





#### The <u>SuperNova Early Warning System</u> in the age of Multi-Messenger Astronomy

of Exploding Stars, Weakly-Interacting Particles, and Being Prepared



Alec Habig, Univ. of Minnesota Duluth



#### Supernovae





HST photo by High-Z SN Search Team Nearby SNIa in NGC 4526

- Stars blowing themselves entirely apart
- Type I
  - No H lines in the spectra
  - la (white dwarf nuclear deflagration) most common sort
- Type II
  - H spectral lines
  - Core collapse of massive stars at end of life
- Divided roughly equally
  - Plus several oddball hybrid classes



#### **SN** Galore





- Luminosity of a galaxy from one star for a few weeks
  - Visible across most of the universe
  - Ia are Standard Bombs used in cosmological work
  - These days the "year + letter" naming scheme is too cumbersome, almost need to bar code the things
- But all extragalactic!

Photo by Adam Riess et al with HST



#### **Core Collapse**



- Type II SNe energy comes from the gravitational collapse of an iron core (*also type lb, lc*)
  - Can't fuse iron
  - When Chandrasekhar mass of iron accumulates, core goes from white dwarf conditions to neutron star conditions

$$\Delta E_B \sim \frac{GM_{core}^2}{R} = 3 \times 10^{53} \left(\frac{M_{core}}{M_{\bullet}}\right) \left(\frac{R}{10 \text{ km}}\right)^{-1} \text{ ergs}$$

-  $M_{core}{\sim}1M_{\odot}$  , R~10 km, so  $\Delta E_{binding}$  is  ${\sim}3x10^{53}~ergs$ 

- Luminosity of Type II SN somewhat less than Ia
  - Still, EM radiation only ~0.01% of  $\Delta E_{binding}$
  - Plus add in kinetic energy of expanding SN remnant (~1%)
- Where's the rest of the gravitational energy going?
  - Neutrinos!



#### Multi-Messenger Astronomy



All the messengers on one plot vs. time, by luminosity



PRE-SUPERNOVA



#### Core Collapse









COLLAPSE

NEUTRINO

TRAPPING

CORE BOUNCE

- Late-stage massive supergiant has many layers of shell burning
- Iron core has no energy • source, when M<sub>Ch</sub> is reached, collapses
  - Electrons forced into nuclei, "neutronization"
  - Inverse  $\beta$  decay, v produced
  - Quickly becomes so dense, opaque even to v
- Shock wave of collapse • rebounds when neutron degeneracy stops collapse



## o production

- Shock wave passes neutrinosphere, density falls below v mean free path, v can escape
- Shock wave blows into rest of star from below, star disrupted
- Neutrinos can escape this, other particles cannot, so new neutron star cools via neutrino emission



#### v production



- ~1% of v produced by initial neutronization - p<sup>+</sup> + e<sup>-</sup>  $\rightarrow$  n + v<sub>e</sub>
- Thermal  $\bar{\nu}\nu$  pair production produces 99% of  $\nu$ 
  - $-e^+e^- \rightarrow \overline{\nu}\nu, e^-(Z,A) \rightarrow e^-(\overline{Z},A) \overline{\nu}\nu, NN' \rightarrow NN'\overline{\nu}\nu$
  - Temperatures much larger than  $\nu$  rest mass
- Proto-neutron star transparent to v
  - v can escape
- But opaque to γ
  - EM energy recycled back to thermal energy

Equal entropy surfaces in a proto-neutron star model by Bronson Messer







#### v transmission



- Details of  $\nu$  emission dominated by  $\nu$  opacity of protoneutron star
- Energy transport all over again
  - All astrophysics seems to be just a fancy wrapper to encourage finding solutions to energy transport problems
- v stopped via Charged or Neutral Current interactions (Charged Current is stronger, m<sub>W<sup>±</sup></sub> < m<sub>Z<sup>0</sup></sub>)
  - All v see NC  $(v_e, v_\mu, v_\tau) \quad (\overline{v}_e, \overline{v}_\mu, \overline{v}_\tau)$
  - $v_e$  sees CC (n +  $v_e \rightarrow p^+ + e^-$ )
  - $\overline{v}_e$  can see CC, but protons rare (p<sup>+</sup> +  $\overline{v}_e \rightarrow$  n + e<sup>+</sup>)
  - $E_{\nu}$  <  $m_{\mu}$ , $m_{\tau}$ , so CC interactions not possible for  $\nu_{\mu}$ ,  $\nu_{\tau}$





#### More details



- 1D models reproduce luminosity well
- Newer models add GR, 3D, rotation, magnetohydrodynamics, acoustics...
  - Same basic features
- Explosion seems driven by neutrino-induced
   O'Connor & Couch Convection and (2018)
   Explosion seems driven by neutrino-induced



#### **Time Profile**





After the first second, it's an exponential cooling curve: the new neutron star is cooling via neutrino emission. Lasts out to ~100 s unless a black hole forms



#### Generalities



- Prompt v signal after core collapse •
  - Lasts 10's of seconds
  - Abrupt cutoff could be black hole formation signal
- Roughly equal luminosity per flavor
- Initial energy hierarchy: •
  - $< E_{v_{e}} > ~ 12 \text{ MeV}$
  - $\langle E_{\overline{vo}} \rangle \sim 15 \text{ MeV}$
  - $< E_{v_{II}} > ~ 18 \text{ MeV}$
  - But v oscillations will scramble this



- Spectral splitting, flavor swapping, collective effects, synchronized and/or bipolar oscillations
- Sensitivity to flavors and v vs  $\overline{v}$  needed to study such effects





#### Experimentally Confirmed





- SN1987A
  - Type II
  - In LMC, ~55kpc
- Well studied due to proximity
  - Although a peculiar SN, blue giant progenitor, odd dim light curve
- And close enough so that 1/r<sup>2</sup> didn't crush the v signal
  - Seen in  $\nu$  detectors!
- A Gravity Powered Neutrino
   Bomb!





#### Core Collapse Model Confirmed



- Take observed spectra, flux
- Project back to 55kpc
- Generalities of model confirmed!
  - ... given the low low statistics
- And time profile is about right too
- Signal also sets mass limit of  $m_{v_e} < 20 eV$ 
  - No observed dispersion of  $\nu$  as a function of  $E_{\nu}$
- For a galactic SN happening tomorrow,
  - R ~10 kpc
  - Modern detectors,  $E_{th} \sim 5 \text{ MeV}$ , M ~ 10's kt
    - 1000's of events would be seen



SN1987A v event seen in IMB



Tomorrow?



 Humans haven't seen a galactic SN since Kepler (*which was a la*), why bother looking?

Method (for CCSN)	Mean interval (yr) per galaxy
<sup>26</sup> Al Abundance	1.9±1.1
Neutron Star Birthrate	7.2±2.7
SNR Ages	0.37±0.05
Historical Rate (MW + Local Group)	0.66-2.04 (68%)

Overall?

1.63±0.46 per century!

Academically – one per career, if Monsieur Poisson cooperates

Latest estimates from Rozwadowska, Vissani, & Cappellaro, New. Astron. 83, 101498 (2020)



#### Observational Efficiency



• Perhaps 1/6 would be easily seen optically



Only in the past decades have humans been able to "see" past galactic dust with  $\nu$ , IR, and radio

Historical SNe map from Sky & Telescope

#### Apparent Brightnesses of Milky Way Supernovae

- 10% will peak brighter than magnitude -3
- 20% will peak between magnitudes -3 and +2
- $\bullet$  20% will peak between magnitudes +2 and +6
- 20% will peak between magnitudes +6 and +11
- 30% will peak fainter than magnitude +11

Progenitor: 12–15 magnitudes fainter



## Right, why bother?



- Is such a rare event worth expending brain cells on?
- Even a marginally nearby event (SN1987A) produced an amazing burst of progress on many fronts
  - Dozens of papers per  $\nu$  event seen
    - Something like an average of 1/week over almost 3 decades
- Imagine one even closer, with observations from t=0 instead of hours, days, or weeks...
- v density at origin so high that v-v interactions and collective effects provide unique v lab!
- Also note: at a rate of 2/century and a galactic radius of 15kpc, that's hundreds of SN-v wavefronts already on their way to us here on Earth!



SN1987A

#### Small $\Delta t$ SN Observations





Blue Giant

Sk -69 202

Earliest observations (and non-observations) of SN1987a were fortuitous

- ~hours before/after the actual event
- Chance observations (Shelton, Duhalde, Jones)
- Very careful observer records null-observations to constrain breakout time (*Jones*)
- Extragalactic SNe not so obvious
  - Typically days-weeks elapse before someone notices
- What goes on between these pictures?



#### Advance Warning



- Observations from t=0?
  - Sure. Or very nearly so, certainly better than the serendipitous ~hours of SN1987A, and far closer than the ~days which is the best we can get on an extragalactic SN

- How?
  - v's exit the SN promptly
  - But stars are opaque to photons ·
  - EM radiation is not released till the shock wave breaks out through the photosphere – a shock wave travel time over a stellar radius
  - ~hour for compact blue progenitors, ~10 hours for distended red supergiants





#### The Scheme



- Now that we know we can see SN  $\nu,$  how to do it differently the next time?
  - (caveat nearby only, from Milky Way and environs)
- "Luck" = Opportunity x Preparation
  - Neutrinos are emitted promptly upon core collapse
  - Produce obvious signal in today's detectors, most have automated analysis chain to trigger on SN  $\nu$
  - Instant information transfer now commonplace
  - A galactic SN would be close enough we'd really want to have very good observations starting at t=0
    - *ie*, we'd have a prayer of *noticing* whatever cool things happen at or shortly after breakout
- So let's trigger photon-based observations of the next galactic SN using the neutrino pulse



#### Is This Practical?



- The neutrino experiments must be able to:
  - Identify a SN  $\nu$  signal
  - Confirm it's not noise
  - Get the word out
  - Figure out where people should be pointing
  - All in an hour
- Note that the GCN/Bacodine network does this in seconds for GRB's
  - Although they have a specialized circumstance and a lot of practice
- LIGO/VIRGO now doing a similar job with GWs



#### **Our Telescopes**



- Photons should be the easy stuff to work with...
- SN  $\nu$  detectors need:
  - Mass (~100 events/kton)
  - Background rate << signal rate</li>
- Bonus items:
  - Timing
  - Energy resolution
  - Pointing
  - Flavor sensitivity



## **Basic Types**



- Scintillator (C<sub>n</sub>H<sub>2n</sub>)
- Imaging Water Cherenkov (H<sub>2</sub>O)
- Heavy Water Cherenkov (D<sub>2</sub>O)
- Long String Water Cherenkov (H<sub>2</sub>O)
- Nobel Liquids (Ar, Xe)
- High Z (Fe, Pb)
- Gravitational waves
  - Well, not neutrinos, but gravitons would also provide a prompt SN signal if SN was asymmetric



#### Scintillator



- Volume of hydrocarbons (usually liquid) laced with scintillation compound observed by phototubes
  - Mostly inv.  $\beta$  decay (CC):  $\overline{v}_e + p^+ \rightarrow e^+ + n$
  - ~5% <sup>12</sup>C excitation (NC):  $v_x + {}^{12}C \rightarrow v_x + {}^{12}C$
  - ~1% elastic scattering (NC+CC):  $v_x + e^- \rightarrow v_x + e^-$
  - Low E proton scattering (NC):  $v_x + p^+ \rightarrow v_x + p^+$ PMT



(seen)

Little pointing capability

Mont Blanc, Baksan, MACRO, LVD, Borexino, KamLAND, MiniBooNE, DoubleCHOOZ, Daya Bay, SNO+, NOvA, JUNO





#### Scintillator Expts.







LVD (Italy) 1 kton ~200  $\overline{v}_{e}$ 



Daya Bay (China) 8x {20ton w/ Gd + 22ton plain scint} ~100 v<sub>e</sub>



#### The NOvA Experiment



 810 km from Fermilab, 14 mrad off-axis gets a beam which is tight in energy but low in intensity





#### ~4000 anti- $v_e$ <u>in N</u>OvA





#### A 5ms block of only SN v data





#### Data from SNEWS test trigger 5ms of a seconds-long trigger

5ms of data at the NOvA Far Detector Each pixel is one hit cell Color shows charge digitized from the light





#### Water Cherenkov



 H<sub>2</sub>O viewed with phototubes, Cherenkov radiation observed





#### Imaging Water Cherenkov



Super-Kamiokande (Japan) 50kton



- Events expected for SN@8.5 kpc > 5MeV
  - Inv  $\beta$  decay: 7000
  - <sup>16</sup>O excitation: 300
  - <sup>16</sup>O CC channels: 110
  - elastic scattering: 200
    - 4° pointing



#### Long String Water Cherenkov





- Dangle PMT's on long (~km) strings in clear ice or water
- High-E v telescopes with E<sub>th</sub>~100 GeV
- But singles rates around PMT's raised by SNe  $\bar{v}_e$

 $- M_{eff} = 0.4 kton/PMT$ 

AMANDA, Ice Cube, Baikal, Antares, KM3Net



#### Long String Ice Cherenkov

450 m 2450 m 324 m

iffeltorne

- Ice-based expts. have low background rate
  - Sea based have <sup>40</sup>K, squid, etc: harder, but KM3net can do it!
- 16σ S/N @8.5kpc (IceCube)
  - But little  $\nu$  by  $\nu$  info such as energy
- AMANDA:
  - Special SN trigger was operational till experiment was retired





#### KM3NeT

- Strings of DOMs deployed at two deep sites in the Mediterranean
  - Background reduced by using coincidences between individual PMTs in a DOM
  - SN-v make experimentwide rise in localized light, will be sensitive to whole galaxy, ~ms time of SN start





#### **Nobel Liquids**



#### • 4 staged10 kt LArTPC modules at Homestake



Start with 2 10kt Single-phase modules, one horizontal drift (ala ICARUS), one new vertical drift design

Gaining experience with LARIAT, MicroBoone, CAPTAIN, SBND at FNAL

- ... also: Dark Matter detectors are now so huge they can see SNv, coherent scattering amplifies x-sec
  - ~10 events over no background for Xenon1T







- Pb's neutron excess Pauli-blocks the usual SN  $\nu$  detection channel of:
  - $\overline{\nu_e}$  + p<sup>+</sup>  $\rightarrow$  e<sup>+</sup> + n
  - allowing:  $v_e + n \rightarrow e^- + p^+$
- An 18 MeV  $\nu_e$  will result in an excited Bi nucleus with high cross-section due to the Gamow-Teller giant resonance
  - Bi emits thermal neutrons, to which the surrounding Pb is fairly transparent
- So: instrument a big pile of lead with neutron counters, watch for SN-sized burst of neutrons





#### Flavor Sensitivities















HALO

- <u>Helium And Lead Observatory</u>
- Funding from NSERC & NSF
- Installed in SNOLAB's Phase 3 drift stub
  - Significant scientific and technical support from SNOLAB







DRIFT F





- With given signal, trigger on 6 neutrons in 2 seconds provides sensitivity to a SN @20kpc
- 150 mHz total BG rate triggers this ~monthly
  - Target "false" rate for SNEWS inclusion
  - Now 15 mHz after shielding completion!
    - That's ~1 neutron/minute
  - Graphite would add factor of 2 more reduction
- Bulk α contamination in NCD's Ni tubes adds 22±1 detected neutrons/day (negligible)



#### Why a Network?



- SNEWS
  - <u>Supernova Early Warning System</u>
- Any single experiment has many sources of noise and few SNe
  - Flashing PMTs, light leaks, Electronic noise, Spallation, Coincident radioactivity
- Most can be eliminated by human examination
  - Takes about an hour: same as the headstart neutrinos have over photons
  - No experiment would want to make an automated SN announcement alone
- None will simultaneously occur in some other experiment
  - But neutrinos from a real SN will





#### The Experiments



- Currently:
  - Super-K
  - LVD
  - IceCube
  - Borexino
  - KM3NeT
  - Kamland
  - HALO
- Alumni:
  - MACRO, SNO, AMANDA, Daya Bay
- In testing:
  - NOvA, SNO+, Baksan















#### SNEWS' Goals



- At a workshop in Sept. 1998 at Boston U., neutrino physicists and astronomers came up with design goals: the "Three P's":
  - Prompt (<< 1 hour)</p>
  - Positive (false alarms < 1/century)</li>
  - Pointing
- Why?
- How well have we done in the nearly two decades we've been doing this?
  - Operational in test mode since 2001, fully operational July 1, 2005
- Should these goals change for the future?



Prompt



- Caveat: we have had no SNe in/near our galaxy since 1987: so SNEWS has never triggered
  - Something which confuses some fraction of the ~6,400 snews-alert subscribers when they subscribe but then don't get alerts!
- What do we expect? Given a two-fold coincidence, the fastest two experiments to report set the delay
  - The SNEWS machinery itself responds in ~seconds



#### Estimated delay



- Matt Strait (UofM) took published SN trigger delays combined with sensitivities, estimated SNEWS response time
  - NOvA triggers on SNEWS but has a limited buffer time





## Prompt?



- We think so, within minutes
  - Faster would be better: eg, unraveling the mysteries of GRBs became possible when followups could happen within seconds
- We don't <u>know</u> so: aside from a "high rate test" in 2001 (*low thresholds, triggered on noise*) the machinery doesn't get exercised
  - *eg*, recent LIGO GW alerts started off with more delay than desired, as kinks were worked out with practice





#### Positive?



- No false alarms in two decades! (*knock on wood…*)
- The flip side is that we haven't had the full test of the pipeline which alarms (*false or otherwise*) would provide
  - 2001 high rate test exercised front end
  - 2003 "find Vesta" test exercised the back end
- What astronomers want has changed by180° in those two decades:
  - 2000: "If you have even one false alarm, no one will ever believe you again"
  - Today: "Multi-messenger astronomy generates oodles of alerts, no problem!"



## Pointing?



- An ideal alarm would be "Look at Betelgeuse, it's about to blow!"
  - but SNEWS currently cannot generate directionality on its own
- Super-K can point back to within ~4° using the sub-dominant electron elastic scatters
  - and will do this even better once Gd n captures tag IBD interactions



- Timing triangulation killed by statistics of leading edge of signal
  - Beacom&Vogel, astro-ph/9811350
  - … or, is it?



#### **Elastic Scattering**





- This is the reaction that lets Super-K identify solar neutrinos
- Problem each pixel in this picture is about 0.5°
  - Diameter of full moon
  - Resolution dominated by neutrino/lepton scattering angle not experimental resolution
    - Can't upgrade that



#### Improvements for SNEWS 2.0



- What can we do to update SNEWS to provide:
  - Multiple thresholds, to constantly exercise the machinery and to provide consumers with a "choose your own threshold" alert
  - Ability of experiments to compare v "light curves" real-time, to extract physics quickly: especially precision timing for triangulation
  - Get alerts out to the new networks, to best coordinate with modern multi-messenger networks



#### Old Codebase



- Originally written in the late 1990's in C, running on VMS, Solaris, MacOS
  - DAQs for MACRO and LVD, Super-K, SNO

```
* Figure out the type of system that we're running on.
* Try to determine the environment automatically from the C compiler's
* predefined symbols.
* The following can be determined automatically:
* BSD VAX, Pyramid, Xenix, AT&T 3b1, AT&T 80386, Celerity and MS-DOS.
* If this doesn't work on some new system, ifdef this out, and set it
* by hand.
 */
#ifdef unix /* true for most UNIX systems, BSD and Sys5 */
                     /* but not for Xenix !! */
#define UNIX 1 /* OS type */
#ifdef vax
            /* true for BSD on a VAX */
/* also true for VAX Sys5, but we don't have to worry about that (for now) */
#define VAX 1 /* hardware */
#define BSD 1 /* OS type */
#else
#ifdef pyr
#define PYRAMID 1
                      /* hardware */
```



#### Maintenance Nightmare



- This is getting really creaky. Adding new experiments is a serious adventure
  - Recent work from
    - Km3NET, NOvA, Baksan, SNO+
    - Daya Bay now offline, LVD, Borexino on the clock
  - OpenSSL library 0.9.8zh used from 2015, has been depreciated since 2017
  - 32 bit systems are no longer cutting edge, matching network bits to local bits is entertaining
  - Multiple arrays indexed by experiment, slightly differently



#### New Physics for SNEWS 2.0



- Pre-supernova (*Si-burning*) v from nearby stars:
  - Kamland does this now on its own
  - SNO+ and JUNO will soon be able to as well, as can Super-K with Gd loading
  - This is an area where combining low statistics could let these experiments expand their range further into the galaxy
- Pointing:
  - DUNE and Hyper-K will have per-event directionality
  - SK will improve theirs with Gd tagging
  - Maybe SNEWS can contribute triangulation
  - A new opportunity to provide directionality combination for those experiments?



#### Triangulation





Look at arrival time difference of SN  $\nu$  wavefront at different detectors

- With 2 expts, circle on sky at angle  $\alpha$
- 3 expts 2 blobs
- 4 expts 1 point
- With modern detectors, and fitting the whole v light curve rather than just the leading edge, this might now be possible



**Potential Error Boxes** 



 Combinations of near-future detectors trying to localize a 10kpc SN





JUNO+DUNE+HK+IceCube



JUNO+IceCube (case for no ES available)





# Significance combining



- An example of a new tool: instead of just taking alarm coincidences, take current "chance of SN right now" numbers from the experiments in real time
  - NOvA is already working on this to combine Near and Far detector signals to increase sensitivity
- Sensitivity gain is of limited use for SN bursts (galaxy is too small, Andromeda too far away), but of great use for pre-SN neutrinos





#### Tools needed



- The simple coincidence riding on the network protocol stolen from the first "e-sports" game ever (*netrek, early 1990's*) can't support these new goals (*and you wouldn't want to maintain it anyway*)
- What statistics are the best to compare experiments with extremely different signal rates and noise rates?
- What machinery is needed to reliably move that data from experiment to a SNEWS server?



#### SCIMMA



- The Scalable Cyberinfrastructure to support Multi-Messenger Astrophysics project is helping us replace our netrek-era sockets with something modern, maintainable, and scalable
- A joint SCIMMA/SNEWS team replicated the existing SNEWS architecture using the "Hopskotch" framework this summer

HOPSKOT

 We're now working on adding the new SNEWS2.0 functionality



#### Using the Alert



- The resulting coincidence alert goes to:
  - Email list of interested people
    - Amateur network of many skilled eyeballs!
    - Once someone optically ID's the new SN, we all know and can zoom in
    - Sign up for alert email, http://snews.bnl.gov
  - VOEvent network/GCN
    - Since photosphere breakout should really light up the high energy photon sky
  - LIGO, NOvA, MicroBoone, Xenon1t
- What cool stuff with a once-in-a-lifetime nearby supernova would <u>you</u> like to learn?
  - Progenitor status?
  - Shockwave blowing through stellar system?
  - Stellar wind just before the end?
- Data you couldn't take after the fact!
  - From a time window no-one's ever seen



#### **Transient Hunting**



- An example: Zwicky Transient Facility covers thousands of square degrees quickly in the IR (ideal for seeing past dust)
- The GROWTH network spans the globe (and thus the sky) with many instruments





Left: followups to S190425z (2nd potential NS-NS merger) by ZTF. The initial localization was 10,000 deg<sup>2</sup>. (Coughlin et al. 2019, GCN 24283). ZTF is part of the GROWTH network (right), handing off observations as the earth rotates. Figs courtesy of Mansi Kasliwal.



#### Summary



- A core-collapse SN will occur in our galaxy sooner or later
  - A once-in-a-career chance to study something that's never been studied before up close
- It will produce a v signal ~hours in advance of the light
  - Early Warning!
- Pointing not great until someone sees it with photons
  - But even with no pointing, the time is well spent waking up, getting logged in, to the observatory, etc.
- SNEWS has been online ready to form a quick alarm for almost two decades now, and will continue into the future



#### Summary



- While one of the ~200 SNe v wavefronts currently traversing our galaxy hasn't arrived since 2000, we've been ready with a simple coincidence trigger
- Experimental capabilities have evolved
- Real-time multi-messenger astronomy is now a thing
  - People chase transients all the time
- We're figuring out how to get the world the most SN neutrino information in the least amount of time
  - An opportunity for gaining information that together is greater than the sum of its parts

SNEWS 2.0 Whitepaper *New J.Phys.* 23 (2021) 3, 031201 https://arxiv.org/abs/2011.00035



#### Acknowledgements



 SNEWS2.0 development supported by NSF collaborative grant #1914447



- SNEWS only functions with the cooperation of member experiments and their SN teams, plus Brookhaven and INFN Bologna
- See http://snews.bnl.gov for more info and to sign up for the alert list
- HALO thanks go to SNOLAB, NSERC, U Washington
  - More HALO on the web at http://www.snolab.ca/halo/