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Diffuse supernova neutrino background (DSNB)

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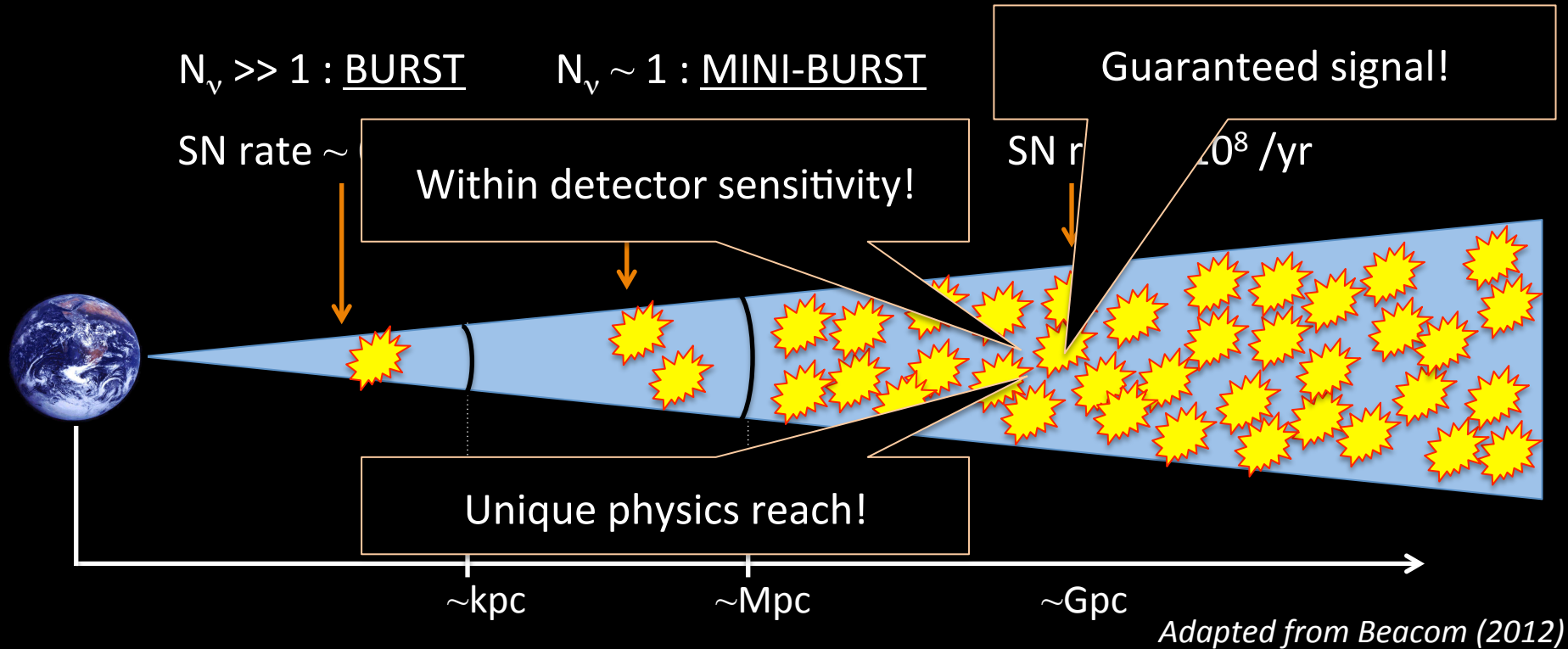
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Distance scales and physics outcomes



	Galactic burst	Mini-bursts	Diffuse signal
Physics reach	Explosion mechanism, progenitor properties, multi-messenger astronomy, neutrino physics	supernova variety	Average emission, multi-populations (e.g., black holes)

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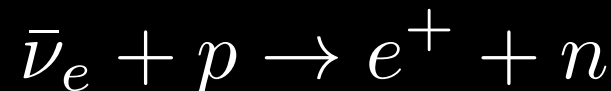
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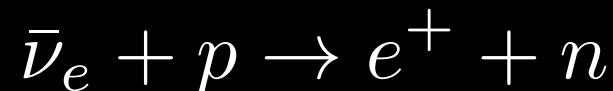
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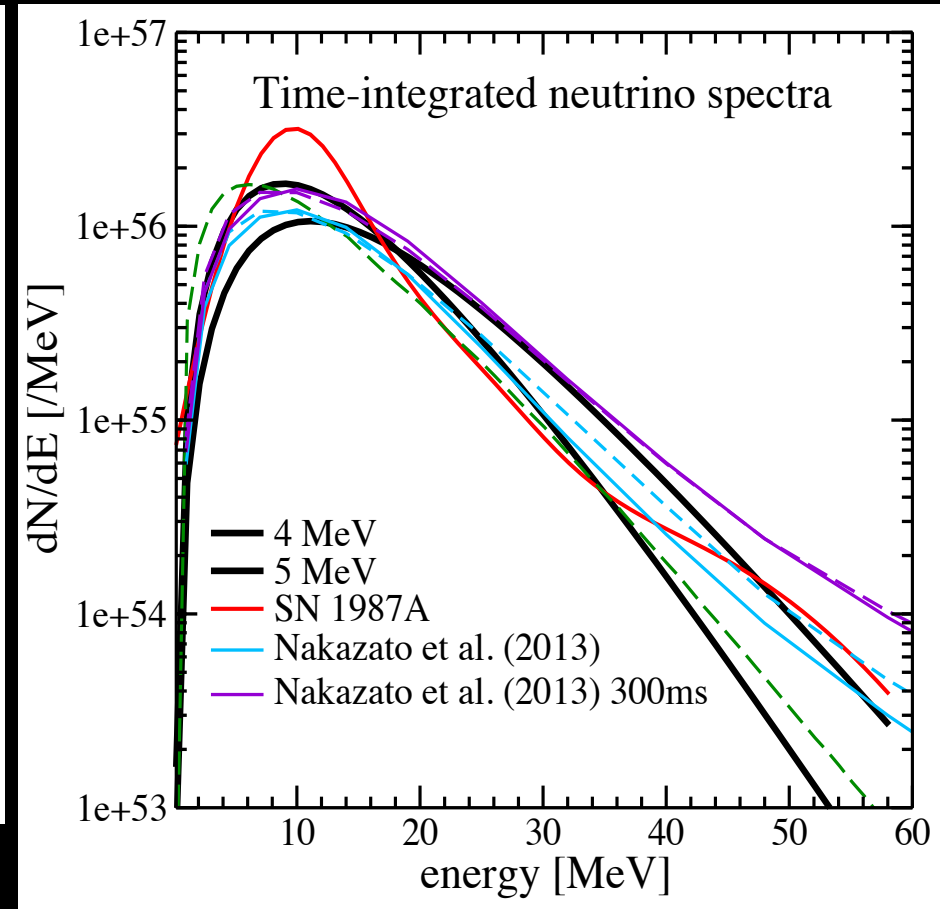
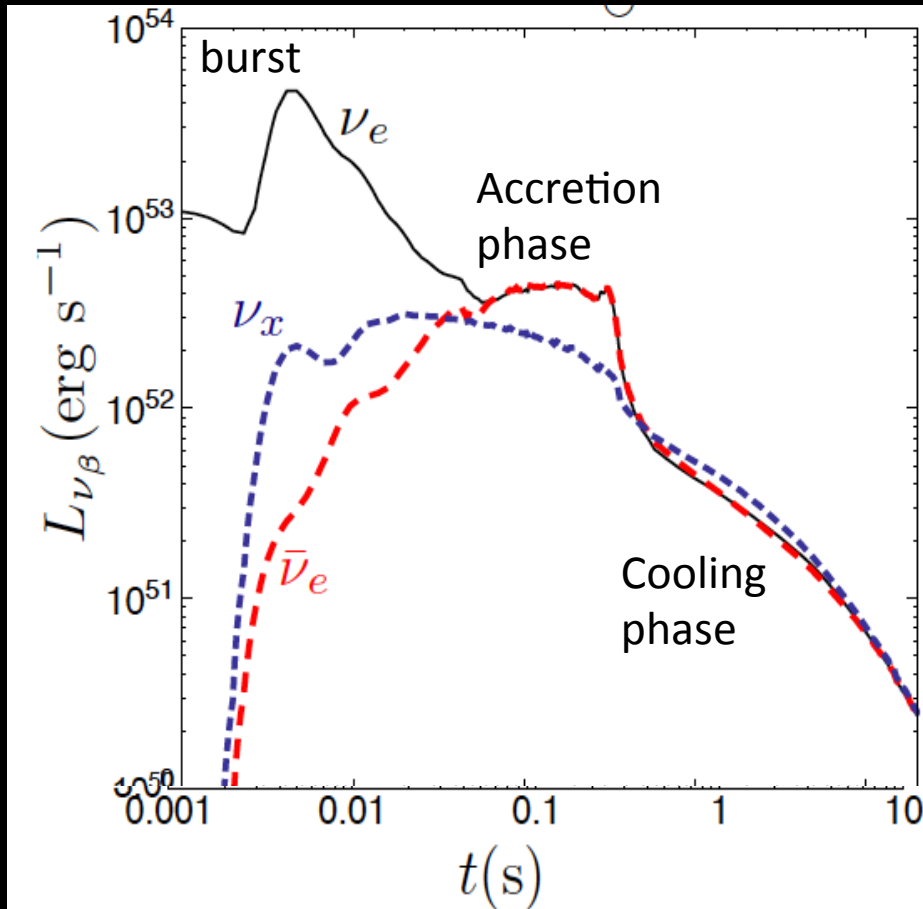


Input 1: neutrino emission

Neutrinos from core collapse

Each core collapse releases $\sim 3 \times 10^{53}$ erg of neutrinos, of which $\sim 1/6$ is in anti- ν_e

Time-integrated emission is typically $T_\nu = 4 - 5$ MeV or so

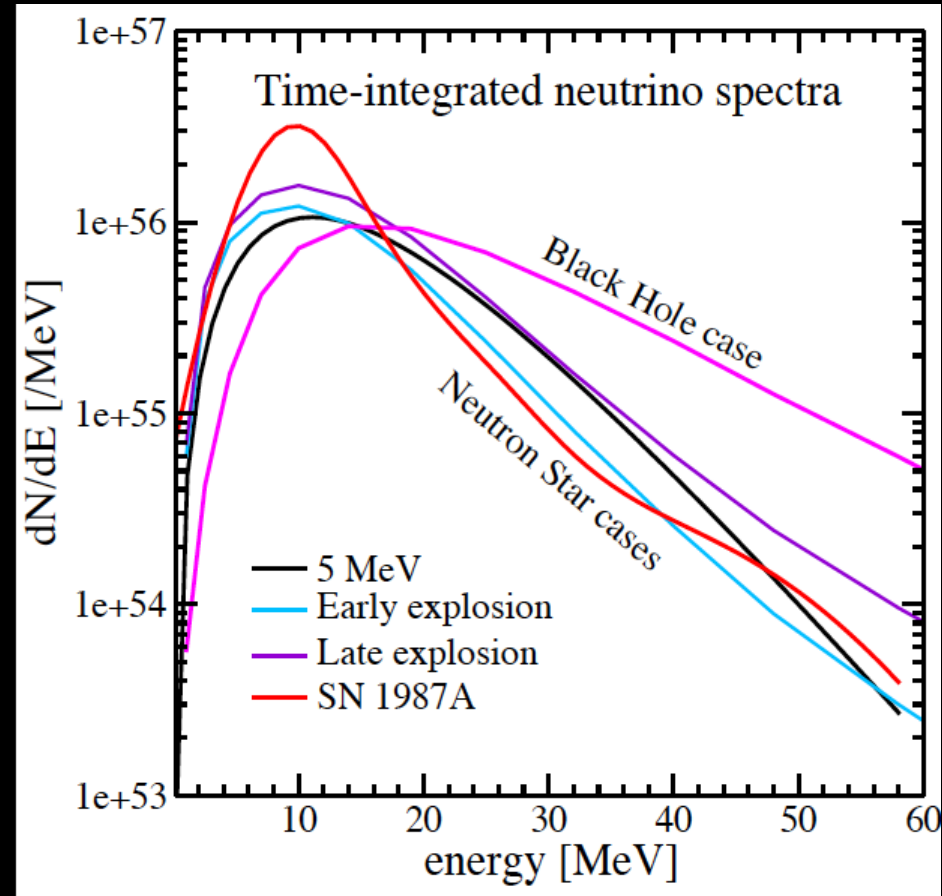
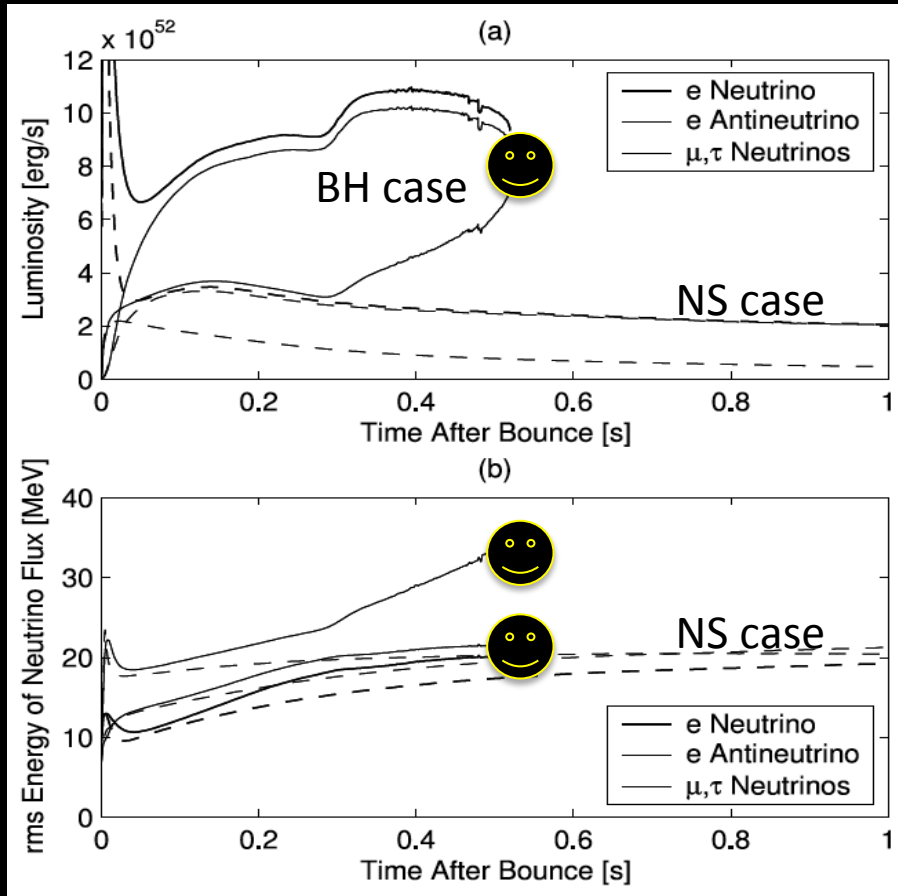


Fischer et al (2010)

Collapse to black holes

Neutrinos from collapse to black hole

Black hole formation necessarily goes through high mass accretion \rightarrow ν emission is more luminous and hotter (quantitatively depends on EOS)

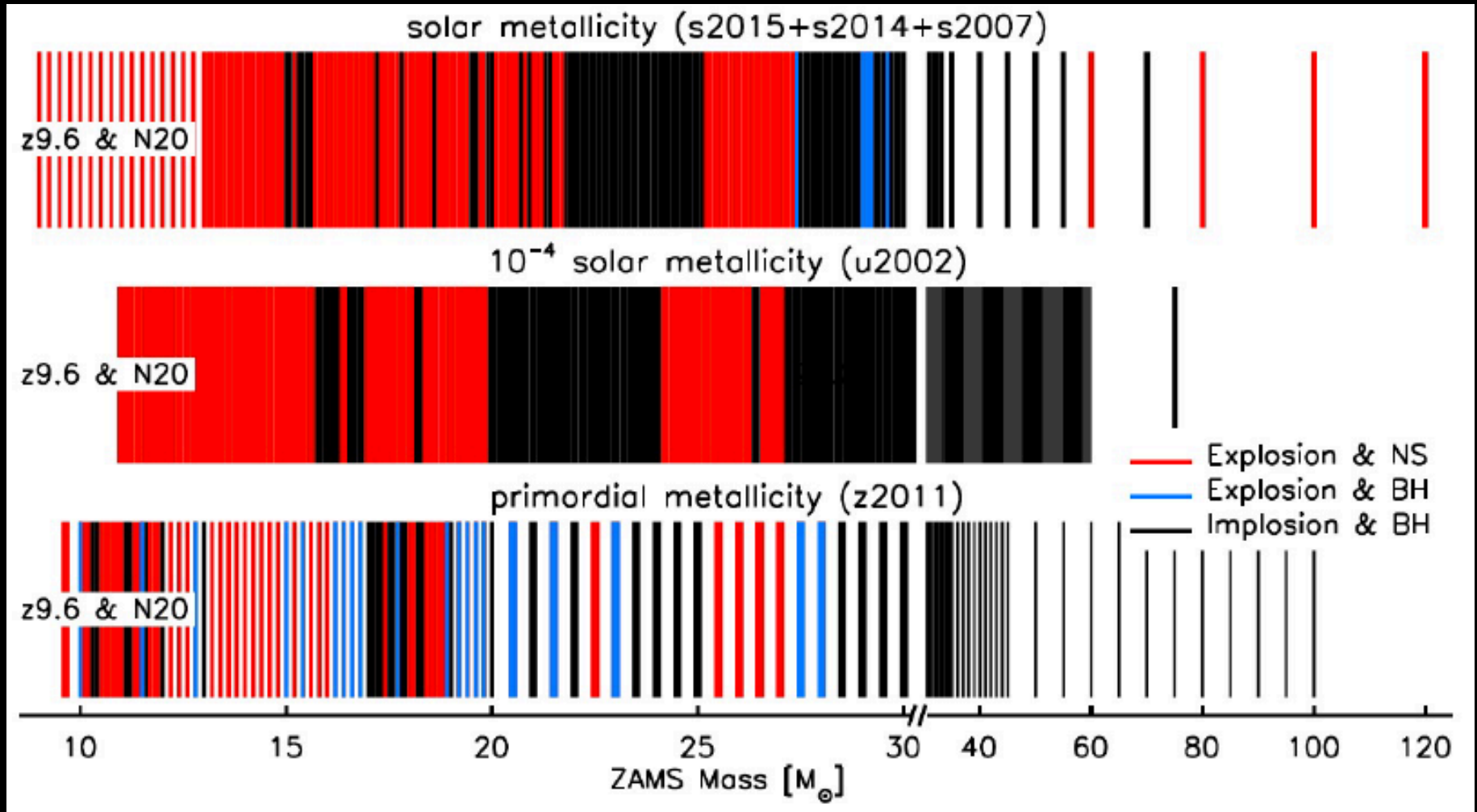


Liebendoerfer et al 2004; many studies, e.g., Fischer et al 2009, Sumiyoshi et al 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009,

Nakazato et al 2008, 2010, O'Connor & Ott 2011, ...

Supernova diversity

Systematic studies: thinking in mass looks incomplete



Janka 2017; see also O'Connot & Ott (2011), Pejcha & Thompson (2015), Sukhbold et al (2016), Mueller et al (2016)

Compactness: a progenitor indicator

Compactness:

Captures the density structure of the progenitor, which impacts mass accretion evolution

O'Connor & Ott (2011)

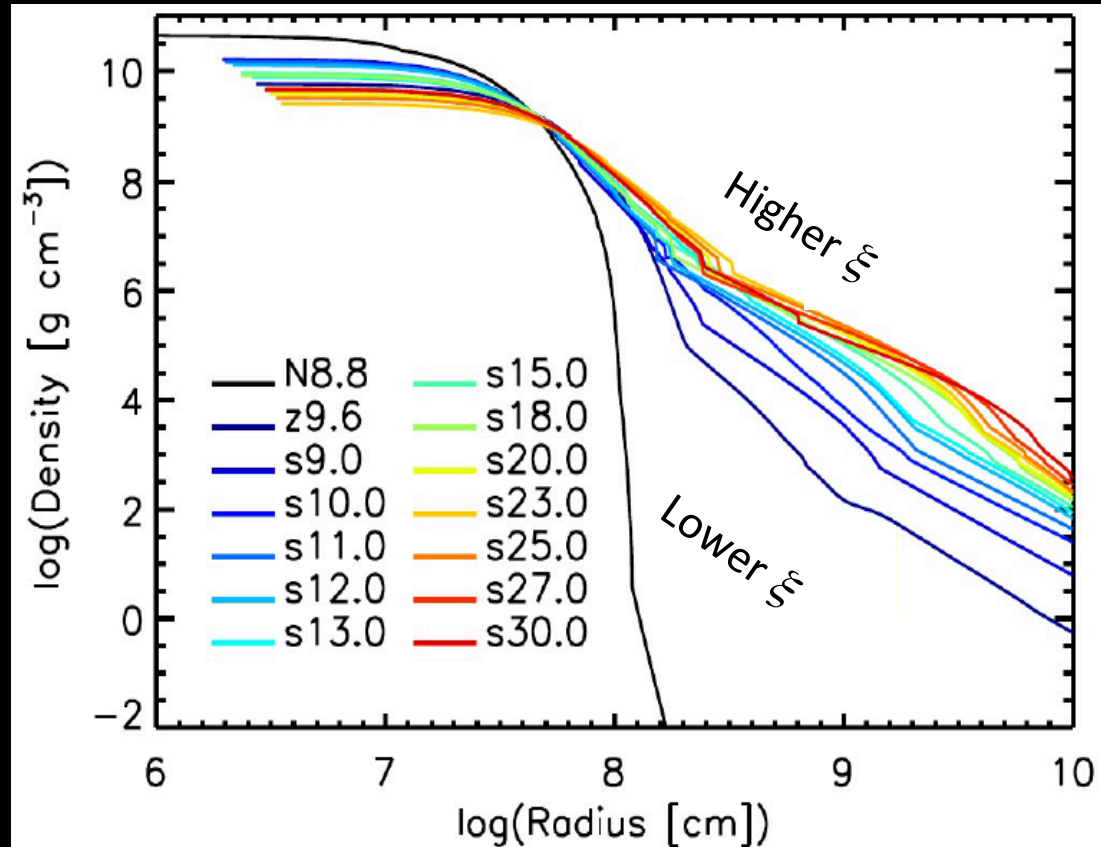
Mass accretion



Neutrino heating

- Higher $\xi \rightarrow$ higher \dot{M}
- Lower $\xi \rightarrow$ lower \dot{M}

$$\xi_M = \frac{M/M_\odot}{R(M_{\text{bary}} = M)/1000 \text{ km}} \Big|_t$$



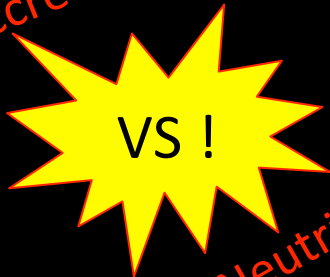
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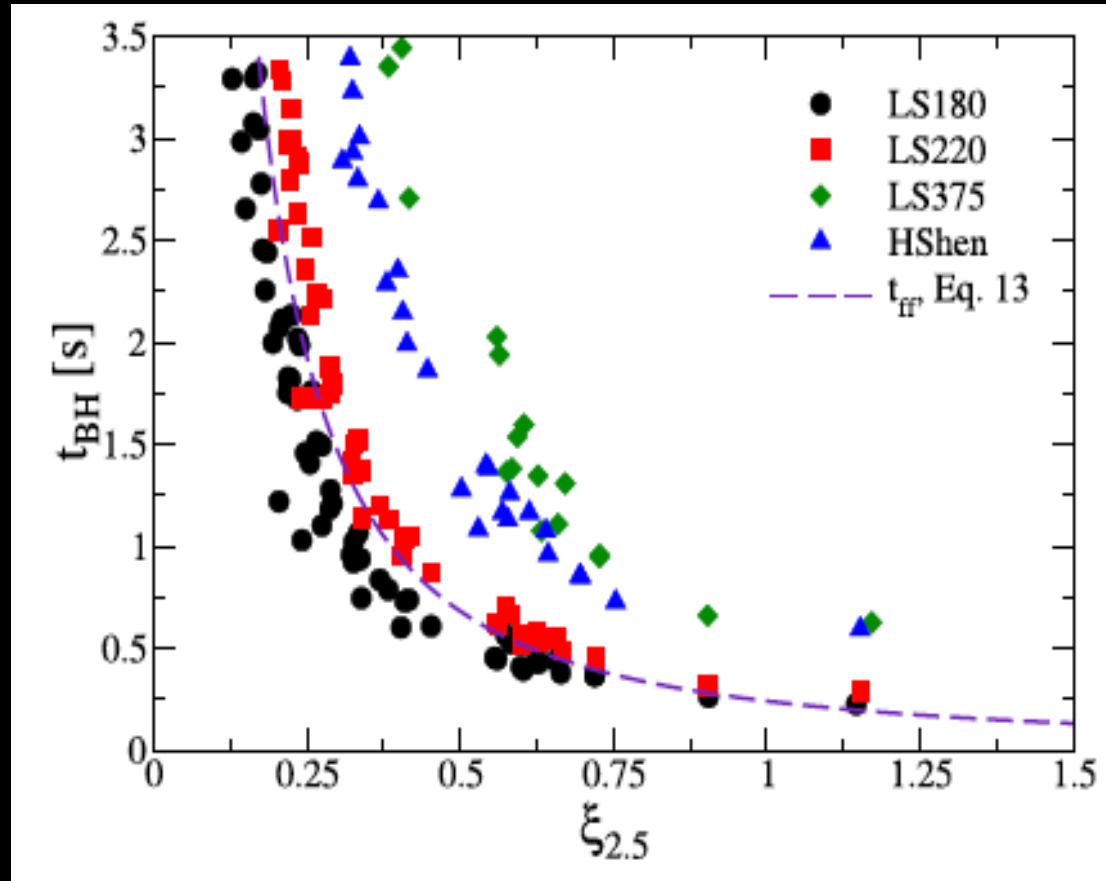
Mass accretion



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- Higher $\xi \rightarrow$ higher \dot{M} \rightarrow BH forms earlier
- Lower $\xi \rightarrow$ lower \dot{M} \rightarrow BH formation takes longer

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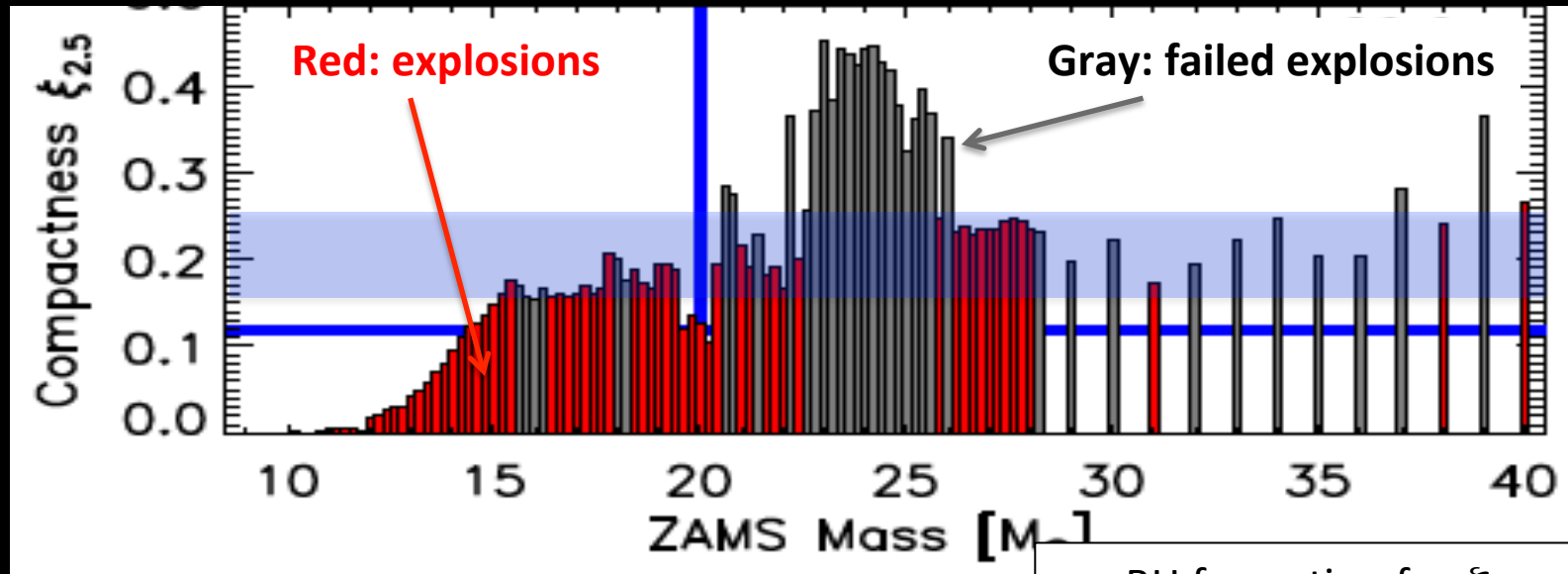


O'Connor & Ott (2011)

Compactness $\xi_{2.5}$: Explodability

...beyond black hole formation time...

Compactness does a crude first job separating failed vs explosions.



Ertl et al (2016) ; see also Ugliano et al (2012)

- BH formation for $\xi_{2.5} > 0.3$
- Explosions for $\xi_{2.5} < 0.15$
- Mixture in between

Is there a critical compactness?

- 1 compactness predicts at most $\sim 88\%$ of cases
- 2 parameters successful in $\sim 97\%$ of progenitors
- Critical $\xi_{2.5} \sim 0.2$ consistent with 2D simulations
- TBD for 3D

Pejcha & Thompson (2015)

Ertl et al (2016)

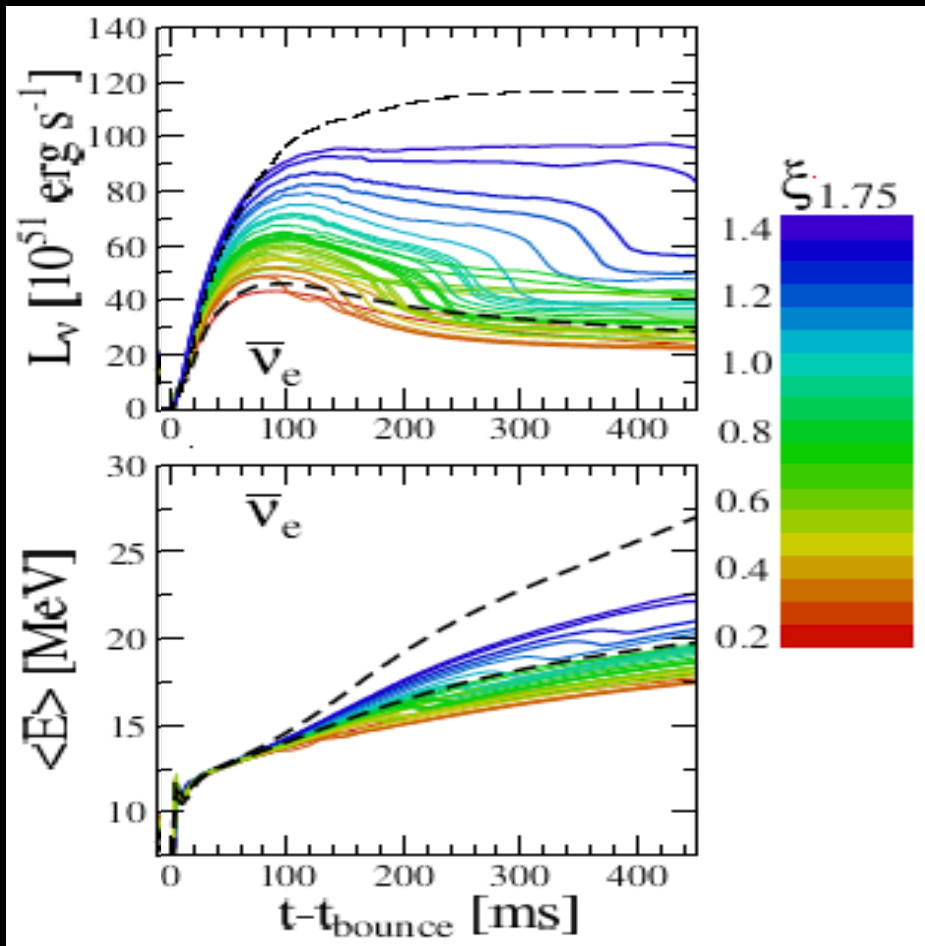
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Compactness $\nu 3$: neutrino emission

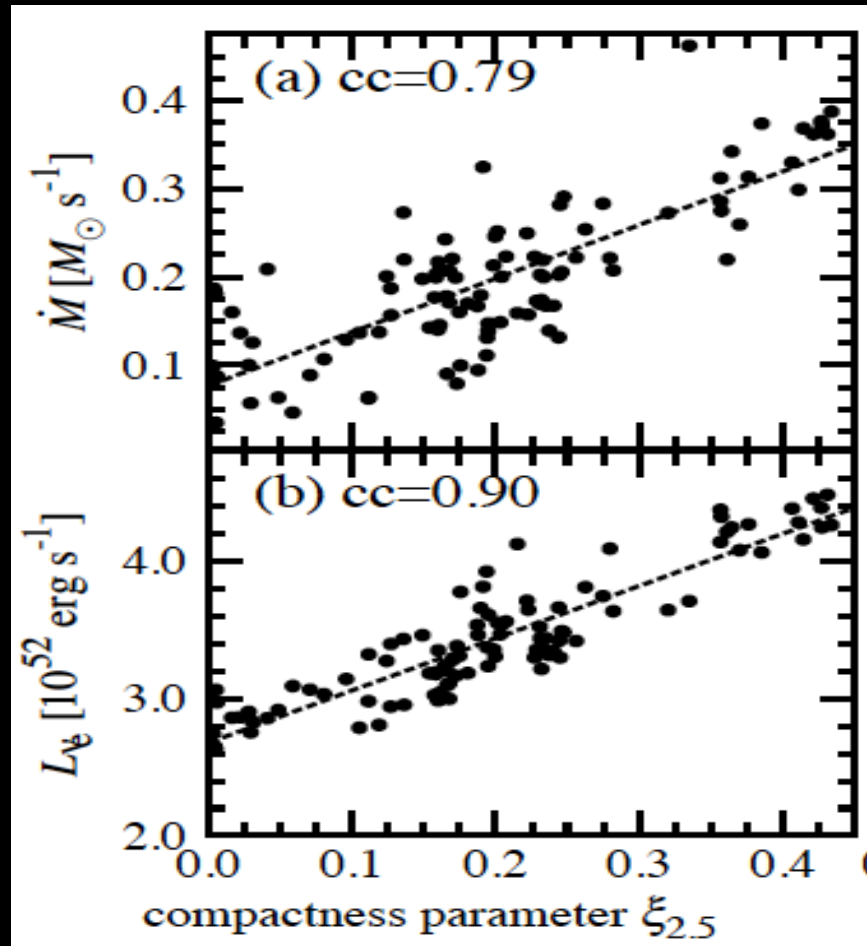
...beyond explosion/implosion...

The neutrino light curve reflects the progenitor compactness

1D simulations



2D simulations

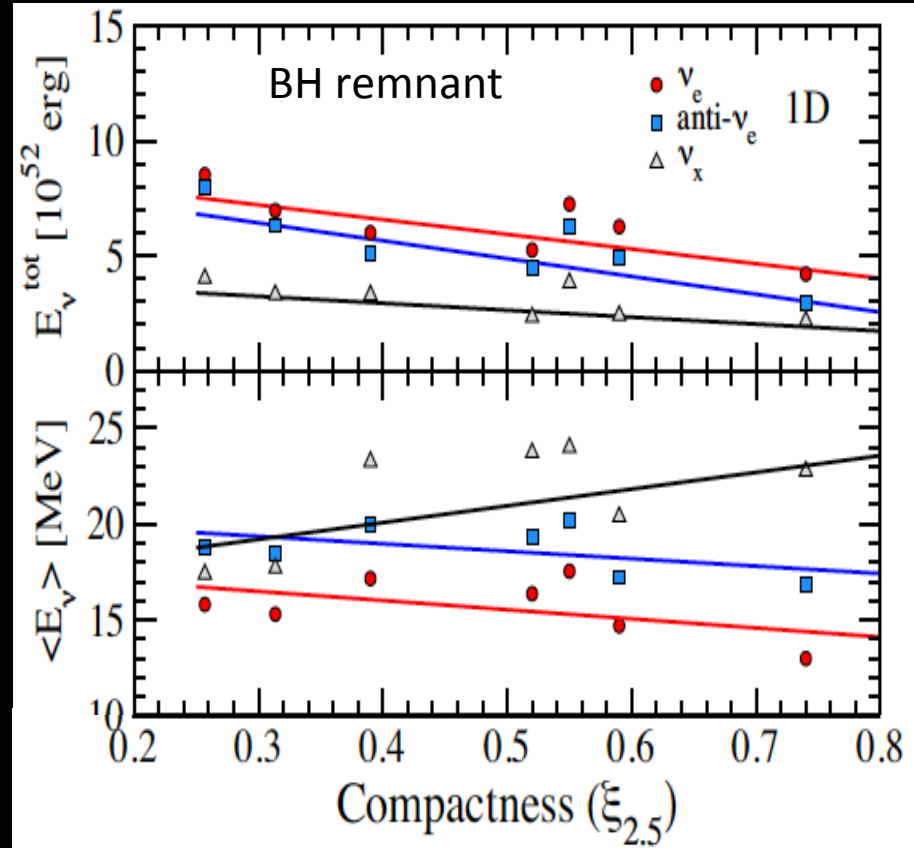
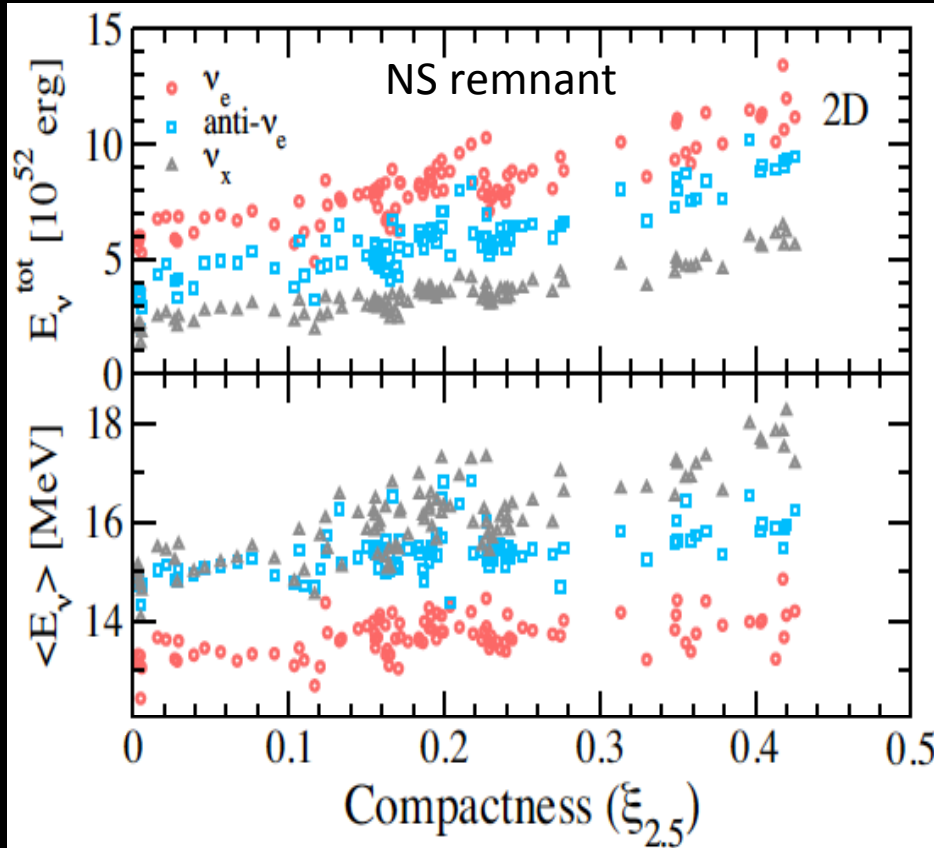


Compactness $lv3$: time-integrated emission

Systematic dependence on compactness

- Spectral parameters (E_{tot} , E_{aver} , α_{pinch})
- From 100+ simulations (2D) of *Nakamura et al 2015*, 18 simulations (2D) of *Summa et al 2016*, and multiple BH simulations (1D).

$$f_\nu(E) \propto E^\alpha e^{-(\alpha+1)E/E_{av}}$$

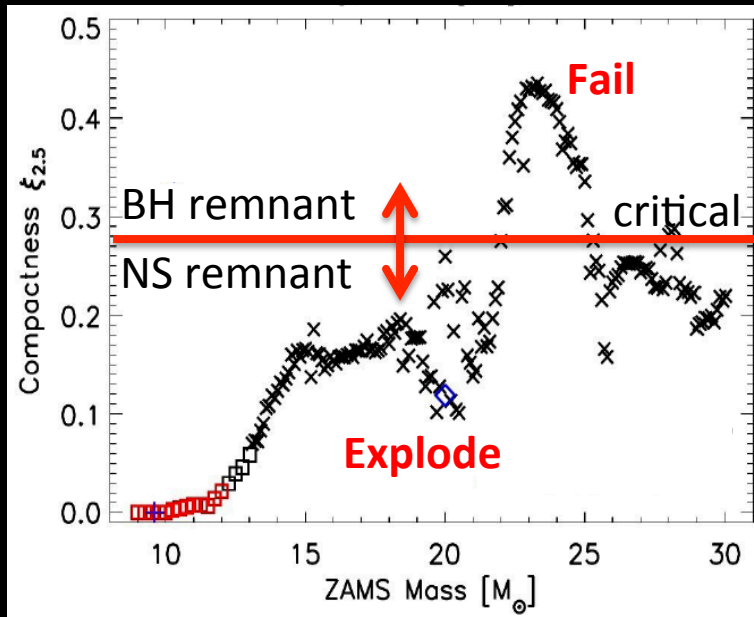


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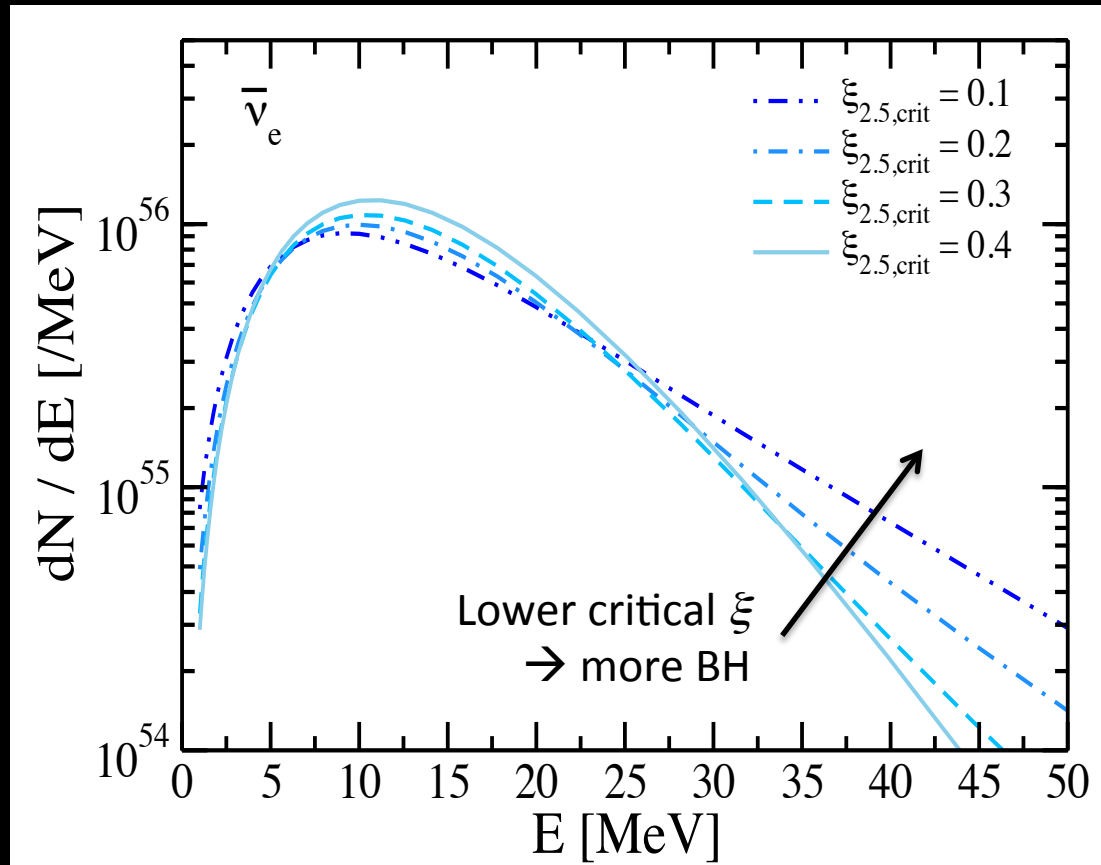
Input 1: mean neutrino emission

Mean neutrino emission per supernova

- Assume IMF
- Include distribution of stellar compactness (informed by WHW02 & WH07)
- Include scaling with progenitor compactness (informed by 100+ simulations)
- Distribute NS and BH channels (by a critical compactness parameter)



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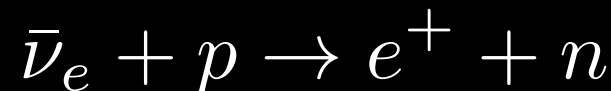
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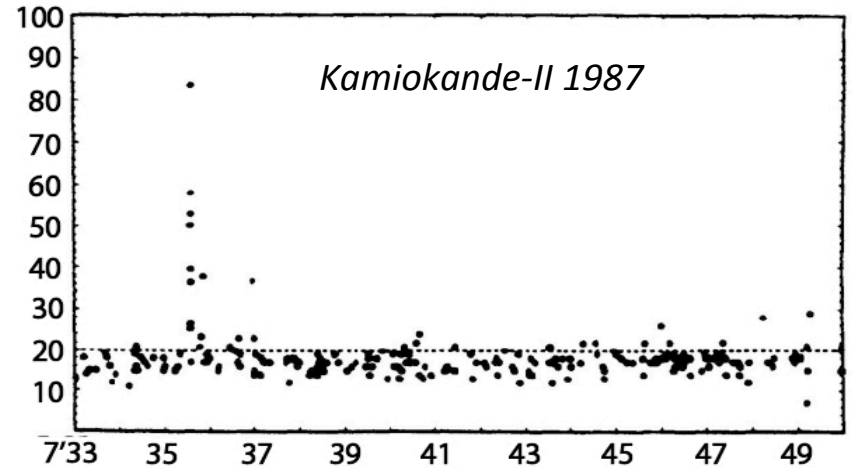
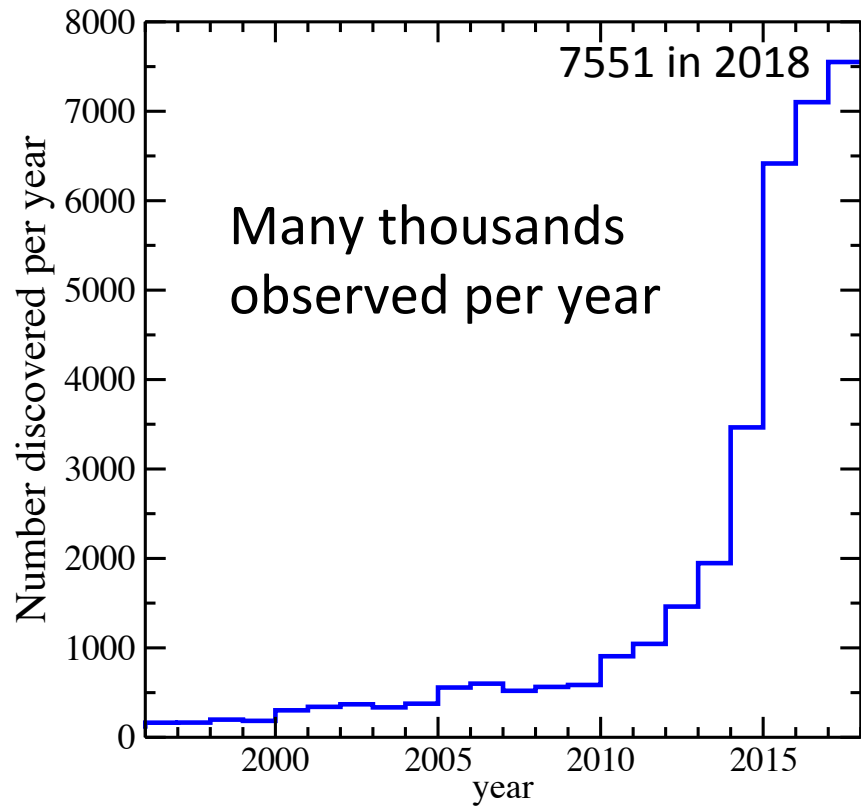
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Stars explode EVERYDAY



Anti-neutrinos from SN1987A



...most supernova are too far away

Ia	Ib	Ic	II
	No Hydrogen		H
Si	No Silicon		
No He	He	No He	

Measurement developments

Data was sparse

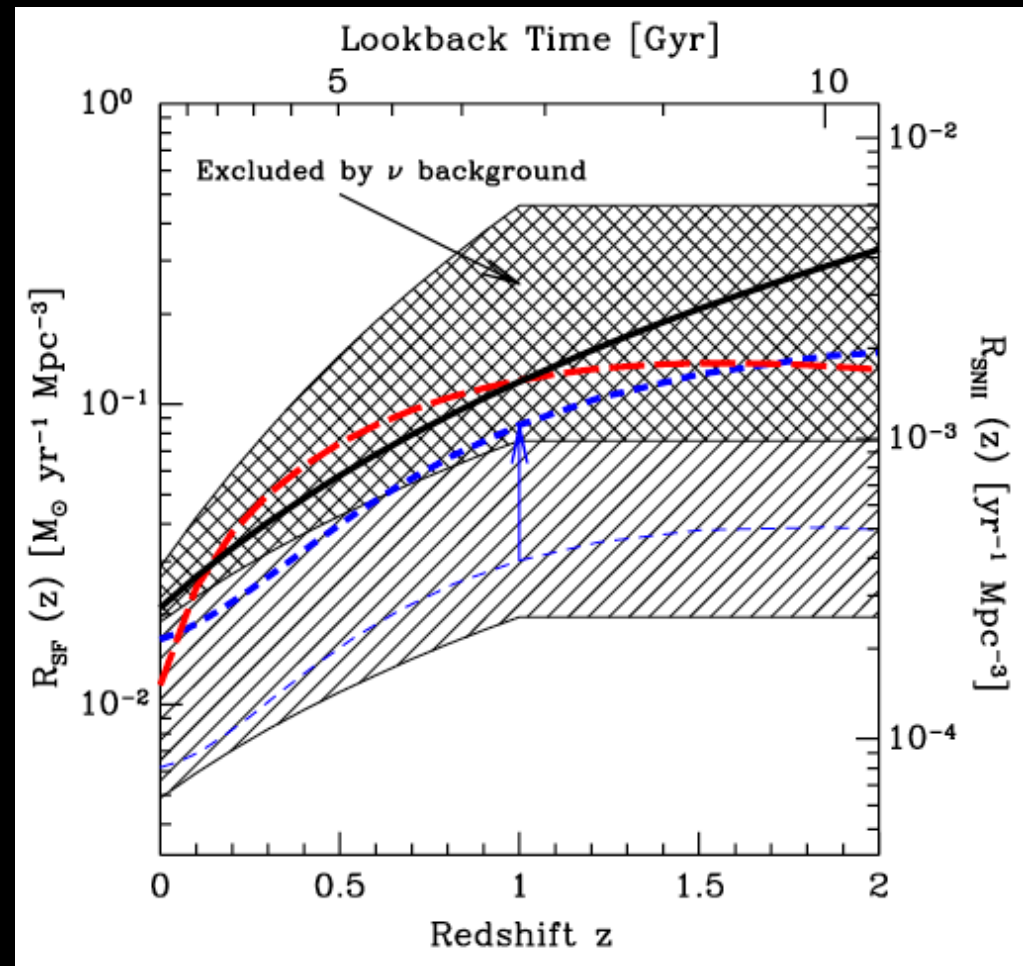
Use the DSNB to constrain the core-collapse rate and/or the star formation rate

Strigari et al (2004); Fukugita & Kawasaki (2003), Ando (2004), Hopkins & Beacom (2006), ...

Developments in recent decade

Fortunately, important updates by our astronomer colleagues

- ✓ More direct measurements
- ✓ Better direct measurements
- ✓ Better systematic confirmations
- ✓ New searches of 'dark' collapse



Strigari et al (2004)

Cosmic core-collapse rate

Direct measurements

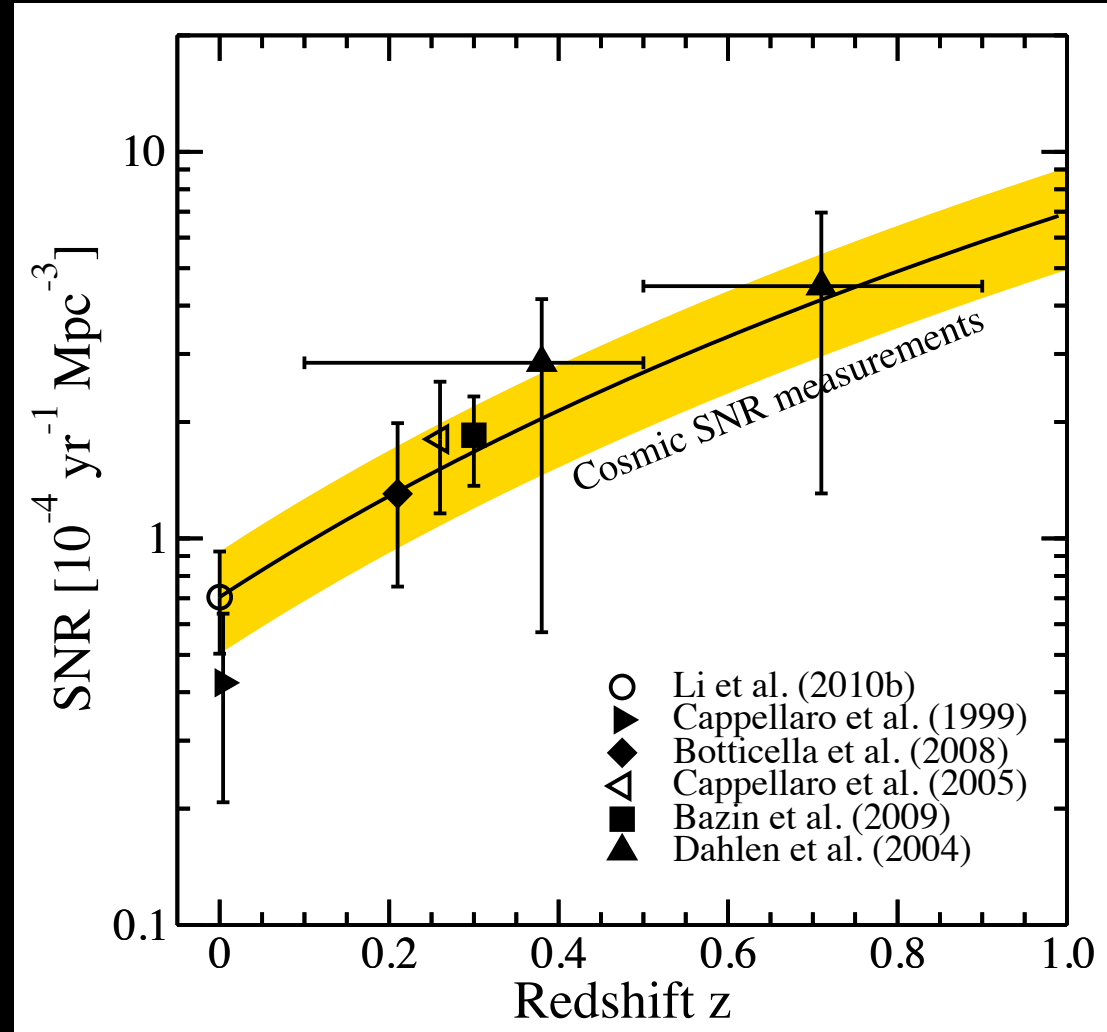
Two different strategies:

1. Efficient but Biased: target pre-selected galaxies, e.g., LOSS, STRESS
2. Unbiased but harder: target pre-selected fields, e.g., SNLS, HST-ACS, SDSS, DES, ...

➔ Measurements improving

Future measurements coming up (ASAS-SN, DES, LSST)

e.g., Lien & Fields (2009)



Horiuchi et al (2011)

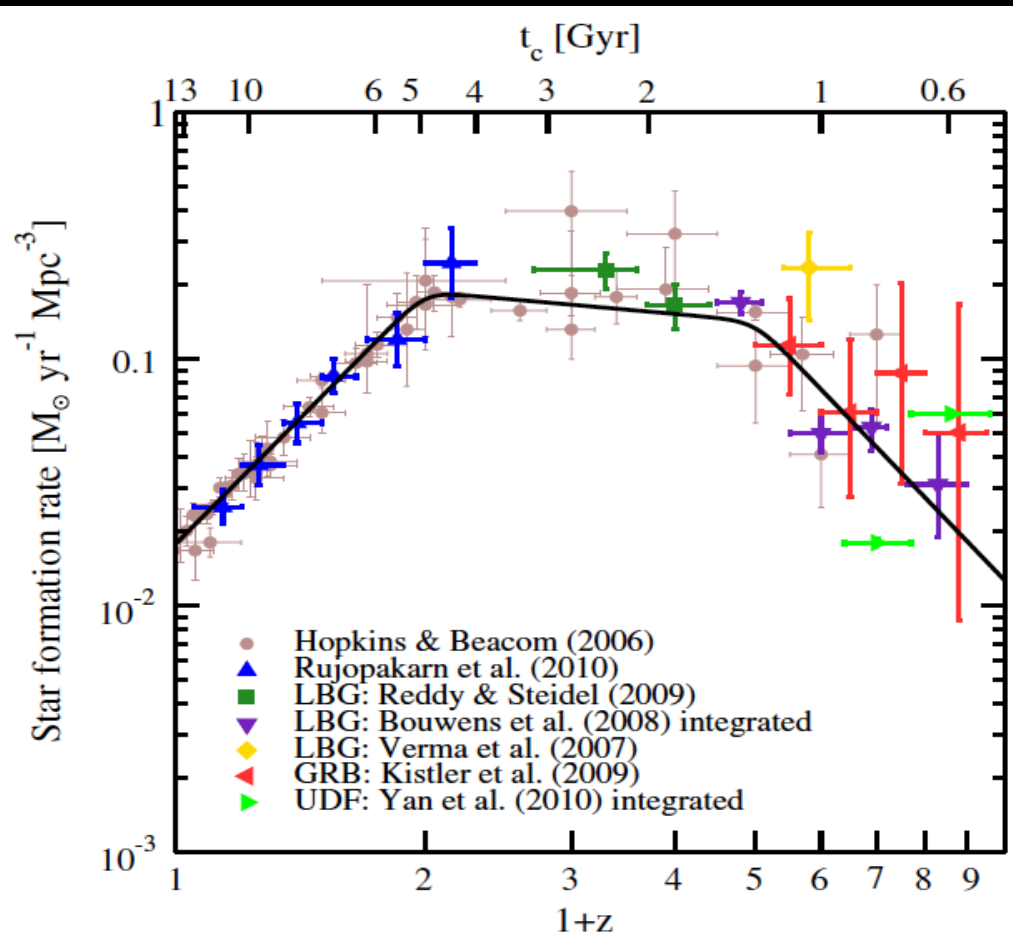
Cosmic birth rate of stars

Core collapse
rate



Birth rate of
massive stars

*because lifetime of
massive stars are
cosmologically short



The star formation rate

Measured by many groups using many wavebands (radio, FIR, MIR, NIR, $H\alpha$, UV, X rays) and data sets

$$SFR = (\text{calibration}) \times L_{gal}$$

Uncertainties are systematic

Mainly due to:

- dust corrections
- calibration factors
 - Initial mass function

Horiuchi & Beacom (2010),
See also Hopkins & Beacom (2006),
Madau & Dickinson (2014)

Birth & death rate comparison

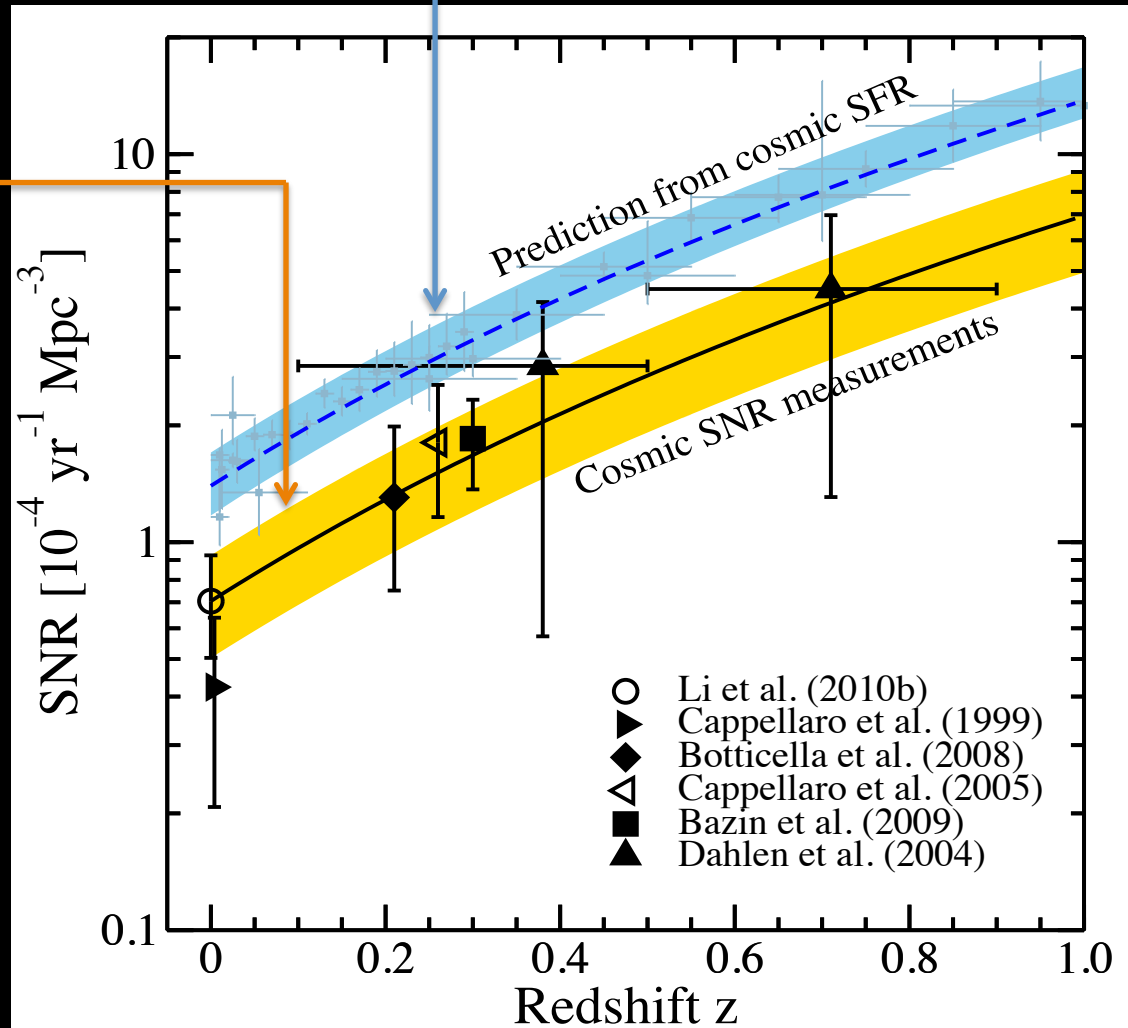
Birthrate of massive stars
Defined as 8 – 40 Msun stars

Observed supernova rate
Gives the observed core-collapse rate, probed by observations of *luminous* supernovae.

**(Birth rate) – (supernova rate)
= collapse to black hole?**

Nominally this is $\sim 50\%$ (!!),
indicating a critical $\xi_{2.5} \sim 0.05$

...but we must be careful



Horiuchi et al (2011)

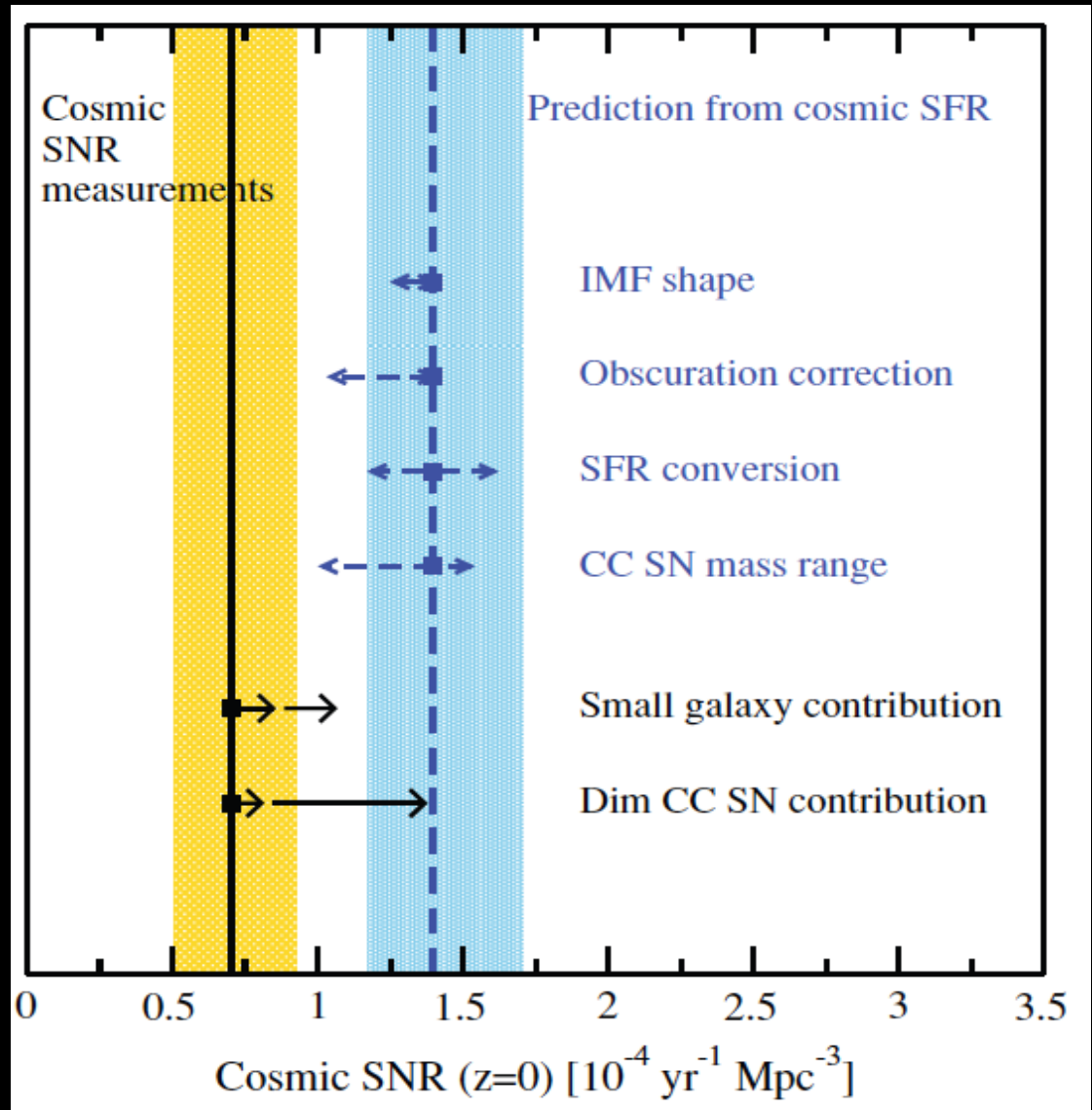
Are the rates systematically low/high?

Uncertainties

Sizable, but most are not enough to explain a factor 2 difference

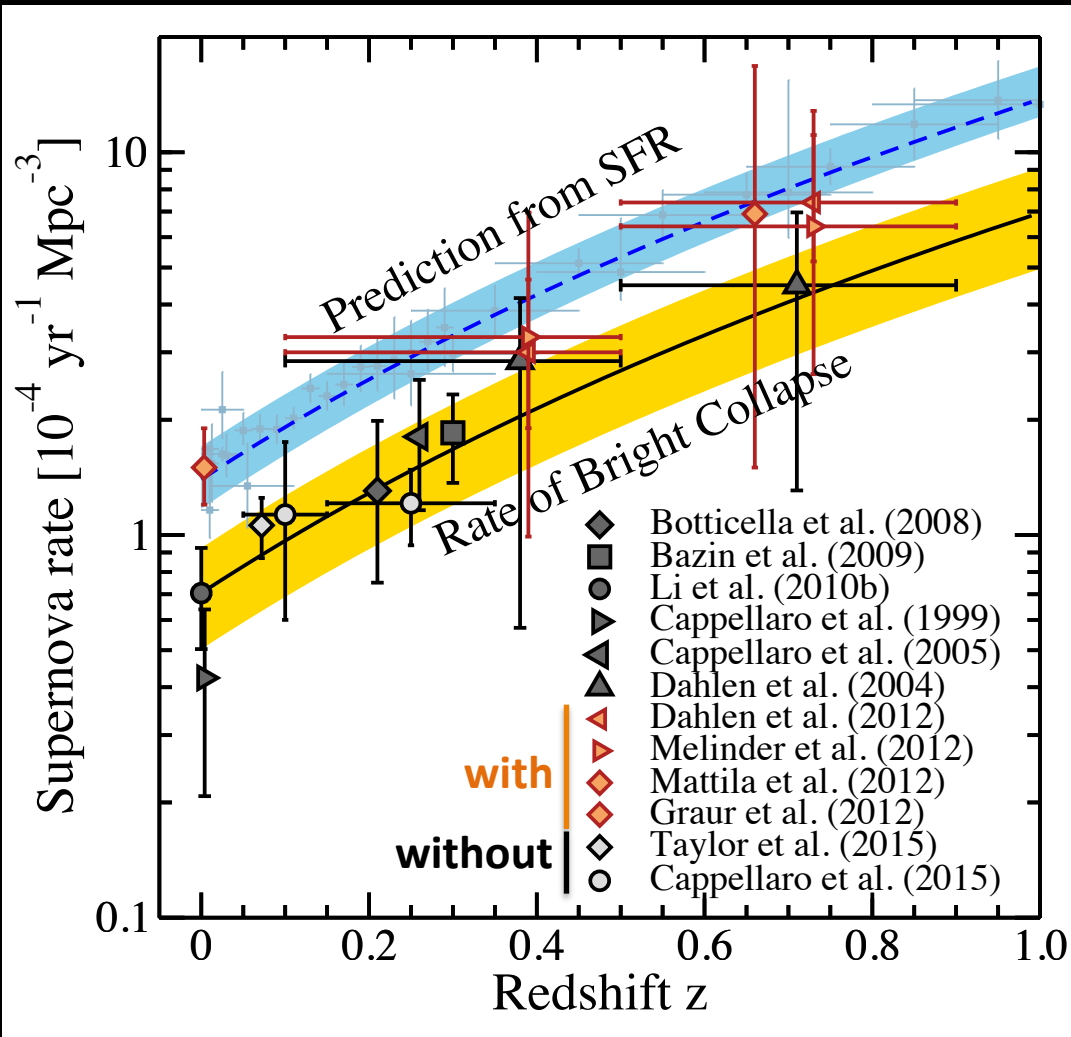
Only 1 remains large enough: missing dim supernovae

We argued these are due to highly extinguished supernovae.



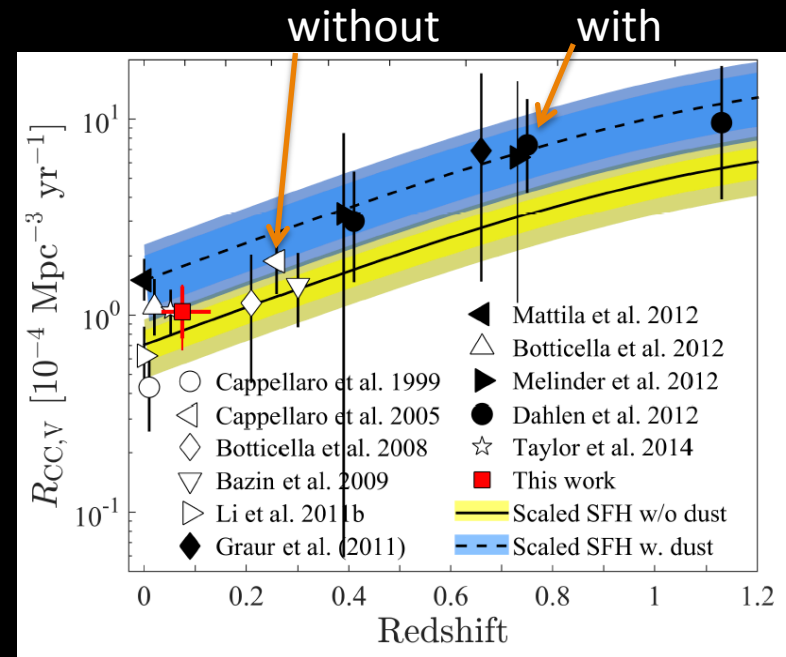
Di-biased cosmic supernova rates

Better agreement



← Updates with (filled symbols) and without (empty symbols) correction for heavily attenuated supernovae

→ BH fraction < 30% (still large errors)

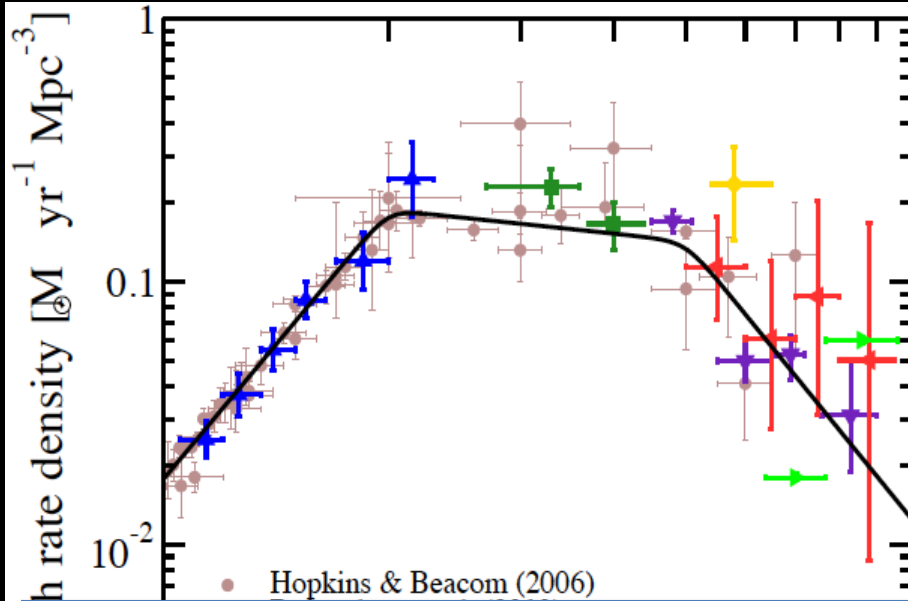


Updated from Horiuchi et al (2011)

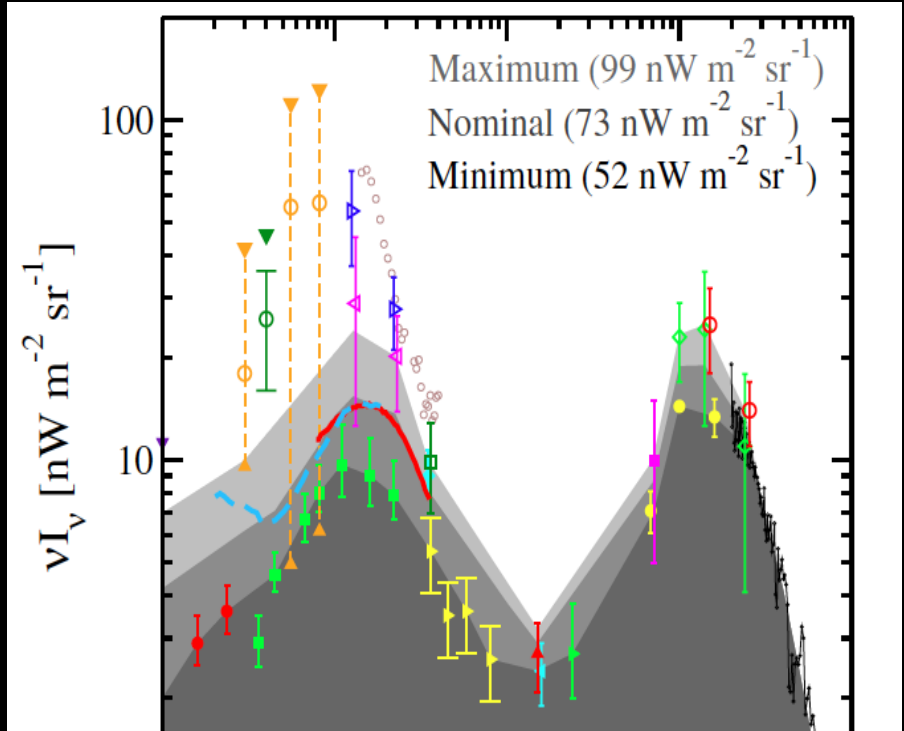
Graur et al (2015)

Is the birth rate artificially high?

Cosmic stellar birth rate density $\rightarrow \rightarrow \rightarrow \rightarrow$ Extragalactic background Light



IMF	Total EBL intensity	Error
Baldy-Glazebrook '03	$78 \text{ nW m}^{-2} \text{ sr}^{-1}$	-24 / +31



$73^{+26}_{-21} \text{ nW m}^{-2} \text{ sr}^{-1}$

Horiuchi & Beacom (2010)
 Many updates, e.g., Yuksel+ (2008),
 Madau & Dickinson (2014)

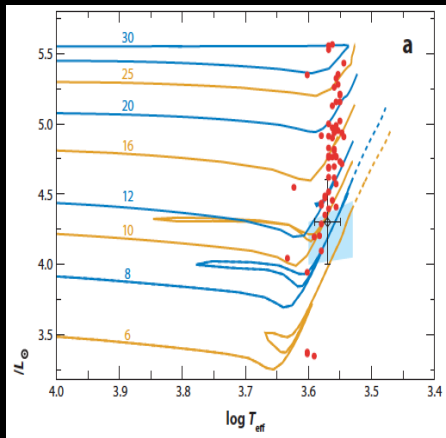
\rightarrow No evidence of birth rate being too high

Horiuchi et al (2009)
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 Gilmore et al (2012)

What is the BH fraction?

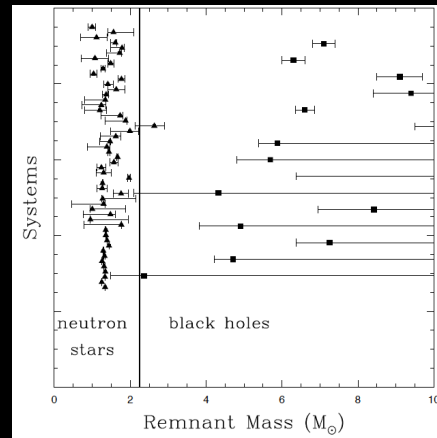
Multiple circumstantial evidence for a large fraction of failed explosions.

Red supergiant problem



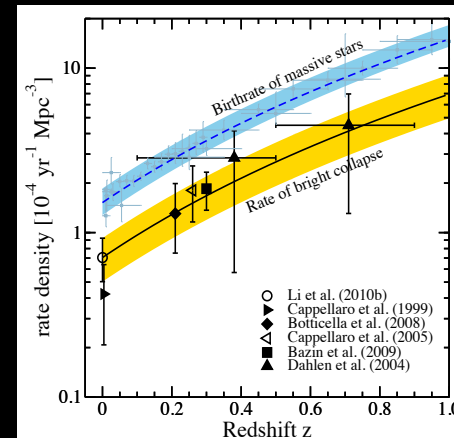
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Black hole mass function



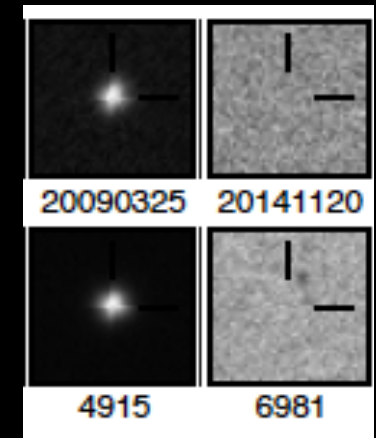
Kochanek et al (2014, 2015)

Supernova rate



Horiuchi et al (2011)

Survey about nothing



Gerke et al (2015)

+ supernova remnants, nebular spectra

Insight for compactness:

All of these can be explained by a critical compactness $\xi_{2.5} \sim 0.2$
(i.e., explosions $\xi_{2.5} < 0.2$ and fails for $\xi_{2.5} > 0.2$)

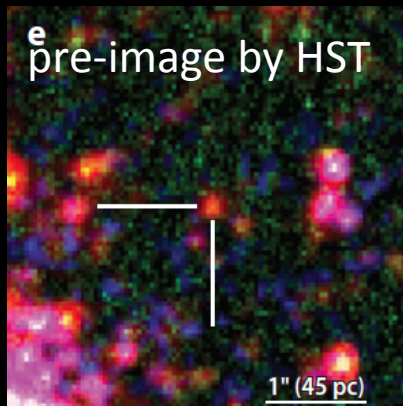
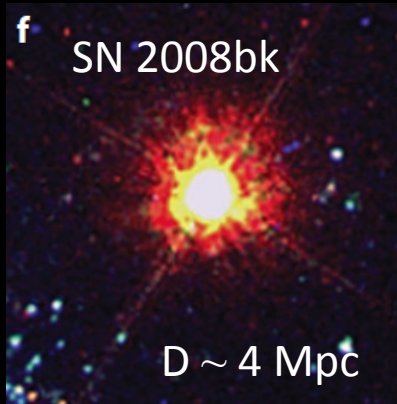
Red supergiant problem

Pre-imaging:

Limited to nearby SNe, successful for Type II

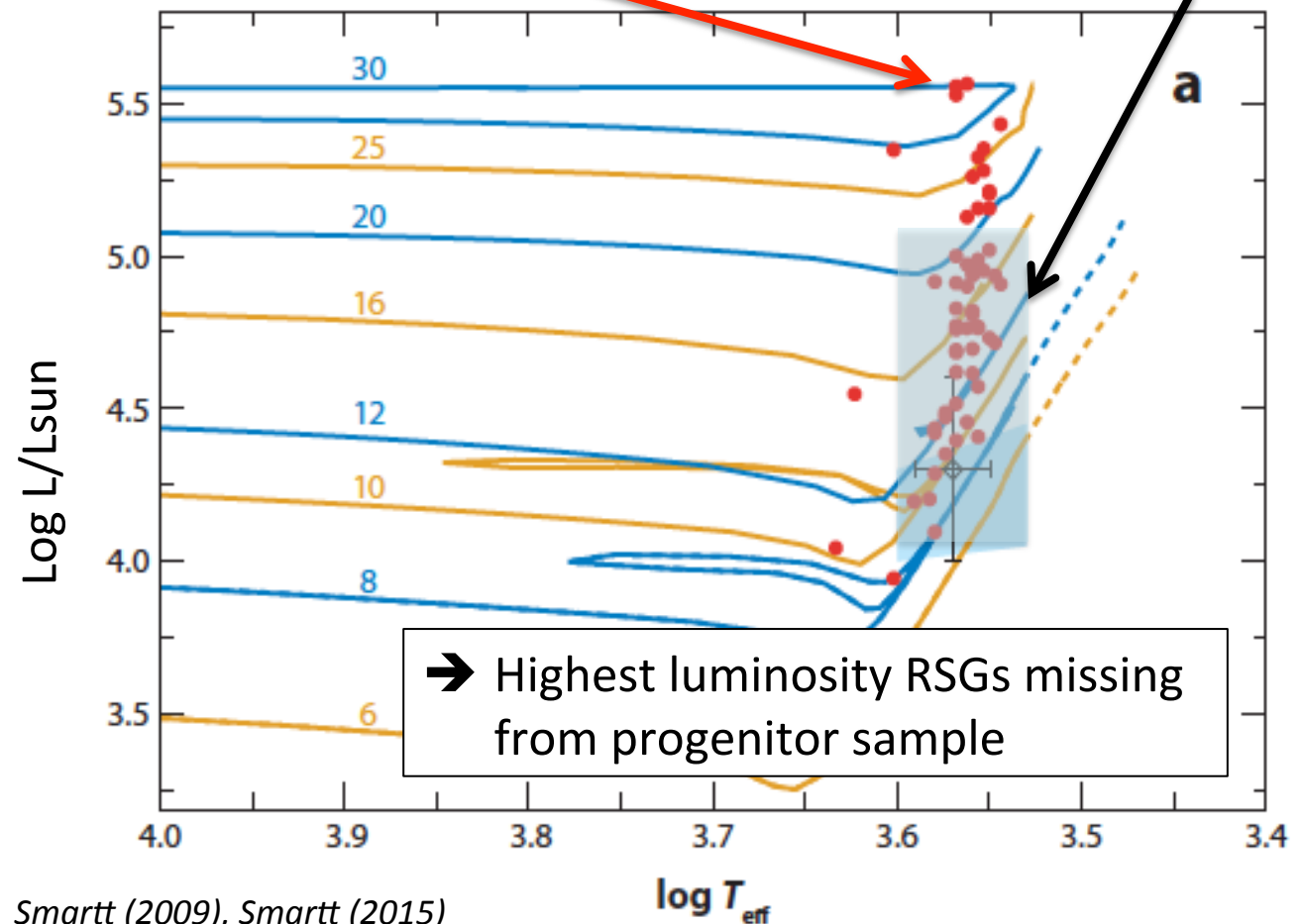
A deficit of high mass supernova progenitors Kochanek et al (2008)

Sample: volume limited to < 28 Mpc ($V < 2000$ km/s)



Known red-supergiants (@MW, LMC)

Observed progenitors



Smartt (2009), Smartt (2015)

Another way to state the RSG problem

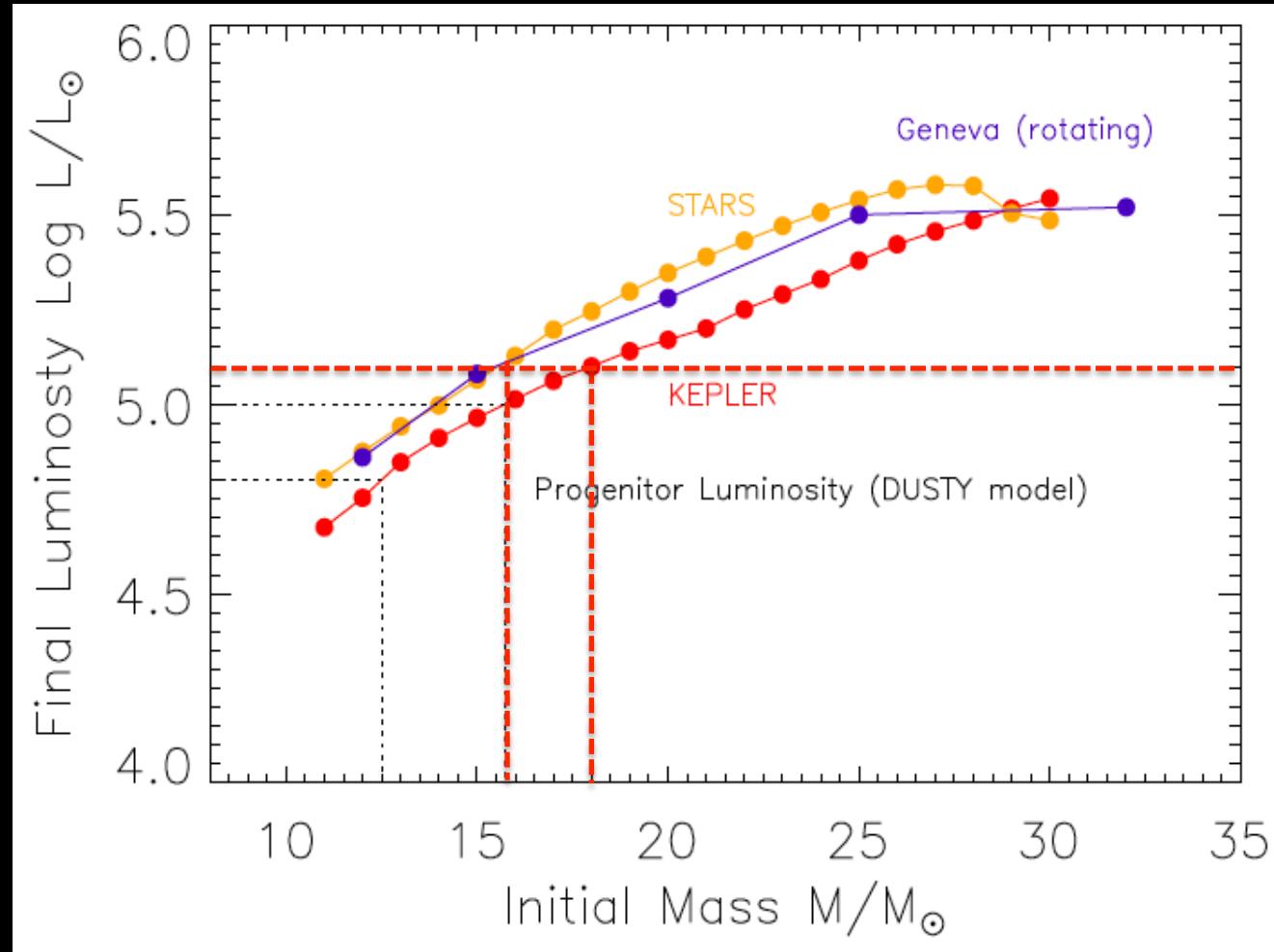
Log $L/L_{\text{sun}} \sim 5.1$

- This is 16–18 M_{sun}
- With a Salpeter IMF, 63–69% of massive stars are below this mass
- With 35 below this mass, we expect 16–21 stars above

What's happening to these stars?

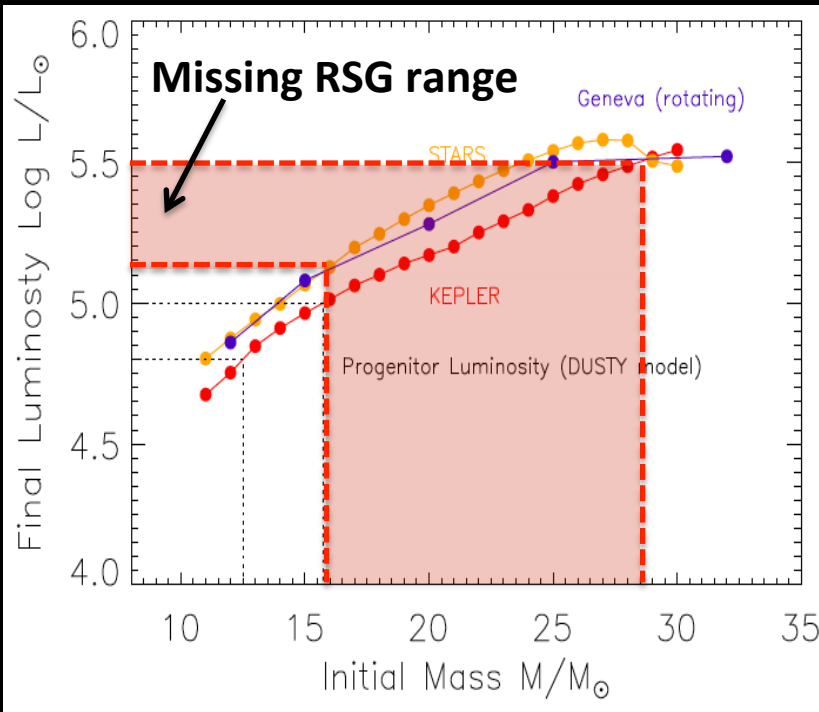
16–21 expectation rarely fluctuates to 5

→ **Deficit of massive progenitors**



Jerkstrand et al (2014)

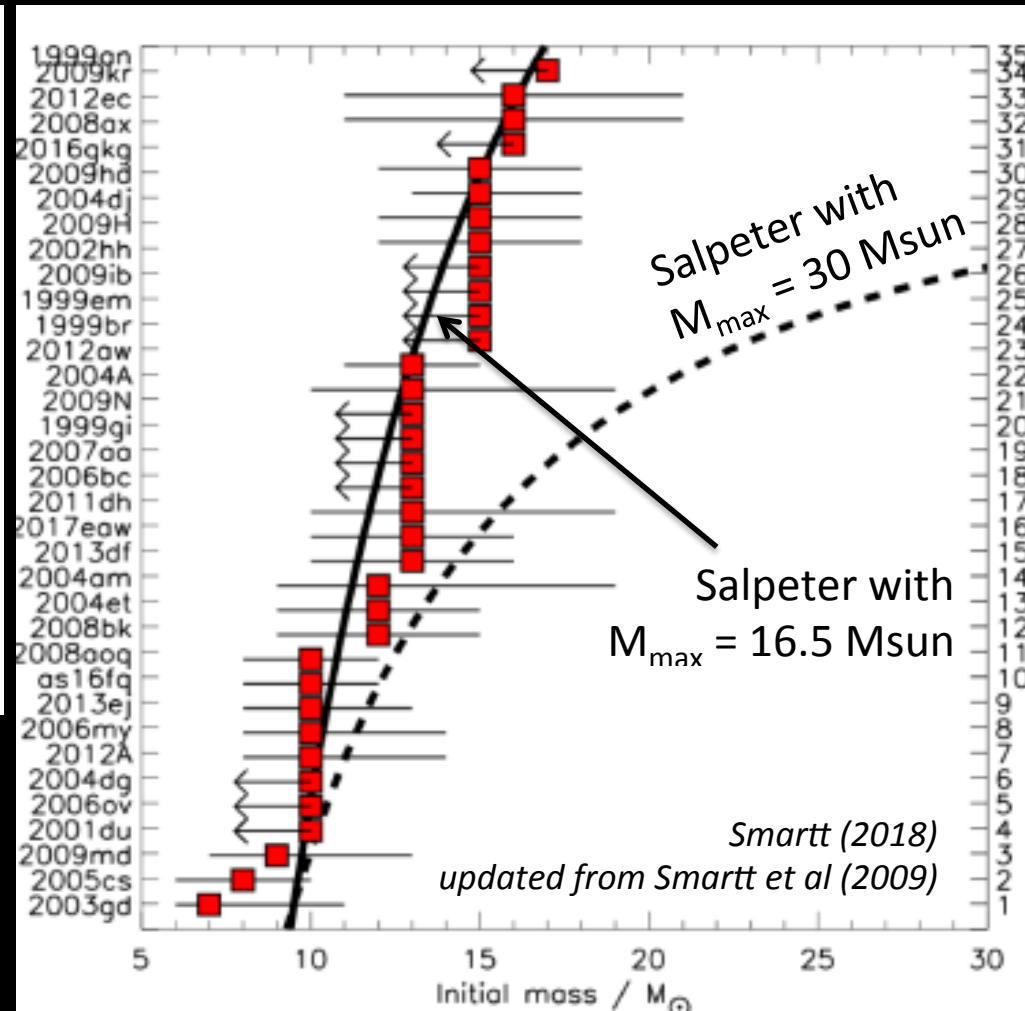
Type II progenitors



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$$M_{\text{max}} = 16.5^{+1.5}_{-1.5} M_{\odot}$$

$$M_{\text{max}} < 21 M_{\odot} \text{ (95\%)}$$

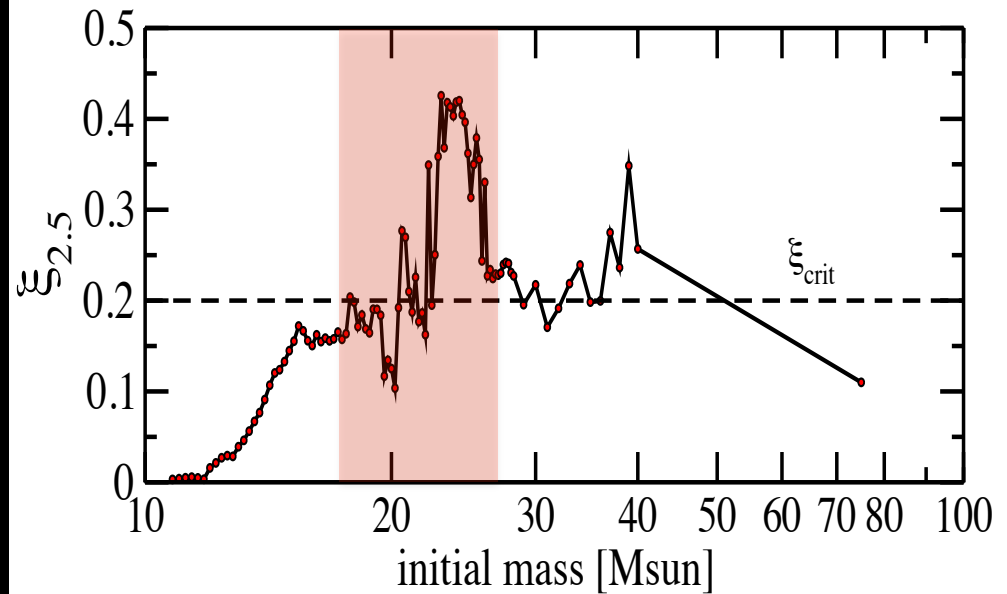
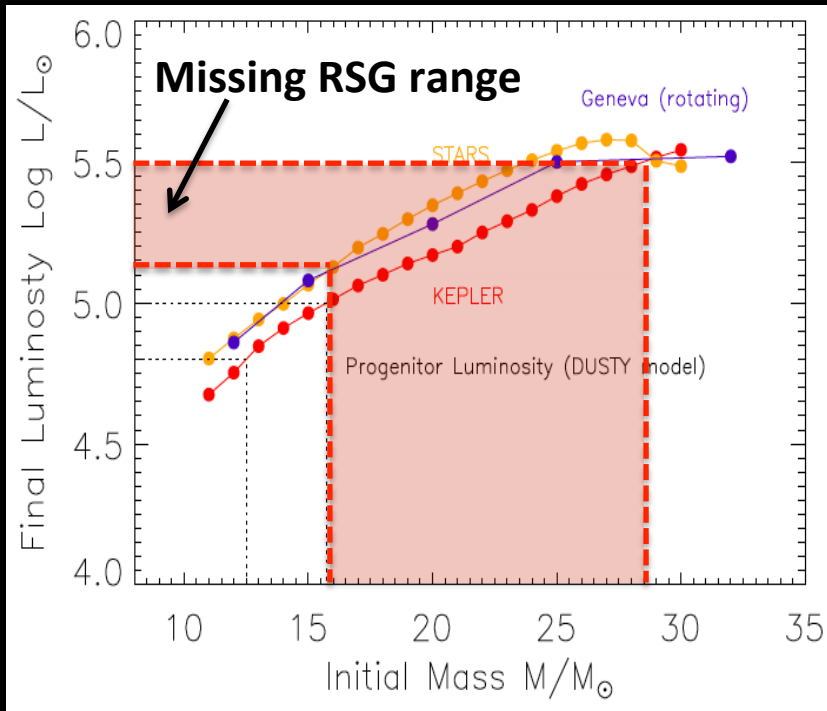


➔ 21–30 Msun missing (~11% of massive stars)

20 detection + 15 upper limits

Interpreting the RSG problem

Supergiants may not be exploding



→ Consistent with high compactness stars failing to explode

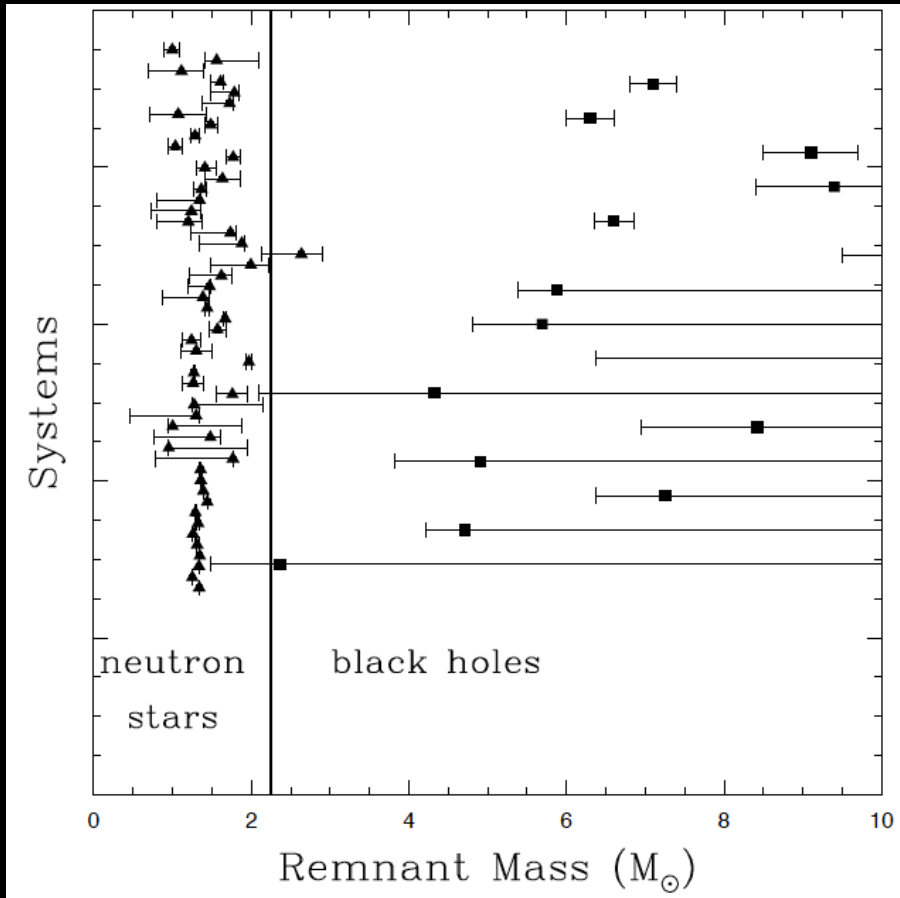
Horiuchi et al (2014), Sukhbold & Adams (2019)

(Other explanations have been explored)

BH mass function

Compact object mass function:

Indications of a dearth of black holes with mass just above the NS range



e.g., Kreidberg et al. (2012), Kizeltan et al. (2013)

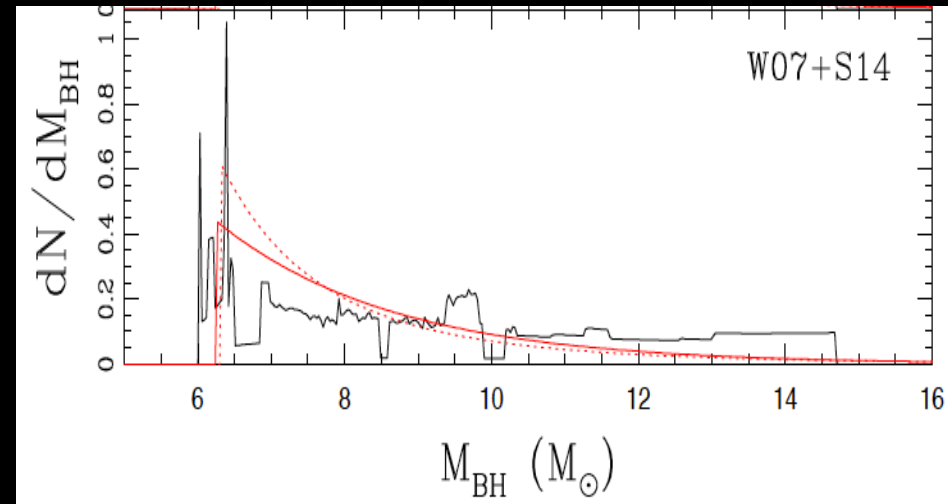
The Nadezhin mechanism:

H envelop unbound in BH formation due to neutrino mass-energy loss.

- Numerically verified

*Nadezhin (1980), Lovegrove & Woosley (2013),
Fernandez et al (2017), Coughlin et al (2018)*

- Failed explosions create BHs with mass of He core (not entire star)
- Creates a BH mass distribution with the observed low mass deficit



Kochanek (2014)

Searches of failed explosions: Survey about nothing

Survey About Nothing

Look for the disappearance of red-supergiants in nearby galaxies caused by core collapse to black holes

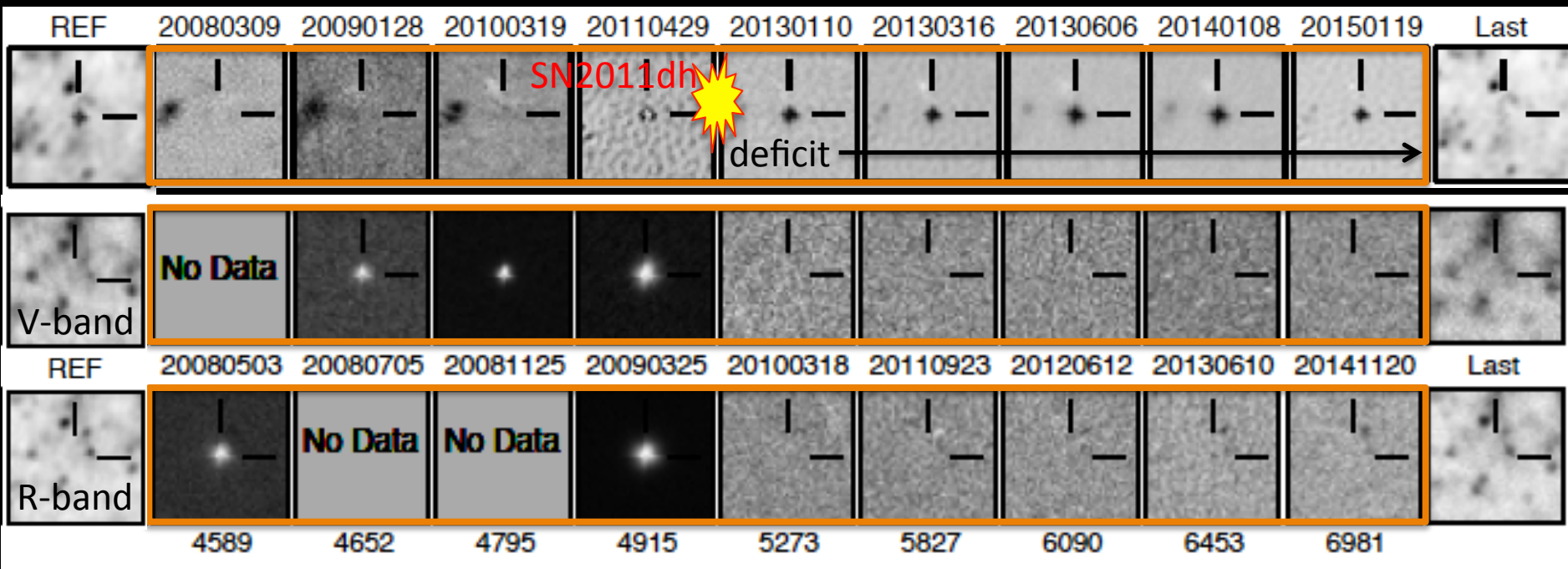


Monitor ~ 27 galaxies with the Large Binocular Telescope

- Survey $\sim 10^6$ red supergiants with luminosity sensitivity $> 10^4 L_{\text{sun}}$
- expect ~ 1 core collapse /yr
- In 10 years, sensitive to 20 – 30% failed fraction at 90% CL

Kochanek et al. (2008)



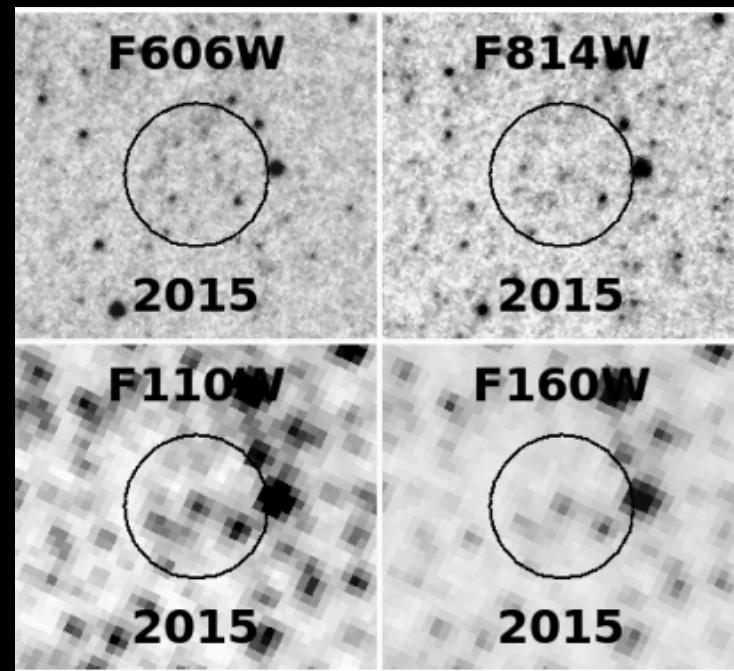
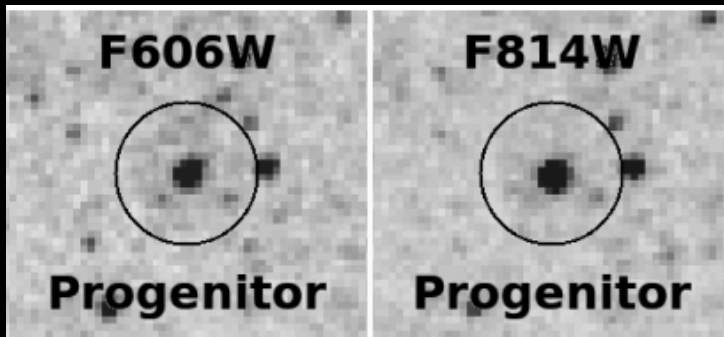


So far over 7 years:

Gerke et al (2015)

- 6 luminous CC supernovae
- 1 candidate failed supernova: NGC6946-BH1 (@~6Mpc); SED well fit by 25Msun RSG

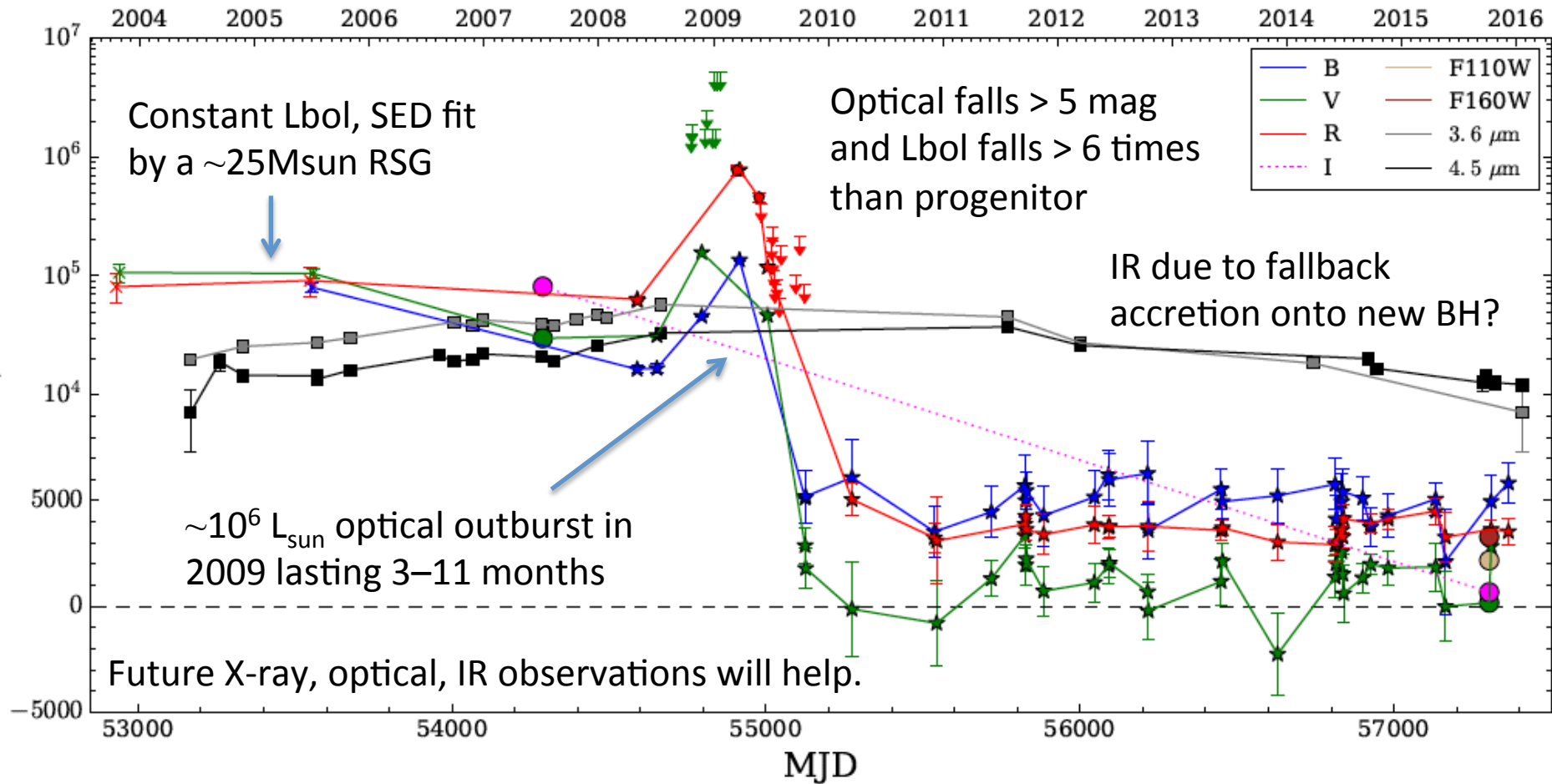
Further HST images of NGC6946-BH1



Importance of NGC6946-BH1

Multi-wavelength follow-up indicative of failed event

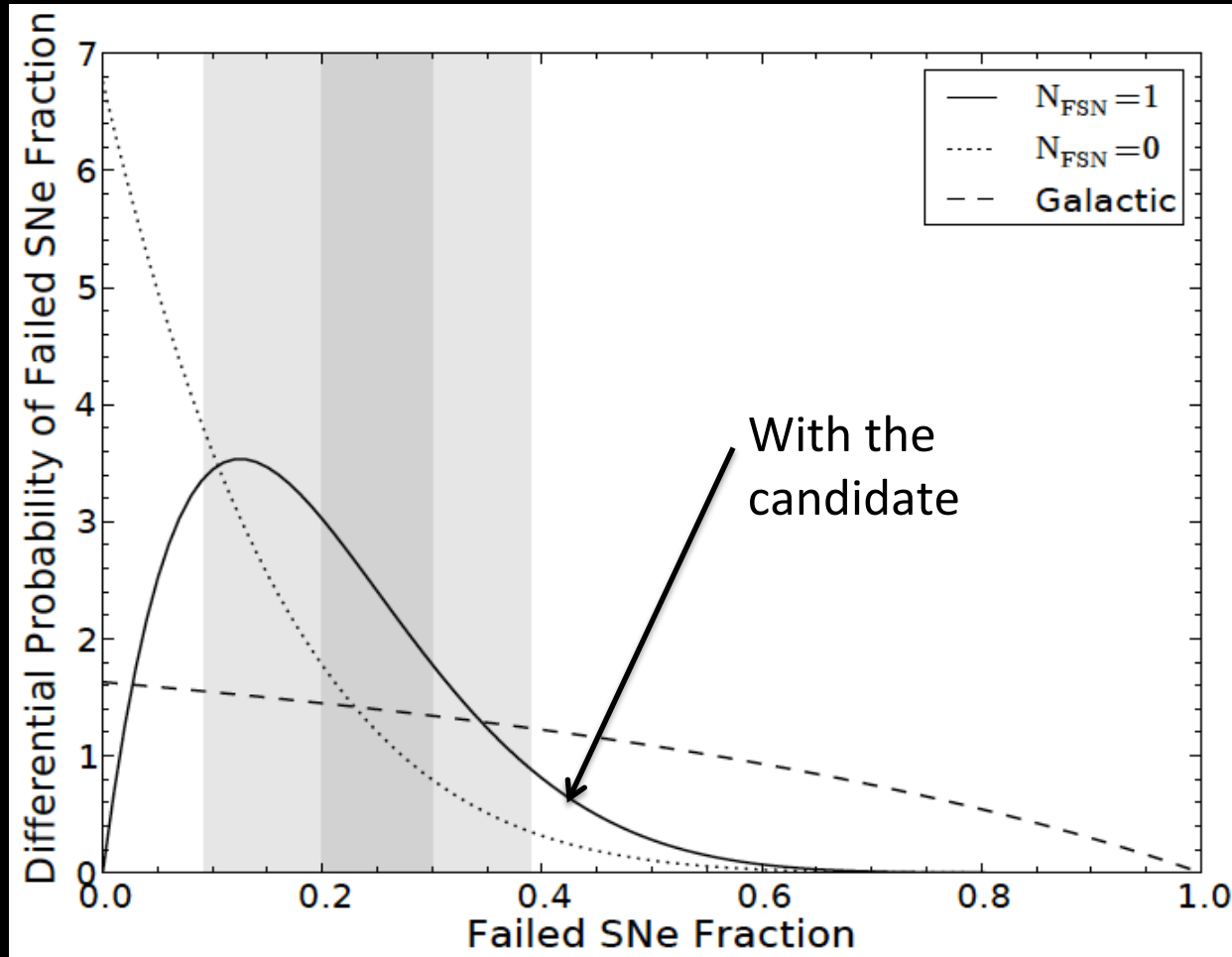
Optical & IR detections consistent with Lovegrove & Woosley (2013) prediction + fallback accretion. Lack of other explanations.



Fraction of failed explosion

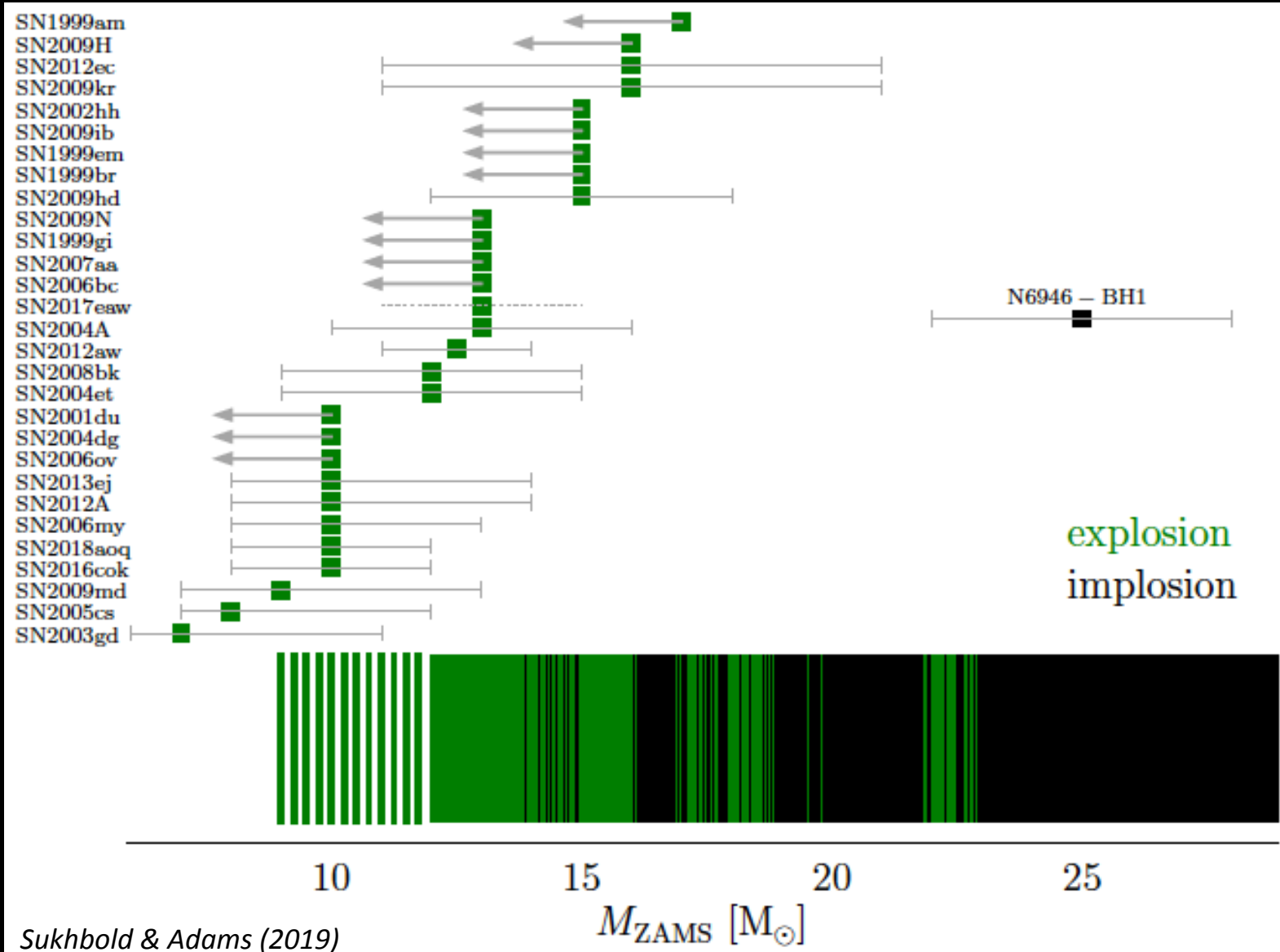
Based on observed supernovae & BH candidate

Adams et al (2016)



→ Failed fraction $f = 0.14^{+0.33}_{-0.10}$ (90%CL)

Developing picture



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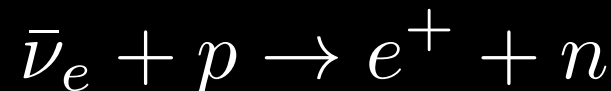
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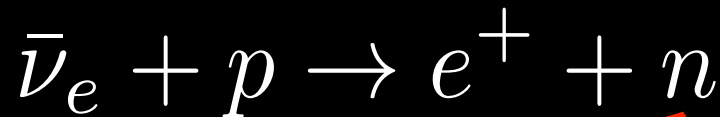
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Super-K with Gadolinium

Background rejection:

In water Cherenkov the signal produces a neutron, while backgrounds typically do not



w/out Gd

with Gd

Capture on protons,
signal mostly lost
(~18% tagging)

Capture on Gadolinium,
yields a coincidence
signal (~90% tagging)

Beacom & Vagins (2004)

*After many R&D & tests (EGADS),
Super-K drained & refill in 2018,
poised to add Gd in 2019*



**EGADS: Evaluating Gadolinium's
Action on Detector Systems**



Backgrounds and search window

Optimal search window

Dependent on the relevant backgrounds.

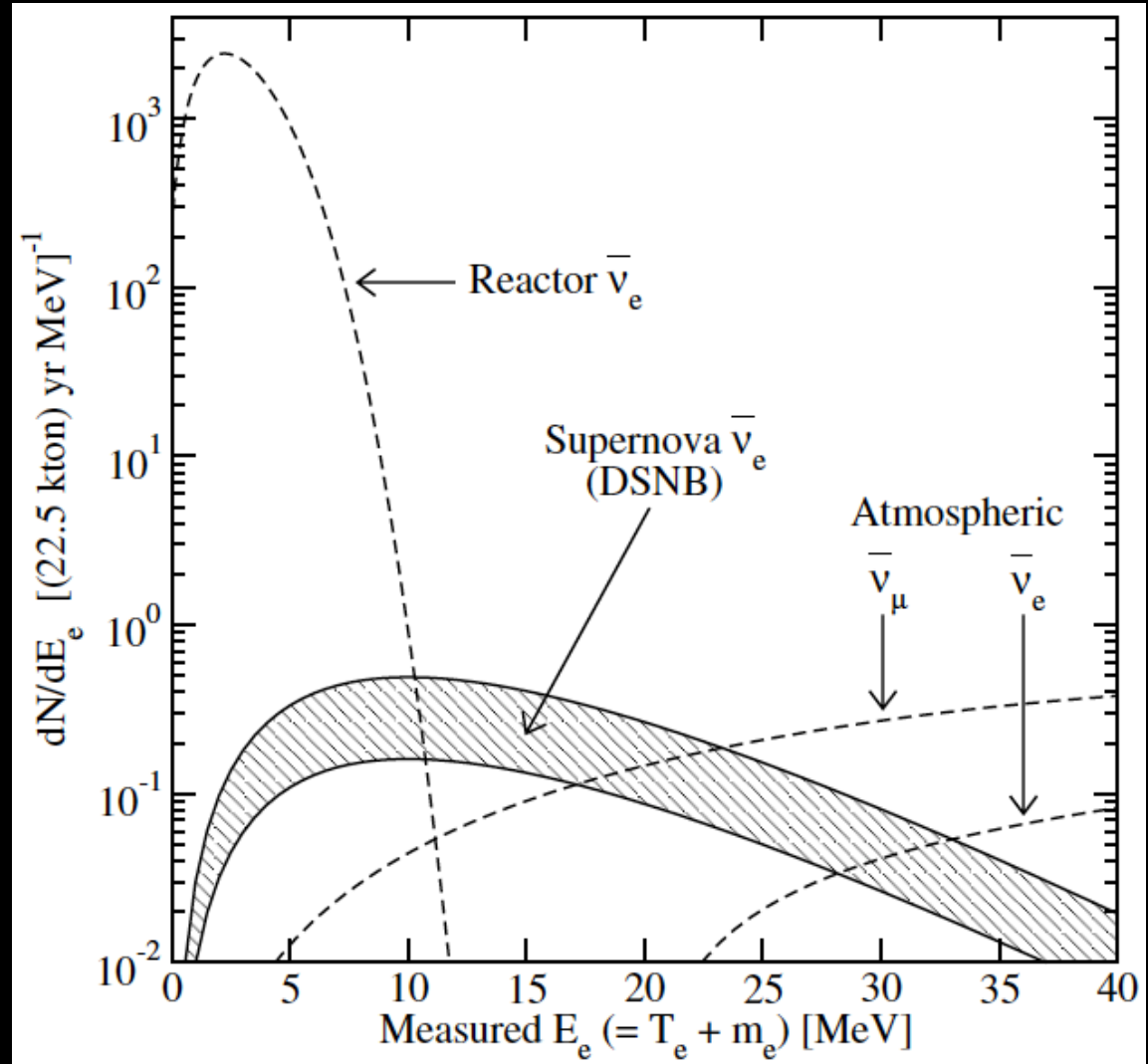
Neutrinos:

- Reactor neutrinos
- Atmospheric neutrinos

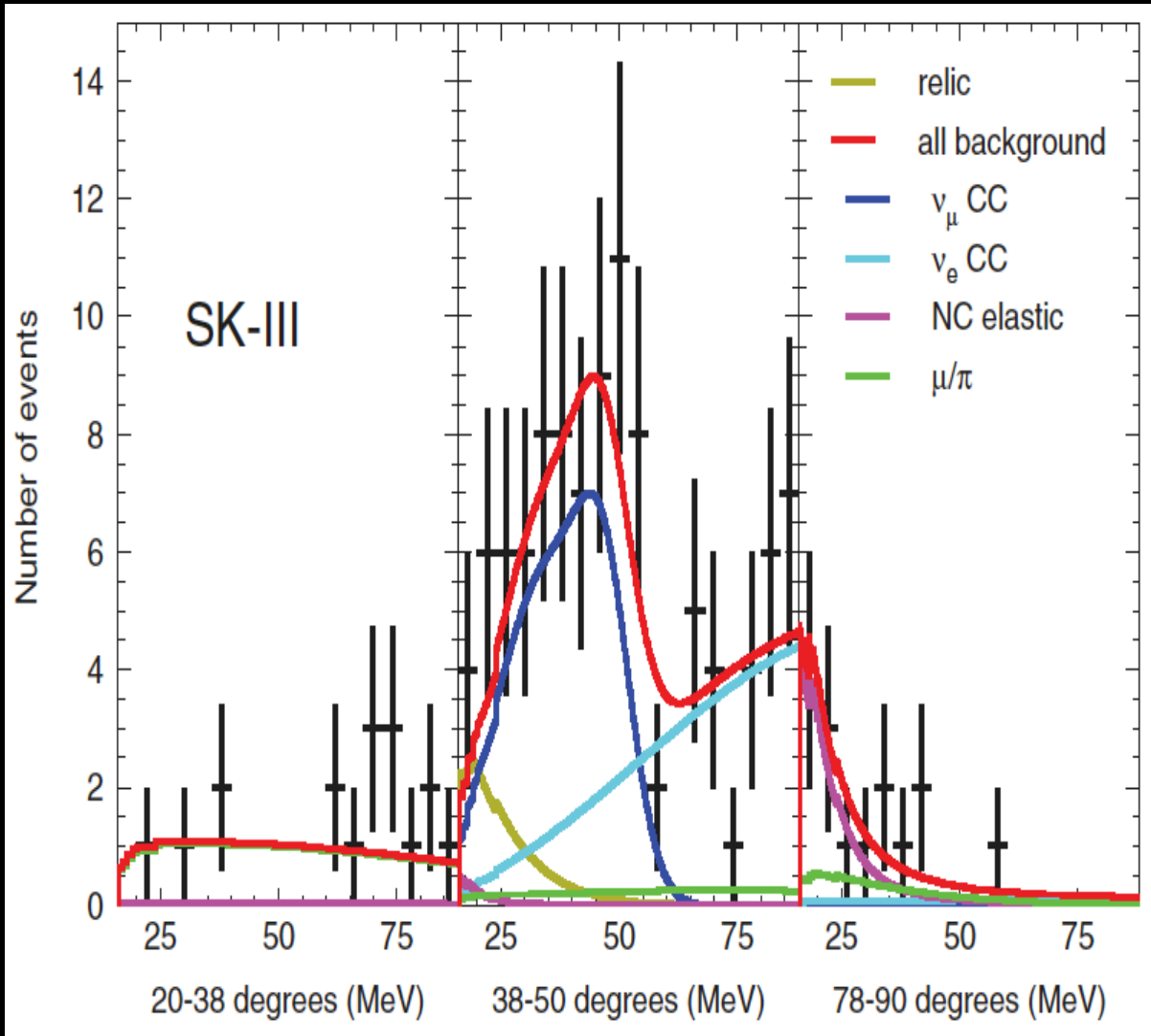
Mimicking neutrinos:

- Invisible muon decays
- Spallation products which can be reduced by Gd

→ Window is ~10-25 MeV with Gd



Searches: limits



Bays et al (2012)

Kamiokande-II

Flux $< 226 \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$

[19 – 34 MeV, 90%CL]

Zhang et al. (1988)

Super-Kamiokande (SK-I)

Flux $< 1.2 \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$

[>19.3 MeV, 90%CL]

Malek et al. (2003)

SK-I, SK-II, and SK-III:

Flux $< 2.0 \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$

[$E_{e^+} > 18 \text{ MeV}$, 90%CL]

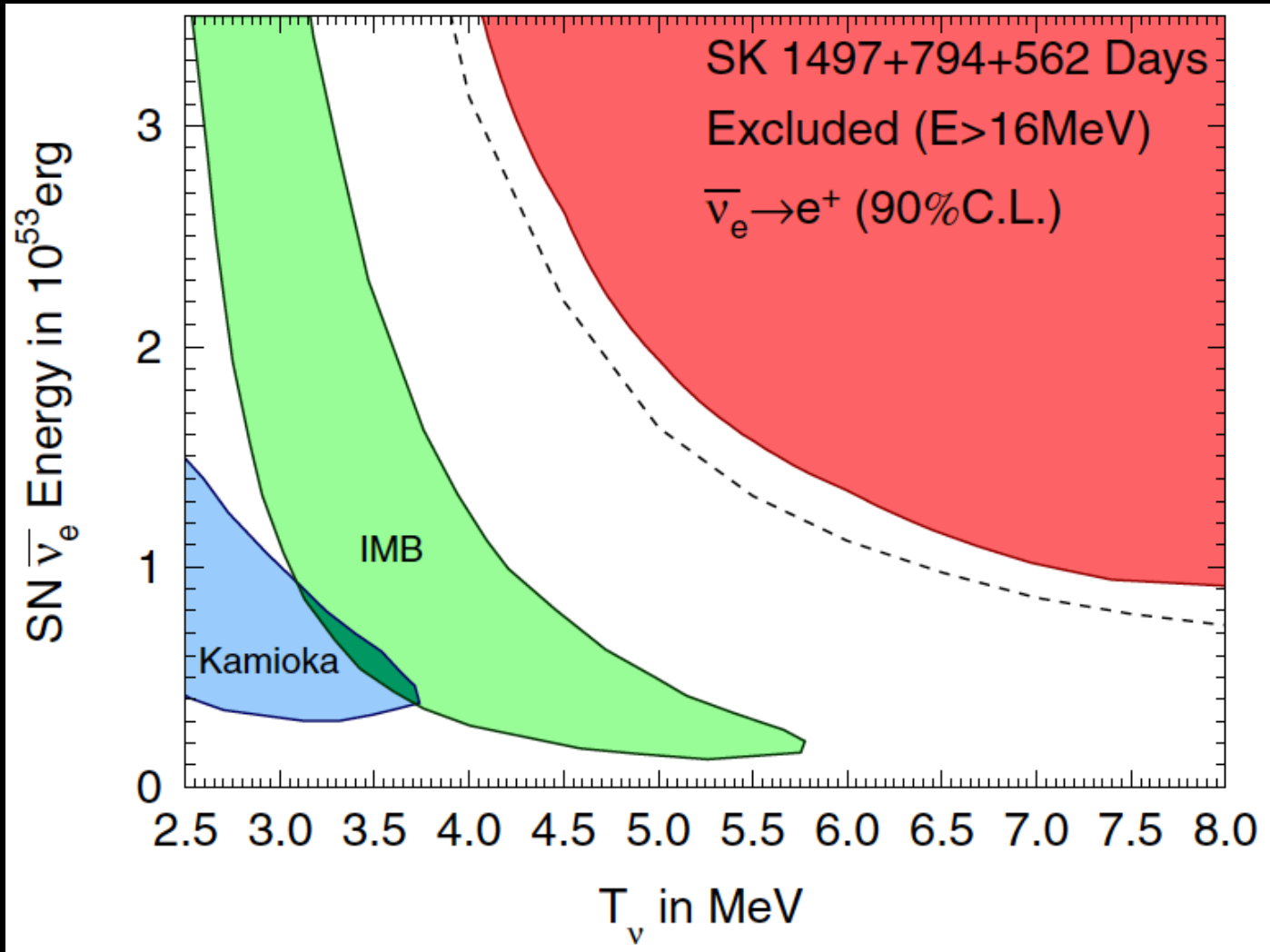
Bays et al (2012)

Low-E update, Zhang et al (2014)

Interpretation of present limits

Search with Super-Kamiokande

Already excluding
large energetics &
neutrino energy



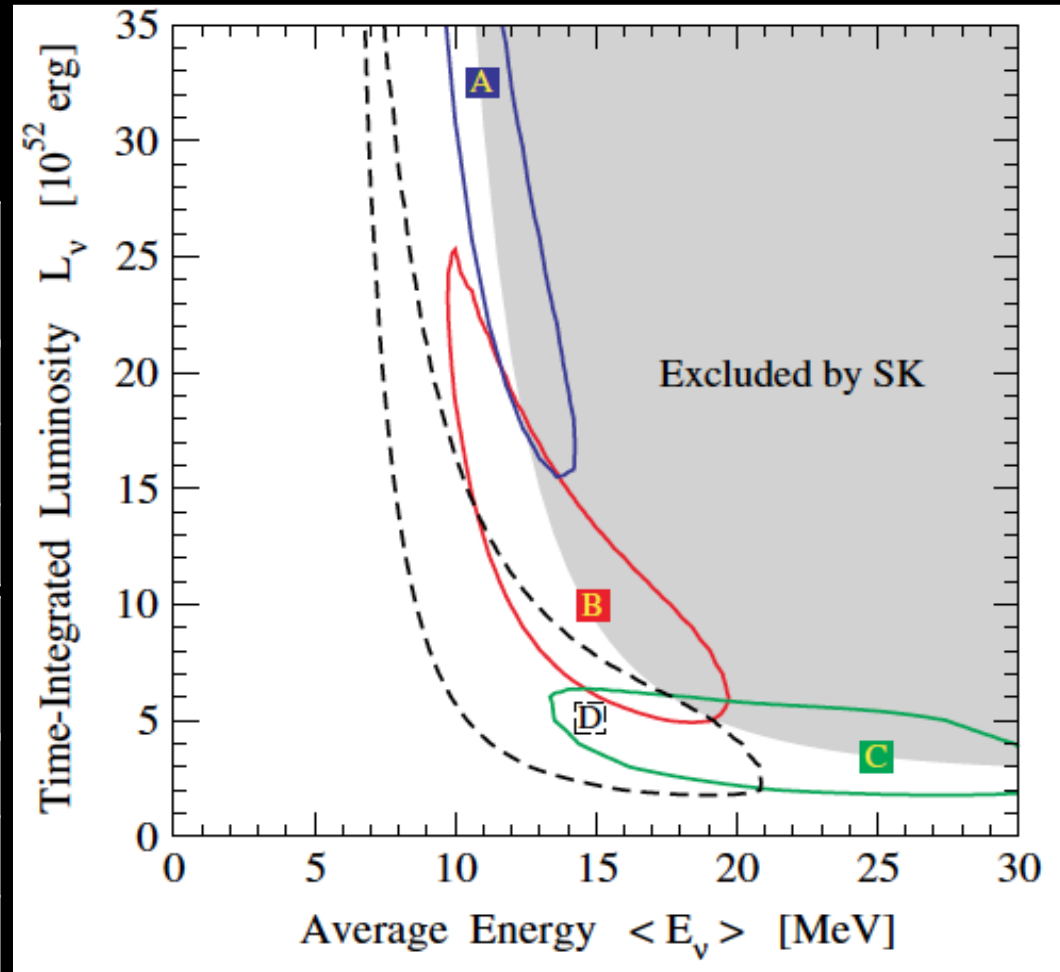
Upcoming sensitivity

Search with Super-K + Gadolinium

Gd transforms Super-K into a signal-dominated search with a wider energy window.

Spectrum ($\xi_{2.5}$)	Water ($E > 18$ MeV) [/yr]
All NS	0.4 +/- 0.1
$\xi_{2.5, crit} = 0.2$	0.6 +/- 0.1
$\xi_{2.5, crit} = 0.1$	1.0 +/- 0.3
Spectrum ($\xi_{2.5}$)	Water + Gd ($E > 10$ MeV) [/yr]
All NS	1.7 +/- 0.4
$\xi_{2.5, crit} = 0.2$	1.9 +/- 0.5
$\xi_{2.5, crit} = 0.1$	2.8 +/- 0.8

10 years with Super-K + Gd



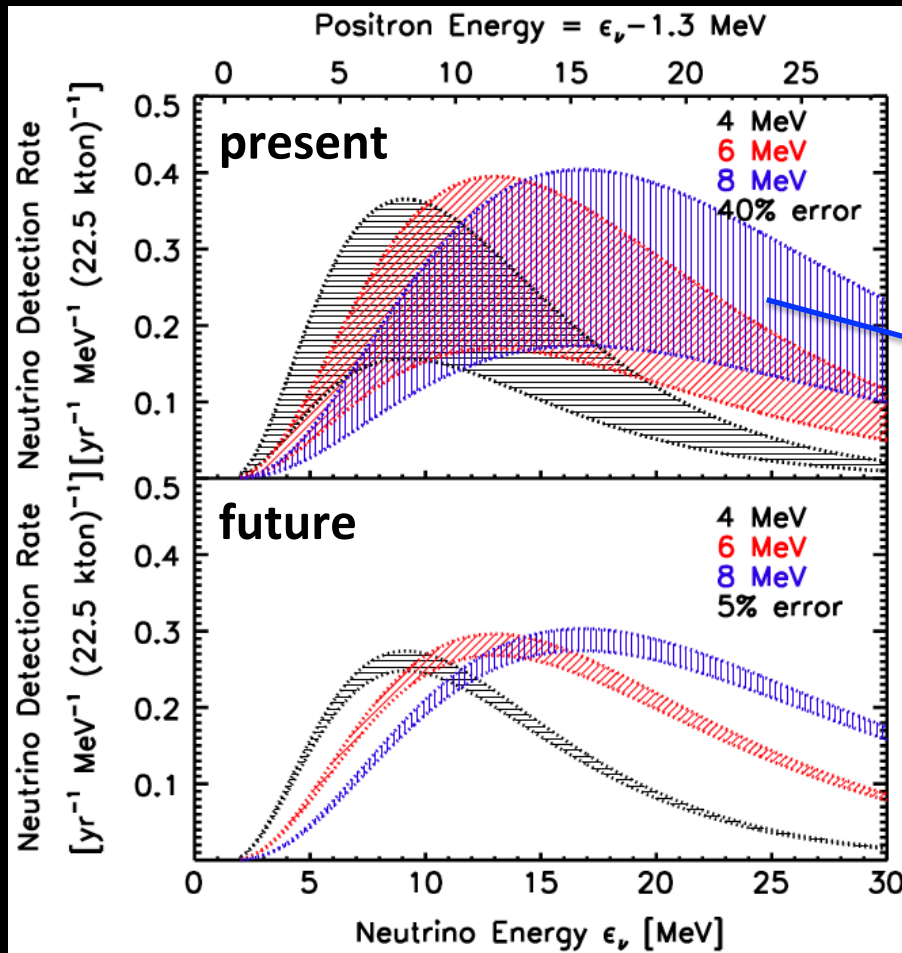
NB: "All NS" closest to D

Yuksel et al (2006)

DSNB: long-term future

Supernova rate uncertainty

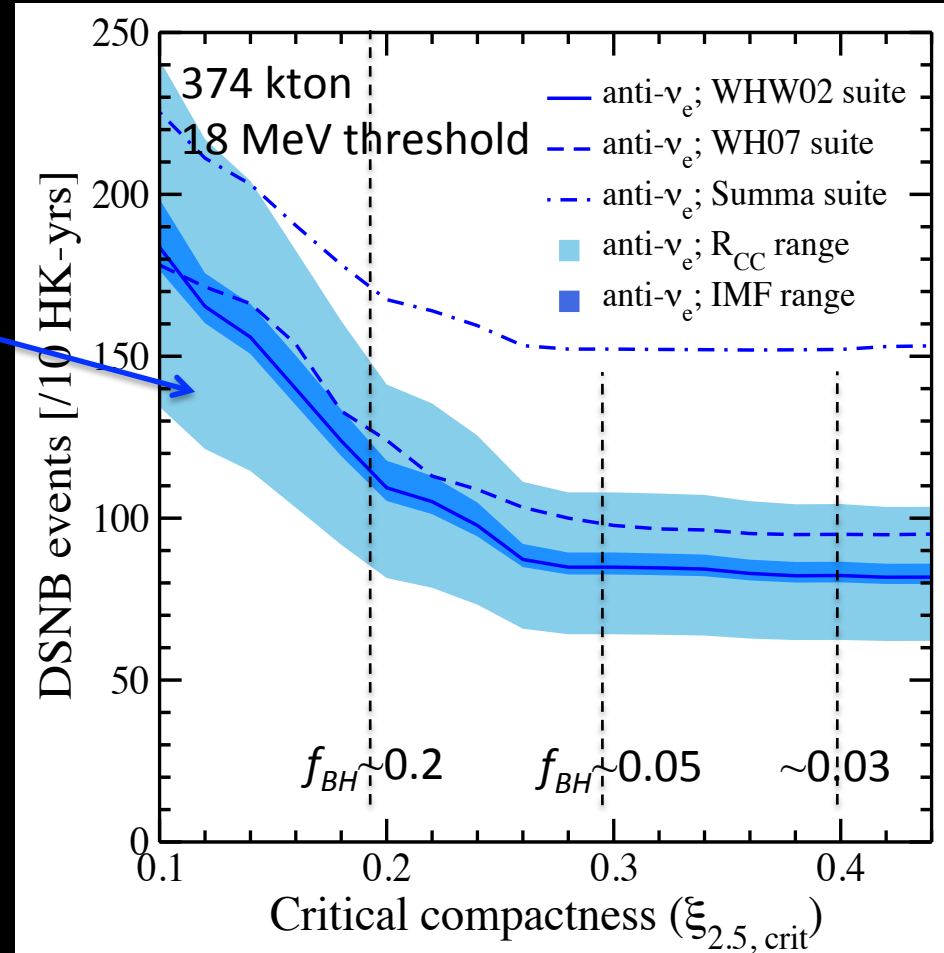
Will reduce with next-generation supernova surveys (e.g., LSST; 2023~)



Lien et al (2010)

Neutrino detector

Hyper-Kamiokande will increase detector volume by x10 or so

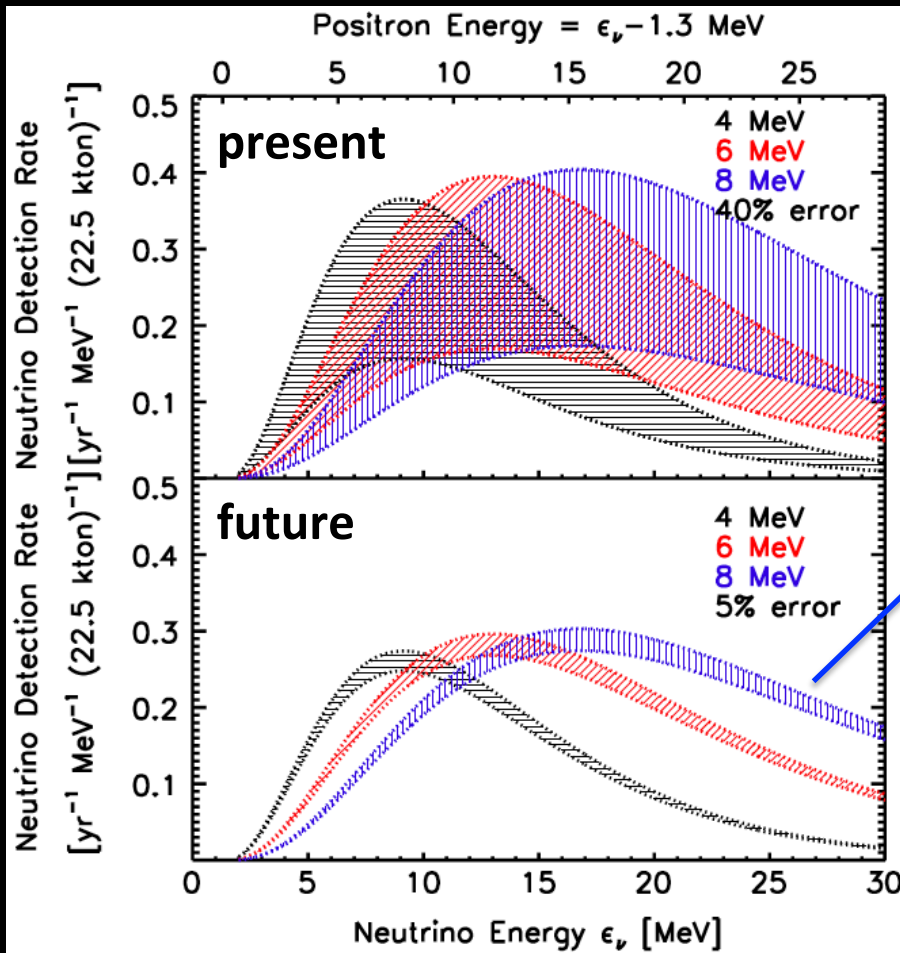


Horiuchi et al (2018)

DSNB: future

Rate uncertainty

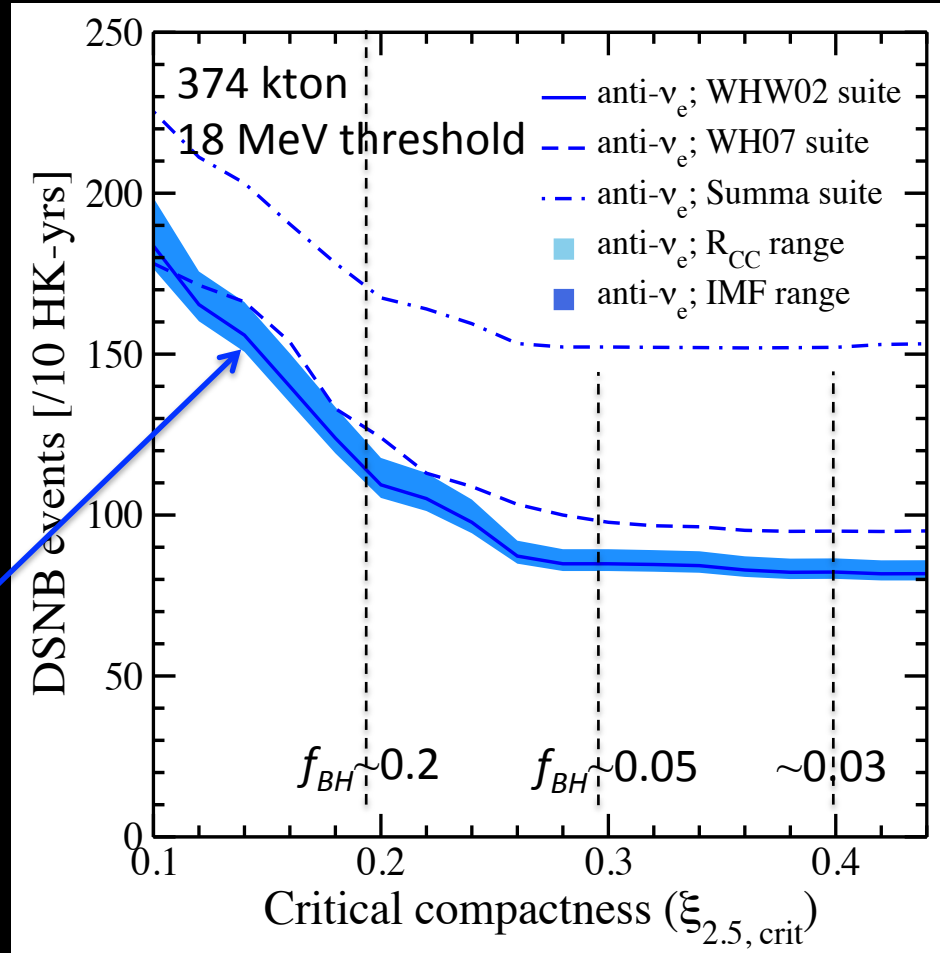
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Concluding remarks

Theory: supernova neutrino background is a **guaranteed signal**

- ✓ We know core collapse occur regularly in the Universe (constant updates from astronomers)
- ✓ We know core collapse emits neutrinos (by SN1987A and by constant updates from theory)

Present: improving prospects for **detection**

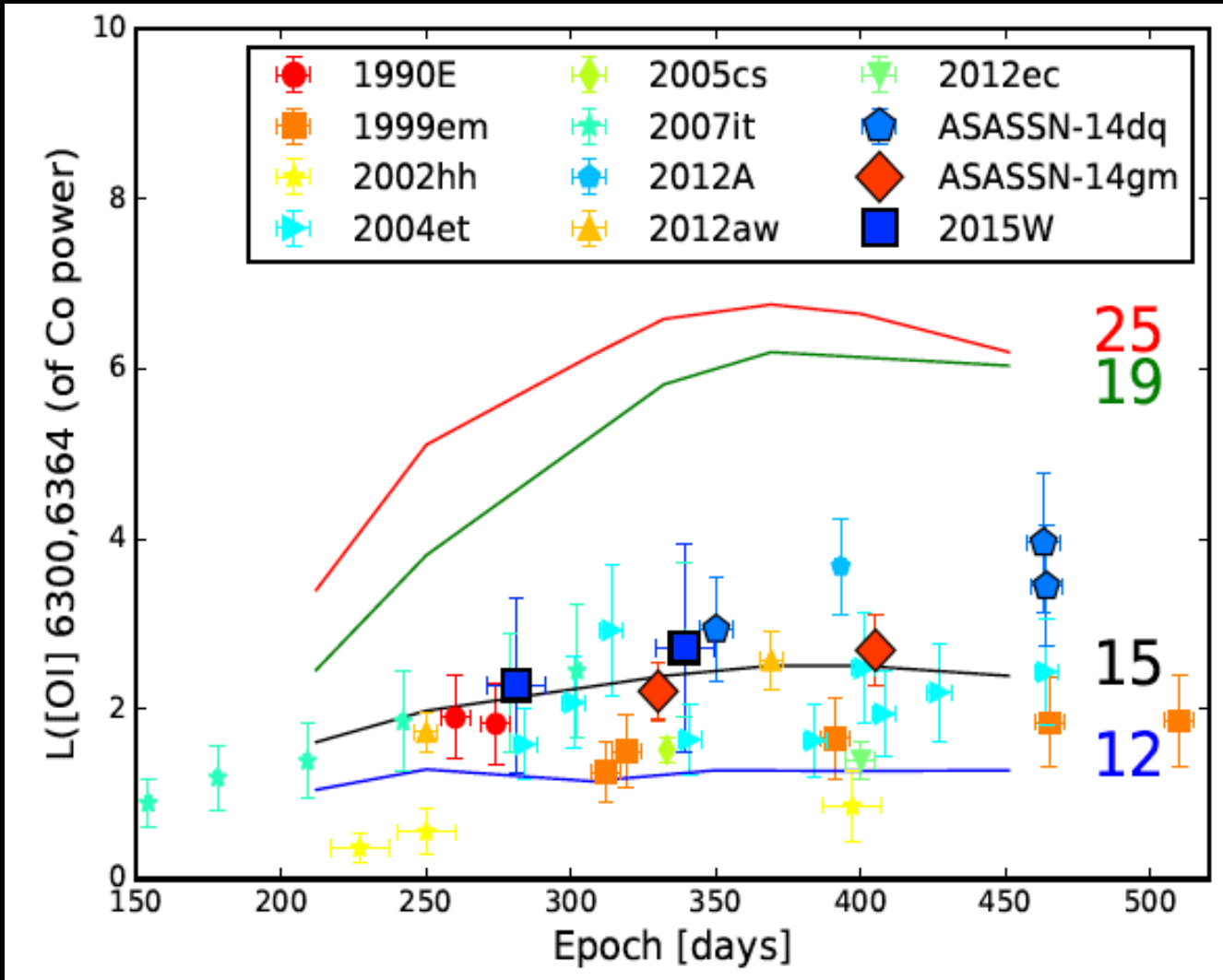
- ✓ Gd upgrade at Super-K delivers signal-limited search
- ✓ Can provide detection in 5-10 years

Future: era of new probes, e.g.

- ✓ High-statistics DSNB probes **black hole formation track**
- ✓ Benefit from ongoing new simulations, long-term simulations, core-collapse rate measurements, oscillation parameters, etc

Nebular spectra connection

Oxygen production in supernova



Nebular phase allows stellar material within CO cores to be visible. Opens independent progenitor mass estimate.

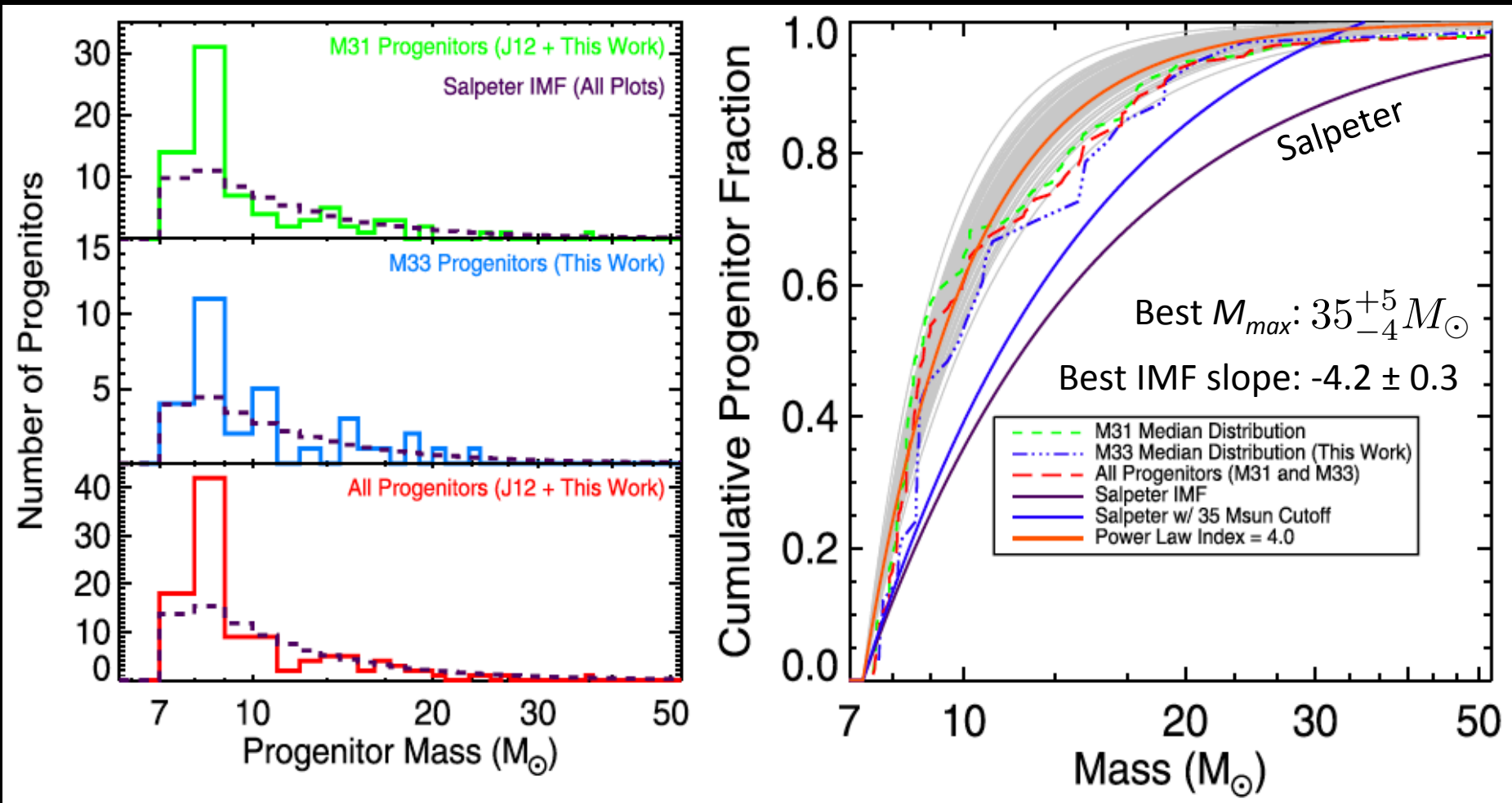
SNe (12 type II, including IIP and IIL) studied, consistent with RSG in mass range 12–16 Msun

➔ **Missing massive stars consistent with missing RSG**

Supernova remnant connection

SNR mass distributions yield steeper IMF slope and/or presence of M_{max}

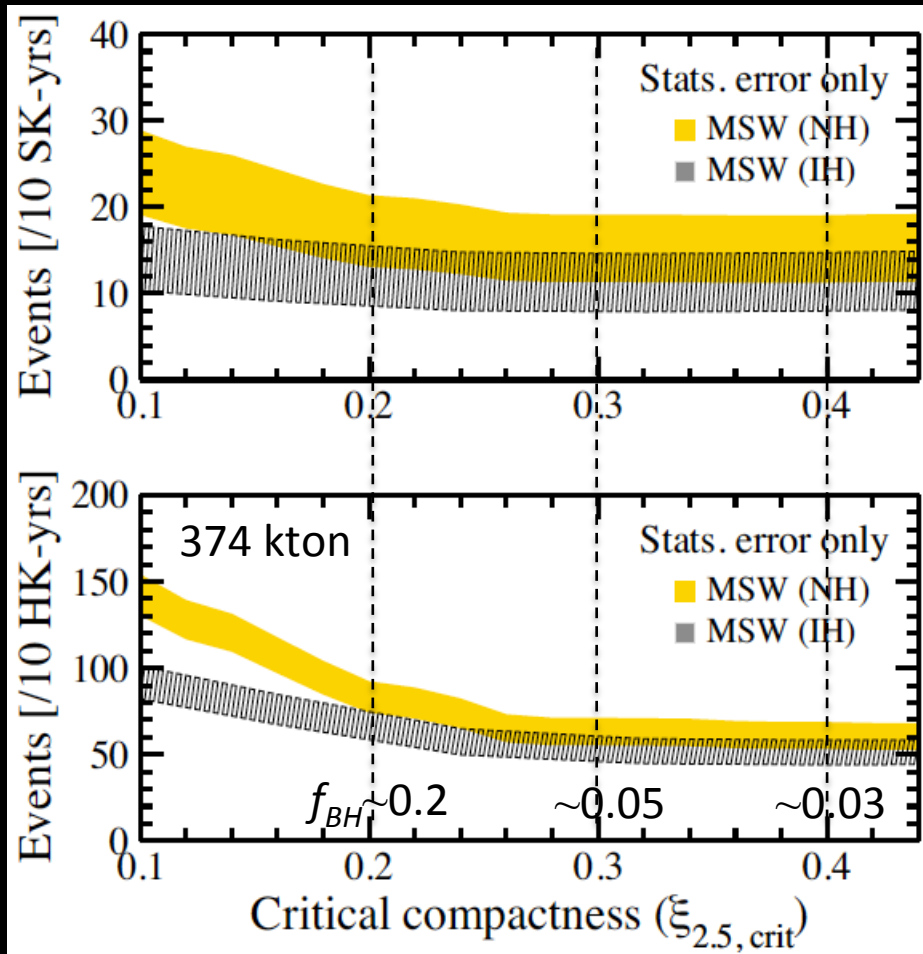
➔ Massive stars tend to be lacking as SNR progenitors compared to low mass stars



Jennings et al (2012, 2014); also Diaz-Rodriguez et al (2018), but Auchtettl et al (2019)

DSNB: future

Hyper-Kamiokande



Time-integrated neutrino signal

Spectrum per core collapse

Spectral parameters from 100+ simulations: reveals systematic dependence on compactness

$$f_\nu(E) \propto E^\alpha e^{-(\alpha+1)E/E_{av}}$$

$$\rightarrow (E_{tot}, E_{ave}, \alpha_{pinch})$$

