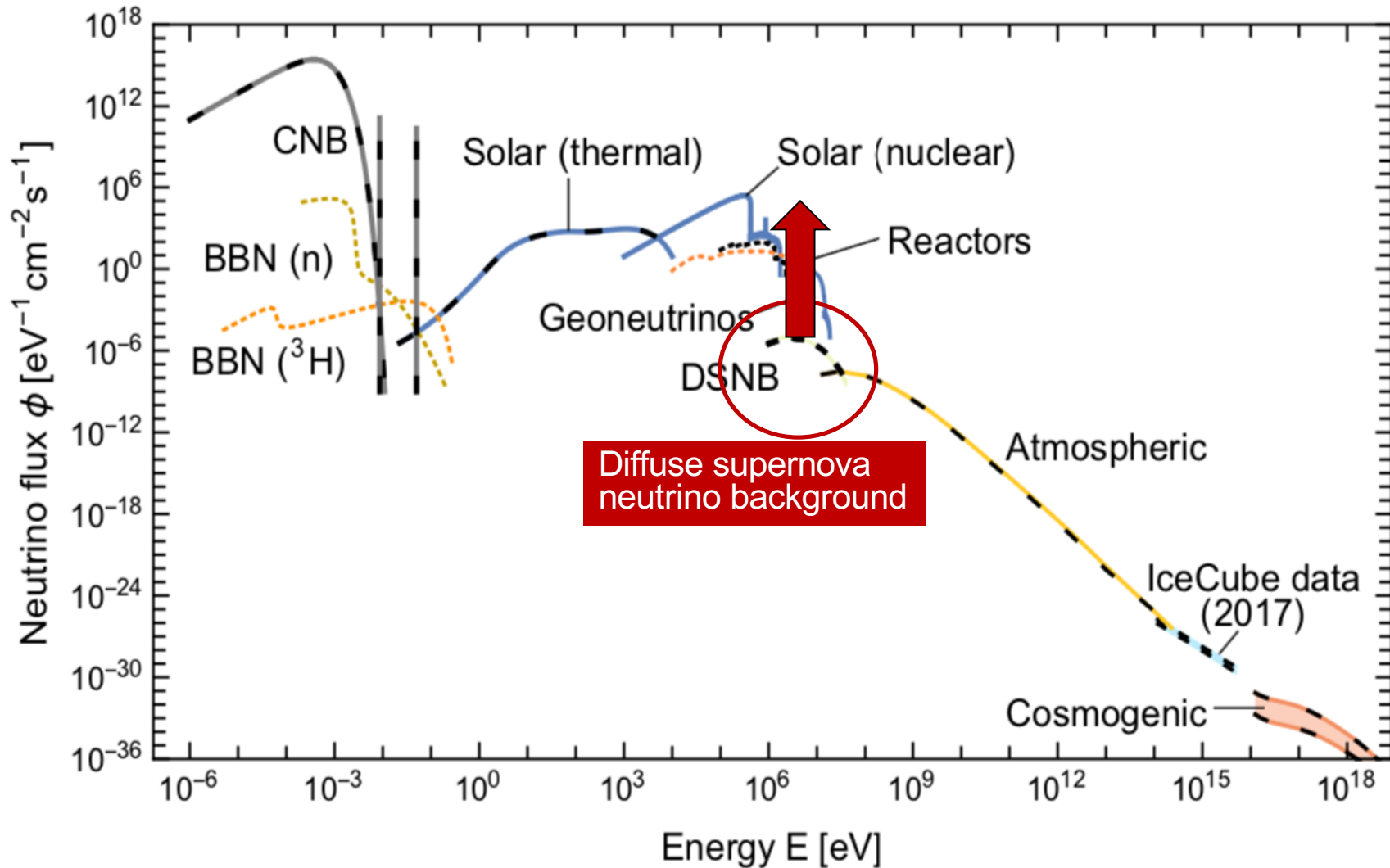
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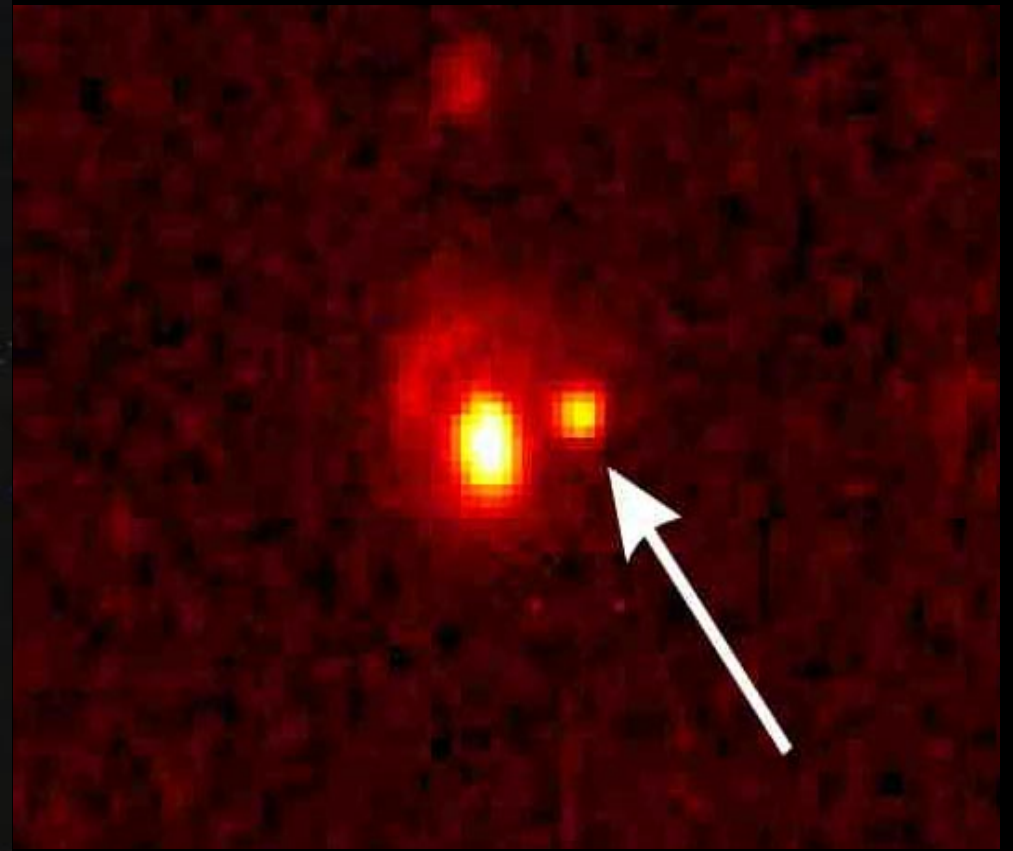
During a ~ 10 s Galactic burst, neutrino flux can increase 9-10 orders of magnitude

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I will zoom in on this core-collapse signal....

Such a neutrino burst heralds
(in most cases) a **supernova**:

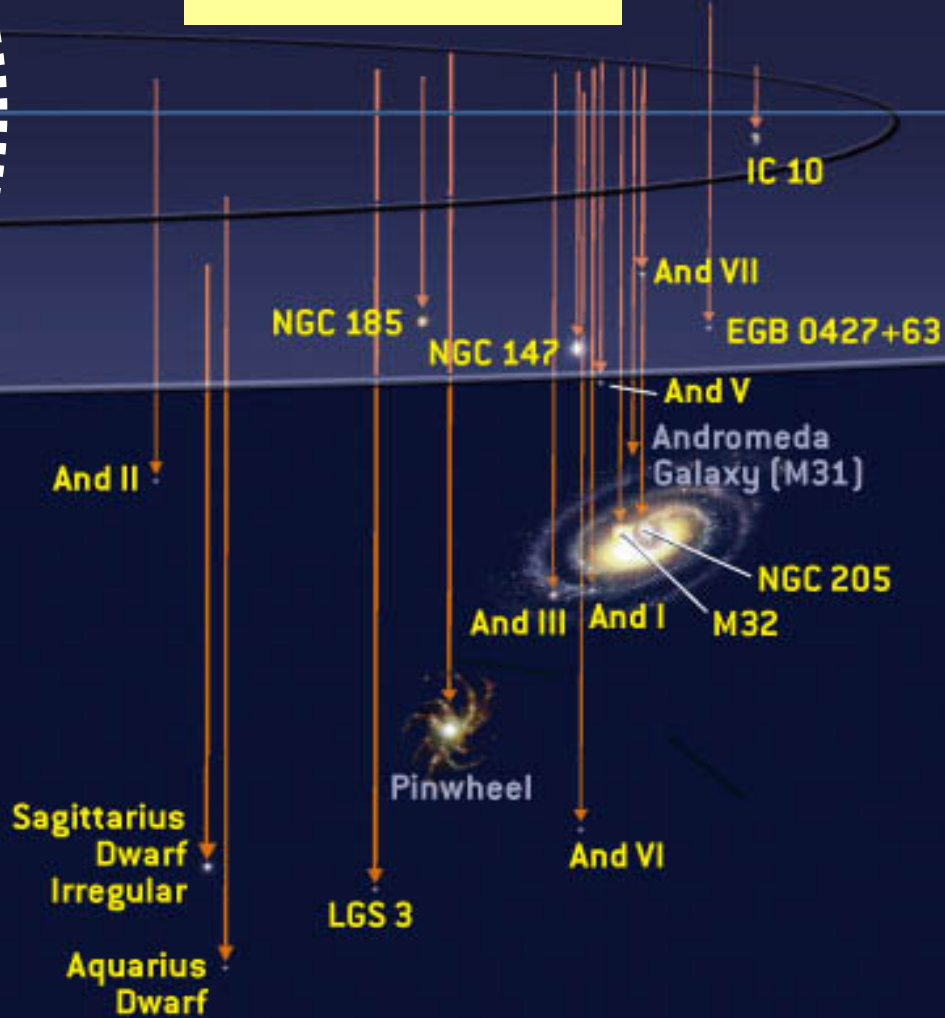
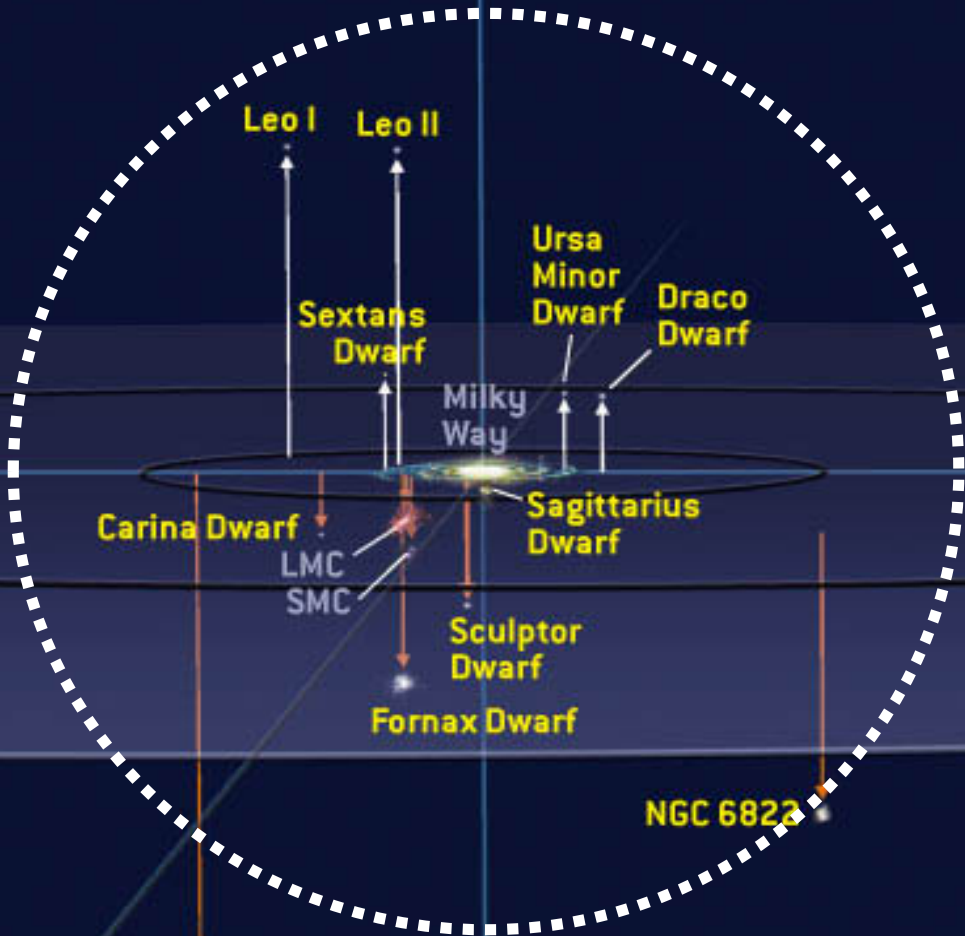


For a while, as luminous (in photons) as a galaxy*!

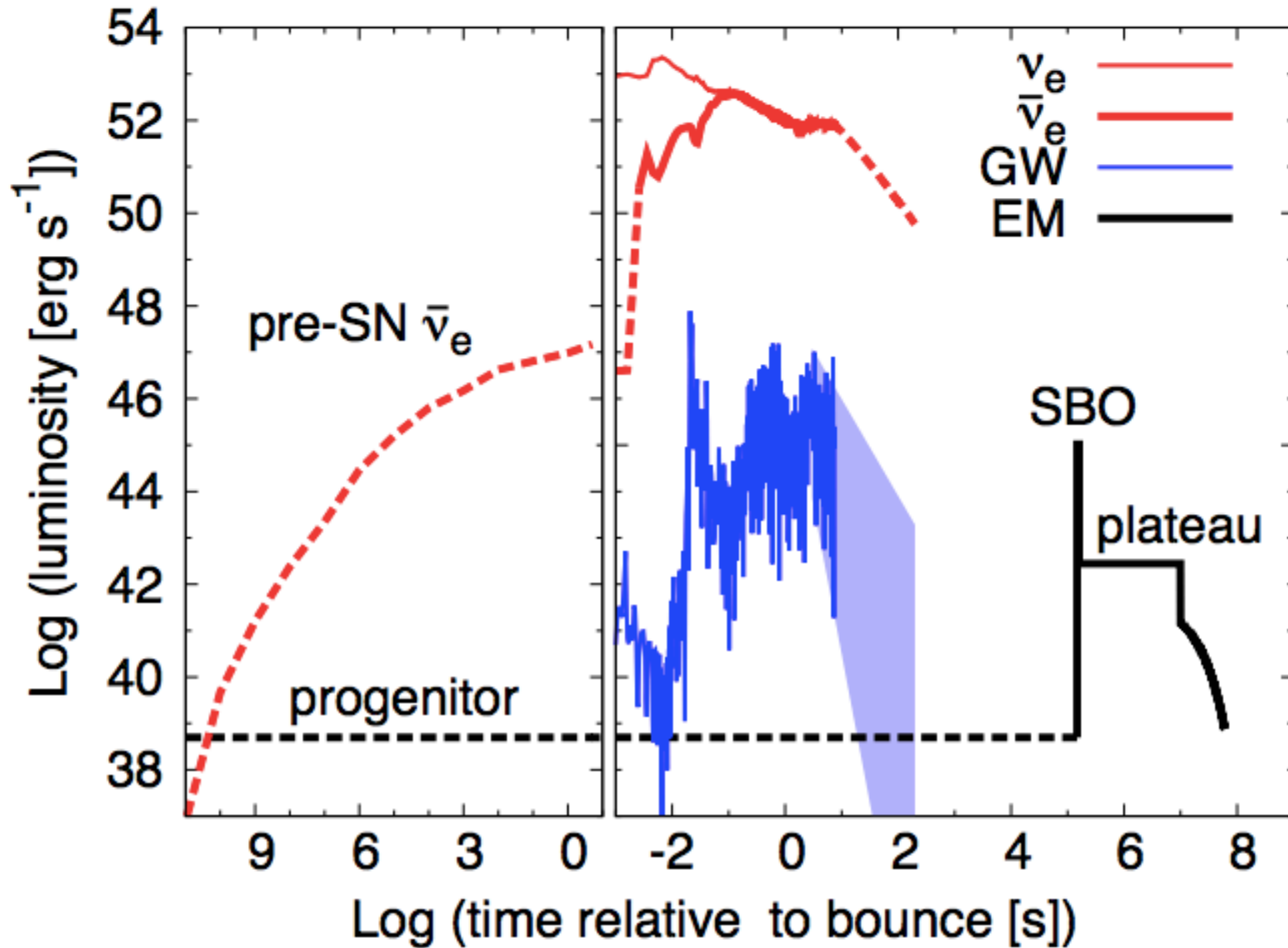
A star self-destructs a few times per century, per galaxy

*well, some galaxies

Expect 3 ± 1
core collapses
per century
in our local
neighborhood

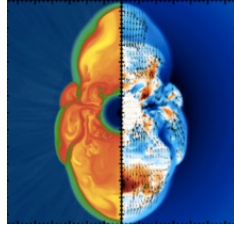


Multimessenger core-collapse SN signals



What can we learn from the next neutrino burst?

CORE COLLAPSE PHYSICS

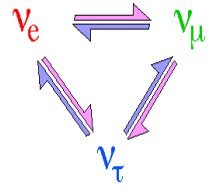


explosion mechanism
proto nstar cooling,
quark matter
black hole formation
accretion, SASI
nucleosynthesis
....

input from
photon (GW)
observations

from flavor,
energy, time
structure
of burst

input from
neutrino
experiments



NEUTRINO and OTHER PARTICLE PHYSICS

ν absolute mass (not competitive)
 ν mixing from spectra:
flavor conversion in SN/Earth
(mass hierarchy)
other ν properties: sterile ν 's,
magnetic moment, ...
axions, extra dimensions,
FCNC, ...

+ EARLY ALERT

Supernova 1987A

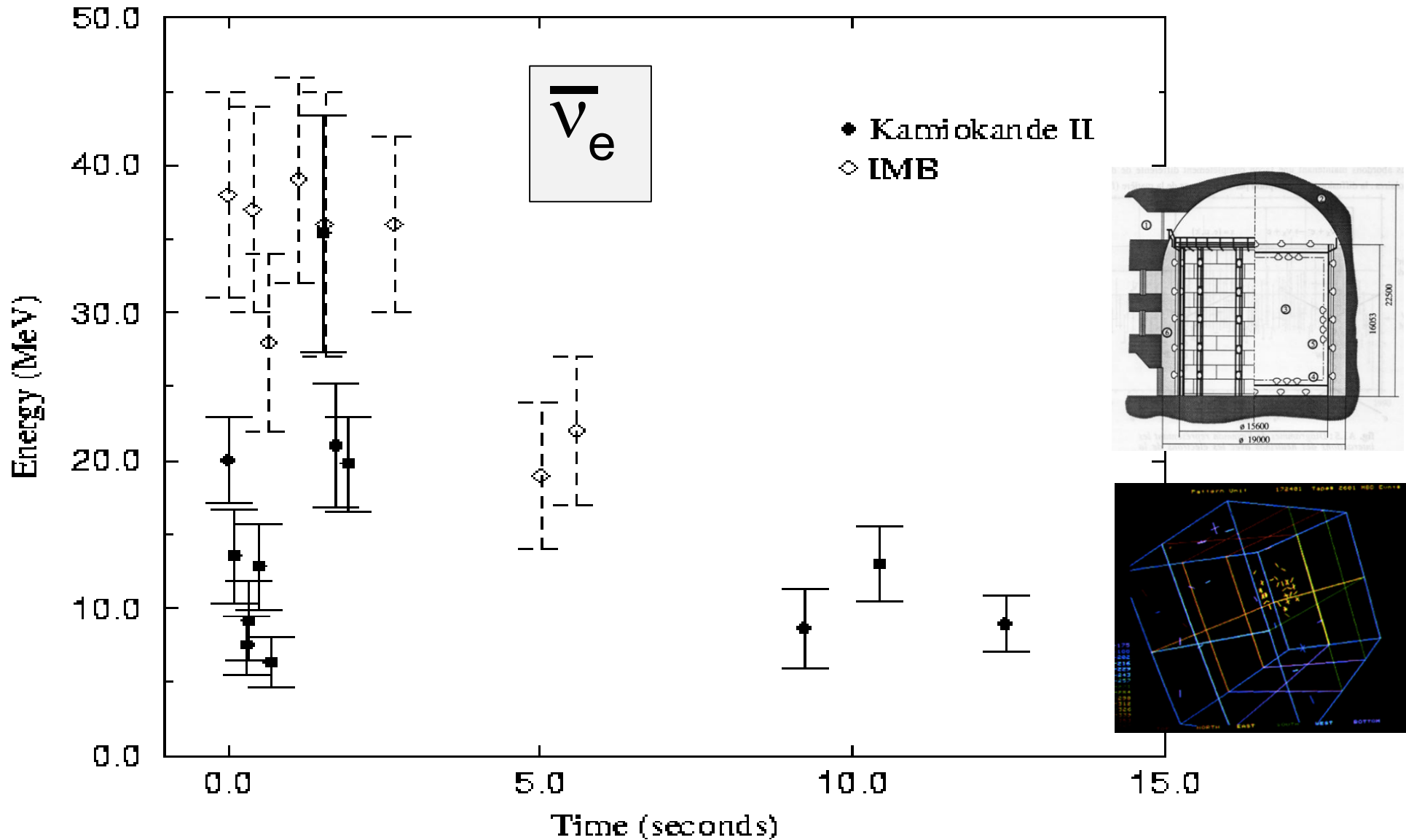
in the Large Magellanic Cloud (55 kpc away)



~two dozen neutrino interactions observed!

SN1987A in LMC

ν 's seen ~ 2.5 hours before first light

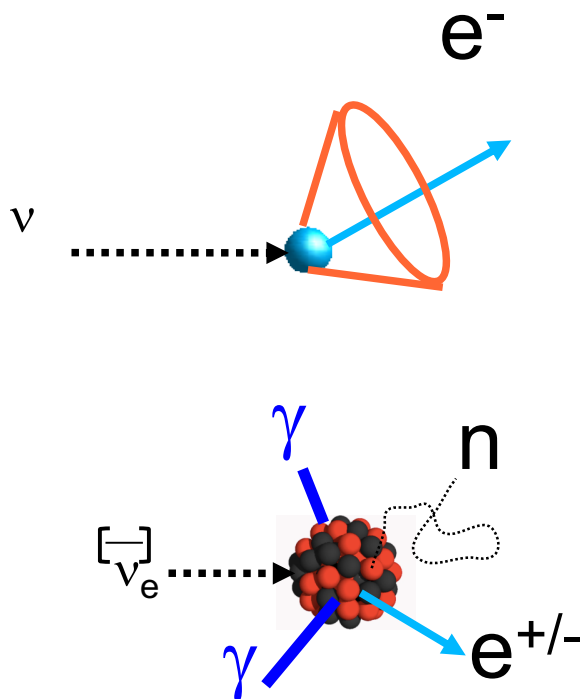
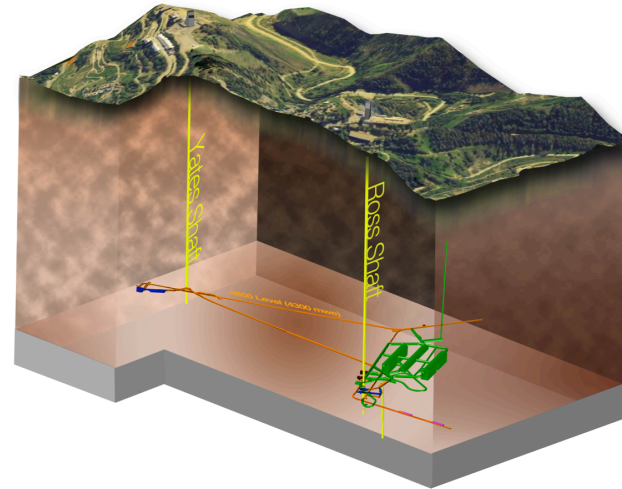


Confirmed baseline model... but still many questions

How do we detect the SN burst neutrinos?

Need **large** detectors

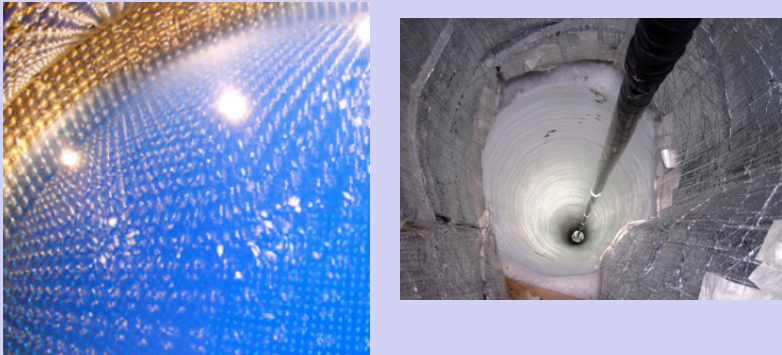
(~1 kton per ~100 ν interaction:
for SN @ Galactic center),
typically **underground**
(to shield from cosmic rays)



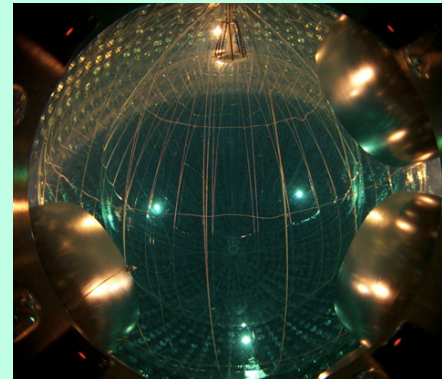
Neutrinos interact
with electrons or nuclei;
energy loss of resulting
created or kicked
charged particles
is collected and digitized

Current main supernova neutrino detector types

Water



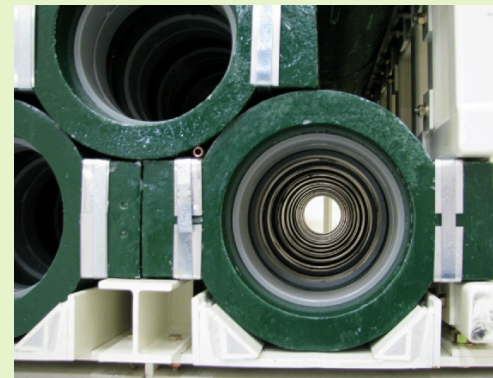
Scintillator



Argon

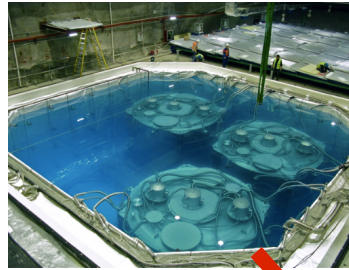


Lead

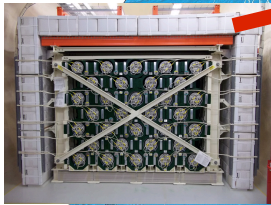




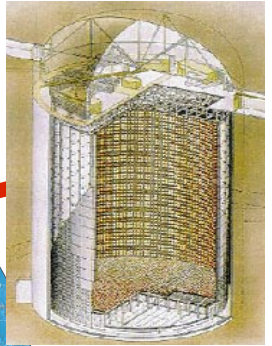
LVD



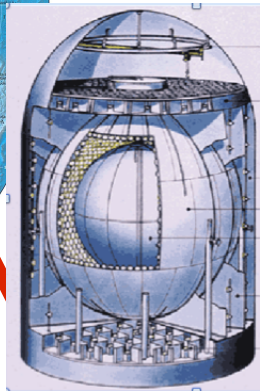
Daya Bay



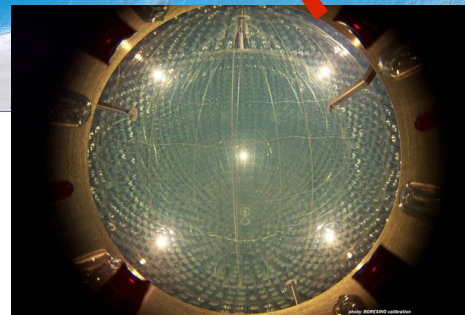
HALO



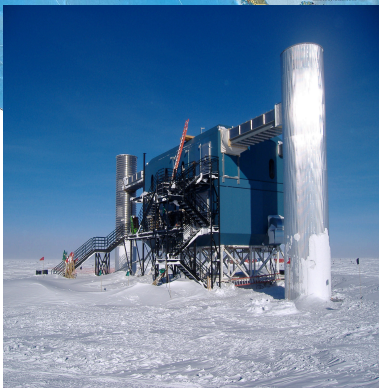
Super-K



KamLAND



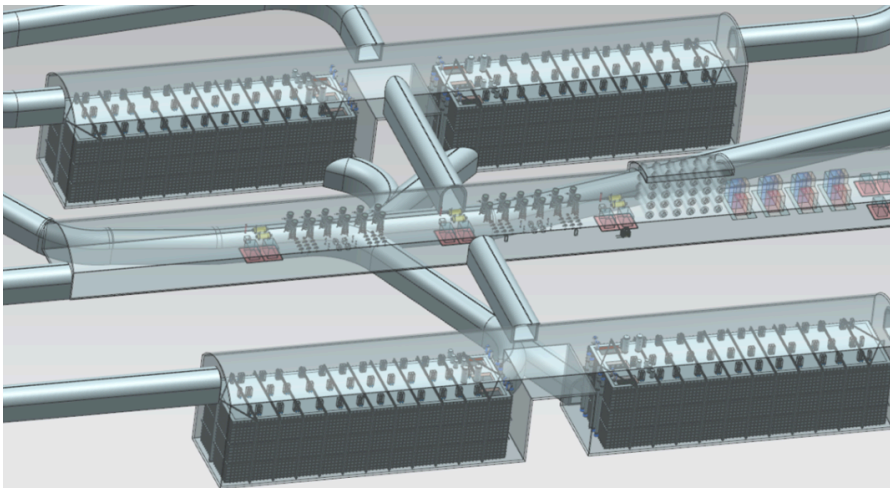
Borexino



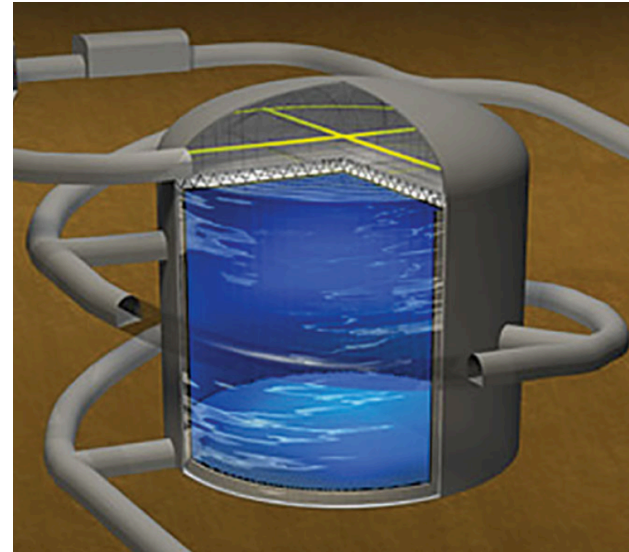
IceCube



Future Supernova-Burst-Sensitive Neutrino Detectors



DUNE
40 kton argon
USA

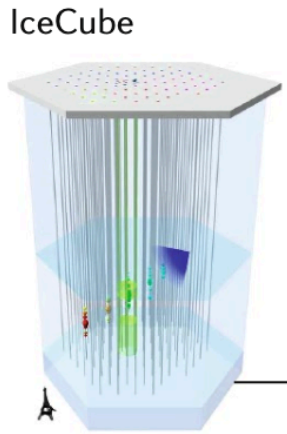
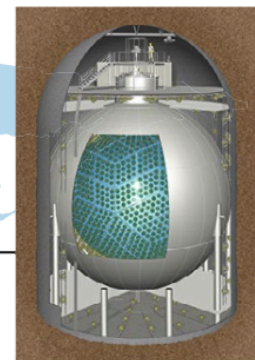
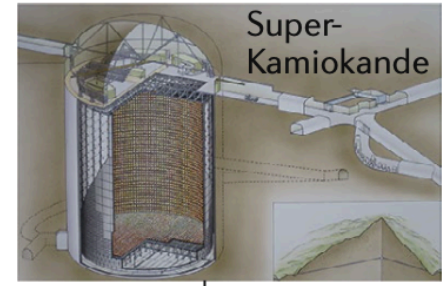
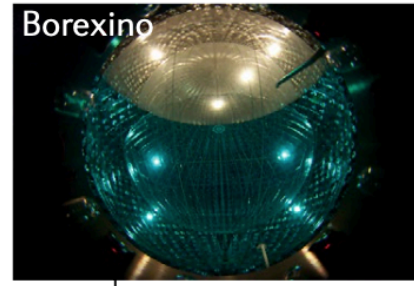
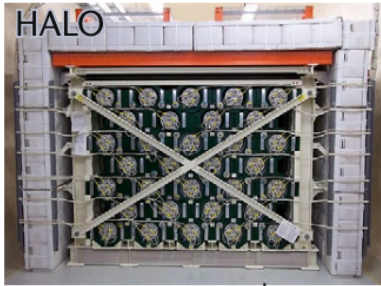


Hyper-Kamiokande
374 kton water
Japan

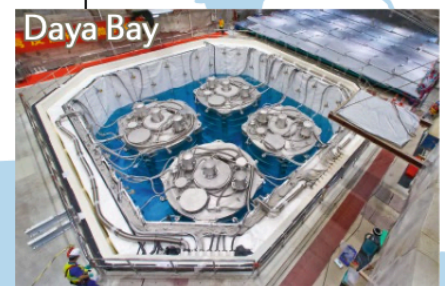


JUNO
20 kton scintillator
(hydrocarbon)
China

The Supernova Early Warning System



snews.bnl.gov



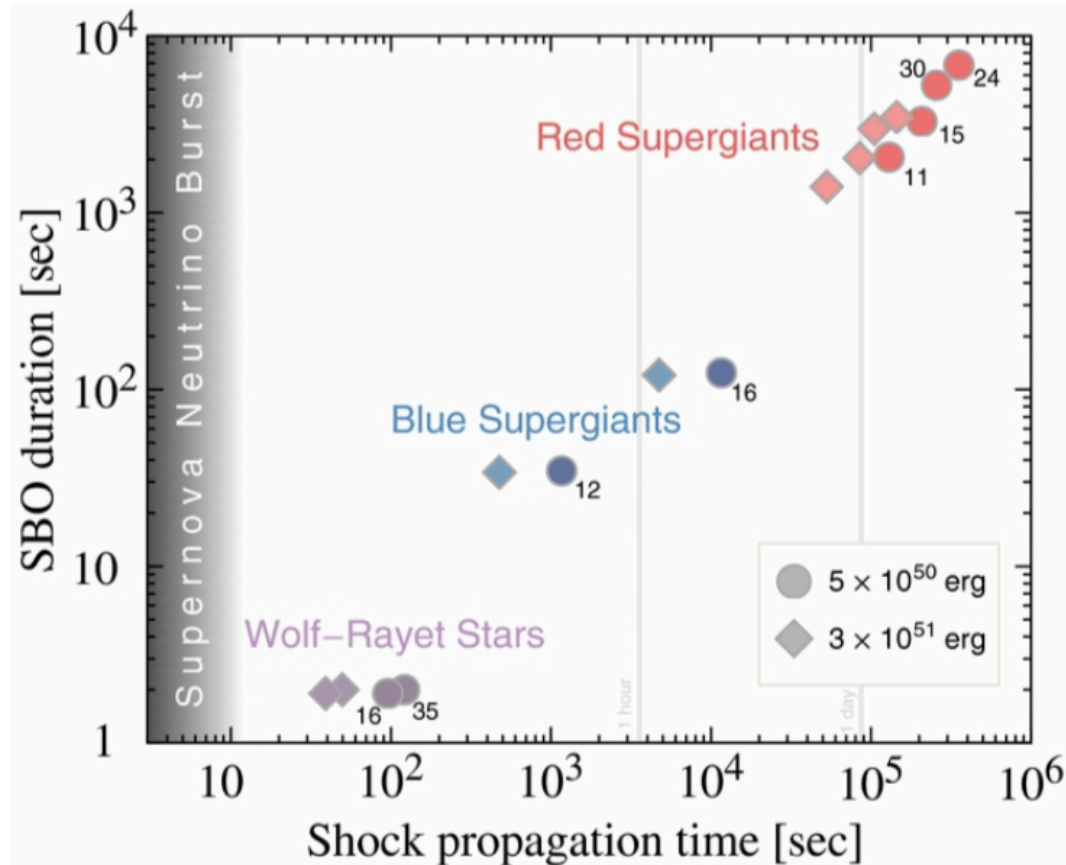
Nature Reviews

Current configuration: future will have more!

Can the neutrinos point to the supernova?

Find the supernova!

Early light observations are valuable....



We're racing
the shock!

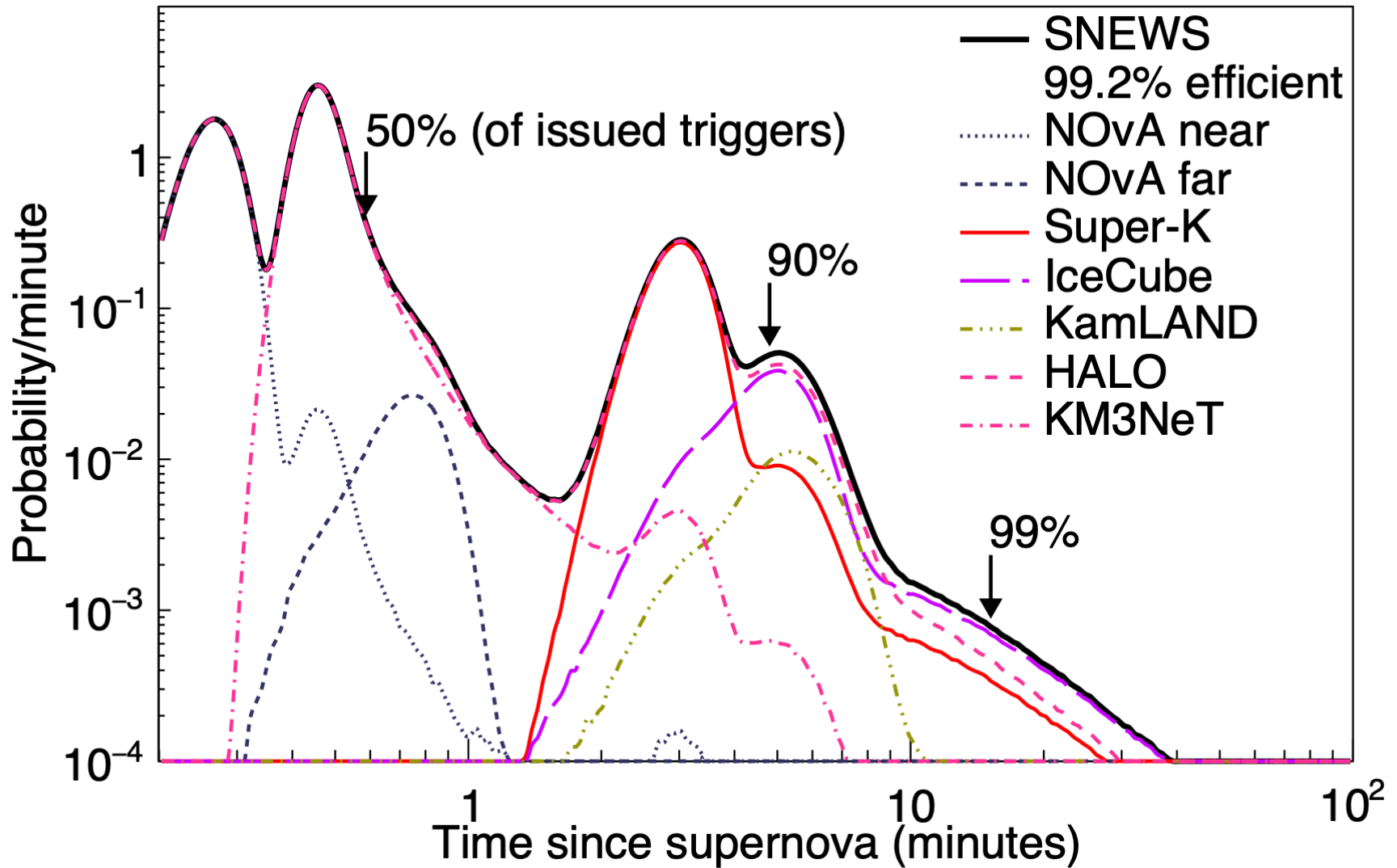
May have less than
a half hour, or even
just minutes

Matthew D. Kistler, W. C. Haxton, and Hasan Yüksel. Tomography of Massive Stars from Core Collapse to Supernova Shock Breakout. ApJ, 778:81, 2013, [arXiv:1211.6770](https://arxiv.org/abs/1211.6770).

For this application, want to point with ***low latency***

SNEWS Alert Latency

From A. Habig, M. Strait



(will improve with SNEWS 2.0)

[arXiv: 2011.00035](https://arxiv.org/abs/2011.00035)

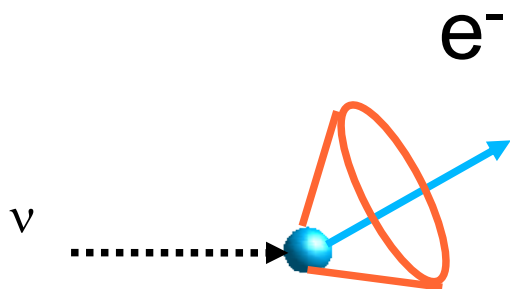
Now, the example where FastML may help!

Methods for Pointing Using Neutrinos

- ❑ **Anisotropic neutrino interactions**
combined with detector technology that can exploit it,
using the burst neutrino signal
- ❑ **Triangulation**
using inter-detector timing
- ❑ **Oscillation pattern pointing**
in high-energy resolution detectors
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Neutrino Pointing Methods

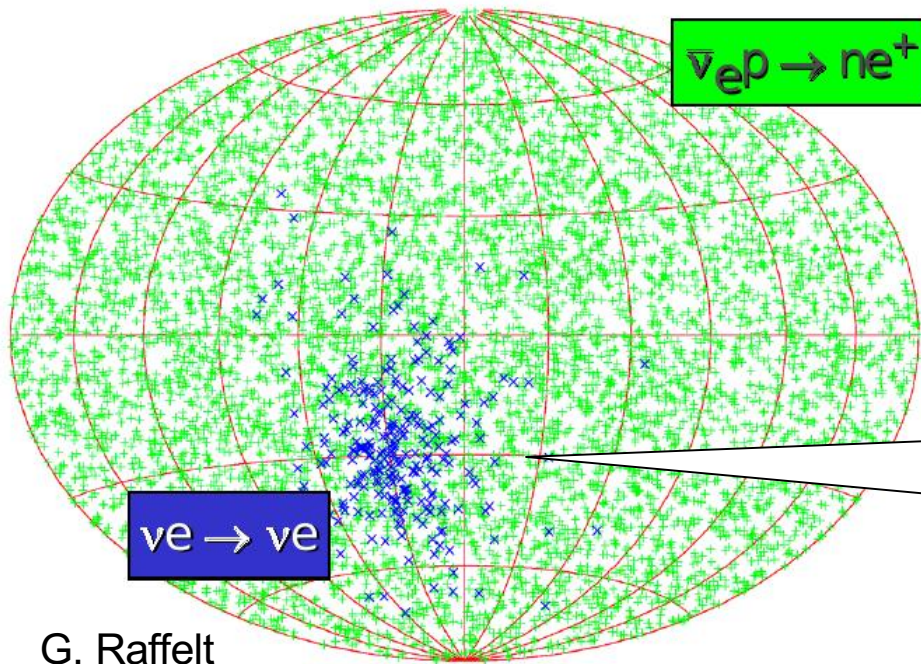
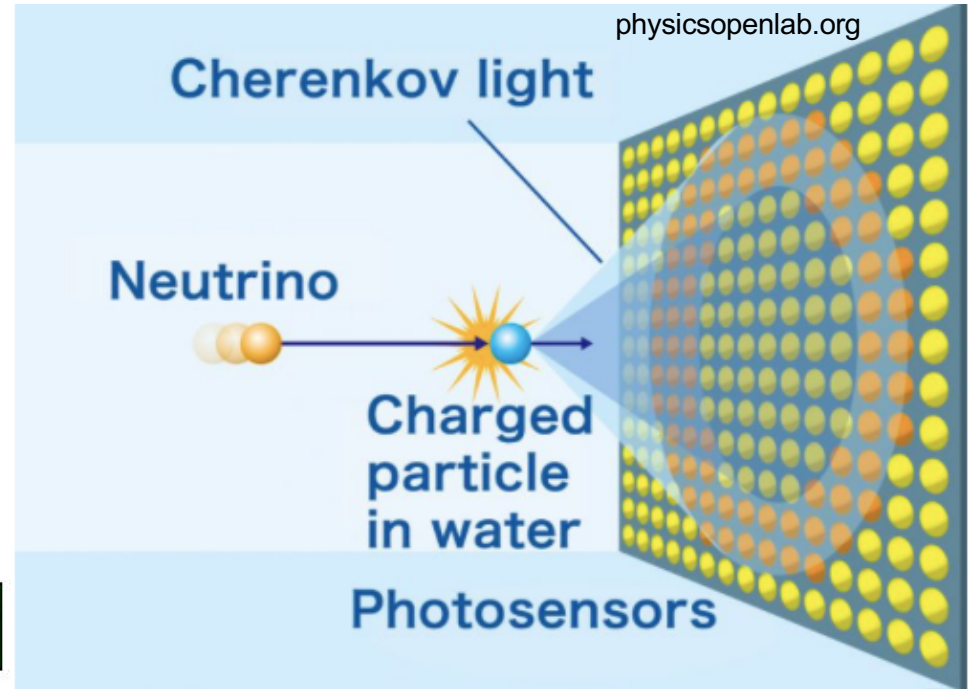
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Final-state particle may remember the neutrino direction... detector must be able to exploit the directionality!

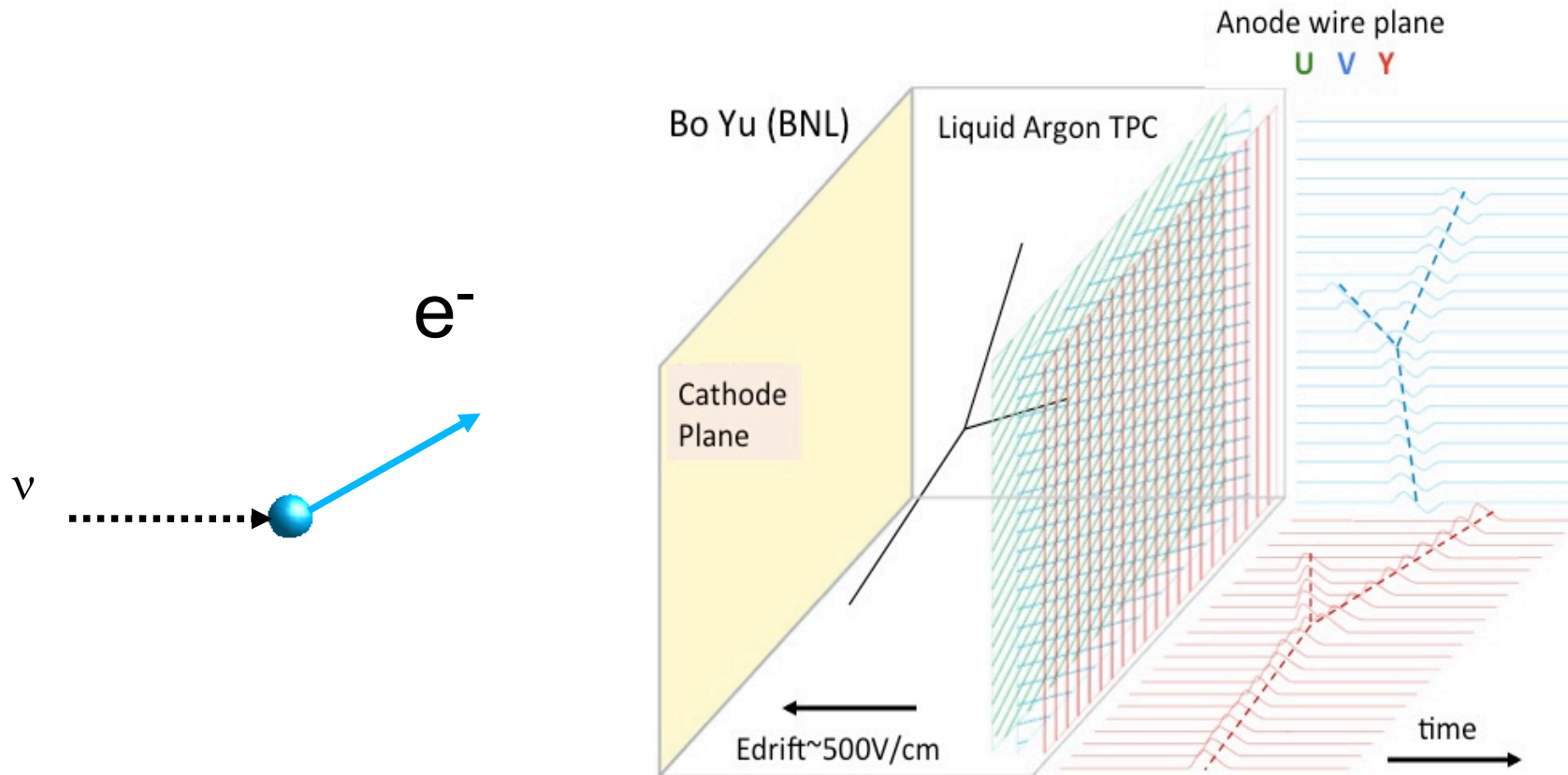
Water Cherenkov Detectors

Excellent intrinsic directionality, including head-tail disambiguation



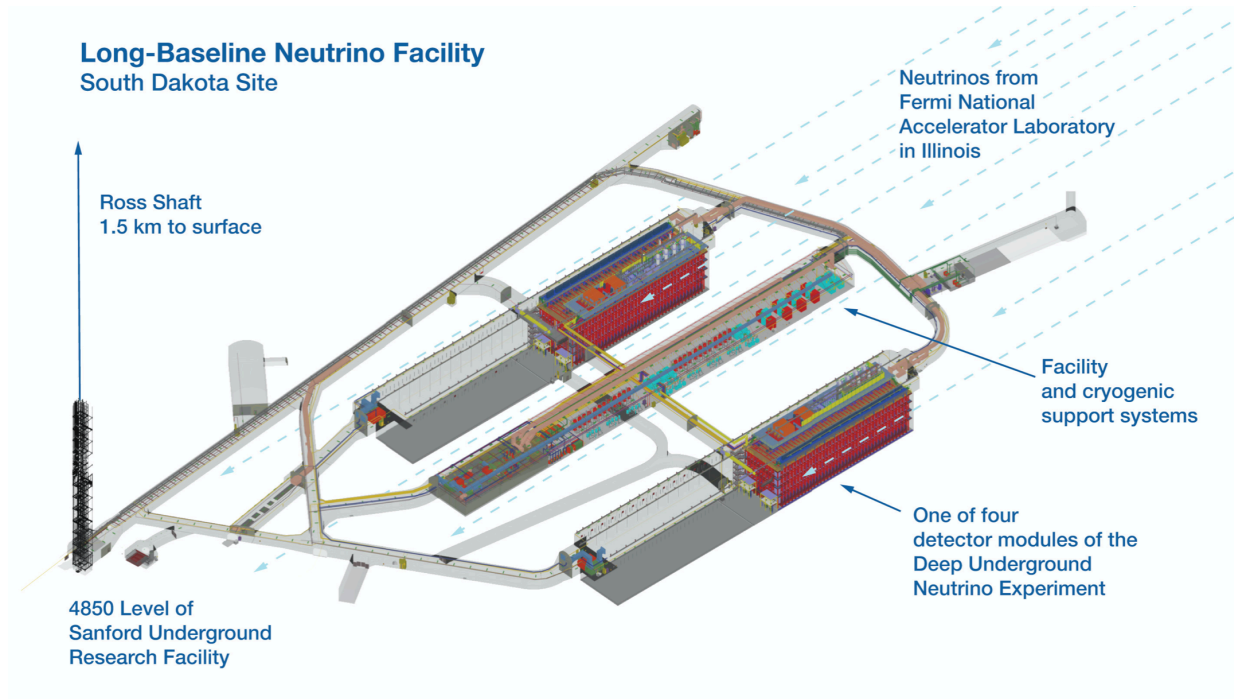
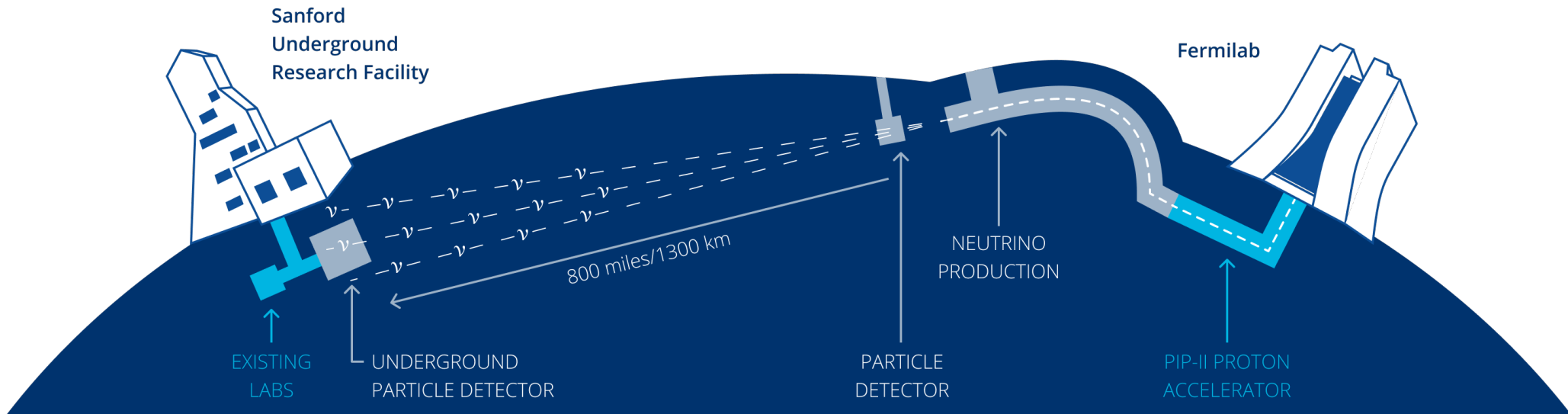
Should work well in Super-K (few degrees for Galactic center)

Liquid Argon Time Projection Chambers



- Fine-grained tracking of final-state particles
- Machine learning (not “fast”) has been used for neutrino event classification in LArTPCs, e.g.
 - MicroBooNE: [arXiv:2011.01375v1](https://arxiv.org/abs/2011.01375v1)
 - DUNE: [10.1103/PhysRevD.102.092003](https://arxiv.org/abs/10.1103/PhysRevD.102.092003),
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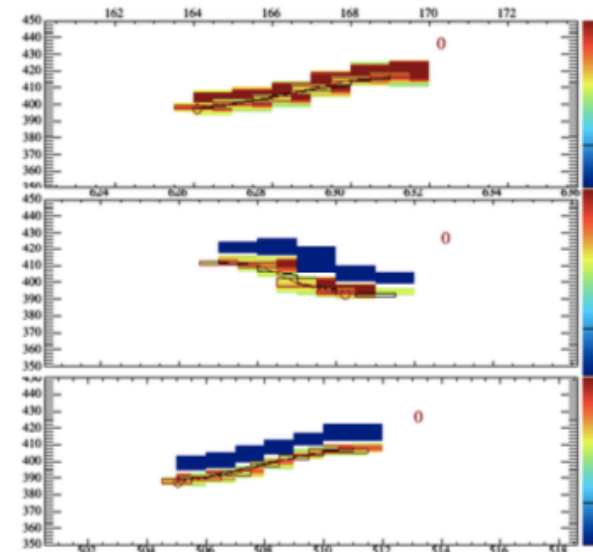
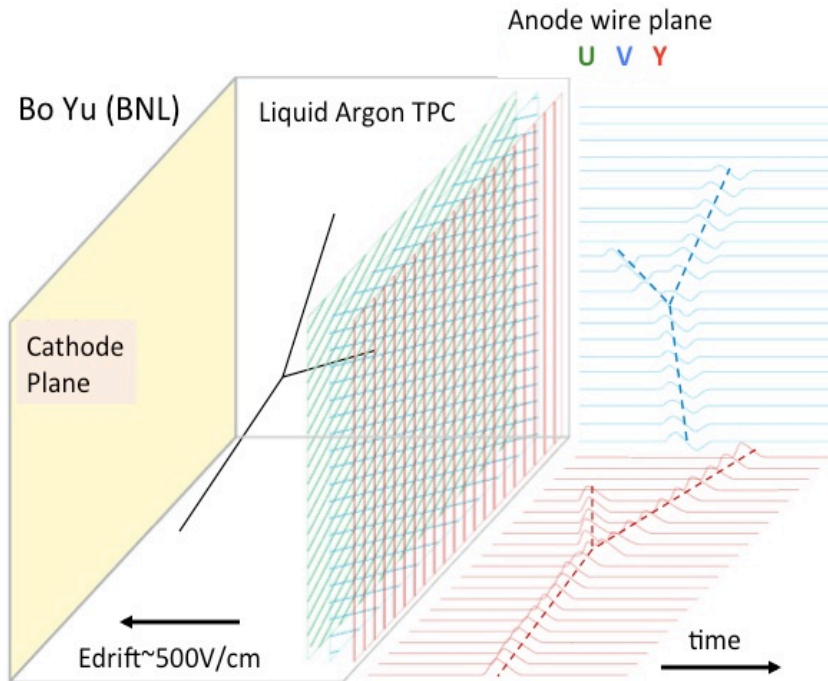
DUNE (Deep Underground Neutrino Experiment)



- neutrino oscillations w/beam from Fermilab
- **supernova burst neutrinos**
- proton decay
- ...

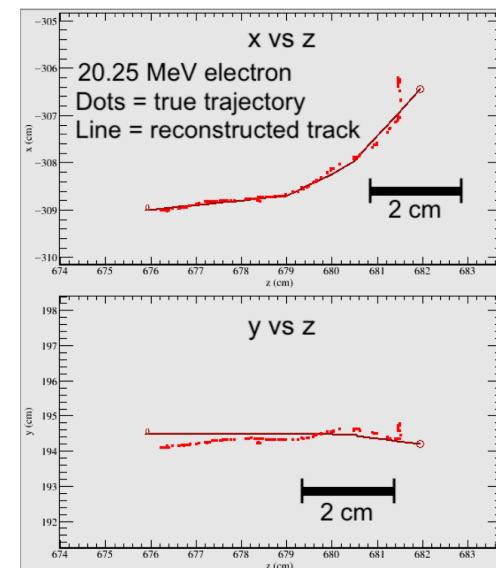
Pointing to the supernova with LArTPCs

10.25 MeV electron



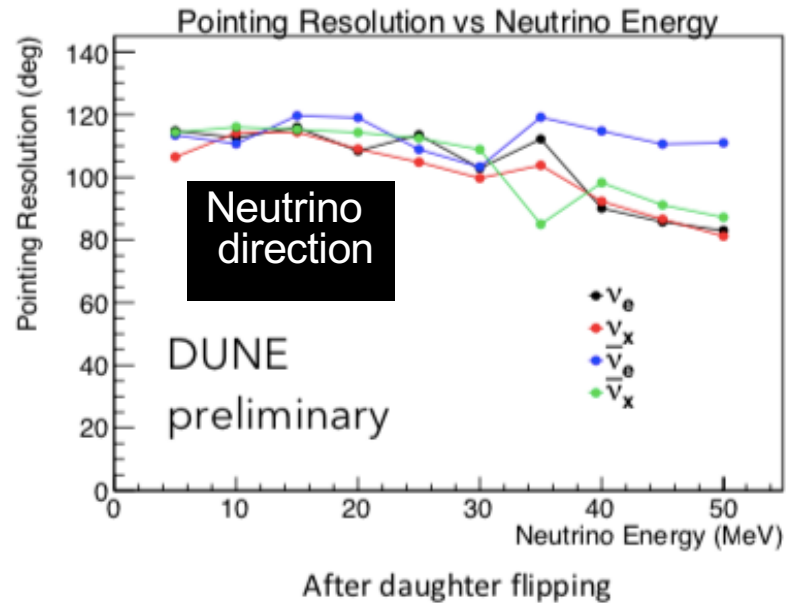
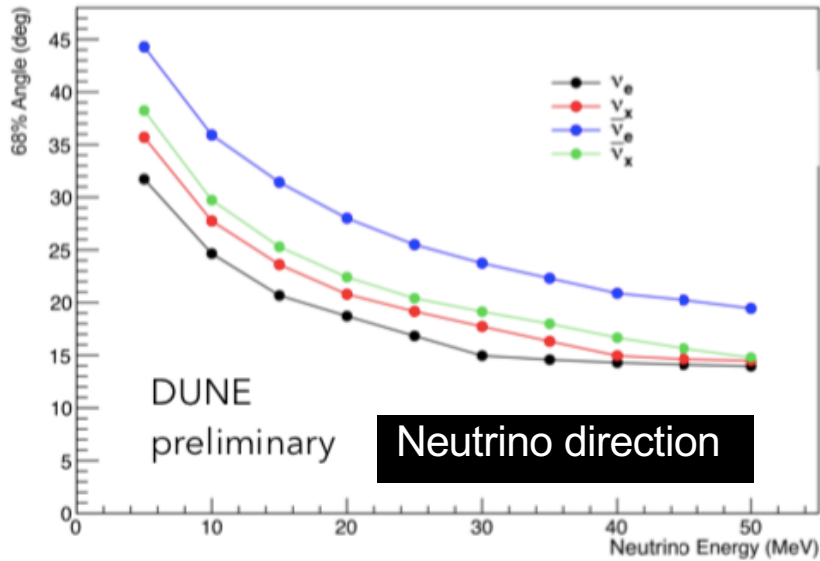
Tracks can be reconstructed,
but note direction ambiguity,
unlike Cherenkov!

... but can resolve statistically
using bremsstrahlung
directionality and multiple scattering

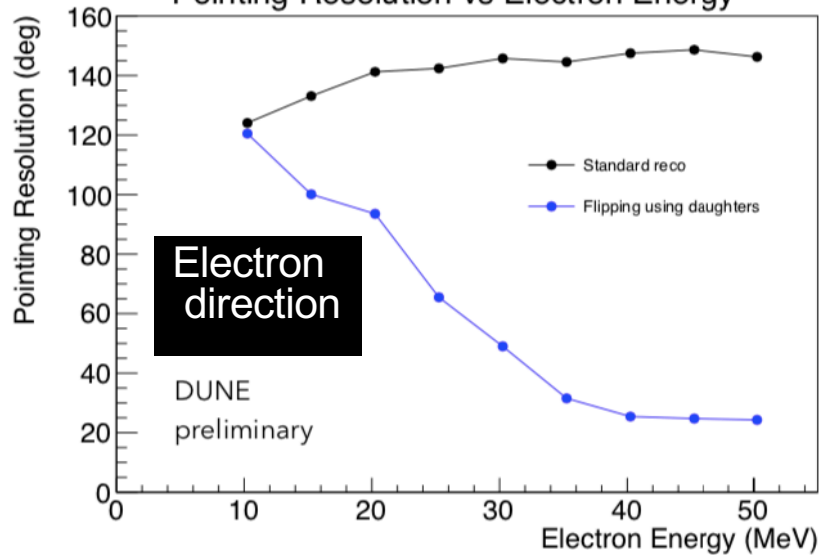


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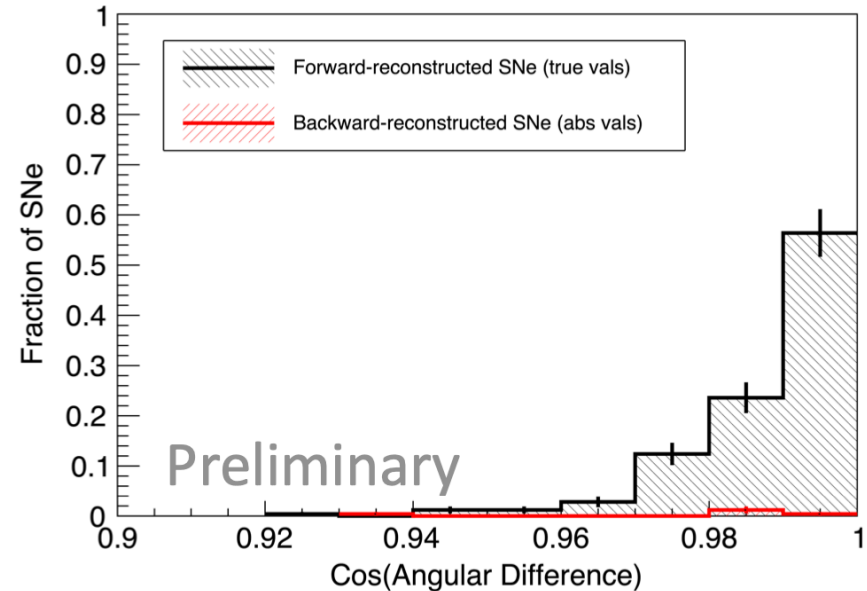
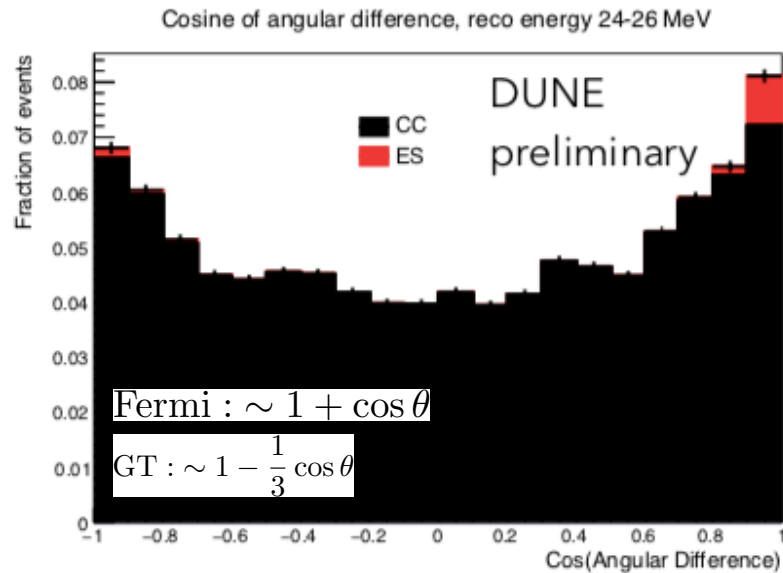
68% Angle vs Neutrino Energy



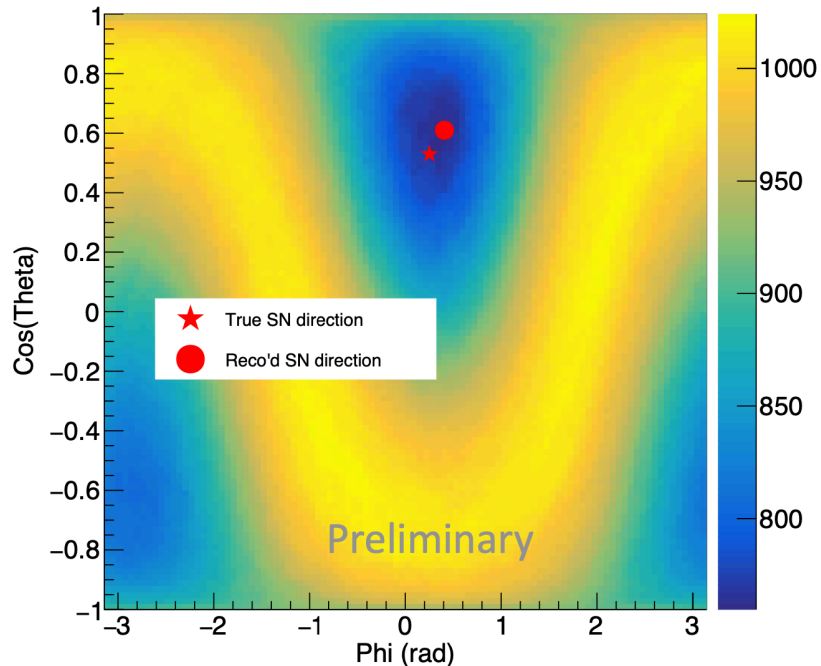
Pointing Resolution vs Electron Energy



Making use of interactions on both Ar and electrons:



Maximum likelihood method

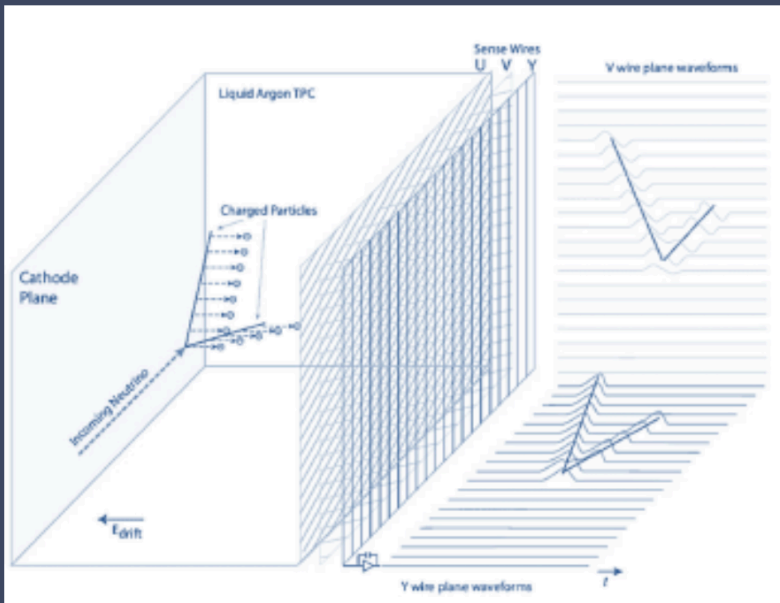


Overall pointing using an ensemble of events from a ~ 10 kpc supernova $\rightarrow \sim 7.5^\circ$...improvements still possible

So decent pointing in DUNE is possible
... but this study is for offline processing of selected events
... needs to be *fast!*

Slide from Georgia Karagiorgi:

DUNE's Data (Selection) Challenge



High-resolution “video” streams:

- from up to 4x150 independent detector volumes
- 11.5 megapixel frames (all 3 planes) per 2.25ms
- 12-bit resolution

A total of **~40 terabits per second**

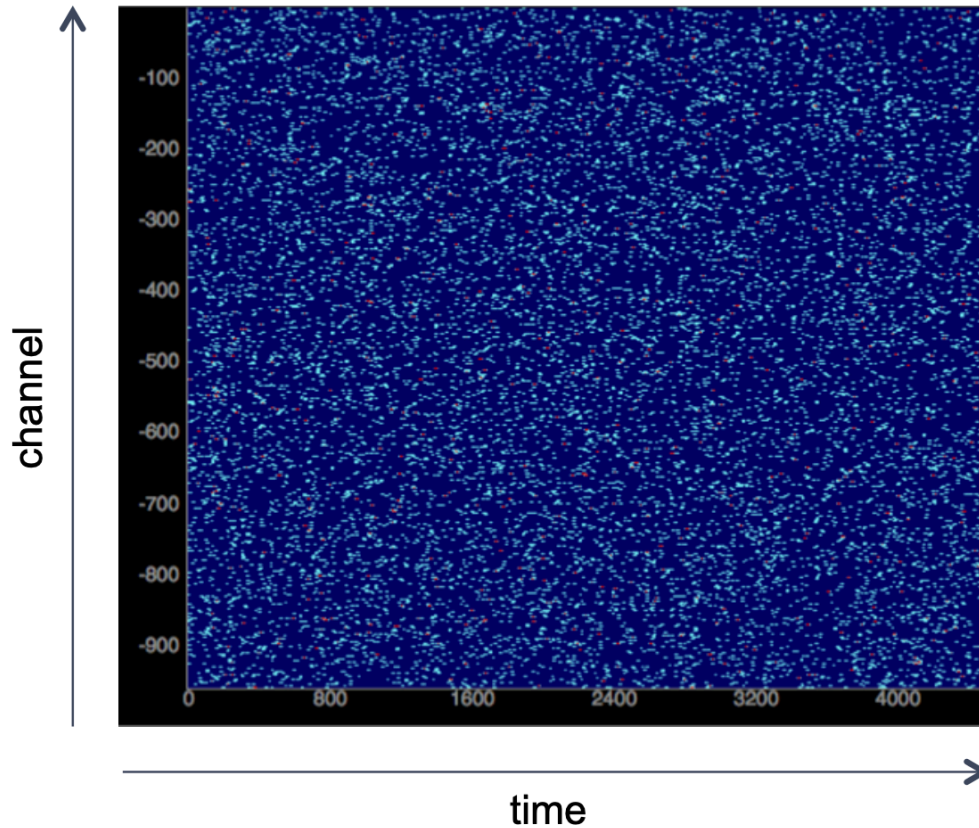
100% live time
continuous operation for more than a decade

Real-time data selection is a challenge...

Slide from Georgia Karagiorgi:

DUNE signatures

Deep Underground = “quiet” environment



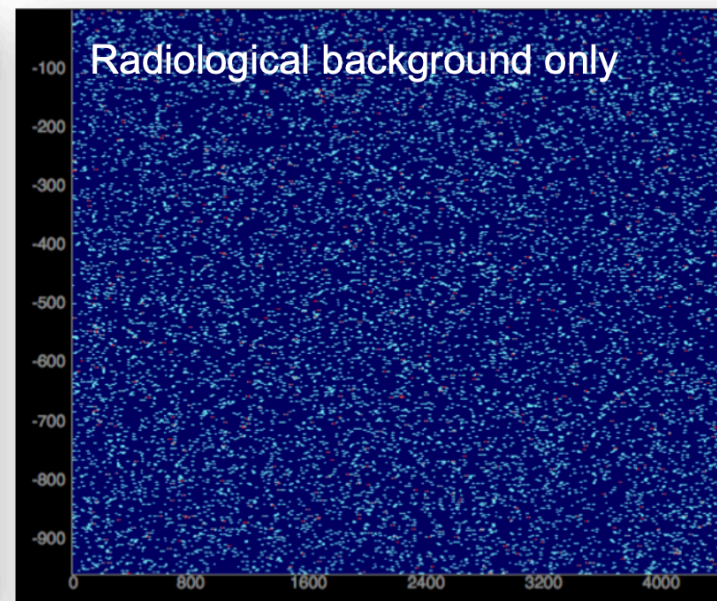
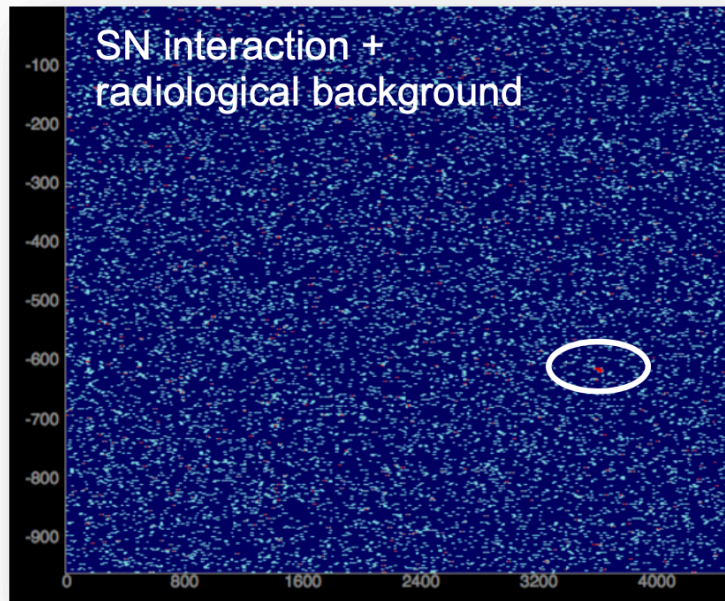
**Single frame from high-resolution video:
One of three 2D views from one of hundreds
of cells in the detector**

“Static” is noise and small energy deposits
from radiological impurities in the detector

Slide from Georgia Karagiorgi:

Special challenge: **neutrinos from supernova core collapse**

Very low energy and small (in extent) topology, similar to radiological background activity in the detector



Need $O(10^4)$
overall
background
suppression, while
maintaining high
efficiency to a
frame containing a
supernova
neutrino
interaction

[simulation]

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Georgia Karagiorgi, Columbia @ Fast Machine Learning - 2019

E.g., **Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs)*** could be applied for **real-time image classification**, using hardware acceleration (FPGA), **or online** in GPU or CPU.

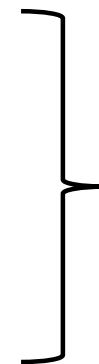
can address directional reconstruction too *translation-invariant feature extraction
(only very preliminary work so far)

To recap: the supernova burst problem
(not just DUNE) is:

- 1. Trigger on the supernova burst** (easy, maybe...)
- 2. Swallow all the data** (save everything! also doable)

... all this so far can be done for leisurely later perusal
and sophisticated event reconstruction,
but the shock isn't going to wait! So next steps
must be done *fast*:

- 3. Select the neutrino events from background**
- 4. Reconstruct the direction to the supernova**
using the ensemble of selected events



challenge!
where
FastML
can help

Summary

- ❖ Neutrinos bring unique information from astrophysical objects (particle physics & astrophysics)
- ❖ Core-collapse supernovae create intense, few-tens-of-second, few-tens-of-MeV neutrino bursts, a few times per century in the Milky Way the next one will be a multimessenger extravaganza
- ❖ The neutrinos emerge before the photons, so an early alert is possible; delays can be days, or just minutes
- ❖ Detectors around the world are sensitive to the burst
- ❖ The SuperNova Early Warning System will provide a low-latency alert
- ❖ Some detectors can use the neutrinos to point to the SN
- ❖ **Fast selection of the burst neutrinos and reconstruction of the SN direction is a challenge that FastML can address**

