

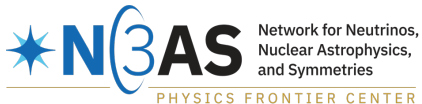
# Core-collapse supernovae as probes of (not only) non-standard neutrino physics

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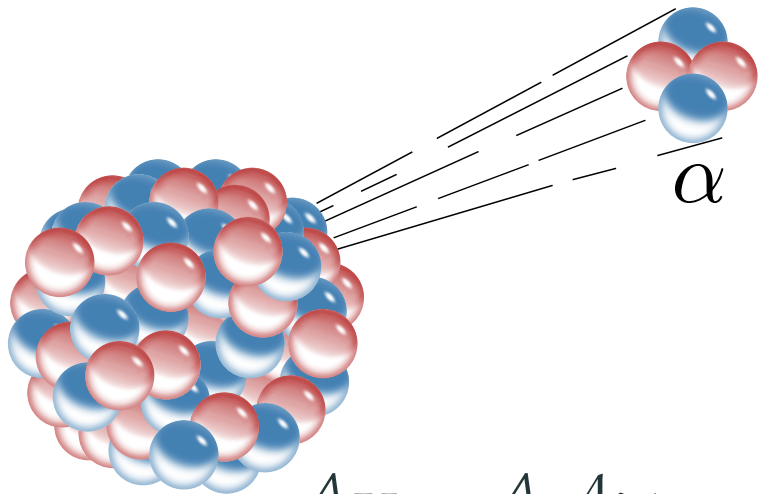
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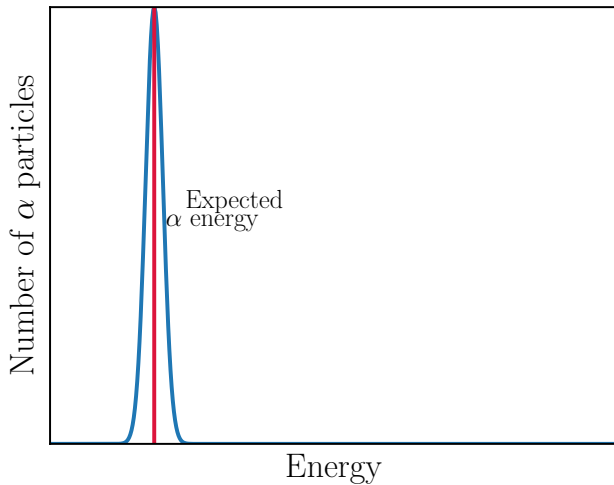
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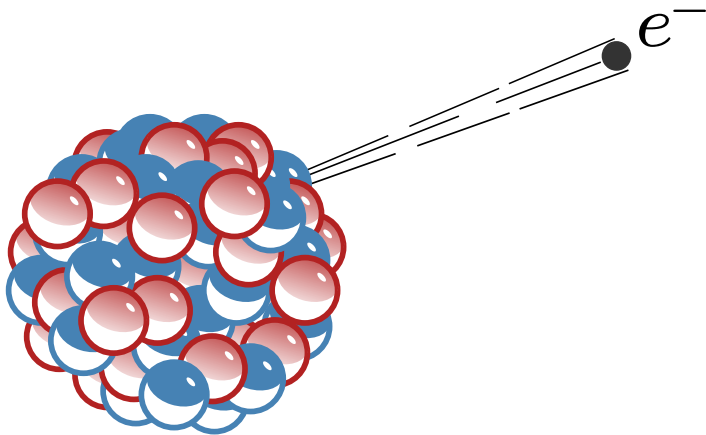
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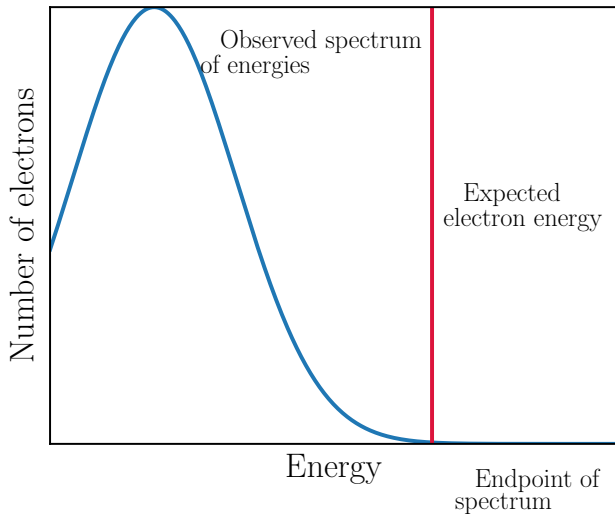
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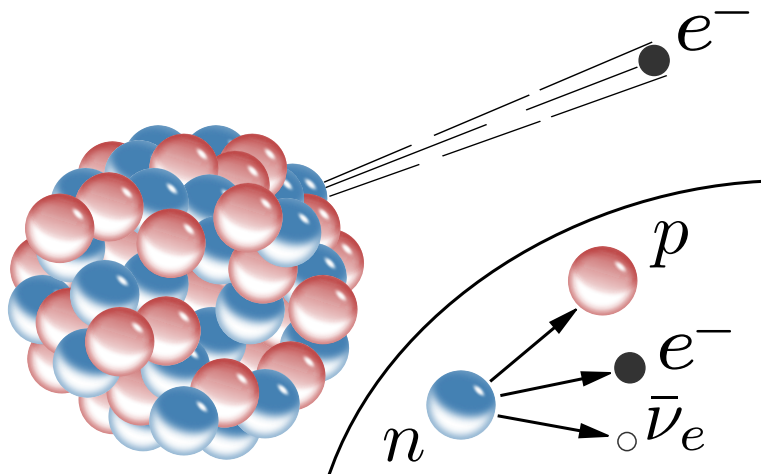


# Beta decay - spectrum



Ellis, Chadwick, Mott (1920-1927)

# Beta decay - explanation of the spectra



Pauli (1930),  
Beta+ decay Joliot, Joliot-Curie (1934)

**How to detect a ghost?**

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# Neutrino factories



[Kurzesagt, Wikipedia](#)

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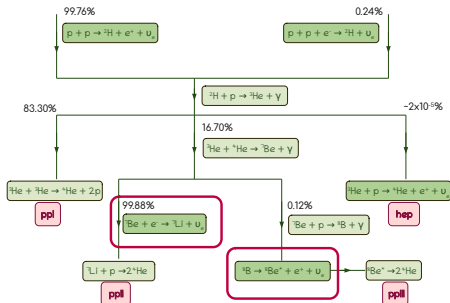
# Homestake experiment - solar neutrino detector

Bahcall (1964), Davis(1964)



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## pp-chain



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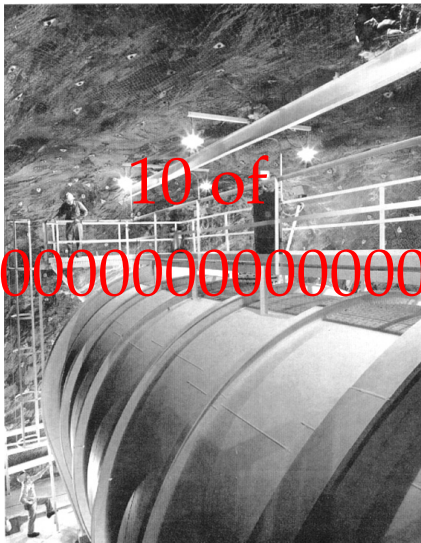


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mass states  
 $\neq$  flavor  
states

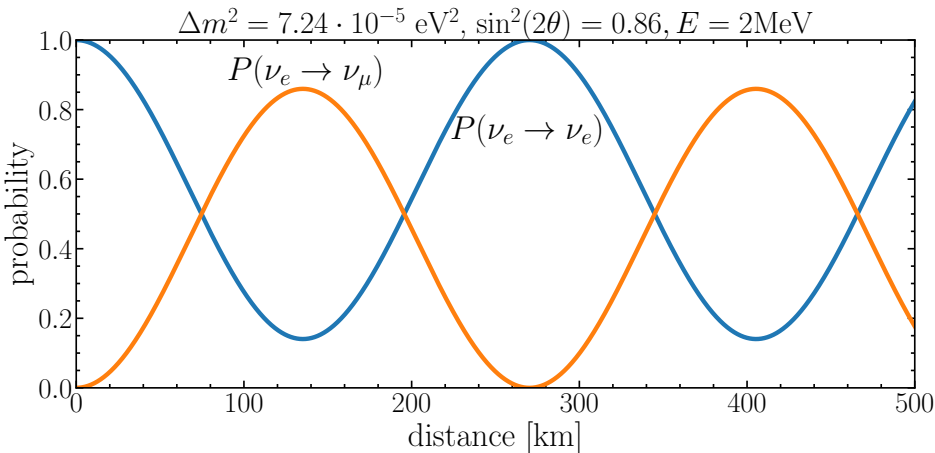


# Neutrino oscillations in vacuum

$2\nu$  mixing = easy dependence on

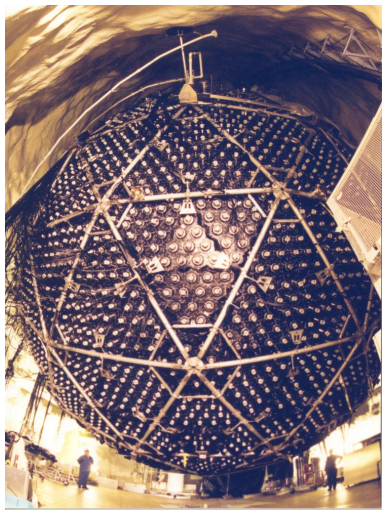
$$P_{\nu_e \rightarrow \nu_e} = 1 - \sin^2 2\theta \sin^2 \frac{\Delta m^2 L}{4E}$$

- mixing angle
- mass squared difference



# All-neutrino-flavor sensitive detector

## Sudbury Neutrino Observatory (SNO)

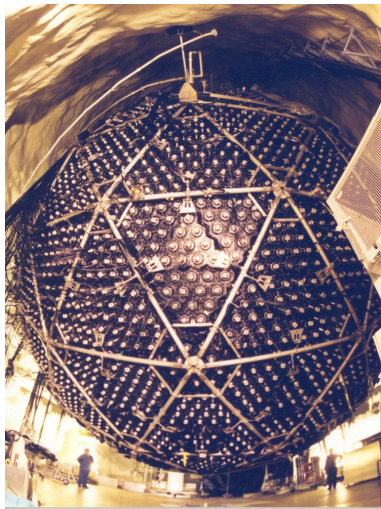


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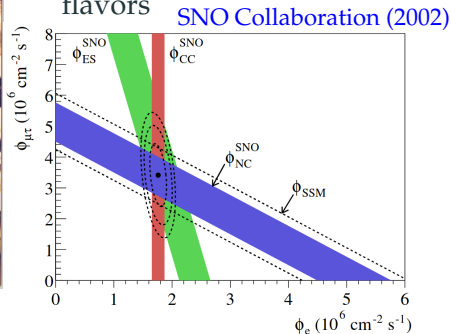
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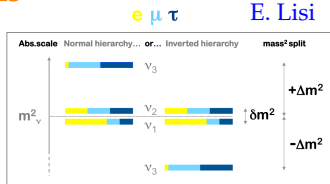
# Neutrino flavor and mass states

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

flavor basis

mass basis

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



beam,  
atmospheric

beam,  
reactor

solar,  
reactor

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

is  $\nu_s$  ( $\nu_4$ ) missing?



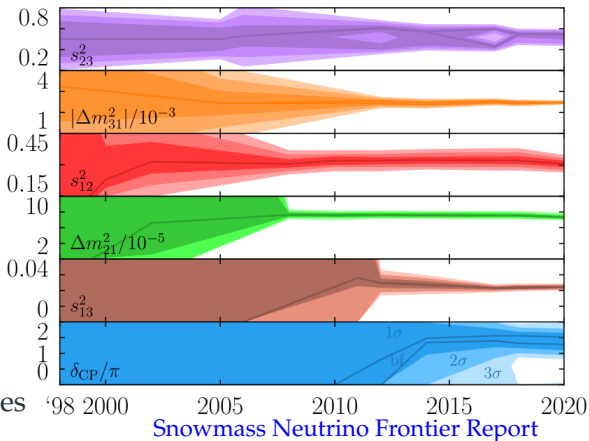
# Towards Precise Neutrino Properties Measurements

## Past measurements

- large mixing angles
- non-zero masses

## Remaining questions

- Majorana vs Dirac
- absolute masses
- degree of CP violation
- some low-energy  $\nu$  fluxes



## How to achieve it? All hands on deck

- Many new experiments coming online soon, DUNE, JUNO, HK, SBND, DARWIN-LZ...
- variety of approaches  $\rightarrow$  superb sensitivity



# Why studying astrophysical neutrinos is crucial?

## Benefits to the field of neutrino physics

- free sources spanning over 20 decades in energy
- test of physics in the conditions not accessible on Earth
- established track record of neutrino discoveries
- complements terrestrial neutrino experimental efforts

## Benefits to the field of multimessenger astrophysics

- unveils physics of the sources
- experimentally and observationally timely

# **Core-collapse supernovae and neutrinos**

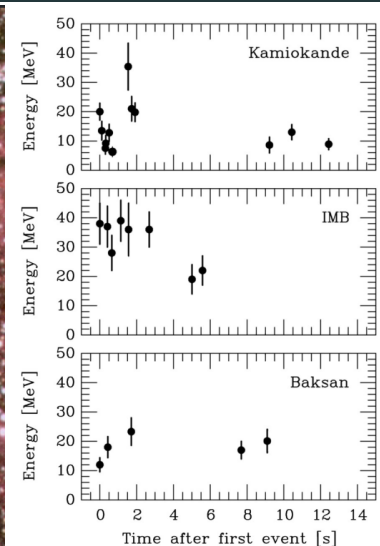
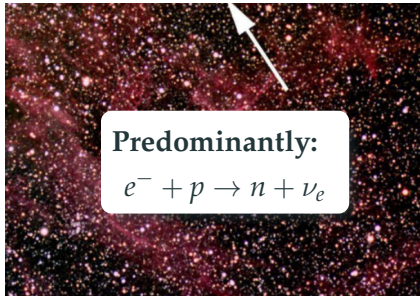
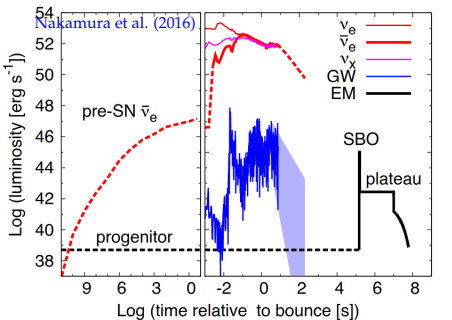
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# Core-collapse supernova

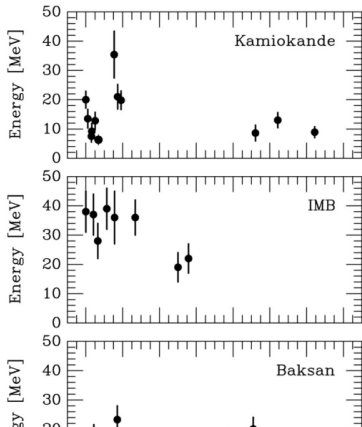
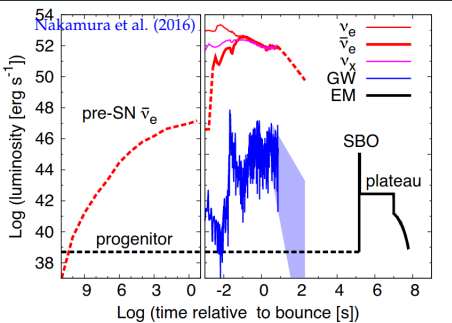




# Core-collapse supernova



# Core-collapse supernova



Early evolution matches models: [Fiorillo et al. \(2023\)](#)  
Early evolution doesn't match models: [Li et al. \(2023\)](#)  
SK can discriminate models well: [Migenda \(2019\)](#)

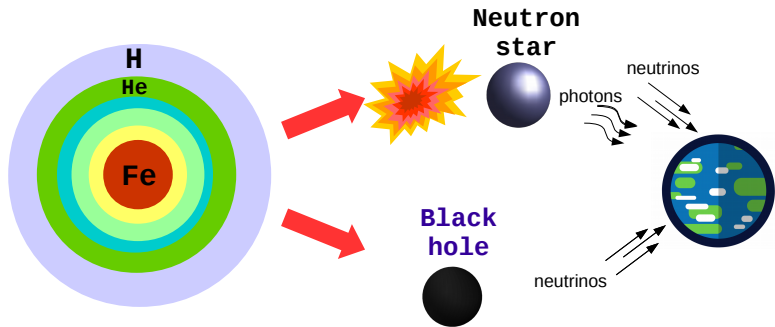
## **Core-collapse supernova as an example neutrino source**

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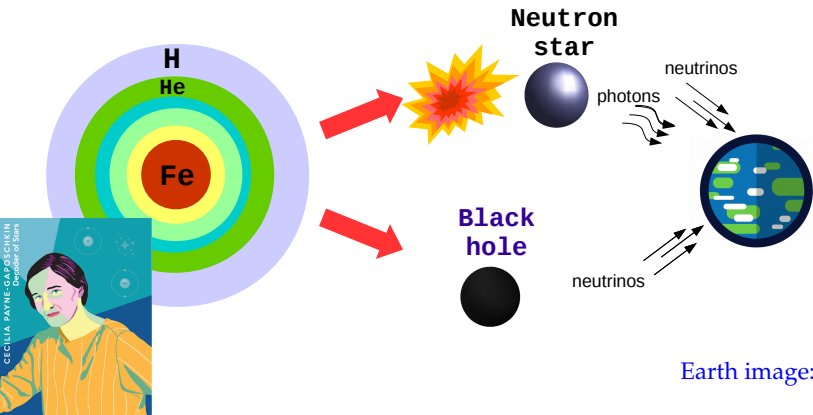




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# Why core-collapse supernovae are good physics probes?

## Advantages

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

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

- explosion mechanism [Bethe & Wilson \(1985\)](#), [Fischer et al. \(2011\)](#)...
- yields of heavy elements [Woosley et al. \(1994\)](#), [Surman & McLaughlin \(2003\)](#)...
- compact object formation [Warren et al. \(2019\)](#), [Li, Beacom et al. \(2020\)](#)...
- neutrino flavor evolution [Balantekin & Fuller \(2013\)](#), [Tamborra & Shalgar \(2020\)](#)...
- non-standard physics [McLaughlin et al. \(1999\)](#), [de Gouvêa et al. \(2019\)](#) ...

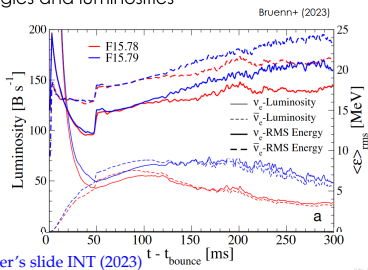
# Why such an exciting problem?

## Synergy between many fields of physics

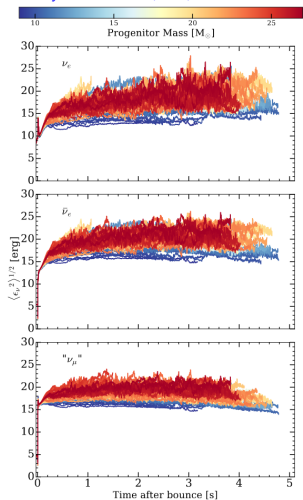
- nuclear physics
- hydrodynamics
- particle physics
- general relativity
- many-body physics
- dense matter

### Early RMS energies and luminosities

- After explosion starts for F15.78 @ about 150ms
  - ~10% differences in  $\langle E \rangle$
  - ~40% differences in L



### Vartanyan, Burrows (2023)



# Phase transition to quark matter in core-collapse supernovae

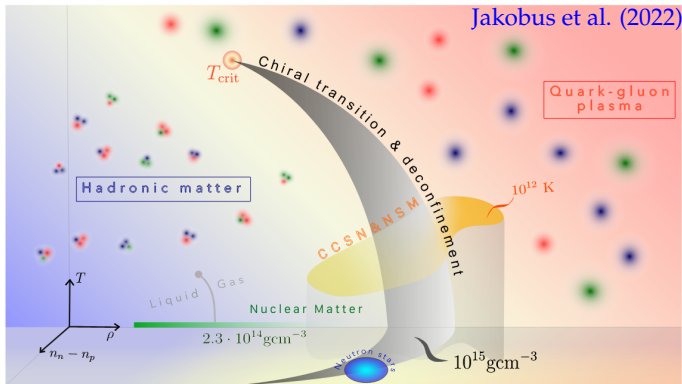
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# QCD phase diagram



- 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?

## Where the quark matter can appear in astrophysical objects?

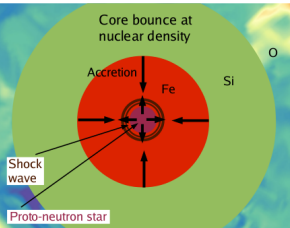
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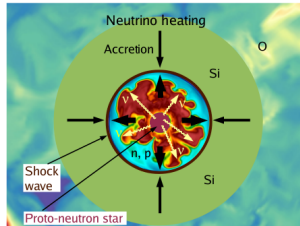
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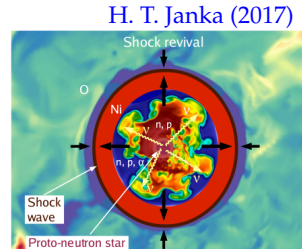
- Infall phase,  
 $\nu_e$  burst  $\sim 40$  ms



- Accretion phase,  
 $\sim 100$  ms



- Cooling phase,  
 $\sim 10$  s



H. T. Janka (2017)

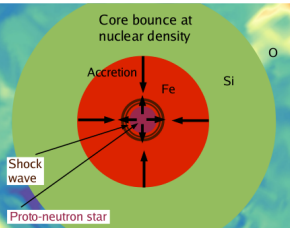
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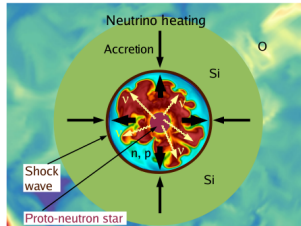


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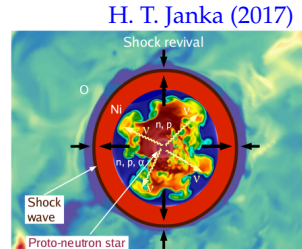
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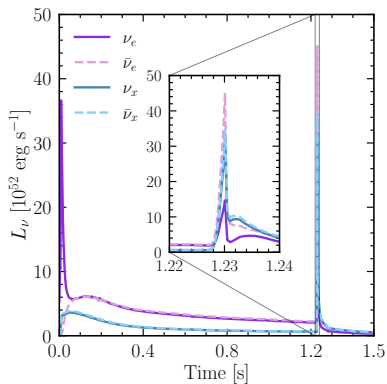
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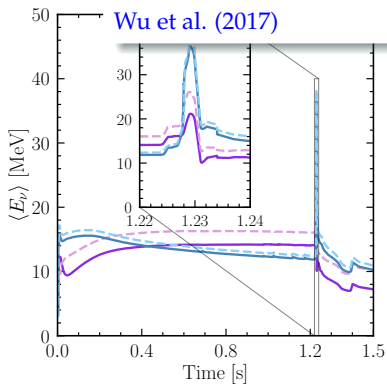
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# Neutrino Emission Properties from the QHPT CCSN



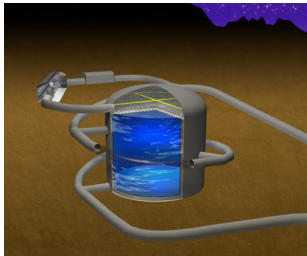
1D SN model Fischer, Bastian,  
Wu et al. (2017)



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

# Supernova neutrino detection

## Hyper-Kamiokande (2027)



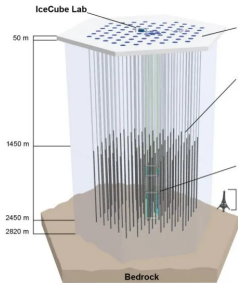
**fiducial volume**

217 kton

**main detection channel**



## Ice-Cube Observatory



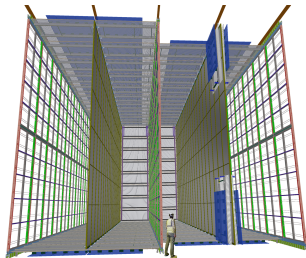
**fiducial volume**

3500 kton

**main detection channel**



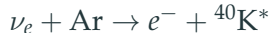
## DUNE (2030)



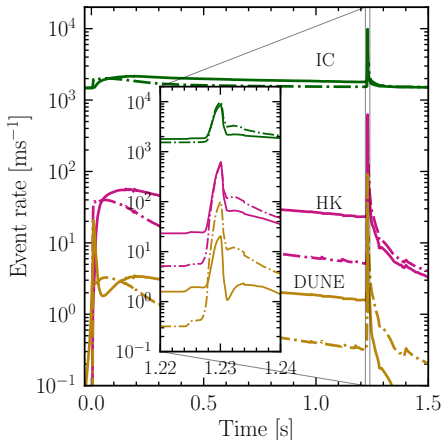
**fiducial volume**

40 kton

**main detection channel**



# Neutrino Event Rates



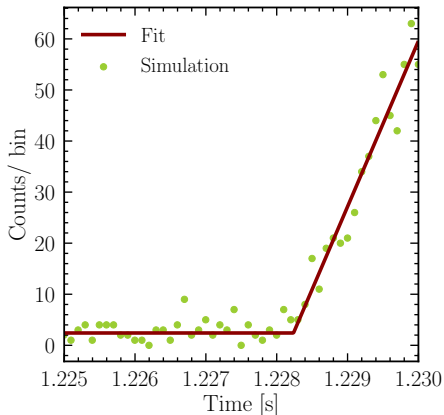
## Impact of neutrino conversions

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

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

# Timing the Neutrino Signal

HK: No conversion



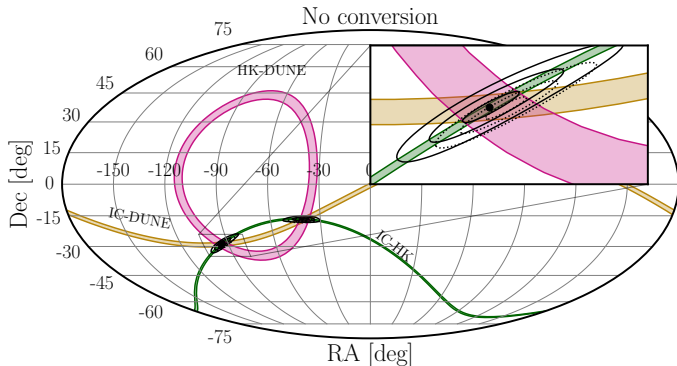
$$R_{\text{exp}} = \begin{cases} R_*, & \text{if } t < t_0 \\ R_* + a(t - t_0), & \text{otherwise} \end{cases},$$

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]		
IC	$0.16^{+0.03}_{-0.04}$	$0.21^{+0.05}_{-0.05}$
HK	$0.22^{+0.05}_{-0.06}$	$0.30^{+0.07}_{-0.09}$
DUNE	$0.80^{+0.21}_{-0.29}$	$0.58^{+0.14}_{-0.19}$

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

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

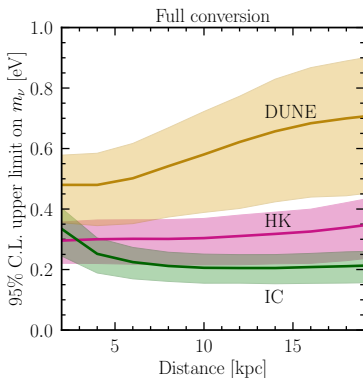
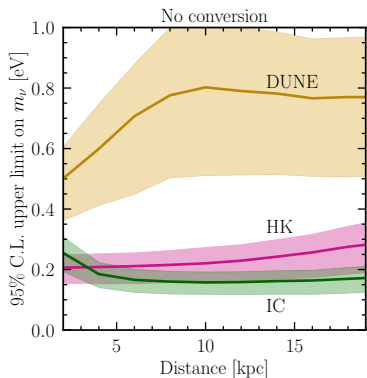
# Determination of the CCSN localization



- 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

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



- up to  $\sim 10\times$  improvement compared to neutronization burst
- more stringent limits than from the laboratory experiments (0.8 eV)

# **Diffuse supernova neutrino background**

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# Why focus only on a single rare event?

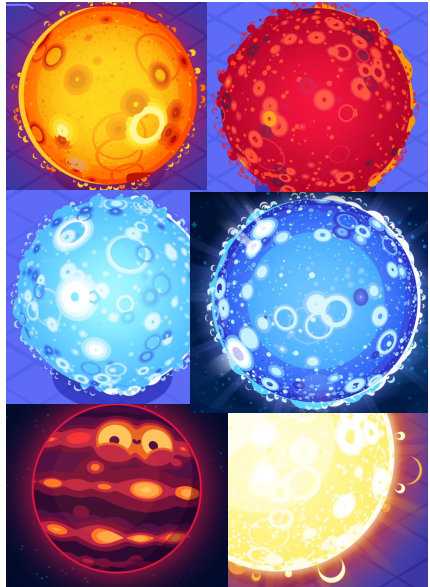


## Single galactic SN event

- rare event
- precise information about one star

## Multiple SN events (larger distances)

- accumulation of events
- will detect in coming years



# Diffuse supernova neutrino background

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

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

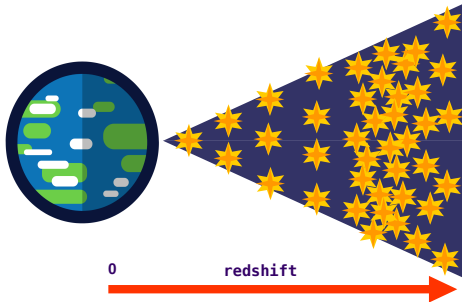
**fraction of black-hole-forming progenitors** (light blue arrow pointing to  $f_{\text{BH-SN}}$ )

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

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

The DSNB is sensitive to:

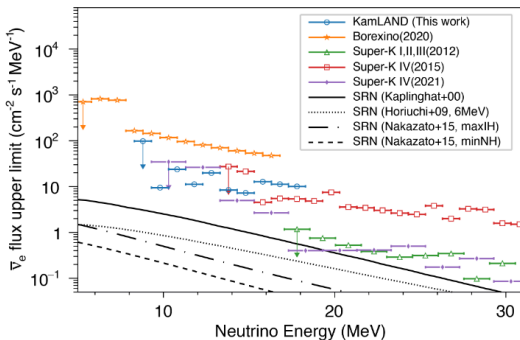
- $R_{\text{SN}}, f_{\text{BH-SN}}$
- neutrino flavor evolution
- equation of state
- mass accretion rate in BH-SN
- non-standard physics



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

# Diffuse supernova neutrino background: current limits

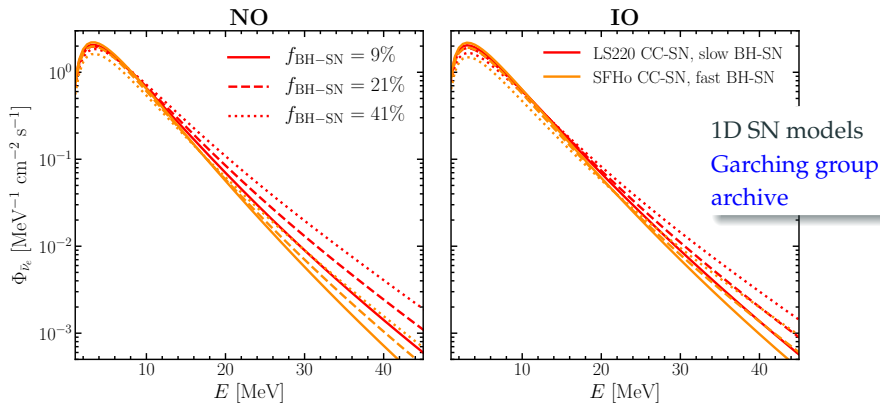
SK collab. (2021)



## DSNB limits:

- $\bar{\nu}_e \approx 3 \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$  for  $E_\nu > 17.3 \text{ MeV}$  SK collab. (2021), SK collab. (2023)  
soon detected by SK (Gd) Beacom, Vagins (2004) and JUNO JUNO collab. (2021)
- $\nu_e \approx 19 \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$  for  $E_\nu \in [22.9, 36.9 \text{ MeV}]$  SNO collab. (2020)  
possibly detectable by DUNE Møller, AMS, Tamborra, Denton (2018), Zhu et al. (2019)

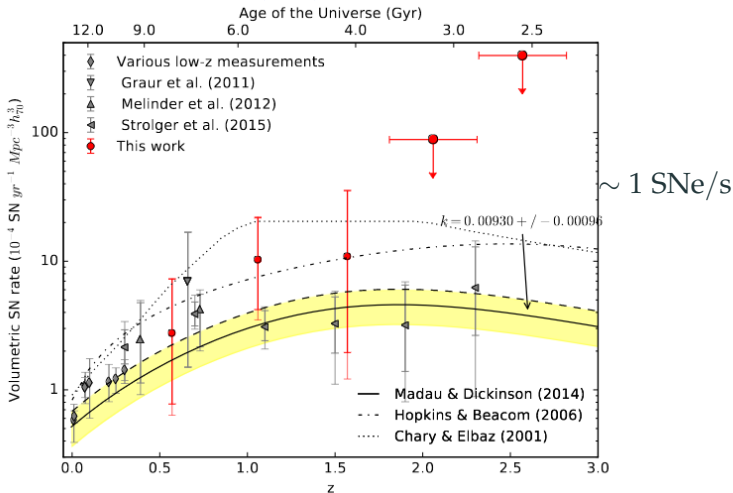
# The fraction of black-hole-forming progenitors



Fraction of black-hole-forming progenitors influences the highly energetic part of the DSNB, above  $\sim 15$  MeV.

# Cosmological supernovae rate

Petrushevska et al (2016)

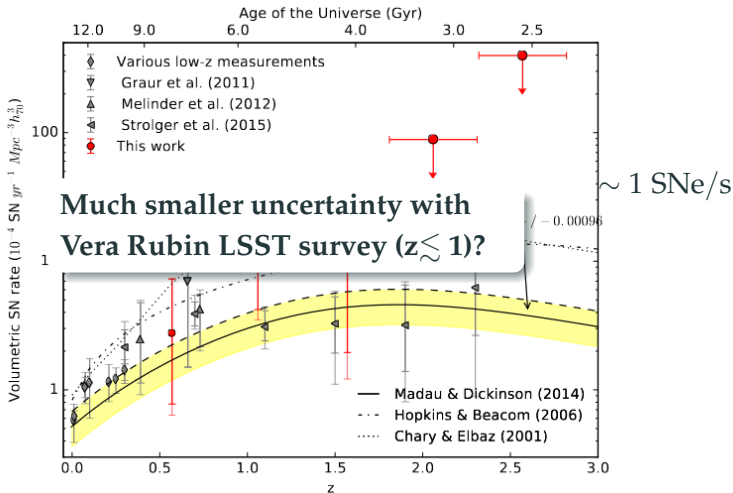


The supernovae rate influences the normalization of the DSNB.

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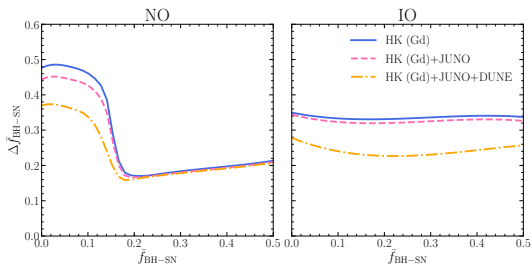
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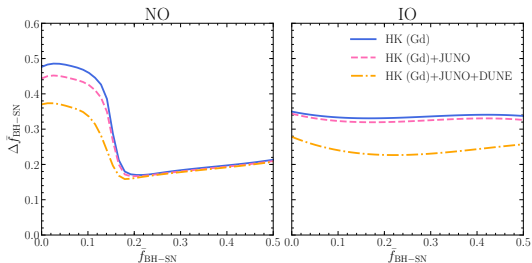
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# Expected $1\sigma$ uncertainty: fraction of BH forming progenitors



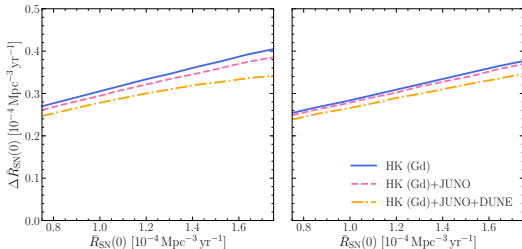
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# Expected $1\sigma$ uncertainty: local supernova rate



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





# Astrophysical uncertainties affecting the DSNB

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

**Non exhaustive list of references**

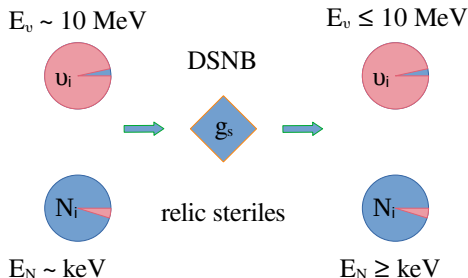
# Probing self-interacting sterile neutrino dark matter with the DSNB

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

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# KeV-mass sterile neutrino self-interactions



Resonant interaction  
for sterile neutrinos

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

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

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

# Modeling secret neutrino interactions in DSNB

## Modified DSNB flux

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

## Probability of interaction

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

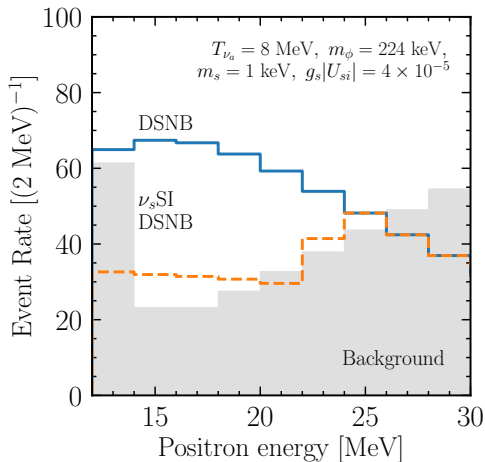
$$\tau_i(E_\nu, z) \simeq \tau_R \Theta(z - z_R) = \frac{\Gamma_R(z_R)}{(1 + z_R)H(z_R)} \Theta(z - z_R)$$

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

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

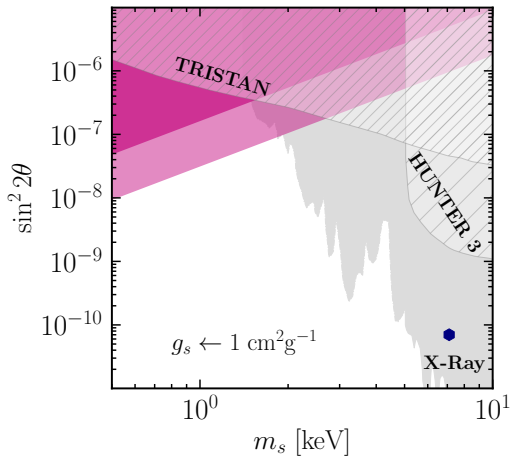
and sterile neutrino number density  $n_{\nu_s}(z_R) = n_{\nu_s}(1 + z_R)^3$

# Secret neutrino interactions: DSNB



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

# Sensitivity limits



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

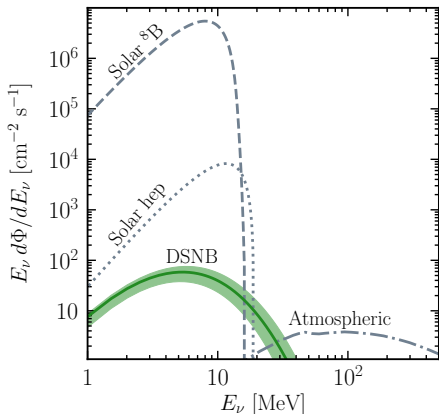
# Towards probing the DSNB in all flavors

In collaboration with J. Beacom, and I. Tamborra

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

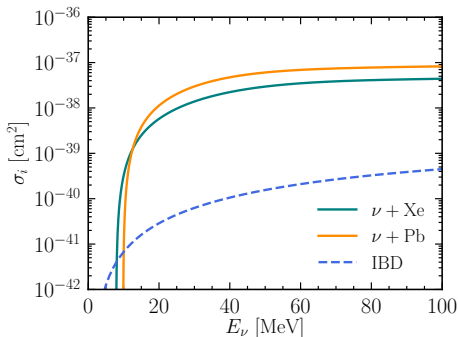
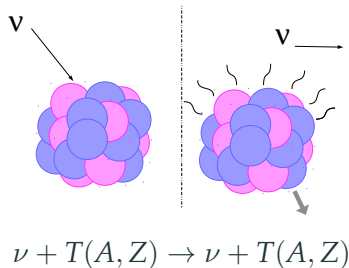


DSNB modeling:  
Møller, AMS,  
Tamborra, Denton  
(2018)

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



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



## Cross section

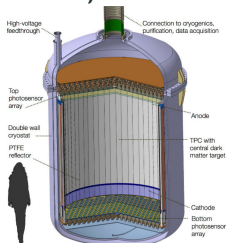
$$\frac{d\sigma_{\text{SM}}}{dE_r} = \frac{G_F^2 m_T}{4\pi} Q_w^2 \left(1 - \frac{m_T E_r}{2E_\nu^2}\right) F^2(Q), \quad Q_w = [N - Z(1 - 4\sin^2 \theta_W)]$$

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

Freedman (1974),  
Strigari (2009)

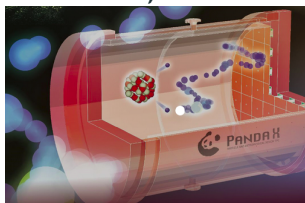
# Current and future CE $\nu$ NS detectors

## XENONnT, DARWIN



Aalbers et al. 2016

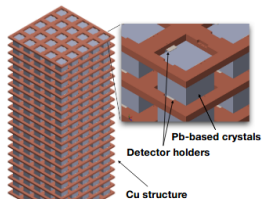
## PandaX-4T, PandaX-xT



Menget et 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

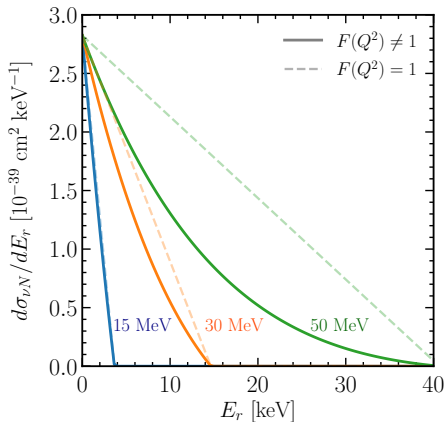
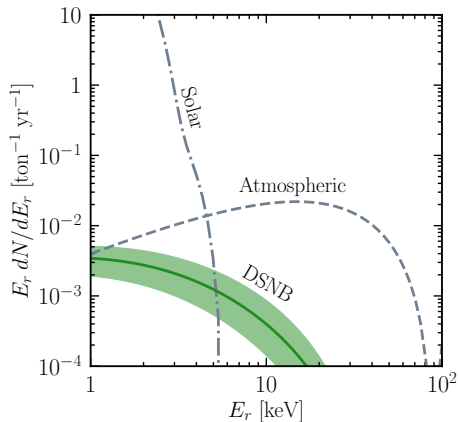
**thresholds:**  $\mathcal{O}(1)$  keV

**efficiency:**  $\sim 80$ - $100\%$

### Scattering rate

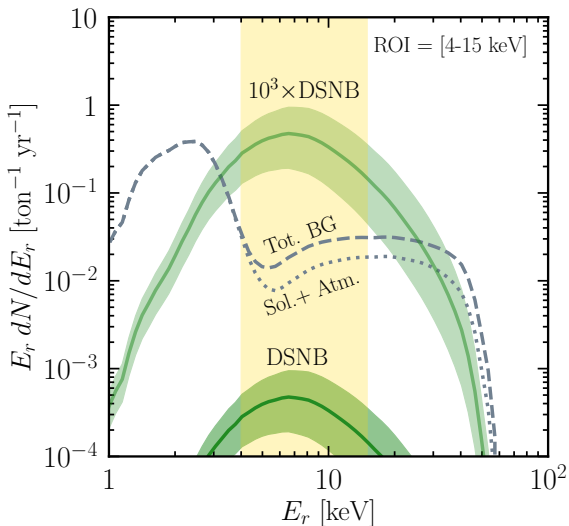
$$\frac{dR_{\nu N}}{dE_r dt} = N_T \epsilon(E_r) \int dE_\nu \frac{d\sigma_{\nu N}}{dE_r} \psi(E_\nu, t) \Theta(E_r^{\max} - E_r), \quad E_r^{\max} = \frac{2E_\nu^2}{m_T + 2E_\nu}$$

# Event rate in the xenon-based detector



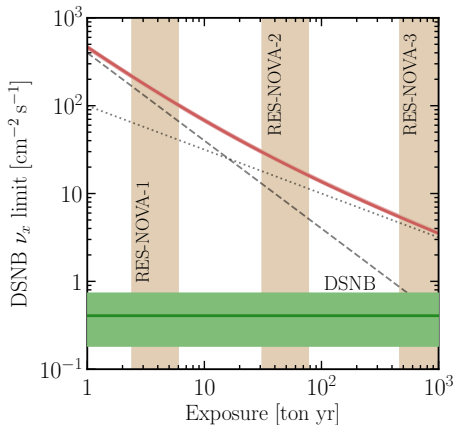
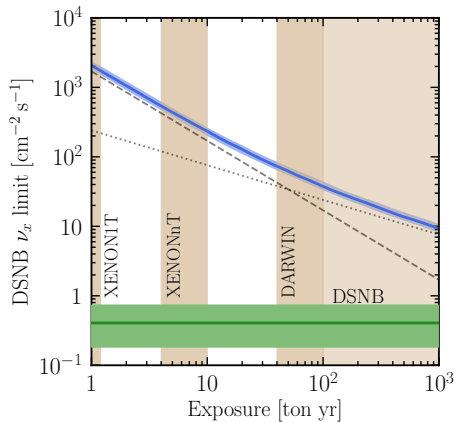
- The potential energy window displayed by the bare fluxes disappears
- Reason: Low energy recoils are most probable for all neutrino energies
- Detection of the  $x$ -flavor DSNB seems out of reach, BUT...

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



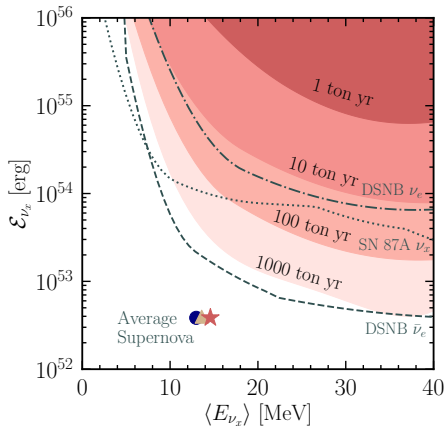
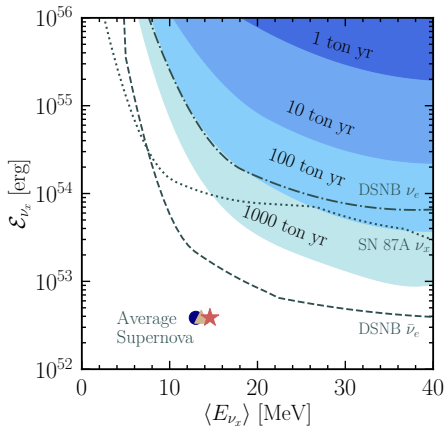
- Potential for an improvement by  $\gtrsim 1 - 2$  orders of magnitude

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



- XENON1T, PandaX-4T: limits comparable to the SK  $\nu_x$  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

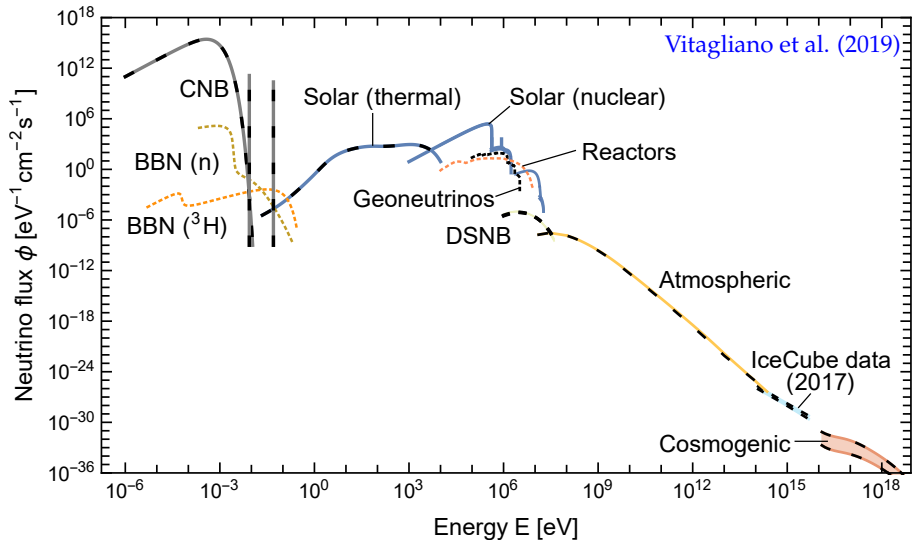
# Distinctive nuclear signatures of low-energy atmospheric neutrinos

In collaboration with J. Beacom

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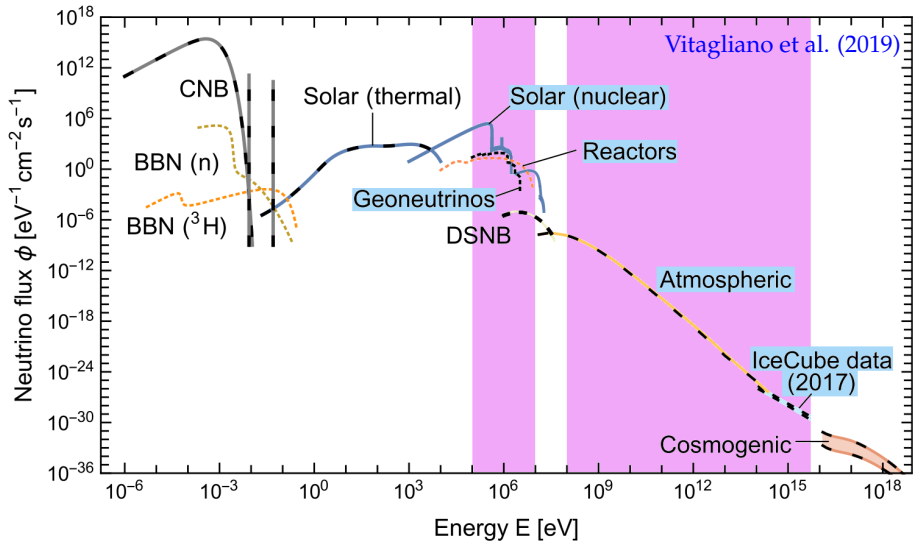
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# Grand Unified Neutrino Spectrum

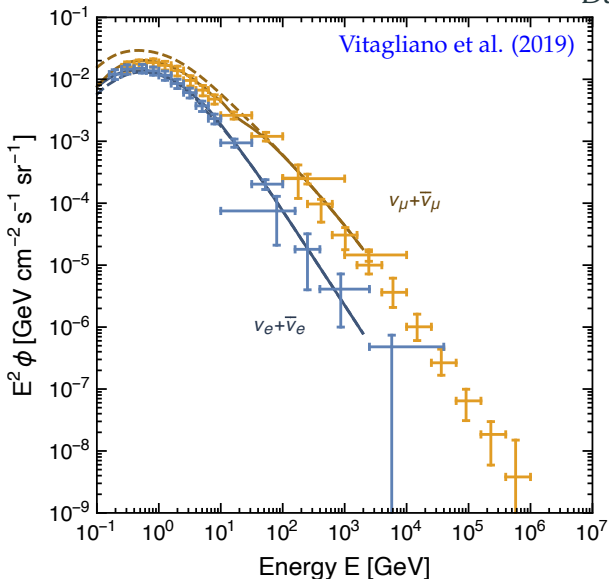




# Grand Unified Neutrino Spectrum - Detected Fluxes



# Atmospheric neutrino measurements



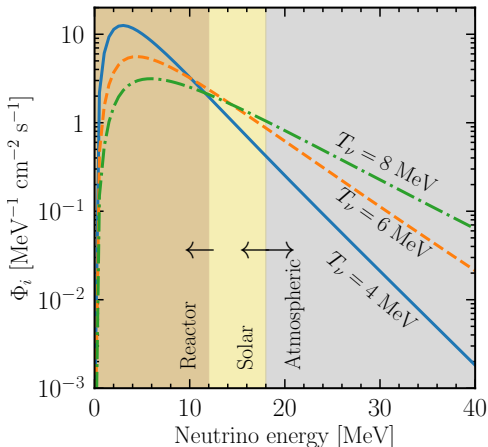
Data points from:

- Super-Kamiokande (SK)  
SK Collaboration (2015)
- Ice-Cube (IC)  
IC Collaboration (2015)

**No measurements  
below 100 MeV**

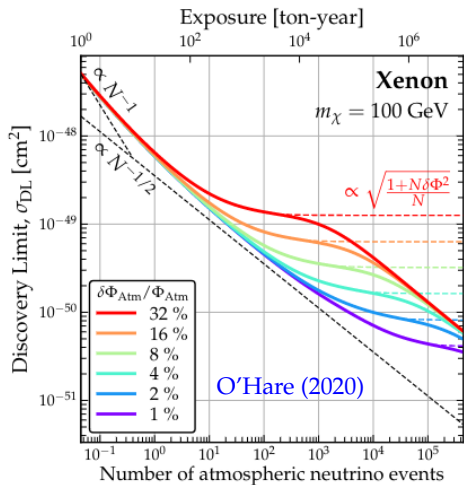
# Diffuse Supernova Neutrino Background (DSNB)

AMS (2022)



- DSNB  $\rightarrow$   
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

# Direct Dark Matter Detection Experiments - Neutrino Fog



- neutrino floor/fog  $\rightarrow$  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

# Low-energy Atmospheric Neutrino Flux

## Primary production channels

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

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

## Non-oscillated flavor ratio

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

## Sources of uncertainty

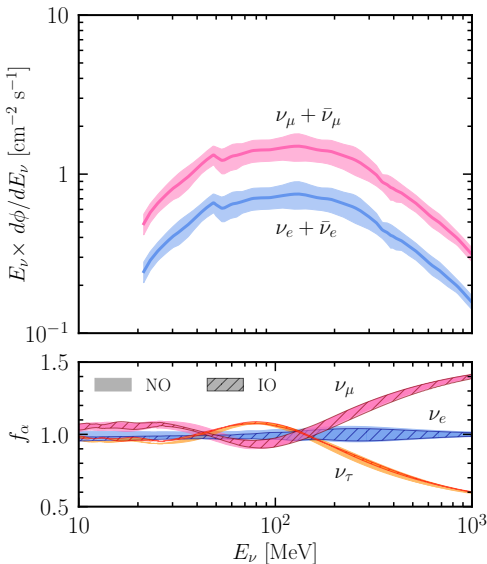
solar wind modulations

Earth's geomagnetic field

## Oscillated flavor ratio

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

Past measurements: energies  $> 100$  MeV

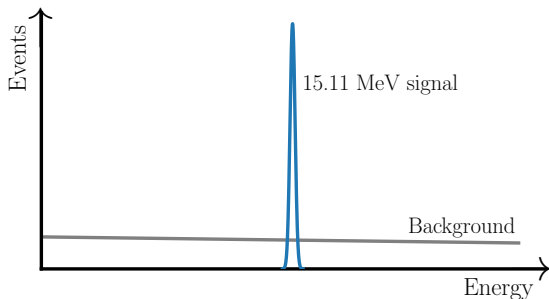


Neutrino flux: Zhuang (2021)

Mixing: NuCraft

# Distinctive nuclear channels

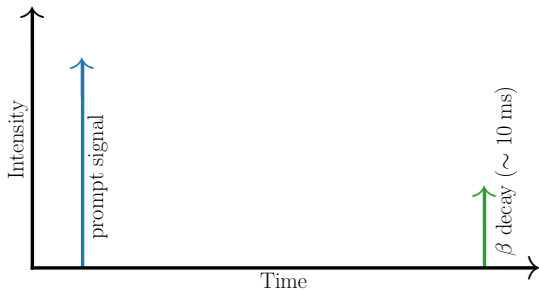
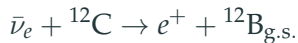
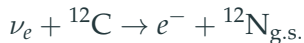
## Neutral current channels



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

# Distinctive nuclear channels

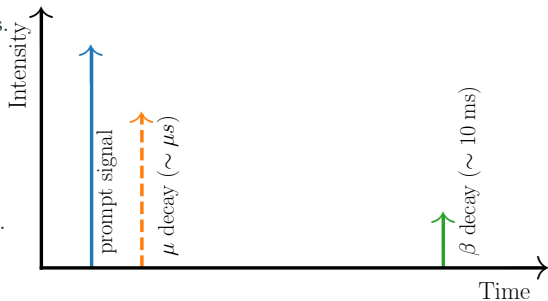
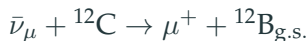
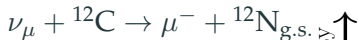
## Charged current channels: $\nu_e$



- 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

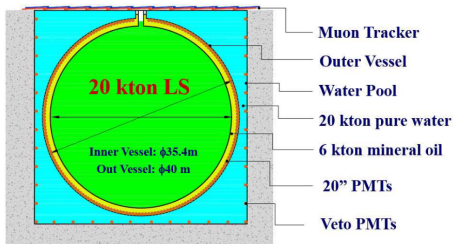
## Charged current channels: $\nu_\mu$



- 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)

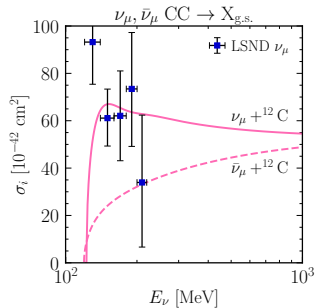
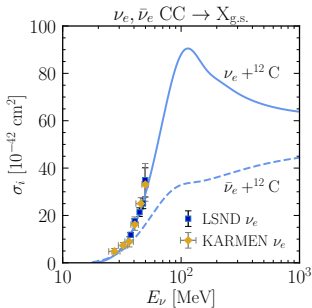
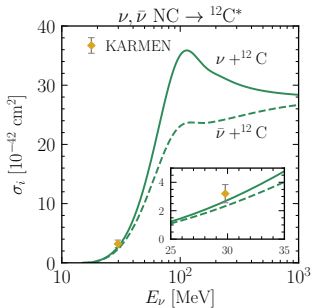


- large-scale carbon-based liquid scintillator detector
- soon operational ( $\sim 2024$ )
- excellent energy resolution  $\lesssim 3\%$
- excellent spatial resolution  $\lesssim 10\text{ cm}$
- low backgrounds in the considered channels

JUNO inclusive studies:  
[Cheng et al. \(2020\)](#),  
[Cheng et al. \(2020\)](#),  
[JUNO Collaboration \(2022\)](#)

[JUNO collaboration \(2015\)](#), [Sitsi \(2022\)](#)

# Cross section: elementary particle treatment (EPT)



- 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

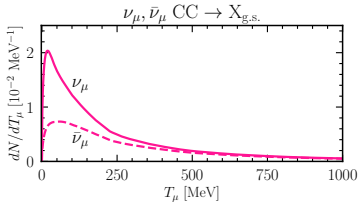
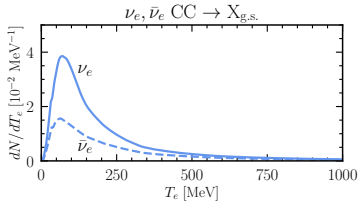
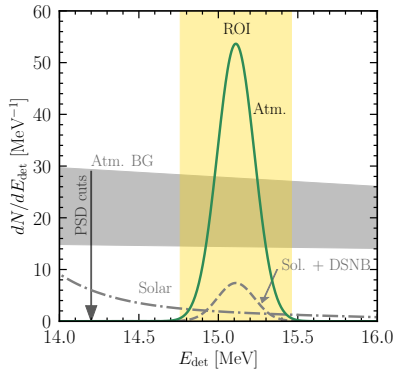
# Atmospheric neutrino detection in JUNO

## 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**



## CC channel detection: coincidence events

Irreducible BG: accidental coincidences

Rate per 85 kton yr:  $\sim 0.0004$

**essentially background free channels**

# Conclusions

## **Astrophysical sources of MeV neutrinos**

- can serve as powerful testing grounds in constraining 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 rule out potential new physics scenarios

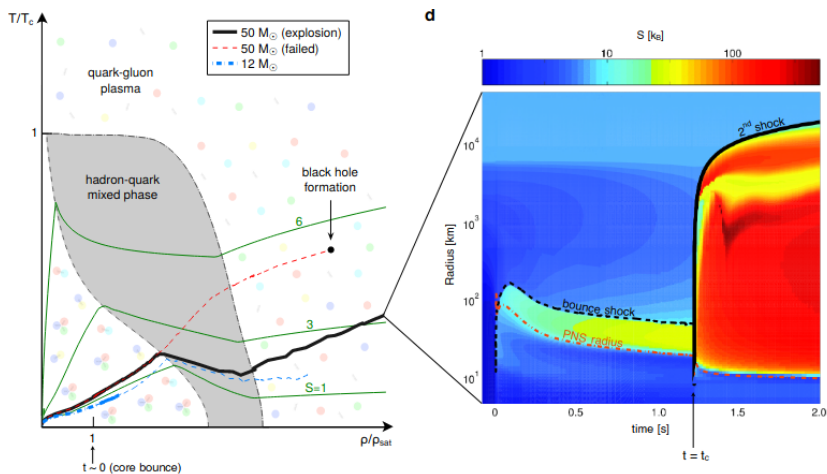
**Exciting times ahead, a truly high statistic era of neutrino physics!**

**Thank you for the attention!**

## **Backup Slides**

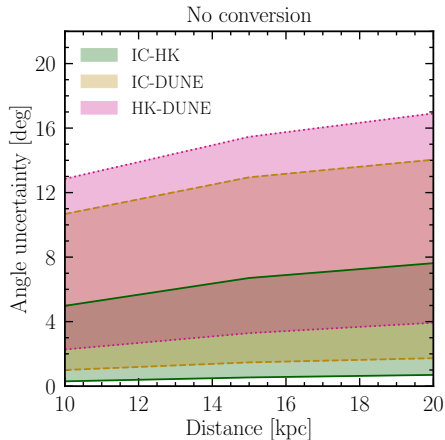
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# Quark deconfinement as a supernova explosion engine for massive blue supergiant stars



Fischer, Bastian, Wu et al. (2017)

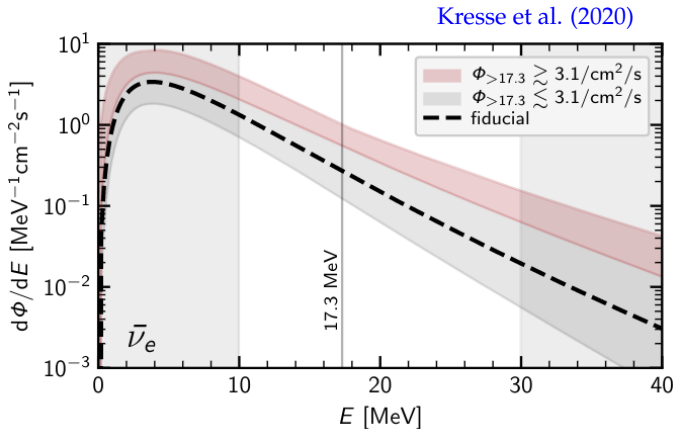
# Determination of the uncertainty of the CCSN localization



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]	
IC	$0.16^{+0.03}_{-0.04}$	$0.21^{+0.05}_{-0.05}$
HK	$0.22^{+0.05}_{-0.06}$	$0.30^{+0.07}_{-0.09}$
DUNE	$0.80^{+0.21}_{-0.29}$	$0.58^{+0.14}_{-0.19}$

$$\delta(\theta_{ij}) \approx \begin{cases} \delta(\cos \theta_{ij}) / \sin \theta_{ij} & \text{if } \sin \theta_{ij} > \sqrt{\delta(\cos \theta_{ij})} \\ \sqrt{2\delta(\cos \theta_{ij})}, & \text{for } \theta_{ij} \ll \delta(\cos \theta_{ij}) \end{cases}$$

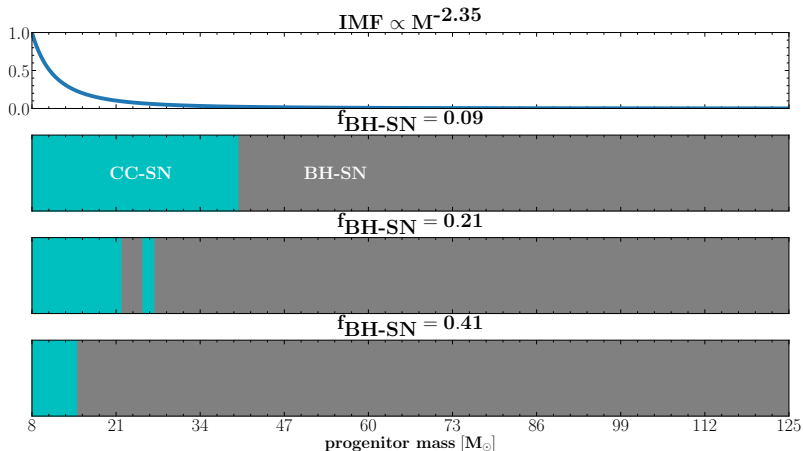
# Astrophysical uncertainties affecting the DSNB



- models with the extreme combinations of parameters are disfavoured
  - large emission from black-hole-forming collapses and their fraction



# The fraction of black-hole-forming progenitors

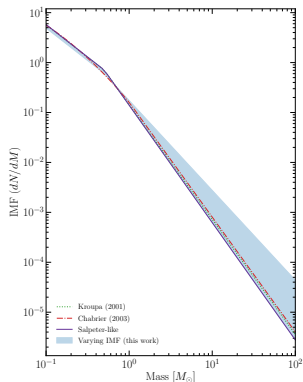


Fraction of black-hole-forming progenitors influences the highly energetic part of the DSNB, above  $\sim 15$  MeV.

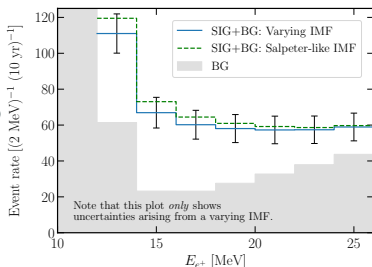
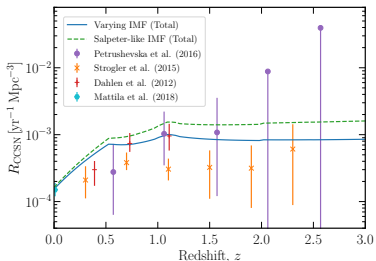
C. Lunardini (2009)

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

# Varying Initial Mass Function



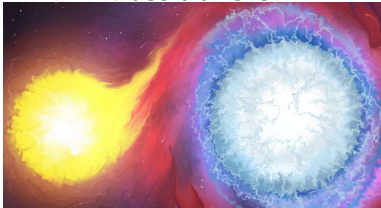
- larger fraction of stars may evolve to black holes at high redshift
- changed rate of the core-collapse supernovae



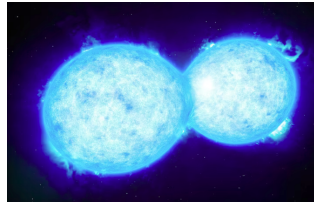
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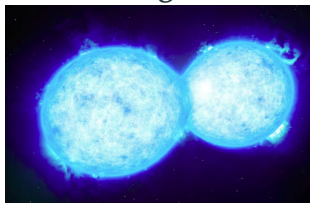
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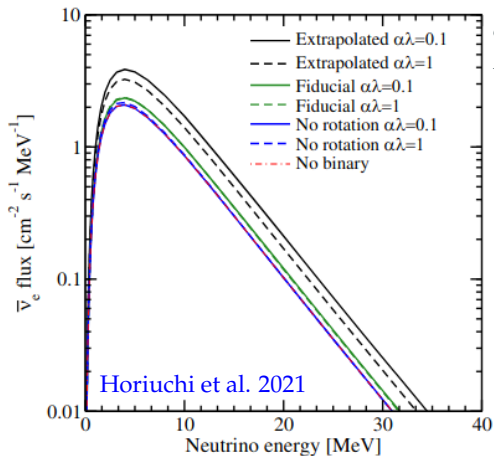


**Effects on the stellar population** [Horiuchi et al. 2021](#)

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

Images: iflscience, Wiki

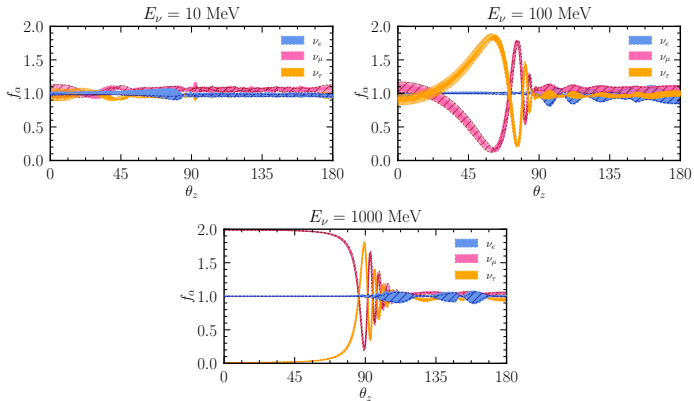
# Binary interactions: impact on DSNB



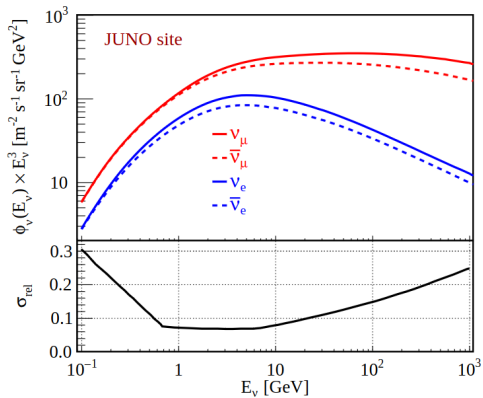
$\alpha\lambda$  - measure how hard it is to unbind the envelope

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

# Atmospheric neutrino oscillations



# Relative uncertainty of atmospheric neutrinos



Cheng et al. (2022)

## EPT cross sections

$$\sigma(E_\nu) = \frac{3G_F^2}{2\pi} F_A^2 (E'_\nu)^2 I, \quad \sigma(E_\nu) = \frac{3G_F^2}{\pi} \cos^2 \theta_C F_A^2 E_e p_e I \mathcal{F}^\pm(Z, E_e), \quad (2)$$

$$I = \frac{1}{2} \int_{-1}^1 dz f(\mathbf{q}^2) (A + B + C), \quad (3)$$

$$f(\mathbf{q}^2) = \left( \frac{F_A(q)}{F_A} \right)^2 = \left( 1 - \frac{1 - \rho}{6(b|\mathbf{q}|)^2} \right)^2 \exp\left( -\frac{(b|\mathbf{q}|)^2}{2} \right), \quad (4)$$

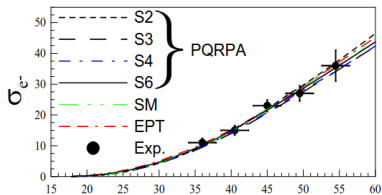
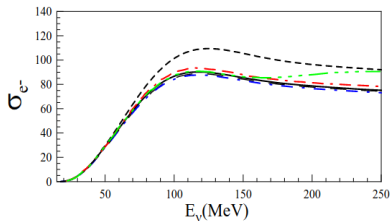
$$A = 1 - \frac{z}{3} \pm \frac{4}{3} (E_\nu + E'_\nu) (1 - 2 \sin^2 \theta_W) (1 - z) \frac{F_M}{F_A}, \quad (5)$$

$$B = \frac{2}{3} (E'_\nu E_\nu (1 - z^2) + (1 - z) \mathbf{q}^2) (1 - 2 \sin^2 \theta_W)^2 \left( \frac{F_M}{F_A} \right)^2, \quad (6)$$

$$C = -\frac{2}{3} \Delta M (1 + z) \frac{F_T}{F_A} + \frac{1}{3} (1 + z) \mathbf{q}^2 \left( \frac{F_M}{F_A} \right)^2. \quad (7)$$

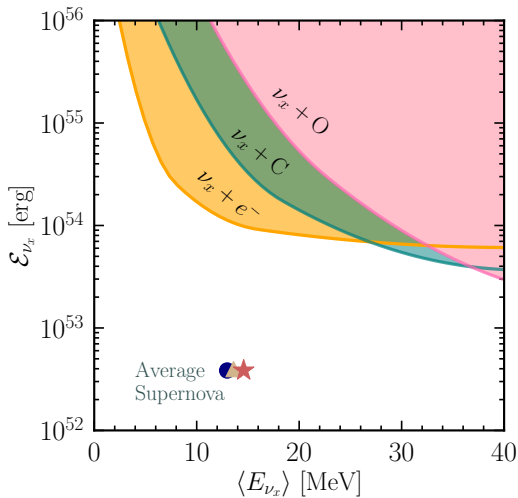


# CQRPA cross sections

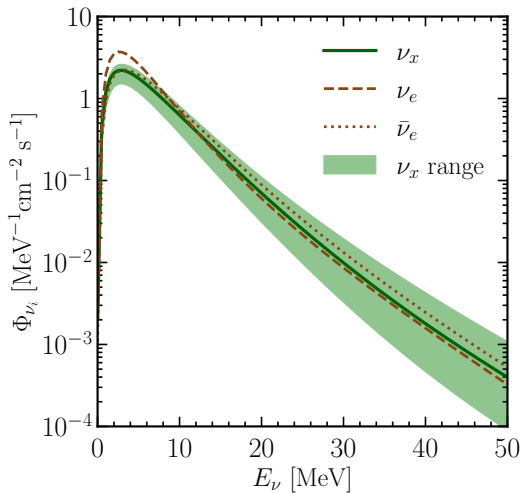


Samana et al. (2010)

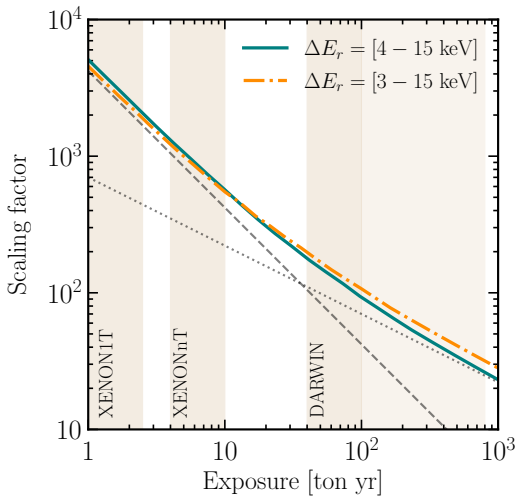
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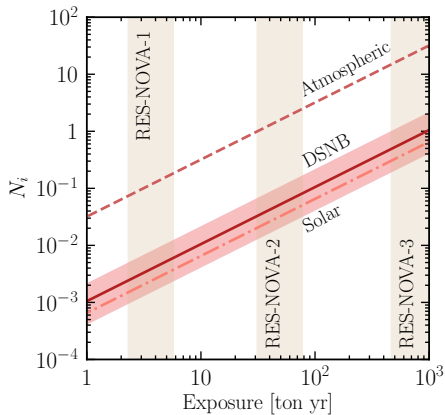
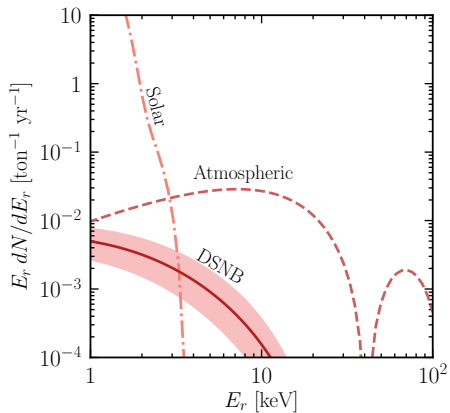
# DSNB variability



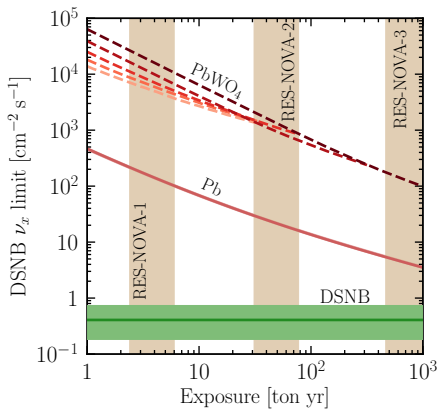
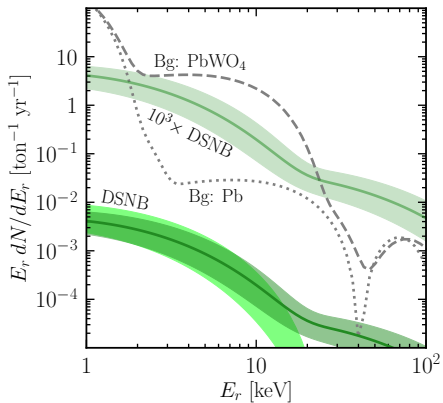
# Sensitivity of the limits to a detection window



# Event rate: lead detector



# Event rate: lead crystals detector



# Which part of the spectrum are CE $\nu$ NS detectors sensitive to?

