

# Magnetic Field Effects on Neutrino Oscillation in Supernovas

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# Neutrinos

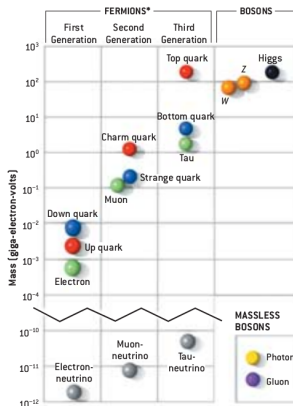


Figure: Mass spectrum of particles of the SM

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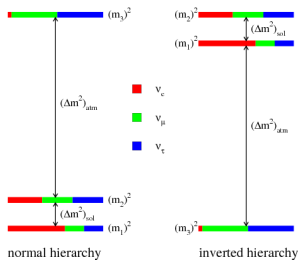


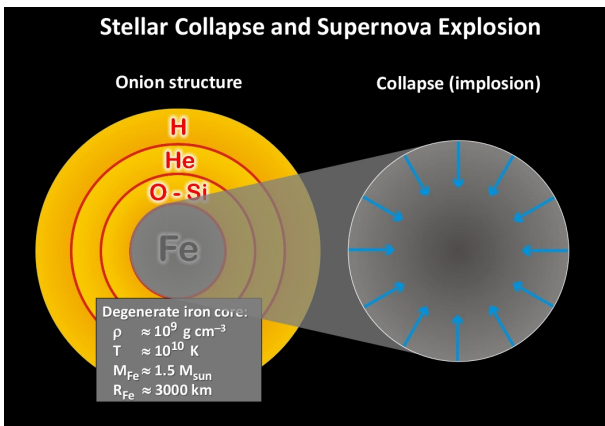
Figure: Flavour composition of mass eigenstates

$$\bar{\nu}_\mu = U_{\mu 1} \bar{\nu}_1 + U_{\mu 2} \bar{\nu}_2 + U_{\mu 3} \bar{\nu}_3$$

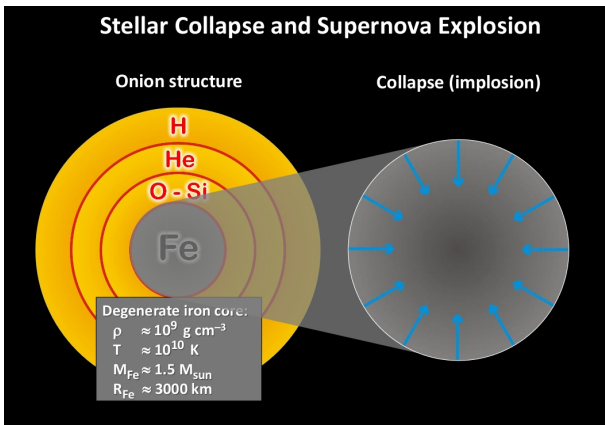
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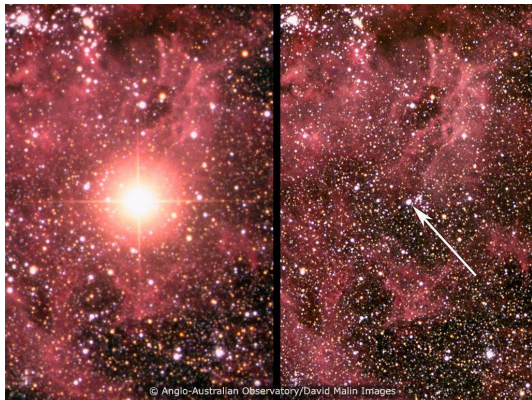


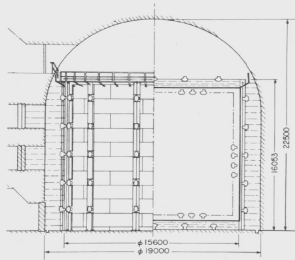
Figure: SN 1987 A



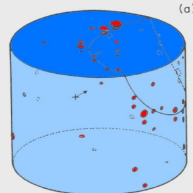
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## SN 1987A Event No.9 in Kamiokande

Kamiokande Detector



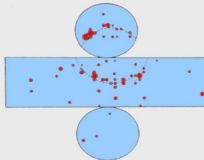
Hirata et al., PRD 38 (1988) 448



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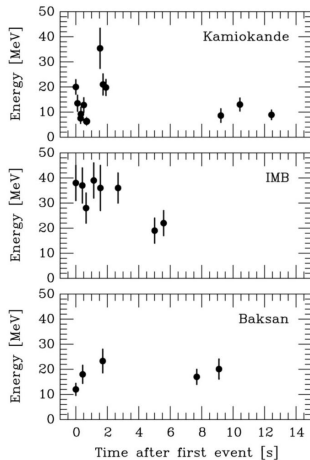


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- $H_{matter} = \sqrt{2} G_F n_e \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$

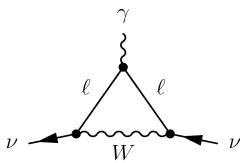
- $H_{self} = \sqrt{2} G_F \int d^3 p' (1 - \mathbf{p} \cdot \mathbf{p}') (\rho_{\mathbf{p}'} - \bar{\rho}_{\mathbf{p}'})$

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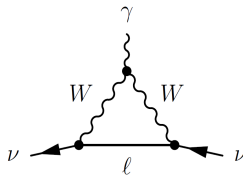
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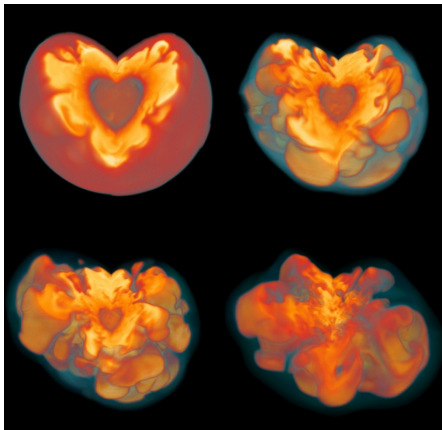
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Dirac spinor	Majorana spinor ( $\nu_R = \nu_L^C$ )
$\nu = \begin{pmatrix} \chi_L \\ \chi_R \end{pmatrix}$	$\nu = \begin{pmatrix} \chi_L \\ \chi_L^C \end{pmatrix}$
$\mu_{ij}$	$\mu_{i,j} \ (i \neq j)$
<b>Active <math>\rightleftharpoons</math> sterile neutrino</b>	<b>Neutrino <math>\rightleftharpoons</math> antineutrino</b>
$\mu_D = 10^{-19} \mu_B$	$\mu_M = 10^{-24} \mu_B$

## Supernova core collapse (arXiv:astro-ph/0601261)



**Figure:** Supernova Core. From top left to bottom right: structure at 0.1, 0.2, 0.3, and 0.5 seconds after the shock is born. The shock has an average radius of about 200, 300, 500, and 2,000 kilometers, respectively

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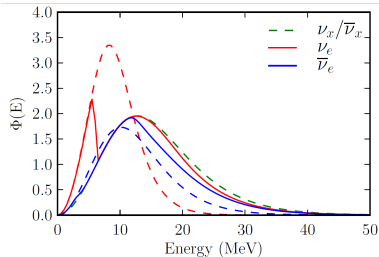
## Neutrino density matrix: a generalization

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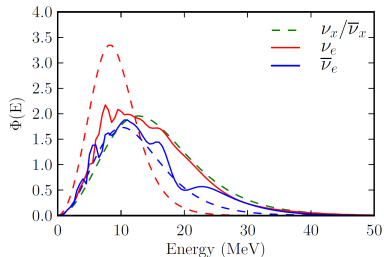
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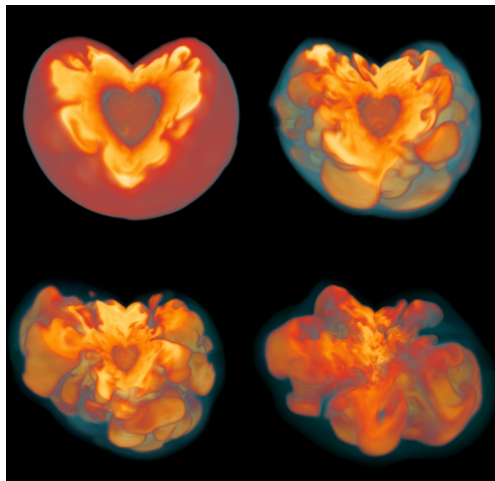
(b)  $\mu_B$  effects included

## Anisotropy as spin coherence inducer

### ► Weak interaction spin flip transitions

- Also introduces  $\sigma_{ij} = \langle b_j^\dagger(p) a_i(p') \rangle$
- The effects are suppressed by a factor  $(\frac{m_\nu}{E}) \simeq 10^{-8}$
- However, due to nonlinear feedback effects, they might have an non negligible impact in the final result

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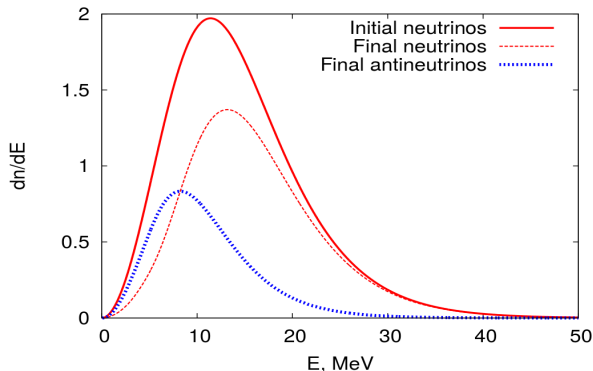
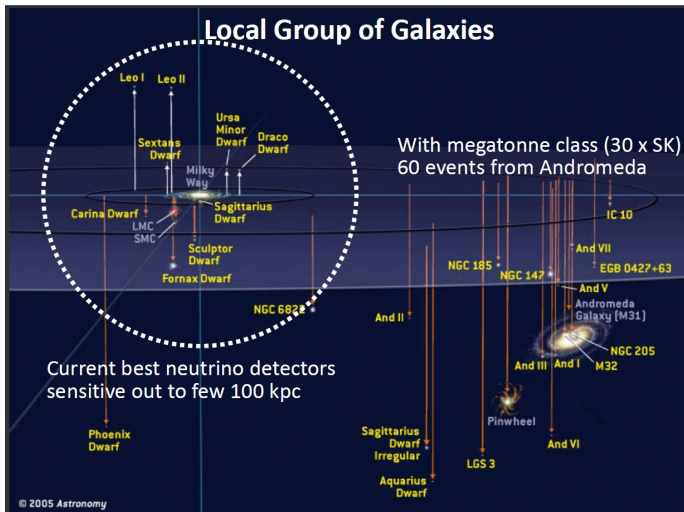


Figure: arXiv:1406.6724 (25 June 2014)

## Next SN event?



# Conclusions

- Supernovas are the perfect neutrino laboratories.
- Effects initially neglected (  $\mu_B$ , Spin-flip transitions, wave packet decoherence, non stationary solutions...) might have a strong impact
  - Are we using the right equations?
  - Collective neutrino oscillations theory must be re-examined
    - ▶ The new models have to be tested numerically
  - We should be prepared for the next SN!



Thank you for your attention