



Core-collapse supernovae as probes of non-standard neutrino physics

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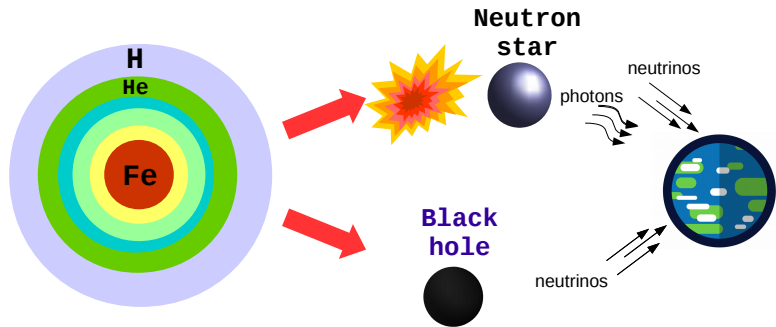
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Why are neutrinos important for a core-collapse supernova?

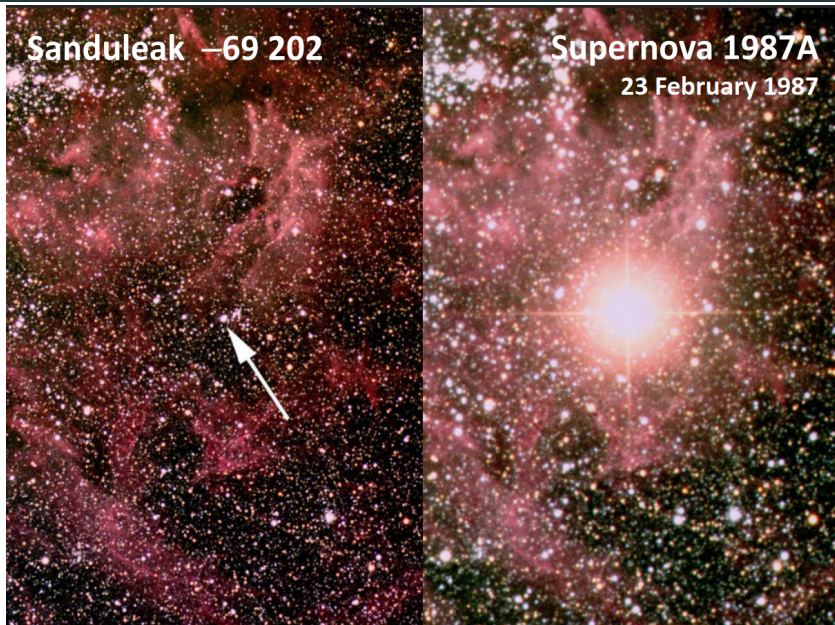
Neutrinos:

- $\sim 10^{58}$ of them emitted from a single core collapse
- only they (+ GW) can reveal the deep interior conditions
- only they (+ GW) are emitted from the collapse to a black hole *

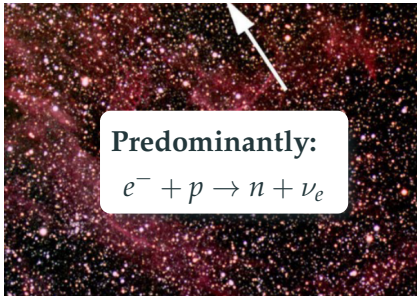
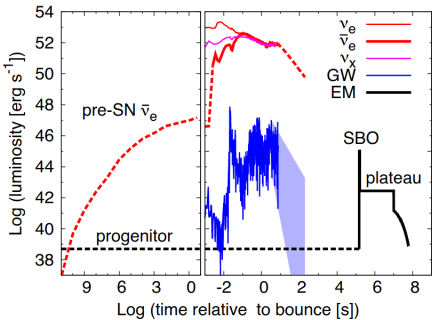


*fallback, tiny explosion

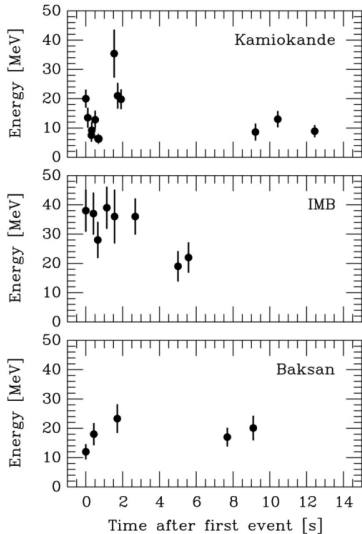
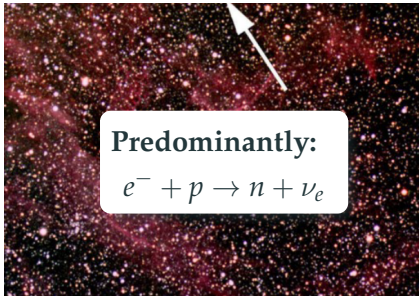
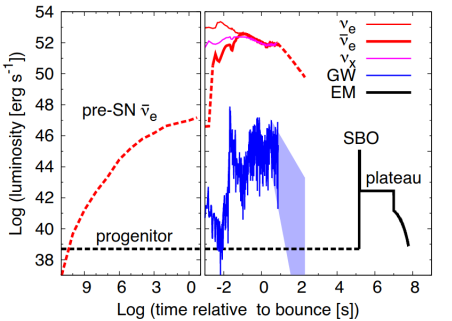
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Why core-collapse supernovae are good physics probes?

Advantages

- extreme physical conditions not accessible on Earth: very high densities, long baselines etc.
- within our reach to detect (IC, DUNE, SK, XENON & LZ...)

What can we learn with a variety of detectors?

- explosion mechanism
- nucleosynthesis
- compact object formation
- neutrino mixing
- non-standard physics

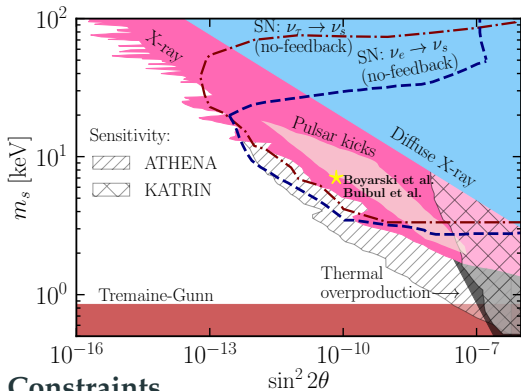
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Sterile neutrinos with keV masses in supernovae

In collaboration with I. Tamborra and M-R. Wu

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Sterile neutrino as dark matter candidate



Favorable regions

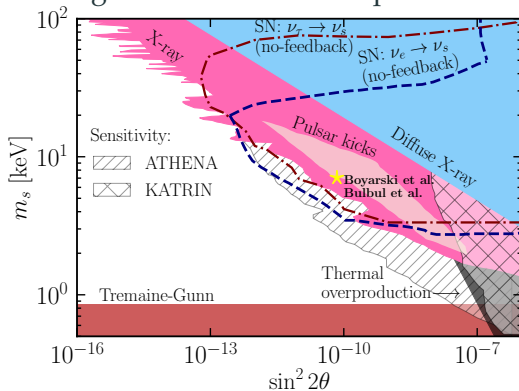
- Pulsar kicks
A. Kusenko, G. Segrè (1998),
G. Fuller, A. Kusenko, et al. (2003)
- 3.5 keV line
A. Boyarsky et al. (2014),
E. Bulbul et al. (2014)

Constraints

- Supernovae energy bounds (X. Shi & G. Sigl (1994)), ...
- DM overproduction (S. Dodelson, L. M. Widrow (1994), X. Shi, G. M. Fuller (1999))
- Radiative decay (NuSTAR, XMM, Chandra), K. C. Y. Ng et al. (2019), K. C. Y. Ng et al. (2015), S. Horiuchi et al. (2013)...
- Tremaine-Gunn bound (S. Tremaine, J.E. Gunn (1979))

The role of sterile neutrinos in supernovae; previous studies

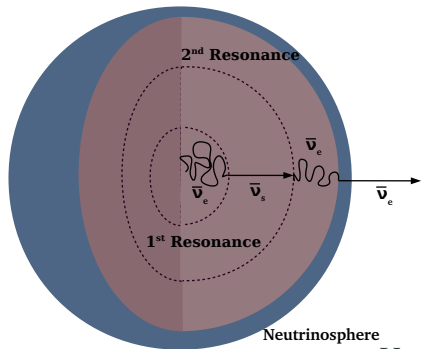
- Change of the electron or neutrino (ν_e, ν_μ, ν_τ) fractions
- Suppression/enhancement of the SN explosion
- Exclusion of a large fraction of the DM parameter space



Raffelt & Sigl (1992), Shi & Sigl (1994), Nunokawa et al. (1997), Hidaka & Fuller (2006), Hidaka & Fuller (2007), Raffelt & Zhou (2011), Warren et al. (2014), Argüelles et al. (2016), Suliga, Tamborra, Wu (2019, 2020), Syvolap et al. (2019), Ray, Qian (2023, 2024)

Sterile neutrino conversions in the stellar core

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MSW

$$Y_i = \frac{n_i - n_{\bar{i}}}{n_B}$$

$\nu_\tau - \nu_s$ mixing: only 1 resonance

$$V_{\text{eff}} = \sqrt{2}G_F n_B \left[\frac{1}{2}Y_e + Y_{\nu_e} + Y_{\nu_\mu} + 2Y_{\nu_\tau} - \frac{1}{2} \right]$$

Collisions

$$\Gamma_{\nu_s} = \frac{1}{4} \sin^2 2\tilde{\theta} \Gamma_{\nu_{\text{active}}}$$

$\nu_e - \nu_s$ mixing: multiple resonances

$$V_{\text{eff}} = \sqrt{2}G_F n_B \left[\frac{3}{2}Y_e + 2Y_{\nu_e} + Y_{\nu_\mu} + Y_{\nu_\tau} - \frac{1}{2} \right]$$

L. Stodolsky (1987), H. Nunokawa et al. (1997), K. Abazajian et al. (2001)...

Sterile neutrino conversions in the stellar core

Collisional production

$$\langle P_{\nu_{\text{active}} \rightarrow \nu_s}(E) \rangle \approx \frac{1}{2} \frac{\sin^2 2\theta}{(\cos 2\theta - 2V_{\text{eff}}E/m_s^2)^2 + \sin^2 2\theta + D^2}$$

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$$D = \frac{E\Gamma_{\nu_{\text{active}}}(E)}{m_s^2}$$

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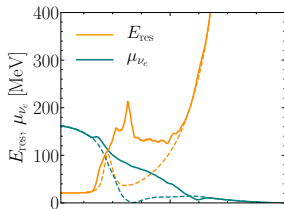
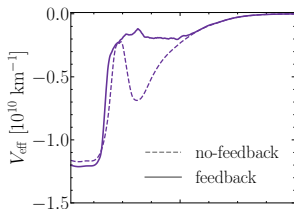
$$P_{\nu_{\text{active}} \rightarrow \nu_s}(E_{\text{res}}) = 1 - \exp\left(-\frac{\pi^2}{2}\gamma\right), \gamma = \Delta_{\text{res}}/l_{\text{osc}}$$

$$\Delta_{\text{res}} = \tan 2\theta \left| \frac{dV_{\text{eff}}/dr}{V_{\text{eff}}} \right|^{-1}$$

$$l_{\text{osc}}(E_{\text{res}}) = (2\pi E_{\text{res}})/(m_s^2 \sin 2\theta)$$

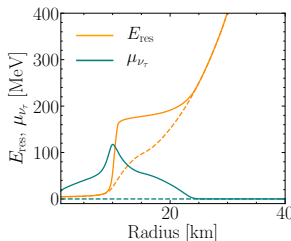
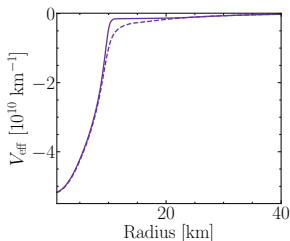
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$\nu_s - \nu_e$ mixing: multiple resonances



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$\nu_s - \nu_\tau$ mixing: only 1 resonance



$$E_{\text{res}} = \frac{\cos 2\theta \Delta m_s^2}{2V_{\text{eff}}}$$

$$m_s = 10 \text{ keV},$$

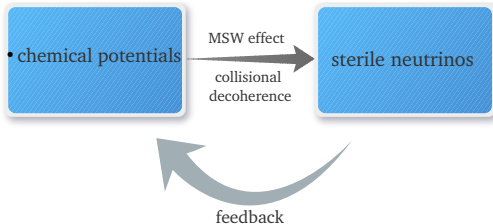
$$\sin^2 2\theta = 10^{-8}$$

- Negative $V_{\text{eff}} \rightarrow$ MSW resonances only for antineutrinos.
- Growing chemical potential slows down $\bar{\nu}_s$ production.

The sterile-tau neutrino mixing: growth of the asymmetry

Only active neutrinos

$$Y_{\nu_\tau}(r, t) \equiv 0$$



Active + sterile neutrinos

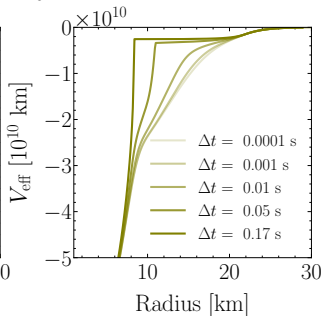
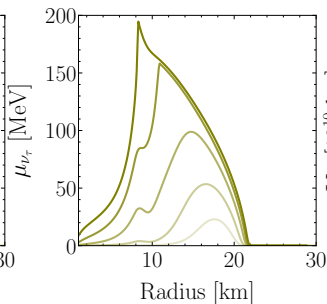
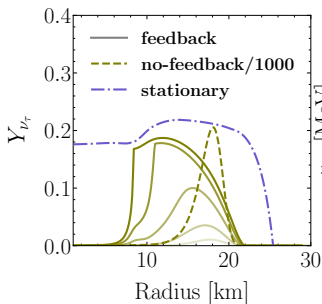
The active neutrinos after being **converted to sterile ones** effectively disappear; since they were **strongly coupled** to the rest of the particles in the medium, a **new equilibrium state forms**.

The change imposed on the SN medium is referred to as the **dynamical feedback**.

$$Y_{\nu_\tau}(r, t) = \frac{1}{n_b(r)} \int_0^t dt' \frac{d(P_{\nu_\tau \rightarrow \nu_s} n_{\nu_\tau}(r, t') - P_{\bar{\nu}_\tau \rightarrow \bar{\nu}_s} n_{\bar{\nu}_\tau}(r, t'))}{dt'}$$

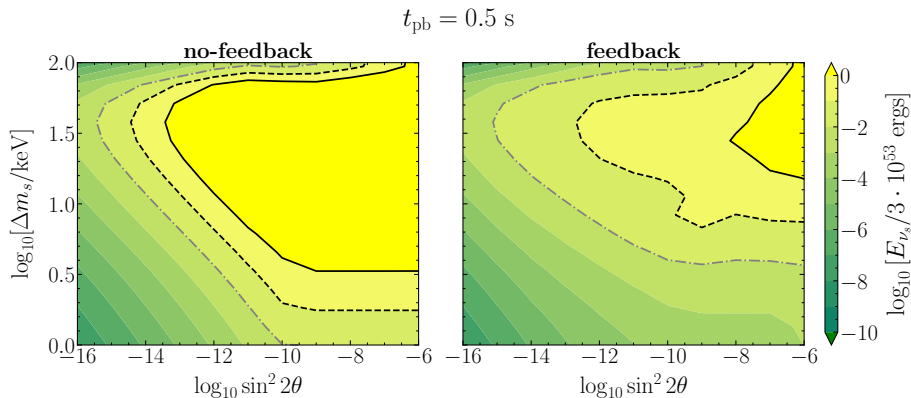
Radial evolution of the asymmetry w and w/o feedback

$$t_{\text{pb}} = 0.5 + \Delta t \text{ s}, \quad \Delta m_s = 10 \text{ keV}, \quad \sin^2 2\theta = 10^{-10}$$



- Feedback inhibits Y_{ν_τ} from unphysical growth.
- The ν_τ chemical potential grows significantly.

Supernova bounds on the mixing parameters



- The inclusion of feedback greatly reduces the excluded region.
- Large region of the parameter space still compatible with SNe

The sterile-electron neutrino mixing: dynamical feedback

$$e^+ + p \leftrightarrow \nu_e + n \quad \text{and} \quad e^- + n \leftrightarrow \bar{\nu}_e + p .$$

β equilibrium

$$\mu_e(r, t) + \mu_p(r, t) + m_p = \mu_{\nu_e}(r, t) + \mu_n(r, t) + m_n ,$$

Lepton number conservation

$$Y_e(r, t) + Y_{\nu_e}(r, t) + Y_{\nu_s}(r, t) = \text{const.} ,$$

Baryon number conservation

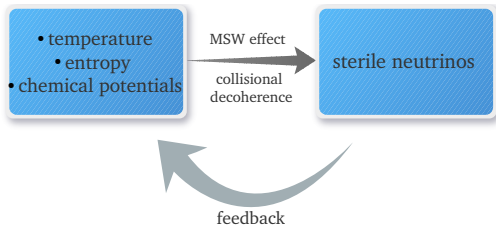
$$Y_p(r, t) + Y_n(r, t) = 1 ,$$

Charge conservation

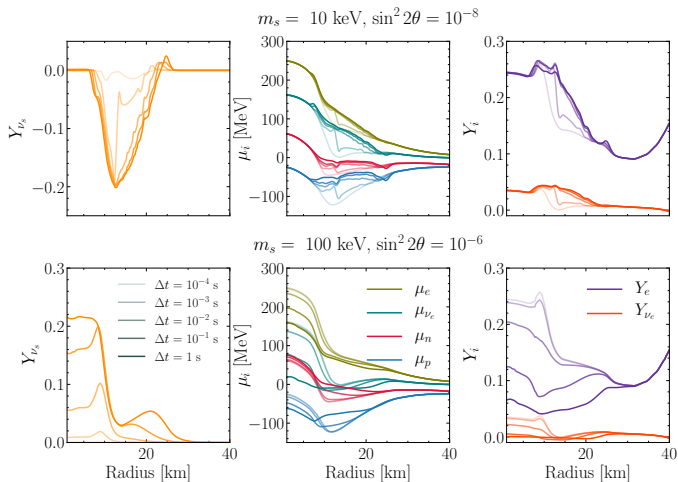
$$Y_p(r, t) = Y_e(r, t) ,$$

Entropy change

$$dS = \frac{dQ}{T} + \frac{P}{T}dV - \sum_i \frac{\mu_i}{T}dY_i .$$

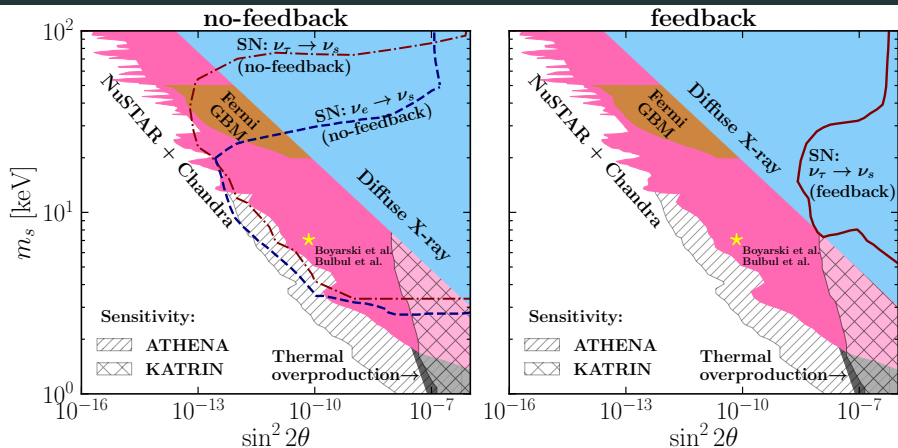


Radial evolution of the asymmetry



- Sterile neutrinos modify Y_e , Y_{ν_e} , Y_p and Y_n .
- Feedback on the physical quantities depends greatly on the m_s .

Supernova bounds on the mixing parameters



- The inclusion of feedback greatly reduces the excluded region.
- CC-SNe cannot exclude any region of the DM parameter space.

Probing self-interacting sterile neutrino dark matter with the DSNB

In collaboration with B. Balantekin, G. Fuller, and A. Ray

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Why focus only on a single rare event?

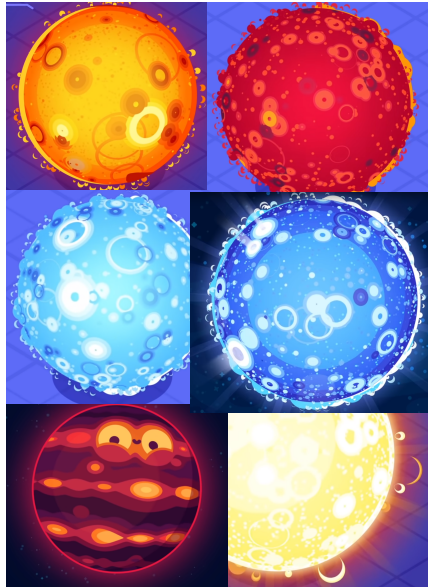


Single galactic SN event

- rare event
- precise information about one star

Multiple SN events (larger distances)

- accumulation of events
- will detect in coming years



Diffuse supernova neutrino background

$$\Phi_{\nu\beta}(E) = \frac{c}{H_0} \int dM \int dz \frac{R_{\text{SN}}(z, M)}{\sqrt{\Omega_M(1+z)^3 + \Omega_\Lambda}} [f_{\text{CC-SN}} F_{\nu\beta, \text{CC-SN}}(E', M) + f_{\text{BH-SN}} F_{\nu\beta, \text{BH-SN}}(E', M)]$$

cosmological supernovae rate (orange arrow pointing to $R_{\text{SN}}(z, M)$)

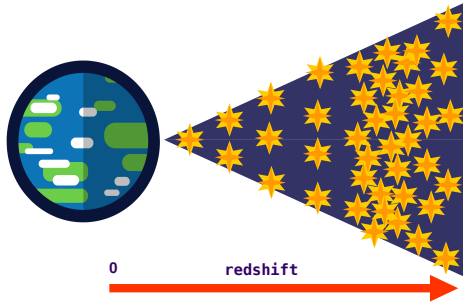
fraction of black-hole-forming progenitors (blue arrow pointing to $f_{\text{BH-SN}}$)

fraction of neutron-star-forming progenitors (red arrow pointing to $f_{\text{CC-SN}}$)

neutrino flux from a single star (purple arrow pointing to $F_{\nu\beta, \text{CC-SN}}(E', M)$ and $F_{\nu\beta, \text{BH-SN}}(E', M)$)

The DSNB is sensitive to:

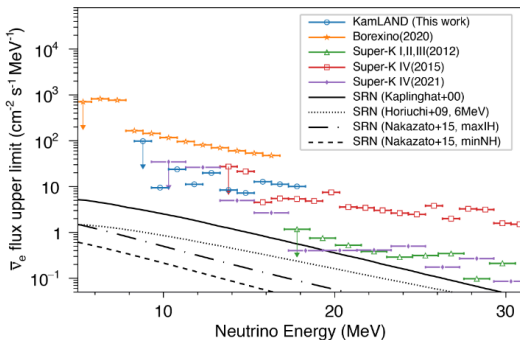
- $R_{\text{SN}}, f_{\text{BH-SN}}$
- neutrino flavor evolution
- equation of state
- mass accretion rate in BH-SN
- non-standard physics



Guseinov (1967), Totani et al. (2009), Ando, Sato (2004), Lunardini (2009), Beacom (2010), ...
Recent reviews: Kresse et al. (2020), AMS (2022), Ando et al. (2023), ...

Diffuse supernova neutrino background: current limits

SK collab. (2021)

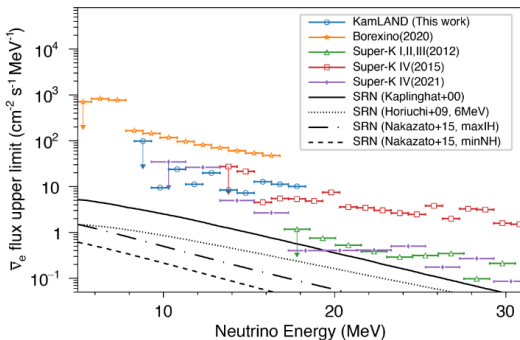


DSNB limits:

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soon detected by SK (Gd) Beacom, Vagins (2004) and JUNO JUNO collab. (2021)
- $\nu_e \approx 19 \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$ for $E_\nu \in [22.9, 36.9 \text{ MeV}]$ SNO collab. (2020)
possibly detectable by DUNE Møller, AMS, Tamborra, Denton (2018), Zhu et al. (2019)
- $\nu_x \approx 750 \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$ for $E_\nu > 19.3 \text{ MeV}$ Lunardini, Pestes (2008)

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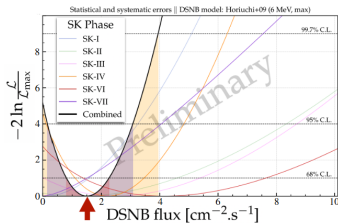
Tension from zero assumption



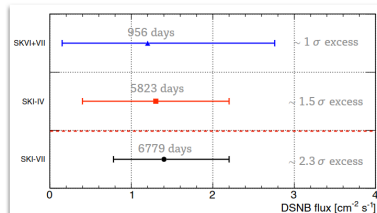
Spectral-fitting analysis

Spectrum fitting analysis to extract significance

- Total 6779 days of SK (5823 d pure-water and 956 d Gd-water) combined
- Analysis threshold: $E_\nu > 17.3$ MeV
- Suppress uncertainty of background prediction by fitting both $N_n=1$, $N_n \neq 1$



(Rogly, poster 79)



Highlight:

- Sensitivity of SK-Gd ~ 1000 days exposure is already comparable level it with ~ 6000 days of pure-water SK
 - Best fit of whole SK observation is $1.4^{+0.8}_{-0.6} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$ for $E_\nu > 17.3$ MeV
- \rightarrow exhibit $\sim 2.3 \sigma$ excess!!

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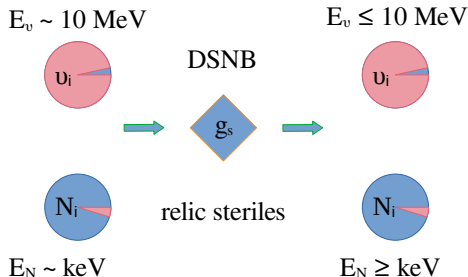
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Astrophysical uncertainties affecting the DSNB

- Neutrino Flux from an "Average Supernova"
Lunardini (2009), Lunardini & Tamborra (2012), Horiuchi et al. (2018), Kresse et al. (2018), ...
- Cosmological Supernovae Rate
Beacom (2010), Horiuchi et al. (2011), Ando et al. (2023), ...
- Initial Mass Function
Ziegler, Edwards, **AMS**, Tamborra, Horiuchi, Ando, Freese (2022)
- Fraction of Black-Hole-Forming Progenitors
Lunardini (2009), Lien et al. (2010), Keehn & Lunardini (2012), Priya & Lunardini (2017), Møller, **AMS**, Tamborra, Denton (2018), Horiuchi et al. (2018), Kresse et al. (2018), ...
- Binary Interactions
Horiuchi, Kinugawa, Takiwaki, Takahashi (2021)

Non exhaustive list of references

KeV-mass sterile neutrino self-interactions



Resonant interaction
for sterile neutrinos

$$\mathcal{L}^\phi = g_s \phi \nu_s \nu_s$$

$$\sigma(E_\nu) = \frac{g_s^4}{4\pi} \frac{s}{(s - m_\phi^2)^2 + m_\phi^4 \Gamma_\phi^2} \approx \frac{\pi g_s^2}{m_\phi^2} E_\nu \delta(E_R - E_\nu), \text{ where } E_R = m_\phi^2 / 2m_s$$

- sterile component in the DSNB ν_i interacts with the mostly sterile relic background of N_i

bigger parameter space for keV sterile neutrino dark matter with self-interactions:

Maria D. Astros and S. Vogl (2023), T. Bringmann et al. (2022)

Modeling secret neutrino interactions in DSNB

Modified DSNB flux

$$\phi_\alpha(E_\nu) \simeq \sum_{i=1}^3 |U_{\alpha i}|^2 \int_0^{z_{\max}} dz \frac{P_i(E_\nu, z)}{H(z)} \times R_{\text{SN}}(z) F_{\text{SN}}^i(E_\nu(1+z))$$

Probability of interaction

$$P_i(E_\nu, z) = e^{-\tau_i(E_\nu, z)}$$

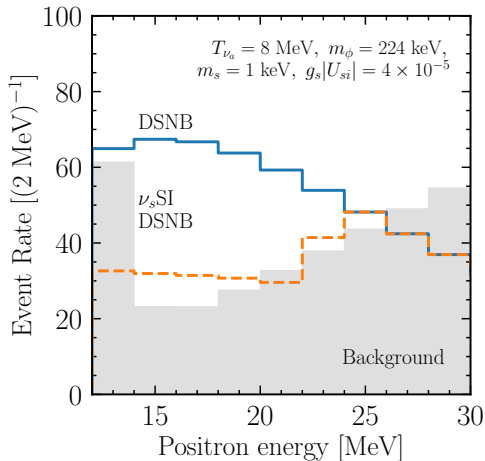
$$\tau_i(E_\nu, z) \simeq \tau_R \Theta(z - z_R) = \frac{\Gamma_R(z_R)}{(1+z_R)H(z_R)} \Theta(z - z_R)$$

where $z_R = E_R/E_\nu - 1$,

interaction rate $\Gamma_R(z_R) \simeq |U_{si}|^2 n_{\nu_s}(z_R) \sigma_R$,

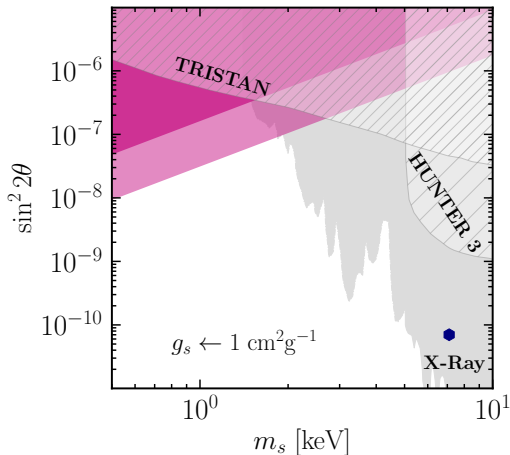
and sterile neutrino number density $n_{\nu_s}(z_R) = n_{\nu_s}(1+z_R)^3$

Secret neutrino interactions: DSNB



- Sterile neutrino self-interactions may result in features in DSNB

Sensitivity limits



- Overlap with the TRISTAN experiment parameter space
- Reduction of the astrophysical uncertainties helps but not by a lot

Conclusions

Core-collapse supernovae

- can serve as powerful testing grounds in constraining standard and new physics
- reliable limits, only when the sources are accurately modeled

Detection of astrophysical neutrino fluxes

- brings us closer to fully understanding the physics inside the sources
- help us to probe potential new physics scenarios

Exciting times ahead

Thank you for the attention!

Backup

Partial Derivatives for the Fermi-Dirac distributions

The partial derivatives for the Fermi-Dirac distributions are given by EscuderoAbenza (2020)

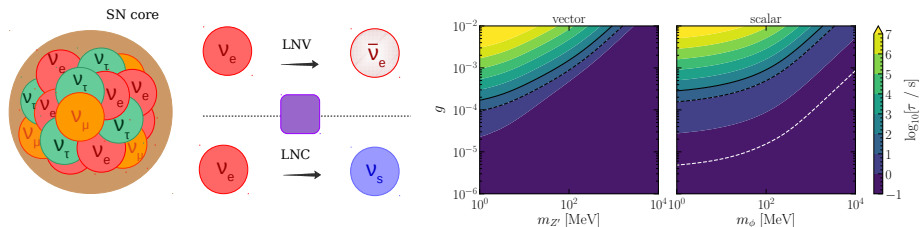
$$\frac{\partial n}{\partial T} = \frac{g}{2\pi^2} \int_m^\infty dE E \sqrt{E^2 - m^2} \frac{(E - \mu)}{4T^2} \cosh^{-2} \left(\frac{E - \mu}{2T} \right), \quad (1a)$$

$$\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial T} = \frac{g}{2\pi^2} \int_m^\infty dE E^2 \sqrt{E^2 - m^2} \frac{(E - \mu)}{4T^2} \cosh^{-2} \left(\frac{E - \mu}{2T} \right), \quad (1b)$$

$$\frac{\partial n}{\partial \mu} = \frac{g}{2\pi^2} \int_m^\infty dE E \sqrt{E^2 - m^2} \left[2T \cosh \left(\frac{E - \mu}{T} \right) + 2T \right]^{-1}, \quad (1c)$$

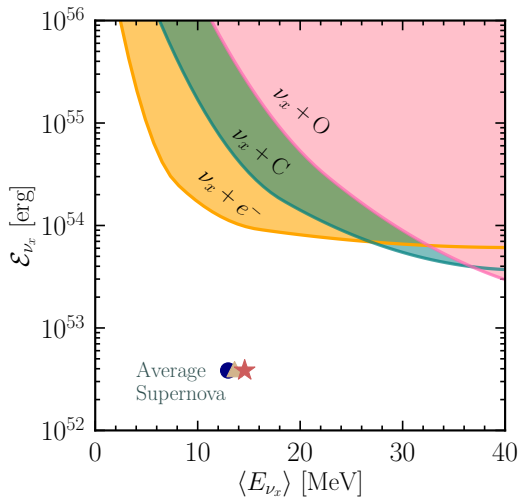
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Non-standard coherent scattering in the supernova core

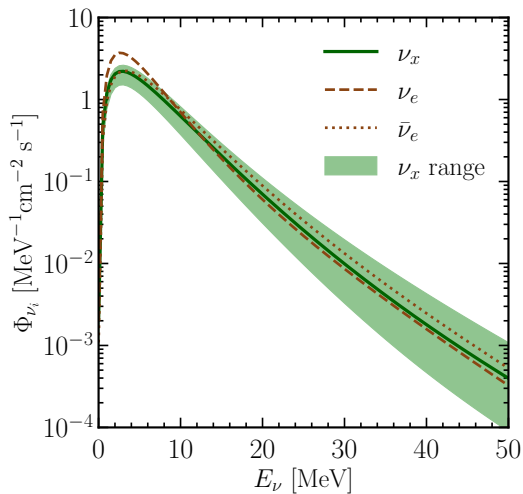


- prolonged diffusion time \rightarrow possible change in the star's fate
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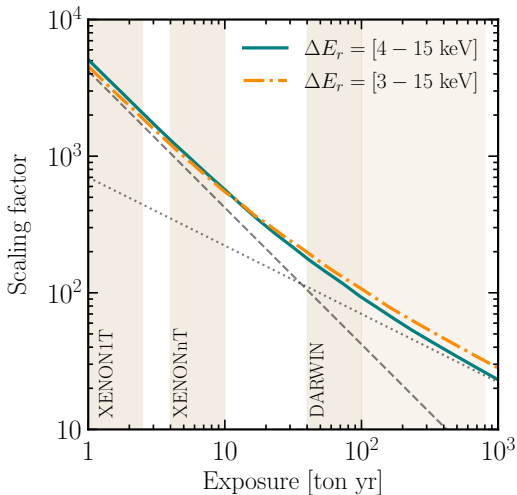
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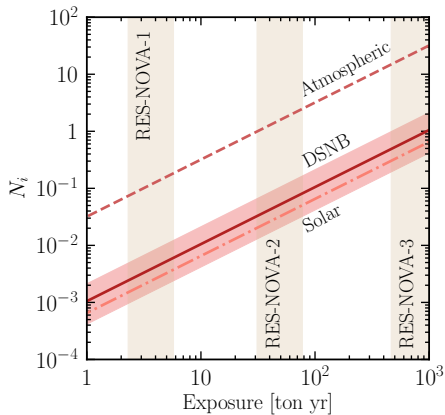
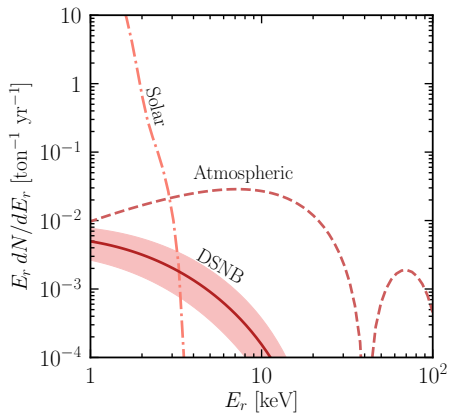
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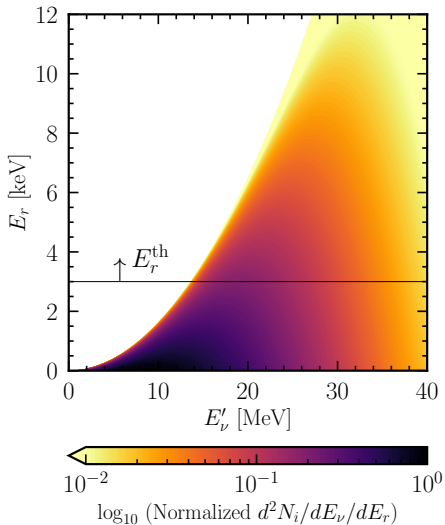
Sensitivity of the limits to a detection window



Event rate: lead detector

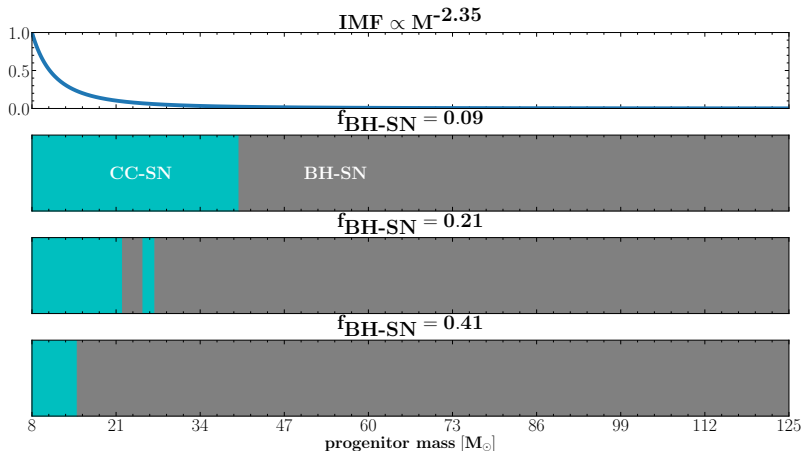


Which part of the spectrum are CE ν NS detectors sensitive to?



Astrophysical uncertainties

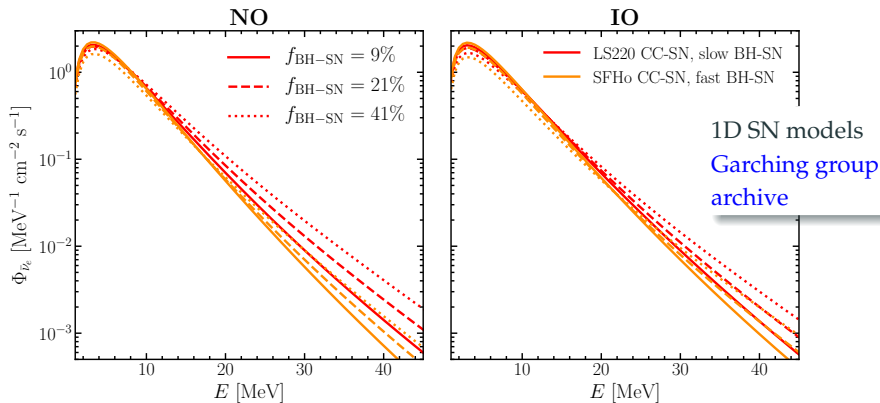
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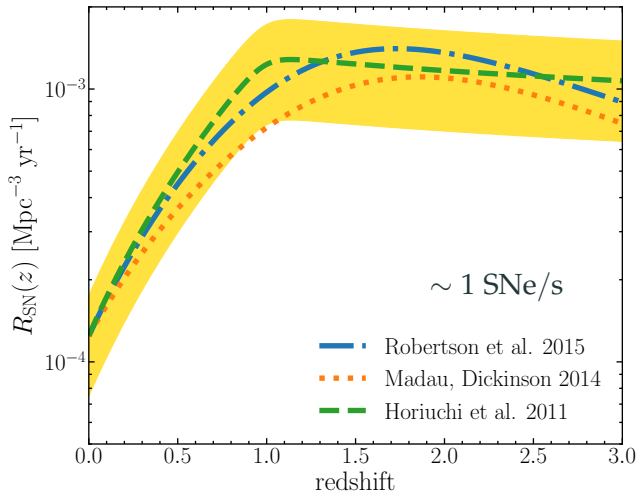
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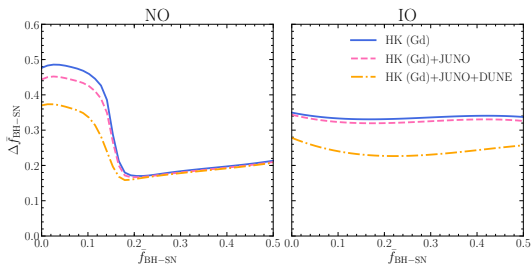
Cosmological supernovae rate



The supernovae rate influences the normalization of the DSNB.

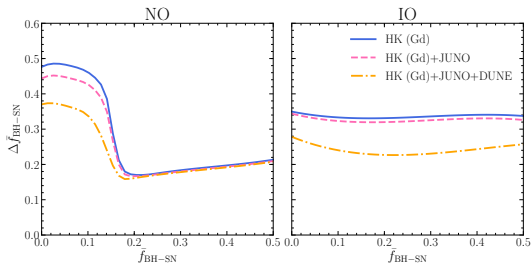
Ando, Sato (2004), Beacom (2010), Horiuchi et al. (2011), Møller, AMS, Tamborra, Denton (2018), Nakazato et al. (2018), ...

Expected 1σ uncertainty: fraction of BH forming progenitors



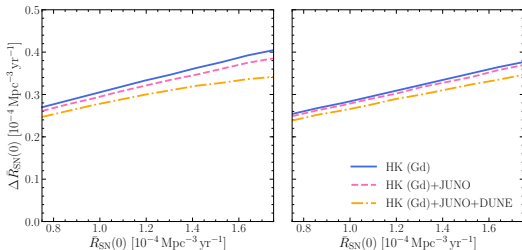
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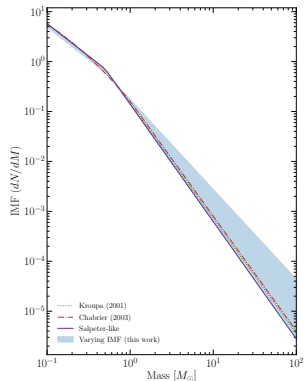


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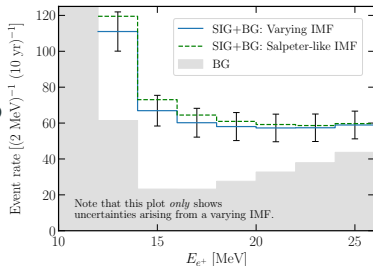
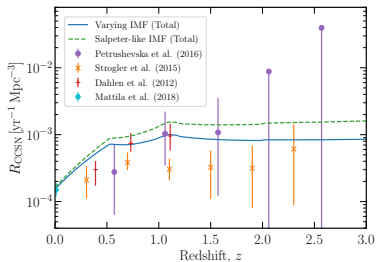
- Relative error of 20%-33% independent of the mass ordering.



Varying Initial Mass Function



- larger fraction of stars may evolve to black holes at high redshift
- changed rate of the core-collapse supernovae



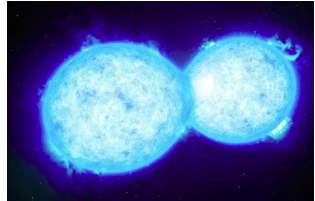
Binary interactions

Majority of massive stars have stellar companions
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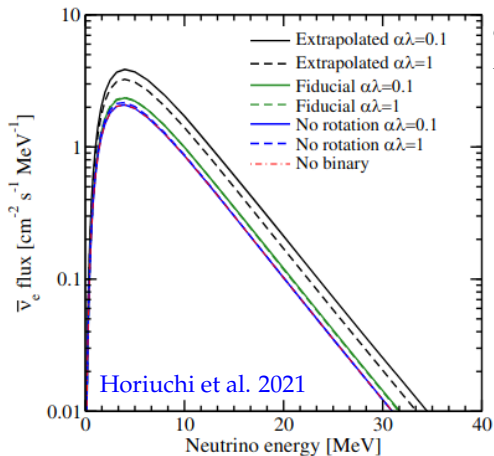


Effects on the stellar population [Horiuchi et al. 2021](#)

- change in mass due to mass transfer
- reduced progenitor counts
- increased progenitor counts

Images: iflscience, Wiki

Binary interactions: impact on DSNB

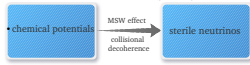
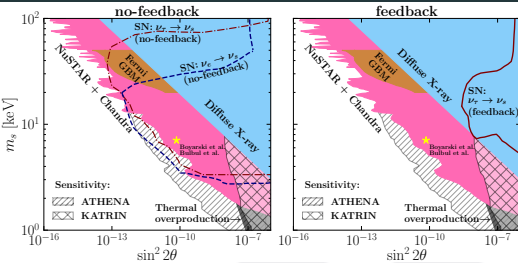


$\alpha\lambda$ - measure how hard it is to unbind the envelope

- enhancement $\leq 75\%$ compared to estimate w/o binary considerations
- core mass increases due to rotational effects
- more studies needed

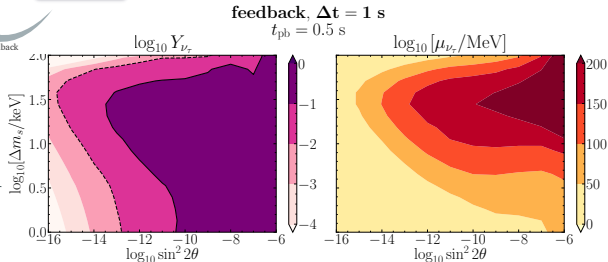
BSM impacting neutrinos inside CCSN

KeV sterile neutrinos

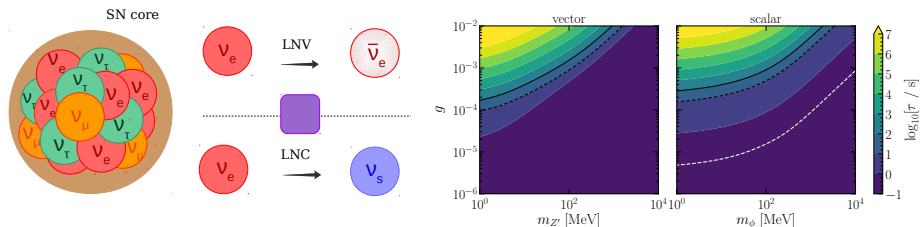


- The inclusion of feedback: reduction of the excluded region
- CC-SNe cannot exclude any region the DM parameter space

- The inclusion of feedback: growth of asymmetries
- Neutrino spectrum affected



Non-standard coherent scattering in the supernova core



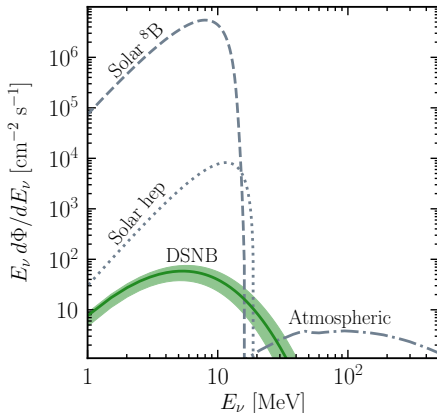
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Towards probing the DSNB in all flavors

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Can we detect the x -flavor DSNB? Maybe

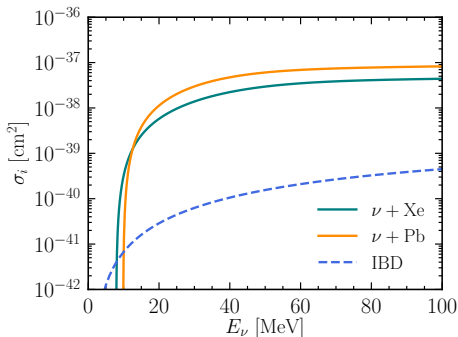
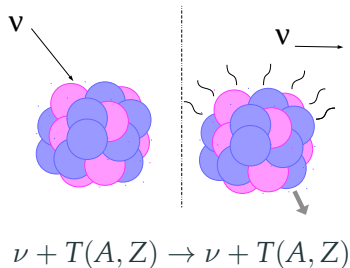


DSNB modeling:
Møller, AMS,
Tamborra, Denton
(2018)

- Favor-blind channel: potential detection window $\sim 18 - 30$ MeV
- Current limit: $\nu_x \approx 750 \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$ for $E_\nu > 19.3$ MeV [Lunardini, Peres \(2008\)](#)

[Vitagliano et al. \(2019\)](#), [Honda et al. \(2011\)](#), [Newstead et al. \(2020\)](#)

Maybe: Coherent elastic neutrino-nucleus scatterings (CE ν NS)



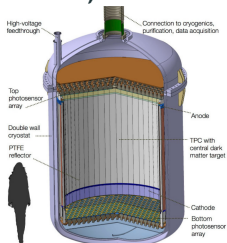
Cross section

$$\frac{d\sigma_{\text{SM}}}{dE_r} = \frac{G_F^2 m_T}{4\pi} Q_w^2 \left(1 - \frac{m_T E_r}{2E_\nu^2}\right) F^2(Q), \quad Q_w = [N - Z(1 - 4\sin^2 \theta_W)]$$

- coherently enhanced by the square of the neutron number
- flavor insensitive
- coherent up to ~ 50 MeV

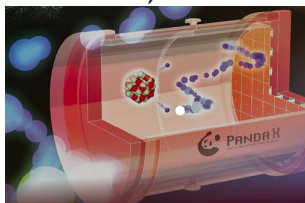
Current and future CE ν NS detectors

XENONnT, DARWIN



Aalbers et al. 2016

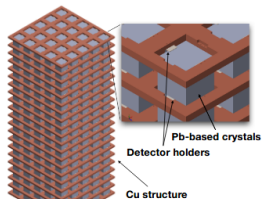
PandaX-4T, PandaX-xT



Menget et al. 2021

Total Pb volume (60 cm)³

RES-NOVA



Pattavina et al. 2020

fiducial volumes: few - hundreds ton

target materials: Xe, Pb

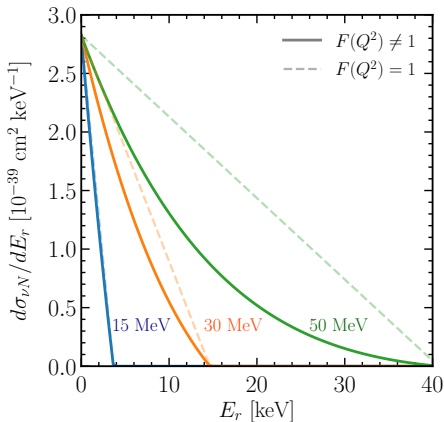
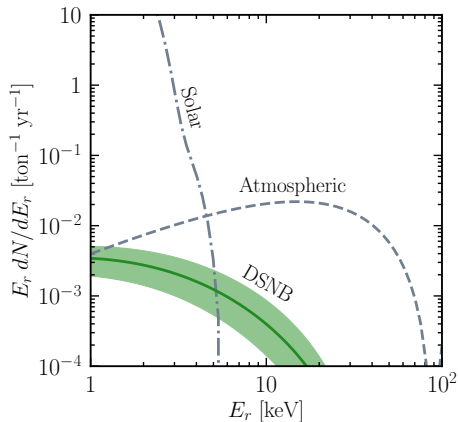
thresholds: $\mathcal{O}(1)$ keV

efficiency: ~ 80 -100%

Scattering rate

$$\frac{dR_{\nu N}}{dE_r dt} = N_T \epsilon(E_r) \int dE_\nu \frac{d\sigma_{\nu N}}{dE_r} \psi(E_\nu, t) \Theta(E_r^{\max} - E_r), \quad E_r^{\max} = \frac{2E_\nu^2}{m_T + 2E_\nu}$$

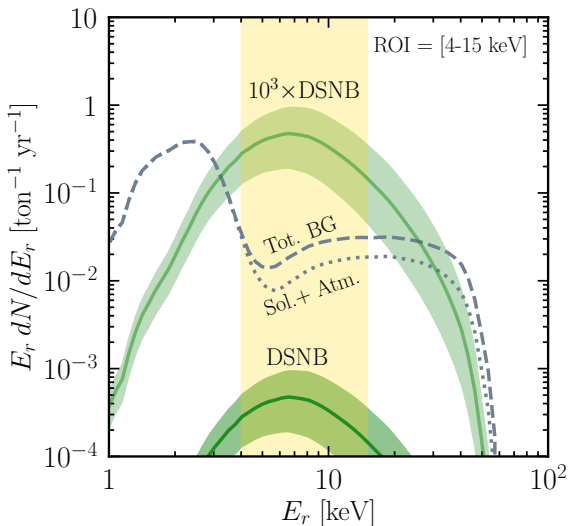
Event rate in the xenon-based detector



- The potential energy window displayed by the bare fluxes disappears
- Reason: Low energy recoils are most probable for all neutrino energies
- Detection of the x -flavor DSNB seems out of reach, BUT...

**Can we improve the limits on the
 x -flavor DSNB?**

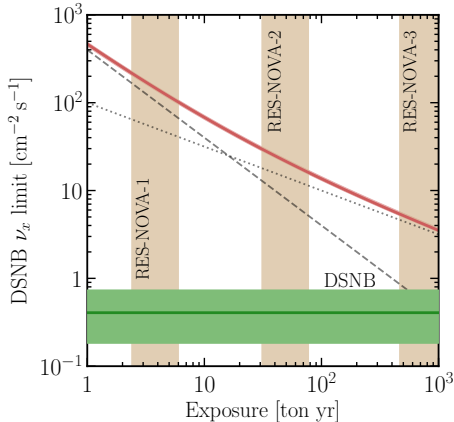
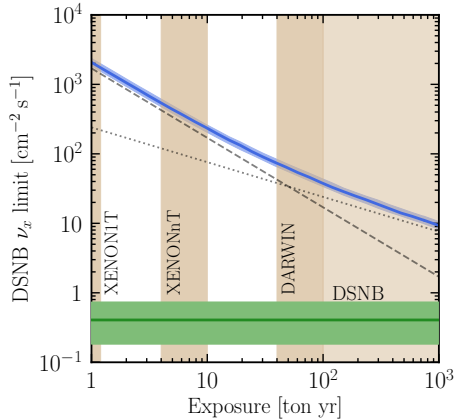
YES: Scaled event rate in the xenon-based detector



- Potential for an improvement by $\gtrsim 1 - 2$ orders of magnitude

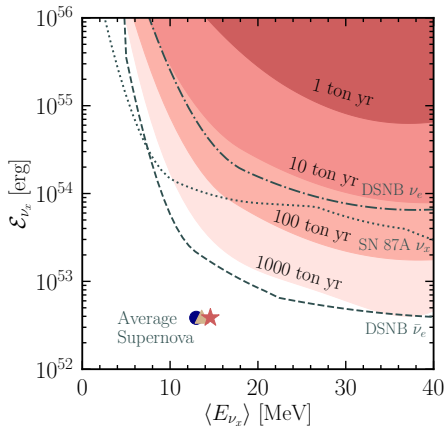
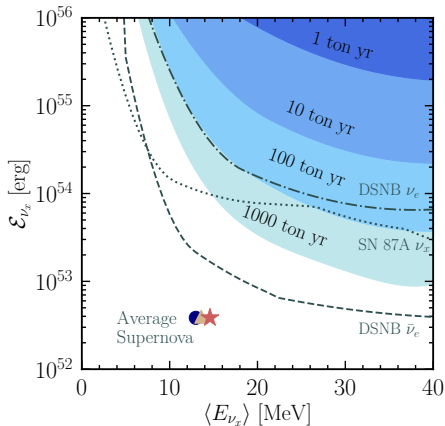
Sensitivity bounds on the x -flavor DSNB

Sensitivity bounds on the normalization of the x-flavor DSNB



- XENON1T, PandaX-4T: limits comparable to the SK ν_x DSNB limit
- Constant energy window: limits can improve $\mathcal{O}(10\%)$ for wider windows at small exposures and narrower windows at large exposures

Sensitivity bounds on the x-flavor DSNB



- Simple DSNB: all supernovae emit the same Fermi-Dirac ν_x spectrum
- Potential handle on the normalization and mean energy of the SN ν_x
- 1000 ton yr: limits comparable with current SK limit on $\bar{\nu}_e$ DSNB