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Supernova detection capabilities of gadolinium doped water and water-based liquid scintillator detectors

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New technologies have been developed in the last decade that may provide significant improvements in the physics capabilities of water-based detectors. These technologies, such as gadolinium-doping and water-base liquid scintillator (wbLS), may lead to better characterizations of supernova bursts, in turn providing a clearer picture of the underlining core-collapse physics. An overview of the sensitivity of these technologies to supernova neutrinos will be provided for a 1-kiloton detector, as well as the opportunities and challenges such technologies can provide in terms of pointing capabilities. This work was performed under the auspices of the U.S. Department of Energy by Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory under Contract DE-AC52-07NA27344. Release number LLNL-ABS-728808.

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