



# Erratum to: Sensitivity of multi-PMT optical modules in Antarctic ice to supernova neutrinos of MeV energy

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We found an error in the code for calculating the CCSN detection range that led to double counting of signal events and thus to ranges that were too large by a factor of about 1.3. This results in the following corrections (old value → new value):

- The values for the detection ranges decrease as shown in the corrected Table 4. Figures 8, 9, 10 change accordingly. Correspondingly, the numbers change in:
  - Abstract: We find that exploiting temporal coincidences between signals in different photocathode segments, a 27 M<sub>⊙</sub> progenitor mass CCSN can be detected up to a distance of (341 kpc → 269 kpc) with a false detection rate of 0.01 year<sup>−1</sup> with a detector consisting of 10,000 sensors.
  - Section 4.2: The trigger condition ( $m \geq 7, N_\nu \geq 7$ ) can be used to send supernova alerts with very high confidence (about one false detection per century), and identify CCSN at a distance of (341 kpc → 269 kpc) with 50% probability.
  - Section 4.2: With a relaxed set of conditions of ( $m \geq 7, N_\nu \geq 6$ ), SNe up to (370 kpc → 291 kpc) can be detected with less than one false CCSN detection per year.
  - Section 4.2: For example, for a number of detected events  $N_\nu = 5$  a background origin can be excluded at  $3.2\sigma$ , while at least a corresponding number of events will be detected in 50% of cases from a 27 M<sub>⊙</sub> CCSNe at a distance of (407 kpc → 322 kpc).

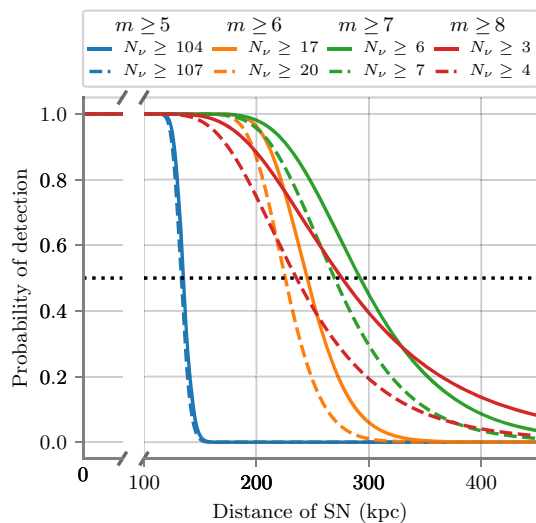
- Section 4.2: If  $N_\nu = 7$  events with  $m \geq 7$  are detected we obtain a  $4.9\sigma$  confidence that such signal was not produced by background with a 50% detection probability at (341 kpc → 269 kpc) distance.
- Conclusions: For a detector equipped with 10,000 sensors consisting of 24 3-inch photomultipliers, we find that CCSNe up to a distance of (341 kpc → 269 kpc) can be identified with 50% probability with 0.01 false SN detection per year.
- Conclusions: If the arrival time of CCSN neutrinos is known from an independent observation with  $\delta t = 1$  h, a 27 M<sub>⊙</sub> CCSN at ([407, 341] kpc → [322, 269] kpc) can be detected in 50% of cases and with a  $[3.2, 4.9]\sigma$  certainty that the signal was not produced by background.
- Change in the  $5\sigma$  detection horizons, in case the arrival time of the burst is known exactly:
  - Section 4.2: The  $5\sigma$  discovery horizon in this scenario reaches (400 kpc → 315 kpc) for a 27 M<sub>⊙</sub> CCSN using  $m \geq 7$ , and (300 kpc → 234 kpc) for the 9.6 M<sub>⊙</sub> model.
- To reach a detection of one CCSN about every decade doubling the number of modules, the necessary noise reduction changes from a factor  $\sim 70$  to a factor  $\sim 140$ :
  - Abstract: Increasing the number of sensors to 20,000 and reducing the optical background by a factor of ( $\sim 70 \rightarrow \sim 140$ ) expands the range such that a CCSN detection rate of (0.1 → 0.08) per year is achieved, while keeping the false detection rate at 0.01 year<sup>−1</sup>.
  - Section 4.2: In contrast, doubling the number of modules installed would allow the false SN detection rate to be kept below 0.01 year<sup>−1</sup> while expecting (1 → 0.8) CCSN detection per decade if the radioactive noise within the glass vessel can be reduced by a factor of about (70 → 140).

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**Table 4** False CCSN detection rate and range of supernova detection (50% probability) for different values of  $m$  and  $N_\nu$  (see trigger conditions in Section 4;  $\Delta t_{\text{coin}} = 20$  ns,  $\Delta T_{\text{SN}} = 10$  s)

Trigger		False CCSN rate (year <sup>-1</sup> )	Range (kpc) 27 M <sub>⊙</sub> (9.6 M <sub>⊙</sub> )
$m$	$N_\nu$		
$\geq 5$	$\geq 104$	0.7	135 (101)
	$\geq 107$	< 0.01	133 (99)
$\geq 6$	$\geq 17$	0.9	245 (182)
	$\geq 20$	< 0.01	225 (167)
$\geq 7$	$\geq 6$	0.4	291 (216)
	$\geq 7$	0.01	269 (200)
$\geq 8$	$\geq 3$	0.2	275 (204)
	$\geq 4$	< 0.01	235 (174)

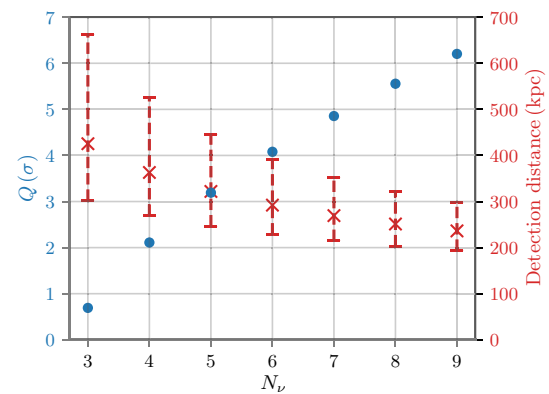


**Fig. 8** Probability for the detection of a CCSN of 27 M<sub>⊙</sub> progenitor mass as a function of distance using the trigger conditions presented in Table 4

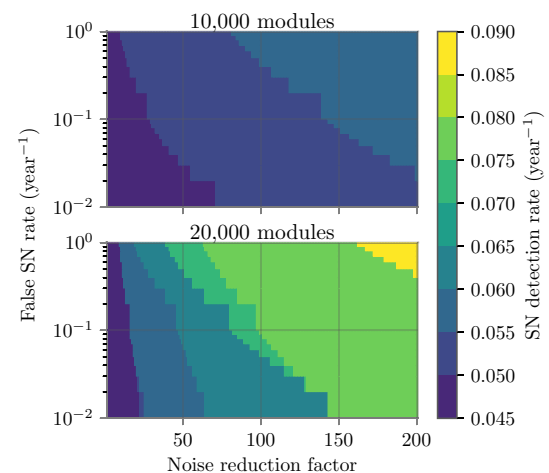
- Conclusions: Increasing the number of installed modules to 20,000 and using pressure vessels with significantly reduced optical background could extend the range such that one CCSN (per decade → every ~ 12 years) can be observed.

The conclusion from this work remains unchanged despite the reduced detection range: exploiting coincidences between detected photons within a segmented photosensor will significantly increase the sensitivity of sparsely instrumented neutrino telescopes to distant CCSNe.

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**Fig. 9** Detection prospects for a CCSN whose time is known to within 1 h ( $m \geq 7$ ,  $\Delta t_{\text{coin}} = 20$  ns,  $\Delta T_{\text{SN}} = 10$  s). Left axis: Probability in  $\sigma$  that the signal is not produced by background fluctuations. Right axis: Distance at which a 27 M<sub>⊙</sub> progenitor mass CCSN is detected with 10% (upper boundary), 50% (middle mark) and 90% probability (lower boundary), when at least  $N_\nu$  detected events are required



**Fig. 10** CCSN detection rate for hypothetical detectors with 10,000 (upper) and 20,000 (lower) mDOMs as a function of the false SN detection rate and a reduction in radioactive noise compared to standard mDOMs. The CCSN detection rates have been calculated using the estimated CCSNe population from [16] based on actual observations and scaled to the star formation rate

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