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

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Astrophysical neutrinos

and the origin of the elements

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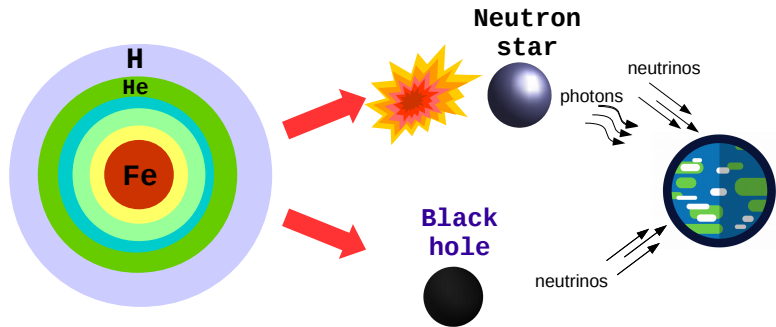
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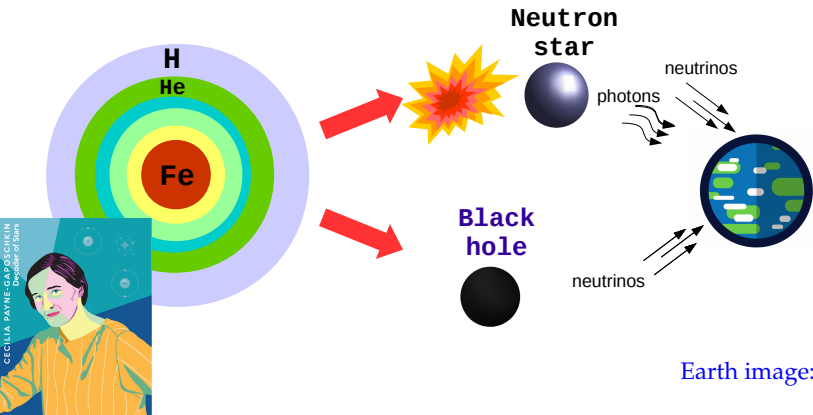
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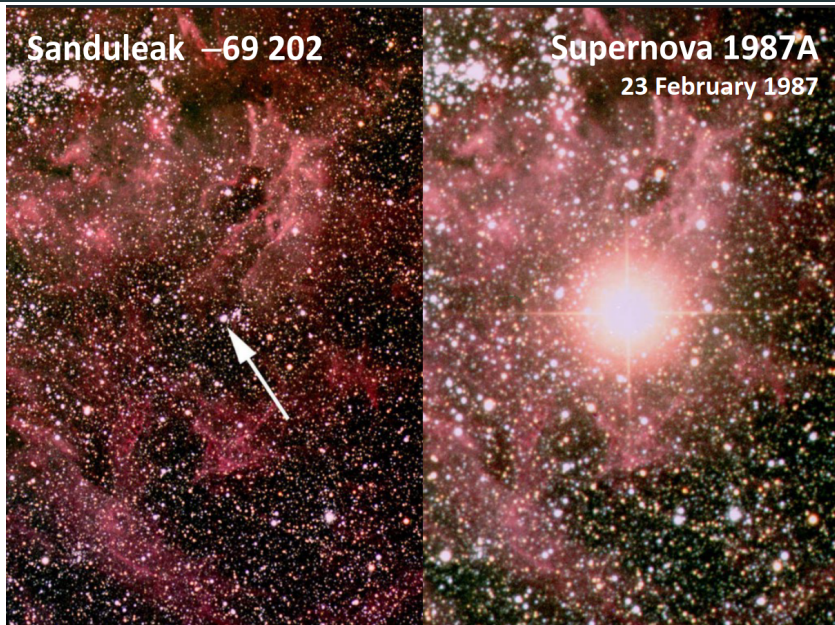
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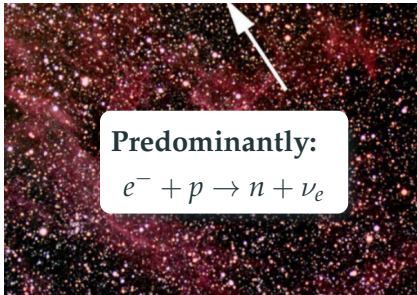
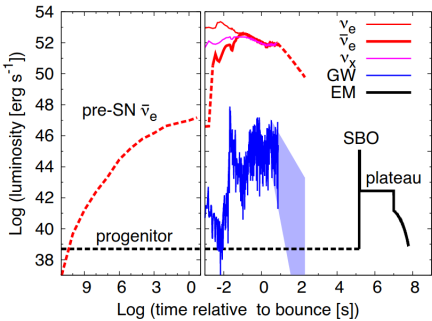
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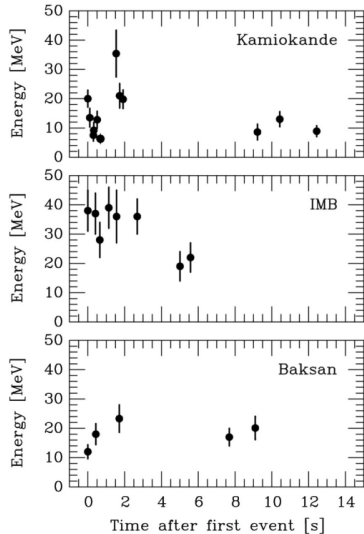
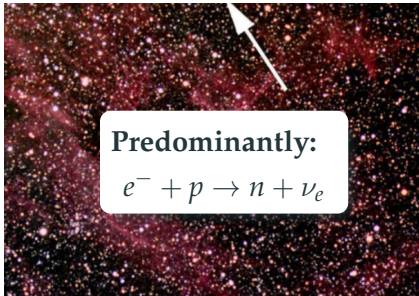
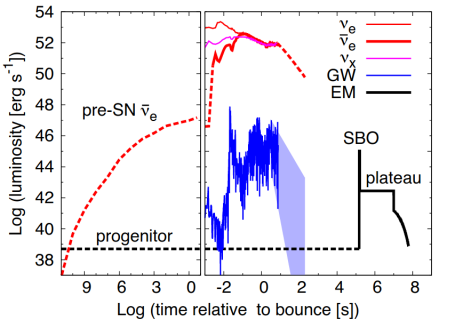
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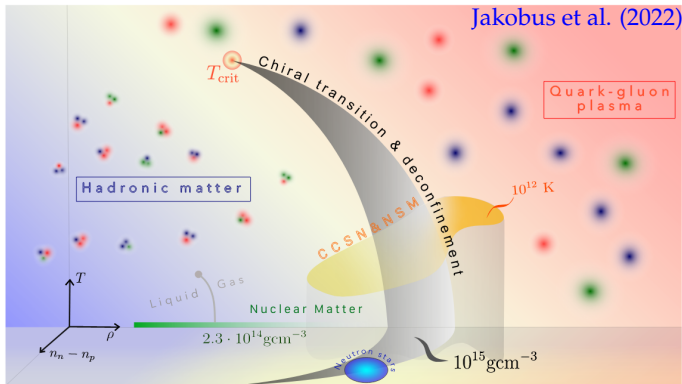
Phase transition to quark matter in core-collapse supernovae

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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?

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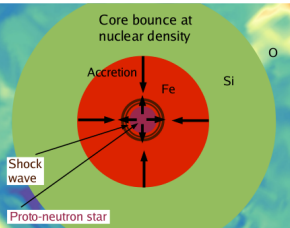
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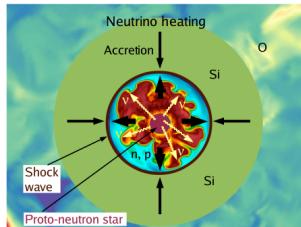
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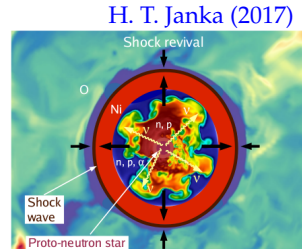
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 ν_e burst ~ 40 ms



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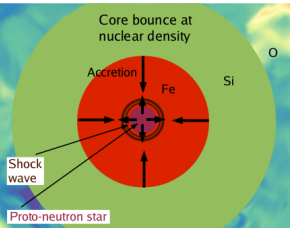


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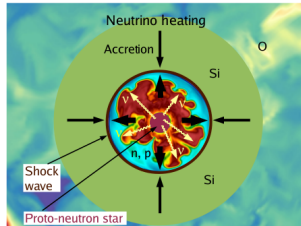
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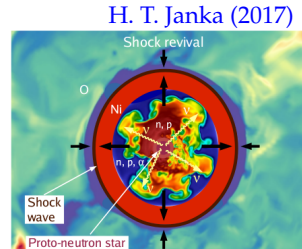
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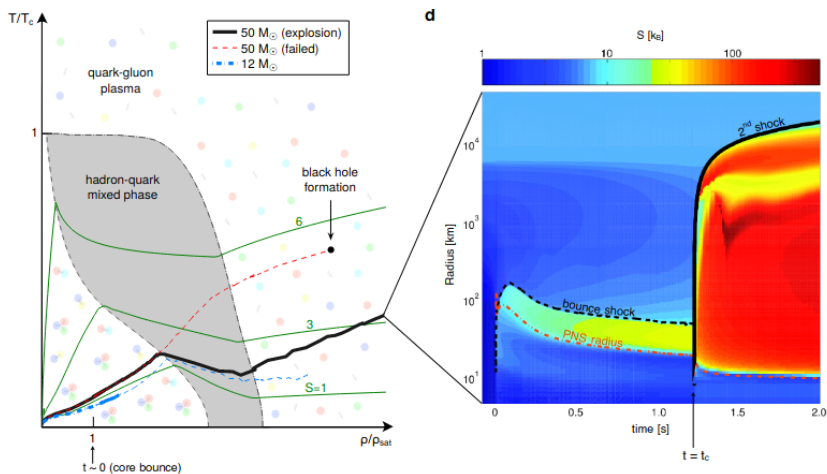
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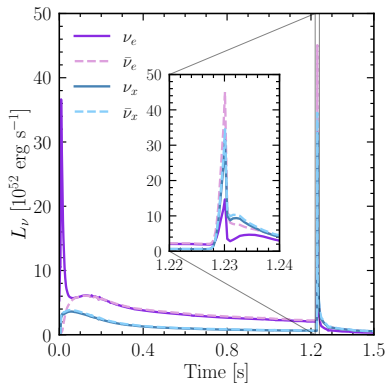
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Quark deconfinement as a supernova explosion engine for massive blue supergiant stars

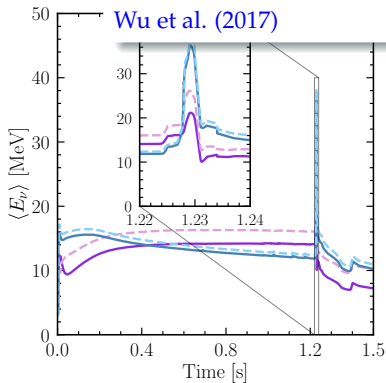


Fischer, Bastian, Wu et al. (2017)

Neutrino Emission Properties from the QHPT CCSN



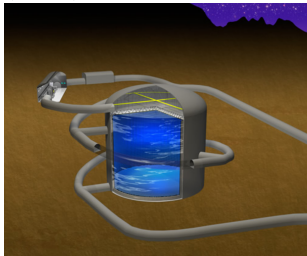
1D SN model Fischer, Bastian,
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- second sharp neutrino burts dominated by $\bar{\nu}_e$
- non-exploding models can explode

Supernova neutrino detection

Hyper-Kamiokande (2027)



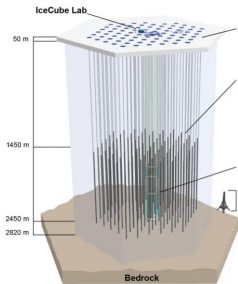
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217 kton

main detection channel



IceCube Observatory



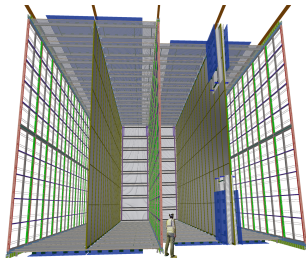
fiducial volume

3500 kton

main detection channel



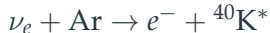
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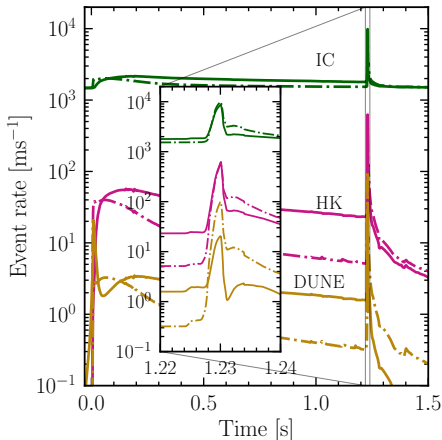
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Neutrino Event Rates



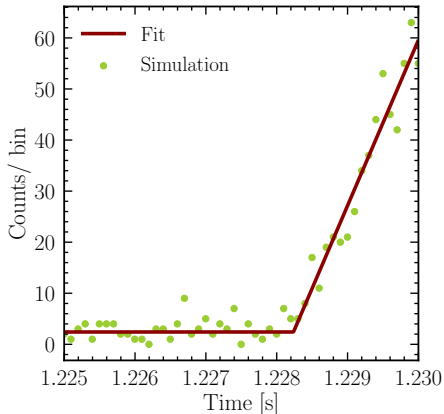
Impact of neutrino conversions

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

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

Timing the Neutrino Signal

HK: No conversion



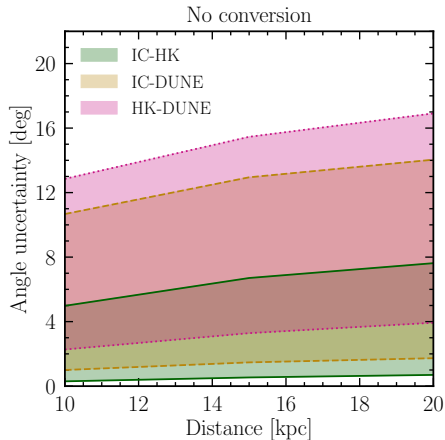
$$R_{\text{exp}} = \begin{cases} R_*, & \text{if } t < t_0 \\ R_* + a(t - t_0), & \text{otherwise} \end{cases},$$

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

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

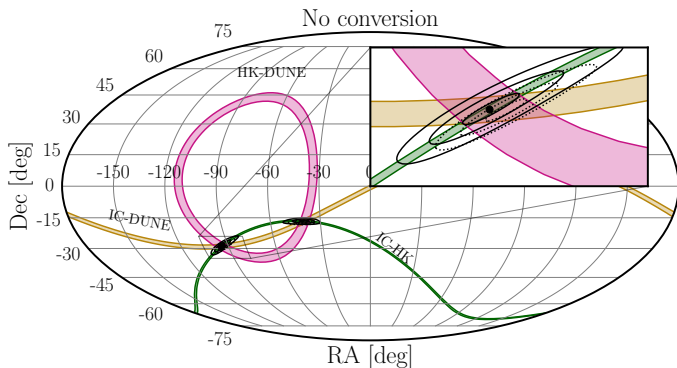
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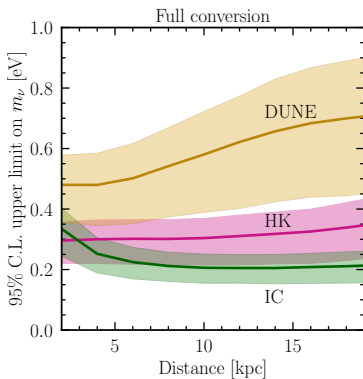
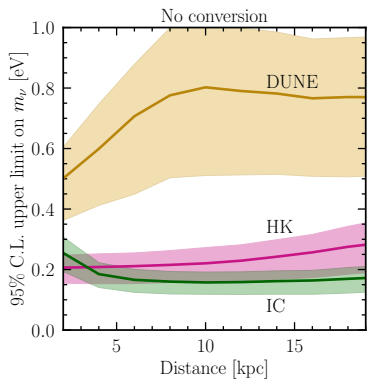
Determination of the CCSN localization



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

Conclusions: Quark-hadron phase transition in CCSNe

- QCD phase transition in the collapsing star can:
 - produce second core bounce
 - result in release of a second sharp neutrino burst
 - lead to some r -process elements production
- Detection of the phase transition induced neutrino burst:
 - indicates the QCD phase transition in supernova
 - improves the precision of the supernova triangulation
 - sets competitive limits on the neutrino mass

Why focus only on a single rare event?

Single event vs. multiple events

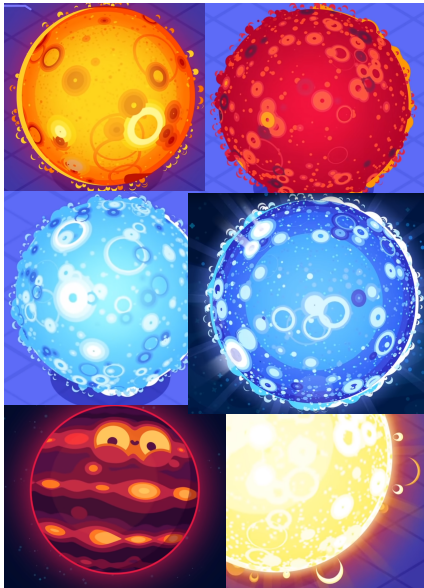


Single galactic SN event

- 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 $R_{\text{SN}}(z, M)$)

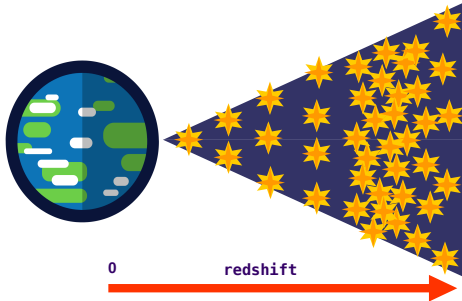
fraction of black-hole-forming progenitors (blue arrow pointing to $f_{\text{BH-SN}}$)

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:

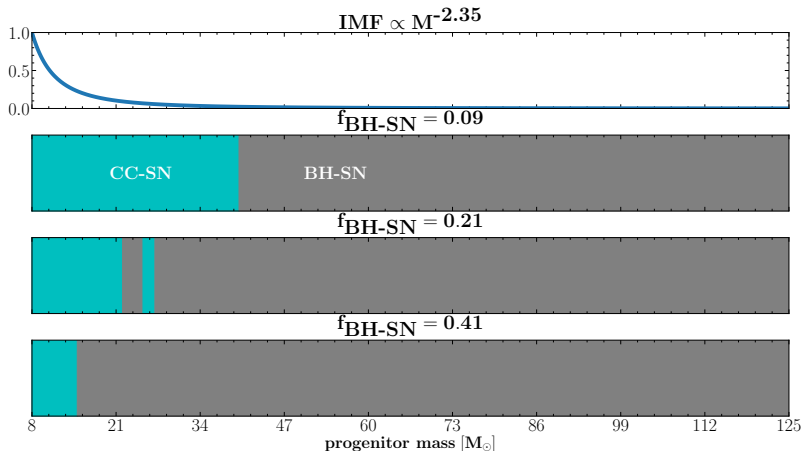
- $R_{\text{SN}}, f_{\text{BH-SN}}$
- neutrino flavor evolution
- equation of state
- mass accretion rate in BH-SN
- non-standard physics



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

Astrophysical uncertainties

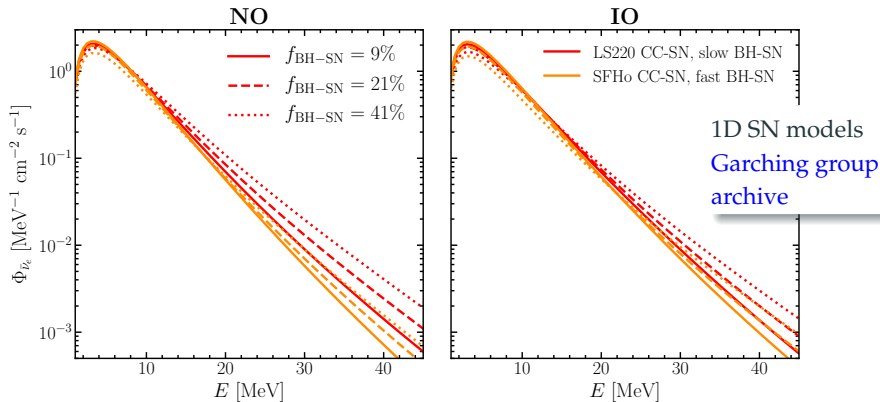
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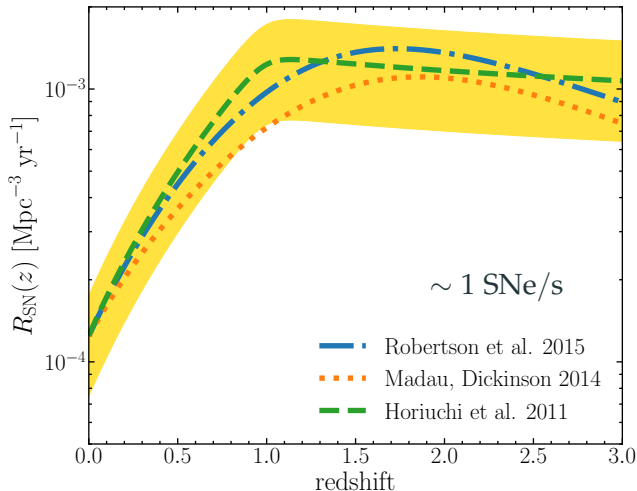
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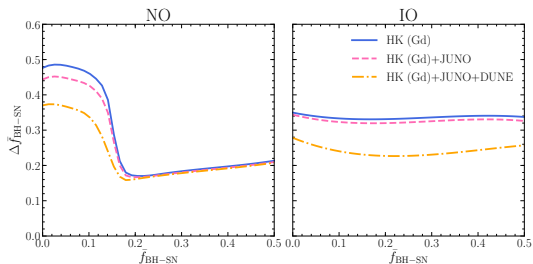
Cosmological supernovae rate



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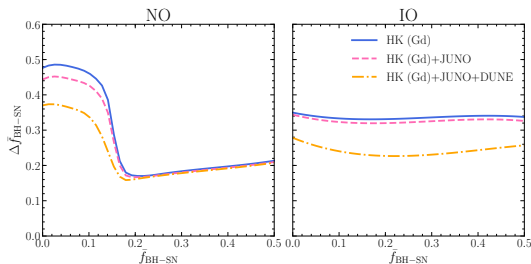
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Expected 1σ uncertainty: fraction of BH forming progenitors



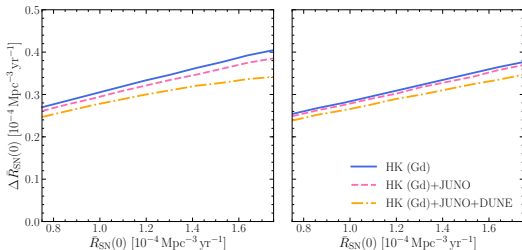
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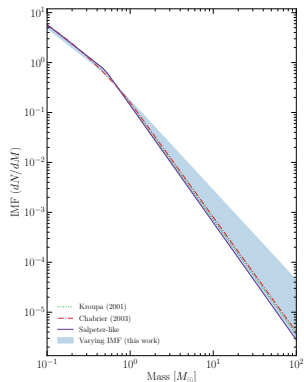


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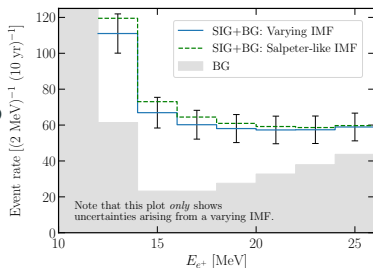
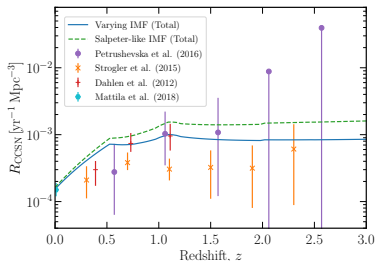
- Relative error of 20%-33% independent of the mass ordering.



Varying Initial Mass Function



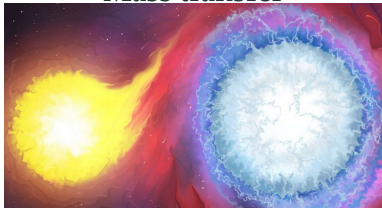
- larger fraction of stars may evolve to black holes at high redshift
- changed rate of the core-collapse supernovae



Binary interactions

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and experience binary interactions [Sana et al. 2012](#), [Zapartas et al. 2020](#)

Mass transfer



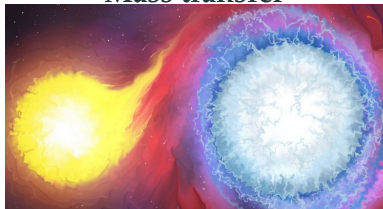
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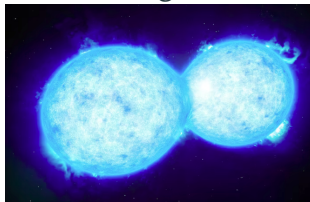
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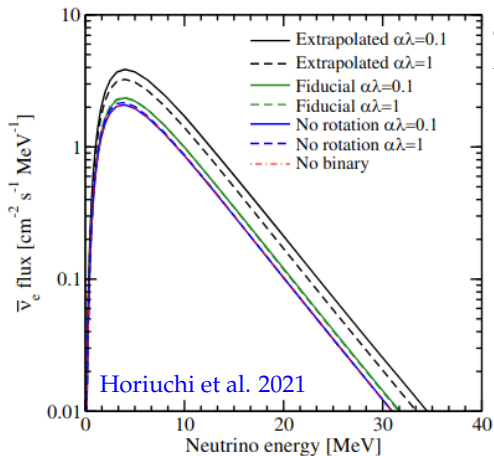


Effects on the stellar population [Horiuchi et al. 2021](#)

- 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

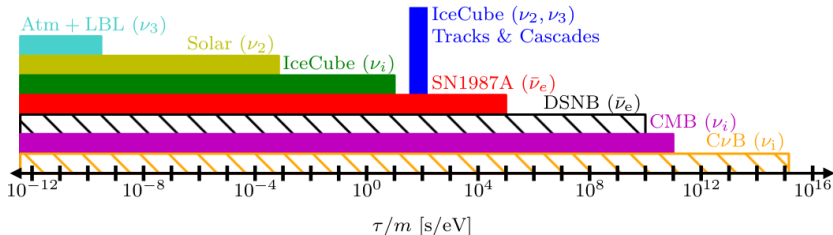
BSM scenarios affecting DSNB

Neutrino decay

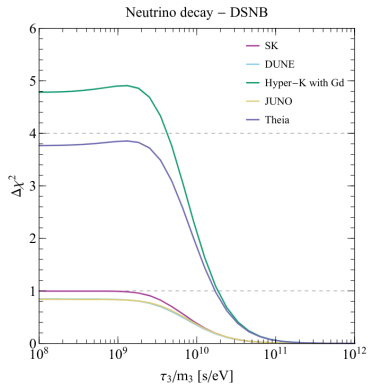
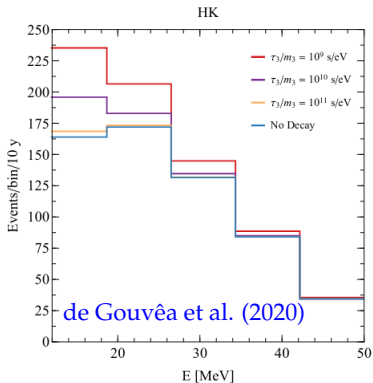
Active neutrinos are massive and masses are not identical

- 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

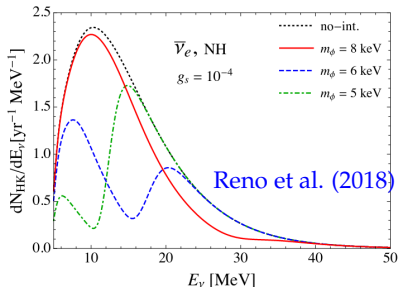
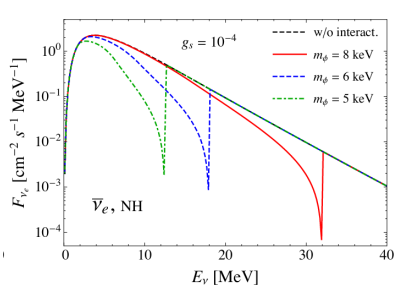


Exact detector features depend on

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

Ando et al. 2003, Fogli et al. 2004, de Gouvêa et al. 2020, Tabrizi & Horiuchi (2020), Ivanov-Ballesteros & Volpe (2023),...

Secret neutrino interactions: impact on DSNB



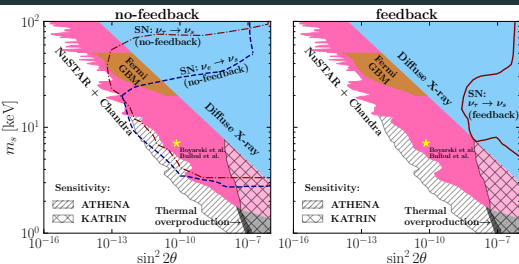
DSNB interactions with

- cosmic relic neutrinos
Goldberg et al. (2005), Baker et al. (2007), Reno et al. (2018)
- dark matter Farzan, Palomares-Ruiz (2014)

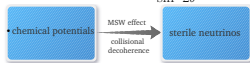
result in spectral features in DSNB

BSM impacting neutrinos inside CCSN

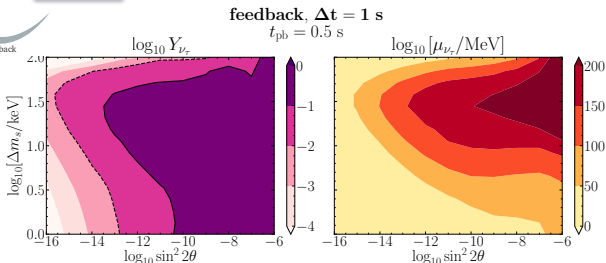
KeV sterile neutrinos



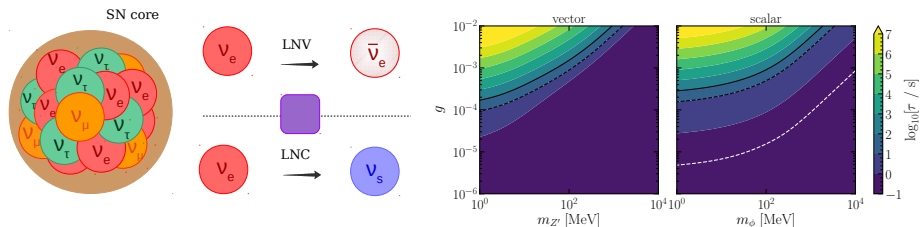
- The inclusion of feedback: reduction of the excluded region
- CC-SNe cannot exclude any region the DM parameter space



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



Non-standard coherent scattering in the supernova core

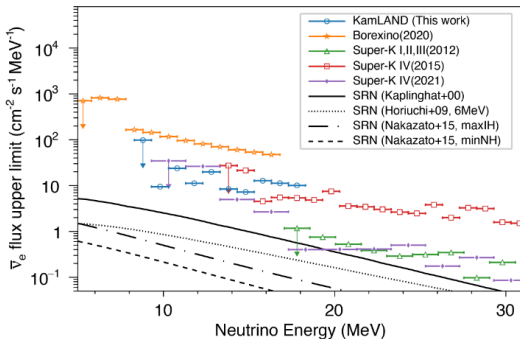


- prolonged diffusion time \rightarrow possible change in the star's fate
- prolonged diffusion time \rightarrow changed duration of the neutrino signal
- LNC scalar mediator \rightarrow new cooling channel due to ν_R

Current limits on the DSNB

Diffuse supernova neutrino background: current limits

Abe et al. (2021)



DSNB limits:

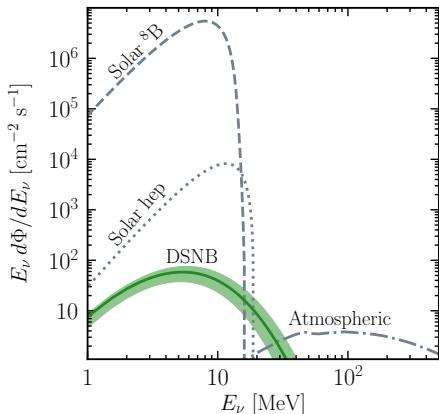
- $\bar{\nu}_e \approx 3 \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$ for $E_\nu > 17.3 \text{ MeV}$ Giampaolo et al. (2021), SK collab. (2021) soon detected by SK (Gd) Beacom, Vagins (2004) and JUNO JUNO collab. (2021)
- $\nu_e \approx 19 \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$ for $E_\nu \in [22.9, 36.9 \text{ MeV}]$ Mastbaum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

Towards probing the DSNB in all flavors

In collaboration with J. Beacom, and I. Tamborra

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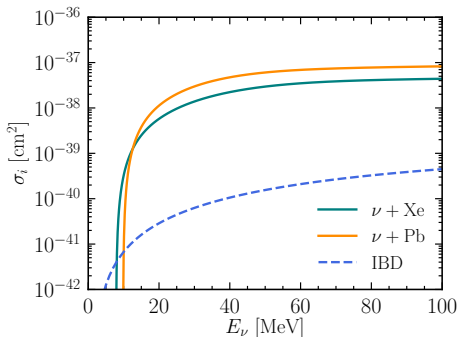
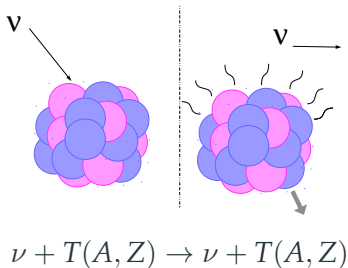
Can we detect the x -flavor DSNB? Maybe



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 ν NS)



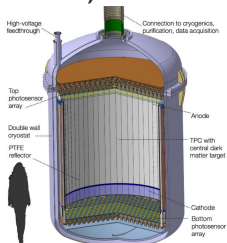
Cross section

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

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

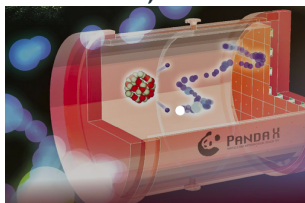
Current and future CE ν NS detectors

XENONnT, DARWIN



Aalbers et al. 2016

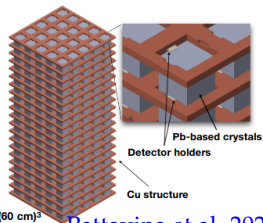
PandaX-4T, PandaX-xT



Menget et al. 2021

Total Pb volume (60 cm)³

RES-NOVA



Pattavina et al. 2020

fiducial volumes: few - hundreds ton

target materials: Xe, Pb

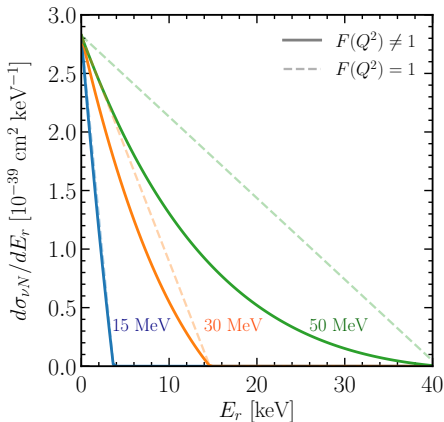
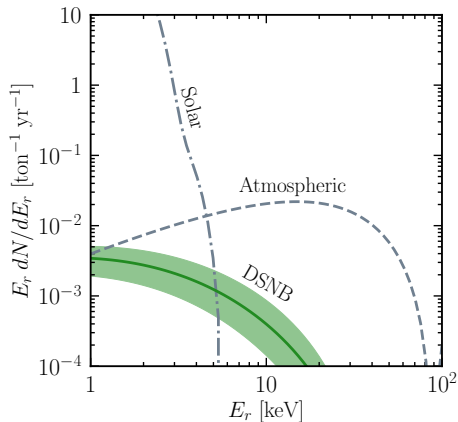
thresholds: $\mathcal{O}(1)$ keV

efficiency: ~ 80 - 100%

Scattering rate

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

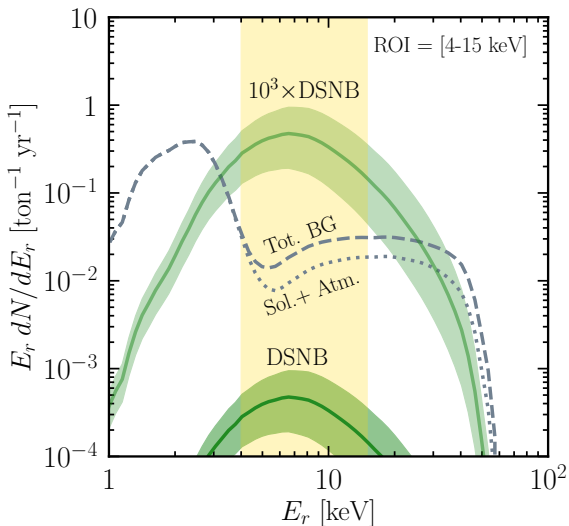
Event rate in the xenon-based detector



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

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

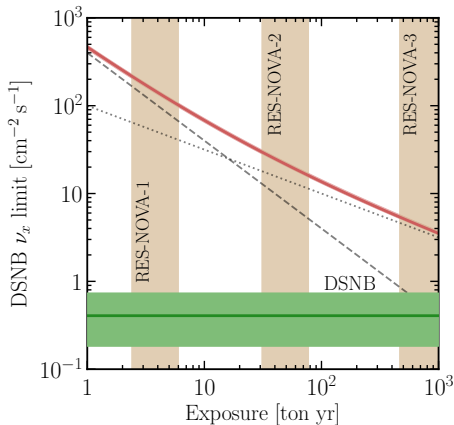
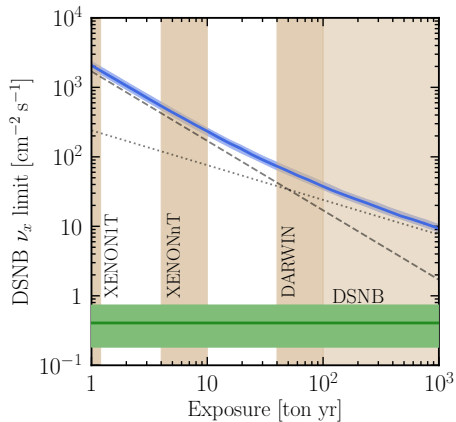
YES: Scaled event rate in the xenon-based detector



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

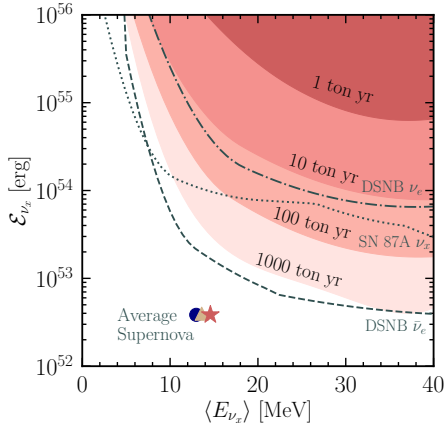
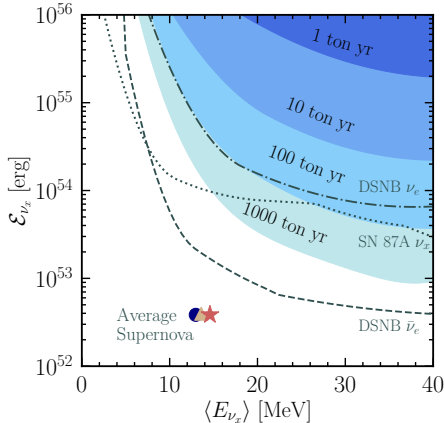
Sensitivity bounds on the x -flavor DSNB

Sensitivity bounds on the normalization of the x-flavor DSNB



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

Sensitivity bounds on the x-flavor DSNB



- Simple DSNB: all supernovae emit the same Fermi-Dirac ν_x spectrum
- Potential handle on the normalization and mean energy of the SN ν_x
- 1000 ton yr: limits comparable with current SK limit on $\bar{\nu}_e$ DSNB

Conclusions

Diffuse supernova neutrino background

- $\bar{\nu}_e$: soon to be detected by SK + Gd, JUNO
- ν_e : possibly detectable by DUNE
- ν_x :
 - XENON1T, PandaX-4T yield similar limits to the one from SK
 - CE ν 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

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

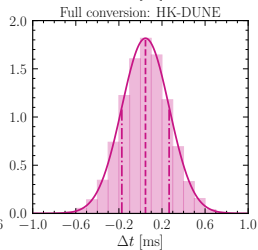
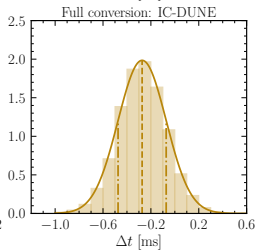
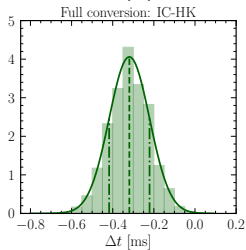
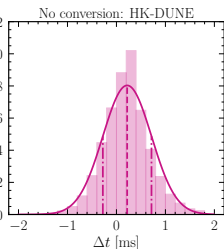
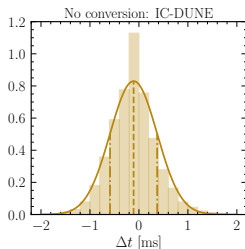
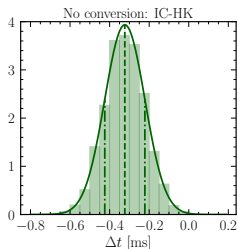
- brings us closer to fully understanding the physics inside the sources
- help us to probe potential new physics scenarios

Exciting times ahead

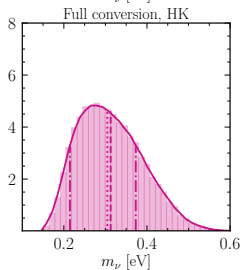
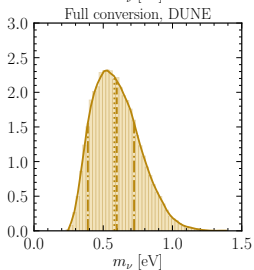
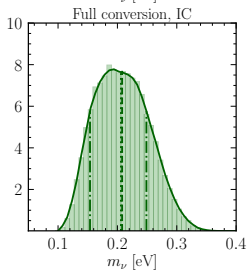
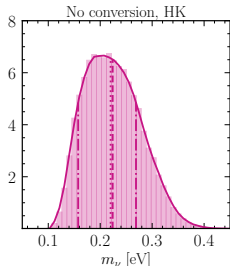
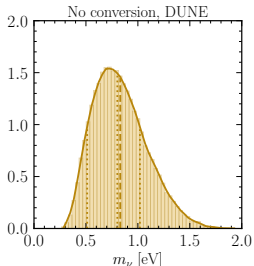
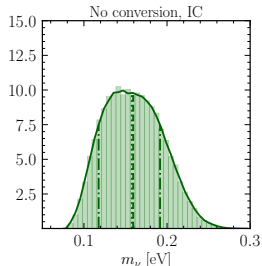
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Backup

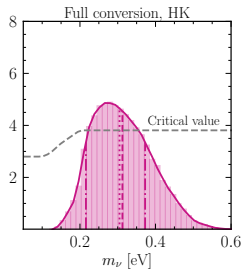
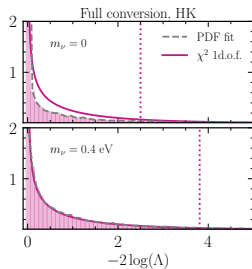
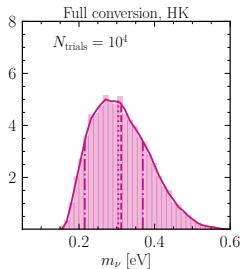
Histograms: Timing the neutrino signal



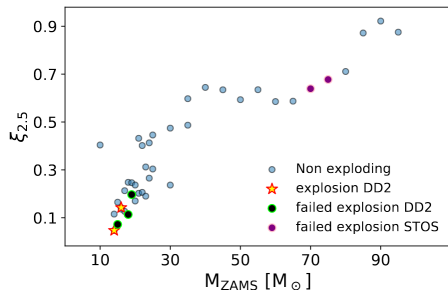
Histograms: neutrino mass limit



Relaxing Wilk's theorem approximation



The Role of the QCD Phase Transition in CCSNe

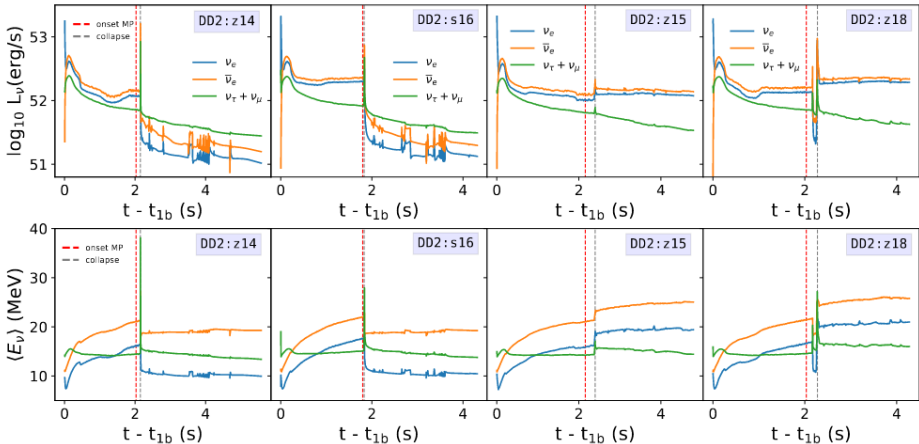


Compactness parameter

$$\xi_M = \frac{M/M_{\odot}}{r(M)/1000 \text{ km}}$$

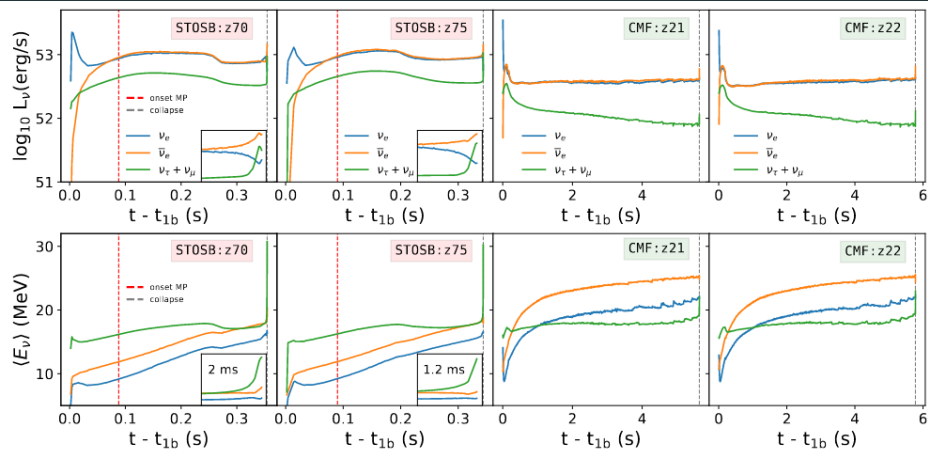
- Three equations of state: DD2F (1st order PT, Gibbs), STOS-B145 (1st order PT, Maxwellian), and CMF (smooth crossover)
- Successful explosions only for 2 models in DD2F
- Failed explosions in DD2F and STOS-B145

Neutrino signals: DD2F



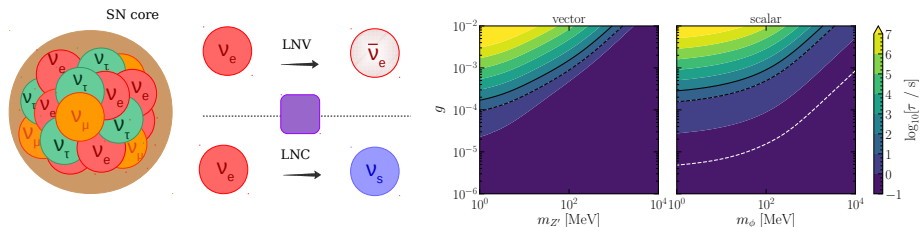
- Low explosion energies $\sim 10^{50}$ erg
- Majority of models have second bounce 37/40
- Failed explosions only for zero metallicity

Neutrino signals: STOSB-B145, CMF



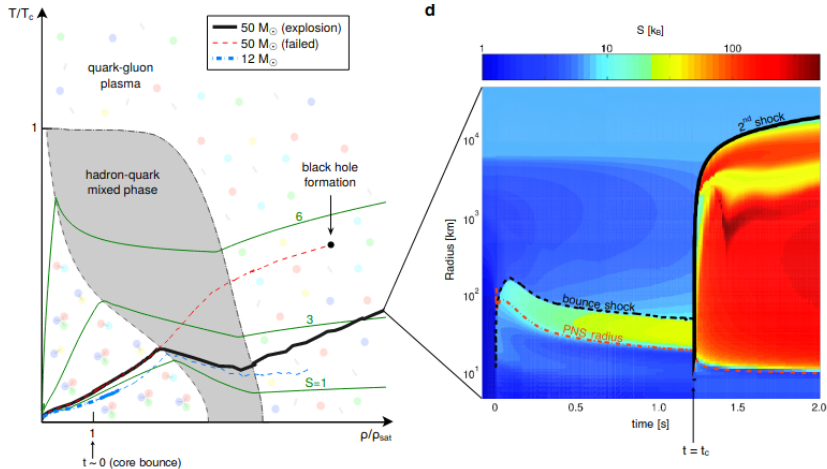
- Relatively small increase in luminosity during 2nd bounce
- No models successfully explode
- No 2nd bounces in the CMF models

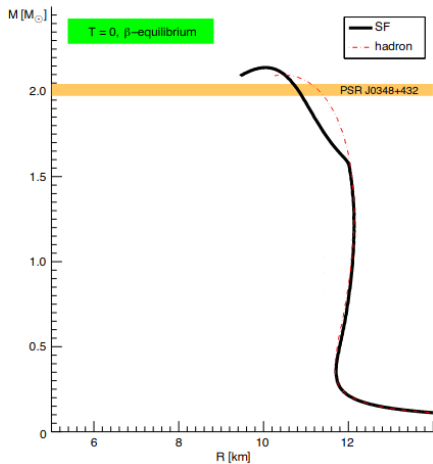
Non-standard coherent scattering in the supernova core



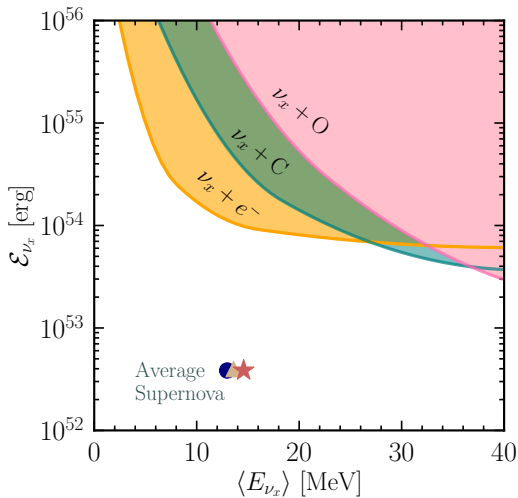
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Quark deconfinement as a supernova explosion engine for massive blue supergiant stars

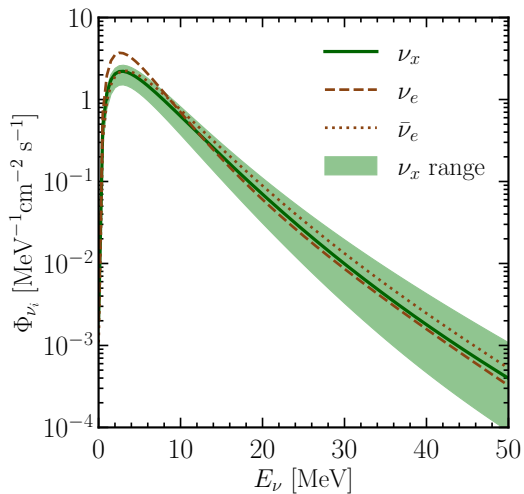




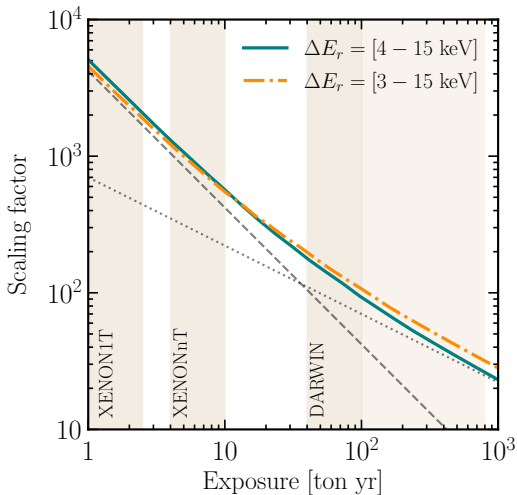
Limits from the SN 1987A



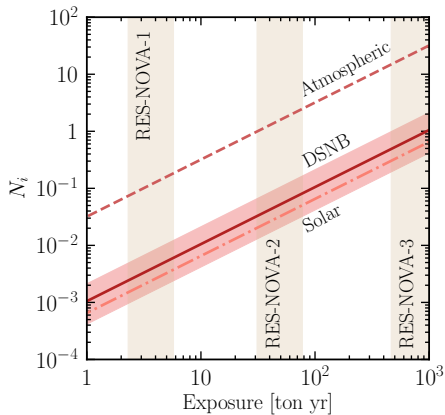
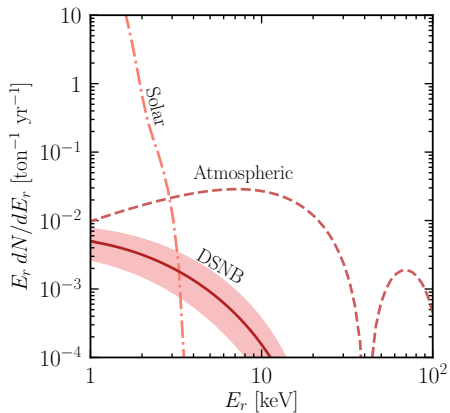
DSNB variability



Sensitivity of the limits to a detection window



Event rate: lead detector



Which part of the spectrum are CE ν NS detectors sensitive to?

