

# Core Collapse

A star passes most of its lifetime burning H (main sequence). The resulting He builds up in the core and its mass increase, heating and contracting under the pressure of outer layer. The star contraction pauses as nuclear fusion provides the energy necessary to replenish the energy the star loses in radiation and neutrinos. When the T in the core is sufficiently large, He burning begins. After He burning the evolution is greatly accelerated by neutrino losses. The scheme repeats for different stages

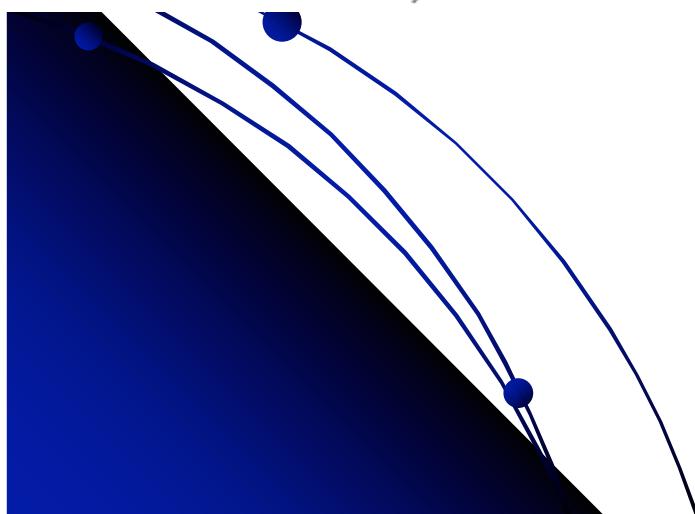
- (i ) Hydrogen burning  $4p \rightarrow {}^4\text{He} + 2e^+ + 2\nu_e$
  - (ii) Helium burning  $3\alpha \rightarrow {}^{12}\text{C} + 2\gamma$
  - (iii) Carbon burning  ${}^{12}\text{C} + {}^4\text{He} \rightarrow {}^{16}\text{O} + \gamma$
  - (iv) Oxygen burning  ${}^{16}\text{O} + {}^{16}\text{O} \rightarrow {}^{28}\text{Si} + \alpha$
  - (iv) Iron burning  ${}^{28}\text{Si} + {}^{28}\text{Si} \rightarrow {}^{56}\text{Fe} + \gamma$
- } Million yrs  
} Few weeks



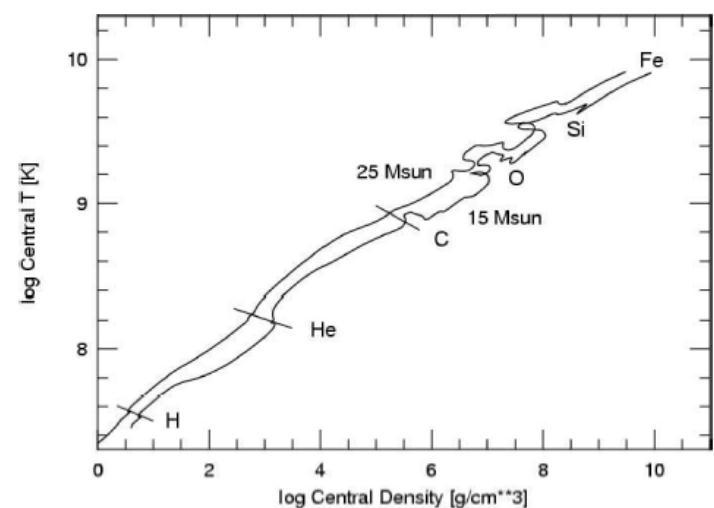
# Evolution of a $15 M_{\text{sun}}$ star

Stage	Time Scale	Fuel or Product	Ash or product	Temperature ( $10^9 \text{ K}$ )	Density ( $\text{gm/cm}^3$ )	Luminosity (solar units)	Neutrino Losses (solar units)
Hydrogen	11 My	H	He	0.035	5.8	28,000	1800
Helium	2.0 My	He	C,O	0.18	1390	44,000	1900
Carbon	2000 y	C	Ne,Mg	0.81	$2.8 \times 10^5$	72,000	$3.7 \times 10^5$
Neon	0.7 y	Ne	O,Mg	1.6	$1.2 \times 10^7$	75,000	$1.4 \times 10^8$
Oxygen	2.6 y	O,Mg	Si,S,Ar, Ca	1.9	$8.8 \times 10^6$	75,000	$9.1 \times 10^8$
Silicon	18 d	Si,S,Ar, Ca	Fe,Ni, Cr,Ti,...	3.3	$4.8 \times 10^7$	75,000	$1.3 \times 10^{11}$
Iron core collapse <sup>a</sup>	~1 s	Fe,Ni, Cr, Ti,...	Neutron Star	> 7.1	$> 7.3 \times 10^9$	75,000	$> 3.6 \times 10^{15}$

<sup>a</sup>The presupernova star is defined by the time when the contraction speed anywhere in the iron core reaches  $1,000 \text{ km s}^{-1}$ .



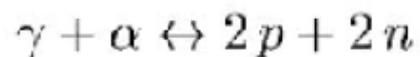
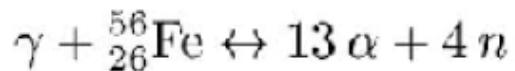
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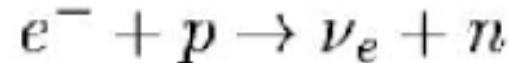
Each cycle requires a higher T for ignition due to the stronger Coulomb repulsion between nuclei. For most stars the process stops when the pressure is not sufficient to heat the core at the necessary T for the next ignition and the star turns into a white dwarf.

The most massive stars can develop an iron core of (iron is the “ground state” of nuclear matter, the most tightly bound of all nuclei and no further nuclear burning is possible). The Fe core is sustained by the degenerate pressure of its electrons until it reaches the Chandrasekar mass of  $1.4 M_{\text{Sun}}$ . After this limit the core collapses. photodisintegration (radiation melt down some of the Fe nuclei to He) contribute in reducing pressure:



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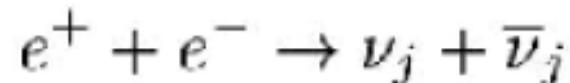
**Neutronization** follows (time scale of ms): electron capture



About  $10^{57}$   $\nu_e$  are emitted contributing to the collapse.

The core collapses to a hot n rich sphere of about 30 km in radius (proto-neutron star).

The **short range nuclear force halts the collapse** when the density is about 2 x atomic nucleus density  $4-5 \cdot 10^{14} \text{ g/cm}^3$ . Neutrinos remain trapped in the collapsing core and are in thermal equilibrium within the core. The energy is released in thermal processes like (**thermalization**)



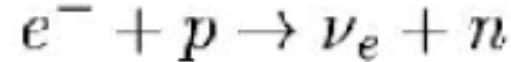
With an **emission of the order of 10 s.**

The shock wave produced by the abrupt halt of the collapse and the bounce of the core travels towards the surface of the star. This is the explosion visible in the optical.

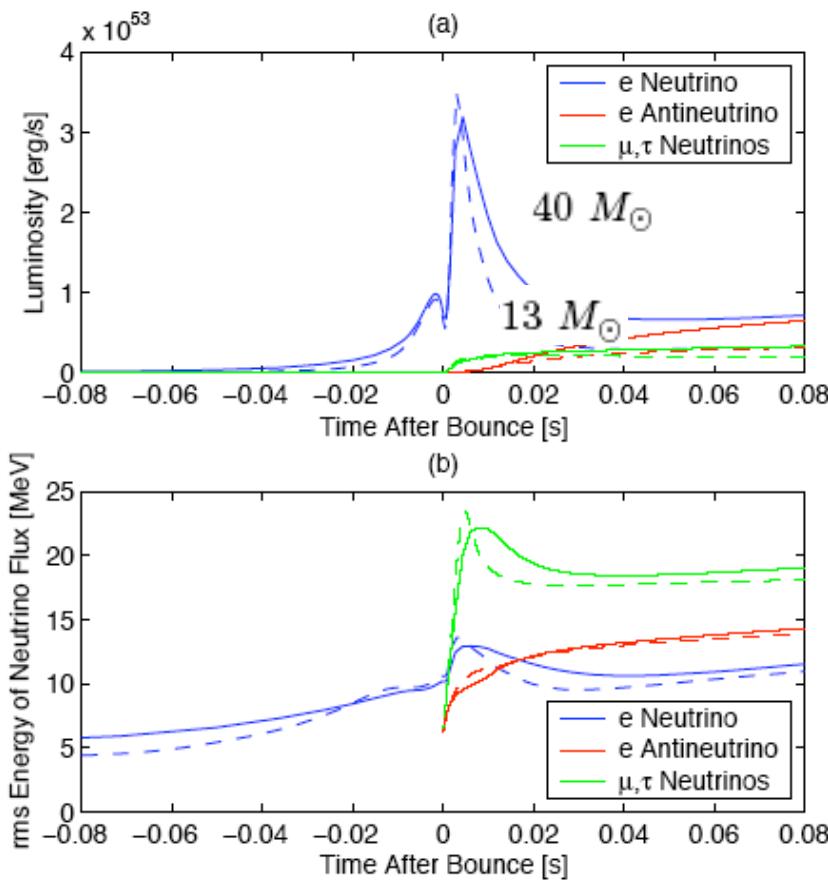


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## Neutronization burst of $\nu_e$

$$N_{\nu_e} \simeq N_e = N_p \simeq \frac{M_{\text{core}}}{m_p} Y_e \simeq 0.9 \times 10^{57}$$

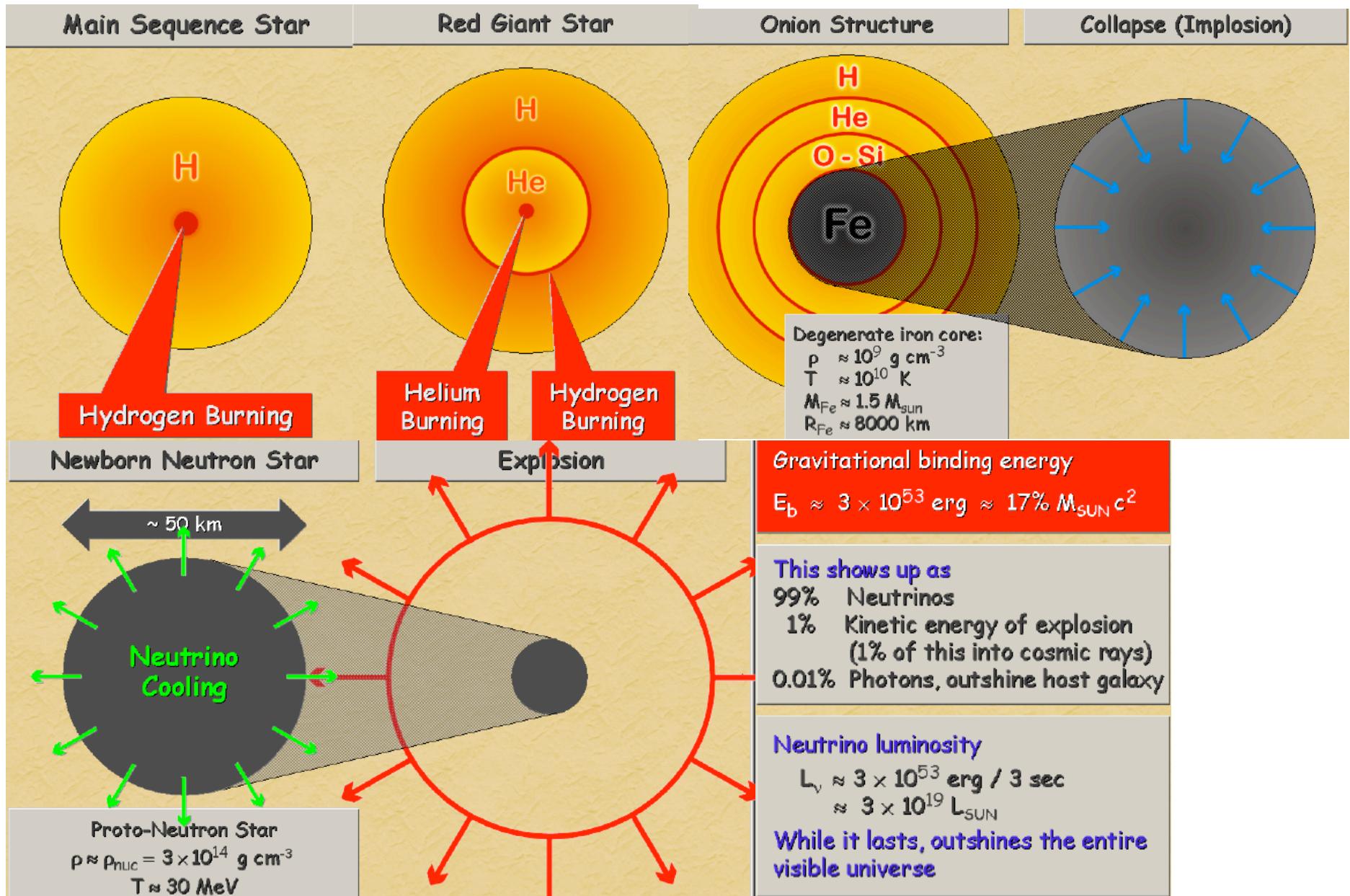
$Y_e \equiv n_{e^-} - e_{e^+}$  is electron fraction per baryon

The total energy

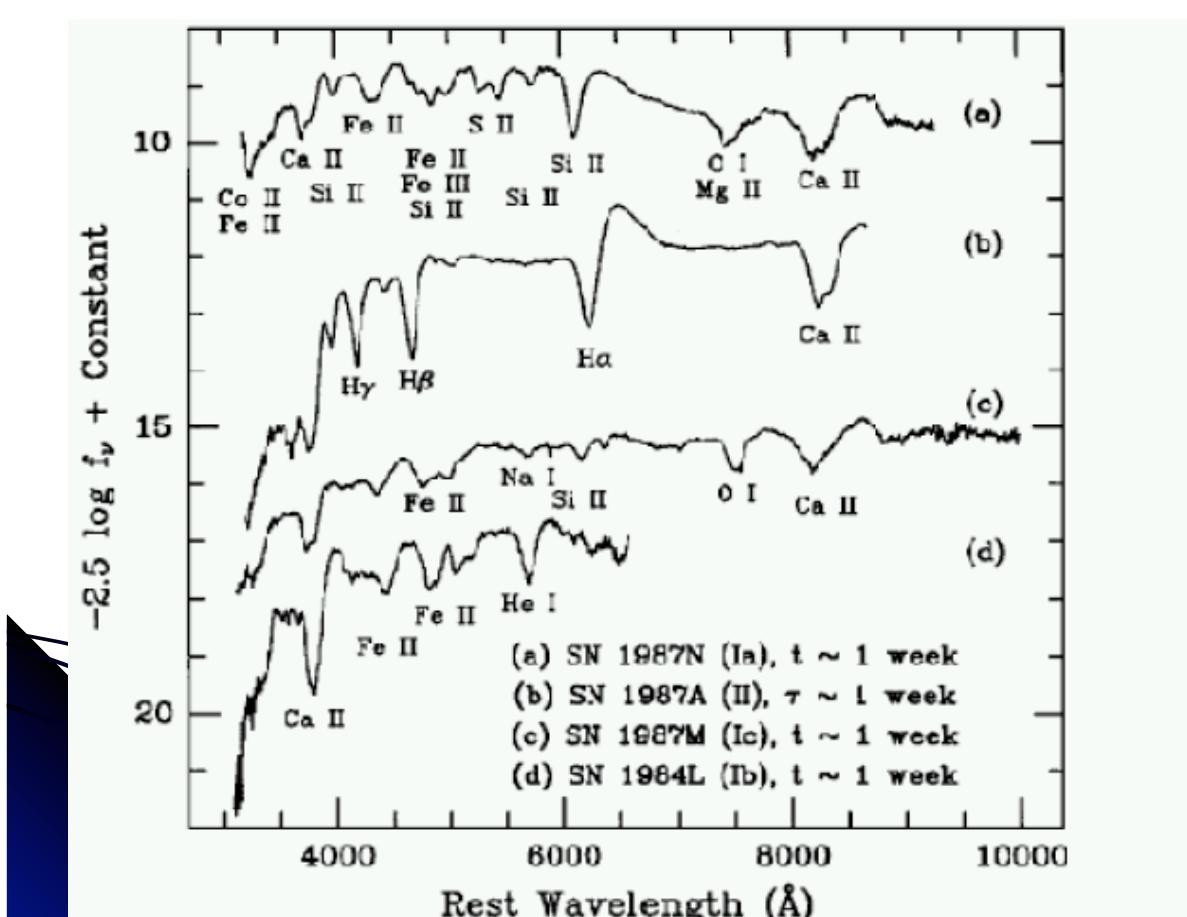
$$E_{\text{binding}} = G \frac{M_{\text{core}}^2}{R_f} - G \frac{M_{\text{core}}^2}{R_i} \approx G \frac{M_{\text{core}}^2}{R_f} \approx 3 \times 10^{53} \text{ erg}$$

is accounted for by neutrinos while the ejecta carry only  $10^{51}$  erg (1%)

# Stellar collapse and SN explosion



# Classification of SuperNovae



Type I  
(no H)

Type Ia  
(no H, strong Si)

Type Ib  
(no H, obvious He)

Type Ic  
(no H, He, Si)

Type II  
(obvious H)

- Type II, outer H layer remains at collapse;  
Type Ib, outer H layer stripped before collapse;  
Type Ic, outer H and He layers stripped before collapse.

# Classification of Supernovae

Spectral Type	Ia	Ib	Ic	II
Spectrum	No Hydrogen			Hydrogen
Physical Mechanism	Nuclear explosion of low-mass star	Core collapse of evolved massive star (may have lost its hydrogen or even helium envelope during red-giant evolution)		
Light Curve	Reproducible	Large variations		
Neutrinos	Insignificant	$\sim 100 \times$ Visible energy		
Compact Remnant	None	Neutron star (typically appears as pulsar) Sometimes black hole ?		
Rate / h <sup>2</sup> SNU	$0.36 \pm 0.11$	$0.14 \pm 0.07$		$0.71 \pm 0.34$
Observed	Rate approx. 1 SN / 30 years / galaxy			

1 Snu = 1 SN/ $10^{10} L_{\text{sun,B}}$ /100 yrs

# Type Ia vs. Core-Collapse Supernovae

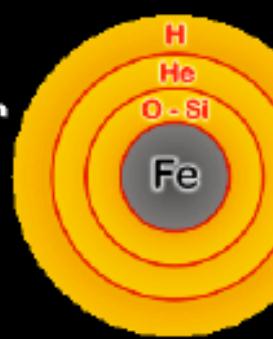
## Type Ia

Carbon-oxygen white dwarf  
(remnant of low-mass star)  
accretes matter from companion



## Core collapse (Type II, Ib/c)

Degenerate iron core of evolved massive star  
Accretes matter by nuclear burning at its surface



Chandrasekhar limit is reached -  $M_{\text{Ch}} \approx 1.5 M_{\text{sun}} (2Y_e)^2$   
**COLLAPSE SETS IN**

Nuclear burning of C and O ignites  
→ Nuclear deflagration  
("Fusion bomb" triggered by collapse)

Collapse to nuclear density  
Bounce & shock  
Implosion → Explosion

Powered by nuclear binding energy

Powered by gravity

Gain of nuclear binding energy  
~ 1 MeV per nucleon

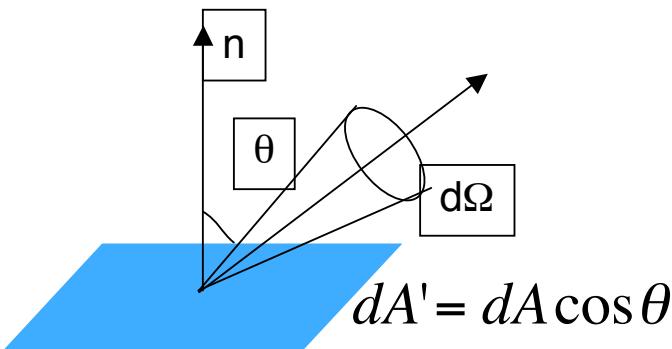
Gain of gravitational binding energy  
~ 100 MeV per nucleon  
99% into neutrinos

Comparable "visible" energy release of  $\sim 3 \times 10^{51} \text{ erg}$

# Some definitions

Definition of Specific intensity

Electromagnetic energy  $dE$  passing  
Through surface  $dA$  and coming  
from an angle  $\theta$  within a solid angle  
 $d\Omega$  during time  $dt$ :



$$dE = I_\nu(\theta, \phi) \cos \theta dv dA dt d\Omega$$

$$I_\nu = I_\nu(\theta, \phi)$$

$$[I_\nu] = W \cdot m^{-2} sr^{-1} Hz^{-1}$$

The Intensity (integral)

$$I(Wm^{-2}sr^{-1}) = \int_{\nu_1}^{\nu_2} I_\nu dv$$

Flux density = intensity integrated over the  
solid angle (of the source) is called:

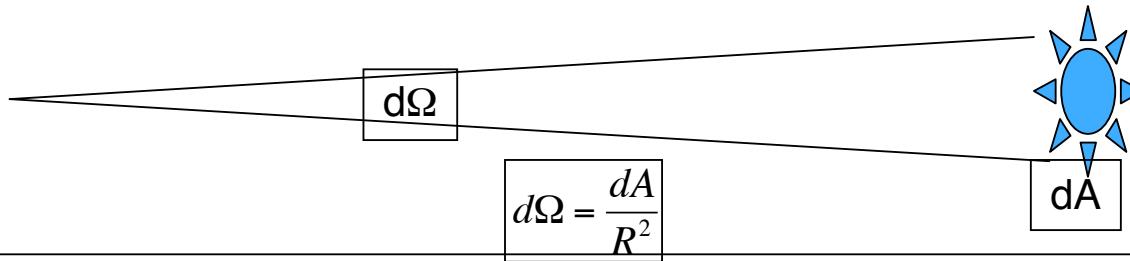
$$dF_\nu = I_\nu \cos \theta d\Omega$$

$$F_\nu = \int_{\Omega} I_\nu \cos \theta d\Omega$$

$$[F_\nu] = W \cdot m^{-2} Hz^{-1}$$

$$1 \text{Jansky} = 1 \text{Jy} = 10^{-26} W \cdot m^{-2} Hz^{-1}$$

# Flux and Luminosity



- Flux density at telescope

$$F_\nu = \int_{\Omega_{Source}} I_\nu \cos \theta d\Omega \approx \int_{\Omega_{Source}} I_\nu d\Omega$$

$$F_\nu = \frac{1}{R^2} \int_{\Omega_{Source}} I_\nu dA$$

- Luminosity (isotropic source):

- differential

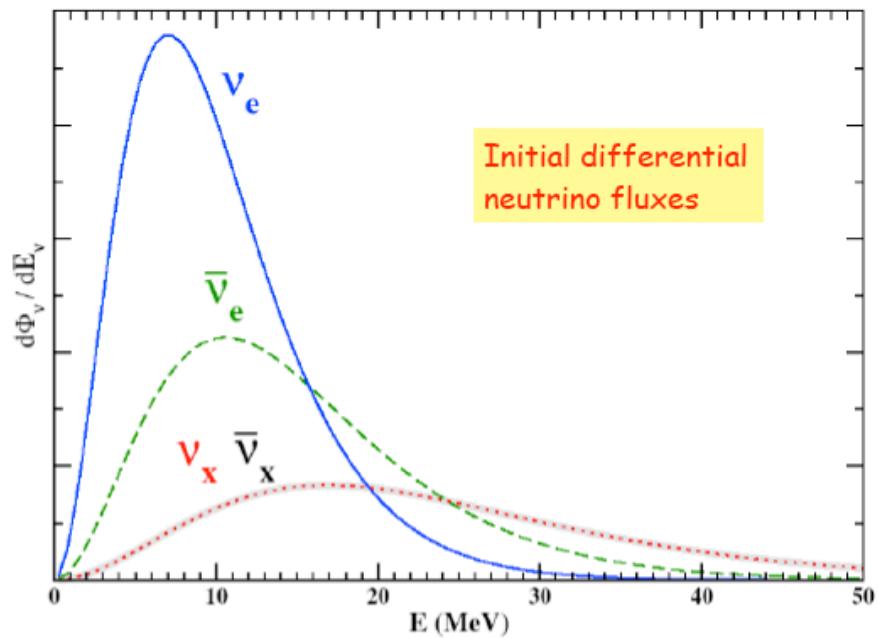
$$L_\nu = 4\pi R^2 F_\nu$$

- total

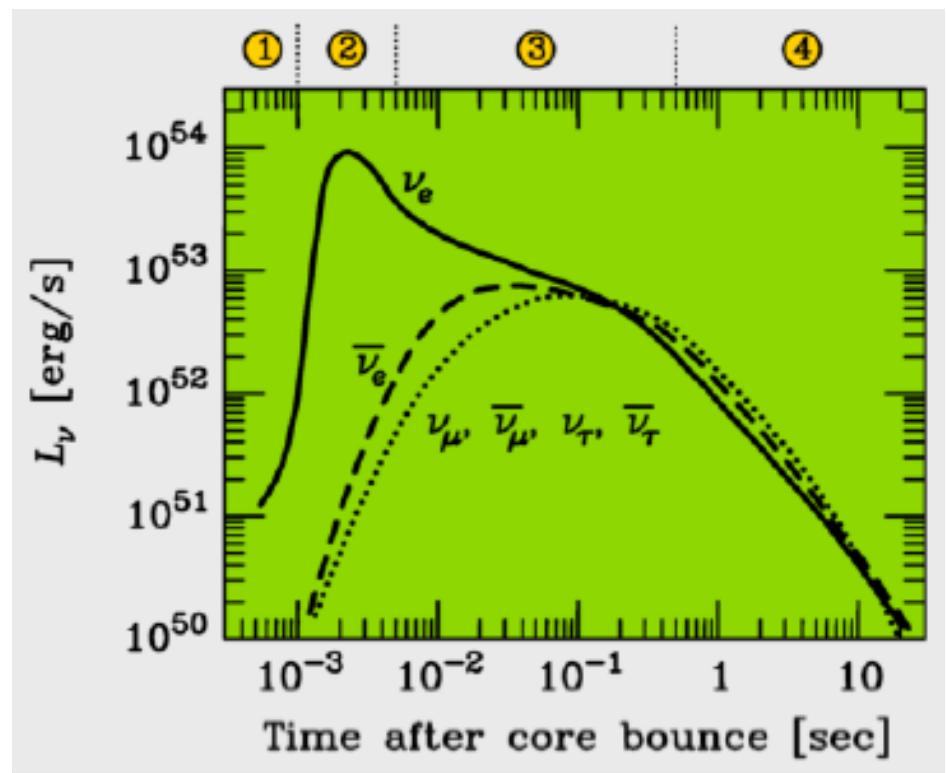
$$L = 4\pi R^2 \int_0^\infty F_\nu d\nu$$

1. Collapse (infall phase)
2. Shock break out
3. Matter accretion
4. Kelvin-Helmholtz cooling

$$\phi_{\nu_\alpha} \simeq C \frac{E^2}{e^{E/T_{\nu_\alpha}} + 1}$$



## Thermal Spectra



$E_{\nu_e}^{\text{tot}} = E_{\bar{\nu}_e}^{\text{tot}} = E_{\nu_\mu}^{\text{tot}} = E_{\bar{\nu}_\mu}^{\text{tot}} = E_{\nu_\tau}^{\text{tot}} = E_{\bar{\nu}_\tau}^{\text{tot}} \simeq \frac{E_{\text{binding}}}{6}$

# What determines the time scale?

Main neutrino reactions



Mean free path

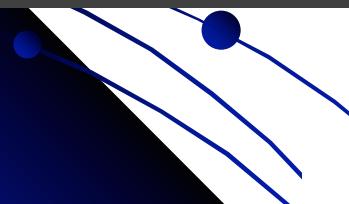
$$\lambda = (\sigma n_B)^{-1} \approx 28 \text{ cm} \left( \frac{100 \text{ MeV}}{E_\nu} \right)^2$$

Nucleon density

$$n_B = \frac{\rho_{\text{nuc}}}{m_N} \approx 1.8 \times 10^{38} \text{ cm}^{-3}$$

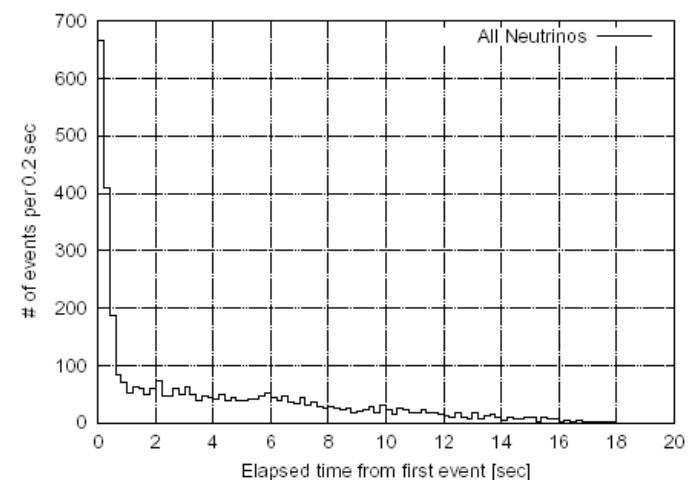
Diffusion time

$$t_{\text{diff}} \approx \frac{R^2}{\lambda} \approx 1.2 \text{ sec} \left( \frac{R}{10 \text{ km}} \right)^2 \left( \frac{E_\nu}{100 \text{ MeV}} \right)^2$$



$\nu_\mu, \nu_\tau$  only NC so leave with highest T=8 MeV and  $\langle E \rangle \sim 25 \text{ MeV}$   
— also CC hence leave with lower T=3.5 MeV and 5 MeV  $\Rightarrow$  16 MeV and 11 MeV.  $\nu_e$  have lower energy since the material is n rich and thus they interact more

Teresa Montaruli, Apr. 2000



# SN almost as bright as Galaxies!



SN 1998dh  
in NGC7541

: 2006



SN 1994D in NGC 4526



SN 1998S in NGC 3877

# The historical SNs

Over the past 2000 yrs we have historical records  
of AD 185, 1006, 1054 Crab Nebula, 1181, 1572

Tycho's SN, 1604 Kepler's SN

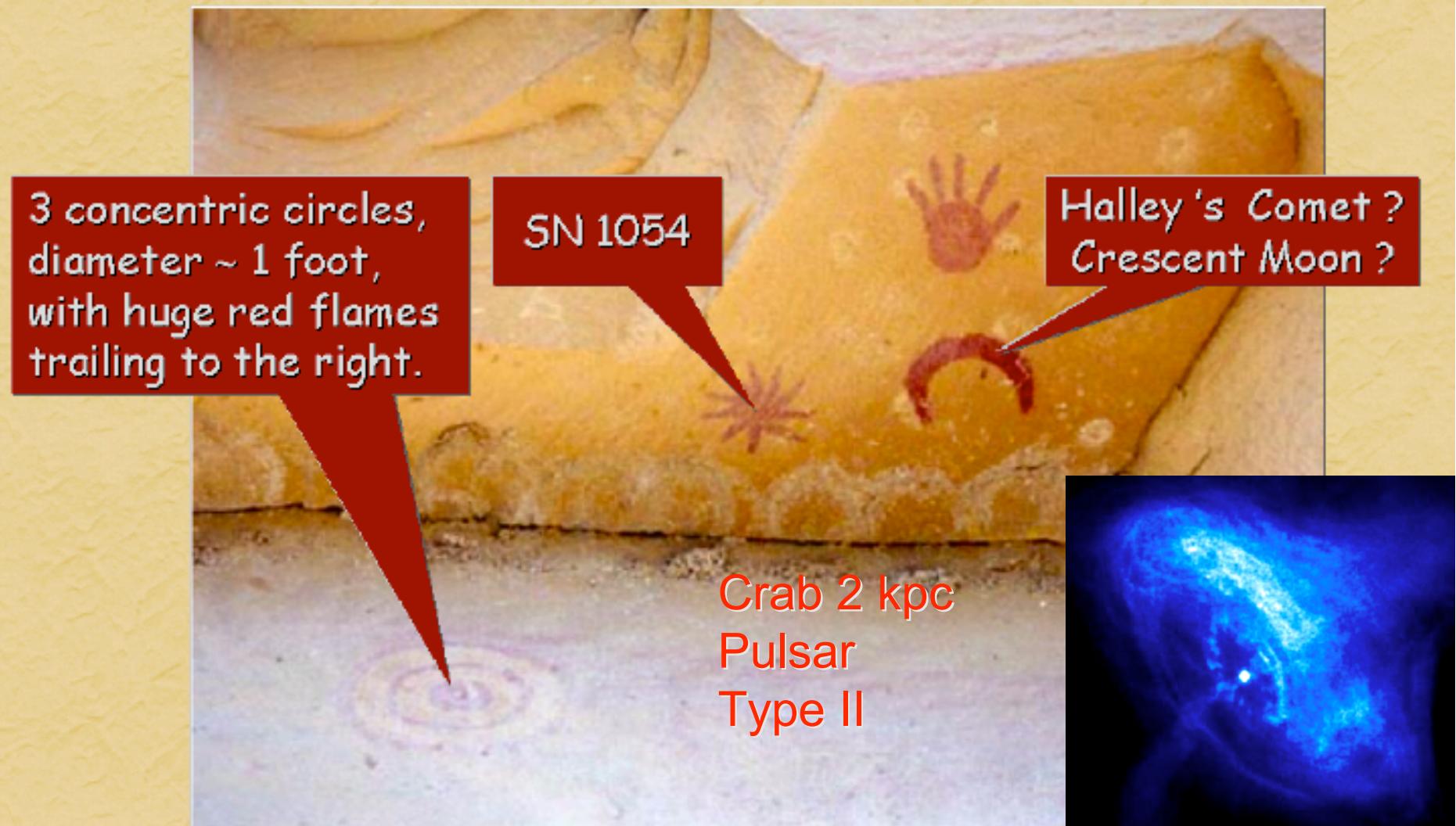
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Table 1. Summary of the historical supernovae, and the source of their records

date	visibility	remnant	Historical Records				
			Chinese	Japanese	Korean	Arabic	European
AD1604	12 months	G4·5+6·8	few	-	many	-	many
AD1572	18 months	G120·1+2·1	few	-	two	-	many
AD1181	6 months	3C58	few	few	-	-	-
AD1054	21 months	Crab Nebula	many	few	-	one	-
AD1006	3 years	SNR327.6+14.6	many	many	-	few	two
AD393	8 months	-	one	-	-	-	-
AD386?	3 months	-	one	-	-	-	-
AD369?	5 months	-	one	-	-	-	-
AD185	8 or 20 months	-	one	-	-	-	-

八年六月己巳客星出奎宿犯  
博舍占客星亦妖星天之使者見於天而無常所入列  
告以示休咎星大者事大而禍深色白其分有兵喪今  
各星出紫微外座傳舍星宜備姦使邊夷侵境又云出  
奎宿爲兵姦臣僞惑天子於是金虜遣使來爭執進書  
儀甲戌客星守傳舍第五星 九年正月癸酉客星始  
不見自去年六月己巳至是凡一百八十五日乃消伏  
時虜使久在館至是乃去

# Supernova 1054 Petrograph

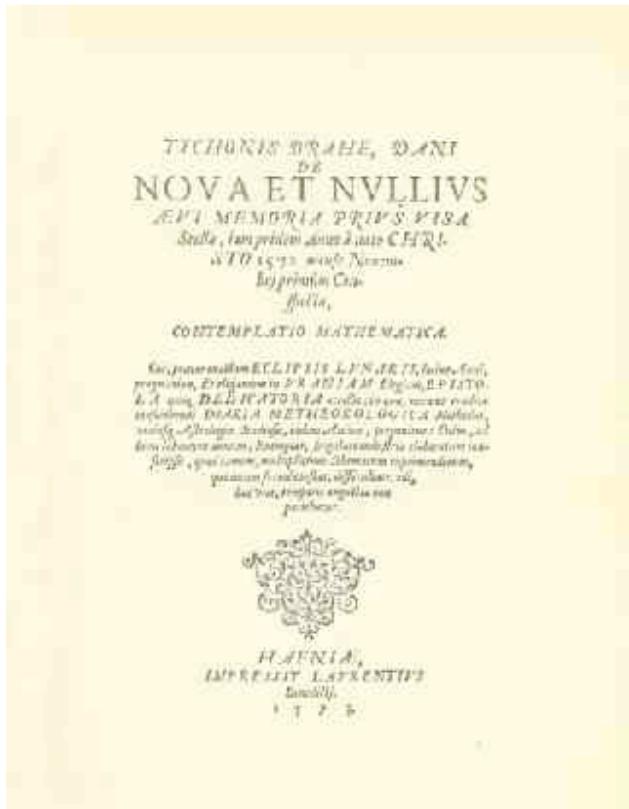


Possible SN 1054 Petrograph by the Anasazi people  
(Chaco Canyon, South-Western U.S.)

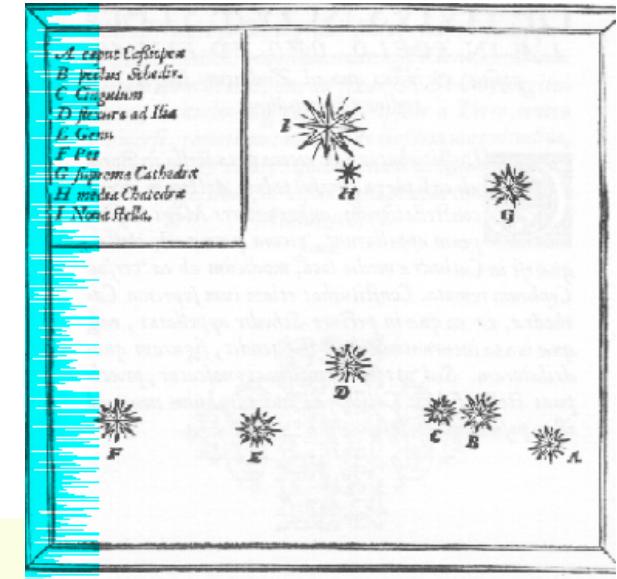
# Tycho Brahe 1572

# 3kpc Type Ia

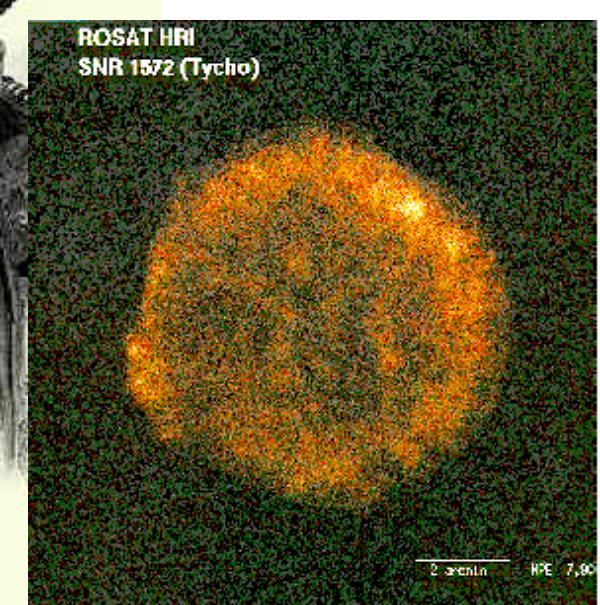
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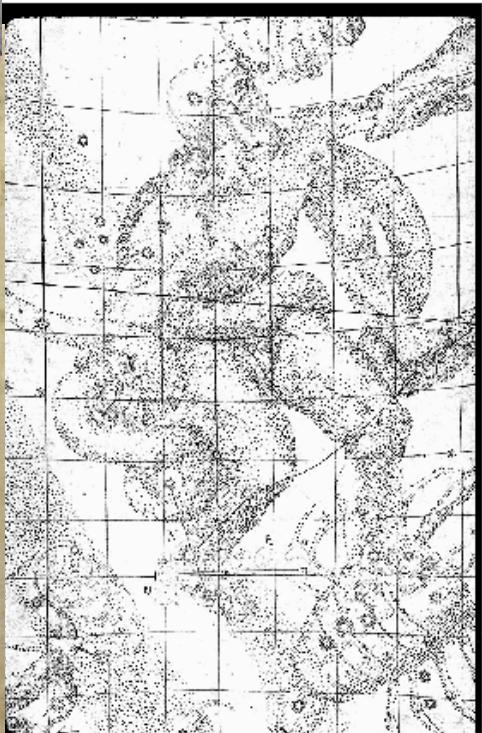
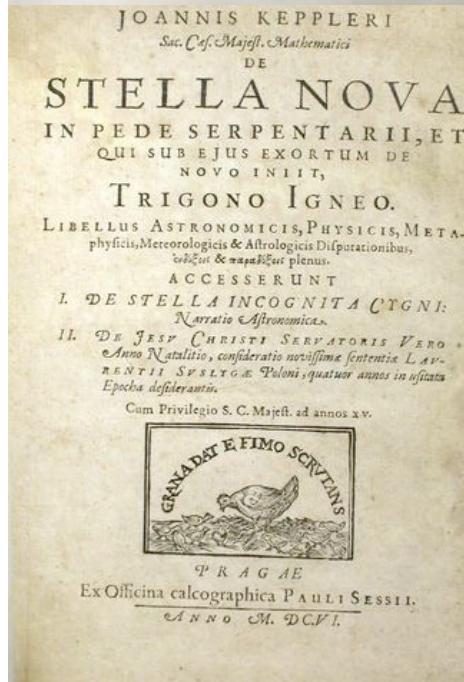
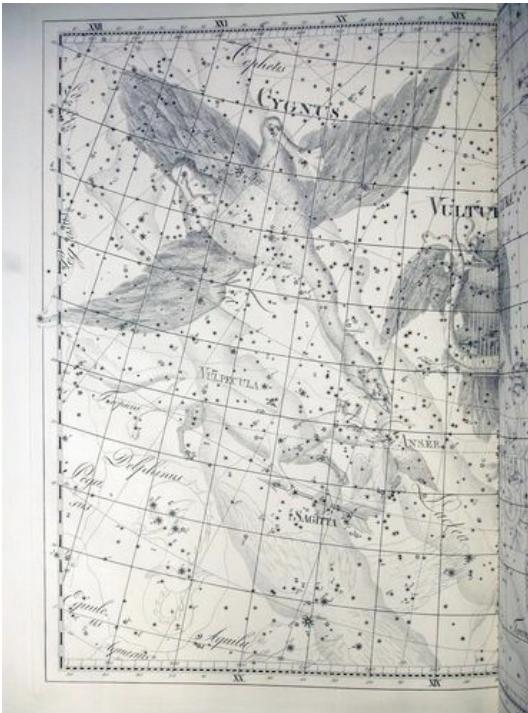


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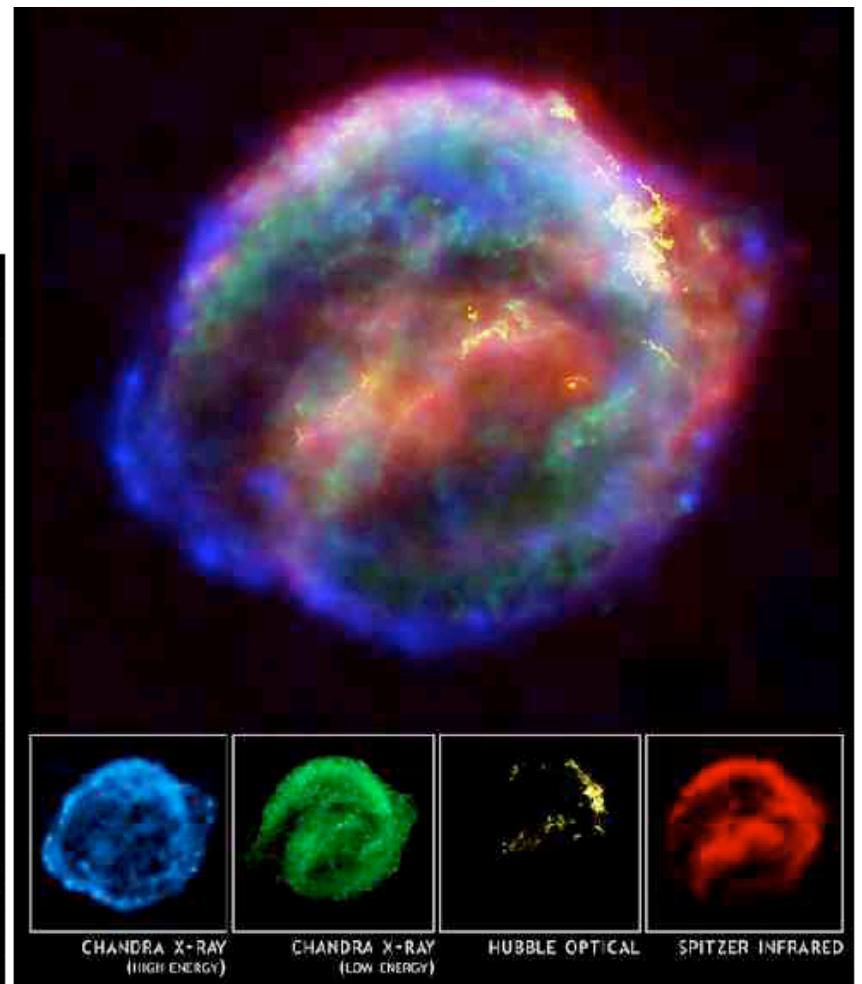


# SN 1604

4-8 kpc Type II?



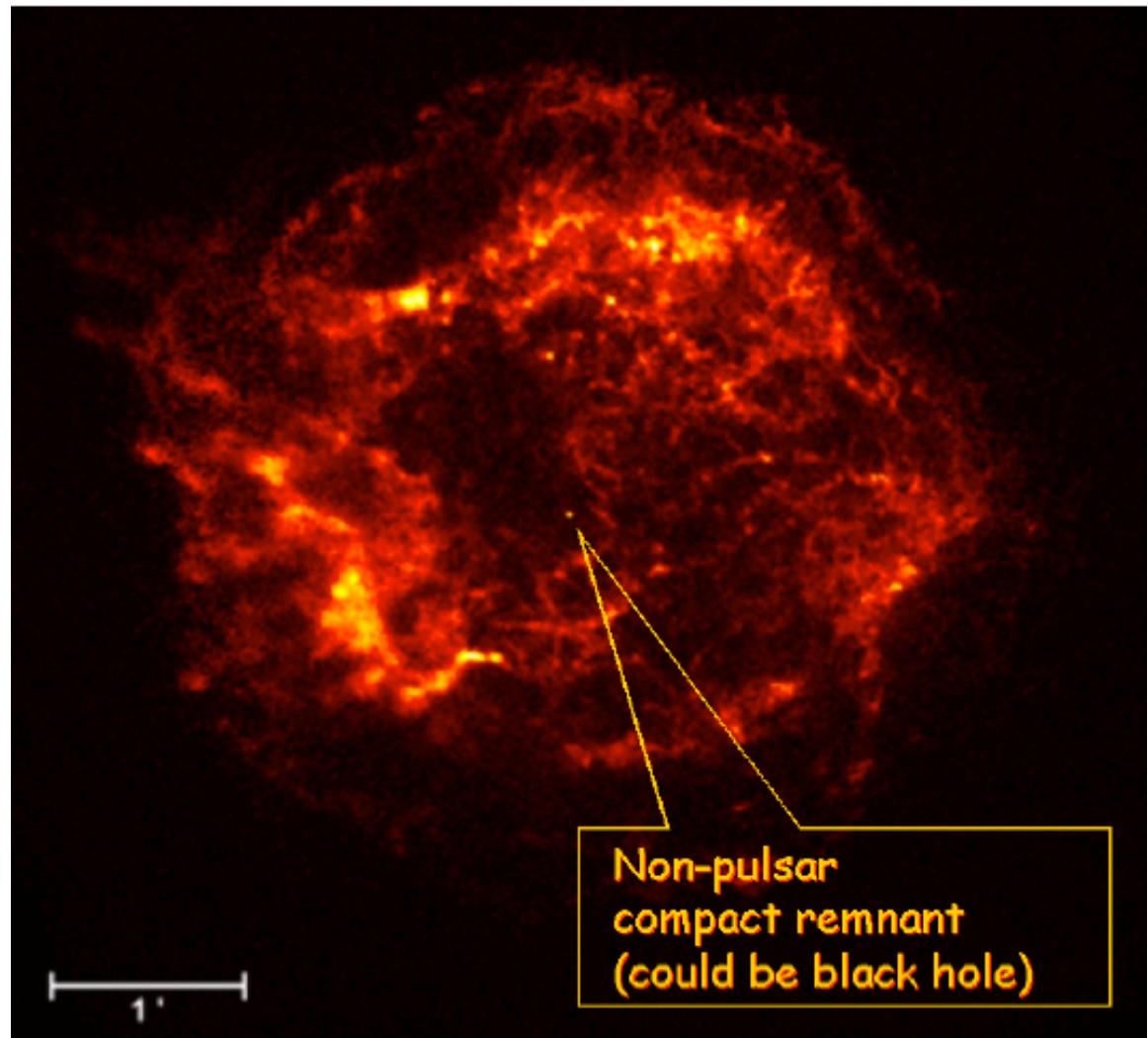
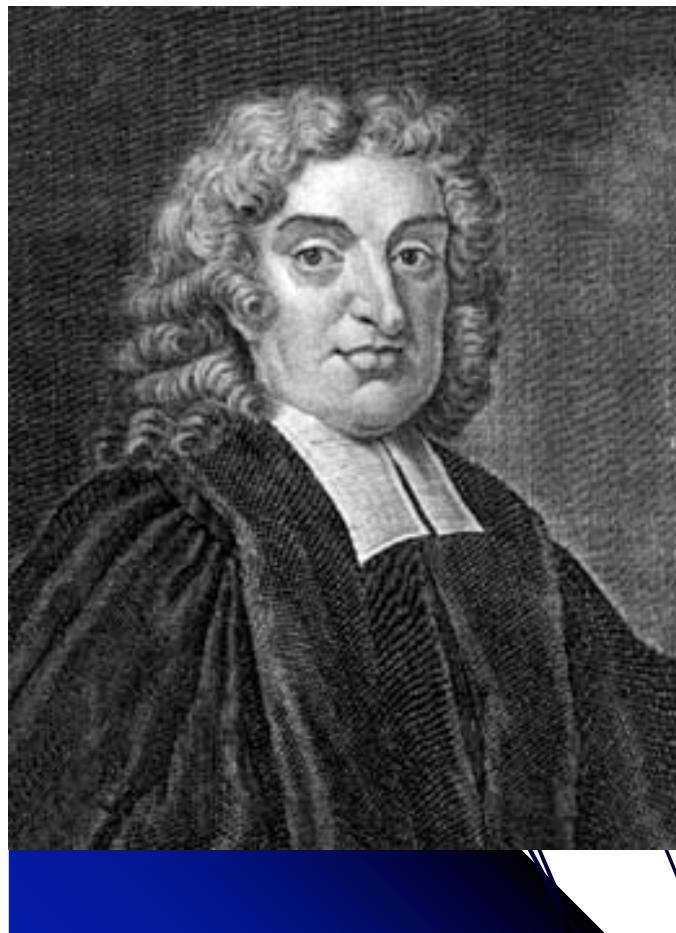
Johannes Kepler,  
*De Stella Nova in Pede  
Serpentarii*, (1606)



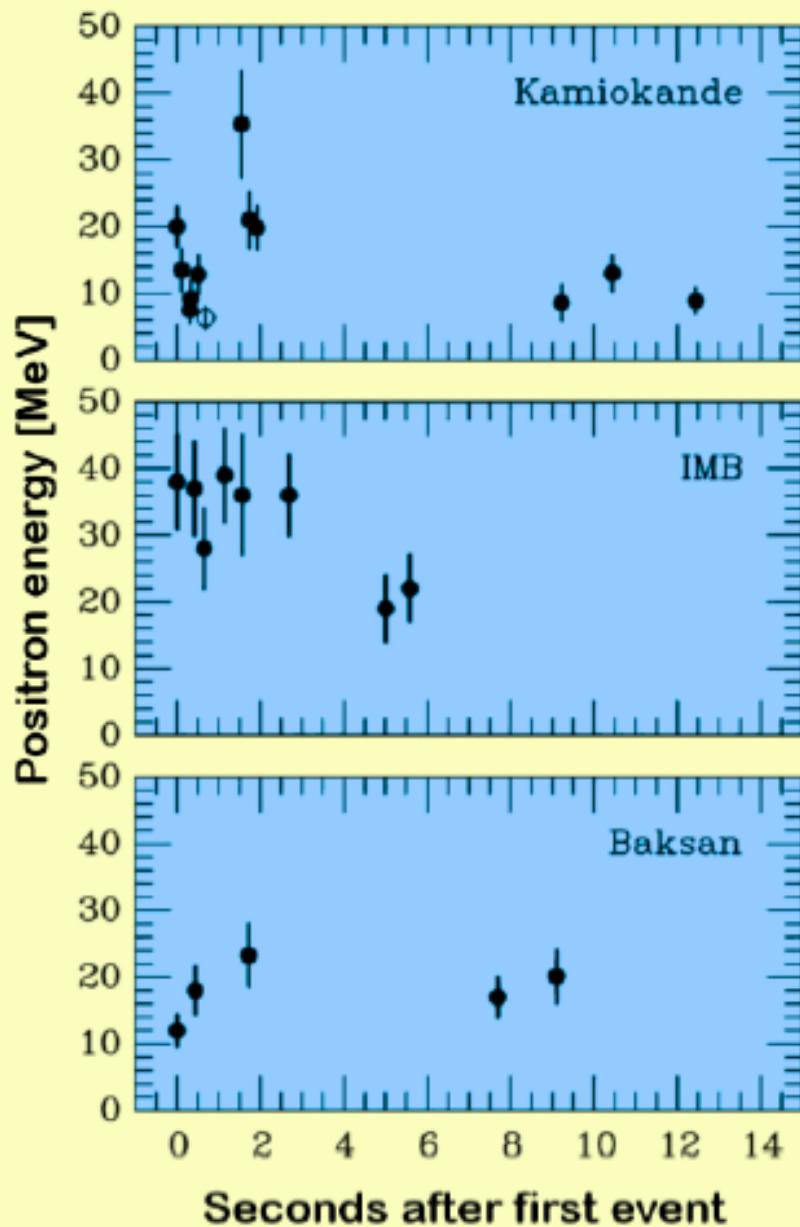
# Cassiopeia A

2.8 kpc, neutron star

John Flamsteed  
August 16, 1680



# Neutrino Signal of Supernova 1987A



Kamiokande (Japan)  
Water Cherenkov detector  
Clock uncertainty  $\pm 1$  min

Irvine-Michigan-Brookhaven (US)  
Water Cherenkov detector  
Clock uncertainty  $\pm 50$  ms

Baksan Scintillator Telescope  
(Soviet Union)  
Clock uncertainty +2/-54 s

Within clock uncertainties,  
signals are contemporaneous

# Detection of SN neutrinos

Largest cross section

$$\bar{\nu}_e + p \rightarrow n + e^+$$

$$E_e = E_\nu - 1.3 \text{ MeV}$$

**~300 e<sup>+</sup>/kt in water**

$$\sigma_{\bar{\nu}_e p} \simeq \frac{G_F^2}{\pi} (1 + 3 g_a^2) E_\nu^2 \simeq 9.77 \times 10^{-44} \left( \frac{E_\nu}{1 \text{ MeV}} \right) \text{ cm}^2$$

**expected rate in Galaxy: 2-4 /century**

## H<sub>2</sub>O Detectors:

**SK** 22.5 kt (fiducial) 31 Apr 96-15 Jul 01 : search for ν bursts 1704 d  $E_{th} = 6.5$  MeV Expected: 3500 events for 10 kpc SN 12 Msun (2% decrease due to Eth changement in SK-II due to 1/2 PMTs), limit on number of explosions/yr: 0.49 SN/yr (90% c.l.) full efficiency up to 100 kpc in SNEWS

**AMANDA II** 677 Oms  $V_{eff}/OM \sim 400-500 \text{ m}^3$  4.3 SN/yr (90% c.l.) in Galaxy (Ahrens et al, 2002): expect 15 fake/yr  $\Rightarrow$  SNEWS bckg < 1/week)

**SNO** 1+1.4 kt ( $D_2O+H_2O$ )

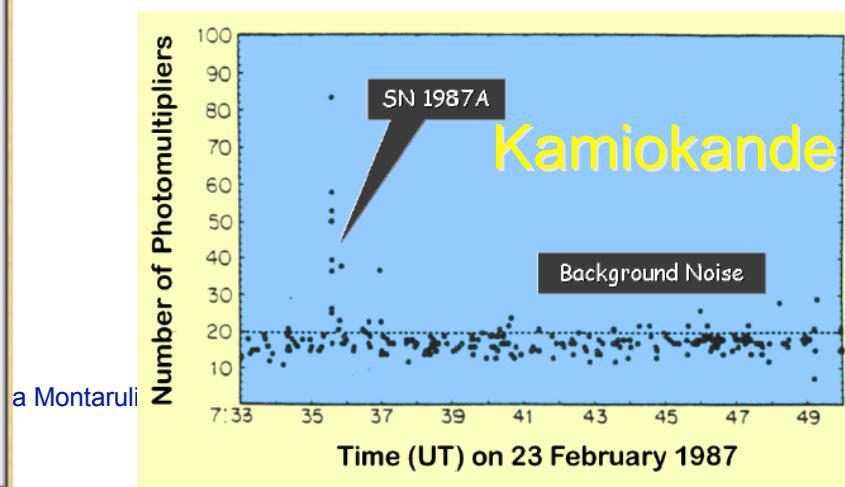
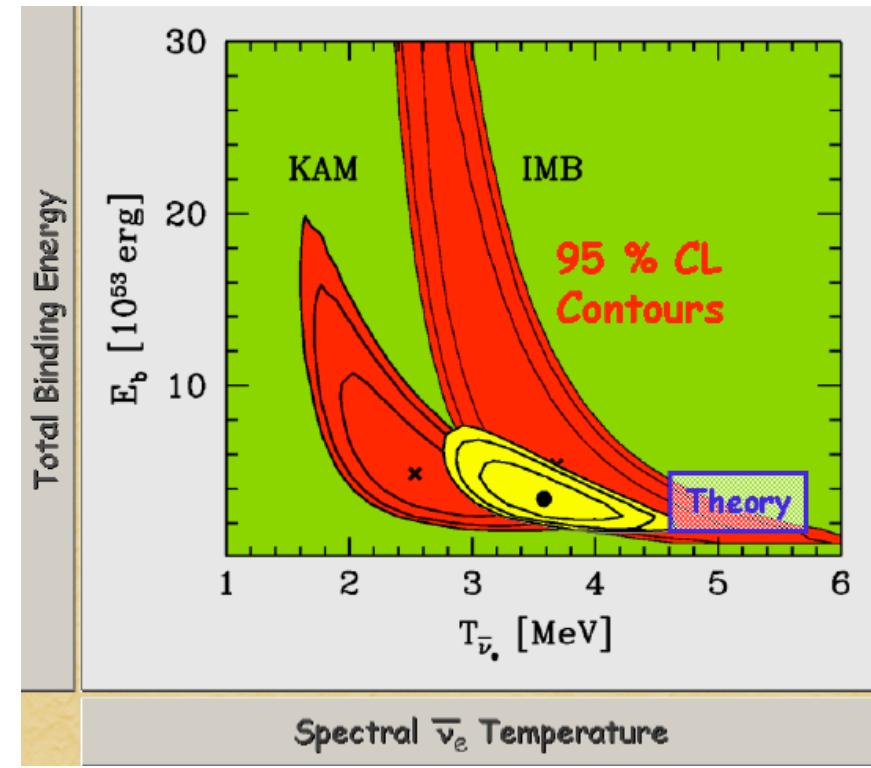
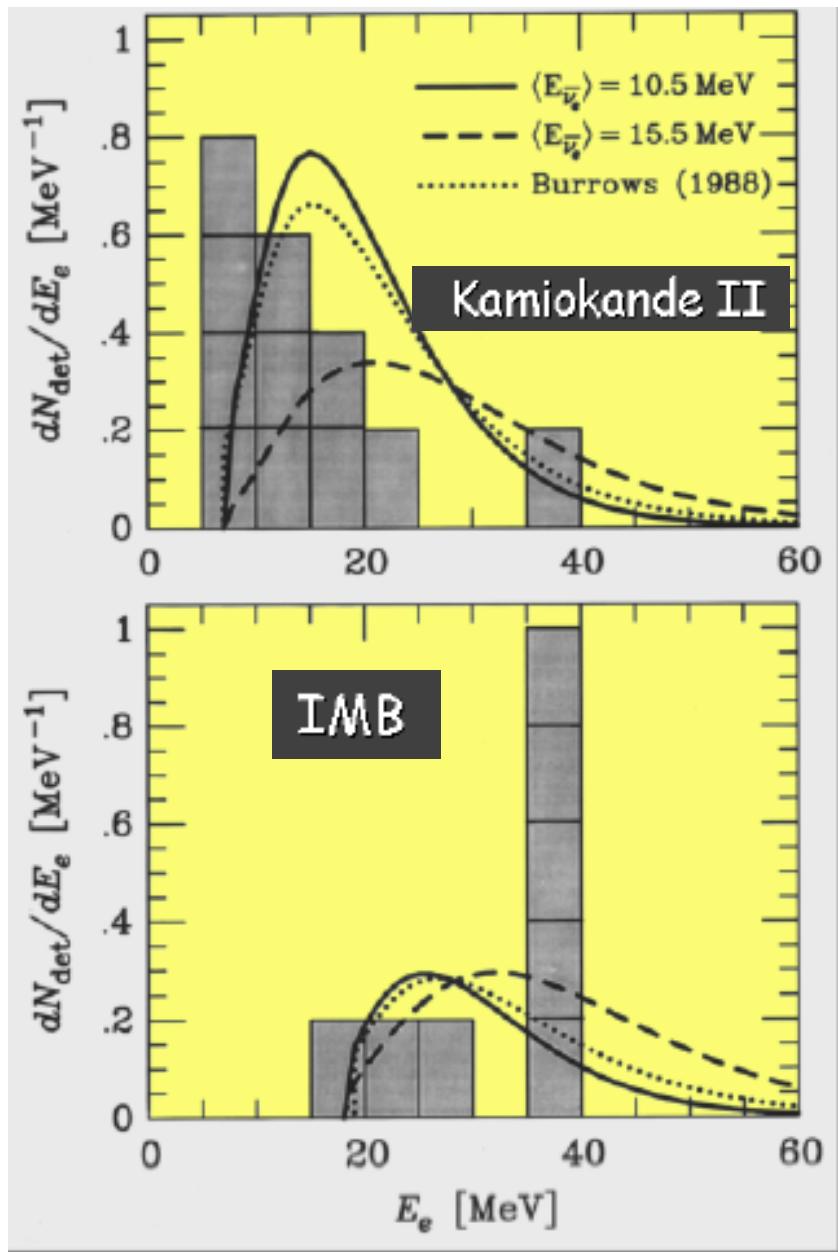
## Scintillator detectors

**LVD** 1 kt (Jun 92 - Mar 03 - Jan 01 final configuration) 3511 d  $E_{th} = 4-7$  MeV 0.2 SN/yr (90% c.l.) in Galaxy, in SNEWS since 98

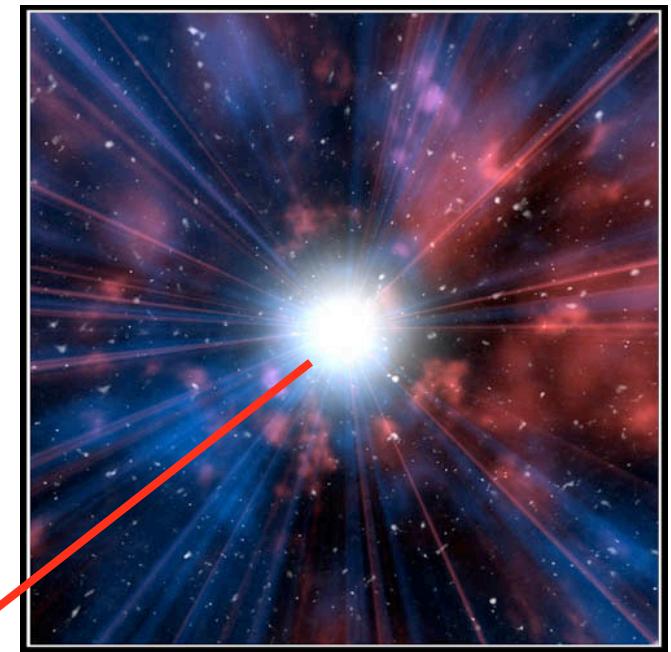
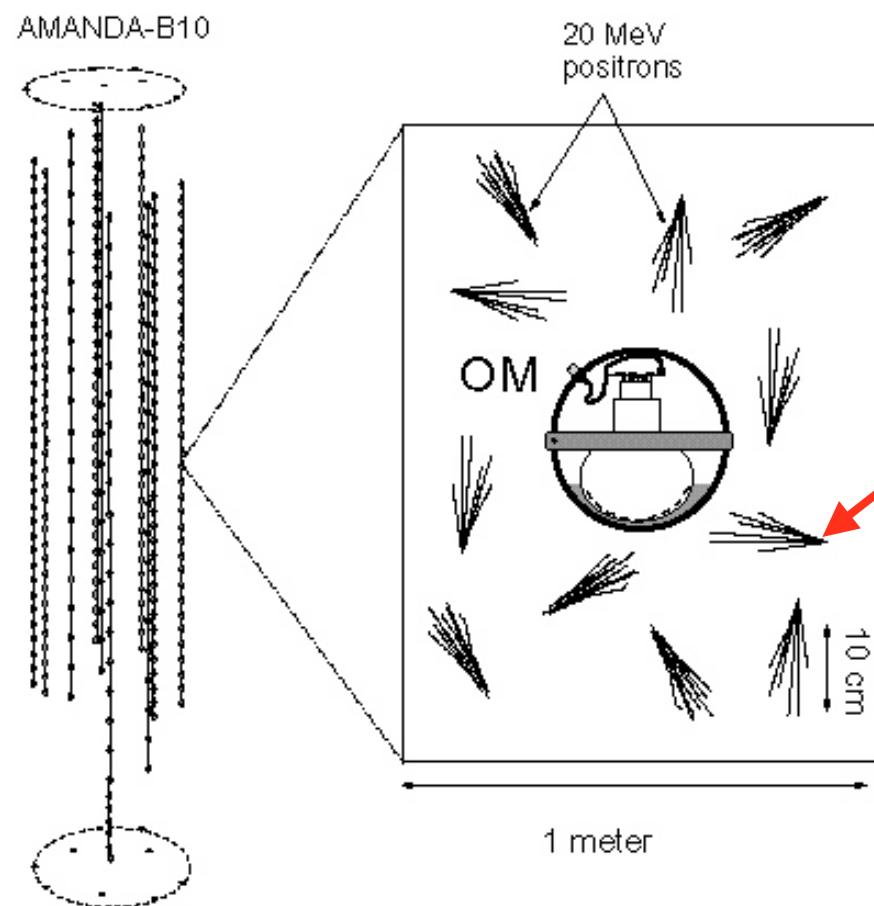
Expected events from SN at 8.5 kpc 320 (210 in MACRO upper limit 0.27 SN/yr)

**Others:** Kamland (1 kt), MiniBoone (0.6 kt), Borexino (0.3 kt),...

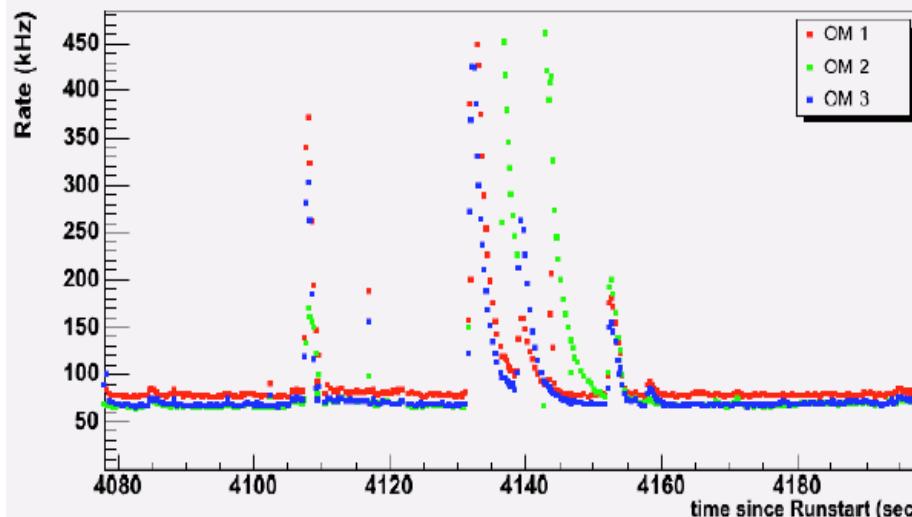
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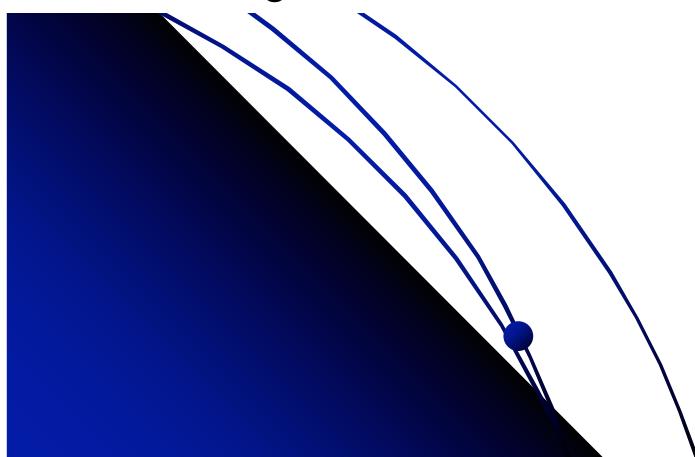
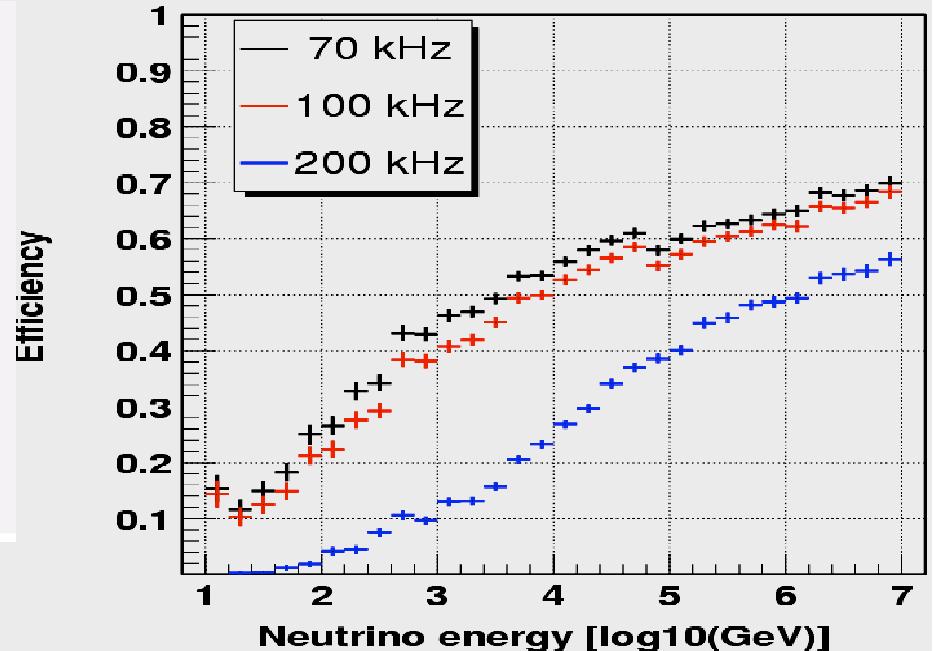
# AMANDA as supernova detector



# Optical Background and Filtering in ANTARES



Counting rate due to  $^{40}\text{K}$   $\beta$  decay and bacteria bioluminescence. Bursts are due to macro-organism

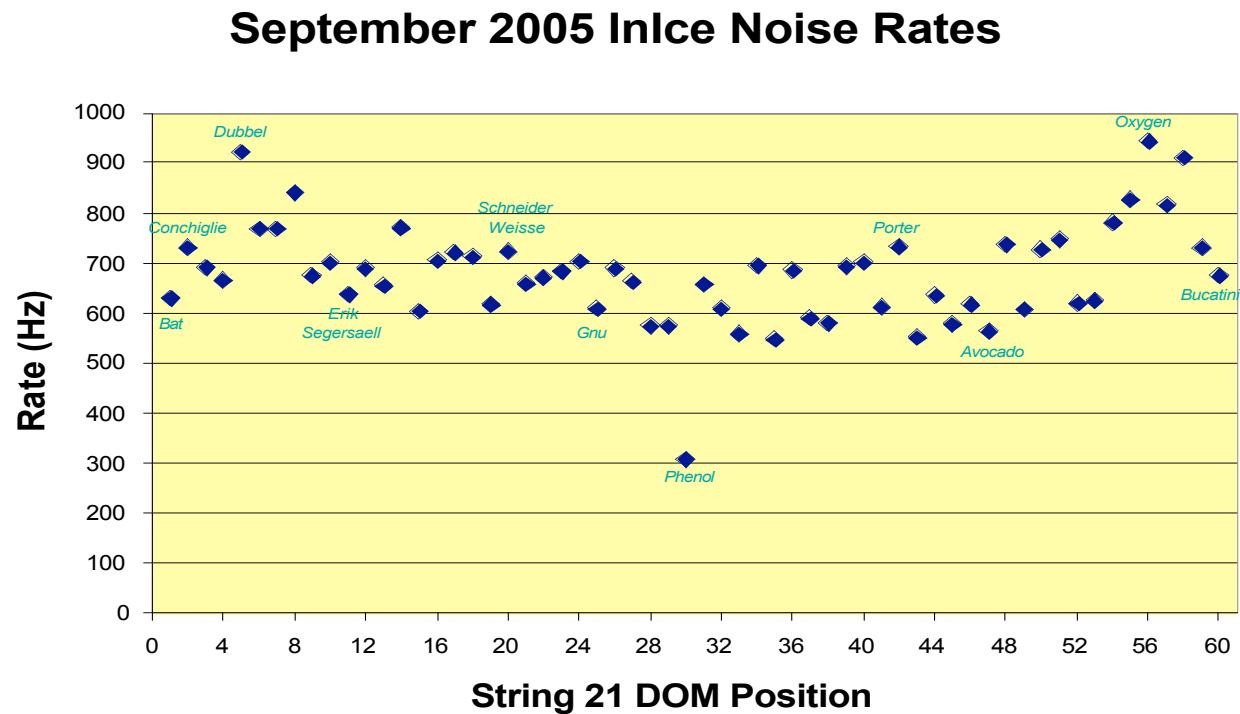


All data (>0.3 pe) sent to shore 1GB/s  
Offline filter: 1 MB/s causality condition

# Ice is an extremely quiet environment!

## 1<sup>st</sup> IceCube string

- The IceCube optical sensors were optimized for low noise.
- Research on glass material resulted in lower contamination with radioactivity.
- Fewer background photons from the glass.

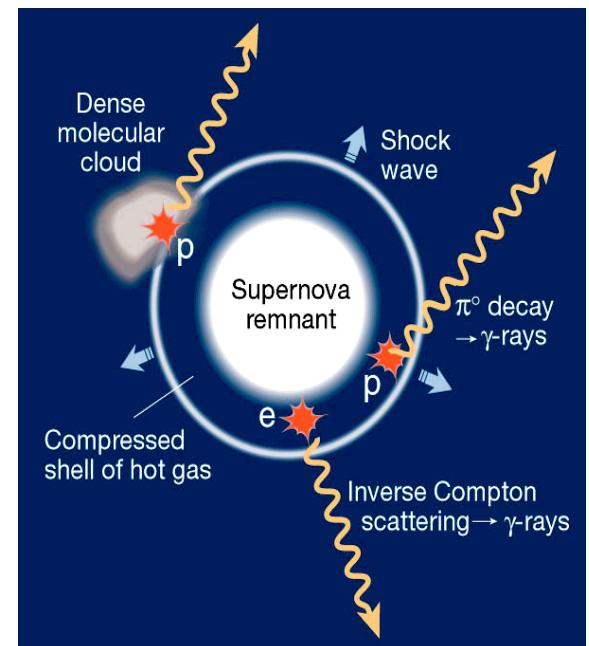
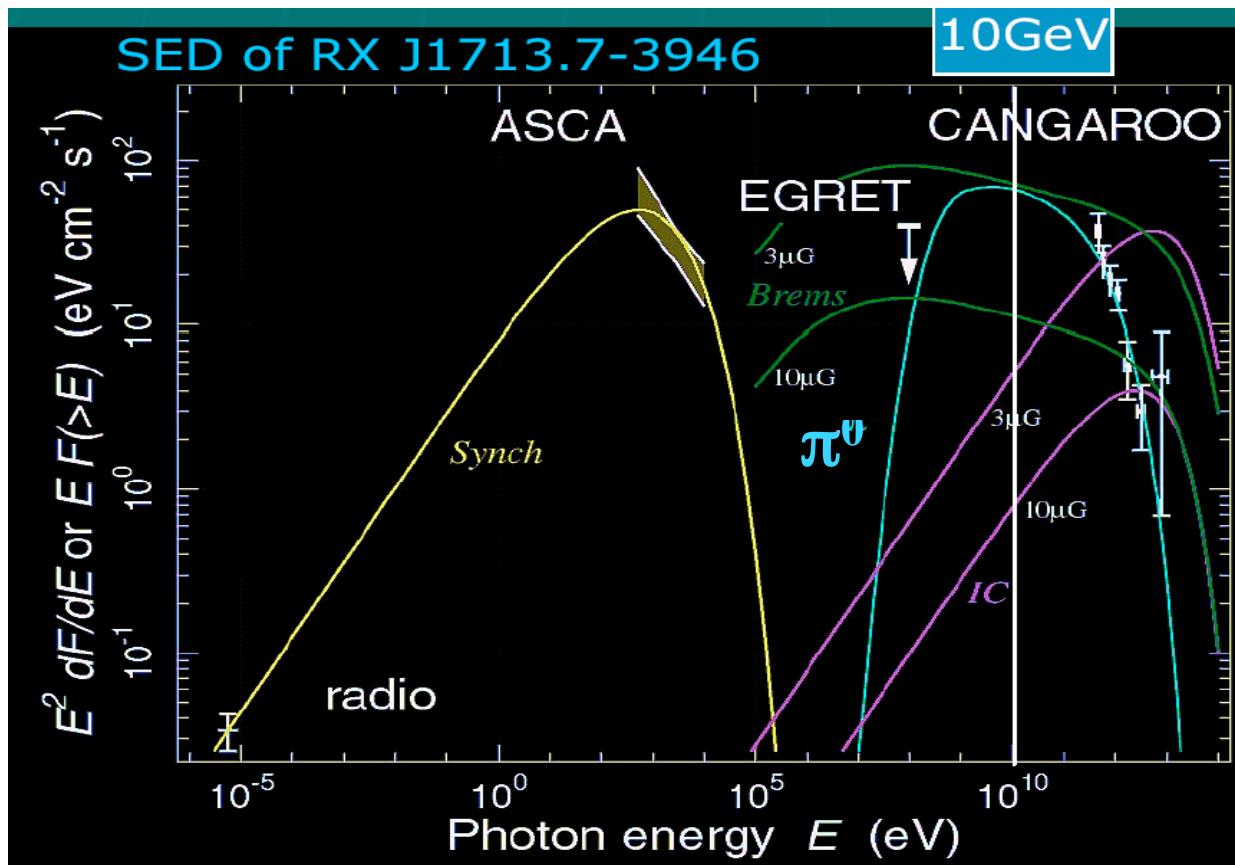


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# Galactic point Sources

## The case of RXJ1713.7-3946

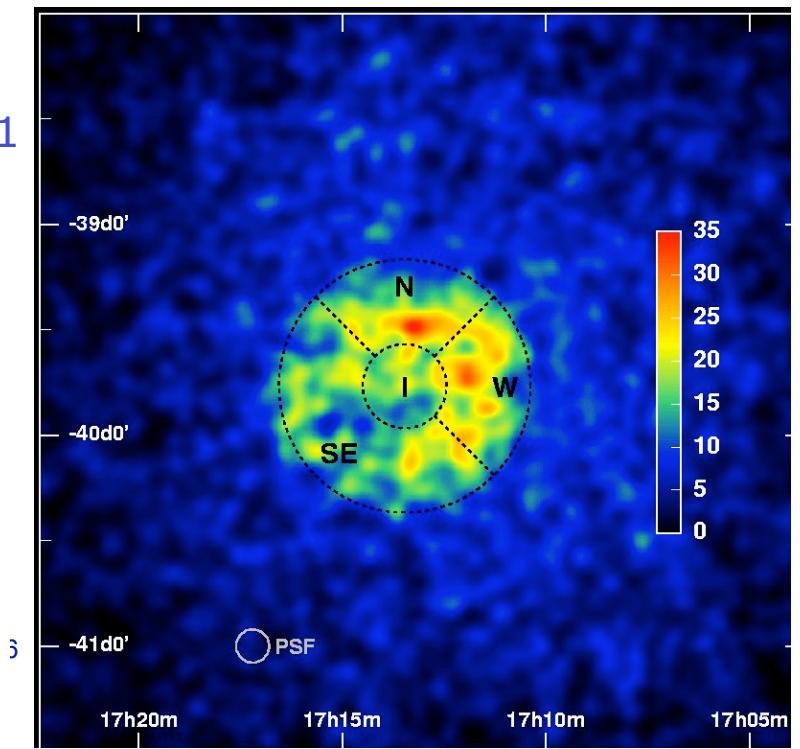
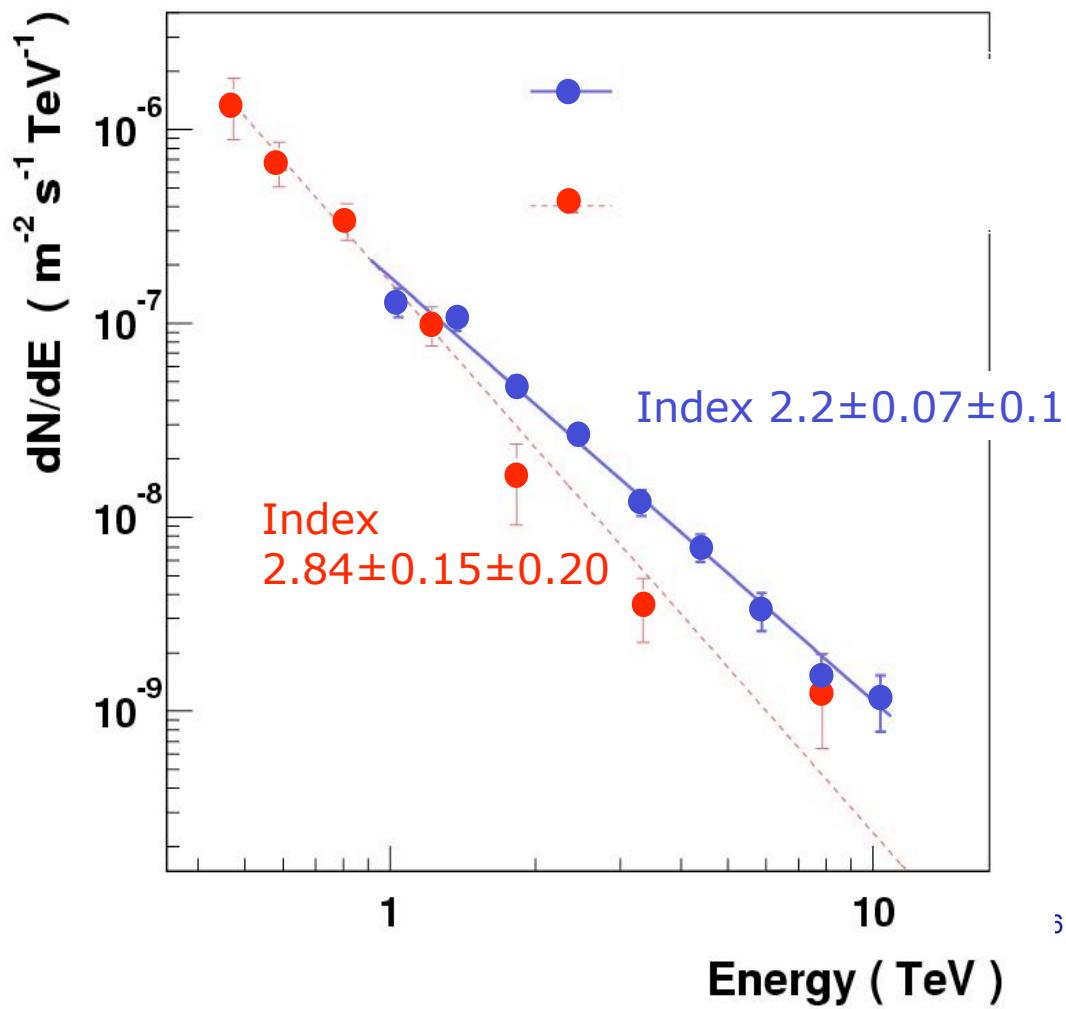
Open problem: elusive  $\pi^0$  produced in accelerated nuclei collisions with SN ambient material Still not a clear evidence BUT...CANGAROO claim



Controversial  
Reimer et al., A&A390,2002  
Incompatible with EGRET

# RXJ1713.7-3946

No cut-off in the HE tail of HESS spectrum favors  $\pi^0$  decay scenario  
respect to the case of em processes  
Study of electron density and B can help



# Predictions Galactic sources

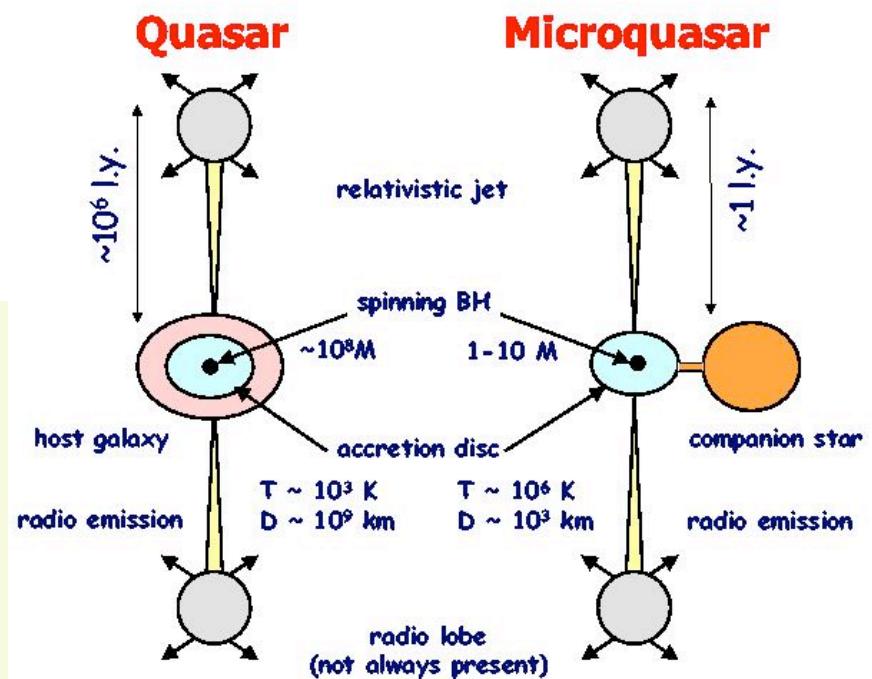
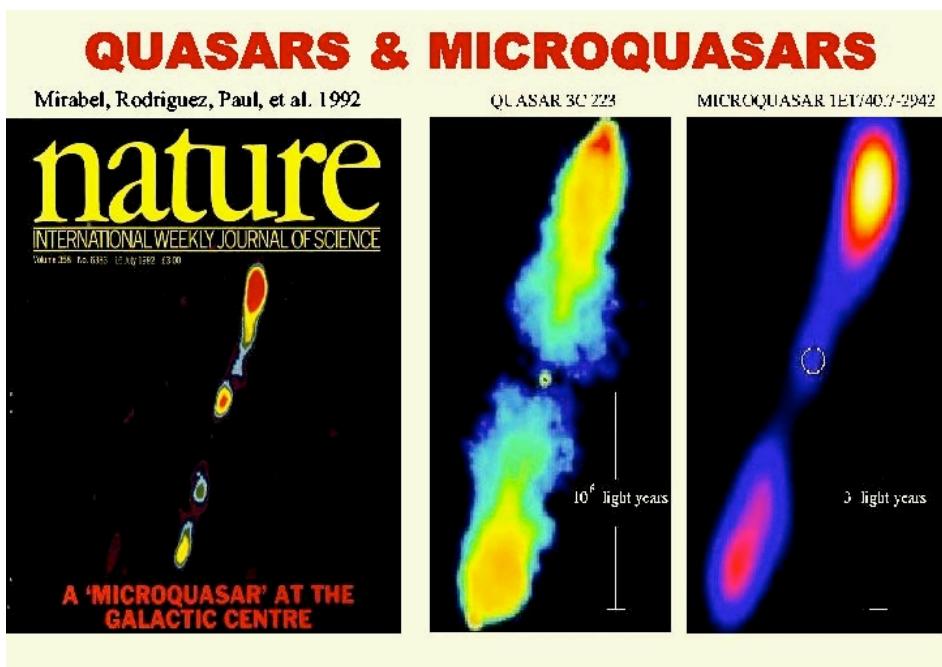
Burgio, Bednarek, TM, New Astron. Rev. 49, 2005

Source Type	Distance (kpc)	$E_\nu$ (GeV)	$N_\nu$ ( $\text{km}^{-2} \text{yr}^{-1}$ )	Ref.
<b>Supernovae</b> Shocks pulsars	10	$\sim 10^3$	$\sim 100$	Waxman & Loeb 2001
		$\sim 10^2 - 10^6$	$50 - 1000$	Protheroe et al. 1998
		$\sim 10^5 - 10^8$	$\sim 100 - 1000$	Beall & Bednarek 2002
		$\sim 10 - 10^8$	$\sim 1000$	Nagataki 2004
<b>Plerions</b> Crab	0.5 – 4.4	$< 10^3 - 10^5$	$\sim 1 - 12$	Guetta & Amatto 2003
		$\sim 10^3 - 5 \cdot 10^5$	$\sim 1$	Bednarek 2003
	2	$\sim 10^3 - 5 \cdot 10^5$	a few	Bednarek & Protheroe 1997
		$\sim 10^3 - 5 \cdot 10^5$	$\sim 1$	Bednarek 2003
		$10 - 10^6$	$\sim 4 - 14$	Amato et al. 2003
<b>Shell SNRs</b> SNR RX J1713.7 Sgr A East	6	$\sim 10^4$	$\sim 40$	Alvarez-Muñiz & Halzen 2002
		$\sim 10^5$	$\sim 140$	
	8			
<b>Pulsars + Clouds</b> Galactic Centre Cygnus OB2	8	$10^4 - 10^7$	$\sim 2 - 30$	Bednarek 2002
		$> \sim 10^3$	a few	Torres et al. 2004
		$10^4 - 10^7$	$\sim 0.5$	Bednarek 2003
		$\sim 10^6$	$\sim 4$	Anchordoqui et al. 2003
	1.7			
<b>Binary systems</b> A0535+26	2.6	$3 \cdot 10^2 - 10^3$	a few	Anchordoqui et al. 2003
<b>Microquasars</b>	1 – 10	$10^3 - 10^5$	$1 - 300$	Distefano et al. 2002
<b>Magnetars</b>	3 – 16	$\sim 10^5$	$1.7 (0.1/\Delta\Omega) (5/d^2)$	Zhang et al. 2003

# Microquasars

Galactic X-ray binaries with radio relativistic jets: star transferring mass to a compact object (n star or BH). Their structure make them similar to quasars but  $\sim 10^6$  times smaller. Most have bursting activity (hrs-days)

Persistent: SS433 GX339-4



July, Apr. 2006

# Microquasars

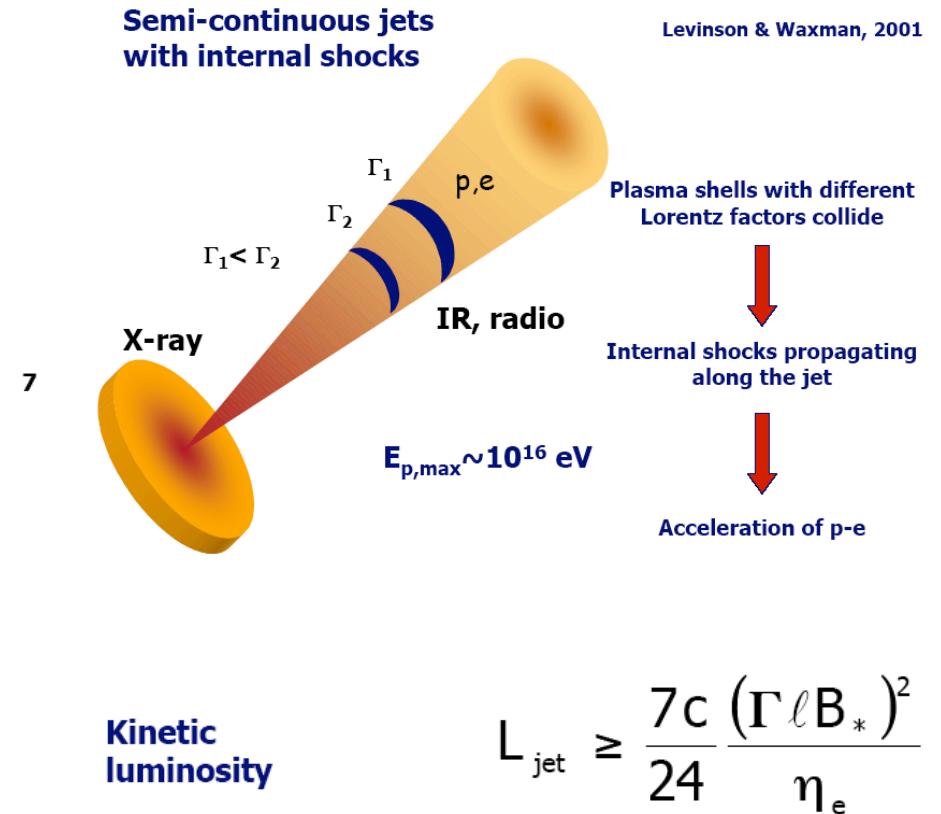
Neutrinos from p- $\gamma$  interactions (photons from synchr. Emission of electrons accelerated in jet or from accretion disc) Distefano, Waxman et al 2002

## Neutrino flux at Earth

$$f_{\nu_\mu} \text{ flux to the Earth}$$

$$f_{\nu_\mu} \sim \frac{1}{2} \eta_p f_\pi \delta^4 \frac{L_{\text{jet}} / 8}{4\pi D^2}$$

$$1 \text{ TeV} \leq E_{\nu_\mu} \leq 100 \text{ TeV}$$



$\eta_p \sim 10\%$ : fraction of the jet energy injected as Fermi protons

$L_{\text{jet}}$ : kinetic luminosity of the jet

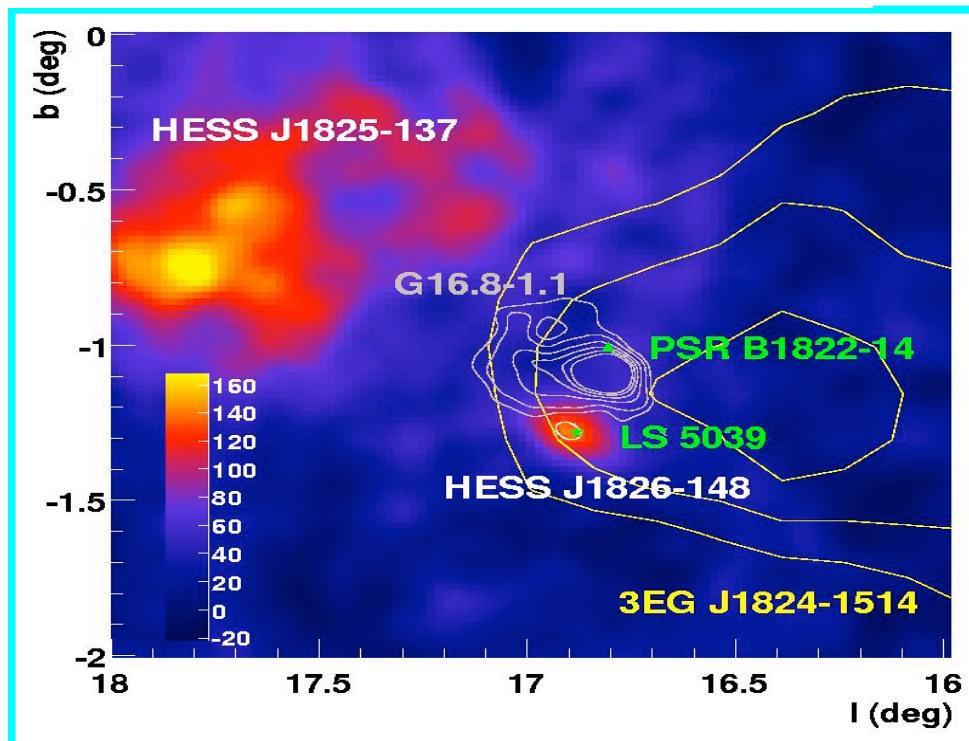
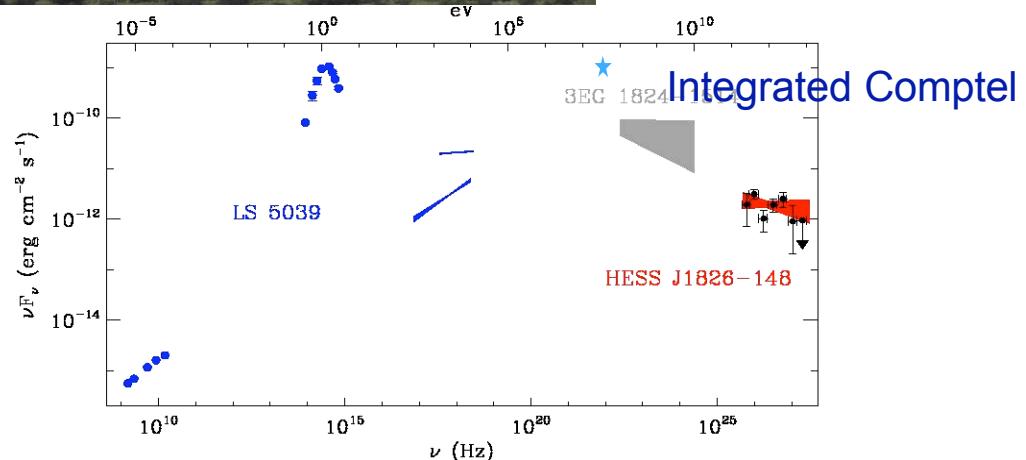
$\delta$ : jet Doppler factor  $\delta = [\Gamma(1 - \beta \cos \theta)]^{-1}$

D: source-Earth distance

$\eta_e$ : fraction of jet energy carried by e+B

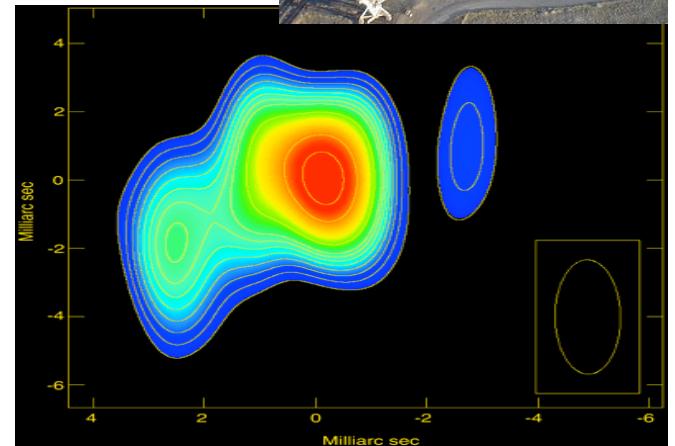
$\Gamma \sim 1$

$\ell$ : linear size of the blob



# LS5039

Very Large Array



Source angular size ~ 50 arcsec

Source distance ~ 2.5 kpc

Gamma rays within radius ~ 0.6 pc

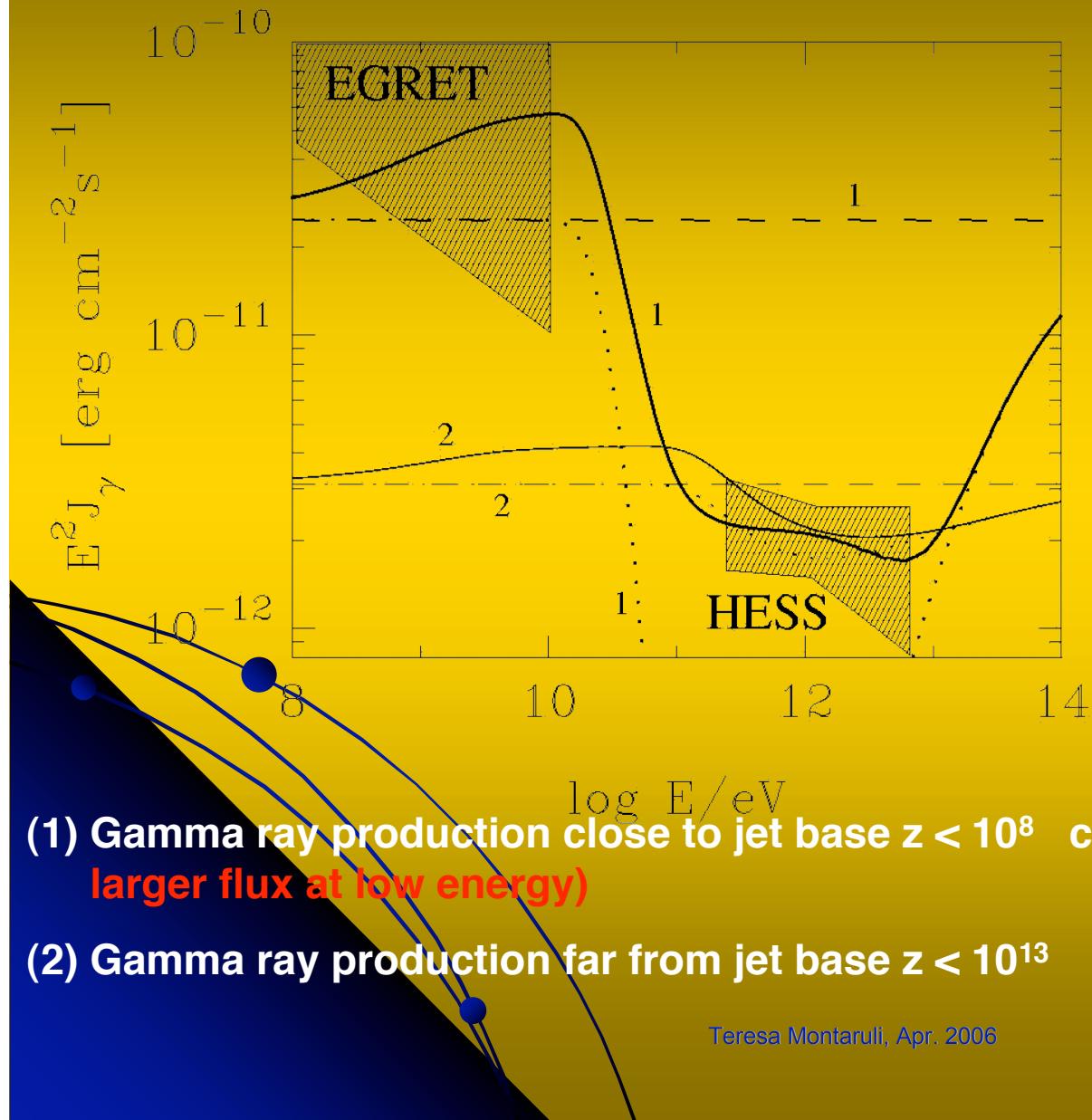
Likely to be associated to

3EG J1824-1514

Hard E<sup>-2</sup> spectrum

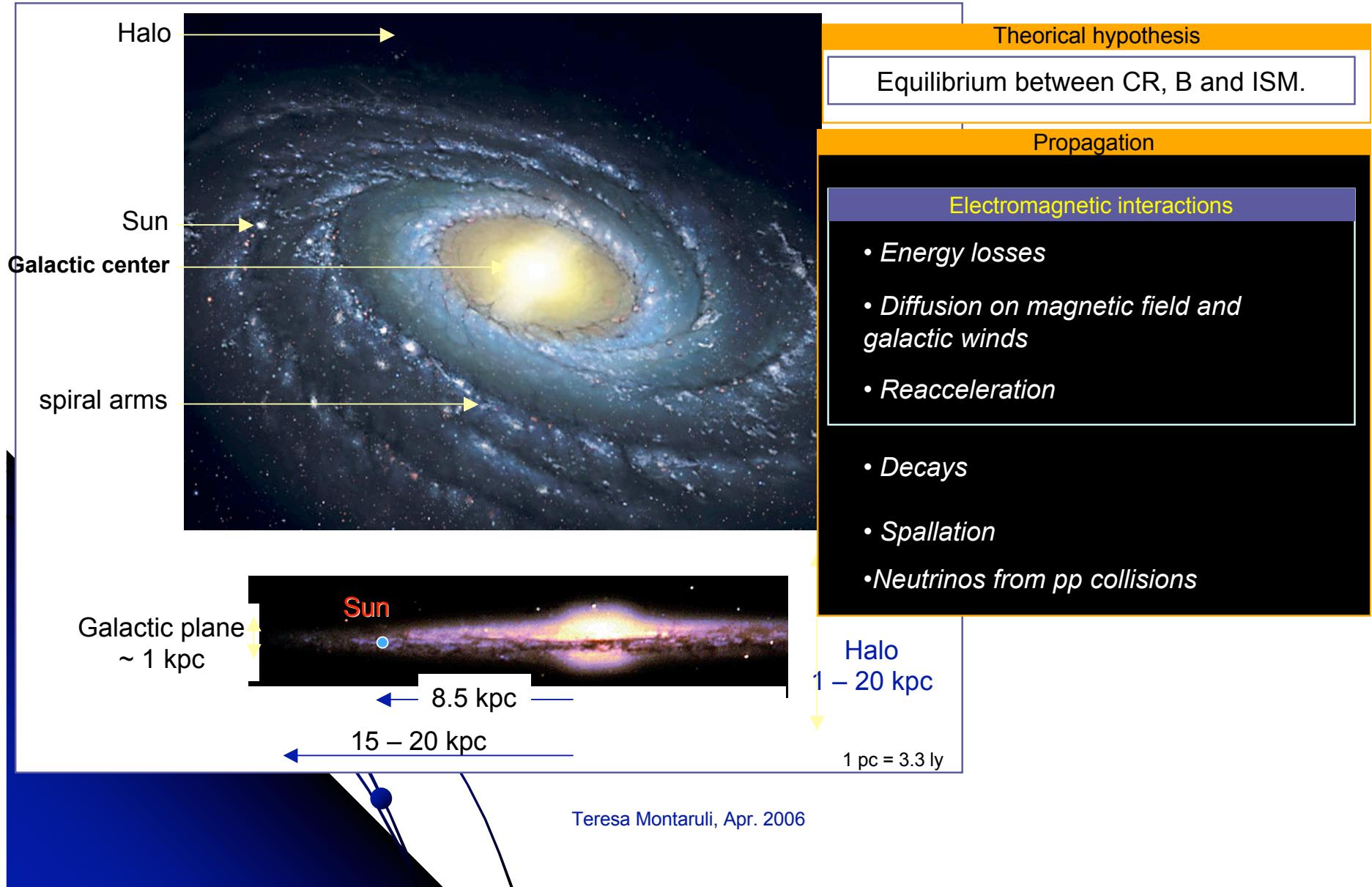
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# Time averaged gamma ray spectra



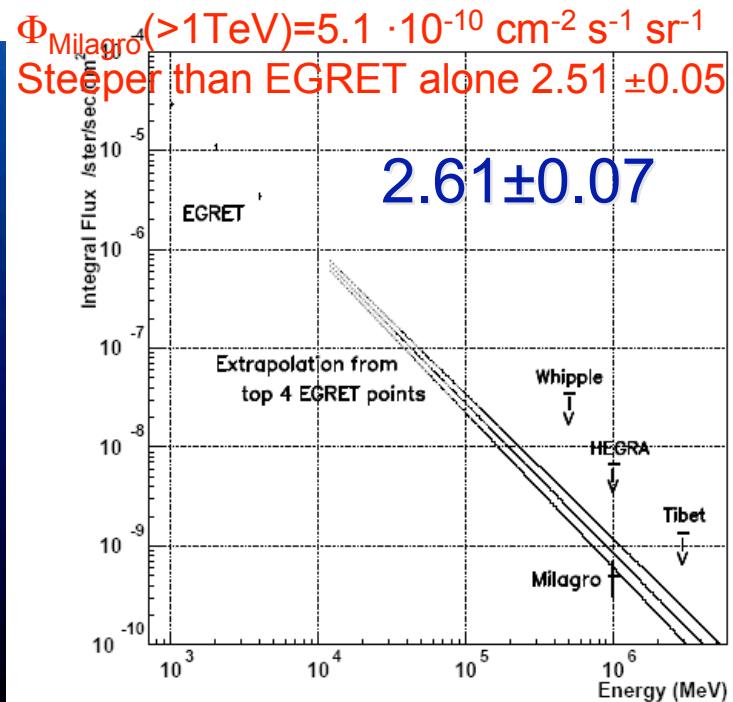
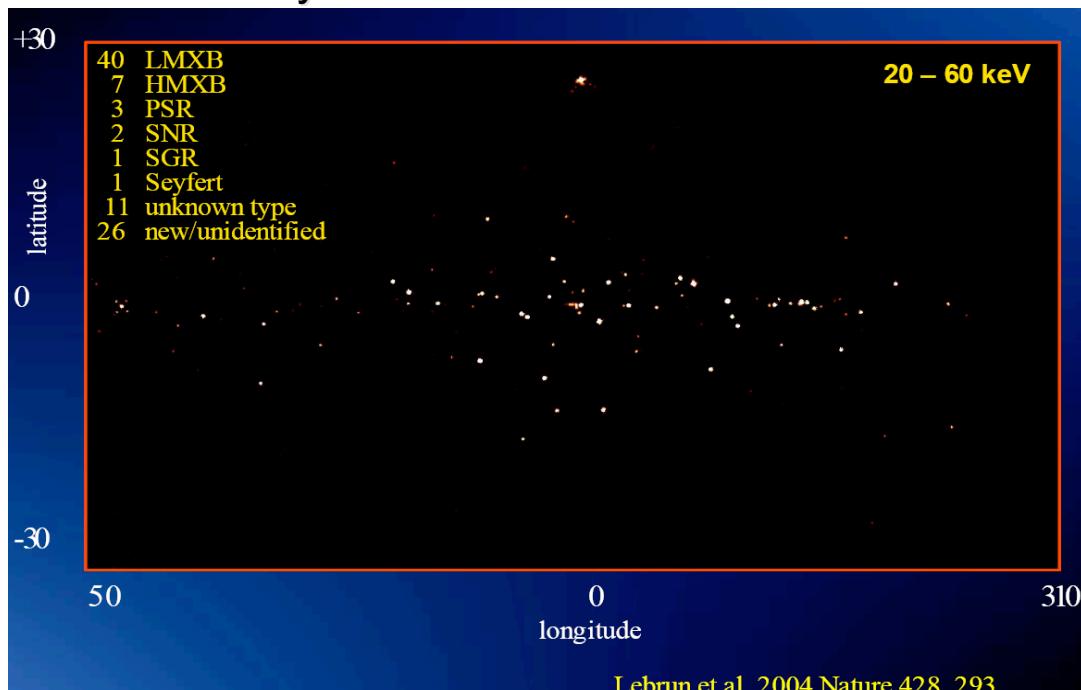
Absorption by  
synchrotron ....  
cascading \_\_\_\_\_

# The Galaxy



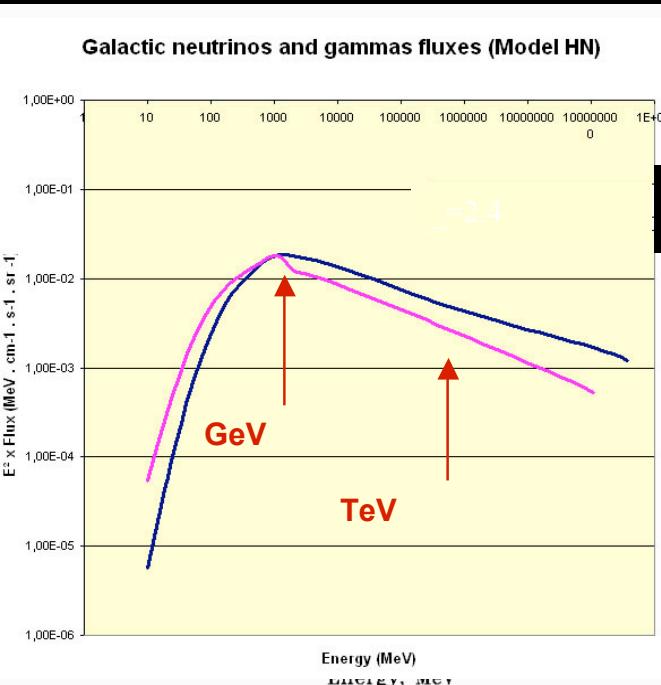
# $\gamma$ observations

- EGRET observed a diffuse emission 100MeV-10 GeV from Galactic Centre region (300 pc): excess > factor 10 around 1 GeV
- INTEGRAL*: resolved 91 point sources. 90% of ‘diffuse’ flux can be due to point sources <100 keV
- Milagro: discovery of TeV emission (astro-ph/0502303)  
4.5 $\sigma$  excess from  $|b|<5^\circ$  and  $|l|\in[40^\circ,100^\circ]$   
Covered pond with 2 layers of PMTs, from relative timing 0.75° shower direction resolution, gamma-hadron discrimination based on shape of Cherenkov light emitted by showers



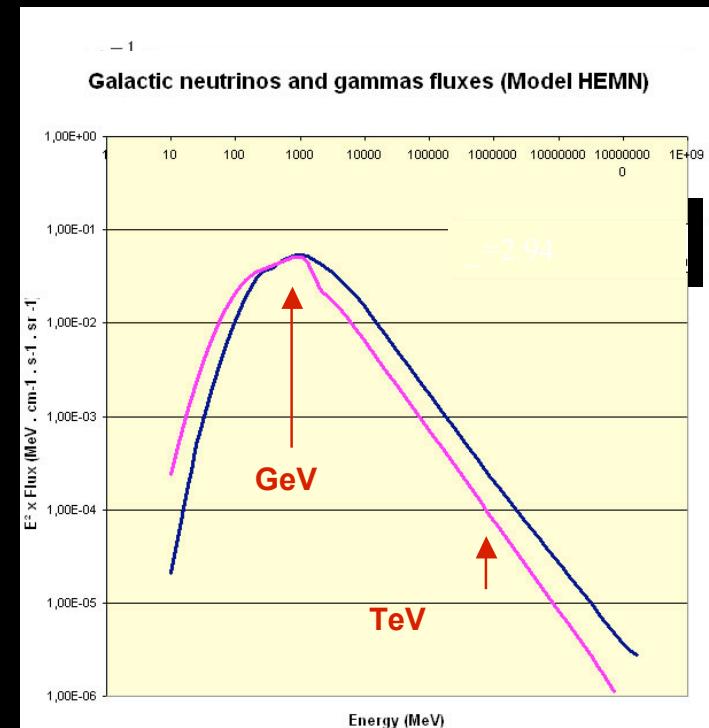
# Extreme Models

Hard nucleus model  $E^{-2.4}$



For  $E^{-2.4}$  20 years of ANTARES to have 88% discovery prob

Hard electron model  $E^{-2.9}$



$$\frac{d\phi(E)}{dE} = A \cdot E^{-\gamma}$$

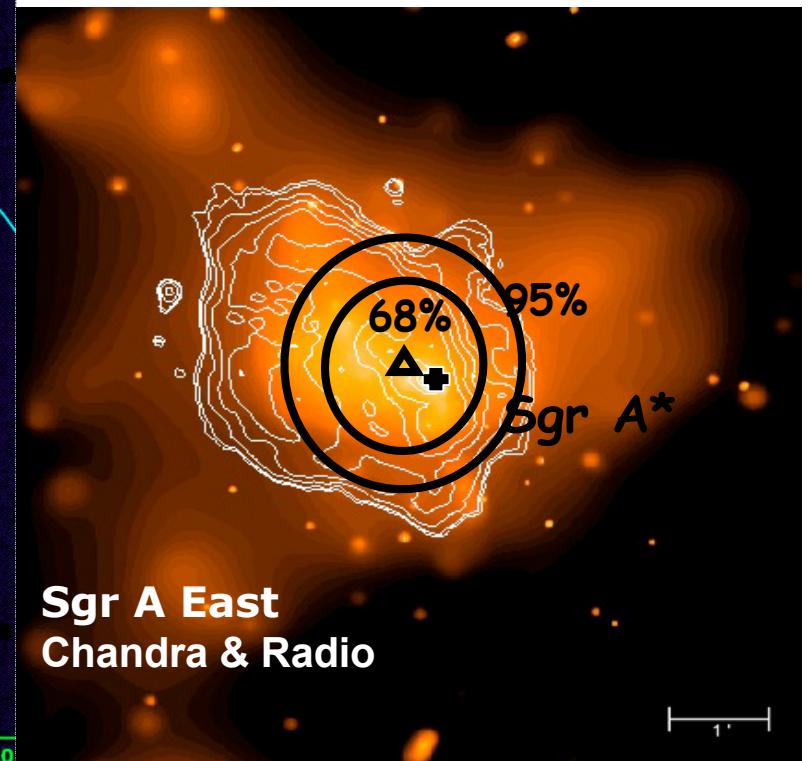
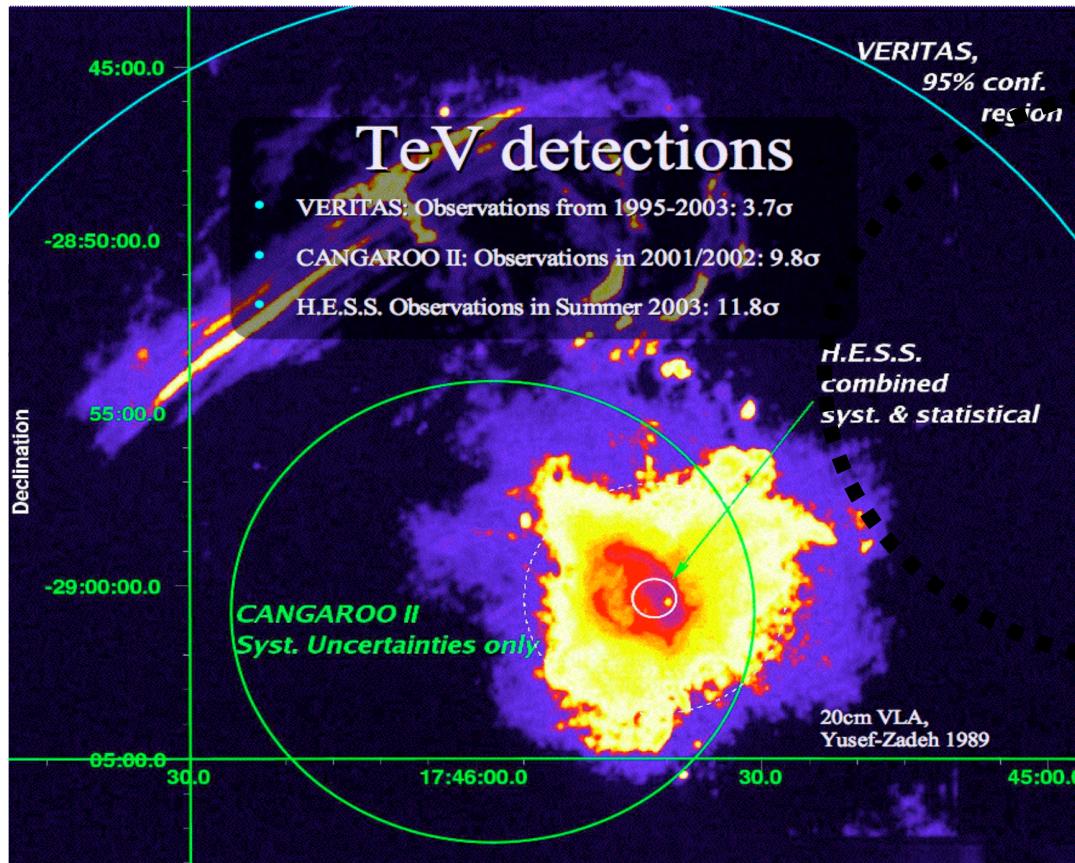
- Gamma from  $\pi^0$
- Nu mu + anti nu mu

# Galactic Centre

- High matter density and activity
- compact radio source Sgr A\* possibly associated to black hole  $\sim 3 \cdot 10^6 M_{\text{sun}}$  in the center
- Sgr A East SNR



HESS TeV- $\gamma$  spectrum in disagreement with the other experiments Variability? localization? HESS 1 arcmin

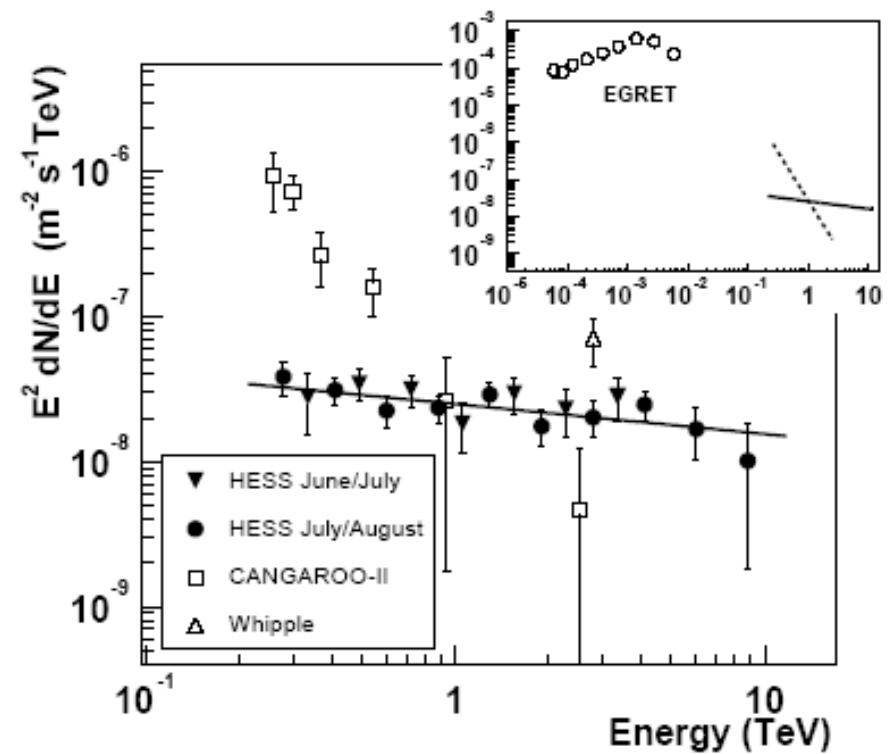
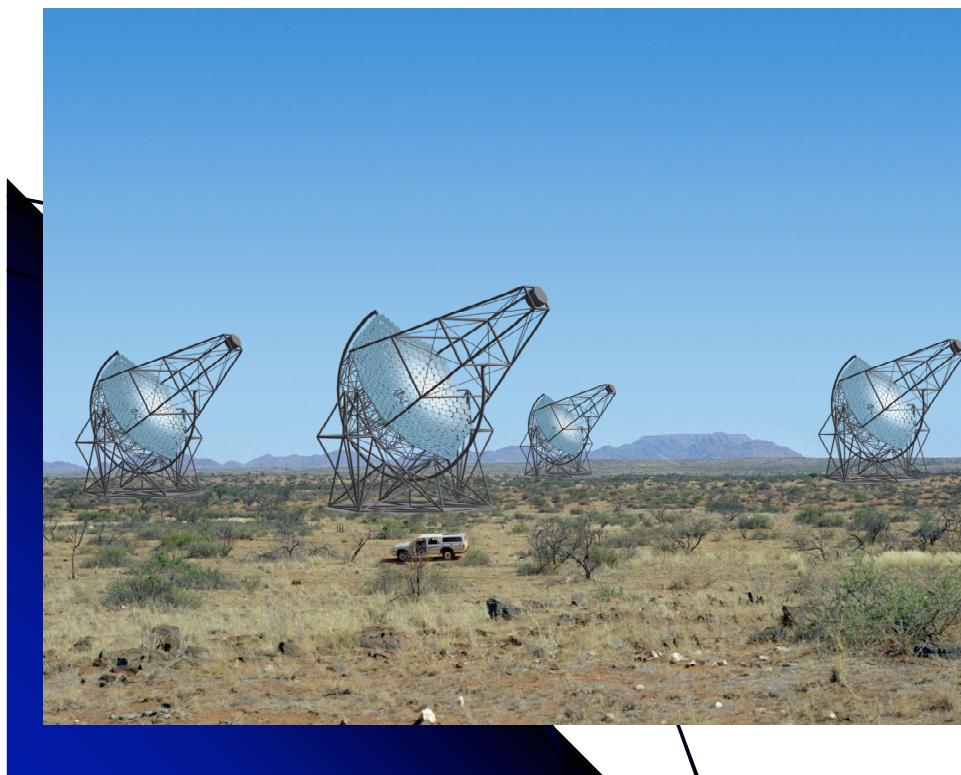


# High Energy Stereoscopic System

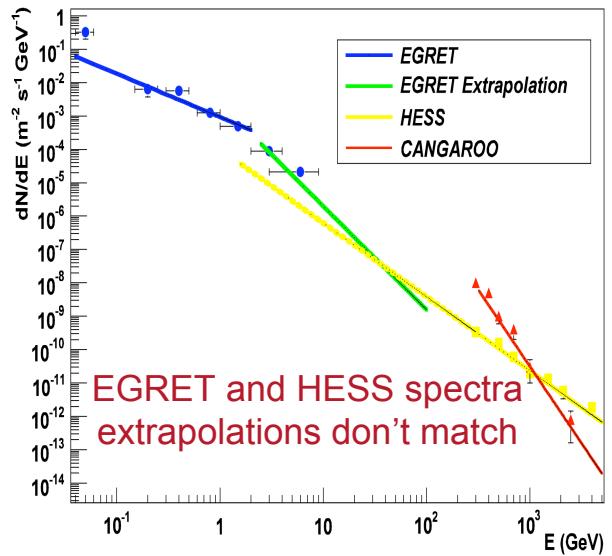
Four 12 m diameter telescopes running since  $\sim 1$  yr in Namibia (+1 large)  $E_{\text{th}} \sim 100$  GeV

Cherenkov light is emitted by showers induced by high-energy gamma rays. This light is very faint - about  $10 \text{ g/s/m}^2$  at  $E_{\gamma}=100$  GeV - and the duration of the light flash is only a few nsec. Large mirrors, fast photon detectors and short signal-integration times are required to collect enough light from the shower, with minimal contamination from night-sky background light.

$\gamma$  direction  $< 0.1^\circ$



# Neutrinos flux with different constraints



$E_\mu > 1 \text{TeV}$   
 $d\Omega < 0.5^\circ$

Not optimized  
**PRELIMINARY**

**ANTARES**

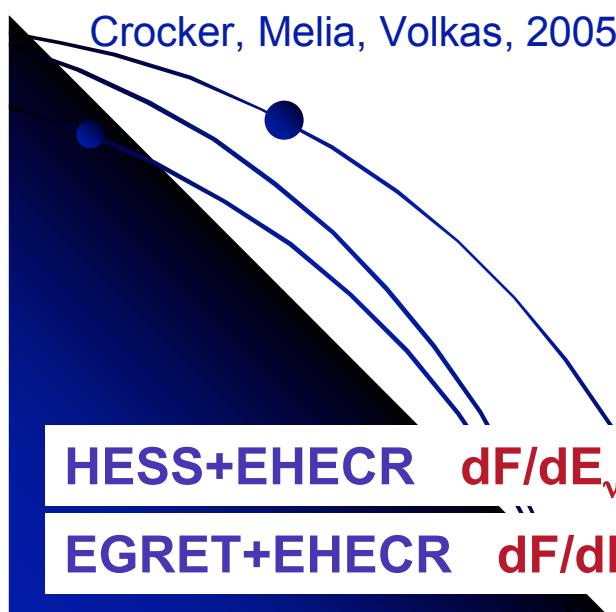
**KM3**

Signal events /year

Bkg events /year

Time for detection (4  $\sigma$  CL)

Time for detection (4  $\sigma$  CL)



	HESS	$2 \cdot 10^{-2}$	$7 \cdot 10^{-3}$	247 yr	6.2 yr
GC	HESS+EHECR	$5 \cdot 10^{-2}$		64 yr	1.7 yr
	EGRET+EHECR	2.6			
Constantini et al (2005)	0.16	$9 \cdot 10^{-3}$	15 yr	0.4 yr	0.4 yr
Halzen et al (2002)	0.95				
HESS	0.11	$1.1 \cdot 10^{-2}$	22 yr	0.6 yr	

Constantini et al  
(2005)

Halzen et al  
(2002)

HESS

# Upper bounds on X-galactic fluxes

Cosmic p accelerators produce CRs,  $\gamma$ 's and  $\nu$ 's

Ultimate bound of any scenario involving  $\nu$  and  $\gamma$  production from  $\pi$ s: diffuse extra-galactic  $\gamma$  background  $E^2 F_\nu < 6 \cdot 10^{-7} \text{ GeV /cm}^2 \text{s sr}$  (EGRET)

Measured UHECR flux provides most restrictive limit (Waxman & Bahcall (1999))

- optically thin sources: nucleons from photohadronic interactions escape
- CR flux above the ankle ( $> 3 \cdot 10^{18} \text{ eV}$ ) are extragalactic protons with  $E^{-2}$  spectrum  $\Rightarrow E^2 F_\nu < 4.5 \cdot 10^{-8} \text{ GeV /cm}^2 \text{s sr}$

This bound does not apply to harder spectra or optically thick

Mannheim, Protheroe & Rachen (2000):  
Magnetic fields and uncertainties in photohadronic interactions of protons can largely affect the bound as these effects restrict number of protons able to escape

