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To myself,

Perry H. Disdainful,

the only person worthy of my company.

PREFACE

Theses have elements. Isn't that nice?

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I want to “thank” my committee, without whose ridiculous demands, I would have graduated so, so, very much faster.

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SUMMARY

Observations indicate that there is a correlation between long duration gamma-ray bursts (GRBs) and core-collapse supernovae (SNe). The leading model for GRB production assumes that relativistic jets are generated by the core-collapse within the progenitor star. Charged particles undergo Fermi-acceleration within internal shocks of these jets and subsequently give rise to gamma ray emission once the jets breach the surrounding stellar envelope. Very few SNe result in the occurrence of GRBs, however, but it has been suggested that a significant fraction of core-collapse SNe manage to produce mildly relativistic jets. These jets are insufficiently energetic to break through the envelope and are effectively 'choked' resulting in a lack of observed gamma ray emission. In both the failed and successful GRB scenario, neutrino production can occur if protons are accelerated in the internal shocks of these jets. These neutrinos may be detectable by the IceCube neutrino observatory and its low energy extension DeepCore. A dedicated search for temporal and spatial clustering of neutrino events during the 2012 data season aims to reveal the presence of any 'choked' GRB events within 20 Mpc.

CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

Every dissertation should have an introduction. You might not realize it, but the introduction should introduce the concepts, background, and goals of the dissertation.

CHAPTER II

DETECTOR

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RESULTS

Some other research was once performed.

Figure 1: A first figure.

Figure 2: A second figure.

CHAPTER VIII

CONCLUSION

APPENDIX A

SOME ANCILLARY STUFF

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