

**SN 1987A – REGISTRATION  
OF THE NEUTRINO SIGNAL WITH**

**BAKSAN,**

**KAMIOKANDE-II,**

**IMB**



**DETECTORS**

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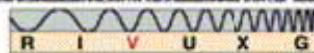
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# Large Magellanic Cloud, at 7:35 UT February 23, 1987



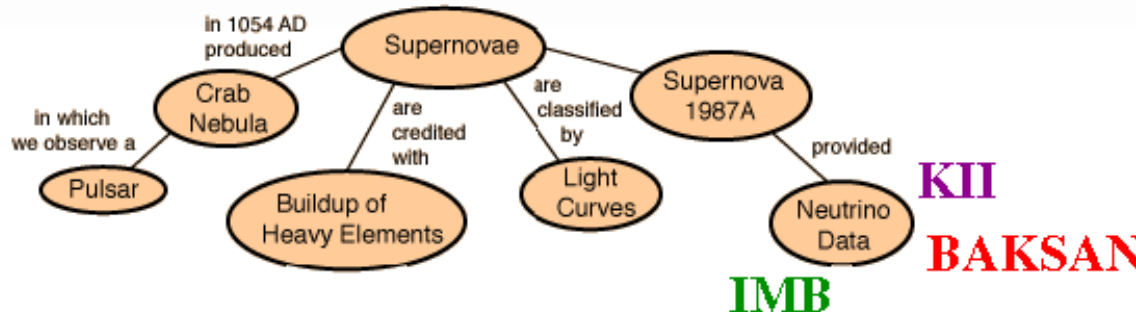
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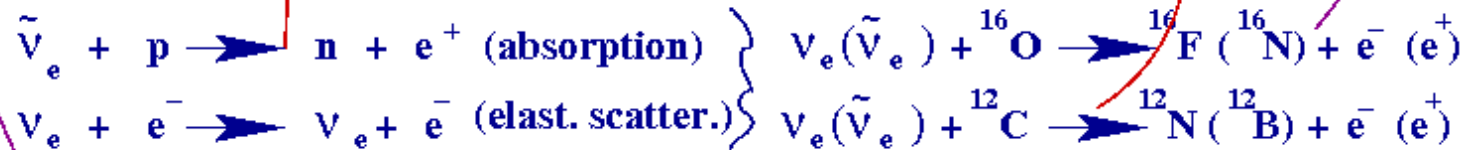
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K II	2140 H <sub>2</sub> O 1.42 x 10 <sup>32</sup>					
Baksan	200 C <sub>9</sub> H <sub>20</sub> 1.87 x 10 <sup>31</sup>					
Mont Blanc	90 C <sub>9</sub> H <sub>20</sub>					



for Cherenkov detectors

contribution are very small !!

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**BAKSAN**



**KII**

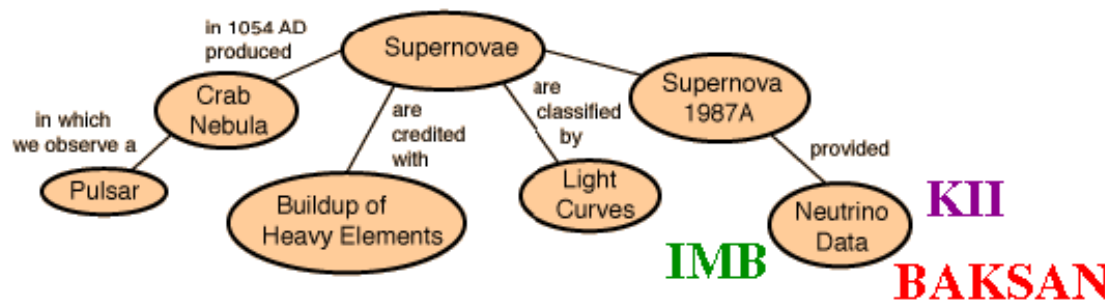


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**Horizontal plane of Baksan Super-Kamiokande  
Underground Scintillation Kamioka Mine, about  
Observatory (village "Neutrino" 200 km north of Tokyo  
IMB The detector was built 600 meters underground in the Morton  
salt mine near Cleveland, Ohio.**

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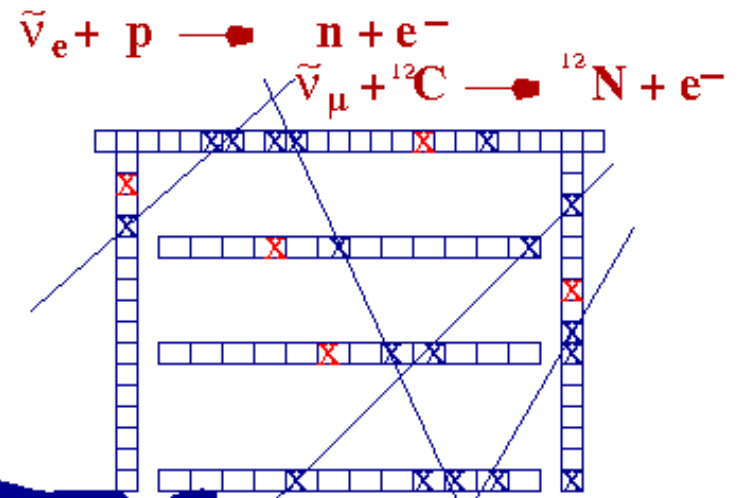
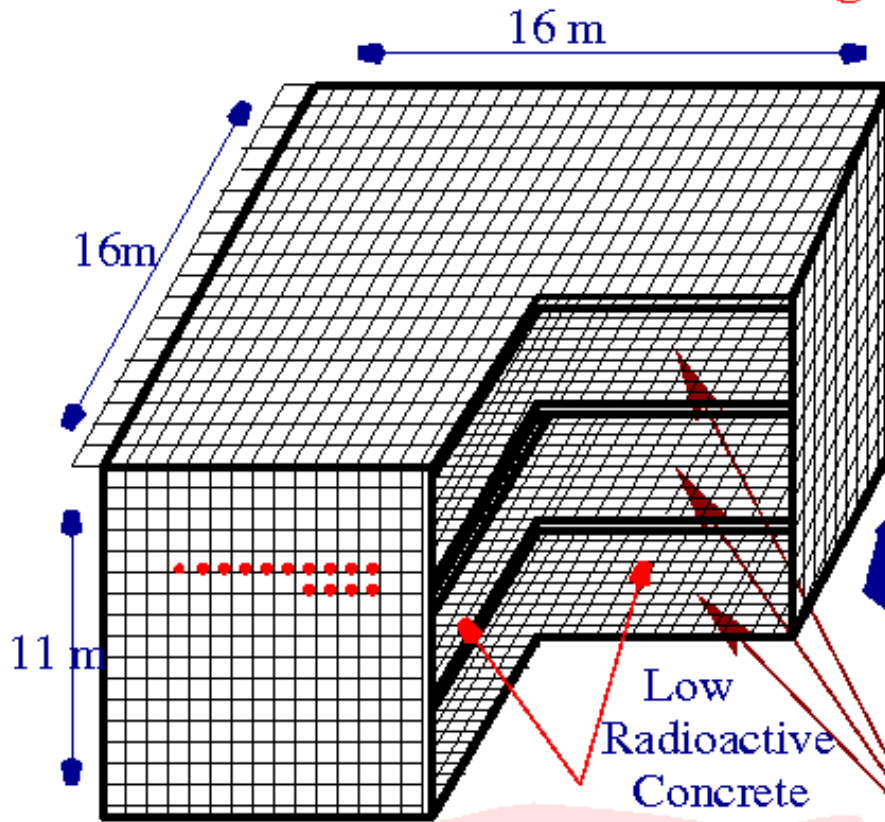
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# The BAKSAN Neutrino Underground Scintillation Telescope



SN "signal":  
x single event

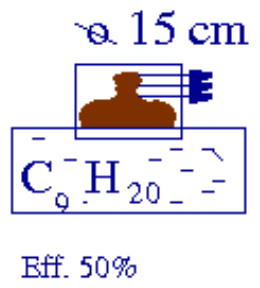
SN "alarm", when:  
more than 4 single detectors  
see events within 20 seconds

No  
Tracks!

x background events

Low  
Radioactive  
Concrete

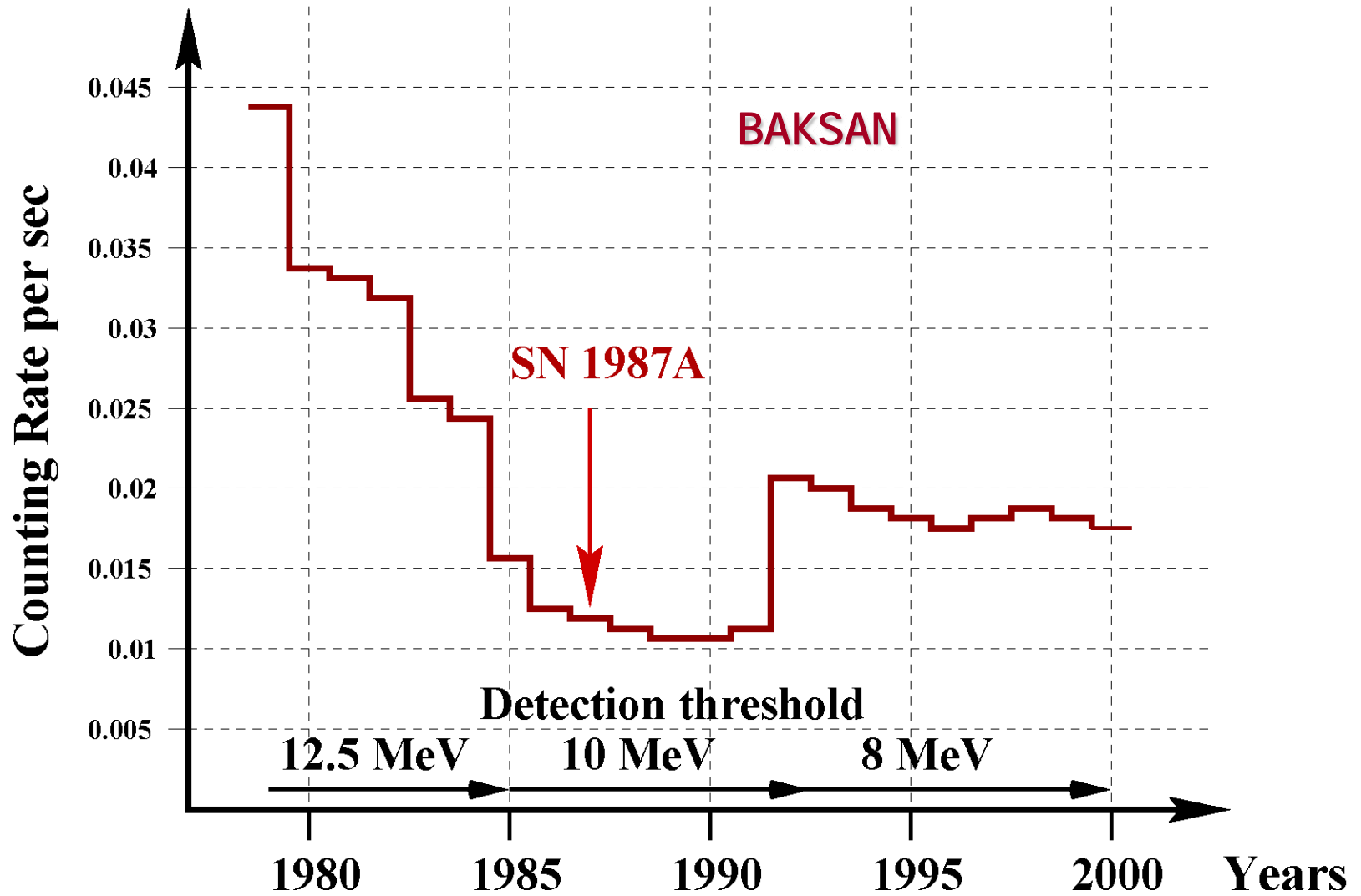
'Fiducial mass' 130 tons – interior 3 plains of telescopes  
count. rate =  $\sim 0.012 \text{ sec}^{-1}$



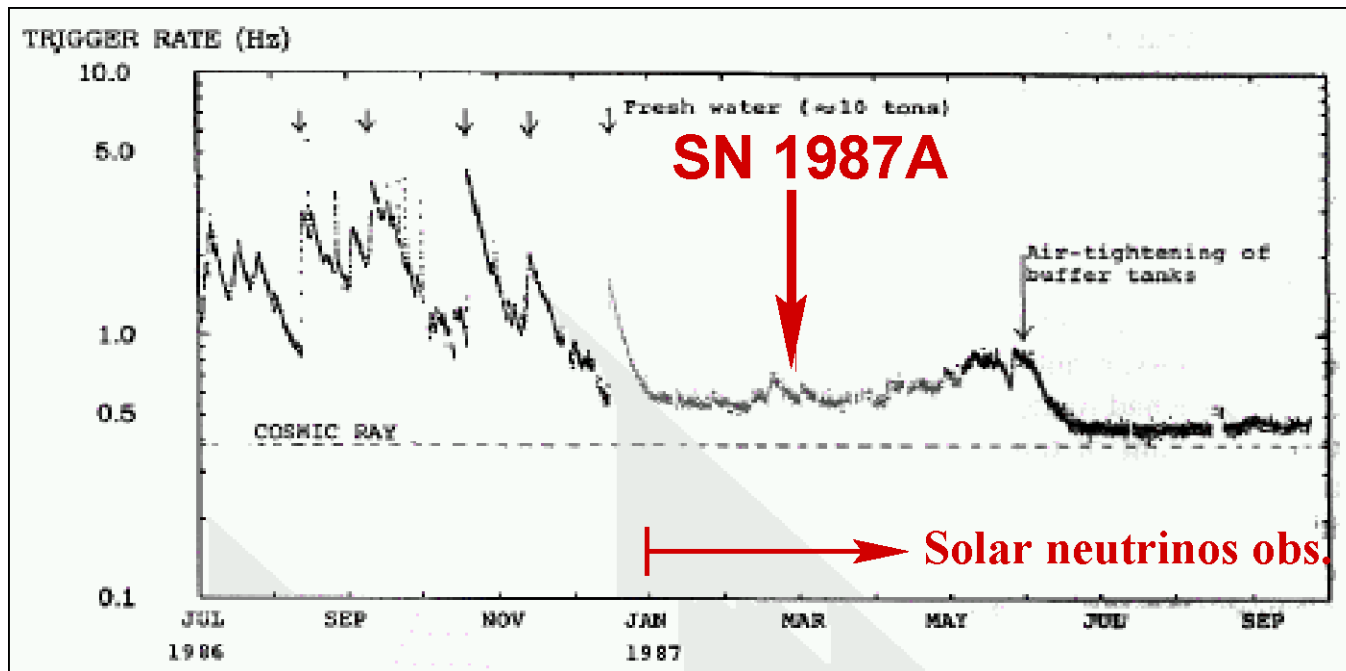
850 m.w.e  
 $E_{th} = 10 \text{ MeV}$

Standard-type  
Detector Unit  
70x70x30 cm

Total Mass (3150 detectors) – count. rate =  $\sim 0.034 \text{ sec}^{-1}$   
330 tons of a liquid organic scintillator

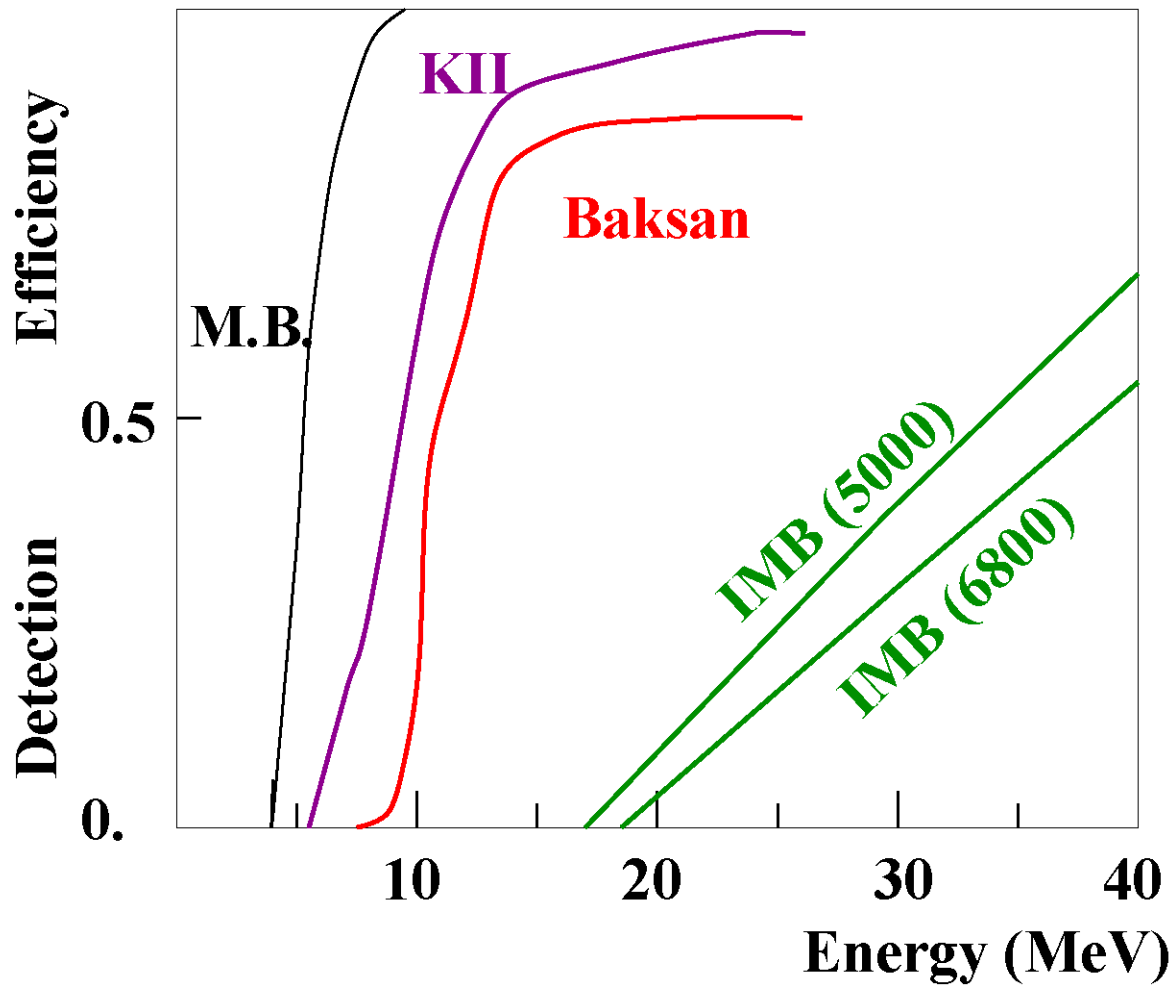


The counting rate of single events of the **1200 detectors** in the tree internal planes of the telescope (the target mass is **130t**) during the **period 1980-2000**. The improvement with time is shown (from *Zh. Eksp. Teor. Fiz.* 95 (2002) 10-16).



The background development of the KAMIOKANDE II detector.

It was **improved** only after the SN87A signal, by installing isolation structures from the mine air both in the 3000 ton tank and the water-purification system, and kept under control since end of May 1987.



**Comparison of trigger efficiencies of all SN87A detectors.**

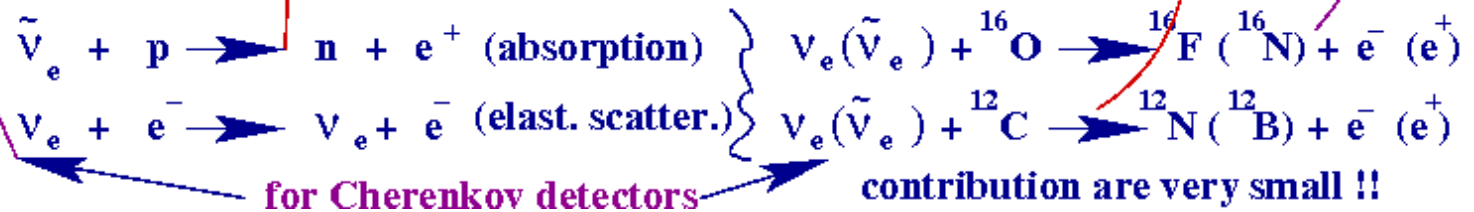
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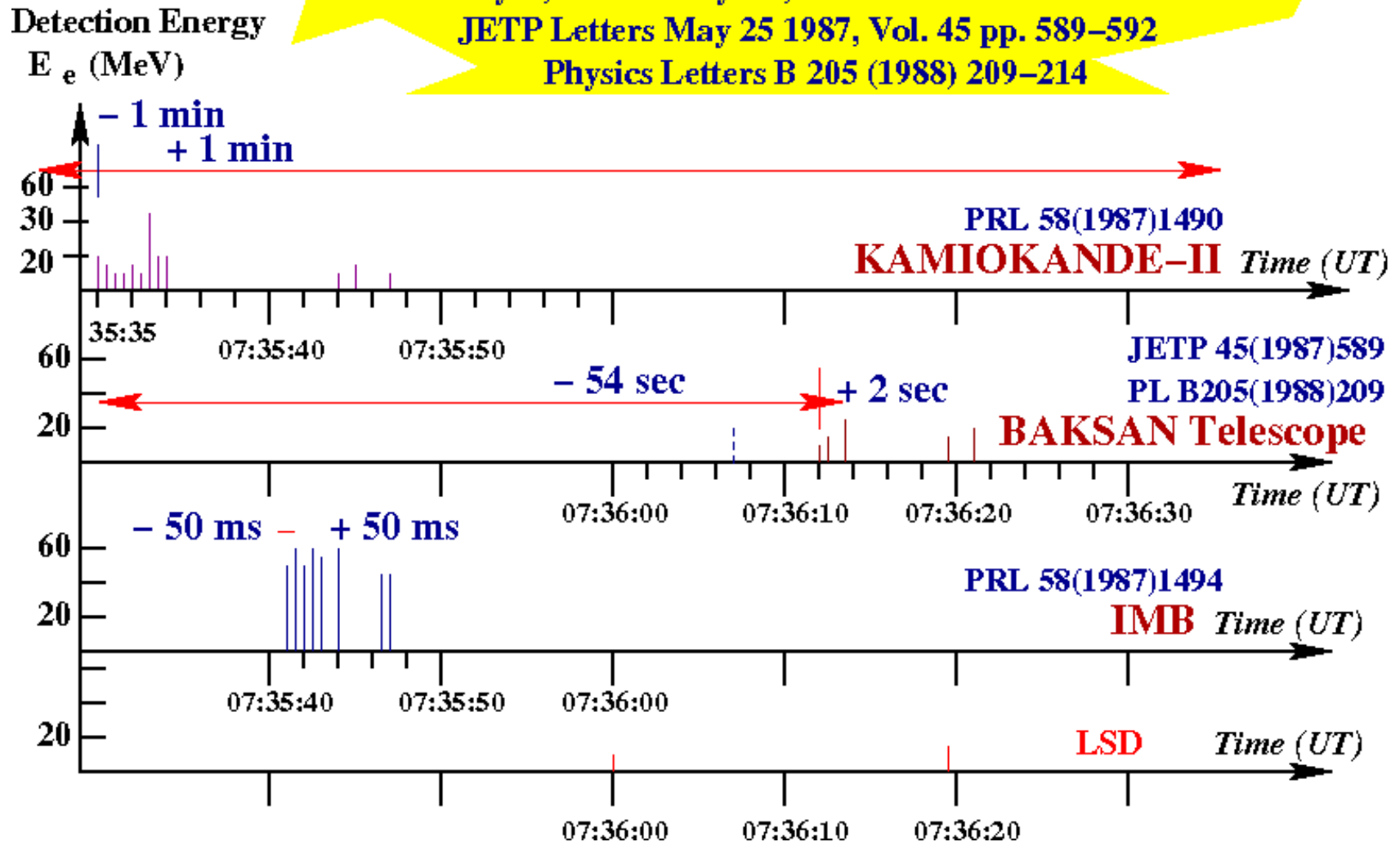
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<b>K II</b>	<b>2140 H<sub>2</sub>O</b> <b>1.42 x 10<sup>32</sup></b>	<b>8.5</b>	<b>0.022</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12.5</b>	
<b>Baksan</b>	<b>200 C<sub>9</sub>H<sub>20</sub></b> <b>1.87 x 10<sup>31</sup></b>	<b>10</b>	<b>0.034</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>9.1</b>	
<b>Mont Blanc</b>	<b>90</b> <b>C<sub>9</sub>H<sub>20</sub></b>	<b>5.5</b>	<b>0.012</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>7.0</b>	<b>2:52</b>



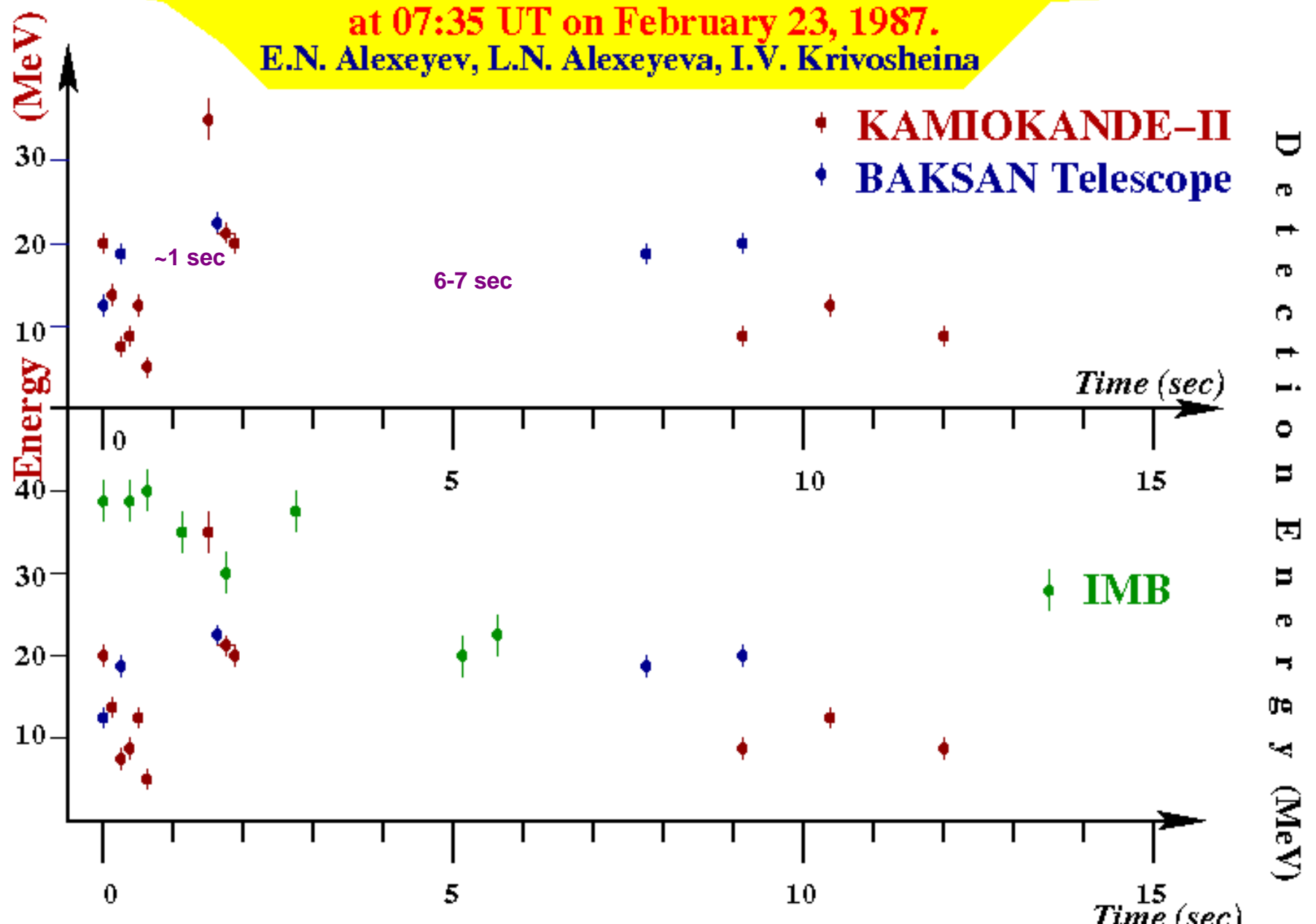
# **SUPERNOVAE SN 1987 A**

The time sequences of events detected by  
**KAMIOKANDE-II, Baksan telescope, IMB** and LSD detectors  
 at 07:35 UT on February 23, 1987.

E.N. Alexeyev, L.N. Alexeyeva, I.V. Krivosheina and V.I. Volchenko  
 JETP Letters May 25 1987, Vol. 45 pp. 589-592  
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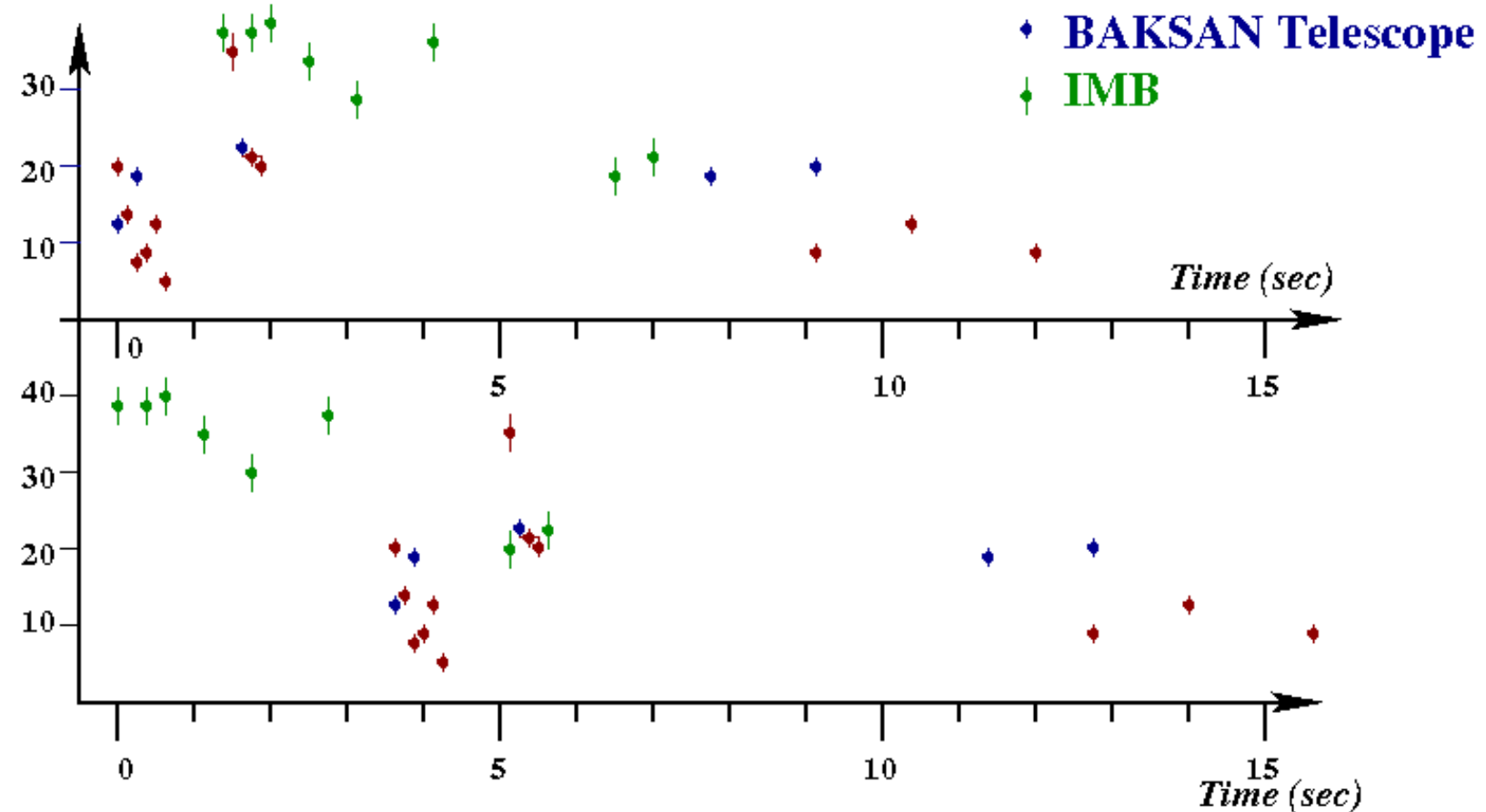


**Time profiles of the events recorded by KII, Baksan telescope and by all three detectors setting the time equal for the first events of each detector at 07:35 UT on February 23, 1987.**  
**E.N. Alexeyev, L.N. Alexeyeva, I.V. Krivosheina**



Time profiles of the events recorded by **KII, Baksan telescope** setting zero time to be the time of the first events for Baksan and KII detectors at **07:35 UT on 23.02.1987**, and assuming coincidence of the first IMB signal with the first high energy signal of KII  
E.N. Alexeyev, L.N. Alexeyeva, I.V. Krivosheina

Detection Energy (MeV)



The *most recent* analysis of the temporal structure of the neutrino signal from the SN 1987A was done in 2001 (used a Bayesian analysis – is very adequate to work with very low statistics).

T.J. Loredo, D.Q. Lamb PRD (2002) 063002

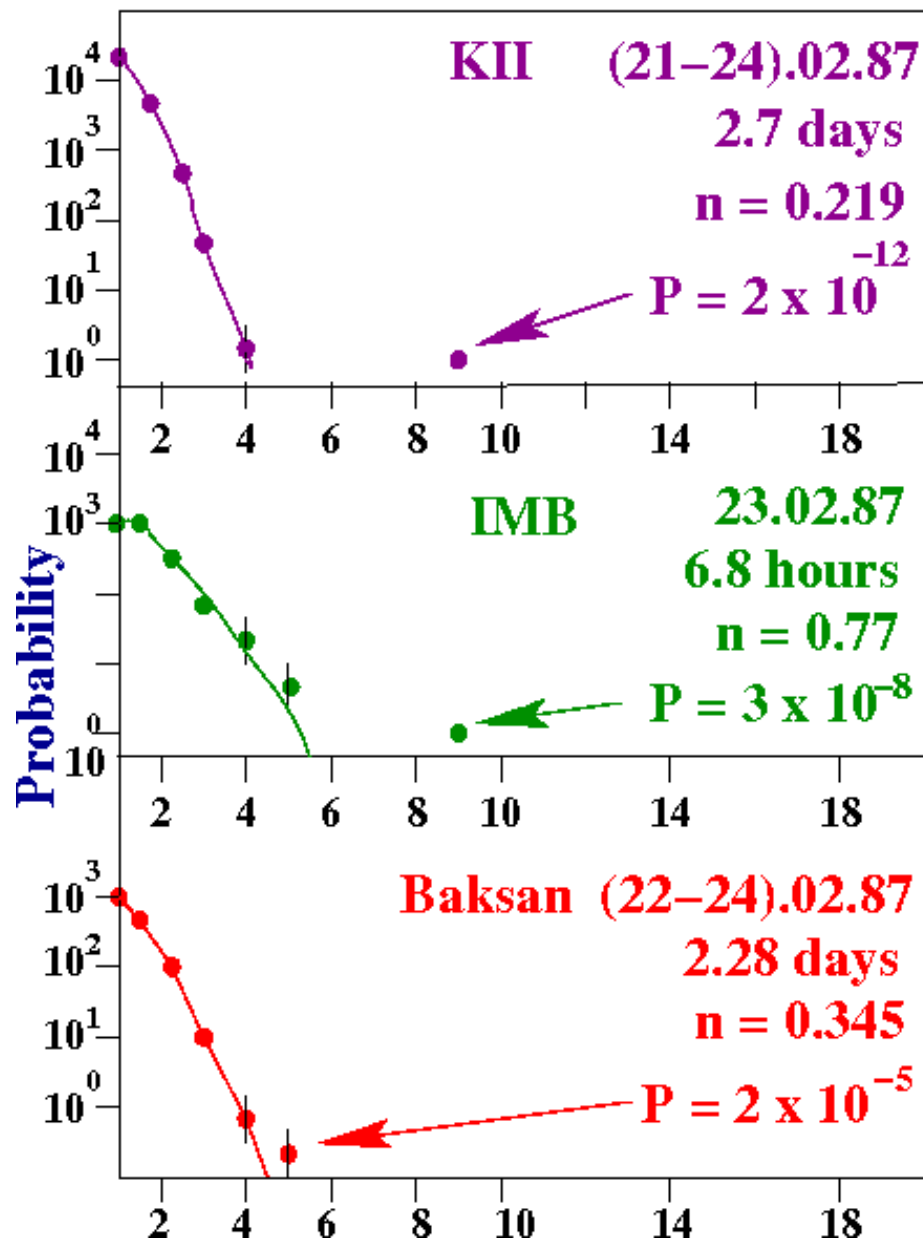
*This analysis shows:*

“.. A *strong* evidence *for two components in the neutrino signal* ...” on the basis of an analysis of the energies and arrival times of the neutrinos from SN 87A detected by KII, IMB and Baksan neutrino scint. telescopes.

For the **first time** after 17 years of explosion of the SN 87A

**“ .. The Baksan neutrino scintillation telescope data are fully consistent with the KII and IMB data .. ”**





E.N. Alexeyev, L.N. Alexeyeva,  
 I.V. Krivosheina

Eur. Int. Conf. Cosm. Rays  
 Hungary, 1988

XX IAU General Assembly,  
 August 1988, Baltimore, USA

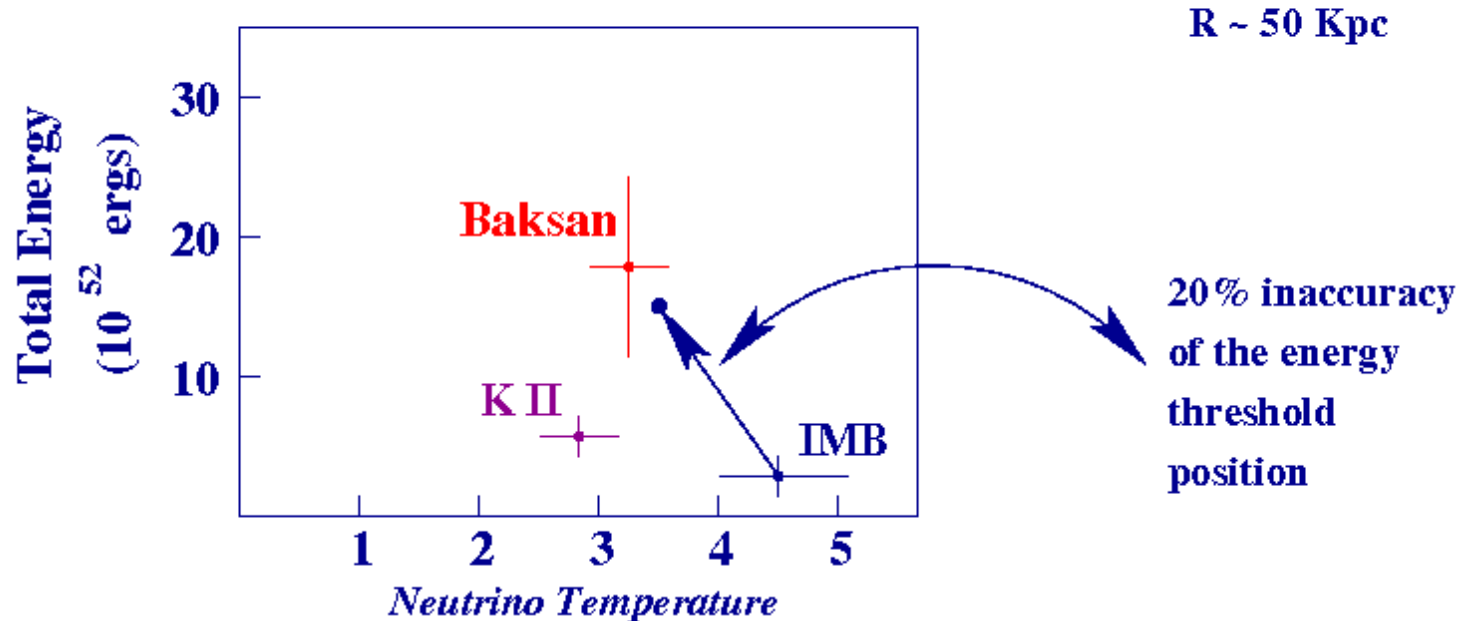
Poisson distribution for events  
 within 10 sec interval detected in  
 the period surrounding the time  
 of Supernova.

$n$  is the average of the background  
 c.r. per second

(this means one such event  
 per ~ 20 years)

## Main Parameters of the Neutrino Signal from SN 1987A

Detector	Average detected energy (MeV)	Neutrino temper. (MeV)	$E_{\nu} * 10^{52}$ (ergs)
KAMIOKANDE	$16.7 \pm 1.1$	$2.8 \pm 0.3$	$5.8 \pm 1.8$
<b>Baksan</b>	$19.4 \pm 1.7$	$3.3 \pm 0.4$	$18.6 \pm 8.5$
IMB (5000 t)	$33.8 \pm 2.9$	$4.5 \pm 0.7$	$2.9 \pm 1.1$
IMB (6800 t)	$33.2 \pm 2.5$	$4.3 \pm 0.6$	$3.2 \pm 1.1$



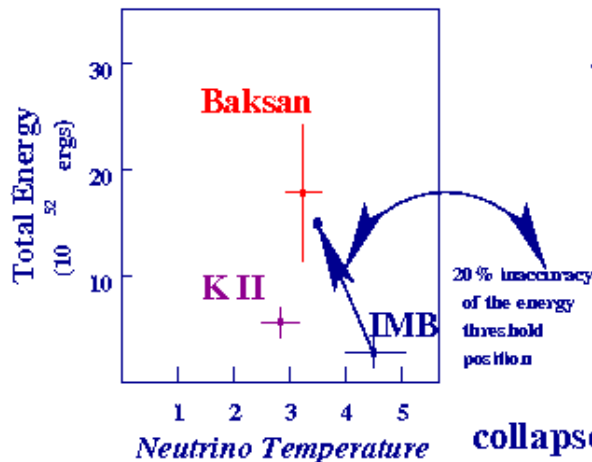
KII - 2140 tons,  
680 tons (factor of 2.5)

The distance to the SN87A 50Kpc, the neutrino spectrum has a Fermi-Dirac shape

## CONCLUSIONS

- The neutrino signal from SN 1987A was observed. There are **24 events in three detectors** recorded at 7:25 UT on February 23, 1987.
- The average derived characteristics of the burst are consistent with the general theoretical picture of SN explosions:
  - the evolution of the neutrino emission is approximately described as an exponentially decaying signal with characteristic time  $\sim 5$  seconds;
  - the total duration of the neutrino signal is  $\sim 20$  sec
  - the detected energies of the events are consistent with thermal neutrino spectrum and the effective neutrino temperature of 3–5 MeV (if a single temper. spectrum is supposed)
  - the total energy of the neutrino emission is  $\sim 3 \cdot 10^{53}$  ergs
  - the residue of Supernova is most probably a neutron star with a mass of  $\sim 1.4 M_{\odot}$

- The temporal distribution of the KK-II and BAKSAN events is in favour of a **three-bunch shape of the neutrino signal**



- The properties of the IMB signal are somewhat distinct from those of the KK-II one and the Baksan one.
- Based upon the Baksan data obtaining during **17.6 years from (19.75 years of calendar time) (since 30.06.1980)**

No signal, except SN 1987A in the LMA, was detected. The upper limit on the frequency of collapses in the Galaxy  $< 0.13 \text{ yr}^{-1}$  (90% c.l.)

*The mean time interval between the expected Galactic events is  $> 7.7$  years (90% c.l.) (E.N. Alexeyev, L.N. Alexeyeva, JETP 95 (2002) 5–10)*

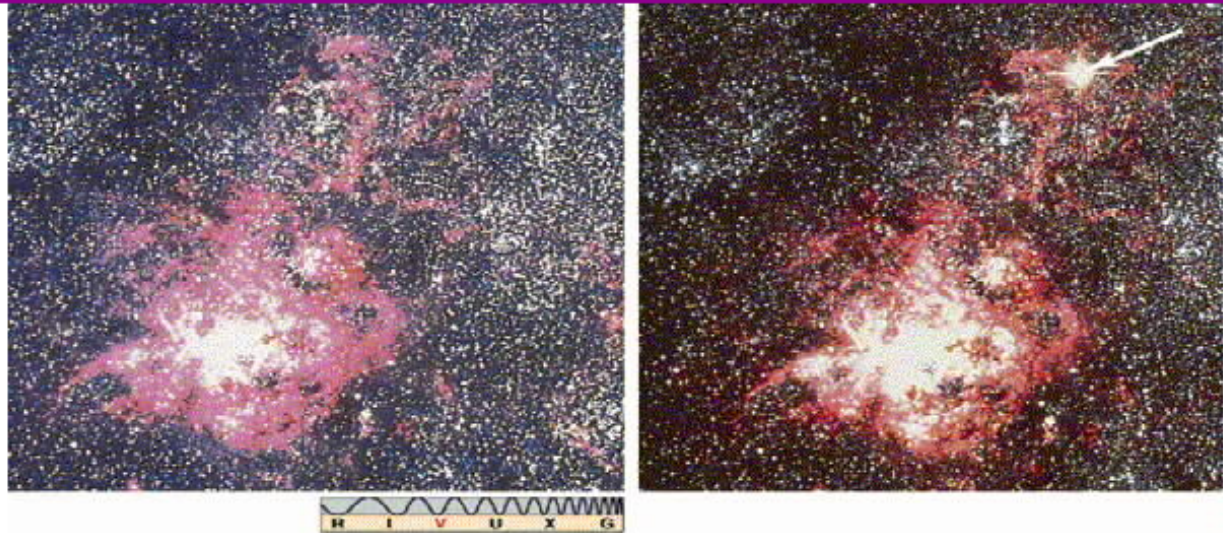
## What kind of criteria should be fulfilled by an experiment searching for supernova explosion?

1. A "Supernova" detector **should be able** to detect the  $\nu$ ,  $\bar{\nu}$ , as well as all types of neutrinos  $\nu_e$ ,  $\nu_\mu$ ,  $\nu_\tau$ .
2. The time distribution of the events (neutrinos-antineutrinos) and **perfect absolute time**.
3. The **energy** of each event.
4. All detectors **must** have a 'low' energy threshold **(not bigger than 10 MeV)**.
5. The detector **must** be located in a **deep** underground laboratory, to reduce the background from the muons.
6. The detector must have a **big fiducial** mass, to be able to see a neutrino signal from our Galaxy or from the Universe with sufficiently good statistics.
7. The detector **must run permanently and stable before and after a SN signal**.

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*The observation of the NEUTRINO SIGNAL with the expected general characteristics is the great success of the theory and the experiment.*



The time sequences of events detected by the LSD and the Baksan telescope  
at 02:52 UT on February 23, 1987.

Detection Energy  
 $E_e$  (MeV)

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**BAKSAN Telescope**

LSD

