

# Supernova 1987A and the Birth of Neutrino Astronomy



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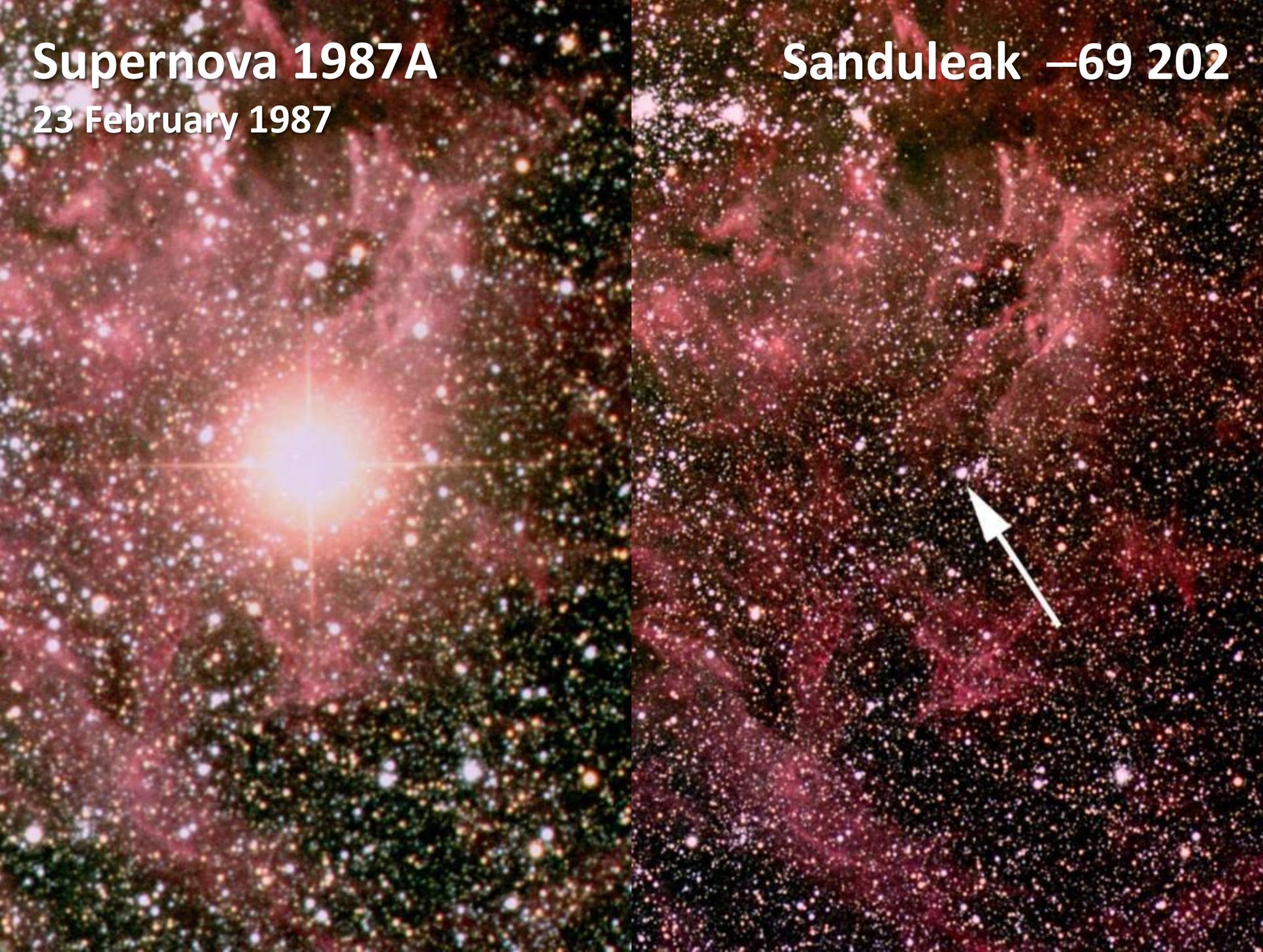
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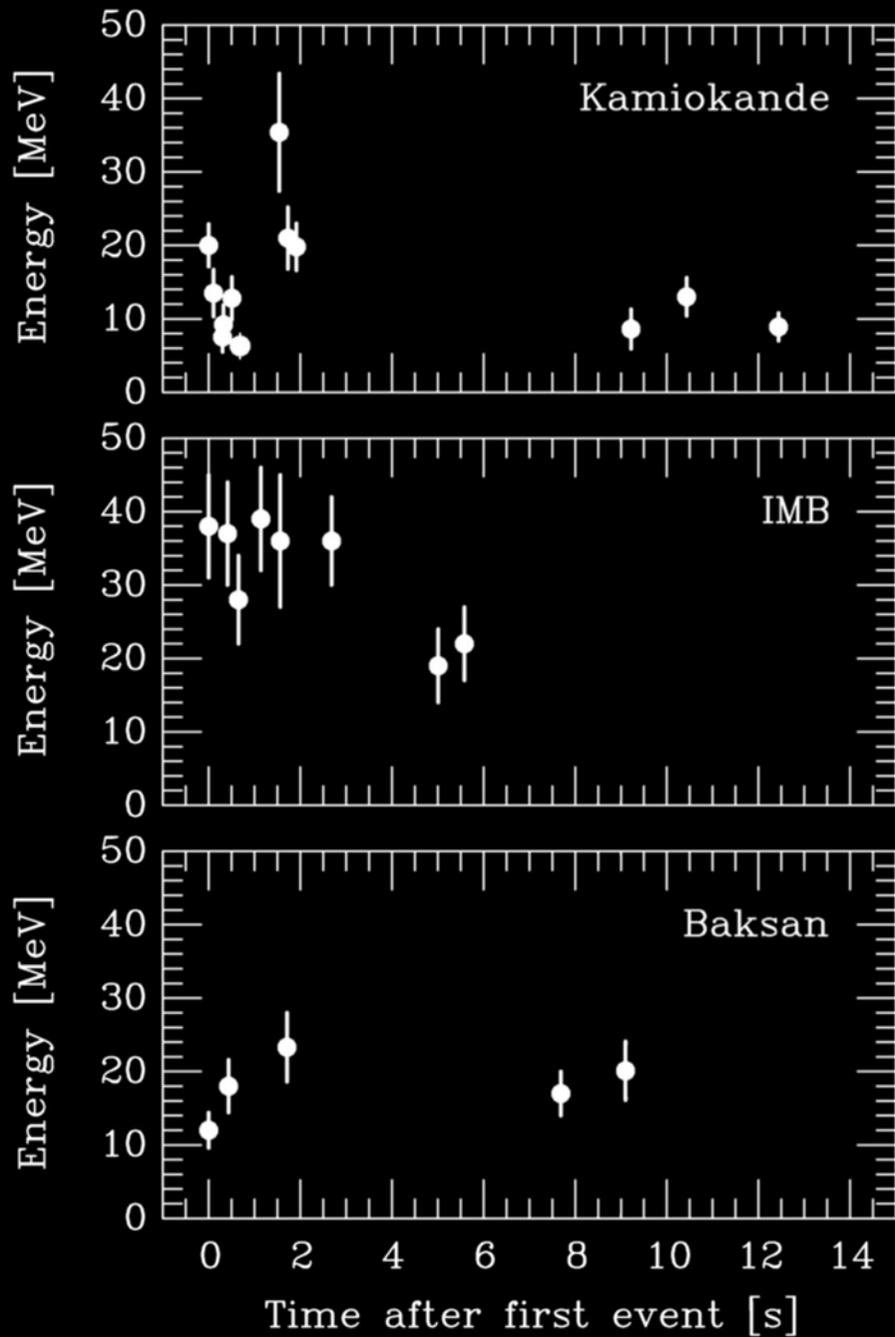
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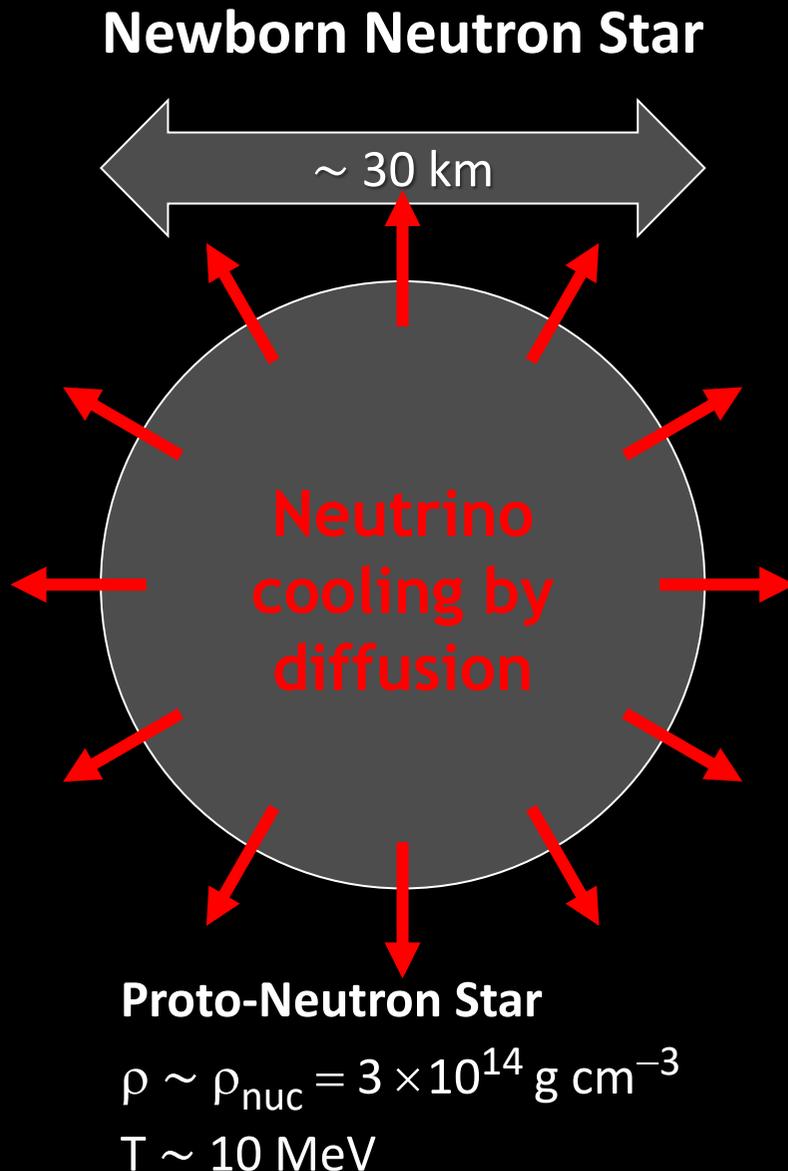


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# Neutrinos from Core Collapse Supernovae



## Gravitational binding energy

$$E_b \approx 3 \times 10^{53} \text{ erg} \approx 17\% M_{\text{SUN}} c^2$$

Showing up as

99% Neutrinos

1% Kinetic energy of explosion

0.01% Photons, outshine host galaxy

## Neutrino luminosity

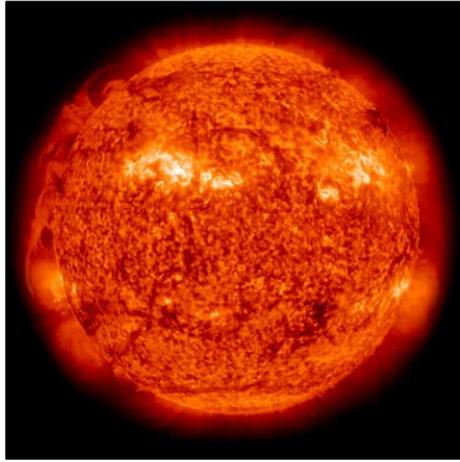
$$L_\nu \sim 10^{53} \text{ erg/sec} \sim 3 \times 10^{19} L_{\text{SUN}}$$

While it lasts, outshines the universe

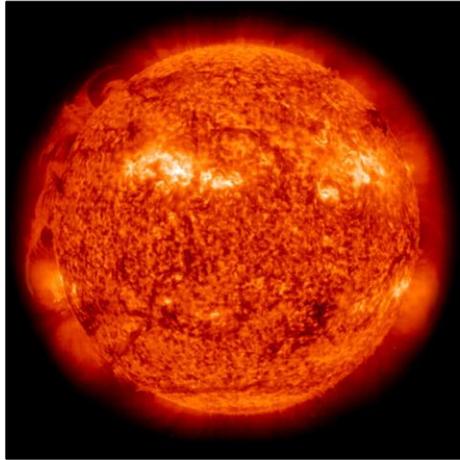
## Diffuse SN neutrino background (DSNB)

- Comparable to EBL
- 10% of cosmic radiation density
- Dominant cosmic neutrino radiation (big bang nus are hot dark matter)

# Sun Glasses for Neutrinos?



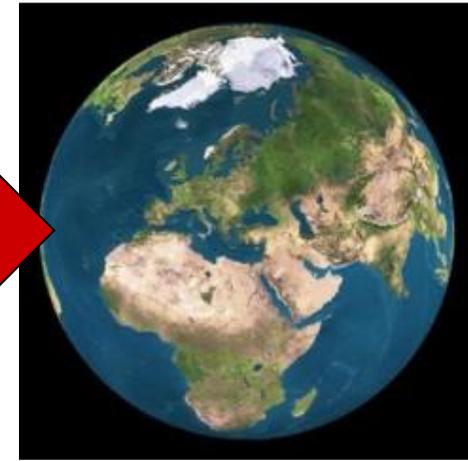
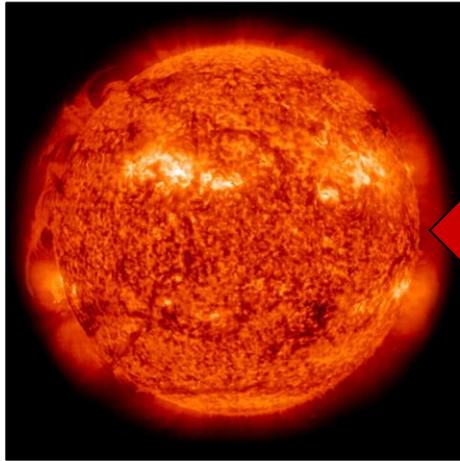
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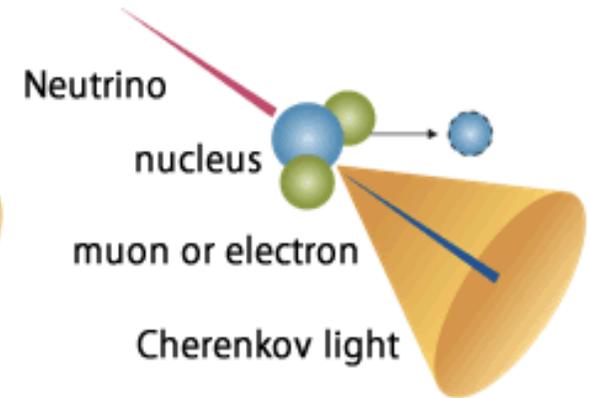
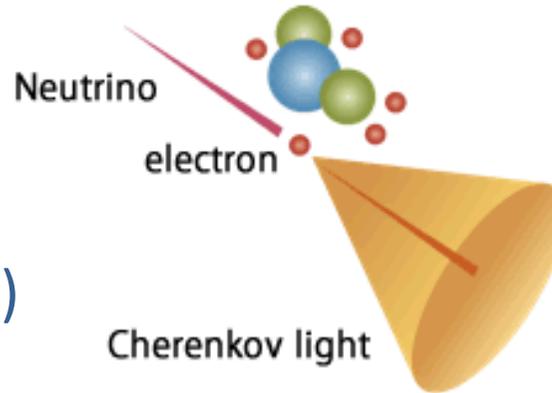


# May There Be Light

## Cherenkov Radiation

Charged particle with “superluminal” speed in a medium (water, air, ...)

- Directional information



## Scintillation Light

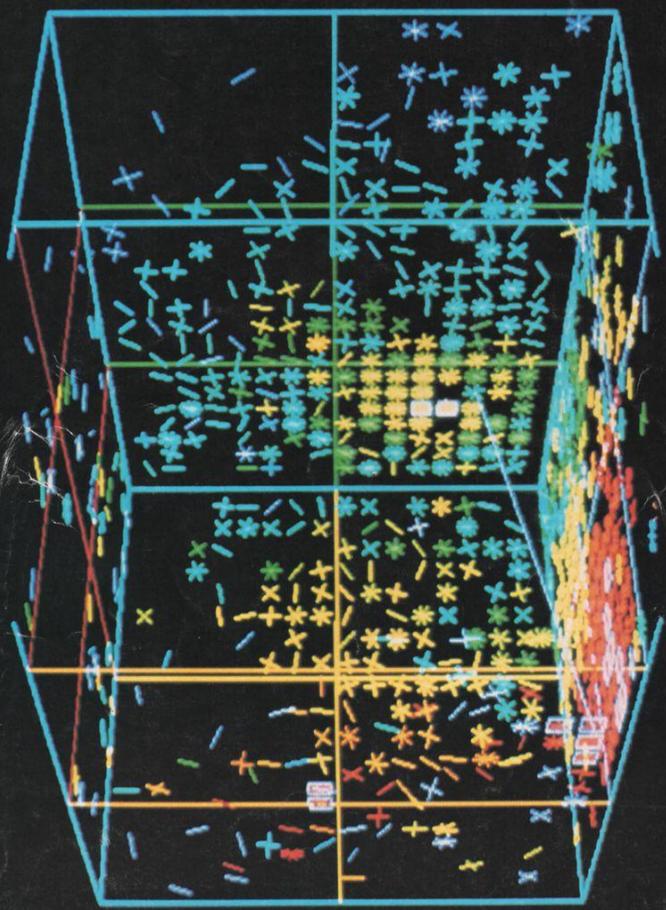
Charged particles excite certain transparent materials (e.g. organic compounds dissolved in mineral oil → large volume)

- More light (lower threshold)
- No directional information

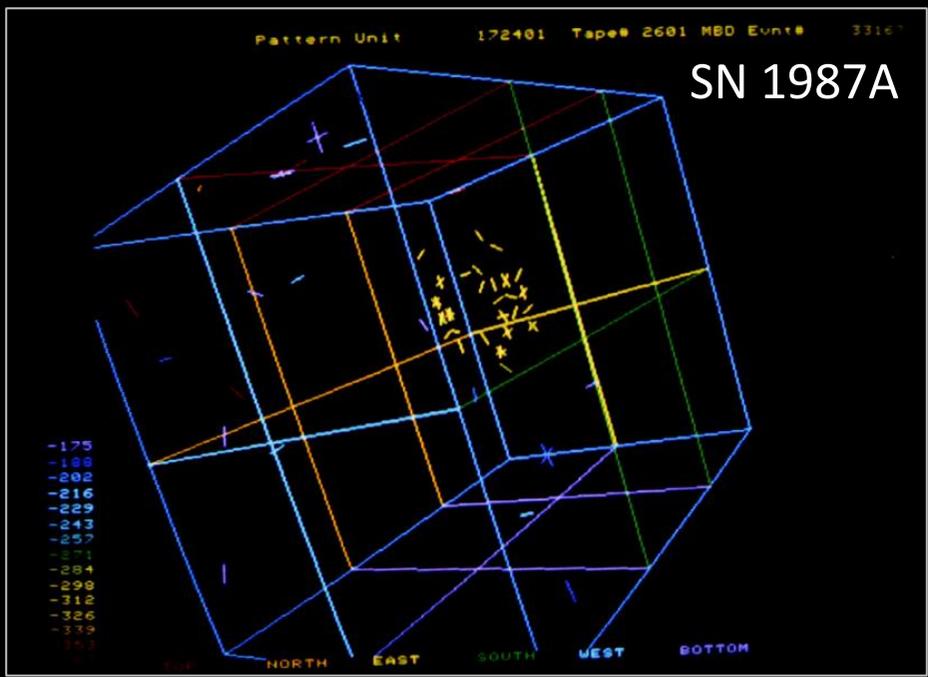
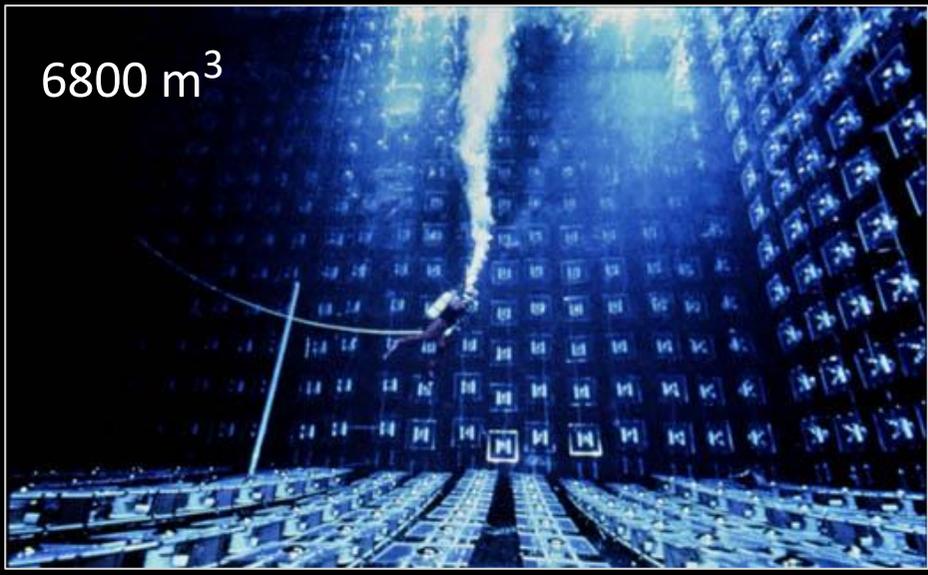


# Irvine-Michigan-Brookhaven (IMB) Detector

**physics today**  
APRIL 1983

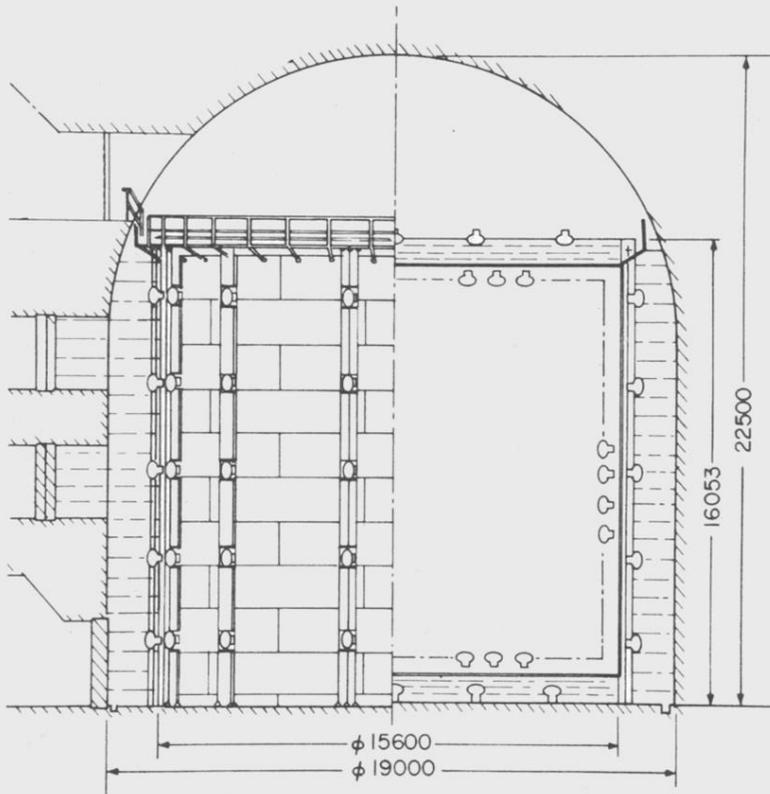


LOOKING FOR PROTON DECAY

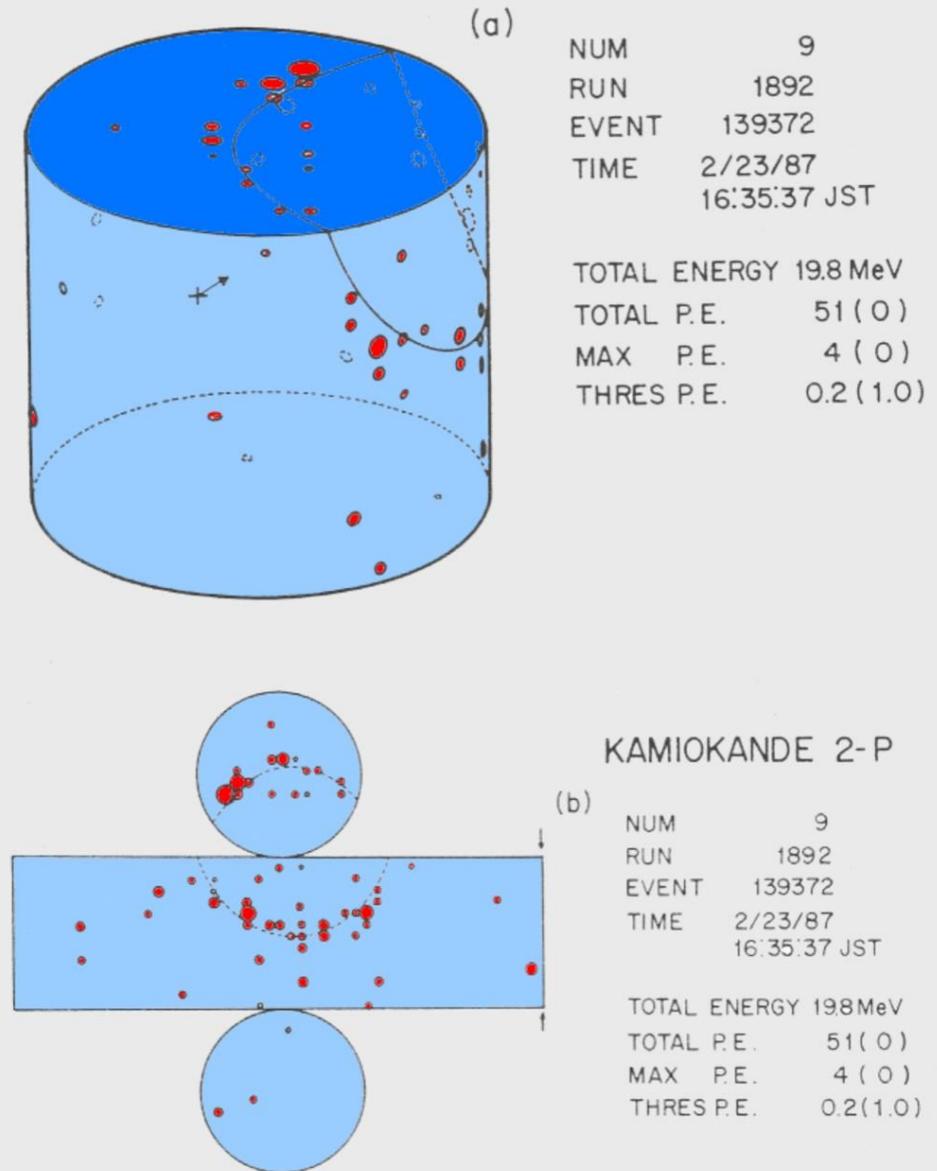


# SN 1987A Event No.9 in Kamiokande

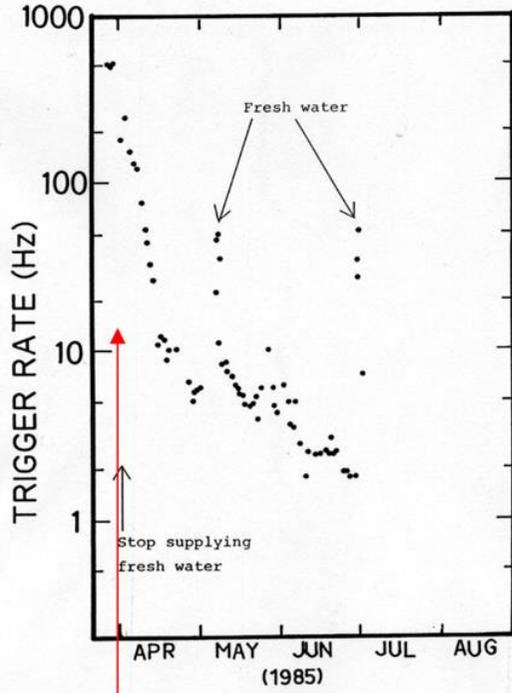
## Kamiokande-II Detector (2140 tons of water)



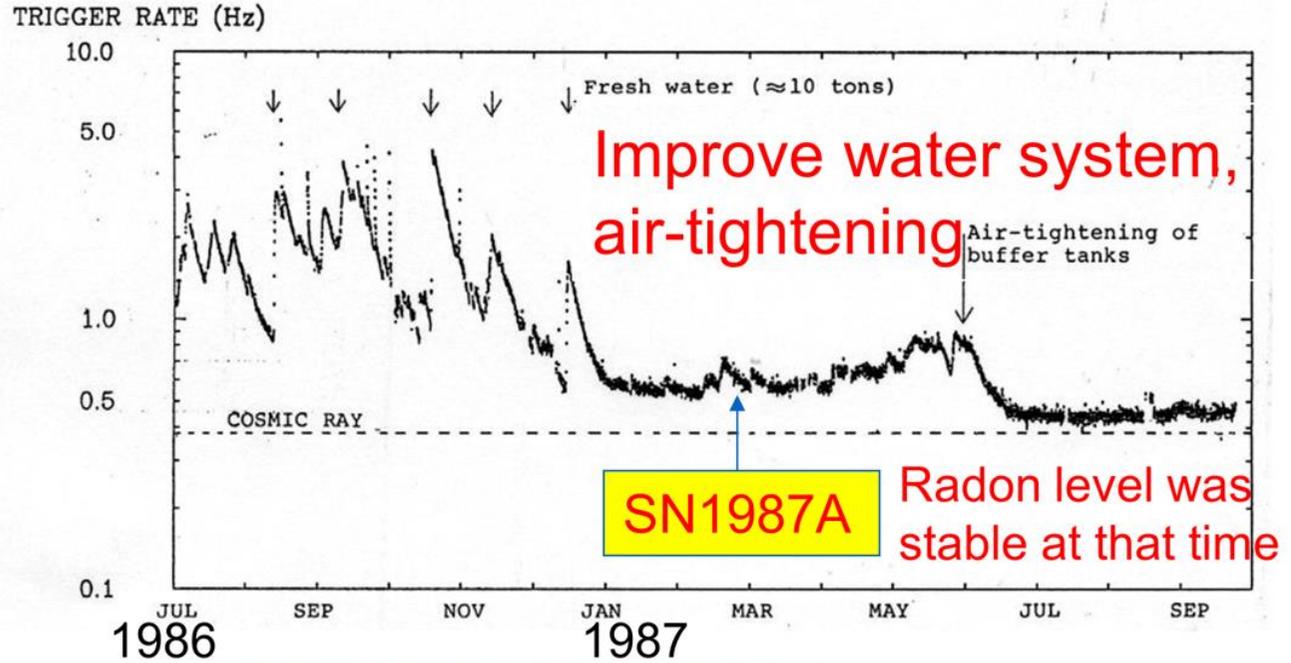
Hirata et al., PRD 38 (1988) 448



# Battle against Radon(1985 → )



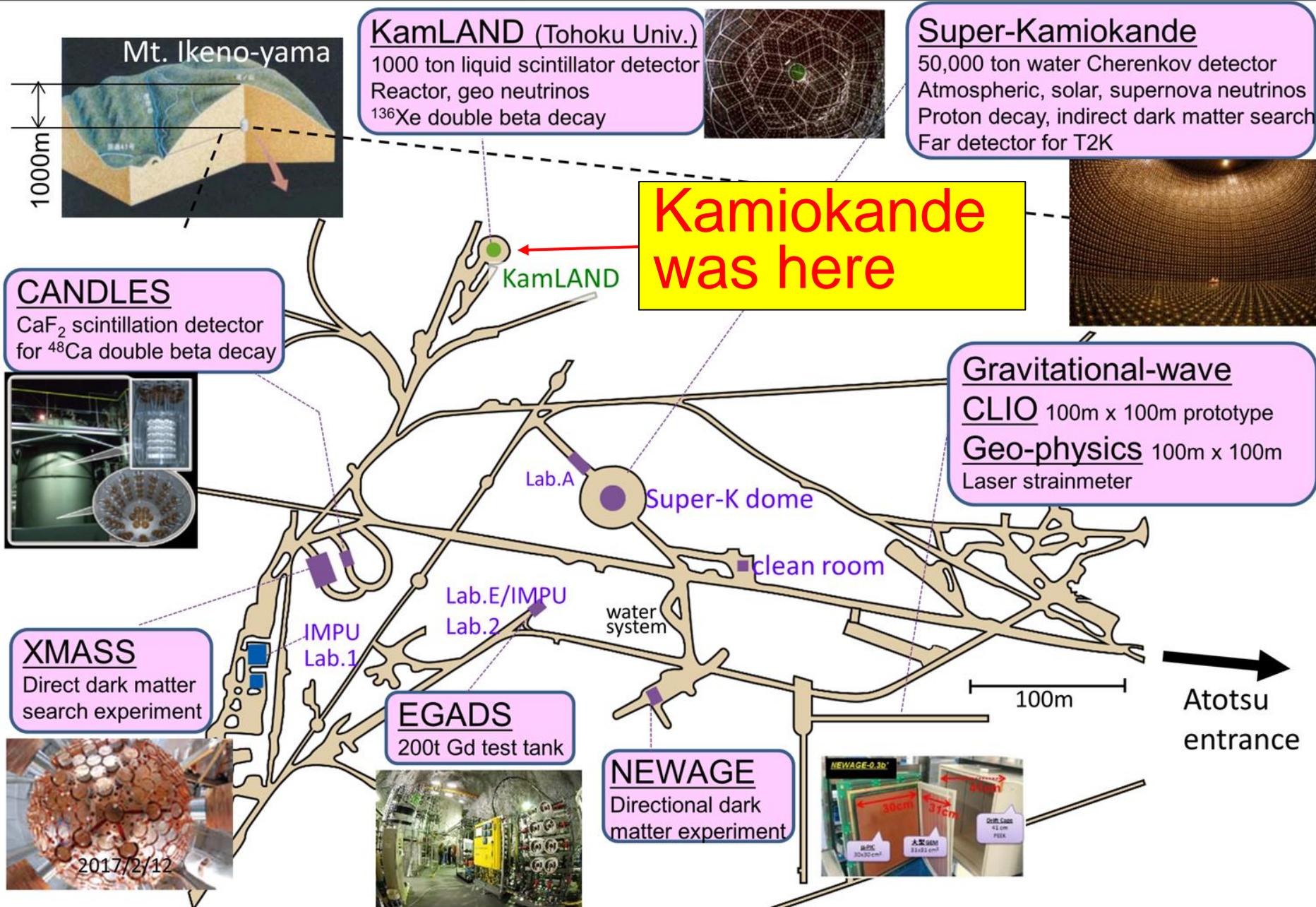
Fresh water supply mode → recirculation mode (1985 April)



Air-tightening the tank

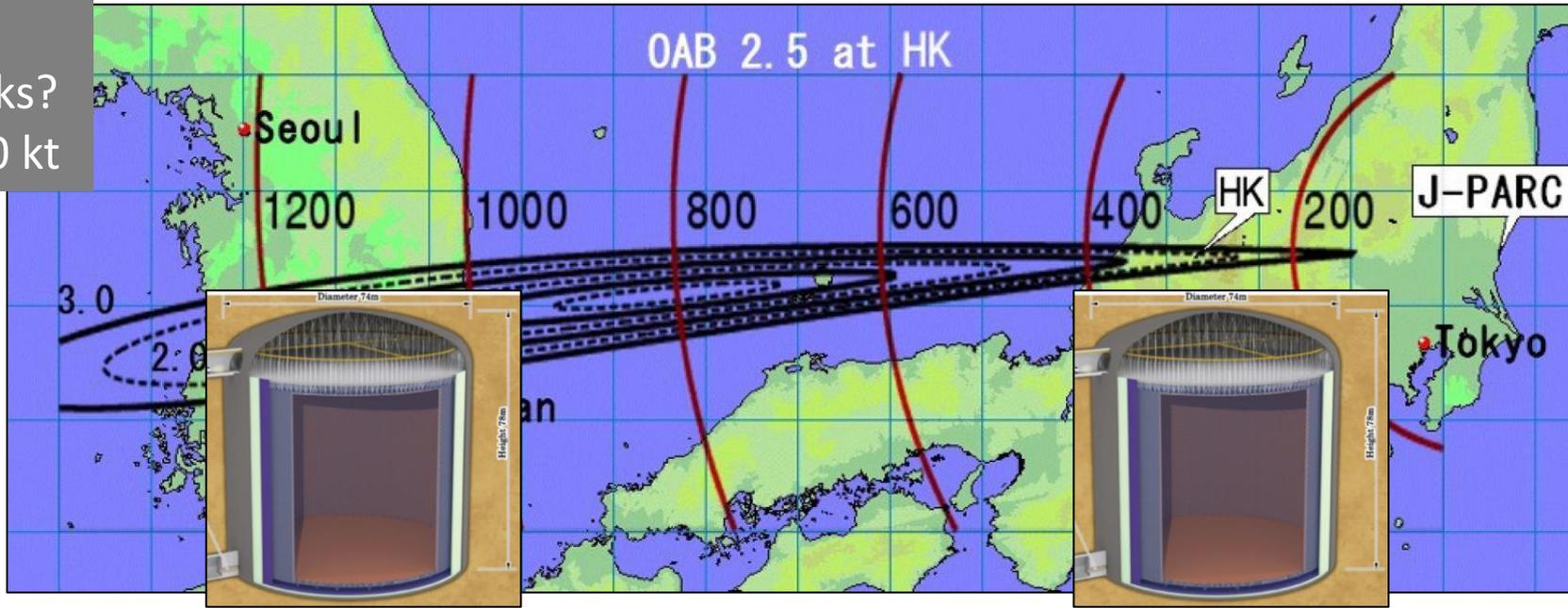


# Kamioka Underground Today



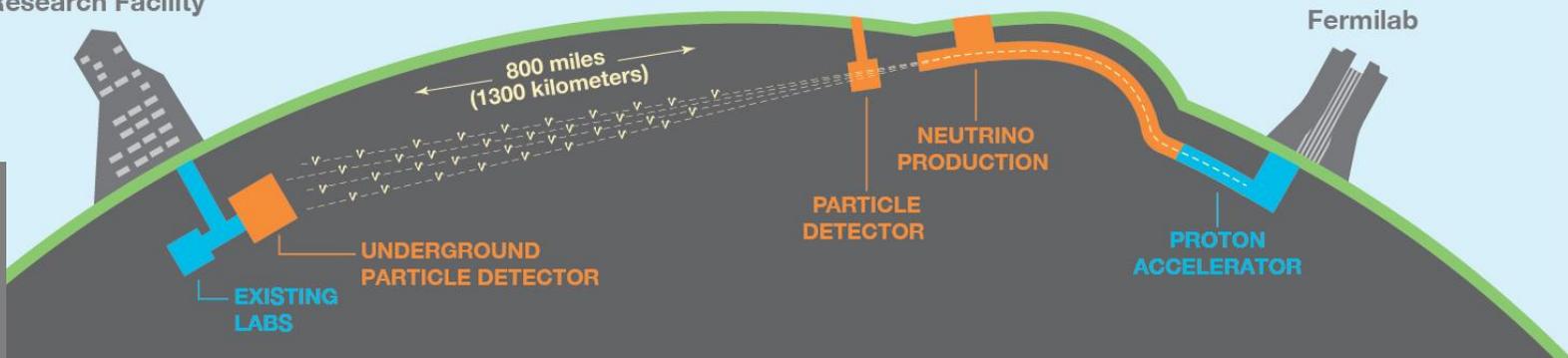
# Long-Baseline Neutrino Oscillation Projects (2025+)

Hyper-K  
Two Tanks?  
Each 220 kt



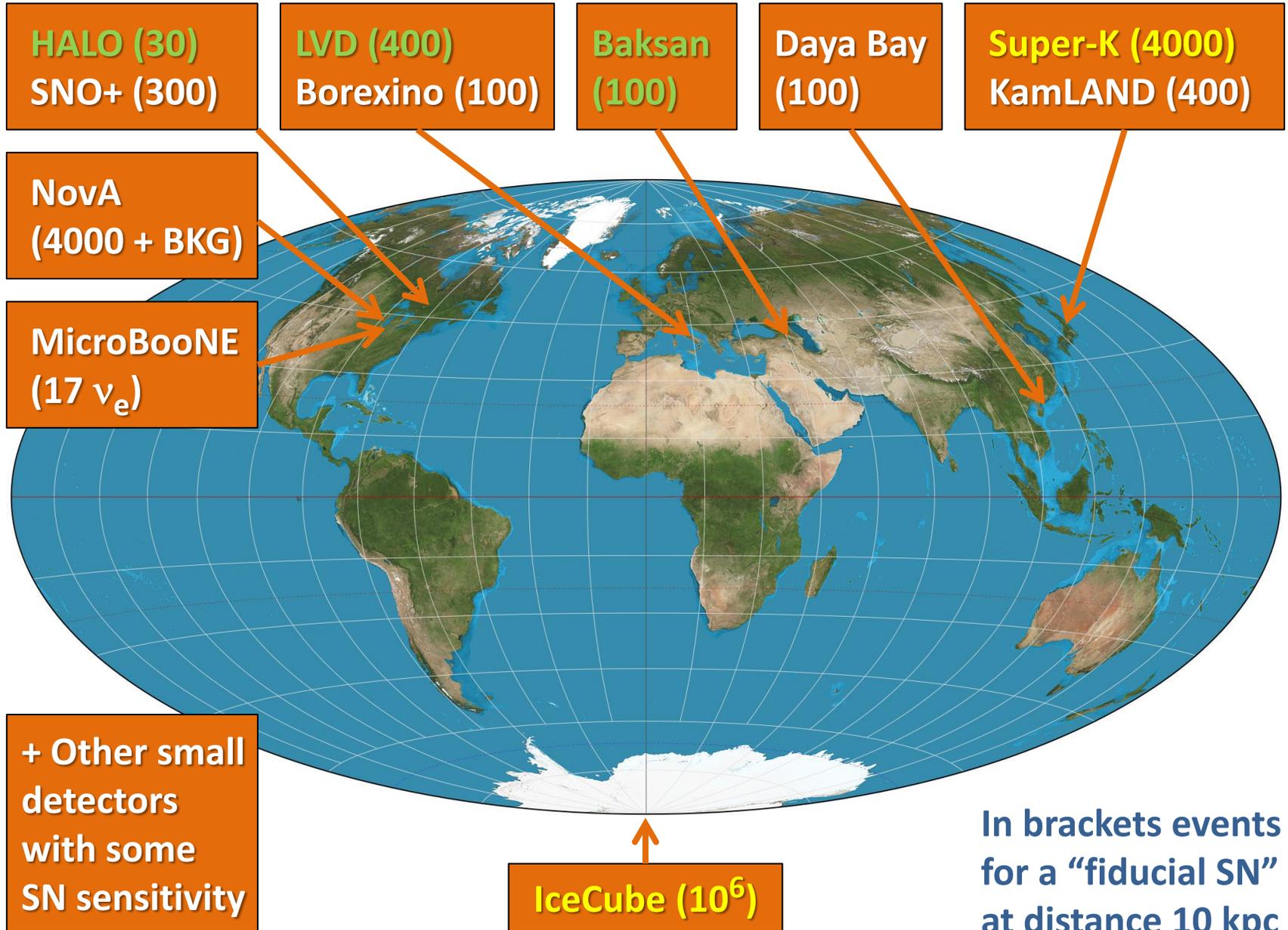
## DUNE (Fermilab → Homestake in US), Liquid Argon Detector

Sanford Underground Research Facility

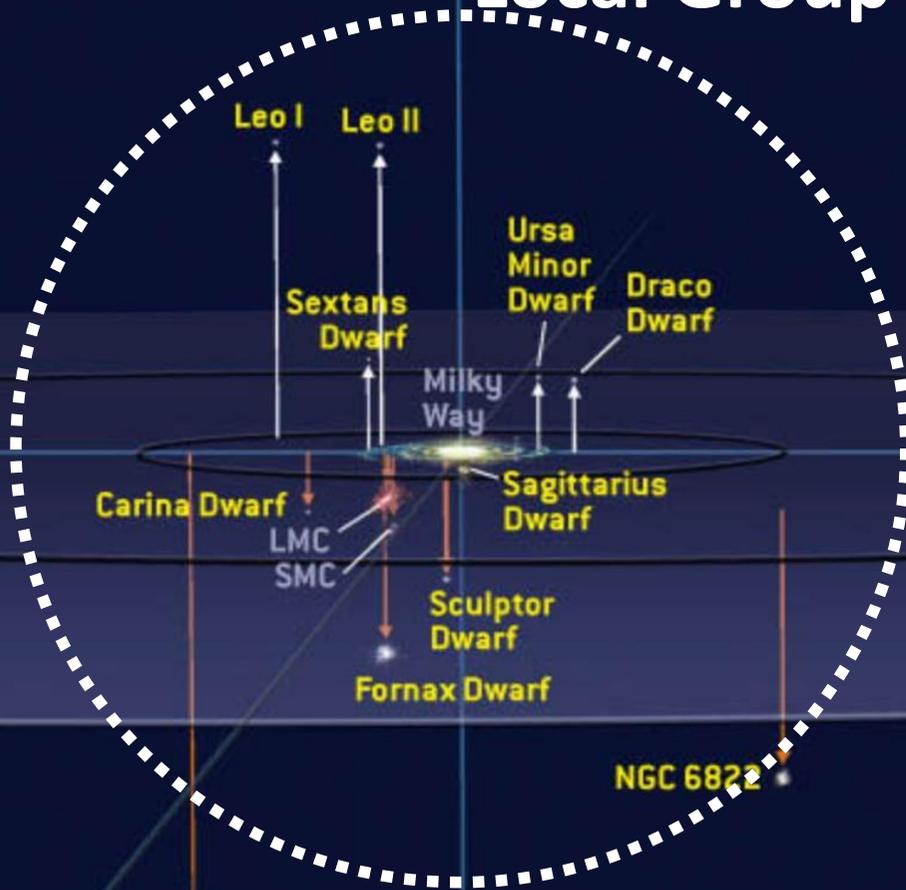


Liquid Ar:  
Measure  $\nu_e$   
from SN

# Operational Detectors for Supernova Neutrinos

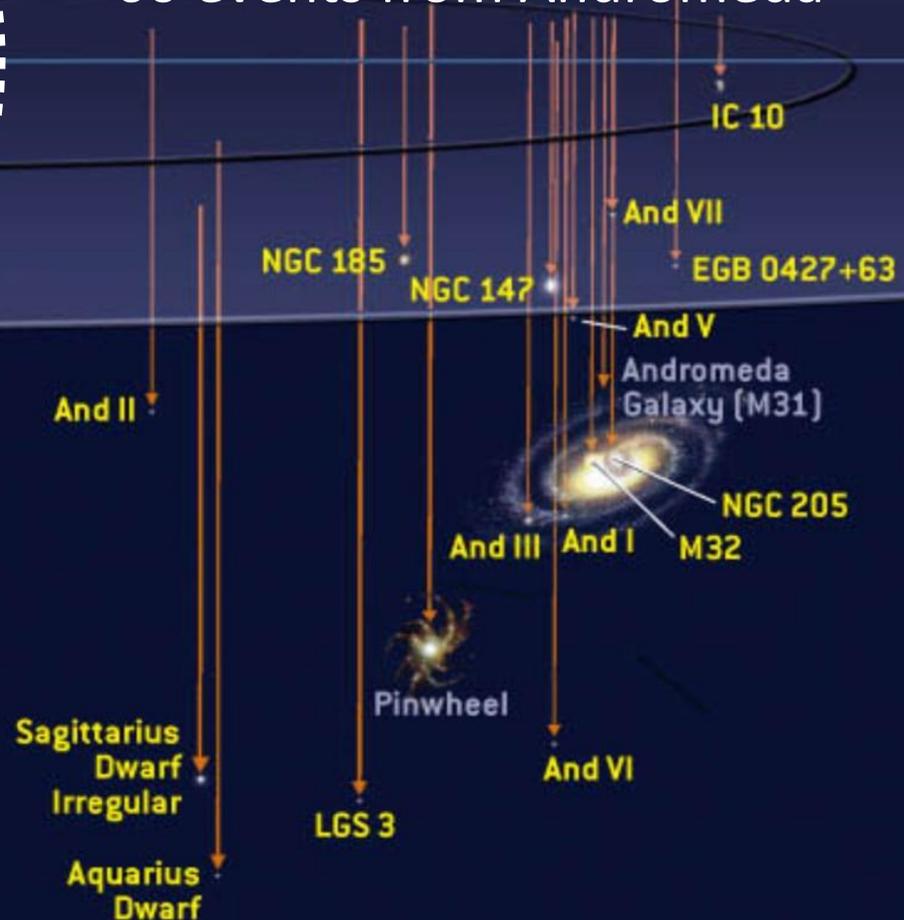


# Local Group of Galaxies

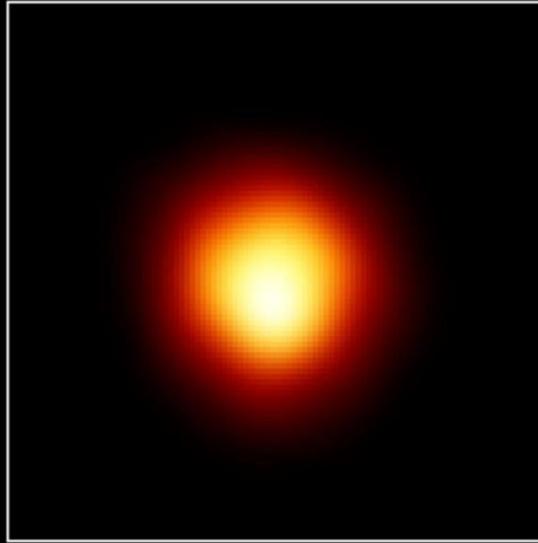


Current and next-generation neutrino detectors sensitive out to few 100 kpc

With megatonne class (30 x SK) 60 events from Andromeda



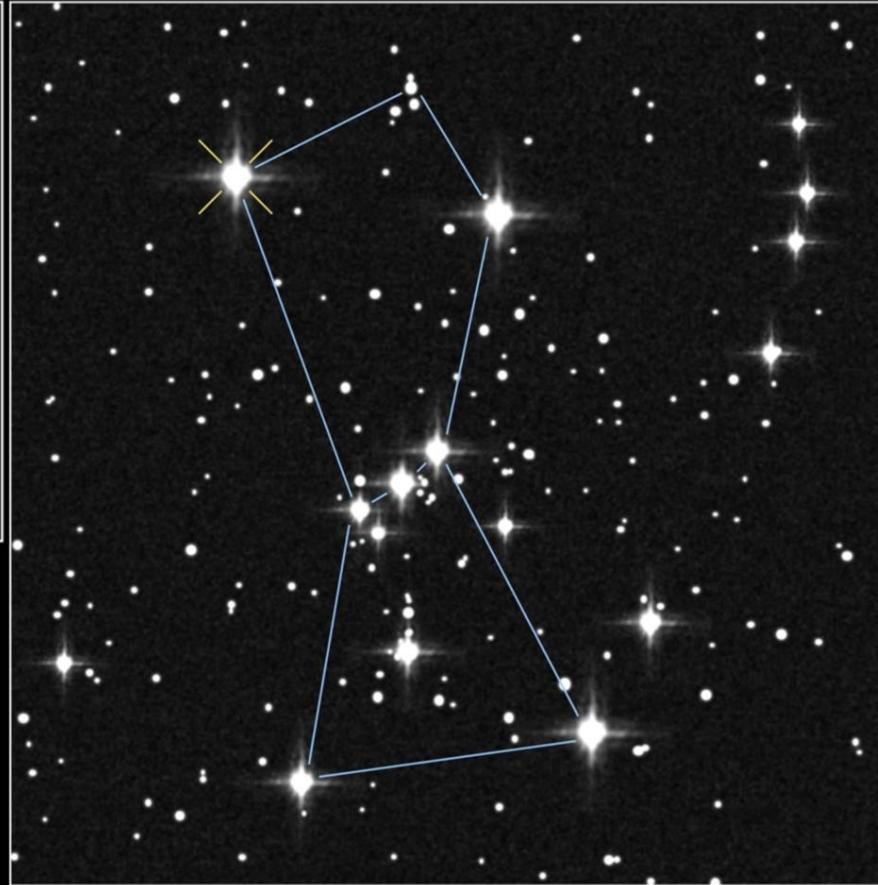
# The Red Supergiant Betelgeuse (Alpha Orionis)



Size of Star

Size of Earth's Orbit

Size of Jupiter's Orbit



First resolved image of a star other than Sun

Distance  
(Hipparcos)  
130 pc (425 lyr)

If Betelgeuse goes Supernova:

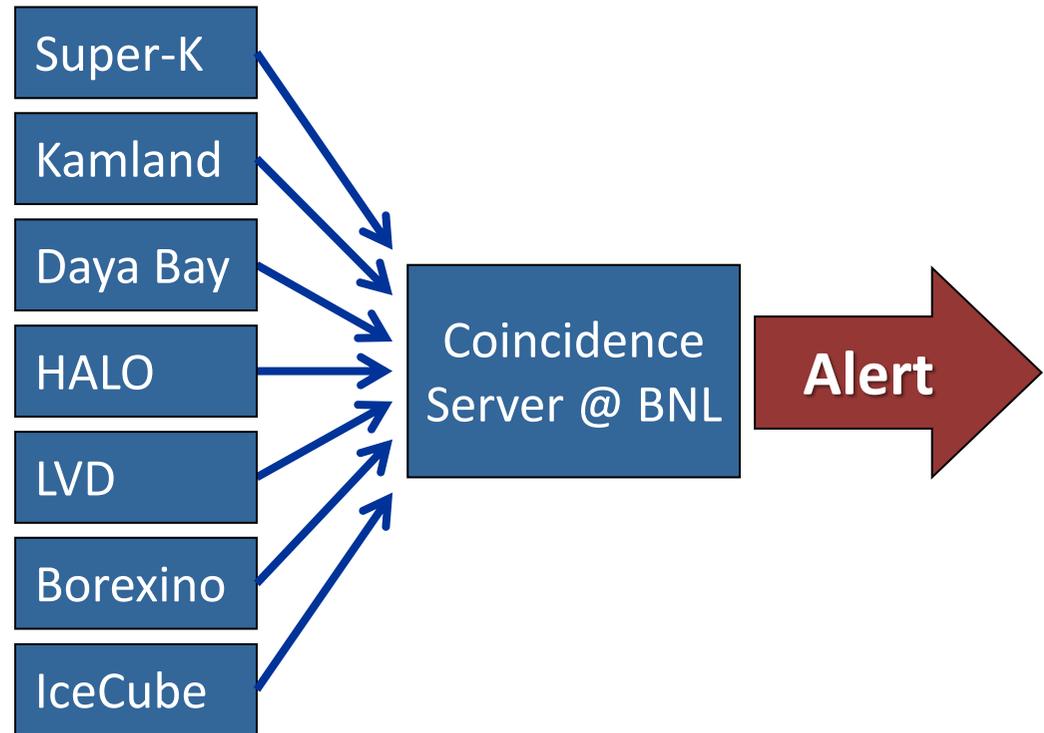
- 60 million neutrino events in Super-Kamiokande
- 2400 neutrons/day from Si burning phase (few days warning!)

[Odrzywolek, Misiaszek & Kutschera, astro-ph/0311012]

# SuperNova Early Warning System (SNEWS)

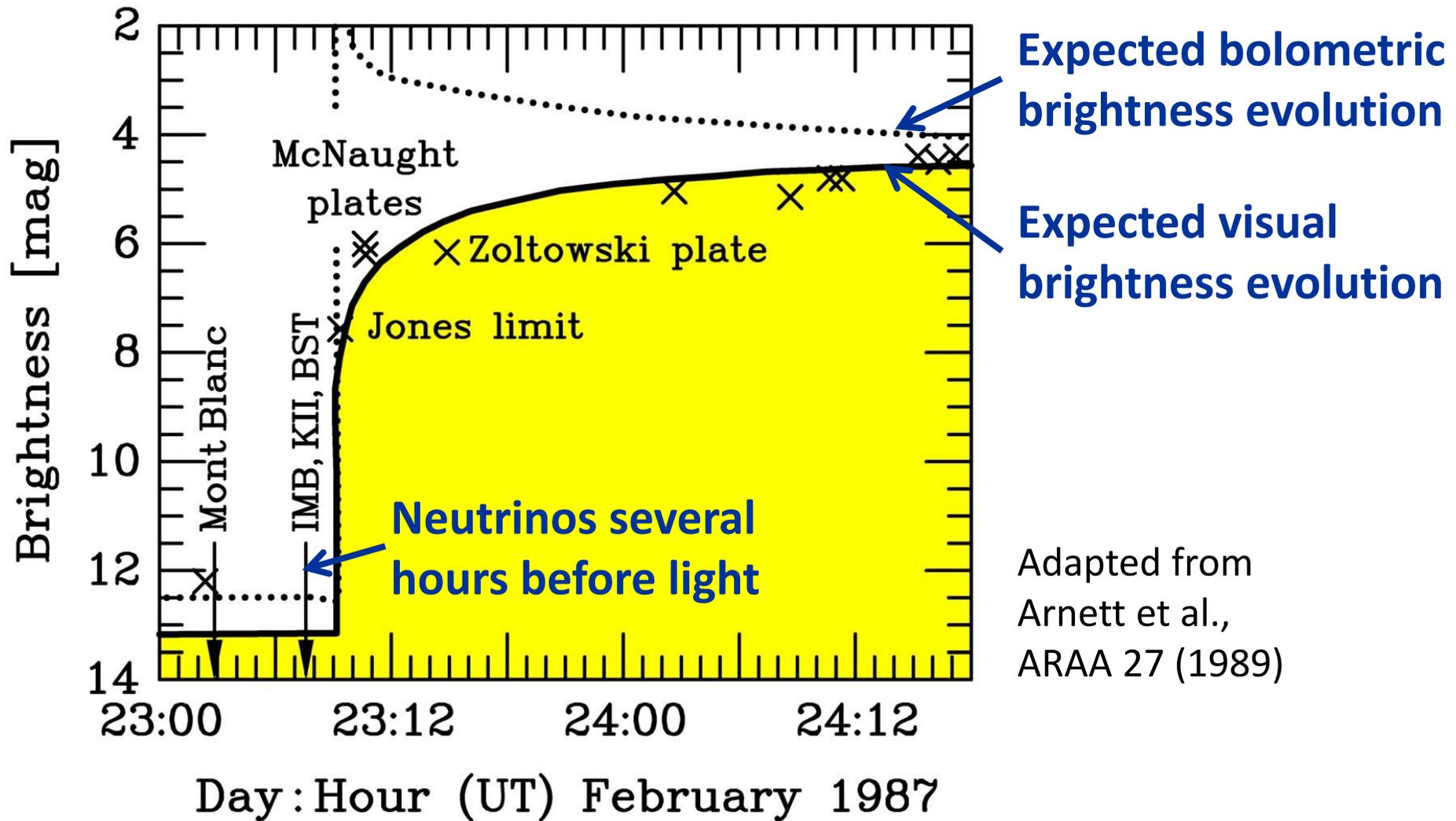


<http://snews.bnl.gov>



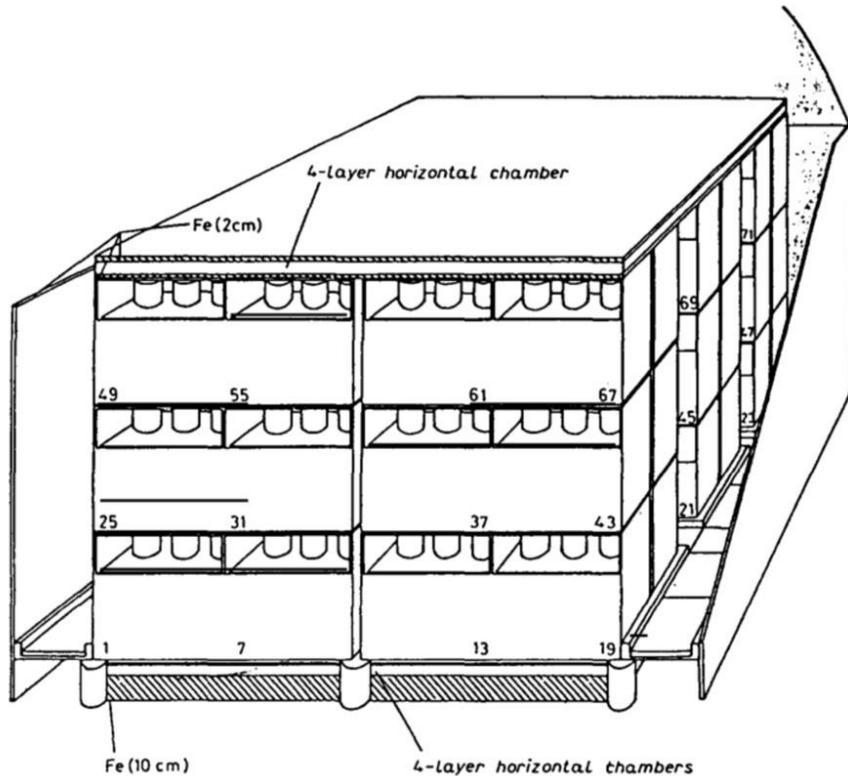
- Neutrinos arrive several hours before optical outburst
- Issue alert to astronomical community
- Trigger to LIGO, NOvA, GCN

# Early Lightcurve of SN 1987A



Adapted from  
Arnett et al.,  
ARAA 27 (1989)

# May a Supernova Bang Twice?



LSD (Liquid Scintillator Detector)  
in the Mont Blanc Tunnel  
(Oct. 1984 – March 1999)  
Supernova monitor for our galaxy  
90 tons scintillator  
200 tons iron (support structure)

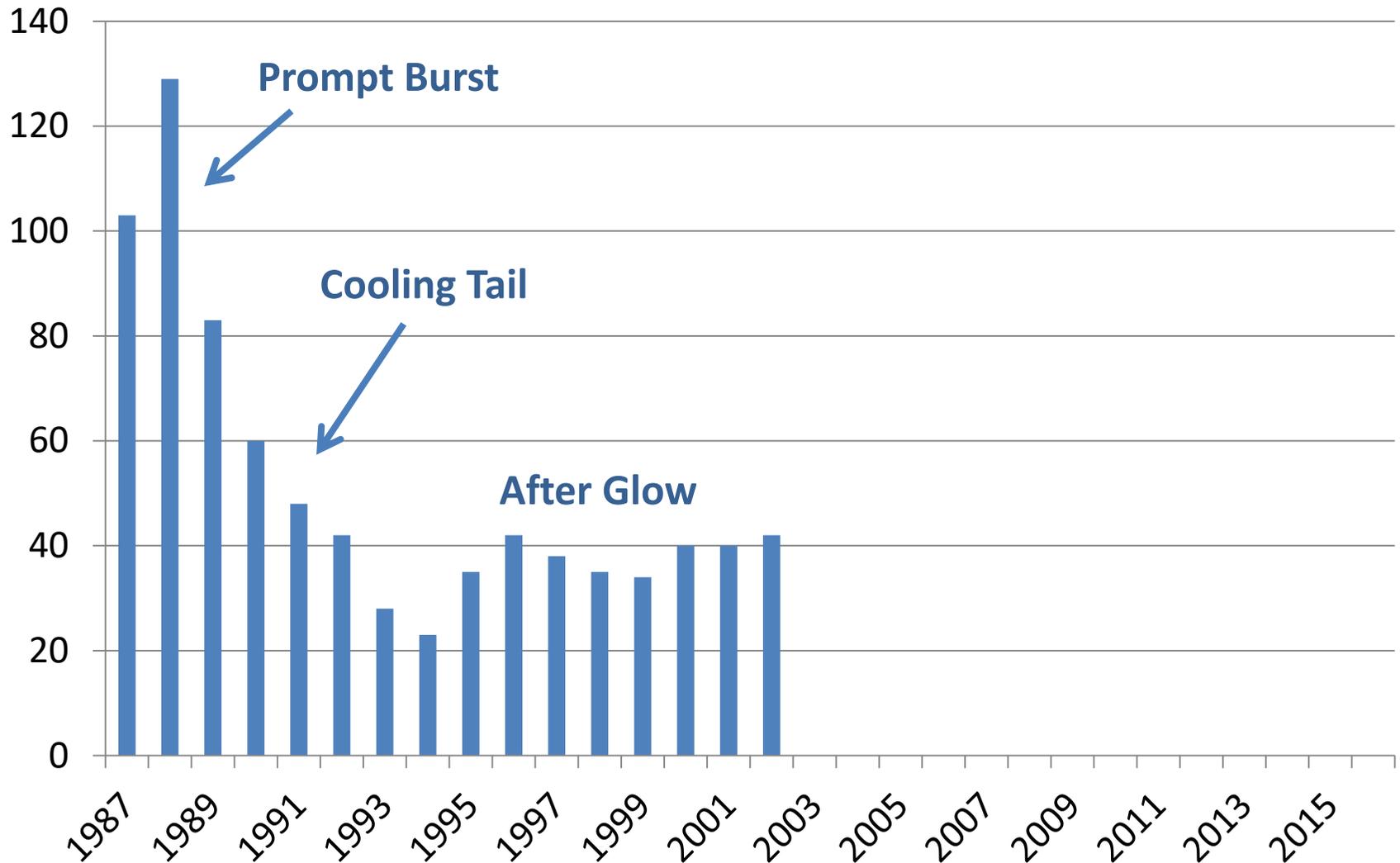
- Observed a 5-event cluster (7 sec)  
4.72 hours before IMB/Kam-II
- Triggered automatic SN alert
- Statistical fluctuation very unlikely
- No significant signal in IMB/Kam-II  
at LSD time
- No significant LSD signal at IMB time

- One interpretation as “double bang”:  
Huge  $\nu_e$  flux ( $\sim 40$  MeV) at LSD time
- LSD signal caused by interactions  
in iron of support structure
- Second bang ordinary multi-flavor  
signal

(Imshennik & Ryazhskaya,  
“A rotating collapsar and possible  
interpretation of the LSD neutrino  
signal from SN 1987A”, astro-ph/0401613)

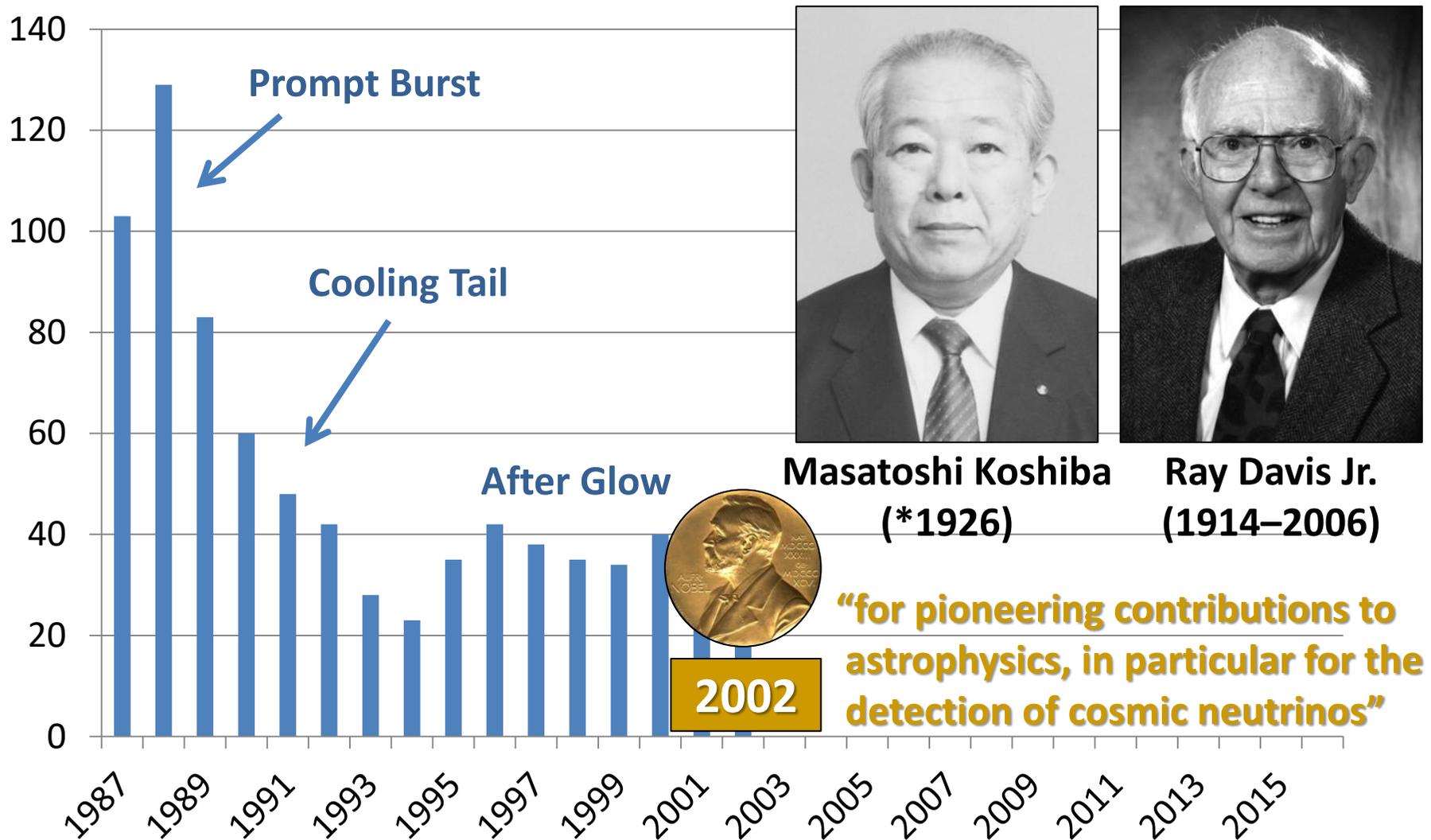
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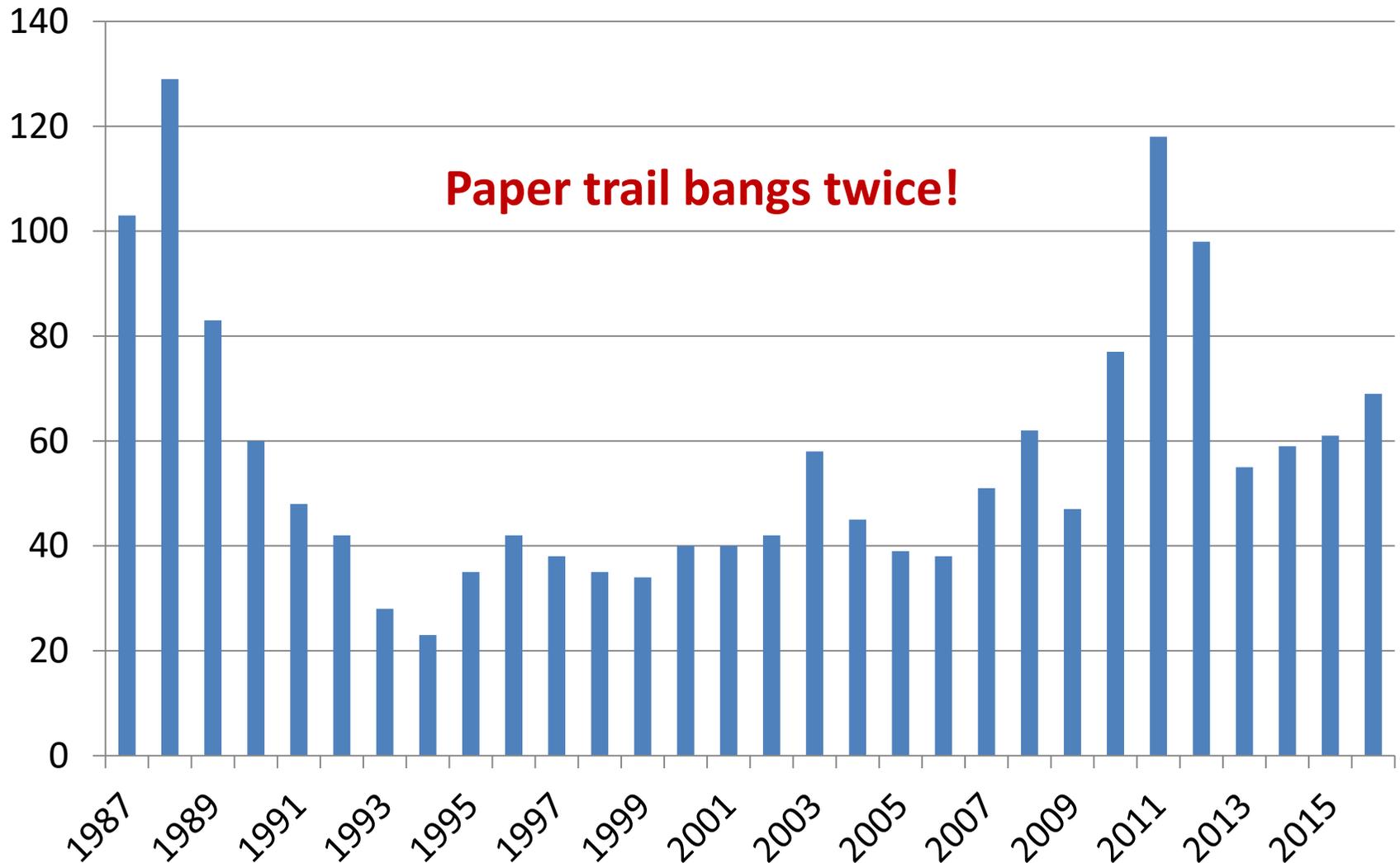
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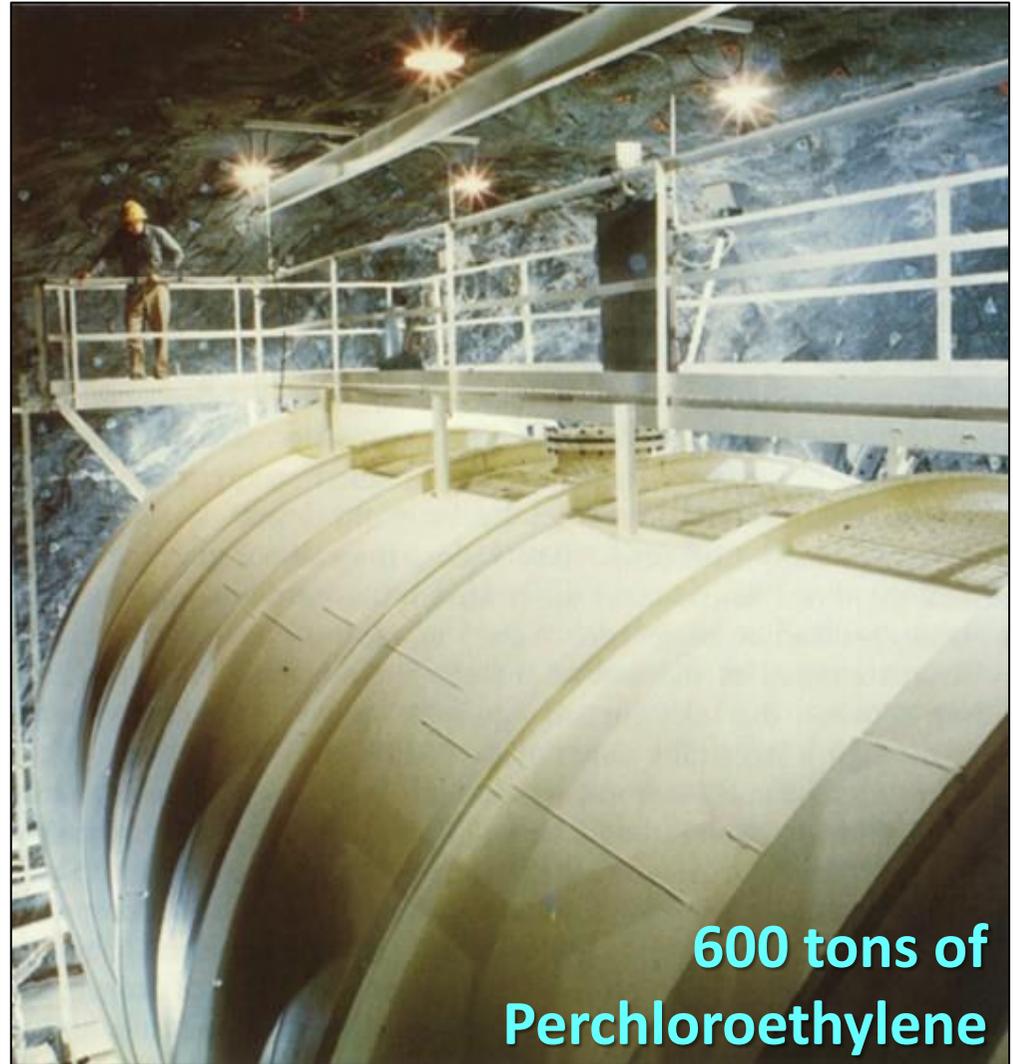
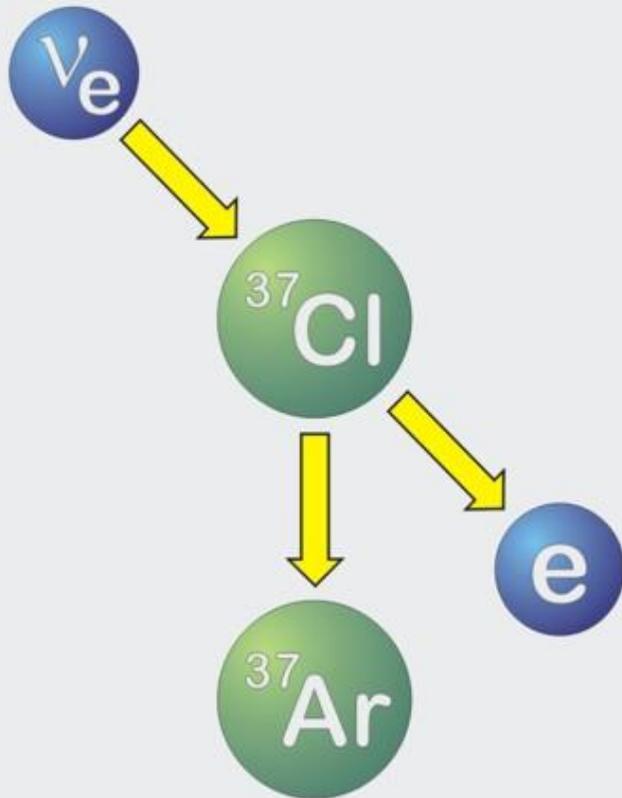
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Paper trail bangs twice!

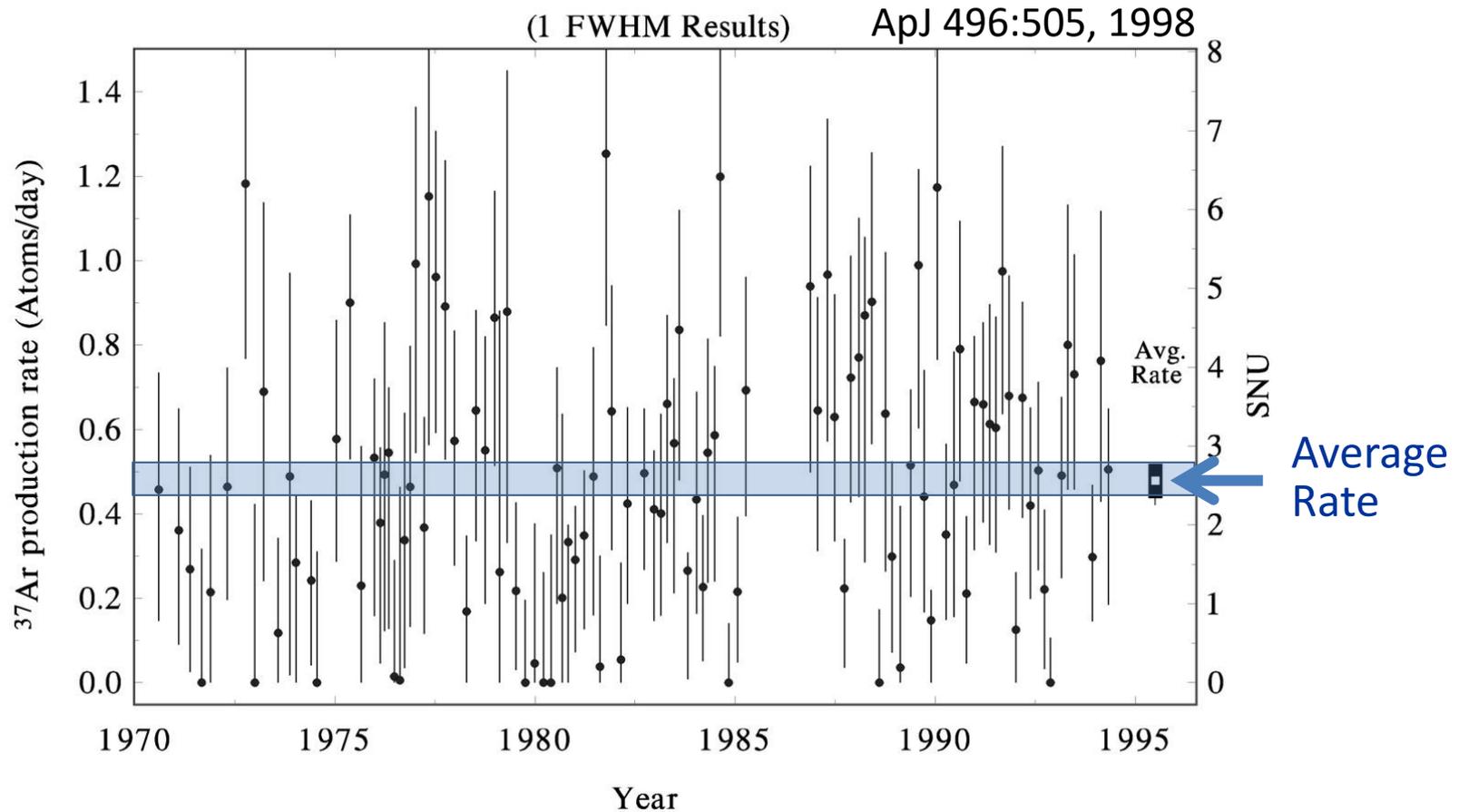
# First Measurements of Solar Neutrinos

Inverse beta decay  
of chlorine



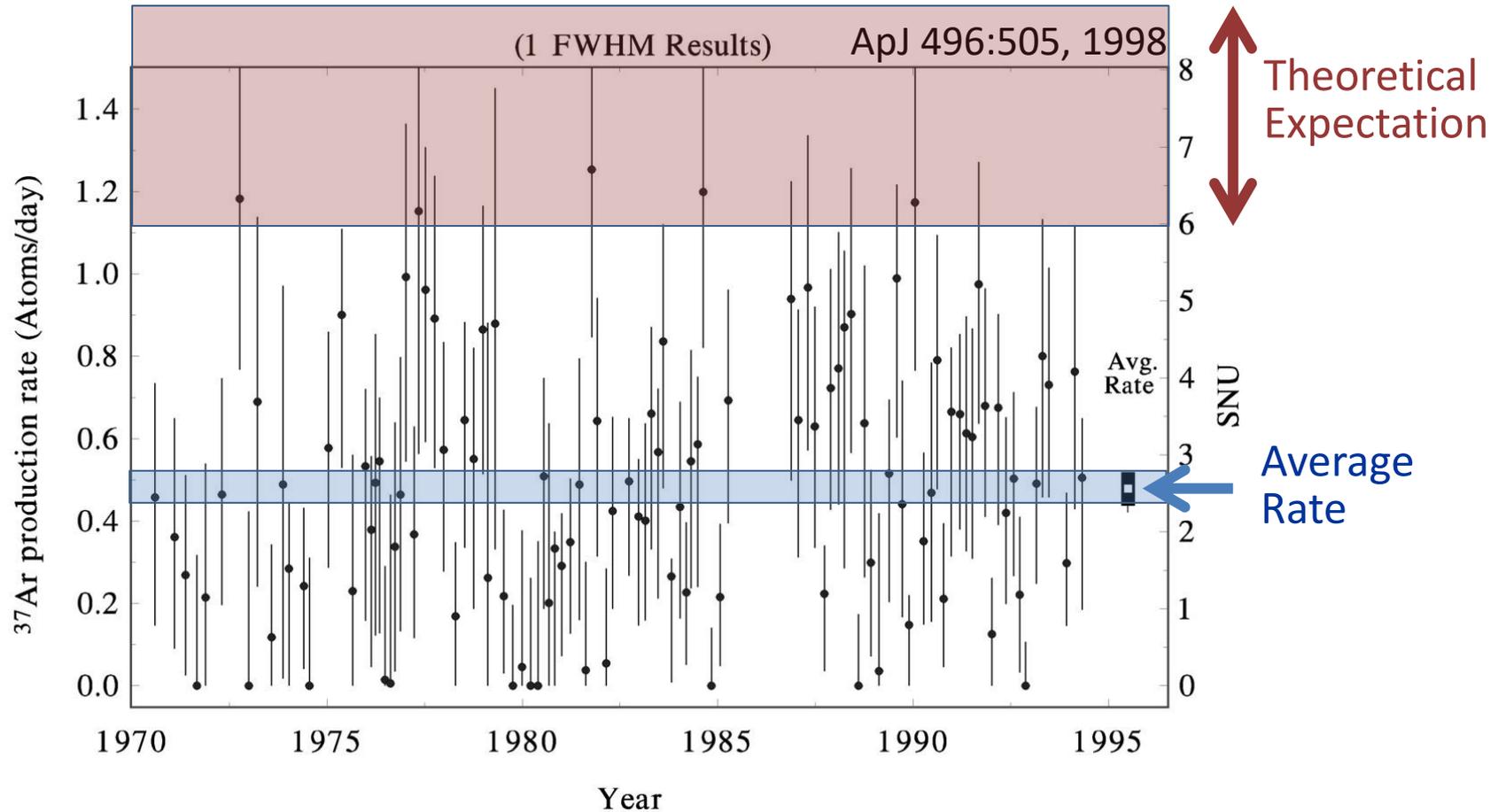
Homestake solar neutrino  
observatory (1967–2002)

# Results of Chlorine Experiment (Homestake)



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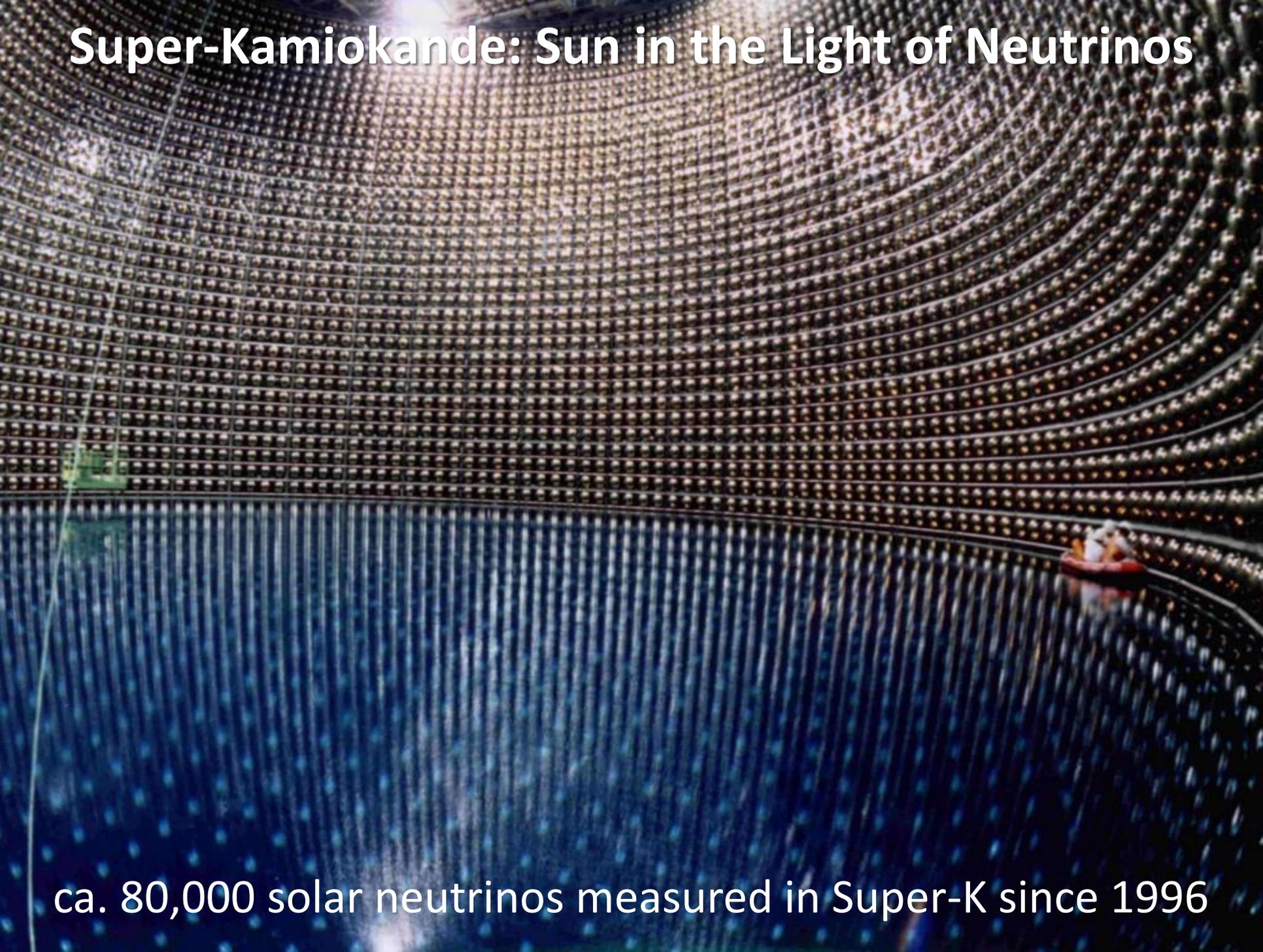
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**Theoretical Prediction 6–9 SNU**

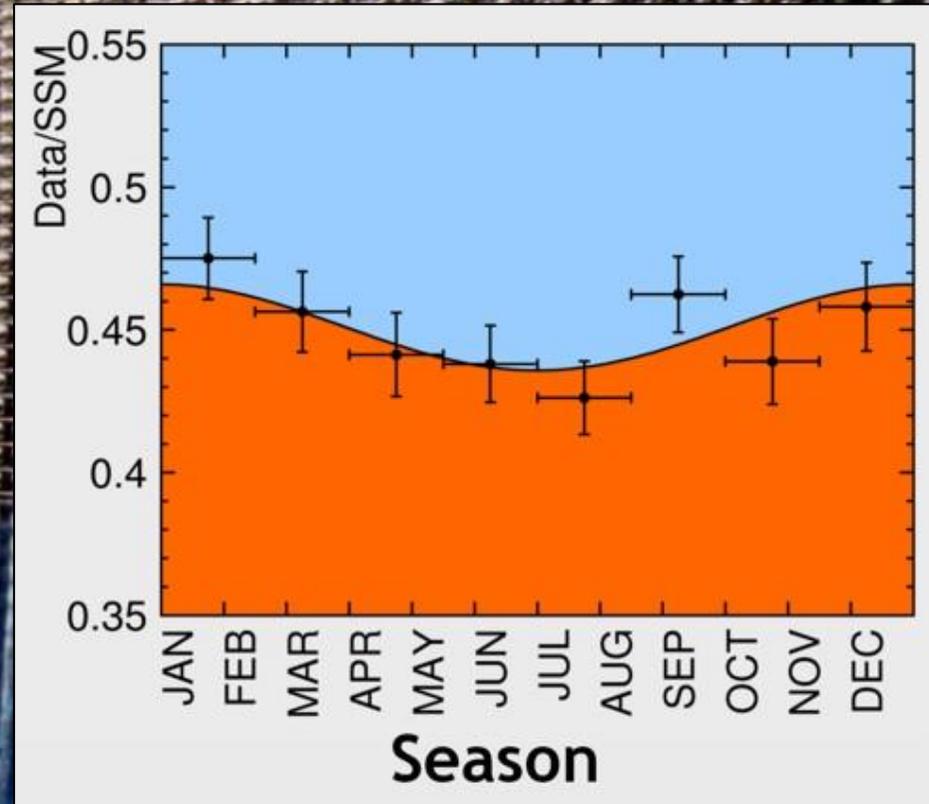
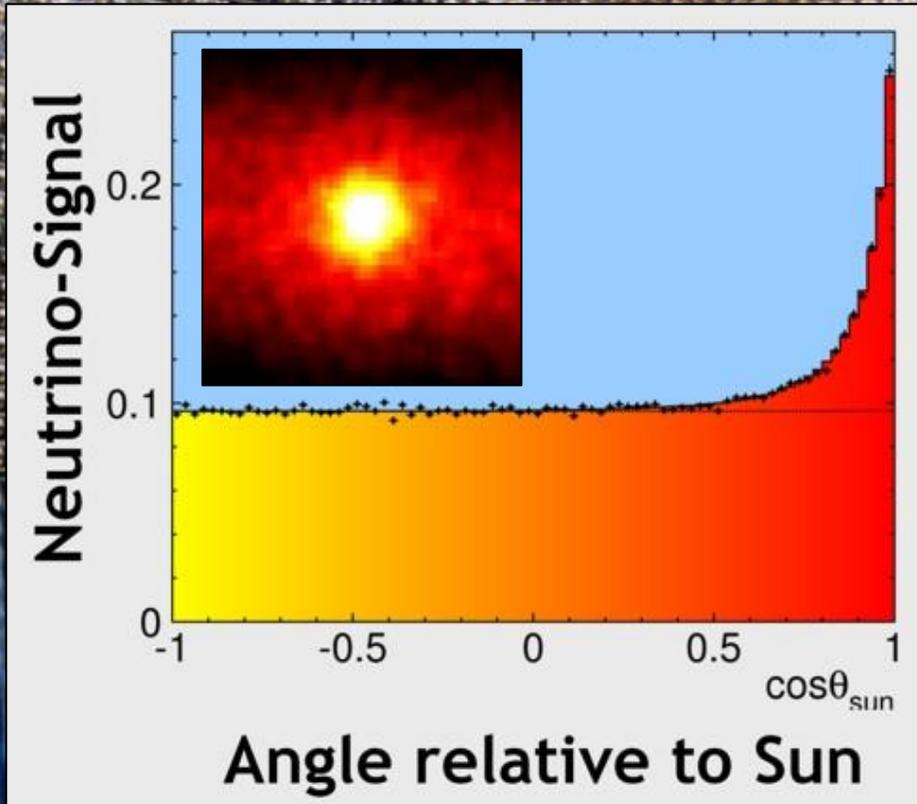
**“Solar Neutrino Problem” since 1968**

# Super-Kamiokande: Sun in the Light of Neutrinos

The image shows the interior of the Super-Kamiokande detector, a large cylindrical structure filled with thousands of photomultiplier tubes (PMTs) arranged in concentric layers. The tubes are densely packed and create a complex, grid-like pattern. A person is visible on the right side, providing a sense of scale to the massive size of the detector. The lighting is dim, with a bright spot at the top center, possibly from a light source or a reflection.

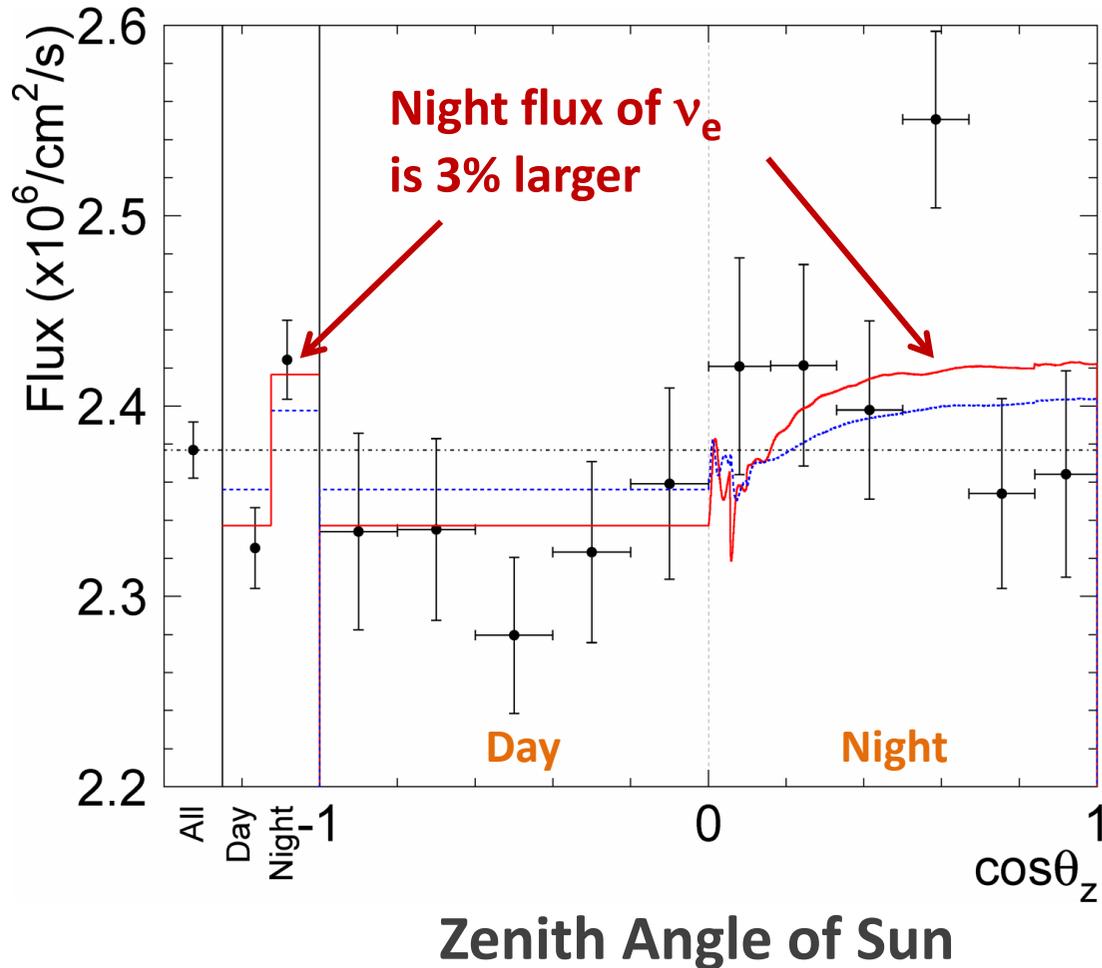
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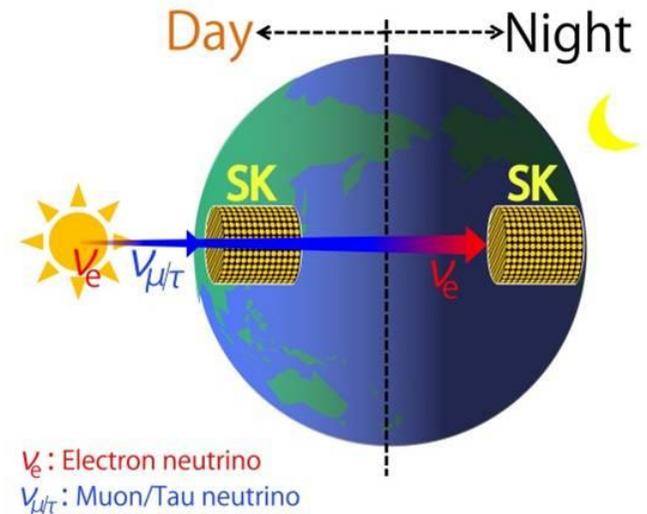


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# Sun Shining Brighter at Night



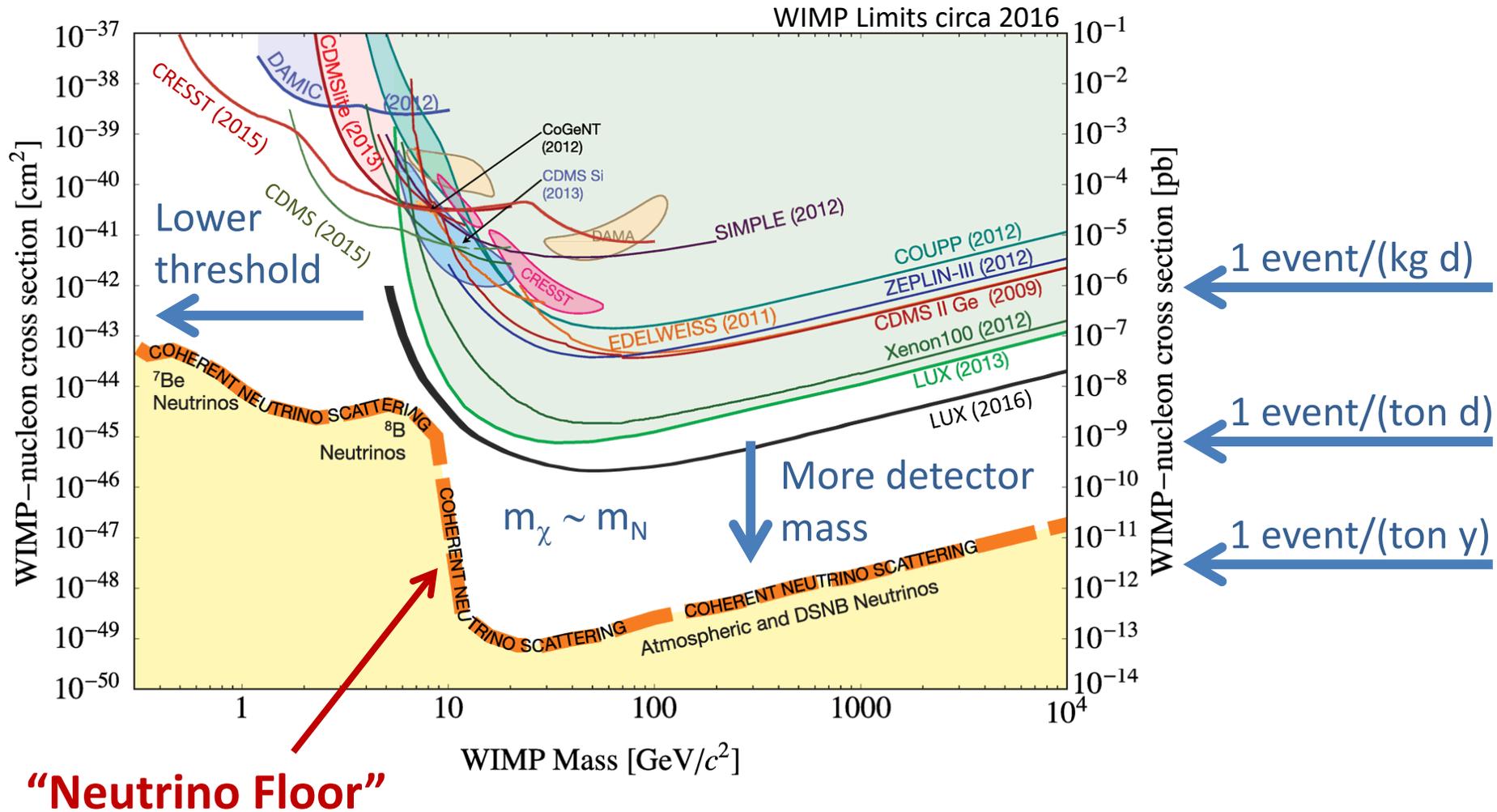
$\nu_e$  regeneration by propagating through matter of Earth



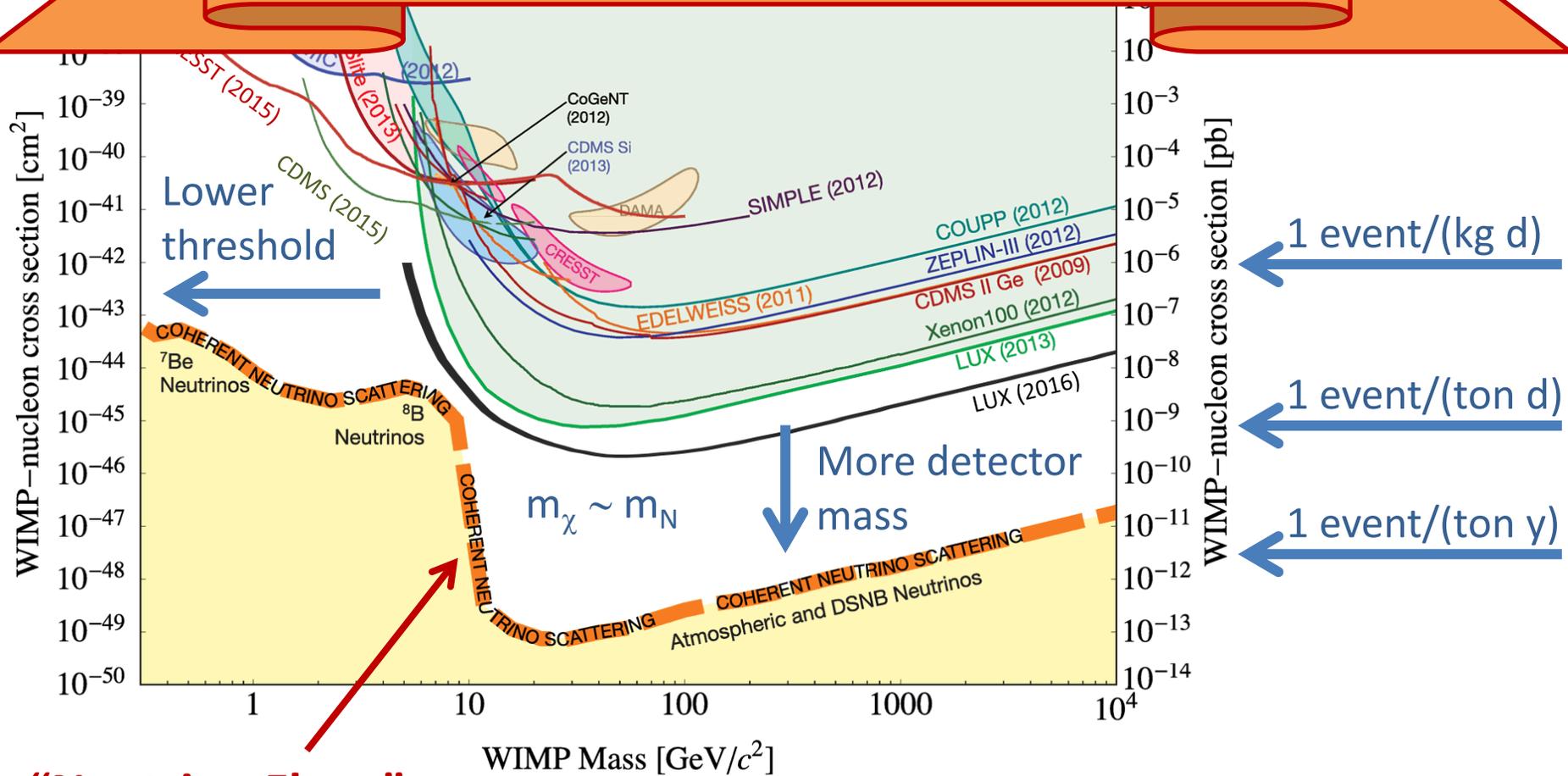
Renshaw et al. (Super-Kamiokande Collaboration), arXiv:1312.5176

# WIMP Limits: Race to the Bottom

Searchig weakly interacting massive particles (~heavy neutrinos) in direct detection experiments

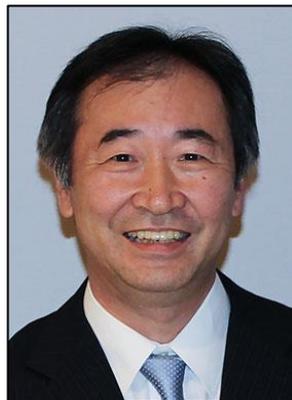
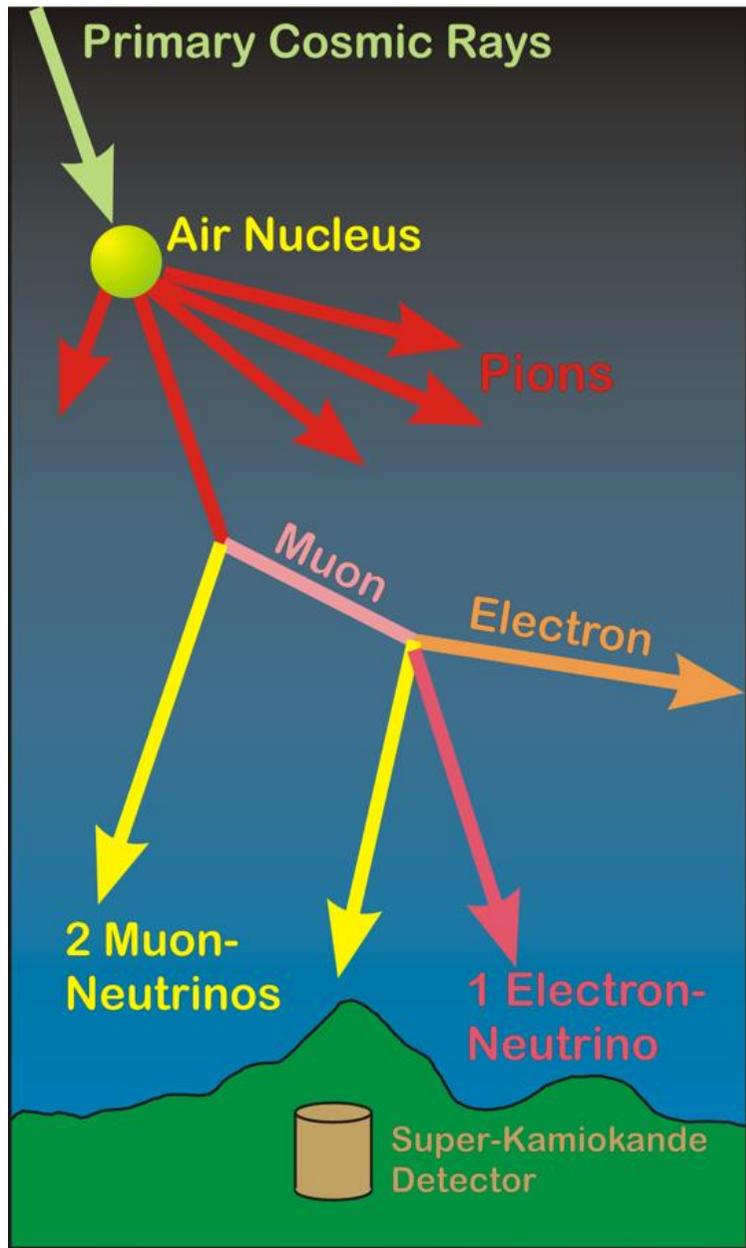


Yesterday's sensation  
 is today's calibration —*R.Feynman*  
 ... and tomorrow's background —*V.Telegdi*



**“Neutrino Floor”**

# Atmospheric Neutrinos



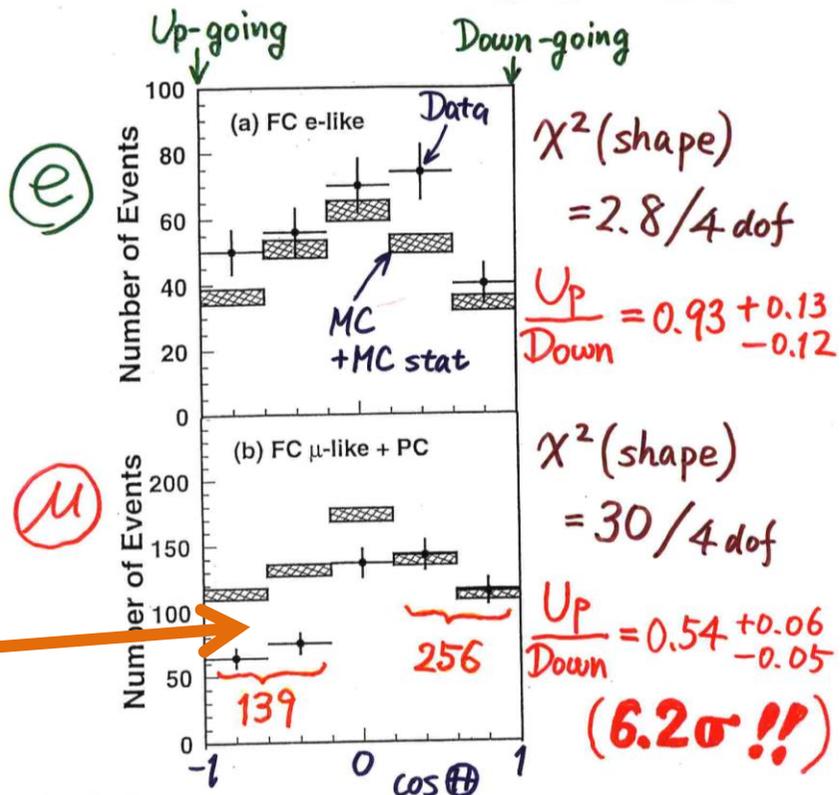
T. Kajita  
Univ. Tokyo



2015

Neutrino 1998  
Takayama, Japan

Zenith angle dependence  
(Multi-GeV)



(e)

( $\mu$ )

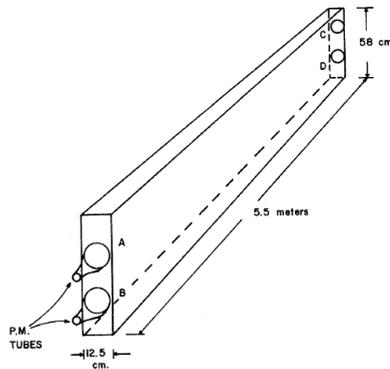
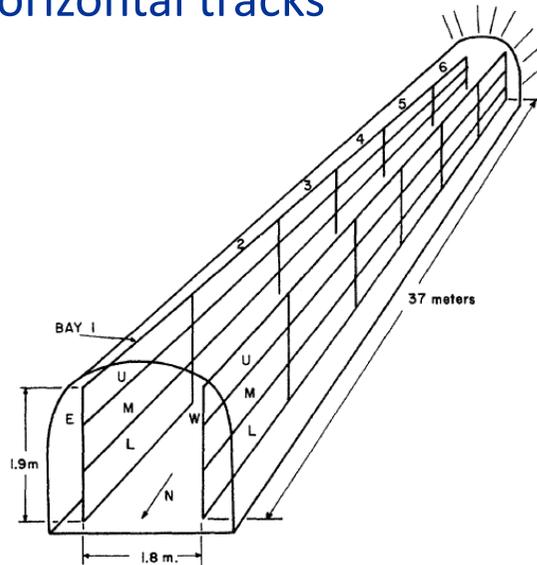
\* Up/Down syst. error for  $\mu$ -like

Prediction (flux calculation  $\dots \lesssim 1\%$   
1km rock above SK  $\dots 1.5\%$ ) 1.8%  
Data (Energy calib. for  $\uparrow \downarrow \dots 0.7\%$   
Non  $\nu$  Background  $\dots < 2\%$ ) 2.1%

# Detection of First Atmospheric Neutrinos 1965

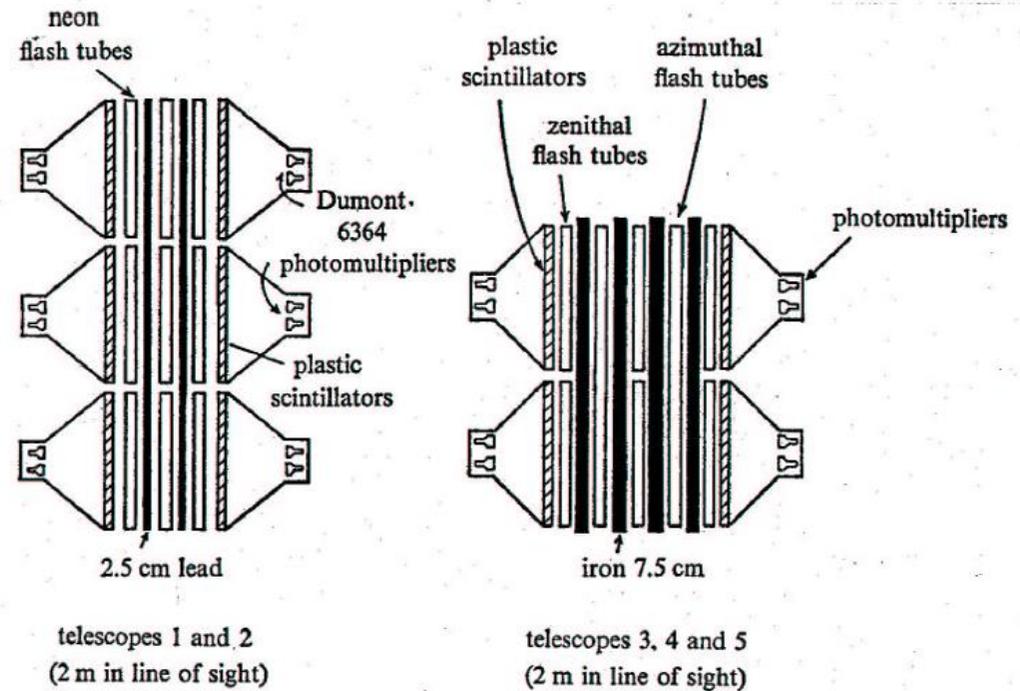
Chase-Witwatersrand-Irvine (CWI) Coll.  
Mine in South Africa, 8800 mwe

- Liquid scintillator
- Horizontal tracks



Kolar Gold Field (KGF) Collaboration  
(Japan-India-UK group), 7500 mwe

- Plastic scintillator
- Flash tubes





CASE



E. R. P. M.

WITS



DETECTION OF THE FIRST NEUTRINO IN NATURE  
ON  
23<sup>RD</sup> FEBRUARY 1965  
IN  
EAST RAND PROPRIETARY MINE

THIS DISCOVERY TOOK PLACE IN A LABORATORY SITUATED  
TWO MILES BELOW THE SURFACE OF THE EARTH ON  
76 LEVEL OF EAST RAND PROPRIETARY MINE, MANNED  
BY A GROUP OF PHYSICISTS FROM THE CASE INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY U.S.  
AND THE UNIVERSITY OF THE WITWATERSRAND JOHANNESBURG.

THE PROJECT WAS SPONSORED BY :-  
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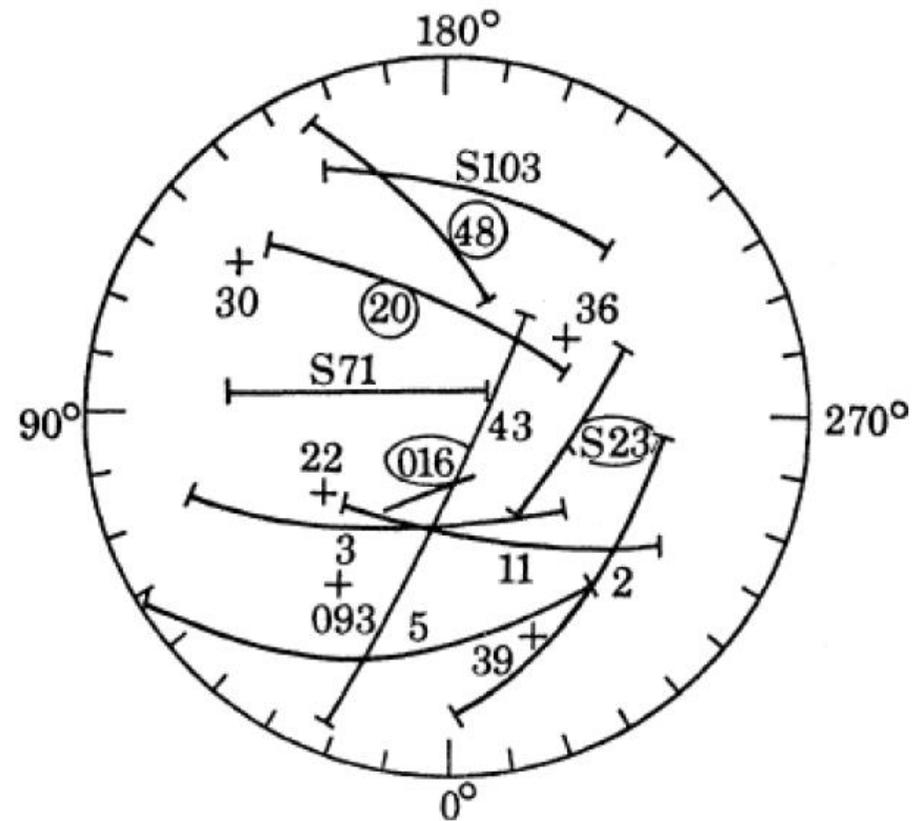
6<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 1967

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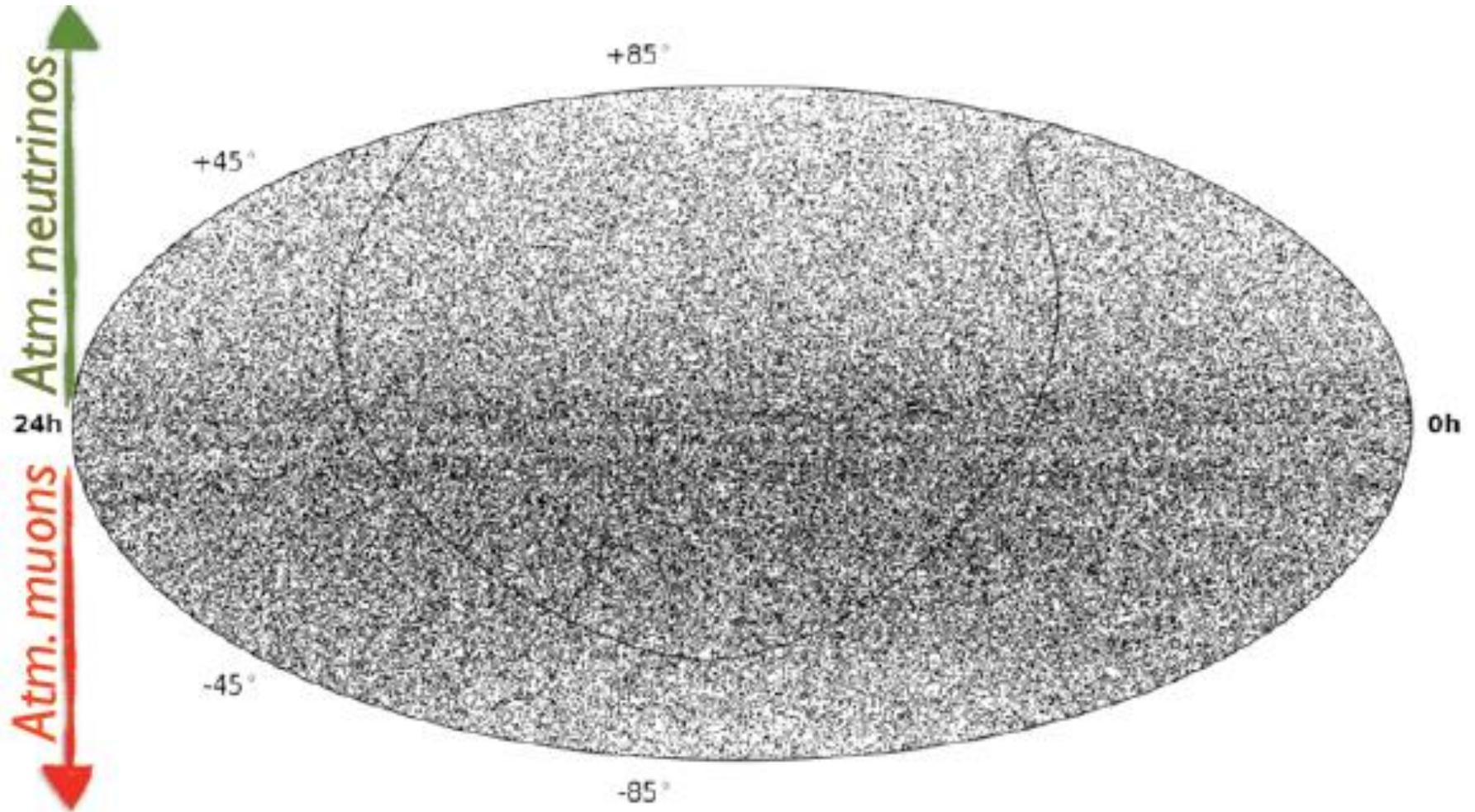
# First Neutrino Sky Map

The first neutrino sky map with the celestial coordinates of 18 Kolar Gold Field neutrino events (Krishnaswamy et al. 1971)

Due to uncertainties in the azimuth, the coordinates for some events are arcs rather than points. The labels reflect the numbers and registration mode of the events (e.g. S for spectrograph). Only for the ringed events the sense of the direction of the registered muon is known.



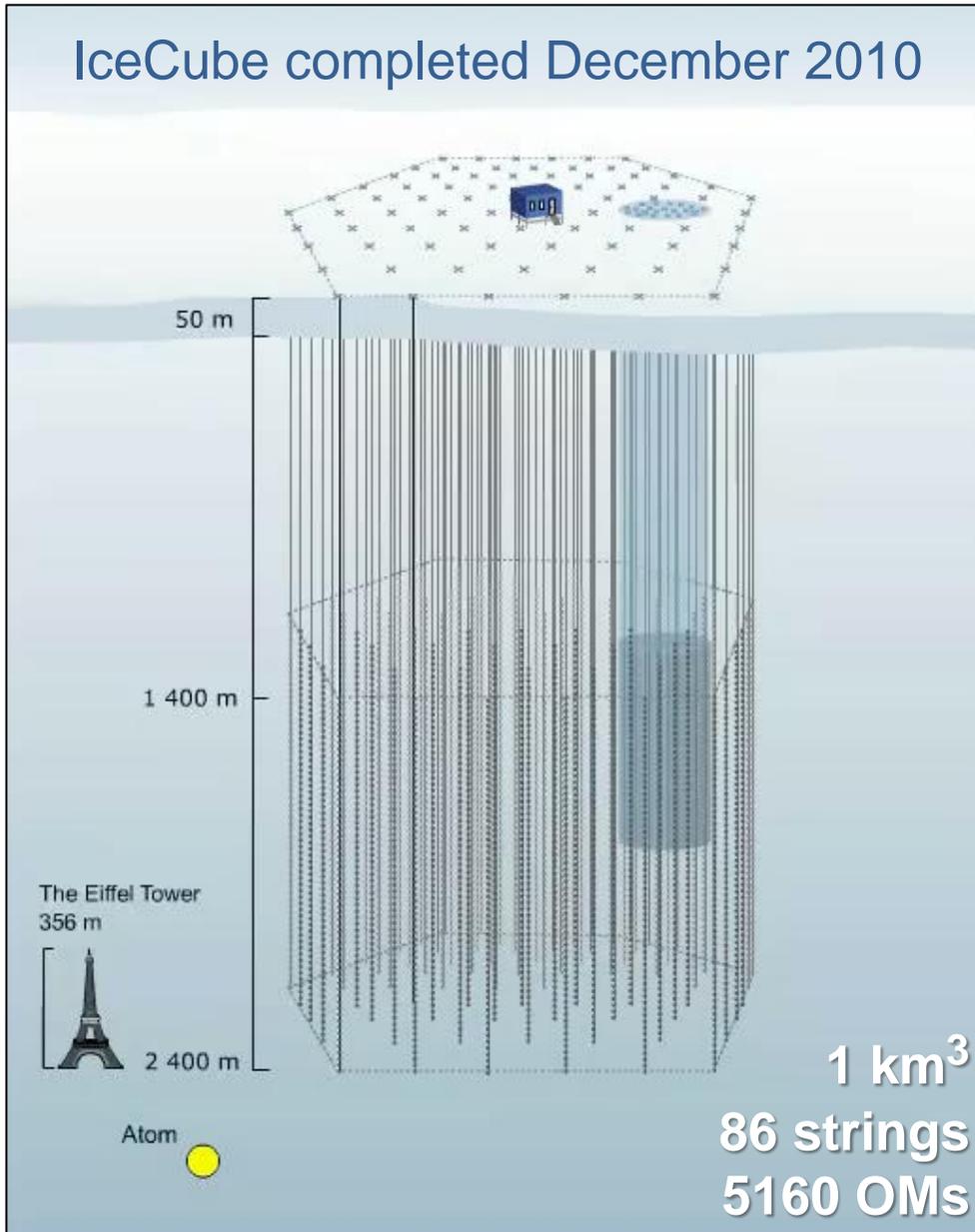
# IceCube (40 & 59 strings) Skymap



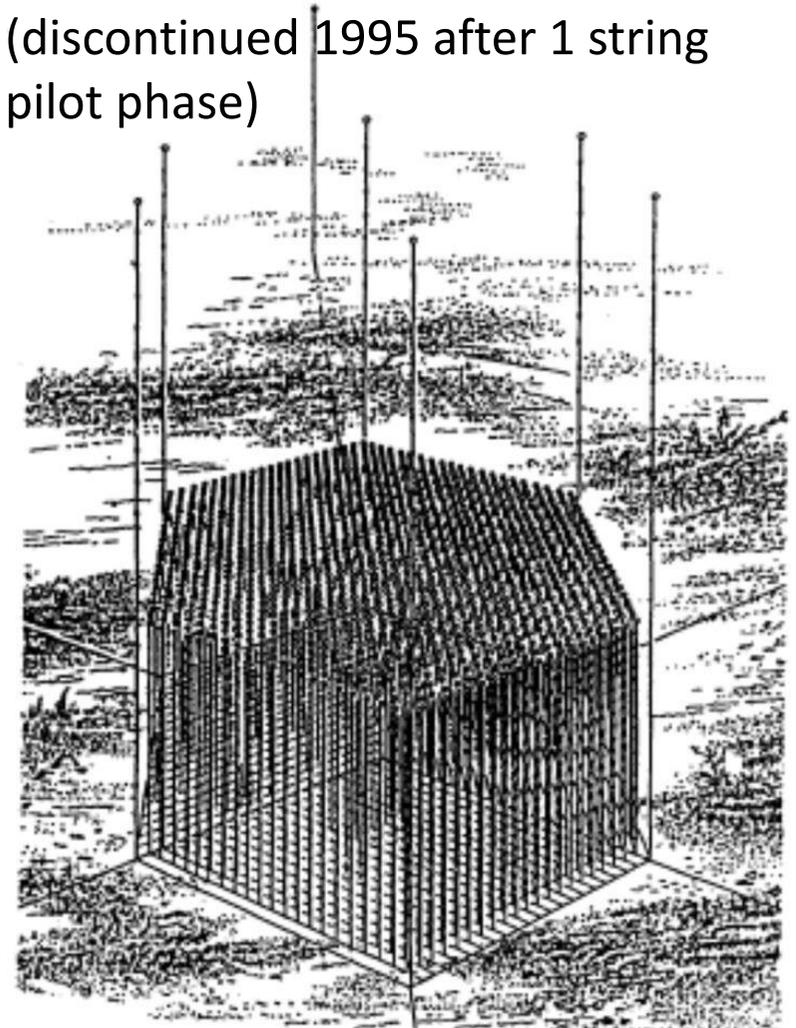
**Total events: 43339 (upgoing) and 64230 (downgoing)**  
**Livetime: 348 days (IC59) and 375 days (IC40)**

# IceCube Neutrino Telescope at the South Pole

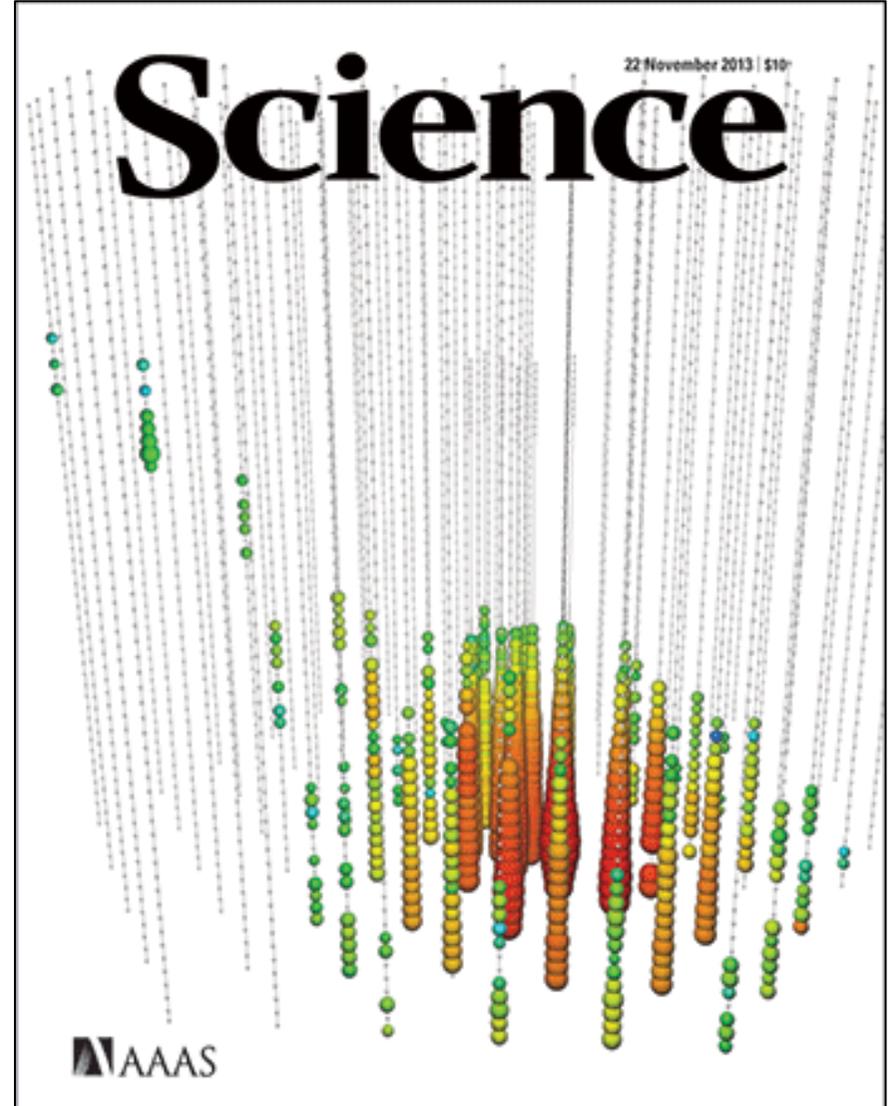
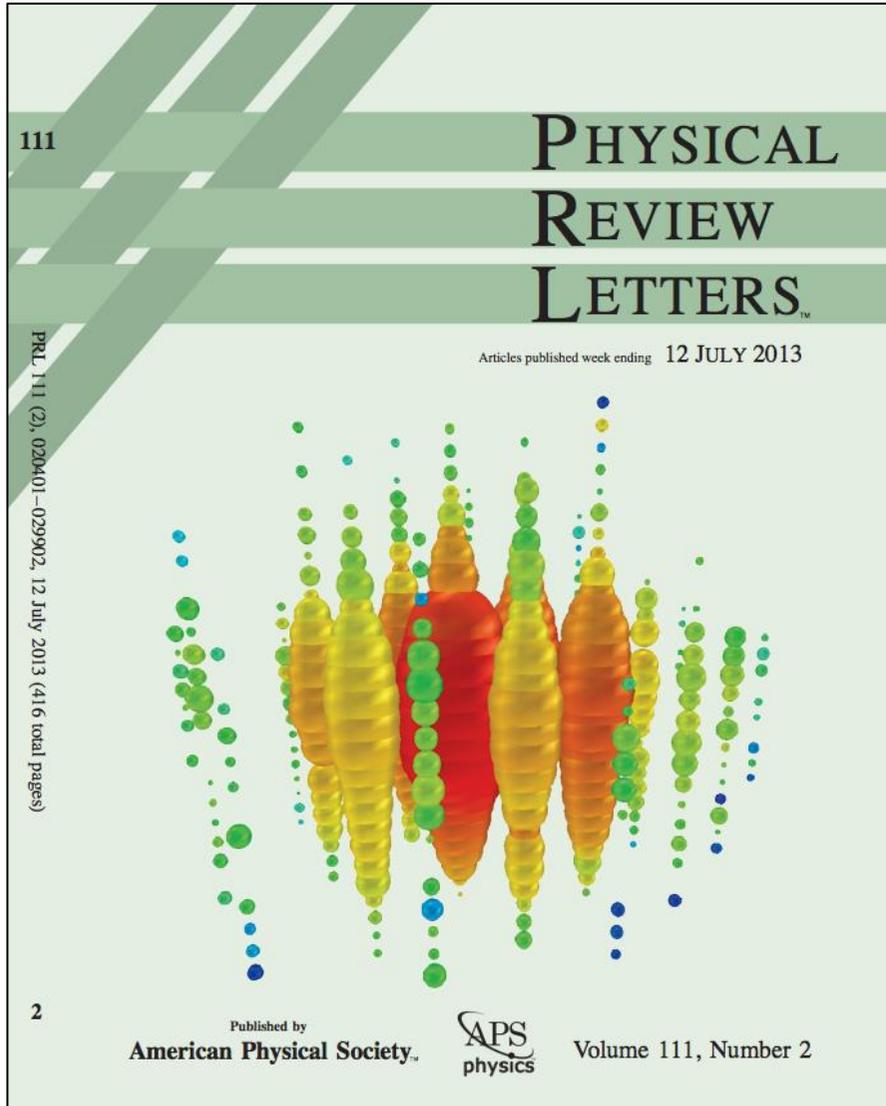
IceCube completed December 2010



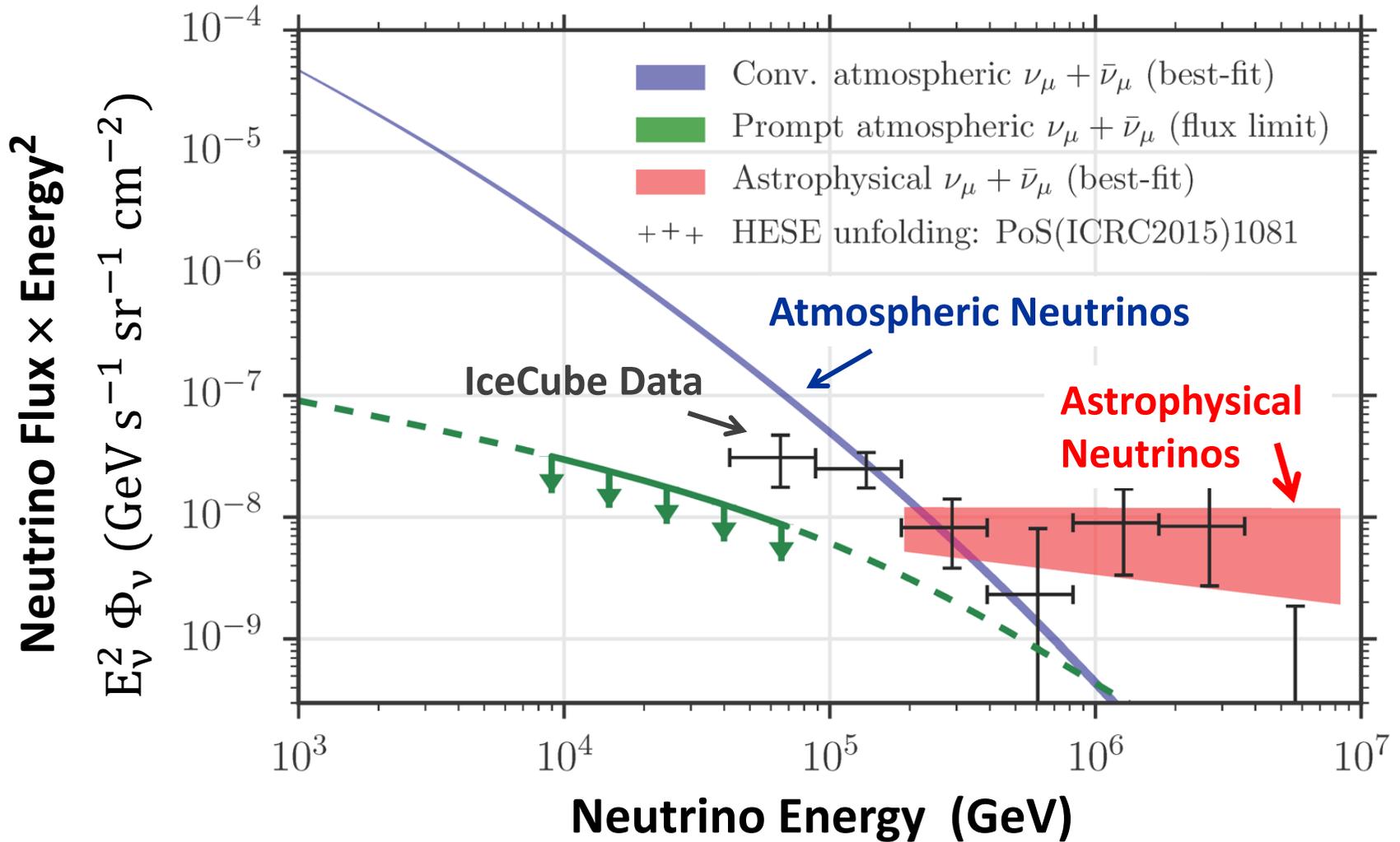
Idea for DUMAND under sea  
Cherenkov detector (1978)  
1.26 km<sup>3</sup>, 22 698 Optical Modules  
(discontinued 1995 after 1 string  
pilot phase)



# Detection of The Year (2013)

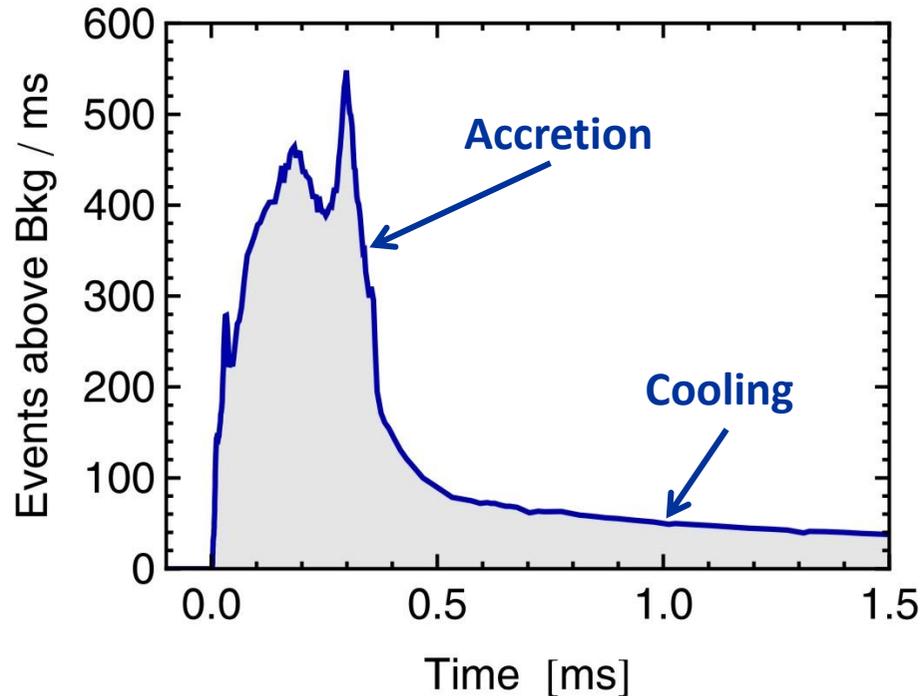
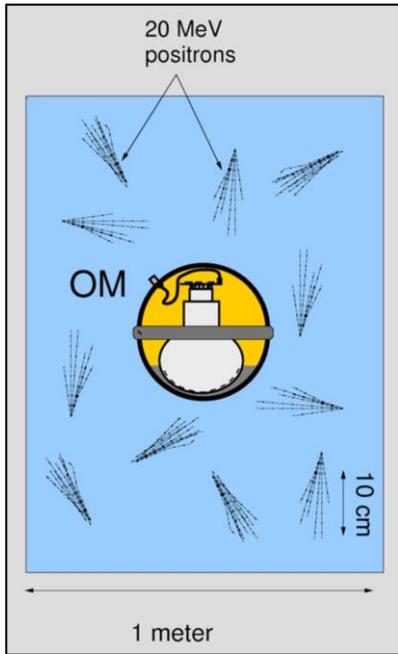


# Diffuse Astrophysical High-Energy Neutrinos



IceCube Collaboration, arXiv:1702.05244

# IceCube as a Supernova Neutrino Detector

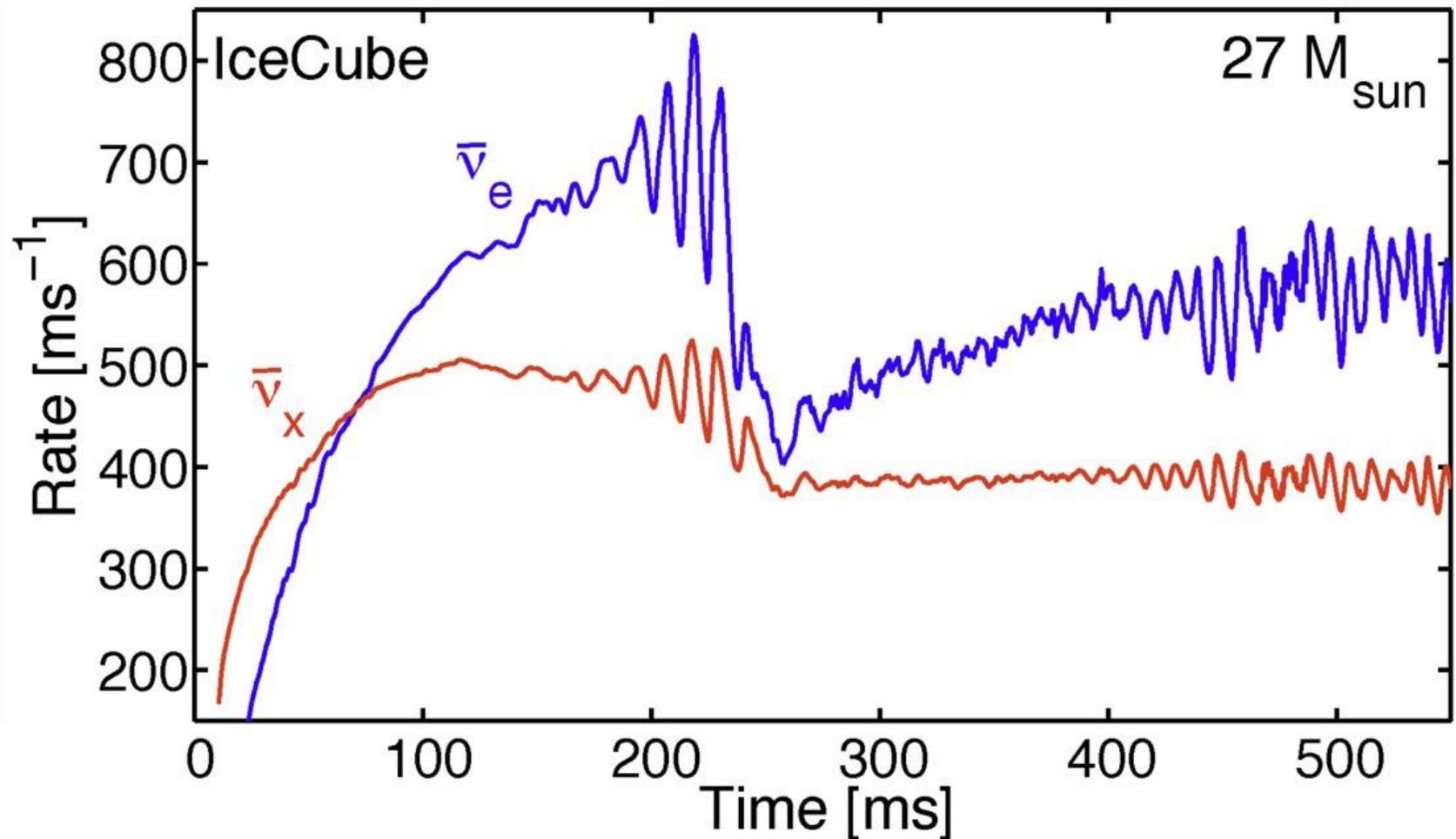


SN signal at 10 kpc  
10.8  $M_{\text{sun}}$  simulation  
of Basel group  
[arXiv:0908.1871]

- Each optical module (OM) picks up Cherenkov light from its neighborhood
- $\sim 300$  Cherenkov photons per OM from SN at 10 kpc, bkgd rate in one OM  $< 300$  Hz
- SN appears as “correlated noise” in  $\sim 5000$  OMs
- Significant energy information from time-correlated hits

Pryor, Roos & Webster, ApJ 329:355, 1988. Halzen, Jacobsen & Zas, astro-ph/9512080.  
Demirörs, Ribordy & Salathe, arXiv:1106.1937.

# SASI Mode in Neutrinos (3D Model)



Tamborra, Hanke, Müller, Janka & Raffelt, arXiv:1307.7936  
See also Lund, Marek, Lunardini, Janka & Raffelt, arXiv:1006.1889



Many large detectors online for next decades

**Every year a 3% chance**

Optimistic to see more supernova neutrinos!

