

LOW ENERGY SUPERNOVA BOUNDS ON STERILE NEUTRINOS

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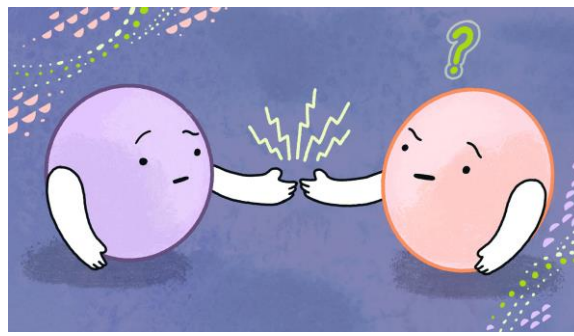
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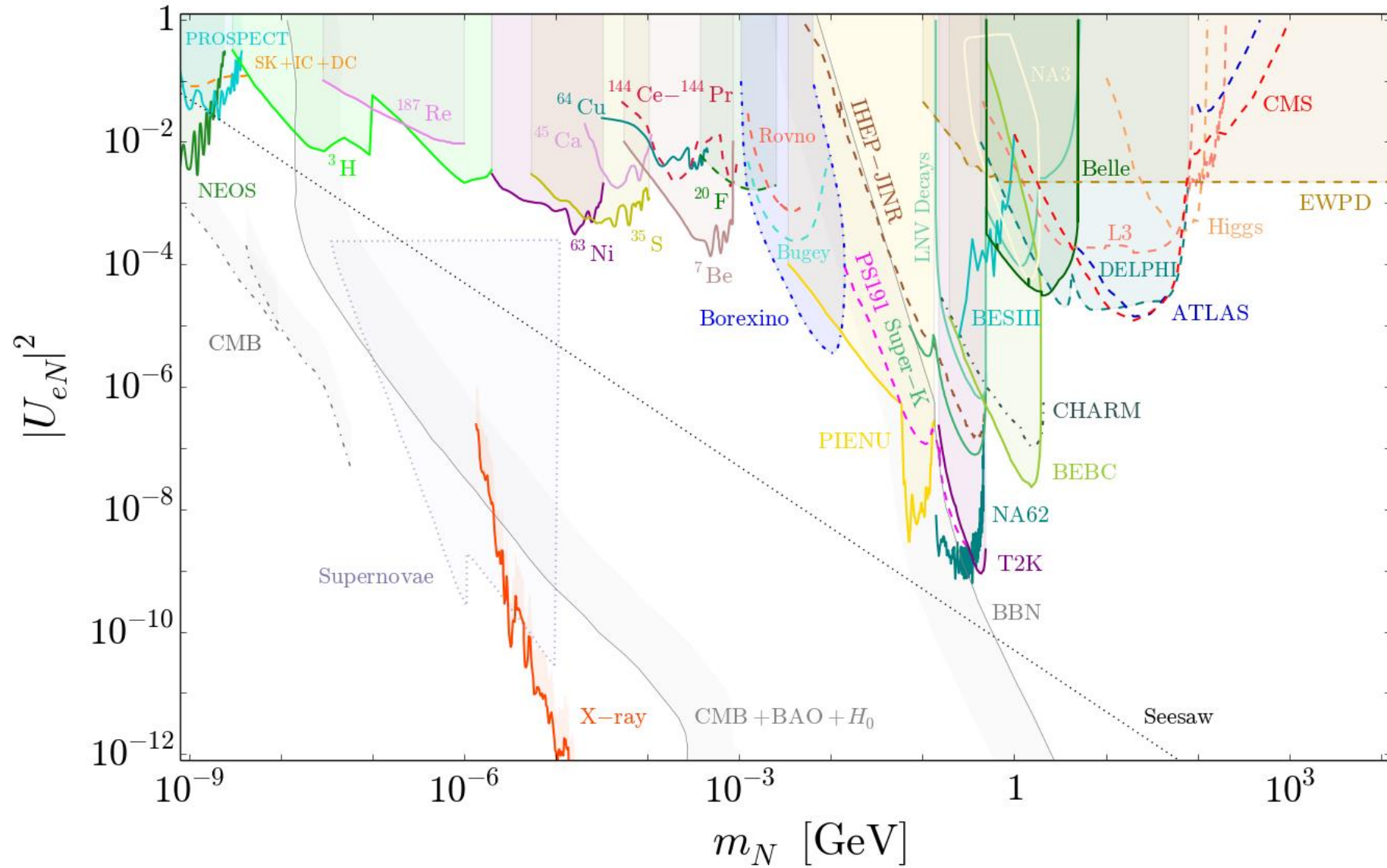
Sterile Neutrino

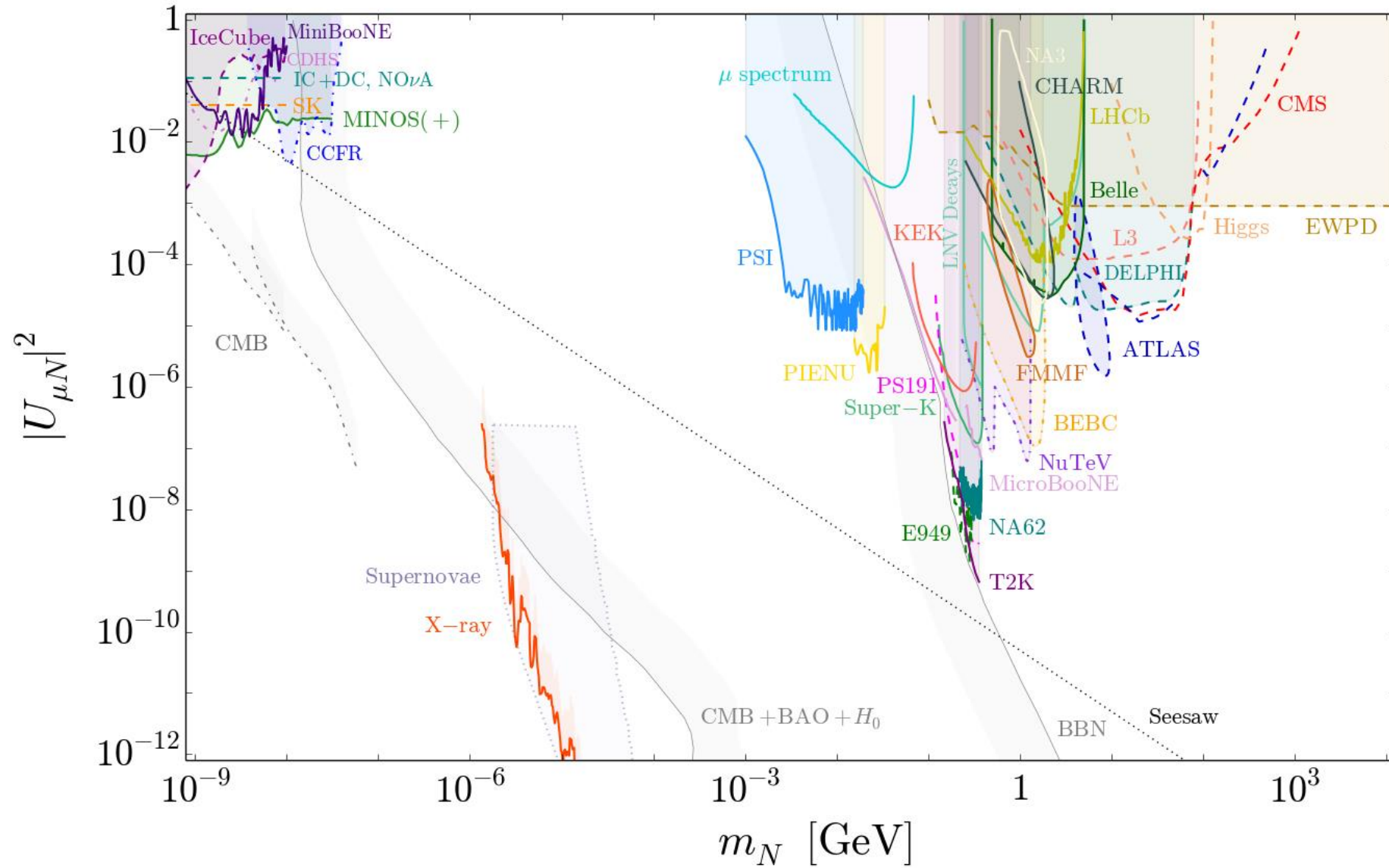


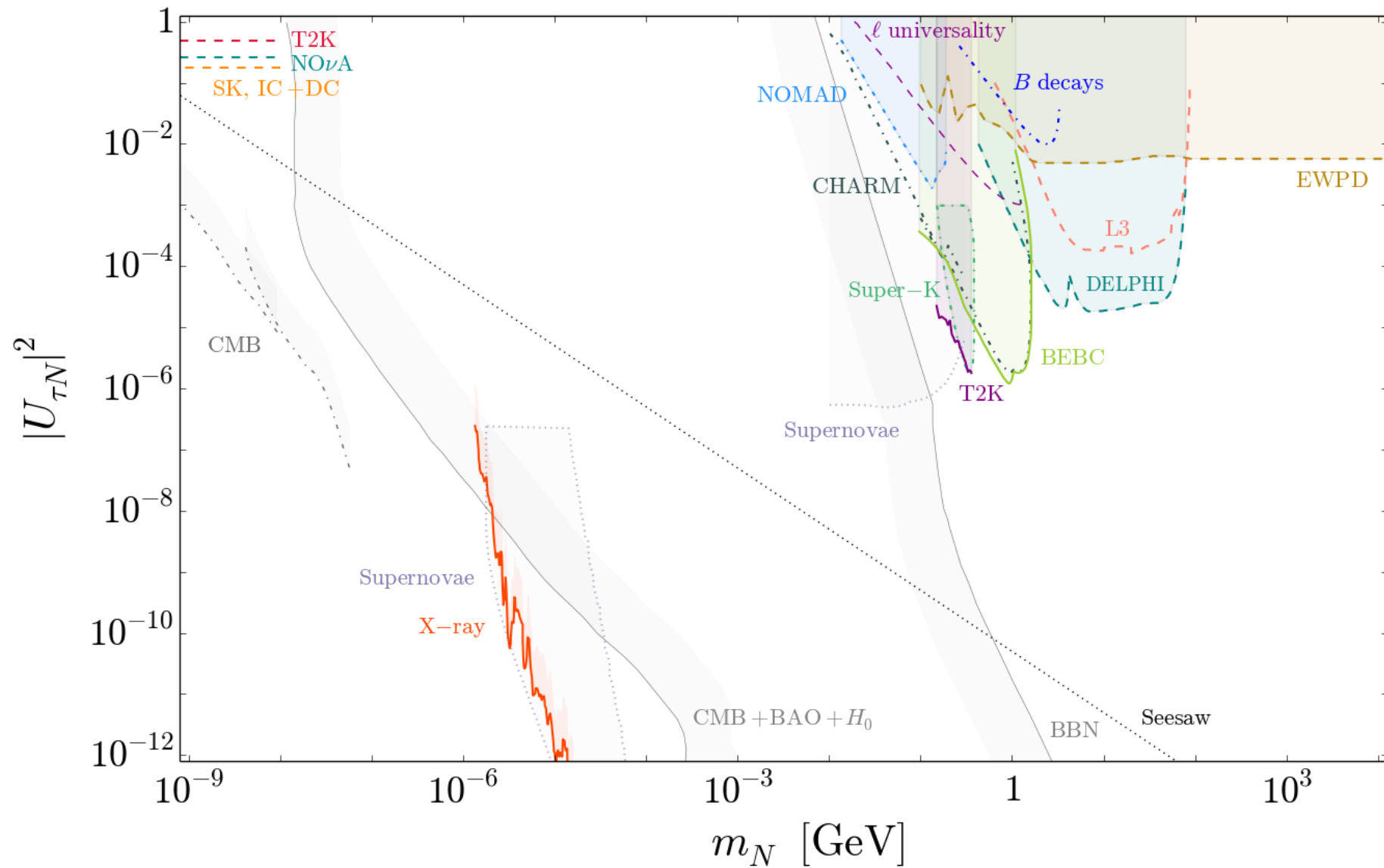
- Motivated class of BSM candidates : neutrino mass mechanisms, dark matter and baryon asymmetry generation.
- Sterile neutrinos have been suggested as solutions of various anomalies in neutrino experiments.
- An interesting question : which values of masses and mixing angles can be excluded by direct experiments, cosmology and astrophysics.
- We assume that the sterile mixes dominantly with one flavor i.e ν_τ .

$$\nu_\tau = \cos \theta \, \nu_1 + \sin \theta \, \nu_2 ,$$

$$\nu_s = -\sin \theta \, \nu_1 + \cos \theta \, \nu_2 ,$$





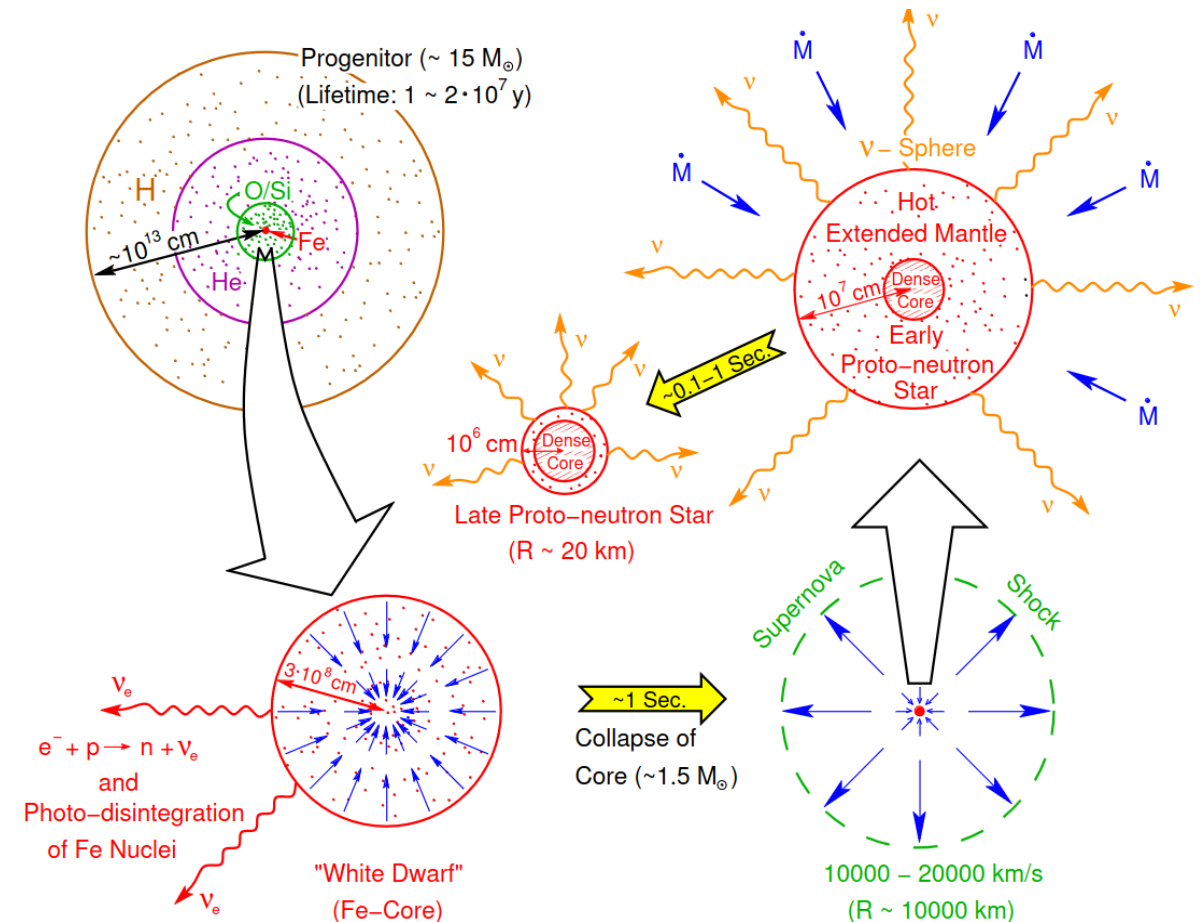


Supernova : ν factory



- Core-collapse supernovae represent the most powerful sources of neutrinos in the Universe.
- during the explosion, $\mathcal{O}(10^{58})$ (anti)neutrinos of all the flavors are emitted with average $E \sim 15$ MeV.
- Can be used to probe fundamental properties of neutrinos and even

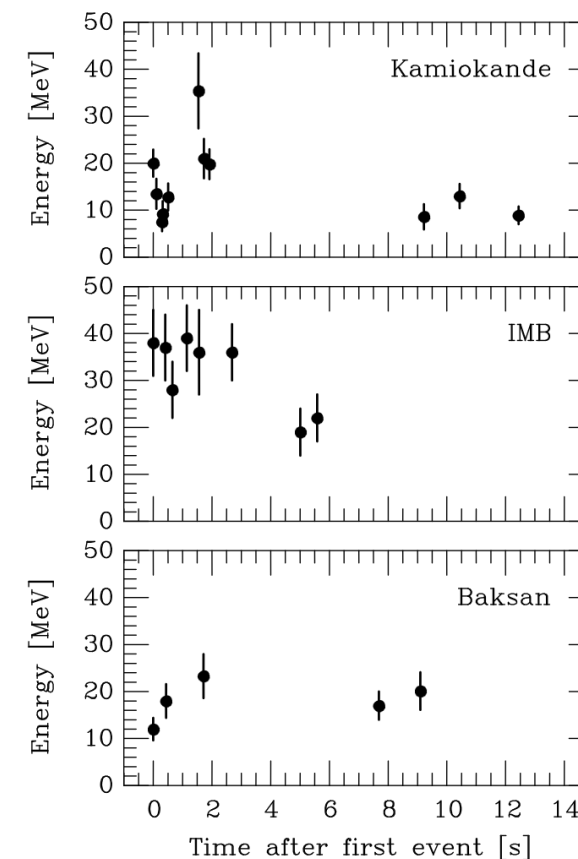
emission of exotic BSM particles!



Energy Loss SN1987A



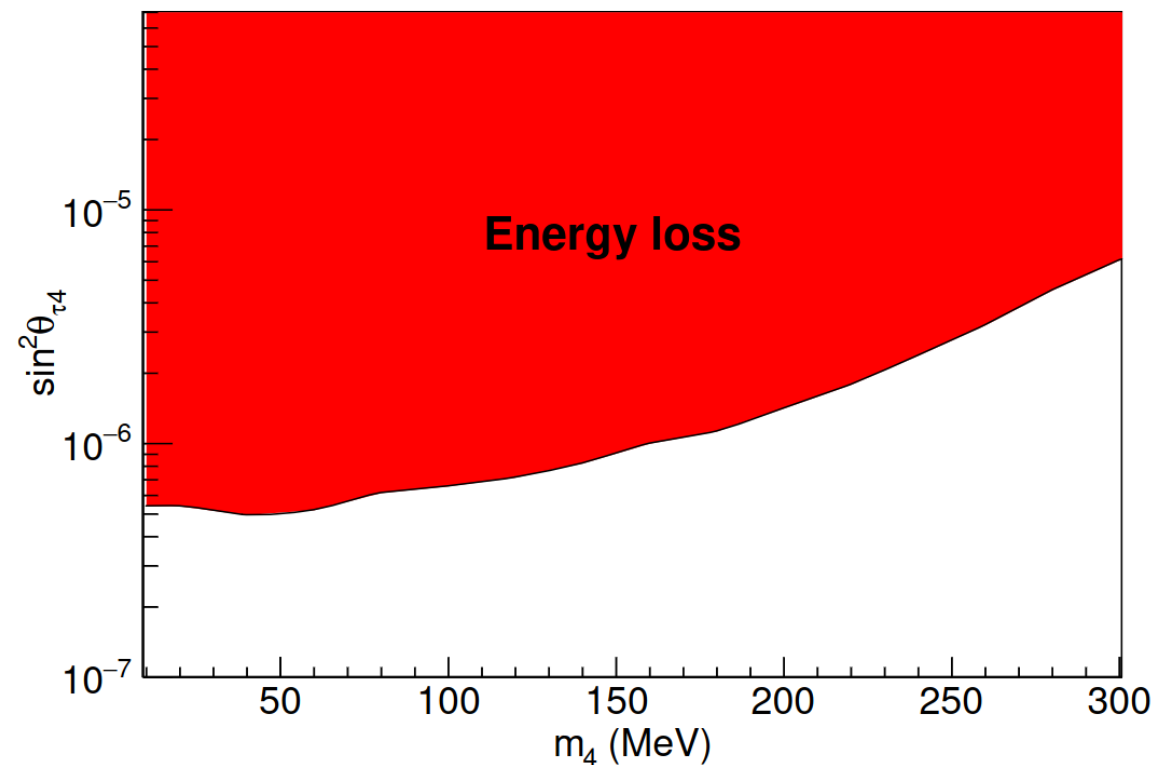
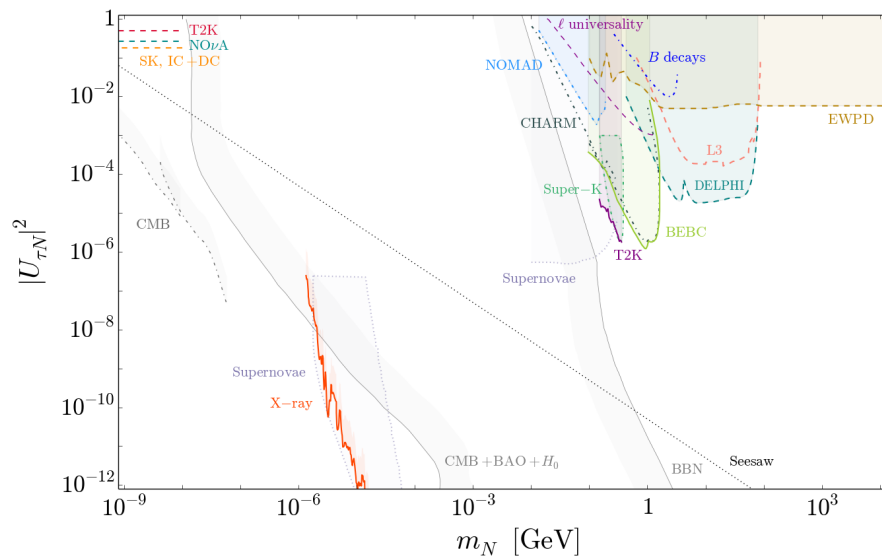
- Light BSM particles produced in the SN core would constitute a novel channel of energy loss, shortening the duration of the neutrino burst.
- SN 1987A neutrino signal ~ 10 s, as expected from standard SN cooling scenario, excludes an additional energy drain associated with exotic particles
- Constrain sterile states mixing with the active ones.
- typical temperature $T \sim 30$ MeV in the SN core, heavy sterile neutrinos might still be produced by the mixing with the active ones, suffering only a moderate suppression due to the Boltzmann factor.



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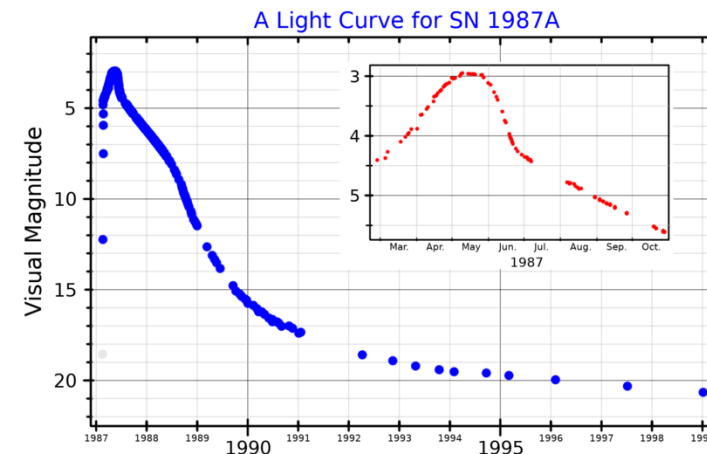
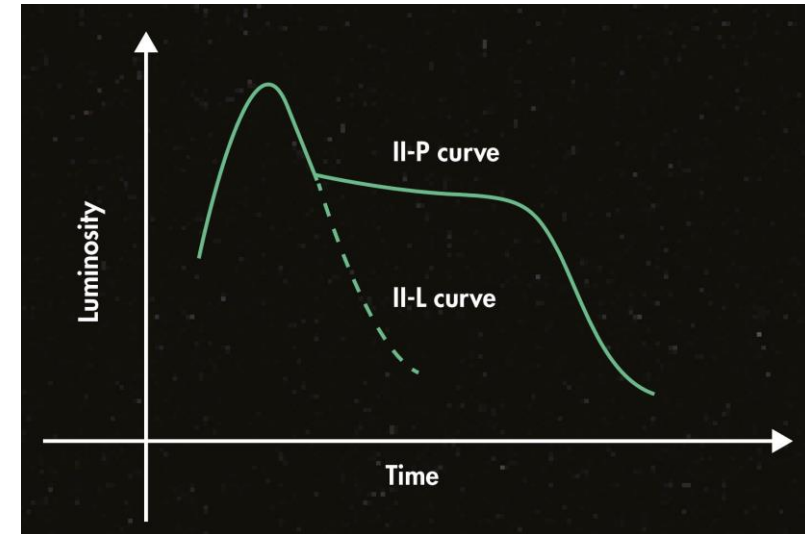
- Observations constrain energy-loss rate per unit mass \rightarrow total luminosity \rightarrow bounds on active-sterile mixing

$$L_s = \varepsilon_s \times 1 M_\odot \simeq 2 \times 10^{52} \text{ erg/s}$$



Low-energy SN : IIP or not IIP

- There is a separate class of core-collapse SN with low-explosion energies : underluminous SN IIP
- Based on the presence of characteristic *plateau* shape in their light curves , are termed SN IIP.
- The brightness and duration of the plateau is determined mainly by the explosion energy, ejecta mass, nickel mass and progenitor radius.
- Therefore, the explosion energy can be inferred given the spectrum and the light curves.



Low-energy SN

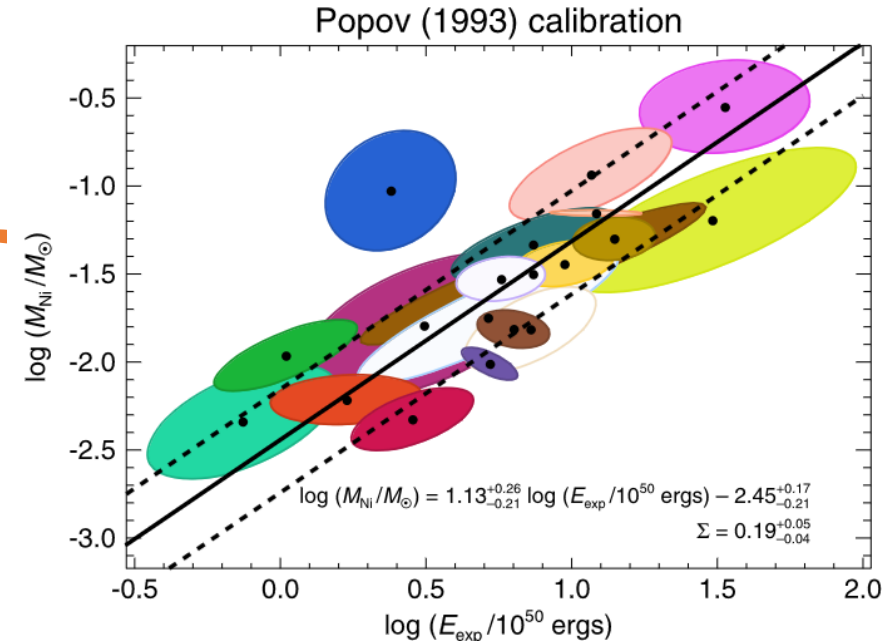
- (Pejcha:2015 ,Muller:2017) use the fitting formulae and statistical inference along with quantifying the uncertainties, to infer the most likely explosion energy.

- The inferred explosion energy ranges from

$$E_{obs} \sim (7.4 \times 10^{49} - 4 \times 10^{51}) \text{ erg.}$$

- These reconstructed energies are in good agreement with expectations from the simulated low-energy SN.
- But the sterile neutrinos produced in the core can deposit energies of a similar magnitude, and hence can be constrained from the observations of these low-energy SN

$$E_{dep} \leq 10^{50} \text{ erg.}$$



Name	$\epsilon = \log_{10}(E_{\text{obs}}/10^{51})$	σ_{ϵ}
SN 2001dc	-1.13	0.33
SN 2013am	-0.98	0.25
SN 1980K	-0.77	0.27
SN 1995ad	-0.62	0.23
SN 2005cs	-0.55	0.21
SN 2009js	-0.51	0.43

Muller,Prieto,Pejcha,Clocchiatti Astrophys.J. 841 (2017),
Murphy,Mabanta,Dolence MNRAS 489(2019)

Sterile neutrino production



- In a SN core, sterile neutrino can be produced by e^+, e^- or neutrino pair annihilation and the inelastic scattering of (anti-) neutrinos.
- But $n, p, e^+, e^-, \nu_e, \bar{\nu}_e$ are degenerate in the hot proto-neutron star core,
- Pauli-blocking will render pair-annihilation and inelastic scattering on the non-degenerate neutrino species, the dominant processes for sterile production.

Process	Amplitude/ $(8G_F^2\theta_\tau^2)$
$\nu_\tau + \bar{\nu}_\tau \rightarrow \nu_s + \bar{\nu}_\tau$	$4u(u - m_N^2)$
$\nu_\tau + \bar{\nu}_\tau \rightarrow \nu_s + \nu_\tau$	$4u(u - m_N^2)$
$\nu_\mu + \bar{\nu}_\mu \rightarrow \nu_s + \bar{\nu}_\tau$	$u(u - m_N^2)$
$\nu_\mu + \bar{\nu}_\mu \rightarrow \nu_s + \nu_\tau$	$u(u - m_N^2)$
$\nu_\tau + \bar{\nu}_\tau \rightarrow \nu_s + \nu_\tau$	$2s(s - m_N^2)$
$\bar{\nu}_\tau + \bar{\nu}_\tau \rightarrow \nu_s + \bar{\nu}_\tau$	$2s(s - m_N^2)$
$\nu_\mu + \bar{\nu}_\tau \rightarrow \nu_s + \nu_\mu$	$s(s - m_N^2)$
$\bar{\nu}_\mu + \bar{\nu}_\tau \rightarrow \nu_s + \bar{\nu}_\mu$	$s(s - m_N^2)$
$\nu_\tau + \bar{\nu}_\mu \rightarrow \nu_s + \bar{\nu}_\mu$	$u(u - m_N^2)$
$\nu_\mu + \bar{\nu}_\tau \rightarrow \nu_s + \nu_\mu$	$u(u - m_N^2)$

Fuller,Kusenko,Petraki PLB 670(2009)

Boltzmann Transport

- The evolution of sterile neutrino abundances is governed by the Boltzmann transport equation.
- Assuming the medium is homogeneous and isotropic. This implies that the change in phase-space density will only be affected by the scatterings/pair-annihilation processes in the SN core.

$$\frac{\partial f_s}{\partial t} = \mathcal{C}_{coll}(f_s)$$

$$\mathcal{C}_{coll} = \frac{1}{2E_s} \int d^3\tilde{p}_2 d^3\tilde{p}_3 d^3\tilde{p}_4 \Lambda(f_s, f_2, f_3, f_4) S |M|_{12 \rightarrow 34}^2 \delta^4(p_s + p_2 - p_3 - p_4) (2\pi^4)$$

$$\Lambda(f_s, f_2, f_3, f_4) = (1-f_s)(1-f_2)f_3f_4 - f_sf_2(1-f_3)(1-f_4)$$

$$\frac{dL_s}{dE_s} = \frac{2E_s}{\pi} \int dr r^2 \frac{df_s}{dt} E_s p_s$$

Energy Deposition



- The sterile neutrino produced in SN core, decays outside the core but inside the mantle region, depositing energy into the SN envelope.

$$E_{\text{mantle}} = \int dt \int_0^{R_{\text{core}}} dr \int_{m_s}^{\infty} dE_s \frac{dL_s(r, E_s, t)}{dr dE_s} \times \left\{ \exp \left[-\frac{(R_{\text{core}} - r)}{L_{\text{decay}}} \right] - \exp \left[-\frac{(R_{\text{env}} - r)}{L_{\text{decay}}} \right] \right\}$$

Caputo, Janka, Raffelt, Vitagliano PRL 128(2022)

- For reference model, we use Garching group's SFHo-18.8 muonic model.

Peak Temps. : 30-40 MeV

Final NS mass : $1.351 M_{\odot}$

Mirizzi, Tamborra, Janka, Saviano, Scholberg, Bollig RNC 39(2016),
Bollig, Janka, Lohs, Pinedo, Horowitz, Melson PRL 119(2017)

Energy Deposition



- For mass range of interest and mixing only with ν_τ , the charged-current processes are kinematically forbidden.

$$\nu_s \rightarrow \nu_\tau \pi^0$$

$$\nu_s \rightarrow \nu_\tau e^+ e^-$$

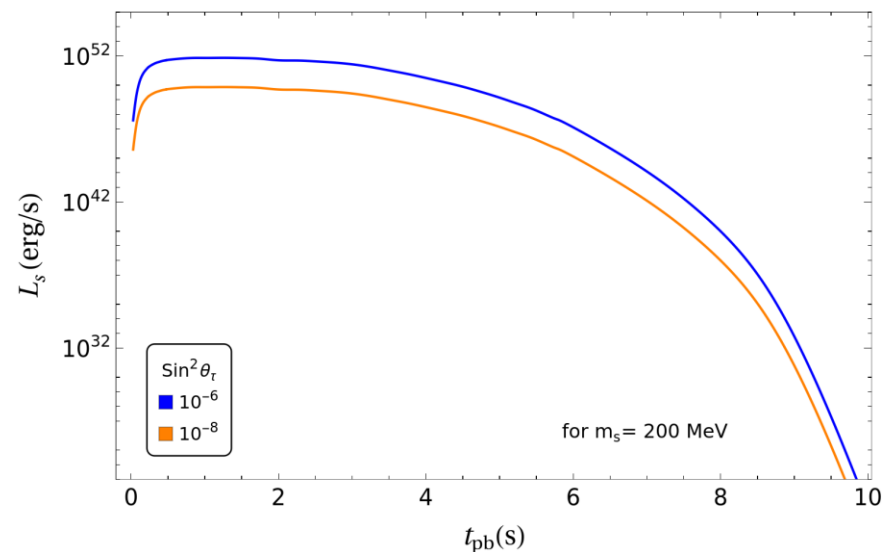
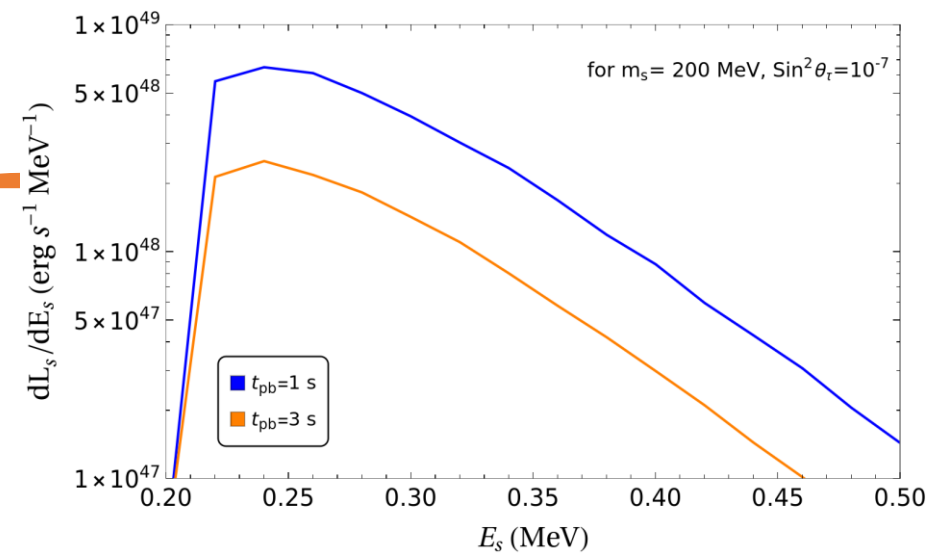
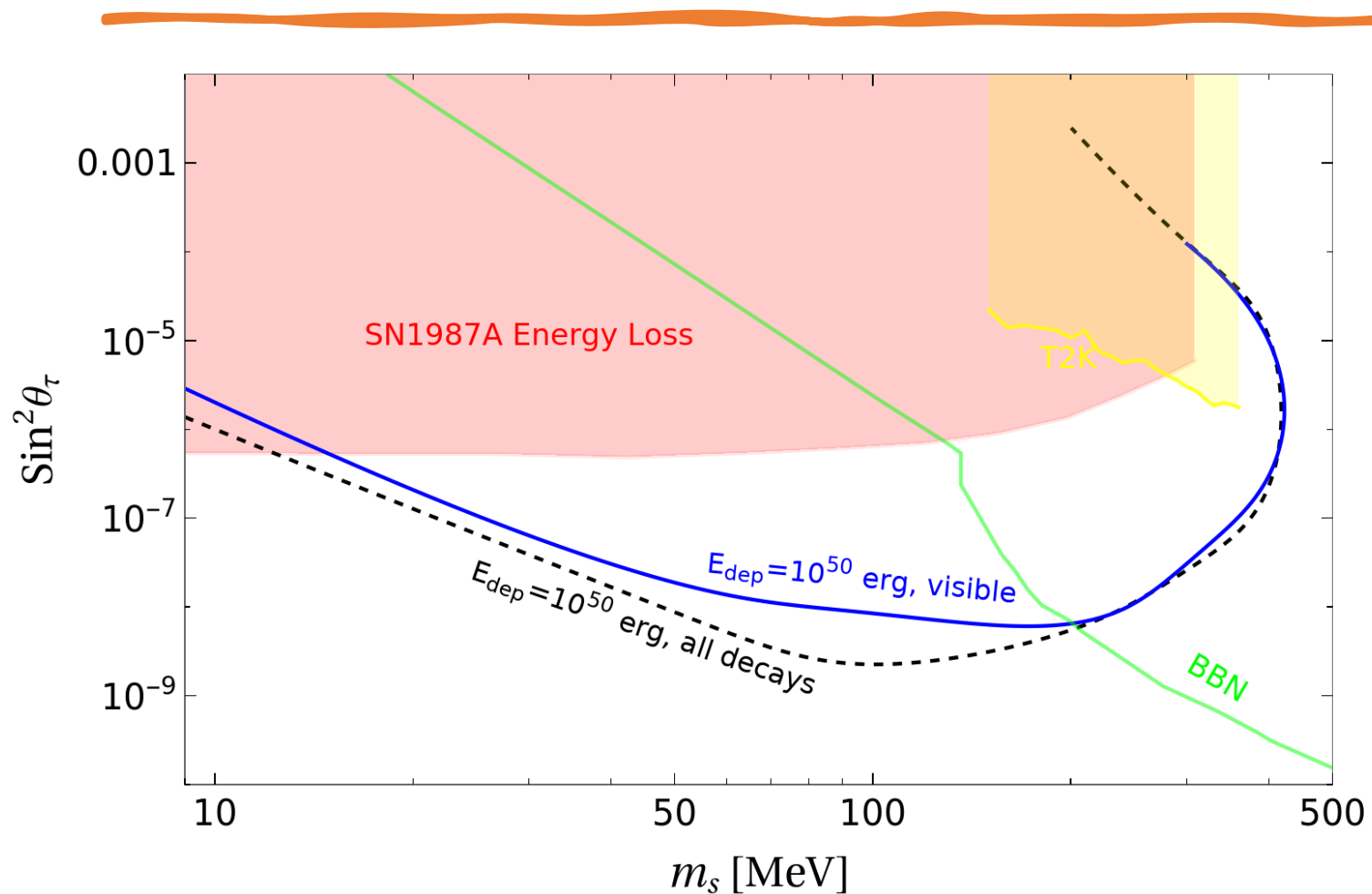
$$\nu_s \rightarrow \nu_\tau \mu^+ \mu^-$$

$$\nu_s \rightarrow \nu_\tau \nu_x \bar{\nu}_x$$

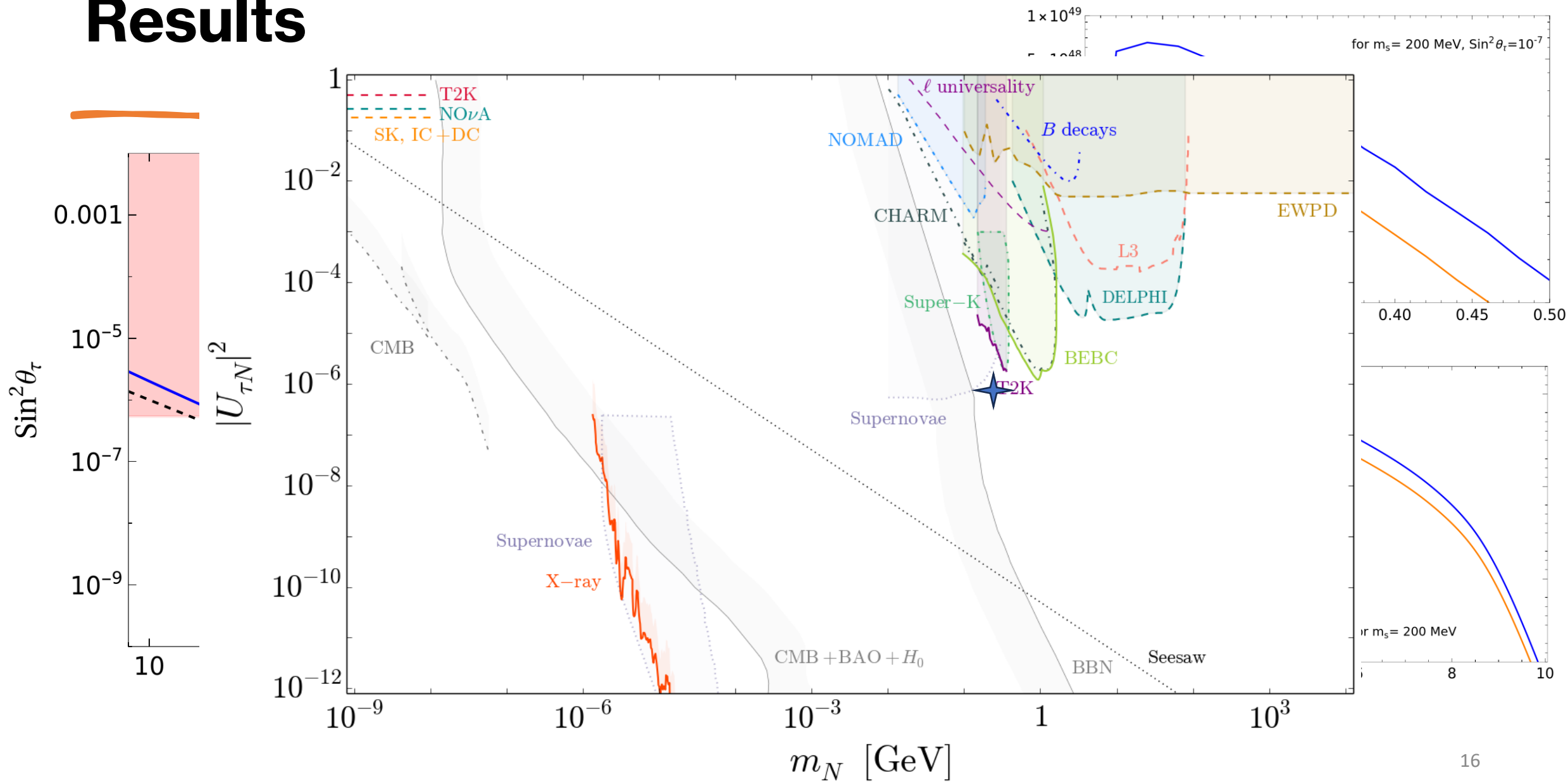
- Only the *visible* decay modes deposit their energy, determined by

$$BR_{vis} = 1 - \frac{\Gamma(\nu_s \rightarrow \nu_\tau \nu_x \bar{\nu}_x)}{\Gamma_{tot}}$$

Results



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Summary

- Sterile neutrinos can be produced through mixing with active neutrinos in the hot and dense core of a collapsing supernova (SN).
- We discuss a novel bound from energy deposition through the decays of sterile neutrinos inside the SN envelope.
- Using observed SN IIP population with low-ejecta velocities, this energy deposition is constrained

$$E_{dep} \leq 10^{50} \text{ erg.}$$

- for masses 10-400 MeV stringent constraints on tau mixing, 2-3 orders of magnitude lower than those from current constraints