

# ENTERING THE ERA OF NEUTRINO DIRECT DETECTION

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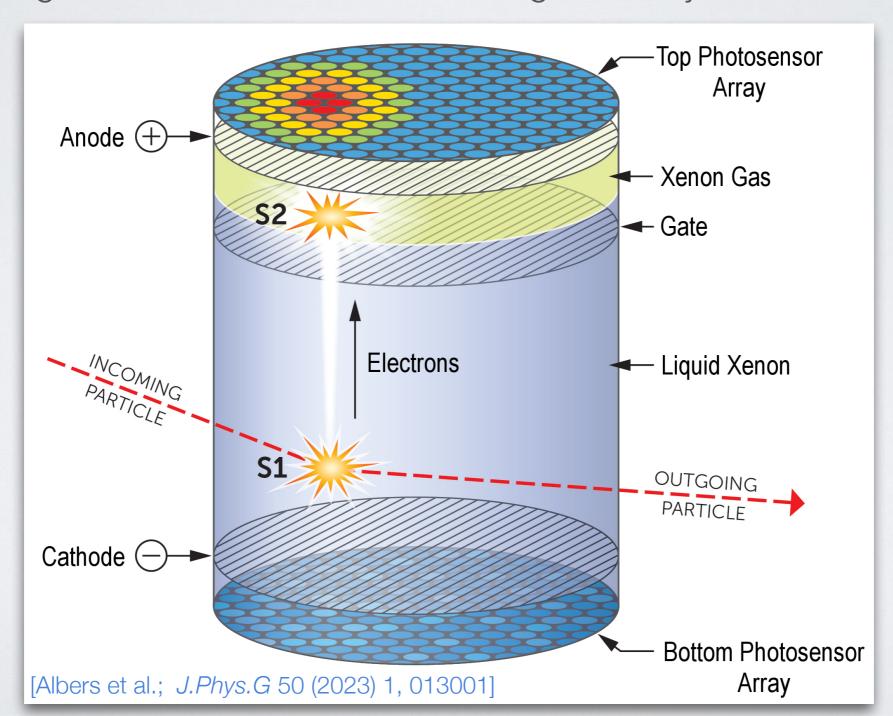
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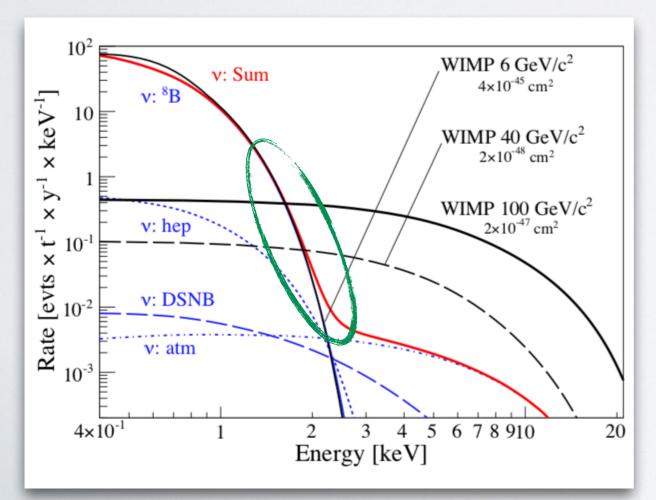
## HOW TO LOOK BEYOND SM?

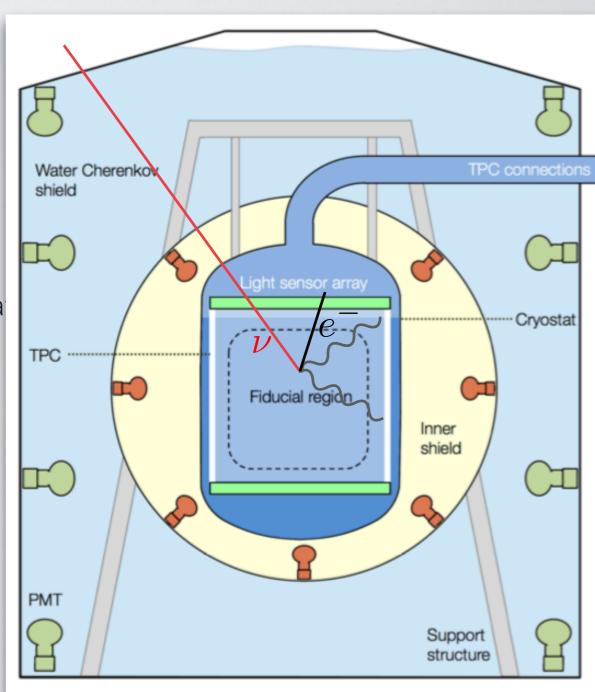
- State-of-the-art DM experiments: multi ton liquid noble gas detectors (Xe, Ar)
- **Signature**: Incident particles produce prompt scintillation light in scattering (S1); secondary signal from electroluminescence in gaseous layer (S2)



#### PROBLEM: NEUTRINO BACKGROUND

- Incident energetic neutrinos can fake the DM signal, as they leave a similar signature
- Most importantly, irreducible solar neutrino background looks like WIMP signal!
- Energy thresholds of ~ O(few) keV
   ⇒ typical solar neutrino scattering energies!
- (LUX has achieved 1.1 keV with NR/ER discriminal

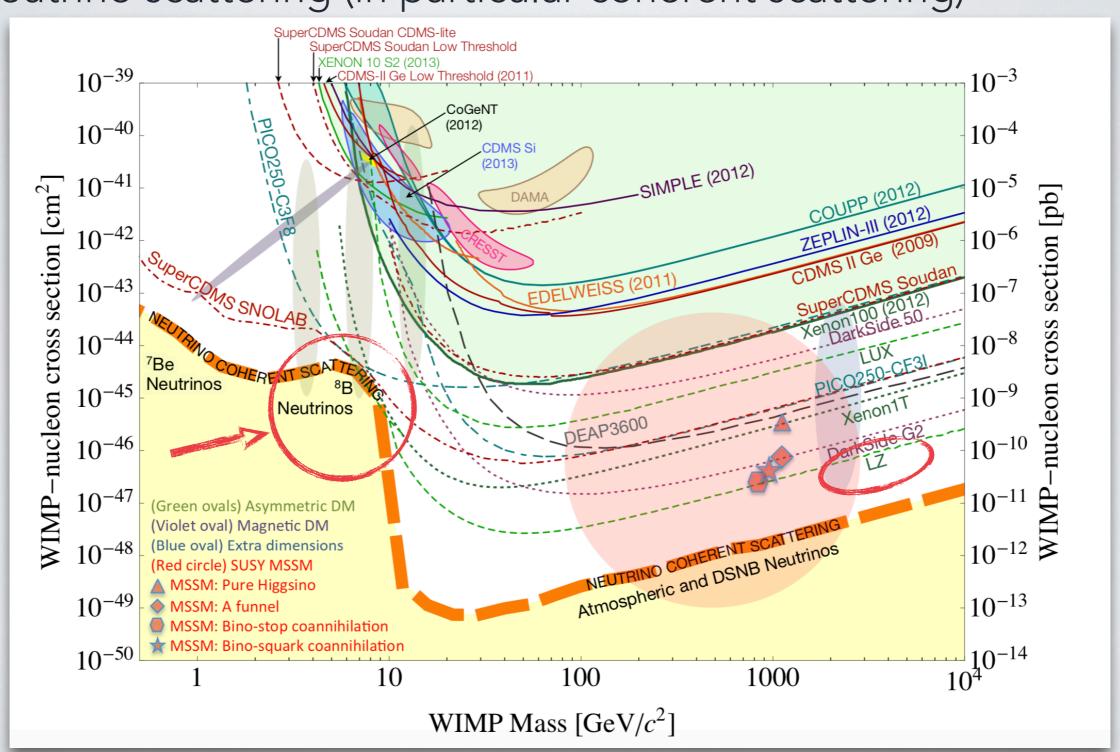




[DARWIN collaboration; JCAP 1611 (2016) no.11, 017]

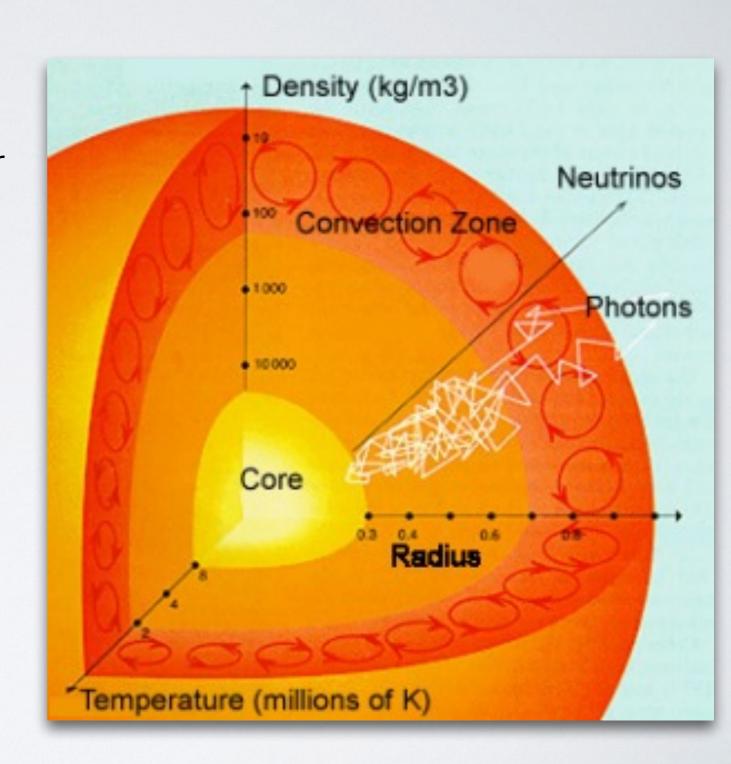
## NEUTRINO FLOOR

 Direct detection experiments will become sensitive to solar neutrino scattering (in particular coherent scattering)



## WHAT ARE SOLAR NEUTRINOS?

- Neutrinos are produced in fusion processes in solar interior
- Neutrinos leave sun almost instantaneously (2s); photons get scattered and reabsorbed
- Photons require 50 000 years to leave sun!
  - ⇒ Neutrinos allow us to study interior of Sun!

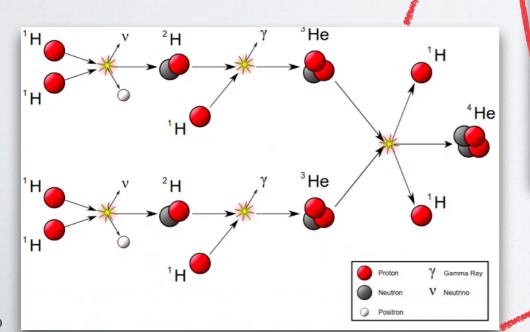


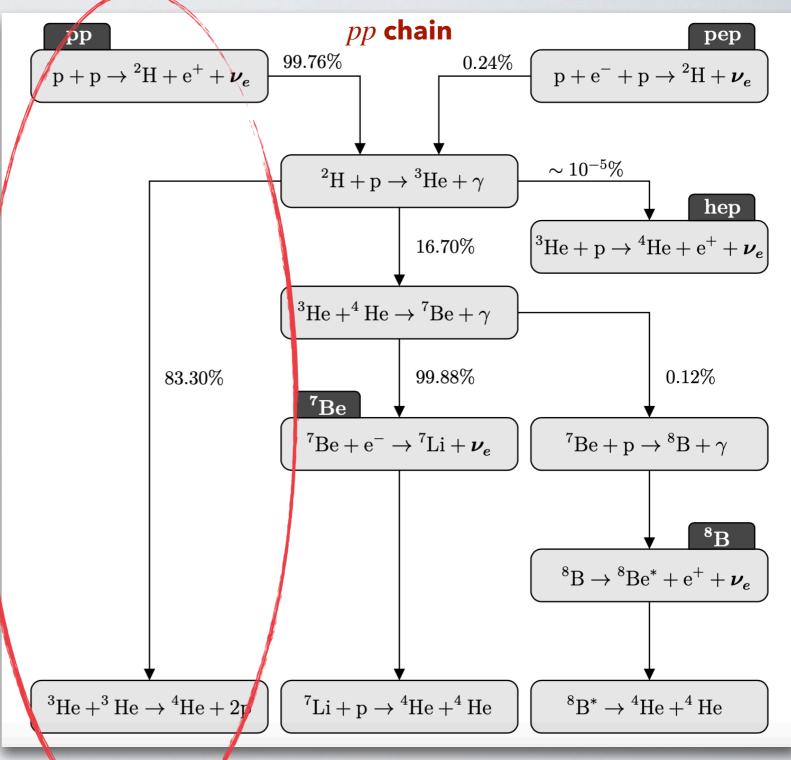
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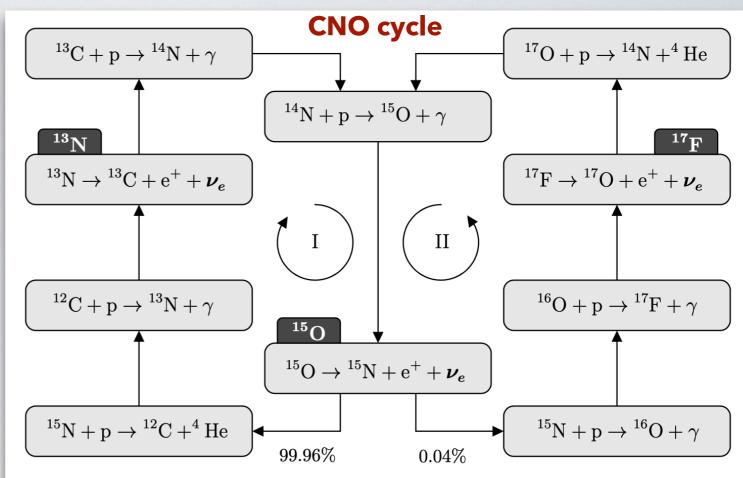


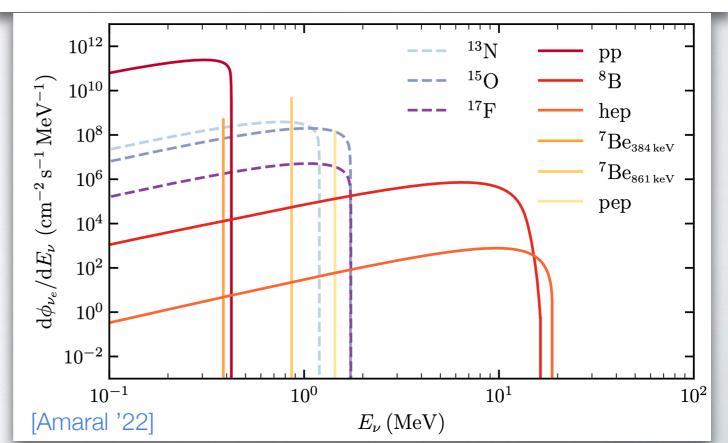
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- Fusion cycles produce very rich solar neutrino spectrum with
   MeV energies and high fluxes
- This is an excellent source for neutrino physics!





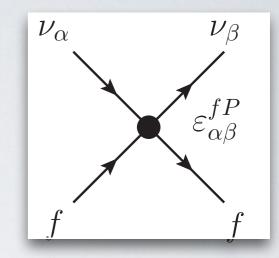
# LABORATORY FOR NEW NEUTRINO PHYSICS



## NON-STANDARD INTERACTIONS

Neutral current low-energy effective theory called non-standard interactions (NSI)

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{NSI}} = -2\sqrt{2} G_F \sum_{f,P,\alpha,\beta} \varepsilon_{\alpha\beta}^{fP} \left[ \bar{\nu}_{\alpha} \gamma_{\rho} P_L \nu_{\beta} \right] \left[ \bar{f} \gamma^{\rho} P f \right]$$



• Ordinary matter is composed of  $f = \{e, u, d\}$ . Only these are relevant for matter effects and scattering. Propagation only sensitive to **vector component.** 

$$\varepsilon_{\alpha\beta}^f = \varepsilon_{\alpha\beta}^{fL} + \varepsilon_{\alpha\beta}^{fR}$$

 Assuming neutrino flavour structure of NSI to be independent of charged fermion, NSI coupling can be factorised in neutrino and fermionic part

$$\varepsilon_{\alpha\beta}^{f} = \varepsilon_{\alpha\beta}^{\eta,\varphi} \xi^{f} \quad \Longrightarrow \quad \mathcal{L}_{\text{NSI}} = -2\sqrt{2}G_{F} \left[ \sum_{\alpha\beta} \varepsilon_{\alpha\beta}^{\eta,\varphi} \left( \bar{\nu}_{\alpha} \gamma_{\mu} P_{L} \nu_{\beta} \right) \right] \left[ \sum_{f} \xi^{f} \bar{f} \gamma^{\mu} f \right]$$

## NON-STANDARD INTERACTIONS

For direct detection electron scattering is crucial! We extend this parameterisation by

electron direction

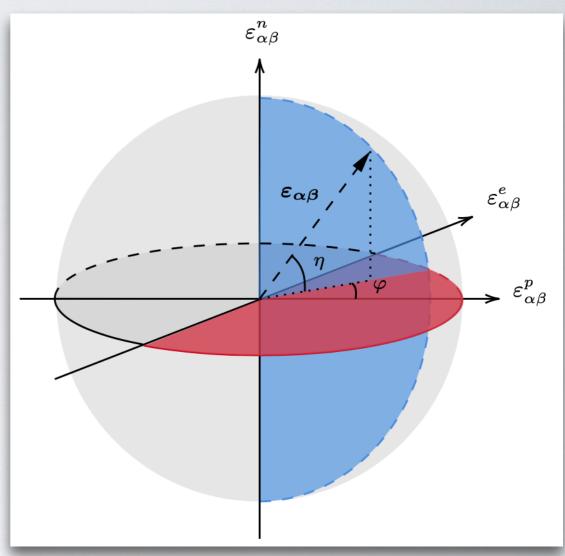
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• Parametrising the direction in terms of  $\{e, p, n\}$ 

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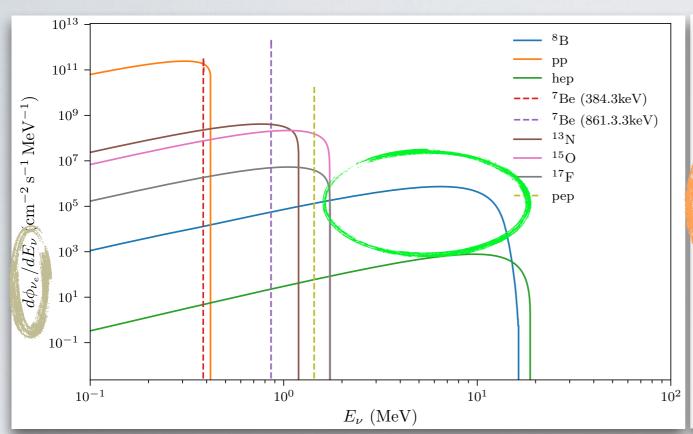
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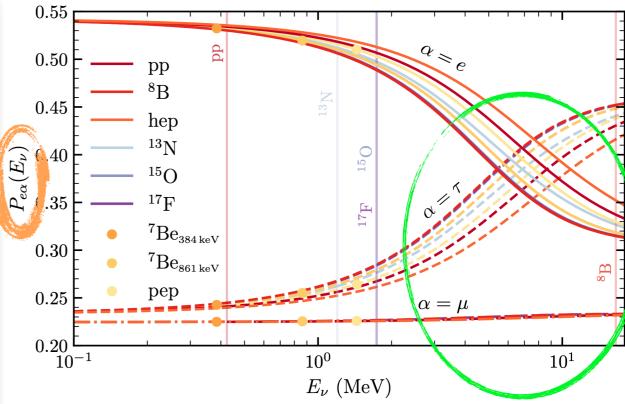
$$\xi^{n} = \sqrt{5} \sin \eta$$



- The angles  $\eta$ ,  $\varphi$  run in the interval  $[-\pi/2,\pi/2]$  and the radial component  $\varepsilon_{\alpha\beta}^{\eta,\varphi}$  can be positive and negative!
- $\eta$  is the angle in the  $\{\xi^p, \xi^n\}$  plane,  $\varphi$  in the  $\{\xi^p, \xi^e\}$  plane

## RATE — NAIVE APPROACH





[Vinyoles et al.; Astrophys. J. 835 (2017) 2, 202]

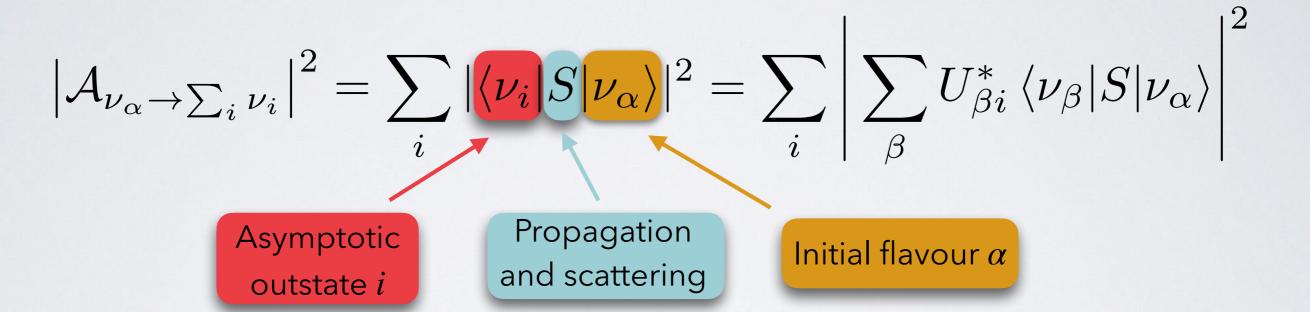
[Amaral, Cerdeno, PF, Reid; 2006.11225]

- Solar neutrinos produced in various processes, but initially always in electron flavour.
- Matter oscillation in solar medium dominates flavour composition reaching earth.  $\Rightarrow$  at ~10 MeV significant  $\nu_{\tau}$  (and  $\nu_{\mu}$ ) admixture ( $^8B$  flux)!
- Total rate in scattering experiment is written as

$$\frac{dR}{dE_R} = n_T \int_{E_{\nu}^{\min}} \frac{d\phi_{\nu}}{dE_{\nu}} \sum_{\nu_{\alpha}} P(\nu_e \to \nu_{\alpha}) \frac{d\sigma_{\nu_{\alpha}T}}{dE_R} dE_{\nu}$$

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 $\mathcal{M}^*(\nu_{\delta} \rightarrow f) \mathcal{M}(\nu_{\gamma} \rightarrow f)$ 

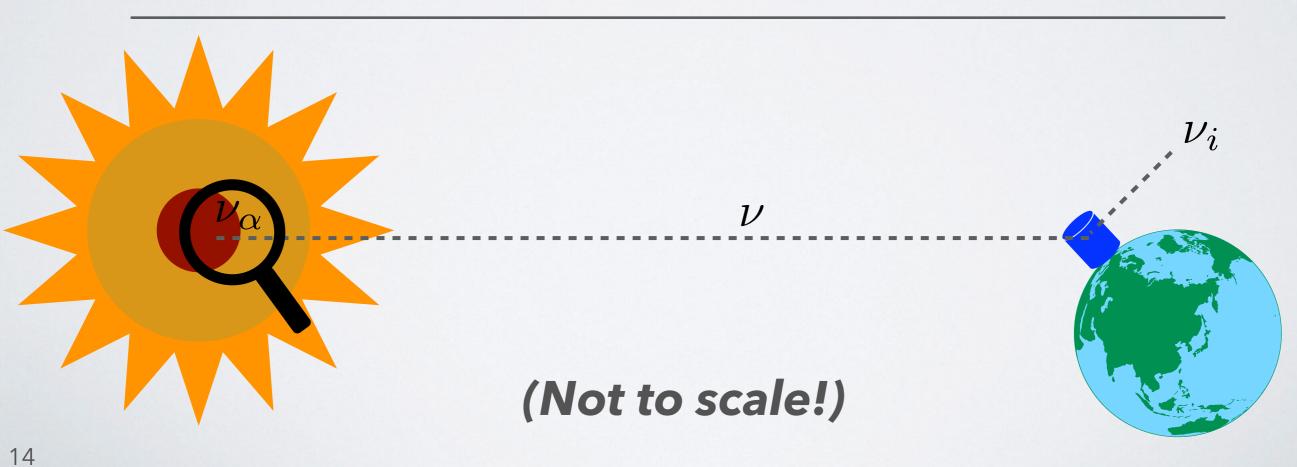
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**Neutrino** density matrix

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dR}{dE_R} = n_T \int_{E_{\nu}^{\min}} \frac{d\phi_{\nu}}{dE_{\nu}} \operatorname{Tr} \left[ \rho \frac{d\zeta}{dE_R} \right] dE_{\nu}$$

- Retains full phase correlation
- **Captures all** interferences

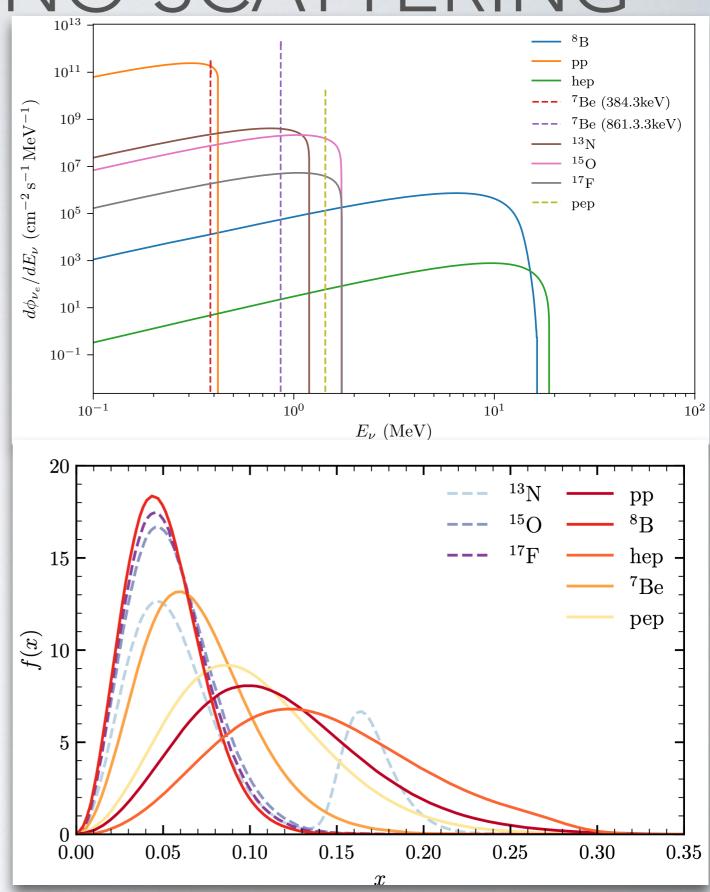
## SOLAR NEUTRINO FLUXES



## SOLAR NEUTRINO SCATTERING

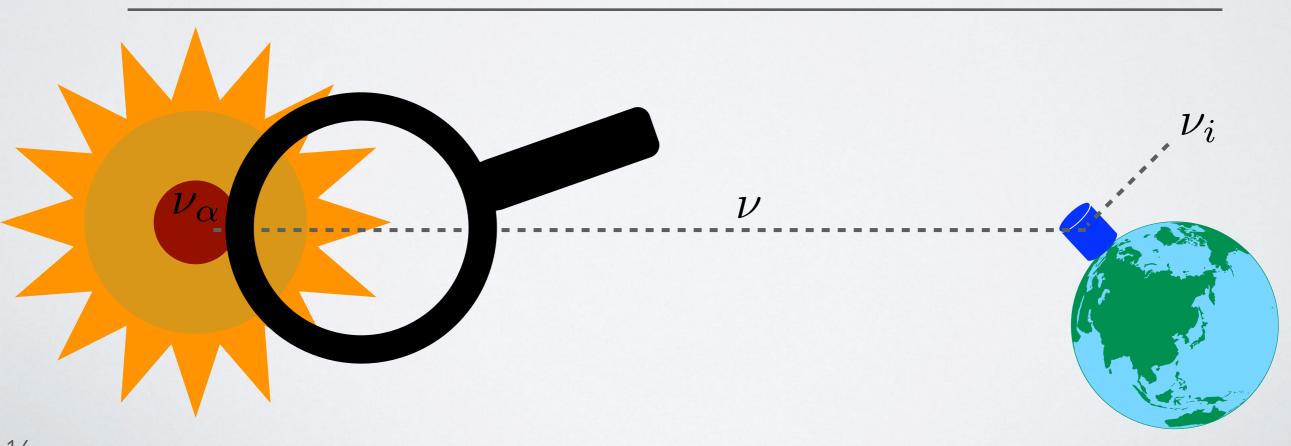
- There exist a number of solar models predicting the different neutrino flux components
- Neutrino production is driven by weak charged currents
- Also predicting the production point of neutrinos in the various processes
- The abundant solar neutrino flux makes this an excellent laboratory for testing novel neutrino physics in all flavours!





[Vinyoles et al.; Astrophys.J. 835 (2017) 2, 202

## NEUTRINO PROPAGATION



## AR NEUTRINO PROPAGATIO

earth!

Need to find the density matrix 
$$\rho^{(e)} = S \pi^{(e)} S^{\dagger}$$
 of solar neutrinos reaching

To obtain propagation S-matrix need to solve Schroedinger equation

$$i\frac{d}{dt}\begin{pmatrix} \nu_e \\ \nu_\mu \\ \nu_\tau \end{pmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2E_{\nu}} U \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \Delta m_{21}^2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \Delta m_{31}^2 \end{pmatrix} U^{\dagger} + \begin{pmatrix} V_{cc} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \nu_e \\ \nu_\mu \\ \nu_\tau \end{pmatrix}$$

where 
$$\Delta m_{ij}^2 = m_i^2 - m_j^2$$

$$V_{cc} = \sqrt{2} G_F N_e(x)$$

We define the PMNS matrix as

$$U = \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & c_{23} & s_{23} \\ 0 & -s_{23} & c_{23} \end{pmatrix}}_{\equiv R_{23}} \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} c_{13} & 0 & s_{13} \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -s_{13} & 0 & c_{13} \end{pmatrix}}_{\equiv R_{13}} \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} c_{12} & s_{12} e^{i\delta_{\text{CP}}} & 0 \\ -s_{12} e^{-i\delta_{\text{CP}}} & c_{12} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}}_{\equiv U_{12}}$$

## NEUTRINO PROPAGATION

- In solar neutrino physics it is convenient to switch basis to  $\hat{\nu} = O^{\dagger} \nu$  with  $O = R_{23} R_{13}$
- The evolution of  $\hat{\boldsymbol{\nu}}$  is then governed by the Hamiltonian

$$\hat{H} = \frac{1}{2E_{\nu}} \begin{pmatrix} c_{13}^2 A_{\text{cc}} + s_{12}^2 \Delta m_{21}^2 & s_{12} c_{12} e^{i\delta} \Delta m_{21}^2 & s_{13} c_{13} A_{\text{cc}} \\ s_{12} c_{12} e^{-i\delta} \Delta m_{21}^2 & c_{12}^2 \Delta m_{21}^2 & 0 \\ s_{13} c_{13} A_{\text{cc}} & 0 & s_{13}^2 A_{\text{cc}} + \Delta m_{31}^2 \end{pmatrix}$$

- If  $\Delta m_{31}^2 \gg \Delta m_{21}^2 \sim A_{cc}$  the third eigenvalue  $\Delta m_{31}^2$  will dominate the matrix and the third neutrino state decouples from the lighter ones  $\Rightarrow$  reduces to two-state problem
- Solar best fit values:



$$\Delta m_{31}^2 = (2.515^{+0.028}_{-0.028}) \times 10^{-3} \text{eV}^2$$
$$\Delta m_{21}^2 = (7.42^{+0.21}_{-0.20}) \times 10^{-5} \text{eV}^2$$

$$A_{cc} \sim 10^{-4} \text{eV}^2 \otimes E_{\nu} \sim 10 \,\text{MeV}$$

[Esteban et al., JHEP **09** (2020) 178 & NuFIT 5.1 [http://www.nu-fit.org] ]

[Bahcall et al., Astrophys. J. Suppl. **165** (2006) 400]

### FULL PROPAGATION

• After the orthogonal rotation  $O = R_{23}R_{13}$ , full three-flavour propagation becomes block-diagonal  $\Rightarrow$  effective two-state mixing

$$i \,\partial_t \begin{pmatrix} \hat{\nu}_e \\ \hat{\nu}_{\alpha} \\ \hat{\nu}_{\beta} \end{pmatrix} = \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} \operatorname{Evol}[H^{\text{eff}}] & 0 \\ 0 & \exp[-i\frac{\Delta m_{31}^2}{2E_{\nu}}L] \end{pmatrix}}_{\equiv \tilde{S}} \begin{pmatrix} \hat{\nu}_e \\ \hat{\nu}_{\alpha} \\ \hat{\nu}_{\beta} \end{pmatrix}$$

• Assuming adiabaticity ( $|\Delta E_{12}^m| \gg 2 |\dot{\theta}_{12}^m|$ ) within the Sun (slowly varying matter profile), get expression for **full propagation S-matrix**:

$$S = O\tilde{S}O^{\dagger} = \underbrace{OU_{12}}_{U_{\text{PMNS}}} \begin{pmatrix} \exp\left[-i\int_{0}^{L}D(x)dx\right] & 0\\ 0 & \exp\left[-i\frac{\Delta m_{31}^{2}}{2E_{\nu}}L\right] \end{pmatrix} \underbrace{U_{12}^{m}(x_{0})^{\dagger}O^{\dagger}}_{U_{\text{PMNS}}^{m}(x_{0})^{\dagger}}$$

with 
$$D(x)=\begin{pmatrix}E_1^m&-i\,\dot\theta_{12}^m\\i\,\dot\theta_{12}^m&E_2^m\end{pmatrix}\sim\mathrm{diag}(E_1^m,E_2^m)$$

## TWO-STATE MIXING

• The two-state system can be described by effective Hamiltonian  $H^{
m eff} \equiv H^{
m eff}_{
m vac} + H^{
m eff}_{
m mat}$ 

$$H_{\text{vac}}^{\text{eff}} \equiv \frac{\Delta m_{21}^2}{4E_{\nu}} \begin{pmatrix} -\cos 2\theta_{12} & \sin 2\theta_{12} e^{i\delta} \\ \sin 2\theta_{12} e^{-i\delta} & \cos 2\theta_{12} \end{pmatrix} \qquad H_{\text{mat}}^{\text{eff}} \equiv \sqrt{2}G_F N_e(x) \begin{pmatrix} c_{13}^2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Diagonalise this Hamiltonian via matter mixing matrix

 $p = \sin 2\theta_{12}$ 

$$U_{12}^{m} = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta_{12}^{m} & \sin \theta_{12}^{m} \\ -\sin \theta_{12}^{m} & \cos \theta_{12}^{m} \end{pmatrix}$$

defining  $\Delta E_{21} \equiv \Delta m_{21}^2/(2E_{\nu})$  we find the matter eigenvalues and mixing angle:

$$E_1^m = \frac{1}{2} \left[ V_{cc} c_{13}^2 - \Delta E_{21} \sqrt{p^2 + q^2} \right], \quad E_2^m = \frac{1}{2} \left[ V_{cc} c_{13}^2 + \Delta E_{21} \sqrt{p^2 + q^2} \right]$$
$$\sin 2\theta_{12}^m = \frac{p}{\sqrt{p^2 + q^2}}, \qquad \cos 2\theta_{12}^m = \frac{q}{\sqrt{p^2 + q^2}}$$

with

$$q = \cos 2\theta_{12} - c_{13}^2 \frac{V_{cc}}{\Delta E_{21}}$$

## MATTER EFFECTS WITH NSI

• The presence of NSI leads to the presence of additional matter potentials

$$H_{\text{mat}}^{\text{eff}} \equiv \sqrt{2}G_F N_e(x) \begin{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} c_{13}^2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} + [(\xi^p + \xi^e) + Y_n(x)\xi^n] \begin{pmatrix} -\varepsilon_D^{\eta,\varphi} & \varepsilon_N^{\eta,\varphi} \\ \varepsilon_N^{\eta,\varphi} & \varepsilon_D^{\eta,\varphi} \end{pmatrix} \end{bmatrix}$$

with  $Y_n(x) \equiv N_n(x)/N_e(x)$  and the matter NSIs

$$\varepsilon_{D}^{\eta,\varphi} \equiv c_{13} \, s_{13} \, \left( s_{23} \, \varepsilon_{e\mu}^{\eta,\varphi} + c_{23} \, \varepsilon_{e\tau}^{\eta,\varphi} \right) - \left( 1 + s_{13}^2 \right) c_{23} \, s_{23} \, \varepsilon_{\mu\tau}^{\eta,\varphi}$$
$$- \frac{c_{13}^2}{2} \, \left( \varepsilon_{ee}^{\eta,\varphi} - \varepsilon_{\mu\mu}^{\eta,\varphi} \right) + \frac{s_{23}^2 - s_{13}^2 \, c_{23}^2}{2} \, \left( \varepsilon_{\tau\tau}^{\eta,\varphi} - \varepsilon_{\mu\mu}^{\eta,\varphi} \right)$$

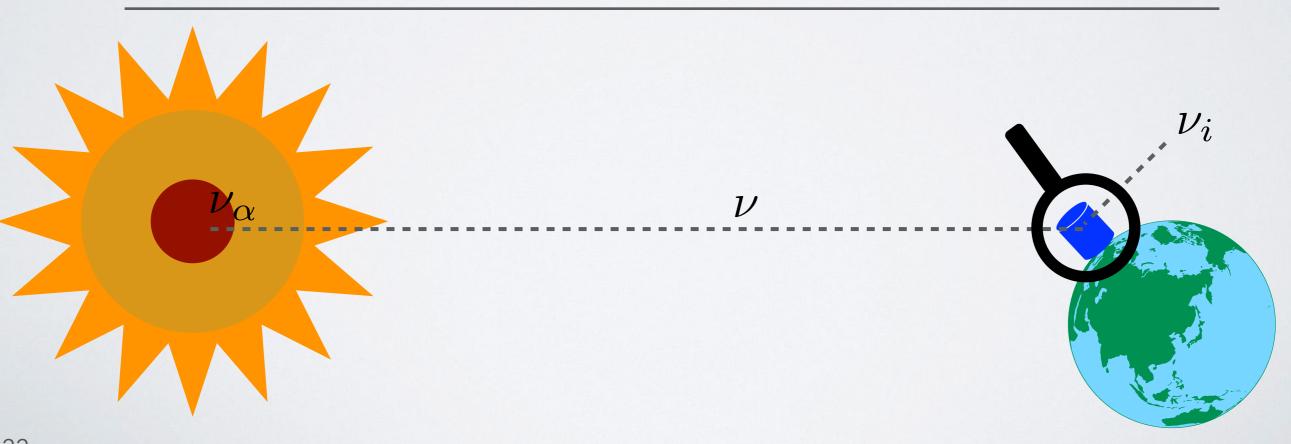
$$\varepsilon_N^{\eta,\varphi} \equiv c_{13} \left( c_{23} \, \varepsilon_{e\mu}^{\eta,\varphi} - s_{23} \, \varepsilon_{e\tau}^{\eta,\varphi} \right) + s_{13} \left[ s_{23}^2 \, \varepsilon_{\mu\tau}^{\eta,\varphi} - c_{23}^2 \, \varepsilon_{\mu\tau}^{\eta,\varphi} + c_{23} \, s_{23} \left( \varepsilon_{\tau\tau}^{\eta,\varphi} - \varepsilon_{\mu\mu}^{\eta,\varphi} \right) \right]$$

This modifies the matter quantities

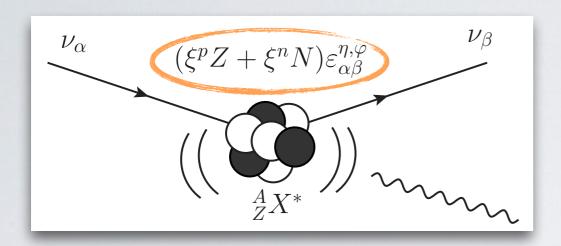
$$p = \sin 2\theta_{12} + 2 \xi \varepsilon_N^{\eta,\varphi} \frac{V_{cc}}{\Delta E_{21}}, \qquad q = \cos 2\theta_{12} + (2 \xi \varepsilon_D^{\eta,\varphi} - c_{13}^2) \frac{V_{cc}}{\Delta E_{21}}$$

where 
$$\boldsymbol{\xi} \equiv \boldsymbol{\xi}^e + \boldsymbol{\xi}^p + Y_n(x)\boldsymbol{\xi}^n$$

## NEUTRINO SCATTERING



## SOLAR NEUTRINO SCATTERING



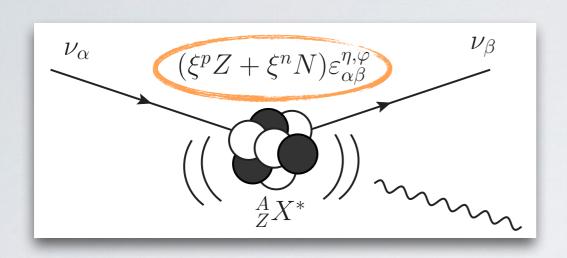
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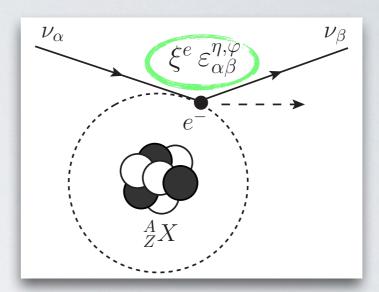
$$\left(\frac{d\zeta_{\nu N}}{dE_R}\right)_{\alpha\beta} = \frac{G_F^2 M_N}{\pi} \left(1 - \frac{M_N E_R}{2E_\nu^2}\right) \left[\frac{1}{4} Q_{\nu N}^2 \delta_{\alpha\beta} - Q_{\nu N} G_{\alpha\beta}^{\text{NSI}} + \sum_{\gamma} G_{\alpha\gamma}^{\text{NSI}} G_{\gamma\beta}^{\text{NSI}}\right] F^2(E_R)$$

with 
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## OLAR NEUTRINO SCATTERING





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2. The generalised elastic neutrino-electron scattering (E $\nu$ ES) cross section:

$$\left(\frac{d\zeta_{\nu e}}{dE_R}\right)_{\alpha\beta} = \frac{2G_F^2 m_e}{\pi} \sum_{\gamma} \left\{ G_{\alpha\gamma}^L G_{\gamma\beta}^L + G_{\alpha\gamma}^R G_{\gamma\beta}^R \left(1 - \frac{E_R}{E_\nu}\right)^2 - \left(G_{\alpha\gamma}^L G_{\gamma\beta}^R + G_{\alpha\gamma}^R G_{\gamma\beta}^L\right) \frac{m_e E_R}{2E_\nu^2} \right\}$$

with  $g_P^f = T_f^3 - \sin^2 \theta_w Q_f^{\rm EM}$  and (vector NSI only):

$$G_{\alpha\beta}^{L} = (\delta_{e\alpha} + g_L^e) \,\delta_{\alpha\beta} + \frac{1}{2} \,\varepsilon_{\alpha\beta}^{\eta,\varphi} \,\xi^e, \qquad G_{\alpha\beta}^{R} = g_R^e \,\delta_{\alpha\beta} + \frac{1}{2} \,\varepsilon_{\alpha\beta}^{\eta,\varphi} \,\xi^e$$

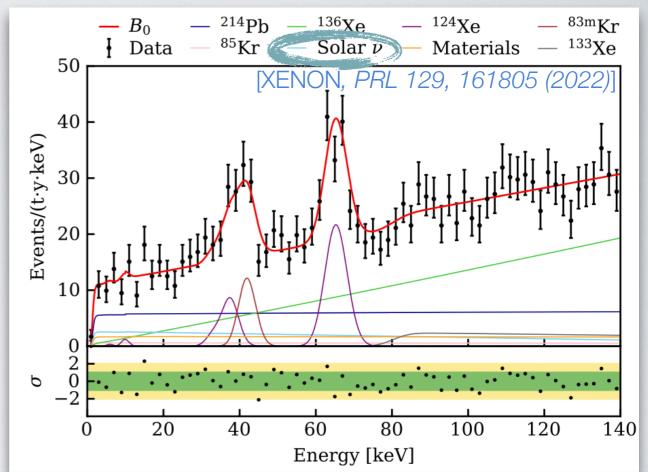
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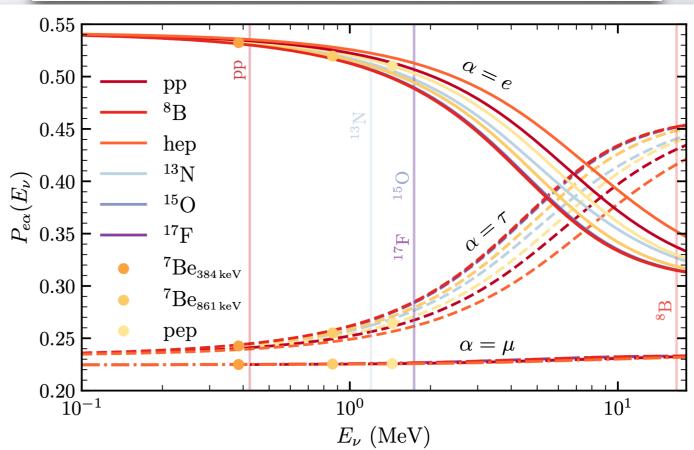
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## SOLAR NEUTRINOS @ DD

- Including DD experiments has many advantages for NSI searches
- Sensitive to both nuclear and electron scattering
- Solar neutrino flux has large admixtures of  $\nu_{\tau}$  at high energies
- XENONnT published first observation of 300 E $\nu$ ES events (8% of BG)
- With future improvements, solar  $\nu$  will dominate ER background for DM searches

| Experiment | $\varepsilon$ (t·yr) | $E_{th}^{\mathrm{NR}} \; (\mathrm{keV_{nr}})$ | $E_{th}^{\mathrm{ER}} \; (\mathrm{keV_{ee}})$ |
|------------|----------------------|---|---|
| LZ         | 15.34                | 3   | 1.46  |
| XENONnT    | 20                   | 3   | 1.51  |
| DARWIN     | 200                  | 3   | 1.51  |

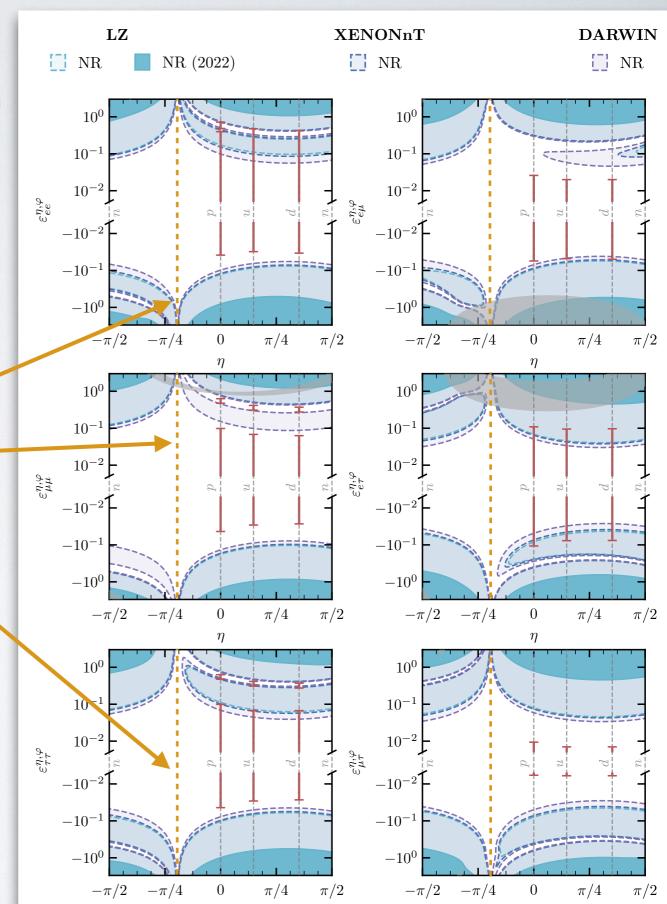




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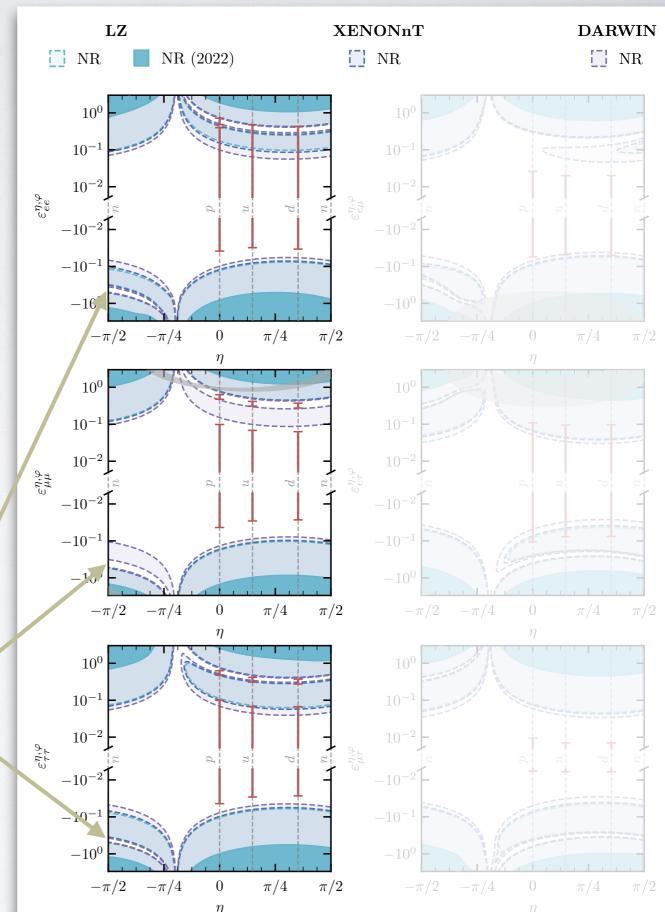
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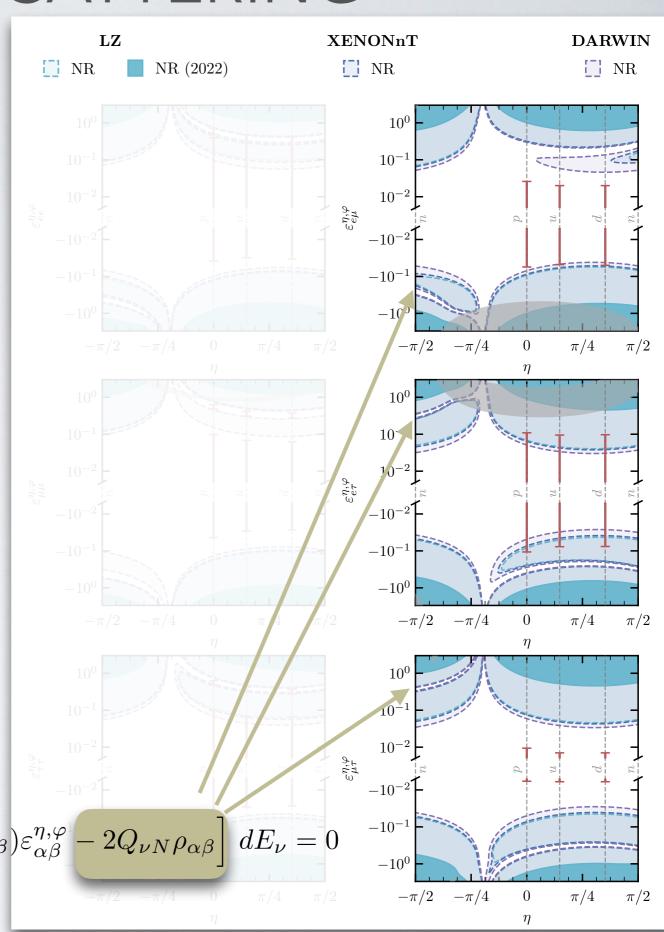
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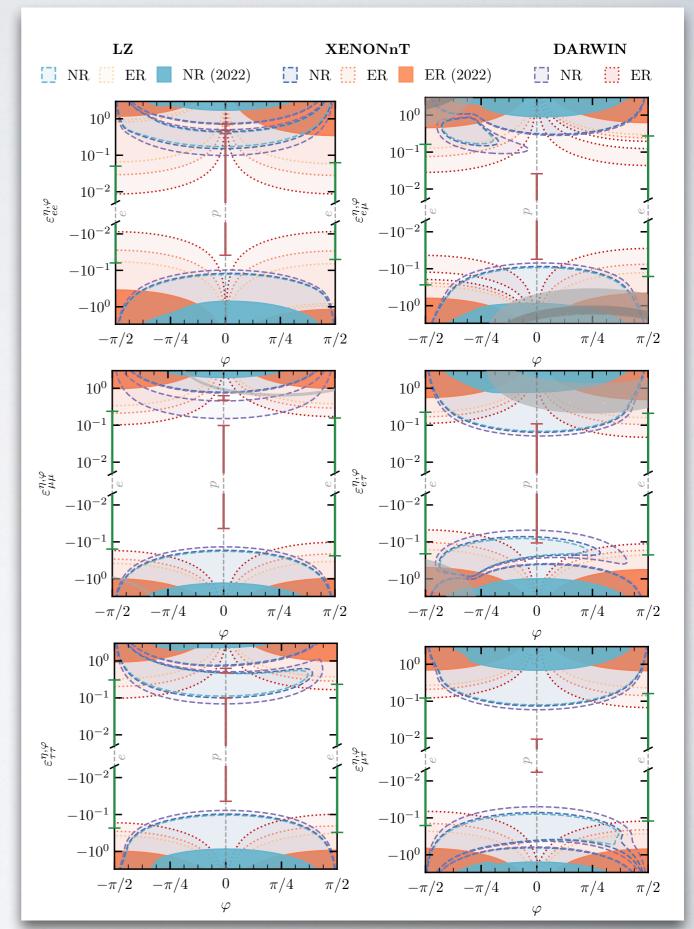
Off-diagonal:

$$\int_{E_{\nu}^{\min}} \frac{d\phi_{\nu_e}}{dE_{\nu}} \left( 1 - \frac{m_N E_R}{2E_{\nu}^2} \right) \left[ (\xi^p Z + \xi^n N)(\rho_{\alpha\alpha} + \rho_{\beta\beta}) \varepsilon_{\alpha\beta}^{\eta,\varphi} - 2Q_{\nu N} \rho_{\alpha\beta} \right] dE_{\nu} = 0$$



#### ADDING ELECTRON SCATTERING

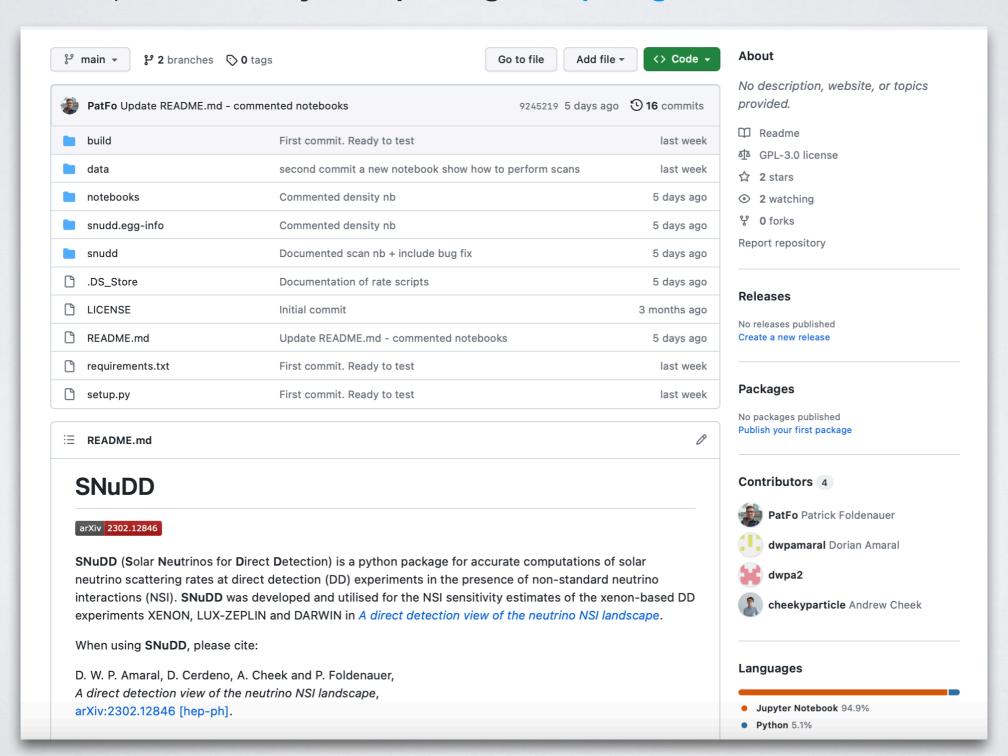
- We show the sensitivities in the  $\{\xi^p, \xi^e\}$  plane
- The **current limits** on the NSI for pure electron couplings is illustrated by the **green bar at**  $\varphi = \pm \pi/2$
- ER sensitivities drop off towards  $\varphi=0$  (pure proton), whereas NR sensitivities become maximal
- Direct detection experiments have excellent sensitivity to ER!
- Future DARWIN can potentially improve by an order of magnitude over current electron NSI bounds
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## SNuDD

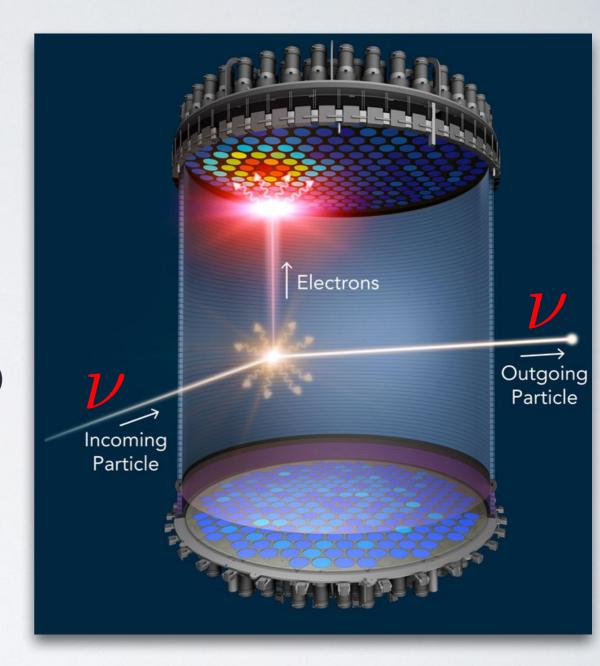
#### "Solar Neutrinos for Direct Detection"

• Implemented the full chain of propagation, scattering plus detector effects for NSI in solar  $\nu$  in open-source Python package: <a href="https://github.com/SNuDD/SNuDD.git">https://github.com/SNuDD/SNuDD.git</a>



## CONCLUSIONS

- In the next years direct detection experiments will see large numbers of solar neutrinos
   ⇒ We get neutrino experiments for free!
- Direct detection sensitive to **full NSI parameter** space spanned by  $\{\varepsilon^e, \varepsilon^p, \varepsilon^n\}$ , both in propagation and scattering
- SNuDD (<a href="https://github.com/SNuDD/SNuDD.git">https://github.com/SNuDD/SNuDD.git</a>) is the first tool on the market to make consistent rate prediction of solar neutrinos at DD
- In particular, future sensitivity to electronic recoils will provide complementary information to spallation source and oscillation experiments!



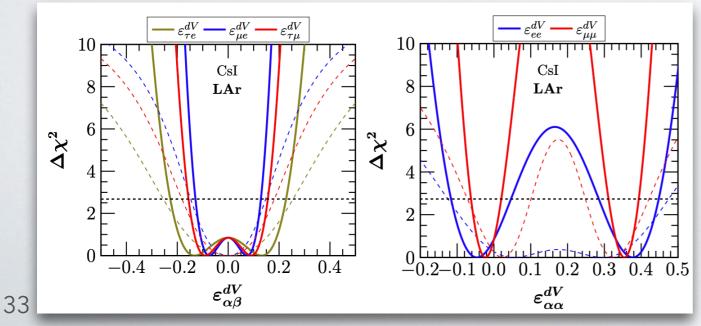
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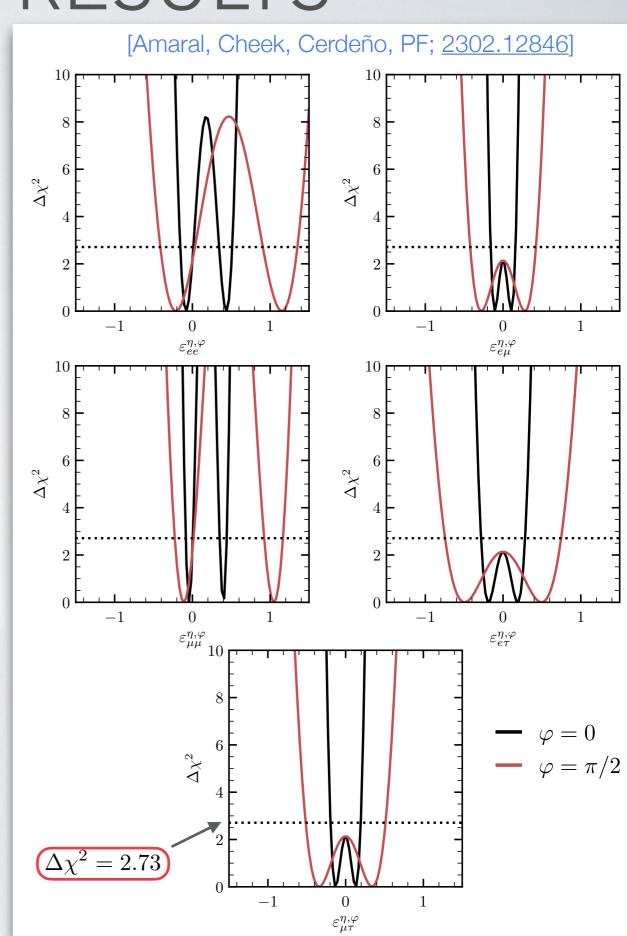
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[Miranda et al., JHEP 05 (2020) 130]



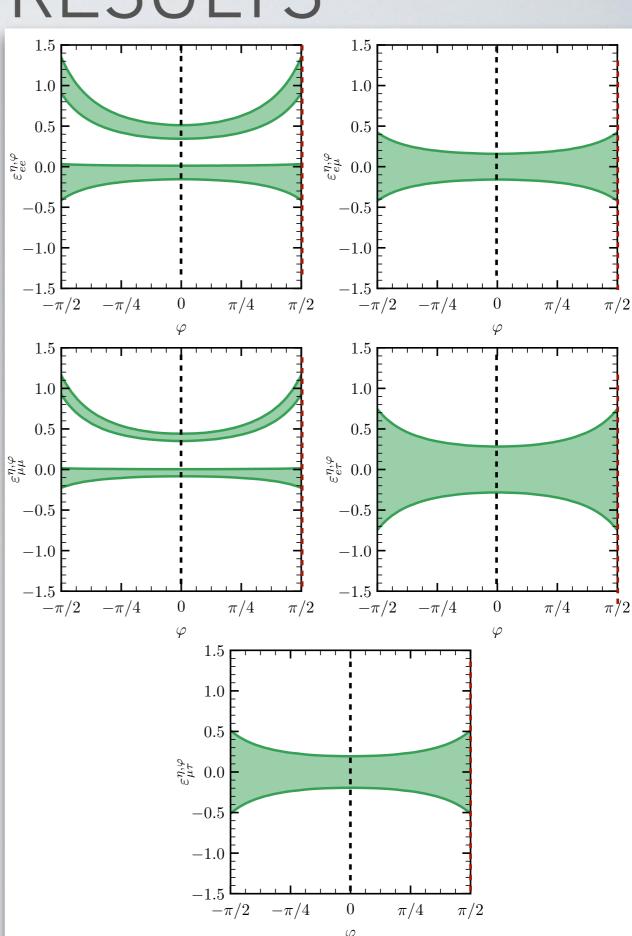


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- Since CEvNS is only sensitive to  $\varepsilon^p_{\alpha\beta}$  in charged direction, the limits are expected to scale like  $1/\cos\varphi$  due to parameterisation (for  $\eta=0$ )

$$\xi^p = \sqrt{5} \, \cos \eta \, \cos \varphi$$

[Amaral, Cheek, Cerdeño, PF; 2302.12846]



### BOREXINO

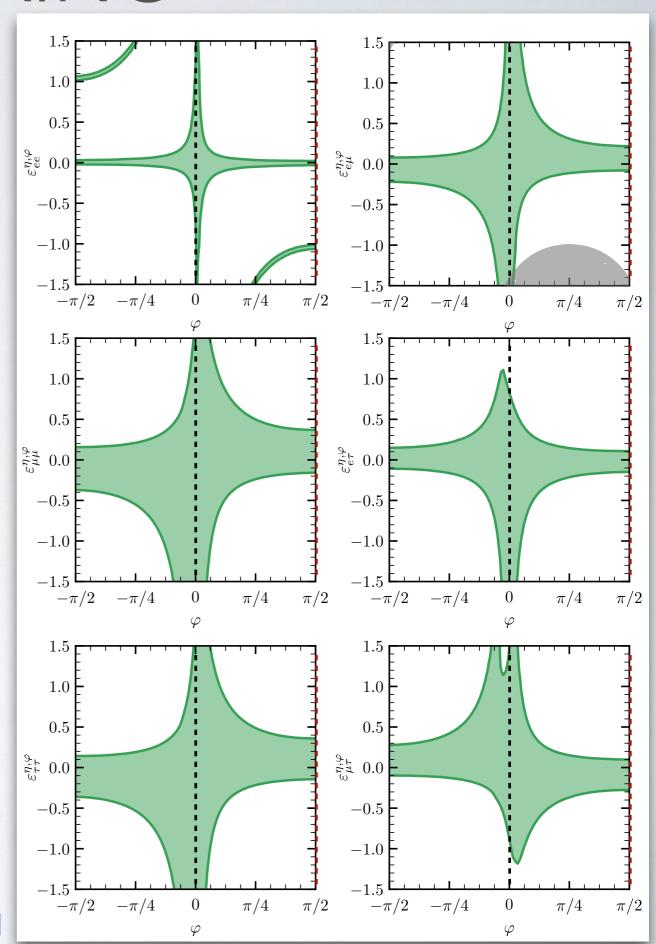
 Repeat simplistic Borexino-only analysis, only allowing for theoretical uncertainties:

$$\varepsilon_{ee}^{V} \in [-0.12, 0.08]$$

[Khan et al., *Phys. Rev. D 101, 055047 (2020)*] [Coloma et al., *JHEP 07 (2022) 138*]

- At  $\varphi = 0$  (pure proton) NSI only impact the neutrino propagation; cross section unaltered  $\Rightarrow$  NSI least constrained
- At φ = π/2 (pure electron) maximal effect both in propagation and cross section
   ⇒ most stringent bounds
- Off-diagonal more tightly constrained due to appearance of NSI elements twice in trace

$$rac{dR}{dE_R} \propto {
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## BOREXINO

• For all off-diagonal NSI elements ( $\varepsilon_{\alpha\beta}^{\eta,\varphi}, \alpha \neq \beta$ ), trace contains term proportional to  $\rho_{\alpha\beta}$ 

$$\frac{dR}{dE_R} \propto A(E_R) \ \rho_{ee} + B(E_R) \ \varepsilon_{\alpha\beta}^{\eta,\varphi} \ \rho_{\alpha\beta} + C(E_R) \ \left(\xi^e \ \varepsilon_{\alpha\beta}^{\eta,\varphi}\right)^2 \left(\rho_{\alpha\alpha} + \rho_{\beta\beta}\right)$$

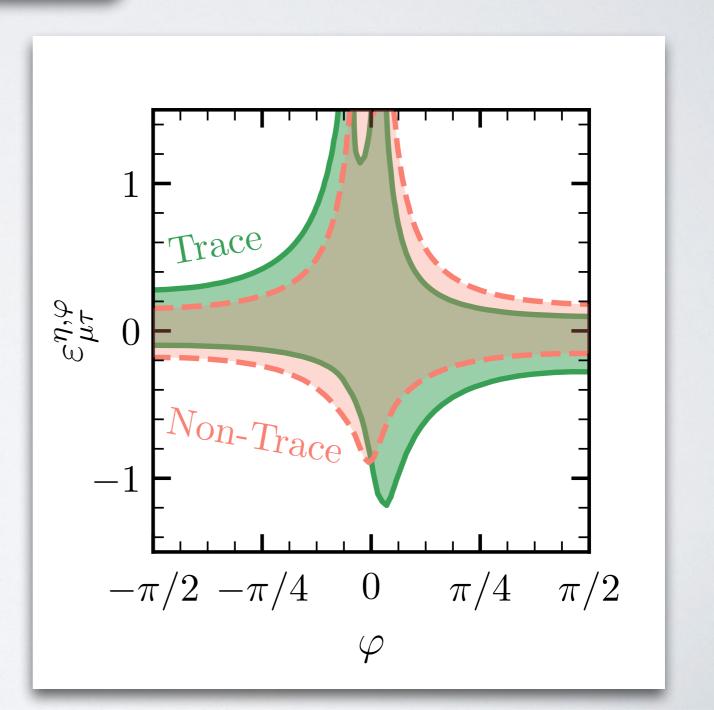
Without trace, this interference term would be **entirely missed!** 

Cross section symmetric under

$$\{\varepsilon_{\alpha\beta}^{\eta,\varphi},\varphi\} \to \{-\varepsilon_{\alpha\beta}^{\eta,\varphi},-\varphi\}$$

#### **BUT**:

oscillation effects break symmetry via presence of full density matrix!



## GLOBAL FITS - CURRENT

- Most robust limits are determined from global fits including both oscillation and coherent type experiments
- For complexity these have been only derived in  $\{\xi^p, \xi^n\}$ plane characterised by angle  $\eta$
- CEVNS cross section has a blind direction for  $\eta = \tan^{-1}(-Z/N)$
- First COHERENT run with Csl target with average  $Z/N \approx 1.407 \Rightarrow degradation @ \eta \approx -35.4^{\circ}$

Data Release t+E

Total Rate

[Coloma et al., JHEP 02 (2020) 023 ]

Our Fit t+E Duke

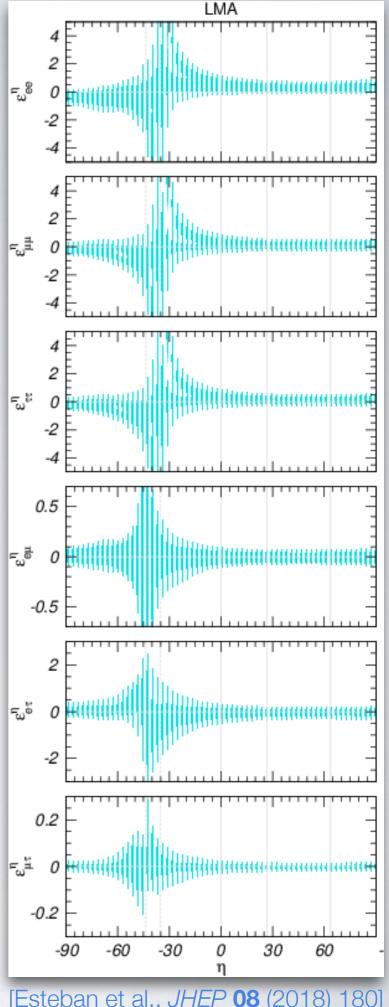
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|   | $\varepsilon_{ee}^u$   | [-0.012, +0.621] | [+0.043, +0.384] | [-0.032, +0.533]                           | [-0.004, +0.496]                           |
|---|--|------------------|------------------|--|--|
| 1 | $\varepsilon_{\mu\mu}^{u}$   | [-0.115, +0.405] | [-0.050, +0.062] | $[-0.094, +0.071] \oplus [+0.302, +0.429]$ | $[-0.045, +0.108] \oplus [+0.290, +0.399]$ |
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|   | $\varepsilon_{e\tau}^u$  | [-0.250, +0.110] | [-0.141, +0.090] | [-0.243, +0.118]                           | [-0.222, +0.113]                           |
|   | $\varepsilon_{\mu\tau}^{u}$  | [-0.012, +0.008] | [-0.006, +0.006] | [-0.013, +0.009]                           | [-0.012, +0.009]                           |
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|   | $\varepsilon_{\mu\mu}^{p}$   | [-0.379, +1.402] | [-0.166, +0.204] | $[-0.312, +0.138] \oplus [+1.036, +1.456]$ | $[-0.166, +0.337] \oplus [+0.952, +1.374]$ |
|   | $\varepsilon_{	au	au}^p$   | [-0.379, +1.409] | [-0.168, +0.257] | $[-0.313, +0.478] \oplus [+1.038, +1.453]$ | $[-0.167, +0.582] \oplus [+0.950, +1.382]$ |
|   | $\varepsilon_{e\mu}^p$   | [-0.179, +0.112] | [-0.174, +0.086] | [-0.179, +0.120]                           | [-0.187, +0.131]                           |
|   | $\varepsilon_{e	au}^p$   | [-0.877, +0.340] | [-0.503, +0.295] | [-0.841, +0.355]                           | [-0.817, +0.386]                           |
|   | $\varepsilon^p_{\mu	au}$   | [-0.041, +0.025] | [-0.020, +0.019] | [-0.044, +0.026]                           | [-0.048, +0.030]                           |
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Our Fit t+E Chicago



[Esteban et al., JHEP 08 (2018) 180]