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Constraining New Physics with Borexino Phase-II spectral data

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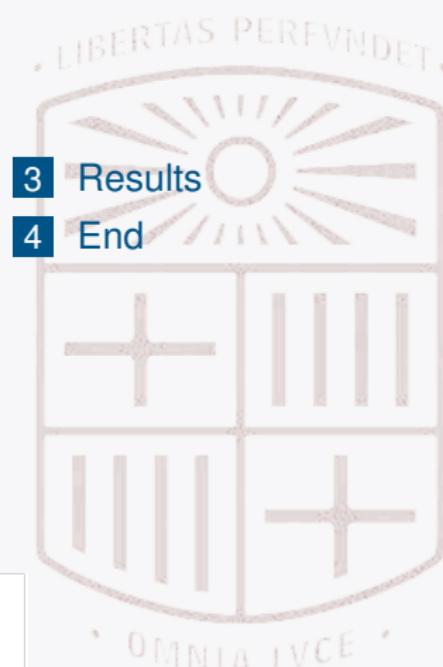
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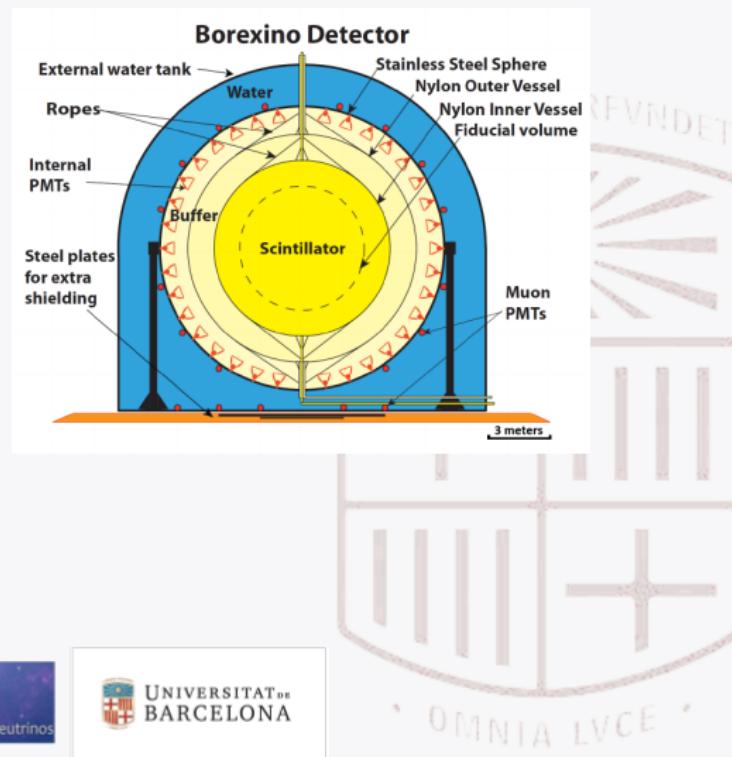


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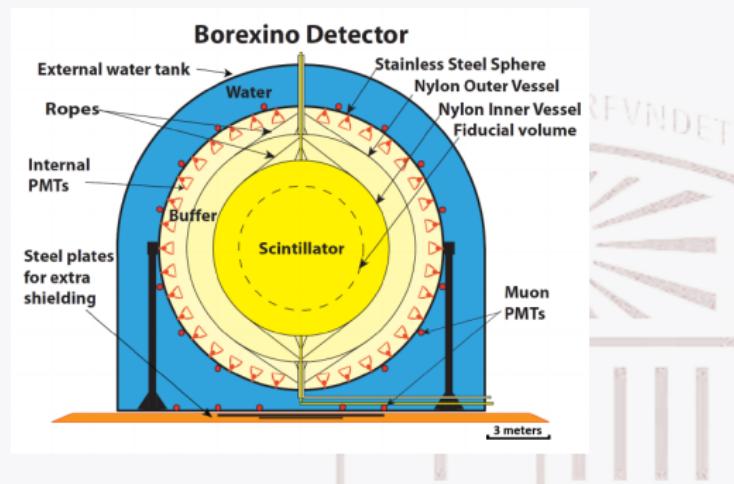
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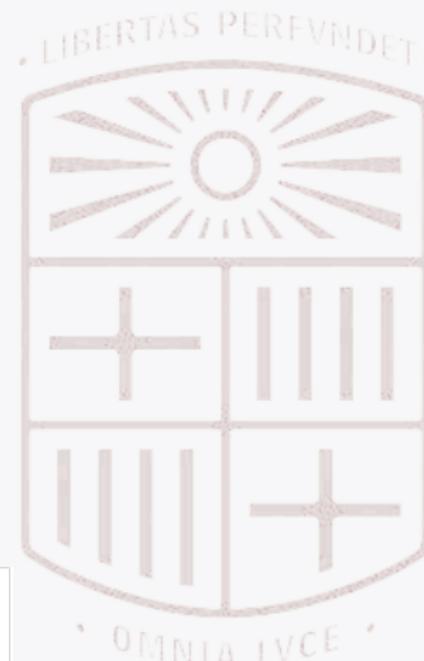
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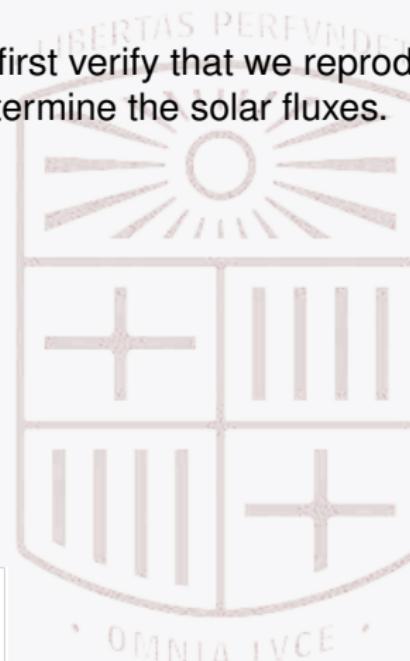
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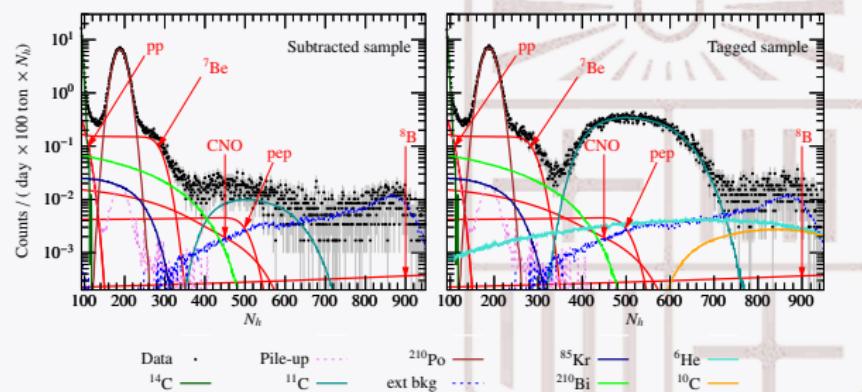
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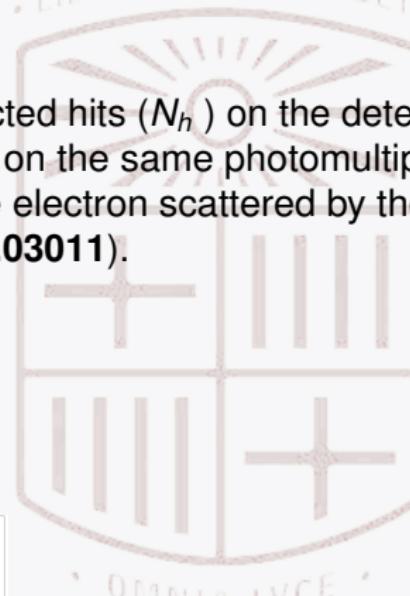
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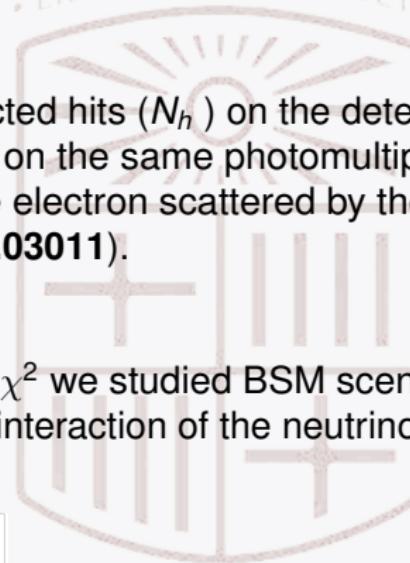
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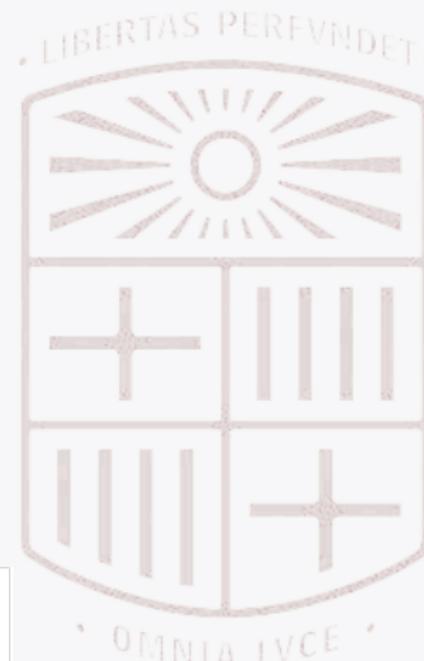
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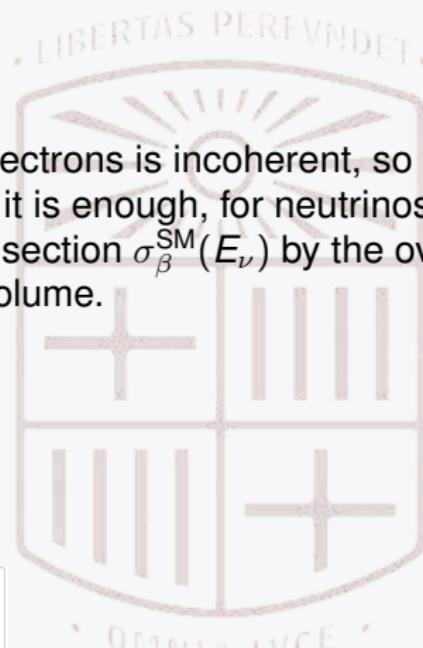
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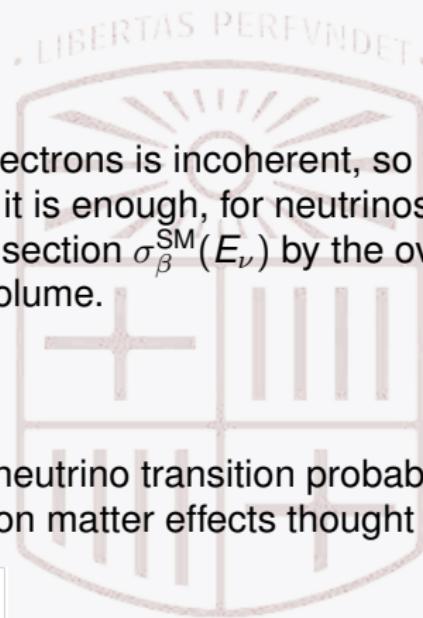


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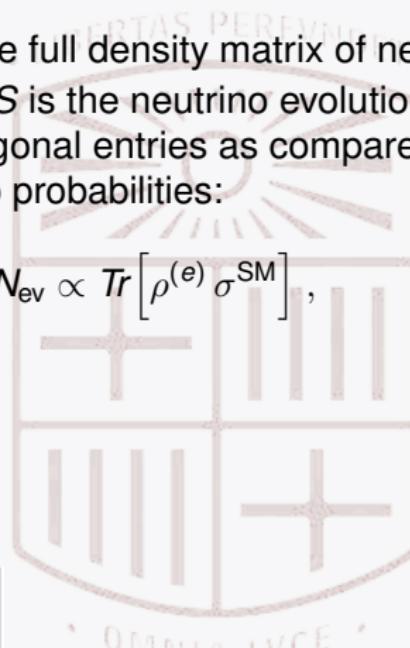
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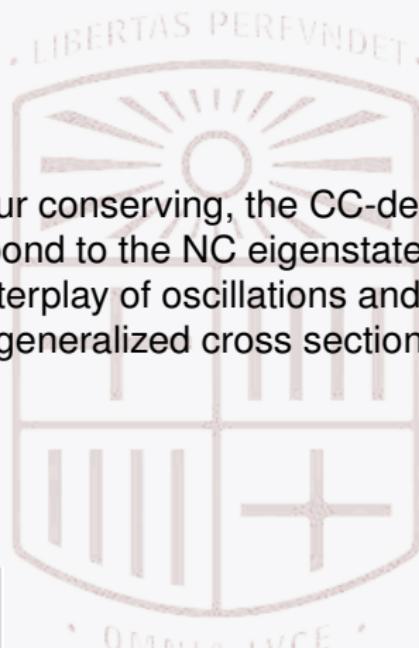
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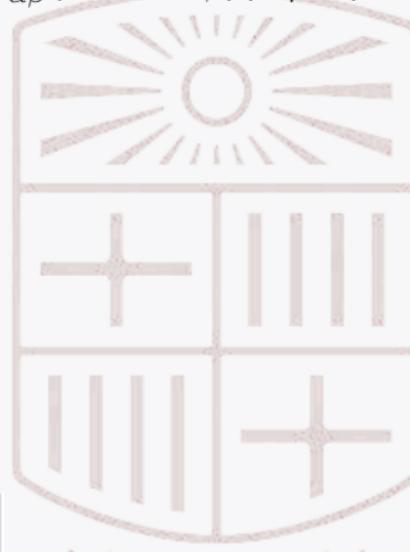
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- ★ When the BSM is not lepton-flavour conserving, the CC-defined flavour basis may no longer correspond to the NC eigenstates, and extra care must be taken with the interplay of oscillations and scattering. In this case the corresponding generalized cross section matrix σ^{BSM} will not be diagonal.



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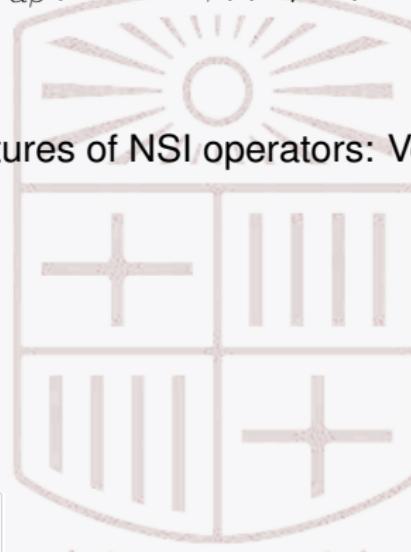
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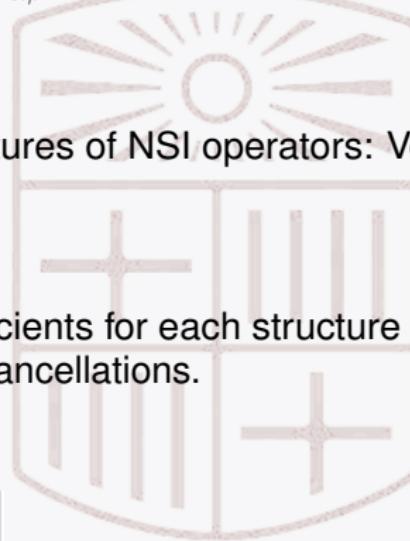


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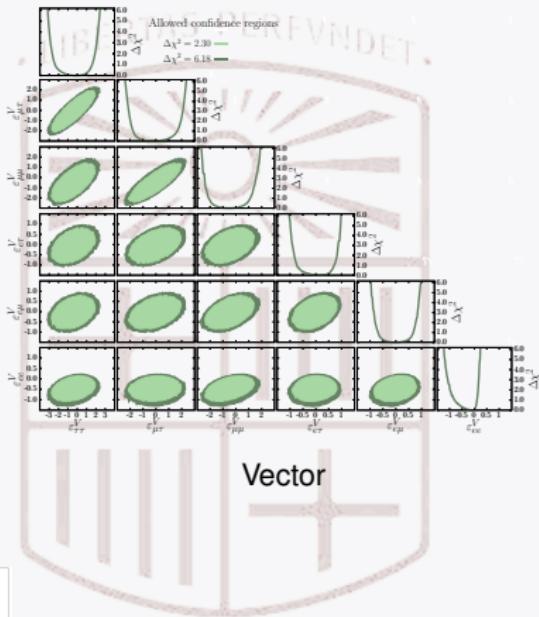
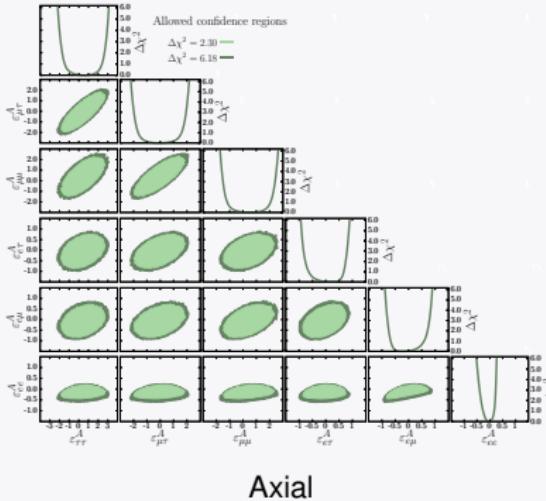
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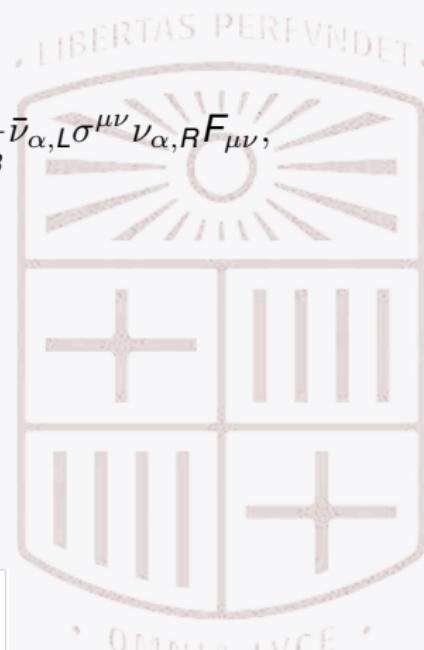


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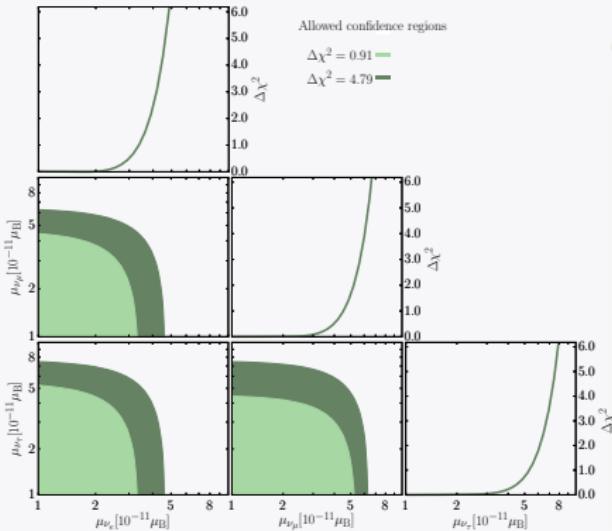


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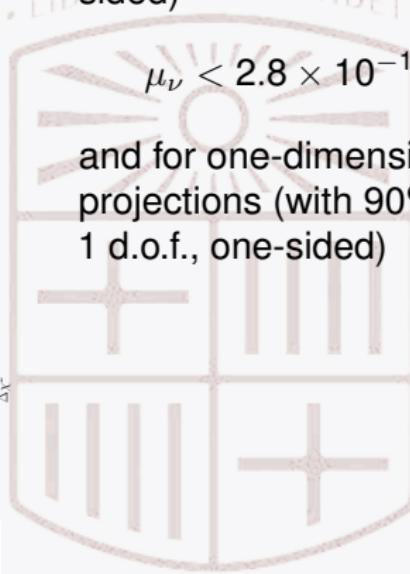
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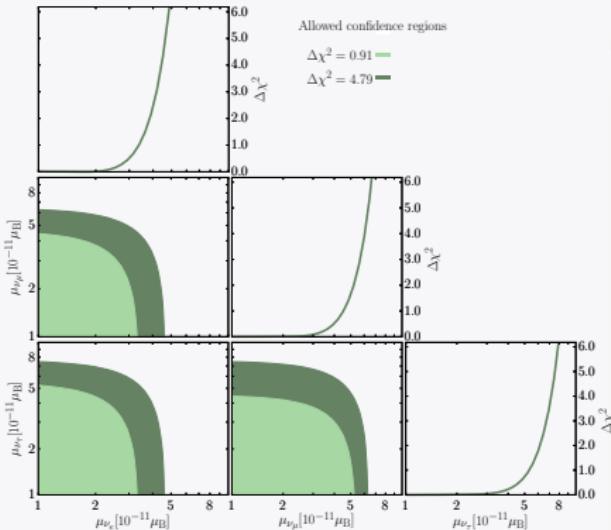
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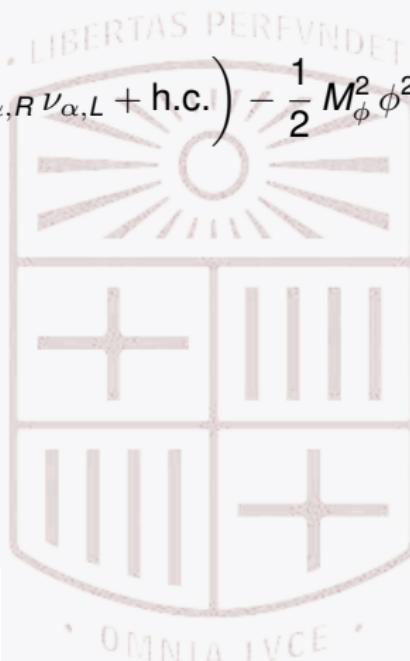
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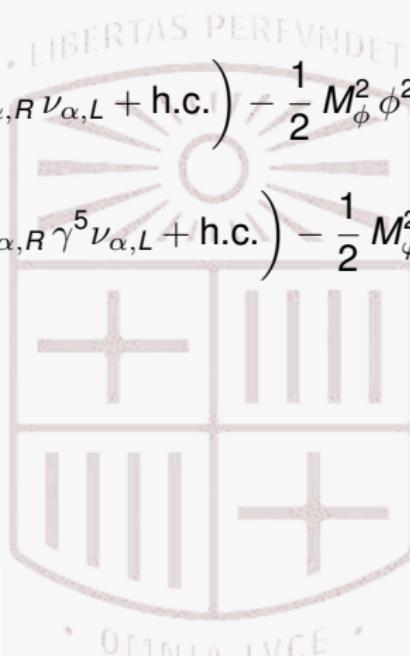
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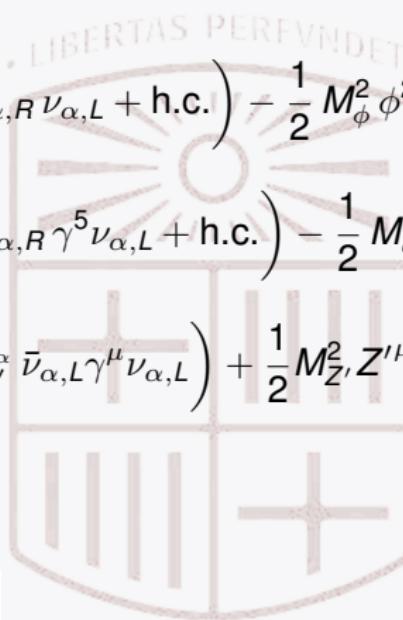


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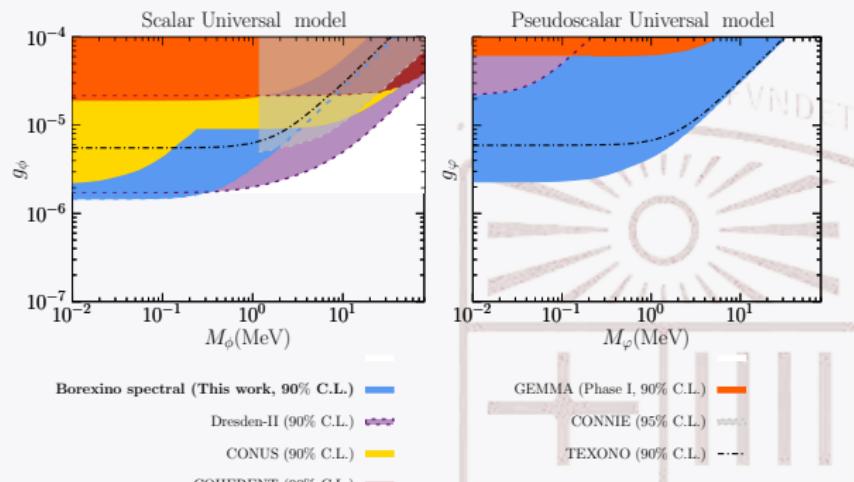
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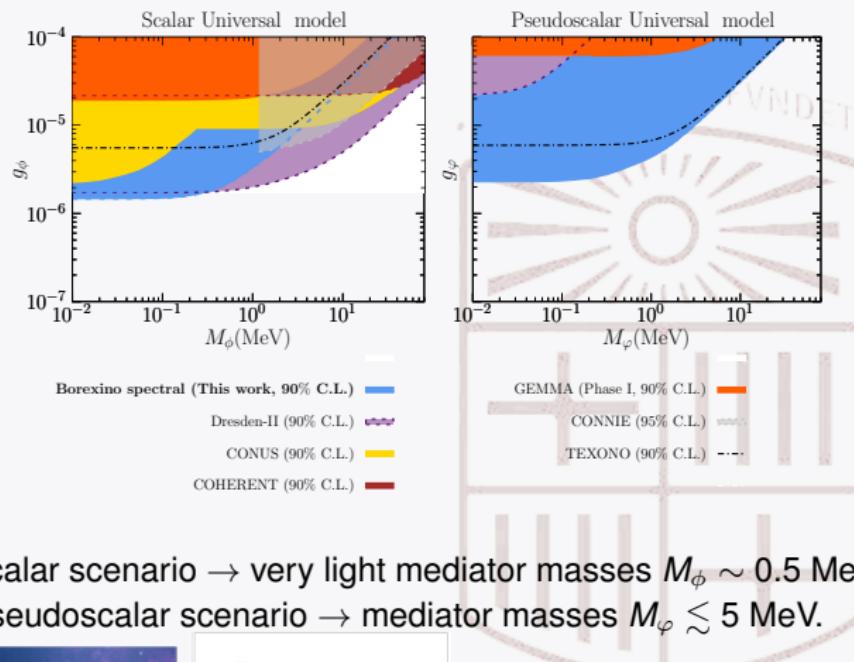
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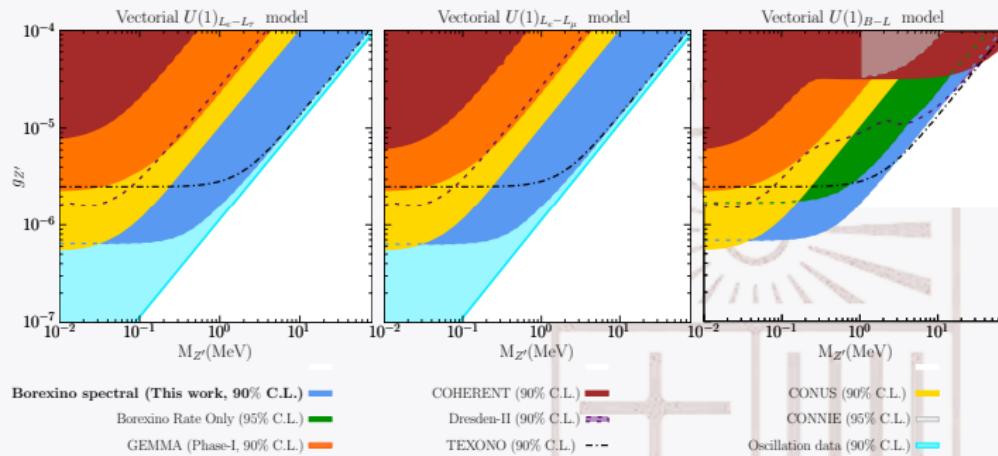
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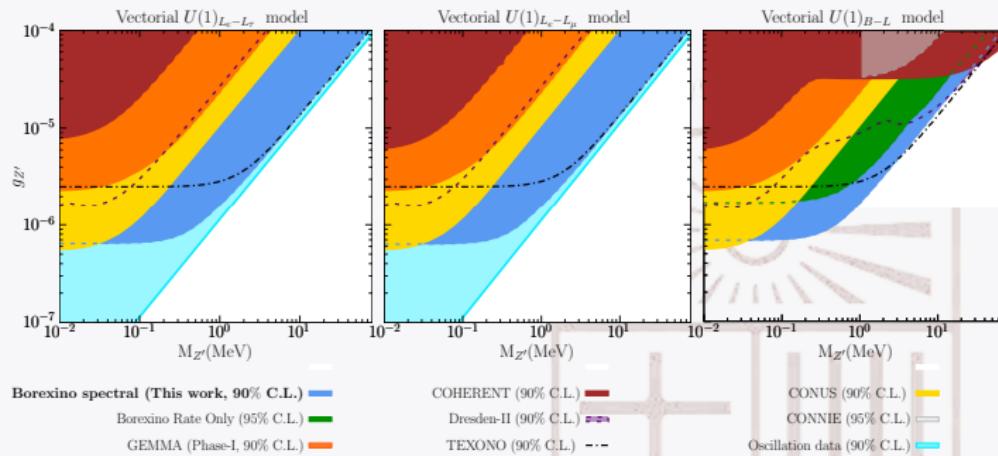
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