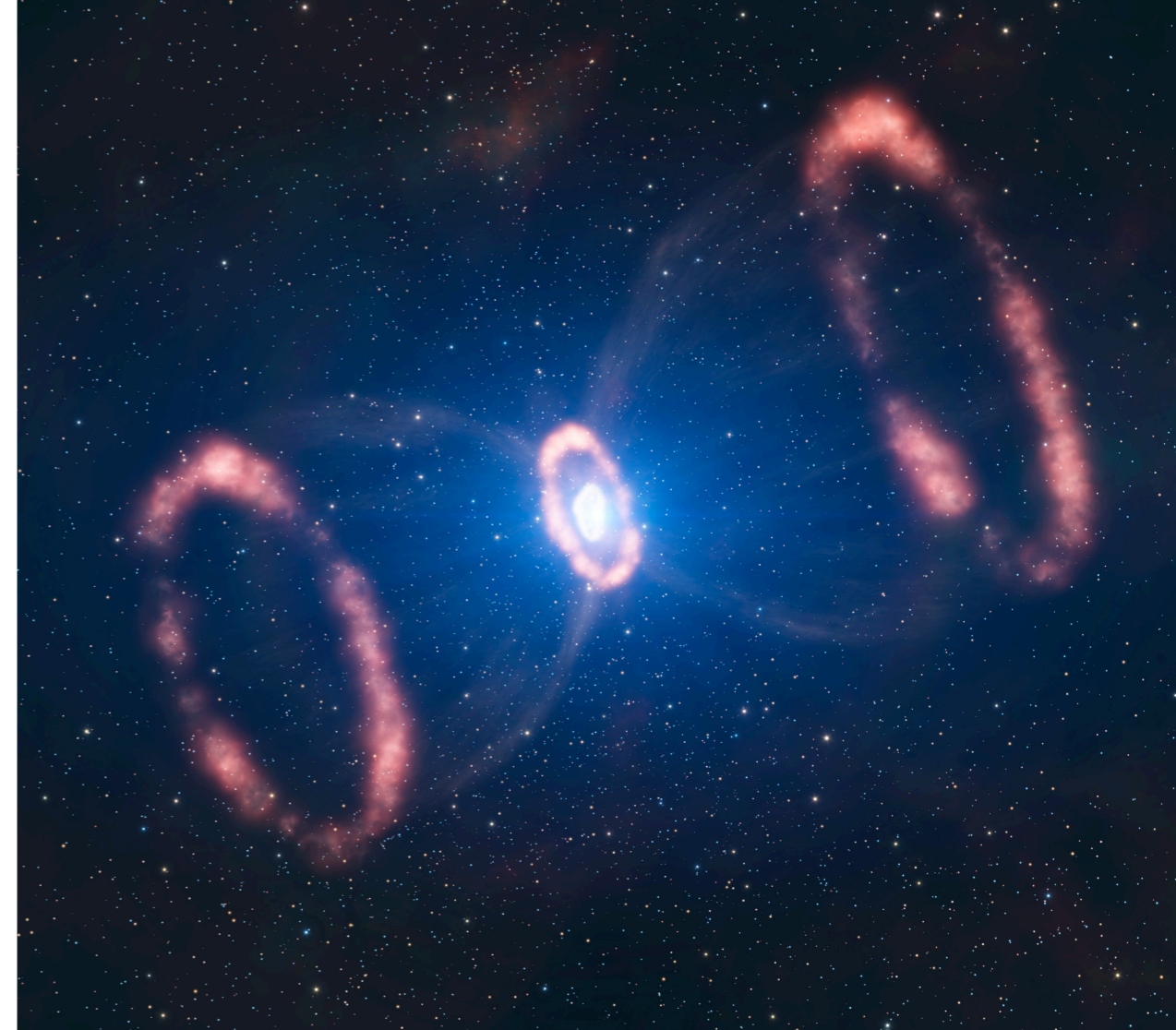


The Diffuse Supernova Neutrino Background as a window to the neutrino past

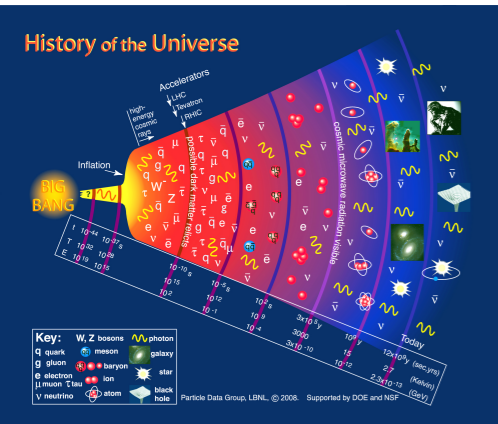
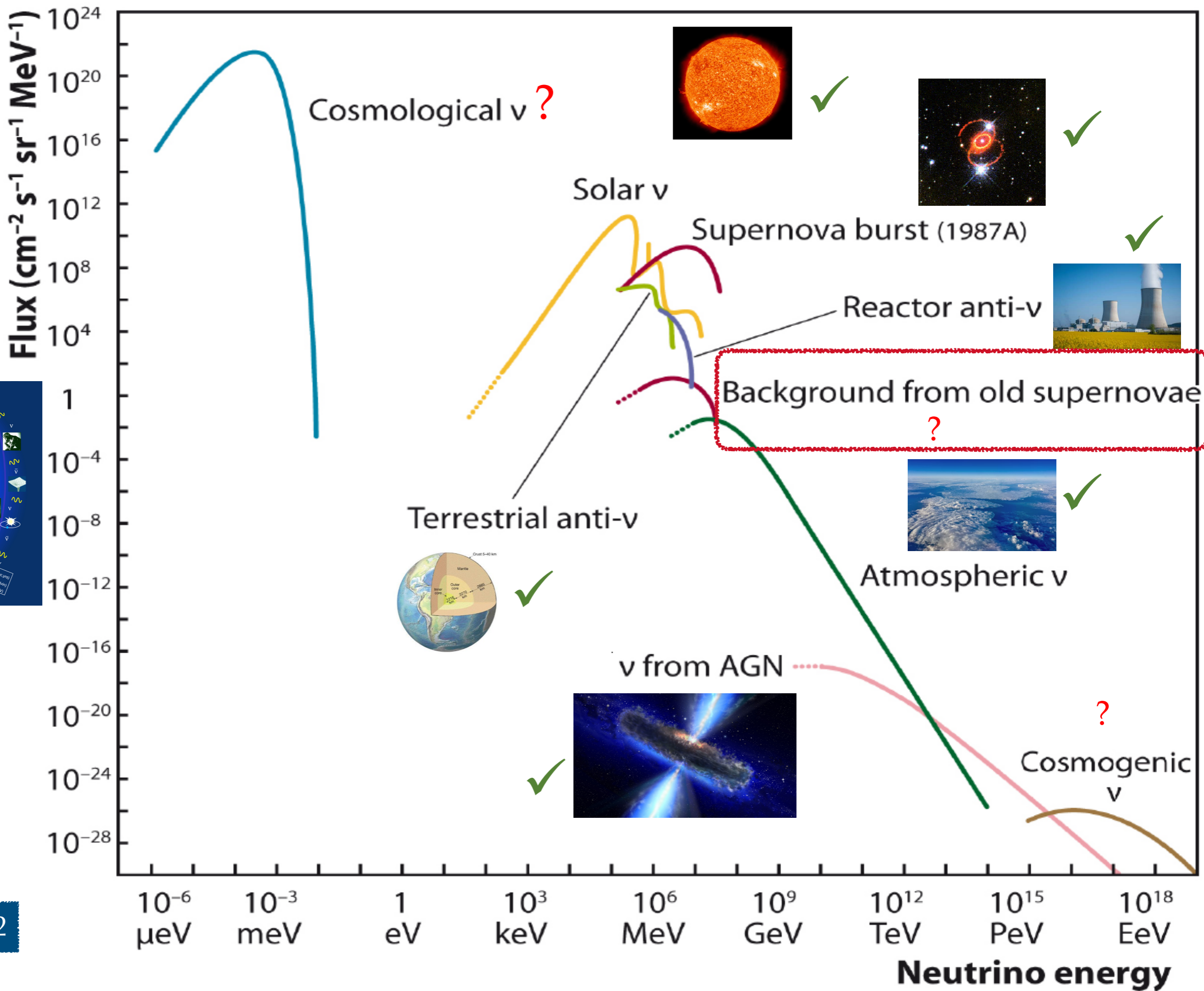
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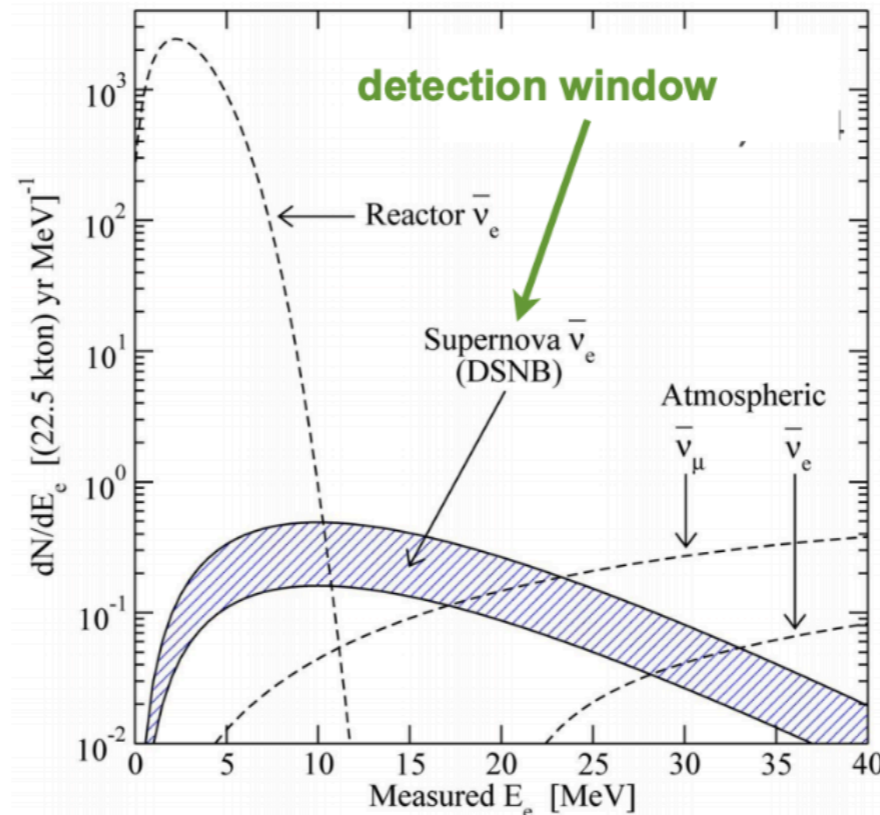
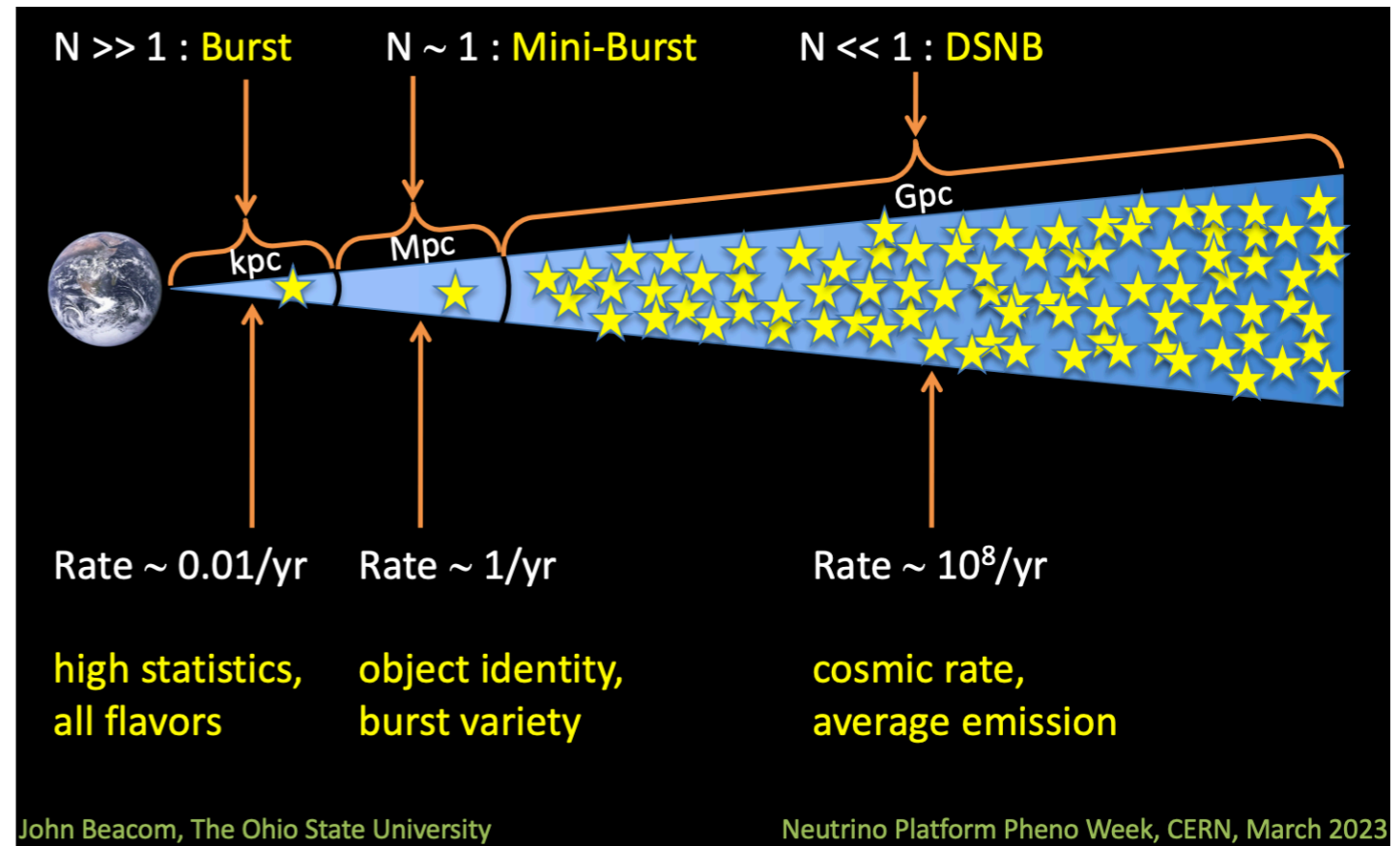


Katz et.al., 2012

Diffuse Supernova Neutrino Background

- We could look for *all* the SNe that have exploded in the Universe
- This should create a diffuse (isotropic and time independent) neutrino flux
- New frontier in neutrino astrophysics
- “Oldest” neutrinos within reach
 $z = 5 \longrightarrow t_{\text{age}} \sim 1 \text{ Gyr}$

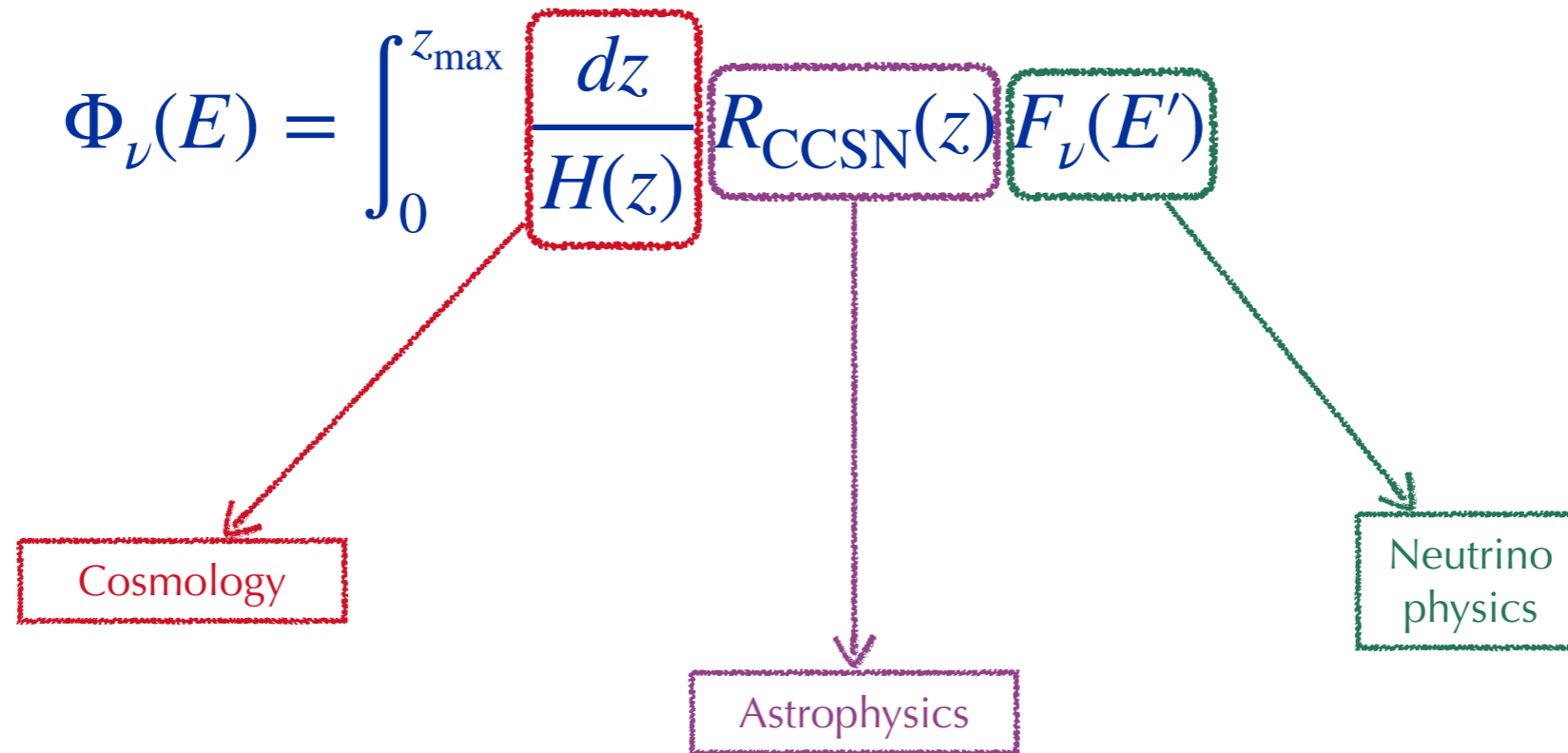
What can we learn by measuring the DSNB?



Beacom, Vagins, PRL 2003
 Beacom, Ann.Rev.Nuc.Phys.Sc.2010
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Diffuse Supernova Neutrino Background

$$z_{\max} = 5$$



Neutrino physics

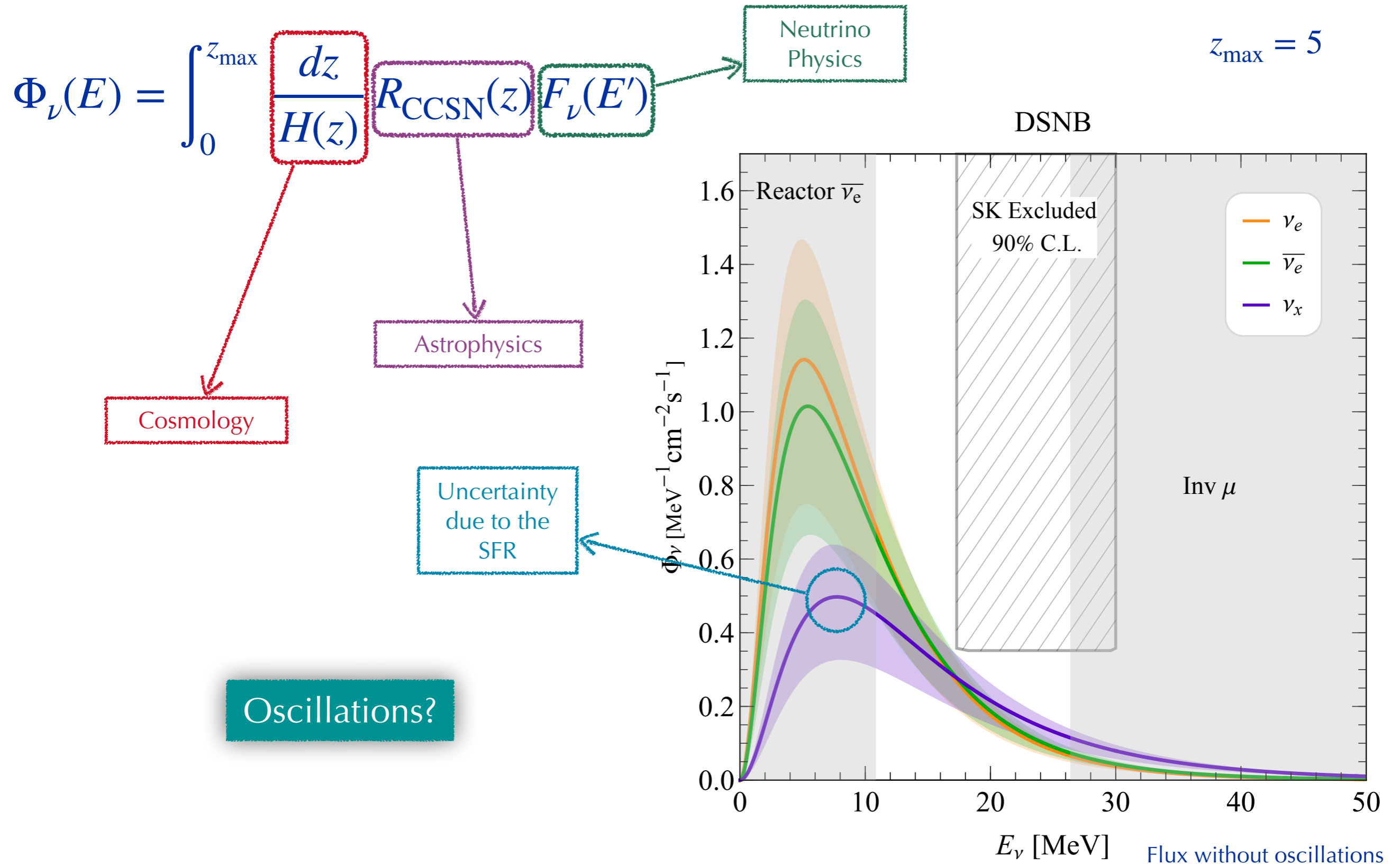
Assume a Fermi-Dirac distribution.
Characteristic of the late-time phase

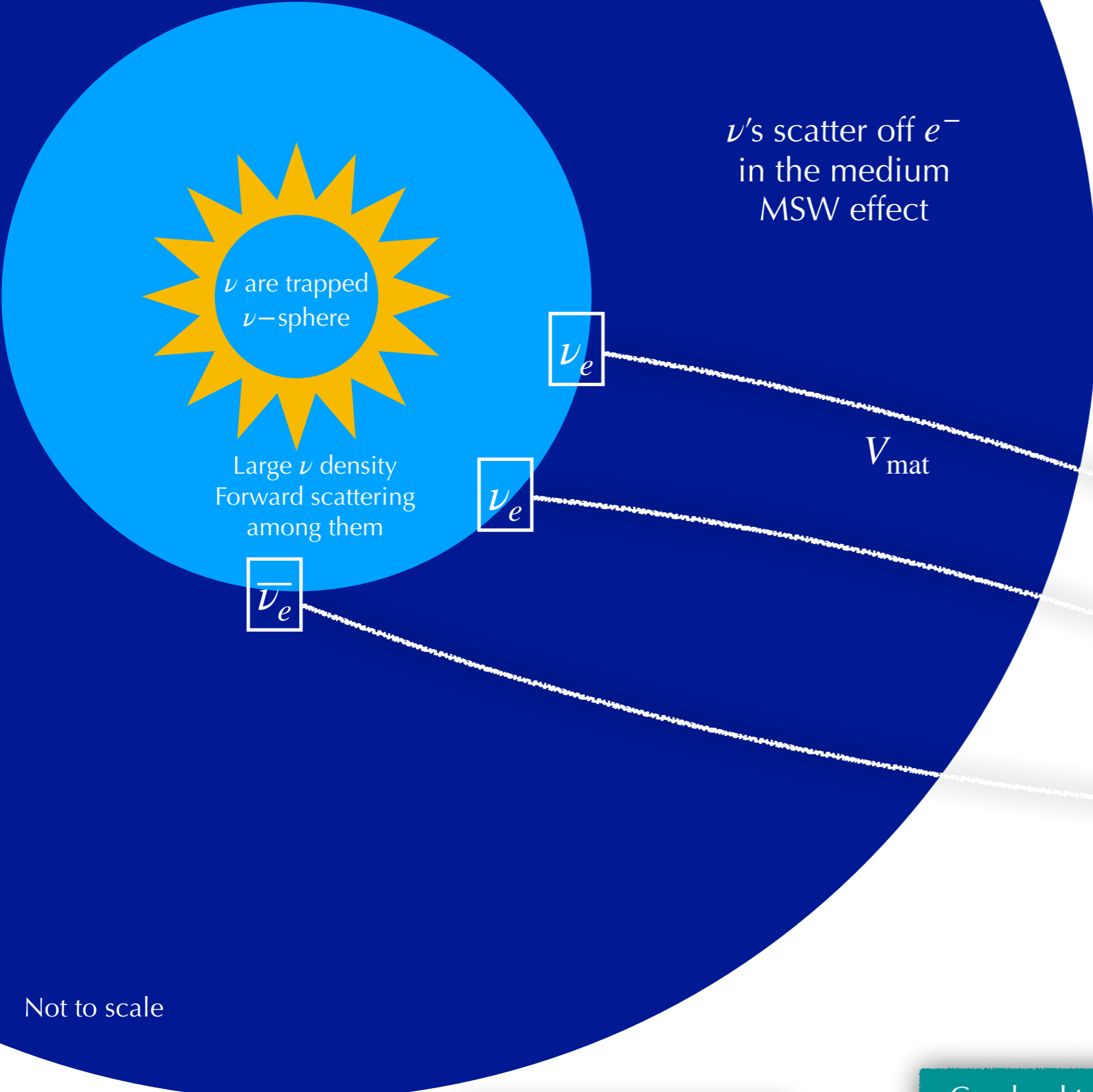
Total released energy

$$F_{\nu}(E) = \frac{E_{\nu}^{\text{tot}}}{6} \frac{120}{7\pi^4} \frac{E_{\nu}^2}{T_{\nu}^4} \frac{1}{e^{E_{\nu}/T_{\nu}} + 1}$$

$$T_{\nu_e} < T_{\bar{\nu}_e} < T_{\nu_x}$$

Diffuse Supernova Neutrino Background





$$H = \cancel{H_0} + V_{\text{mat}}$$

Mixings are highly suppressed and flavor states coincide with medium eigenstates

Dighe, Smirnov PRD62(2000)033007

ν_3 For the NO

ν_3



$\bar{\nu}_1$

$$\Phi_{\nu_e} = |U_{ei}|^2 \Phi_{\nu_i}$$

Not to scale

Collective oscillations

Can lead to complex modifications to the neutrino spectra

Vast literature:

- Hannestad, Raffelt, Sigland Wong (2006)
- Duan, Fuller, Carlson and Qian (PRD 2006,2007)
- Duan, Fuller, Carlson and Qian (PRL 2006)
- Dasgupta, Dighe, Raffelt and Smirnov (PRL 2009)
- Friedland (PRL 2010)
- Capozzi, Dasgupta, Mirizzi, Sen, Sigl (PRL 2019)
- ...

See Basudev and Pedro's talk

Detecting the DSNB

This is a
“guaranteed”
flux



Why
haven't we
detected it?

Number of
events

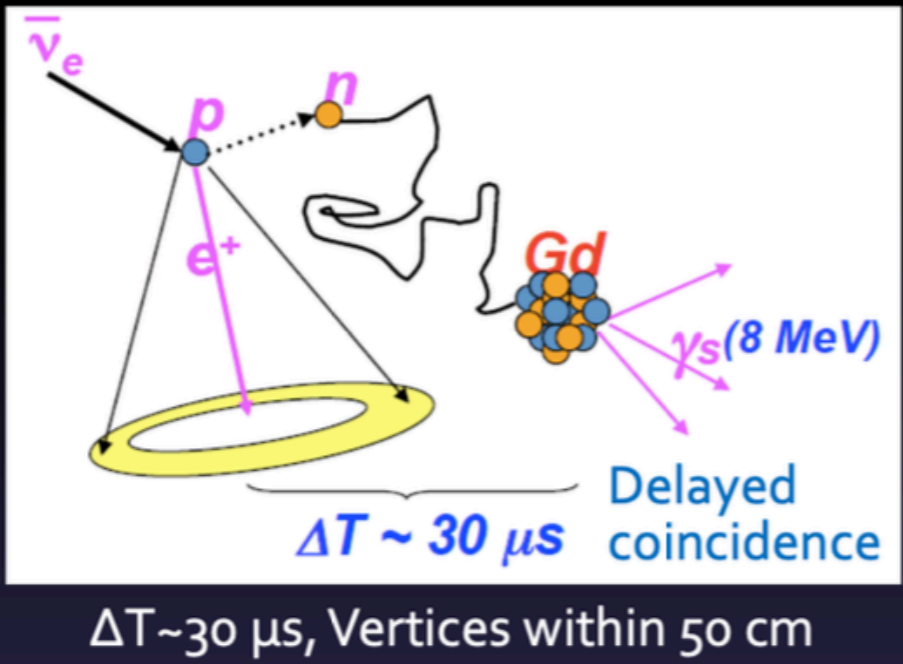
Backgrounds...

- There are many sources of background in the DSNB energy window
- Next generation experiments should be able to identify the DSNB
 - ◆ SK-Gd, HK, DUNE, THEIA
- Backgrounds will depend on the detector.

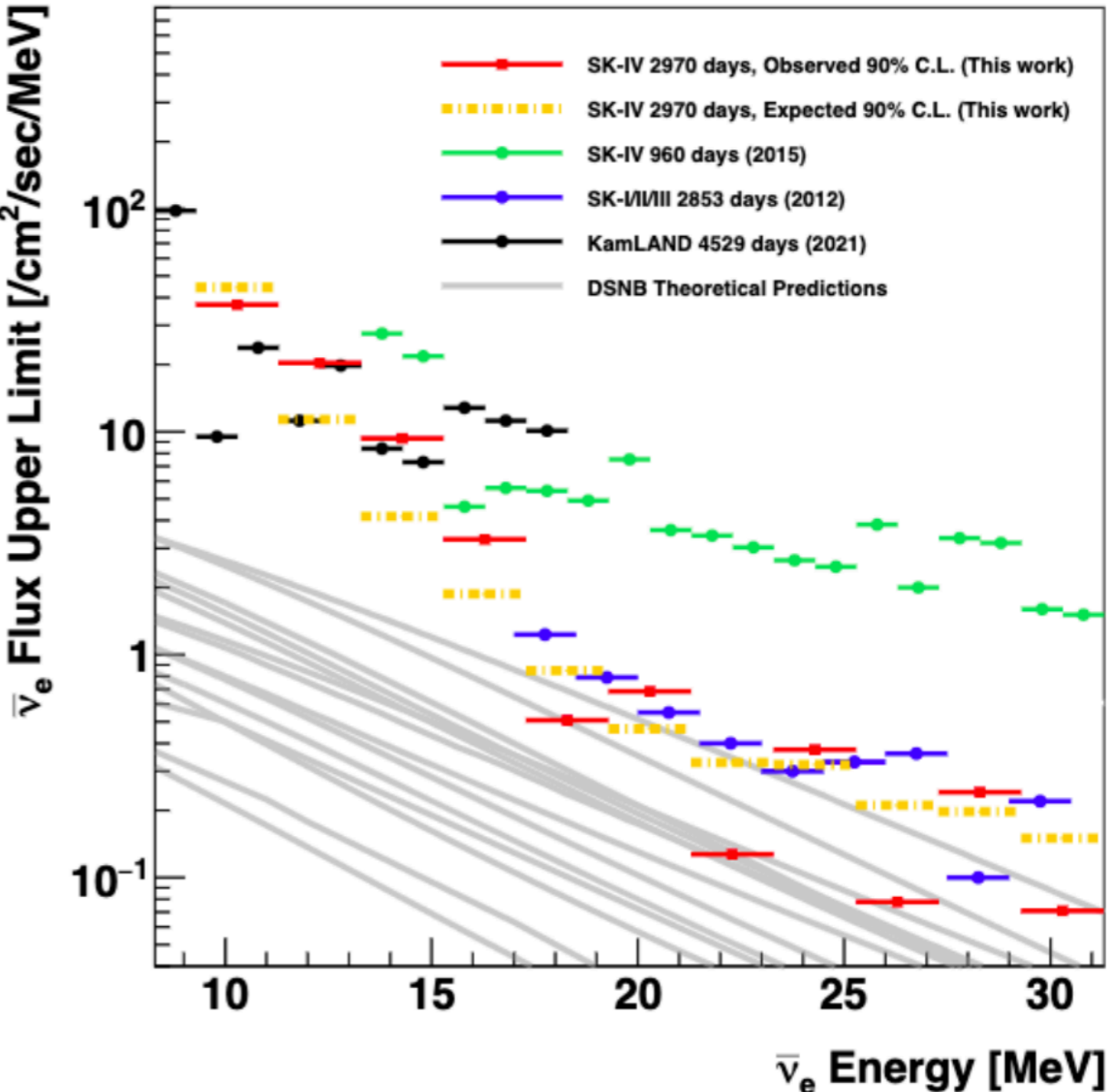
$$N_i = N_{\text{tar}} T \int dE^r dE^t \Phi_\alpha \sigma_\alpha \epsilon(E^t, E^r) + \text{Bkg}_i$$

SK, SK-Gd and HK

- Main channel for detection, IBD, $\bar{\nu}_e + p^+ \rightarrow n + e^+$
- **Backgrounds:**
 - ❖ $E_\nu < 10$ MeV, reactor antineutrinos
 - ❖ $E_\nu > 10$ MeV, muon spallation, atm neutrinos, invisible muon decay, NC
- Dope with Gadolinium!



Last limits from SK



Beacom, Vagins, PRL 2003

Abe et.al. PRD104(2021)12

What could we learn by measuring the DSNB?

We can look at the Universe's history through neutrino's eyes

❖ Neutrinos propagate in an expanding Universe → Cosmology?

❖ Star Formation Rate as seen by neutrinos

Constraints from light will be considerably stronger

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de Gouvêa, Martinez-Soler, YFPG, Sen, 2007.13748
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No time for this, unfortunately...
See Ivan's talk!

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Neutrino Decay

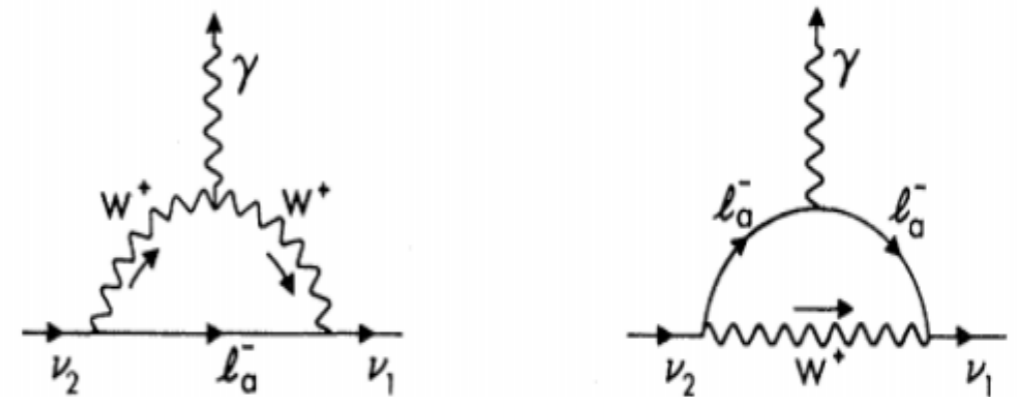
Neutrino Decay

Pakvasa and Valle ('03), Pal and Wolfenstein ('82), Petcov, Marciano and Sanda ('77)

- Neutrinos have a lifetime, even in the SM

$$\Gamma \sim 10^{-45} \text{ s}^{-1}$$

Way longer than the age of the Universe



Pal and Wolfenstein (PRD1982)

- However, if BSM exists, it can modify the neutrino lifetime:

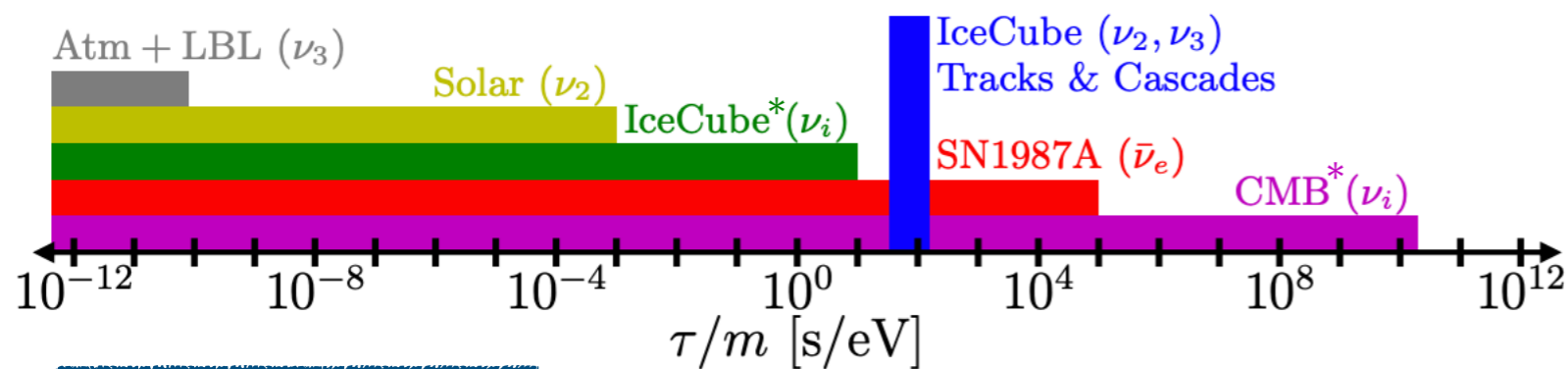
Gonzalez-Garcia and Maltoni (0802.3699)
Gomes, Gomes and Peres (1407.5640)
Abrahão et al (1506.02314)

SNO (1812.01088)
Berryman, de Gouvea, Hernandez (1411.0308)

Bustamante, Beacom, Murase (1610.02096)
Denton, Tamborra (1805.05950)
Bustamante (2004.06844)
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SK (PRL '87)
Kachelriess, Tomas and Valle (0001039)
Farzan ('02)

Escudero and Fairbairn (1907.05425)
Chacko, Dev, Du, Poulin and Tsai (1909.05275)
Chen et al (2203.09075)



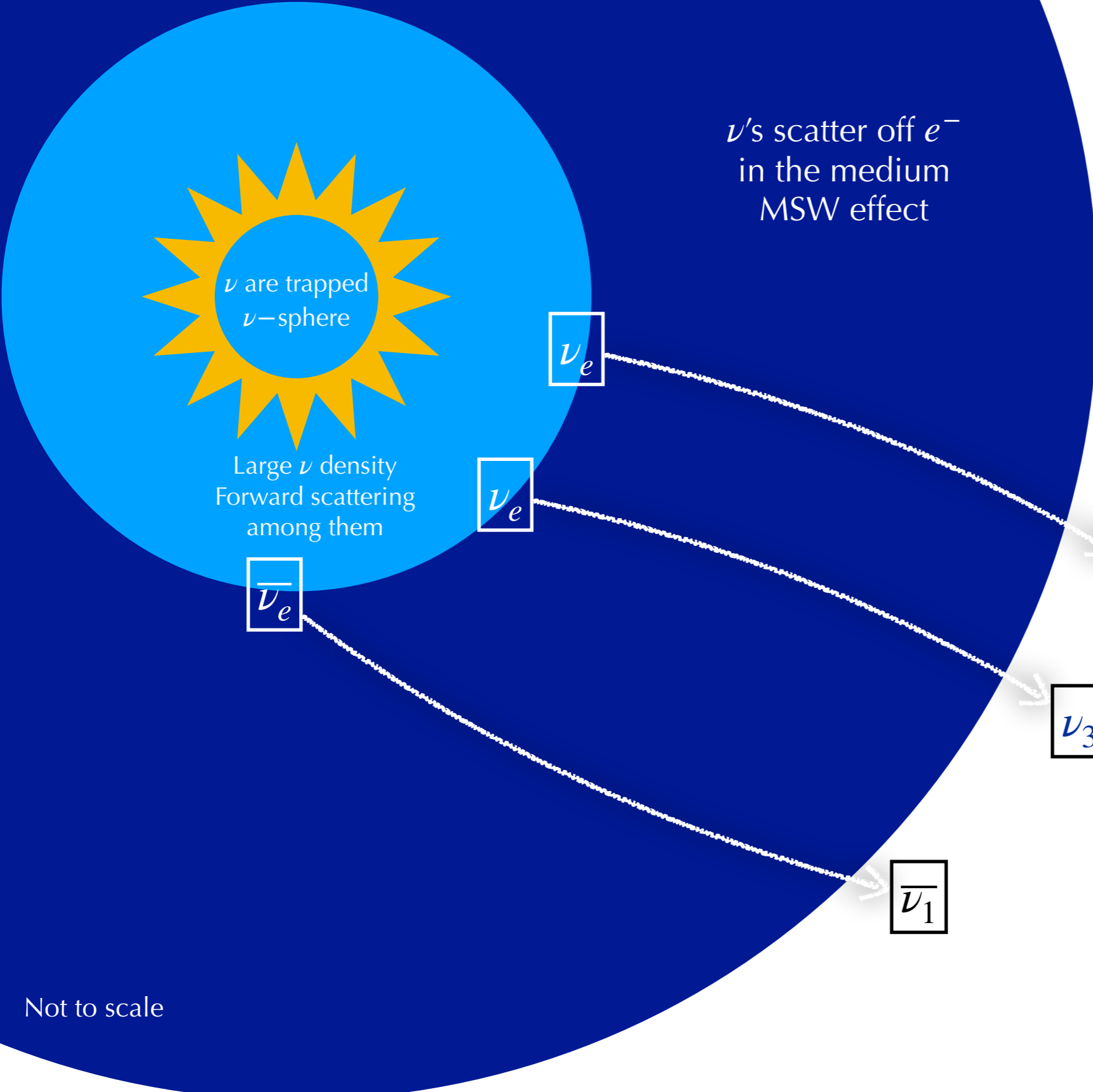
Abdullahi, Denton
PRD 102, 023018 (2020)

* $\tau_1/m_1 \gtrsim 6 \times 10^3 \text{ s/eV}$
* $\tau_0 \gtrsim 10^7 \text{ s}$, two decay
 $\tau_0 \gtrsim 10^5 \text{ s}$ (10^2 s) for one decay — atm (sol)

Neutrino Decay

$$\mathcal{L} \supset \frac{f_{ij}}{2} (\nu_L)_i (\nu_L)_j \varphi + \text{h.c.}$$

- ✦ Helicity conserving
- ✦ Helicity flipping



Not to scale

Ando (0307169)
Fogli et al (0401227)

For galactic SNe:

De Gouvêa, Martinez-Soler, Sen, PRD 2019

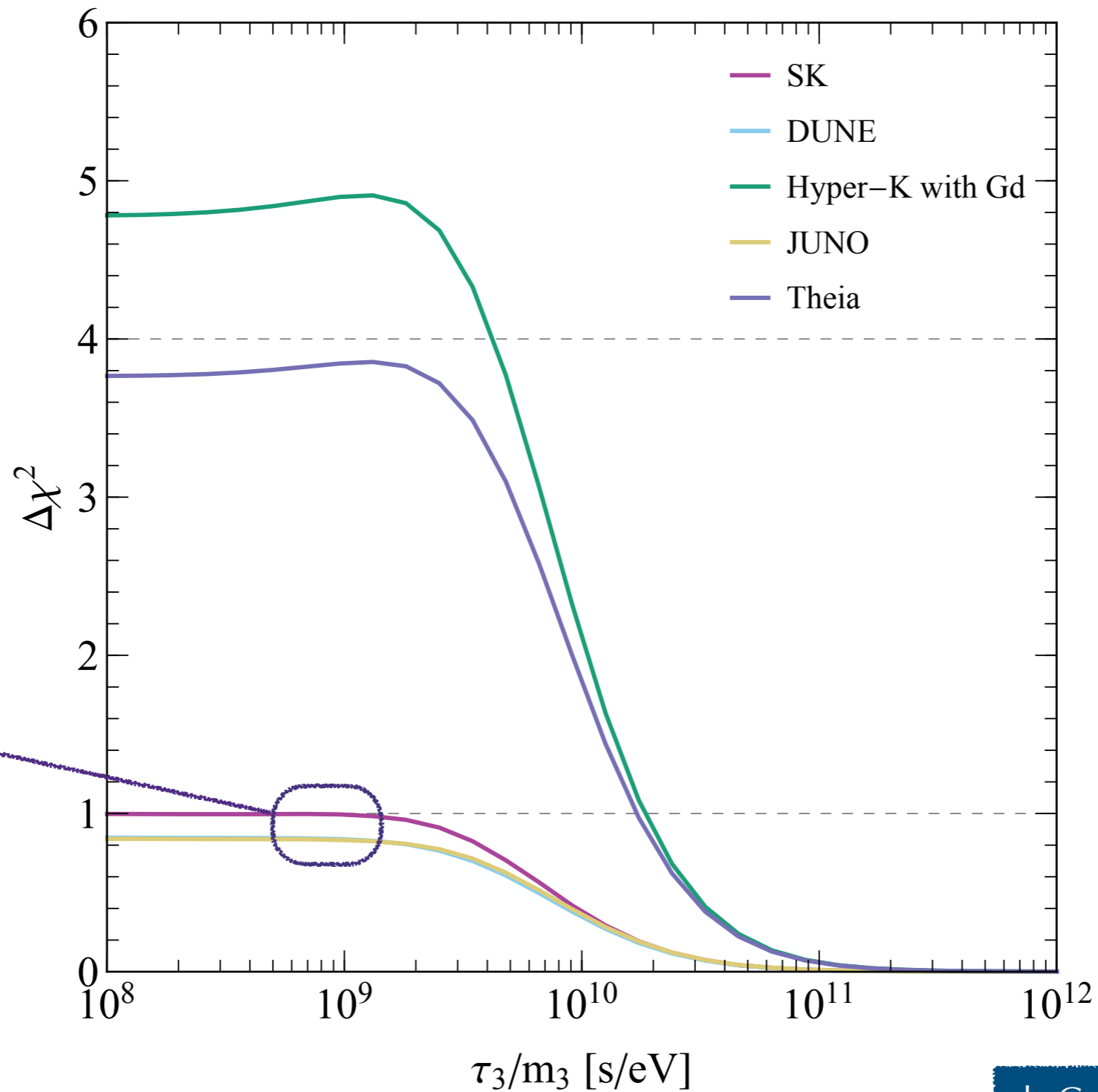
$$|U_{e1}|^2 > |U_{e3}|^2 \quad \Phi_{\nu_e} = |U_{ei}|^2 \Phi_{\nu_i}$$

Enhancement

For the NO

Future sensitivity -
10 y

Neutrino decay – DSNB



$\tau_3/m_3 \lesssim 10^9$ s/eV
@ 2σ — 10 yr

de Gouvêa, Martinez-Soler, YFPG,
Sen, 2007.13748

Pseudo-Dirac Neutrinos

Pseudo-Dirac Neutrinos*

Let's consider the Dirac+Majorana Lagrangian

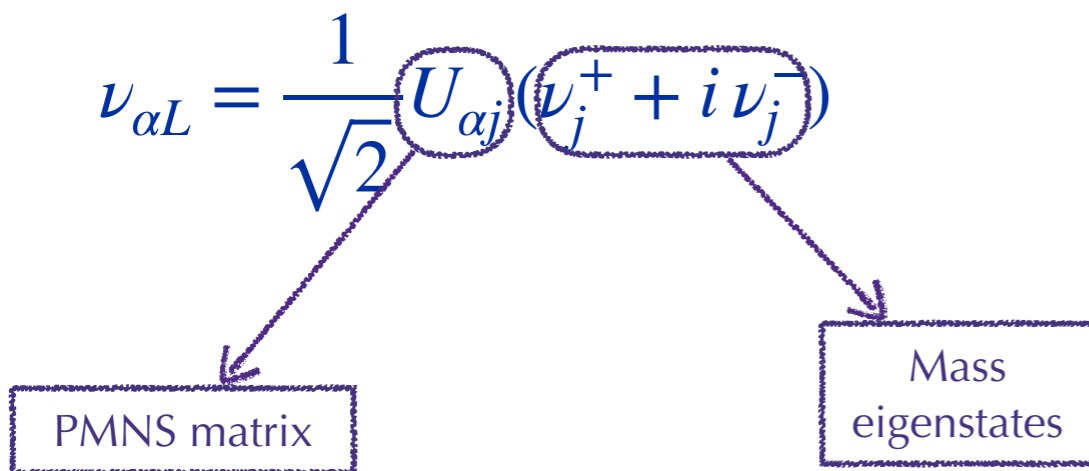
$$\mathcal{L}_Y = -\frac{\sqrt{2}M_D}{v}\bar{L}\tilde{H}N_R + \frac{1}{2}\bar{N}^c MN + \text{h.c.}$$

$$M = \begin{pmatrix} 0_3 & M_D \\ M_D & M_R \end{pmatrix}$$

- ❖ $M_R = 0 \rightarrow$ Dirac neutrinos
- ❖ $M_R \gg M_D \rightarrow$ Usual type I seesaw
- ❖ $M_R \ll M_D \rightarrow$ PseudoDirac neutrinos

Soft lepton number violation

Also technically natural case



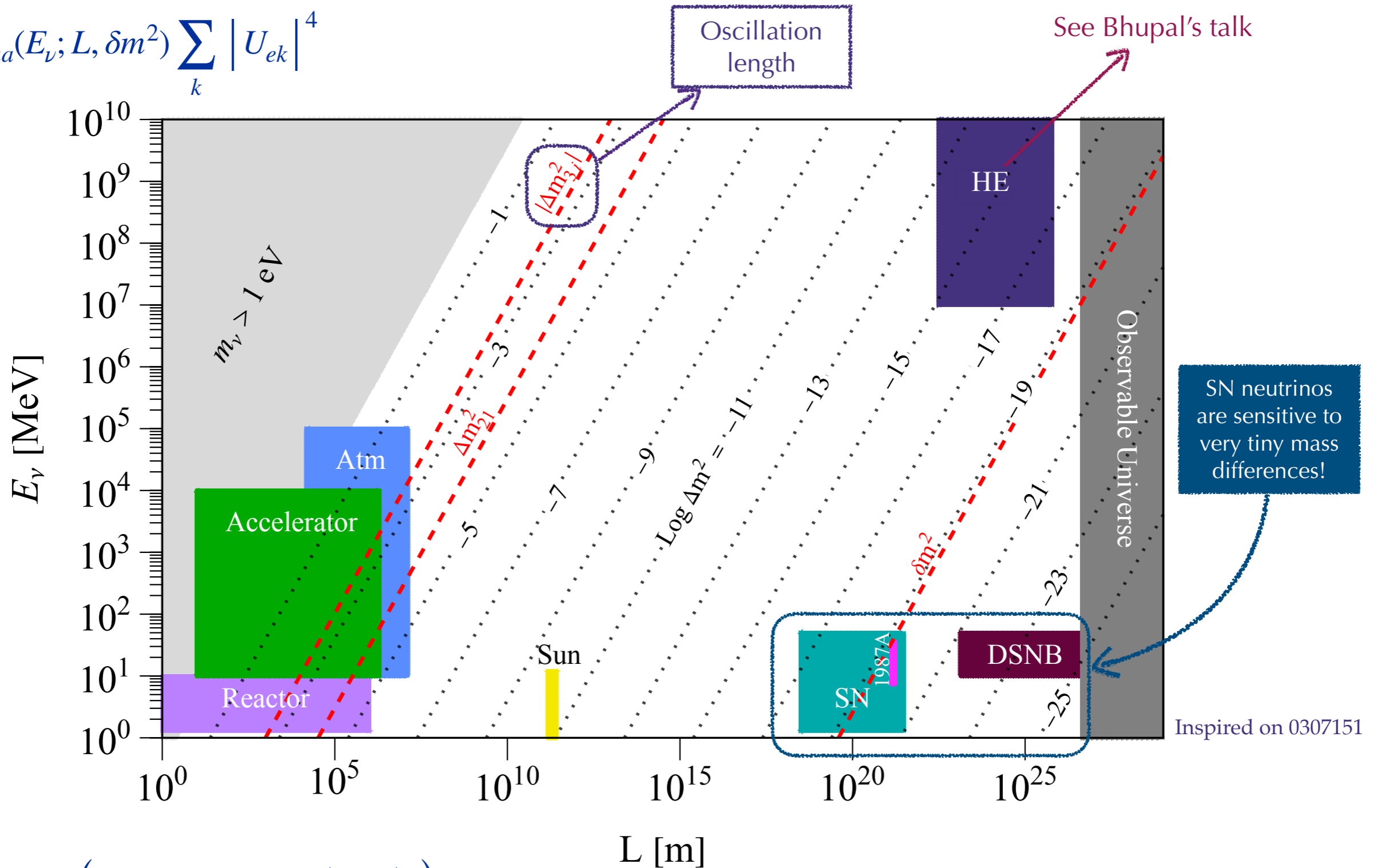
Active neutrinos are a ~50-50 combination of two states

*I use "pseudo-Dirac" to describe active-sterile pairs

See Babu's talk

Pseudo-Dirac Neutrinos

$$P_{ee} = P_{aa}(E_\nu; L, \delta m^2) \sum_k |U_{ek}|^4$$



$$P_{aa}(E_\nu) = \frac{1}{2} \left(1 + e^{-\left(\frac{L}{L_{\text{coh}}}\right)^2} \cos\left(\frac{2\pi L}{L_{\text{osc}}}\right) \right)$$

$$L_{\text{osc}} = \frac{4\pi E_\nu}{\delta m^2} \sim 20 \text{ kpc} \left(\frac{E_\nu}{25 \text{ MeV}} \right) \left(\frac{10^{-19} \text{ eV}^2}{\delta m^2} \right)$$

Pseudo-Dirac Neutrinos

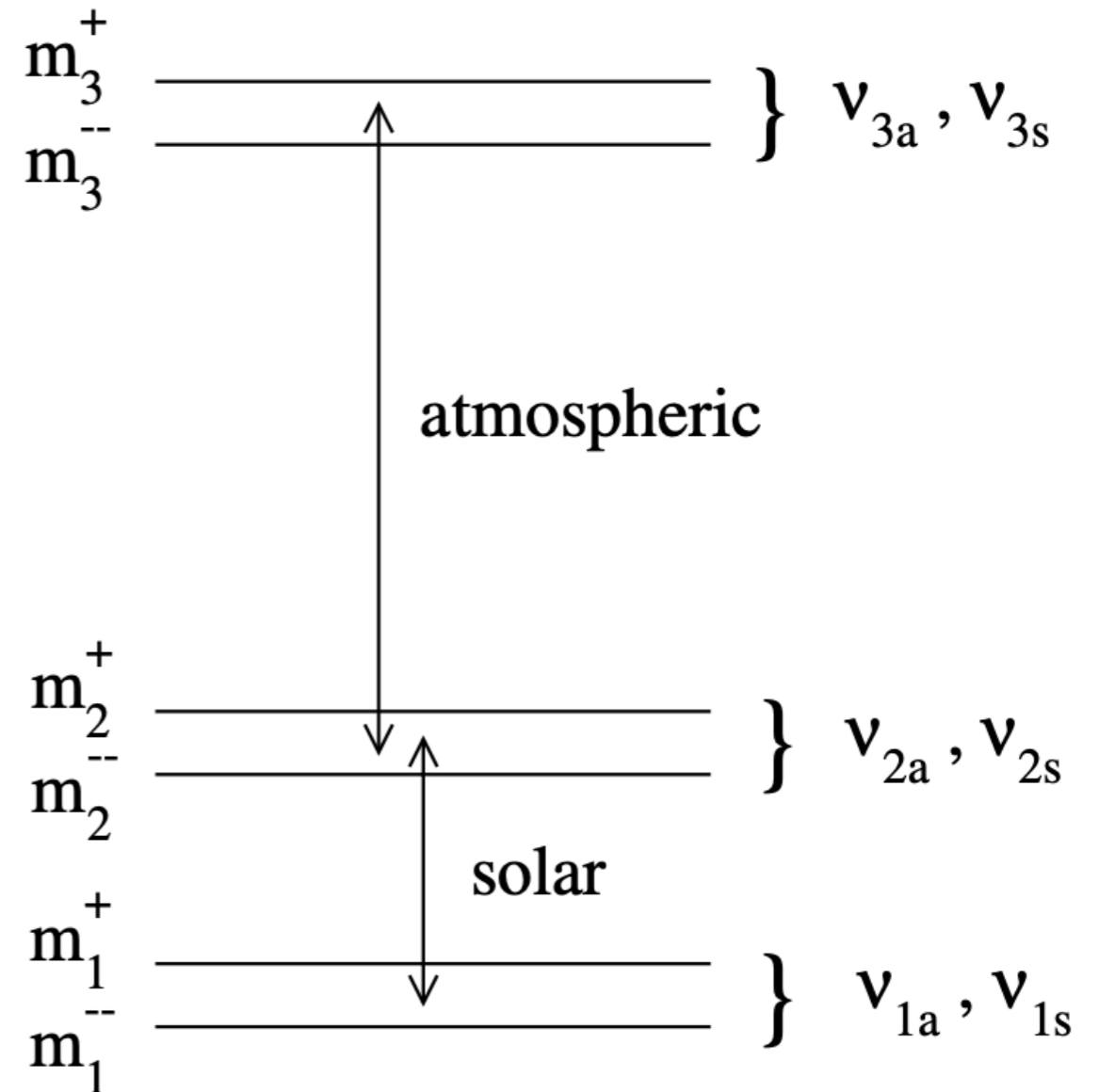
$$m_{kS}^2 = m_k^2 + \frac{1}{2}\delta m_k^2$$

$$m_{kA}^2 = m_k^2 - \frac{1}{2}\delta m_k^2$$

$\delta m_k^2 \rightarrow$ tiny but non-zero mass difference

Limits on δm_k^2

- ❖ Solar neutrinos $\delta m_k^2 \lesssim 10^{-12} \text{ eV}^2$
 - de Gouvêa et.al. 0906.1611, Donini et.al. 1106.0064
- ❖ Atms neutrinos $\delta m_k^2 \lesssim 10^{-4} \text{ eV}^2$
 - Beacom et.al. 0307151
- ❖ HE neutrinos
 - $10^{-18} \text{ eV}^2 \lesssim \delta m_k^2 \lesssim 10^{-12} \text{ eV}^2$
 - de Gouvêa et.al. 0906.1611, Donini et.al. 1106.0064
- ❖ SN limits?



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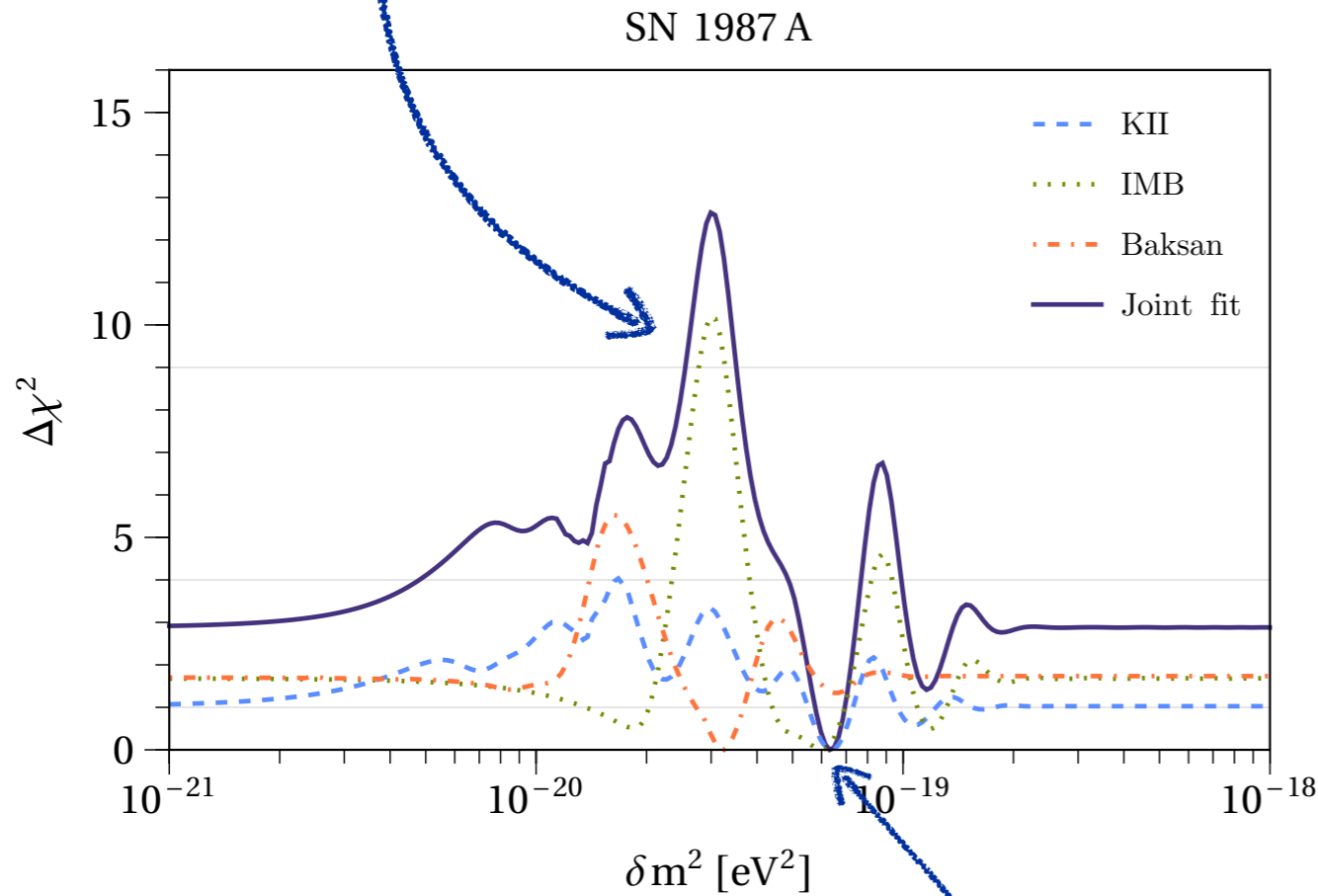
SN1987A

Mild preference for a non-zero δm_k^2

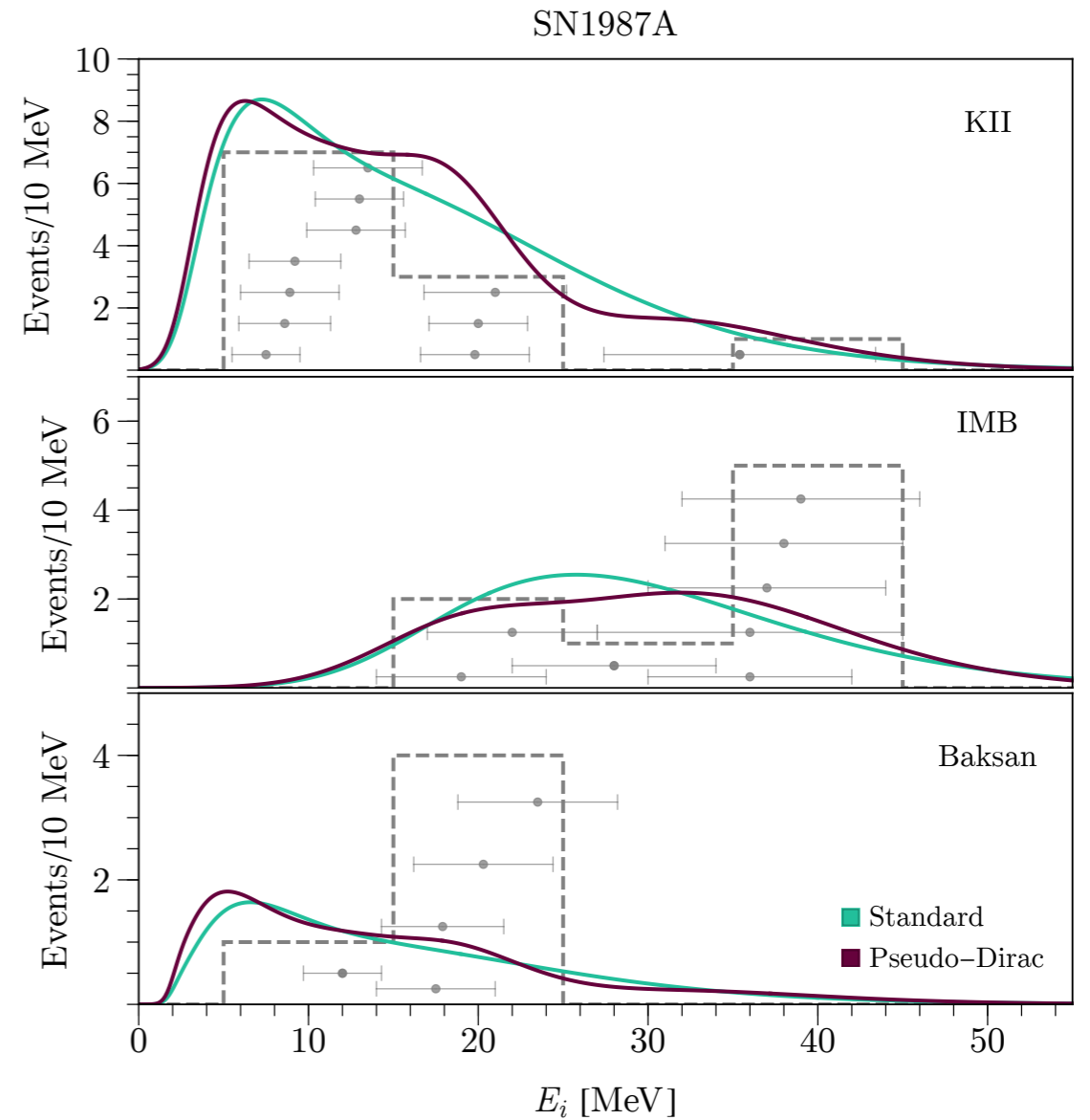
$$\Delta\chi^2 \approx 3$$

We can exclude a range a more than 3σ !

$$\delta m_k^2 \sim [2.55, 3.01] \times 10^{-20} \text{ eV}^2$$



$$\delta m_k^2 = 6.31 \times 10^{-20} \text{ eV}^2$$

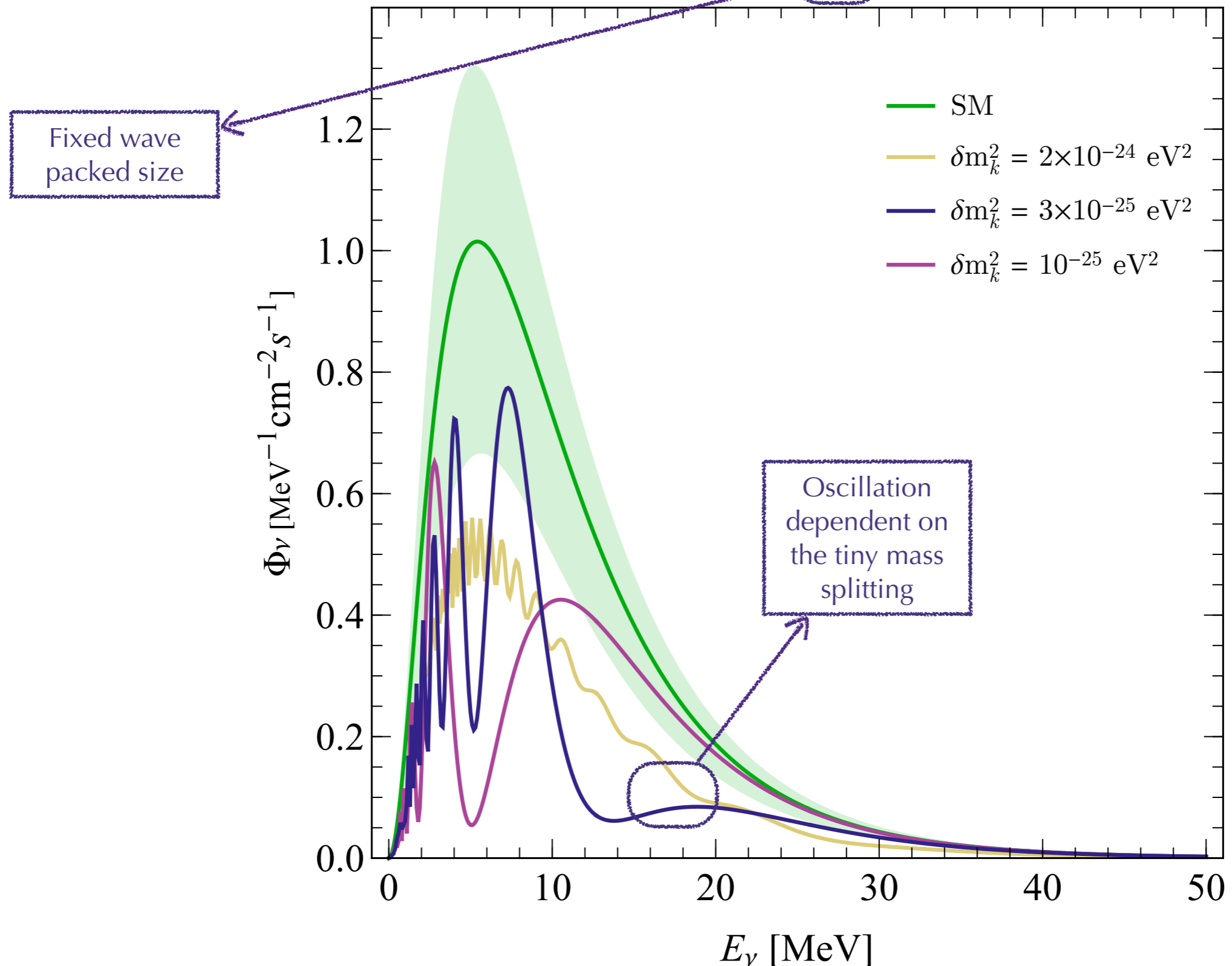


Active-sterile oscillations ease the tension

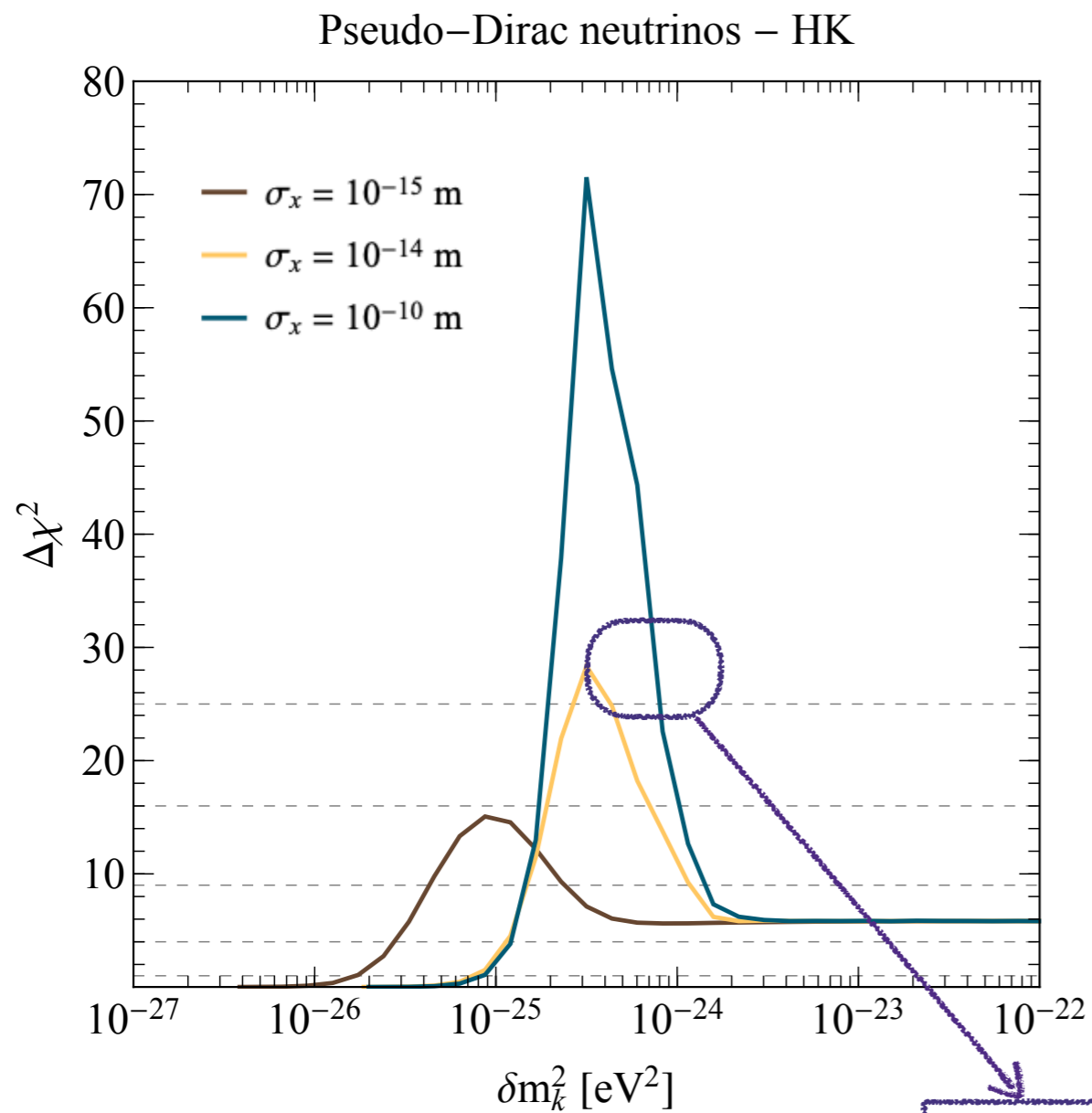
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Pseudo-Dirac Neutrinos

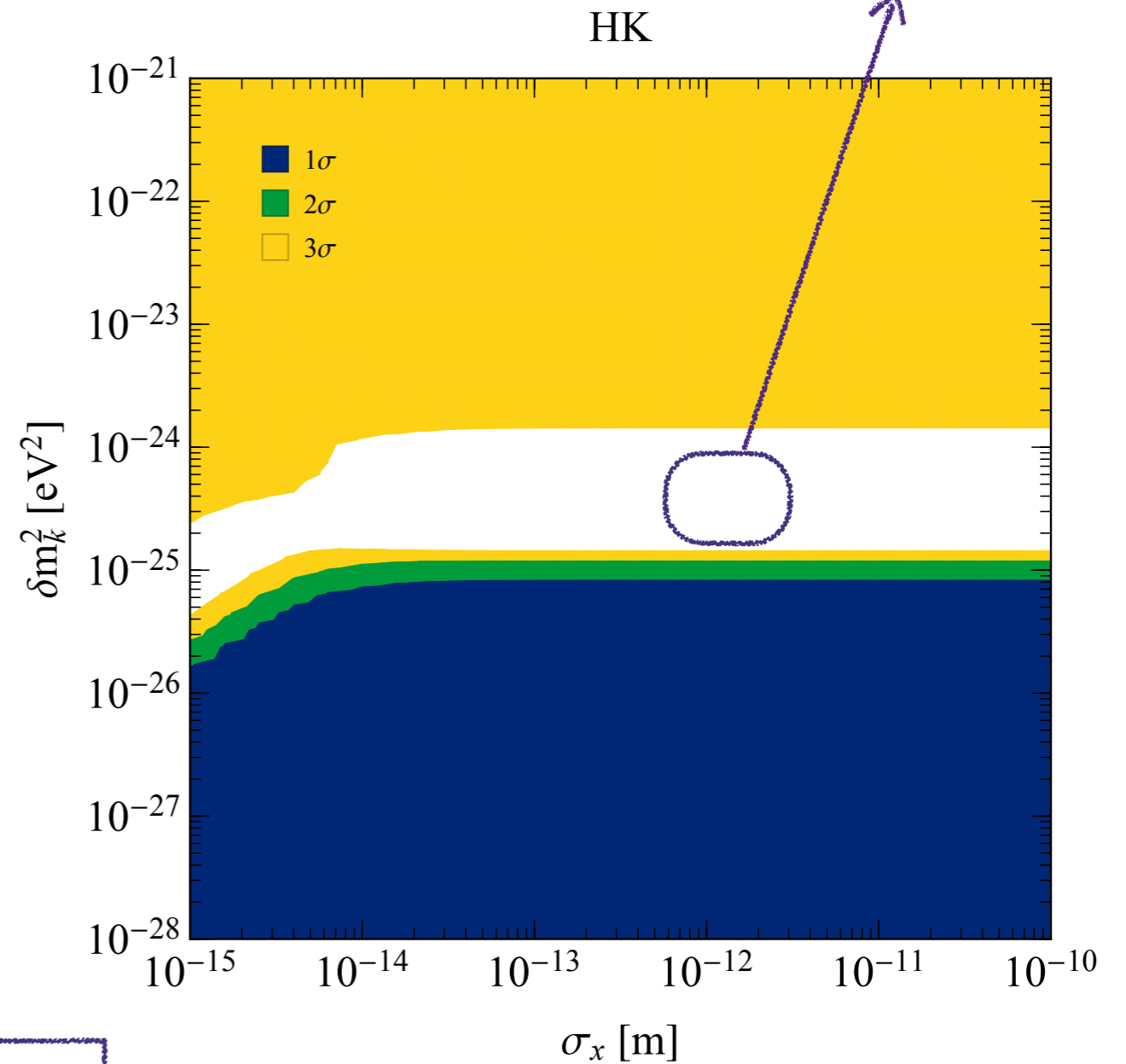
$$\bar{\nu}_1 \text{ DSNB Flux} - \sigma_x = 10^{-10} \text{ m}$$



Pseudo-Dirac Neutrinos



Large sensitivities

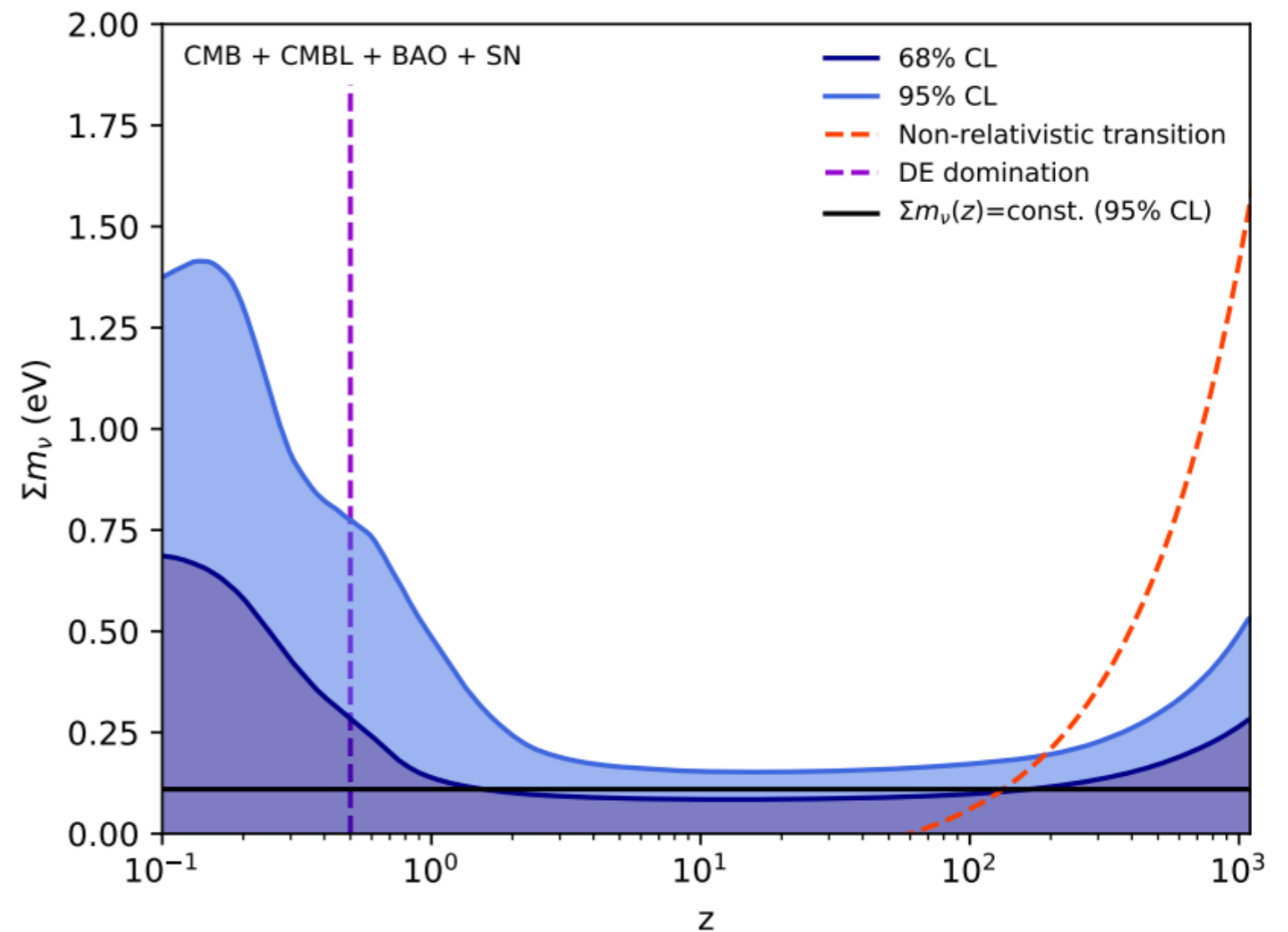


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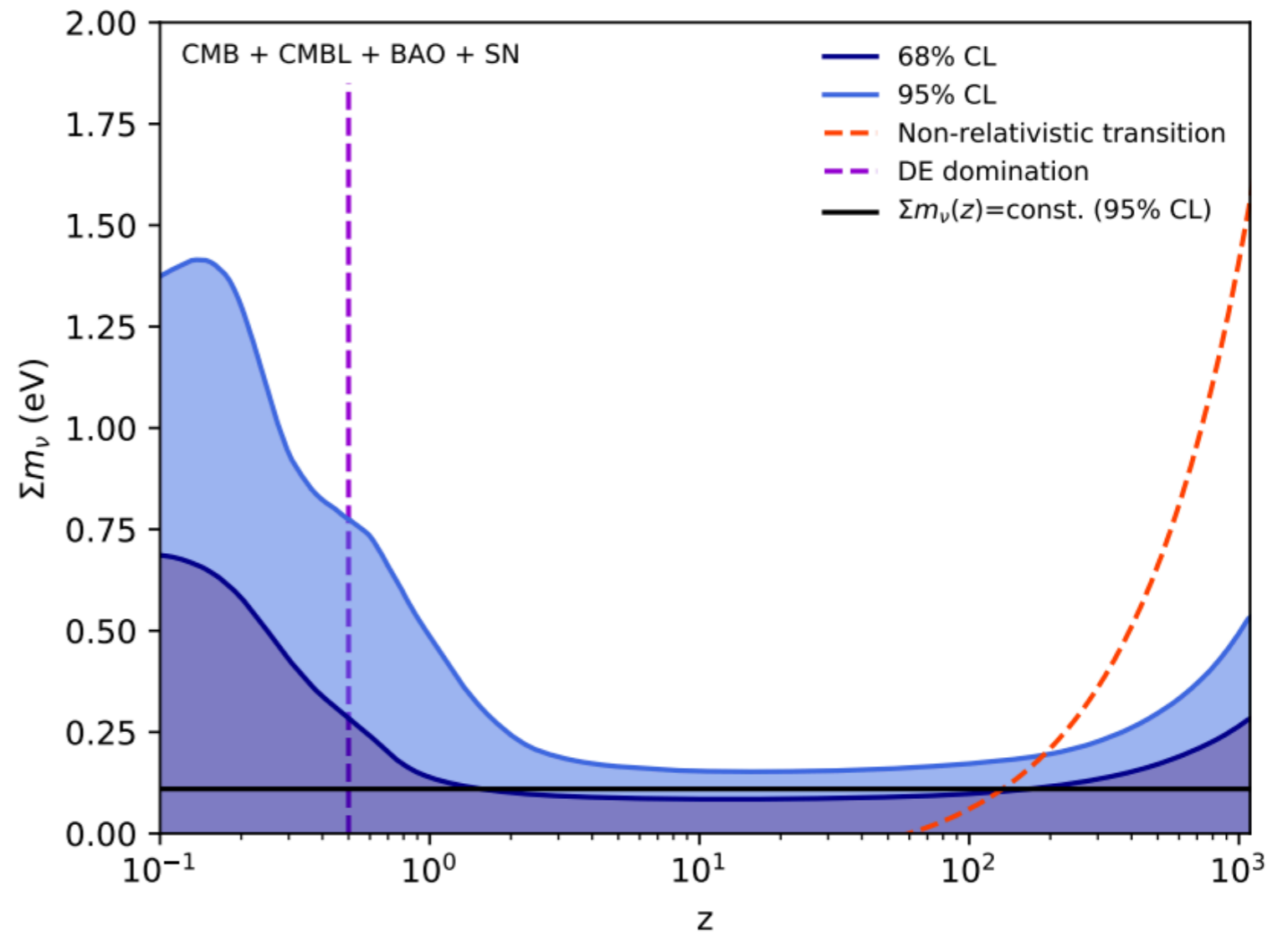


Lorenz et al, PRD 104(2021)122518

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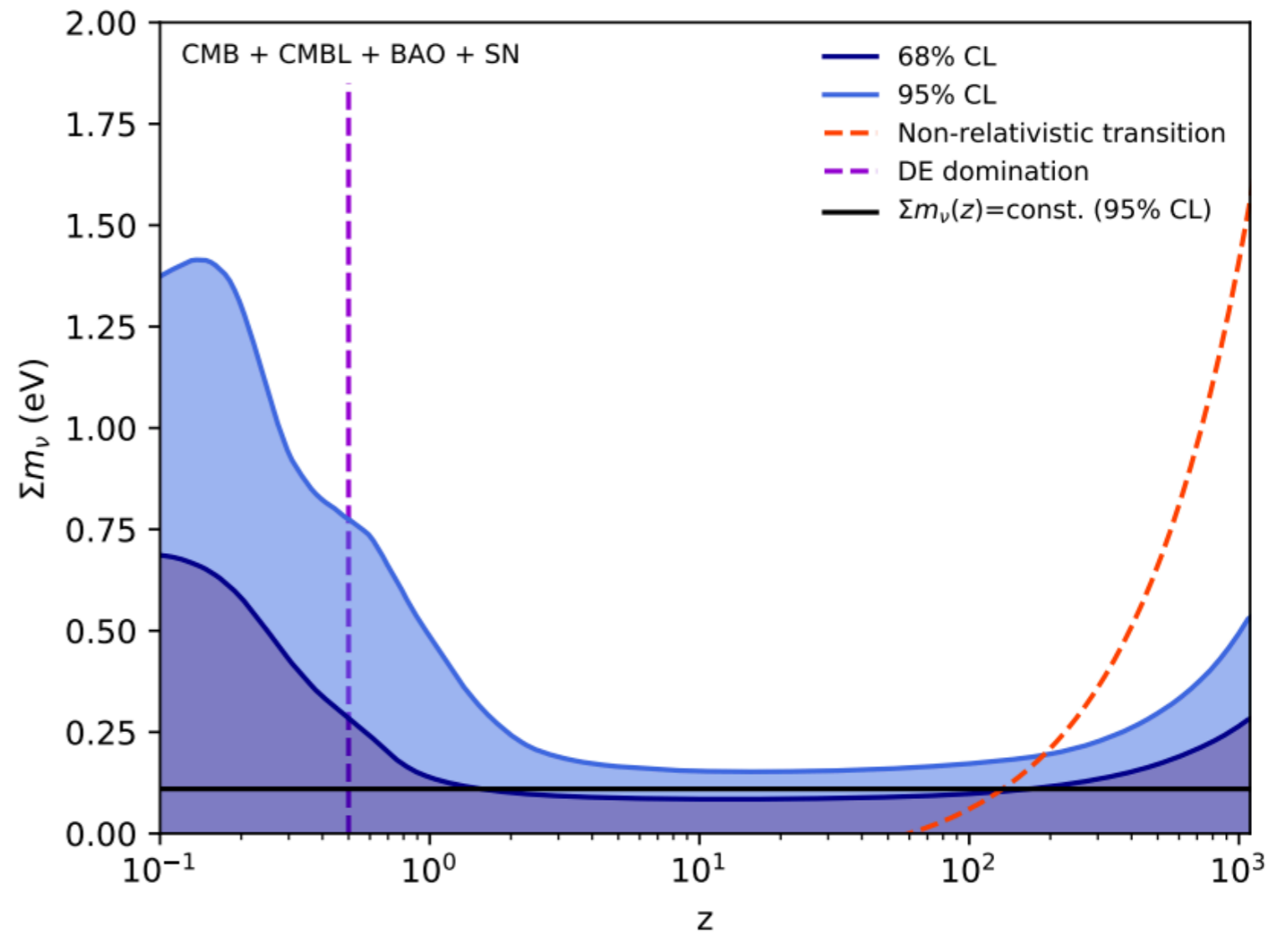
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Koksbang, Hannestad, JCAP09(2017) 014

See Manibrata's talk for an example of a model

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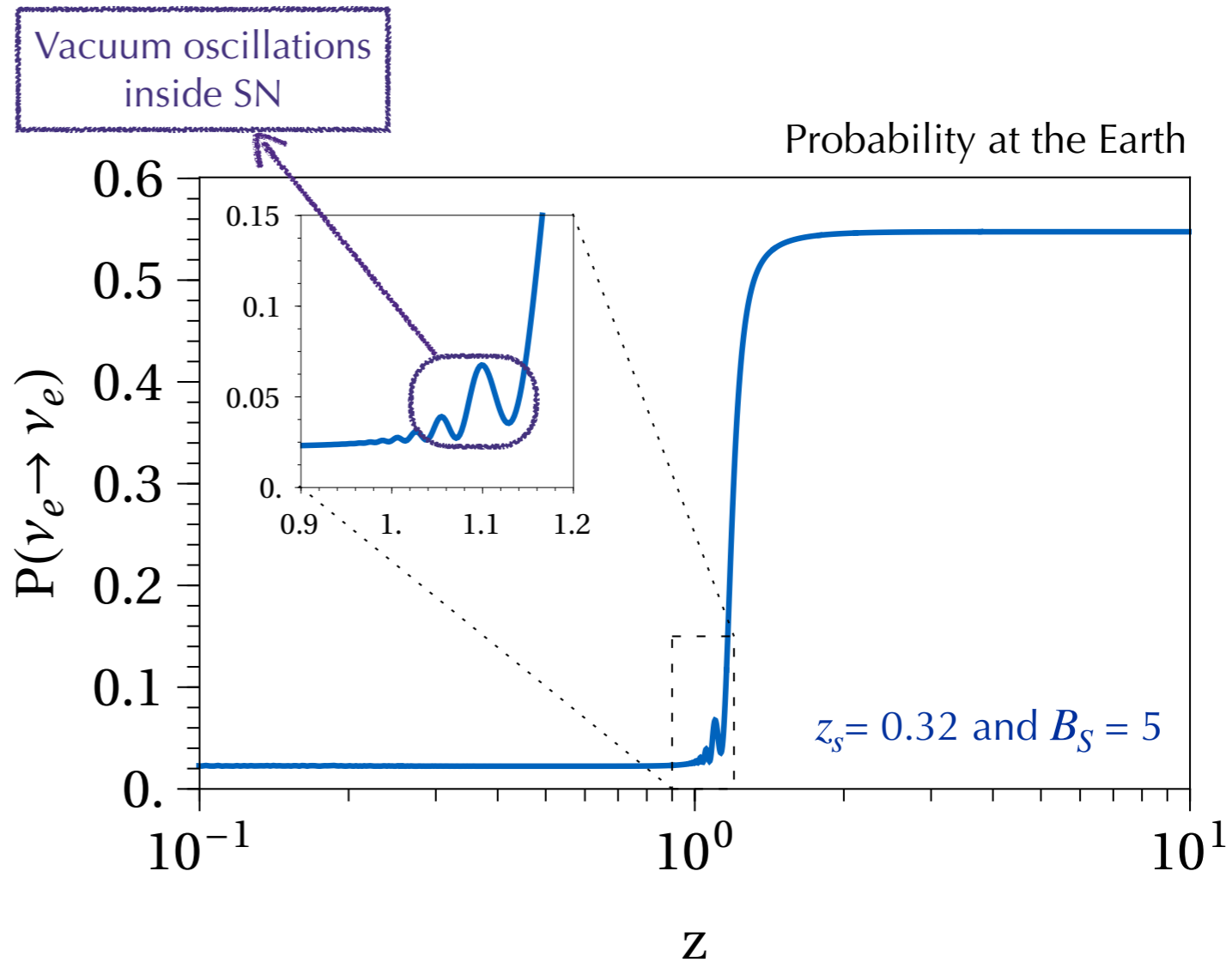
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DSNB fluxes at the Earth

$$\Phi_{\nu_e}(E) = \int_0^{z_{\max}} \frac{dz}{H(z)} R_{\text{CCSN}}(z) \left\{ P_{ee}(z) \phi_{\nu_e}^0 + (1 - P_{ee}(z)) \phi_{\nu_x}^0 \right\}$$

$$\Phi_{\bar{\nu}_e}(E) = \int_0^{z_{\max}} \frac{dz}{H(z)} R_{\text{CCSN}}(z) \left\{ \bar{P}_{ee}(z) \phi_{\bar{\nu}_e}^0 + (1 - \bar{P}_{ee}(z)) \phi_{\nu_x}^0 \right\}$$

$$\Phi_{\nu_x}(E) = \int_0^{z_{\max}} \frac{dz}{H(z)} R_{\text{CCSN}}(z) \frac{1}{4} \left\{ (1 - P_{ee}(z)) \phi_{\nu_e}^0 + (1 - \bar{P}_{ee}(z)) \phi_{\bar{\nu}_e}^0 + (2 + P_{ee}(z) + \bar{P}_{ee}(z)) \phi_{\nu_x}^0 \right\}$$

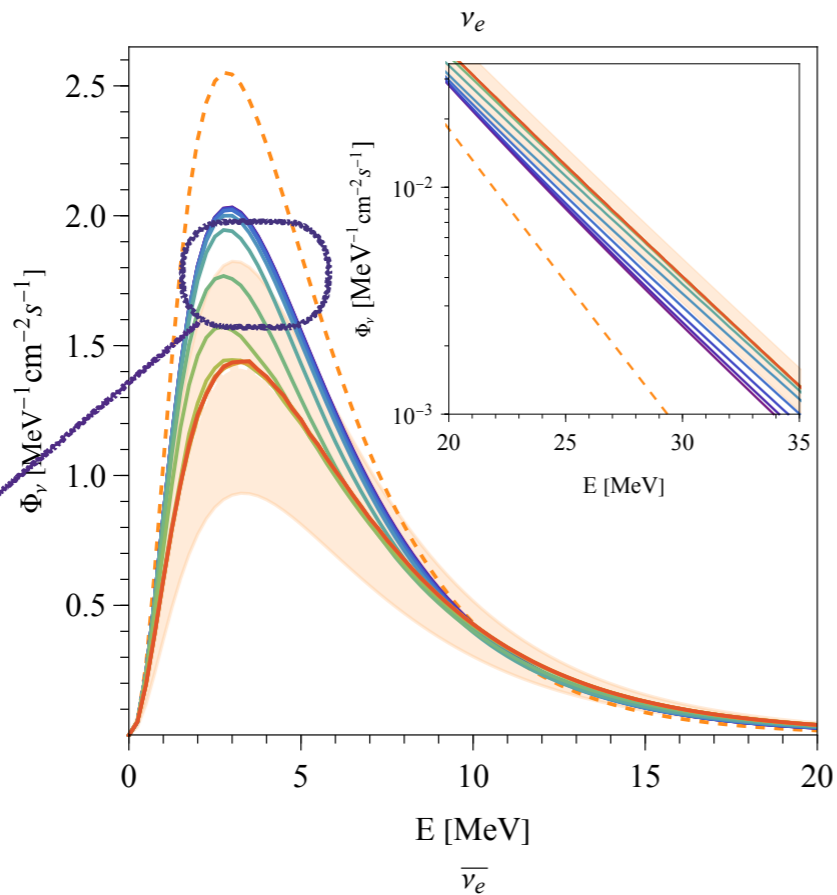


$\phi_{\nu_e, \bar{\nu}_e, \nu_x}^0 \rightarrow$ Fluxes at the neutrino sphere

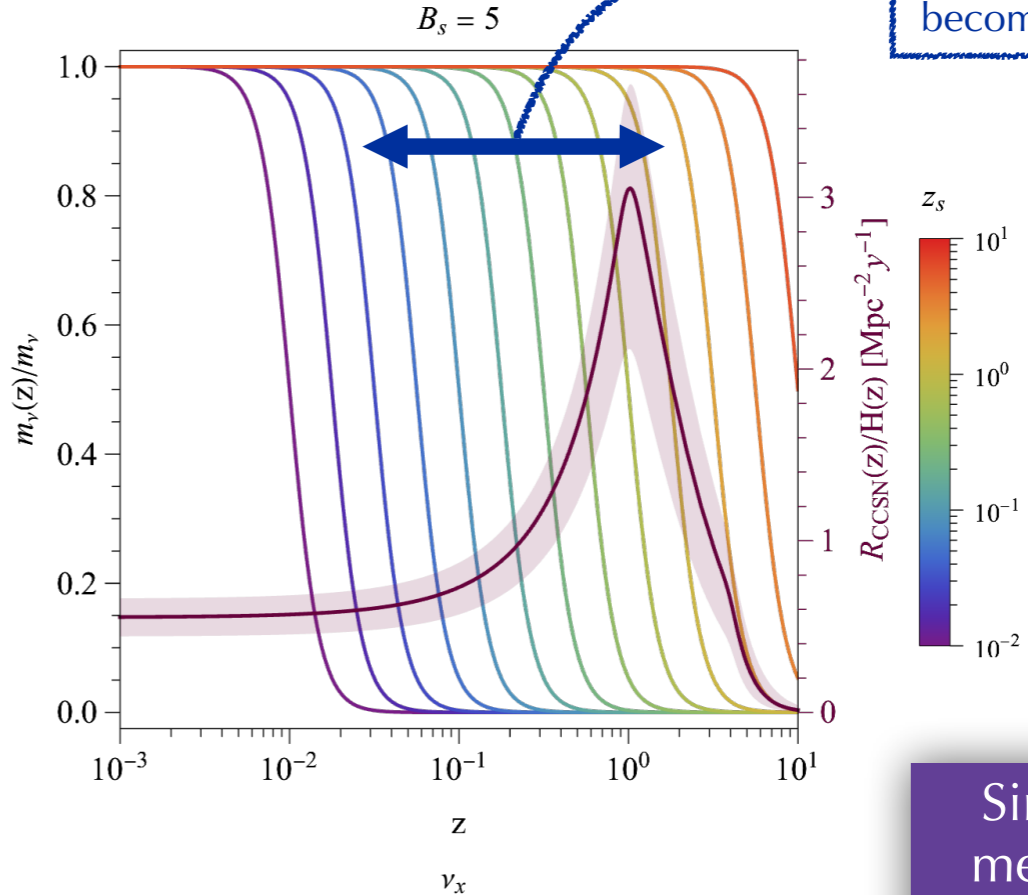
de Gouvêa, Martinez-Soler, YFPG, Sen, 2205.01102

Mass-varying neutrinos

In the NO*

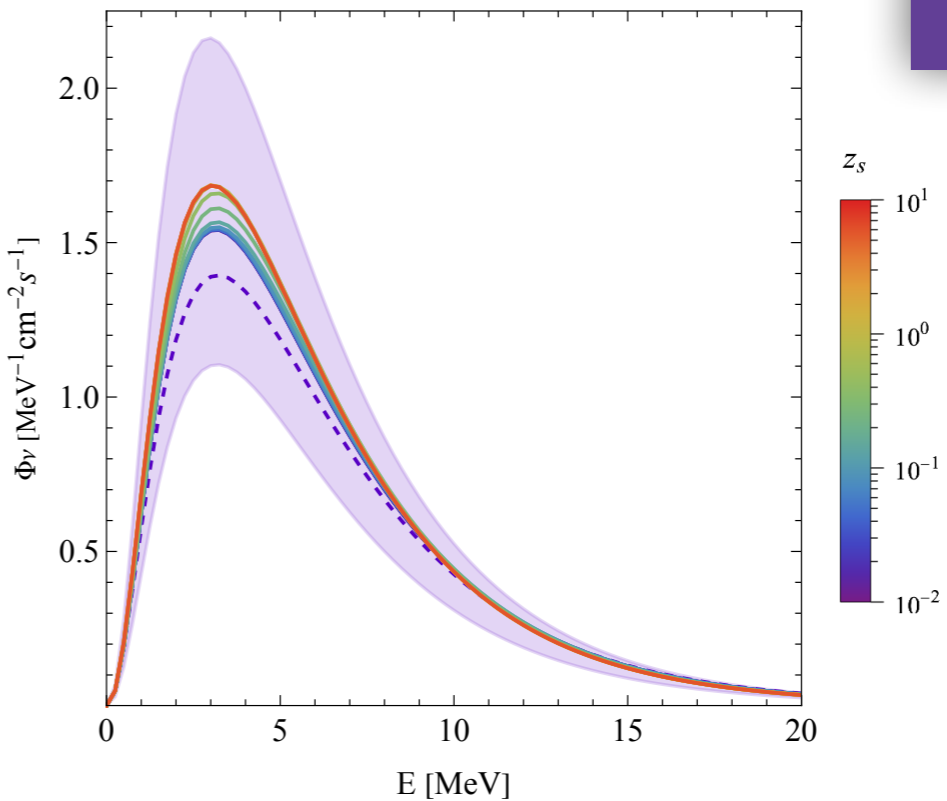
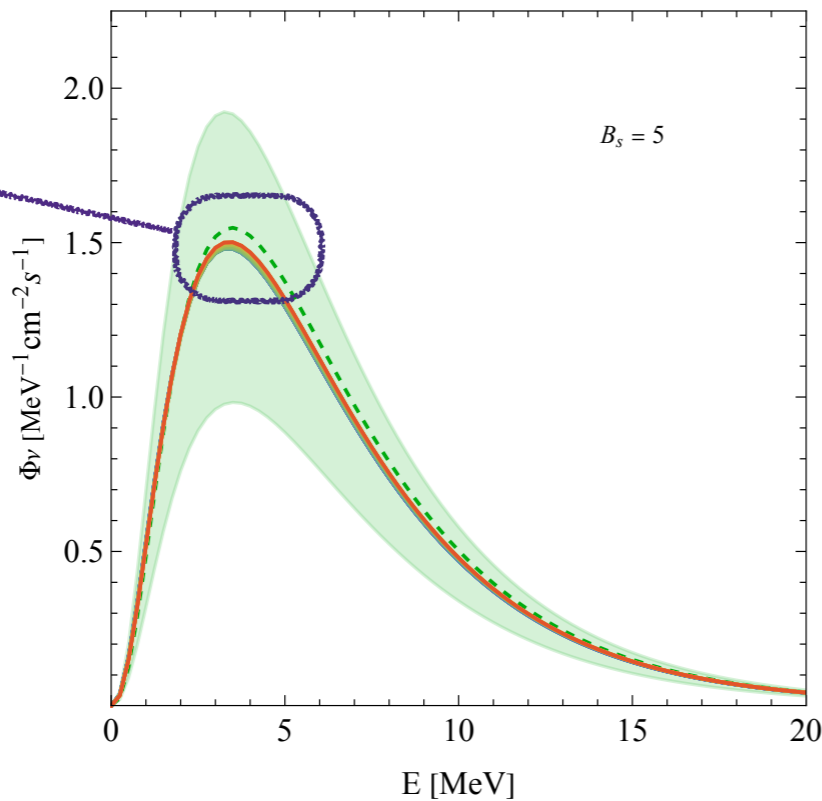


Significant modification on ν_e spectra



Dependence on when neutrinos become massive

NO modification on $\bar{\nu}_e$ spectra!



Simultaneous measurements could tell us!

$$\sum_k |U_{ek}|^2 = 0.57$$

$$|U_{e3}|^2 = 0.02$$

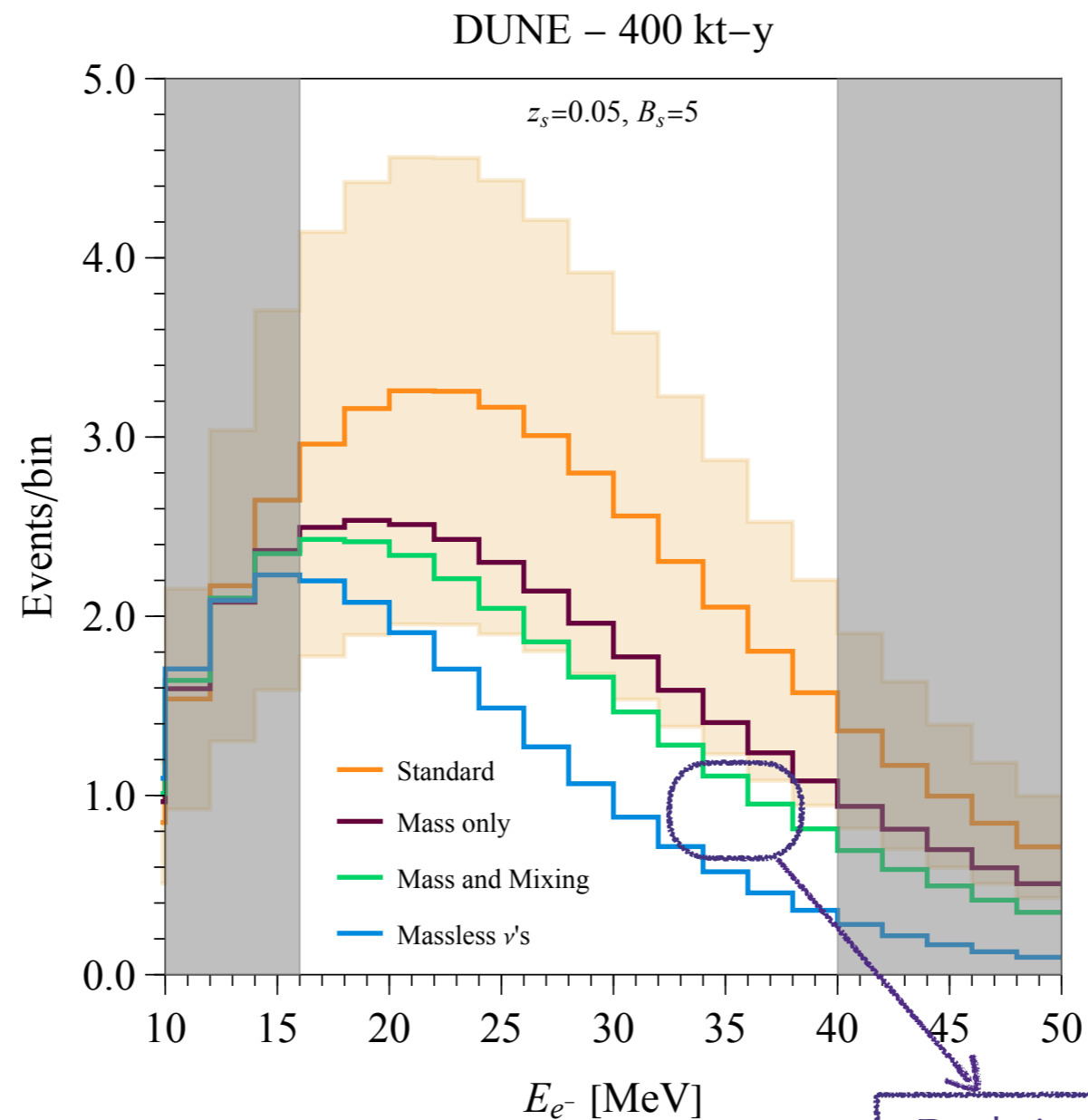
*For IO is different

Mass-varying neutrinos

An example in a DUNE-like experiment

However, there is a clear strategy for the future!*

Few events and big backgrounds...



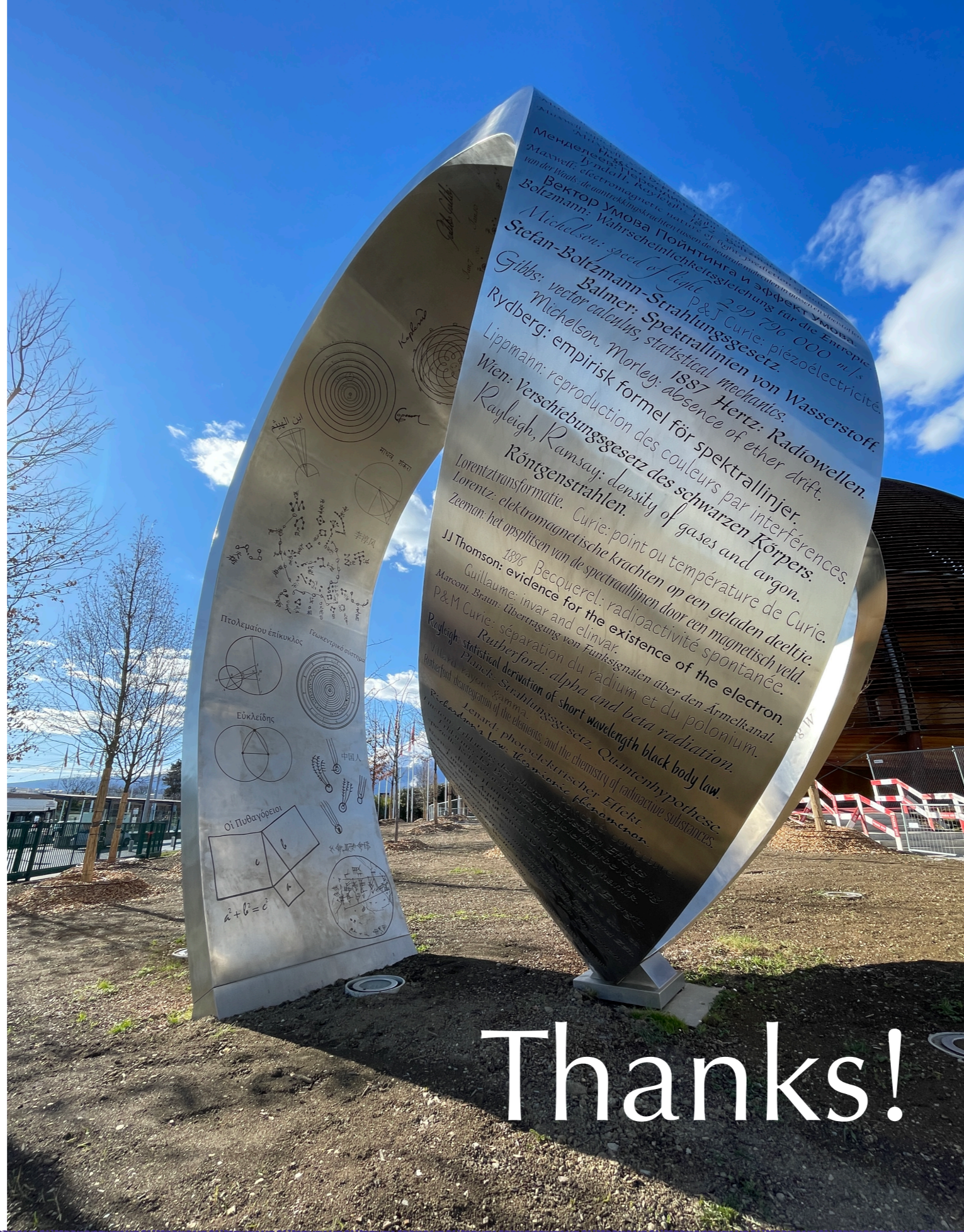
- Measurement of $\bar{\nu}_e$ helps with constraining uncertainties
- Then measure ν_e to test this hypothesis

Depletion in the observable energy window...

*If the ordering is normal

Conclusions

- SN MeV neutrinos are a complementary window in our era of multi-observational astrophysics
- The DSNB are the oldest neutrinos within experimental reach!
- Measuring the DSNB is *guaranteed*: These neutrinos should be detectable in the next generation of experiments
- Backgrounds are the biggest concern for detection, but many people are working on reducing them
- If we detect the DSNB, we can test “slow” neutrino properties, decay, oscillations spanning Gpc distances, time varying masses.

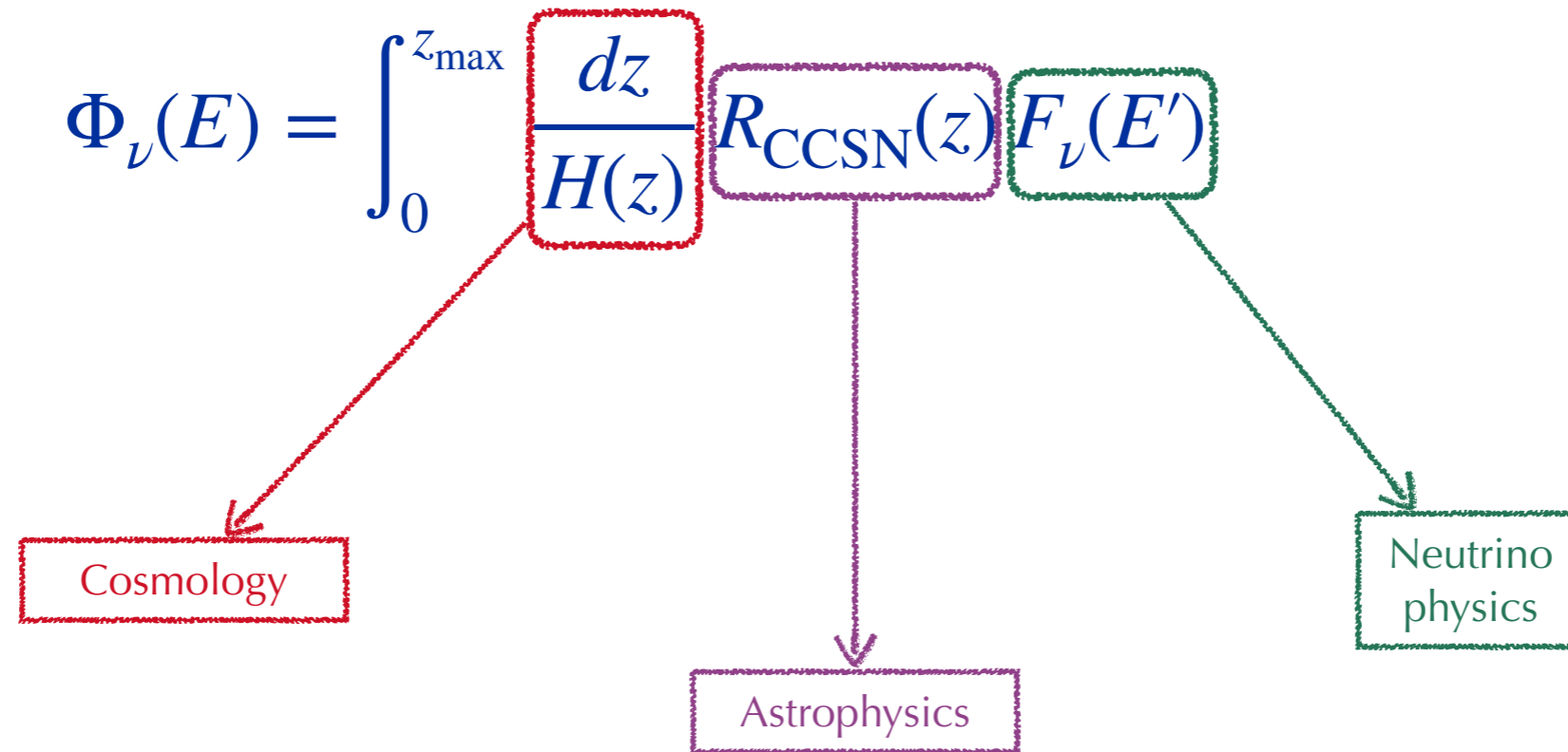


Thanks!

Backup

Diffuse Supernova Neutrino Background

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Cosmology

$$H(z) = H_0 \sqrt{\Omega_m(1+z)^3 + \Omega_{\Lambda}(1+z)^{3(1+w)} + (1 - \Omega_m - \Omega_{\Lambda})(1+z)^2}$$

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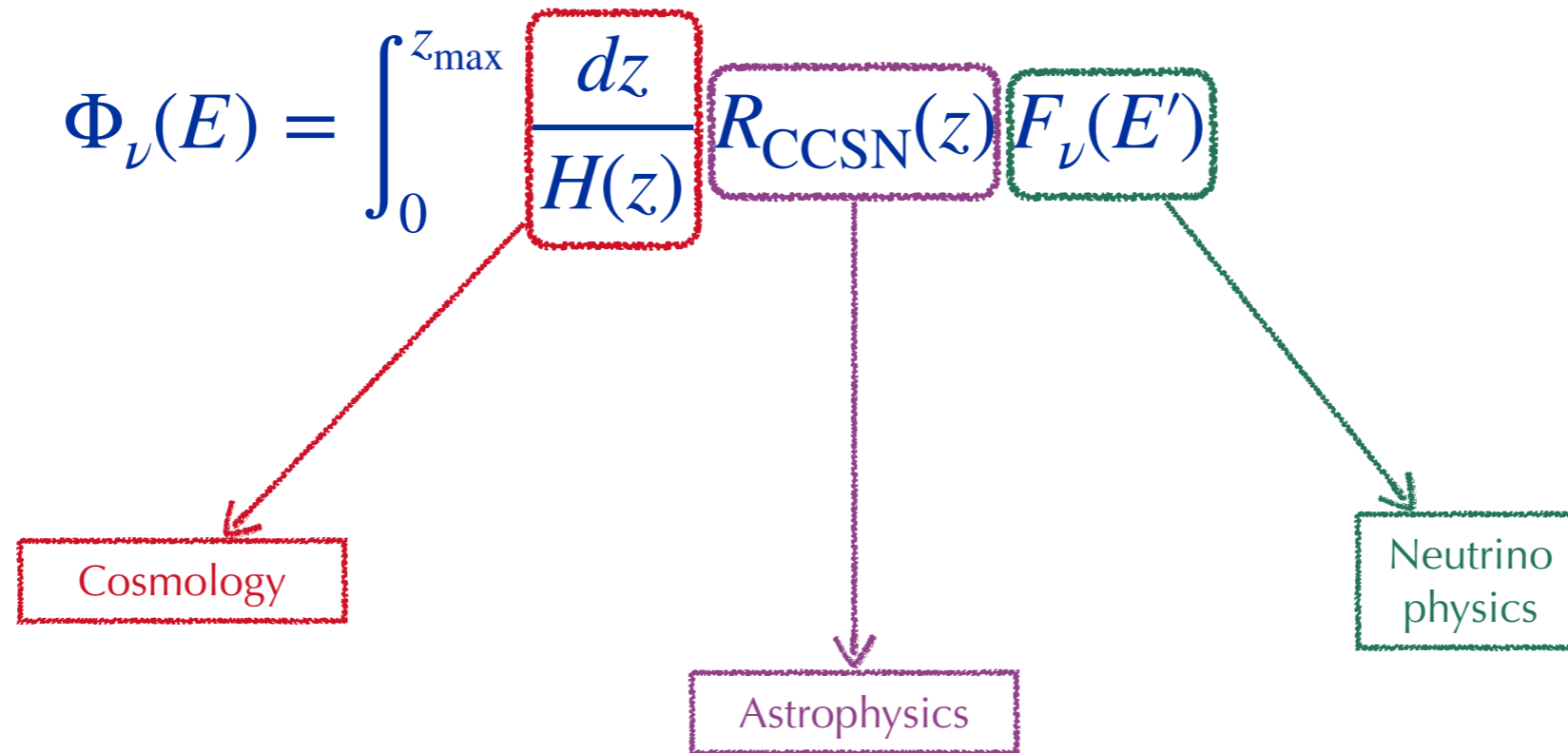
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Parameter	TT+lowE 68% limits	TE+lowE 68% limits	EE+lowE 68% limits	TT,TE,EE+lowE 68% limits	TT,TE,EE+lowE+lensing 68% limits	TT,TE,EE+lowE+lensing+BAO 68% limits
H_0 [km s ⁻¹ Mpc ⁻¹] . .	66.88 ± 0.92	68.44 ± 0.91	69.9 ± 2.7	67.27 ± 0.60	67.36 ± 0.54	67.66 ± 0.42
Ω_Λ	0.679 ± 0.013	0.699 ± 0.012	0.711 ^{+0.033} _{-0.026}	0.6834 ± 0.0084	0.6847 ± 0.0073	0.6889 ± 0.0056
Ω_m	0.321 ± 0.013	0.301 ± 0.012	0.289 ^{+0.026} _{-0.033}	0.3166 ± 0.0084	0.3153 ± 0.0073	0.3111 ± 0.0056
$\Omega_m h^2$	0.1434 ± 0.0020	0.1408 ± 0.0019	0.1404 ^{+0.0034} _{-0.0039}	0.1432 ± 0.0013	0.1430 ± 0.0011	0.14240 ± 0.00087
$\Omega_m h^3$	0.09589 ± 0.00046	0.09635 ± 0.00051	0.0981 ^{+0.0016} _{-0.0018}	0.09633 ± 0.00029	0.09633 ± 0.00030	0.09635 ± 0.00030

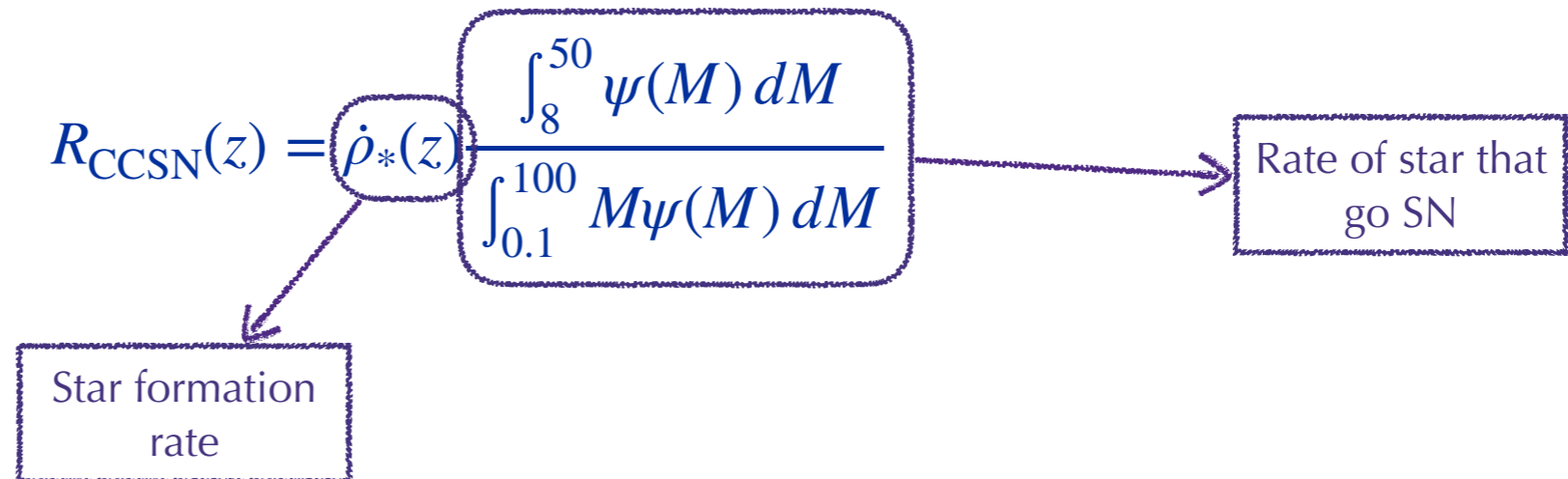
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Diffuse Supernova Neutrino Background

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Astrophysics



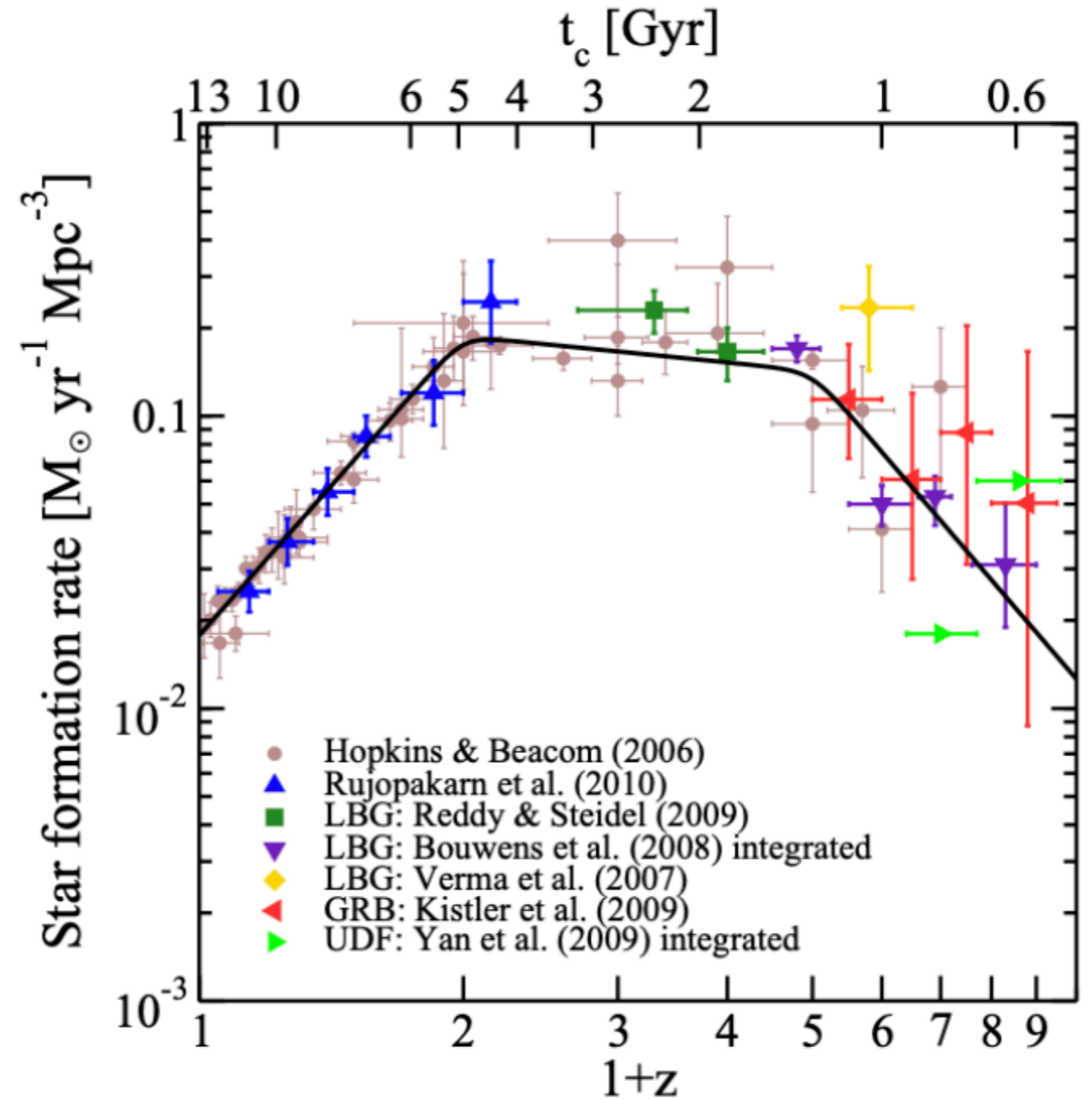
$$\dot{\rho}_*(z) = \dot{\rho}_0 \left[(1+z)^{-10\alpha} + \left(\frac{1+z}{B}\right)^{-10\beta} + \left(\frac{1+z}{C}\right)^{-10\gamma} \right]^{-1/10}$$

$$R_{\text{CCSN}}(z) = \dot{\rho}_*(z) \frac{\int_8^{50} \psi(M) dM}{\int_{0.1}^{100} M\psi(M) dM}$$

Star formation rate

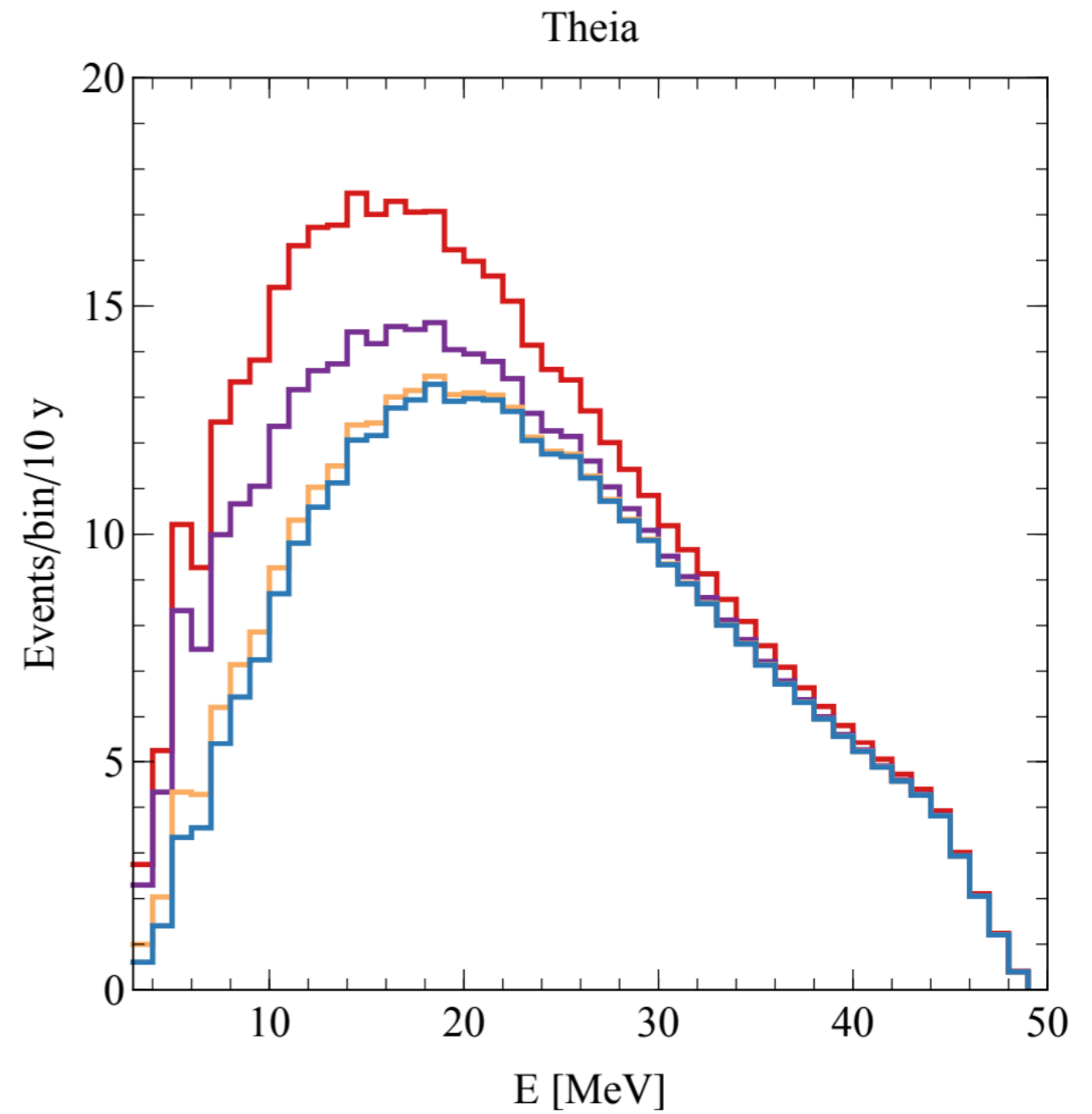
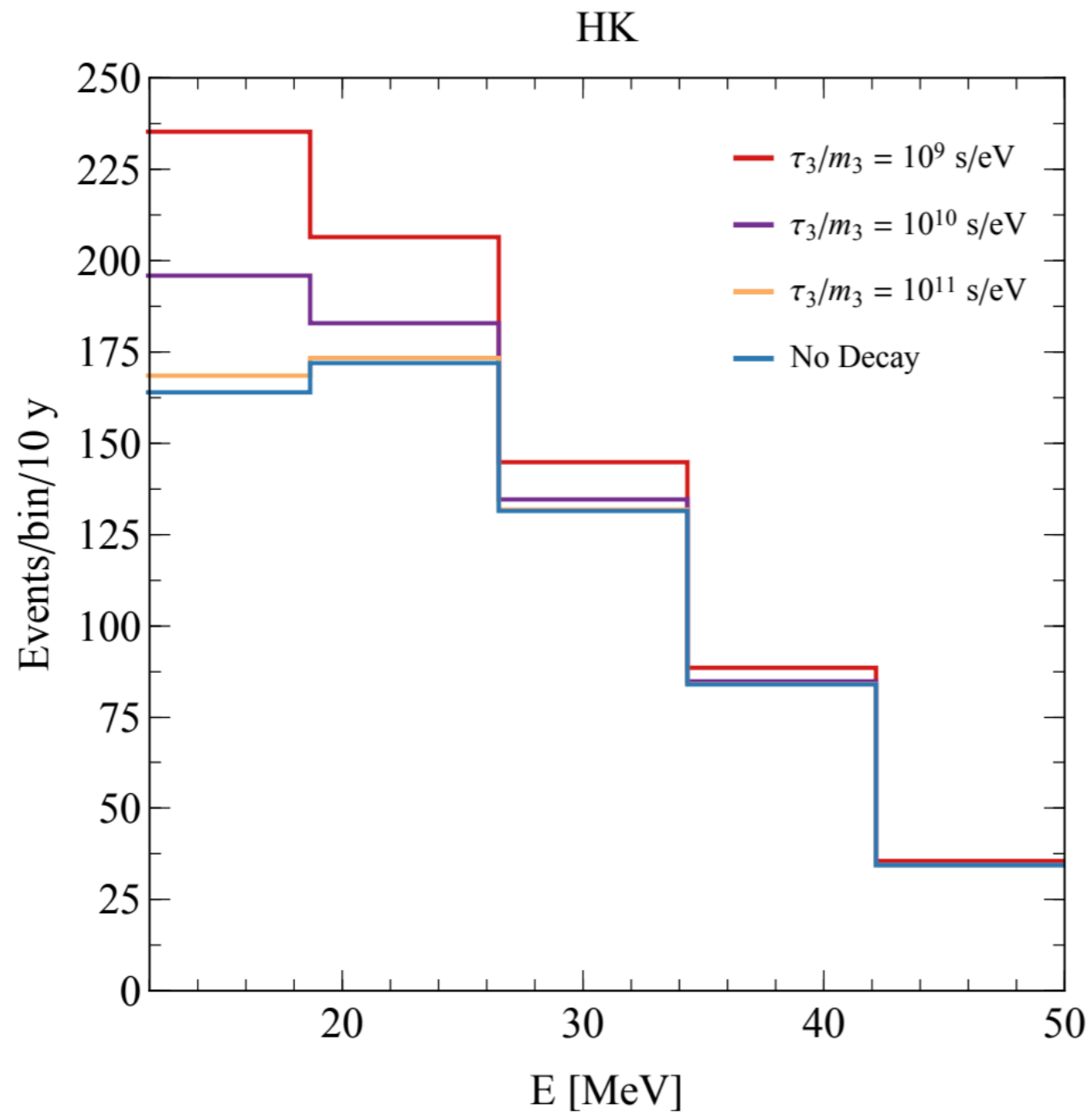
$$\psi(M) \sim M^{-2.35}$$

Cosmic SFR pretty well known from data in the UV and the far-infrared



Hopkins, Beacom, ApJ2006
 Yuksel, Kistler, Beacom, Hopkins, ApJ2008
 Horiuchi, Beacom, Dwek, PRD2009

Decay



SN1987A — Analysis

$$\sigma_x = 10^{-13} \text{ m}$$

$$\phi_\beta(E_\nu) = \frac{1}{E_{0\beta}} \frac{(1+\alpha)^{1+\alpha}}{\Gamma(1+\alpha)} \left(\frac{E_\nu}{E_{0\beta}}\right)^\alpha e^{-(1+\alpha)\frac{E_\nu}{E_{0\beta}}}$$

Alpha-fit spectra

$$\alpha = 2.3$$

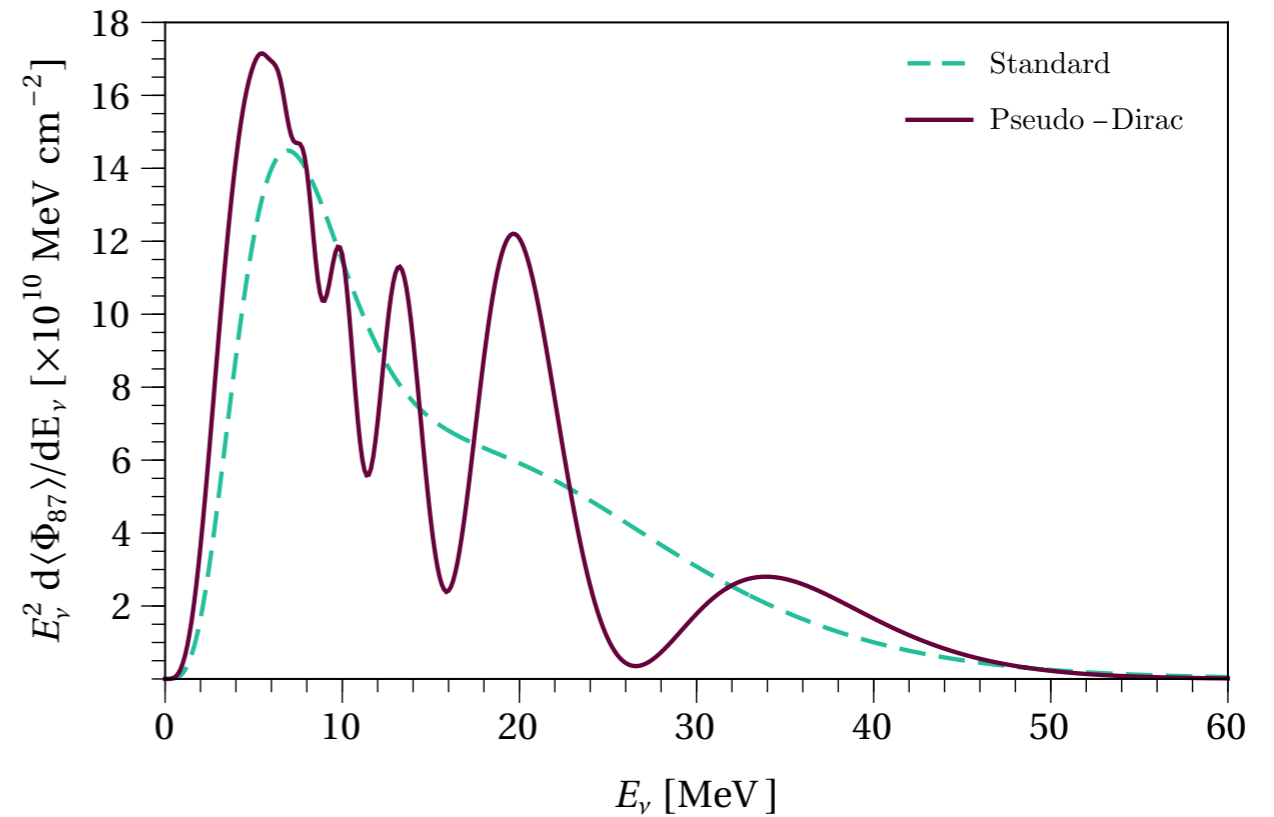
$\bar{\nu}_e$ fluence at the Earth

$$\frac{d\Phi_{87}}{dE_\nu} = \frac{\mathcal{E}_{\text{tot}}^e}{4\pi d^2} P_{aa} \left[\bar{p} \frac{\phi_e}{E_{0e}} + r_{xe} (1 - \bar{p}) \frac{\phi_x}{E_{0x}} \right]$$

$$r_{xe} = \frac{\mathcal{E}_{\text{tot}}^x}{\mathcal{E}_{\text{tot}}^e} = 1$$

Unbinned likelihood

$$\mathcal{L} = e^{-N_{\text{tot}}} \prod_i^{N_{\text{obs}}} dE_i \left[\frac{dS}{dE_i} + \frac{dB}{dE_i} \right]$$



Experiment(s)	$\mathcal{E}_{\text{tot}}^e$	E_{0e}	E_{0x}	δm^2	$\Delta\chi_{\text{NoOsc}}^2$
KII	2.2	4.24	10.96	6.31	1.1
IMB	3.2	1.36	12.86	6.03	1.7
Baksan	15.7	4.28	8.03	3.16	1.7
Joint Fit	2.7	4.00	12.61	6.31	2.9

Pseudo-Dirac Neutrinos

Neutrinos have propagated distances of order Gpc

$$P_{k\beta}(z, E) = \frac{1}{2} |U_{\beta k}|^2 \left(1 + \exp \left\{ -\frac{L_3(z)^2}{L_{\text{coh}}^2} \right\} \cos \left(\frac{\delta m_k^2}{2E} L_2(z) \right) \right)$$



Oscillation and decoherence lengths

$$L_{\text{osc}} = \frac{4\pi E}{\delta m_k^2} \approx 8.03 \text{ Gpc} \left(\frac{E}{10 \text{ MeV}} \right) \left(\frac{10^{-25} \text{ eV}^2}{\delta m_k^2} \right)$$

$$L_{\text{coh}} = \frac{4\sqrt{2}E^2}{|\delta m_k^2|} \sigma_x \approx 180 \text{ Gpc} \left(\frac{E}{10 \text{ MeV}} \right)^2 \left(\frac{10^{-25} \text{ eV}^2}{\delta m_k^2} \right) \left(\frac{\sigma_x}{10^{-12} \text{ m}} \right)$$

Decoherence?

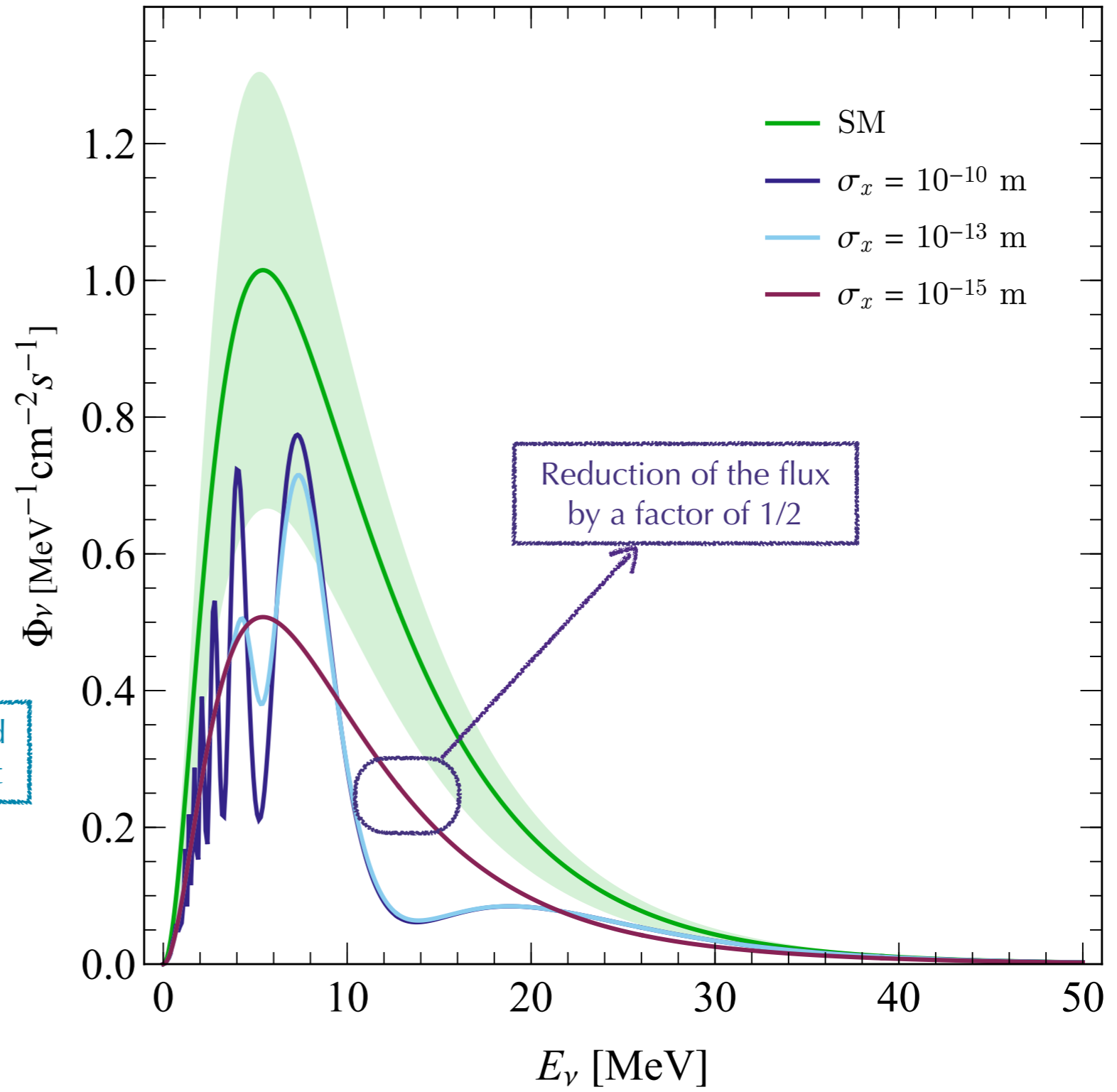
$$\frac{L_{\text{coh}}}{L_{\text{osc}}} = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{\pi} E \sigma_x$$

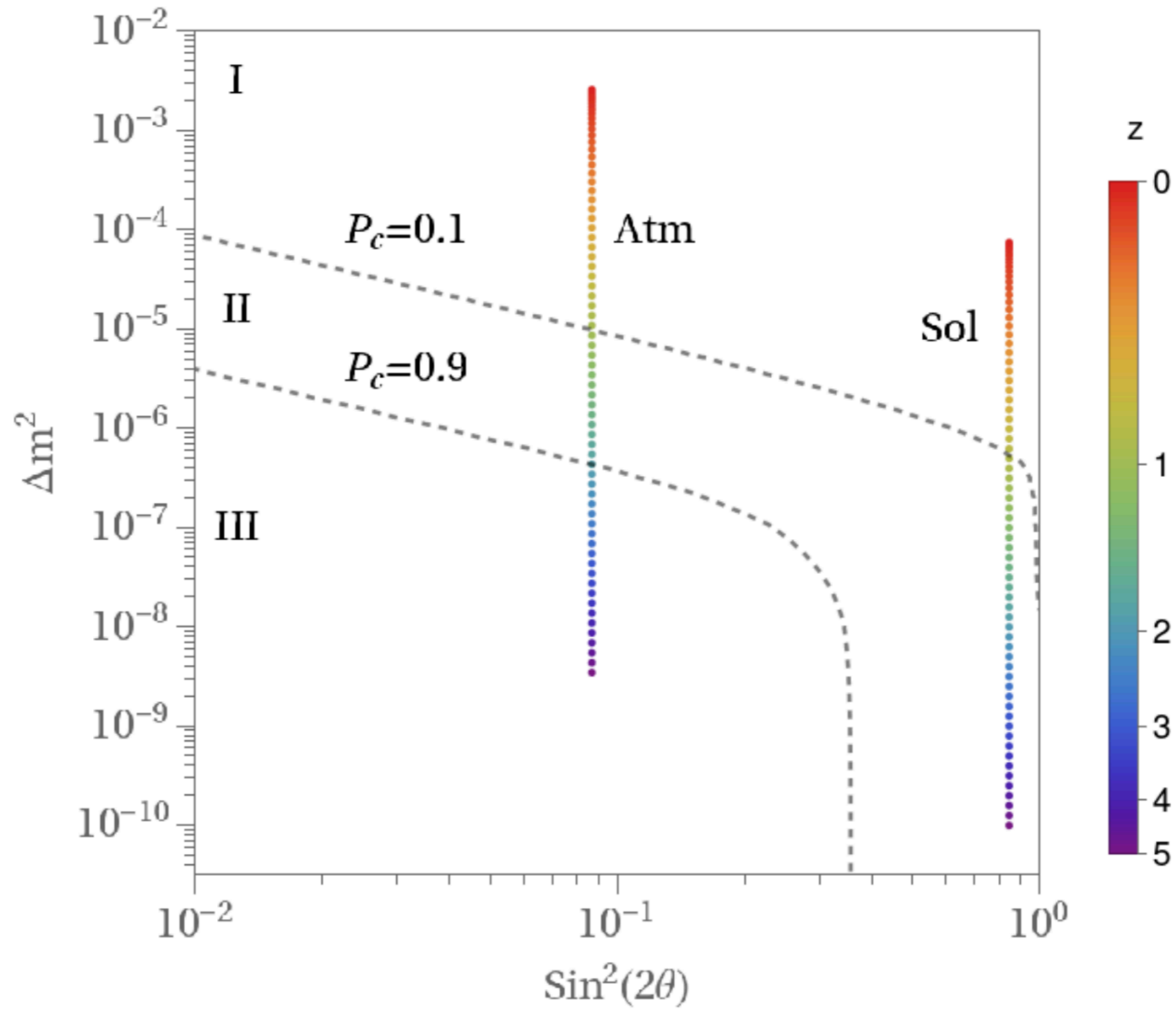
$$\approx 0.0023 \left(\frac{E}{10 \text{ MeV}} \right) \left(\frac{\sigma_x}{10^{-15} \text{ m}} \right)$$

$\sigma_x \gg 1 \text{ fm}$

It is expected to be at least

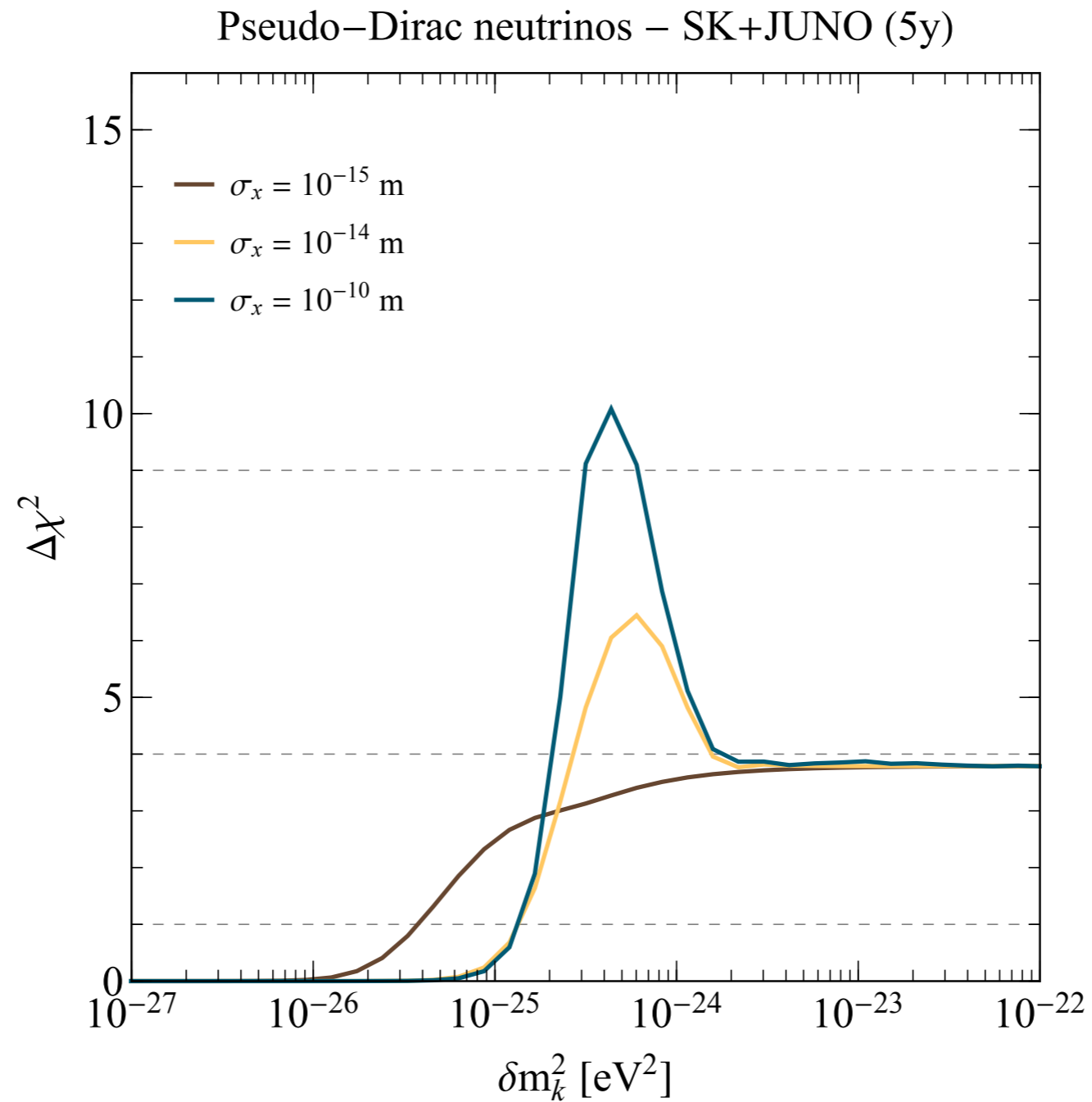
$\bar{\nu}_1$ DSNB Flux – $\delta m_k^2 = 3 \times 10^{-25} \text{ eV}^2$





Pseudo-Dirac Neutrinos

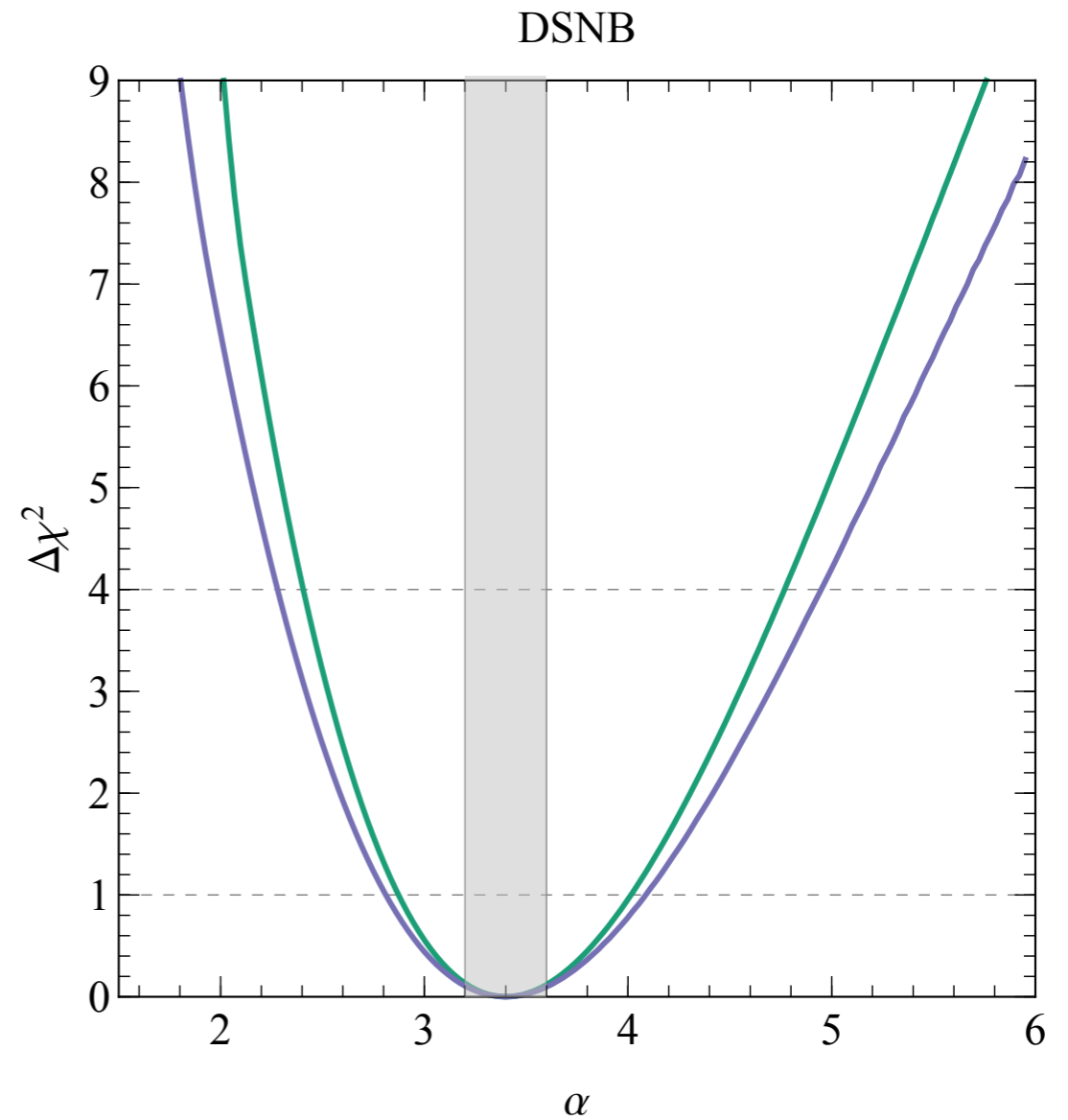
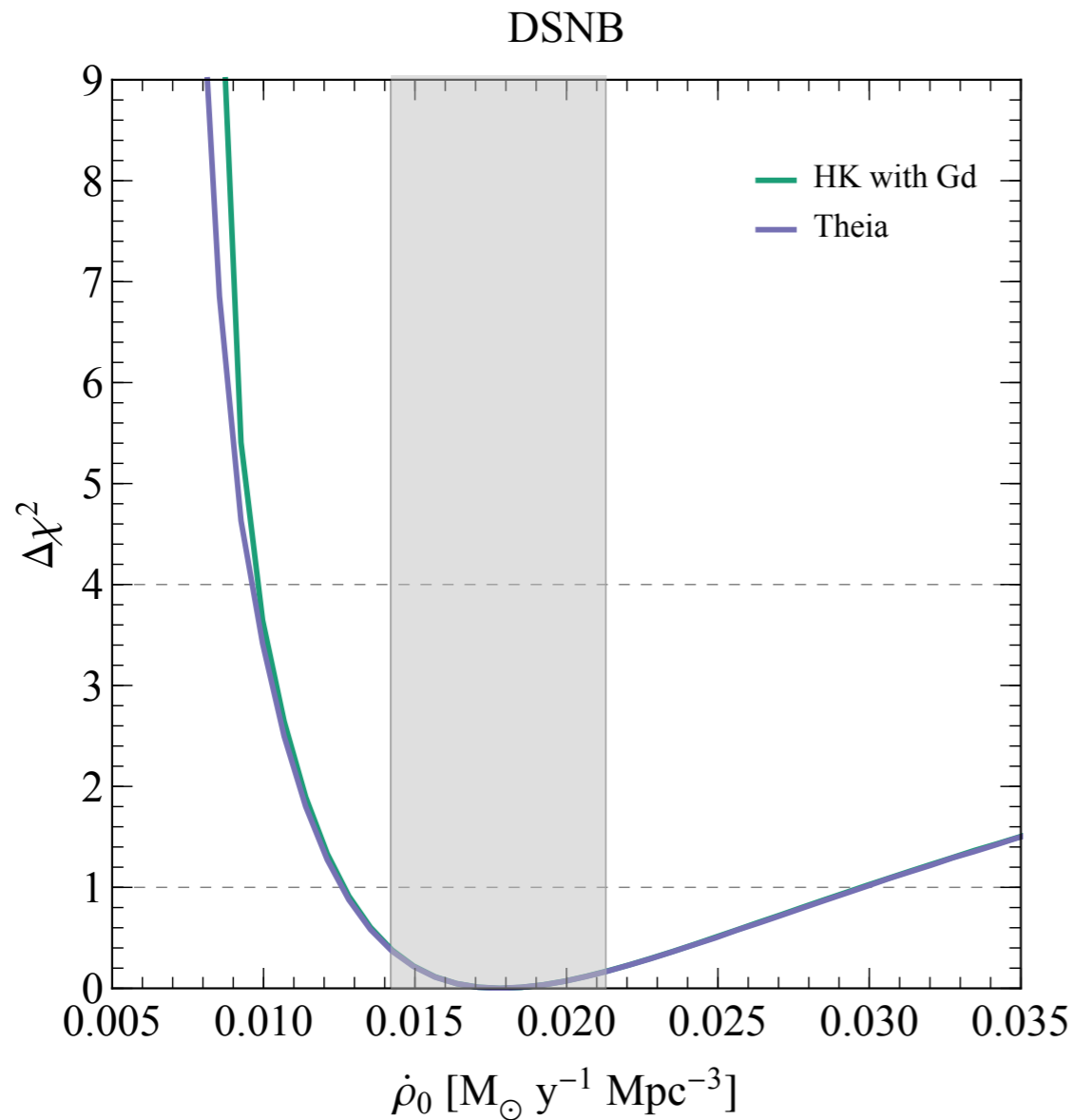
Stronger constraints
in the next decade



de Gouvêa, Martinez-Soler, YFPG,
Sen, 2007.13748

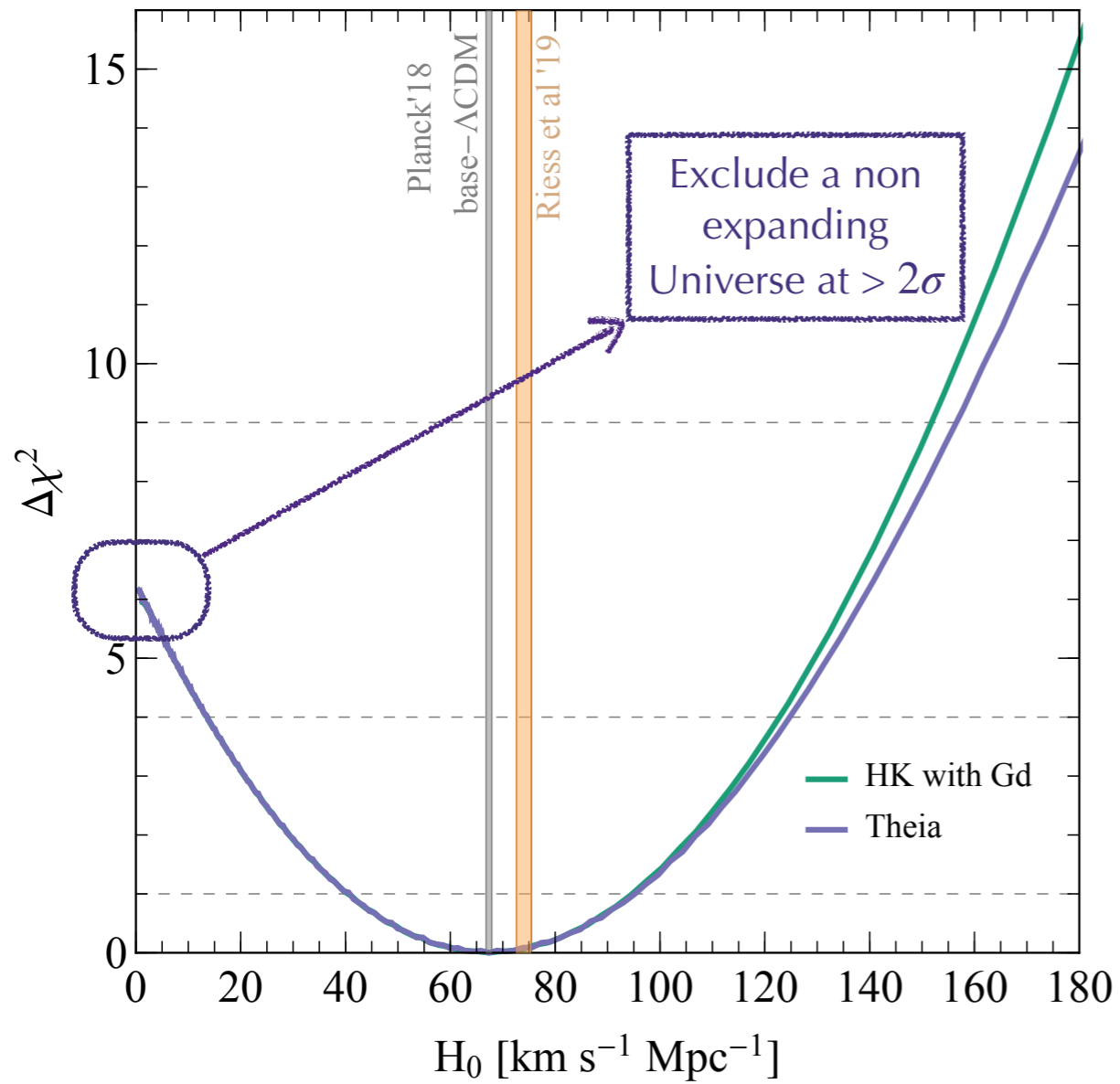
Astrophysics

$$\dot{\rho}_*(z) = \dot{\rho}_0 \left[(1+z)^{-10\alpha} + \left(\frac{1+z}{B} \right)^{-10\beta} + \left(\frac{1+z}{C} \right)^{-10\gamma} \right]^{-1/10}$$

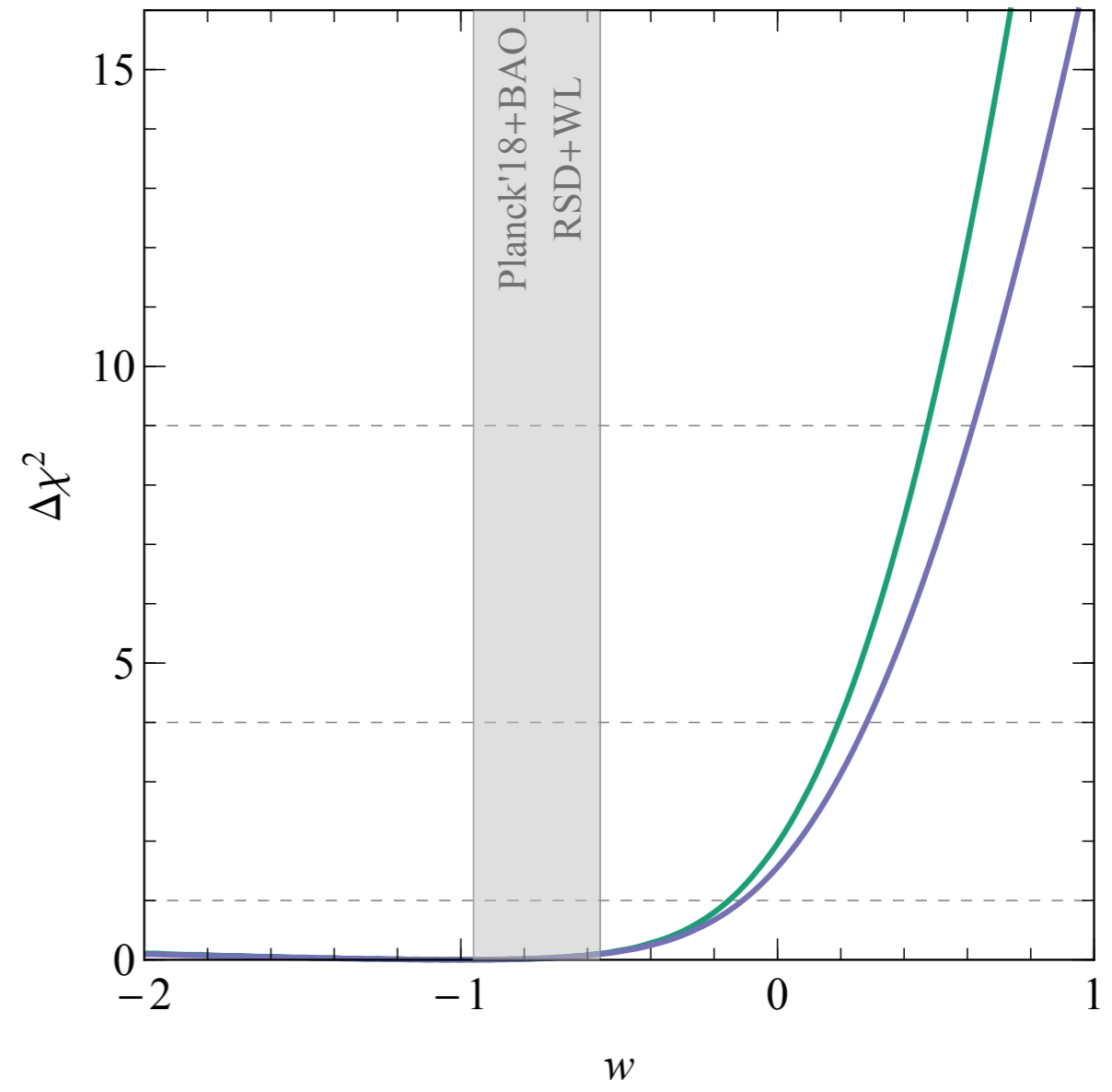


Cosmology...

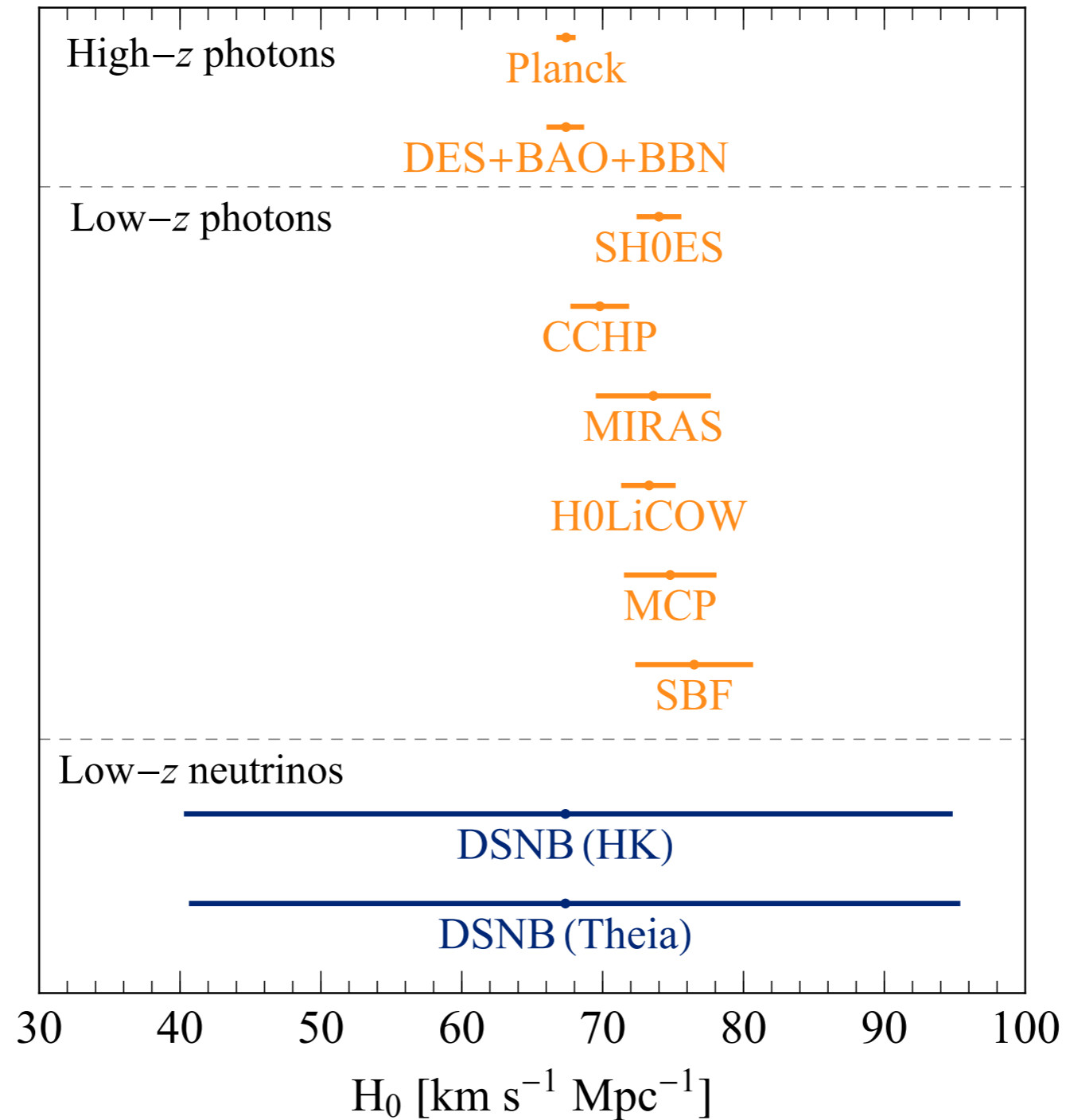
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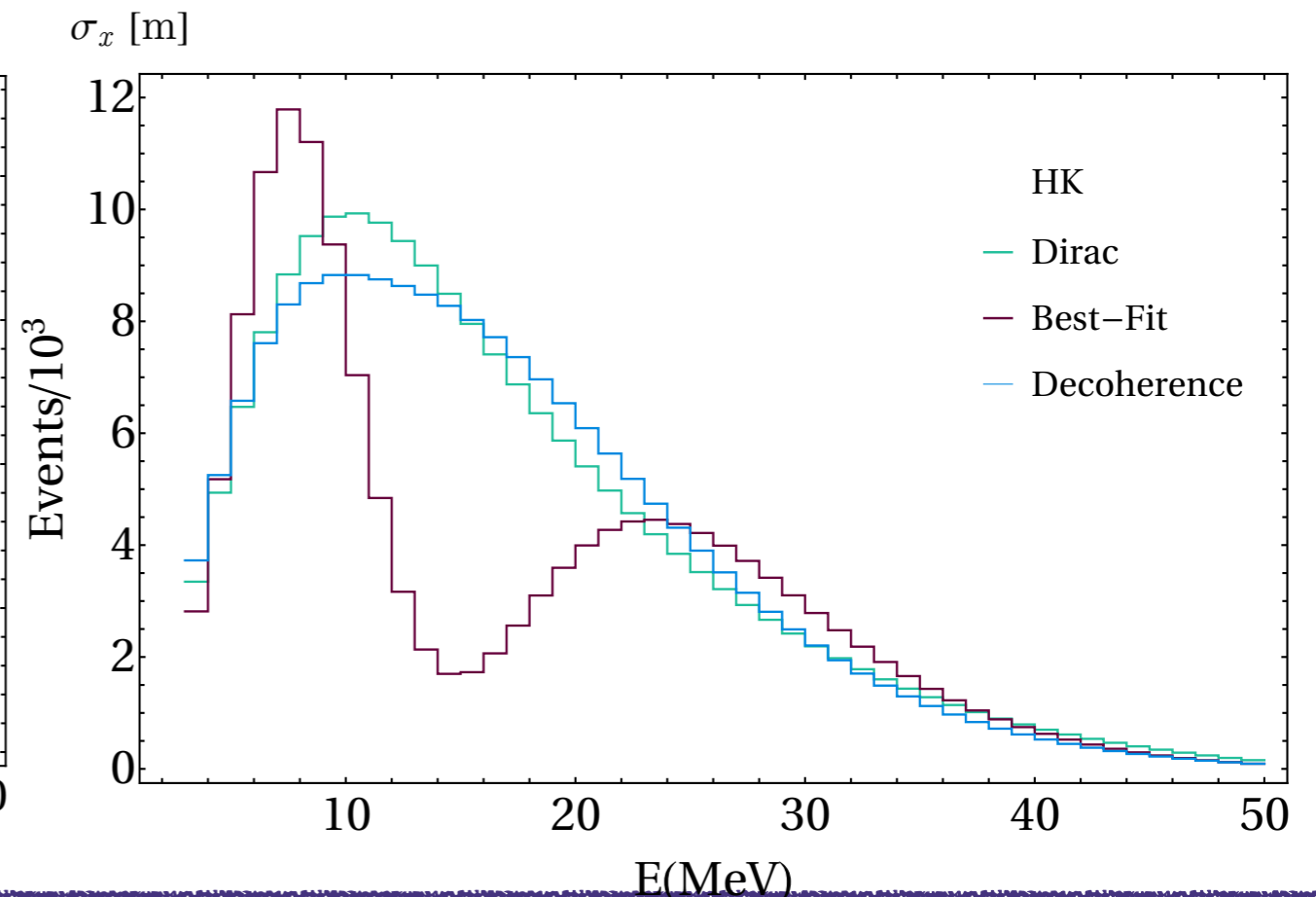
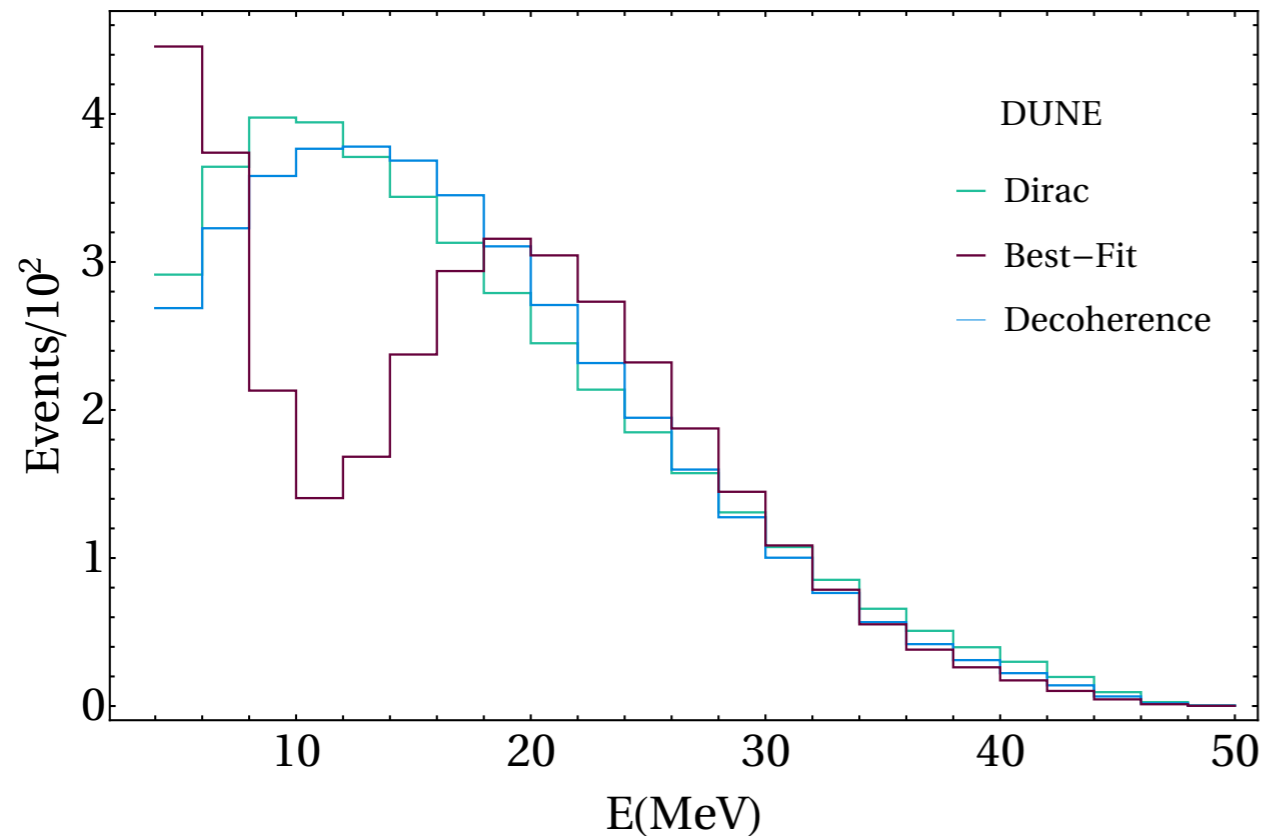
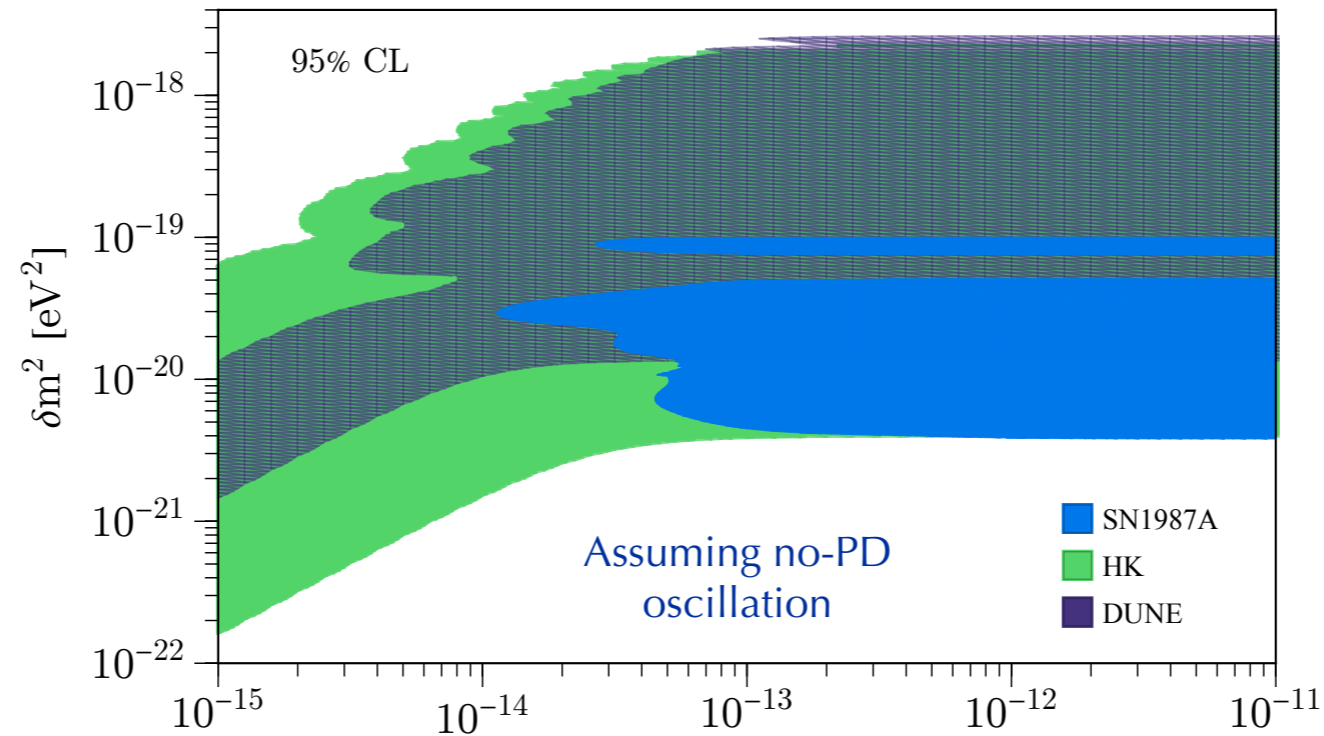
Limited by uncertainties in the SFR

Future SN? Pseudo-Dirac

Pseudo-Dirac Neutrinos

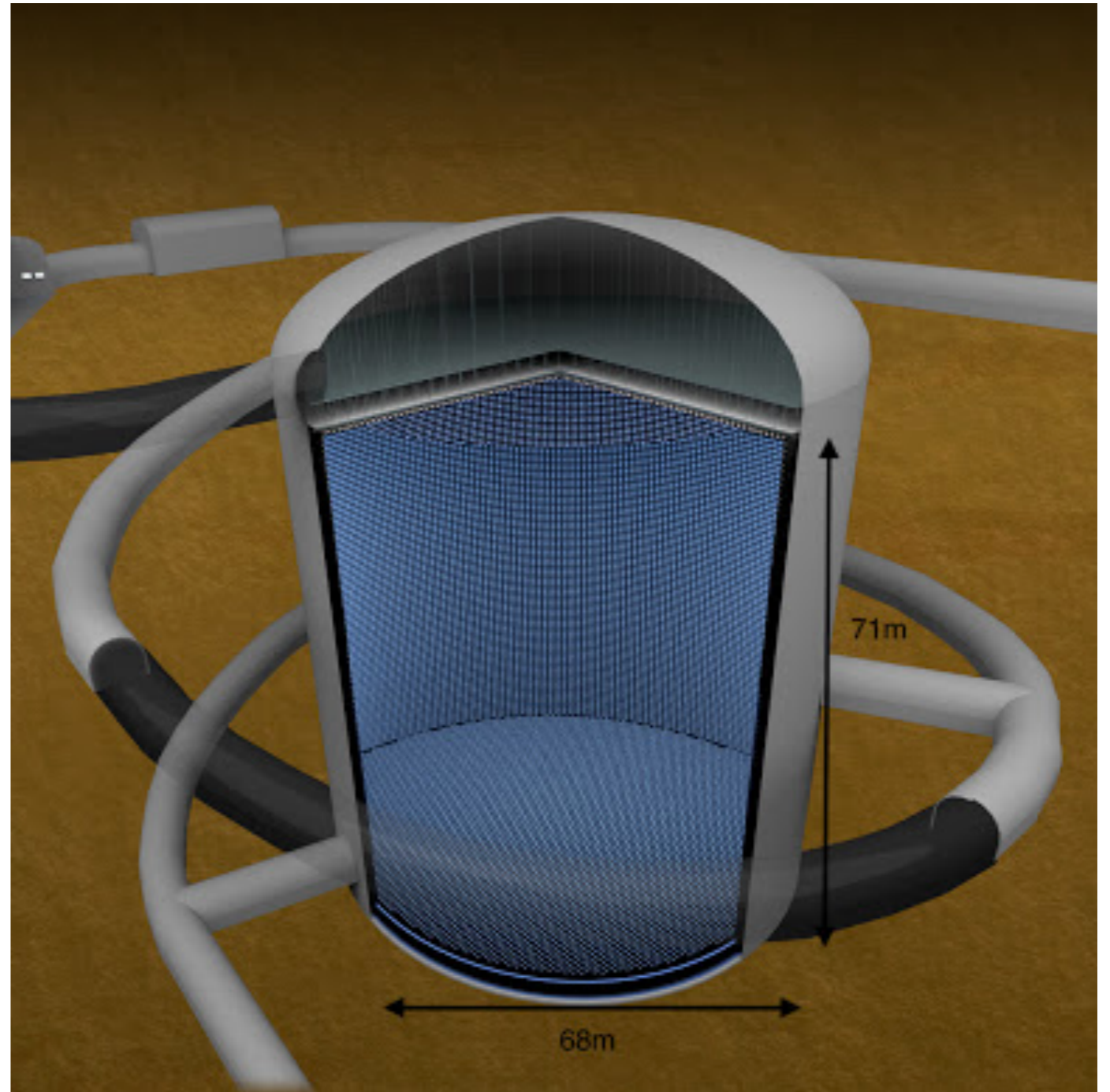
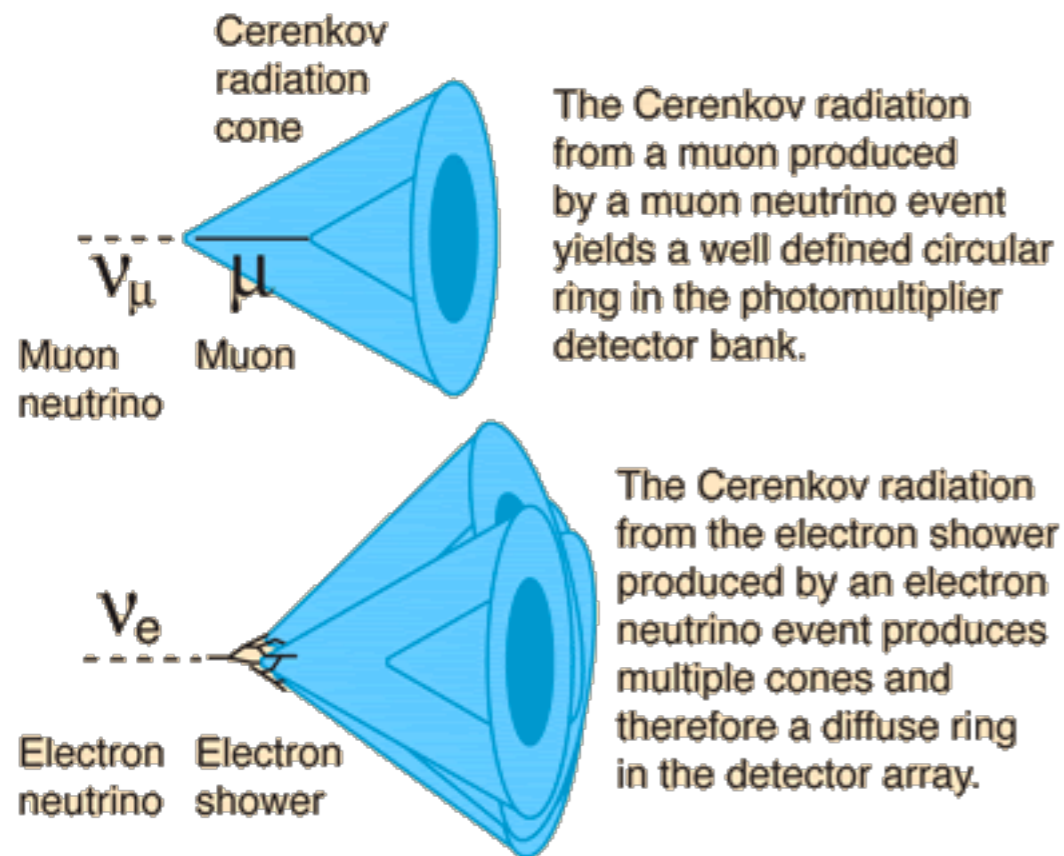
Martinez-Soler, YFPG, Sen
PRD105(2022)095019

Do we need to wait (a lifetime) for a galactic SN?



SK, SK-Gd and HK

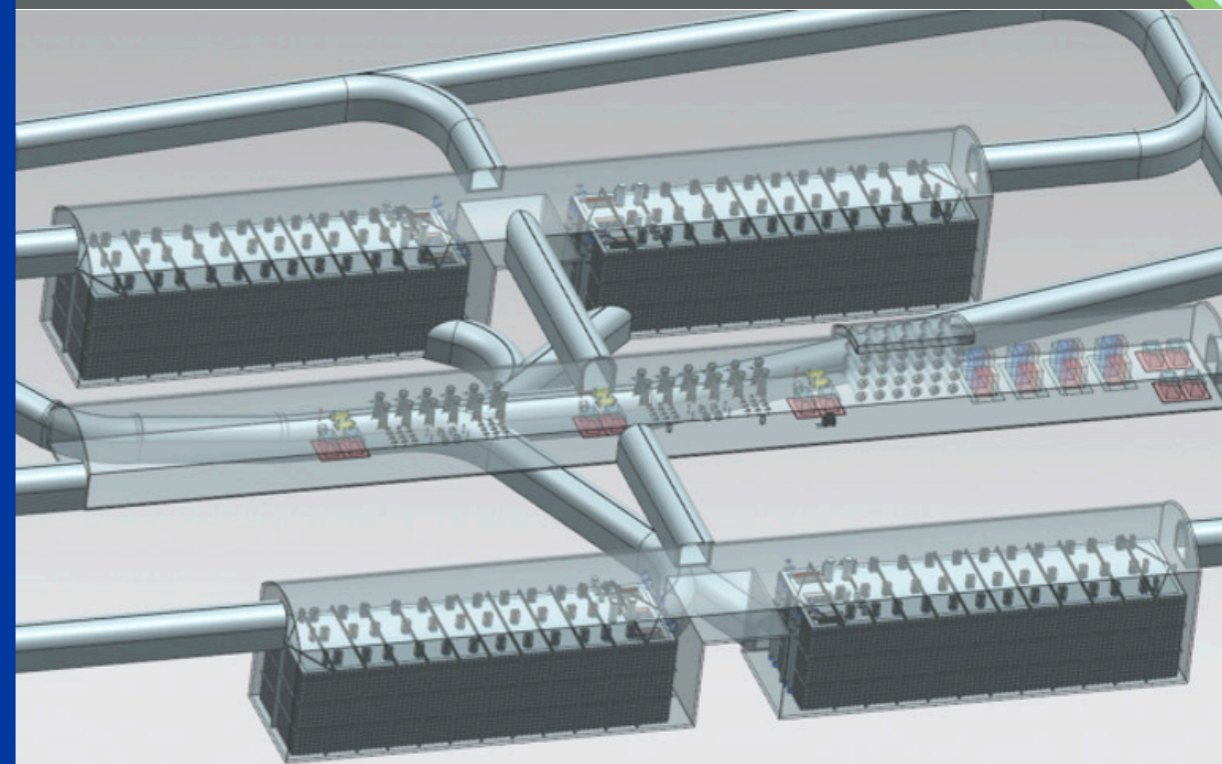
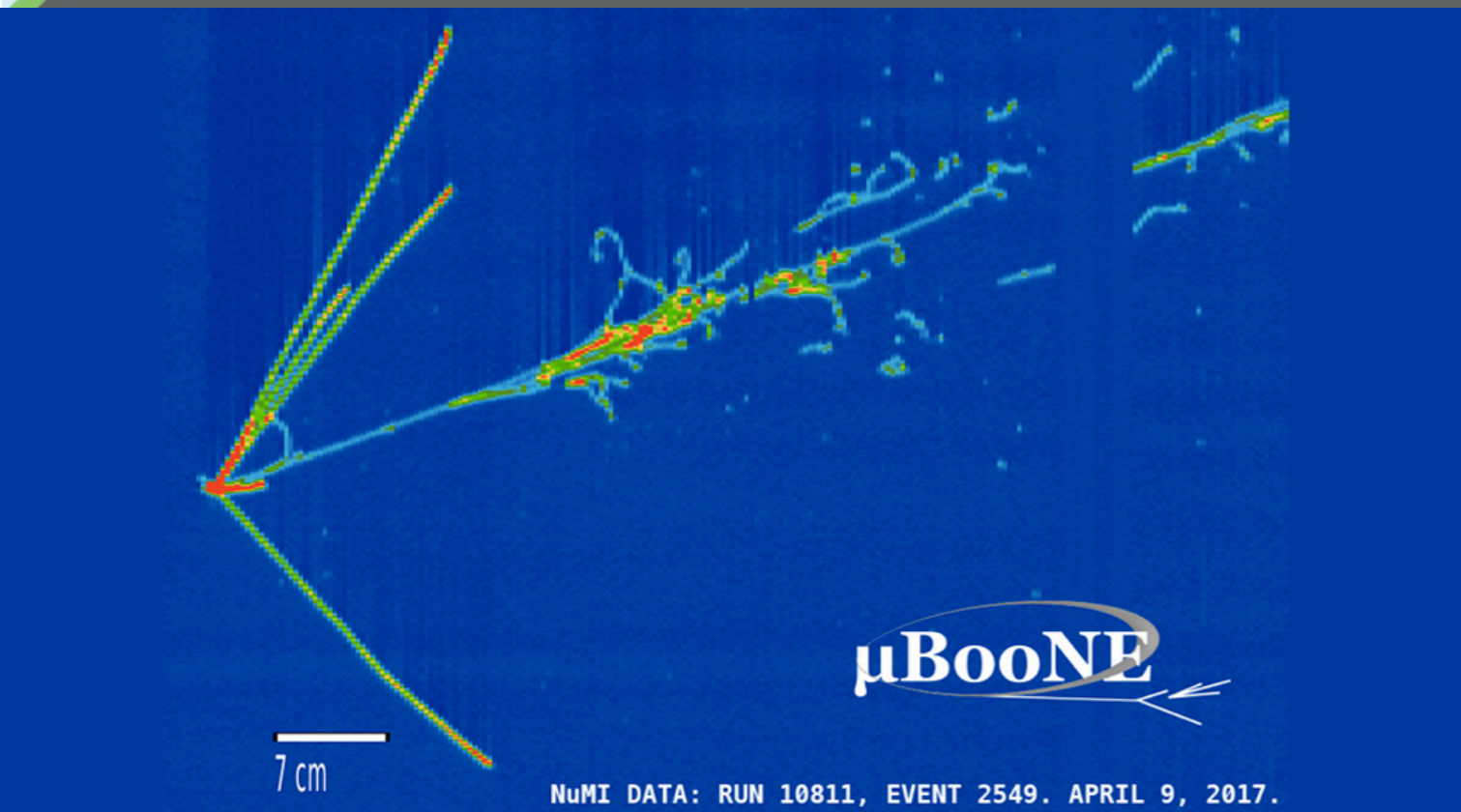
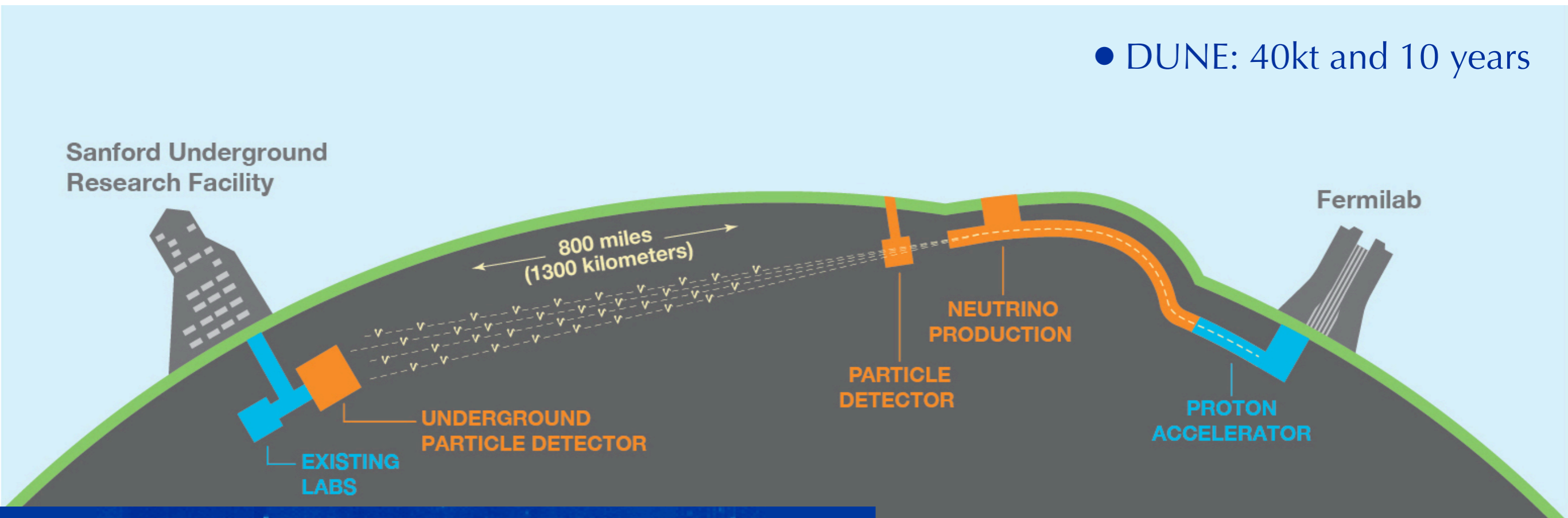
- HK: 187kt and 10 years of data



McDonald, Klein, Ward
Scientific American 288(2003)4

DUNE

- DUNE: 40kt and 10 years



Water-based Liquid Scintillator - THEIA

Scintillation:
Luminescence caused
by ionizing radiation

- Combination of techniques, H_2O + LS
- **Backgrounds:**
 - ❖ ^9Li from muon spallation, NC atoms, neutrons...
- THEIA: 100kt - 10 years of data taking

