

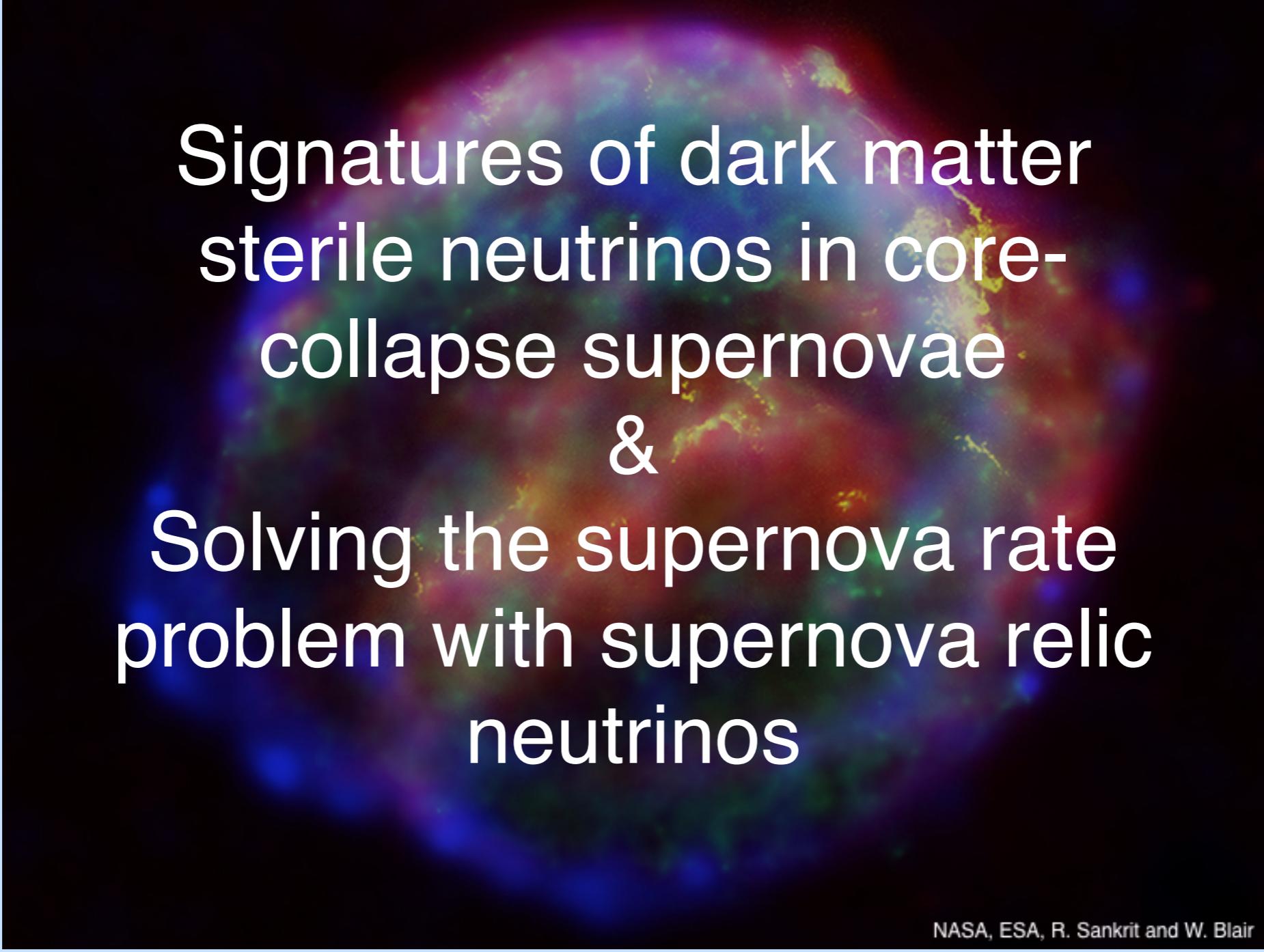
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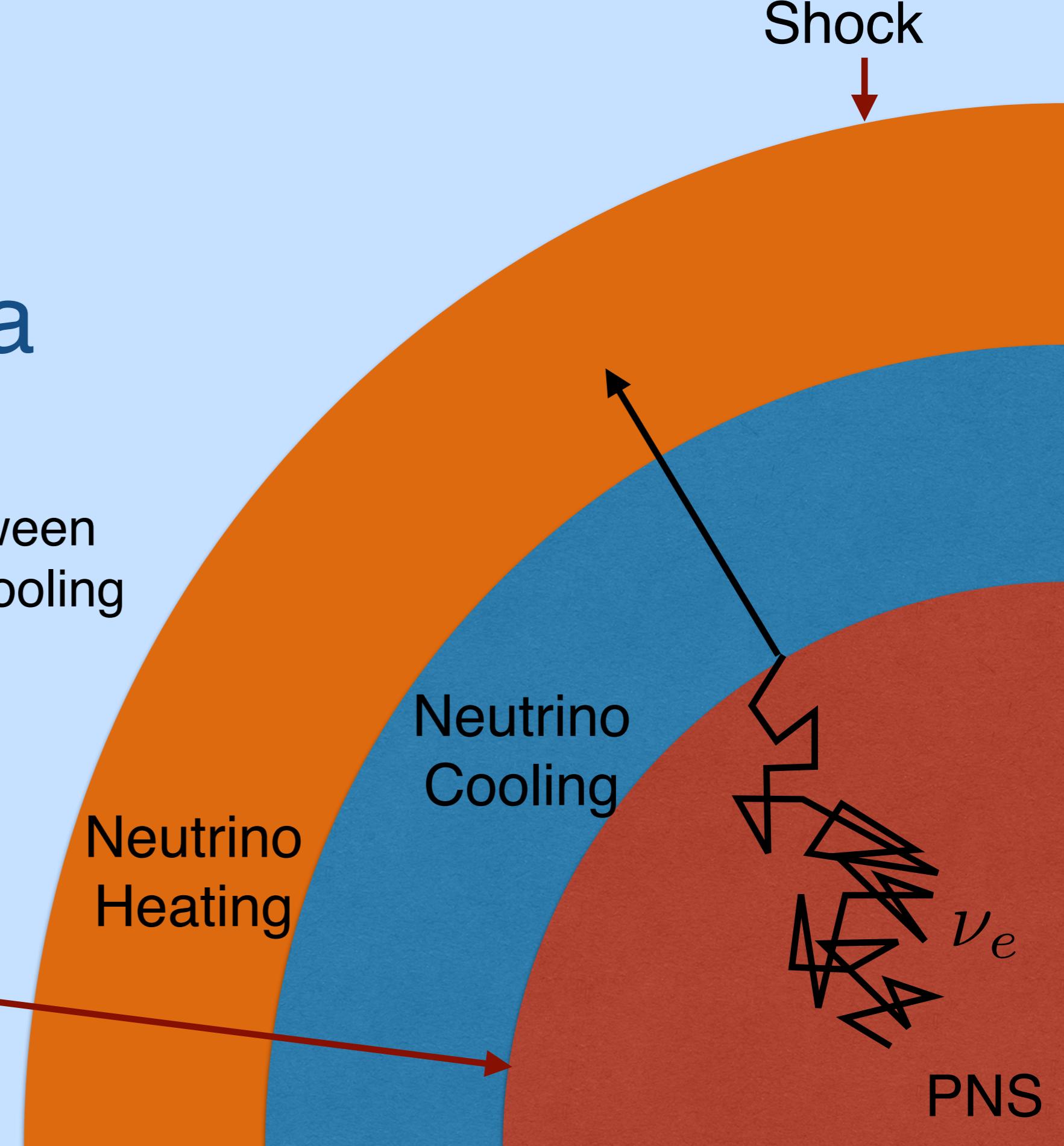


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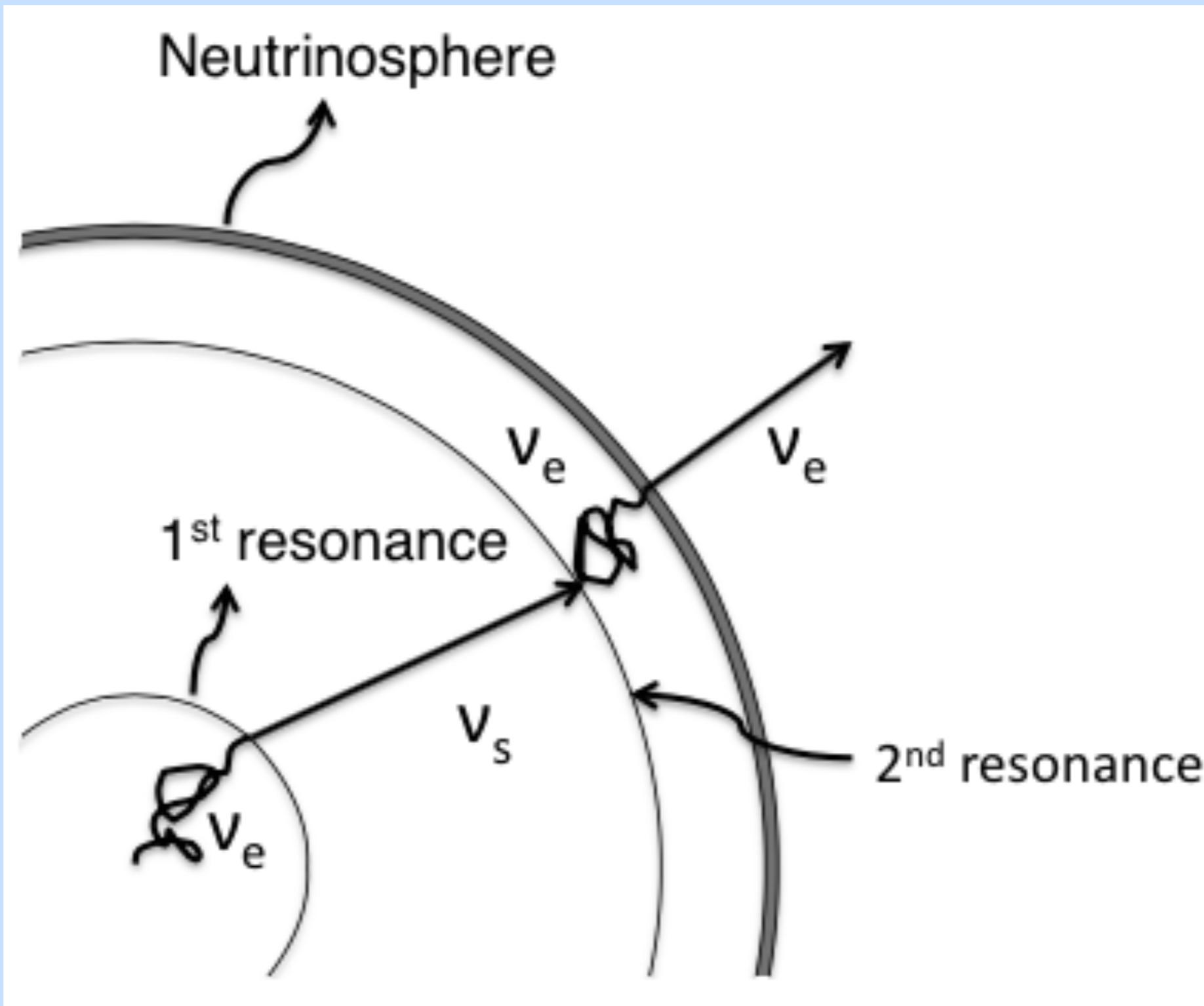
# Supernova neutrinos

Delicate balance between neutrino heating and cooling

Neutrinosphere



# Sterile neutrinos in CCSNe



# Matter-enhanced neutrino oscillations

- Neutrinos experience potential when moving through matter

- Interactions with electrons, nucleons, other neutrinos...

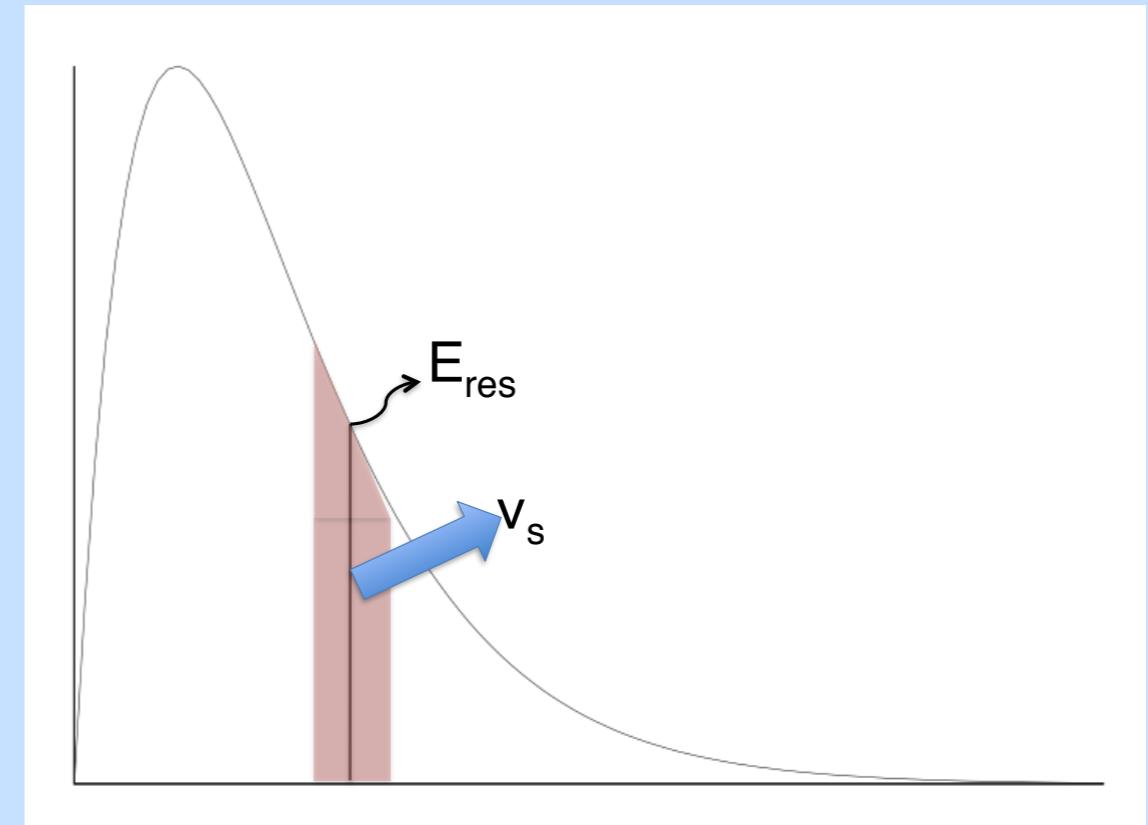
$$V_e(r) = \frac{3\sqrt{2}}{2} G_F n_B \left( Y_e + \frac{4}{3} Y_{\nu_e} - \frac{1}{3} \right)$$

- Potential *difference* enhances oscillations

- Resonance: *Maximal* mixing (even for small vacuum mixing)

$$\sin^2 2\theta_M = \frac{\left(\Delta m_s^2 / 2E_\nu\right)^2 \sin^2 2\theta}{\left((\Delta m_s^2 / 2E_\nu) \cos 2\theta - V\right)^2 + \left(\Delta m_s^2 / 2E_\nu\right)^2 \sin^2 2\theta}$$

$\rightarrow E_{res} = \frac{\Delta m_s^2}{2V_e} \cos 2\theta_s$



**Dark matter sterile neutrinos in stellar collapse: Alteration of energy/lepton number transport,  
and a mechanism for supernova explosion enhancement**

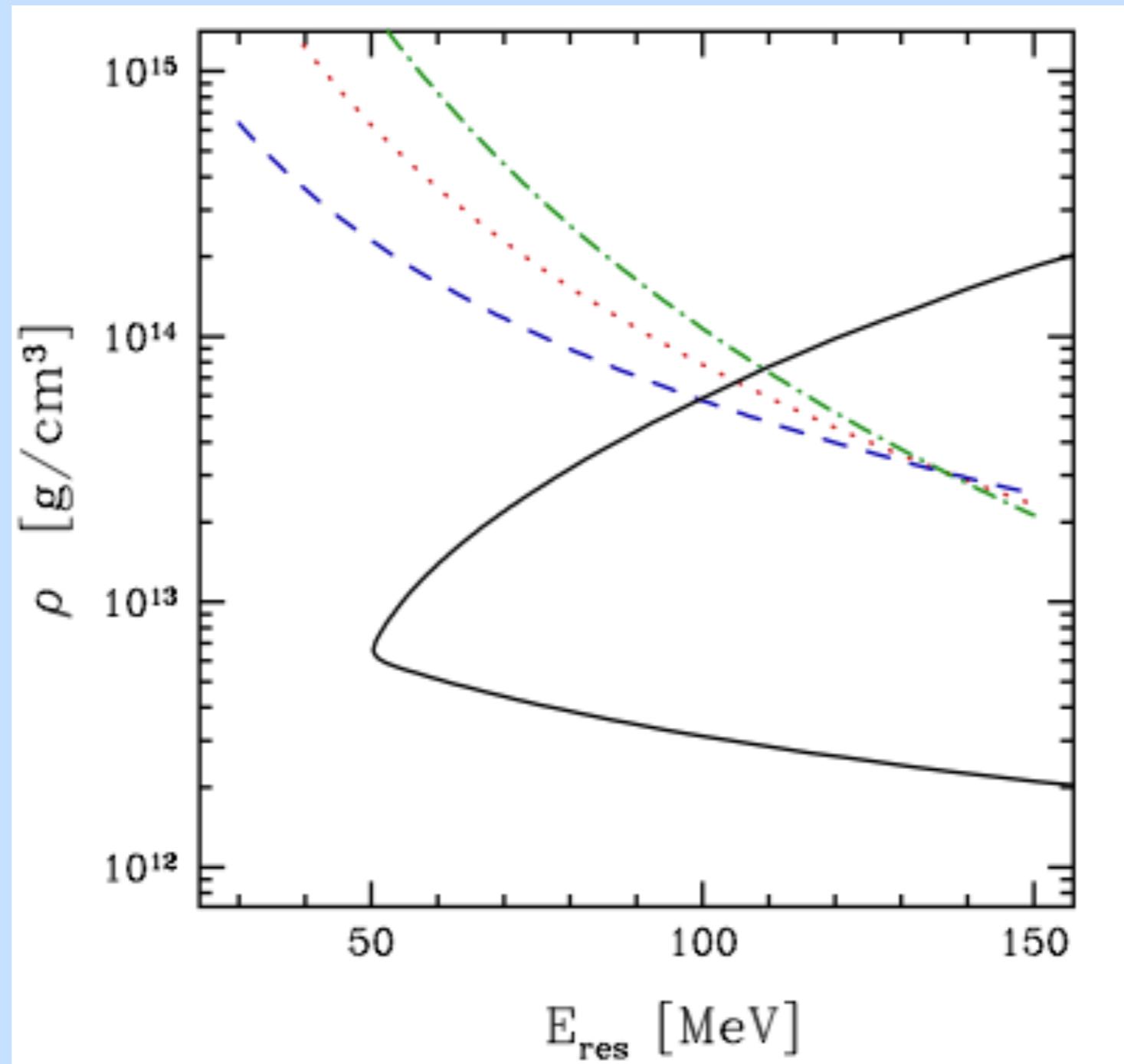
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**Sterile neutrino-enhanced supernova explosions**

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Allow for  $\nu_e \leftrightarrow \nu_s$  oscillations:

$$m_s = 3 \text{ keV} \quad \sin^2 2\theta_s = 10^{-9}$$



# Sterile Neutrino Dark Matter

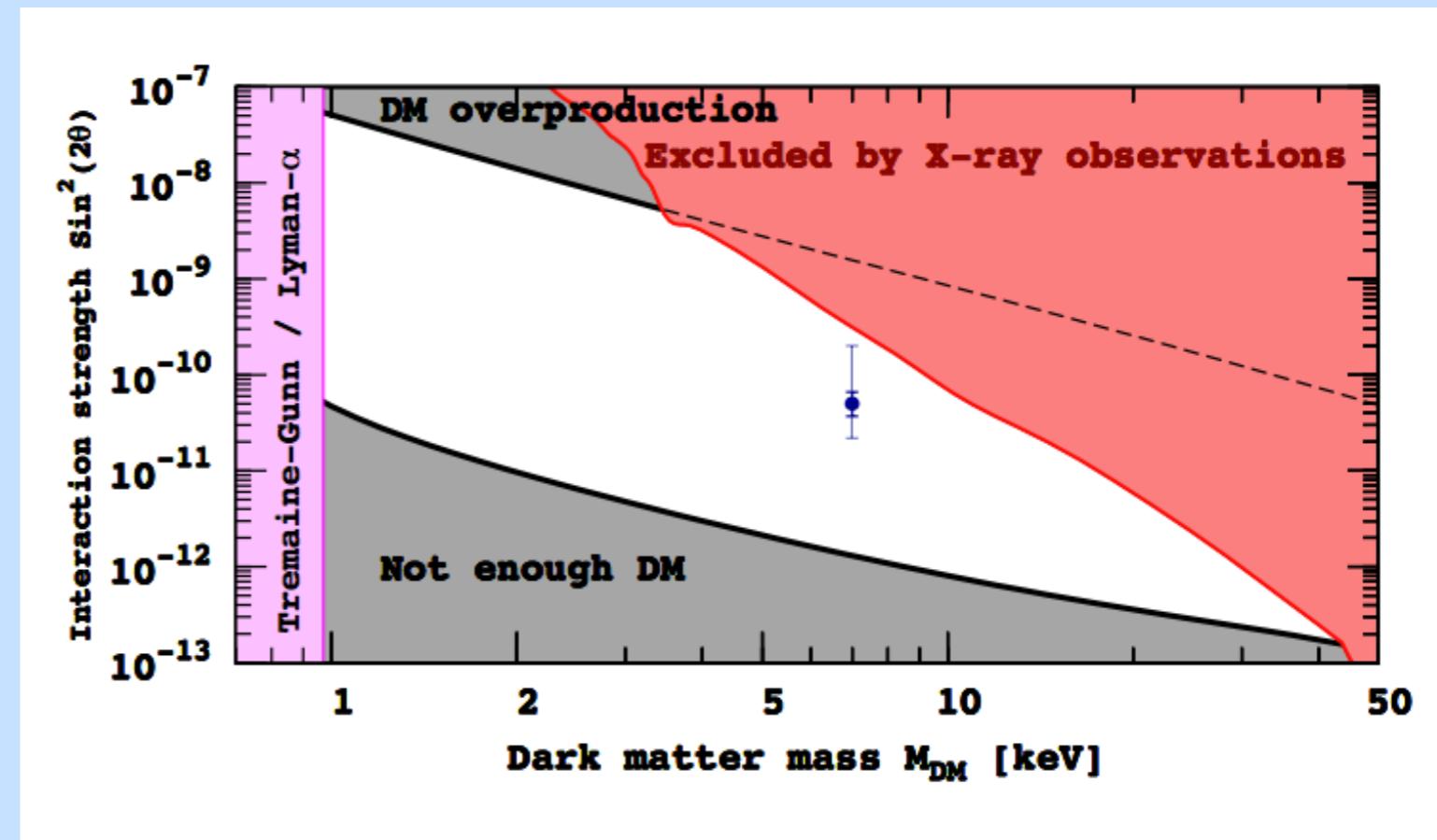
- Decaying sterile neutrinos

$$\nu_s \rightarrow \gamma + \nu_\alpha$$

- Decay width in  $\mathcal{N}$ MSM

$$\Gamma_{\nu_s \rightarrow \gamma \nu_\alpha} \sim \sin^2 2\theta_s m_s^5$$

- Compare x-ray background with flux from galaxy or cluster



Boyarsky et al (2014)

- Measured in Andromeda galaxy and Perseus cluster (Boyarsky et al (2014))

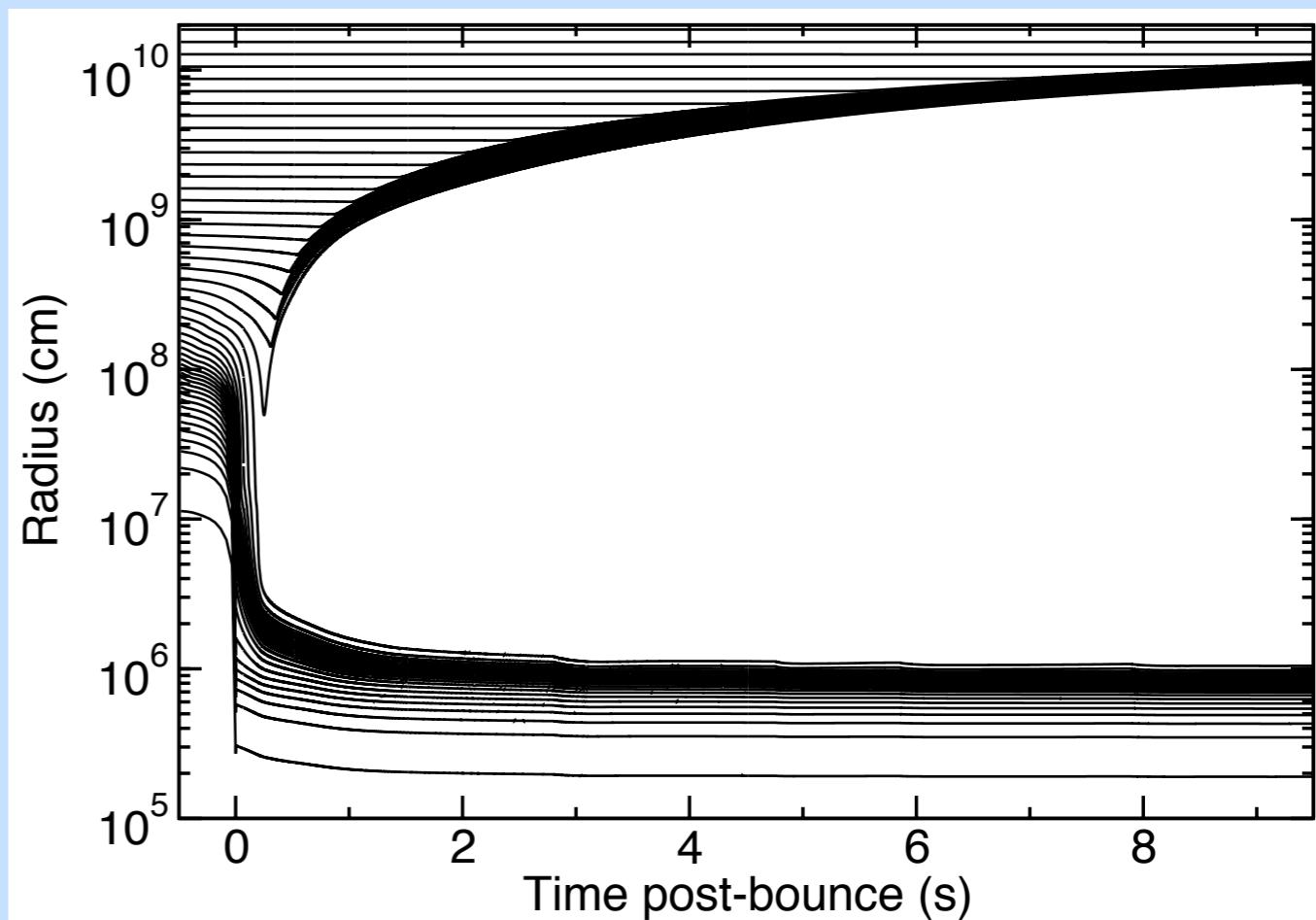
$$E_\gamma = 3.518^{+0.019}_{-0.022} \text{ keV}$$

$$m_s = 7.06 \pm 0.05 \text{ keV}$$

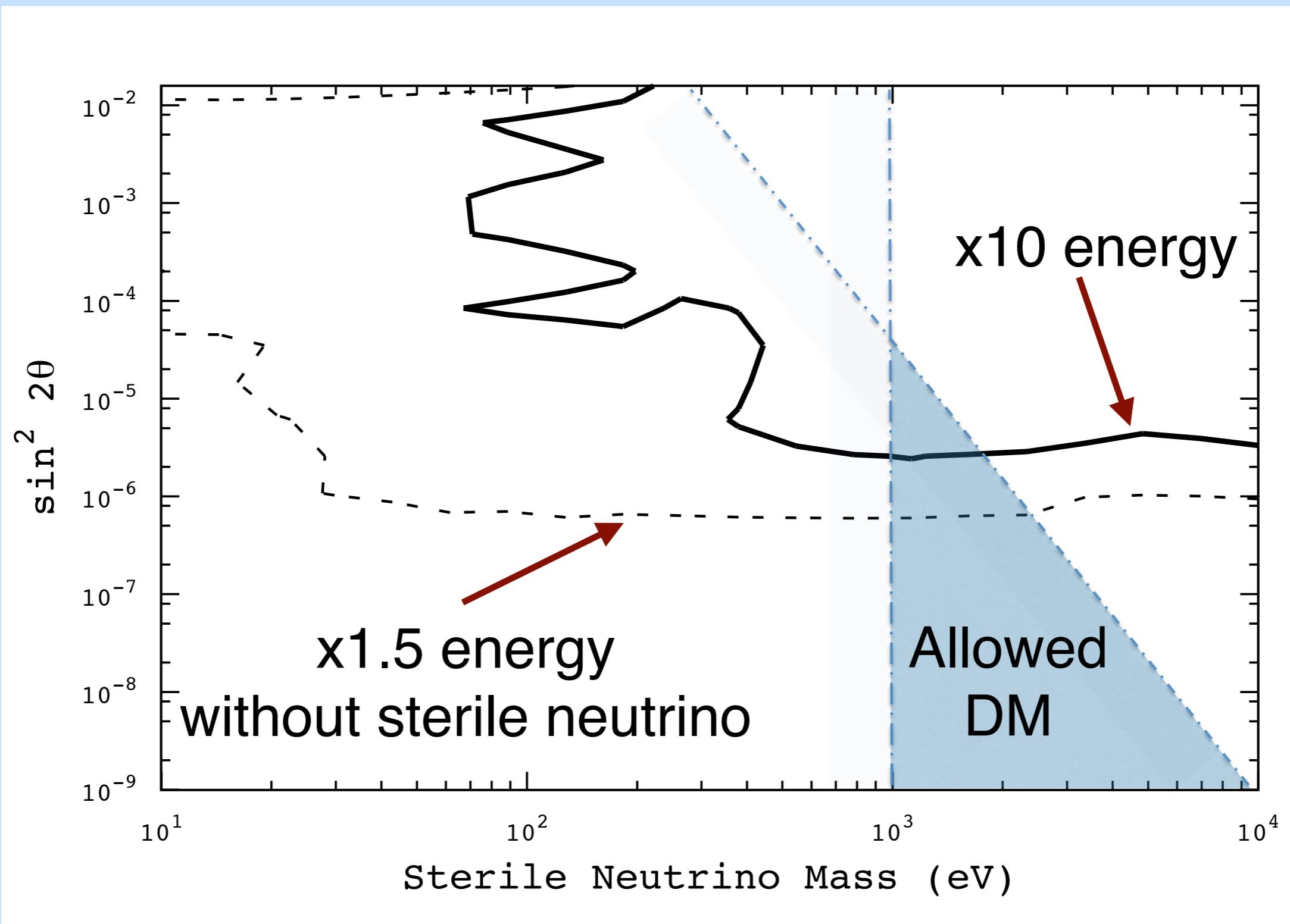
- Assume dark matter is 100% sterile neutrino

# University of Notre Dame/Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory Model

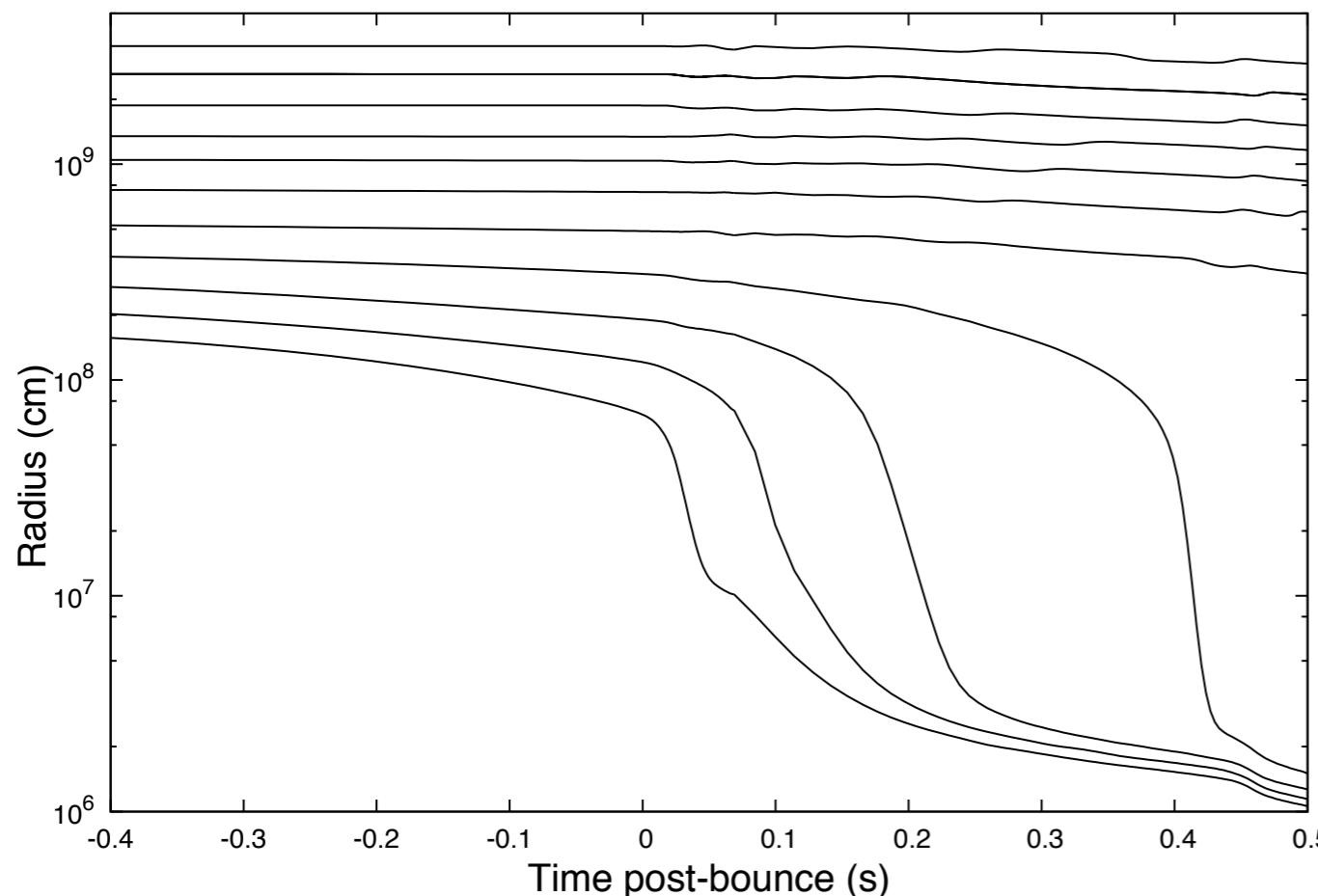
- Spherically symmetric model
  - General relativistic hydrodynamics
  - Neutrino transport and interactions
  - Nuclear burning
  - Equation of state



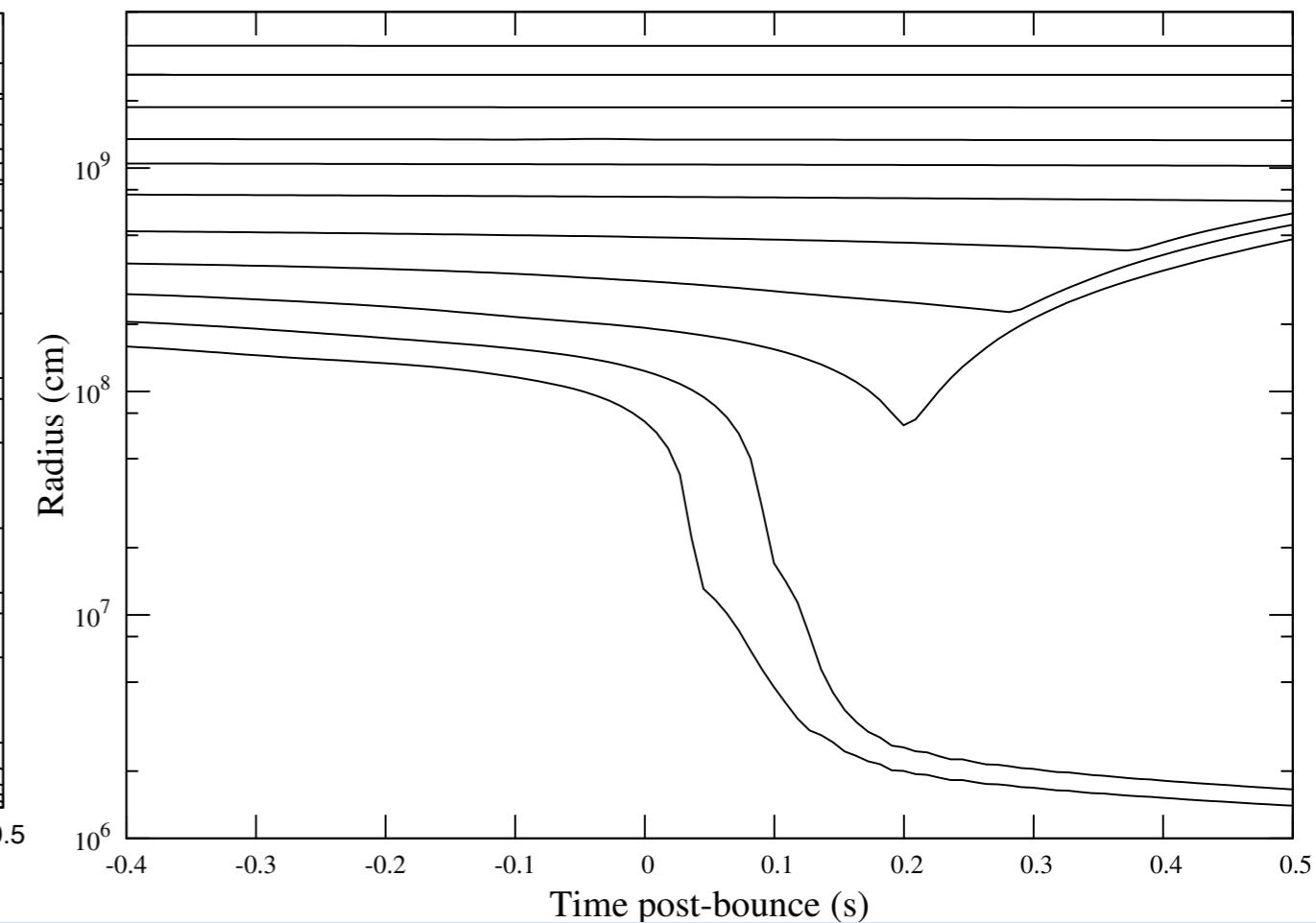
# Enhanced Explosion Energy



# Successful explosion in a model that would not otherwise explode

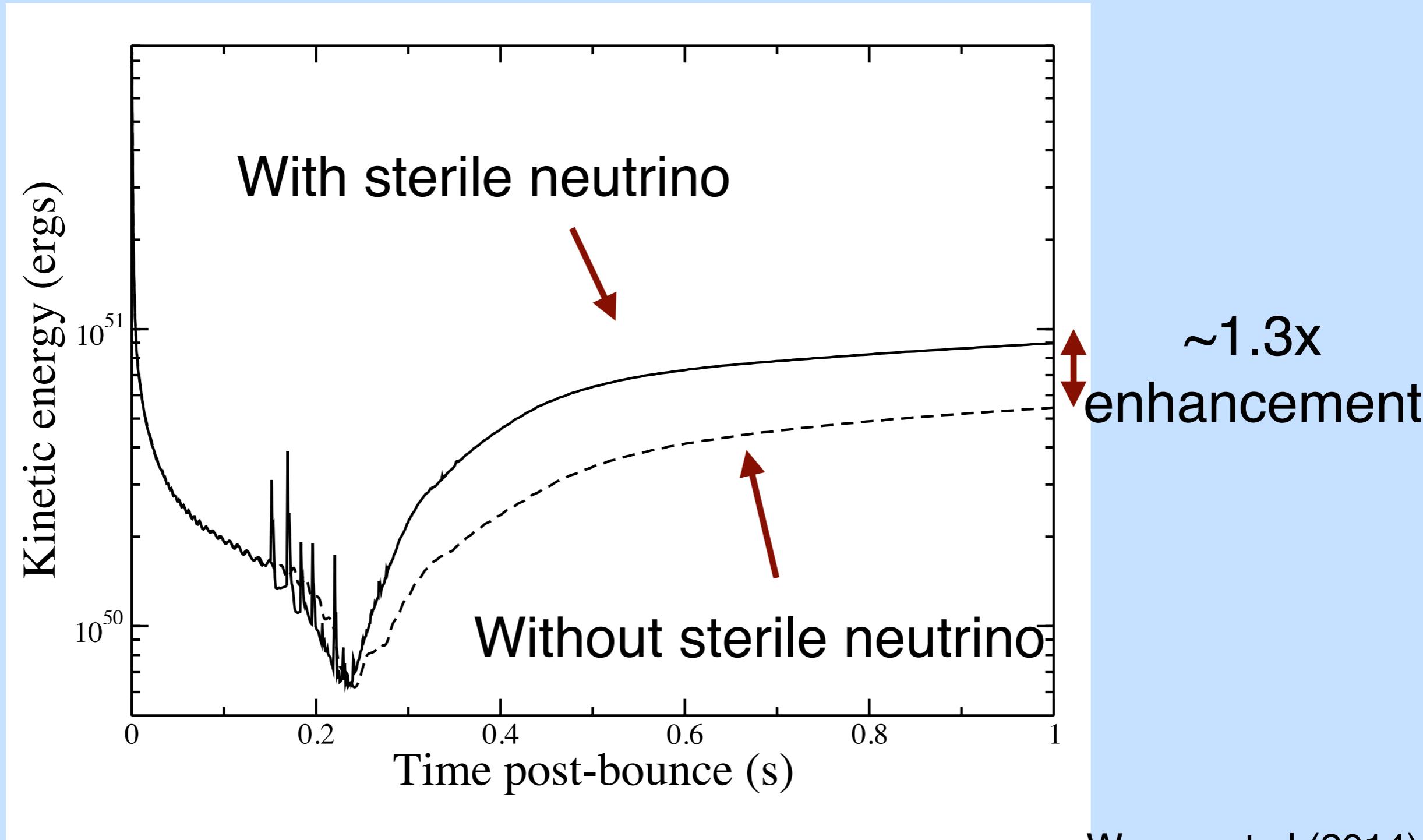


Without sterile neutrino

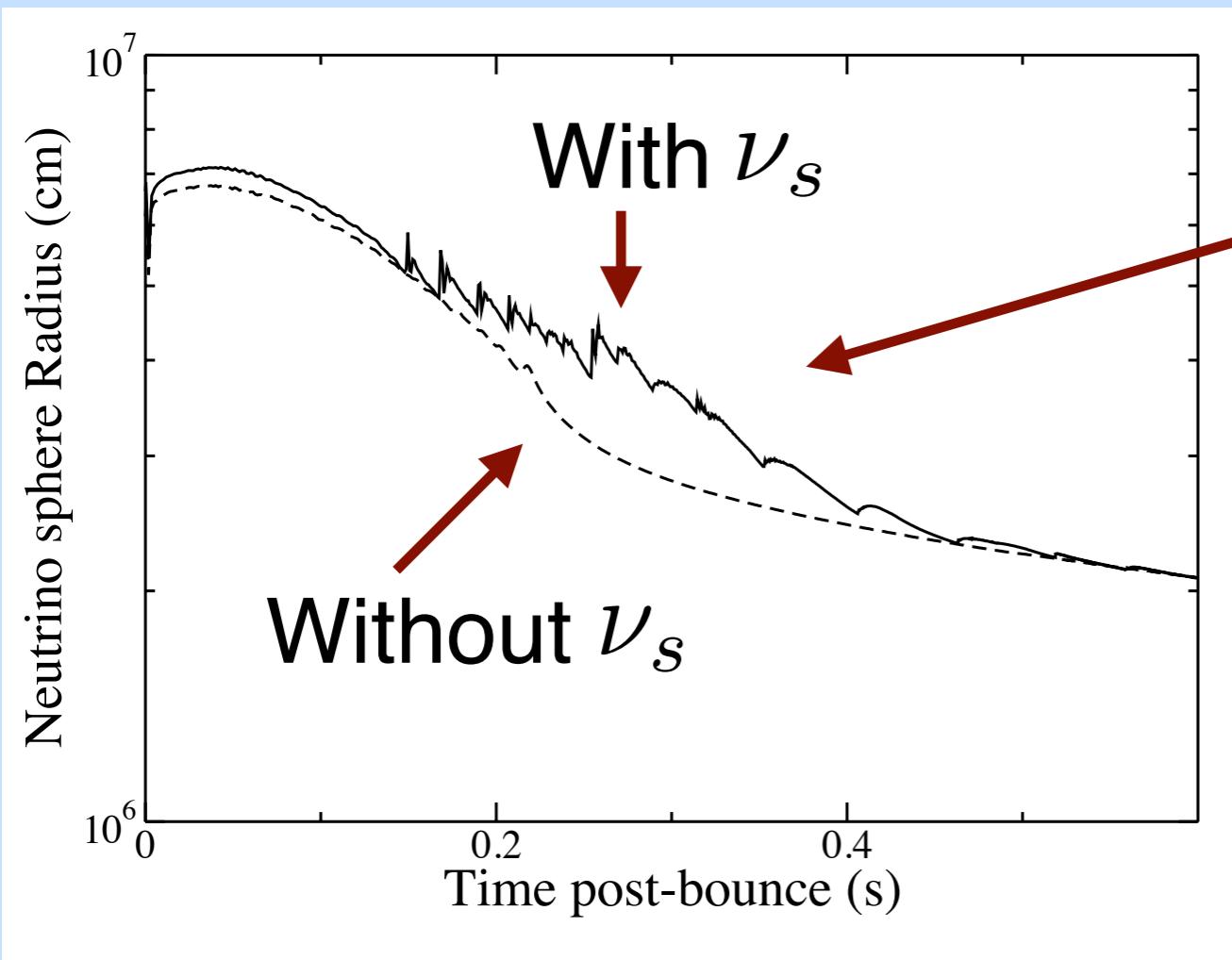


With sterile neutrino

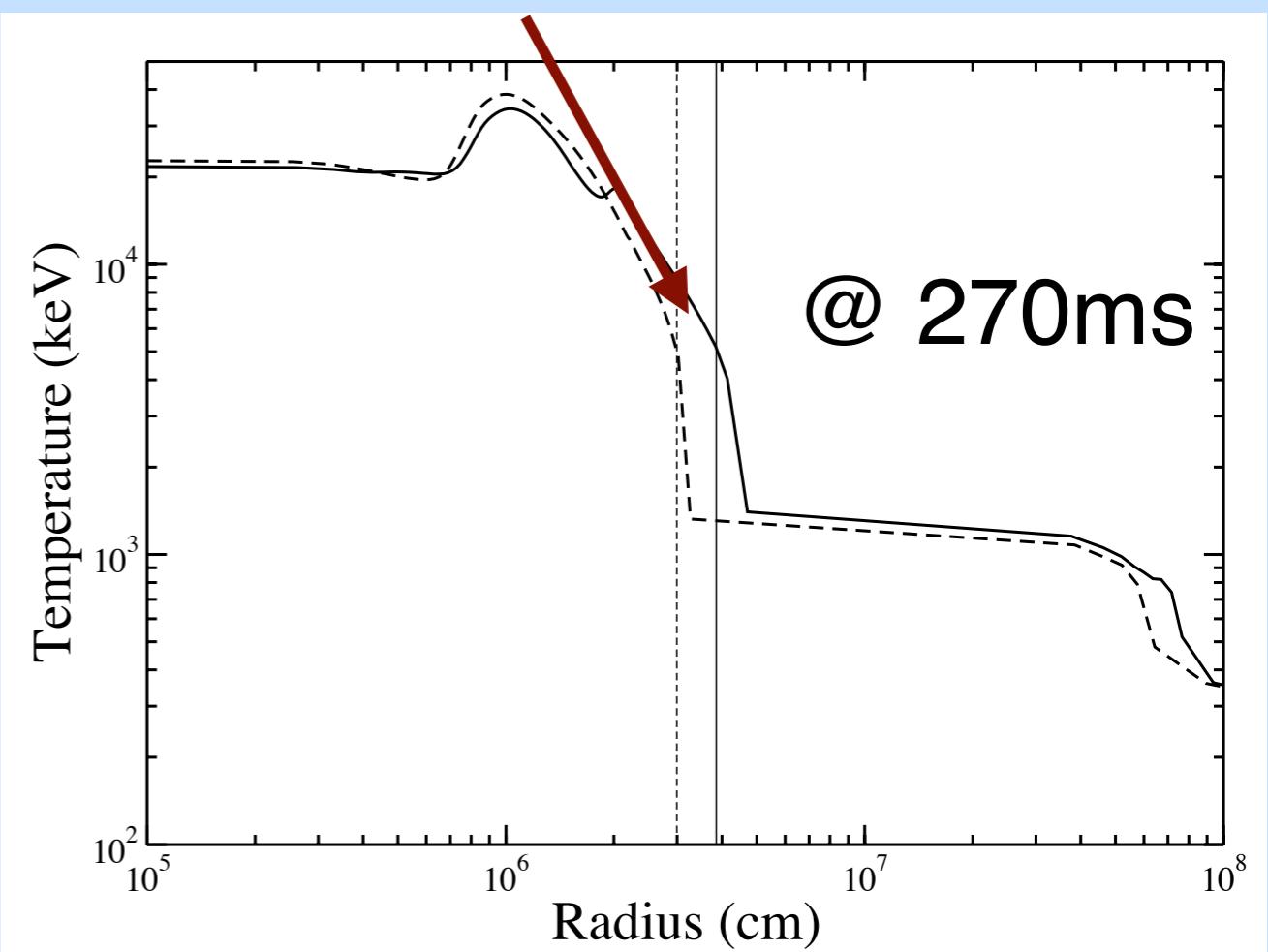
Example:  $m_s = 5.012 \text{ keV}$   
and  $\sin^2 2\theta_s = 1.12 \times 10^{-5}$



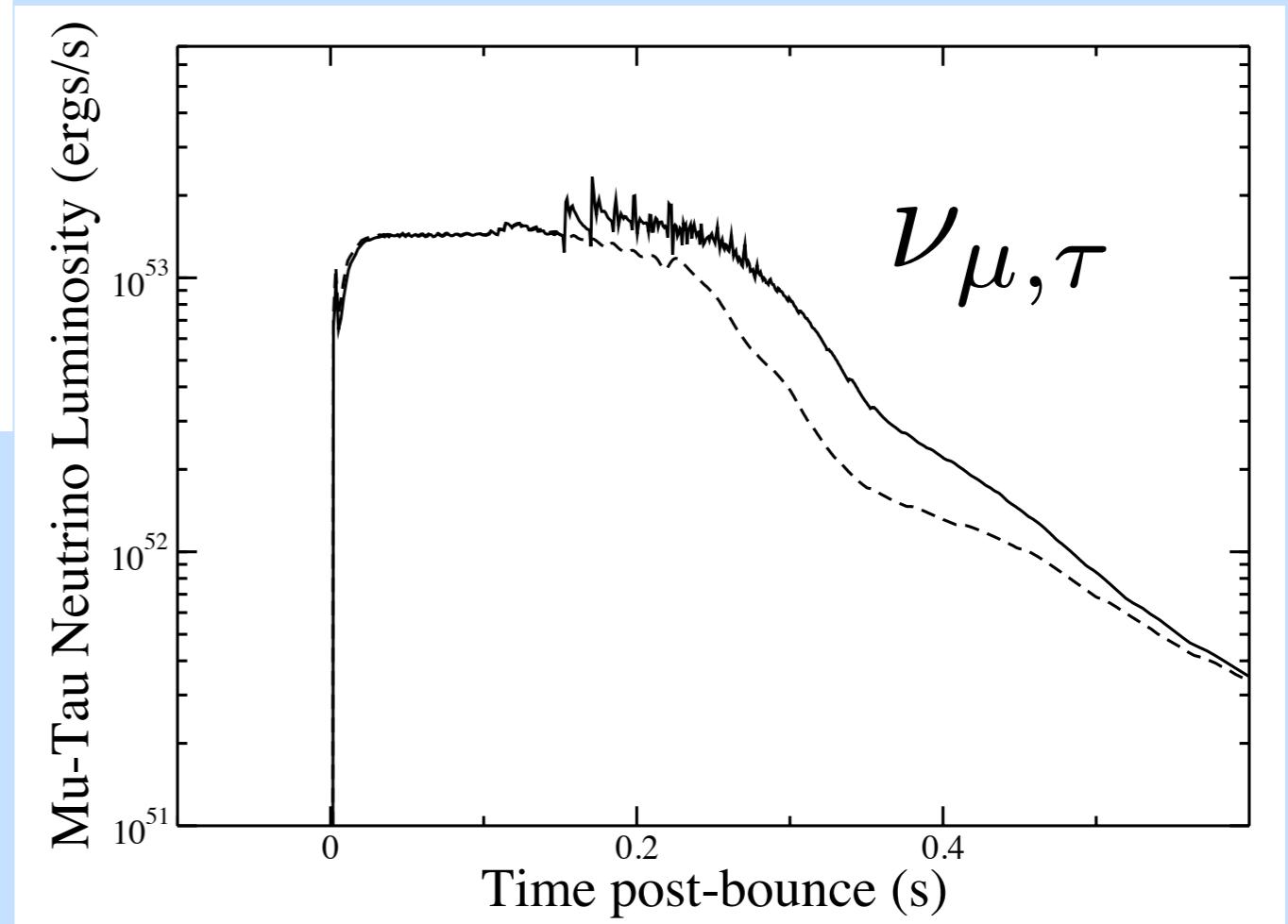
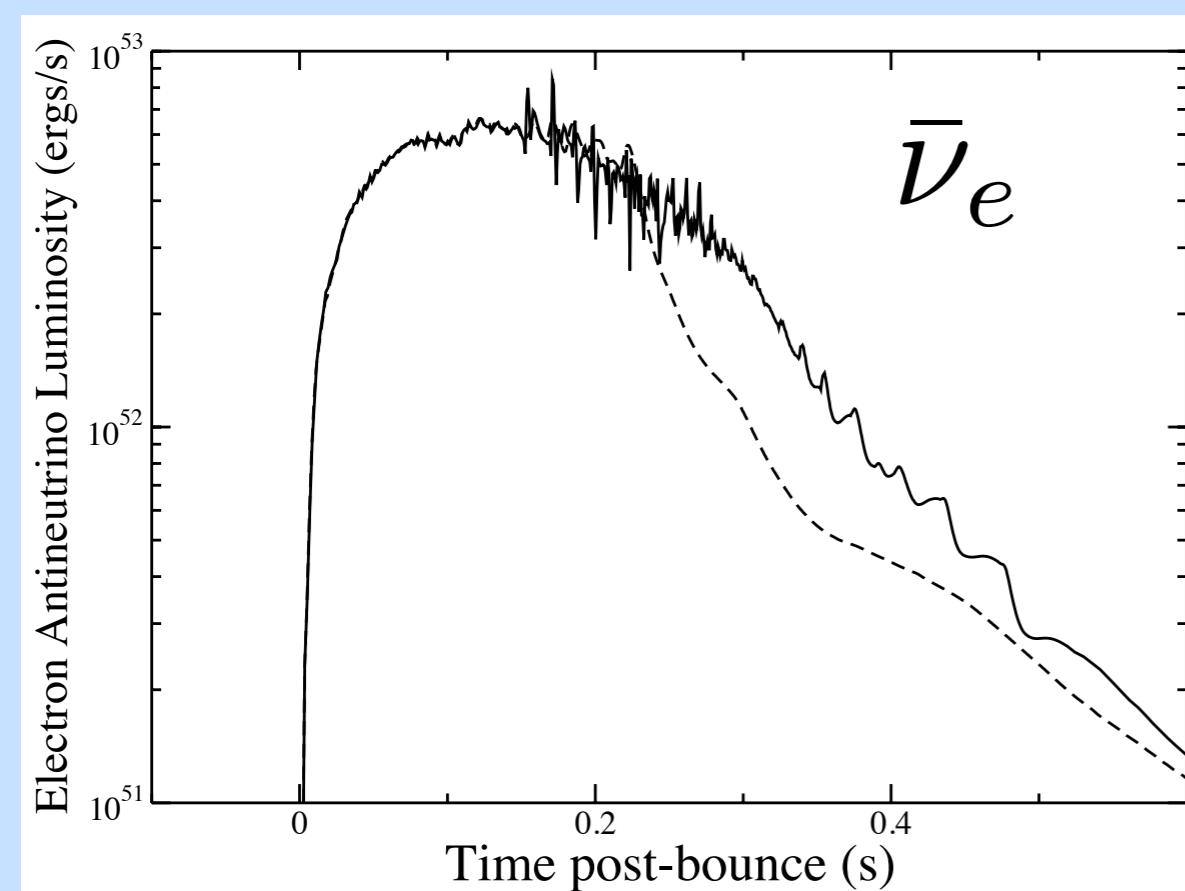
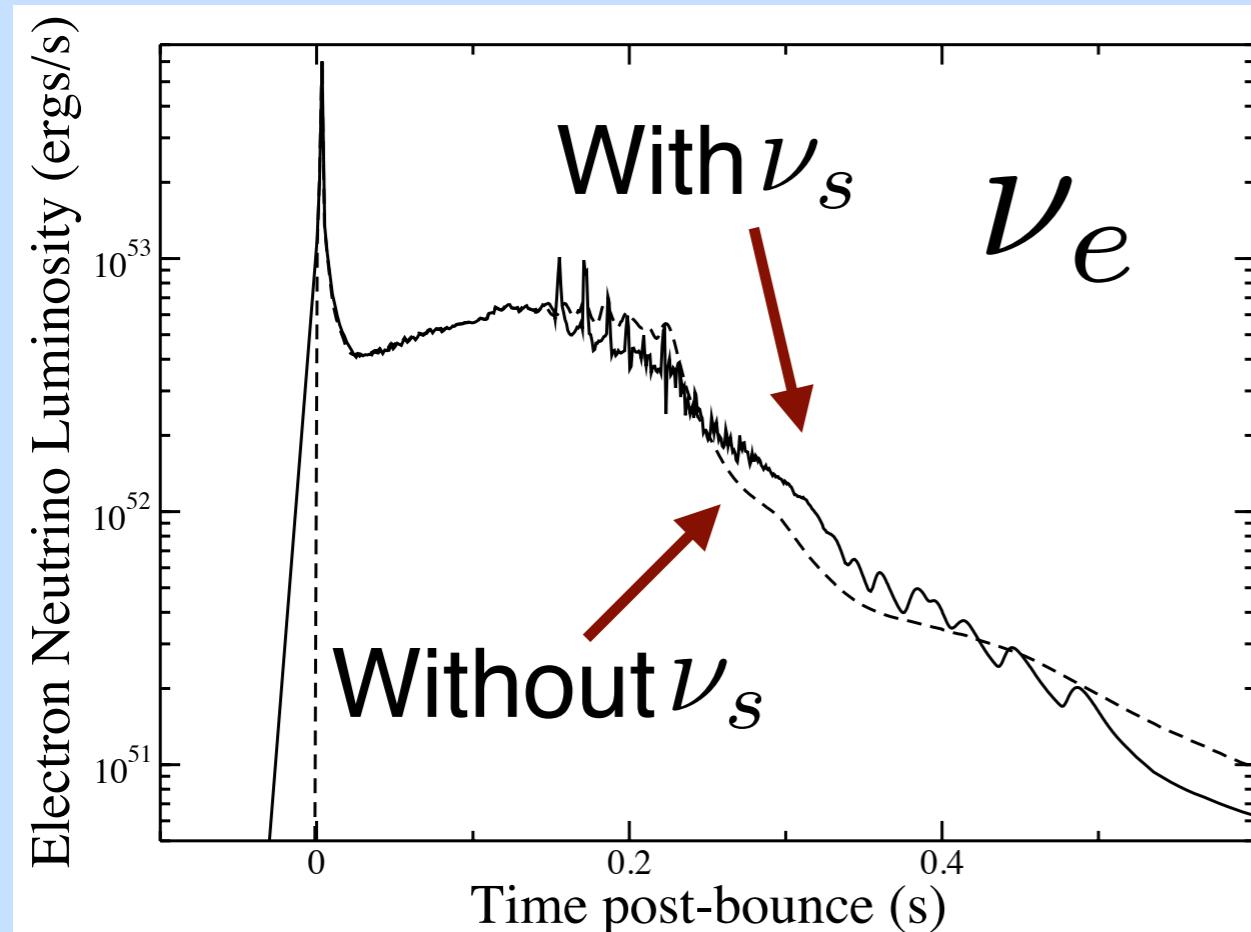
# Expanded Neutrinosphere



Protoneutron star radius  
increased,  
temperature unchanged

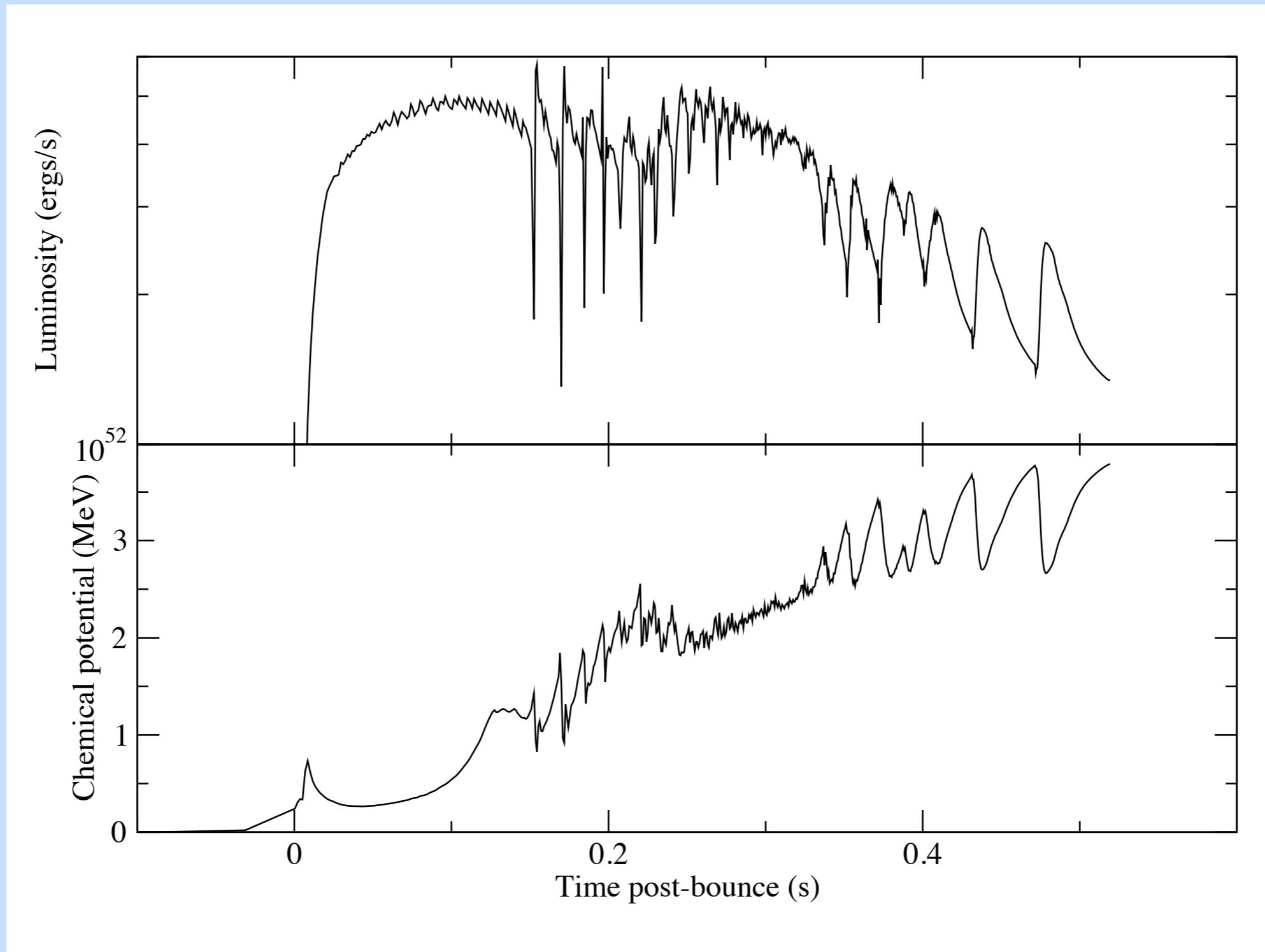


# Observable Luminosities



$$L = \sigma T^4 4\pi R^2$$

# Luminosity Fluctuations

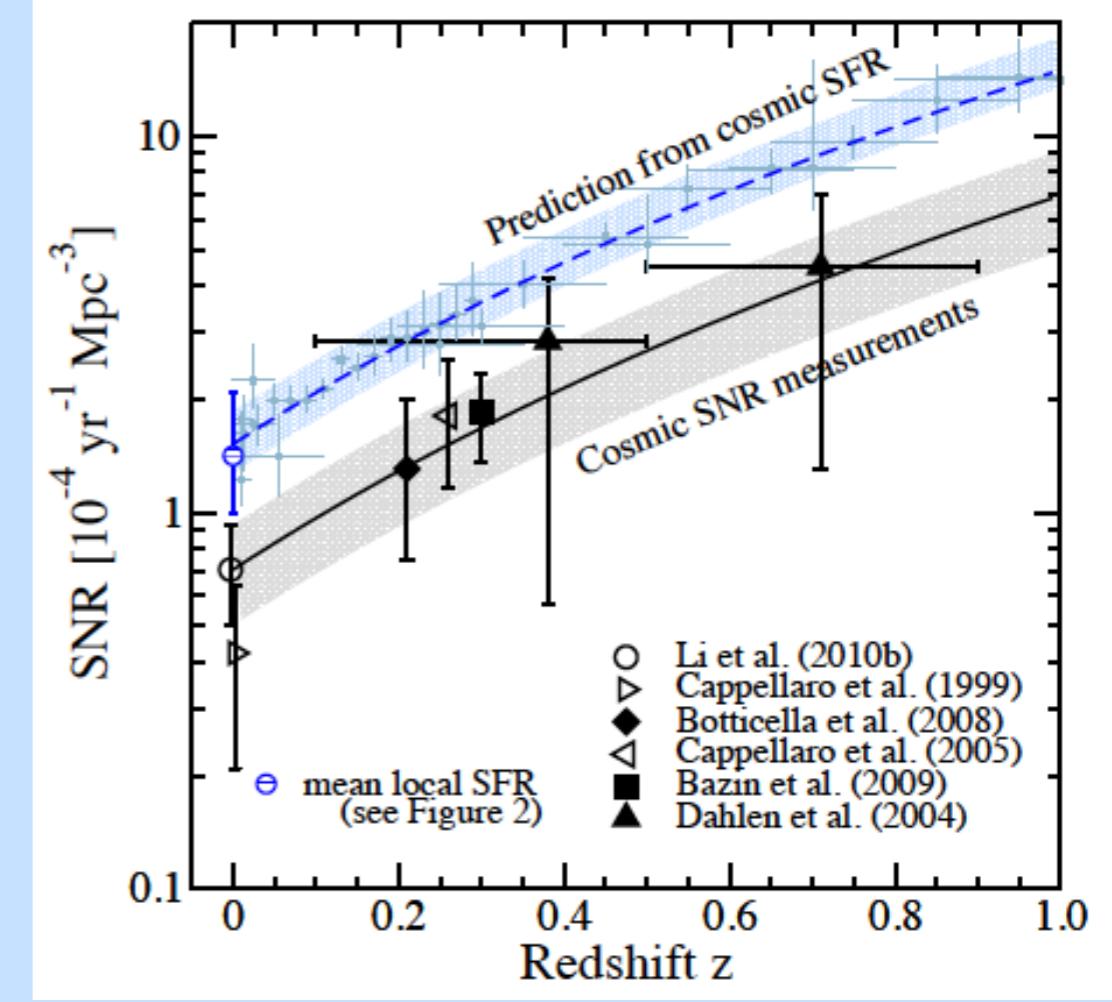
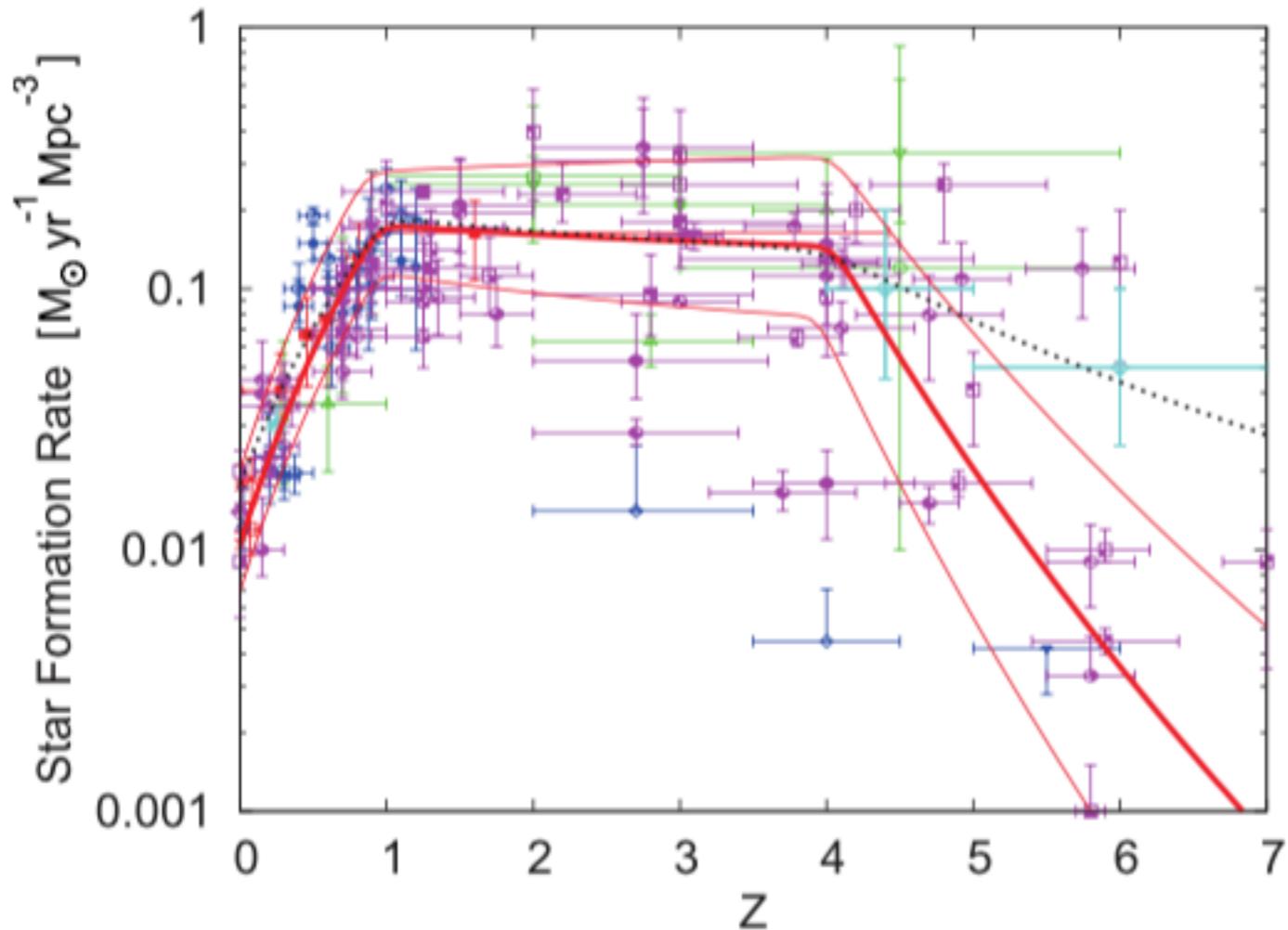


# In conclusion (part I)

1. Supernova models don't explode  
(Or explode with too little energy...)
2. Sterile neutrinos can enhance explosion energies
3. Parameter space overlaps with sterile neutrino dark matter candidates

Happy coincidence or ...?

# Supernova Rate Problem



Mathews et al (2014)

Multiple wavelength  
observations of massive  
star formation regions

Horiuchi et al (2011)

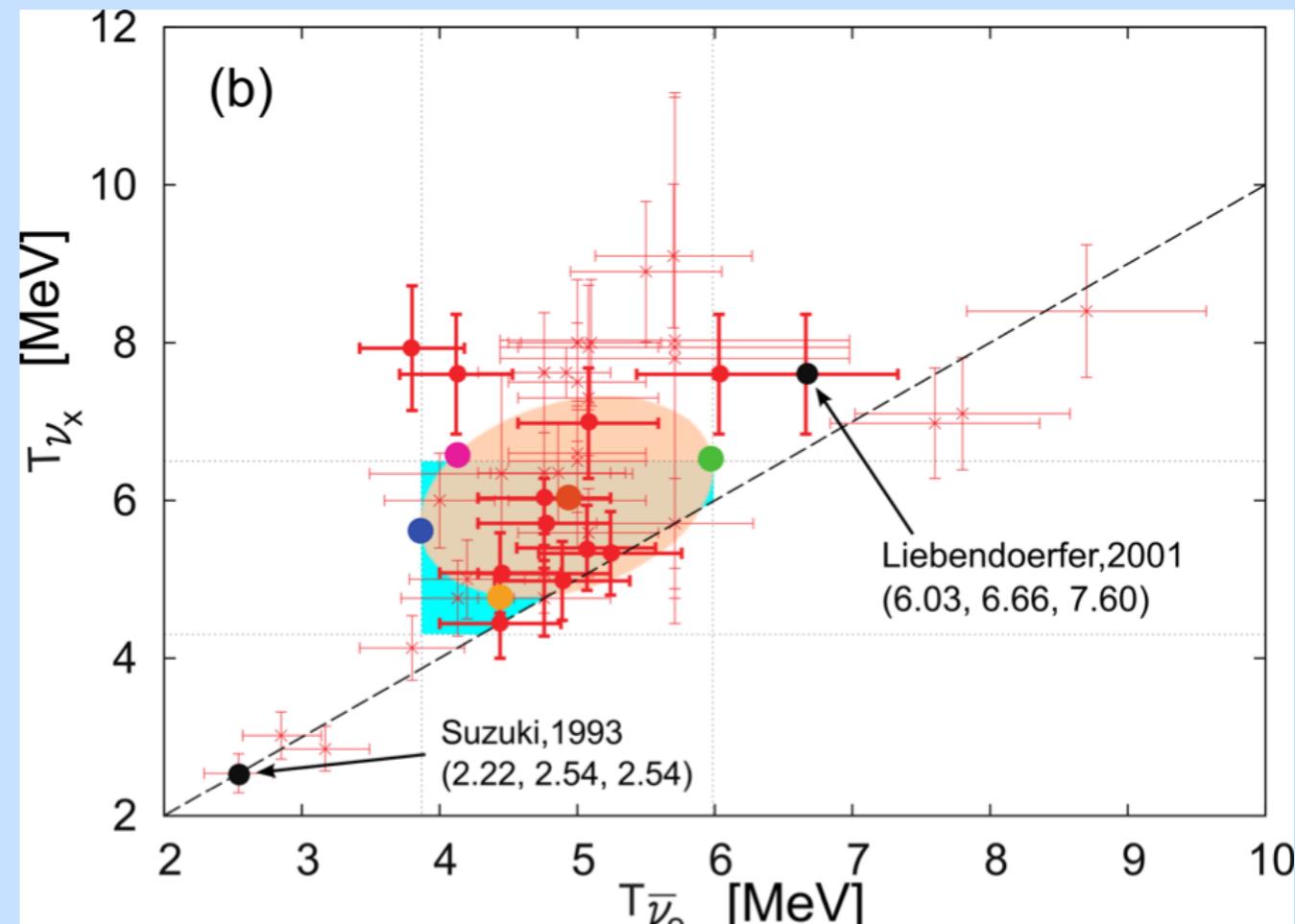
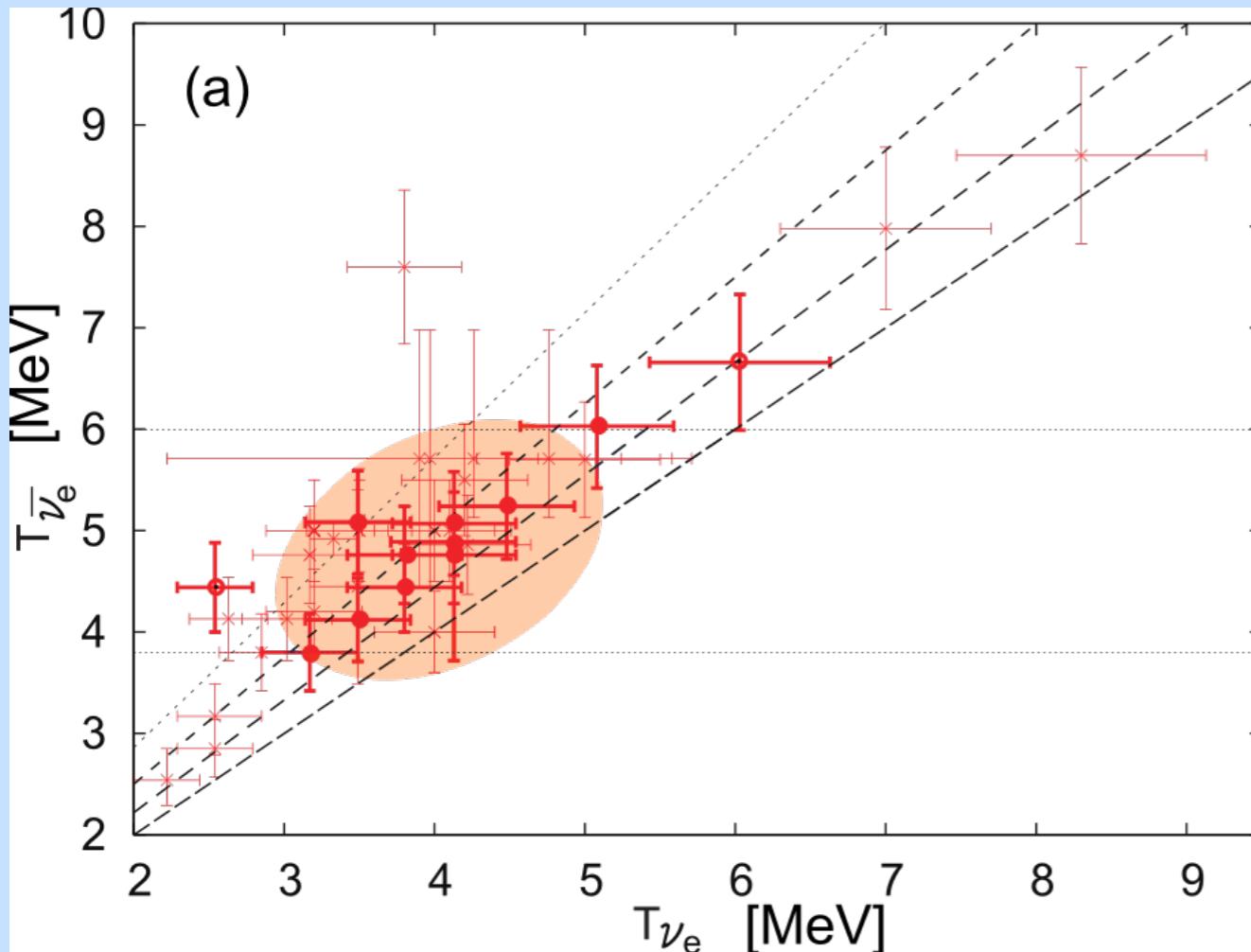
# Possible Solutions

1. O-Ne-Mg SNe :  $M \sim 10\text{-}12 M_{\odot}$ 
  - Optically dim, but large neutrino flux
2. Failed SNe :  $M > 25 M_{\odot}$  black hole formation
  - Optically dim, but large short-duration neutrino flux

**Question:** Can one distinguish these possibilities by detecting supernova relic neutrinos?

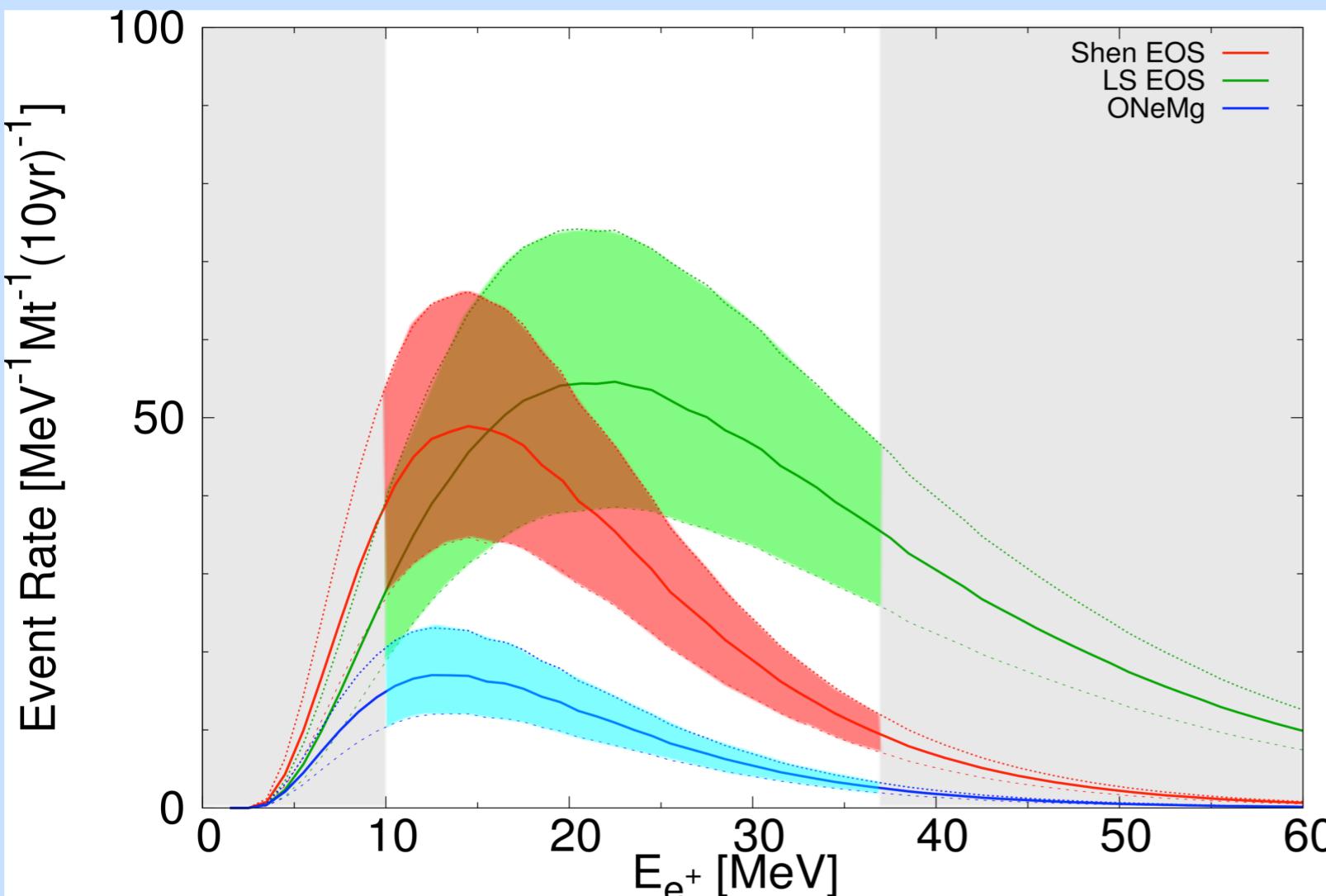
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# Model Uncertainties



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# Distinguishing Features



- Hyper-Kamiokande
- Assumes all of missing SNe are fSNe or ONeMg

Peak and spectrum shifts for:

- Equation of state
- Mass hierarchy
- Neutrino oscillations

# In conclusion (part 2)

- Many uncertainties
  - Primarily from SN models
- Detecting the relic neutrino background may provide insight into:
  - Supernova rate problem
  - Nature of neutrinos
  - Supernova environment

# Thank you!

Sterile Neutrinos:

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Relic Neutrino Background:

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