The Microphysics & Neutrino Signal of Core-Collapse Supernovae

Outline

- SN Theory from a microphysics/neutrino perspective
  - Collapse Phase
  - Neutronization Burst
  - Accretion/Explosion Phase
  - Cooling Phase

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Core Collapse Supernovae

- CCSNe are one of the brightest astrophysical phenomena in the modern universe.

- They are an important site for nucleosynthesis and the mechanism for unbinding elemental products of stellar evolution and spreading them throughout the galaxy. They help trigger star formation, and are the source both neutron stars and black holes.

- Central engine provides an unique and fantastic laboratory for studying high density/temperature and neutron rich conditions. Requires us being able to observe central engine -> Neutrinos!

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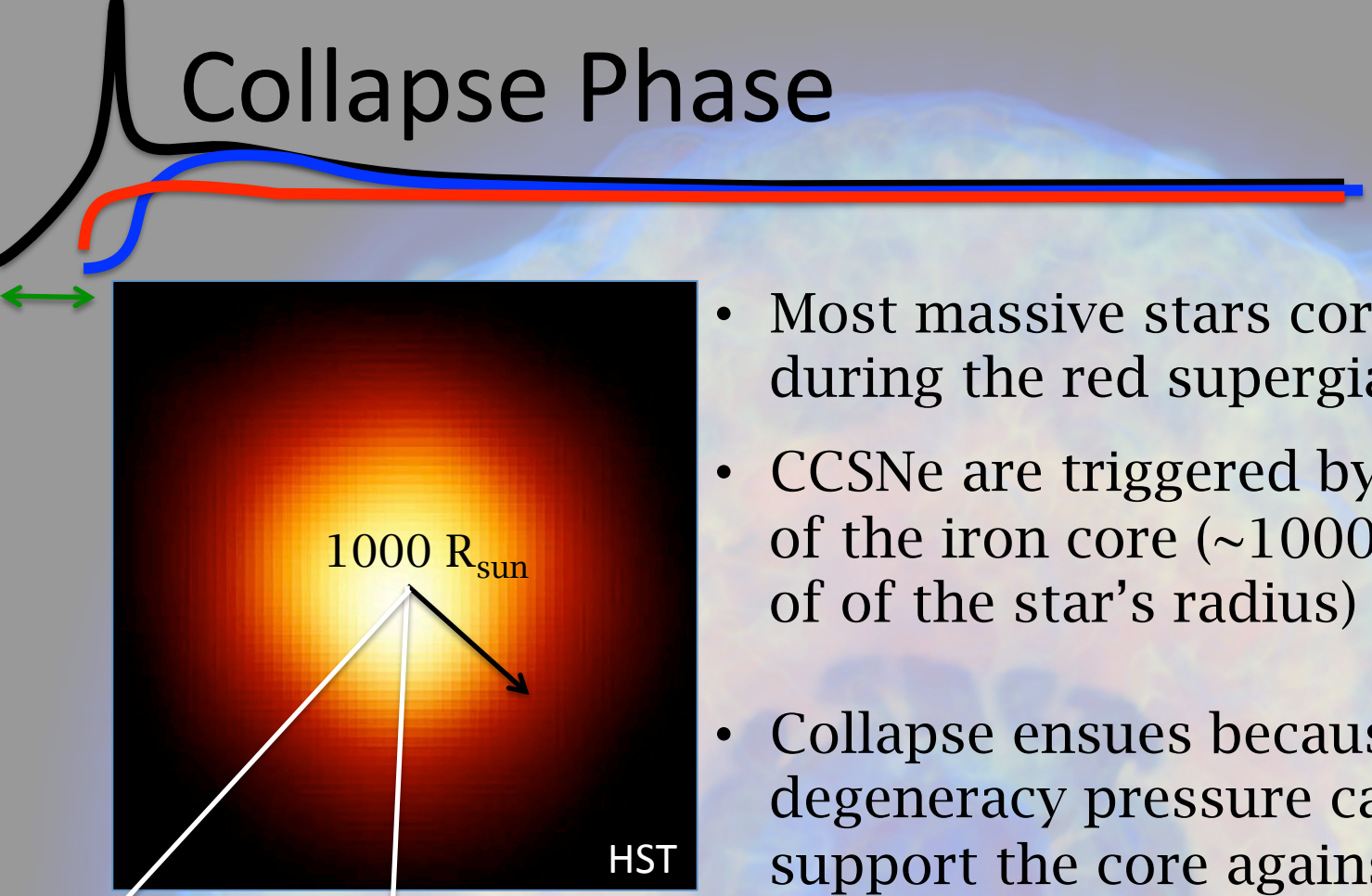

- Most massive stars core collapse during the red supergiant phase
- CCSNe are triggered by the collapse of the iron core (~1000km, or $1/10^6$ of of the star's radius)
- Collapse ensues because electron degeneracy pressure can no longer support the core against gravity

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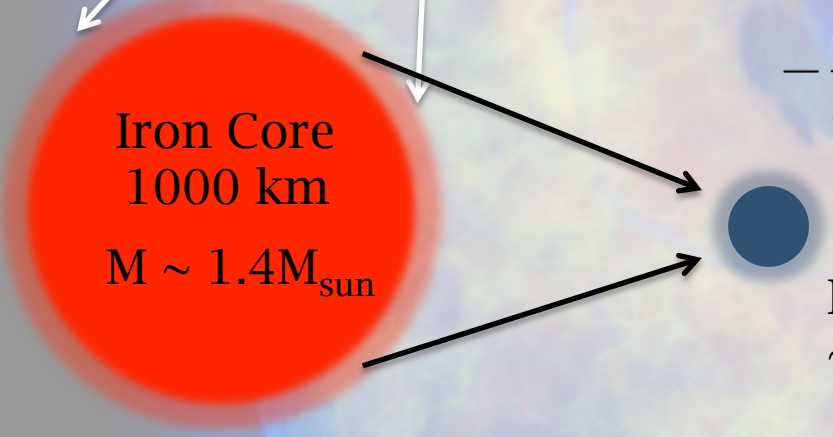
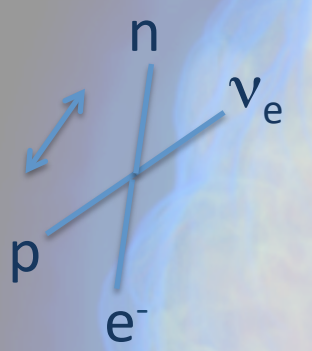


Collapse Phase: Role of Neutrinos

- Emission of neutrinos deleptonizes the core and accelerates collapse
- The emission ultimately sets the final Ye of the core and therefore its mass at bounce



- Charged current processes dominate production
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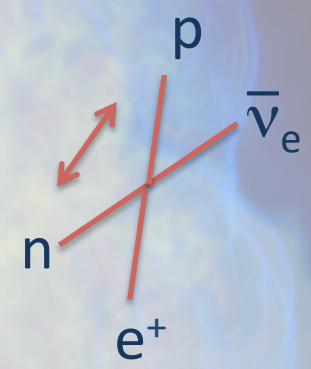

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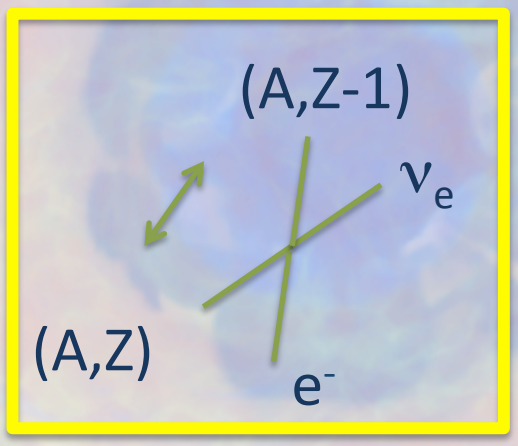

Positron capture on free neutrons. Emissivity is suppressed (by 4 order of magnitude) because positron density is very low due to high electron chemical potential

Electron capture on heavy nuclei. Abundance is very high, cross section is somewhat suppressed because of energetic cost of converting proton to neutron in a nucleus.

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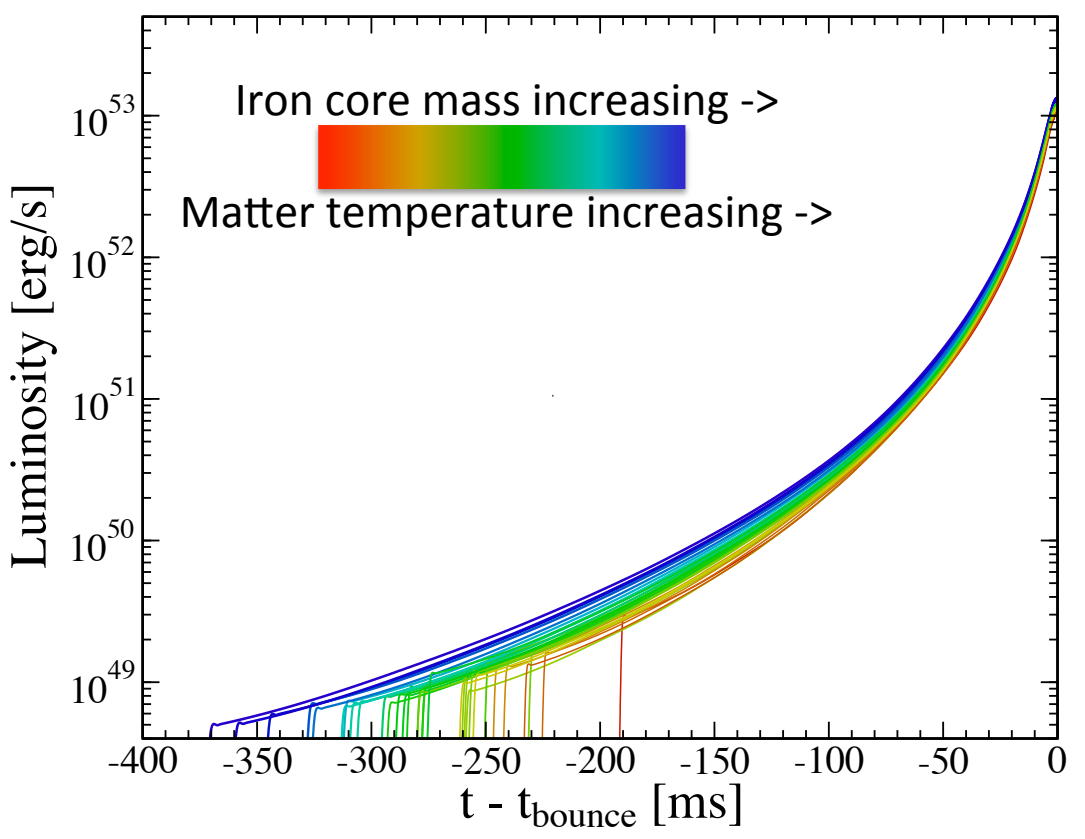

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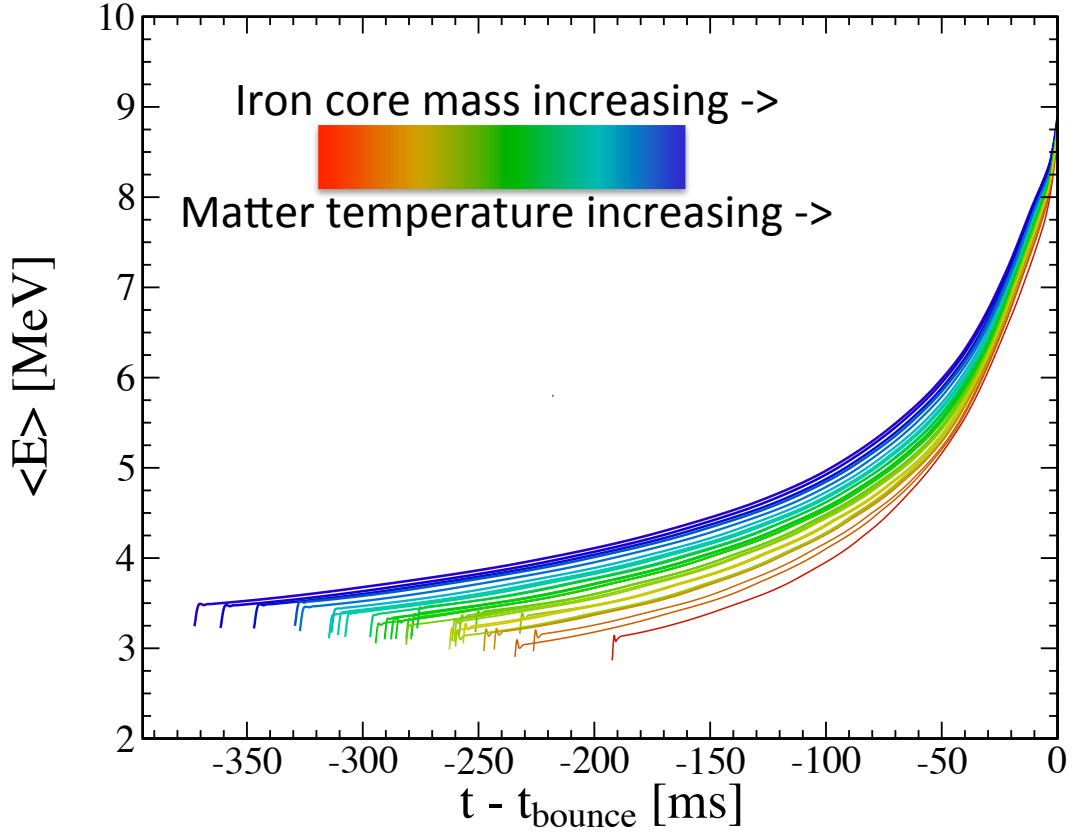

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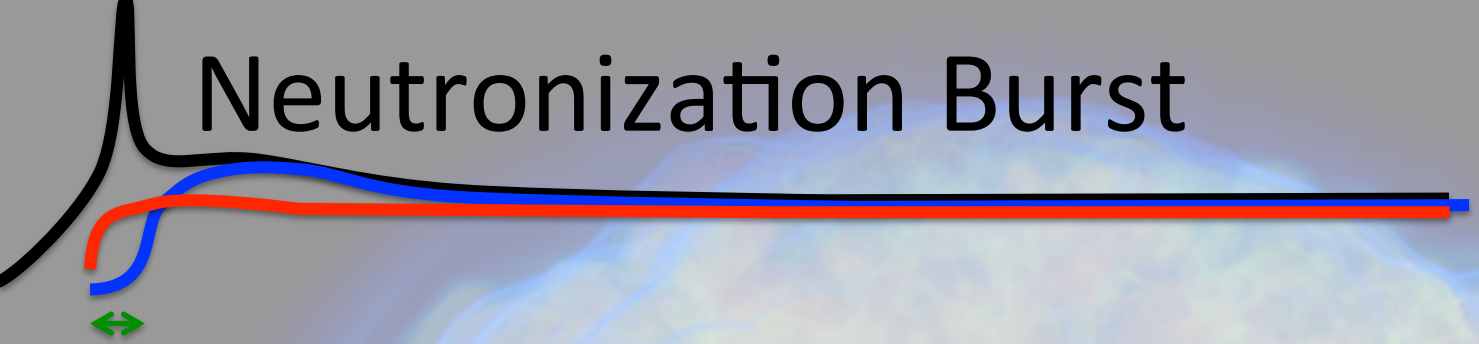
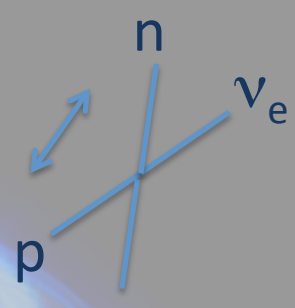
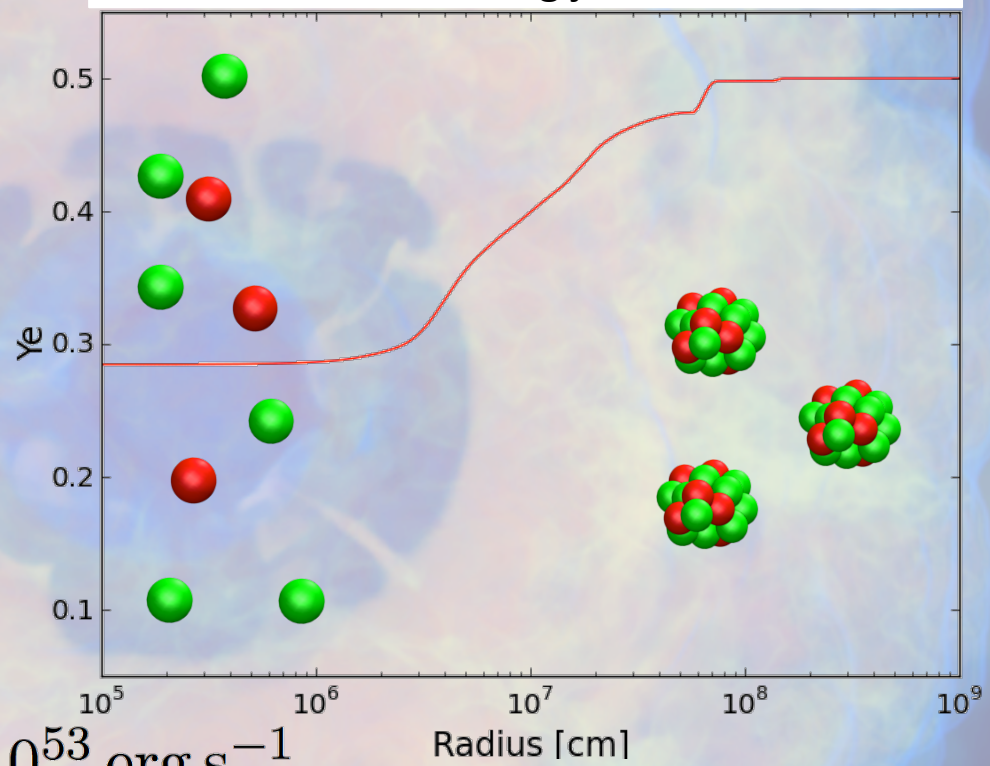




- Recall neutrino processes during collapse phase, e-capture on protons was suppressed because lack of protons, even though the cross section is quite high
- When the matter reaches nuclear density and the supernova shock forms, it liberates the nucleons from the nuclei
- Recently freed protons now rapidly capture electrons, produce ν_e

10ms duration, starting just before bounce



$$\frac{1}{2}\frac{M_\odot}{m_N} \times 0.2 \times \frac{10\,\mathrm{MeV}}{5\,\mathrm{ms}} \sim 4 \times 10^{53}\,\mathrm{erg\,s^{-1}}$$

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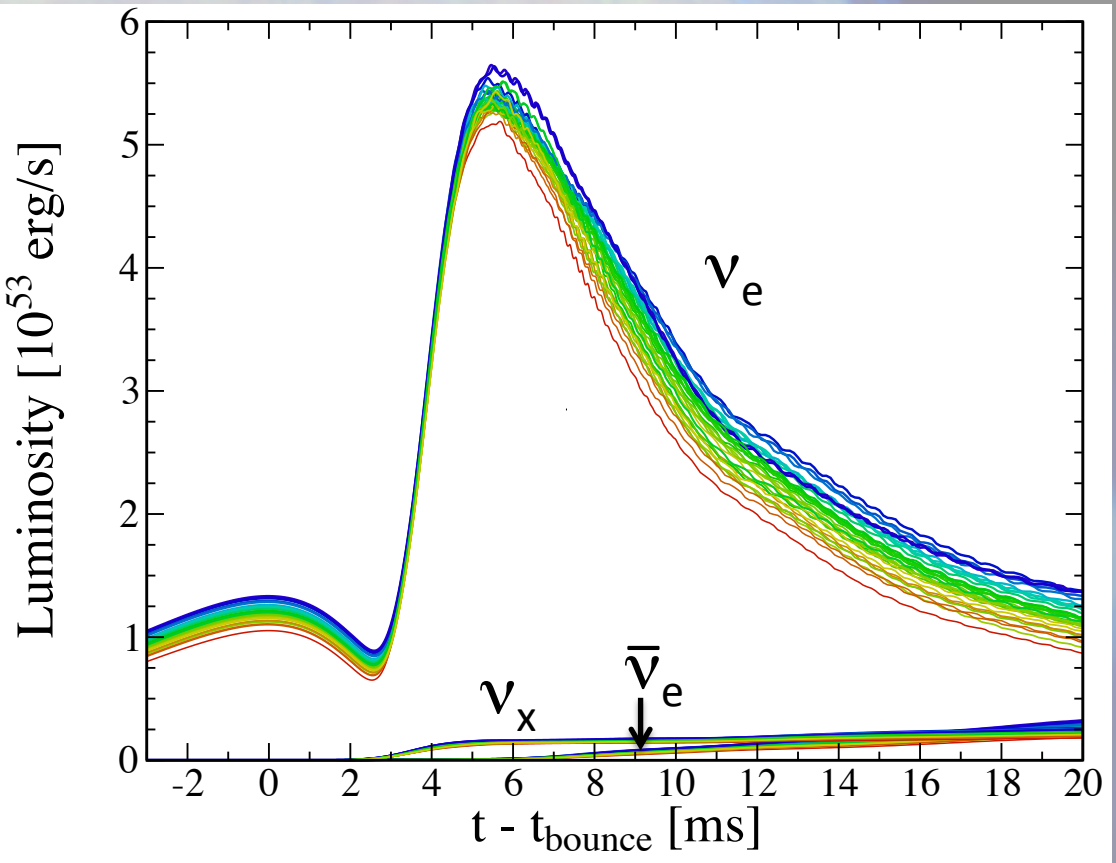

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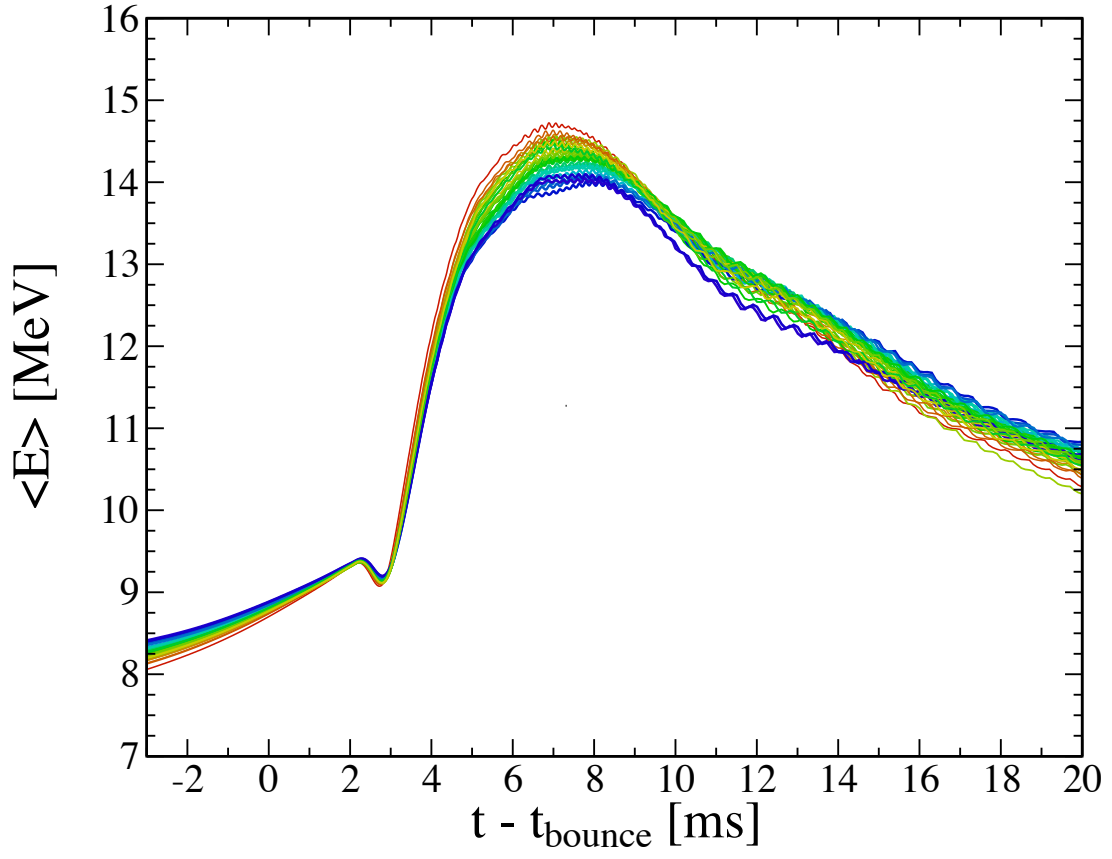

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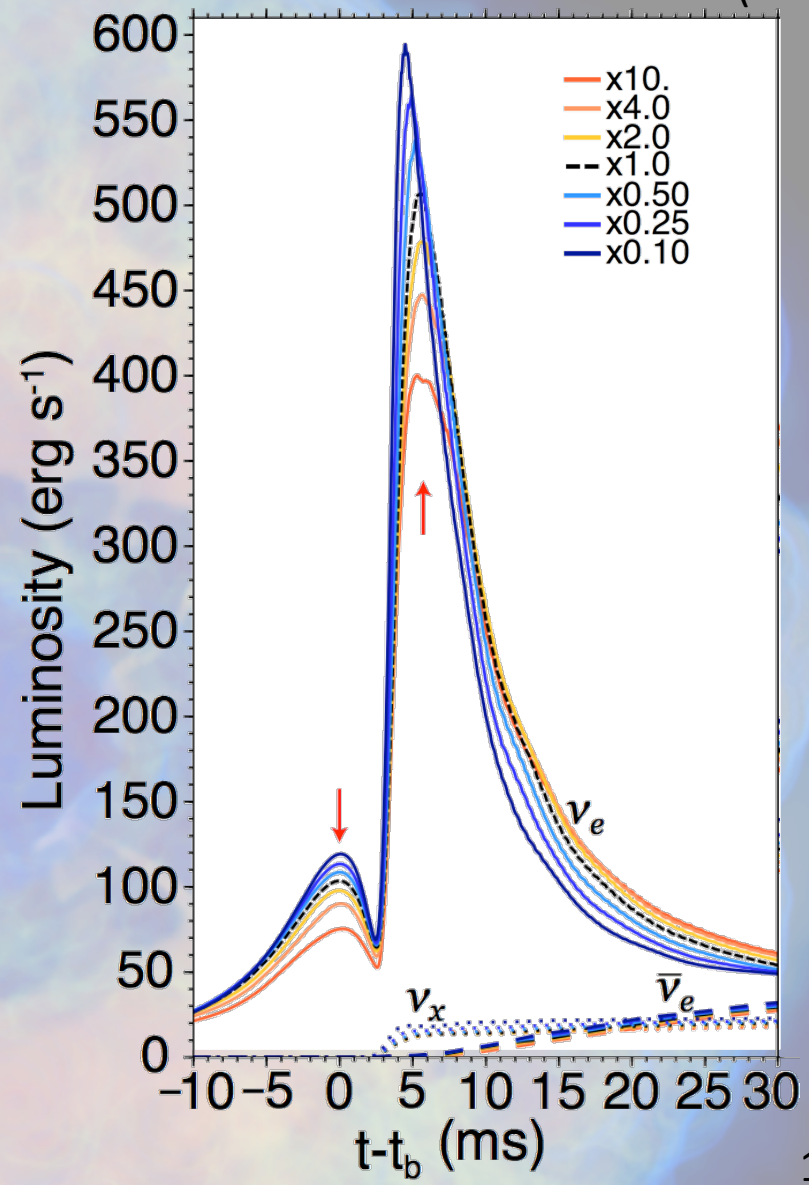
Neutronization Burst

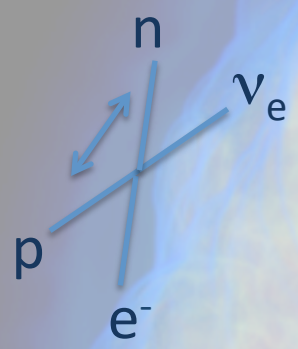
- Other microphysics can alter the neutronization burst
- Variation in electron capture rates during collapse can change the bounce-time structure and alter how fast the neutrinos escape
- Decreased rates give larger inner core at bounce which is pushed out faster -> neutrinos escape faster

Sullivan et al. (2015)



Accretion Phase: Role of Neutrinos

- After the burst, ν_e and anti-ν_e emission is powered by accretion
- Infalling matter is shock heated and then is cooled via neutrino emission



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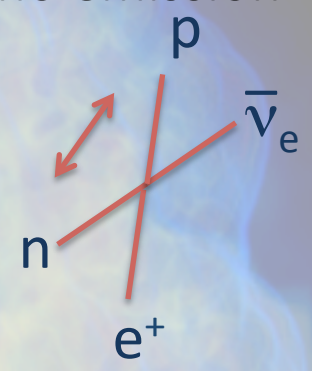
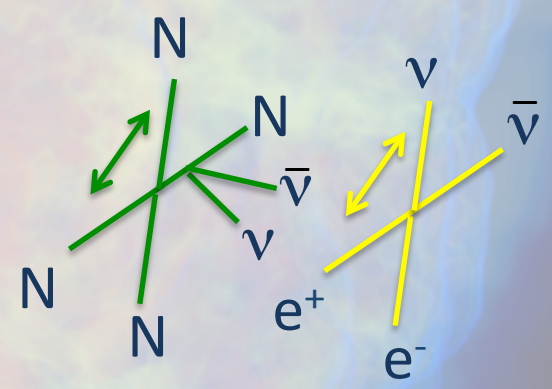


- After ~10-20ms, positron production no longer inhibited, total energy emission

- Thermal emission is dominant production process heavy-lepton neutrino as T is too low for charged-current processes on μ's and τ's



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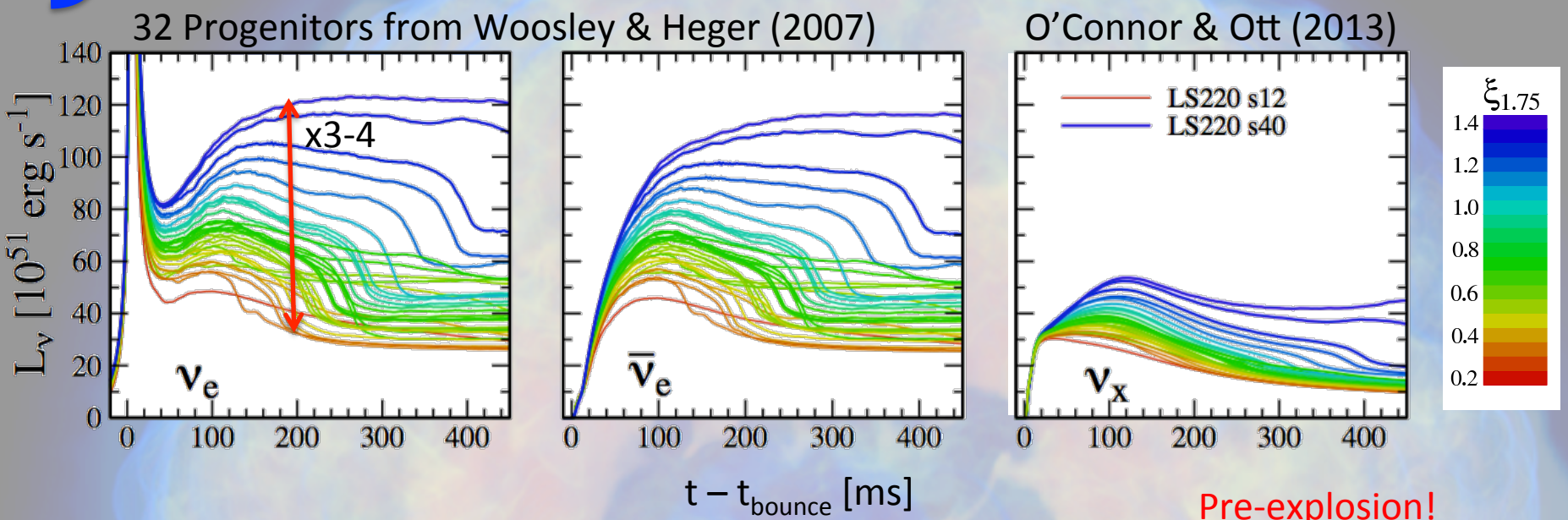

Pre-explosion!

- The accretion phase is first time we see significant progenitor dependence of luminosities
  - High 'compactness' progenitors have higher mass accretion rates -> more gravitational binding energy released -> higher neutrino luminosities

- Most common massive stars generally have low compactness, represented by red lines, rarer, more massive (although not exclusively) stars have higher compactness (blue lines) and higher neutrino luminosities

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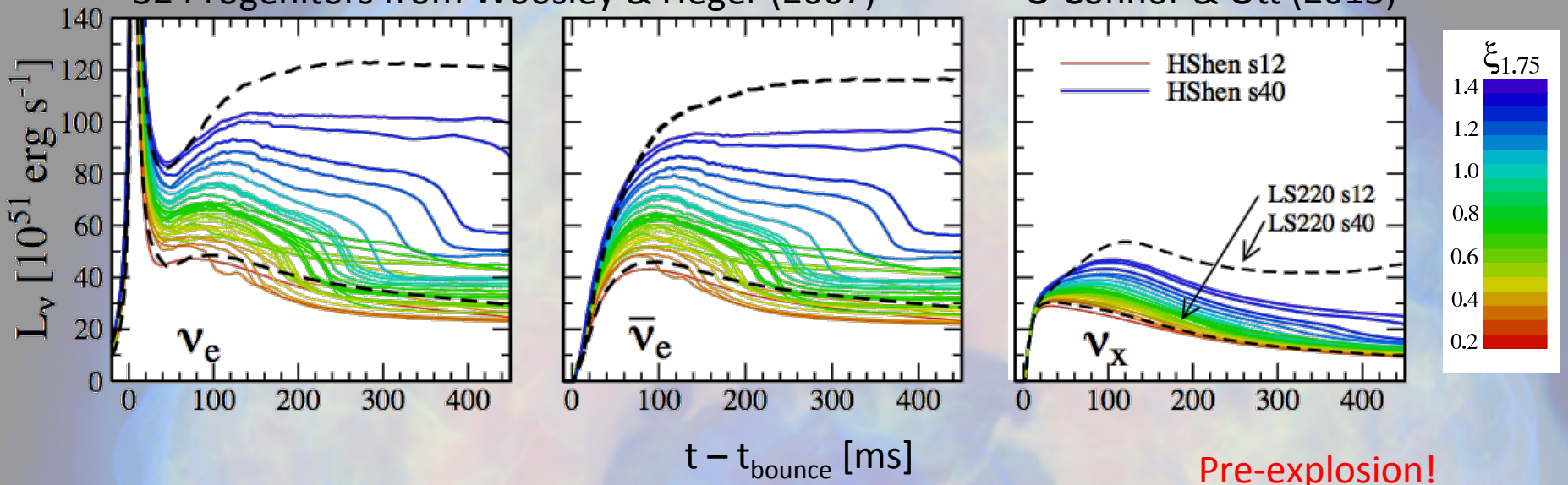

Pre-explosion!

- Different nuclear equations of state give different protoneutron star structures. This results in different gravitational potentials and matter profiles
- Quantitatively effects neutrino luminosity, however the progenitor dependent trend is still present

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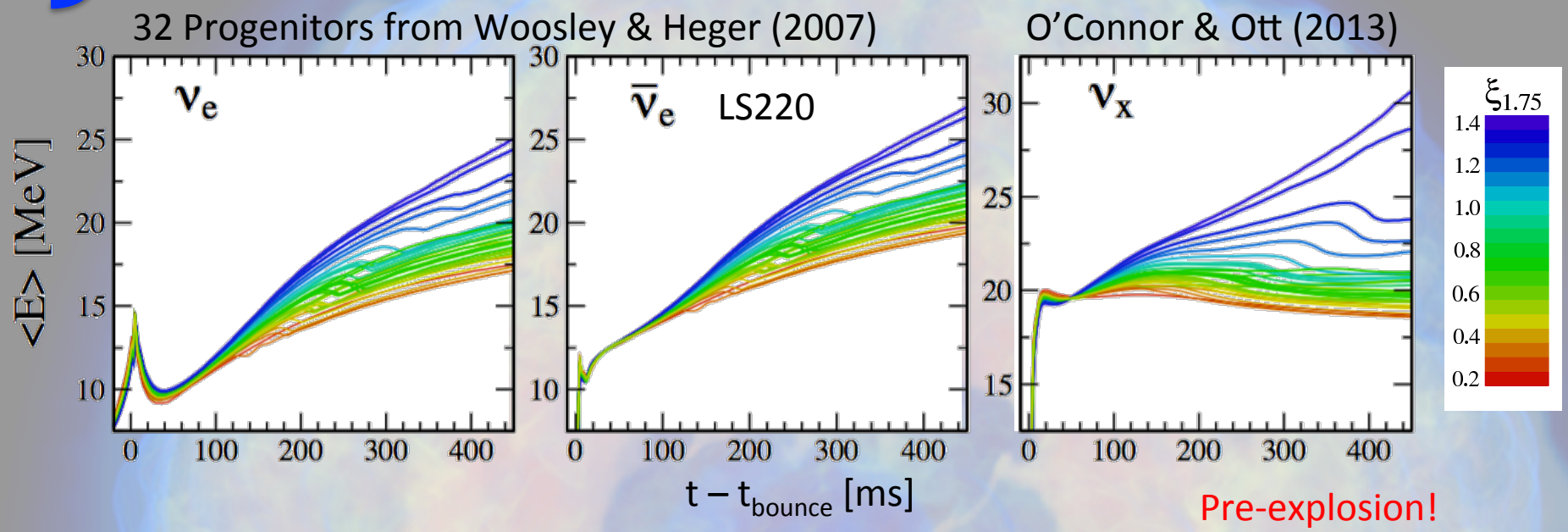

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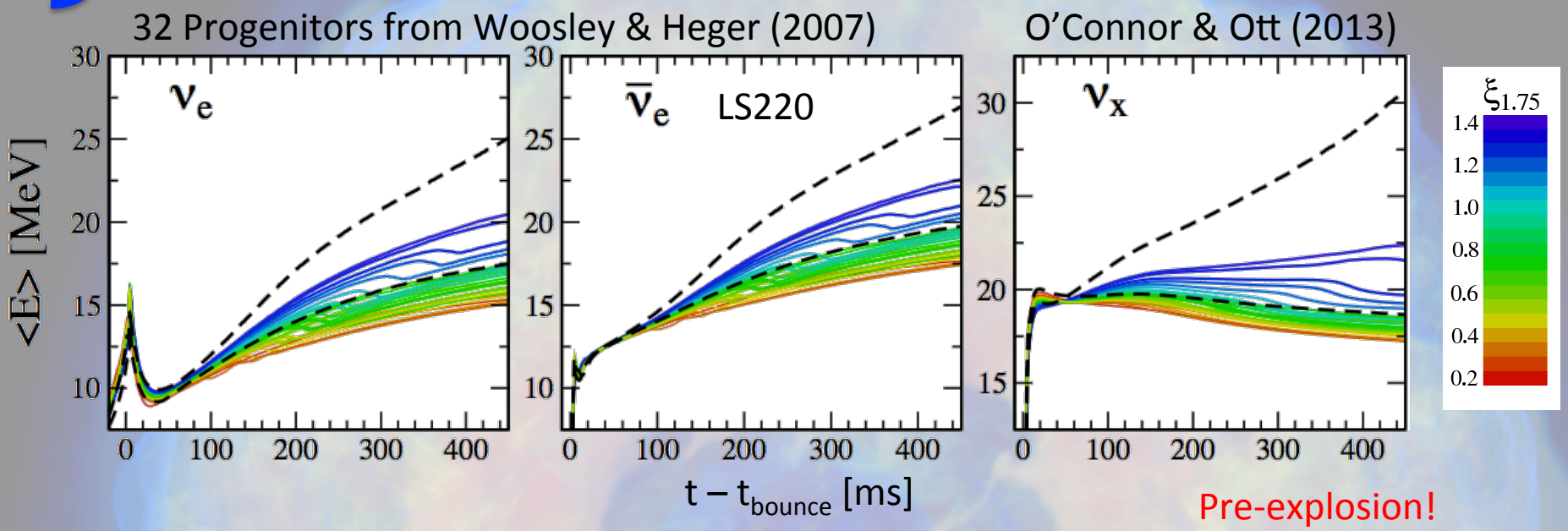

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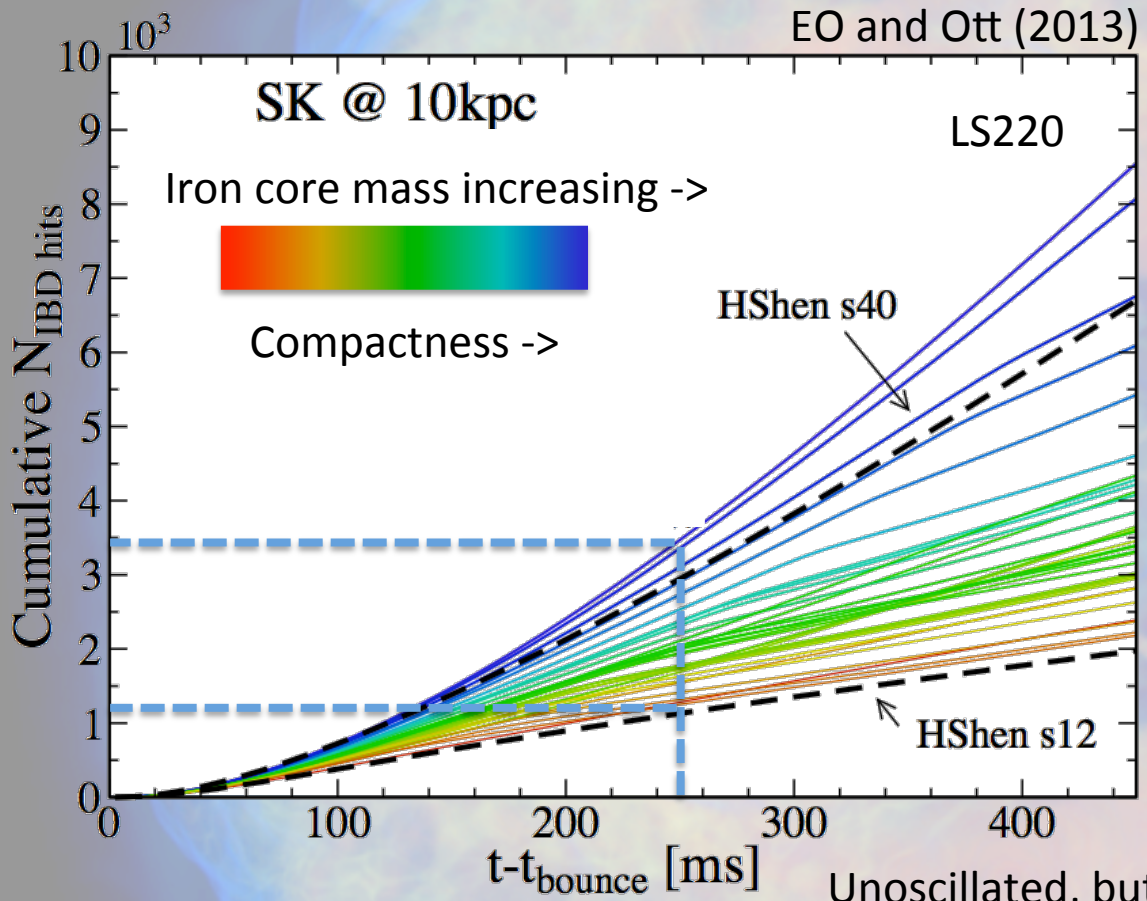
- We use SNOwGLoBES (Beck et al. 2011) to reconstruct the number of interactions in a Super-K-like ν detector for a 10 kpc supernova



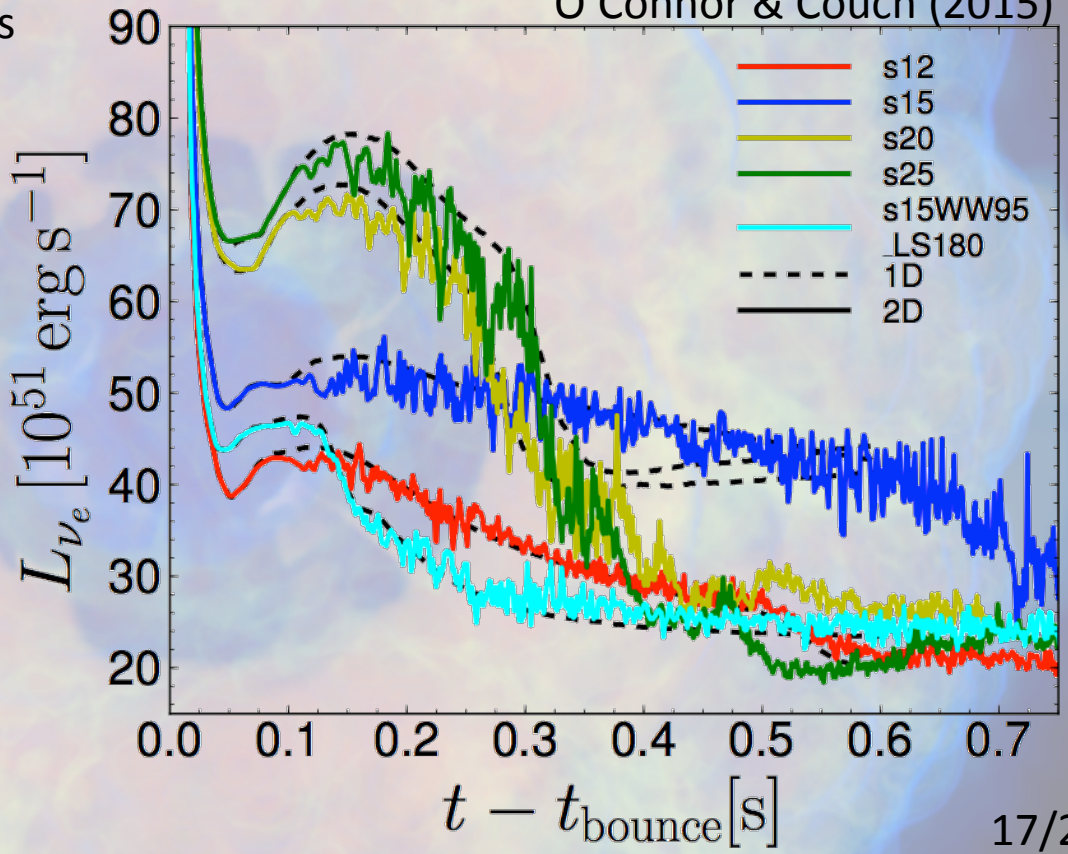
- Higher luminosities give higher interaction rates
- Small EOS dependence
- The early postbounce preexplosion ν signal will tell us information on the structure of the progenitor star!
- Does this carry over to multi-D?

Unoscillated, but ν_x also scales with compactness

Accretion Phase

- If/when an explosion sets in, the accretion onto the central object slows/ceases
- This reduces the amount of gravitational energy that can be released as neutrinos and the accretion component of the neutrino luminosity falls.
- Up until then, the luminosity follows the 1D prediction.
- For detection we often rely on the assumption that no direction is special.
- The ν luminosity is mainly unaffected by some multi-D effects e.g. convection, SASI.
- However, others, like strong rotation and the LESA do impact ν signal

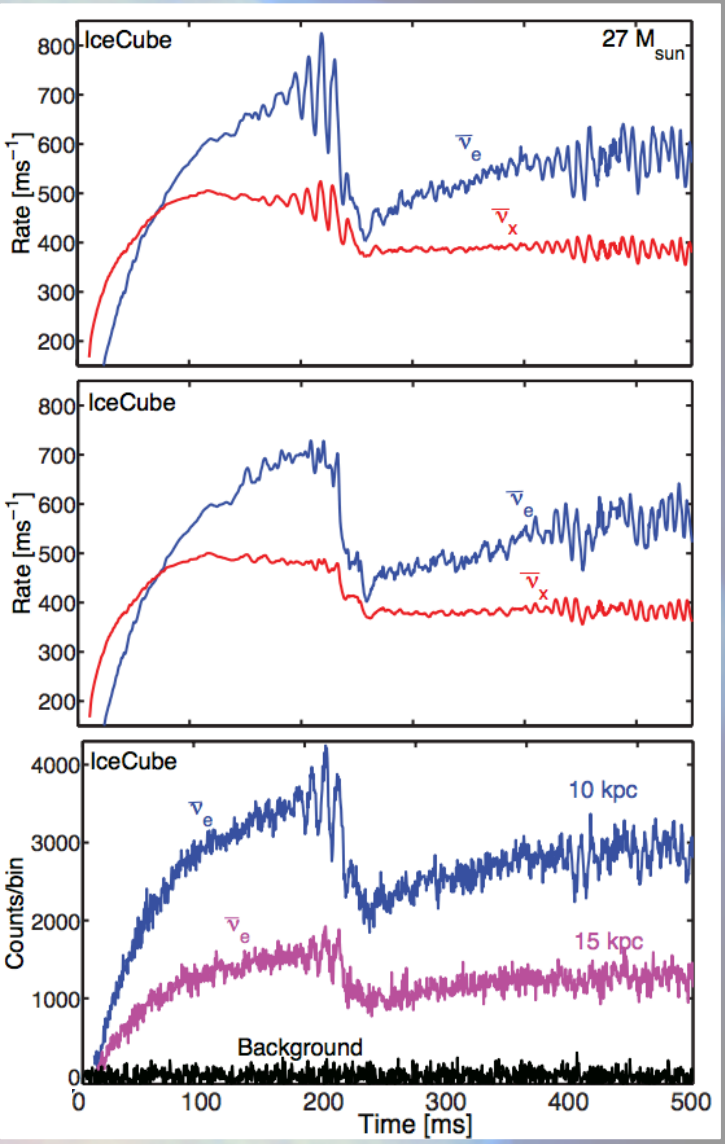
O'Connor & Couch (2015)



Accretion Phase - SASI

Tamborra et al. (2013); Mirizzi et al. (2015)

- SASI – Standing/Stationary Accretion Shock Instability
- Convection and SASI impact signal at lower order, can even be coherent/periodic, but do not systematically shift luminosity/energy
- Observable in HyperK and IceCube, perhaps not Dune



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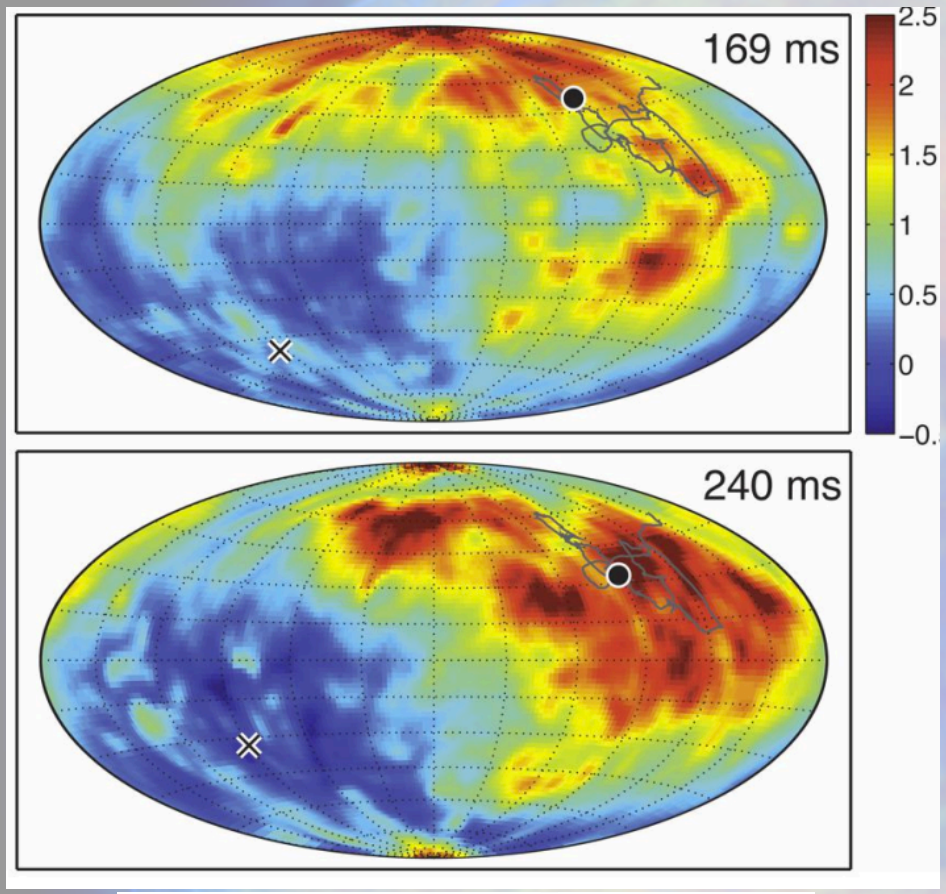

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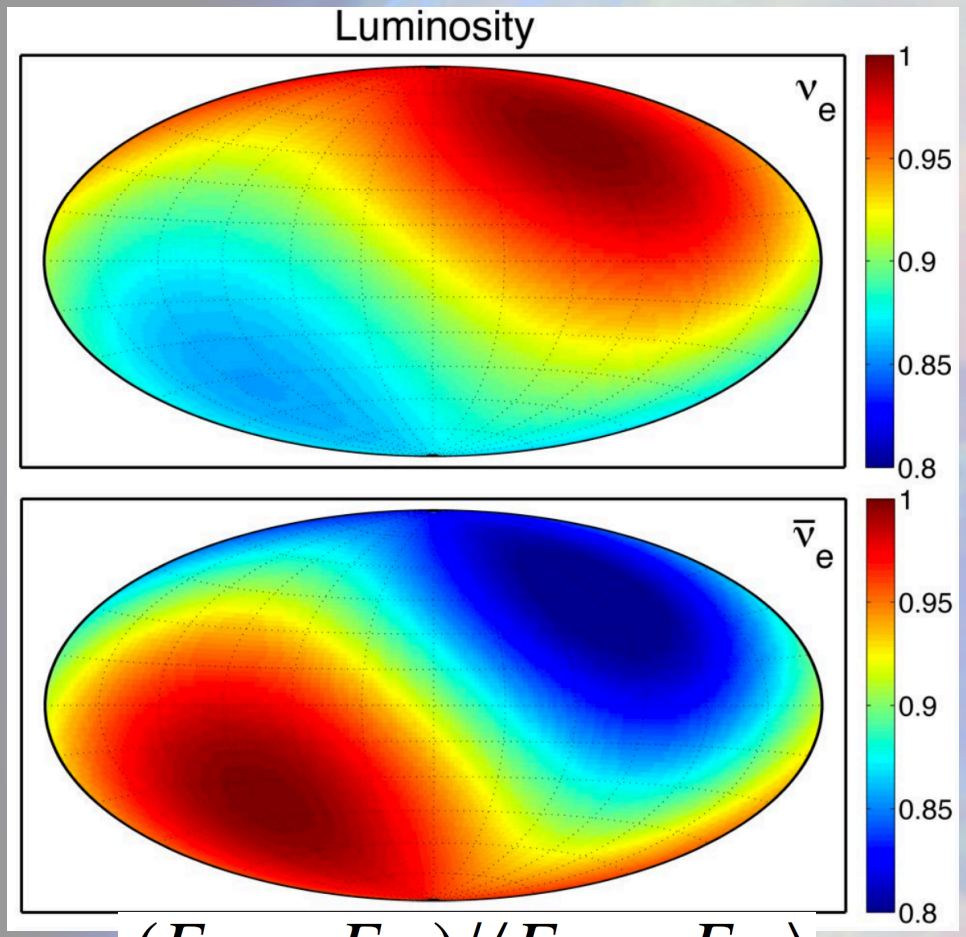

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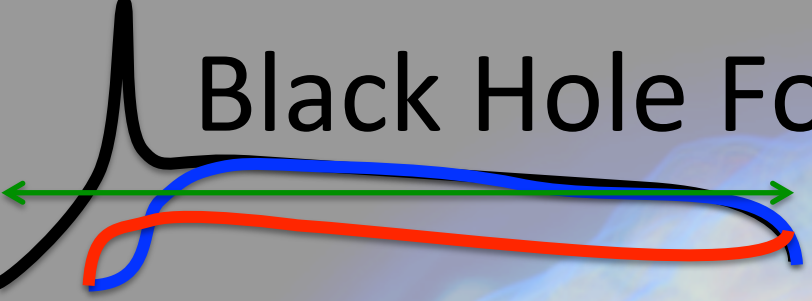

- For many reasons, we may expect a failed supernova rate up to ~30%
- Smoking gun signature is prompt shutoff of neutrinos
- Give detailed information regarding progenitor and nuclear EOS

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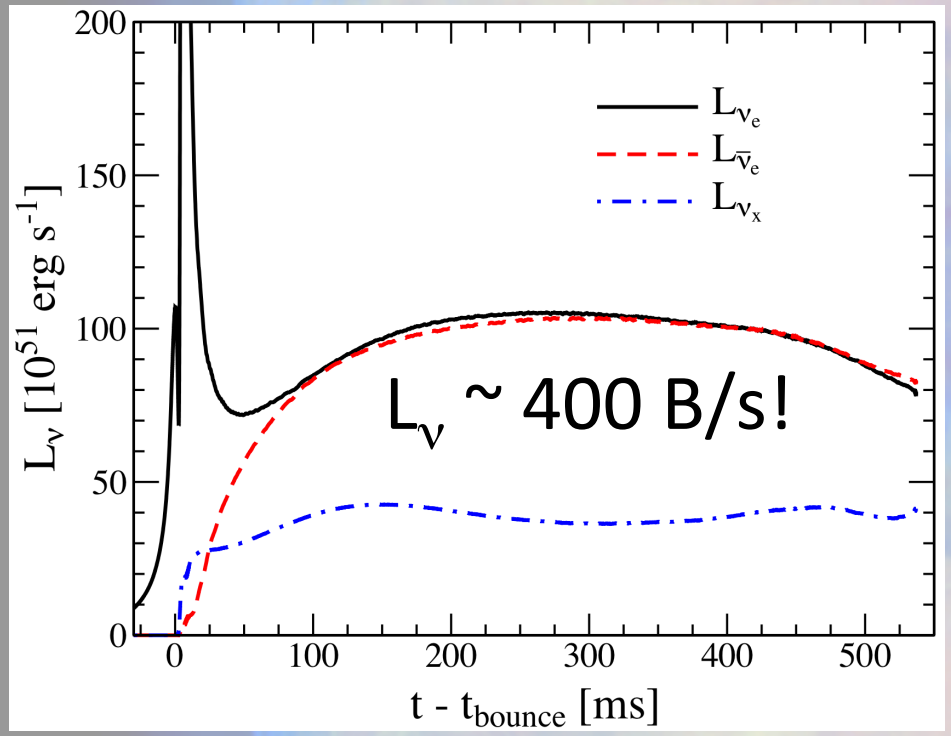

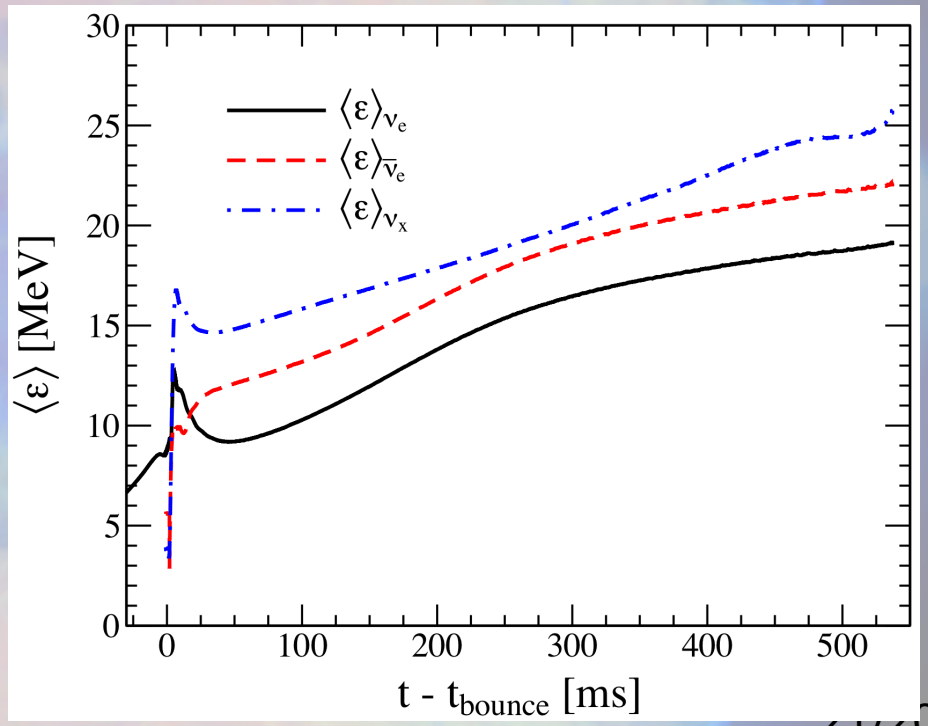

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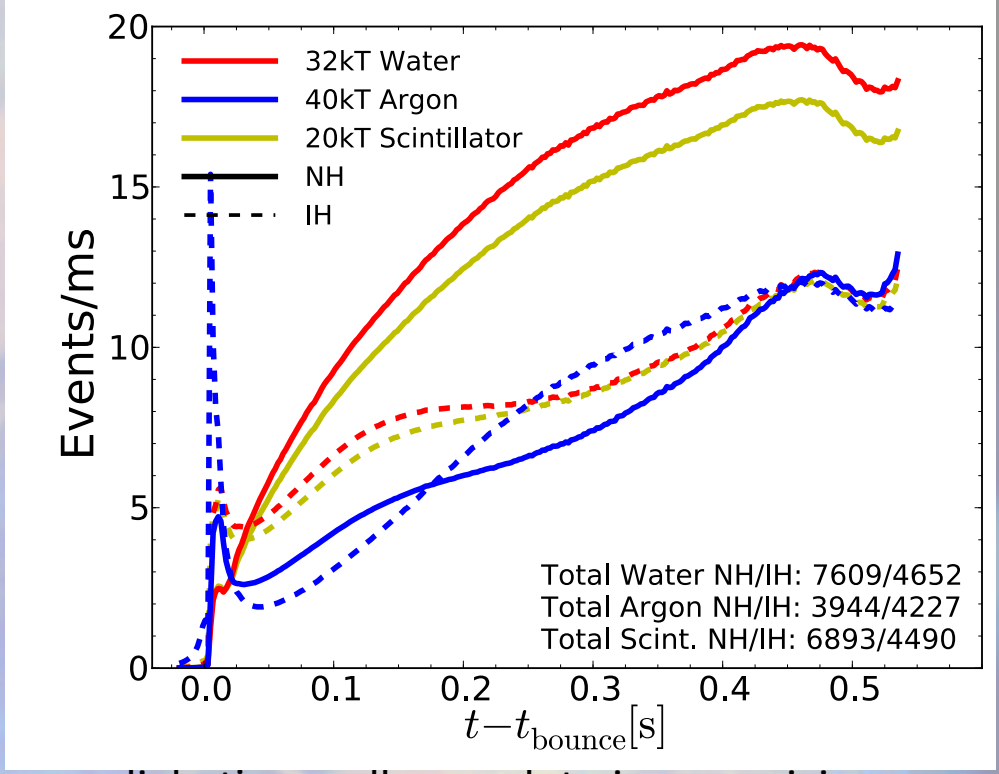
- Neutrino response in water, Liquid Argon, Scintillator with SNOwGLoBES

  - 10 kpc
  - Ignores collective oscillations
  - Includes all SNOwGLoBES channels
  - Dominated by:
    - Water: Inverse β decay
    - Argon: ν_e capture on ^{40}Ar
    - Scint: Inverse β decay
  - No shocks at resonances



θ_{13} large enough to make MSW resonances adiabatic, small enough to ignore mixing

Dighe & Smirnov (2000)

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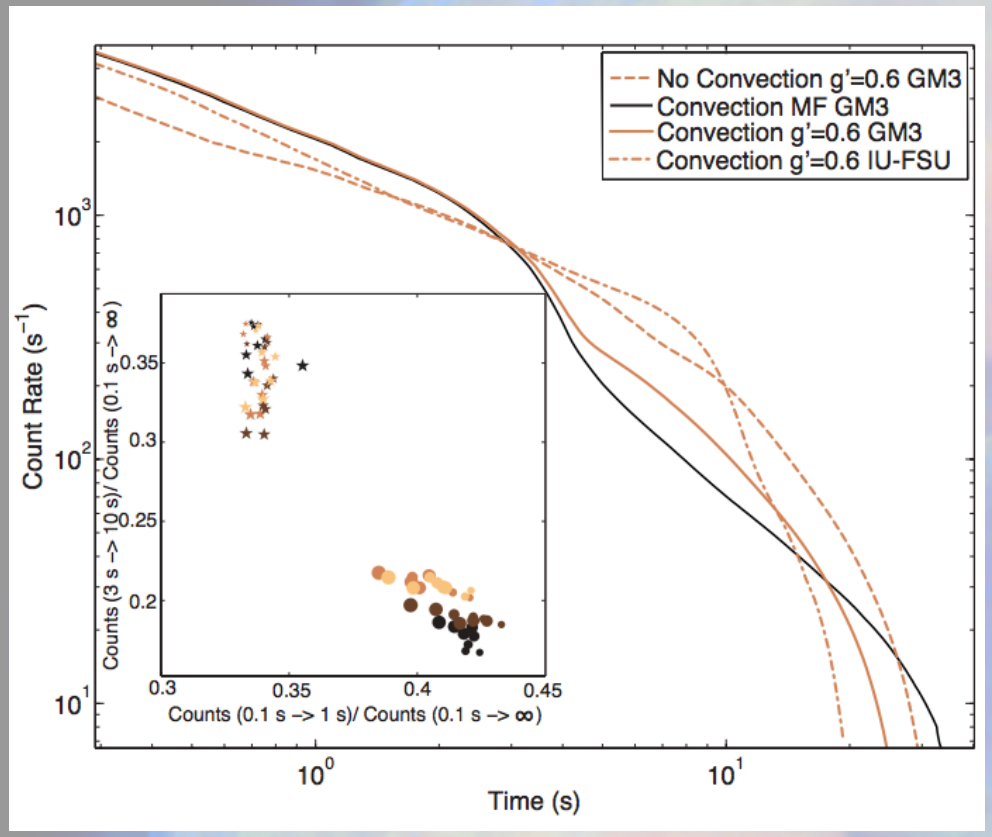

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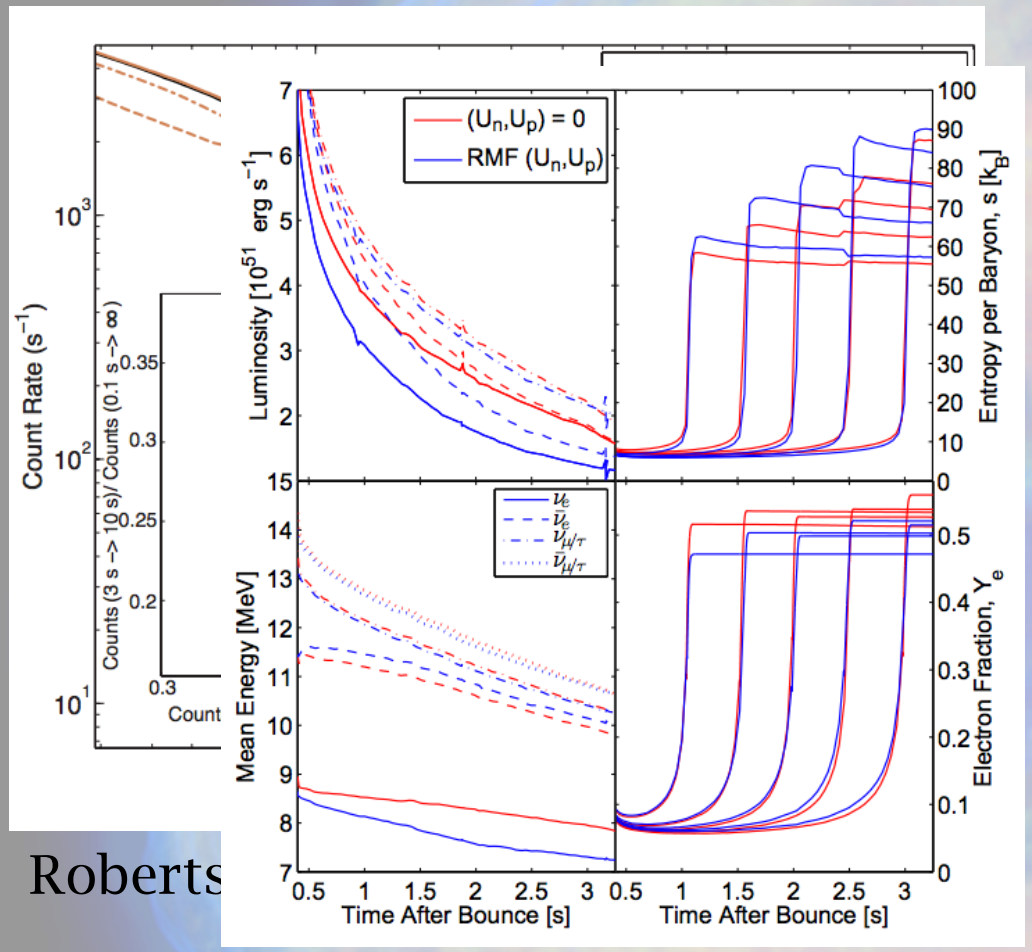

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Summary

- Neutrinos enable us to study the central engine of core-collapse supernovae like no other probe can.
- Since they help drive the evolution of the central engine, neutrinos can relay information on the structure, dynamics, nuclear physics.
- Each species carries important and complementary info so we need to measure them all!