

# Physics beyond the Standard Model in astrophysical environments

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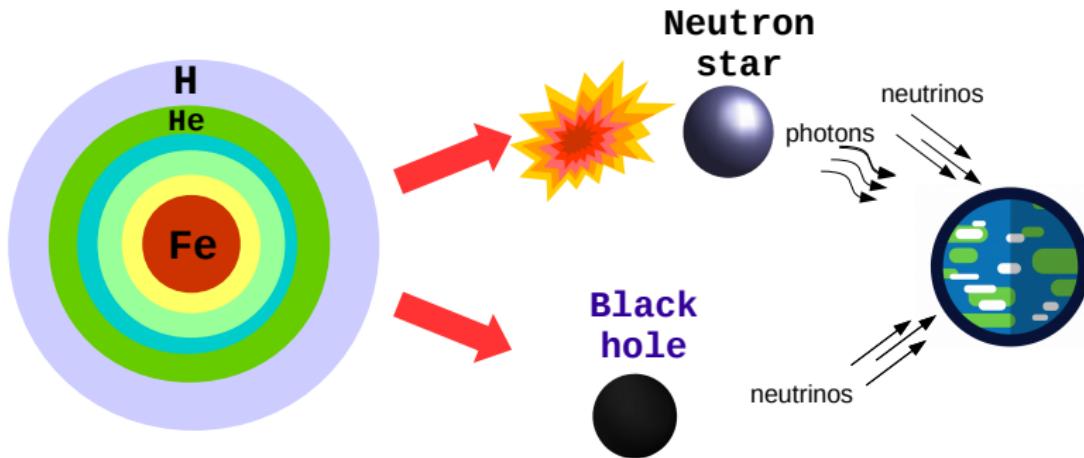


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# Why are neutrinos important for a core-collapse supernova?

## 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



# 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 (DUNE, SK, DARWIN...)

## What can we learn with a variety of detectors?

- explosion mechanism
- yields of heavy elements
- compact object formation
- neutrino mixing
- non-standard physics

H. Bethe & J. Wilson (1985),  
T. Fischer et al. (2011)...

S. Woosley et al. (1994),  
S. Curtis et al. (2018)...

M. Warren et al. (2019),  
S. Li, J. F. Beacom et al. (2020)

H. Duan et al. (2010),  
I. Tamborra & S. Shalgar (2020)...

A. de Gouvêa et al. (2019),  
S. Shalgar et al. (2019)...

# Overview

- ① Sterile neutrinos with keV masses
- ② Non-standard mediators coupling to protons inside the Sun
- ③ Astrophysical constraints on the non-standard CE $\nu$ NS

## **Sterile neutrinos with keV masses**

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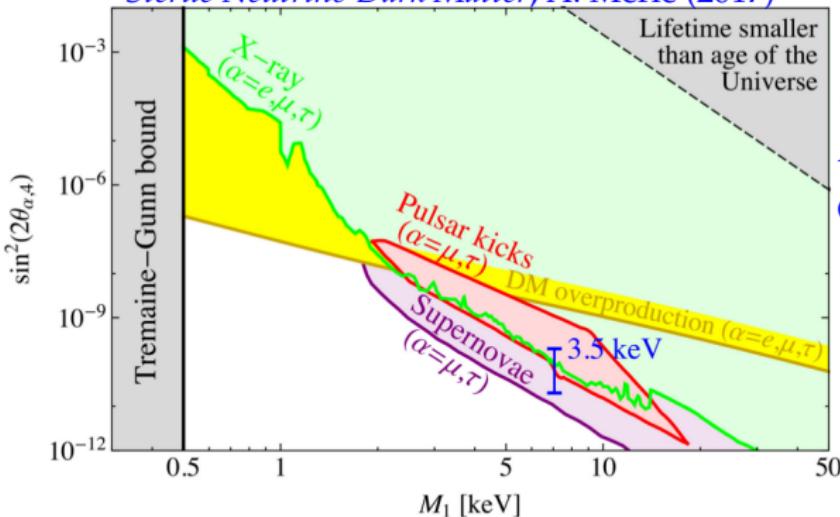
# **Sterile neutrinos with keV masses**

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

# Sterile neutrino as dark matter candidate

*Sterile Neutrino Dark Matter, A. Merle (2017)*



## Favorable regions

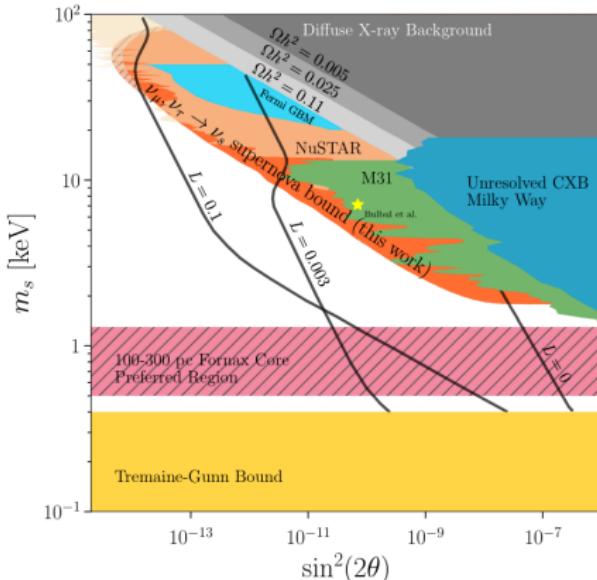
- Pulsar kicks  
A. Kusenko, G. Segrè (1998),  
G. Fuller, A. Kusenko, et al. (2003)
- 3.5 keV line  
A. Boyarsky et al. (2014),  
E. Bulbul et al. (2014)

## 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 ( $\nu_e, \nu_\mu, \nu_\tau$ ) fractions
- Suppression / enhancement of the SN explosion
- Exclusion of a large fraction of the DM parameter space



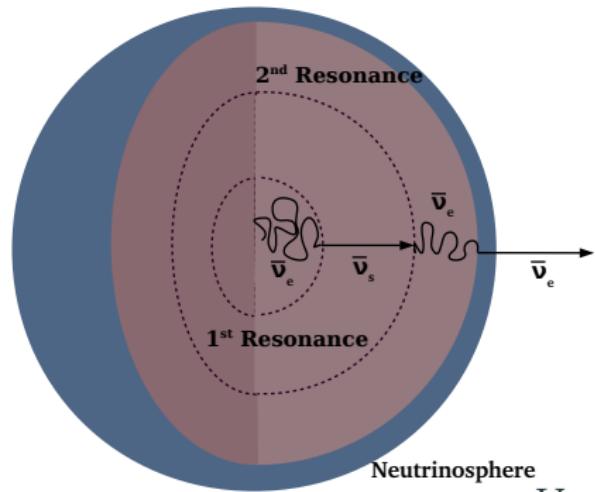
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# **Sterile neutrino conversions in the stellar core — introduction**

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1D SN model  
Garching group archive

MSW

$\nu_\tau - \nu_s$  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

$\nu_e - \nu_s$  mixing: multiple resonances

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

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

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

# Sterile neutrino conversions in the stellar core

## Collisional production

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

## MSW production

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

$$\Gamma_\nu(E) \simeq n(r)\sigma(E, r)$$

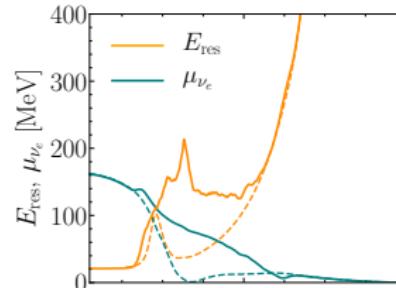
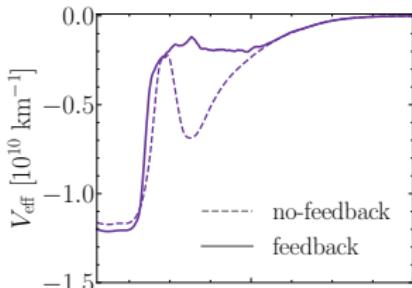
$$D = \frac{E\Gamma_{\nu_{\text{active}}}(E)}{m_s^2}$$

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

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

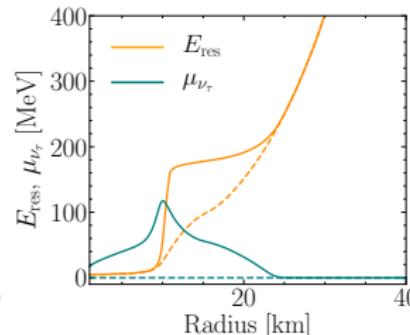
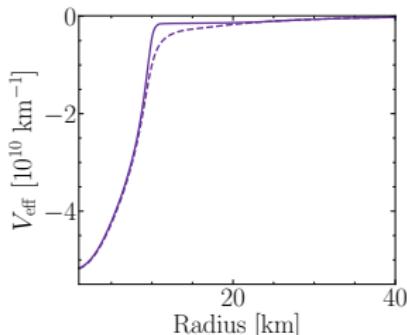
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$\nu_s - \nu_e$  mixing: multiple resonances



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



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

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

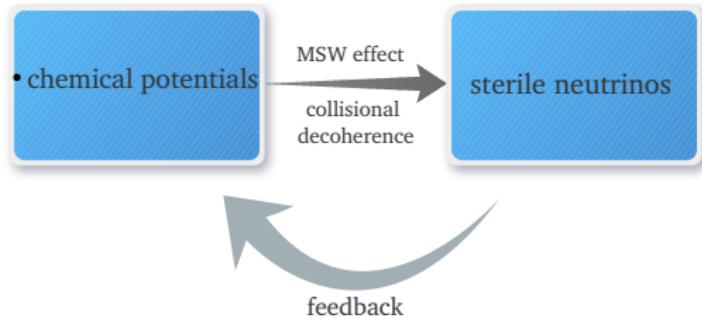
# The sterile-tau neutrino mixing

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# Development of the neutrino lepton asymmetry

Only active neutrinos

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



Active + sterile neutrinos

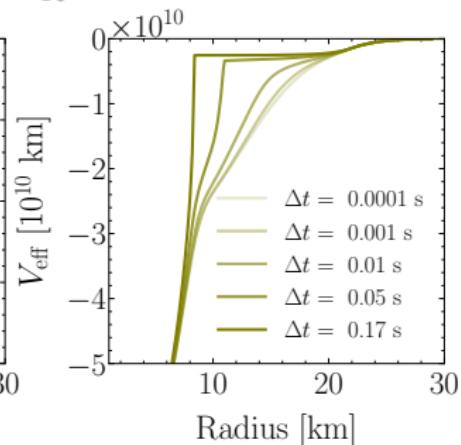
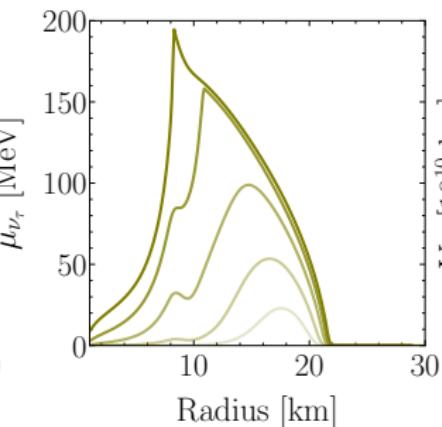
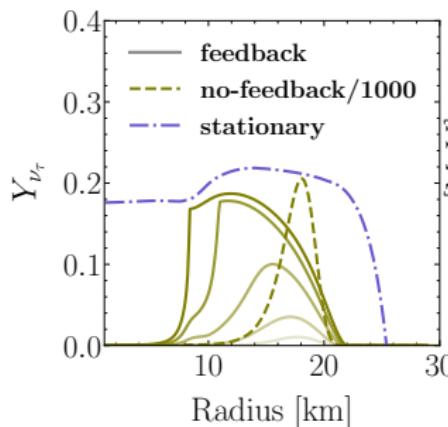
$$Y_{\nu_\tau}(r, t) = \frac{1}{n_b(r)} \int_0^t dt' \frac{d(P_{\nu_\tau \rightarrow \nu_s} n_{\nu_\tau}(r, t') - P_{\bar{\nu}_\tau \rightarrow \bar{\nu}_s} n_{\bar{\nu}_\tau}(r, t'))}{dt'}$$

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**.

# Radial evolution of the asymmetry w and w/o feedback

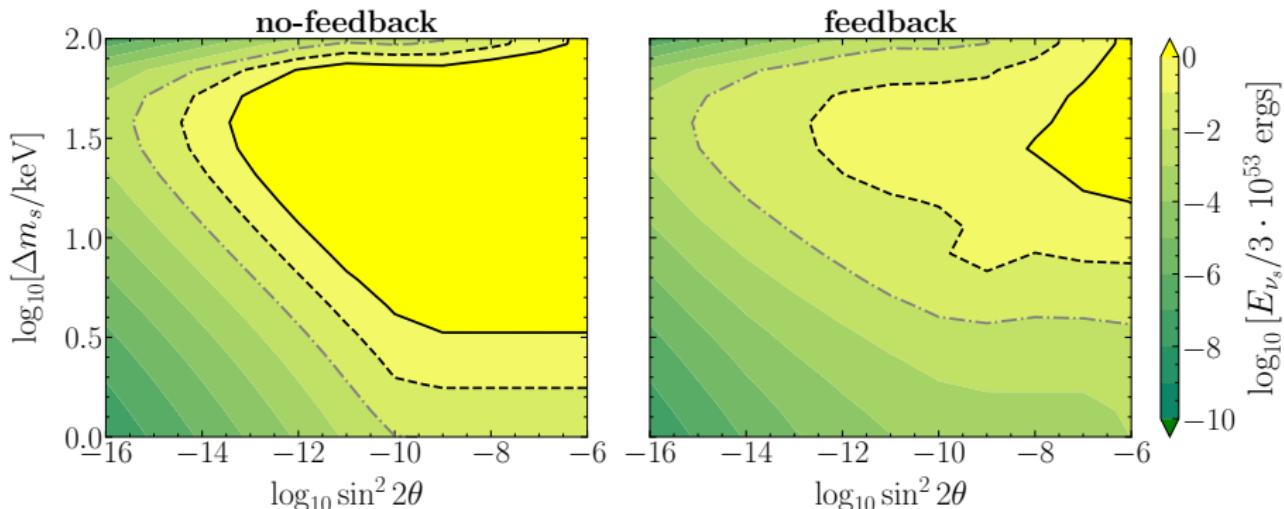
$$t_{\text{pb}} = 0.5 + \Delta t \text{ s}, \Delta m_s = 10 \text{ keV}, \sin^2 2\theta = 10^{-10}$$



- Feedback inhibits  $Y_{\nu_\tau}$  from unphysical growth.
- The  $\nu_\tau$  chemical potential grows significantly.

# The supernova bounds on the mixing parameters

$$t_{\text{pb}} = 0.5 \text{ s}$$



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

# The sterile-electron neutrino mixing

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# Equations describing the dynamical feedback



$\beta$  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

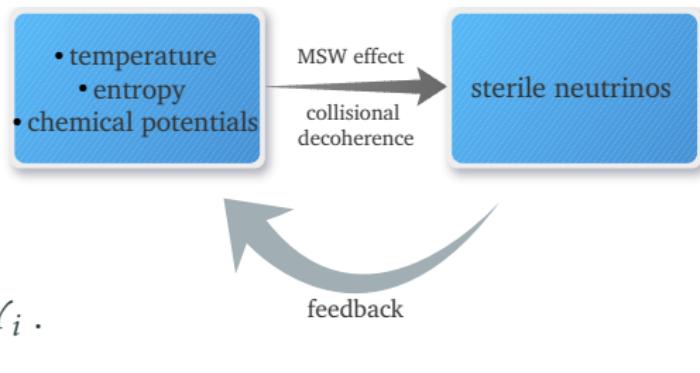
$$Y_p(r, t) + Y_n(r, t) = 1 ,$$

Charge conservation

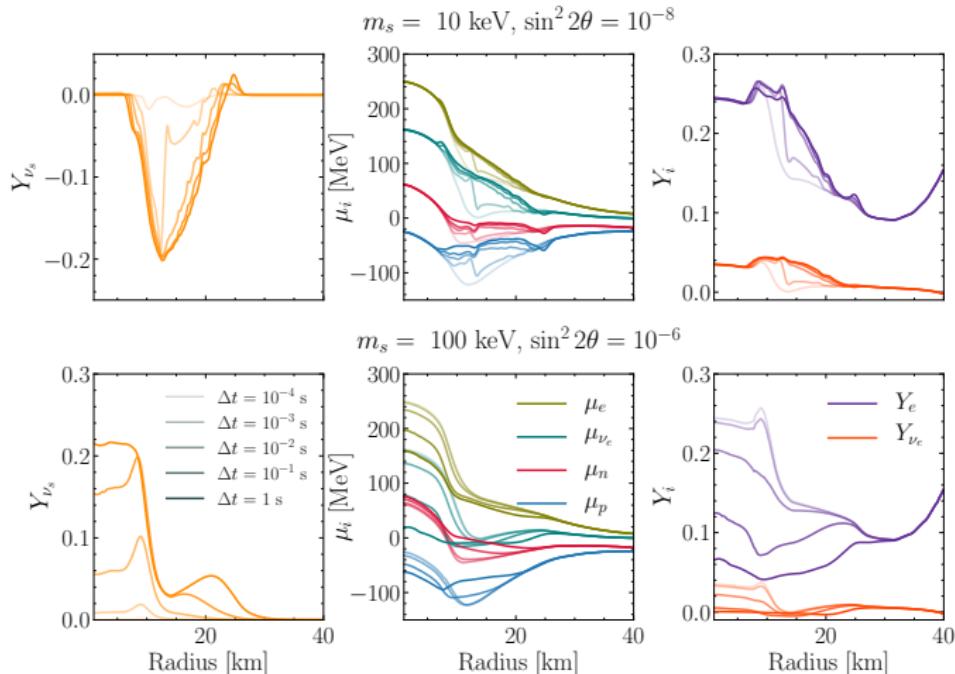
$$Y_p(r, t) = Y_e(r, t) ,$$

Entropy change

$$dS = Q/T + P/TdV - \sum_i \mu_i/TdY_i .$$

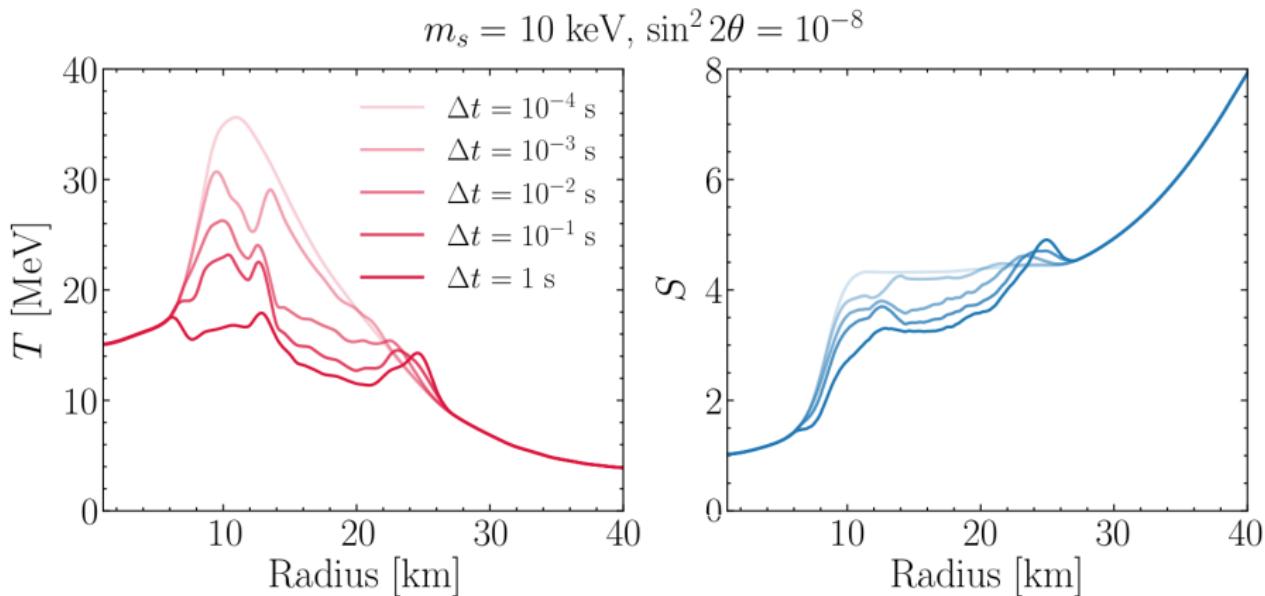


# Radial evolution of the asymmetry



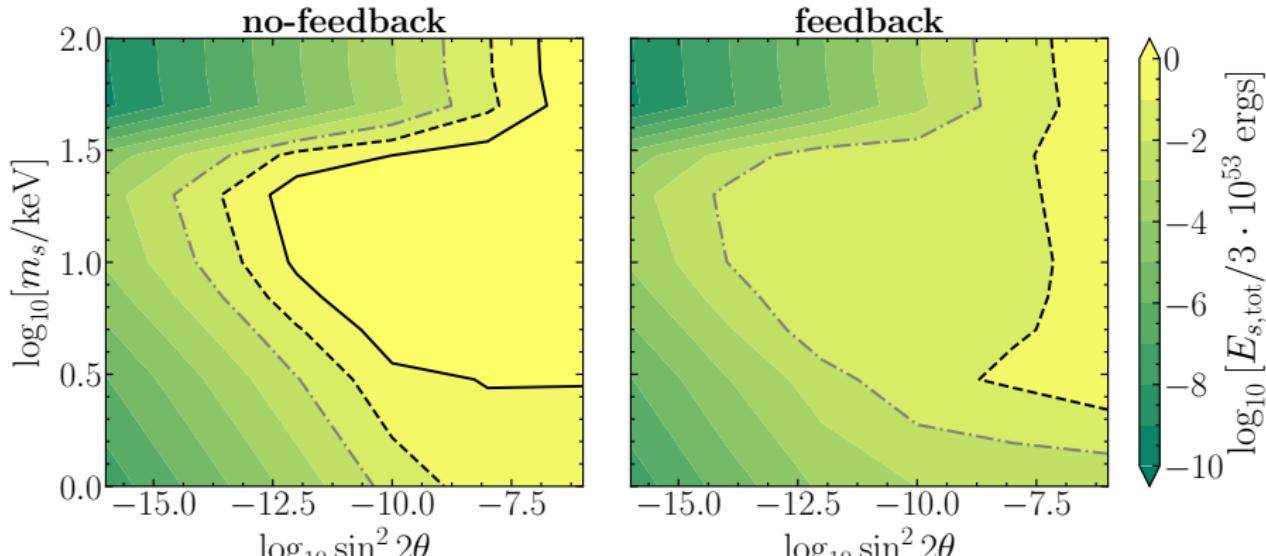
- Sterile particles modify the  $Y_e$ ,  $Y_{\nu_e}$ ,  $Y_p$  and  $Y_n$ .
- The sign of the generated change depends greatly on the  $m_s$ .

# Radial evolution of the temperature and entropy per baryon



- The  $\nu_s - \nu_e$  mixing induces large variations on
  - the entropy per baryon,
  - the supernova medium temperature.

# The supernova bounds on the mixing parameters



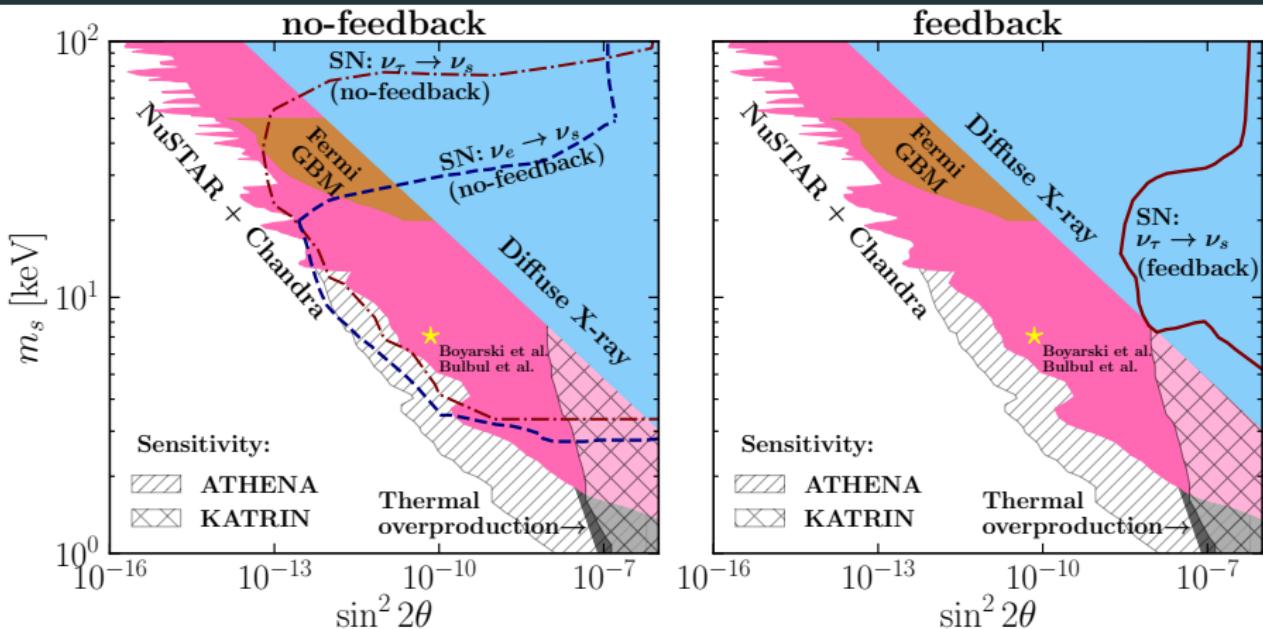
Again,

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

## Conclusions: sterile neutrinos

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# The supernova bounds on the mixing parameters



A. M. Suliga et al. (2018), (2019)

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

# Conclusions: sterile neutrinos

- Sterile neutrinos with keV mass
  - have a major impact on the SN physics.
  - lead to the growth of  $Y_{\nu_\tau}$  asymmetry.
  - force the change of  $Y_e$  and  $Y_{\nu_e}$ .
  - might aid the explosion mechanism.
- Feedback is crucial.
- New treatment of active-sterile neutrino mixing in SNe challenges sterile neutrino bounds.

# **Probing non-standard mediators coupling to protons inside the Sun**

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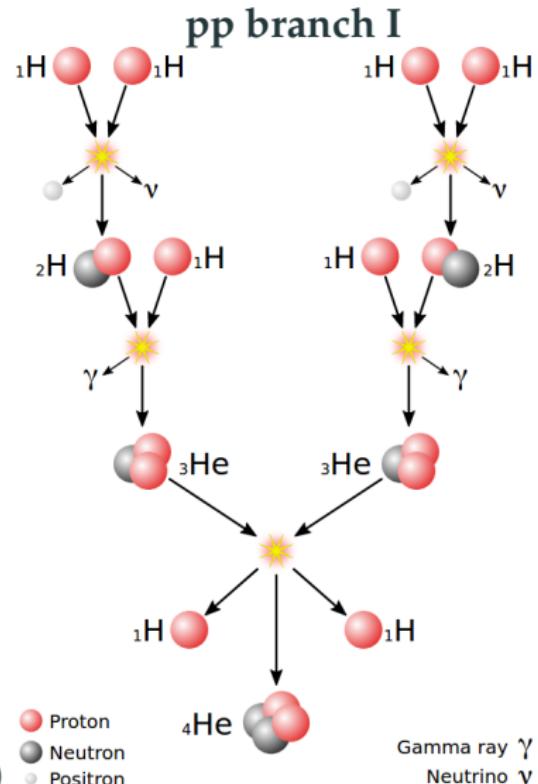
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# Why our sun is an interesting place to look at?



## The Sun

- Closest star
- Well studied and well measured
- Better measurements will come
- *pp*-chain - primary channel (99.7%)



# Non-standard mediators coupling to protons

**vector boson ( $Z'$ )**

$$\mathcal{L}^{Z'} = g Z'_\mu \bar{p} \gamma^\mu p$$

**scalar ( $\phi$ )**

$$\mathcal{L}^\phi = g \phi \bar{p} p$$

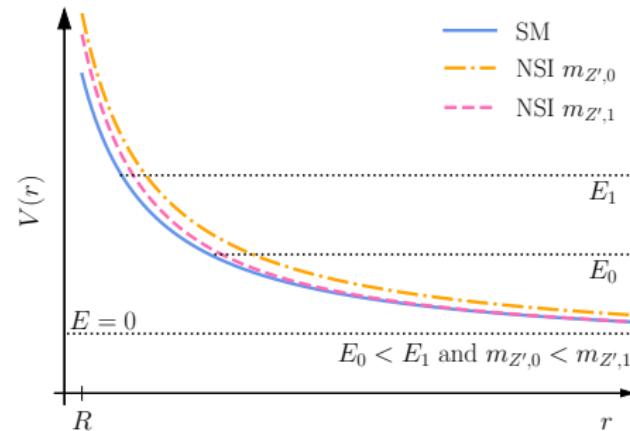
**Interaction potential**

$$V(r) = \frac{e^2}{r} \pm \frac{g^2}{r} \exp[-m_{\{Z',\phi\}} r]$$

**Coulomb barrier penetration factor**

$$P_{0,SM} \approx \frac{E_c}{E} \exp\left[-\frac{2\pi e^2}{\hbar v}\right] \approx \frac{E_c}{E} \exp[-W_{0,SM}]$$

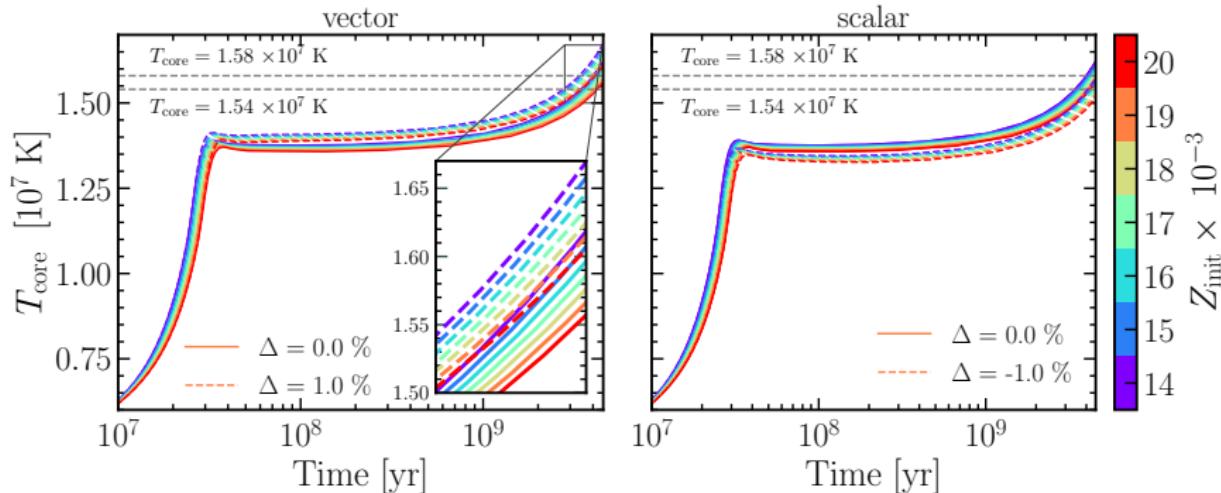
$$\Delta \approx \frac{\left| W_{0,NSI}^{\frac{2}{3}} - W_{0,SM}^{\frac{2}{3}} \right|}{W_{0,SM}^{\frac{2}{3}}}$$



**$pp$  interaction rate**

$$\Gamma_{pp} \propto \exp\left(-3.381(1 \pm \Delta) \left(\frac{T}{10^9 \text{K}}\right)^{\frac{1}{3}}\right)$$

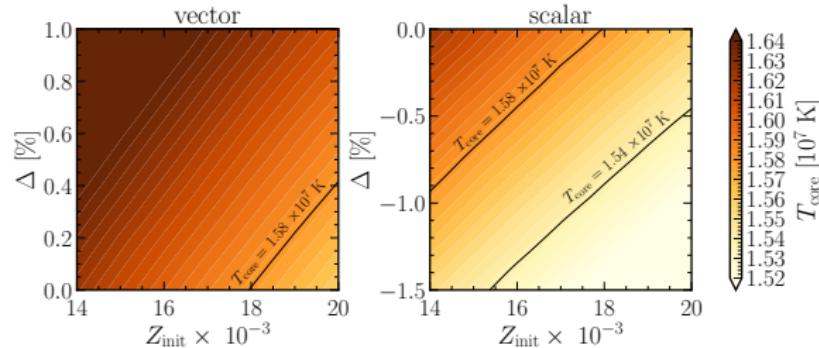
# Temporal evolution of the solar core's temperature



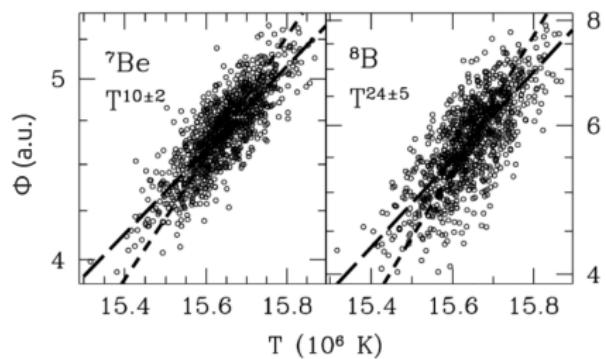
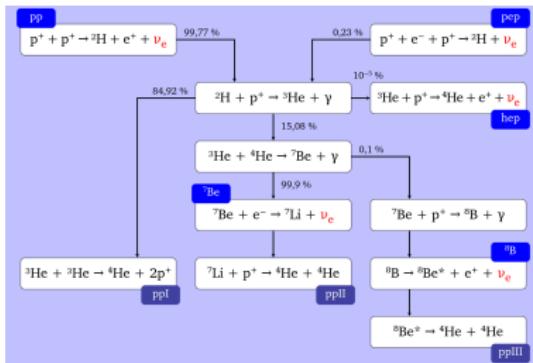
- Modules for Experiments in Stellar Astrophysics *MESA*
- Evolution until the current solar age
- Changes in the barrier and metallicity affect the outcome

# Changes in the solar parameters

## Sun's core temperature

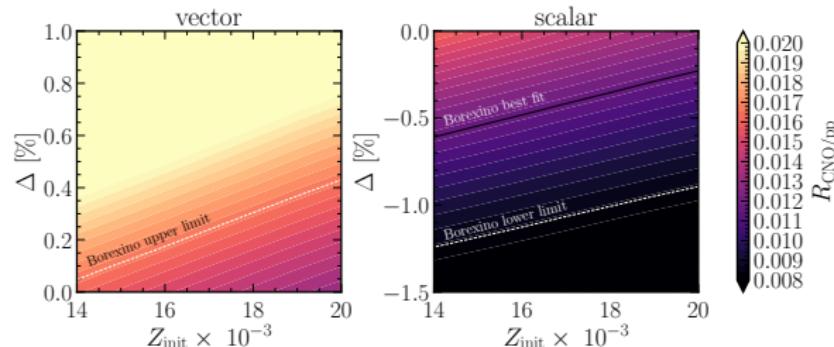


- vector boson mediator  
temperature increase
- scalar mediator  
temperature decrease



# Changes in the solar parameters

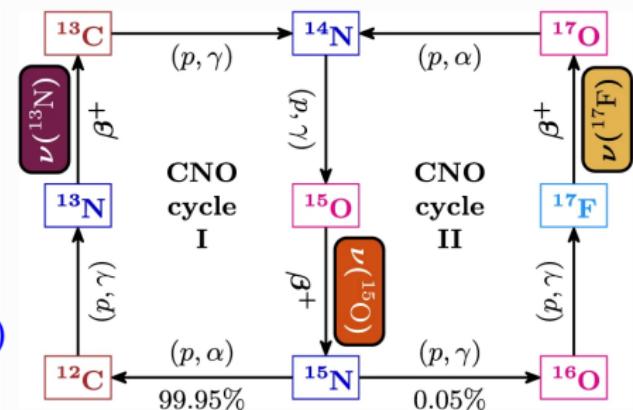
## CNO to $pp$ ratio, $R_{\text{CNO}/\text{pp}}$



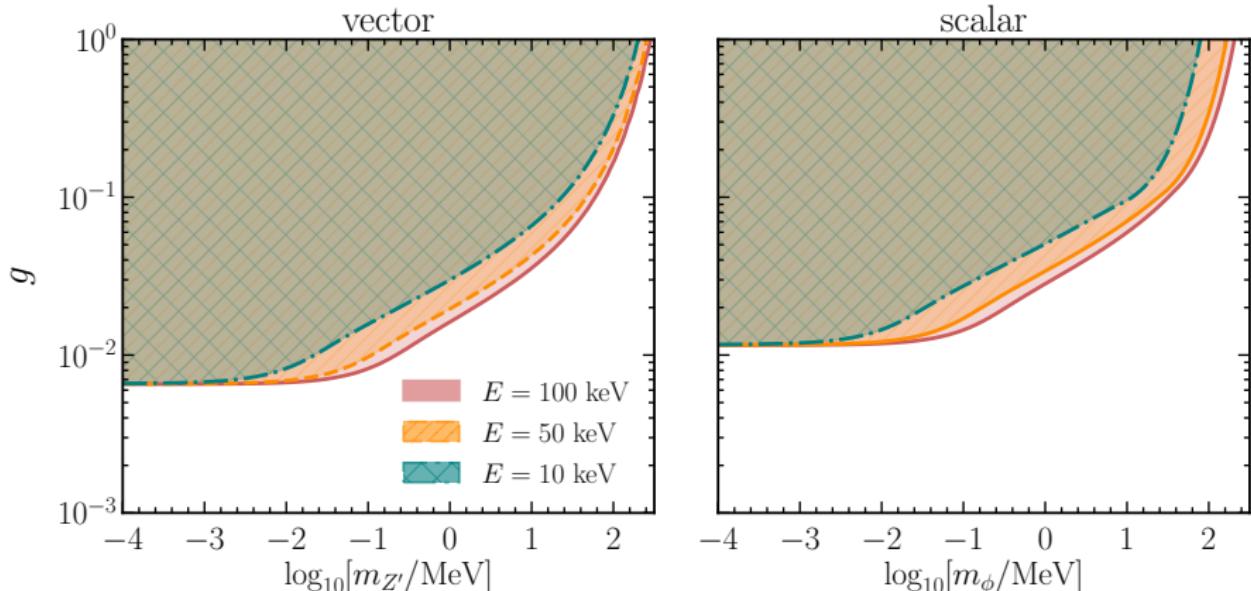
- $R_{\text{CNO}/\text{pp}}$  – the same trends
- degeneracy between initial metallicity and NSI

## CNO cycle

- sub-percent contribution to the solar energy generation
- neutrinos recently observed by the [Borexino collaboration \(2020\)](#)



# Sensitivity bounds on the non-standard mediators



- low mediator mass  $\rightarrow$  limits insensitive to the mediator mass
- higher proton energies  $\rightarrow$  the excluded region grows
- conservative bounds  $\rightarrow$  there is a room for an improvement

# Sensitivity of the results

## Bottlenecks:

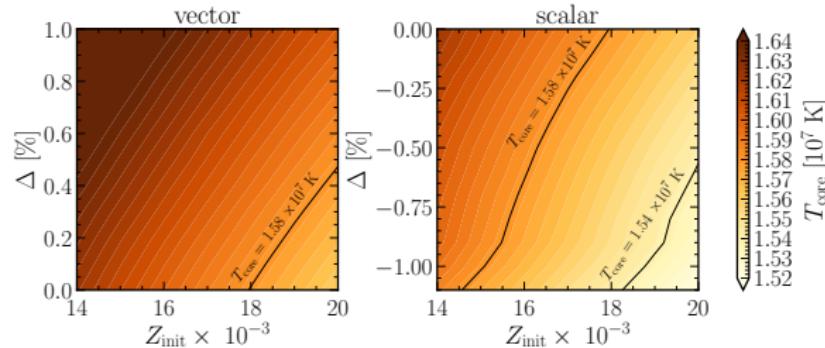
- pp-chain:  $p + p \rightarrow D + \nu_e + e^+$   
easy to calculate, not measured
- CNO cycle:  $p + {}^{14}\text{N} \rightarrow {}^{15}\text{O} + \gamma$   
not calculated exactly yet, possible to measure

## Question marks in the extrapolated cross section

- measurements at higher energies than in the solar interior
- extrapolation procedures
- plagued by high uncertainty 20-25%

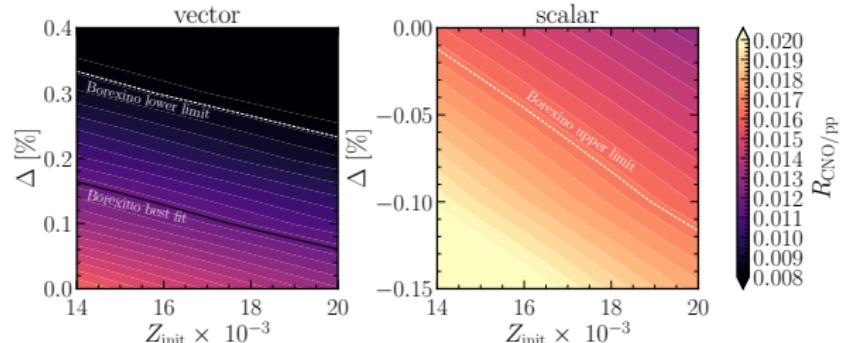
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## Sun's core temperature



- **vector boson mediator**  
temperature increase
- **scalar mediator**  
temperature decrease

## CNO to pp ratio, $R_{\text{CNO}/\text{pp}}$



- $R_{\text{CNO}/\text{pp}}$  – flipped trends
- more robust changes in CNO bottleneck reaction

## **Conclusions: non-standard mediators coupling to protons**

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# Conclusions

## Non-standard mediators

- affect the Coulomb potential felt by the charge particles
- change the temperature of the core of the Sun
- can be constrained with the solar neutrino fluxes
- can affect nuclear reactions in less/more massive objects

## The perspective sensitivity bounds for protons

- most constraining for mediators with masses above 50 keV
- will improve with better measurements of the metallicity and CNO neutrinos

**Our work calls for an improved measurements of the solar reactions involvig Coulomb barriers**

# **Astrophysical constraints on the non-standard coherent neutrino-nucleus scattering**

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In collaboration with I. Tamborra

# Astrophysical neutrino fluxes

## Supernova neutrinos

- large flux for Galactic SN
- transient event

## Solar neutrinos

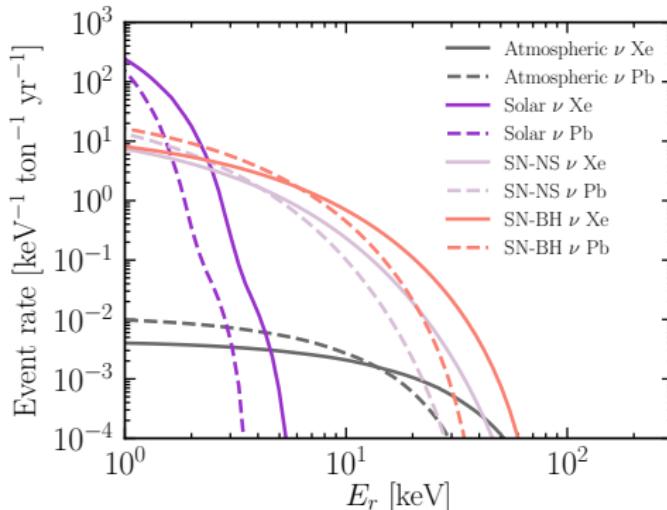


- neutrino energies up to  $\sim 15$  MeV

## Atmospheric neutrinos

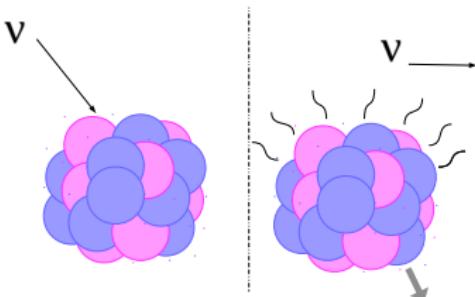


- the highest neutrino energies among the considered sources
- high uncertainty  $\sim 20\%$



E. Vitagliano et al. (2019), M. Honda et al. (2011), J. L. Newstead et al. (2020)

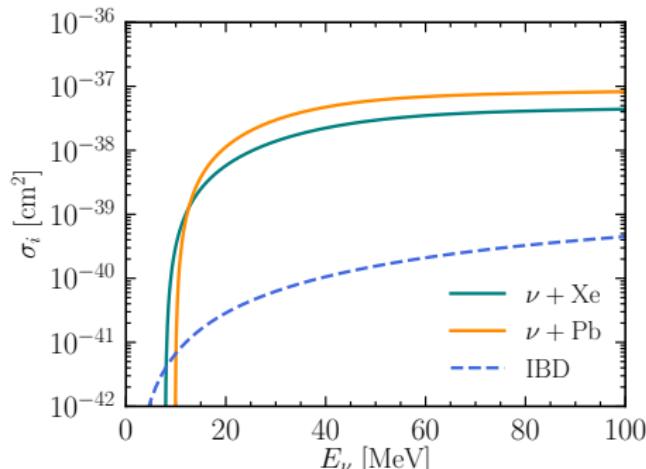
# Coherent elastic neutrino-nucleus scatterings (CE $\nu$ NS)



## Cross section

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

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



# Non-standard coherent neutrino-nucleus scatterings

$$g = \sqrt{|g_{q,i} g_{\nu,i}|}, \quad g_{q,i} g_{\nu,i} > 0$$

new vector mediator

$$Z'$$

Lagrangian terms

new scalar mediator

$$\phi$$

$$\mathcal{L}^{Z'} = g_{\nu,Z'} Z'_\mu \bar{\nu}_L \gamma^\mu \nu_L + Z'_\mu \bar{q} \gamma^\mu g_{q,Z'} q$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{LNC}}^\phi = g_{\nu,\phi} \phi \bar{\nu}_R \nu_L + \phi \bar{q} g_{q,\phi} q$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{LNV}}^\phi = g_{\nu,\phi} \phi \nu_L^c \nu_L + \phi \bar{q} g_{q,\phi} q$$

Cross sections

$$\frac{d\sigma_{\nu N}}{dE_r} = \frac{G_F^2 m_T}{\pi} |\xi|^2 \left(1 - \frac{m_T E_r}{2E_\nu^2}\right) F^2(Q)$$

$$\frac{d\sigma_{\nu N}}{dE_r} = \frac{d\sigma_{\text{SM}}}{dE_r} + \frac{d\sigma_\phi}{dE_r}$$

$$\xi = -\frac{Q_w}{2} + \frac{g_{\nu,Z'} Q'_w}{\sqrt{2} G_F (2m_T E_r + m_{Z'}^2)}$$

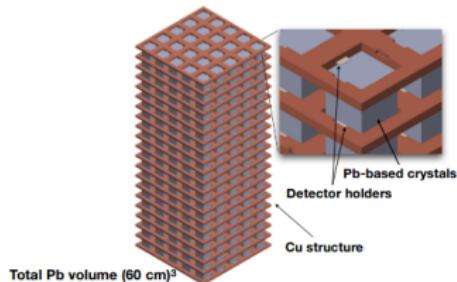
$$\frac{d\sigma_\phi}{dE_r} = \frac{(g_{\nu,\phi} g_{q,\phi} Q_s)^2}{2\pi (2E_r m_T + m_\phi^2)^2} \frac{m_T^2 E_r}{2E_\nu^2} F^2(Q)$$

## **Event rates at future generation detectors**

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# Future generation CE $\nu$ NS detectors

## RES-NOVA (L. Pattavina et al. (2020))



**fiducial volume:** 2.4 - 456 ton

**target material:** Pb

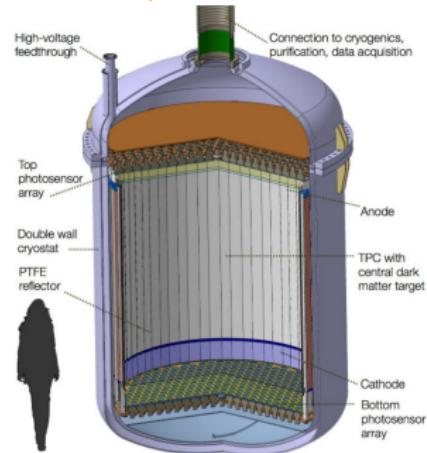
**threshold:** 1 keV

## Scattering rate

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

$$E_r^{\max} = \frac{2E_\nu^2}{m_T + 2E_\nu}$$

## DARWIN (J. Aalbers et al. (2016))



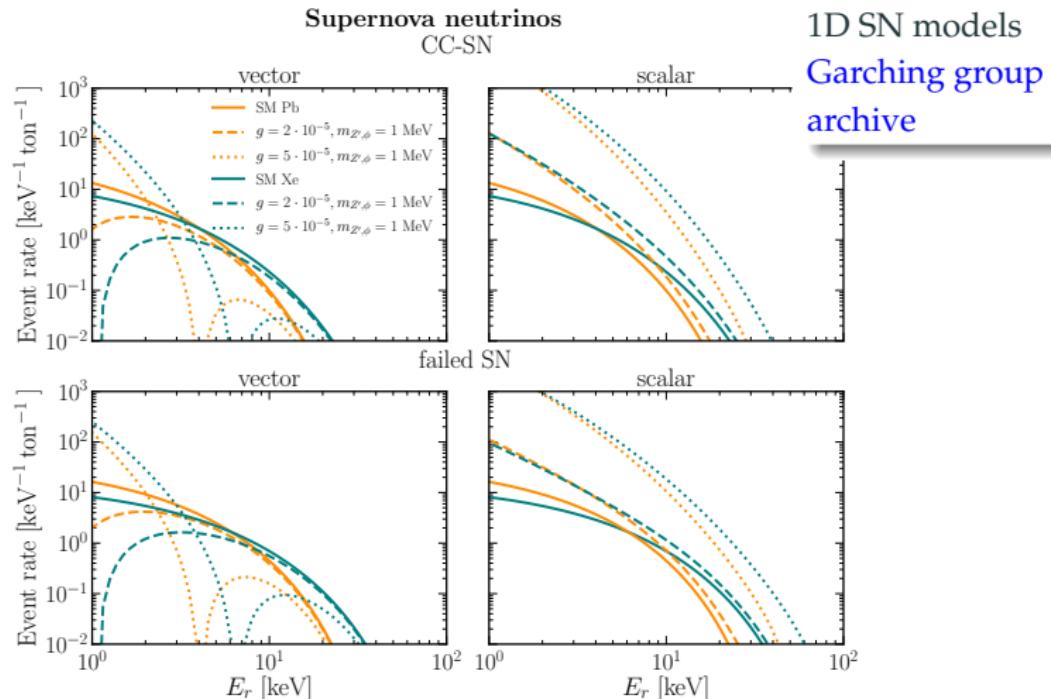
**fiducial volume:** 40 ton

**target material:** Xe

**threshold:** 1 keV

**efficiency:** XENON1T - 100%

# Event rates for supernova neutrinos

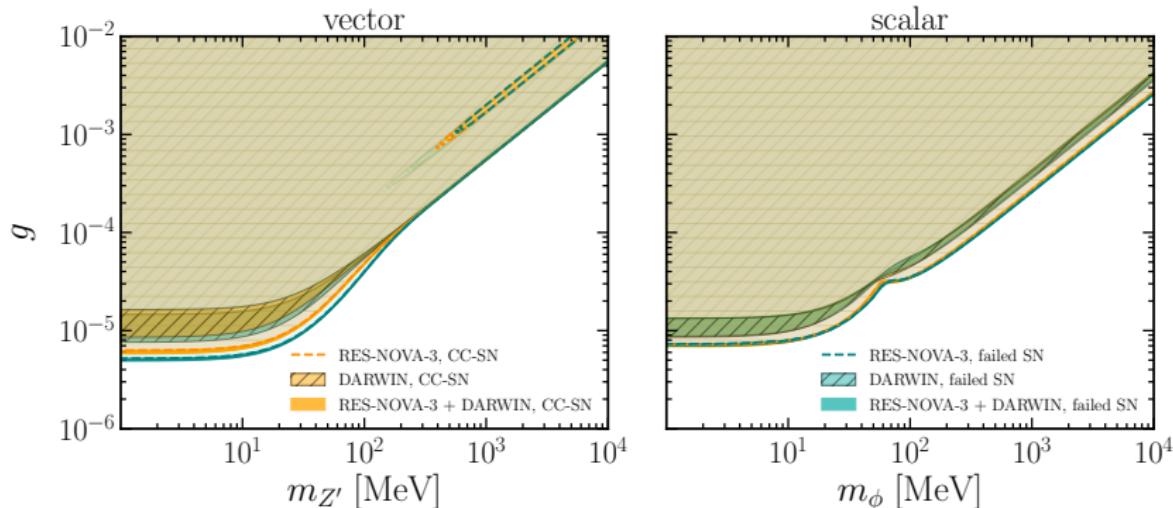


- Failed SN: hotter neutrino spectrum → longer recoil spectrum
- Heavier target: higher number of events but shorter recoil spectrum

## **Sensitivity bounds on the mass and coupling of the new mediators**

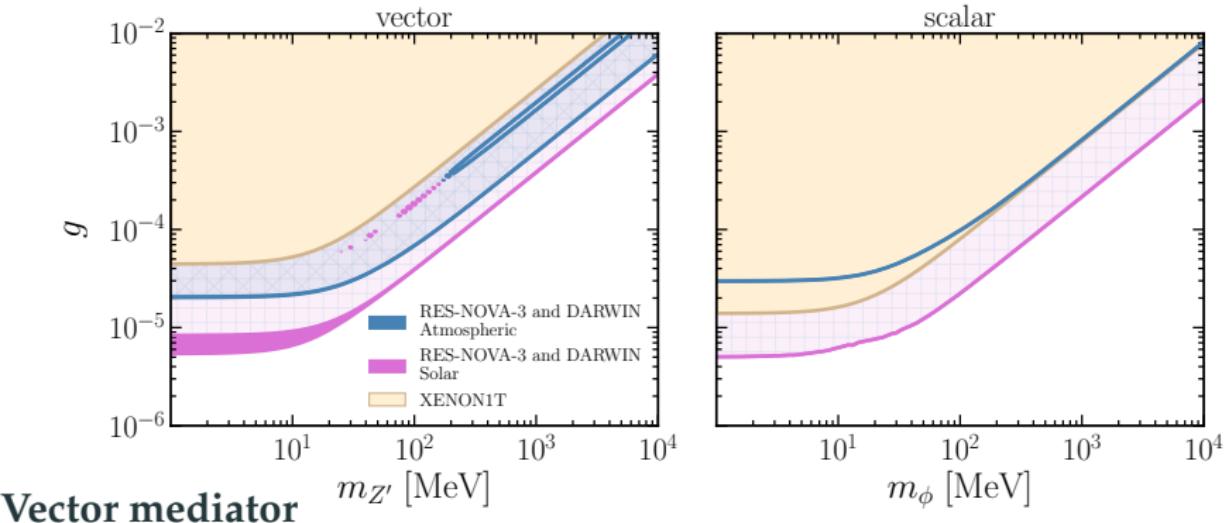
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# Results supernova neutrinos



- failed SN: higher number of events → better constraints
- RES-NOVA-3 drives the limits due to to higher volume
- vector mediator small unconstrained region due to the interference term
- limits on the vector mediator better for low mediator masses

# Results solar and atmospheric neutrinos

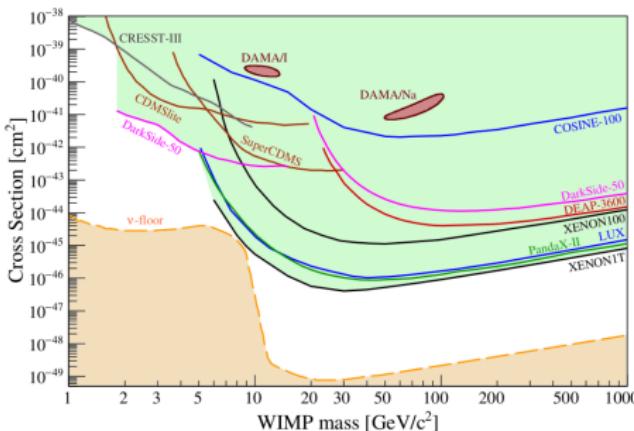


- Solar neutrinos: bounds driven by Xe based detector
- Atmospheric neutrinos: bounds driven by Pb detector

## Scalar mediator

- Bounds driven by Pb detector

# XENON1T results



M. Schumann (2019)

**WIMP's limits**

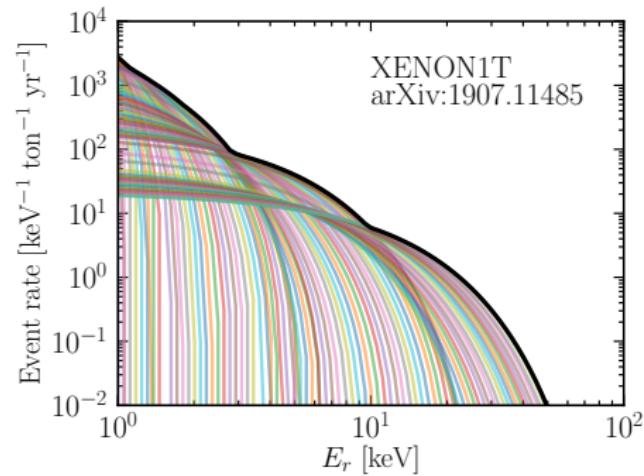
**on the mass and cross section**



**limits on the mass and coupling  
of the non-standard mediators**

## neutrino floor

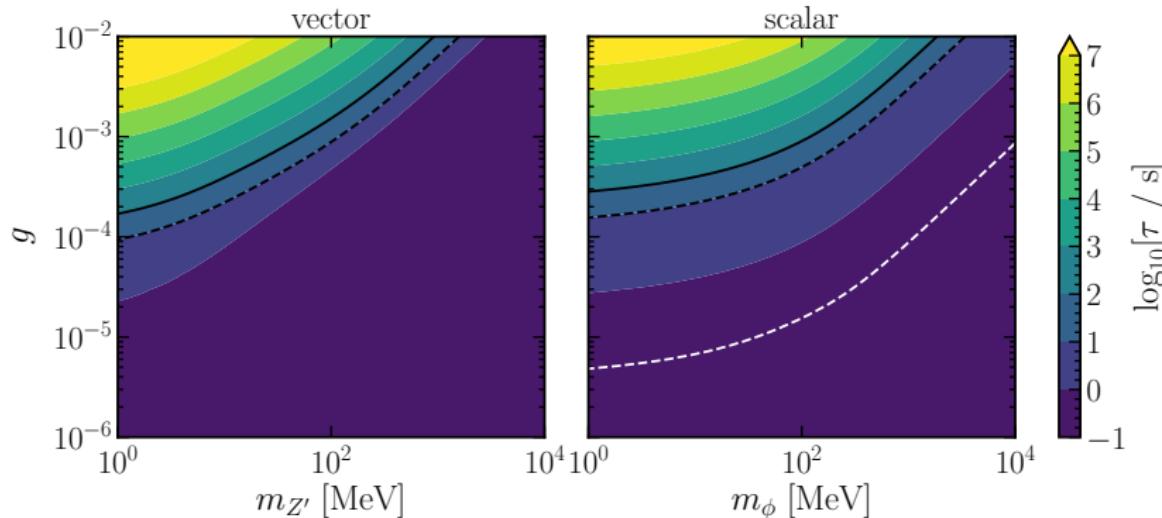
unavoidable background  
in the future dark matter detectors



# **Non-standard coherent scattering in the supernova core**

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# Non-standard coherent scattering in the supernova core



- prolonged diffusion time → possible change in the star's fate
- prolonged diffusion time → changed duration of the neutrino signal
- LNC scalar mediator → new cooling channel due to  $\nu_R$

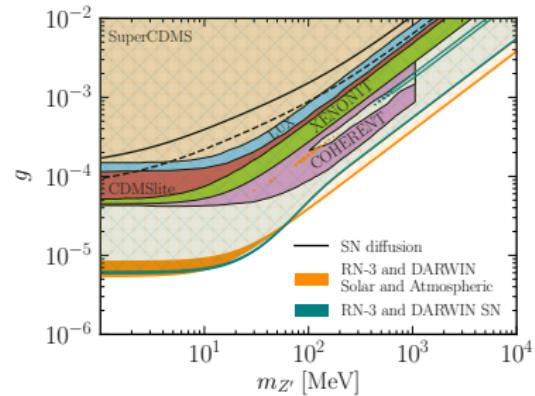
## Conclusions

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# Conclusions

## Future dark matter ( $CE\nu NS$ ) detectors

- sensitive to astrophysical neutrinos
- flavor insensitive neutrino channel
- high cross section & low thresholds
- open an extra window to probe New Physics
- promise to place most competitive bounds on new mediators



## Core-collapse supernovae

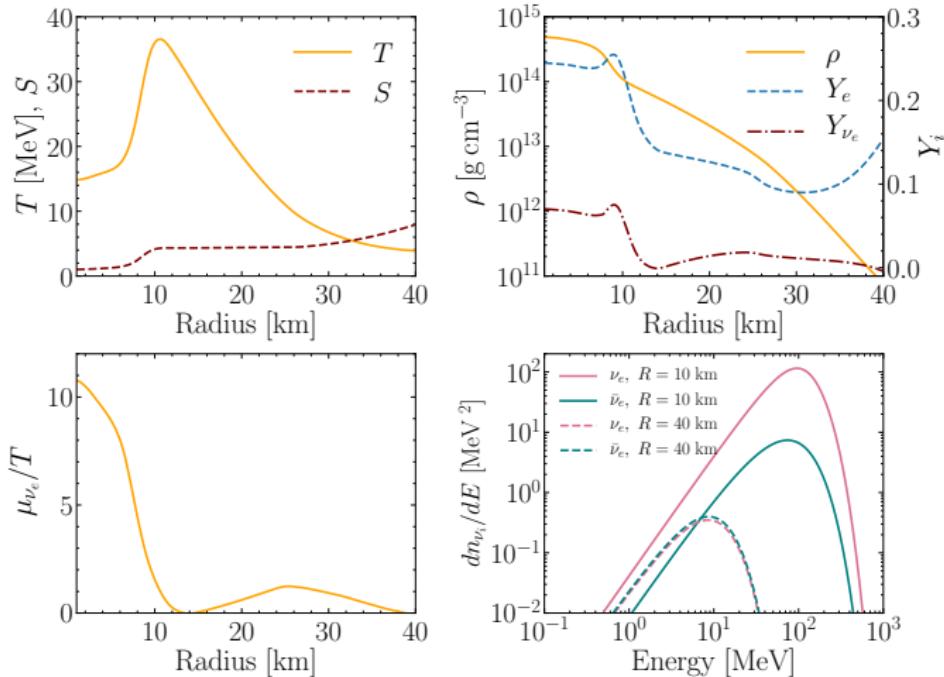
- non-standard mediators affect the diffusion time of neutrinos
- scalar LNC mediator → new cooling channel

Thank you!

## Backup slides

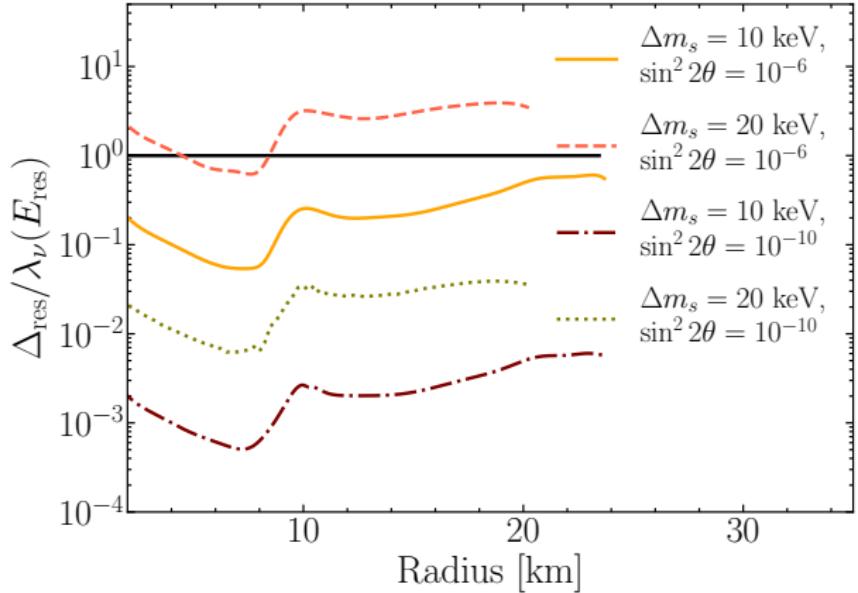
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# Initial conditions



# Will they collide or undergo MSW resonance?

$$t_{\text{pb}} = 0.5 \text{ s}$$



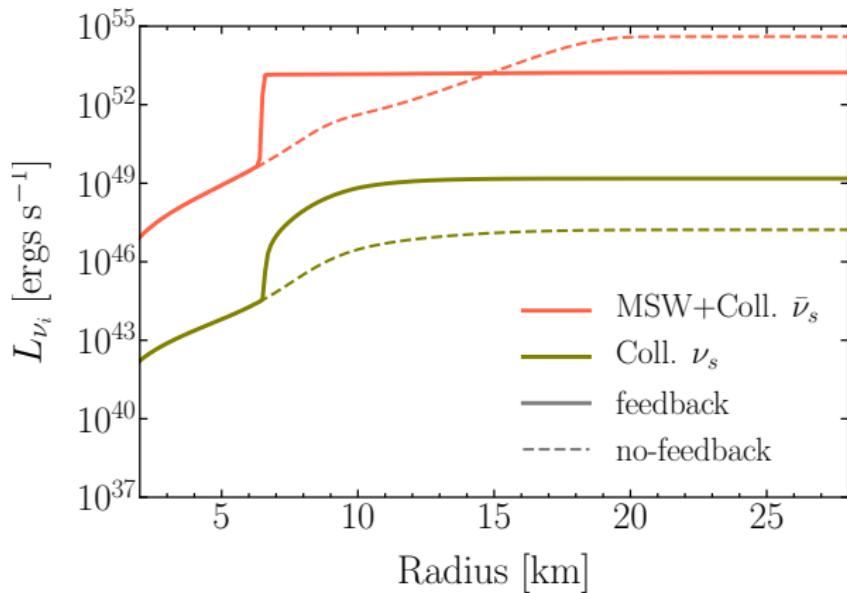
$$\Delta_{\text{res}} = \tan 2\theta \left| \frac{dV/dr}{V} \right|^{-1}$$

$$\lambda_{\nu}(E_{\text{res}}) \simeq \frac{1}{n(r)\sigma(E,r)}$$

$$\Delta_{\text{res}} < \lambda_{\nu}(E_{\text{res}}) ?$$

# Tau-sterile mixing: sterile neutrino luminosity

$$m_s = 10 \text{ keV}, \sin^2 2\theta = 10^{-10}$$

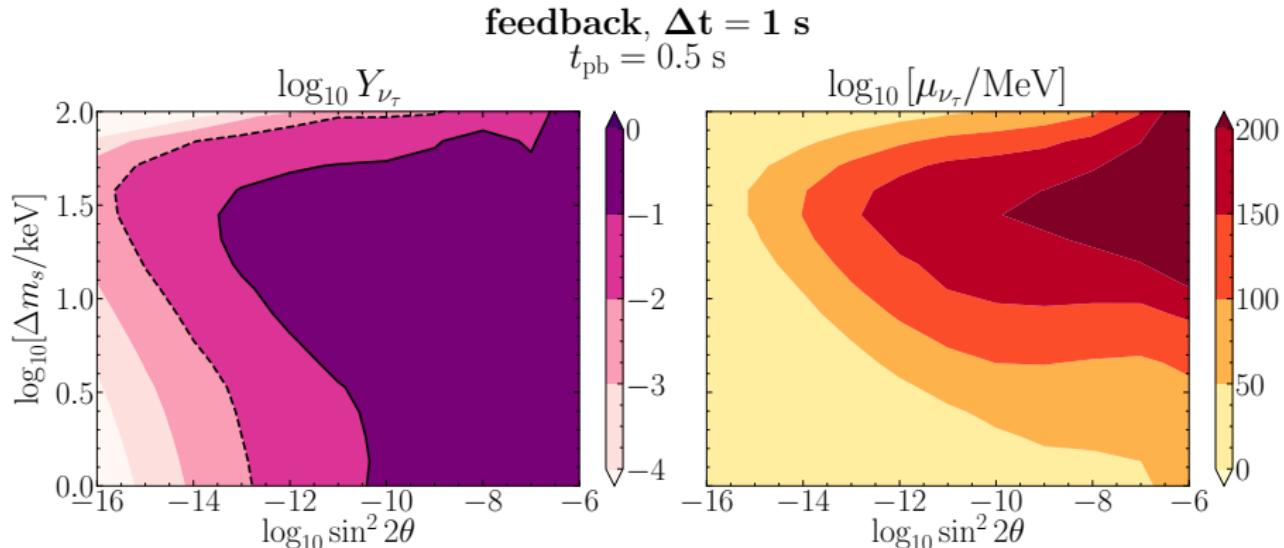


- The total luminosity ( $\nu_s + \bar{\nu}_s$ ) decreases with time.

# Contour plot of tau fraction

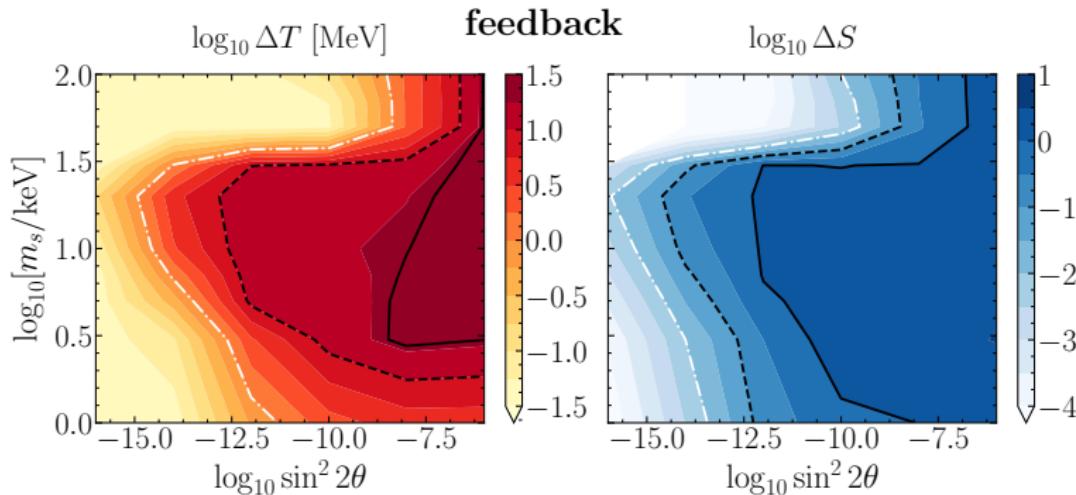
feedback,  $\Delta t = 1$  s

$t_{\text{pb}} = 0.5$  s



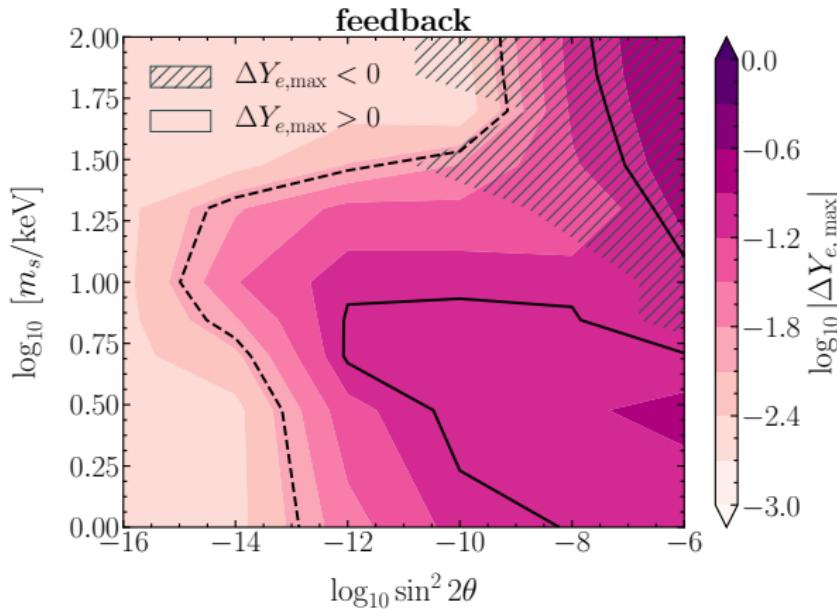
- Higher mixing angles reach the saturation value faster.
- More massive sterile neutrinos reach smaller saturation values, fewer energy modes have enhanced conversion probability.

# Contour plot: temperature and entropy



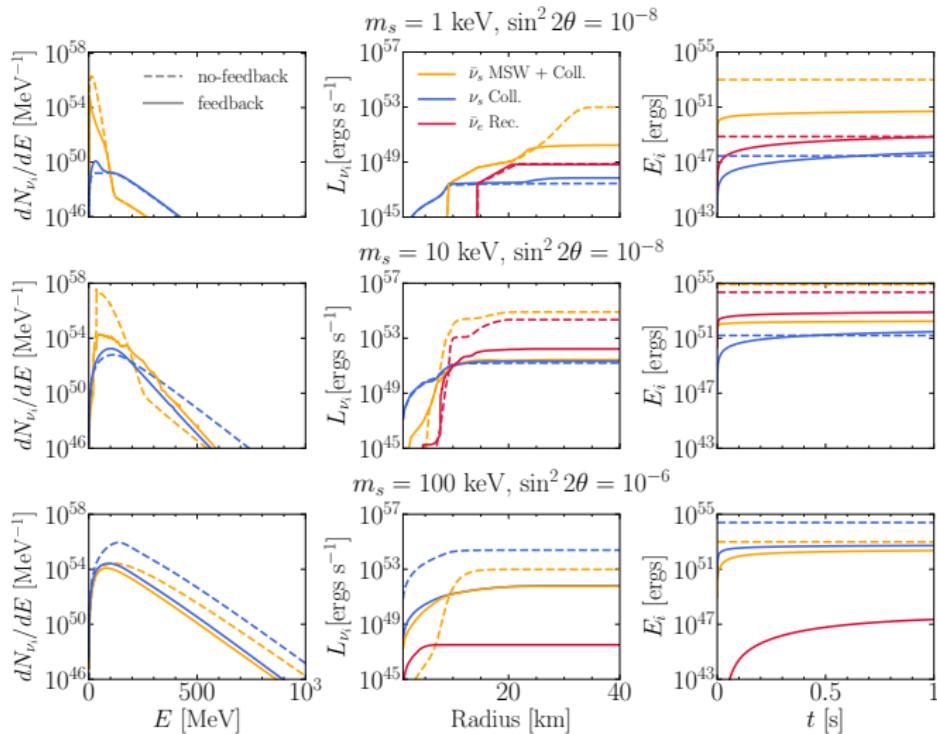
- Large variations for high mixing angles due to
  - adiabatic conversions,
  - high number of sterile neutrinos produced by collisions.

# Contour plot: electron fraction



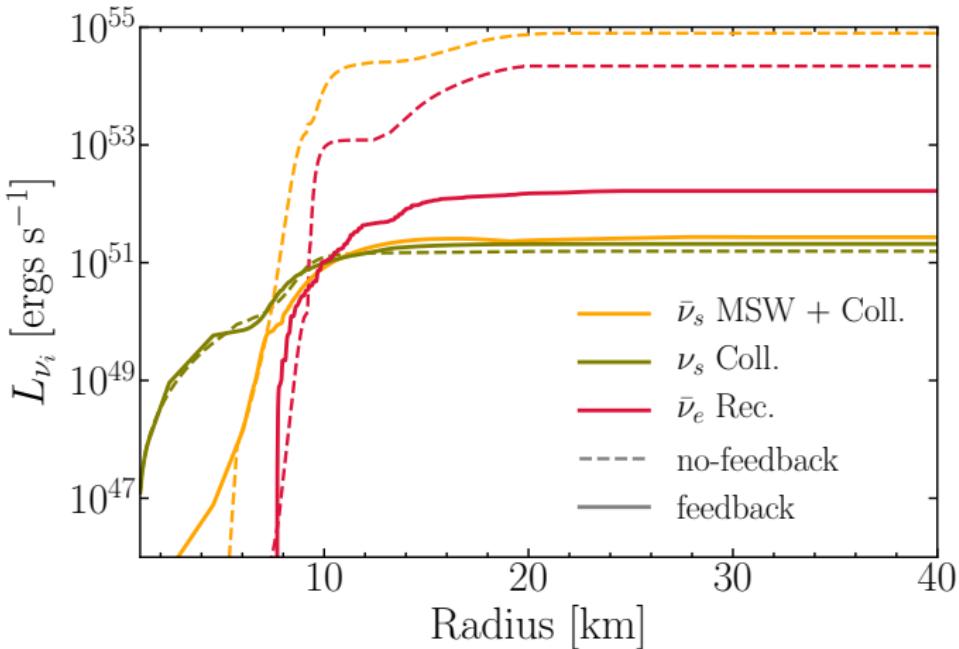
- The change in  $Y_e$  can be negative or positive.
- Might considerably affect the evolution of the proto-neutron star.

# Comparison for different mixing parameters



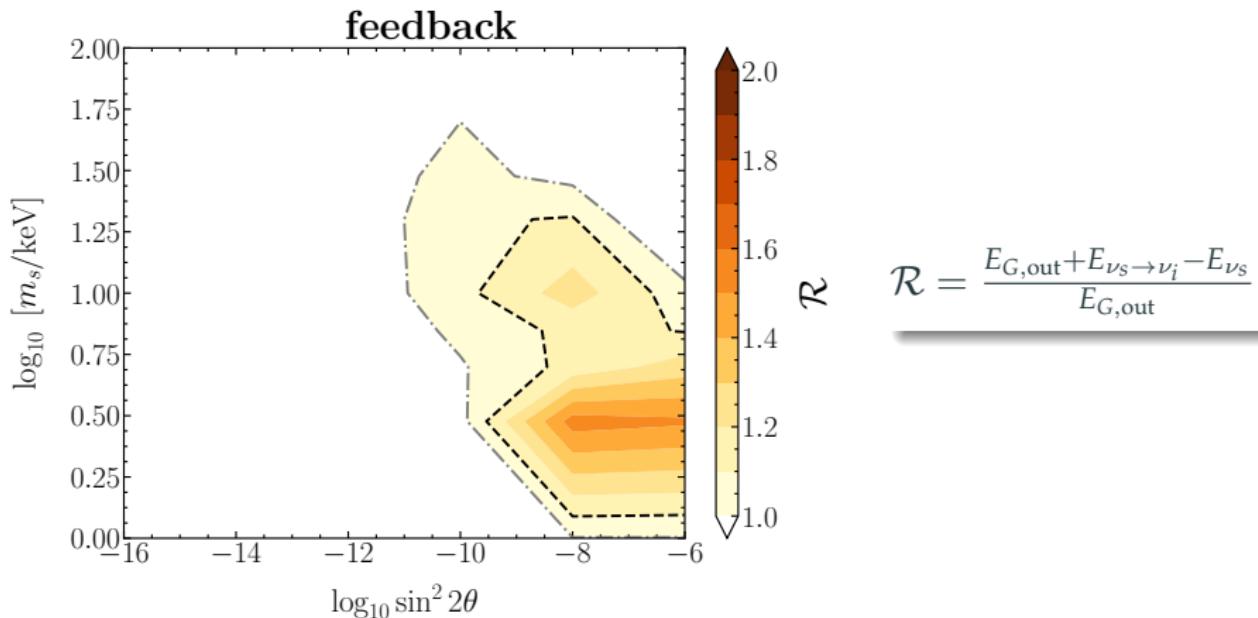
# Electron-sterile mixing: sterile neutrino luminosity

$$m_s = 10 \text{ keV}, \sin^2 2\theta = 10^{-8}$$



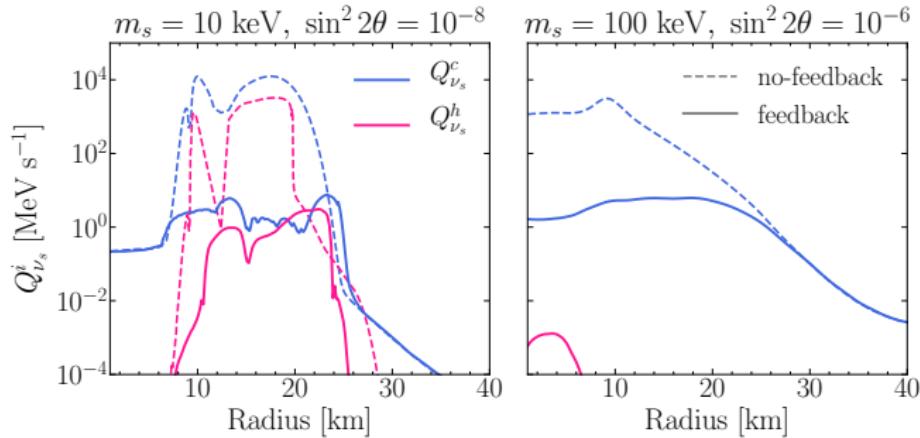
- The total luminosity ( $\nu_s + \bar{\nu}_s$ ) decreases with time.

# The region of a possible supernova explosion enhancement



- Heating of the outer layers → emission of high energy  $\nu_e, \bar{\nu}_e$
- Increased energy deposition in the stalled shock → easier explosion

# Sterile neutrino heating and cooling

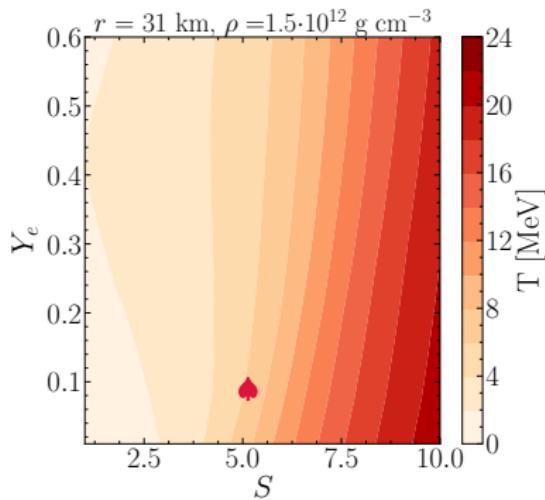
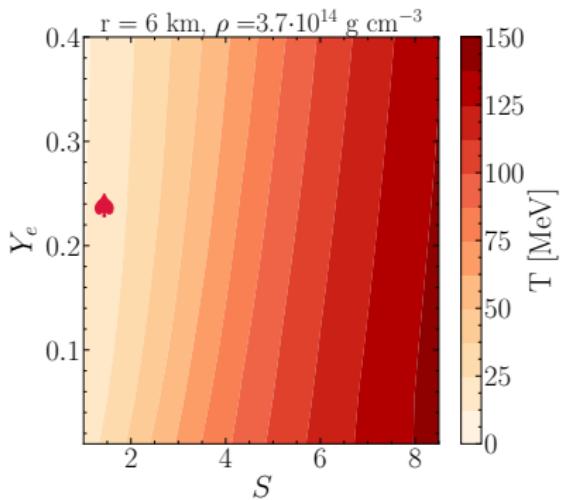


$$\dot{E}_\nu^c(r, t) \sim V(r) \Delta r^{-1} \sum_{k=1}^L P_{\text{es}}(E_k, r, t) \frac{dn_\nu}{dE_k}(r, t) dE_k E_k$$

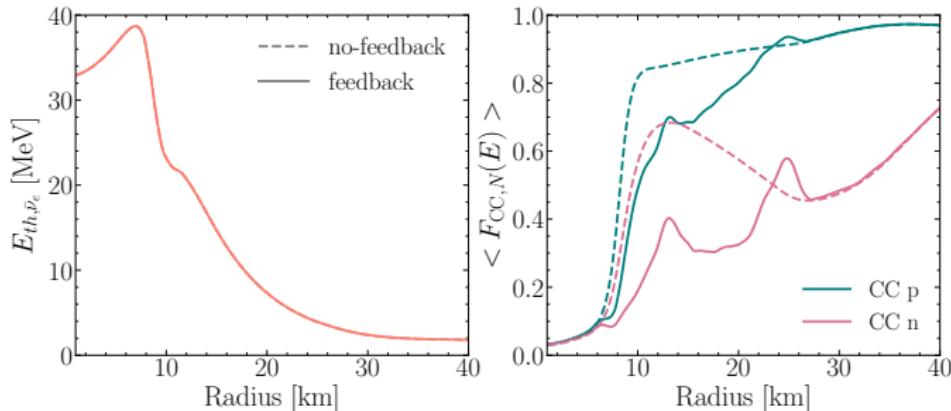
$$\dot{E}_\nu^h(r, t) \sim$$

$$\sum_{k=1}^L \left[ P_{\text{se}}(E_k, r, t) \Theta \left( \frac{\Delta r}{\lambda_\nu(E_k, r)} \right) \sum_{j=1}^{i-1} P_{\text{es}}(E_k, r_j, t) \frac{dn_\nu}{dE}(r_j, t) \frac{r_j^2}{r_i^2} dE_k E_k \right] \times V(r) \Delta r^{-1}$$

# Temperature interpolation

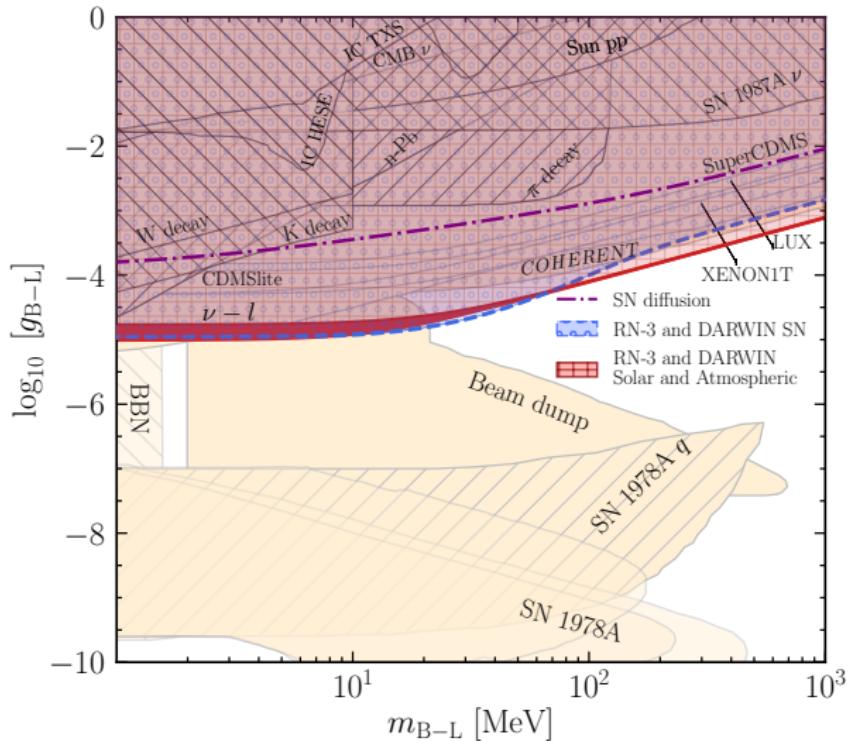


# Pauli blocking

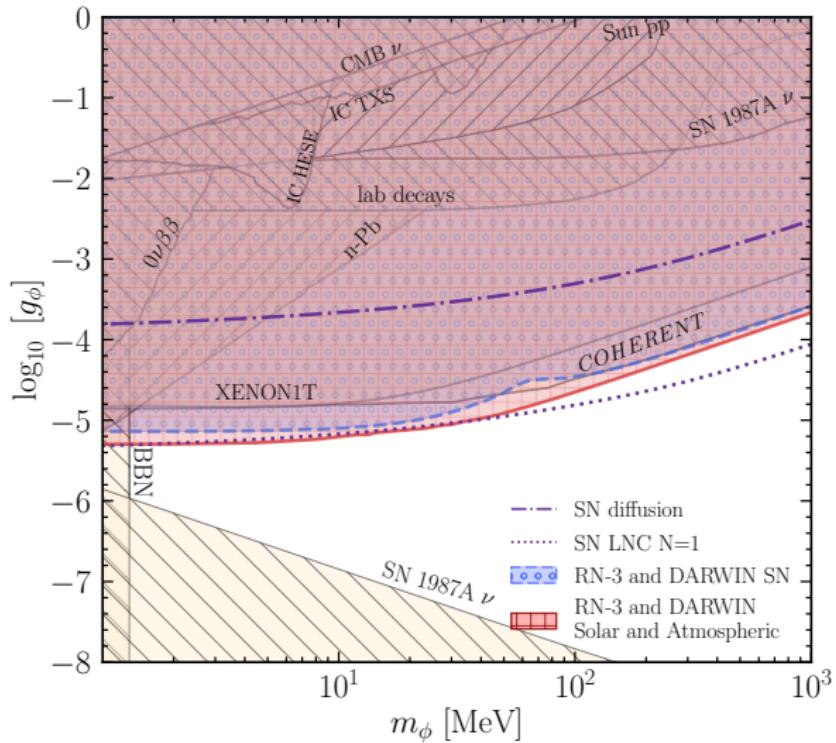


- In the region affected by the sterile neutrino production  $\langle FCC, p(n)(E)_N \rangle$  decreases (increases) following the  $Y_e$  increase (decrease).

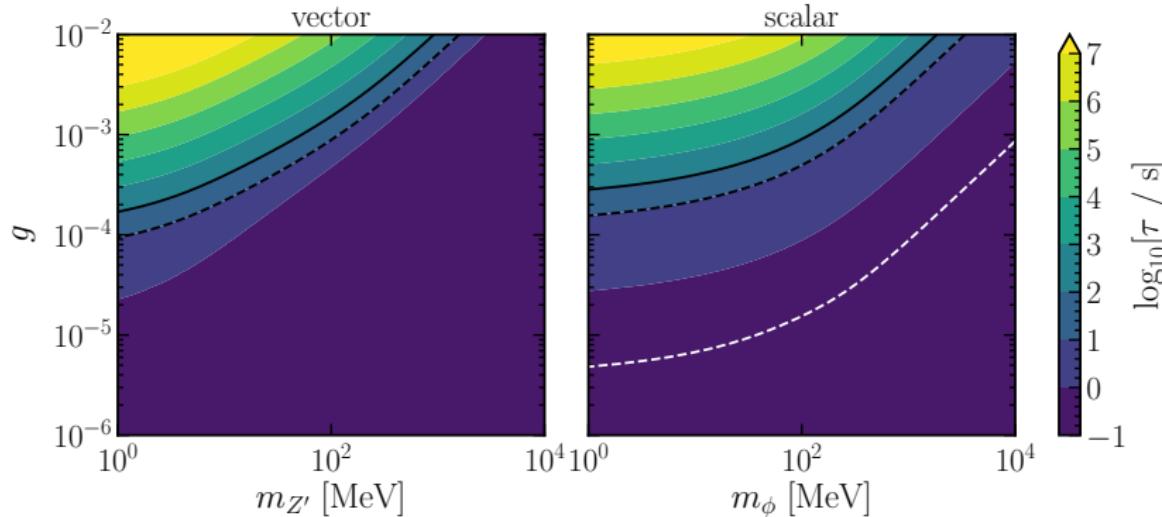
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# Non-standard coherent scattering in the supernova core



- mean-free path

$$\lambda_{\nu_\beta} = \sum_{\text{CC,NC}} \frac{\int dE_{\nu_\beta} f(E_{\nu_\beta}) E_{\nu_\beta}^2}{n_t \int dE_{\nu_\beta} f(E_{\nu_\beta}) E_{\nu_\beta}^2 \sigma_i(E_{\nu_\beta})}$$

- number of scatters

$$N = \int_0^{R_2} \frac{2r}{\lambda(r)^2} dr$$

- diffusion time

$$\tau_{\nu_\beta} = \int_{R_1}^{R_2} dr \frac{r}{\lambda_{\nu_\beta}(r)}$$

$$R_1 = 10 \text{ km}$$

$$R_2 = 40 \text{ km}$$