

# Towards Probing the Diffuse Supernova Neutrino Background in All Flavors

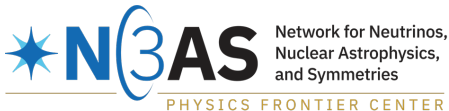
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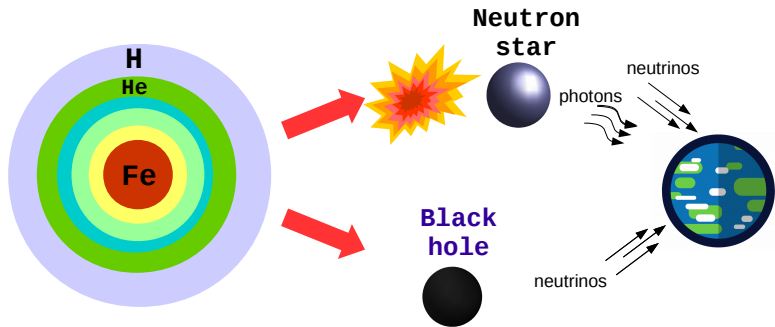
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# Why are neutrinos important for a core-collapse supernova?

## Neutrinos:

- $\sim 10^{58}$  of them emitted from a single core collapse
- only they (+ GW) can reveal the deep interior conditions
- only they (+ GW) are emitted from the collapse to a black hole



# Why core-collapse supernovae are good physics probes?

## Advantages

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

## 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)...

# Single event vs. multiple events

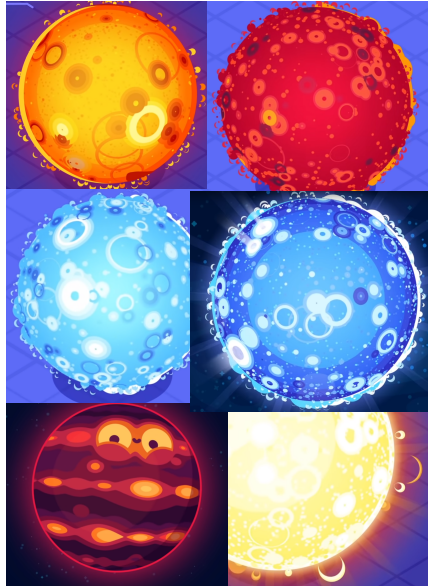


## Single galactic SN event

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

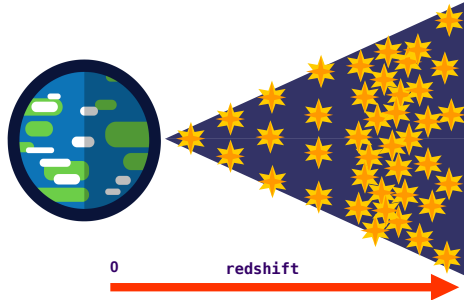
**fraction of black-hole-forming progenitors** (blue arrow pointing to  $f_{\text{BH-SN}}$ )

**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  $F_{\nu\beta, \text{BH-SN}}(E', M)$ )

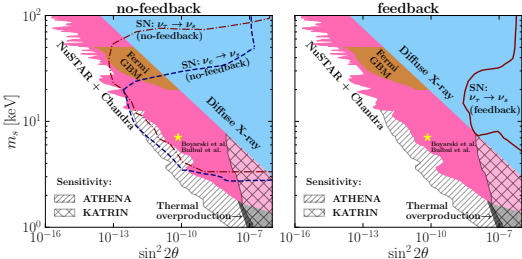
The DSNB is sensitive to:

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

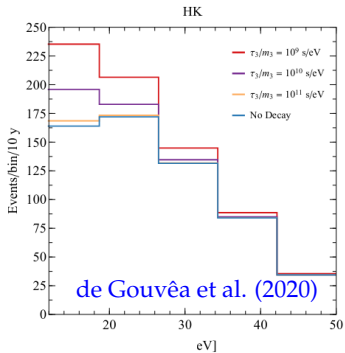


# Examples of the BSM scenarios affecting DSNB

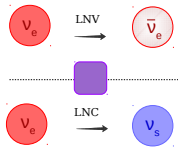
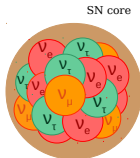
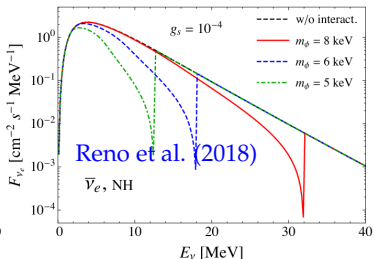
## KeV sterile neutrinos



## Neutrino decay



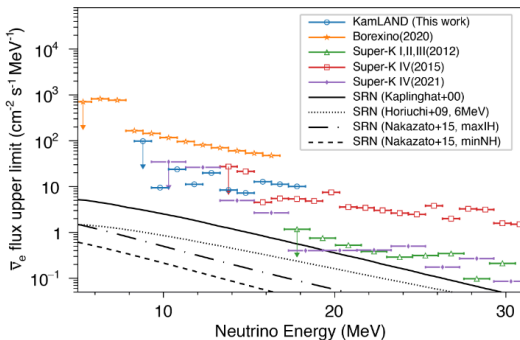
## Secret neutrino interactions



Raffelt & Sigl (1992), Shi & Sigl (1994), Nunokawa et al. (1997), Ando et al. 2003, Goldberg et al. (2005), Hidaka & Fuller (2006), Fogli et al. 2004, Hidaka & Fuller (2007), Raffelt & Zhou (2011), Warren et al. (2014), Farzan, Palomares-Ruiz (2014), Argüelles et al. (2016), Suliga et al. (2019), Syvolap et al. (2019), Shalgar et al. (2019), Suliga et al. (2020), Suliga & Tamborra (2020) + many more... 5/14

# Diffuse supernova neutrino background: current limits

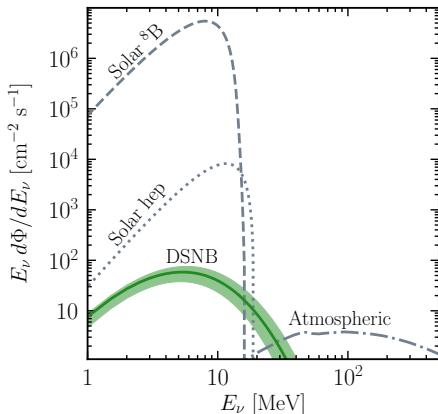
Abe et al. (2021)



## 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? Maybe



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

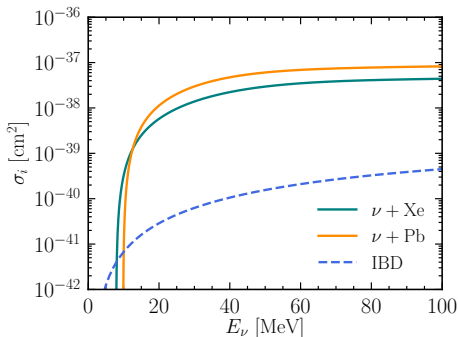
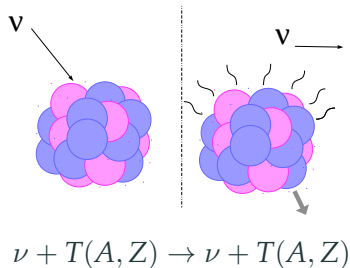
1D SN models  
Garching group  
archive

- 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)

L. E. Strigari (2009), Vitagliano et al. (2019), Honda et al. (2011), Newstead et al. (2020)



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



## Cross section

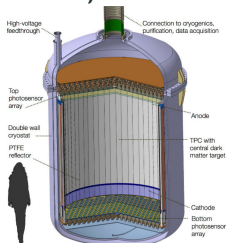
$$\frac{d\sigma_{\text{SM}}}{dE_r} = \frac{G_F^2 m_T}{4\pi} Q_w^2 \left(1 - \frac{m_T E_r}{2E_\nu^2}\right) F^2(Q), \quad Q_w = [N - Z(1 - 4\sin^2 \theta_W)]$$

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

Freedman (1974)

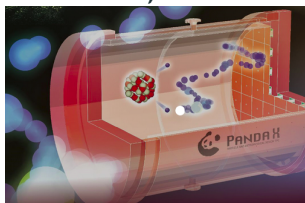
# Current and future CE $\nu$ NS detectors

## XENONnT, DARWIN



Aalbers et al. 2016

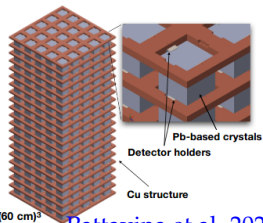
## PandaX-4T, PandaX-xT



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

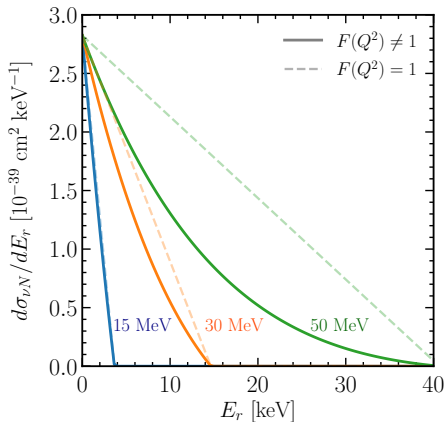
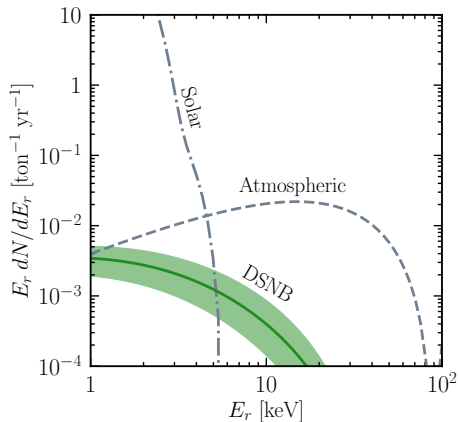
**thresholds:**  $\mathcal{O}(1)$  keV

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

### Scattering rate

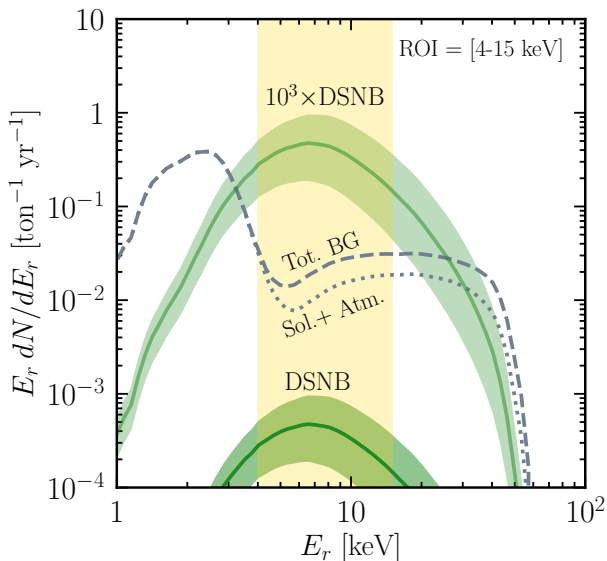
$$\frac{dR_{\nu N}}{dE_r dt} = N_T \epsilon(E_r) \int dE_\nu \frac{d\sigma_{\nu N}}{dE_r} \psi(E_\nu, t) \Theta(E_r^{\max} - E_r), \quad E_r^{\max} = \frac{2E_\nu^2}{m_T + 2E_\nu}$$

# Event rate in the xenon-based detector



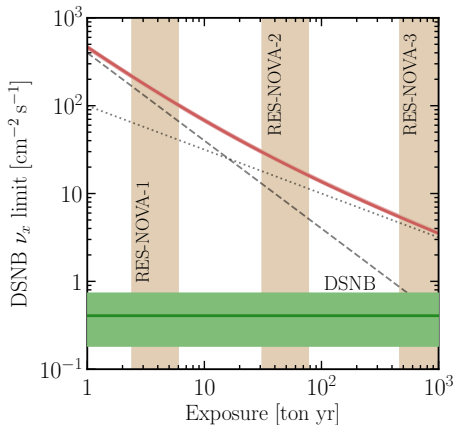
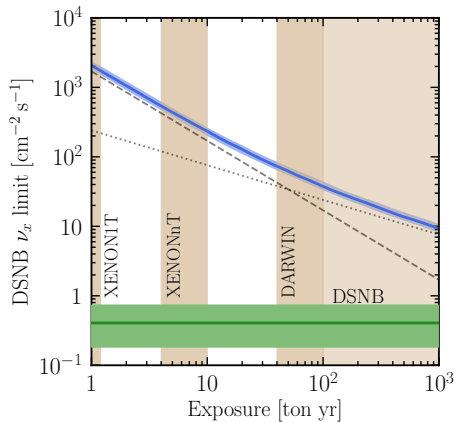
- The potential energy window displayed by the bare fluxes disappears
- Reason: Low energy recoils are most probable for all neutrino energies
- Detection of the  $x$ -flavor DSNB seems out of reach, BUT...

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



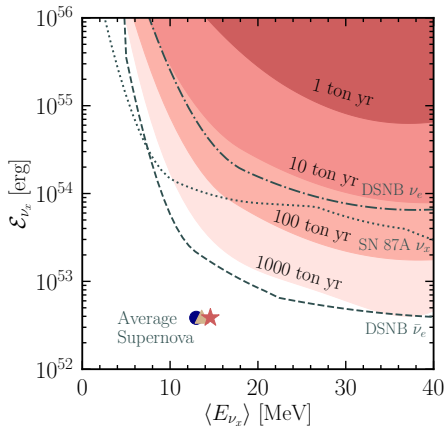
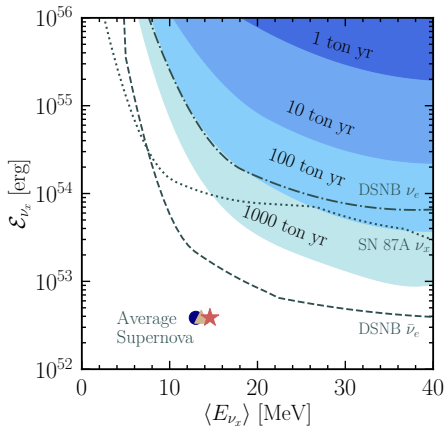
- Potential for an improvement by  $\gtrsim 1 - 2$  orders of magnitude

# 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

# Conclusions

## 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

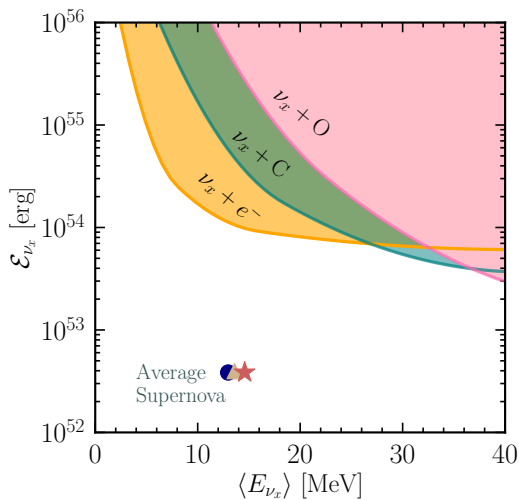
**Thank you for the attention!**

## **Backup slides**

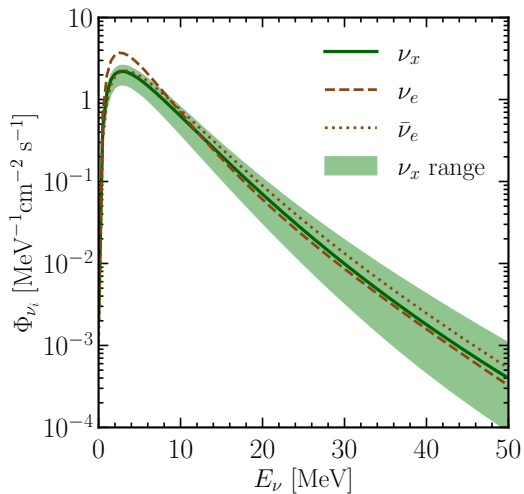
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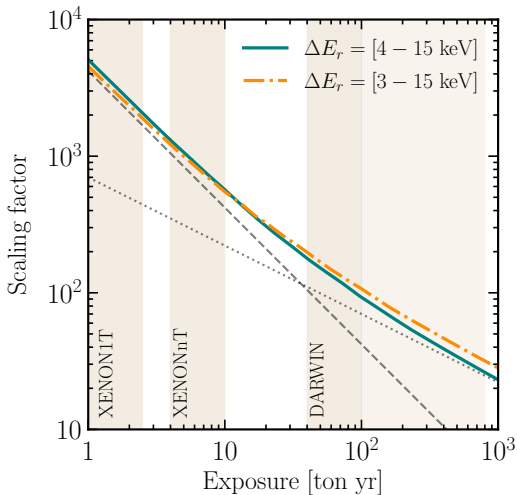
# Limits from the SN 1987A



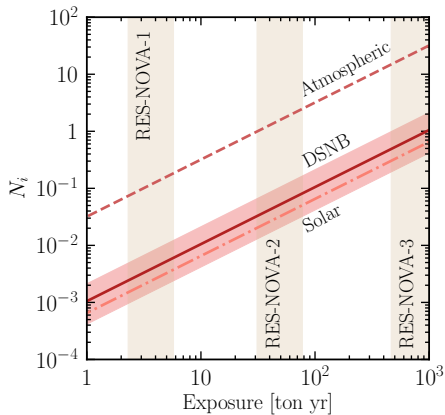
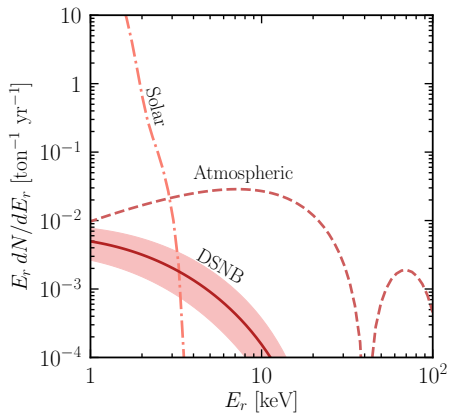
# DSNB variability



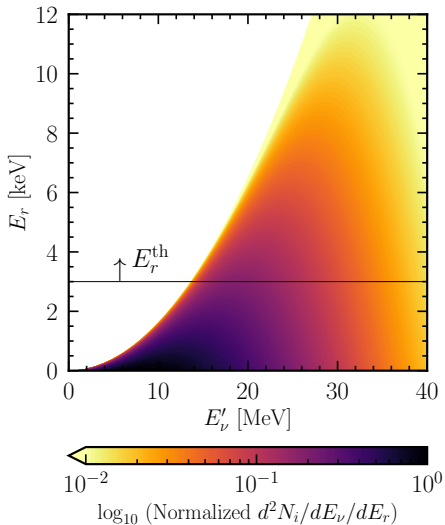
# Sensitivity of the limits to a detection window



# Event rate: lead detector



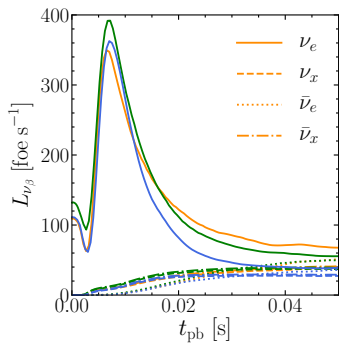
# Which part of the spectrum are CE $\nu$ NS detectors sensitive to?



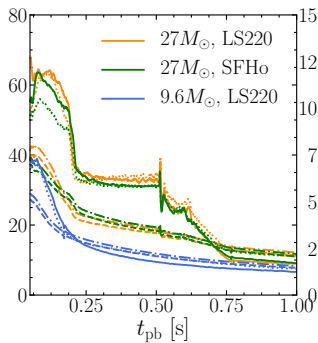
# Core-collapse supernovae

1 foe =  $10^{51}$  ergs

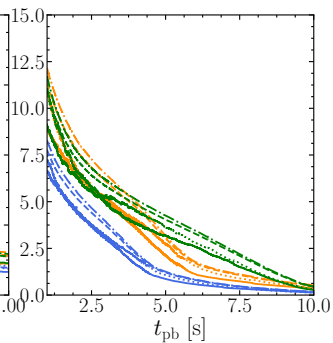
## CC-SN progenitors



$\nu_e$  burst



accretion



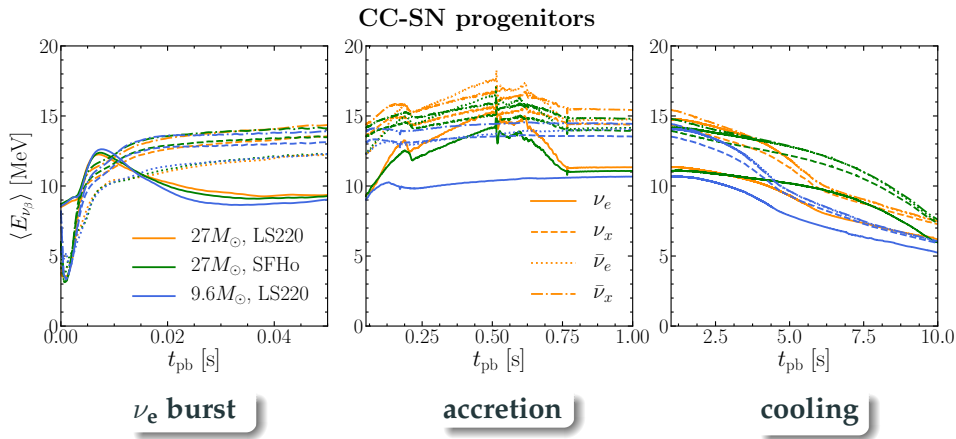
cooling

CC-SN

equation of state = LS220 or SFHo, mass = 9.6  $M_\odot$  or 27  $M_\odot$

Garching core-collapse supernova archive

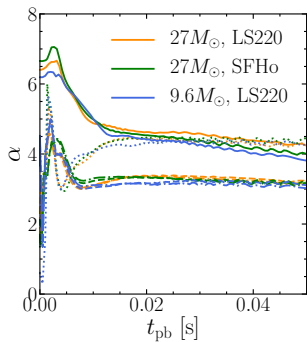
# Progenitor stars forming neutron stars



Early times  $\langle E_{\nu_e} \rangle < \langle E_{\bar{\nu}_e} \rangle < \langle E_{\nu_x} \rangle$ ,

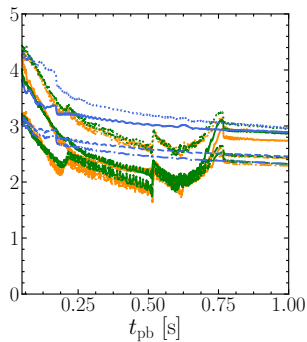
Late times  $\langle E_{\nu_e} \rangle < \langle E_{\nu_x} \rangle < \langle E_{\bar{\nu}_e} \rangle$

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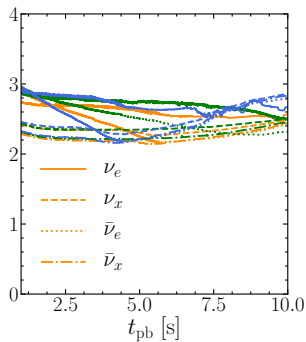


$\nu_e$  burst

## CC-SN progenitors



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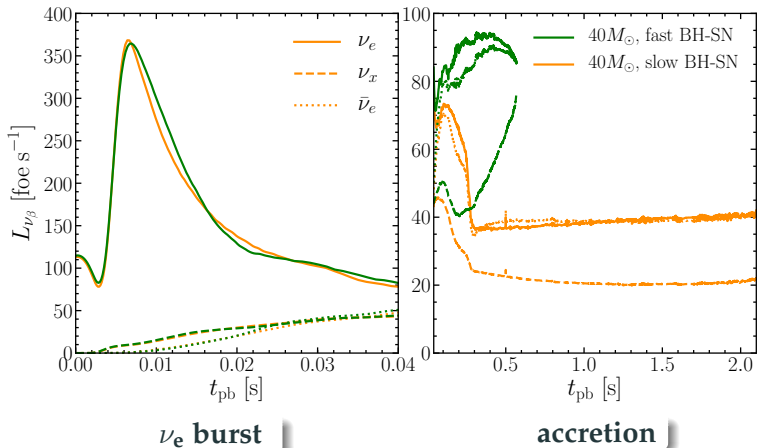


cooling



# Failed Supernovae

## BH-SN progenitors

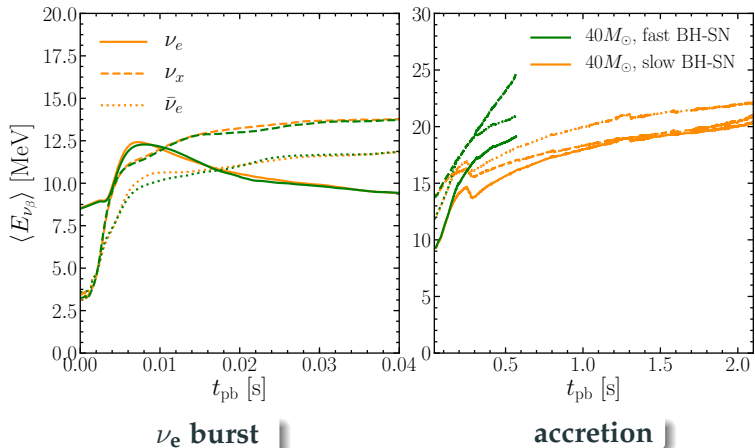


**BH-SN**

equation of state = LS220, mass =  $40 M_\odot$ ,  $t_{\text{BH}} = 0.57$  s or 2.1 s

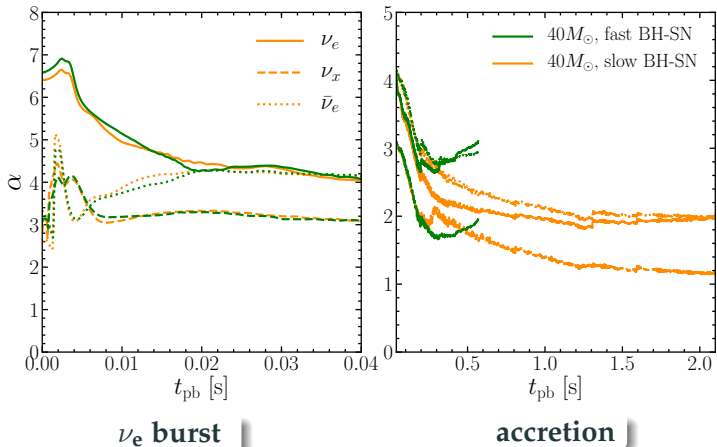
# Progenitor stars forming black holes

## BH-SN progenitors



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## Neutrino energy distribution

$$\varphi_{\nu\beta}(E, t_{\text{pb}}) = \xi_{\nu\beta}(t_{\text{pb}}) \left( \frac{E}{\langle E_{\nu\beta}(t_{\text{pb}}) \rangle} \right)^{\alpha_{\beta}(t_{\text{pb}})} e^{-\frac{E(\alpha_{\beta}(t_{\text{pb}})+1)}{\langle E_{\nu\beta}(t_{\text{pb}}) \rangle}}$$

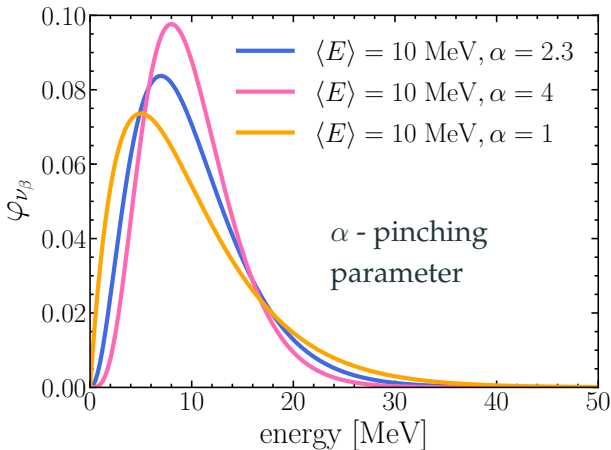
normalization  $1/\xi_{\nu\beta}(t_{\text{pb}}) = \int dE \varphi_{\nu\beta}(E, t_{\text{pb}})$

## Pinching parameter

$$\alpha_{\beta}(t_{\text{pb}}) = \frac{\langle E_{\nu\beta}(t_{\text{pb}})^2 \rangle - 2\langle E_{\nu\beta}(t_{\text{pb}}) \rangle^2}{\langle E_{\nu\beta}(t_{\text{pb}}) \rangle^2 - \langle E_{\nu\beta}(t_{\text{pb}})^2 \rangle}.$$

# Neutrino fluxes

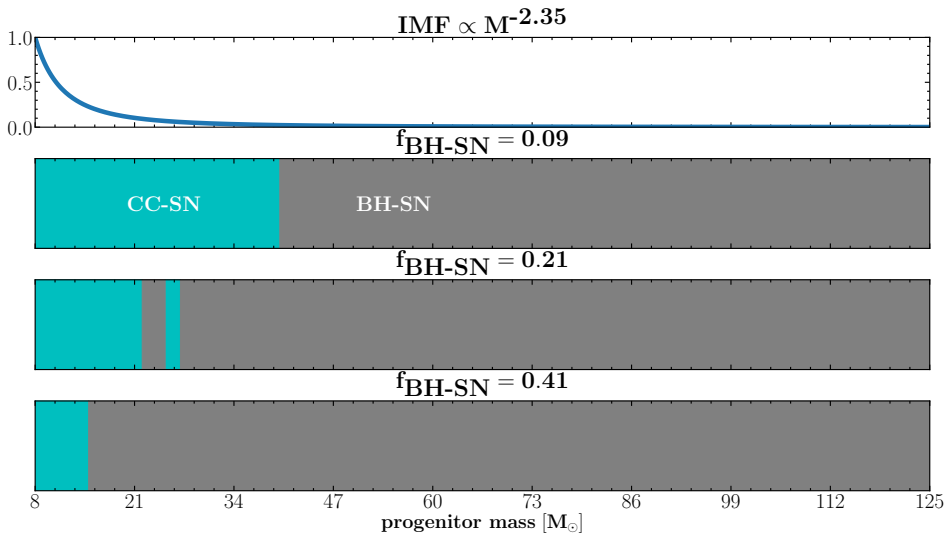
## Neutrino energy distribution



## Differential neutrino flux

$$f_{\nu\beta}^0(E, t_{\text{pb}}) = \frac{L_{\nu\beta}(t_{\text{pb}})}{4\pi r^2} \frac{\varphi_{\nu\beta}(E, t_{\text{pb}})}{\langle E_{\nu\beta}(t_{\text{pb}}) \rangle} = \frac{F_{\nu\beta}^0(E, t_{\text{pb}})}{4\pi r^2}$$

# Fraction of BH-forming progenitors



Ertl et al. [arXiv:1503.07522](https://arxiv.org/abs/1503.07522), Sukhbold et al. [arXiv:1510.04643](https://arxiv.org/abs/1510.04643),  
Adams et al. [arXiv:1610.02402](https://arxiv.org/abs/1610.02402), Heger et al. [arXiv:0112059](https://arxiv.org/abs/0112059)

# Core-collapse supernova rate

