

# Neutrino Physics (II)

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# Session 1

## Neutrinos in the SM

- ◆ Main properties
- ◆ Neutrino mass in the SM

## Neutrino oscillations

- ◆ Introduction & formalism
- ◆ Current status of  $\nu$  oscillations
- ◆ Unknowns in the  $3\nu$  paradigm
- ◆ Future prospects

# Session 2

## Neutrino masses

- ◆ Current limits
- ◆ Neutrino mass models

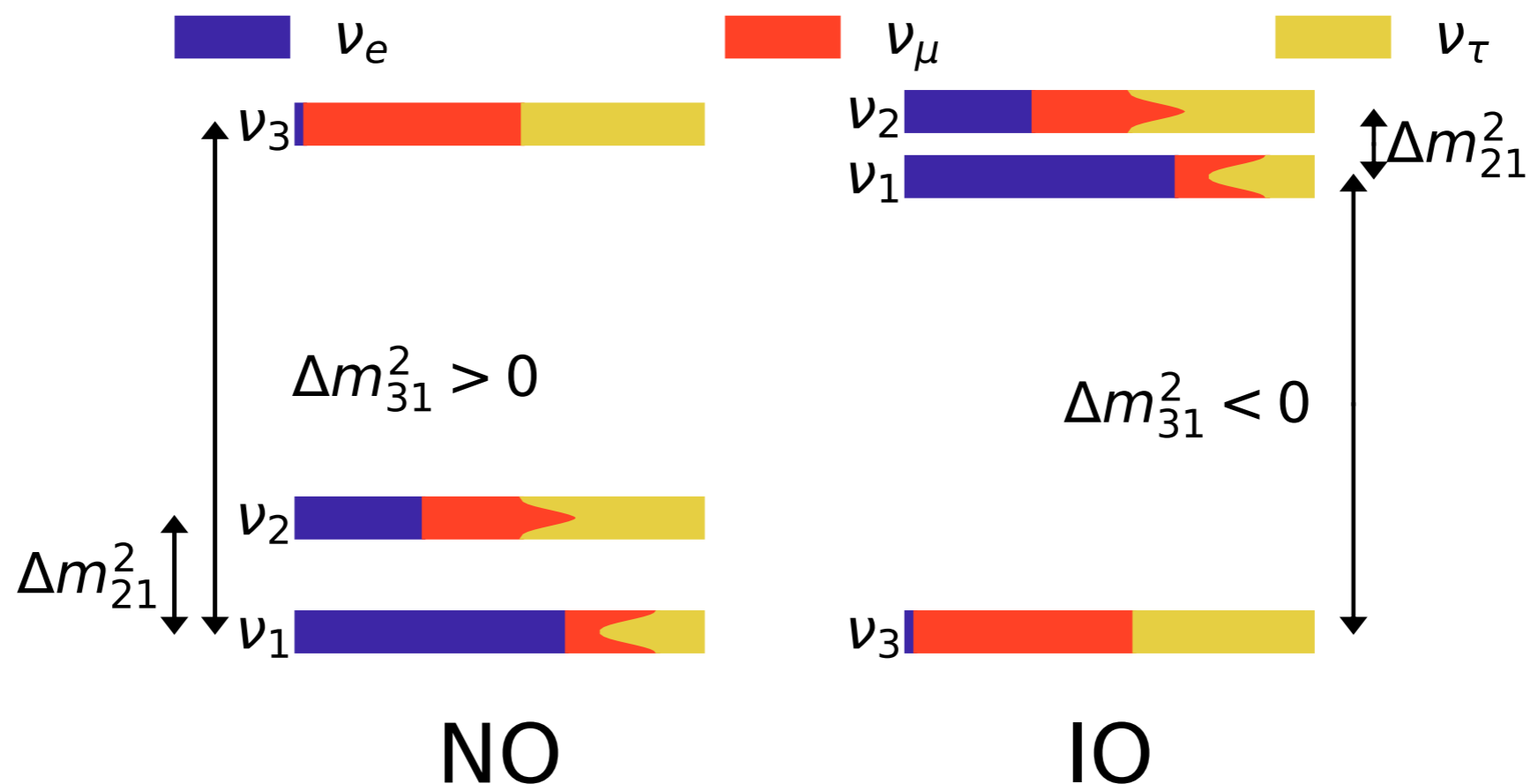
## Neutrino physics BSM

- ◆ Light sterile neutrinos
- ◆ Non-unitary neutrino mixing
- ◆ Non-standard interactions
- ◆ BSM searches with CE $\nu$ NS

# Neutrino masses: bounds and models

# Are neutrinos massive?

- ▶ In the SM neutrinos are massless
- ▶ From oscillations we know that (at least 2) neutrinos do have mass!!



- ▶ What about the absolute mass scale? Do we have information?

From oscillations:

$$m_\nu \geq \sqrt{\Delta m_{31}^2} \text{ (NO)} \gtrsim 0.05 \text{ eV}$$

# Sensitivity to neutrino mass

## Neutrino oscillations

$$\Delta m_{ij}^2 = m_i^2 - m_j^2$$

$$m_\nu \geq 0.05 \text{ eV}$$

## Cosmology

$$\sum m_i + \text{light d.o.f.}$$

## Beta decay kinematics

$$m_\beta^2 = \sum |U_{ei}|^2 m_i^2$$

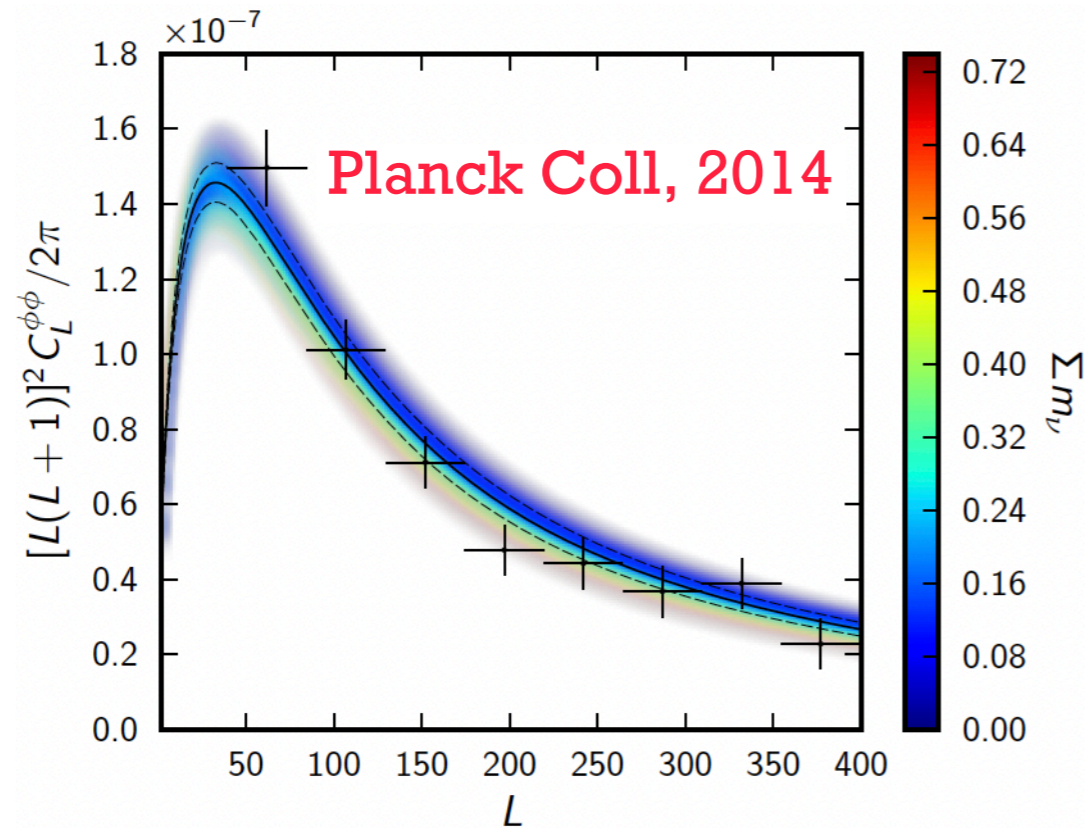
## Neutrinoless $2\beta$ decay

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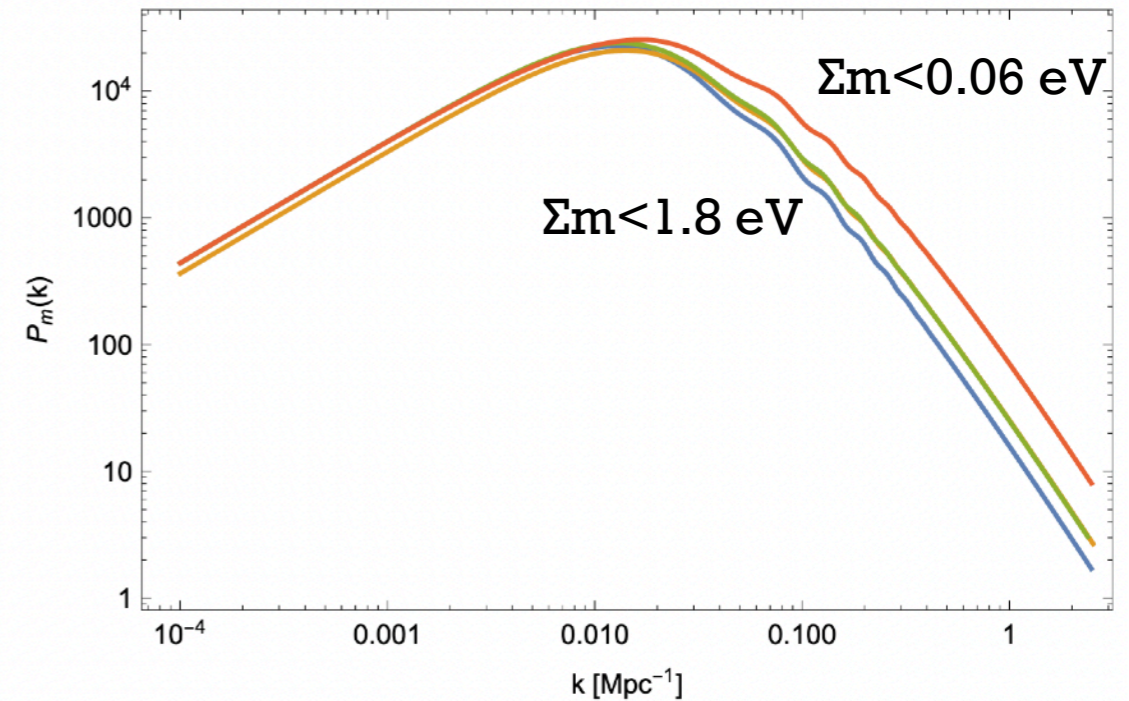
# Neutrino mass in cosmology

► Neutrino masses may affect cosmological observables:

## CMB anisotropies and lensing



## Large Scale Structure formation



Lattanzi and Gerbino, Front.Phys 2018

► Fit  $\Lambda$ CDM model + experimental data (95% C.L.)

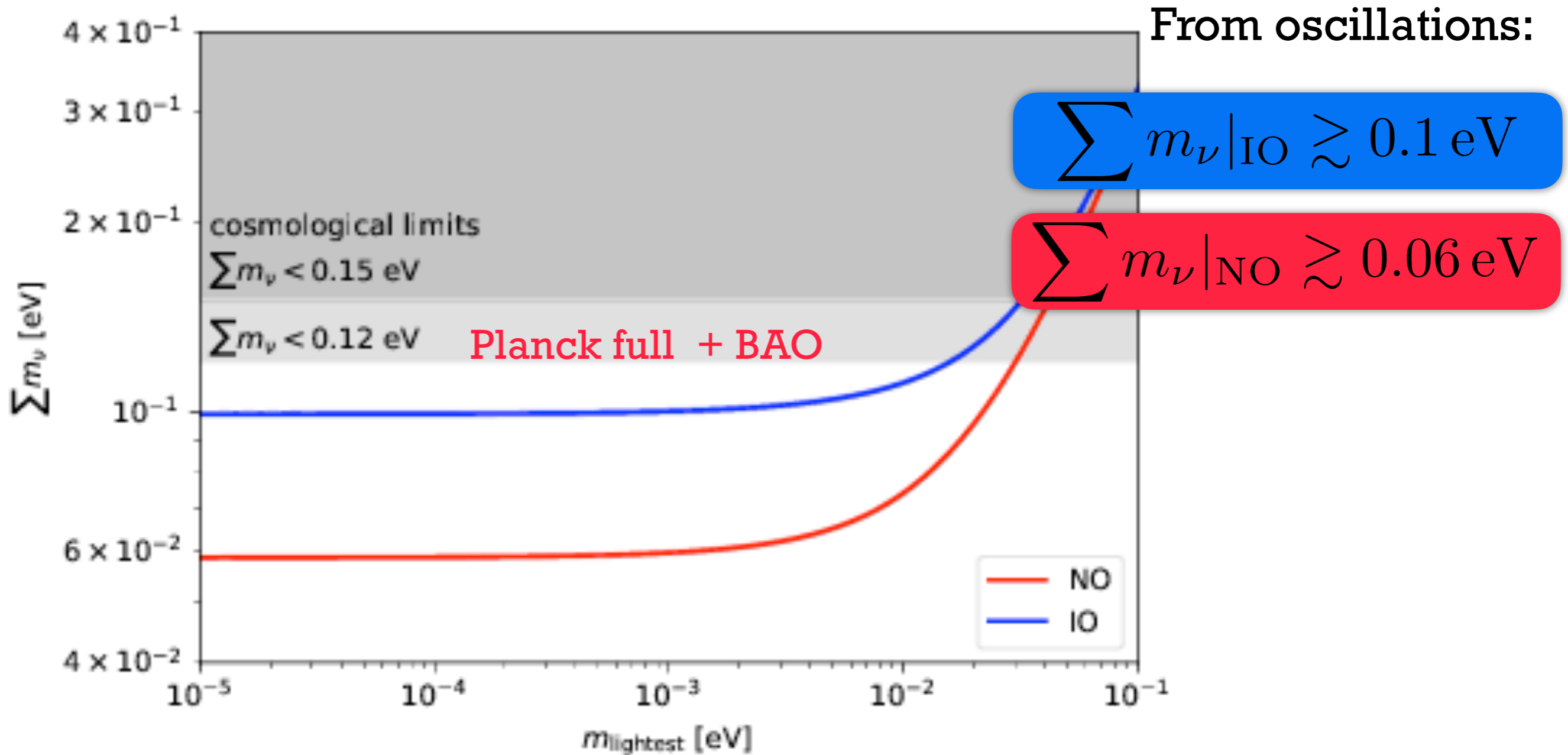
$$\Sigma m_i < 0.12 \text{ eV}$$

Planck TT,TE,EE+lowE+lensing+BAO  
[Planck Coll, 2018]

$$\Sigma m_i < 0.09 \text{ eV}$$

Planck TT,TE,EE+lensing+ RSD+BAO +SNIa  
[DiValentino et al, PRD2021]

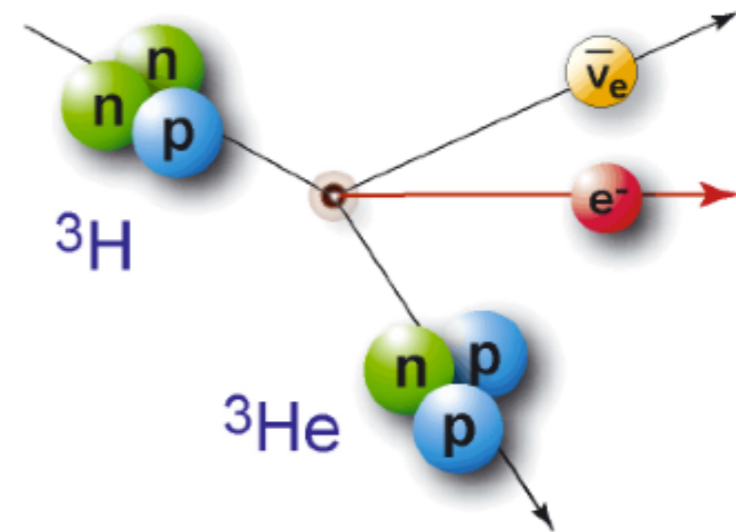
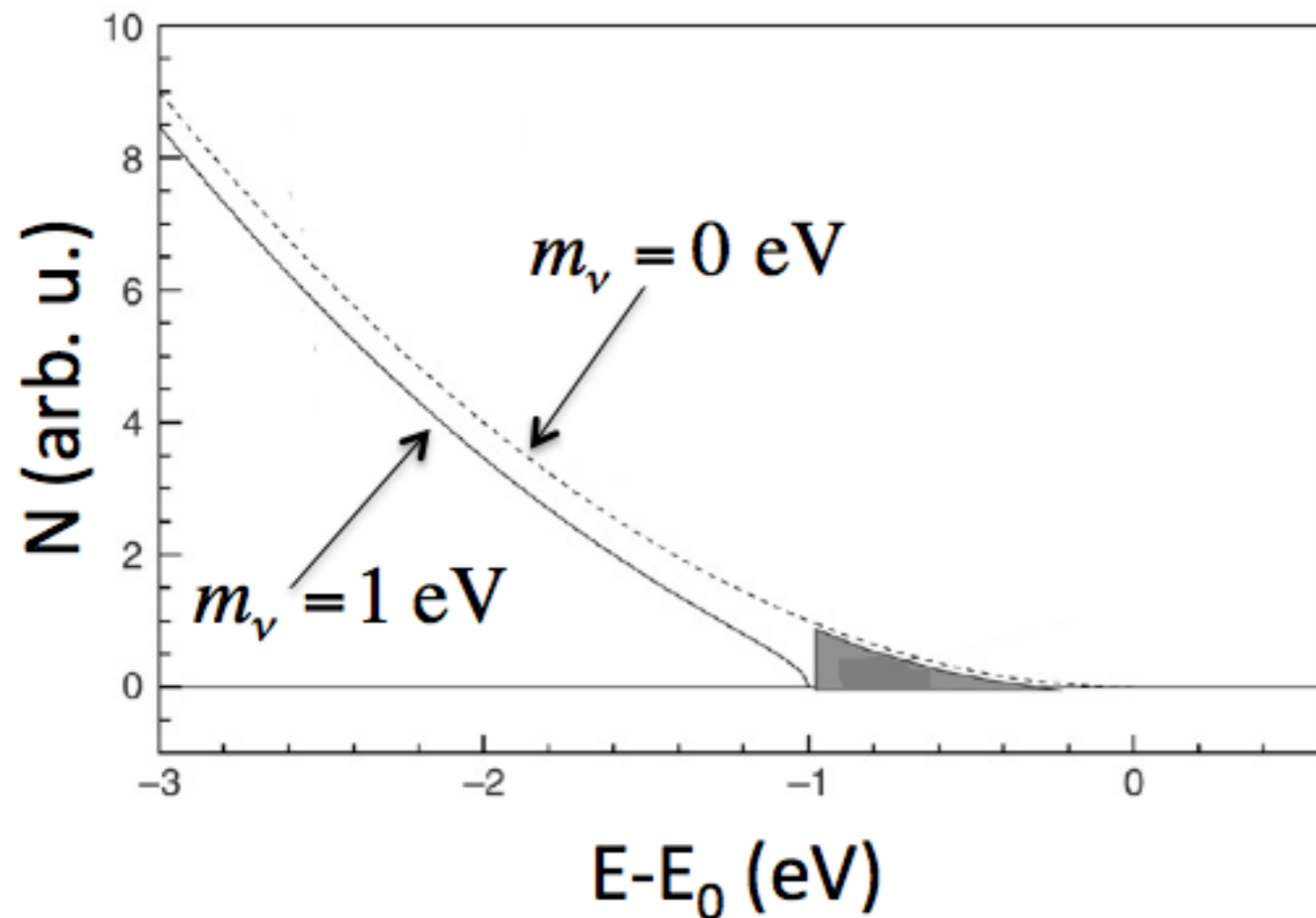
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de Salas et al, Front. Astron. Space Sci. 5 (2018) 36

# Tritium $\beta$ decay experiments

- ▶  $\beta$ -decay spectrum close to the endpoint is very sensitive to the neutrino mass:



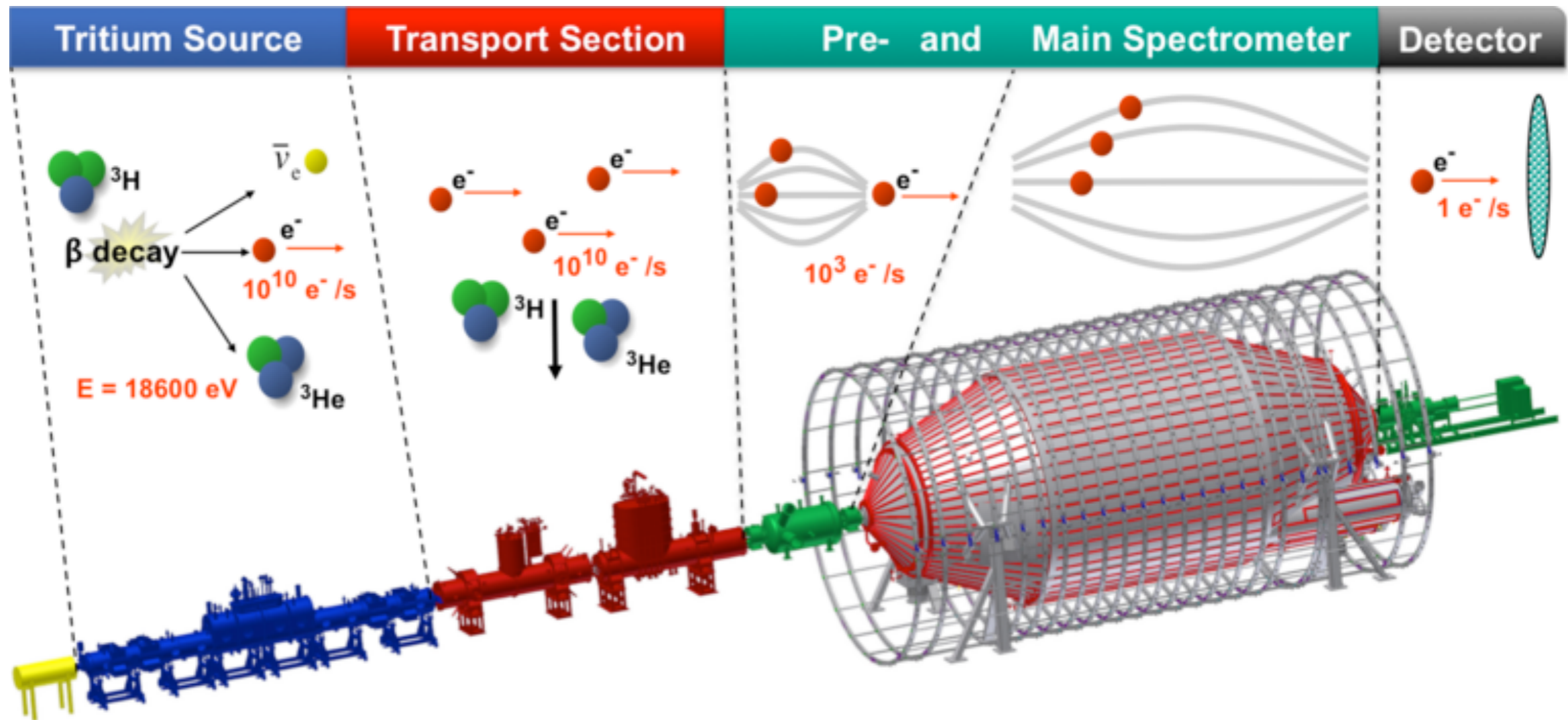
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**Mainz and Troitsk Experiments:**

$$m_\beta < 2.2 \text{ eV (95\% C.L.)}$$



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The electron energy is analyzed by applying an electrostatic retarding potential. Electrons are only transmitted if their kinetic energy is sufficiently high.

At the end of their journey, the electrons are counted at the detector. Their rate varies with the spectrometer potential and hence gives an integrated  $\beta$ -spectrum.

Taking data from June 2018

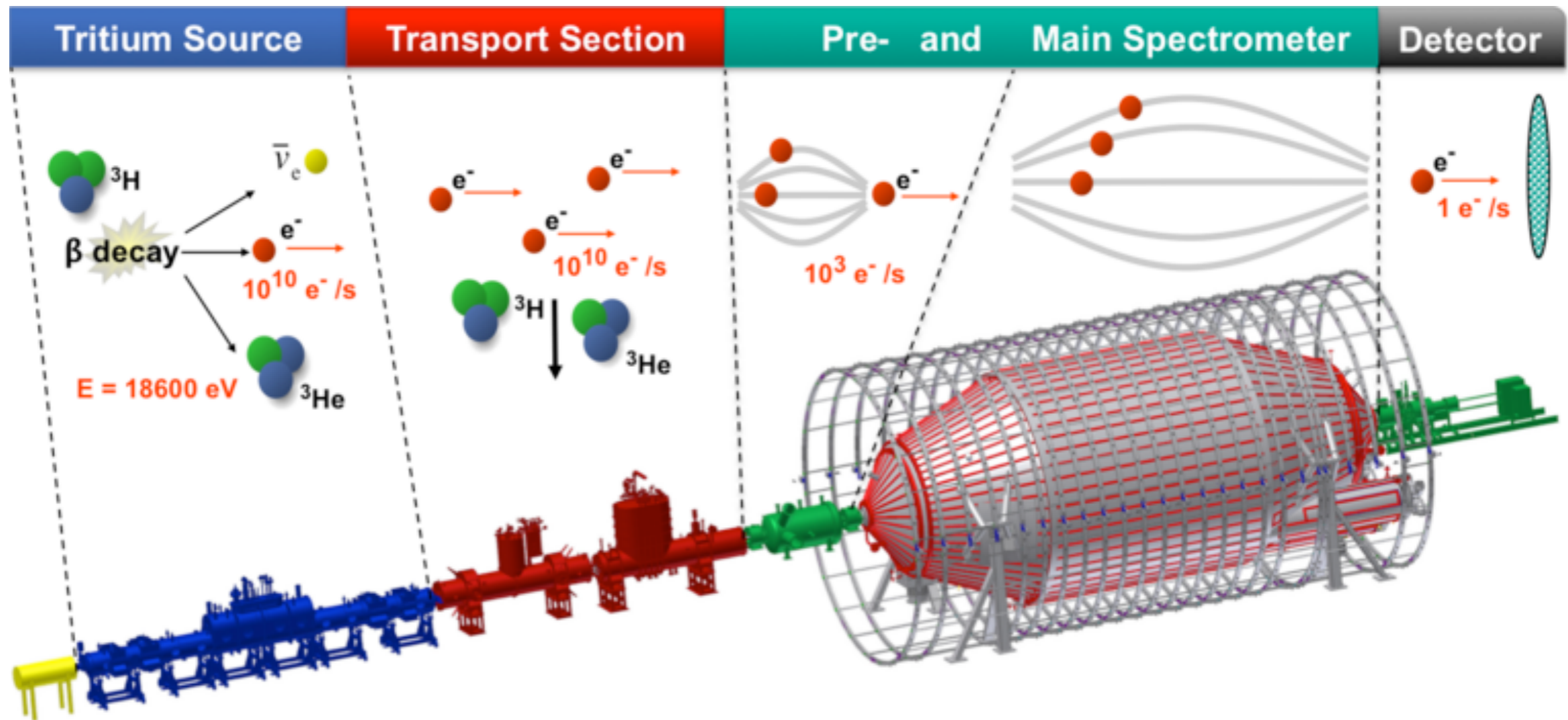
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(KArlsruhe TRItium Neutrino experiment)



**KATRIN spectrometer: 200 ton, 24 m long, 10 m diameter**

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**Current bound**  
 $m_\beta < 0.8 \text{ eV}$  (90% C.L.)

**Final sensitivity**  
 $m_\beta < 0.2\text{-}0.3 \text{ eV}$  (90% C.L.)

**Discovery potential**  
 $m_\beta = 0.35 \text{ eV}$  ( $5\sigma$ )

# Neutrinoless double beta decay

$2\nu\beta\beta$ : rare process in the SM with  $t_{1/2} \sim 10^{21}$  years

$0\nu\beta\beta$ : possible for massive Majorana neutrinos.

$$(A, Z) \rightarrow (A, Z+2) + e^- + e^- \quad \text{test } \nu \text{ nature}$$

→ not observed yet

→  $t_{1/2} > 10^{26}-10^{27}$  years

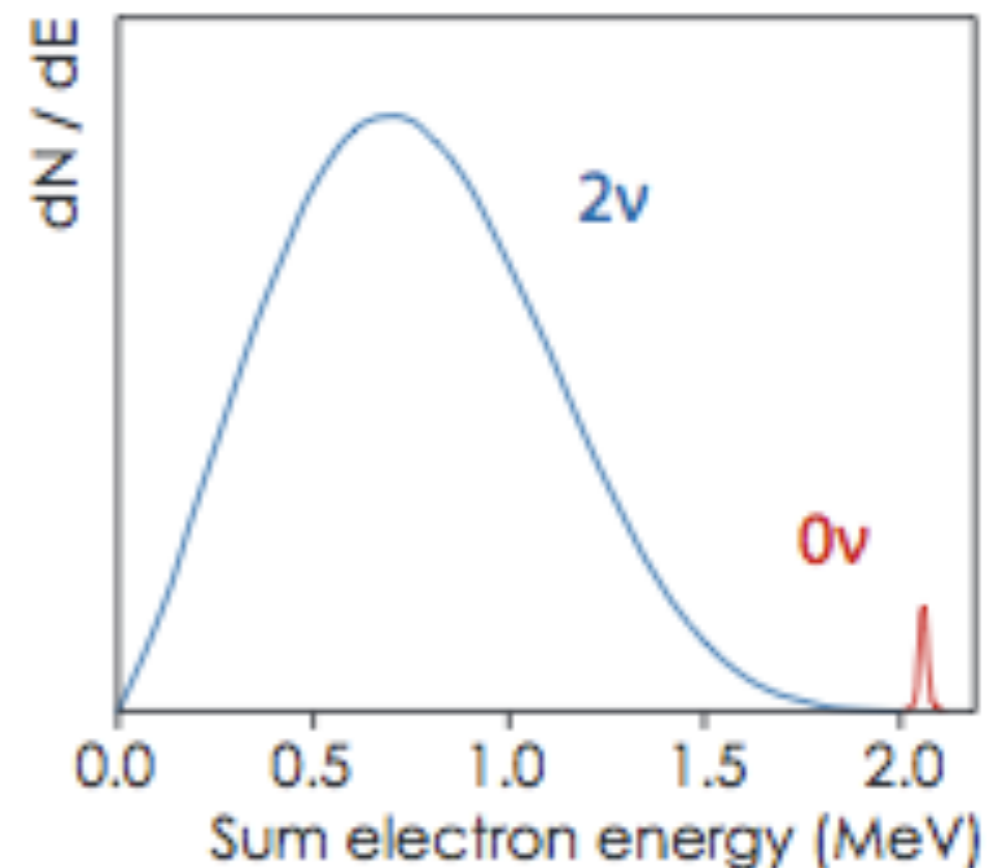
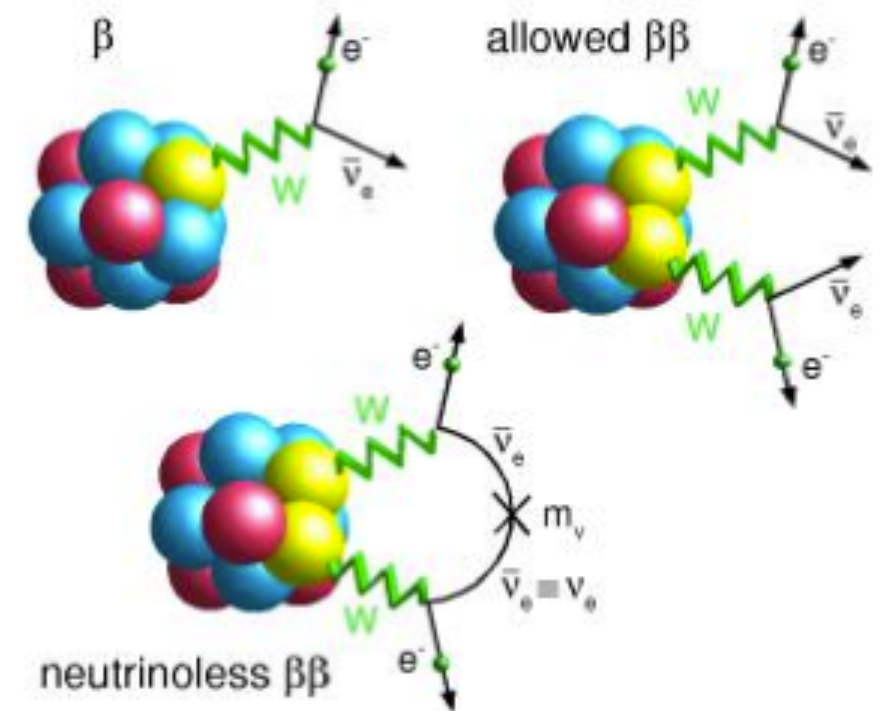
→ violates Lepton Number

phase space      Nuclear matrix elements

$$\Gamma_{0\nu\beta\beta} = G^{0\nu} |M^{0\nu}|^2 \langle m_{\beta\beta} \rangle^2$$

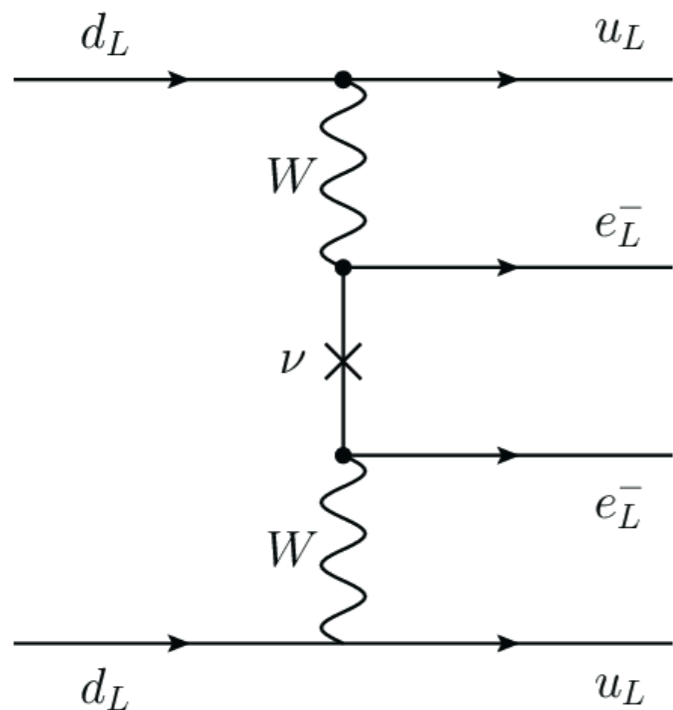
Effective Majorana neutrino mass

$$\langle m_{\beta\beta} \rangle = \left| \sum_{i=1}^3 U_{ei}^2 m_i \right|$$

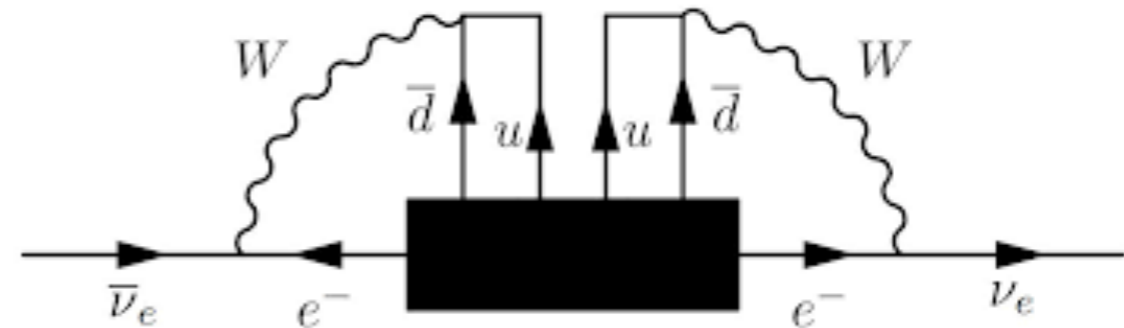


# $0\nu\beta\beta$ and Majorana neutrino mass

- ▶ Neutrinoless double beta decay can be treated as a dim-9 operator:



This leads to loop-generated **Majorana mass**



Blackbox theorem, Schechter & Valle, 1982

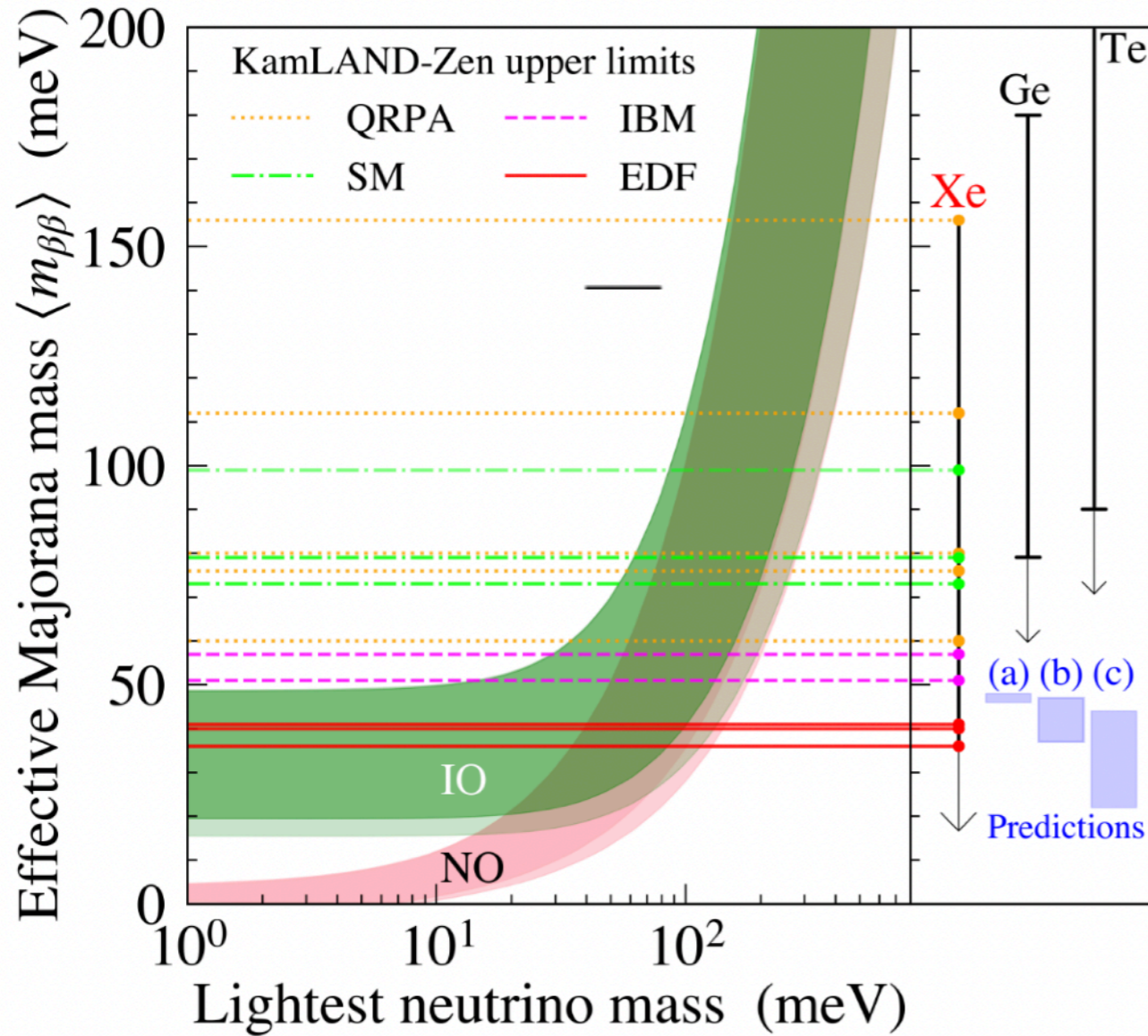
- ▶ Majorana neutrino mass is not the only mechanism leading to  $0\nu\beta\beta$ : **new physics models** can also induce  $0\nu\beta\beta$ .

Bonnet, Hirsch, Ota, Winter, JHEP 2013.

- ▶ Only when related to Majorana neutrino masses one can use  $0\nu\beta\beta$  results to constrain neutrino masses and their ordering.

$$\Gamma_{0\nu\beta\beta} = G^{0\nu} |M^{0\nu}|^2 \langle m_{\beta\beta} \rangle^2 \quad \text{with} \quad \langle m_{\beta\beta} \rangle = \left| \sum_{i=1}^3 U_{ei}^2 m_i \right|$$

# Bounds on neutrino mass from $0\nu\beta\beta$



At 90% CL:

$m_{\beta\beta} < 90-305$  meV CUORE

$m_{\beta\beta} < 93-286$  meV EXO-200

$m_{\beta\beta} < 79-180$  meV GERDA II

$m_{\beta\beta} < 36-156$  meV KL-Zen

F. Simkovic, Neutrino 2022

→ degenerate region explored

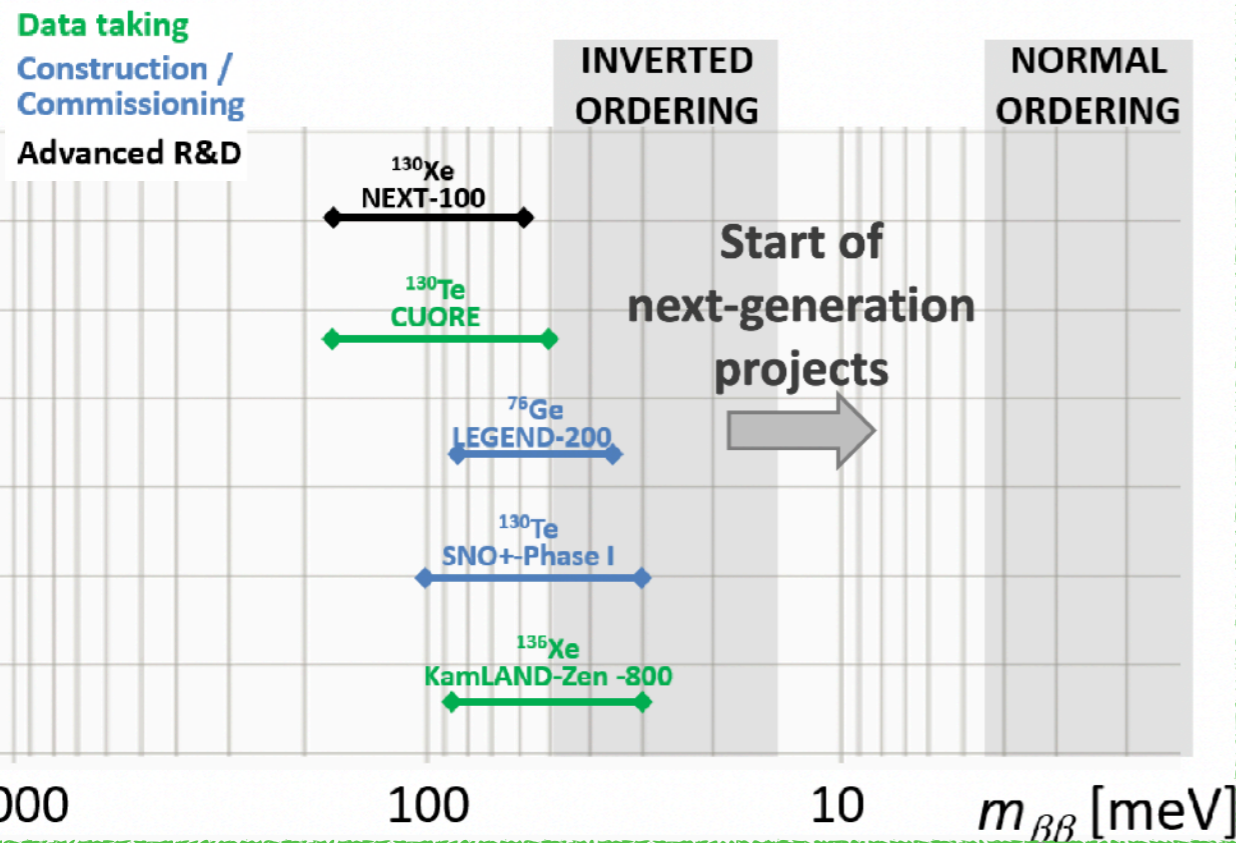
KamLAND-Zen Collab, Neutrino 2022

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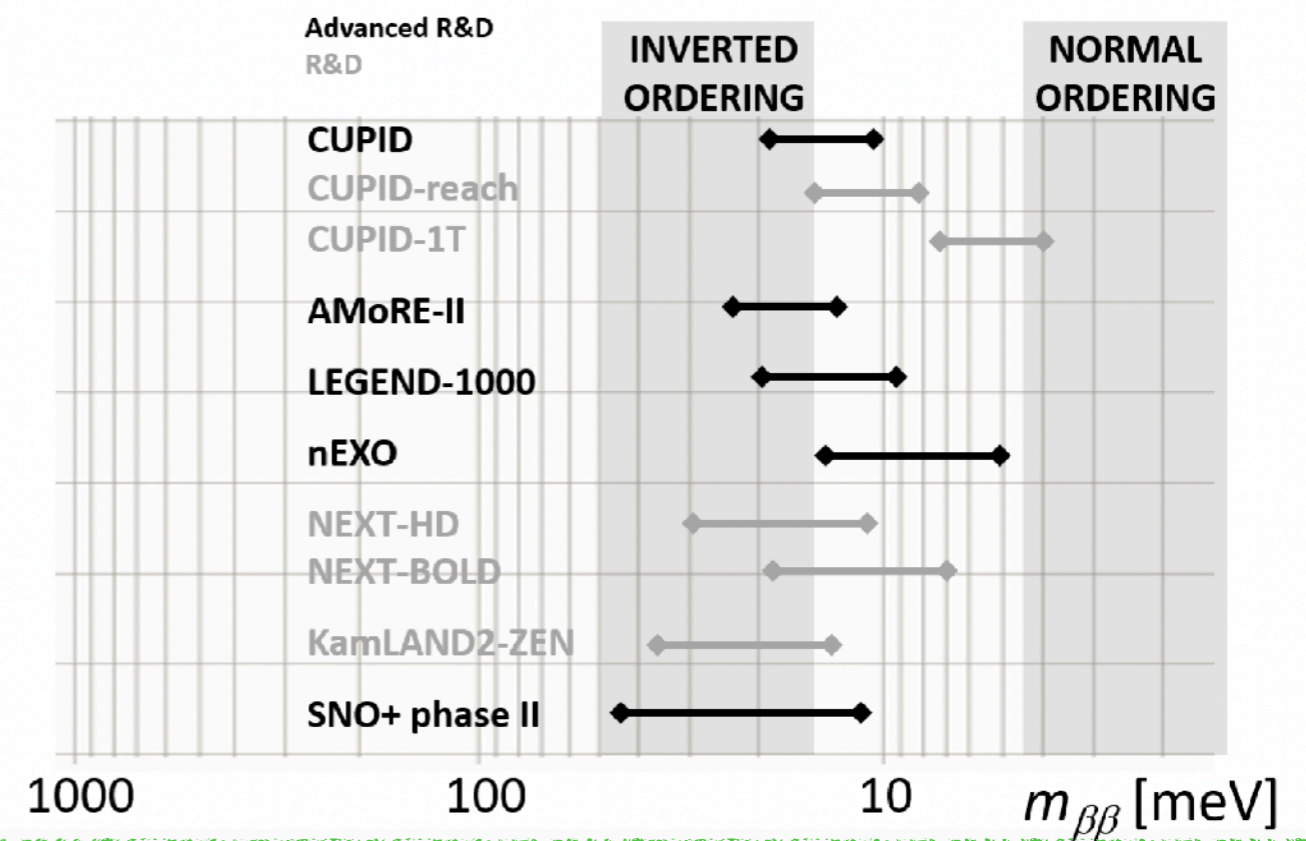
# Future prospects from $0\nu\beta\beta$ experiments

A. Giuliani, TAUP 2021

## Possible scenario in ~5 years

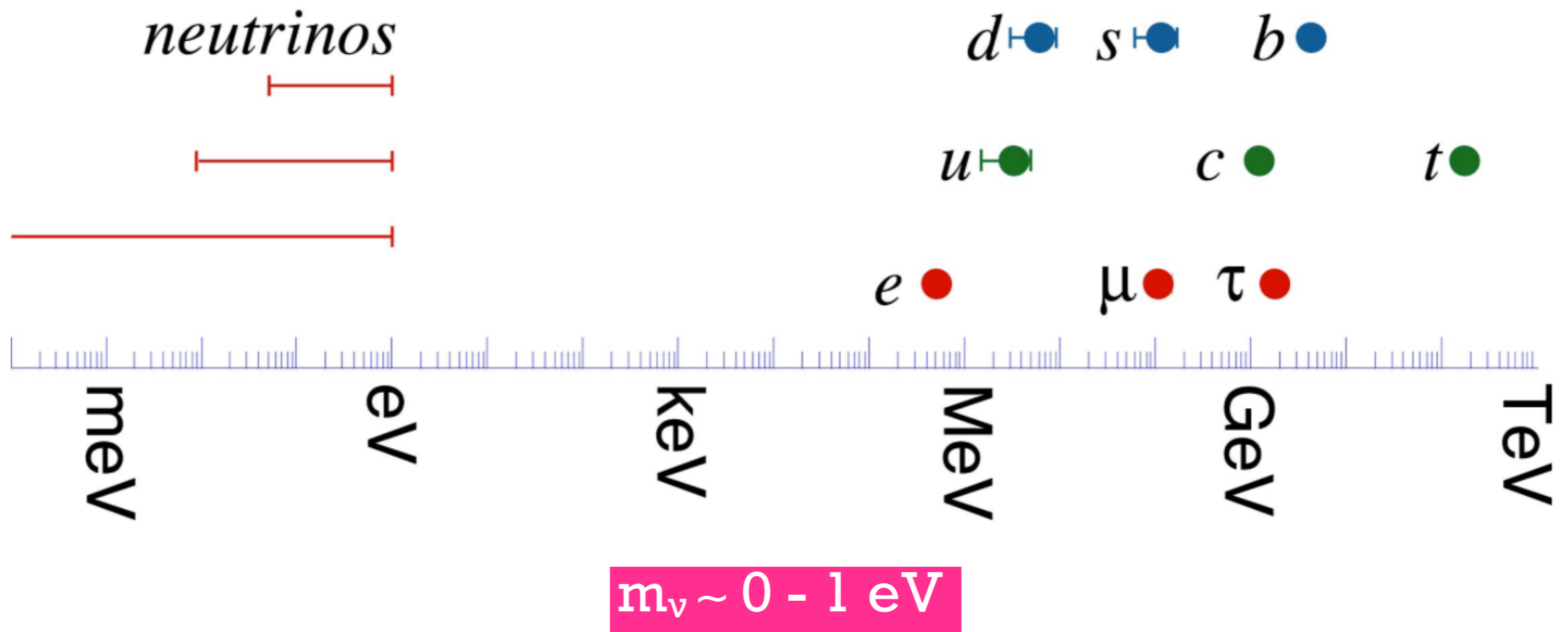


## Promising next-generation projects



→ next generation: full exploration of the IO region (~10 years)

# We need to build models to explain neutrino masses (and their size)!!





# Dirac mass term

Minimal extension SM: add  $N_R$

→ “sterile” neutrino (singlet under  $SU(2) \times U(1)$ )

▶ 4 components Dirac neutrino:  $\nu_L, \bar{\nu}_L, N_R, \bar{N}_R$

▶ Dirac mass term:

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{Yukawa}} = Y_\nu (\bar{\nu}_l \bar{l}) \begin{pmatrix} \phi^0 \\ \phi^- \end{pmatrix} N_R + \text{h.c.} \quad \rightarrow \quad m_D = Y_\nu \frac{v}{\sqrt{2}}$$

▶ From  $\nu$  oscillations:  $m_\nu \geq \sqrt{\Delta m_{31}^2} = 0.05 \text{ eV} \quad \rightarrow \quad Y_\nu \simeq 10^{-13}$

much smaller than other Yukawas !!!  $Y_e \simeq 10^{-5}$

# Minimal seesaw mechanism

► Most general mass term:

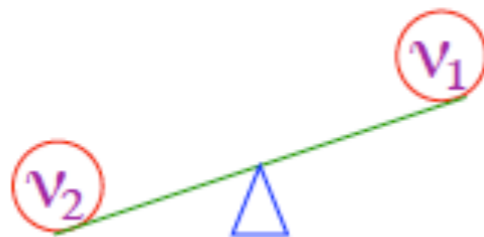
$$\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{L}_D + \mathcal{L}_M = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} \bar{\nu}_L & \overline{N_R^C} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & m_D \\ m_D & M_R \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \nu_L^C \\ N_R \end{pmatrix} + \text{h.c.} \quad (m_D \simeq vY_\nu)$$

→ Diagonalization:  $\frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} \bar{\nu} & \overline{N} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} M_1 & 0 \\ 0 & M_2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \nu \\ N \end{pmatrix}$

for  $M_R \gg m_D$ :  $M_1 \simeq \frac{m_D^2}{M_R}$ ,  $M_2 \simeq M_R$

→ seesaw mechanism

► Provides a “natural” explanation for **smallness** of neutrino mass:



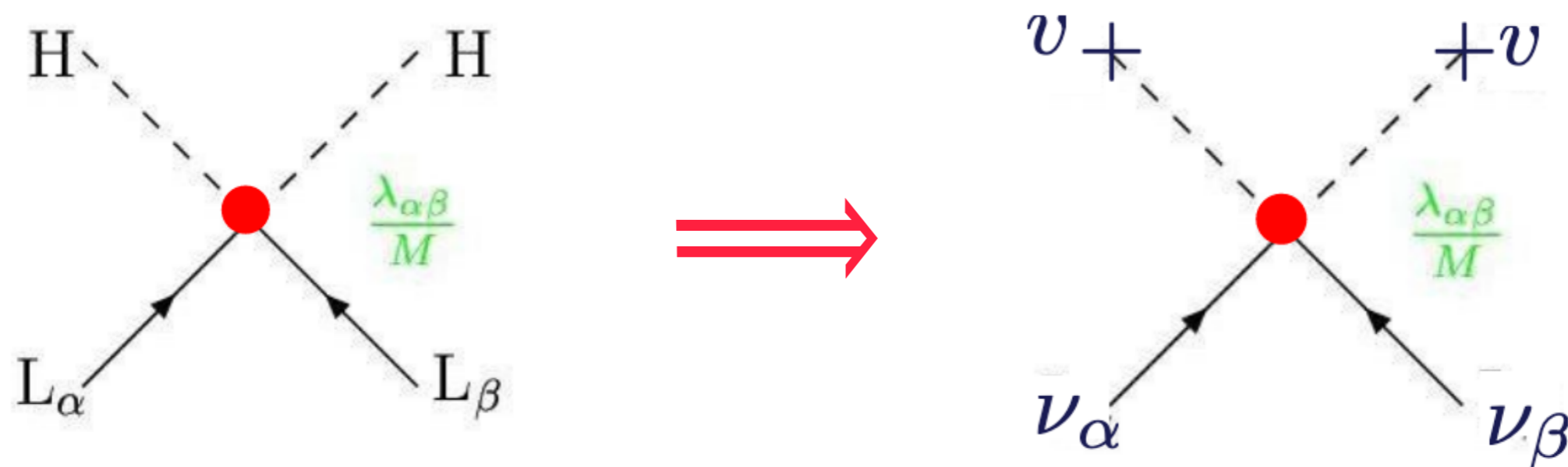
for  $m_D \sim 100 \text{ GeV}$  and  $m_\nu \sim 0.01 - 1 \text{ eV} \rightarrow$   
 $M_R \sim 10^{13} - 10^{15} \text{ GeV} !!!$

► Can explain baryon asymmetry of the Universe through **leptogenesis** if  $N$  decay violates CP:

$$\Gamma(N \rightarrow l + H) \neq \Gamma(N \rightarrow \bar{l} + \overline{H})$$

# Weinberg operator

- ▶ Effective dim-5 operator for Majorana neutrino mass



$$\mathcal{L} \ni \frac{\lambda}{M} (LLHH)$$

$$m_\nu = \frac{\lambda}{M} v^2$$

Majorana  
mass

$$(\Delta L = 2)$$

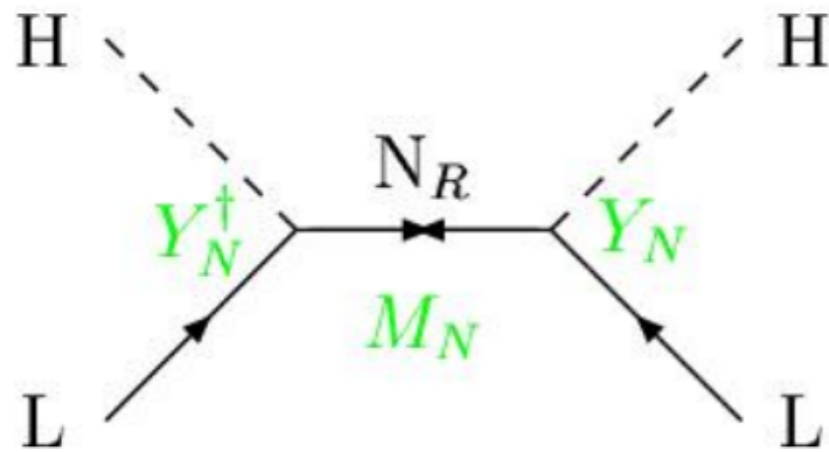
S. Weinberg PRL 43 (1979) 1566

# Seesaw mass models

⇒ They led to the Weinberg operator at tree level.

⇒  $\nu$  masses are generated through mixing with heavy particles.

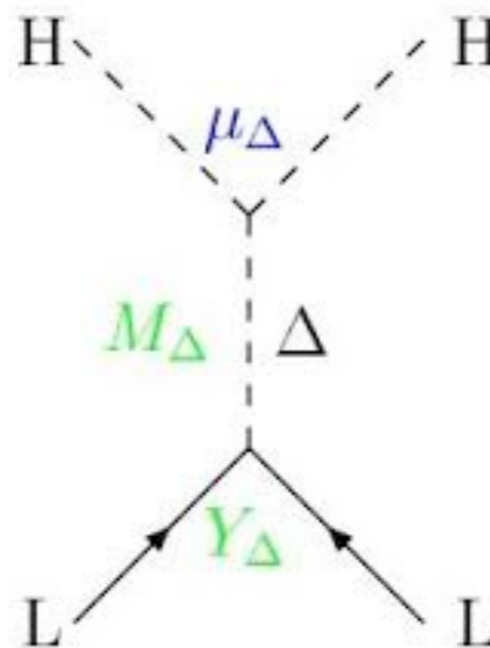
Type-I seesaw  
(right-handed singlet  $N_R$ )



$$m_\nu = Y_N^T \frac{1}{M_N} Y_N v^2$$

Minkowski; Gellman, Ramond, Slansky;  
Yanagida; Mohapatra, Senjanovic.

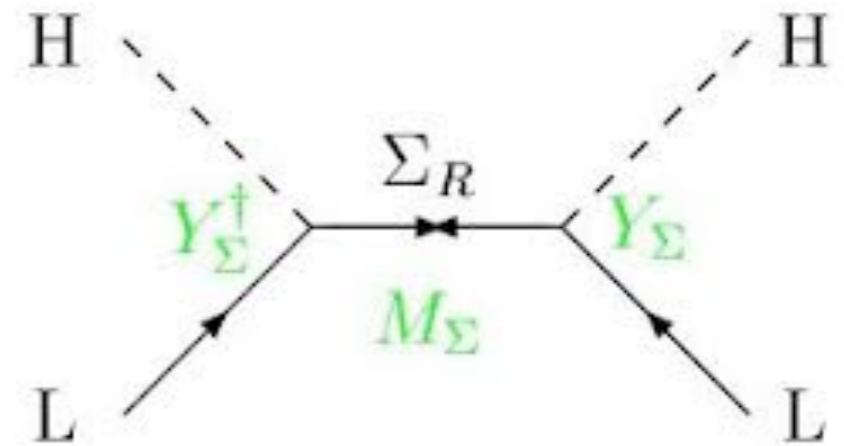
Type-II seesaw  
(Scalar triplet  $\Delta$ )



$$m_\nu = Y_\Delta \frac{\mu_\Delta}{M_\Delta^2} v^2$$

Schechter, Valle; Lazarides, Shafi,  
Wetterich; Cheng, Li; Mohapatra,...

Type-III seesaw  
(Fermion triplet  $\Sigma_R$ )



$$m_\nu = Y_\Sigma^T \frac{1}{M_\Sigma} Y_\Sigma v^2$$

Foot, Lew, He, Joshi; ...

# Low energy seesaw models

## Inverse seesaw model

Mohapatra and Valle, PRD 34 (1986) 1642

Extended lepton content:

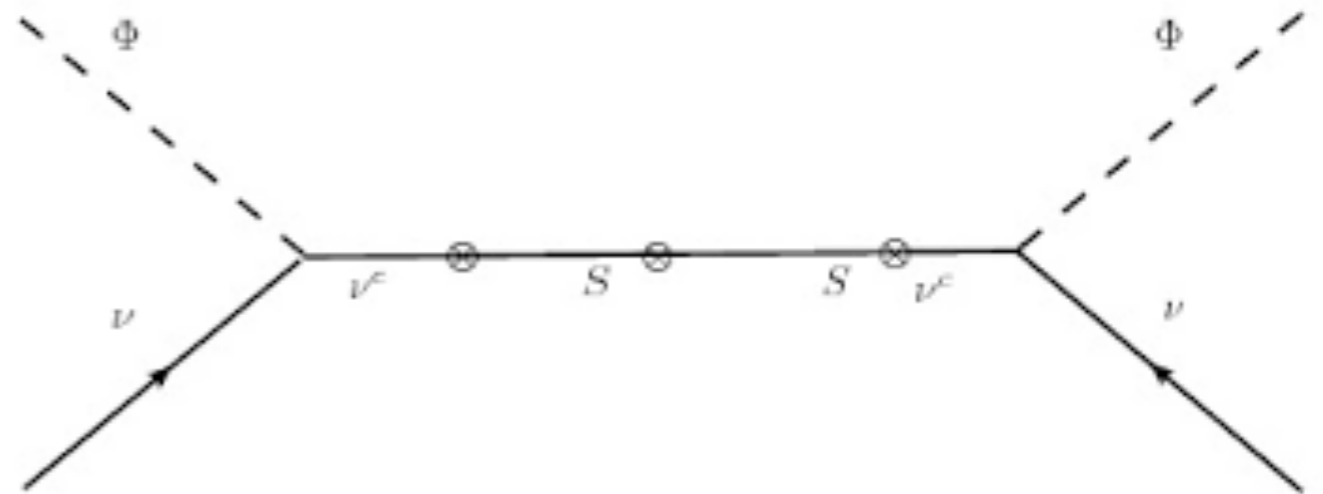
$$(\nu, \nu^c, S) \quad L=(+1, -1, +1)$$

SU(2) singlets

$$M_\nu = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & M_D & 0 \\ M_D^T & 0 & M \\ 0 & M^T & \mu \end{pmatrix}$$



$$m_\nu = M_D (M^T)^{-1} \mu M^{-1} M_D^T$$



▶  $\mu$  breaks L and generates neutrino mass (massless for  $\mu=0$ )

▶  $m_\nu$  can be very light even if M is far below GUT scale:

$$\text{with } \mu \sim \text{keV} \text{ and } M \sim 10^3 \text{ GeV} \rightarrow m_\nu \sim \text{eV}$$

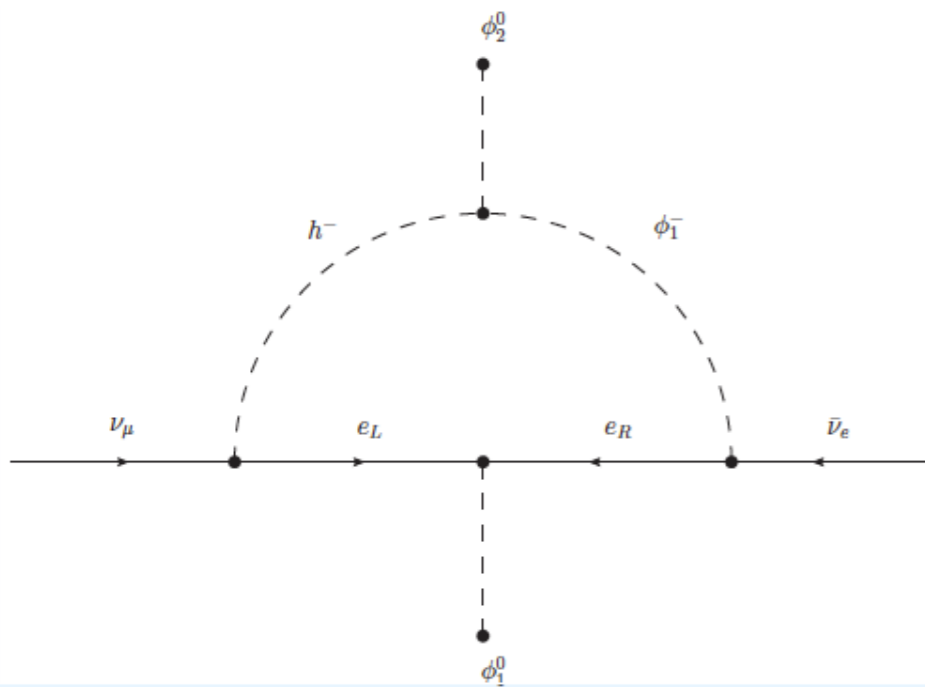
# Radiative models

- ▶ extension of scalar sector of the SM
- ▶ neutrino masses can be generated through loops
  - ⇒ loop suppression accounts for the smallness of  $m_\nu$

## Zee model

Zee, PLB 93 (1980) 389

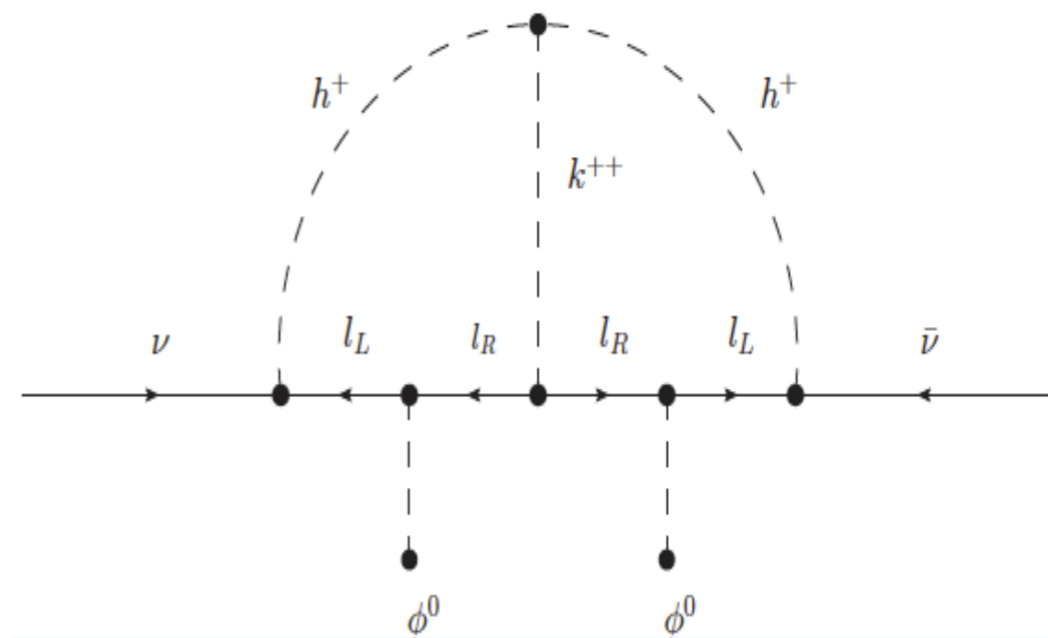
- + singlet scalar  $h^+$
- + extra Higgs doublet  $H$



## Zee-Babu model

Zee, NPB 264 (1986) 99;  
Babu, PLB 203 (1988) 132

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- + singlet scalar  $k^{++}$



# The flavour problem

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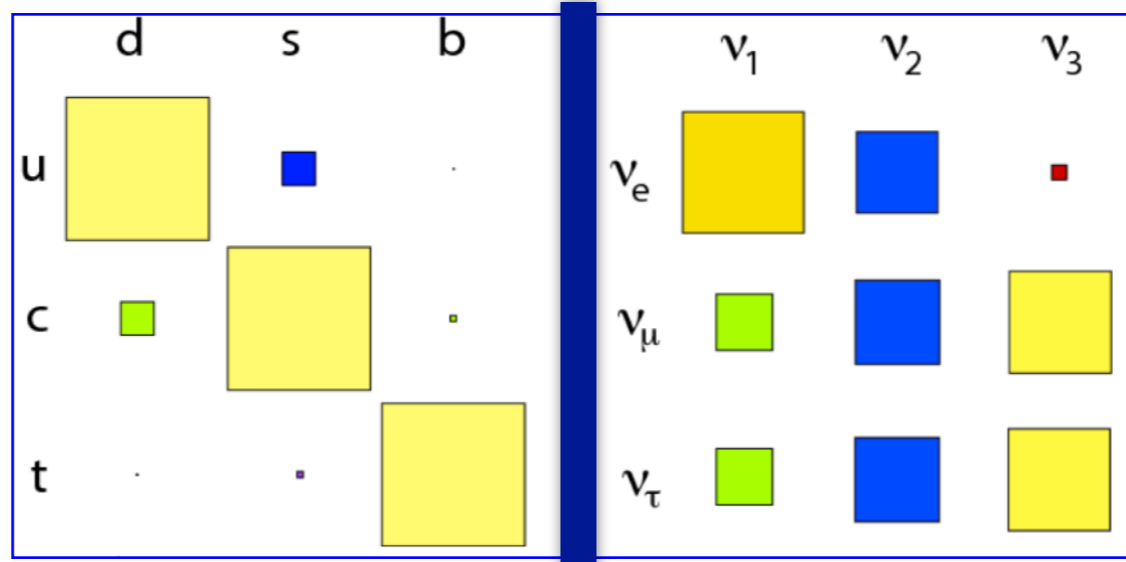
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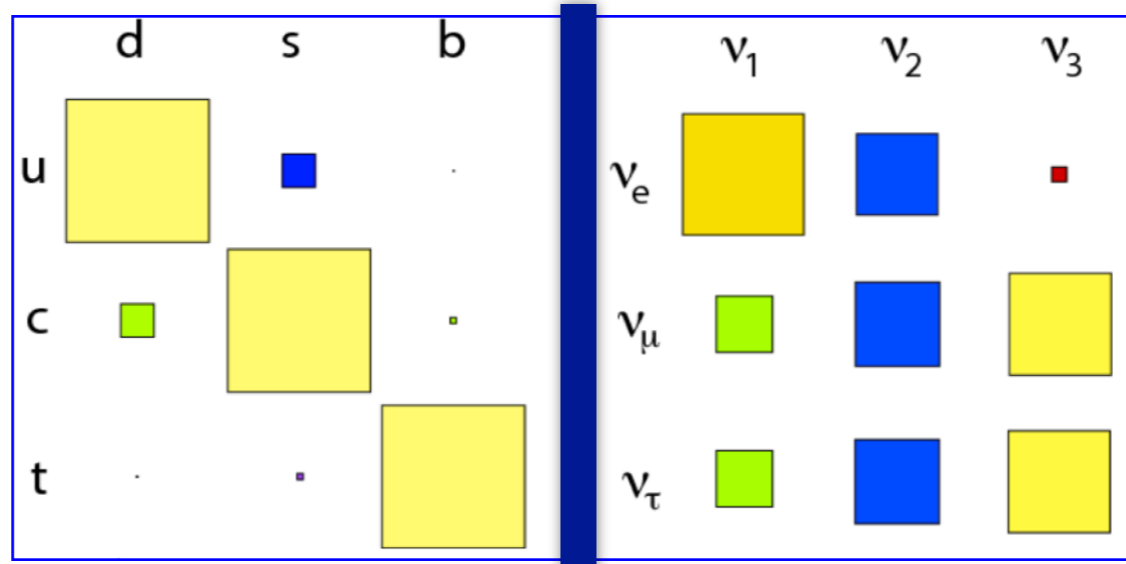
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⇒ One can add new symmetries of leptons to the Standard Model

$$SU_c(3) \times SU_L(2) \times U_Y(1) \times G_f$$



# Neutrino physics beyond the Standard Model

# Beyond the 3-neutrino scenario

- ◆ Neutrino results suggest the presence of **physics BSM** to explain:
  - ✓ light neutrino masses (mass generation mechanism)
  - ✓ large neutrino mixing compared to quark sector (flavour problem)
  - ✓ short-distance anomalies (LSND, reactor and Ga anomalies)
- ◆ Many different **BSM scenarios** analyzed in the literature:
  - ✓ neutrino non-standard interactions (NSI) with matter
  - ✓ exotic neutrino electromagnetic properties
  - ✓ presence of light sterile neutrinos
  - ✓ mixing with heavy sterile neutrinos: non-unitary neutrino mixing

⇒ the presence of new physics may affect our current description of 3-nu oscillations as well as the future measurements

# Are there light sterile neutrinos?

# What is a sterile neutrino?

▶ **sterile neutrino** = singlet fermion of the Standard Model

→ it has no interactions (exceptions: Higgs, mixing and physics BSM)

## Motivations: sterile neutrinos can explain...

- ▶ neutrino oscillation anomalies ( $m \sim eV$ )
- ▶ small neutrino masses (seesaw mechanism,  $m > TeV - M_{Planck}$ )
- ▶ baryon asymmetry of the universe (leptogenesis,  $m \gg 1 GeV$ )
- ▶ (part of) the dark matter of the universe.

# How many neutrinos?

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## Experimental hints for a 4th sterile neutrino:

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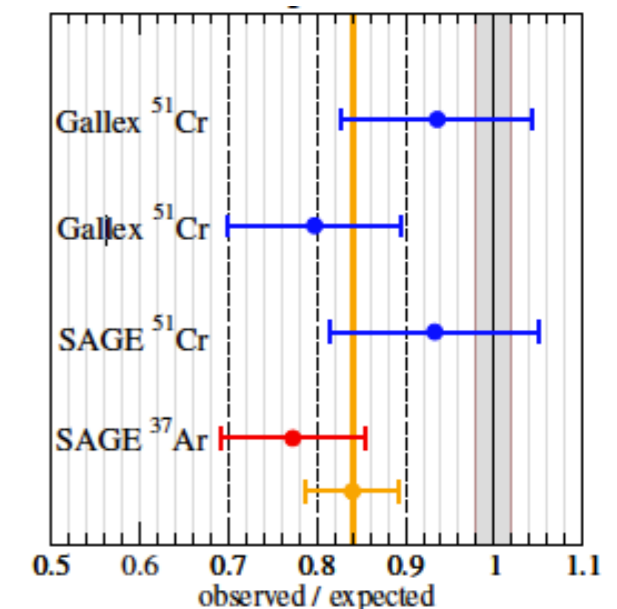
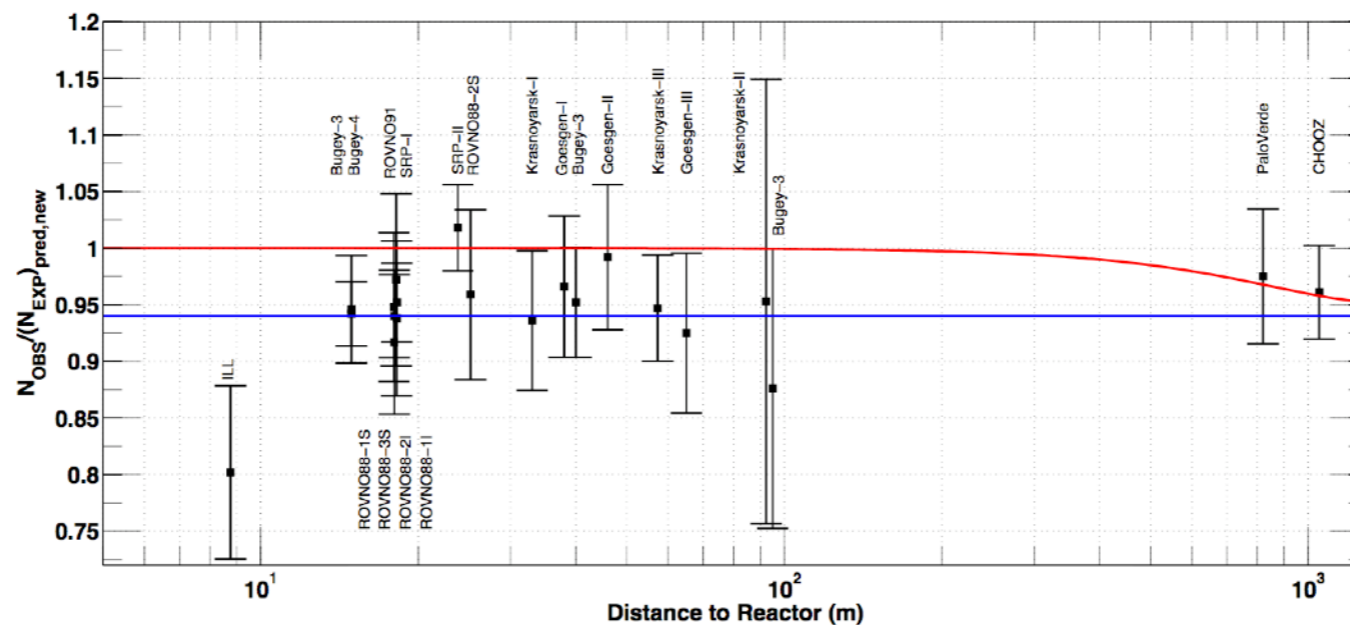
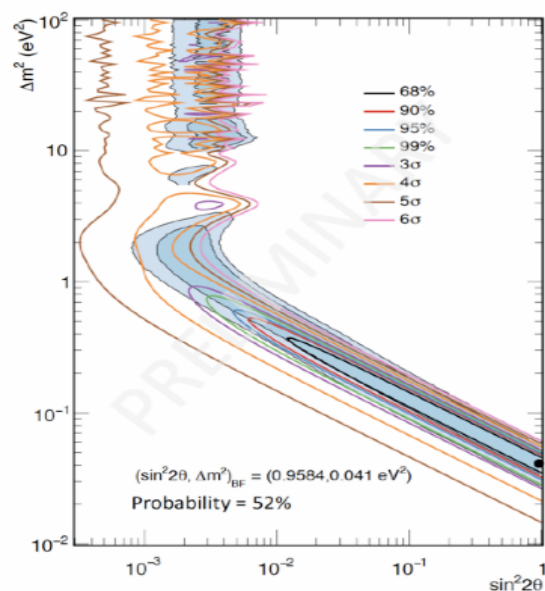
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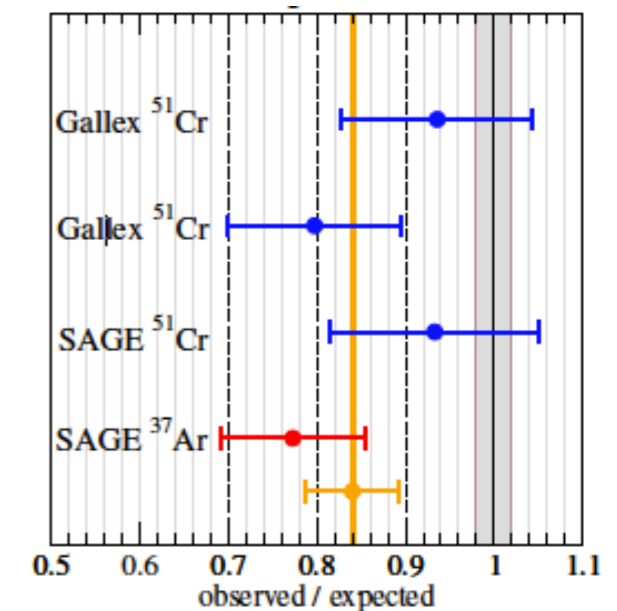
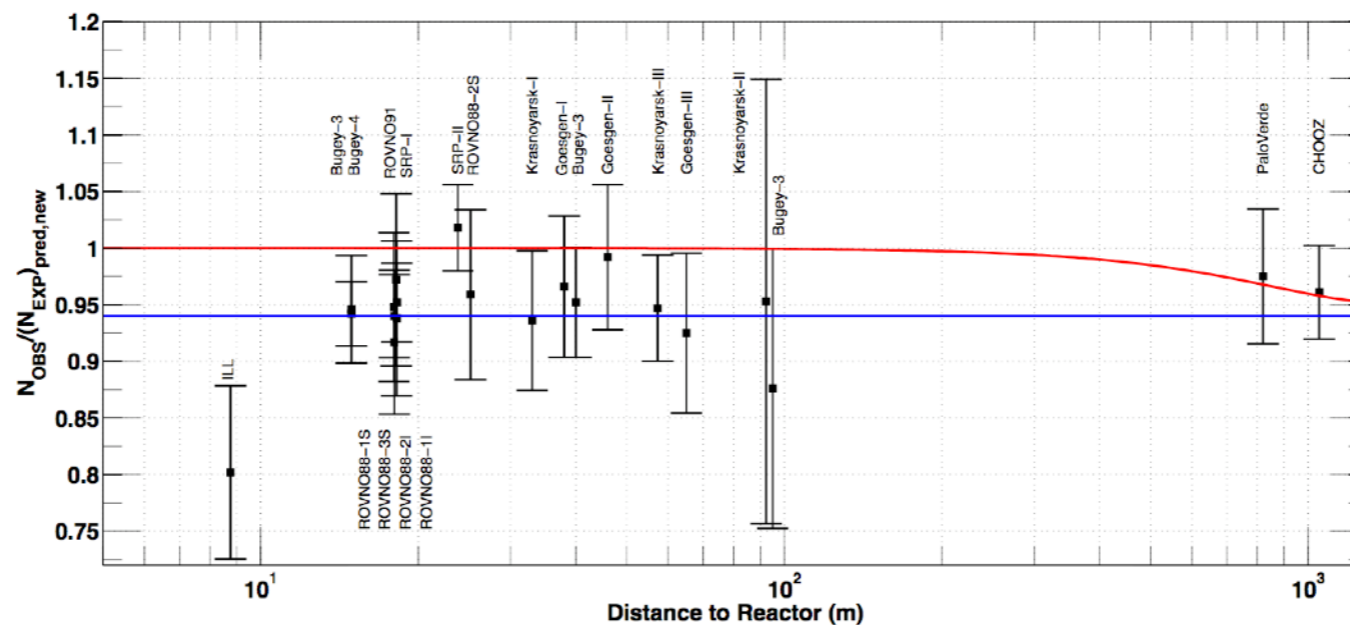
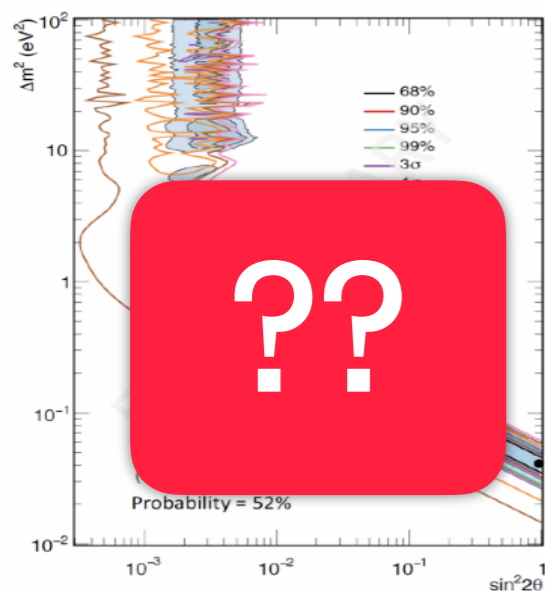
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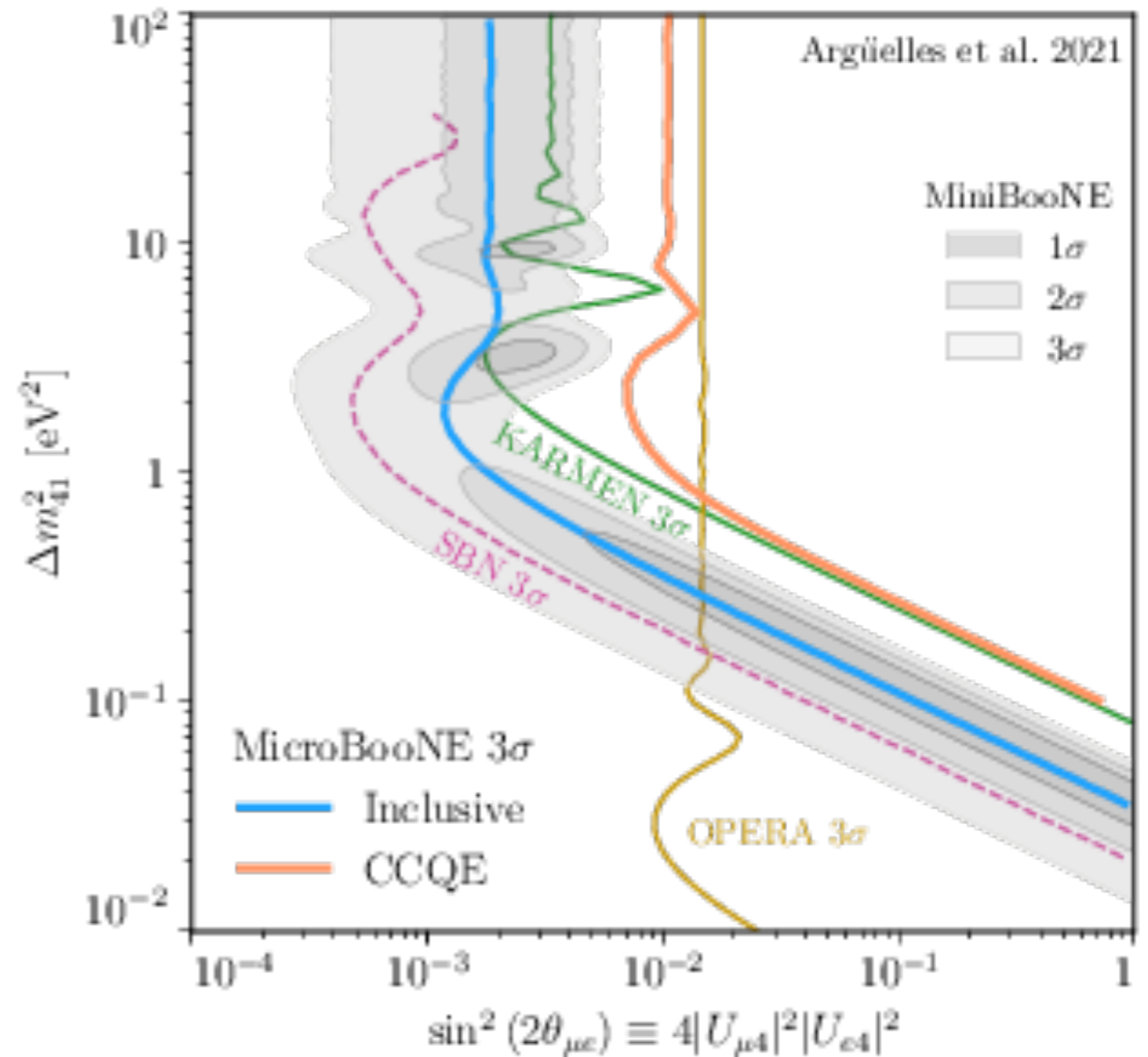
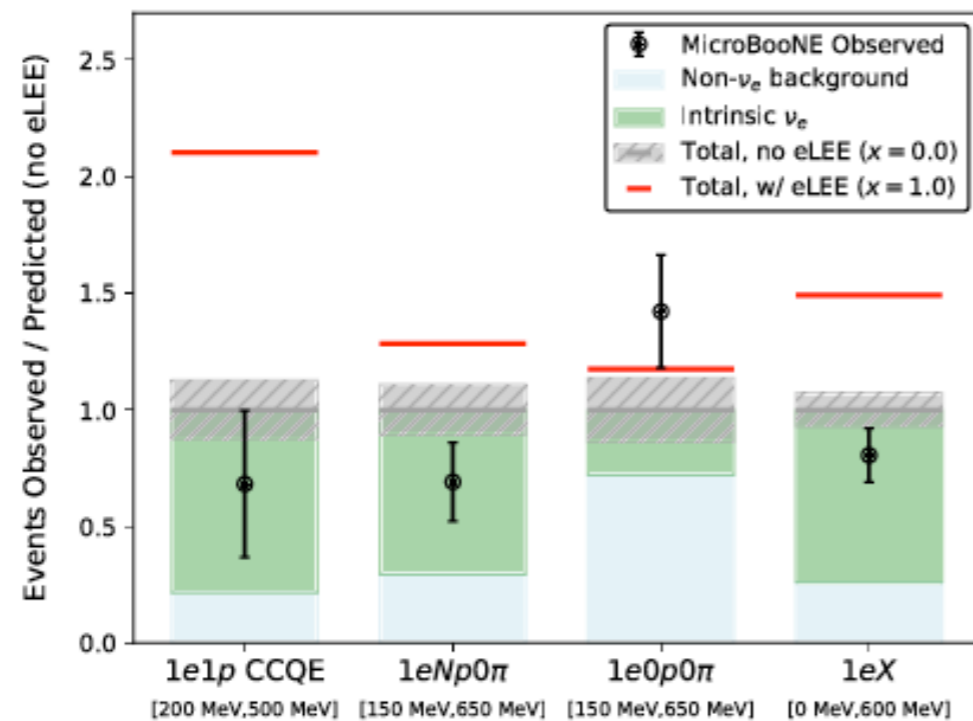
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# First results from MicroBooNE

Argüelles et al, 2021

MicroBooNE Collab, 2021



- ▶ MicroBooNE does not support the interpretation of the MiniBooNE low energy excess in terms of ν<sub>e</sub>

- ▶ Overlap of 2σ MicroBooNE and MiniBooNE regions

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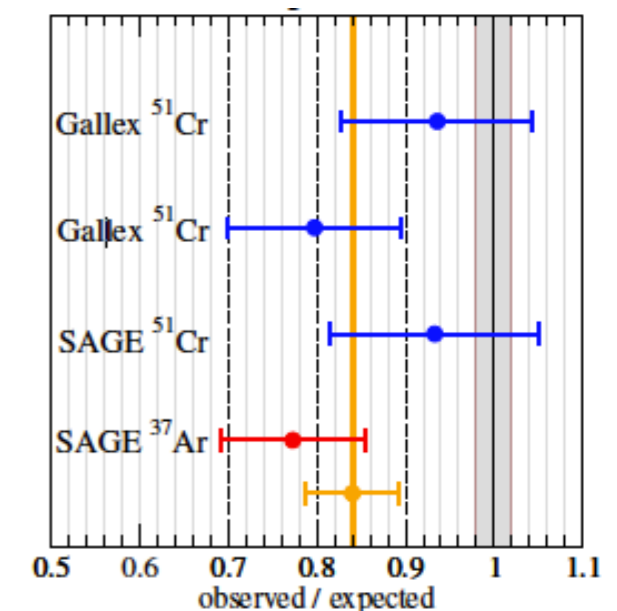
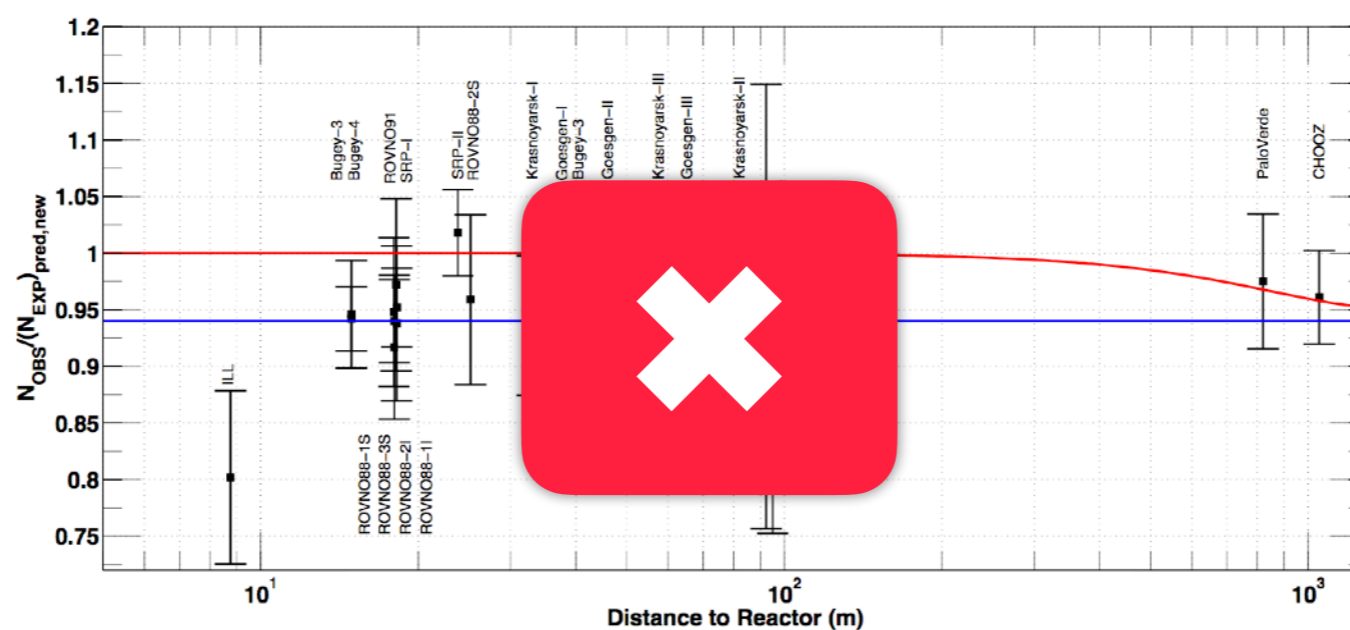
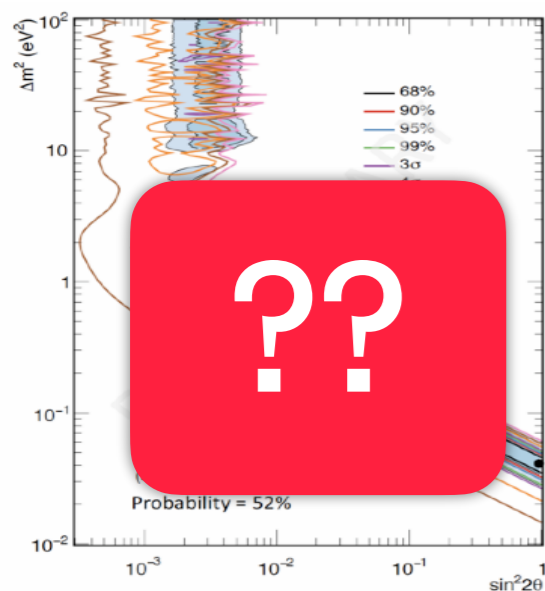
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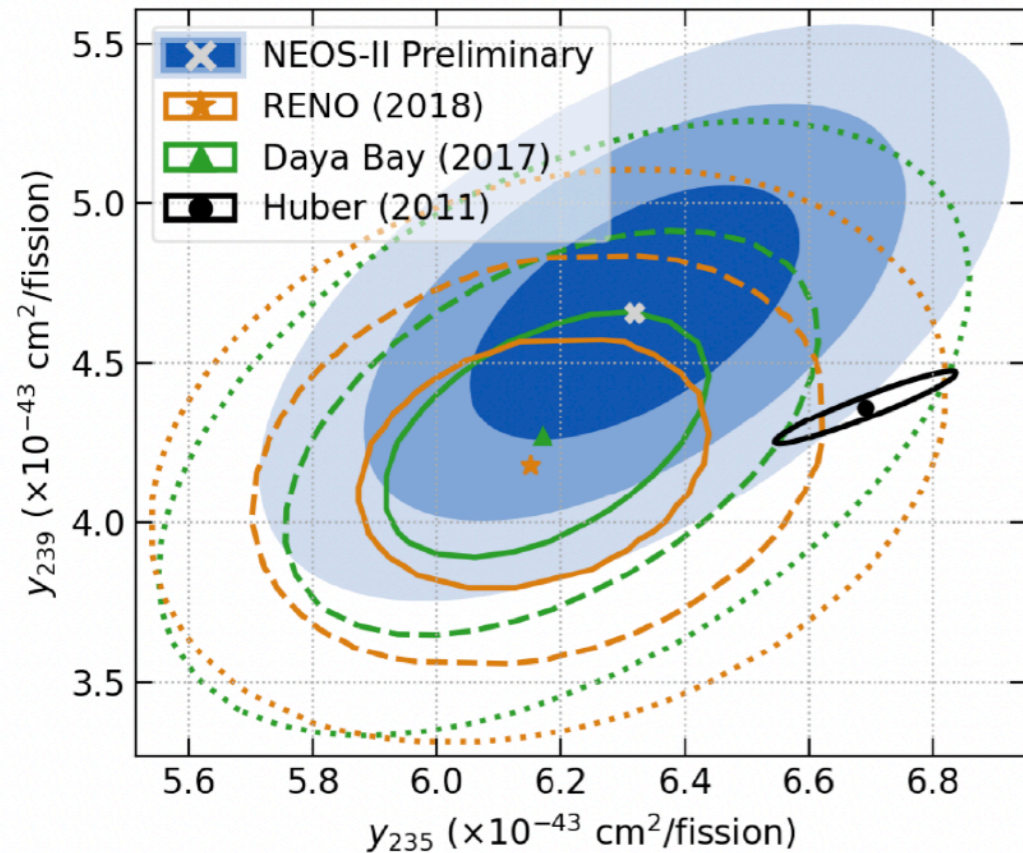
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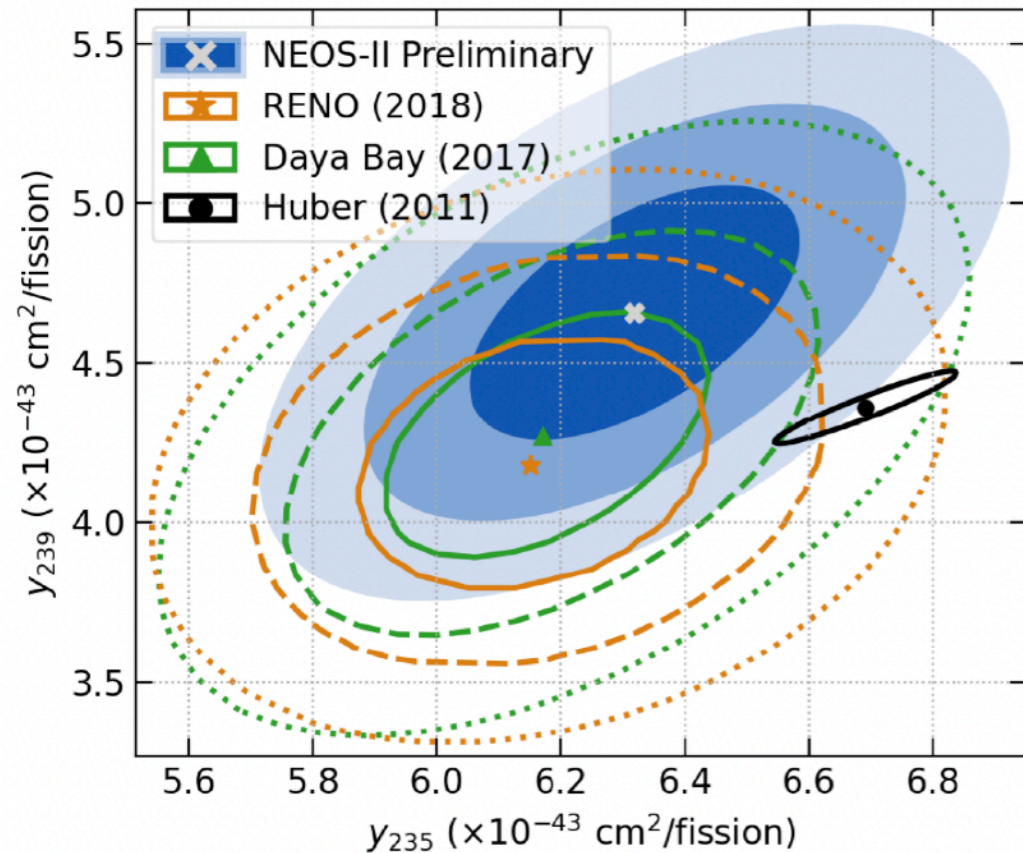


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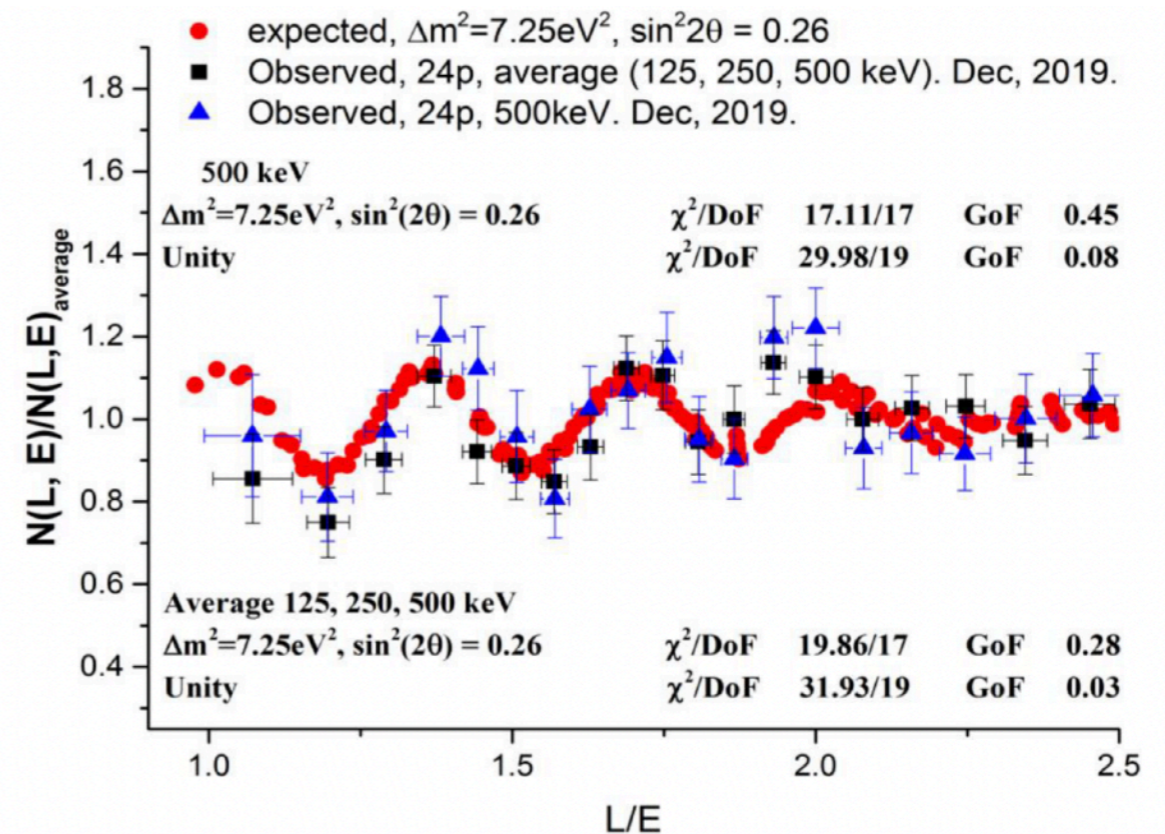
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► Indications of anomaly in the **neutrino reactor spectra:**

→ indep of flux predictions

→ low statistical significance

Neutrino-4 Collab, 2020



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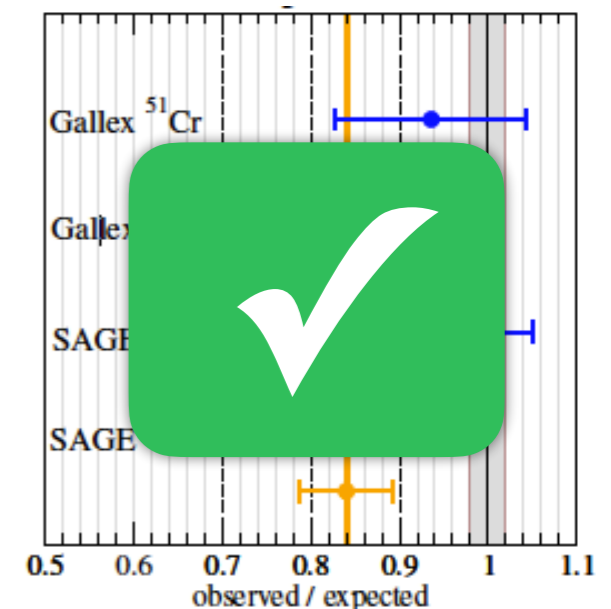
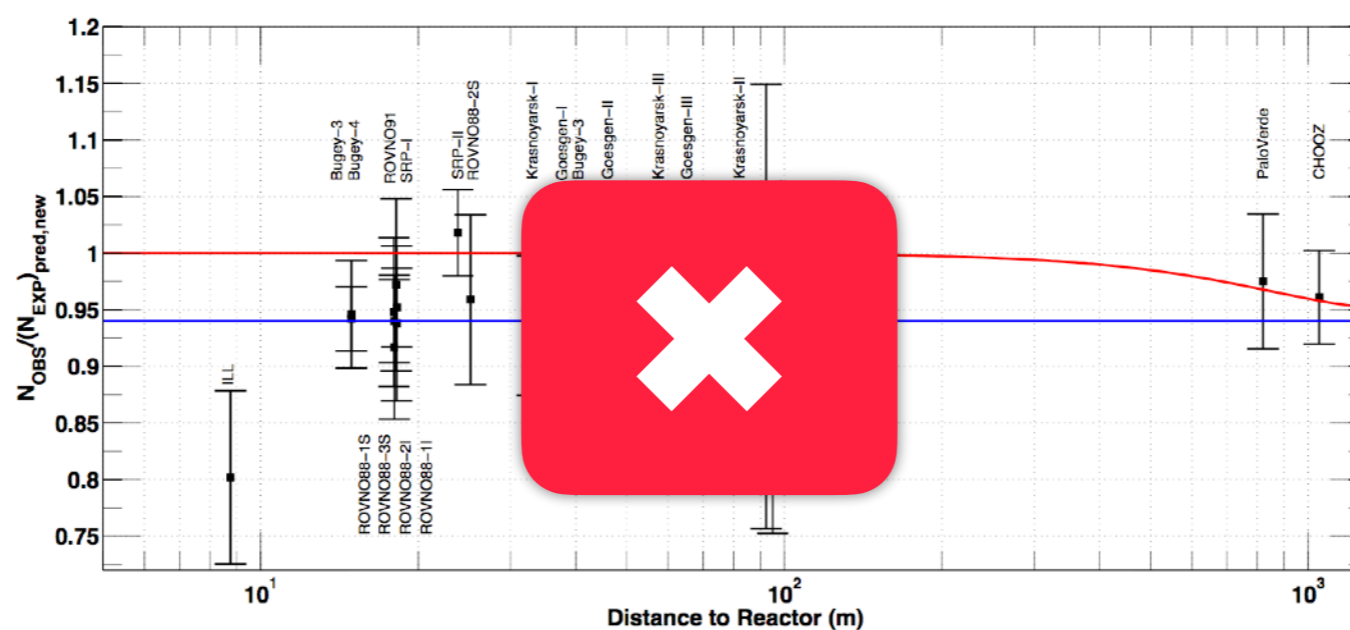
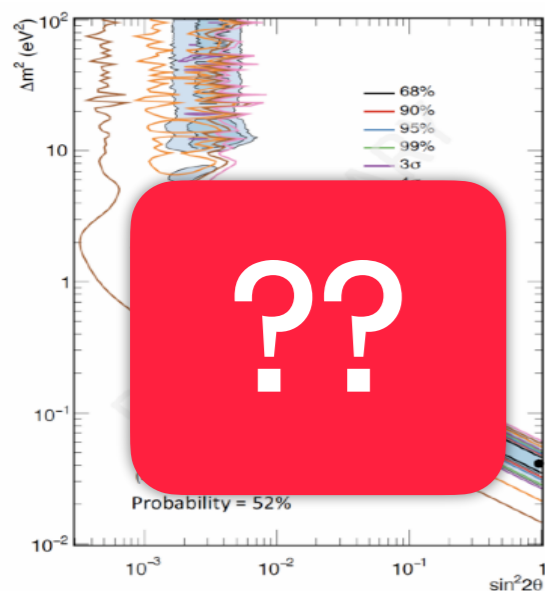
$$\rightarrow N_\nu = 2.984 \pm 0.008 \quad (\text{light, active neutrinos})$$

## Experimental hints for a 4th sterile neutrino:

LSND & MiniBooNE

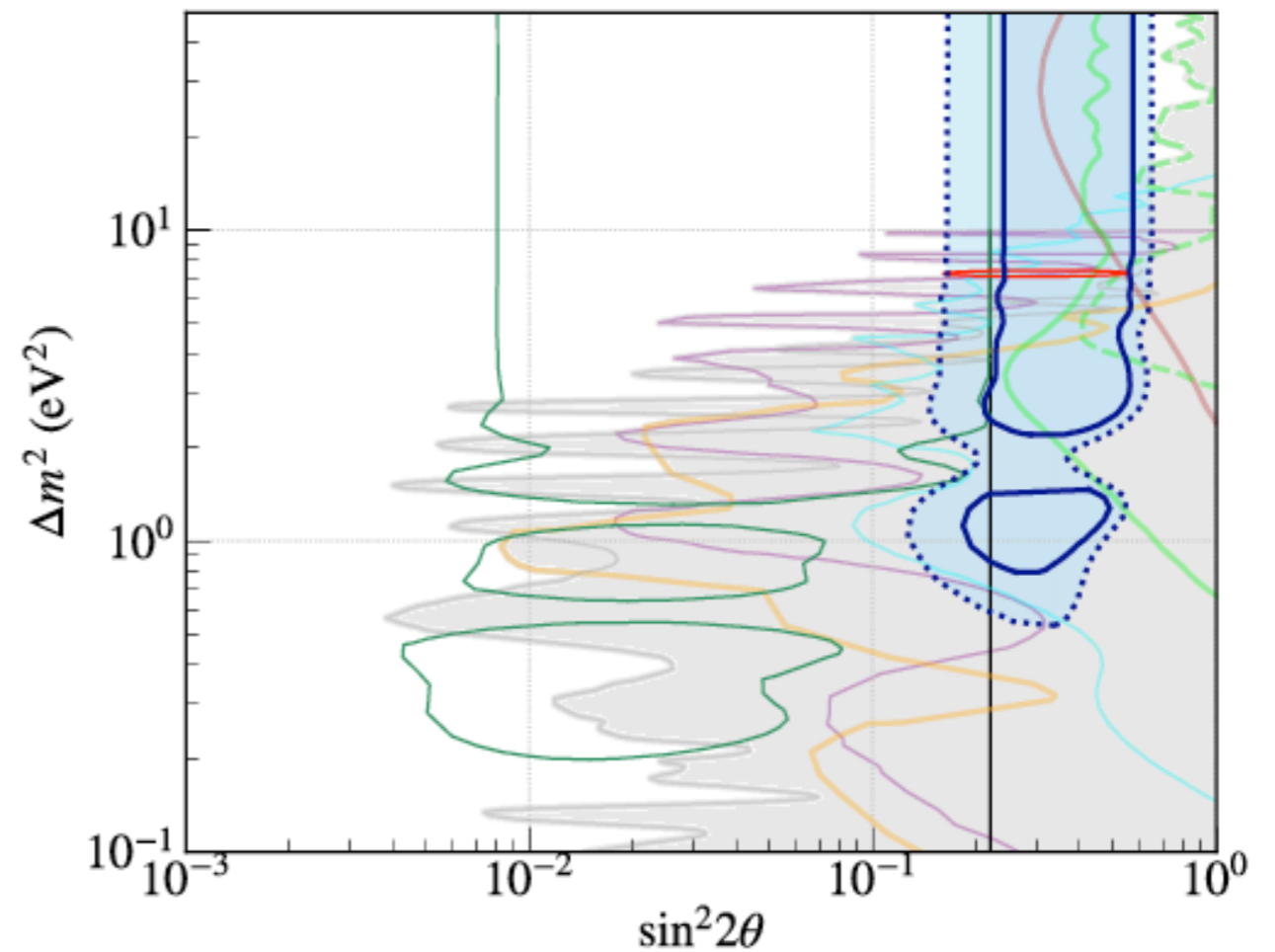
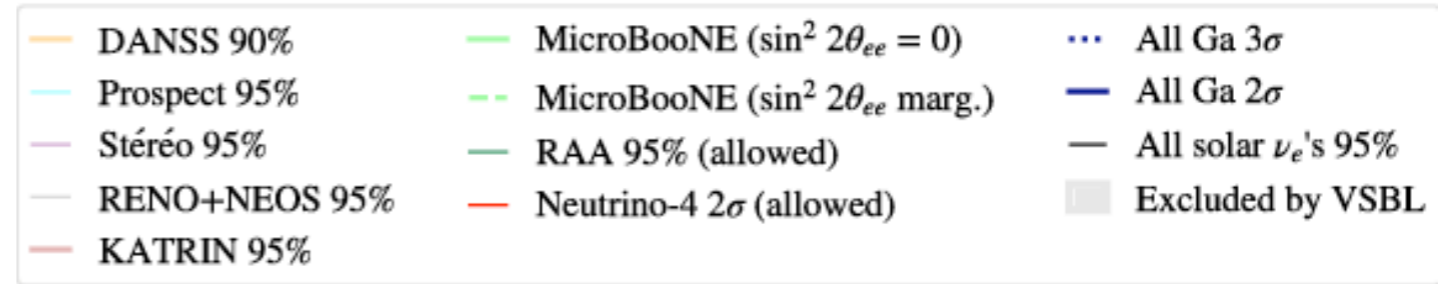
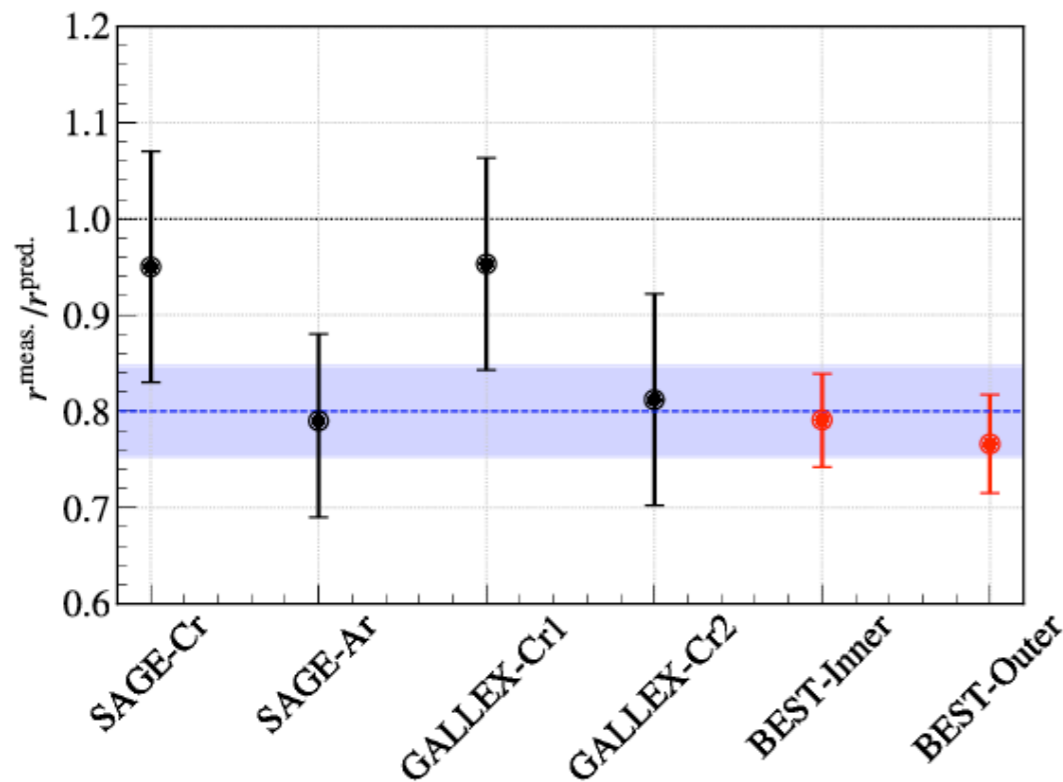
Reactor anomaly

Gallium anomaly



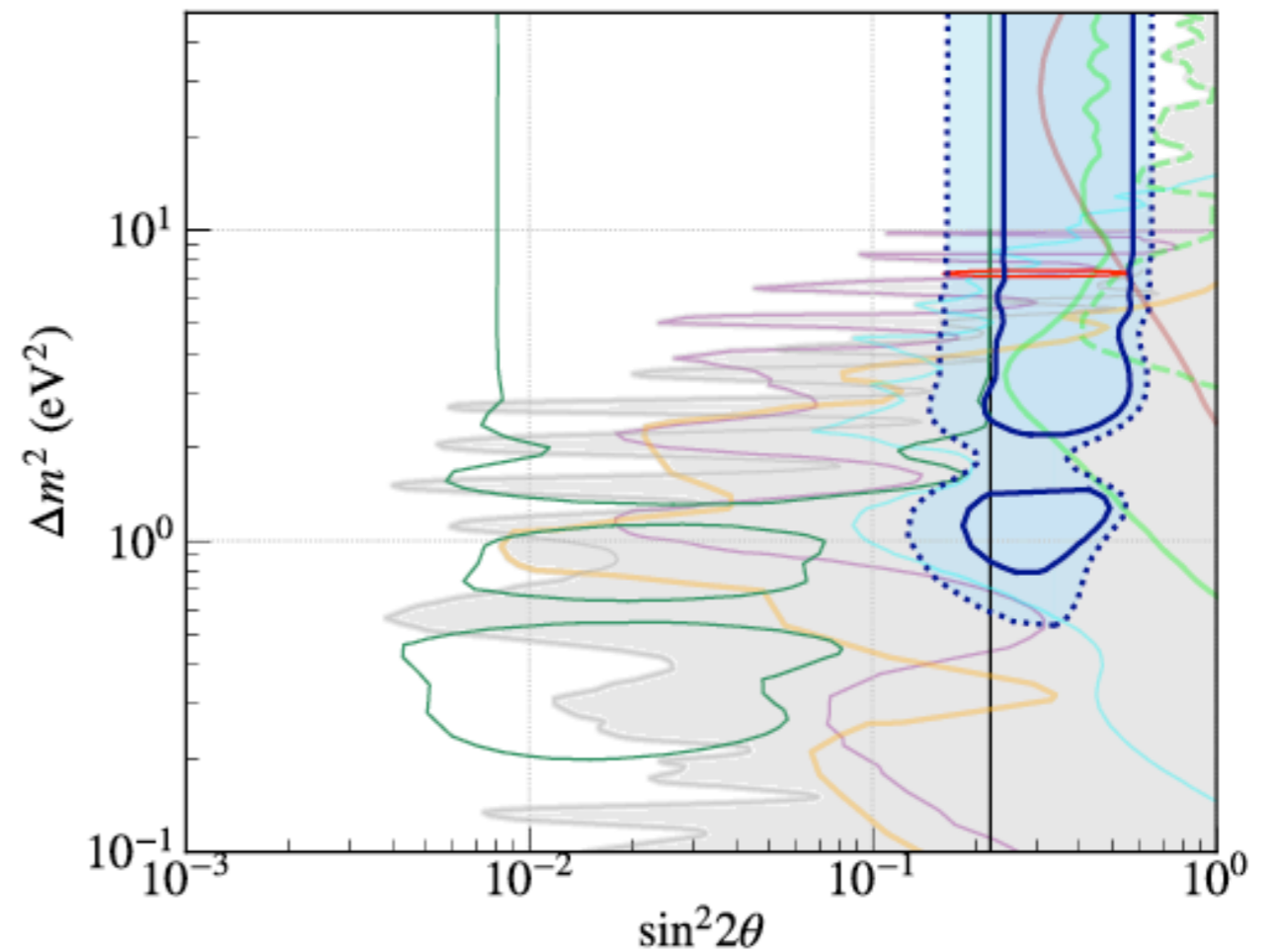
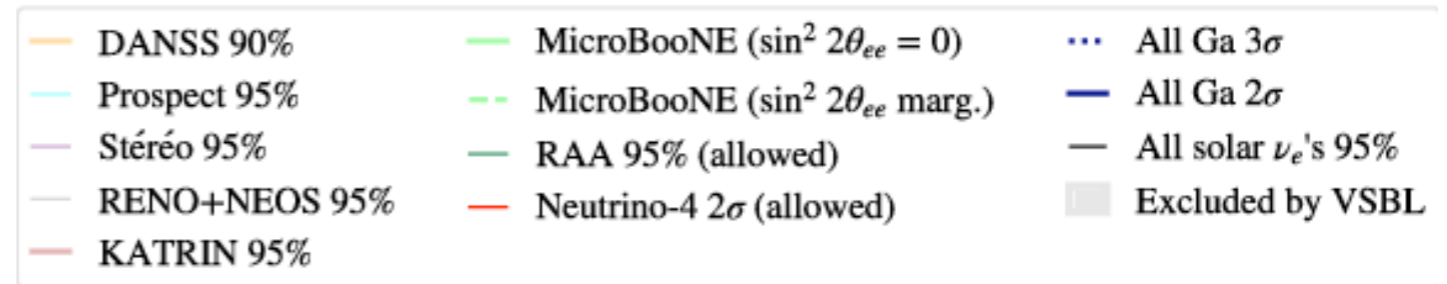
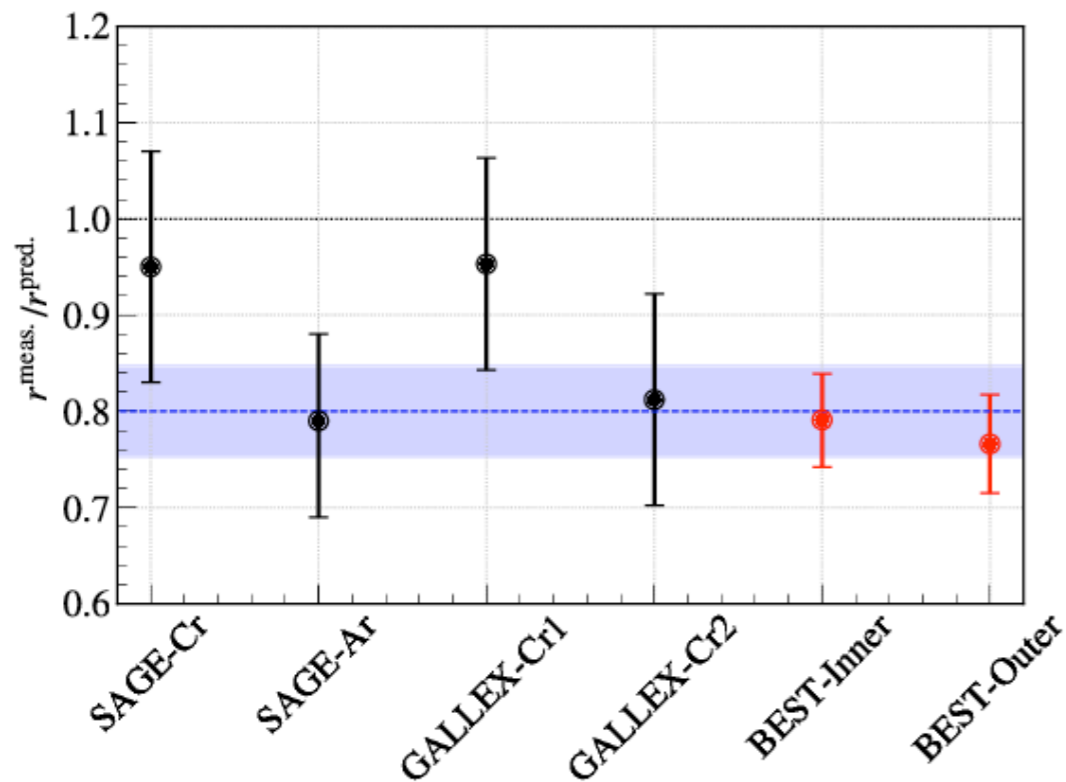
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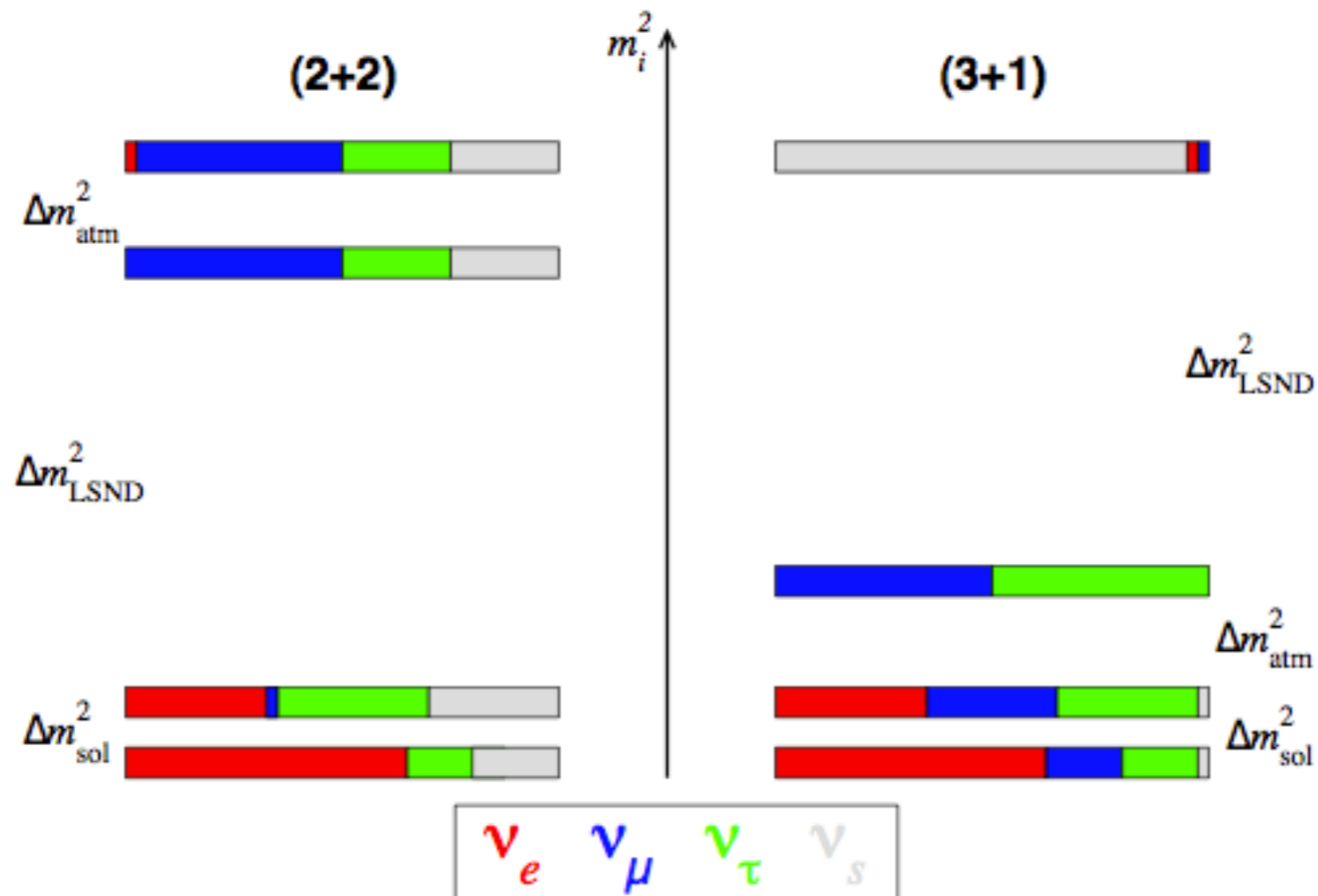


Barinov et al, PRC 2022

# Interpretation of the anomalies

$$\Delta m_{\text{sol}}^2 \sim 8 \times 10^{-5} \text{ eV}^2 \quad \Delta m_{\text{atm}}^2 \sim 2 \times 10^{-3} \text{ eV}^2 \quad \Delta m_{\text{LSND}}^2 \sim 1 \text{ eV}^2$$

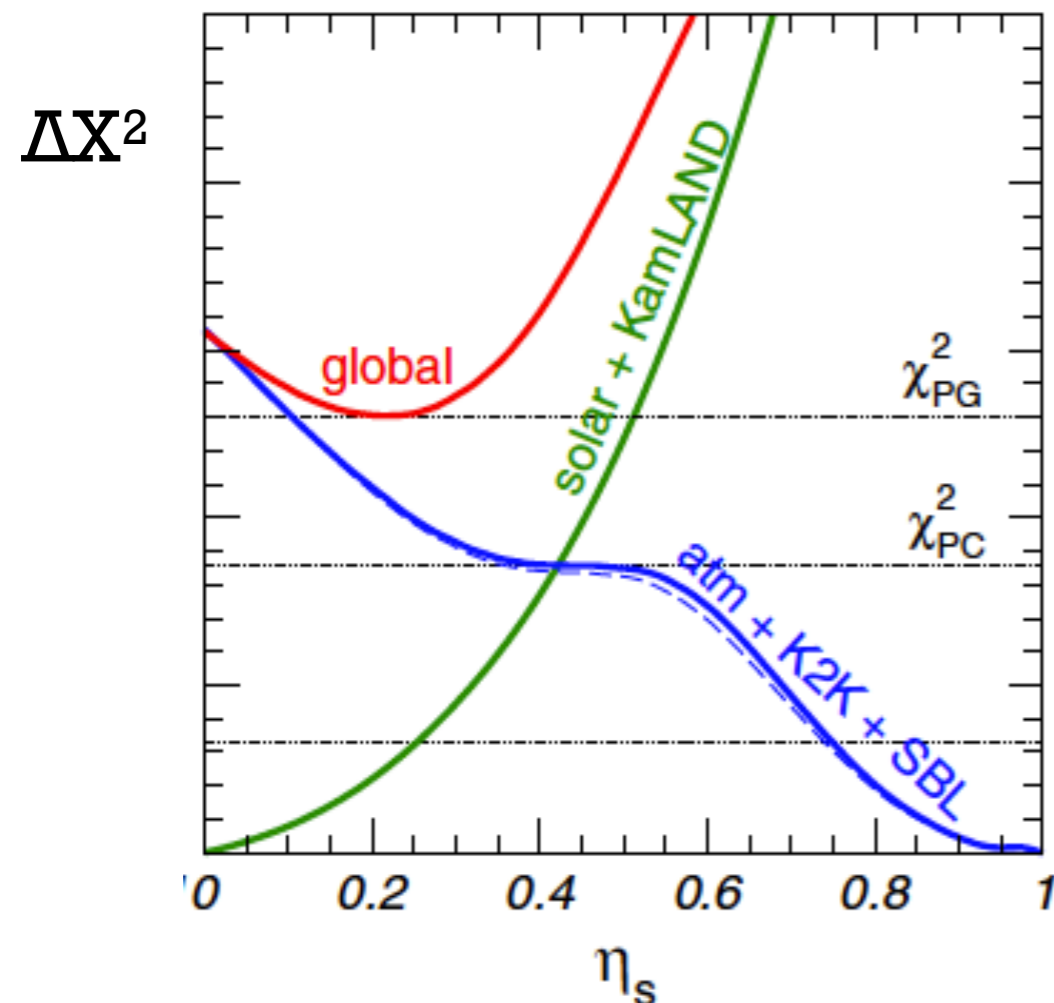
⇒ Can only be accommodated considering four neutrino states



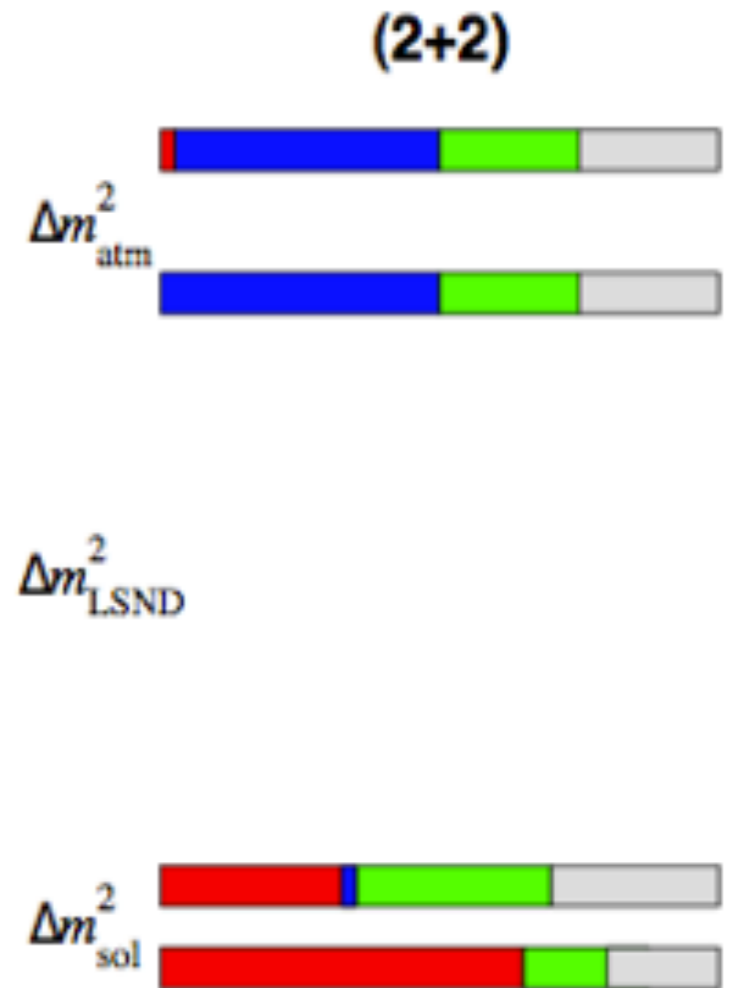
# 2+2 neutrino scheme

► This scheme requires the presence of sterile neutrinos either in solar or atmospheric neutrinos

► However, solar and atmospheric data show a strong preference for active oscillations



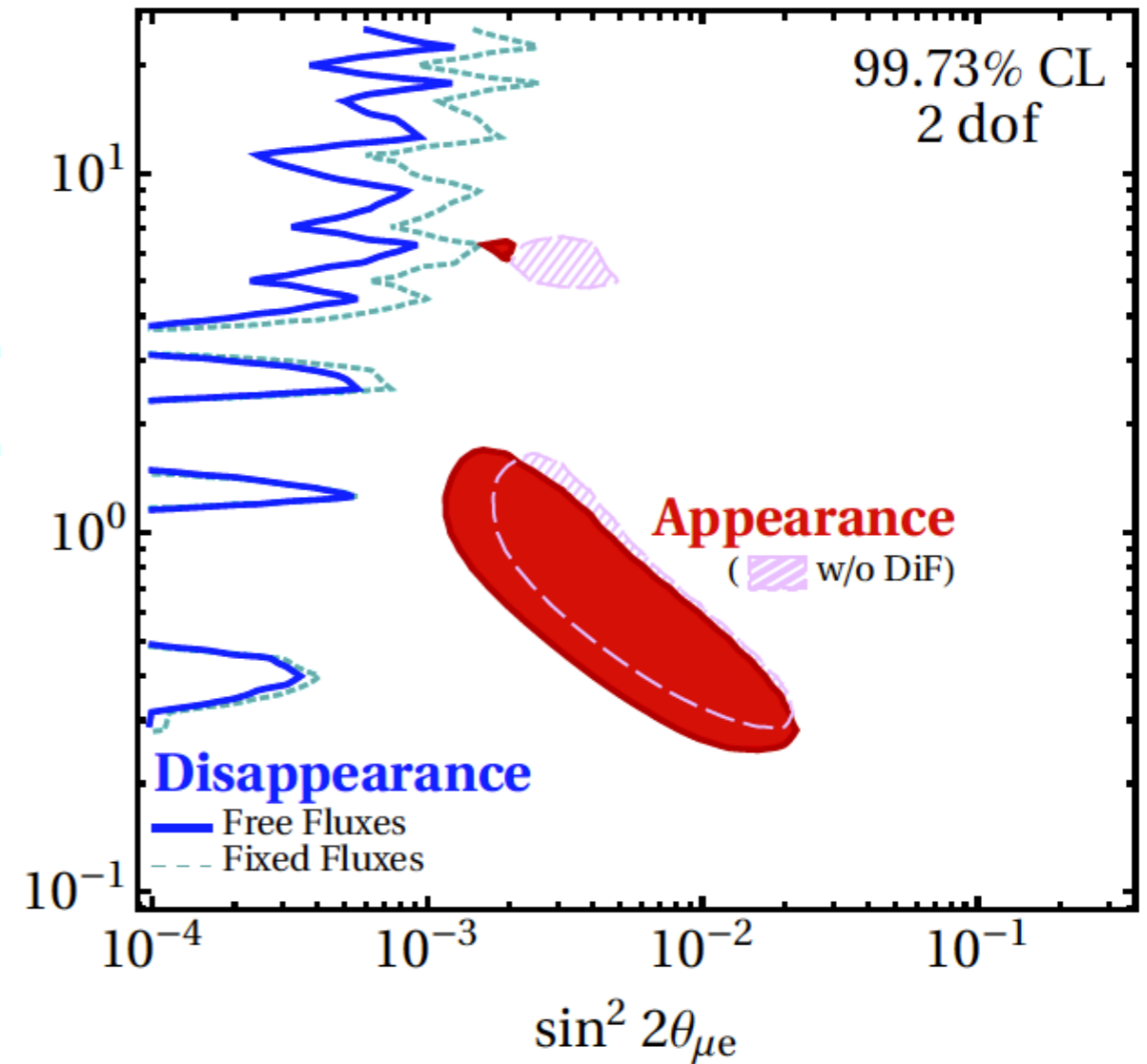
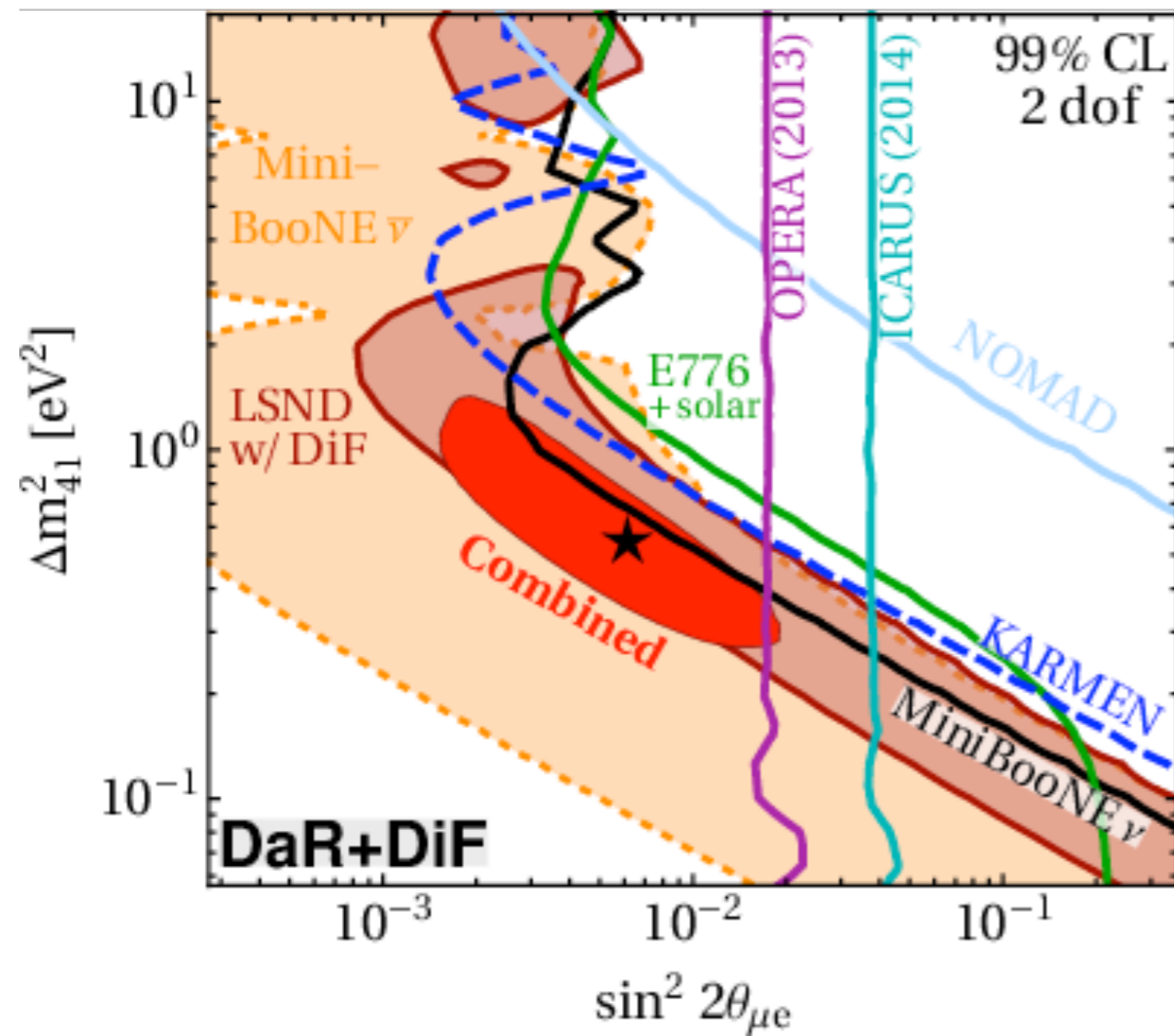
excluded by solar and atmospheric data



Maltoni et al, NPB643 (2003), NJP06 (2004)

# Global fit in 3+1 neutrino scheme

Dentler et al, JHEP 2018 [See also Giunti et al]



⇒ Global fit to  $\nu_e$  data alone is consistent

⇒ strong tension between appearance (LSND/MiniBooNE) and disappearance experiments: SK, IceCube, MINOS/+,...



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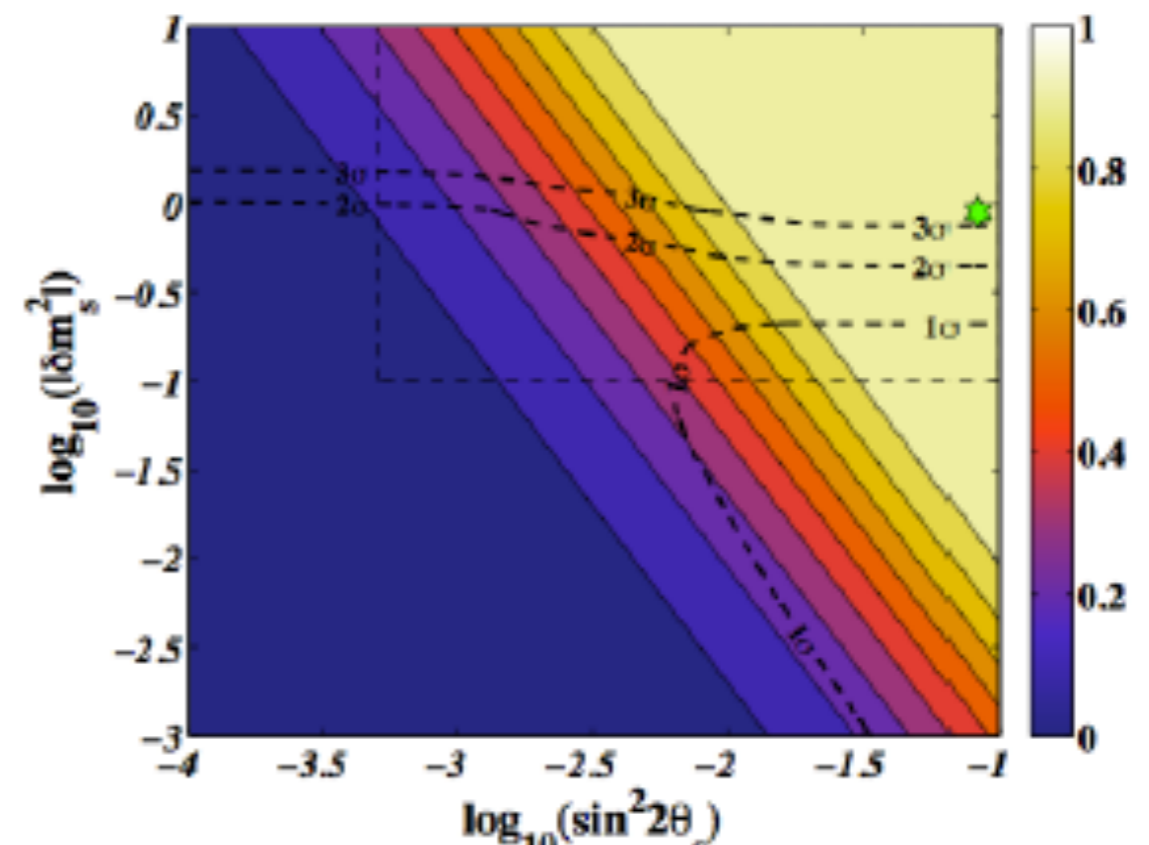
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**Hannestad et al, 1204.5861**

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▶ Constraints from Cosmology:

$$\sum m_i < 0.12 \text{ eV}$$

$$N_{\text{eff}} = 2.96^{+0.34}_{-0.33}$$

95%, Planck TT,TE,EE+lowE +lensing+BAO

# Neutrino non-standard interactions (NSI) with matter

# Neutrino NSI with matter

- ▶ New 4-fermion interactions involving neutrinos

**CC-NSI:**

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{CC-NSI}} = -2\sqrt{2}G_F \epsilon_{\alpha\beta}^{ff'X} (\bar{\nu}_\alpha \gamma^\mu P_L \ell_\beta) (\bar{f}' \gamma_\mu P_X f)$$

⇒ effect on neutrino **production** and **detection**

$$\epsilon_{\alpha\beta}^s \text{ (source)} \quad \epsilon_{\alpha\beta}^d \text{ (detector)}$$

**NC-NSI:**

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$\epsilon_{\alpha\beta} \neq 0 \rightarrow$  NSI violate lepton flavor (FC-NSI)

$\epsilon_{\alpha\alpha} - \epsilon_{\beta\beta} \neq 0 \rightarrow$  NSI violate lepton universality (NU-NSI)

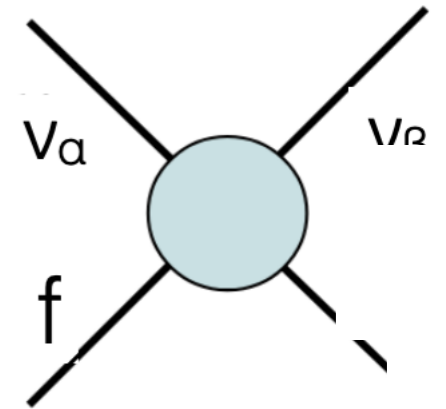
⇒ mainly affecting neutrino **propagation** in matter:  $\epsilon_{\alpha\beta}^m$

(but also detection, e.g., Super-K and Borexino)

- ▶ NSI may affect the **3-neutrino oscillation picture**:

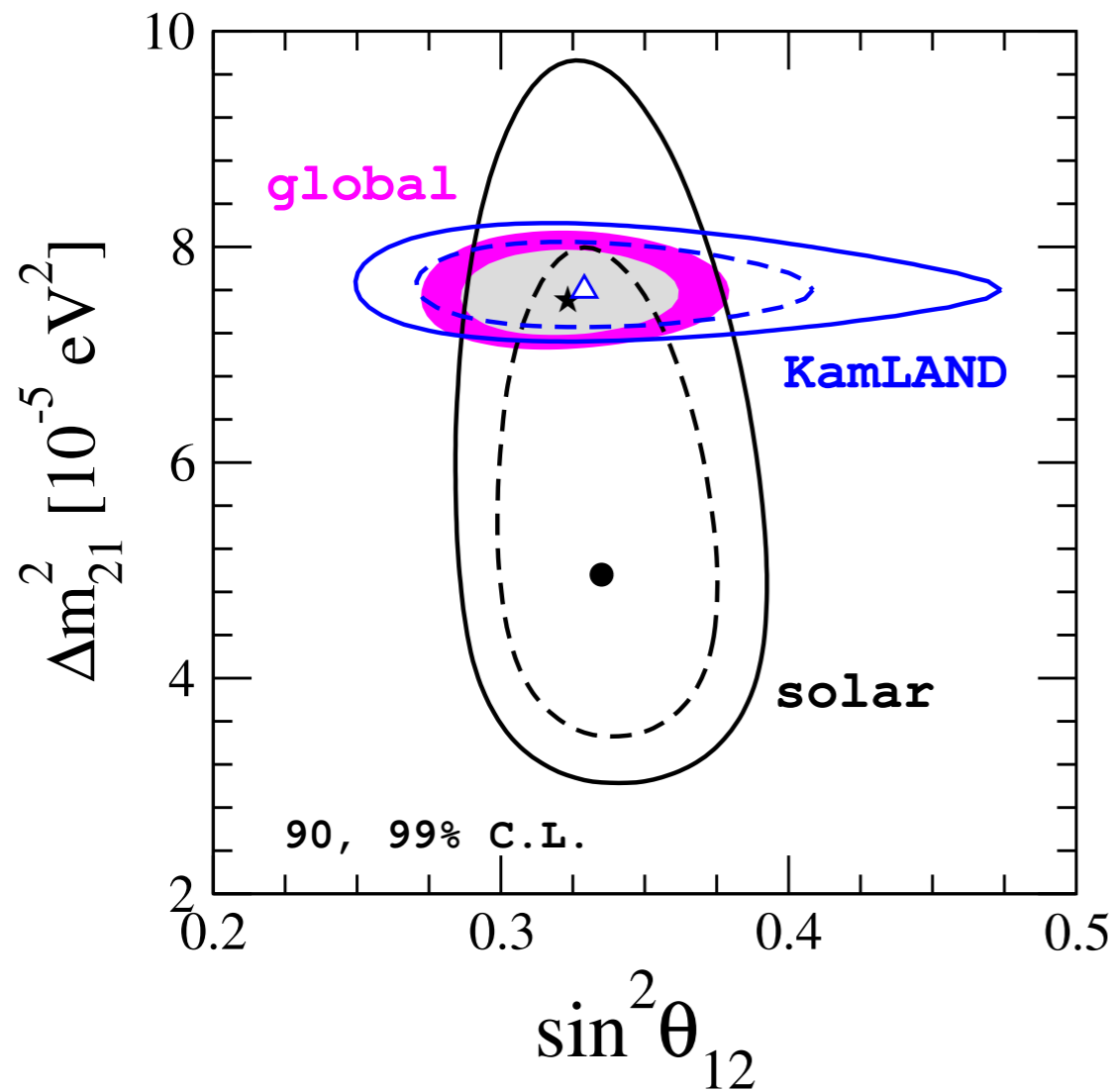
⇒ precision measurements at current experiments

⇒ sensitivity reach of upcoming experiments (degeneracies)

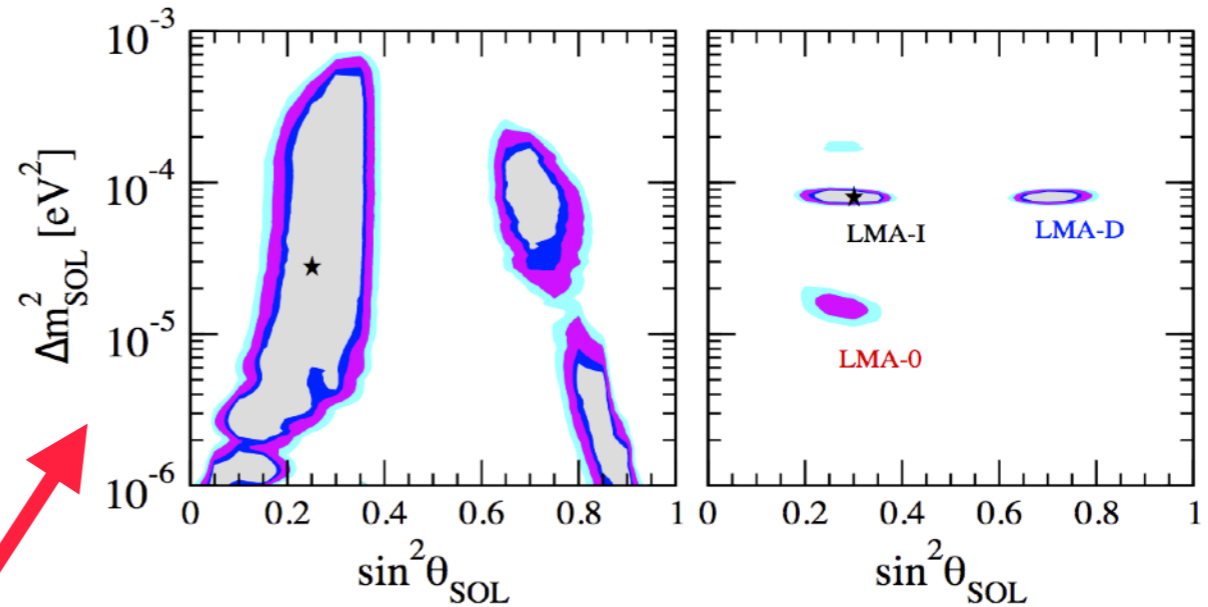


# NSI in the solar neutrino sector

Standard 3ν oscillations

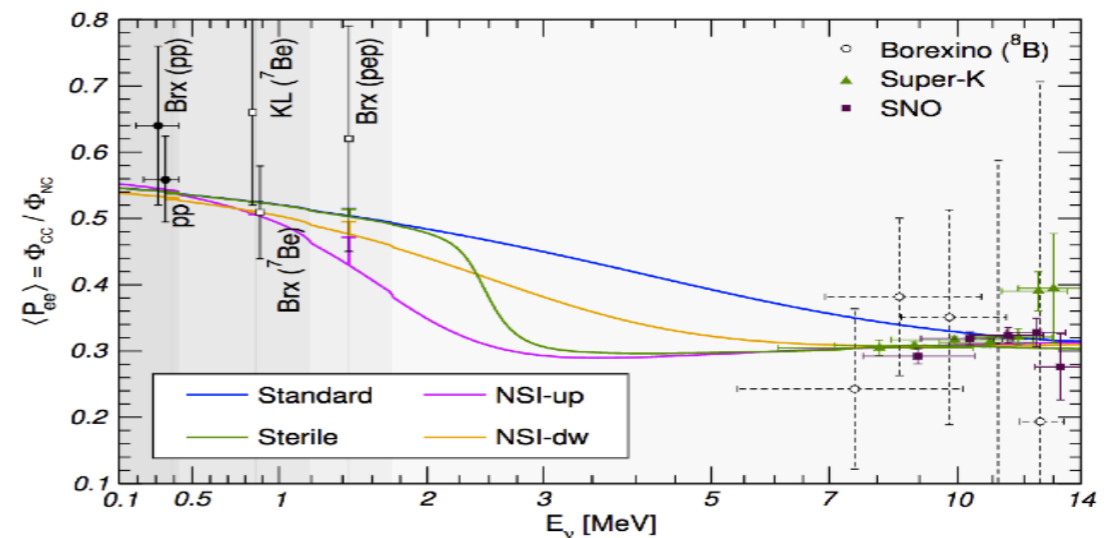


Miranda et al, JHEP 2006



⇒ degenerate solar solution

Maltoni & Smirnov, EPJ 2015

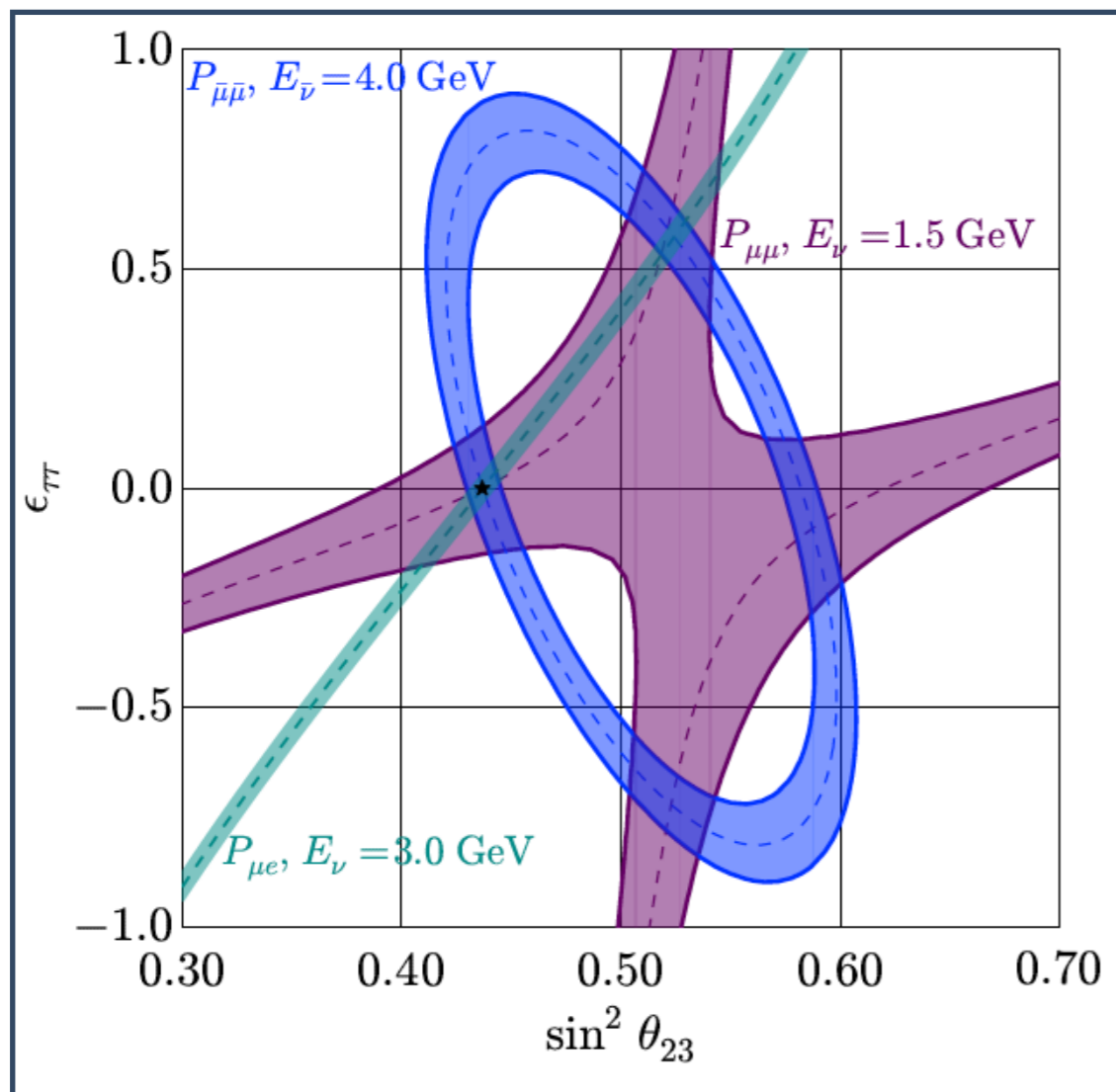


⇒ reconciles tension between  $\Delta m^2_{21}$   
@ KamLAND and solar data

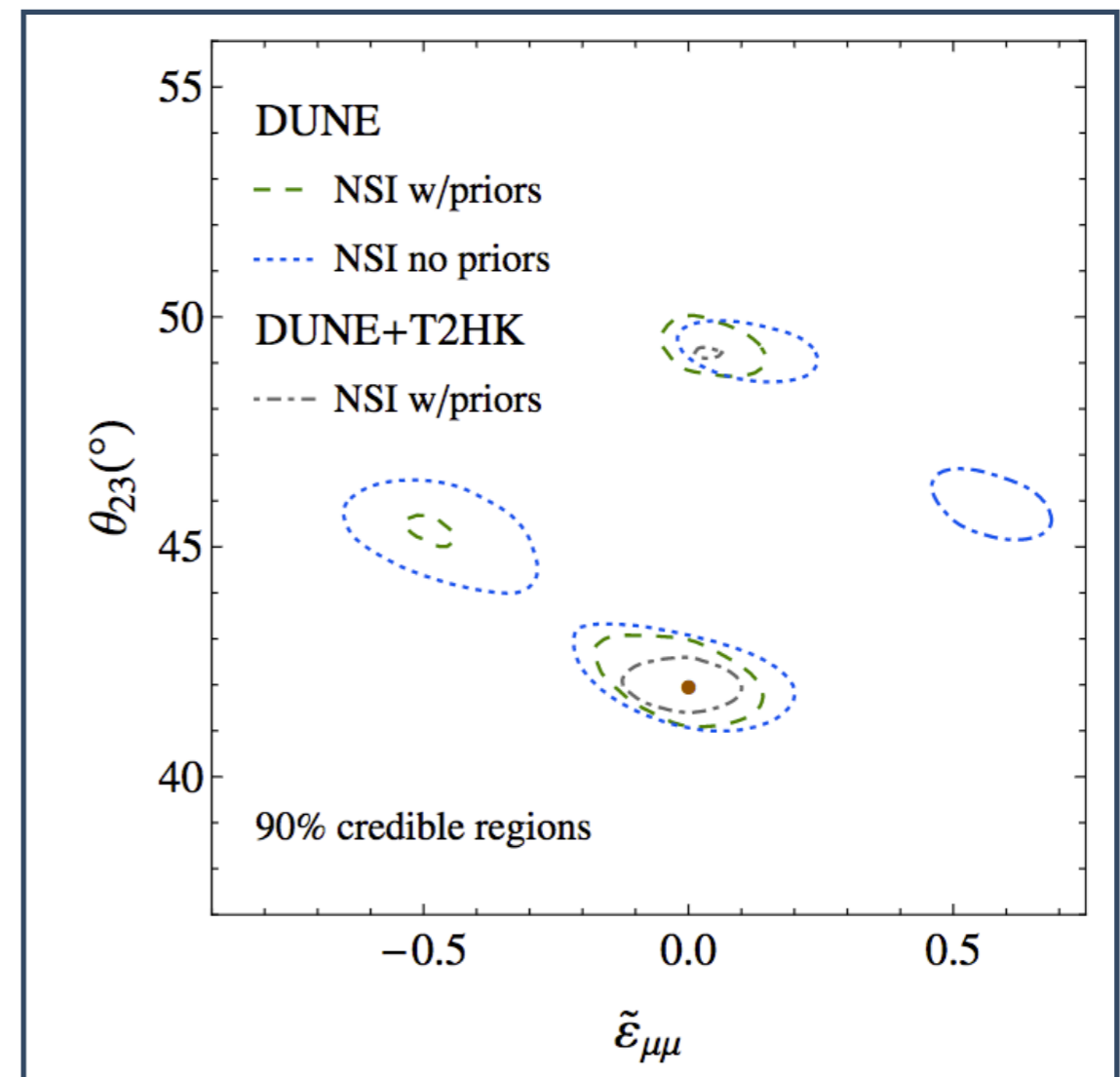
de Salas et al, PLB782 (2018) 633

# NSI at future LBL experiments

## $(\theta_{23}-\epsilon_{\tau\tau})$ degeneracy in DUNE



Gouvea and Kelly, NPB 2016

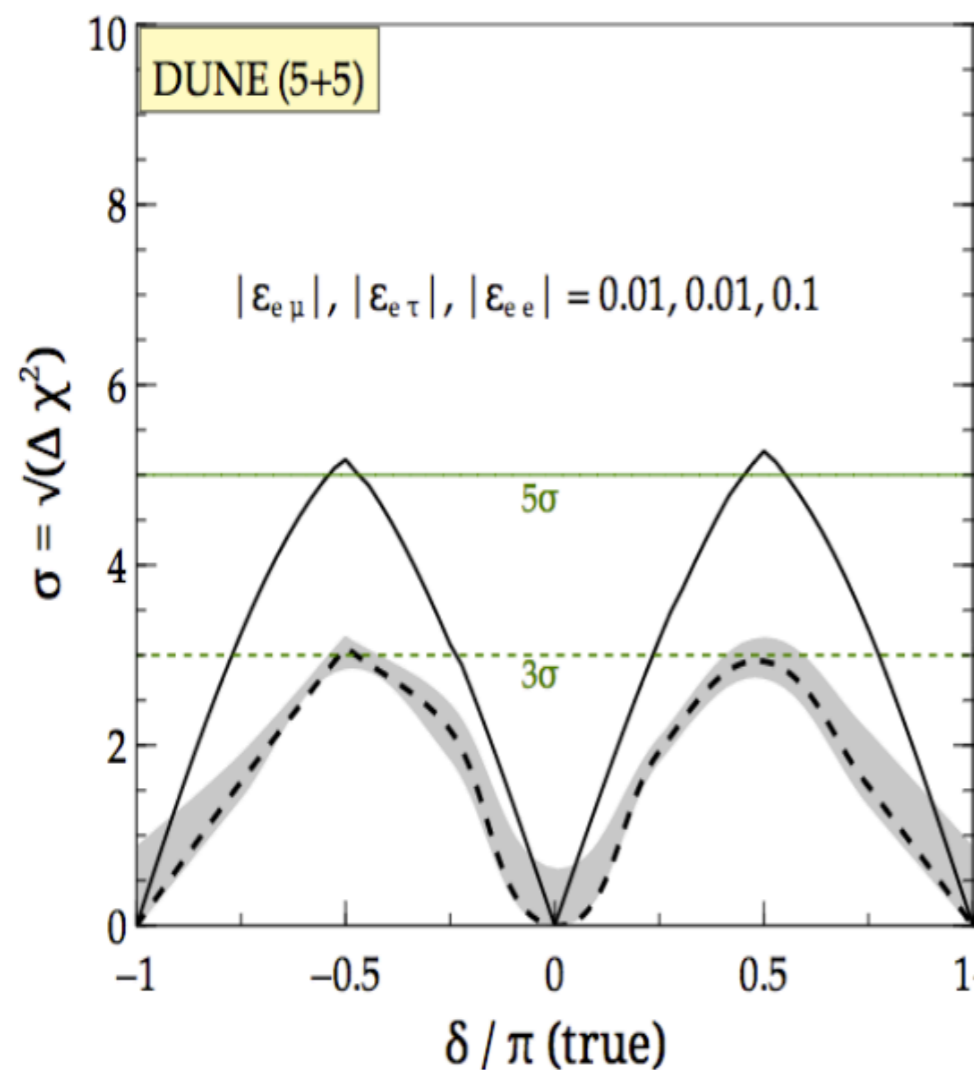


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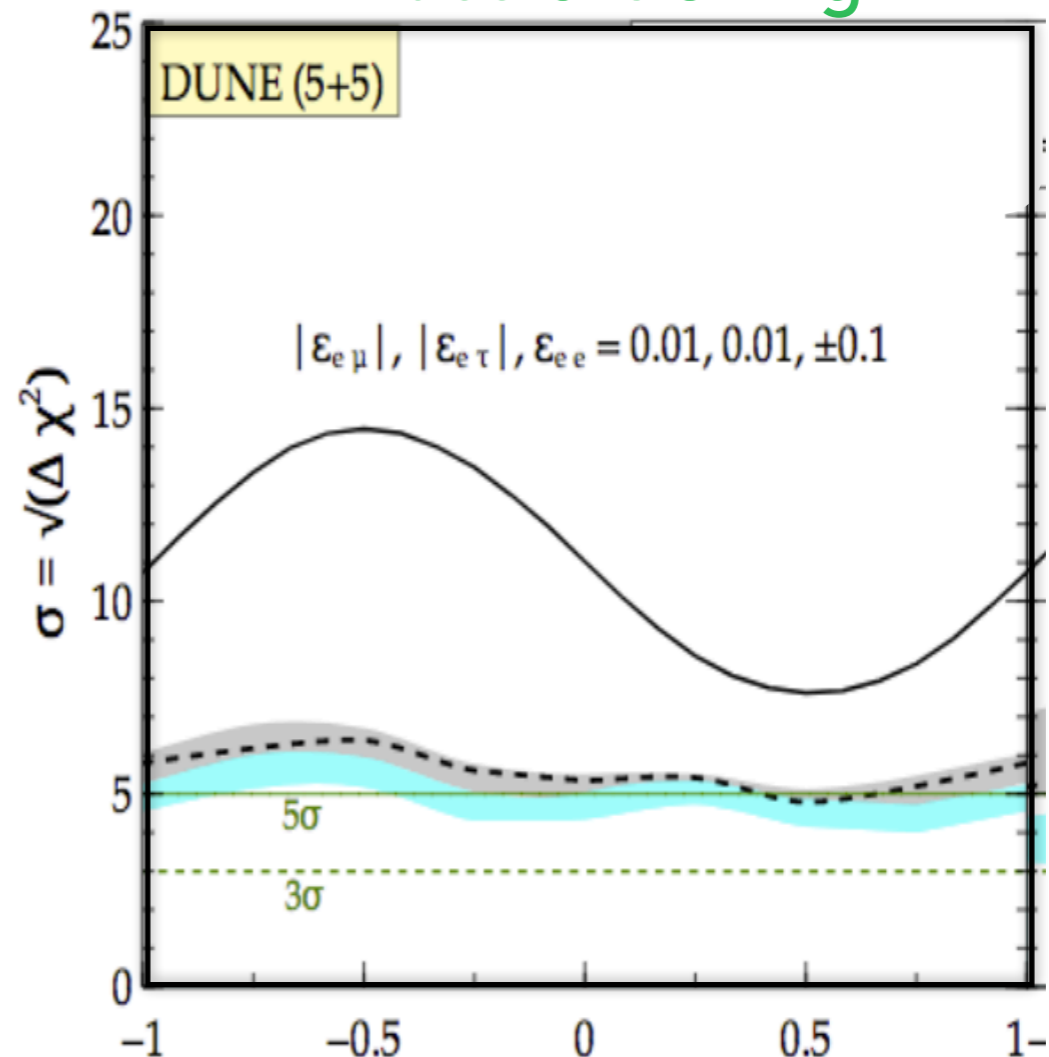
# NSI at future LBL experiments

NSI can significantly spoil DUNE's sensitivity to:

CP violation



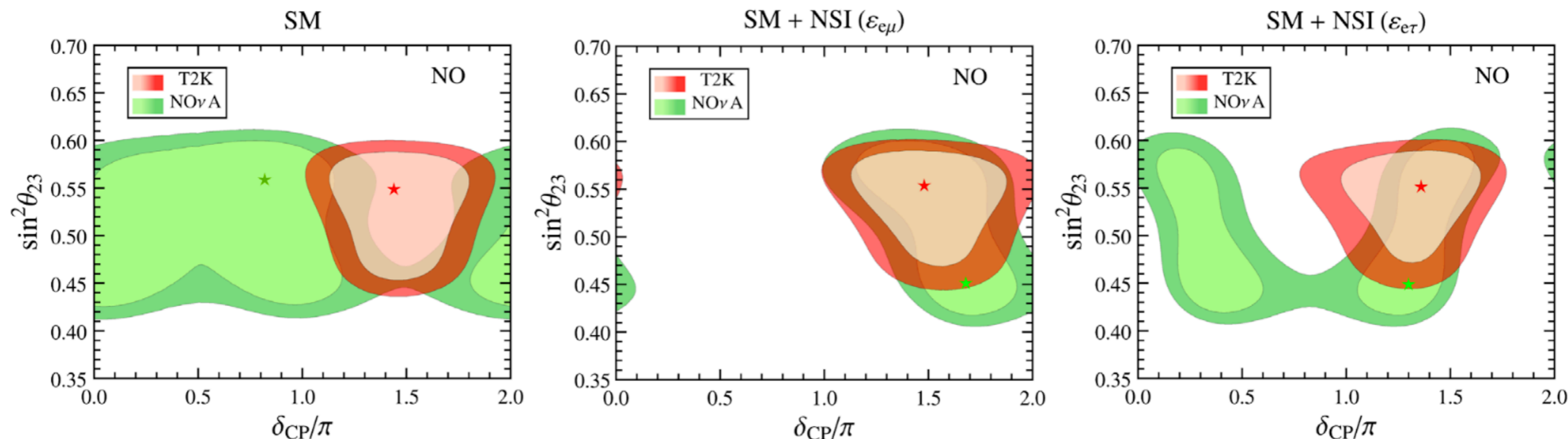
mass ordering



Masud and Mehta, PRD 2016

# The T2K-NO $\nu$ A $\delta_{CP}$ tension

- ▶ **NSI** may include new sources of CP violation besides  $\delta_{CP}$ :  $\varepsilon_{\alpha\beta} = |\varepsilon_{\alpha\beta}| \exp(i\phi_{\alpha\beta})$
- ▶ CP-violating NSI with a new complex phase  $\phi_{e\mu}$  or  $\phi_{e\tau}$  close to maximal with NSI couplings  $\varepsilon_{e\mu}$  or  $\varepsilon_{e\tau}$  of the order of 0.2 may reconcile T2K and NO $\nu$ A results.



**Chatterjee and Palazzo, PRL 2021**

See also Denton et al, PRL 2021



# Non-unitary neutrino mixing

# Non-unitary light neutrino mixing

- ▶ Most models of neutrino masses include **new extra heavy states**

Ex: type I seesaw, inverse seesaw

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & M_D \\ M_D^T & M_R \end{pmatrix} \quad \begin{pmatrix} 0 & M_D & 0 \\ M_D^T & 0 & M \\ 0 & M^T & \mu \end{pmatrix}$$

→ (3x3) light neutrino mixing matrix  $U$  is **non-unitary** in general

- ▶  $N \times N$  **non-unitary mixing matrix** described with  $2N^2 - (2N - 1)$  parameters

→ 13 parameters are needed to describe a non-unitary (3x3) matrix

→ besides the 4 standard ones ( $\theta_{ij}$  and  $\delta_{CP}$ ), 9 more parameters are needed

- ▶ General parameterization for non-unitary  $N \times N$  mixing matrix

$$U^{n \times n} = \begin{pmatrix} N & W \\ V & T \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{with} \quad N = N^{NP} U^{3 \times 3} = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha_{11} & 0 & 0 \\ \alpha_{21} & \alpha_{22} & 0 \\ \alpha_{31} & \alpha_{32} & \alpha_{33} \end{pmatrix} U^{3 \times 3}$$

[Escrihuela et al, PRD92 \(2015\)](#)

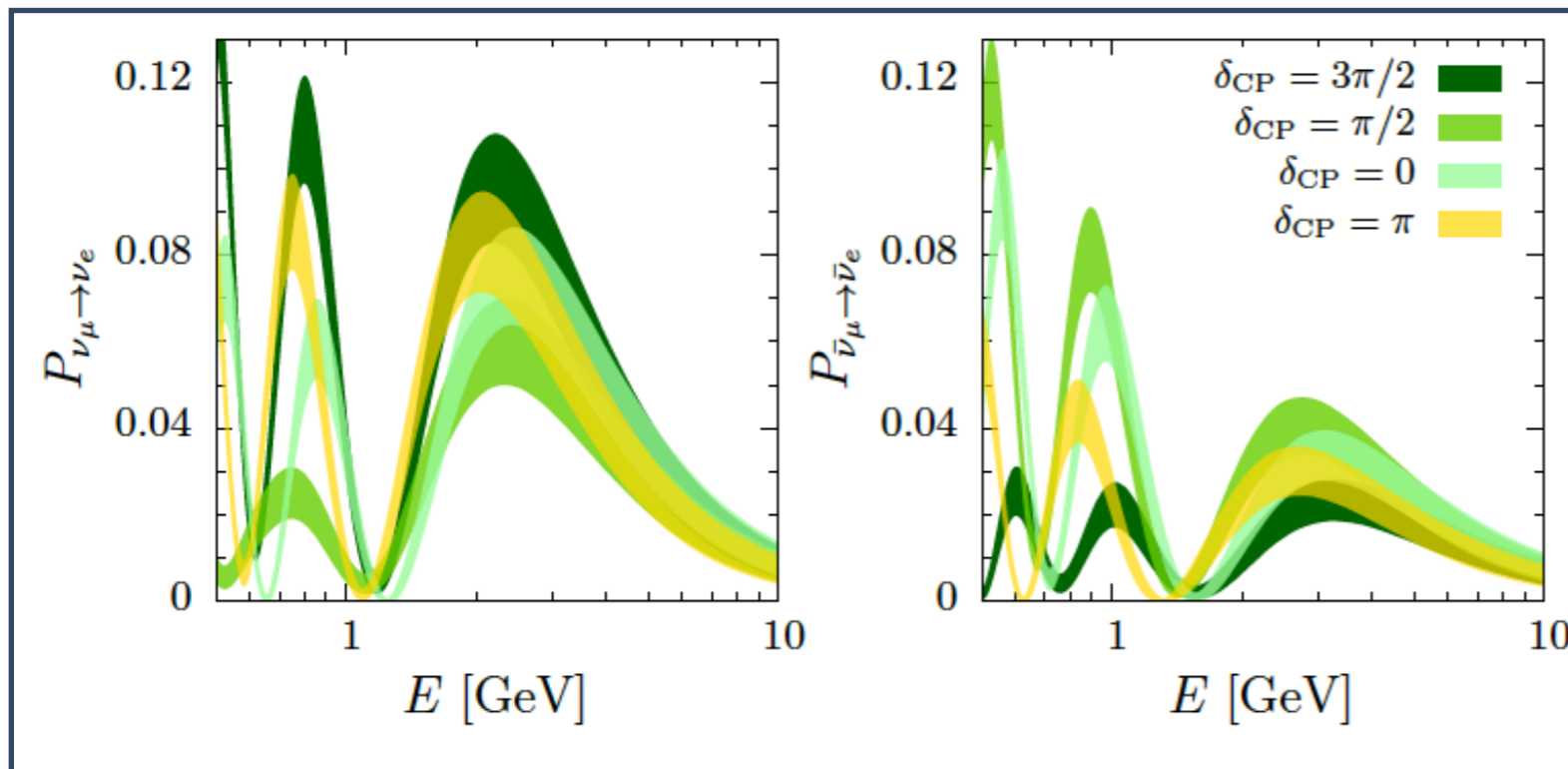
[See also Xing, PRD2012 for n=6](#)

→  $\alpha_{ii}$  real,  $\alpha_{ij}$  complex: 9 new parameters

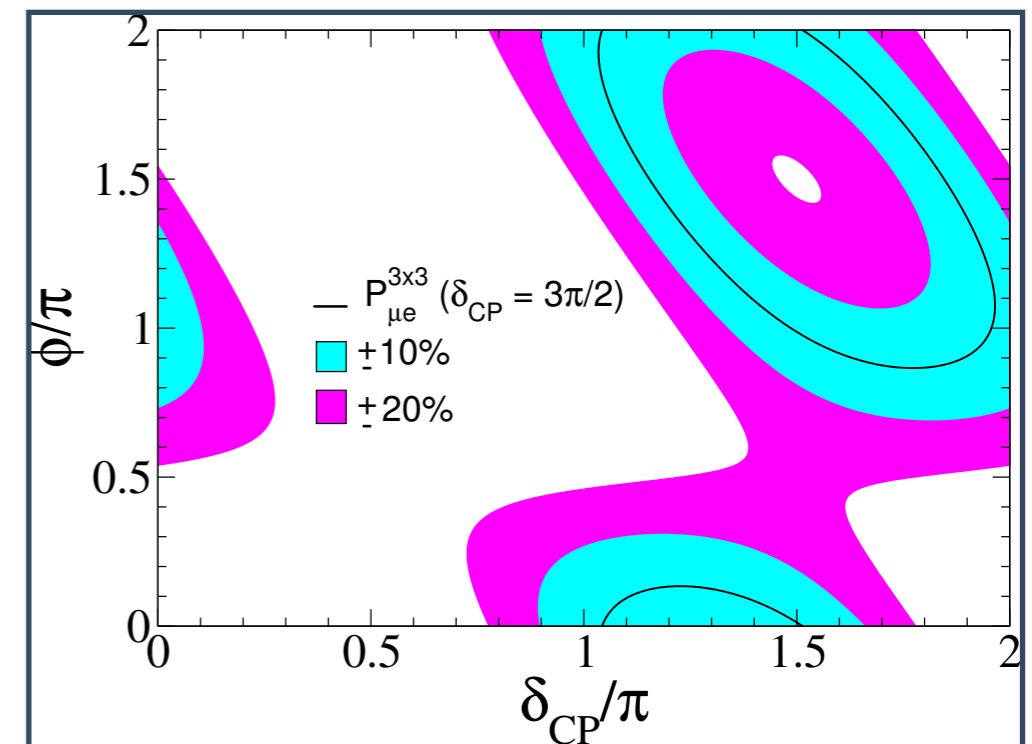
# NU neutrino oscillations in DUNE

$$P_{\mu e} = (\alpha_{11}\alpha_{22})^2 P_{\mu e}^{3\times 3} + \alpha_{11}^2 \alpha_{22} |\alpha_{21}| P_{\mu e}^I + \alpha_{11}^2 |\alpha_{21}|^2 \quad \text{with } P_{\mu e}^I(\phi)$$

The new phase ( $\phi$ ) will modify the standard oscillation picture in LBL experiments, such as DUNE



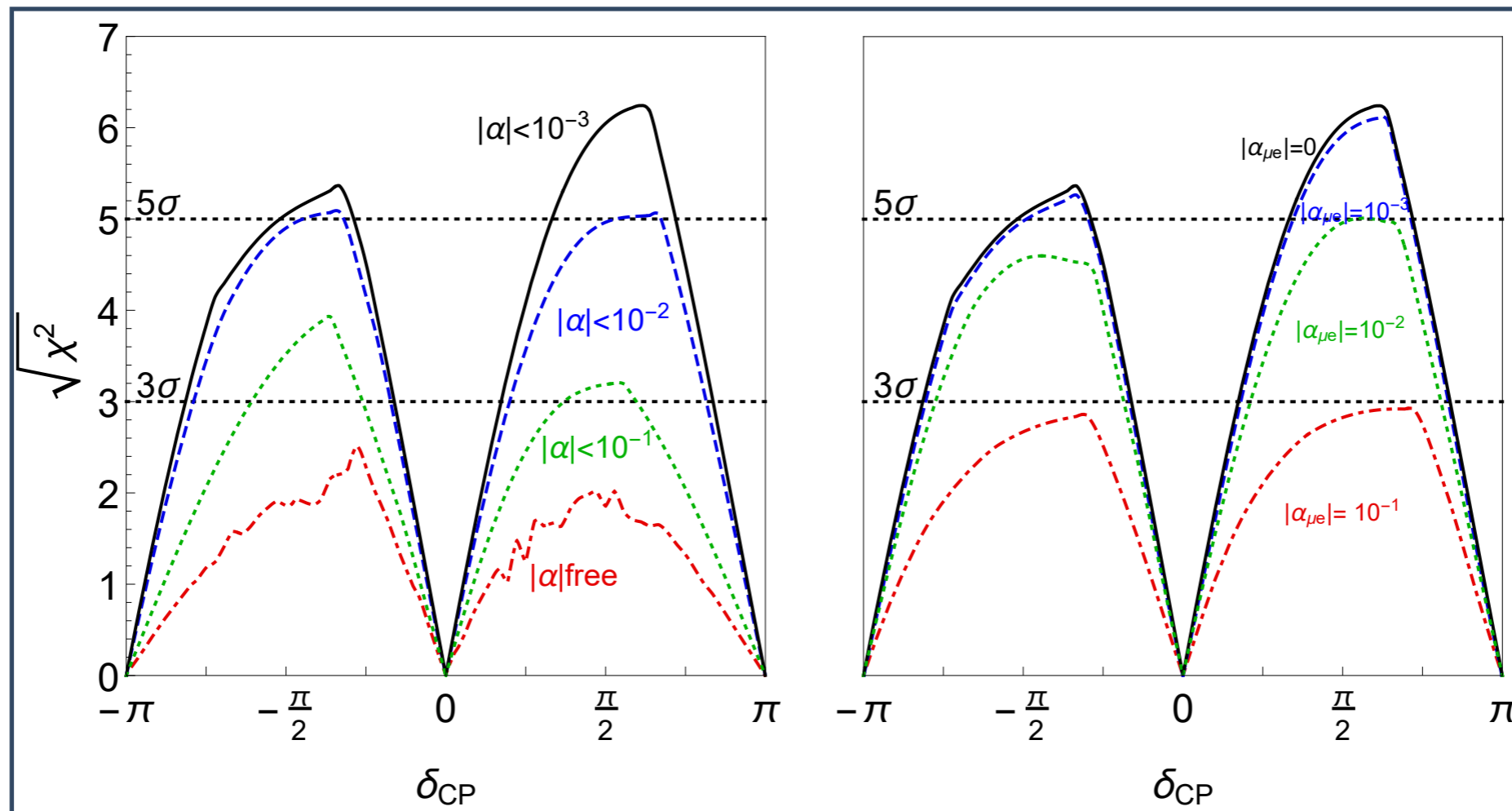
Escrivuela et al, NJP 2017



Miranda, MT, Valle, PRL 117 (2016)

$\rightarrow$  ( $\delta, \phi$ ) degeneracies in  $P_{\mu e}$  for  $E \gtrsim 3$  GeV spoil sensitivity to  $\delta$

# DUNE CP sensitivity with NU



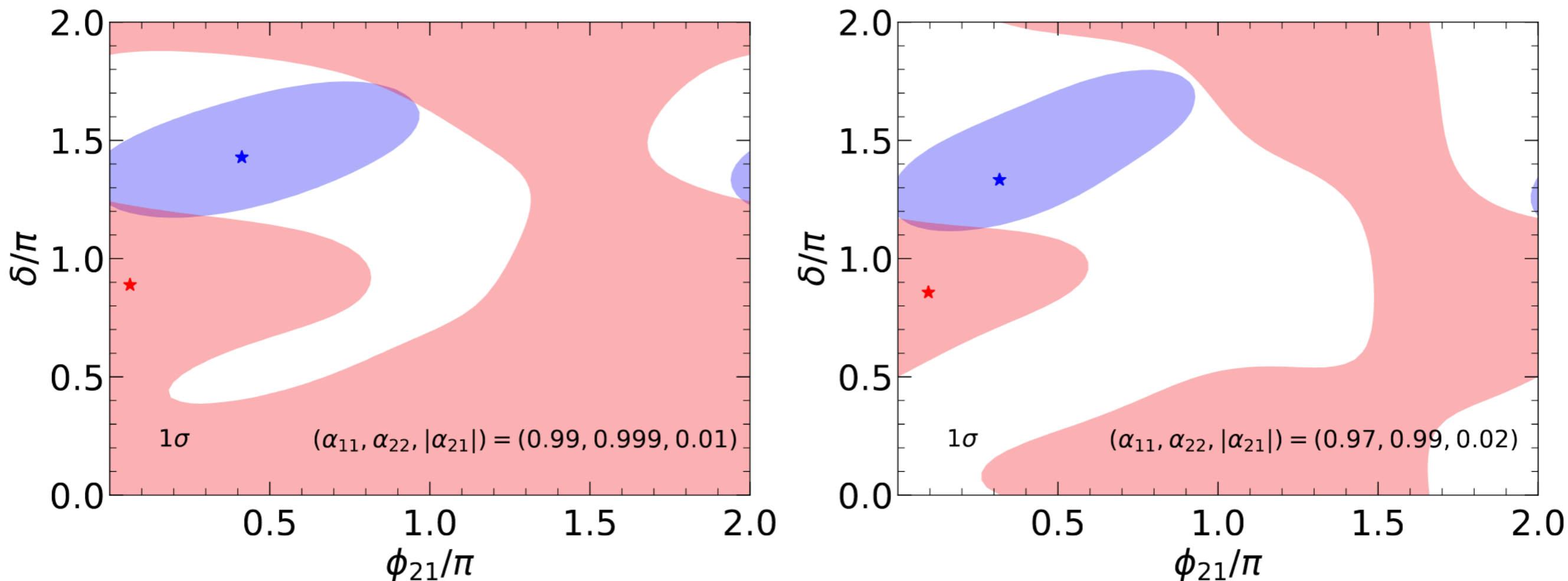
Fernández-Martínez et al (DUNE-BSM Working Group)

→ The sensitivity to CP violation might be spoiled in the absence of priors on NU

→ With priors based on current bounds ( $10^{-3}$ - $10^{-2}$ ), the effect is not less dramatic

# The T2K-NOvA $\delta_{CP}$ tension

Non-unitary mixing analysis of T2K and NOvA (normal ordering)

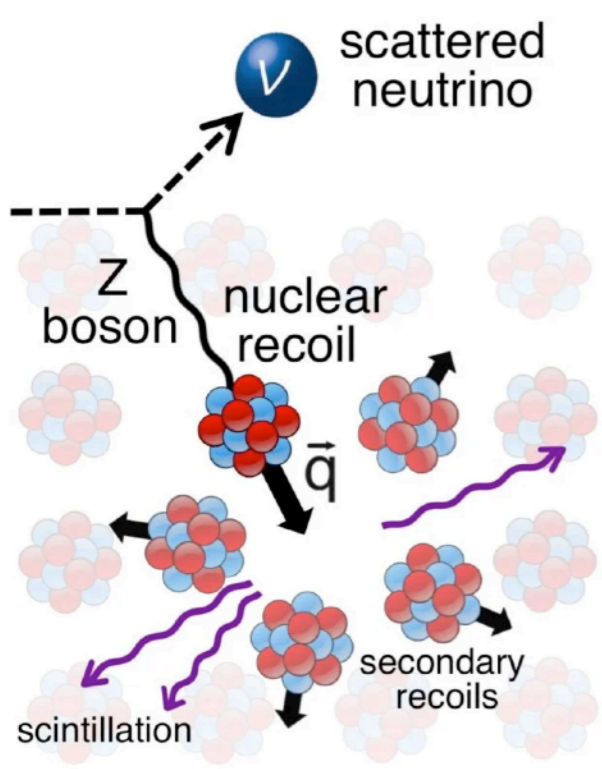


**Forero et al, PRD 2022**

- ▶ NU includes additional sources of CP violation.
- ▶ In this case, the tension is **not alleviated** in the context of NU neutrino mixing, since the new phase has the same effect on T2K and NOvA

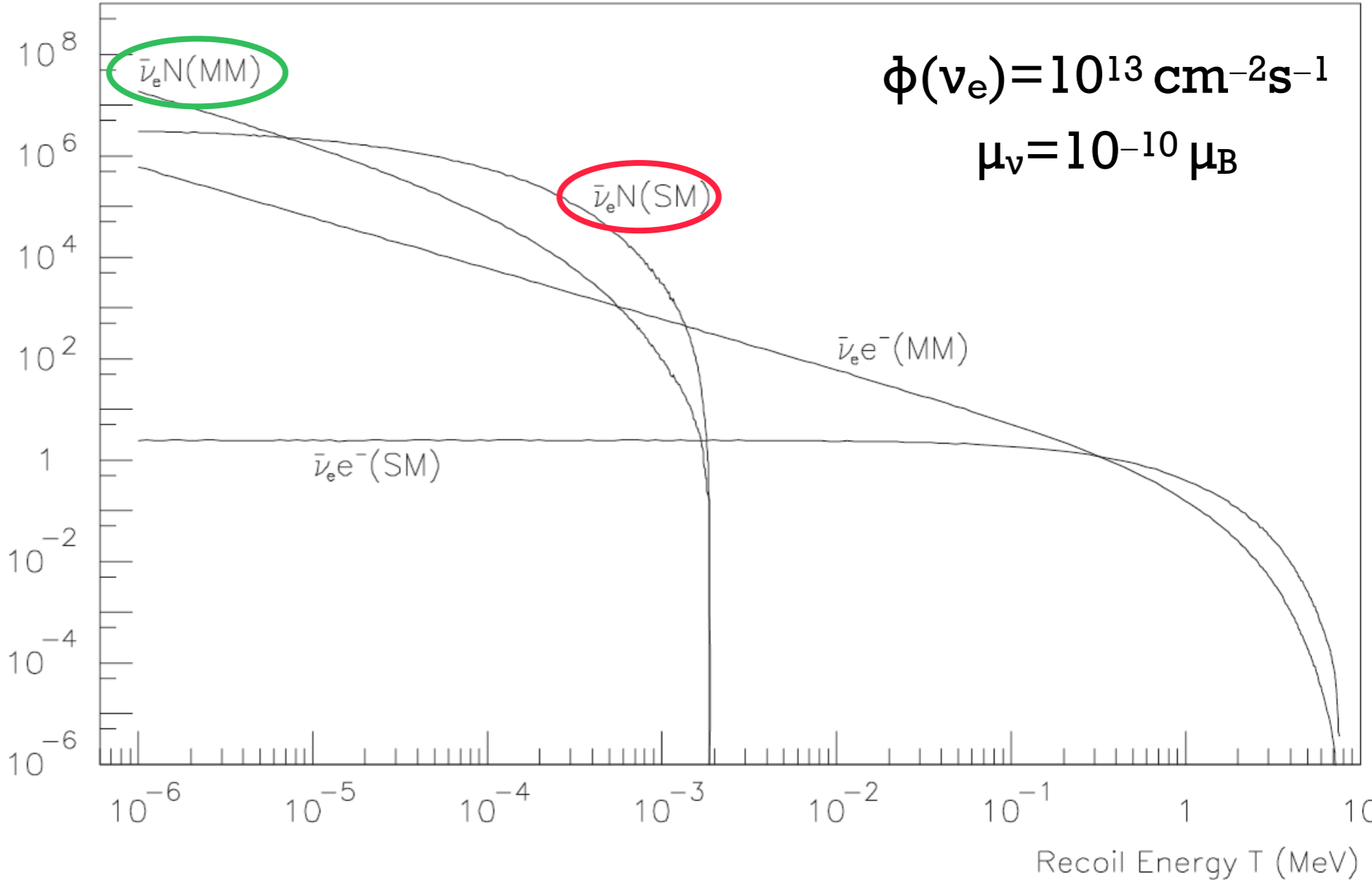
# BSM searches with CEvNS experiments

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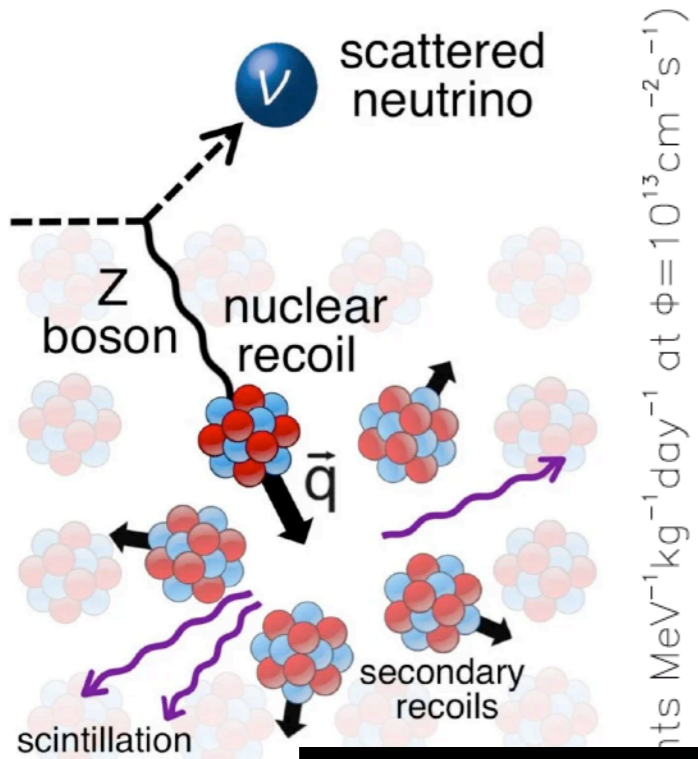


D. Freedman, 1974

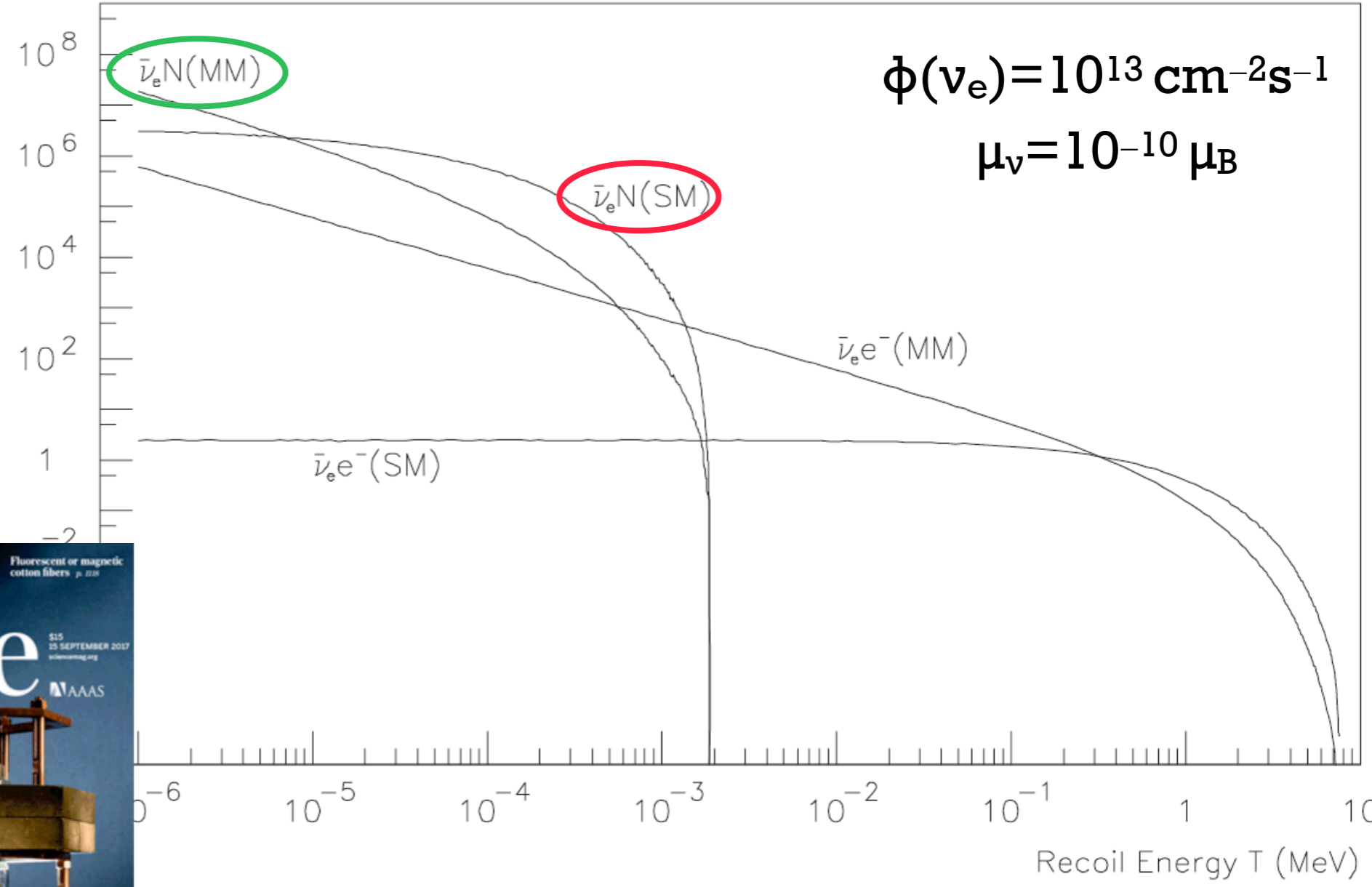
$d\sigma/dT$  (Events  $\text{MeV}^{-1} \text{kg}^{-1} \text{day}^{-1}$  at  $\phi = 10^{13} \text{cm}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1}$ )



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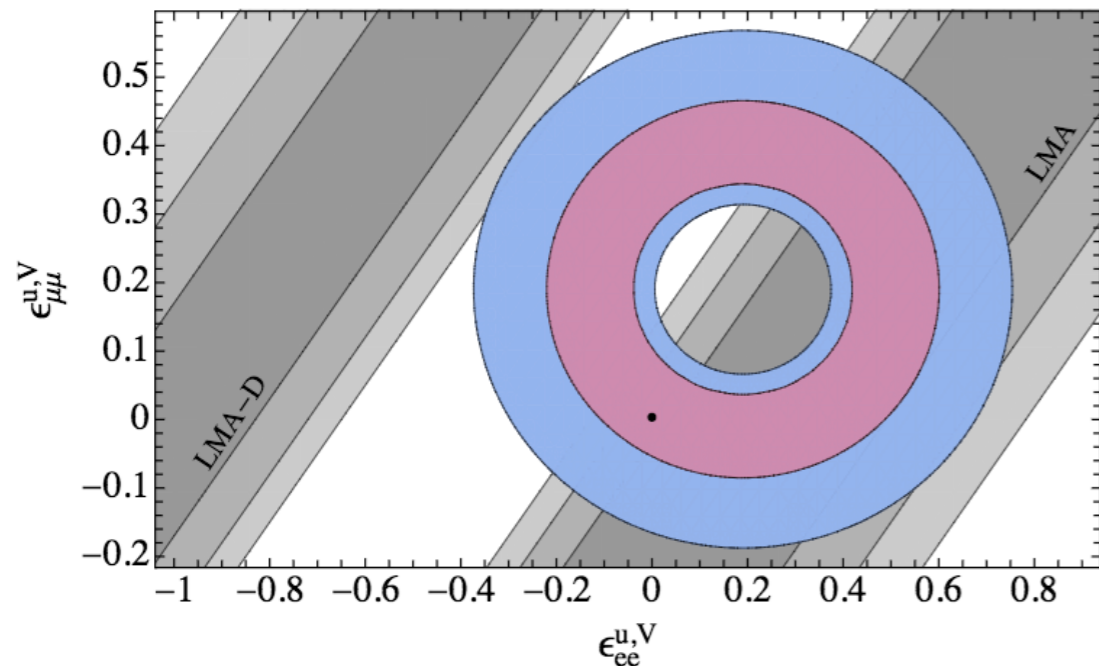
First observed at the Spallation Neutron Source (Oak Ridge National Laboratory) in 2017

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# Probing BSM physics with CE $\nu$ NS

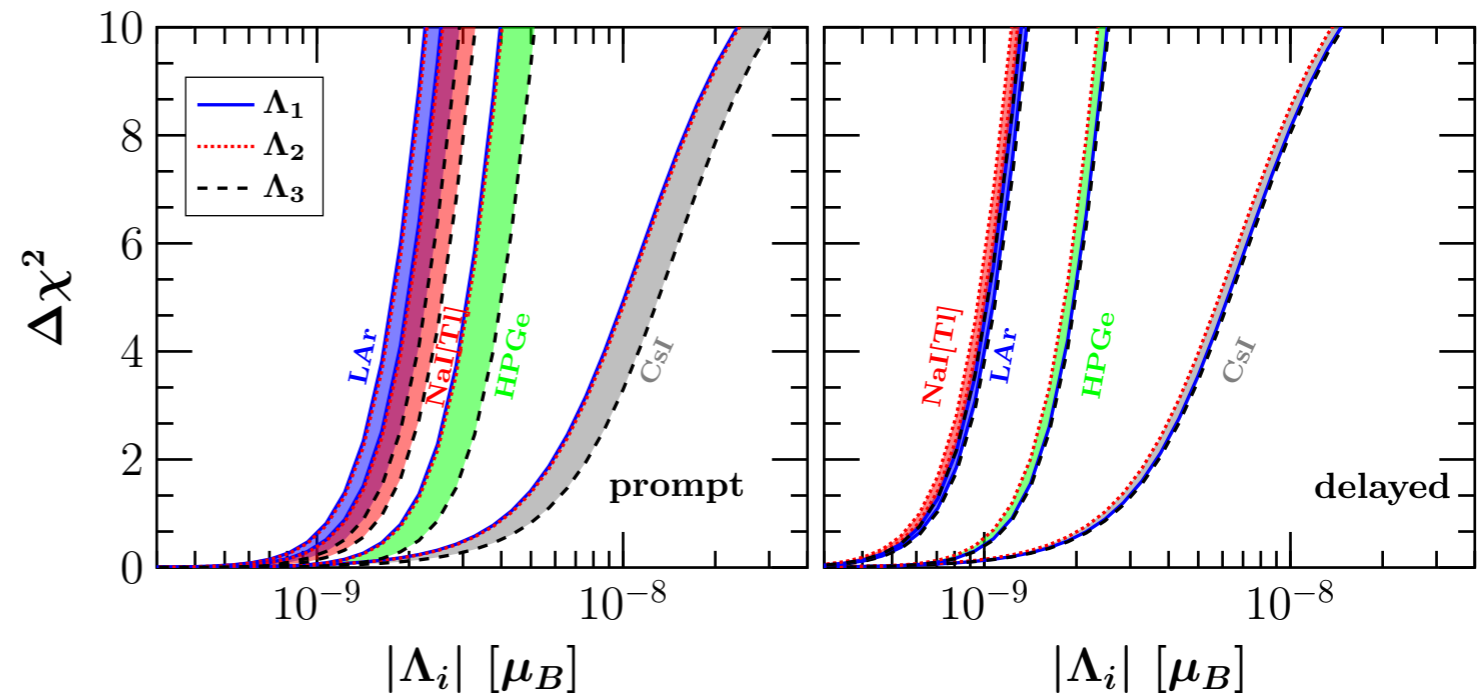
## Non-standard interactions (NSI)



Coloma et al, PRD 2017

→ Very relevant to provide a complementary test of the LMA-D degenerate solution.

## Neutrino electromagnetic properties



Miranda et al, JHEP 2019

→ Not competitive with other searches (Borexino), but they provide complementary information

Other searches: neutrino charge radius, models with light mediators,...

# Summary ( Part II)

- ▶ The **absolute scale of neutrino mass** is bounded from cosmological and laboratory measurements, below 1 eV.
- ▶ Extensions of the SM can explain the **smallness of neutrino mass**, although the flavor structure is not well understood yet
- ▶ Several **scenarios of physics BSM** motivated by the building of neutrino mass models and the observation of anomalies are being explored.
- ▶ Anomalies point towards the existence of **light (eV) sterile neutrinos**. However, some of them although some of them are in conflict with other data and the full picture is in **tension with cosmology**.
- ▶ New **physics beyond the SM** (NSI, NU mixing) may affect significantly the standard picture of neutrino oscillations but they can also help to alleviate some experimental tensions.
- ▶ Coherent elastic neutrino-nucleus scattering, **CE $\nu$ NS**, provide a powerful tool to search for new physics BSM.