

ASSIGNMENT-3

1

Initial radius (typical WD. radius), $R_i \approx 10^4 \text{ km}$

Final radius (that of N.S. core), $R_f \approx 10 \text{ km}$

Mass of the N.S. core, $M_c = 1.4 M_\odot$

Assuming that there is no significant mass loss after the collapse, the energy generated is

$$E_{gr} = \left(-\frac{GM_c^2}{R_i} \right) - \left(-\frac{GM_c^2}{R_f} \right) = GM_c^2 \left(\frac{1}{R_f} - \frac{1}{R_i} \right)$$

$$\approx \frac{GM_c^2}{R_f} \quad (\because R_f \sim 10^{-3} R_i)$$

$$\Rightarrow E_{gr} \approx \frac{6.67 \times 10^{-8} \times (1.4 \times 2 \times 10^{33})^2}{10^6} \text{ ergs}$$

$$\approx 5 \times 10^{53} \text{ ergs}$$

$$E_{gr} \sim 10^{54} \text{ ergs}$$

2

Mass of the progenitor = $10 M_\odot$

Mass of the core (from problem 1) = $1.4 M_\odot$

\Rightarrow Mass of the ejecta = $(10 - 1.4) M_\odot = 8.6 M_\odot$

Measured velocity of the ejecta $\sim 10^4 \text{ km/s} = 10^9 \text{ cm/s}$

$$\therefore \text{Kinetic energy of the ejecta} \sim \frac{1}{2} \times (8.6 \times 2 \times 10^{33}) \times (10^9)^2 \\ = 8.6 \times 10^{51} \text{ ergs}$$

$$KE_{\text{ejecta}} \sim 10^{52} \text{ ergs}$$

Electromagnetic luminosity = $2 \times 10^8 L_\odot$

Duration of EM. emission $\sim 2 \text{ months} = 2 \times 30 \times 24 \times 3600 \text{ s}$

$$\sim 5 \times 10^6 \text{ s}$$

$$\therefore \text{Energy lost into photons} \sim 2 \times 10^8 \times 4 \times 10^{33} \times 5 \times 10^6 \text{ ergs} \\ = 4 \times 10^{48} \text{ ergs}$$

$$E_\gamma \sim 10^{49} \text{ ergs}$$

$$\text{Energy lost into neutrinos, } E_\nu = E_{\text{gr}} - KE_{\text{ejecta}} - E_\gamma \\ \Rightarrow E_\nu \approx (10^{54} - 10^{52} - 10^{49}) \text{ ergs} \\ \Rightarrow E_\nu \sim 10^{54} \text{ ergs}$$

Clearly, almost all energy is lost into neutrinos.

$$\text{3. Average energy of neutrinos} \approx 5 \text{ MeV} = 5 \times 10^6 \times 1.6 \times 10^{-12} \text{ ergs} \\ = 8 \times 10^{-6} \text{ ergs} \\ \sim 10^{-5} \text{ ergs}$$

$$\therefore \text{Number of neutrinos produced} \sim \frac{10^{54}}{10^{-5}}$$

$$\Rightarrow N_\nu \sim 10^{59}$$

Considering that neutrinos are emitted in $\sim 10^{-2} \text{ s}$
(collapse takes place within free fall time)

$$\text{Distance from the supernova} \sim 10 \text{ kpc} = 3 \times 10^{22} \text{ cm}$$

\therefore Expected flux of neutrinos from galactic supernova

$$\sim \frac{10^{59}}{10^{-2} \times 4\pi \times (3 \times 10^{22})^2} \\ \sim 8.8 \times 10^{14}$$

$$F_{\nu, \text{SN}} \sim 10^{15} \text{ particles} \cdot \text{cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$$

$$\text{Solar neutrino flux } F_{\nu, \odot} \sim 10^{11} \text{ particles cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$$

Thus, expected neutrino flux from galactic supernova is $\sim 10^4$ times more than expected solar neutrino flux.