

# Core Collapse Supernova (Neutrino) Modeling: Assessing Progress, Future Challenges

## What can we say about core collapse supernova neutrinos?

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# Outline

What will it take to model core collapse supernova neutrinos?

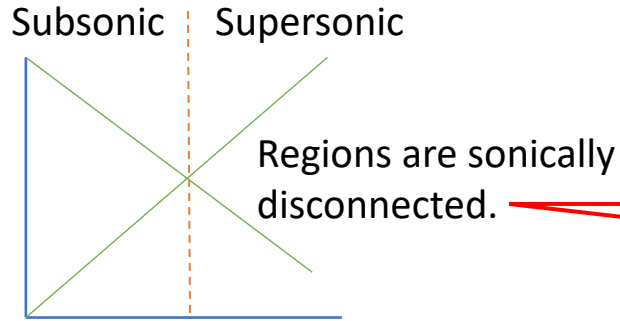
Where do these modeling efforts stand?

What implications does this have for what we can say about them now?

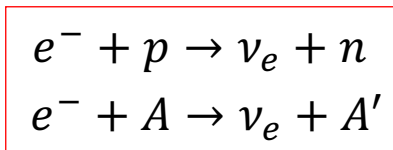
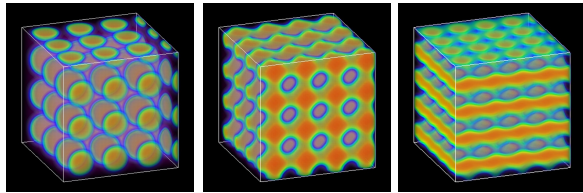
What's lies ahead?

# Core Collapse Supernova Paradigm and Problem Description

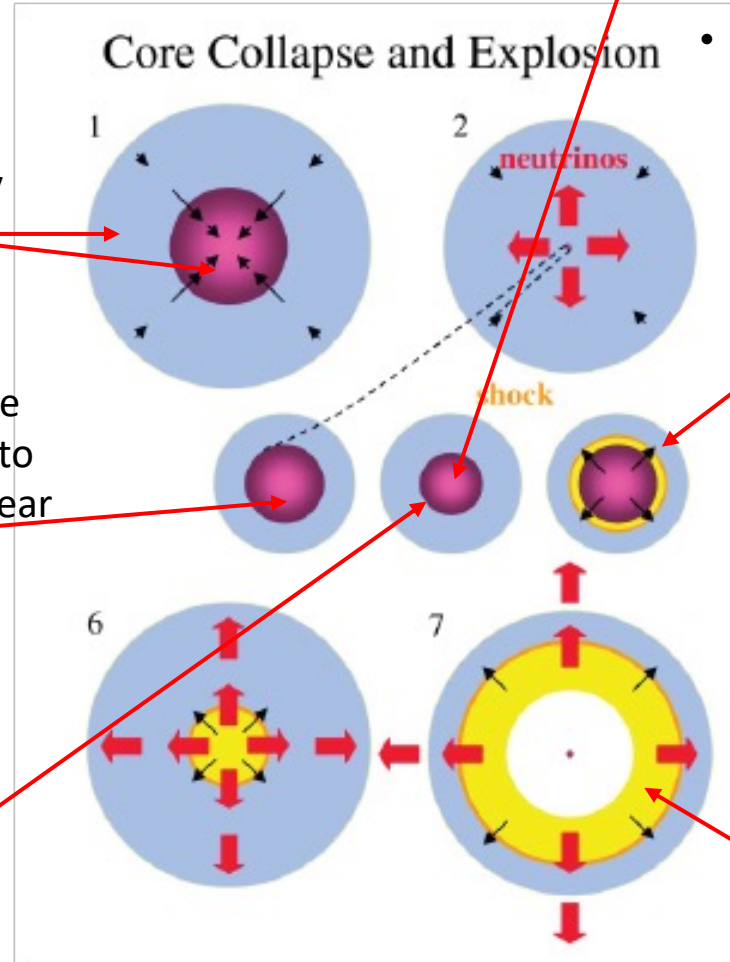
- Sound speed decreases with radius (density).
- Infall velocity increases with radius.



Phase transition from nuclei (dense phase) and nucleons (light phase) to bulk nuclear matter through “nuclear pasta” phases.

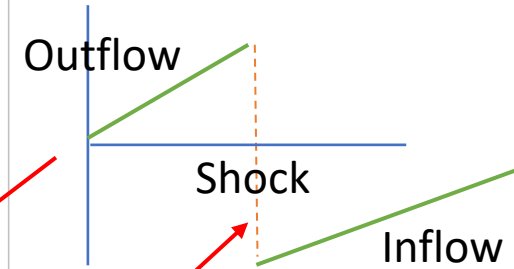


Electron capture dictates inner-core size.



Maximum scrunch.

- Fermi-Dirac Statistics
- Nucleon – nucleon interaction potential's hard core.

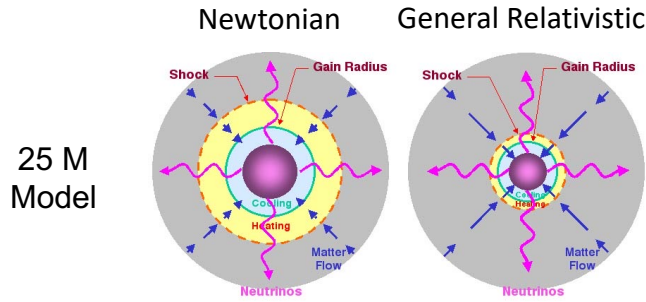


Shock propagation dictated by shock “jump conditions.”

Shock stalls due to neutrino and nuclear dissociation losses.

# Necessary Model Components

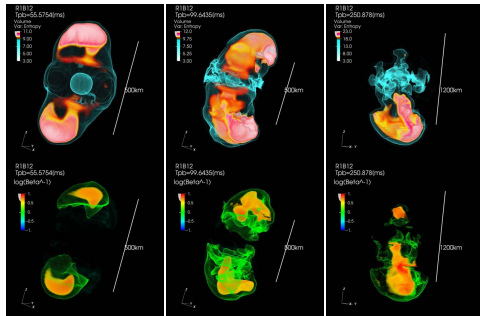
## Three-Dimensional General Relativistic Gravity



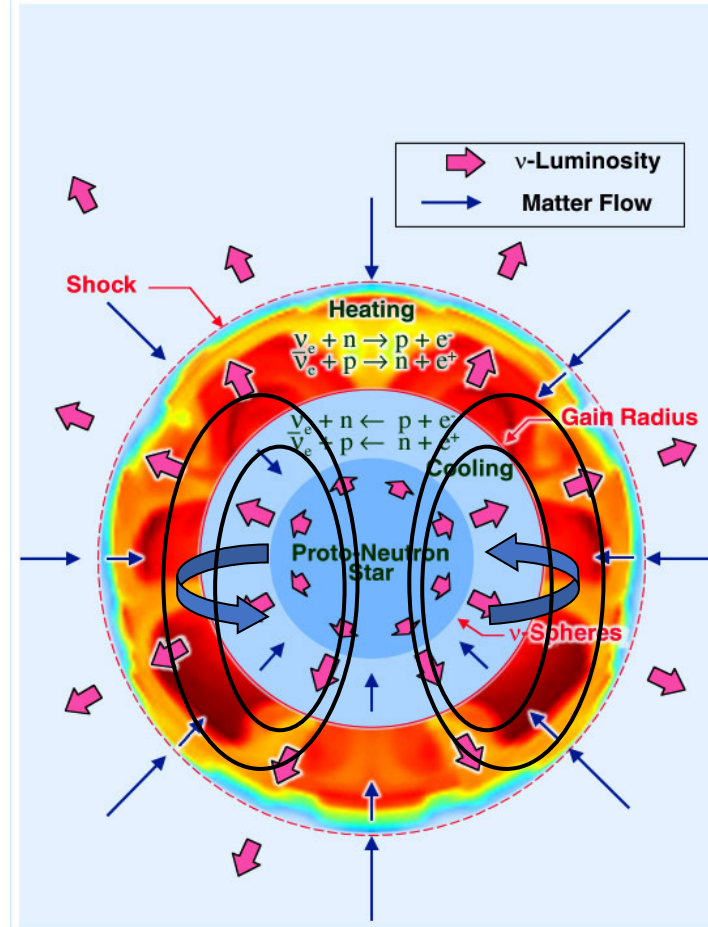
Bruenn, DeNisco, and Mezzacappa, *Ap.J.* **560**, 326 (2001)

## Three-Dimensional General Relativistic Magnetohydrodynamics

- Turbulent Convection
- Standing Accretion Shock Instability
- Slow to Rapid Progenitor Rotation
- Magnetic Isotropic Pressure and other MHD Stresses



Kuroda, Arcones, Takiwaki, and Kotake *Ap.J.* **896**, 102 (2020)



## Microphysics

Extensive Set of Weak Interactions  
State-of-the-Art Implementations of Them

Suitably Constrained Nuclear Equation of State

## Three-Dimensional General Relativistic Neutrino Kinetics

- Neutrino heating depends on the neutrino luminosities, spectra, and angular distributions.

$$\dot{\epsilon} = \frac{X_n L_{\nu_e} \langle E_{\nu_e}^2 \rangle \langle \frac{1}{\mathcal{F}} \rangle}{\lambda_0^2 4\pi r^2} + \frac{X_p L_{\bar{\nu}_e} \langle E_{\bar{\nu}_e}^2 \rangle \langle \frac{1}{\mathcal{F}} \rangle}{\lambda_0^2 4\pi r^2}$$

$$f(t, r, \theta, \varphi, \varepsilon, \theta_p, \varphi_p)$$

Required

$$\{I, \mathbf{H}\}(t, \mathbf{z}) = \int f(t, \mathbf{z}, \omega) \{1, \ell\} d\omega$$

Feasible

Requires a **closure** prescription. Closure must be **realizable**.

$$\mathbf{K}(\mathbf{z}, t) = \int f(t, \mathbf{z}, \omega) \ell \otimes \ell d\omega$$

$$\mathbf{k} = \frac{1}{2} [(1 - \chi)\mathbf{I} + (3\chi - 1)\mathbf{h} \otimes \mathbf{h}]$$

Eddington Factor

$$\mathbf{k} = \frac{\mathbf{K}}{I}, \mathbf{h} = \mathcal{H}/|\mathcal{H}|$$

Require **conservation of lepton number and energy**.

Mezzacappa, Endeve, et al. *Liv. Rev. Comp. Astr.* **6**, 4 (2020)

# Relevant Neutrino Interactions

Beta processes:

- $e^- + p \rightleftharpoons n + \nu_e$
- $e^+ + n \rightleftharpoons p + \bar{\nu}_e$
- $e^- + A \rightleftharpoons \nu_e + A^*$

Neutrino scattering:

- $\nu + n, p \rightleftharpoons \nu + n, p$
- $\nu + A \rightleftharpoons \nu + A$
- $\nu + e^\pm \rightleftharpoons \nu + e^\pm$

Thermal pair processes:

- $N + N \rightleftharpoons N + N + \nu + \bar{\nu}$
- $e^+ + e^- \rightleftharpoons \nu + \bar{\nu}$

Neutrino-neutrino reactions:

- $\nu_x + \nu_e, \bar{\nu}_e \rightleftharpoons \nu_x + \nu_e, \bar{\nu}_e$   
( $\nu_x = \nu_\mu, \bar{\nu}_\mu, \nu_\tau, \text{ or } \bar{\nu}_\tau$ )
- $\nu_e + \bar{\nu}_e \rightleftharpoons \nu_{\mu,\tau} + \bar{\nu}_{\mu,\tau}$

Janka et al. *Prog. Theor. Exp. Phys.* **2012**, 01A309

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TABLE I. Neutrino reactions with muons.

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$\nu_\mu + n \rightleftharpoons p + \mu^-$	$\bar{\nu}_\mu + p \rightleftharpoons n + \mu^+$

Bollig et al. PRL **119**, 242702 (2017)

What I will mean by “Full Weak Physics” in a later slide:

- Inclusion of all of the above weak interactions absent the neutrino–muon interactions.
- Use of state of the art rates for these interactions.

*The computational cost is driven by the weak interactions included and how they are treated.*

# Keeping Pace with the Weak Interactions

Uncertainty: Uncertainty in things included in the models.

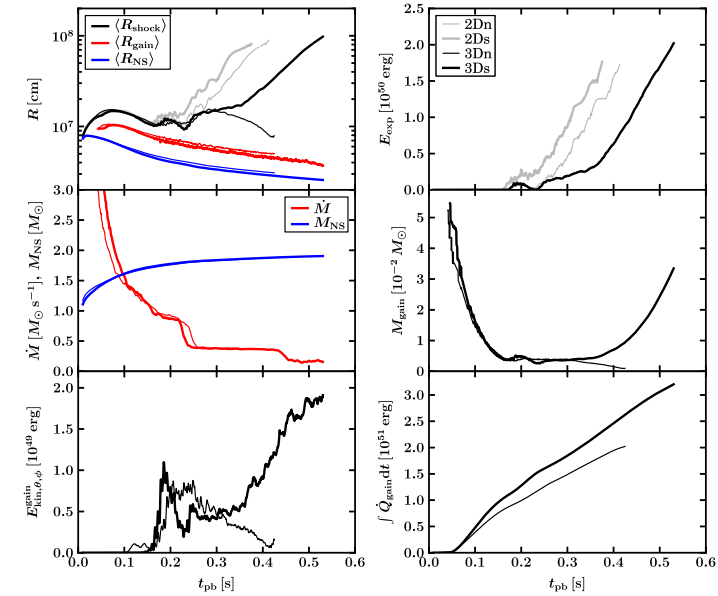
*A 10% correction in the neutrino–nucleon scattering cross section consistent with the uncertainty in the strangeness content of the nucleon led to explosion in a model that otherwise failed to explode.*

Limitation: Model limitations due to things not yet included.

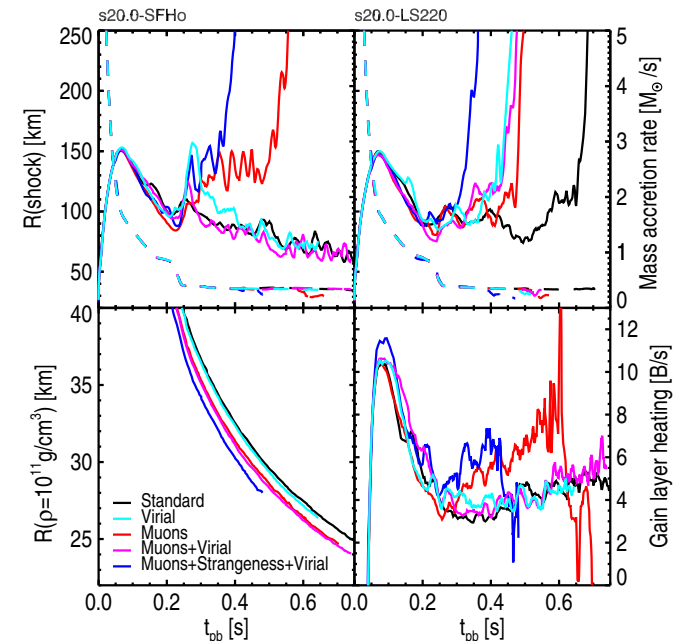
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*The inclusion of muons led to explosion in a model that otherwise failed to explode.*



Melson, Janka, Bollig, et al. 2015 *Ap.J. Lett.* **808**, L42

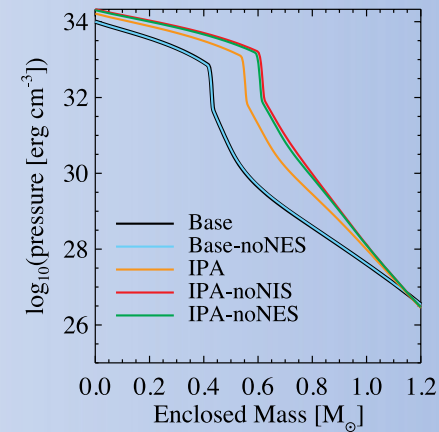
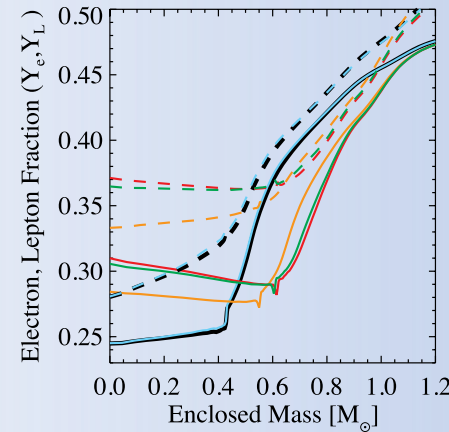
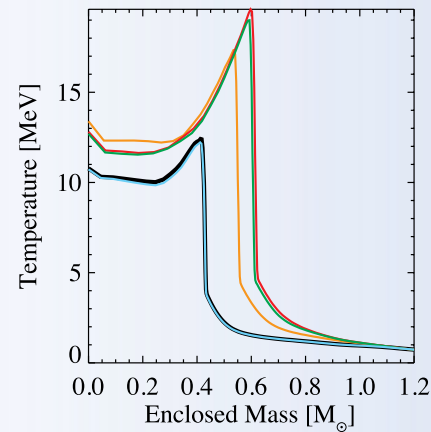
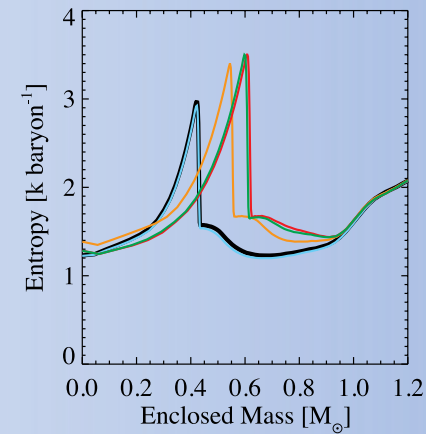
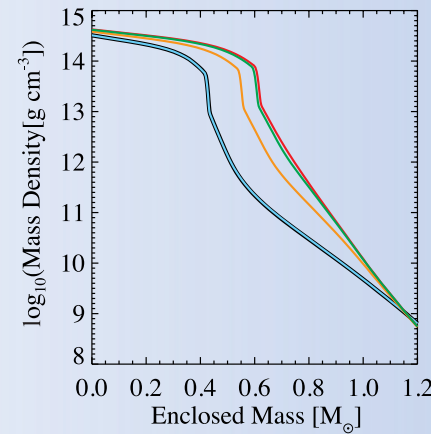
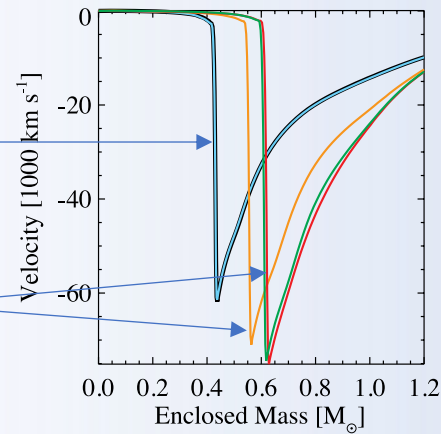


Bollig, Janka, et al. 2017 PRL **119**, 242702

# The Interplay of Neutrino Opacities

NES vs. no-NES  
Hybrid Model

NES vs. no-NES  
IPA Model



Lentz et al. *Ap.J.* **760**, 94 (2012)

The interplay between opacity improvements is complex. Calls into question the efficacy of varying a single opacity.  
*A true sensitivity study in 3D is not possible at this time.*

# Keeping Pace with the Nuclear Equation of State

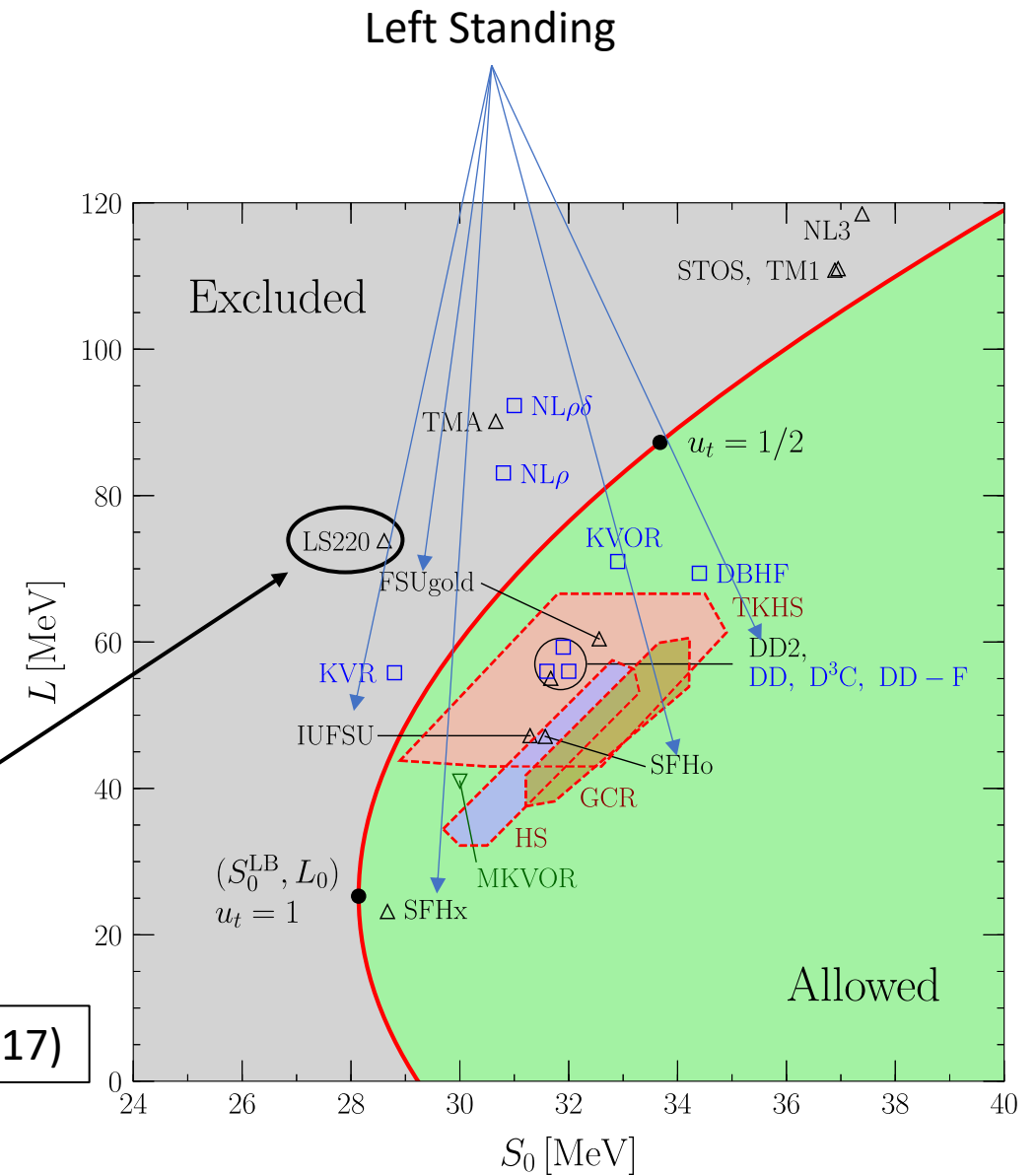
The nuclear equation of state is increasingly constrained by

- nuclear experiment,
- relativistic heavy ion collisions,
- measurements of neutron star masses, and
- measurements of neutron star radii.

For a review, see Oertel et al. RMP **89** 015007 (2017).

*Some equations of state used in past core collapse supernova simulations have been ruled out.*

Tews et al. *Ap.J.* **848**, 105 (2017)





# Status Report

*The efficacy of the neutrino shock reheating/delayed shock mechanism has now been demonstrated by all leading groups across progenitor characteristics (mass, rotation, and metallicity).*

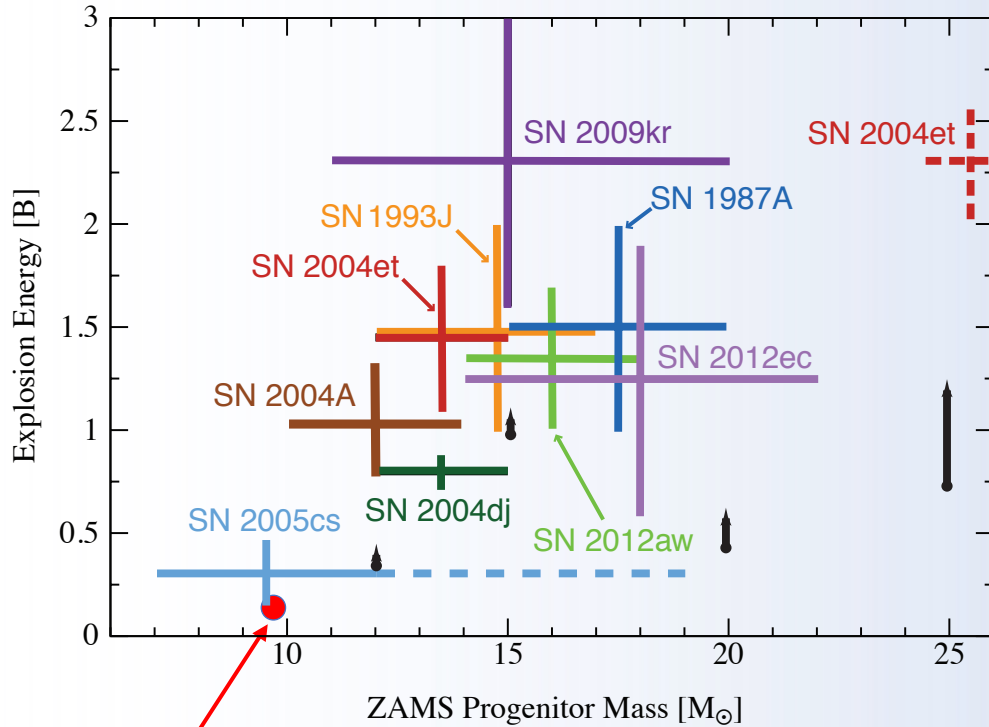
*For recent reviews, see:*

- Mueller, *Proceedings of the Astronomical Society of Australia* **33** e048 (2016)
- Janka, Melson, and Summa, *Ann. Rev. Nucl. Part. Sci.* **66** 341 (2016)
- Mueller, *Liv. Rev. Comp. Astr.* **6** 3 (2020)
- Mezzacappa, Endeve, Messer, and Bruenn, *Liv. Rev. Comp. Astr.* **6** 4 (2020)

*Nonetheless, significant challenges remain.*

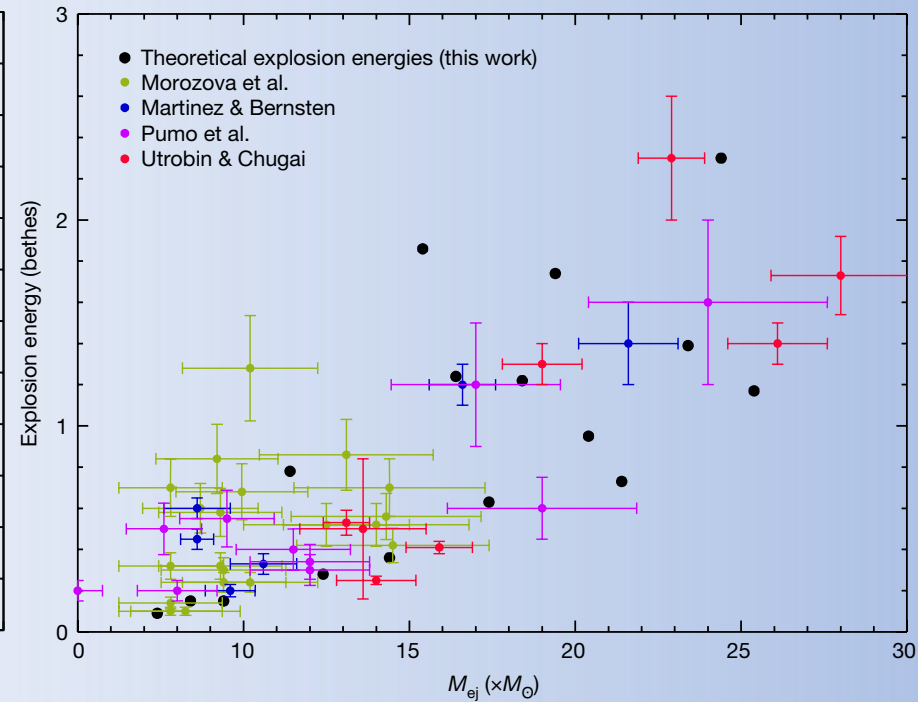
# Transitioning to Quantitative Prediction

The following are based on 2D models:

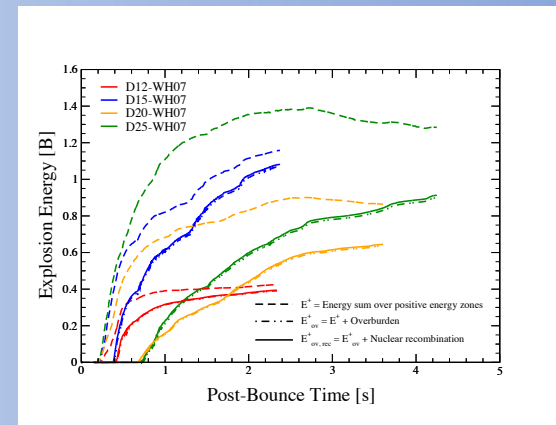
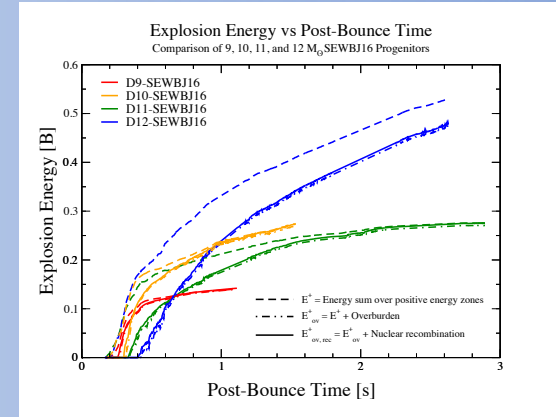


Bruenn et al. *Ap.J.* **818**, 123 (2016)

3D 9.6 M Model, Lentz et al. (2021), in preparation



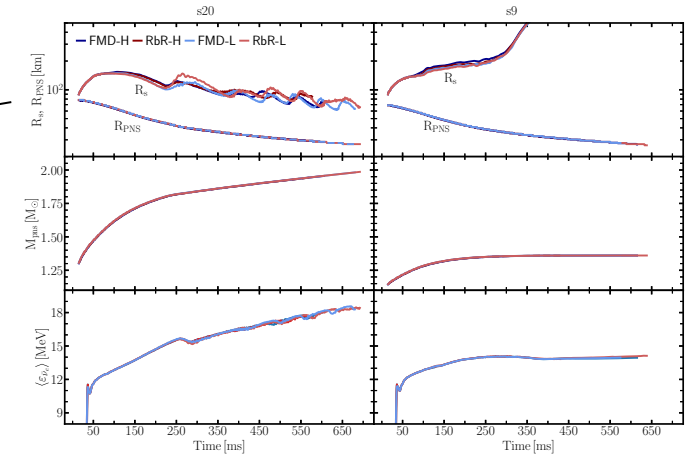
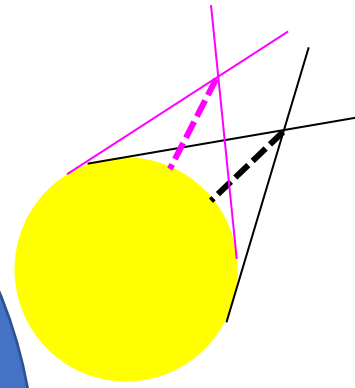
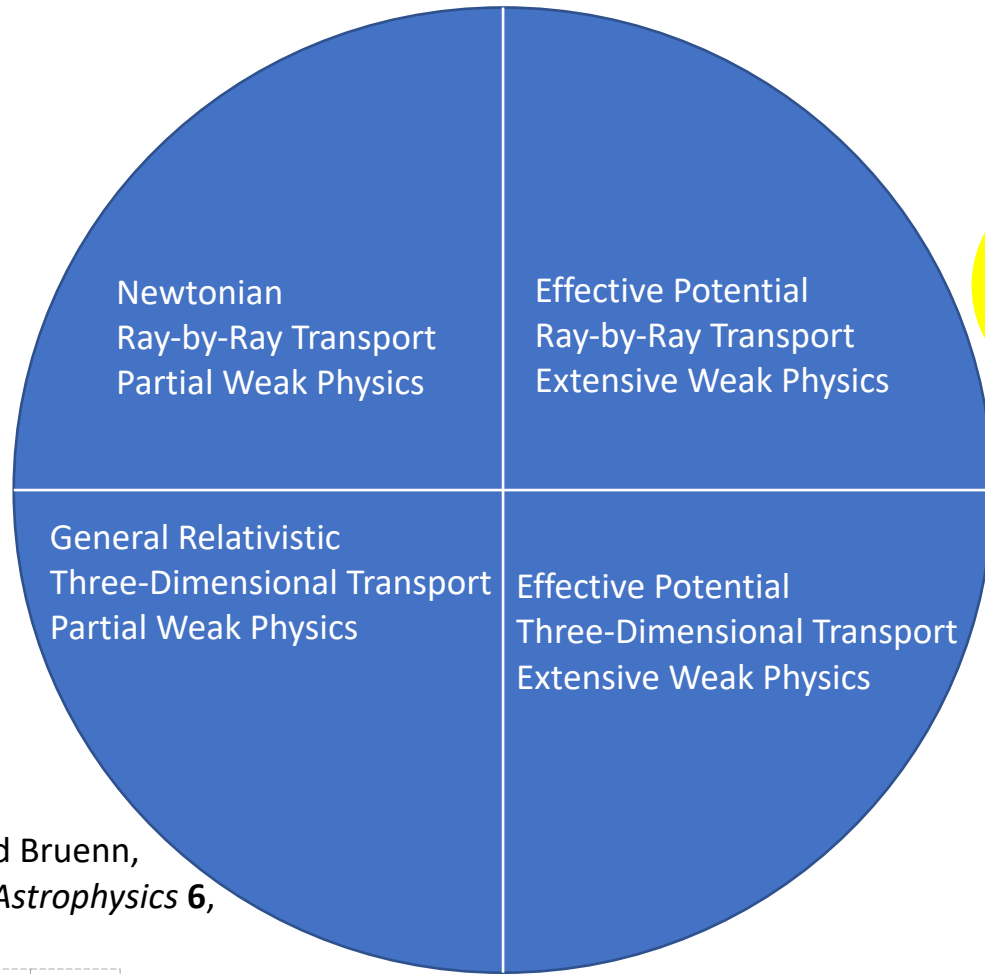
Burrows and Vartanyan, *Nature*, **589**, 29 (2021)



Bruenn et al. (2021), in preparation

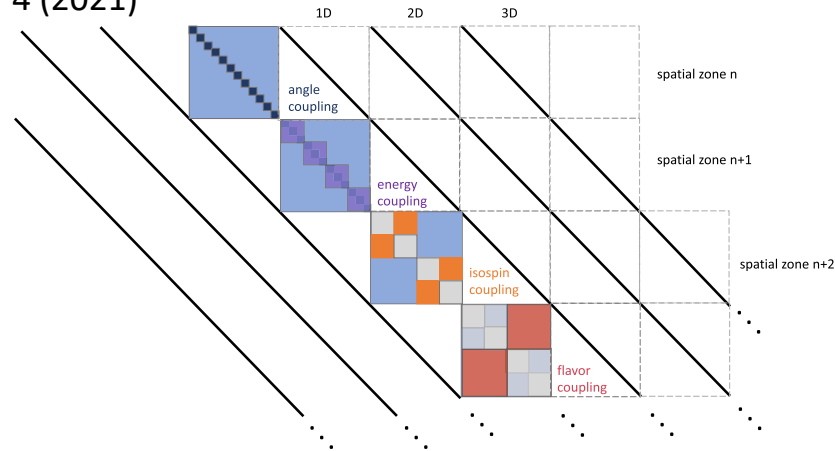
Time scale over which explosion develops presents a significant challenge for 3D models.

# 3D State of the Art



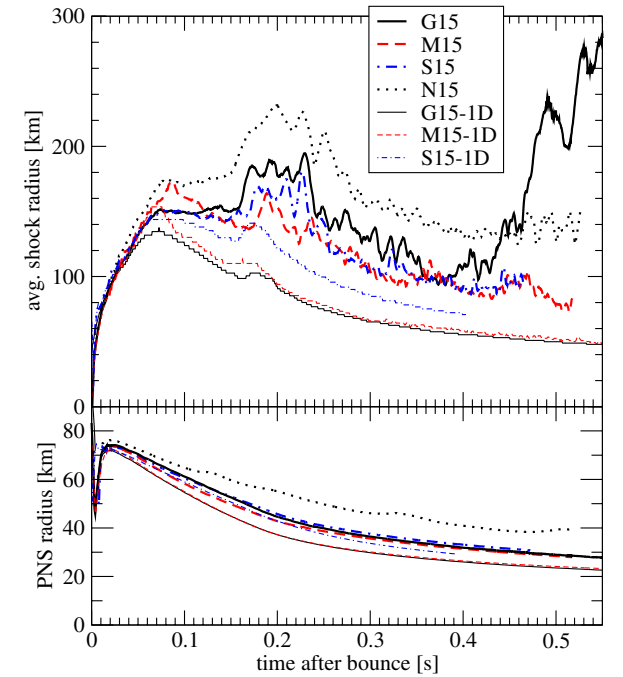
Andresen, Glas, and Janka MNRAS **503**, 3552 (2021)

Mezzacappa, Endeve, Messer, and Bruenn,  
*Living Reviews in Computational Astrophysics* **6**,  
4 (2021)



$$\Phi^{\text{GR}}(r) = G \int_{\infty}^r dr' \frac{1}{r'^2} \left( m + \frac{4\pi r'^3 (p + P)}{c^2} \right) \frac{1}{\Gamma^2} \left( \frac{\rho_{\text{tot}} c^2 + p}{\rho c^2} \right)$$

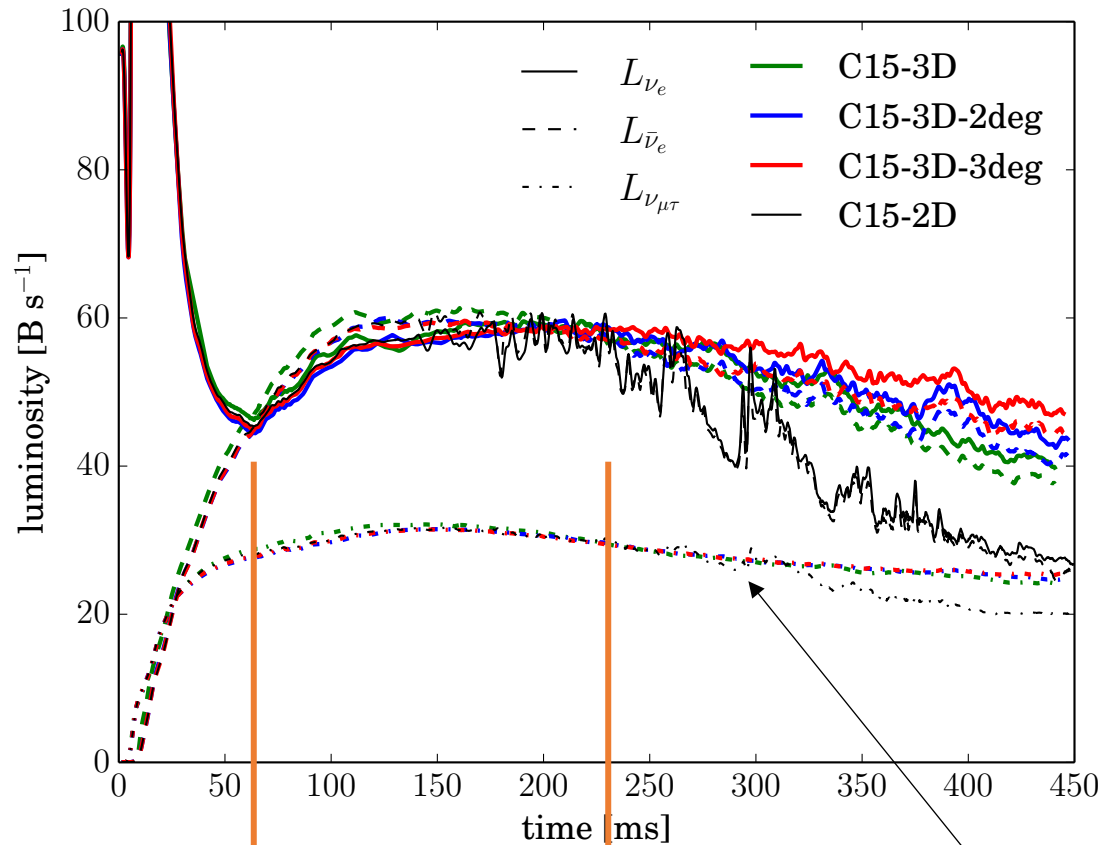
Rampp and Janka 2002 A&A **396**, 361



Mueller, Janka, and Marek Ap.J. **756**, 84 (2012)

# The Anatomy of a Core Collapse Supernova Neutrino “Light Curve”

Lentz et al. *Ap.J. Lett.* **807**, 31



electron  
neutrino  
burst

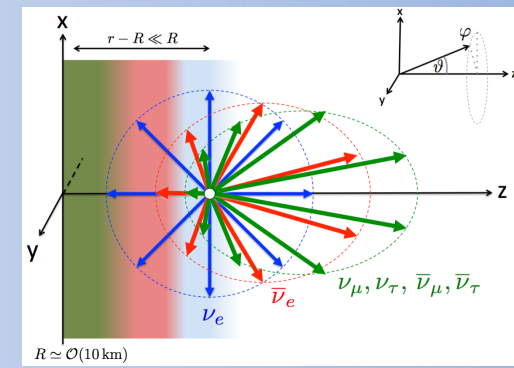
accretion  
phase

explosion  
phase

deeper neutrinospheres

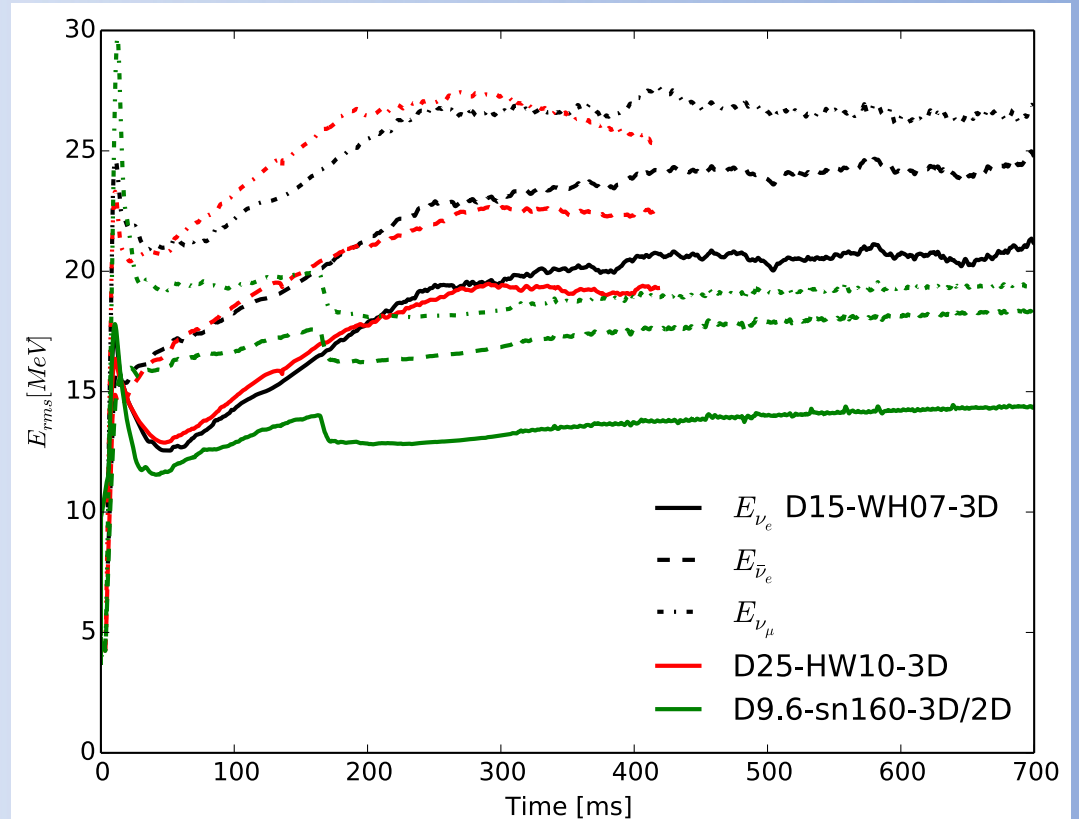
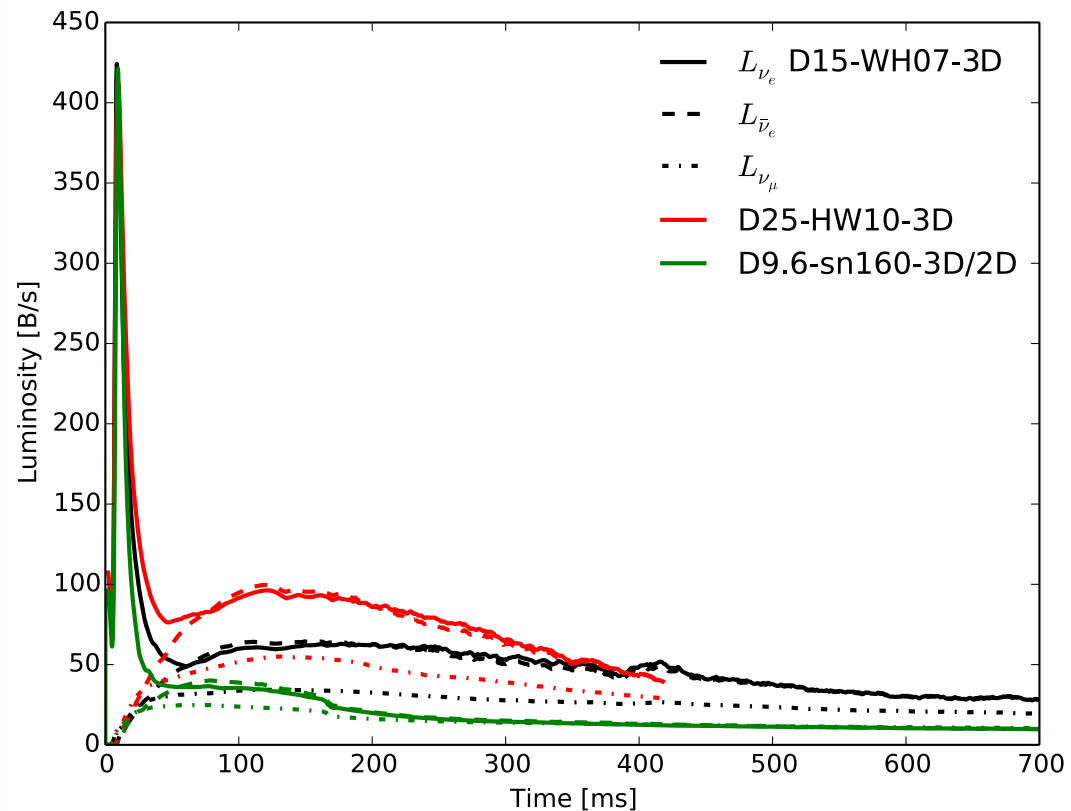
The following depend on the fidelity of the core collapse supernova (classical neutrino kinetics) modeling:

- explosion
- time to explosion
- duration of accretion phase
- neutrino fluence of the accretion phase
- neutrino fluence of the explosion phase
- evolution of the neutrino fluence
- temporal modulation of the neutrino fluence



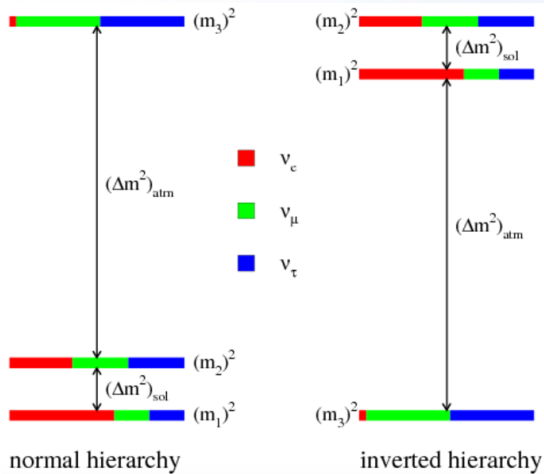
Dasgupta, Mirizzi, and Sen, *JCAP* 1702, 019 (2017)

# The Evolution of Core Collapse Supernova Neutrino Spectra



Lentz et al. (2022). In preparation.

# Enter Neutrino Mass and Mixing



Think of the physics!  
Think of what we can learn!



Think of the temporal and spatial scales!  
Think of the resolution requirements!  
Think of the cost of the computations!

- Neutrinos have mass and can change flavor.
- Shock heating mediated by the electron-flavor neutrinos.
- The spectra are different across neutrino flavor.
- Impact on shock reheating?

Quantum Kinetics Equations

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l}
 p^\mu \frac{\partial f}{\partial x^\mu} - \Gamma_{\alpha\beta}^\mu p^\alpha p^\beta \frac{\partial f}{\partial p^\mu} = -p^\mu u_\mu \left( C - \frac{i}{\hbar c} [H, f] \right) \\
 p^\mu \frac{\partial \bar{f}}{\partial x^\mu} - \Gamma_{\alpha\beta}^\mu p^\alpha p^\beta \frac{\partial \bar{f}}{\partial p^\mu} = -p^\mu u_\mu \left( \bar{C} - \frac{i}{\hbar c} [\bar{H}, \bar{f}] \right)
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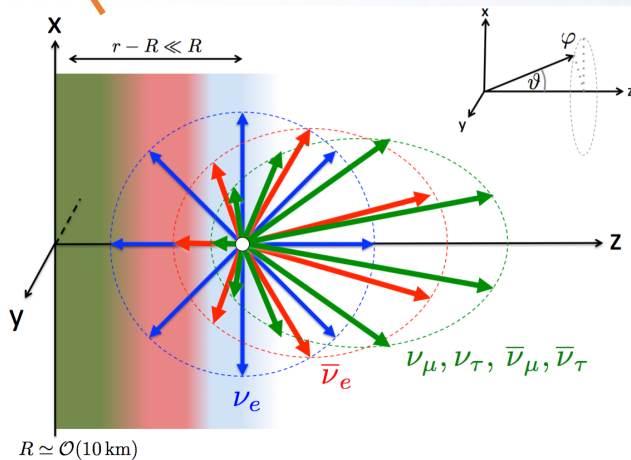
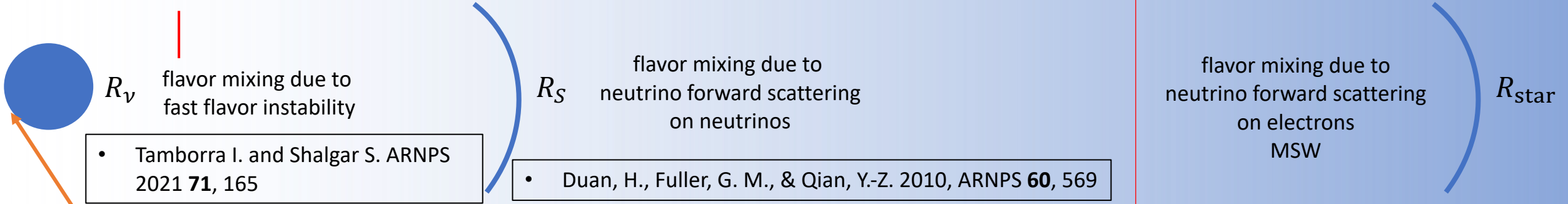
$f_{ee}$	$f_{e\mu}$	$f_{e\tau}$
$f_{\mu e}$	$f_{\mu\mu}$	$f_{\mu\tau}$
$f_{\tau e}$	$f_{\tau\mu}$	$f_{\tau\tau}$

# A Common Theme: It's all about the Angular Distributions

Length and Time Scales Severe

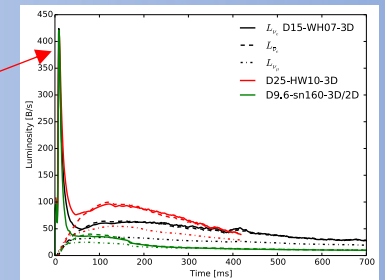
e.g., length scale is  $O(1 \text{ cm})$  and typical CCSN radial resolution is  $O(100 \text{ m})$

How do we couple this quantum evolution to the classical evolution?



not as well understood

well understood



Dasgupta, Mirizzi, and Sen, JCAP 1702, 019 (2017)

Observation of the electron neutrino burst or lack thereof could convey information about the mass hierarchy.

# Takeaways

Recent progress has been great!

Multiple groups have demonstrated the efficacy of the neutrino heating mechanism over a range of progenitor characteristics, in three dimensions.

Current three-dimensional models have allowed us to study associated phenomena such as gravitational wave emission.

There is a great deal of development to be done to arrive at (classical) definitive three-dimensional models.

Full three-dimensionality.

Full general relativity.

Full physics (weak interaction physics, magnetic fields, ...).

Full phase space.

*And we need to run many models  
for a sufficiently long time.*

Quantum kinetics looms large as a potential requirement, the development of which will occupy our community for some time.

*We have a detailed picture for core collapse supernova neutrinos, but that picture can change in quantitative and qualitative ways given one or more considerations listed above.*