



# Towards Probing the Diffuse Supernova Neutrino Background in All Flavors

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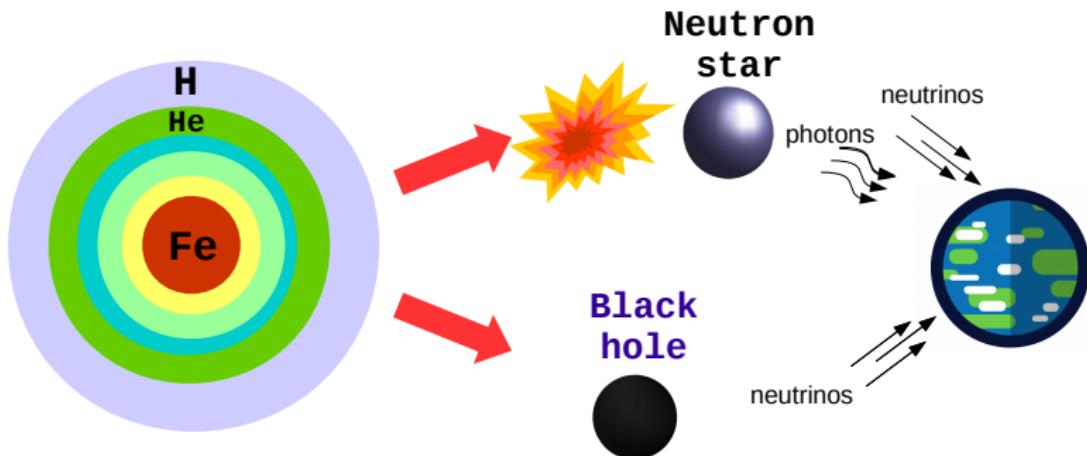
# **Neutrinos and core-collapse supernovae**

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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



Earth image: Kurzgesagt

# 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 (SK, JUNO, XENON, PandaX...)

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

- explosion mechanism  
[H. Bethe & J. Wilson \(1985\),  
T. Fischer et al. \(2011\)...](#)
- yields of heavy elements  
[S. Woosley et al. \(1994\),  
S. Curtis et al. \(2018\)...](#)
- compact object formation  
[M. Warren et al. \(2019\),  
S. Li, J. F. Beacom et al. \(2020\)...](#)
- neutrino mixing  
[H. Duan et al. \(2010\),  
I. Tamborra & S. Shalgar \(2020\)...](#)
- non-standard physics  
[A. de Gouvêa et al. \(2019\),  
Suliga et al. \(2020\)...](#)

**Why focus only on a single rare event?**

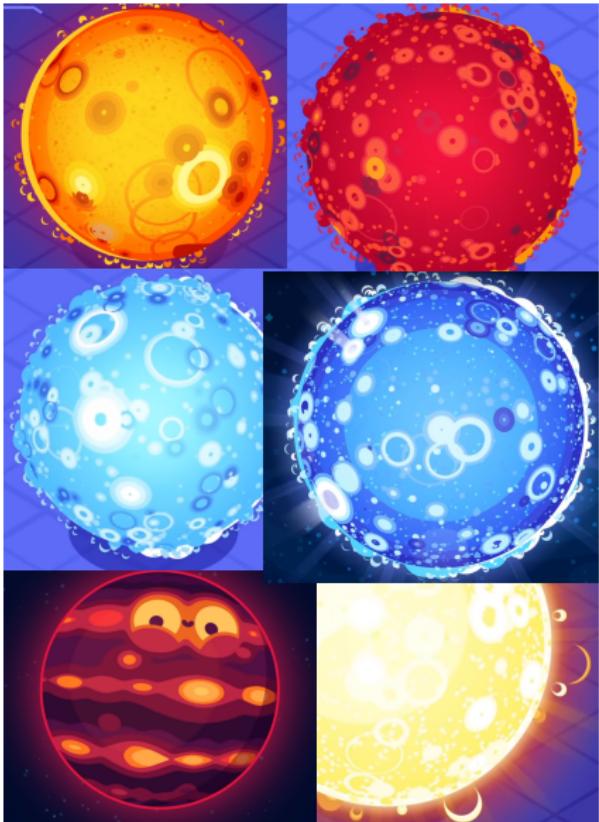
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# Single event vs. multiple events



## Single galactic SN event

- rare event
- precise information about one star



# Diffuse supernova neutrino background

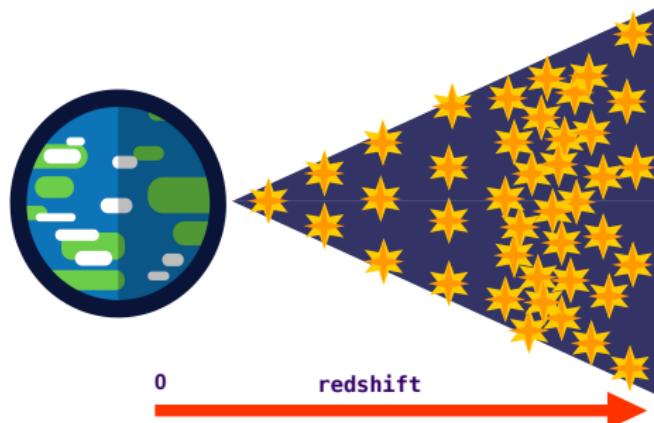
$$\Phi_{\nu_\beta}(E) = \frac{c}{H_0} \int dM \int dz \frac{R_{\text{SN}}(z, M)}{\sqrt{\Omega_M(1+z)^3 + \Omega_\Lambda}} [f_{\text{CC-SN}} F_{\nu_\beta, \text{CC-SN}}(E', M) + f_{\text{BH-SN}} F_{\nu_\beta, \text{BH-SN}}(E', M)]$$

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

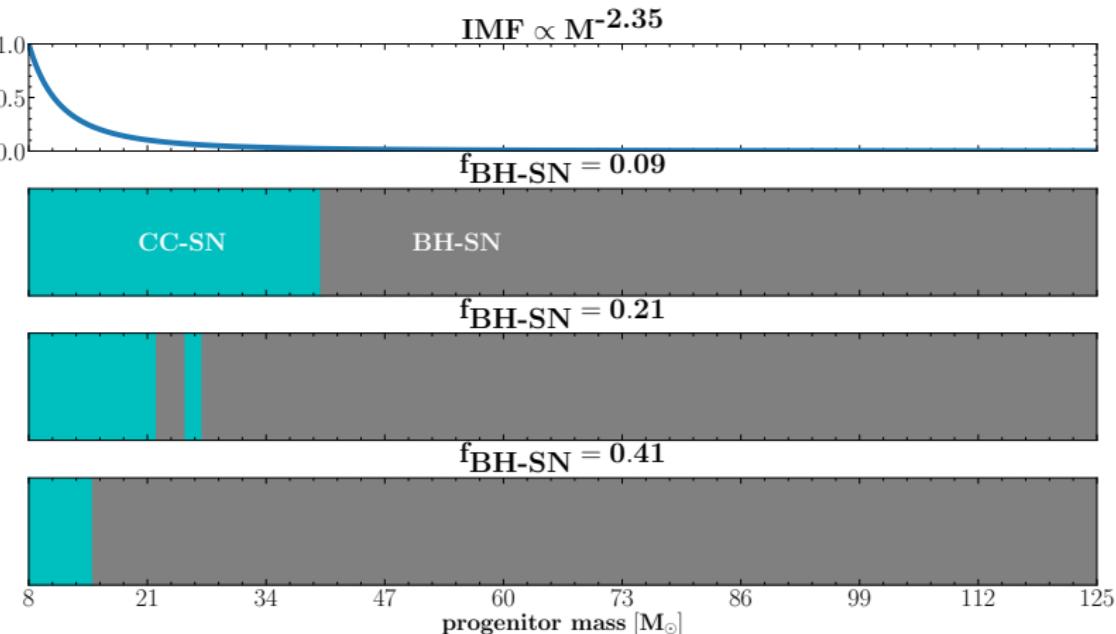


Guseinov (1967), Totani et al. (2009), Ando, Sato (2004), Lunardini (2009), Beacom (2010), Lunardini, Tamborra (2012), Møller, Suliga et al. (2018), Kresse et al. (2020)...

## Astrophysical uncertainties

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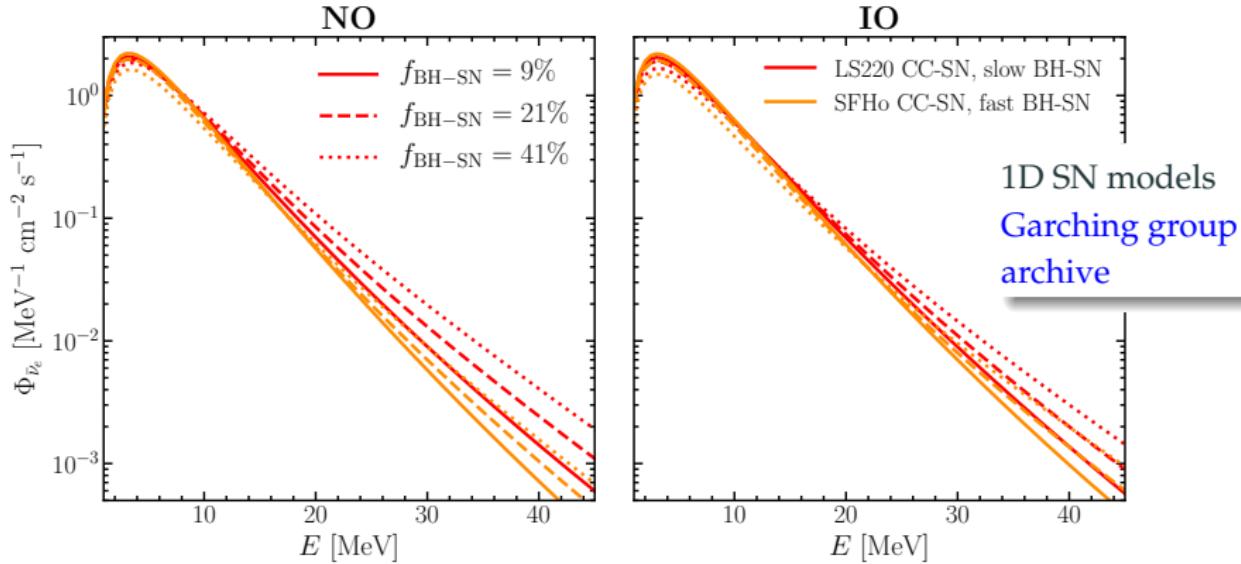
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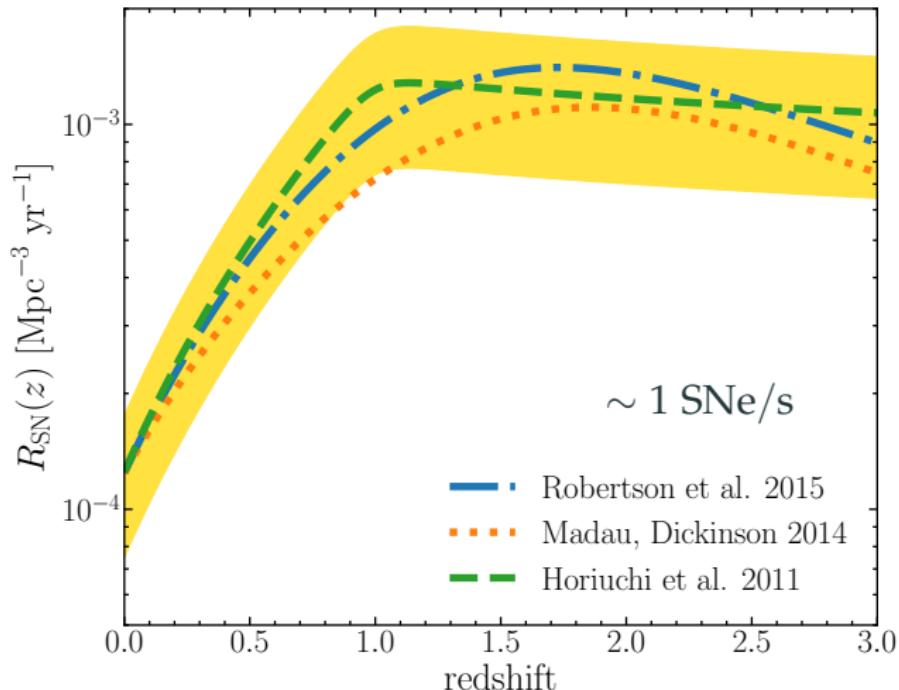
Ertl et al. 2015, Sukhbold et al. 2015, Adams et al. 2016, Heger et al. 2001,  
Kochanek et al. 2001, Basinger et al. 2020, ...

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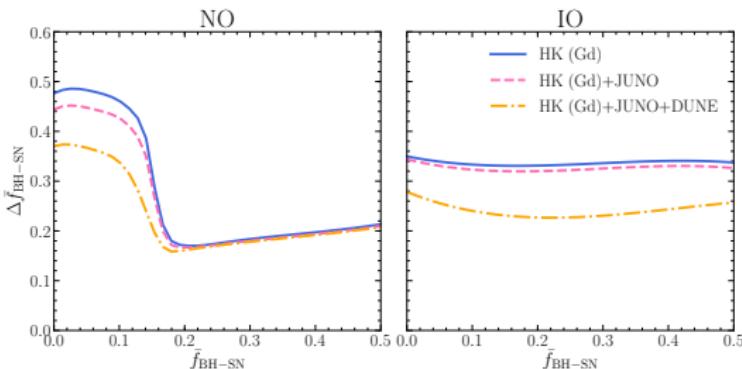
# Cosmological supernovae rate



The supernovae rate influences the normalization of the DSNB.

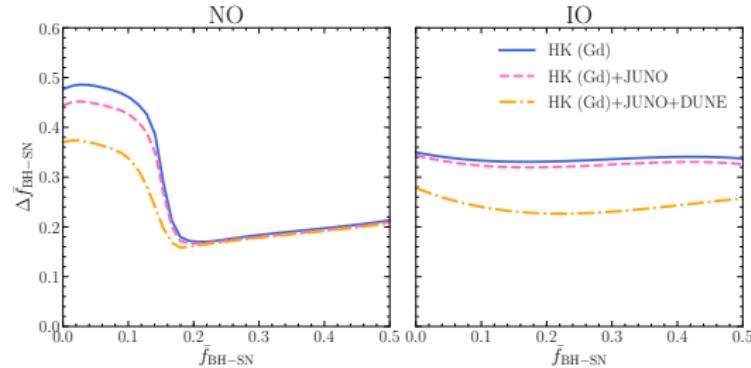
Ando, Sato (2004), Beacom (2010), Horiuchi et al. (2011), Møller, Suliga et al. (2018), Nakazato et al. (2018), ...

# Expected $1\sigma$ uncertainty: fraction of BH forming progenitors



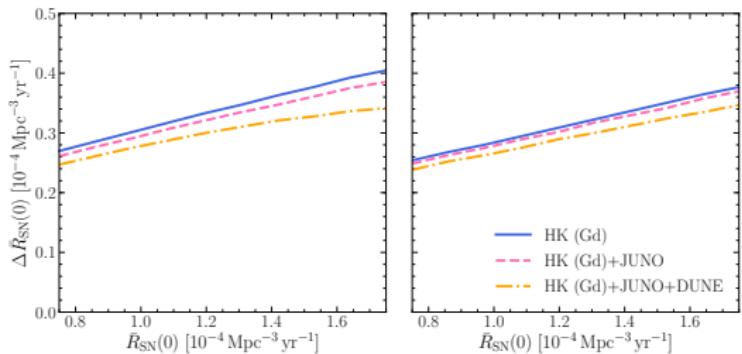
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- Relative error of 20%-33% independent of the mass ordering.



## **BSM scenarios affecting DSNB**

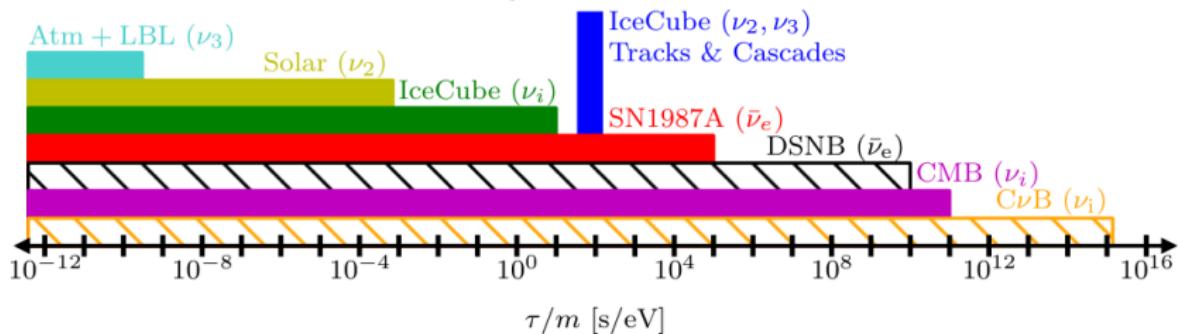
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# Neutrino decay

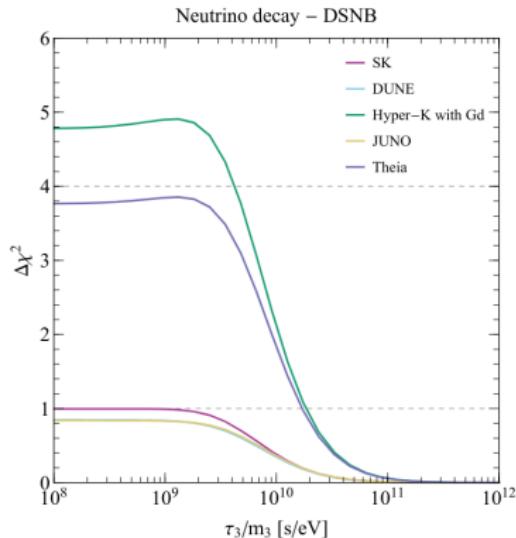
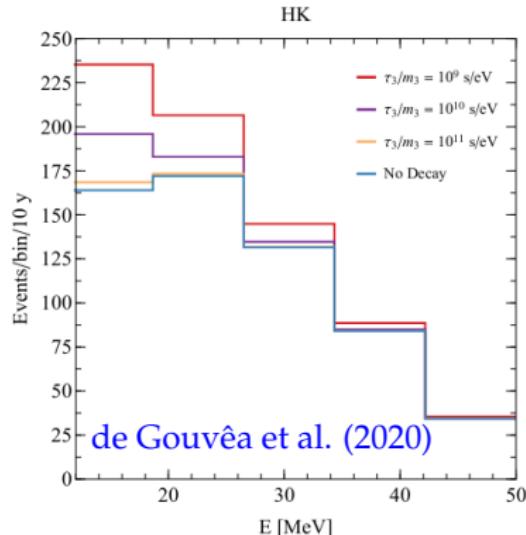
Active neutrinos are massive and masses are not identical

- SM decays are loop suppressed
- lifetimes  $\gg$  age of the Universe

If neutrinos have BSM interactions they can decay faster



# Neutrino decay: impact on DSNB

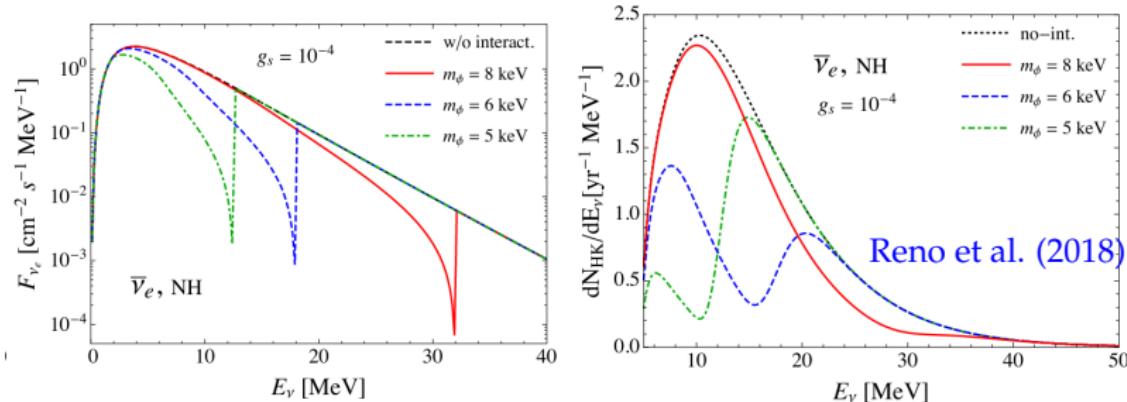


Exact detector features depend on

- Mass ordering
- Dirac vs Majorana nature
- details of the BSM model

Ando et al. 2003, Ando et al. 2003, Fogli et al. 2004, de Gouv  a et al. 2020

# Secret neutrino interactions: impact on DSNB



## DSNB interactions with

- cosmic relic neutrinos

Goldberg et al. (2005), Baker et al. (2007), Reno et al. (2018)

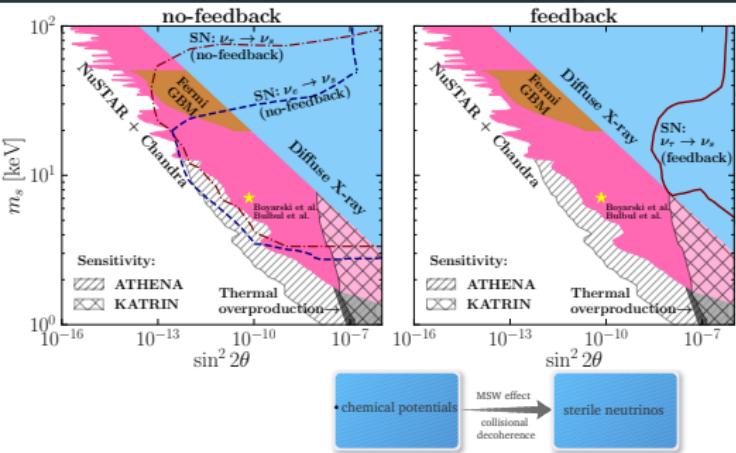
- dark matter Farzan, Palomares-Ruiz (2014)

result in spectral features in DSNB

# **BSM impacting neutrinos inside CCSN**

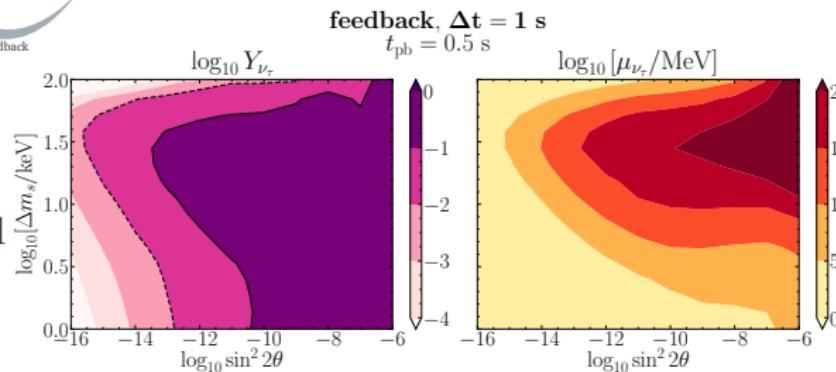
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# KeV sterile neutrinos

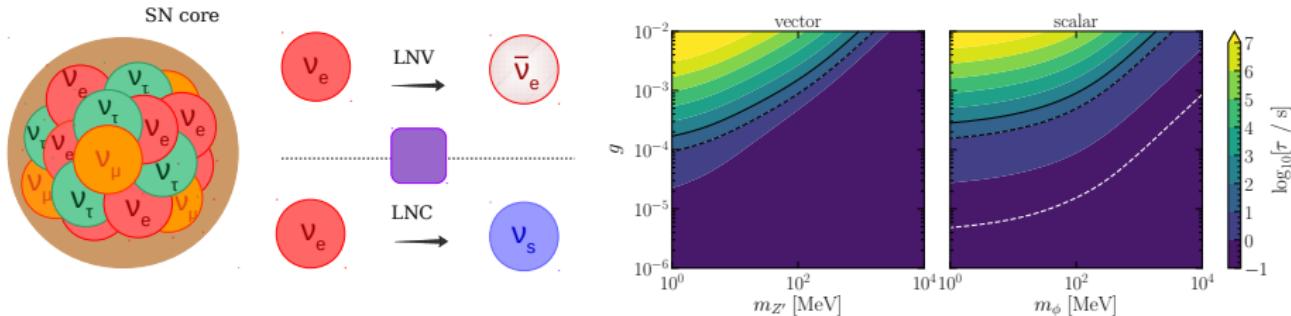


- The inclusion of feedback: reduction of the excluded region
- CC-SNe cannot exclude any region in the DM parameter space

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



# Non-standard coherent scattering in the supernova core



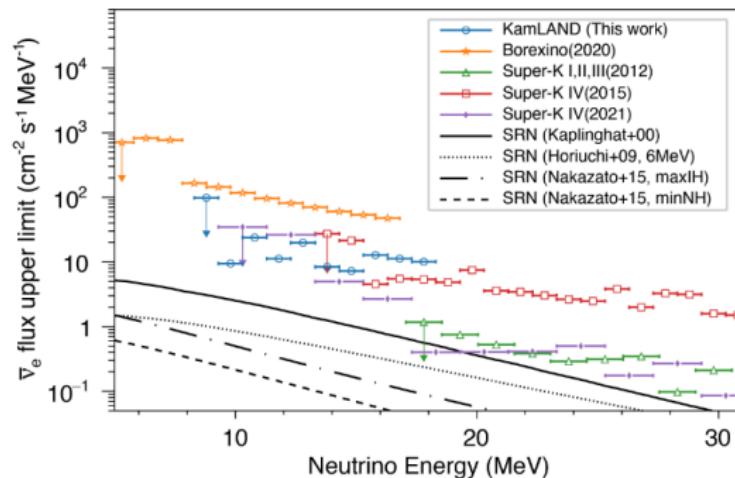
- prolonged diffusion time → possible change in the star's fate
- prolonged diffusion time → changed duration of the neutrino signal
- LNC scalar mediator → new cooling channel due to  $\nu_R$

## Current limits on the DSNB

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# Diffuse supernova neutrino background: current limits

Abe et al. (2021)



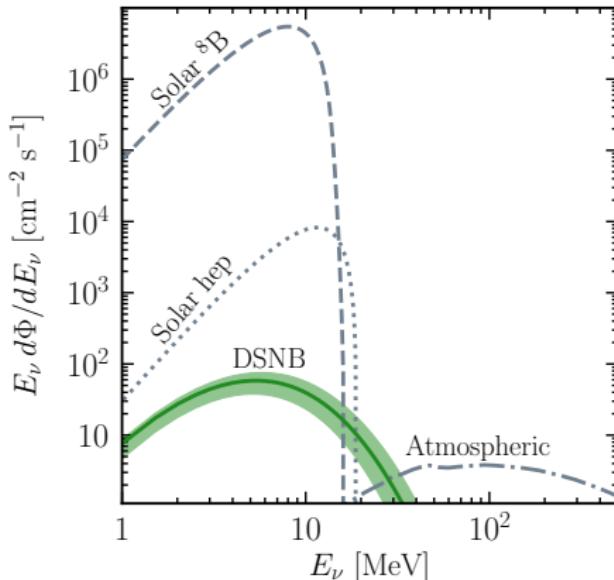
## DSNB limits:

- $\bar{\nu}_e \approx 3 \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$  for  $E_\nu > 17.3 \text{ MeV}$  Giampaolo et al. (2021), SK collab. (2021)  
soon detected by SK (Gd) Beacom, Vagins (2004) and JUNO JUNO collab. (2021)
- $\nu_e \approx 19 \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$  for  $E_\nu \in [22.9, 36.9 \text{ MeV}]$  Mastbaum et al. (2020)  
possibly detectable by DUNE Zhu et al. (2019)

Can we detect the  $x$ -flavor DSNB?

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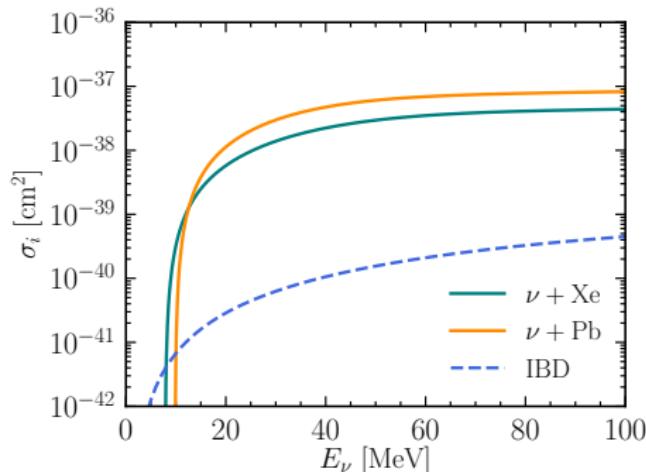
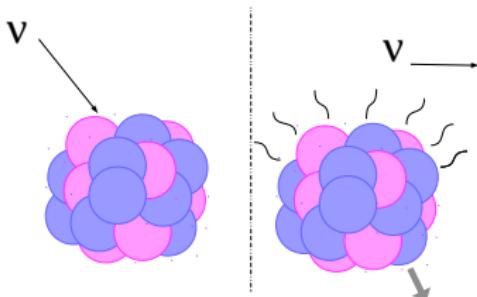
# Can we detect the $\chi$ -flavor DSNB? Maybe



DSNB modeling:  
Møller, Suliga,  
Tamborra, Denton  
(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

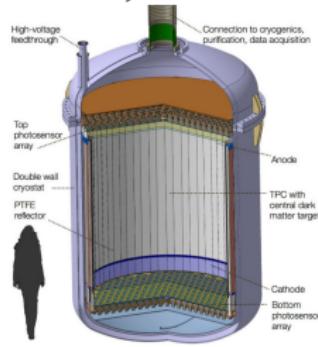
$$\frac{d\sigma_{\text{SM}}}{dE_r} = \frac{G_F^2 m_T}{4\pi} Q_w^2 \left(1 - \frac{m_T E_r}{2 E_\nu^2}\right) F^2(Q), \quad Q_w = [N - Z(1 - 4 \sin^2 \theta_W)]$$

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

Freedman (1974)

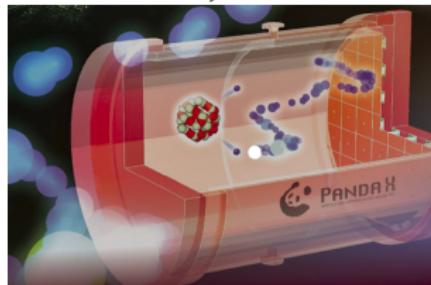
# Current and future CE $\nu$ NS detectors

## XENONnT, DARWIN



Aalbers et al. 2016

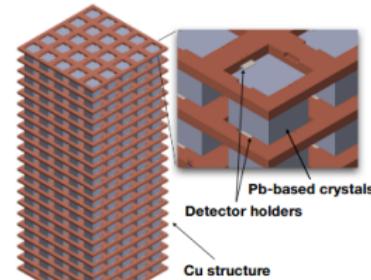
## PandaX-4T, PandaX-xT



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

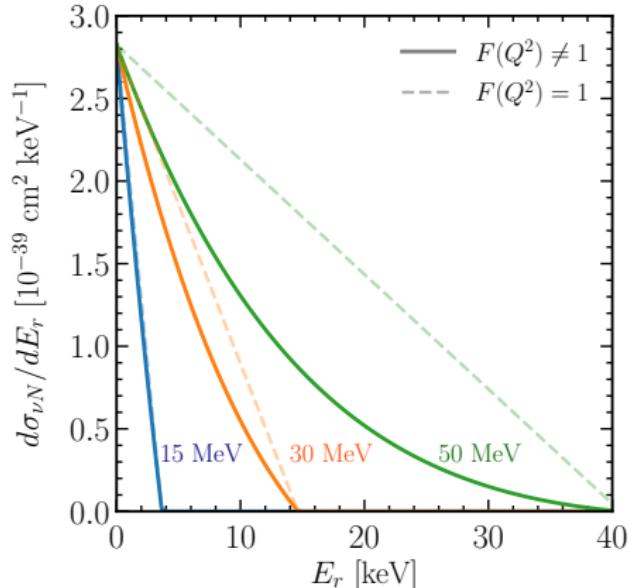
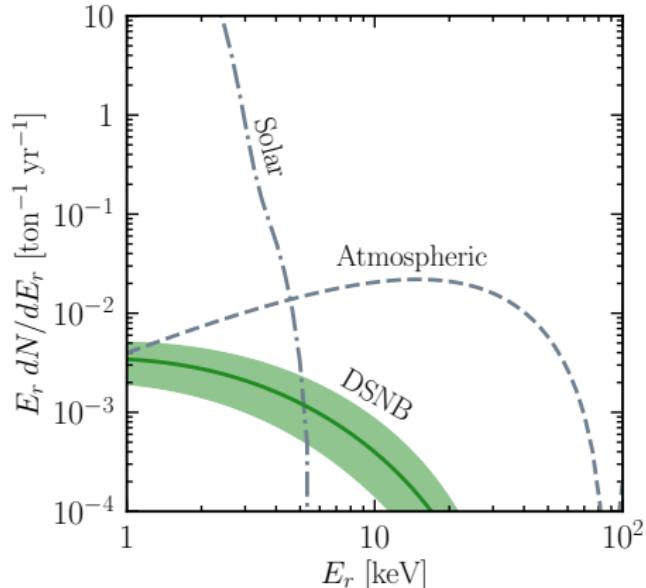
**thresholds:**  $\mathcal{O}(1)$  keV

**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

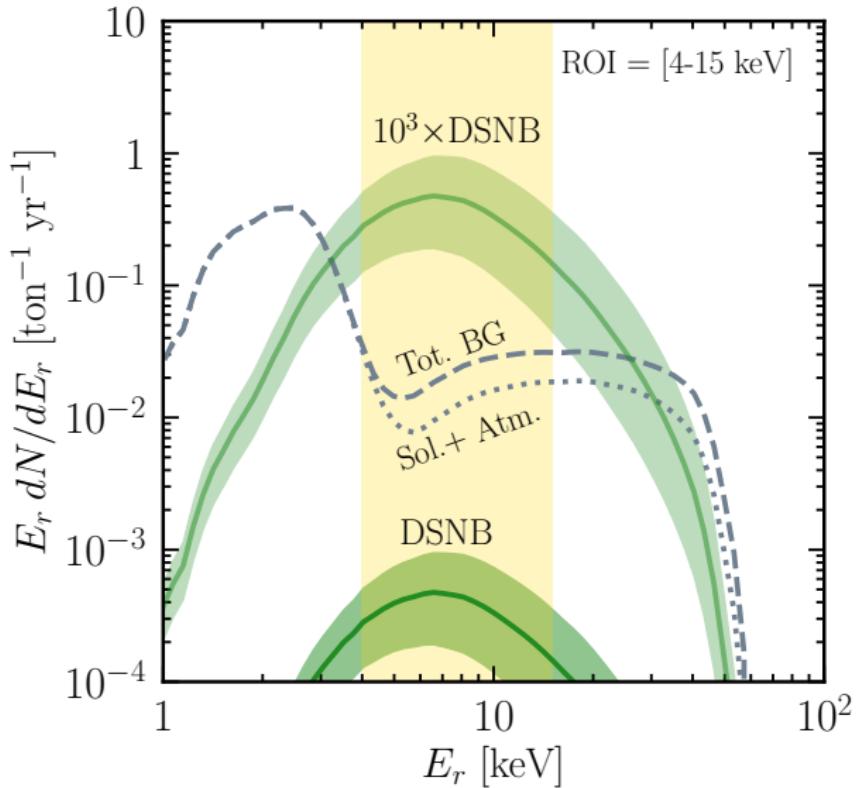


- The potential energy window displayed by the bare fluxes disappears
- Reason: Low energy recoils are most probable for all neutrino energies
- Detection of the  $x$ -flavor DSNB seems out of reach, BUT...

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

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# YES: Scaled event rate in the xenon-based detector

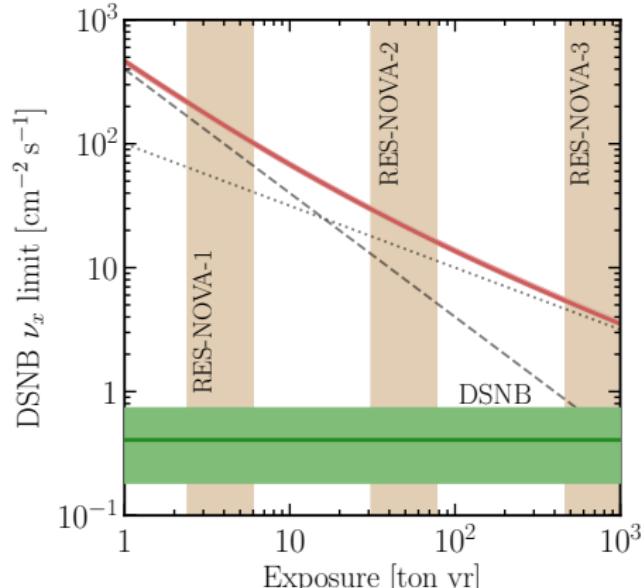
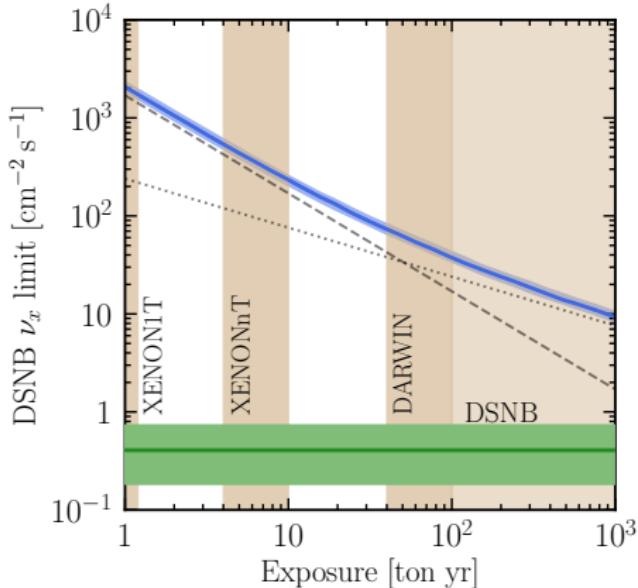


- Potential for an improvement by  $\gtrsim 1 - 2$  orders of magnitude

# Sensitivity bounds on the $x$ -flavor DSNB

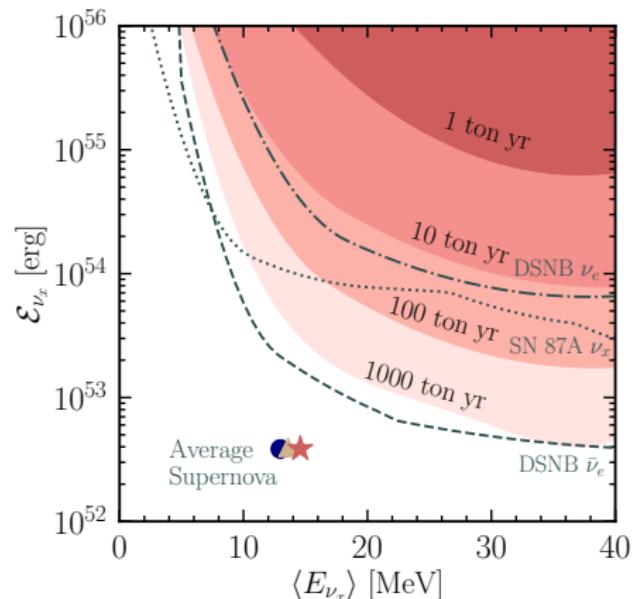
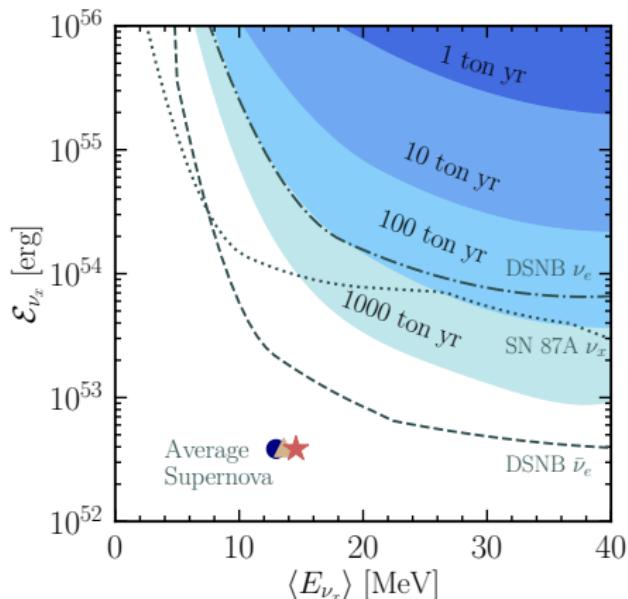
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# Sensitivity bounds on the normalization of the x-flavor DSNB



- 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  $\nu_x$
- 1000 ton yr: limits comparable with current SK limit on  $\bar{\nu}_e$  DSNB

## Conclusions

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## Diffuse supernova neutrino background

- $\bar{\nu}_e$ : soon to be detected by SK + Gd, JUNO
- $\nu_e$ : possibly detectable by DUNE
- $\nu_x$ :
  - XENON1T, PandaX-4T yield similar limits to the one from SK
  - CE $\nu$ NS detectors can improve the existing limits  $\gtrsim 100$

## Improved limits on the $x$ -flavor DSNB

- help us to rule out potential non-standard scenarios
- bring us closer to understanding the supernova physics

Thank you for the attention!