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On June 21, 2007 at 14:30, Ricard Tomas from Institut de Fisica Corpuscular, CSIC-Universitat de Valencia will give a seminar entitled:

"Supernova Neutrinos: A Phenomenological Overview"

Abstract:

Core-collapse Supernovae (SNe) are one of the most energetic explosive events known. These occur at the end of a massive (M > 8 Msun) star's lifetime, and implies an energy release of the order of 1.e53 erg. From a particle physics point of view neutrinos turn out to be essential in such events. First they are thought to play a key role during the explosion phase and in the posterior cooling and deleptonization of the star. On the other hand they are responsible to carry away around 99% of the total energy emitted. Therefore these neutrinos could be easily detected in the case of a nearby supernova in the existent or planned neutrino detectors, what could provide a lot of information about both neutrino properties and the supernova itself. In this talk I will give an overview on the phenomenology involving these neutrinos. I will review the main features of the neutrino spectra and their propagation through the SN envelope, as well as the current uncertainties related. Then I will describe the expected signal in the case of a future galactic SN, and its implications in the determination of neutrino properties and SN physics.

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