Neutrino astrophysics and connections with nuclear physics

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the Sun



core-collapse Supernovae



accretion disks around black holes or neutron star mergers remnants



Neutrinos from gravitational core-collapse



- They comprise : SN II (H in their spectra),
 SN I b/c (H envelop lost), Ib has He, no Si,
 Ic none (H and He envelop lost).
- Stars with masses :
 - $\begin{array}{ll} 6 \ M_{sun} < M < 8 \ M_{sun} & \textbf{O-Ne-Mg SNe} \\ M > 8 \ M_{sun} & \textbf{Iron-core SNe} \end{array}$
 - 99 % of the gravitational energy (10⁵³ ergs) is radiated as neutrinos and anti-neutrinos of all flavours.

Neutrinos tightly linked to key astrophysics issues :

- How do massive stars explode?
- What is the site where heavy elements are made?



 $\boldsymbol{\nu}$ in stars or accretion disks



atomic nucleus

10 ⁵⁷	Ν	200
weak	interaction	strong
unbound	system	bound
$ \rho_{ji} = \left\langle a_j^+ a_j \right\rangle \text{ neutrinos} $ $ \overline{\rho}_{ji} = \left\langle b_j^+ b_j \right\rangle \text{ anti-neutrinos} $	density	$ ho=\left\langle oldsymbol{a}^{\!+}oldsymbol{a} ight angle $

Neutrino flavor evolution in dense environments : a many-body problem



To determine the dynamics

V,

NS

MEAN-FIELD approximation

$$ho = \left\langle \boldsymbol{a}^{+} \boldsymbol{a} \right\rangle$$
 one-body density matrix

 $i\dot{\rho} = [h(\rho), \rho]$ neutrino Hamiltonian $h(\rho) = h_0 + h_{mat} + h_{vv}(\rho)$ $e^{-}(\vec{p})$ $e^{-}(\vec{p'})$ $\nu_{\beta}(\vec{p})$ $\nu_{\alpha}(\vec{p'})$ $e^{-}(\vec{p})$ $e^{-}(\vec{p'})$ $\nu(\vec{k})$ $\nu_{\beta}(\vec{k}')$ $\nu(\vec{k})$ $\nu(\vec{k}')$ $\nu_{\alpha}(\vec{k})$ neutrino-matter neutrino self-interactions non-linear term $h_{mat} = \sqrt{2}G_F \rho_e$

First equation of the BBGKY hierarchy and beyond Volpe et al., PRD 87 (2013)

Flavor conversion in supernovae

Novel phenomena uncovered



In supernovae



Collective neutrino modes and linearization



Small amplitude motion

Collective modes and instabilities can be studied with the linearization. Banerjee, Dighe, Raffelt, PRD84 (2011)

Stability matrix
$$\begin{pmatrix} A & B \\ \bar{B} & \bar{A} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \rho' \\ \bar{\rho}' \end{pmatrix} = \omega \begin{pmatrix} \rho' \\ \bar{\rho}' \end{pmatrix}$$

connection to collective modes in other many-body systems (nuclei, clusters, ...)

Väänänen and Volpe, PRD88 (2013)



S eigenvalues : -> real : stable collective -> imaginary : instabilities



nuclear resonances

The transition region

✤ if different neutrinospheres considered



collisions -> flavor patterns modified (schematic evaluation)
 Cherry et al, PRL108 (2012),



Competition between the collision and flavor timescales ?

The transition region : extended mean-field equations

mass terms introduce helicity change:

$$\zeta = \left\langle \boldsymbol{a}_{\!\!+}^{\!\!+} \boldsymbol{a}_{\!\!-}^{\!\!-} \right\rangle$$

 $i\dot{\mathcal{R}}(t) = [\mathcal{H}(t), \mathcal{R}(t)].$ R – generalised density matrix H – generalised Hamiltonian

$$R = \begin{pmatrix} \rho & \zeta \\ \zeta^* & \overline{\rho} \end{pmatrix} \qquad H = \begin{pmatrix} h & \Phi \\ \Phi & \overline{h} \end{pmatrix}$$

R and H have helicity and flavor structure, $2N_f \ge 2N_f$.

 $\Phi \sim (h_{mat}^{perp} + h_{vv}^{perp}) \times m_v/(2E_v)$ Helicity coherence Φ couples v with \overline{v} , if the medium is anisotropic.

> Vlasenko, Fuller, Cirigliano, PRD89 (2014) Serreau, Volpe, PRD90 (2014)

The influence of helicity coherence on flavor evolution?

First study in a one-flavor schematic model showed it might impact neutrino flavor conversion.

Vlasenko, Fuller, Cirigliano, 1406.6724

Helicity coherence (mass terms) effects



Flavor phenomena and nucleosynthesis in accretion disks



GW from BNS, as the recent observation, crucial.

Supernova Early Warning System and SNe observatories

Events for a supernova explodes in our galaxy (10 kpc), up to 10⁶ events



IceCube (10⁶)

Detection channels : scattering of anti- v_e with p, v_e with nuclei, v_x with ^e, We will measure the time, energy signal from future (extra)galactic explosions.

Neutrino-nucleus cross sections SUN,REACTOR ATMOSPHERE Ve C N e ATMOSPHERE Ve C N e Ve C N

Experimental data scarce (d and ⁵⁶F, ¹²C). Predictions based on various models, see eg. Brown, Hayes, Kolbe, Fuller, Haxton, Jachowitz, Kubodera, Langanke, Lazauskas, Martinez-Pinedo, McLaughlin, Vogel, Volpe,....



Significant variations among the predictions....

Neutrino-nucleus cross sections



Several projects have been proposed over the years... ORLAND at SNS (2000), low energy beta-beam (2003), v at JPARC (Ejiri, 2003)

Measurements on v-nucleus cross sections planned at SNS by the INCOHERENT collaboration ! (Pb, O, Ar, Fe)

Sensitivity to the quenching of g_A

Supernovae and observations



SN1987A : Bayesian analysis of the energies and arrival times of the events Delayed explosion mechanism favored over the prompt one. many analysis since – see e.g. Vissani, J. Phys. G42 (2015).

How well can we reconstruct the gravitational binding energy in a galactic explosion ?

Most of the analysis make assumptions – ex. equipartition hypothesis, or pinching parameter fixed.

An et al. J. Phys. G43 (2016), Lu, Li, Zhou, PRD94 (2016) 023006, Minakata et al, arXiv:0802.1489, ...

constructing the gravitational binding energy of the neutron sta

Gallo Rosso, Vissani, Volpe, arXiv:1708.00760

For a galactic supernova at 10 kpc. Signal in Super-Kamiokande.





- ✓ Fluence : a power-law, MSW, NH
- Combined IBD, elastic scattering and NC on oxygen

Fit to numerous EOS for NS $\frac{\mathcal{E}_{\rm B}}{Mc^2} \approx \frac{(0.60 \pm 0.05) \,\beta}{1 - \beta/2}, \quad \beta = \frac{GM}{R \, c^2},$ Lattimer, Prakash, Phys.Rep. 2007



E_b reconstructed with 11% accuracy.

Conclusions and perspectives



Neutrino flavor evolution is a many-body problem. Short scale modes seem to occur... A lot understood but the final impact on the fluxes needs to be assessed.

Nuclear spin-isospin and isospin response from future measurements of neutrino-nucleus interactions at SNS.

New work for theorists.



Neutrinos from supernovae will bring crucial information for understanding the supernova explosion mechanism, on v and the star properties, such as its compactness (M-R).



Life tree

The dream of detecting neutrinos from the early Universe

cosmological neutrino



Weinberg, Phys. Rev. 1962 USING RADIOACTIVE NUCLEI? The neutrino capture on a radioactive nucleus is a process with no threshold. The cross section is enhanced : today at least one neutrino is nonrelativistic.

Cocco, Mangano, Messina, JCAP 2007 Example : 100 grams of tritium 10 events/year.

Background of electrons from the tritium beta-decay : a serious problem... To determine the dynamics exactly:

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$$\begin{array}{ccc} \rho_1 = \left\langle \boldsymbol{a}^{\!+} \boldsymbol{a} \right\rangle & \rho_{12} = \left\langle \boldsymbol{a}^{\!+} \boldsymbol{a}^{\!+} \boldsymbol{a} \boldsymbol{a} \right\rangle & \rho_{123} = \left\langle \boldsymbol{a}^{\!+} \boldsymbol{a}^{\!+} \boldsymbol{a}^{\!+} \boldsymbol{a} \boldsymbol{a} \boldsymbol{a} \right\rangle & \dots \\ \text{one-body density} & \text{two-body} & \text{three-body} & \text{N-body} \end{array}$$

$$\begin{split} \mathbf{i}\dot{\rho}_{1} &= [t_{1},\rho_{1}] + \operatorname{Tr}_{(2)}\left\{ [v_{12},\rho_{12}] \right\} \\ \mathbf{i}\dot{\rho}_{12} &= [t_{1} + t_{2} + v_{12},\rho_{12}] + \operatorname{Tr}_{(3)}\left\{ [v_{13} + v_{23},\rho_{123}] \right\} \\ \mathbf{i}\dot{\rho}_{1\cdots n} &= \left[\sum_{i=1}^{n} t_{i} + \sum_{j>i=1}^{n} v_{ij},\rho_{1\cdots n} \right] \\ \mathbf{H} &= \mathbf{t} + \mathbf{v} \\ \mathsf{Hamiltonian} \\ &+ \sum_{i=1}^{n} \operatorname{Tr}_{(n+1)}\left\{ [v_{i(n+1)},\rho_{1\cdots(n+1)}] \right\} \end{split}$$
Born-Bogoliubov-Green-Kirkwood-Yvon (BBGKY) hierarchy

an infinite set of equations for a relativistic system

Helicity coherence, MNR and non-linear feedback



Example of the Matter Neutrino Resonance :

$$\lambda Y_e \simeq -(h_{\nu\nu}^{ee} - h_{\nu\nu}^{xx}) + \frac{\Delta m^2}{2p} \cos 2\theta$$

Matching between
the v self-interaction and
the matter potential produced
by non-linear feedback

A perturbative analysis of the conditions to have multiple MSW resonances on a short distance scale shows the matching is not possible for helicity coherence because of the radial dependence of the geometrical factor. Also true in supernovae, unless specific matter profiles are taken.

Non-linear feedback does not produce multiple MSW for helicity coherence.



$$\mathcal{L}_{j} \text{ (param.)} \propto \prod_{i=1}^{N_{\text{bin}}} \frac{\nu_{i}^{n_{i}}}{n_{i}} e^{-\nu_{i}} \quad \text{with } j = \text{IBD, ES,}$$

 $\mathcal{L}_{\text{NCR}} \text{ (param.)} = (2\pi N_{\text{NCR}} 2\pi \sigma_{\kappa}^{2})^{-1/2} \exp \left[-\frac{(n_{\text{NCR}} - N_{\text{NCR}})^{2}}{2N_{\text{NCR}}} - \frac{(\kappa - 1)^{2}}{2\sigma_{\kappa}^{2}}\right]$

	Super-Kamiokande				
	ν_e	$\bar{\nu}_e$	$ u_x$	sum	n_j
IBD	_	2900	1672	4572	4565
ES	14.7	24.7	187	226	237
NCR	12	345	204	561	554
OS sig.	0.53	2.04	43.0	45.5	
IBD bkg.		324	77.8	401	
ES bkg.	11.0	19.2	83.3	114	

An example



Having accurate theoretical values of the v-nucleus reaction cross sections is a challenging task.

Reconstrucing the gravitational binding energy

Gallo Rosso, Vissani, Volpe, arXiv:1708.00760

For a galactic supernova at 10 kpc. Signal in Super-Kamiokande.



	$ u_{ m e}$	$\bar{ u}_{ m e}$	$ u_x$
$\mathcal{E}_i^* \left[10^{53} \mathrm{erg} \right]$	$0.5 \in [0.2, 1]$	$0.5 \in [0.2, 1]$	$0.5 \in [0.2, 1]$
$\langle E_i^* \rangle [\text{MeV}]$	$9.5 \in [5, 30]$	$12 \in [5, 30]$	$15.6 \in [5, 30]$
α_i^*	$2.5 \in [1.5, 3.5]$	$2.5 \in [1.5, 3.5]$	$2.5 \in [1.5, 3.5]$

Likelihood without any priors (9 free parameters)

Fluence described by a power-law, MSW included, NH

Combined IBD, elastic scattering (100% tagging efficiency on IBD and ES for $E_{thr} = 5$ MeV) and NC on oxygen (E γ 5–7 MeV)

> True parameters used in the analysis and parameters range In the analysis

E_b reconstructed with 11% accuracy.

Compactness and M-R of the newly born neutron star

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Lattimer & Prakash, Phys. Rep. 2007 fit to numerous EOS for NS



Flavor evolution in presence of helicity coherence

For Majorana neutrinos, the 2v Hamiltonian Resonance (MSW-like) conditions :

• Helicity Coherence





• Matter-Neutrino Resonance



 $H = \left(\begin{array}{c} h & \Phi \\ \Phi & \overline{h} \end{array}\right)$



contrary to the findings in Vlasenko, Fuller, Cirigliano, 1406.6724

Supernova neutrinos

 10^{57} v of about 10 MeV in 10 s from the gravitational collapse of massive stars (M > 8 M_{sun}).



Vissani, JPG (2014)



sensitive probe of the supernova dynamics



The diffuse supernova neutrino background



The integrated v neutrino flux from supernovae at different redshifts :

$$\mathcal{F}_{\alpha}(E_{\nu}) = \int dz \left| \frac{dt}{dz} \right| (1+z) \mathcal{R}_{\rm SN}(z) \frac{dN_{\alpha}(E'_{\nu})}{dE'_{\nu}},$$
$$E'_{\nu} = (1+z) E_{\nu},$$

Upper limits on DSNB fluxes : 1.4-1.9 anti-n_e /cm²/s 73-154 n_e/cm²/s Lunardini and Peres, JCAP (2008)

	Events (10 y) window detector				
ν _e	90	9-25 MeV	50 kton	scintillator	
ν_{e}	300	19-30 MeV	440 kton	Hyper-K	
٧ _e	30	17-41 MeV	50 kton	liquid argon	
Galais et al PRD 81(2010)					

EGADS -Super-Kamiokande with Gd.

Upcoming projects have the discovery potential.