



# NTN Workshop on Neutrino Non-Standard Interactions



## NEW PHYSICS IN RARE NEUTRINO SCATTERING

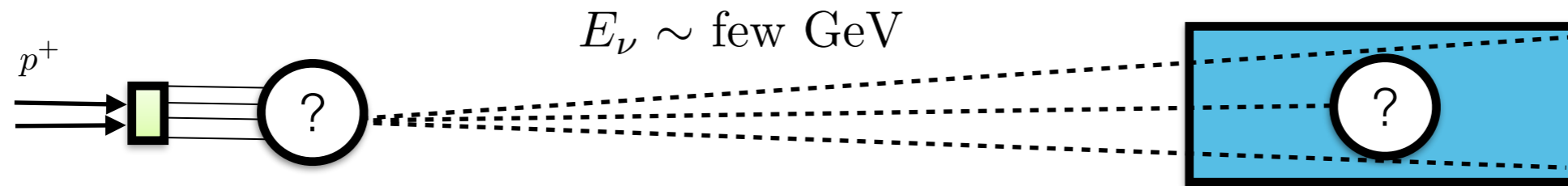
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P. Ballett, M.H., S. Pascoli, Y. F. Perez-Gonzalez, Z. Tabrizi and R. Z. Funchal  
arXiv:1807.10973 and arXiv:1902.08579



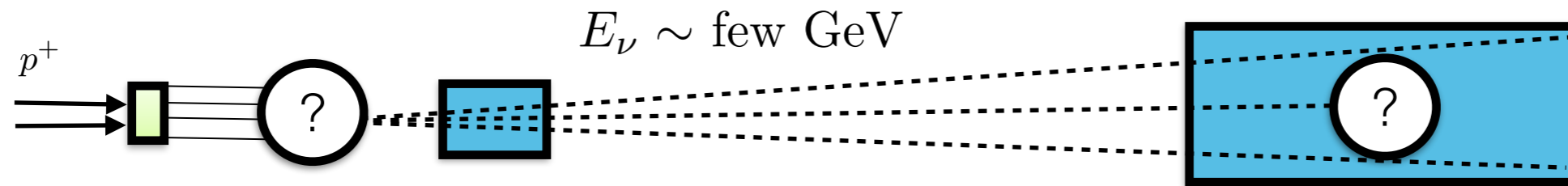
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Beating systematics for  
precision on oscillation



Near detectors  
Typically  $> 10^5$  interactions



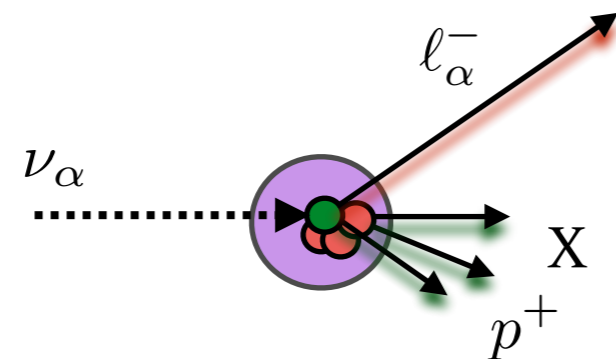
expect  $> 10^8$  total neutrino interactions in a 75t LAr near detector

**Neutrino scattering — weak force in isolation!**

# Neutrino-hadron interactions

## Neutrino-nucleus

- Large statistics (# of targets)
- CC and NC on event-by-event
- Nuclear effects

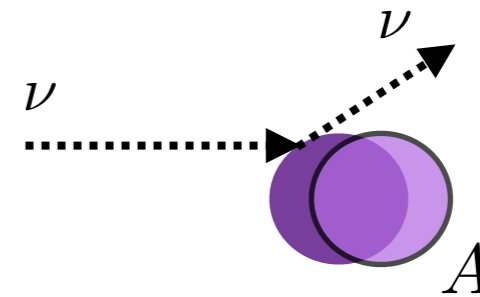


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Hard to model, but  
suitable for oscillation physics

## CEvNS

- Large cross section
- NC only
- Low energy recoil



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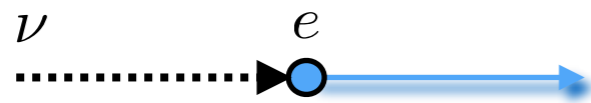
Great for light new physics or NSIs

See talks by X. Xu and B. Dutta.

# (Semi-)Leptonic neutrino interactions

## Neutrino-electron

- Low statistics
- NC or NC+CC
- Fundamental couplings only

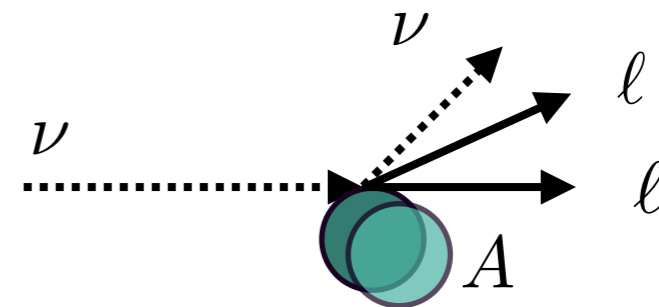


$$\sigma \sim 10^{-41} \text{ cm}^2$$

Clean and rare process  
(couplings to e-)

## Neutrino trident production

- Low statistics
- NC or NC+CC
- Well understood



$$\sigma \sim 10^{-44} \text{ cm}^2$$

Clean, very rare process with  
a rich **flavour structure**.

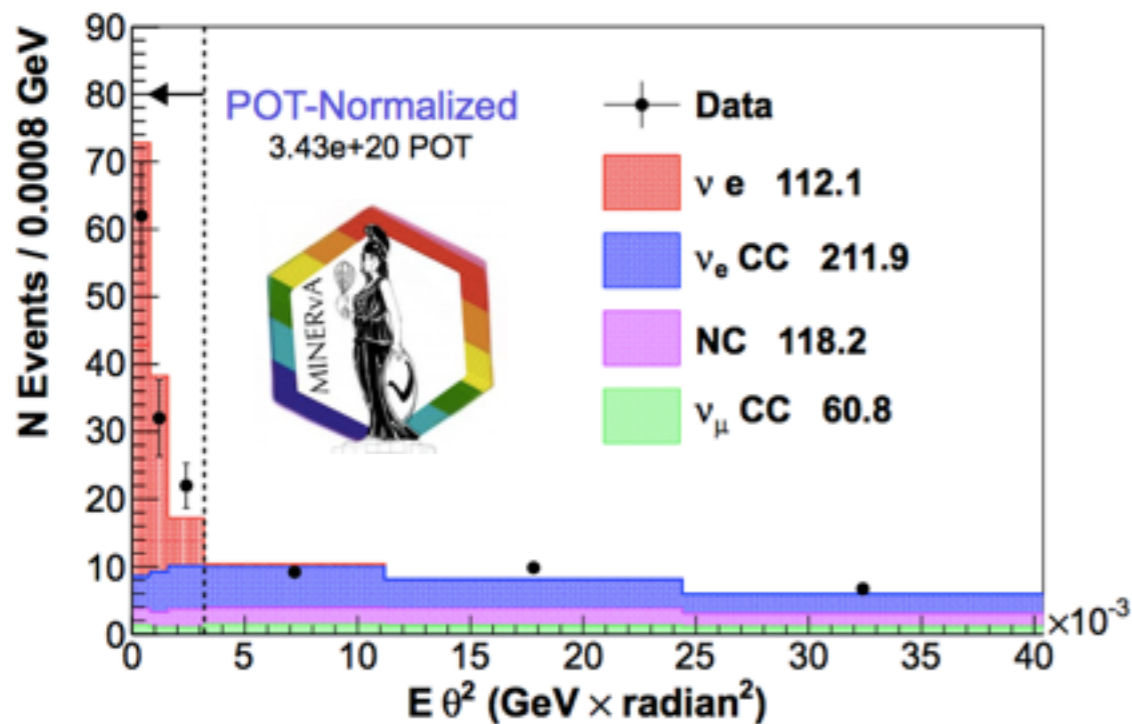
# Neutrino-electron scattering

Very simple cross section

$$\frac{d\sigma_{\nu_\alpha-e}}{dT_e} = \frac{2m_e G_F^2}{\pi} \left[ (C_\alpha^L)^2 + (C_\alpha^R)^2 \left(1 - \frac{T_e}{E_\nu}\right)^2 - C_\alpha^L C_\alpha^R m_e \frac{T_e}{E_\nu^2} \right]$$

Minerva LE measurement (see C. Argüelles talk)

$$T_{\text{th}} \leq T_e \leq \frac{2E_\nu^2}{m_e + 2E_\nu}$$



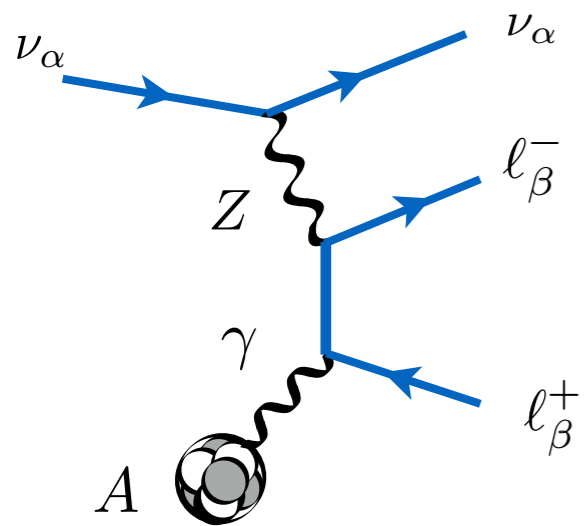
Used to normalise the neutrino flux

Reduces flux uncertainty from 9% to 6% at LE NuMI

$$\frac{S}{B} \sim \frac{127}{30} \quad \text{— expect DUNE ND to do better.}$$

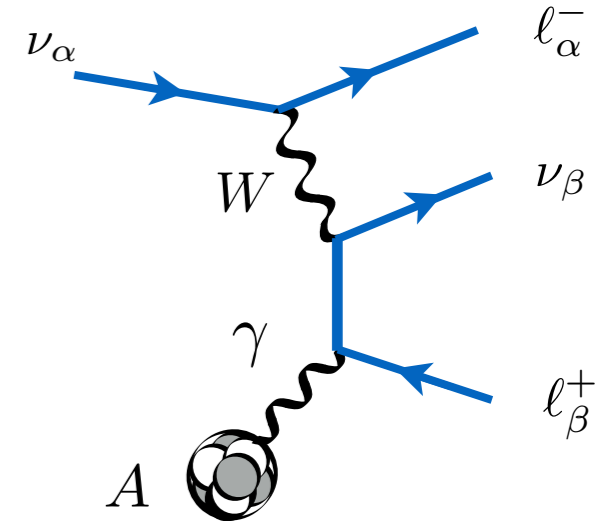
$$E\theta^2 < 2m_e$$

# Neutrino trident production



**Neutrino trident production/scattering:**

Neutrino charged lepton production in the Coulomb field of a nucleus.



**Very crude** approximation for the total cross section:

$$\sigma_{\Psi} \approx (g_V^2 + g_A^2) \frac{Z^2 \alpha^2 G_F^2}{9\pi^3} \log \left( \frac{2E_{\nu} \Lambda_{\text{QCD}}}{4m_{\ell}^2 A^{1/3}} \right) \frac{2E_{\nu} \Lambda_{\text{QCD}}}{A^{1/3}}$$

Channel	SM Contributions	$g_V$	$g_A$
$\nu_{\mu} \rightarrow \nu_{\mu} \mu^+ \mu^-$	CC, NC	$1/2 + 2s_w^2$	$1/2$
$\nu_{\mu} \rightarrow \nu_{\mu} e^+ e^-$	NC	$-1/2 + 2s_w^2$	$-1/2$
$\nu_{\mu} \rightarrow \nu_e e^+ \mu^-$	CC	1	1

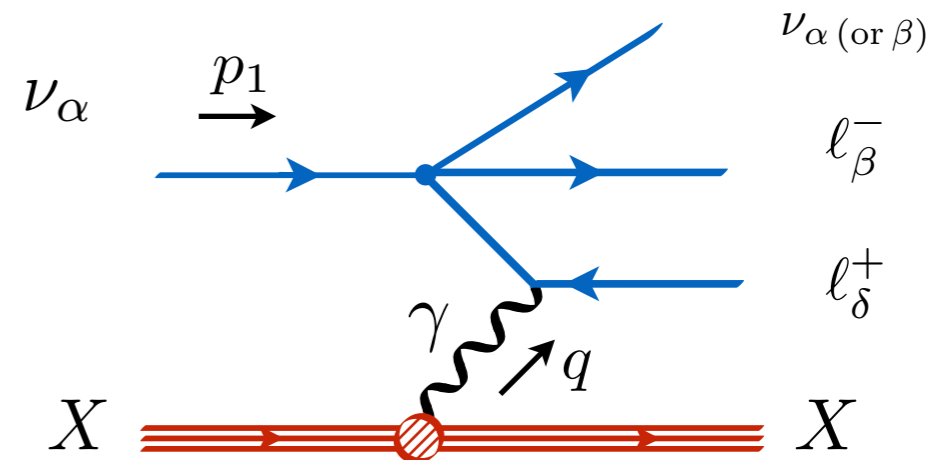
$$\frac{(g_V^2 + g_A^2)_{\text{CC+NC}}}{(g_V^2 + g_A^2)_{\text{CC}}} \approx 0.60 \longrightarrow \text{NC+CC destructive interference.}$$

# Low energy cross sections

Process in coherent, incoherent or DIS limit:

$$\frac{d^2\sigma_{\nu X}}{dQ^2 d\hat{s}} = \frac{1}{32\pi^2 (s - M_X^2)^2} \frac{H_X^{\mu\nu} L_{\mu\nu}}{Q^4}$$

where  $\hat{s} = 2(p_1 \cdot q)$  and  $Q^2 = \sqrt{-q^2}$ .



Universal leptonic T and L cross sections.

$$\frac{d^2\sigma_{\nu X}}{dQ^2 d\hat{s}} = \frac{1}{32\pi^2} \frac{1}{\hat{s} Q^2} \left[ h_X^T(Q^2, \hat{s}) \sigma_{\nu\gamma}^T(Q^2, \hat{s}) + h_X^L(Q^2, \hat{s}) \sigma_{\nu\gamma}^L(Q^2, \hat{s}) \right]$$

T and L photon flux function (**target** and **regime** dependent)

P. Ballett et al, JHEP 1901 (2019) 119.

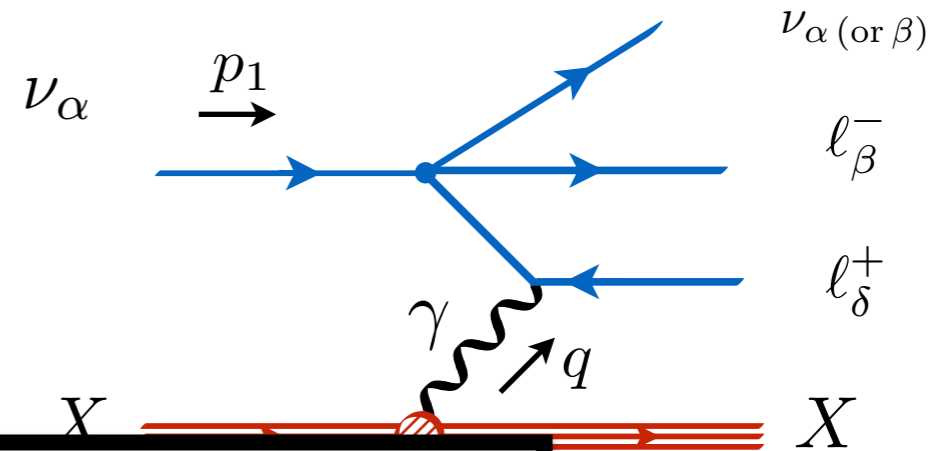
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where  $\hat{s} = 2(p_1 \cdot q)$  and  $Q^2 = -q^2$

$$\frac{d^2\sigma_{\nu X}}{dQ^2 d\hat{s}} =$$

**Well understood process.**

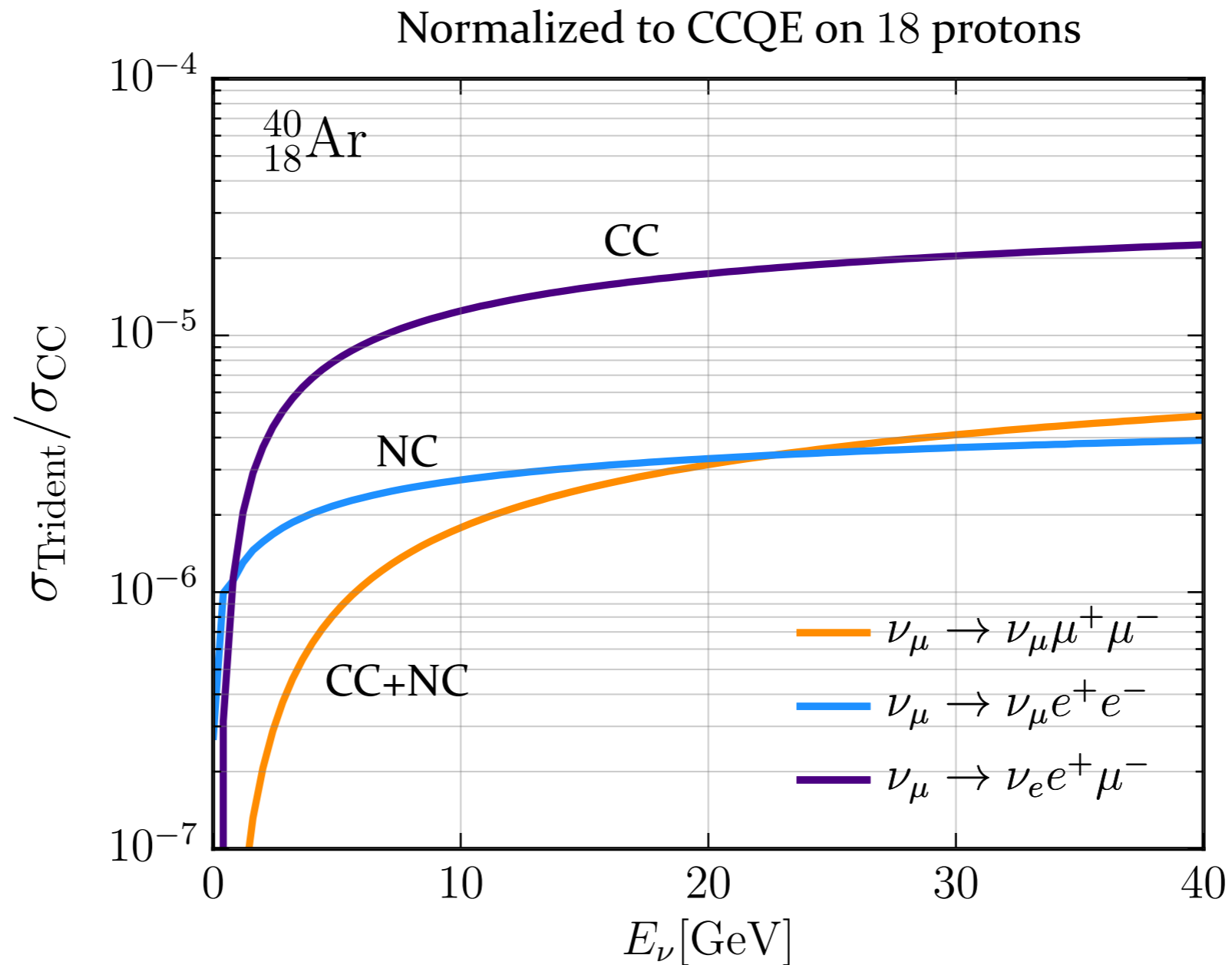
Electromagnetic nuclear form factors  
+  
fundamental neutrino-lepton scattering

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# Cross sections



Need  $> 10^6$  CCQE events to join the game at LE.

Production of taus is very small... not visible in the plot. Large Q + three propagator suppression.

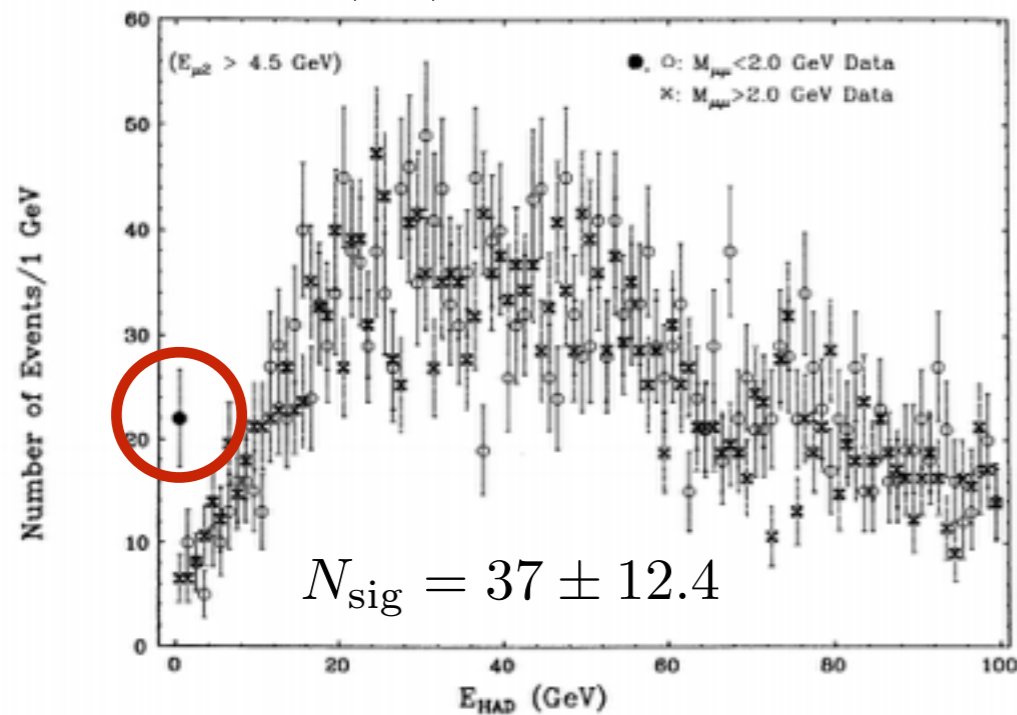
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Dimuon tridents in muon neutrino beam

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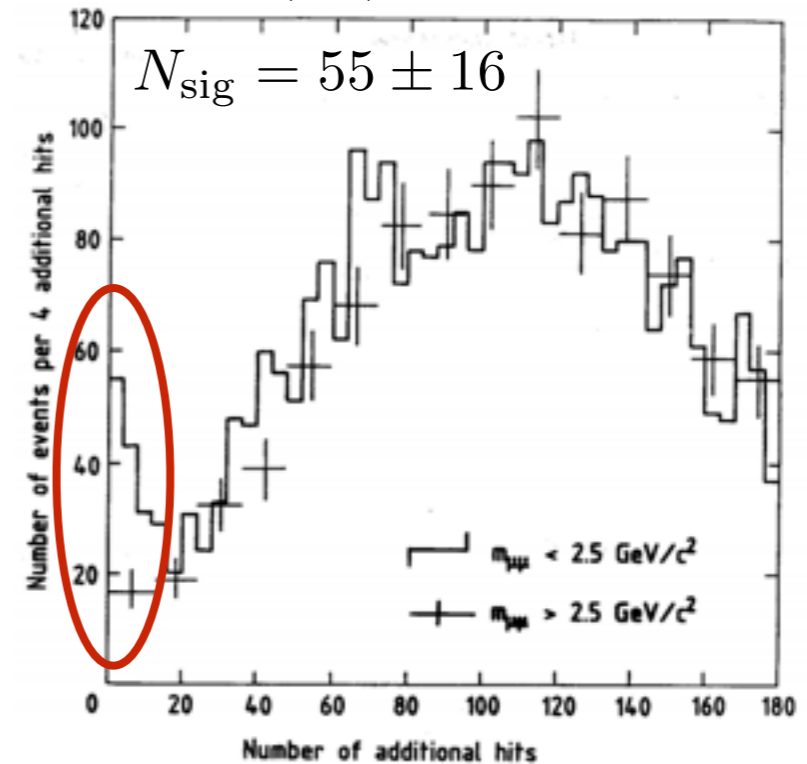
$$\frac{\sigma_{\text{CCFR}}}{\sigma_{\text{SM}}} = 0.82 \pm 0.28$$

Phys. Rev. Lett. 66, 3117 (1991).

## CHARM-II

WANF beam (CERN)

$\langle E_\nu \rangle = 25$  GeV



$$\frac{\sigma_{\text{CHARM-II}}}{\sigma_{\text{SM}}} = 1.58 \pm 0.57$$

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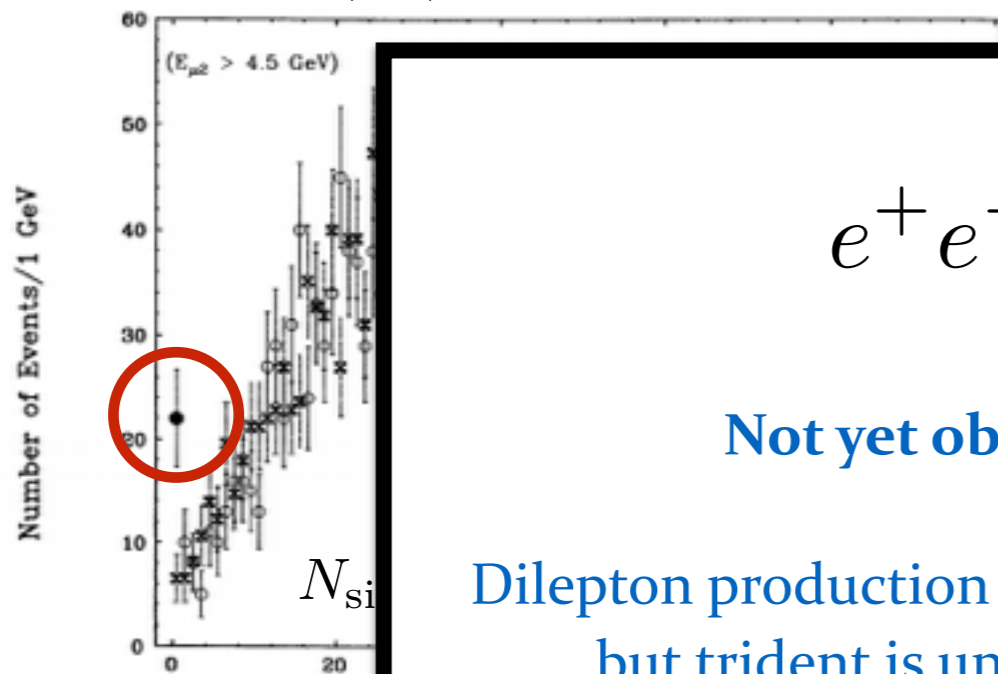
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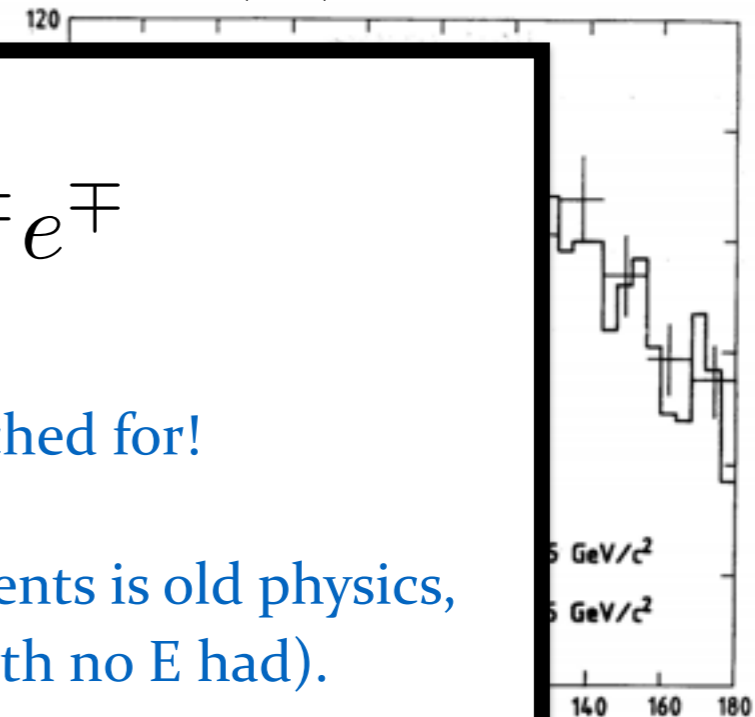
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$$e^+e^-$$

$$\mu^\pm e^\mp$$

**Not yet observed or even searched for!**

Dilepton production in neutrino experiments is old physics,  
but trident is unique (clean signal with no E had).

See G. Magill and R. Plestid, arXiv:1612.05642

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# Why is it hard?

Dilepton production is rare, usually alongside heavy resonances and E had, but...

PID	{	$\mu^\pm / \pi^\pm$	$\frac{\mu^+ \mu^-}{\phantom{\mu^+ \mu^-}}$	CC1 $\pi^\pm$ misID $\pi^\pm$ .
		$e^\pm / \gamma$	$\frac{e^+ e^-}{\phantom{e^+ e^-}}$	NC1 $\pi^0$ and $\nu_e$ CC $\pi^0$
Even if misID is few %, there are just too many, we have to rely on kinematics.			$\frac{e^+ \mu^-}{\phantom{e^+ \mu^-}}$	CC1 $\pi^0$ with misID $\gamma$ .

See [P. Ballett et al, JHEP1901\(2019\)119](#) for preliminary analysis in LAr for all channels  
[W. Altmannshoffer et al, arXiv:1902.06765](#) for more sophisticated dimuon projection in DUNE.

# Multi-pronged approach

- Prong I: State-of-the-art Ar detectors:
  - LAr (~75t fiducial target mass), non-magnetized
    - Pixelated (raw 3D data)
    - Optically segmented
      - Neutron tagging
  - Multi-purpose Detector (MPD)
    - High-Pressure (10ATM) gas TPC (HPgTPC) (1t fiducial target mass)
    - In ~0.5T field (magnetic spectrometer)
    - Surrounded by high-performance ECAL and muon tagger
- Prong II: DUNE-PRISM
  - Move LAr and possible MPD off axis
- Prong III: 3 dimensional scintillator (CH) tracker (3DST) (4t)
  - Interactions on protons and carbon
  - Magnetized
  - With external tracking and ECAL

DUNE ND strategy

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12/3/2018  
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# Event rates at the DUNE ND

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Assume Prong I

**75t LAr**

+

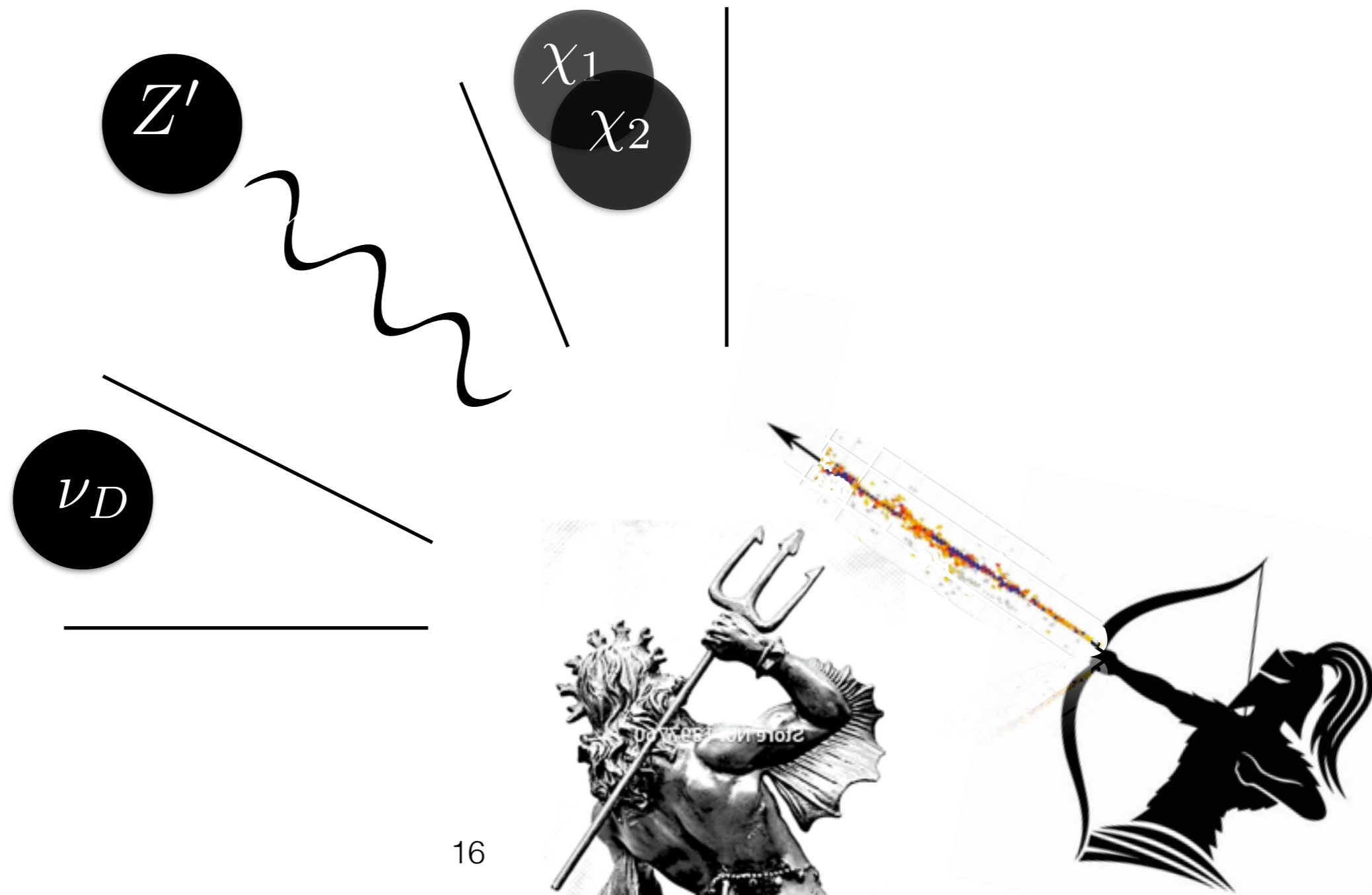
**Magnetized HPgTPC**

Design	Mode	$\mu^+\mu^-$ trident	$e^+e^-$ trident	$\nu - e$ scattering	POTs/year
120 GeV $p^+$	$\nu$	47.6	110	8930	$1.1 \times 10^{21}$
	$\bar{\nu}$	40.7	97.6	6450	$1.1 \times 10^{21}$
$\nu_\tau$ app optm	$\nu$	210	321	24900	$1.1 \times 10^{21}$
	$\bar{\nu}$	156	243	14700	$1.1 \times 10^{21}$

Higher energy neutrinos!

SM event rate /year/75t

# Smiting New Physics





# Leptophilic $Z'$

$$B, \quad L_e, \quad L_\mu, \quad L_\tau$$

Accident tree-level symmetries of the SM  
(  $L_\alpha$ , approx symmetry with massive neutrinos)

Without extra particle content,  
 $L_\alpha - L_\beta, (\alpha \neq \beta)$   
is anomaly-free in the SM.

Promote it to an abelian gauge symmetry

$$SU(3)_c \times SU(2)_L \times U(1)_Y \times U(1)_{L_\alpha - L_\beta}$$

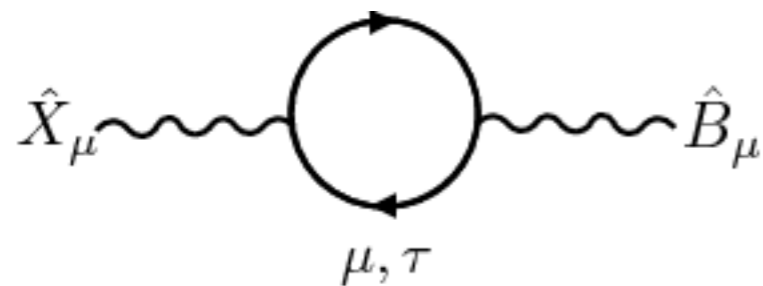
For updated bounds see M. Bauer et al, arXiv:1803.05466

# Kinetic mixing

Kinetic mixing term allowed by the symmetries

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{mix}} = -\frac{\varepsilon}{2} F_{\kappa\rho} F'^{\kappa\rho}$$

We assume this term is **not present at tree level**, but...always generate it, even if at 1-loop:



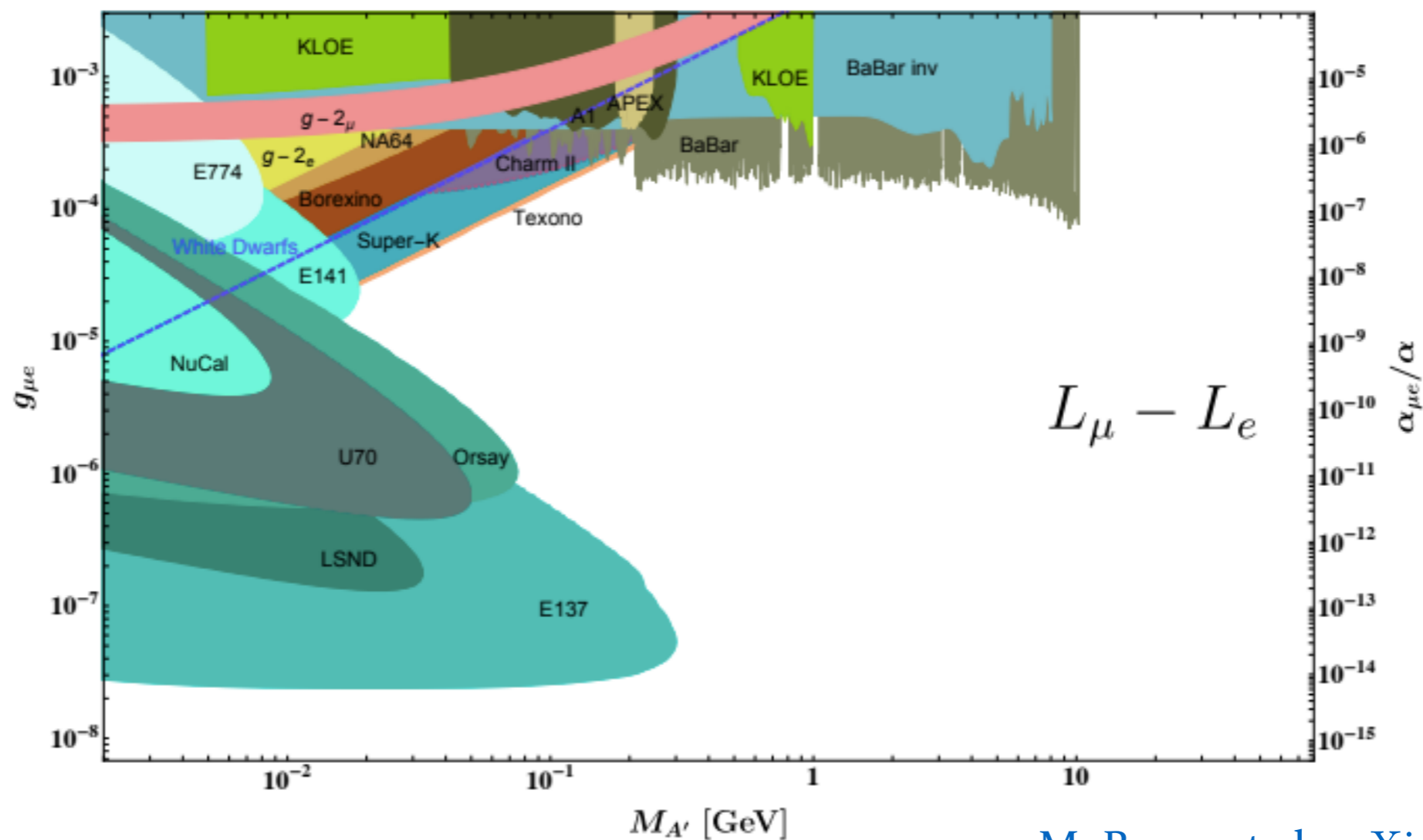
$$\varepsilon(q^2) = -\frac{3eg'}{4\pi^2} \int_0^1 dx x(1-x) \ln \frac{m_\tau^2 - x(1-x)q^2}{m_\mu^2 - x(1-x)q^2}$$

“Pessimistic” scenario to probe these models — coupling to hypercharged particles at 1-loop.

# $L_e - L_\mu$ model

$$\text{SM} \times U(1)_{L_e - L_\mu}$$

Admittedly not so motivated, but good benchmark model for NSI on electrons  
(see also long-range matter potentials for neutrinos)



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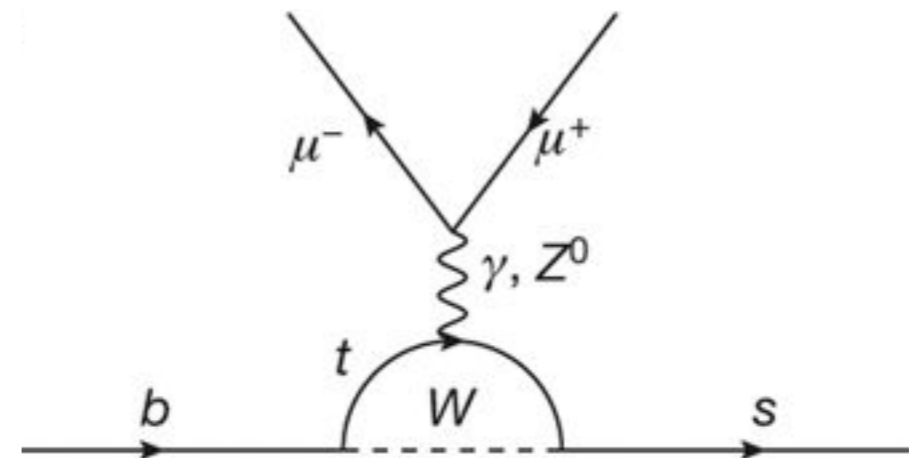
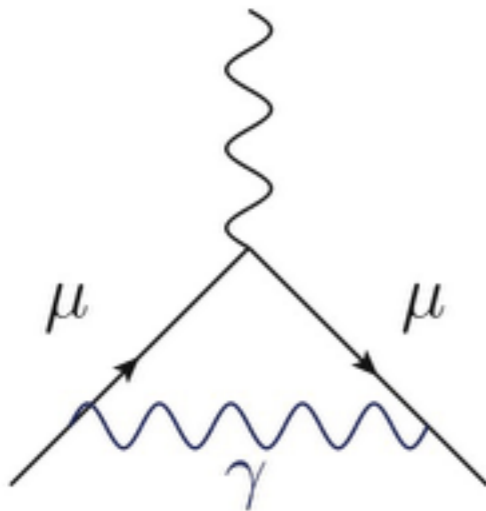
The model that revived the interest in dimuon tridents

[W. Altmannshoffer et al, PRL113\(2014\)091801](#)

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{int}} \supset g' Z'_\alpha (\bar{L}_\mu \gamma^\alpha L_\mu - \bar{L}_\tau \gamma^\alpha L_\tau + \bar{\mu}_R \gamma^\alpha \mu_R - \bar{\tau}_R \gamma^\alpha \tau_R)$$

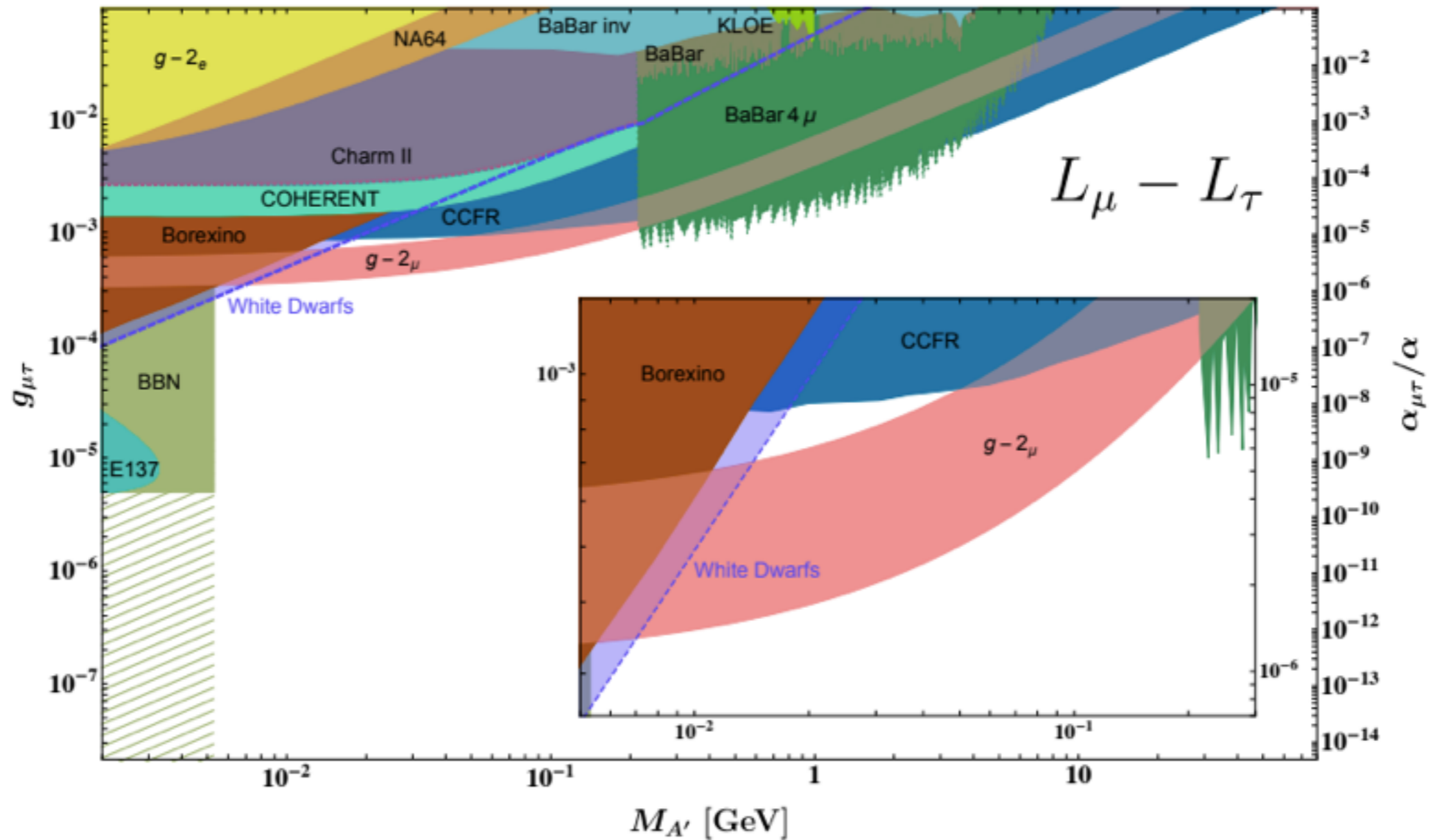
Minimal **anomaly-free** extension that:

- can explain the muon (g-2) discrepancy.
- contains lepton non-universality (can be related to **b** anomalies)
- compatible with neutrino oscillation data!



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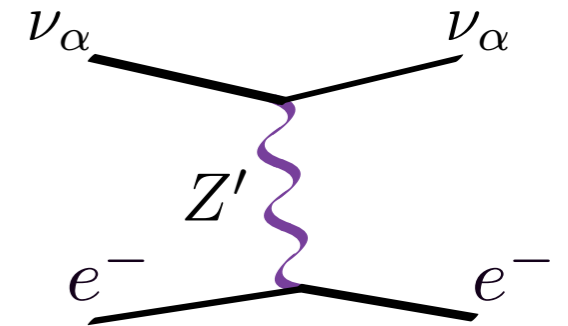


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# BSM neutrino-electron scattering

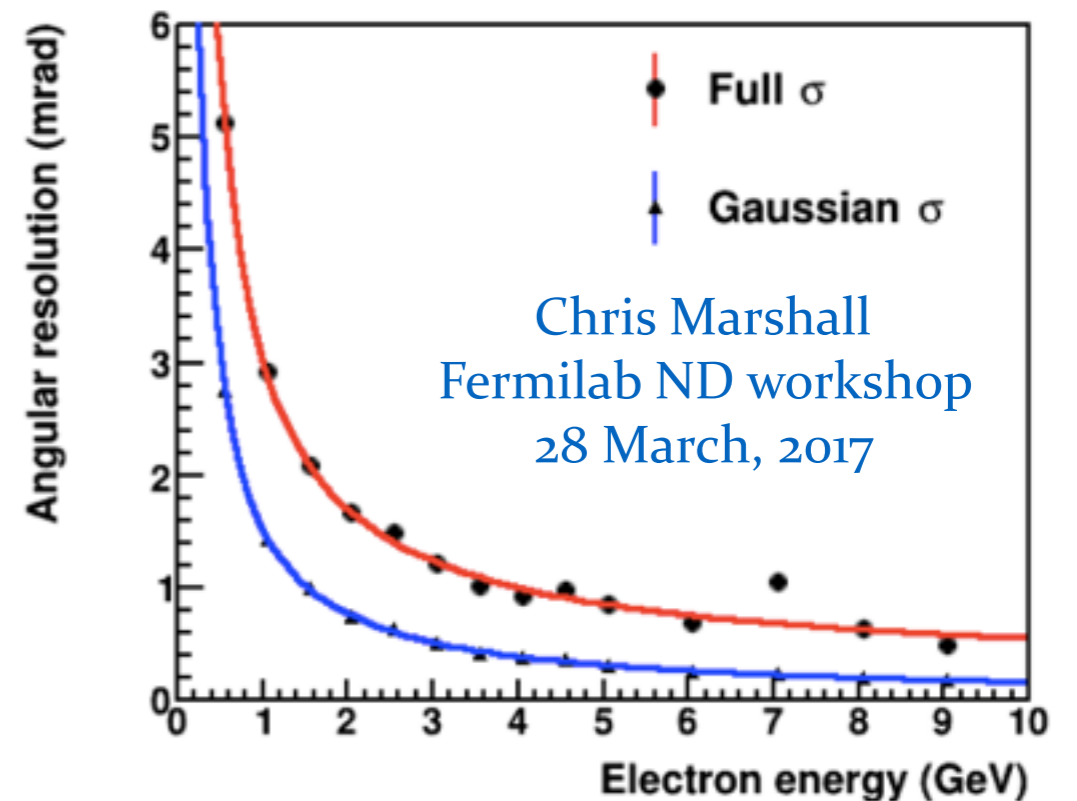
Interference term is always positive (constructive) for  $\nu_\mu$ , and negative (destructive) for  $\bar{\nu}_\mu$ .

$$\frac{d\sigma_{\nu_\alpha-e}}{dT_e} = \frac{2m_e G_F^2}{\pi} \left[ (C_\alpha^L)^2 + (C_\alpha^R)^2 \left(1 - \frac{T_e}{E_\nu}\right)^2 - C_\alpha^L C_\alpha^R m_e \frac{T_e}{E_\nu^2} \right]$$



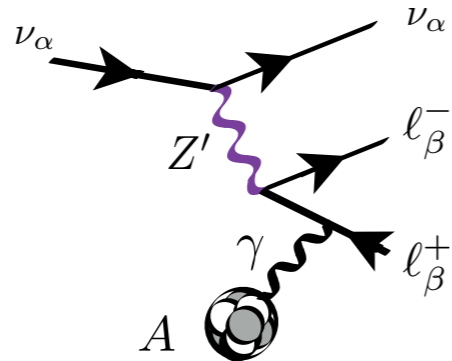
$$C_\alpha^V = C_{\text{SM}}^V + \frac{Q_e^V Q_\alpha^L}{2\sqrt{2}G_F} \frac{(g')^2}{M_{Z'}^2 + 2m_e T_e}$$

Realistic thresholds of 600 MeV  
in order to reject backgrounds with  
 $E \theta^2$  cut



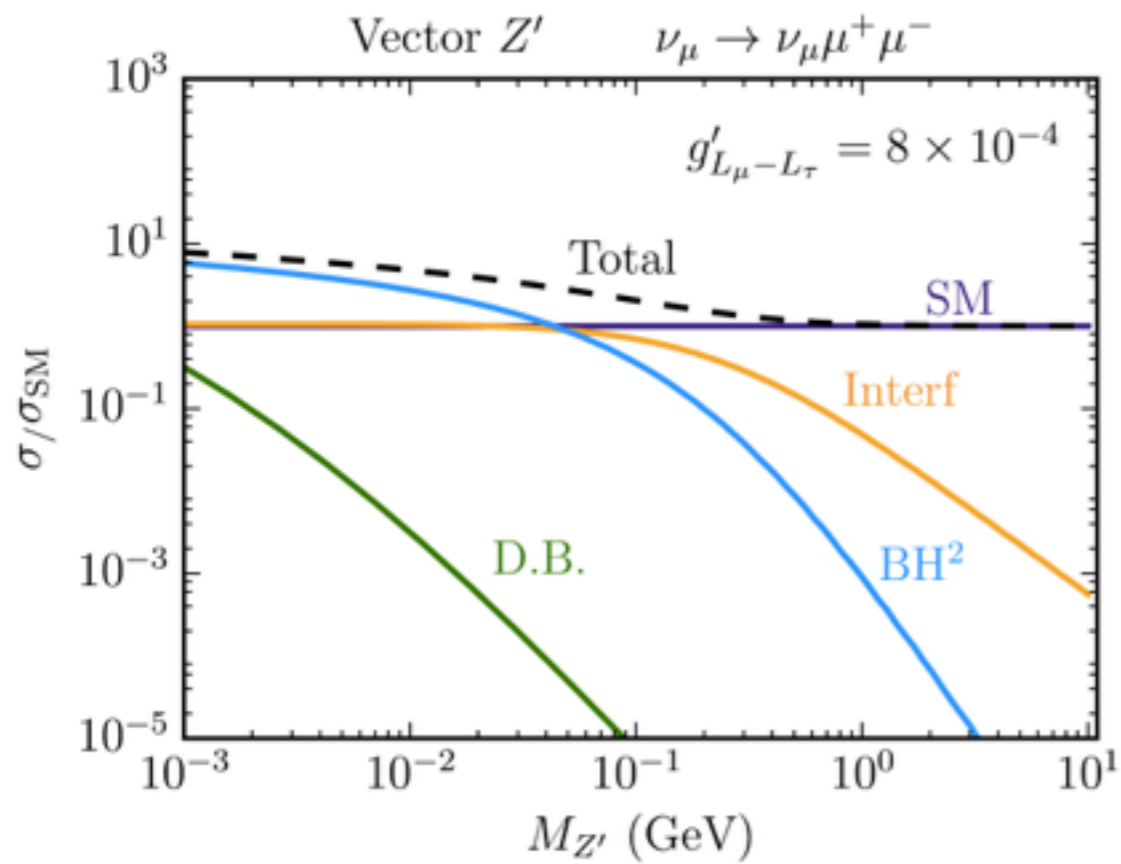
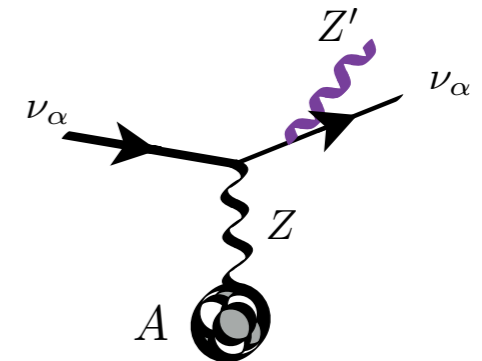
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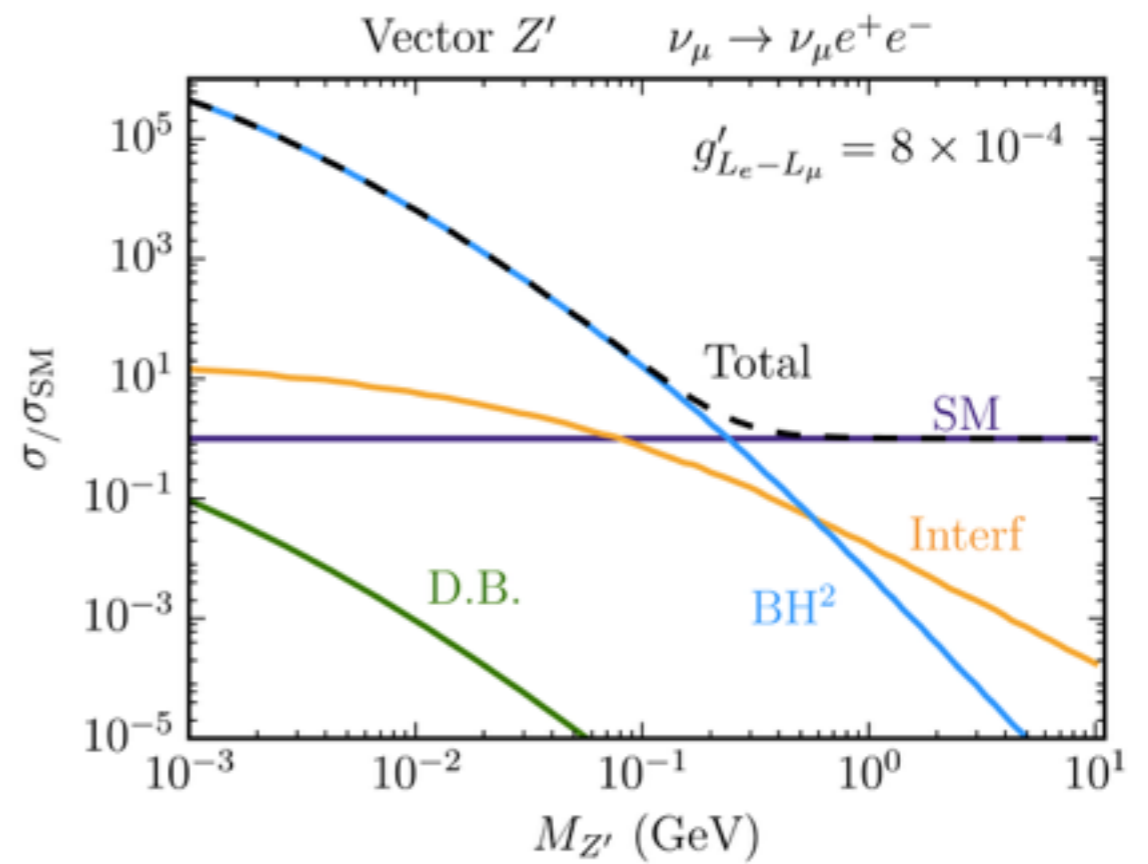


Dark-Brems.:

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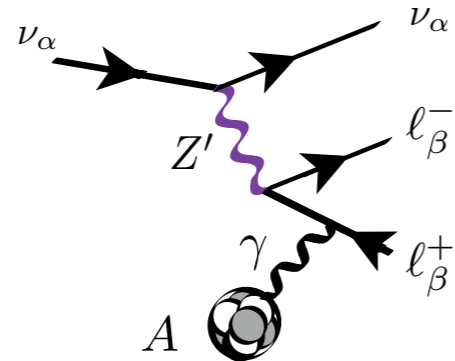
$$L_\mu - L_\tau$$



$$L_e - L_\mu$$

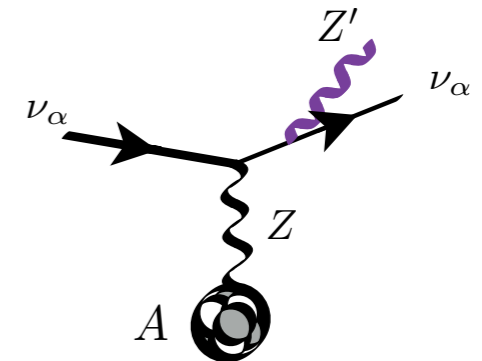
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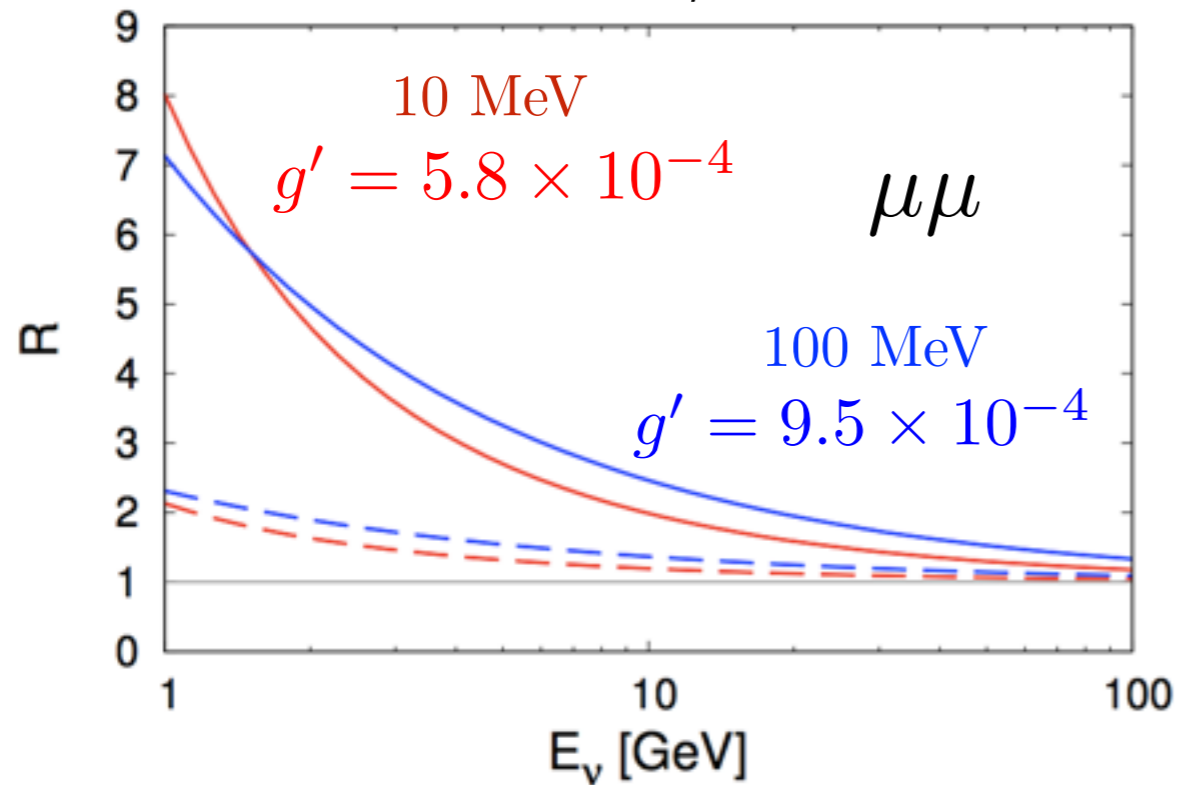


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$R = \text{BSM}/\text{SM}$



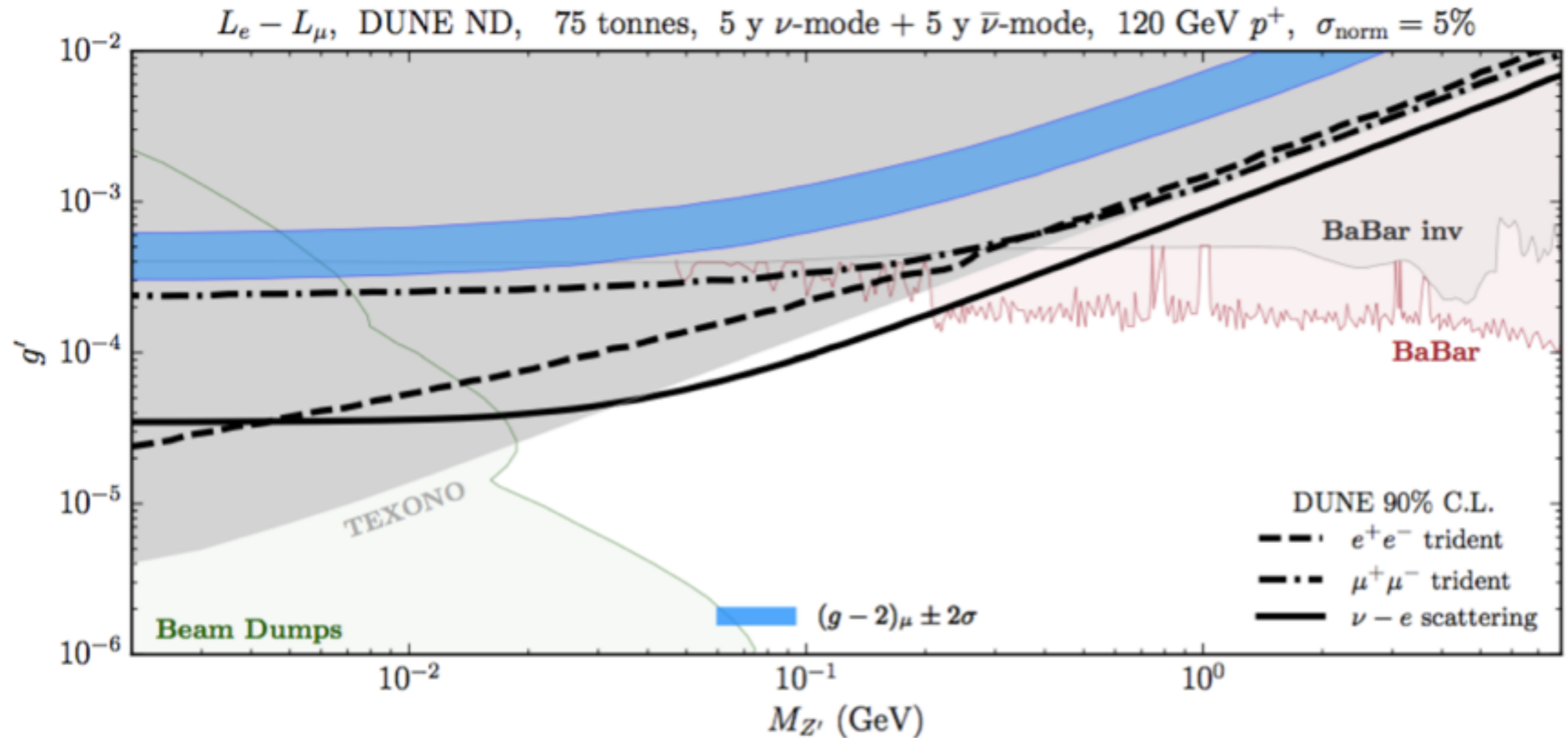
Measurement at low energies  
more sensitive

Y. Kaneta et al, PTEP 2017 (2017) no.5, 053B04

$L_\mu - L_\tau$



# $L_e - L_\mu$ at DUNE

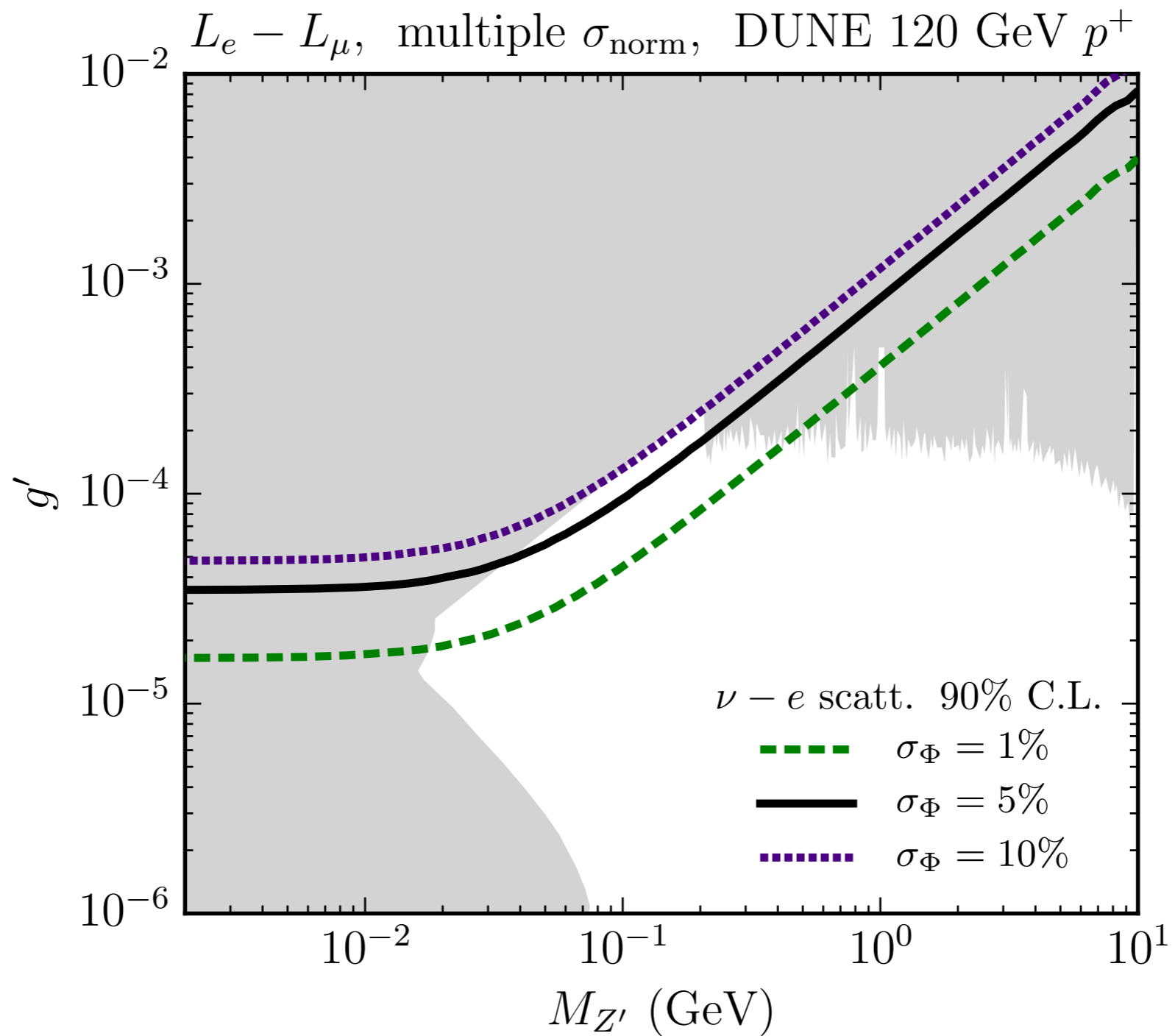


No backgrounds, but kin. cuts on the trident signal.

5% normalization sys is optimistic — can rely on low-nu technique.

P. Ballett et al, arXiv:1902.08579

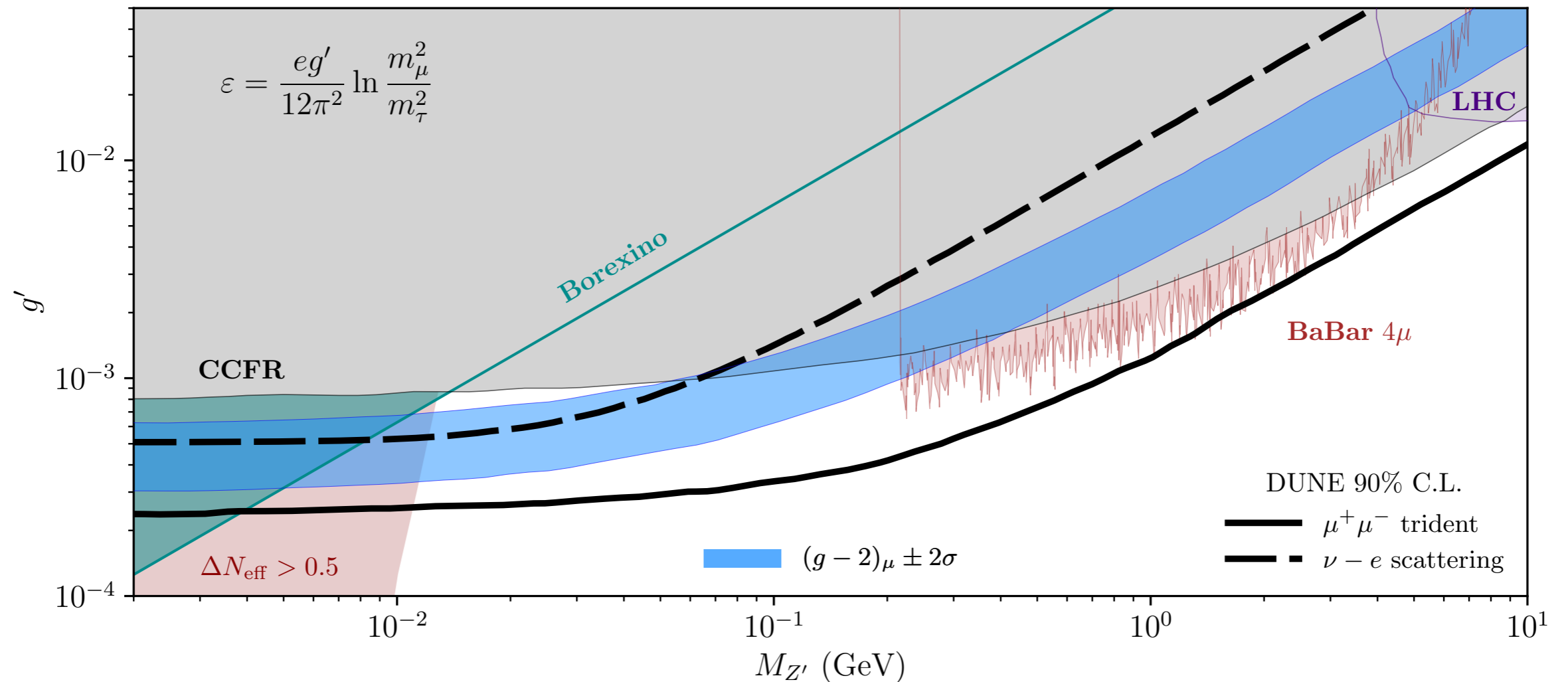
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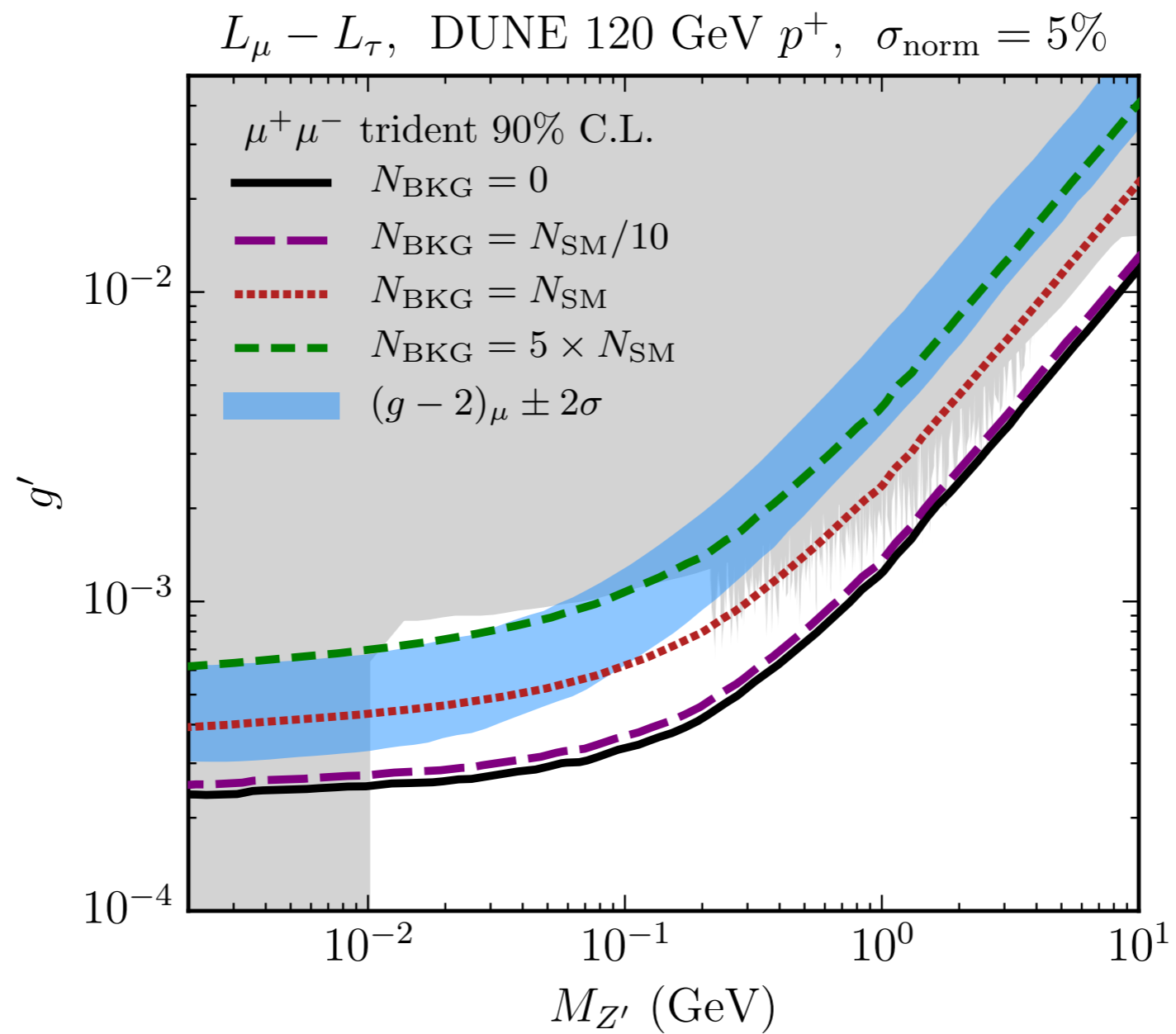
$L_\mu - L_\tau$ , DUNE ND, 75 tonnes, 5 y  $\nu$ -mode + 5 y  $\bar{\nu}$ -mode, 120 GeV  $p^+$ ,  $\sigma_{\text{norm}} = 5\%$



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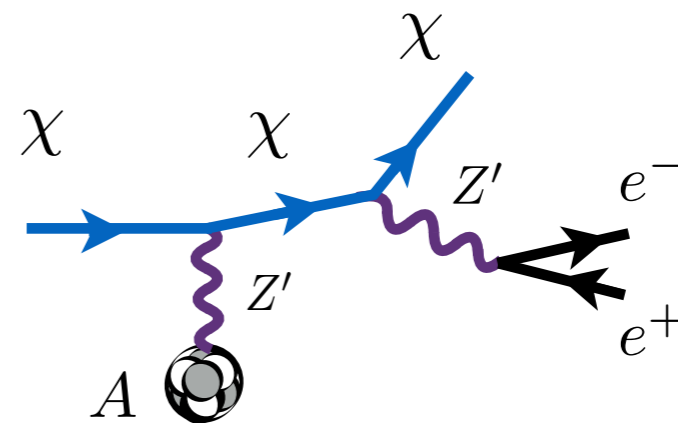
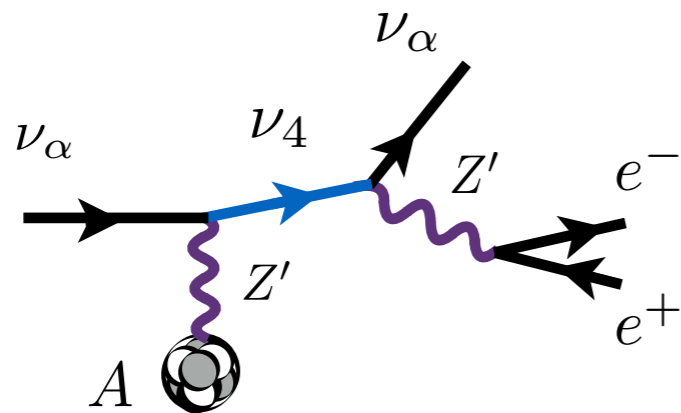


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# Dielectron signatures

New forces that talk directly to electrons more directly probed by neutrino-electron scattering data...

... but BSM  $e^+e^-$  signatures still predicted by many models.



Dark neutrinos (U'(1) charged heavy neutrinos)

- MiniBooNE explanations
- Neutrino mass generation at low scales

Talks by S. Jana and C. Argüelles

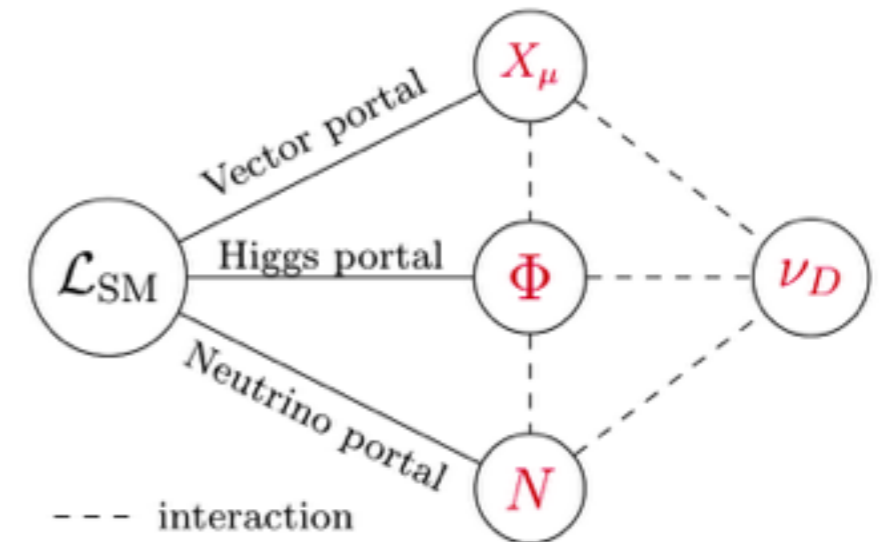
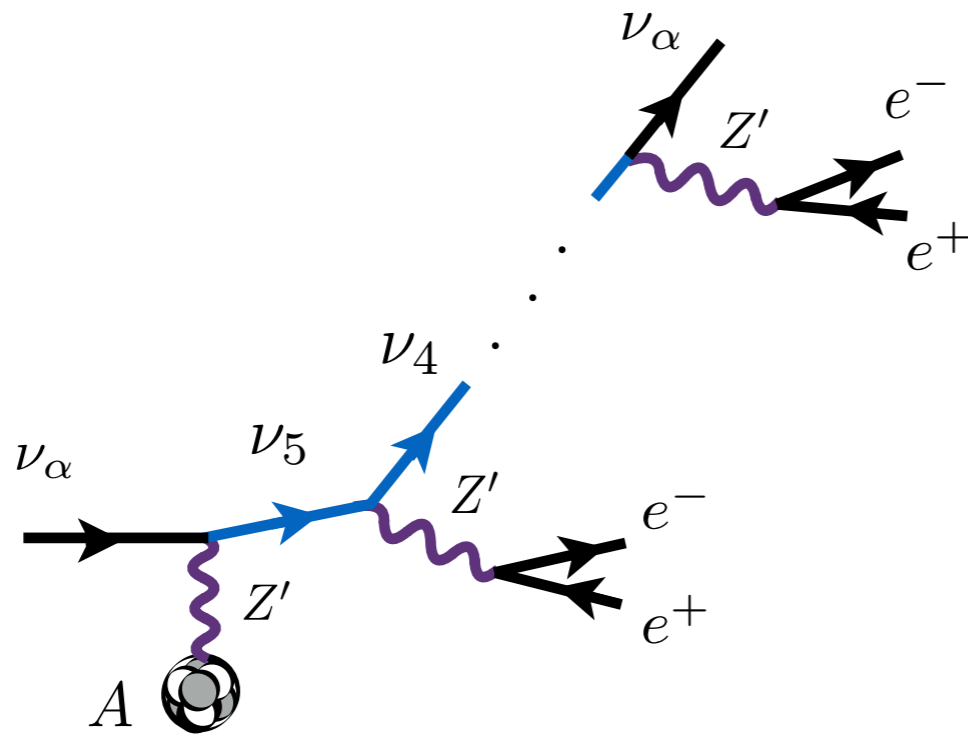
E. Bertuzzo et al, PRL121.241801  
P. Ballett et al, PRD 99,071701(R)

- Light DM (and Inelastic DM)
- produced in the beam
  - scattering or decay signature

Don't see A. de Gouvea's talk

E. Izaguirre, PRD96(2017)no.5, 055007  
A. de Gouvea et al, JHEP1901(2019)001

# A light dark neutrino sector



Explains “Minimal” radiative ISS texture

P.S. Bhupal Dev et al, arXiv:1209.4051

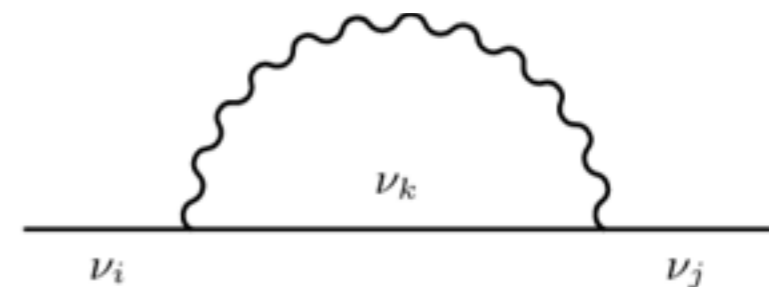
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$$\frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} \bar{\nu}_\alpha & \bar{N} & \bar{\nu}_D \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & m_D & 0 \\ m_D & \mu' & \Lambda \\ 0 & \Lambda & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \nu_\alpha^c \\ N^c \\ \nu_D^c \end{pmatrix}$$

$Z, Z'$



P. Ballett, MH, S. Pascoli, 1903.07589

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Beyond tridents, what else are neutrinos doing at the  
**per mille of a per mille level of CCQE?**

# Questions

## Neutrino-electron scattering

- how large are backgrounds at low recoil energies  $E < 600$  MeV?
- Flux uncertainties: can we expect improvements at accelerator experiments?
- If B-L, no low- $\nu$  technique to rely on.

## Dimuon tridents

- Limited by backgrounds — alternative: use **HPgTPC** as it provides better PID?
- Do we need to wait for DUNE? — Searches at MINERvA, MINOS or SBND?

## Dielectron tridents

- Also use HPgTPC? —  $\pi^0$ s are not a problem there! Magnetized!
- Clear SM search/measurement provides bounds for a plethora of dark models
- eg. dark ..... (photon, neutrinos, scalars, matter)

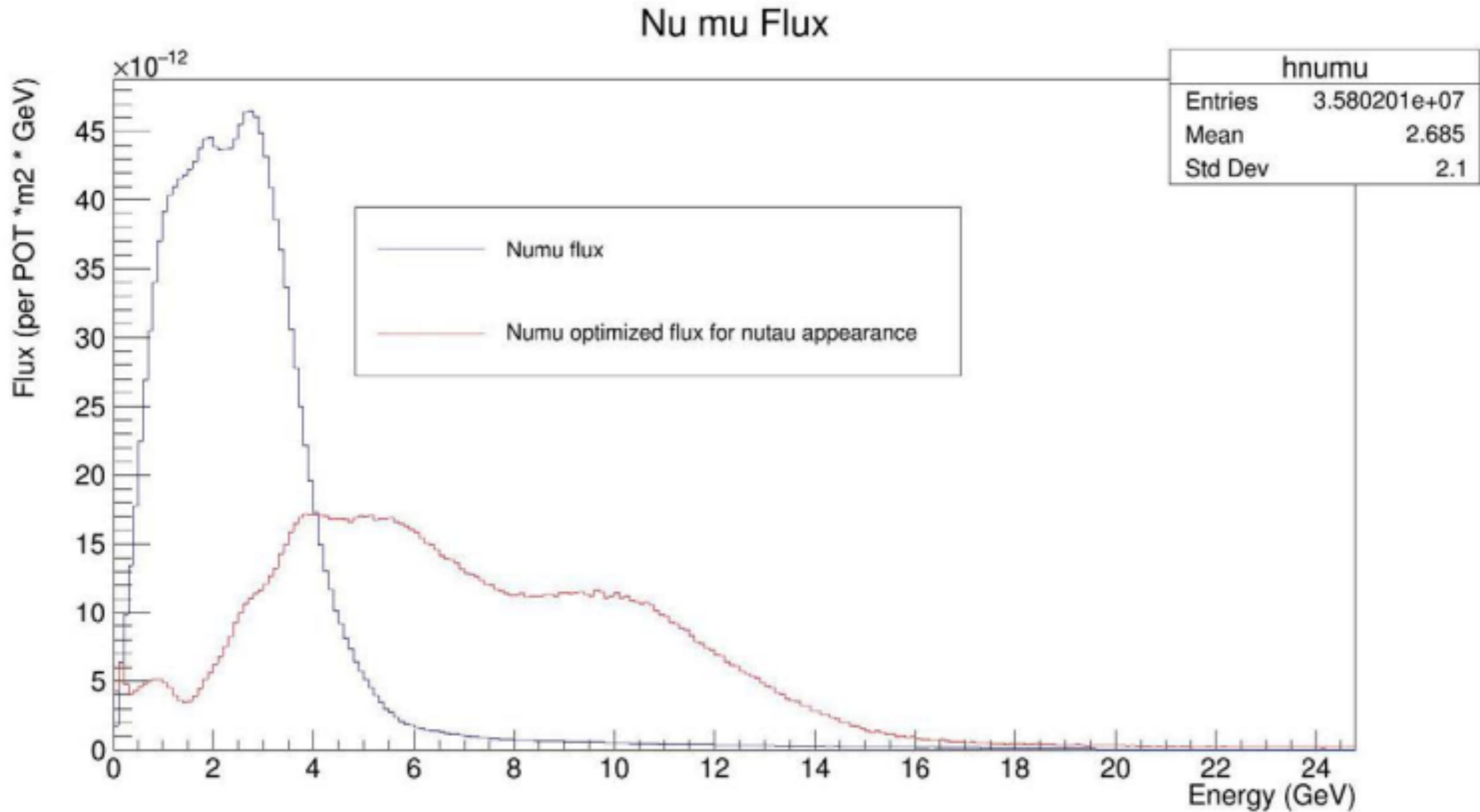
## Le-Lmu

- Matter effects vs scattering.
- Improvements from reactor  $\nu$ -e measurements

**THANK YOU**

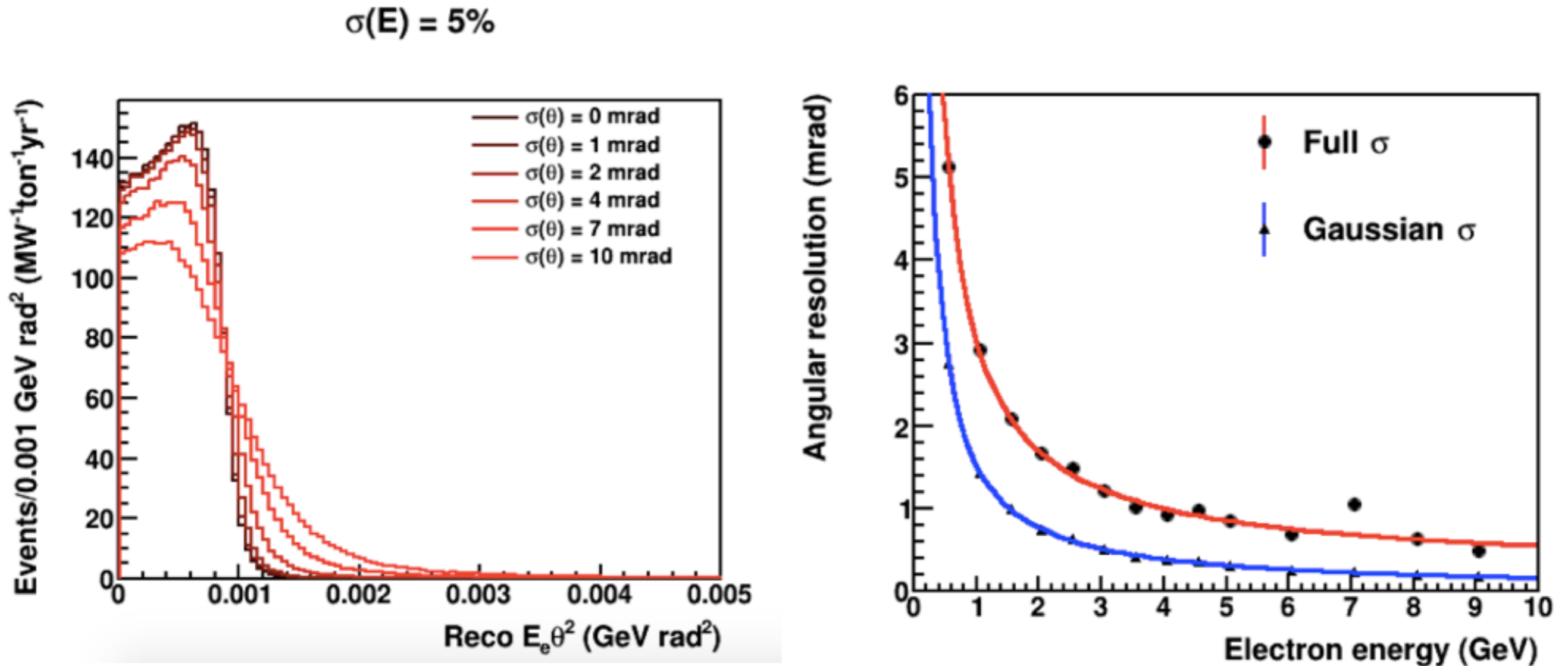
# APPENDIX

# DUNE fluxes



A. Bross — 12/3/2018 — PONDD

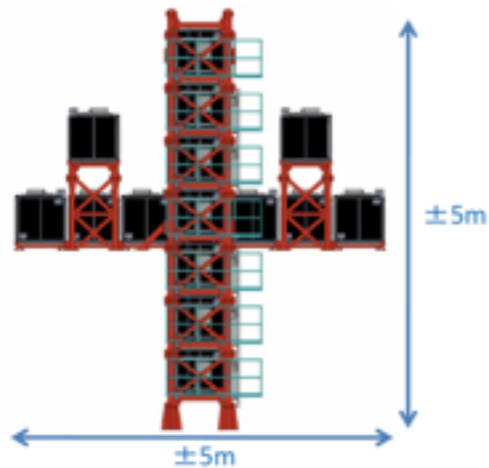
# Electron angular resolution



Flux measurements with DUNE ND:  $\nu+e$  elastic & low- $\nu$   
Chris Marshall  
Fermilab ND workshop  
28 March, 2017

# Present

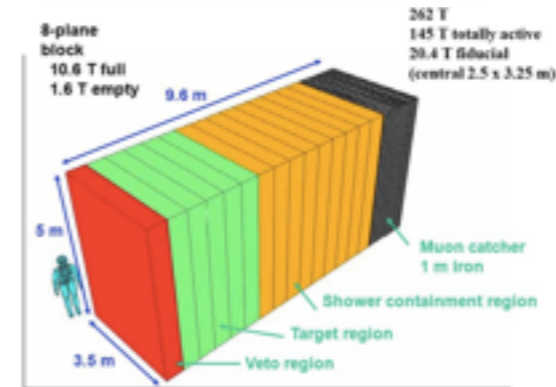
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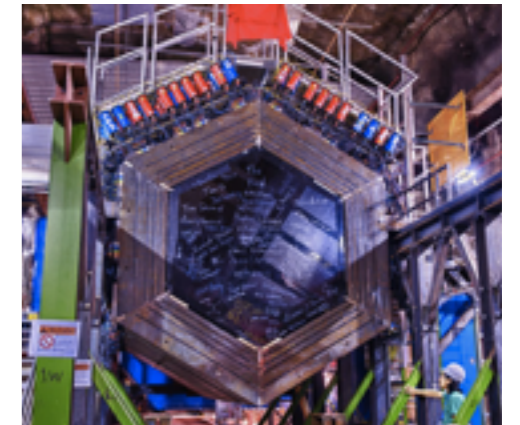
MINOS/+



NO $\nu$ A



MINER $\nu$ A



Channel	T2K-I	T2K-II	MINOS	MINOS+	NO $\nu$ A-I	NO $\nu$ A-II	MINER $\nu$ A
Total $e^{\pm}\mu^{\mp}$	563	1444	222 (56)	730	83 (72)	340 (374)	149 (102)
	96	246	46 (11)	151	25 (22)	102 (114)	56 (39)
Total $e^{+}e^{-}$	277	711	61 (15)	62	29 (22)	119 (114)	39 (27)
	24	62	9 (2)	8	4 (4)	16 (21)	10 (7)
Total $\mu^{+}\mu^{-}$	30	76	26 (6)	86	9 (9)	37 (47)	18 (13)
	21	54	15 (3)	49	8 (8)	34 (36)	18 (13)

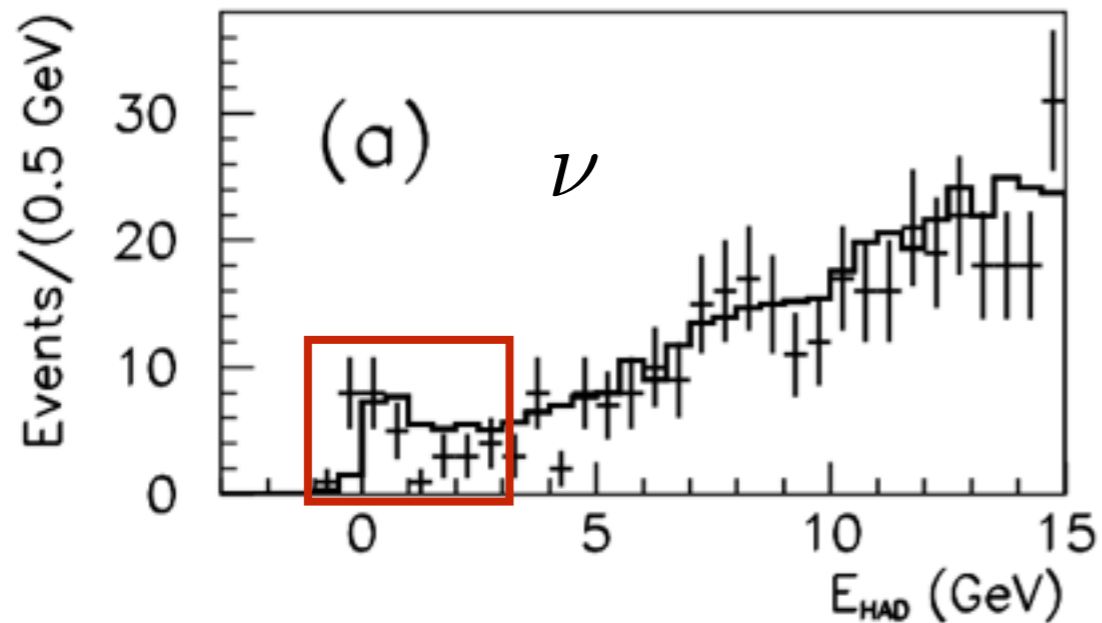
100% efficiencies. Detector capability is the name of the game.



# Dimuon

## NuTeV

Lab E detector at FNAL

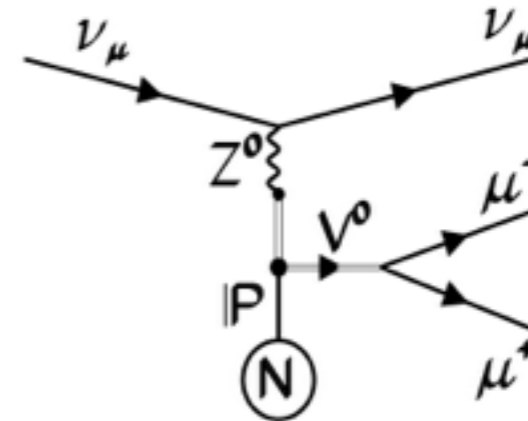


$$\langle E_\nu \rangle = 160 \text{ GeV}$$

$$\frac{\sigma_{\text{NuTeV}}}{\sigma_{\text{SM}}} = 0.72^{+1.73}_{-0.72}$$

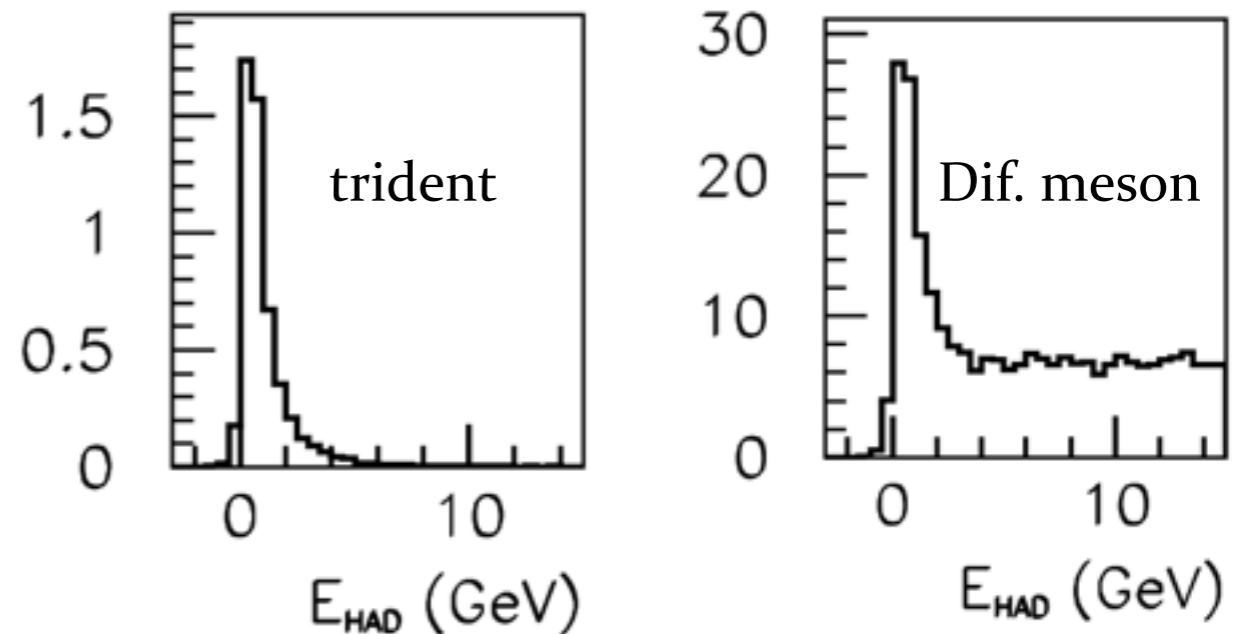
Inconclusive

Phys. Rev. D 61, 092001 (2000)



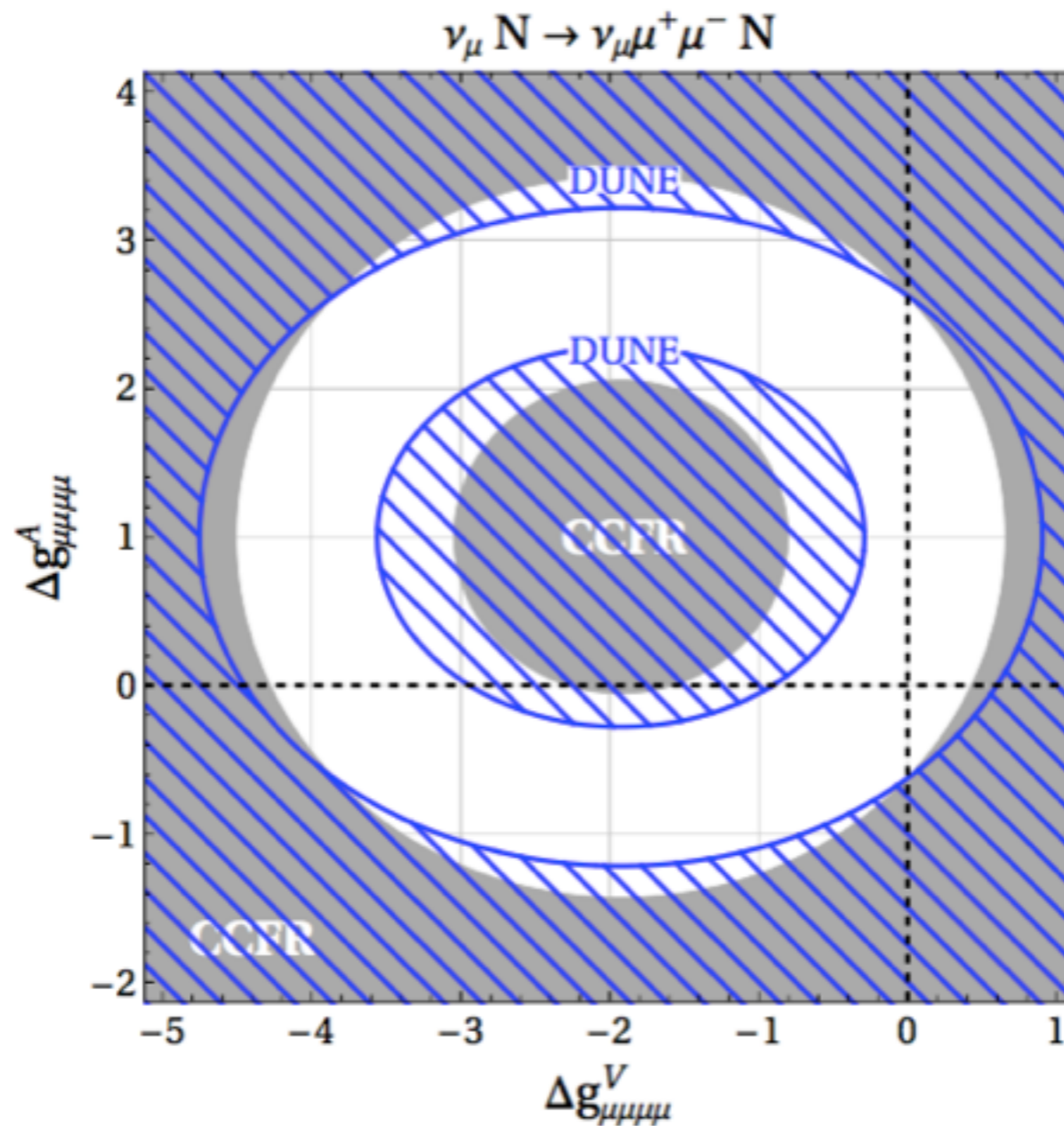
Diffractive vector meson contribution.

NuTeV MC



See discussion in  
G. Krnjaic, arXiv:1902.07715

# Precision physics?

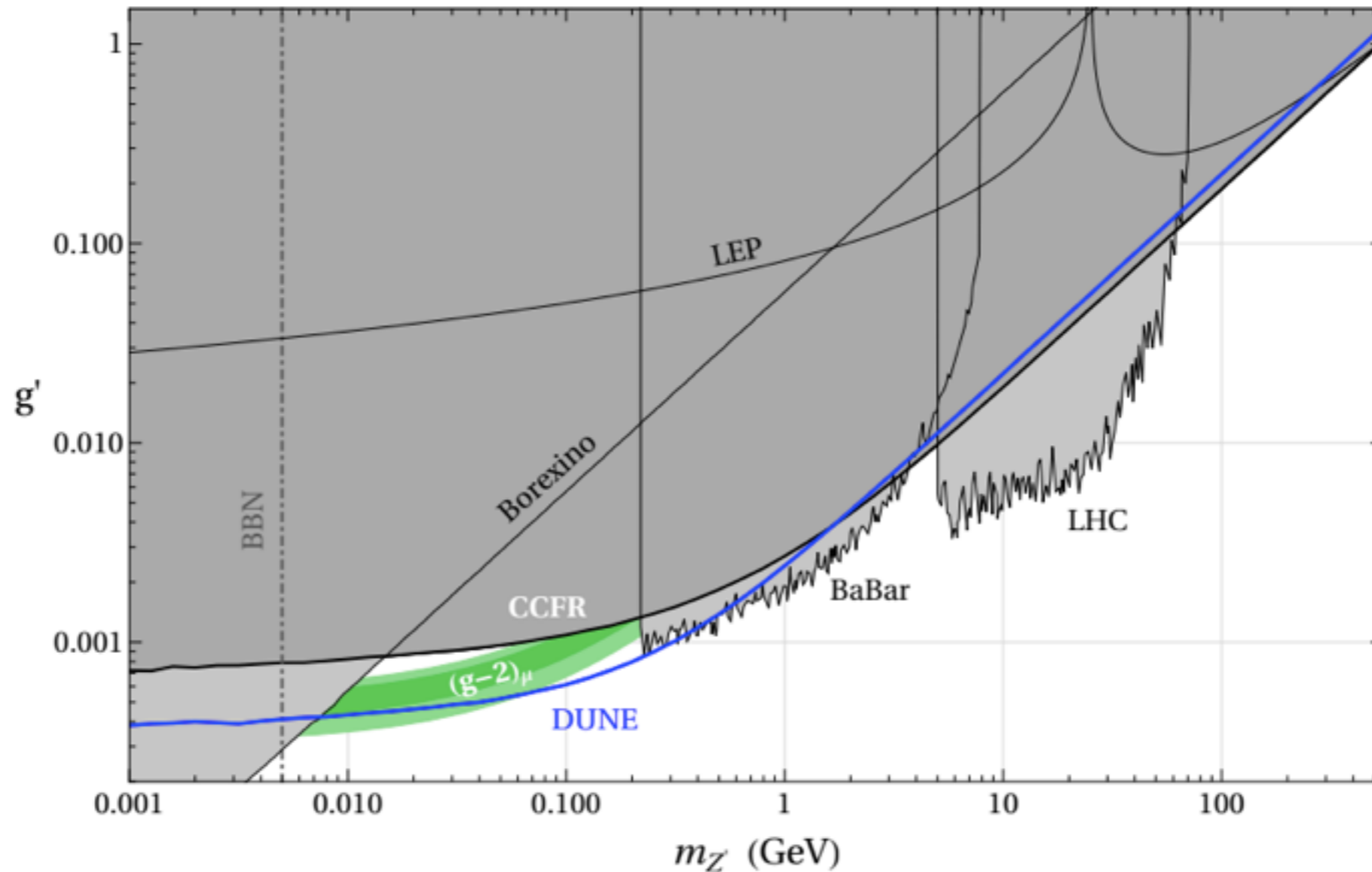


$$2g_V = 1 + 4 \sin^2 \theta_W + \Delta g_{\mu\mu\mu\mu}^V$$

$$-2g_A = -1 + \Delta g_{\mu\mu\mu\mu}^A$$

W. Altmannshoffer et al, arXiv:1902.06765

# DUNE



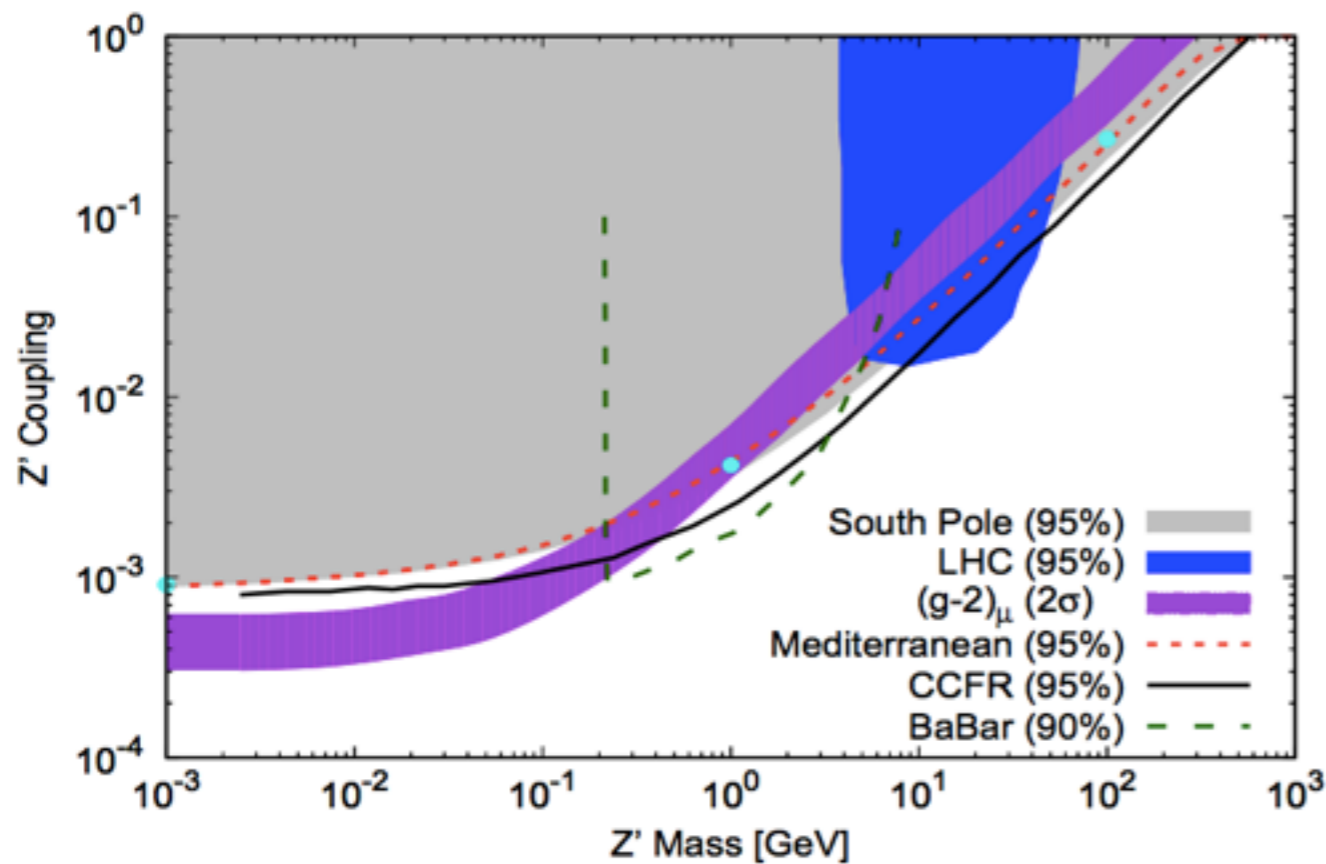
Backgrounds:  $S/\sqrt{B} \sim 1.6$  per year, 25% measurement in  $\sim 6.5$  years.

Tight kin. cuts (eg.  $\theta_{\mu\mu} < 5^\circ$ ). Reducing pion misID can loosen it

[W. Altmannshoffer et al, arXiv:1902.06765](https://arxiv.org/abs/1902.06765)

# Atmospheric neutrinos in the game

Trade off between # of events and BSM enhancement.



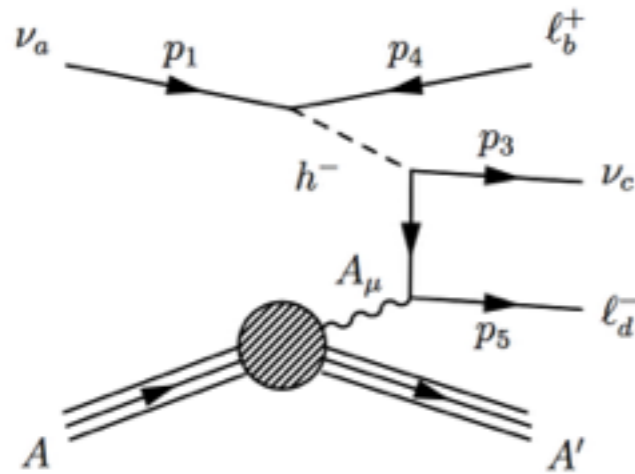
Total SM rate expected in 10 years:  
7.4 (17, 63) at PINGU (DeepCore, IceCube)  
16 (23) at ORCA (ARCA)

SF. Ge et al, PLB772(2017)164-168

Code available at:  
[https://gitlab.com/gesf/NuTrident\\_CompHEP](https://gitlab.com/gesf/NuTrident_CompHEP)

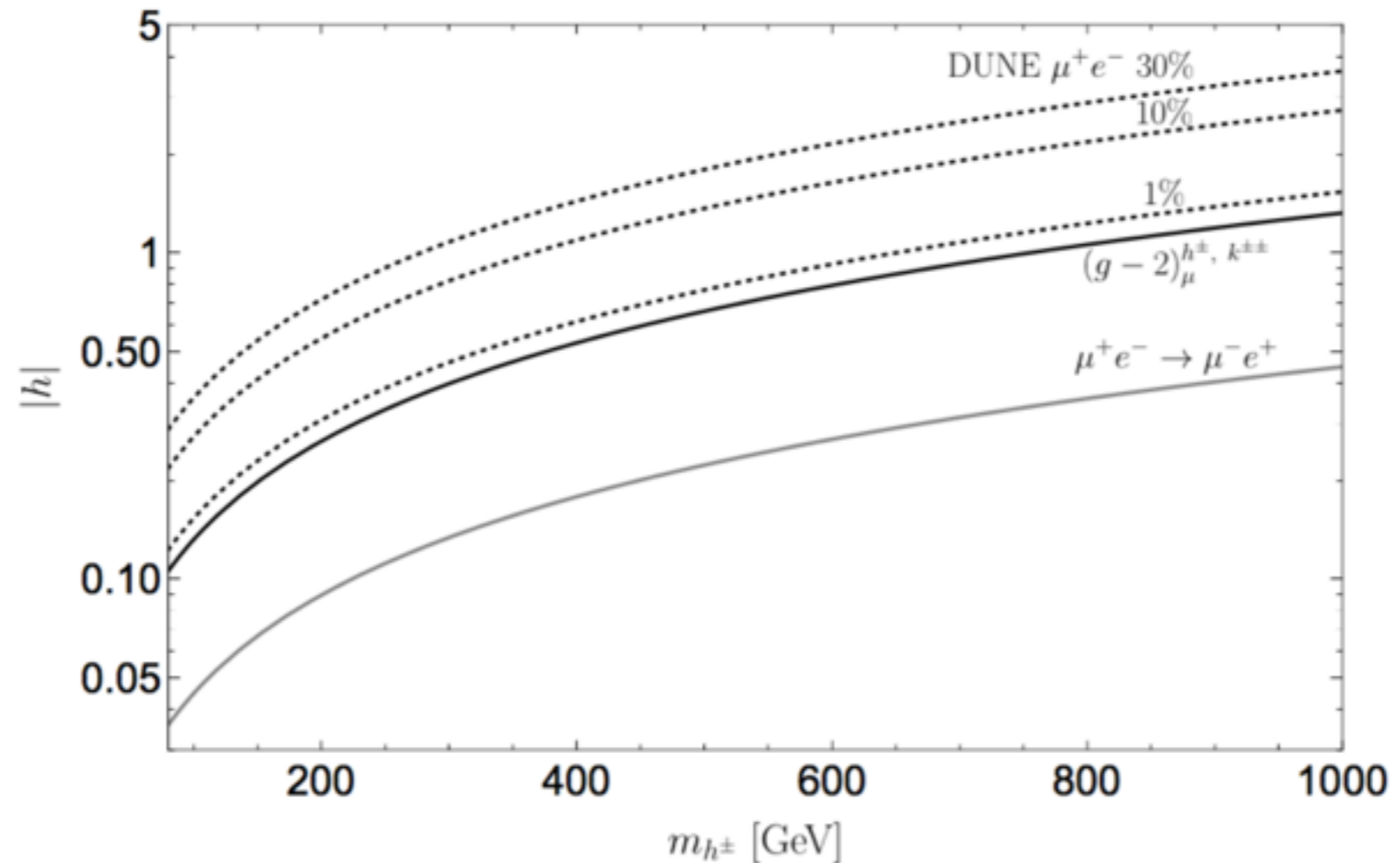
# New physics in charge-current channels

G. Magill et al, PRD97 (2018)no.5,055003



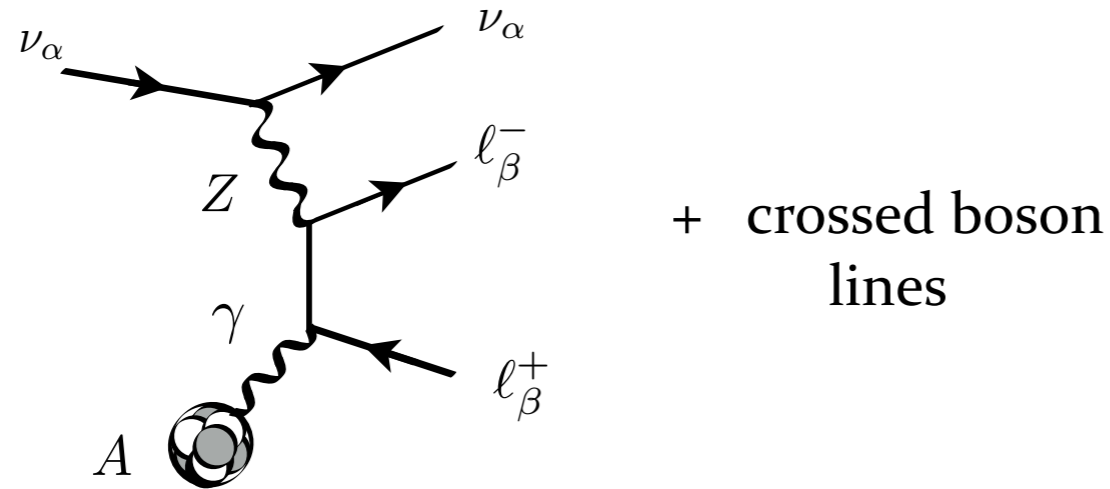
Much harder — new physics more easily constrained otherwise.

$$\mathcal{L} \supset |\partial_\mu h|^2 - m_h^2 |h|^2 + \sqrt{2} h_{ab} \nu^a \ell^b h + k_{ab} \ell^a \ell^b k + c.c.$$

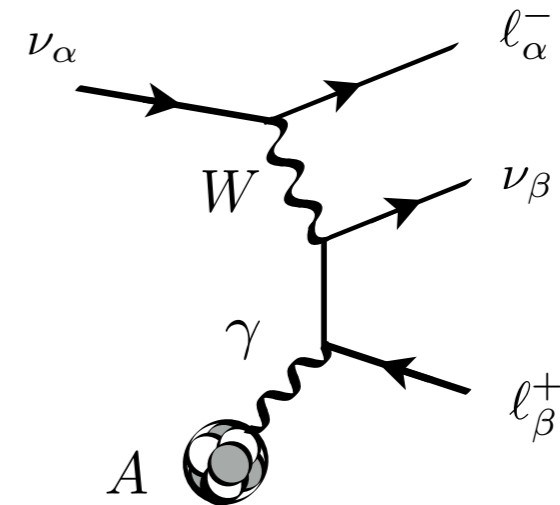


...but more data cannot harm!

# Standard Model contributions

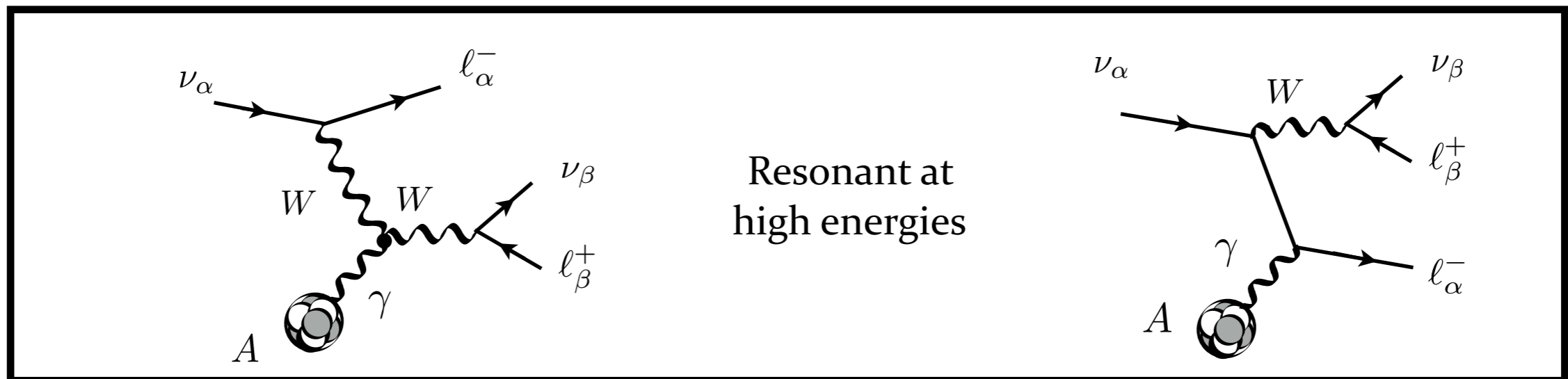


Z exchange boson lines



W exchange

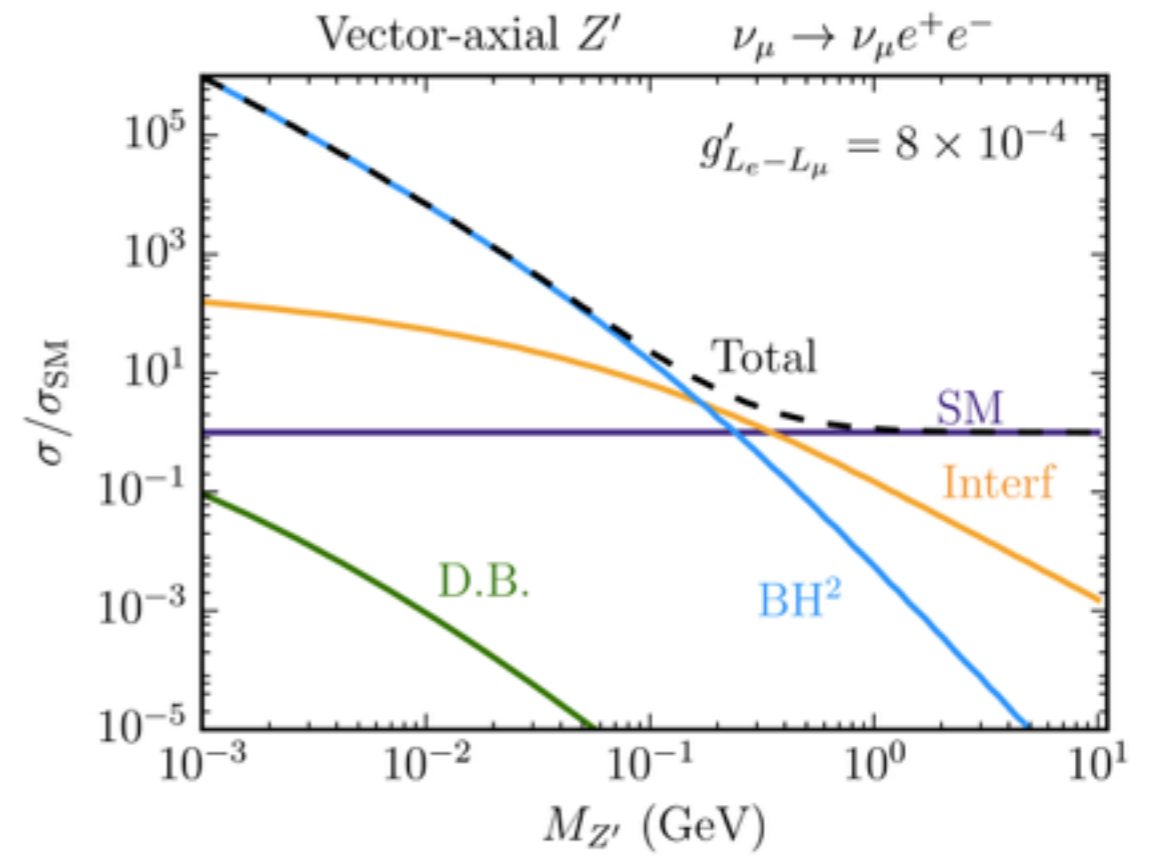
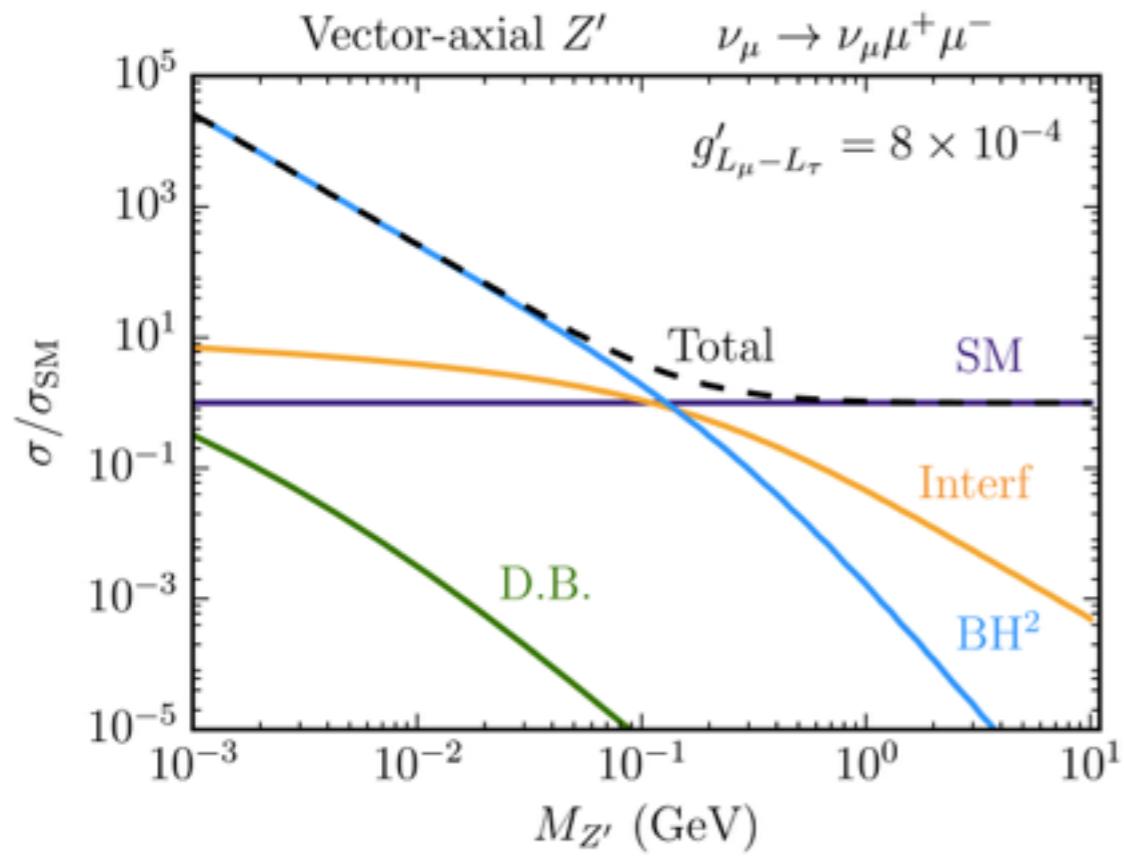
—Bethe-Heitler resembling photon pair production—



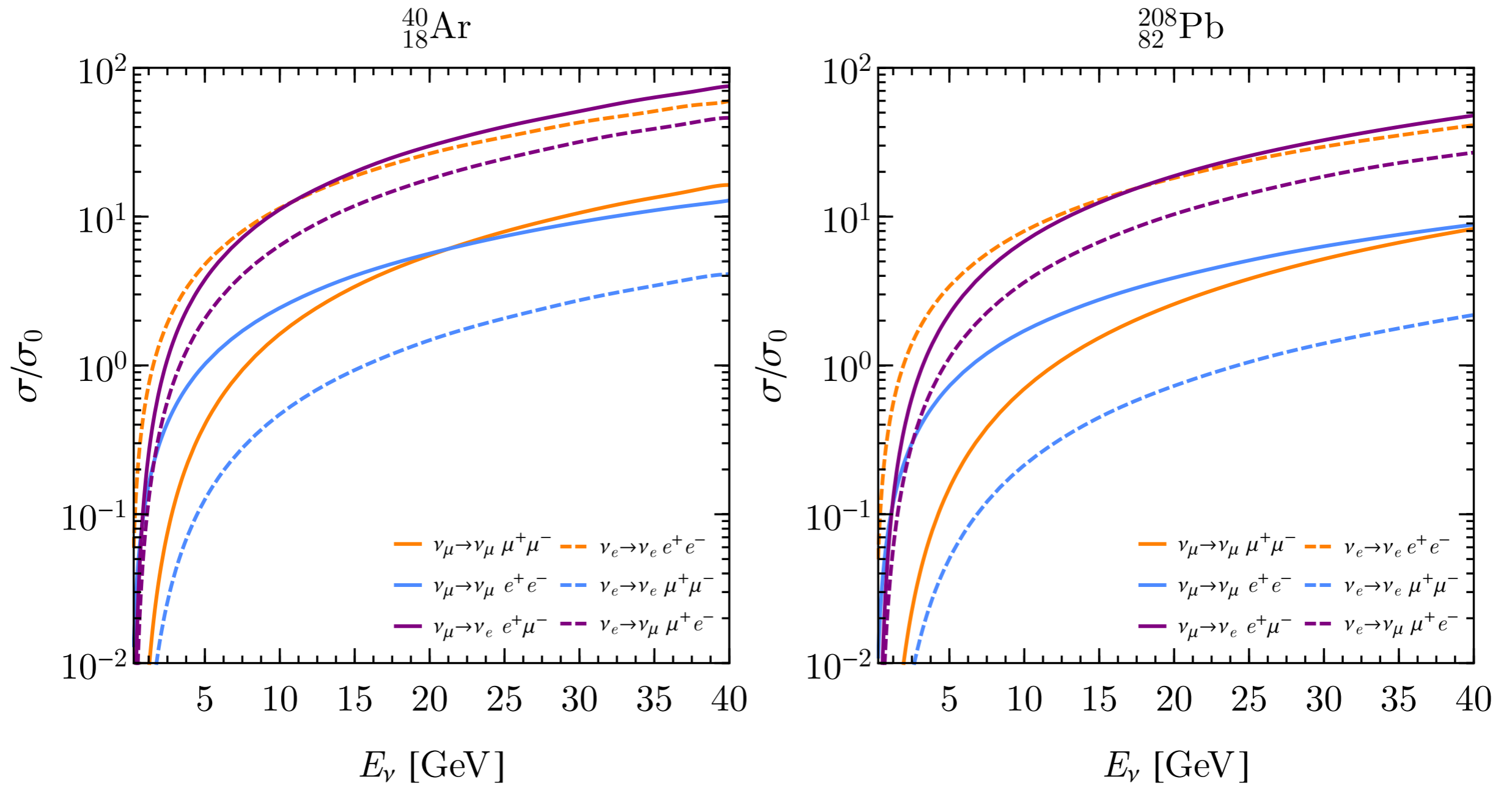
Triple gauge boson coupling  
(order  $M_W^4$ )

W radiation

# Axial-vector mediators



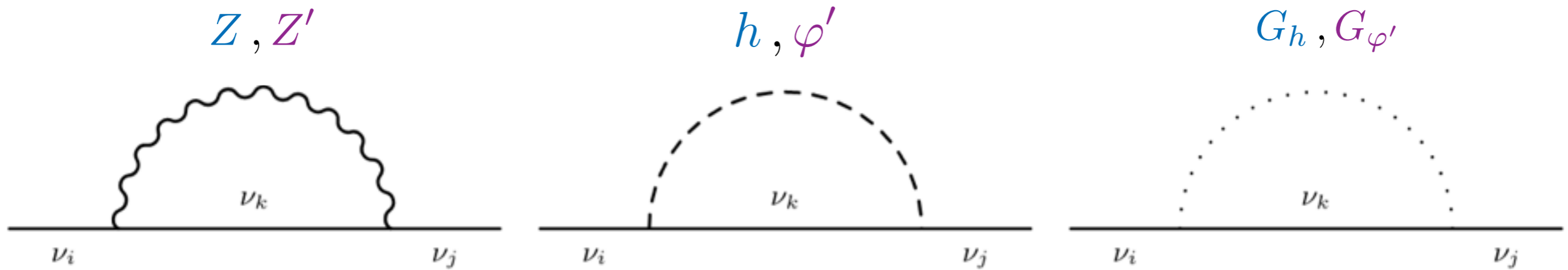
# Coherent cross sections



$$\sigma_0 = Z^2 10^{-44} \text{ cm}^2$$



# Neutrino masses at one-loop level



$$m_{ij} = \frac{1}{4\pi^2} \sum_{k=4}^5 \left[ C_{ik} C_{jk} \frac{m_k^3}{m_Z^2} F(m_k^2, m_Z^2, m_h^2) + D_{ik} D_{jk} \frac{m_k^3}{m_{Z'}^2} F(m_k^2, m_{Z'}^2, m_{\varphi'}^2) \right],$$

SM

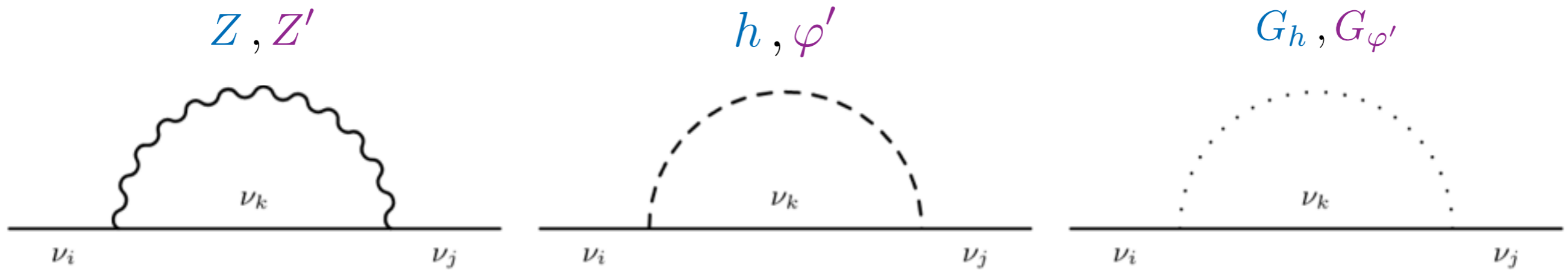
BSM

$$C_{ik} \equiv \frac{g}{4c_W} \sum_{\alpha=e}^{\tau} U_{\alpha i}^* U_{\alpha k}$$

$$D_{ik} \equiv \frac{g'}{2} U_{Di}^* U_{Dk}.$$

In general, both contributions are important, but if NP is light, it dominates.

# Neutrino masses at one-loop level



With a single pair of heavy states, at least one light neutrino remains massless.

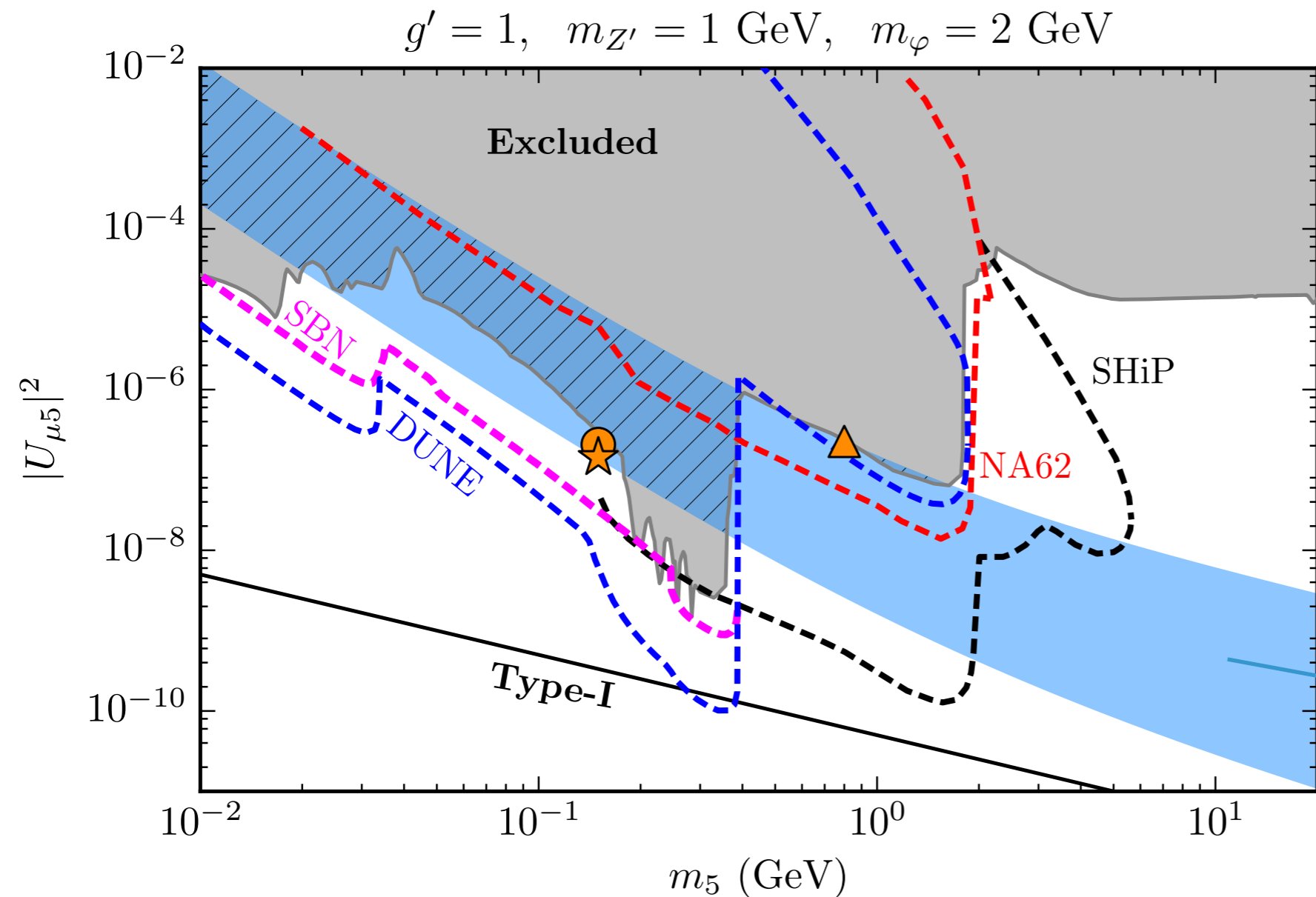
$$m_{ij} = \begin{pmatrix} a^2 & ab & ac \\ ab & b^2 & bc \\ ac & bc & c^2 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} a'^2 & a'b' & a'c' \\ a'b' & b'^2 & b'c' \\ a'c' & b'c' & c'^2 \end{pmatrix}$$

If only SM/BSM contribution => only one massive neutrino

If both => two massive neutrinos (**highly predictive**, but further study needed.)

# Testing the mechanism

Reproducing the right scale for neutrino masses



Prediction of the model:

$$R = \frac{m_4}{m_5} = -\frac{U_{\alpha 5}^2}{U_{\alpha 4}^2}$$

Blue band:

$$m_3 = \sqrt{\Delta m_{\text{atm}}^2}$$

$$1\% < R < 99\%$$