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# BSM Searches with supernova neutrinos

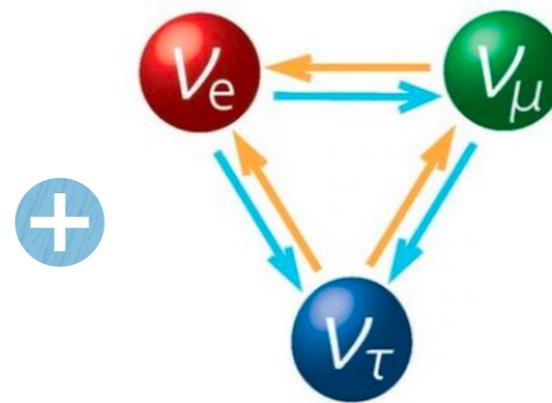
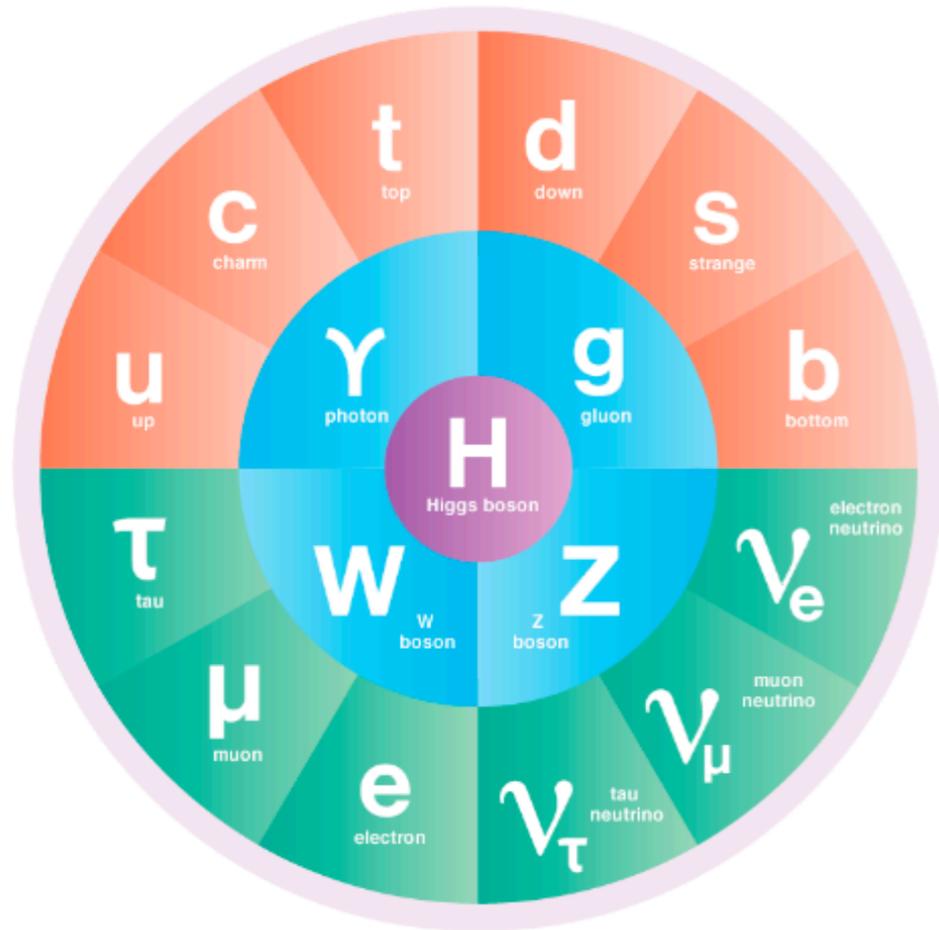
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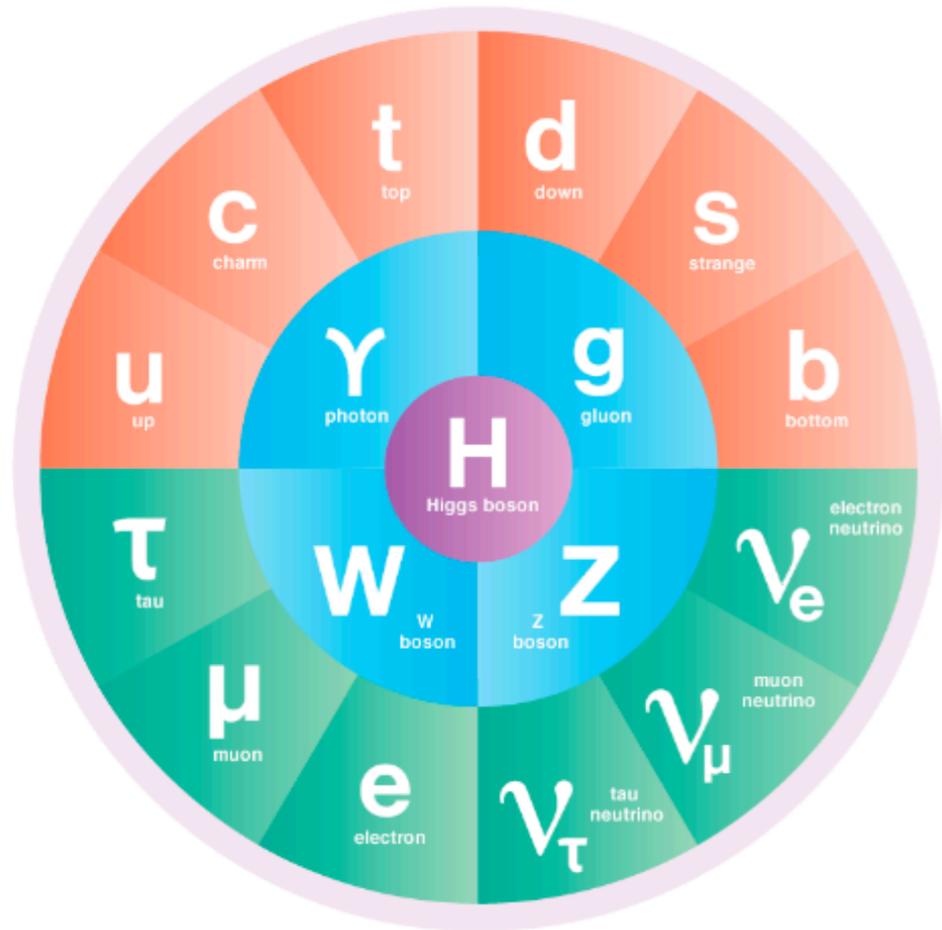
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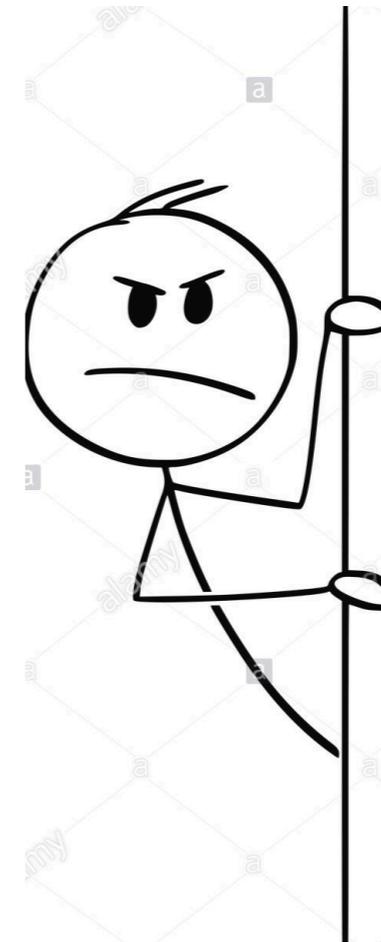
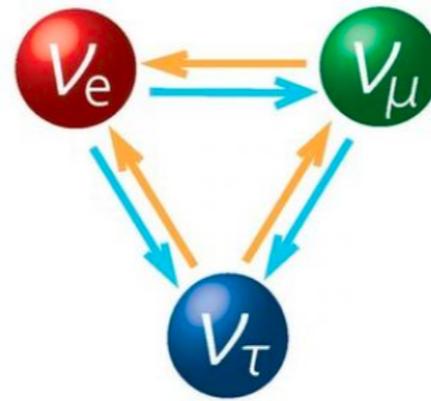
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## The Standard Model

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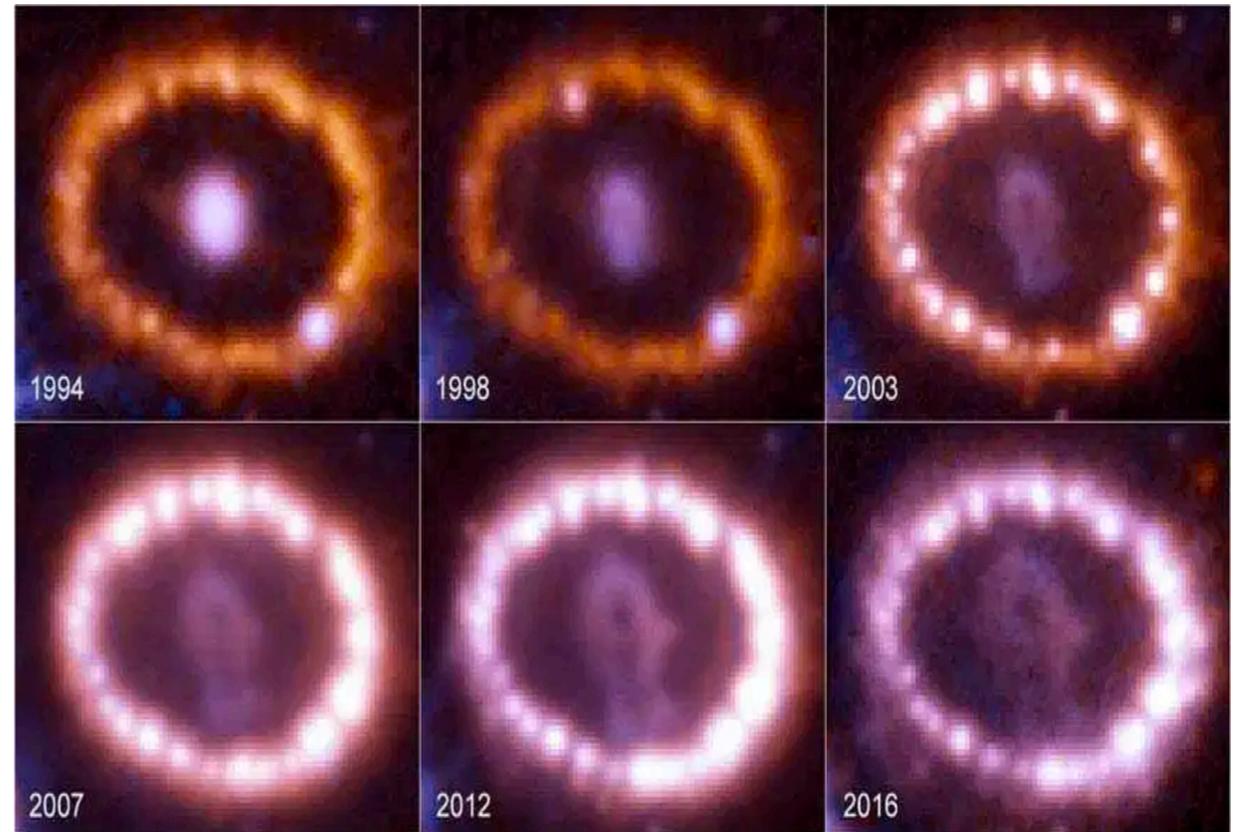
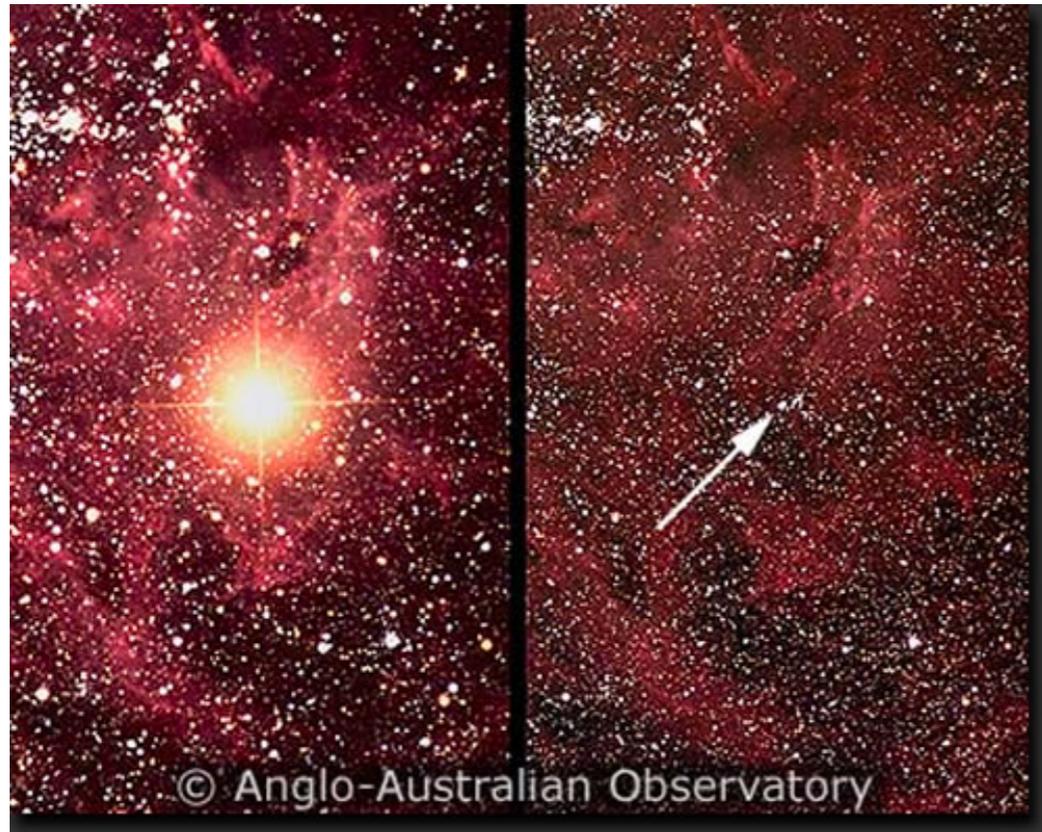


# Beyond

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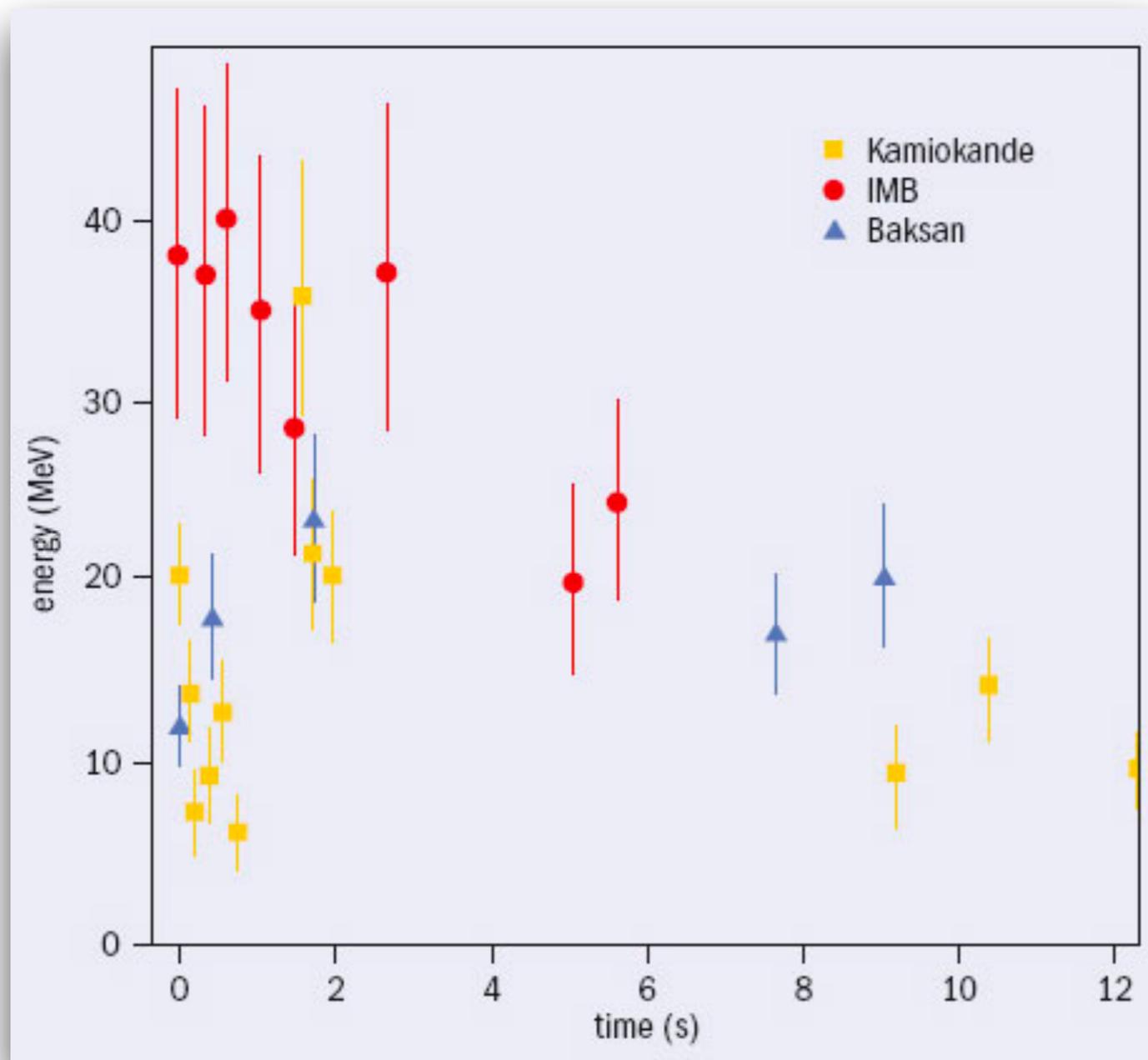
# SN1987A: the marvel of the last century

Feb 23, 1987



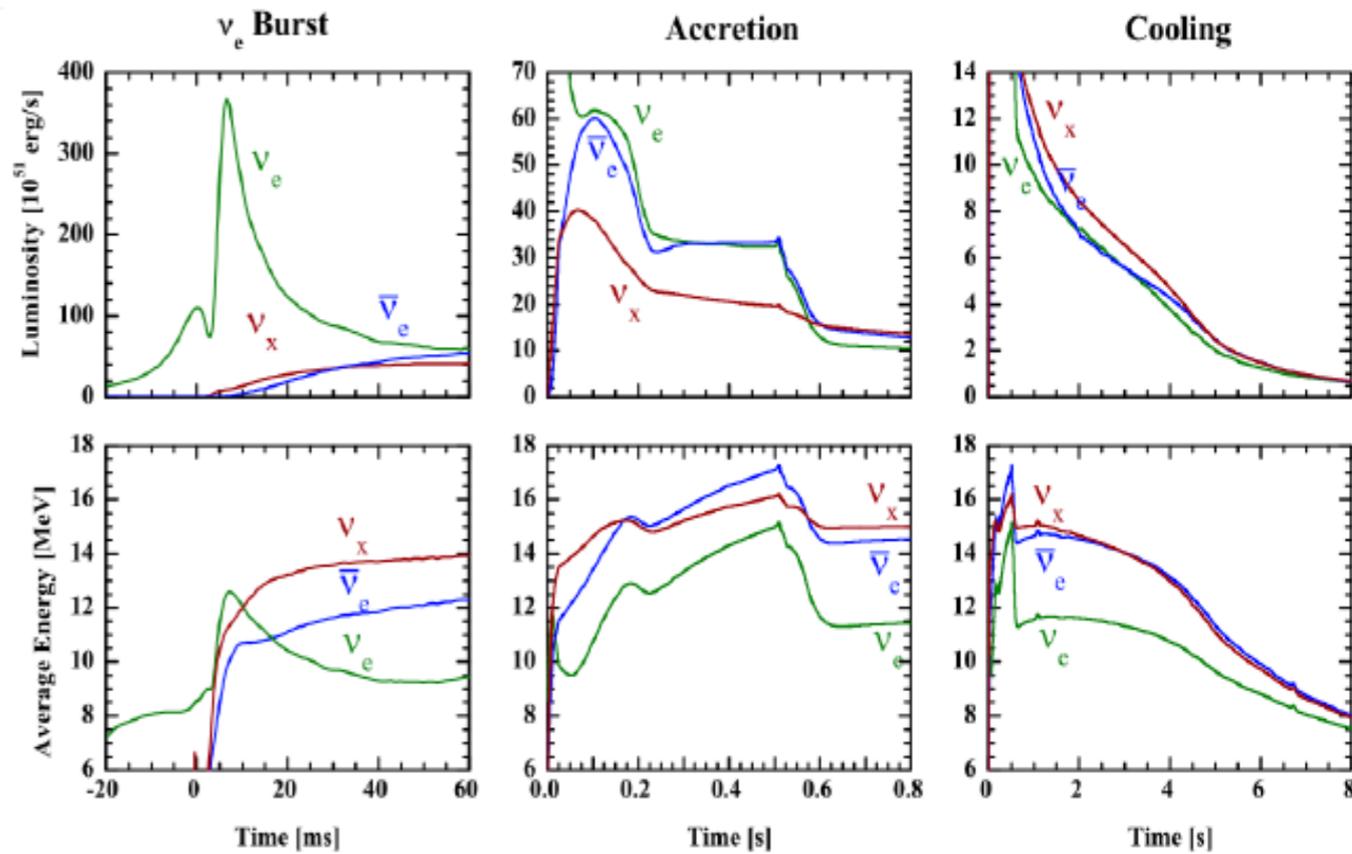
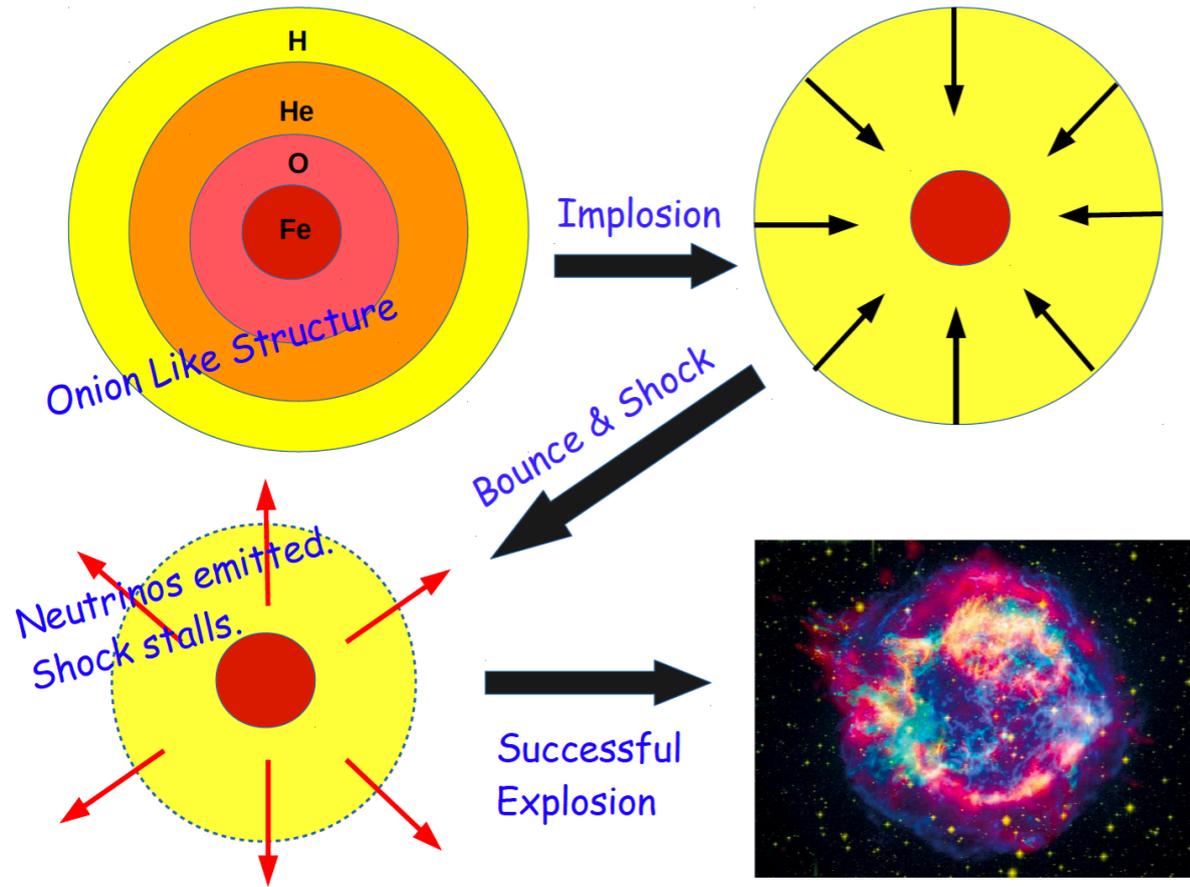
- Took place 168,000 years ago
- In the Large Magellanic Cloud, 50 kpc away.  $18M_{\odot}$  star.

# “Many” neutrinos were observed

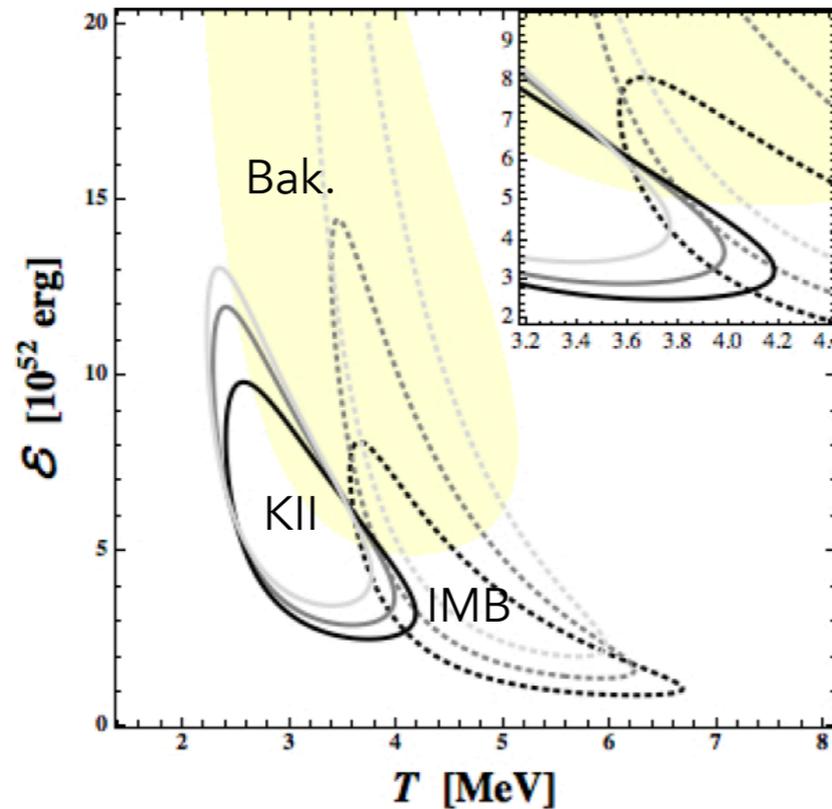


- O(30) events in total.
- One of the first examples of multi-messenger astronomy.
- Neutrinos before photons.
- Not enough statistics, still a coherent picture can be formed!

# A supernova engine



Garching simulations

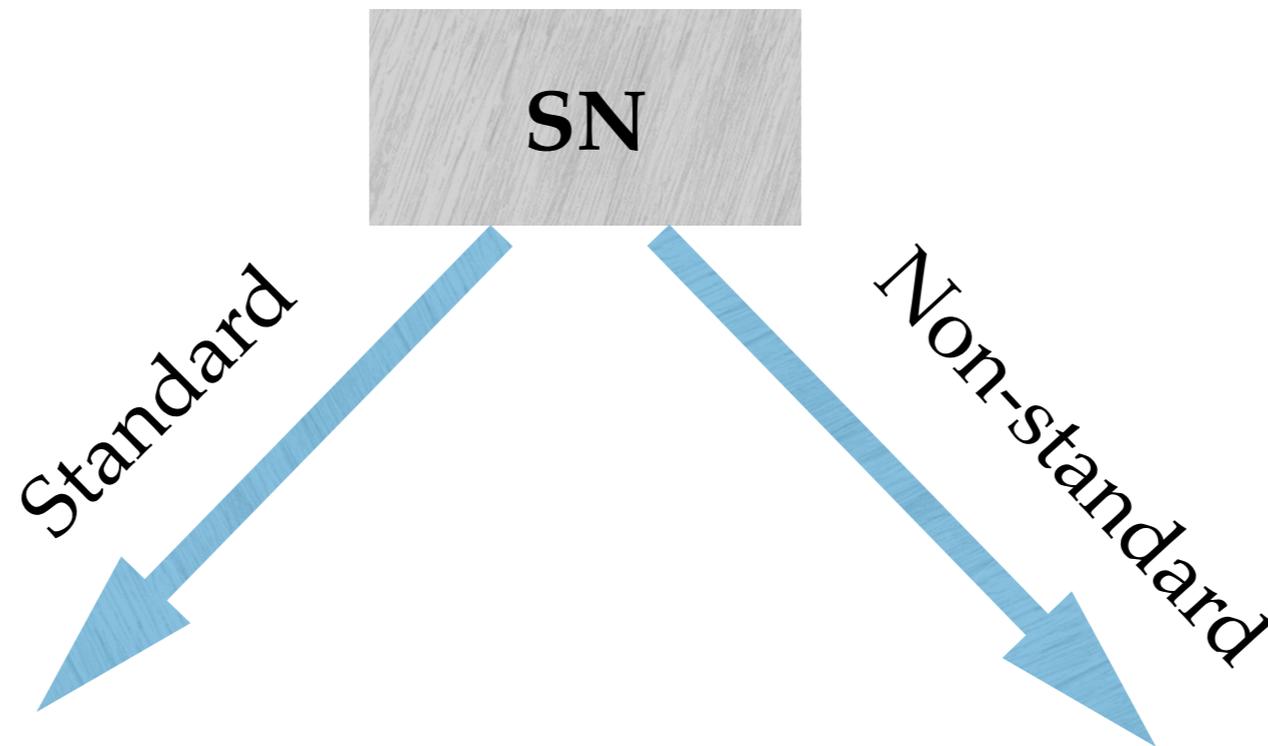


Rough agreement with simulations

F. Vissani, J. Phys. G: Nucl. Part. Phys. (2014)

# What sort of a laboratory is the SN?

## Advent of multi-messenger astronomy



- ◆  $\nu$ s probe stellar interiors.
- ◆ Relevant information about supernova dynamics, shockwave propagation, turbulence.
- ◆ Physics of dense neutrino streams. Can lead to “collective oscillations”!
- ◆ Non-standard (self)interactions, decay, magnetic moment, millicharge, etc.
- ◆ New particles: sterile neutrinos, axions, majorons, etc.
- ◆ Any crazy stuff that theorists can think about.

# Category of bounds from SN neutrinos

## New Physics can

1. Impact on the neutrino luminosity, and average energy, and duration of neutrino burst
2. Impact on the neutrino spectra/ flux

Impact on the neutrino  
luminosity, and average energy

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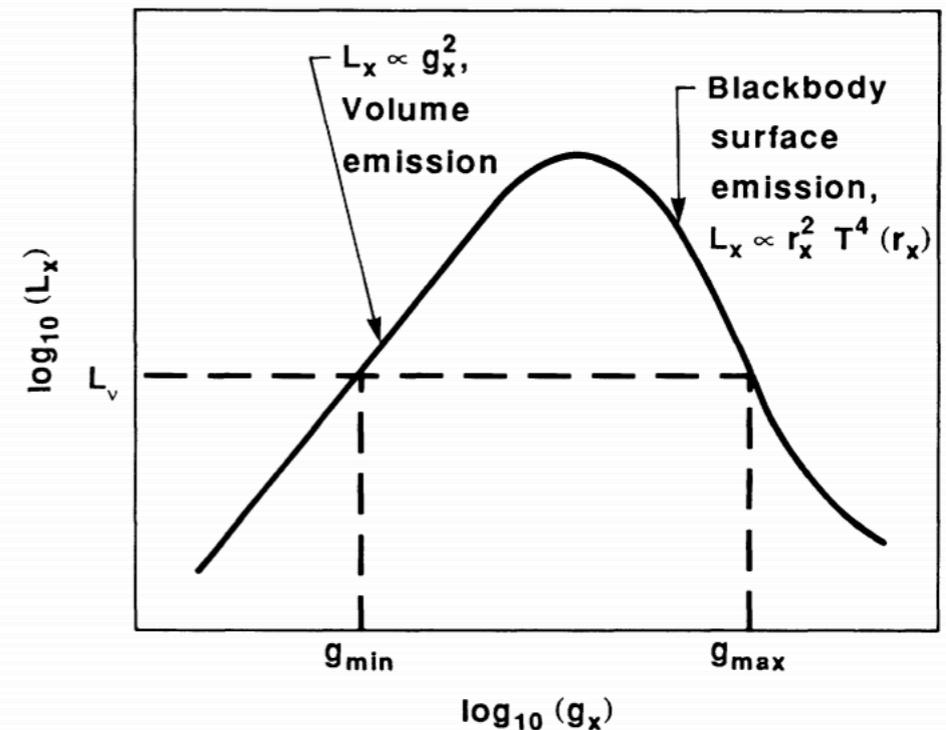


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- The impact of a new particle is optimum when m.f.p  $\sim$  stellar radius.

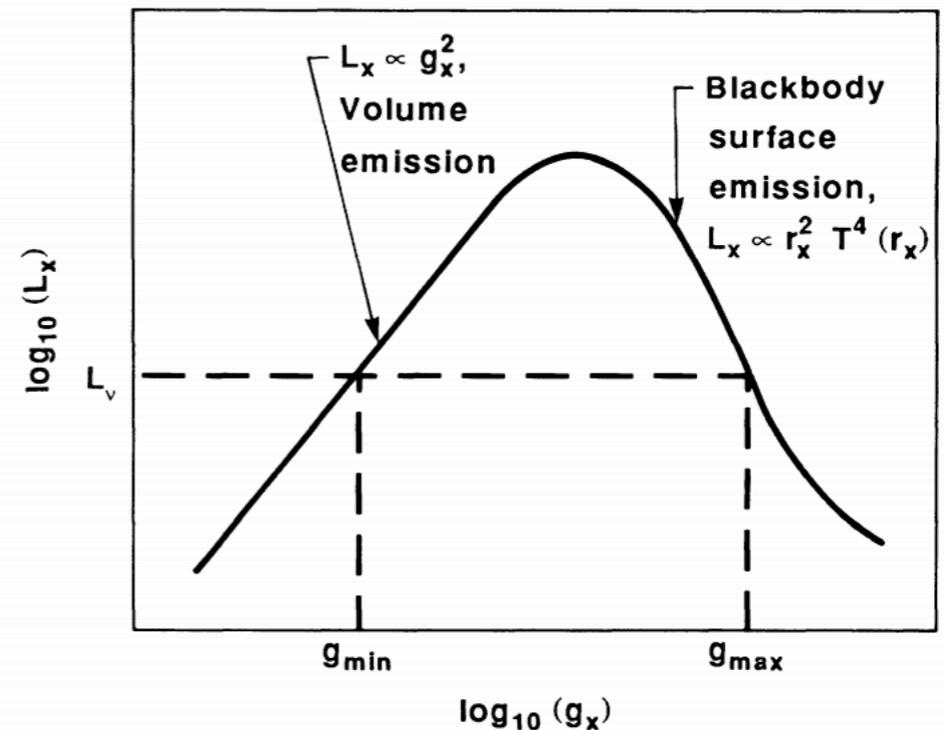


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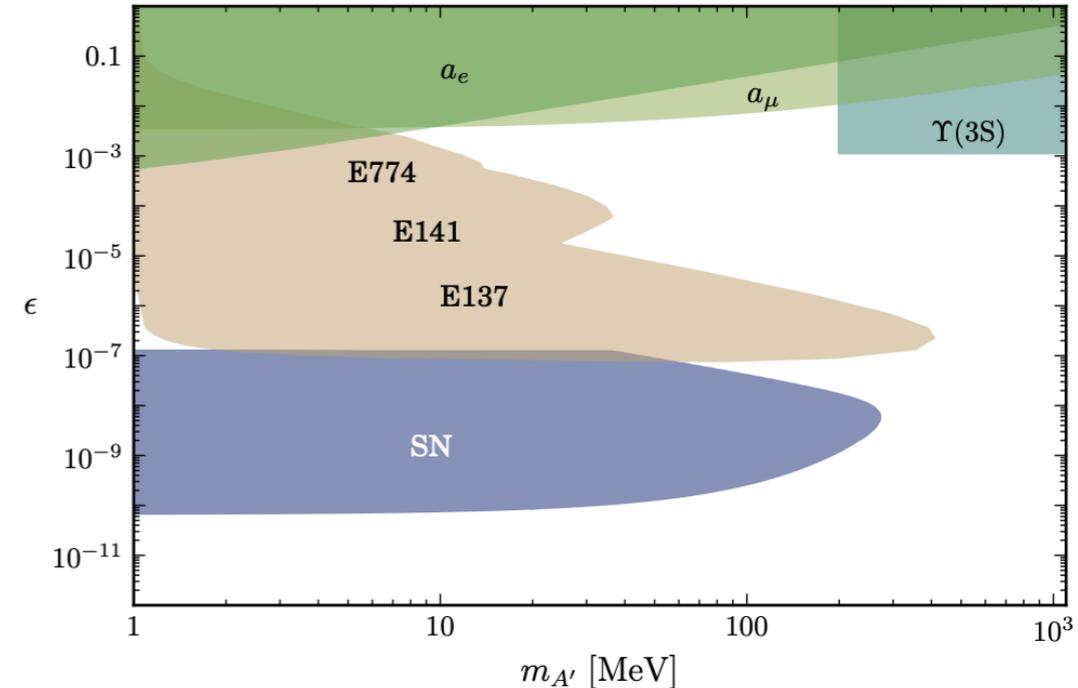
# 1. The dark photon, and friends in SN

# Different dark photon models

1. Vanilla Dark photon  $\sim \mathcal{L} \supset \frac{1}{4}F'F' + \frac{\epsilon}{2}FF'$

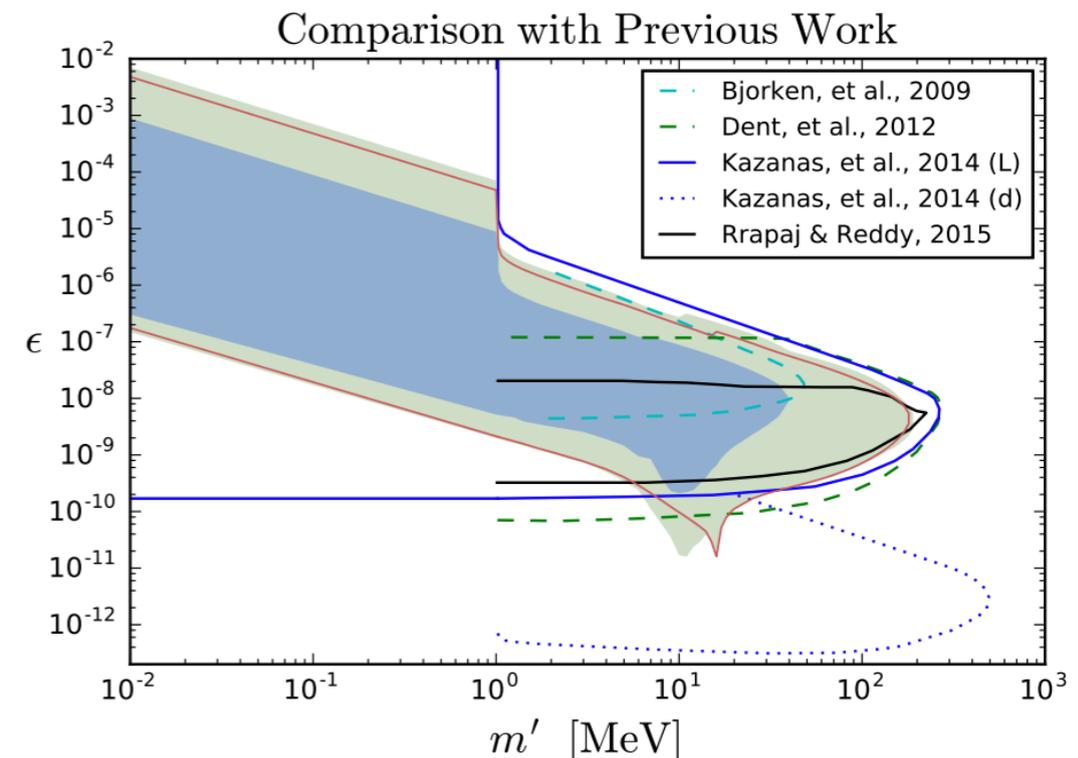
- Consider free-streaming and trapping limit. Main production from  $pp \rightarrow ppA'$ ,  $np \rightarrow npA'$ .

J. Dent, F. Ferrer, L.Krauss, arXiv 1201.2683



- Include finite temperature and density effects in  $A'$  production.

J. Chang, R. Essig, S. McDermott, JHEP (2017)

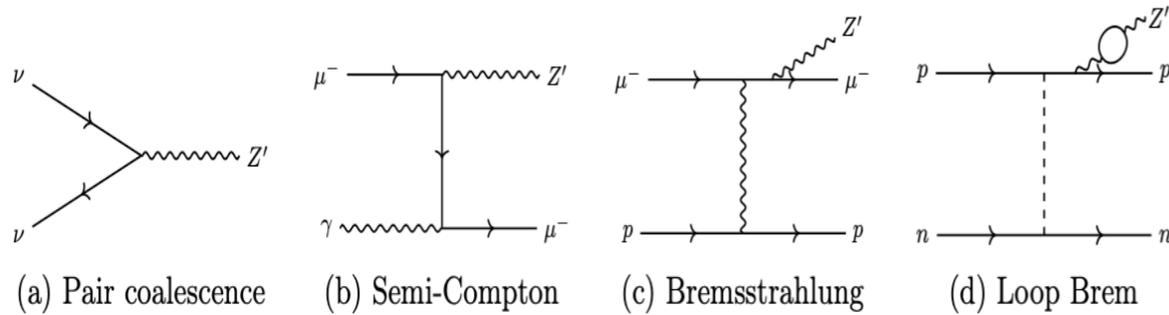


- Bounds can be further strengthened by considering decay to  $e^+e^-$ ,  $\gamma$ , both in the mantle, and near the progenitor surface.

D. Kazanas, R. Mohapatra, S. Nussinov, et al., NPB (2015)

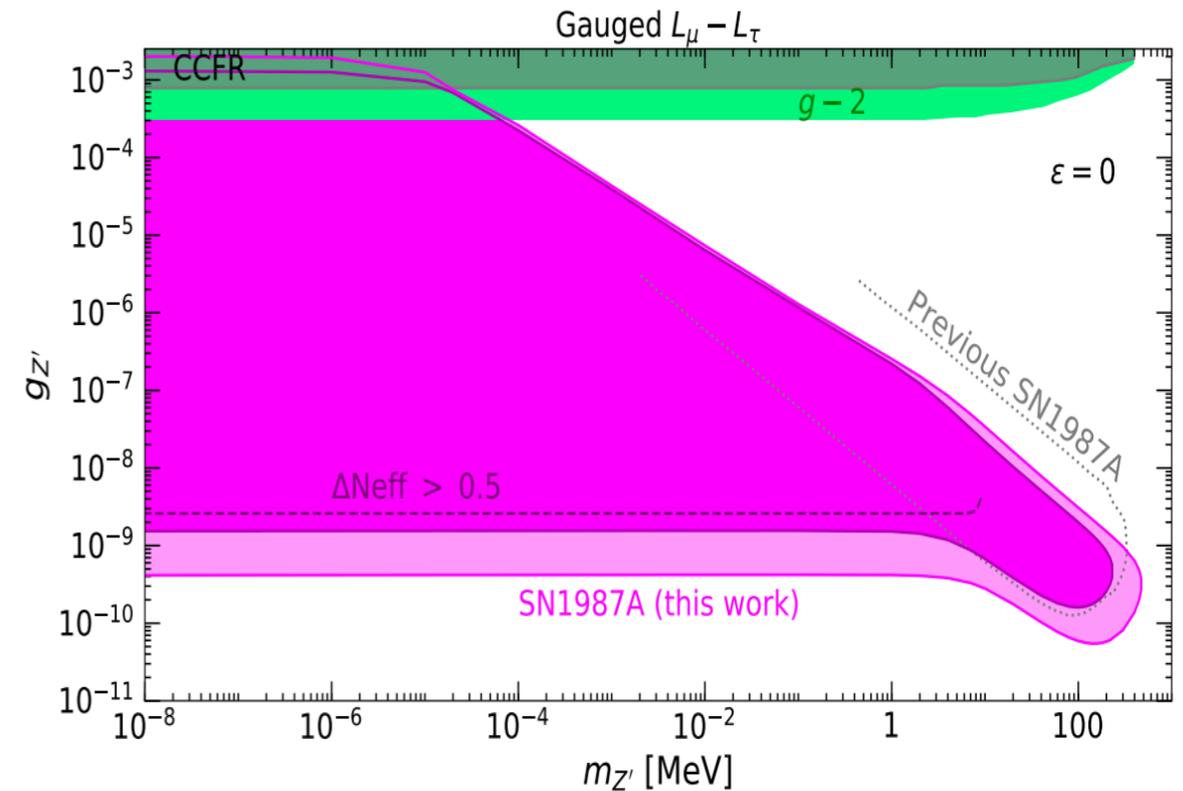
W. DeRocco, P. Graham, D. Kasen, et al., JHEP (2019)

# Inclusion of muons from simulations



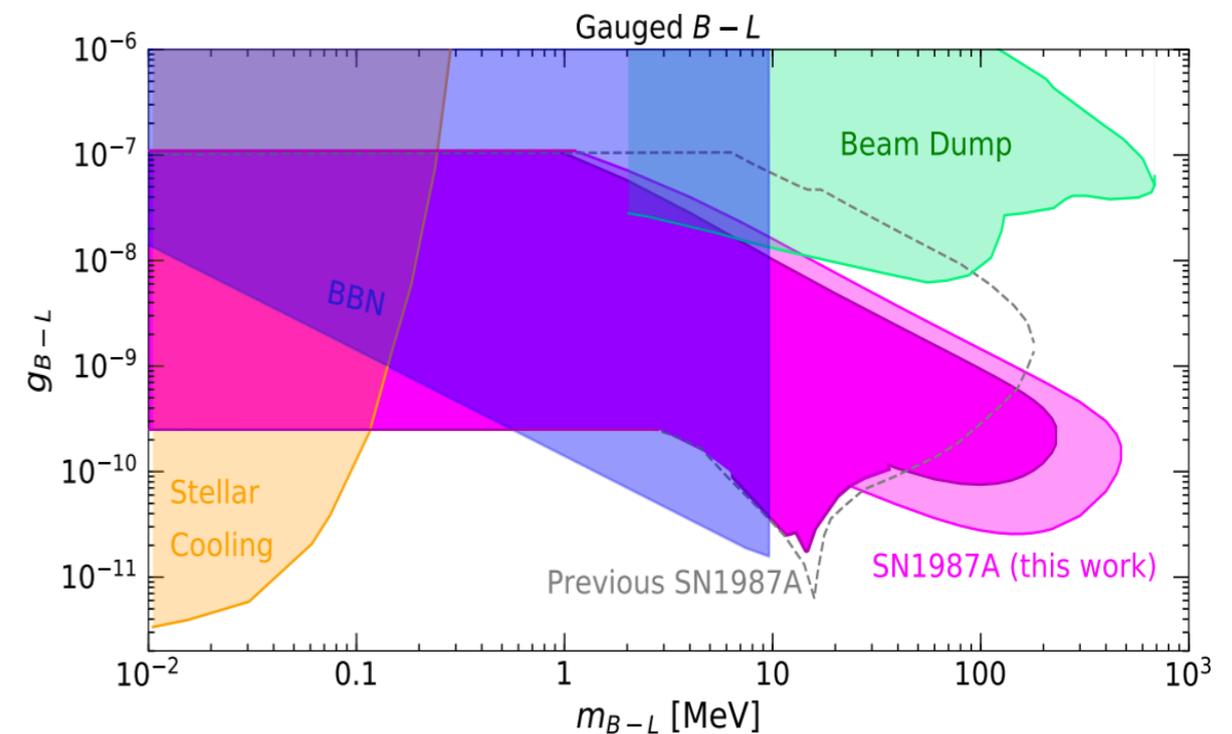
## 2. $L_\mu - L_\tau$ gauge boson.

- For lower  $Z'$  masses, semi-Compton process relevant.
- Upper bound fixed by trapping arguments.



## 3. $B - L$ gauge boson.

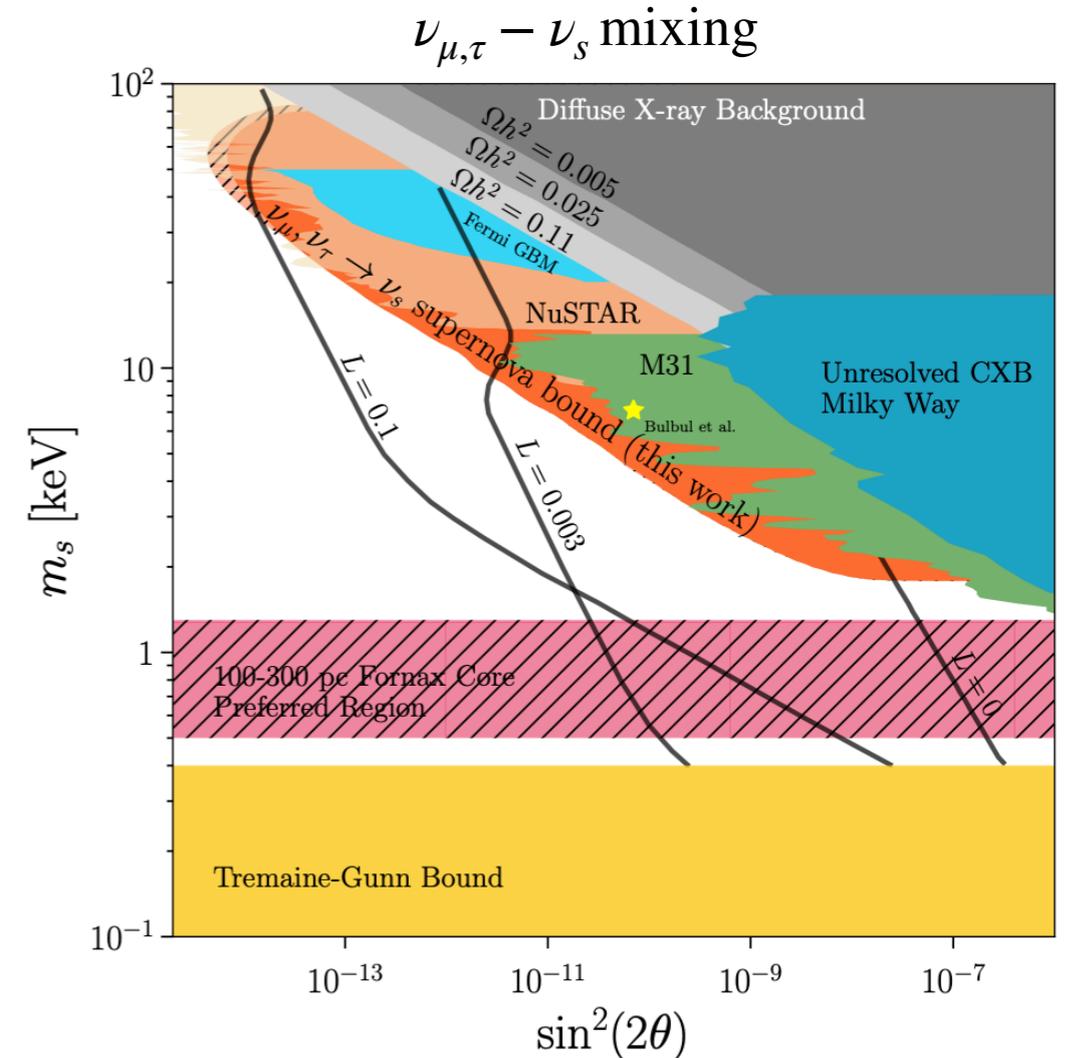
- Peak due to kinetic mixing, which opens up  $np \rightarrow npZ'$



## 2. Sterile neutrinos in SN

# Sterile neutrinos in supernova

- Sterile neutrino production in SN, through
  - (i) adiabatic MSW conversion at radii 10-15 km inside neutrinosphere.
  - (ii) collisional production due to  $\nu_{\mu,\tau} - n$  scattering.
- Interplay of two main parameters: width of the resonance region and the oscillation length, and m.f.p.



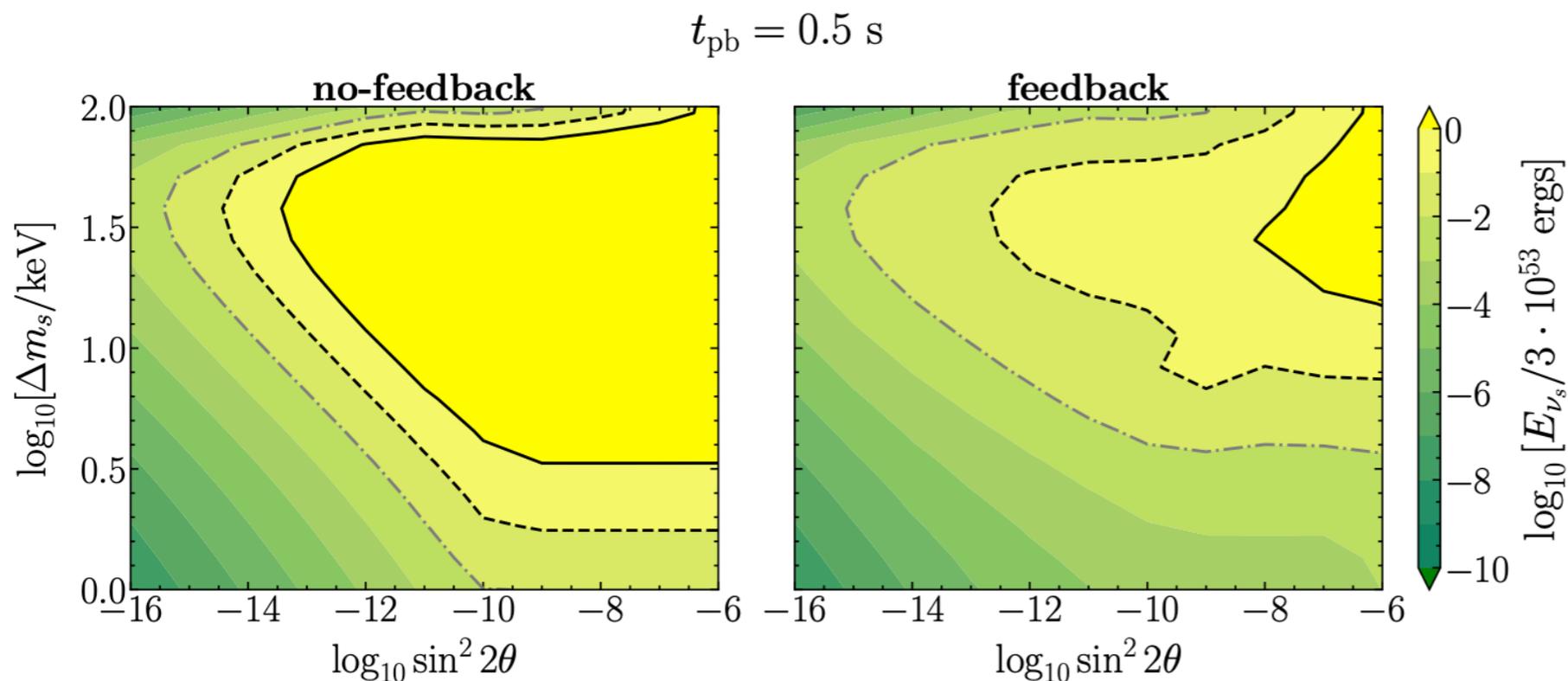
C. Argüelles, V. Brdar, J. Kopp, PRD 2019

- Constraint from

$$R(\sin^2 2\theta, m_s) = \frac{\mathcal{E}_s}{\mathcal{E}_{\text{grav}}} < 1$$

# But...feedback is important

- $\nu_s$  is produced from  $\nu_a$ . This affects the  $V_{\text{eff}}$ , which again affects flavor conversions: feedback.
- Neglecting feedback drastically over-estimates the  $\nu_a$  lepton number.
- Including feedback in multi-zone models relaxes SN bounds.



I. Tamborra, M.Wu, A. Suliga, JCAP (2019)

See also G. Raffelt and S. Zhou PRD (2011),  
for an earlier discussion of feedback in  
one-zone models.

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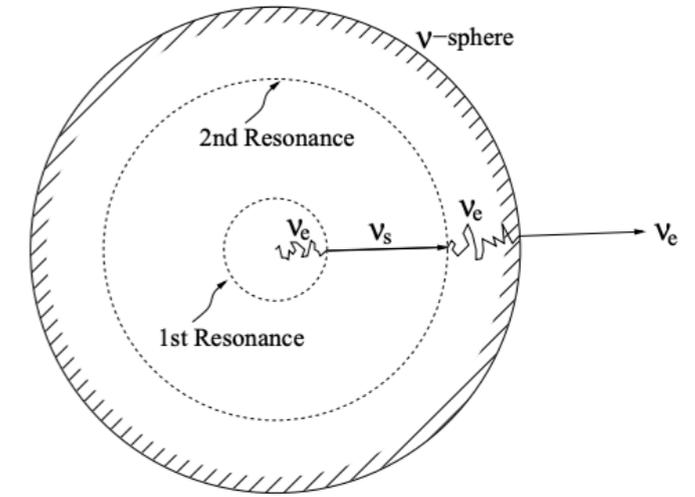
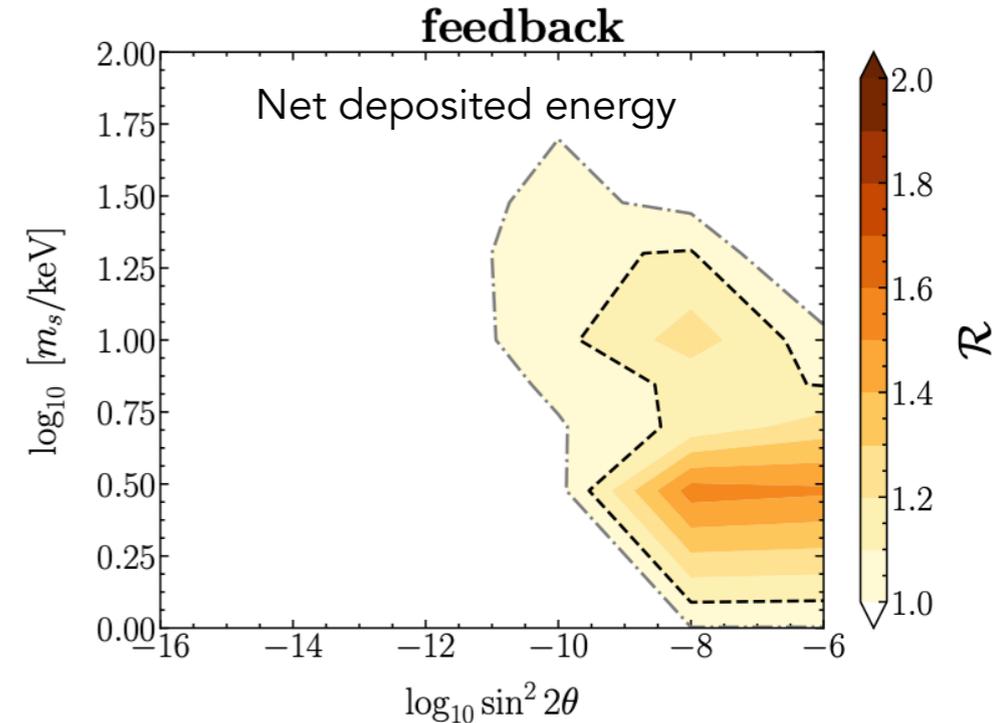


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# Consider $\nu_e - \nu_s$ mixing

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- No such cooling bounds once feedback is included.

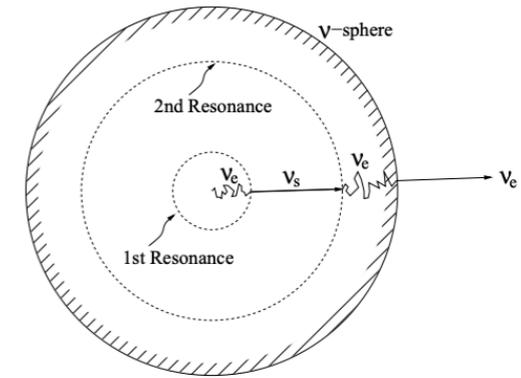
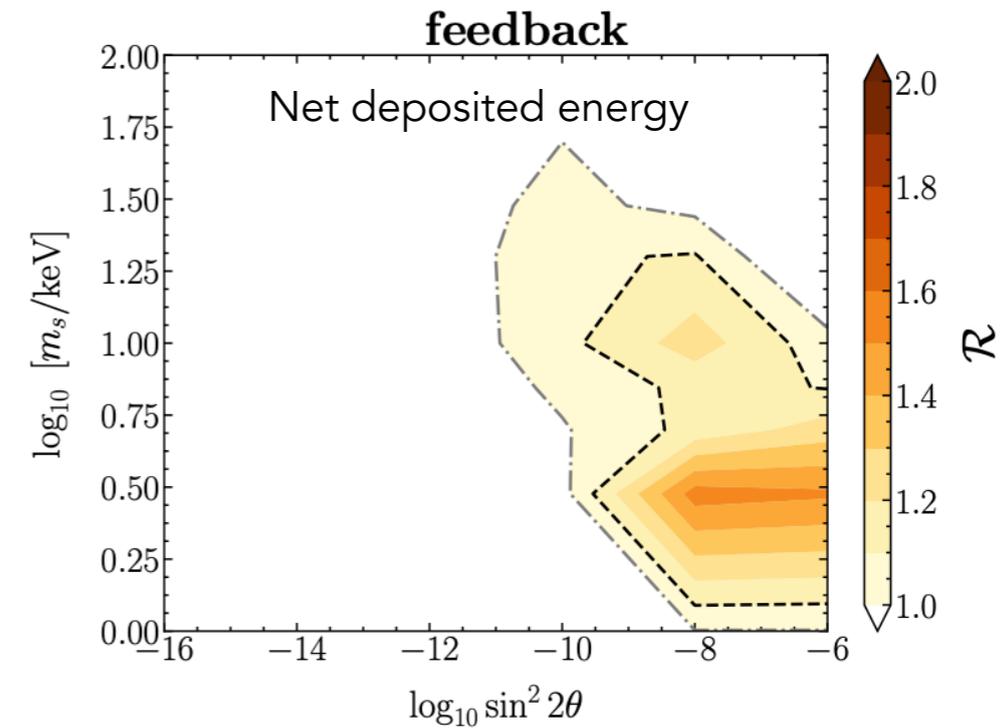
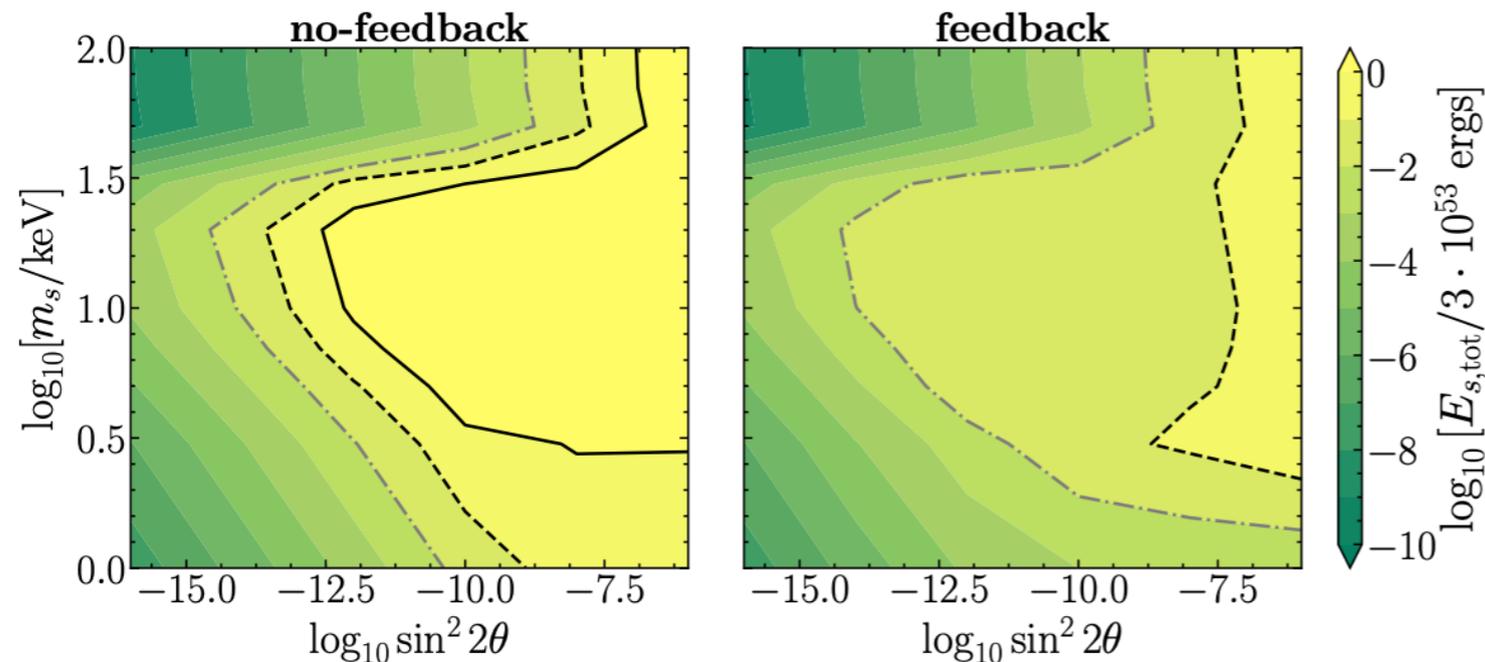


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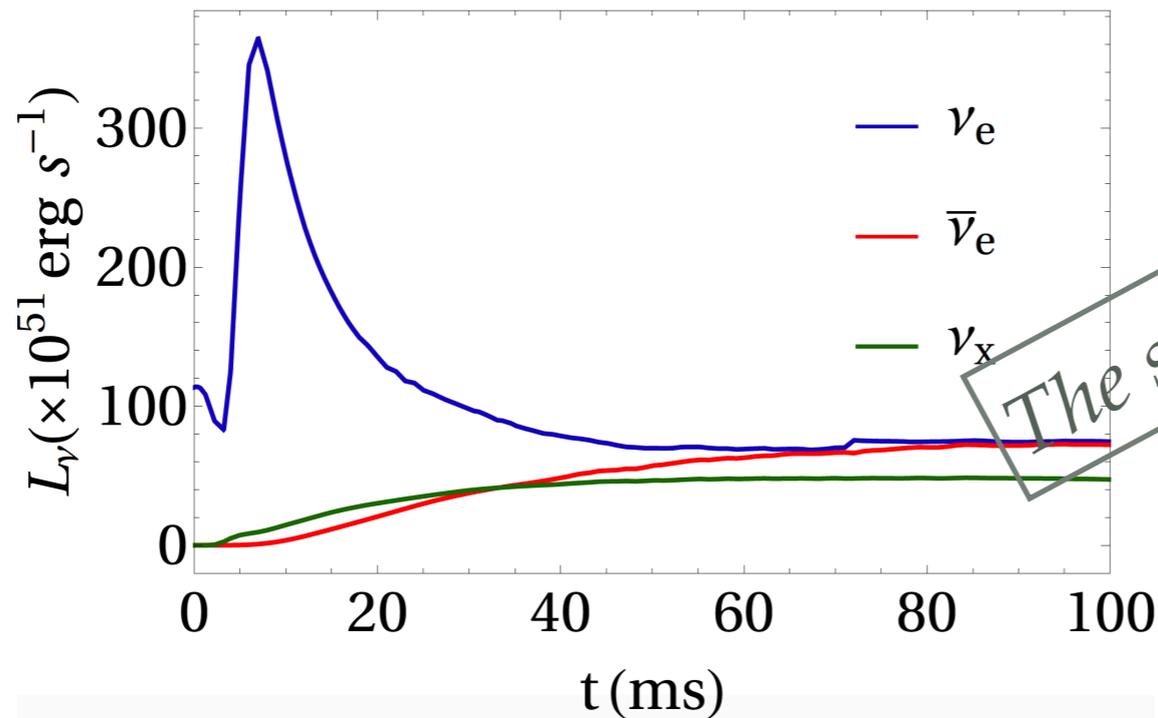
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# Impact on the neutrino spectra/flux

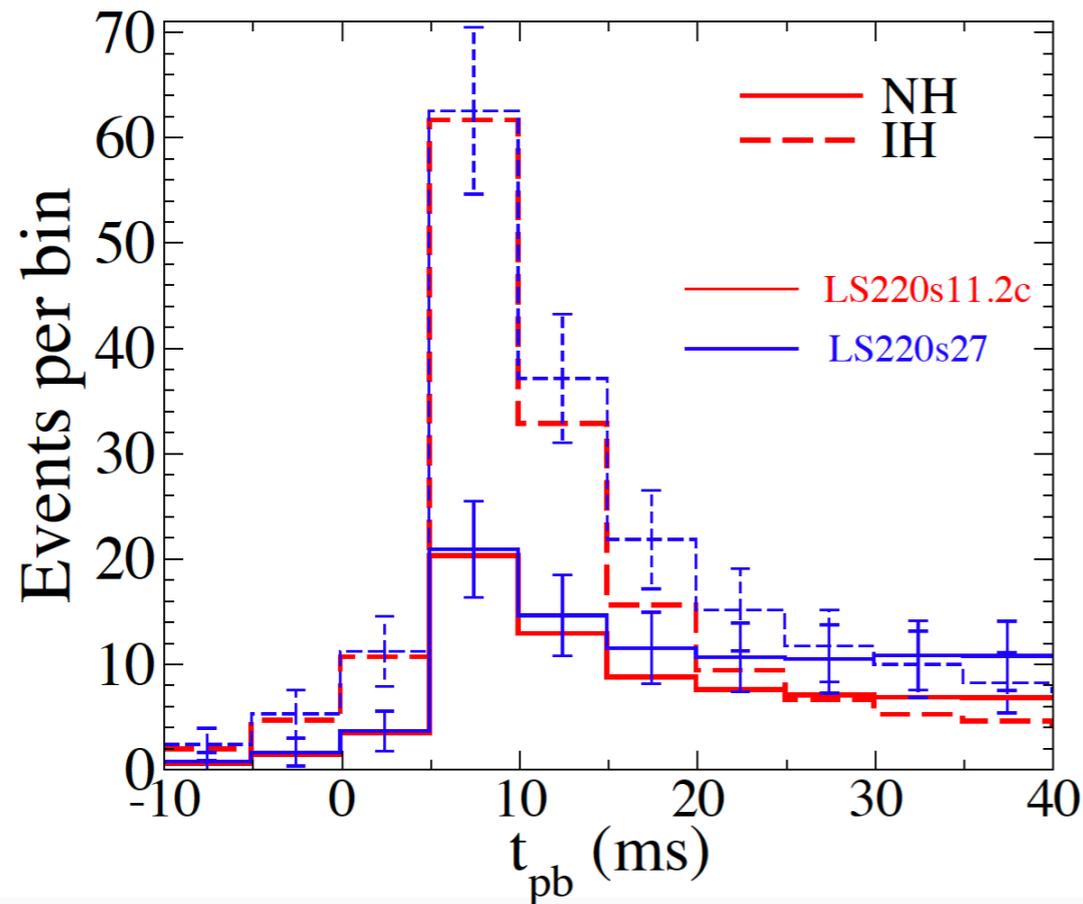
# The neutronization burst: a foreward



- Large burst of  $\nu_e$  in the first  $\sim 30$  ms post bounce.
- Robust feature of all simulations.
- Large  $\nu_e$  excess, *hence no collective oscillations within the SM*. (Remember  $\nu_e \bar{\nu}_e \leftrightarrow \nu_\mu \bar{\nu}_\mu$  !)

See talk by Francesco for further details

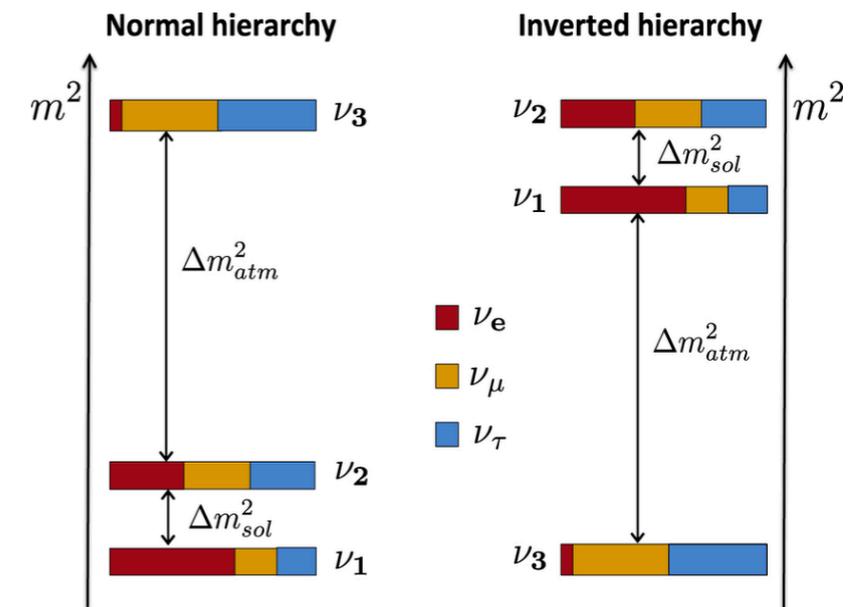
# Sensitivity to neutrino mass ordering



$\nu_e$  is produced as  $\nu_3$  ( $\nu_2$ ) in NH (IH).

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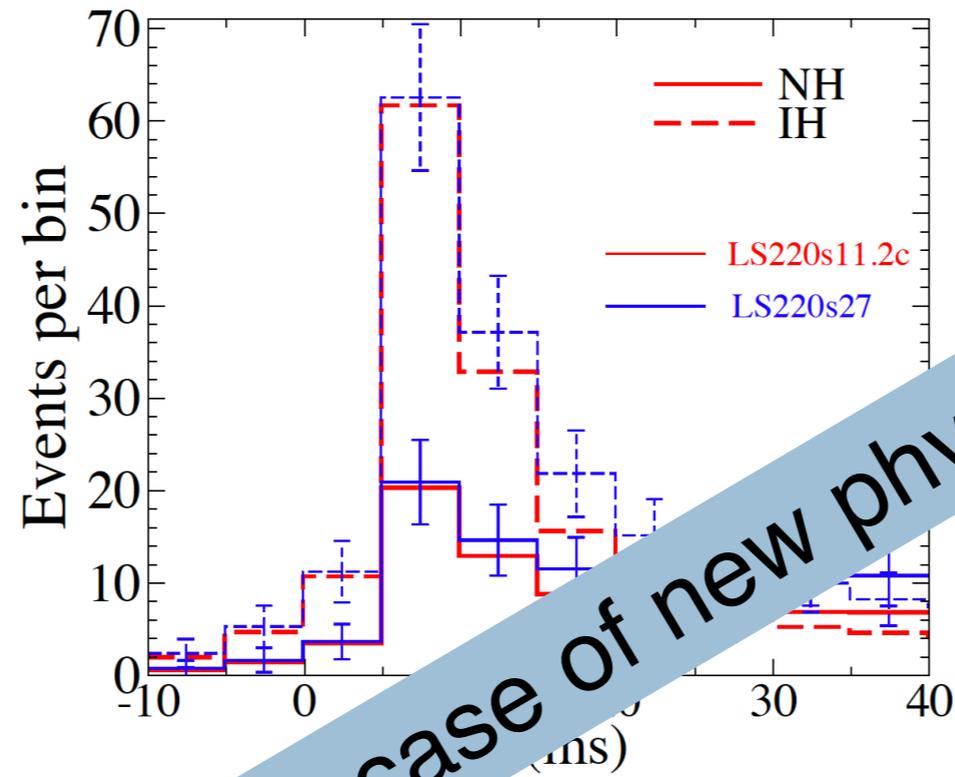
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A. Dighe, A. Smirnov, PRD (2000)

Independent probe of mass ordering!

# Sensitivity to neutrino mass ordering



What happens in case of new physics?

$$L_{\nu_e}^0 - |U_{e2}|^2 L_{\nu_e}^0 = 0.2 L_{\nu_e}^0 \quad \text{IH}$$

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### 3. Non-standard (self)interactions

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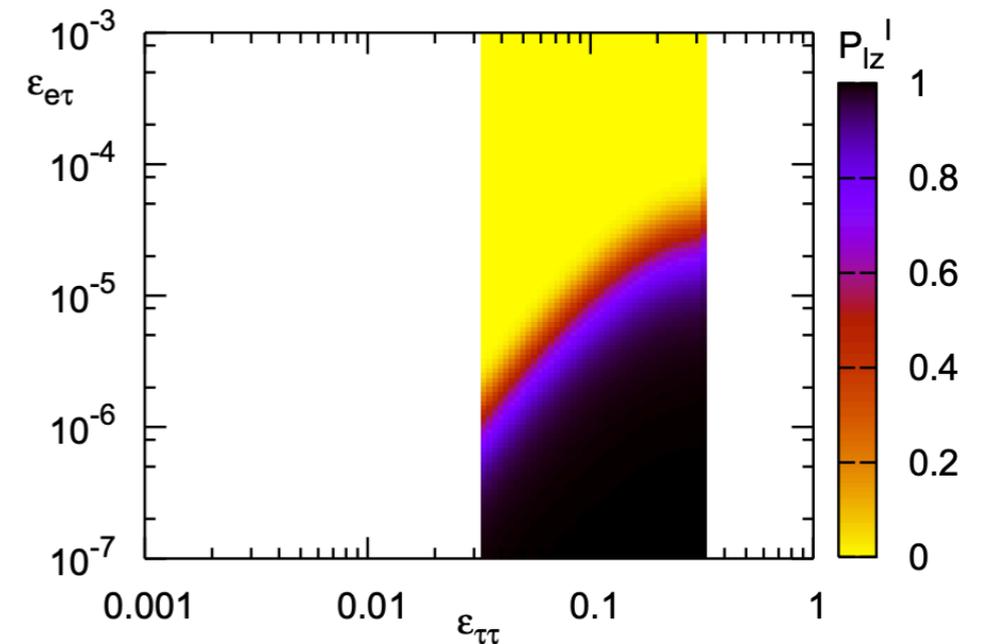
- Presence of NSI can lead to important consequences in dense core

$$\mathcal{L} \supset \varepsilon_{\alpha\beta}^{fP} 2\sqrt{2}G_F (\bar{\nu}^\alpha \gamma^\mu L \nu^\beta) (\bar{f}\gamma_\mu P f)$$

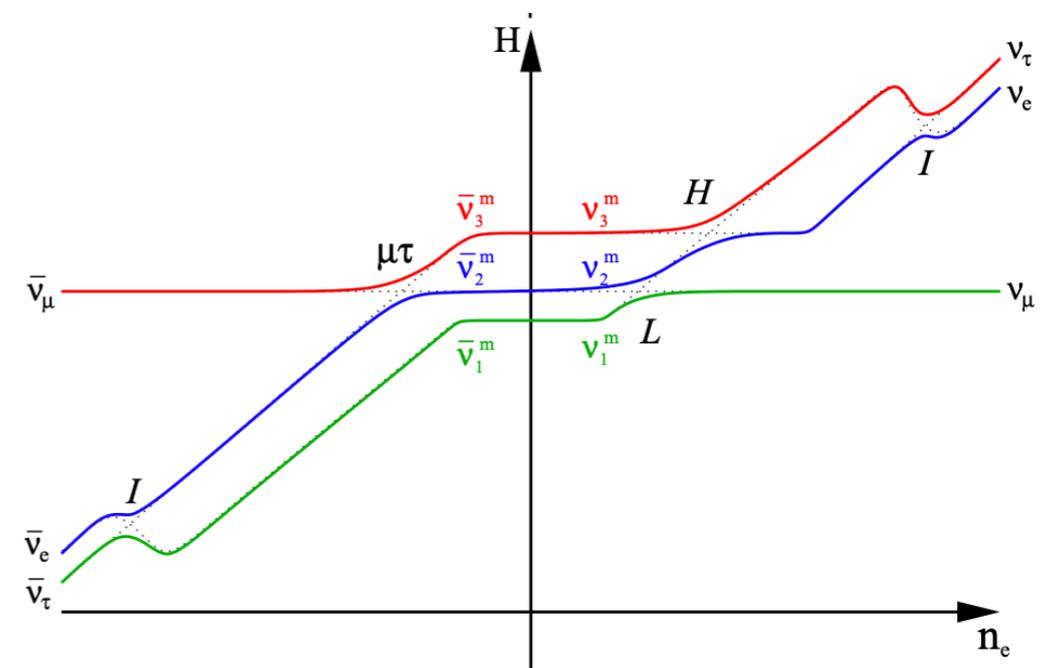
- Extra potential  $V = \sqrt{2}G_F N_f \varepsilon_{\alpha\beta}^{fP}$

- Leads to an extra resonance ("I' resonance) if  $H_{ee} = H_{\mu\mu}, H_{\tau\tau}$ .  
Changes flavor content deep inside the SN.

- Can reduce  $Y_e$  during collapse, leading to lower shock energy.



A. Esteban-Pretel, R. Tomas, J. Valle, PRD (2007)



P. Amanik, G. Fuller, PRD (2007)

See also P. Amanik, G. Fuller, B. Grinstein, Astropart. Phys (2005)

# A neutrinophilic $\phi$

- Consider a neutrinophilic scalar

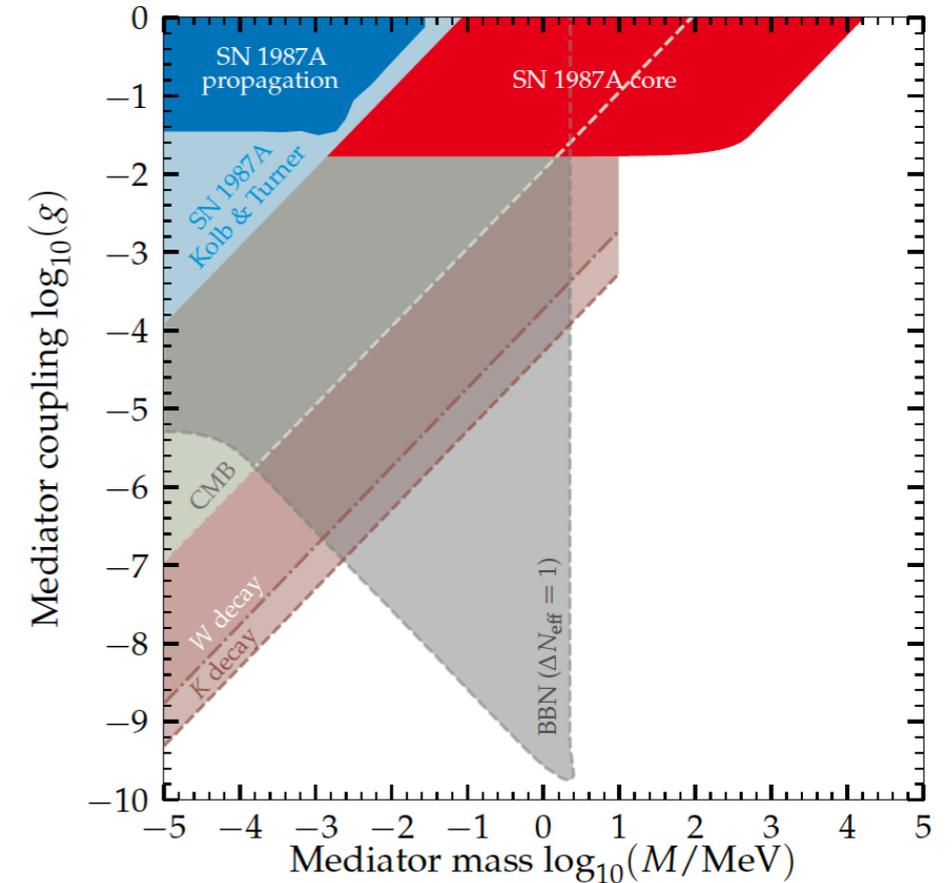
$$\mathcal{L} \supset g \nu \nu \phi$$

- Leads to  $\nu \bar{\nu} \rightarrow 2\nu 2\bar{\nu}$ . Doubles  $\nu$  number density, but energy is halved. Cannot transfer enough energy to stalled shock (red region).

- Additional bounds from scattering with  $C\nu B$ , and losing energy (blue region).

- Additional bounds due to modification of stellar physics.

G. Fuller, R. Mayle, J. Wilson, *Astrophys. J.* (1988)  
M. Kachelreiss, R. Tomas, J. Valle, *PRD.* (2000)  
Y. Farzan *PRD* (2000)



S. Shalgar, I. Tamborra, M. Bustamante, arXiv:1912.09115

# Non-standard self-interactions

- Consider  $\mathcal{L} \supset G_F (G_{\alpha\beta} \bar{\nu}^\alpha \gamma^\mu L \nu^\beta) (G_{\eta\delta} \bar{\nu}^\eta \gamma^\mu L \nu^\delta)$ ,

$$x = \mu, \tau$$

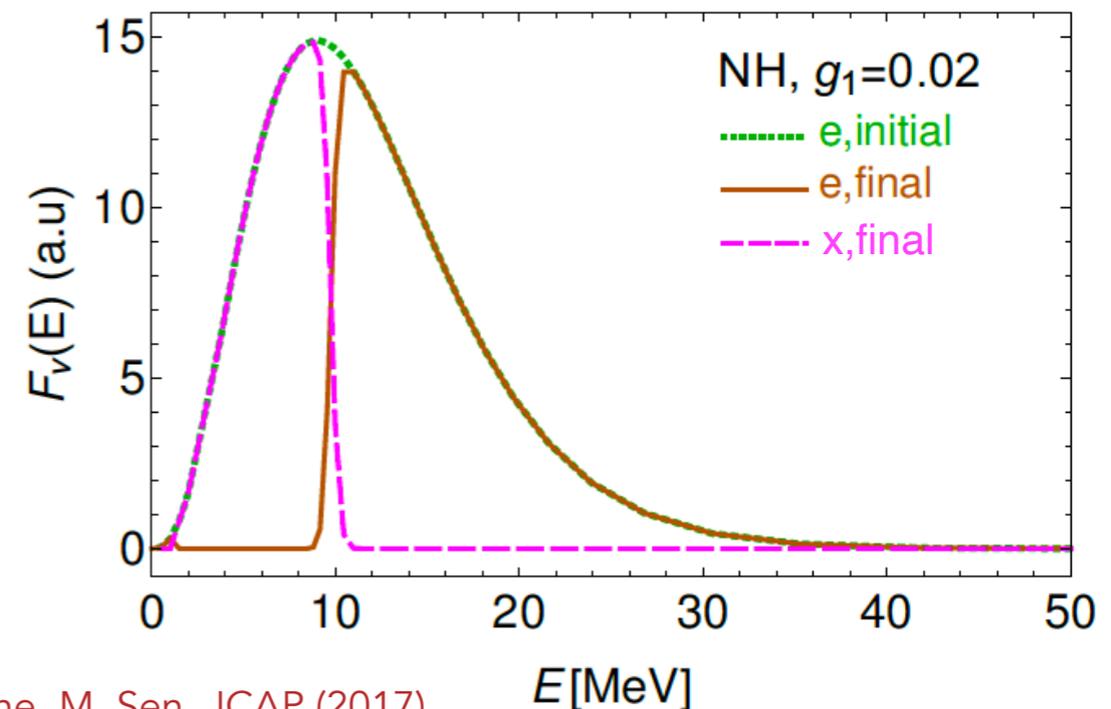
where most generally,  $G = \begin{pmatrix} 1 + g_{ee} & g_{ex} \\ g_{ex} & 1 + g_{xx} \end{pmatrix}$ .

- Non-linear EoMs, extremely sensitive to  $\nu$ SI.

G. Raffelt, G. Sigl NPB (1993)  
M. Blennow, A. Mirizzi, P. Serpico, PRD (2008)

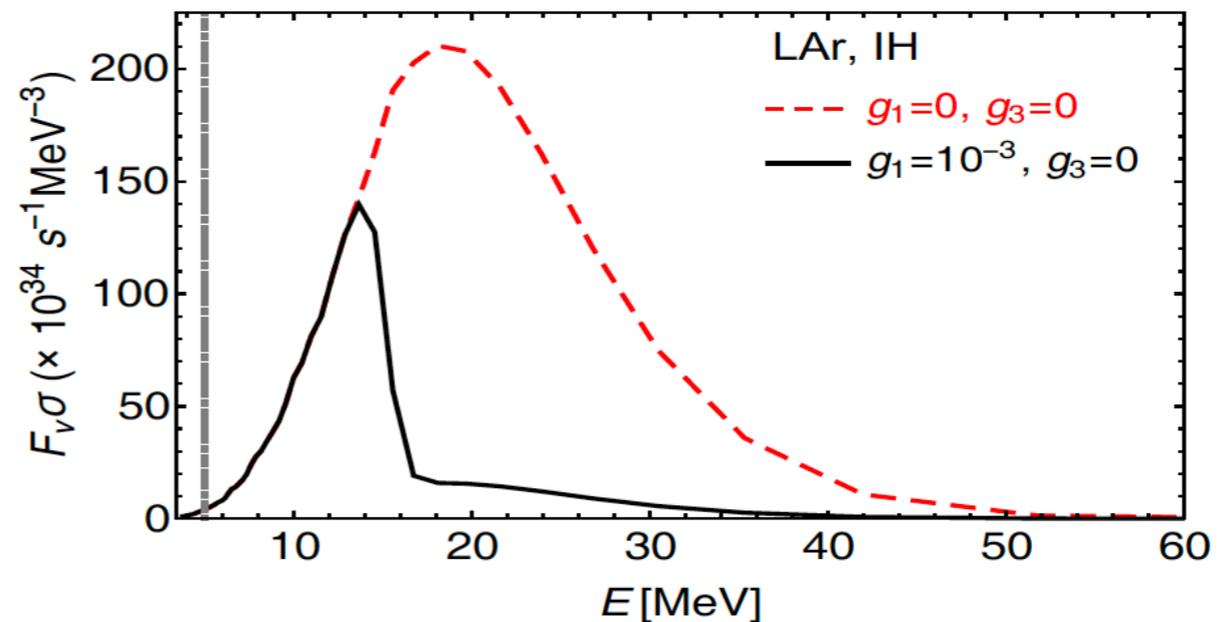
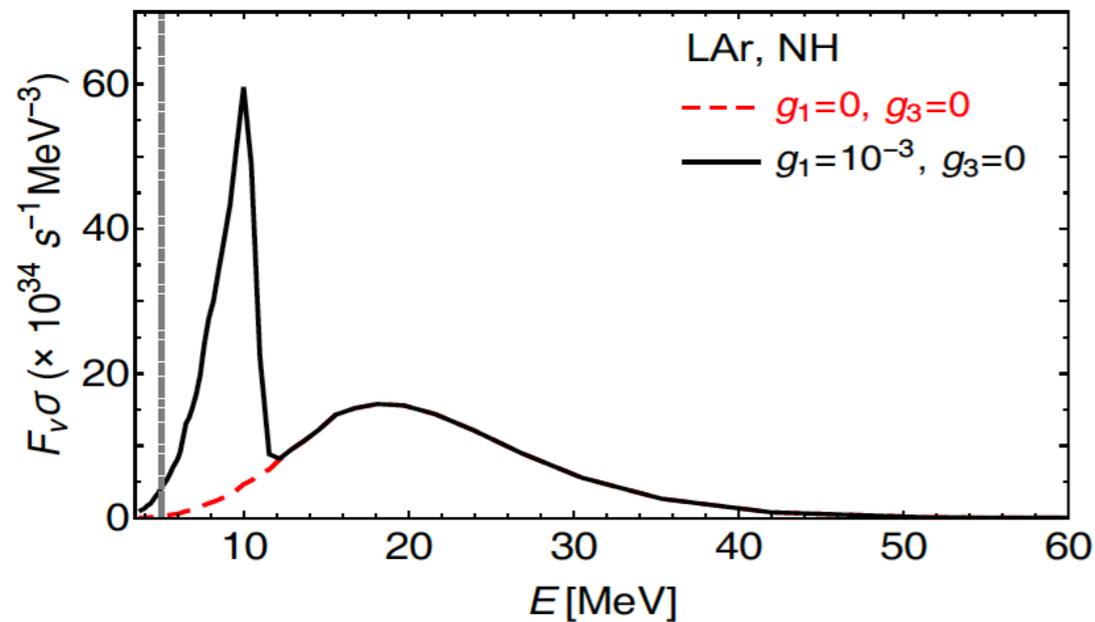
$$i d_t Q_p = \left[ H_{\text{vac}} + H_{\text{mat}} + \sqrt{2} G_F \int d\mathbf{q} G Q_q G, Q_p \right],$$

- $g_{ex} \neq 0$  can populate  $\nu_x$  from  $\nu_e$  during neutronization.  
Cause collective oscillations now, giving distinct spectral splits in neutronization spectra.



A. Das, A. Dighe, M. Sen JCAP (2017)

# Smoking-gun signal of NSSI



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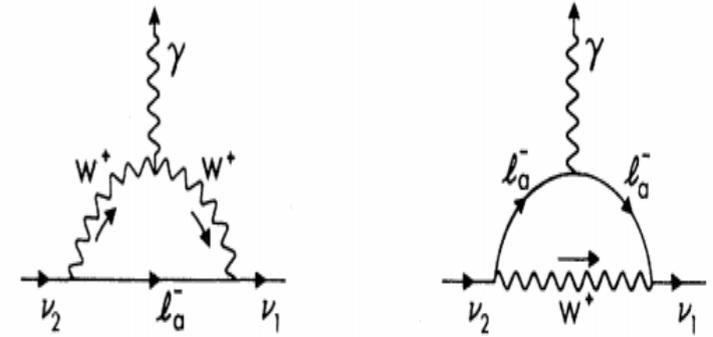
- Due to collective oscillations in the neutronization phase, distinct splits can be detected at DUNE.
- Put flux dependent constraints on NSSI.
- Caveat: sensitive to details of collective oscillations! Should be explored in more details.

M. Sen, I. Tamborra, M. Wu, in prep

# 4. Neutrino decay & properties

# Non-standard neutrino decay

- Massive neutrinos can decay to lighter ones even within the SM. Age longer than universe.



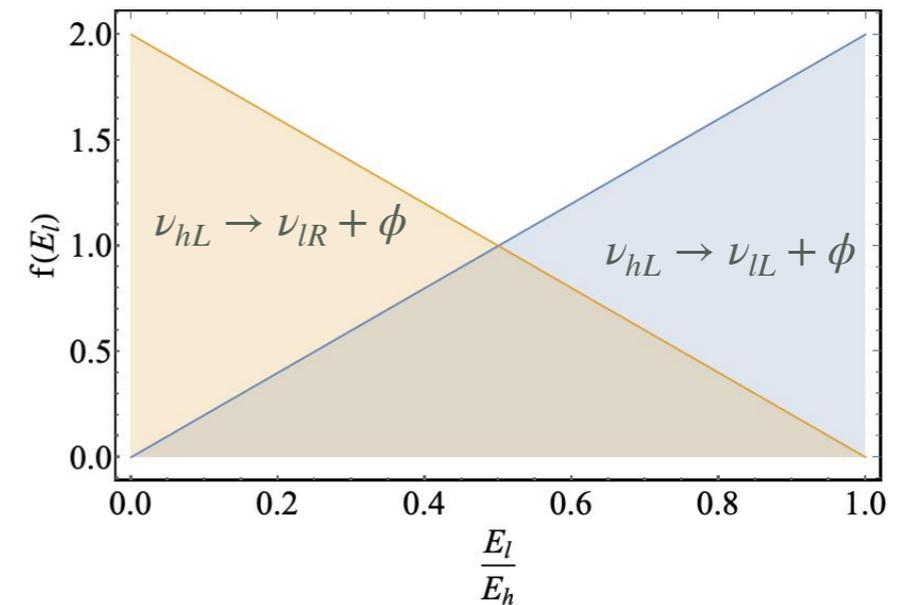
Pal and Wolfenstein PRD (1982)

- New physics can mediate faster decay.

$$\mathcal{L} \supset \nu_h \nu_l \phi + \text{H.c.}$$

$$\nu_{hL} \rightarrow \nu_{lL} + \phi \quad \dots \text{Helicity cons. (h.c.)}$$

$$\nu_{hL} \rightarrow \nu_{lR} + \phi \quad \dots \text{Helicity flip. (h.f.)}$$

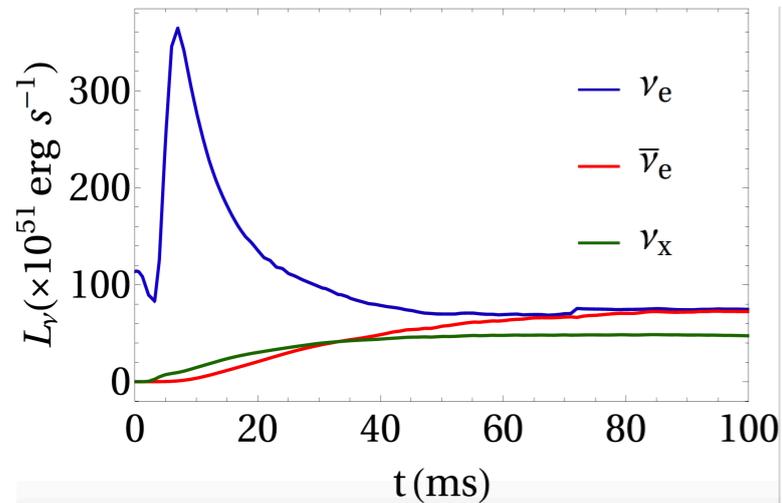


Use the neutronization flux to

- Put some of the tightest bound on this decay.
- Distinguish between Dirac and Majorana nature.

# The game plan

## Normal Ordering



S. Ando PRD (2004)

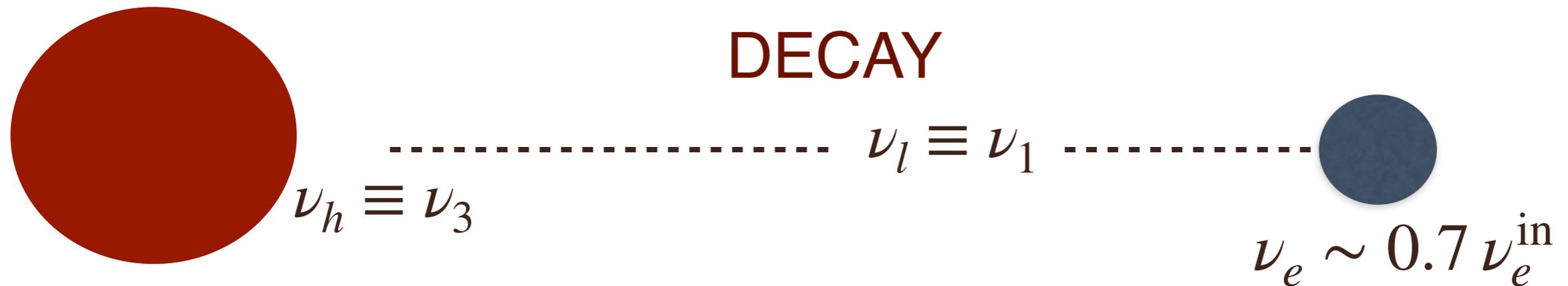
A. de Gouvea, I. Martinez-Soler, M. Sen PRD (2019)

For a detailed theoretical framework of neutrino decay, see  
M. Lindner, T. Ohlsson, W. Winter, NPB (2002)

### NO DECAY

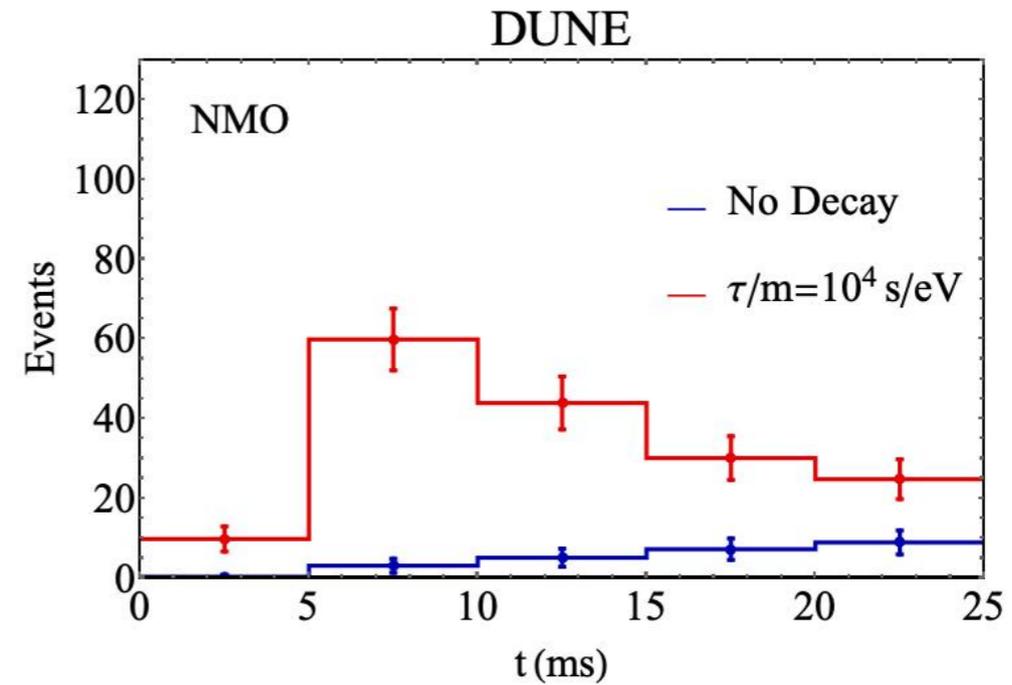
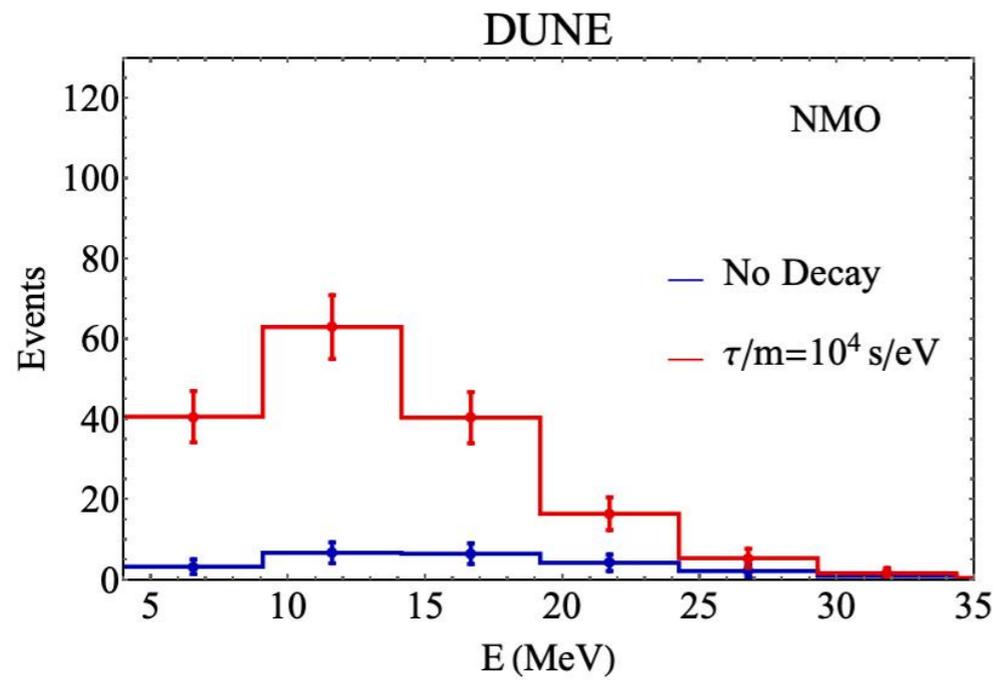


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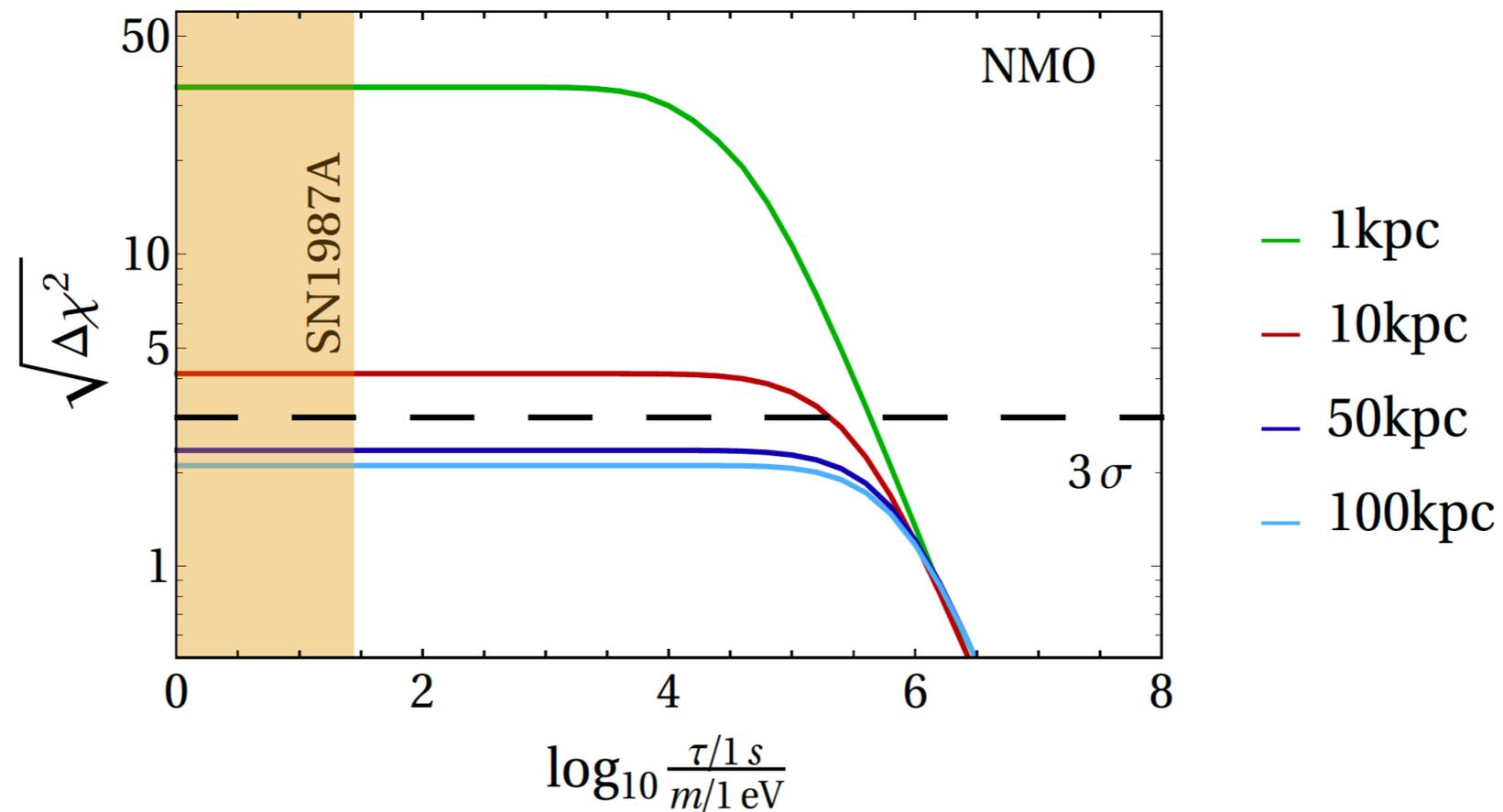


Enhancement in spectra

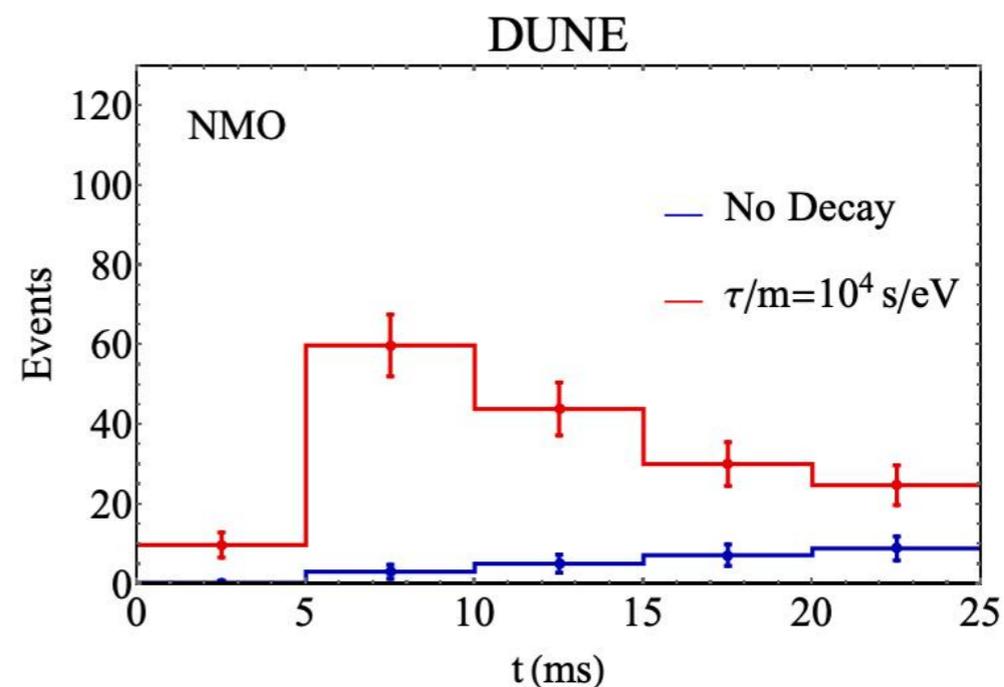
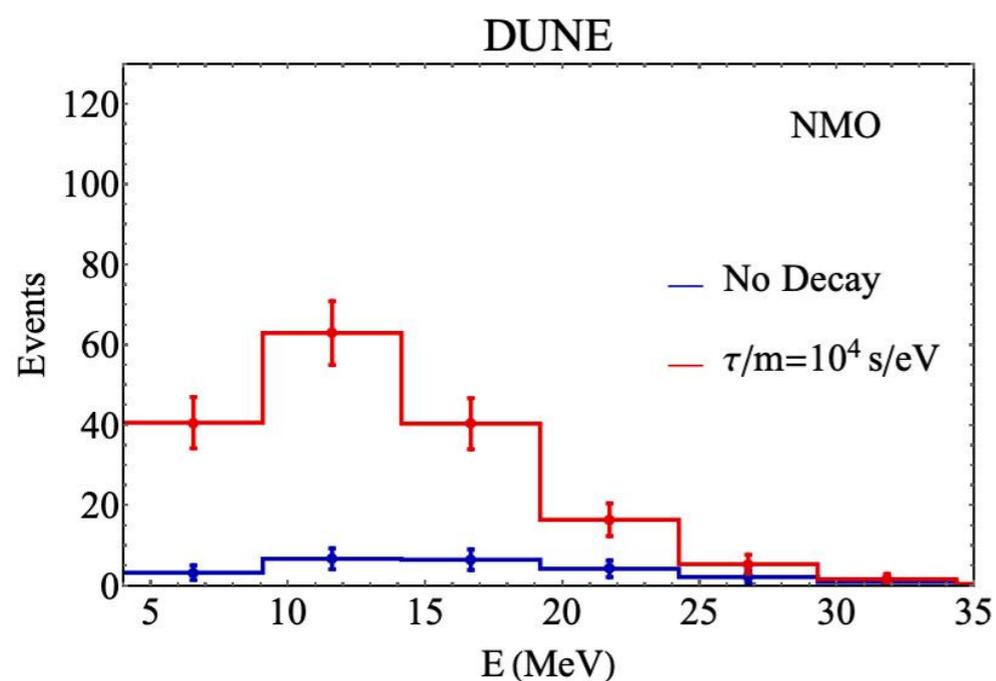
# Simulated data in DUNE



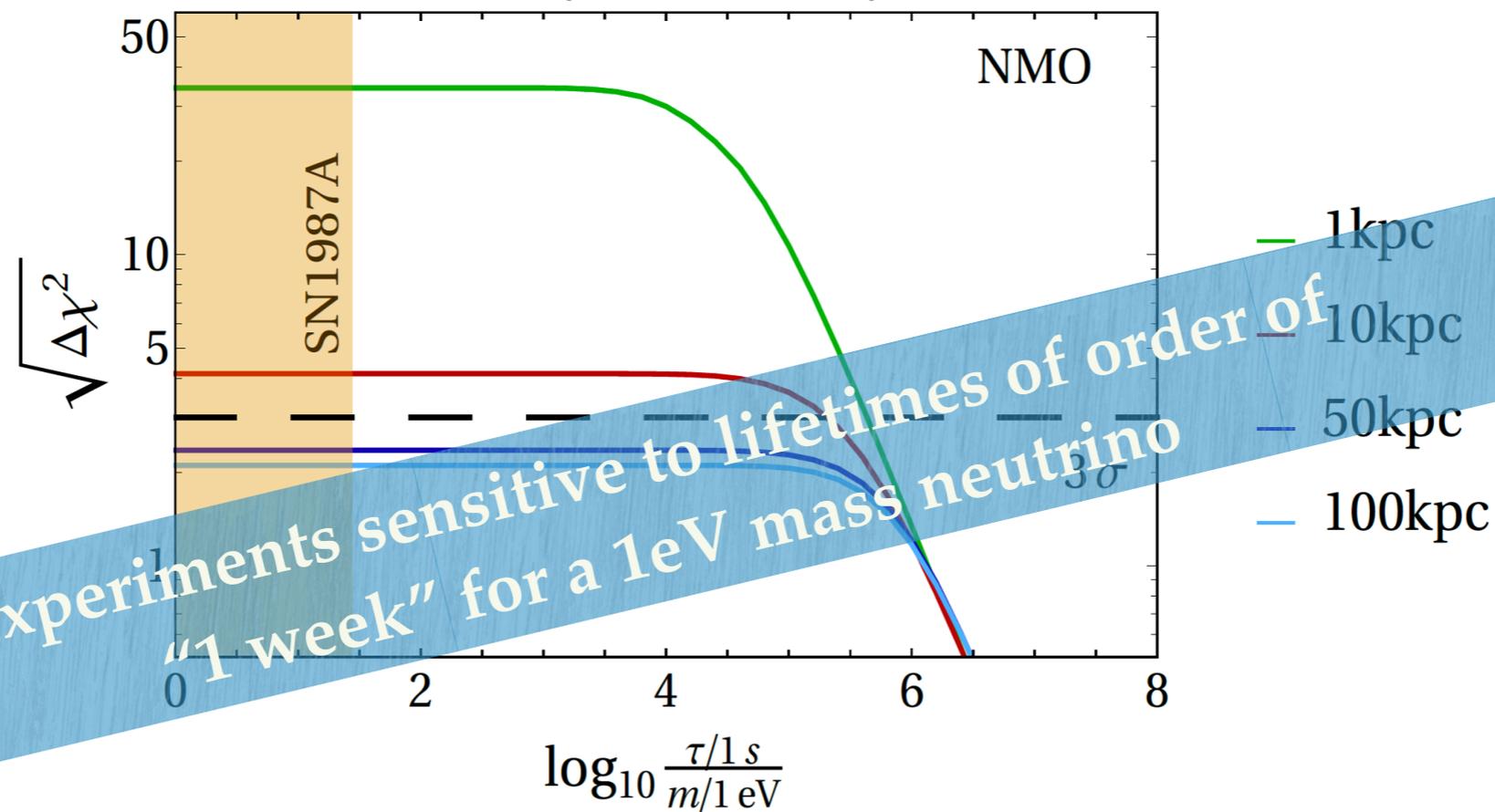
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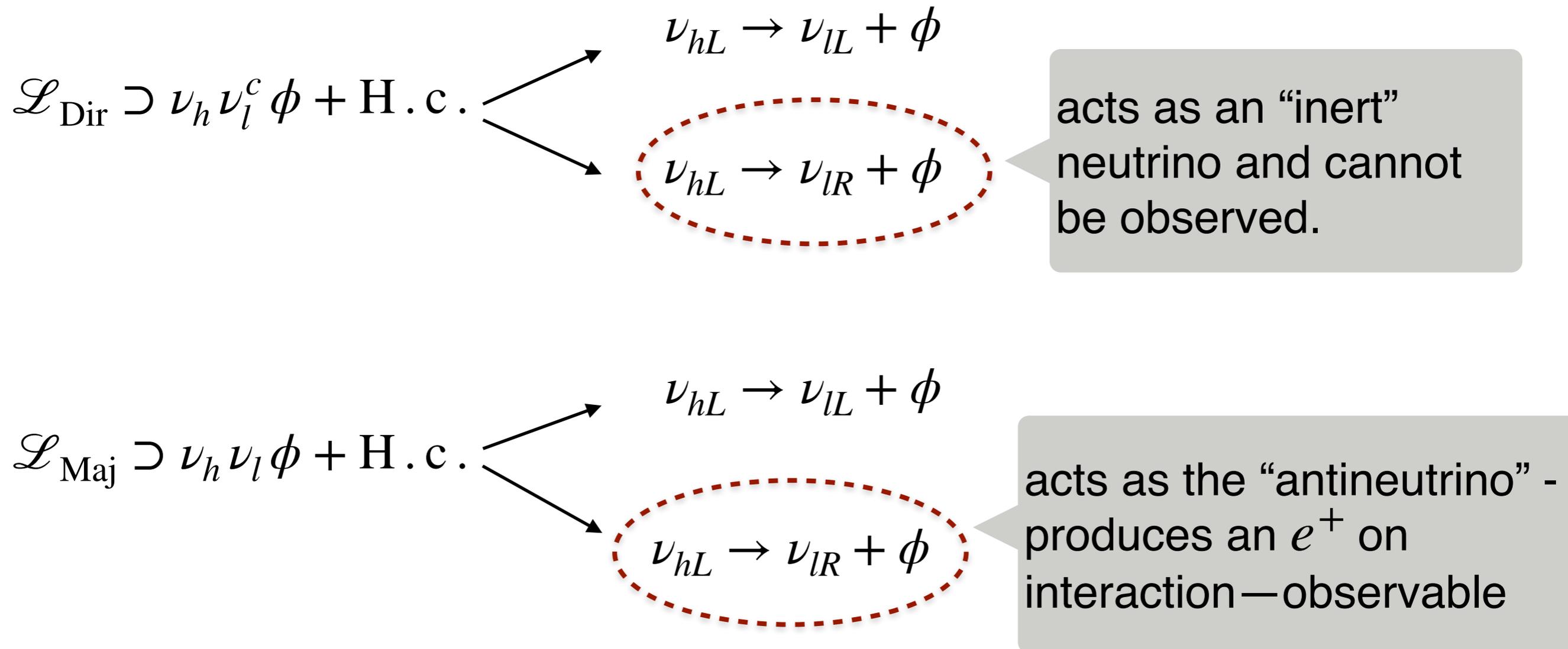
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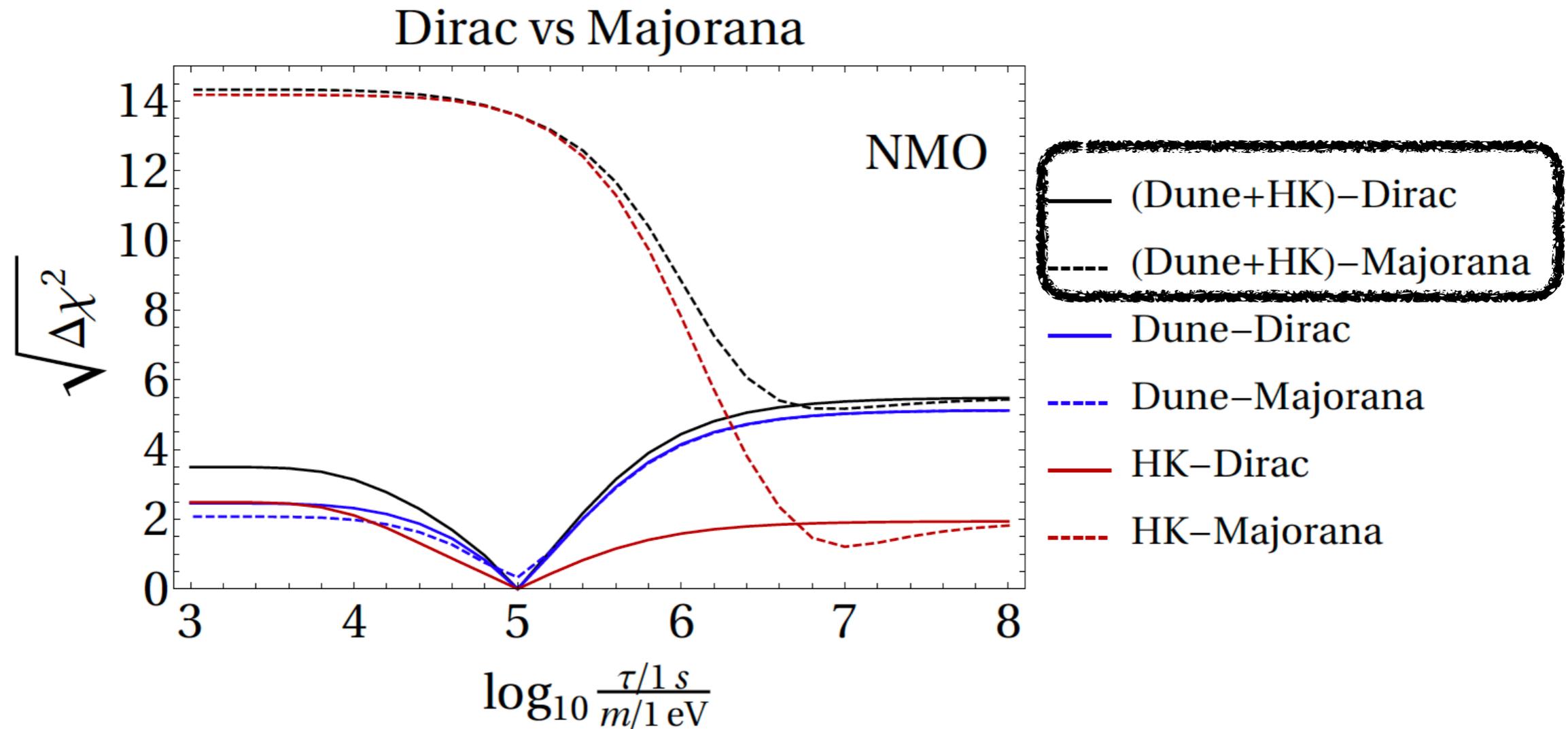
# Dirac vs Majorana



Different signatures in detectors sensitive to  $\nu_e$  and  $\bar{\nu}_e$ .

Look at DUNE and HK

# Distinguishing capacity: Dirac(D) vs Majorana (M)



- Simulate data consistent with Dirac neutrinos and  $\tau/m = 10^5 \text{s/eV}$ .
- A combination of DUNE+ HK can distinguish between Dirac and Majorana neutrinos at  $5\sigma$ .

# Pseudo-Dirac neutrinos

Neutrinos have sub-dominant Majorana mass terms.

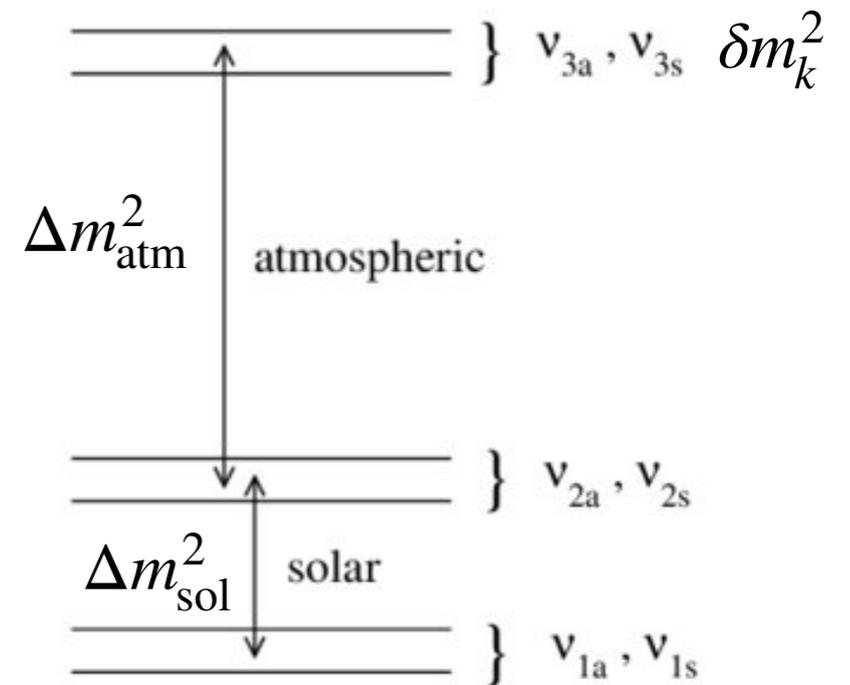
Generic Majorana mass matrix  $\begin{pmatrix} m_L & m_D \\ m_D & m_R \end{pmatrix}$ .

Pseudo-Dirac limit :  $m_{L,R} \ll m_D$

3 pairs of quasi-degenerate states, separated by  $\delta m_k^2$ , which is much smaller than the usual  $\Delta m_{\text{sol}}^2$  and  $\Delta m_{\text{atm}}^2$ .

$$\nu_{\alpha L} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} U_{\alpha j} (\nu_{js} + i \nu_{ja})$$

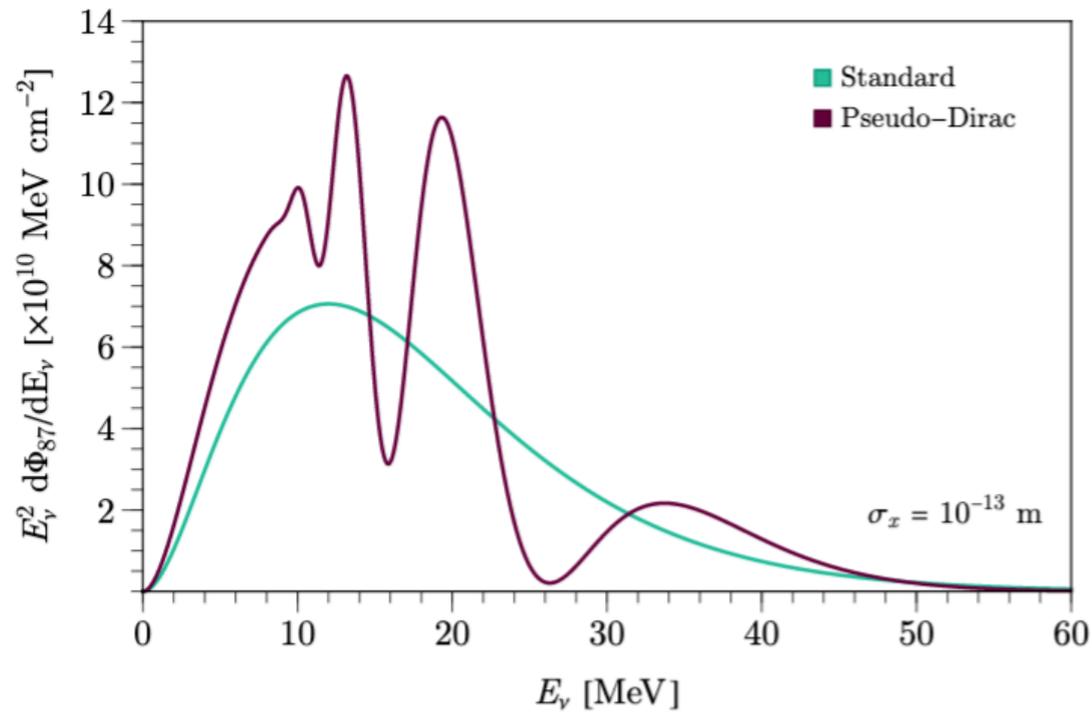
Maximally mixed active and sterile states. Oscillations driven by this tiny mass.



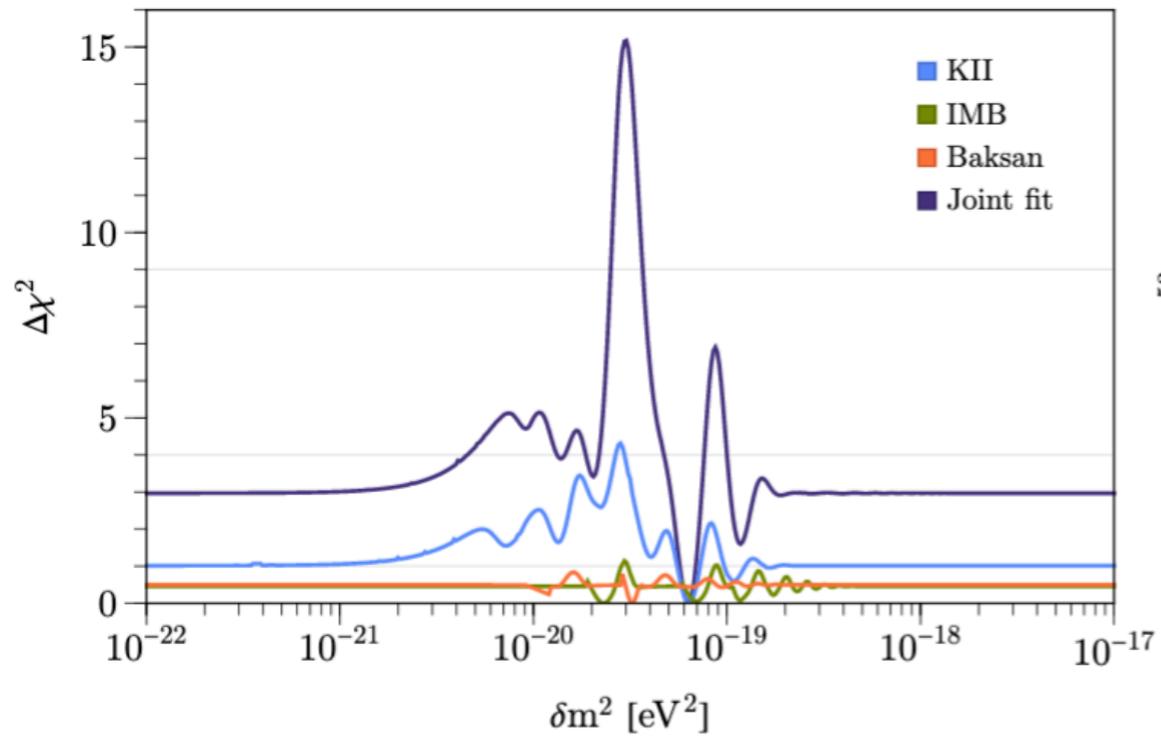
Bounds:

1. Solar neutrinos  $\delta m^2 = 10^{-12} \text{ eV}^2$   
de Gouvea, Huang, Jenkins, PRD2009
2. Atmospheric neutrinos  
 $\delta m^2 > 10^{-4} \text{ eV}^2$   
Beacom, Bell, et al., PRL2004
3. High energy astrophysical neutrinos  
 $10^{-18} \text{ eV}^2 < \delta m^2 < 10^{-12} \text{ eV}^2$   
Esmaili, Farzan, JCAP2012

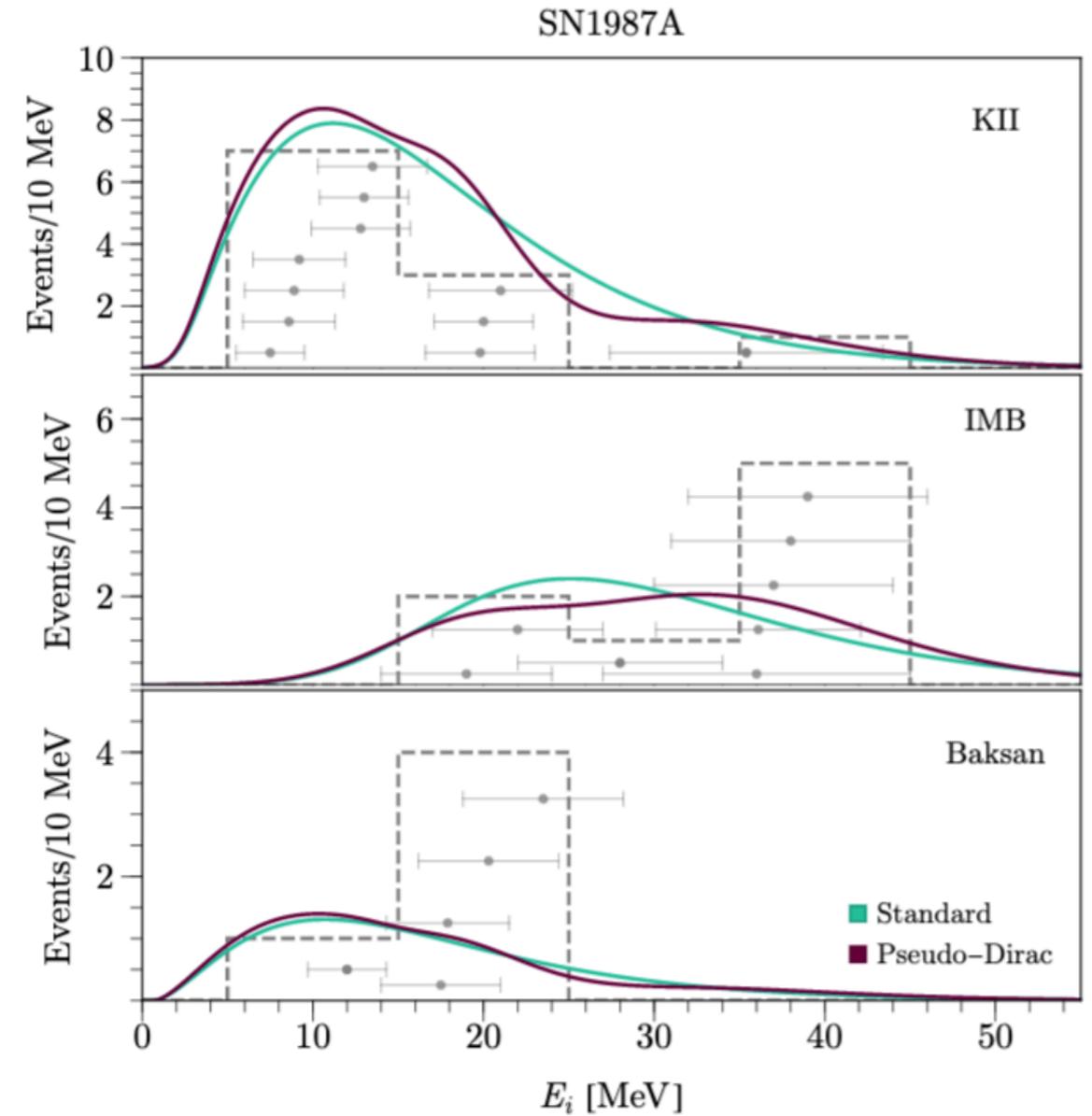
# Pseudo-Dirac neutrinos: SN1987A



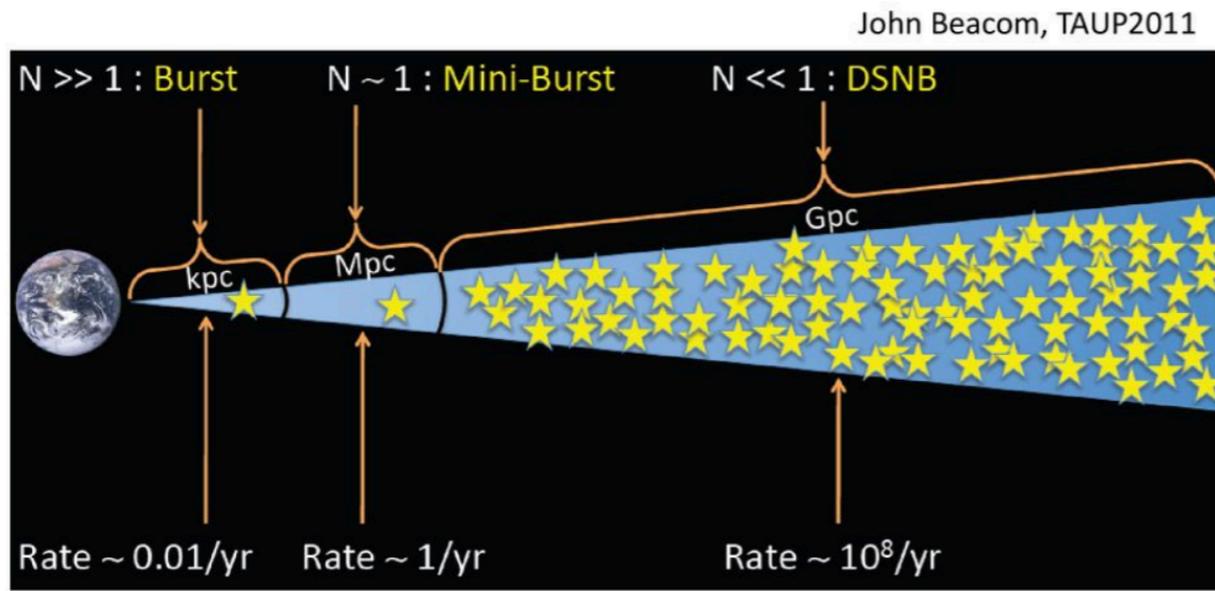
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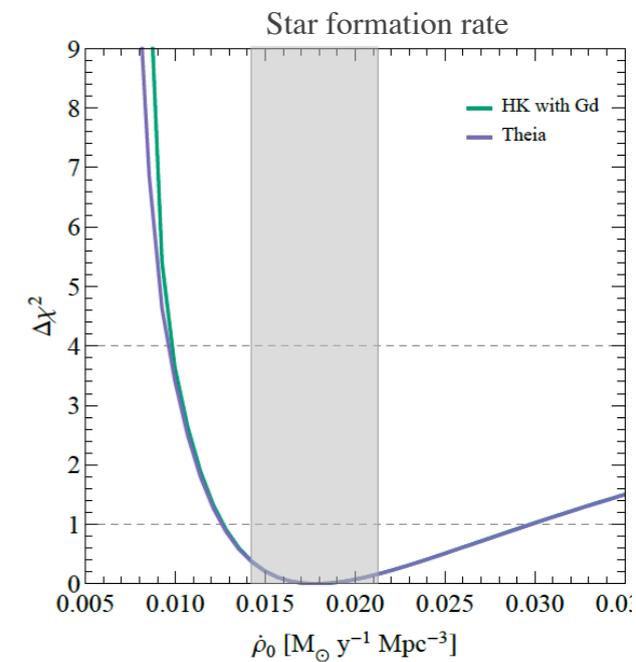
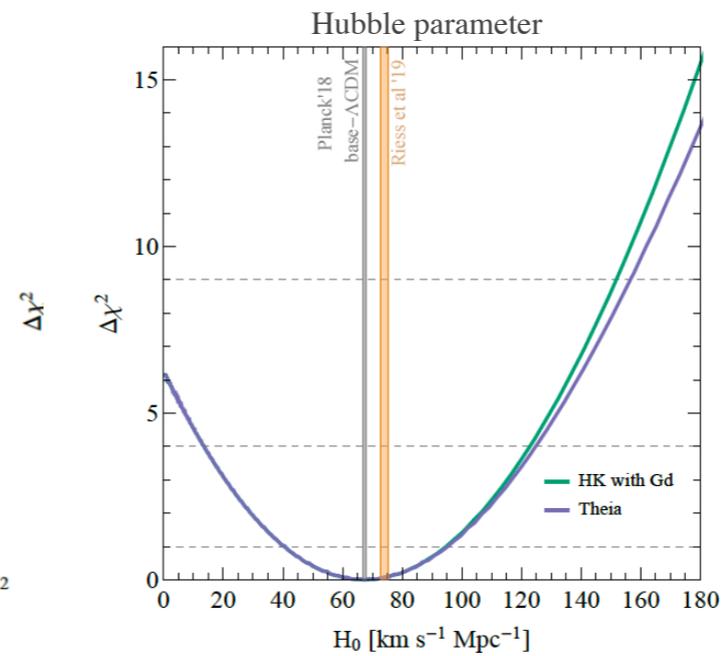
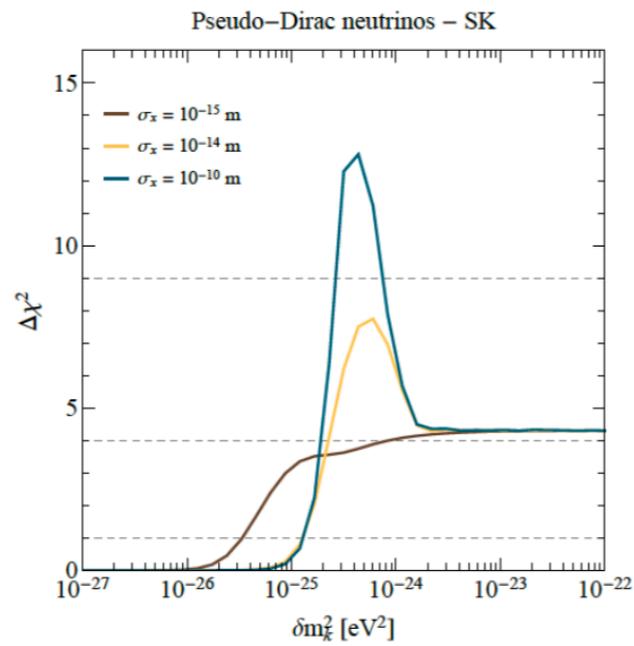
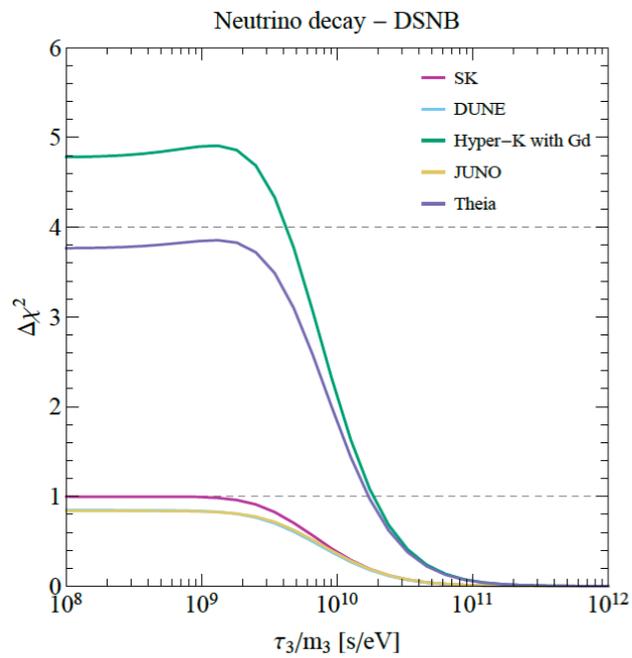
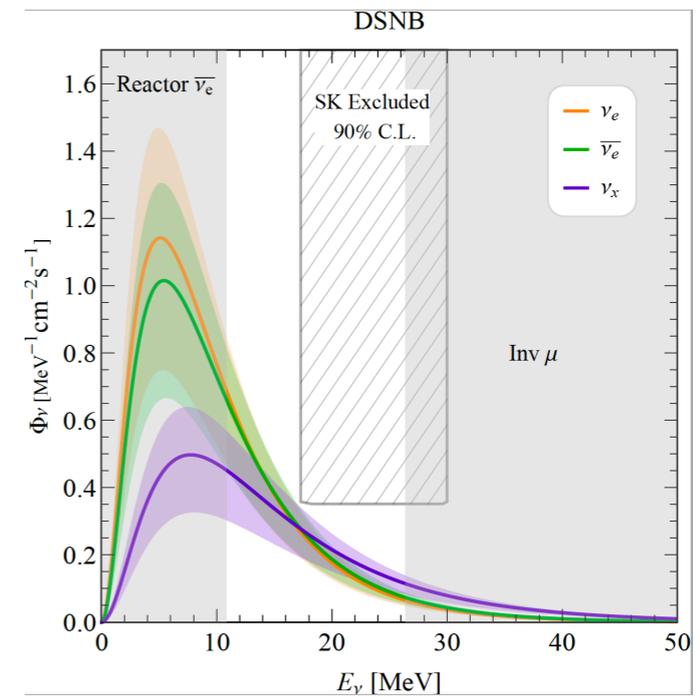
Preference for  $\delta m^2 = 6.31 \times 10^{-20} \text{ eV}^2$  over the un-oscillated scenario by  $\Delta\chi^2 \approx 3$ .



# Finally, the DSNB: an omnipresent laboratory



DSNB=Diffuse Supernova Neutrino Background



A. de Gouvea, I. Martinez-Soler, Y. Perez-Gonzalez, M. Sen PRD (2020)

# Other kind of new physics

- Axions, and axion-like particles.

G.Raffelt, Stars as laboratories for fundamental physics, UCP (1996)  
J. Jaeckel, M. Spannowsky, PLB (2016)  
G. Lucente, P. Carenza, T. Fischer, et al. JCAP (2020)

Majorons.

M. Kachelreiss, R. Tomas, J. Valle, PRD. (2000)  
Y. Farzan PRD (2000)

- Neutrino magnetic moment: within the SN,  $\nu_L e \rightarrow e \nu_R$  can drain energy, bounds  $\mu_D < 10^{-12} \mu_B$ .

R. Barbieri, R. Mohapata, PRL (1988)

- Radiative decays:  $\nu \rightarrow \nu' \gamma$ , gives a coincident  $\gamma$ -ray flare. Bounds  $\tau/m > 10^{15} \text{ s/eV}$ .

G.Raffelt, Stars as laboratories for fundamental physics, UCP (1996)

- Time of flight delay due to massive neutrinos:  $m_\nu < 20 \text{ eV}$ .

G. Zatsepin, JETP Lett (1968)

More precise time measurements narrow it to  $O(1) \text{ eV}$ .

R. Hansen, M. Lindner, O. Scholer, PRD (2020)

- If  $\nu$  have millicharge, their path can be bent by galactic B field, causing a time delay,  $e_\nu < 10^{-17} e (1 \mu\text{G}/B)$

G. Barbiellini, G. Cocconi, Nature (1987)

# Conclusion

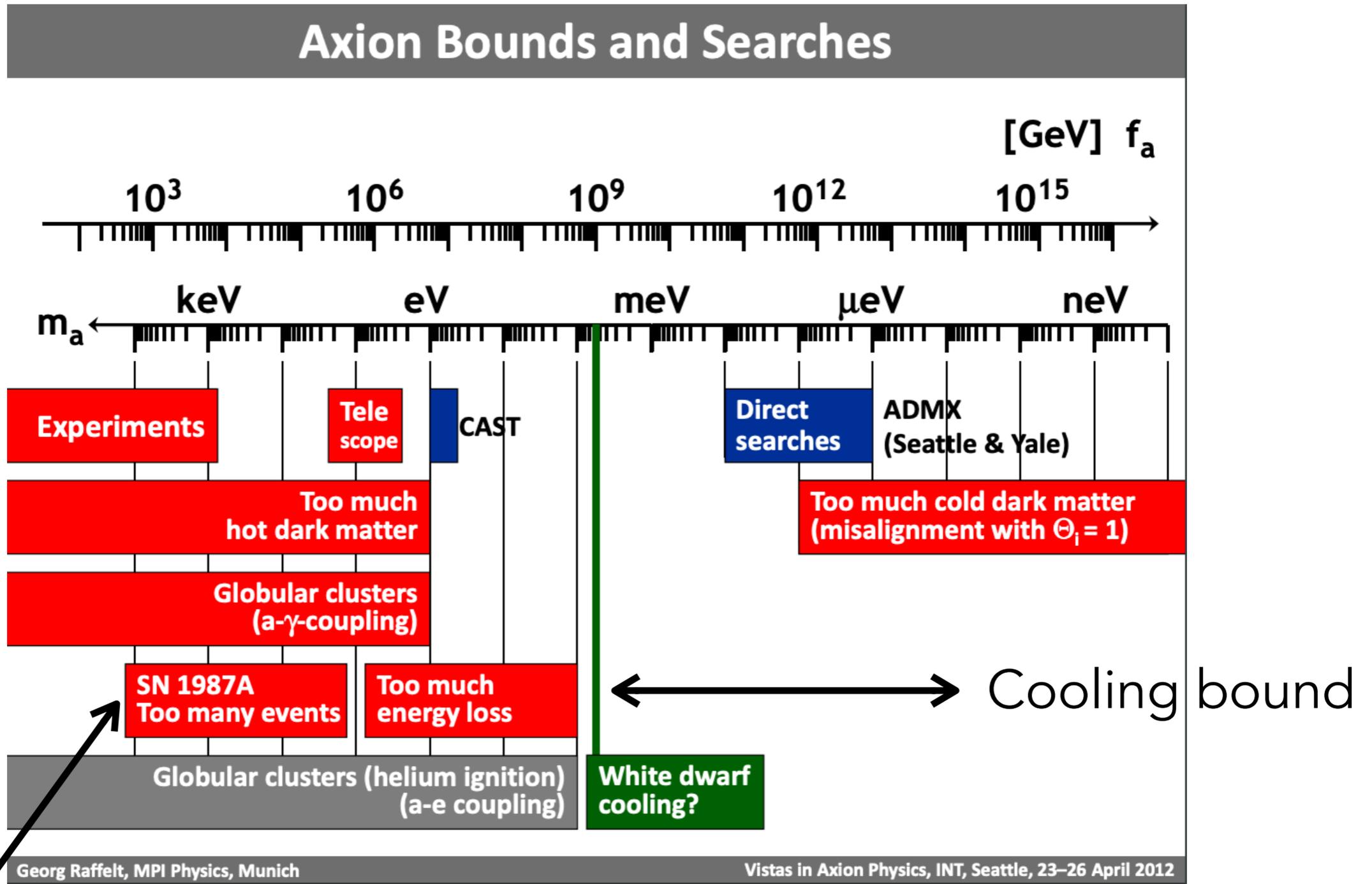
- A core-collapse SN is one of the best astrophysical laboratories for fundamental neutrino physics.
- Can use neutrino luminosity constraints to put bounds on exotic new particles.
- Better understanding of the underlying neutrino physics can be leveraged to use the signal to put some of the best bounds on non-standard neutrino properties, as well as the nature of neutrinos.
- Till a galactic SN takes place, one can utilize the constant availability of the DSNB to already probe some of these physics.



Thank you!

# Backup

# Axion bounds



Too many events due to absorption on O, and subsequent  $\gamma$  emission.

# Multiple resonances in $\nu_e - \nu_s$ system

- Initially,  $E_{\text{res}}$  decreases as density increases upto a minimum.
- As density increases further,  $E_{\text{res}} \sim \mu_{\nu_e}$ , which implies that more neutrinos are available for conversion.
- This increases holes in the medium, which captures  $e$ , reducing the net lepton number.
- Since  $E_{\text{res}} \propto 1/Y_e$ , this increases the resonance energy.
- This can lead to multiple MSW resonances.

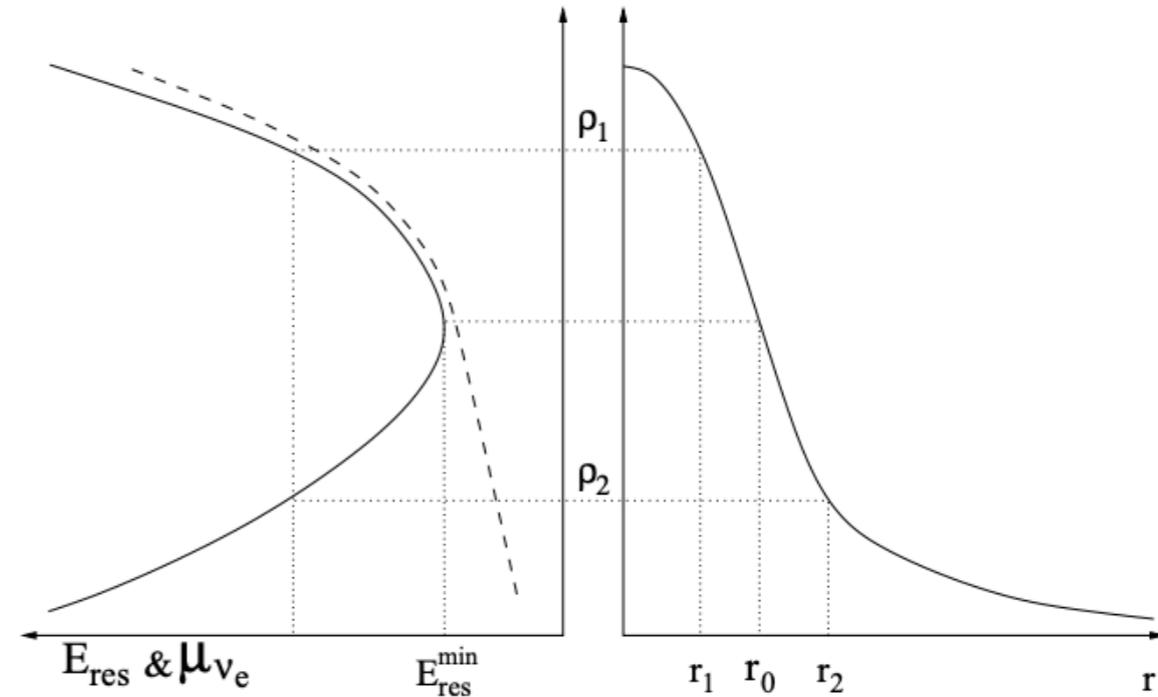


FIG. 1: Right panel shows the core density profile with radius  $r$ , while the corresponding profiles for MSW resonance energy  $E_{\text{res}}$  (solid) and  $\nu_e$  chemical potential  $\mu_{\nu_e}$  (dashed) are shown in the left panel. Here  $E_{\text{res}}$  takes its minimum value  $E_{\text{res}}^{\text{min}}$  at  $r_0$ . For a particular neutrino energy, an MSW resonance can occur at two locations (densities), *e.g.*,  $r_1$  ( $\rho_1$ ) and  $r_2$  ( $\rho_2$ ).

J. Hidaka, G. Fuller, PRD (2007)

# Dirac vs Majorana: in DUNE and HK

