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*Investigating the nuclear response of Te  
isotopes to SN neutrinos*

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# *Neutrino Sources*

## *1) Astrophysical Neutrino Sources*

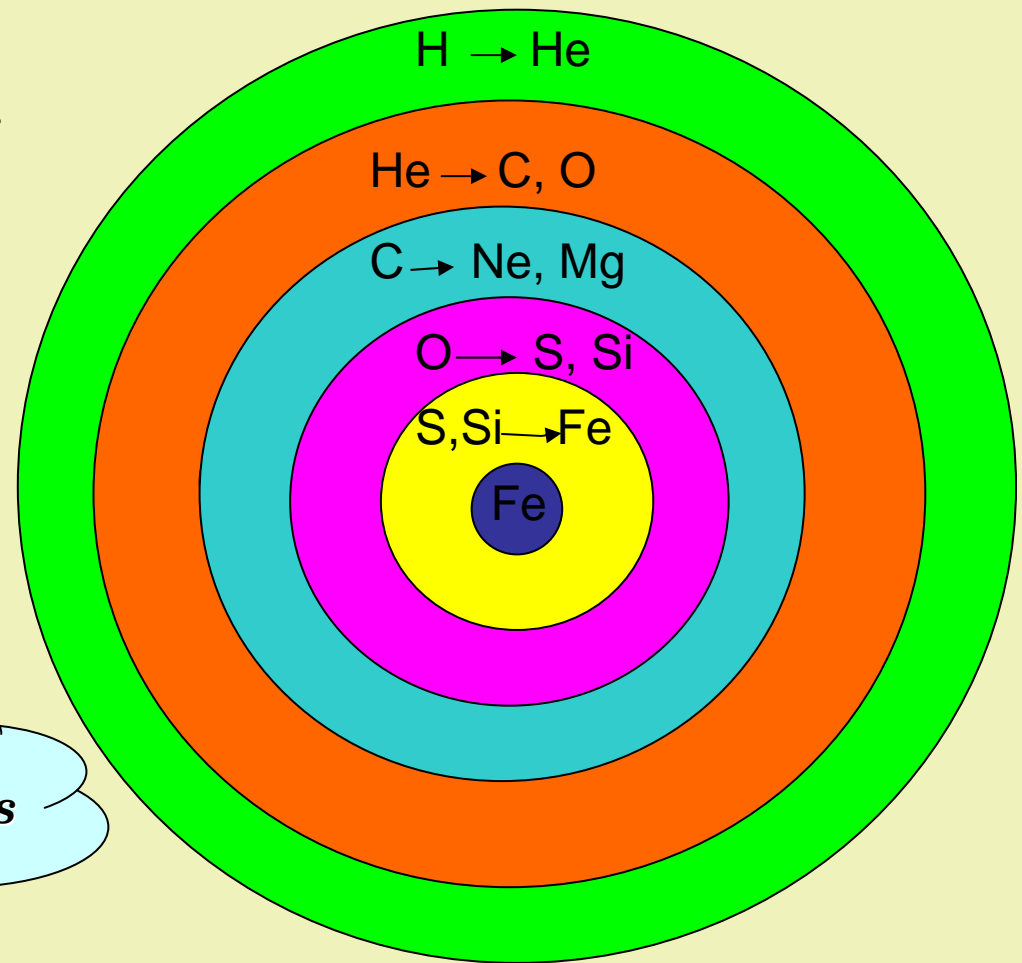
- i. Solar Neutrinos
- ii. Supernova Neutrinos
- iii. Atmospheric Neutrinos
- iv. Cosmological Neutrinos

## *2) Laboratory Neutrino Sources*

- i. Reactor neutrinos
  - Beta decay neutrinos
  - Slow – pion and muon decay neutrinos
- ii. Accelerator  $\nu$  (high energy neutrino beams)

# *Star evolution and $\nu$ -production mechanisms*

- At the end of hydrostatic burning a massive star  $\sim 8 M_{\text{sun}}$  consists of concentric shells that are the relics of its previous burning phases
- When the mass of the iron core exceeds the  $M_{\text{Ch}} = 1.4 M_{\text{sun}}$ , the gravitational pull  $>$  thermal pressure

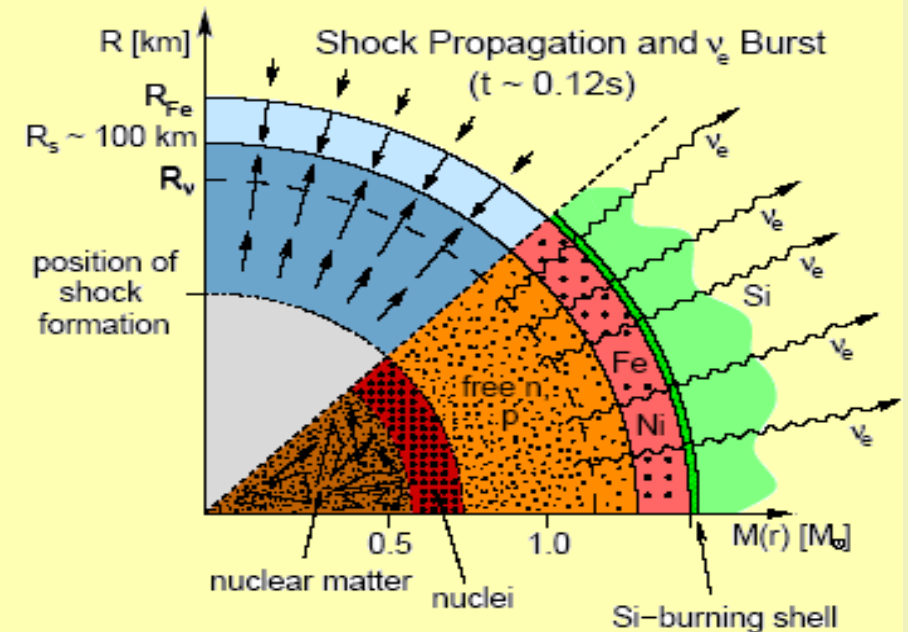
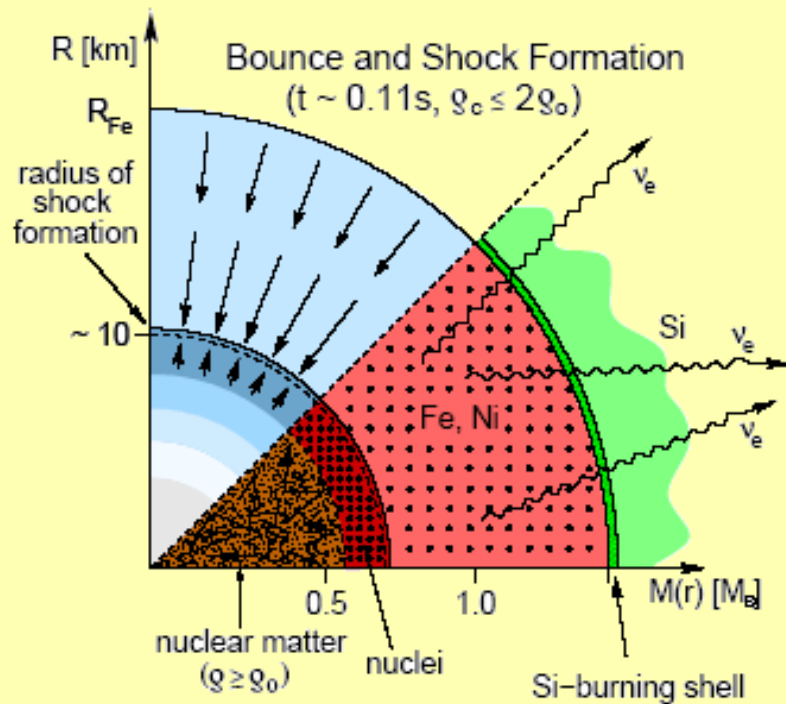
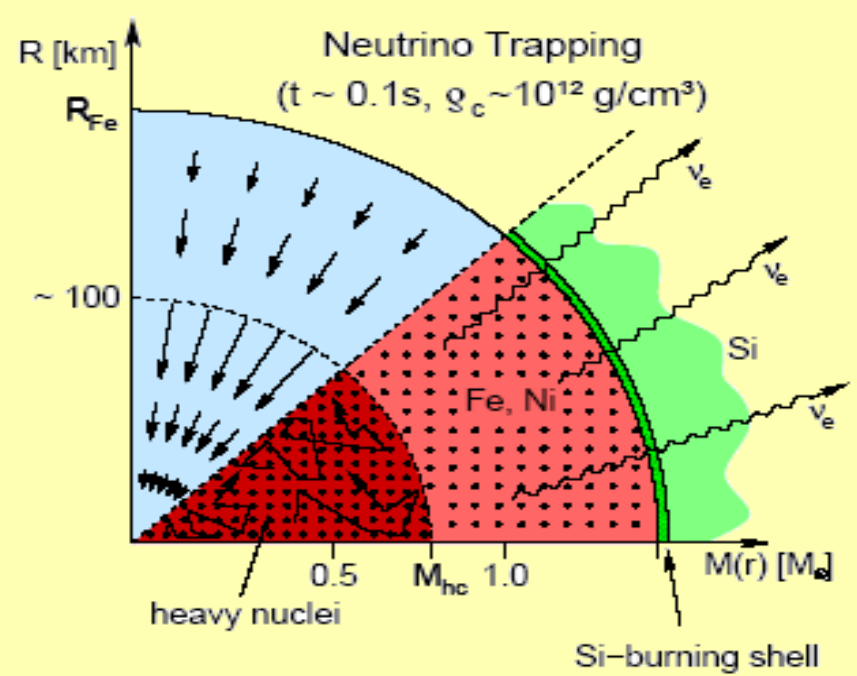
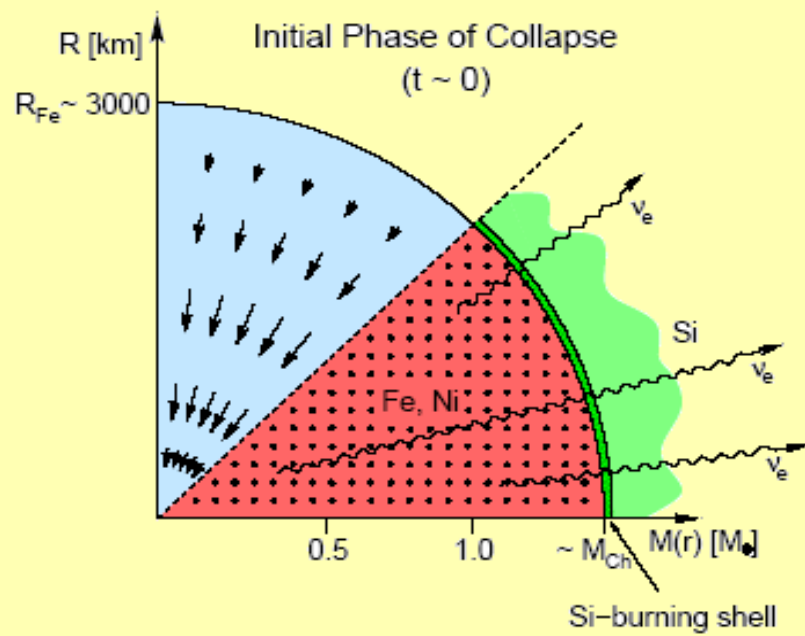


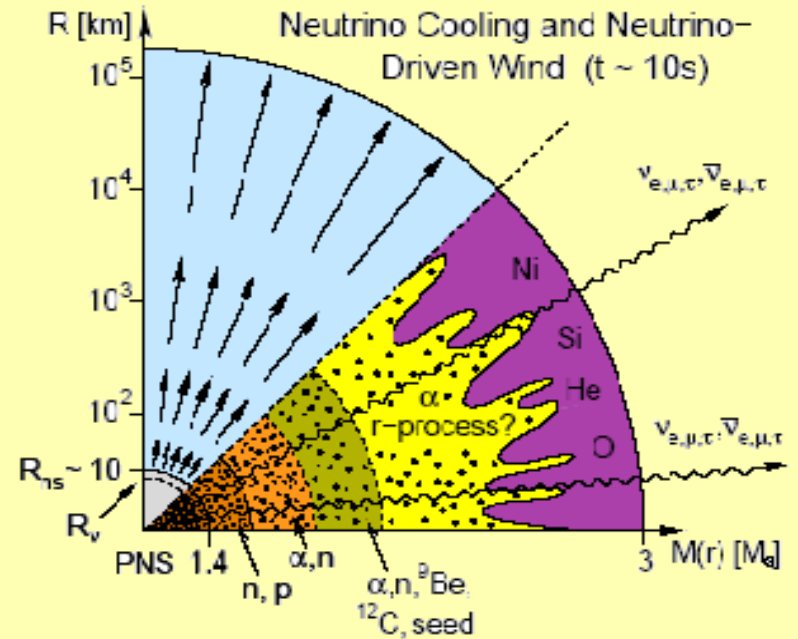
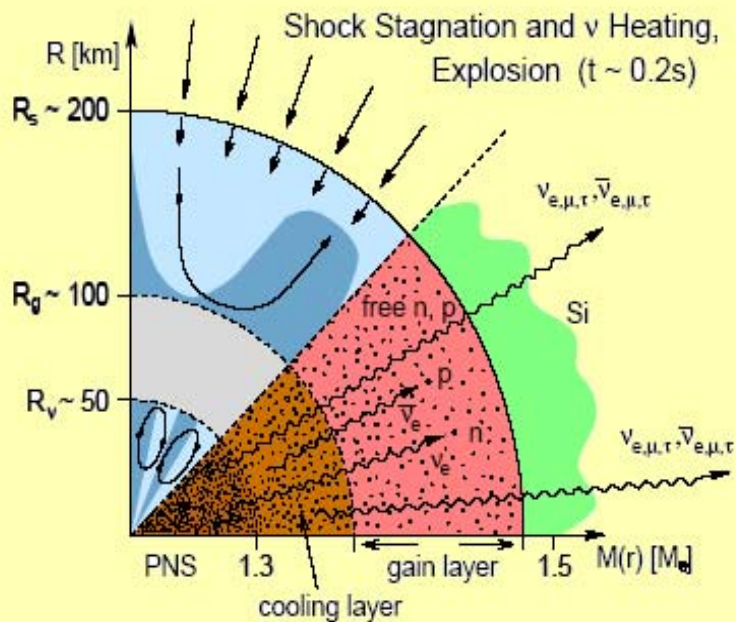
*The core-collapse **supernova** is started!!!*

# *Core-collapse simulation results*

The main stages of stellar evolution (for massive stars) according to Janka et al., are:

- Initial phase of collapse
- Neutrino trapping
- Bounce and shock formation
- Shock propagation and neutrino burst
- Shock stagnation and neutrino heating
- Neutrino cooling and neutrino driven wind





*neutrinos of all flavors  
are produced!!!*

# Average energy of SN- $\nu$ spectra

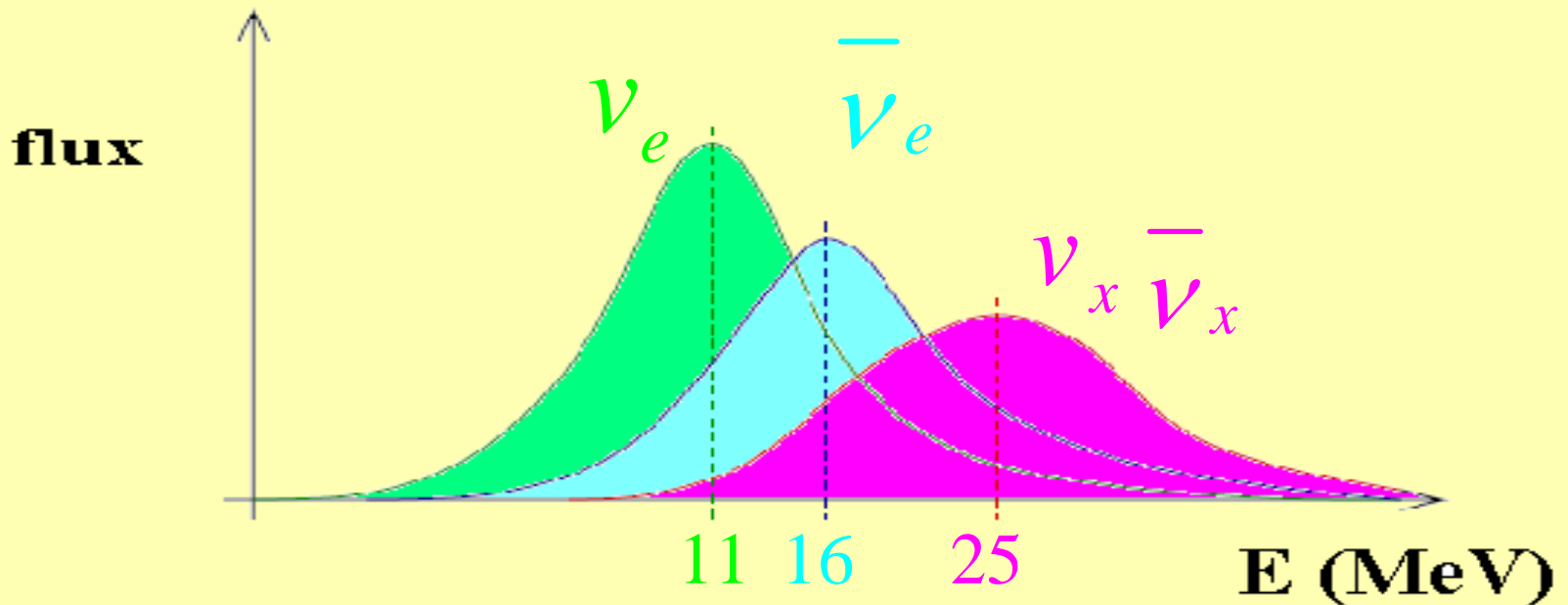
$$\langle E_{\nu} \rangle_e < \langle E_{\bar{\nu}} \rangle_e < \langle E_{\nu, \bar{\nu}} \rangle_x$$

Average energy of emitted neutrinos reflects the temperature of matter around the neutrinosphere.

$$T_{\nu_e} \approx 3,5 \text{ MeV}$$

$$T_{\bar{\nu}_e} \approx 5 \text{ MeV}$$

$$T_{\nu_x} \approx 8 \text{ MeV}$$





# *The Convolution Method in SN- $\nu$ Searches*

The differential  $\nu$ -nucleus cross-section  $d\sigma(\varepsilon_\nu, \omega)/d\omega$  is folded by using the expression to study the nuclear response to SN- $\nu$  spectra:

$$\frac{d\sigma(\omega)}{d\omega} = \int_{\omega}^{\infty} \frac{d\sigma(\varepsilon_\nu, \omega)}{d\omega} n(\varepsilon_\nu) d\varepsilon_\nu$$

$\omega = E_i - E_f = \varepsilon_i - \varepsilon_f$ : excitation energy of the nucleus

The  $n(\varepsilon_\nu)$  is a specific  $\nu$ -energy distribution normalized to unity as:

$$\int n(\varepsilon_\nu) d\varepsilon_\nu = 1$$

# *Energy distribution for SN- $\nu$*

*Fermi - Dirac*

$$n_{\text{FD}}[T, n_{\text{eff}}](\varepsilon_{\nu}) = \frac{1}{F(n_{\text{eff}}) T^3} \frac{\varepsilon_{\nu}^2}{\text{Exp}\left[\left(\frac{\varepsilon_{\nu}}{T}\right) - n_{\text{eff}}\right] + 1}$$

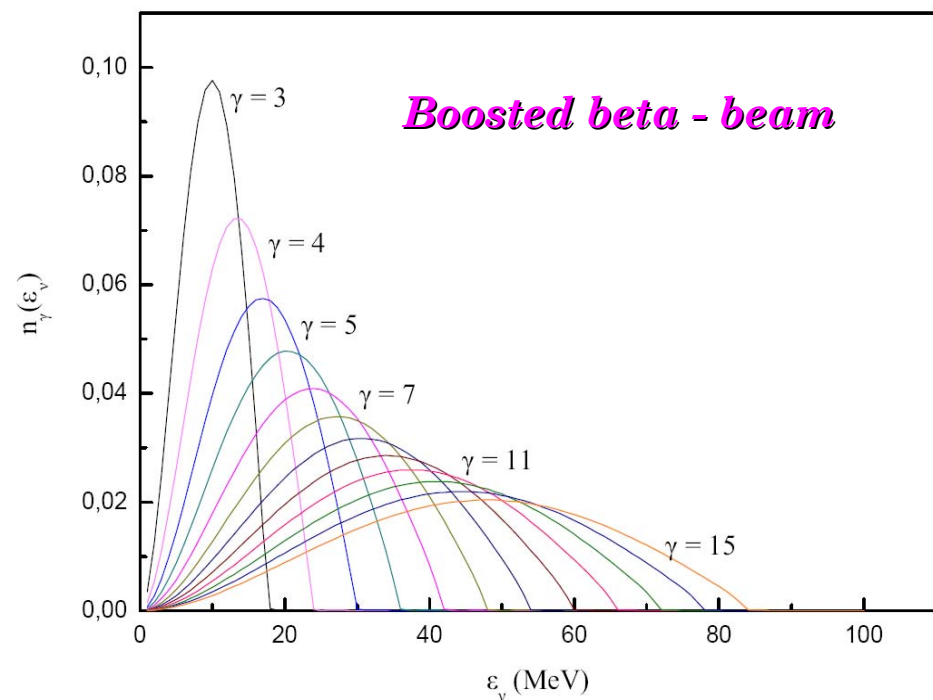
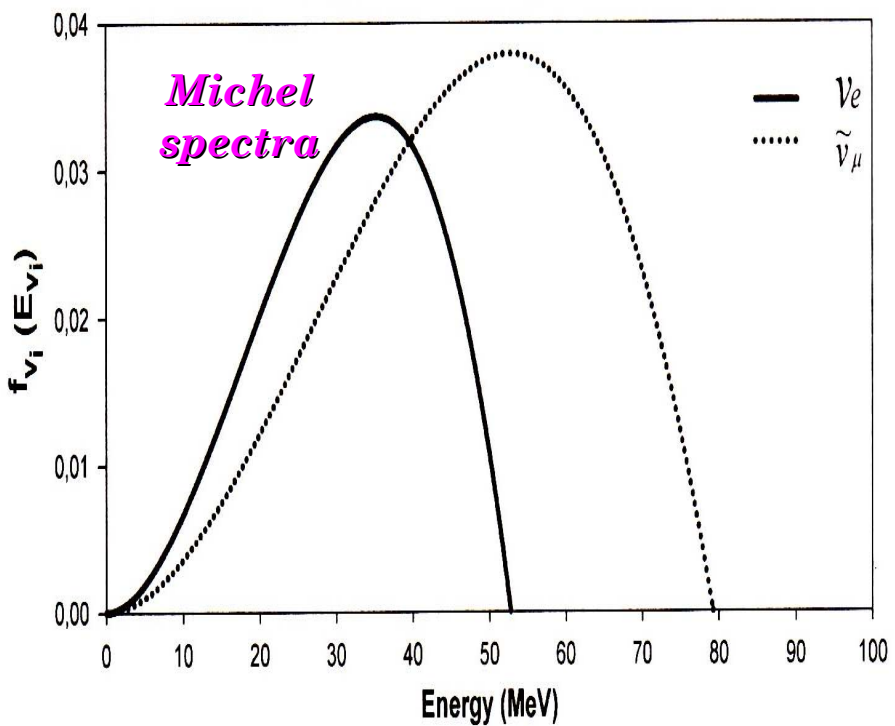
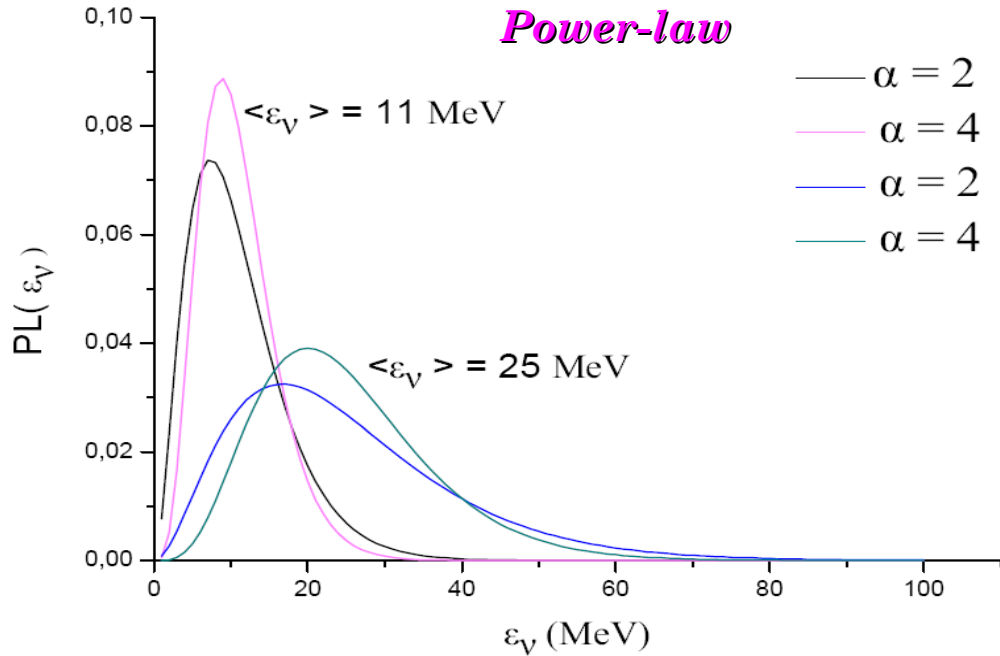
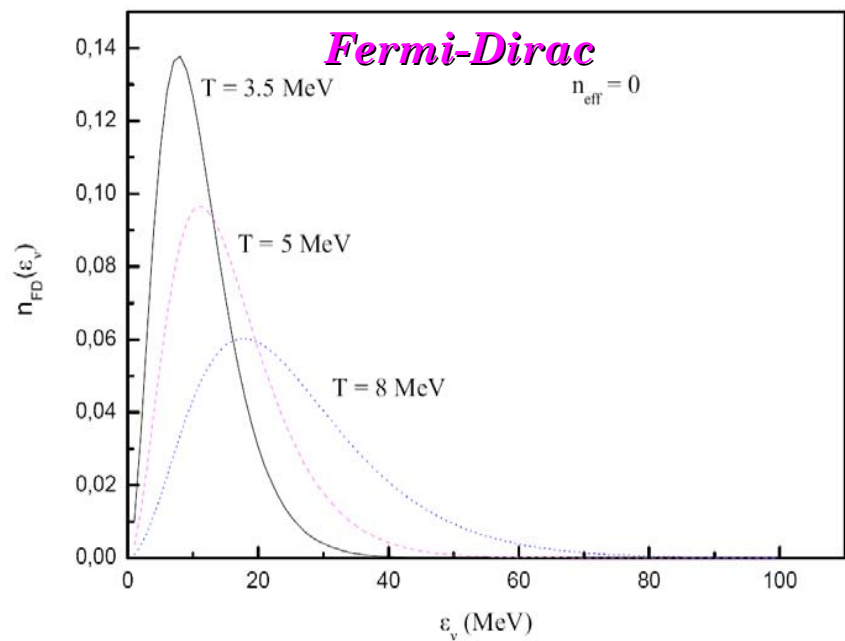
*Power - law*

$$n_{\text{PL}}[\langle\varepsilon_{\nu}\rangle, a](\varepsilon_{\nu}) = \frac{1}{c} \left(\frac{\varepsilon_{\nu}}{\langle\varepsilon_{\nu}\rangle}\right)^a e^{-(a+1)\frac{\varepsilon_{\nu}}{\langle\varepsilon_{\nu}\rangle}}$$

*Reactor neutrino  
spectrum*

$$n_{\nu_e}(\varepsilon_{\nu_e}) = \frac{96\varepsilon_{\nu_e}^2}{m_{\mu}^4} (m_{\mu} - 2\varepsilon_{\nu_e})$$

*Boosted beta-beam neutrino spectra*



# *Low-energy beta-beams in SN- $\nu$ physics*

Low – energy *beta-beams* can provide information about SN- $\nu$  interactions the interpretation of a SN – $\nu$  signal in a terrestrial detector.

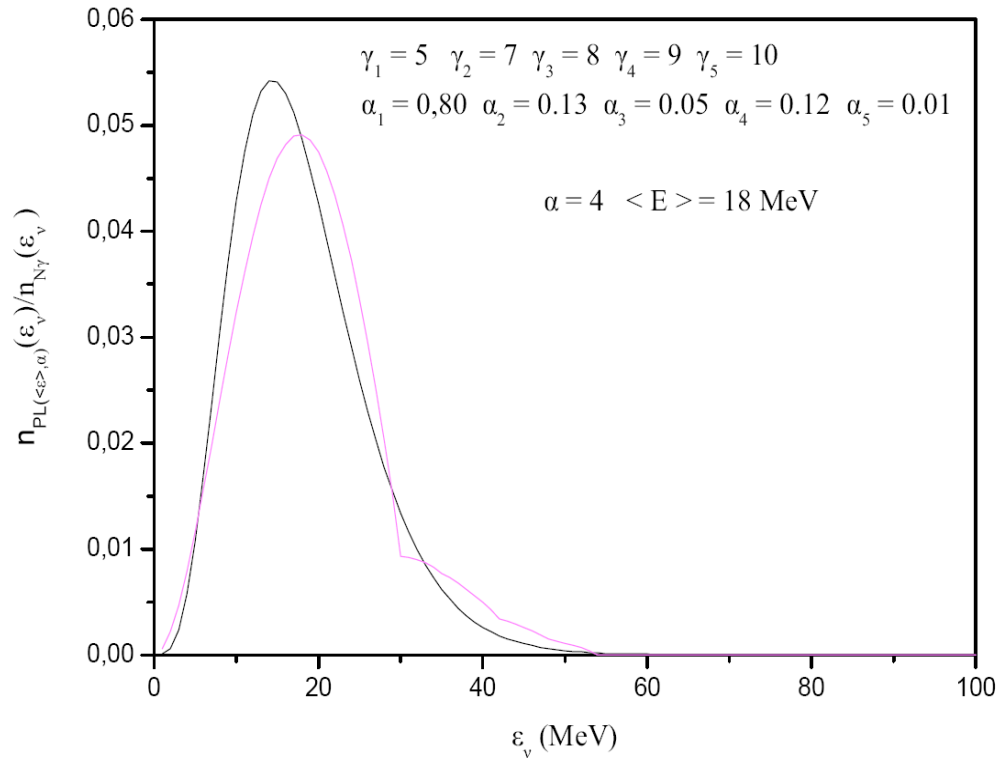
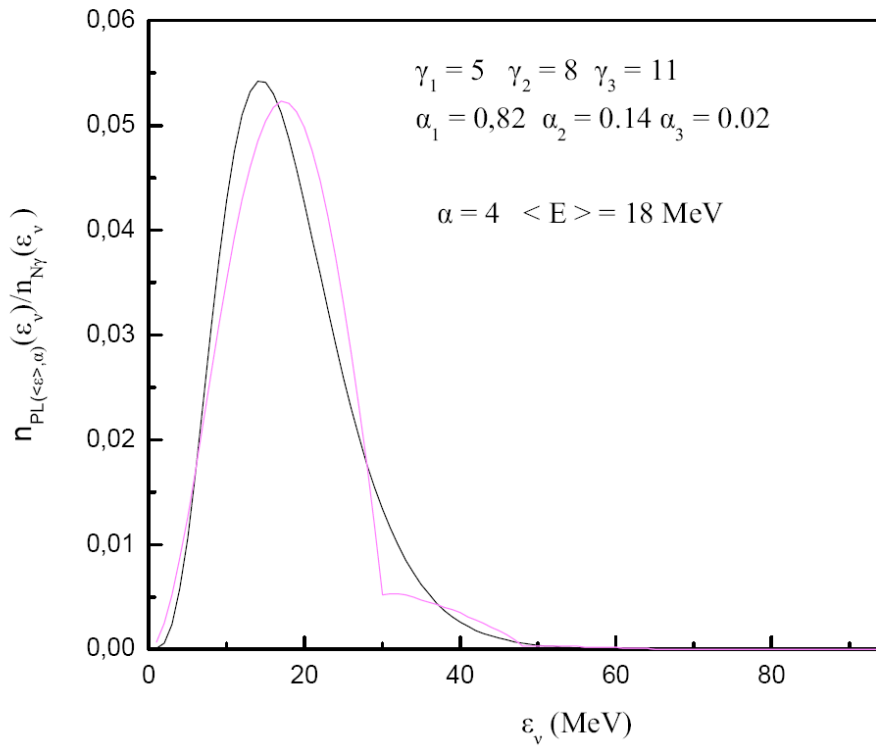
We construct linear combinations of boosted beta beam spectra  $n_{\gamma_i}$ :

$$n_{N_\gamma}(\varepsilon_\nu) = \sum_{i=1}^N a_i n_{\gamma_i}(\varepsilon_\nu)$$

The expansion coefficients  $a_{i=1,2,\dots,N}$  for the boost factors  $\gamma_{i=1,2,\dots,N}$  are obtained by minimizing the expression

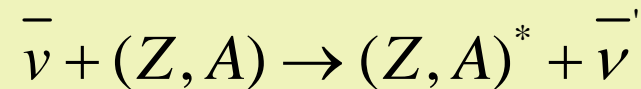
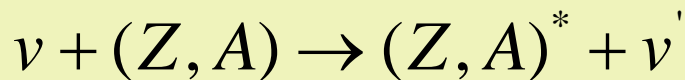
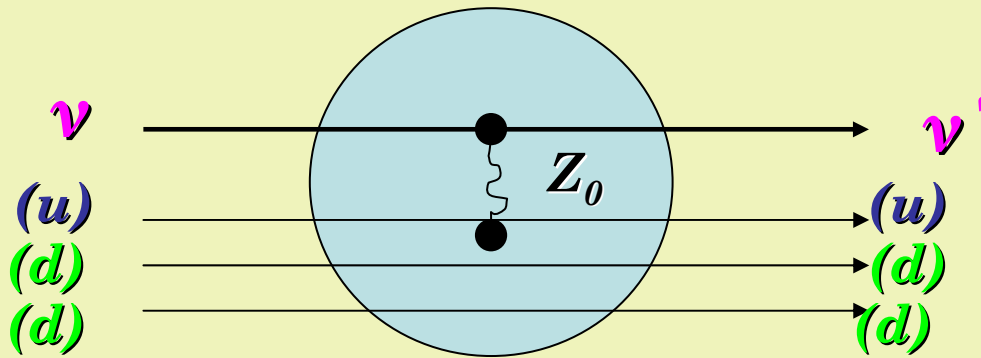
$$\int_{\varepsilon_\nu} d\varepsilon_\nu \left| n_{N_\gamma}(\varepsilon_\nu) - n_{SN}(\varepsilon_\nu) \right|$$

# Power-law fitting with 3-5 boost components

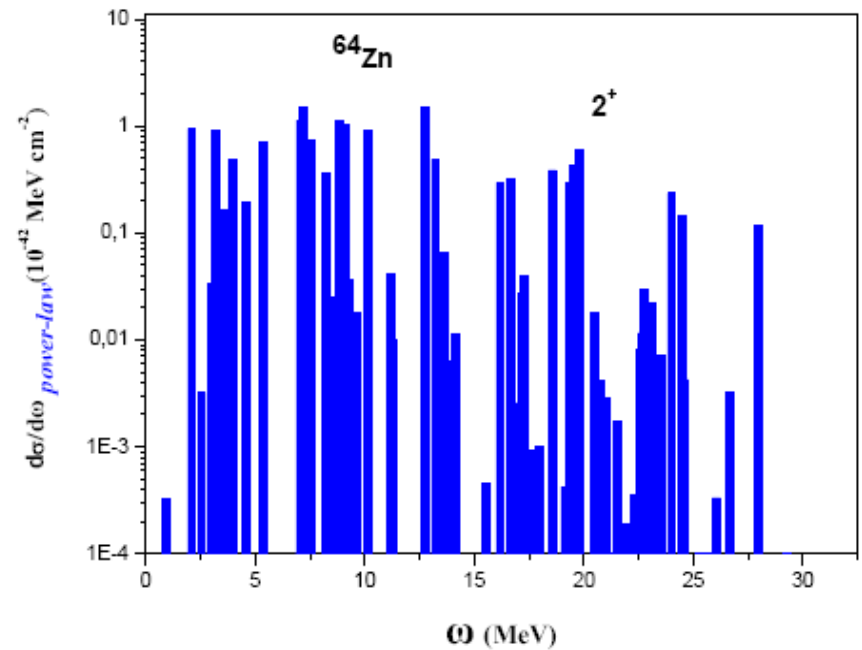
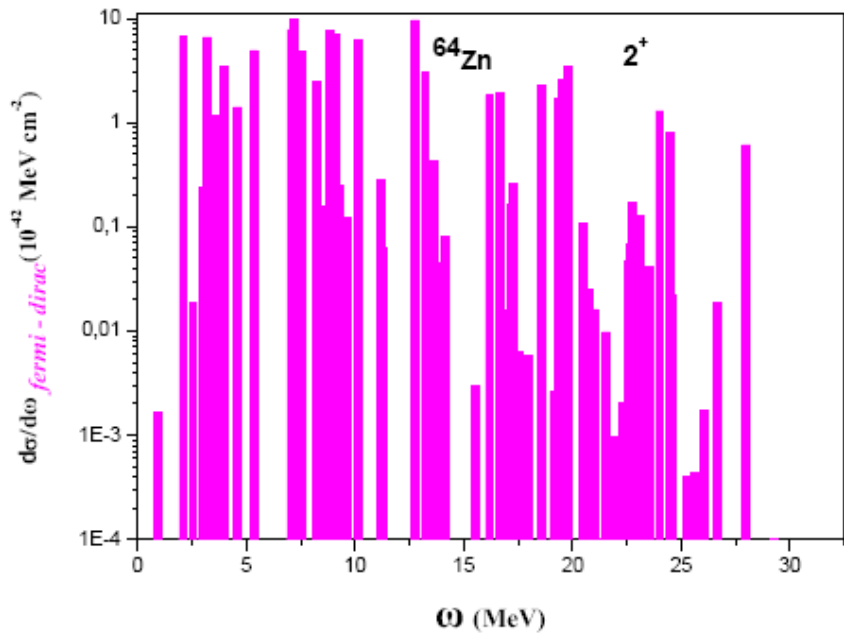


# Nuclear response to SN- $\nu$ of COBRA target

The aim of this work is to study the response to SN- $\nu$  of the nuclear isotopes **Zn**, **Te**, contained in the **COBRA** detector, through the neutral current reactions

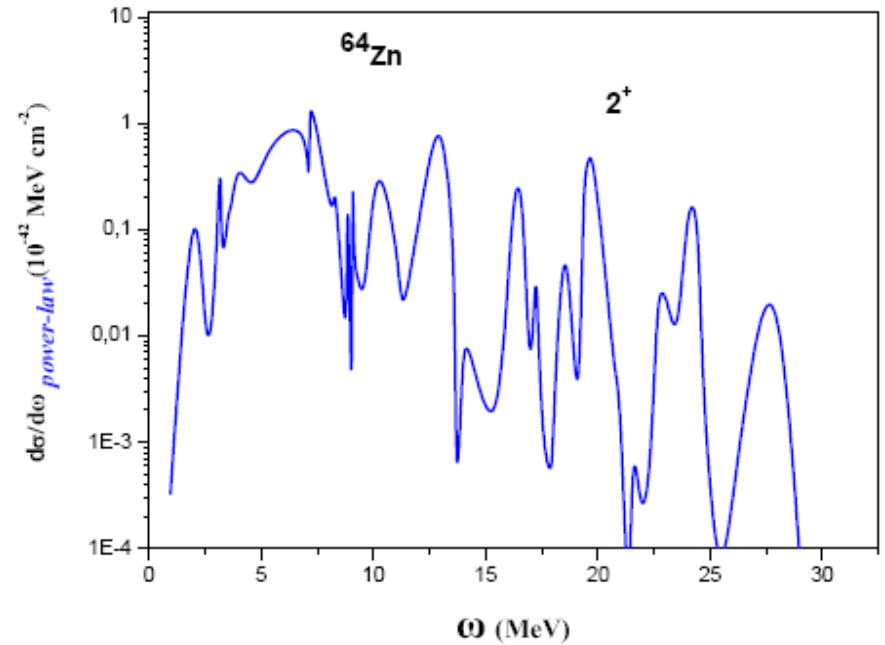
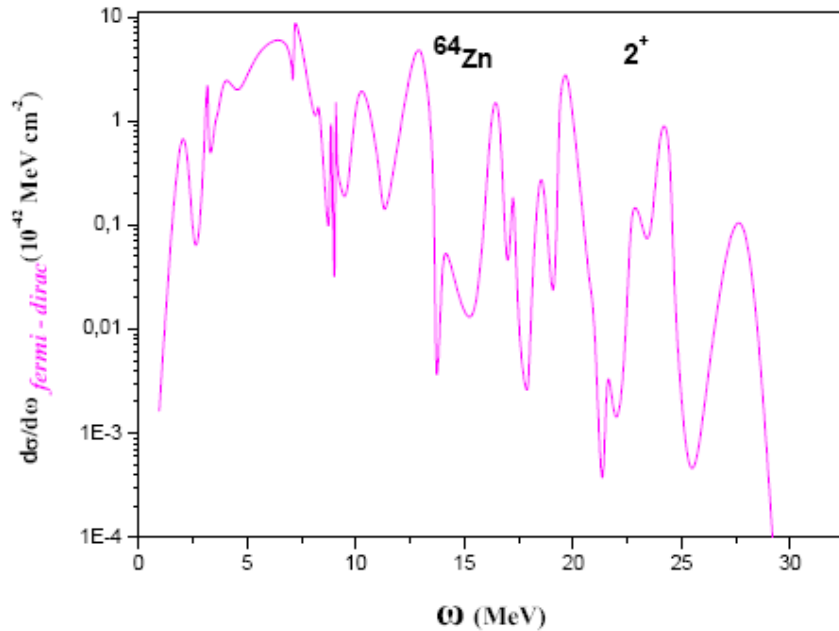


# *Results of the convolution for $^{64}\text{Zn}$*



Convoluted differential cross-section using Fermi-Dirac (left) and power-law (right)

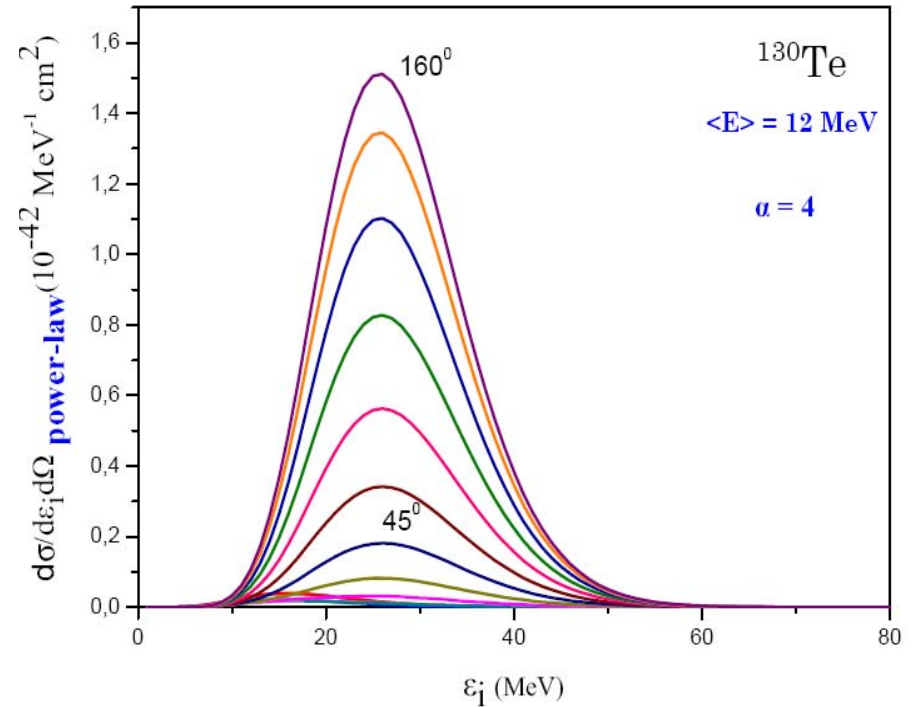
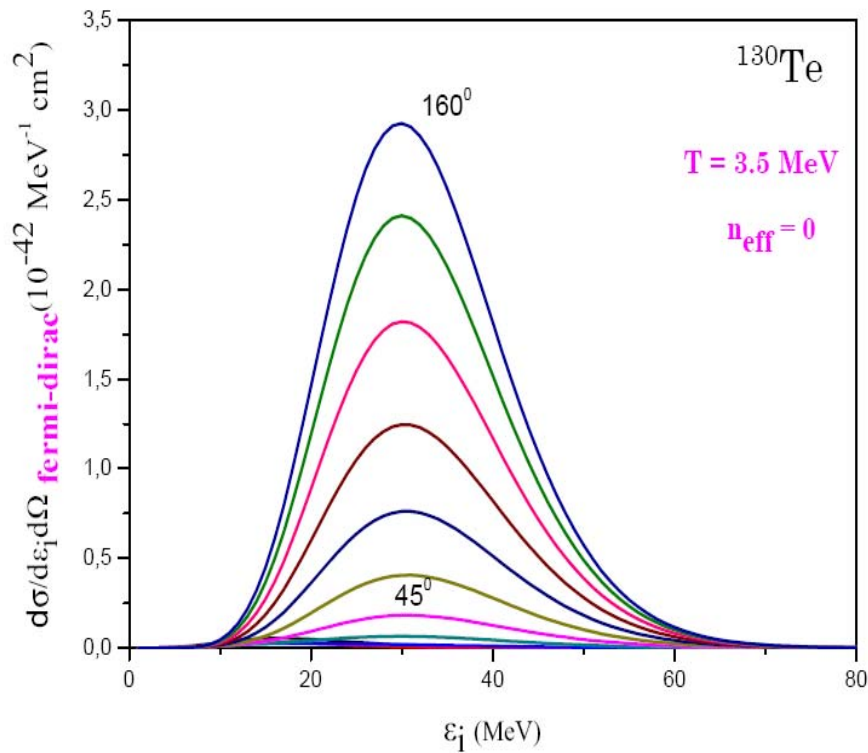
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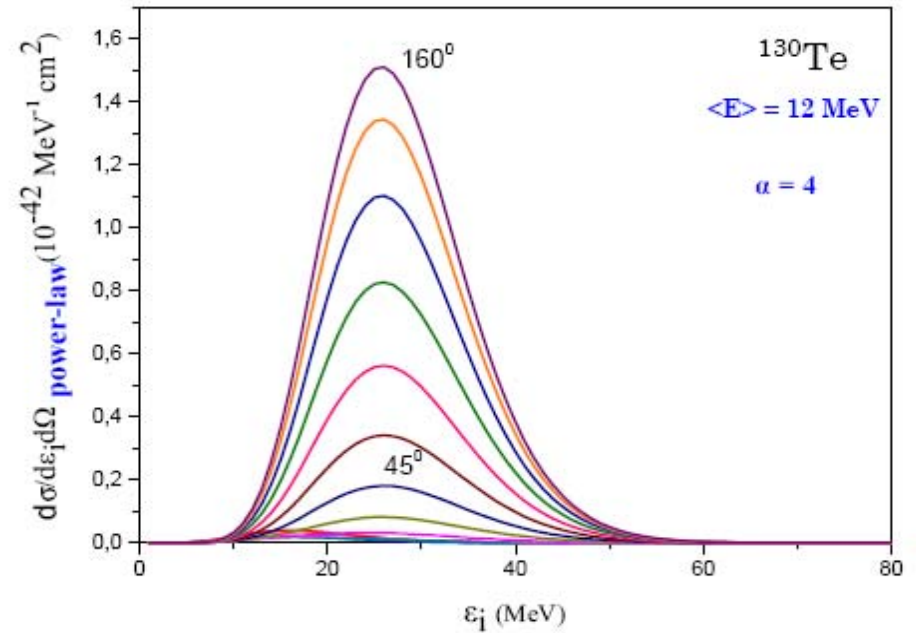
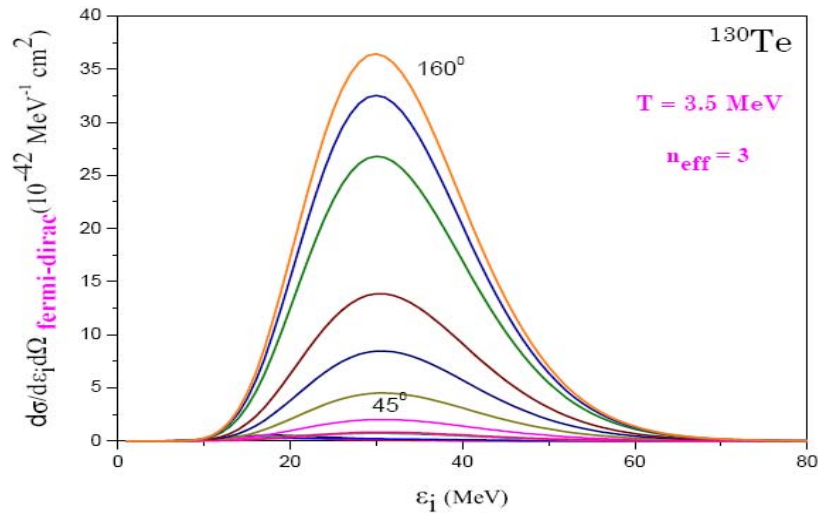


# Results of the convolution for $^{130}\text{Te}$



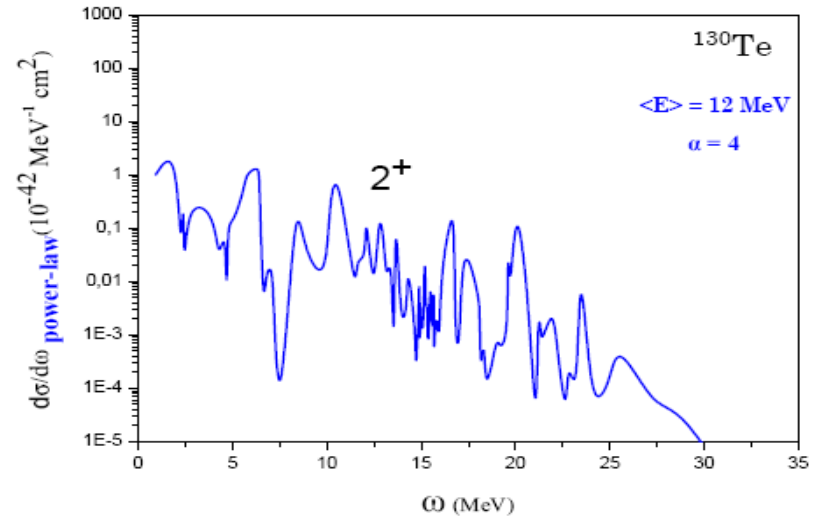
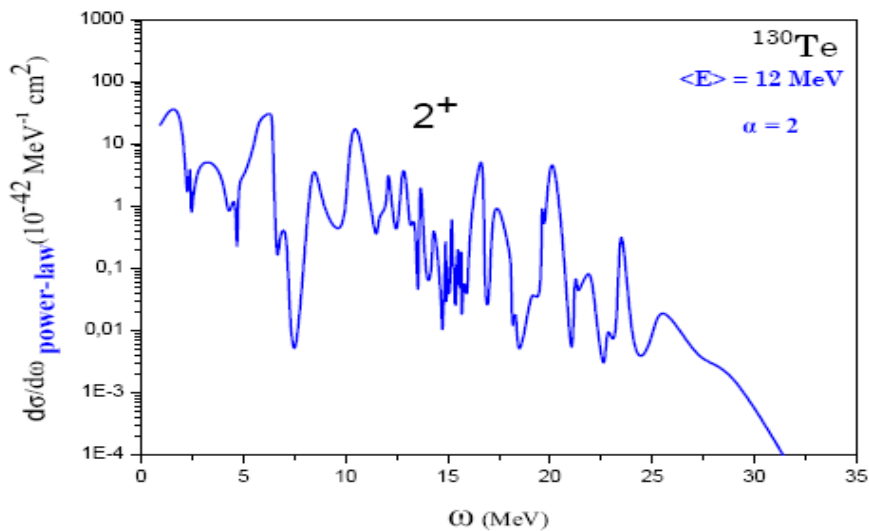
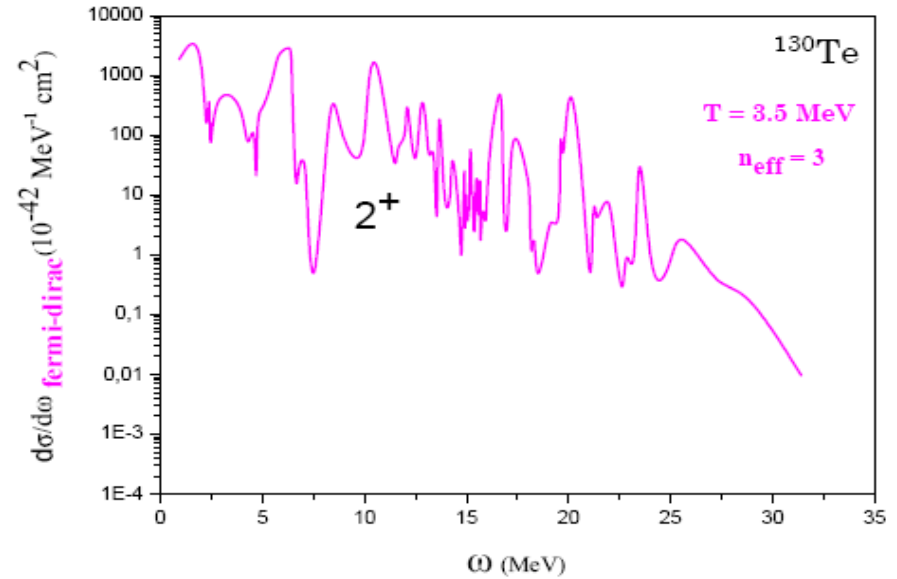
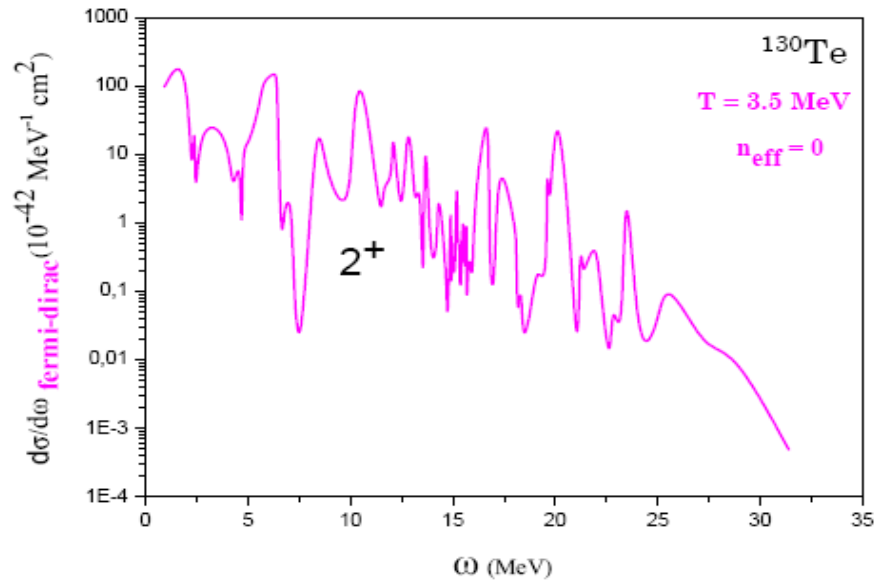
Convoluted double differential cross-section using Fermi-Dirac (left) and power-law (right)

# Results of the convolution for $^{130}\text{Te}$

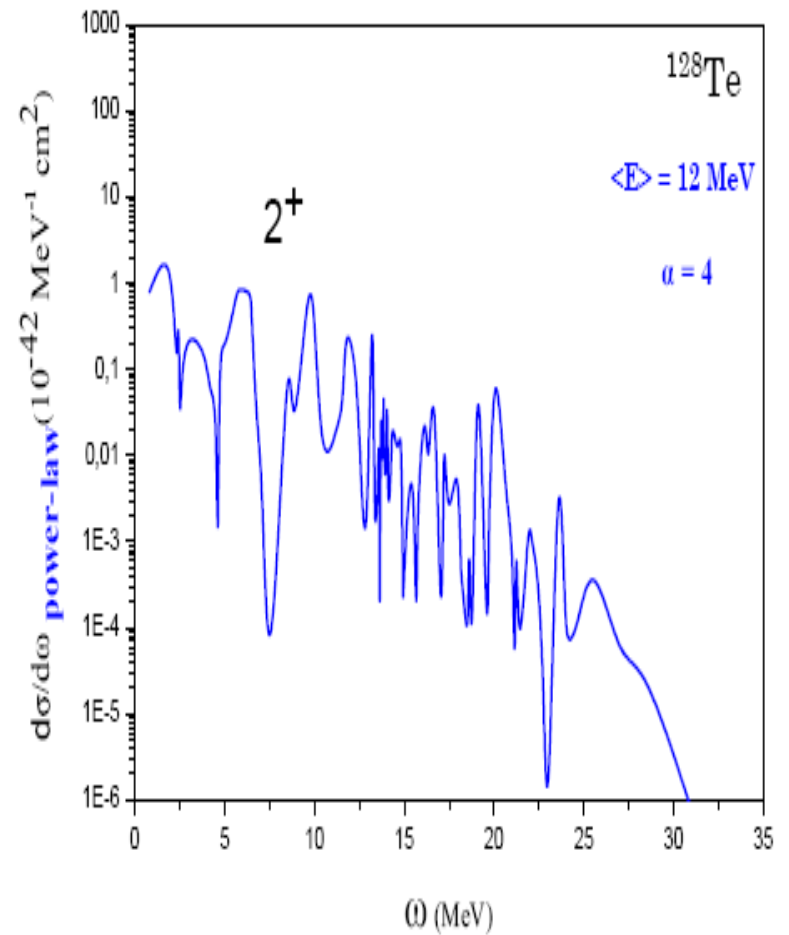
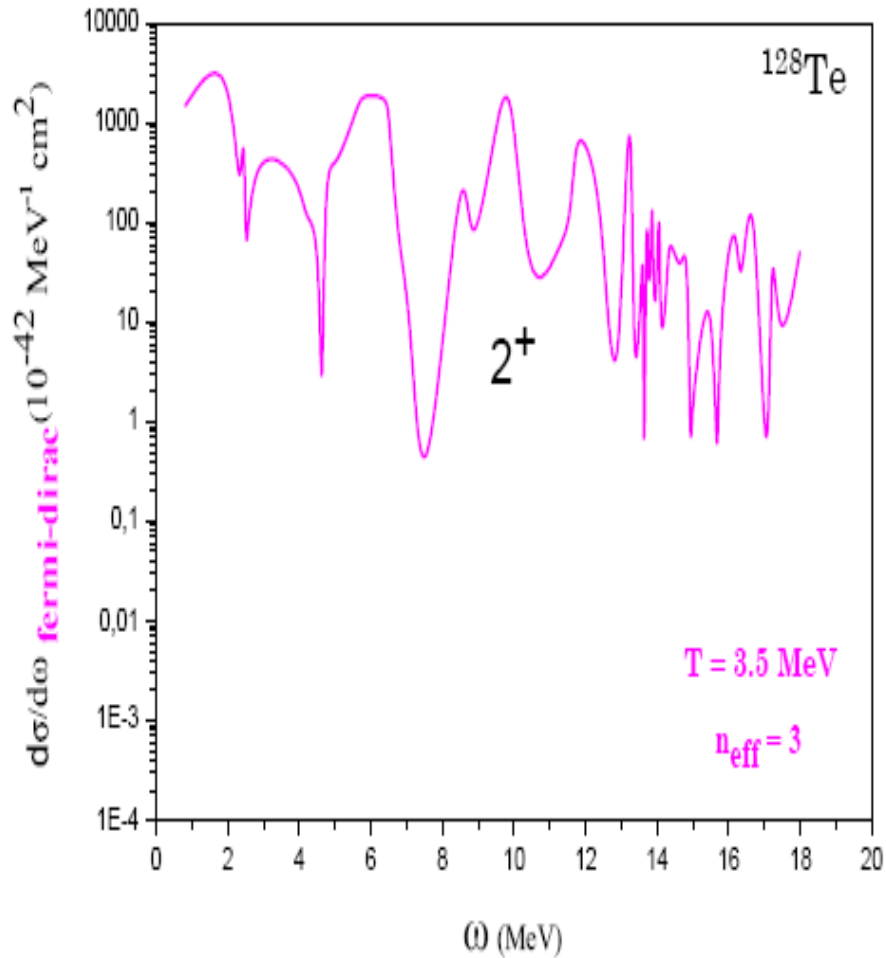


Convoluted double differential cross-section using Fermi-Dirac

# Results of the convolution for $^{130}\text{Te}$



# Results of the convolution for $^{128}\text{Te}$



# Summary – Conclusions

➤ We study the response of *Zn* and *Te* isotopes to the SN- $\nu$  spectra by evaluating the folded:

1) differential cross-sections  $d\sigma/d\omega$

2) double differential cross-sections  $\langle d^2\sigma/d\Omega d\omega \rangle$

➤ We used the convolution method and employed

(i) *Fermi-Dirac* neutrino energy distribution

(ii) *Power-law* neutrino energy distribution

(iii) *Reactor* neutrino energy distribution

(iv) Linear-combination of *boosted beta-beam* neutrinos

They are appropriate for neutrinos produced in Supernova explosions.

➤ We found that there are not dramatical differences between the above distributions. However, shows very interesting characteristics.

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