



# Stellar Limits on Light Scalars

[Some recent (and not-so-recent) work with Rabi]

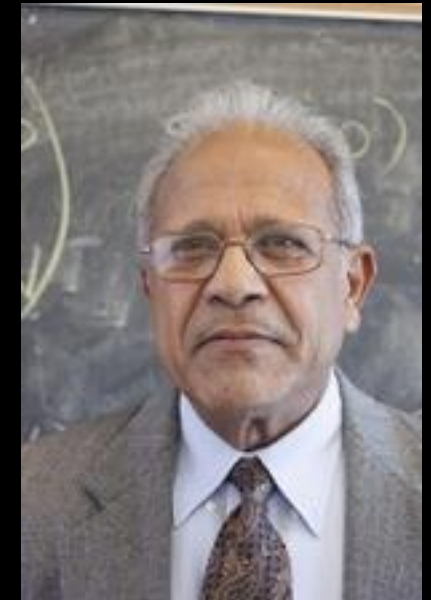
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# Honor and Privilege to be Rabi's student (2007-12)

- **Post-Sphaleron Baryogenesis and Neutron-antineutron oscillation:** Babu, BD, Mohapatra, [0811.3411](#) (PRD '09). Set the foundation for [1303.6918](#) (PRD '13) – paper that Yuri loves so much.
- **Supersymmetric SO(10) GUT Phenomenology**
  - BD, Mohapatra, [0910.3924](#) (PRD '10) – one of my most cited papers
  - BD, Mohapatra, [1003.6102](#) (PRD '10)
  - BD, Mohapatra, Sevrerson, [1107.2378](#) (PRD '11)
  - BD, Dutta, Mohapatra, Sevrerson, [1202.4012](#) (PRD '12)
- **Leptogenesis:** Blanchet, BD, Mohapatra, [1010.1471](#) (PRD '10)
- **Dark Matter:** An, BD, Cai, Mohapatra, [1110.1366](#) (PRL '12)  
– one of Haipeng's favorites (see Xiangdong's talk)
- **Higgs Physics:** BD, Franceschini, Mohapatra, [1207.2756](#) (PRD '12)  
-- my first experience with PYTHIA/Delphes
- **Collider Physics:** Chen, BD, [1112.6419](#) (PRD '12)  
-- my first independent paper (with a TASI-mate)

## SUPERSYMMETRIC INVERSE SEESAW AND ITS PHENOMENOLOGY

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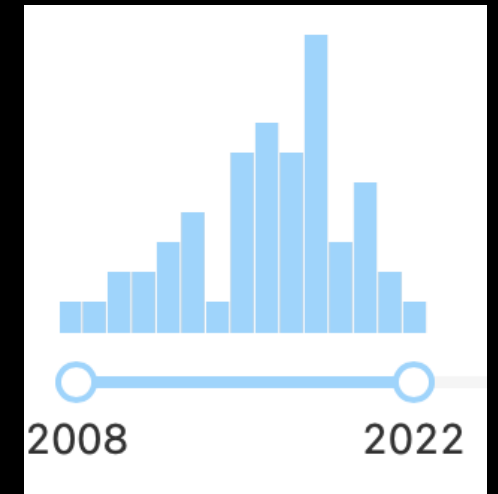
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# My collaboration with Rabi has continued ever since

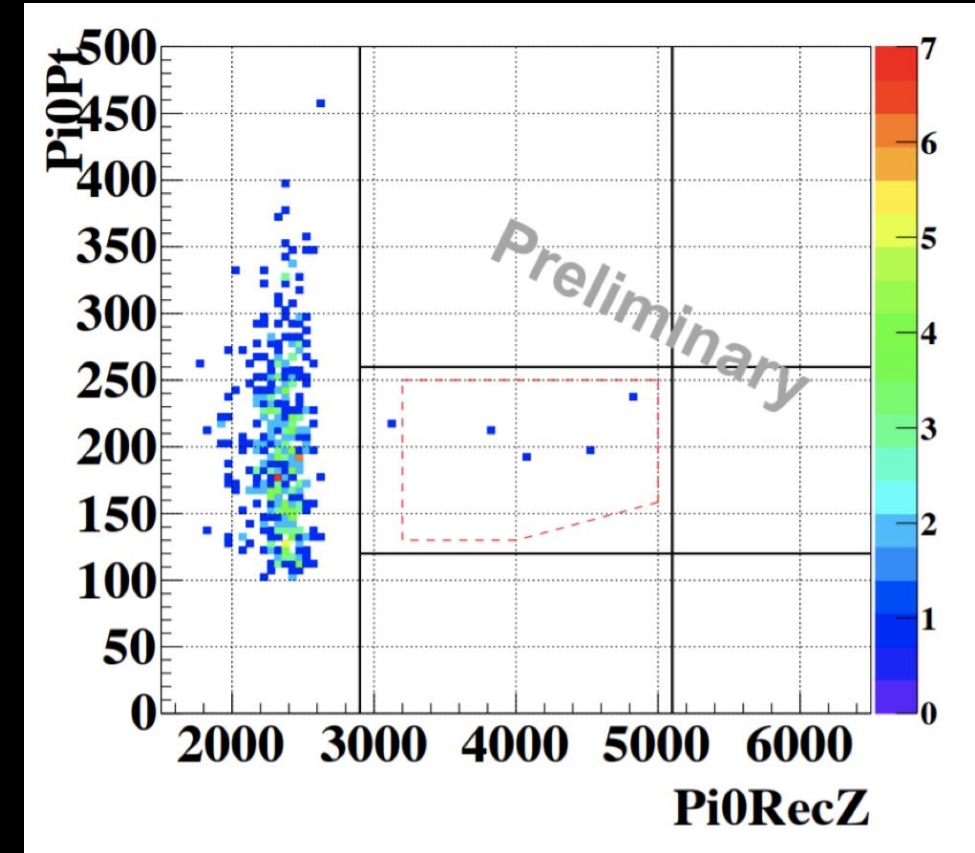
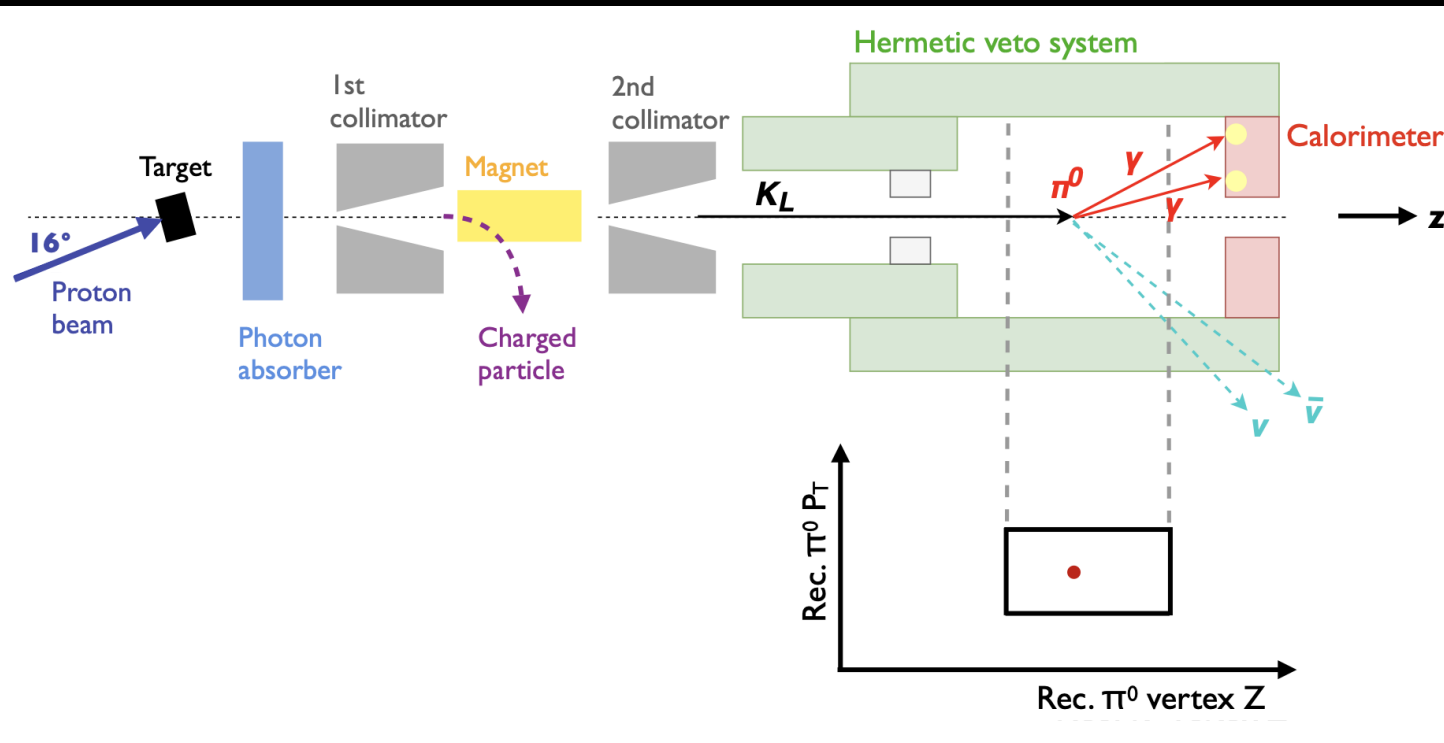
Will limit the rest of my talk to a couple of recent papers with Rabi and some follow-up work on **astrophysical limits on light BSM physics**.

- BD, Mohapatra, Zhang, *Revisiting supernova constraints on a light CP-even scalar*, [2005.00490](#) (JCAP '20)
- BD, Mohapatra, Zhang, *Stellar limits on light CP-even scalar*, [2010.01124](#) (JCAP '21)
- BD, Harris, Fortin, Sinha, Zhang, *Light scalars in neutron star mergers*, [2111.05852](#) (JCAP '22)
- Balaji, BD, Silk, Zhang, *Improved stellar limits on a light CP-even scalar*, [2205.01669](#)
- And ongoing work



**Yongchao Zhang**  
(former Rabi/Xiangdong student,  
our postdoc (2017-20)).  
Now Professor at Southeast Univ

# This series of works started with something completely different: KOTO Anomaly



3 events in the signal region vs SM expectation of  $0.10 \pm 0.02$ .

Talk by Sinohara KAON 2019

New Physics?



# Light CP-even Scalar

$$K_L \rightarrow \pi^0 S, \quad S \rightarrow \text{invisible}$$

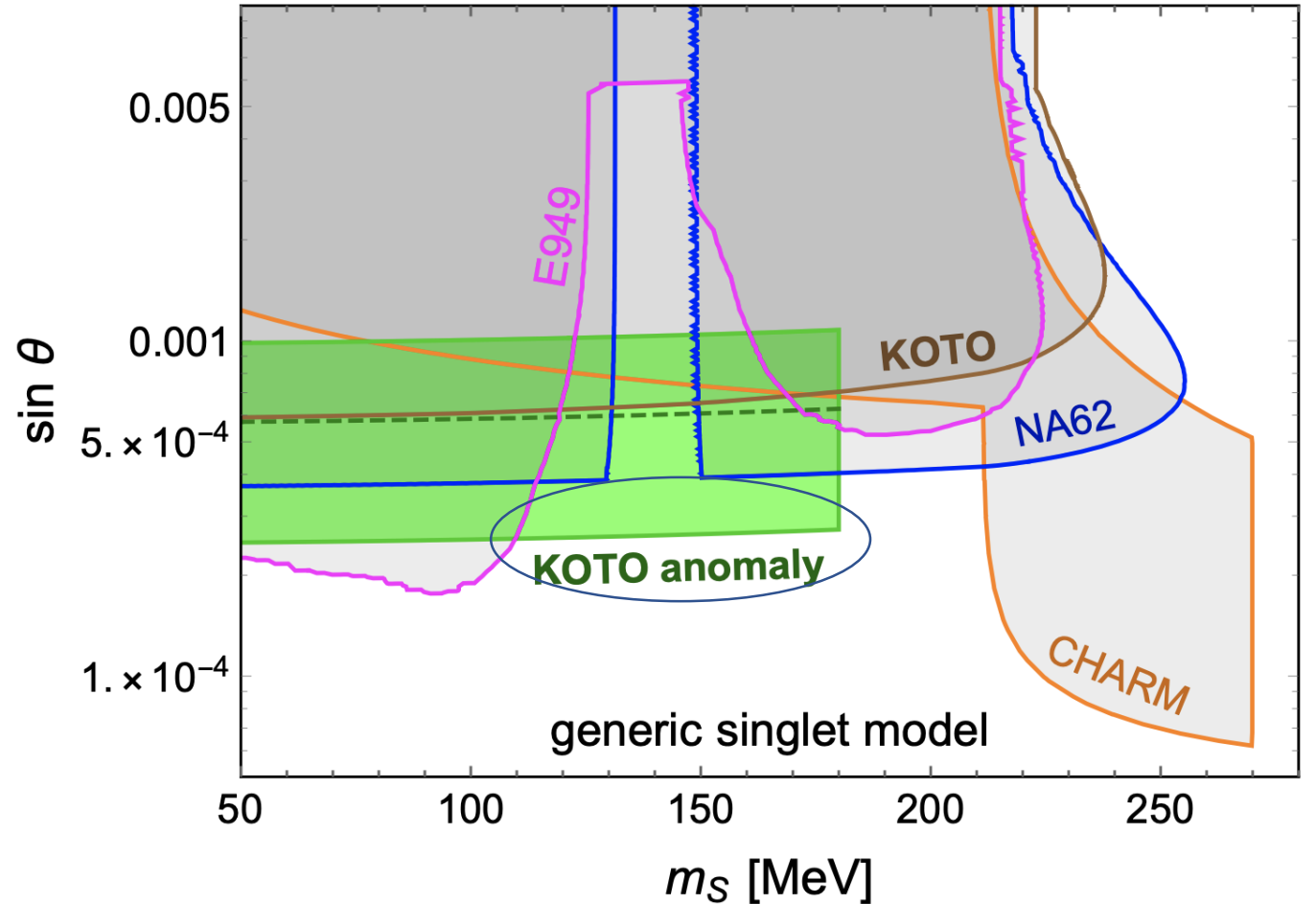
Not  $K_L \rightarrow \pi^0 \nu \bar{\nu}$

What about the supernova constraint?

Soon realized that nobody had done a full calculation of SN1987A bound on *CP-even* scalar.

The existing literature just used the *NN* bremsstrahlung amplitude for *CP-odd* axions.

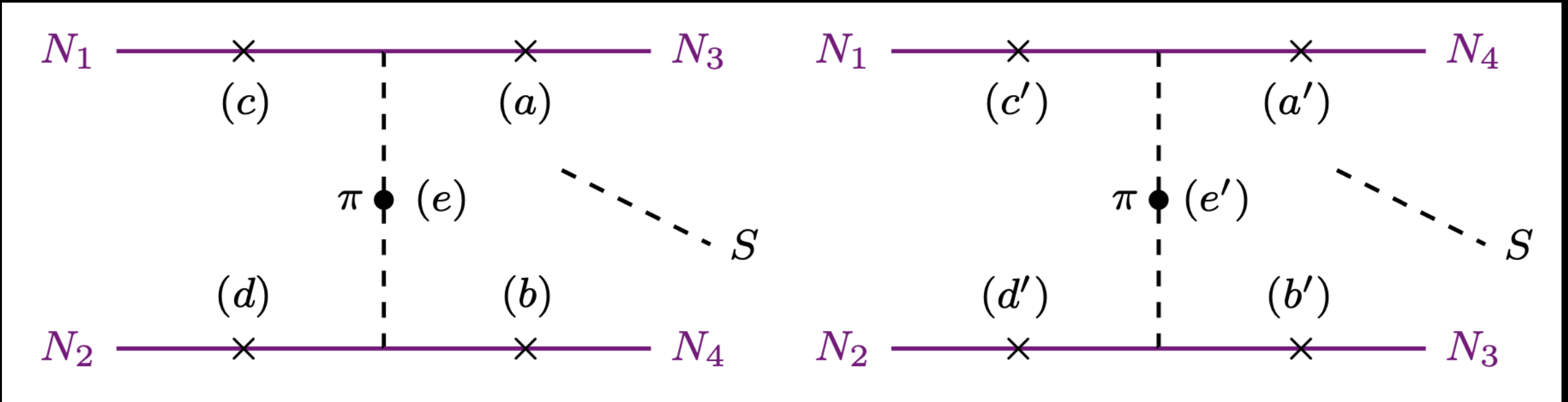
Isizuka, Yoshimura ([PTEP '90](#));  
Arndt, Fox, [hep-ph/0207098](#) (JHEP '03);  
Diener, Burgess, [1302.6486](#) (JHEP '13);  
Krnjaic, [1512.04119](#) (PRD '16)



BD, Mohapatra, Zhang, [1911.12334](#) (PRD '20)

# But there are two crucial differences between CP-even and CP-odd Cases!

BD, Mohapatra, Zhang, [2005.00490 \(JCAP '20\)](#)

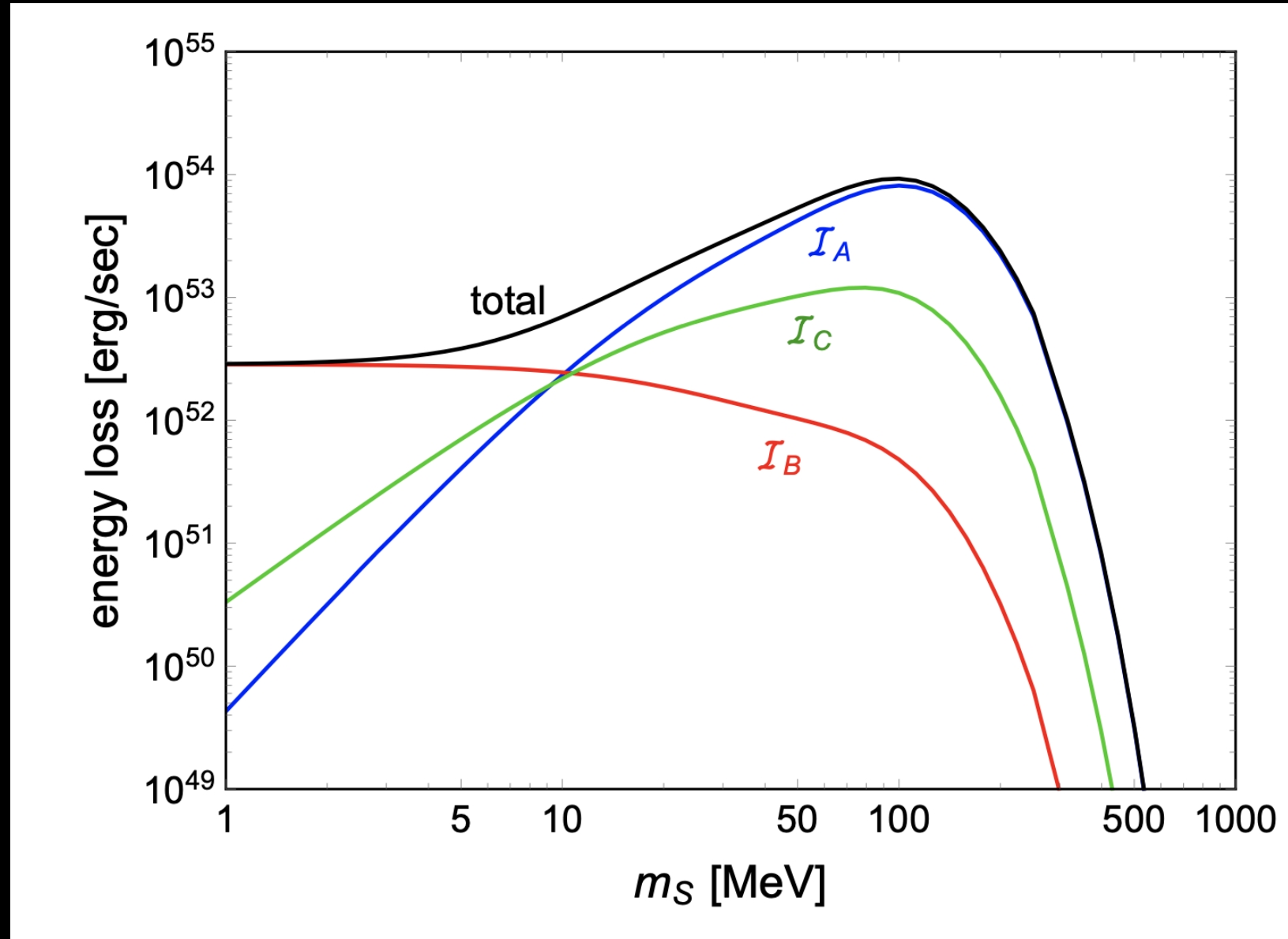


$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{M}_a + \mathcal{M}_b + \mathcal{M}_c + \mathcal{M}_d &\simeq 0, \\ \mathcal{M}_{a'} + \mathcal{M}_{b'} + \mathcal{M}_{c'} + \mathcal{M}_{d'} &\simeq 0. \end{aligned}$$

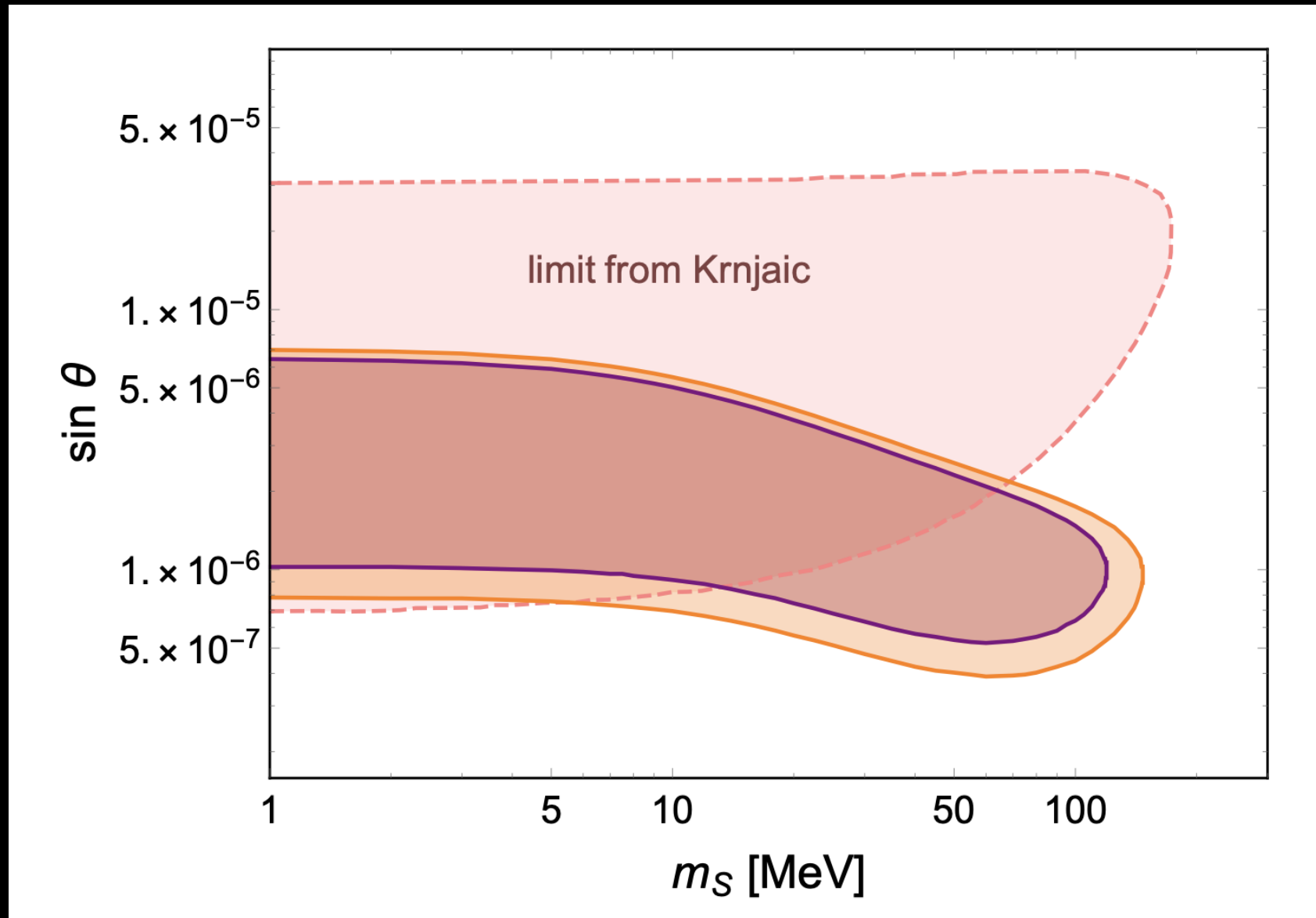
To the LO of  $m_S^2/m_N E_S$

Coupling to pion mediator is important.  
Absent in the CP-odd case.

# Comparison of Different Contributions

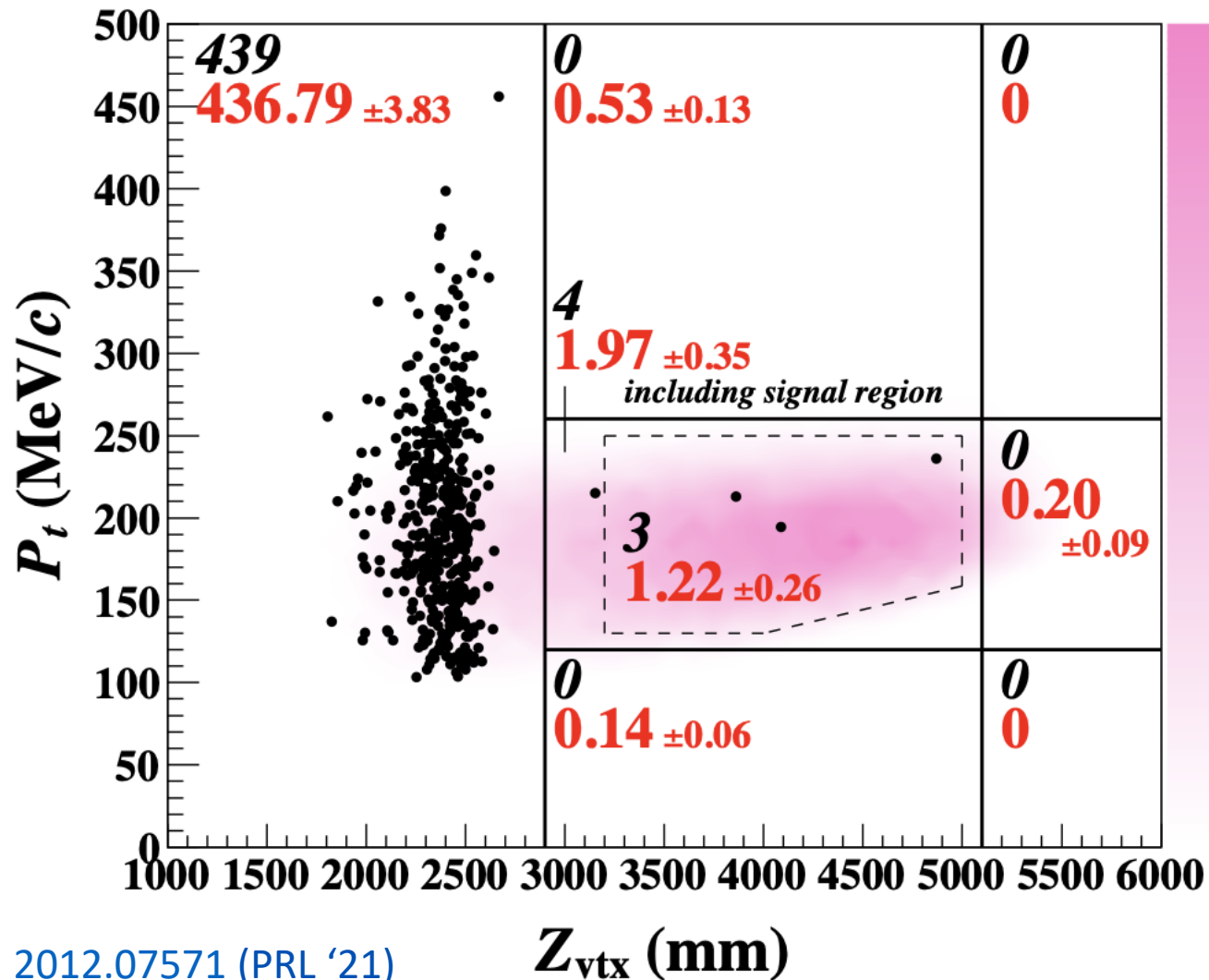


# Updated SN1987A Bound on CP-even Scalar





# Meanwhile, KOTO Anomaly Disappeared



More background than initial estimate.

Corresponding probability of observing 3 events is 13%.

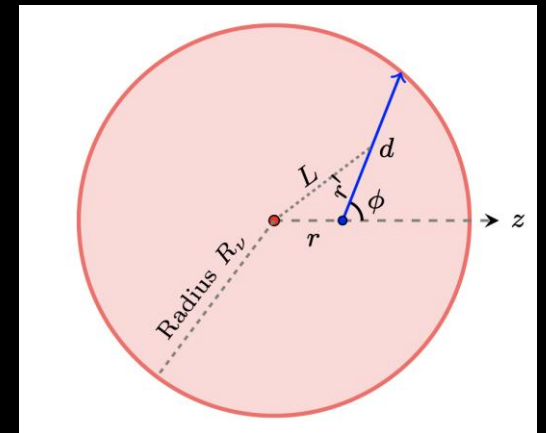
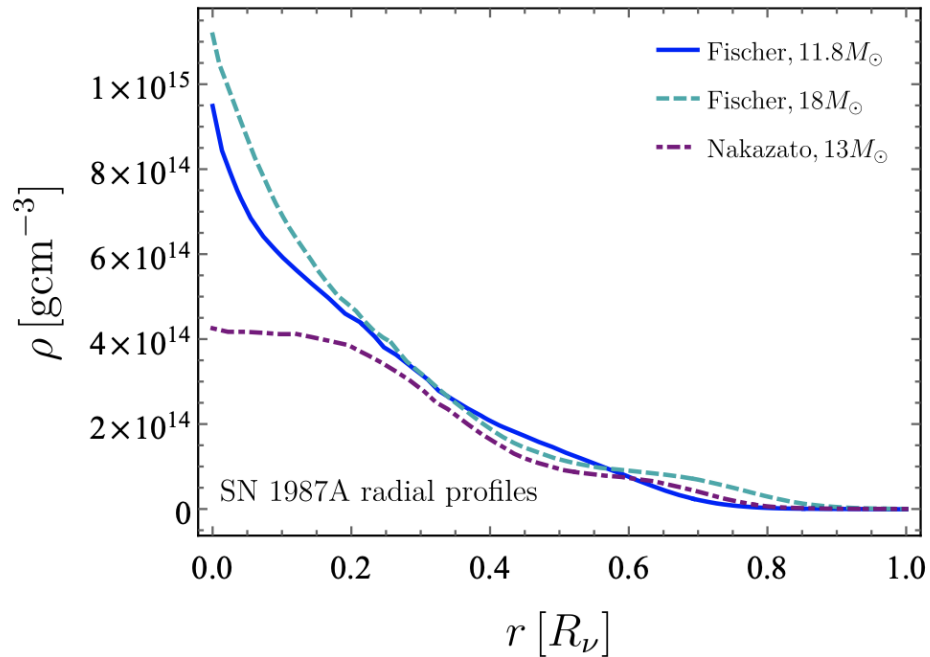
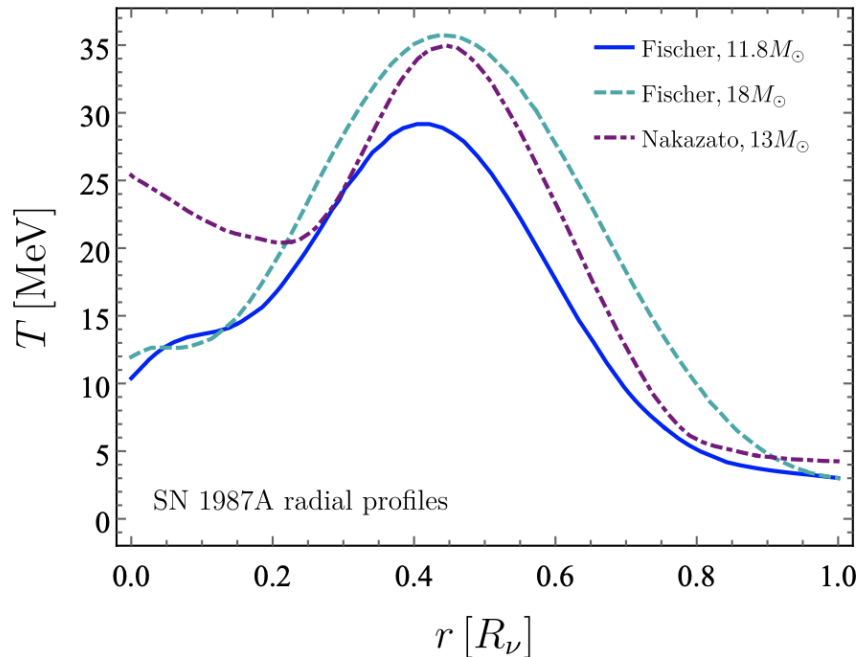
No New Physics yet (again).



But still recalculating the supernova constraint was a useful exercise.

# There is more to the Supernova story

Balaji, BD, Silk, Zhang, [2205.01669](#)



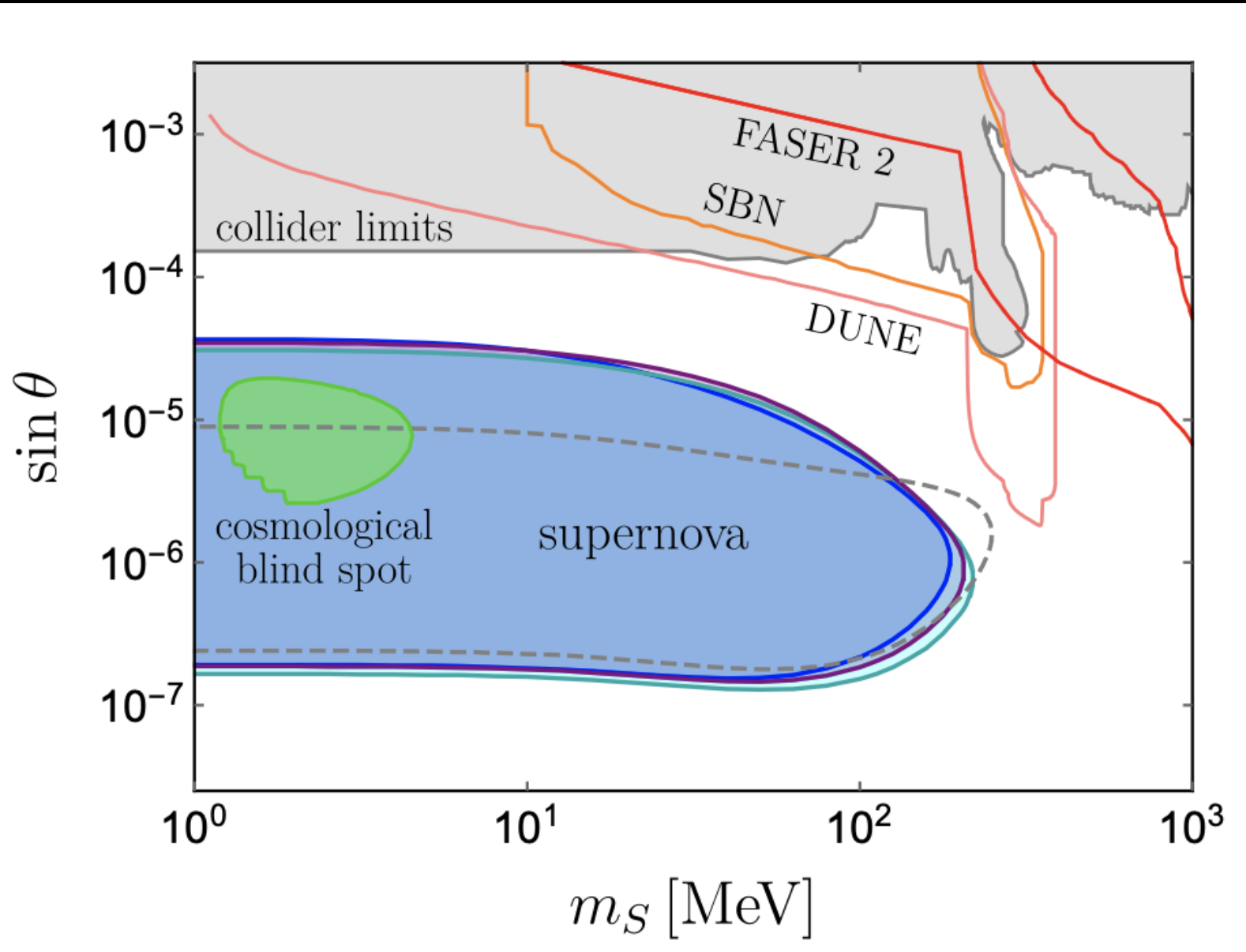
## Geometry effect

Include the changing **temperature and density profile** effects.

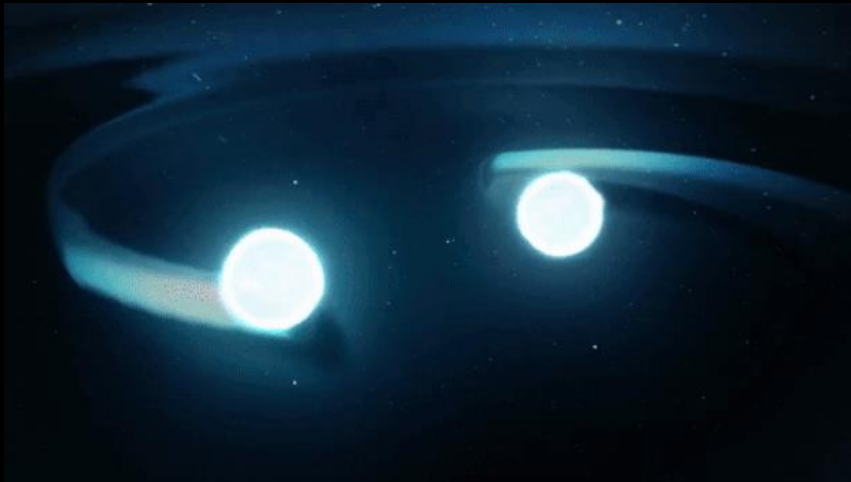
For axions, done in Chang, Essig, McDermott, [1611.03864 \(JHEP '17\)](#)

was not included even for axions until a week before our work: Caputo, Raffelt, Vitagliano, [2204.11862 \(JCAP '22\)](#)

# Reupdated SN1987A Bound



# NS Mergers

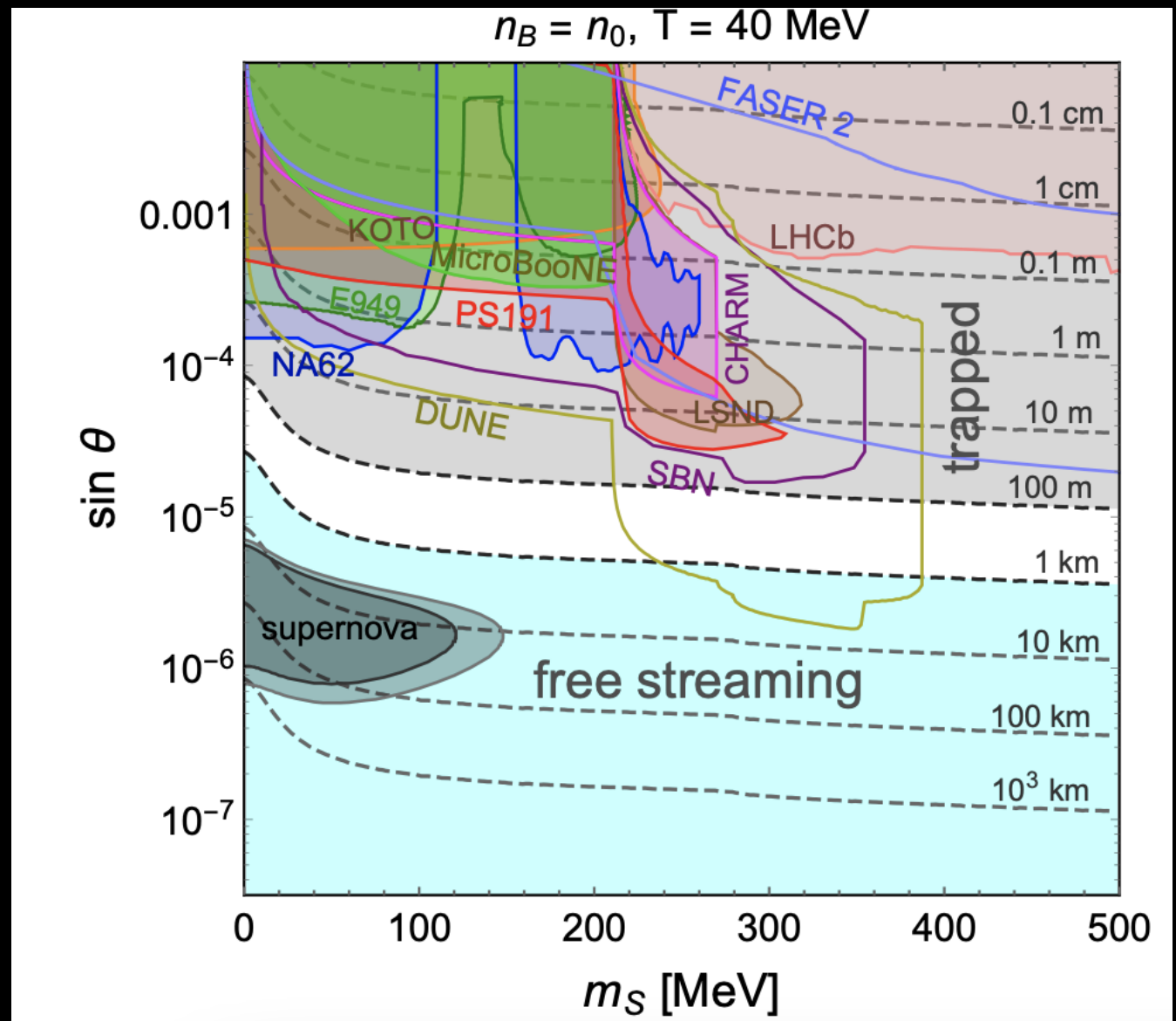


From CBSNews

A New Multimessenger Window to BSM Physics

**Axion:** Harris, Fortin, Sinha, Alford, [2003.09768](#) (JCAP '21)

**Dark photon:** Diamond, Marques-Tavares, [2106.03879](#) (PRL '22)



BD, Harris, Fortin, Sinha, Zhang, [2111.05852](#) (JCAP '22)

# How about other stellar structures?

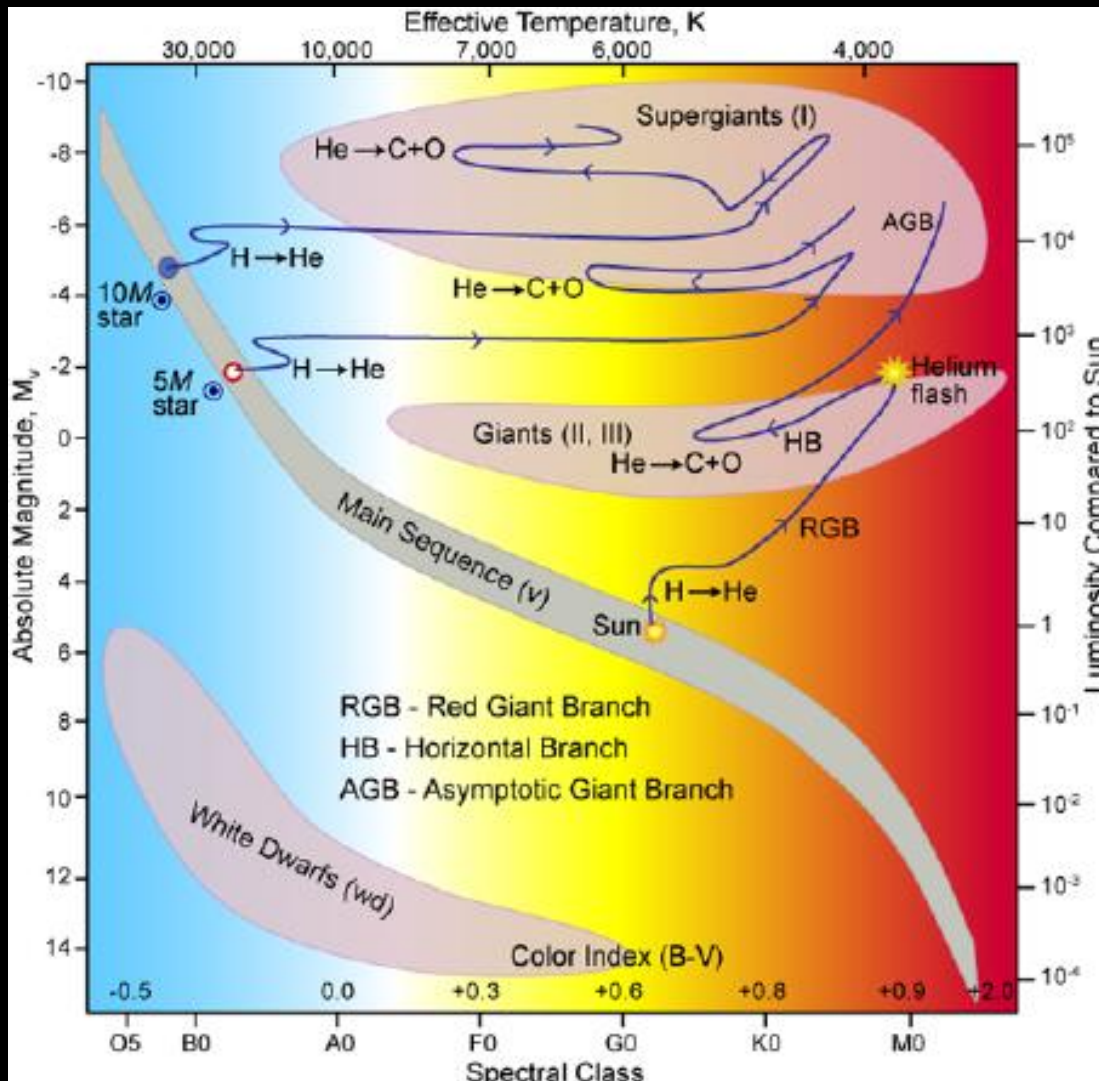
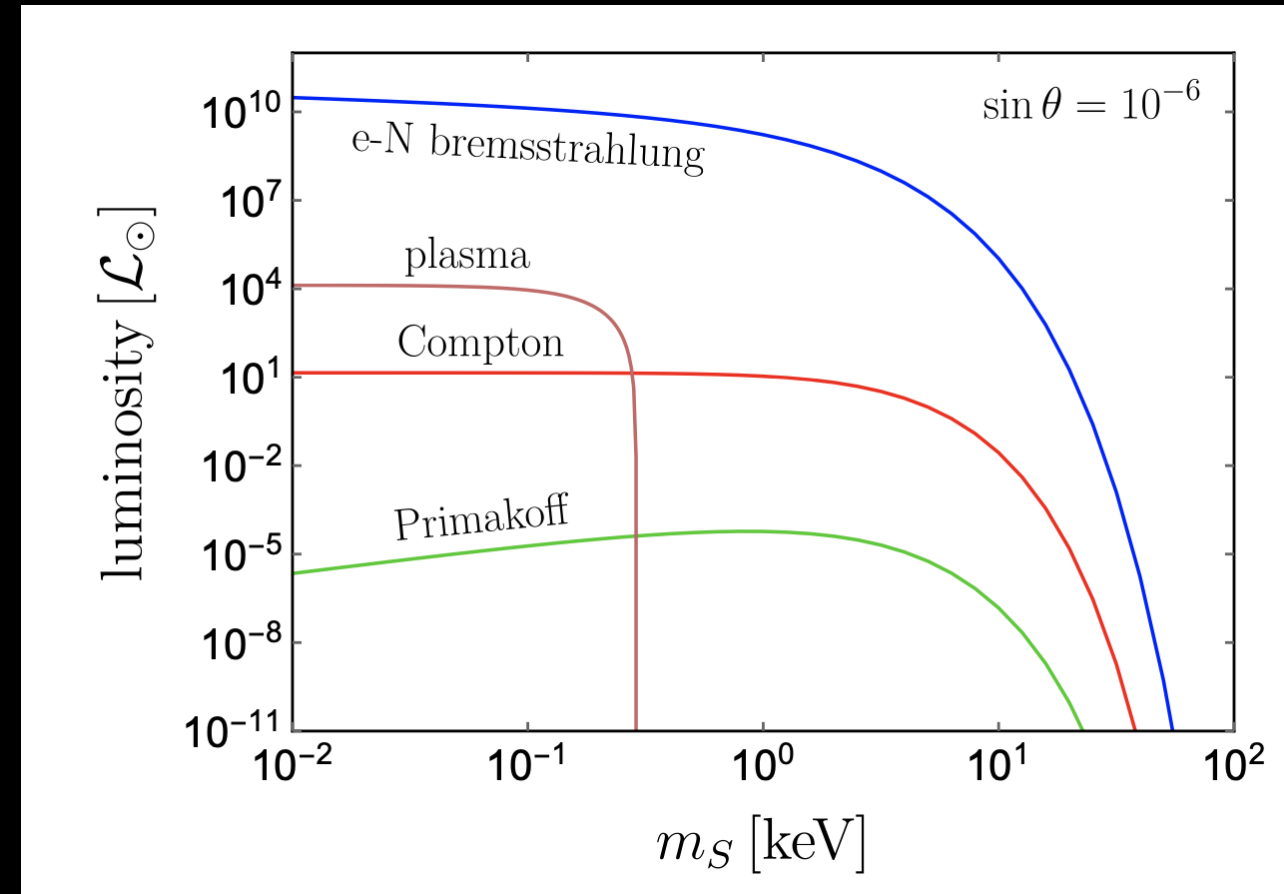


Figure from Robert Hollow



BD, Mohapatra, Zhang, [2010.01124](#) (JCAP '21);  
 Balaji, BD, Silk, Zhang, [2205.01669](#)

# Updated Stellar Limits

Star	Profile	Geometry	$\sin \theta$ range	$m_S$ range
SN1987A	—	—	$2.4 \times 10^{-7} - 9.0 \times 10^{-6}$	$< 249$ MeV
	Fischer $11.8M_{\odot}$	✓	$1.5 \times 10^{-7} - 3.8 \times 10^{-5}$	$< 187$ MeV
	Fischer $18M_{\odot}$	✓	$1.3 \times 10^{-7} - 3.1 \times 10^{-5}$	$< 219$ MeV
	Nakazato $13M_{\odot}$	✓	$1.5 \times 10^{-7} - 3.6 \times 10^{-5}$	$< 205$ MeV
Sun	—	—	$7.4 \times 10^{-14} - 1.2 \times 10^{-3}$	$< 40$ keV
	standard solar model	✓	$1.5 \times 10^{-12} - 1$	$< 45$ keV
RGs	—	—	$5.3 \times 10^{-13} - 5.3 \times 10^{-3}$	$< 384$ keV
	—	✓	$5.3 \times 10^{-13} - 0.39$	$< 392$ keV
WDs	—	—	$2.8 \times 10^{-18} - 2.4 \times 10^{-6}$	$< 283$ keV
	—	✓	$2.8 \times 10^{-18} - 1.8 \times 10^{-4}$	$< 290$ keV

BD and HB stars to be included (ongoing)

# Conclusion

- To quote Jim Gates, “If we had more people like Rabi, the world would have been a *much* better place”.
- Rabi is *the* best physicist, mentor, guide and collaborator I have interacted with so far.
- Looking forward to many more years of productive research with Rabi.
- Wish a very happy retirement life to Rabi and Manju Apa.



Photo Courtesy: Deepak Sathyan

Thank you.