

# Neutrino physics : Current Status and future trends

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# Neutrino Physics : What we know

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- ❖ Neutral leptons with three flavours
- ❖ Flavour eigenstates not the same as mass eigenstates
- ❖ Leads to neutrino oscillations — have been observed
- ❖ Mixing between flavour states governed by  $U_{PMNS}$
- ❖ Mass splittings and mixing angles are measured
- ❖ The limit on sum of neutrino masses from cosmology

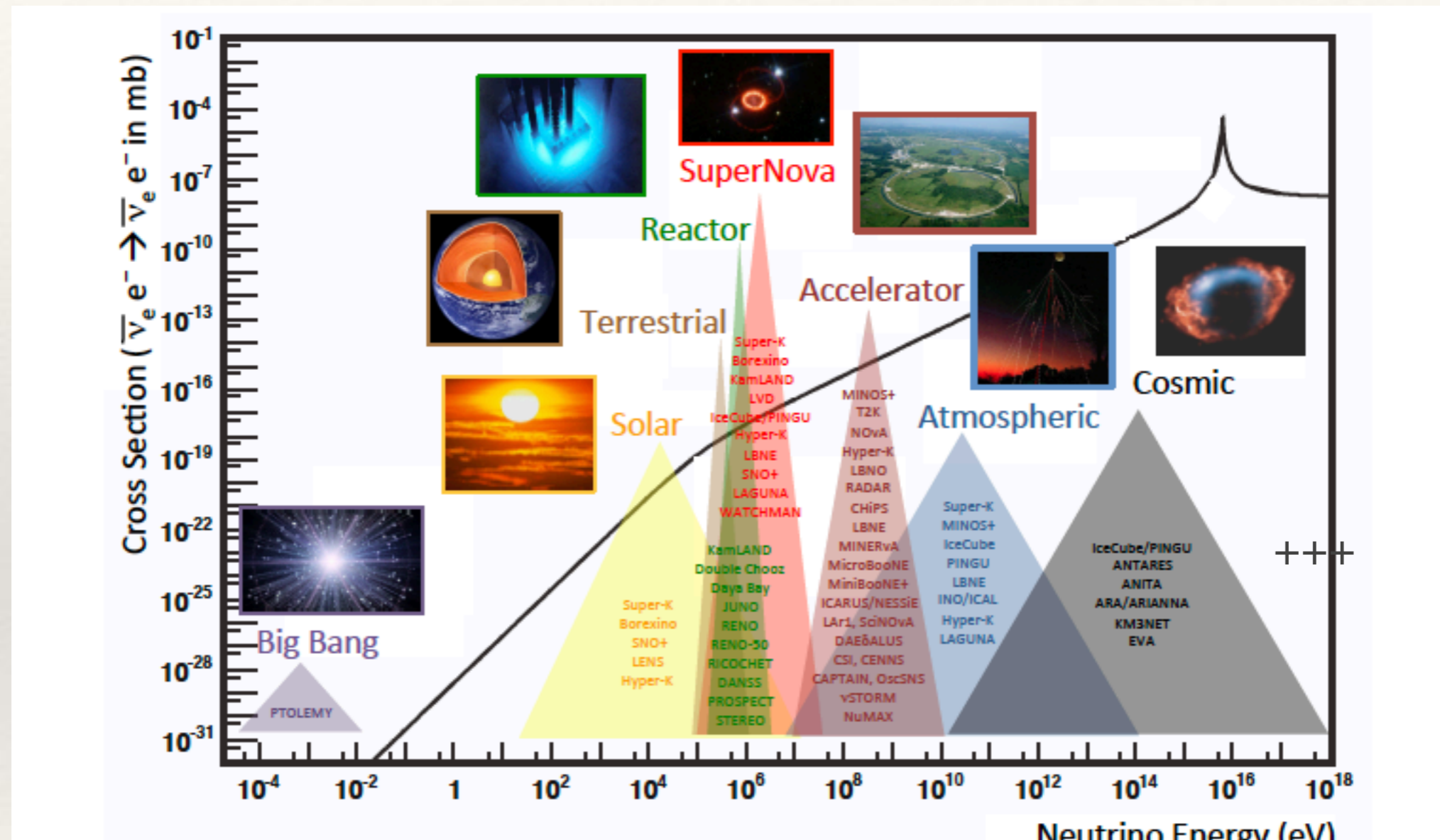
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# Neutrino Physics: what we don't know

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- ❖ The absolute masses of the neutrinos
- ❖ The nature of neutrinos — Dirac or Majorana
- ❖ Are there more than 3 flavours ? Sterile neutrinos ?
- ❖ More precise measurement of mixing angles, Unitarity ?
- ❖ Mass ordering and CP phases
- ❖ The origin of neutrino masses and mixing at a fundamental level —Beyond Standard Model
- ❖ Do neutrinos have non-standard interaction, decay? Is there violation of fundamental symmetries like CPT, Lorentz invariance

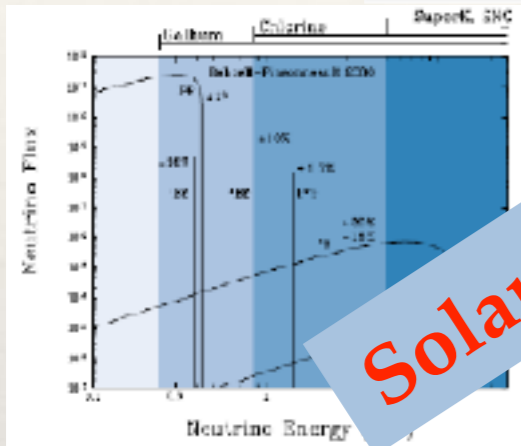
# Neutrino Sources and experiments



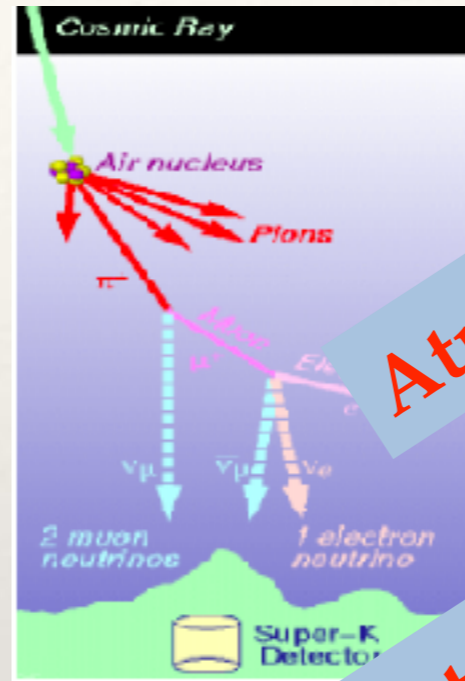
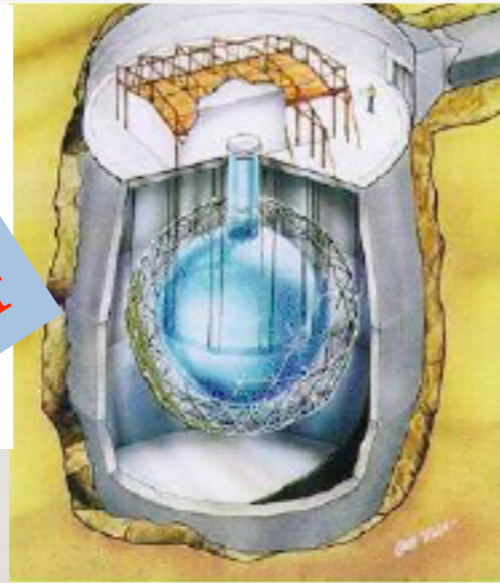
<https://www.slac.stanford.edu/econf/C1307292/docs/IntensityFrontier/Neutrinos-12.pdf>

# Neutrino Oscillation: Evidences

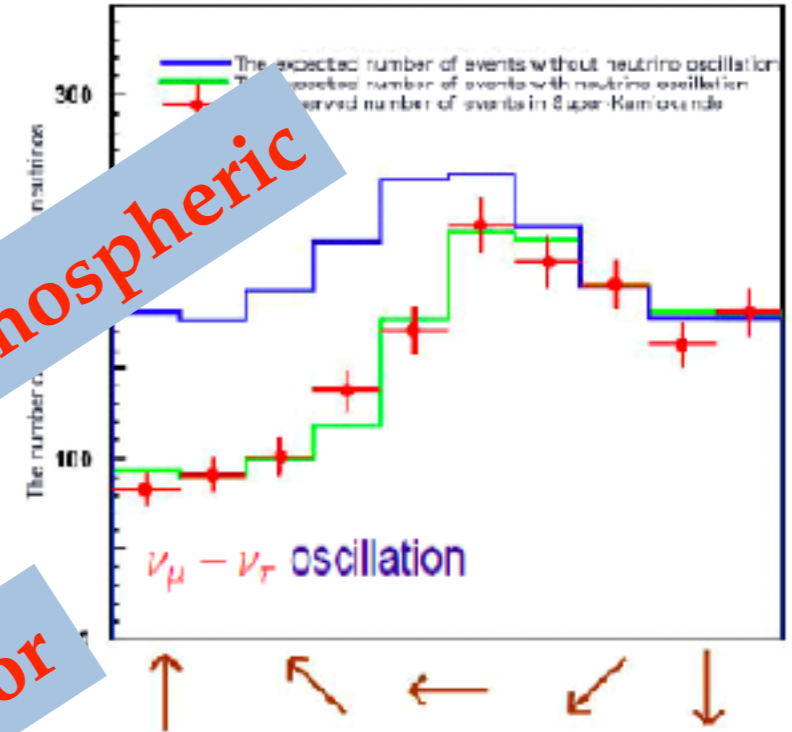
$$\frac{CC}{NC} = \frac{\nu_e}{\nu_e + \nu_\mu + \nu_\tau} < 1$$



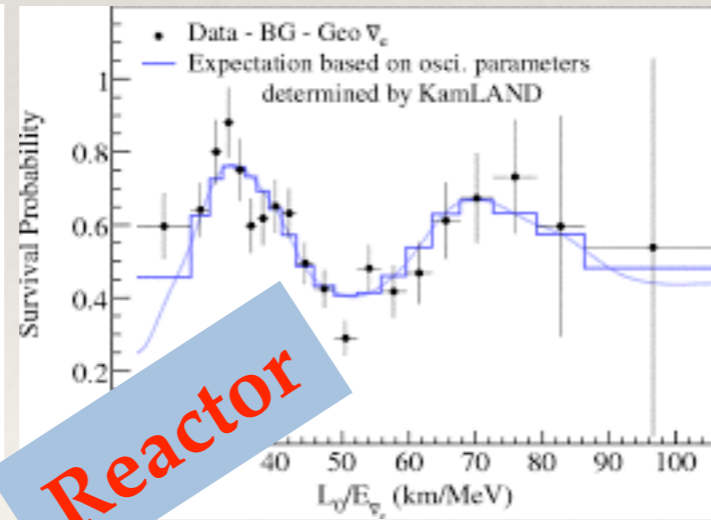
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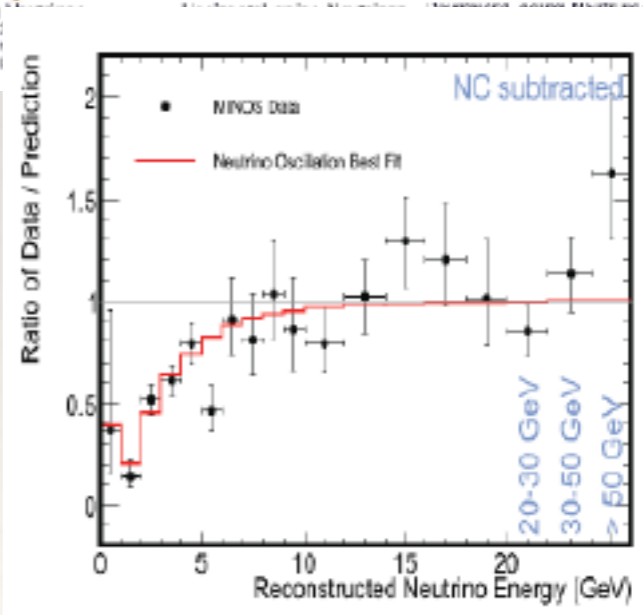
**Atmospheric**



**Accelerator**



**Reactor**



# Three Neutrino Paradigm

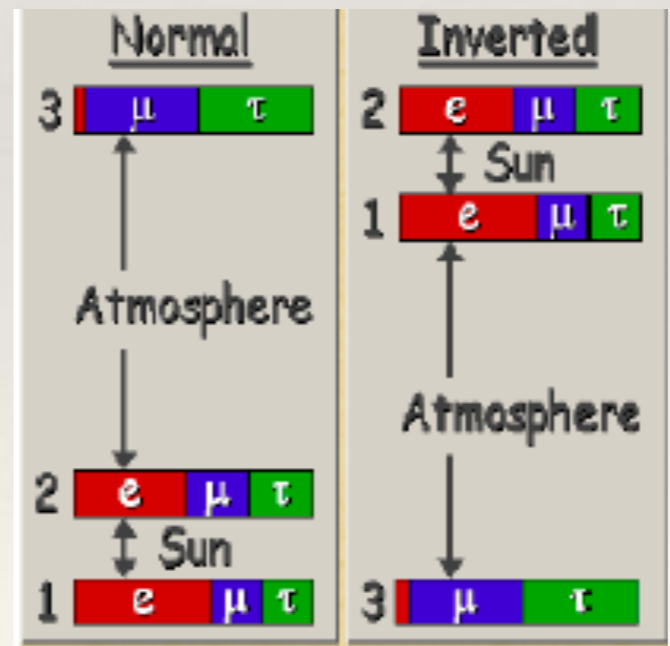
- Measurement of non-zero  $\theta_{13}$  in reactor experiments  $\rightarrow$  three neutrino picture

$$\begin{array}{c}
 \text{Atm +LBL} \qquad \qquad \qquad \text{Sol+KL} \\
 \begin{pmatrix} \nu_e \\ \nu_\mu \\ \nu_\tau \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & & \\ & c_{23} & s_{23} \\ & -s_{23} & c_{23} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} c_{13} & e^{-i\delta} s_{13} \\ & 1 \\ -e^{i\delta} s_{13} & c_{13} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} c_{12} & s_{12} \\ -s_{12} & c_{12} \\ & & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \nu_1 \\ \nu_2 \\ \nu_3 \end{pmatrix} \\
 c_{12} = \cos\theta_{12} \text{ etc.}, \quad \delta \text{ CP-violating phase}
 \end{array}$$

- $\Delta m_{21}^2, \theta_{12}, \theta_{13}$  Solar + KamLAND
- $\Delta m_{31}^2, \theta_{13}$  Reactor
- $\Delta m_{31}^2, \theta_{23}, \theta_{13}, \delta_{CP}$  Atm + LBL



Interplay among different sectors because of  $\theta_{13}$

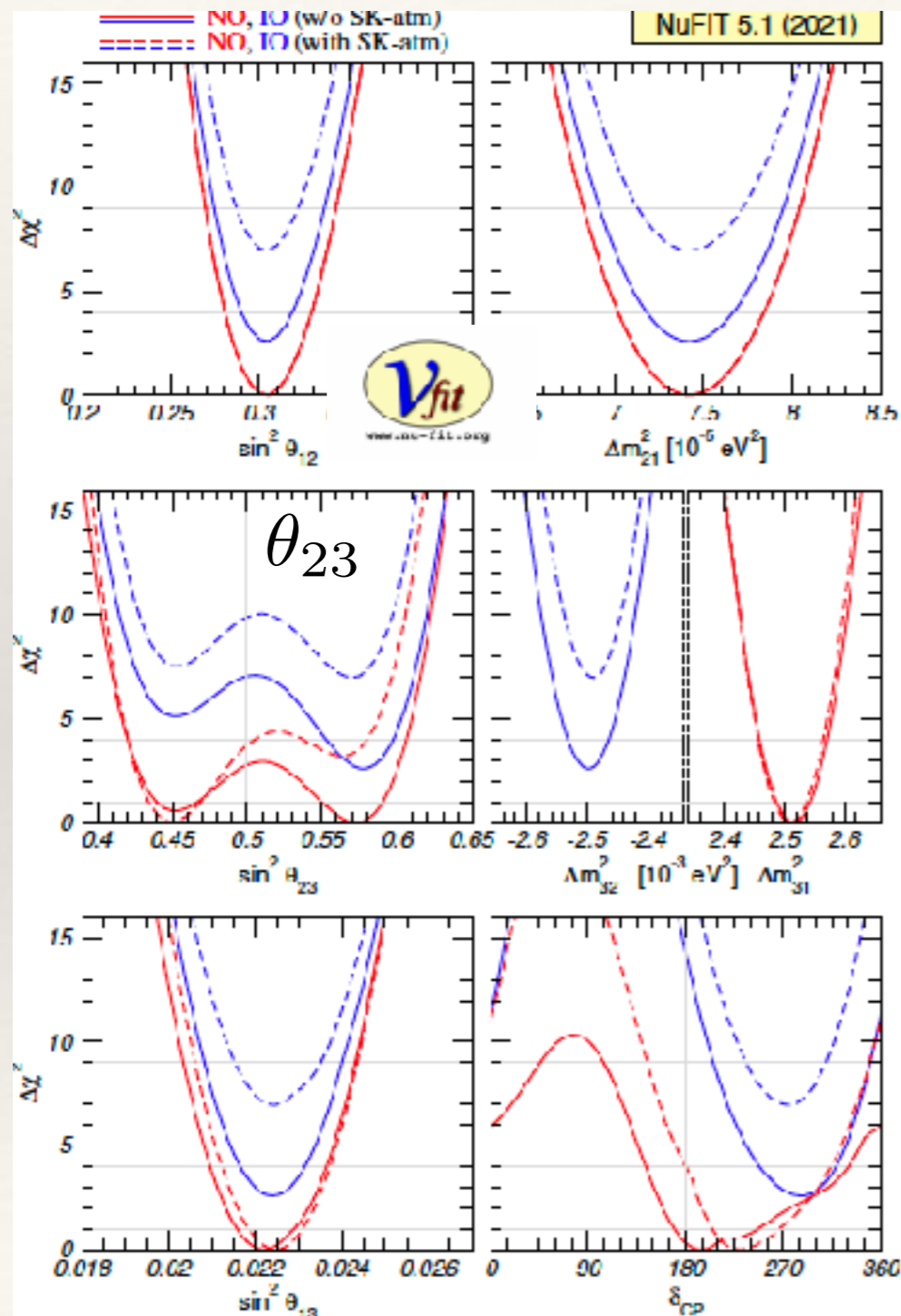


# Neutrino Oscillation : from discovery to precision

|   | Normal Ordering (best fit)      |                               | Inverted Ordering ( $\Delta\chi^2 = 7.0$ ) |                               |
|---|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|--|-------------------------------|
|   | bfp $\pm 1\sigma$               | $3\sigma$ range               | bfp $\pm 1\sigma$                          | $3\sigma$ range               |
| $\sin^2 \theta_{12}$                              | $0.304^{+0.012}_{-0.012}$       | $0.269 \rightarrow 0.343$     | $0.304^{+0.013}_{-0.012}$                  | $0.269 \rightarrow 0.343$     |
| $\theta_{12}/^\circ$                              | $33.45^{+0.77}_{-0.75}$         | $31.27 \rightarrow 35.87$     | $33.45^{+0.78}_{-0.75}$                    | $31.27 \rightarrow 35.87$     |
| $\sin^2 \theta_{23}$                              | $0.450^{+0.019}_{-0.016}$       | $0.408 \rightarrow 0.603$     | $0.570^{+0.016}_{-0.022}$                  | $0.410 \rightarrow 0.613$     |
| $\theta_{23}/^\circ$                              | $42.1^{+1.1}_{-0.9}$            | $39.7 \rightarrow 50.9$       | $49.0^{+0.9}_{-1.3}$                       | $39.8 \rightarrow 51.6$       |
| $\sin^2 \theta_{13}$                              | $0.02246^{+0.00062}_{-0.00062}$ | $0.02060 \rightarrow 0.02435$ | $0.02241^{+0.00074}_{-0.00062}$            | $0.02055 \rightarrow 0.02457$ |
| $\theta_{13}/^\circ$                              | $8.62^{+0.12}_{-0.12}$          | $8.25 \rightarrow 8.98$       | $8.61^{+0.14}_{-0.12}$                     | $8.24 \rightarrow 9.02$       |
| $\delta_{CP}/^\circ$                              | $230^{+36}_{-25}$               | $144 \rightarrow 350$         | $278^{+22}_{-30}$                          | $194 \rightarrow 345$         |
| $\frac{\Delta m_{21}^2}{10^{-5} \text{ eV}^2}$    | $7.42^{+0.21}_{-0.20}$          | $6.82 \rightarrow 8.04$       | $7.42^{+0.21}_{-0.20}$                     | $6.82 \rightarrow 8.04$       |
| $\frac{\Delta m_{3\ell}^2}{10^{-3} \text{ eV}^2}$ | $+2.510^{+0.027}_{-0.027}$      | $+2.430 \rightarrow +2.593$   | $-2.490^{+0.026}_{-0.028}$                 | $-2.574 \rightarrow -2.410$   |

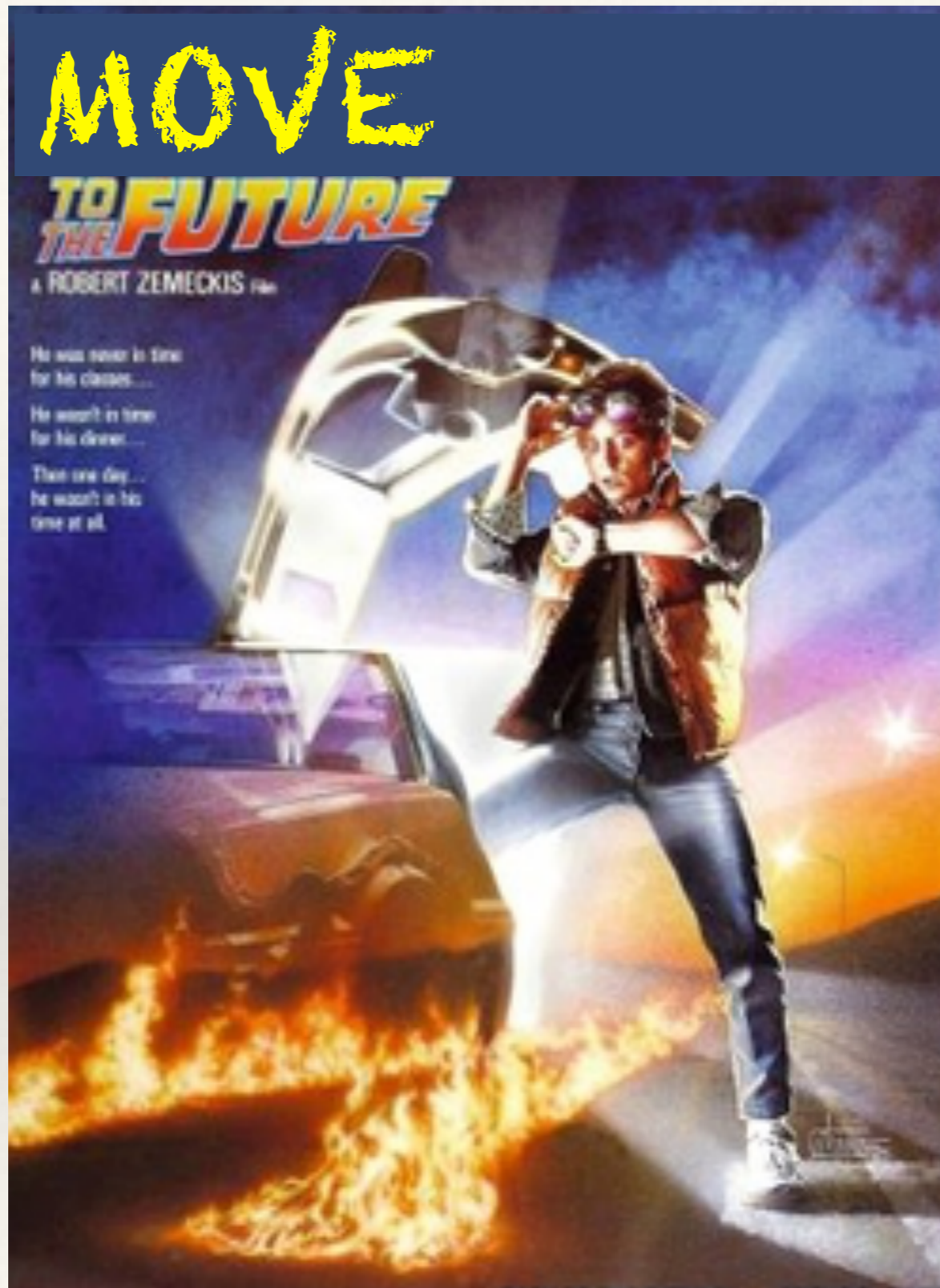
NuFIT 5.1 (2021)

# Unknown parameters



- ❖ Best-fit  $\theta_{23}$  in second octant
- ❖ Preference for NO
- ❖  $\delta_{CP} = +90^\circ$  disfavoured at more than  $3\sigma$  irrespective of mass ordering
- ❖ Oscillation experiments not sensitive to Majorana phases
- ❖ Not sensitive to absolute masses





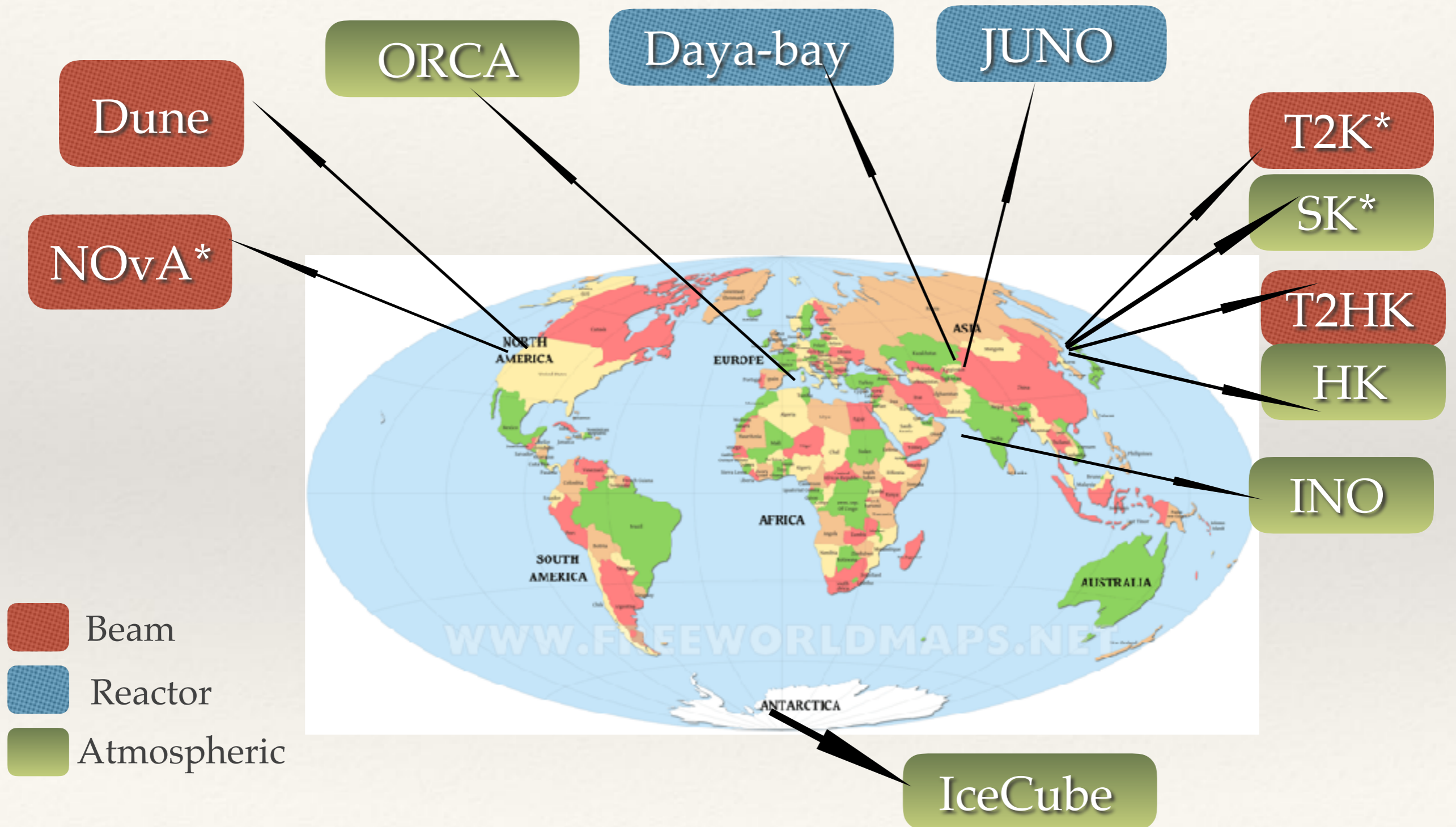
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# Future Goals in Neutrino Physics

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- ❖ Determination of hierarchy, octant and CP phase
  - ❖ Synergy between different experiments
  - ❖ Signatures of sterile neutrinos
  - ❖ Precise Measurement of neutrino cross-sections
  - ❖ Nature of neutrinos , absolute neutrino mass
  - ❖ Probing new physics in oscillation experiments
  - ❖ Search for Dark Matter in neutrino facilities
  - ❖ Probing BSM physics through new interactions
  - ❖ Neutrinos and Multimessenger Astronomy
- } Immediate Goals
- } Ongoing
- } Emerging Goals

# Current and future oscillation experiments



# Long baseline experiments : salient features

| Expt           | Baseline                        | E<br>(GeV) | Details                                       |
|----------------|---------------------------------|------------|---|
| <b>T2K</b>     | 295 km,<br>Tokai to Kamioka     | 0.6        | 0.76 MW<br>Super Kamiokande<br>Water Cerenkov |
| <b>NOVA</b>    | 810 km,<br>FNAL to ASH River    | 1.7        | 0.7 MW<br>14 kt T ASD                         |
| <b>DUNE</b>    | 1300 km<br>FNAL to South Dakota | 0.5-8      | 1.2 MW<br>Liquid Argon 10kt/40 kt             |
| <b>T2HK</b>    | 295 km<br>JPARC to Kamioka      | 0.6        | 1.3 MW , 187 kt X2<br>Hyper Kamiokande        |
| <b>T2HKK</b>   | 295km, 1100 km                  | 0.6        | HK, Water Cherenkov in<br>Korea               |
| <b>ESSnuSB</b> | 540 km , Lund to<br>Gapenberg   | 0.3        | 5 MW<br>500 kt Water Cerenkov,                |

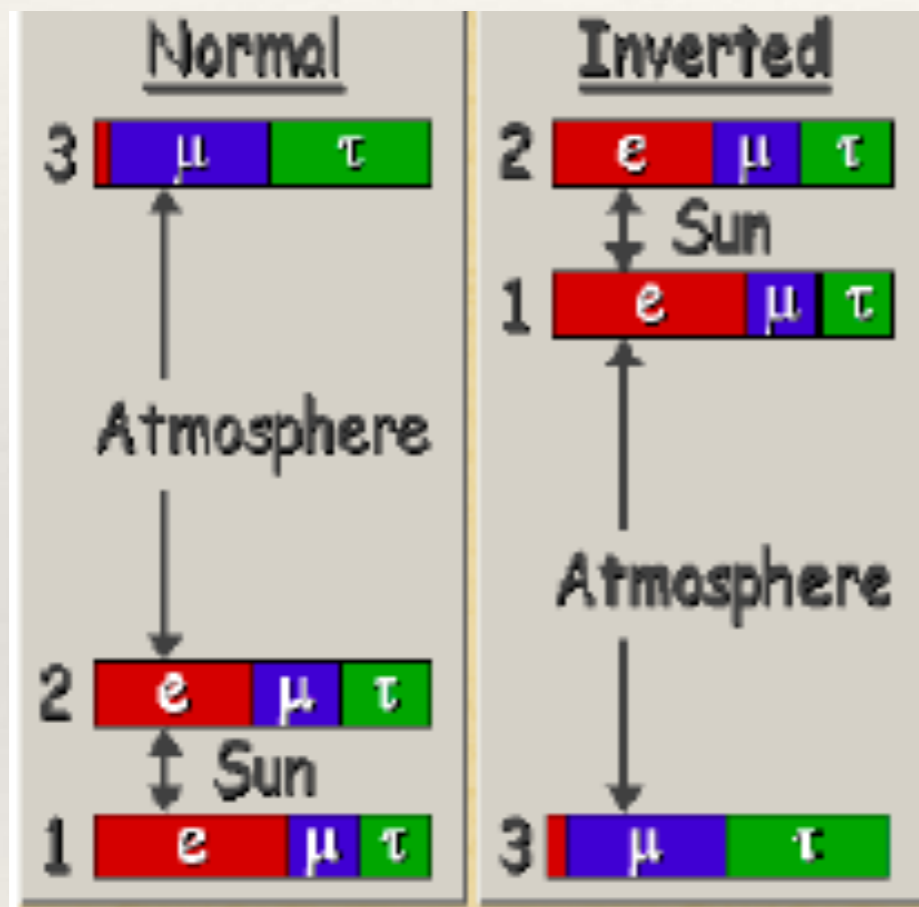
High Intensity Beams, bigger detectors

# Atmospheric neutrino detectors: salient features

|                                 | Prototype        | Salient features  |
|---------------------------------|------------------|---|
| Magnetized IRON                 | ICAL@INO         | 50 kt, muon energy and direction measurement, <b>charge id</b> , neutrino energy reconstruction |
| Water Cherenkov                 | Hyper Kamiokande | Megaton, no charge id, both electron and muon energy and direction                              |
| Water Cherenkov (Mediterranean) | ORCA             | Multi- Megaton, tracks and showers, no charge id  |
| ICE Cherenkov (Southpole)       | PINGU<br>IceCube | Multi megaton, tracks and showers , no charge id  |
| Liquid Argon                    | DUNE             | Liquid Argon, both muon and electron events<br>Charge id for both ??                            |

**Path length — 10- 10000 km, matter effects important**

# Mass hierarchy

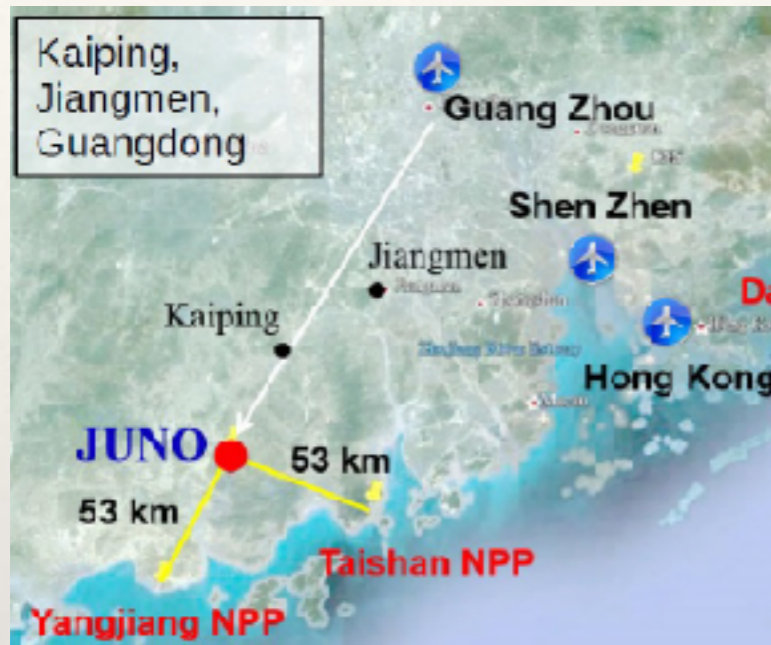


Matter effect in large baselines : long baseline beam and atmospheric neutrino experiments

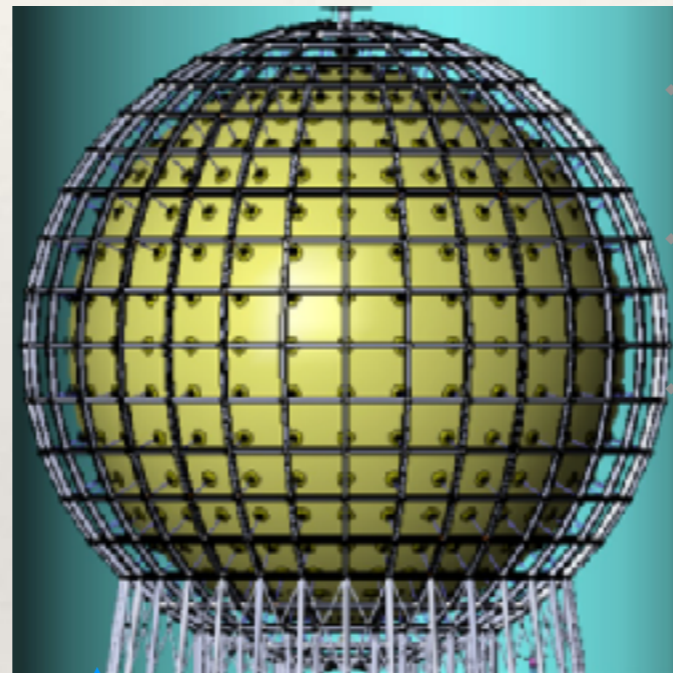
Interference effect in vacuum oscillations : reactor neutrino experiments

Absolute neutrino mass measurements  
Neutrino less double beta decay, Cosmology

# JUNO: Jianmen Underground Neutrino Observatory

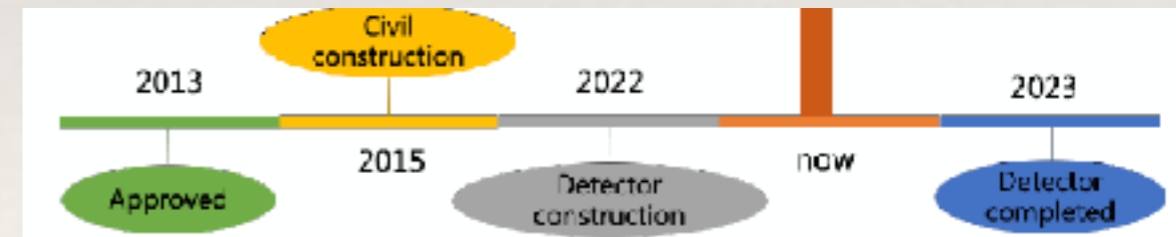
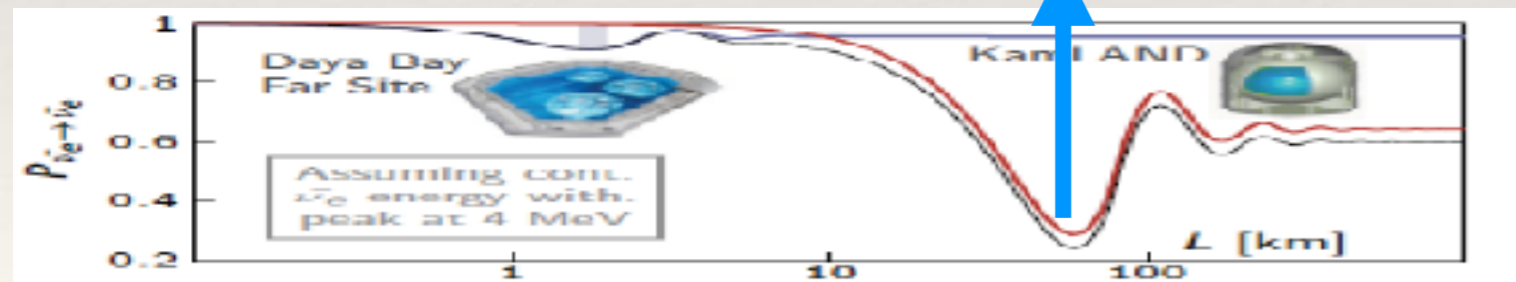


- ❖ Reactor Antineutrino Experiment
- ❖ 20 kt Liquid Scintillator detector



- ❖ Determination of mass Hierarchy
- ❖ Precision of osc. parameters
- ❖ Solar, supernova, atmospheric and geo-neutrinos

- ❖ Detector at 53 km from the two reactors



Expected to complete detector construction in 2023

# JUNO: Hierarchy and Precision

$$P_R(\bar{\nu}_e \rightarrow \bar{\nu}_e) = 1 - \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \cos^4 \theta_{13} \sin^2 2\theta_{12} \sin^2 \Delta_{21} \\ + \sin^2 2\theta_{13} \sin^2 \theta_{12} \left( \cos 2\Delta_{31} \sin^2 \Delta_{21} - \frac{1}{2} \sin 2\Delta_{31} \sin 2\Delta_{21} \right) \end{array} \right\}$$

Precision of  $\theta_{12}$

Bandyopadhyay, Choubey, S.G. 2003

Petcov, Piai, 2001,  
Choubey, Petcov, Piai, 2003

Hierarchy sensitivity

Distortions in the energy spectrum

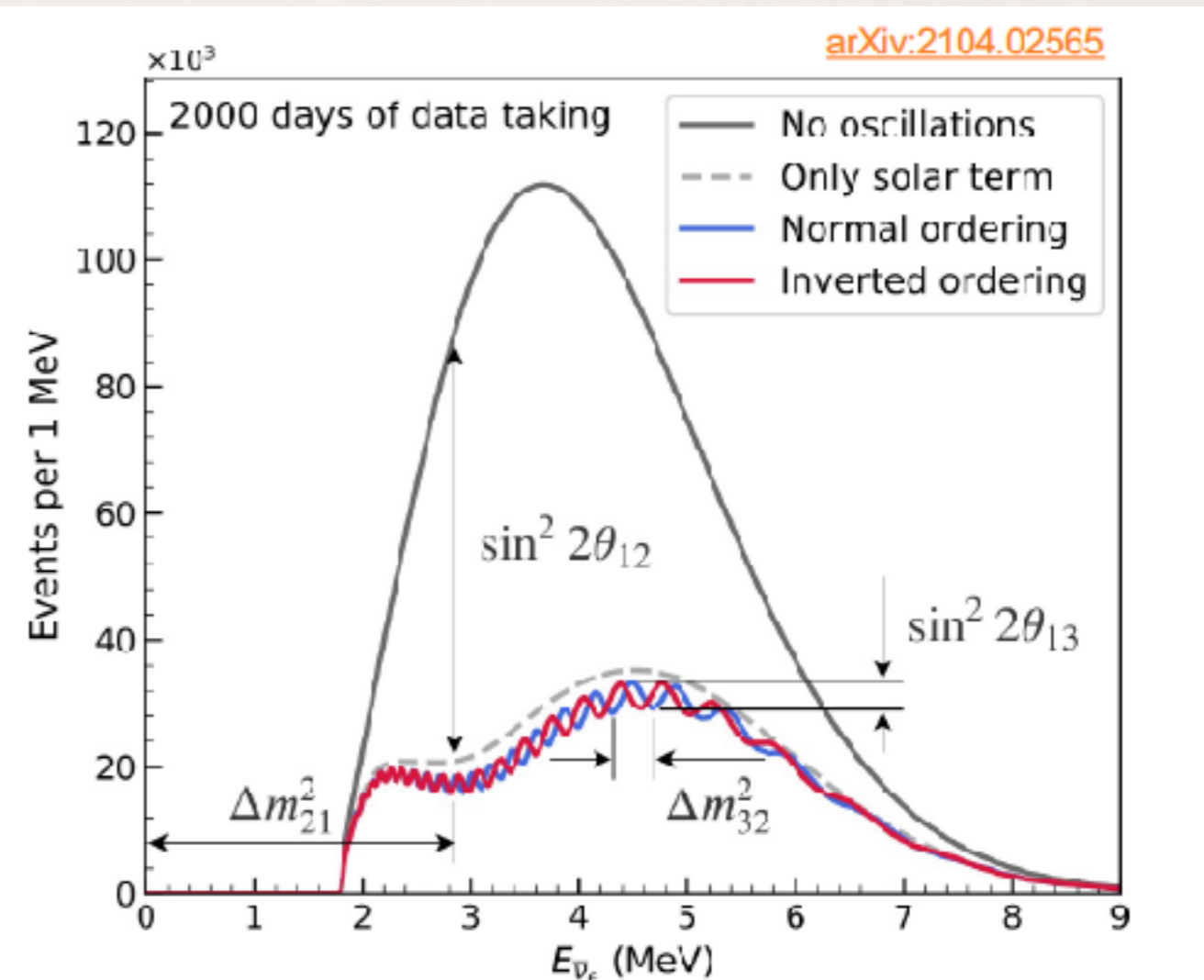
Better than 3% energy resolution needed

$3\sigma$  hierarchy sensitivity in 6 years

Precision of oscillation parameters

|              | $\Delta m_{31}^2$ | $\Delta m_{21}^2$ | $\sin^2 \theta_{12}$ | $\sin^2 \theta_{13}$ |
|--------------|-------------------|-------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| JUNO 6 years | $\sim 0.2\%$      | $\sim 0.3\%$      | $\sim 0.5\%$         | $\sim 12\%$          |
| PDG2020      | 1.4%              | 2.4%              | 4.2%                 | 3.2%                 |

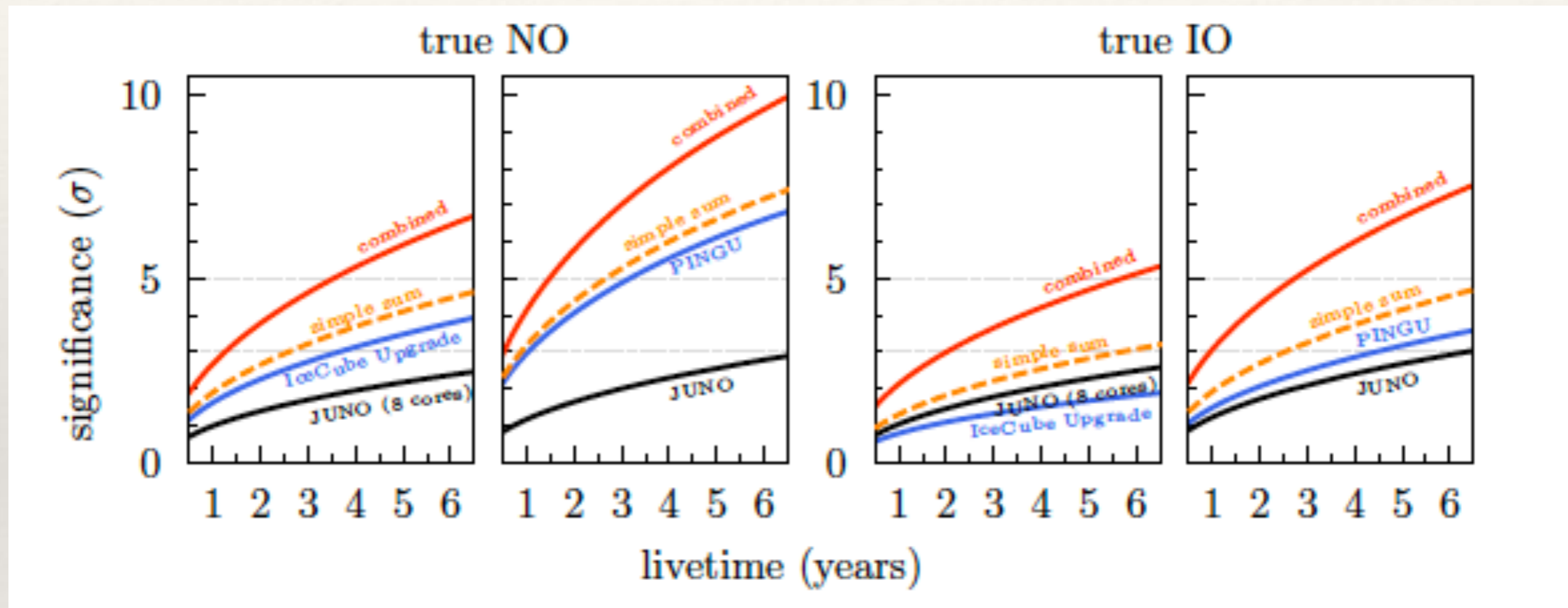
Table: A. Paoloni, 2021





# Hierarchy: Juno+IceCube upgrade

8 core JUNO + IceCube upgrade/PINGU / (better efficiency for lower energy neutrinos)



$5\sigma$  sensitivity in 4(6) years NO (IO)

IceCube : **earth matter effect** of atmospheric neutrinos

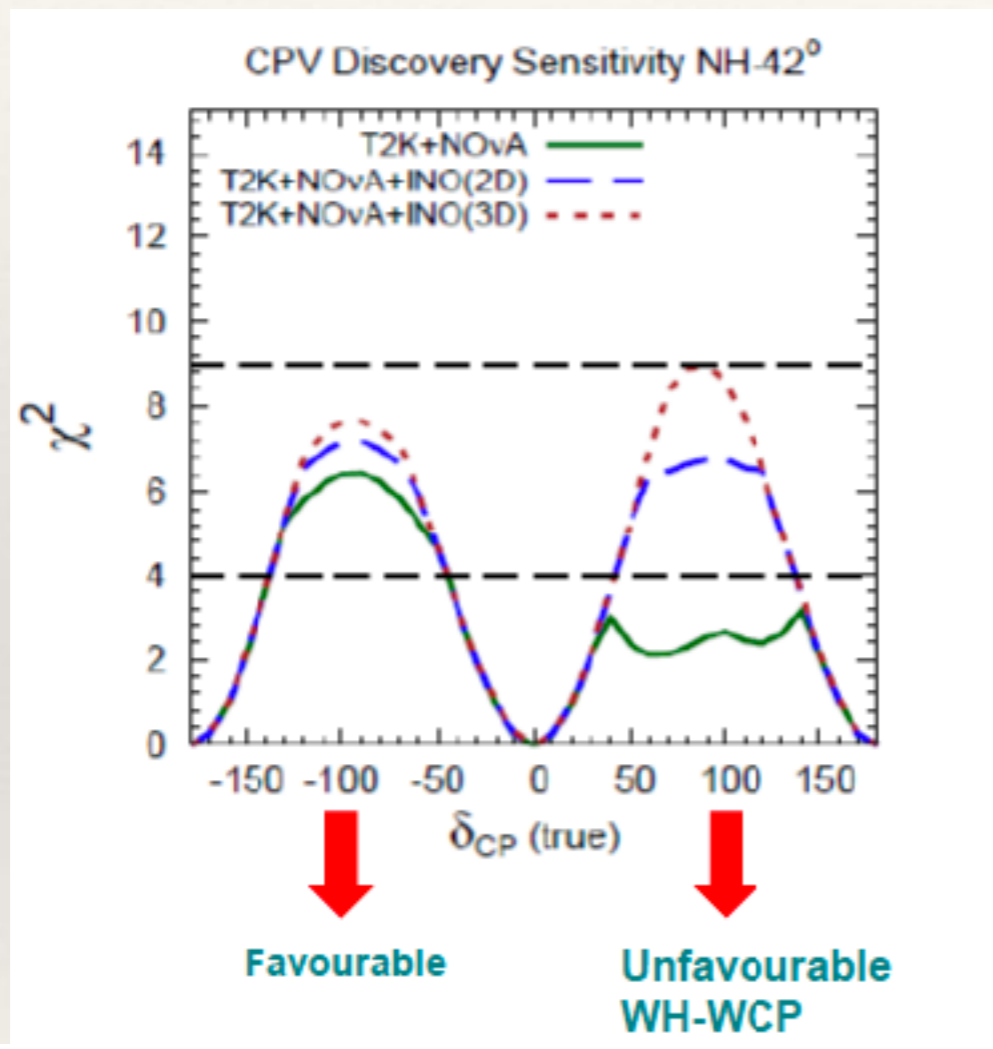
JUNO: interference effect in vacuum oscillation

} **Synergy**

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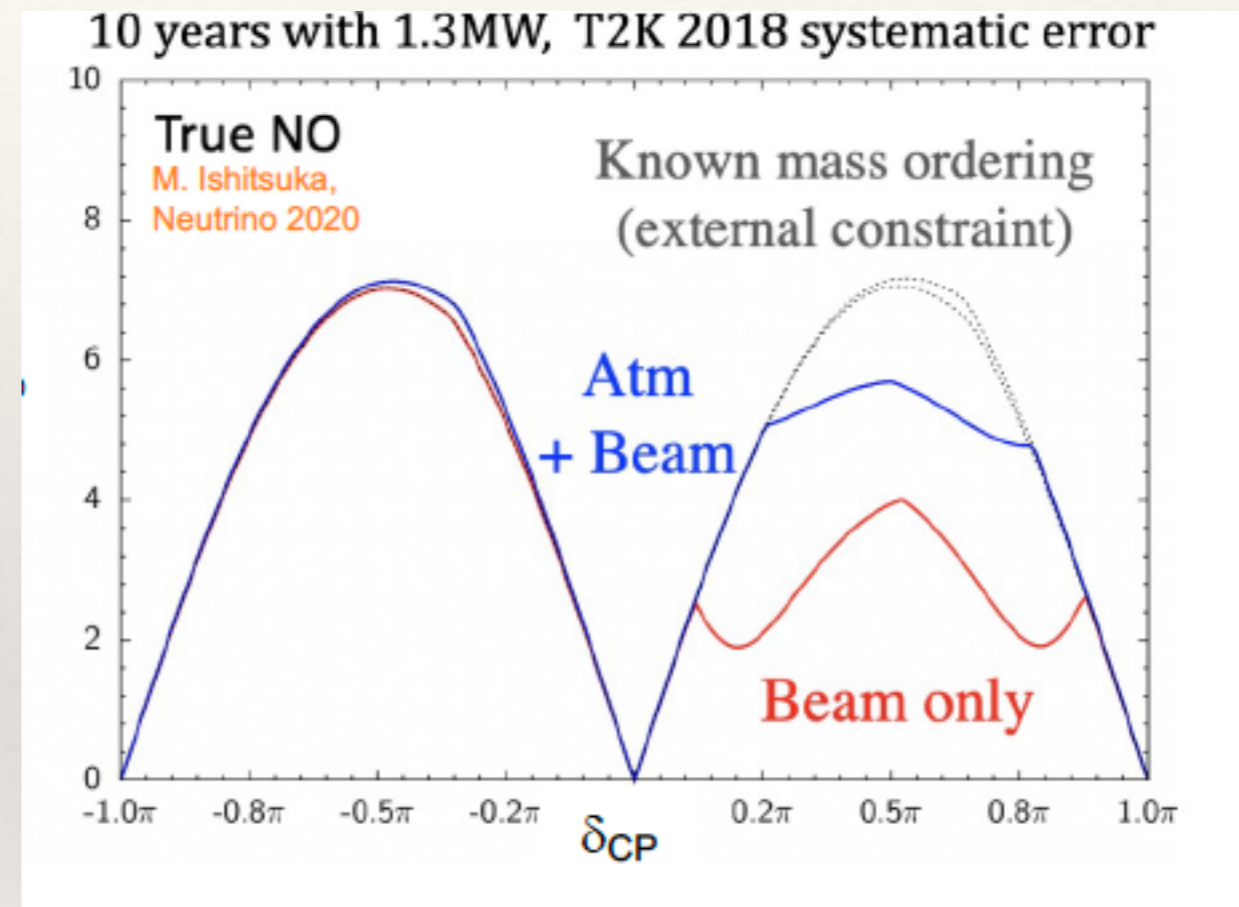
# Synergy between beam + atm for $\delta_{CP}$

T2K+NOVA+INO (500 kt-yr)



Ghosh, Ghoshal, Goswami, Raut, 2013  
 Gupta, Chakraborty, Goswami, 2018

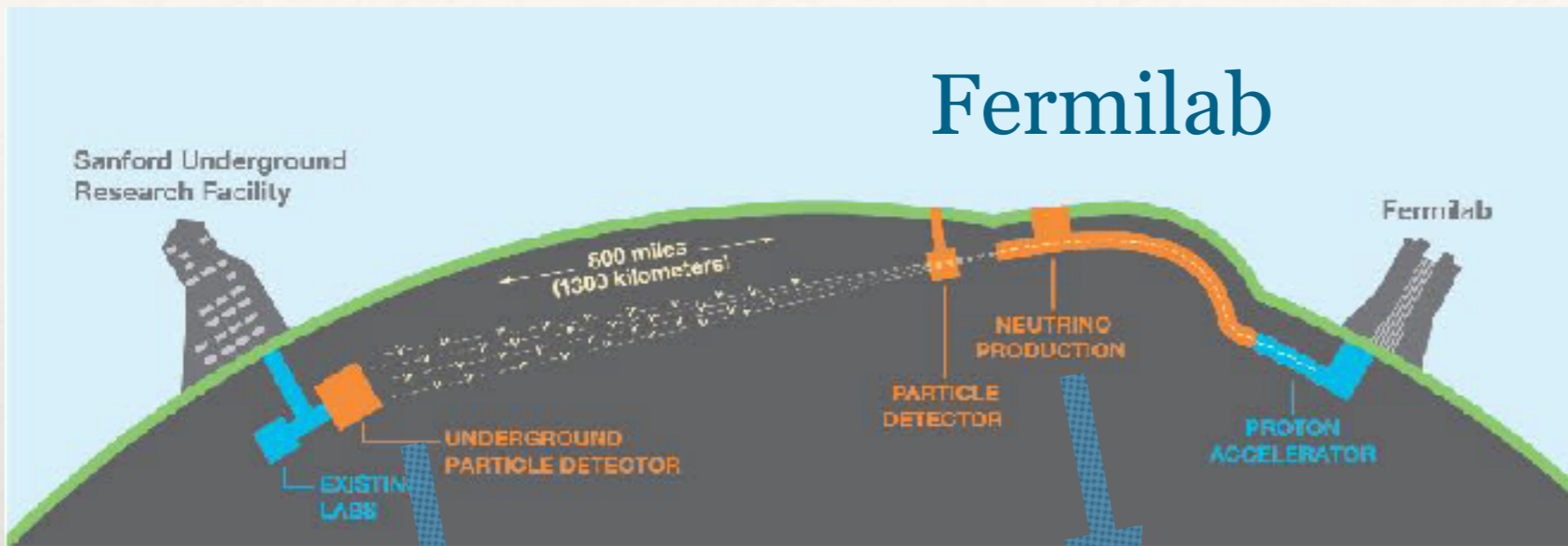
HyperK



HyperK design report arXiv: 1805.04613

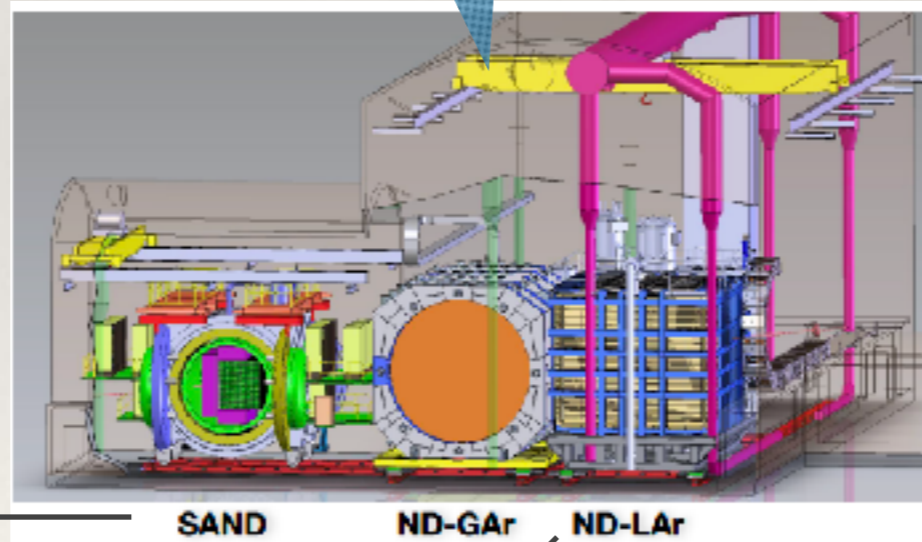
Atmospheric data can resolve hierarchy -CP degeneracy and enhances CP sensitivity

# DUNE



Far Detector  
Liquid Argon Time  
Projection Chamber

On-axis ←



DUNE PRISM: off-axis, movable

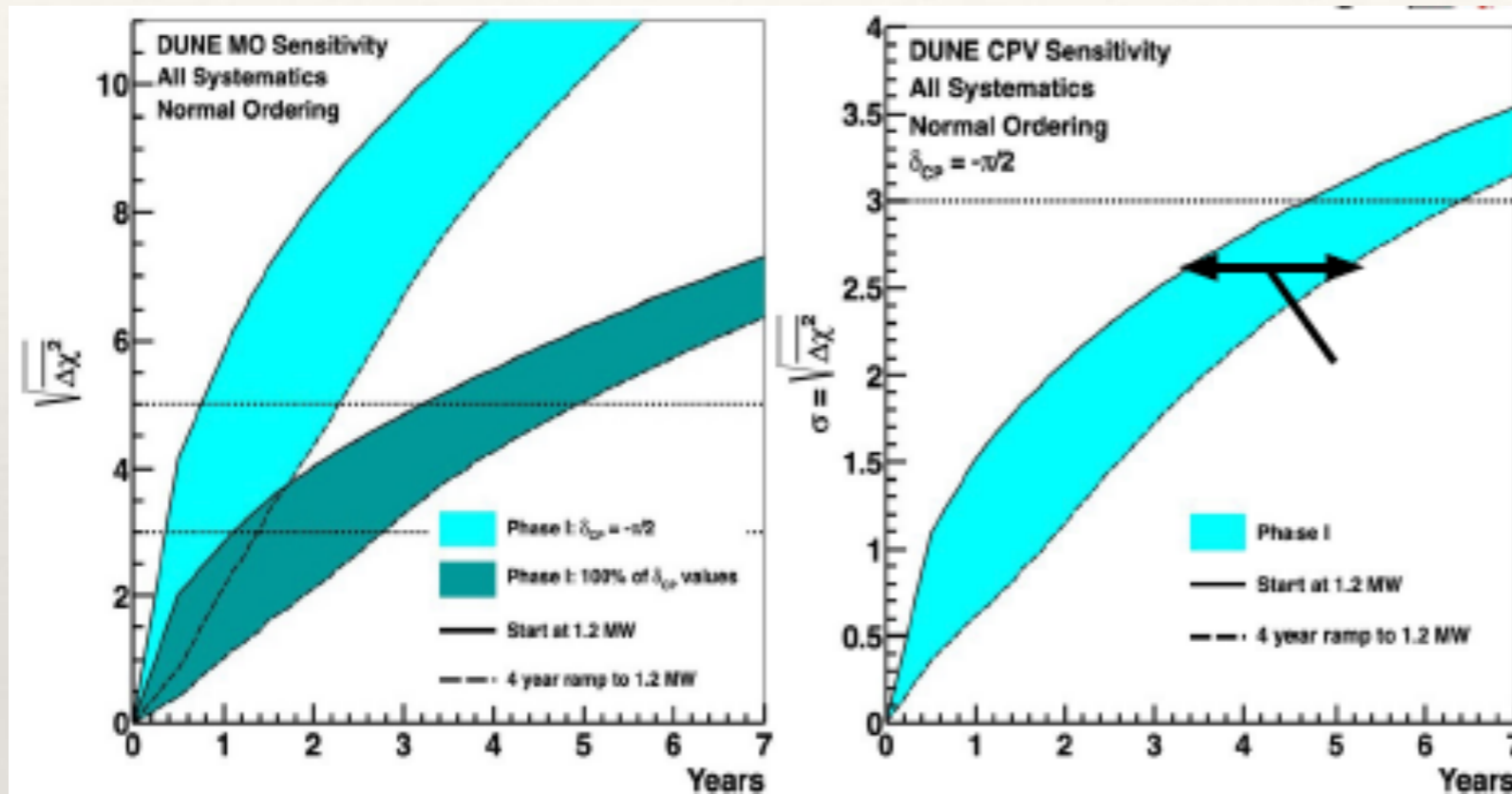
LBNF/DUNE-US Project + DUNE Int'l Project

| Capability Description                | Phase I | Phase II       |
|---------------------------------------|---------|----------------|
| <b>Beamline</b>                       |         |                |
| 1.2MW (includes 2.4MW infrastructure) | X       |                |
| 2.4MW                                 |         | X <sup>1</sup> |
| <b>Far Detectors</b>                  |         |                |
| FD1 – 17 kton                         | X       |                |
| FD2 – 17 kton                         | X       |                |
| FD3                                   |         | X <sup>2</sup> |
| FD4                                   |         | X <sup>2</sup> |
| <b>Near Detectors</b>                 |         |                |
| ND LAr                                | X       |                |
| TMS                                   | X       |                |
| SAND                                  | X       |                |
| MCND (ND GAr)                         |         | X              |

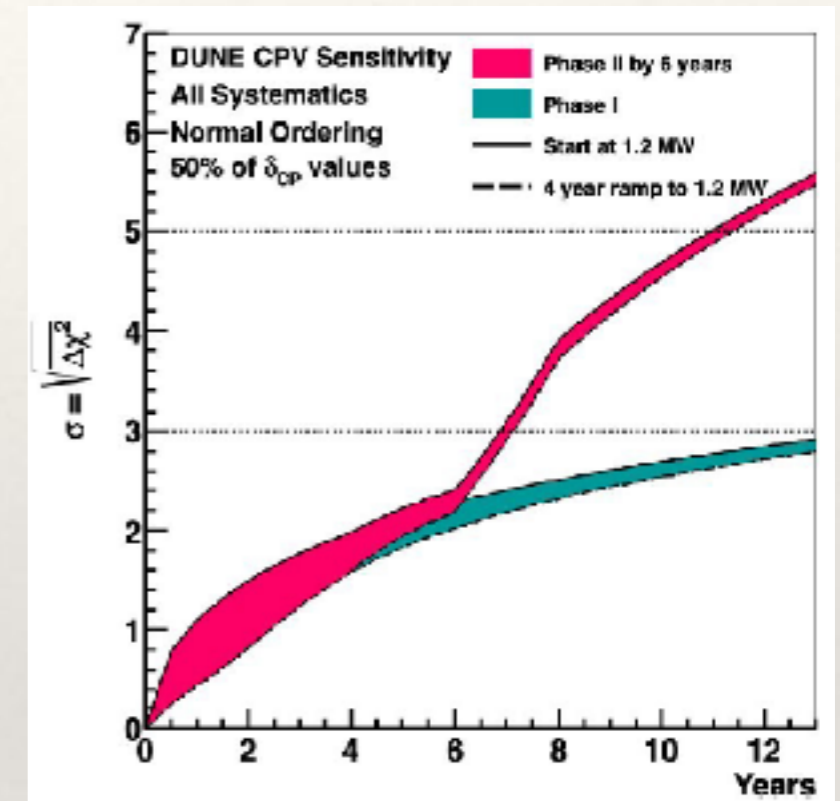
Phase II: increased far detector mass and beam power and improvement in near detector

# DUNE Physics Goals

Phase 1



Phase 2



$5\sigma$  hierarchy sensitivity in 5 years for 100%  $\delta_{CP}$

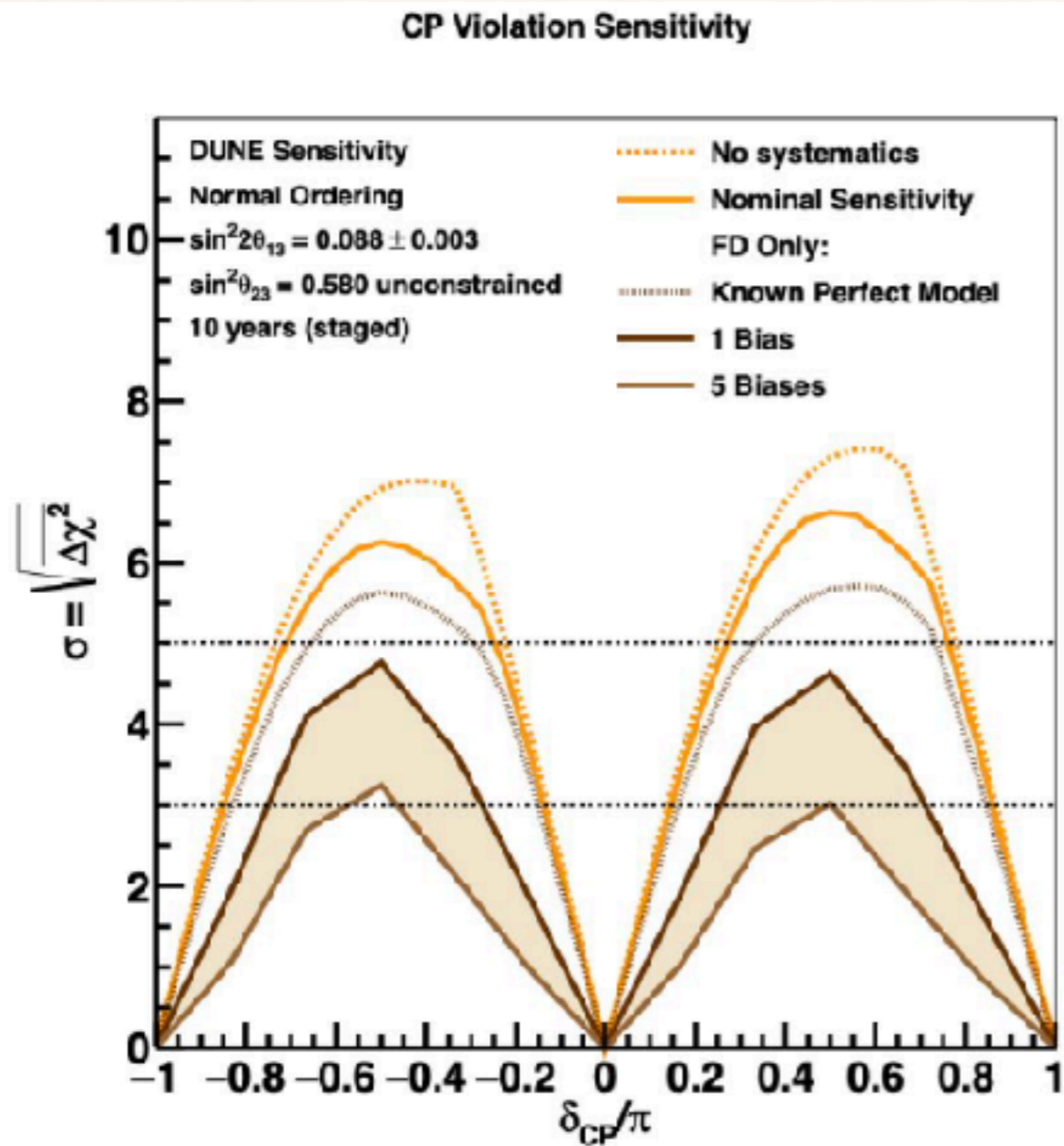
$3\sigma$  CPV sensitivity in 5 years for maximum CPV

Sensitivity to supernova neutrino burst, BSM physics

Sensitivity for  
50%  $\delta_{CP}$  values

Improved sensitivity to BSM physics at  
ND with the beam upgrade

# Impact of Systematic Uncertainty



- ❖ CP violation is manifest in differences between neutrino and antineutrino probabilities — at the level of few percents
- ❖ Needs large data samples
- ❖ Systematic uncertainties play important role for precision measurements
- ❖ Near detectors help in reducing these
- ❖ Measurement of neutrino-nucleus scattering cross-sections

# Neutrino interaction cross-sections

|              | Experiment | Flavor   | $\nu_\mu$ Flux Peak (GeV) | Target                              | Detection                         |
|--------------|------------|--|---------------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| ND beam      | T2K        | $\nu_\mu, \bar{\nu}_\mu, \nu_e, \bar{\nu}_e$                   | 0.6, 0.8, 1               | CH, H <sub>2</sub> O, Fe            | Tracking                          |
|              | NOvA       | $\nu_\mu, \bar{\nu}_\mu, \nu_e, \bar{\nu}_e$                   | 2                         | CH <sub>2</sub>                     | Tracking+Calorimetry              |
|              | DUNE       | $\nu_\mu, \bar{\nu}_\mu, \nu_e, \bar{\nu}_e$                   | PRISM: 0.5-3              | H, C, Ar                            | Tracking+Calorimetry              |
|              | HK IWCD    | $\nu_\mu, \nu_\mu, \nu_e, \nu_e$                               | PRISM: 0.4-1              | H <sub>2</sub> O                    | Cherenkov                         |
| SBN@Fermilab | MicroBooNE | $\nu_\mu, \nu_e$   | 0.3, 0.8                  | Ar                                  | Tracking   Calorimetry            |
|              | SBND       | $\nu_\mu, \nu_e$   | 0.8 (PRISM: 0.6-0.8)      | Ar                                  | Tracking+Calorimetry              |
|              | ICARUS     | $\nu_\mu, \nu_e$   | 0.3, 0.8                  | Ar                                  | Tracking+Calorimetry              |
| Dedicated    | MINERvA    | $\nu_\mu, \bar{\nu}_\mu, \nu_e, \bar{\nu}_e$                   | 3.5, 6                    | He, C, CH, H <sub>2</sub> O, Fe, Pb | Tracking+Calorimetry              |
|              | ANNIE      | $\nu_\mu, \bar{\nu}_\mu$                                       | 0.6                       | CH, H <sub>2</sub> O                | Cherenkov                         |
|              | NINJA      | $\nu_\mu, \nu_\mu, \nu_e, \nu_e$                               | 1                         | CH, H <sub>2</sub> O, Fe            | Emulsion                          |
| LHC          | FPF        | $\nu_\mu, \nu_\mu, \nu_e, \nu_e$<br>$\nu_\tau, \bar{\nu}_\tau$ | 700 GeV                   | W, Ar                               | Emulsion,<br>Tracking+Calorimetry |
|              | nuSTORM    | $\nu_\mu, \bar{\nu}_\mu, \nu_e, \bar{\nu}_e$                   | PRISM: 0.8-3              | CH, H <sub>2</sub> O, Ar, TBD       | Tracking   Calorimetry (TBD)      |

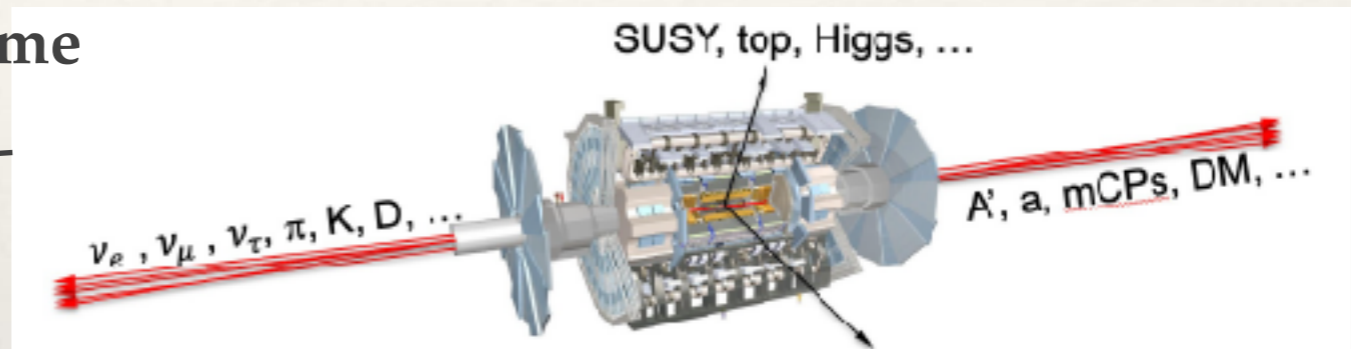
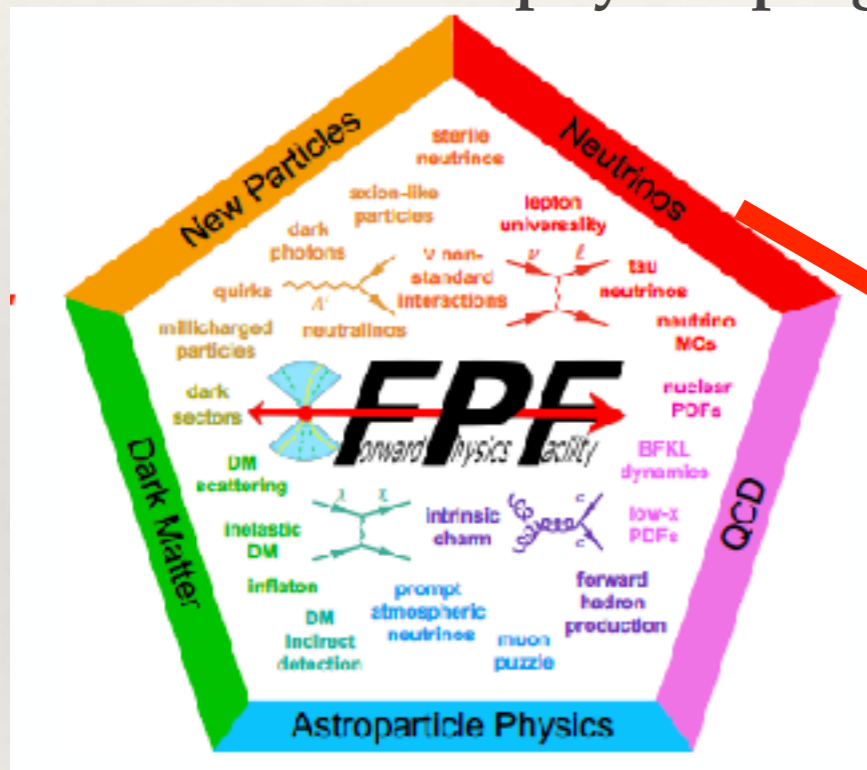
Experimental measurement of neutrino-nuclear cross-sections and refinement of theoretical calculations including many body effects, nuclear form factors from LQCD, and strategies for the Event Generators — crucial for precision neutrino measurements

# Forward Physics Facility @HL-LHC

Largest Flux of Pion, Kaon, D-Meson, neutrinos in the forward direction

There can also be dark photons, axion like particle, light dark matter etc.

Rich and diverse physics programme

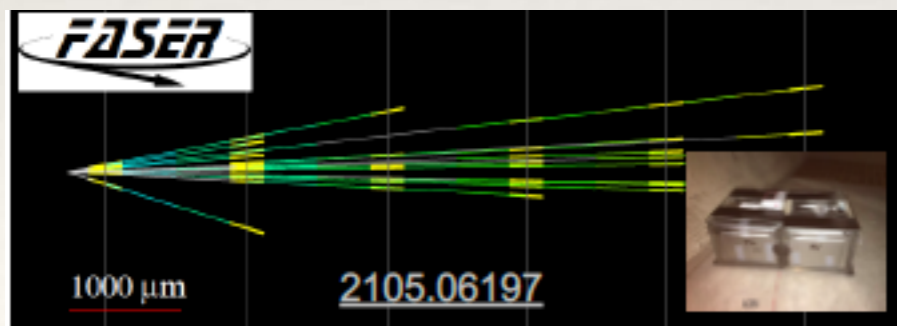


Laboratory measurements of neutrinos at the TeV scale for the first time

Detection of thousands of tau neutrino interactions for the first time

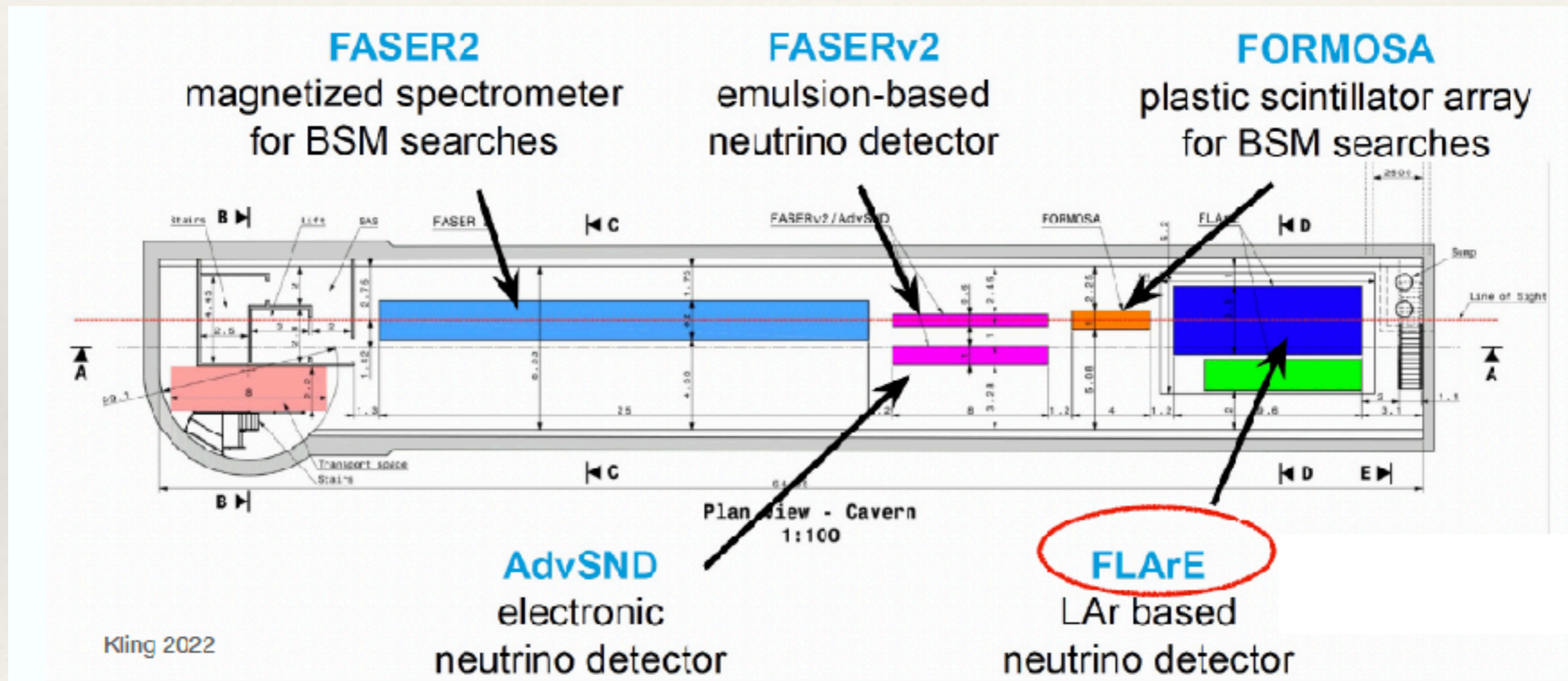
Faser detector in the far forward region running for 4 weeks have detected 6 neutrino events

Talk by Jonathan Feng, SNOWMASS meeting



# FPF@HL-LHC

5 detectors are being developed

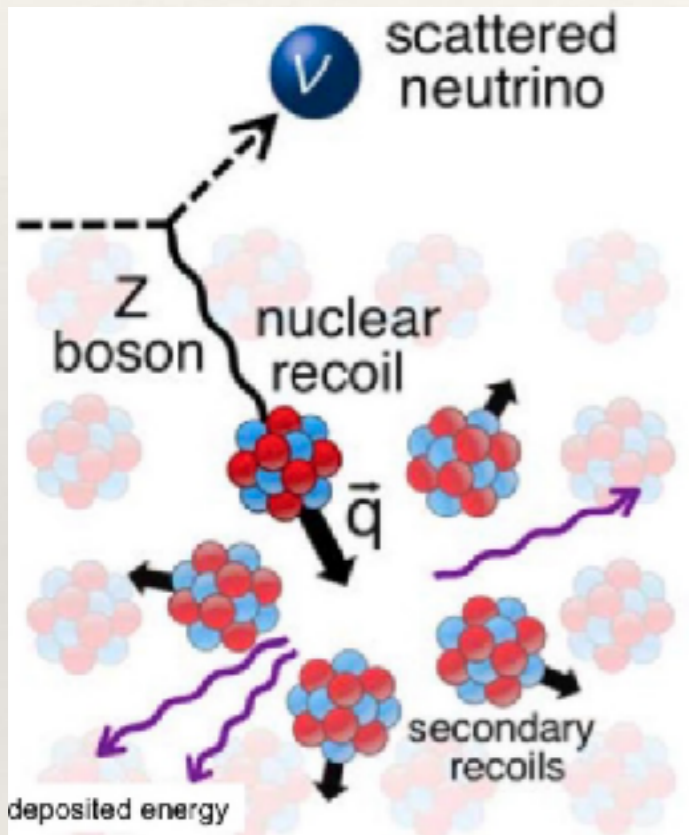


Conceptual design report : mid 2023



# Coherent Elastic Neutrino-Nucleus Scattering

$$\nu + A \rightarrow \nu + A \quad (\chi + A \rightarrow \chi + A)$$

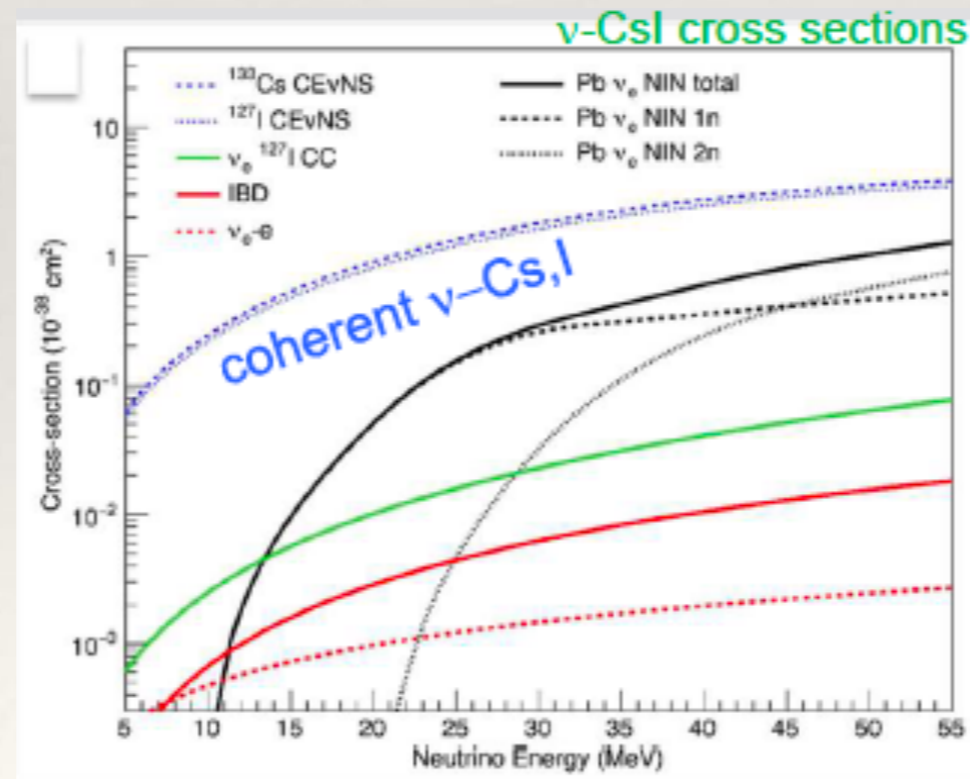


Detection : the tiny energy deposited by nuclear recoil in the target material

Challenging : recoil energy  
50 KeV for 10 MeV neutrinos



COHERENT collab, Science 3 Aug, 2017



First result in 2017  
6.7 $\sigma$  discovery of CEvNS  
Consistent with SM at 1 $\sigma$

# Physics Reach

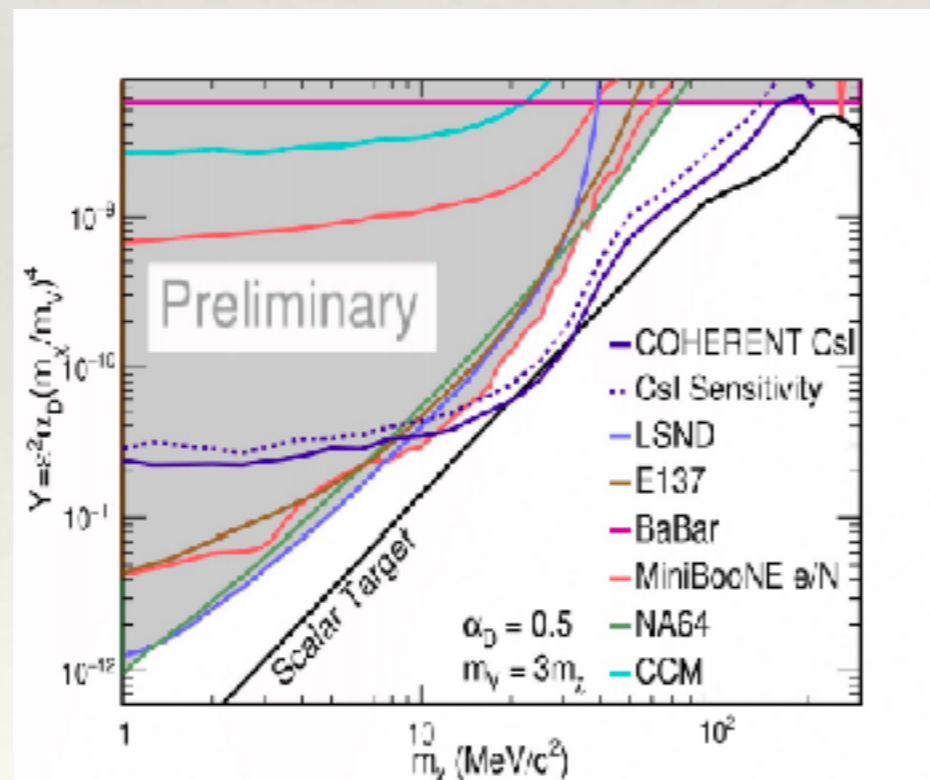
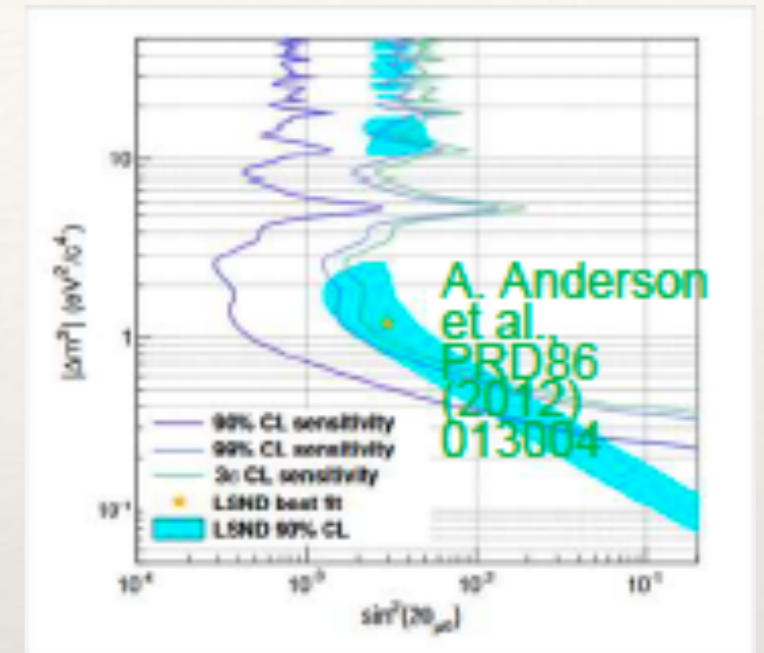
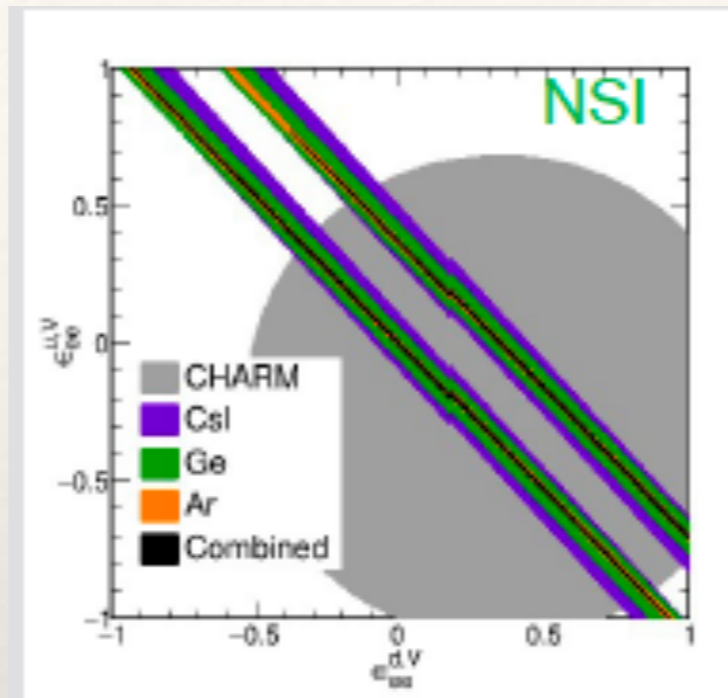
Nuclear Physics and nuclear form factors

Precision SM test : weak mixing angle

BSM physics : Non-standard interaction, neutrino magnetic moment

Supernova neutrinos : cross sections at SN nu energies

Dark Matter



Probing sub-GeV Dark matter with CsI at SNS in Oak Ridge National Laboratory

arXiv:2110.1145

# COHERENT past current and future detectors

Phase 1 : Observe CE  $\nu$ NS process with multiple detector technologies

Phase 2 : Precision measurements with larger detectors

| Target    | Technology    | Fid. Mass (kg) | Threshold (keV <sub>nr</sub> ) | Commission dates | Pubs/status   |
|-----------|---------------|----------------|--------------------------------|------------------|---|
| CsI[Na]   | Scintillation | 14.6           | 6.5                            | 2015             | 1 <sup>st</sup> result, 2017: <a href="https://arxiv.org/abs/1708.0990">10.1126/science.aao0990</a><br>updated results in press, detector removed |
| Liquid Ar | Scintillation | 24.4/610       | 20                             | 2017/2024        | 1 <sup>st</sup> result, 2019: <a href="https://arxiv.org/abs/1901.02002">10.1103/PhysRevLett.126.012002</a> ,<br>currently running                |
| Ge        | Ionization    | 18             | 0.5                            | 2022             | commissioning   |
| NaI[Tl]   | Scintillation | 2500           | 13                             | 2022             | commissioning: 2022   |

R. Tayloe, NDM2022

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# Beyond vanilla oscillations

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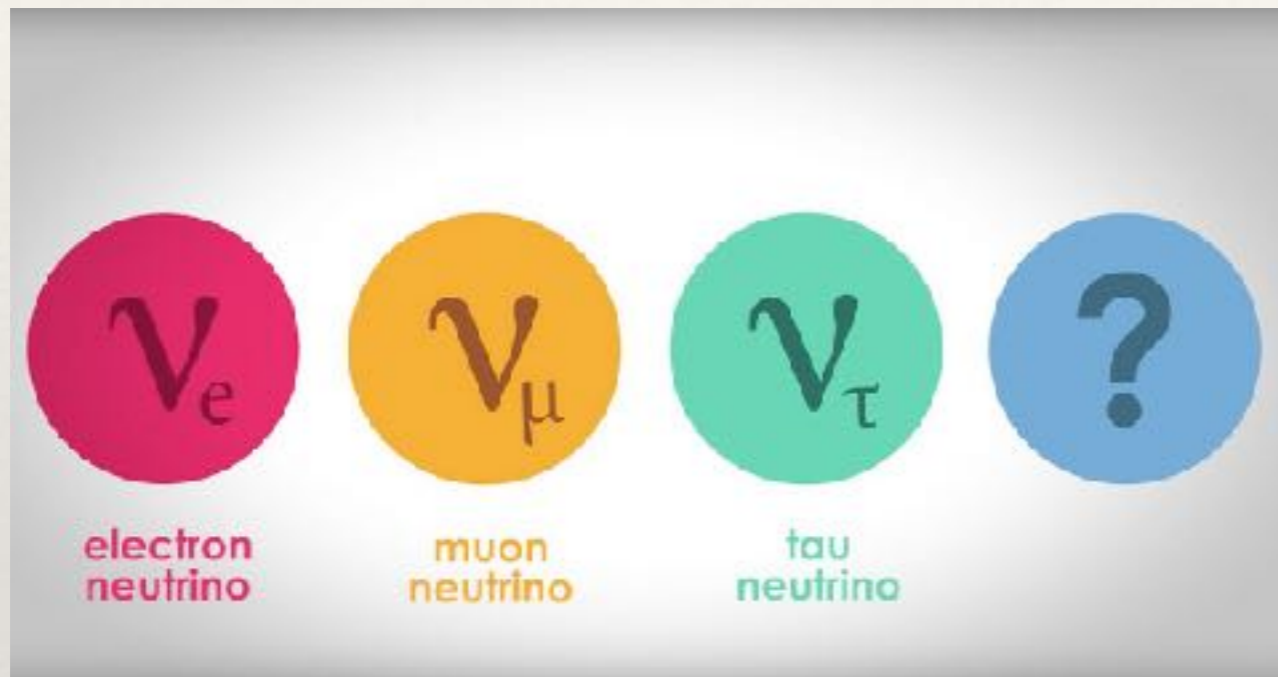
- ❖ Possibility of probing new physics beyond the SM in neutrino oscillation experiments
- ❖ Sterile neutrinos, non-standard interactions, non-unitarity of neutrino mixing matrices, CPT violation, long range force, unstable neutrinos ....
- ❖ Sub-leading effect
- ❖ **Changes the oscillation probability**
- ❖ **Impact on the 3-neutrino picture — extra parameters and degeneracies**
- ❖ **Constraining new physics parameters**
- ❖ **Unique signatures of BSM physics in neutrino experiments ?**



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# Are there more than 3 neutrinos ?

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**Extra sterile neutrino ?**  
**Light or heavy ?**

# Evidence for sterile neutrinos

LSND

$L \simeq 30 \text{ m}$

$20 \text{ MeV} \leq E \leq 200 \text{ MeV}$

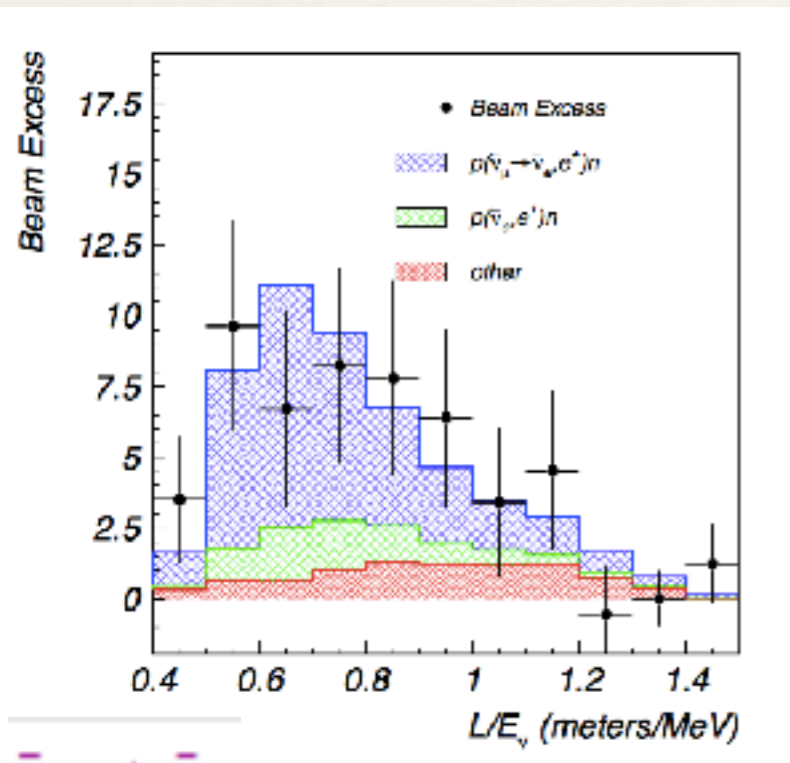
MiniBOONE

$L \simeq 541 \text{ m}$

$200 \text{ MeV} \leq E \lesssim 3 \text{ GeV}$

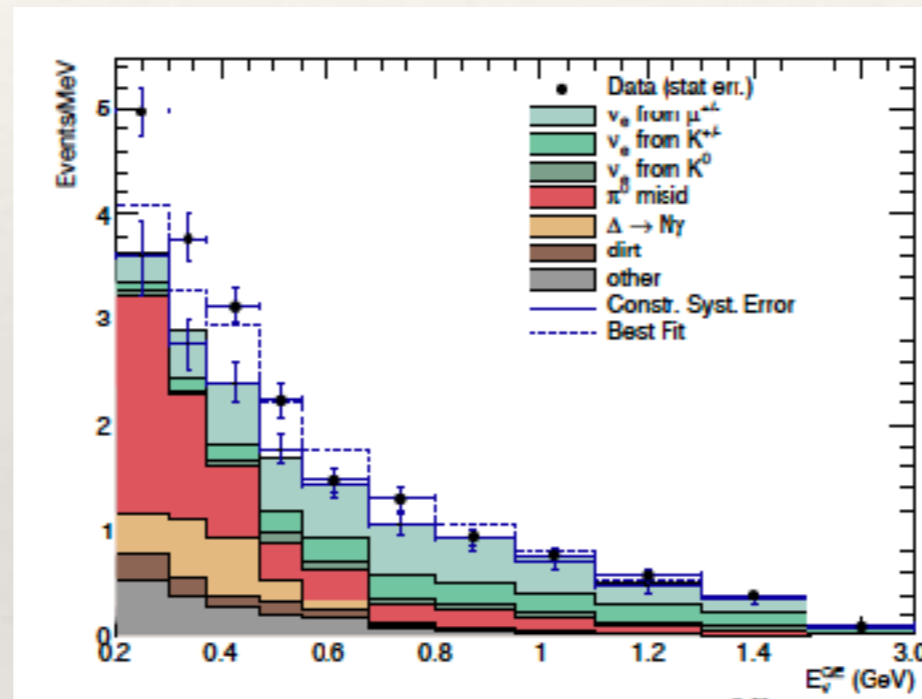
LSND+MiniBOONE

Same L/E

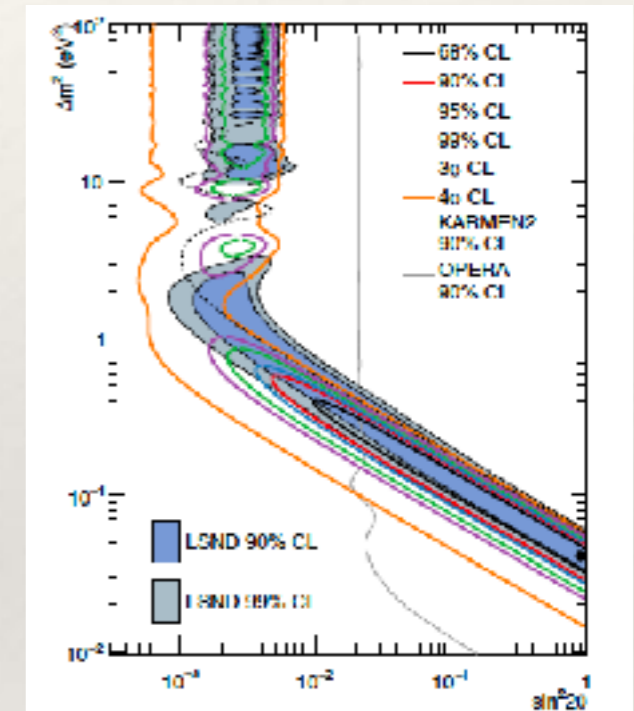


$\bar{\nu}_\mu \rightarrow \bar{\nu}_e$

LSND PRL 1995,  
PRD 2001



A.A. Aguilar Arevalo, PRL 121, 221801, 2018.

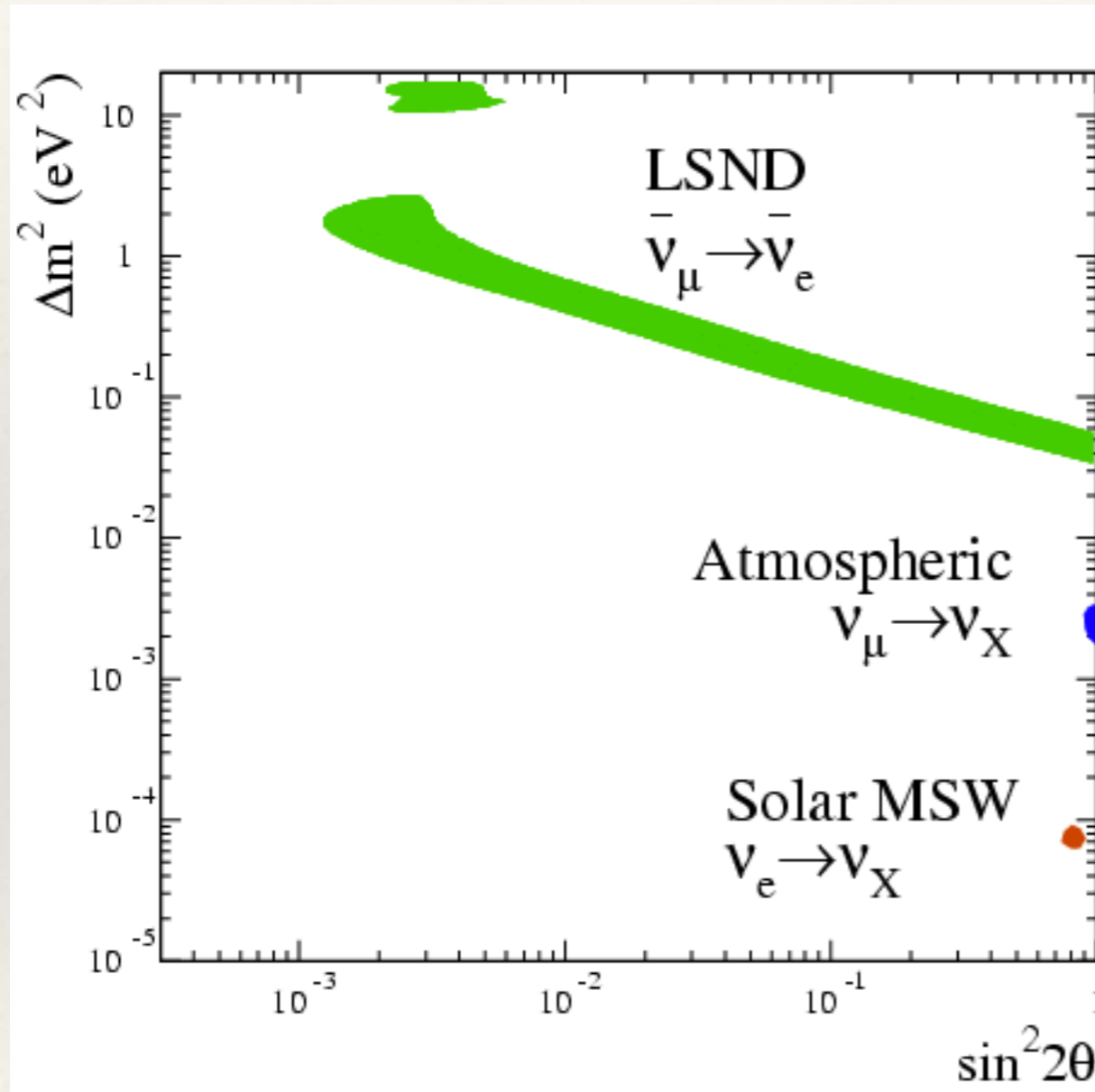


$3.8\sigma$  excess  $\Delta m^2 \gtrsim 0.2 \text{ eV}^2$

Reactor Anomaly  
Ga Anomaly

$$P \simeq 1 - \sin^2 2\theta_{14} \sin^2 \left[ 1.27 \frac{\Delta m_{41}^2 L}{E_\nu} \left( \frac{\text{eV}^2 \cdot \text{m}}{\text{MeV}} \right) \right]$$

# Sterile Neutrino



$$\Delta m_{solar}^2 = 10^{-5} eV^2$$

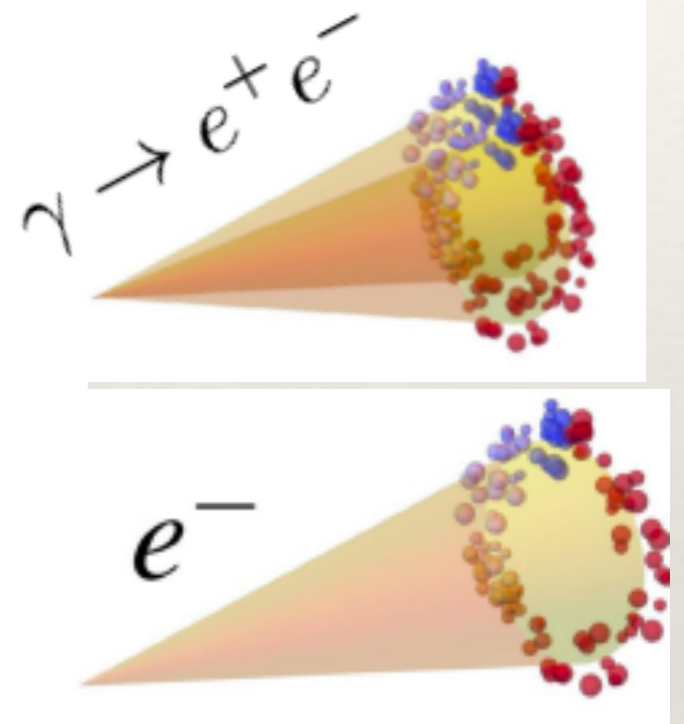
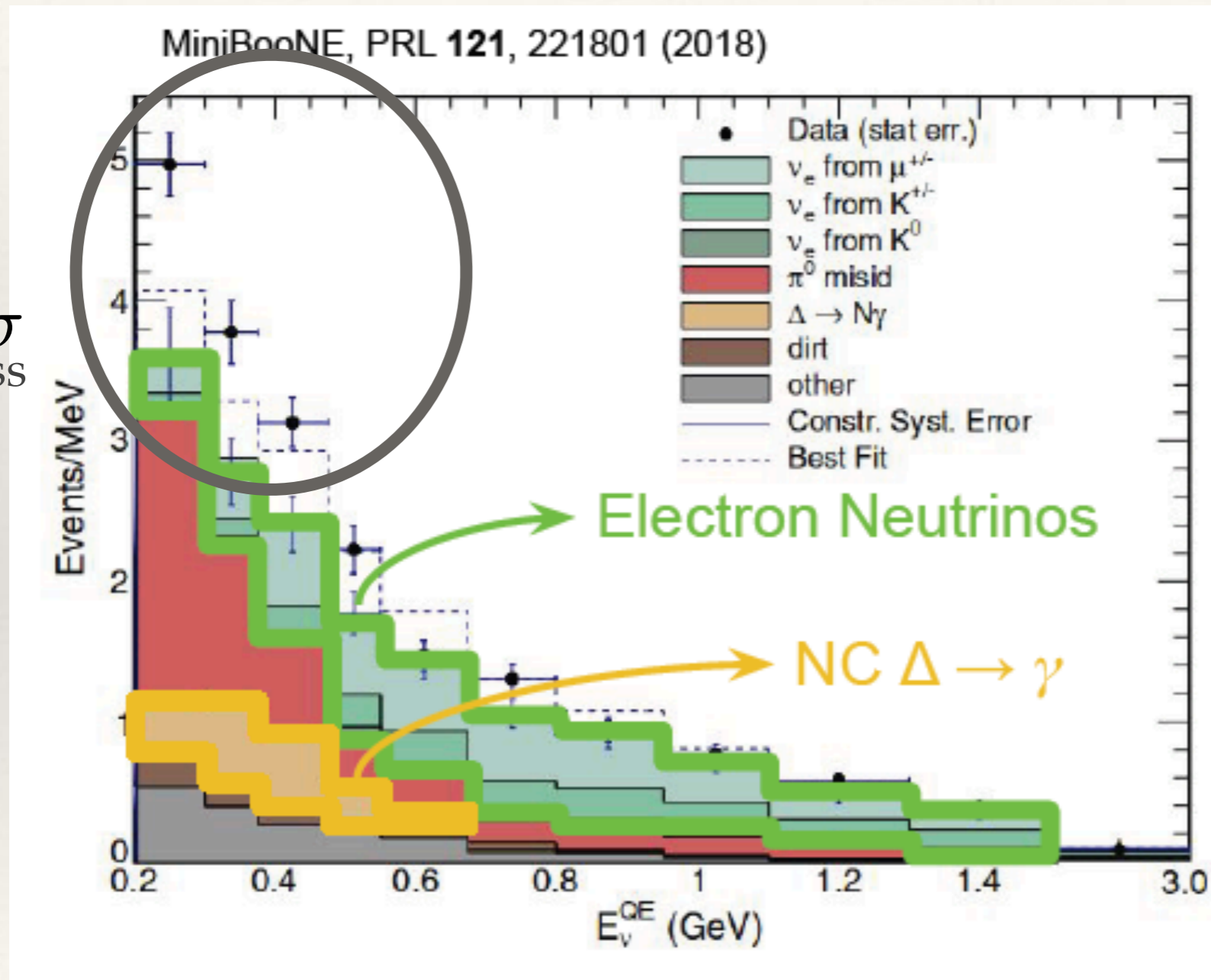
$$\Delta m_{atm}^2 = 10^{-3} eV^2$$

**Requires at least one  
additional neutrino (3+1)**

- ❖ The constraints from Z decay => the additional neutrino is sterile i.e has no Standard Model interaction

# Low Energy Excess in MiniBooNE

4.5 $\sigma$   
Excess

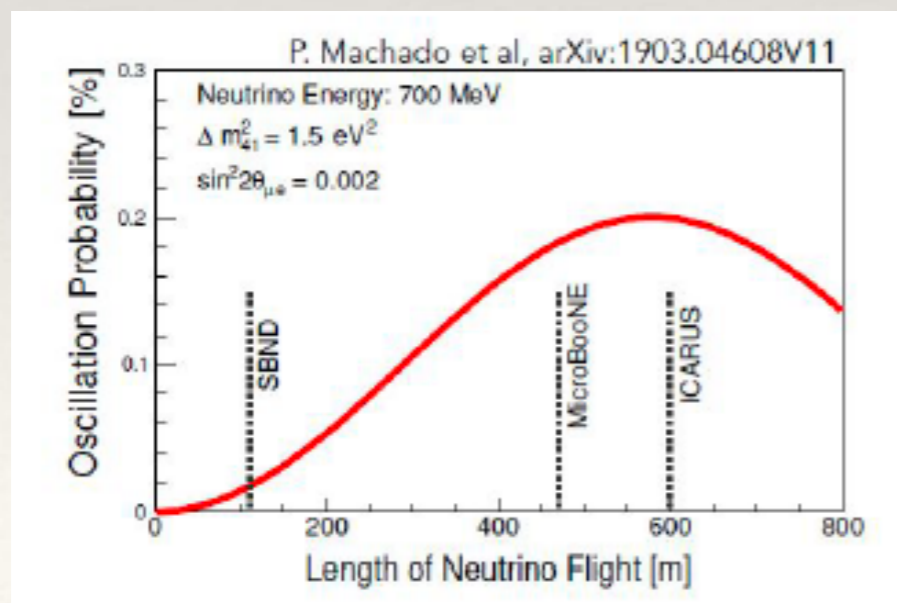
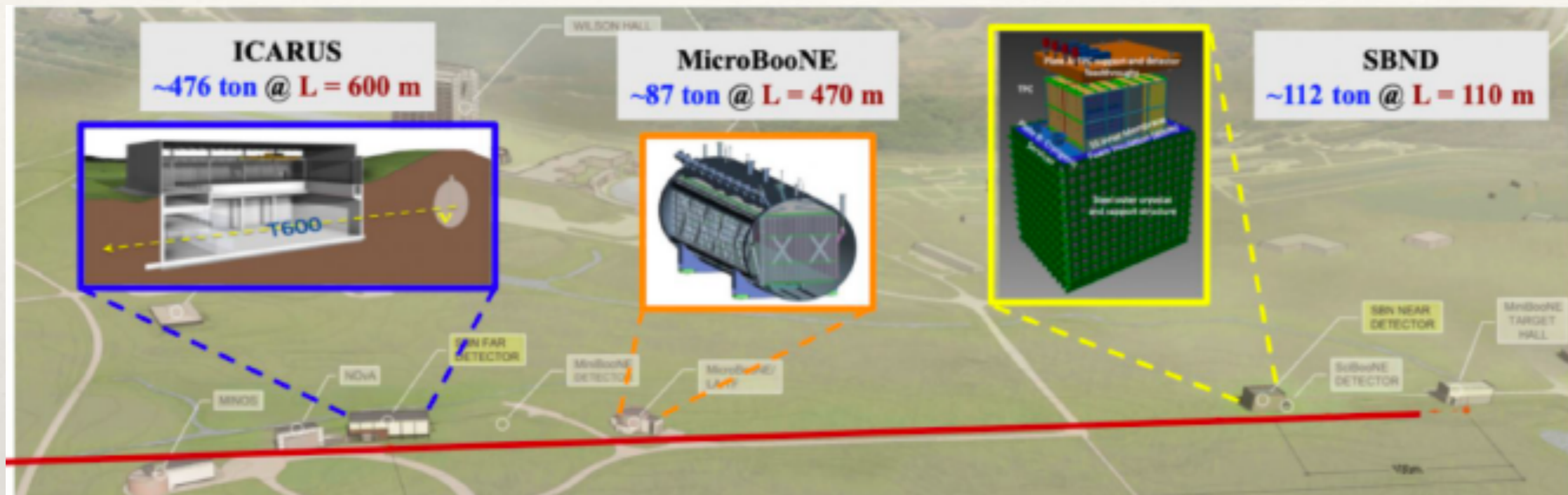


Cannot distinguish  
between Cherenkov  
cone of electrons and  
single photon



# SBN@FermiLab

## 3 Liquid Argon TPCs located along the Booster Neutrino Beamline in FERMILAB

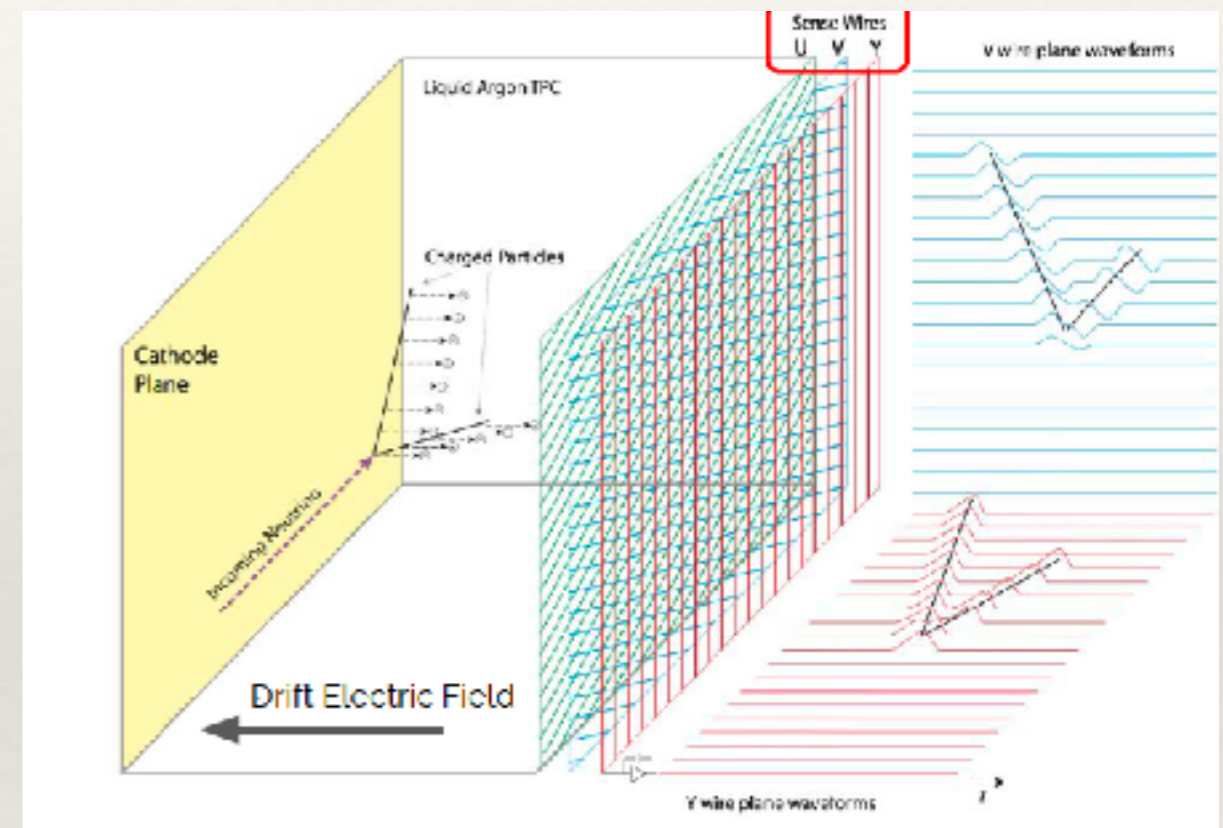


Search for sterile neutrinos  
Cross-section measurement  
New physics

# MicroBoone

- ❖ 8 ton surface based LArTPC detector
- ❖ Taking data since 2015
- ❖ Primary goal is to identify if the MiniBoone LEE is

Same beam and similar baseline but different detector technology



NC  $\Delta \rightarrow \gamma$   
SM background

Electron Neutrinos  
eV steriles?

- ❖ Can separate electrons and photons because of excellent resolution of LiqAr detectors

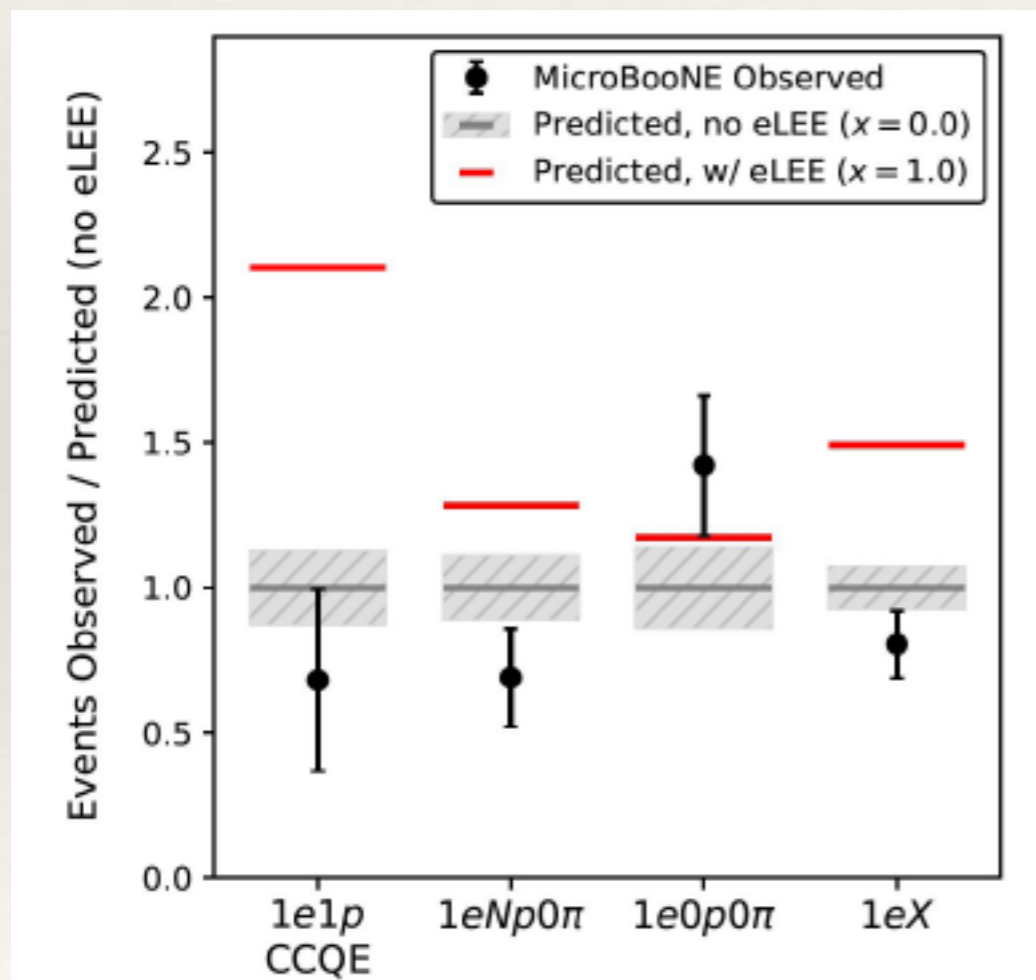
# MicroBoone Results

- ❖ Disfavour NC  $\Delta \rightarrow \gamma$  as origin of LEE 94.8% C.L.
- ❖ No electron neutrino excess in data New physics ?

See however

<https://arxiv.org/pdf/2111.10359.pdf>

The electron neutrino excess cannot be excluded in a mode independent way



| 3+1 Fit        | $ U_{e4} ^2$ | $ U_{\mu4} ^2$ | $\Delta m^2$ | $\Delta\chi^2 / \text{dof}$ |
|----------------|--------------|----------------|--------------|-----------------------------|
| MiniBooNE only | 0.508        | 0.0205         | 0.191        | 27.8 / 3                    |
| Combination    | 0.502        | 0.0158         | 0.209        | 24.7 / 3                    |

TABLE I. Summary of results. The  $\Delta\chi^2/\text{dof}$  in the last column compares the 3 + 1 model to the no-oscillation model.

<https://arxiv.org/pdf/2201.01724.pdf>

<https://arxiv.org/pdf/2110.14054.pdf>

Result from all 3 detectors in SBN

# Alternative explanations

## Dark Neutrino Portal to Explain MiniBooNE excess

Enrico Bertuzzo (Sao Paulo U.), Sudip Jana (Oklahoma Ctr. High Energy Phys. & Oklahoma State)  
Published in *Phys.Rev.Lett.* 121 (2018) no.24, 241801

## Explaining the MiniBooNE excess by a decaying sterile neutrino with mass in the 250 MeV range

Oliver Fischer, Álvaro Hernández-Cabezudo, Thomas Schwetz (KIT, Karlsruhe, IKP). Sep 20, 2019. 26 pp.

e-Print: [arXiv:1909.09561](https://arxiv.org/abs/1909.09561) [hep-ph] | [PDF](#)

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[ADS Abstract Service](#)

## $U(1)'$ mediated decays of heavy sterile neutrinos in MiniBooNE

Peter Ballett, Silvia Pascoli (Durham U., IPPP), Mark Ross-Lonergan (Nevis Labs, Columbia U.). Aug 8, 2018. 8 pp.  
Published in *Phys.Rev. D* 99 (2019) 071701  
IPPP/18/70

## Testing New Physics Explanations of MiniBooNE Anomaly at Neutrino Scattering Experiments

Carlos A. Argüelles (MIT, Cambridge, Dept. Phys.), Matheus Hostert (Durham U., IPPP), Yu-Dai Tsai (Fermilab). Dec 20, 2018. 7 pp.  
IPPP/18/113, FERMILAB-PUB-18-686-A-ND-PPD-T  
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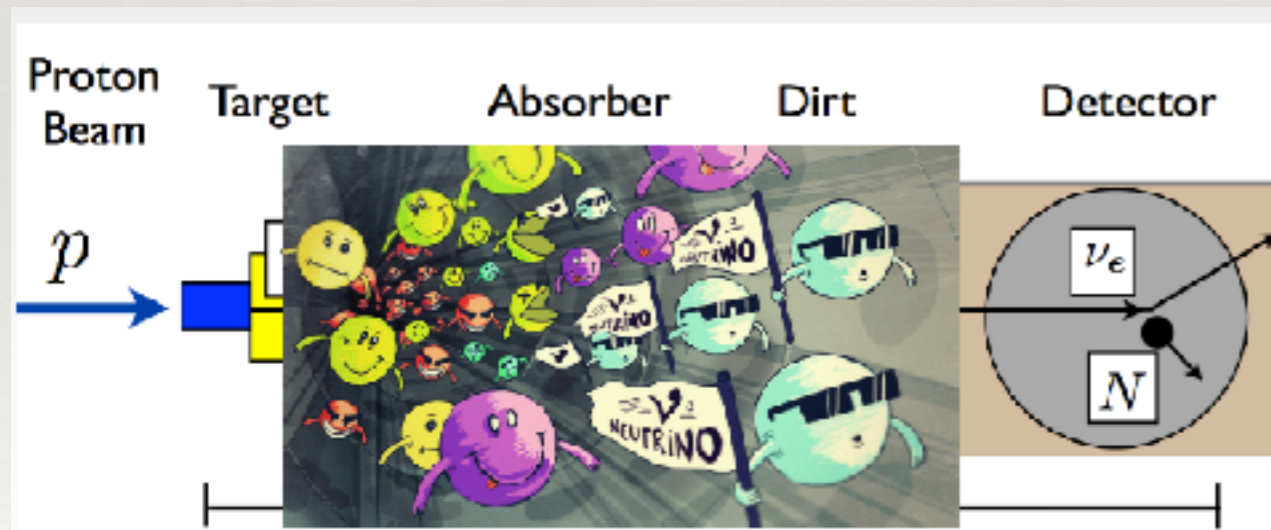
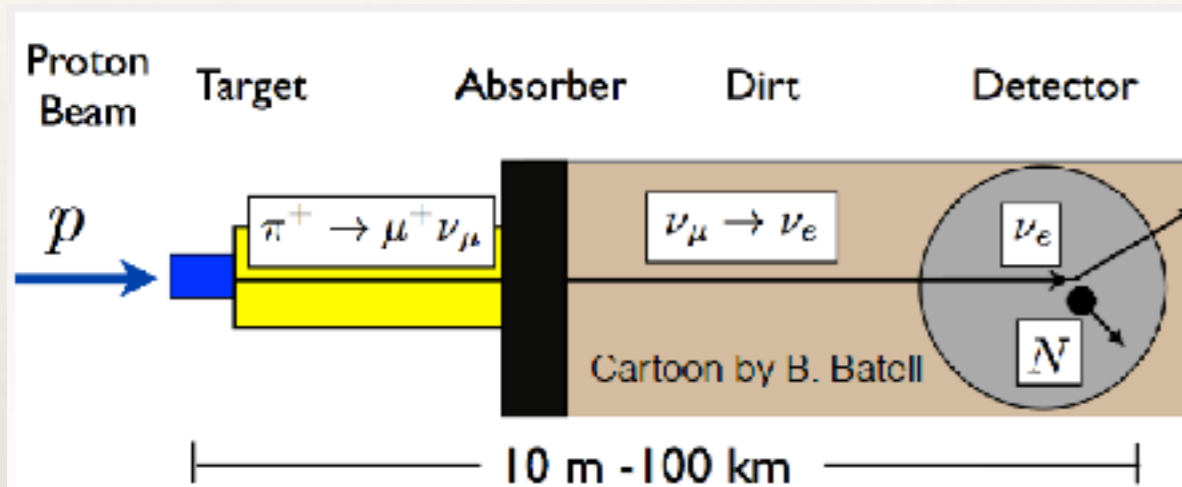
## Severe Constraints on New Physics Explanations of the MiniBooNE Excess

Johnathon R. Jordan (Michigan U.), Yonatan Kahn (Princeton U. & Chicago U., KICP & Illinois U., Urbana (main)).  
2018. 7 pp.  
Published in *Phys.Rev.Lett.* 122 (2019) no.8, 081801  
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Many more, apologies if your paper is not listed

Slide: D. Pramanik, Whepp 2019

# BSM physics @ Fixed Target Experiments



- ❖ BSM physics can be probed in fixed target experiments
- ❖ Dark Matter, Heavy Neutral Leptons, Axion like particles, extra neutral gauge bosons etc.
- ❖ NA62, MiniBooNE, NOVA, MINOS, T2K
- ❖ **DUNE, SHIP, SBN.....**

<http://dx.doi.org/10.1088/1361-6633/ab9d12>

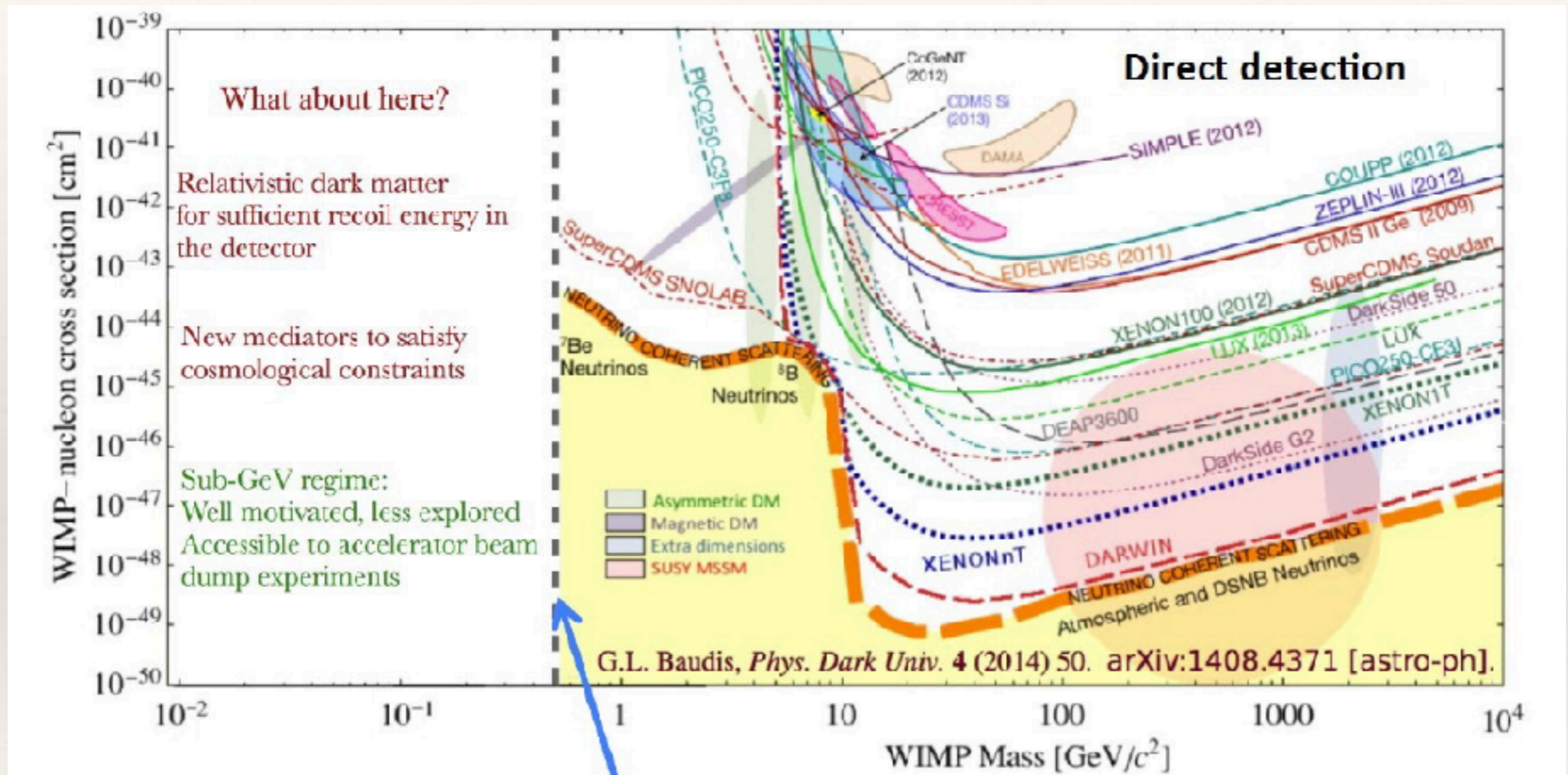
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# Dark sector from neutrino frontier

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- ❖ Indirect detection of dark matter from natural sources in neutrino detectors
- ❖ Direct search for boosted dark matter from natural sources in neutrino detectors. [Agashe, Cui, Necib, Thaler https://arxiv.org/pdf/1405.7370.pdf](https://arxiv.org/pdf/1405.7370.pdf)
- ❖ Direct search for beam sub-GeV dark matter in neutrino experiments  
[Battel, Pospelov, Ritz, arXiv: 0906.5614](#)

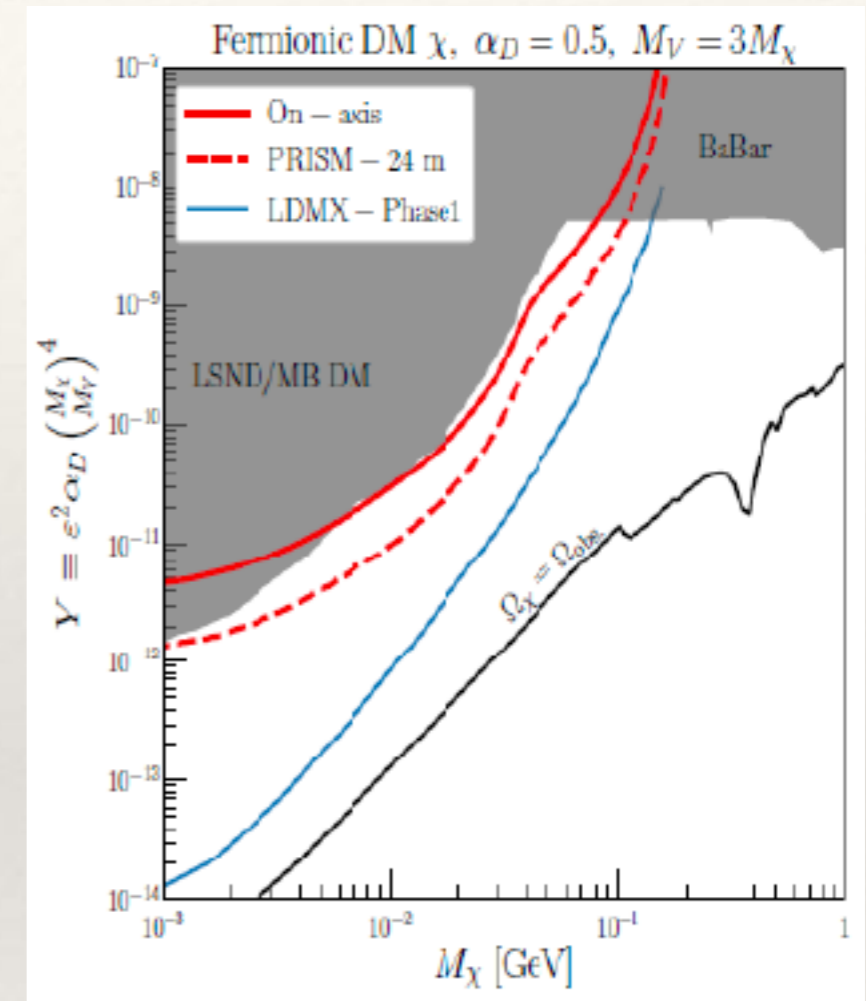
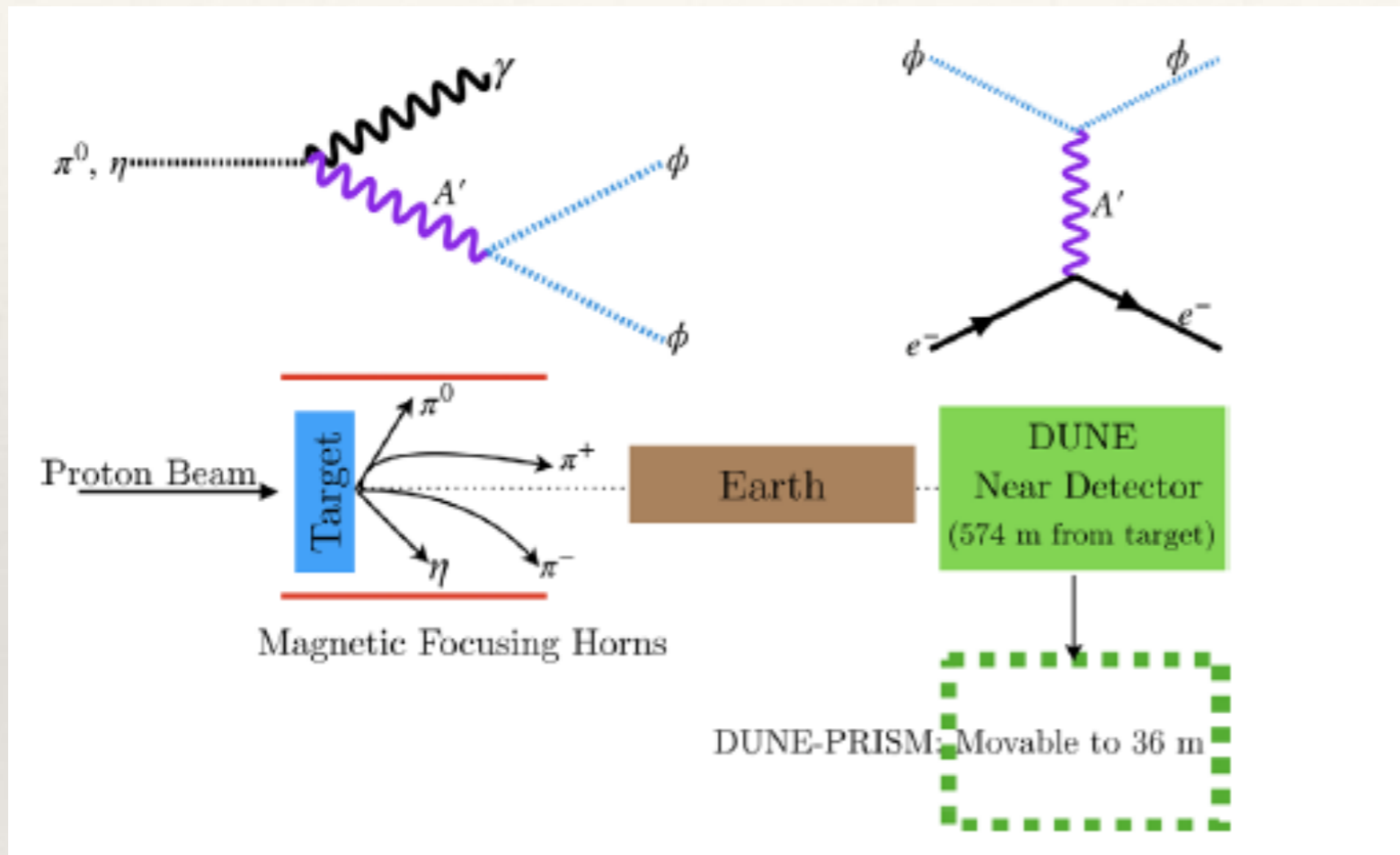
# Motivation



Direct Detection Threshold

Slide Courtesy : A. Chatterjee

# Dark Matter in Neutrino Detectors



Romeri, Kelly, Machado, Phys. Rev. D 2019

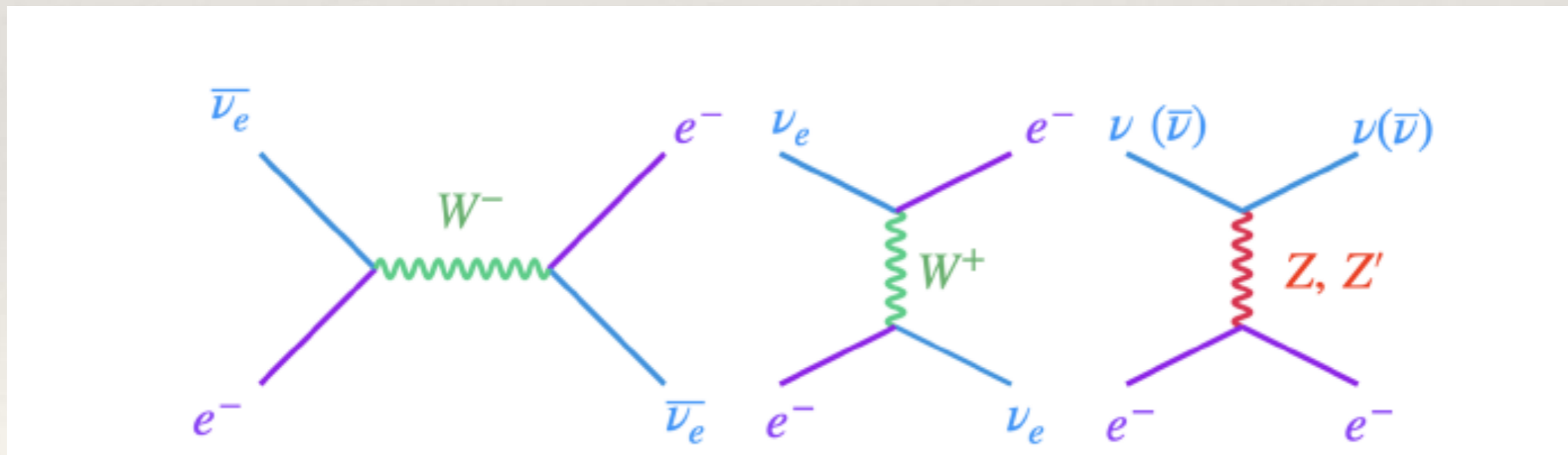
Eur. Phys. J. C (2021) 81 :322

Main background from neutrino interactions — off axis, target less DUNE



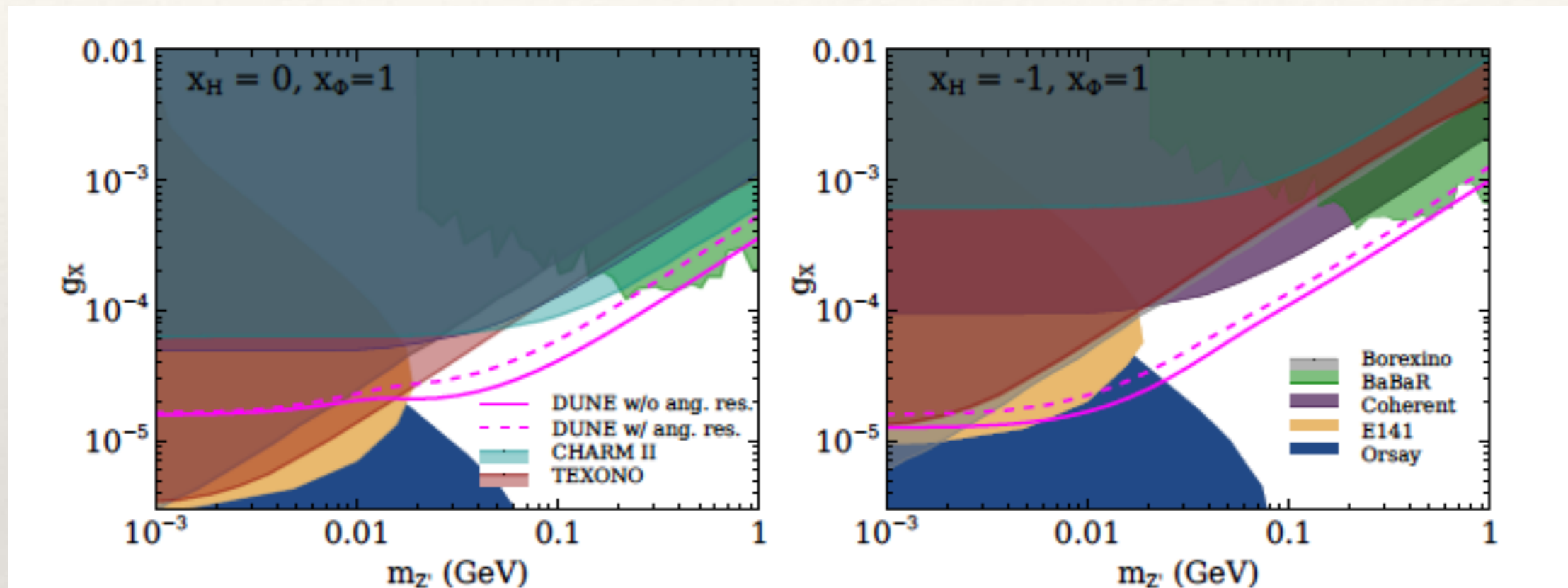
# General U(1) model at DUNE

- ❖ Consider Standard Model, augmented by extra U(1)
- ❖ Contains extra  $Z'$
- ❖ We consider neutrino-electron scattering at DUNE ND



Ballet et al. PRD, 2019, Dev et al. PRD 2021, Bishcer and Rodejohann, PRD 2019, .....

# Results



Constraints (90% C.L.) on mass and coupling plane of  $Z'$

1.2 MW beam, 75 ton mass, 3.5 +3.5 years exposure in neutrino +antineutrino

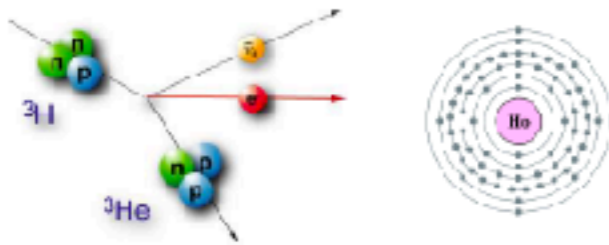
Chakraborty, Das, Goswami, Roy, JHEP 2022

# Absolute neutrino mass

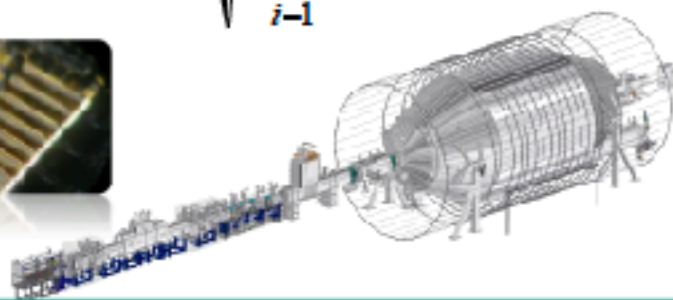
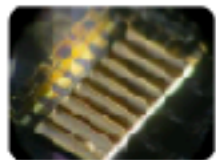
Information can come from three different sectors

## kinematics of weak decays

- $\beta$ -decay:  ${}^3\text{H}$ , EC:  ${}^{163}\text{Ho}$
- **model-independent**

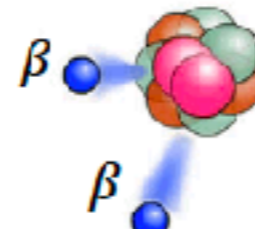


$$m(\nu_e) = \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^3 |U_{ei}|^2 \cdot m_i^2}$$

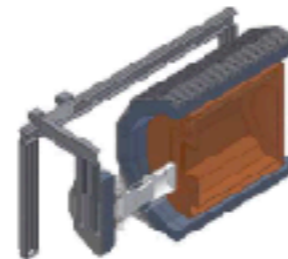
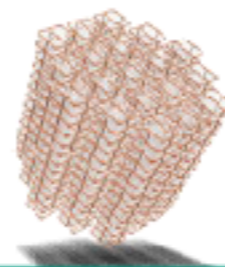


## search for $0\nu\beta\beta$ -decay

- $\beta\beta$ -decay:  ${}^{76}\text{Ge}$ ,  ${}^{136}\text{Xe}$ , ...
- **model-dependent** ( $\alpha_i$ )

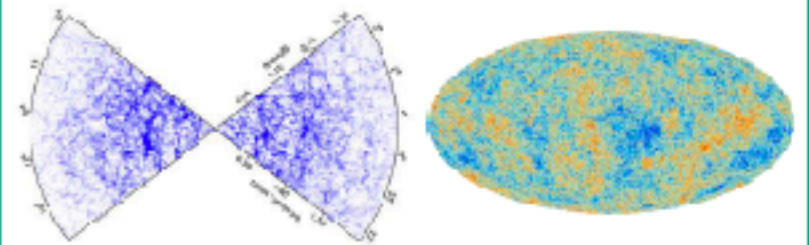


$$\langle m_{\beta\beta} \rangle = \left| \sum_{i=1}^3 U_{ei}^2 \cdot m_i \right|$$

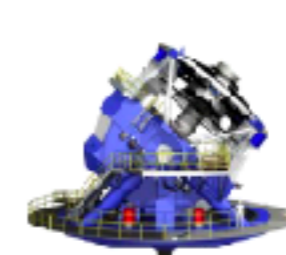


## large-scale structures

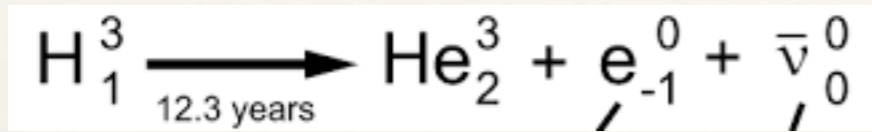
- CMB, galaxy surveys, ...
- **model-dependent** ( $H_0$ )



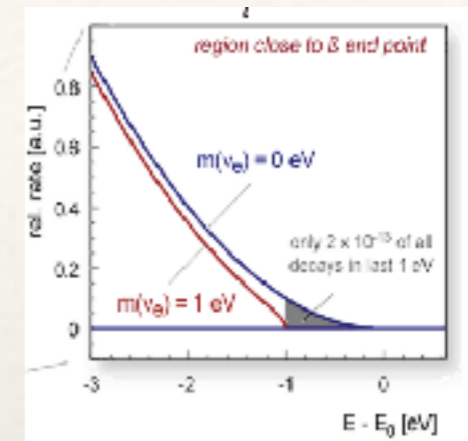
$$m_{tot} = \sum_{i=1}^3 m_i$$



# Katrin: present and future limits



Measures the end point spectrum



<https://doi.org/10.1038/s41567-021-01463-1>

Present Limit < 0.8 eV, 90% C.L.

Projected reach < 0.2 eV, 90% C.L.

Can differentiate between degenerate and hierarchical spectrum

Can distinguish between NO and IO

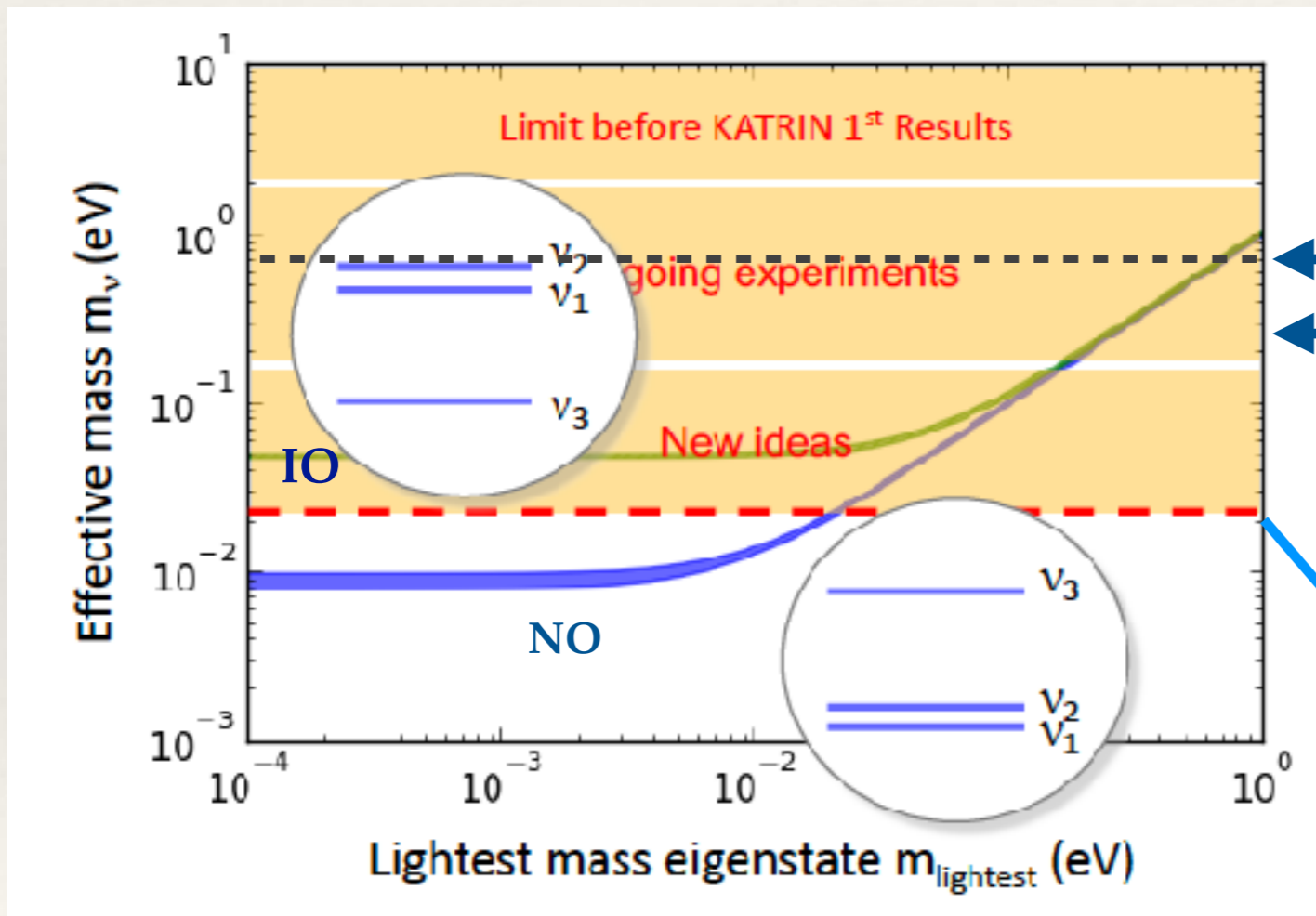


Fig: S. Mertnes, 2022

# Beyond Katrin

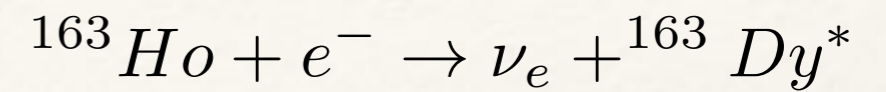
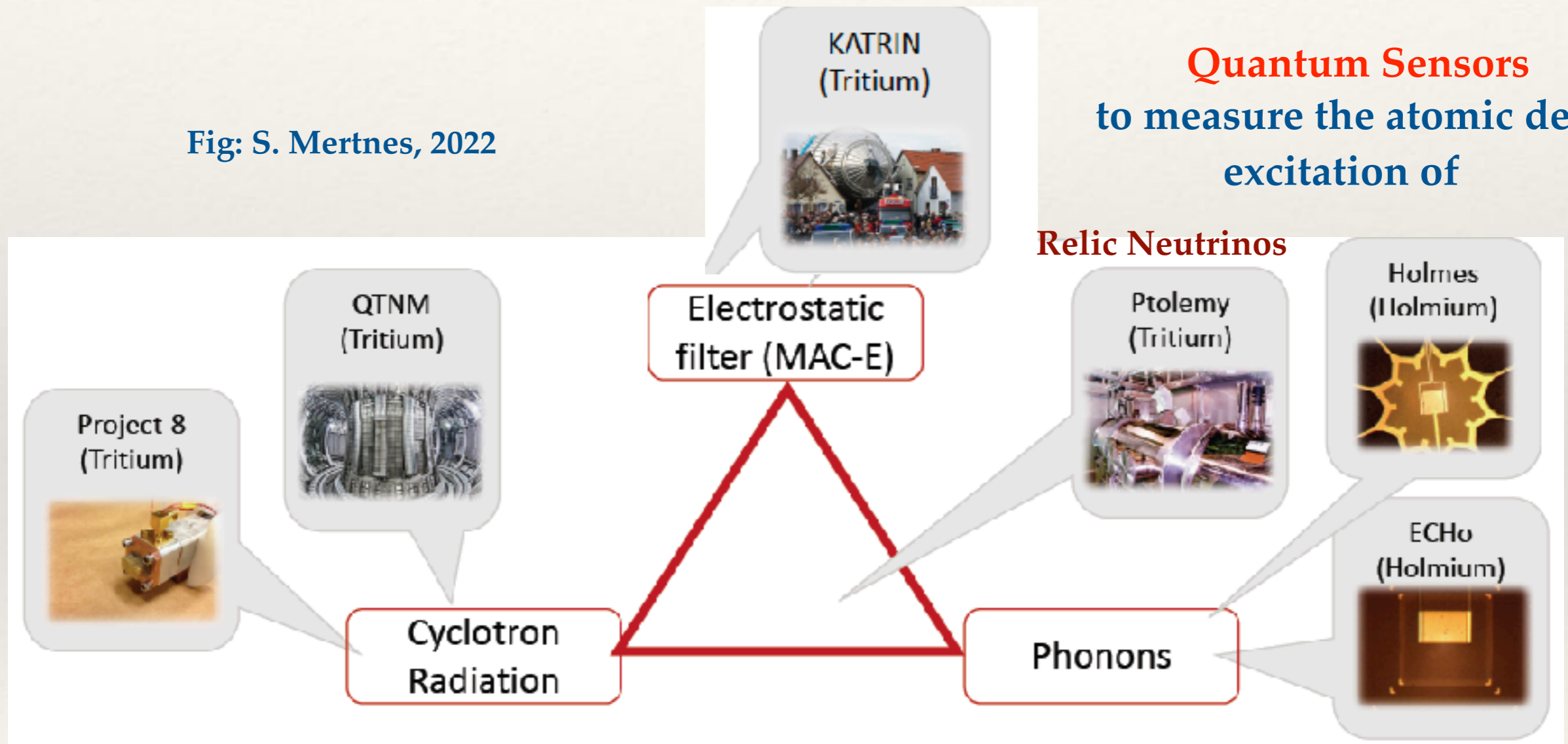


Fig: S. Mertnes, 2022

**Quantum Sensors**  
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excitation of

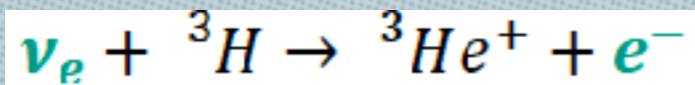
**Relic Neutrinos**



**Expect to reach neutrino mass sensitivity around 1 eV and less**

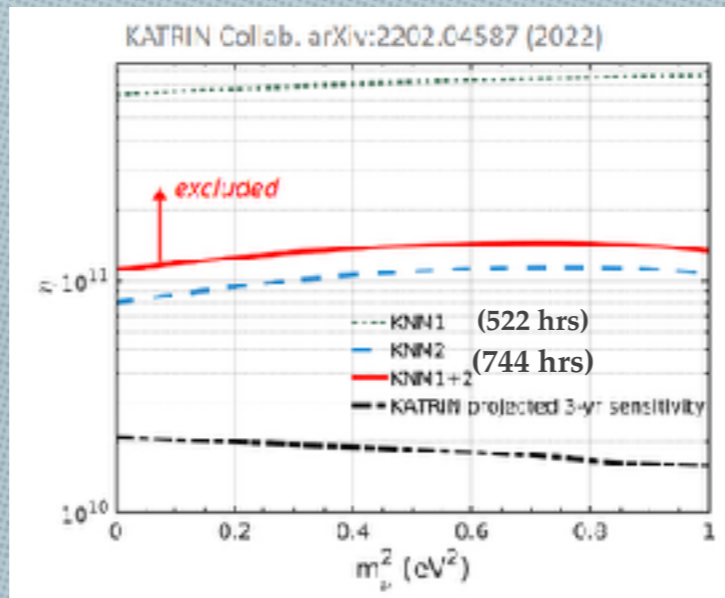
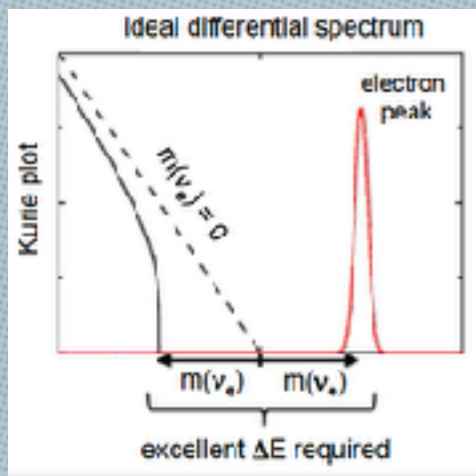
# Katrin : other physics goals

## Search for relic neutrinos



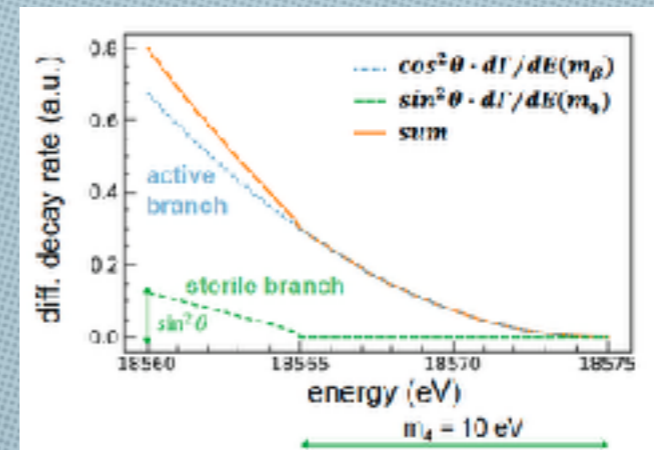
10 neutrino capture/yr in 100 gm tritium

Electron peak above end point  
Phys. Rev. Lett. 129, 011806 (2022)



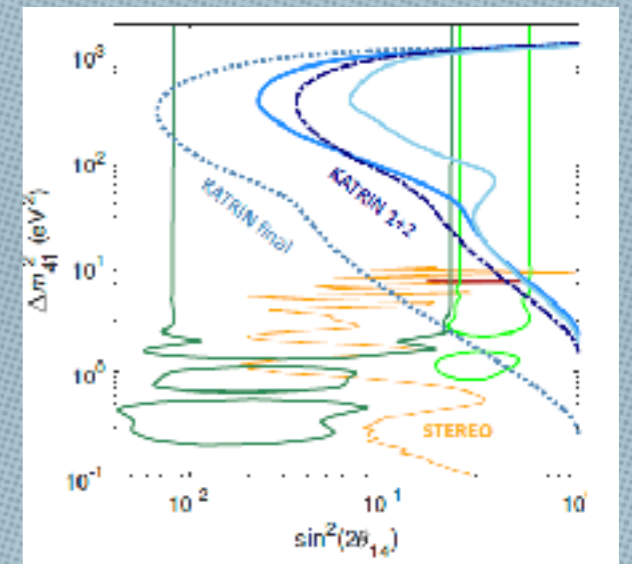
No signal observed  $\eta < 1.1 \cdot 10^{11}/\alpha$  at 95% CL

## Search for sterile neutrinos



Kink in the energy spectrum of electrons

Complementary probe to oscillation experiments



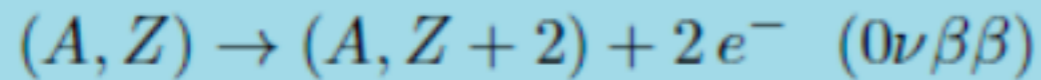
Also Lorentz Invariance Violation

<https://arxiv.org/abs/2207.06326>

Future: search for KeV sterile neutrinos

Silicon Drift Detector : TRISTAN

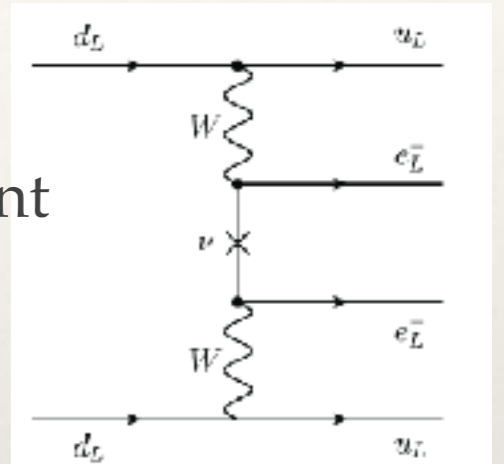
# Neutrinoless double beta decay



❖ Mediated by light neutrinos

$$\frac{1}{T_{1/2}^{0\nu}} = G |\mathcal{M}_\nu|^2 \left| \frac{m_{ee}^\nu}{m_e} \right|^2,$$

$G \rightarrow$  phase space factor  
 $M_\nu \rightarrow$  nuclear matrix element



$$m_{\beta\beta} = |m_1 c_{12}^2 c_{13}^2 + m_2 s_{12}^2 c_{13}^2 e^{2i\alpha_2} + m_3 s_{13}^2 e^{2i\alpha_3}|$$



Major uncertainty

Extra diagrams in BSM  
 Like sign di-lepton in  
 colliders

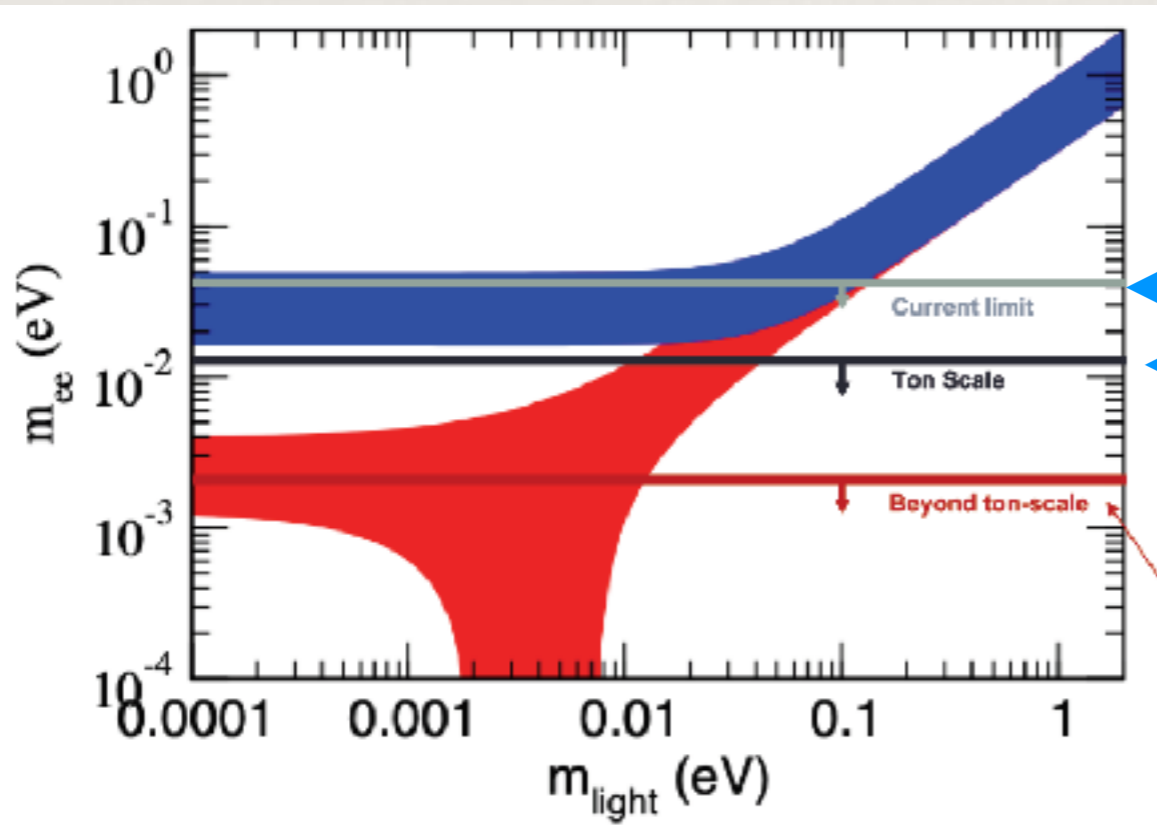
KamLAND-ZEN + EXO  
 200+ GERDA + CUORE

IH can be confirmed (nEXO, LEGEND)

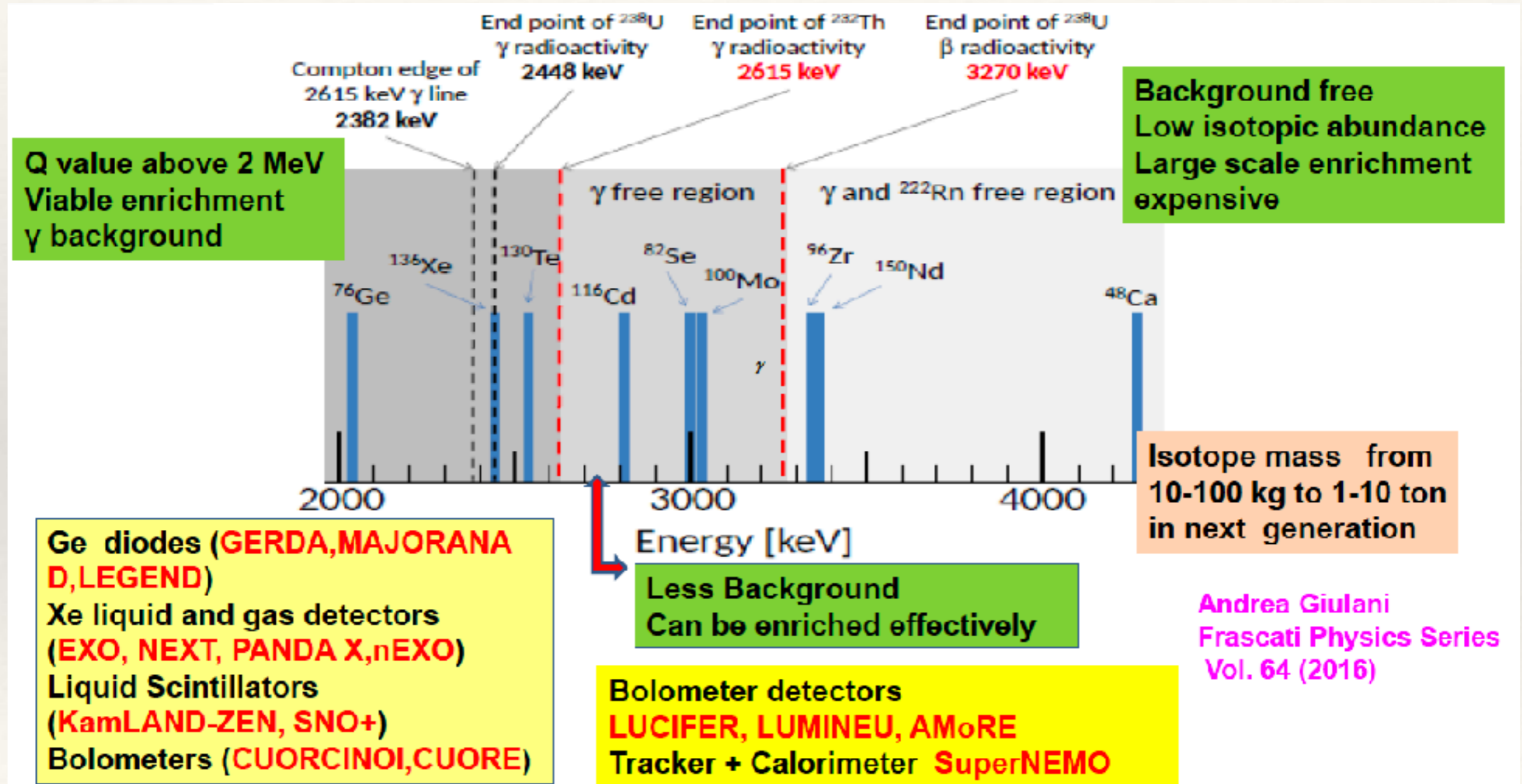
Can it be reached ?

Enrichment R&D and major facilities needed  
 to produce isotopes at the scale needed

Te, Mo, Ge, Xe...



# Neutrinoless double beta decay experiments

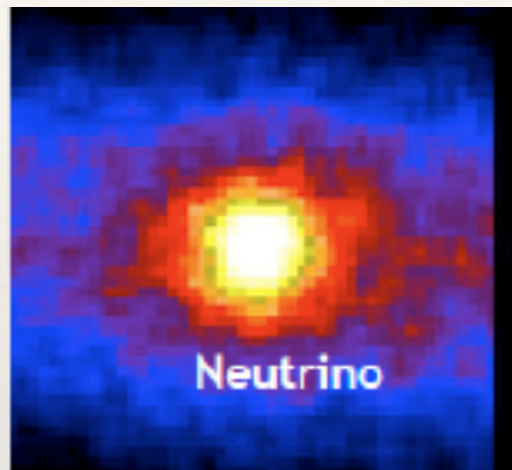


Andrea Giuliani  
Frascati Physics Series  
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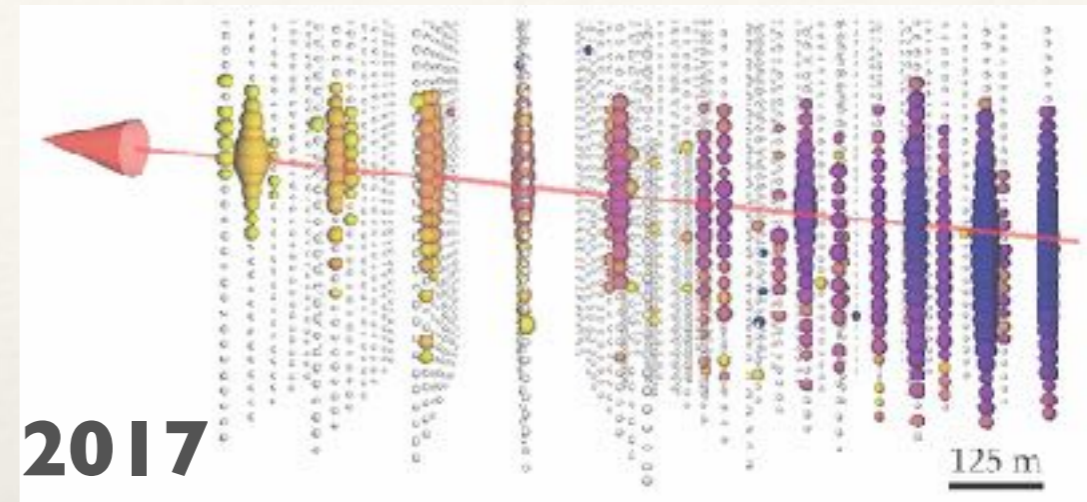
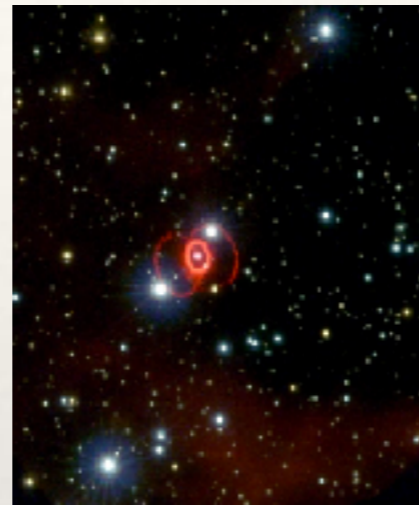


# Neutrinos from Astrophysical Sources

Sun



SN1987a



Correlation between a high-energy neutrino (IC170922) and a flaring blazar (TXS 0506+056)



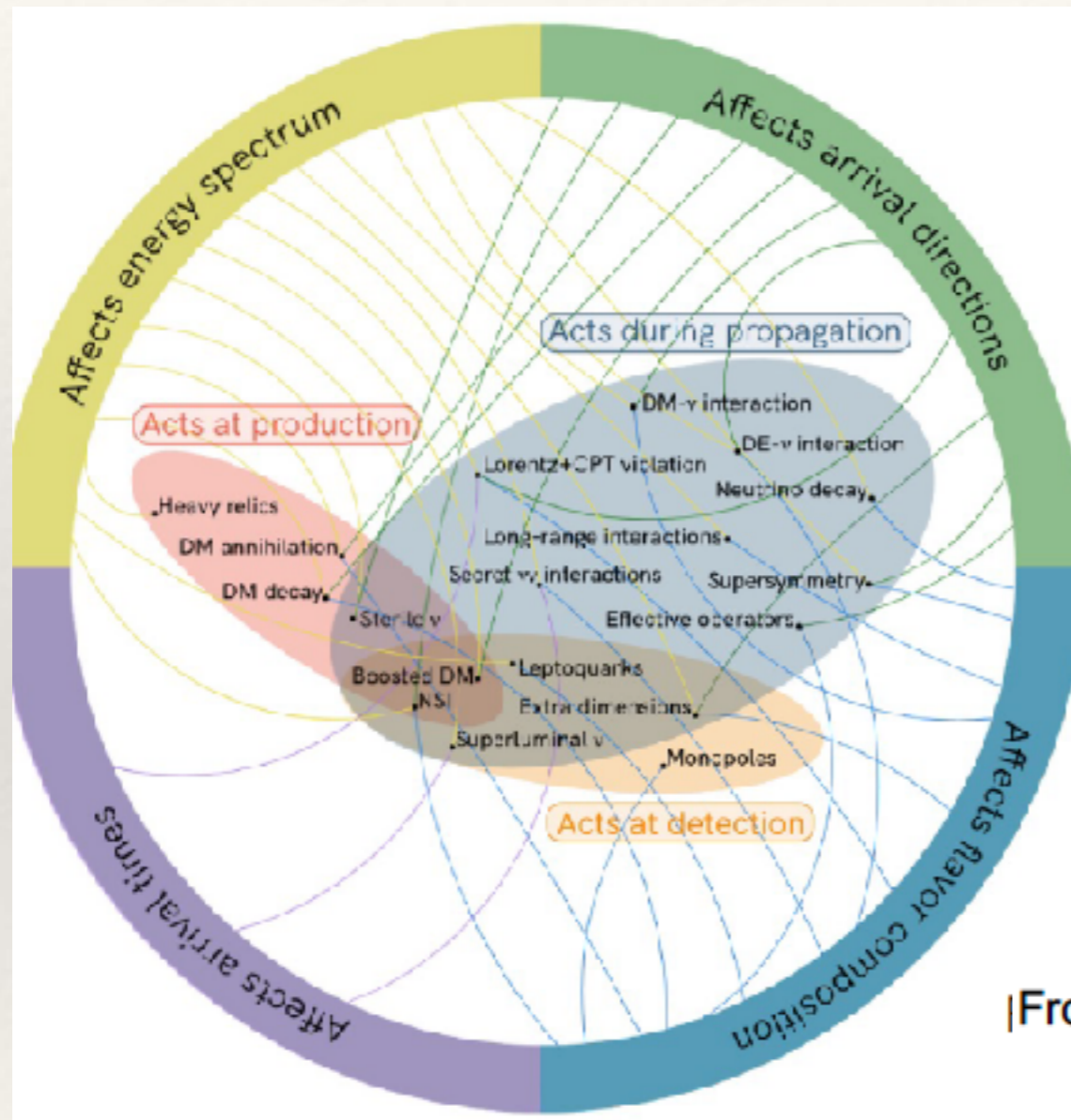
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AT2019dsg



Active Galaxy  
NGC 1068/Messier  
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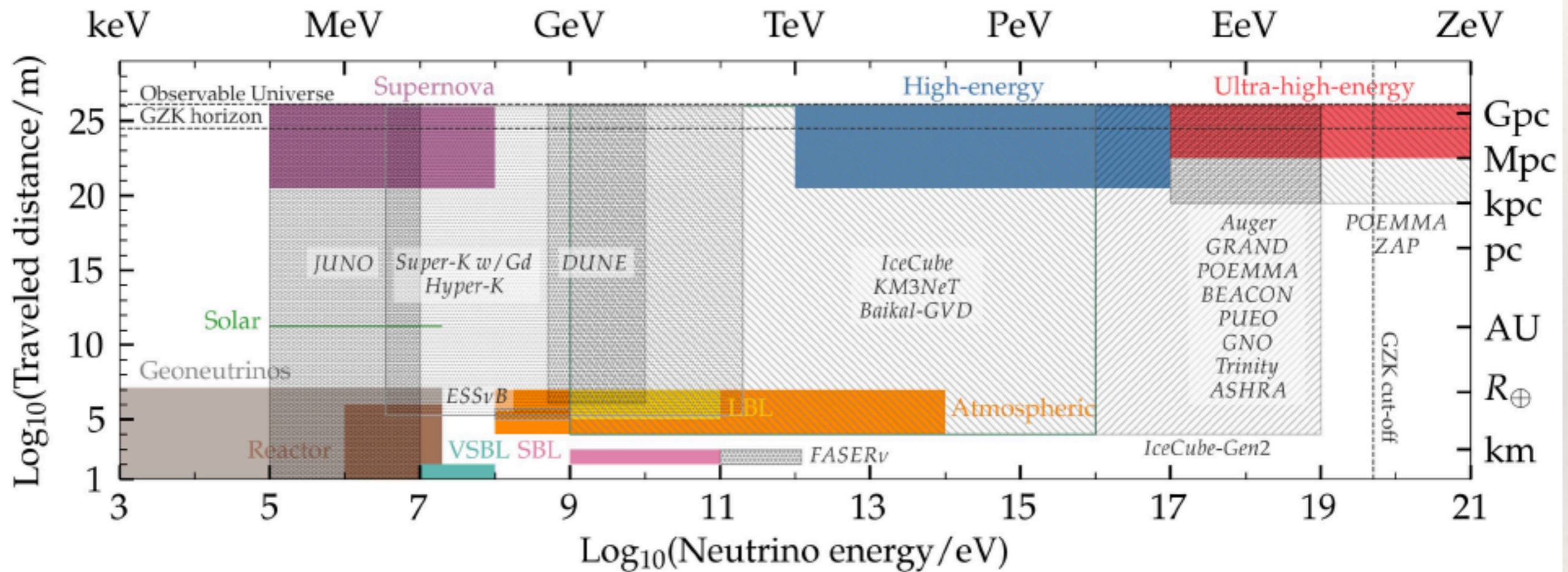
# Physics using high energy neutrinos



From arXiv:2203.08096v2

- Neutrino interactions at high energies
- Probing flavour conversion @high energy
- Test of neutrino properties
- Probing BSM in neutrino detectors
- Studying distant astrophysical sources

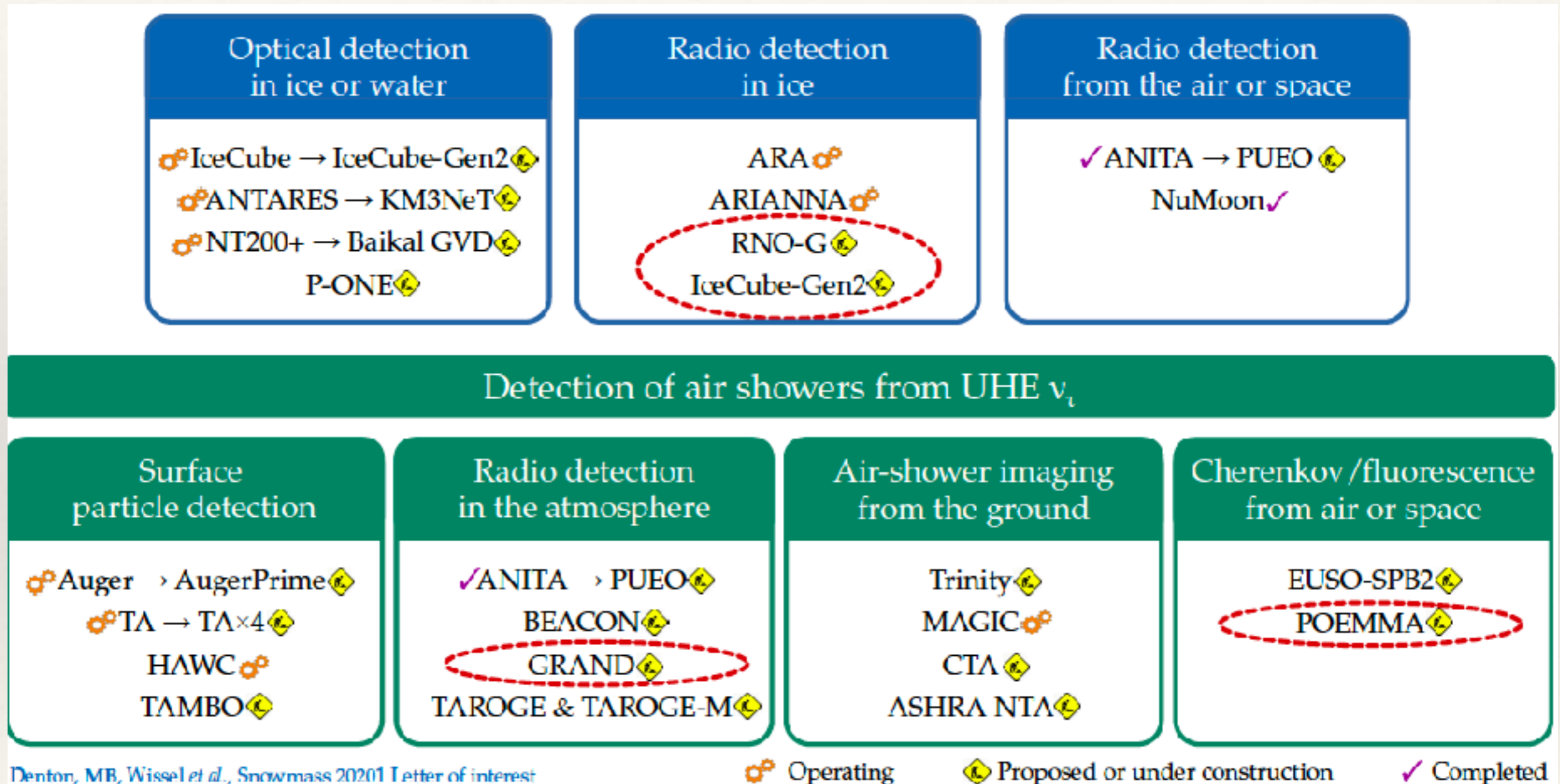
# Current and planned detectors



From arXiv:2203.08096v2

Enhanced statistics, different detection technology

# A snapshot of the different detectors

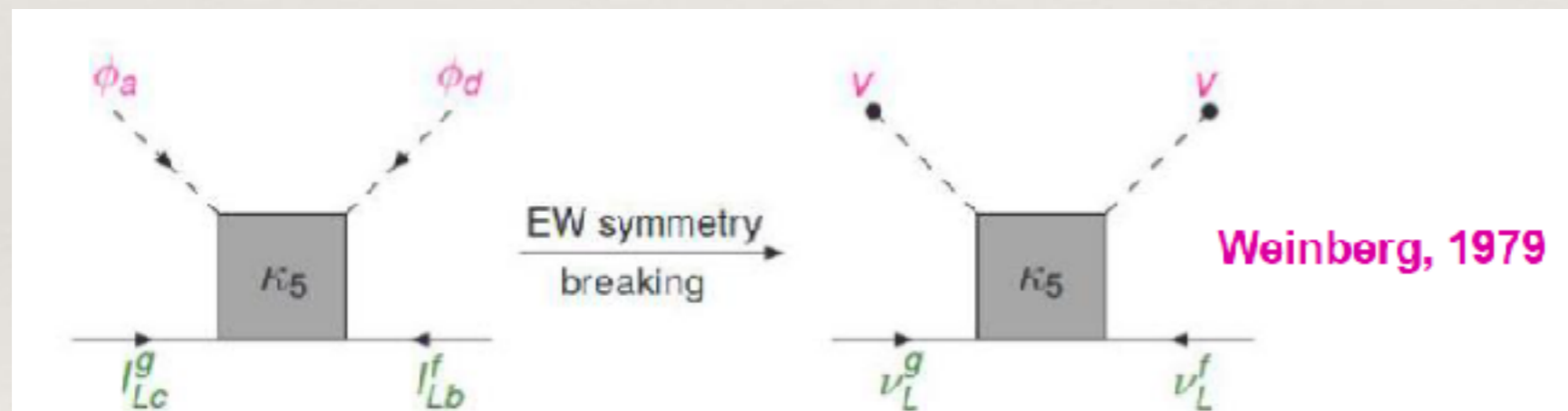


# Why neutrinos masses are small ?

- ❖ A natural way to explain small neutrino masses is via seesaw mechanism
- ❖ Relates smallness of neutrino masses with new physics at a high scale
- ❖ Tree level exchange of some heavy particle gives rise than effective dimension 5 operator at the low scale

$$\mathcal{L} = \kappa_5 l_L l_L \phi \phi, \quad \kappa_5 = y_\kappa / \Lambda$$

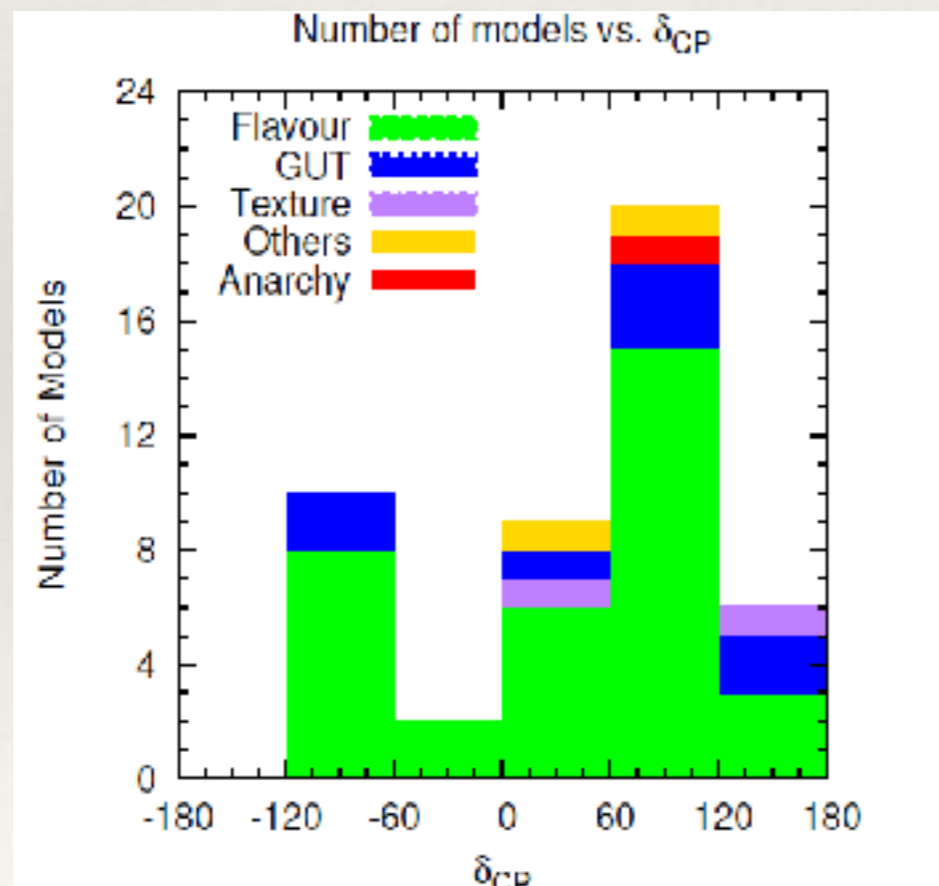
$$m_\nu \sim \kappa_5 v^2 / \Lambda$$



- ❖ Violation of lepton number  $\rightarrow$  Majorana nature of neutrinos
- ❖ Radiative mass generation, Models with higher dimensional operators

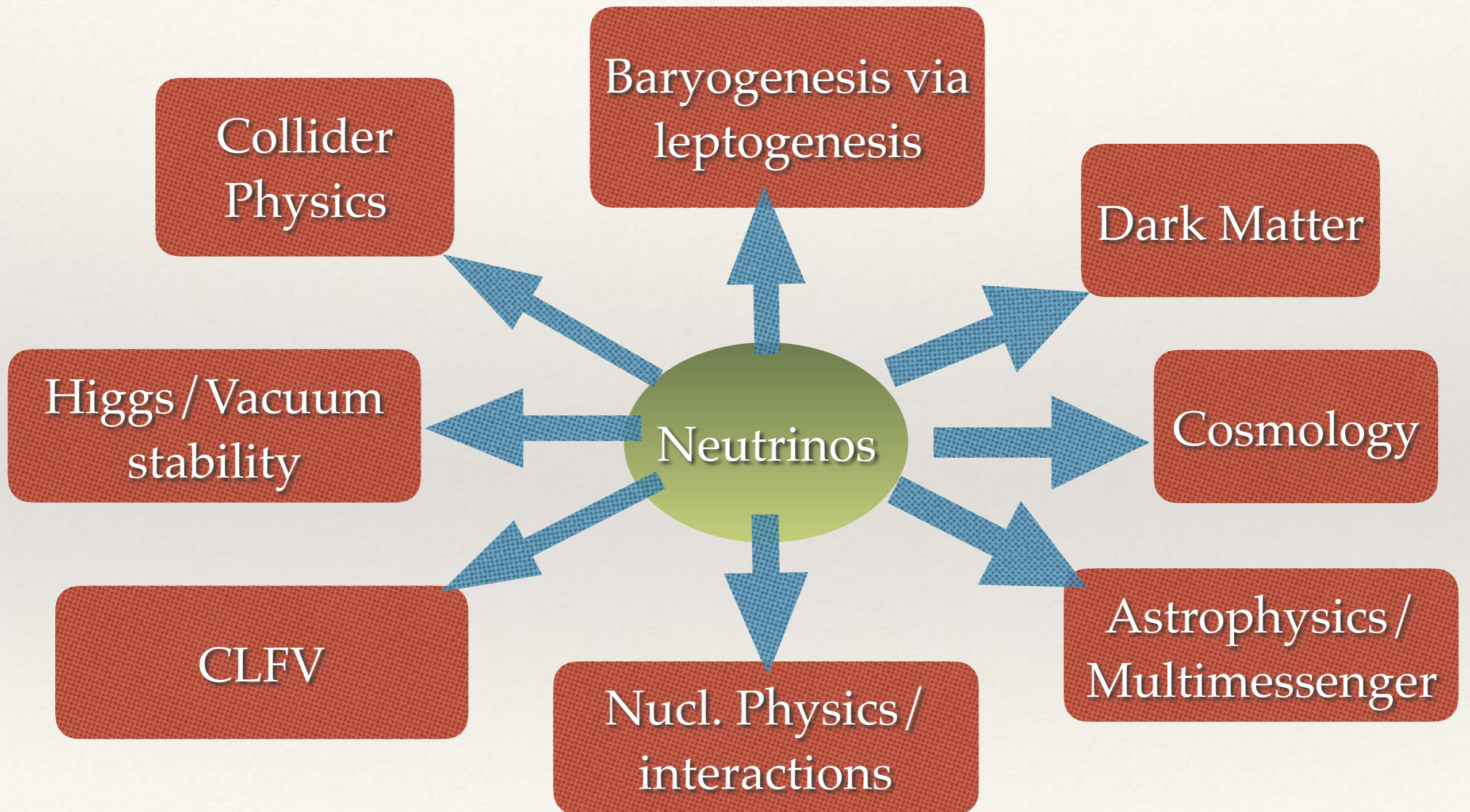
# What explains the mixing pattern ?

- ❖ Why two large and one small mixing unlike quark sector where all mixing angles are small ?
- ❖ Flavour symmetry — discrete non-abelian symmetries



Goswami, Nucl. Part. Phys. Proc.  
273-275, 100(2016)

# Neutrino Connections



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# Concluding Remarks

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- ❖ Remarkable progress in past decade in unravelling oscillation parameters, three flavour paradigm well established
- ❖ A rich and diverse future programme — several experiments, new detection techniques, development of analysis tools connection with nuclear physics, astrophysics, cosmology, BSM physics at neutrino detectors ( both oscillation and non-oscillation) — an emerging field
- ❖ Measurement of neutrino mass — many proposed detectors with modern detection technology
- ❖ **Future goals for supernova neutrinos, neutrino cosmology, geo-neutrinos solar neutrinos (not included in this talk)**
- ❖ HE and UHE neutrinos and multi messenger astronomy holds lots of promises, surprises (?)
- ❖ Origin of neutrino masses and mixing — still under mist.

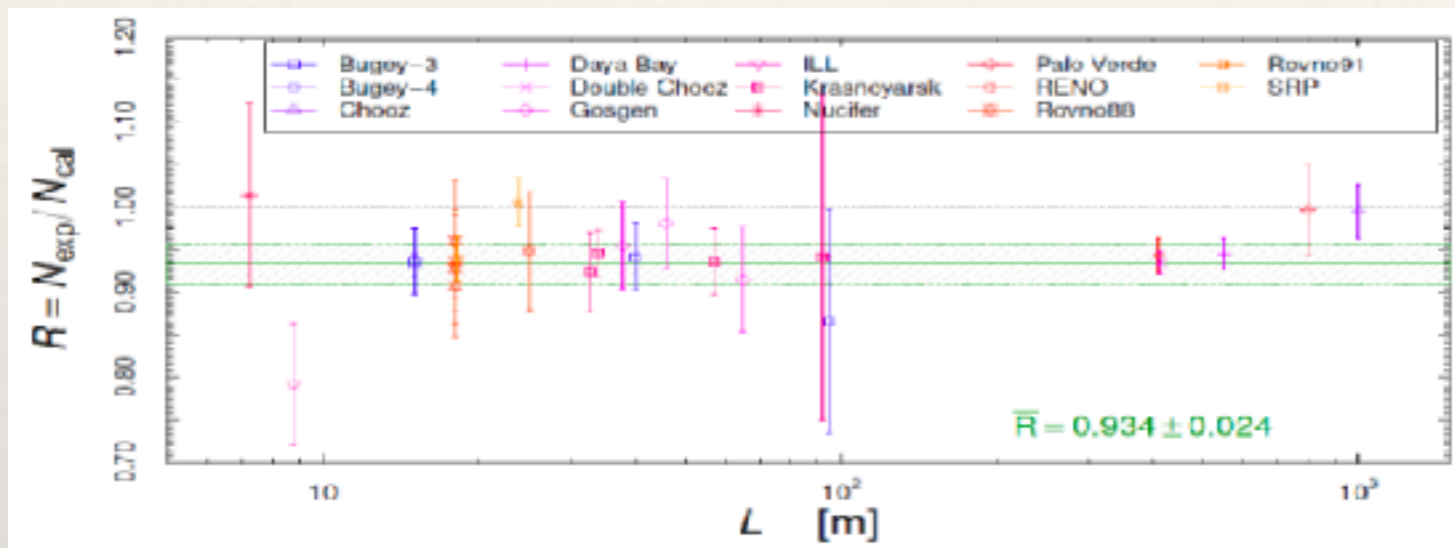




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Discussion with Dr. Animesh Chatterjee

# Additional evidences

## Reactor Anomaly

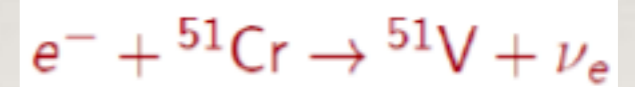
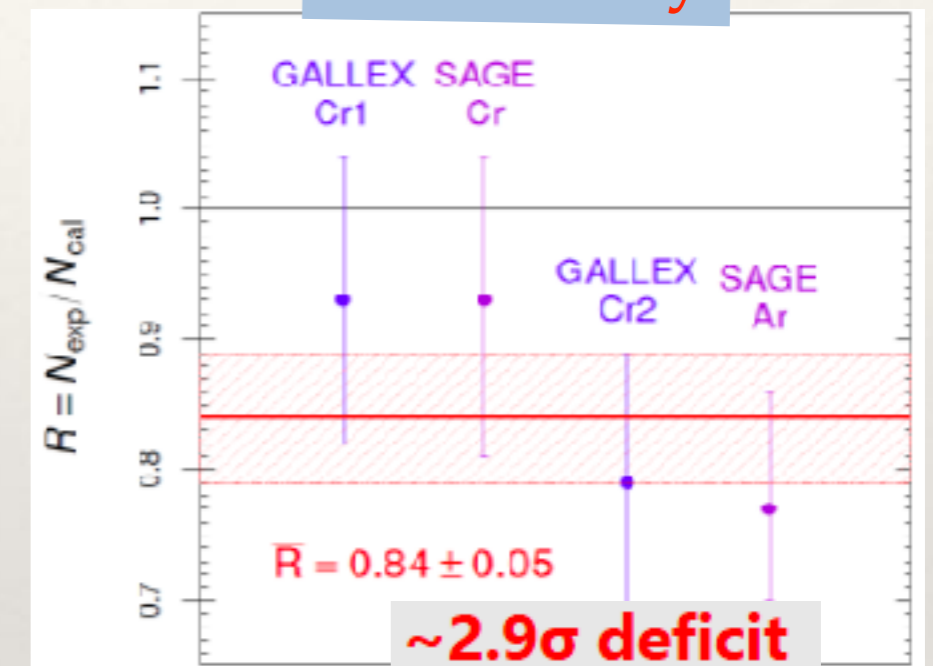


$$\Delta m_{41}^2 = 2.4 \text{ eV}^2 \quad \sin^2(2\theta_{14}) = 0.14$$

$$P \simeq 1 - \sin^2 2\theta_{14} \sin^2 \left[ 1.27 \frac{\Delta m_{41}^2 L}{E_\nu} \left( \frac{\text{eV}^2 \cdot \text{m}}{\text{MeV}} \right) \right]$$

Mueller et al PRC 2011  
 Huber PRC 2011  
 Mention et al PRD 2011

## Ga Anomaly



**~0.8 MeV**

Lavedar et al 2017  
 SAGE PRC 2007  
 GALLEX PRC 2007