

Astrophysical Neutrinos Uncover Neutrino Properties and Decode New Physics

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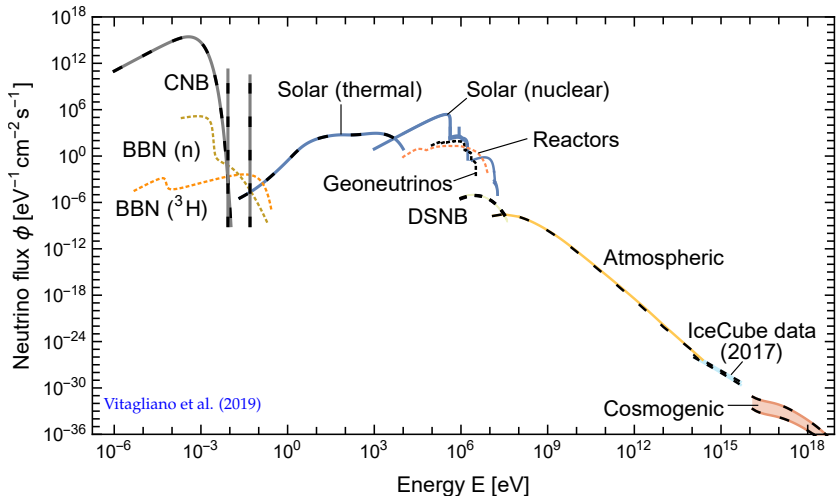
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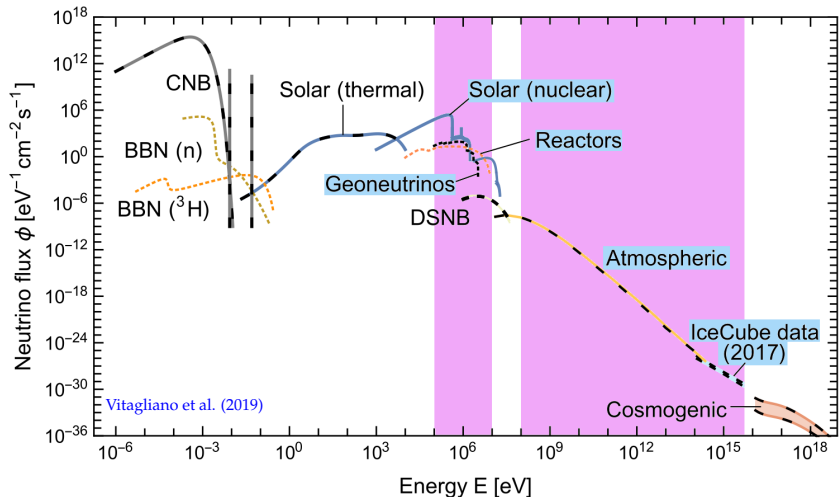
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Why is studying astrophysical neutrinos crucial?



Free neutrino sources spanning nearly 25 decades in energy

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Significant progress, but still room for new discoveries

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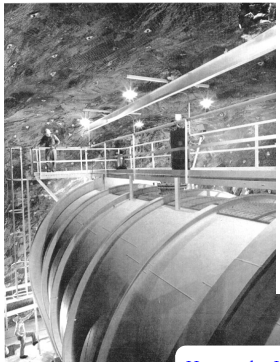


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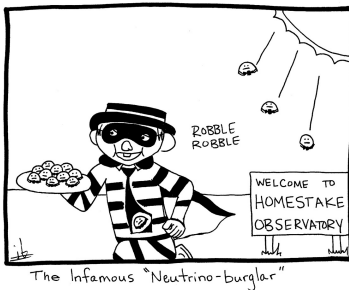


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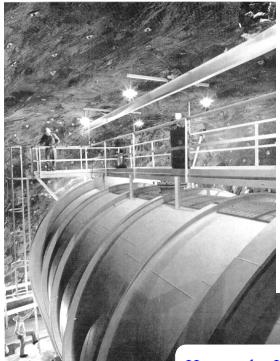
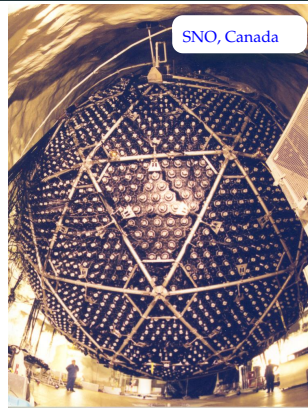
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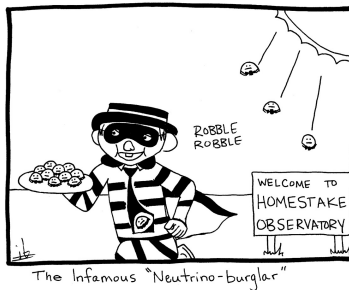
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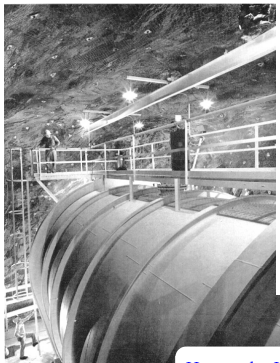
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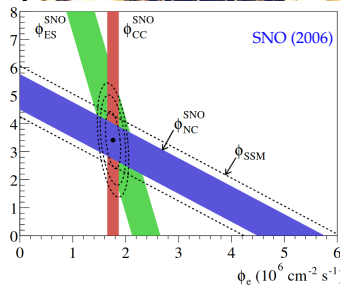
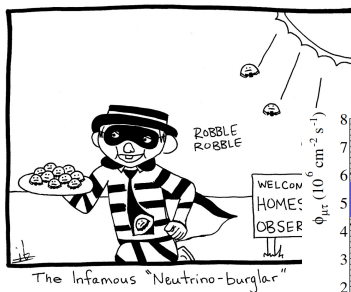
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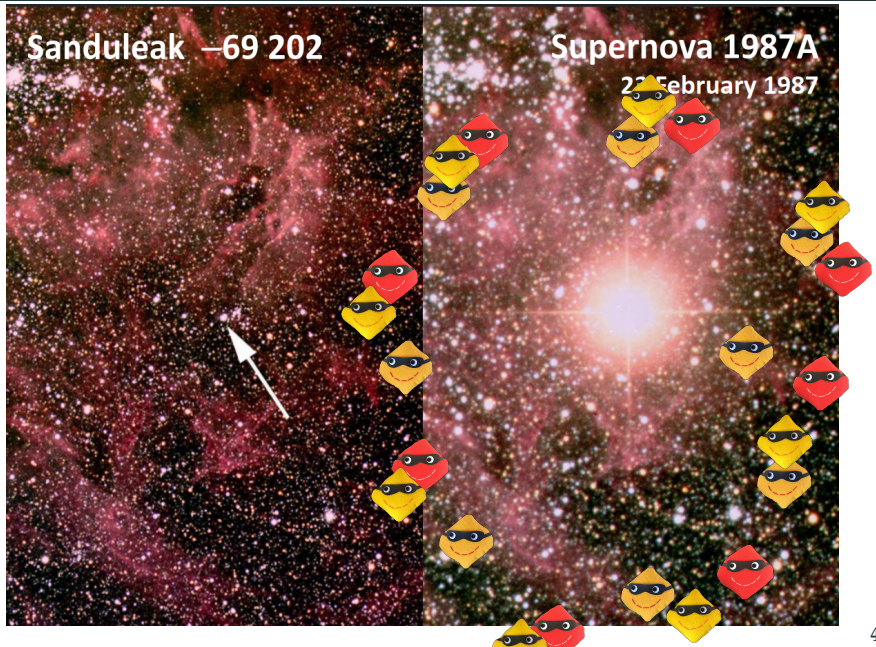
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Hubble (2017)



JWST (2023)

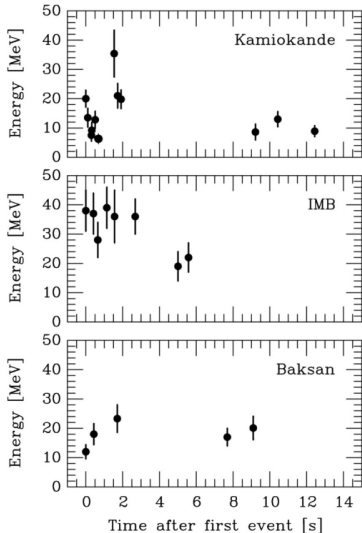
- Neutron star remnant

Fransson et al. (2024)

- Binary system

Morris & Podsiadlowski (2007), (2009)

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Courtesy of G. Raffelt



- Neutrino detection from SN 1987A:
 - confirmed the core-collapse scenario
 - 99% of the energy emitted in neutrinos
 - best limit at the time on the ν mass

Why is studying astrophysical neutrinos crucial?

Benefits to the field of neutrino physics

- free sources spanning nearly 25 decades in energy
- established track record of neutrino discoveries
- test of physics in conditions not accessible on Earth
- complements terrestrial neutrino experimental efforts

Benefits to the field of multimessenger astrophysics

- unveils physics of the sources
- experimentally and observationally timely

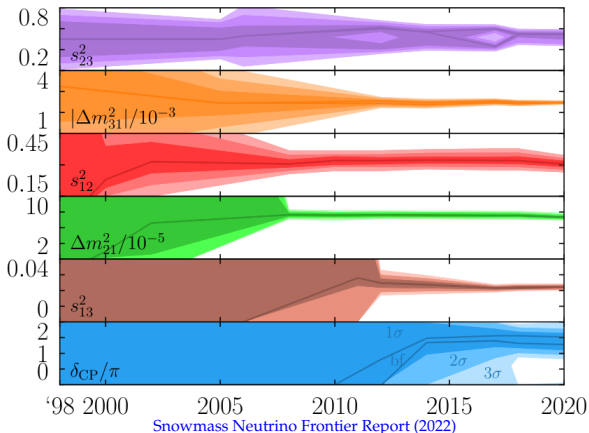
Towards Precise Neutrino Properties Measurements

We know now:

- large mixing angles
- non-zero masses

Remaining questions

- Majorana vs Dirac
- absolute masses
- degree of CP violation



Fermions

Leptons	Quarks	u up	c charm	t top	γ photon	H Higgs boson
		d down	s strange	b bottom	g gluon	
		ν _e electron neutrino	ν _μ muon neutrino	ν _τ tau neutrino	Z Z boson	
		e electron	μ muon	τ tau	W W boson	

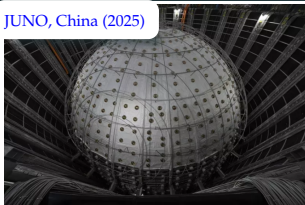
Force carriers

$$\begin{bmatrix} \nu_e \\ \nu_\mu \\ \nu_\tau \end{bmatrix} = U \begin{bmatrix} \nu_1 \\ \nu_2 \\ \nu_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

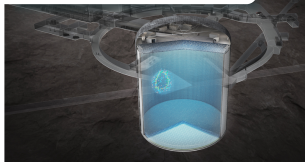
$$U = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & c_{23} & s_{23} \\ 0 & -s_{23} & c_{23} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} c_{13} & 0 & s_{13}e^{-i\delta_{CP}} \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -s_{13}e^{i\delta_{CP}} & 0 & c_{13} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} c_{12} & s_{12} & 0 \\ -s_{12} & c_{12} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

How to achieve full picture of neutrinos? All hands on deck!

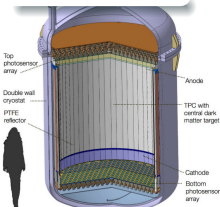
JUNO, China (2025)



Hyper-Kamiokande, Japan (2027)



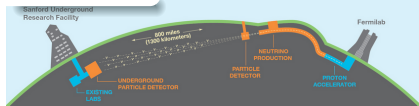
XLZD, DARWIN (20XX)



Rubin Observatory, Chile (2025)



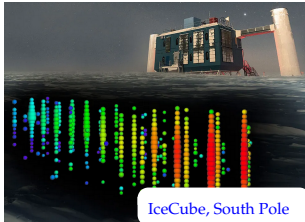
DUNE, USA (2030)



- Many new experiments coming online soon
- variety of approaches → superb sensitivity

- Complementarity with:
 - reactor and accelerator searches
 - electromagnetic surveys
 - other astrophysical messengers

IceCube, South Pole



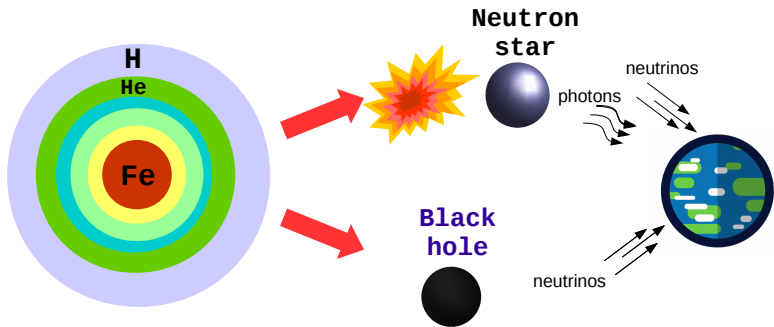
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Neutrinos from Core-collapse Supernovae

Why are neutrinos important for a core-collapse supernova?

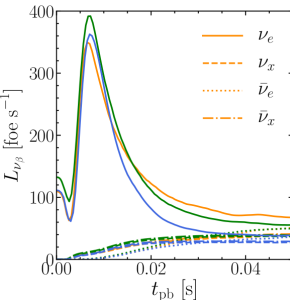
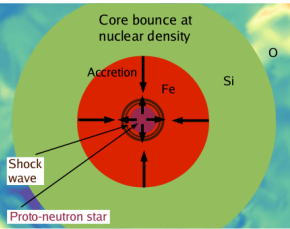
Neutrinos:

- $\sim 10^{58}$ of them emitted from a single core collapse
- only they can reveal the deep interior conditions
- only particles detectable from the collapse to a black hole

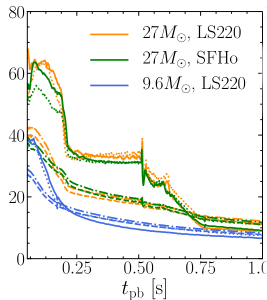
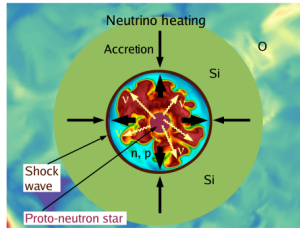


Different Phases of Supernova Explosion

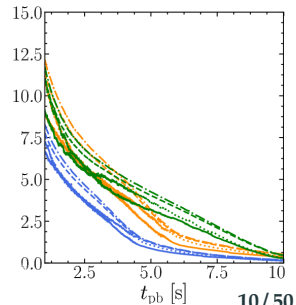
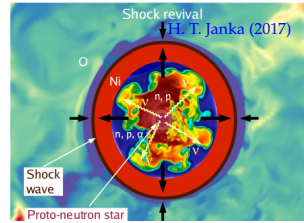
- Infall phase,
 ν_e burst ~ 40 ms



- Accretion phase,
 ~ 100 ms



- Cooling phase,
 ~ 10 s



Why core-collapse supernovae are good physics probes?

Advantages

- extreme physical conditions not accessible on Earth
- within the reach of existing and upcoming detectors

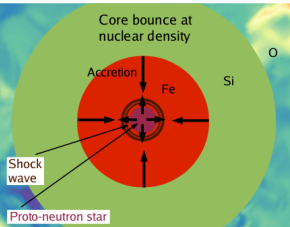
What can we learn with a variety of detectors?

- explosion mechanism Bethe & Wilson (1985),
Fischer et al. (2011)...
- nucleosynthesis Woosley et al. (1994),
Surman & McLaughlin (2003)...
- compact object formation Warren et al. (2019),
Li, Beacom et al. (2020)...
- neutrino mixing Balantekin & Fuller (2013),
Tamborra & Shalgar (2020)...
- non-standard physics McLaughlin et al. (1999),
de Gouvêa et al. (2019) ...

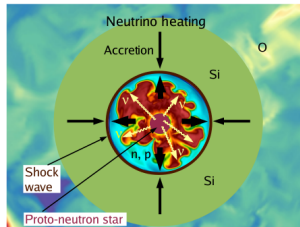
Neutrinos from Supernovae as Probes of New Physics

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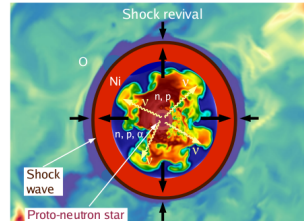


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H. T. Janka (2017)



New neutrino physics affects the core-collapse supernovae:

- change diffusion time $\rightarrow$ possible change in the star's fate
- changed diffusion time $\rightarrow$ changed duration of the neutrino signal
- new cooling channel $\rightarrow$ affects explosion probability

astrophysical feedback often ignored

**Which bounds remain unchanged
with astrophysical feedback?**

LNV neutrino self-interactions in supernova explosion?

In collaboration with G. Fuller, L. Graf, P. Cheong,
J. Froustey, S. Shalgar, K. Kherer, O. Scholer

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Do Neutrinos Have Self-Interactions?

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Do Neutrinos Interact between Themselves?

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(ricevuto il 26 Giugno 1964)



1. – Introduction.

The neutrino is the only elementary particle, which, according to our present knowledge, does not take part in other than weak and gravitational interactions. Its role in nature is not yet fully understood and its interaction properties are only partially known.

The purpose of this note is to answer the following question: Do the present experimental data allow for the existence of interactions between neutrinos much stronger than their weak interactions? The answer to this question is positive. It turns out that such interactions even if they were 10^6 times stronger than weak interactions could not be detected with the present experimental accuracy.

Lepton number violating neutrino self-interactions

Motivation - to be taken with a grain of salt:

- lepton number conservation - accidental symmetry
- potential cosmological hints

Barenboim et al. (2019), Song, Gonzalez-Garcia, Salvado (2018), ..

- strong impact on core-collapse supernova

Kolb et al. (1982), Fuller et al. (1988), Farzan et al. (2018), AMS, Tamborra (2020), ...

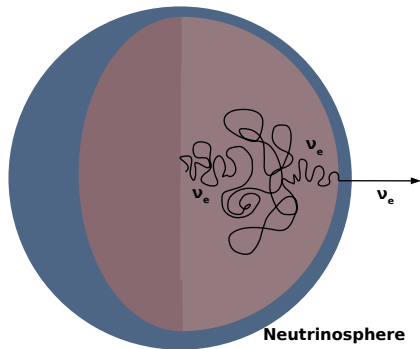
New Interaction Lagrangian

$$\mathcal{L}^\phi = g_{\phi, \alpha\beta} \phi \overline{\nu_{L,\alpha}} \nu_{L,\beta}^c$$

Probability of the New Interaction

$$\sigma_{\nu\text{SI}} \approx \frac{G_{\nu\text{SI}}^2}{8\pi} E_\nu^1 E_\nu^2 (1 - \cos \theta)$$

Neutrino Trapping and β -equilibrium



Neutrino trapping

$$A(N, Z) + \nu \rightarrow A(N, Z) + \nu$$

β -equilibrium

$$e^- + p \rightleftharpoons \nu_e + n$$

$$e^+ + n \rightleftharpoons \bar{\nu}_e + p$$

Implementation:

Thermalize the population of ν and $\bar{\nu}$ once $\rho \sim 10^{11} - 10^{12} \text{ g cm}^{-3}$

$$\nu_e \rightleftharpoons \nu_e, \bar{\nu}_e, \nu_\mu, \bar{\nu}_\mu, \nu_\tau, \bar{\nu}_\tau,$$

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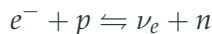
$$\nu_e \rightleftharpoons \nu_e, \bar{\nu}_e$$

Static, Homogenous and Isotropic Boltzmann Equation

Boltzmann Equation

$$\frac{df_\nu}{dt} = (1 - f_\nu)j_\nu - f_\nu\chi_\nu ,$$

Electron fraction evolution - weak rates



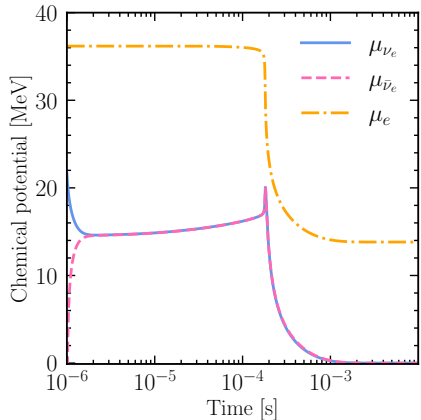
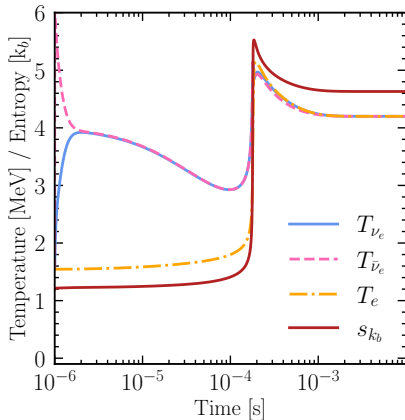
$$\frac{dY_e}{dt} = R_{\nu_e} - R_{\bar{\nu}_e} - R_{e^-} + R_{e^+} , \quad e^+ + n \rightleftharpoons \bar{\nu}_e + p$$

Temperature and chemical potential evolution for leptons

$$\frac{dT_i}{dt} = \left(\frac{\partial \rho_i}{\partial \mu_i} \frac{dn_i}{dt} - \frac{\partial n_i}{\partial \mu_i} \frac{d\rho_i}{dt} \right) / \left(\frac{\partial n_i}{\partial T_i} \frac{\partial \rho_i}{\partial \mu_i} - \frac{\partial n_i}{\partial \mu_i} \frac{\partial \rho_i}{\partial T_i} \right) ,$$

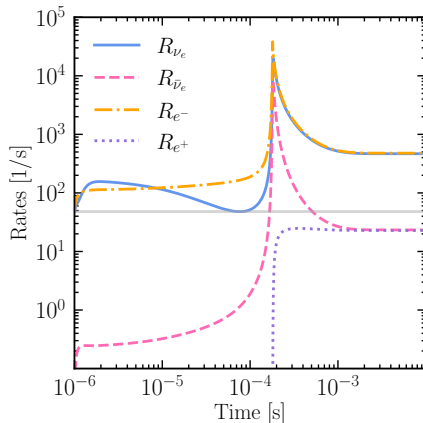
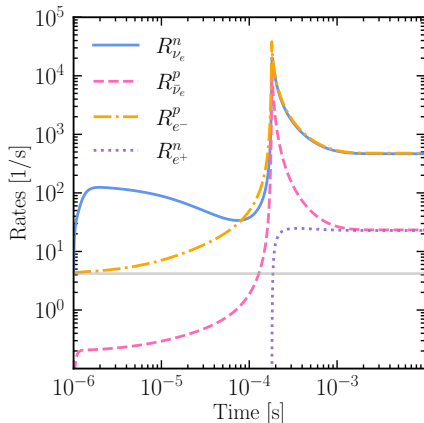
$$\frac{d\mu_i}{dt} = \left(\frac{\partial \rho_i}{\partial T_i} \frac{dn_i}{dt} - \frac{\partial n_i}{\partial T_i} \frac{d\rho_i}{dt} \right) / \left(\frac{\partial n_i}{\partial \mu_i} \frac{\partial \rho_i}{\partial T_i} - \frac{\partial n_i}{\partial T_i} \frac{\partial \rho_i}{\partial \mu_i} \right) .$$

Evolution of Thermodynamical Quantities



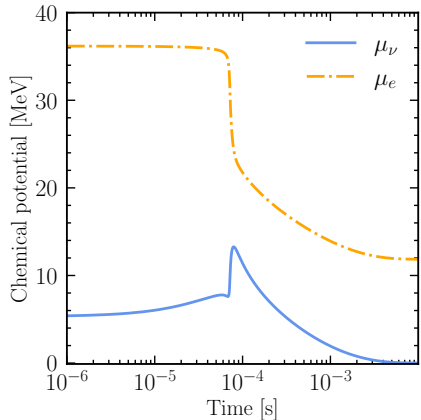
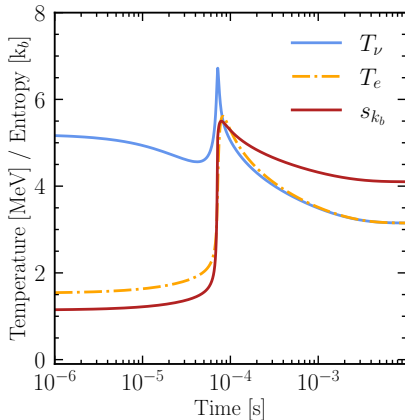
- new interactions quickly equilibrate ν_e and $\bar{\nu}_e$ seas
- enhanced ν_e and e^- captures heat up the matter
- similar results for all flavors equilibration

Weak reaction rates



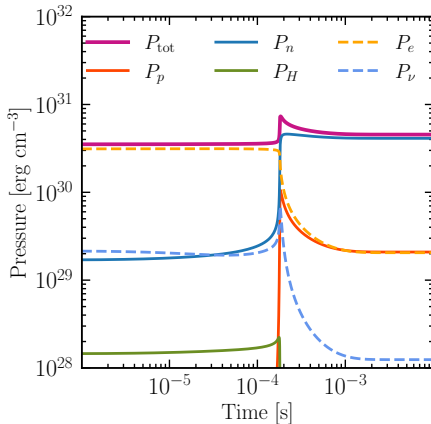
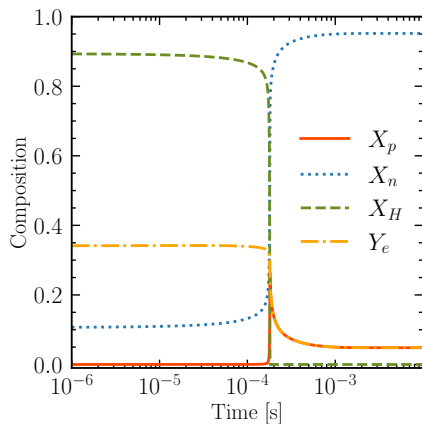
- initial increase in $\nu_e + n$, $\nu_e + A$ and $e^- + A$
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Evolution of Thermodynamical Quantities



- the same qualitative results for all six flavor equilibration

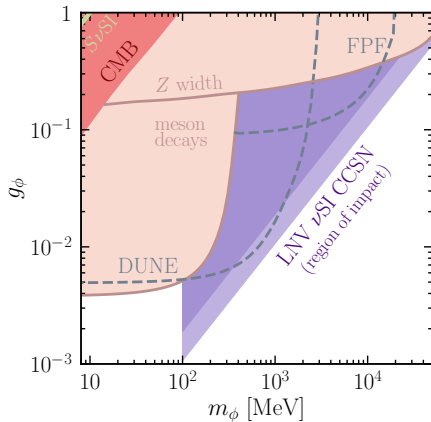
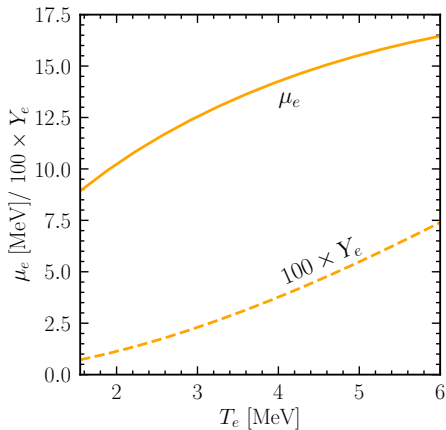
Composition and Pressure Support of the Core



- s_{k_b} - entropy generation shifts composition towards no heavy nuclei

$$X_H \propto s_{k_b}^{1-\langle A \rangle} n_p^Z n_n^N \exp(E_b/T_e)$$
- enhanced deleptonization changes the pressure support of the core

New β -equilibrium with LNV ν SI



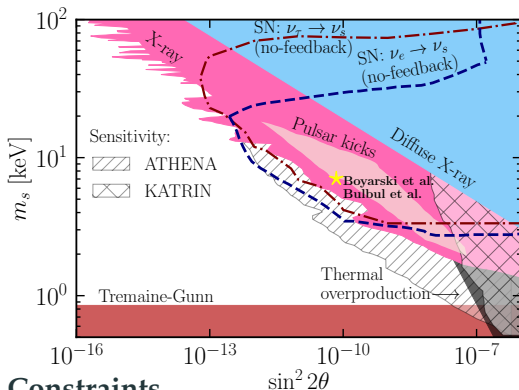
- regardless of the final T_e the new equilibrium has a very low Y_e
 $\mu_e = \delta m_{np} - T_e \ln \left(\frac{Y_e}{1-Y_e} \right)$, with $Y_e = \frac{1}{\pi^2 \rho} \int_0^\infty dp_e p_e^2 f_e(E_e, T_e, \mu_e)$
- complementarity with future accelerator-based experiments

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



Constraints

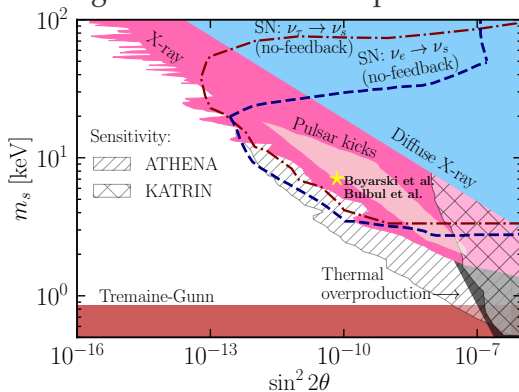
- Supernovae energy bounds (X. Shi & G. Sigl (1994)), ...
- DM overproduction (S. Dodelson, L. M. Widrow (1994), X. Shi, G. M. Fuller (1999))
- Radiative decay (NuSTAR, XMM, Chandra), K. C. Y. Ng et al. (2019), K. C. Y. Ng et al. (2015), S. Horiuchi et al. (2013)...
- Tremaine-Gunn bound (S. Tremaine,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

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)
- Lyman- α forest
Villasenor et al. (2022)

The role of sterile neutrinos in supernovae; previous studies

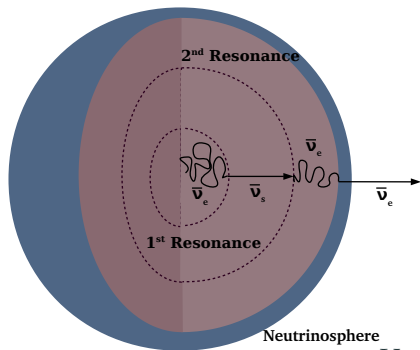
- Change of the electron or neutrino (ν_e, ν_μ, ν_τ) fractions
- Suppression/enhancement of the SN explosion
- Exclusion of a large fraction of the DM parameter space



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), **AMS et al. (2019, 2020)**, Syvolap et al. (2019), Ray & Qian (2023, 2024)

Sterile neutrino conversions in the stellar core

1D SN model
Garching group
archive



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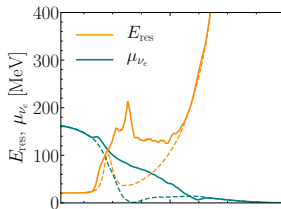
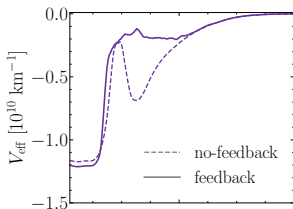
$$P_{\nu_{\text{active}} \rightarrow \nu_s}(E_{\text{res}}) = 1 - \exp\left(-\frac{\pi^2}{2}\gamma\right), \gamma = \Delta_{\text{res}}/l_{\text{osc}}$$

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

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

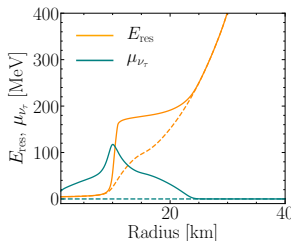
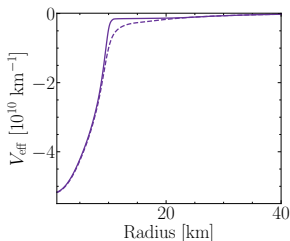
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$\nu_s - \nu_\tau$ mixing: only 1 resonance



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

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

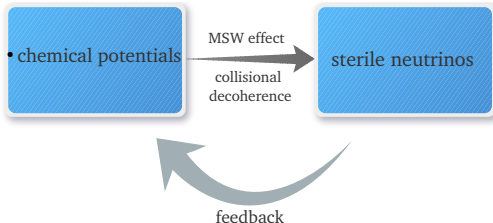
$$\sin^2 2\theta = 10^{-8}$$

- 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

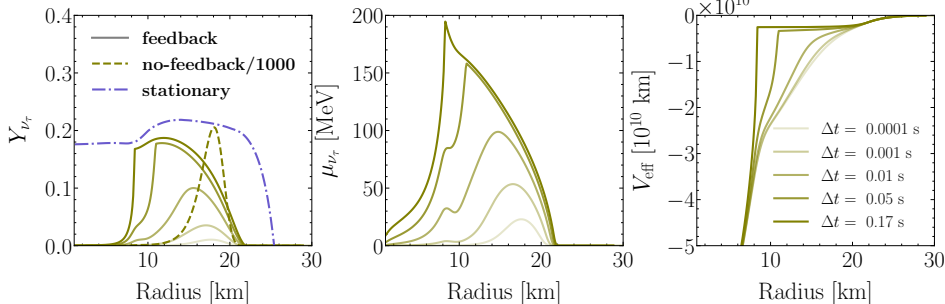
The active neutrinos after being **converted to sterile ones** effectively disappear; since they were **strongly coupled** to the rest of the particles in the medium, a **new equilibrium state** forms.

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

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

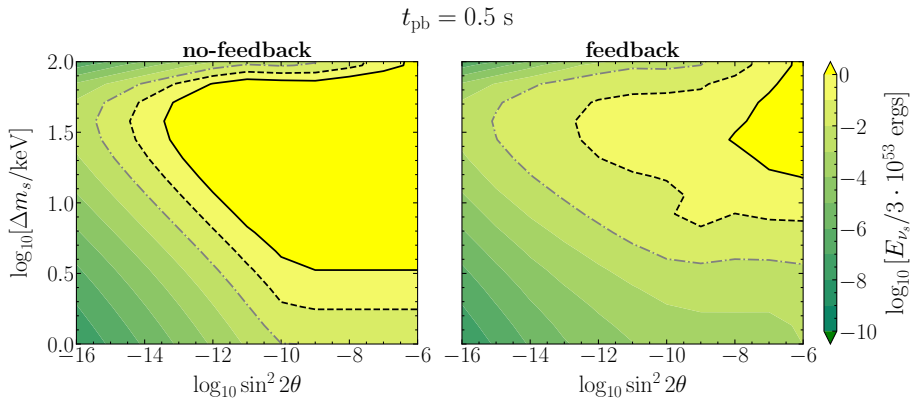
Radial evolution of the asymmetry w and w/o feedback

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



- 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

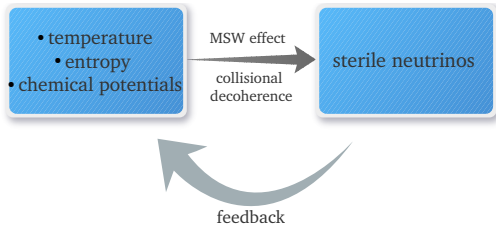
$$Y_p(r, t) + Y_n(r, t) = 1 ,$$

Charge conservation

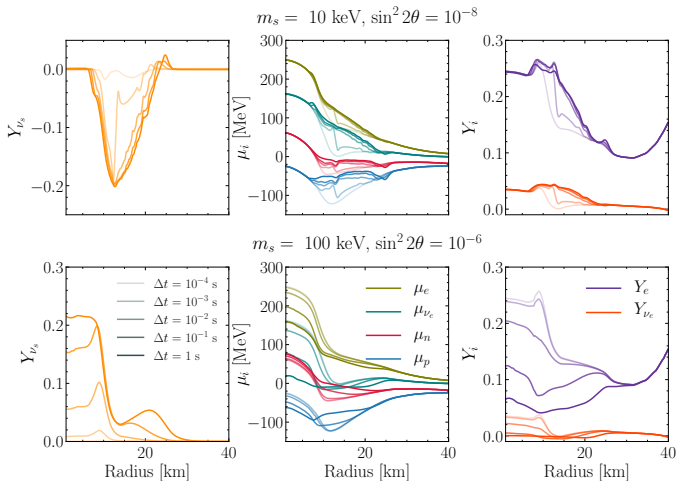
$$Y_p(r, t) = Y_e(r, t) ,$$

Entropy change

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

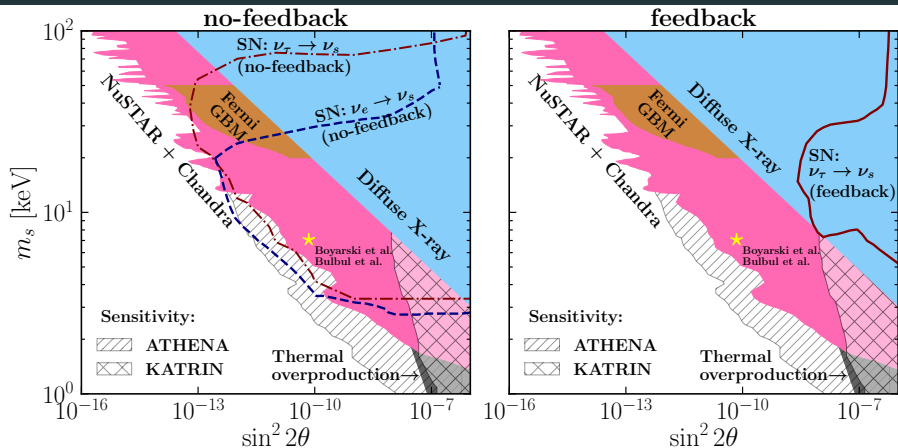


Radial evolution of the asymmetry



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

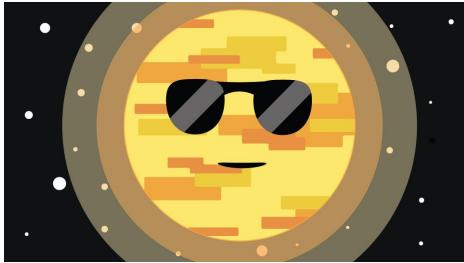
Supernova bounds on the mixing parameters



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

- Why is studying astrophysical neutrinos crucial?
- Core-collapse Supernovae as New Physics Probes
- **Diffuse Supernova Neutrino Background**
- Summary and Outlook

Why focus only on a single rare event?

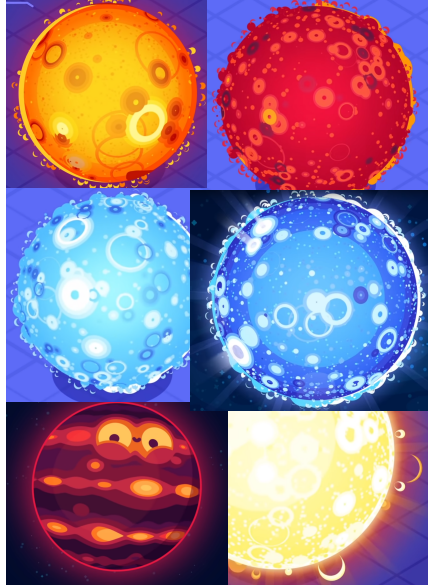


Single galactic SN event

- rare event
- precise information about one star

Multiple SN events (larger distances)

- accumulation of events
- will detect in coming years



Diffuse supernova neutrino background

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

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

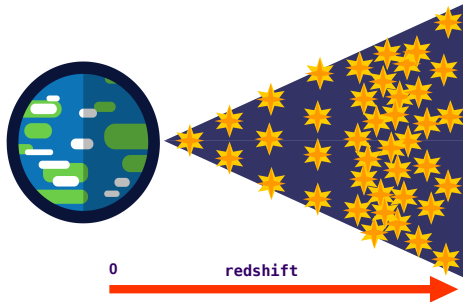
fraction of black-hole-forming progenitors (points to $f_{\text{BH-SN}}$)

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

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

The DSNB is sensitive to:

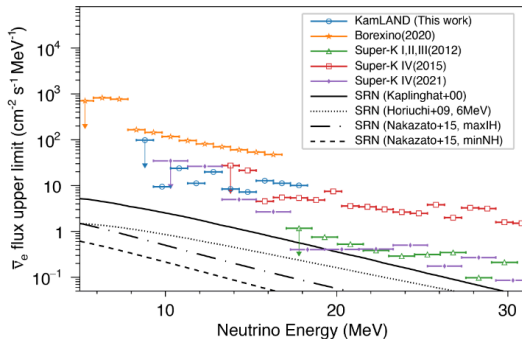
- $R_{\text{SN}}, f_{\text{BH-SN}}$
- neutrino flavor evolution
- equation of state
- mass accretion rate in BH-SN
- non-standard physics



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)

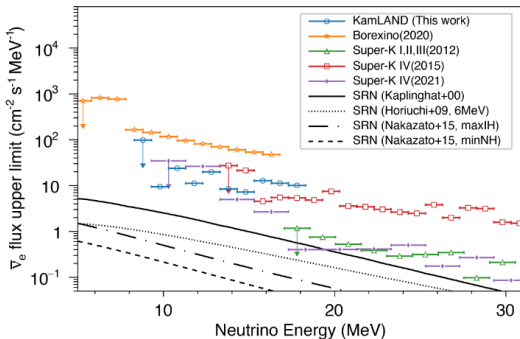


DSNB limits:

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- $\nu_x \lesssim 100 \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$ for $E_\nu > 19.3 \text{ MeV}$ AMS, Beacom, Tamborra (2021)

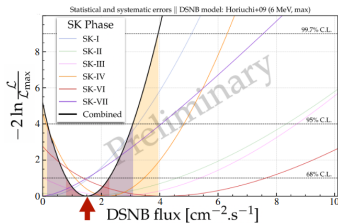
Tension from zero assumption

Spectral-fitting analysis

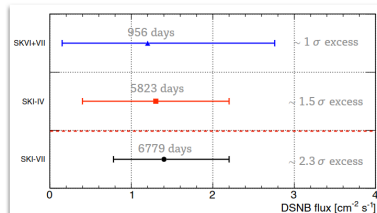


Spectrum fitting analysis to extract significance

- 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
- **exhibit $\sim 2.3 \sigma$ excess!!**

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Astrophysical uncertainties affecting the DSNB

- Neutrino Flux from an "Average Supernova"

Lunardini (2009), Horiuchi et al. (2018), Kresse et al. (2018), ...

- Cosmological Supernovae Rate

Beacom (2010), Horiuchi et al. (2011), Ando et al. (2023), Ekanger et al. (2024)...

- 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)

Sanduleak and Betelgeuse in binary systems? Morris & Podsiadlowski (2007), (2009), Goldberg et al (2024), MacLeod et al (2024)

Non exhaustive list of references

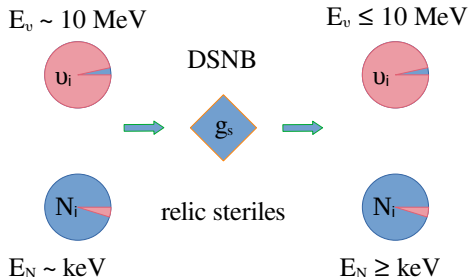
**How to probe new physics with
these uncertainties?**

Probing self-interacting sterile neutrino dark matter with the DSNB

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

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Do KeV-mass Sterile Neutrinos Have 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 $z_R = E_R/E_{\nu} - 1$,

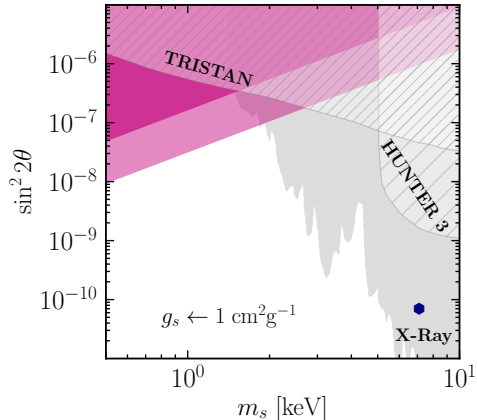
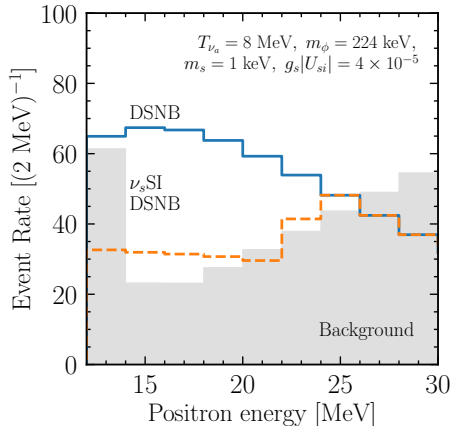
interaction rate $\Gamma_R(z_R) \simeq |U_{si}|^2 n_{\nu_s}(z_R) \sigma_R$,

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

similar studies for active neutrino self-interactions and eV-mass sterile neutrinos:

Goldberg et al. (2005), Baker et al. (2007), Farzan, Palomares-Ruiz (2014), Reno et al. (2018), Creque-Sarbinowski et al. (2021) **40 / 50**

Secret neutrino interactions: DSNB



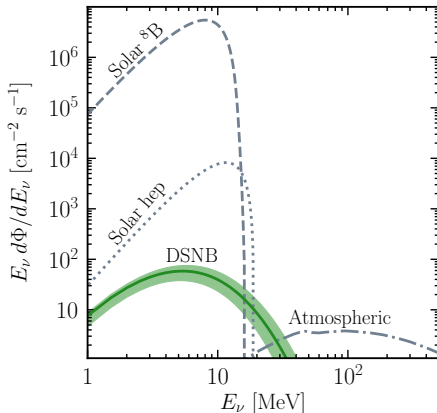
- Sterile neutrino self-interactions may result in features in DSNB
- Overlap with the TRISTAN experiment parameter space
- Reduction of the astrophysical uncertainties helps but not by a lot

Towards probing the diffuse supernova neutrino background in all flavors

In collaboration with J. F. Beacom, and I. Tamborra

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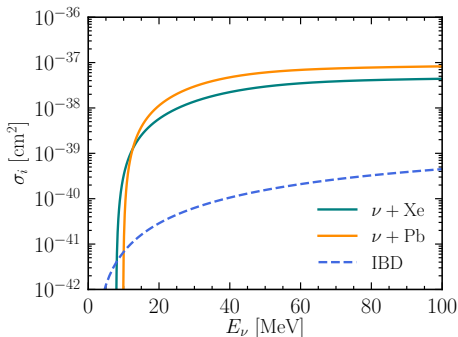
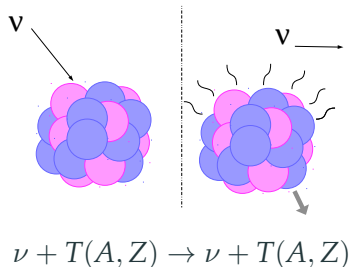
Can we detect the x -flavor DSNB? Maybe



DSNB modeling:
Møller, AMS, et al.
(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 \(2008\)](#)

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

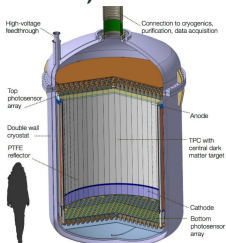
Cross section:

Theory: [Freedman \(1974\)](#),

Measured: [COHERENT \(2017\)](#)

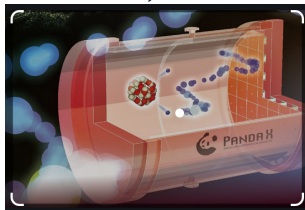
Current and future CE ν NS detectors

XENONnT, DARWIN



Aalbers et al. 2016

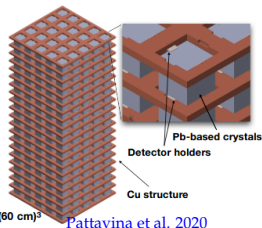
PandaX-4T, PandaX-xT



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

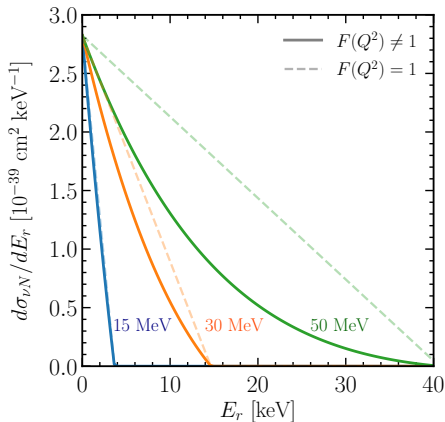
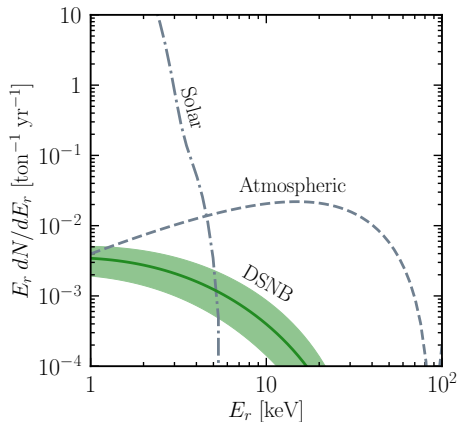
thresholds: $\mathcal{O}(1)$ keV

efficiency: ~ 80 -100%

Scattering rate

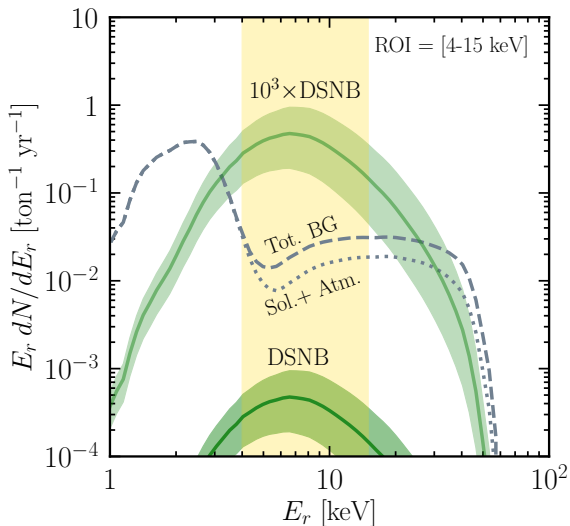
$$\frac{dR_{\nu N}}{dE_r dt} = N_T \epsilon(E_r) \int dE_\nu \frac{d\sigma_{\nu N}}{dE_r} \psi(E_\nu, t) \Theta(E_r^{\max} - E_r), \quad E_r^{\max} = \frac{2E_\nu^2}{m_T + 2E_\nu}$$

Event rate in the xenon-based detector



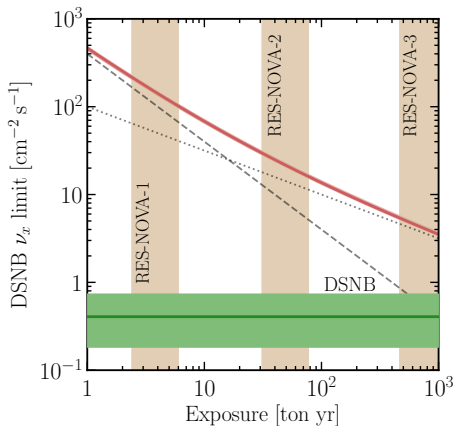
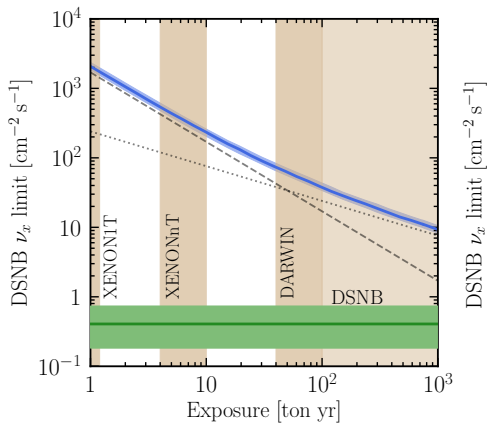
- The potential energy window displayed by the bare fluxes disappears
- Reason: Low energy recoils are most probable for all neutrino energies
- Detection of the x -flavor DSNB seems out of reach, BUT...

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



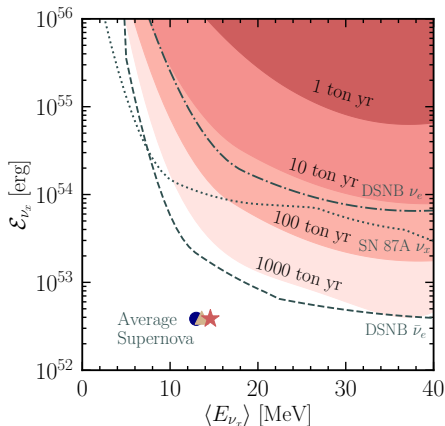
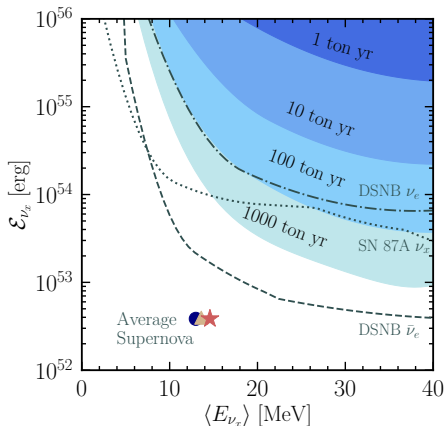
- Potential for an improvement by $\gtrsim 1 - 2$ orders of magnitude

Sensitivity bounds on the normalization of the x-flavor DSNB



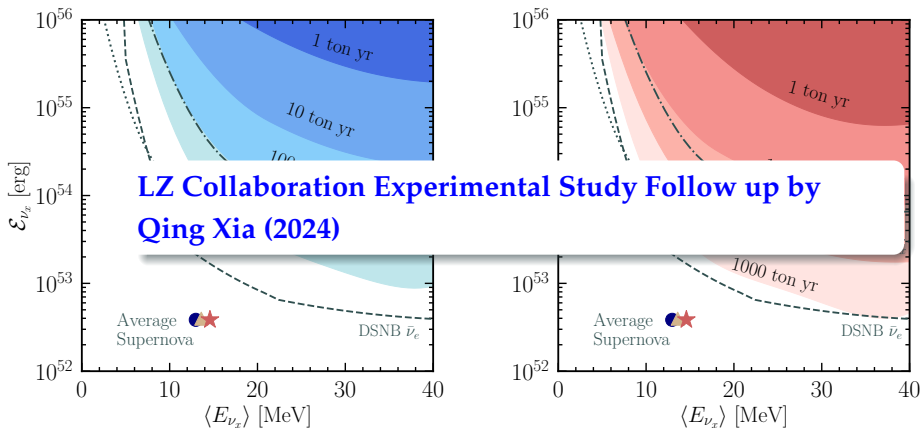
- XENON1T, PandaX-4T: limits comparable to the SK ν_x DSNB limit
- Constant energy window: limits can improve $\mathcal{O}(10\%)$ for wider windows at small exposures and narrower windows at large exposures

Sensitivity bounds on the x-flavor DSNB



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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

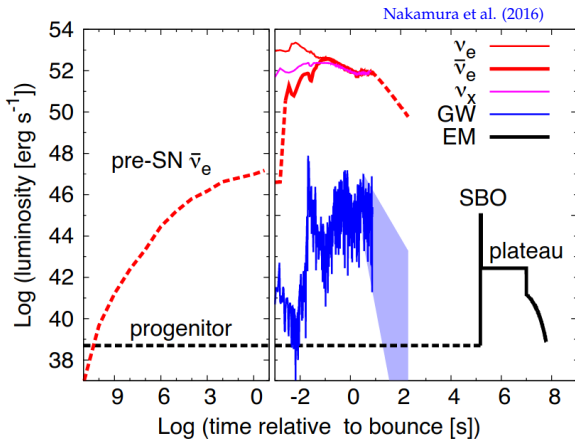
- brings us closer to fully understanding the physics inside the sources
- help us to probe potential new physics scenarios

Exciting times ahead

Thank you for the attention!

Backup

Core-Collapse Supernova Light Curve



Partial Derivatives for the Fermi-Dirac distributions

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

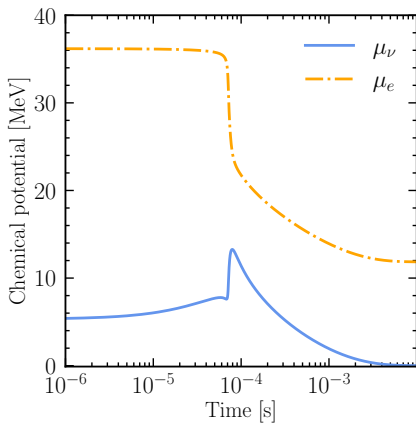
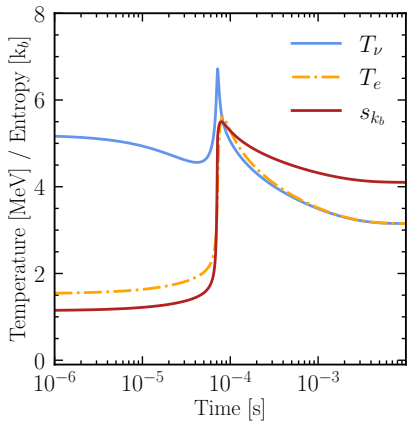
$$\frac{\partial n}{\partial T} = \frac{g}{2\pi^2} \int_m^\infty dE E \sqrt{E^2 - m^2} \frac{(E - \mu)}{4T^2} \cosh^{-2} \left(\frac{E - \mu}{2T} \right), \quad (1a)$$

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

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All flavors LNV ν SI



Collisional production

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

$$\Gamma_{\nu_{\text{active}}}(E) \simeq n(r)\sigma(E, r)$$

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

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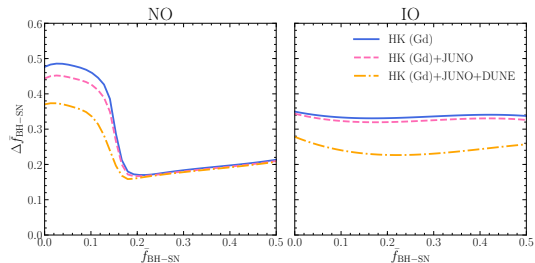
MSW production

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

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

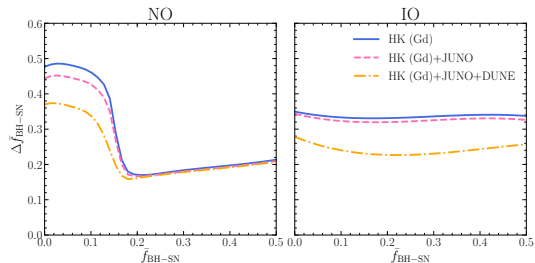
$$l_{\text{osc}}(E_{\text{res}}) = (2\pi E_{\text{res}})/(m_s^2 \sin 2\theta)$$

Expected 1σ uncertainty: fraction of BH forming progenitors



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Expected 1σ uncertainty: local supernova rate



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

