Supernova neutrino signal at Helium And Lead Observatory: Learning about the primary neutrino fluxes and neutrino properties D. Väänänen, C. Volpe, arXiv: 1105.6225

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### Motivation

 Helium And Lead Observatory (HALO), a dedicated supernova (SN) neutrino detector under construction



- Most of the existing and proposed detectors mainly sensitive to electron antineutrinos
  - Pb detector sensitive to electron neutrinos
- Previous works\* emphasized the interest of Pb based neutrino detector, however:

1) recent SN simulations suggest different neutrino fluxes

**2)** vv – interactions were not included

\* e.g. [Fuller, Haxton, McLaughlin, PRD59, 085005 (1999)], [Kolbe, Langanke, PRC63, 025802 (2001)], [Engel, McLaughlin, Volpe, PRD67, 013005 (2003)]

# New predictions for HALO necessary!



### THE EVOLUTION OF THE TALK A. Open Questions:

Unknown neutrino properties
 Neutrino fluxes at neutrino sphere

## **B. Neutrino Evolution: The Formalism**

- 1) *Primary* neutrino fluxes
- 2) vv -interactions
- 3) MSW Effects
- 4) Final Fluxes at Earth

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Can we extract information on the open questions?

#### 1) Unknown neutrino properties:

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- 2) Neutrino fluxes at the neutrino spheres the primary fluxes:  $F_{\nu}^{0}(E_{\nu}) \propto \frac{L_{\nu}}{\langle E_{\nu} \rangle} \phi(E_{\nu},...)$ 
  - Luminosities, average energies and energy spectrum?

From SN simulations: e.g. [Keil, Raffelt, Janka, Astrop.J. 590, 971], [Ficher *et al*. 0908.1871]

$$\begin{cases} 0.5 \le \frac{L_{v_x}}{L_{v_e}} \le 2, \ L_{\overline{v_e}} \approx L_{v_e} & \langle E_{v_e}^0 \rangle \approx 10 - 12 \text{ MeV} \\ \left( L_{v_x} \equiv L_{v_\mu} = L_{\overline{v_\mu}} = L_{v_\tau} = L_{\overline{v_\tau}} \right) & \langle E_{\overline{v_e}}^0 \rangle \approx 13 - 16 \text{ MeV} \\ \int dt \sum_{\ell} L_{v_\ell} \sim 3 \cdot 10^{53} \text{ erg} & \langle E_{v_x}^0 \rangle \approx 15 - 25 \text{ MeV} \end{cases}$$

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**SPHERE** 

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## The Formalism and Assumptions

We consider iron core-collapse SNe

### Factorized dynamics:

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$$v_x = \cos \theta_{23} v_\mu - \sin \theta_{23} v_\tau$$
$$v_y = \sin \theta_{23} v_\mu + \cos \theta_{23} v_\tau$$

 $F^{0}(v_{x}) = F^{0}(v_{y}) = F^{0}(v_{\mu}) = F^{0}(v_{\tau})$ 

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#### Neutrino fluxes at the neutrino shpere

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We assume:

$$F_{\nu}^{0}(E_{\nu}) \propto \frac{L_{\nu}}{\langle E_{\nu} \rangle} \times \frac{E_{\nu}^{\alpha_{\nu}}}{\langle E_{\nu} \rangle} \exp\left[-\left(\frac{\alpha_{\nu}}{\langle E_{\nu} \rangle}+1\right)\frac{E_{\nu}}{\langle E_{\nu} \rangle}\right] \quad \text{Power Law} \\ \text{energy distribution}$$

• Equal luminosities or  $L_{V_x} = 2L_{V_e} (L_{\overline{V_e}} = L_{V_e}, L_{V_x} \equiv L_{V_\mu} = L_{V_\tau})$  and



Important information on neutrino transport in SN core

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### Fluxes after the vv -interactions

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$$\boldsymbol{P}_{\nu\nu} = \begin{pmatrix} P_{ll} & P_{ex} & P_{ey} \\ P_{ex} & 1 - P_{ex} & 0 \\ P_{ey} & 0 & 1 - P_{ey} \end{pmatrix}, \qquad P_{ll} = 1 - P_{ex} - P_{ey} \\ P_{\alpha\beta} \equiv P(\nu_{\alpha} \leftrightarrow \nu_{\beta})$$

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#### Fluxes after the vv -interactions







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#### Fluxes after the vv -interactions



Large dependence on luminosity and mass hierarchy

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### Fluxes after the MSW region

$$\begin{pmatrix} F(v_e) \\ F(v_\mu) \\ F(v_\tau) \end{pmatrix} = A P_{\text{MSW}} P_{vv} \begin{pmatrix} F^0(v_e) \\ F^0(v_x) \\ F^0(v_y) \end{pmatrix}$$

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Neutrinos exit the star as pure mass eigenstates

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### Final neutrino fluxes

$$\begin{pmatrix} F(v_e) \\ F(v_{\mu}) \\ F(v_{\tau}) \end{pmatrix} = \boldsymbol{A} P_{\text{MSW}} P_{vv} \begin{pmatrix} F^0(v_e) \\ F^0(v_x) \\ F^0(v_y) \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} |U_{e1}|^2 & |U_{e2}|^2 & |U_{e3}|^2 \\ |U_{\mu 1}|^2 & |U_{\mu 2}|^2 & |U_{\mu 3}|^2 \\ |U_{\tau 1}|^2 & |U_{\tau 2}|^2 & |U_{\tau 3}|^2 \end{pmatrix} \quad \begin{vmatrix} U_{\ell i} \end{vmatrix}^2 = \left| \left\langle \mathbf{v}_{\ell} \left| \mathbf{v}_{i} \right\rangle \right|^2 \\ (\ell = e, \mu, \tau; i = 1, 2, 3) \end{cases}$$

Final (flavor) fluxes incoherent sums of massive fluxes

E.g.: 
$$F(v_e) = |U_{e1}|^2 F_1 + |U_{e2}|^2 F_2 + |U_{e3}|^2 F_3$$
$$|U_{e1}|^2 \approx 0.68, |U_{e2}|^2 \approx 0.31, |U_{e3}|^2 = \sin^2 \theta_{13}$$

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#### Helium And Lead Observatory (HALO) A dedicated SN neutrino detector under construction See also - 76t of Pb (HALO-2: 1kt) talk by Virtue! $\int v_e + {}^{208}\text{Pb} \rightarrow {}^{207}\text{Bi} + n + e^{-1}$ CC : $v_e + {}^{208}\text{Pb} \rightarrow {}^{206}\text{Bi} + 2n + e^$ $v_x + {}^{208}\text{Pb} \rightarrow {}^{207}\text{Bi} + n$ NC : $v_r + {}^{208}\text{Pb} \rightarrow {}^{206}\text{Bi} + 2n$ isometric View Inside <sup>3</sup>He gas detectors for neutron detection ww.snolab.ca/halo/index.html (March 2010) Jan 12th 2004 John Robert

✓ Detection efficiency: ~ 50% (electrons not detected)
 ✓ Good time resolution: ~ 30 ms

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### THE RESULTS

- 1) Total numbers of 1n-  $(N_{1n})$  and 2n-events  $(N_{2n})$  during the whole explosion
- 2) 1n- and 2n-event rates
- 3) Ratio of 1n- and 2n-events  $(N_{1n} / N_{2n})$
- 4) Summary

#### We consider:

- 1 kt of Pb (HALO 2)
- Galactic supernova at 10 kpc
- 100% detection efficiency
- NC + CC events

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## Total numbers of events

• Assuming equal luminosities during the whole explosion with total time-integrated luminosity  $\int dt \sum_{\nu_{\ell}} L_{\nu_{\ell}} = 3 \times 10^{53}$  erg

| $\langle E_{\nu_x}^0 \rangle  [\text{MeV}]$ | 13                  | 18  |     |                     | 25  |      |
|---|---------------------|-----|-----|---------------------|-----|------|
| $MH$ (and $\theta_{10}$ )                   | NMH                 | IMH |     | NMH                 |     | IMH  |
|   | small $\theta_{13}$ |     |     | small $\theta_{13}$ |     |      |
| $lpha_{ u_x}$                               | 7                   | 2   | 7   | 2                   | 7   | 2    |
| $N_{1n}$                                    | 90                  | 390 | 285 | 300                 | 225 | 570  |
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higher average energies appreciated (or SN closer!)

 $\checkmark$  For HALO – I, multiply by 0.076

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### 1n- and 2n-emission event rates

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• Assuming IMH and equal luminosities:  $\sum L_{\nu_{e}} = 10^{52} \text{ erg s}^{-1}$  $\langle E_{\nu_{\perp}}^0$ 13 MeV **1**n 2n --15 MeV 18  $\cdot - 21 \, \text{MeV}$ -25 MeV4⊧ 2 3 5 5 6 6  $\alpha_{\nu_{\mathbf{x}}}$  $\alpha_{\nu_{\mathbf{x}}}$ 

Complementary: 1n events more sensitive to pinching for lower average energies while opposite true for 2n events



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 $\langle E_{\nu}^{0} \rangle$ 

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Possibility to indicate other unknowns depending on how much the primary neutrino fluxes differ

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   Talk by Kneller after coffee!
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#### **Our study emphasizes the importance of having:**

- More information on the high-energy component of the primary neutrino spectra from SN simulations
- ✓ Measurement of neutrino lead cross sections!
   ➢ spallation sources (e.g SNS at Los Alamos, ESS at Lund) or
   ➢ Low energy beta beams [C. Volpe, J. Phys. G 30, L1-L6 (2004)]
- A worldwide network of supernova neutrino detectors with complementary detection channels and energy thresholds

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### Parameterization of primary v – fluxes



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## Why pinched primary neutrino fluxes?



• Solid: simulation, Dashed: FD fit (N.B.  $F_{\nu_{\mu}}^{0} = F_{\nu_{\tau}}^{0} = F_{\overline{\nu}_{\mu}}^{0} = F_{\overline{\nu}_{\tau}}^{0} \equiv F_{x}^{0}$ )

## Luminosities and average energies



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[Keil, Raffelt, Janka, Astrophys. J. 590, 971 (2003)]

Le = Lae = 4.1x10^51 erg s^-1, Lx = 7.9x10^51 erg s^-1

### Single-angle vs. multi-angle

Phi\_e : Phi\_ae : Phi\_x = 0.85 : 0.75 : 1.00 (Phi = L/<E>)



### Number fluxes

| Phi = L/ <e>,<br/><f_e> = 10 MeV <f_ae> = 13 MeV</f_ae></f_e></e> |                    |                      |  |  |
|---|--------------------|----------------------|--|--|
| Phi_e : Phi_ae : Phi_x  |                    |                      |  |  |
| < E <sup>0</sup> <sub>x</sub> >                                   | Equal L            | Lx = 2 Le (Lae = Le) |  |  |
| 13  | 1.30 : 1.00 : 1.00 | 0.65 : 0.50 : 1.00   |  |  |
| 15  | 1.50 : 1.15 : 1.00 | 0.75 : 0.58 : 1.00   |  |  |
| 18  | 1.80 : 1.38 : 1.00 | 0.90 : 0.69 : 1.00   |  |  |
| 21  | 2.10 : 1.62 : 1.00 | 1.05 : 0.81 : 1.00   |  |  |
| 25  | 2.50 : 1.92 : 1.00 | 1.25 : 0.96 : 1.00   |  |  |

#### Split dependence on luminosity and mass hierarchy



#### <E\_e> = 12 MeV, <E\_ae> = 13 MeV, <E\_x> = 18 MeV

Phi\_e : Phi\_ae : Phi\_x

2.40 : 1.60 : 1.00 0.85 : 0.75 : 1.00 0.81 :0.79 : 1.00

### $v_e$ signal at a detector

$$\begin{bmatrix} N_{CC} = \int dEF_{v_e}(E)\sigma_v^{CC}(E) \\ F_{v_e} = |U_{e1}|^2 F_1 + |U_{e2}|^2 F_2 + |U_{e3}|^2 F_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

• In our example (for neutrinos in IMH with  $L_{v_x} = 2 L_{v_e}$ ):

| E range                                 | (F <sub>1</sub> , F <sub>2</sub> , F <sub>3</sub> )         |
|---|---|
| <i>E</i> < <i>E</i> <sub><i>L</i></sub> | $(F^0(v_x), F^0(v_e), F^0(v_y))$                            |
| $E_L < E < E_H$                         | $(F^0(v_x), F^0(v_y), F^0(v_e))$                            |
| E > E <sub>H</sub>                      | $(F^0(\mathbf{v_e}), F^0(\mathbf{v_x}), F^0(\mathbf{v_y}))$ |

High energy split visible due to low MSW resonance!

### C. Massive neutrino fluxes which exit the star

• Equal luminosities:

| _                               | $F = (F_1, F_2, F_3)$  |  |  |  |  |
|---------------------------------|--|--|--|--|--|
| Energy<br>ranges                | IMH  | NMH  |  |  |  |
|                                 |  | Small $\theta_{13}$  | Large $\theta_{13}$  |  |  |
| $0 - E_L$                       | (F <sup>0</sup> (∨ <sub>x</sub> ), F <sup>0</sup> ( <mark>∨<sub>e</sub>), F<sup>0</sup>(∨<sub>y</sub>))</mark> | (F <sup>0</sup> (∨ <sub>x</sub> ), F <sup>0</sup> (∨ <sub>y</sub> ), F <sup>0</sup> (∨ <sub>e</sub> )) | (F <sup>0</sup> (∨ <sub>x</sub> ), F <sup>0</sup> ( <mark>∨</mark> e), F <sup>0</sup> (∨ <sub>y</sub> )) |  |  |
| E <sub>L</sub> - E <sub>H</sub> | $(F^0(v_x), F^0(v_y), F^0(v_e))$   | -  | -  |  |  |
| E <sub>H</sub> — infty          | -  | -  | -  |  |  |
| Split <i>E</i><br>values        | $E_L = 8 \text{ MeV},$<br>$E_H \mapsto \text{ infty}$  | $E_L, E_H \mapsto \text{infinity}$   |  |  |  |

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| E <sub>L</sub> - E <sub>H</sub> | $(F^0(v_x), F^0(v_y), F^0(v_e))$   | $(F^0(v_x), F^0(v_y), F^0(v_e))$              | $(F^{0}(v_{x}), F^{0}(v_{e}), F^{0}(v_{y}))$ |  |  |
| E <sub>H</sub> – infty          | $(F^0({f v_e}),F^0({f v_x}),F^0({f v_y}))$   | _   | -  |  |  |
| Split <i>E</i><br>values        | <i>E<sub>L</sub></i> = 8 MeV,<br><i>E<sub>H</sub></i> = 23 MeV   | $E_L$ = 23 MeV, $E_H \mapsto \text{infinity}$ |  |  |  |

### Neutron emission event rates



### Neutron emission event rates

• Lx = 2 Le, Le = 10^51 erg s^(-1)



# Ratios: Dependence on luminosity hierarchy



## errors on ratio



## Flux averaged cross sections



### Remark: uncertainties on cross sections

• Cross sections rely on theoretical predictions:



- spallation sources (e.g SNS at Los Alamos, ESS at Lund) or
- Low energy beta-beams C. Volpe, J. Phys. G 30, L1-L6 (2004)



### Iron core-collapse supernovae



### **Flavor evolution**



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### Collective flavor conversion effects

