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Outline

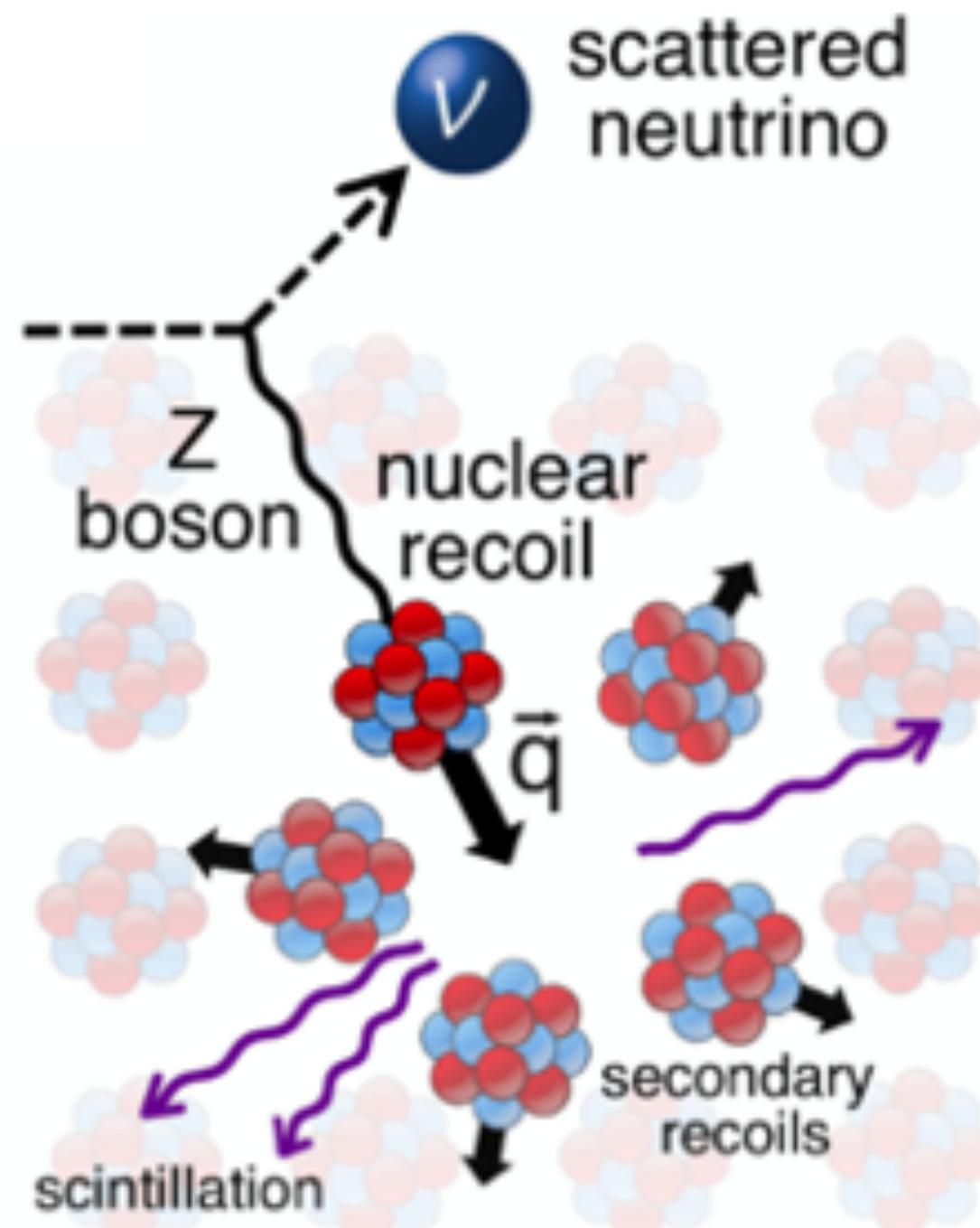
- ▶ CEvNS in the SM
- ▶ Stopped-pion beam
- ▶ Nuclear reactor
- ▶ Current measurements
- ▶ Future measurements (SBC)
- ▶ Final comments

COHERENT ELASTIC NEUTRINO-NUCLEUS SCATTERING (CEvNS)

$$E_\nu \leq 50 \text{ MeV}$$

$$\frac{d\sigma}{dT} = \frac{G_F^2}{2\pi} M_N Q_w^2 \left(2 - \frac{M_N T}{E_\nu^2} \right)$$

Maximum NR energy: $T_{\max} = \frac{2E_\nu^2}{M_N}$

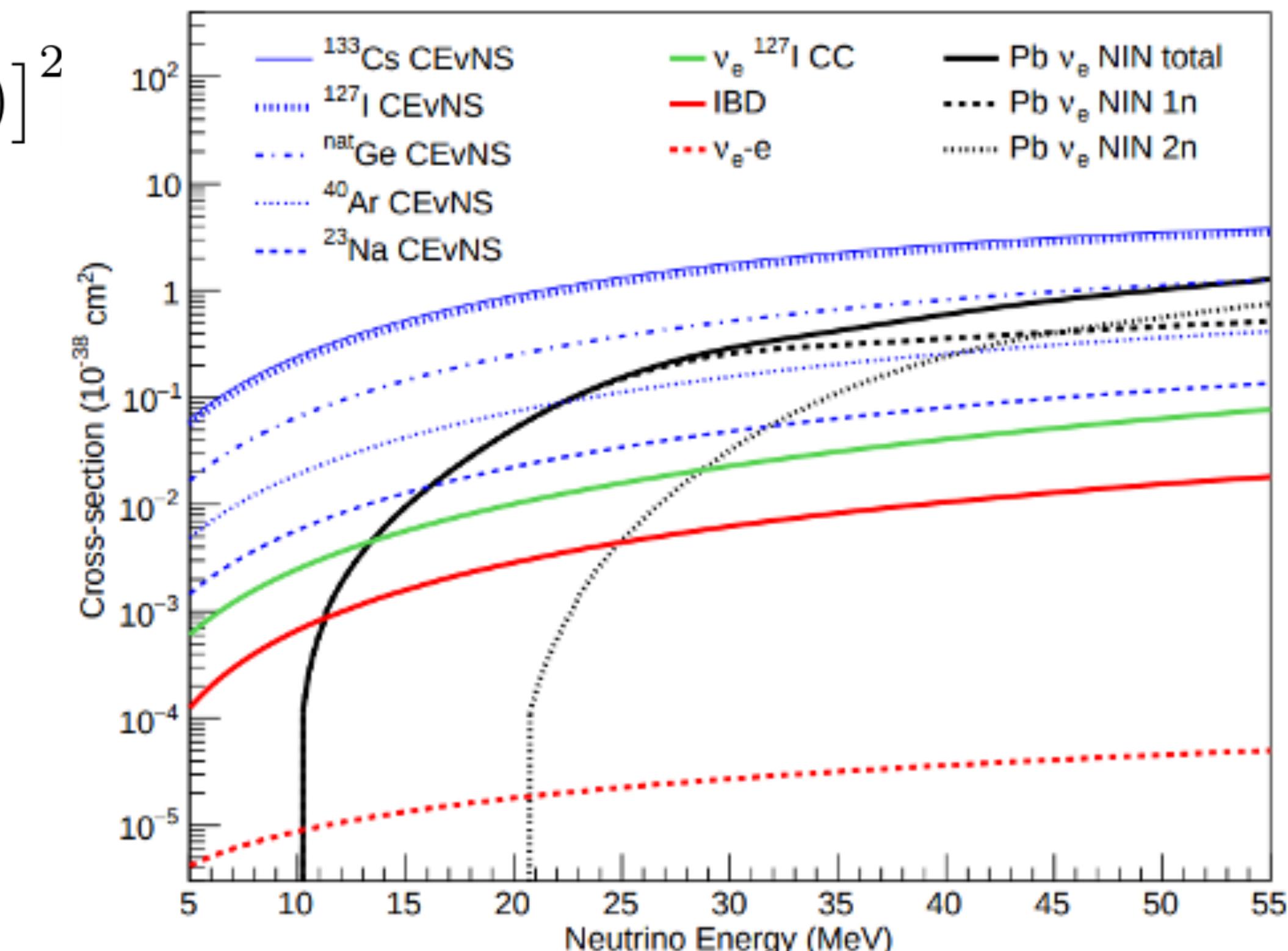


$$Q_w^2 = [Zg_p^V F_Z(q^2) + Ng_n^V F_N(q^2)]^2$$

Weak charge

$$g_p^V = \frac{1}{2} - 2 \sin \theta_W^2$$

$$g_n^V = -\frac{1}{2}$$

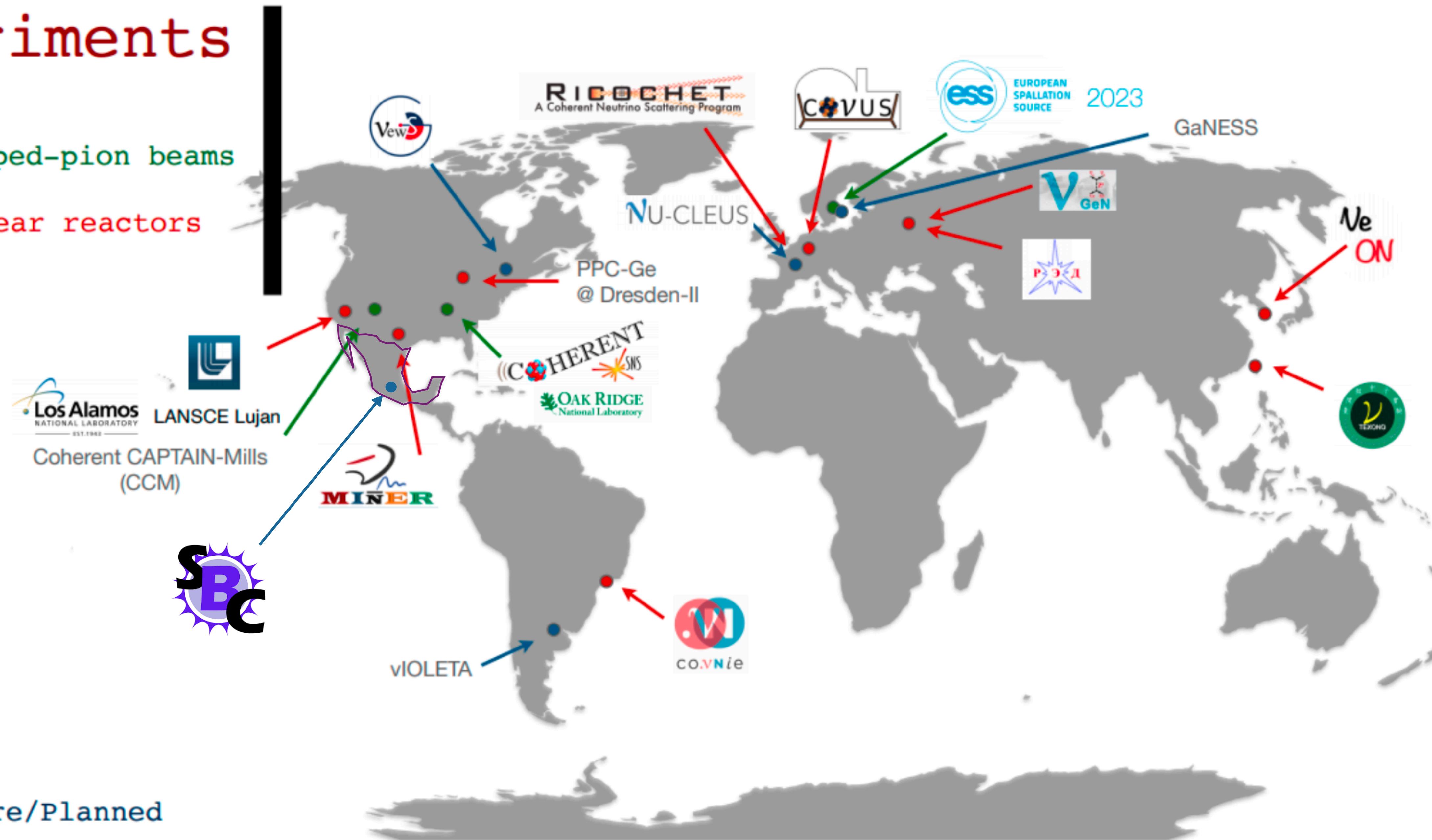


Experiments

- Stopped-pion beams
- Nuclear reactors

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● Future/Planned



Adapted from M. Green talk at Aspen 2019 Winter Conference

NEUTRINO SOURCES FOR CEVNS

Typical sources:

Stopped-pion beams

$$\pi^+ \rightarrow \mu^+ + \nu_\mu$$

$$e^+ + \nu_e + \bar{\nu}_\mu$$

- Pulsed beam

- Three channels

- Higher recoils

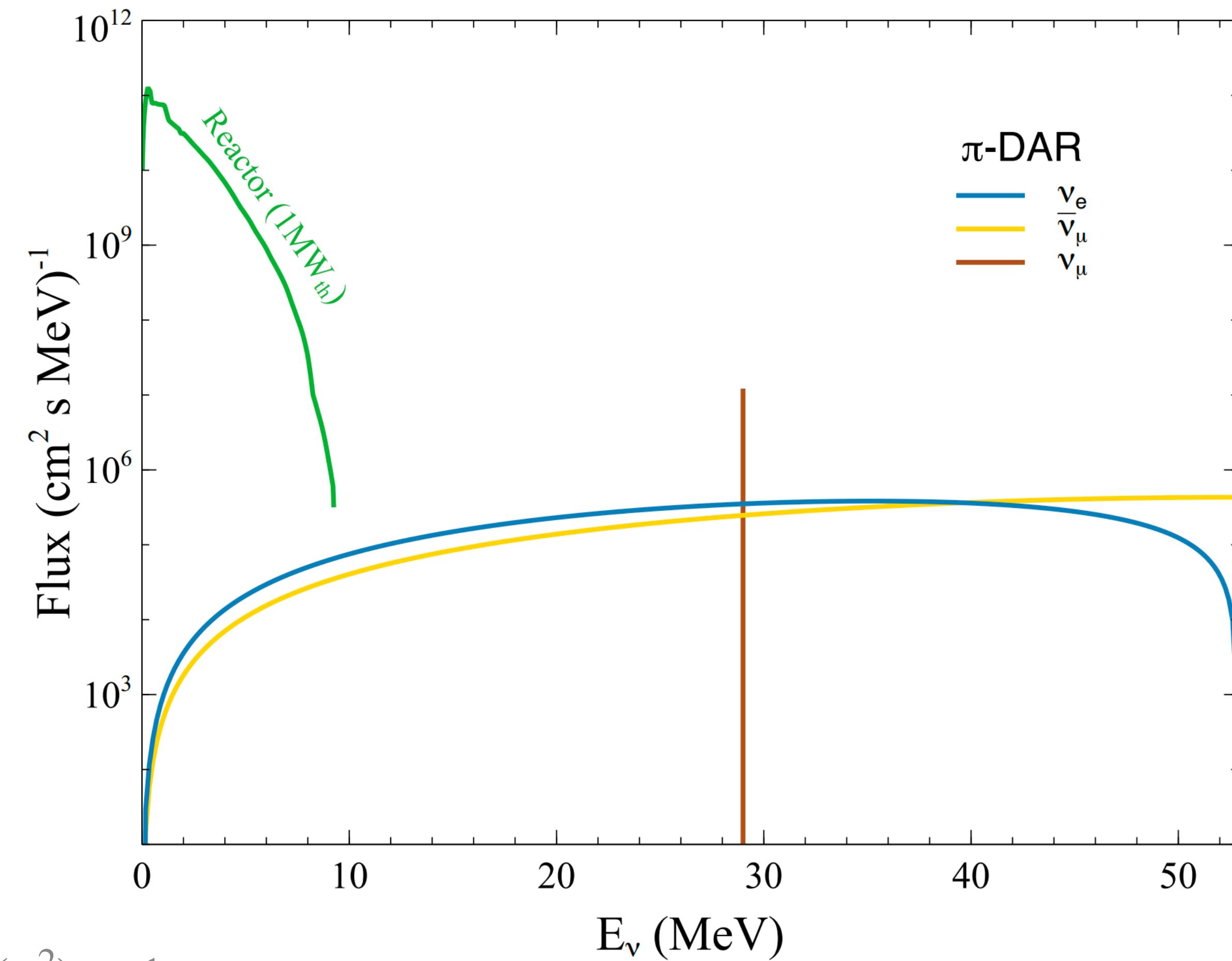
Nuclear Reactors

$$\bar{\nu}_e$$

- Intense flux

- One channel

- Fully coherent $F(q^2) \approx 1$



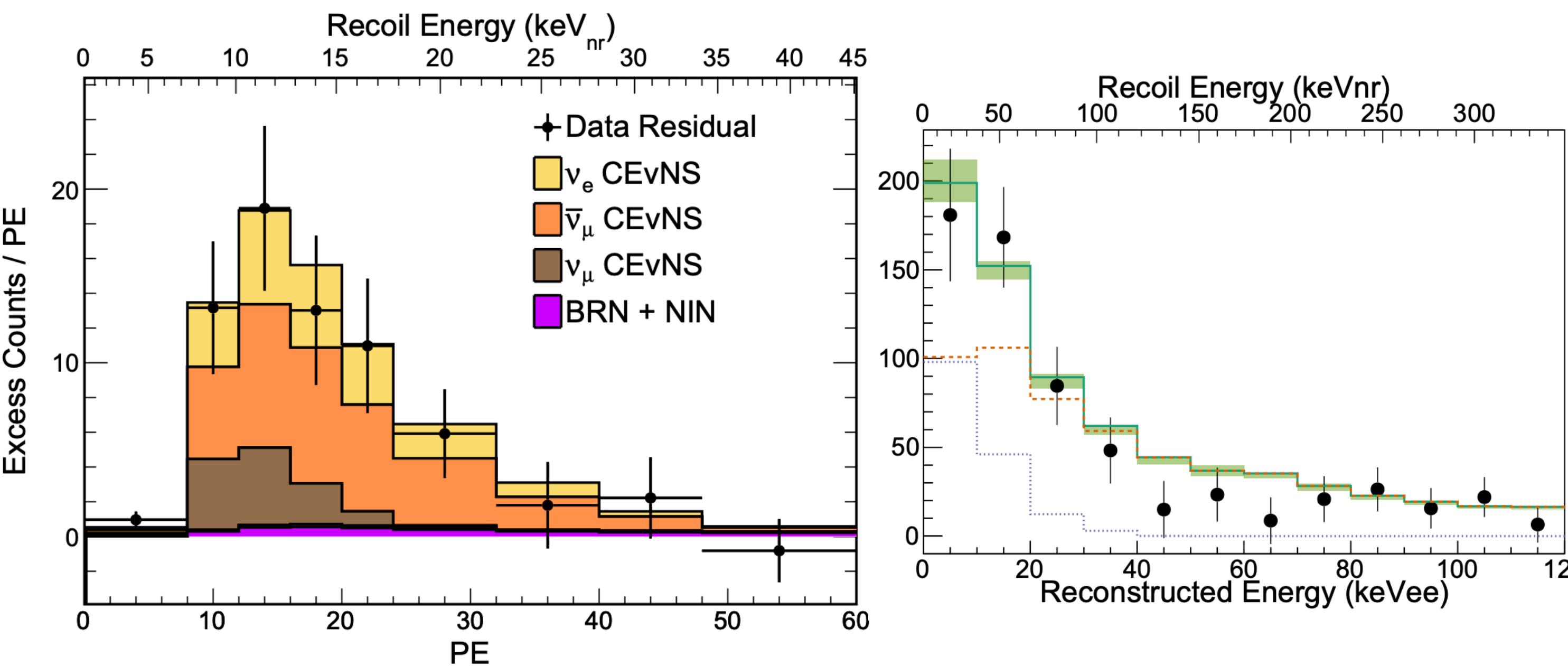
REACTOR EXPERIMENTS ON THE RUN

Experiment	Nuclear Reactor	Power [GW]
TEXONO [41]	Kuo-Sheng Nuclear Power Station	2.9
CONUS [37]	Brokdorf	3.9
ν GeN [72]	Kalinin Nuclear Power Plant	~ 1
MINER [36]	TRIGA 1	10^{-3}
ν CLEUS [38]	FRM2	4
Ricochet [39]	Chooz Nuclear Power Plant	8.54
RED-100 [40]	Kalinin Nuclear Power Plant	~ 1
SBC [73]	ININ (or Laguna Verde)	$10^{-3} (2)$
CONNIE [74]	Angra 2	3.8
vIOLETA [75]	Atucha II	2
SoLid [76]	BR2	$(0.4, 1) \times 10^{-1}$
NEON [77]	Hanbit Nuclear Power Plant	2.8

Detector	Experiment	Material	m_{det} [kg]	L [m]
Semiconductor detectors (ionization)	TEXONO [40] CONUS [36] ν GeN [70]	Ge	1.06 1 1.6-5	28 17.1 10-12
Low temperature bolometers	MINER [35] ν CLEUS [37] Ricochet [38]	Ge, Si CaWO ₄ , Al ₂ O ₃ Ge, Zn	4 10 ⁻² 10	1-2.5 15-100 355/469
Liquid noble-gas detectors (TPC)	RED-100 [39] SBC [71]	Xe LAr, Xe	100 10	19 3/30
CCD	CONNIE [72] vIOLETA [73]	Si Si	~ 0.05 1	30 12
Scintillators	SoLid [74] NEON [75]	⁶ LiF : ZnS(Ag) NaI[Tl]	1600 3.3-10	~ 7.6 24

Taken from D. Aristizabal-Sierra, V. De Romeri, L.J.F. D.K. Papoulias, JHEP 03 (2021) 294

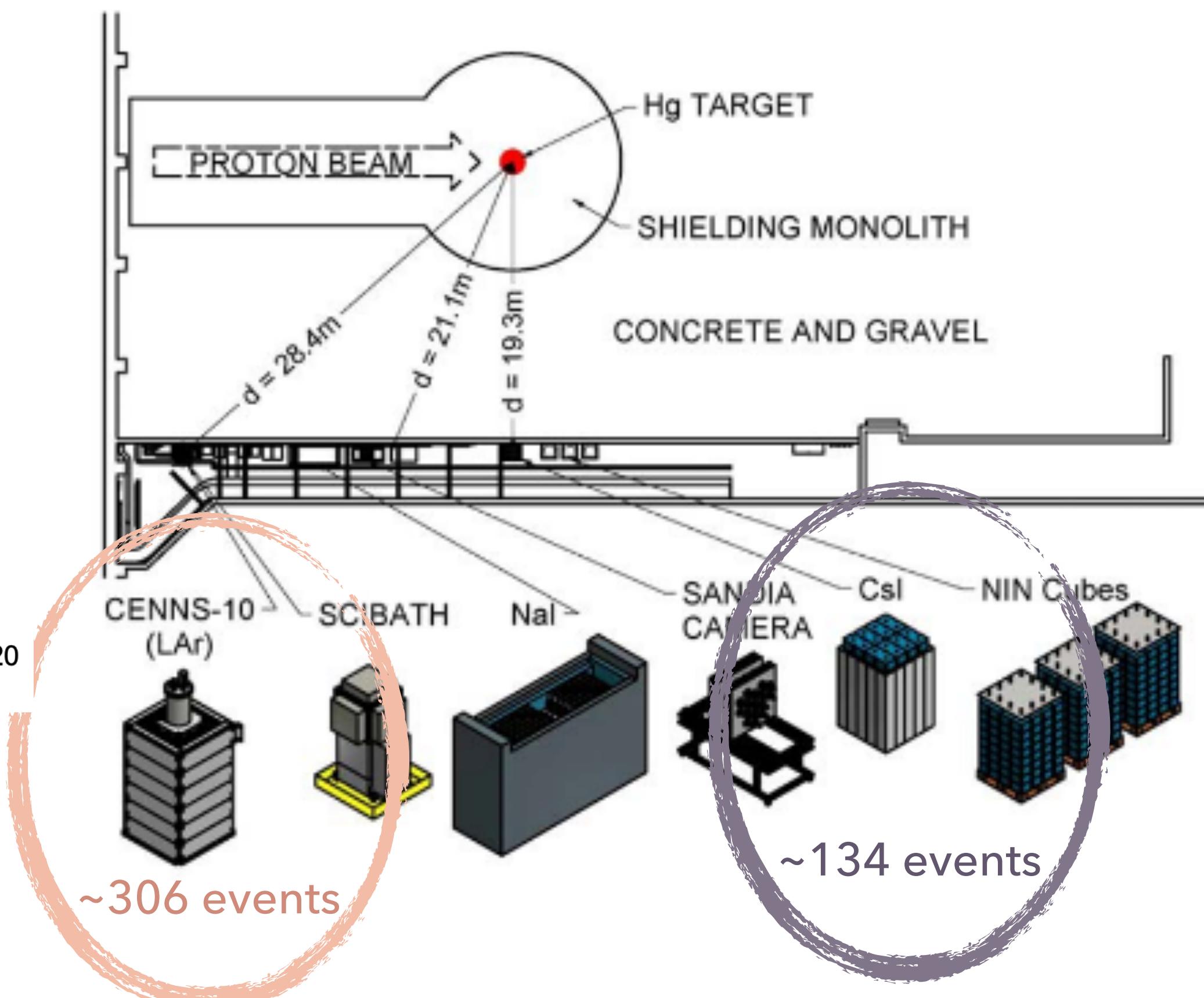
MEASUREMENTS FROM STOPPED-PION SOURCE:



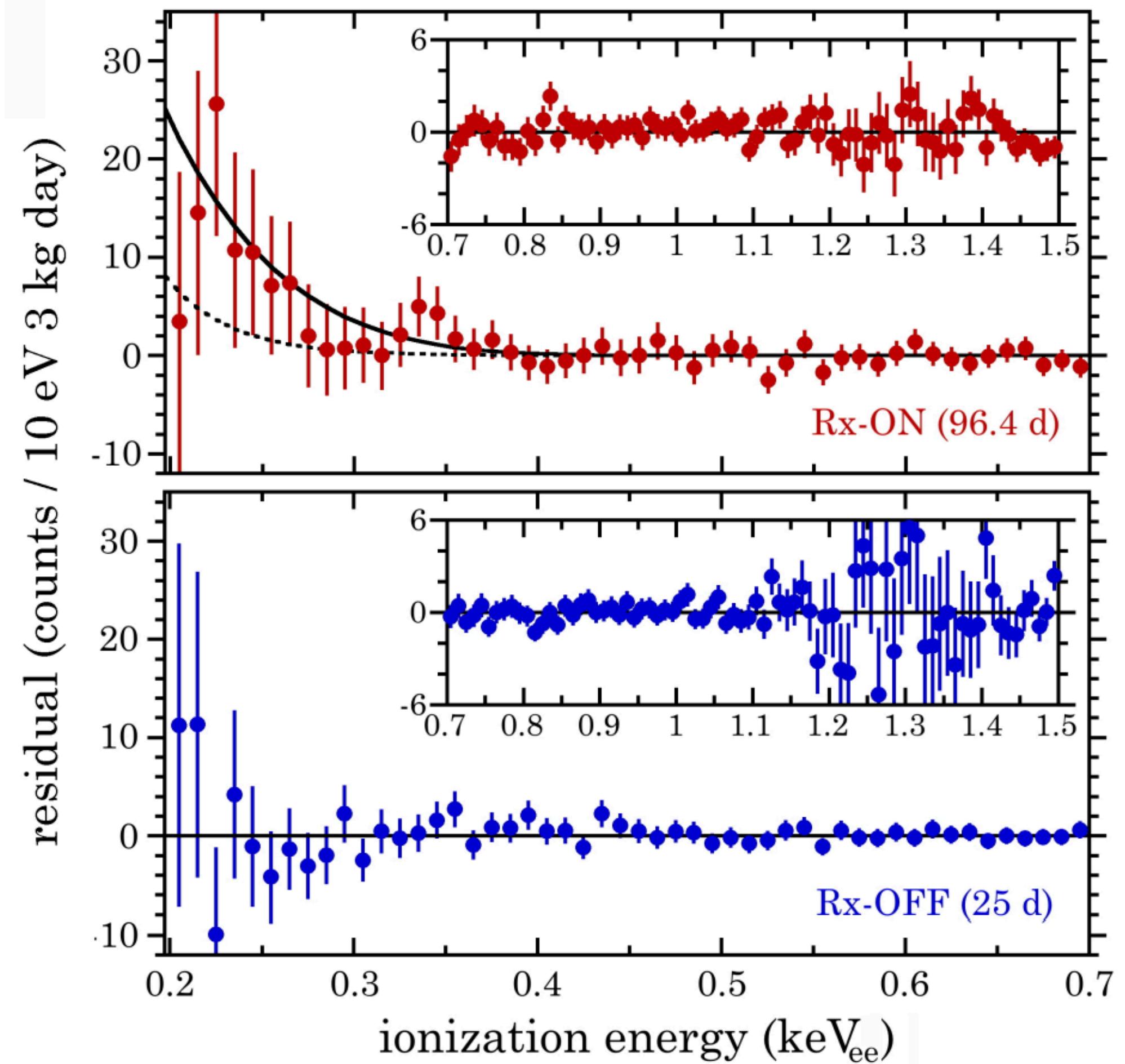
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EVIDENCE FROM NUCLEAR REACTOR: NCC-1701 DETECTOR @ DRESDEN II



The detector

- PPC Ge
- 2.924 kg
- Threshold: 0.2 keVee

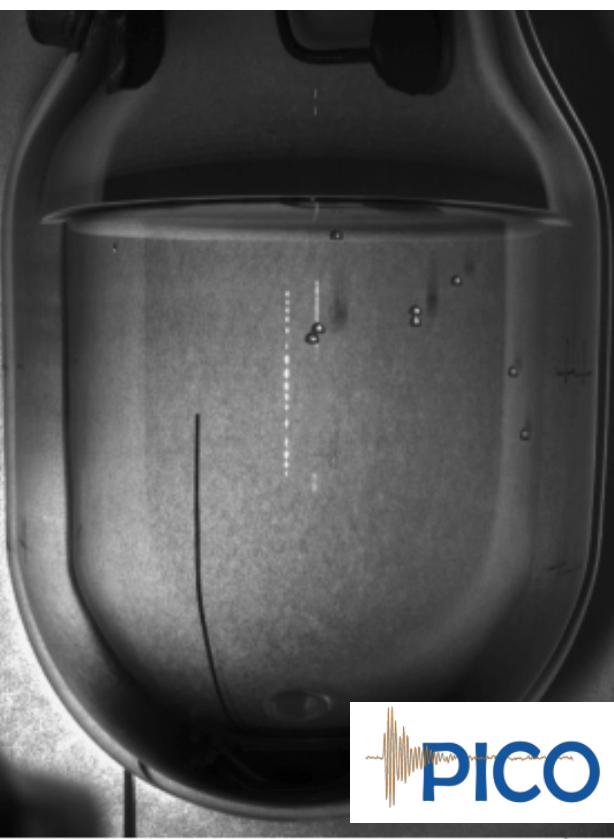
The reactor

- 2.96 GWth
- 10.39 m

NOVEL DETECTOR FROM THE SBC

Combines features of scintillation detectors and bubble chambers

- ❖ Insensitive to electron recoils
- ❖ Sub-keV thresholds (~100 eV)
- ❖ Single bubble created from nuclear recoils
- ❖ Energy resolution for backgrounds above ~5 keV



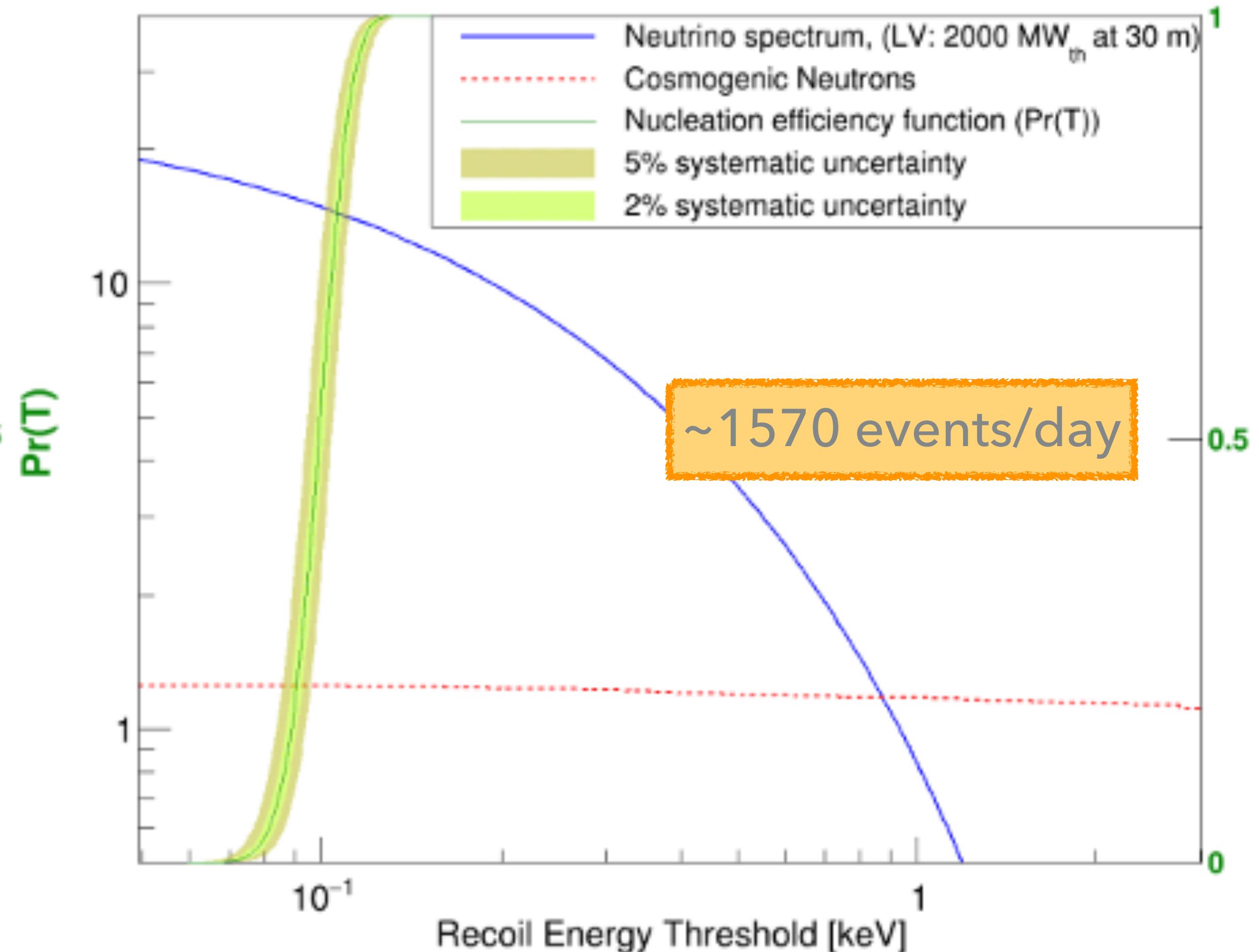
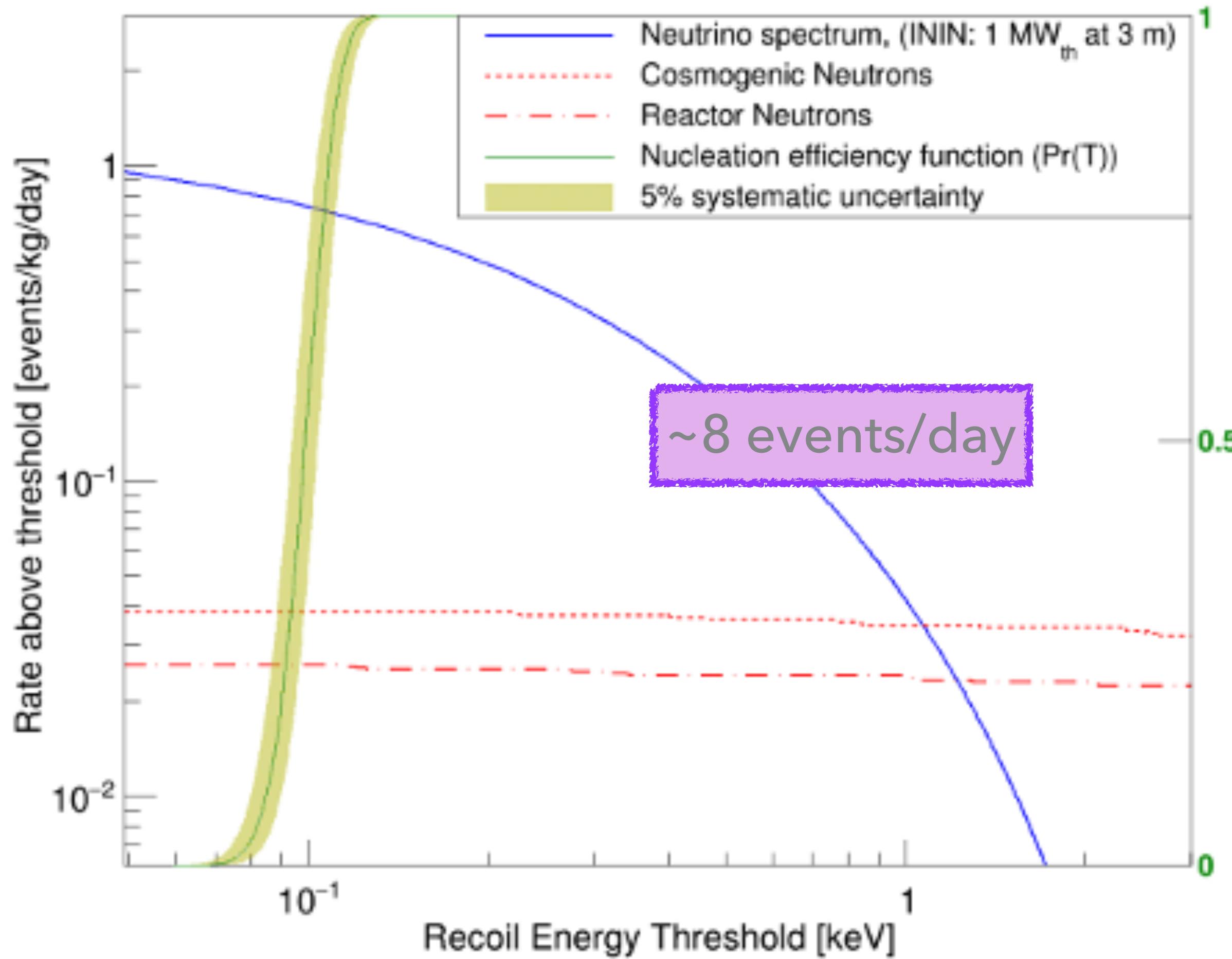
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Proposed reactor locations



EXPECTED EVENT RATE



STATISTICAL ANALYSIS

$$\chi^2 = \min_{\alpha, \beta, \gamma} \left[\left(\frac{N_{\text{meas}} - (1 + \alpha)N_{\text{th}}(X, \gamma) - (1 + \beta)B_{\text{reac}}}{\sigma_{\text{stat}}} \right)^2 + \left(\frac{\alpha}{\sigma_\alpha} \right)^2 + \left(\frac{\beta}{\sigma_\beta} \right)^2 + \left(\frac{\gamma}{\sigma_\gamma} \right)^2 \right],$$

$$\sigma_{\text{stat}} = \sqrt{N_{\text{meas}} + (1 + R)B_{\text{cosm}}}$$

STATISTICAL ANALYSIS

Fitted variable

$$\chi^2 = \min_{\alpha, \beta, \gamma} \left[\left(\frac{N_{\text{meas}} - (1 + \alpha)N_{\text{th}}(\mathbf{X}, \gamma) - (1 + \beta)B_{\text{reac}}}{\sigma_{\text{stat}}} \right)^2 + \left(\frac{\alpha}{\sigma_\alpha} \right)^2 + \left(\frac{\beta}{\sigma_\beta} \right)^2 + \left(\frac{\gamma}{\sigma_\gamma} \right)^2 \right],$$

Nuisance parameters

α : flux

β : background

γ : threshold

$$\sigma_{\text{stat}} = \sqrt{N_{\text{meas}} + (1 + R)B_{\text{cosm}}}$$

R = reactor ON/OFF time

Setup	LAr mass (kg)	Power (MW _{th})	Distance (m)	CEνNS events per day	Anti- ν flux uncertainty (%)	Threshold uncertainty (%)	Backgrounds (events/day)				
							Reactor			Cosmogenic	Total
							Neutrons	(γ, n)	Thomson	Neutrons	(μ, n)
ININ →	A	10	1	3	8.1	2.4	5	0.003	0.22	0.0002	0.38
Laguna Verde →	B	100	2000	30	1565.2	2.4	5	0	0	125	55
Laguna Verde →	B(1.5)	100	2000	30	1565.2	1.5	2	0	0	125	55

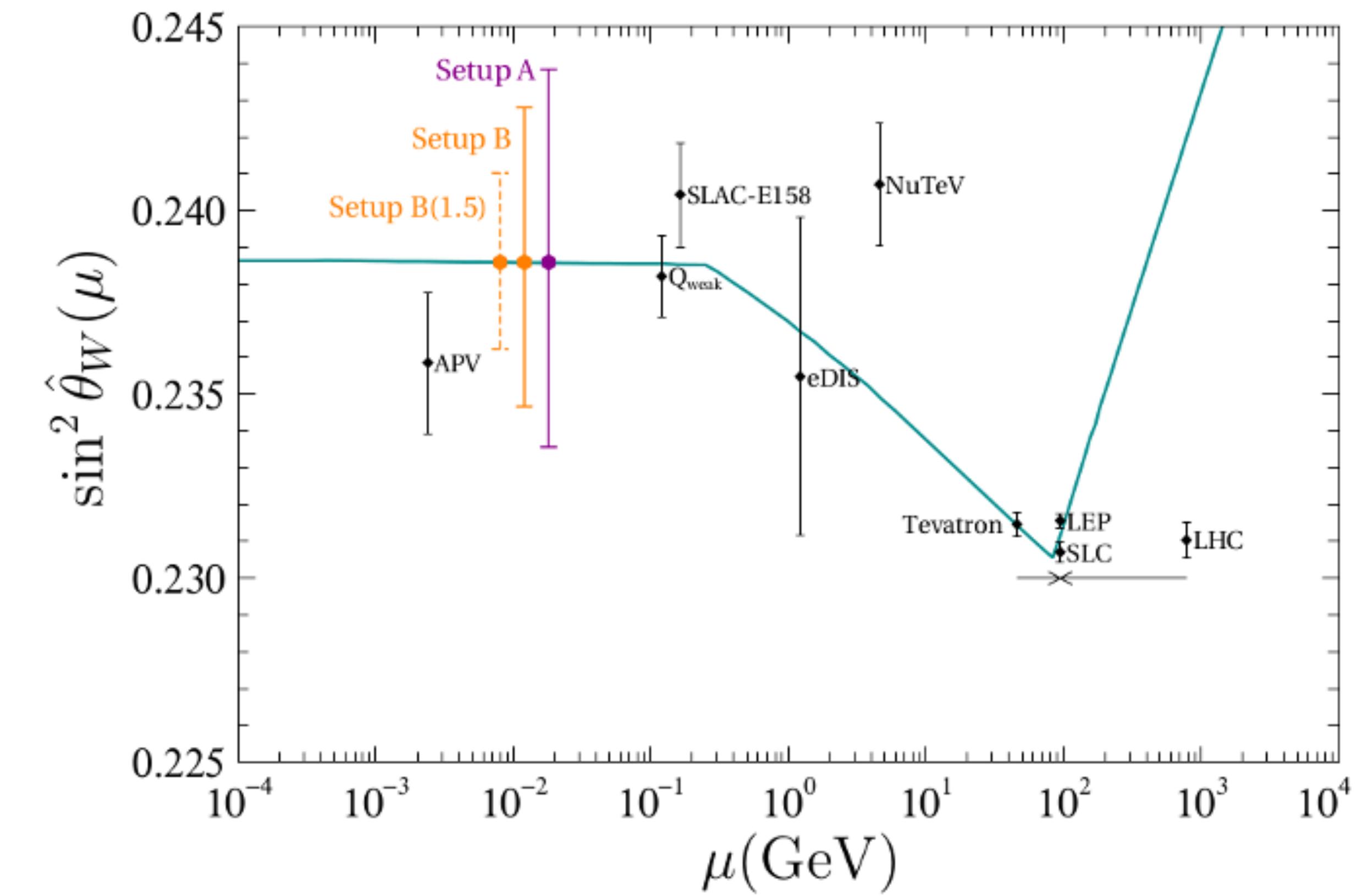
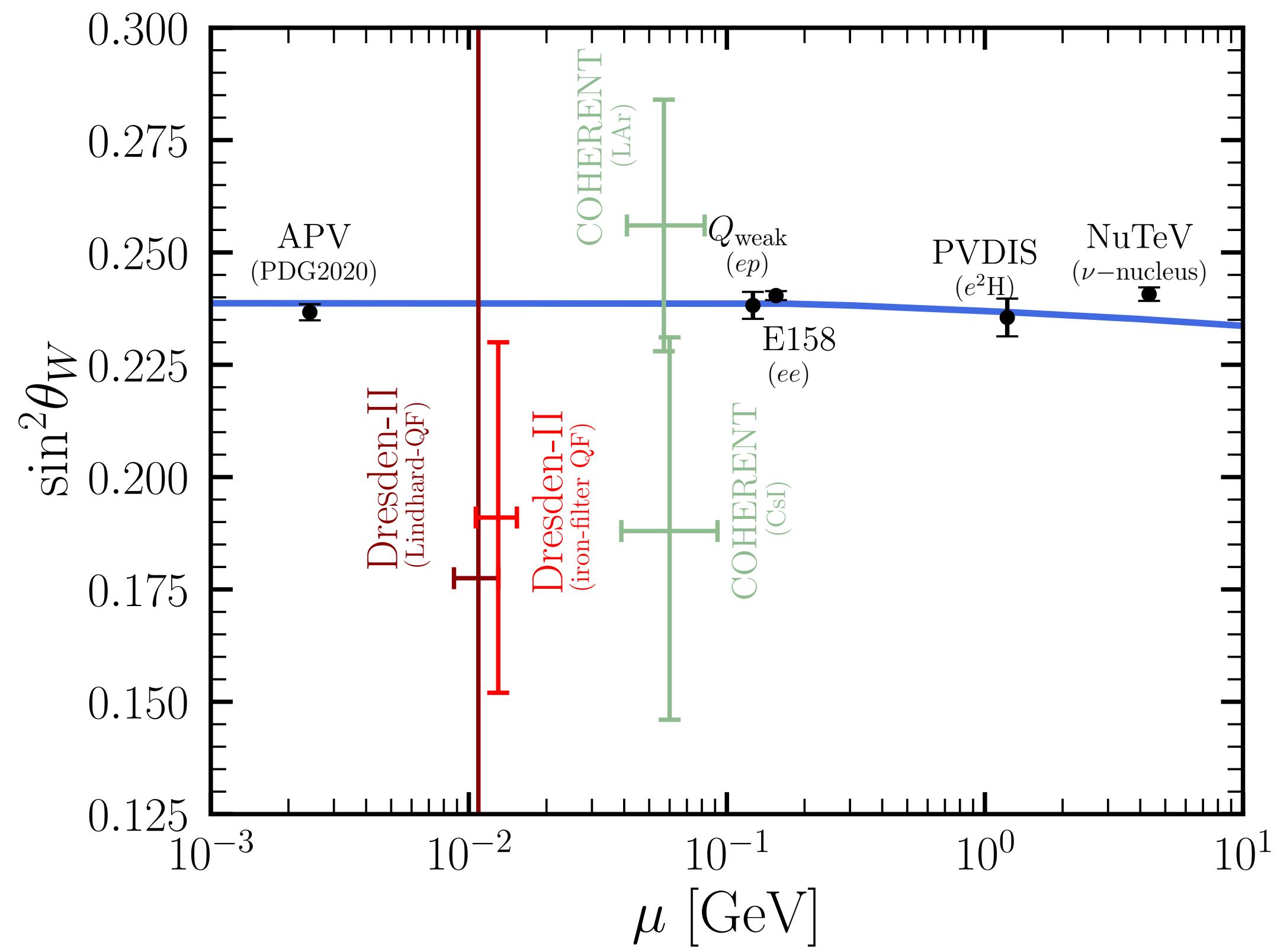
$R = 3$

$\} R = 12$

(best-case scenario)

PHENO FROM CEVNS: WEAK MIXING ANGLE

$$Q_w = Z(1/2 - 2\sin^2 \theta_W) + N(-1/2)$$



PHENO FROM CEVNS: NSI

Barranco, Miranda, Moura, Valle, PRD 73 (2006)

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{NSI}} = -2\sqrt{2}G_F \sum_{f=u,d} \sum_{\alpha,\beta=e,\mu,\tau} \epsilon_{\alpha\beta}^{fP} [\bar{\nu}_\alpha \gamma_\rho L \nu_\beta] [\bar{f} \gamma^\rho P f]$$

Flavor conserving: $\epsilon_{\alpha\alpha}$

Flavor changing: $\epsilon_{\alpha\beta}$

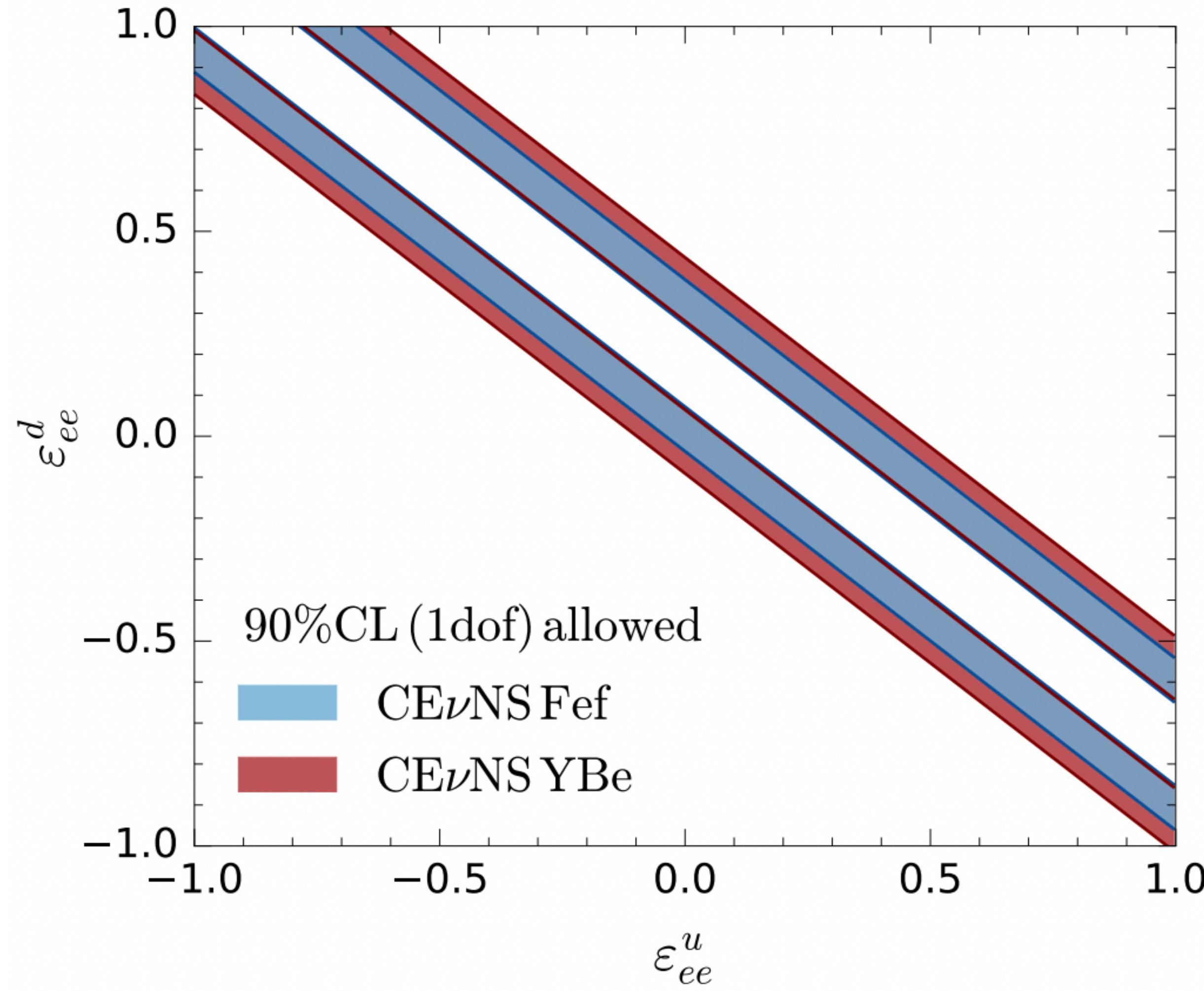
Vector: $\epsilon_{\alpha\beta}^{fV} = \epsilon_{\alpha\beta}^{fL} + \epsilon_{\alpha\beta}^{fR}$

Axial-vector: $\epsilon_{\alpha\beta}^{fA} = \epsilon_{\alpha\beta}^{fL} - \epsilon_{\alpha\beta}^{fR}$

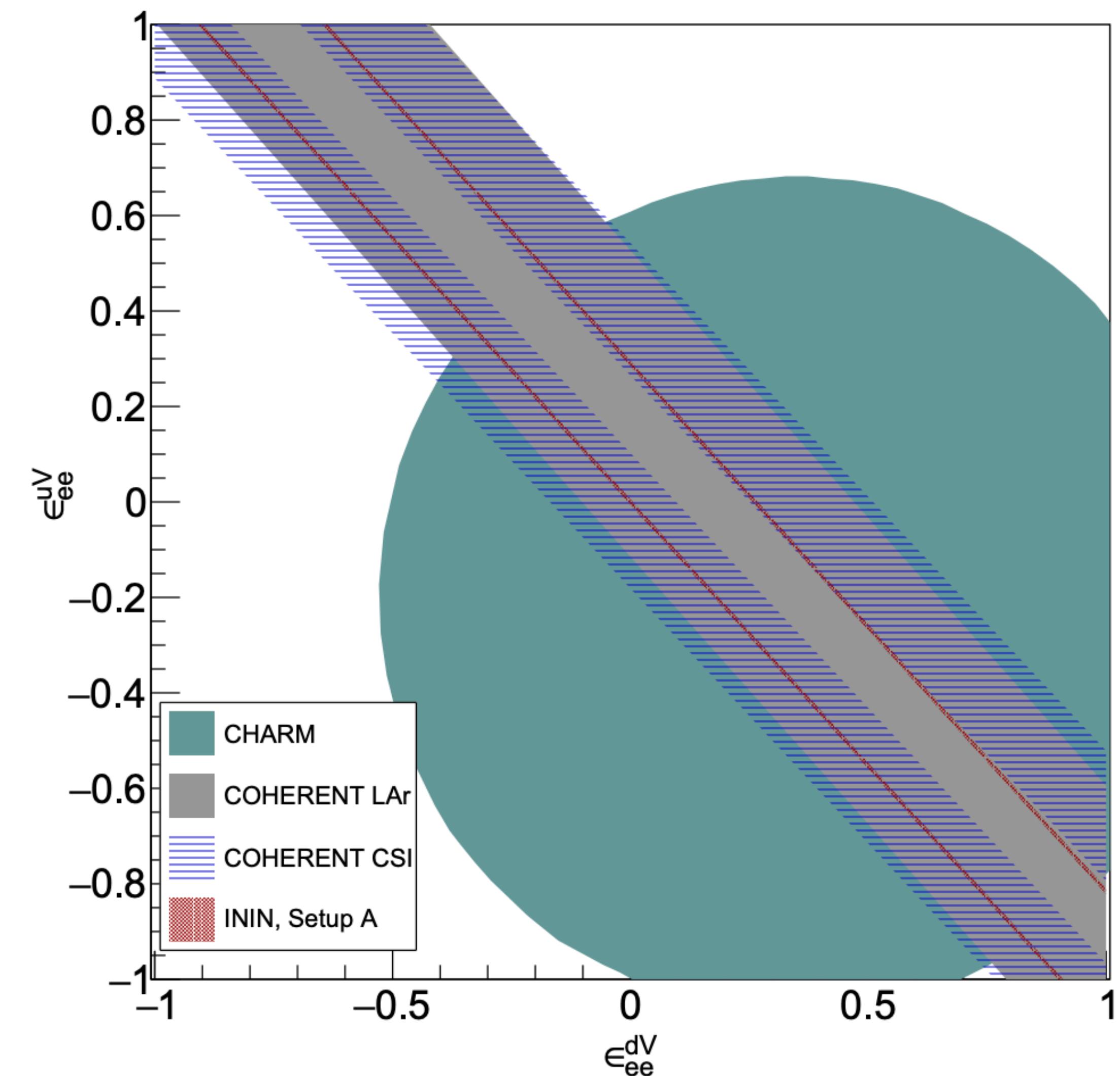
NSI in CEvNS

$$Q_{w\alpha}^2 = [Z(g_p^V + \underline{2\epsilon_{\alpha\alpha}^{uV}} + \underline{\epsilon_{\alpha\alpha}^{dV}})F_Z(q^2) + N(g_n^V + \underline{\epsilon_{\alpha\alpha}^{uV}} + \underline{2\epsilon_{\alpha\alpha}^{dV}})F_N(q^2)]^2$$

PHENO FROM CEVNS: NSI



P. Coloma et al, JHEP 05 (2022) 037



E. Alfonso-Pita, LJF, E. Peinado, E. Vázquez-Jáuregui, 2203.05982

PHENO FROM CEVNS: GNI

$$\mathcal{L} \supset \frac{G_F}{\sqrt{2}} \sum_{a=S,P,V,A,T} \bar{\nu} \Gamma^a \nu \left[\bar{q} \Gamma^a (C_a^{(q)} + \bar{D}_a^{(q)} i\gamma^5) q \right]$$

$$\Gamma^a = \{I, i\gamma^5, \gamma^\mu, \gamma^\mu \gamma^5, \sigma^{\mu\nu}\}$$

For CEvNS

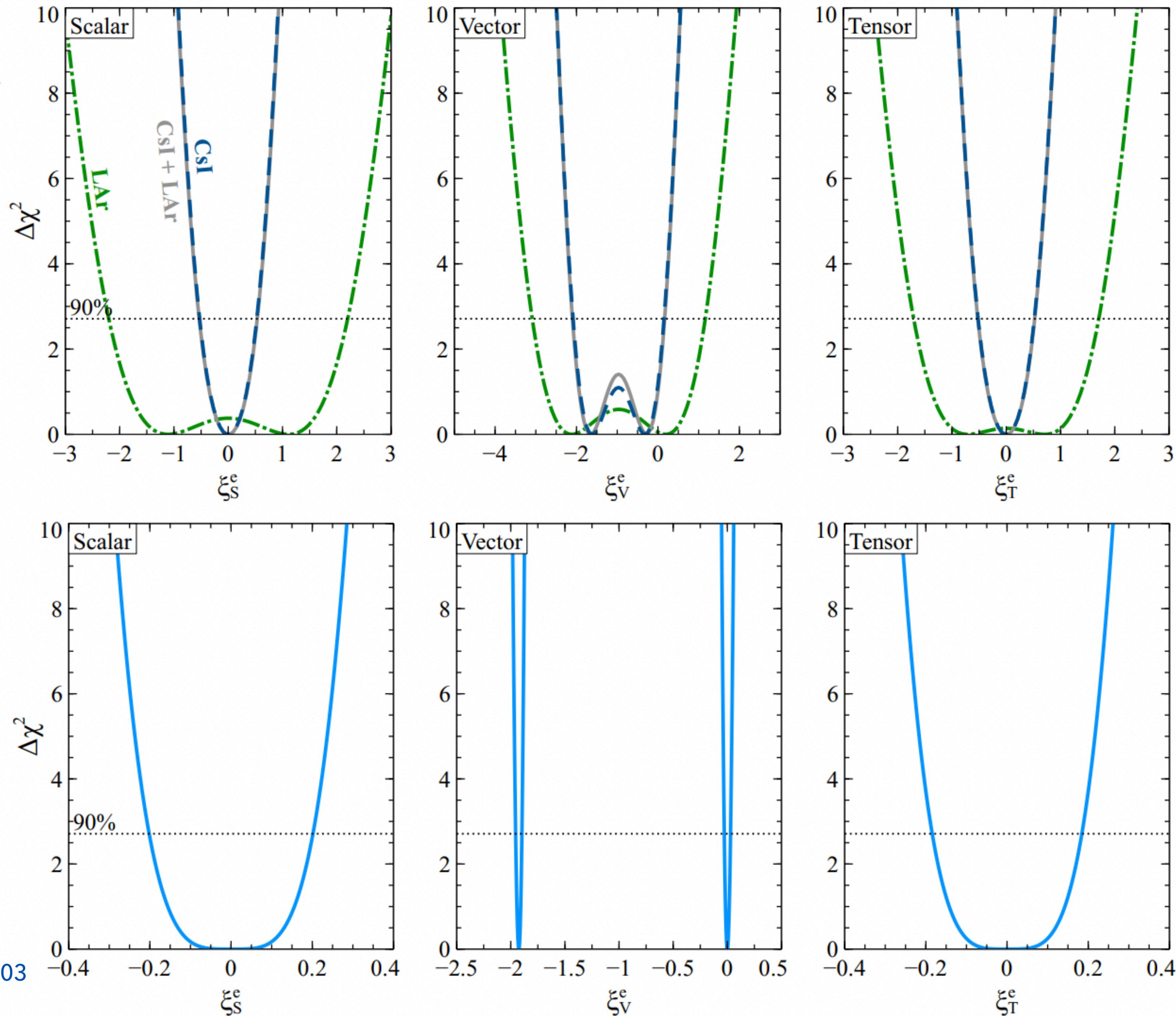
$$\begin{aligned} \left(\frac{d\sigma}{dE_r} \right)^f &= \frac{G_F^2}{4\pi} M_N N^2 F^2(Q^2) \times \\ &\left[\xi_S^{f2} \frac{E_r}{E_r^{\max}} + (\xi_V^f + A_{\text{SM}})^2 \left(1 - \frac{E_r}{E_r^{\max}} - \frac{E_r}{E_\nu} \right) \pm 2\xi_V^f \xi_A^f \frac{E_r}{E_\nu} \right. \\ &+ \xi_A^{f2} \left(1 + \frac{E_r}{E_r^{\max}} - \frac{E_r}{E_\nu} \right) + \xi_T^{f2} \left(1 - \frac{E_r}{2E_r^{\max}} - \frac{E_r}{E_\nu} \right) \mp R \frac{E_r}{E_\nu} + \mathcal{O} \left(\frac{E_r^2}{E_\nu^2} \right) \left. \right] \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \xi_S^{f2} &= \frac{1}{N^2} (C_S^2 + D_P^2), & \xi_V^f &= \frac{1}{N} (C_V - D_A), \\ \xi_A^f &= \frac{1}{N} (C_A - D_V), & \xi_T^{f2} &= \frac{8}{N^2} (C_T^2 + D_T^2), \\ R &= \frac{2}{N^2} (C_S C_T - C_P C_T + D_S D_T - D_P D_T). \end{aligned}$$

PHENO FROM CEVNS: GNI

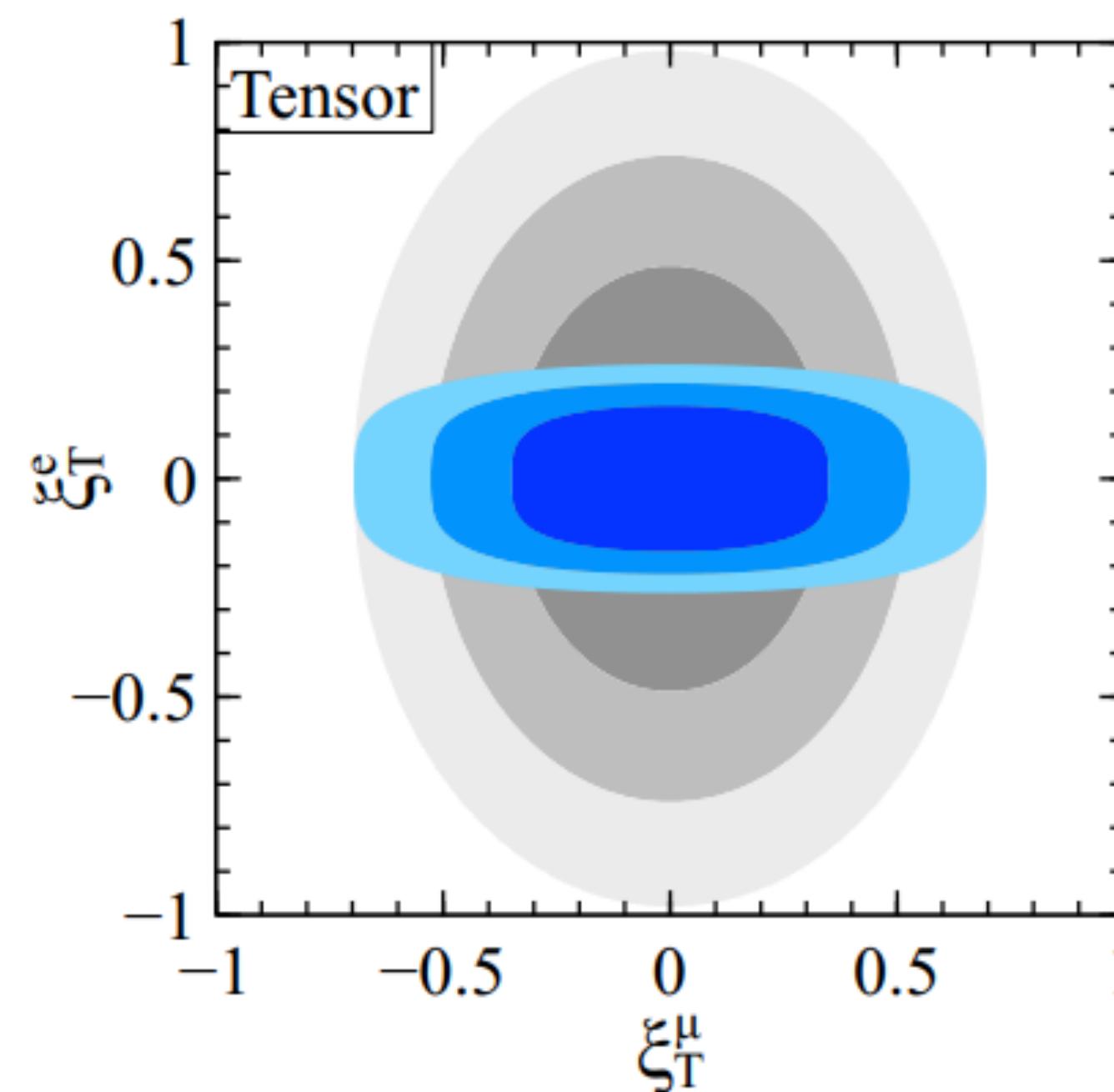
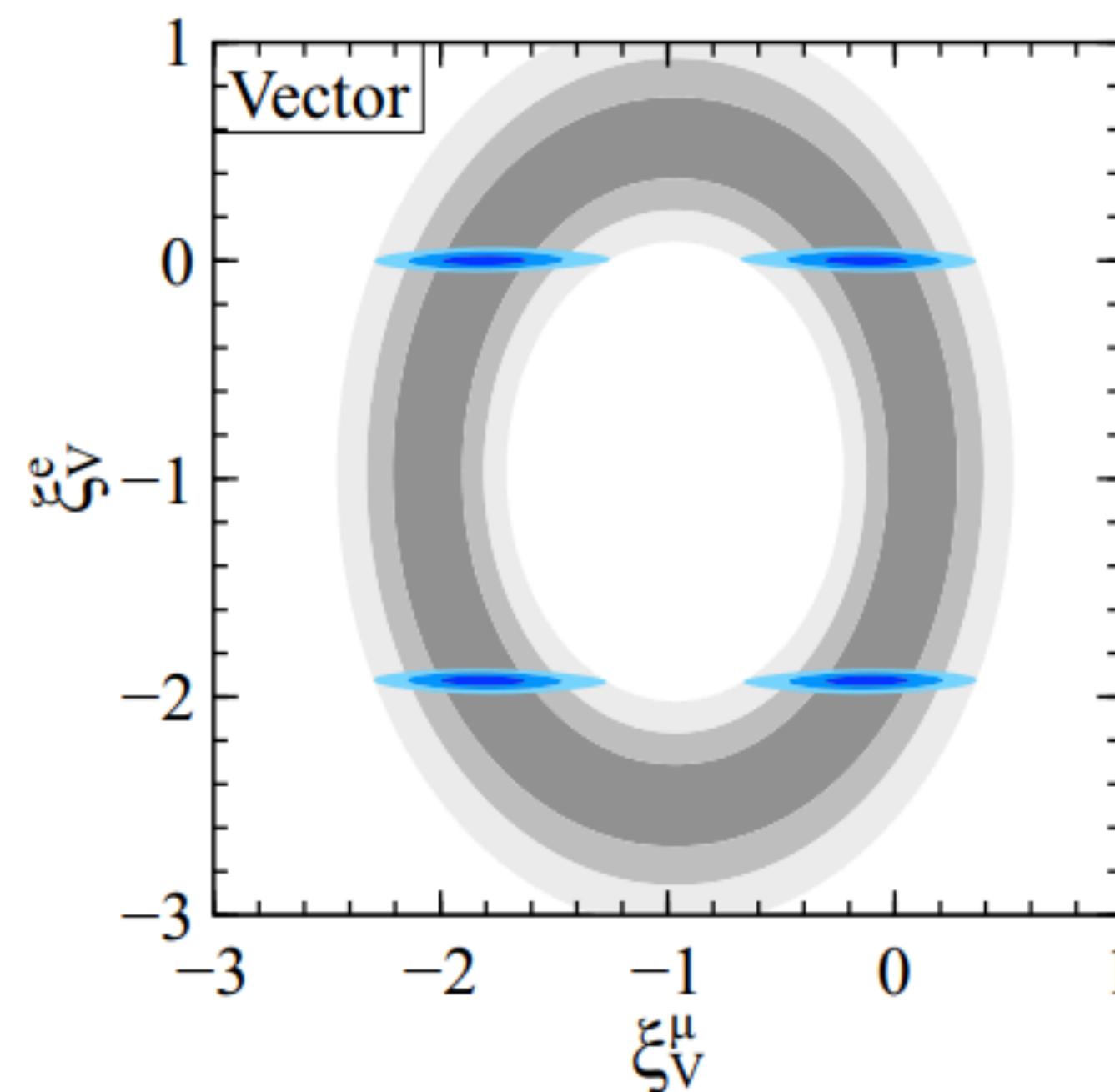
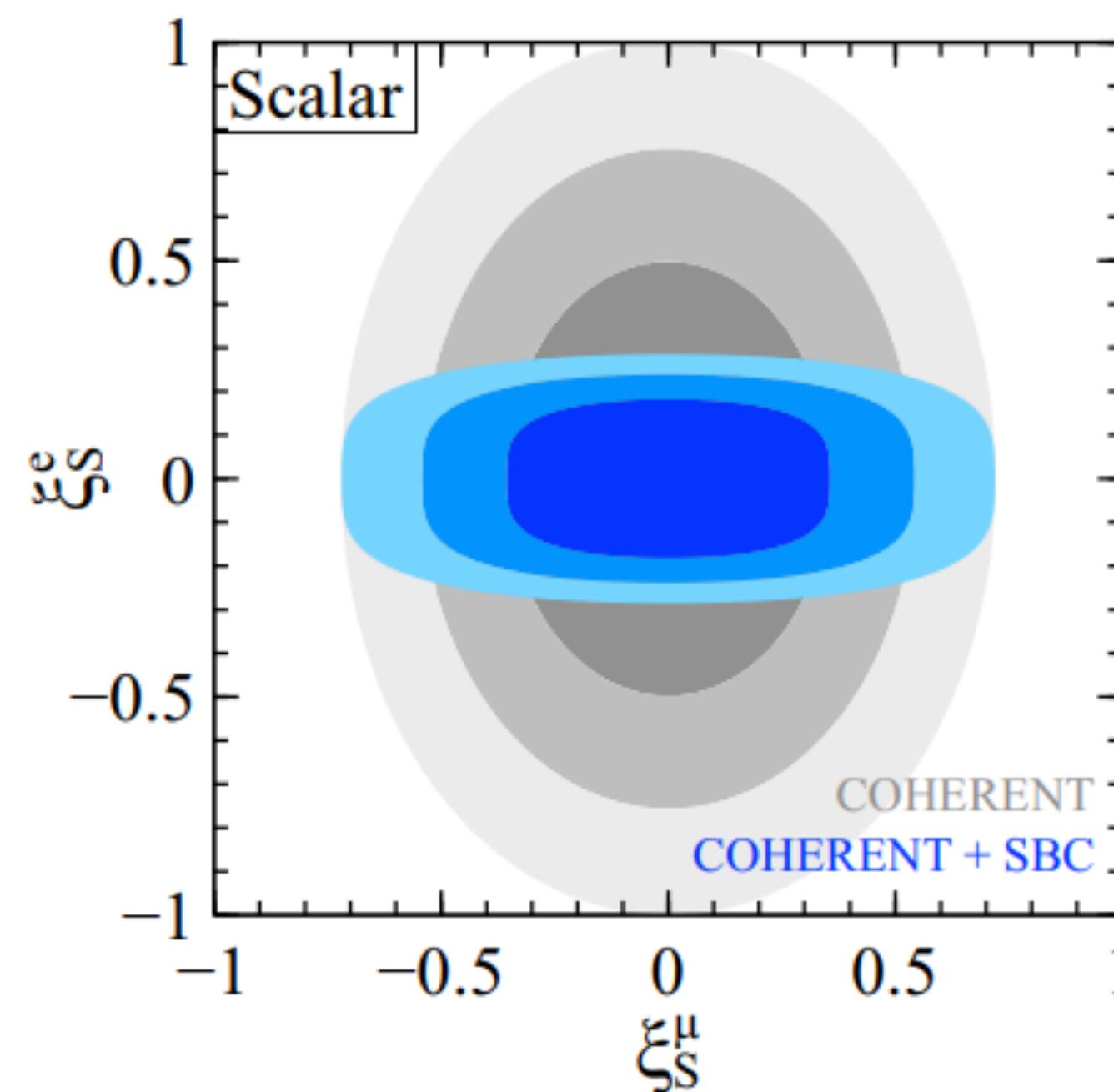


Projection



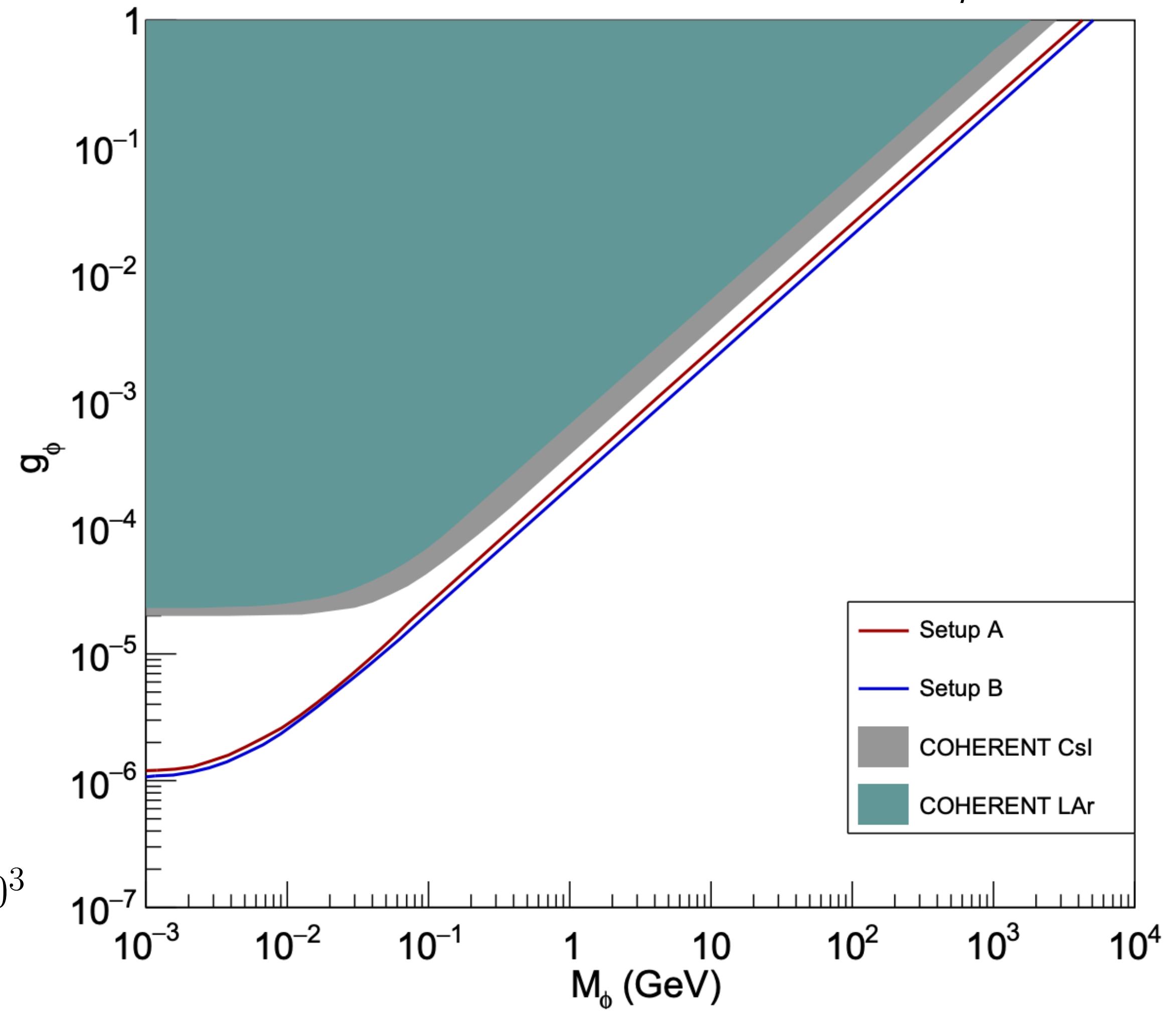
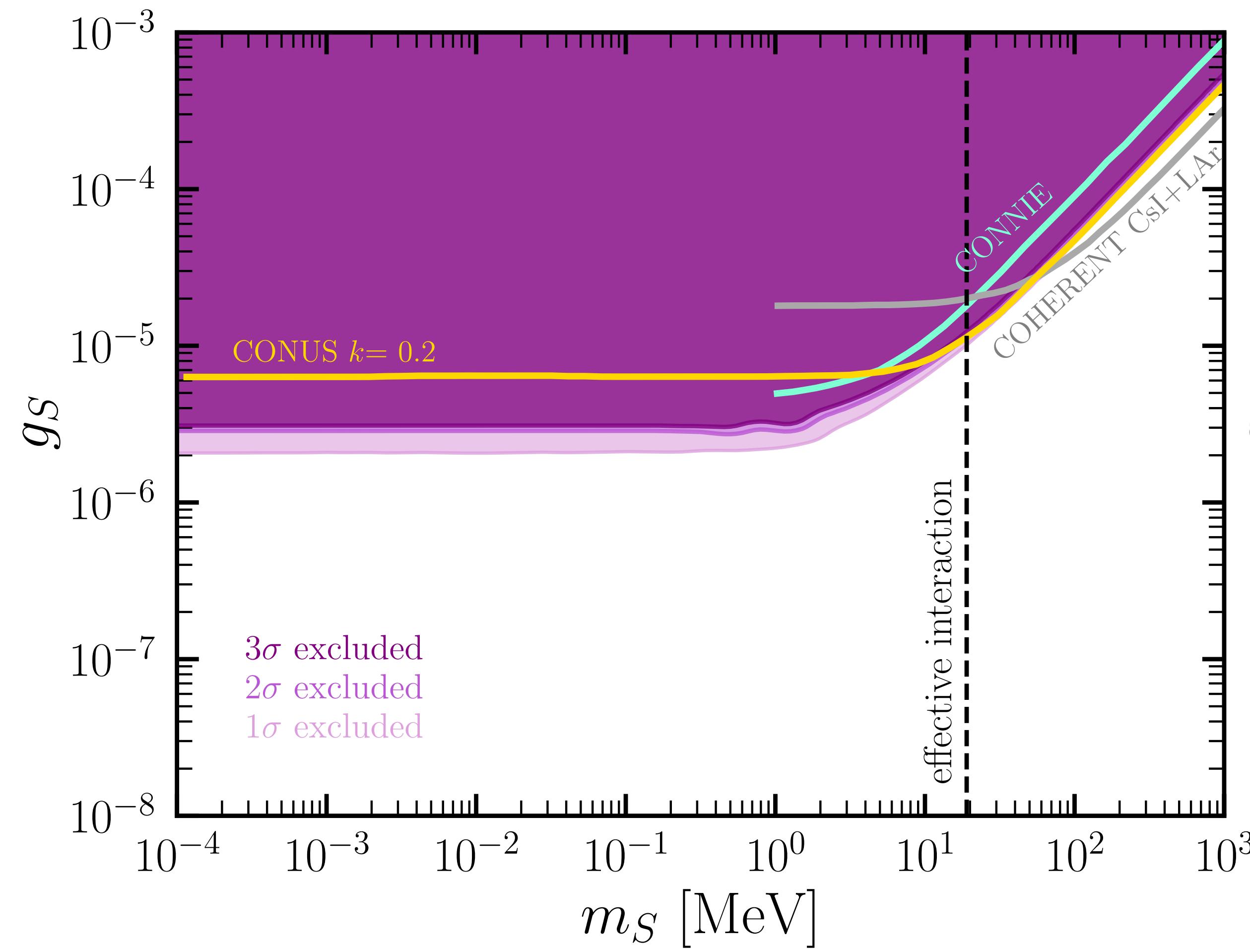
PHENO FROM CEVNS: GNI

Combined 2 dof análisis



*Time resolution not considered

PHENO FROM CEVNS: LIGHT SCALAR MEDIATORS

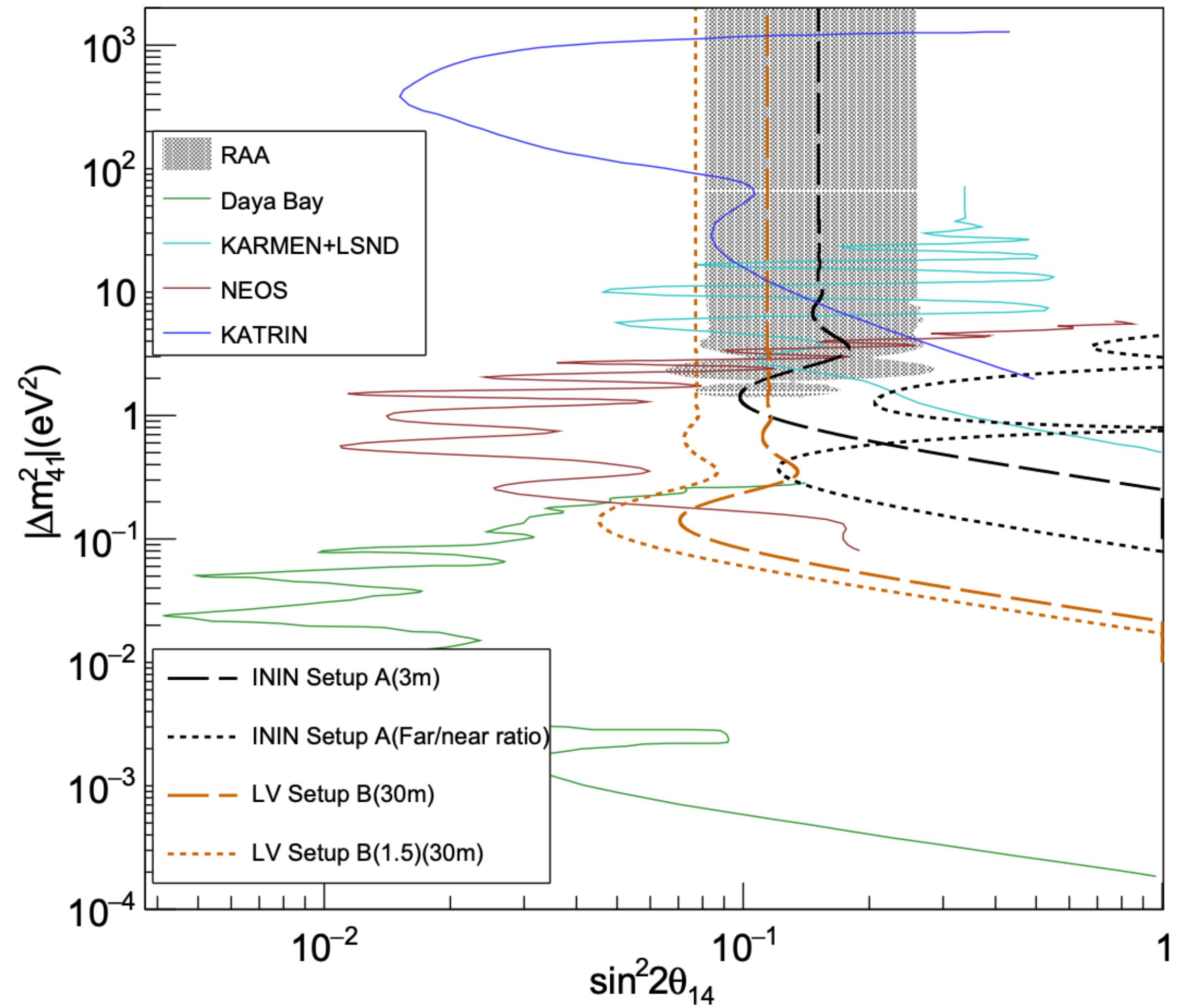


PHENO FROM CEVNS: STERILE NEUTRINOS

For light sterile neutrinos in a 3+1 scheme

$$P_{ee}(E_\nu) \simeq 1 - \sin^2 2\theta_{14} \sin^2 \left(\frac{\Delta m_{41}^2 L}{4E_\nu} \right)$$

$$P_{\mu\mu}(E_\nu) \simeq 1 - \sin^2 2\theta_{24} \sin^2 \left(\frac{\Delta m_{42}^2 L}{4E_\nu} \right)$$

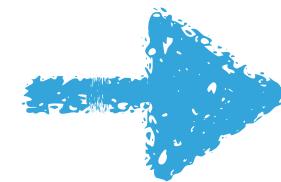


PHENO FROM CEVNS: UNITARITY VIOLATION

Mixing matrix

$$N = N^{UV} \cdot U^{PMNS}$$

$$N^{UV} = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha_{11} & 0 & 0 \\ \alpha_{21} & \alpha_{22} & 0 \\ \alpha_{31} & \alpha_{32} & \alpha_{33} \end{pmatrix}$$



Oscillation probabilities

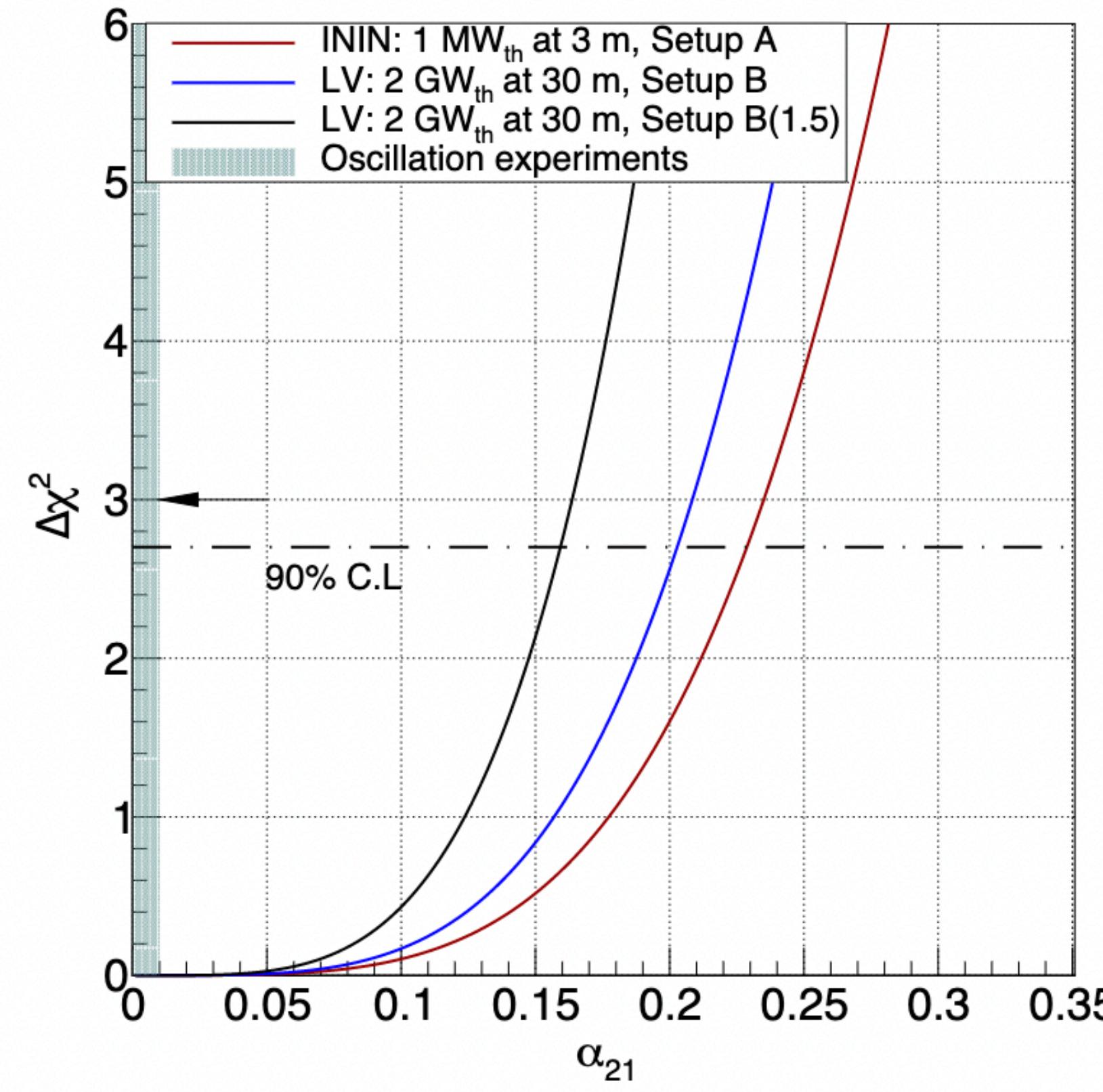
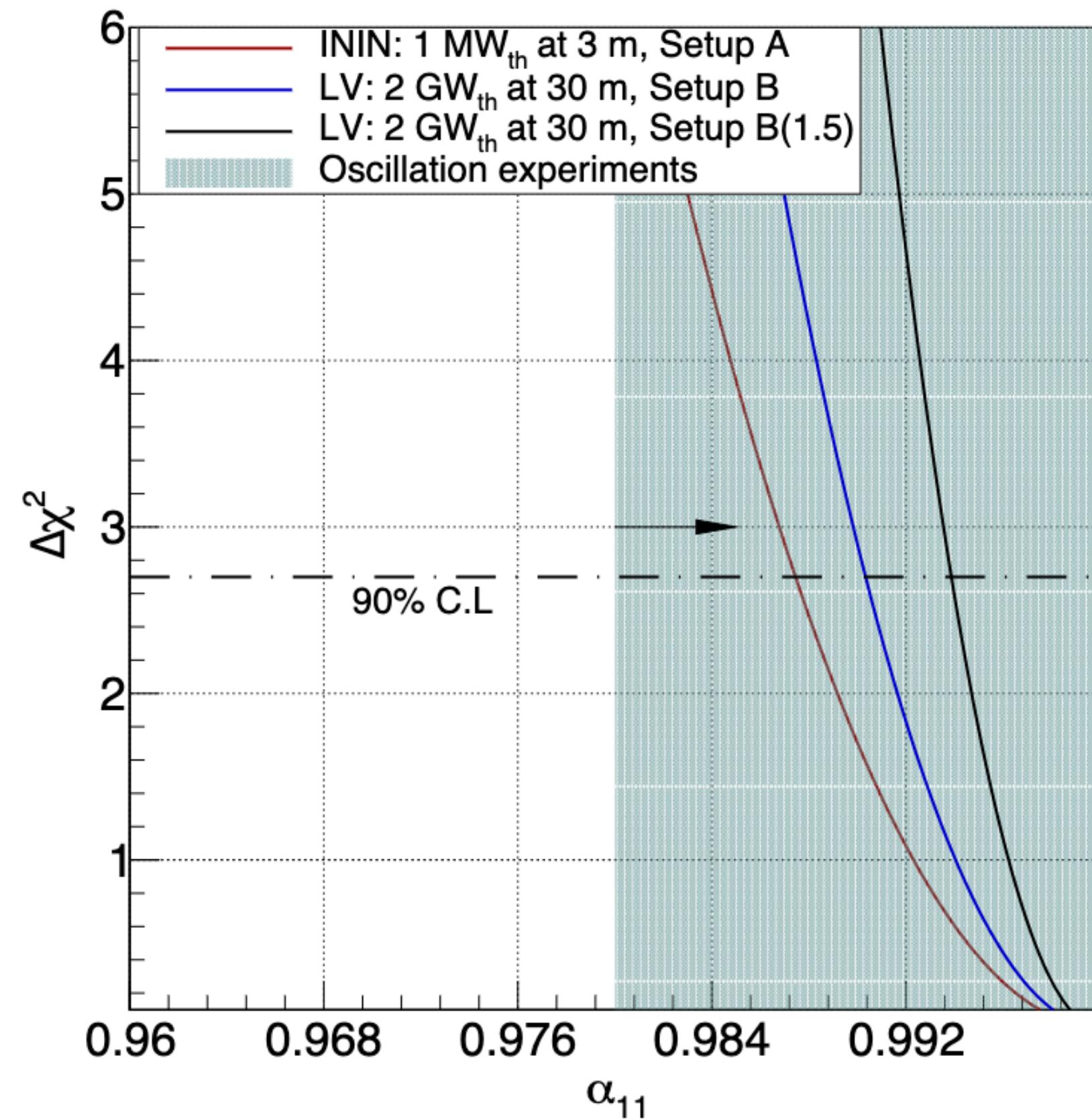
(zero distance)

$$P_{ee} = \alpha_{11}^4,$$

$$P_{e\mu} = \alpha_{11}^2 |\alpha_{21}|^2,$$

$$P_{e\tau} = \alpha_{11}^2 |\alpha_{31}|^2.$$

Escrihuela, Forero, Miranda, Tortola, Valle,
Phys.Rev.D 92 (2015)



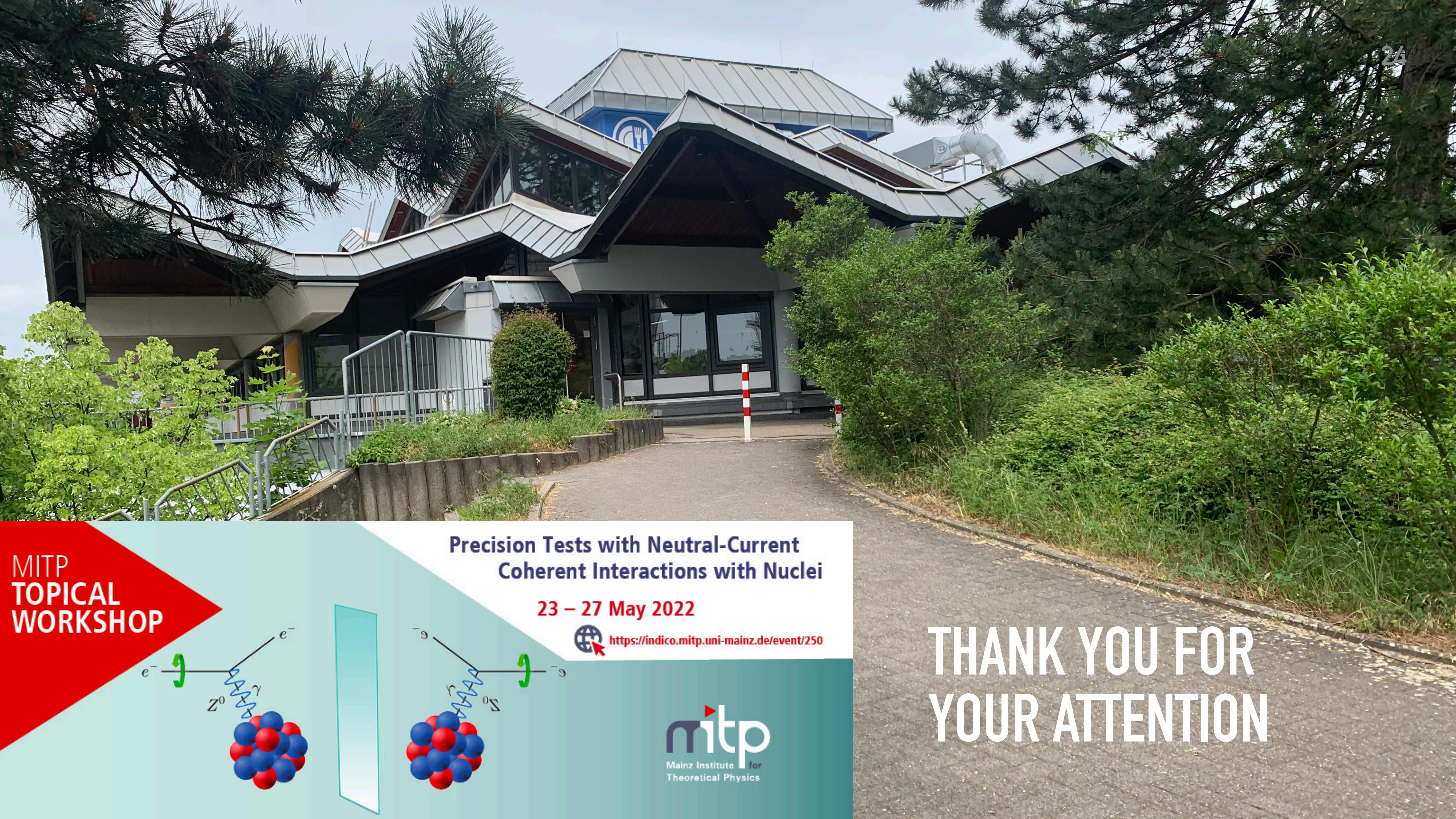
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FINAL REMARKS

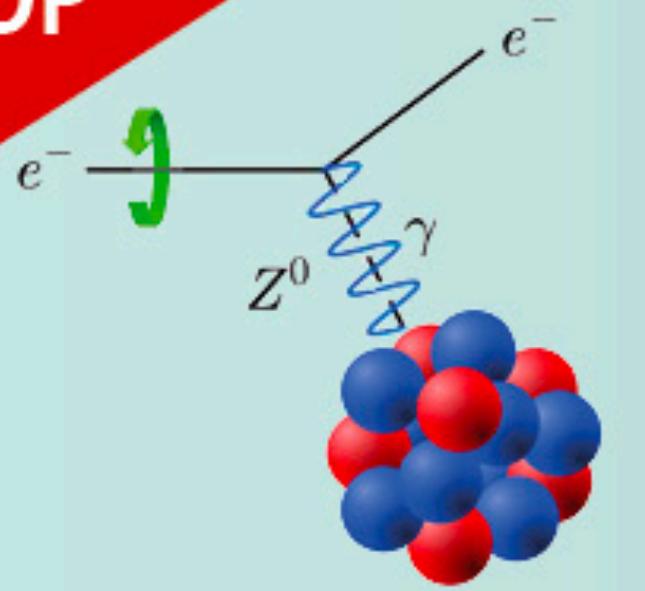
Reactor facilities offer a great chance of measuring CEvNS

LAr Scintillating Bubble Chambers:

- ❖ Realistic chance of detecting CEvNS given their *great background control* and *low threshold*
- ❖ Precise measurement of the weak mixing angle
- ❖ Competitive limits to new physics signals, compared with other CEvNS experiments



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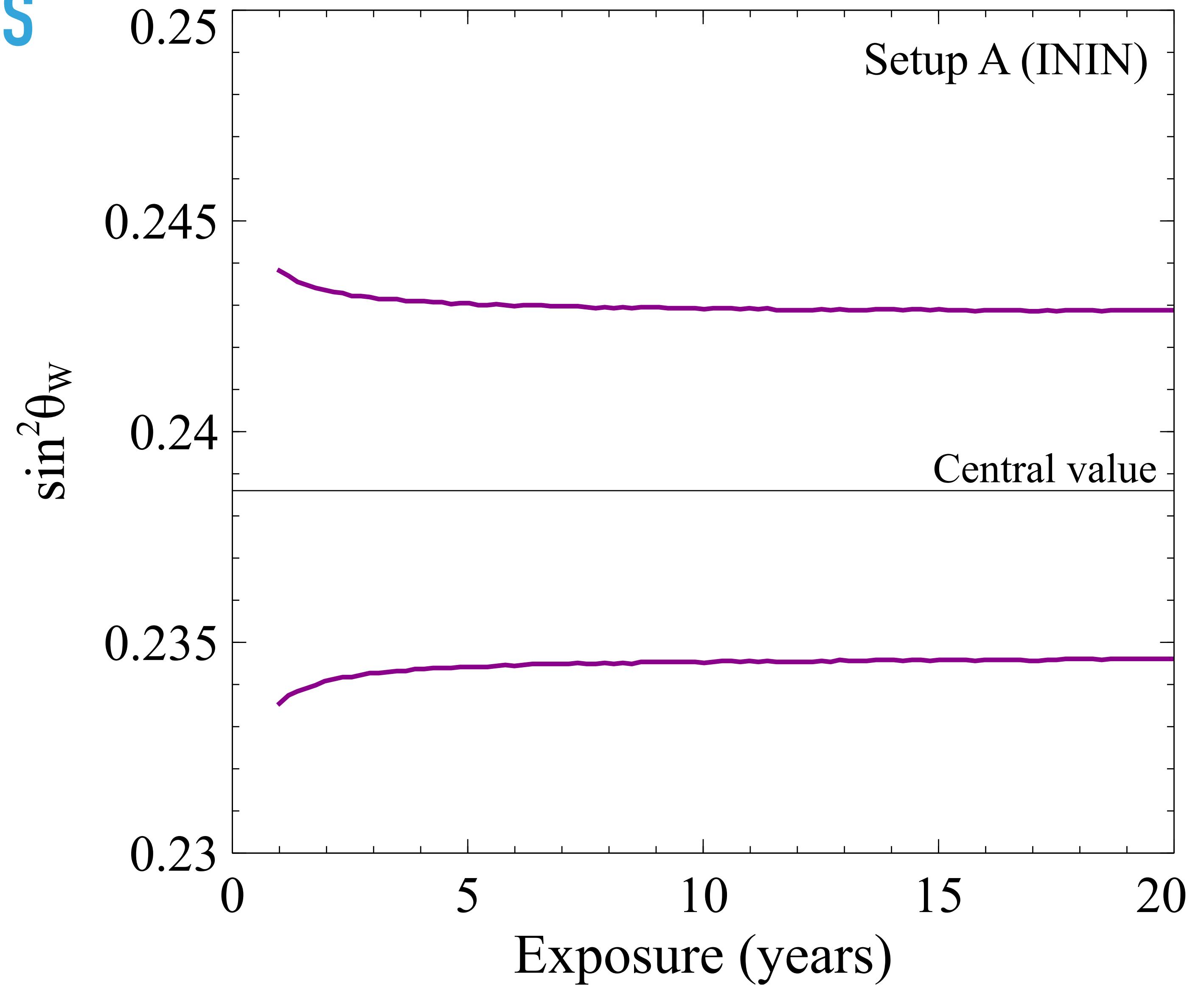
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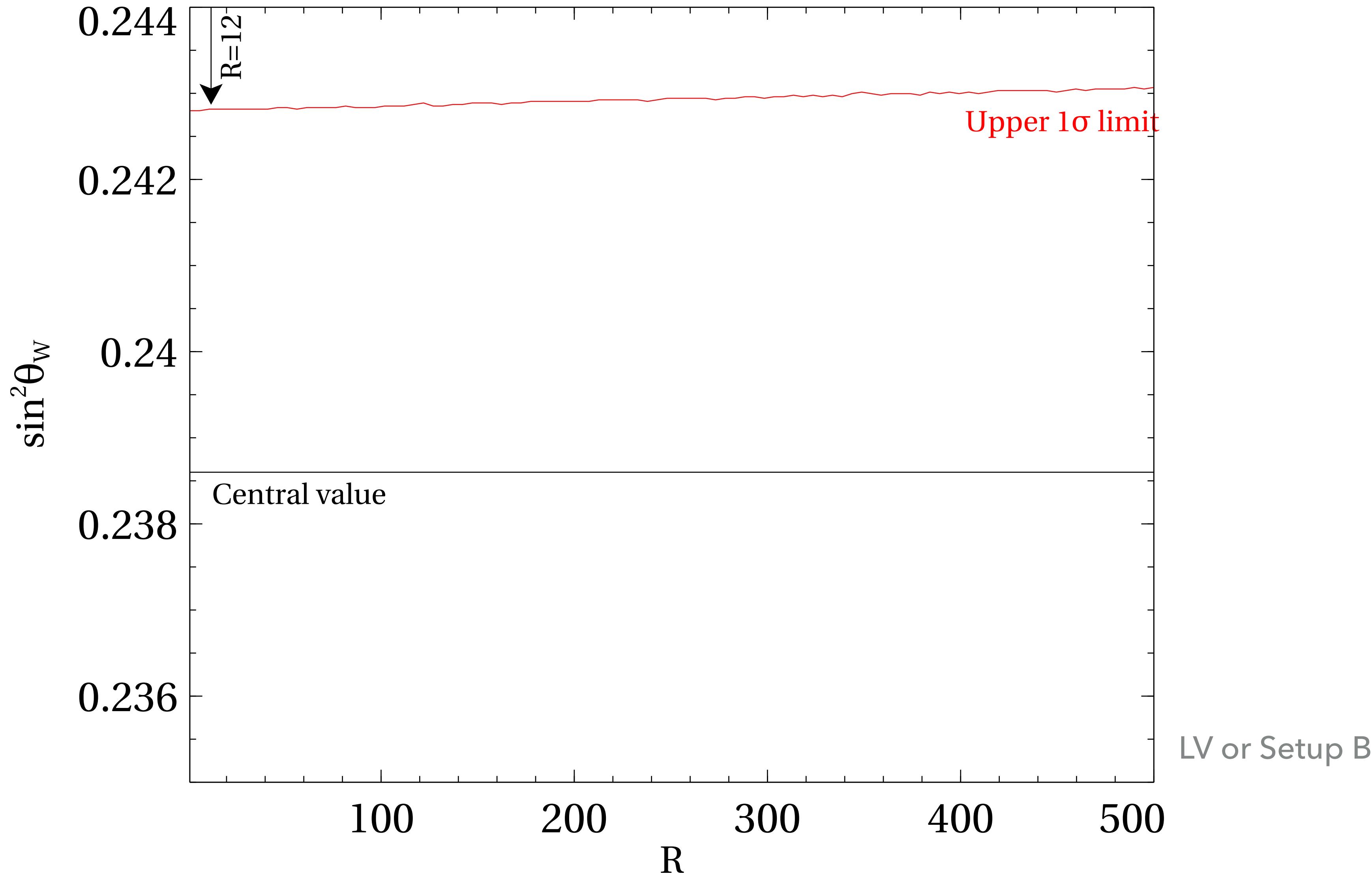
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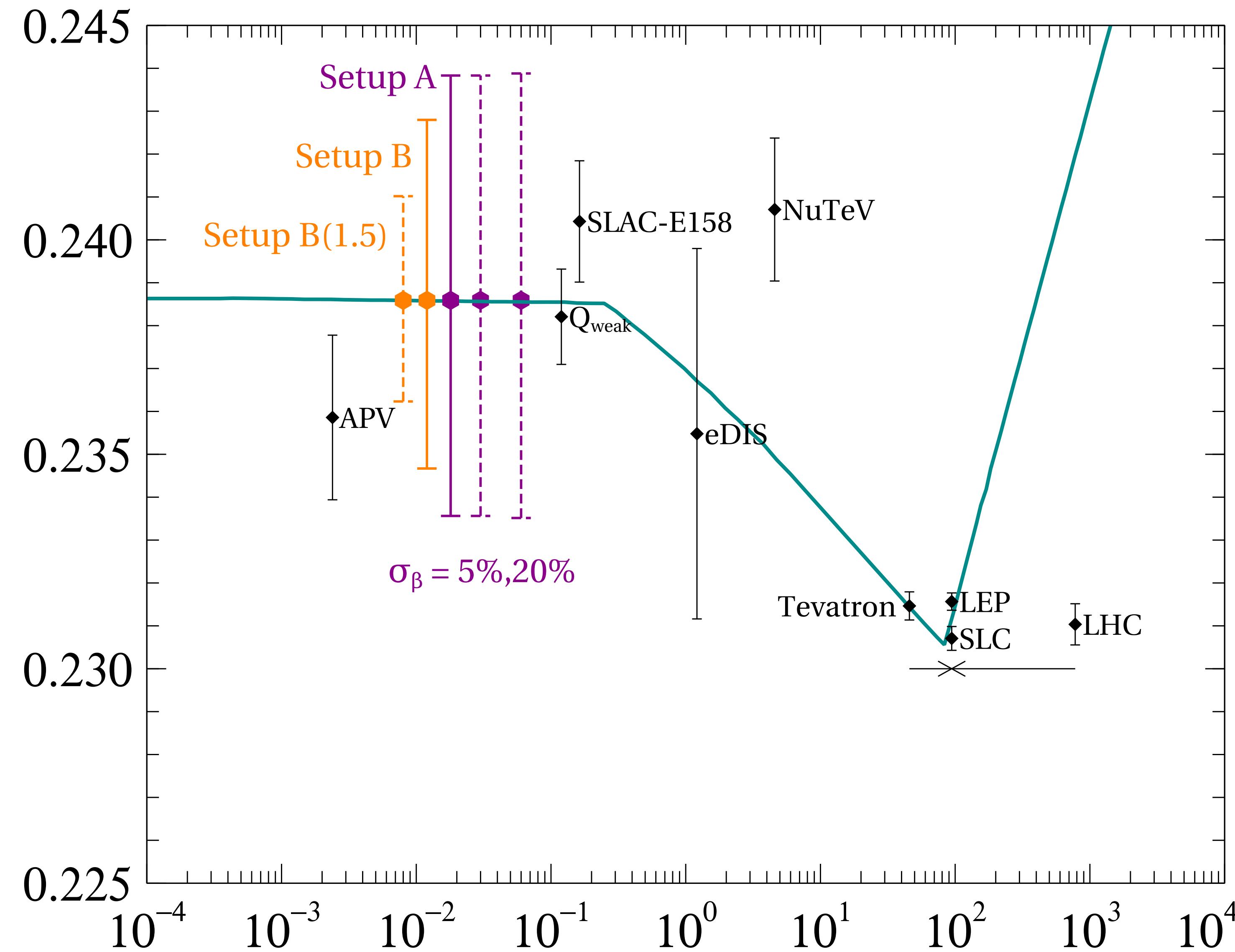
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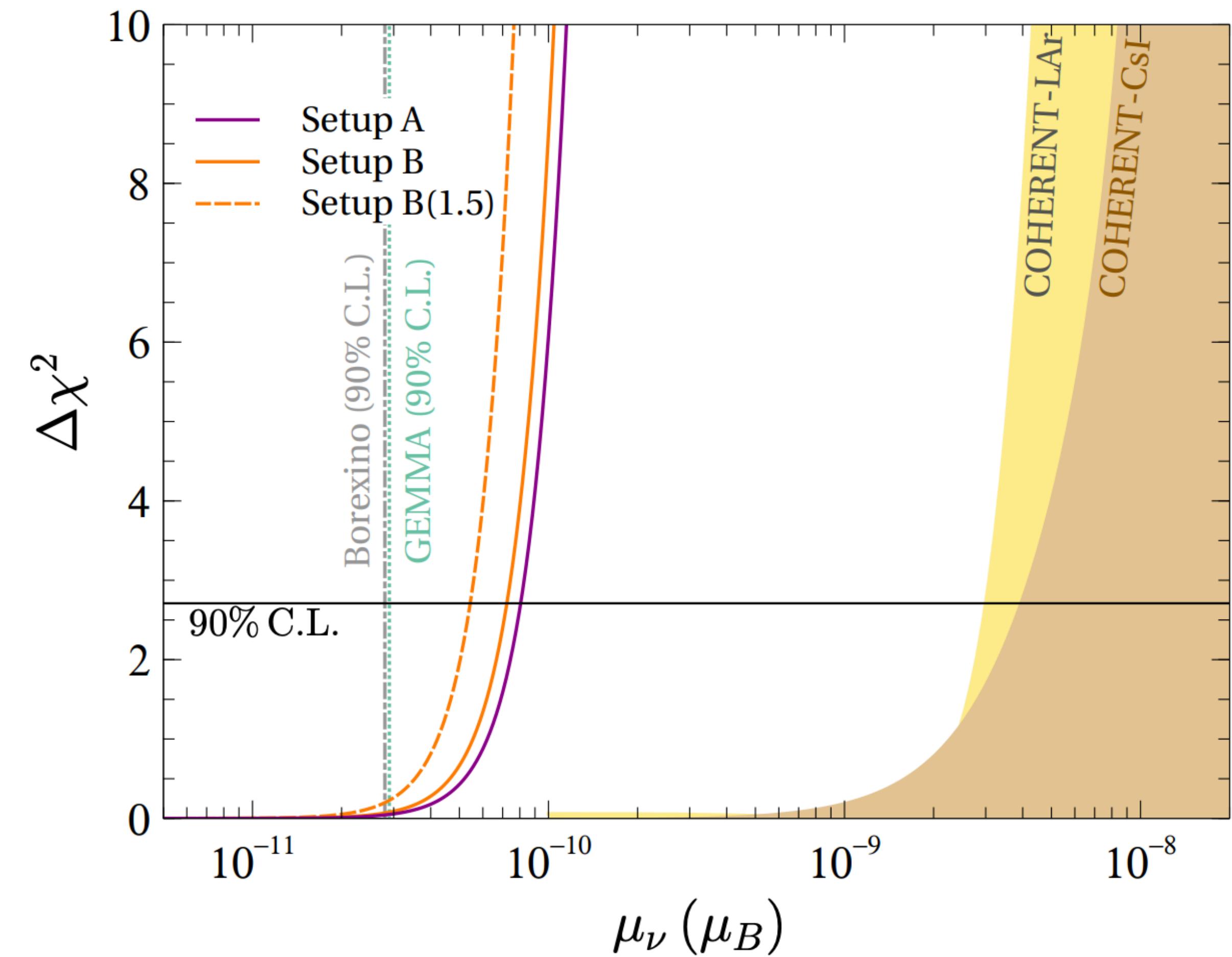
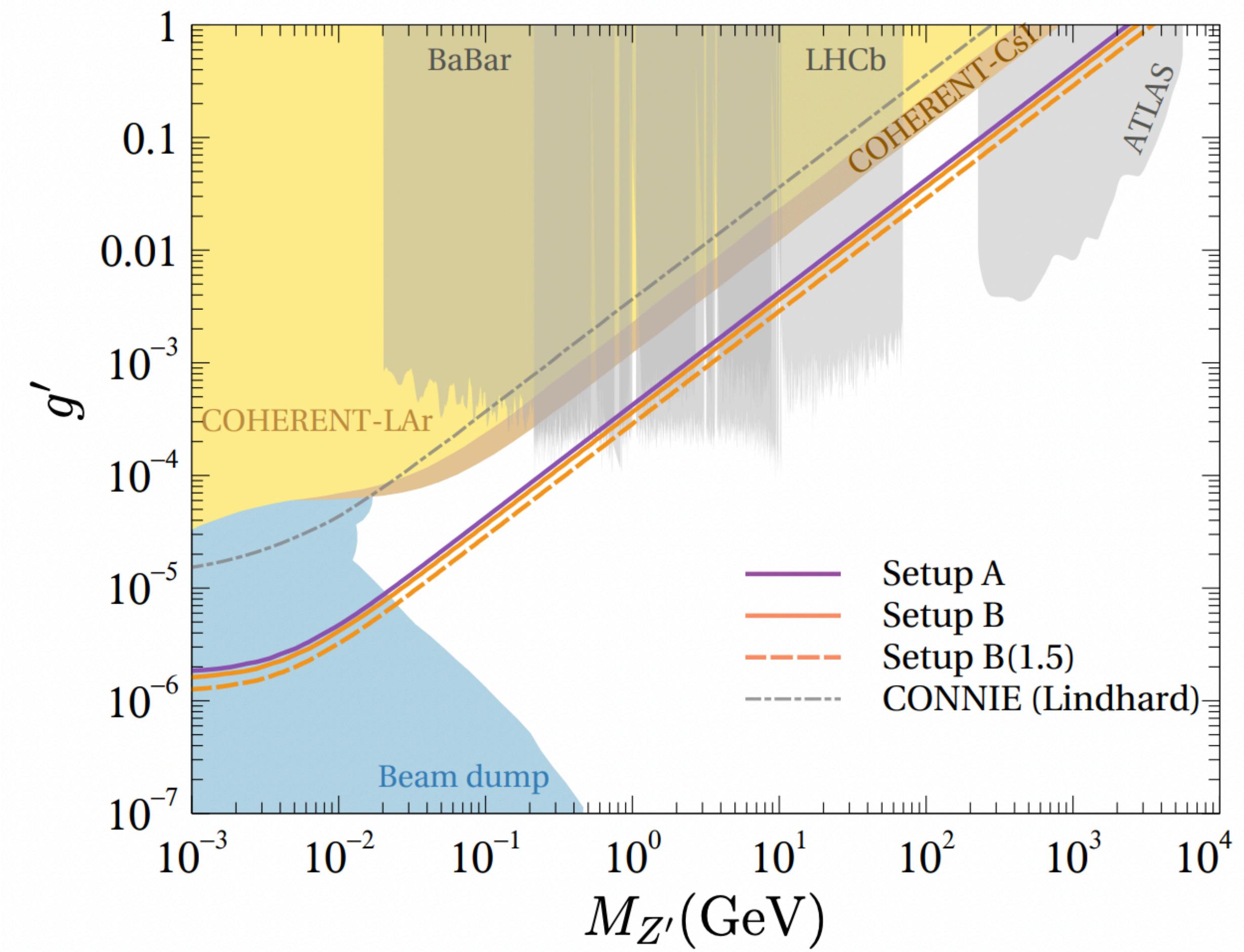
BACKUP SLIDES

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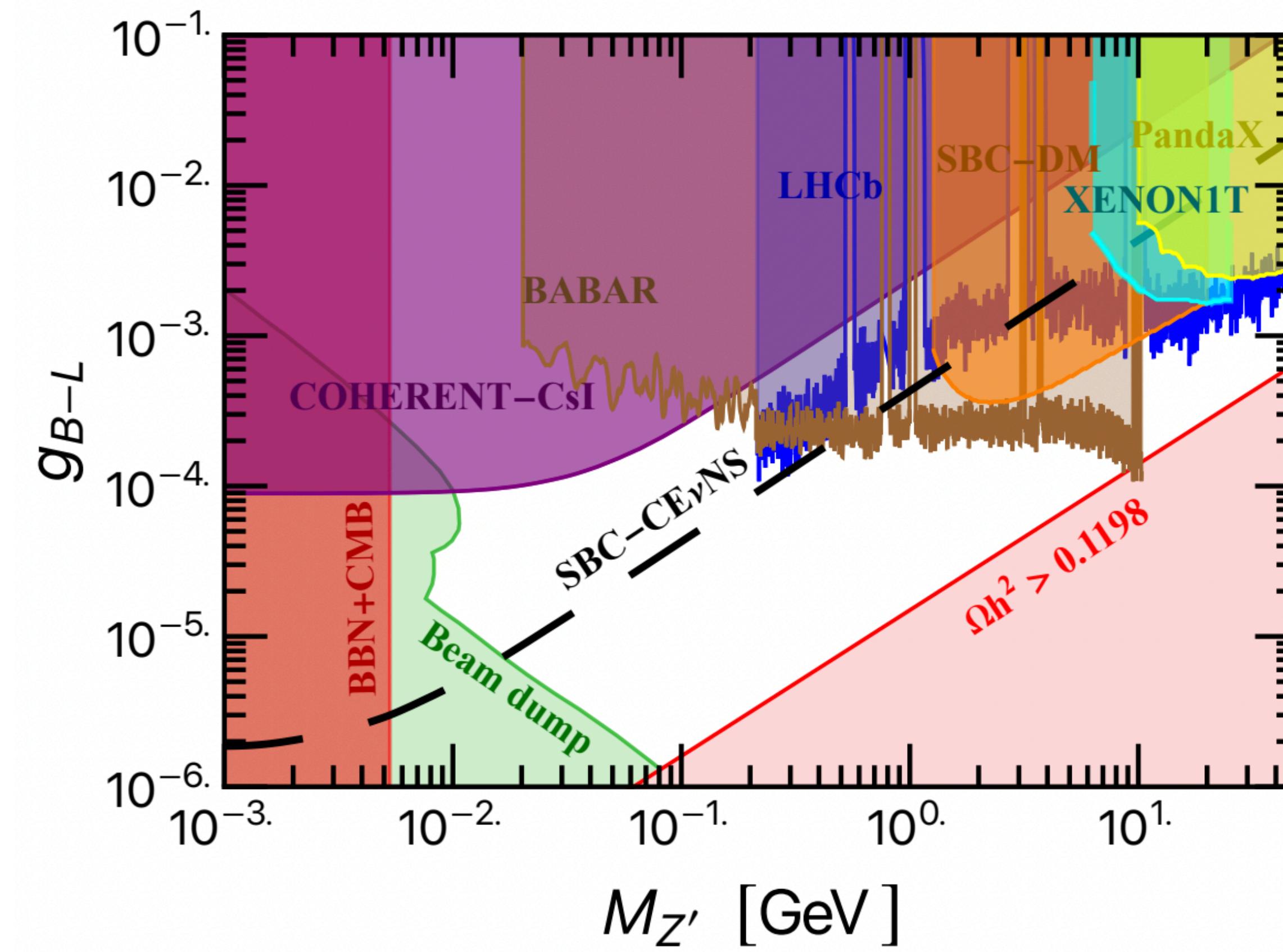




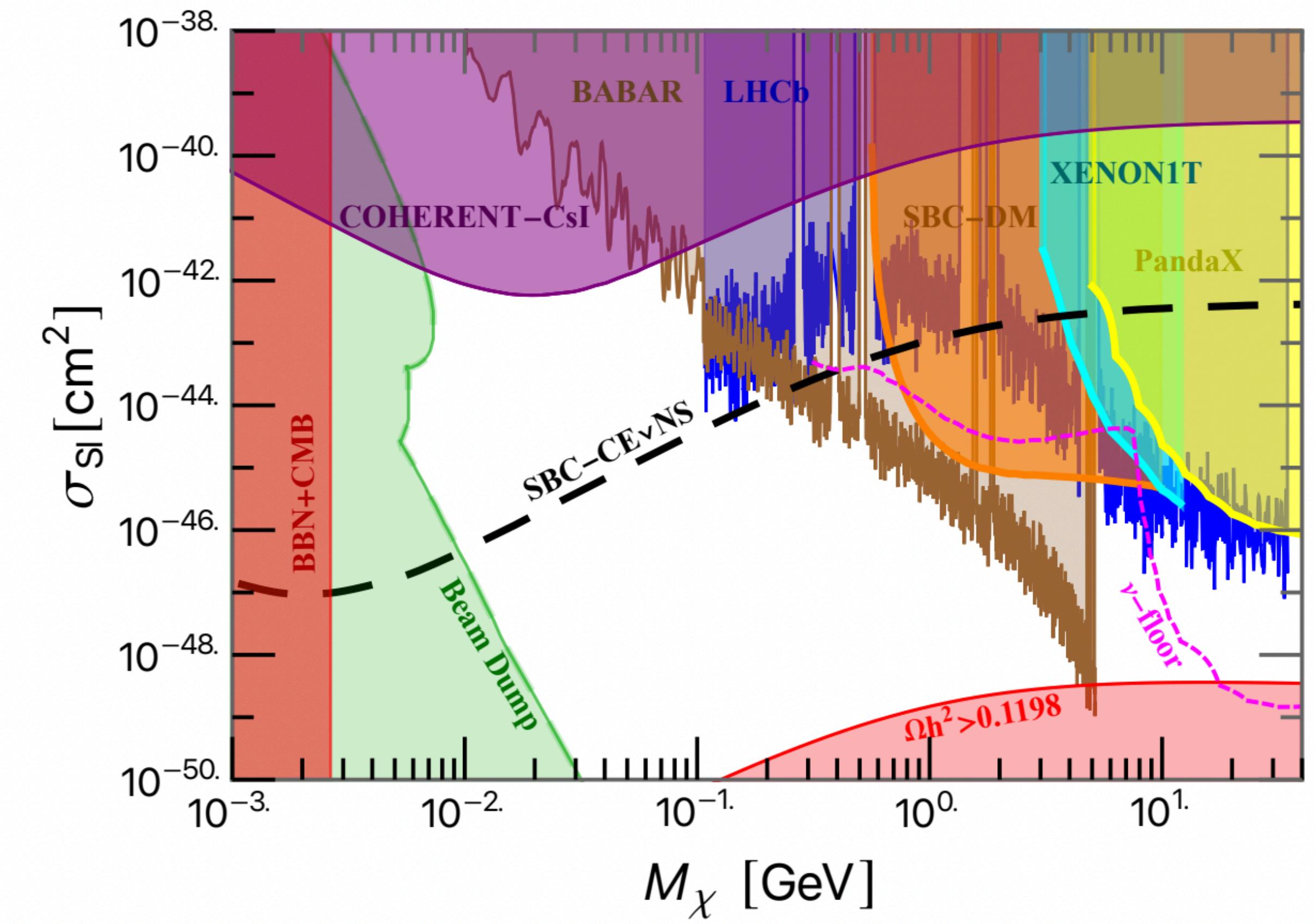


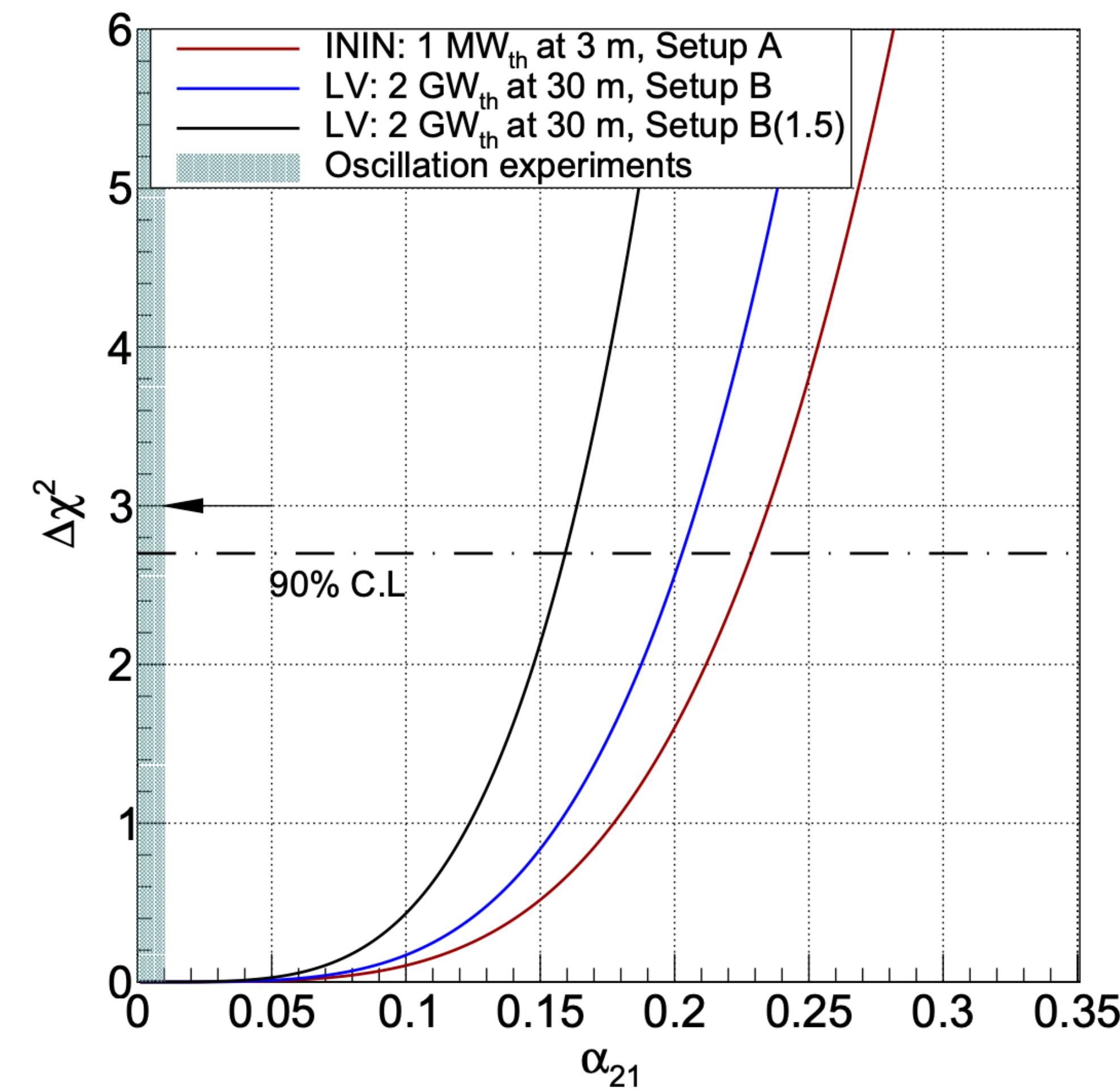
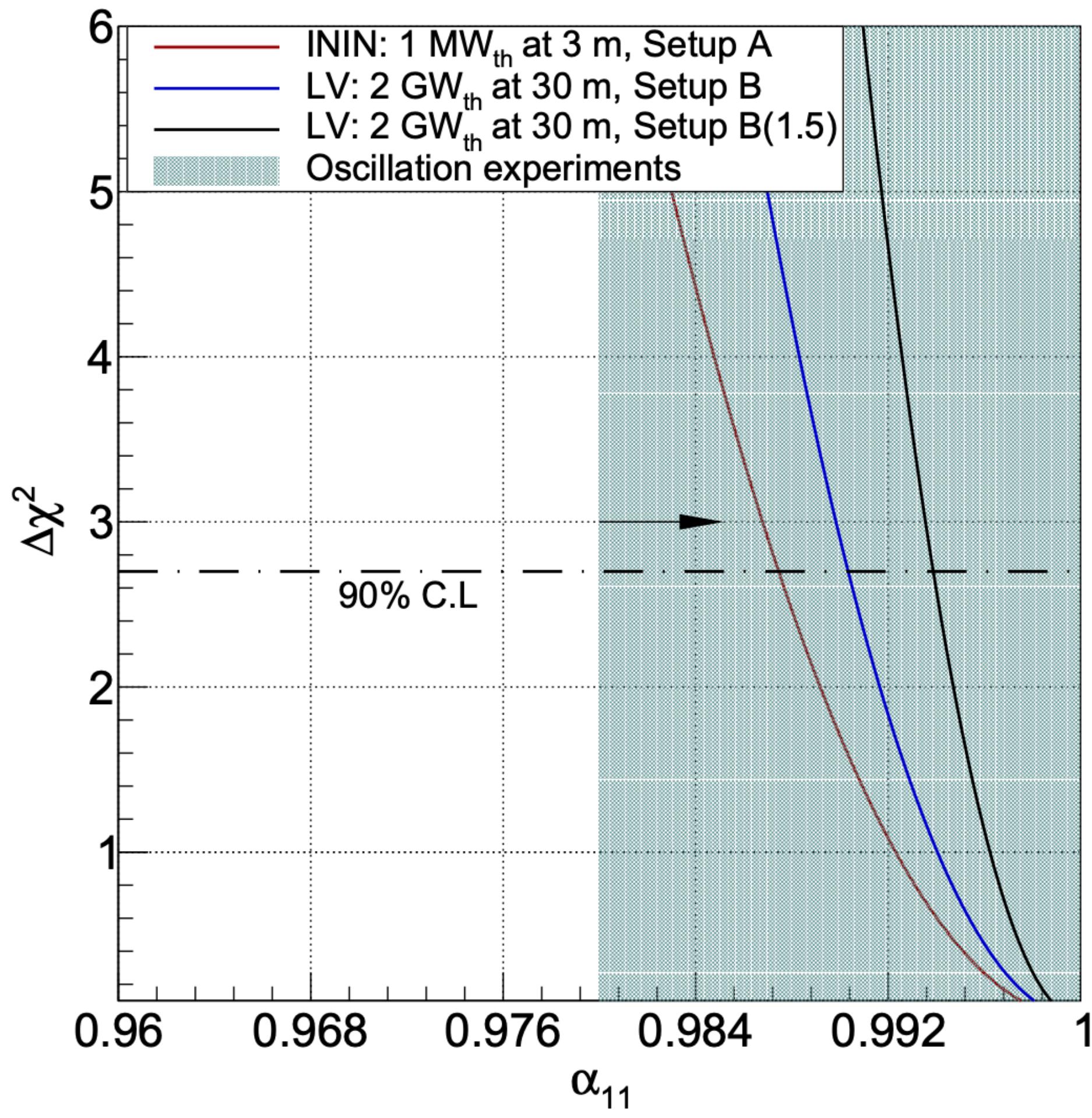
PHENO FROM CEVNS: LIGHT VECTOR MEDIATORS AND DARK MATTER

Z' as a dark matter χ mediator



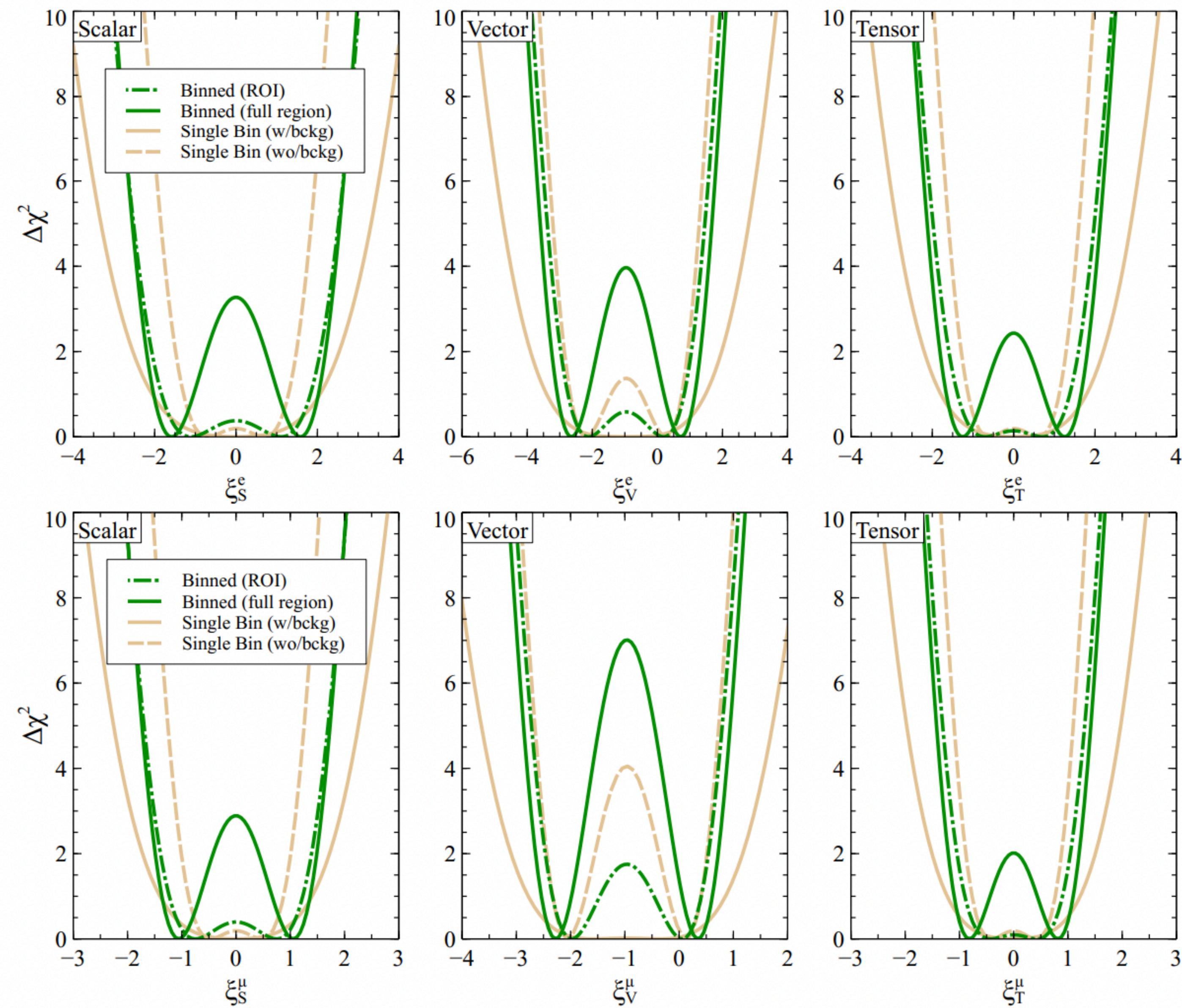
Resonance condition: $2M_\chi \sim M_{Z'}$





	This work		Previous works	
	CsI	LAr	CsI [54]	CsI [12]
ξ_S^e	[-0.53, 0.53]	[-2.19, 2.19]	[-1.22, 1.22]	
ξ_S^μ	[-0.37, 0.37]	[-1.48, 1.48]	[-0.77, 0.77]	[-0.62, 0.62]
ξ_V^e	[-2.06, 0.15]	[-3.08, 1.16]	–	
ξ_V^μ	[-2.02, -1.56] & [-0.37, 0.09]	[-2.53, 0.61]	–	[-2.102, -1.554] & [-0.324, 0.224]
ξ_T^e	[-0.52, 0.52]	[-1.71, 1.71]	[-1.26, 1.26]	
ξ_T^μ	[-0.37, 0.37]	[-1.11, 1.11]	[-0.85, 0.85]	[-0.591, 0.591]

TABLE I. Allowed regions of the scalar, vector, and tensor GNI at 90% C. L. from the COHERENT-CsI and LAr detector analyses. The first two columns correspond to the results of this work, while the other columns to the limits obtained in [54] and [12]. The limits from the last column were obtained assuming $\xi_X^e = \xi_X^\mu$.

FIG. 6. $\Delta\chi^2$ for different GNI parameters, where top (bottom) row corresponds to electron (muon) flavor.