

Utilizing the Iron Dump at Short Baseline Neutrino Facilities to Probe Heavy Neutral Lepton and Dark Matter

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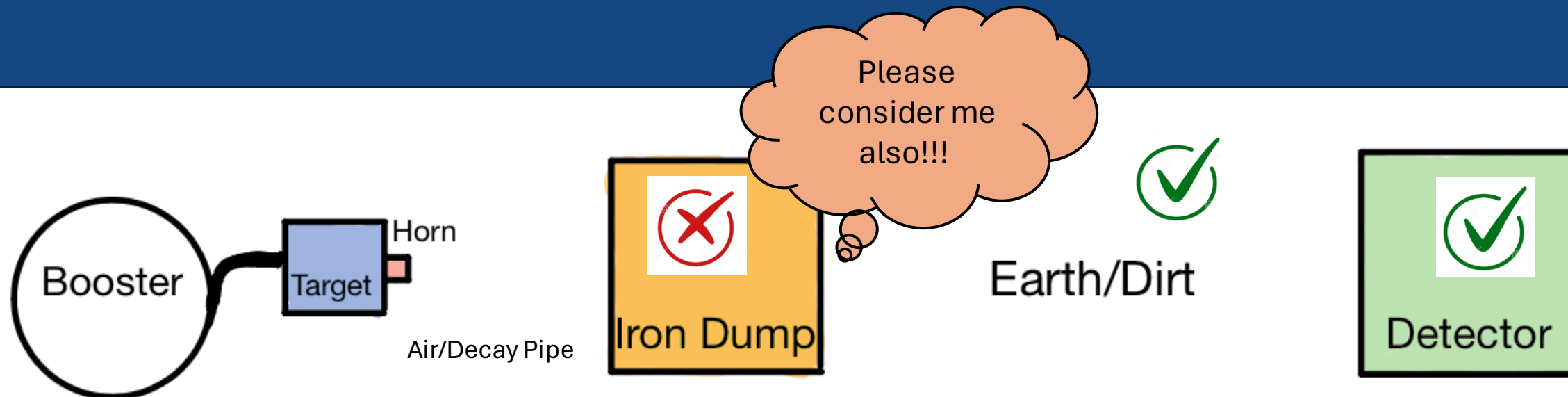
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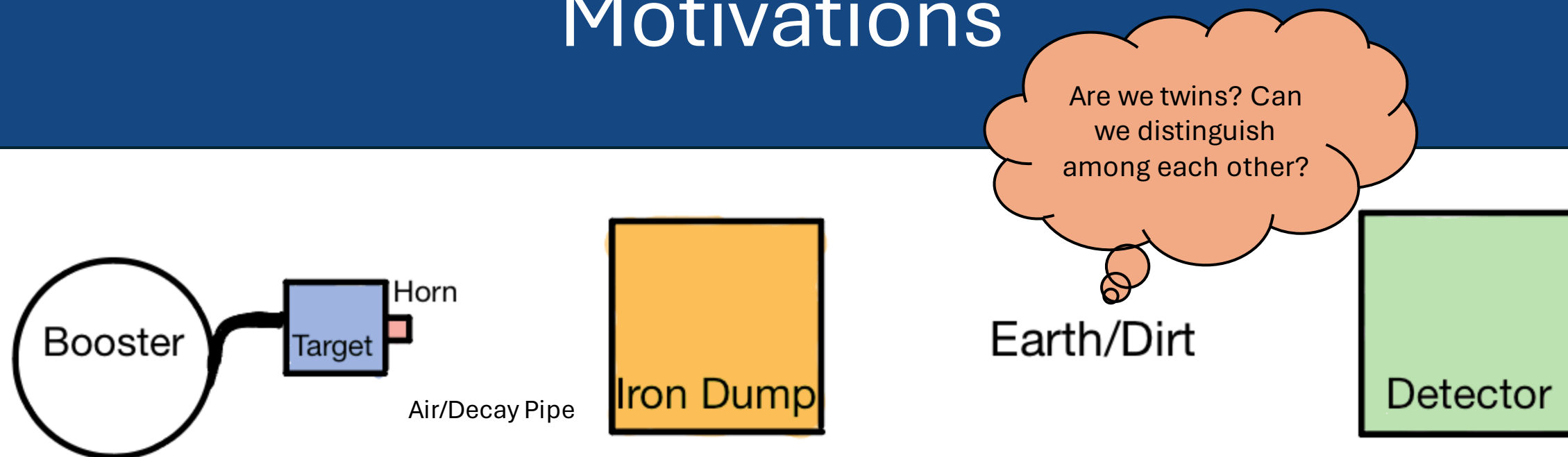


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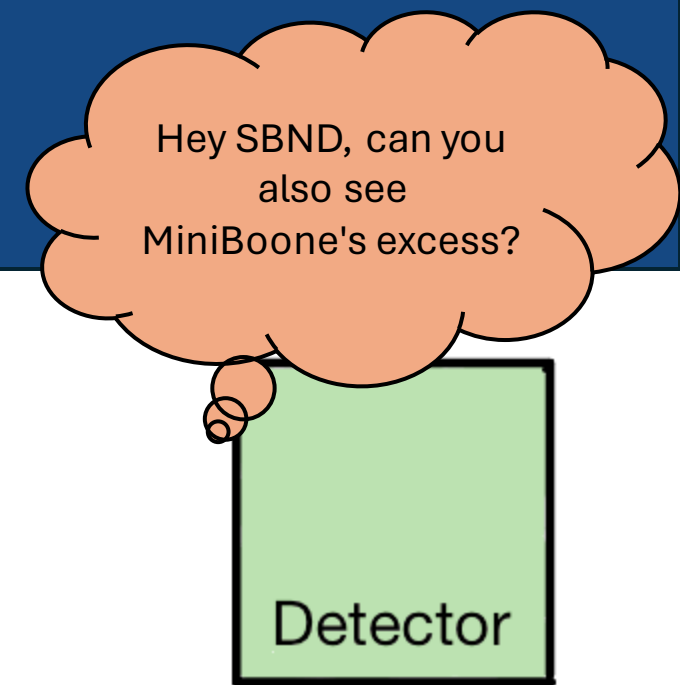
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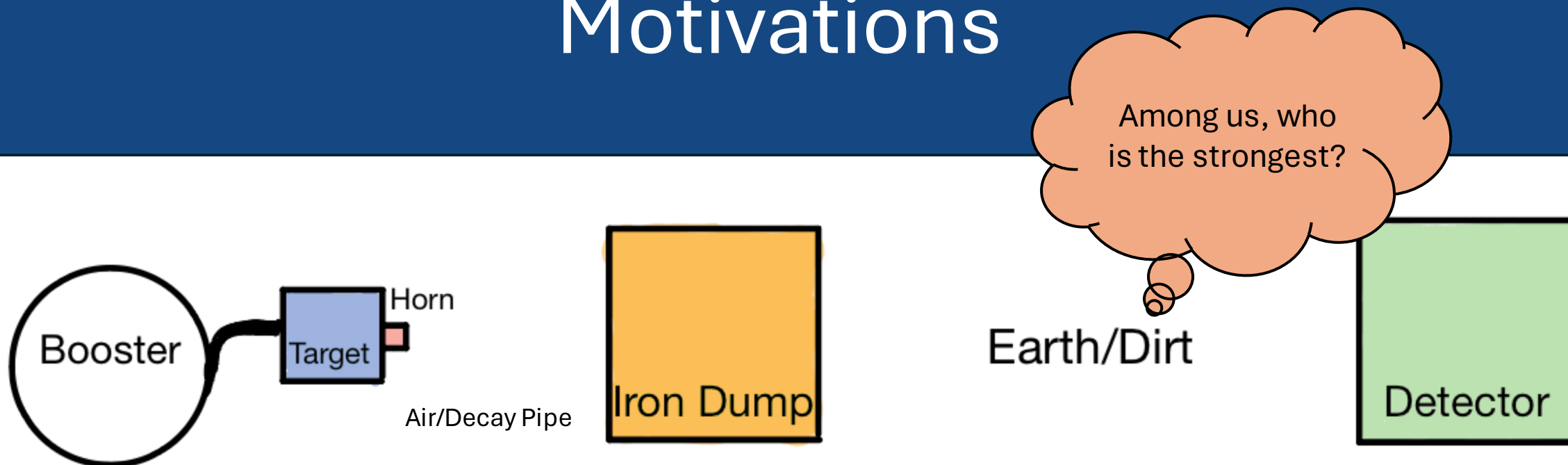


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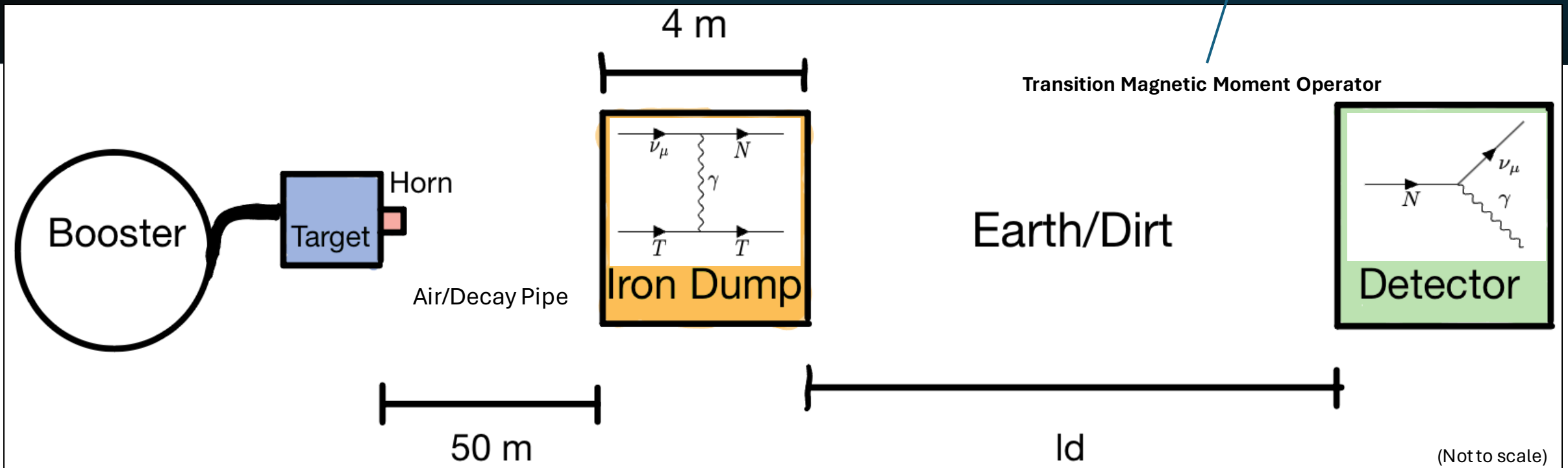


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Transition Magnetic Moment Operator

Earth/Dirt

Detector

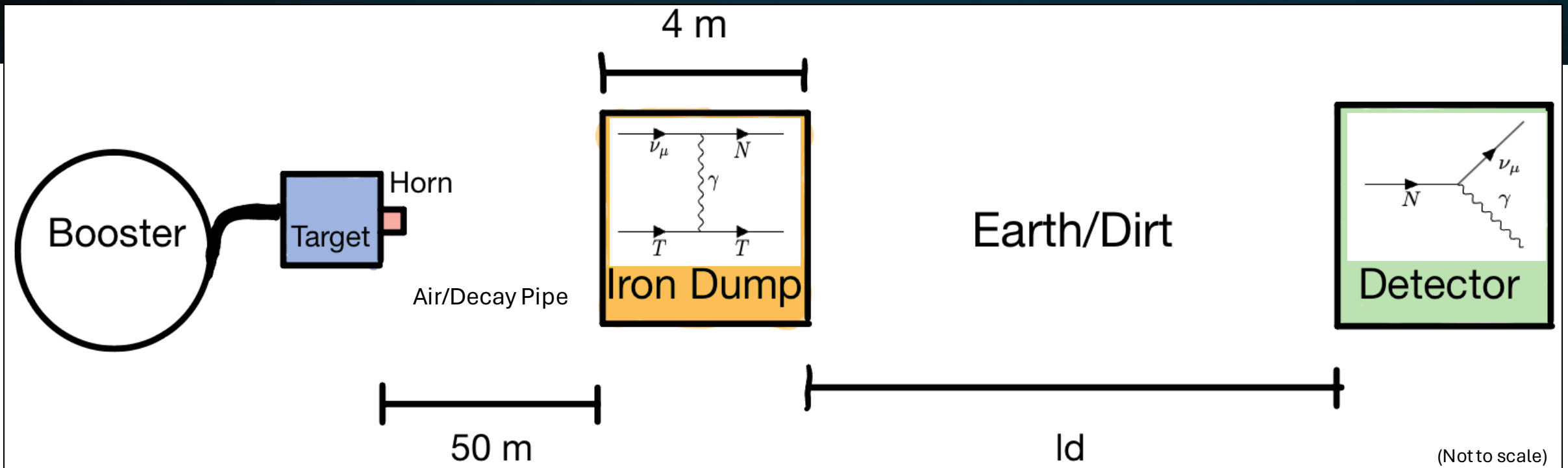
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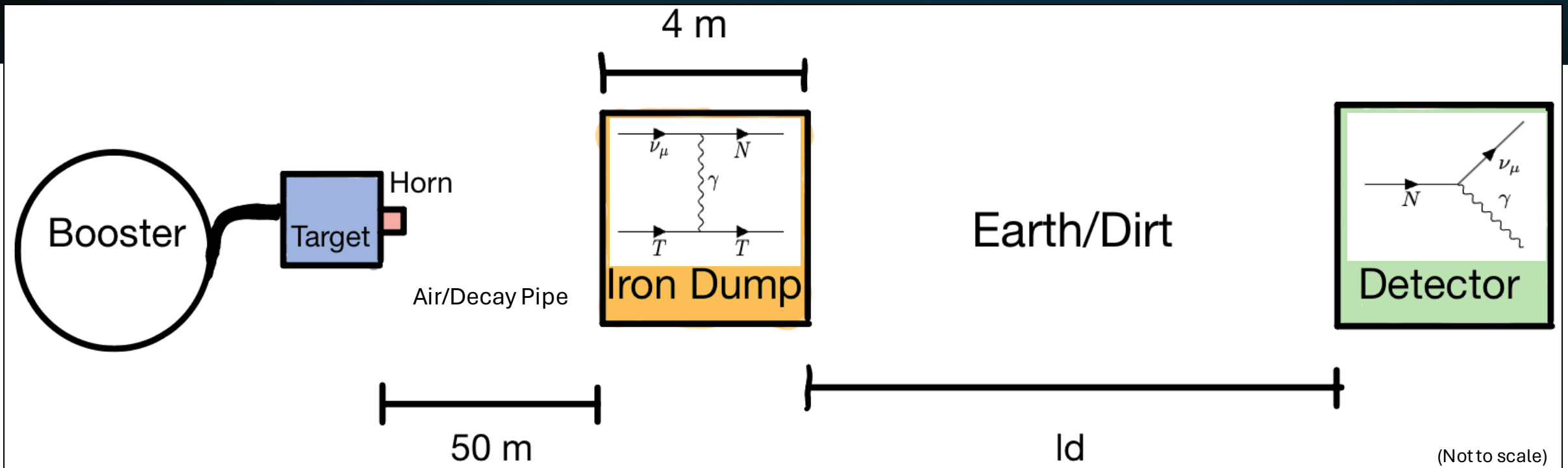
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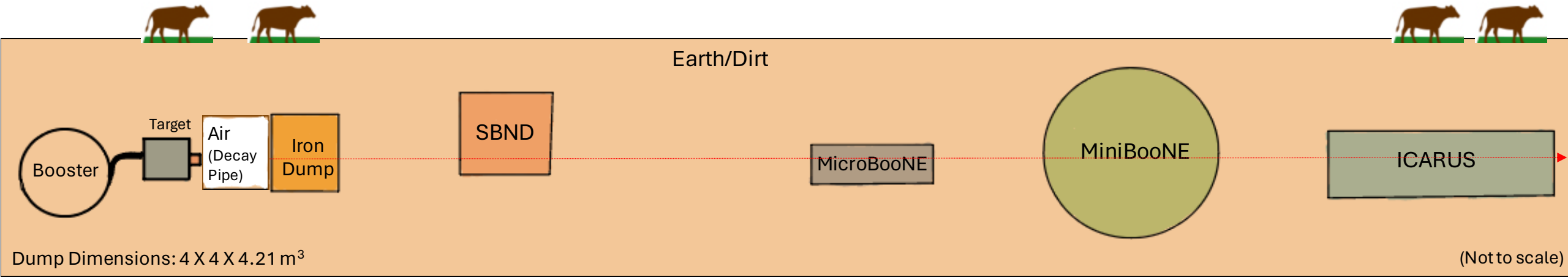
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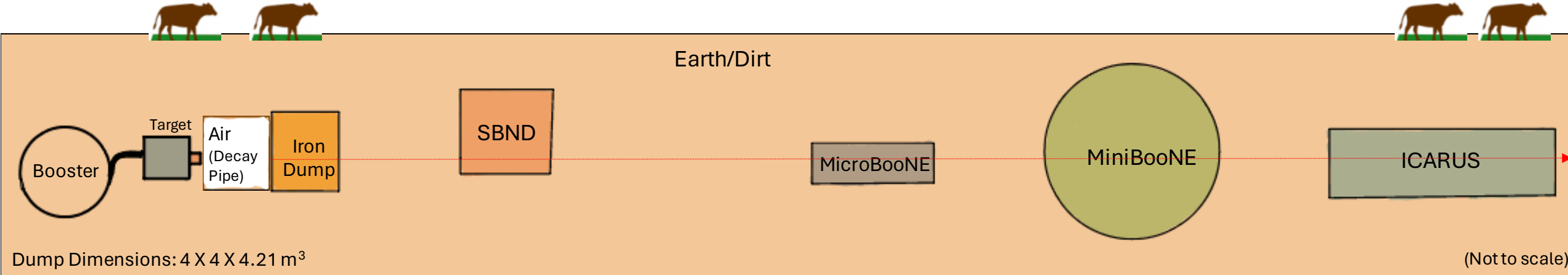
Helm's Form Factor: $F(E_R) = \frac{3}{(\kappa r)^3} e^{-\kappa^2 s^2 / 2} (\sin(\kappa r) - \kappa r \cos(\kappa r))$

3 Upscattering Cross-Section

SBN Experimental Specifications



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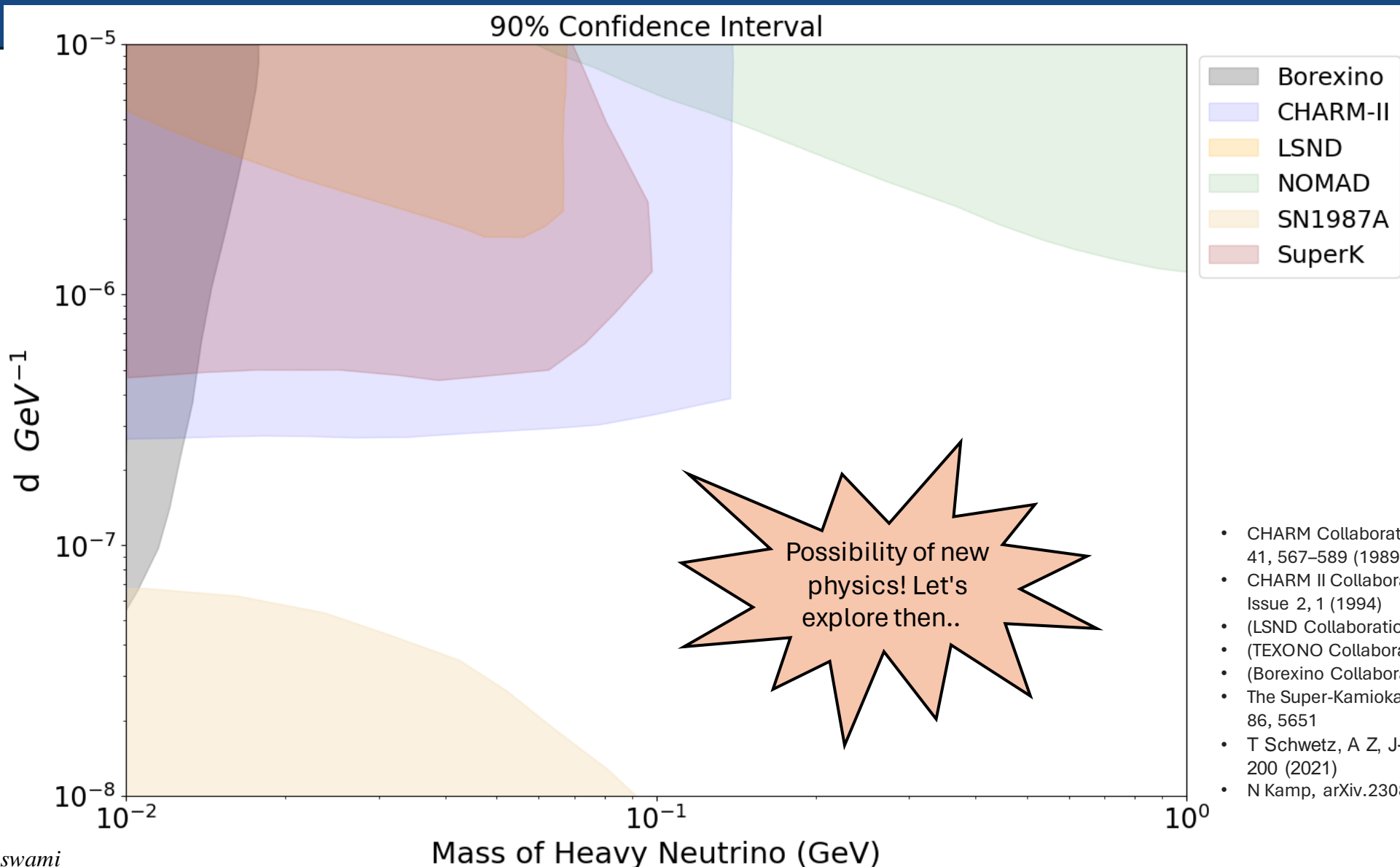


Experiment	Mass (in tons)	Dimensions (in m ³)	Distance from target (in m)	POTs (Total)	Total Background Counts	Angle	Threshold Energy (MeV)
SBND (LAr), (Ongoing)	112.0	4 X 4 X 5	110	6.6×10^{21}	200	Off-axis	30
MicroBooNE (LAr), (Ongoing)	86.8	2.6 X 2.3 X 10.4	470	6.6×10^{20}	167	On-axis	100
MiniBooNE (Mineral Oil CH ₂), (Completed)	818.0	Radius = 6.1	537	1.88×10^{21}	2215	On-axis	100
ICARUS T600 (LAr), (Ongoing)	476.0	3.6 X 3.9 X 19.6	600	6.6×10^{21}	200	On-axis	30

BNB Target: Be
Beam Energy: 8 GeV

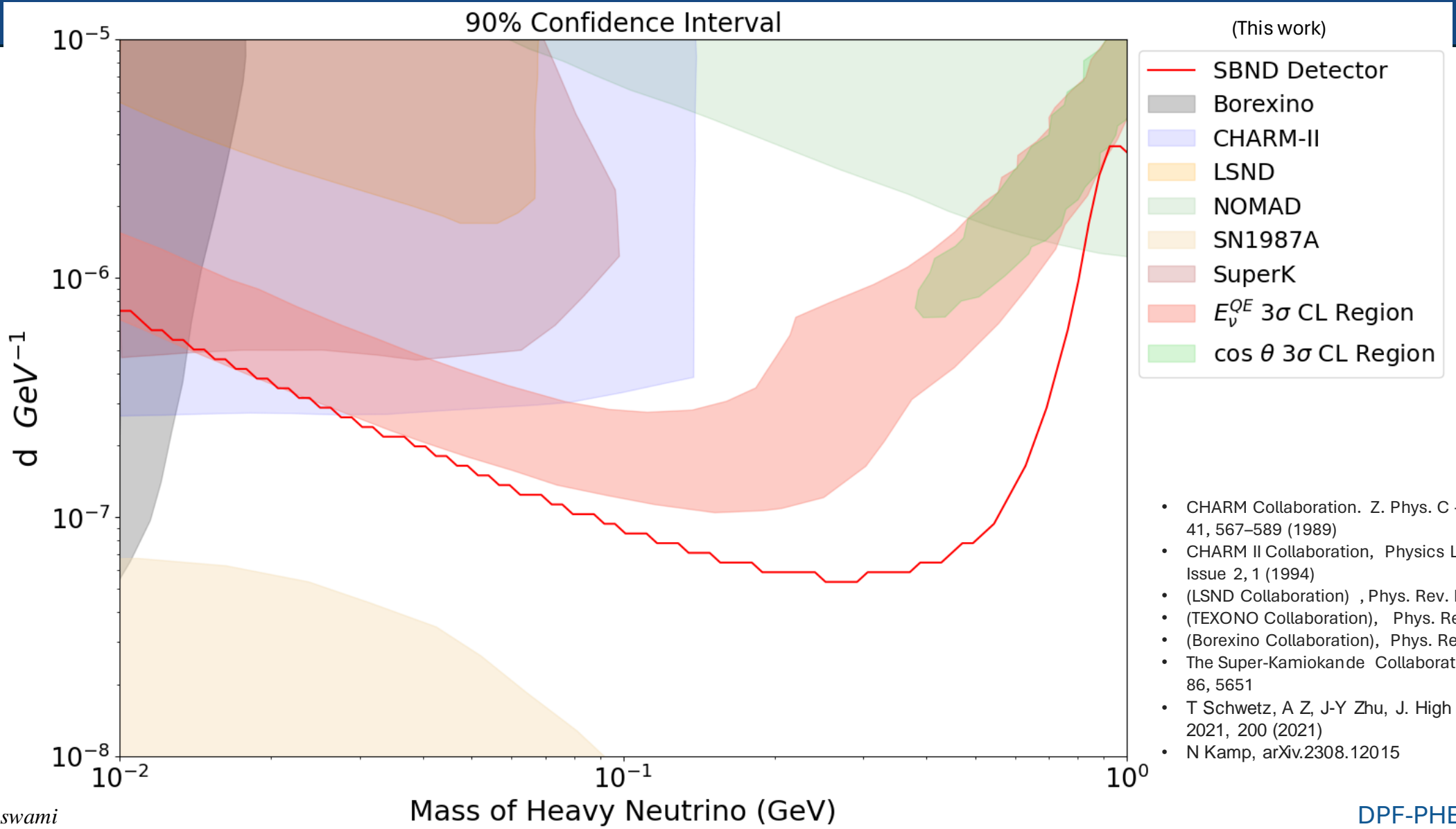
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Constraints in the Parameter Space



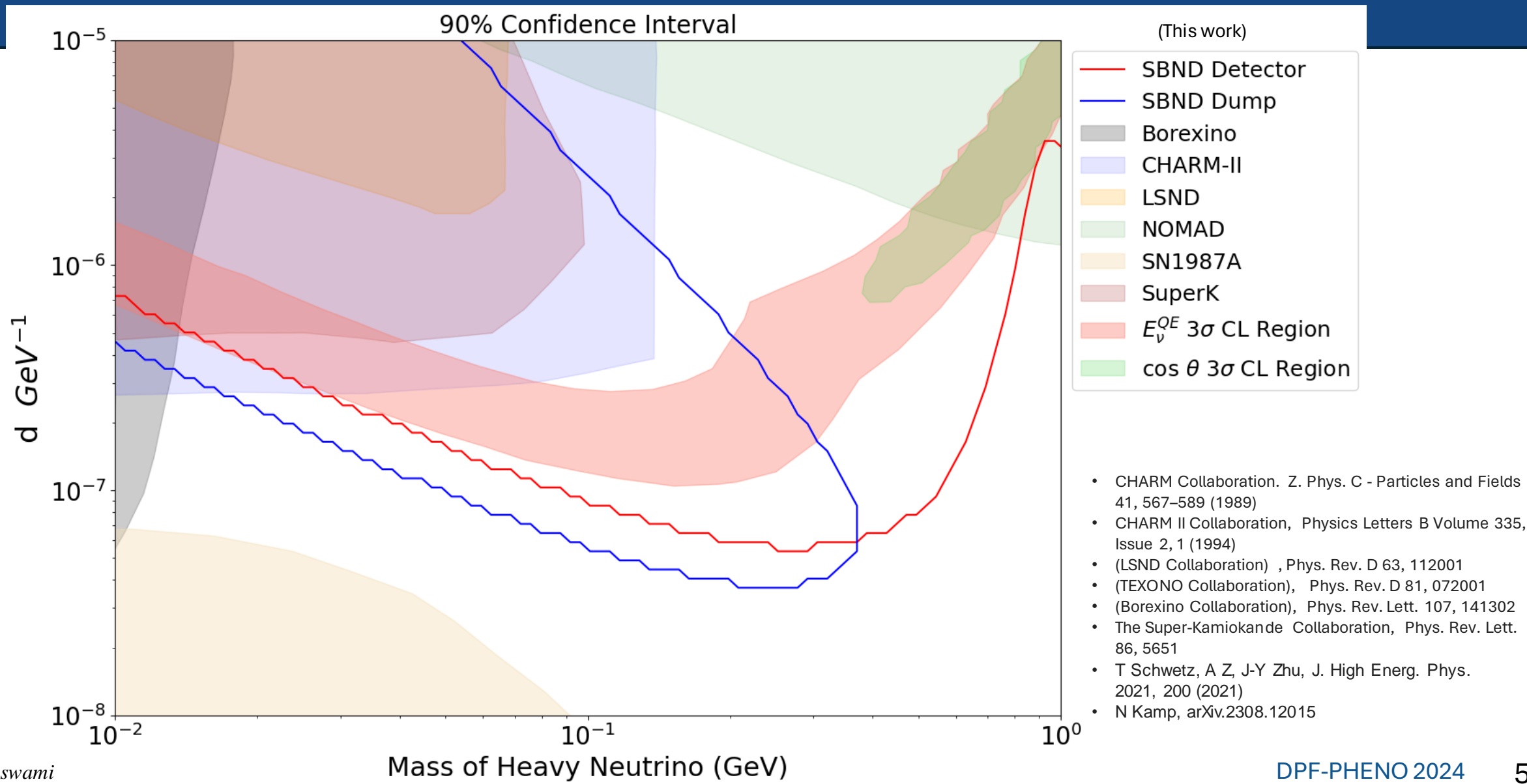
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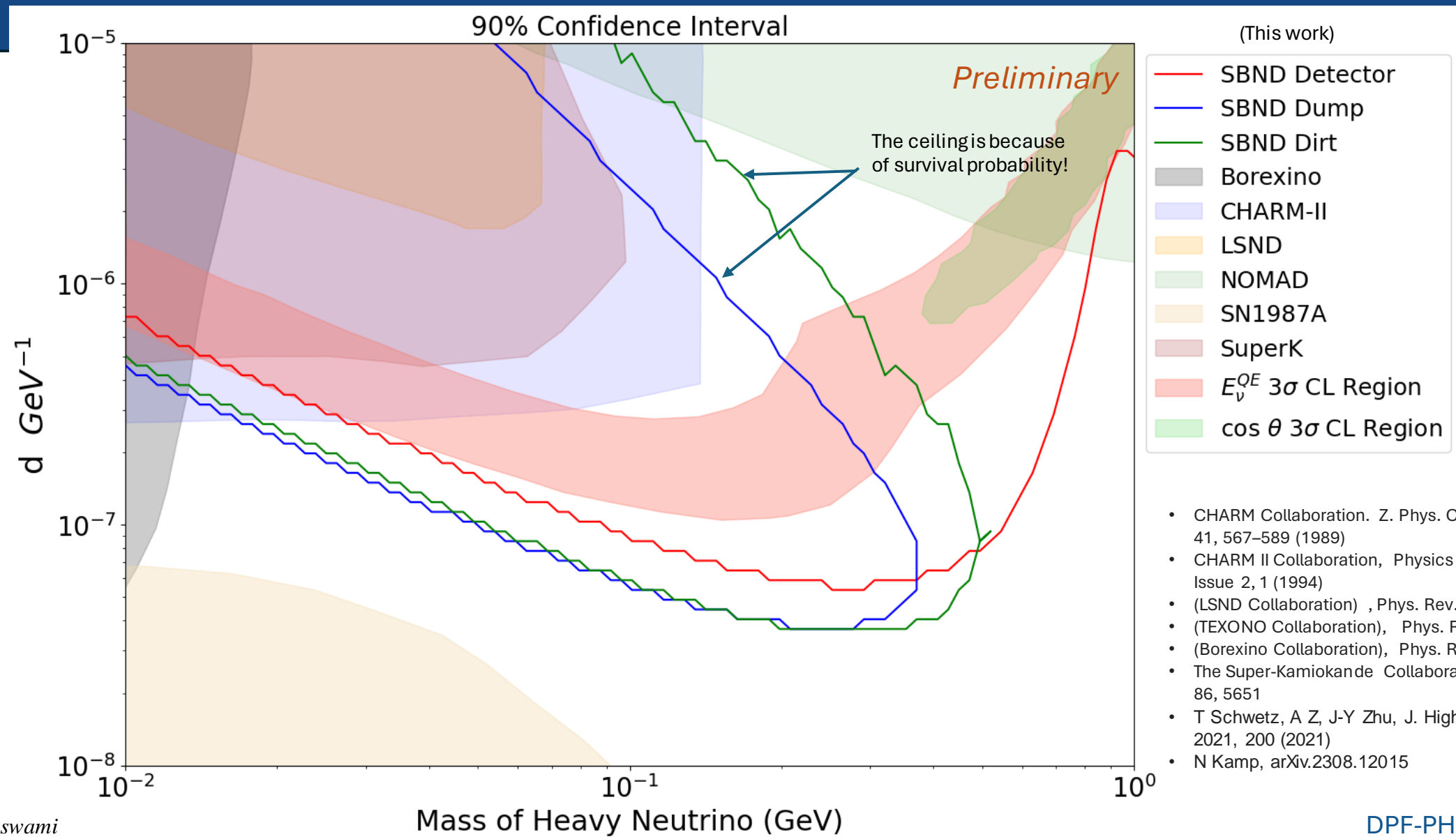


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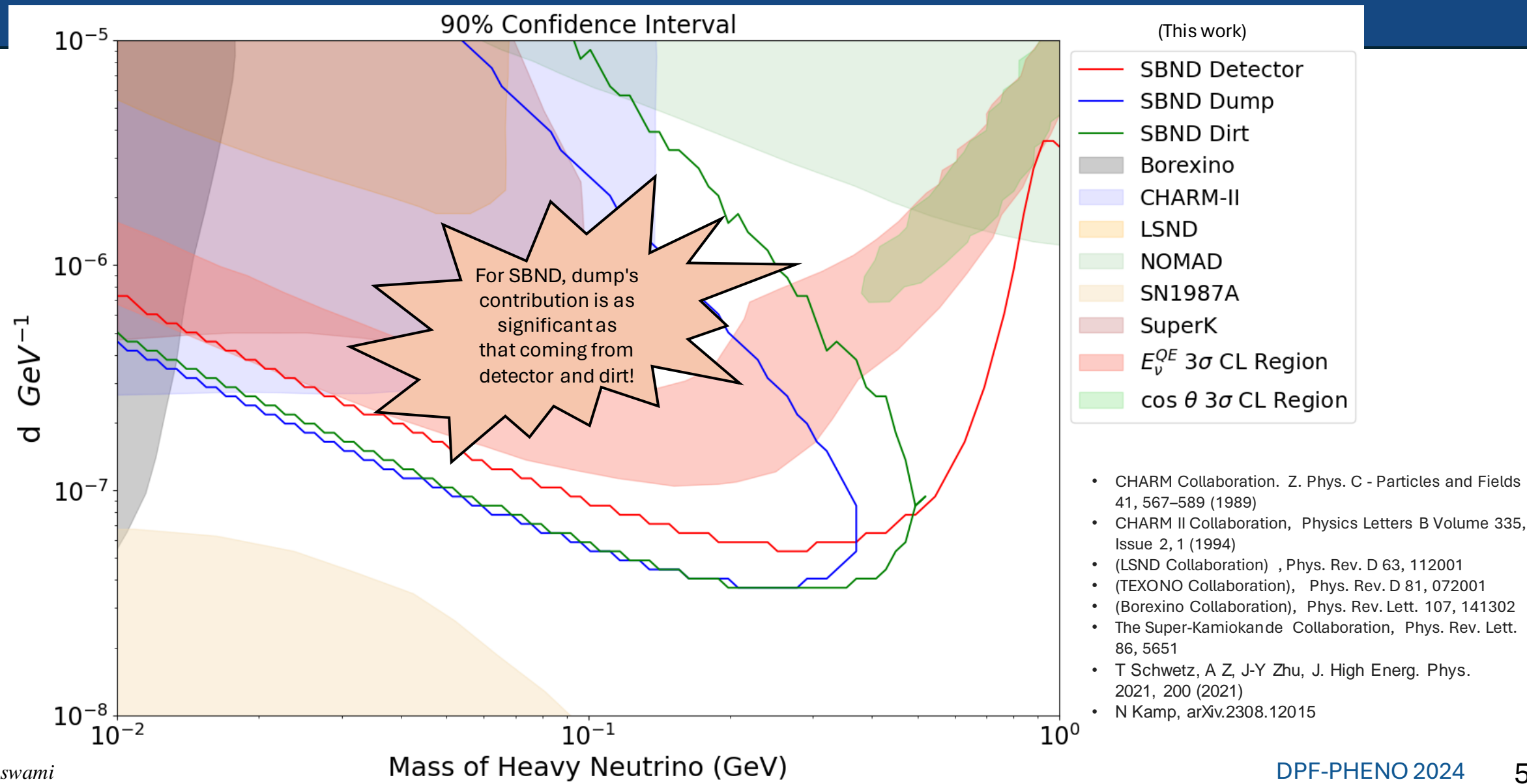


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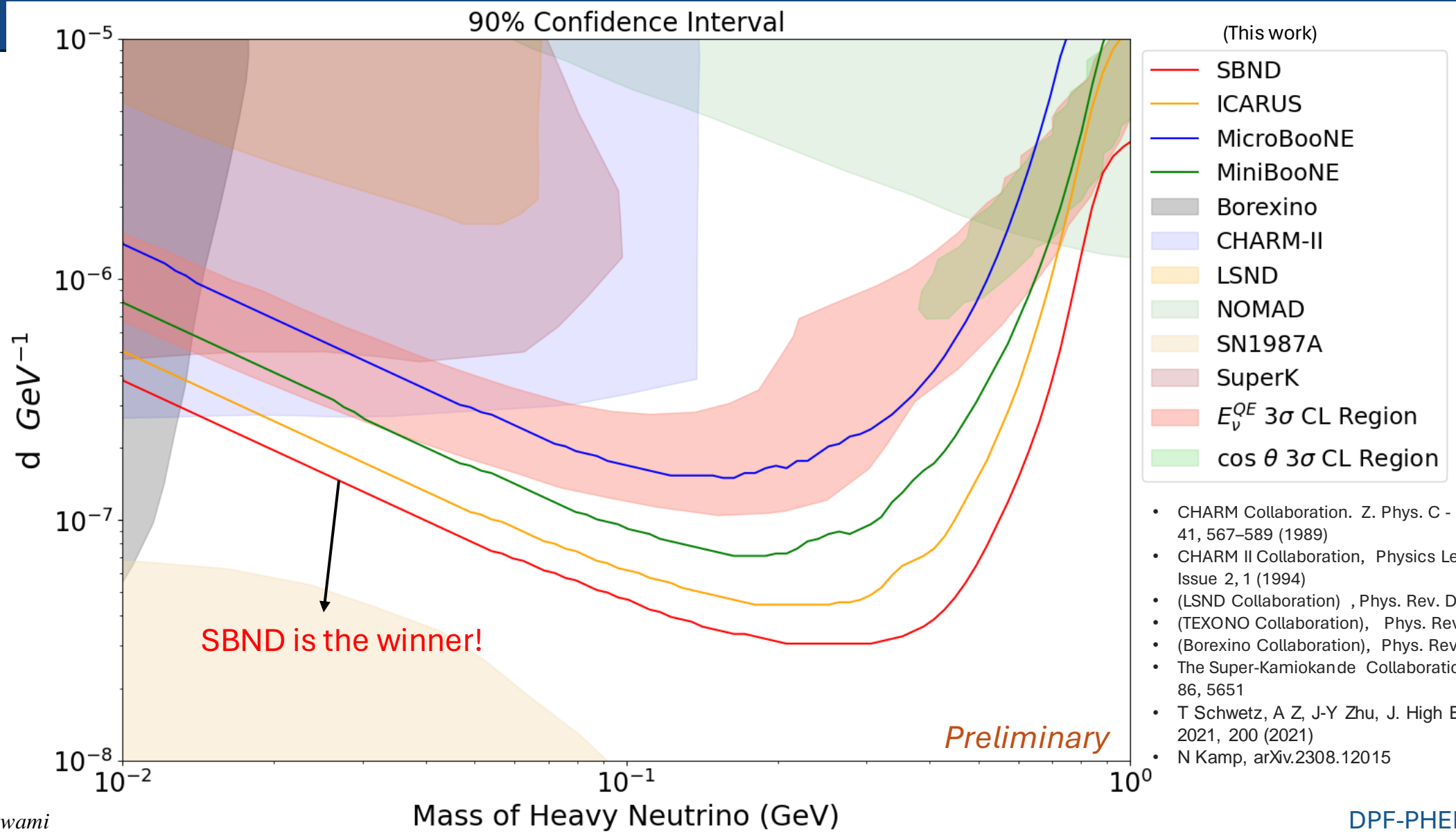


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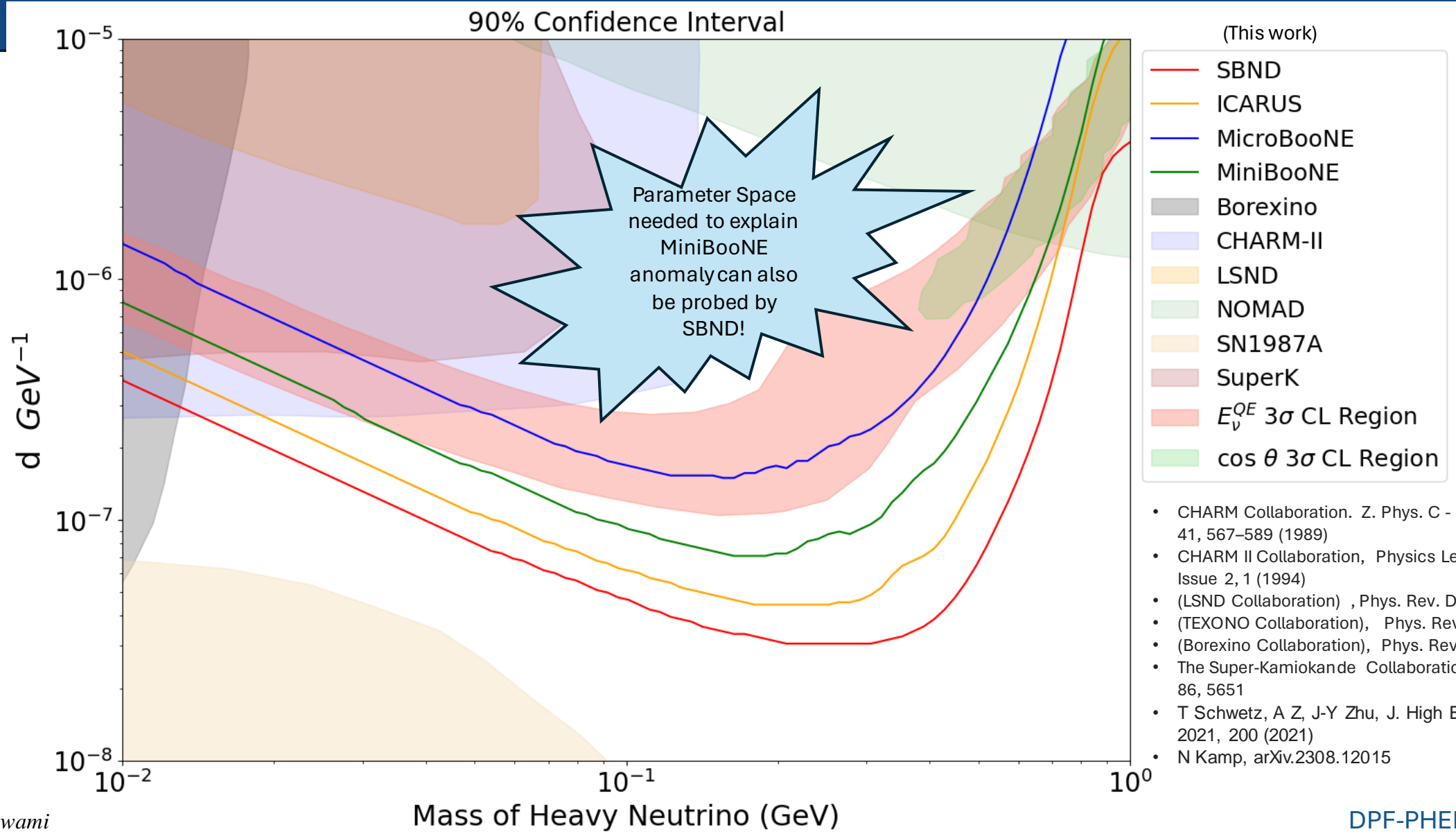
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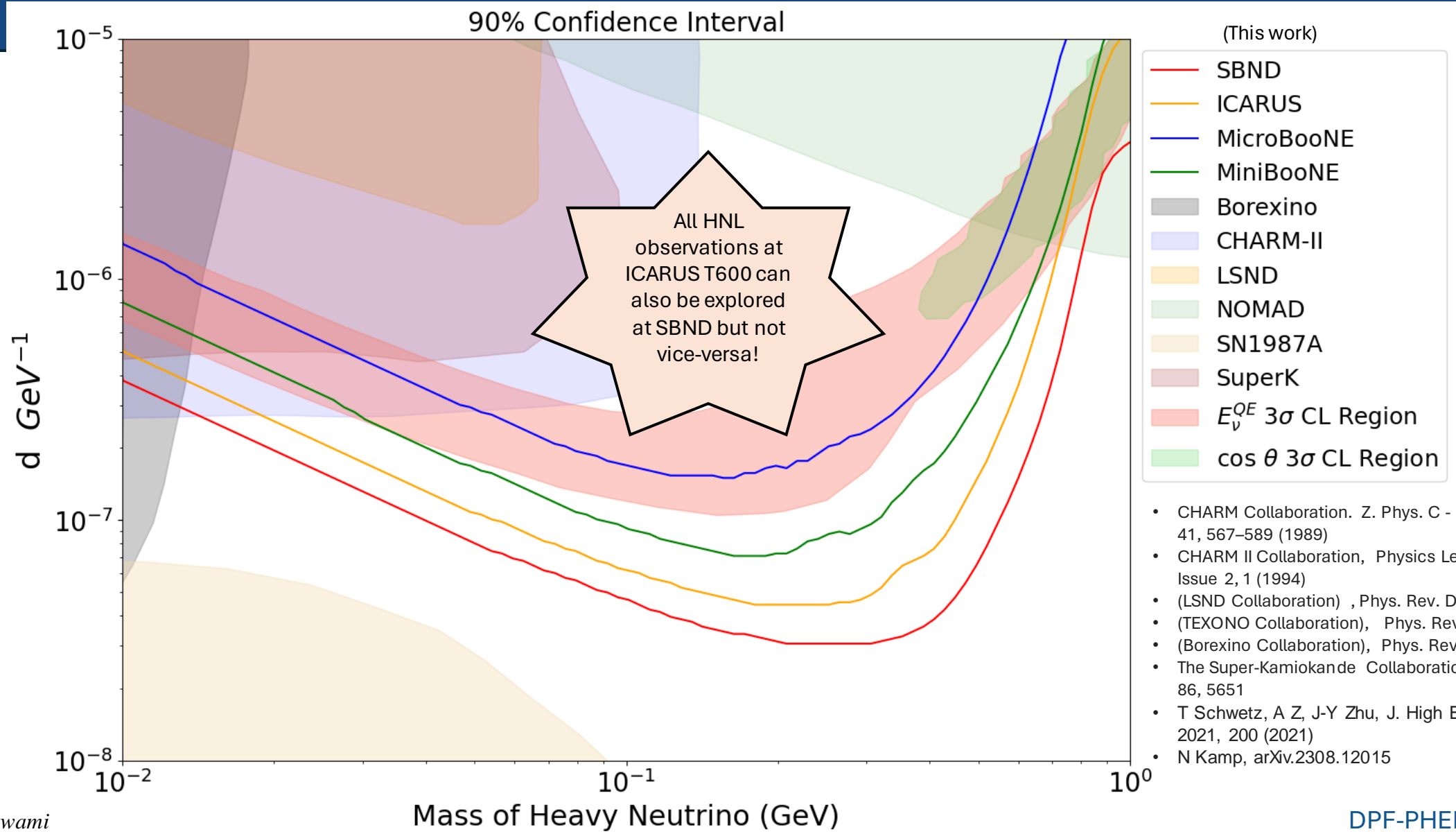
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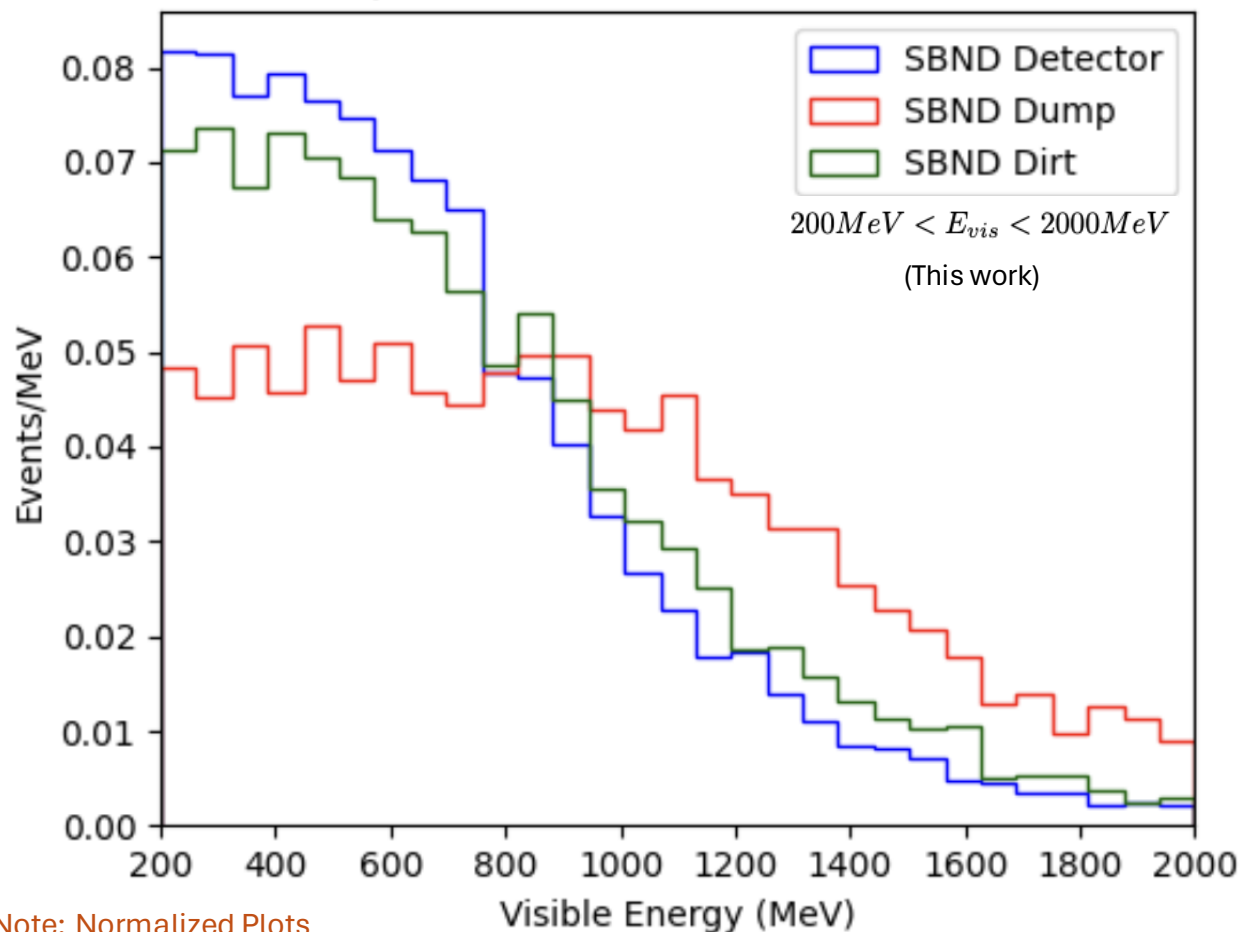


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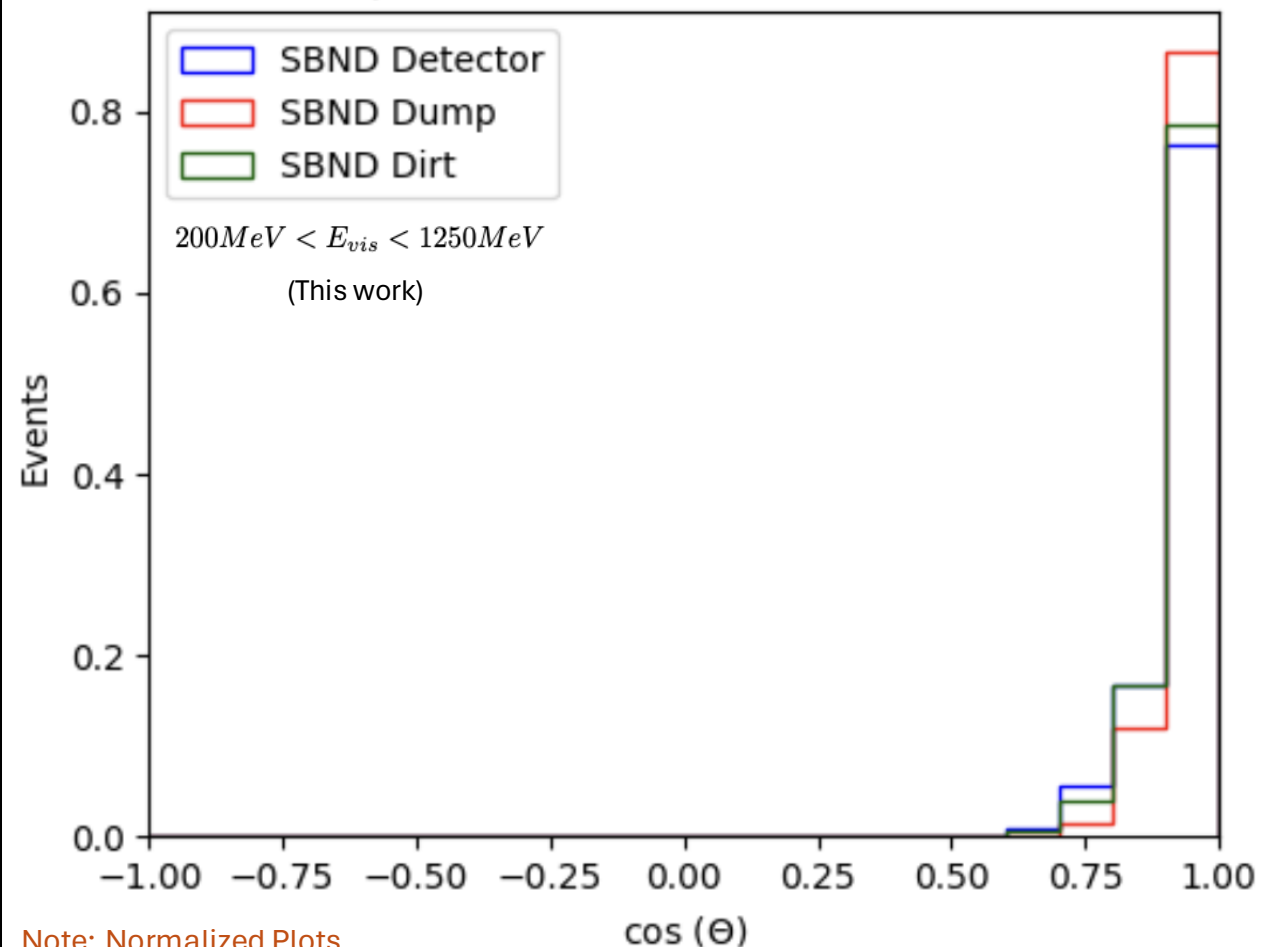
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Note: Normalized Plots

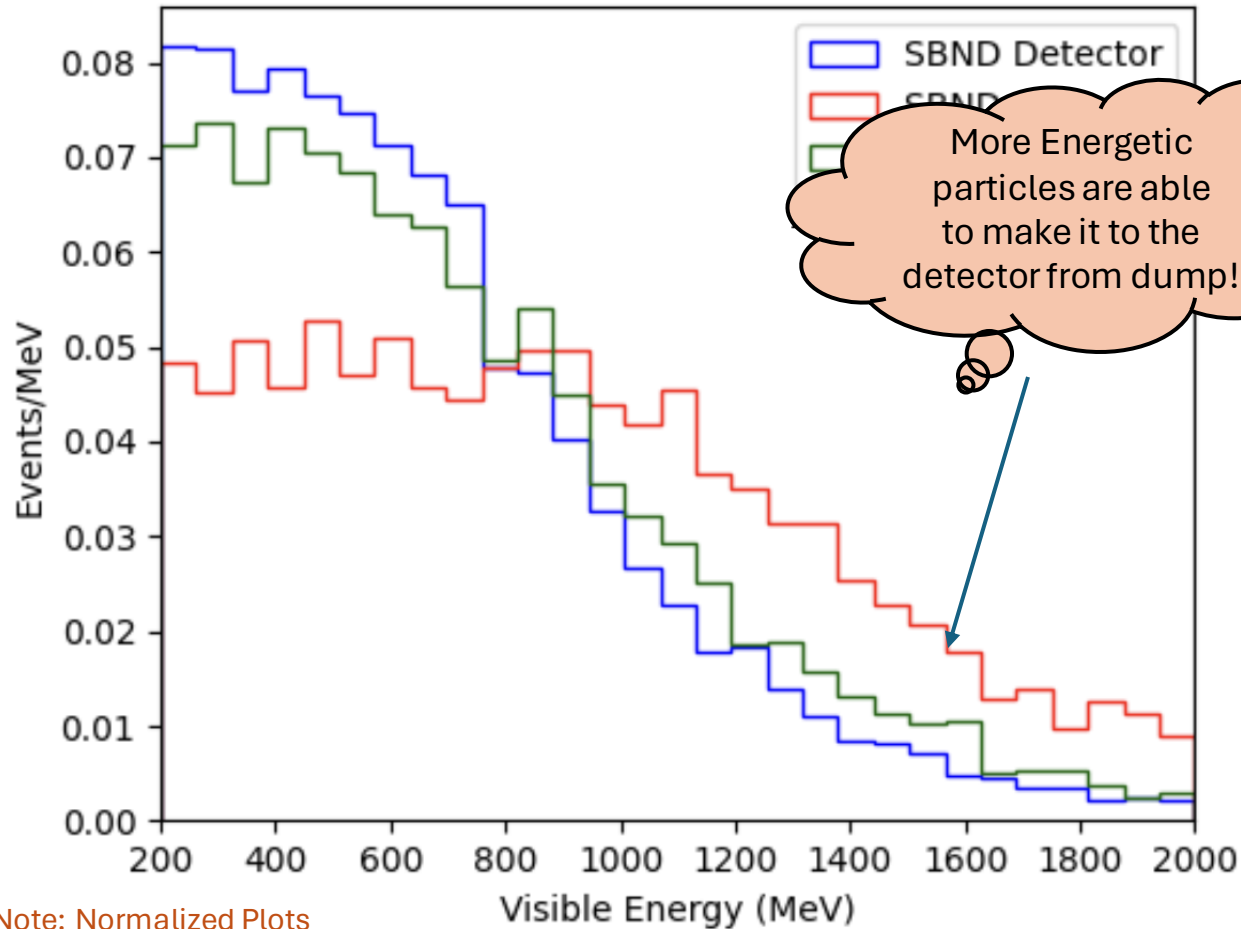
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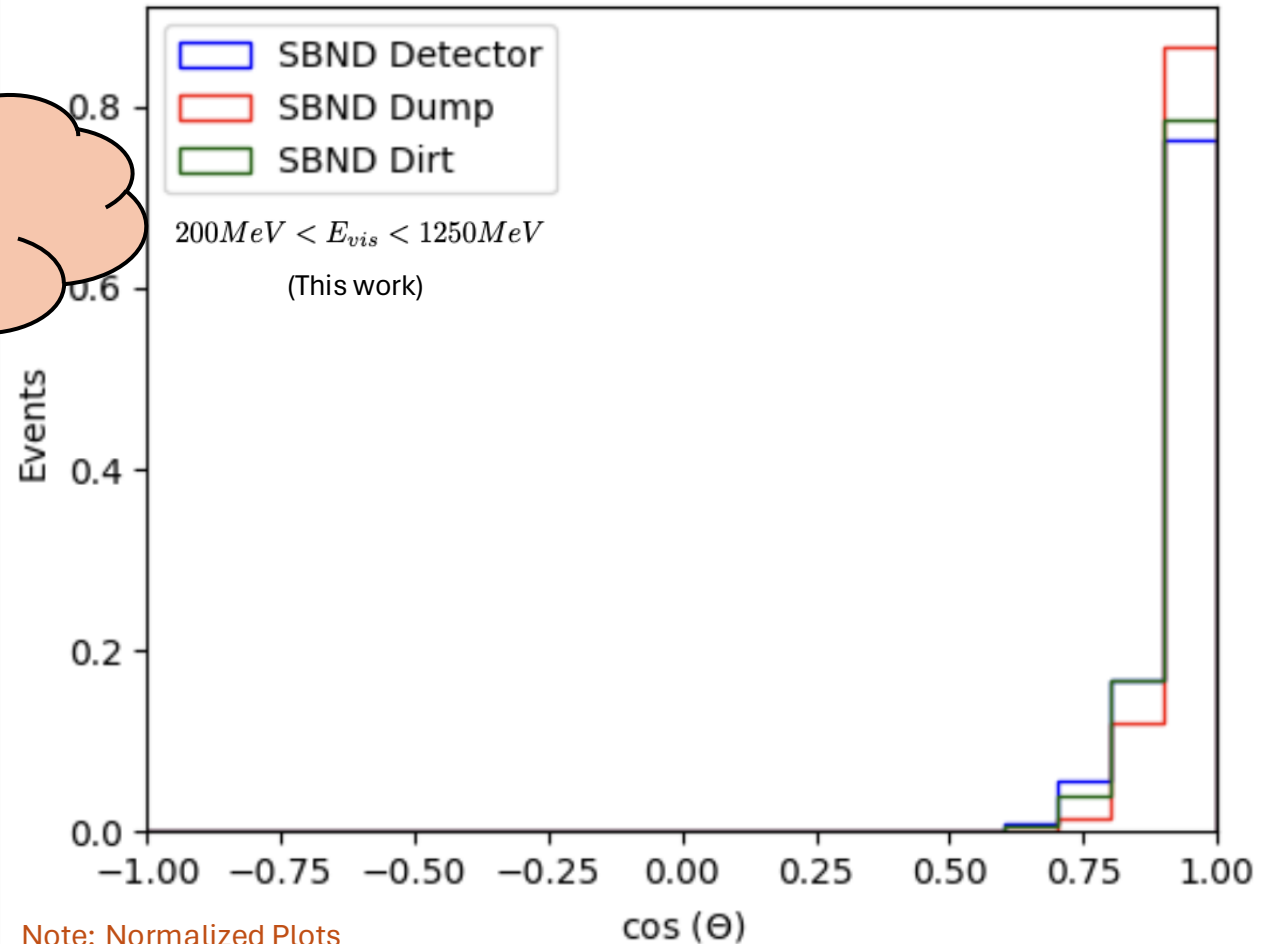
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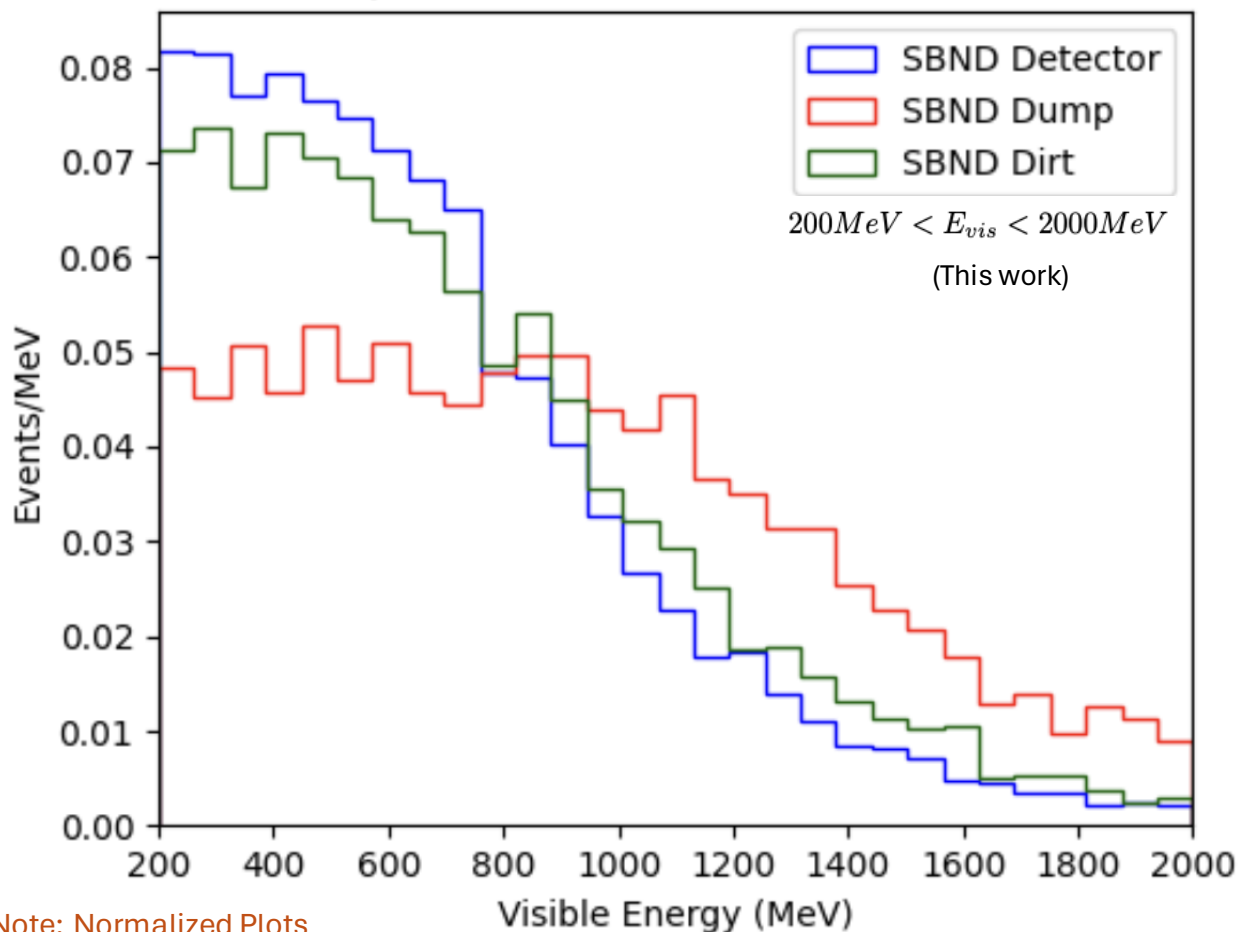
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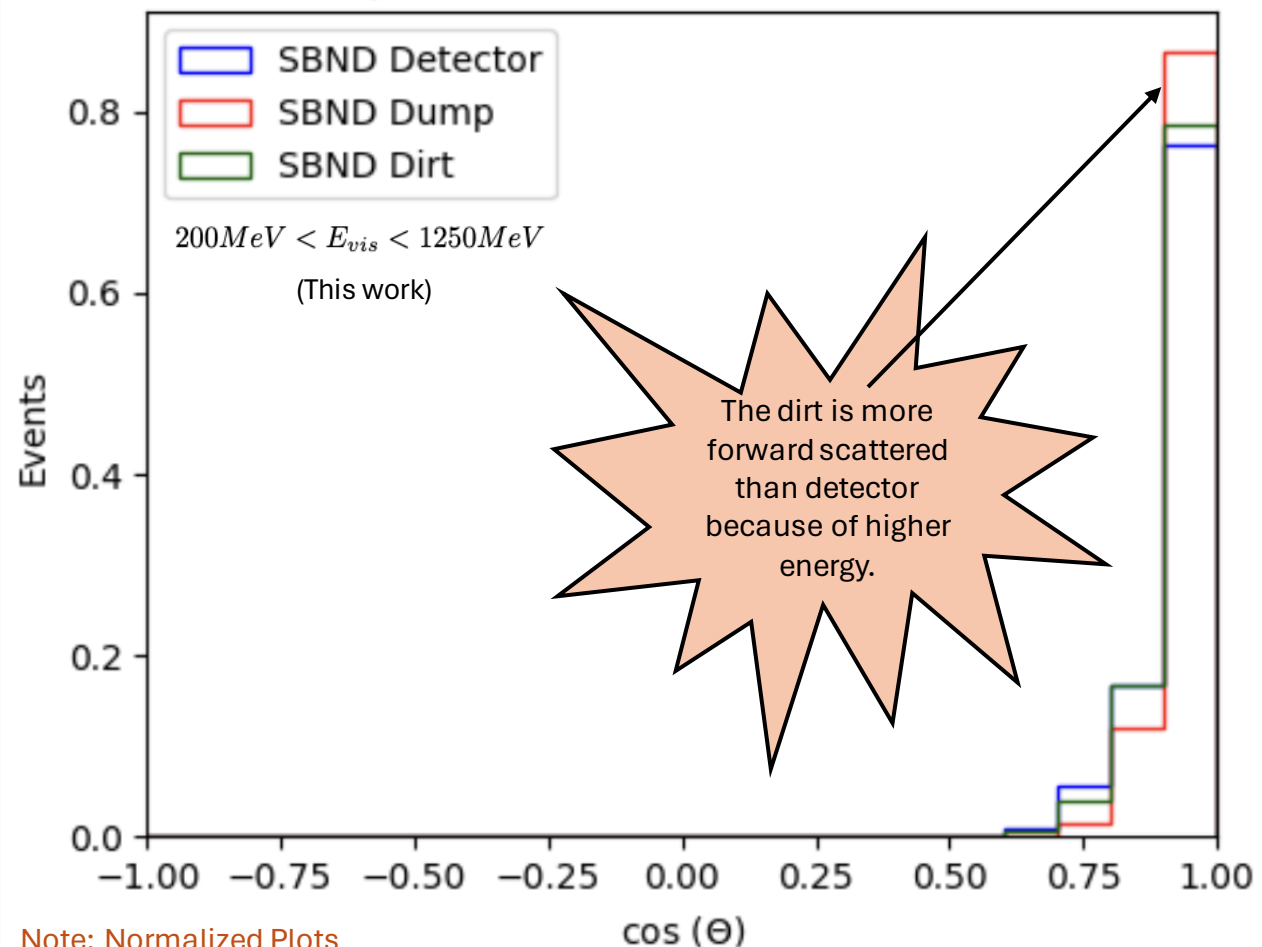
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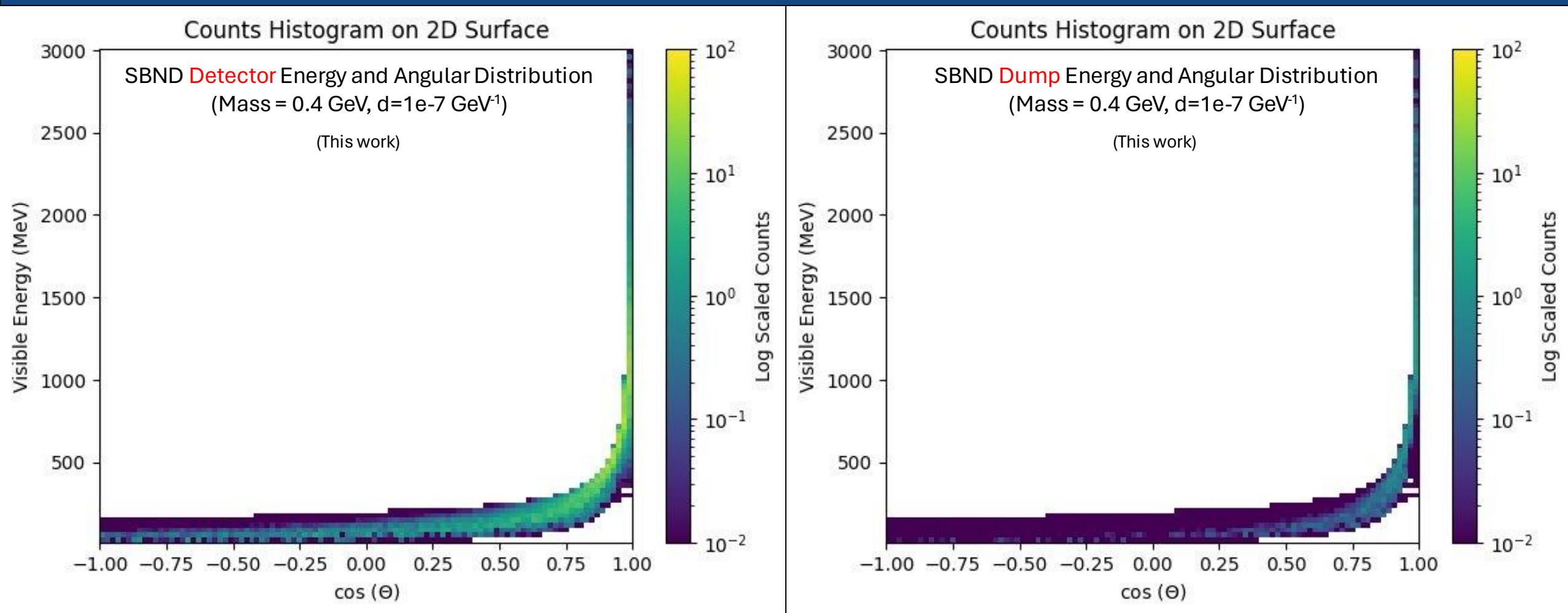
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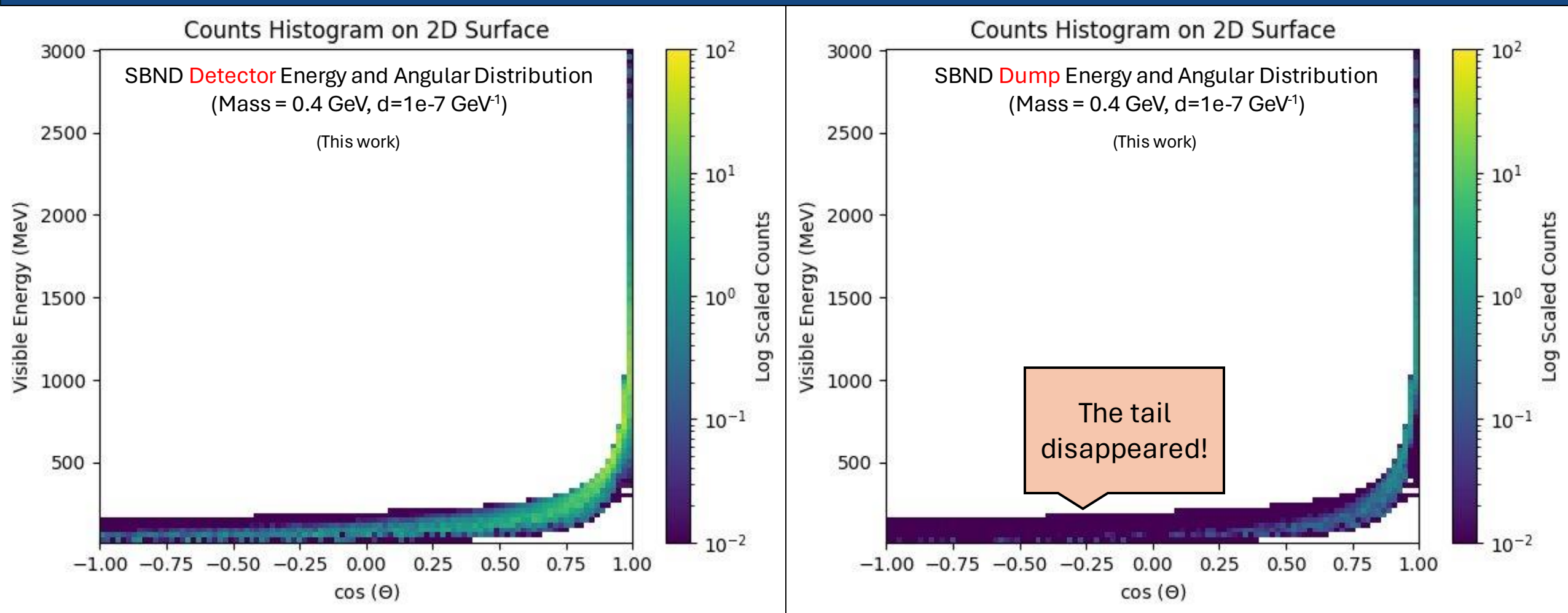
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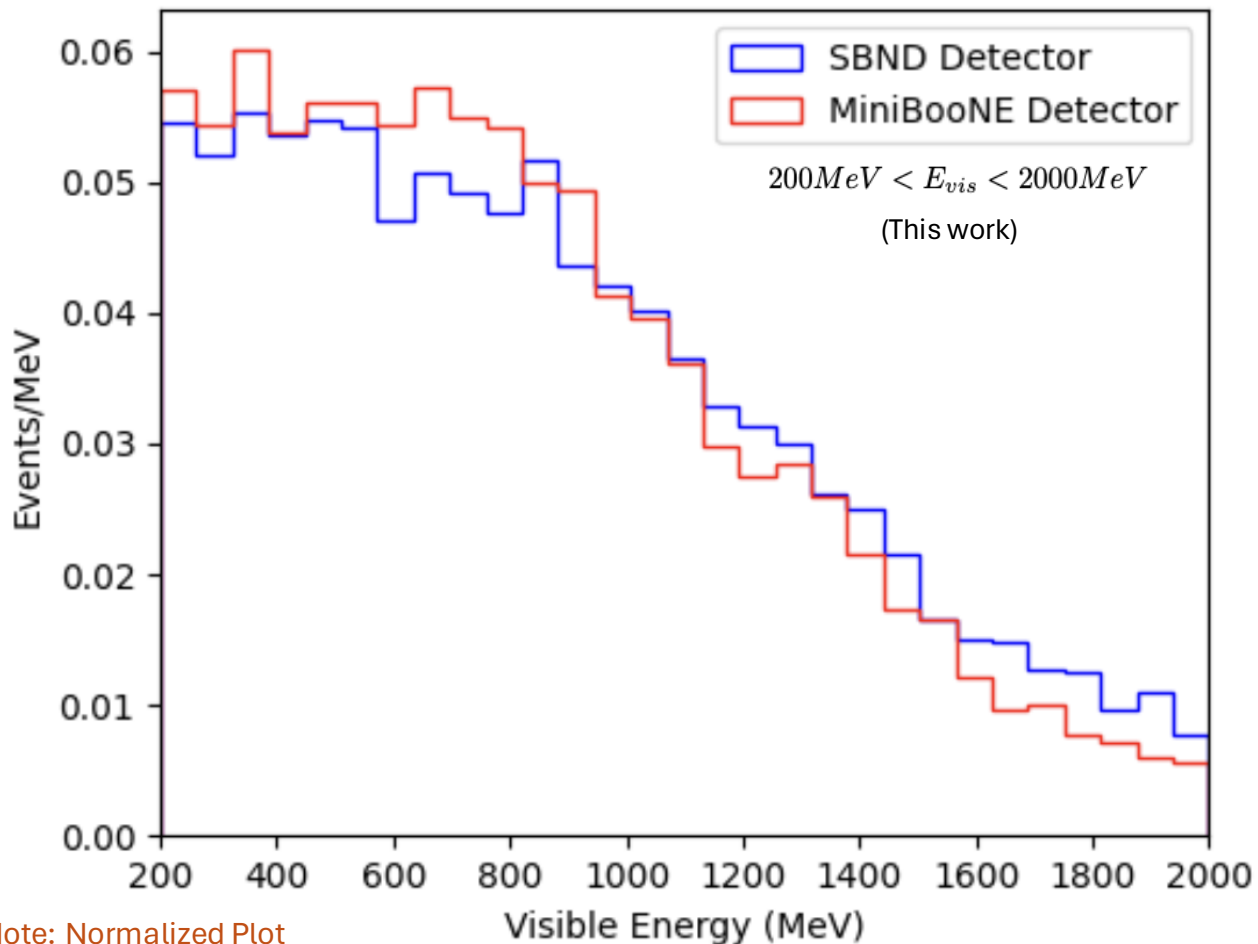
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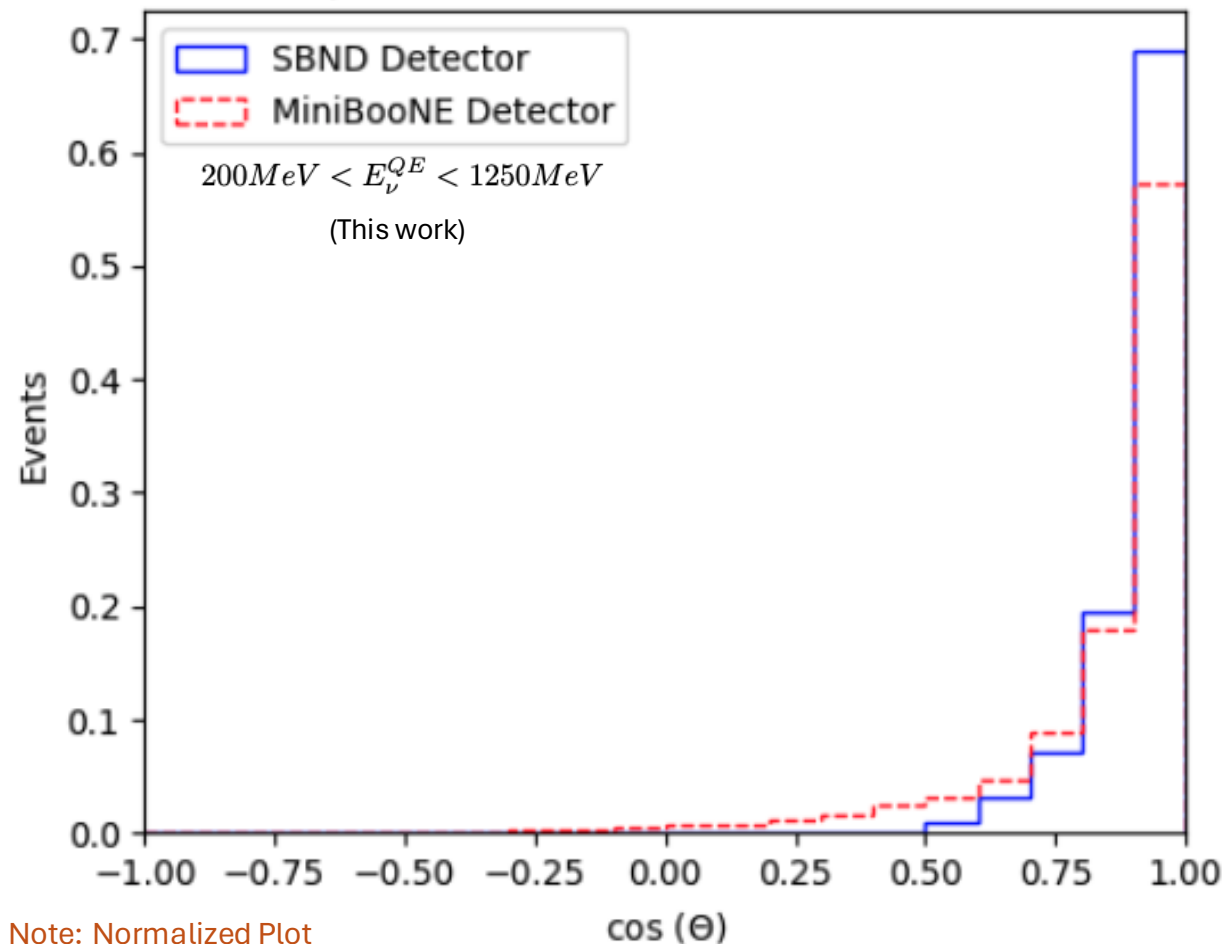
MiniBooNE Anomaly in SBND I

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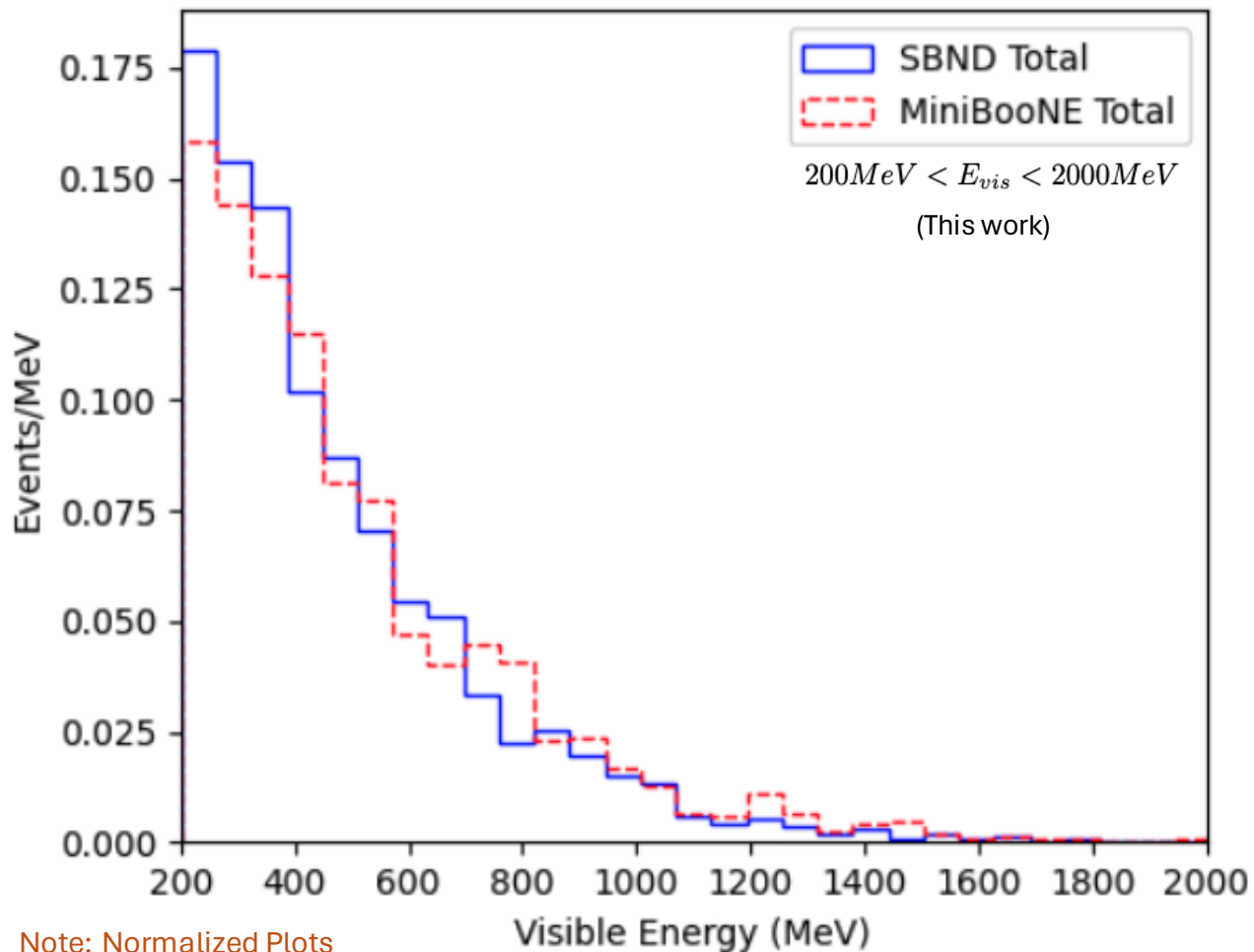
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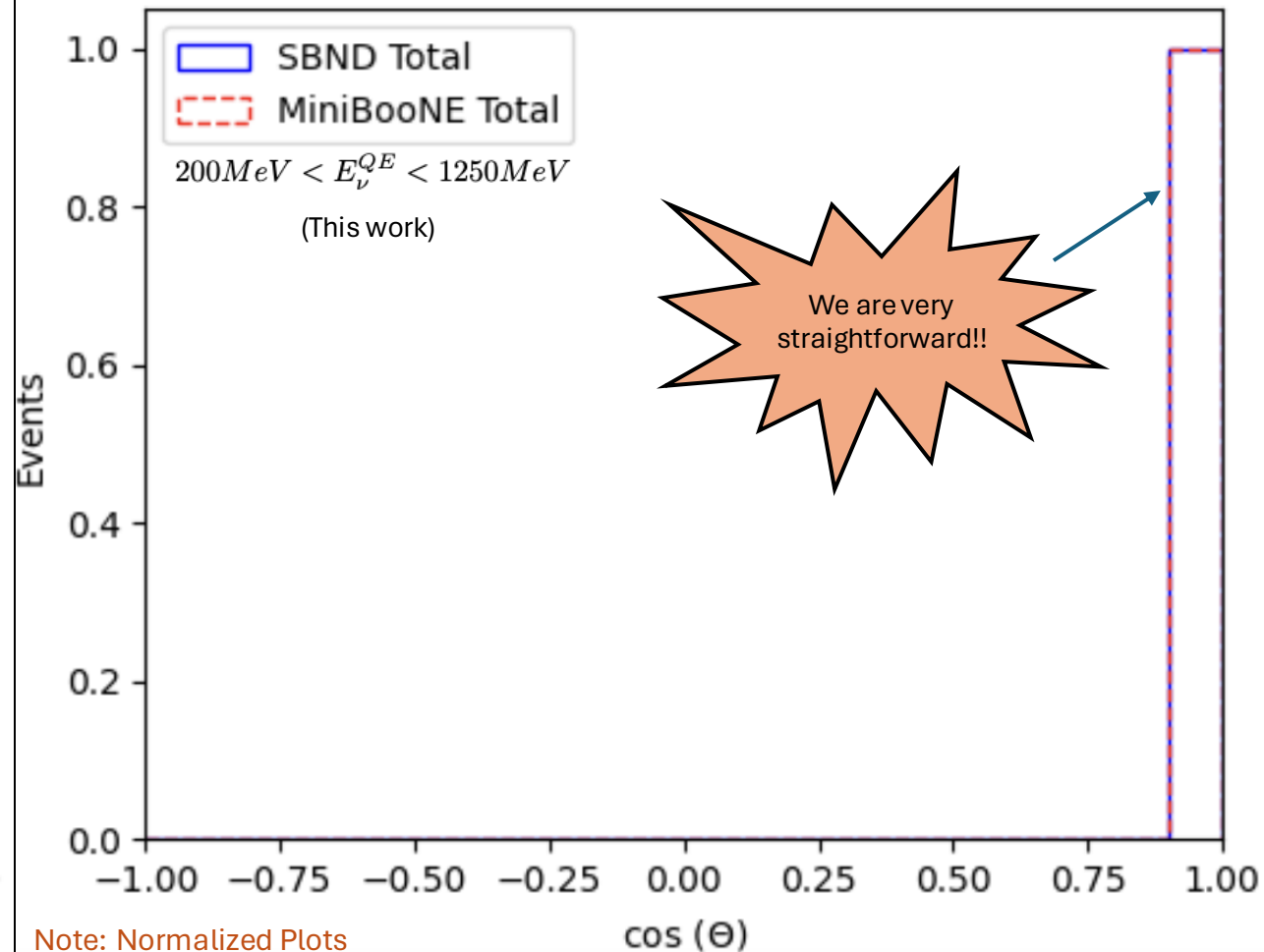
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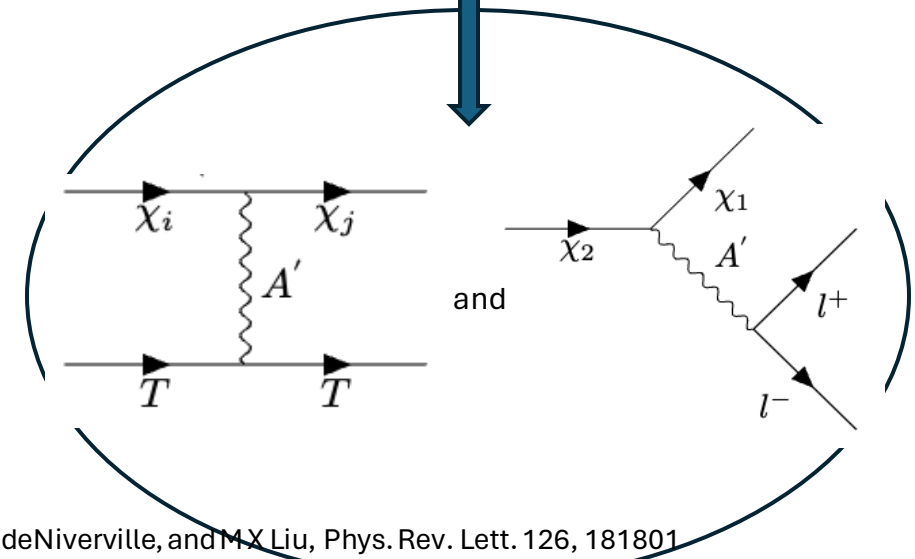
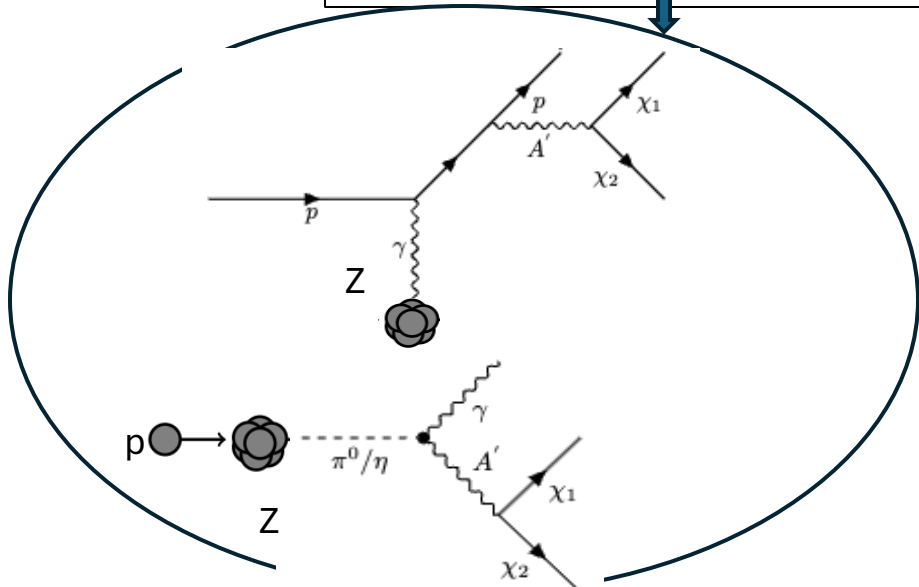
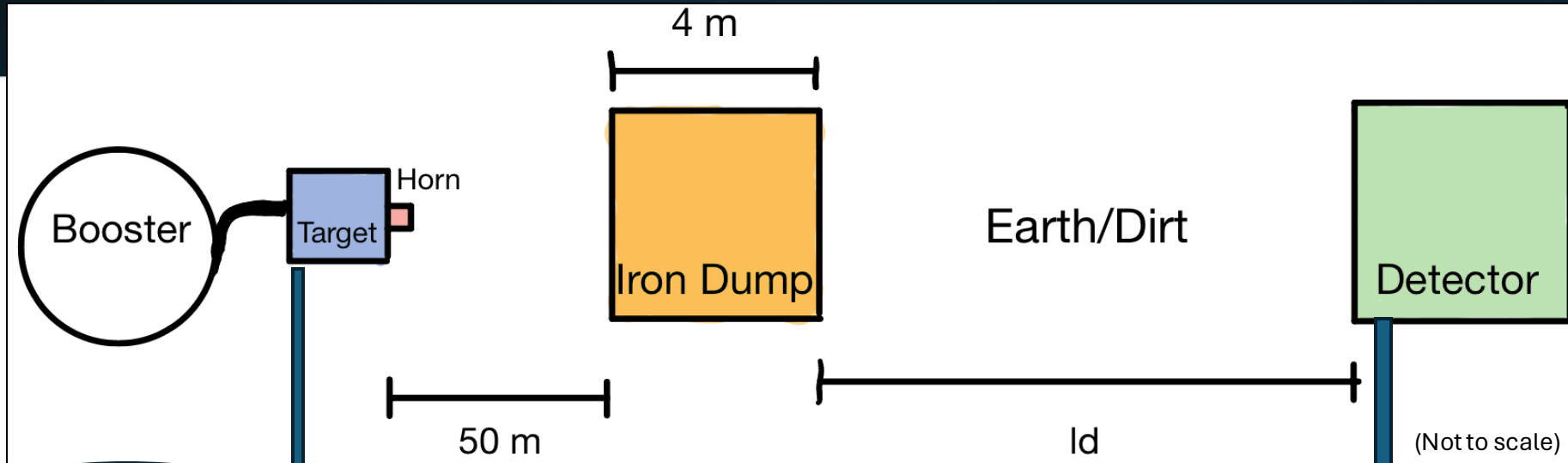


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Model: Inelastic Dark Matter

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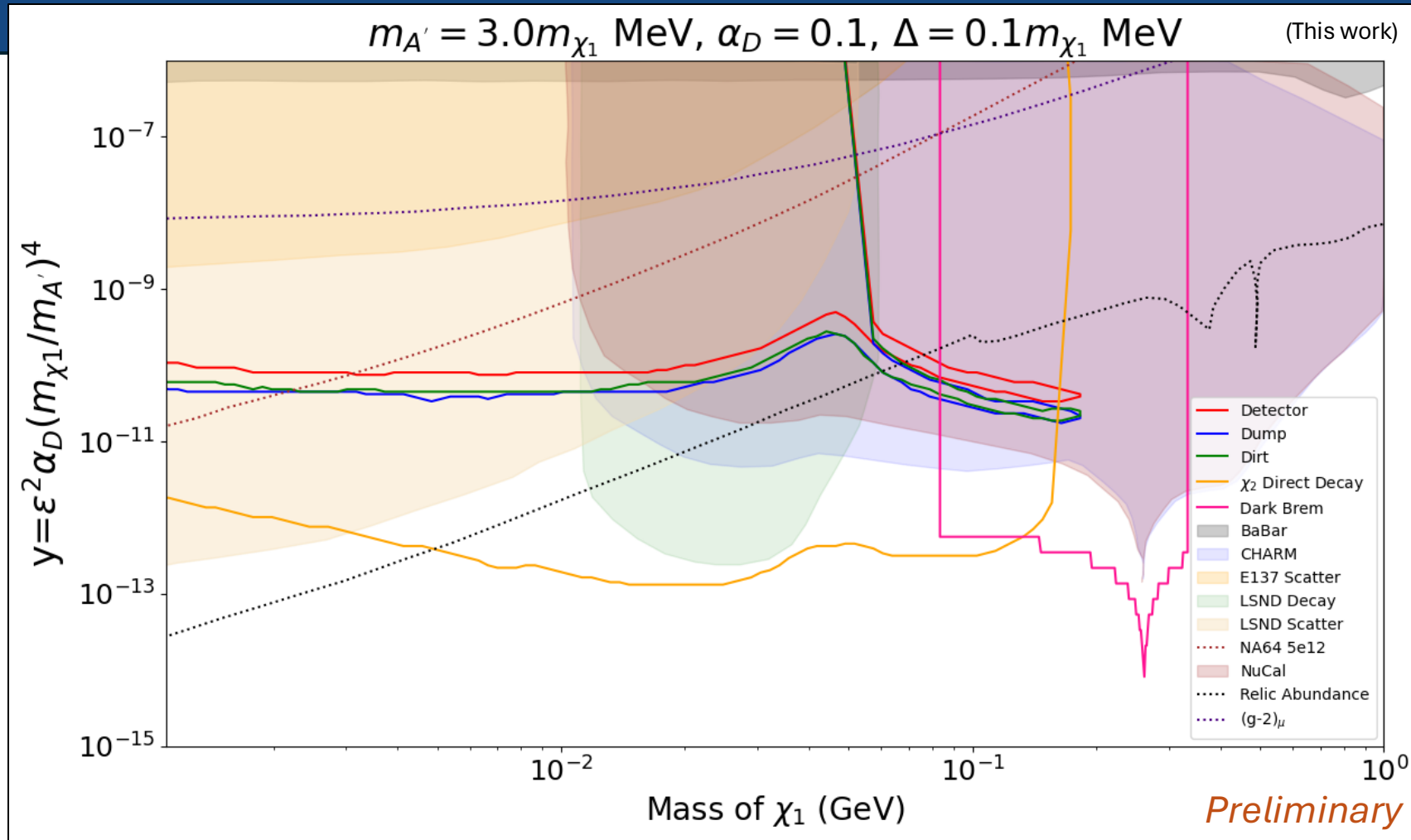


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SBND Inelastic Dark Matter Sensitivity Plots



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Results and Conclusions

- In this work contributions from dump, dirt and detector have been taken into consideration for transition moment operator for all the SBN experiments.
- The dump allows us to probe more unexplored parameter space.
- SBND covers the most unexplored parameter space!
- The Z^2 enhancement makes the contribution from the dump significant.
- Dump, dirt & detector leave distinguishing signals in both energy & angular spectra for mass range (200 MeV and above within sensitivity region).
- SBND can also explore the parameter space required to explain the MiniBooNE anomaly.
- This work also predicts what SBND will observe for the explanation of MiniBooNE excess (more forward).

Thank You!

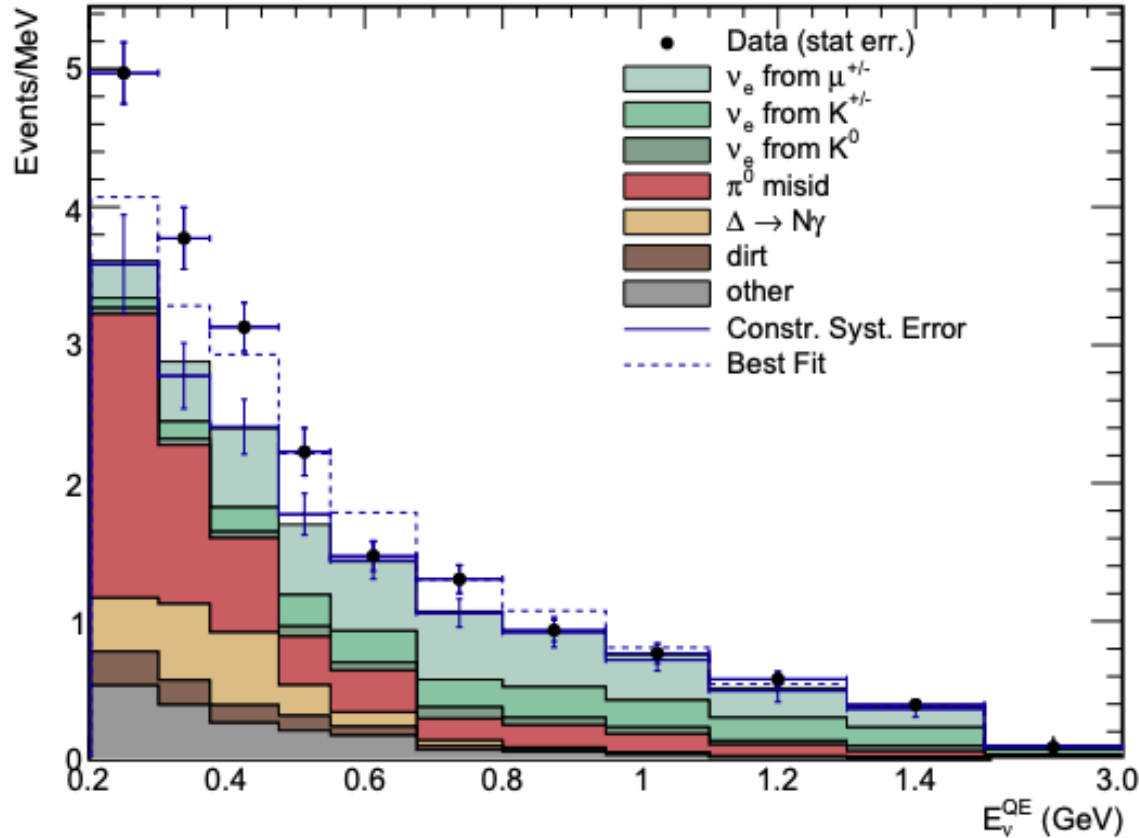


Questions?



BACKUP SLIDES

MiniBooNE Anomaly



Neutrino mode POTs: $12.84 \cdot 10^{20}$

Process	Neutrino Mode	Antineutrino Mode
ν_μ & $\bar{\nu}_\mu$ CCQE	73.7 ± 19.3	12.9 ± 4.3
NC π^0	501.5 ± 65.4	112.3 ± 11.5
NC $\Delta \rightarrow N\gamma$	172.5 ± 24.1	34.7 ± 5.4
External Events	75.2 ± 10.9	15.3 ± 2.8
Other ν_μ & $\bar{\nu}_\mu$	89.6 ± 22.9	22.3 ± 3.5
ν_e & $\bar{\nu}_e$ from μ^\pm Decay	425.3 ± 100.2	91.4 ± 27.6
ν_e & $\bar{\nu}_e$ from K^\pm Decay	192.2 ± 41.9	51.2 ± 11.0
ν_e & $\bar{\nu}_e$ from K_L^0 Decay	54.5 ± 20.5	51.4 ± 18.0
Other ν_e & $\bar{\nu}_e$	6.0 ± 3.2	6.7 ± 6.0
Unconstrained Bkgd.	1590.6 ± 176.9	398.2 ± 49.7
Constrained Bkgd.	1577.8 ± 85.2	398.7 ± 28.6
Total Data	1959	478
Excess	381.2 ± 85.2	79.3 ± 28.6
0.26% (LSND) $\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_e$	463.1	100.0

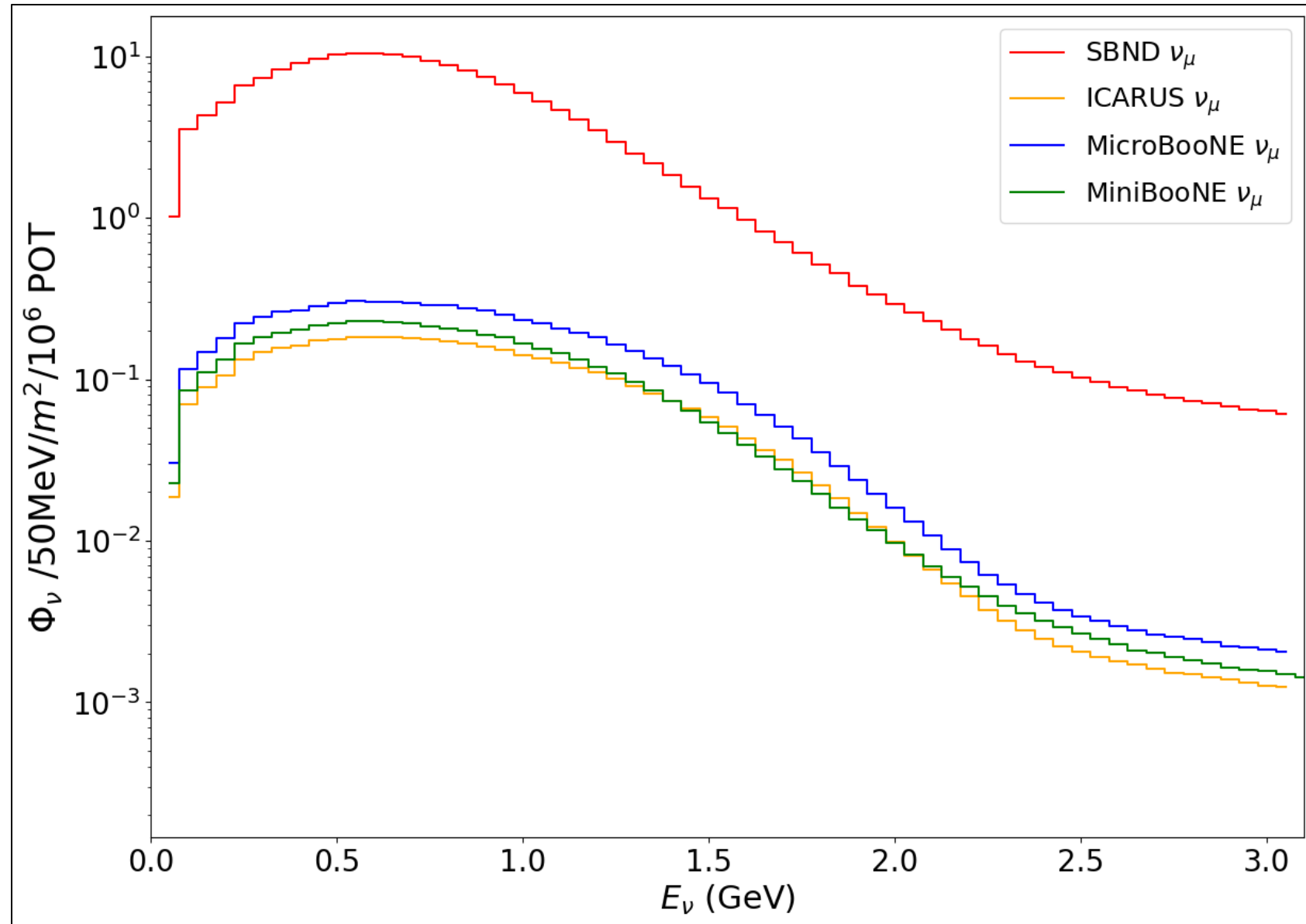
Figure: Number of Events observed

$$200 < E_\nu^{QE} < 1250 \text{ MeV}$$

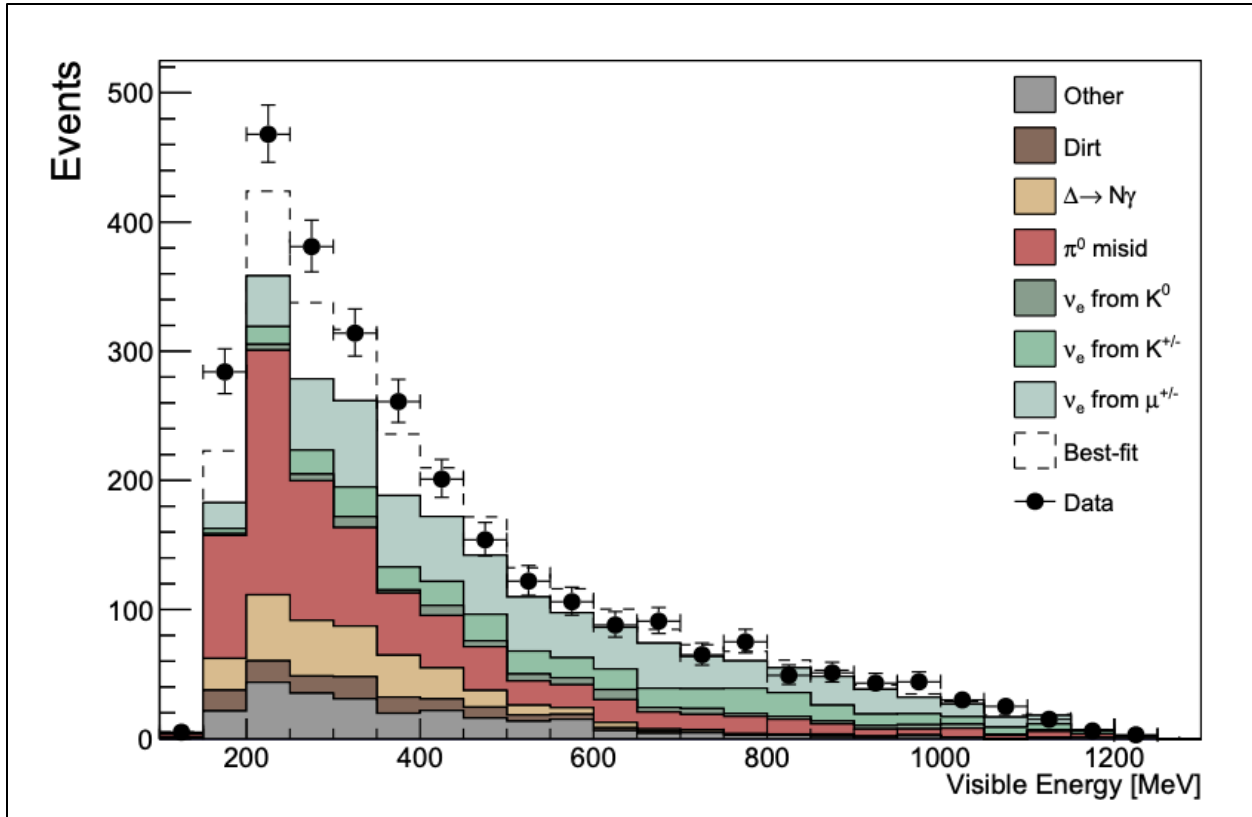
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Flux Energy Spectrum SBN

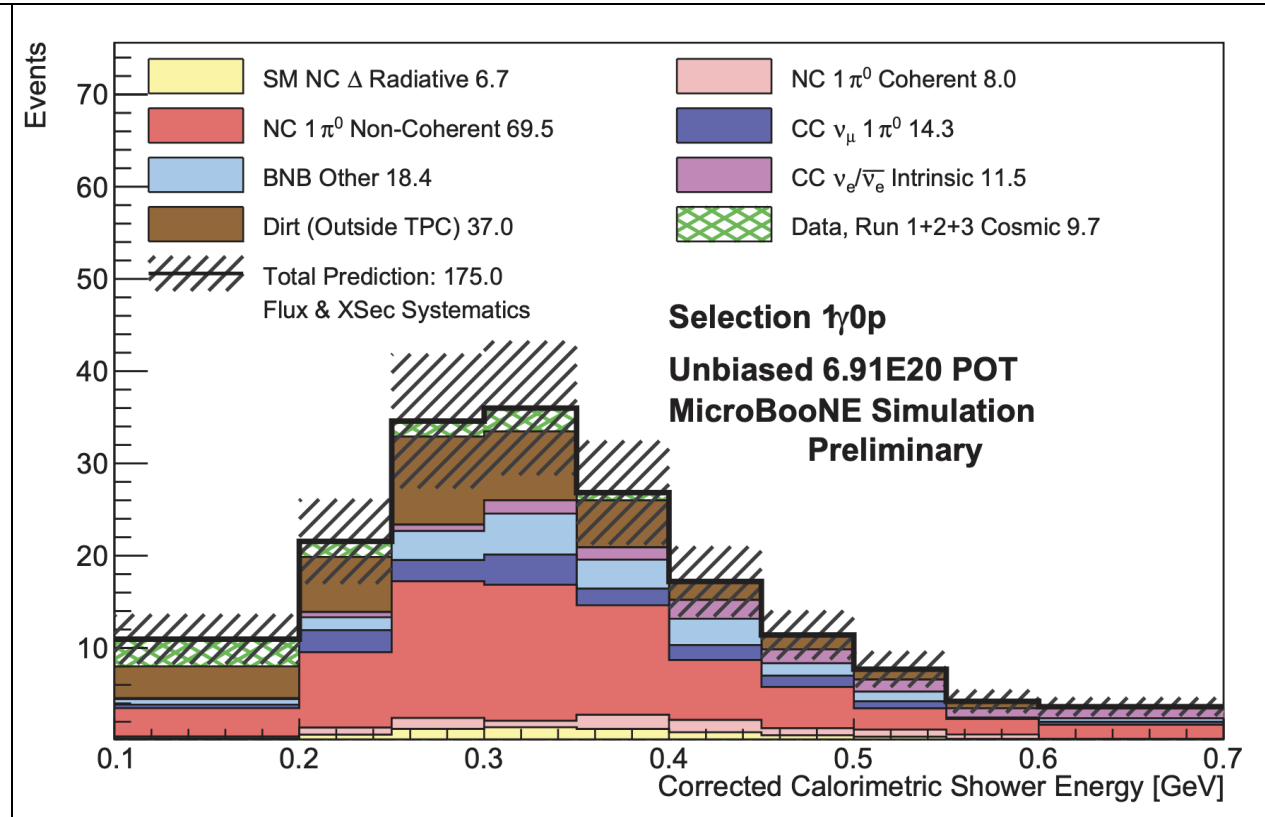
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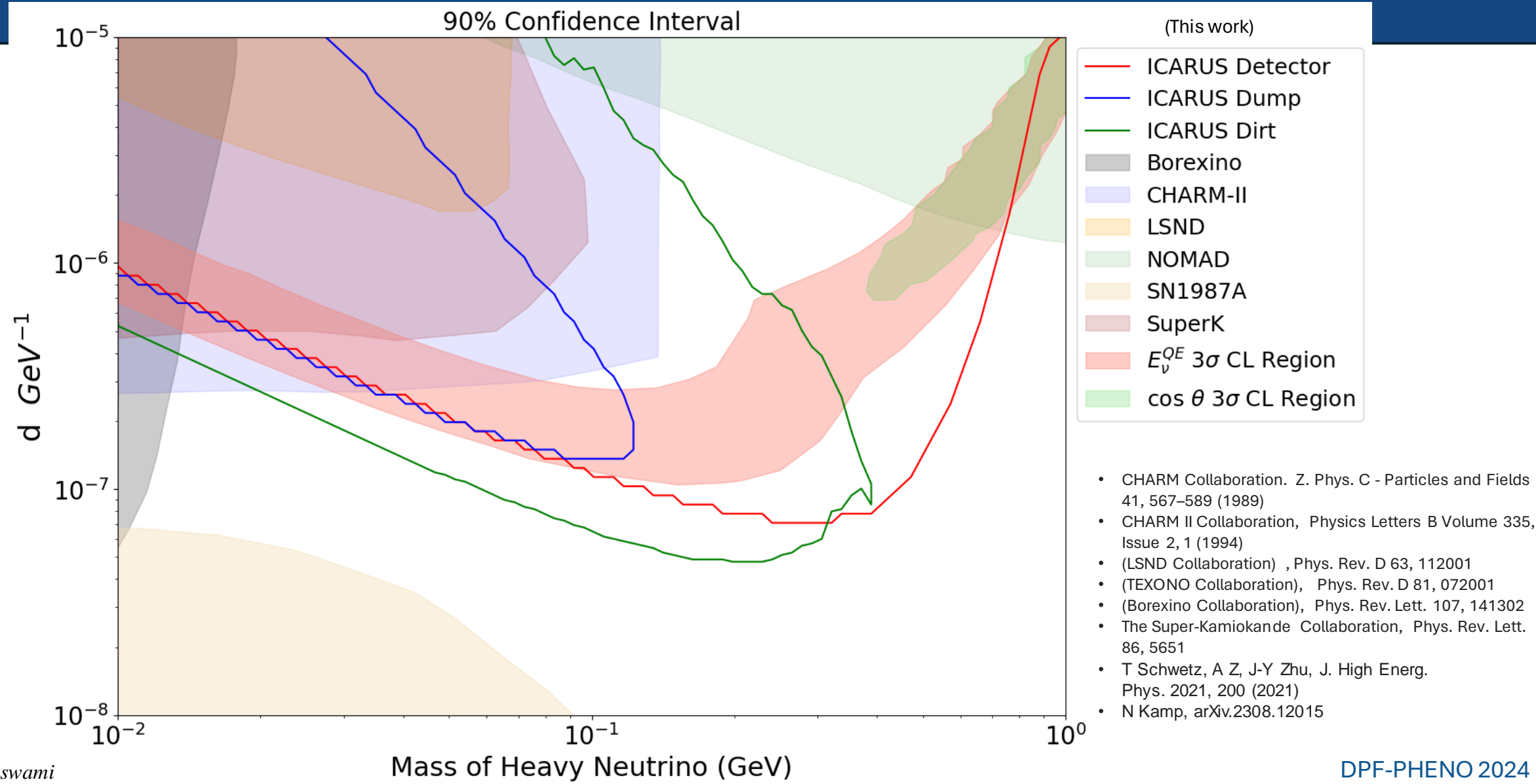


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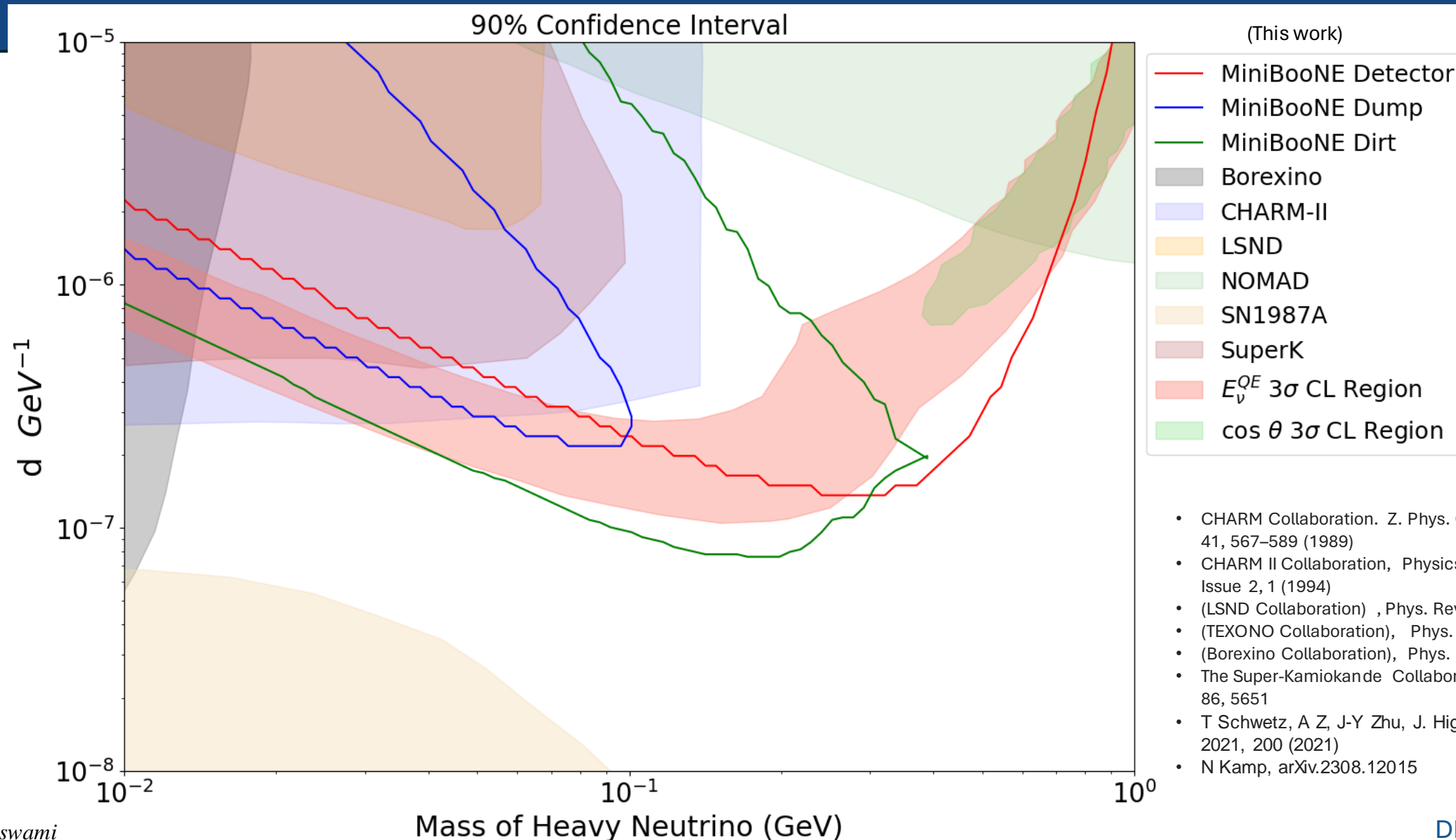


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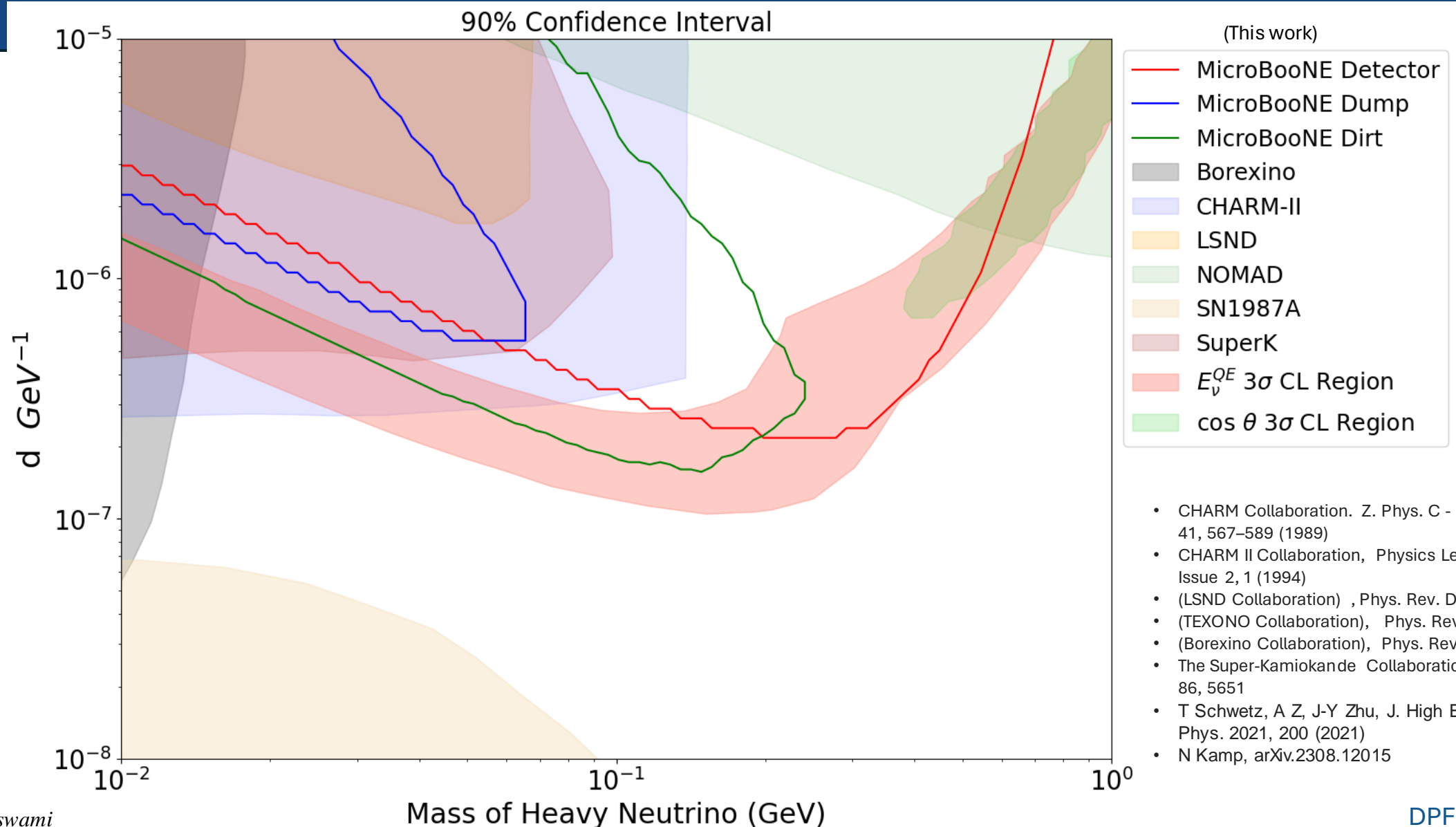


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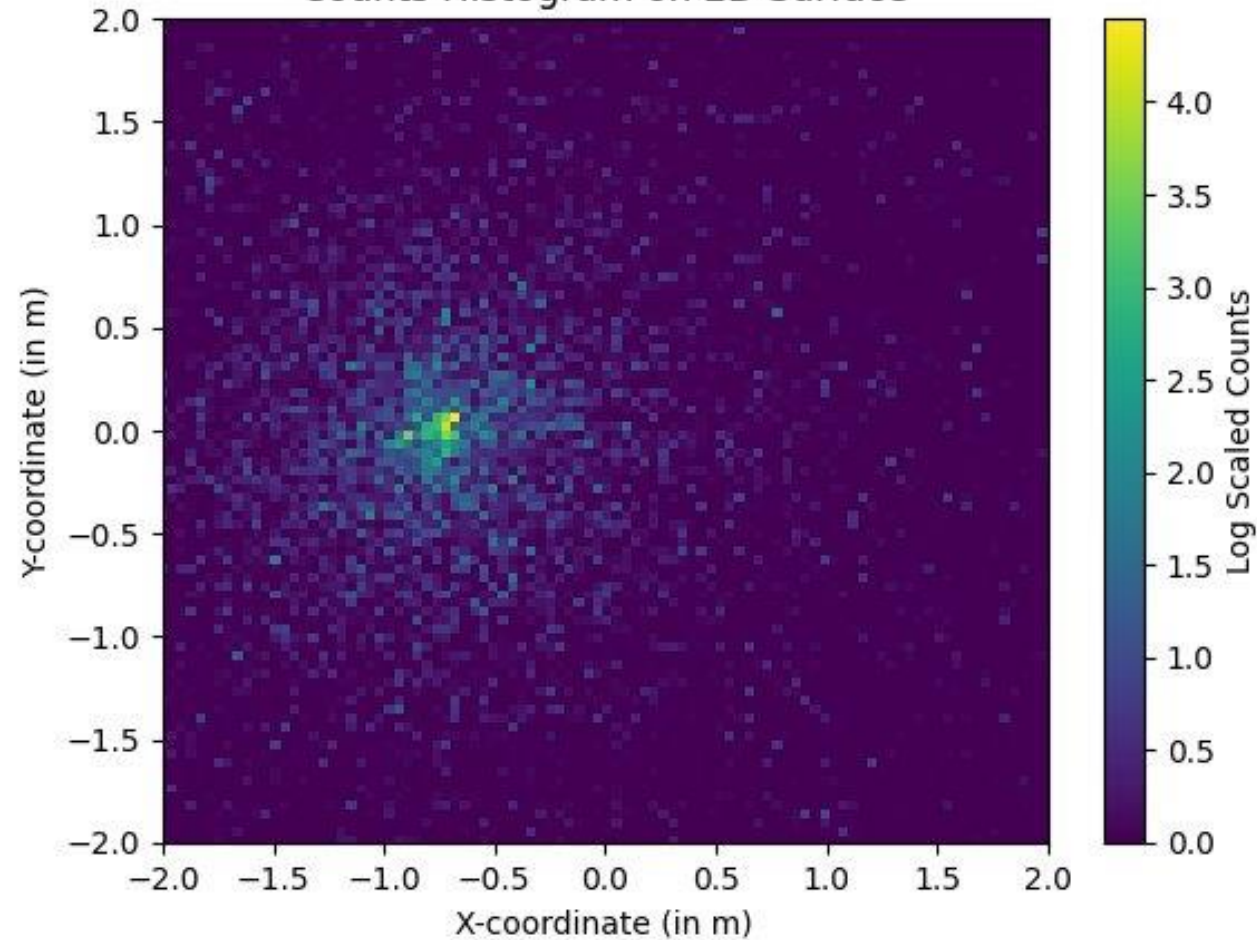


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SBND Detector vs Dump vs Dirt III

SBND Detector X-Y Distribution
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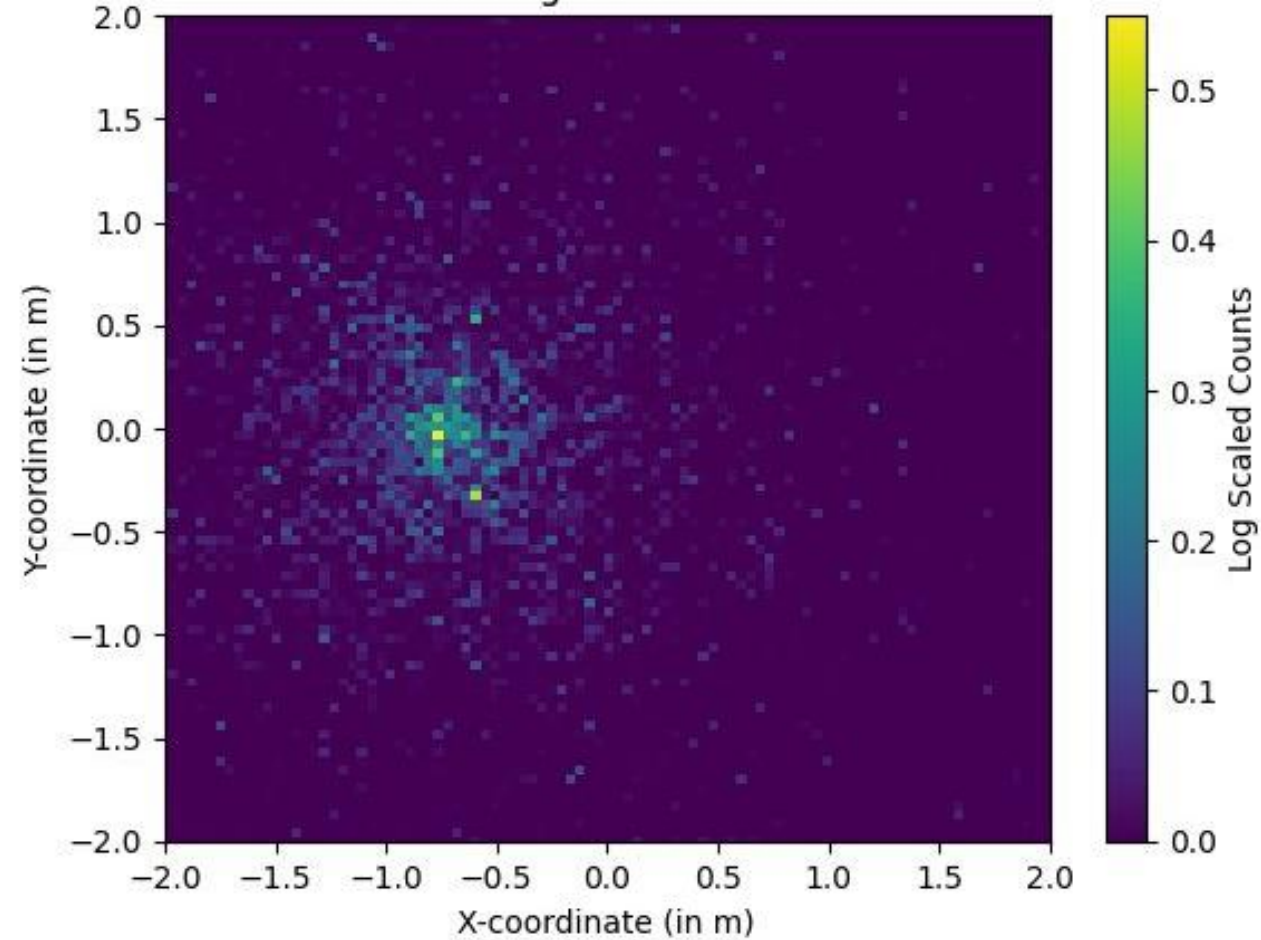
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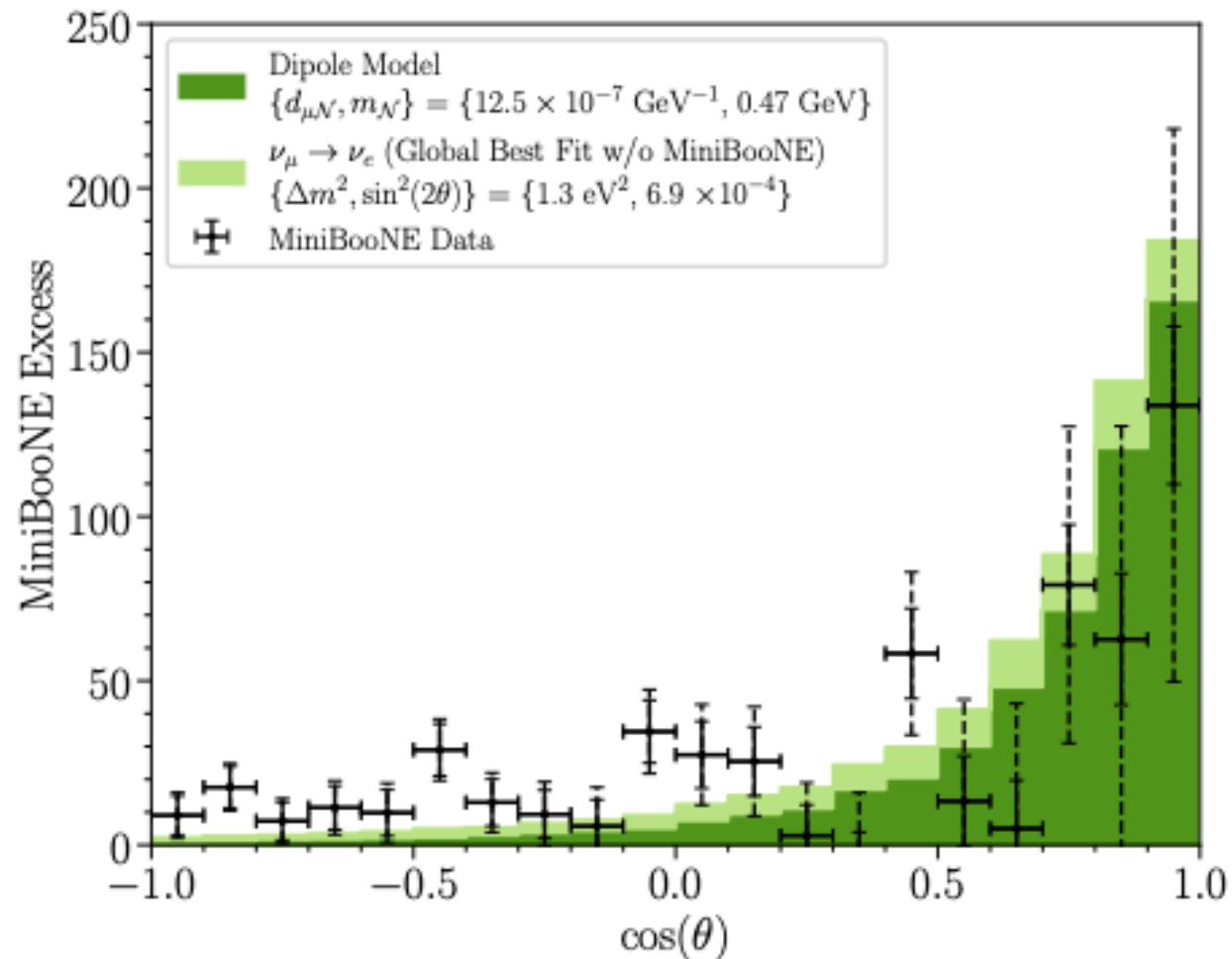
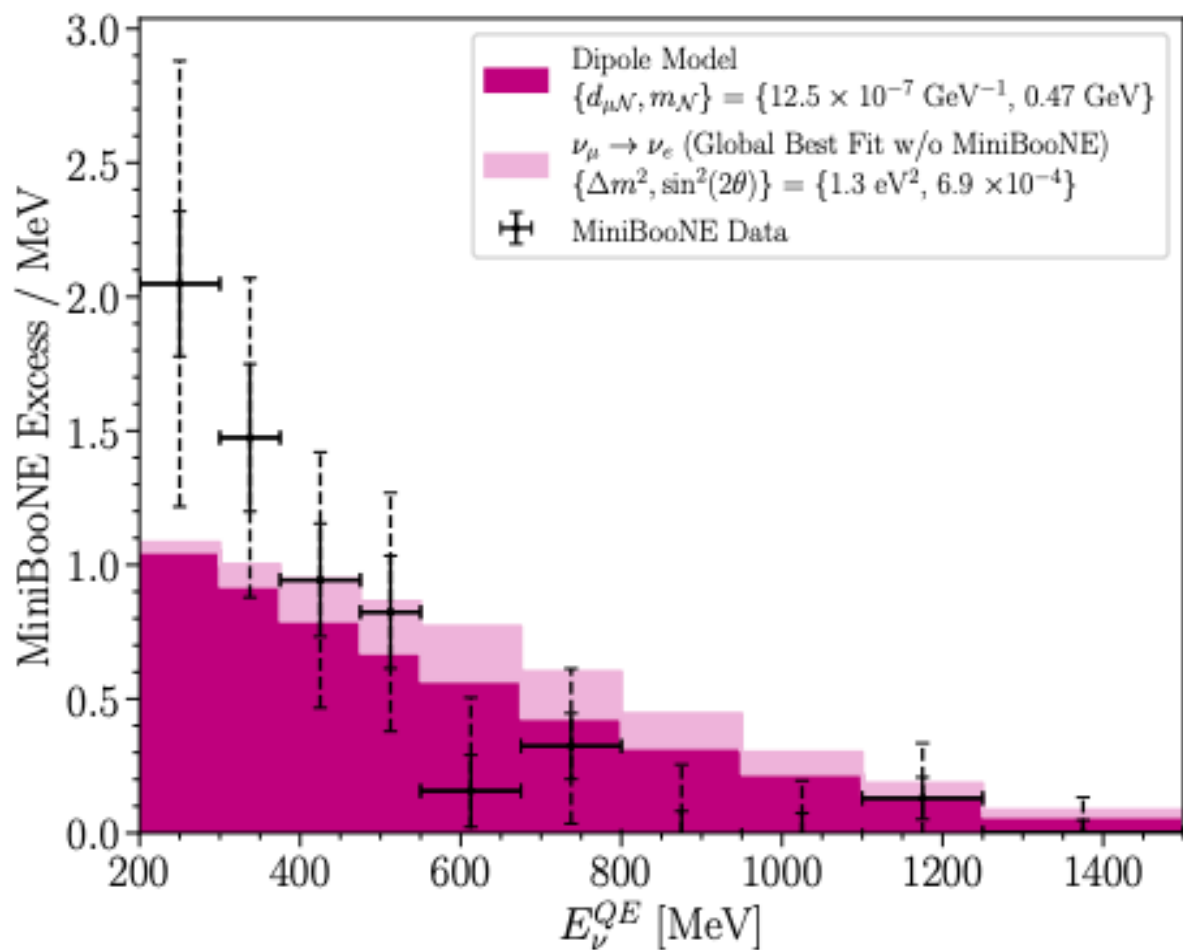
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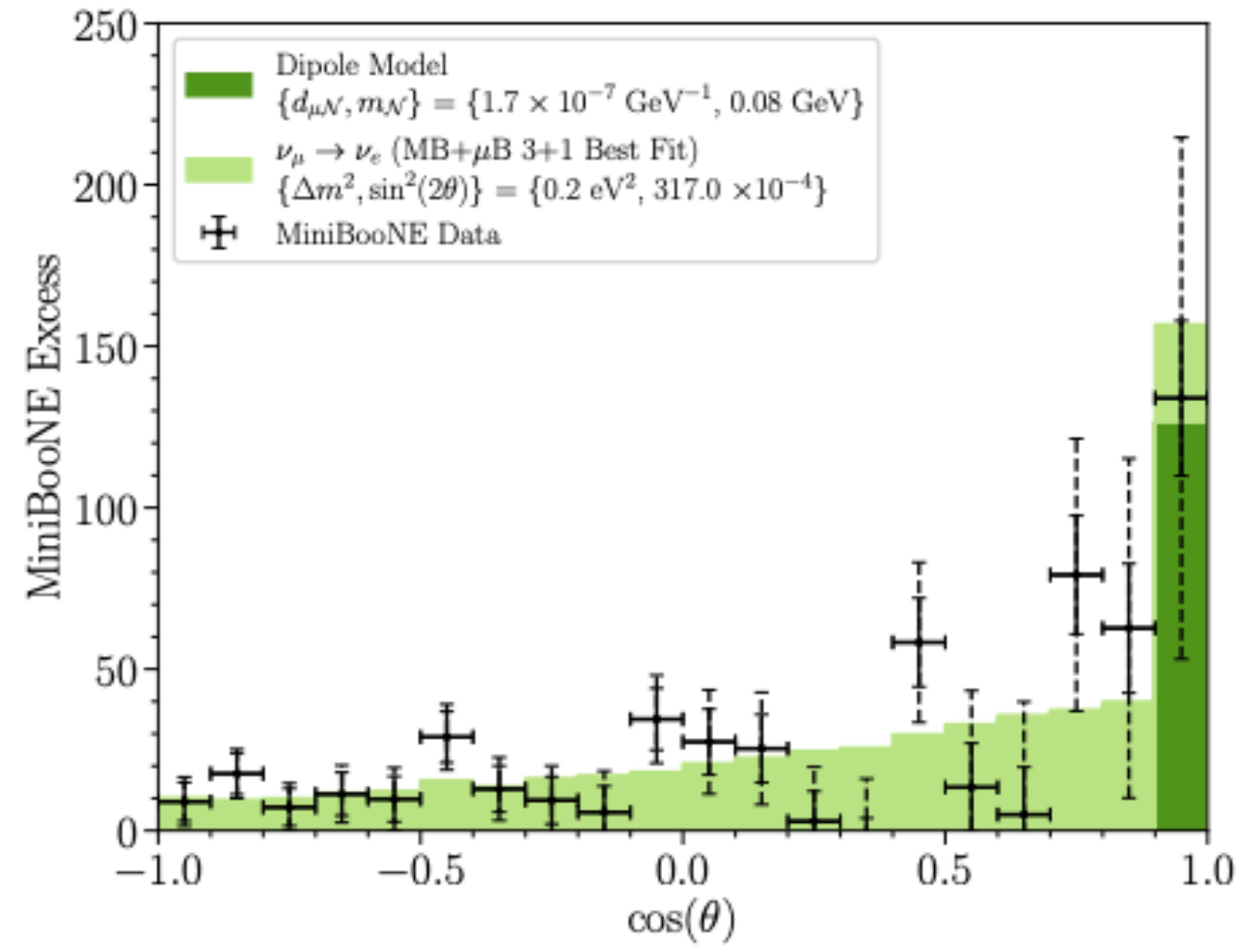
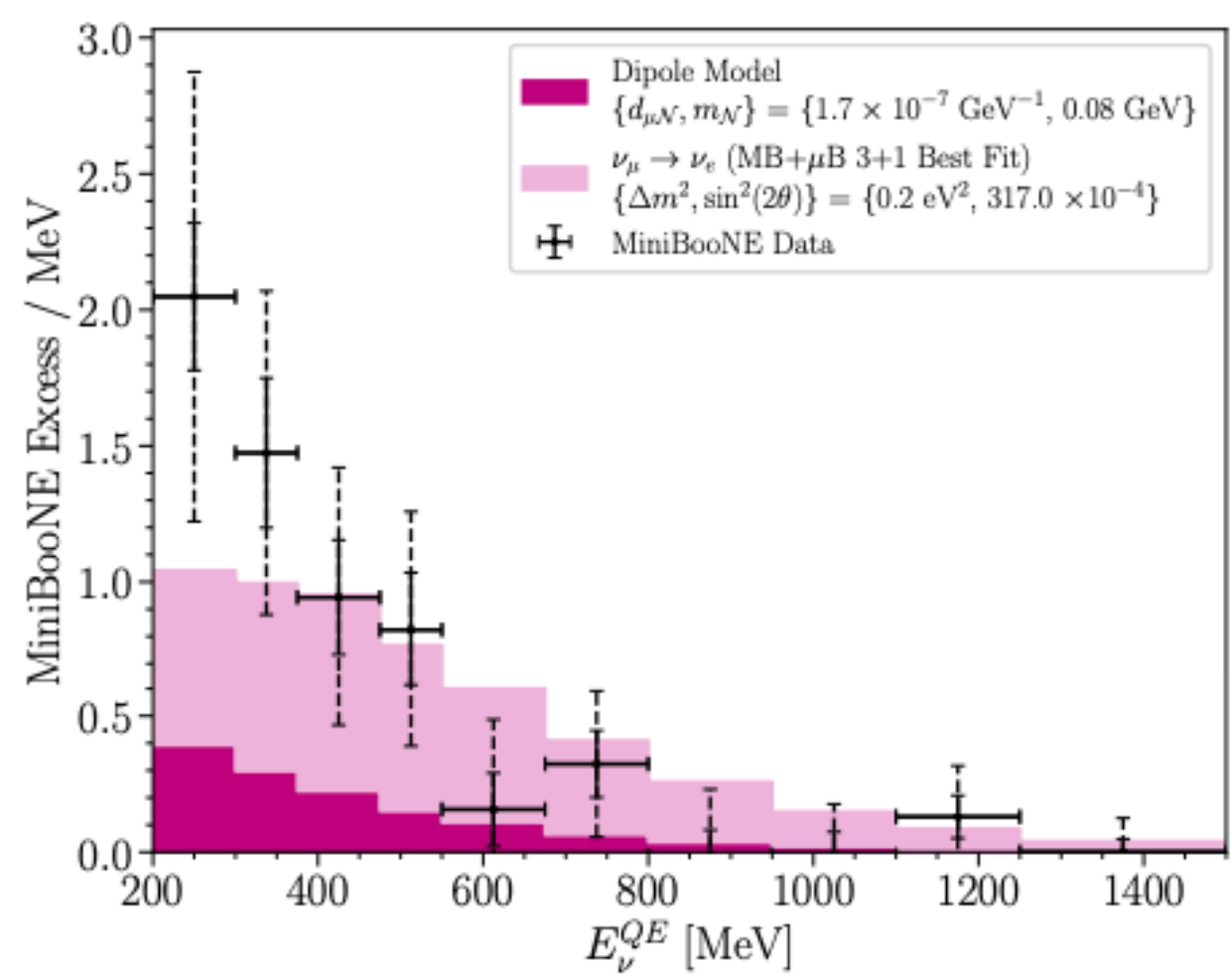


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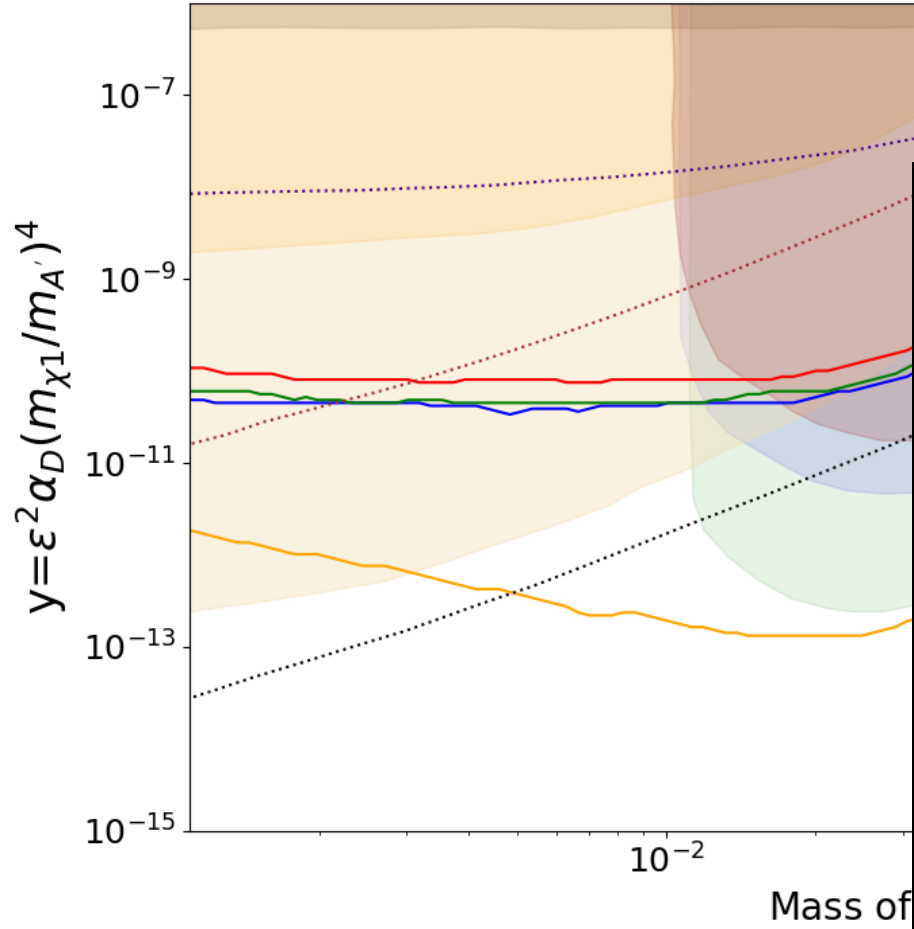
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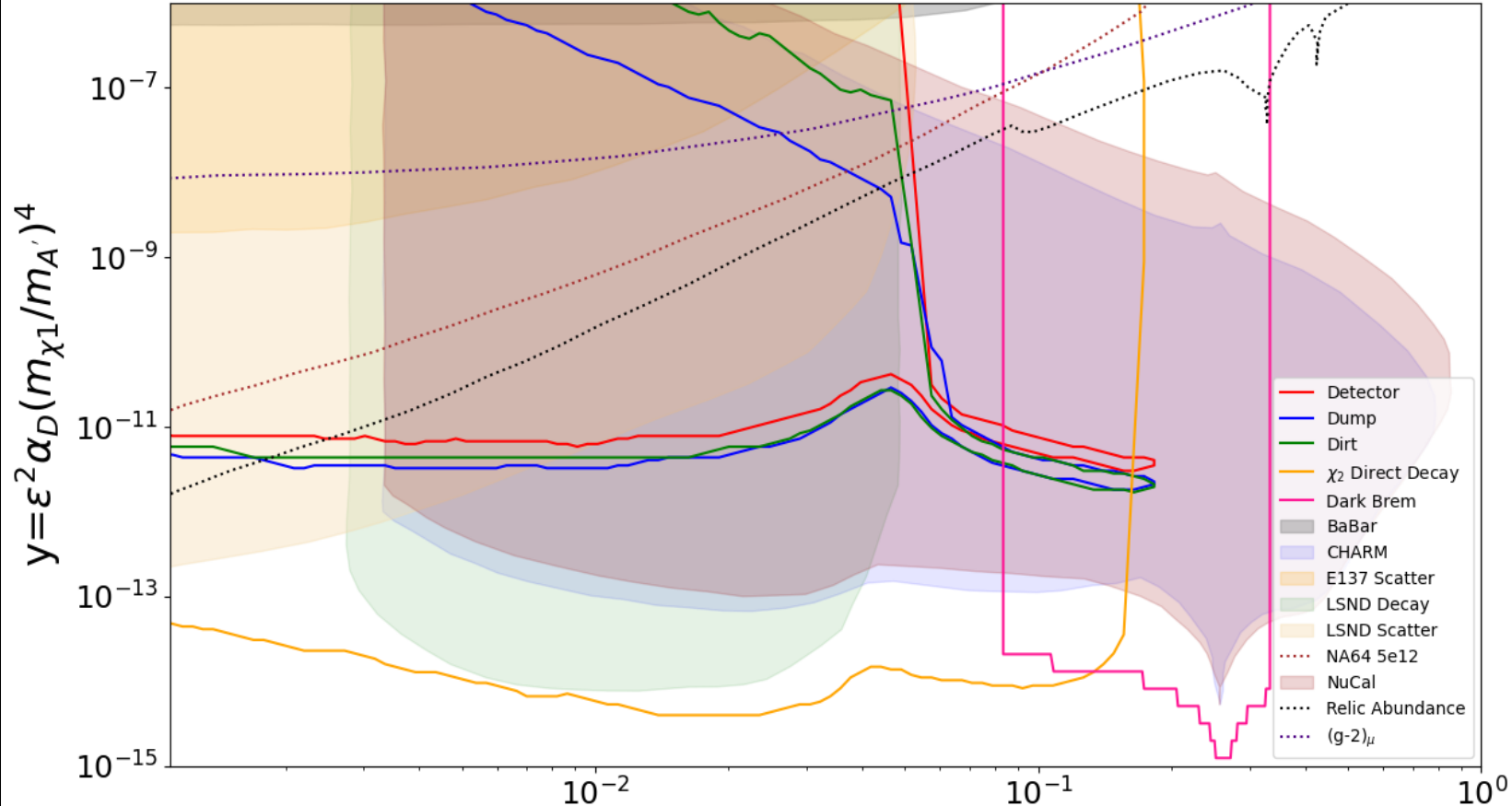
SBND Inelastic Dark Matter Sensitivity Plots

$m_{A'} = 3.0m_{\chi_1}$ MeV, $\alpha_D = 0.1$, $\Delta = 0.1m_{\chi_1}$ MeV



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$m_{A'} = 3.0m_{\chi_1}$ MeV, $\alpha_D = 0.1$, $\Delta = 0.4m_{\chi_1}$ MeV



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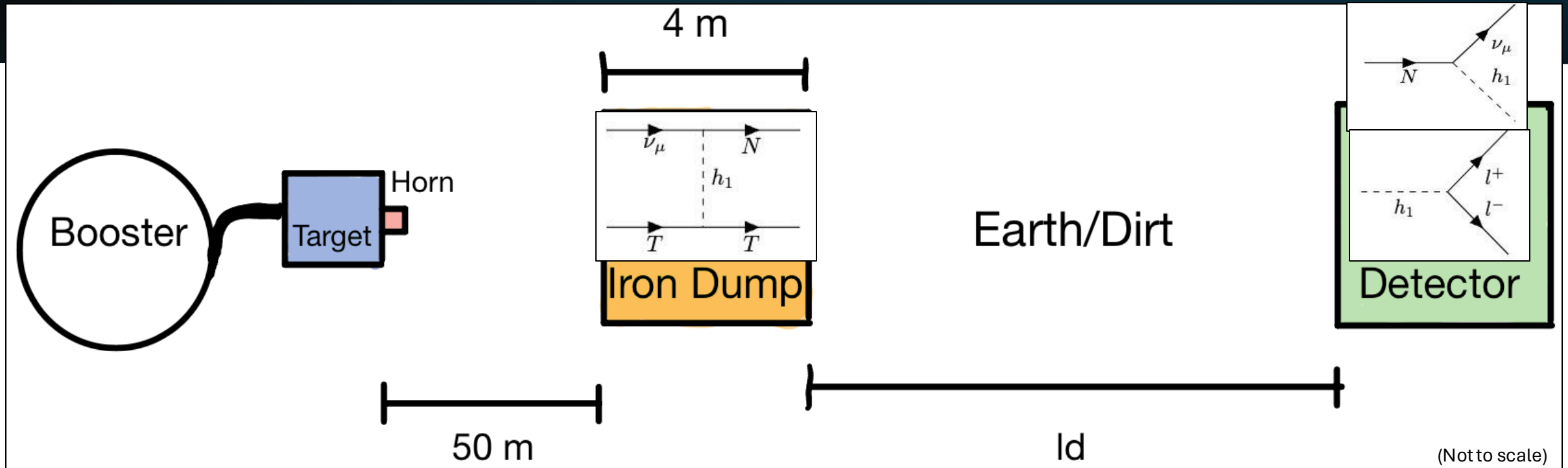
Mass of χ_1 (GeV)

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Model: Complex Scalar Extension of 2HDM

$$\mathcal{L} \supset d(\bar{\nu}_\mu N h_1) + y_{eh_1} \bar{f}_i f_j h_1 + h.c.$$



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