

# BSM Probes from Stars

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# Stellar object

## “ Star

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*This article is about the astronomical object. For other uses, see [Star \(disambiguation\)](#).*

A **star** is an [astronomical object](#) consisting of a luminous [spheroid](#) of [plasma](#) held together by its own [gravity](#). ”

- can be used as laboratories to probe fundamental interactions.

- observed photon or neutrino signal

*e.g.  $\gamma$ -ray spectral modulation which can be explained by axion-photon oscillations*

- Stellar evolution

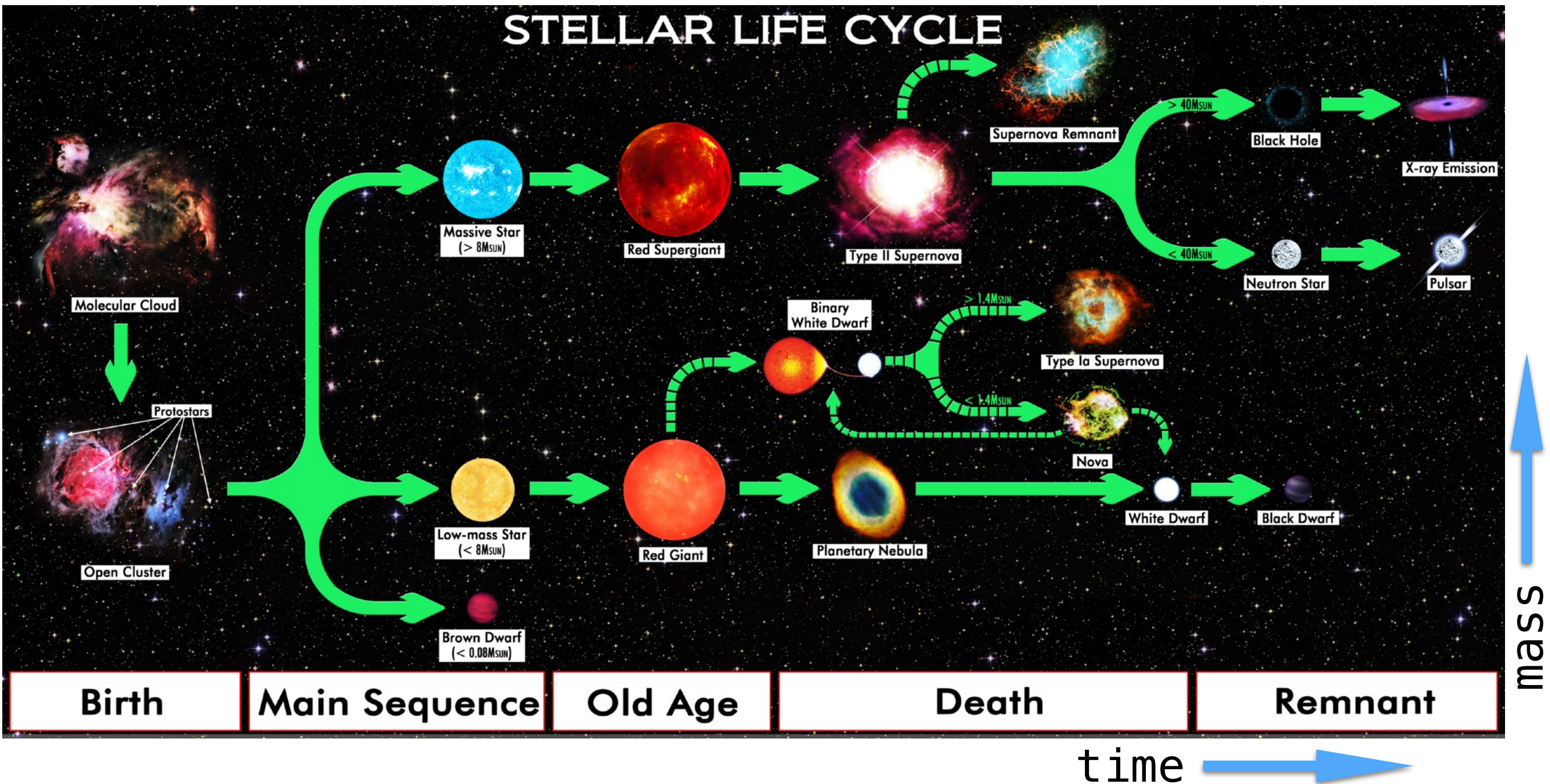
*extra energy leakage/release could change  
the evolutionary path which fits well to the standard scenario*

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# Stellar evolution

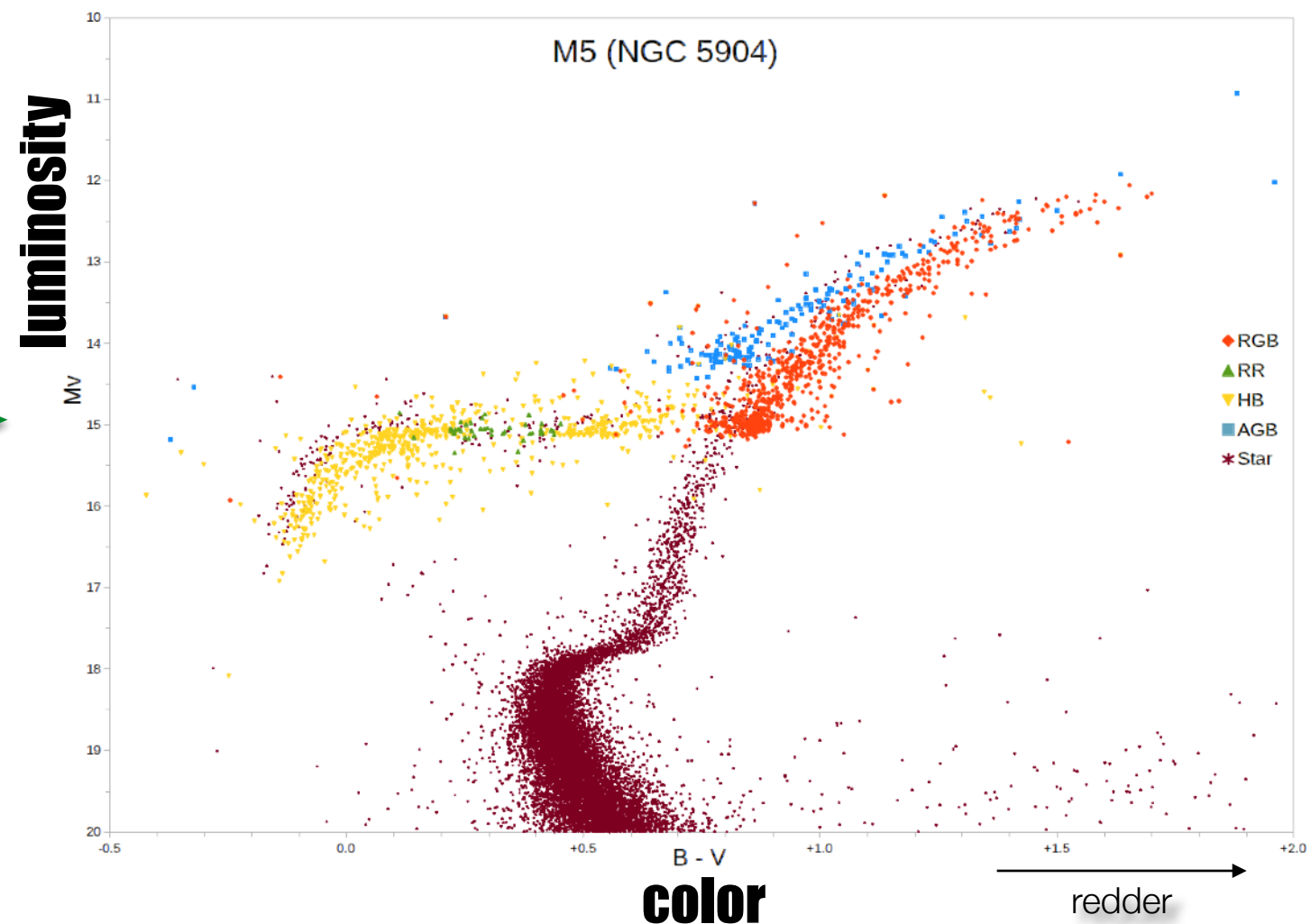
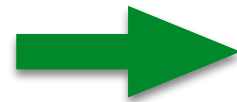
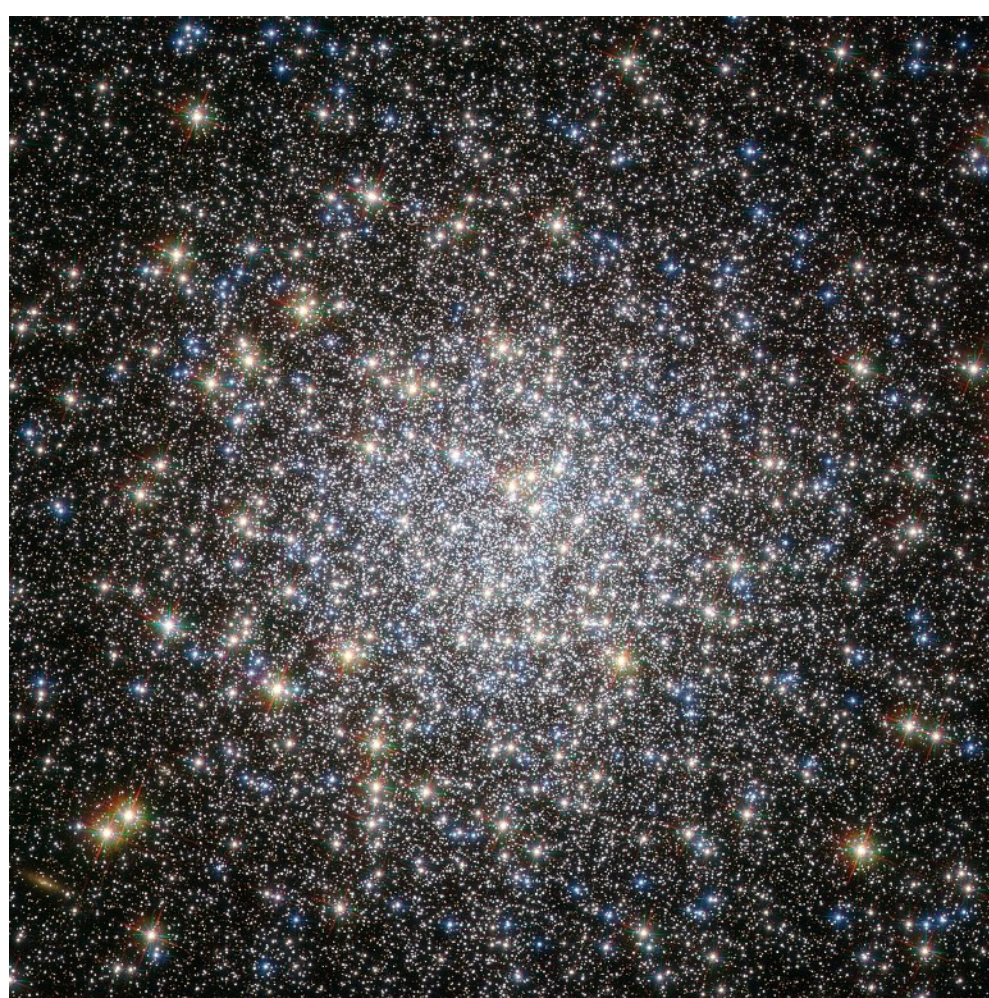
[image from Wikipedia]



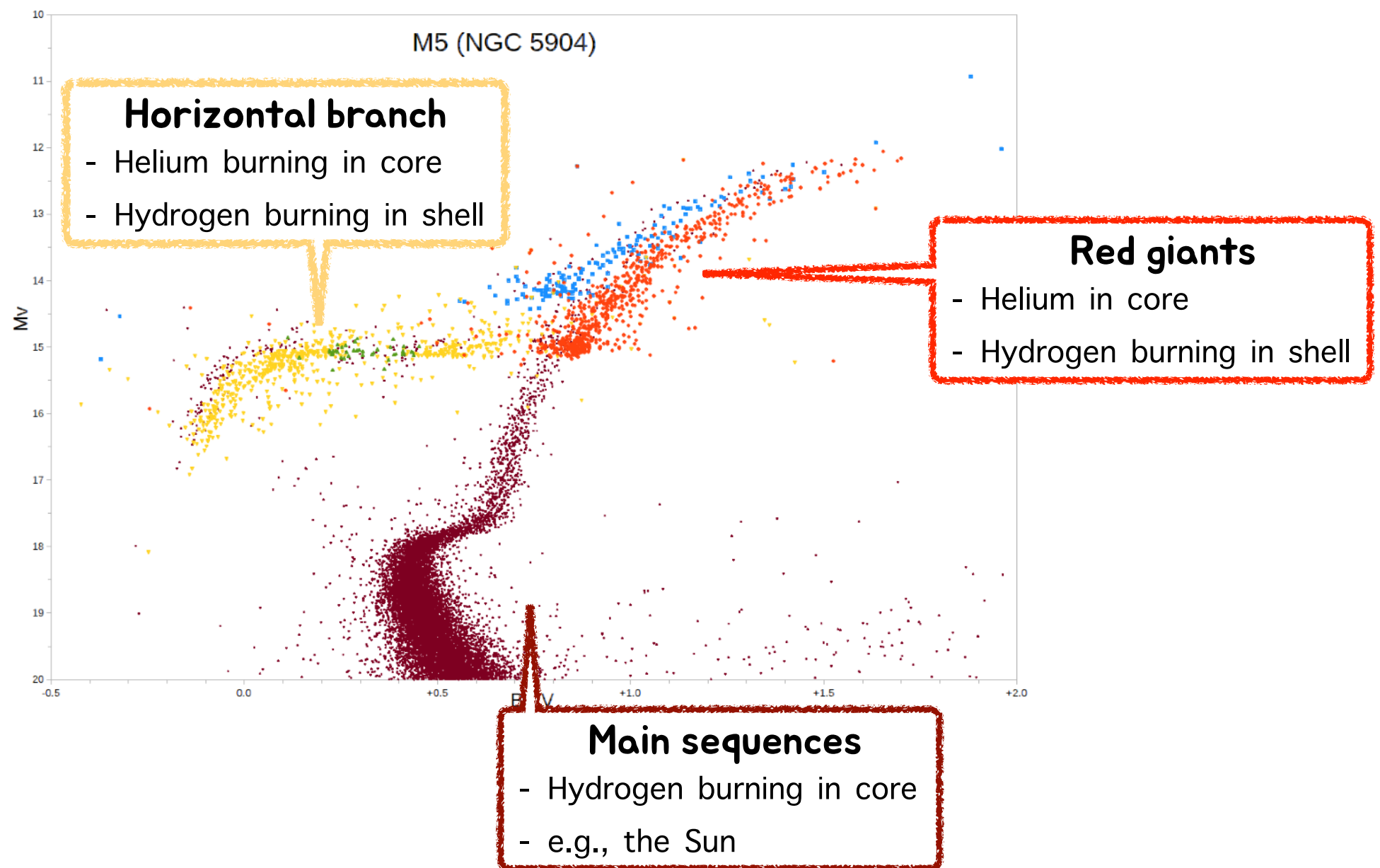


# Globular cluster

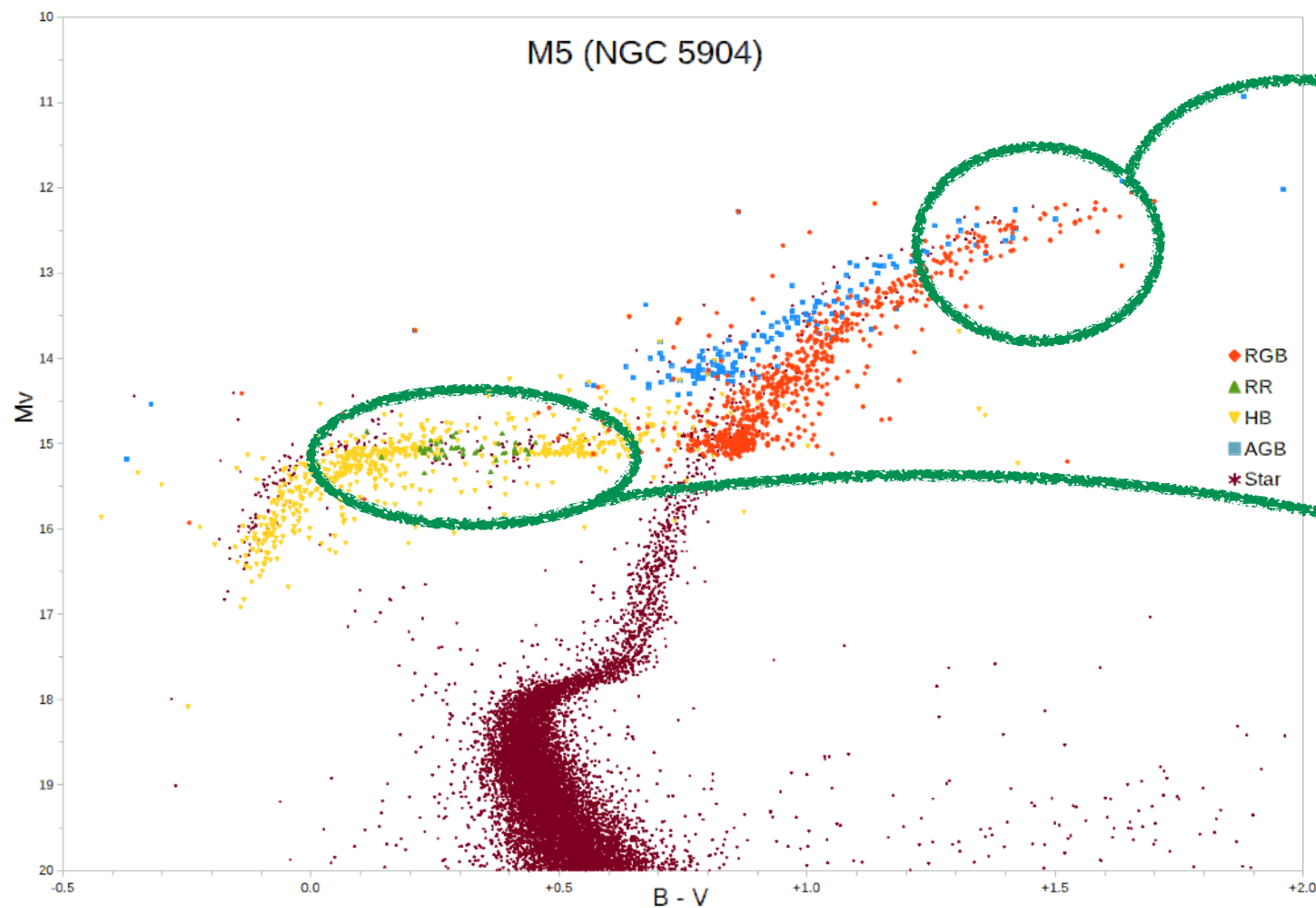
- Very clean laboratories for studies of stellar evolution
- Coeval and almost equal chemical compositions
- Only different initial mass



# Main evolutionary phases



# Observables to probe BSM?



- Helium ignition in red-giant phase
  - brightness at the tip of a red-giant branch
  - determined by core mass at helium ignition
- Lifetime of stars on horizontal-branch
  - duration of helium burning
  - the number ratio of stars on HB vs. RGB
  - determined by triple-alpha reaction rate



# Cassiopeia A

[Chandra]

- Exploded 340 years ago ( $\nu$ -cooling)
- Carbon (light element) atmosphere
- Rapid cooling of surface temperatures derived from X-ray observations

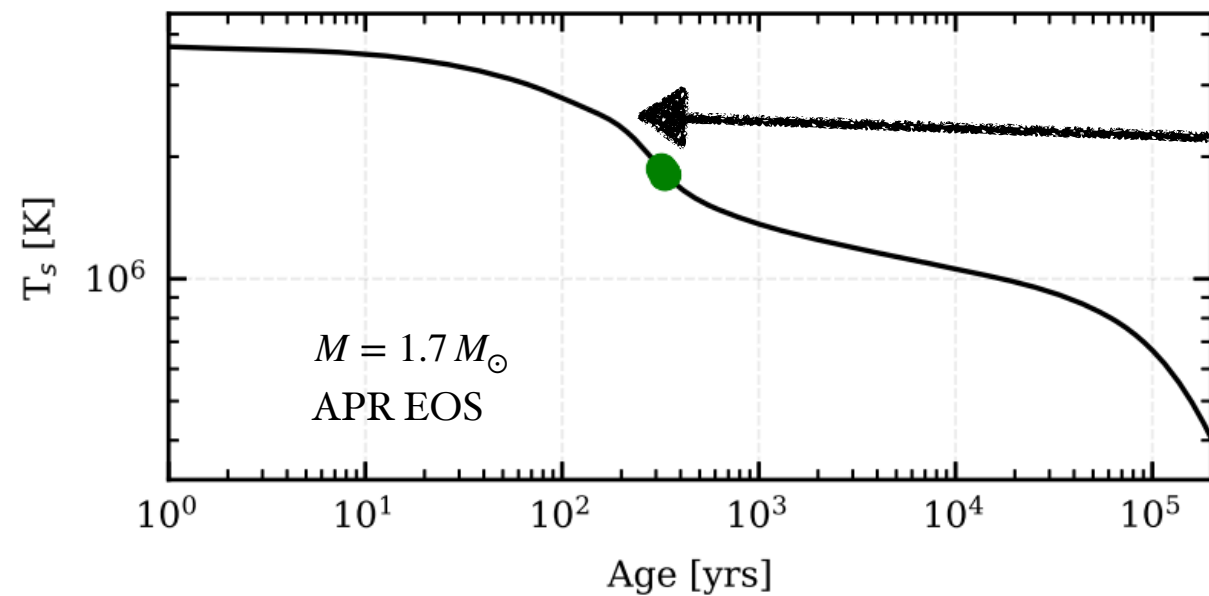
[M. J. P. Wijngaarden et al, 2019]

**2~3% for 10 yr decline rate**

expectation w.o. superfluidity

$$\gg \frac{\Delta T}{T} \sim -\frac{1}{6} \frac{dt}{t} \sim 0.5 \%$$

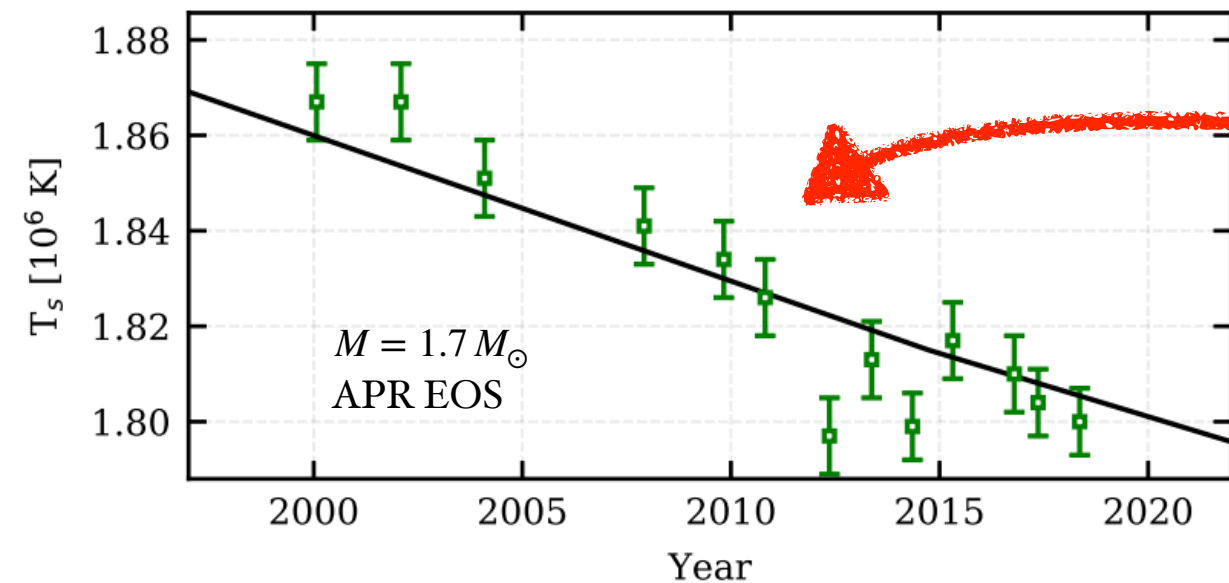
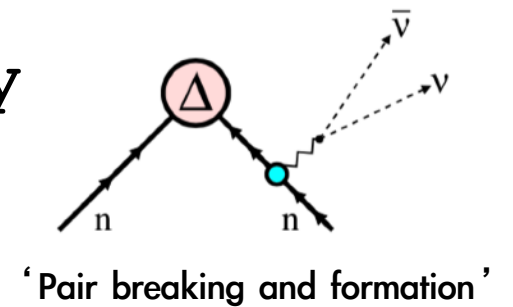
# Evidence for superfluidity?



$T = T_c \sim 5.9 \times 10^8 \text{ K for } {}^3P_2$



Rapid cooling by



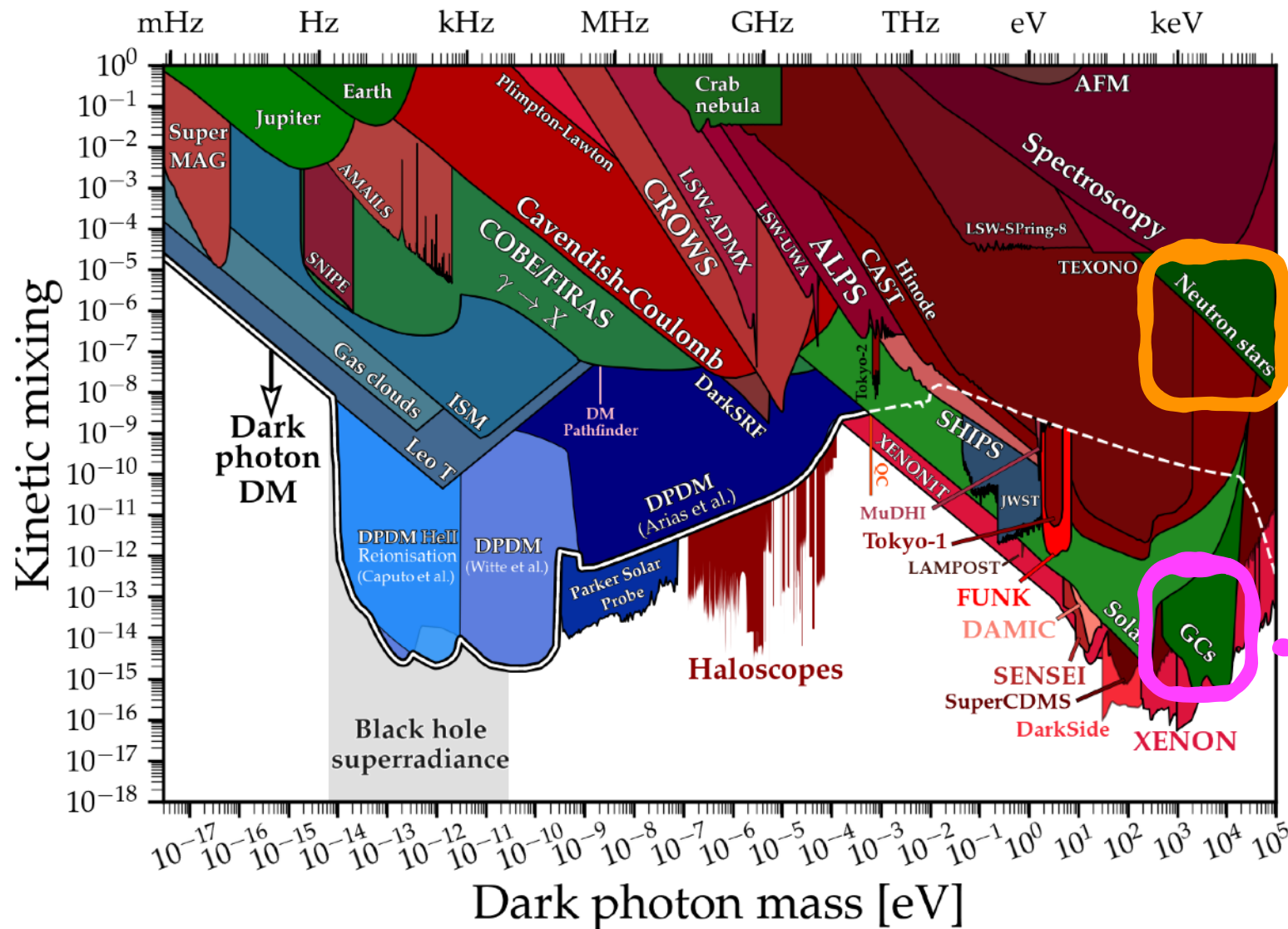
Minimal cooling scenarios with superfluidity fit well to the data

[M. J. P. Wijngaarden et al, 2019]

# Cooling argument

**No involving  $\nu$  detection**

[https://cajohare.github.io/AxionLimits/docs/dp.html]



- Dominantly  $\nu$ -cooling in the SM

Extra energy leakage

[D. K. Hong, C. S. Shin, SY, 2021]

$$\epsilon_x \lesssim \epsilon_{\text{PBF}}$$

To be consistent with the standard cooling scenario

Extra energy leakage

$$\epsilon_x \lesssim 10 \text{ erg g}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$$

**"Raffelt's criterion"**

To be consistent with the SM prediction



# Conditions to involve $\nu$ detection

✓ Energy should exceed  $\mathcal{O}(1)$  MeV due to a detection efficiency

✓ High luminosity?

✓ Close distance?



**Core-collapse Supernovae**



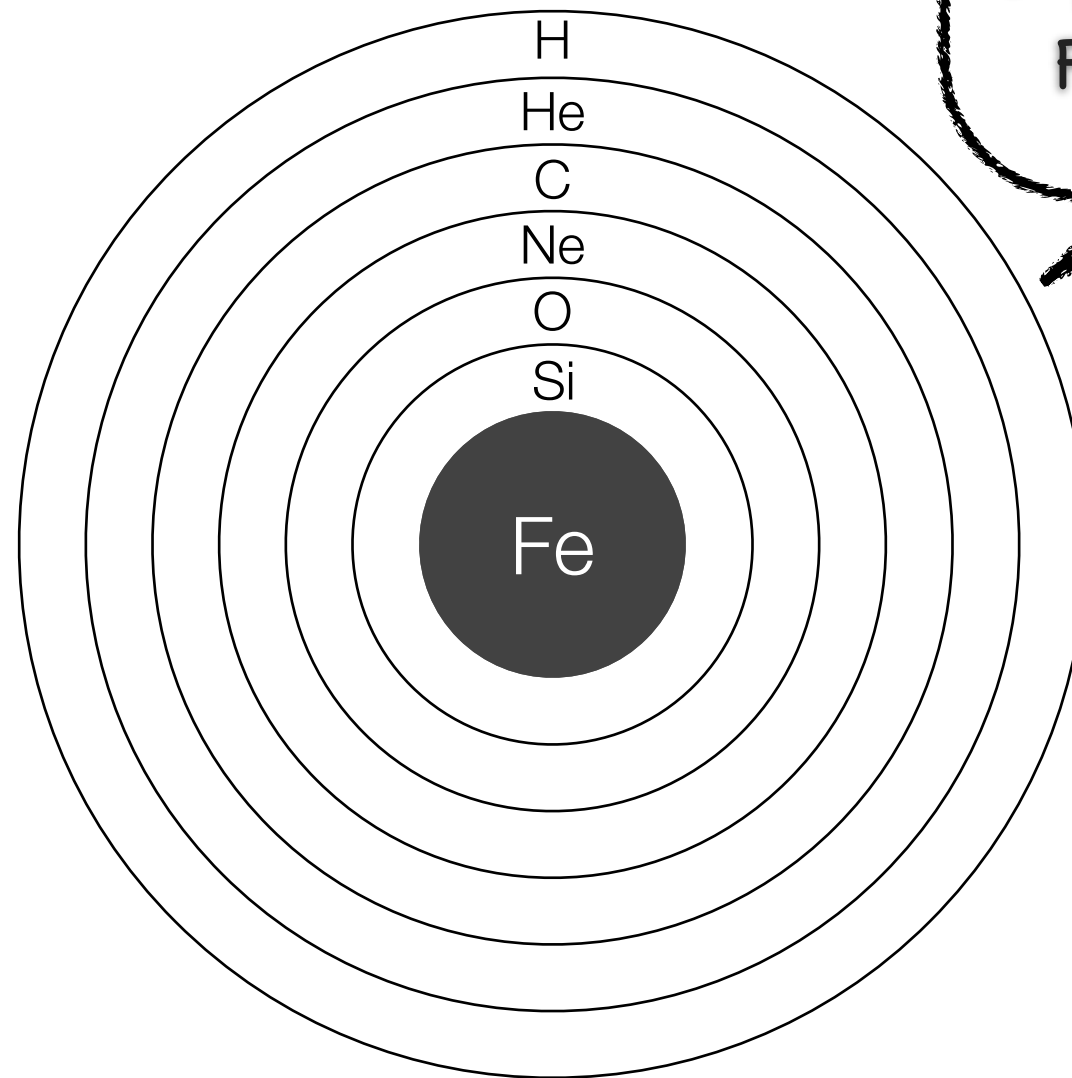
**The Sun**

⊙ Also powerful source to generate energetic novel particles

# *Core collapse Supernovae*

- Core collapse + the neutrino-driven explosion
- Neutrino signal of SN1987A for a few seconds
  - Reduction of time duration by novel particle emission
- No energetic(  $\sim \mathcal{O}(100)$  MeV) neutrino detection
  - Energetic and delayed  $\nu$  from novel particle's decay

# Core-collapse supernova



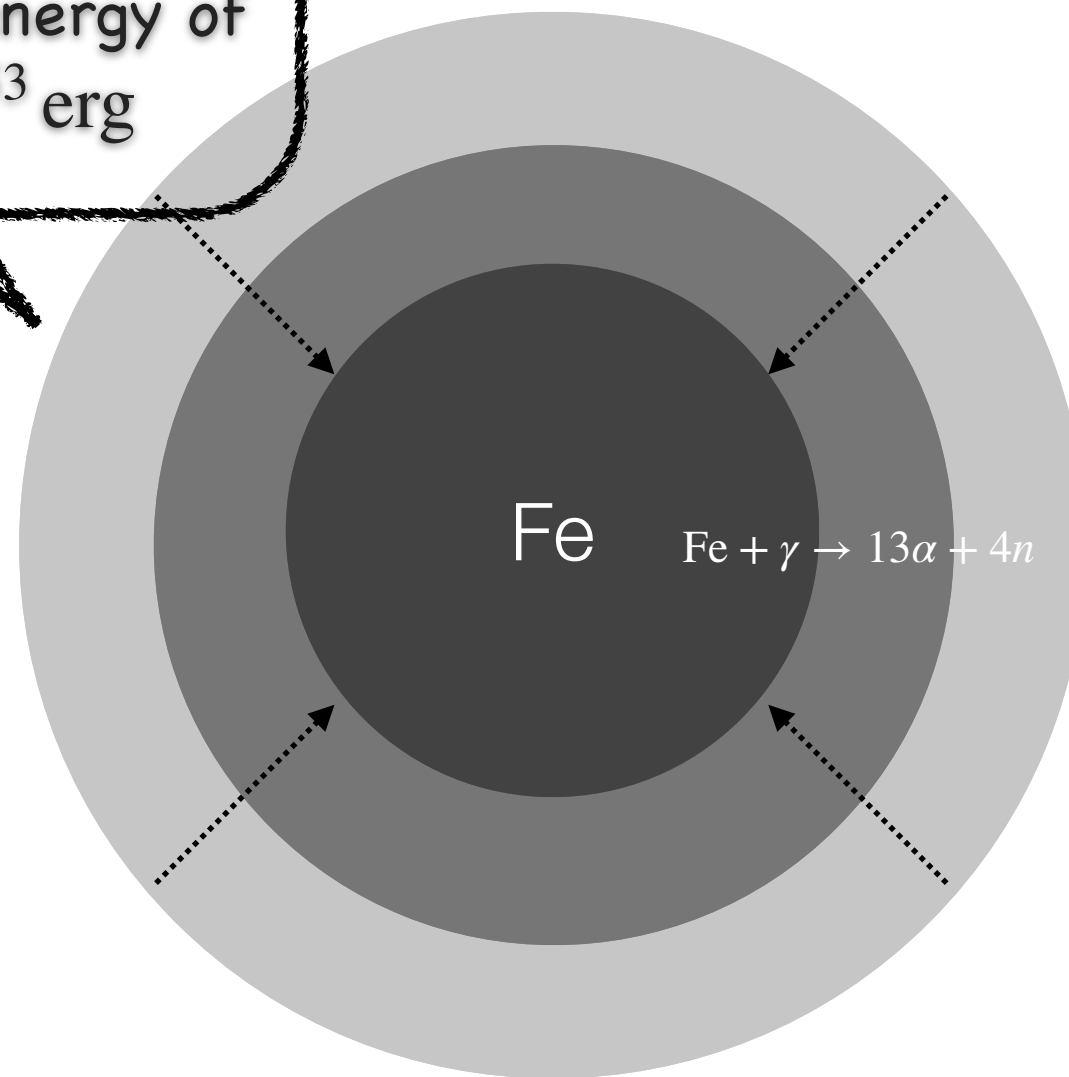
Supergiant w/  $M_i > 8M_{\odot}$   
Fusion up to iron core



# Core-collapse supernova

“Chandrasekhar limit”

At  $M_c \sim 1.4M_\odot$ , iron core collapses  
w/ gravitational binding energy of  
 $E_{\text{tot}} \sim GM_c^2/R_c = 10^{53} \text{ erg}$



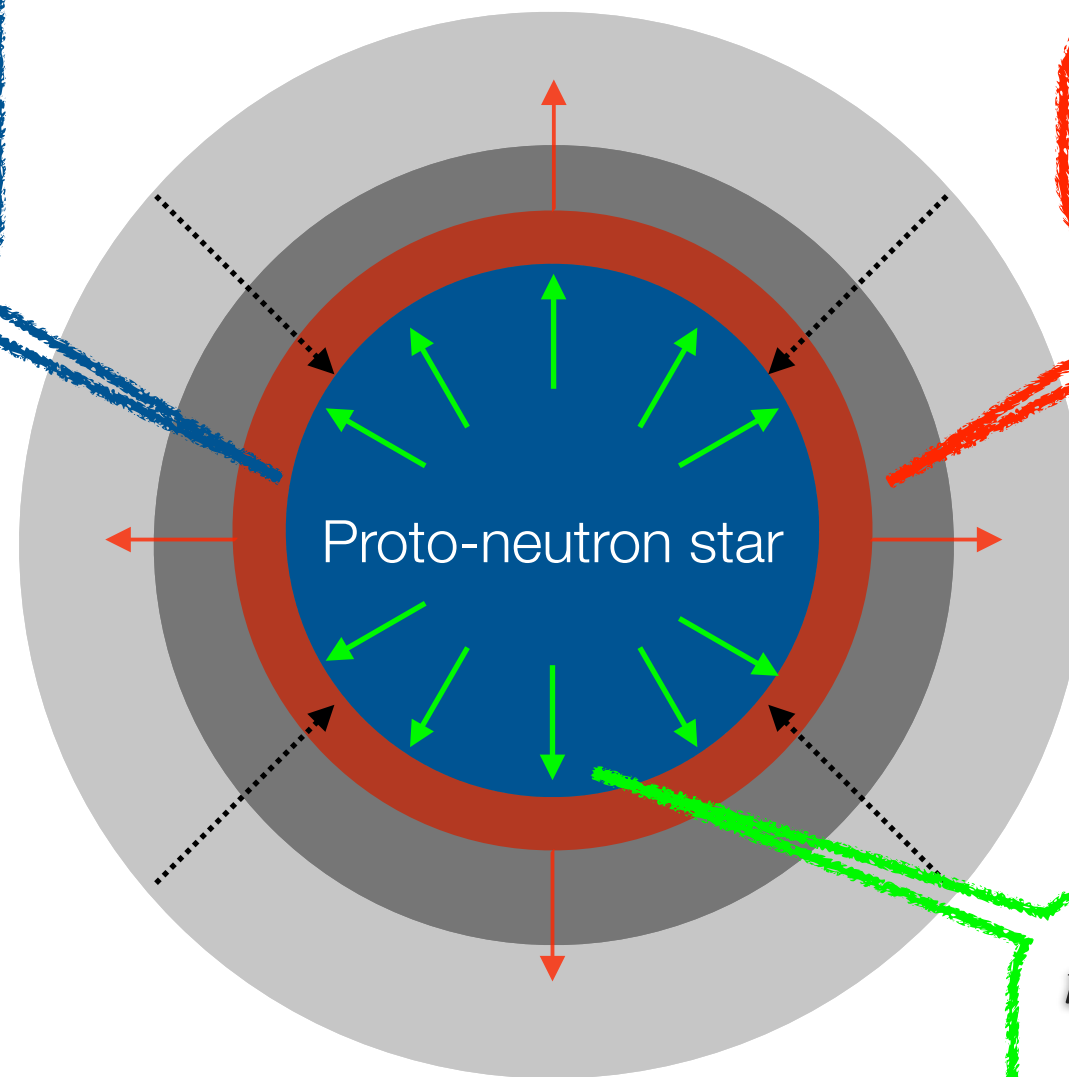
# Core-collapse supernova

i.e., typical nucleon distance  $\sim$  fm

At  $\rho_c \sim \rho_{\text{sat}}$ , EoS stiffens

Core size  $\sim 10$  km

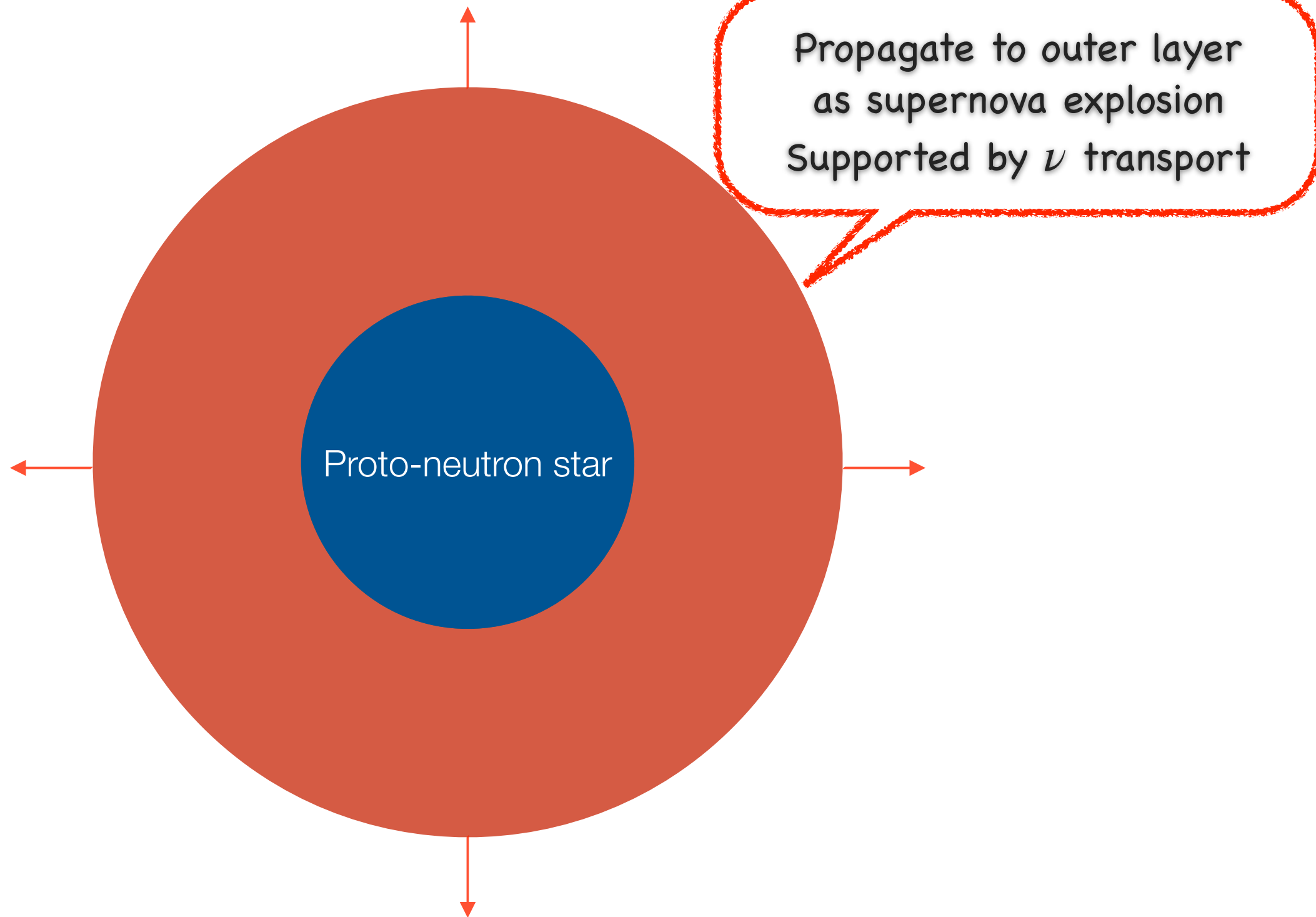
Temperature  $\sim 30$  MeV



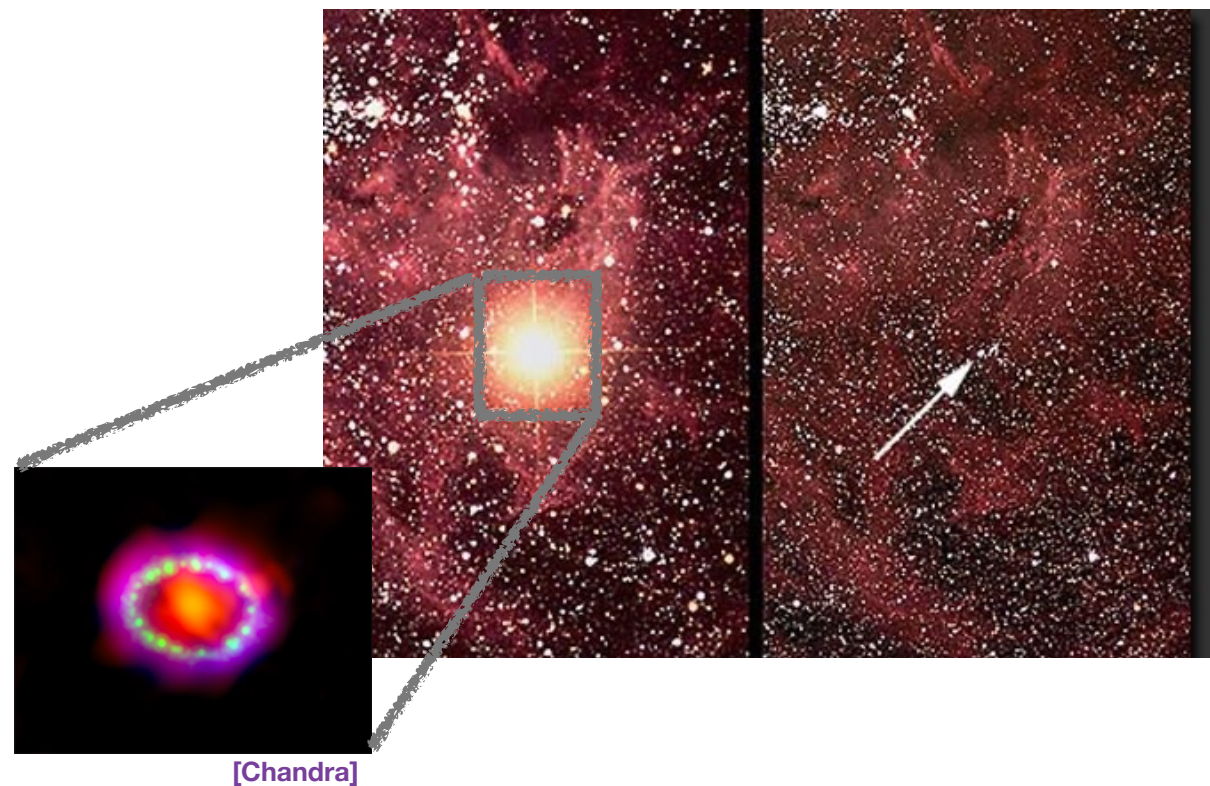
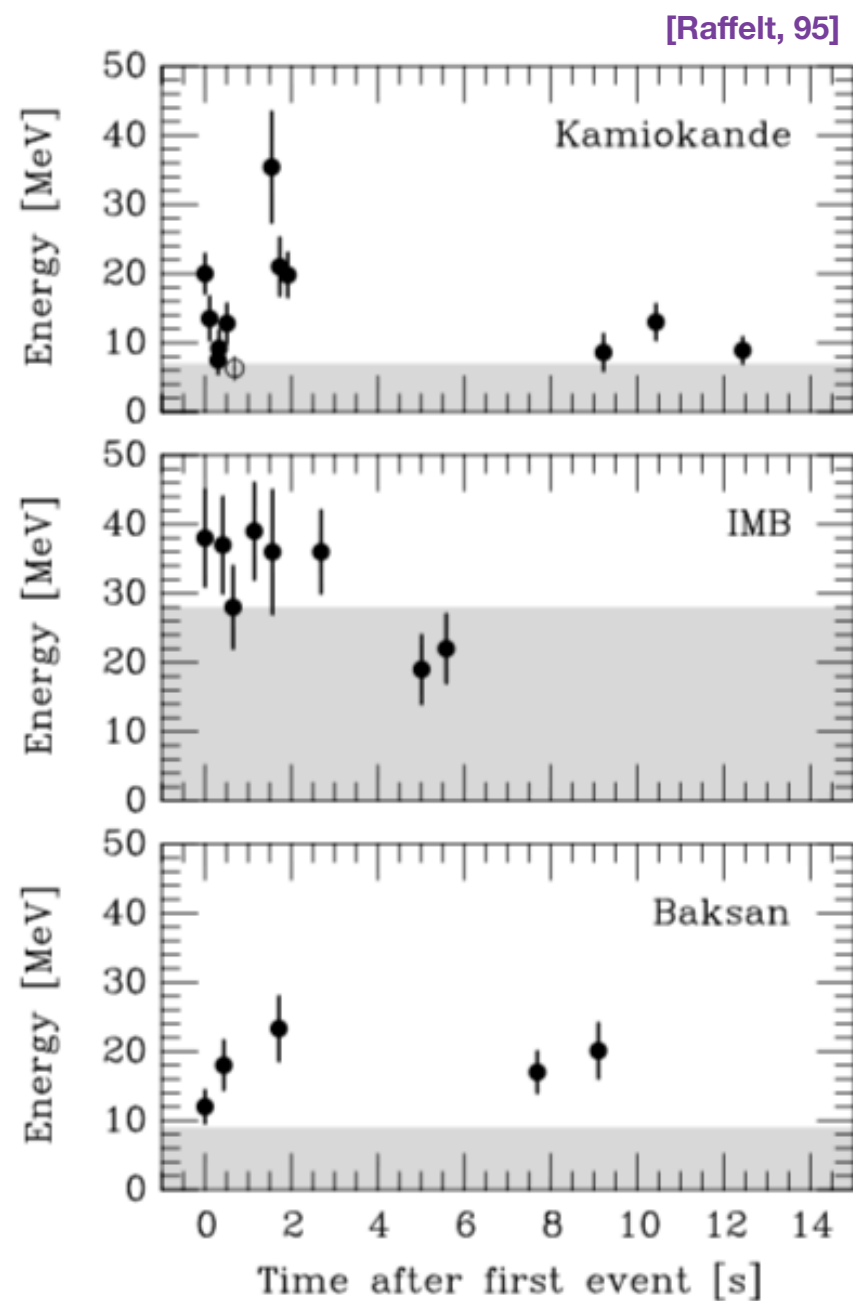
Bounce shock wave  
stall due to dissociation &  
accretion

$\nu$  produced, but trapped  
 $\langle E_\nu \rangle \sim 10$  MeV  
 $t_{\text{diff}} \sim 10$  sec

# Core-collapse supernova



# SN1987A

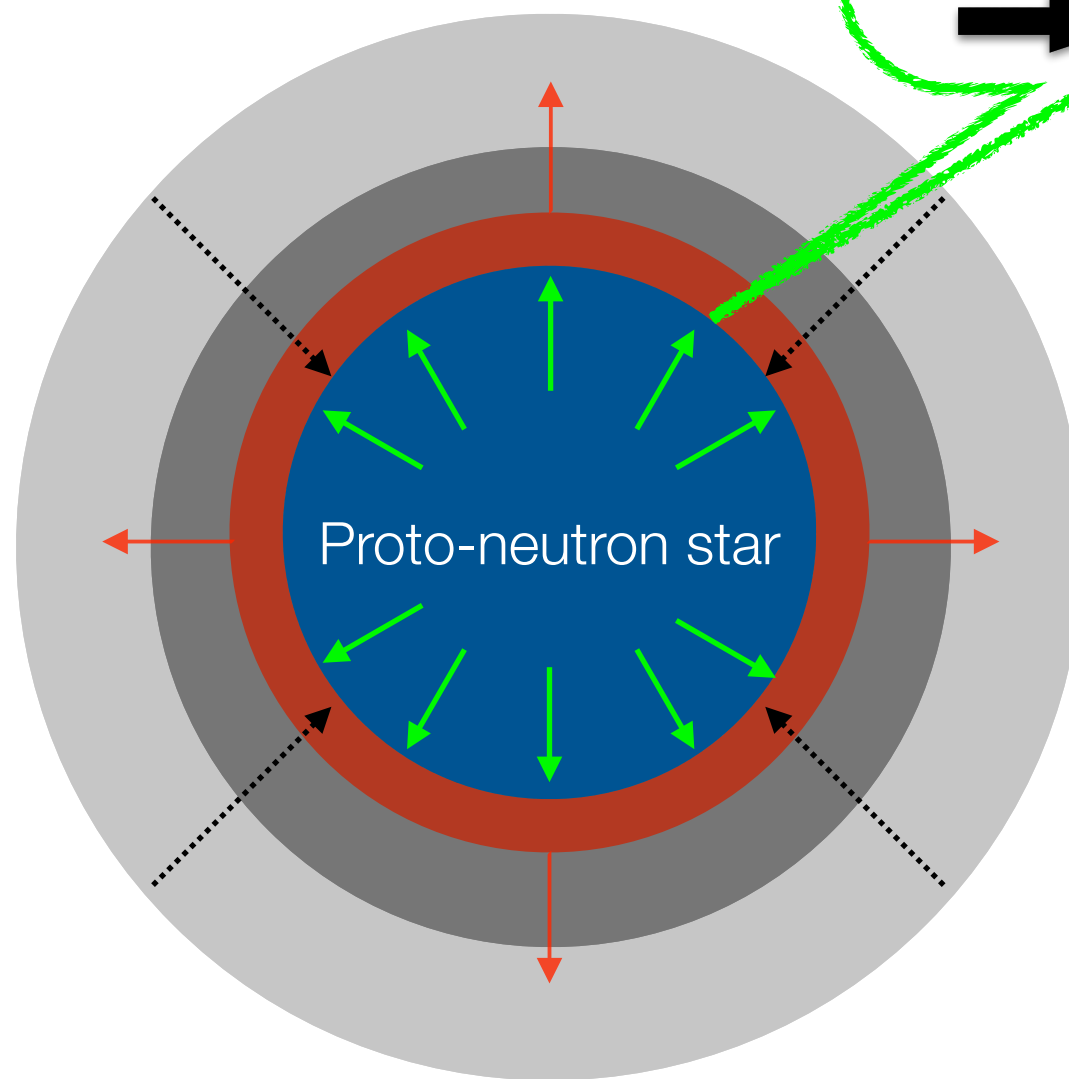


- The only direct observation of neutrinos occurred on 23 February 1987 when the blue supergiant Sanduleak–69 202 in the Large Magellanic Cloud exploded

Observational neutrino signal  
consistent with simulation fit

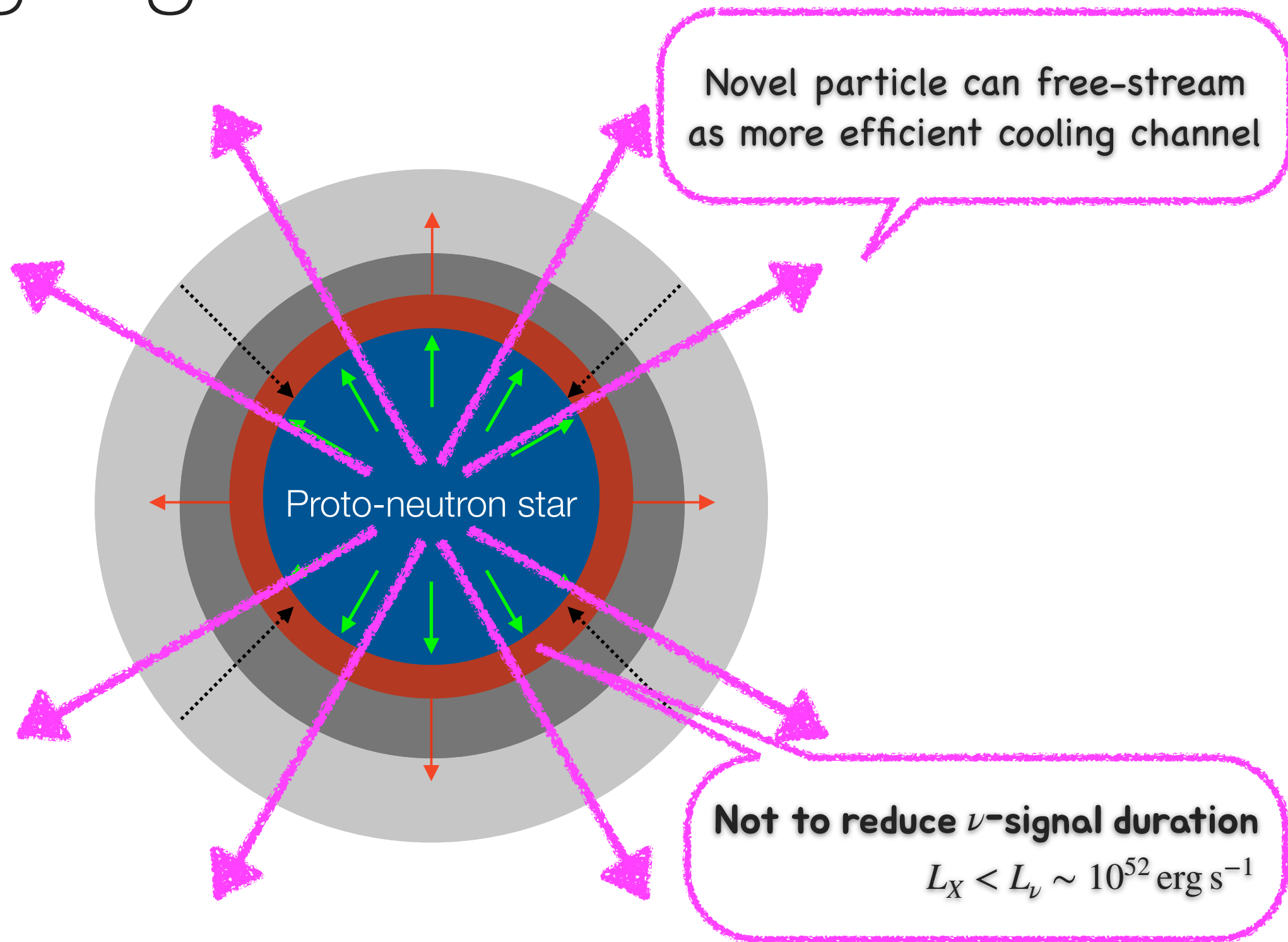


# $\nu$ -cooling of pNS

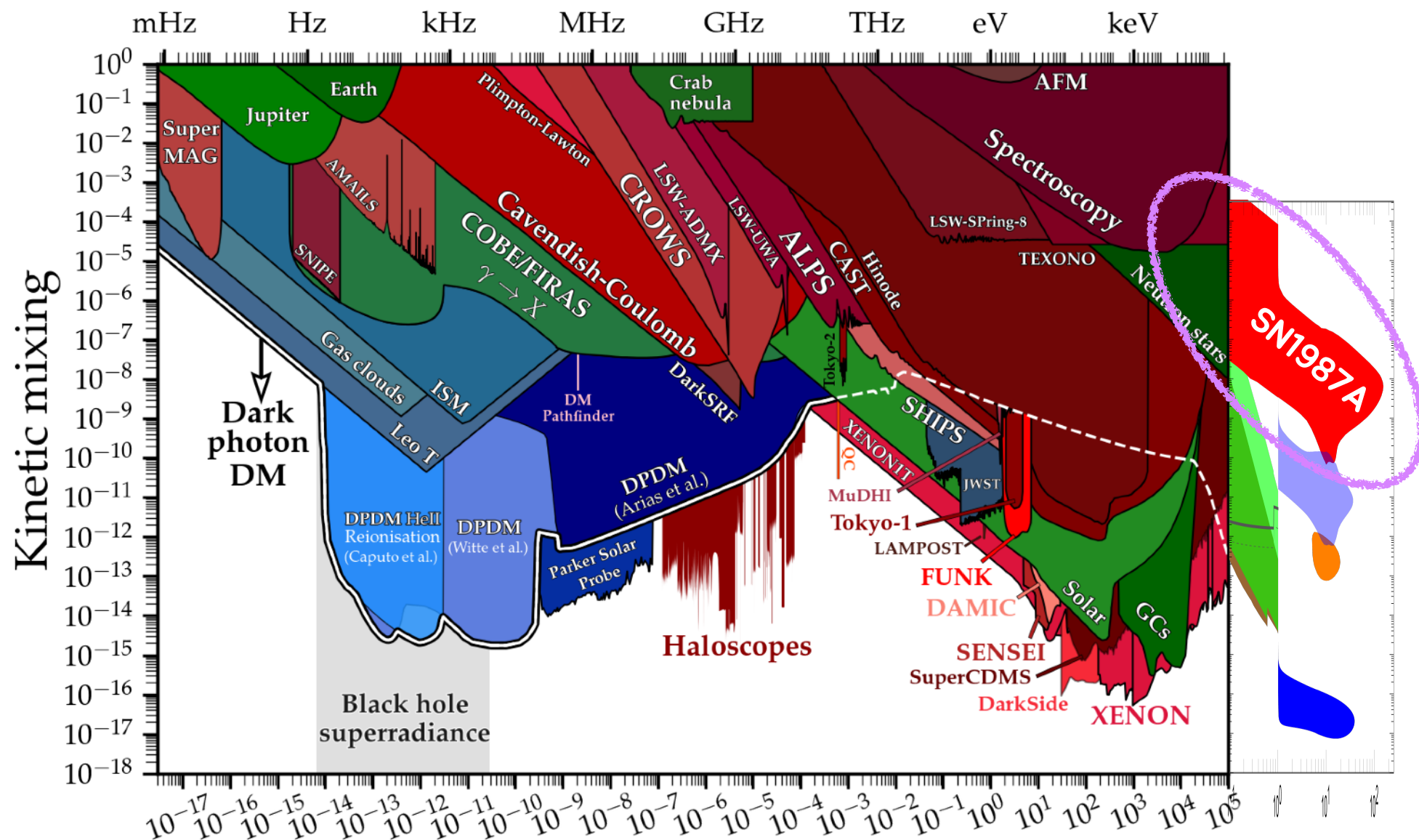


$\nu$  emission @  $\nu$ -sphere  
 $E_{\text{tot}} \sim 10^{53}$  erg &  $t_{\text{diff}} \sim 10$  sec  
 $\rightarrow L_{\nu} \sim 10^{52}$  erg s $^{-1}$

# Cooling argument on SNe



# SN cooling bound on DP

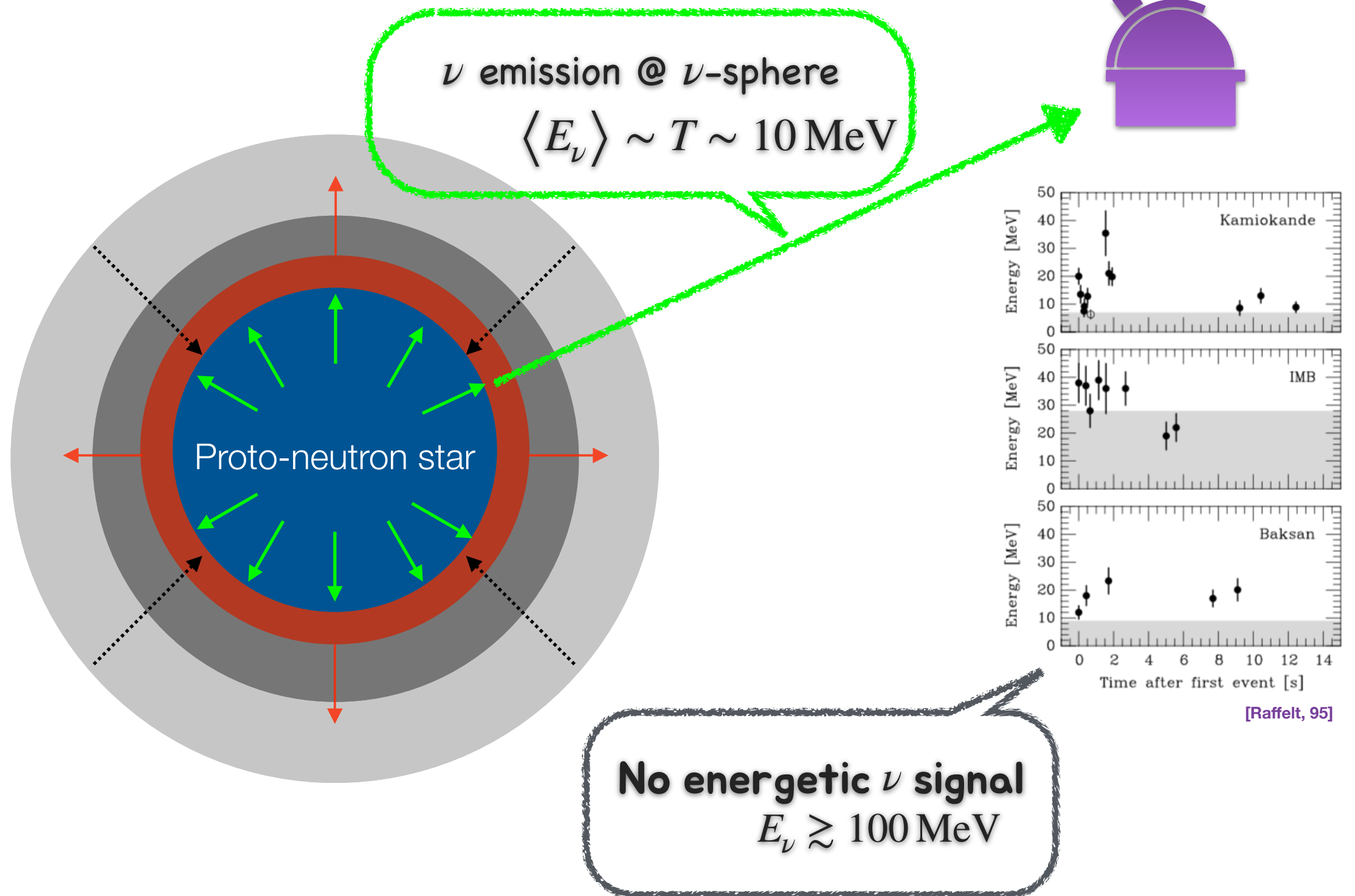


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Dark photon mass [eV]

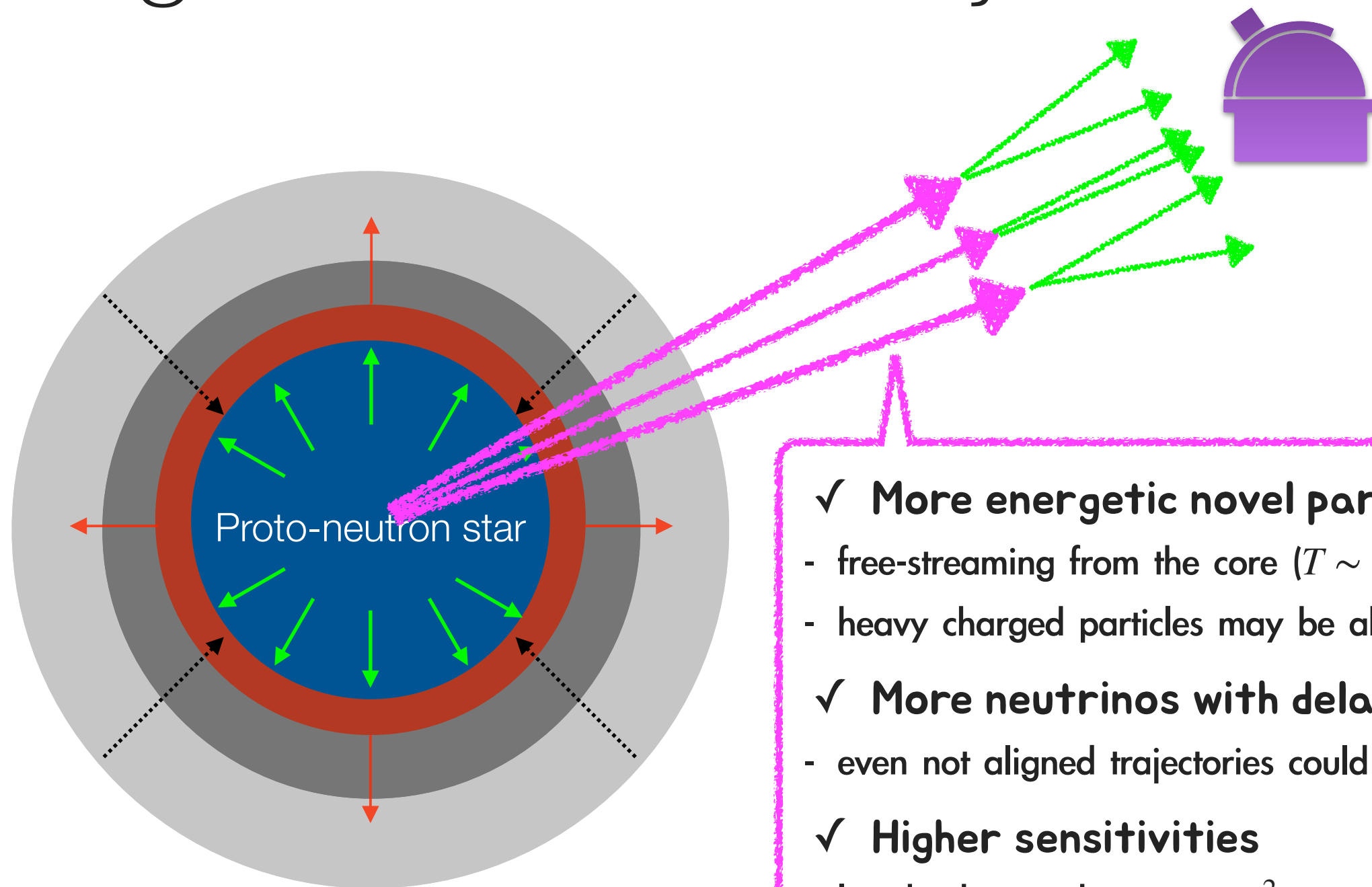
[A. Caputo, F. D'Eramo, J. Park, SY, in progress]

# No energetic SN $\nu$ signal





# Energetic $\nu$ from decay



## ✓ More energetic novel particles

- free-streaming from the core ( $T \sim 30 \text{ MeV}$ )
- heavy charged particles may be abundant

## ✓ More neutrinos with delay

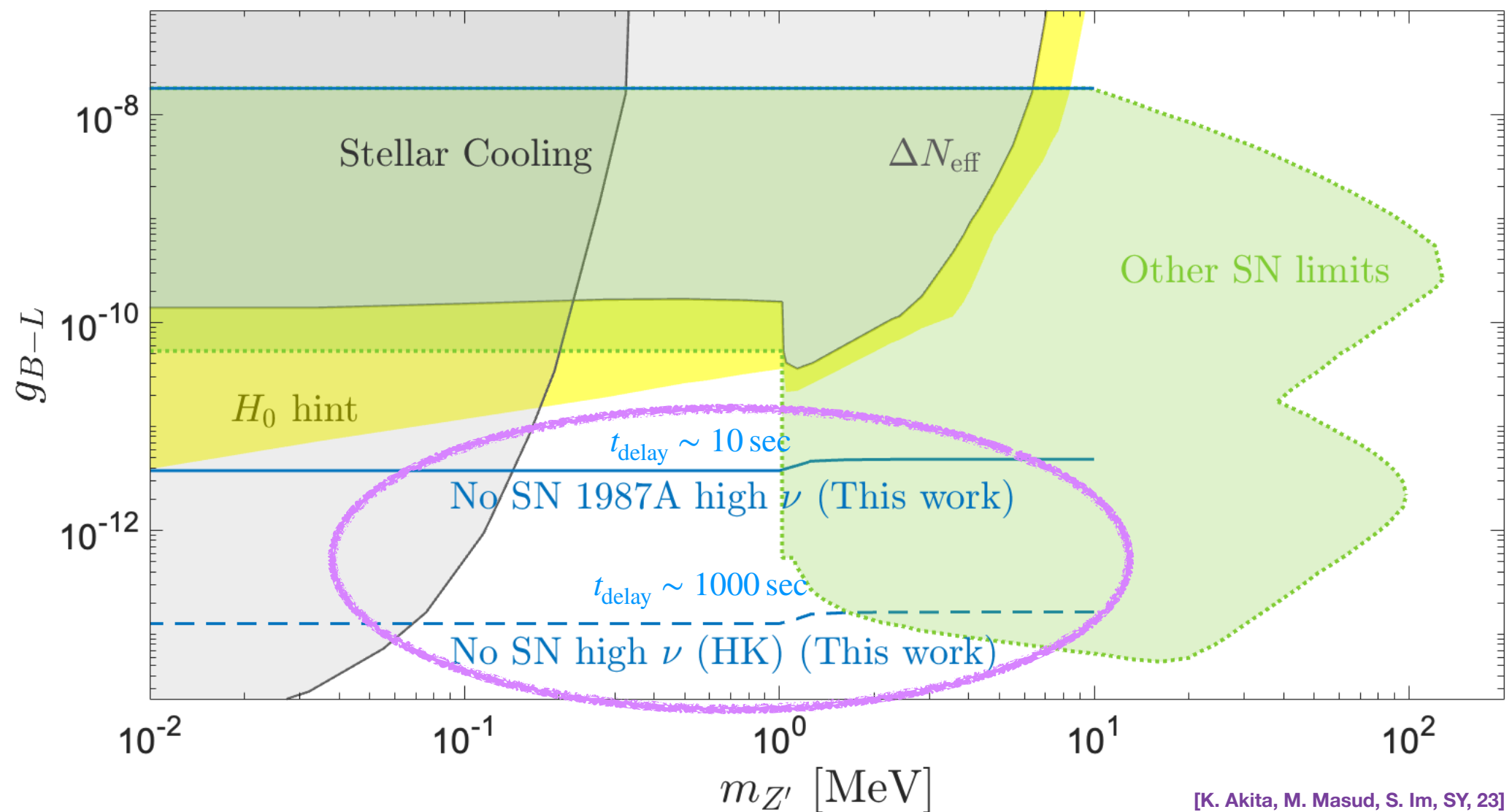
- even not aligned trajectories could contribute

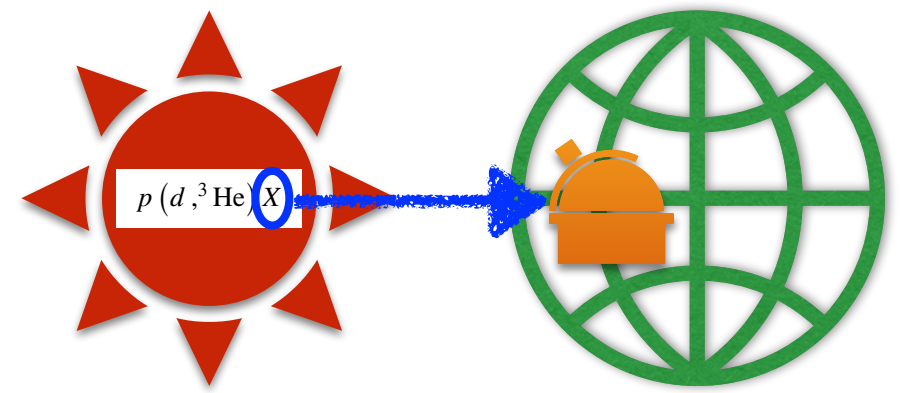
## ✓ Higher sensitivities

- less background +  $\sigma_{\nu A} \propto E_\nu^2$

[K. Akita, M. Masud, S. Im, 22] [D. Fiorillo, G. Raffelt, E. Vitagliano, 23] [K. Akita, M. Masud, S. Im, SY, 23]

# Constraints on the $U(1)_{B-L}$ model

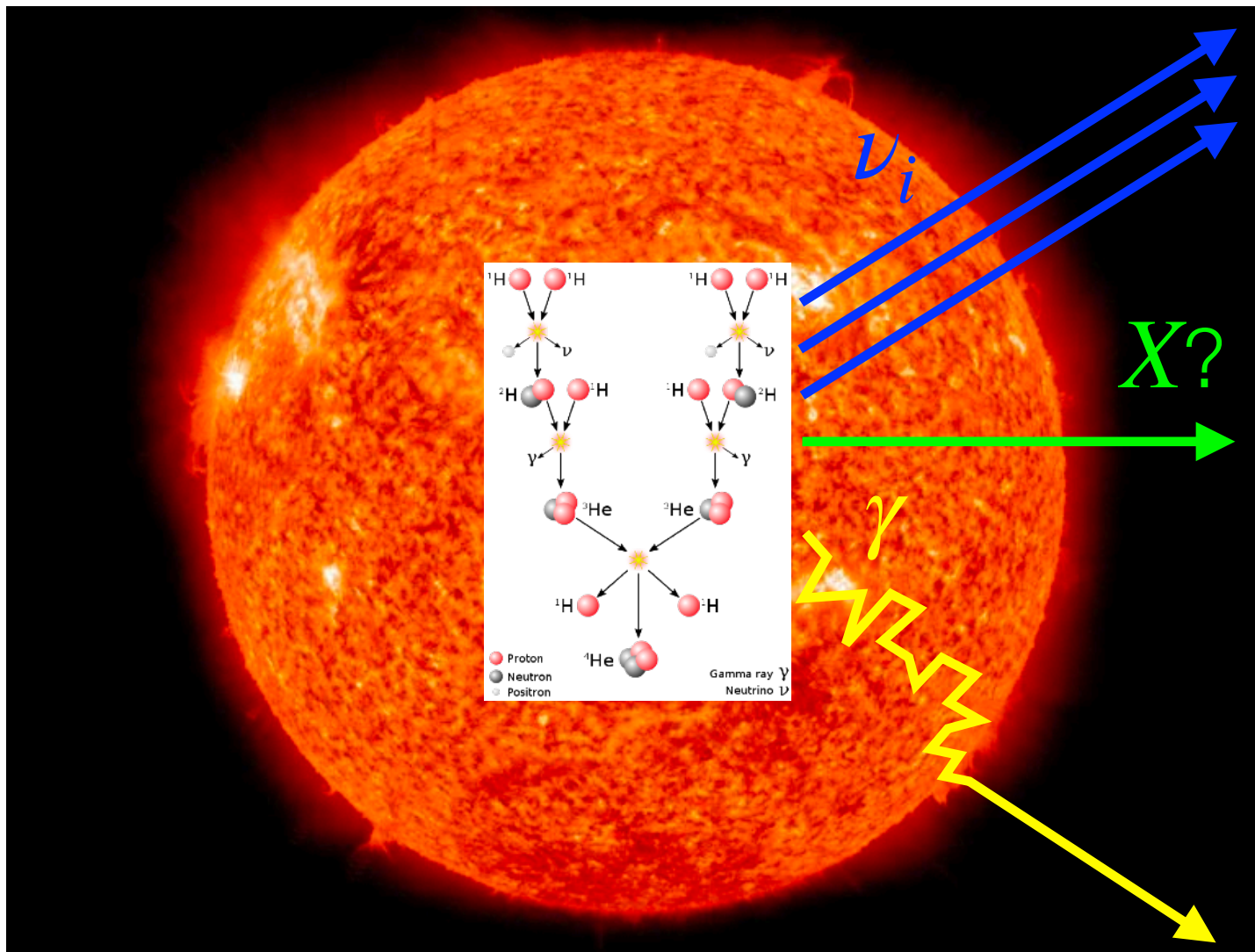




# *Solar nuclear reaction*

- Deuterium fusion  $p + d \rightarrow {}^3\text{He} + X$  (5.49 MeV)
- Predominantly isovector (i.e., isospin breaking)
- Axion as a magnetic mode & Dark photon by a mixing

# Sun

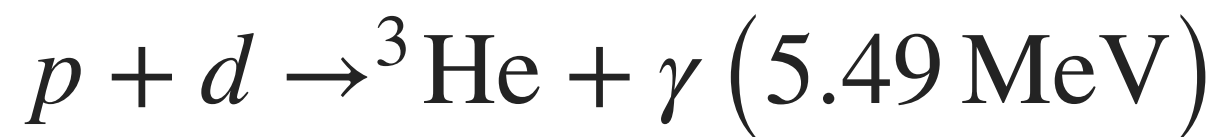


[NGC]

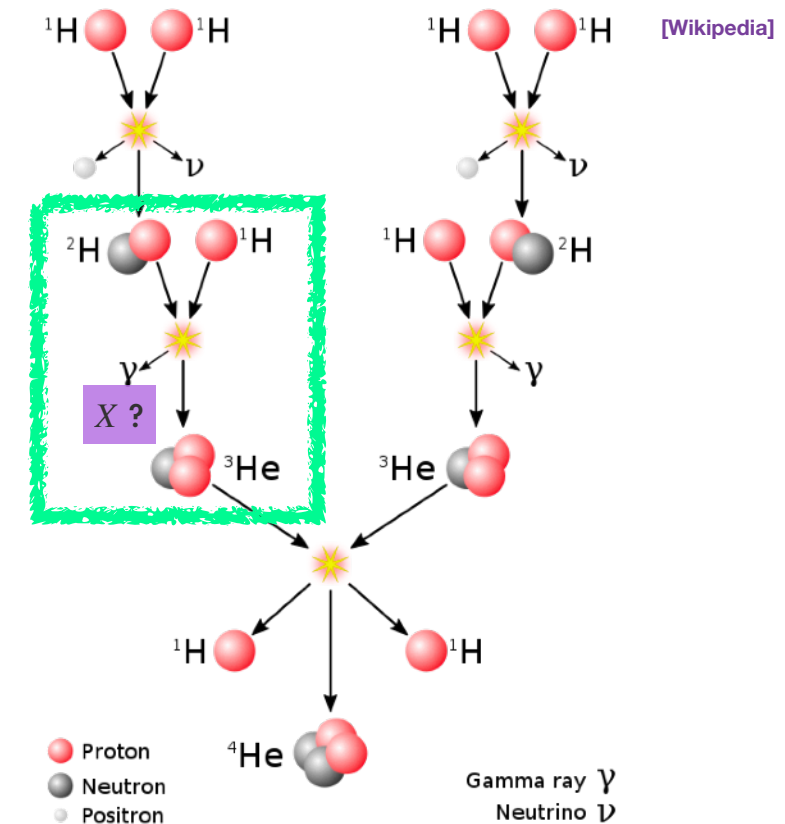
- Closest star to Earth
  - as a good and natural laboratory to probe new physics
- Dominant energy release by nuclear reaction (p-p chain)
  - **Neutrino** (volume emission)
  - **Photon** (surface emission)
  - **Novel particles?**
    - thermal :  $E \downarrow$  ( $\sim T = \mathcal{O}(1) \text{ keV}$ ),  $\Phi \uparrow$
    - N-reaction :  $E \uparrow$  ( $\sim \mathcal{O}(1) \text{ MeV}$ ),  $\Phi \downarrow$

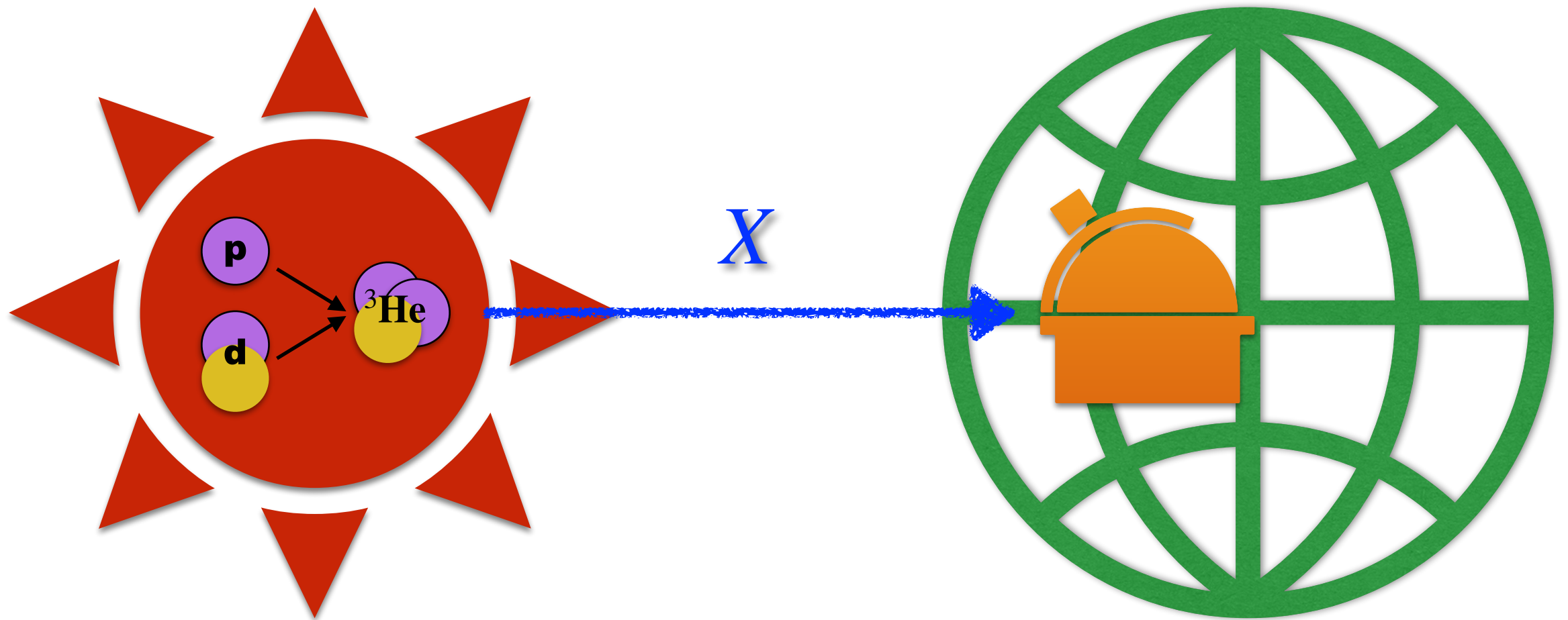


# Deuterium fusion



- The second stage of solar pp fusion chain
  - $1.7 \times 10^{38} \text{ s}^{-1}$  at the innermost region (core) of the Sun
- 5.49 MeV energy release through the electromagnetic radiation
  - $X$  instead of  $\gamma$  ? (possibility for axion have been discussed)
- In terms of multipole expansion (relevant to non-relativistic regime)
  - Electric- & Magnetic-dipole transition dominant
  - Due to the proton and deuteron as the pure isospin eigenstates
  - Controlled by **isovector** charge (i.e., difference between the couplings to nucleons)





## Production

- Effective theory of  $\gamma'$  in a medium
  - i. Kinetic mixing
  - ii. Plasma mixing
- $p + d \rightarrow {}^3\text{He} + \gamma' \text{ (5.49 MeV)}$ 
  - ✓ Multipole expansion - (E1 & M1)
  - ✓ Isovector

## Detection

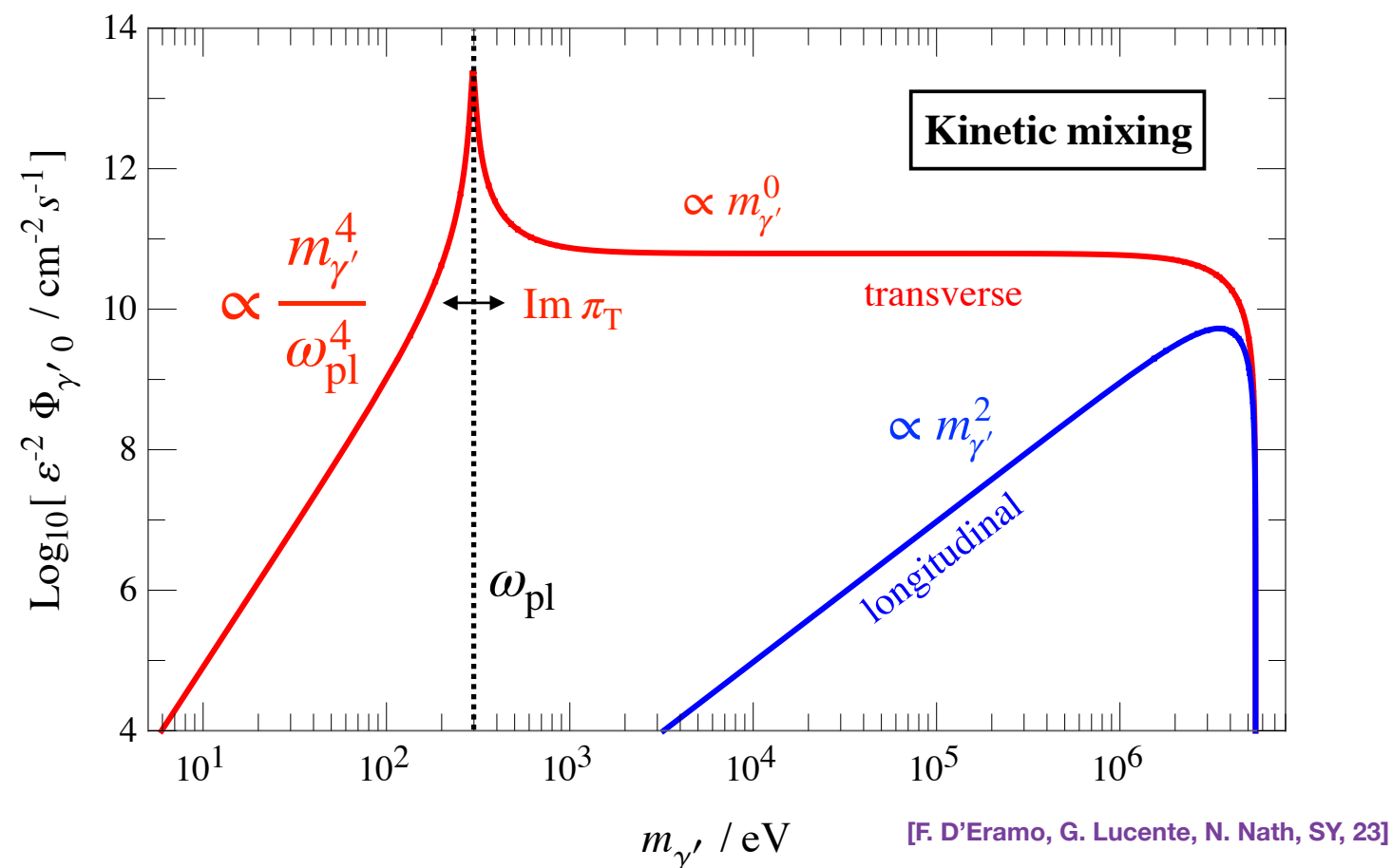
- Compton-like  $e^- \gamma' \rightarrow e^- \gamma$ 
  - ✓ Polarized cross-section
- In-flight decay  $\gamma' \rightarrow e^- e^+$ 
  - ✓ allowed for  $m_{\gamma'} \geq 2m_e$

# Solar 5.49 MeV $\gamma'$ flux (kinetic mixing)

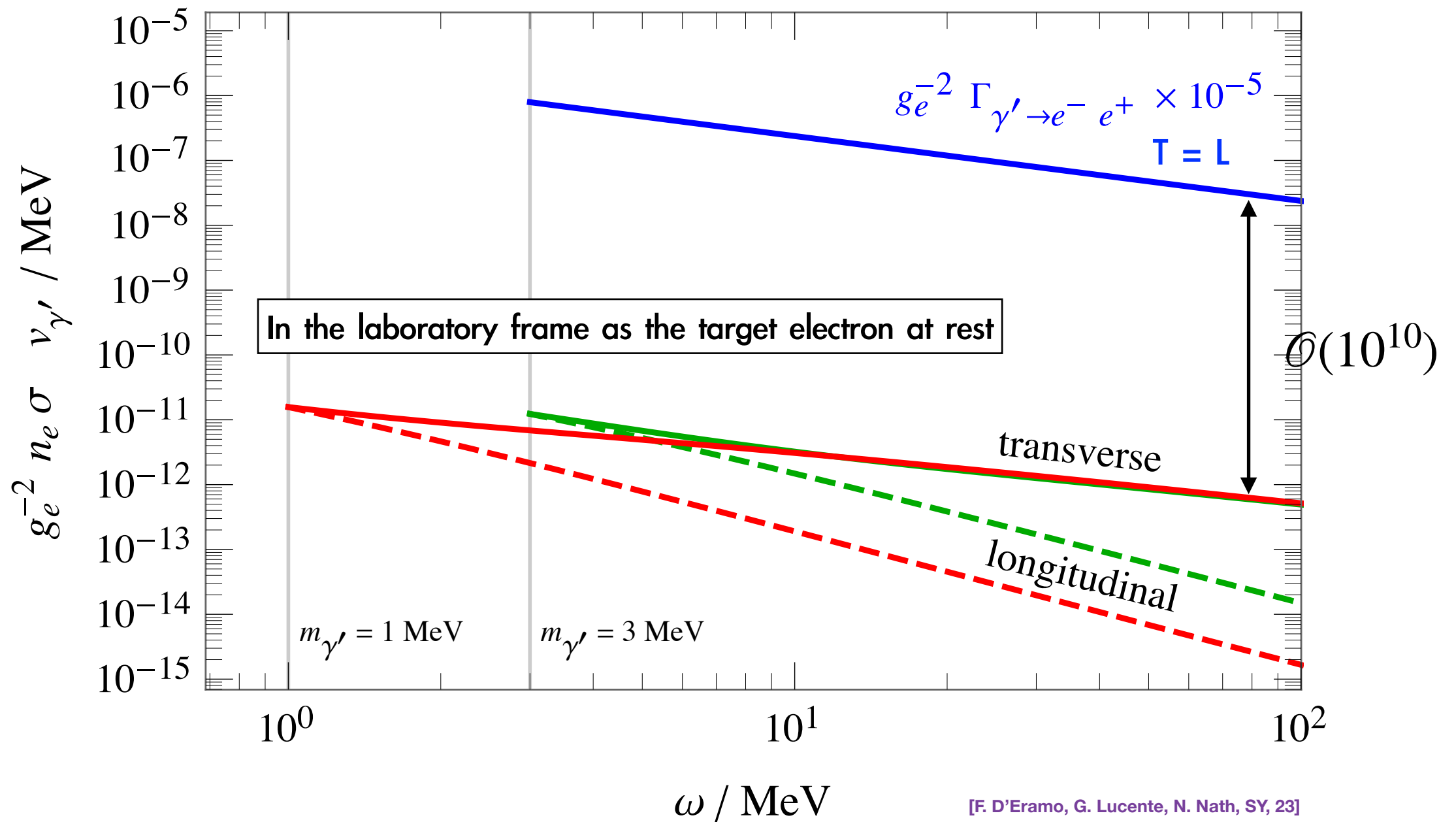
$$[\Phi_{\gamma'}]_{\text{T,L}} = \frac{1}{4\pi d_{\odot}^2} \phi_{\gamma} \frac{k^3}{\omega^3} \left| \varepsilon \frac{m_{\gamma'}^2}{m_{\gamma'}^2 - \pi_{\text{T,L}}} \right|^2 \times \left[ \frac{m_{\gamma'}^2}{\omega^2} \right]_{\text{L}}$$

(current conservation)

$1.7 \times 10^{38} \text{ s}^{-1}$  for  $p(d, {}^3\text{He})\gamma$        $\gamma$ - $\gamma'$  mixing



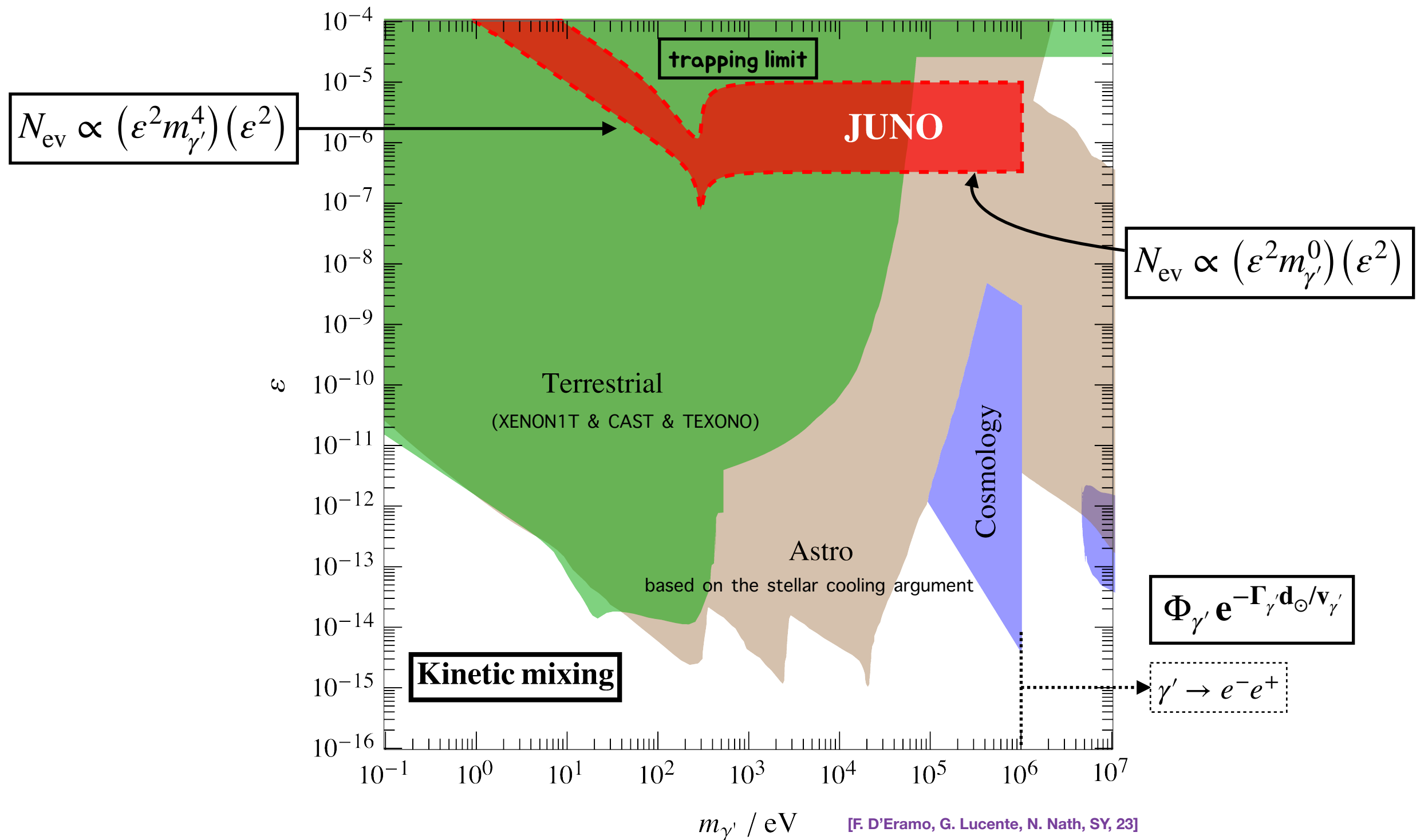
# Detection rate





$$N_{\text{ev}} < N_{\text{ev}}^{\text{lim}} = 97 @ 90 \% \text{ C.L.}$$

# JUNO constraint on Kinetic mixing

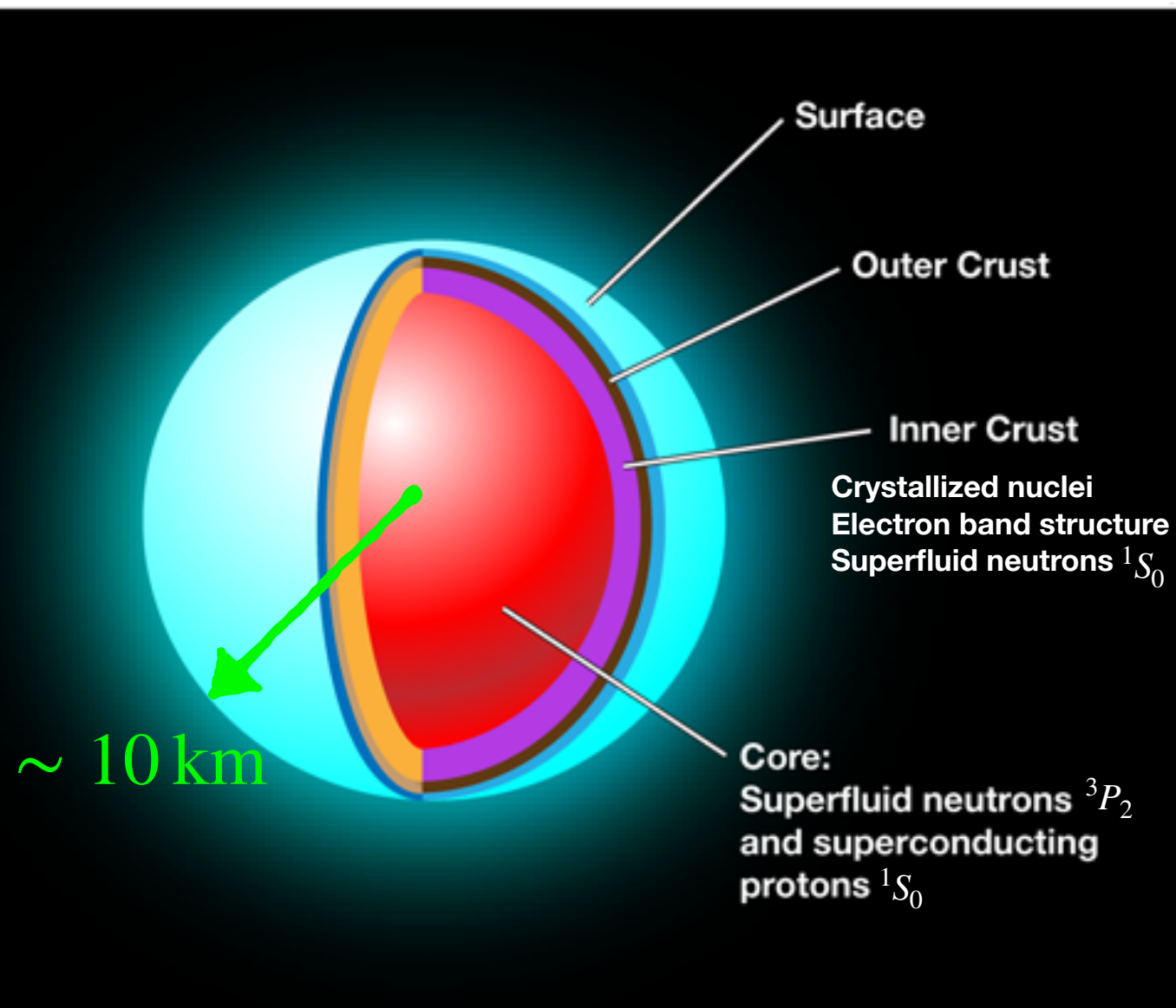


# Conclusion

- ◎ Stellar objects as a good way to probe BSM signals
  - e.g., stellar evolution path as a conventional approach
  - With involving  $\nu$  detection, supernovae & the Sun are relevant objects
- ◎ Core-collapse supernovae
  - Time duration of  $\nu$  signals for stellar cooling argument
  - Improved by energetic & delayed  $\nu$  signal, if  $X \rightarrow \nu\bar{\nu}$
- ◎ Solar nuclear reaction
  - 5.49 MeV production via the deuterium fusion reaction
  - can be probed by terrestrial  $\nu$  detectors
  - sensitive to the solar interior condition (any BSM impact?)

# Back up

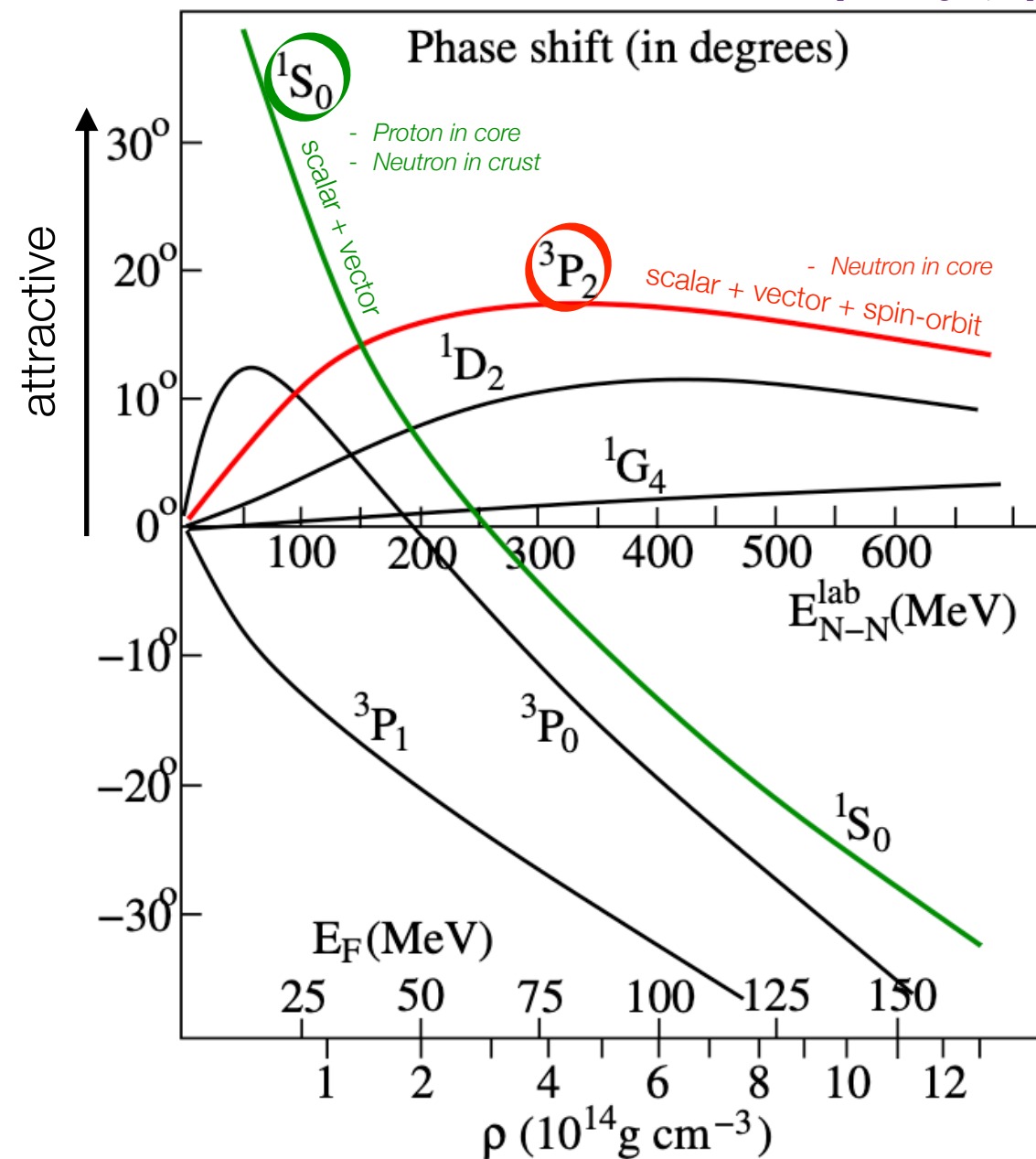
# Neutron stars



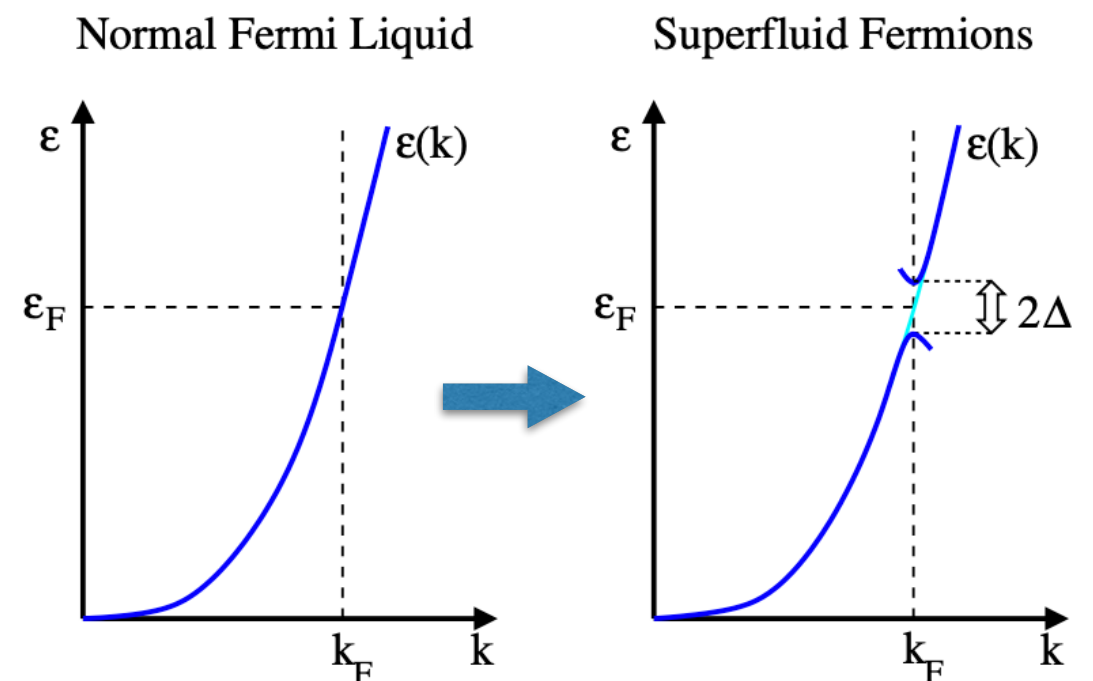
- Remnant core of a massive star after a type-II supernovae explosion
  - Neutrino signal for a few seconds (SN1987A)
  - Lack of prompt gamma-ray signal
- Young neutron star cooling
  - Neutrino (volume) emission
  - Photon (surface) emission  $> 10^{4-5}$  yr
  - Superfluidity?
- Etc.
  - Strong magnetic field
  - Gravitational source?

# Superfluidity of nucleon

[R. Tamagaki, 70]



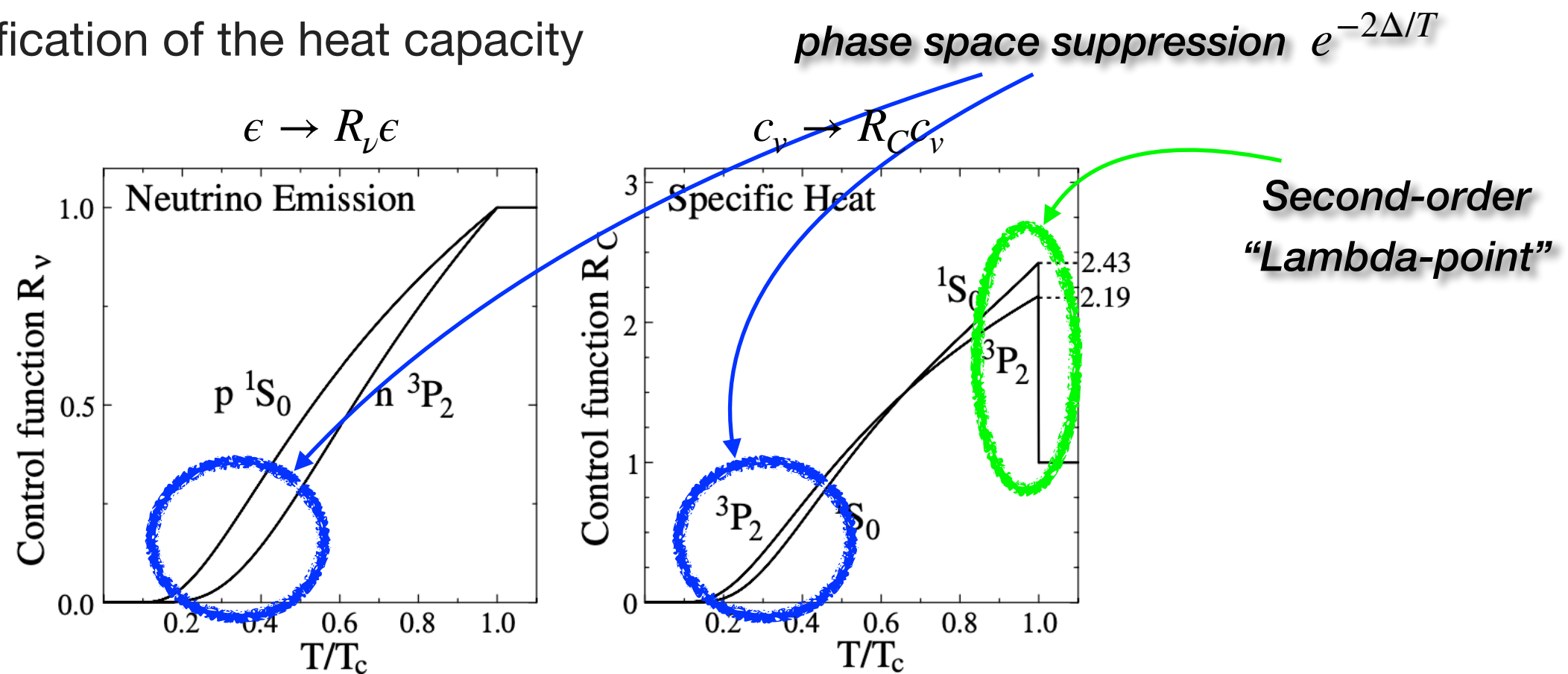
- N-N interaction by exchange of meson
  - Scalar (attractive)
  - Vector (repulsive)
  - Spin-orbit (attractive or repulsive)
- Below  $T_c$ , nucleons form the pairs
- Appearance of a gap in the momentum spectrum





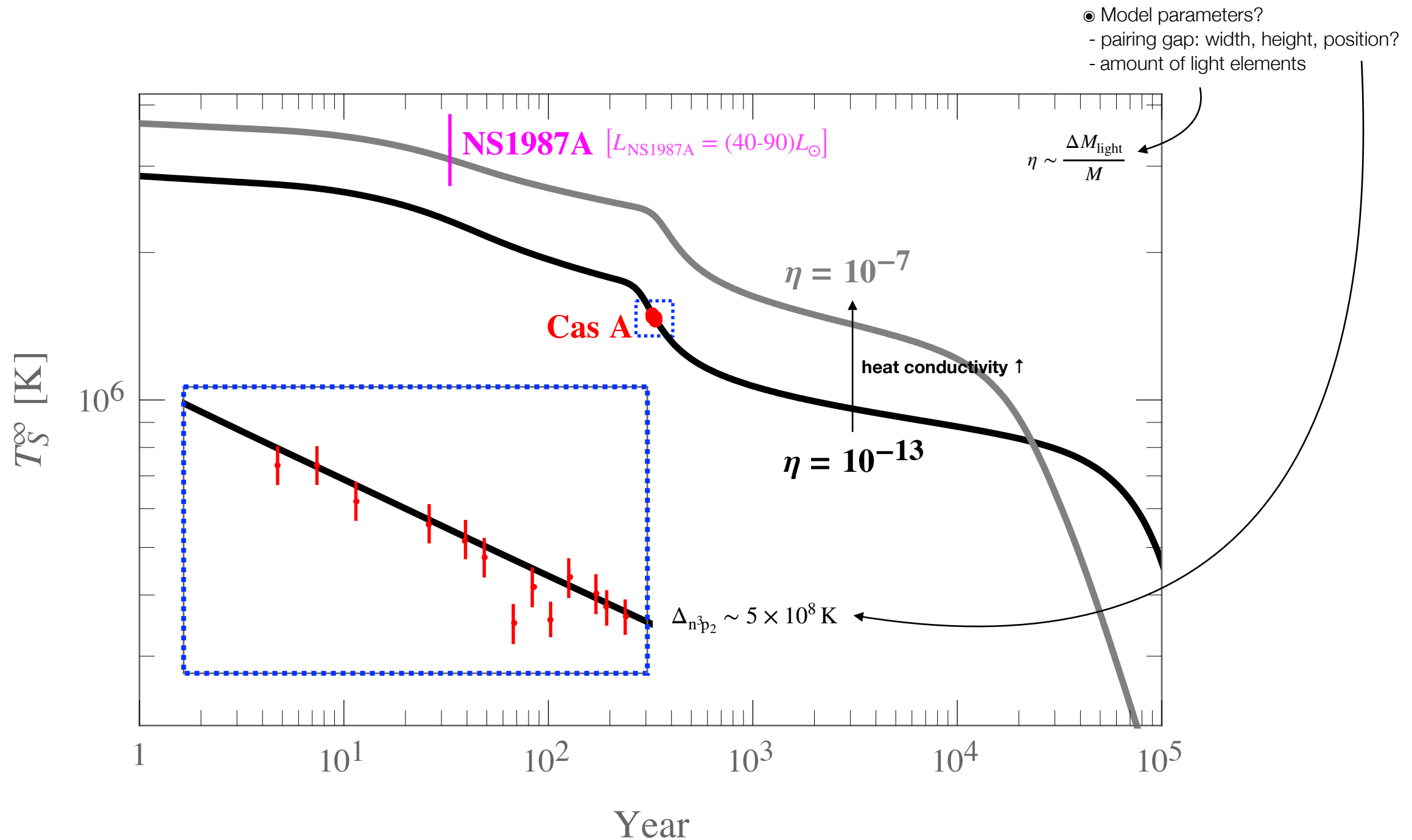
# Effect of pairing for NS cooling

1. Suppression of the emissivity
2. Modification of the heat capacity

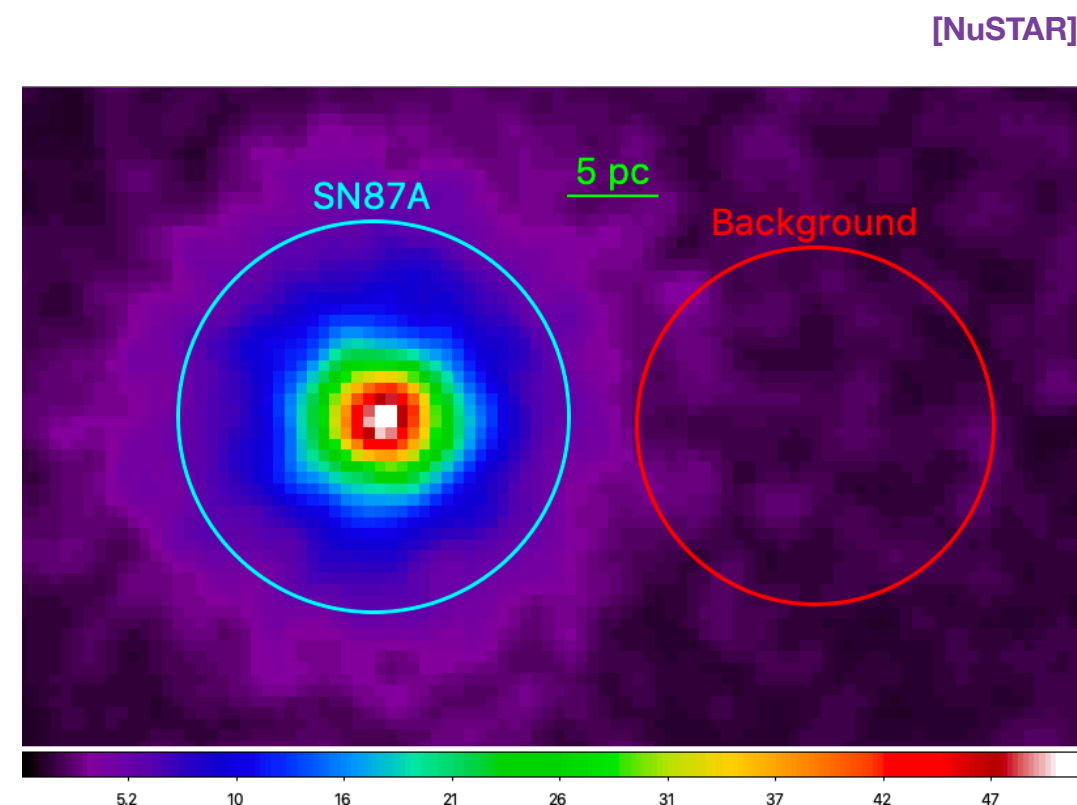
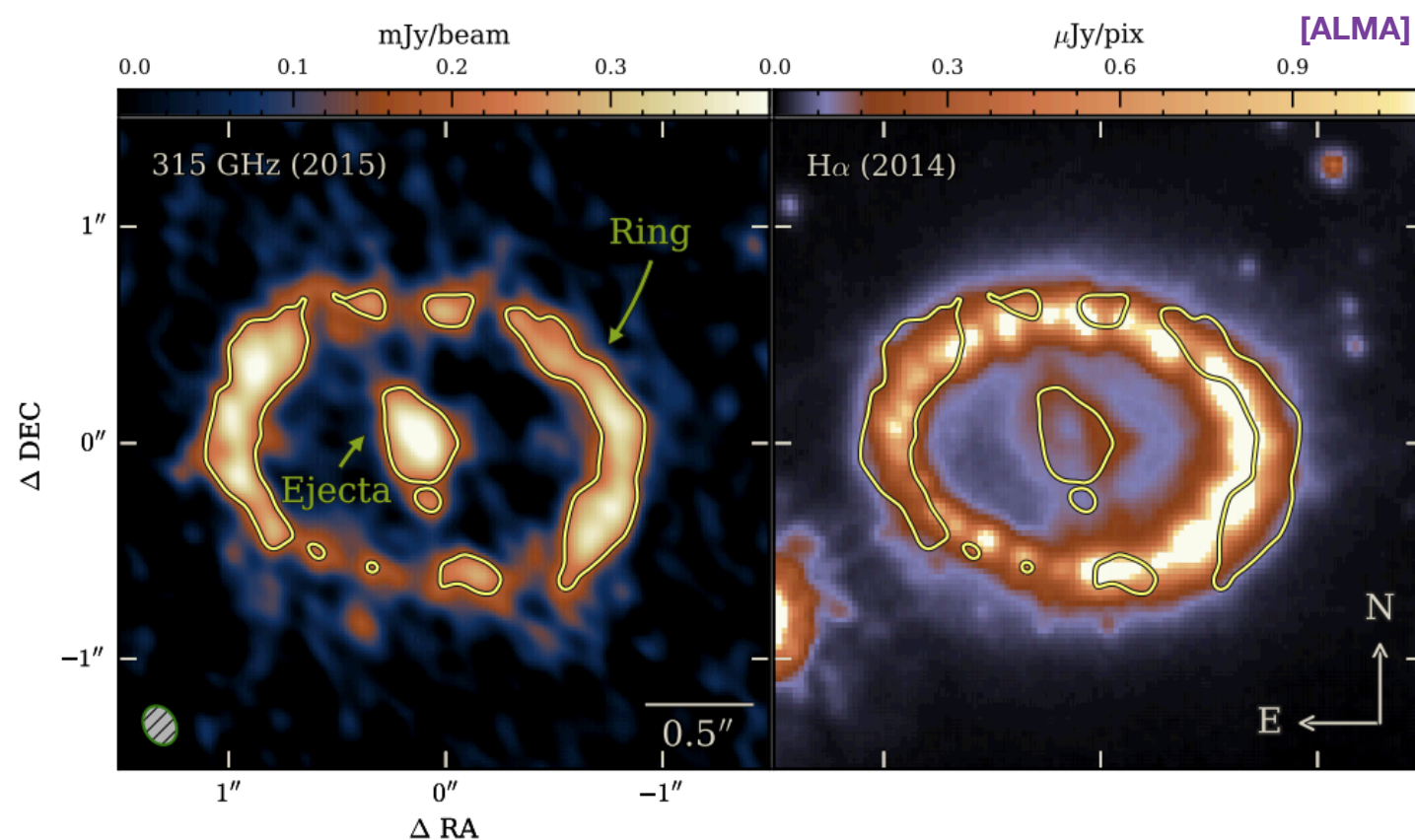


3. Triggering of the “pair breaking and formation” (PBF) emission

# Minimal cooling scenario



# Remnant of SN1987A?

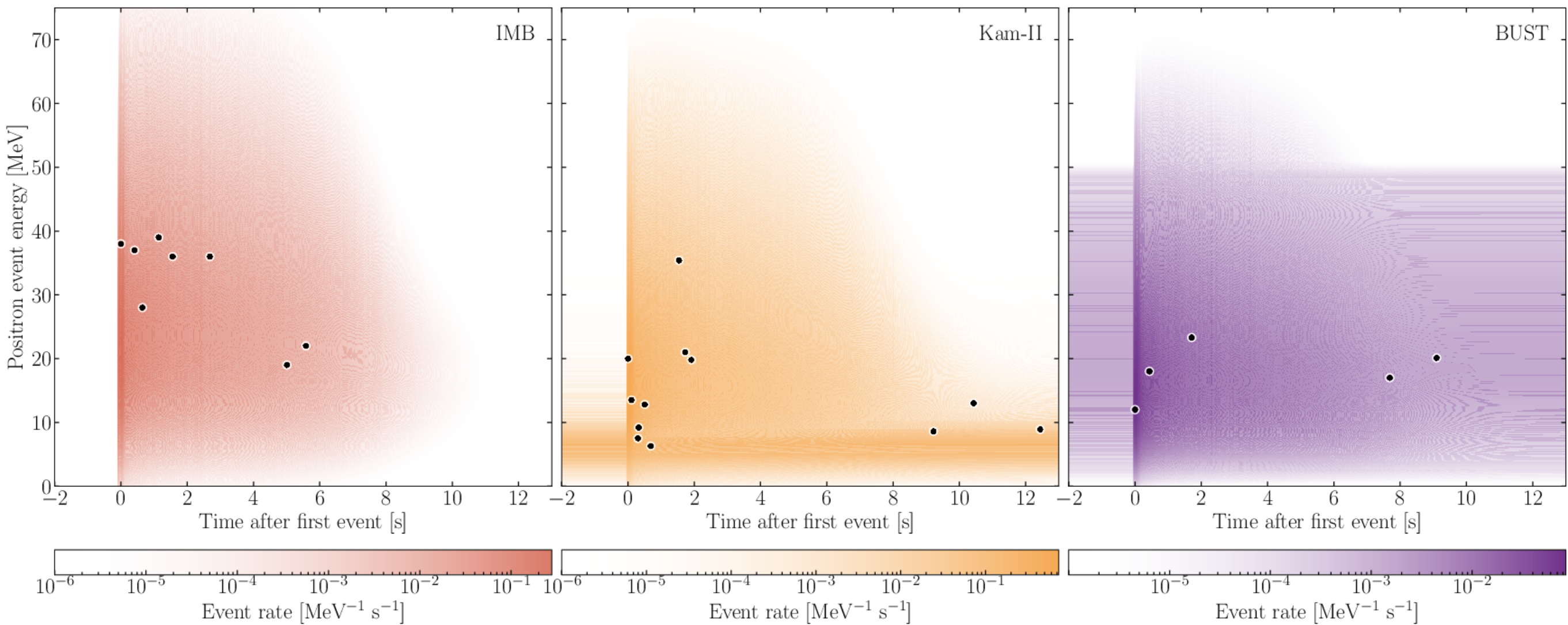


- Presence of a compact source in the remnant is strongly indicated.
  - a neutron star rather than a black hole is likely to have formed
  - small remnant core mass + small fallback mass due to high explosion energy



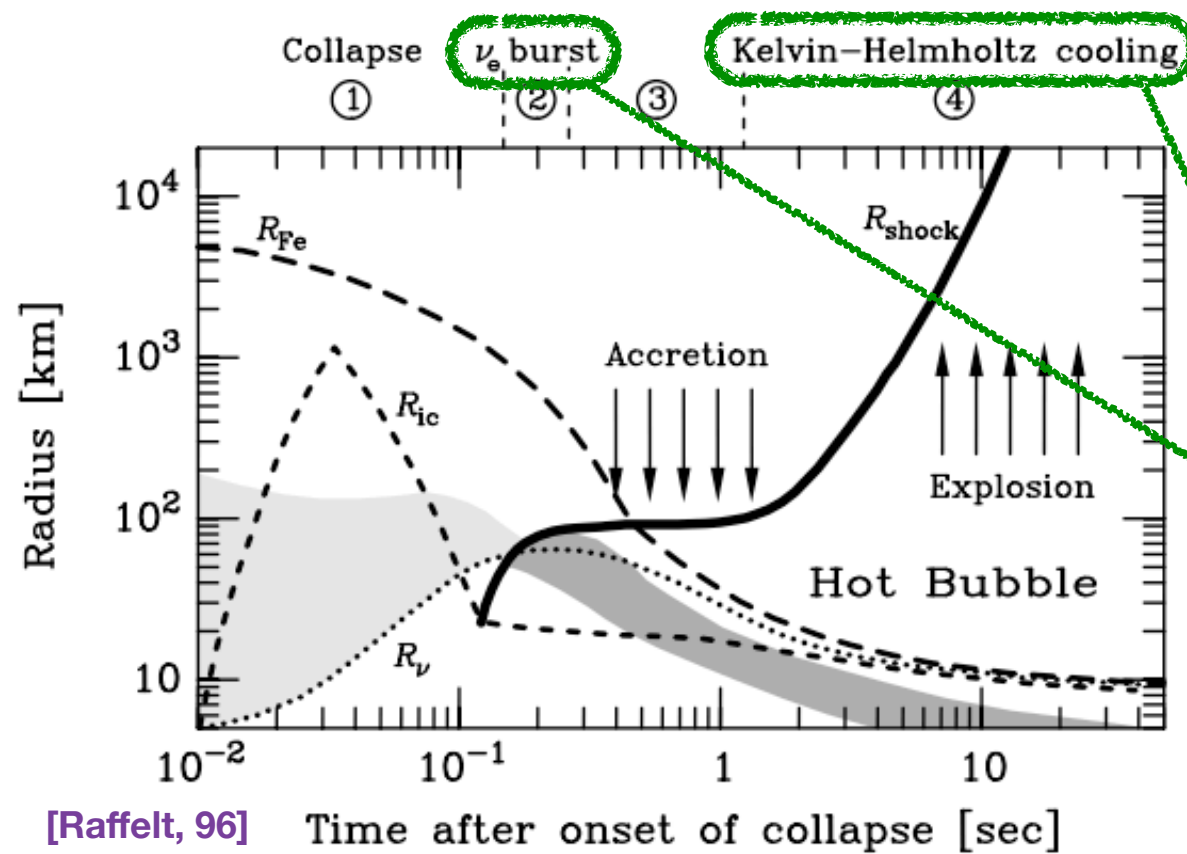
**'NS1987A'**

# SN1987A simulation fit



[D.F.G. Fiorillo, M. Heinlein, H.-T. Janka, G. Raffelt, E. Vitagliano and R. Bollig, 23]

# Neutrino driven explosion



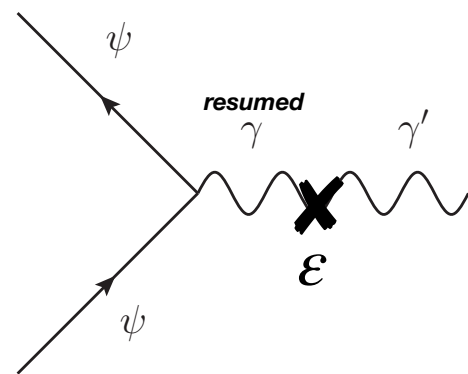
- The “***delayed explosion scenario***”

- Thermal relaxation of the proto-neutron star as the source of neutrino emission for  $\mathcal{O}(10)$  sec
- the energy deposition of the neutrino flow causes the explosion ( $\mathcal{O}(1)\%$  of total neutrino bulk energy)



# Effective coupling of $\gamma'$ in medium

✓ Kinetic mixing ( $\varepsilon$ )



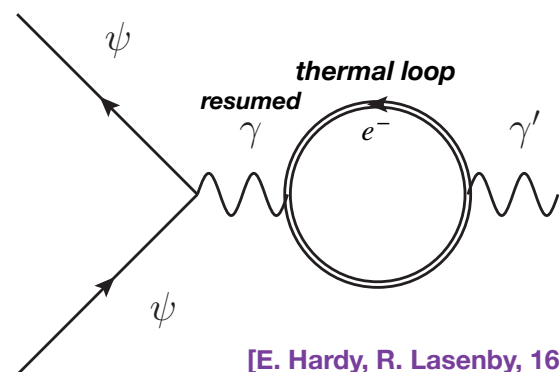
$$\mathcal{L}_{\varepsilon}^{\text{eff}} = \varepsilon e \frac{m_{\gamma'}^2}{m_{\gamma'}^2 - \pi_{T,L}} J_{\text{EM}}^{\mu} A'_{\mu}$$

$$\mu_e \ll T \text{ \& } T \ll m_e$$

$$\text{Re}[\pi_T] = \omega_{\text{pl}}^2$$

$$\text{Re}[\pi_L] = \frac{m_{\gamma'}^2}{\omega^2} \omega_{\text{pl}}^2$$

✓ Plasma mixing



[E. Hardy, R. Lasenby, 16]  
[C. S. Shin, D. Hong, SY, 20]

$$\mathcal{L}_{\Pi}^{\text{eff}} = -e' q_e' \frac{\pi_{T,L}}{m_{\gamma'}^2 - \pi_{T,L}} J_{\text{EM}}^{\mu} A'_{\mu}$$

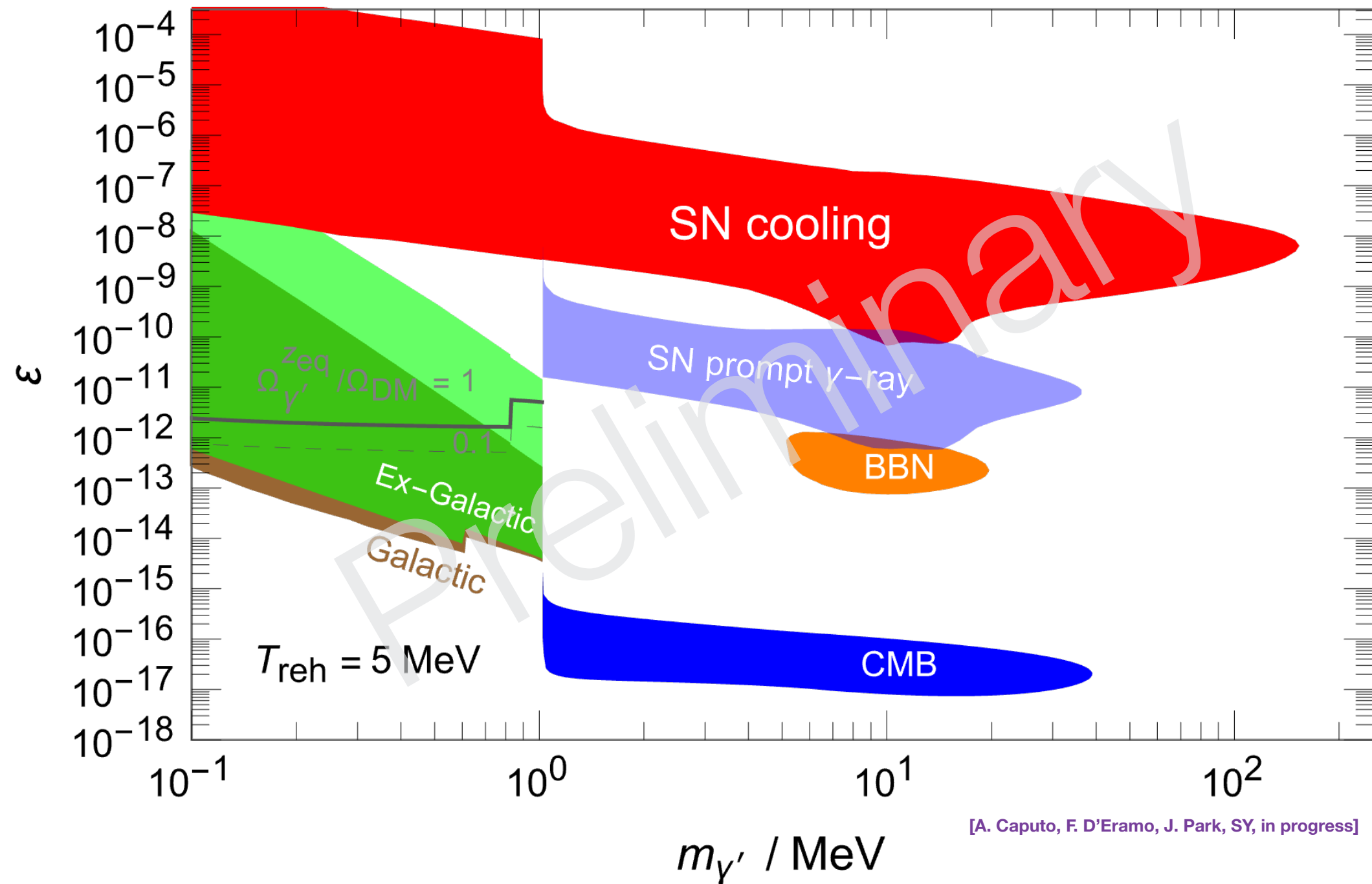
- $q$  : EM charge
- $q'$  : dark  $U(1)$  charge

In the solar medium

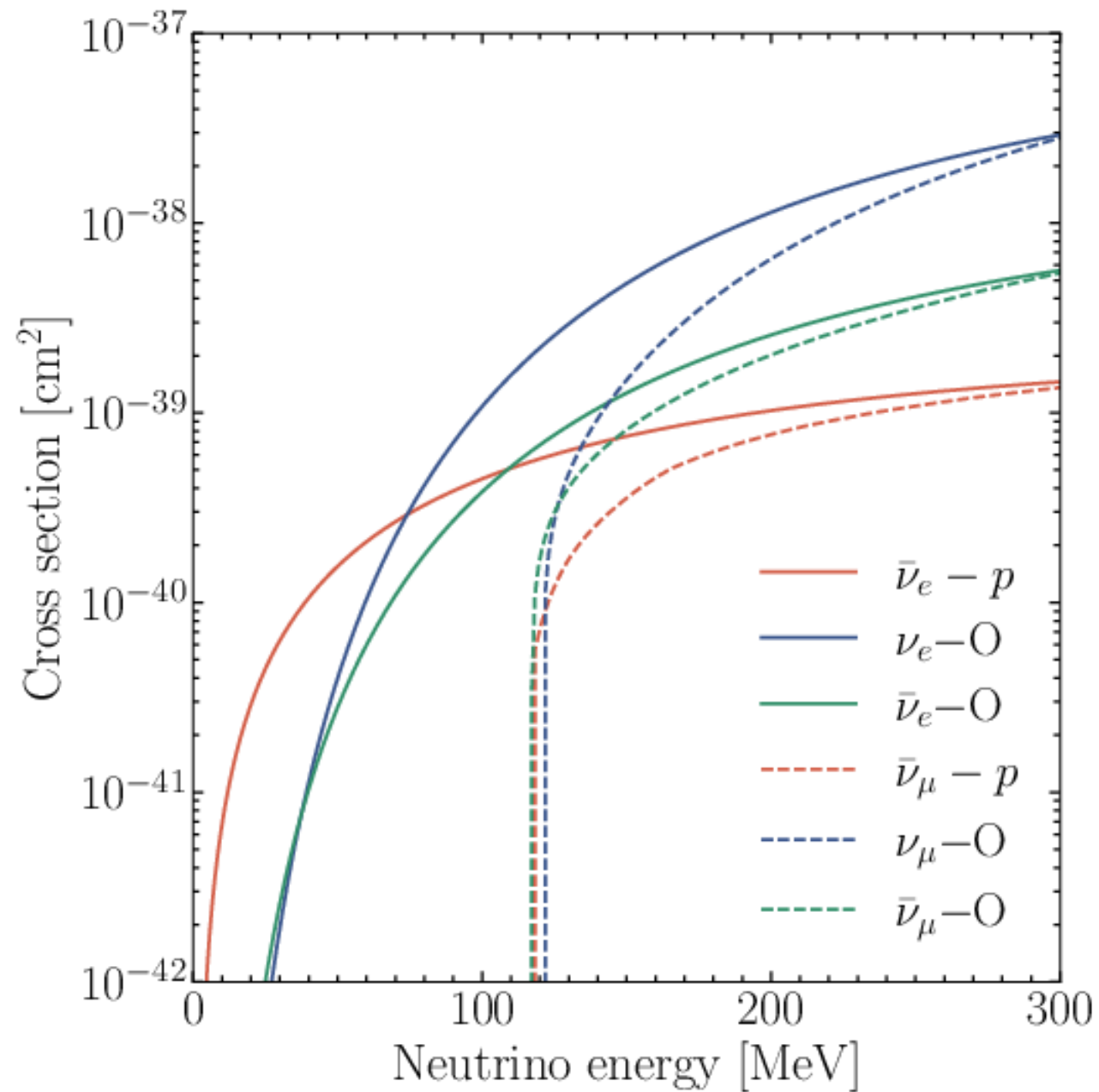
$$\omega_{\text{pl}} = 0.3 \text{ keV} \left( \frac{n_e}{n_{\odot}} \right)^{1/2}$$

$$\text{Im} \pi_T = -\omega (1 - e^{-\omega/T}) \frac{8\pi\alpha^2}{3m_e^2} n_e$$

# Model-independent Bound on DP



# $\nu$ - $\sigma$ in a water Cherenkov detector



[D. Fiorillo, G. Raffelt, E. Vitagliano, 23]

# Multipole radiation

- Velocity as a good order parameter in expansion for scatterings

- Dipole radiation

- Leading order
- $\mathcal{M}_{\text{dipole}} \propto (e_{\text{eff}}^{N_1} - e_{\text{eff}}^{N_2})$  of ***isospin breaking*** combination
- Center of charges  $\neq$  Center of masses

- Quadrupole radiation

- Next-leading order
- $\mathcal{M}_{\text{quadrupole}}$  as  $\left| \frac{\mathcal{M}_{\text{quadrupole}}}{\mathcal{M}_{\text{dipole}}} \right| \sim v_N$
- Center of charges = Center of masses

# Trapping limit

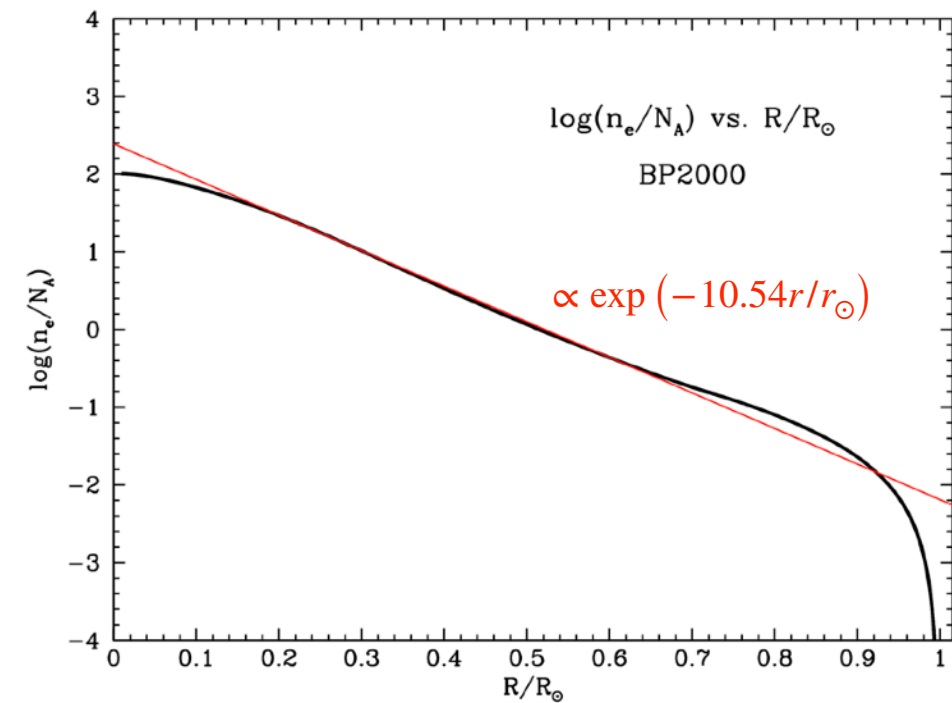
- Absorption into the solar medium?

- scatterings with charged particles (e.g., electrons)  $\propto n_e$
- due to exponential decrease in  $r$ , mostly occurs near core

- optical depth  $\tau_{\gamma'} = \int_0^{r_\odot} dr n_e \sigma_{\gamma'} \Rightarrow \Phi_{\gamma'} e^{-\tau_{\gamma'}}$

- Conversion  $\gamma' \rightarrow \gamma$ ?

- resonant at  $m_{\gamma'}^2 = \omega_{\text{pl}}^2(r) \propto n_e$  (only for  $m_{\gamma'} < 0.3$  keV)
- $P_{\gamma' \leftrightarrow \gamma}^{\text{res}} = 1 - \exp(-\pi\gamma_{\text{ad}}/2)$  (second term as level-crossing probability)
- adiabaticity  $\gamma_{\text{ad}} = \frac{\Delta_{\text{osc}}}{|d\theta/dr|}$





# Expected # of solar $\gamma'$ event signals

- Net flux reduced by decays

- visible ( $e^-e^+$  &  $3\gamma$ ) + invisible ( $\nu\bar{\nu}$ )

$$N_{\text{ev}} = \sum_{i=T,L} \left[ \Phi_{\gamma'0} e^{-\tau_i} \right]_i e^{-\Gamma_{\gamma'} d_{\odot} / v_{\gamma'}} \left[ N_e \sigma_i + \frac{V_f \Gamma_{\gamma'} \text{Br}(\gamma' \rightarrow \text{vis})}{v_{\gamma'}} \right] t$$

10 years

- Solar 5.49 MeV  $\gamma'$  flux on Earth

- isovector deuterium fusion reaction  
- free-streaming out at  $g_e < \mathcal{O}(10^{-7})$

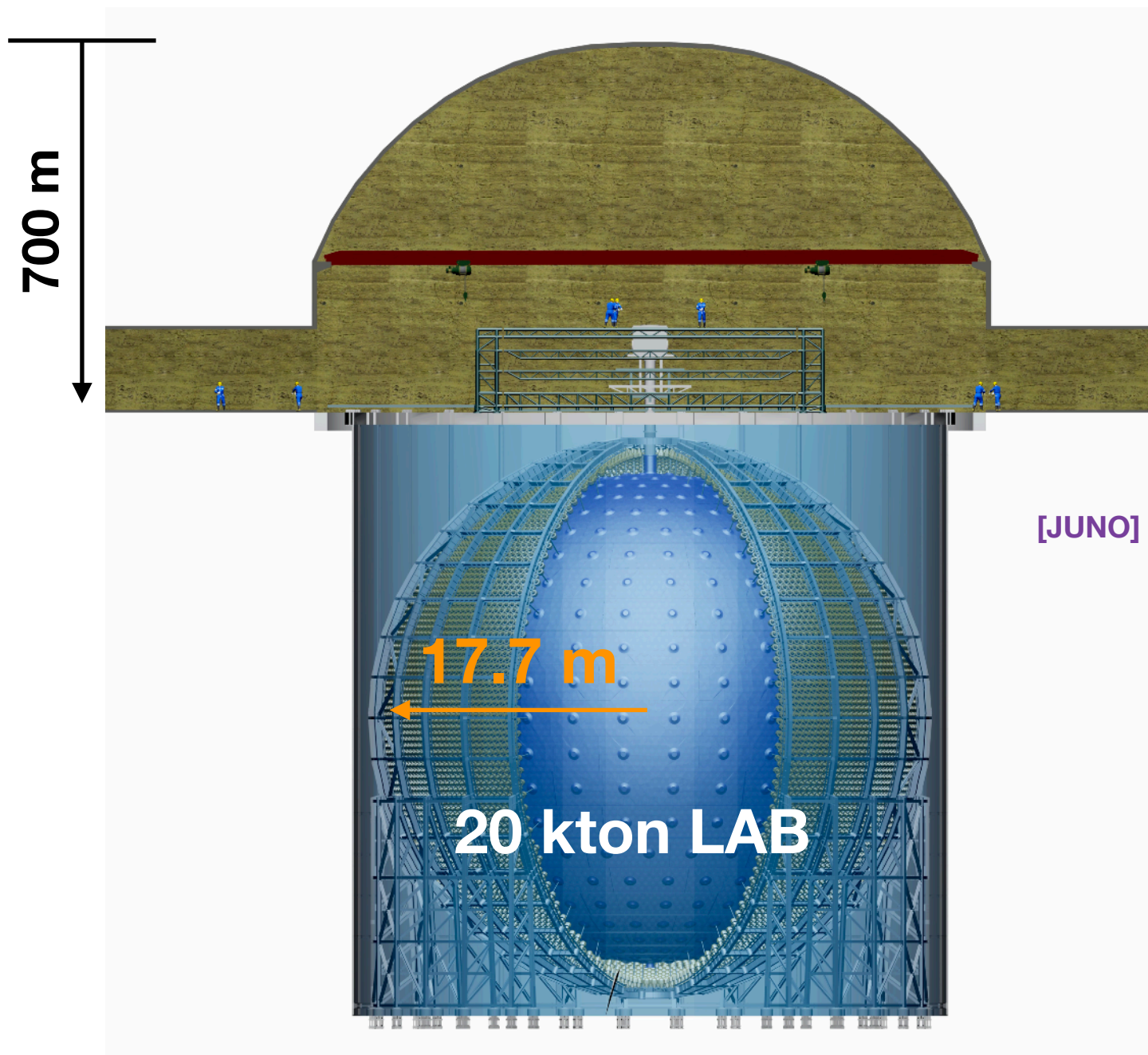
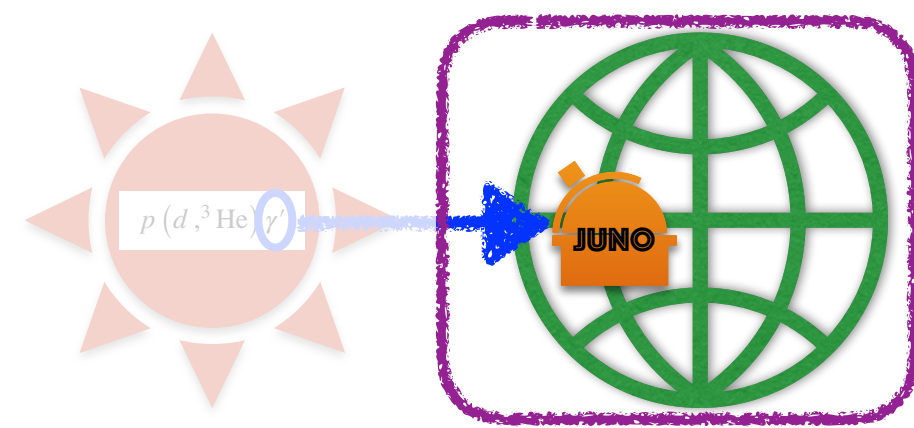
i.e.,  $\tau_i \ll 1$   $[g_e = \epsilon e - e' q'_e]$

- Detection at JUNO

- Compton-like scatterings (first)  
- in-flight decays into visible channels (second)  
- fiducial volume  $V_f$  of 16.2 kton for  $E > 5$  MeV  
- the total # of electrons  $N_e \simeq 5.5 \times 10^{33}$

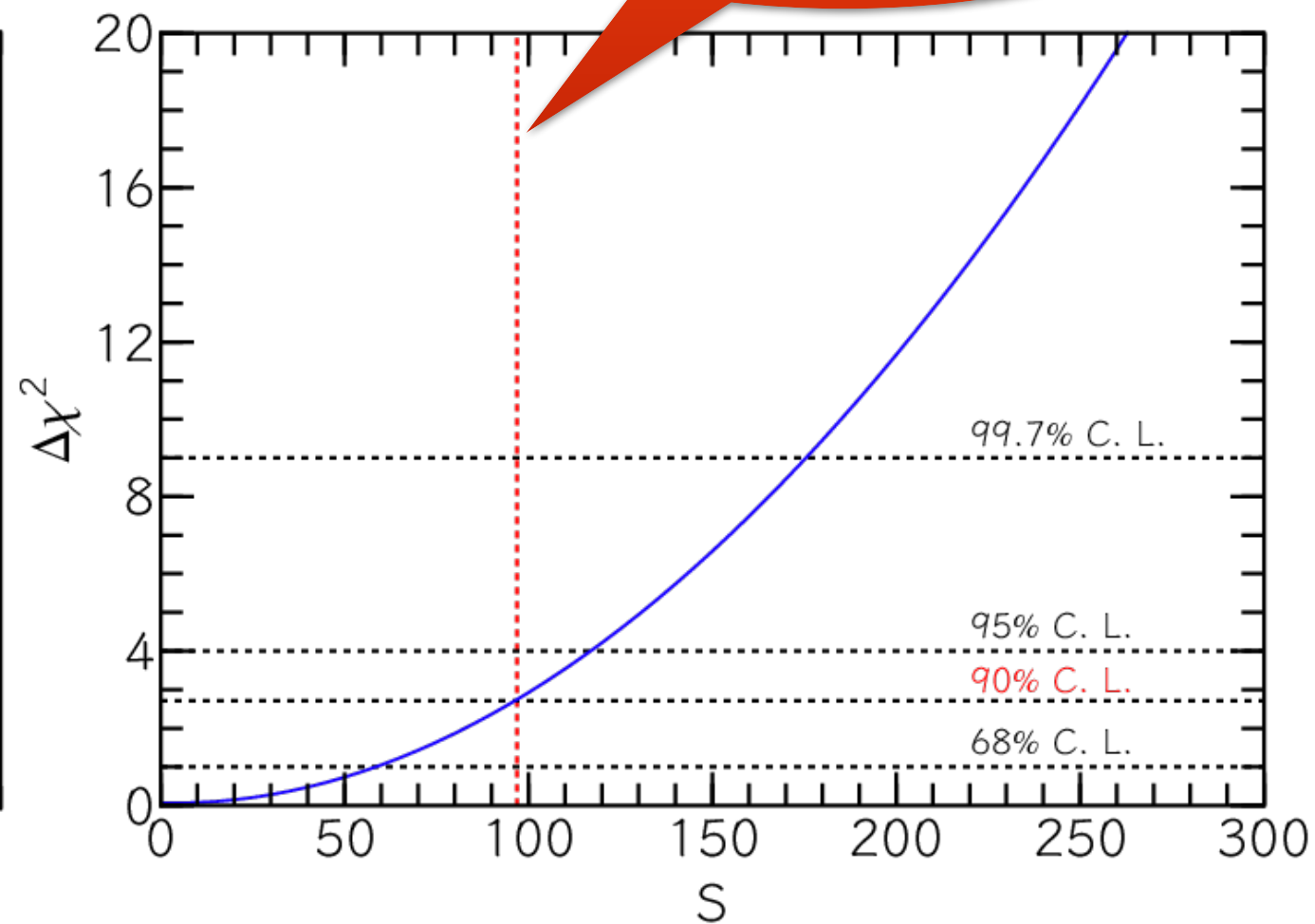
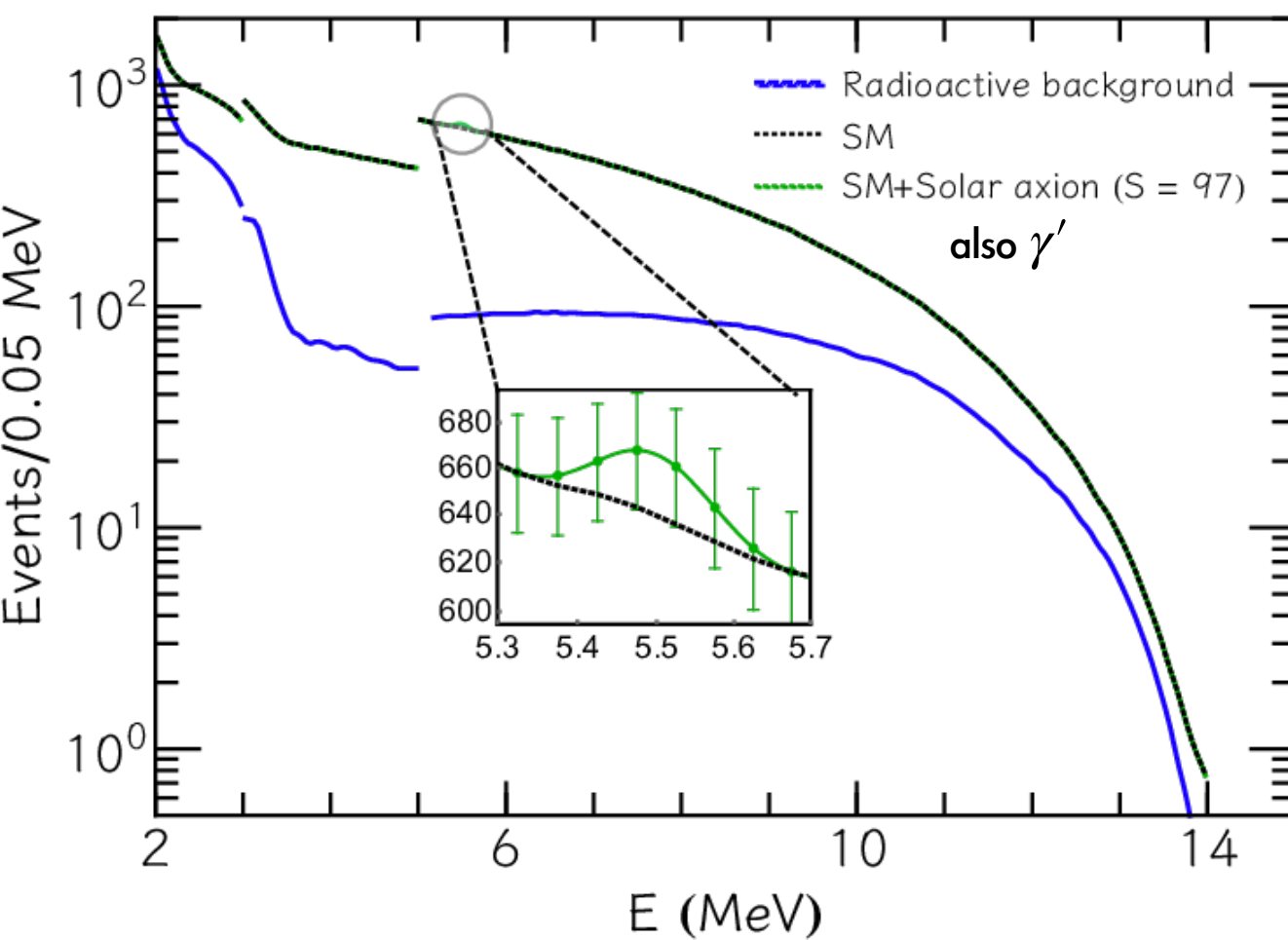
# JUNO detector

Jiangmen Underground Neutrino Observatory



- Multi-purpose liquid scintillator detector
  - aims to determine neutrino mass ordering & precision measurement of PMNS parameters
  - SN, atmospheric, geo- $\nu$
  - also exotic (astroparticle) searches
- Better sensitivity
  - than the previous ones such as Borexino
  - energy threshold 2 MeV
  - under construction, begin taking data 2023

# Fitting procedure

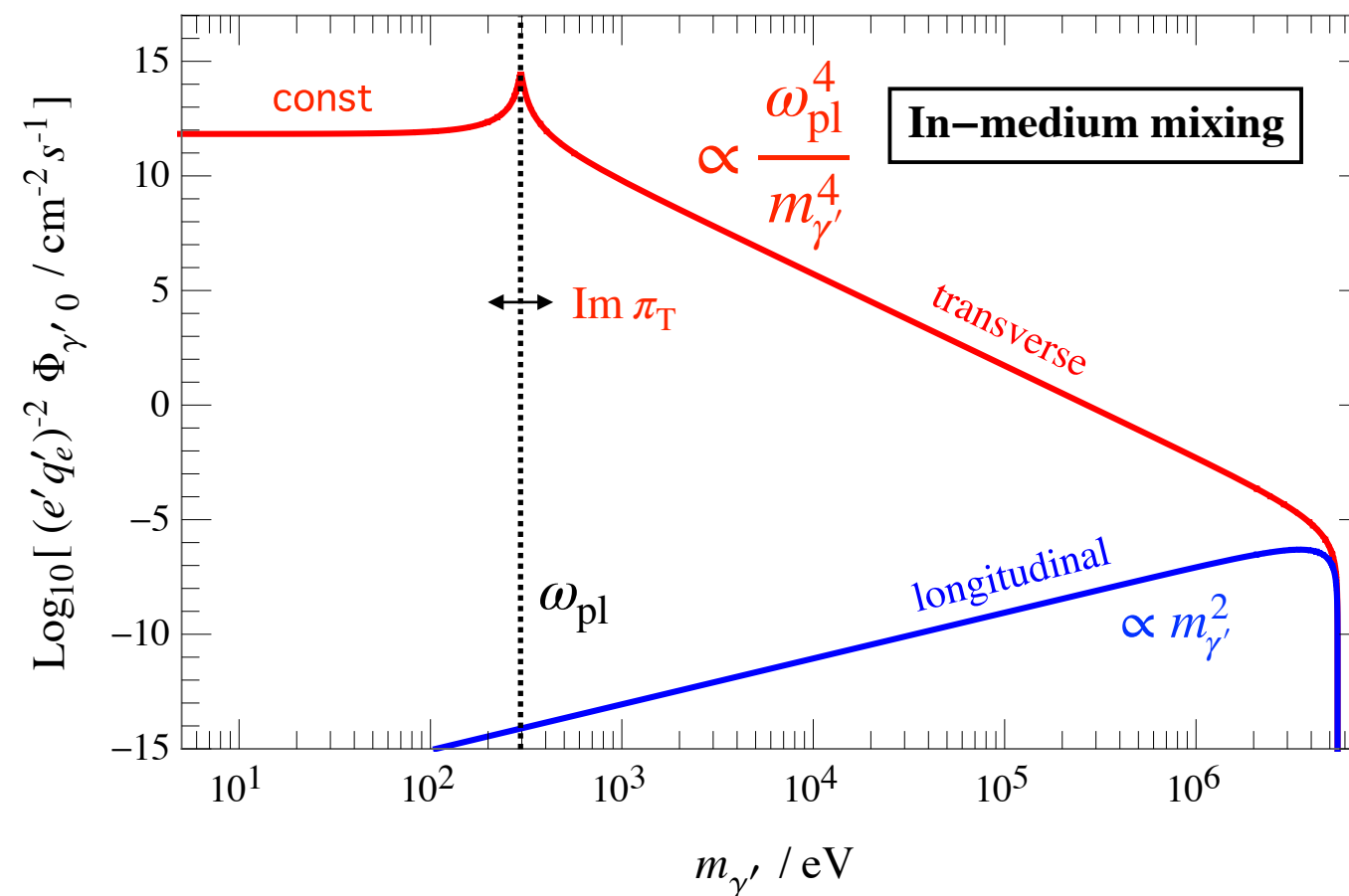


[G. Lucente et al., 22]

# Solar 5.49 MeV $\gamma'$ flux (In-medium)

$$\left[ \Phi_{\gamma'} \right]_{\text{T,L}} = \frac{1}{4\pi d_{\odot}^2} \phi_{\gamma} \frac{k^3}{\omega^3} \left| \frac{e'q'_e}{eq_e} \frac{\pi_{\text{T,L}}}{m_{\gamma'}^2 - \pi_{\text{T,L}}} \right|^2 \times \left[ \frac{m_{\gamma'}^2}{\omega^2} \right]_{\text{L}} \quad (\text{current conservation})$$

$1.7 \times 10^{38} \text{ s}^{-1}$  for  $p(d, {}^3\text{He})\gamma$        $\gamma$ - $\gamma'$  mixing



## Numerical Procedure: $\chi^2$ is defined as

$$\chi^2 = 2 \times \sum_{i=1}^{240} \left( N_{pre}^i - N_{obs}^i + N_{obs}^i \times \log \frac{N_{obs}^i}{N_{pre}^i} \right) + \left( \frac{\varepsilon_s}{\sigma_s} \right)^2 + \left( \frac{\varepsilon_b}{\sigma_b} \right)^2,$$

$$N_{pre}^i = (1 + \varepsilon_s) \times T_i + (1 + \varepsilon_b) \times B_i + \frac{S}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma} \times e^{-\frac{(E_{5.5} - E_i)^2}{2\sigma^2}},$$

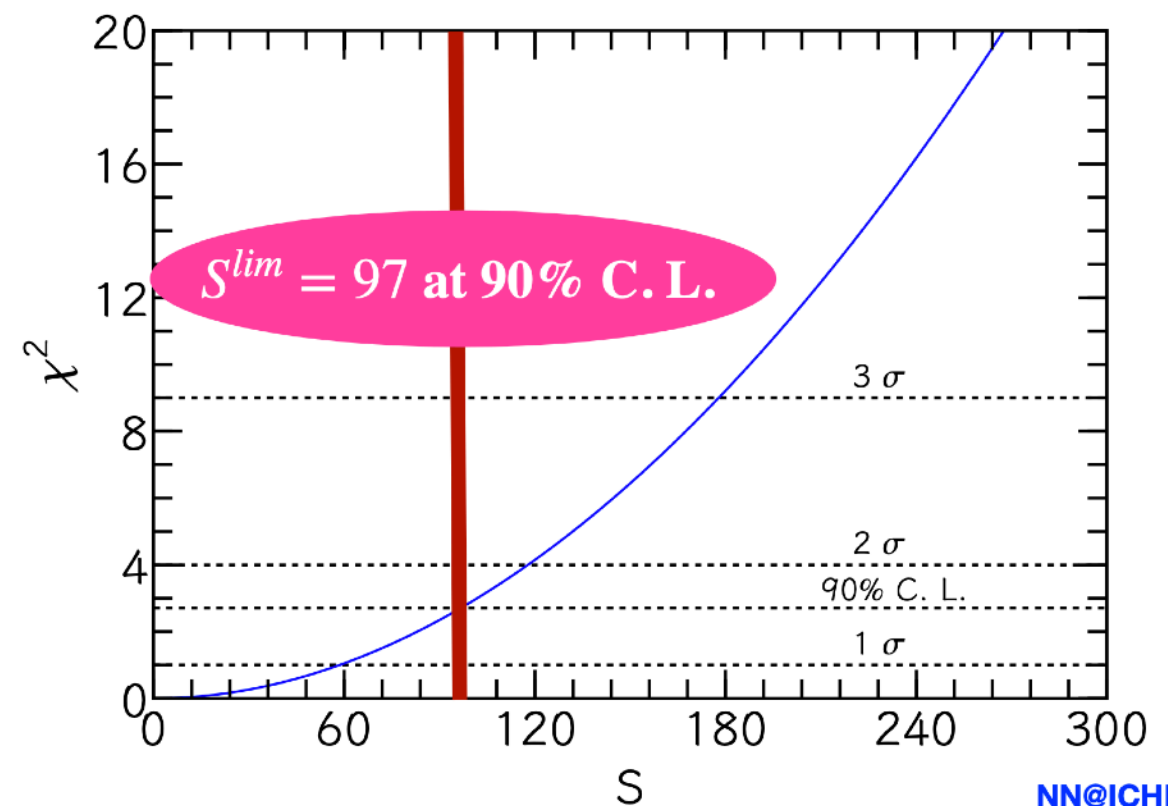
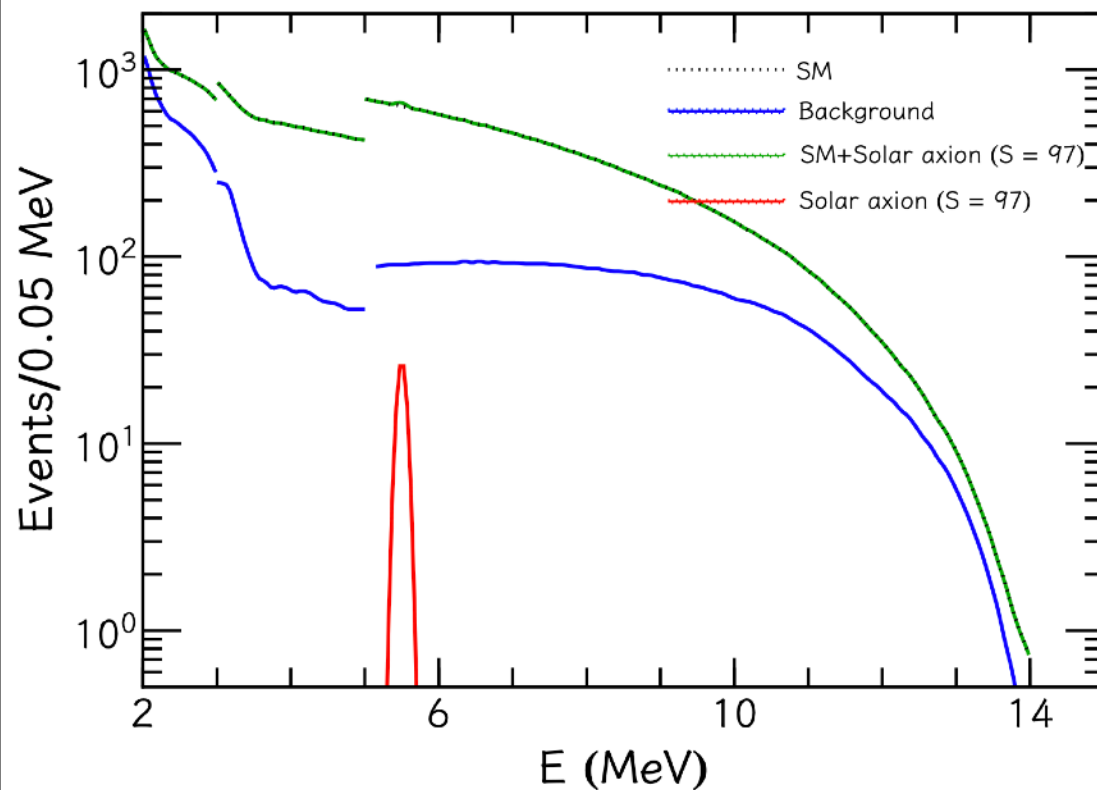
Total signal

Total Background

Axion peak Intensity

Nuisance parameters

Signal and background  
Uncertainties, 5% & 15 %



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