

# **Gravitational wave memory-triggered supernova neutrino detection**

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Based on

**The neutrino gravitational memory from a core collapse supernova:  
phenomenology and physics potential**

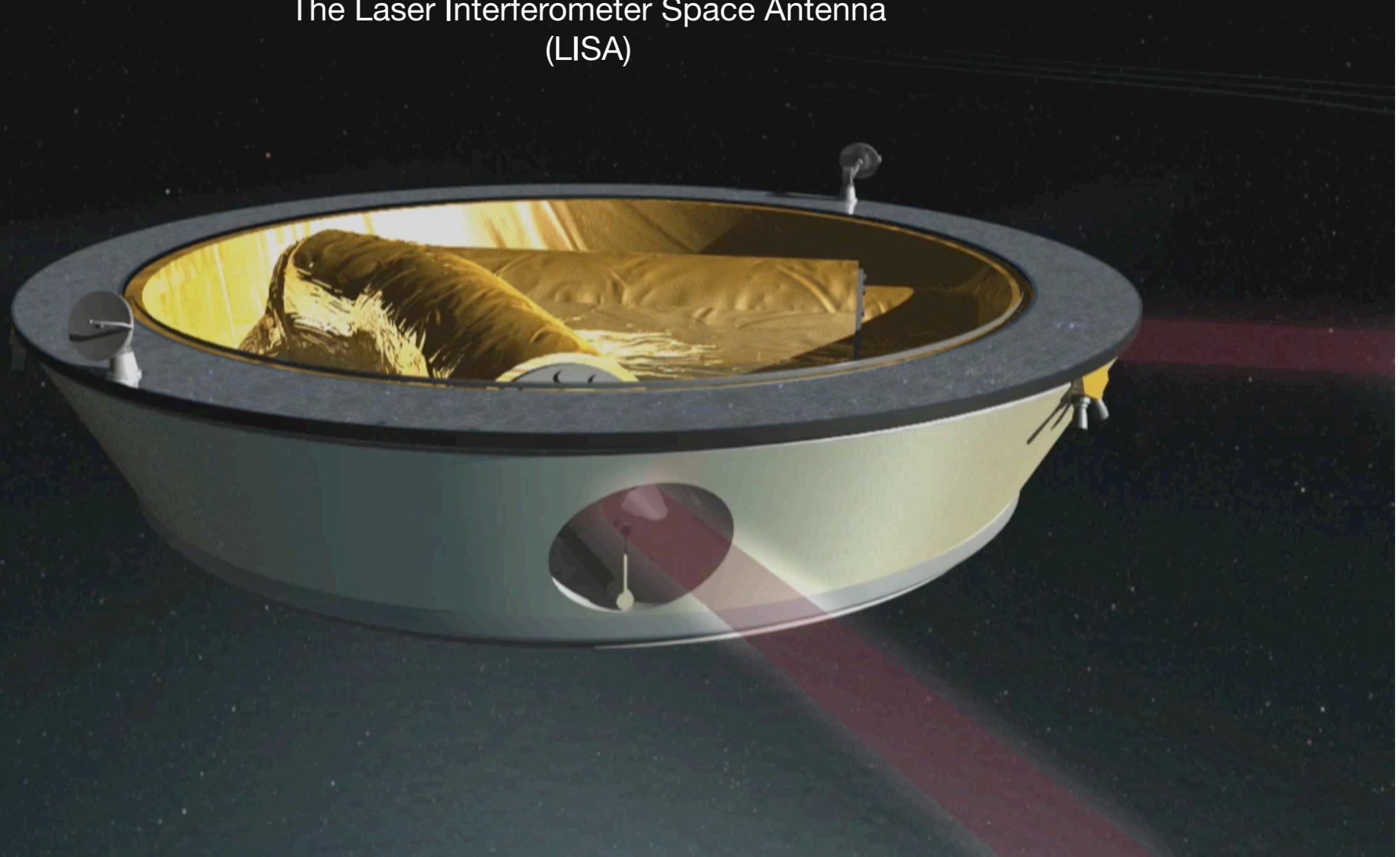
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# What is Gravitational wave memory?

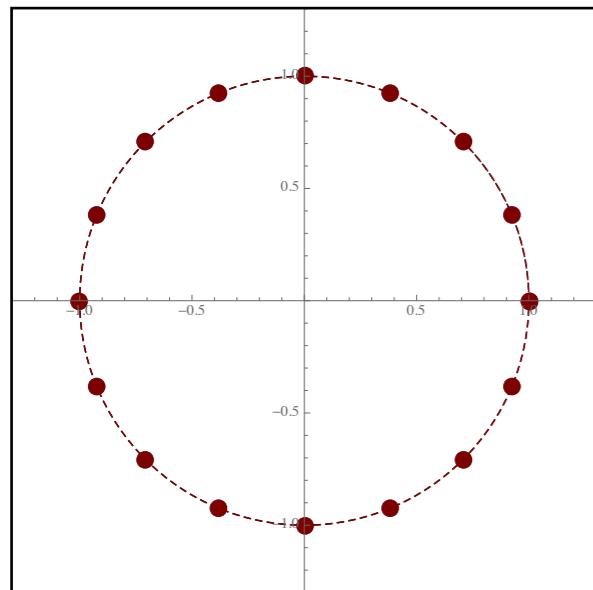
The Laser Interferometer Space Antenna  
(LISA)



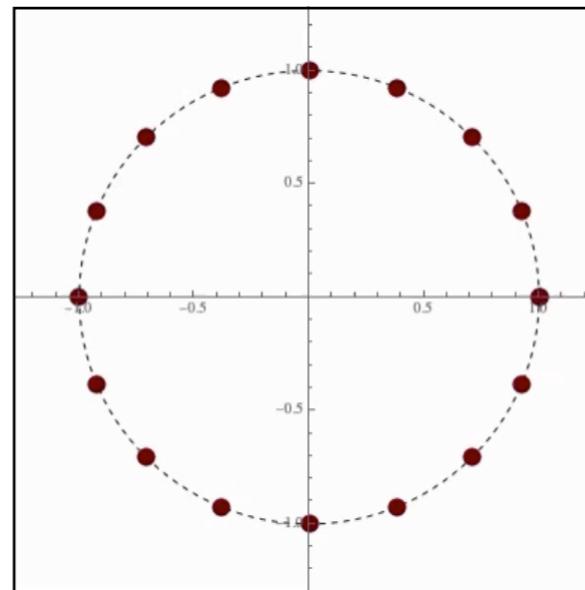
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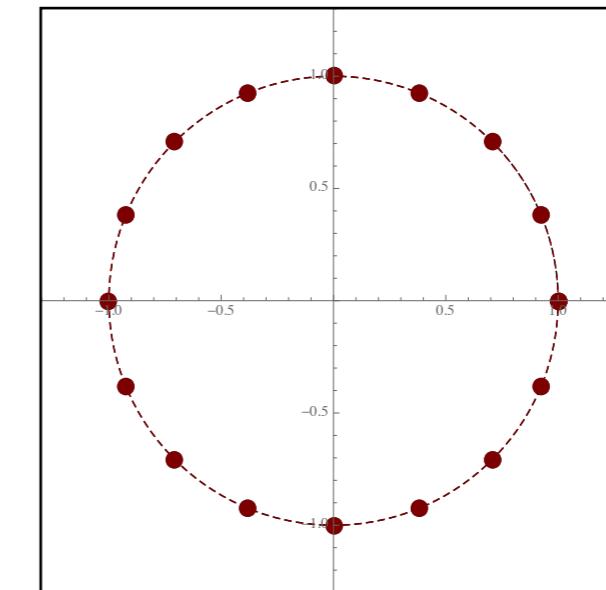
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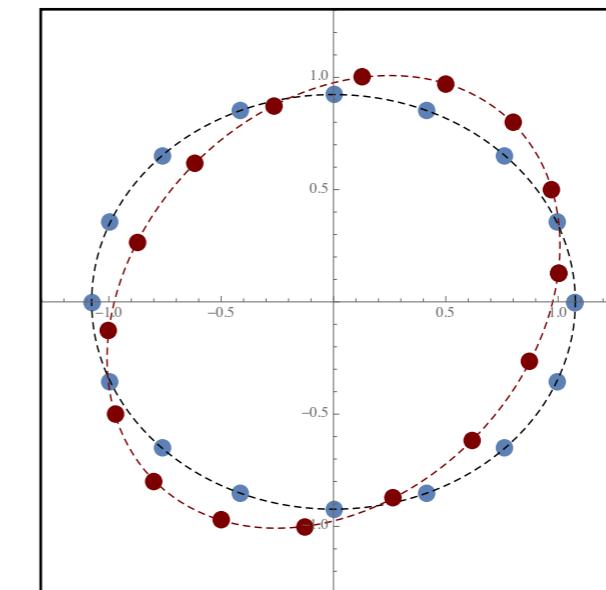
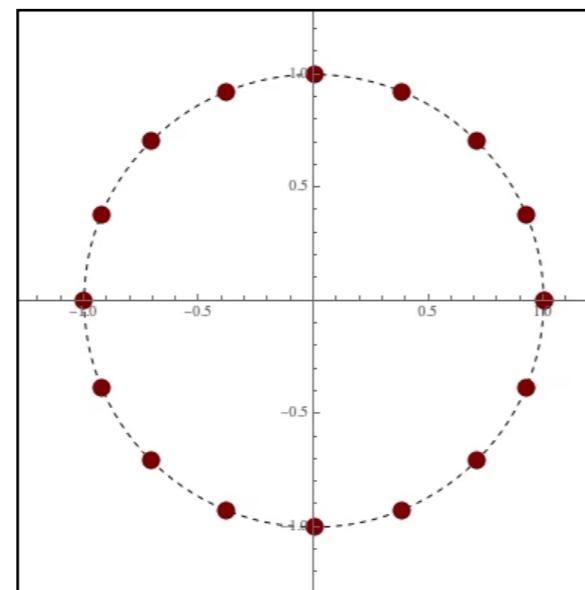
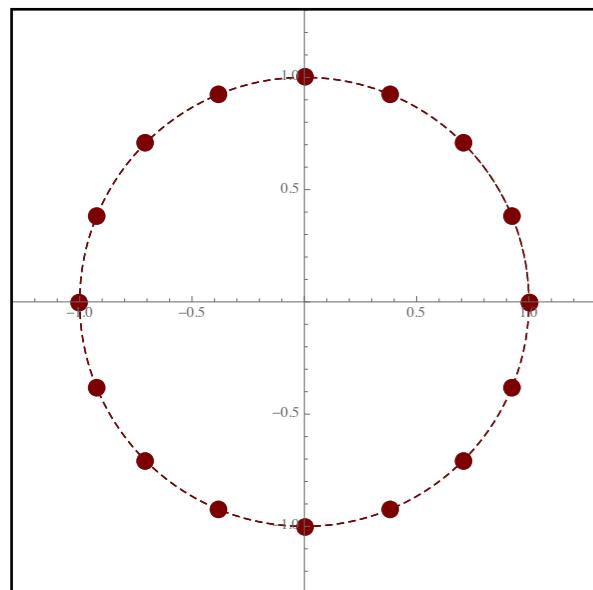
GW passing through a detector say LISA



After the GW has passed



Without memory



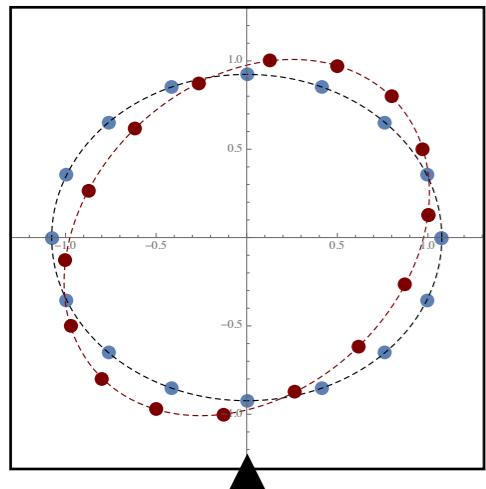
With memory

- : '+' Polarization
- : 'x' Polarization

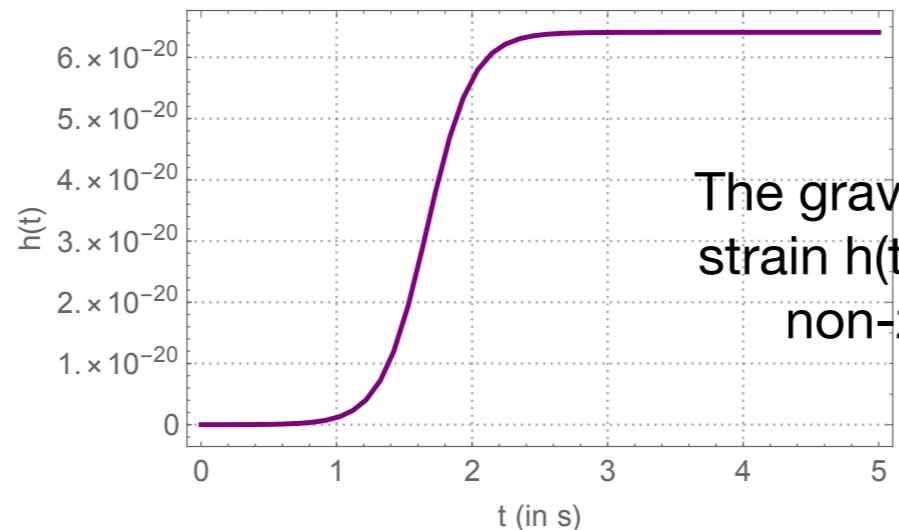
GW is propagating perpendicular to the screen

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Permanent distortion of  
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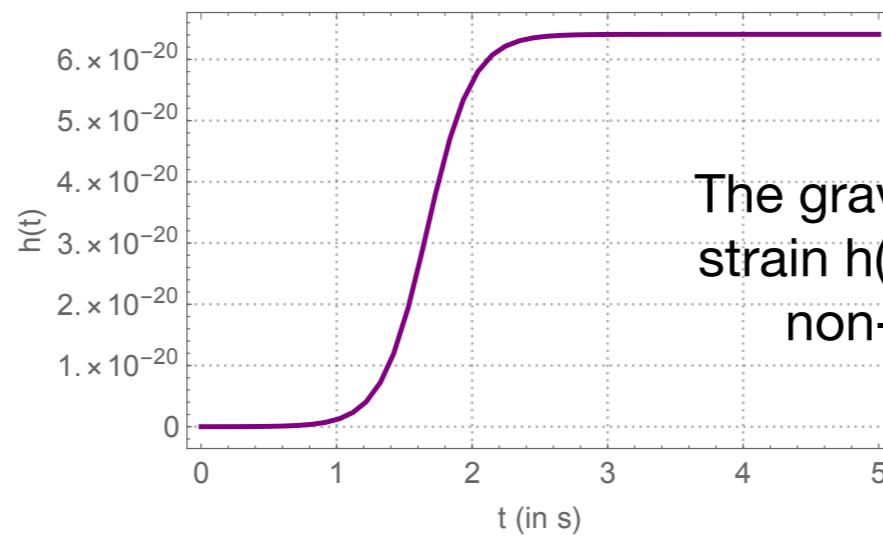
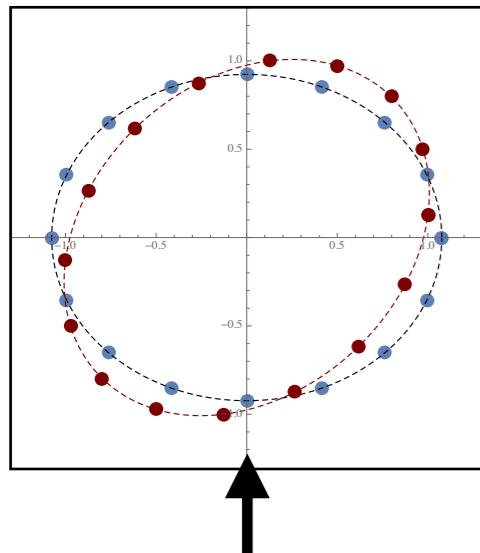


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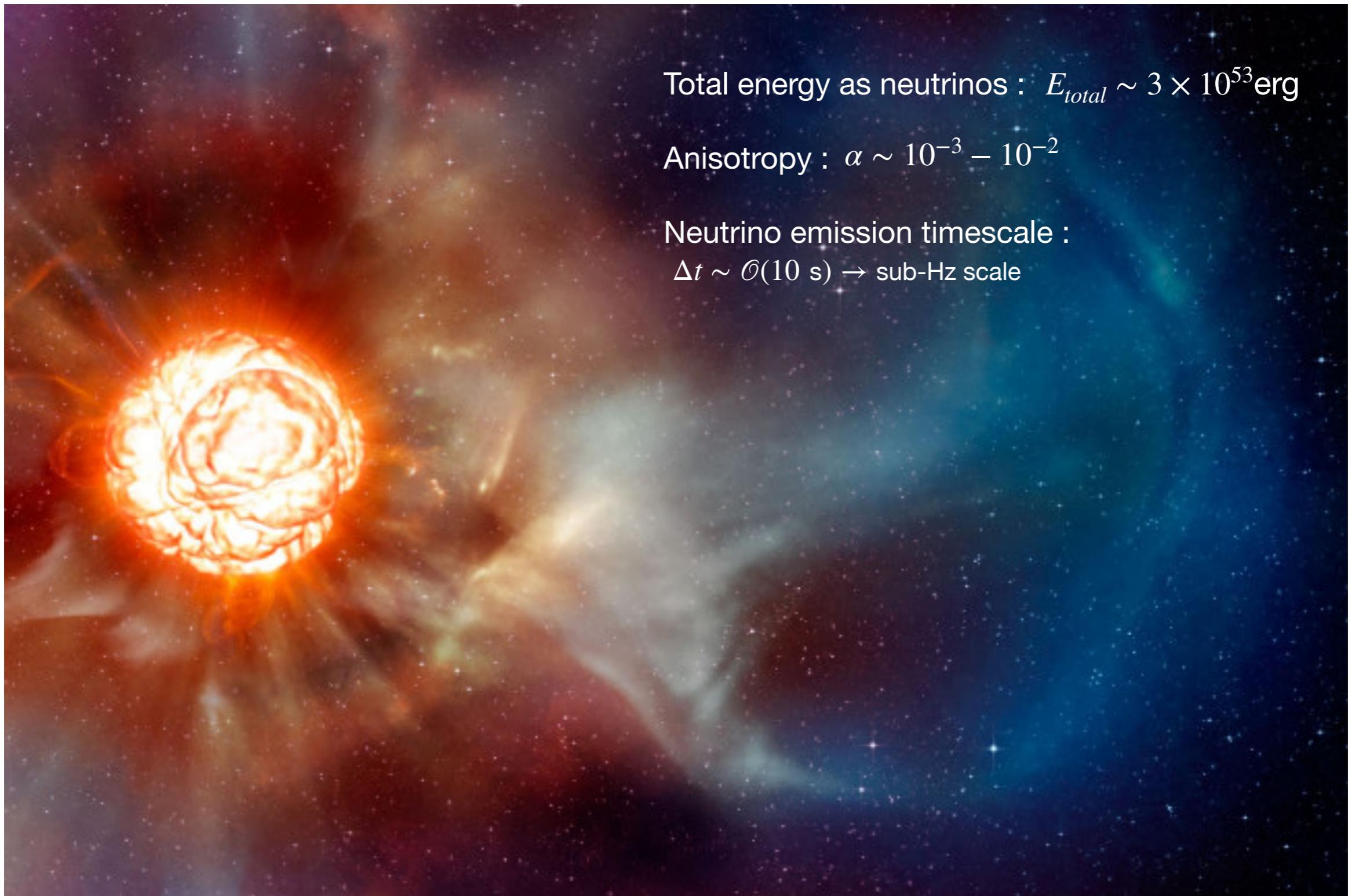
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**The GW memory has never been observed!**

**Need:**

- a) A very powerful emitter
- b) Anisotropy
- c) Detectors in the frequency regimes of interest

# An ideal candidate: CCSN



Total energy as neutrinos :  $E_{total} \sim 3 \times 10^{53}$  erg

Anisotropy :  $\alpha \sim 10^{-3} - 10^{-2}$

Neutrino emission timescale :  
 $\Delta t \sim \mathcal{O}(10 \text{ s}) \rightarrow \text{sub-Hz scale}$

# Motivations - $\nu$ GW memory from CCSN

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**Large number of next-generation sub-Hz interferometers :**

## Space-based interferometers:

DECIGO (DECi-hertz Gravitational-wave Observatory)  
BBO (Big Bang Observer)  
ALIA (Advanced Laser Interferometer Antenna)  
LISA (Laser Interferometer Space Antenna)  
AMIGO (Astrodynamical Middle-frequency Interferometric  
Gravitational wave Observatory)

## Atom-interferometers:

MAGIS (Mid-band Atomic Gravitational Wave Interferometric Sensor)  
AEDGE (Atomic Experiment for Dark matter and Gravity Exploration  
in space)  
AION (Atom Interferometer Observatory and Network)  
ELGAR (European Laboratory for Gravitation and Atom-  
interferometric Research)  
ZAIGA (Zhaoshan long-baseline Atom Interferometer Gravitation  
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Kotake et al 2011  
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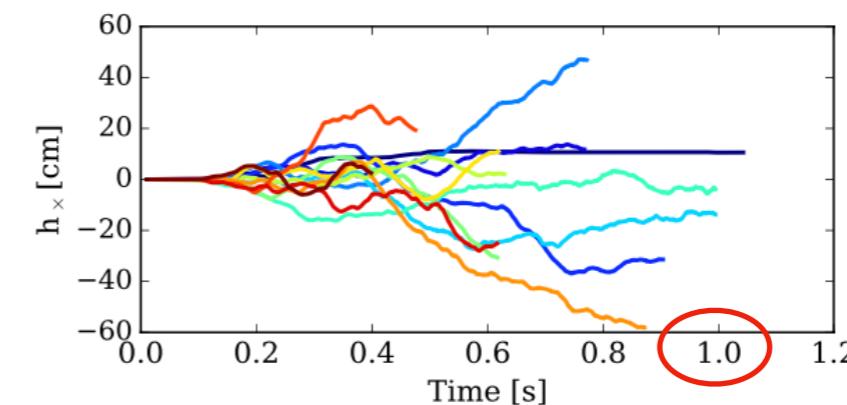
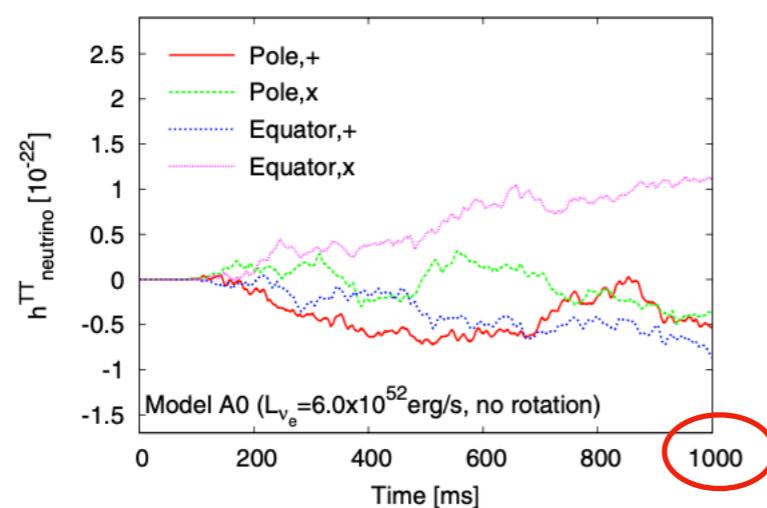


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**Phenomenological models help in supplementing the numerical simulations.**

Extend to longer times of neutrino emission, thus giving a plausible picture of the memory contribution from the neutrinos for the entire duration of emission.

Provides a description which can then be adapted to different scenarios - Large/small progenitors, case with/without rotation.

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# Phenomenological Model: Formalism

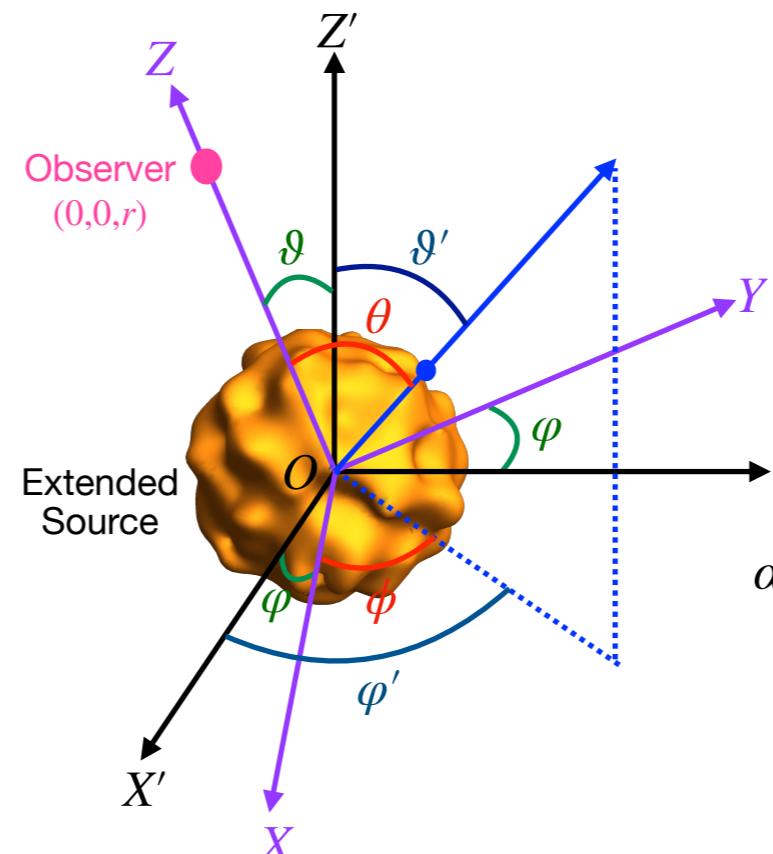
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$$g_{\mu\nu} = \eta_{\mu\nu} + h_{\mu\nu}$$

Small perturbation



$$\alpha(t) = \frac{1}{L_\nu(t)} \int_{4\pi} d\Omega' \Psi(\vartheta', \phi') \frac{dL_\nu(\Omega', t)}{d\Omega'}$$

Angular dependence put  
together in anisotropy  
parameter

Black Box....  
(Calculations in progress)

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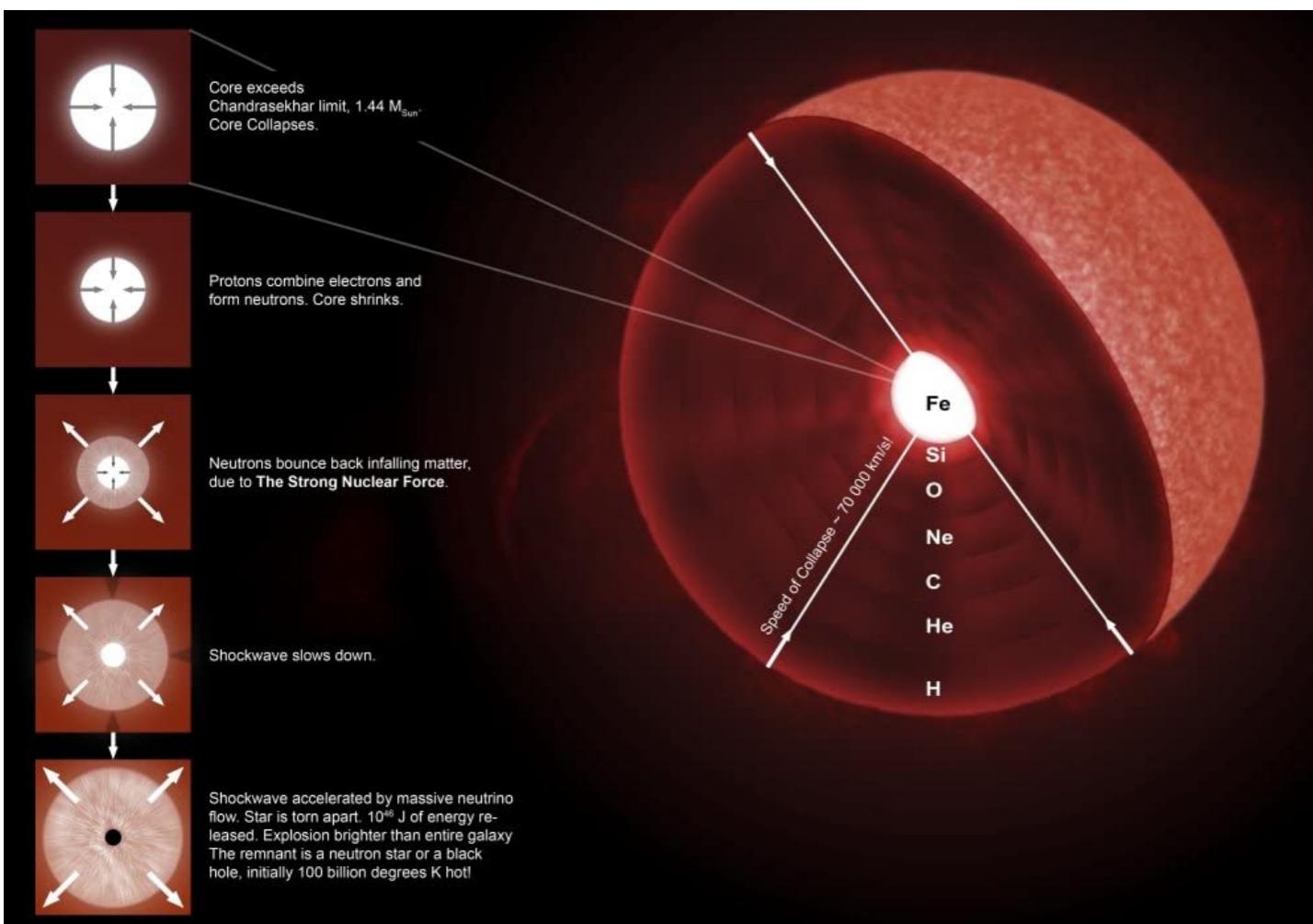
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# Core-collapse supernovae (CCSNe)

## CCSN: death of a massive ( $>10 M_{\text{sun}}$ ) star



Star explodes: Supernova  
Neutron star forming collapse (NSFC)

Failed Supernova  
Black hole forming collapse (BHFC)

← Shockwave re-energized

← Shockwave dies down

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Shockwave stalls

Red or Blue supergiants: advanced stages of nuclear burning

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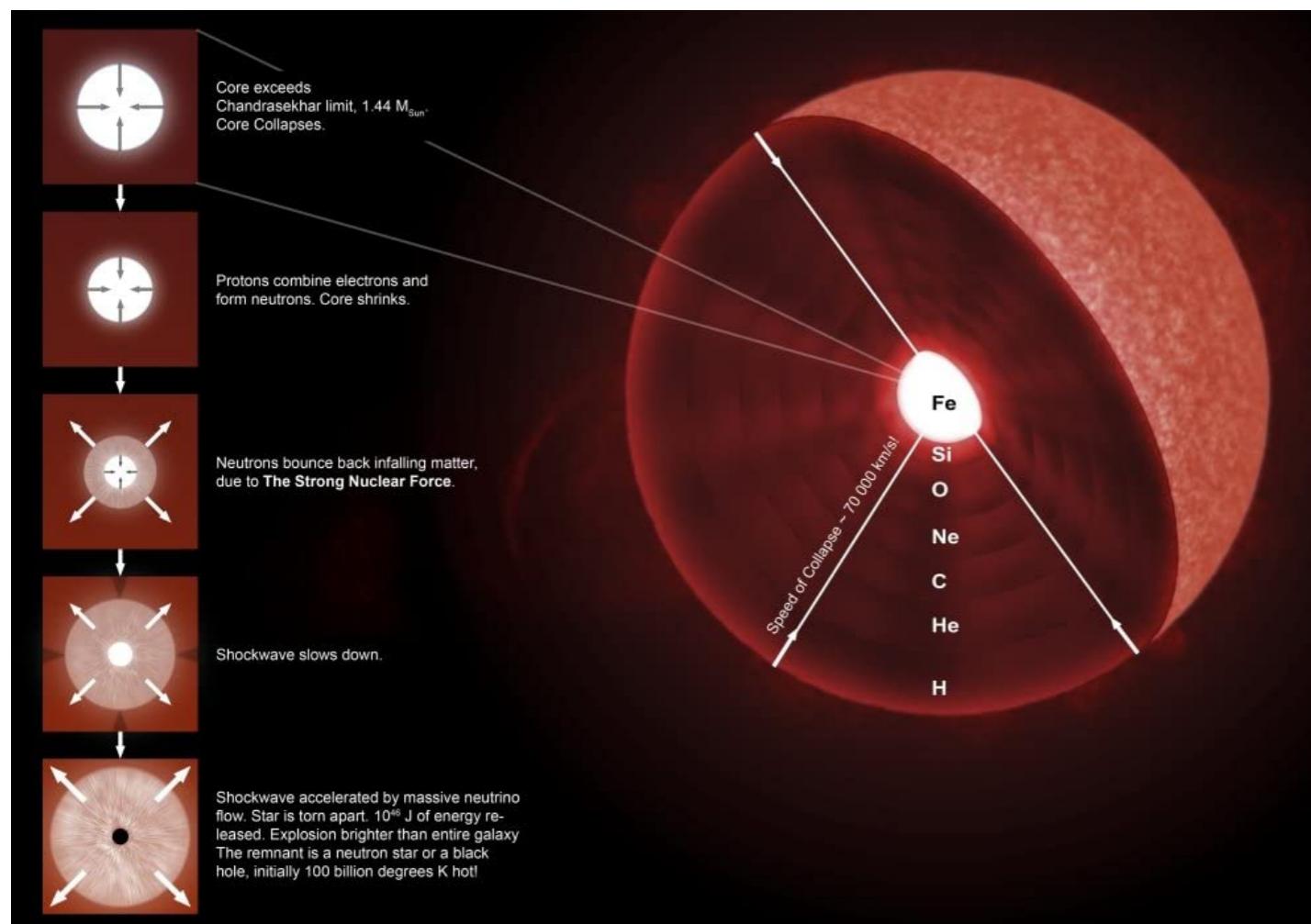
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Collapsed core: very dense (nuclear densities): Incompressible

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Infalling matter bounces off:  
Shockwave produced

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**Neutrinos emitted right after the collapse: collapsed core cools**

**Shockwave stalled: accelerated by neutrinos**

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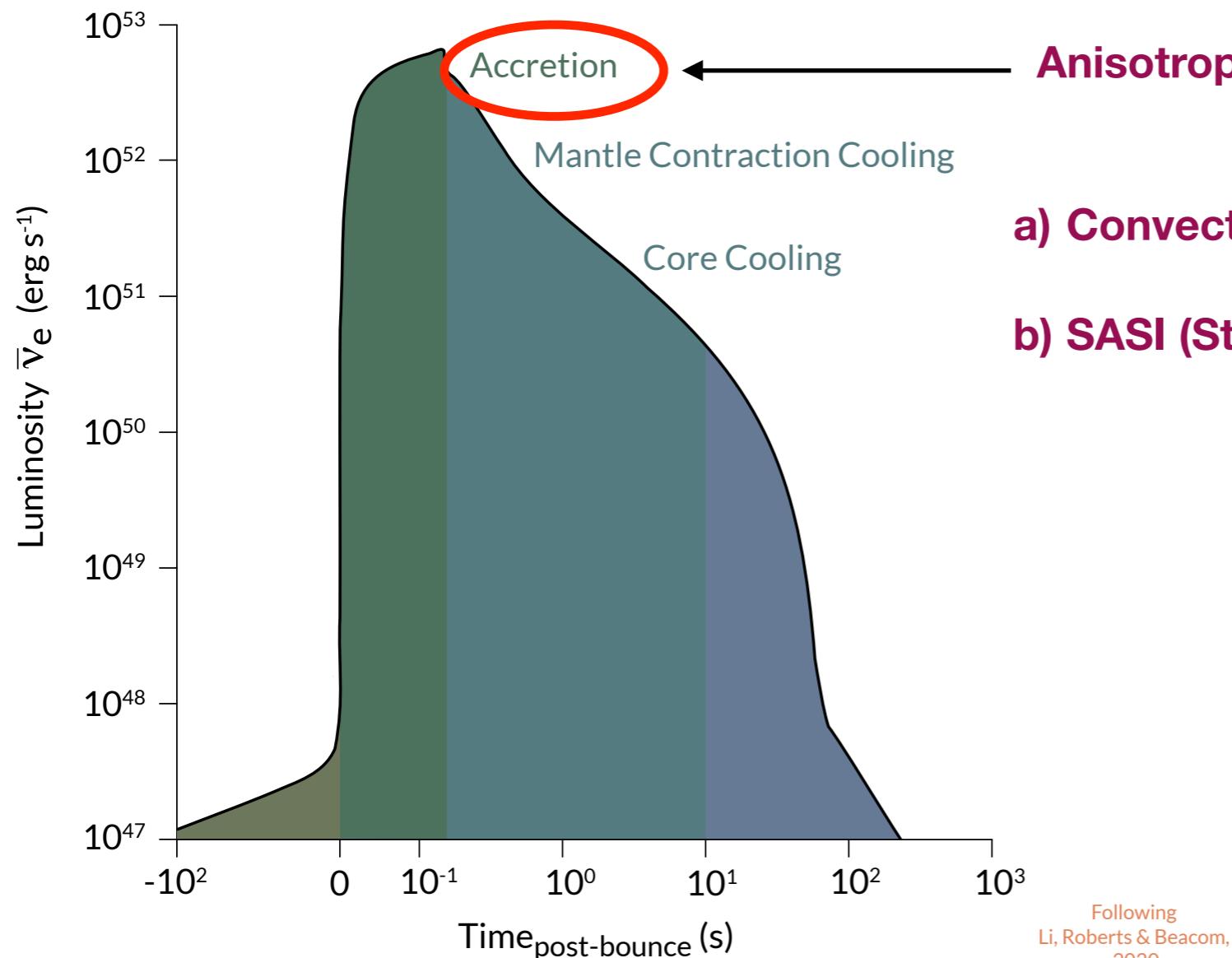
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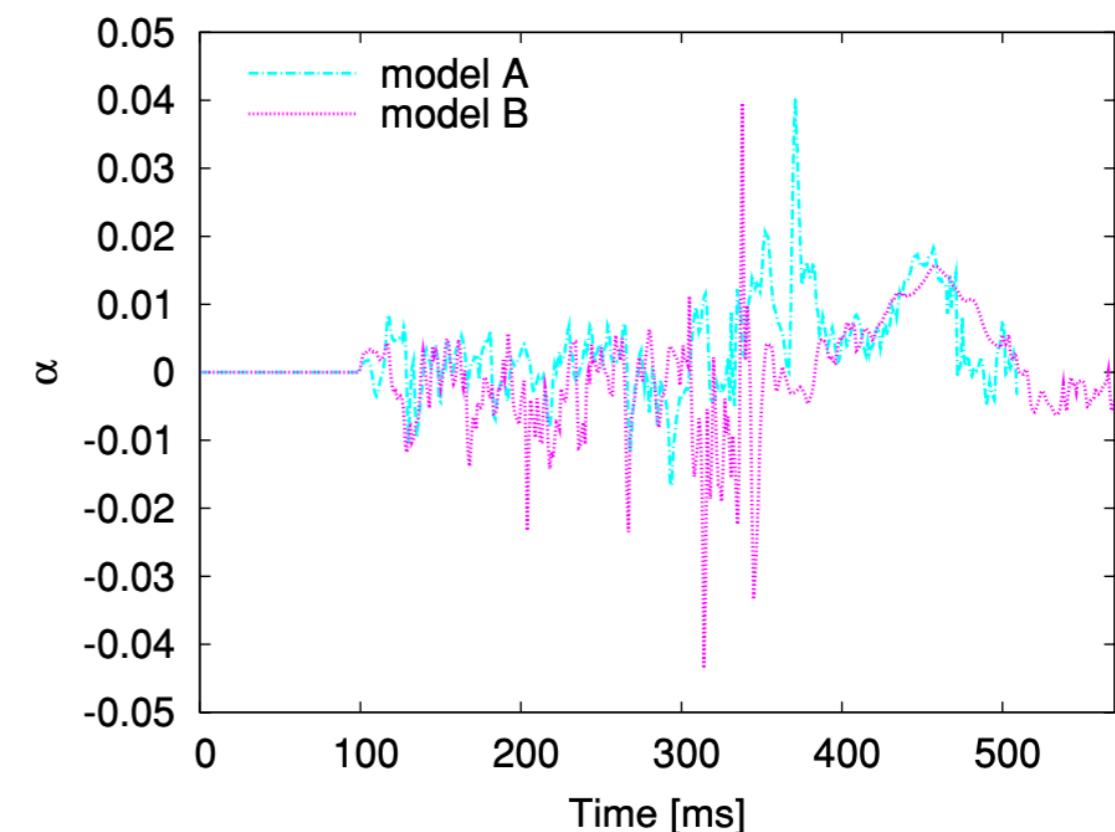
# The anisotropy parameter $\alpha$



Anisotropy develops during accretion phase,  
due to:

a) Convection

b) SASI (Standing Accretion Shock Instability)



$\mathcal{O}(10^{-2})$  for 2-D simulations

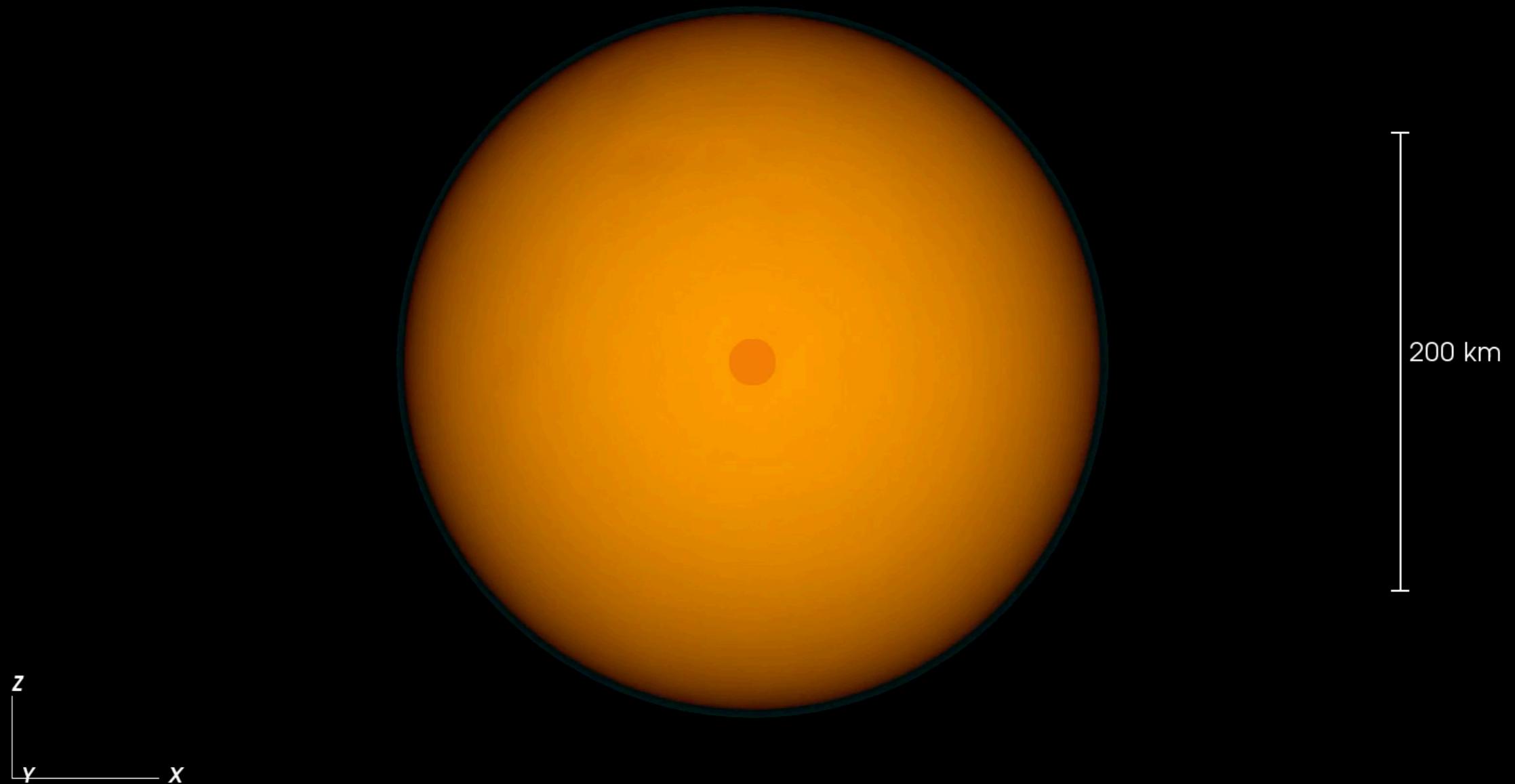
$\mathcal{O}(10^{-3})$  for 3-D simulations

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Graphics by: Frank Timmes

# Development of anisotropy in the progenitor

94 ms



Hanke et al., 2013, ApJ, 770, 66  
Visualization by Elena Erastova and Markus Rampp, MPCDF

# Phenomenological model: Ingredients

**Luminosity  $L_\nu(t)$ :**

$$L_\nu(t) = \lambda + \beta \exp(-\chi t)$$

**Anisotropy parameter  $\alpha(t)$ :**

$$\alpha(t) = \kappa + \sum_{j=1}^N \xi_j \exp\left(-\frac{(t - \gamma_j)^2}{2\sigma_j^2}\right)$$

$$h_{TT}^{xx} = h(t) = \frac{2G}{rc^4} \int_{-\infty}^{t-r/c} dt' L_\nu(t') \alpha(t')$$

$$h(t) = \sum_{j=1}^N \left\{ \left[ h_{1j} \left( \text{erf}(\rho_j \tau_{1j}) + \text{erf}(\rho_j(t - \tau_{1j})) \right) \right] + \left[ h_{2j} \left( \text{erf}(\rho_j \tau_{2j}) + \text{erf}(\rho_j(t - \tau_{2j})) \right) \right] \right\} + \left[ h_3 \left( \frac{\beta}{\chi} (1 - \exp(-t\chi)) + \lambda t \right) \right]$$

Effective parameters from  $L_\nu(t)$  and  $\alpha(t)$ :  $h_{1j}, \rho_j, \tau_{1j}, h_{2j}, \tau_{2j}, h_3$

In frequency space,

$$\tilde{h}(f) = \sum_{j=1}^N \left[ \left( h_{1j} \frac{i}{\pi f} \exp\left(-\frac{\pi^2 f^2}{\rho_j^2}\right) \exp\left(i2\pi f \tau_{1j}\right) \right) + \left( h_{2j} \frac{i}{\pi f} \exp\left(-\frac{\pi^2 f^2}{\rho_j^2}\right) \exp\left(i2\pi f \tau_{2j}\right) \right) \right] + \left( \sqrt{2\pi} h_3 \frac{\beta}{\chi} \left( \frac{1}{i2\pi f} - \frac{1}{-\chi + i2\pi f} \right) \right)$$

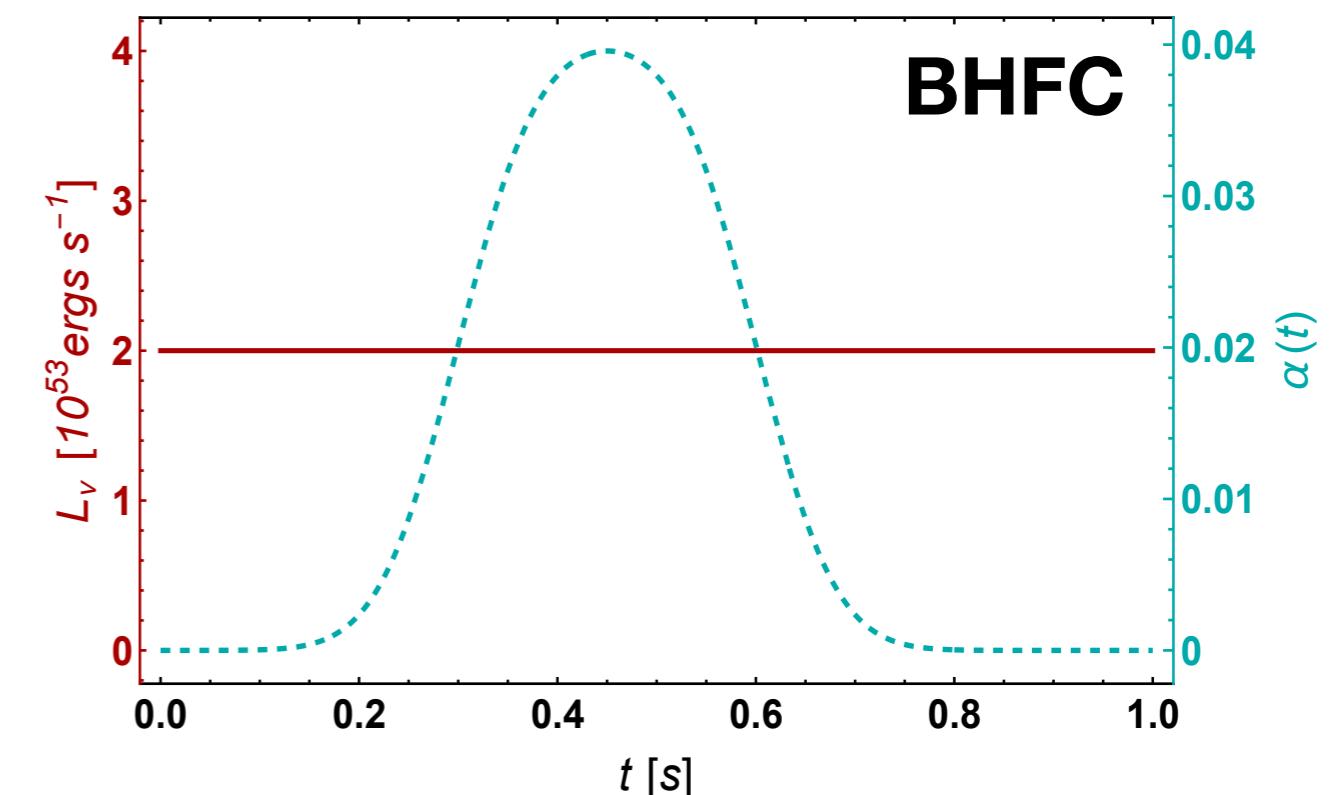
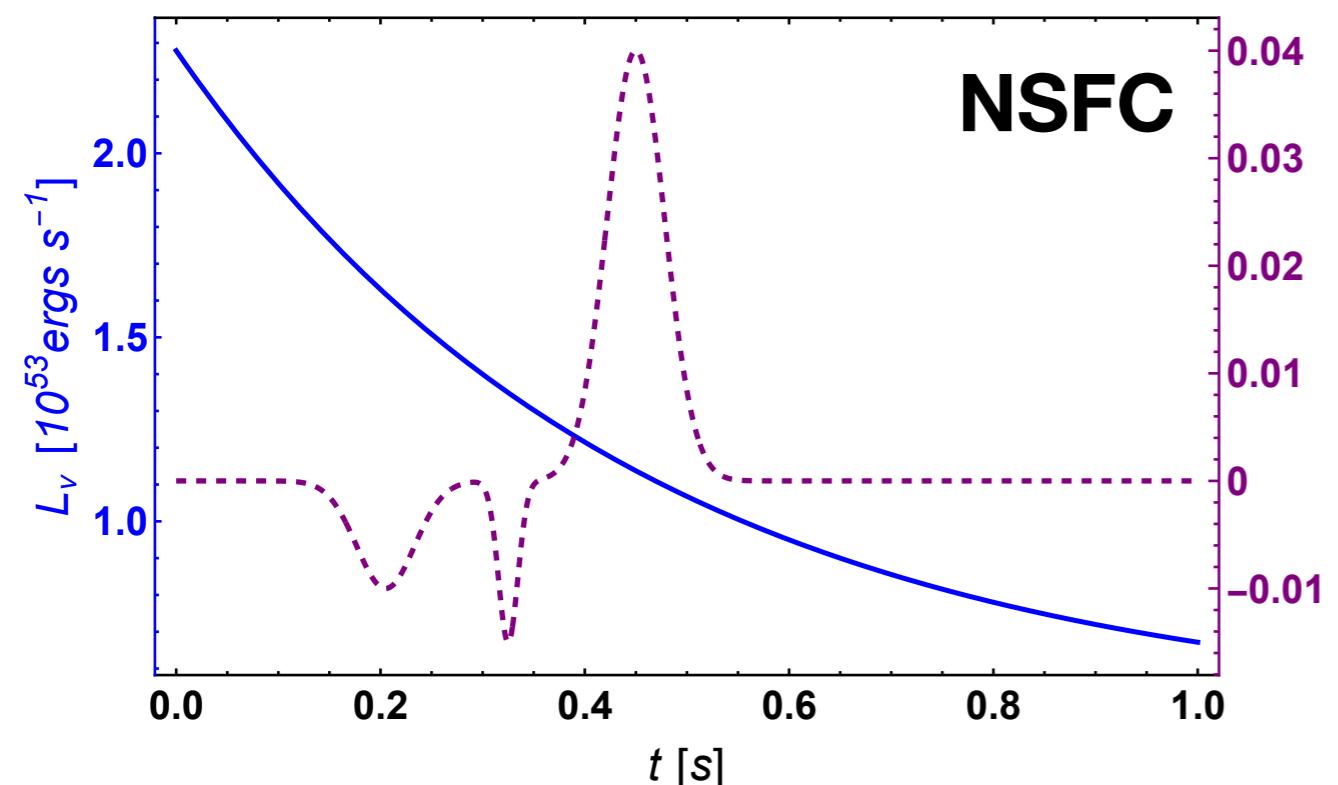
**Characteristic strain  $h_c(f)$ :**

Dimensionless quantity.

$$h_c(f) = 2f |\tilde{h}(f)|$$

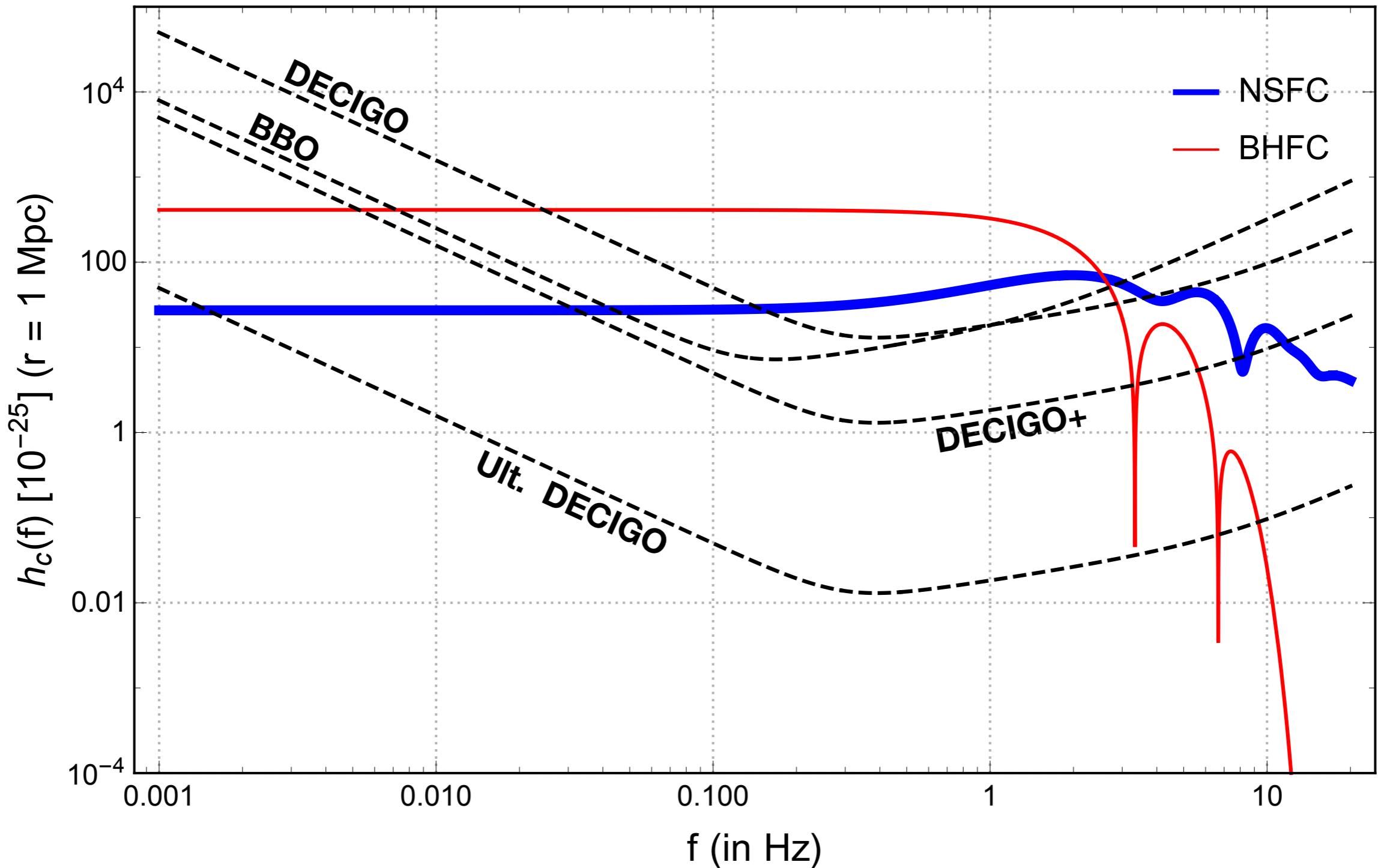
Helps in computing the signal to noise ratio (SNR) and compare the signal to the sensitivity curve of the detector.

# Models



# Characteristic strain ( $r = 1$ Mpc)

Will be detectable up to  $\mathcal{O}(1)$  Mpc –  $\mathcal{O}(10)$  Mpc



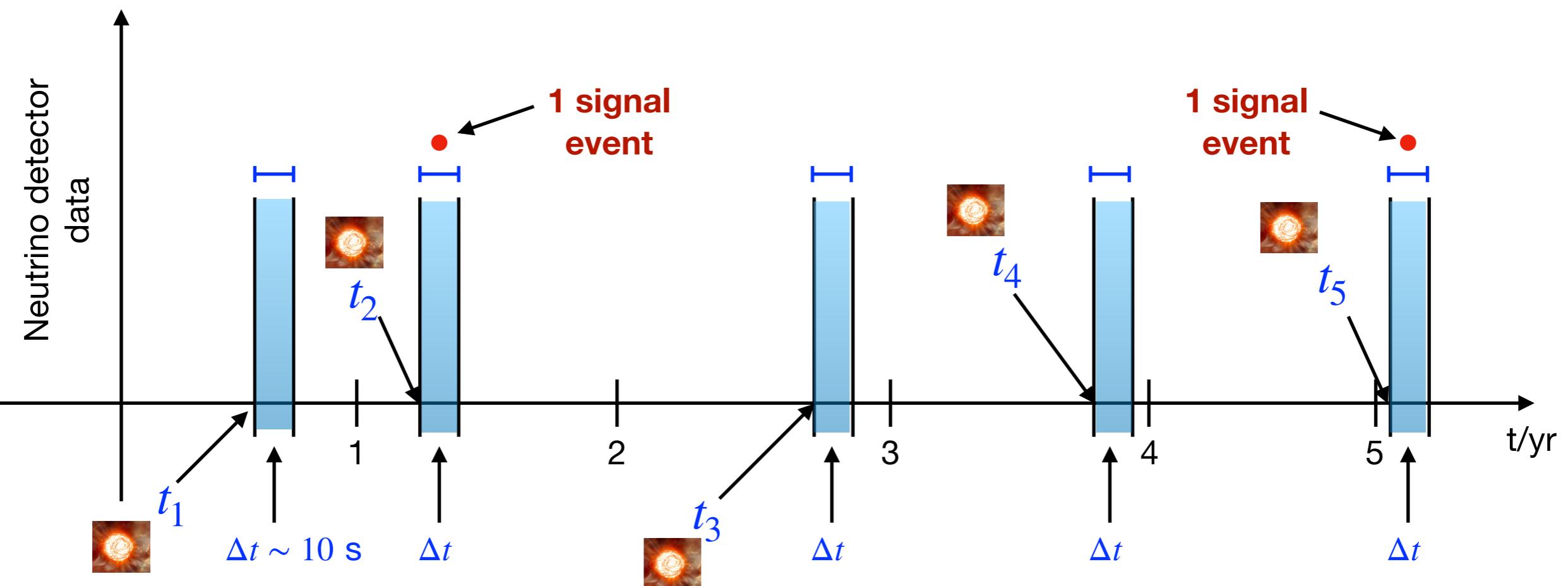
# Memory triggered SN neutrino detection



**Neutrino GW  
Memory  
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# Motivations for memory-triggered searches

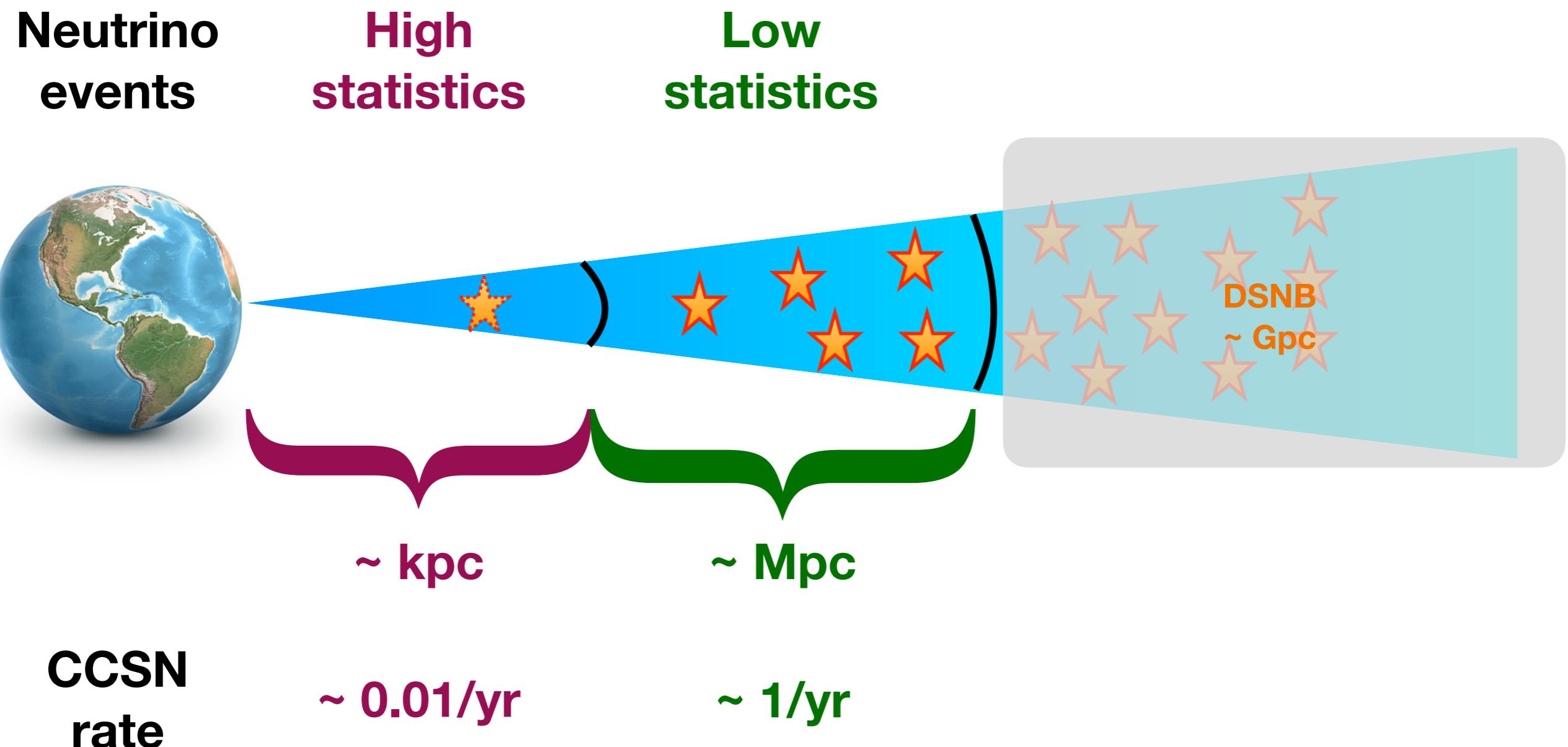


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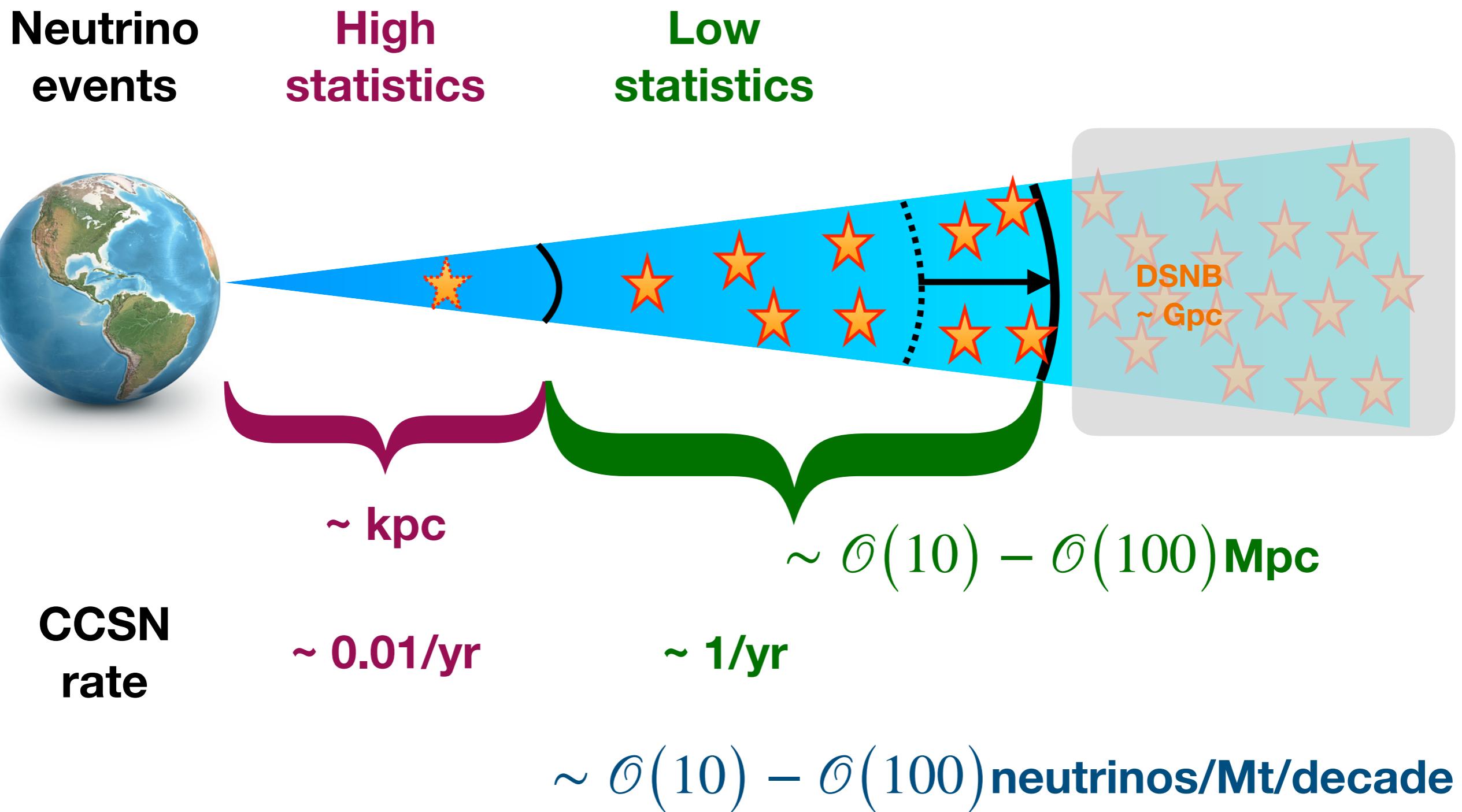


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# Motivations for memory-triggered searches

## WHY?

**Deliver a local sample of neutrino events from CCSNe:  
Population averaged energy, luminosity**

**Comparison with DSNB or Galactic CCSNe**

**Understanding SN populations including NSFC and BHFC  
and much more....**



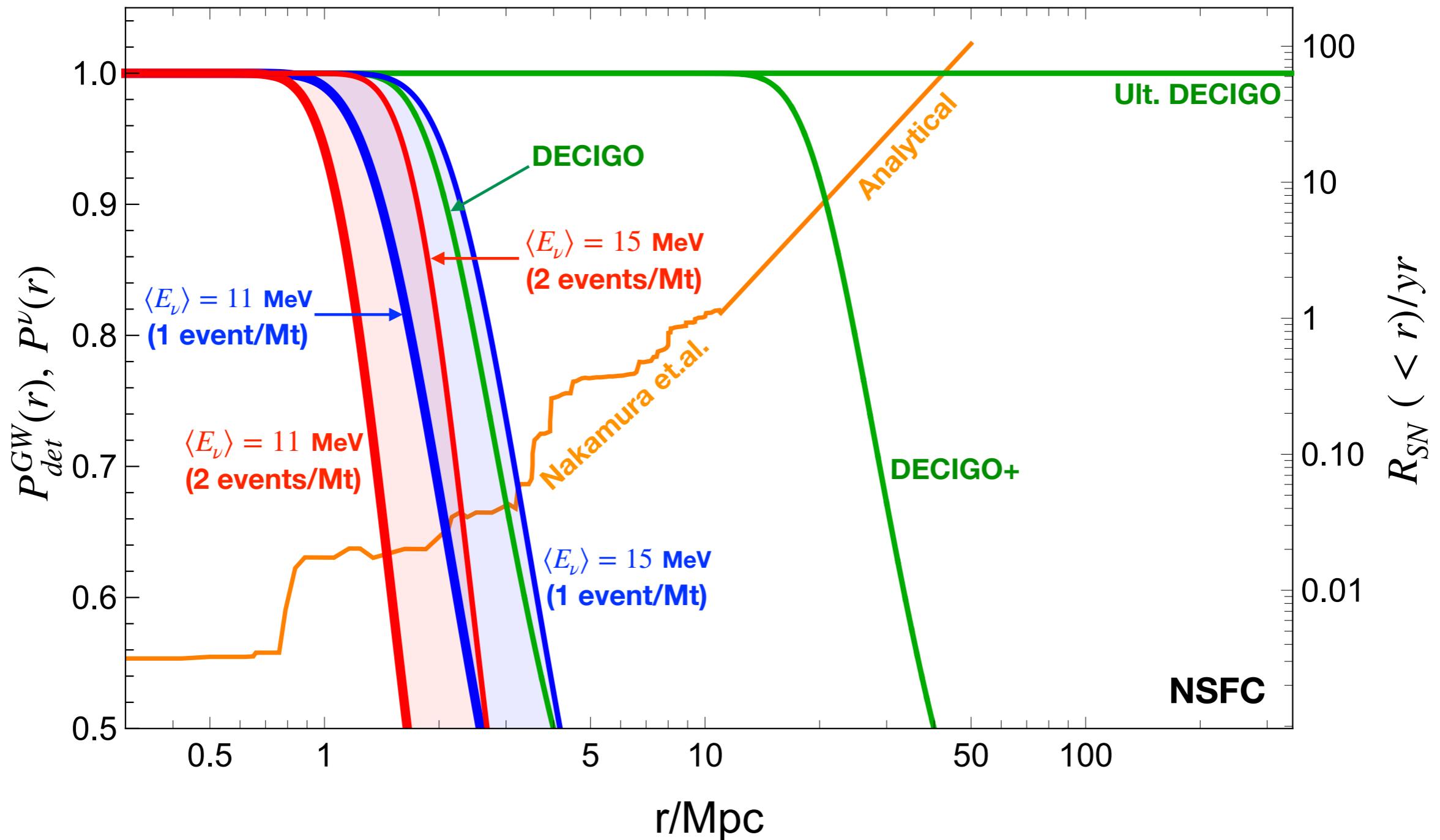
## CHALLENGES:

**CCSNe in immediate neighborhood are extremely rare**

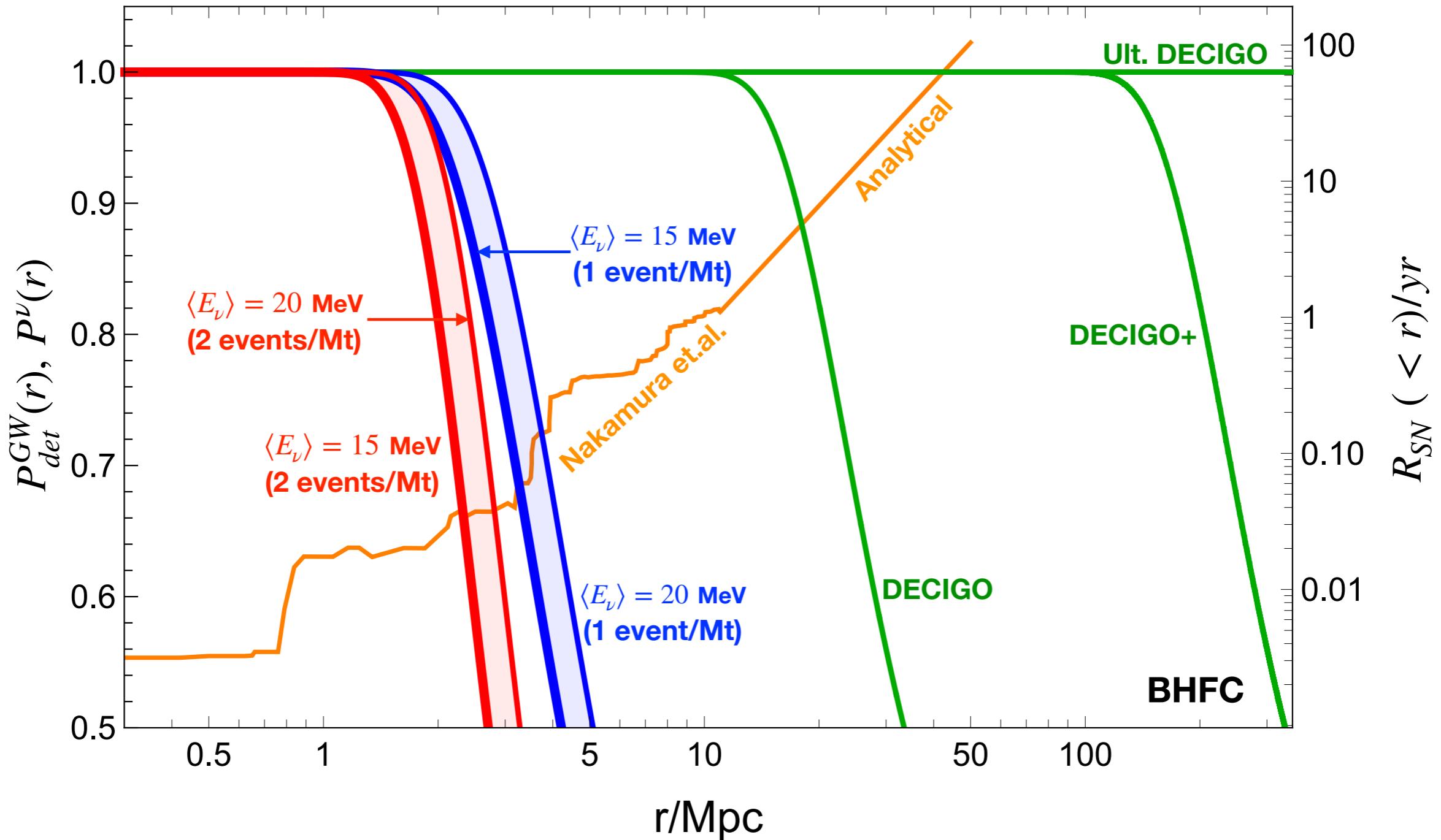
**Limited distance ~ 1-3 Mpc to have significant statistics**



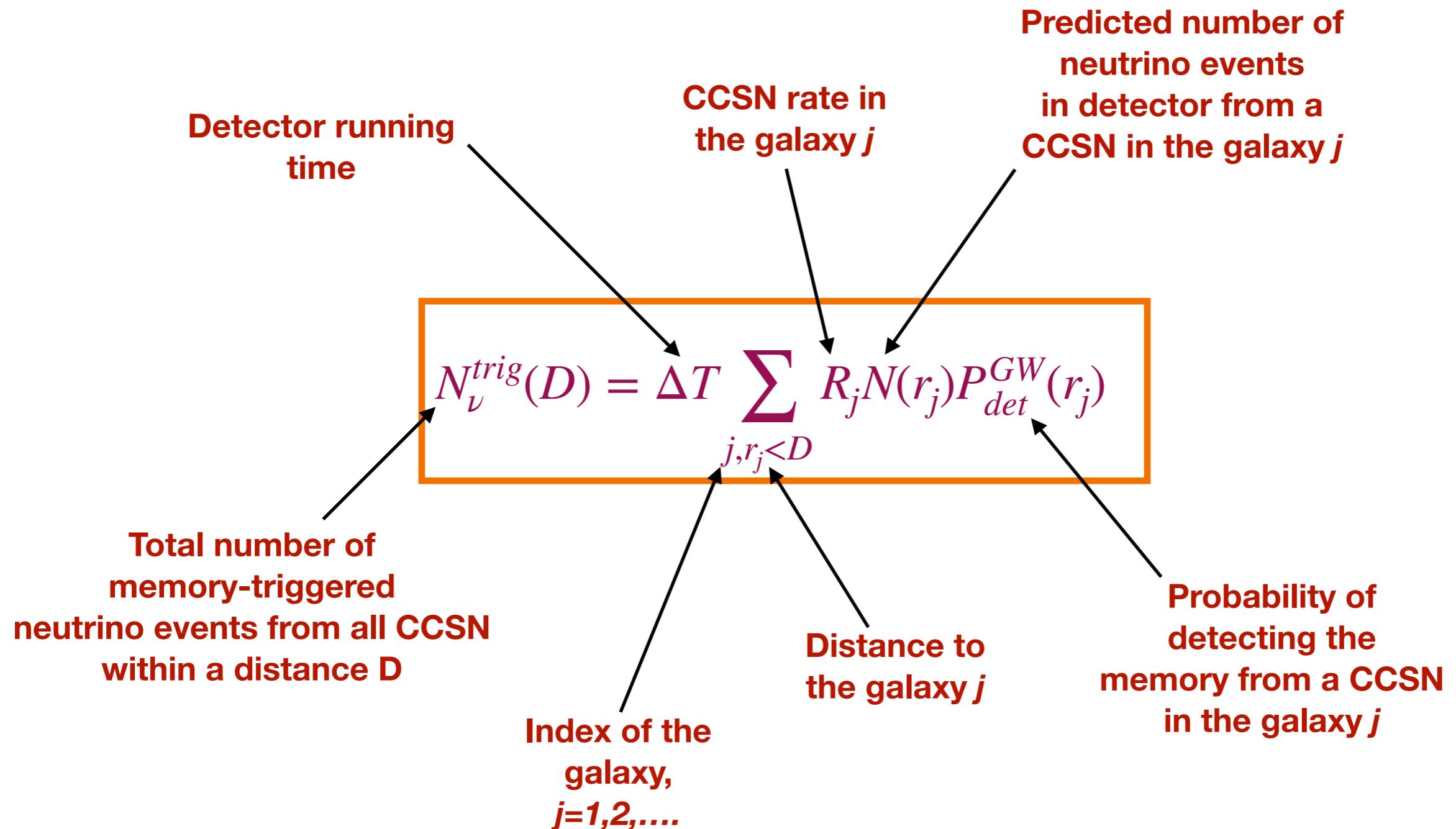
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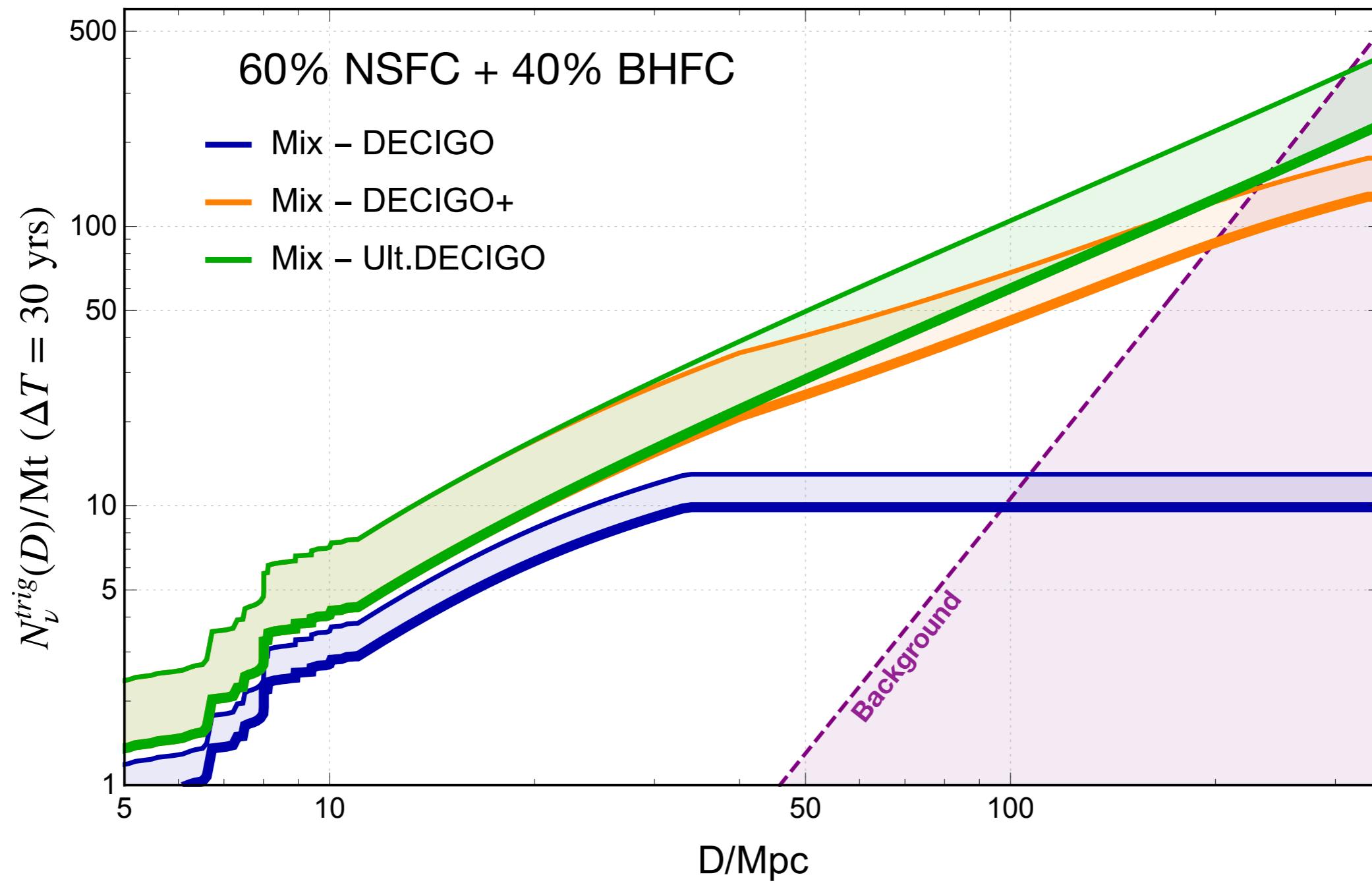
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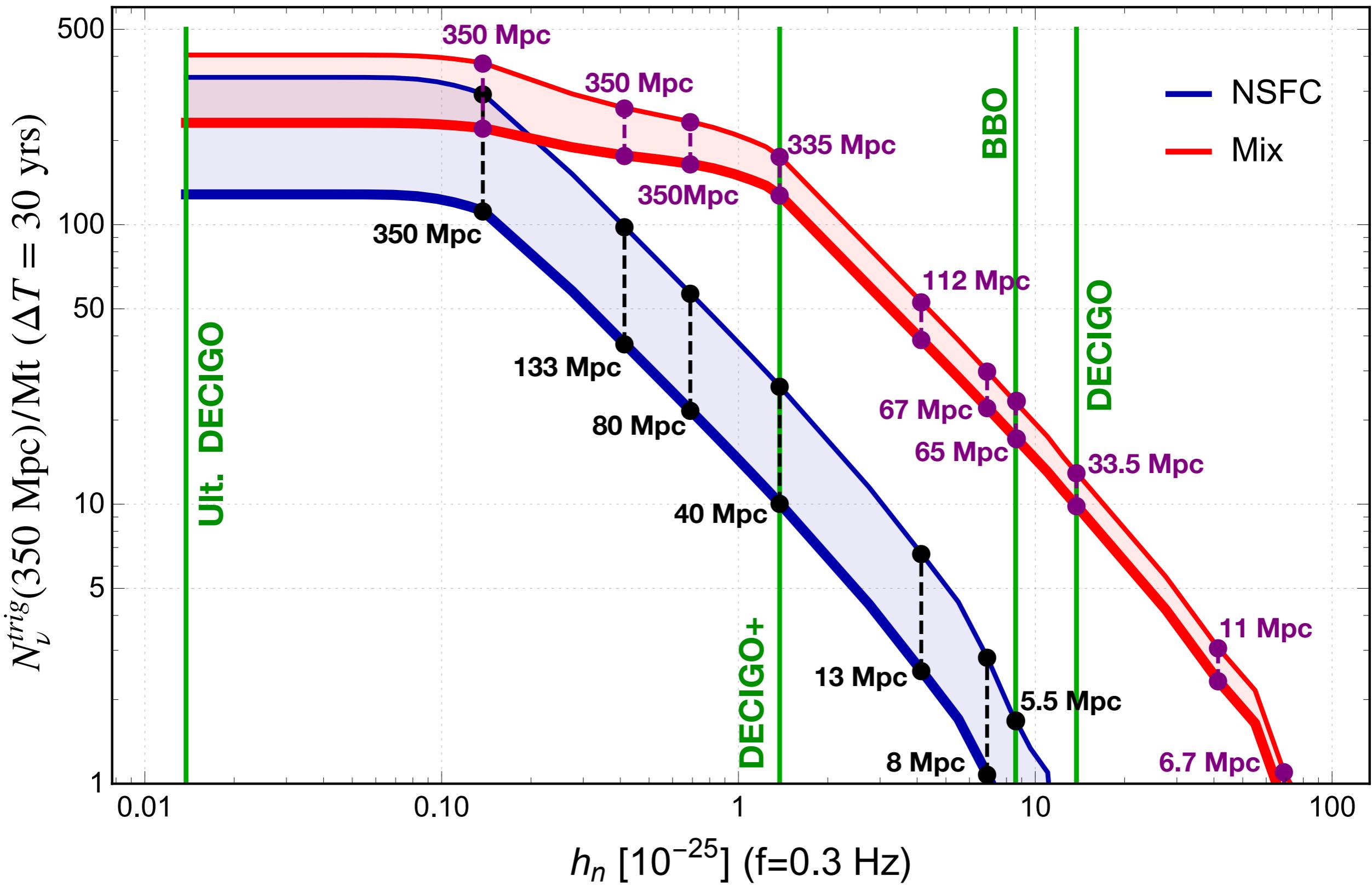


# Results: Events and background



Untriggered backgrounds would be orders of magnitude higher!

# Overview: for GW experimental groups



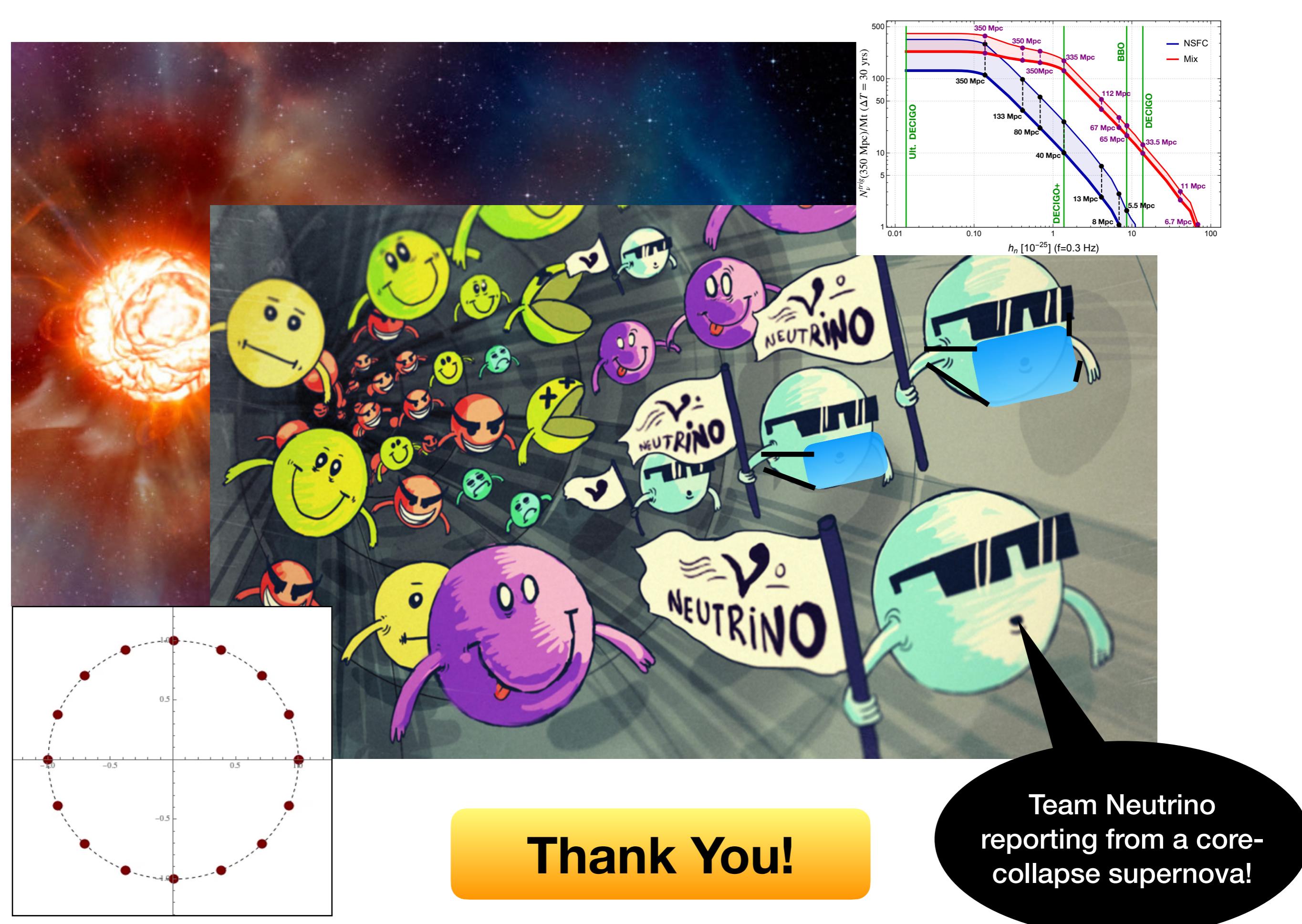
## Takeaways

### The SN neutrino memory is detectable at DeciHz interferometers

- This work provides a **new phenomenological model** which is: a) **consistent with numerical simulations**, b) **completely analytical** which is useful for phenomenological studies, detector response studies, data fits, etc.
- Helps in providing a plausible picture by **complementing the numerical simulations which are computationally intensive**.

### New multi-messenger approach to CCSNe: neutrino GW memory enables time-triggered searches of supernova neutrinos.

- Could be realized in a few decades: upcoming deci-Hz GW interferometers and megaton scale neutrino detectors.
- Will help in performing various statistical studies on the clean sample of neutrinos collected, giving further insights and information about SN neutrinos, NSFC, BHFC, etc. in the local Universe.



# Thank You!

Team Neutrino  
reporting from a core-  
collapse supernova!

# **Backup**

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Wave equation for the perturbation :

$$\square^2 h_{\mu\nu} = -16\pi G S_{\mu\nu}$$



Solution of the wave equation :  
(Retarded Green's function)

$$h_{\mu\nu} = 4G \int d^3\vec{x}' \left( \frac{S_{\mu\nu}(\vec{x}', t - |\vec{x} - \vec{x}'|)}{|\vec{x} - \vec{x}'|} \right)$$

$$S_{\mu\nu} = T_{\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{2}\eta_{\mu\nu}T^\lambda_\lambda$$

Stress-energy tensor

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Diagram illustrating the components of the source ansatz:

- $\vec{n} = \frac{\vec{x}}{r}$ : Unit vector pointing from the source, with an arrow pointing to the term  $n^i n^j$ .
- Distance to source: An arrow points to the denominator  $r^2$ .
- Rate of energy loss: An arrow points to the term  $\sigma(t')$ .
- Angular distribution of emission: An arrow points to the term  $f(\Omega', t')$ .

TT: Transverse-traceless

Primed coordinate: Coordinate system for source

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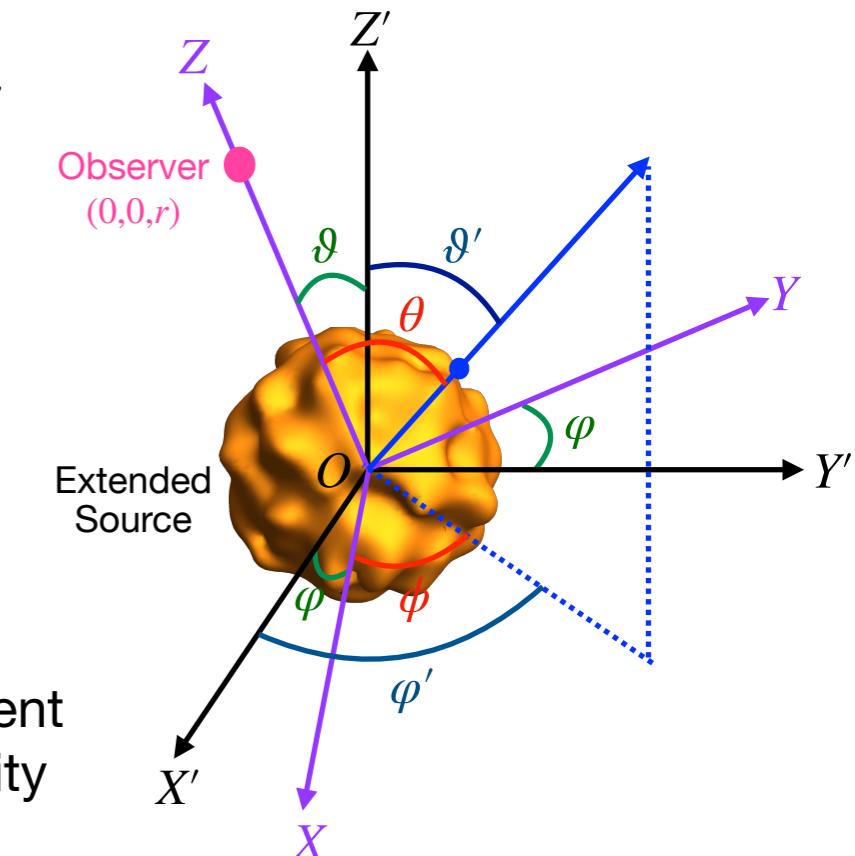
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Direction dependent  
neutrino luminosity

$$f(\Omega', t') \sigma(t') = \frac{dL_{\nu}(\Omega', t')}{d\Omega'}$$



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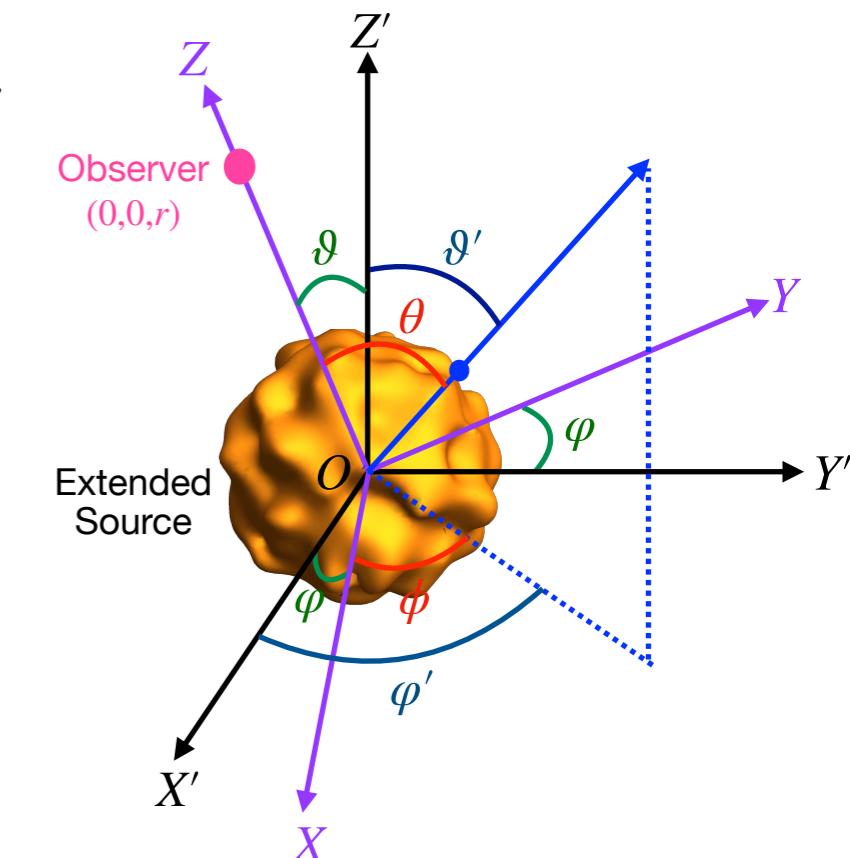
+ polarization :

$$h_{TT}^{xx} = \frac{2G}{rc^4} \int_{-\infty}^{t-r/c} dt' \int_{4\pi} (1 + \cos \theta) \cos 2\phi \frac{dL_\nu(\Omega', t')}{d\Omega'} d\Omega'$$

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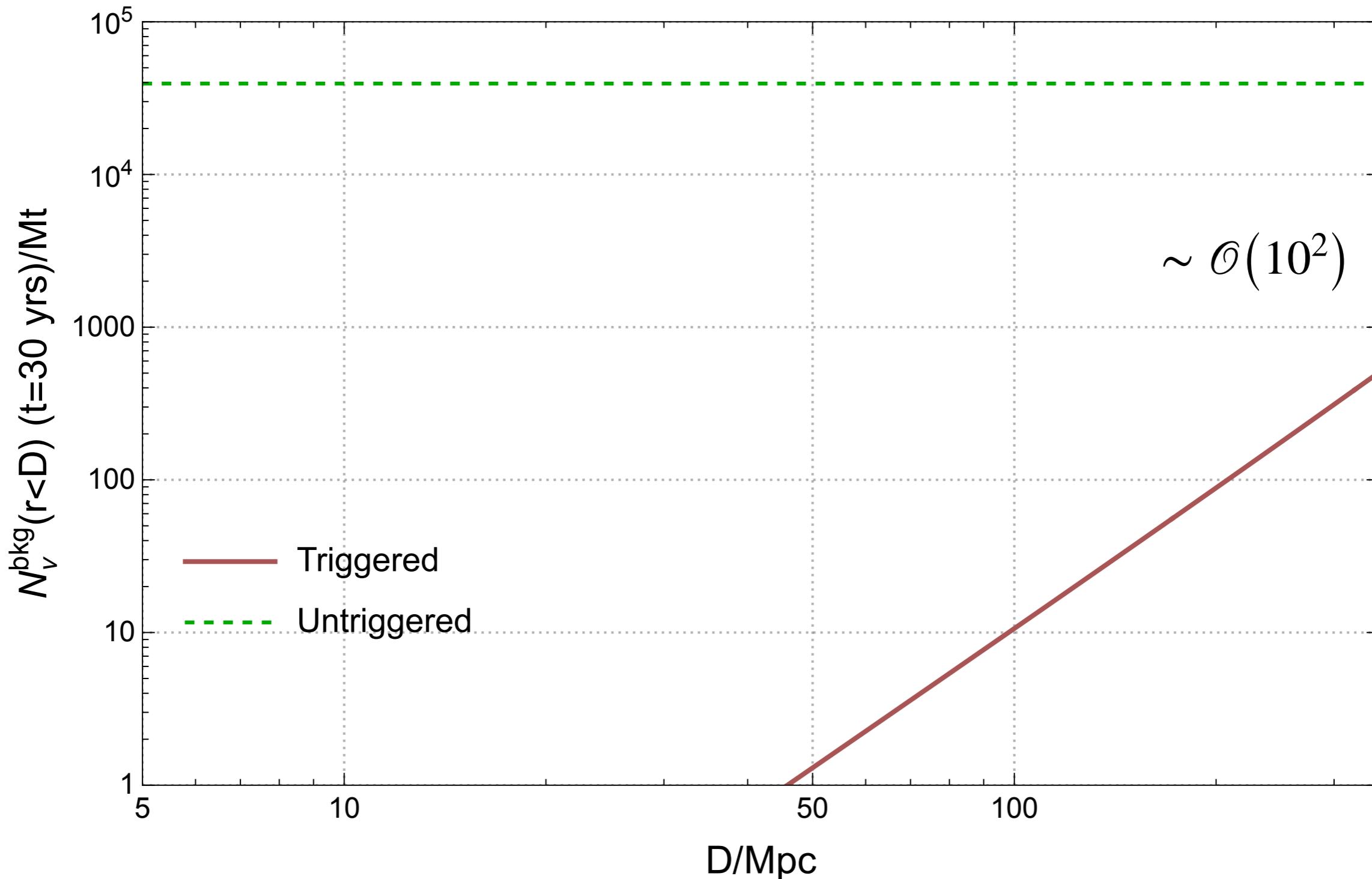
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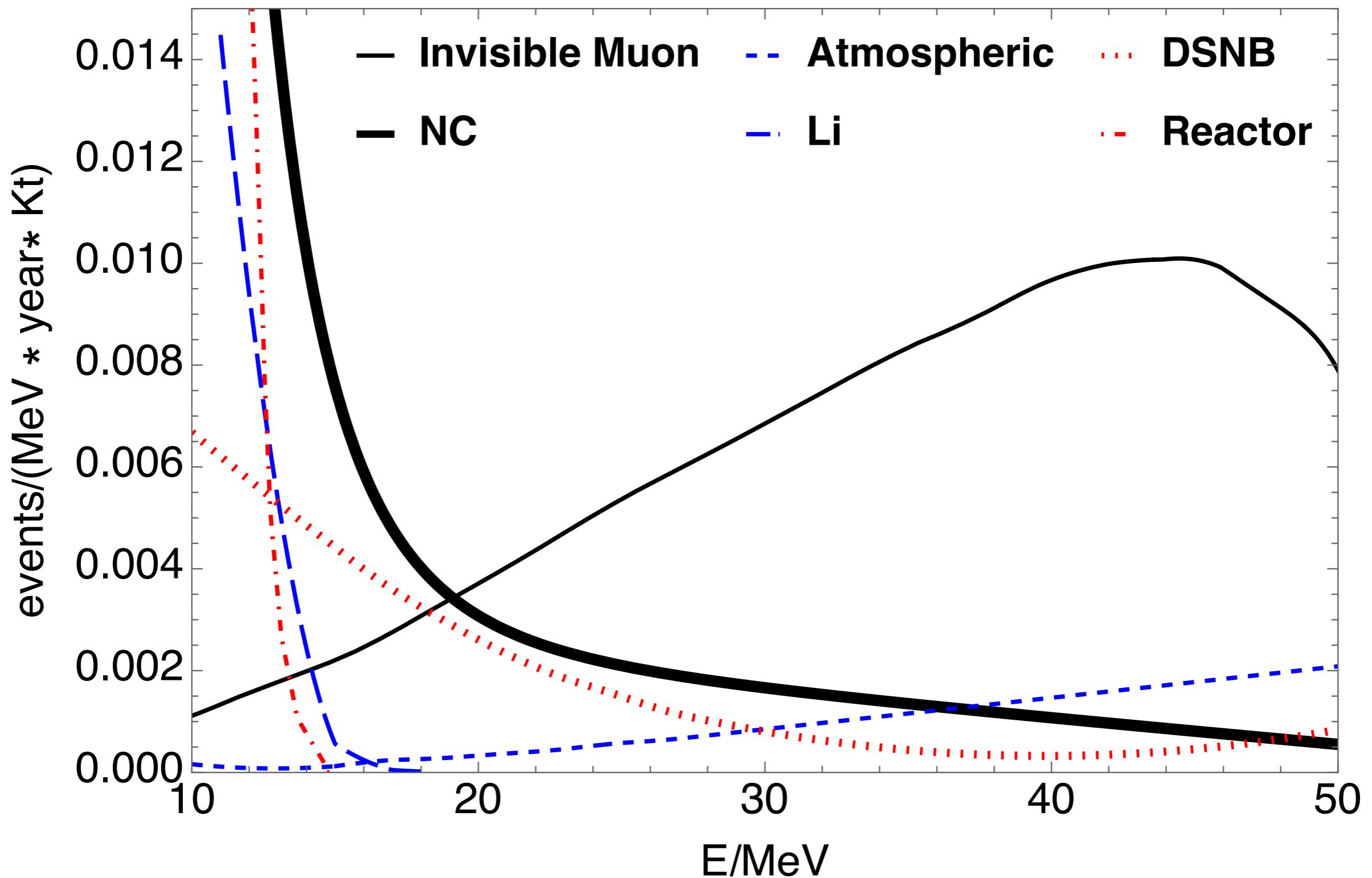
Angular dependence put together in anisotropy parameter

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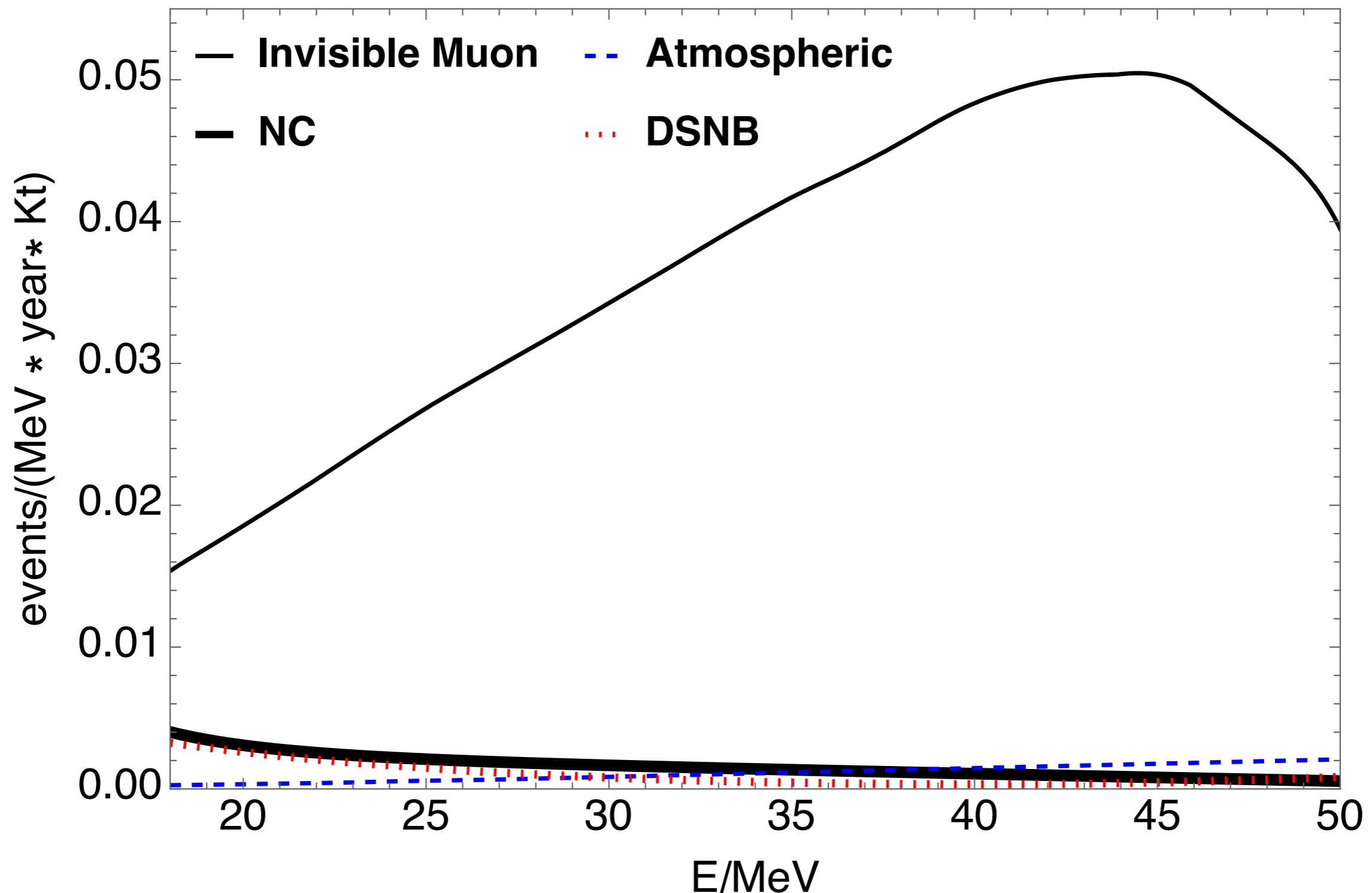
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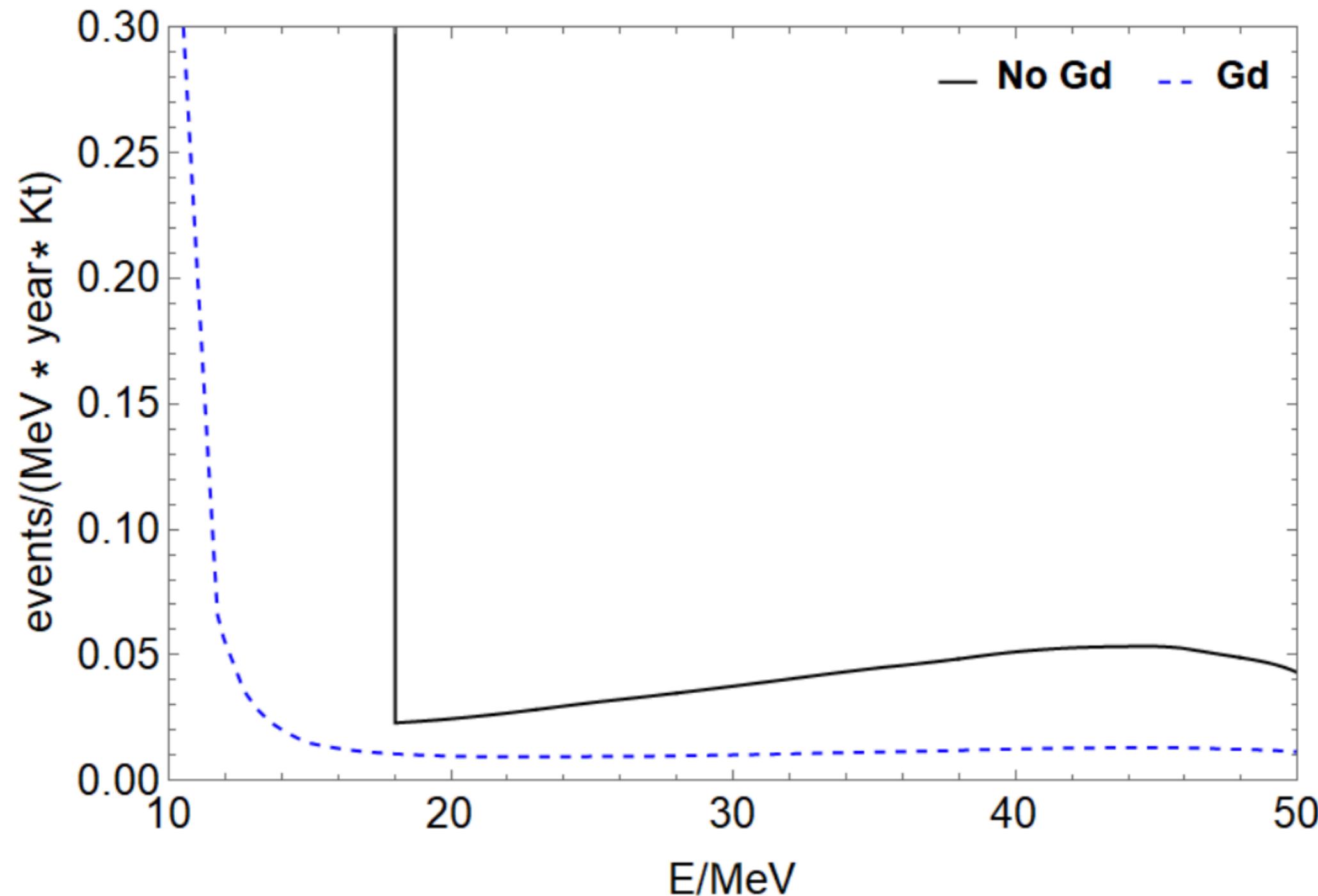
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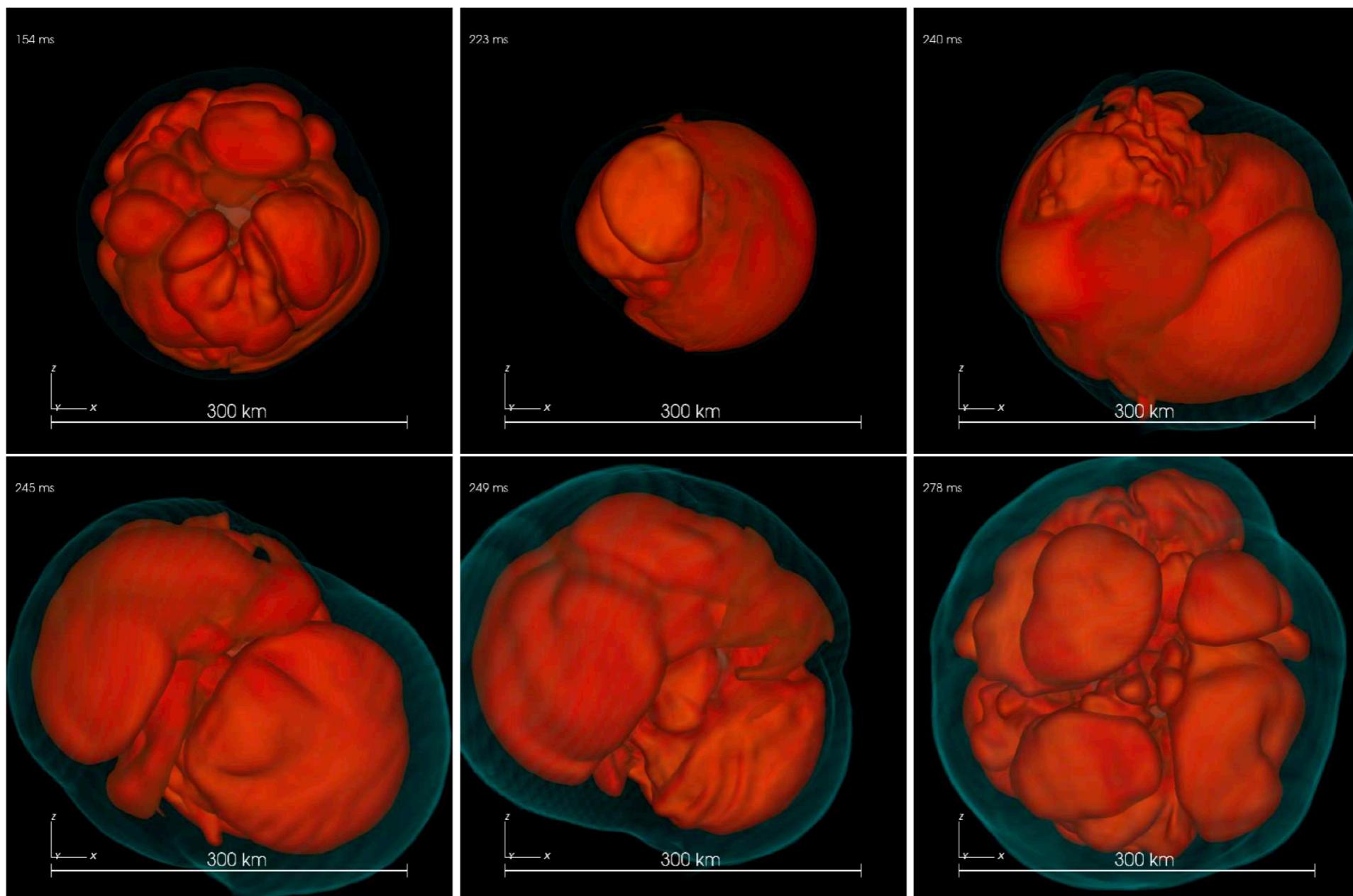
# Individual backgrounds in HyperK (without Gd)



# Total background in HyperK

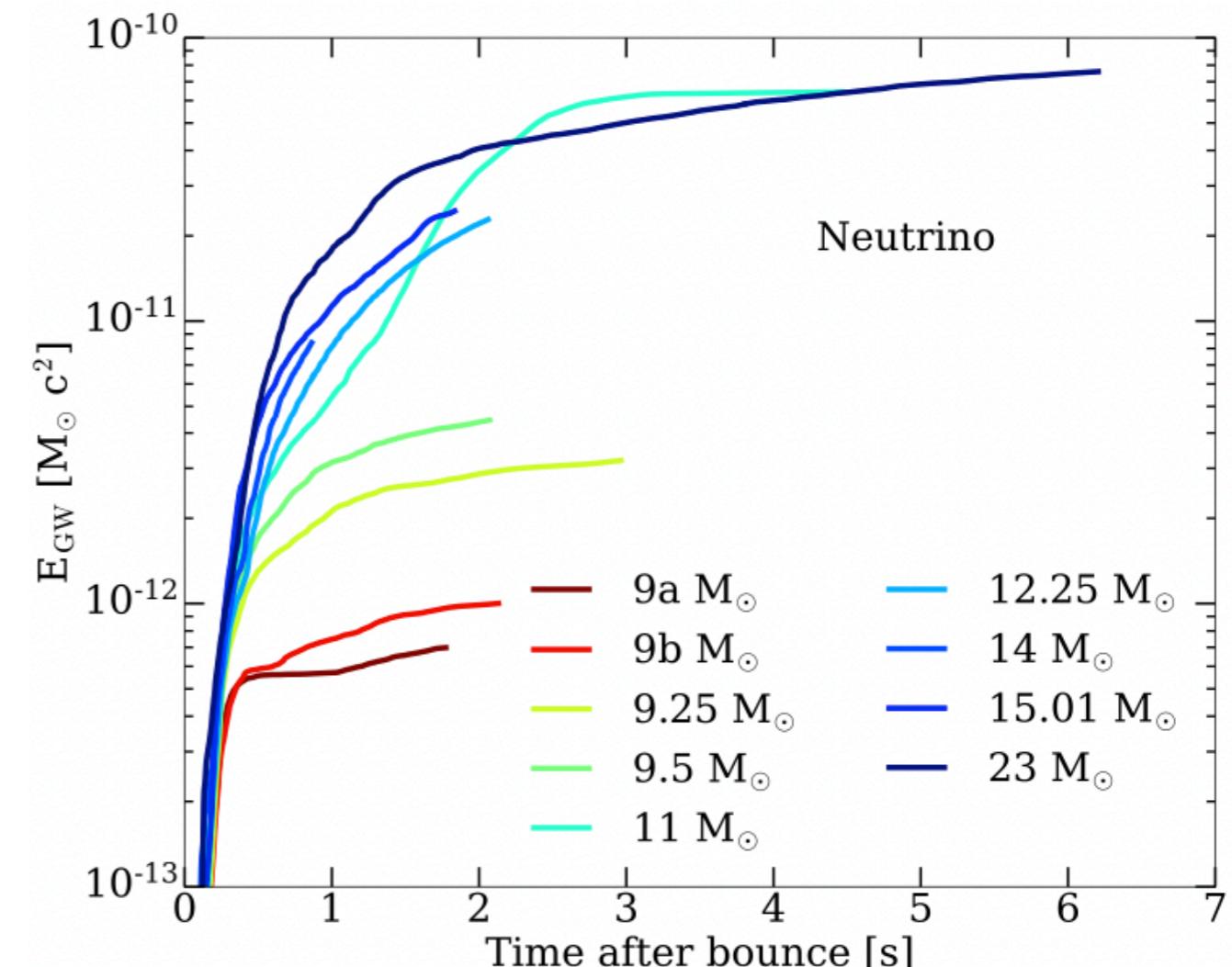
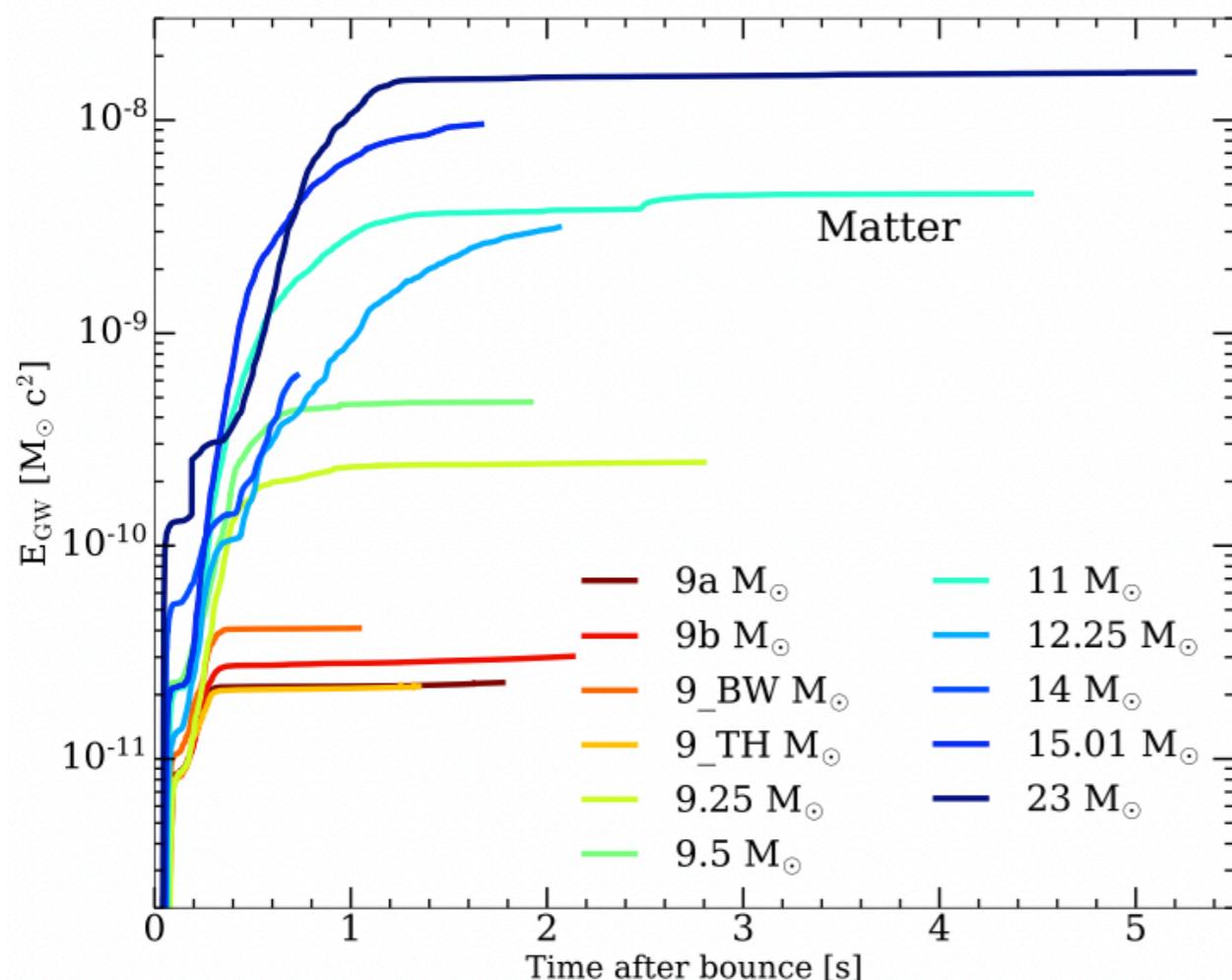


# Details about the SASI movie



**Figure 1.** Snapshots of phases with convective and SASI activity in the evolution of the  $27 M_{\odot}$  model at 154 ms, 223 ms, 240 ms (upper panels, from left to right), 245 ms, 249 ms, and 278 ms (lower panels, from left to right). The volume rendering visualizes surfaces of constant entropy: The outer, bluish, semi-transparent surface is the supernova shock, the red surfaces are entropy structures in the postshock region. The upper left panel displays mushroom-like plumes of expanding, high-entropy matter that are typical of neutrino-driven buoyancy. The upper middle and right plots and the lower left and middle panels show distinctly different entropy structures of dipolar (and quadrupolar) asymmetry, which engulf the still visible buoyant plumes with their higher-order spherical harmonics mode pattern. The entropy asymmetries of  $\ell = 1, 2$  character are caused by global shock sloshing motions, which create hemispheric high-entropy shells in phases of shock expansion. At 223 ms and 240 ms the shock has pushed towards the lower right corner of the panels whereas at 245 ms and 249 ms it is in a phase of violent expansion motion towards the upper left corner of the plots. All stages exhibit a strong deformation of the shock. At 278 ms the vivid SASI phase is over, the shock is more spherical again, and the postshock entropy structures correspond to neutrino-driven plumes.

# Comparison between energy radiated in GW waves due to matter and neutrino anisotropy



# Recipe in brief

$$N_{\nu}^{trig}(D) = \Delta T \sum_{j, r_j < D} R_j N(r_j) P_{det}^{GW}(r_j)$$

**Rate of CCSN (how many such events):**

Use calculated rate of CCSNe below 11 Mpc (local volume)

Analytical rate beyond 11 Mpc using cosmic SFR, Salpeter IMF....

## Neutrino detectors:

Main channel: IBD

Quasi thermal emission spectra - mean energy

Flux at earth - depends on distance and emission spectra

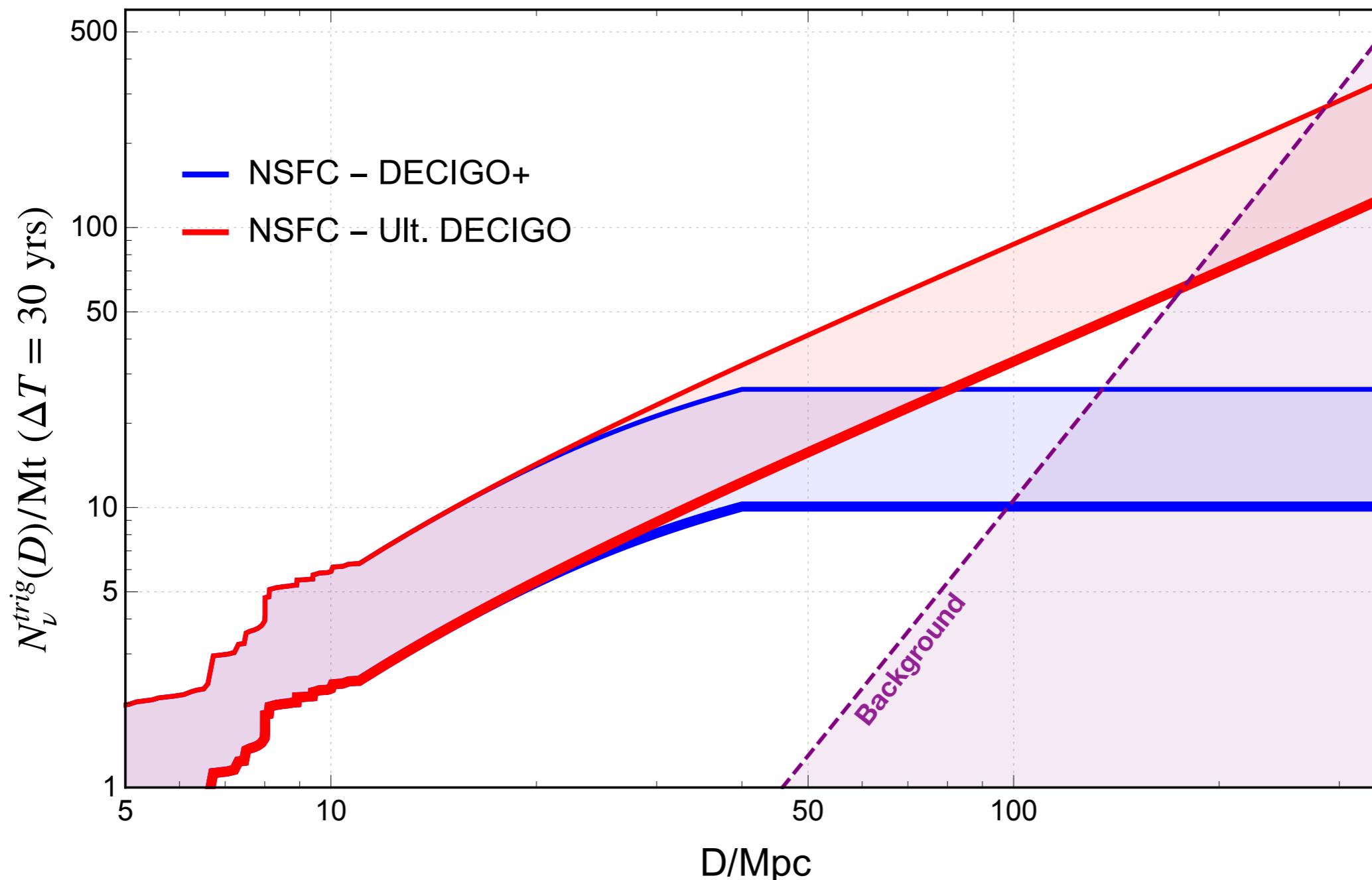
Calculate number of events in detector from a CCSN - depends on distance

## GW detectors:

Calculate SNR - depends on distance to source

Calculate probability of detection given a fixed false alarm probability - depends on SNR

## Results: Events and background - NSFC



Untriggered backgrounds would be orders of magnitude higher!