

# Diffuse supernova neutrino background and scalar dark matter

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# Diffuse supernova neutrino background

- The Diffuse Supernova Neutrino Background (DSNB) is the flux of neutrinos and antineutrinos emitted by all core-collapse supernovae in the causally-reachable universe
- It will appear isotropic
- Time-independent
- Its energy density is  $\sim 10$  times less than that of the cosmic microwave background

# Diffuse supernova neutrino background

- **Understanding supernovae is crucial to astrophysics and physics.**
- **We cannot understand supernovae without detecting neutrinos.**
- **Detecting bursts of neutrinos from nearby supernovae is difficult.**
- **The DSNB is a guaranteed steady source of supernova neutrinos.**

# How to compute it?

$$\frac{d\phi_{\bar{\nu}}^{DSNB}}{dE} = \frac{1}{H_0} \int_0^{z^{max}} \frac{dN(E_z)}{dE_z} R_{SN}(z) \frac{dz}{\sqrt{(z+1)^3 \Omega_M + \Omega_\Lambda}}$$

- $E_z = (1+z)E$  is the neutrino energy at redshift  $z$ ,
- $N(E_z)$  is the  $\bar{\nu}_e$  spectrum of an individual SN,
- $R_{SN}(z)$  the cosmic SN rate at redshift  $z$ ,
- $H_0$  the Hubble constant,  $\Omega_M$  and  $\Omega_\Lambda$ , with values extracted from cosmology.

# Diffuse supernova neutrino background

To be specific we parametrize the cosmic SN rate in the form

$$R_{\text{SN}}(z) = 4,1 \times 10^{-3} \text{ yr}^{-1} \text{ Mpc}^{-3} f_{\text{SN}} h_{73} \times \frac{e^{3,4z}}{e^{3,8z} + 45} \left[ \Omega_{\text{M}} + \frac{\Omega_{\Lambda}}{(z+1)^3} \right]^{1/2}$$

where  $f_{\text{SN}}$  is a normalization factor of order of unity and  $h_{73}$  is  $H_0$  in units of  $73 \text{ km s}^{-1} \text{ Mpc}^{-1}$ .

# Diffuse supernova neutrino background

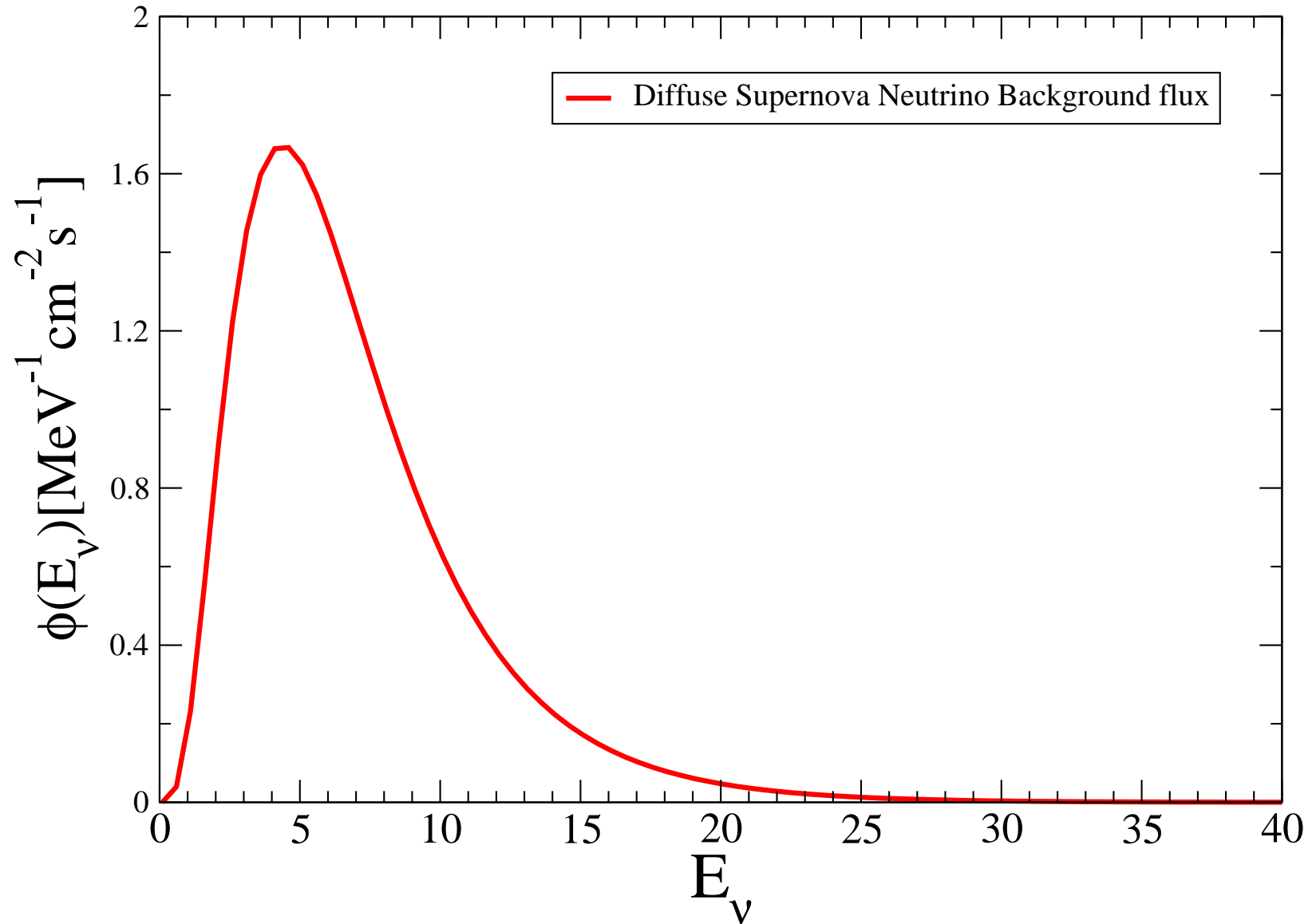
The average  $\bar{\nu}_e$  spectrum emitted by a SN is expressed in the quasi-thermal form

$$\frac{dN(E)}{dE} = \frac{(1 + \alpha)^{1+\alpha} E_{\text{tot}}}{\Gamma(1 + \alpha) \bar{E}^2} \left( \frac{E}{\bar{E}} \right)^\alpha e^{-(1+\alpha)E/\bar{E}},$$

- $\bar{E} = 15$  MeV for the average energy,
- $\alpha = 4$  for the pinching parameter
- $E_{\text{tot}} = 5 \times 10^{52}$  erg for the
- The flavor-dependent is small

$H_0 = 73 \text{ km s}^{-1} \text{ Mpc}^{-1}$  the Hubble constant.  $\Omega_M = 0,27$  and  $\Omega_\Lambda = 0,73$  are the matter and dark energy density, respectively

# DSNB





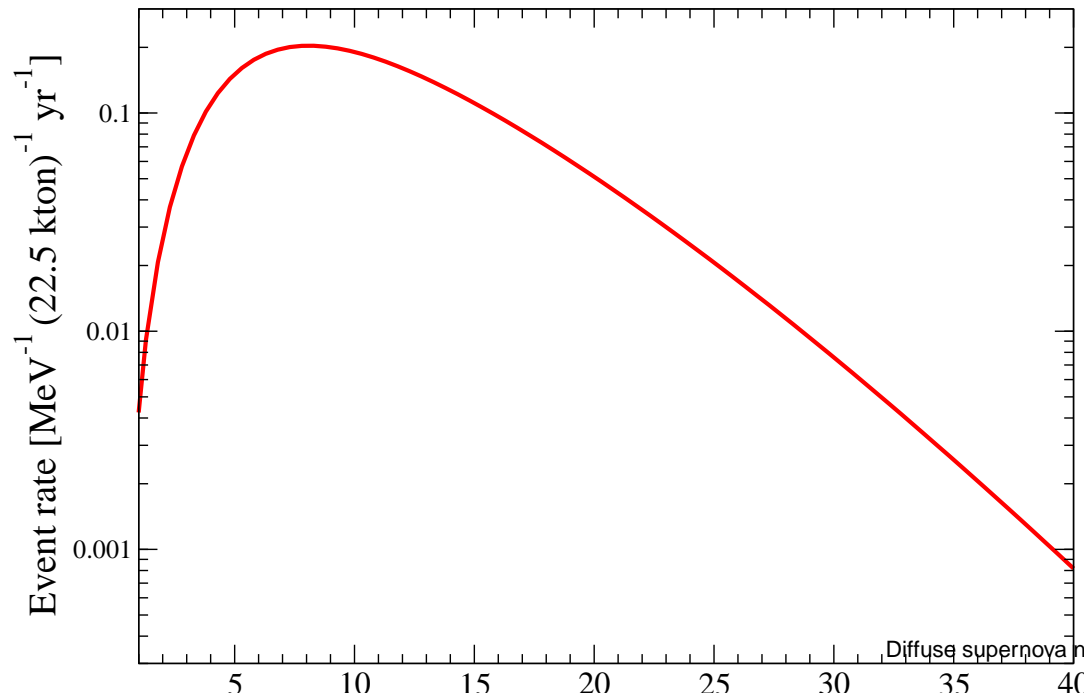
# DSNB

The best prospects are for  $\bar{\nu}_e$  in SK, detected by  $\bar{\nu}_e + p \rightarrow e^+ + n$ , as it has both large size and low background rates The total cross section for inverse beta decay is

$$\sigma(E_\nu) = [0,0952 \times 10^{-42} \text{ cm}^2 (E_\nu - 1,3 \text{ MeV})^2] (1 - 7E_\nu/M_p),$$

above threshold,  $E_\nu > 1,8 \text{ MeV}$ .

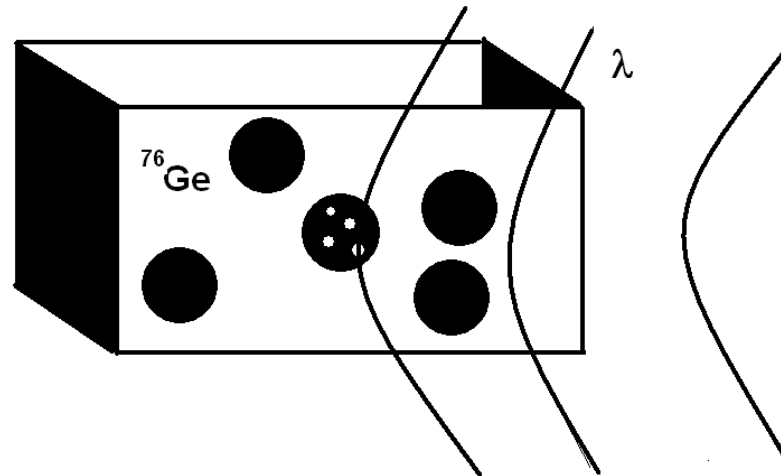
$$\frac{dN}{dE_e} = N_p \int dE_\nu \frac{d\phi}{dE_\nu} \frac{d\sigma}{dE_e},$$



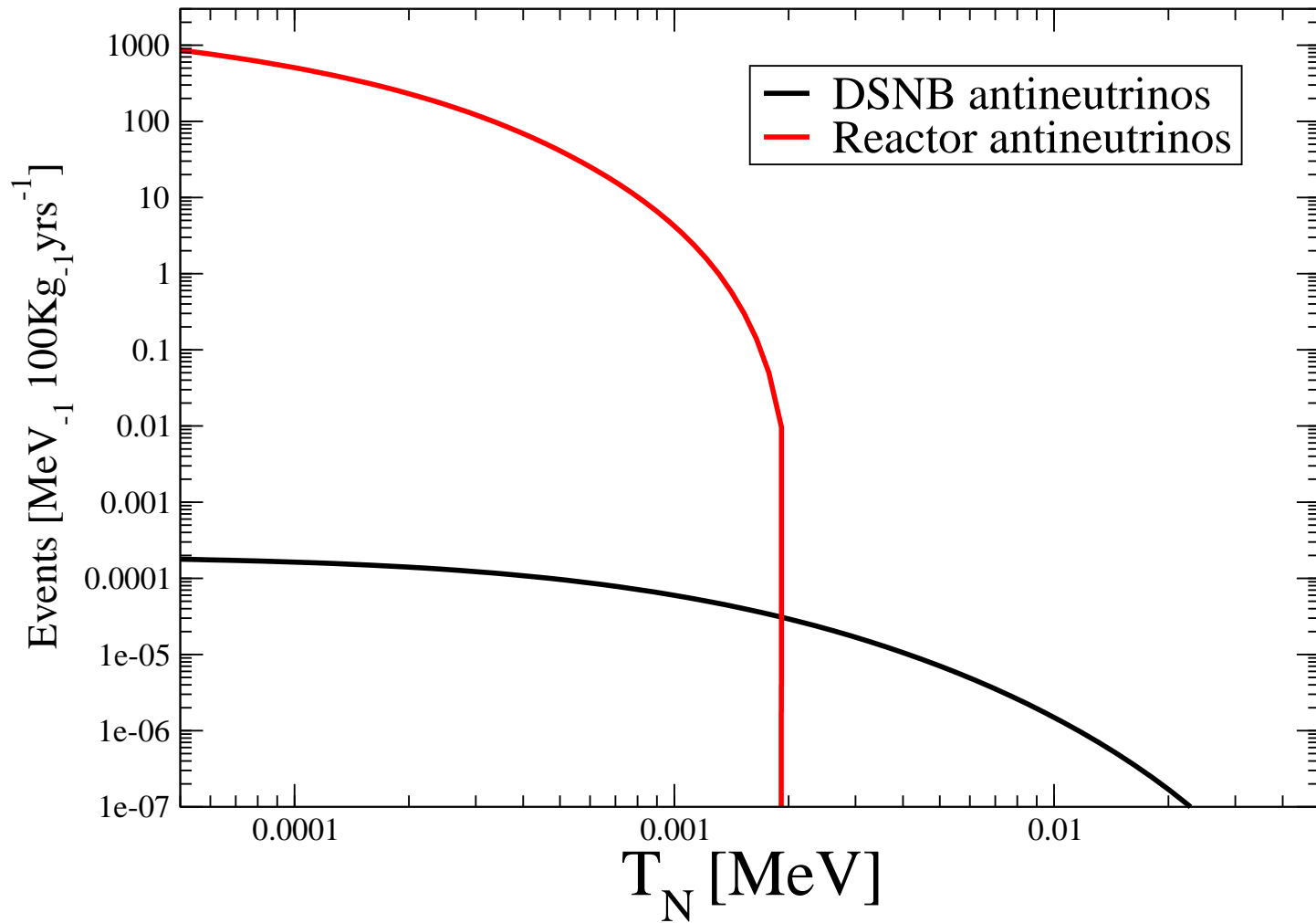
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Coherent neutrino-nucleus scattering:

- If the momentum transfer is low,  $qR < 1$  ( $R$  the nucleus radius):  $\nu$  “sees” the nucleus as a point.
- For most of the nuclei:  $1/R \sim 25 - 150\text{MeV}$
- It is fulfilled by most  $\nu$ 's sources.
- TEXONO, NOSTOS are planning to observe it for the first time.
- Experimental difficulty: Very low threshold!!!

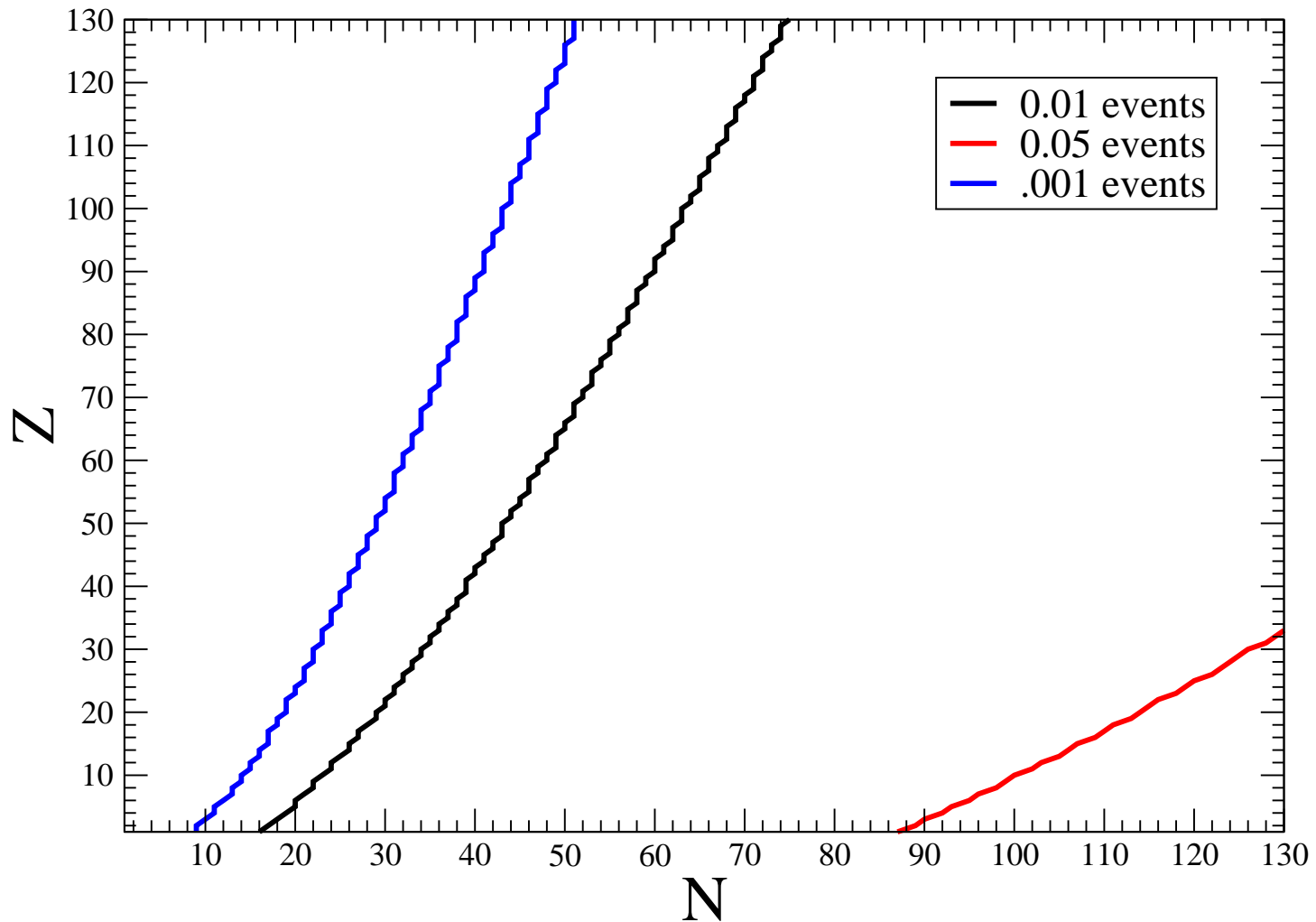


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Germanium detector.

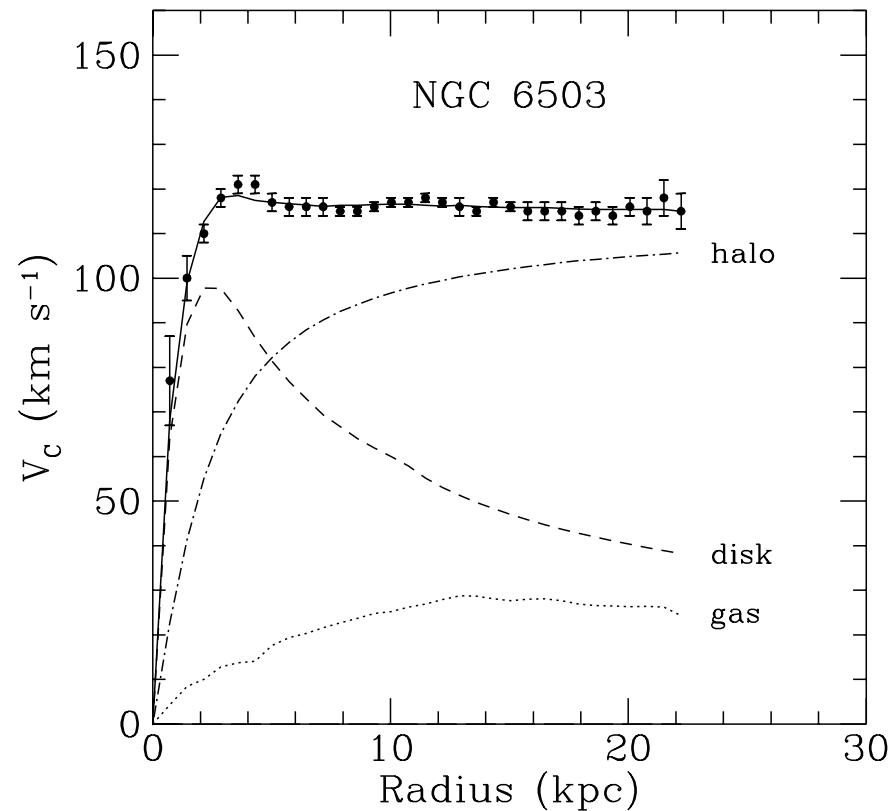
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100 kg detector, 1 year.

# Dark matter as a motivation

The most convincing and direct evidence for dark matter on galactic scales comes from the observations of the *rotation curves* of galaxies, namely the graph of circular velocities of stars and gas as a function of their distance from the galactic center.



# Dark matter as a motivation

- At galactic scales
  - *Weak modulation of strong lensing* around individual massive elliptical galaxies. This provides evidence for substructure on scales of  $\sim 10^6 M_{\odot}$
  - *Weak gravitational lensing* of distant galaxies by foreground structure
  - The *velocity dispersions of dwarf spheroidal galaxies* which imply mass-to-light ratios larger than those observed in our “local” neighborhood.
  - The *velocity dispersions of spiral galaxy satellites* which suggest the existence of dark halos around spiral galaxies, similar to our own, extending at galactocentric radii  $\gtrsim 200$  kpc, i.e. well behind the optical disc. This applies in particular to the Milky Way, where both dwarf galaxy satellites and globular clusters probe the outer rotation curve.

# Dark matter as a motivation

- At cosmological scales

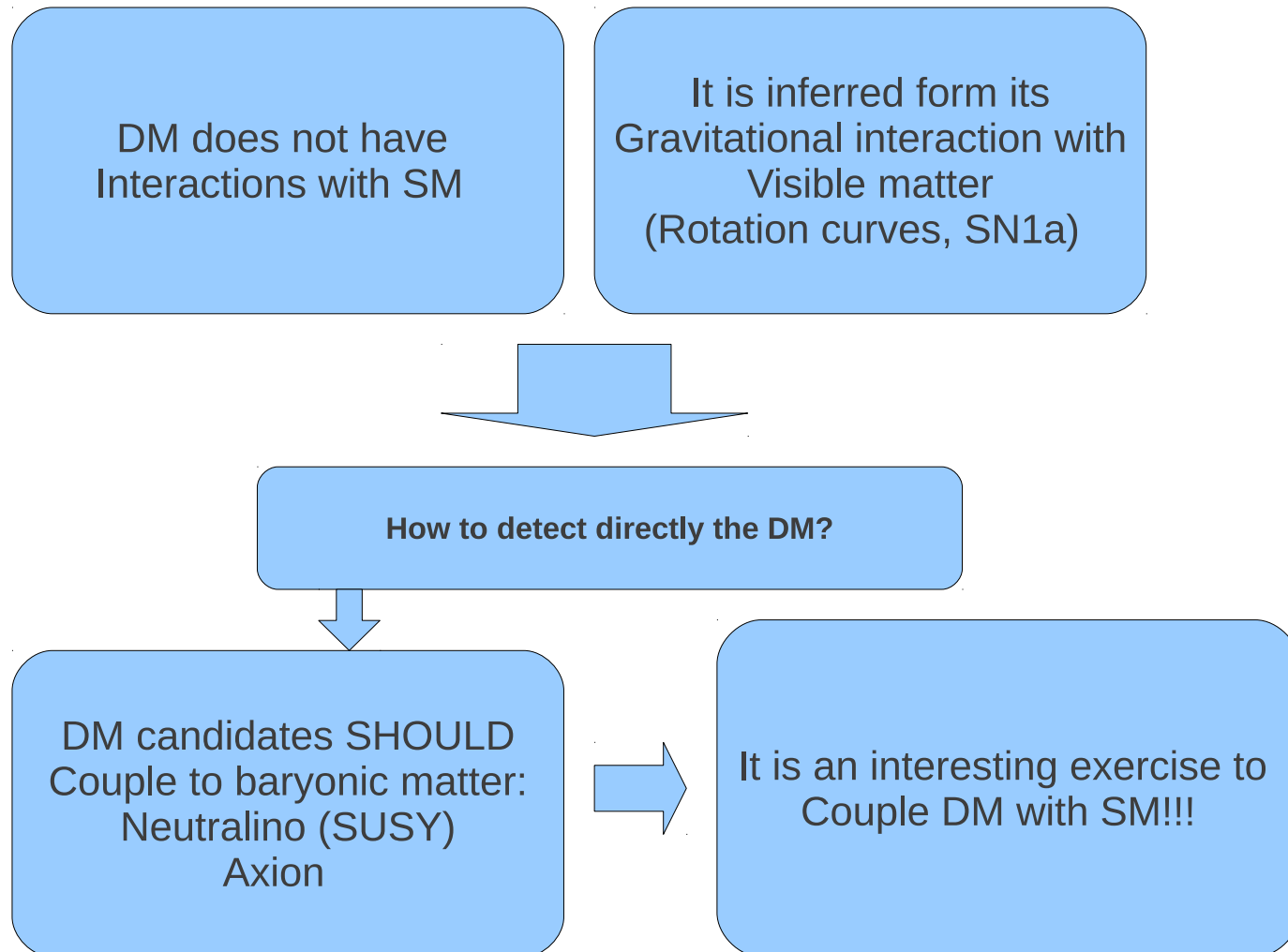
Starting from a cosmological model with a fixed number of parameters, the best-fit parameters are determined from the peak of the N-dimensional likelihood surface. From the analysis of the WMAP data alone:

$$\Omega_b h^2 = 0,024 \pm 0,001 \quad , \quad \Omega_M h^2 = 0,14 \pm 0,02.$$

Including astronomical measurements of the power spectrum from large scale structure (2dFGRS) and the Lyman  $\alpha$  forest:

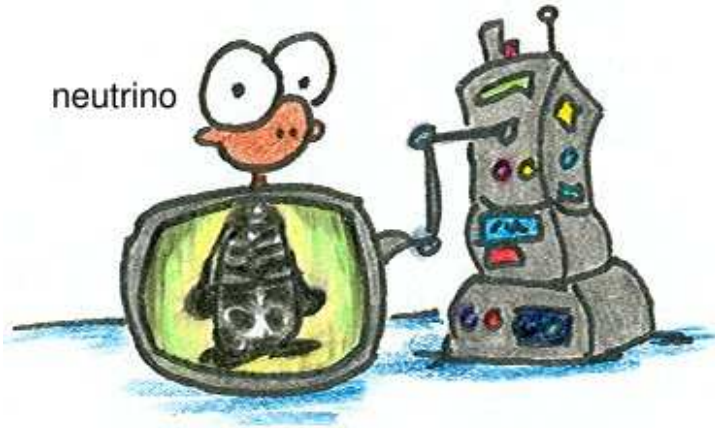
$$\Omega_b h^2 = 0,0224 \pm 0,0009 \quad \Omega_M h^2 = 0,135^{+0,008}_{-0,009}.$$

# Materia oscura





# Remind neutrino characteristics



- Neutral particle
- Fermion
- Negative helicity
- Three flavors:

$\nu_e, \nu_\mu, \nu_\tau$ .

- Mass:

$$|\nu_\alpha\rangle = \sum_a U_{\alpha a}^* |\nu_a\rangle$$

$$7,1 \times 10^{-5} (eV)^2 \leq \Delta^2 m_{12} \leq 8,9 \times 10^{-5} (eV)^2,$$

$$0,24 \leq \sin^2 \theta_{12} \leq 0,40,$$

$$1,4 \times 10^{-3} (eV)^2 \leq \Delta^2 m_{13} \leq 3,3 \times 10^{-3} (eV)^2,$$

$$0,34 \leq \sin^2 \theta_{23} \leq 0,68,$$

- Magnetic moment  $\mu_\nu < 10^{-12} \mu_B$

# $\nu$ -DM interaction

- To couple neutrinos to DM!
- In particular add an interaction with a scalar field  $\phi$

## Neutrinoless Universe

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We consider the consequences for the relic neutrino abundance if extra neutrino interactions are allowed, e.g., the coupling of neutrinos to a light (compared to  $m_\nu$ ) boson. For a wide range of couplings not excluded by other considerations, the relic neutrinos would annihilate to bosons at late times and thus make a negligible contribution to the matter density today. This mechanism evades the neutrino mass limits arising from large scale structure.

$$\mathcal{L} = h_{ij} \bar{\nu}_i \nu_j \phi + g_{ij} \bar{\nu}_i \gamma_5 \nu_j \phi + \text{H.c.}, \quad \Gamma(T) = \frac{g^4}{64\pi} \frac{T}{m_\nu^3} \left( \frac{m_\nu T}{2\pi} \right)^{3/2} e^{-m_\nu/T}$$

*Conclusions.*—We have examined a model in which extra couplings allow the neutrinos to annihilate into massless (or light) bosons at late times and thus make a negligible contribution to the matter density today. This evades the present neutrino mass limits arising from a large scale structure. Future tritium beta decay experiments like KATRIN [4] will play a unique and essential role, especially in comparison to cosmology and neutrinoless double beta decay, allowing stringent tests of new neutrino interactions.

# $\nu$ -DM interaction

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## Cosmological bounds on dark-matter-neutrino interactions

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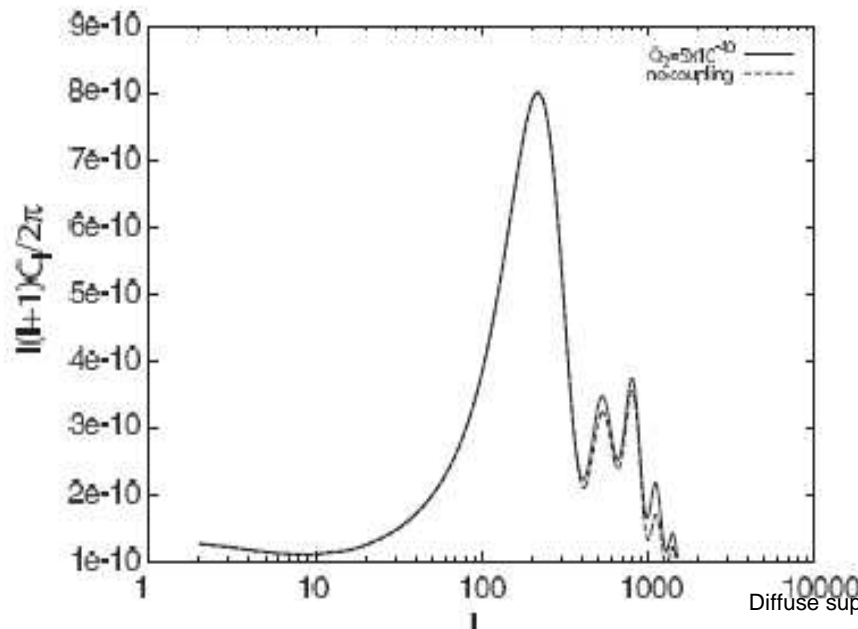
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We investigate the cosmological effects of a neutrino interaction with cold dark-matter. We postulate a neutrino that interacts with a “neutrino-interacting dark-matter” (NIDM) particle with an elastic-scattering cross section that either decreases with temperature as  $T^2$  or remains constant with temperature. The neutrino-dark-matter interaction results in a neutrino-dark-matter fluid with pressure, and this pressure results in diffusion-damped oscillations in the matter power spectrum, analogous to the acoustic oscillations in the baryon-photon fluid. We discuss the bounds from the Sloan Digital Sky Survey on the NIDM opacity (ratio of cross section to NIDM-particle mass) and compare with the constraint from observation of neutrinos from supernova 1987A. If only a fraction of the dark matter interacts with neutrinos, then NIDM oscillations may affect current cosmological constraints from measurements of galaxy clustering. We discuss how detection of NIDM oscillations would suggest a particle-antiparticle asymmetry in the dark-matter sector.



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Celio Moura's talk next Monday

## Possible suppression

- The mean free path:

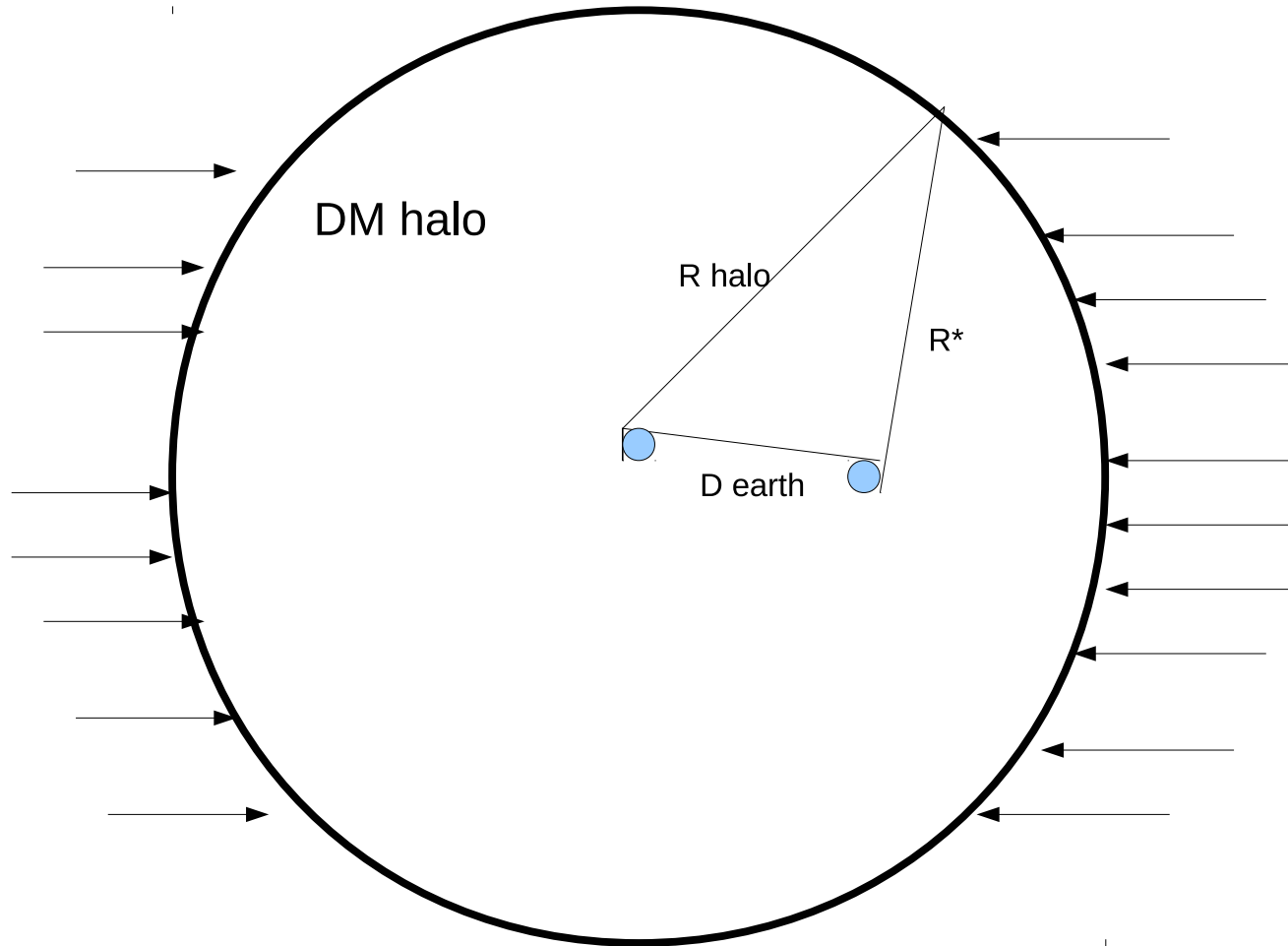
$$\lambda^{mfp} = (n\sigma)^{-1} = \frac{m_{DM}}{\rho_{DM}\sigma},$$

- There is a suppression in the flux:

$$F(L) = F_0 e^{-L/\lambda^{mfp}},$$

# Possible suppression

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# Possible suppression

$$R^*(\alpha) = r_{\odot} \cos \alpha + \sqrt{r_{halo}^2 - r_{\odot}^2 \sin^2 \alpha},$$

Now we can compute the DSNB neutrino flux

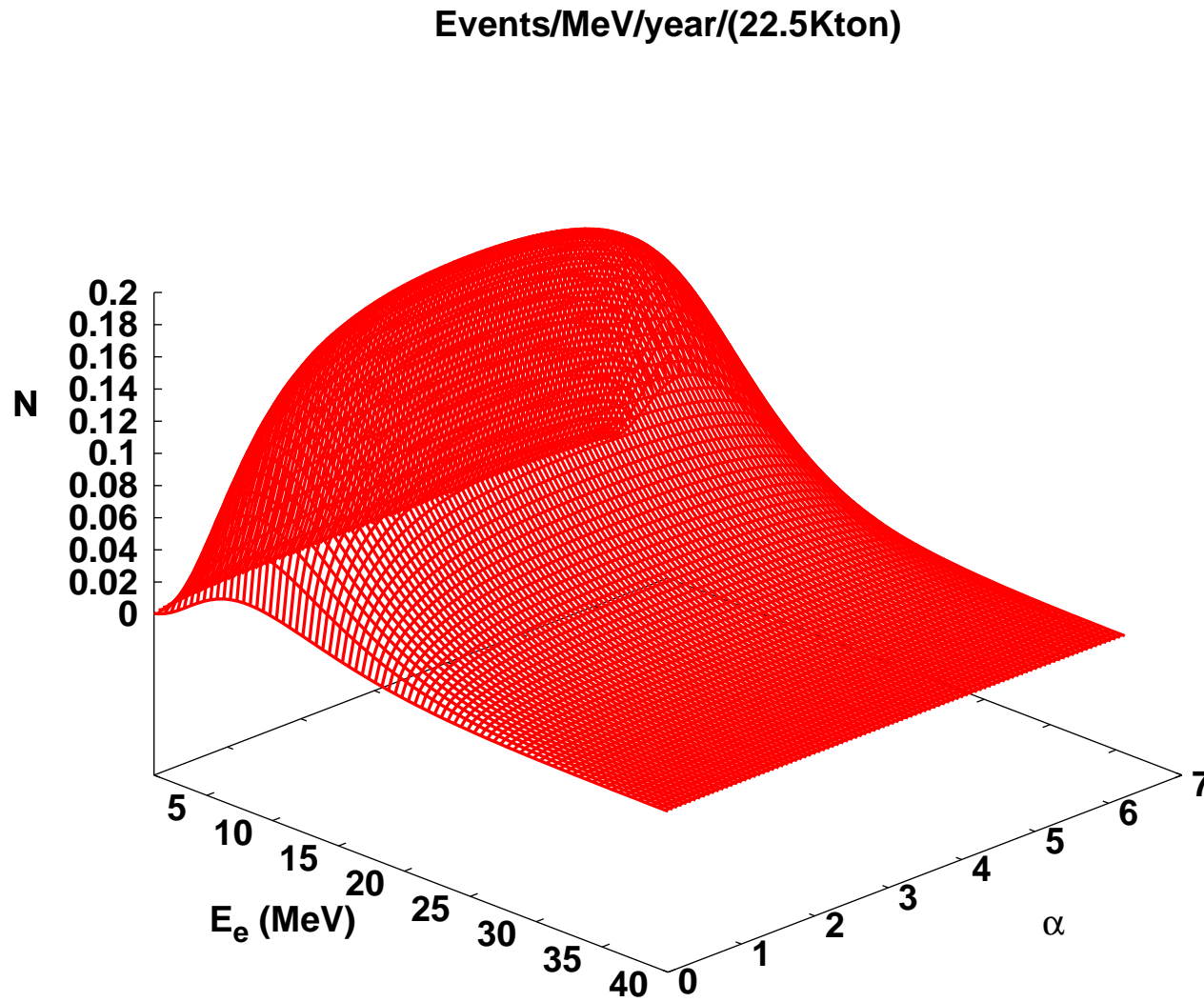
$$\phi(E_{\nu}, \alpha) = \frac{d\phi_{\bar{\nu}}^{DSNB}}{dE} \exp \left( -\lambda^{-1} \int_0^{R^*(\alpha)} G_{DM}(R) dR \right); \quad G_{DM}(R) = f_{NFW}(R^*),$$

$$f_{DM}(r) = \frac{1}{(r/a)^{\gamma} [1 + (r/R)^{\alpha}]^{(\beta-\gamma)/\alpha}},$$

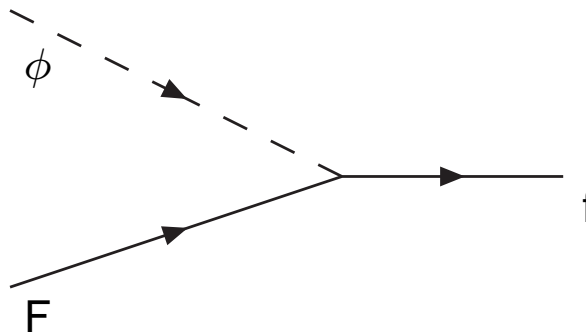
where the coefficients  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma$  are

|       | $\alpha$ | $\beta$ | $\gamma$ | R(Kpc) |
|-------|----------|---------|----------|--------|
| Kra   | 2.0      | 3.0     | 0.4      | 10.0   |
| NFW   | 1.0      | 3.0     | 1.0      | 20.0   |
| Moore | 1.5      | 3.0     | 1.5      | 28.0   |
| Iso   | 2.0      | 2.0     | 0.       | 3.5    |

# Possible suppression



# Candidates



$$g_{\nu\phi} P_R$$

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# Possible suppression?

$$\sigma \simeq \frac{g_{\nu\phi}^4}{32\pi} \frac{s}{(u - M_I^2)^2},$$

and if  $u \ll M_I^2$

$$\sigma \simeq \left(\frac{g_{\nu\phi}}{M_I}\right)^4 \frac{m_\phi E_\nu}{16\pi}.$$

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda &= 16\pi \left(\frac{M_I/g_{\nu\phi}}{\text{GeV}}\right)^4 \left(\frac{\text{GeV}}{E_\nu}\right) \left(\frac{\text{GeV}/\text{cm}^3}{\rho_\phi}\right) \text{GeV}^2 \text{cm}^3 \\ &\simeq L_0 \left(\frac{M_I/g_{\nu\phi}}{\text{GeV}}\right)^4 \left(\frac{10^{18} \text{eV}}{E_\nu}\right) \left(\frac{\text{GeV}/\text{cm}^3}{\rho_\phi}\right), \end{aligned}$$

where  $L_0 \simeq 42 \text{ pc}$ .

If  $E_\nu \sim \text{MeV}$  then where  $L_0 \simeq 4,2 \times 10^4 \text{ Mpc!!!}$

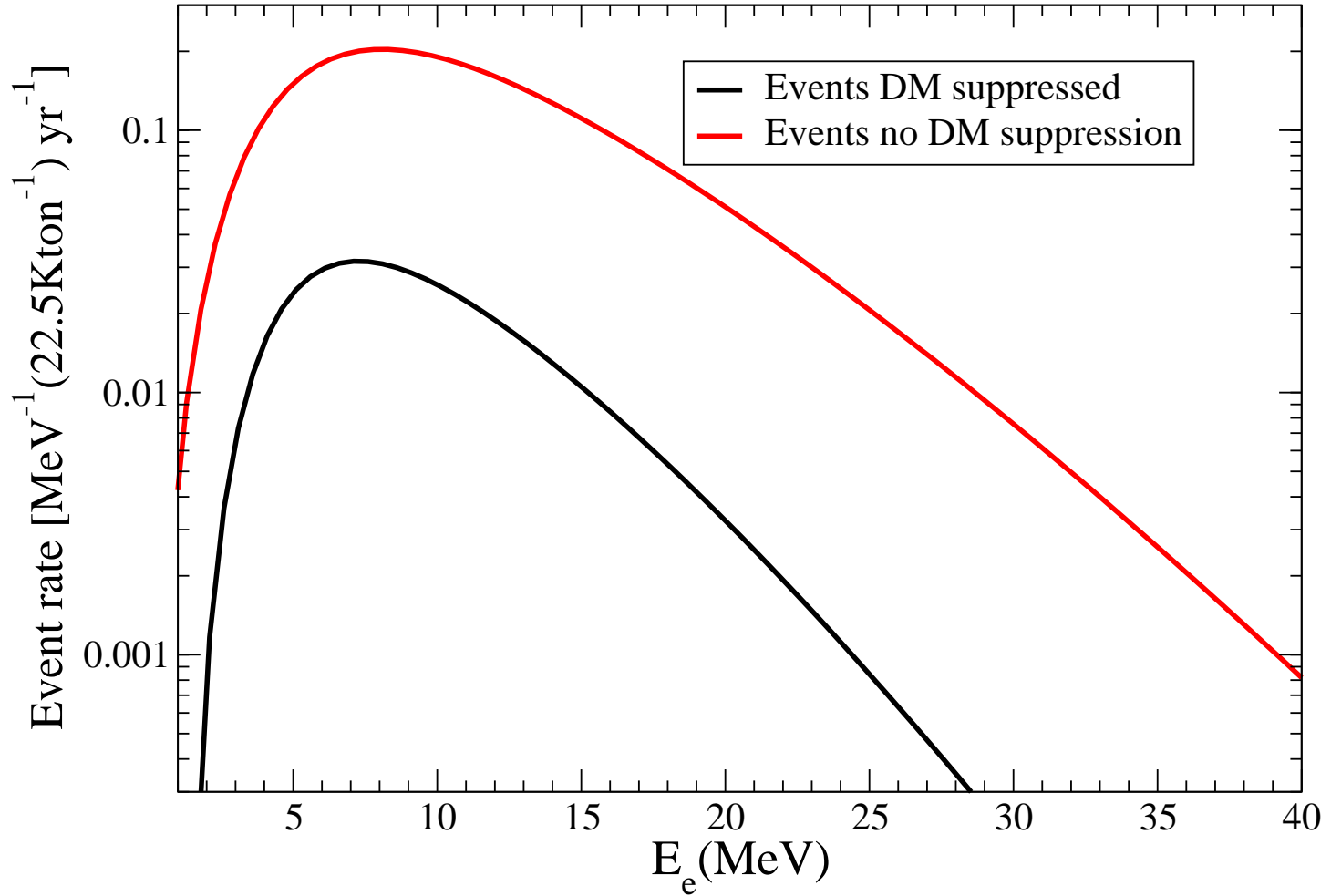
something?

$$\frac{dN(E)}{dE} = \frac{(1 + \alpha)^{1+\alpha} E_{\text{tot}}}{\Gamma(1 + \alpha) \bar{E}^2} \left( \frac{E}{\bar{E}} \right)^\alpha e^{-(1+\alpha)E/\bar{E}},$$

Modify this flux!

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# DSNR is modified!!!!



# Conclusiones

- DSNB will bring very interesting information, but it will be difficult to observe.
- If we want to “directly” observe DM, we need to couple to SM particles
- DSNB could be modified by a new interaction of neutrinos with a scalar field dark matter candidate.