# Core-collapse SN, the contribution from Underground Laboratories

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#### Map of Underground Labs

13 operating infrastructures Plenty of experiments on DM, DBD, and neutrino physics



## SN1987A: 1st SN v observation

- 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb 1987
- ~ 50 kpc
- Only 29 events
  - 16Kamiokande
    - (Cherenkov)
  - 8 IMB(Cherenkov)
  - 5 Baksan (LS)



#### Estimation of the binding energy and neutrino energy from SN1987A

• Consider:

- 12 neutrino observed in Kamiokande in 10<sup>3</sup> tons of water
- <E<sub>v</sub>> ~ 10 MeV

$$12 = N_{\text{target}} \cdot F_{\nu} \cdot \sigma$$
  

$$\sigma \approx 9.3 \cdot 10^{-42} \text{ cm}^2$$
  

$$N_{\text{target}} = 6.7 \cdot 10^{31}$$

$$E_B = \Delta E \approx \frac{3}{5} G \frac{M_{NS}^2}{R_{NS}} \sim 2 \cdot 10^{53} erg \left(\frac{M_{NS}}{M_{Sun}}\right)^2 \left(\frac{10 km}{R_{NS}}\right)$$

$$N_{v} = F_{v} \left( 4\pi D^{2} \right) = 5.7 \cdot 10^{57} \ \bar{v}_{e}$$
$$E_{b} = \left\langle E_{v} \right\rangle N_{v} = 5.7 \cdot 10^{58} \text{ MeV} \approx 10^{53} \text{ ergs for } \bar{v}_{e}$$

#### The Supernova model

$$F_{v_{i}}^{0}(E_{v}) = \frac{Es}{4\pi d^{2}} \left(\frac{E_{v}}{E_{0,i}}\right)^{\alpha} \frac{(\alpha+1)^{\alpha+2}}{E_{0,i}^{2}} \frac{e^{-(\alpha+1)E/E_{0,i}}}{\Gamma(\alpha+2)} \text{ cm}^{-2}\text{MeV}^{-1}$$

$$E_{0,i} = T_{i}(\alpha+1)$$

$$\alpha = 3$$

$$d = 10 \text{ kpc}$$

$$\sum_{i} 4\pi d^{2} \int dE_{v}E_{v}F_{v_{i}}(E_{v}) = 3 \cdot 10^{53} \text{ erg}$$

$$N_{v_{e}} = 2.6 \cdot 10^{57}$$

$$N_{v,i} = 4\pi d^{2} \int dE_{v}F_{v_{i}}(E_{v}) = N_{v_{e}} = 2.2 \cdot 10^{57}$$

$$N_{v_{x}} = 7.8 \cdot 10^{57}$$

$$F_{v}^{Tot} = 1.1 \cdot 10^{12} \text{ cm}^{-2} \quad @ 10 \text{ kpc}$$



Average energy expected to change as:  $v_e$ : ~12-14 MeV bar- $v_e$ : ~14-16 MeV  $v_x$ : ~14-16 MeV

#### SN neutrinos and neutrino oscillations

- Assume  $2\phi_x = \phi_{\nu\mu} + \phi_{\nu\tau}$
- $\phi_{\nu_e} = P_{ee} \phi^0_{\nu_e} + (1 P_{ee}) \phi^0_{\nu_x}$
- $2\phi_{\nu_x} = (1 P_{ee})\phi_{\nu_e}^0 + (1 + P_{ee})\phi_{\nu_x}^0$
- $2\phi_{\nu_x} + \phi_{\nu_e} = 2\phi_{\nu_x}^0 + \phi_{\nu_e}^0$
- Pee depends on mass ordering and particle anti-particle nature

#### Probability of a galactic SN vs distance to the Sun



Mirizzi, Raffelt and Serpico, JCAP 0605,012(2006)

## Underground Laboratories and SN neutrinos

ULs offer a unique opportunity to detect SN neutrinos by different and complementary techniques

- Core-collapse SN emits different cosmic messengers: neutrinos, gravitational wave, electromagnetic emission and cosmic rays in a late stage
- Neutrinos are a unique probe to trigger multi-messengers
   observation/correlation
- Present sensitivity goes beyond Milky Way edge
- Rare event: ~ 1.6 /century
- Detectors
  - Liquid scintillators (LS) such as LVD, Borexino, KamLAND, Juno, SNO+, others in CJPG and Yemilab
  - Water Cherenkov such as SNO, SuperKamiokande, Hyper-Kamiokande
  - LXe and LAr detectors such as LZ, XENONnT,XMASS, DarkSide-20k, DUNE
  - IceCube and Km3NET

# Liquid Scintillators

- SN at 10 kpc with  $E_b = 3x10^{53} \text{ erg}$
- Main detection channel IBD
  - ~ 200 events/kton
- ES ~ 20 events/kton above 200 keV
- CC on  ${}^{12}C \sim 15$  events/kton
- Neutrino-proton ES ~ 100 events/kton above 200 keV

#### Cross sections in LS detectors



# Neutrinoproton ES

- A unique opportunity for NC interactions
- Need sensitivity to low visible energy (<1 MeV) due to quenching effect
- ~80% of the signal above 200 keV thereshold is due to  $v_x$ 's
- crucial to disentangle the average energy of  $\nu_{\text{x}}$  neutrinos



#### Water Cherenkov detectors

- Main detection channel is IBD
- ES sub-dominant but with pointing capability
- CC on  $^{16}\text{O}$  for  $\nu_e$
- 10 kpc SN in Super-Kamiokande gives about 5<sup>o</sup> pointing accuracy, this improves to about 3<sup>o</sup> with Gd (better IBD selection, so isolate ES events). With Hyper-Kamiokande expected 1<sup>o</sup> accuracy

#### Super-Kamiokande

- Water Cherenkov with 22.5 kt fiducial mass
- Energy threshold 7 MeV
- Golden signal with a cluster of ≥60 candidates in 20s
- Main signal from IBD with ~10<sup>4</sup> events for 10 kpc SN
- Other channels:
  - ES (directionality)
  - $v_e$  capture on <sup>16</sup>O
- Gd loading enhances IBD detection opening new opportunities
  - Pointing
  - Pre-supernova alert

- Recently the horizon became larger
- Observation of neutrino-nucleus coherent scattering
  COHERENT Collaboration, Science, Aug. 3, 2017

#### Coherent neutrino-nucleus elastic scattering



$$\frac{d\sigma}{dE_r} = \frac{G_F^2}{4\pi} Q_W^2 M \left( 1 - \frac{ME_r}{2E_v^2} \right) F^2 \left( Q^2 \right)$$

$$Q^2 = 2E_v^2 \left( 1 - \cos\theta \right)$$

$$Q_W = \left( 1 - 4\sin^2\theta_W \right) Z - N$$

$$\sigma = \frac{G_F^2}{4\pi} Q_W^2 E_v^2 \approx 4.215 \times 10^{-45} Q_W^2 \left( \frac{E_v}{\text{MeV}} \right)^2 \text{ cm}^2 \approx 4.215 \times 10^{-45} N^2 \left( \frac{E_v}{\text{MeV}} \right)^2 \text{ cm}^2$$

#### CohNS vs IBD and CC $\nu$ interactions



2. low A for larger recoil energy

#### Basic requirement to detect cohNS

$$\sigma \approx 2.539 \times 10^{-18} \frac{N^2}{A} \left(\frac{E_v}{MeV}\right)^2 \,\mathrm{cm}^2 \,/\, kg$$

For the sake of the discussion:  $E_v = 15 \text{ MeV}$  and  $\phi_v = 10^{12} \text{ cm}^{-2}$ 

Target	Mean recoil energy [keV]	Number of events [ton <sup>-1</sup> ]
Si	5.7	4.0
Ne	8.0	2.9
Na	7.0	3.6
Ge	2.2	13.0
Ar	4.0	6.9
Xe	1.2	26.0
Те	1.3	25.6
Cs	1.2	26.1
I	1.2	24.6

#### Dark Matter Detectors to the rescue

✓Designed

- to detected low energy nuclear recoils (< 100 keV)</li>
- to have high discrimination power between Electron Recoils (ER) and Nuclear Recoils (NR)
- to have intrinsic low background due to the radio-purity of selected detector components
- To have good fiducial mass determination

✓ Look ideal for cohNS measurement and SN neutrino observation



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Signal gets reduced due to smearing from detection efficiency For LXe ~x5 reduction

#### Massive LAr and LXe detectors

- Joining the underground network of detectors to probe for core-collapse SN neutrinos
- Considering efforts made to search for DM and neutrinos these detectors become crucials for some ULs
- Main detectors using LXe and LAr for DM direct detection
  - LZ at SURF: ~ 360 events/7 t LXe for 10 kpc SN from v-nucleus coherent ES
  - XENONnT at LNGS: ~ 100 events with 700 t Water Cherenkov veto IBD; ~300 events from v-nucleus coherent ES
- To massive LAr detectors belongs DUNE
  - 4 x 10 kt detectors
  - Special CC channel:  $v_e + {}^{40}\text{Ar} \rightarrow e^- + {}^{40}\text{K}^*$  (E>1.5 MeV), order of 2x10<sup>3</sup> events
  - Other channels: ES, NC, bar-  $v_e$  + <sup>40</sup>Ar  $\rightarrow$  e<sup>+</sup> + <sup>40</sup>Cl<sup>\*</sup>
  - Absence of photons from de-excitation to distinguish ES (about 300 events)
  - DUNE TPC can also exploit directionality on ES at about 5<sup>0</sup>

#### More opportunities

- HALO at SNOIab with Pb target mass and <sup>3</sup>H counters
  - SN neutrinos will produce CC and NC on Pb
  - Neutrons in final stage detected by counters
- CC on <sup>13</sup>C in organic LS
  - 1% abundance
  - Large cross section
  - Specific for  $\nu_{\text{e}}$
- CC on <sup>56</sup>Fe in LVD tanks
  - Large cross section
  - Specific for  $\nu_{\text{e}}$



- IBD «golden» channel with Super-Kamiokande leading the field
  - electron anti-neutrino observation
- Future massive LAr detectors to probe electron neutrinos in CC interactions
- A second «golden» channel is coherent neutrino-proton scattering

#### Neutrino-proton ES and the Supernova



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#### **Exploit cohNS with a SN: main feature**

The measured number of events has a typical NC degeneracy problem

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Due to the fact that the cohNC spectrum is mainly from  $v_x$  above threshold, by measuring the spectrum we break the degeneracy between <E<sub>x</sub>> and E<sub>binding\_x</sub>.

This was pointed out by J. Beacom et al. for the v-p elastic scattering in organic liquid scintillators in 2002

### Breaking <E<sub>x</sub>> and E<sub>b\_x</sub> degeneracy

Reference SN:  $E_x=16$  MeV;  $E_{b-x}=0.5x10^{52}$ erg (total energy is  $10^{53}$  erg) LAr with ROI = [20,80] keVr Select different  $E_x$  and  $E_{bx}$  to give the same number of events above threshold  $E_x$  changing from 12 to 20 MeV

![](_page_24_Figure_2.jpeg)

#### **Probe SN parameters**

Standard NR selection in LXe above 3 keVr with 10 tons of LXe

![](_page_25_Figure_2.jpeg)

Testing a measured energy spectrum

#### Pre-supernova neutrinos

- Emitted before collapse begins: O(180 days) and Si(2 days) burning
- Neutrino produced by fusion reactions, electron-positron annihilation
- Only ~1% of core-collapse event
  - at the same detection sensitivity, SN distance reduced x10
  - closer stars such as Betelgeuse and Antares can be observed
- << 10 MeV energy, peaked at a few MeV</li>
  - O burning: ~ 1 MeV
  - Si burning: ~ 2 MeV
  - detection more challenging, more background from natural radioactivity
- KamLAND and Super-Kamiokande have implemented an alert for this signal
- Super-Kamiokande with 0.01% Gd has a significant enhanced sensitivity
  - 9 hours before collapse for Betelgeuse
  - NO with x2 events wrt IO
- Large detectors with LAr/LXe could also attempt this observation
- Very important to prepare multi-messenger observation

#### A netwrok to provide a robust early alert for a SN event

- In each experiment an alert corresponds to a cluster of M events within 10s with specific characteristics
  - E.g.: LVD with backg. = 0.03/s in ROI for M≥10, f<sub>acc</sub> = 1/100 years
- Intrinsic background rate limits the sensitivity
- A network reduces significantly the false alert rate

![](_page_27_Figure_5.jpeg)

## Supernova Early Warning System (SNEWS)

- Considering the multi-messenger nature of a core-collapse event
- Considering the low rate of about 1.6/century
  - A network was established SNEWS1.0 (New J. Phys. 6 114, 2004) to provide a prompt, pointing, and positive (3P) alert for a core-collapse event (see Kate Scholberg, AN 329, No. 3, 337-339, 2008)
  - First meeting on this topic in 1998
  - In 2013: LVD, Super-Kamiokande, Borexino, KamLAND, and IceCube
  - In 2015: added HALO and Daya Bay
  - The network is being improved (SNEWS2.0) including new detectors from ULs and enhancing the efficiency, gravitational waves detectors

(New J.Phys. 23 (2021) 3, 031201)

#### Hyper-Kamiokande

- Water Cherenkov with 217 kt fiducial mass
- For a 10 kpc SN about 10<sup>6</sup> IBD events and 10<sup>3</sup> ES events
- High directionality capability through ES channel
- Tunnel excavation (2 km) started in 2021
- Tunnel reached the center of HK cavern in June 2022
- HK cavern excavation 2022-2024
- Start operation 2027

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#### Long-baseline neutrino facility @ SURF

![](_page_30_Picture_1.jpeg)

"Module of Opportunity" (73m L x 20m W x 28m H) Temporary use of 50% of one of the LBNF caverns

- Mar 2024: all concrete complete
   May 2024: infrastructure outfitting (18 mg/l)
- May 2024: infrastructure outfitting (18 months), cryostat construction (24 months)

#### Conclusions

- A core-collapse SN event offers a unique opportunity for a multi-messenger event
- Wrt to 1987 we expect order of  $x10^3$  events with different detection channels
- A network of sensitive detectors is being established to provide an early and robust alert for a core-collapse SN event: SNEWS2.0
- New detectors for DM and neutrino physics being included in the network
- Pointing capability improving significantly
- Crucial pre-supernova signal: challenging but feasible
- Detectors in ULs playing a crucial role to not miss such a unique event

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#### XMASS as SN detector

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#### Gold alert

- 2-fold or greater coincidence in 10s depending on number of experiments in the network
- Two experiments at different laboratoriesù
- Rate of false alarms (acc. coinc.) in involved experiments < 1/century
- Gold alert delivered to astronomical comunity

#### **Underground Facilities**

#### UG Facilities can provide:

- + Unique environments for multi-disciplinary research
- +Local radiation shielding
- +Assay capabilities
- + Material production/purification
- +Environmental control
- + Implementation and operations support
- + Above-ground and underground support facilities (CR, Rn-free CR, ICP-MS, HPGe, ....)
- +Advance training

![](_page_35_Figure_10.jpeg)

Note: Circles represent volume of science space

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