

# Astrophysical Neutrinos Uncover Neutrino Properties and Decode New Physics

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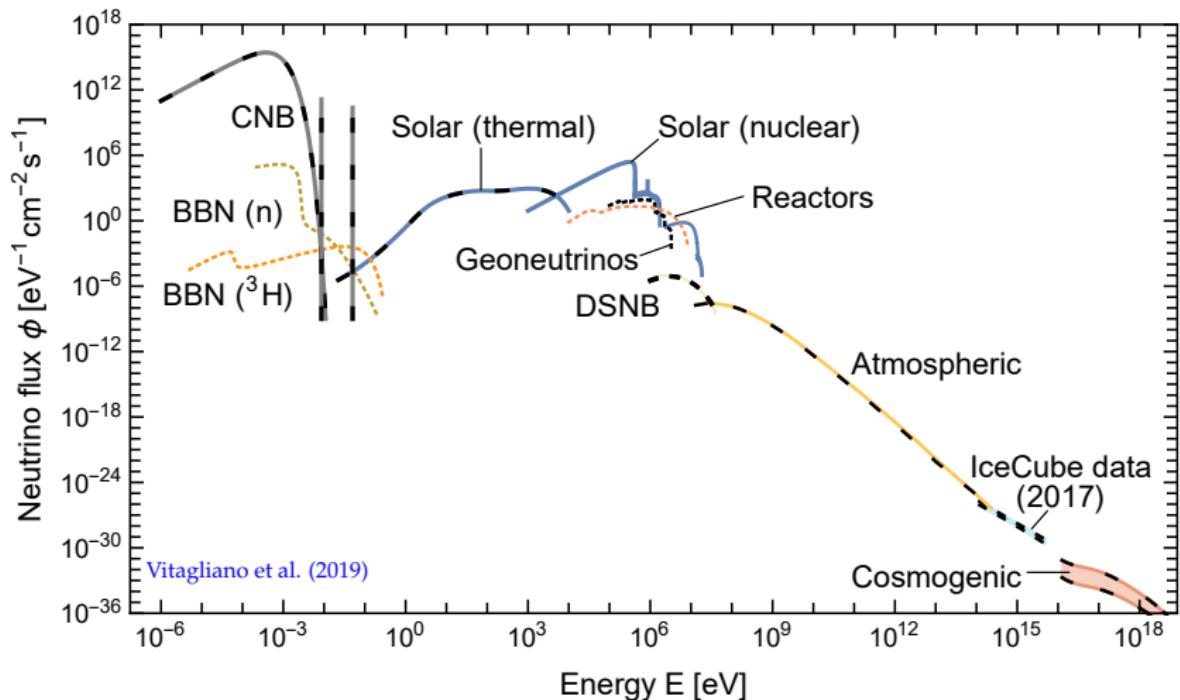
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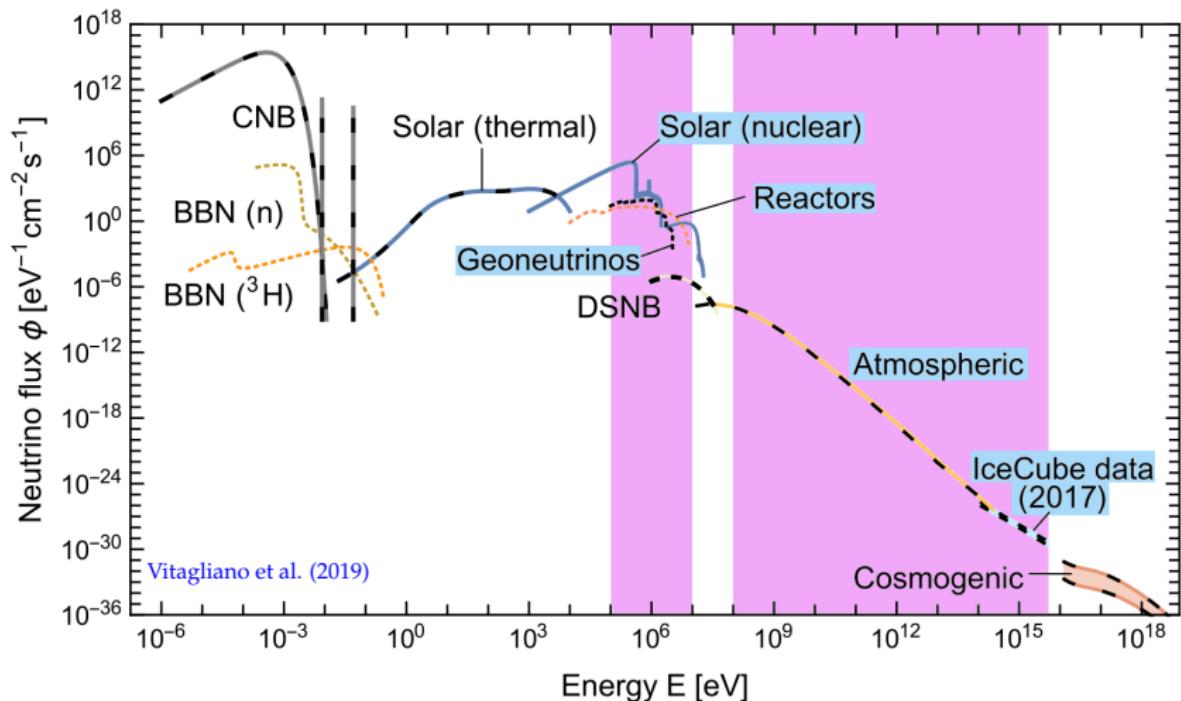
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Significant progress, but still room for new discoveries

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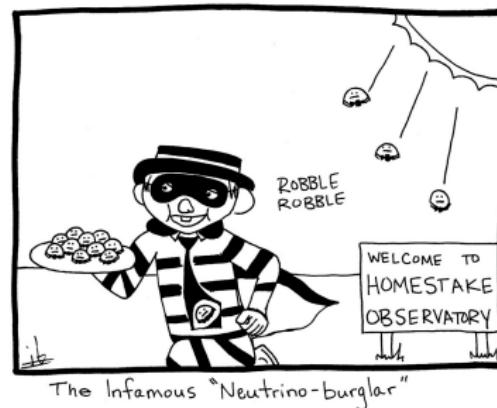


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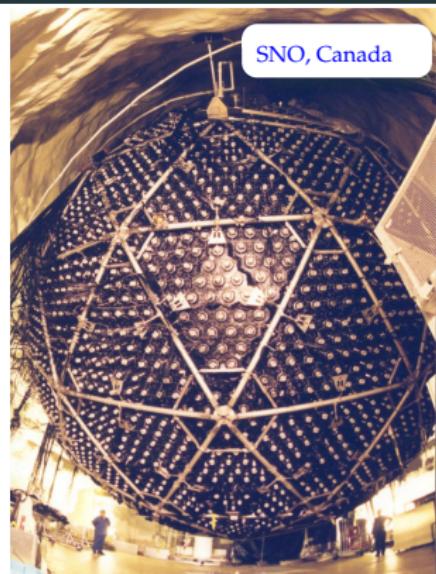
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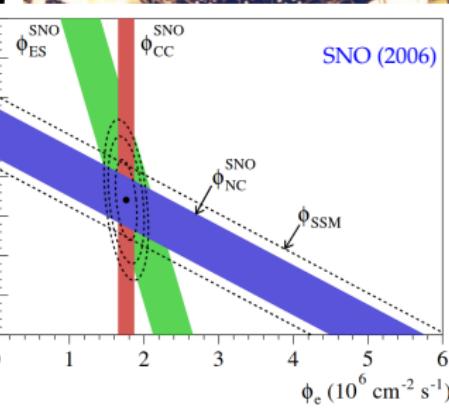
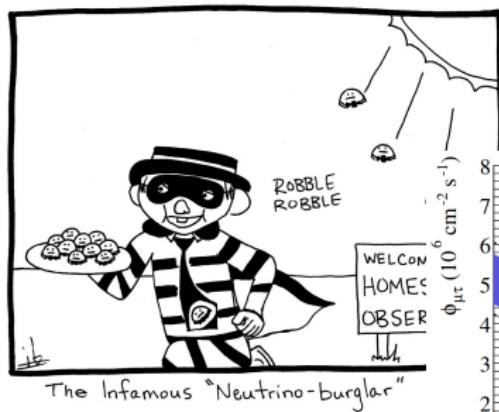
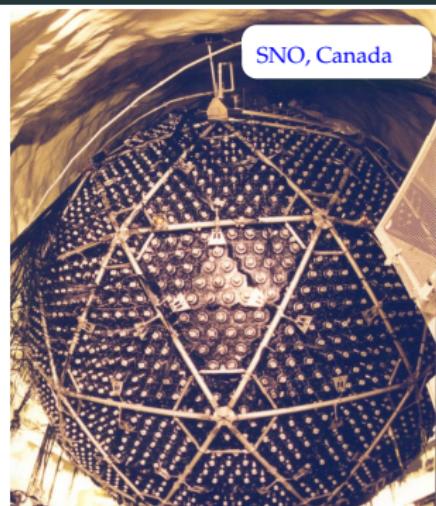
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SNO (2006)



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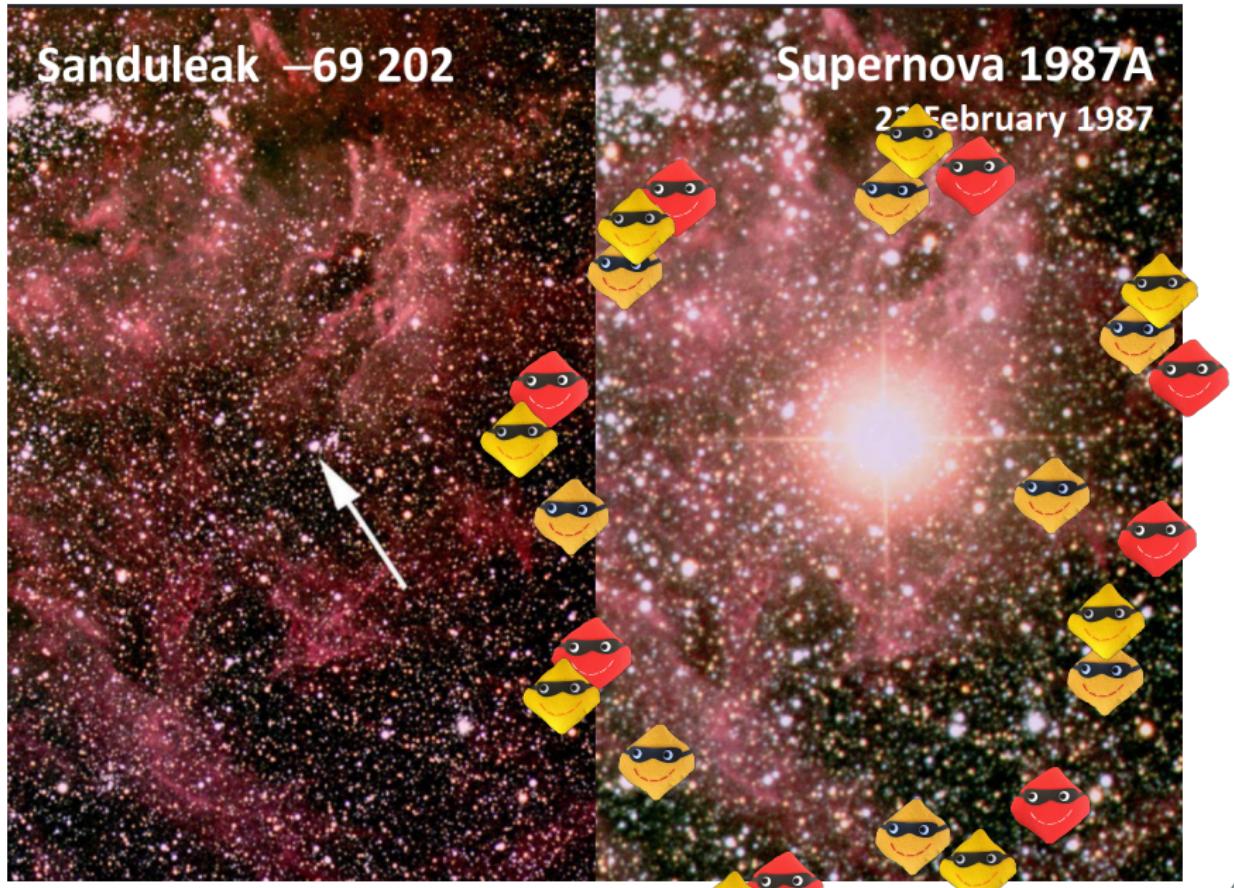
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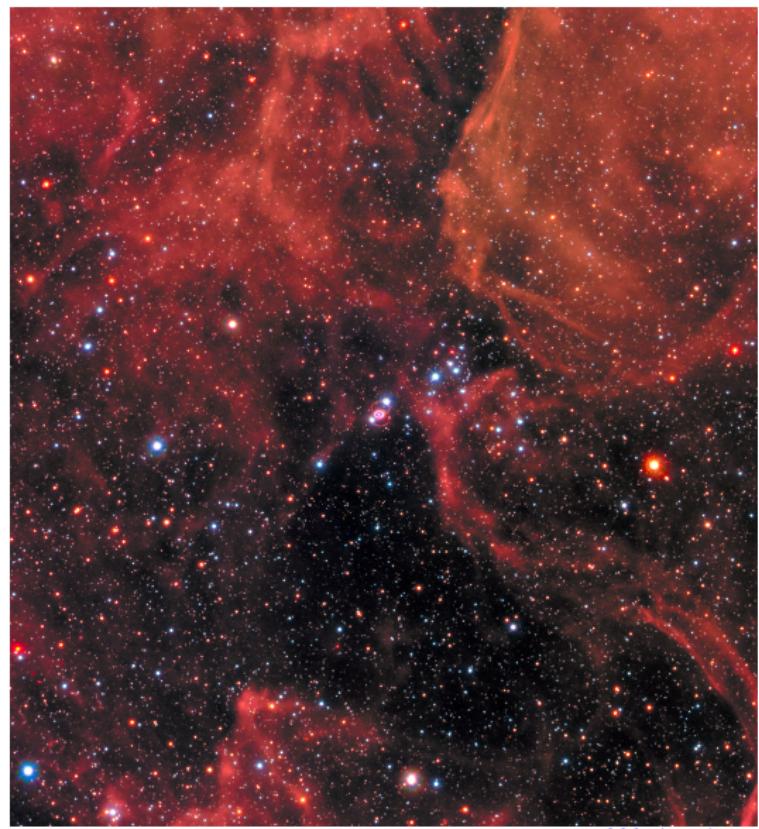
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Hubble (2017)



JWST (2023)

- Neutron star remnant
- Binary system

Fransson et al. (2024)

Morris & Podsiadlowski (2007), (2009)

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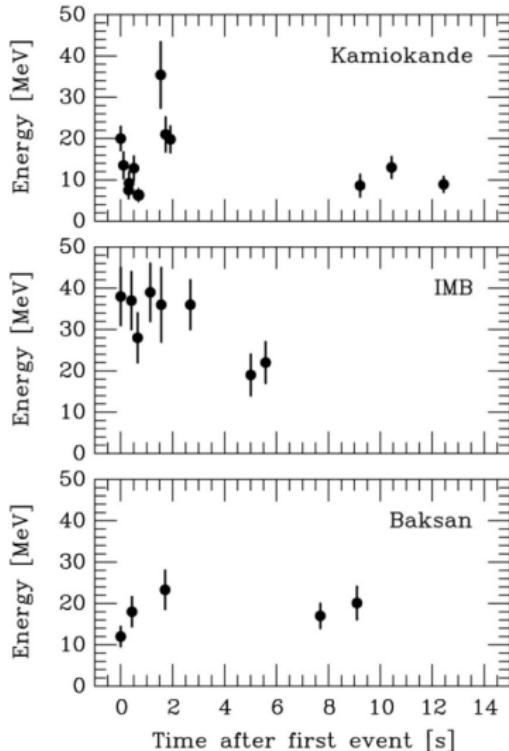
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Courtesy of G. Raffelt



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

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# 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

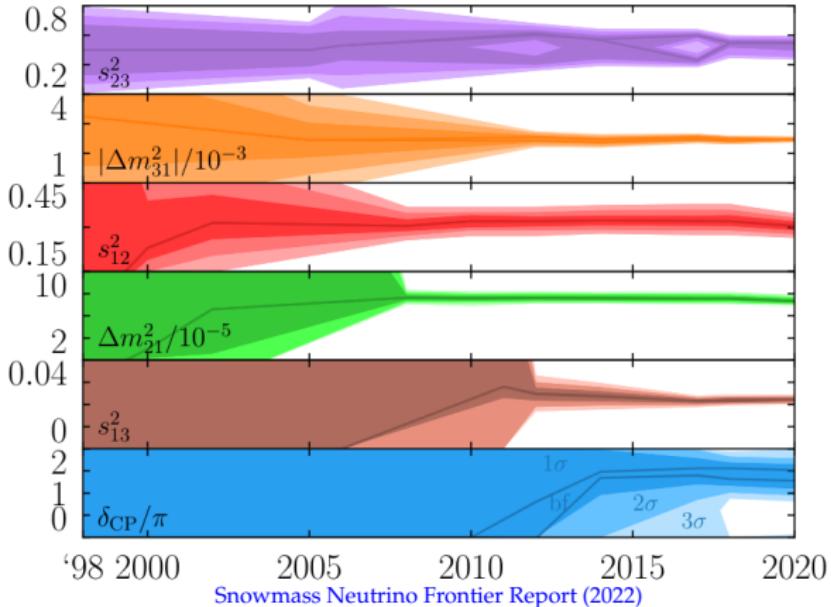
# Towards Precise Neutrino Properties Measurements

We known now:

- large mixing angles
- non-zero masses

Remaining questions

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



## Fermions

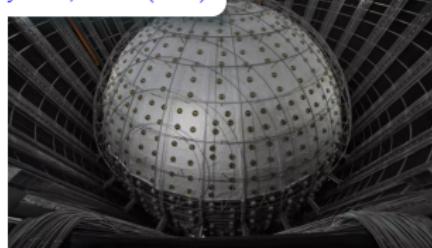
Leptons	Quarks			Force carriers		
	u <sub>up</sub>	c <sub>charm</sub>	t <sub>top</sub>	γ <sub>photon</sub>	H <sub>Higgs boson</sub>	Z <sub>Z boson</sub>
	d <sub>down</sub>	s <sub>strange</sub>	b <sub>bottom</sub>	g <sub>gluon</sub>		
	ν <sub>e</sub> electron neutrino	ν <sub>μ</sub> muon neutrino	ν <sub>τ</sub> tau neutrino			
	e <sub>electron</sub>	μ <sub>muon</sub>	τ <sub>tau</sub>	W <sub>W boson</sub>		

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

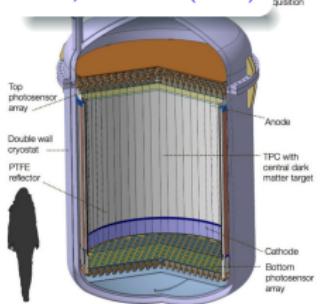
$$U = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & c_{23} & s_{23} \\ 0 & -s_{23} & c_{23} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} c_{13} & 0 & s_{13}e^{-i\delta_{CP}} \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -s_{13}e^{i\delta_{CP}} & 0 & c_{13} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} c_{12} & s_{12} & 0 \\ -s_{12} & c_{12} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

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

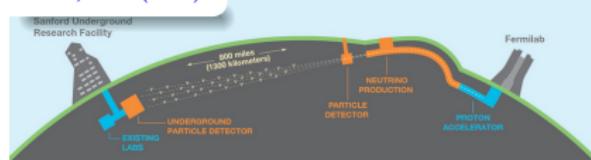
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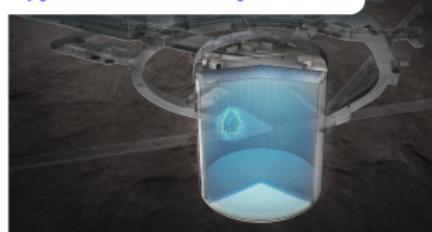
XLZD, DARWIN (20XX)



DUNE, USA (2030)



Hyper-Kamiokande, Japan (2027)



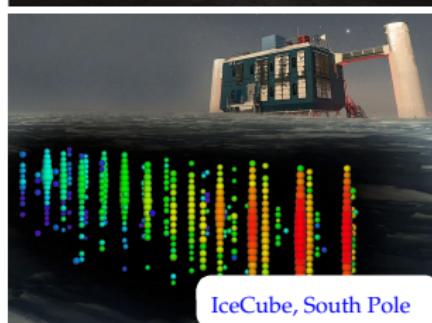
Rubin Observatory, Chile (2025)



- Complementarity with:

- reactor and accelerator searches
- electromagnetic surveys
- other astrophysical messengers

IceCube, South Pole



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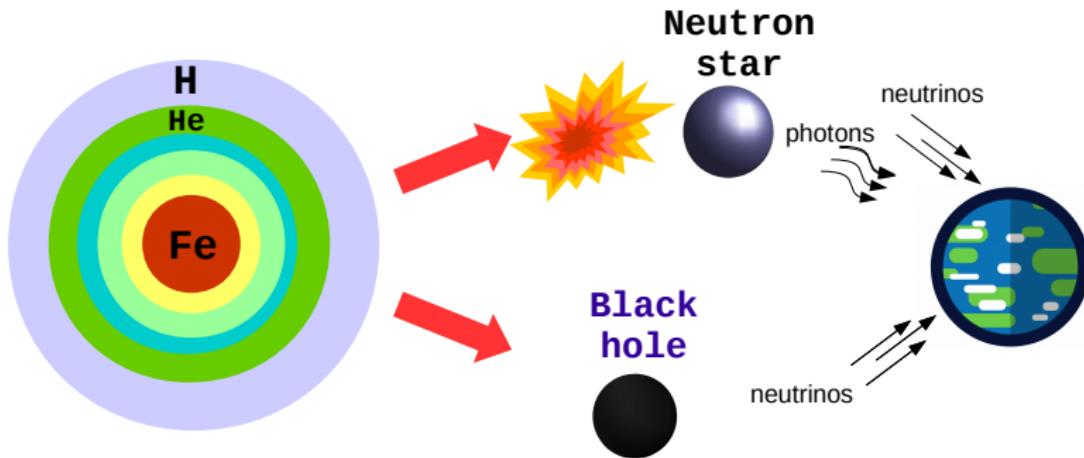
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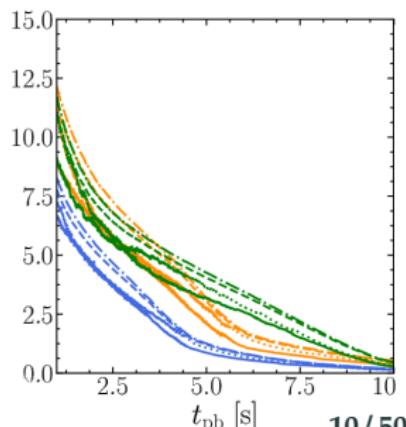
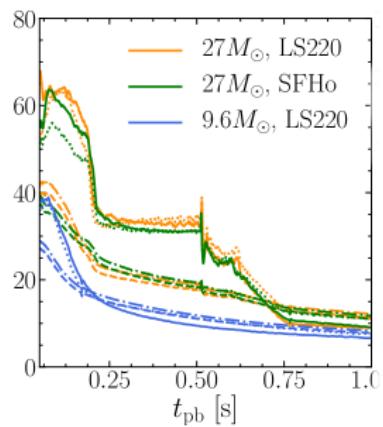
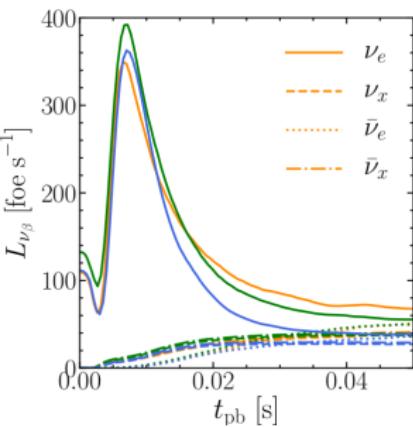
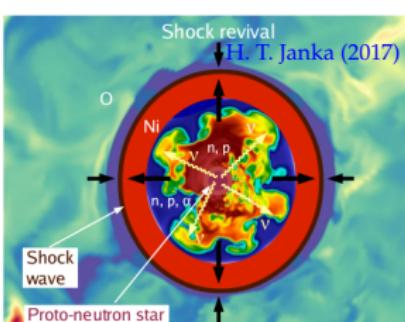
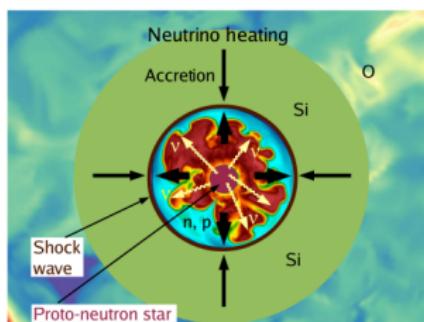
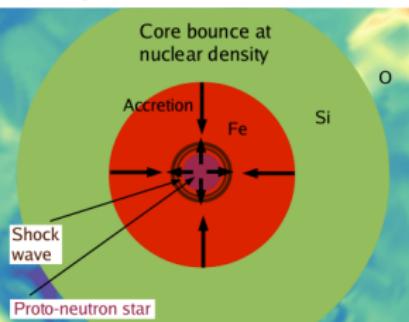
## Neutrinos:

- $\sim 10^{58}$  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,  
 $\nu_e$  burst  $\sim 40$  ms
- Accretion phase,  
 $\sim 100$  ms
- Cooling phase,  
 $\sim 10$  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?

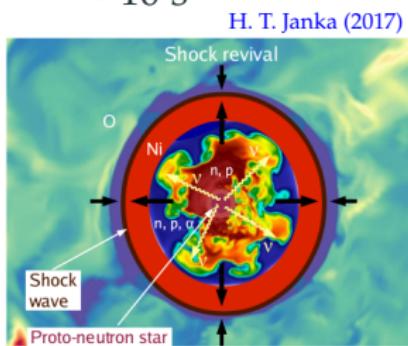
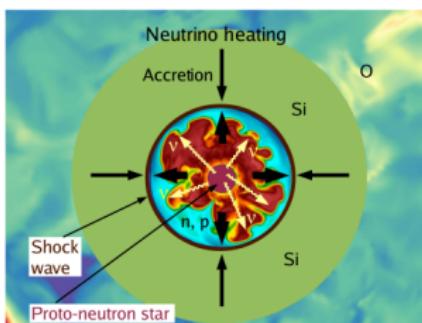
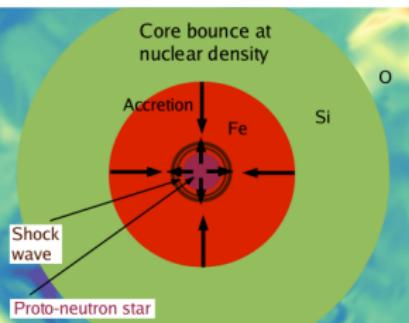
- explosion mechanism Bethe & Wilson (1985),  
Fischer et al. (2011)...
- nucleosynthesis Woosley et al. (1994),  
Surman & McLaughlin (2003)...
- compact object formation Warren et al. (2019),  
Li, Beacom et al. (2020)...
- neutrino mixing Balantekin & Fuller (2013),  
Tamborra & Shalgar (2020)...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

# Neutrinos from Supernovae as Probes of New Physics

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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?**

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# Do Neutrinos Have Self-Interactions?

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## Do Neutrinos Interact between Themselves?

Z. BIALYNICKA-BIRULA

*Institute of Physics, Polish Academy of Sciences - Warsaw*

(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.

Zofia Bialynicka-Birula (1964)

# 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), ...

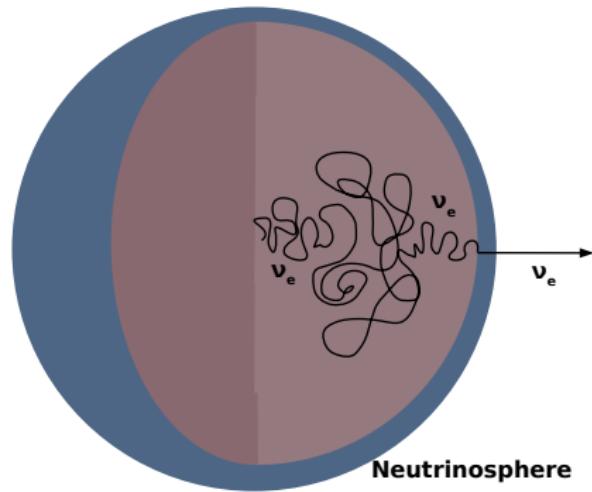
## New Interaction Lagrangian

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

## Probability of the New Interaction

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

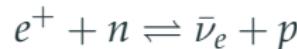
# Neutrino Trapping and $\beta$ -equilibrium



**Neutrino trapping**



**$\beta$ -equilibrium**



## Implementation:

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

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

# 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



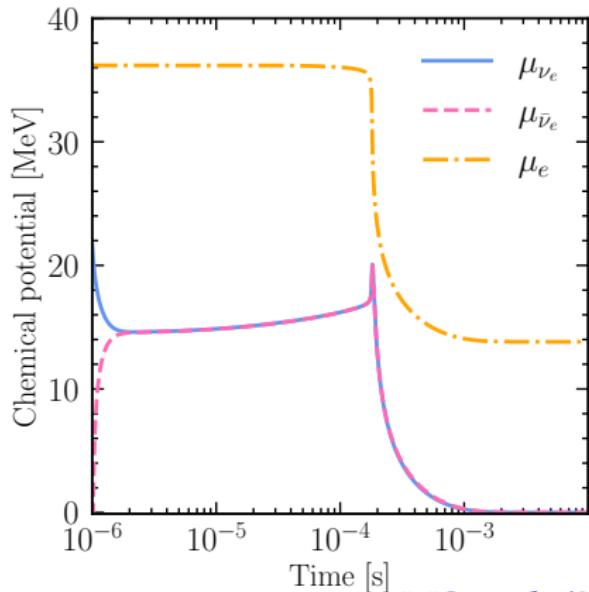
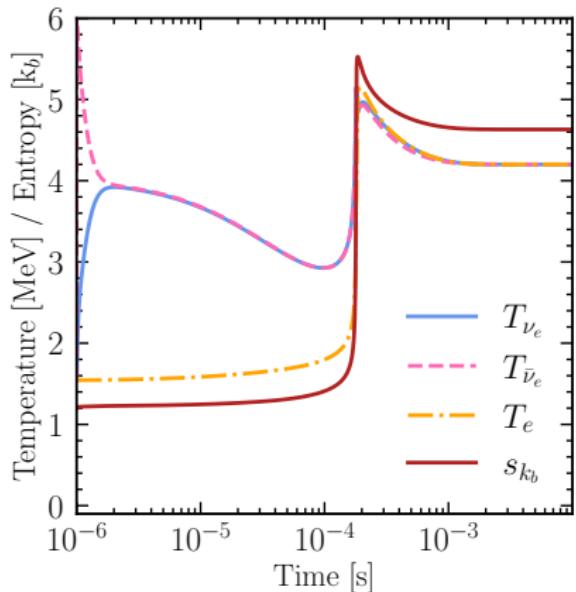
$$\frac{dY_e}{dt} = R_{\nu_e} - R_{\bar{\nu}_e} - R_{e^-} + R_{e^+} , \quad e^+ + n \rightleftharpoons \bar{\nu}_e + p$$

Temperature and chemical potential evolution for leptons

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

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

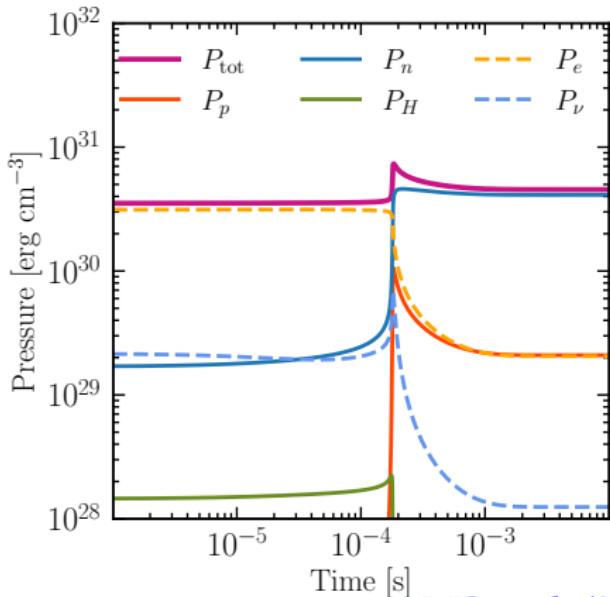
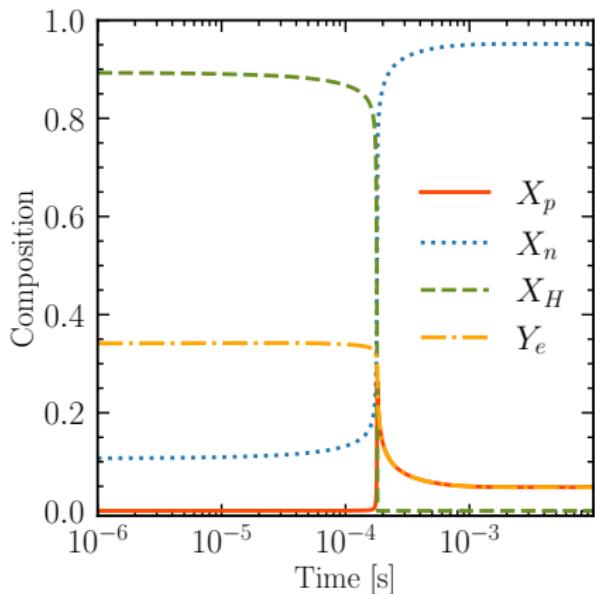
# Evolution of Thermodynamical Quantities



AMS et al. (2024)

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

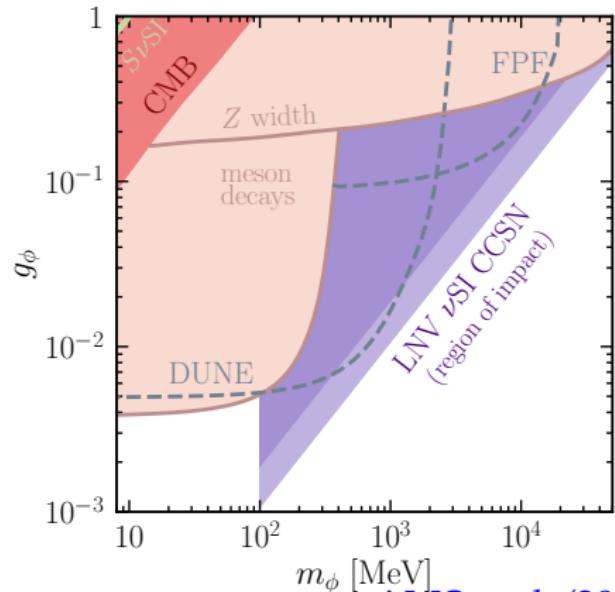
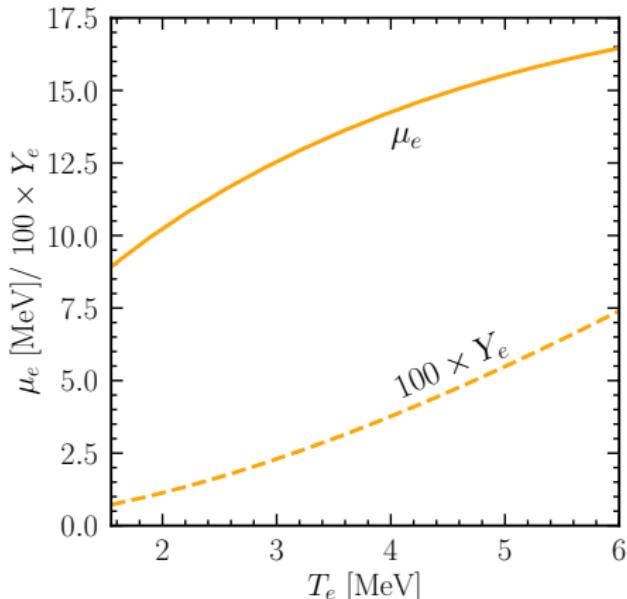
# Composition and Pressure Support of the Core



AMS et al. (2024)

- $s_{k_b}$  - 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 $\beta$ -equilibrium with LNV $\nu$ SI

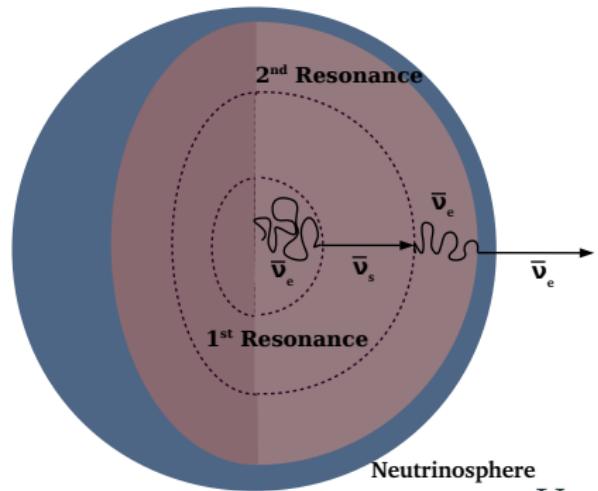


AMS et al. (2024)

- 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 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

$\nu_e - \nu_s$  mixing: multiple resonances

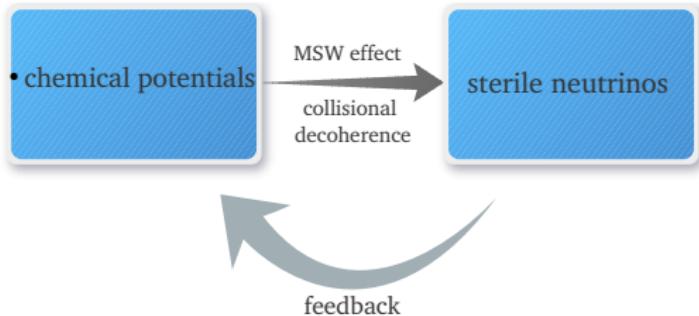
$$\Gamma_{\nu_s} = \frac{1}{4} \sin^2 2\tilde{\theta} \Gamma_{\nu_{\text{active}}}$$

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

# The sterile-tau neutrino mixing: growth of the asymmetry

Only active neutrinos

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



Active + sterile neutrinos

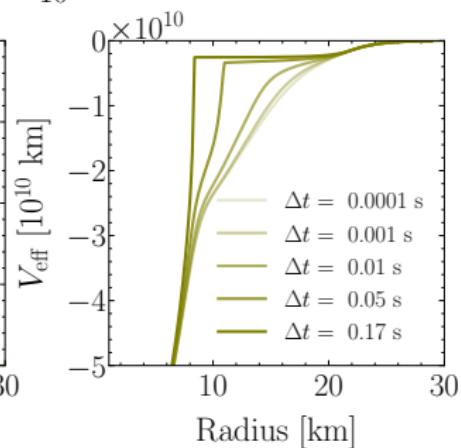
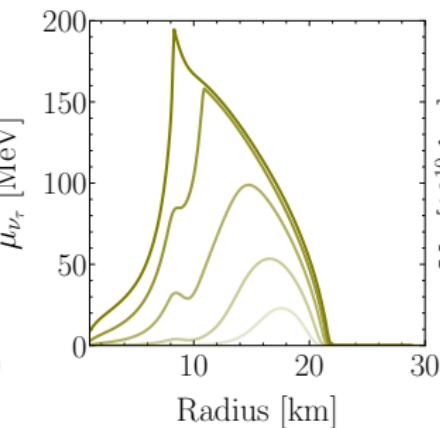
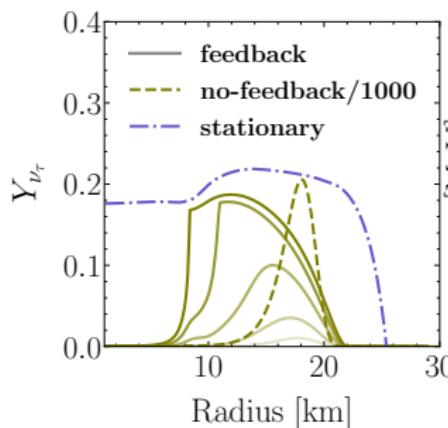
$$Y_{\nu_\tau}(r, t) = \frac{1}{n_b(r)} \int_0^t dt' \frac{d(P_{\nu_\tau \rightarrow \nu_s} n_{\nu_\tau}(r, t') - P_{\bar{\nu}_\tau \rightarrow \bar{\nu}_s} n_{\bar{\nu}_\tau}(r, t'))}{dt'}$$

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 sterile-electron neutrino mixing: 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

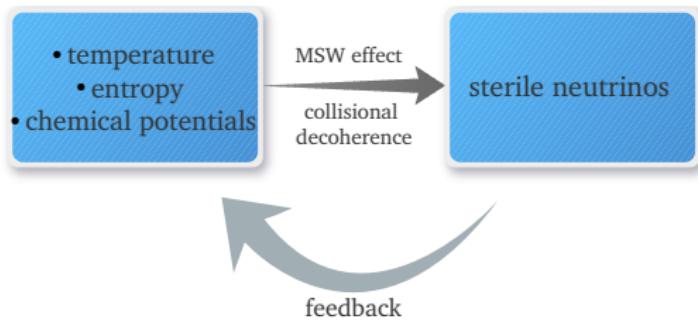
$$Y_p(r, t) + Y_n(r, t) = 1 ,$$

Charge conservation

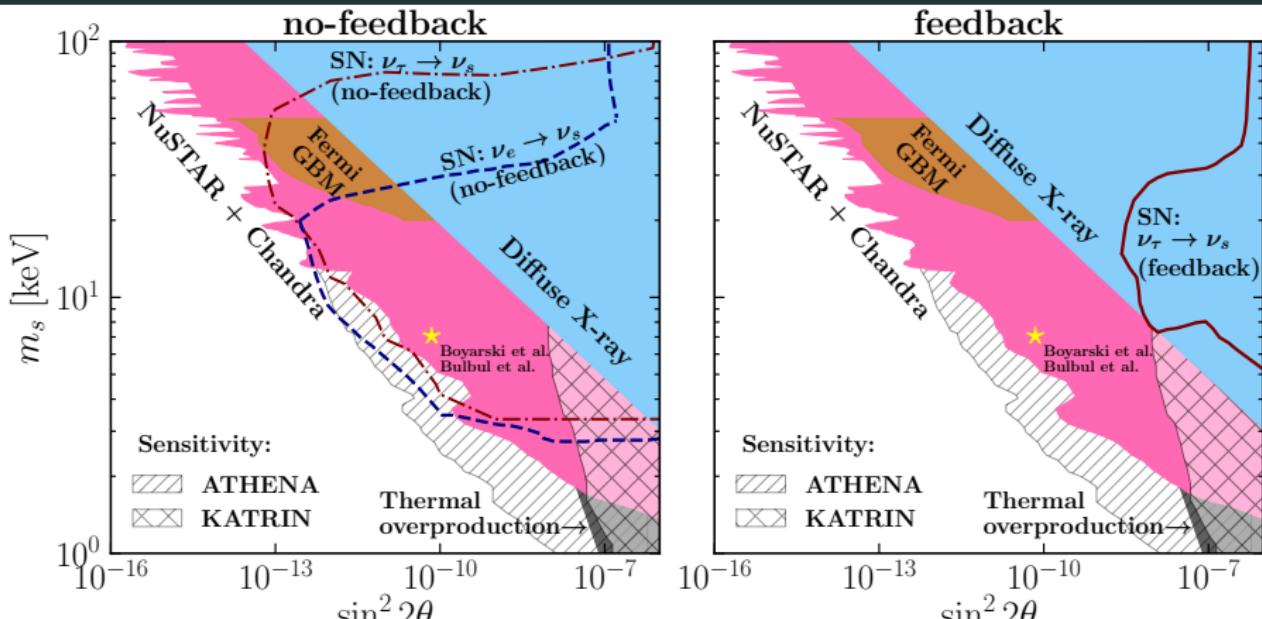
$$Y_p(r, t) = Y_e(r, t) ,$$

Entropy change

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



# Supernova bounds on the mixing parameters



AMS et al. (2018), (2019)

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

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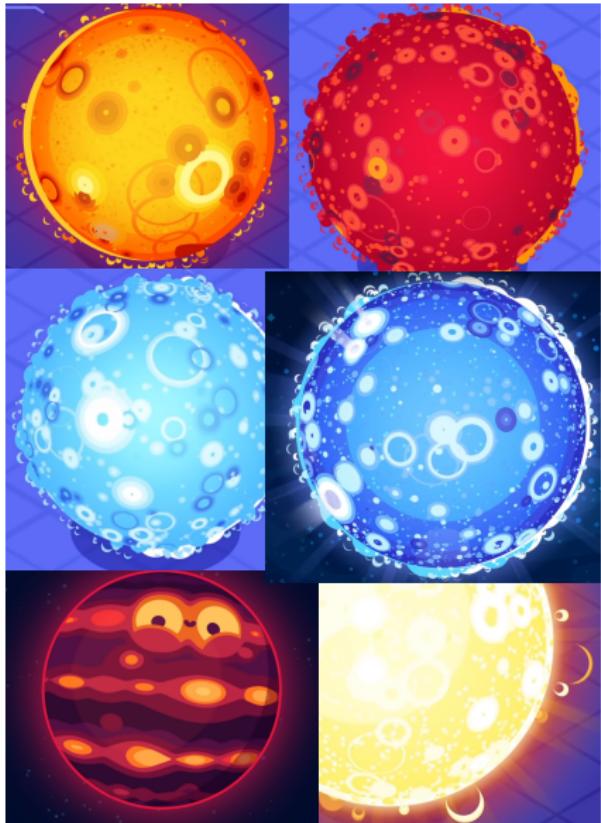
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# Why focus only on a single rare event?



## 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

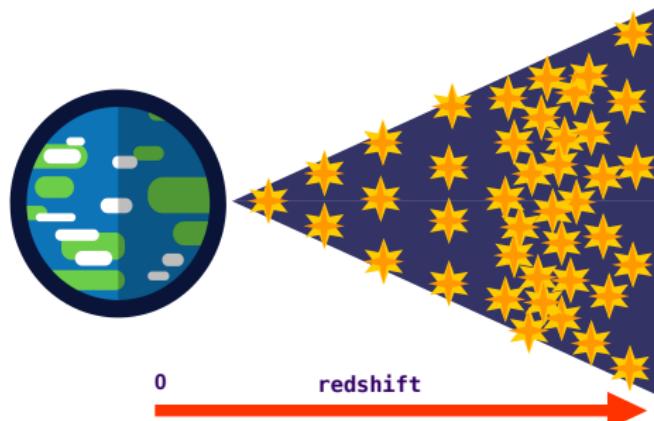
$$\Phi_{\nu_\beta}(E) = \frac{c}{H_0} \int dM \int dz \frac{R_{\text{SN}}(z, M)}{\sqrt{\Omega_M(1+z)^3 + \Omega_\Lambda}} [f_{\text{CC-SN}} F_{\nu_\beta, \text{CC-SN}}(E', M) + f_{\text{BH-SN}} F_{\nu_\beta, \text{BH-SN}}(E', M)]$$

Diagram illustrating the components of the diffuse supernova neutrino background flux:

- cosmological supernovae rate**: Represented by a pink arrow pointing to the term  $\frac{R_{\text{SN}}(z, M)}{\sqrt{\Omega_M(1+z)^3 + \Omega_\Lambda}}$ .
- fraction of neutron-star-forming progenitors**: Represented by a red arrow pointing to the term  $f_{\text{CC-SN}}$ .
- neutrino flux from a single star**: Represented by a magenta arrow pointing to the term  $F_{\nu_\beta, \text{CC-SN}}(E', M)$ .
- fraction of black-hole-forming progenitors**: Represented by a blue arrow pointing to the term  $f_{\text{BH-SN}}$ .

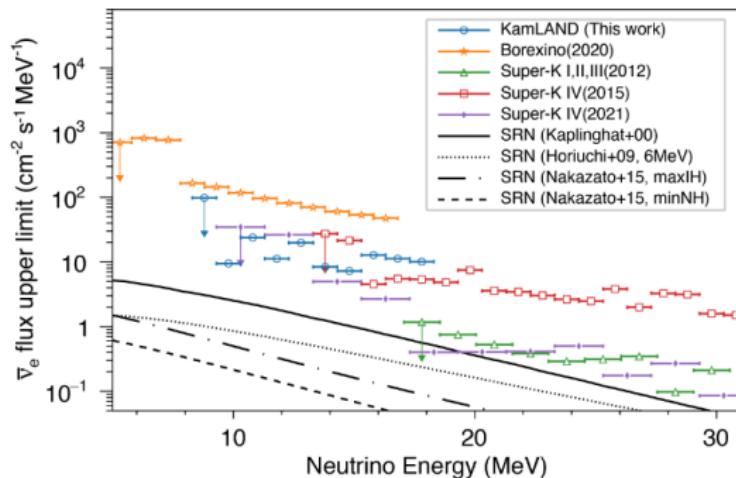
The DSNB is sensitive to:

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



# Diffuse supernova neutrino background: current limits

SK collab. (2021)

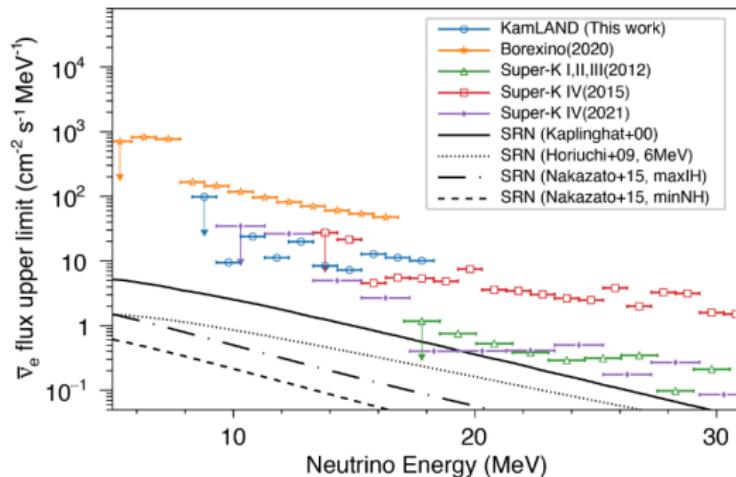


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soon detected by SK (Gd) Beacom, Vagins (2004) and JUNO JUNO collab. (2021)
- $\nu_e \approx 19 \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$  for  $E_\nu \in [22.9, 36.9 \text{ MeV}]$  SNO collab. (2020)  
possibly detectable by DUNE Møller, AMS, et al. (2018), Zhu et al. (2019)
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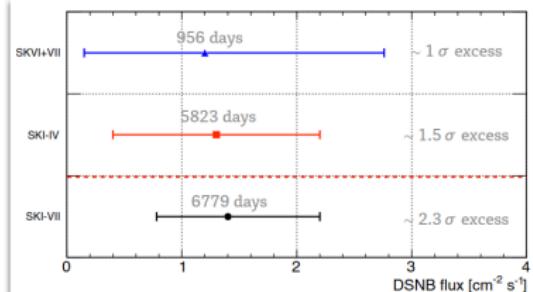
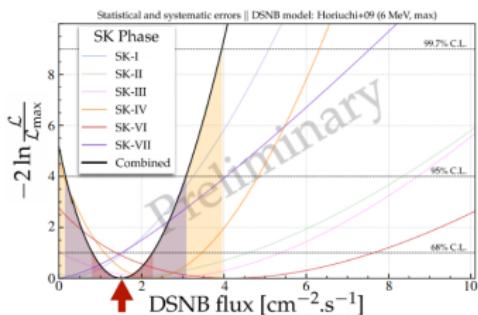
# Tension from zero assumption

## 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  $N_n=1$ ,  $N_n \neq 1$



### 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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Slide credit: Masayuki Harada talk at Neutrino 2024

# 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

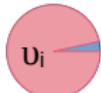
**How to probe new physics with  
these uncertainties?**

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# Do KeV-mass Sterile Neutrinos Have Self-Interactions?

Balantekin, Fuller, Ray, AMS (2023)

$E_\nu \sim 10 \text{ MeV}$



DSNB

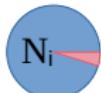
$E_\nu \leq 10 \text{ MeV}$



Resonant interaction  
for sterile neutrinos

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

$E_N \sim \text{keV}$



relic steriles

$E_N \geq \text{keV}$



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

- sterile component in the DSNB  $\nu_i$  interacts with the mostly sterile relic background of  $N_i$

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

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

# Modeling secret neutrino interactions in DSNB

Balantekin, Fuller, Ray, AMS (2023)

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

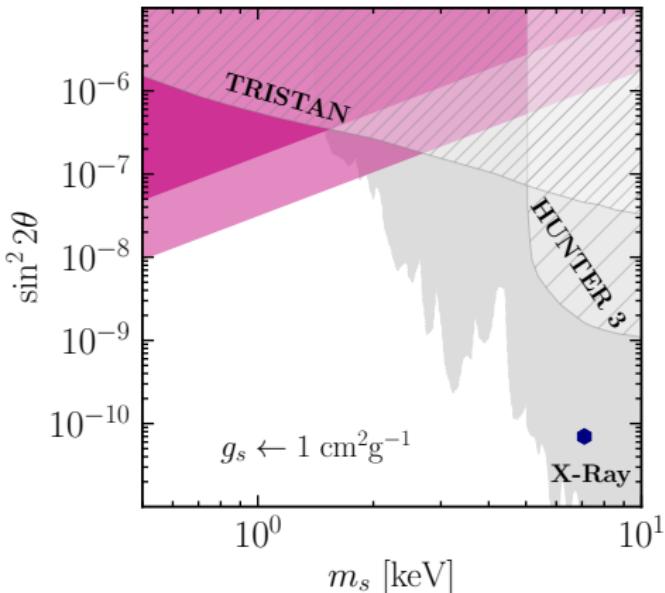
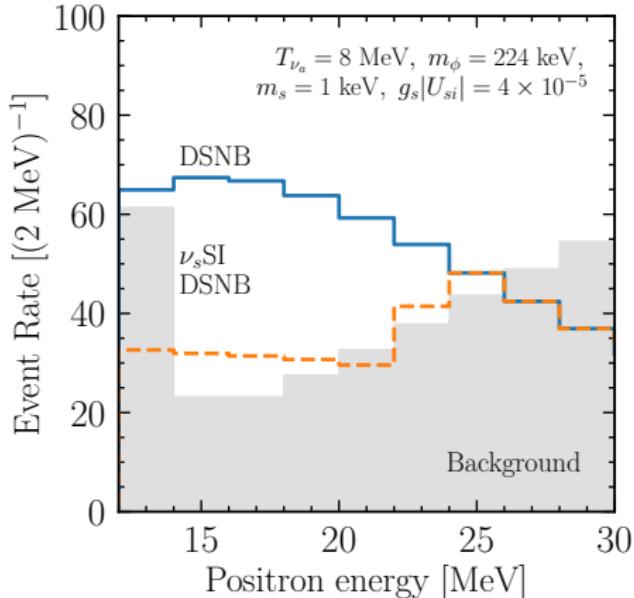
and sterile neutrino number density  $n_{\nu_s}(z_R) = n_{\nu_s}(1 + z_R)^3$

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) 32 / 50

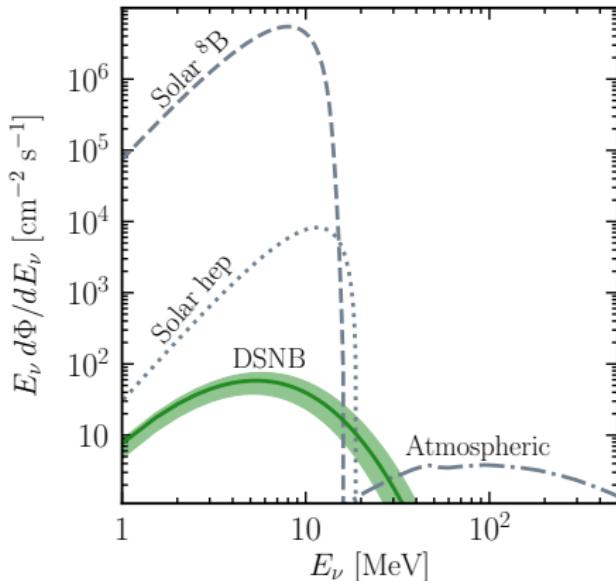
# Secret neutrino interactions: DSNB

Balantekin, Fuller, Ray, AMS (2023)



- 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

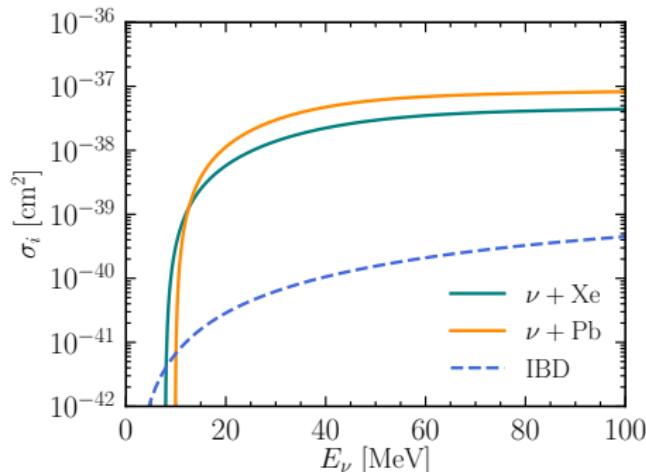
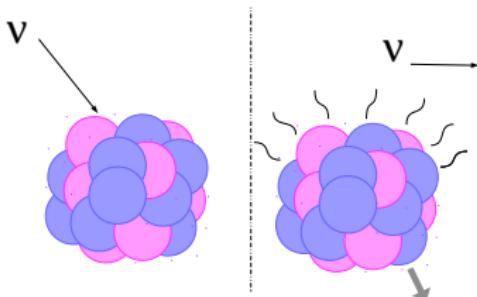
# Can we detect the $x$ -flavor DSNB? Maybe



DSNB modeling:  
Møller, AMS, et al.  
(2018)

- Flavor-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 $\nu$ NS)



## Cross section

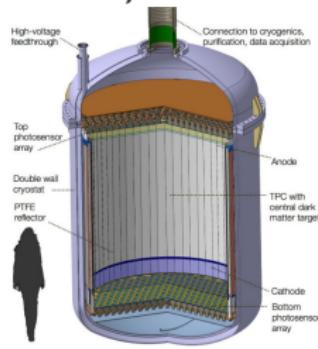
$$\frac{d\sigma_{\text{SM}}}{dE_r} = \frac{G_F^2 m_T}{4\pi} Q_w^2 \left(1 - \frac{m_T E_r}{2 E_\nu^2}\right) F^2(Q), \quad Q_w = [N - Z(1 - 4 \sin^2 \theta_W)]$$

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

Cross section:  
Theory: Freedman (1974),  
Measured: COHERENT (2017)

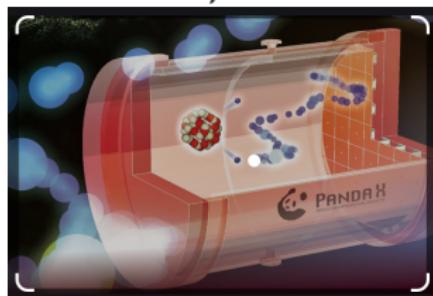
# Current and future CE $\nu$ NS detectors

## XENONnT, DARWIN



Aalbers et al. 2016

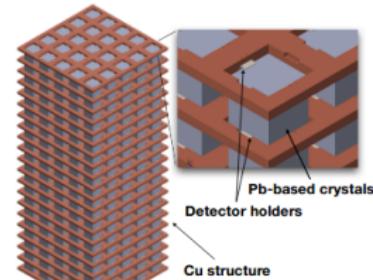
## PandaX-4T, PandaX-xT



Menget al. 2021

Total Pb volume (60 cm)<sup>3</sup>

## RES-NOVA



Pattavina et al. 2020

**fiducial volumes:** few - hundreds ton

**target materials:** Xe, Pb

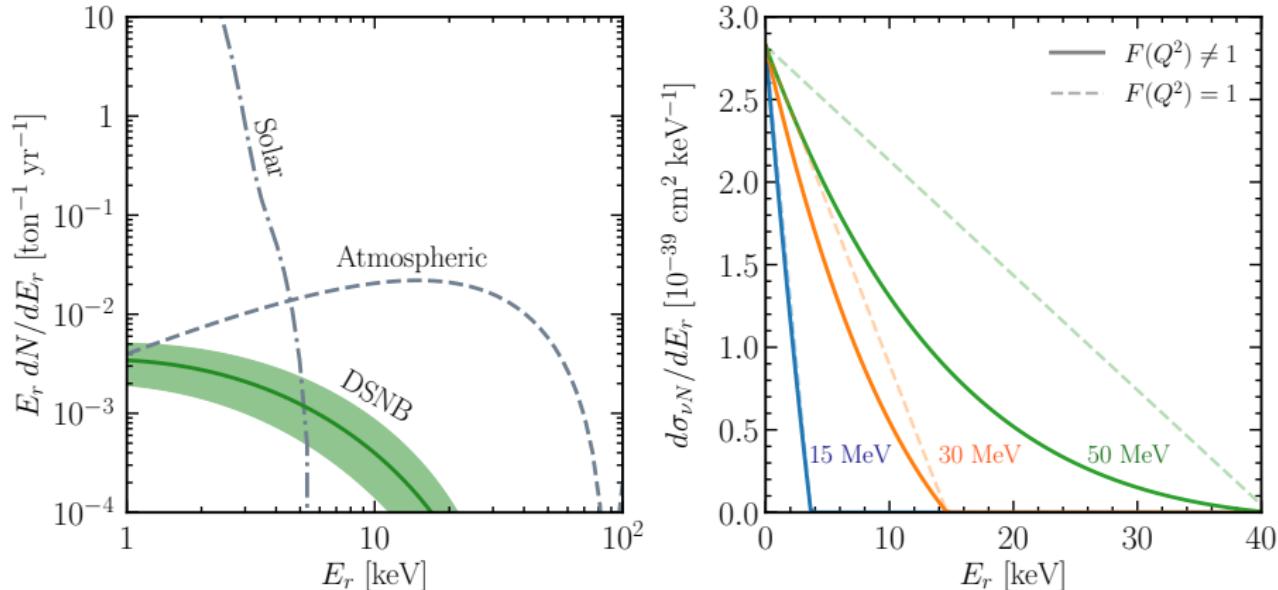
**thresholds:**  $\mathcal{O}(1)$  keV

**efficiency:**  $\sim 80\text{-}100\%$

## Scattering rate

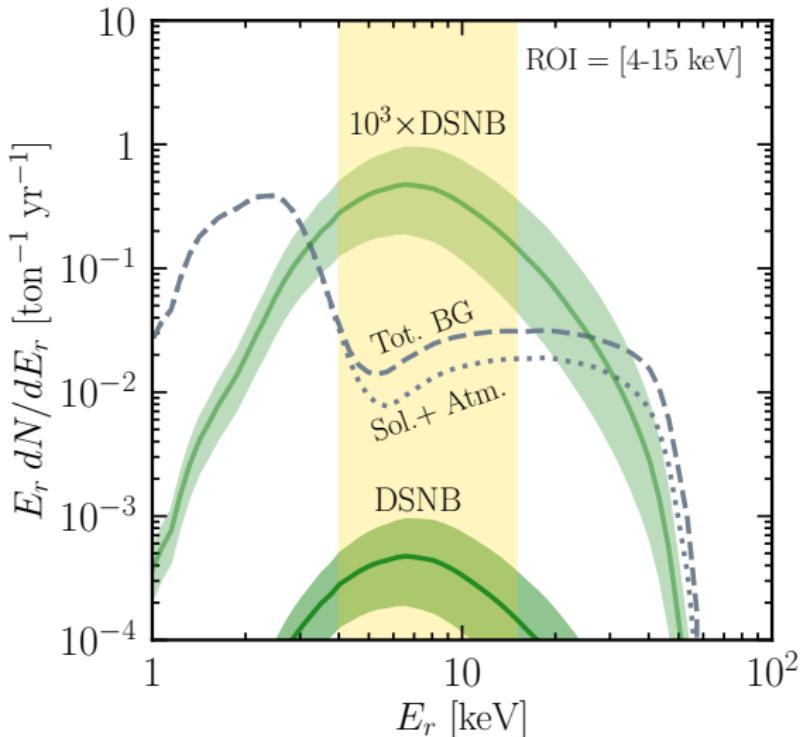
$$\frac{dR_{\nu N}}{dE_r dt} = N_T \epsilon(E_r) \int dE_\nu \frac{d\sigma_{\nu N}}{dE_r} \psi(E_\nu, t) \Theta(E_r^{\max} - E_r), \quad E_r^{\max} = \frac{2E_\nu^2}{m_T + 2E_\nu}$$

# Event rate in the xenon-based detector



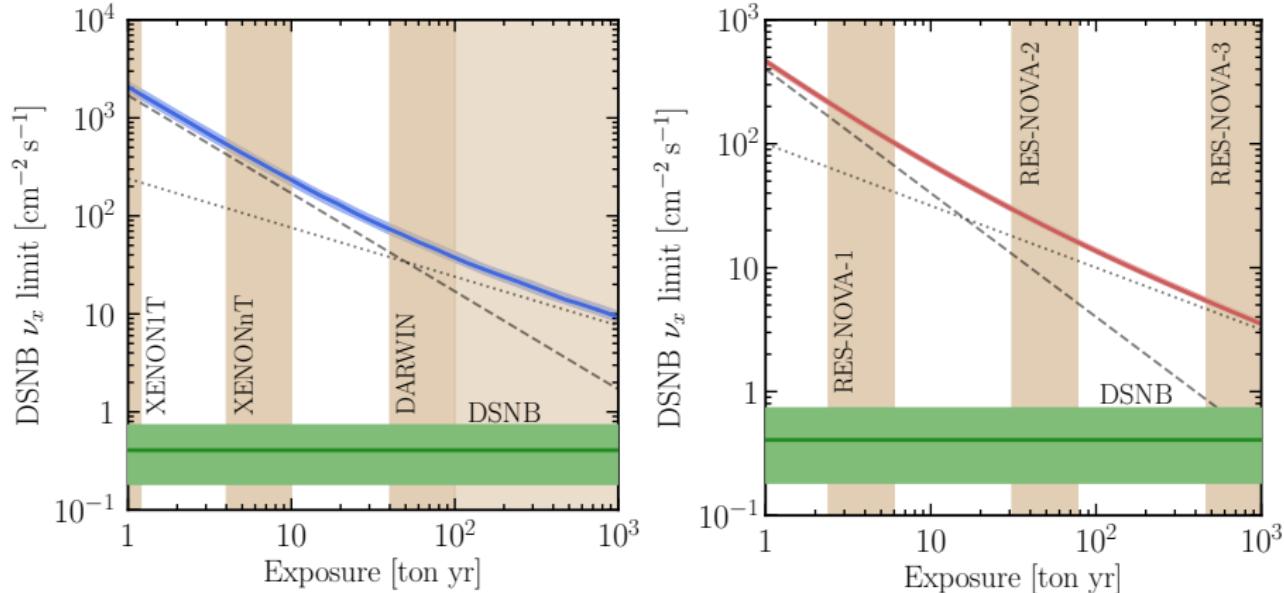
- The potential energy window displayed by the bare fluxes disappears
- Reason: Low energy recoils are most probable for all neutrino energies
- Detection of the  $x$ -flavor DSNB seems out of reach, BUT...

# Can we improve the limits on the $\chi$ -flavor DSNB? Yes



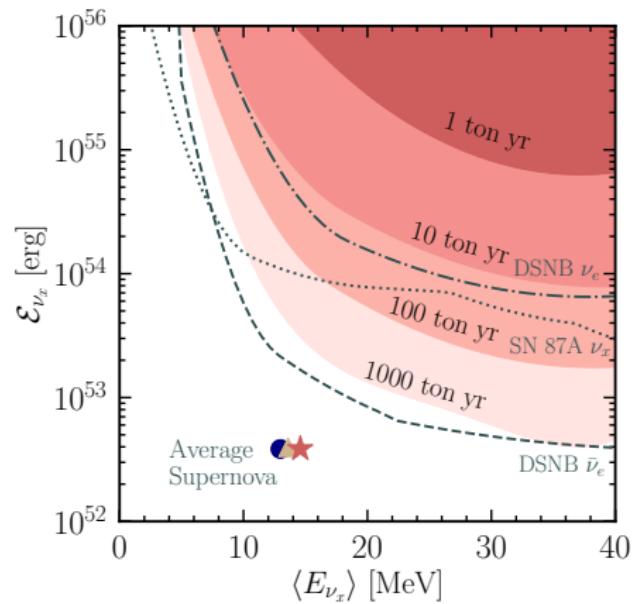
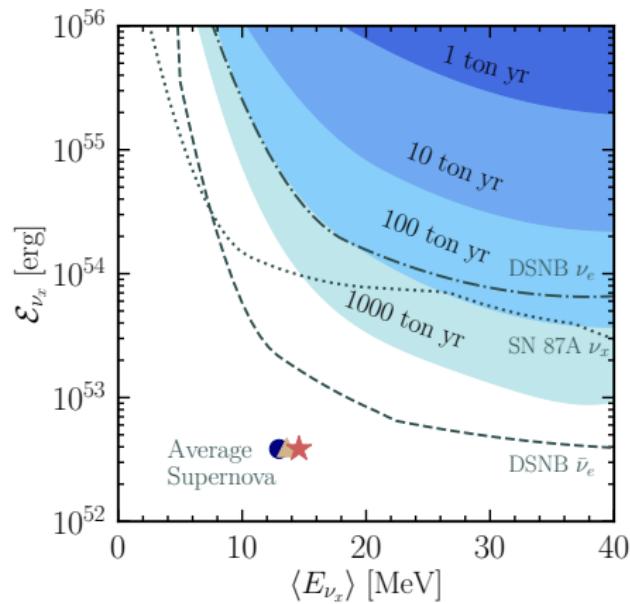
- Potential for an improvement by  $\gtrsim 1 - 2$  orders of magnitude

# Sensitivity bounds on the normalization of the x-flavor DSNB



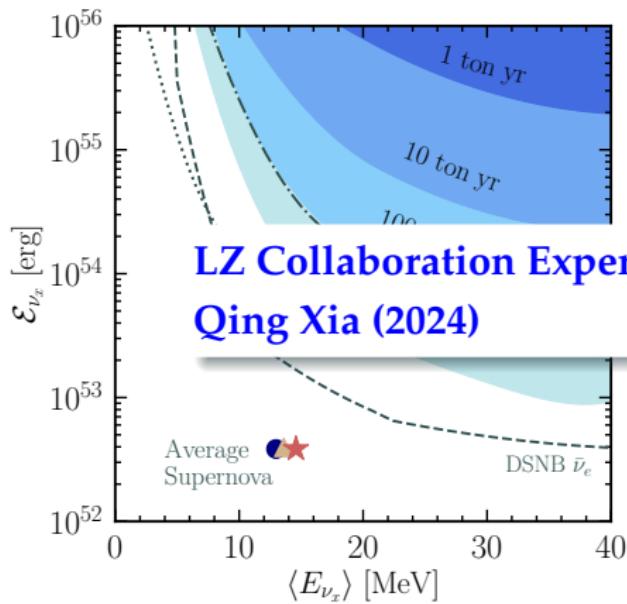
- XENON1T, PandaX-4T: limits comparable to the SK  $\nu_x$  DSNB limit
- Constant energy window: limits can improve  $\mathcal{O}(10\%)$  for wider windows at small exposures and narrower windows at large exposures

# Sensitivity bounds on the x-flavor DSNB

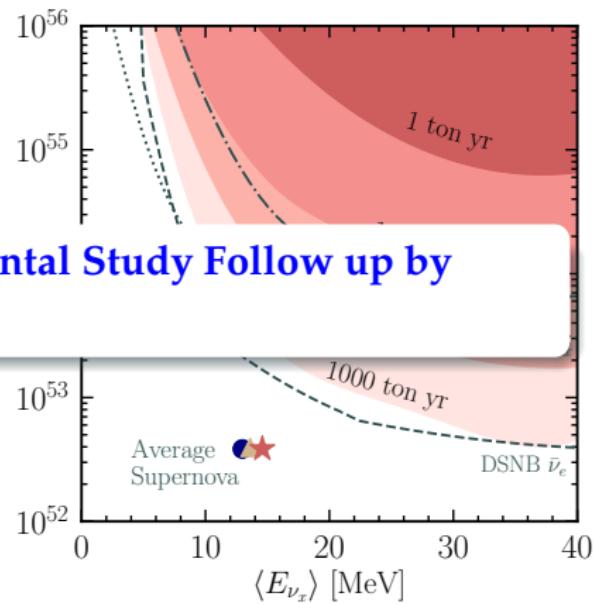


- Simple DSNB: all supernovae emit the same Fermi-Dirac  $\nu_x$  spectrum
- Potential handle on the normalization and mean energy of the SN  $\nu_x$
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# Sensitivity bounds on the x-flavor DSNB



LZ Collaboration Experimental Study Follow up by  
Qing Xia (2024)



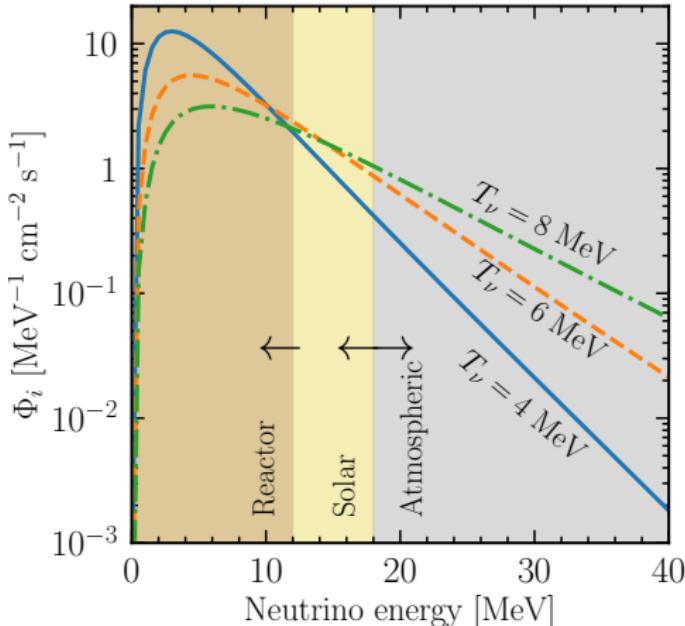
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# Diffuse Supernova Neutrino Background (DSNB)

AMS (2022)



- DSNB → isotropic and stationary guaranteed neutrino flux
  - Guseinov (1967), Totani et al. (2009), Ando, Sato (2004), Lunardini (2009), Beacom (2010),...
- mitigating uncertainties in the atmospheric neutrinos helps the discovery limits

Better Knowledge of Atmospheric Neutrinos → Helps Direct Dark Matter Detection

# Low-energy Atmospheric Neutrino Flux

## Primary production channels

$$\pi^+ \rightarrow \mu^+ + \nu_\mu; \quad \mu^+ \rightarrow e^+ + \bar{\nu}_\mu + \nu_e$$

$$\pi^- \rightarrow \mu^- + \bar{\nu}_\mu; \quad \mu^- \rightarrow e^- + \nu_\mu + \bar{\nu}_e$$

## Non-oscillated flavor ratio

$$\nu_e : \nu_\mu : \nu_\tau = 1 : 2 : 0$$

## Sources of uncertainty

solar wind modulations

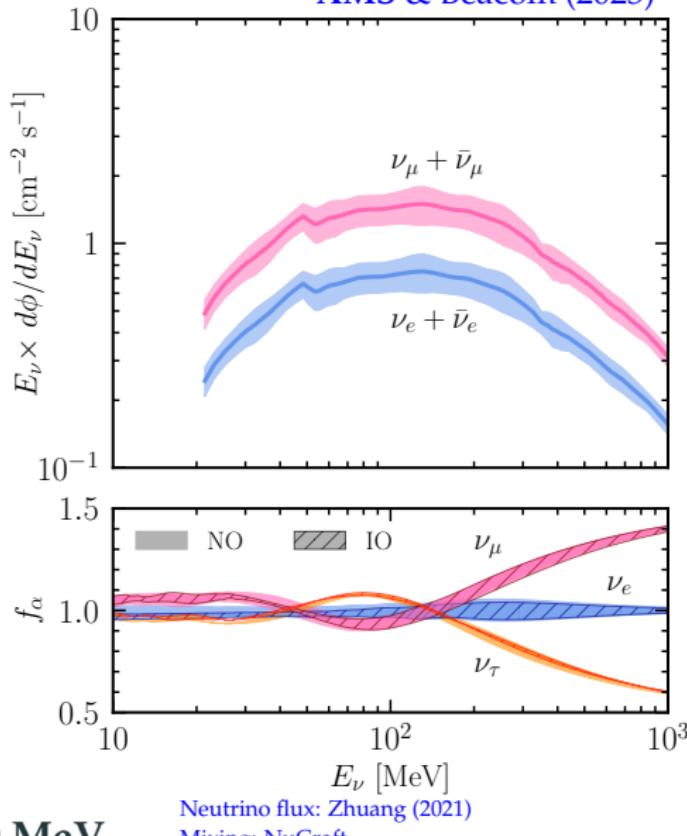
Earth's geomagnetic field

## Oscillated flavor ratio

$$\nu_e : \nu_\mu : \nu_\tau \approx 1 : 1 : 1$$

Past measurements: energies > 100 MeV

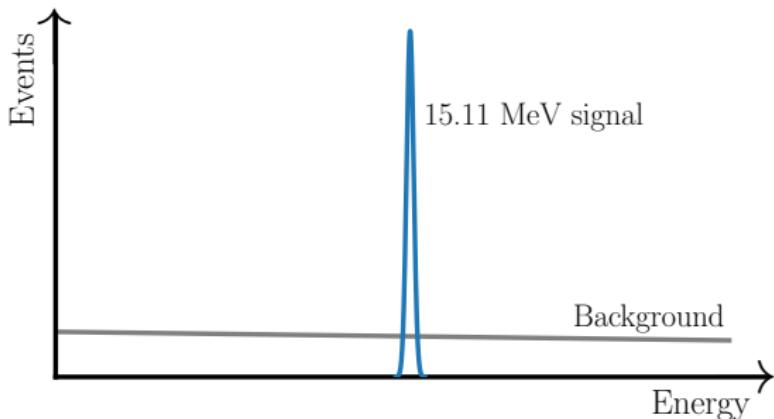
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# Distinctive nuclear channels in JUNO

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## Neutral current channels

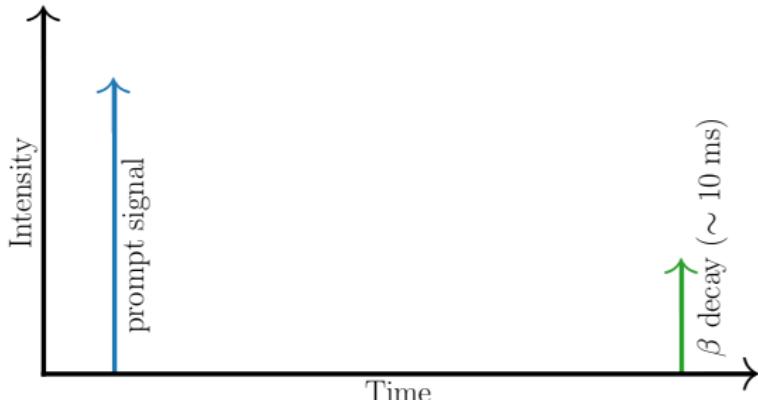
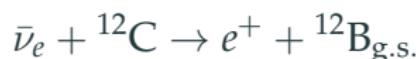
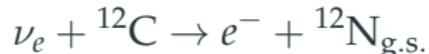


- instantaneous decay of  ${}^{12}\text{C}^*$
- emission of a monoenergetic  $\gamma$

# Distinctive nuclear channels in JUNO

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## Charged current channels: $\nu_e$

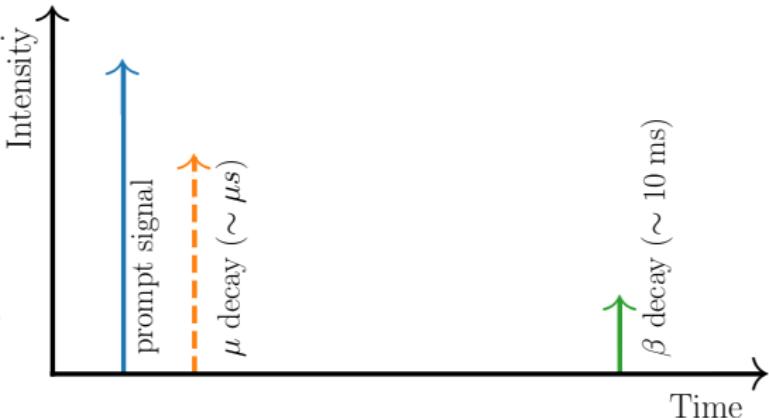
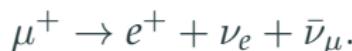
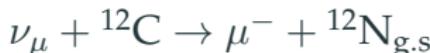


- coincidence detection of  $e^+$  and  $e^-$
- difference in  ${}^{12}\text{B}_{\text{g.s.}}$  and  ${}^{12}\text{N}_{\text{g.s.}}$  lifetimes  $\rightarrow \nu_e$  vs.  $\bar{\nu}_e$  distinction

# Distinctive nuclear channels in JUNO

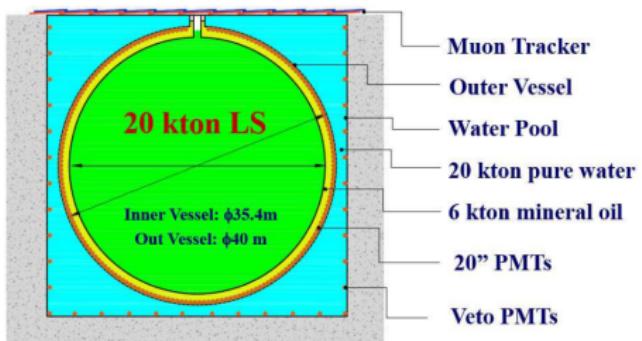
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Charged current channels:  $\nu_\mu$



- coincidence detection of  $\mu$ , its decay  $e$  and  $\beta$ -decay  $e$
- difference in  ${}^{12}\text{B}_{\text{g.s.}}$  and  ${}^{12}\text{N}_{\text{g.s.}}$  lifetimes  $\rightarrow \nu_\mu$  vs.  $\bar{\nu}_\mu$  distinction
- triple vs. double coincidence detection  $\rightarrow \nu_e$  vs.  $\nu_\mu$  distinction

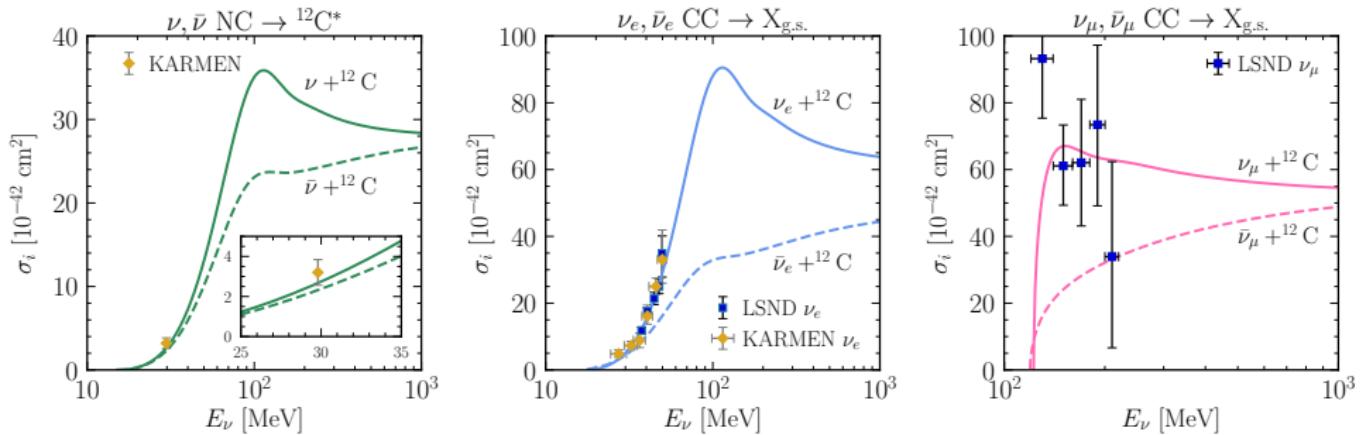
# The Jiangmen Underground Neutrino Observatory (JUNO)



- large-scale carbon-based liquid scintillator detector
- soon operational ( $\sim 2025$ )
- excellent energy resolution  $\lesssim 3\%$
- excellent spatial resolution  $\lesssim 10 \text{ cm}$
- low backgrounds in the considered channels

JUNO inclusive studies: Cheng et al. (2020), Cheng et al. (2020), JUNO Collaboration (2022)

# Cross section: elementary particle treatment (EPT)



AMS & Beacom (2023)

- superallowed transitions from  $0^+$  to  $1^+$  states in A=12 triad
- the exclusive  $\nu - {}^{12}\text{C}$  cross sections measured only at low energies
- experimental data agrees well with the EPT treatment
- 5-40% difference with respect to, e.g., RPA calculations

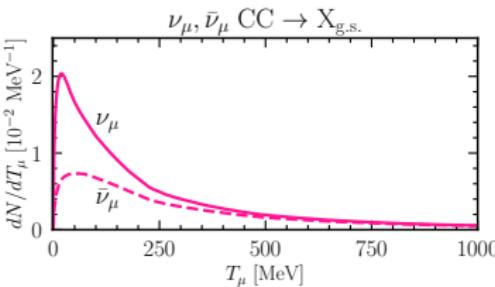
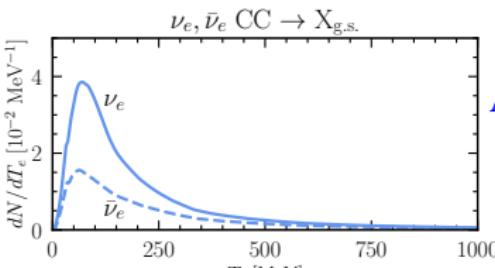
# Atmospheric neutrino detection in JUNO

## NC channel detection: single events

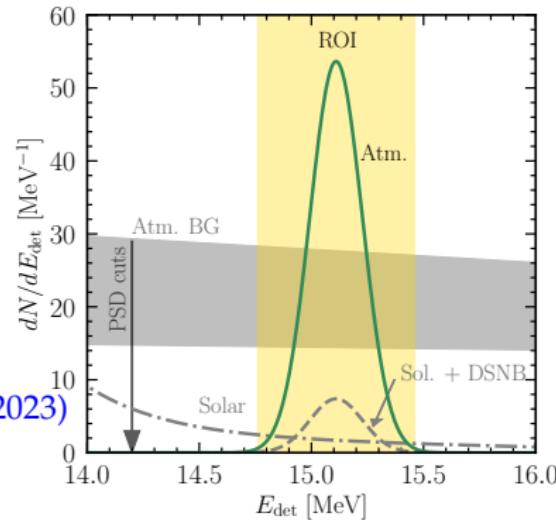
Irreducible BG: solar and DSNB  $\nu$

Reducible BG: atm.  $\nu$  - p scattering

**85 kton yr exposure  $\rightarrow$  25(40)% uncertainty of the atmospheric  $\nu$  rate**



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## CC channel detection: coincidence events

Irreducible BG: accidental coincidences

Rate per 85 kton yr:  $\sim 0.0004$

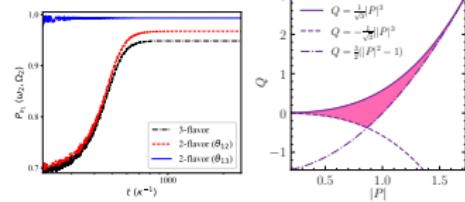
**essentially background free channels**

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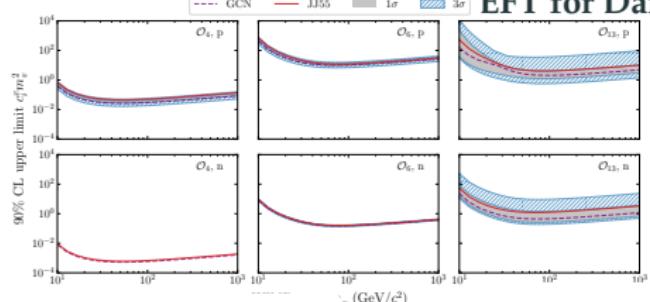
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# Some More of My Favorite Astroparticle Topics

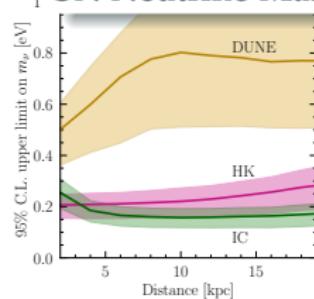
## Entanglement and Many-body Neutrino Interactions



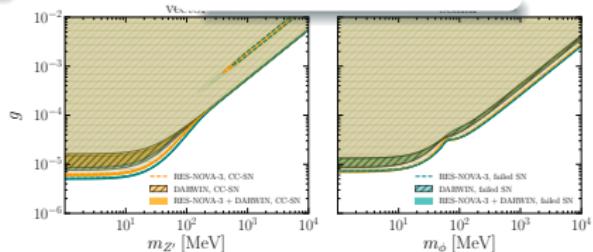
## EFT for Dark Matter



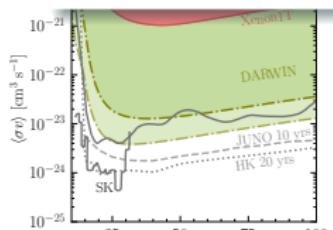
## SN Neutrino Mass



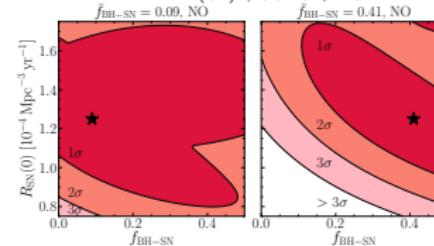
## Astro Neutrinos NSI



## Dark Matter Decay

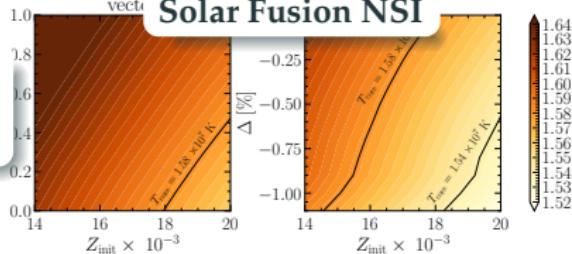


HK (Gd) + JUNO + DUNE



## DSNB measures astro parameters

## Solar Fusion NSI



# 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

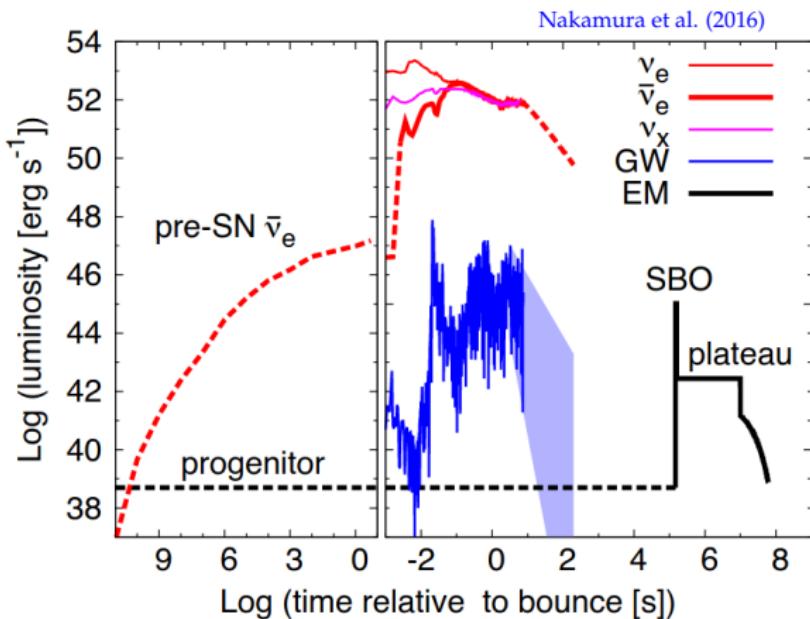
## Exciting times ahead

Thank you for the attention!

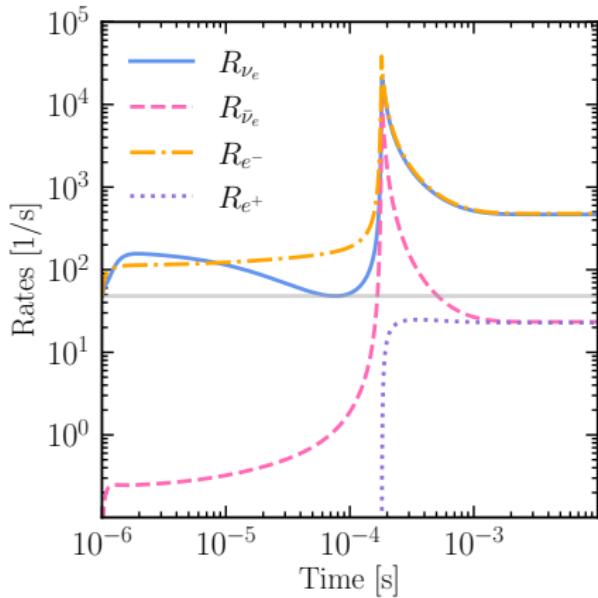
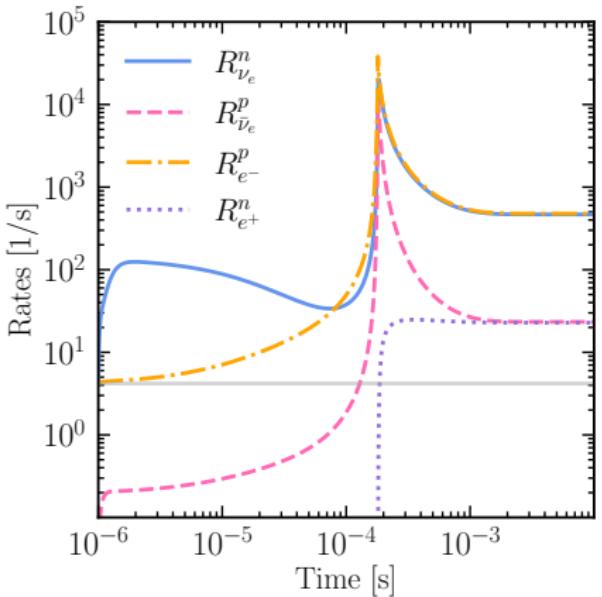
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# Core-Collapse Supernova Light Curve

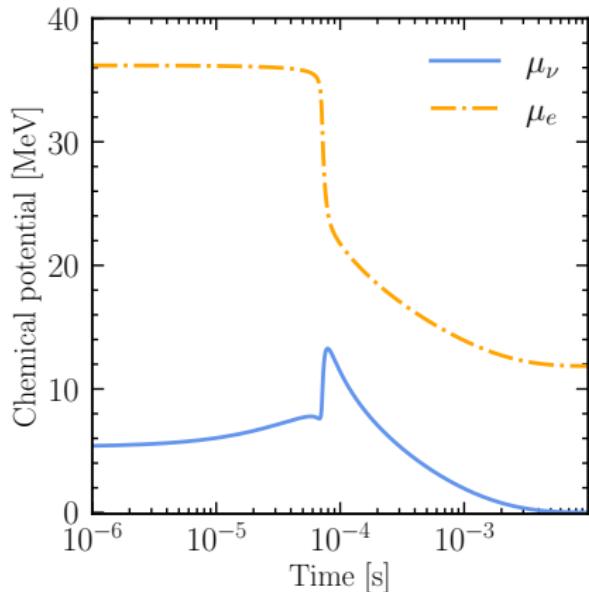
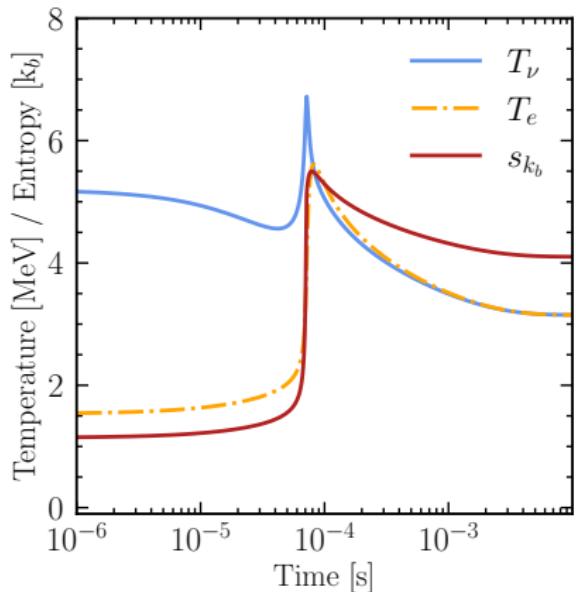


# Weak reaction rates



- initial increase in  $\nu_e + n$ ,  $\nu_e + A$  and  $e^- + A$
- enhanced  $\nu_e$  and  $e^-$  captures heat up the matter
- similar results for all flavors equilibration

# Evolution of Thermodynamical Quantities



- the same qualitative results for all six flavor equilibration

# Partial Derivatives for the Fermi-Dirac distributions

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

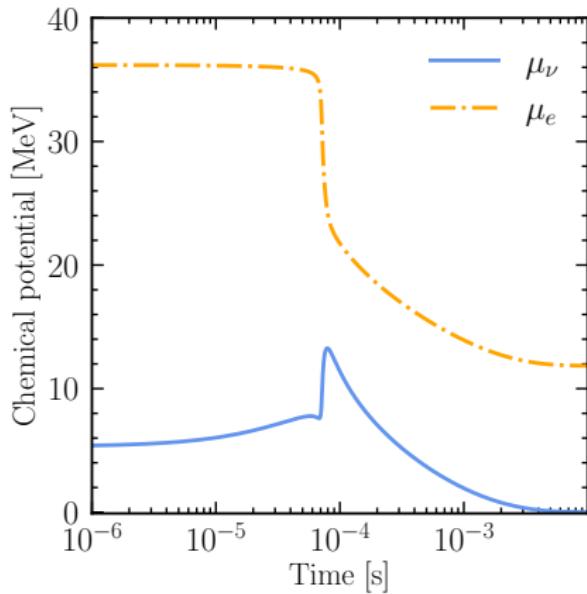
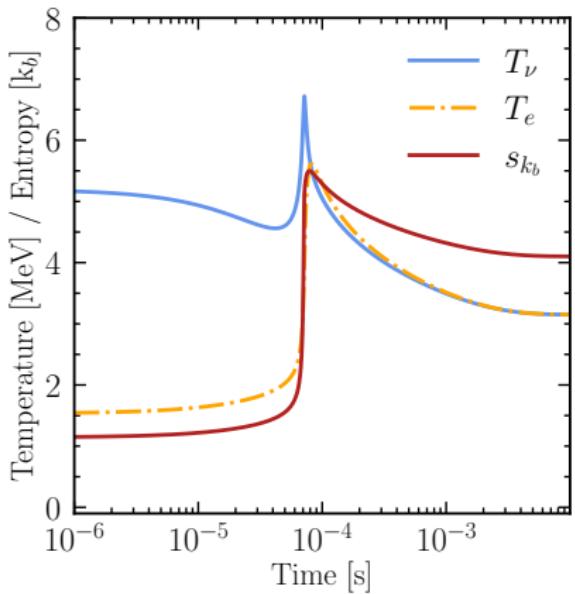
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# All flavors LNV $\nu$ SI



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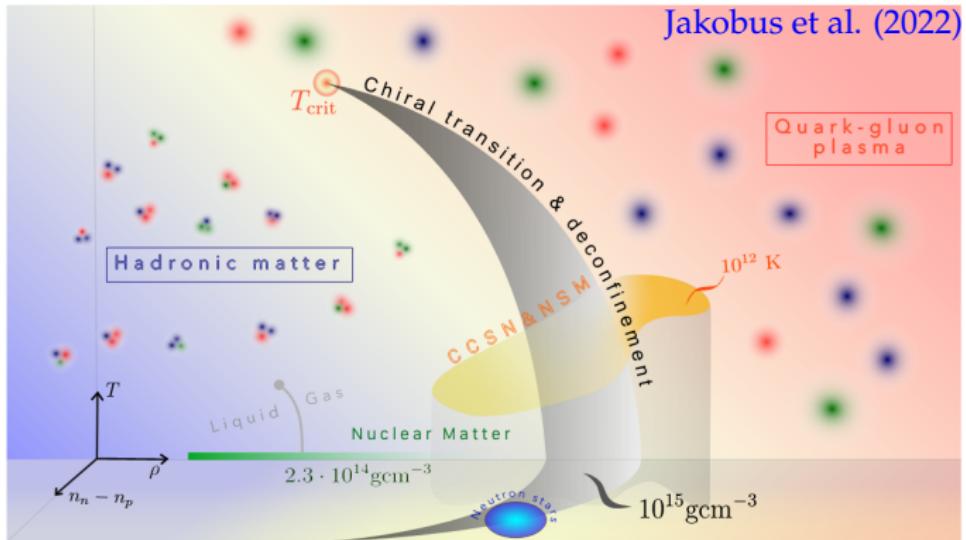
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# Exotic Supernovae as Probes of Neutrino Physics

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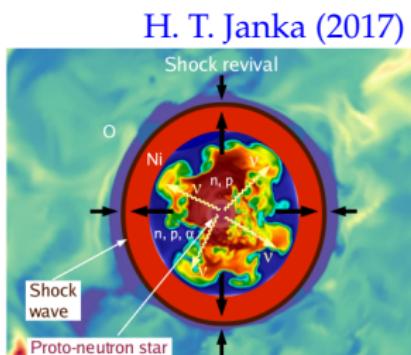
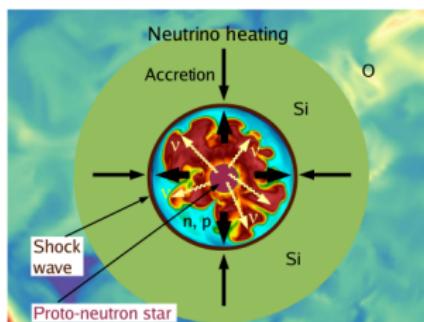
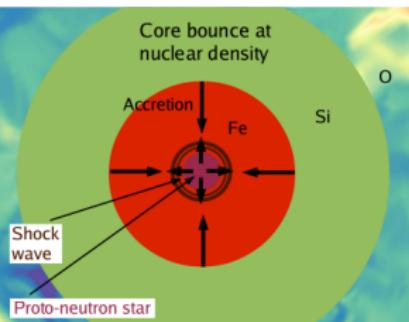
# QCD phase diagram



- Does the protocompact star contain non-leptonic degrees of freedom other than neutrons and protons?
- How to identify the presence of quark matter in astrophysical objects?

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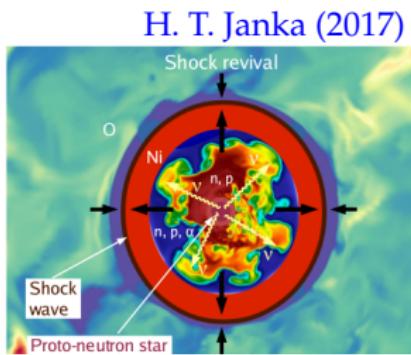
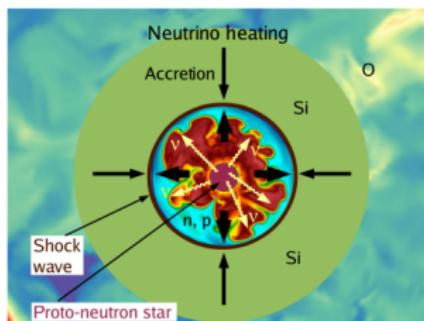
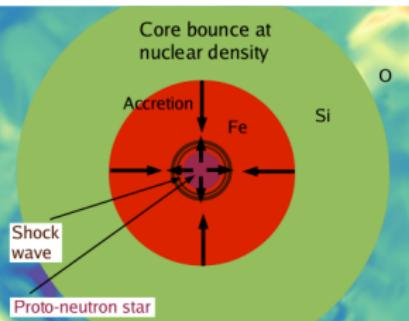


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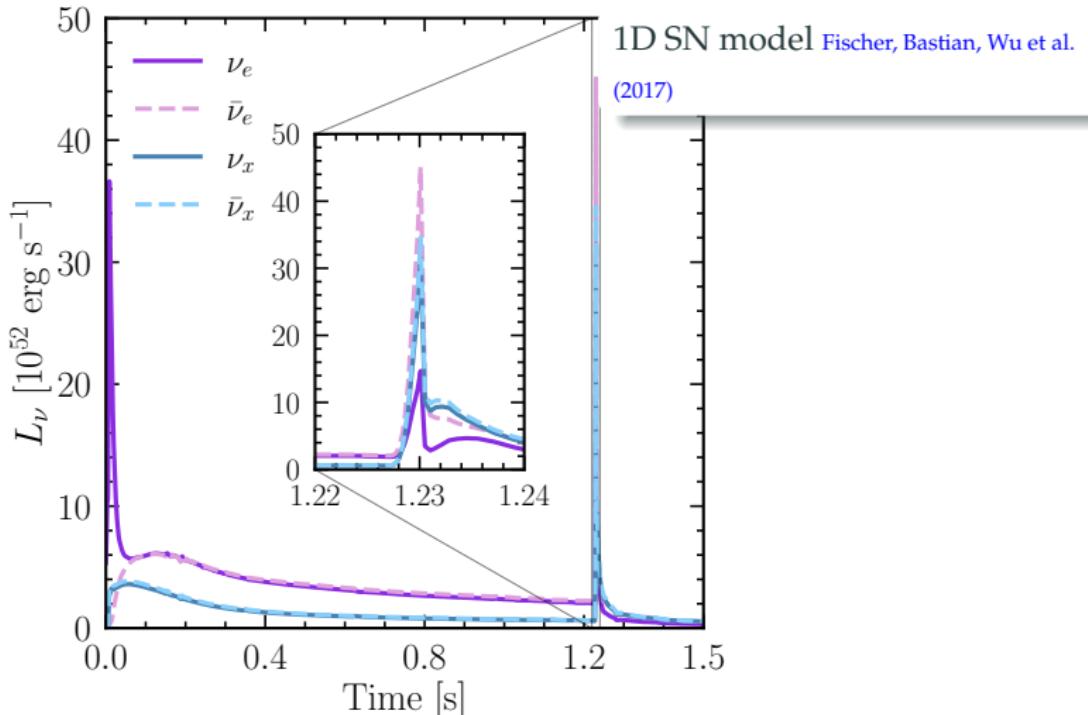


H. T. Janka (2017)

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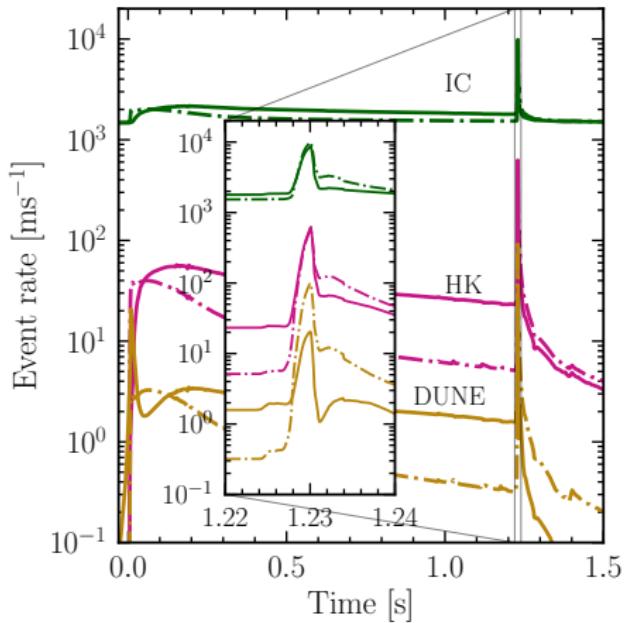
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# Neutrino Emission Properties from the QHPT CCSN



- second sharp neutrino bursts dominated by  $\bar{\nu}_e$
- non-exploding models can explode

# Neutrino Event Rates

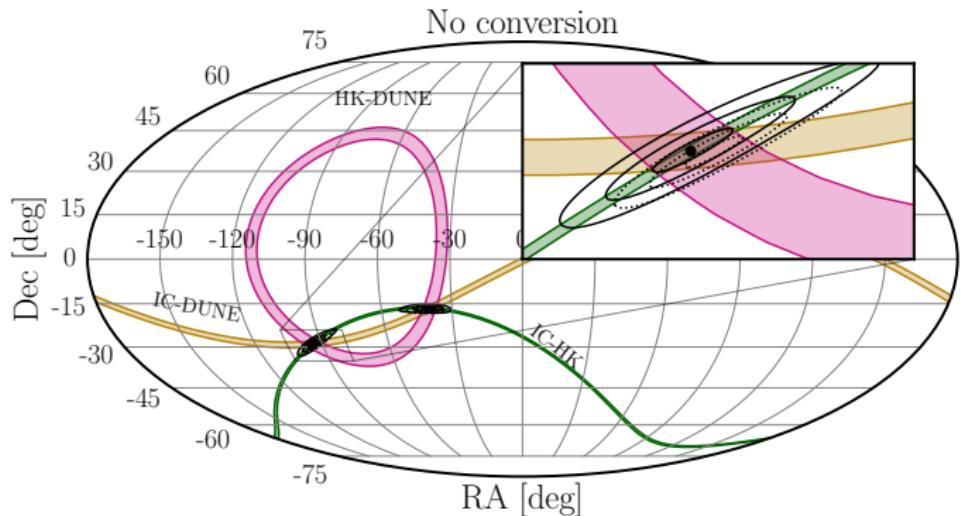


## Impact of neutrino conversions

- Event rate in the antineutrino detectors comparable for both conversion scenarios
- Event rate in the neutrino detector larger for the full conversion case

$$R(t) = N_t \int_{E_\nu^{\min}}^{\infty} dE_\nu \int_{E_{\text{th}}}^{E_{\max}} dE \varepsilon \sigma_i(E, E_\nu) F_{\nu_\beta}(E_\nu, t)$$

# Determination of the Supernova Localization



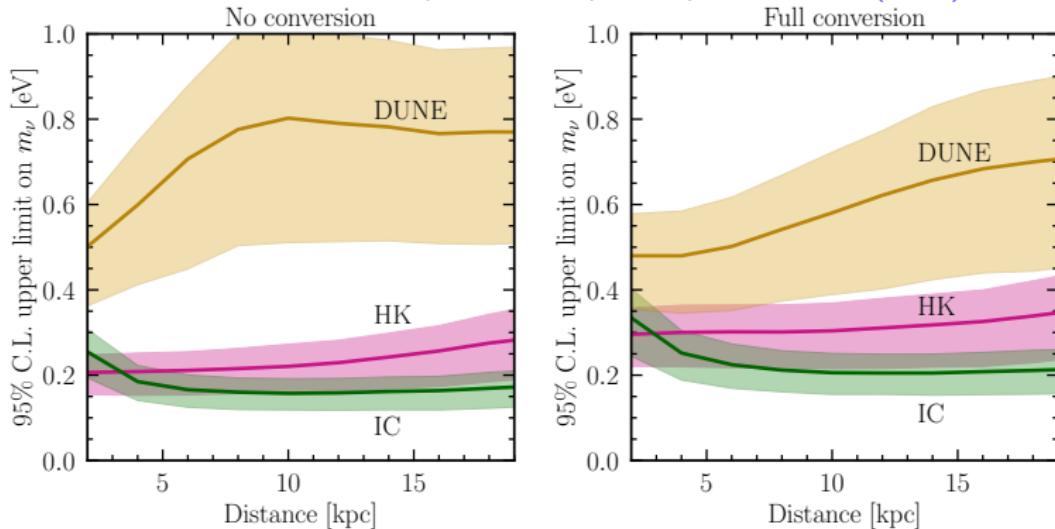
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- improvement by 4.5-10 times compared to neutronization burst
- comparable results for black hole forming supernovae
- not far off from elastic scattering on electrons

# Sensitivity to the Absolute Neutrino Mass

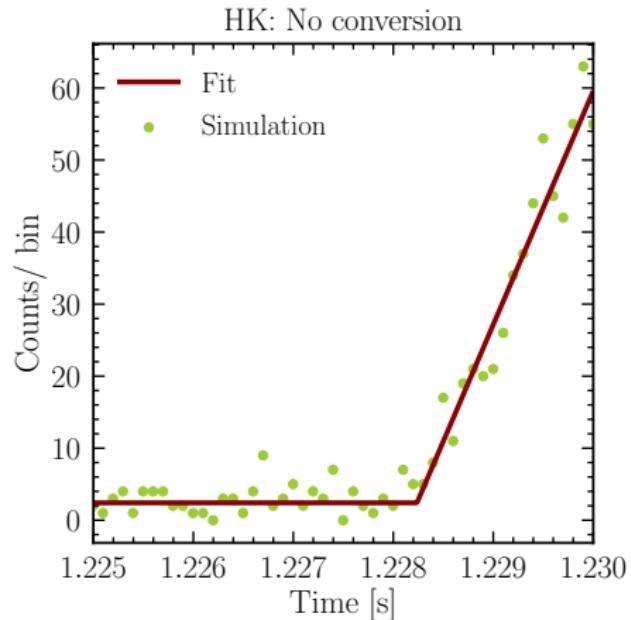
$$\Delta t \approx 5.15 \left( \frac{D}{10 \text{ kpc}} \right) \left( \frac{m_\nu}{1 \text{ eV}} \right)^2 \left( \frac{10 \text{ MeV}}{E_\nu} \right)^2 \text{ ms}$$

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- up to  $\sim 10x$  improvement compared to neutronization burst
- more stringent limits than from the laboratory experiments (0.4 eV)

# Timing the Neutrino Signal



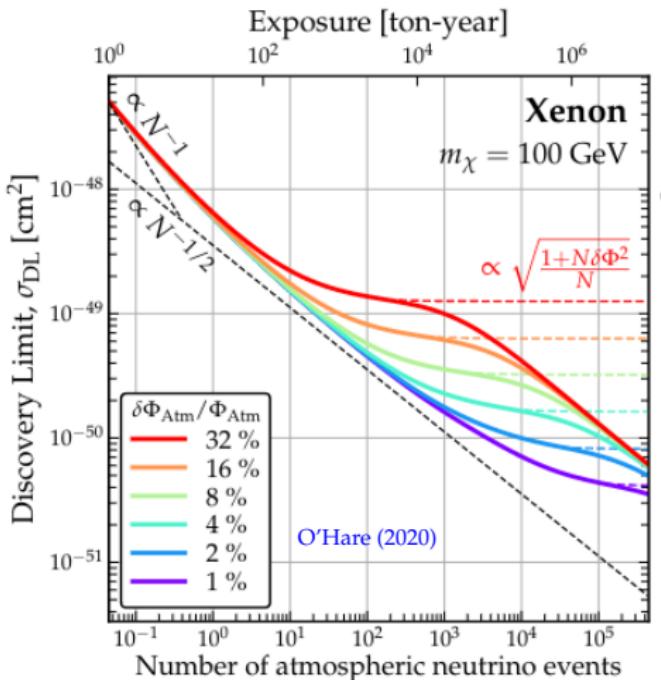
Detectors	No conversion	Full conversion
$B_{ij}$ [ms]		
IC-HK	$-0.32 \pm 0.10$	$-0.32 \pm 0.10$
IC-DUNE	$-0.11 \pm 0.48$	$-0.27 \pm 0.20$
HK-DUNE	$0.22 \pm 0.50$	$0.05 \pm 0.22$
$\delta(\theta_{ij})$ (min, max) [deg]		
IC-HK	(0.30, 5.00)	(0.29, 4.90)
IC-DUNE	(1.00, 10.67)	(0.41, 6.90)
HK-DUNE	(2.27, 12.85)	(1.00, 8.54)
95% C.L. upper limit on $m_\nu$ [eV]		
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DUNE	$0.80^{+0.21}_{-0.29}$	$0.58^{+0.14}_{-0.19}$

$$\Delta t_{ij}^{\text{true}} = \frac{(\mathbf{r}_i - \mathbf{r}_j) \cdot \mathbf{n}}{c} = \frac{D_{ij} \cos \theta}{c}$$

$$R_{\text{exp}} = \begin{cases} R_*, & \text{if } t < t_0 \\ R_* + a(t - t_0), & \text{otherwise} \end{cases},$$

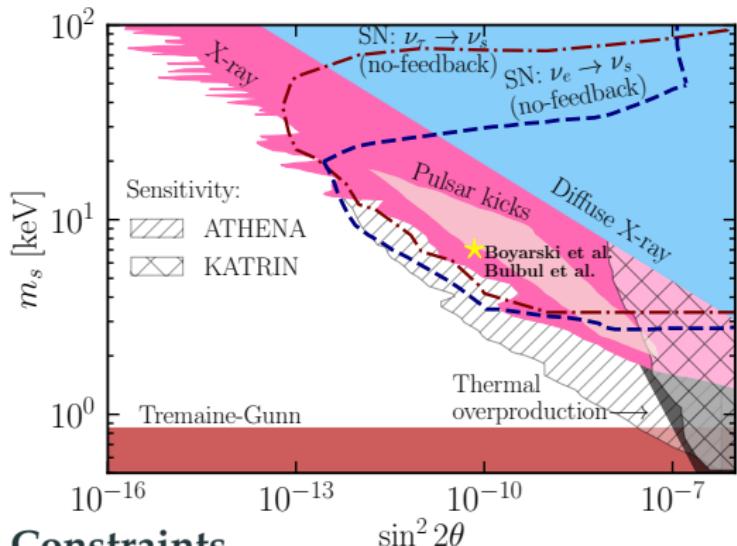
$$\Delta t_{ij}^{\text{measured}} = \Delta t_{ij}^{\text{true}} + B_{ij}$$

# Direct Dark Matter Detection Experiments - Neutrino Fog



- neutrino floor/fog → barrier for dark matter direct detection experiments  
[Vergados & Ejiri \(2008\)](#), [Strigari \(2009\)](#), [Baudis et al. \(2013\)](#), ...
- mitigating uncertainties in the atmospheric neutrinos helps the discovery limits

# 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. \(2014\)](#)

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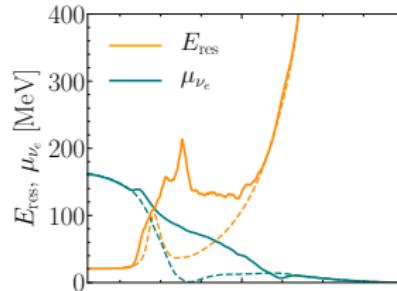
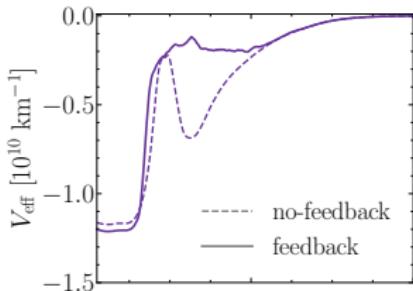
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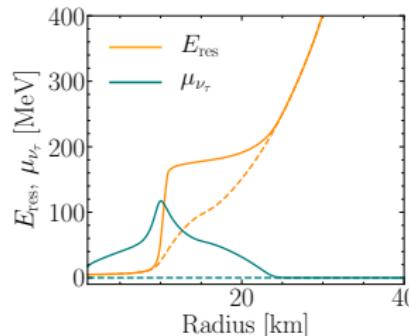
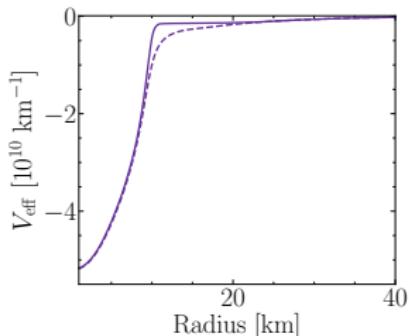
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$\nu_s - \nu_e$  mixing: multiple resonances



1D SN model  
Garching group archive

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



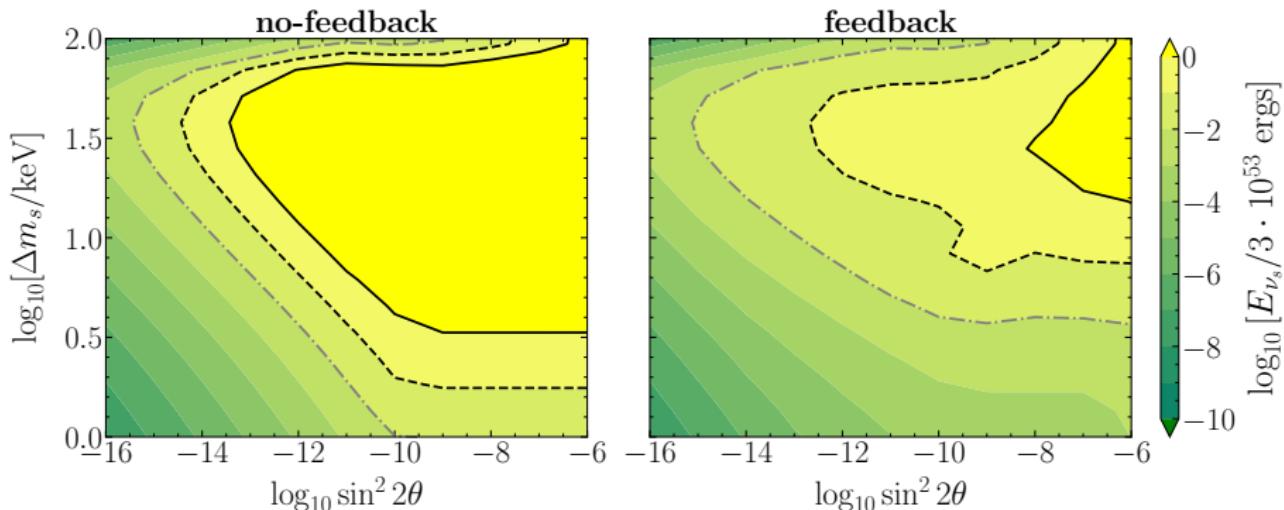
$$E_{\text{res}} = \frac{\cos 2\theta \Delta m_s^2}{2V_{\text{eff}}}$$

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

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

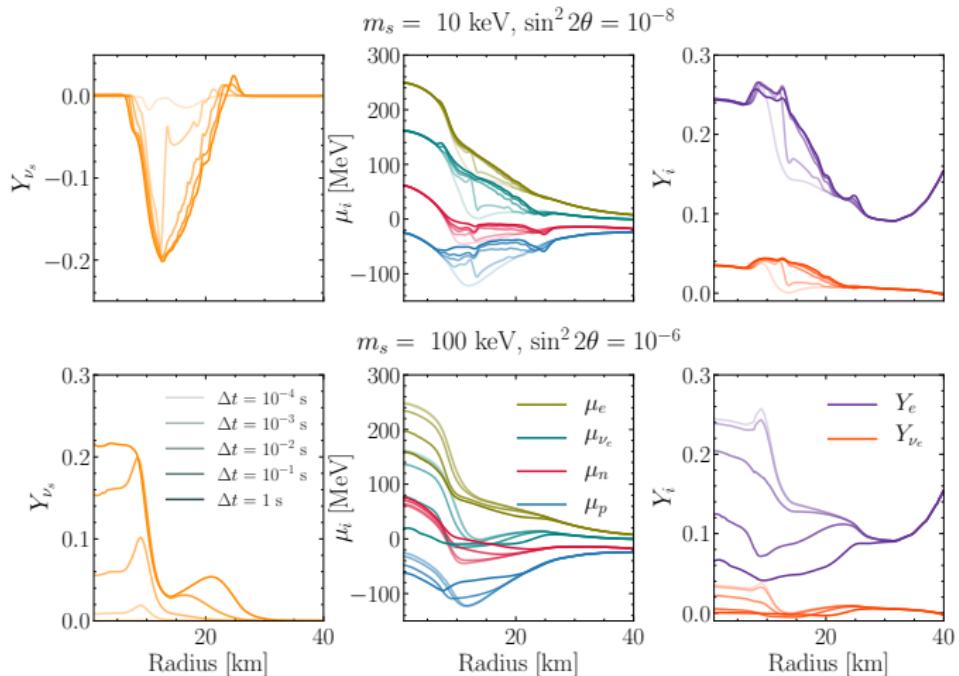
# Supernova bounds on the mixing parameters

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



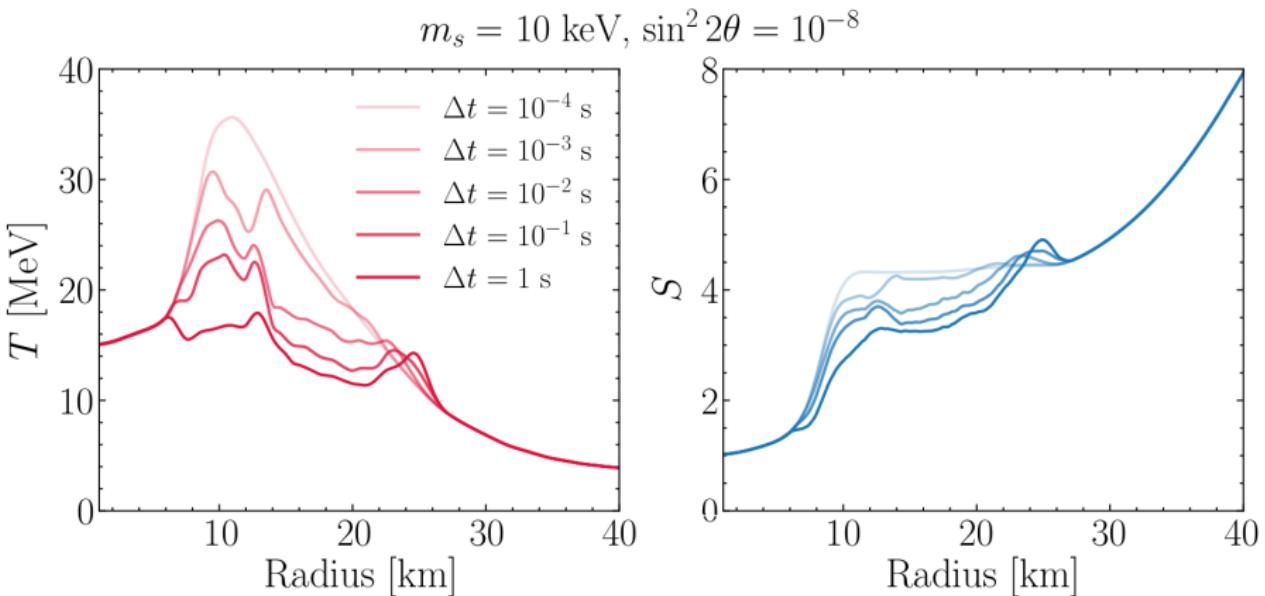
- The inclusion of feedback greatly reduces the excluded region.
- Large region of the parameter space still compatible with SNe

# Radial evolution of the asymmetry



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

# Radial evolution of temperature and entropy per baryon



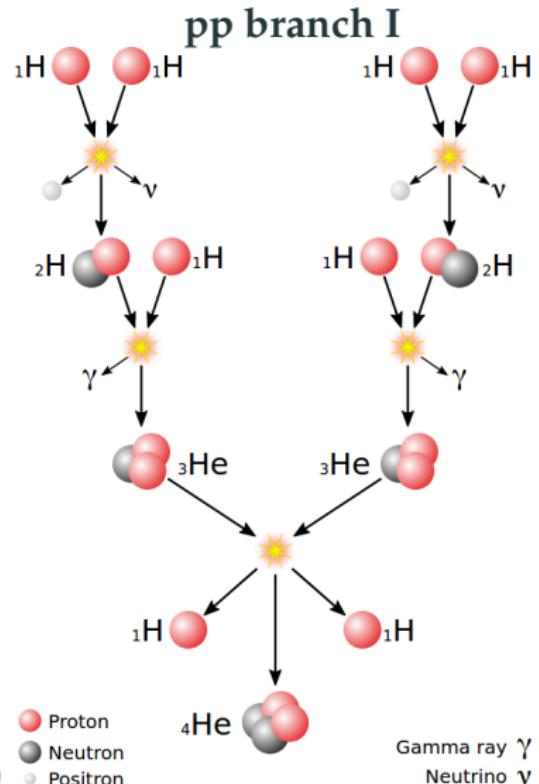
- The  $\nu_s - \nu_e$  mixing induces large variations on
  - the entropy per baryon,
  - the supernova medium temperature.

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

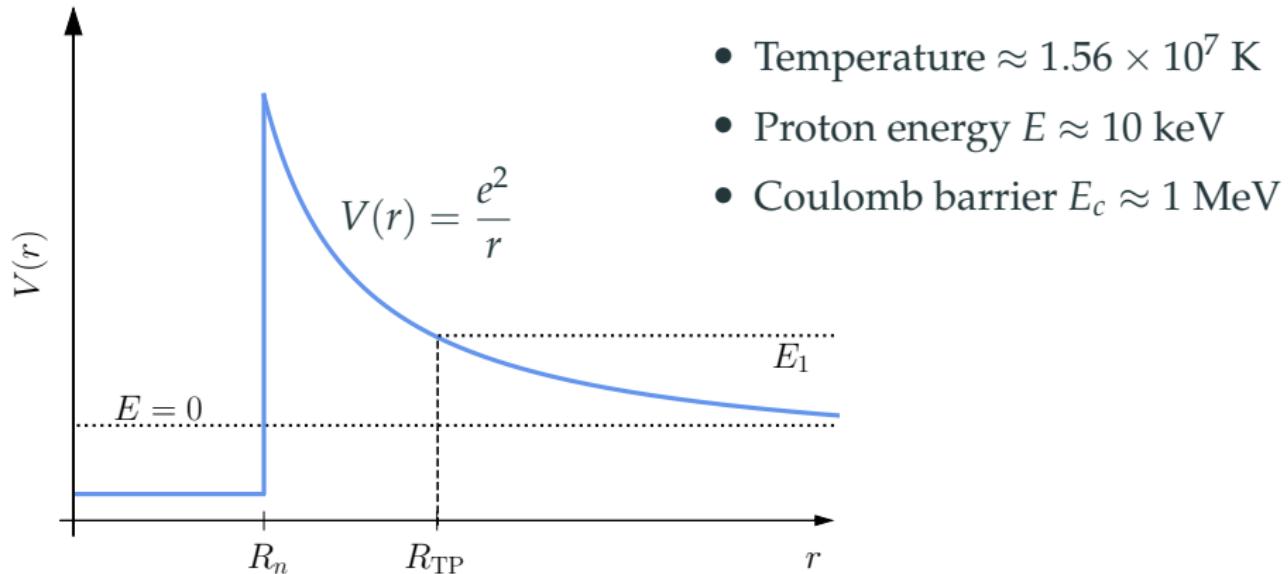


## The Sun

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



# Quantum tunneling through Coulomb barrier



## Coulomb barrier penetration factor

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

Gamow (1928), Condon & Gurney (1929), Clayton (1968)

# Non-standard mediators coupling to protons

vector boson ( $Z'$ )

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scalar ( $\phi$ )

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

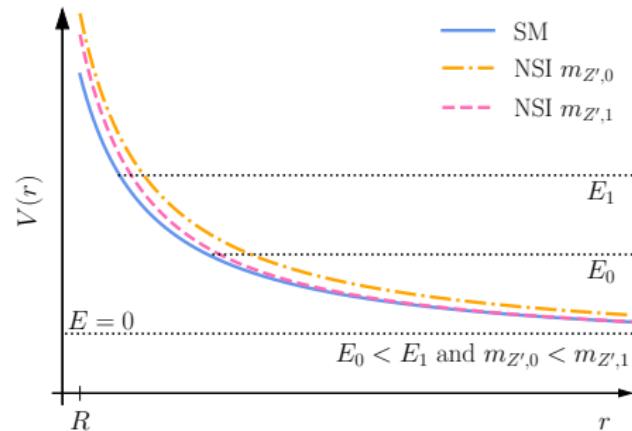
Interaction potential

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

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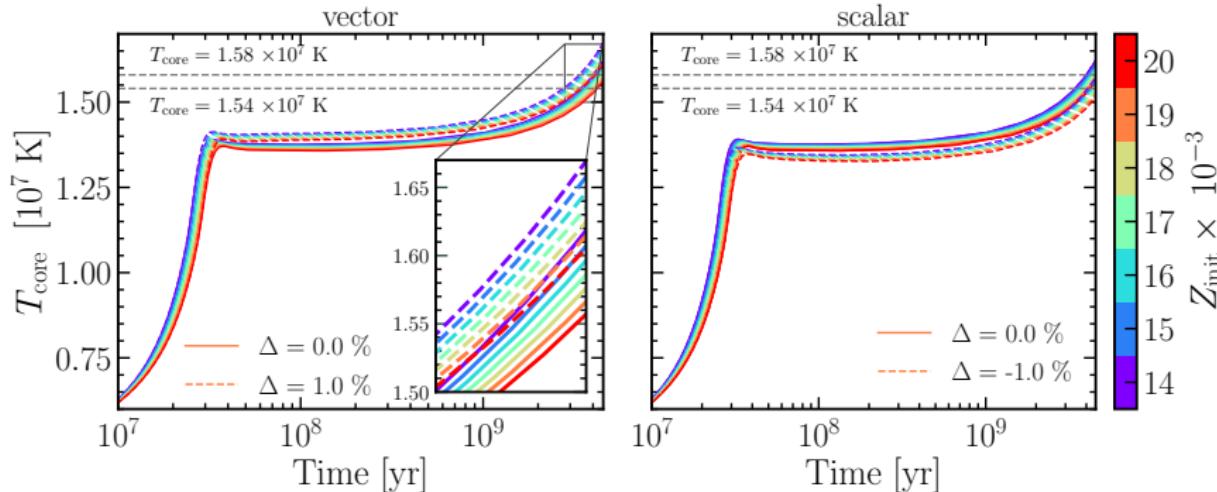
$$\Delta \approx \frac{\left| W_{0,NSI}^{\frac{2}{3}} - W_{0,SM}^{\frac{2}{3}} \right|}{W_{0,SM}^{\frac{2}{3}}}$$



$pp$  interaction rate

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

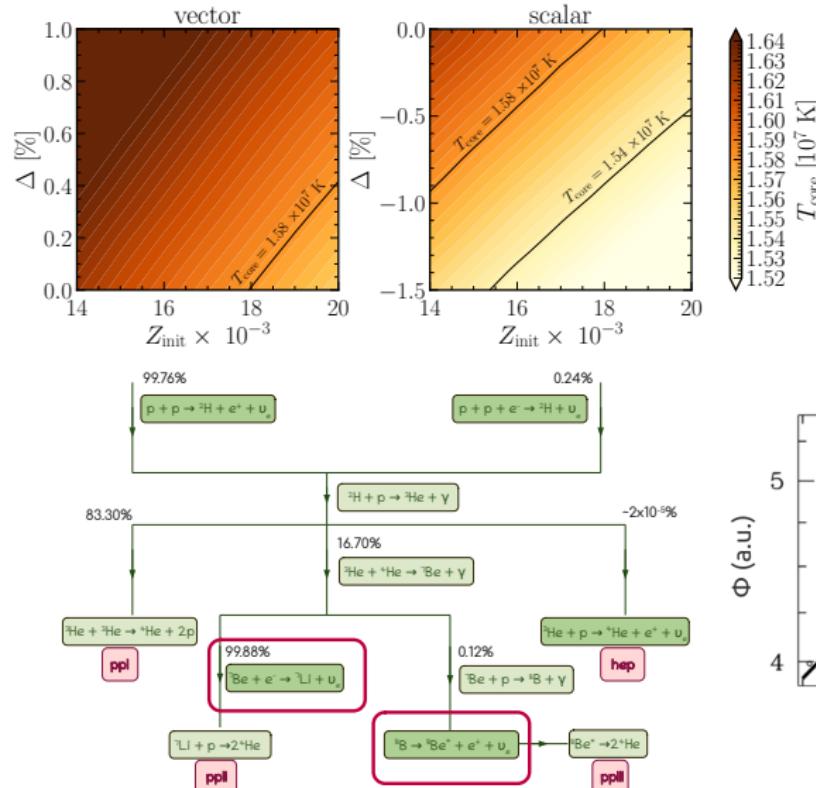
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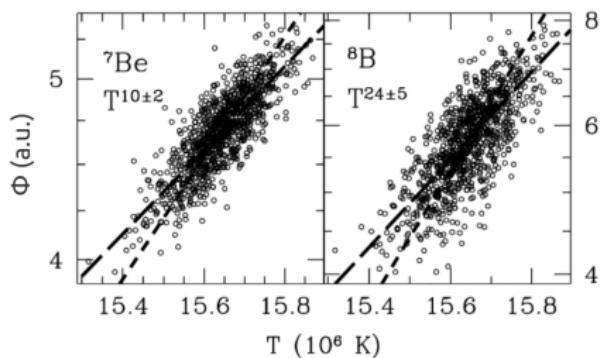
- Modules for Experiments in Stellar Astrophysics *MESA*
- The evolution has been followed until the current solar age
- Changes in the barrier and metallicity due to NSI affect the outcome

# Changes in the solar parameters

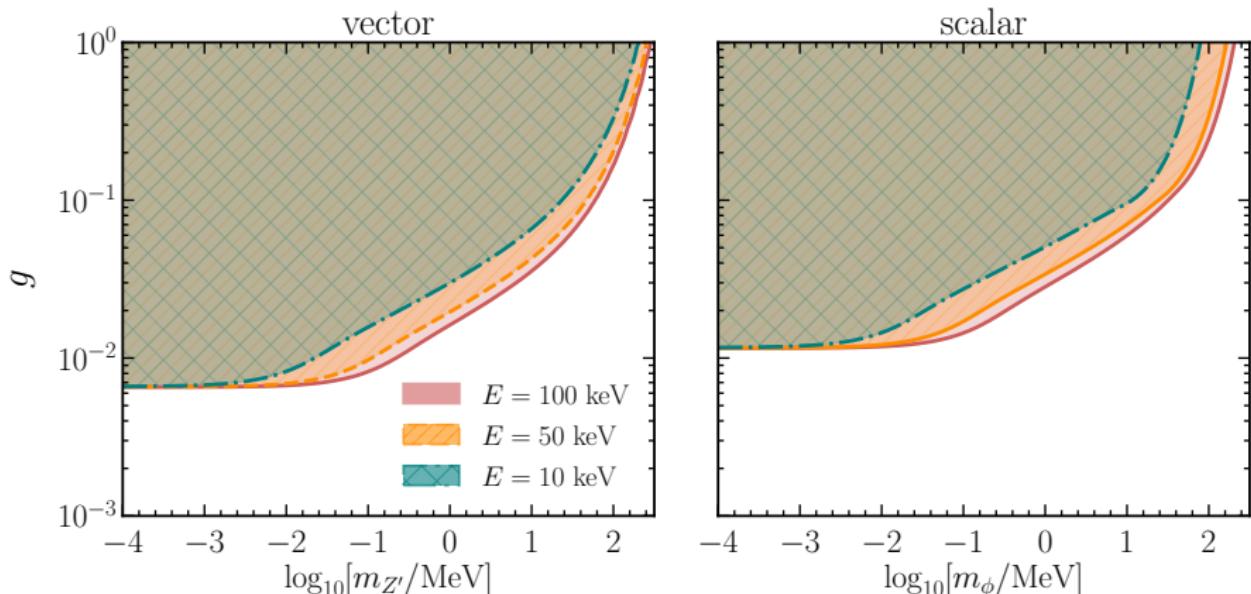
## Sun's core temperature



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



# Sensitivity bounds on the non-standard mediators



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

# Astrophysical neutrino fluxes

## Supernova neutrinos

- large flux for Galactic SN
- transient event

## Solar neutrinos

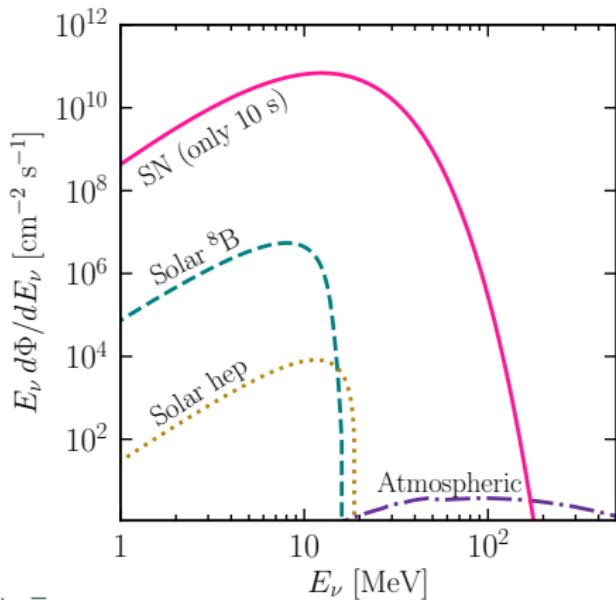


- neutrino energies up to  $\sim 15$  MeV

## Atmospheric neutrinos



- the highest neutrino energies among the considered sources
- small normalization



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Lagrangian terms

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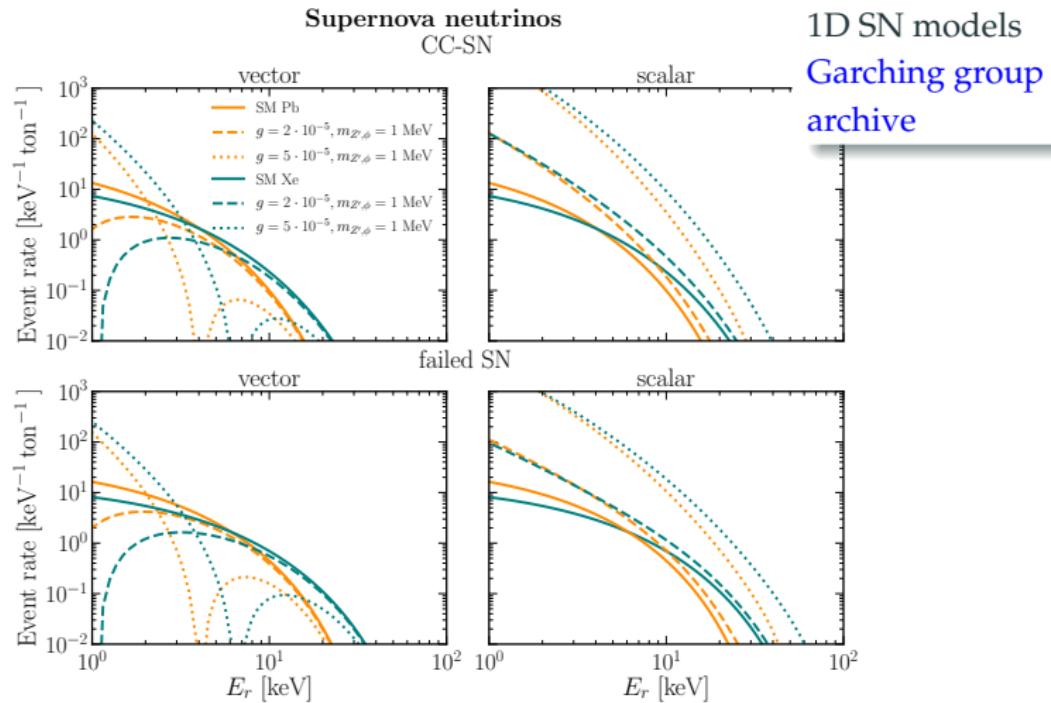
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$$\xi = -\frac{Q_w}{2} + \frac{g_{\nu,Z'} Q'_w}{\sqrt{2} G_F (2 m_T E_r + m_{Z'}^2)}$$

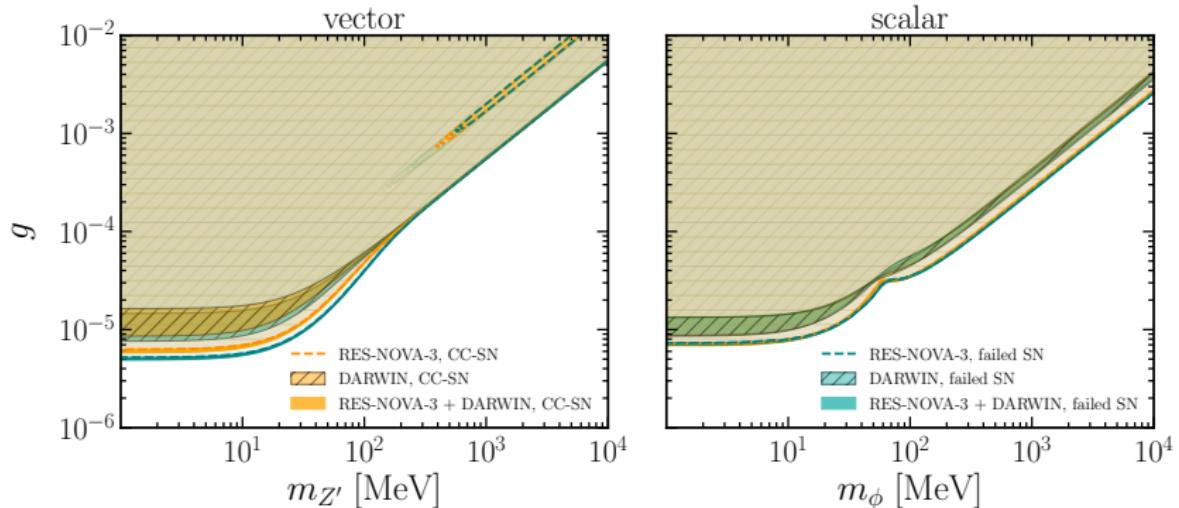
$$\frac{d\sigma_\phi}{dE_r} = \frac{(g_{\nu,\phi} g_{q,\phi} Q_s)^2}{2\pi (2 E_r m_T + m_\phi^2)^2} \frac{m_T^2 E_r}{2 E_\nu^2} F^2(Q)$$

# Event rates for supernova neutrinos



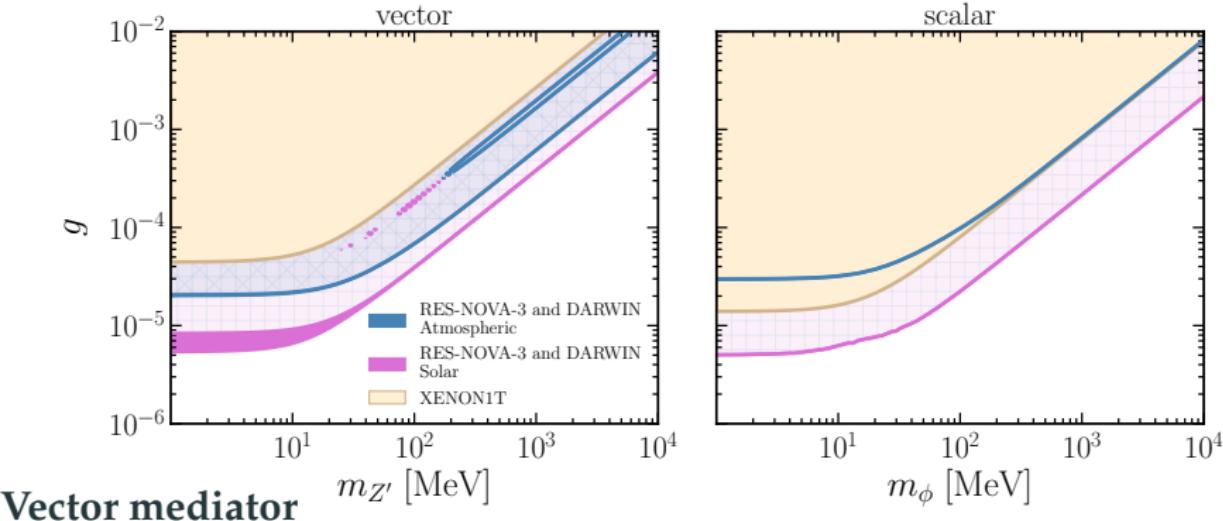
- Failed SN: hotter neutrino spectrum → longer recoil spectrum
- Heavier target: higher number of events but shorter recoil spectrum

# Sensitivity bounds: supernova neutrinos



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

# Sensitivity bounds: solar and atmospheric neutrinos

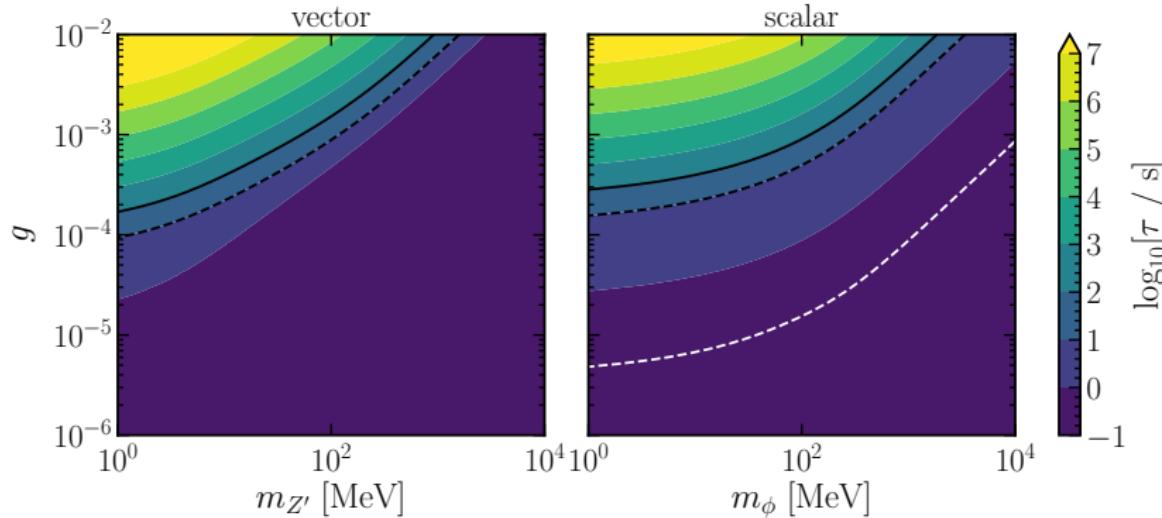


- Solar neutrinos: bounds driven by Xe based detector
- Atmospheric neutrinos: bounds driven by Pb detector

## Scalar mediator

- Bounds driven by Pb detector

# 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

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

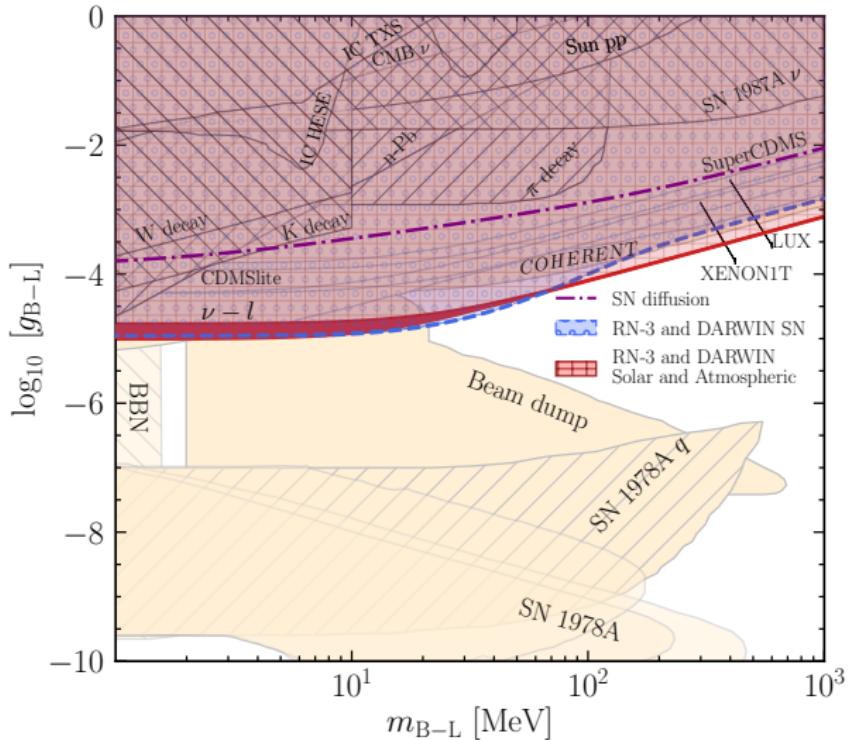
- diffusion time

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

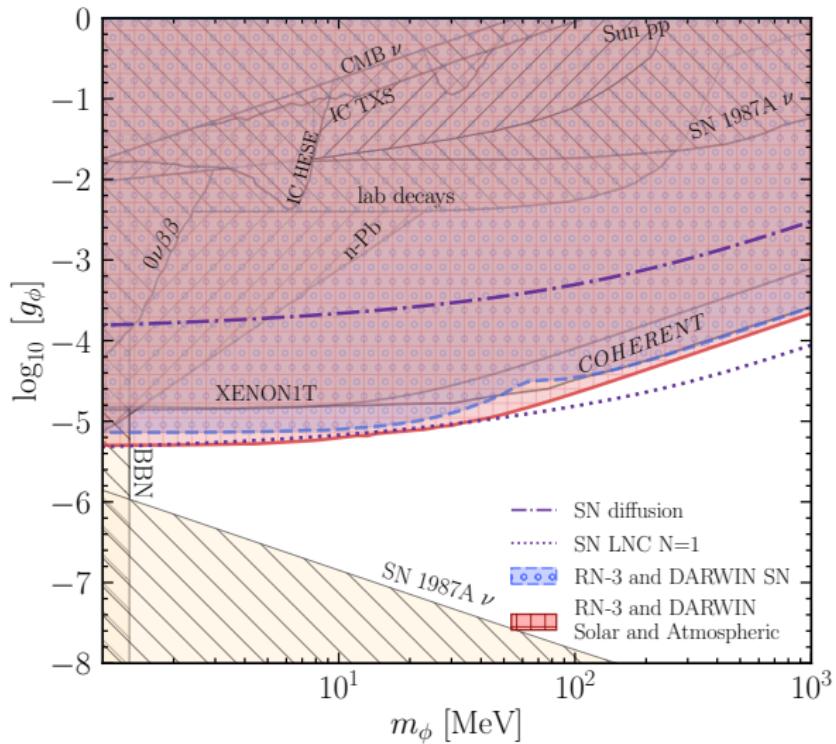
$$R_1 = 10 \text{ km}$$

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

# Comparison of limits from specific new physics models

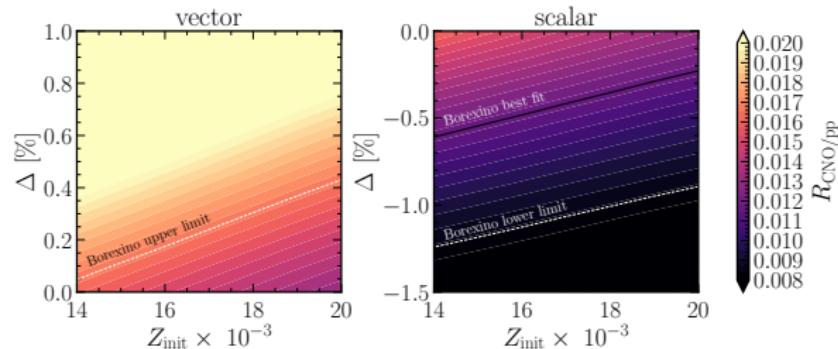


# Comparison of limits from specific new physics models



# Changes in the solar parameters

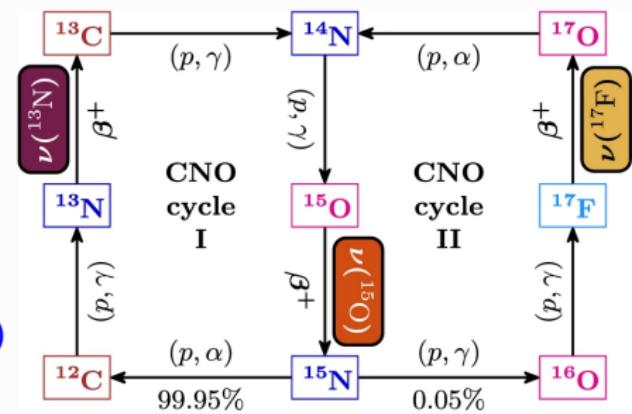
## CNO to $pp$ ratio, $R_{\text{CNO}/\text{pp}}$



- $R_{\text{CNO}/\text{pp}}$  – 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 of the results

## Bottlenecks:

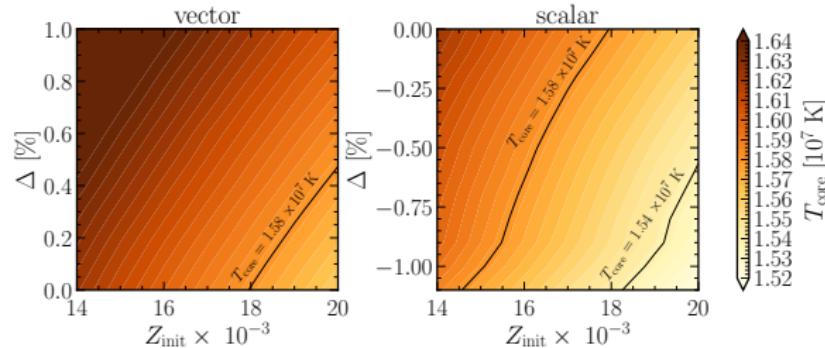
- pp-chain:  $p + p \rightarrow D + \nu_e + e^+$   
easy to calculate, not measured
- CNO cycle:  $p + {}^{14}\text{N} \rightarrow {}^{15}\text{O} + \gamma$   
not calculated exactly yet, possible to measure

## Question marks in the extrapolated cross section

- measurements at higher energies than in the solar interior
- extrapolation procedures
- plagued by high uncertainty  $\mathcal{O}(10)\%$

# Changes in the solar parameters

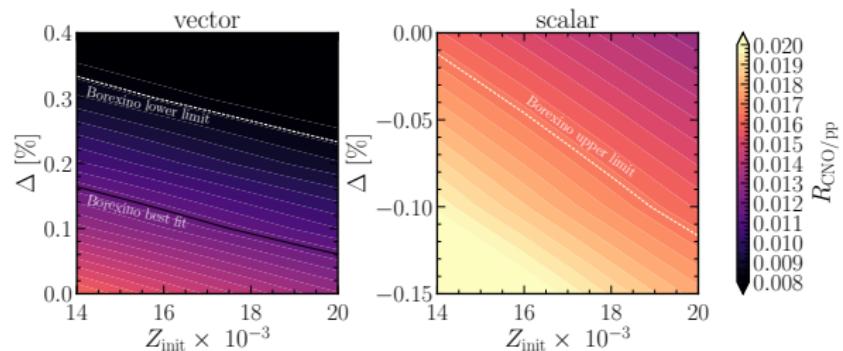
## Sun's core temperature



- **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



# Limits from SN1987A on $\nu_x$

