

Supernova Neutrino Detection with Dark Matter Experiments

Recent development in neutrino physics and astrophysics

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Outline

- + Neutrino-Nucleus Coherent Scattering (cohNS) in Dark Matter detectors
- + Supernova Neutrinos (SN)
- + Detection of Supernova Neutrinos in Xe and Ar using cohNS
- + Conslusions

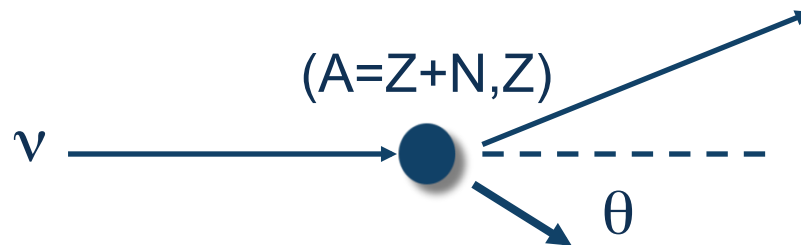
Early literature (not a complete list)

- ✓ D.Z. Freedman, PRD 9, 1977 proposes the cohNS
- ✓ A. Drukier and L. Stodolsky, PRD 30, 1984 propose NC ν -nucleus scattering to detect MeV range neutrinos from
 - spallation sources (ν_μ , $\bar{\nu}_\mu$, ν_e from π^+ and μ^+ decays)
 - reactors and geo-neutrinos ($\bar{\nu}_e$ from β^- decays)
 - solar neutrinos (ν_e)
 - supernova neutrinos (all flavors)
- ✓ M.W. Goodman and E. Witten, PRD 31, 1985 realize that detectors for cohNS can be used to search for DM particles
- ✓ B. Cabrera, L.M. Krauss, F. Wilczek, PRL 55, 1985 propose bolometer detectors to implement ν -nucleus scattering for reactor antineutrinos, solar and supernova ν 's
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Recent literature (not a complete list)

- ✓ J.F. Beacom et al., PRD 66, 2002 discuss neutrino-proton elastic scattering to detect supernova neutrinos
- ✓ C.J. Horowitz et al, PRD 68, 2003 study in detail detection of SN neutrinos through cohNS in different targets (including Xe and Ar)
- ✓ A.J. Anderson et al., PRD 84, 2011 propose to discover cohNS in DM detectors
- ✓ K. Arisaka et al., Astrop. Phys. 36, 2012 discuss SN neutrino detection in Ar and Xe DM detectors
- ✓ R.F. Lang et al., PRD 94, 2016 discuss SN neutrino detection in DM xenon experiments (Xenon1t and larger proposals)
- ✓ K. Abe et al., XMASS Collaboration, Astrop. Phys. 89, 2017, discuss SN neutrino detection in Xe using cohNS
- ✓ D. Akimov et al., COHERENT coll., Science 2017, first observation of cohNS in a spallation source

Coherent neutrino-nucleus scattering



$$\frac{d\sigma}{dE_r} = \frac{G_F^2}{4\pi} Q_W^2 M \left(1 - \frac{ME_r}{2E_\nu^2} \right) F^2(Q^2)$$

$$Q^2 = 2E_\nu^2 (1 - \cos\theta)$$

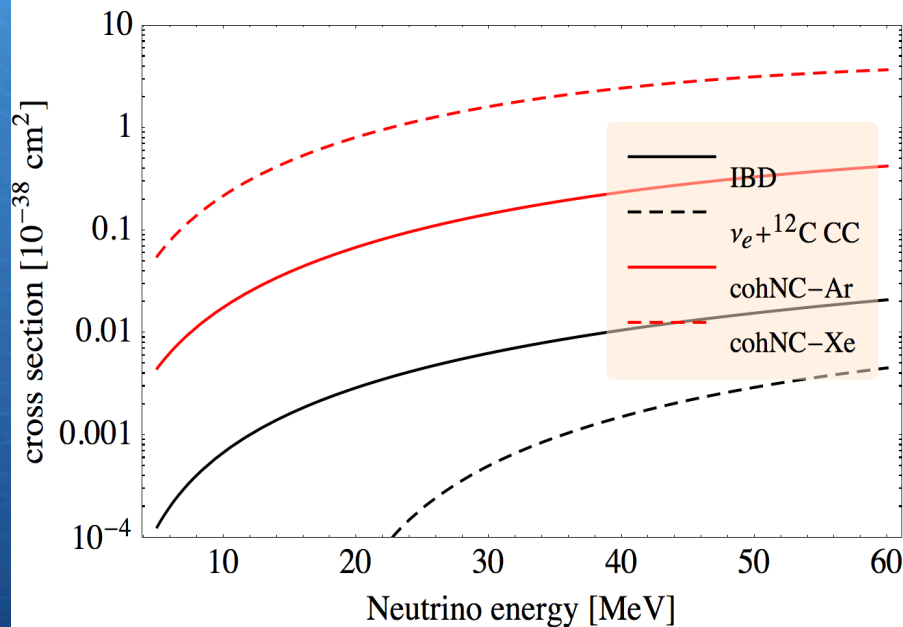
$$Q_W = (1 - 4\sin^2\theta_W)Z - N$$

$$\sigma = \frac{G_F^2}{4\pi} Q_W^2 E_\nu^2 \approx 4.215 \times 10^{-45} Q_W^2 \left(\frac{E_\nu}{\text{MeV}} \right)^2 \text{ cm}^2 \approx 4.215 \times 10^{-45} N^2 \left(\frac{E_\nu}{\text{MeV}} \right)^2 \text{ cm}^2$$

Condition of coherence

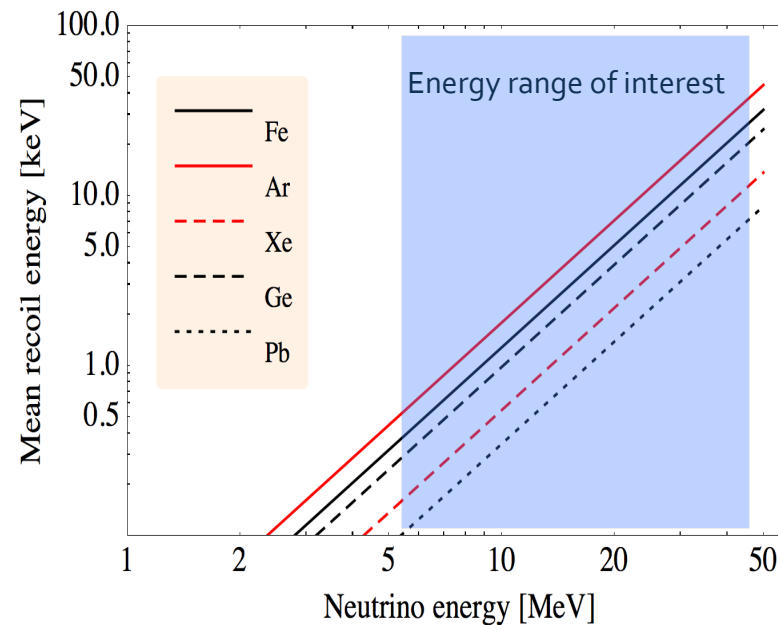
$$Q(E_\nu) \cdot (r_0 A^{1/3}) \leq 1$$

CohNS vs IBD and CC ν interactions



$$\lambda \approx \frac{262 \text{ m}}{\rho / 10^{13} \text{ g cm}^{-3}} \text{ for 10 MeV cohNS neutrino in Fe}$$

$$\lambda \approx \frac{3.8 \cdot 10^4 \text{ m}}{\rho / 10^{13} \text{ g cm}^{-3}} \text{ for 10 MeV neutrino-electron ES in Fe}$$



Trade off between

1. large A for larger σ
2. low A for larger recoil energy

Basic requirement to detect cohNS

$$\sigma \approx 2.539 \times 10^{-18} \frac{N^2}{A} \left(\frac{E_\nu}{MeV} \right)^2 \text{ cm}^2 / kg$$

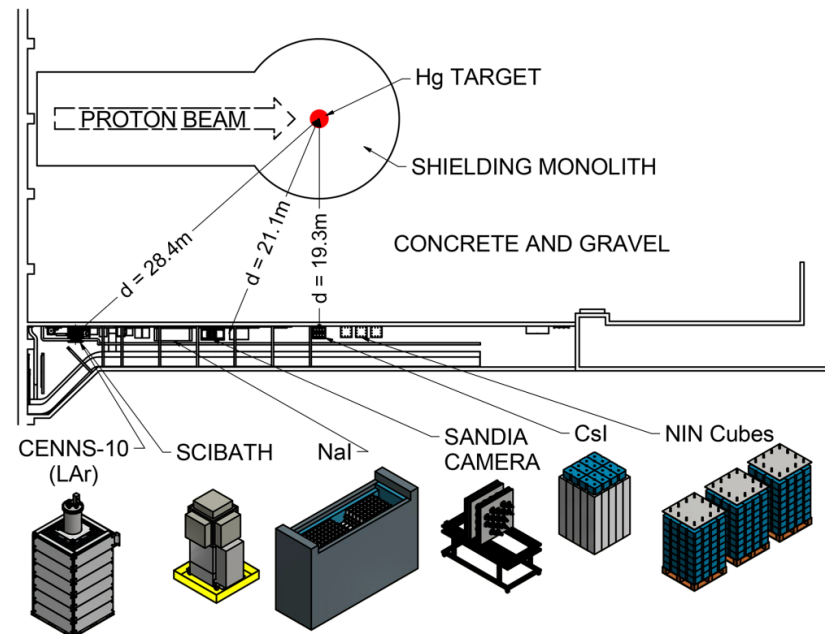
For the sake of the discussion:
 $E_\nu = 15 \text{ MeV}$ and $\phi_\nu = 10^{12} \text{ cm}^{-2}$

Target	Mean recoil energy [keV]	Number of events [ton ⁻¹]
Si	5.7	4.0
Ne	8.0	2.9
Na	7.0	3.6
Ge	2.2	13.0
Ar	4.0	6.9
Xe	1.2	26.0
Te	1.3	25.6
Cs	1.2	26.1
I	1.2	24.6

Observation of ν -nucleus scattering [1]

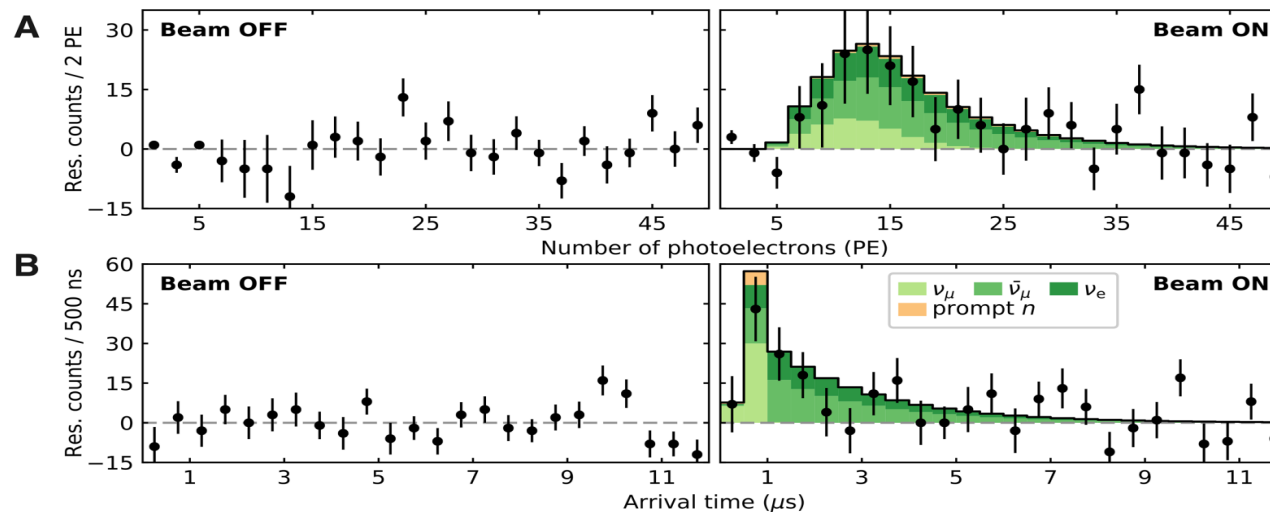
D. Akimov et al., COHERENT Collaboration, Science, Aug. 3, 2017
Using neutrino emission from the Spallation Source at the Oak Ridge Laboratory
Using 14.6 kg of CsI(Na) scintillator

1. 8 m.w.e. overburden
2. effective shielding against beam-related neutrons
3. 1.76×10^{23} POT in 308 live-days
4. $\sim 3 \times 10^{14}$ ν/cm^2 per flavor



Observation of ν -nucleus scattering [2]

- + 134 ± 22 events observed and 173 ± 48 events predicted
- + 153.5 live-days of beam off and 308.1 live-days of beam on
- + Events excess following cohNS correlated with beam activity
- + Energy and time likelihood study determine the presence of cohNS at 6.7σ

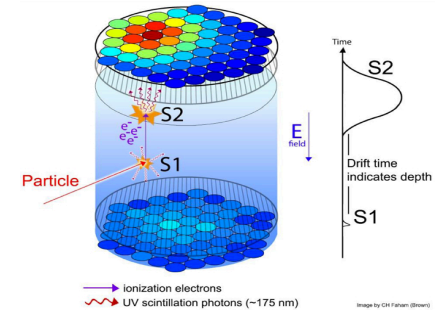


Why are we interested in Dark Matter Detectors for WIMPs for cohNS ?

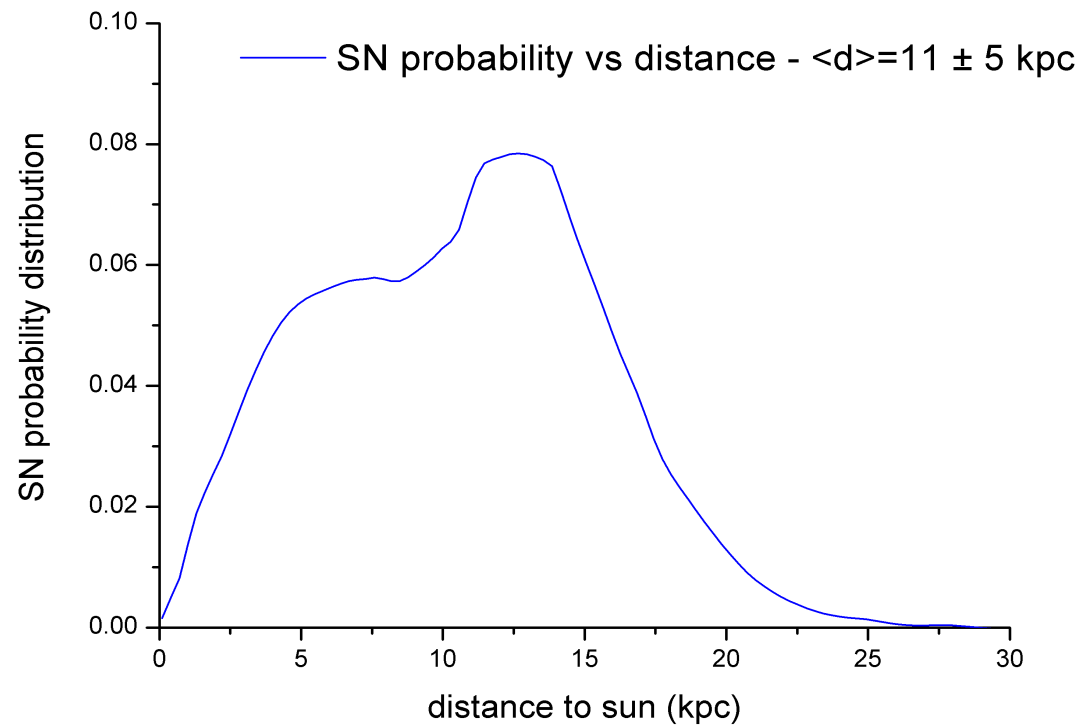
- ✓ Designed
 - to detect low energy nuclear recoils (< 100 keV)
 - to have high discrimination power between Electron Recoils (ER) and Nuclear Recoils (NR)
 - to have intrinsic low background due to the radio-purity of selected detector components
 - To have good fiducial mass determination
- ✓ Look ideal for cohNS measurement and SN neutrino observation

Two-phase LXe and LAr DM detectors

- + **GOAL:** detect nuclear recoils
- + Detect S1 (liquid) and S2 (gas) signals
- + High discrimination power between NR and ER based on S2/S1 vs S1 measurement or timing PSD on S1 (mainly Ar)
 - $\sim 1/200$ in LXe above ~ 3 keVr
 - $\sim 1/10^7$ in LAr above ~ 50 keVr
- + 3D vertex reconstruction, based on S2-S1 timing and PMTs hit pattern, for fiducial volume definition
- + Low background



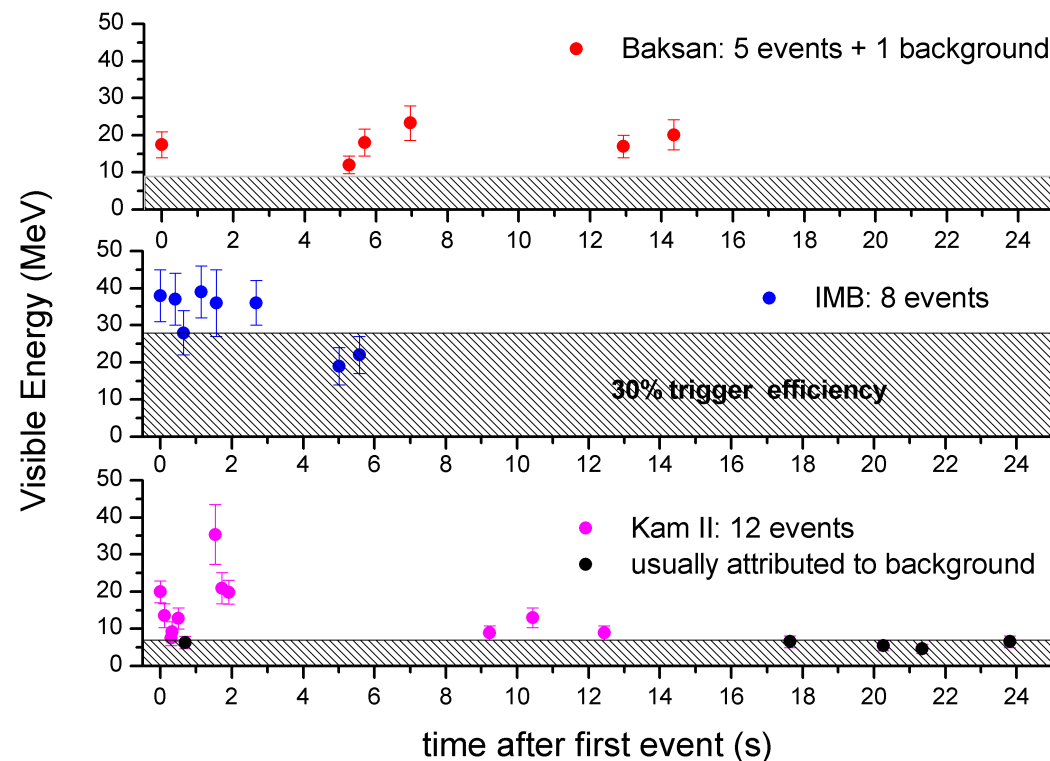
Probability of a galactic SN vs distance to the Sun



Mirizzi, Raffelt and Serpico, JCAP 0605,012(2006)

SN1987A: 1st SN ν observation

- 23rd Feb 1987
- ~ 50 kpc
- Only 29 events
 - 16 Kamiokande (Cherenkov)
 - 8 IMB (Cherenkov)
 - 5 Baksan (LS)



See talk by M. Nakahata for more details

Estimation of the binding energy and neutrino energy from SN1987A

+ Consider:

+ 12 neutrino observed in Kamiokande in 10^3 tons of water

+ $\langle E_\nu \rangle \sim 10$ MeV

$$12 = N_{\text{target}} \cdot F_\nu \cdot \sigma$$

$$\sigma \approx 9.3 \cdot 10^{-42} \text{ cm}^2$$

$$N_{\text{target}} = 6.7 \cdot 10^{31}$$

$$N_\nu = F_\nu (4\pi D^2) = 5.7 \cdot 10^{57} \bar{\nu}_e$$

$$E_b = \langle E_\nu \rangle N_\nu = 5.7 \cdot 10^{58} \text{ MeV} \approx 10^{53} \text{ ergs for } \bar{\nu}_e$$

Expected

$$E_B \equiv \Delta E \approx \frac{3}{5} G \frac{M_{NS}^2}{R_{NS}} \sim 2 \cdot 10^{53} \text{ erg} \left(\frac{M_{NS}}{M_{Sun}} \right)^2 \left(\frac{10 \text{ km}}{R_{NS}} \right)$$

The SuperNova model

$$F_{\nu_i}^0(E_\nu) = \frac{Es}{4\pi d^2} \left(\frac{E_\nu}{E_{0,i}} \right)^\alpha \frac{(\alpha+1)^{\alpha+2}}{E_{0,i}^2} \frac{e^{-(\alpha+1)E/E_{0,i}}}{\Gamma(\alpha+2)} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ MeV}^{-1}$$

$$E_{0,i} = T_i(\alpha+1)$$

$$\alpha = 3$$

$$d = 10 \text{ kpc}$$

$$\sum_i 4\pi d^2 \int dE_\nu E_\nu F_{\nu_i}(E_\nu) = 3 \cdot 10^{53} \text{ erg}$$

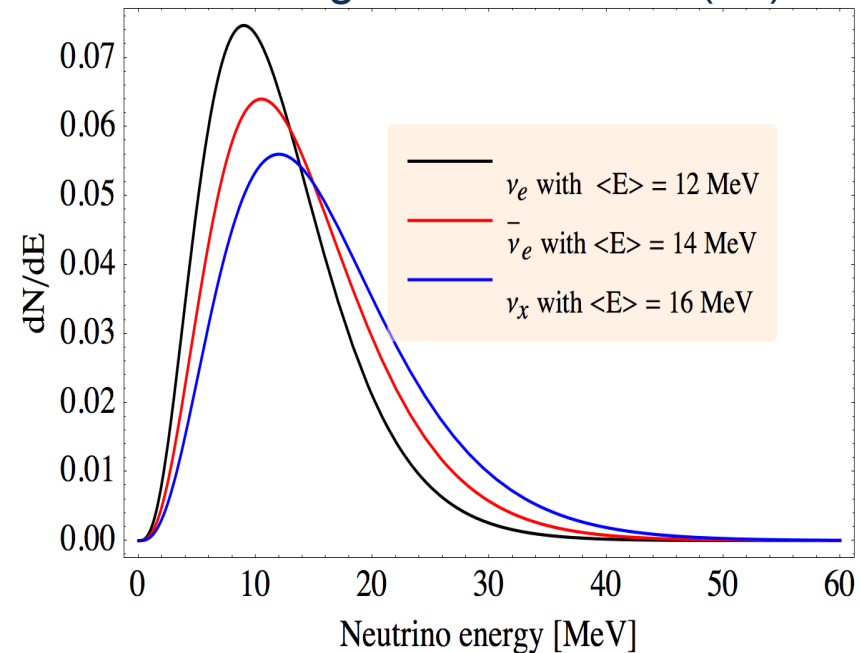
$$N_{\nu_e} = 2.6 \cdot 10^{57}$$

$$N_{\nu_i} = 4\pi d^2 \int dE_\nu F_{\nu_i}(E_\nu) = N_{\bar{\nu}_e} = 2.2 \cdot 10^{57}$$

$$N_{\nu_x} = 7.8 \cdot 10^{57}$$

$$F_\nu^{Tot} = 1.1 \cdot 10^{12} \text{ cm}^{-2}$$

SN Signal duration $\sim O(10) \text{ s}$



Average energy expected to change as:

ν_e : $\sim 12-14 \text{ MeV}$

$\bar{\nu}_e$: $\sim 14-16 \text{ MeV}$

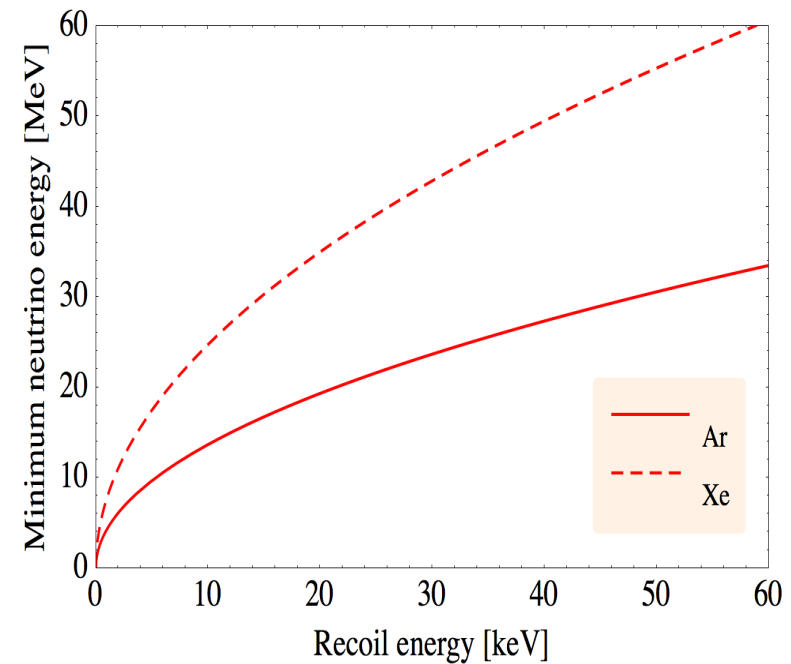
ν_x : $\sim 14-16 \text{ MeV}$

A. Summa et al. Astrophys. J 825 (2016)

SN signal in Ar and Xe

$$\frac{dN}{dE_r} = C \int_{E_{\min}(E_r)}^{\infty} dE_r \frac{d\sigma}{dE_r}(E_\nu, E_r) \sum_{i=\nu_e, \bar{\nu}_e, 4\nu_x} F_{\nu_i}^0(E_\nu)$$

Threshold [keV]	Ar [events/ton]	Xe [events/ton]
0	7.4 ±20%	26.2 ±20%
5	3.9	4.0
10	2.3	1.0
20	1.0	0.09

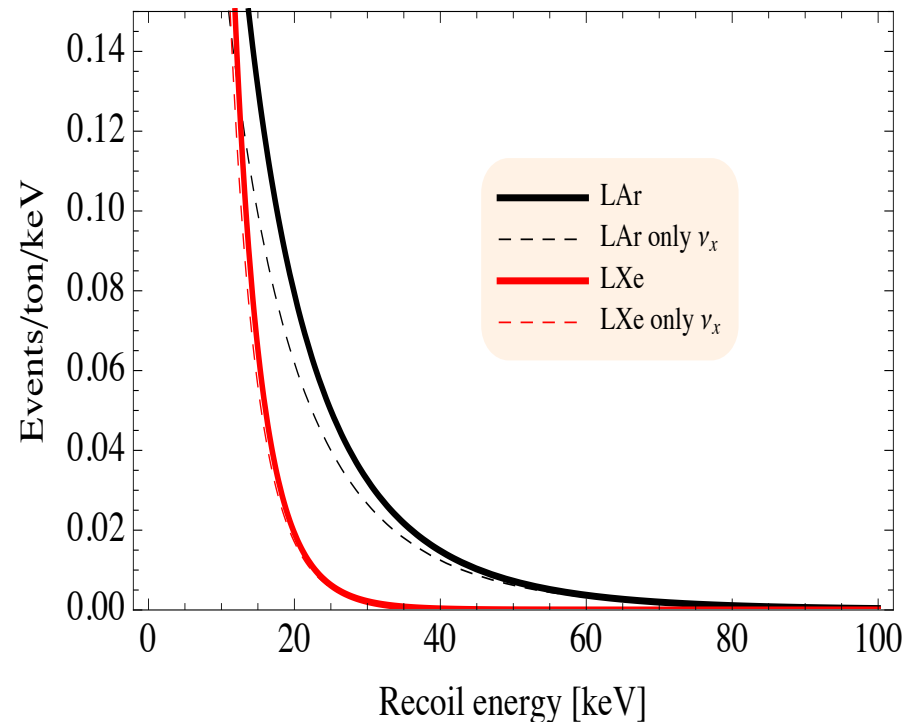


The SN neutrino spectrum in Ar and Xe

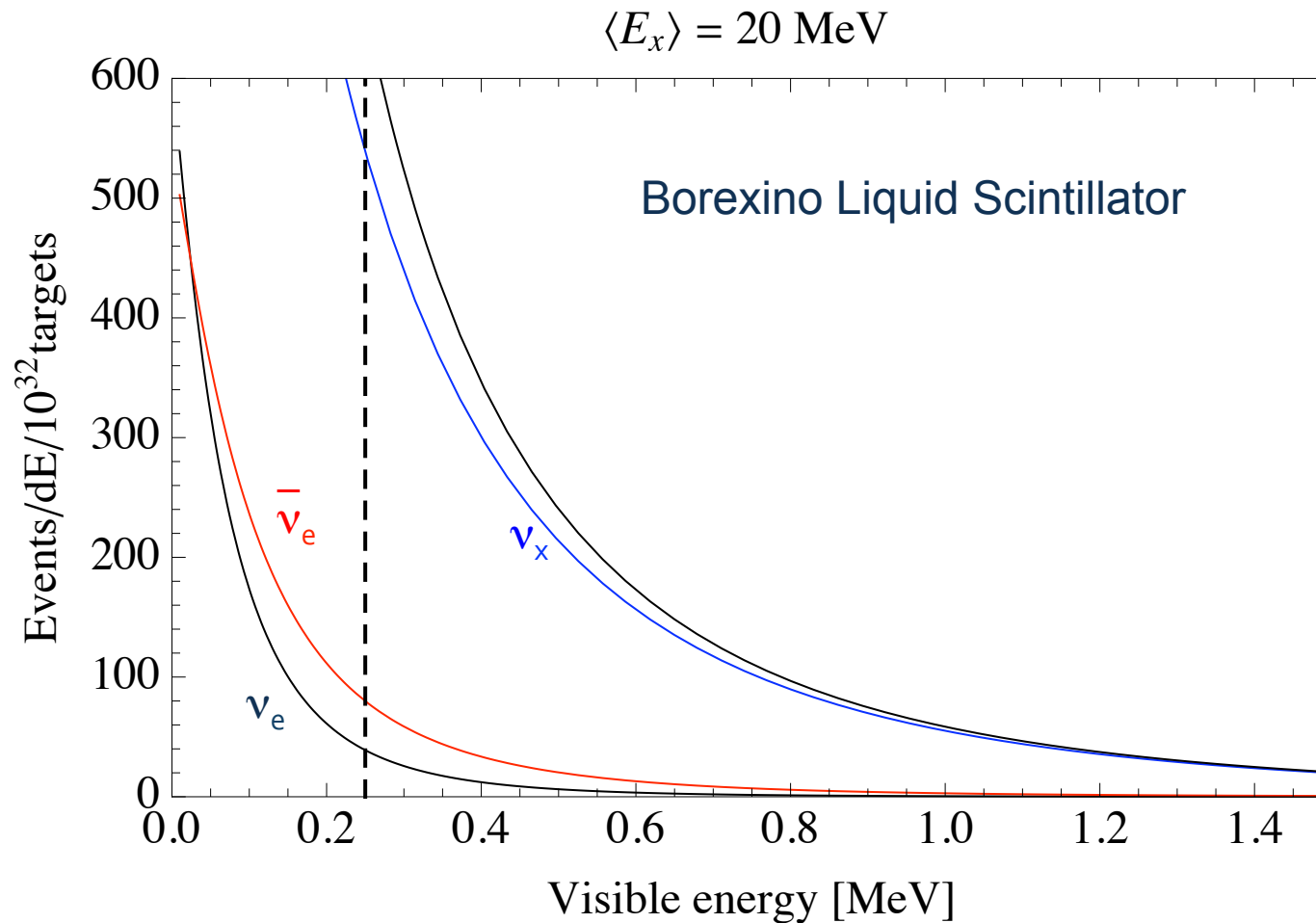
The neutrino signal is mainly due to ν_x contribution similarly to neutrino-proton interaction in a Borexino-like detector

This allows to break the degeneracy between the E_{binding} and T_x

(see also F. Vissani et al
arXiv:1708.00876 to measure the binding energy in SuperKamiokande)

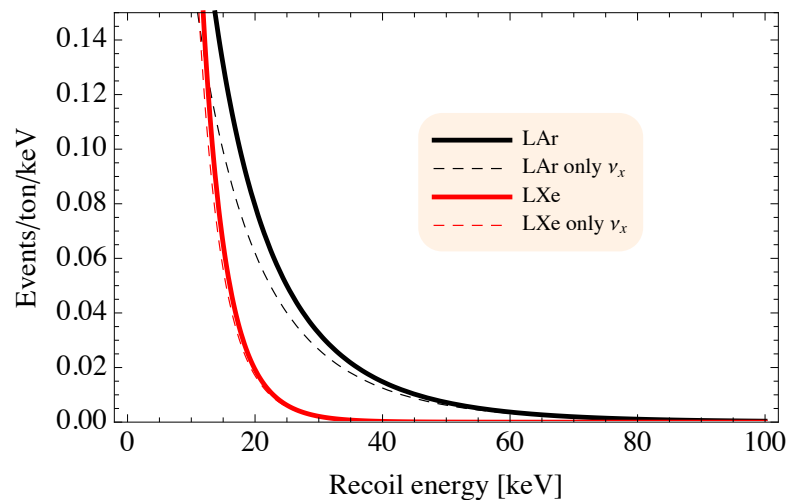


The SN neutrino spectrum in a Borexino-like detector for ν -p scattering



Exploit cohNS with a SN: main feature

The measured number of events has a typical NC degeneracy problem



$$N_{events} \propto \langle \sigma \rangle \frac{E_{binding_x}}{\langle E_x \rangle}$$

Due to the fact that the cohNC spectrum is mainly from ν_x above threshold, by measuring the spectrum we break the degeneracy between $\langle E_x \rangle$ and $E_{binding_x}$.

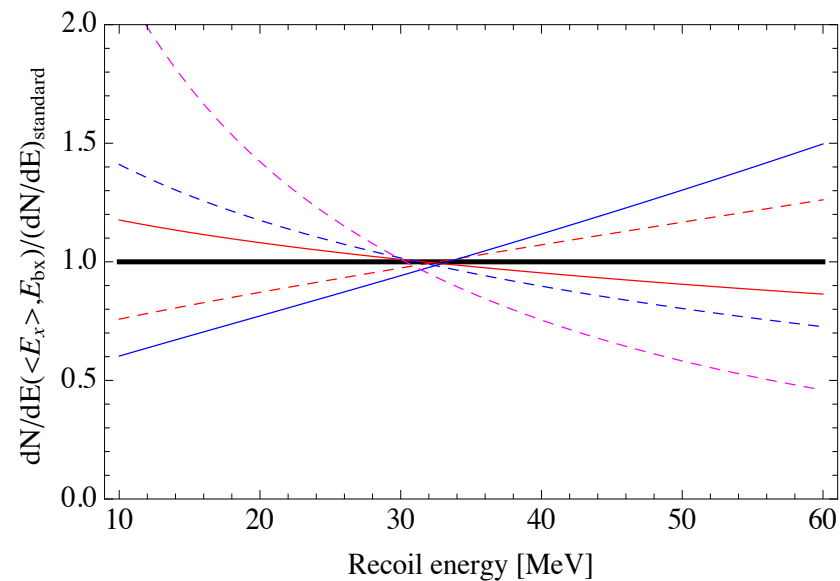
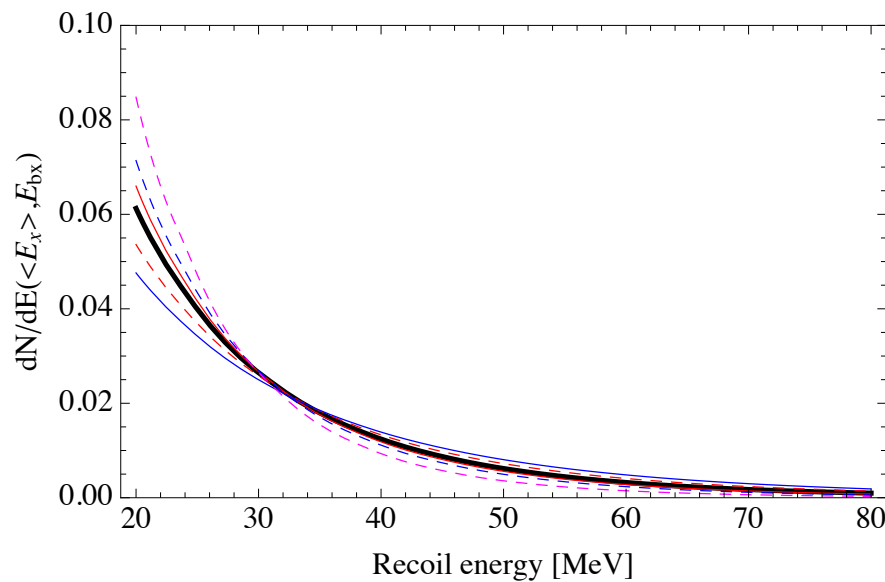
This was pointed out by J. Beacom et al. for the ν -p elastic scattering in organic liquid scintillators in 2002

Breaking $\langle E_x \rangle$ and E_{binding_x} degeneracy

Reference SN: $E_x = 16$ MeV; $E_{b-x} = 0.5 \times 10^{52}$ erg (total energy is 10^{53} erg)

LAr with ROI = [20, 80] keVr

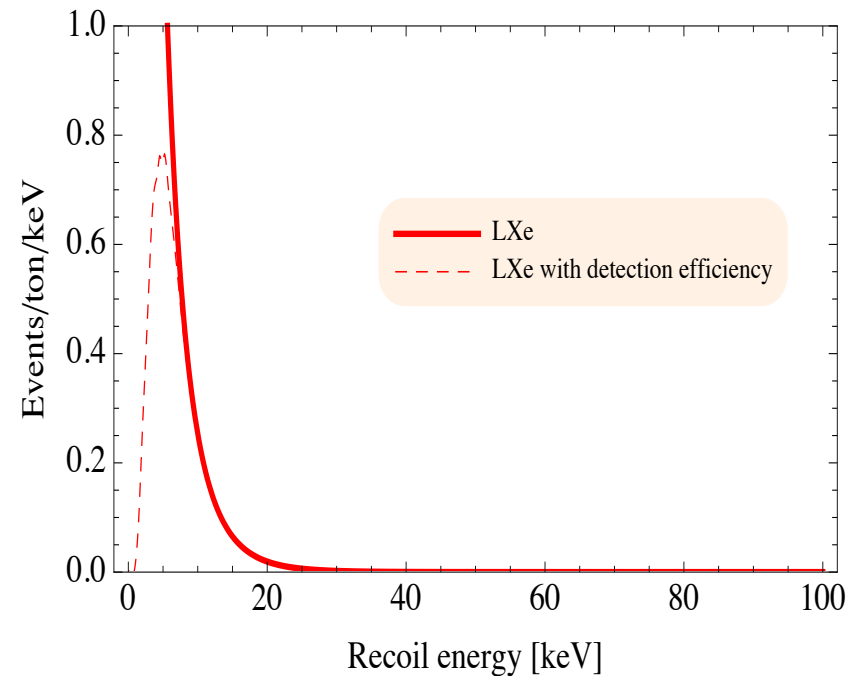
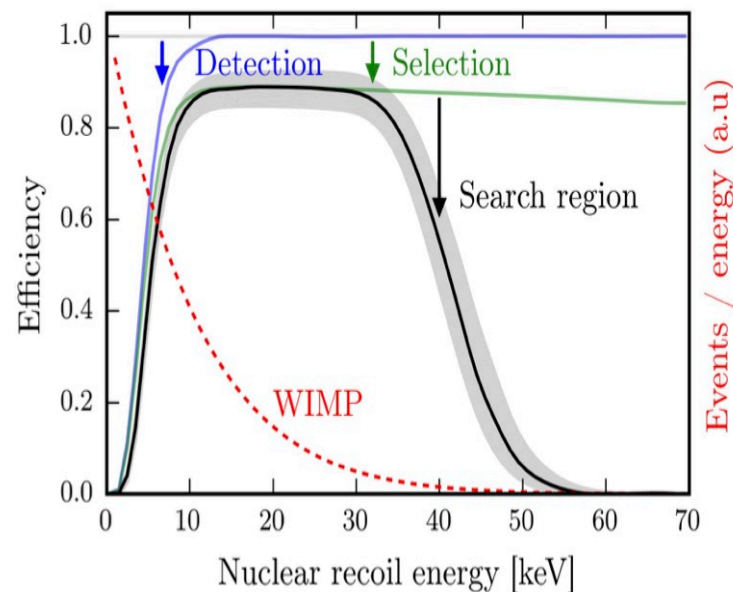
Select different E_x and E_{b-x} to give the same number of events above threshold
 E_x changing from 12 to 20 MeV



Considering detector properties

NR detection efficiency in the fiducial mass in Xenon1t, 2017, as an example

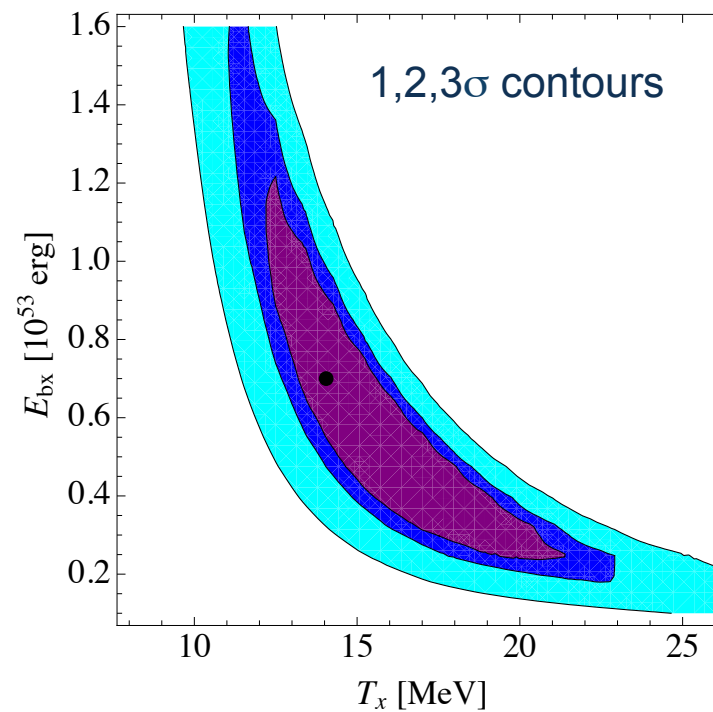
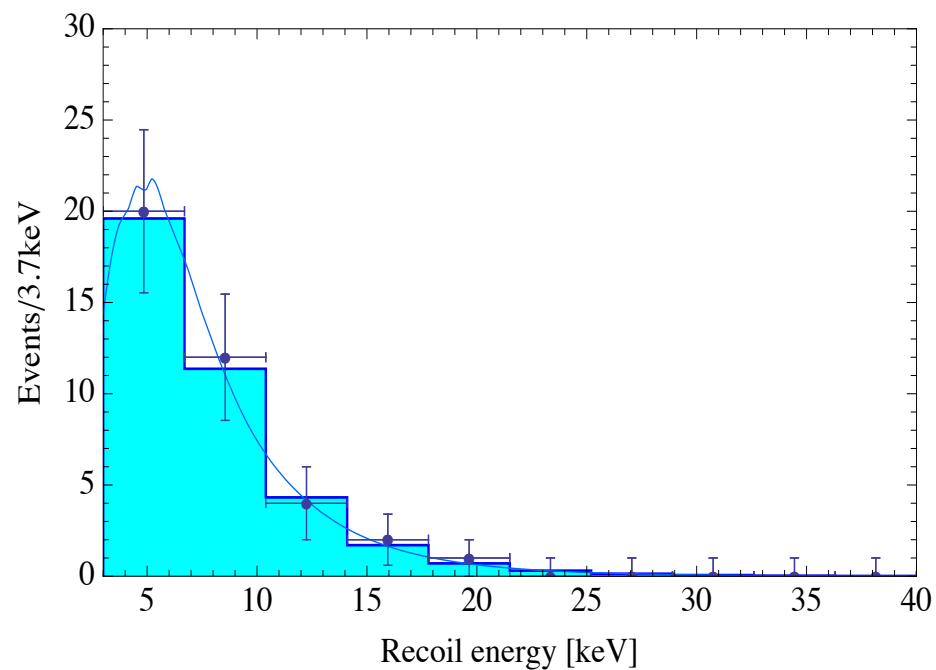
SN events: 26 \rightarrow 5 ton⁻¹



Probe SN parameters

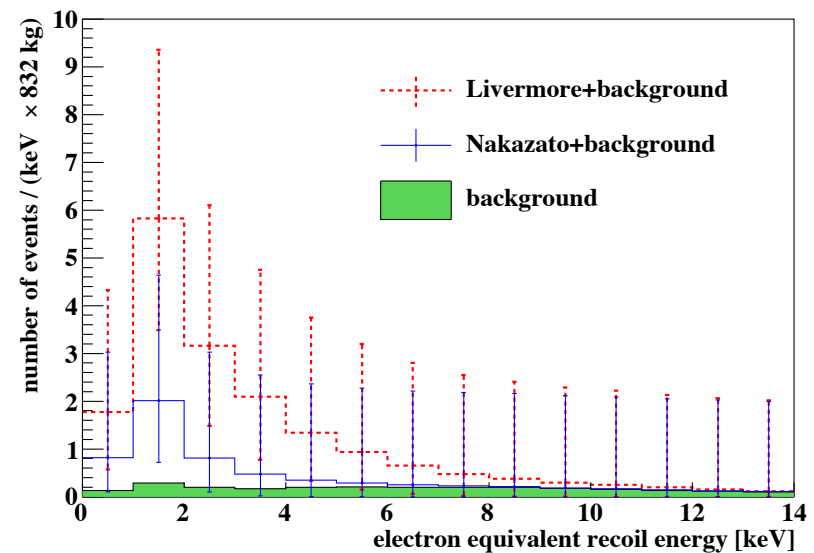
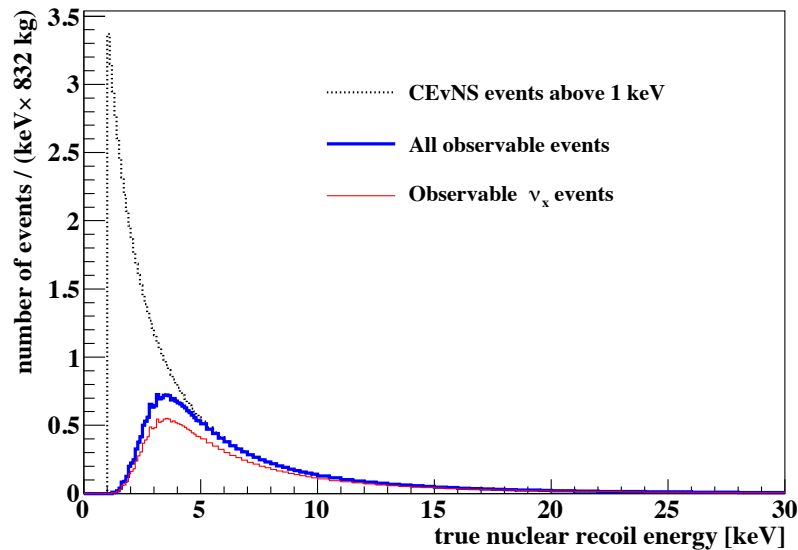
Standard NR selection in LXe above 3 keVr with 10 tons of LXe

Testing a measured energy spectrum



XMASS as SN detector

XMASS coll., Astrop. Phys. 89, 2017



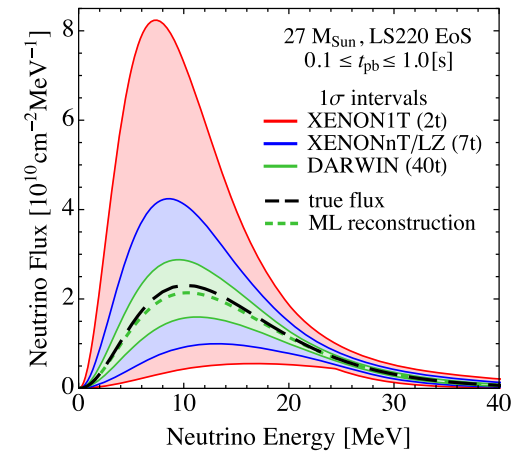
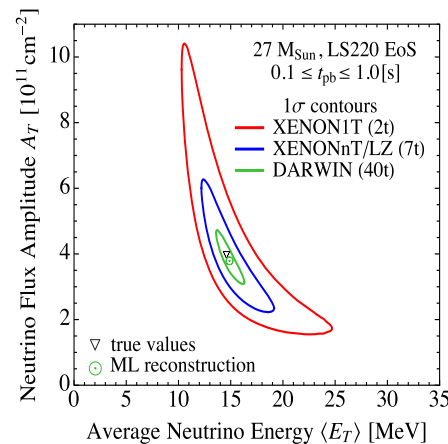
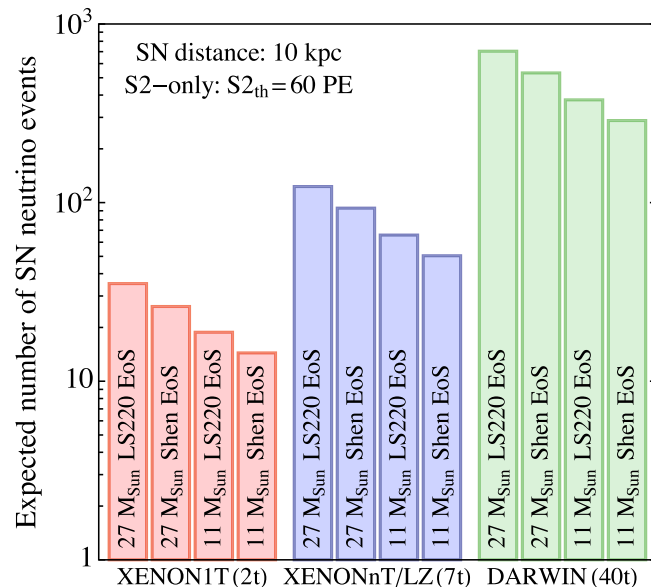
Only cohNS events with 832 LXe active mass for a 10kpc SN

Number of SN events very much depend on the SN model.

Due to threshold effect XMASS is mainly sensitive to neutrinos above ~ 15 MeV

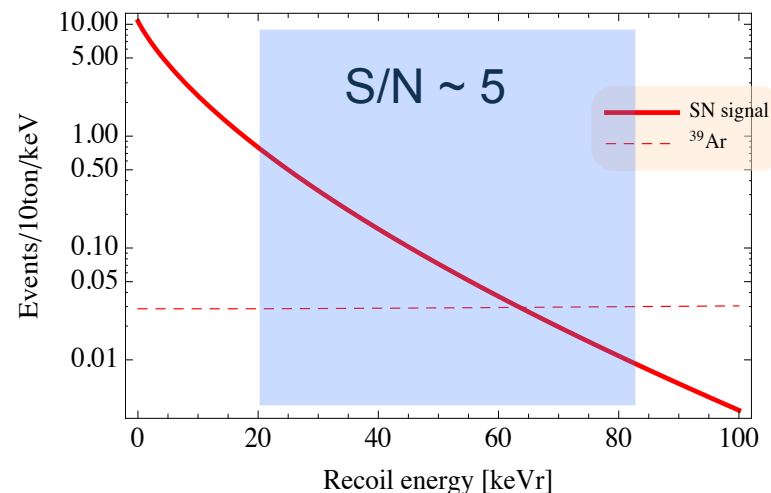
SN events in two-phase LXe detectors

- Xenon1t has measured $\sim 2 \times 10^{-4}$ events/kg/day/keV
- This background measurement turns into a background-free detector for SN neutrinos with cohNS in the ROI with a 50% acceptance for NR
- As suggested by R.L. Lang et al. PRD 94, 2016 an **S2-only analysis** could make possible to lower the detection threshold and increase the number of events observed from a SN: for 1 keV deposition $\langle S1 \rangle \sim 0.5\text{pe}$ and $\langle S2 \rangle \sim 150\text{pe}$



UAr for cohSC SN detection

- DarkSide-50, ArDM and DEAP have shown a huge PSD efficiency for ER (reduction factor $\sim 10^7$) in LAr
- DarkSide-50 has measured a depletion factor for UAr of the order of 1400 with respect to AAr (~ 1 Bq/kg)
- In 10 ton of UAr we expect 70 ^{39}Ar events in 10 sec.
- For a window of $[20,80]$ keVr $\sim [5,20]$ keVe we expect some 6/1000 events, therefore the acceptance for NR ($\sim 100\%$ above 50 keVr) could be much larger than what measured at present in the ROI for SN cohNS events
- Implement S2-only analysis to lower analysis threshold



Conclusions

- + Dark Matter LXe and LAr detector offer an opportunity to detect SN neutrinos by means of cohNS
 - In this respect they become multi-purpose experiments and help to guarantee the SN detection in underground labs
- + These detectors will offer a complementary measurement to liquid scintillator low threshold detectors (Borexino-like)
 - In this respect they offer the opportunity to understand better the SN model and parameters in combination with high rates detectors such as SuperKamiokande where CC interactions can be exploited
 - see also F. Vissani et al arXiv:1708.00876 to measure the binding energy in SuperKamiokande
 - At present it has been shown that Xenon1t with S2-only analysis can start probing the SN model

Thank you for your attention

Happy ten years to Borexino!

