

# OVERVIEW OF BSM PHYSICS WITH THE DSNB

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**Towards the detection of Diffuse  
Supernova Neutrinos:  
What will we see? What can we learn?  
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The diagram shows a funnel-shaped structure representing a detector, with three layers. A vertical axis on the right indicates time: 'Now', '5 billion years ago', '10 billion years ago', and '13.8 billion years ago' (labeled 'Big Bang'). A yellow box labeled 'Neutrinos from past SNe' is positioned between the 5 billion and 10 billion year marks. The MITP logo is at the bottom right.



# Core-collapse SNe: Mechanism

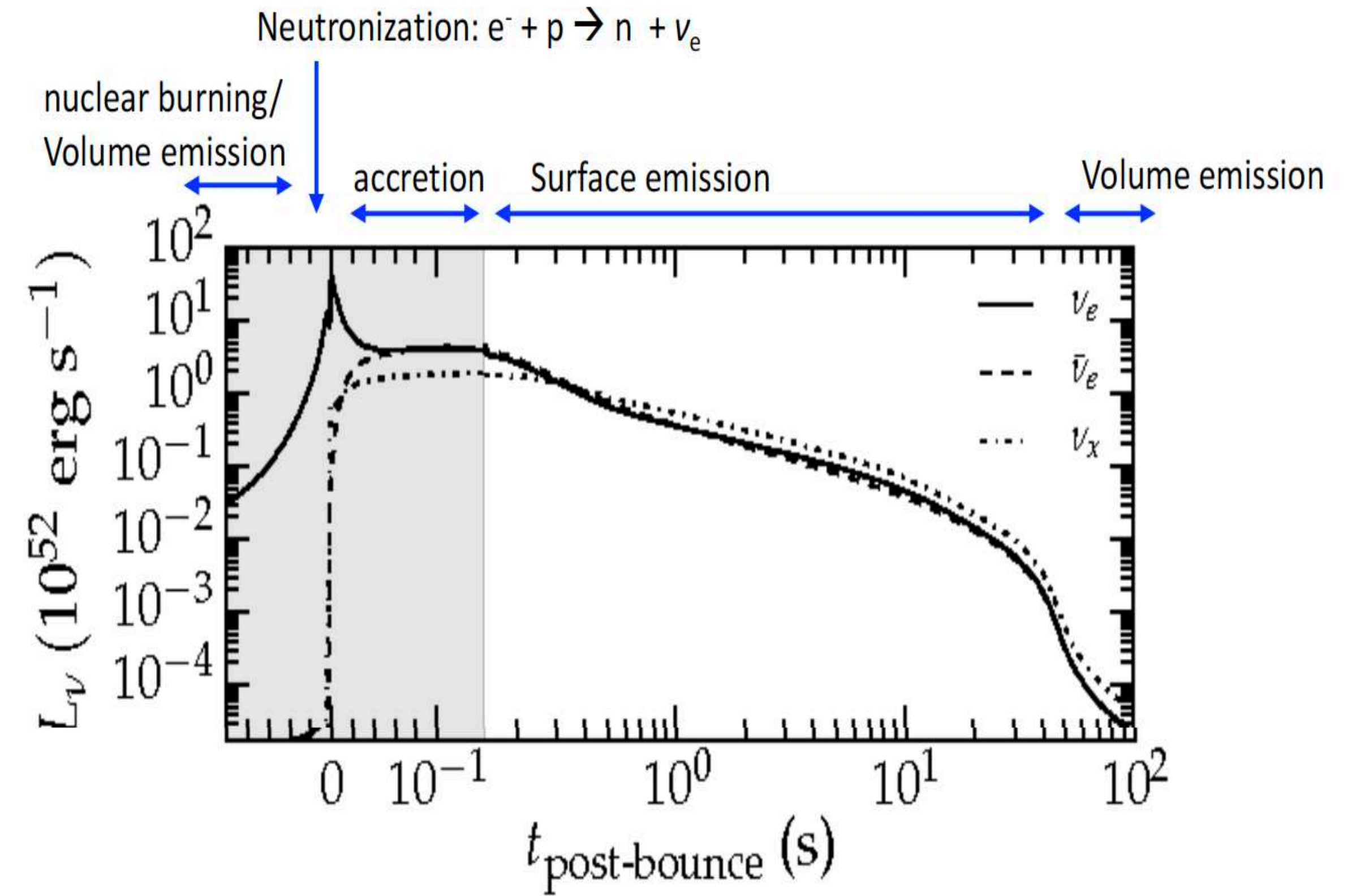
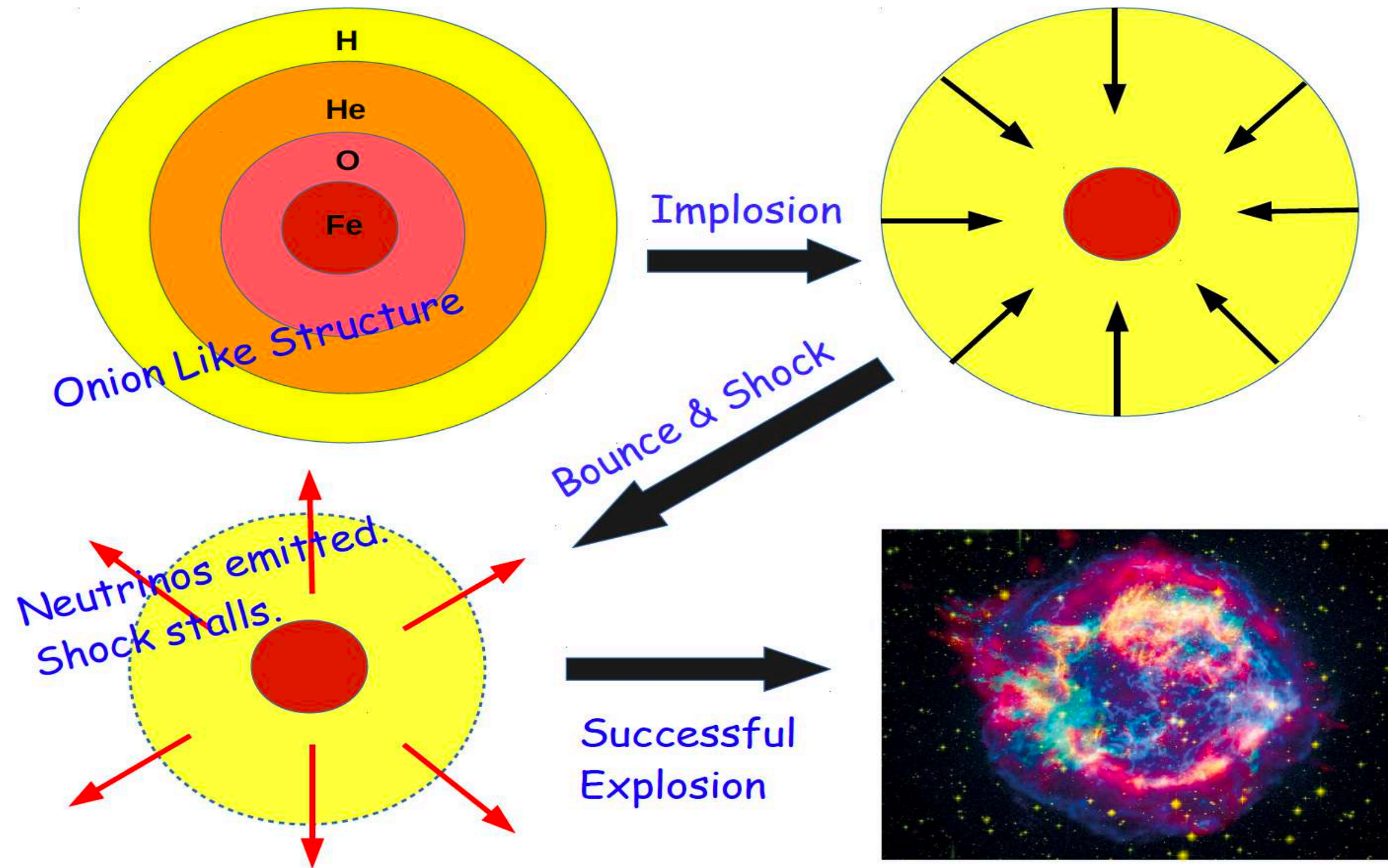
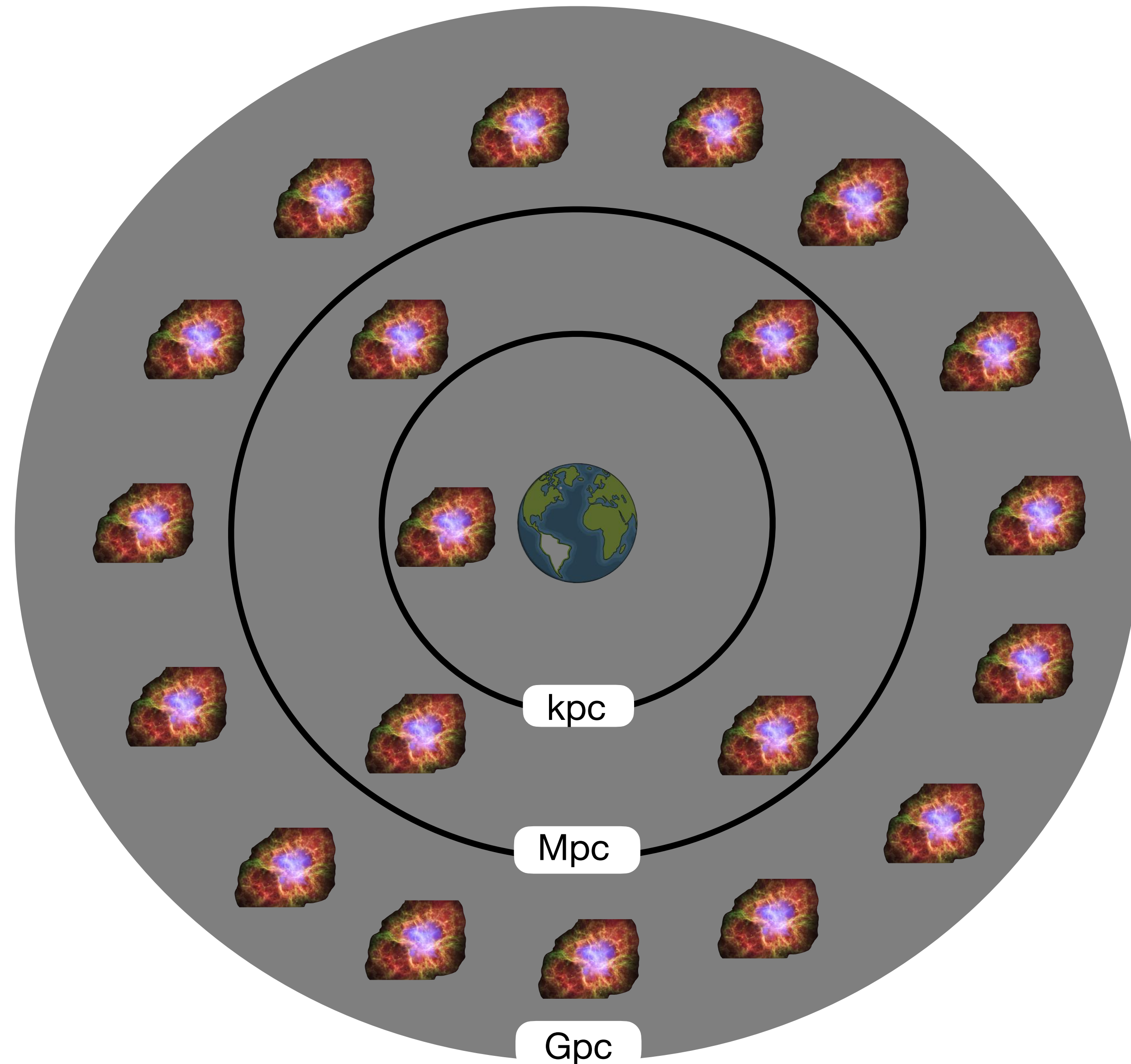


Figure from Roberts and Reddy, Handbook of Supernovae, Springer Intl., 2017

- Core-collapse SNe leading to MeV neutrino emission.
- Almost thermal spectra for different flavors.
- SN1987A: some of the strongest bounds on neutrino properties!

# The Diffuse Supernova Neutrino Background

- A galactic SN is very rare. So, should we wait a lifetime?
- We can be more inclusive, and look to the distant Universe for more SNe.
- Not that rare. On an average, there is **1 SN going off per second**. The neutrino emission produces the DSNB.
- Detectable neutrino flux, dominantly from stars upto redshift  $z \sim 1$ , but extends upto  $z \sim 6$ .
- Opens up a new frontier in neutrino astronomy.



# How to estimate the DSNB?

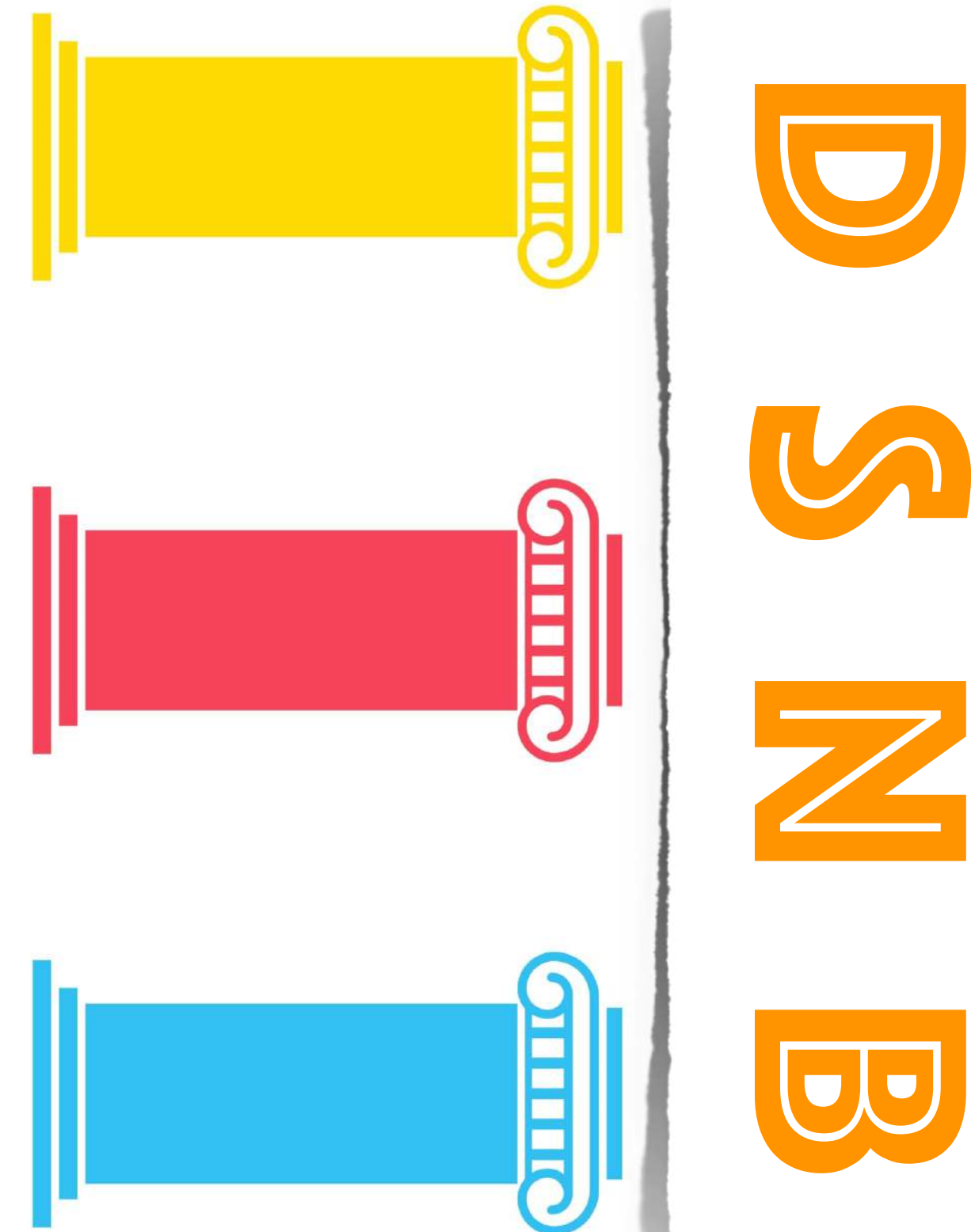
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SN Neutrino spectra

Cosmological SN rate

Cosmology



# Ingredient 1: Cosmology

Parameter	TT+lowE 68% limits	TE+lowE 68% limits	EE+lowE 68% limits	TT,TE,EE+lowE 68% limits	TT,TE,EE+lowE+lensing 68% limits	TT,TE,EE+lowE+lensing+BAO 68% limits
$H_0$ [km s <sup>-1</sup> Mpc <sup>-1</sup> ] . .	$66.88 \pm 0.92$	$68.44 \pm 0.91$	$69.9 \pm 2.7$	$67.27 \pm 0.60$	$67.36 \pm 0.54$	$67.66 \pm 0.42$
$\Omega_\Lambda$ . . . . .	$0.679 \pm 0.013$	$0.699 \pm 0.012$	$0.711^{+0.033}_{-0.026}$	$0.6834 \pm 0.0084$	$0.6847 \pm 0.0073$	$0.6889 \pm 0.0056$
$\Omega_m$ . . . . .	$0.321 \pm 0.013$	$0.301 \pm 0.012$	$0.289^{+0.026}_{-0.033}$	$0.3166 \pm 0.0084$	$0.3153 \pm 0.0073$	$0.3111 \pm 0.0056$
$\Omega_m h^2$ . . . . .	$0.1434 \pm 0.0020$	$0.1408 \pm 0.0019$	$0.1404^{+0.0034}_{-0.0039}$	$0.1432 \pm 0.0013$	$0.1430 \pm 0.0011$	$0.14240 \pm 0.00087$
$\Omega_m h^3$ . . . . .	$0.09589 \pm 0.00046$	$0.09635 \pm 0.00051$	$0.0981^{+0.0016}_{-0.0018}$	$0.09633 \pm 0.00029$	$0.09633 \pm 0.00030$	$0.09635 \pm 0.00030$
$\sigma_8$ . . . . .	$0.8118 \pm 0.0089$	$0.793 \pm 0.011$	$0.796 \pm 0.018$	$0.8120 \pm 0.0073$	$0.8111 \pm 0.0060$	$0.8102 \pm 0.0060$

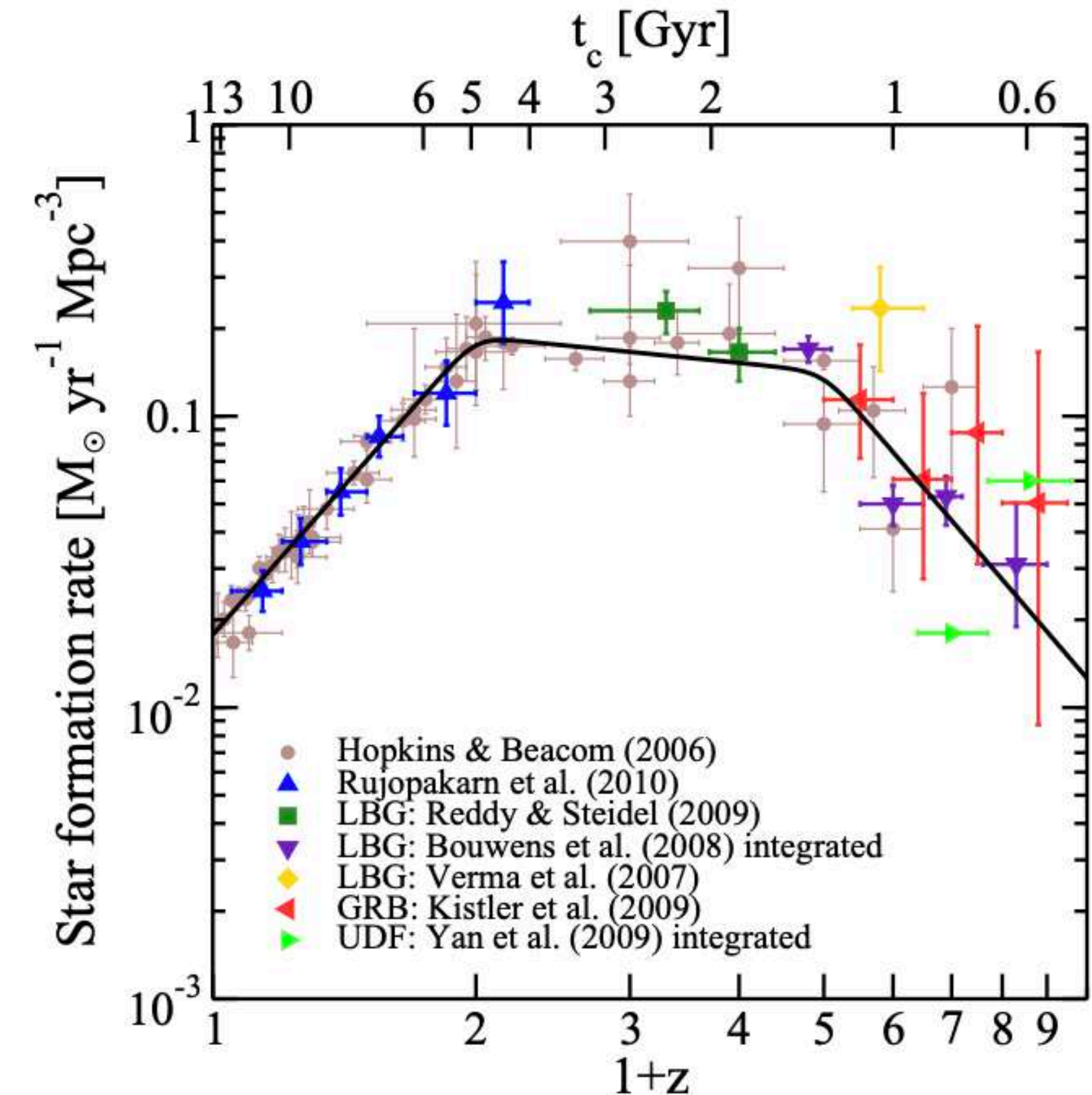
$$H(z) = H_0 \sqrt{\Omega_m (1+z)^3 + \Omega_\Lambda (1+z)^{3(1+w)} + (1 - \Omega_m - \Omega_\Lambda)(1+z)^2}$$

- Underlying cosmology is well constrained from Planck data.
- Parameters provide a normalisation to the spectra

# Ingredient 2: Core-collapse SNe Rate

$$R_{\text{CCSN}}(z) = \dot{\rho}_*(z) \frac{\int_8^{50} \psi(M) dM}{\int_{0.1}^{100} M\psi(M) dM}.$$

Cosmic SFR pretty well known from data in the UV and the far-infrared



Analytic fits <sup>a</sup>	$\dot{\rho}_0$	$\alpha$	$\beta$	$\gamma$	$z_1$	$z_2$
Upper	0.0213	3.6	-0.1	-2.5	1	4
Fiducial	0.0178	3.4	-0.3	-3.5	1	4
Lower	0.0142	3.2	-0.5	-4.5	1	4

$$\dot{\rho}_*(z) = \dot{\rho}_0 \left[ (1+z)^{-10\alpha} + \left(\frac{1+z}{B}\right)^{-10\beta} + \left(\frac{1+z}{C}\right)^{-10\gamma} \right]^{-1/10}$$

$$B = (1+z_1)^{1-\alpha/\beta} \quad C = (1+z_1)^{(\beta-\alpha)/\gamma} (1+z_2)^{1-\beta/\gamma}$$

$\psi(M)$  is the initial mass distribution

Non trivial contribution from failed BHs and Mrot driven SNe.

We neglect for this talk!

Talks on Day 2

Hopkins, Beacom, ApJ2006

Yuksel, Kistler, Beacom, Hopkins, ApJ2008

Horiuchi, Beacom, Dwek, PRD2009

Ekanger et al. PRD 2024

# Ingredient 3: Neutrino spectra

- Assume an approximately thermal spectra, characteristic of late-time phase.

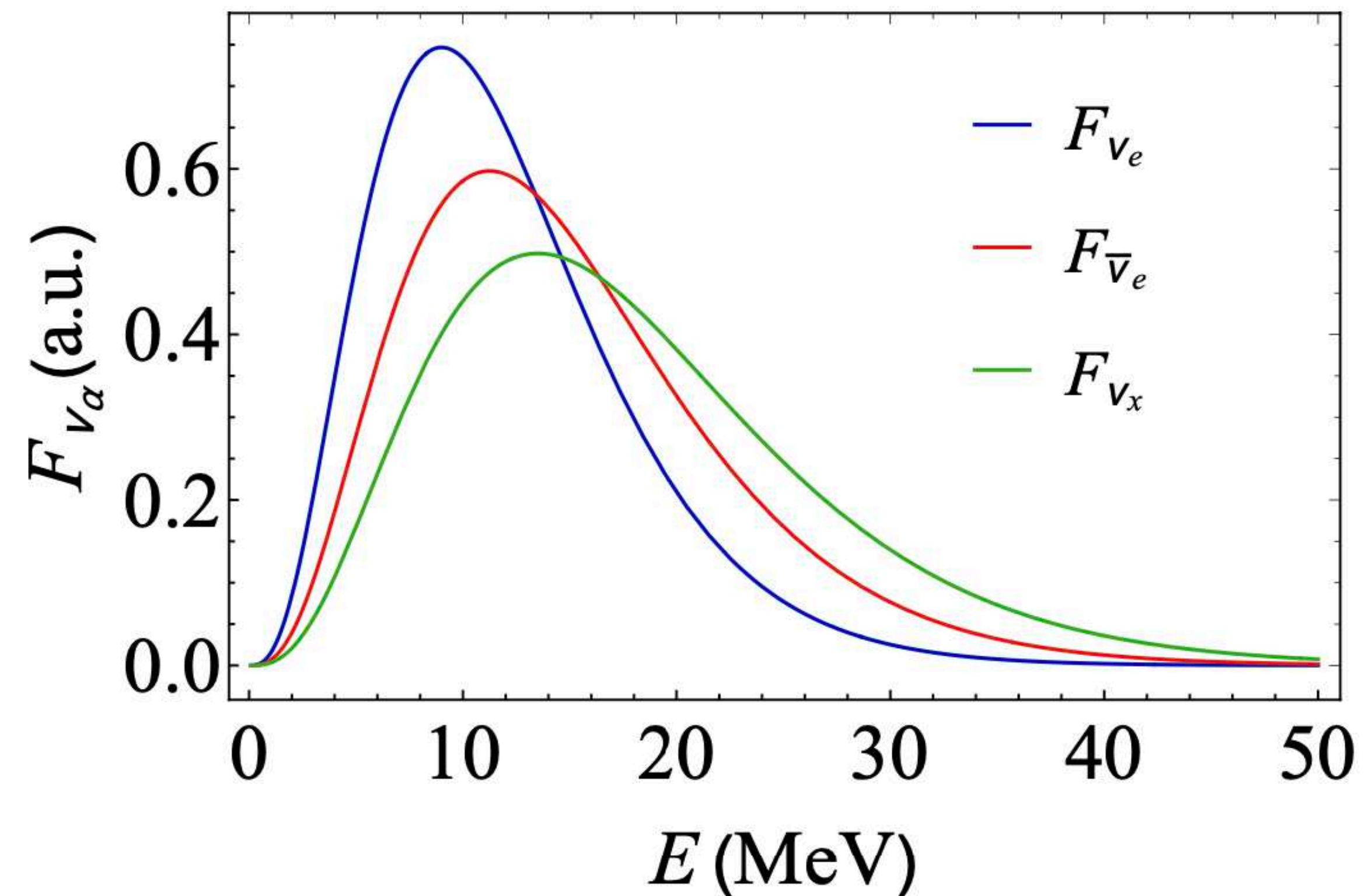
$$F_{\nu_\beta}(E_\nu) = \frac{1}{\langle E_\beta \rangle} \frac{(1 + \alpha)^{1+\alpha}}{\Gamma(1 + \alpha)} \left( \frac{E_\nu}{\langle E_\beta \rangle} \right)^\alpha e^{-(1+\alpha) \frac{E_\nu}{\langle E_\beta \rangle}}$$

Tamborra, Mueller, Huedepohl, Janka, Raffelt (PRD 2012)

- Could be processed by collective neutrino oscillations, however effect is subleading. Hence ignore.

- Only assume adiabatic MSW transition, so  
 heaviest neutrino  $\leftrightarrow \nu_e$   
 lightest neutrinos  $\leftrightarrow \nu_x$

- Temperature hierarchy  $T_{\nu_e} < T_{\bar{\nu}_e} < T_{\nu_x}$ .



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Cosmology

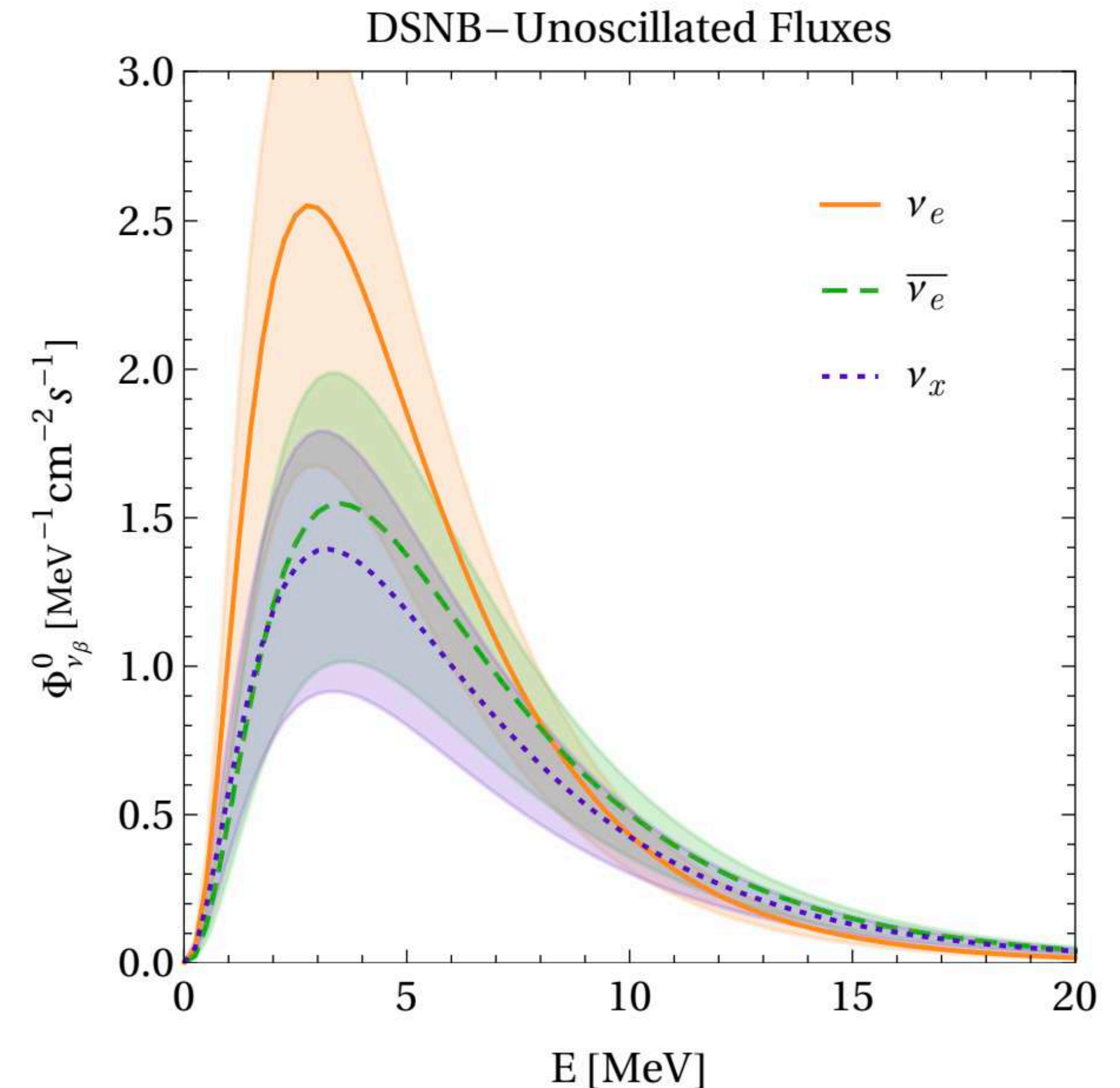
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# Putting all ingredients together

- The DSNB window  $\sim 10\text{-}26$  MeV.
- Main backgrounds to keep in mind:
  - Solar  $\nu_e$ : extends upto  $\sim 20$  MeV.
  - Geo  $\bar{\nu}_e$ : Mostly dominates low energy  $\sim 4$  MeV background.
  - Reactor  $\bar{\nu}_e$ : extends upto  $\sim 10$  MeV.
  - Atmospheric  $\nu$ : Low energy tails of  $\nu_e$  and  $\bar{\nu}_e$ . Exceeds the DSNB at  $E \sim 30$  MeV.
- Experiments: SK, JUNO, DUNE, HK, Theia, Resnova, many others being considered.

Talks on Day 1



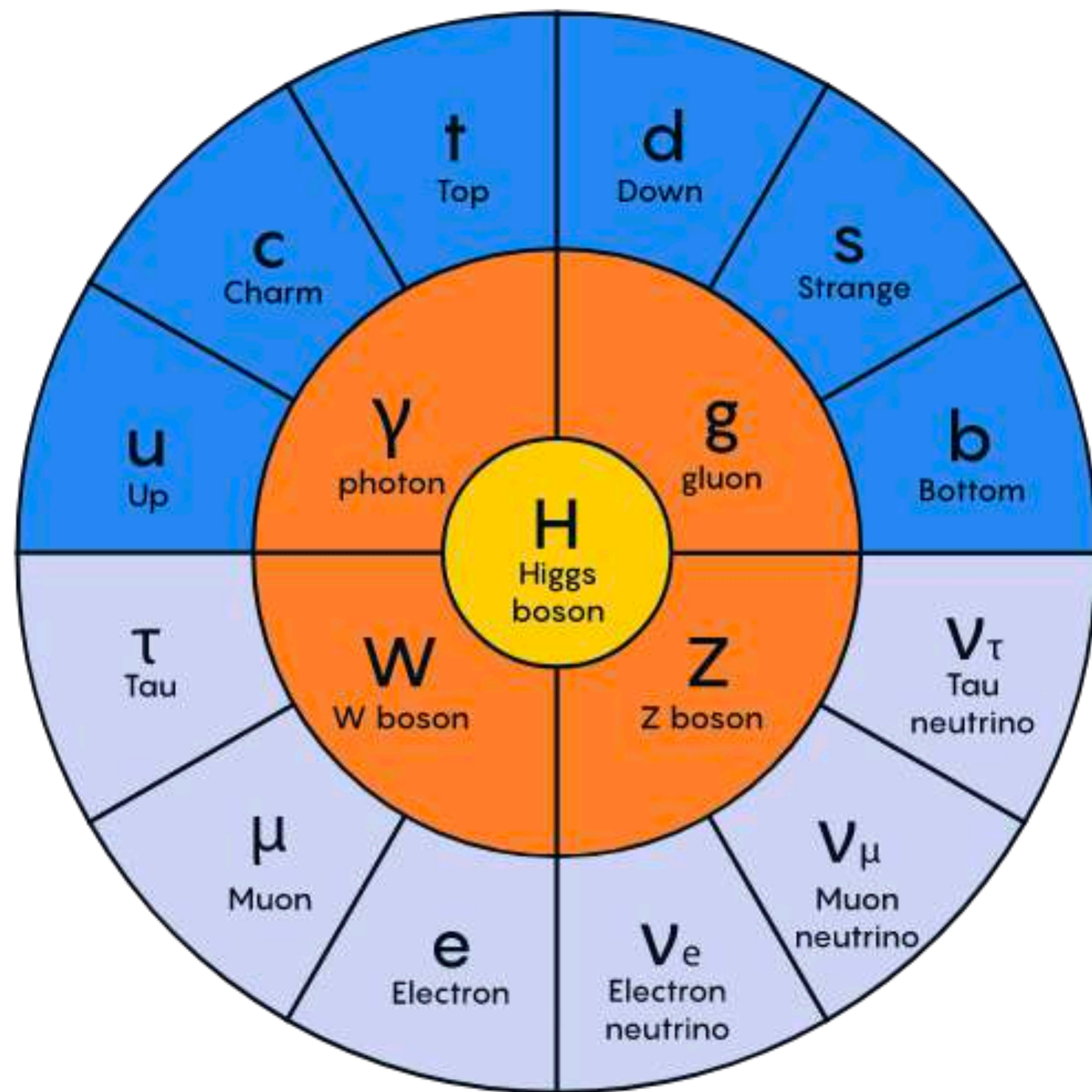
# The DSNB as a late Universe laboratory

Multidisciplinary aspects of understanding the supernova neutrinos:

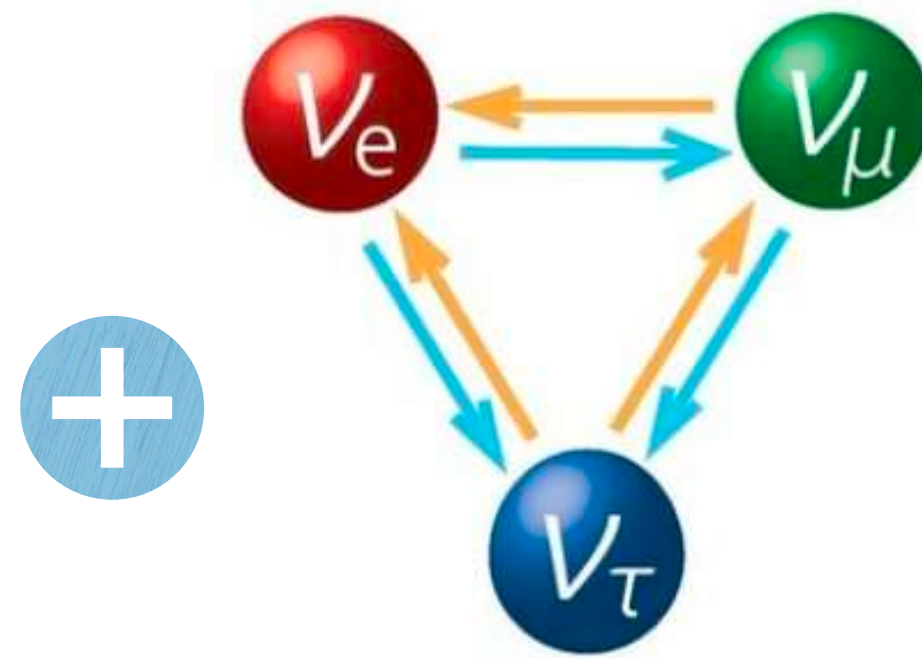
- **Particle physics aspects:** Neutrino physics in dense media, **neutrino properties (this talk)**, anomalous cooling mechanism due to new physics,...
- **Astrophysics:** Star formation rates, including life and birth cycles, constraints on new sources, neutron star equation of state, nucleosynthesis...
- **Cosmology:** SN distance indicators, fundamental cosmology parameters, dark matter physics,..
- **Multi-messenger aspect:** adds to information from photons and gravity waves. All these channels can open up with a future detection of the DSNB...

# Sensitive to BSM physics

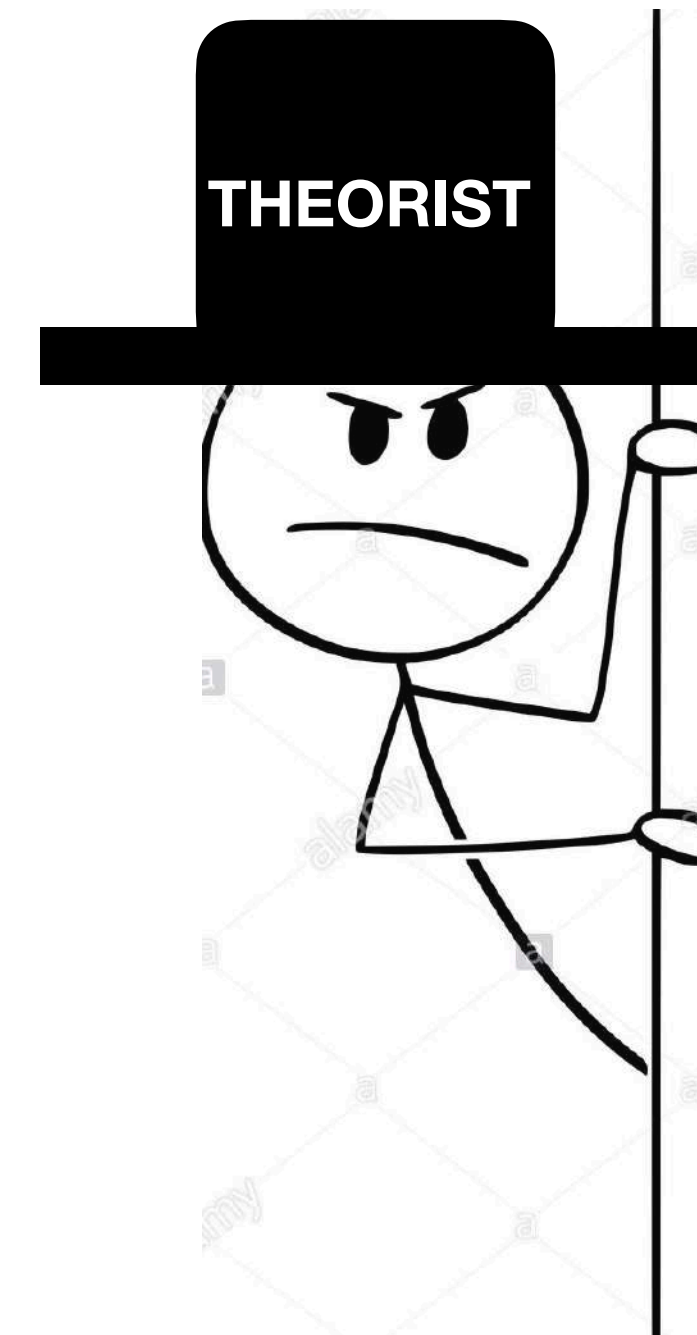
The Standard Model



FERMIONS (MATTER)      BOSONS (FORCE CARRIERS)  
● QUARKS   ● LEPTONS   ● GAUGE BOSONS   ● HIGGS BOSON



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## Beyond

## The Standard Model

# How can new physics affect neutrinos?

A brief list of non-standard neutrino physics:

Mass and Mixing, Decay,

Non-SM interactions,

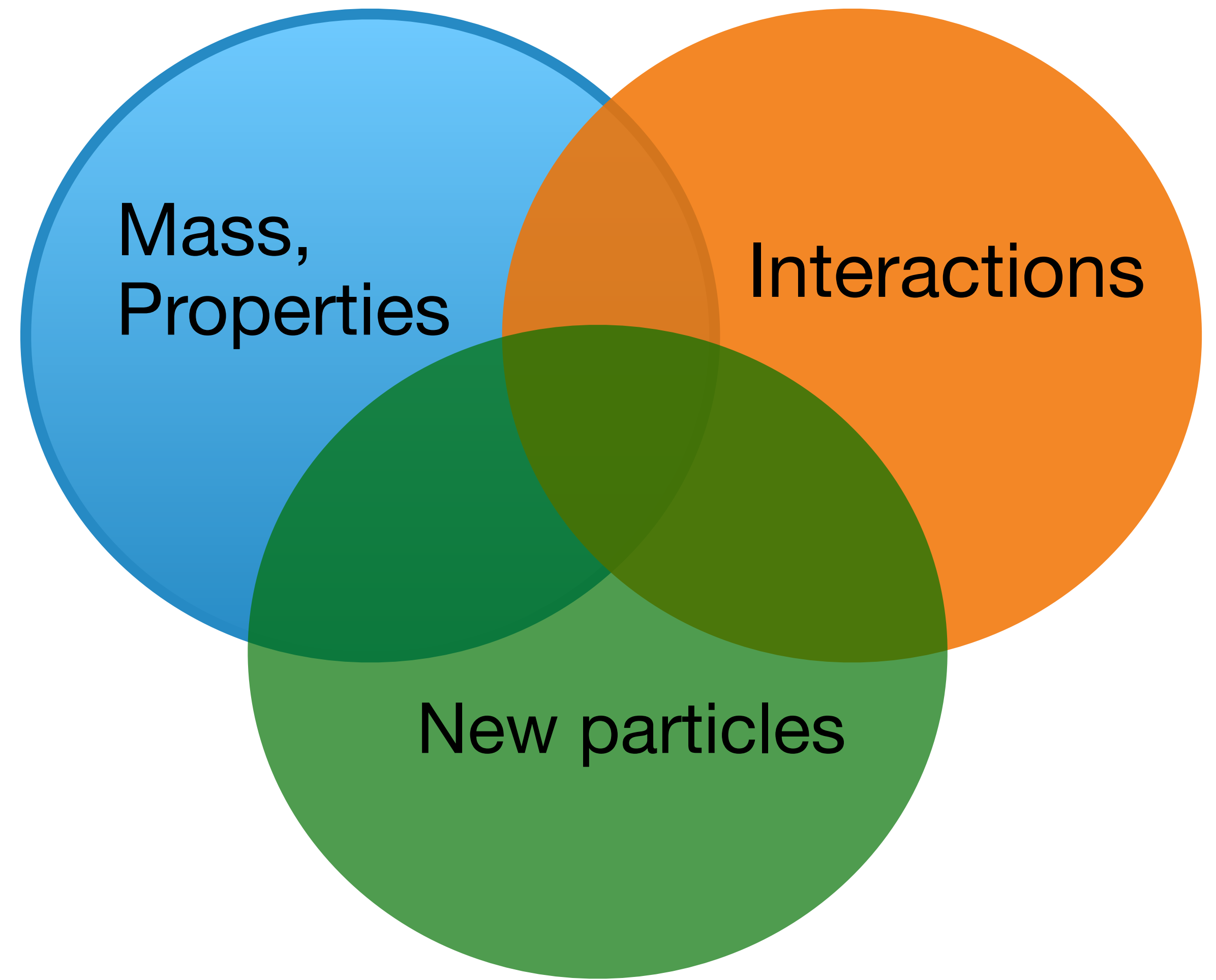
New particles,

Dirac or Majorana nature (L-violation),

Electromagnetic properties, CPT-properties  
and Lorentz invariance,

Quantum Decoherence,

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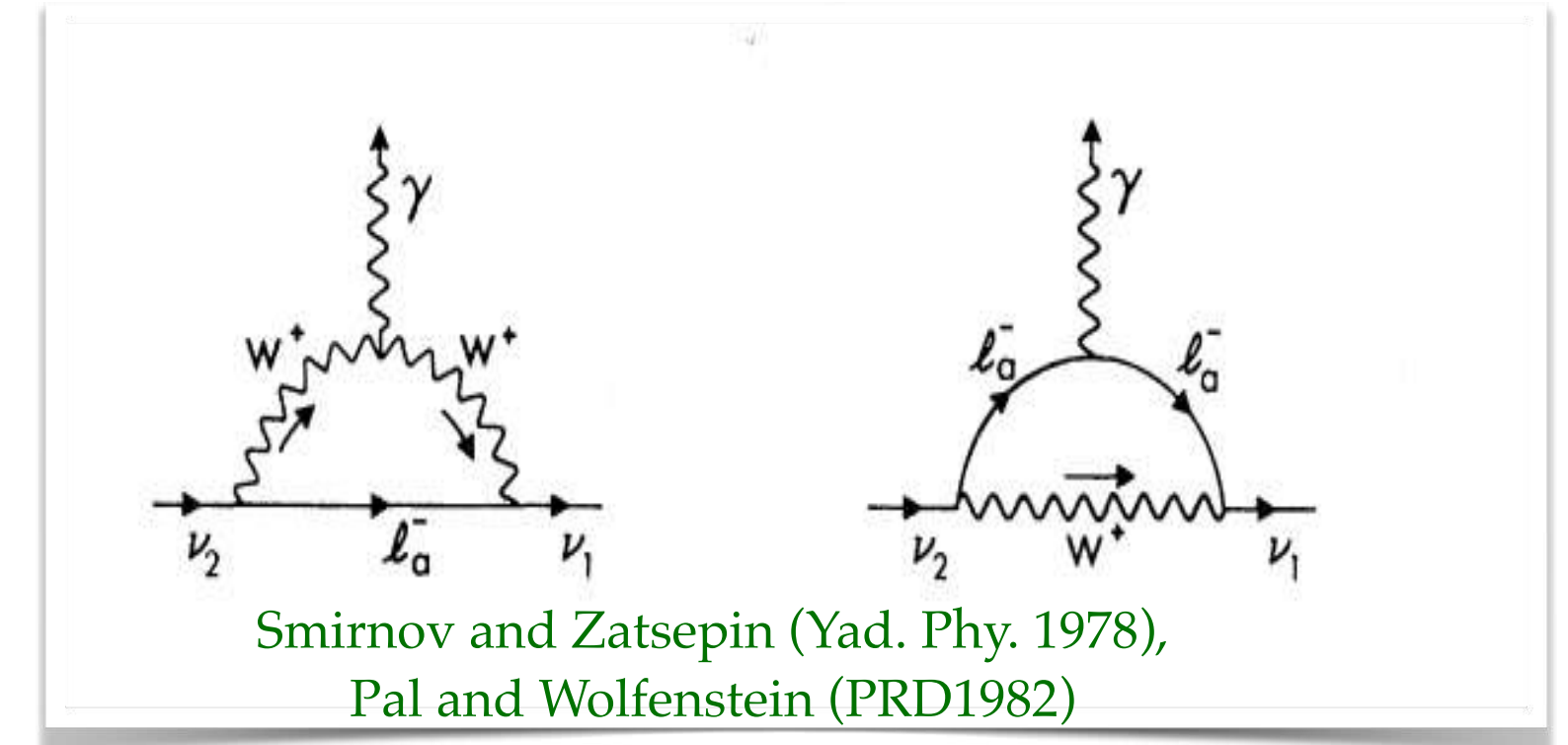


# 1. Neutrino Decay



# Neutrino Properties: Decay

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

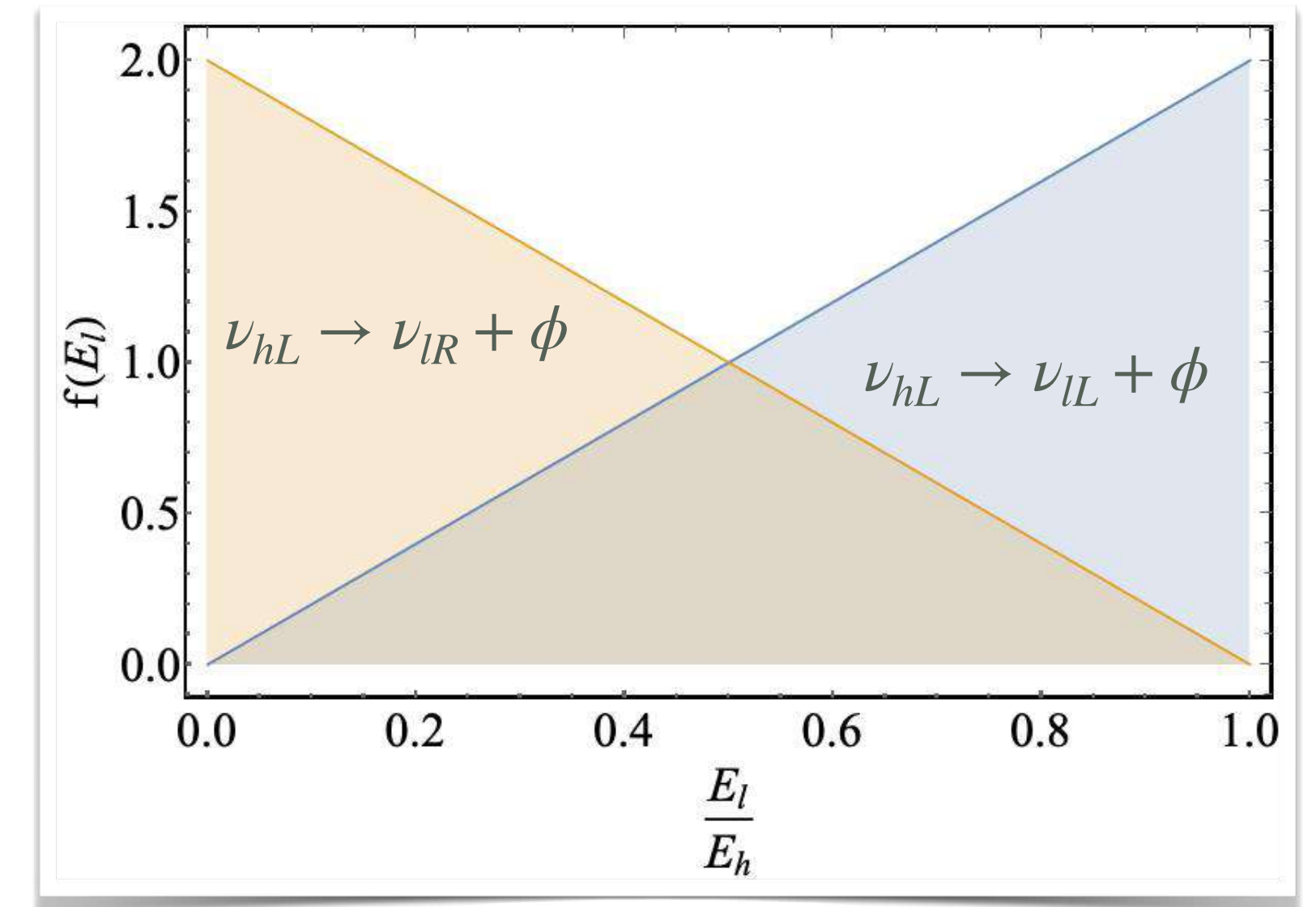


$$\mathcal{L} \supset \bar{\nu}_l \nu_h \phi + \text{H.c.}$$

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

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

- In  $\nu_h$  rest frame, the daughter that shares the same helicity as the parent is emitted preferentially along the parent helicity direction.

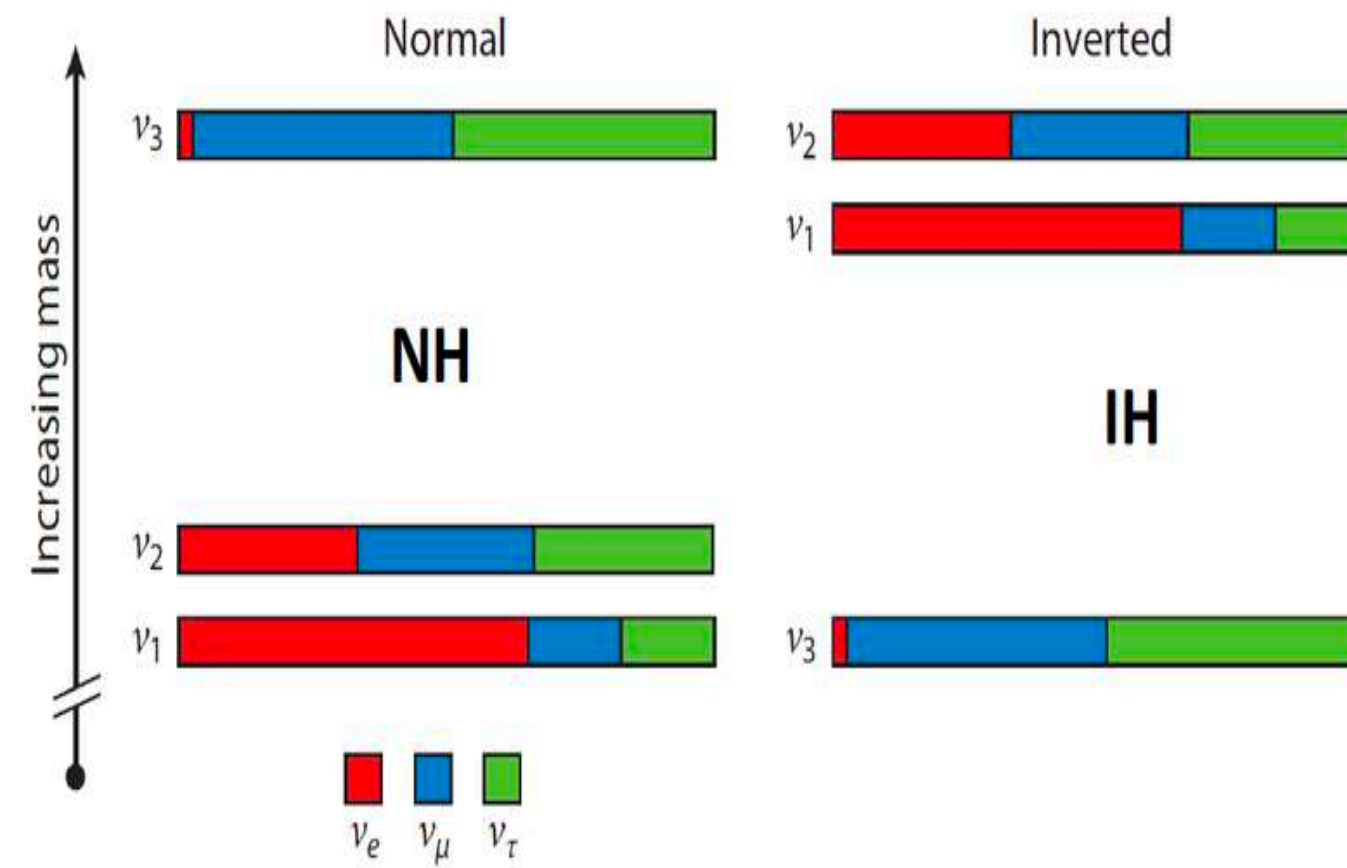


de Gouvea, Martinez-Soler, **MS** (PRD 2020)

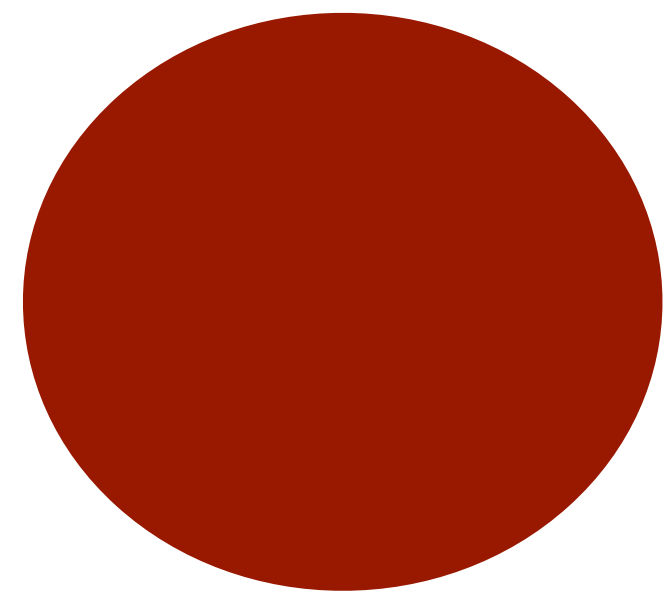
# How does neutrino decay work?

Normal Ordering

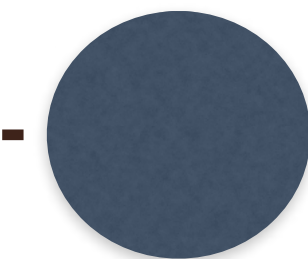
$$\nu_3 \rightarrow \nu_1 \varphi$$



NO DECAY



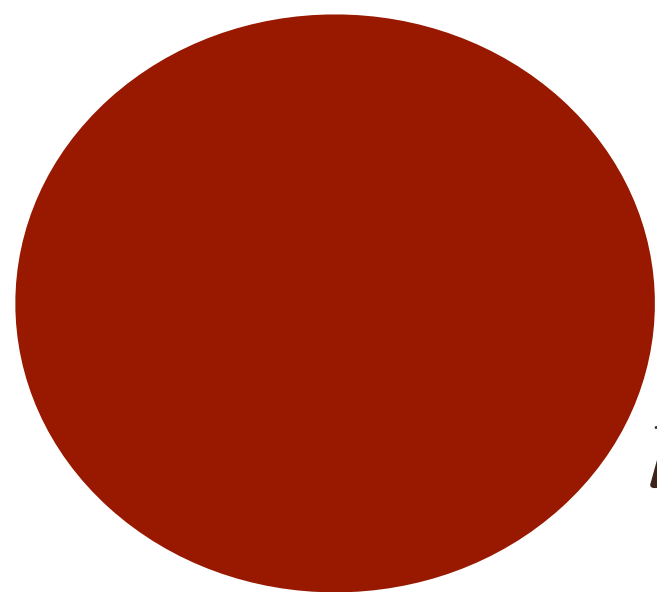
$$\nu_h \equiv \nu_3$$



$$\nu_e \sim |U_{e3}|^2 \sim 0.02 \nu_3$$

Enhancement in spectra

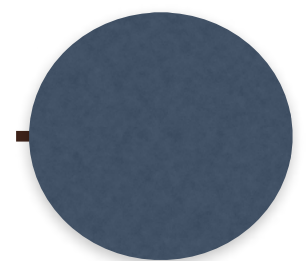
DECAY



$$\nu_h \equiv \nu_3$$



$$\nu_l \equiv \nu_1$$



$$\nu_e \sim |U_{e1}|^2 \sim 0.7 \nu_e^{\text{in}}$$

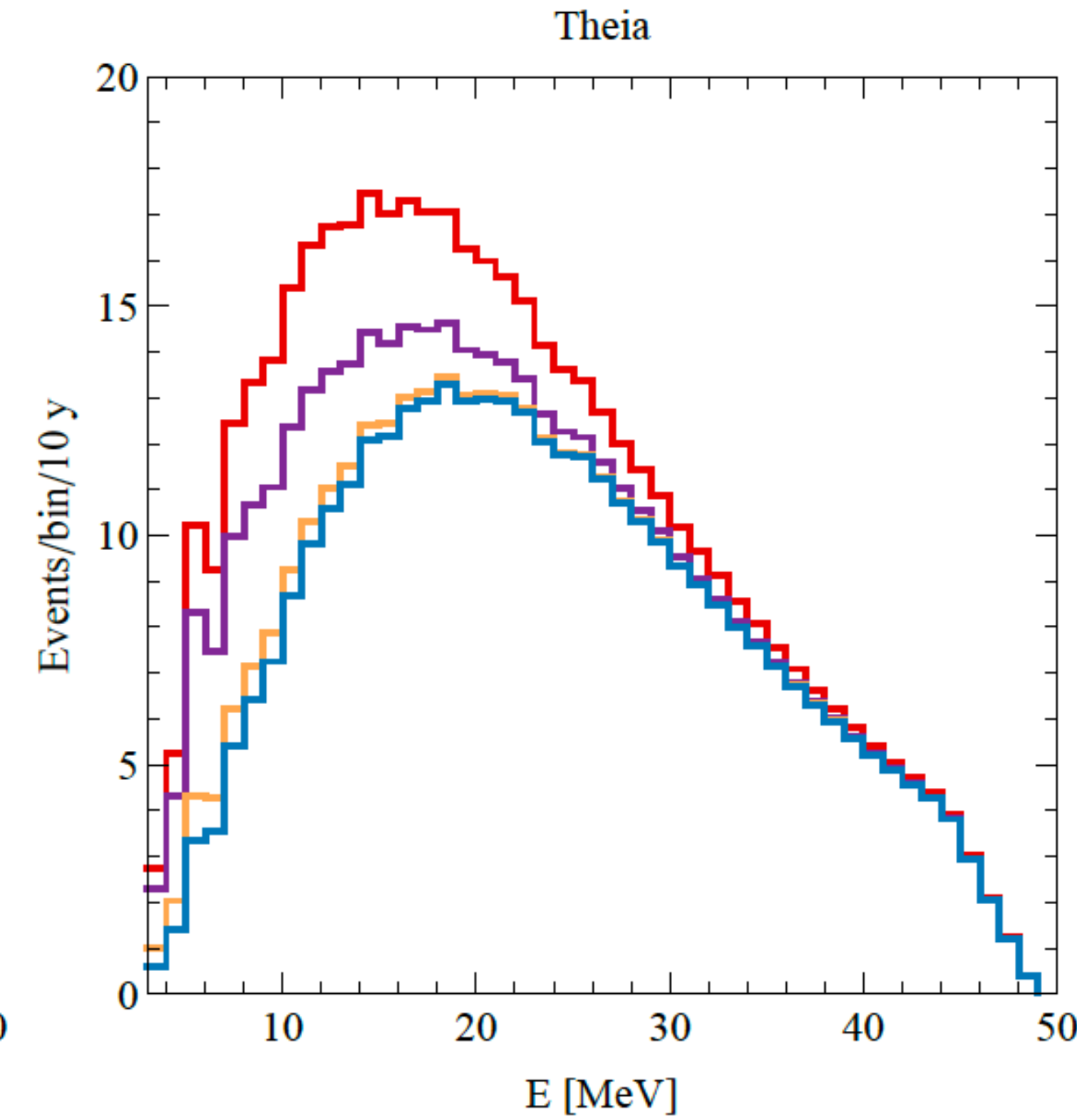
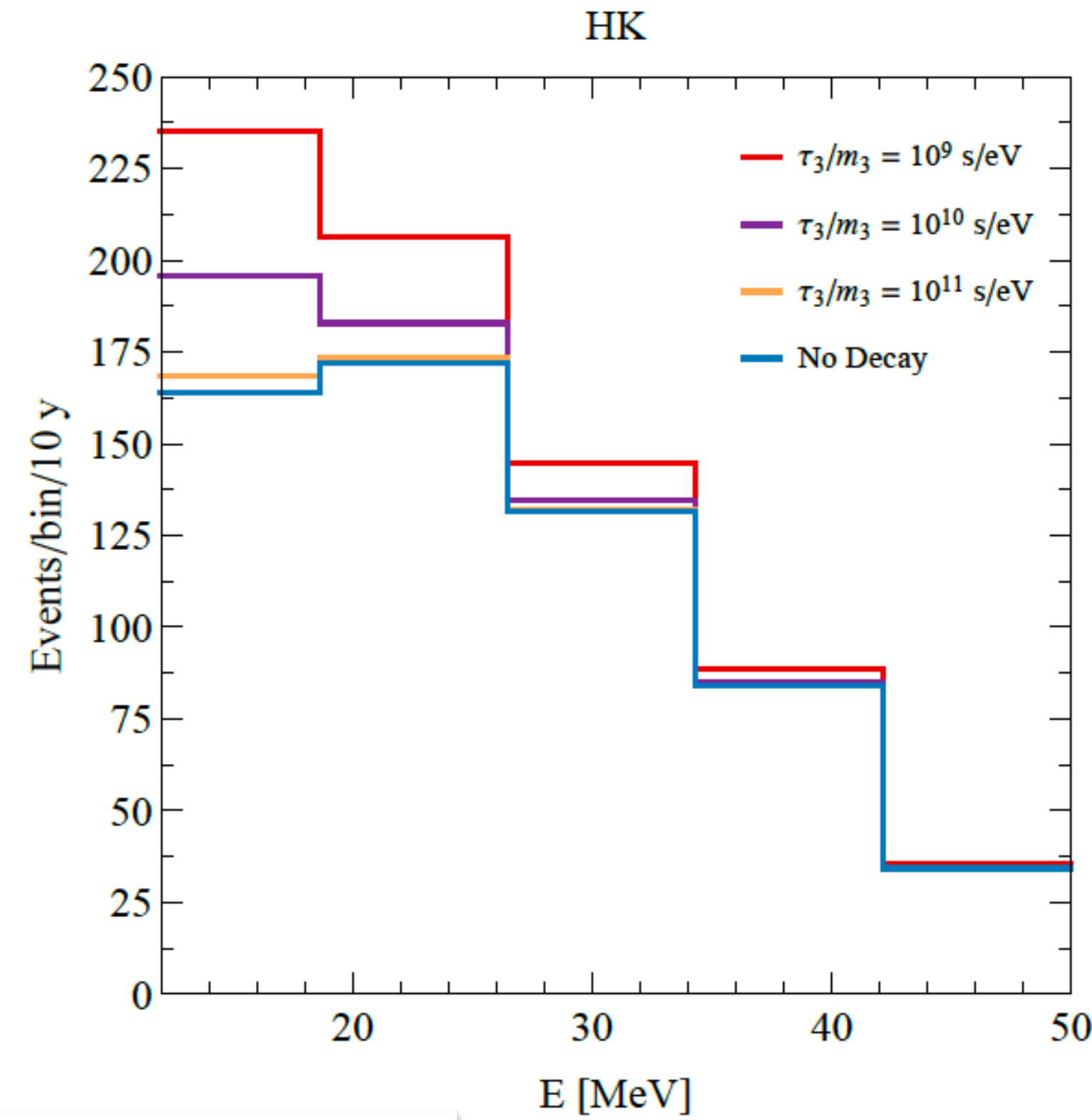
# Simulated data at HK & Theia

- Consider Majorana neutrinos for maximum impact.

Two channels:

- $\nu_{3L} \rightarrow \nu_{1L} + \varphi$
- $\nu_{3L} \rightarrow \nu_{1R} (\bar{\nu}_{1R}) + \varphi$

- $\nu_{1R}$  acts as anti-neutrinos, and detected as well.



$$\Phi_{\nu_3}(E) = \int_0^{z_{\max}} \frac{dz'}{H(z')} R_{\text{CCSN}}(z') F_{\nu_3}(E(1+z')) e^{-\Gamma(E)\zeta(z')}$$

$$\Phi_{\nu_2}(E) = \int_0^{z_{\max}} \frac{dz'}{H(z')} R_{\text{CCSN}}(z') F_{\nu_2}(E(1+z'))$$

$$\Phi_{\nu_1}(E) = \int_0^{z_{\max}} \frac{dz'}{H(z')} \left\{ R_{\text{CCSN}}(z') F_{\nu_1}(E(1+z')) + \int_E^{\infty} dE' [\Phi_{\nu_3}(E') \Gamma(E') \psi_{\text{h.c.}}(E', E) + \Phi_{\bar{\nu}_3}(E') \Gamma(E') \psi_{\text{h.f.}}(E', E)] \right\}$$

Ando (PLB 2003)

Fogli, Lisi, Mirizzi, Montanino (PRD 2004)

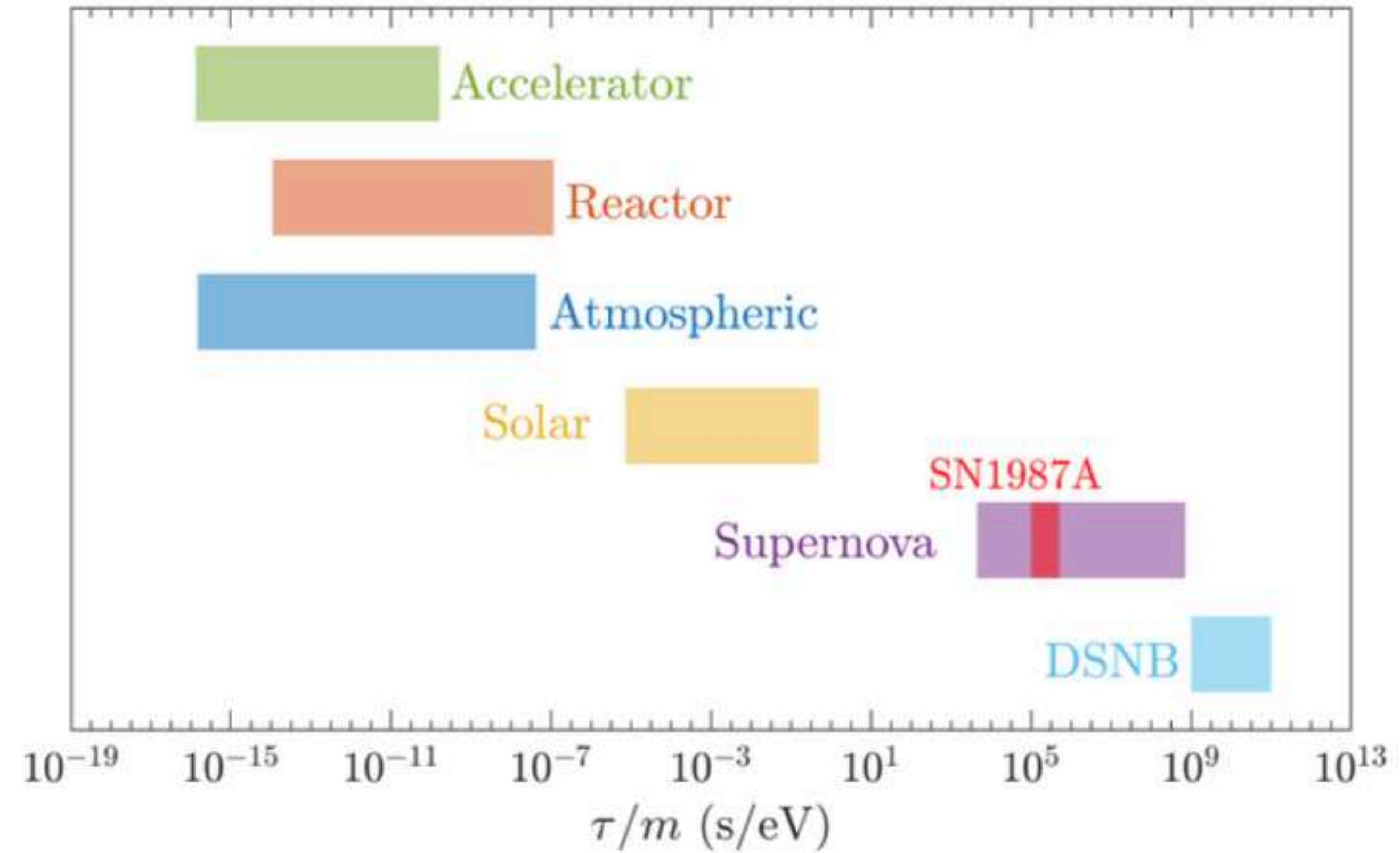
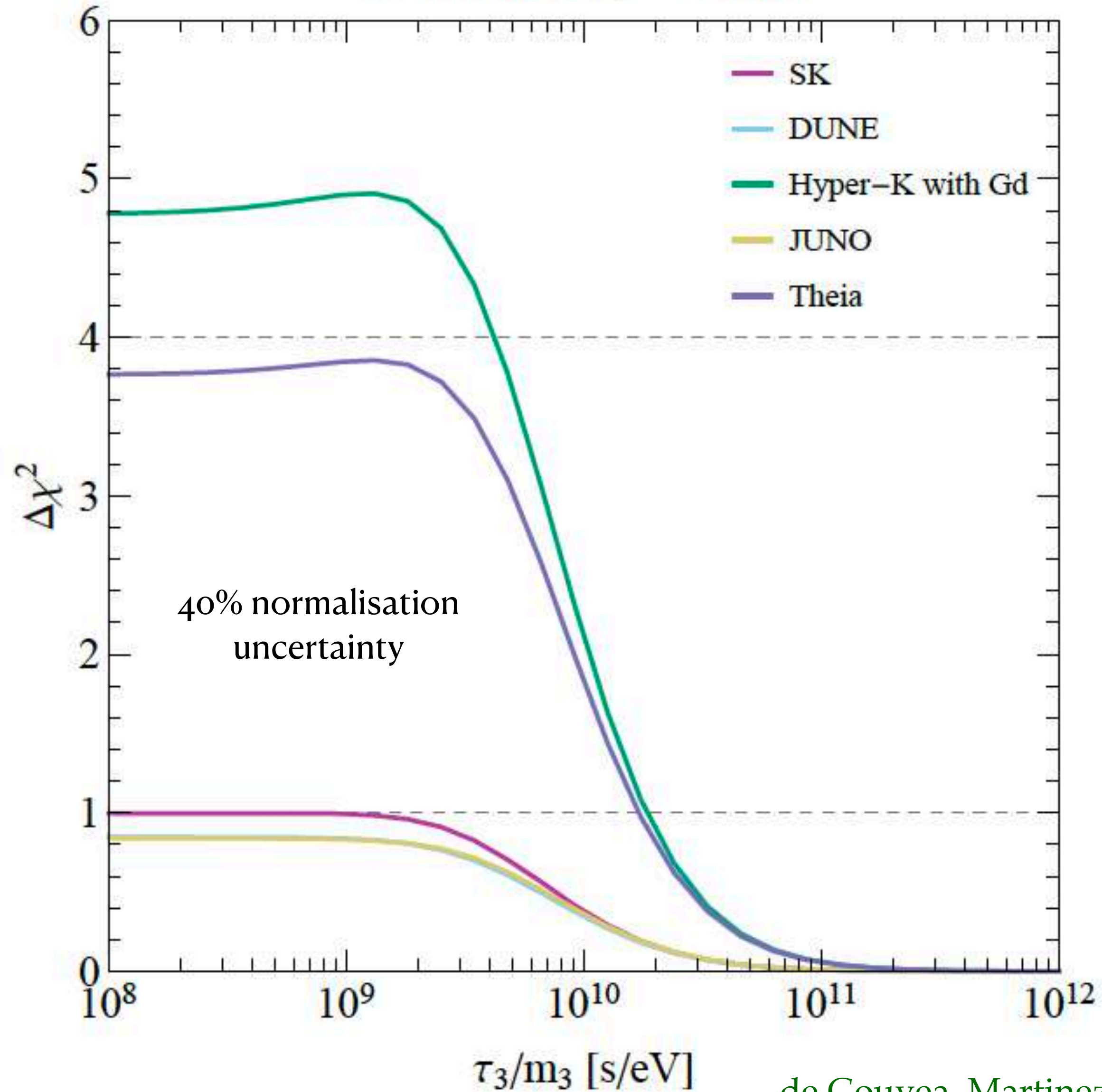
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# Constraints on neutrino lifetime

Ivanez-Ballesteros, Volpe (PLB 2023)

Neutrino decay – DSNB

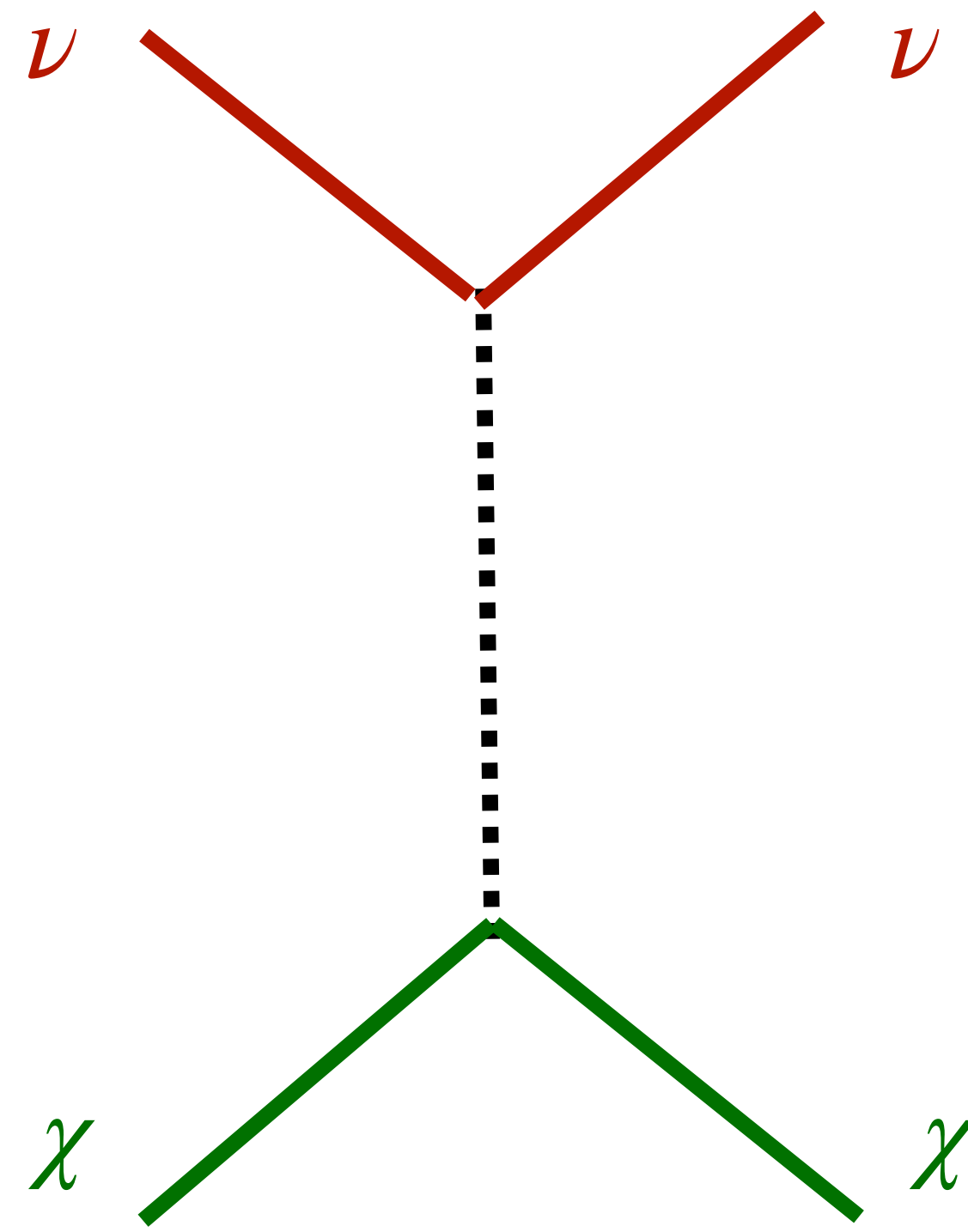


See also

- 1) Tabrizi and Horiuchi (JCAP 2021)
- 2) Ivanez-Ballesteros, Volpe (PRD 2023)
- 3) Martinez-Mirave, Tamborra, Tortola (JCAP 2024)

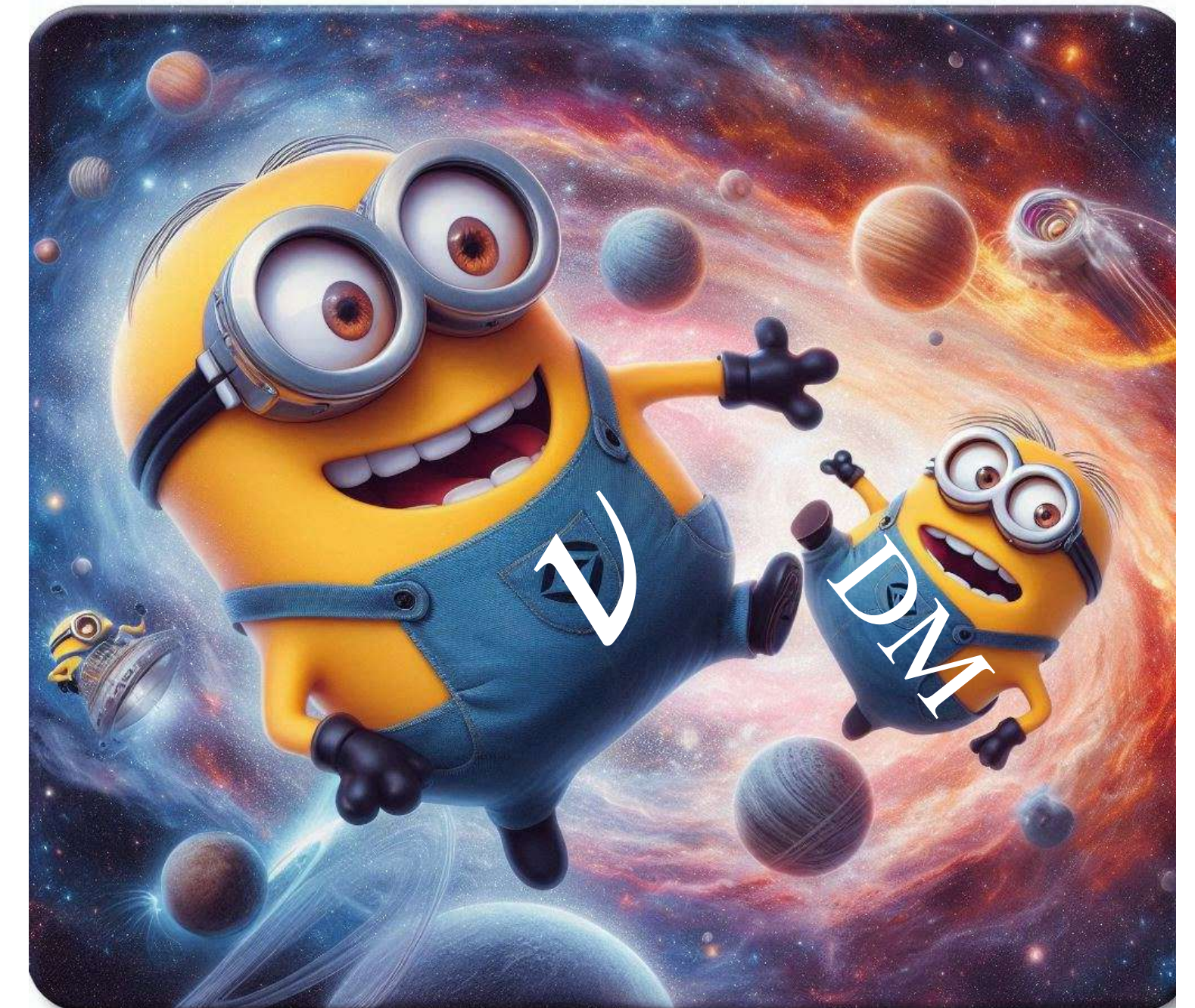
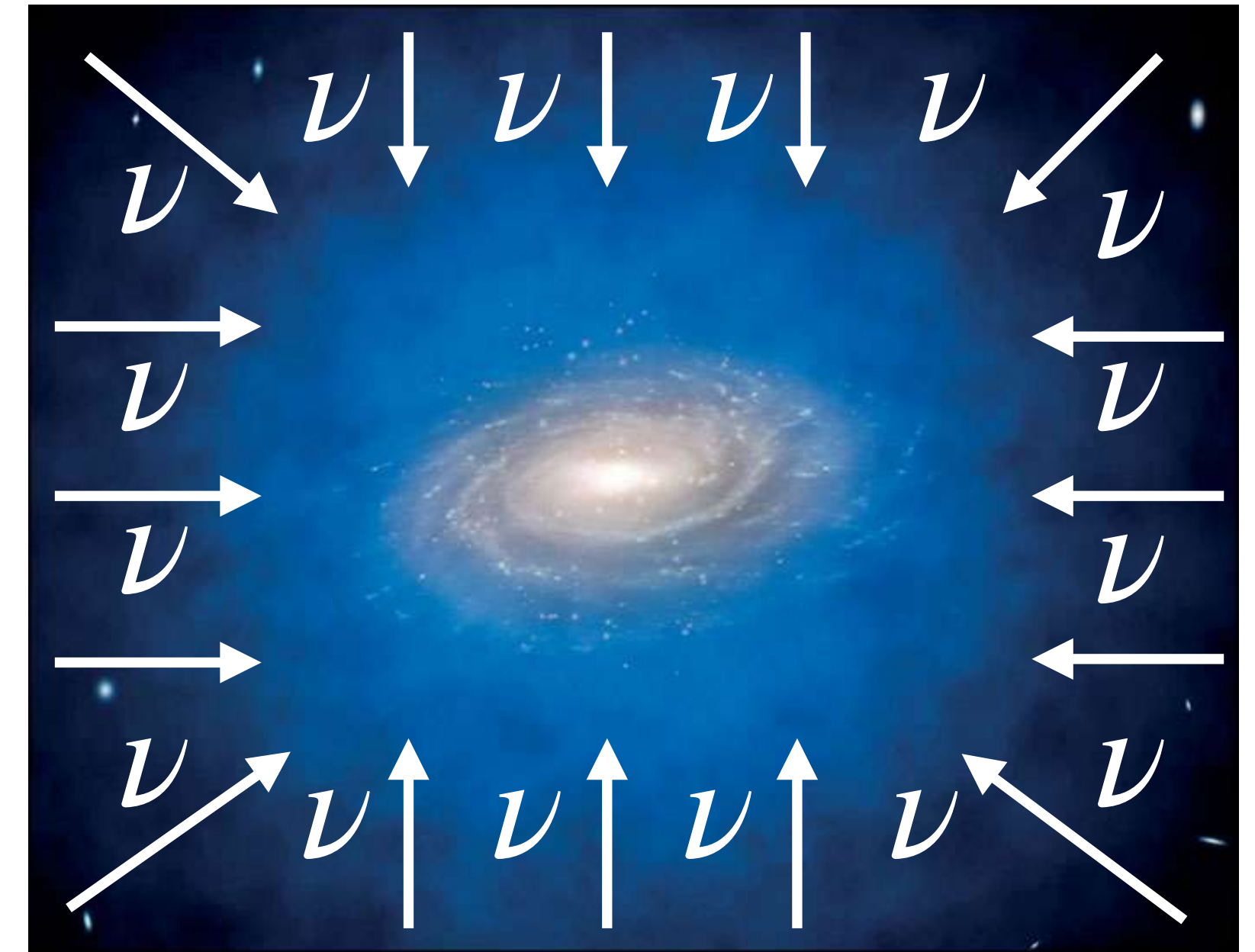
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## 2. Neutrino-dark matter interactions



# The Basic Idea

- Neutrino-Dark Matter interactions can allow neutrinos to scatter off DM.
- Upscatter a fraction of cold DM to neutrino-like energies.
- Can leave observable signature in DM direct detection experiments for sub GeV DM particles.



Das, Herbermann, **MS**, Takhistov (JCAP 2024)  
Das, **MS** (PRD 2021)

# How to estimate Boosted Dark Matter flux?

- The flux of boosted DM at the Earth is given by

$$\frac{d\Phi_\chi}{dT_\chi} = \underbrace{\int \frac{d\Omega}{4\pi} \int dl \frac{\rho_\chi(l)}{m_\chi}}_{D_{\text{halo}}} \int_{E_\nu^{\text{min}}}^{E_\nu^{\text{max}}} dE_\nu \frac{d\Phi_\nu}{dE_\nu} \frac{d\sigma_{\nu\chi}}{dT_\chi}$$

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DSNB
DM- $\nu$  cross-section

- Simplification**  $\frac{d\sigma_{\nu\chi}}{dT_\chi} = \frac{\sigma}{T_\chi^{\text{max}}}$ , where  $T_\chi^{\text{max}} = \frac{E_\nu^2}{E_\nu + m_\chi/2}$

- Or over-simplification?

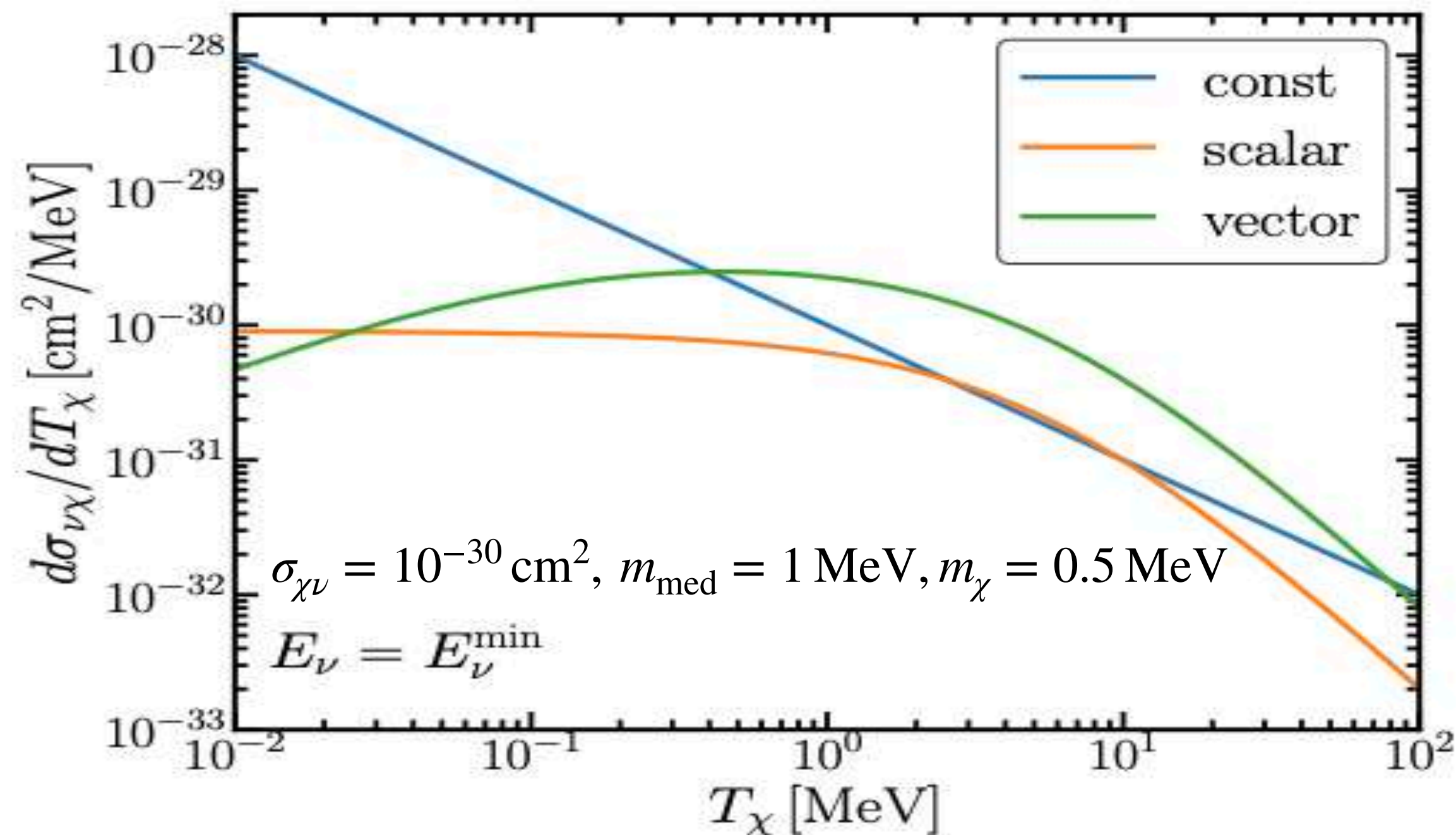
# Inaccuracy of a constant cross-section assumption

- The assumption  $\frac{d\sigma_{\nu\chi}}{dT_\chi} = \frac{\sigma}{T_\chi^{\max}}$  can sometimes lead to **erroneous results**.

- Consider two examples:

1. Scalar mediated interaction:  $\mathcal{L} \supset g \bar{L} \Phi \chi_{\text{DM}}$

2. Vector mediated interaction:  $\mathcal{L} \supset (g \bar{L} \gamma_\mu L + g_\chi \bar{\chi} \gamma_\mu \chi) Z'^\mu$

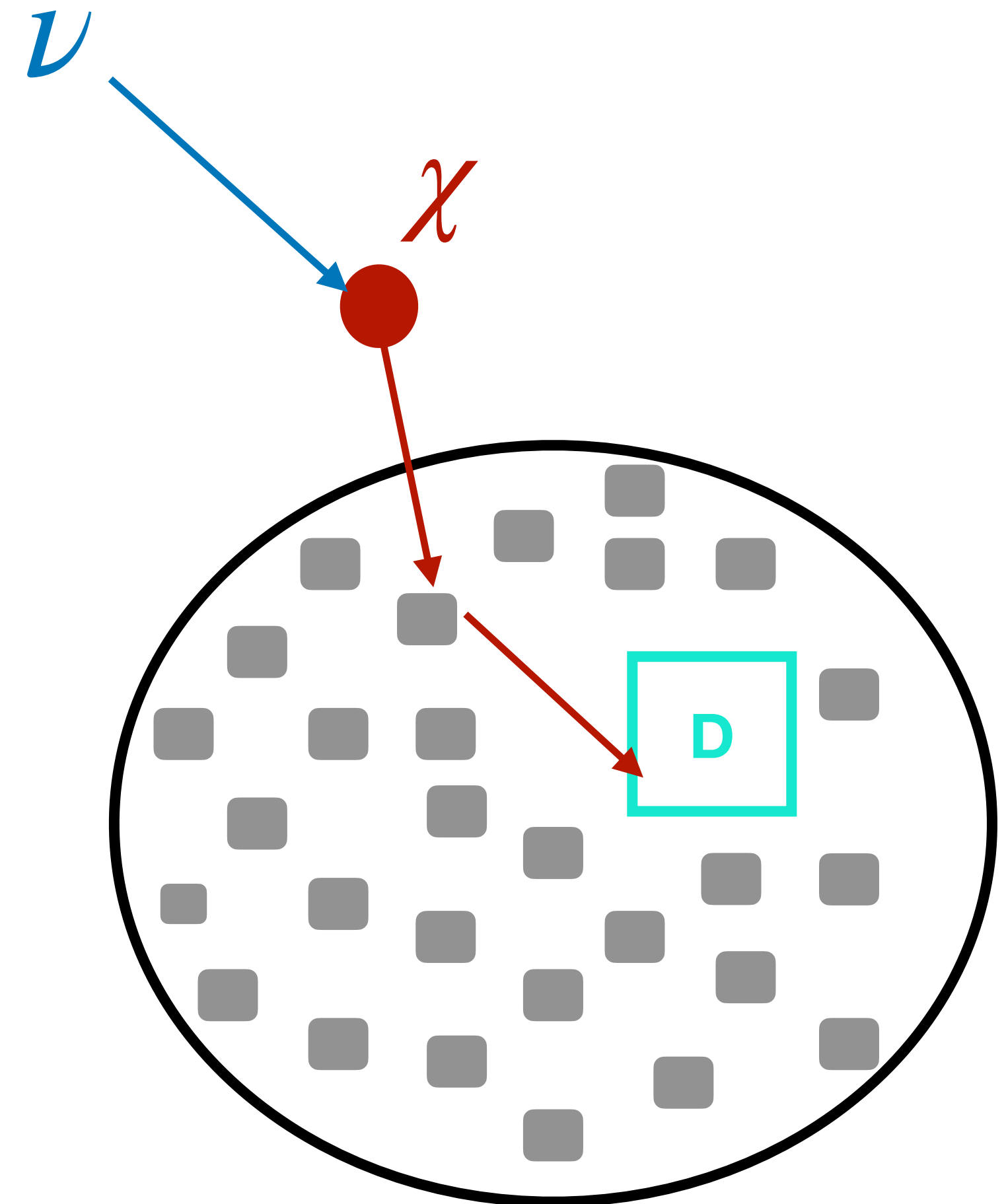


# Attenuation effect

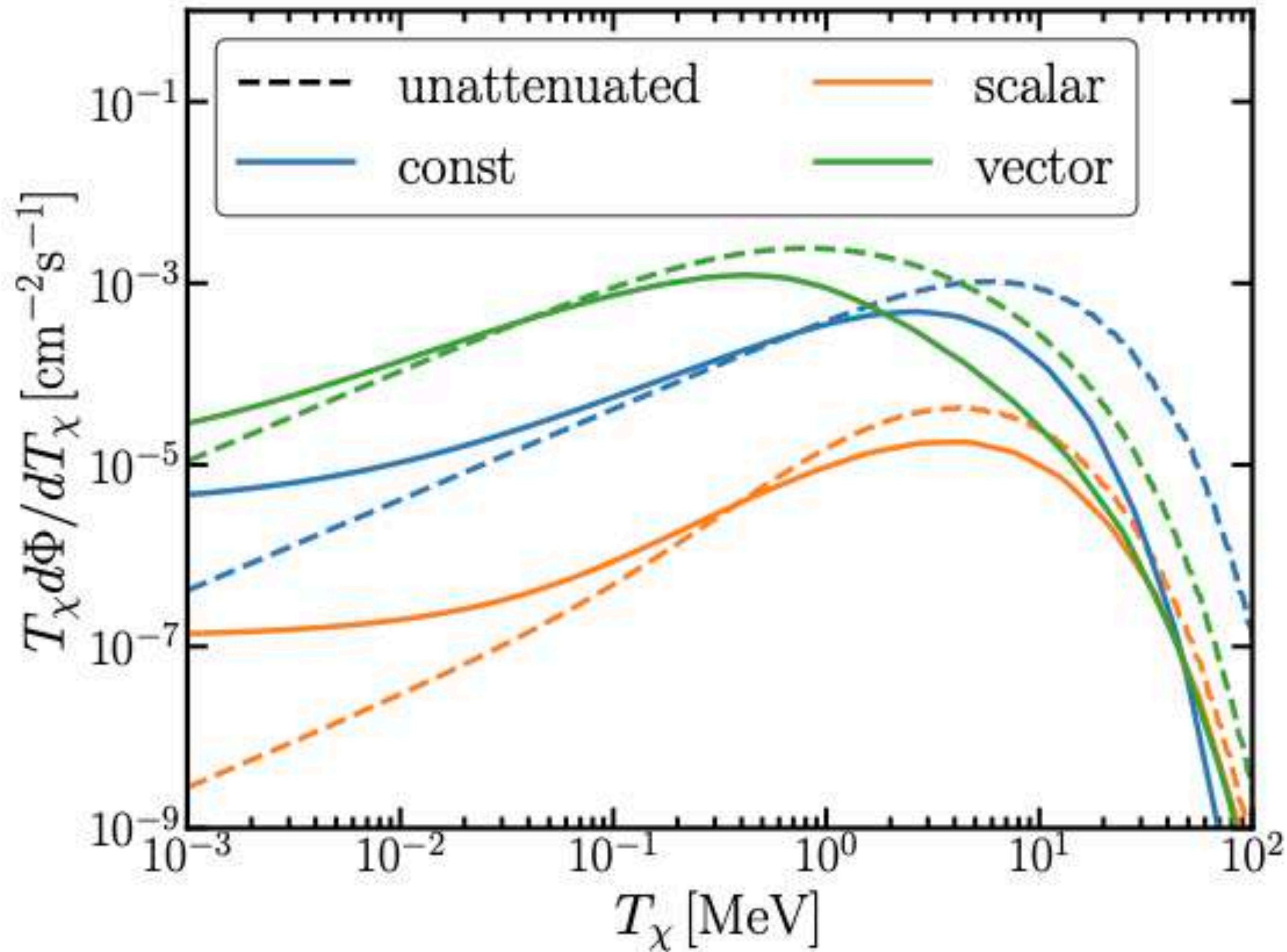
- Attenuation due to interaction with particles in the Earth and atmosphere.
- **Mean energy loss** of a single DM particle due to scattering with particle  $i$

$$\frac{dT_\chi}{dx}(x) = - \sum_i n_i(x) \int_0^{T_i^{\max}} dT_i T_i \frac{d\sigma_{i\chi}}{dT_i}.$$

- Analytical solution under constant cross-section assumption. Can give inaccurate results!
- Perform a fully numerical computation of the attenuation.



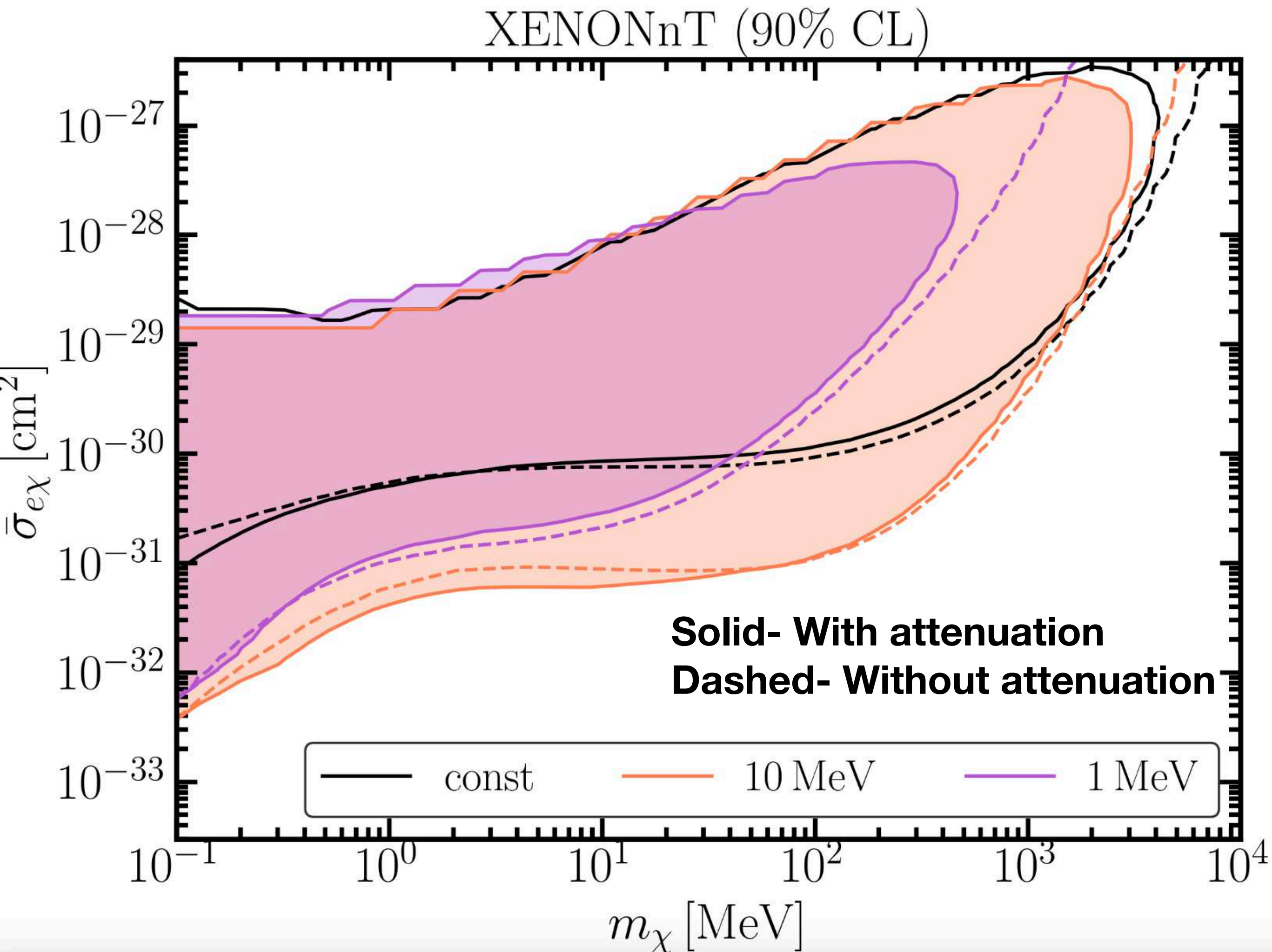
# The boosted DM flux



- Significant difference with results from constant case with **same effective cross-section!!**
- Attenuation:
  - (i) Suppression
  - (ii) Down scattering of high energy BDM.

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# How does this affect signals in DD experiments?



Das, Herbermann, **MS**, Takhistov (JCAP 2024)

- Consider the example of vector mediator and XENONnT.

- Here

$$\bar{\sigma}_{ex} = \frac{g^4}{\pi} \frac{\mu_{ex}^2}{(q_{\text{ref}}^2 + m_{\text{med}}^2)^2}$$

- Attenuation:

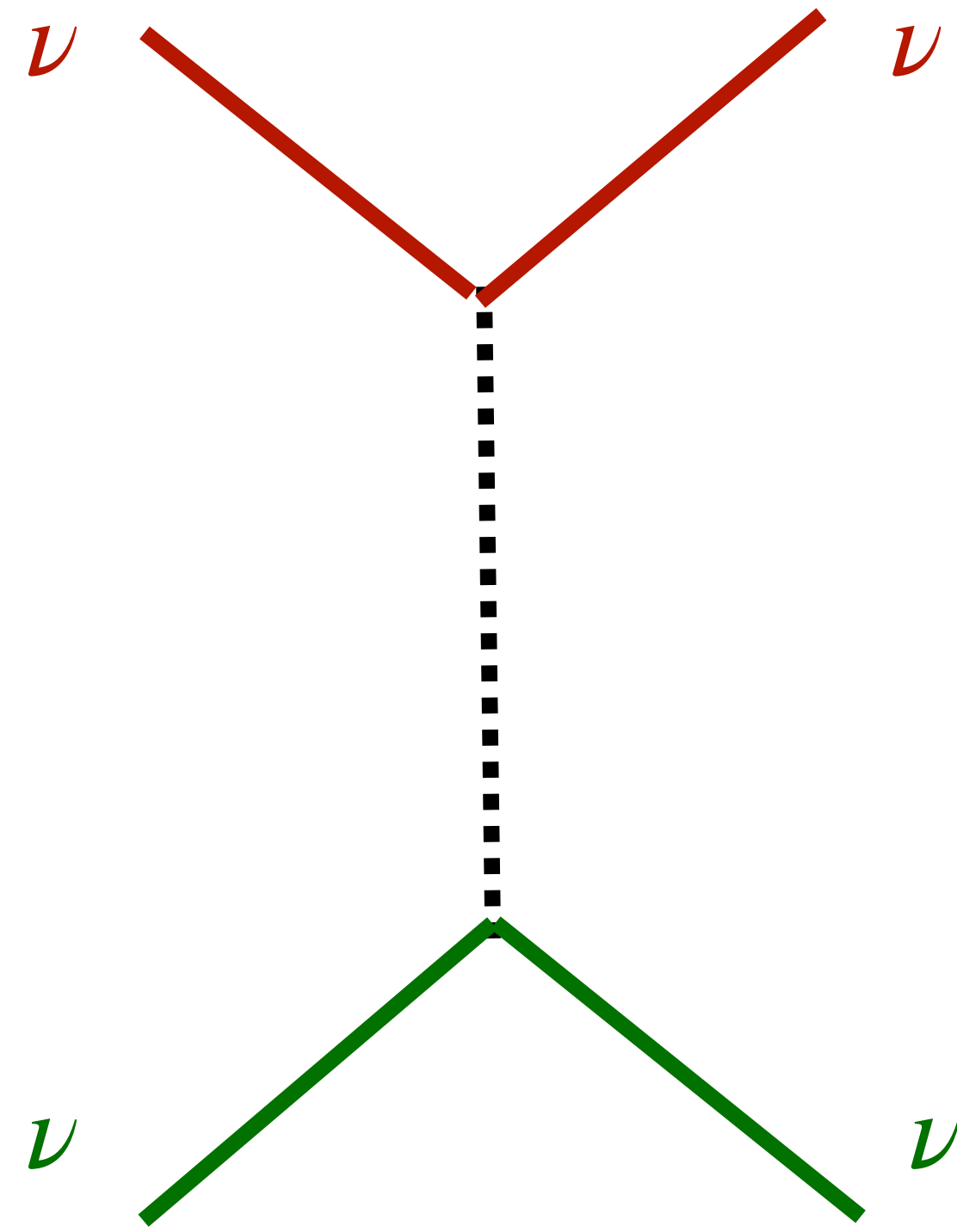
(i) Upper ceiling constraint.

(ii) Down scattering - stronger constraints at lower  $m_\chi$ .

- Allows testing low mass DM through direct detection



### 3. Neutrino self-interactions



# Neutrino non-standard self-interactions

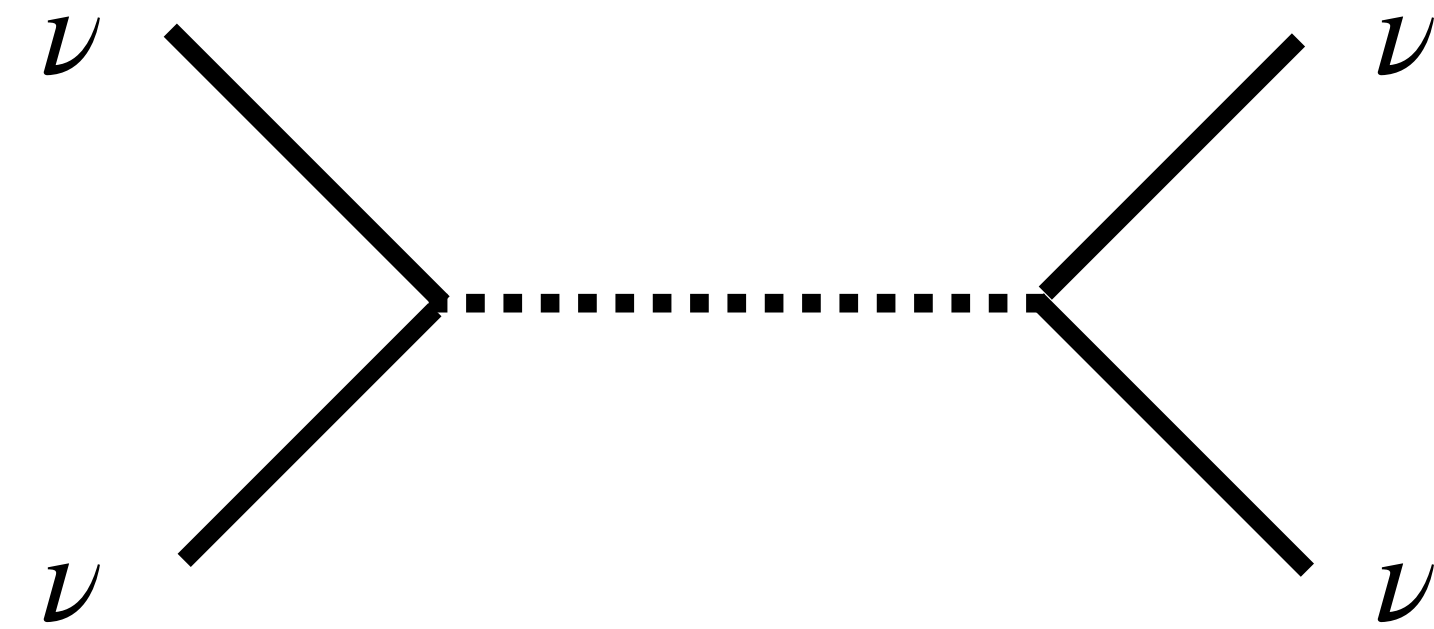
- Active neutrino secret self-interactions. Can be much stronger than ordinary weak interactions.

- Model building aspect?

Consider

$$\mathcal{L}_\nu = \frac{y}{\Lambda^2} (LH)^2 \varphi^* \xrightarrow{\text{EWSB}} \lambda_\varphi \nu_a \nu_a \varphi^* ,$$

$\varphi$  can have lepton number



- Constraints from terrestrial experiments are loose:  $G \sim (10^7 - 10^9)G_F$  cannot always be ruled out.

- However, can have strong impact in the early Universe or compact objects.

# What are the different constraints?

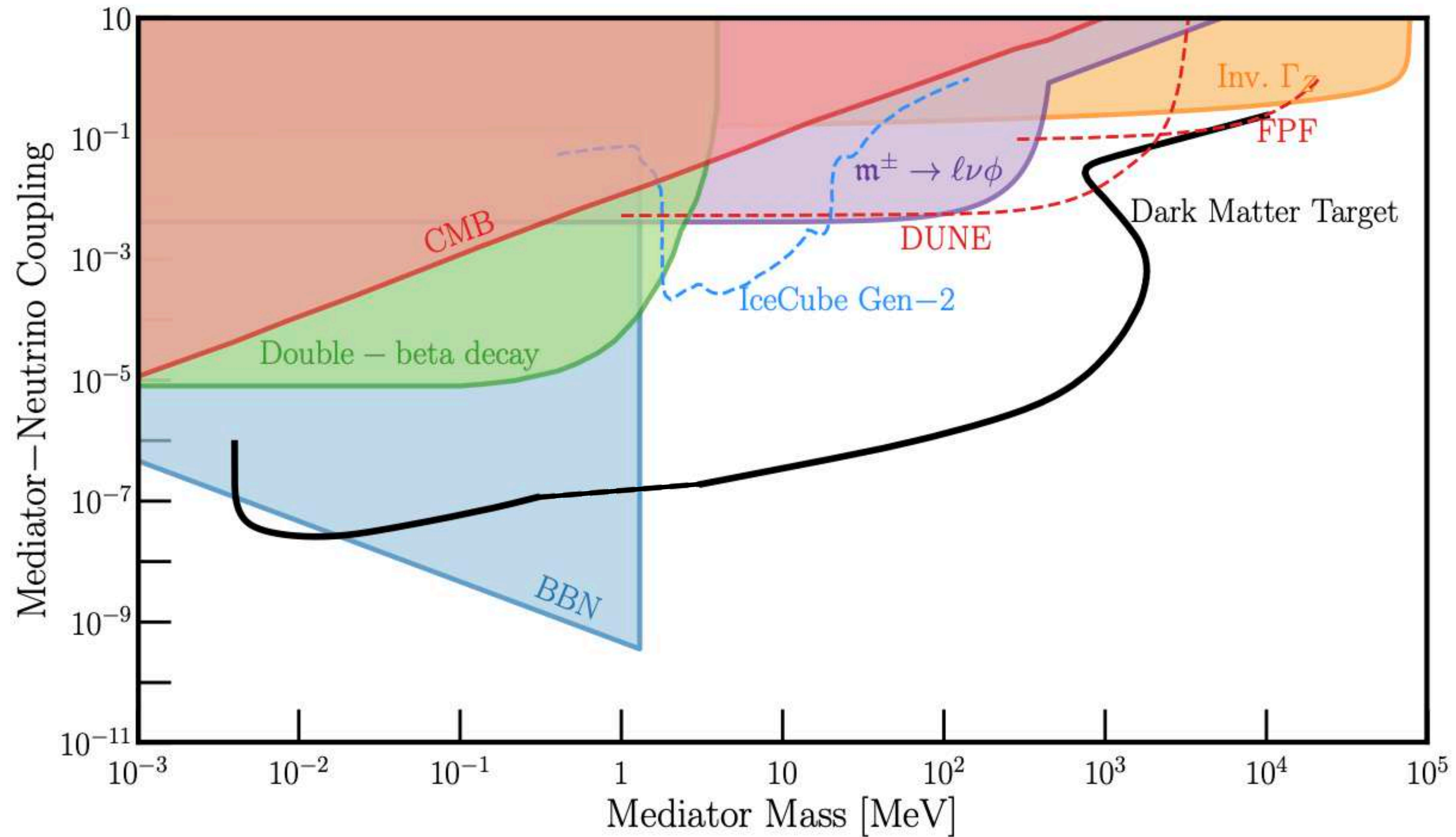
- Invisible Higgs decays, Z decays :  $H, Z \rightarrow \nu\nu\phi$ .  
Tau decays.
- Meson decays:  $K^- \rightarrow \mu^- \nu_\mu \phi$ ,  $\phi \rightarrow \nu\nu$ .  
Bounds from  $\text{Br}(K^- \rightarrow \mu^- 3\nu) < 10^{-6}$ .
- Neutrinoless double beta decay.  
 $(Z, A) \rightarrow (Z + 2, A) e^- e^- \phi$
- BBN: extra radiation

- SN1987A: cooling bounds, scattering on dense environments.
- High energy neutrinos scattering off the Cosmic Neutrino Background.
- Look for “wrong sign muon” in  $\nu_\mu N \rightarrow \mu^+ N' \phi$ .

## Neutrino Self-Interactions: A White Paper

Jeffrey M. Berryman, Nikita Blinov, Vedran Brdar, Thejs Brinckmann, Mauricio Bustamante, Francis-Yan Cyr-Racine, Anirban Das, André de Gouvêa, Peter B. Denton, P.S. Bhupal Dev, Bhaskar Dutta, Ivan Esteban, Damiano F.G. Fiorillo, Martina Gerbino, Subhjit Ghosh, Tathagata Ghosh, Evan Grohs, Tao Han, Steen Hannestad, Matheus Hostert, Patrick Huber, Jeffrey Hyde, Kevin J. Kelly, Felix Kling, Zhen Liu, Massimiliano Lattanzi, Marilena Loverde, Sujata Pandey, Ninetta Saviano, Manibrata Sen, Ian M. Shoemaker, Walter Tangarife, Yongchao Zhang, Yue Zhang

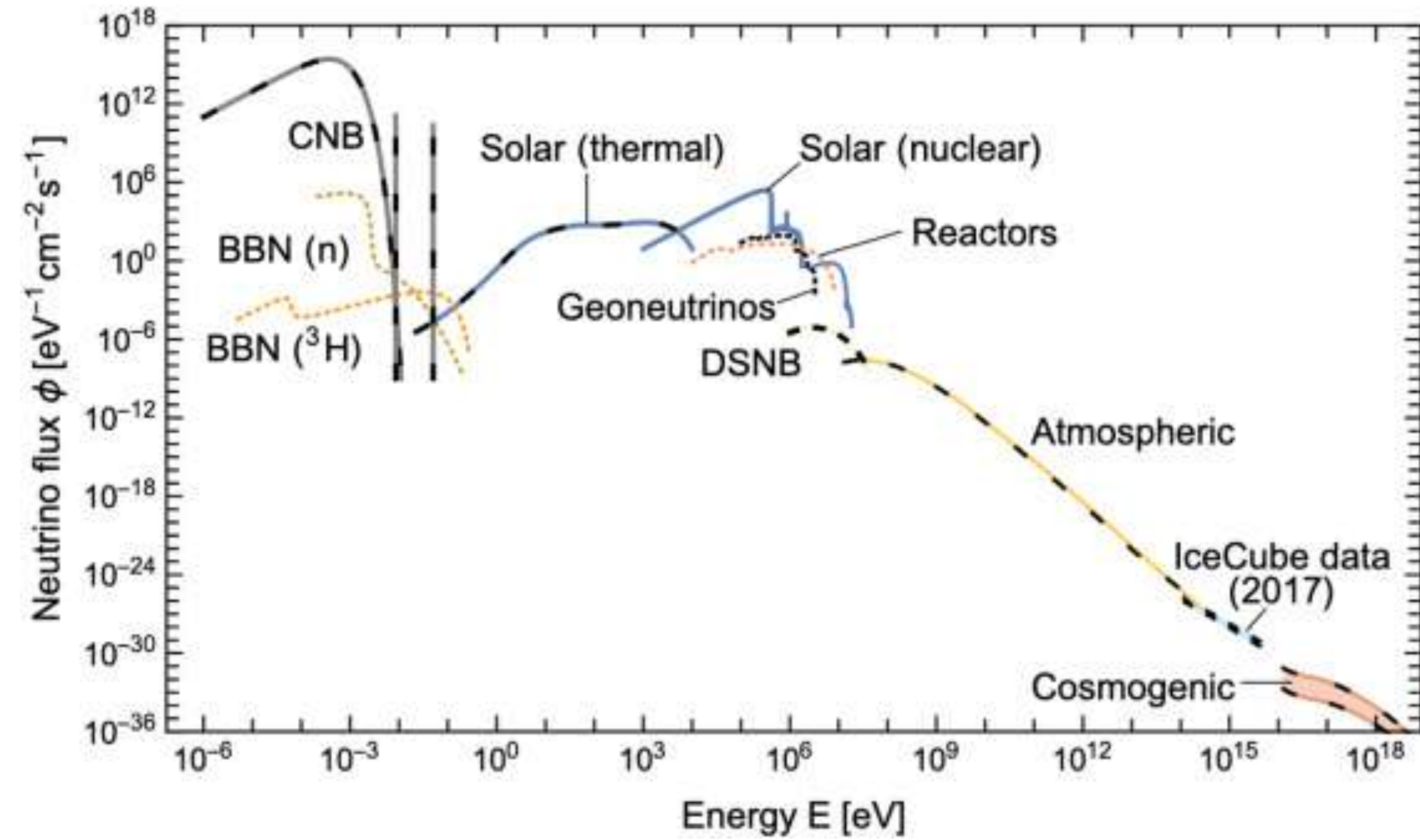
# Neutrino self-interaction bounds



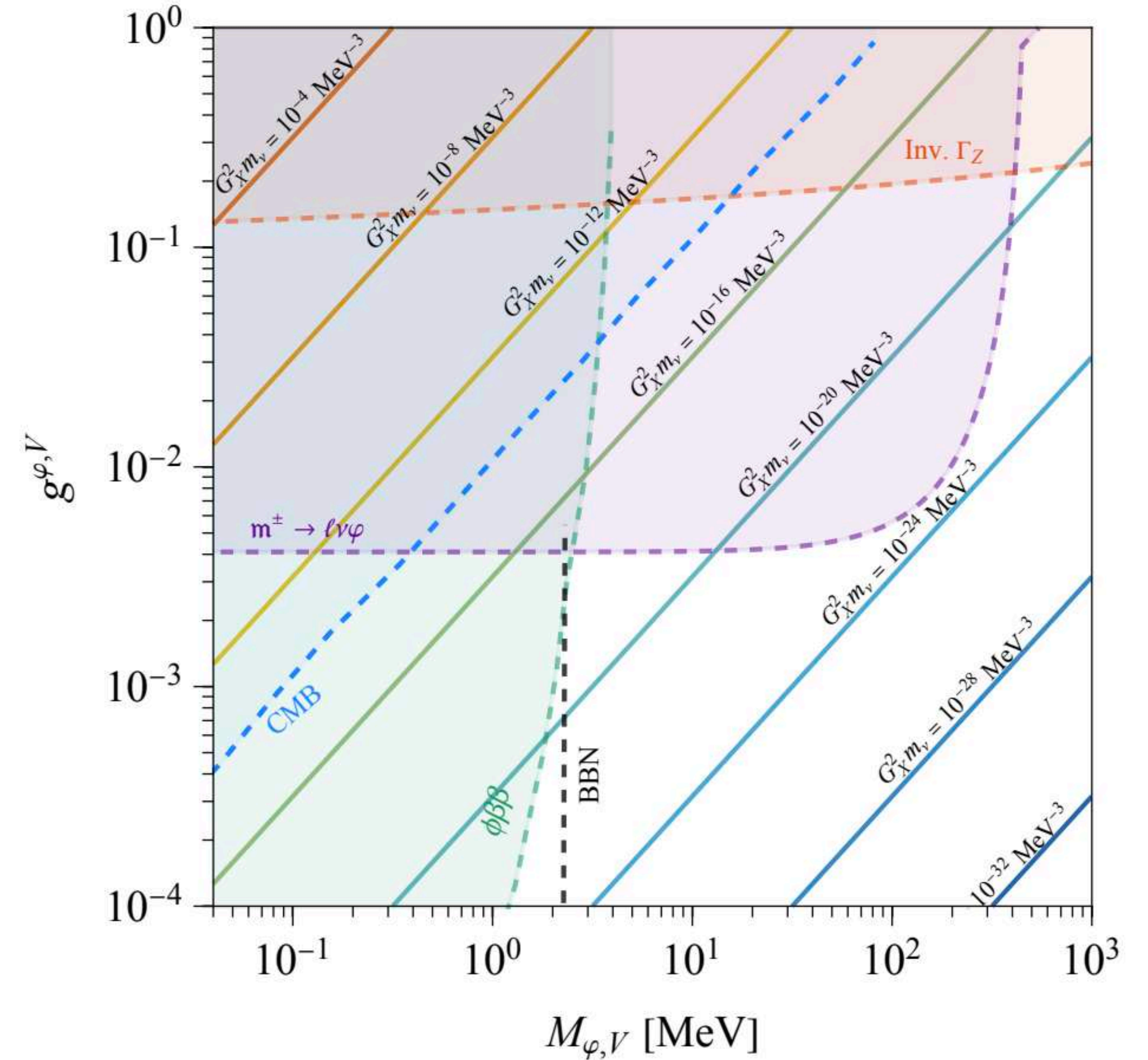
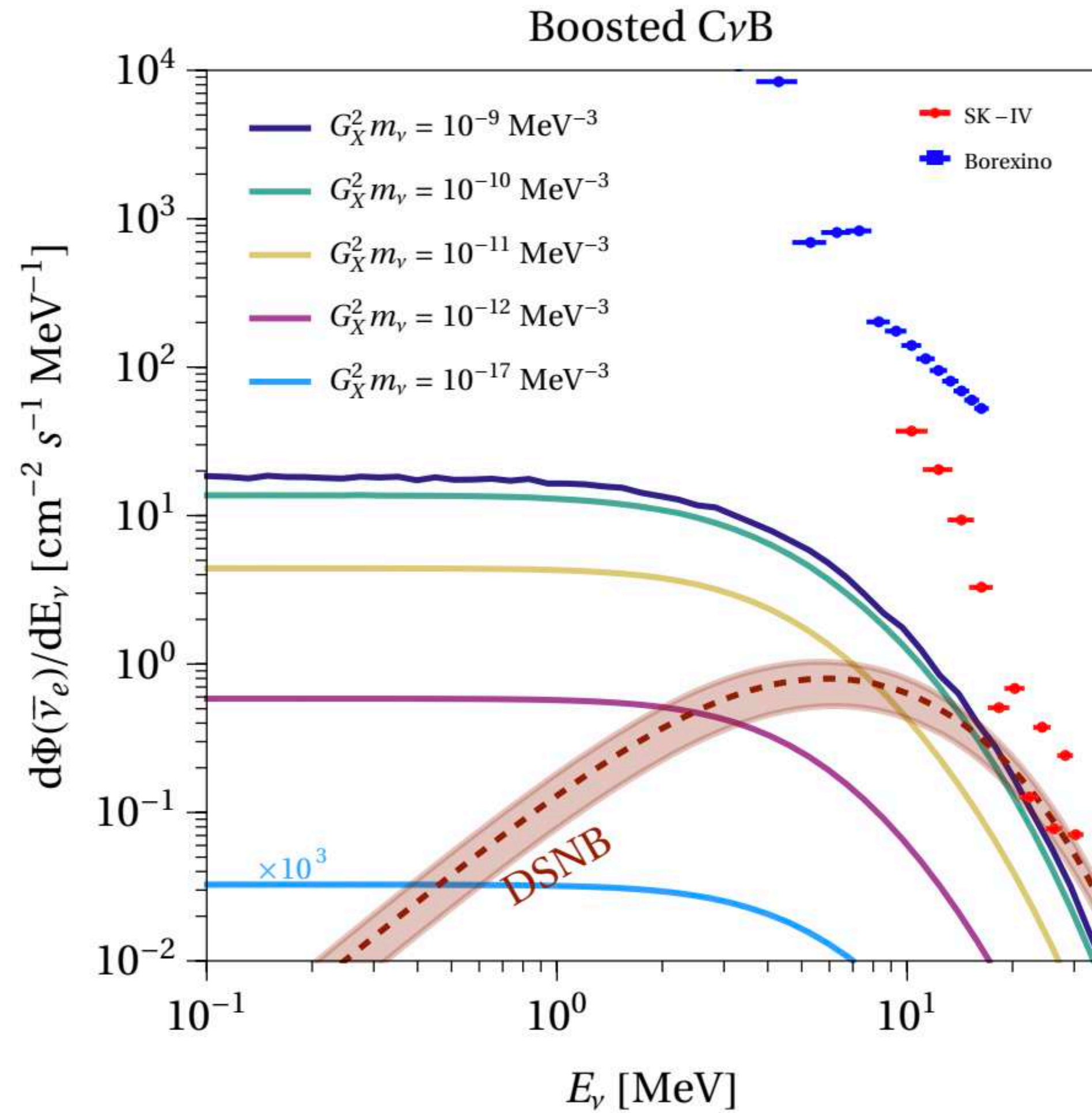
Zhang, Kelly, **MS**, (PRL 2021)

Snowmass report (Phys. Dark. Uni., 2023)

### 3.1) Boosting the $C\nu B$



# The boosted CνB flux



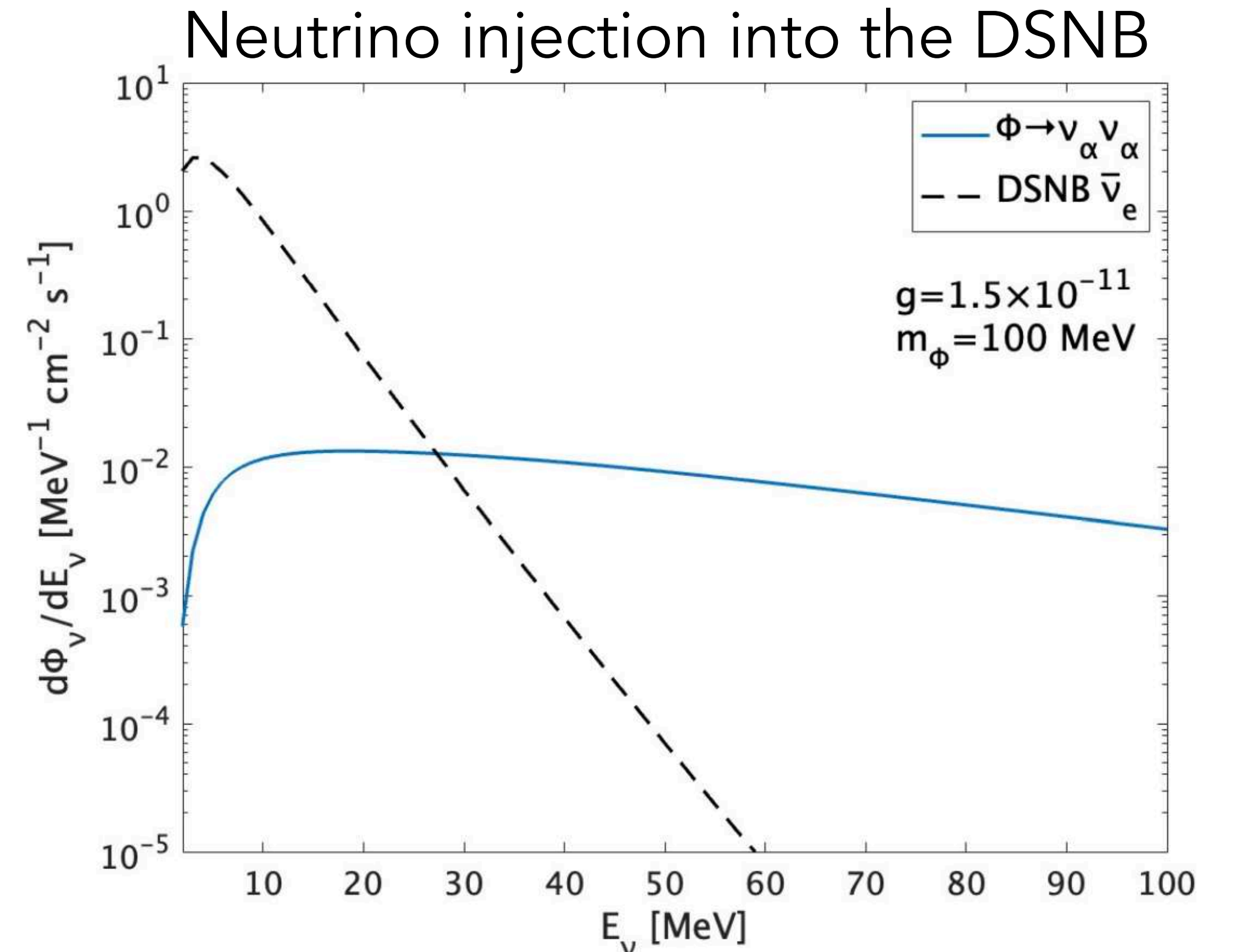
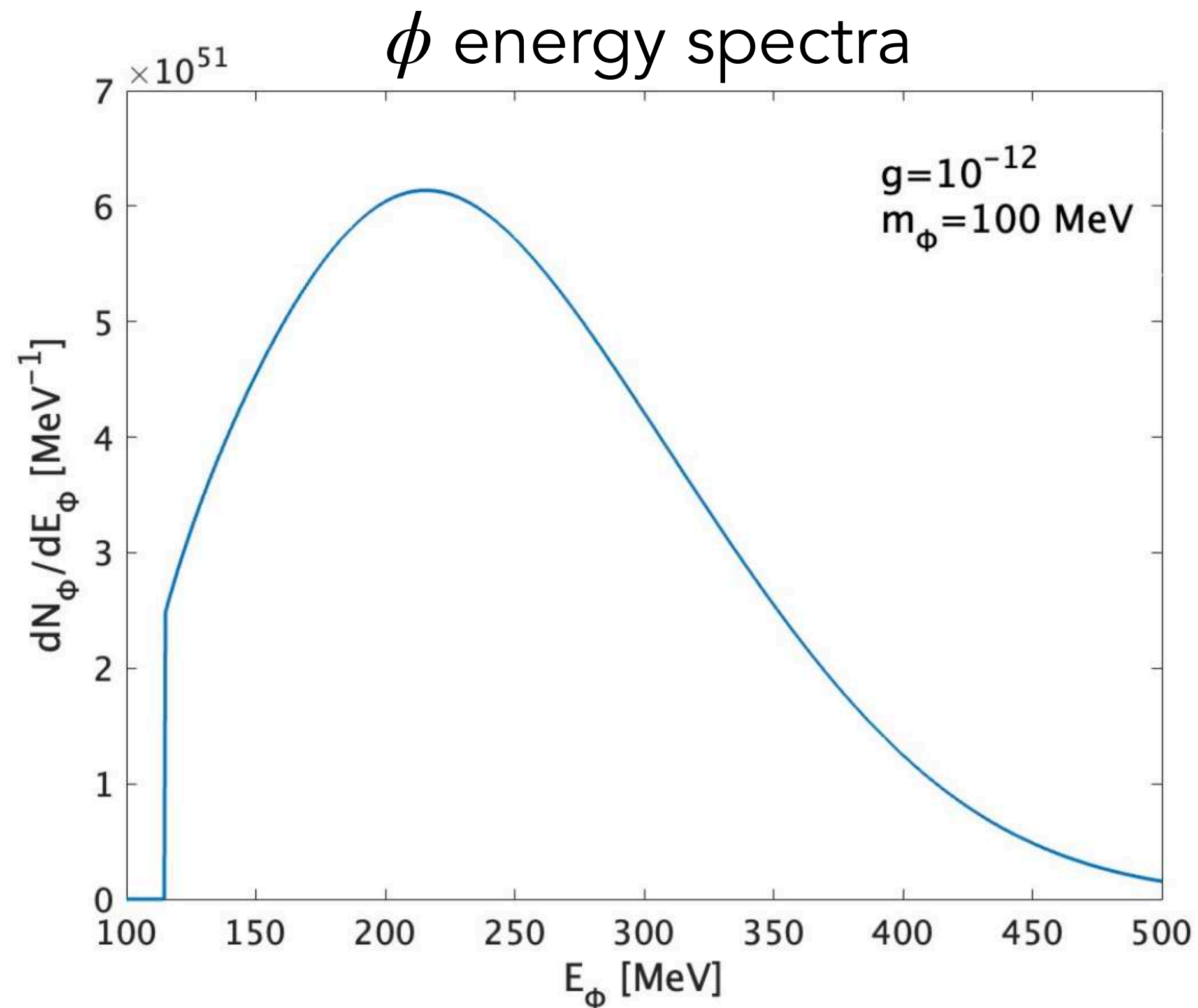
The values of the self-interaction that can boost the CνB is in tension with lab bounds.

Das, Perez-Gonzalez, MS (PRD 2022)

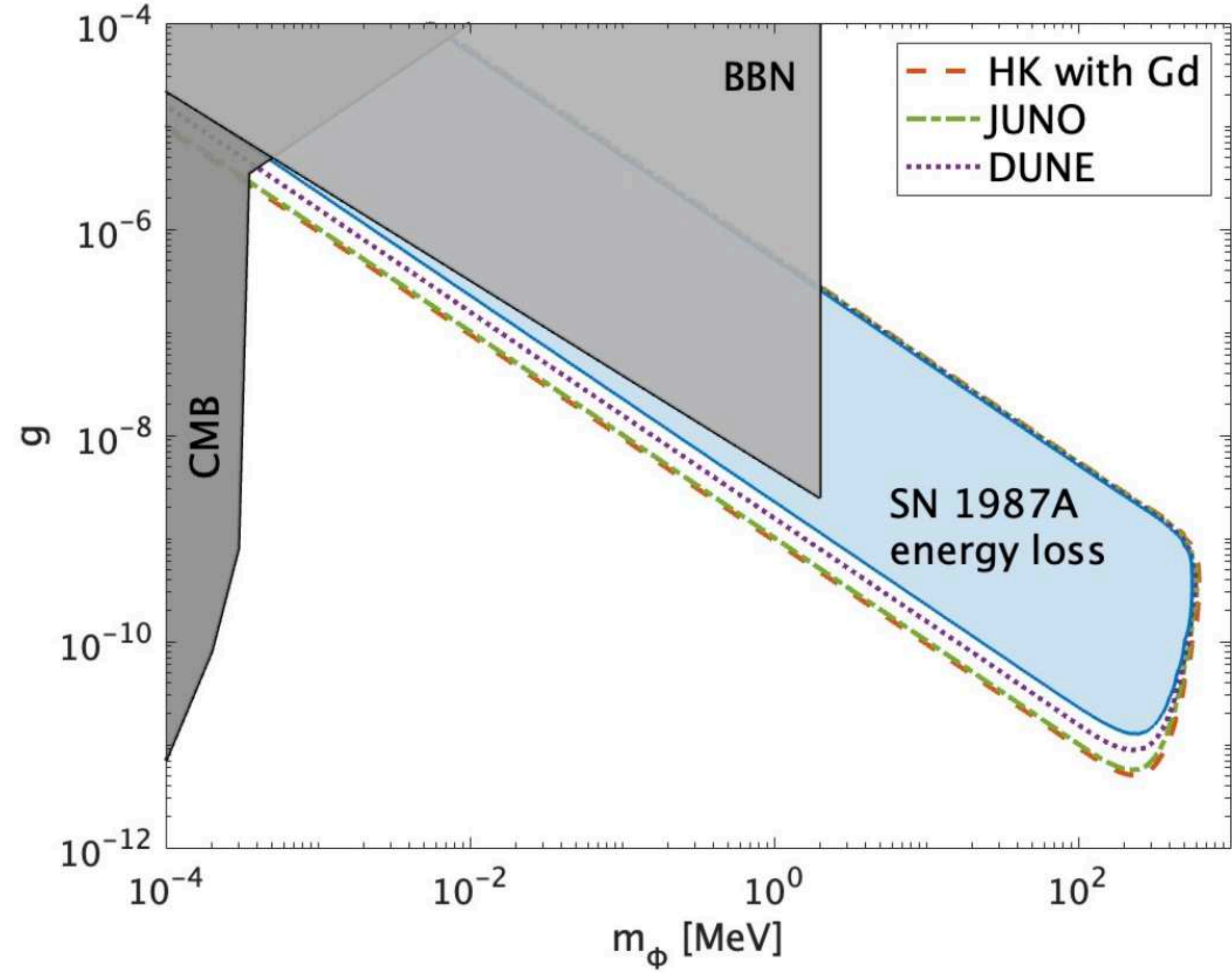
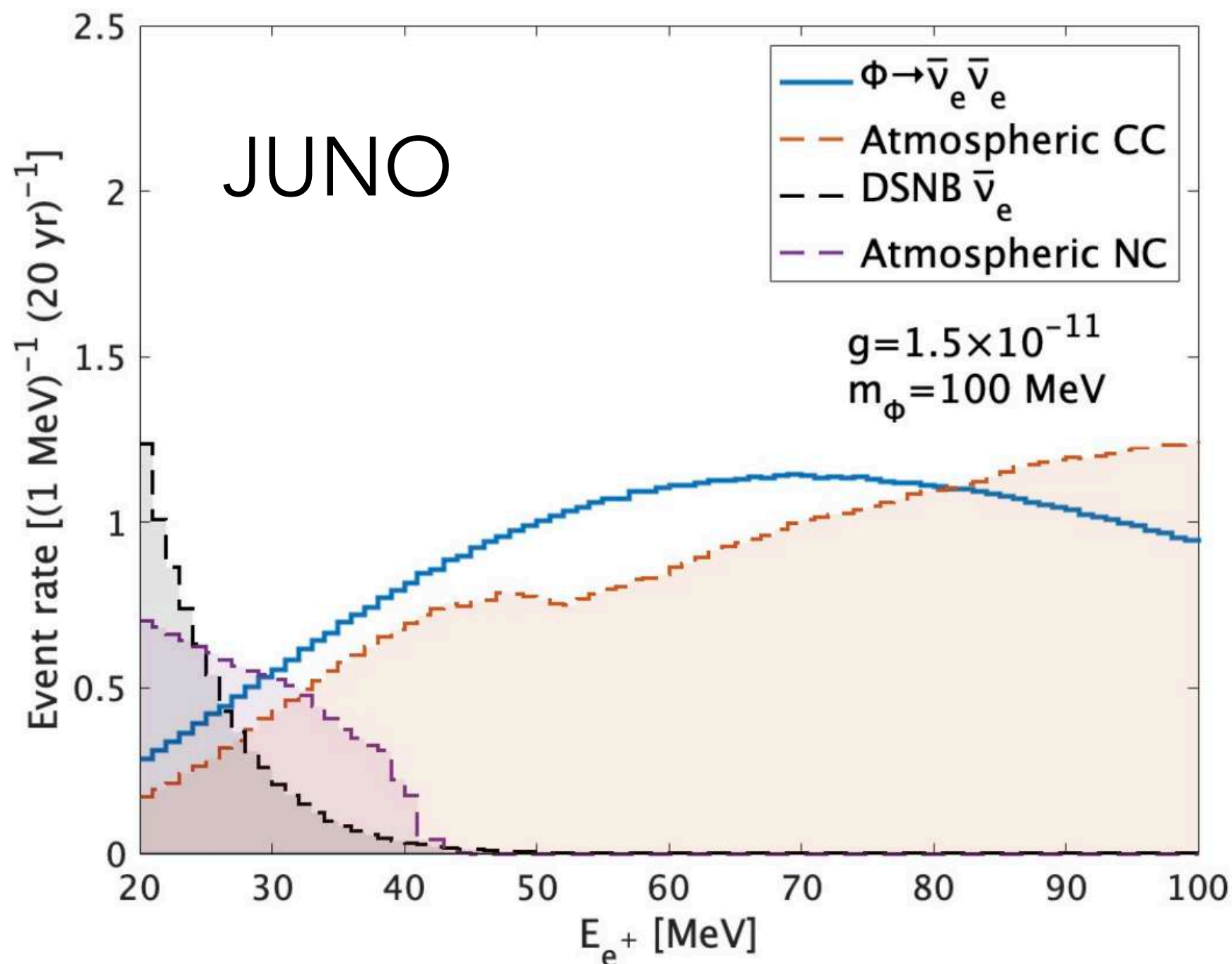
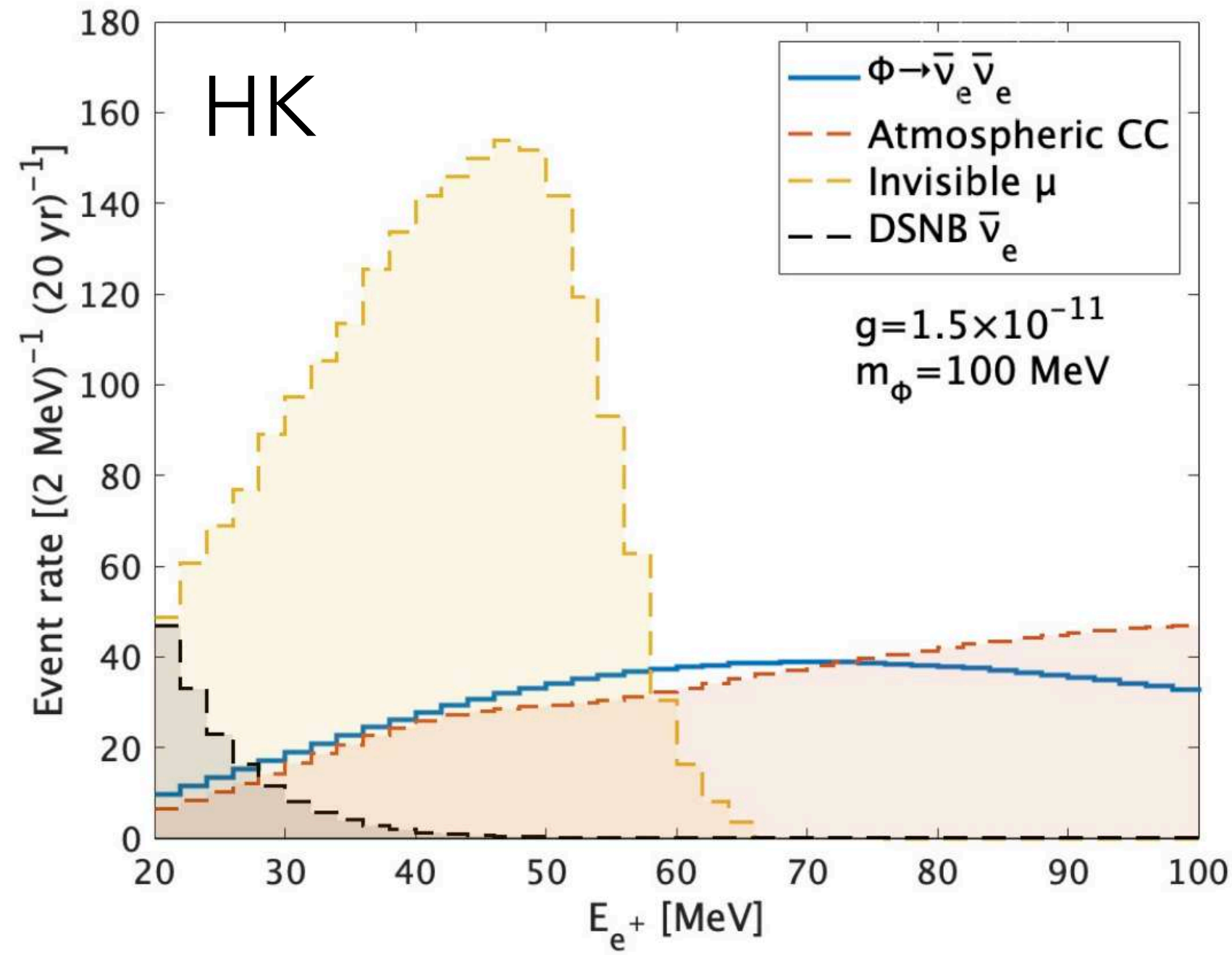
## 3.2) Scalar production and decay into neutrinos

- $\mathcal{L}_\nu \supset g \nu_a \nu_a \phi$ ,
- Allows for  $\nu_a \nu_a \rightarrow \phi$  and subsequent  $\phi \rightarrow \nu_a \nu_a$ .
- Considered  $\mu_{\nu_e} \simeq 200$  MeV, which allows large mass  $\phi$  to be produced.

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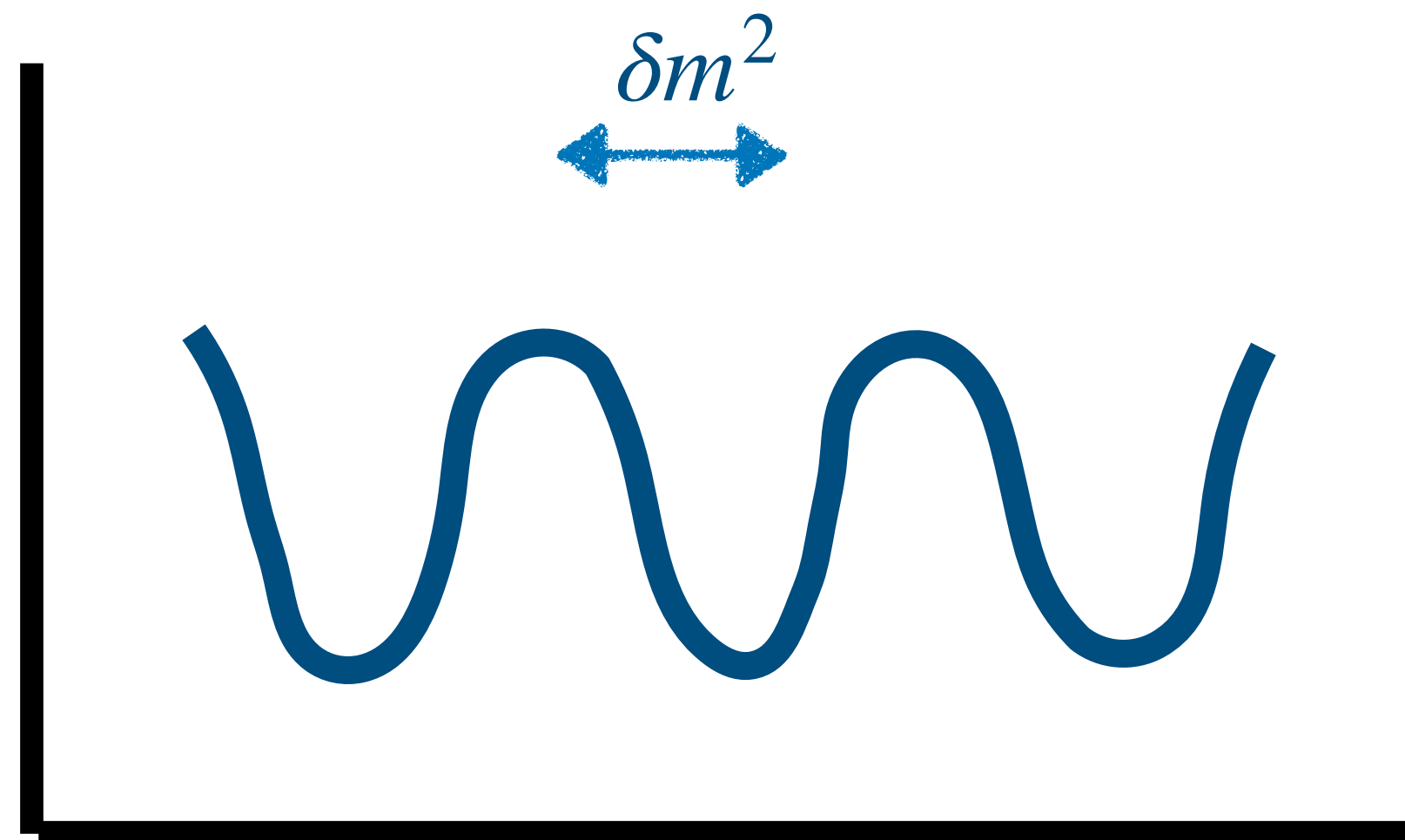
# Scalar decays into neutrinos



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# 4. Pseudo-Dirac Neutrinos



# Pseudo(quasi) Dirac Neutrinos

- Neutrinos have sub-dominant Majorana mass terms.

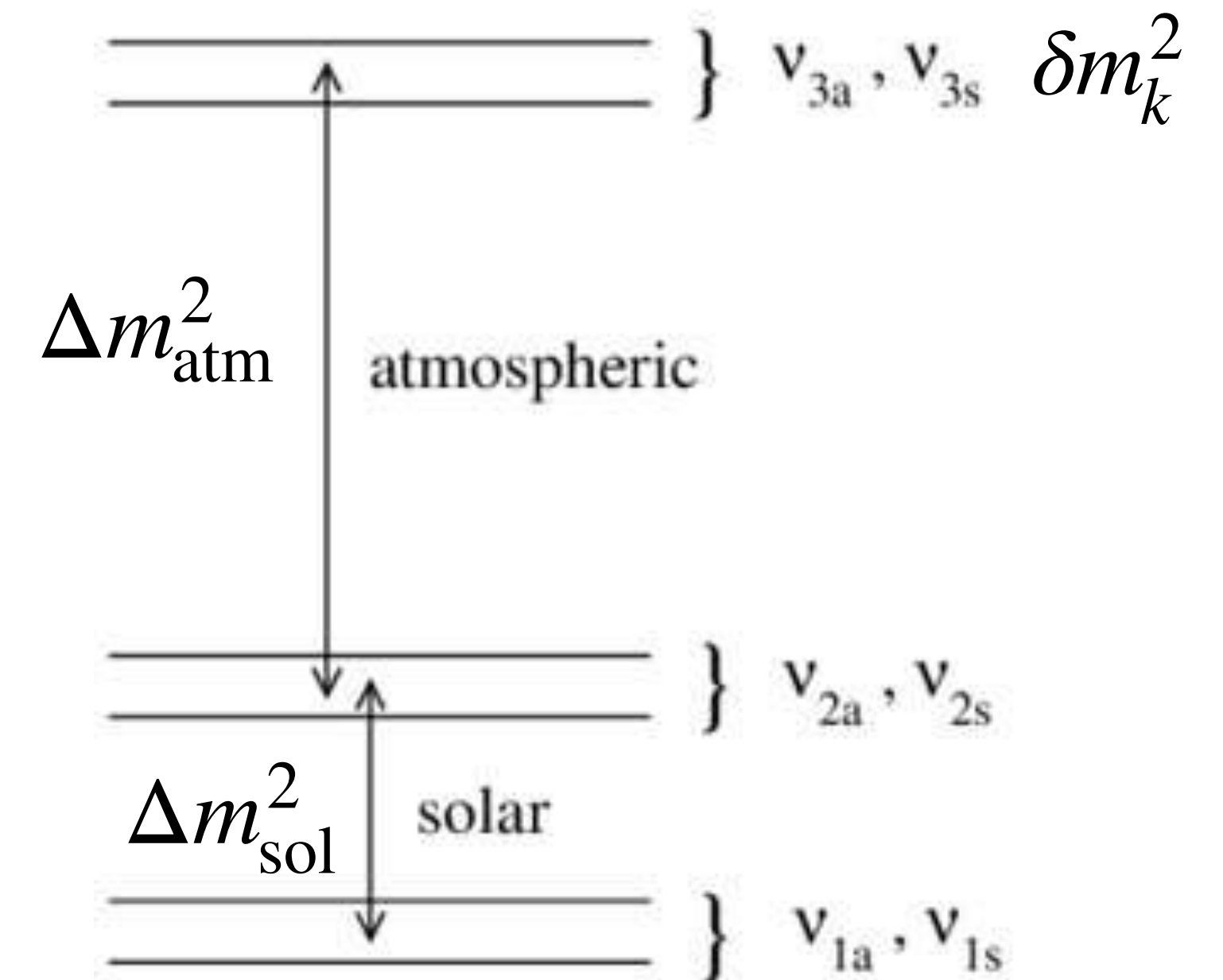
Generic Majorana mass matrix  $\begin{pmatrix} m_L & m_D \\ m_D & m_R \end{pmatrix}$ .

Pseudo-Dirac limit :  $m_{L,R} \ll m_D$  Kobayashi, Lim, PRD2001

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

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

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



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# Oscillations due to pseudo Dirac Neutrinos

- $\delta m_k^2$  will lead to oscillations at very large distances.
- Flavor oscillation probability induced by  $\Delta m_{\text{sol}}^2$  and  $\Delta m_{\text{atm}}^2$  over a large distance gets averaged.

$$P(\nu_\beta \rightarrow \nu_\gamma) = P_{aa}(z, E) \left| U_{\beta k} \right|^2 \left| U_{\gamma k} \right|^2$$

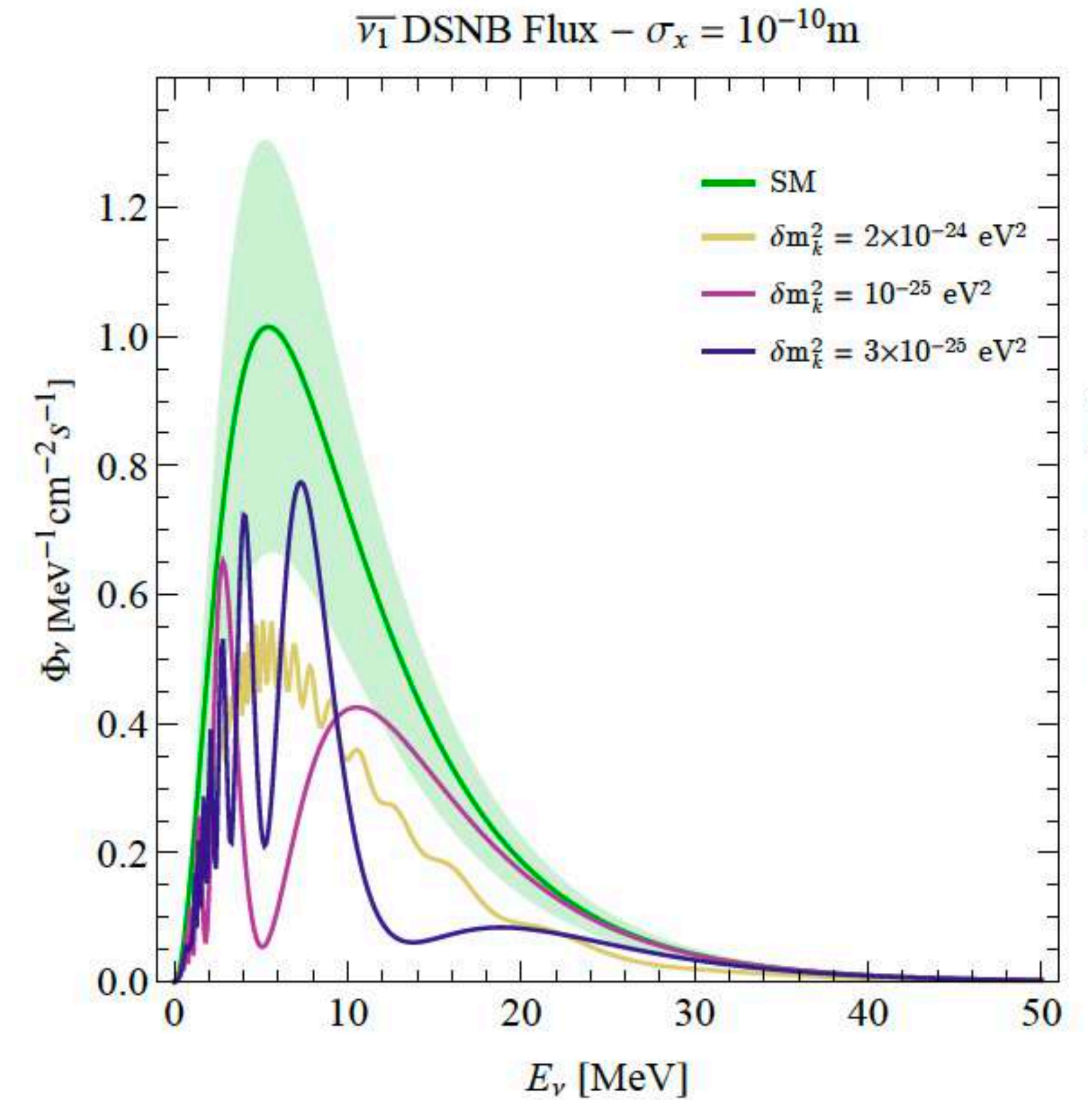
- The active-sterile probability, driven by  $\delta m_k^2$  is

$$P_{aa}(z, E) = \frac{1}{2} \left( 1 + e^{-\left(\frac{L(z)}{L_{\text{coh}}}\right)^2} \cos \left( 2\pi \frac{L(z)}{L_{\text{osc}}} \right) \right)$$

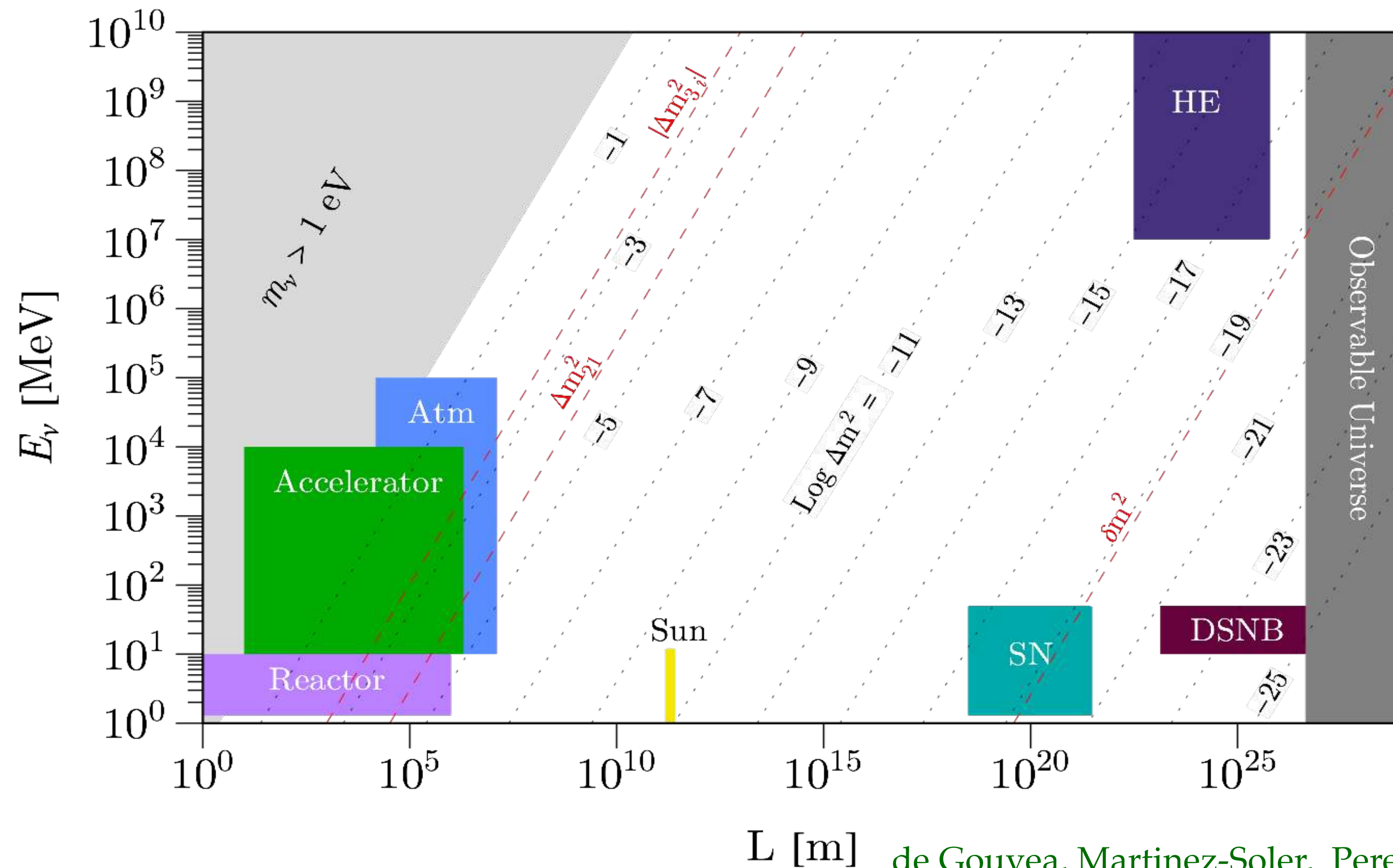
- Wave-packet separation decoherence also becomes important.

$$L_{\text{osc}} = \frac{4\pi E}{\delta m_k^2} \approx 8.03 \text{ Gpc} \left( \frac{E}{10 \text{ MeV}} \right) \left( \frac{10^{-25} \text{ eV}^2}{\delta m_k^2} \right),$$

$$L_{\text{coh}} = \frac{4\sqrt{2}E^2}{|\delta m_k^2|} \sigma_x \approx 180 \text{ Gpc} \left( \frac{E}{10 \text{ MeV}} \right)^2 \left( \frac{10^{-25} \text{ eV}^2}{\delta m_k^2} \right) \left( \frac{\sigma_x}{10^{-12} \text{ m}} \right).$$



# Sensitivity to tiny mass-squared differences



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 See Beacom, Bell, Hooper, Learned, Pakvasa, Weiler (PRL 2003) for earlier version

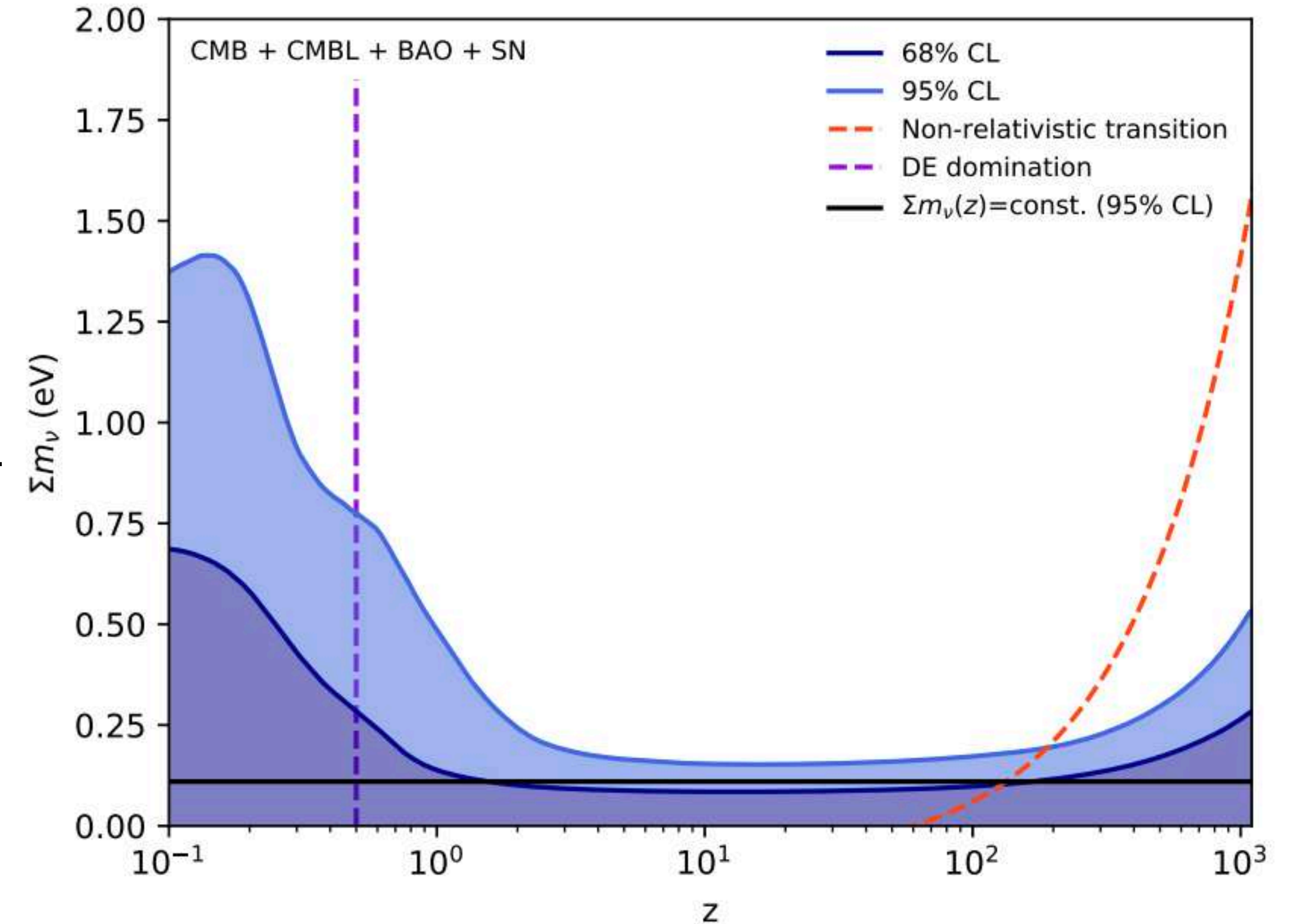
- DSNB sensitive to  $\delta m^2 \sim \mathcal{O}(10^{-25} \text{ eV}^2)$  with a high significance - tiniest values constrained so far.

## 5. Origin of neutrino mass



# Redshift dependent neutrino mass

- Can the neutrino mass be redshift dependent?
- Use  $\sum m_\nu$  as a function of redshift.
- Consider bounds from
  1. CMB temperature, polarization and lensing data Planck.
  2. BAO from 6dF, SDSS, BOSS,...
  3. Type Ia SN from Pantheon.
- Bound on  $\sum m_\nu$  increases at very low redshifts.
- If the neutrino mass is indeed generated at low redshifts, are there any other probes?

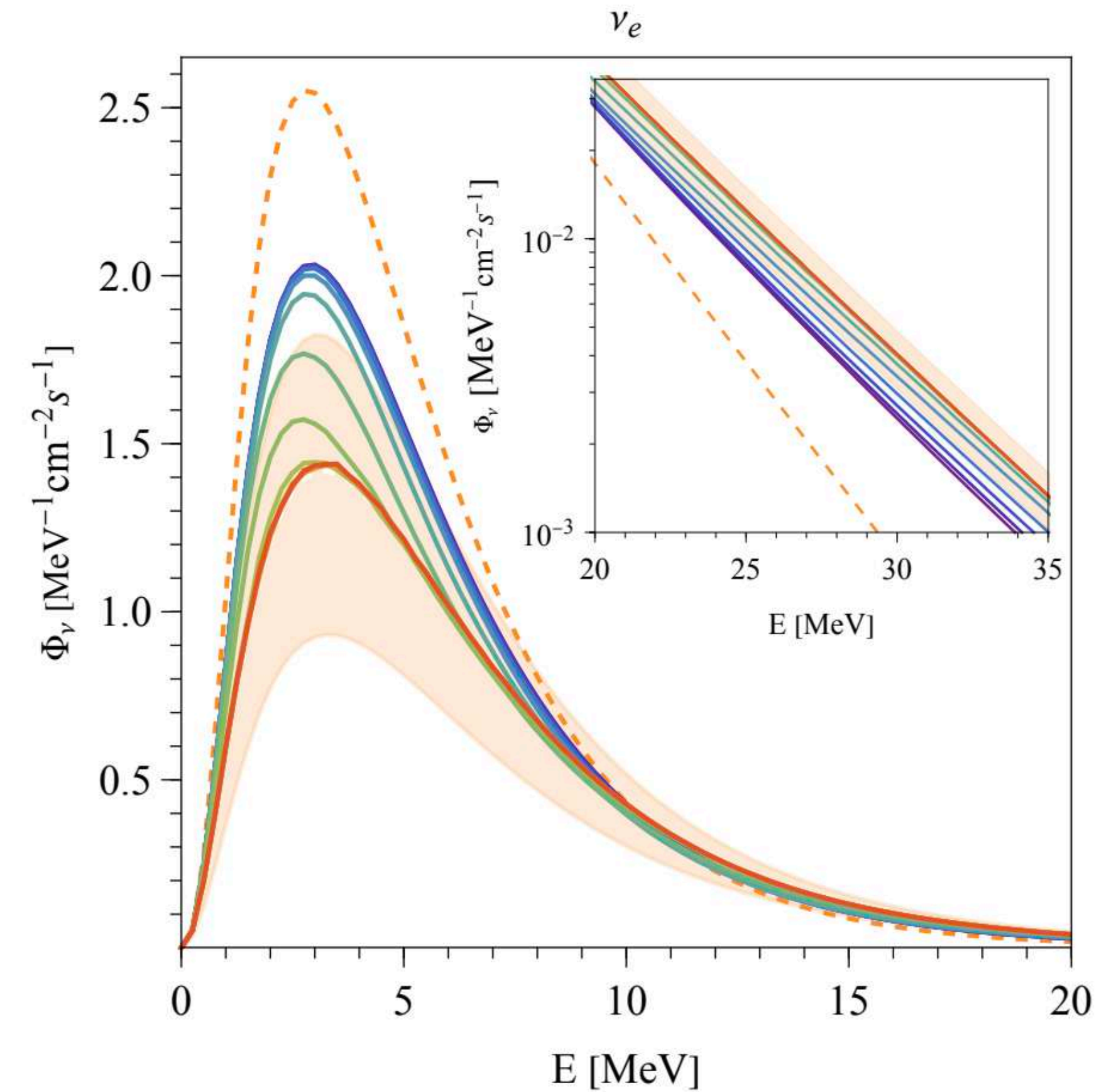
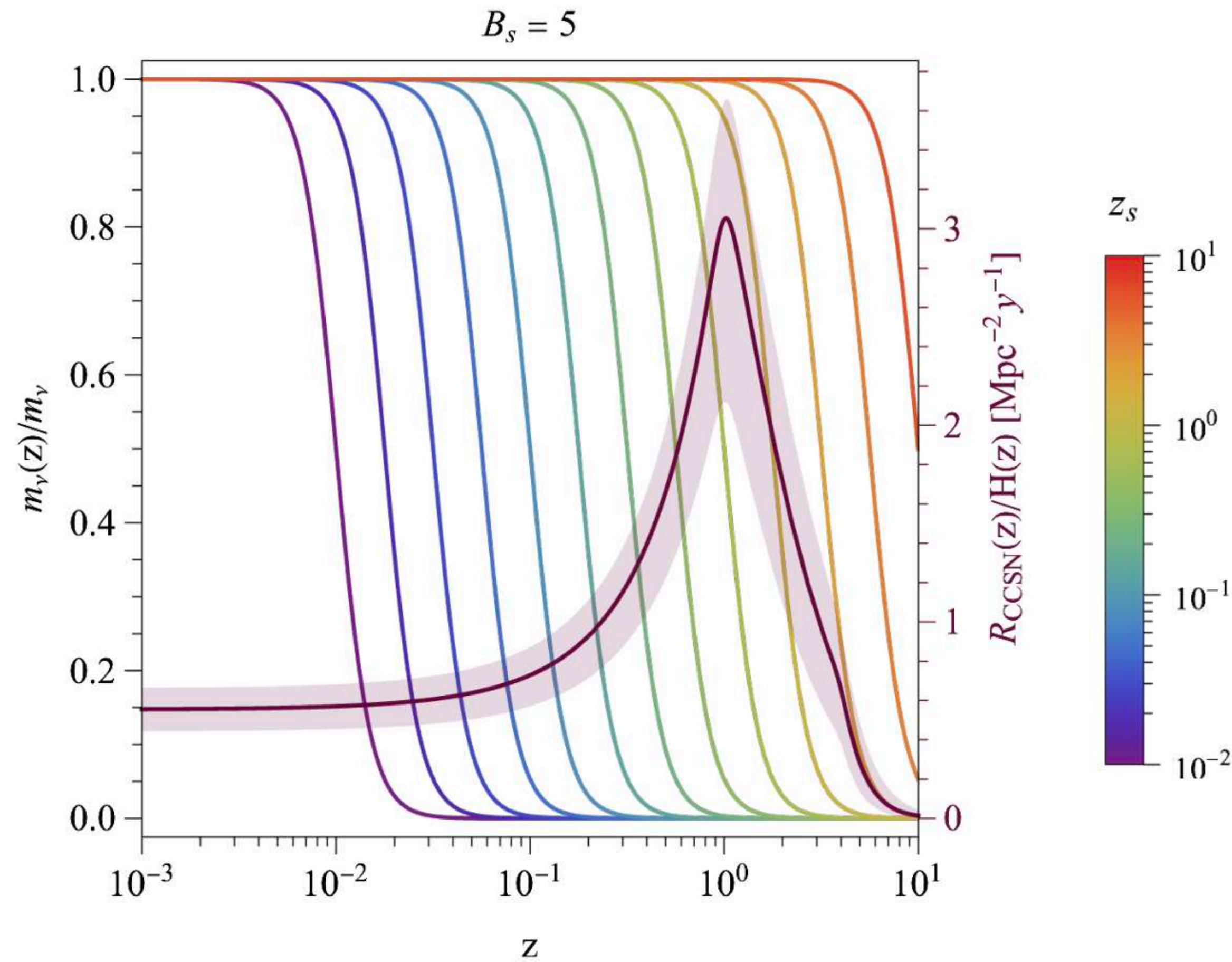


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Lorenz, Funcke, Löffler, Calabrese (PRD 2021)  
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# DSNB spectral difference due to mass variation

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The mass variation is parameterized as

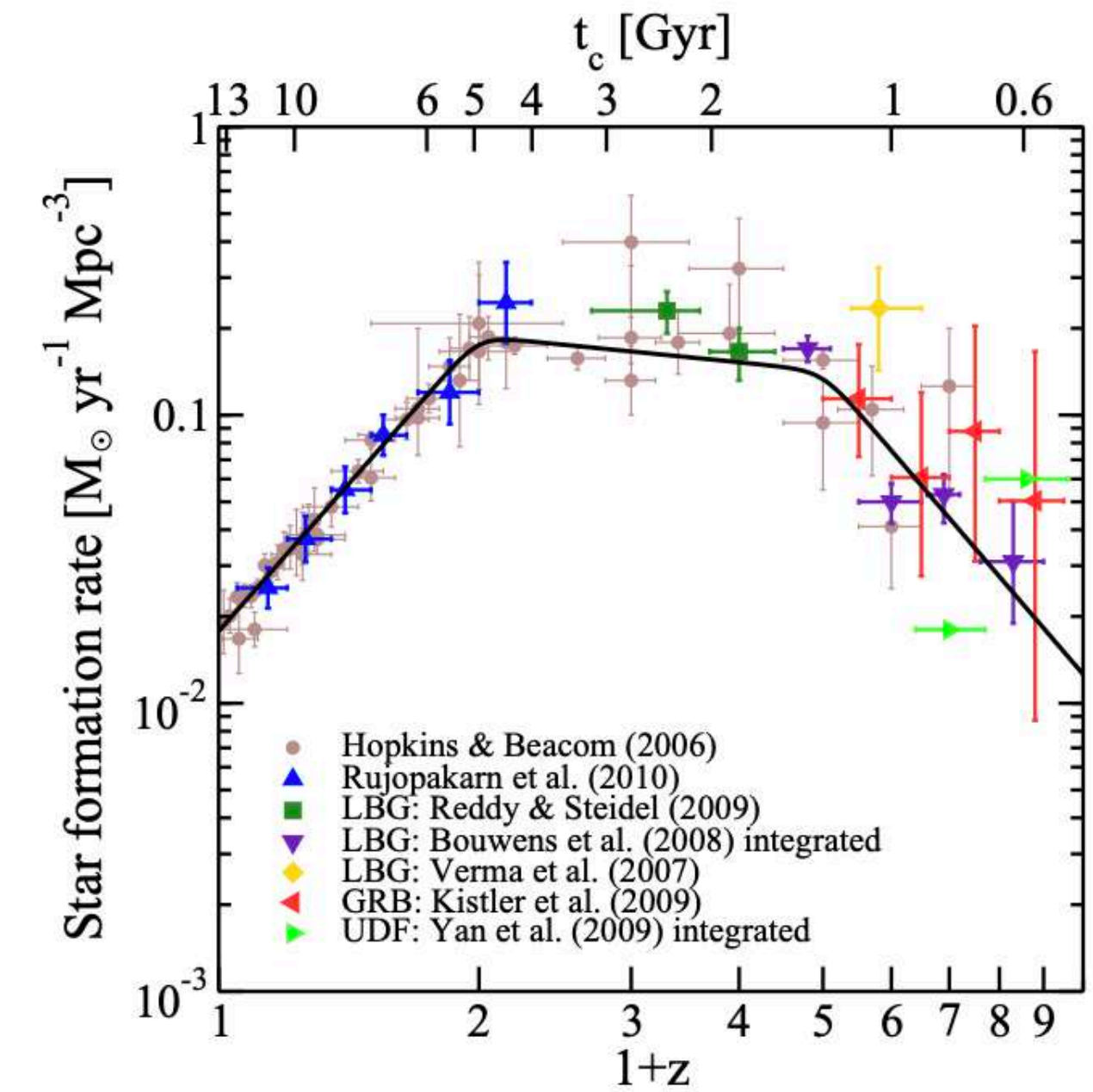
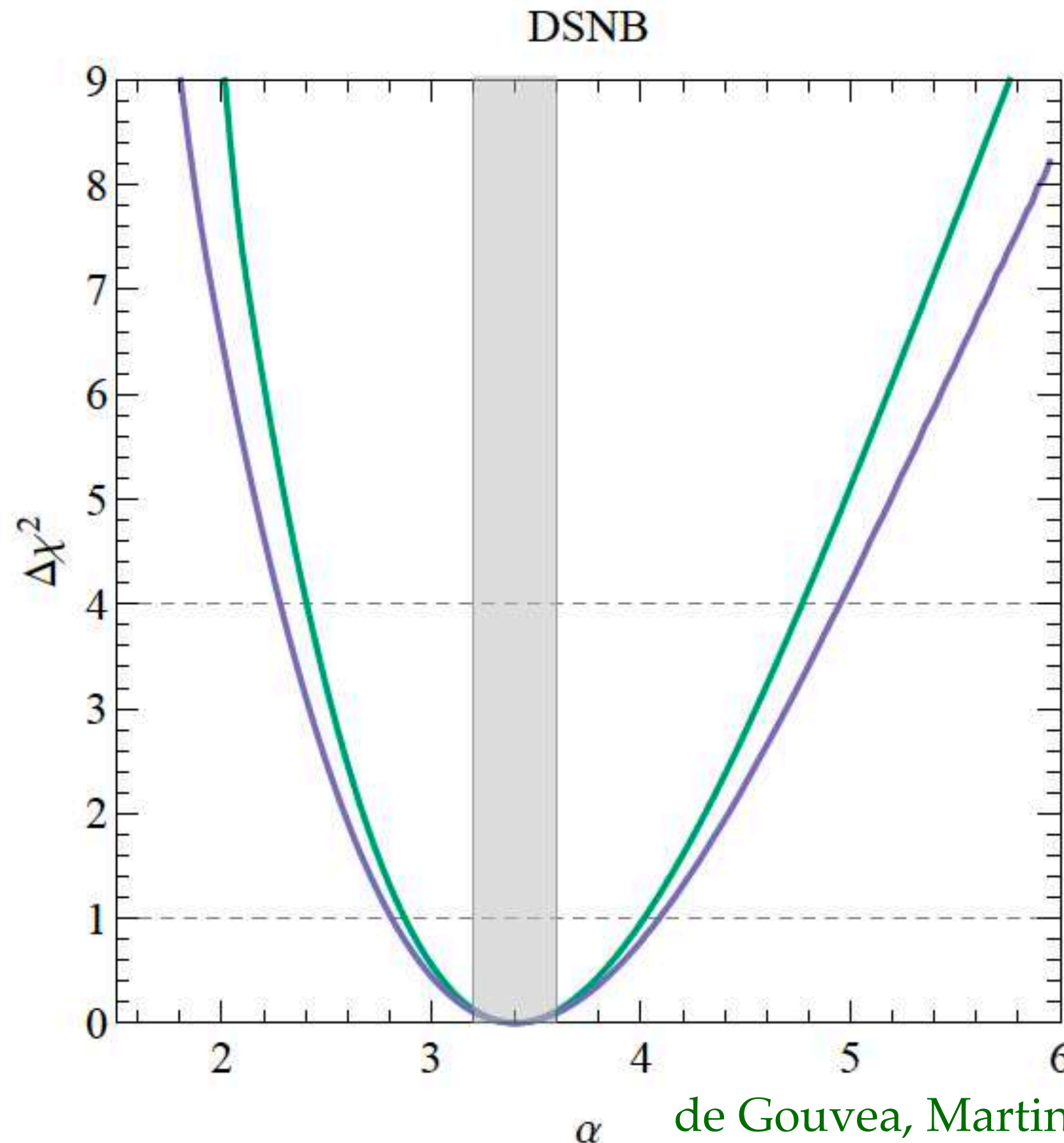
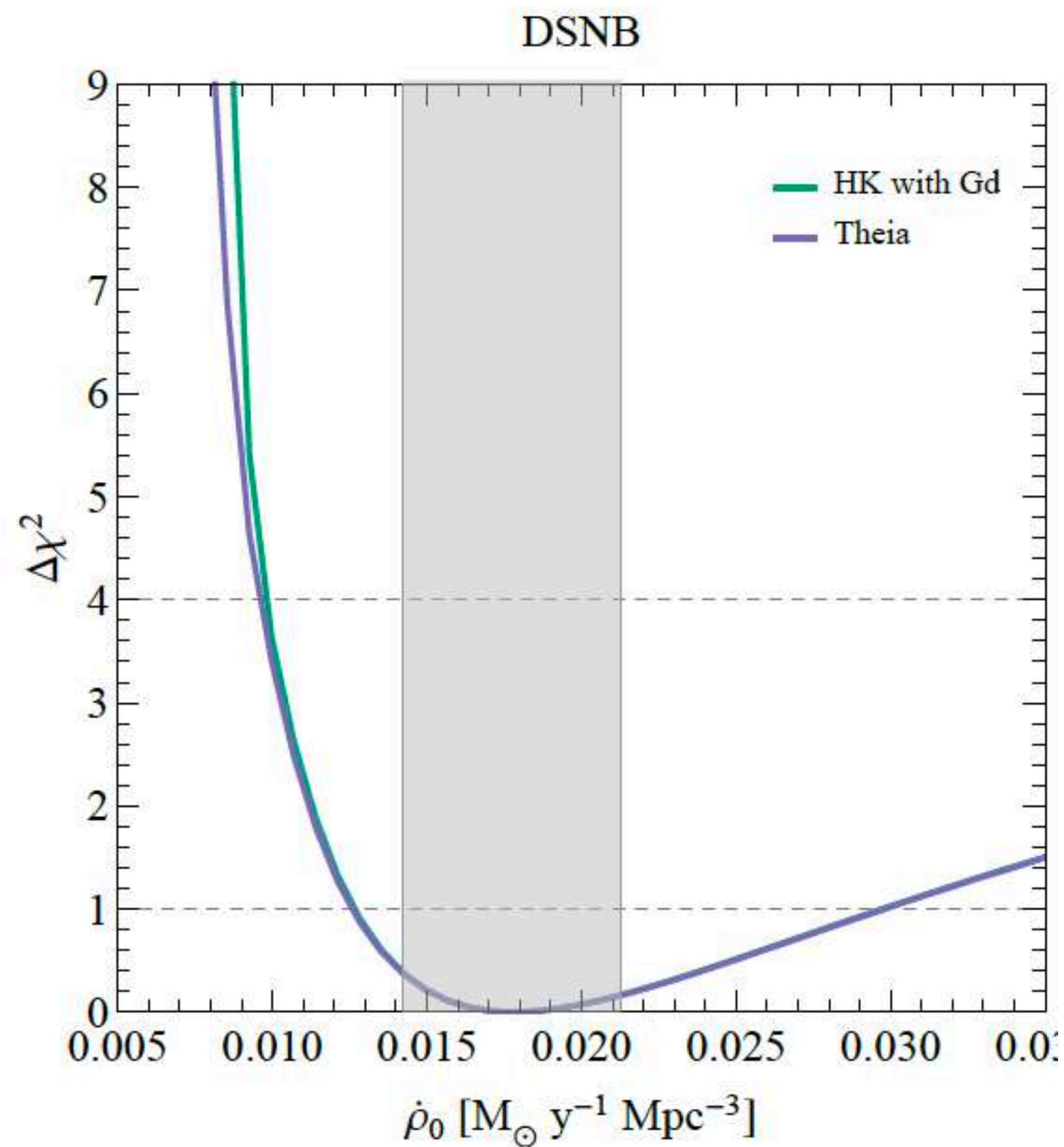
$$m_\nu(z) = \frac{m_\nu}{1 + (z/z_s)^{B_s}}.$$

Non-trivial effect on the DSNB

# Astrophysical Probes



# Cosmic star formation rate



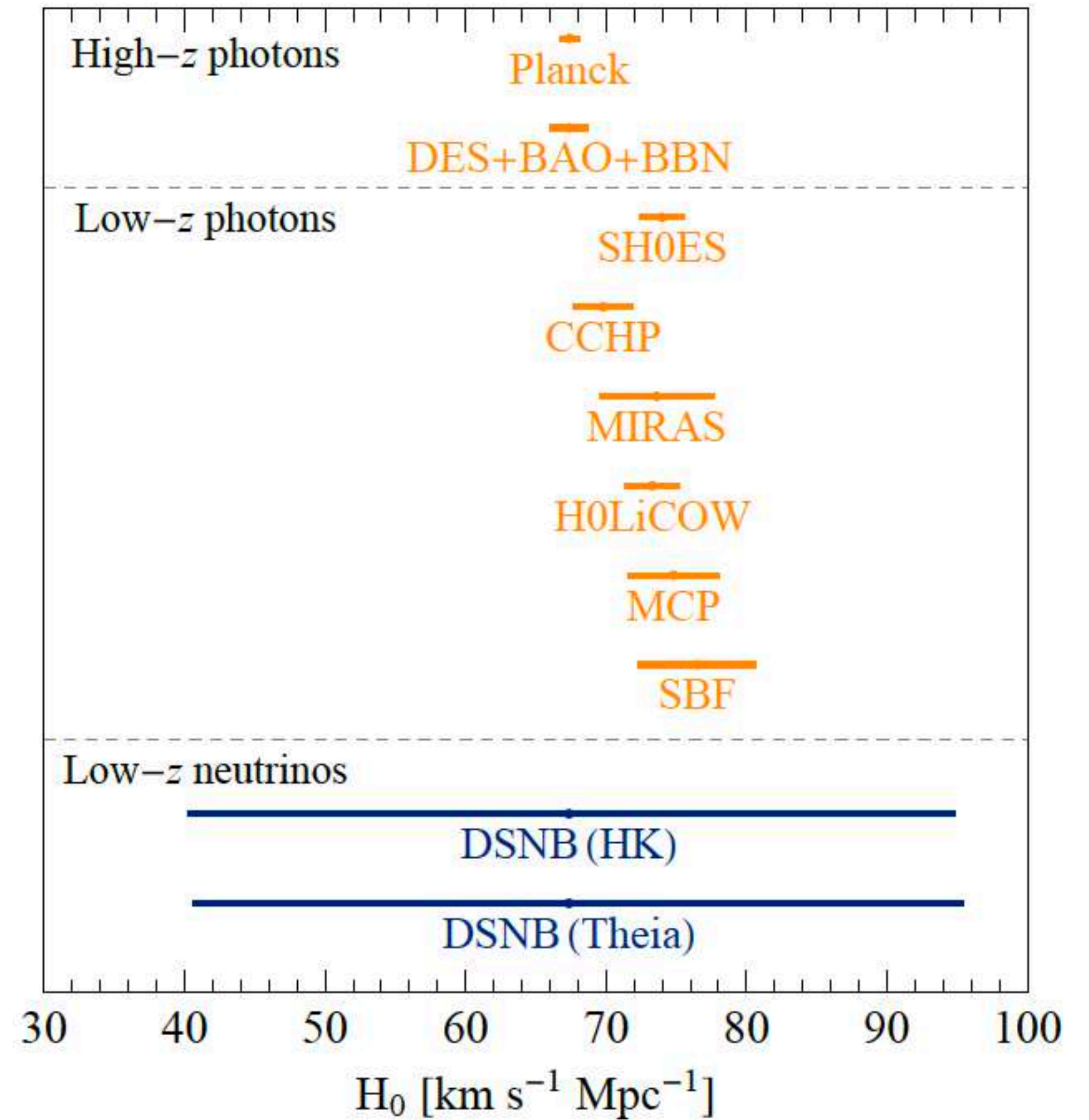
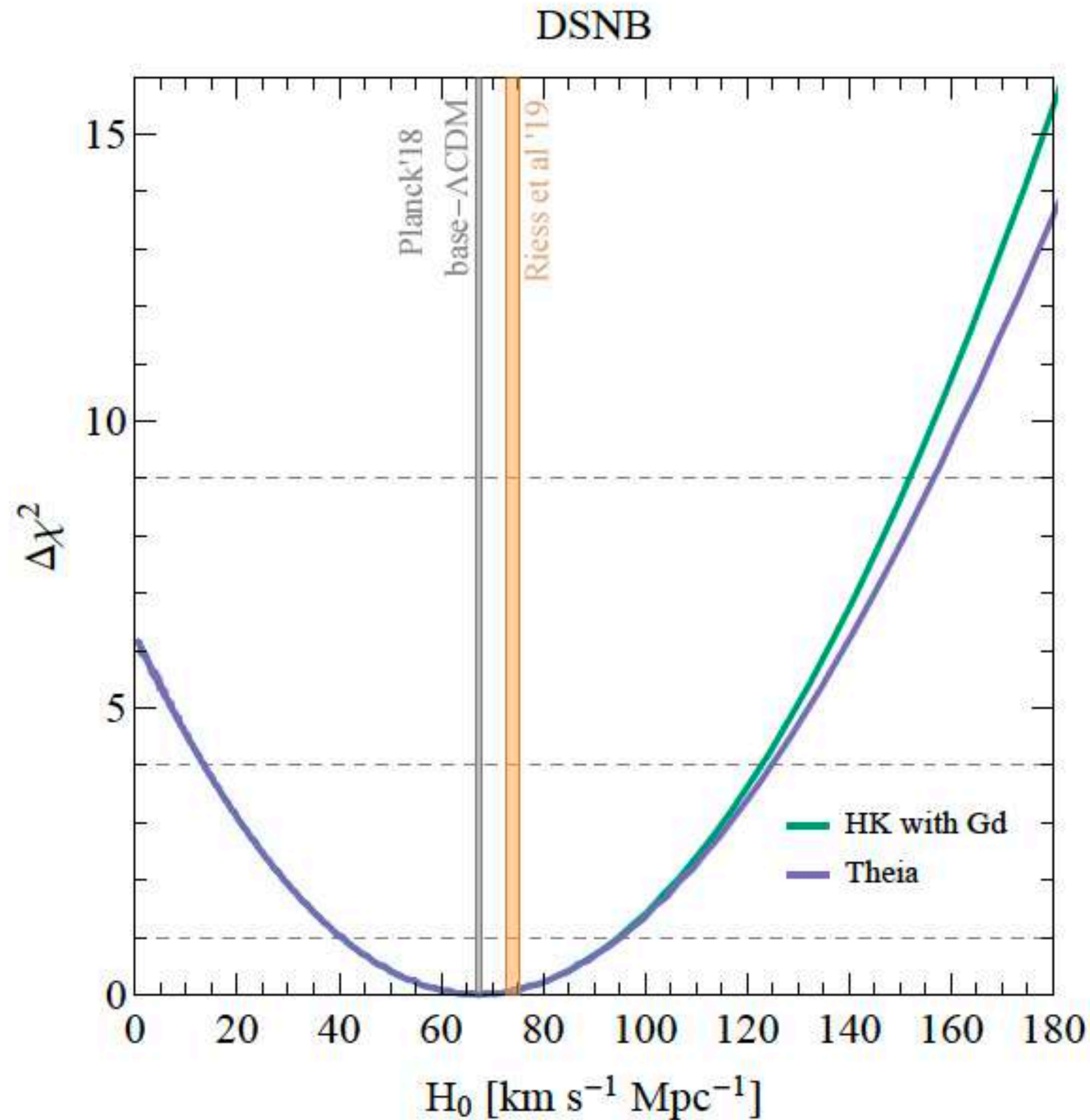
$$\dot{\rho}_*(z) = \dot{\rho}_0 \left[ (1+z)^{-10\alpha} + \left(\frac{1+z}{B}\right)^{-10\beta} + \left(\frac{1+z}{C}\right)^{-10\gamma} \right]^{-1/10}$$

At the  $2\sigma$  level, the results obtained from the DSNB are almost competitive with those obtained from decades of astronomical surveys.

see also, Møller, Suliga, Tamborra, Denton (JCAP 2018)

# Cosmological Distance Ladder

# Cosmology: Hubble Parameter



- Distance yardstick using neutrinos.

- Measure  $H_0$  at 40% level, which is the systematic uncertainty.

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# Conclusions

The DSNB opens up a plethora of avenues for neutrino physics, next giant leap from the Sun and SN1987A.

Crucial for testing extreme neutrino properties, which cannot be tested otherwise.

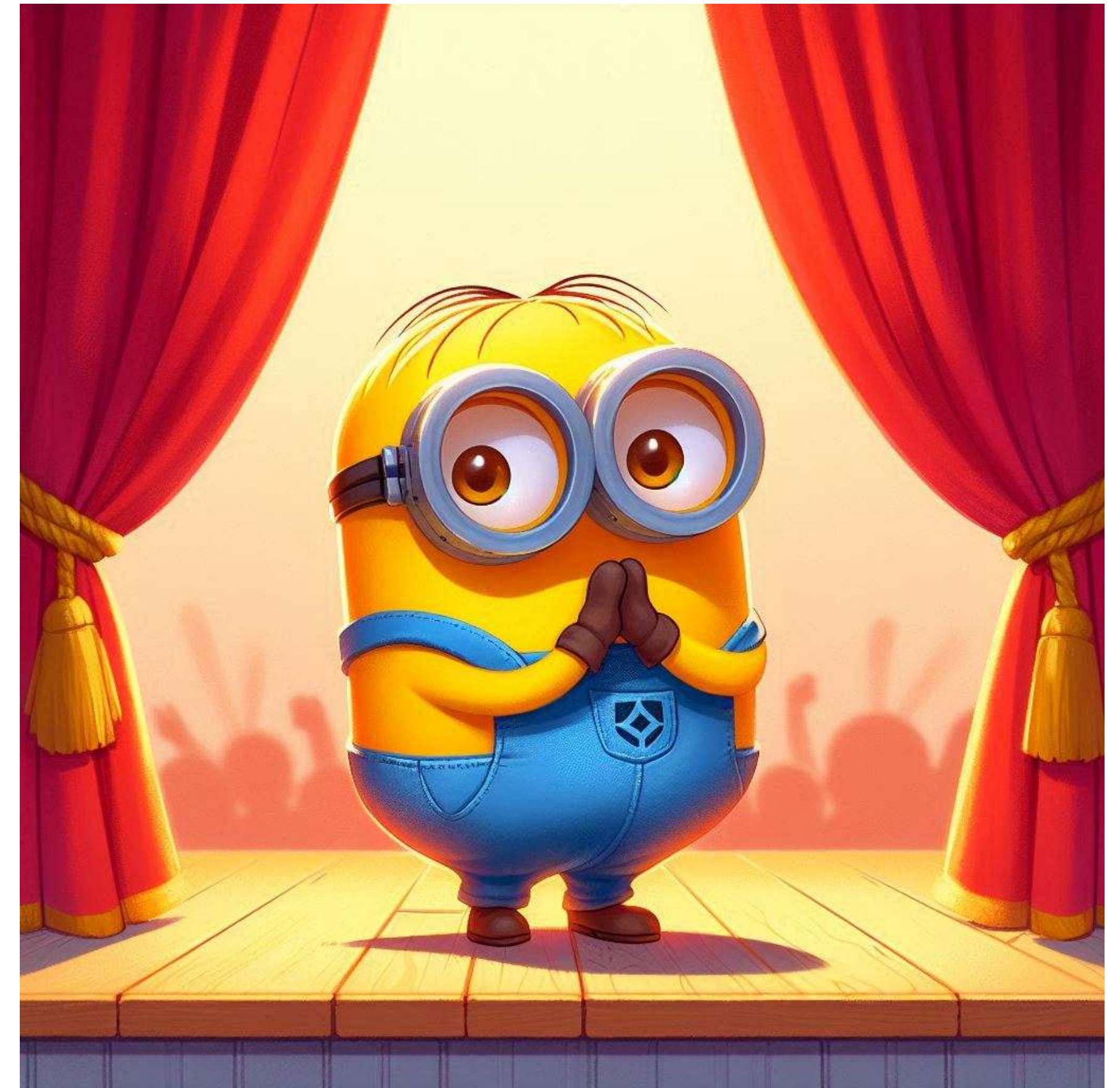
Probable constraints on cosmological star formation rate, and hence the rate of core-collapse SNe in the Universe.

Other constraints discussed in the literature: black-hole fraction (primordial as well as astrophysical), alternate cosmological models, models of neutrino emission, and propagation, any new exotic physics in the neutrino sector.

A future detection can provide neutrino only measurement of expansion rate of the Universe, complementary to measurement with photons and gravity waves.

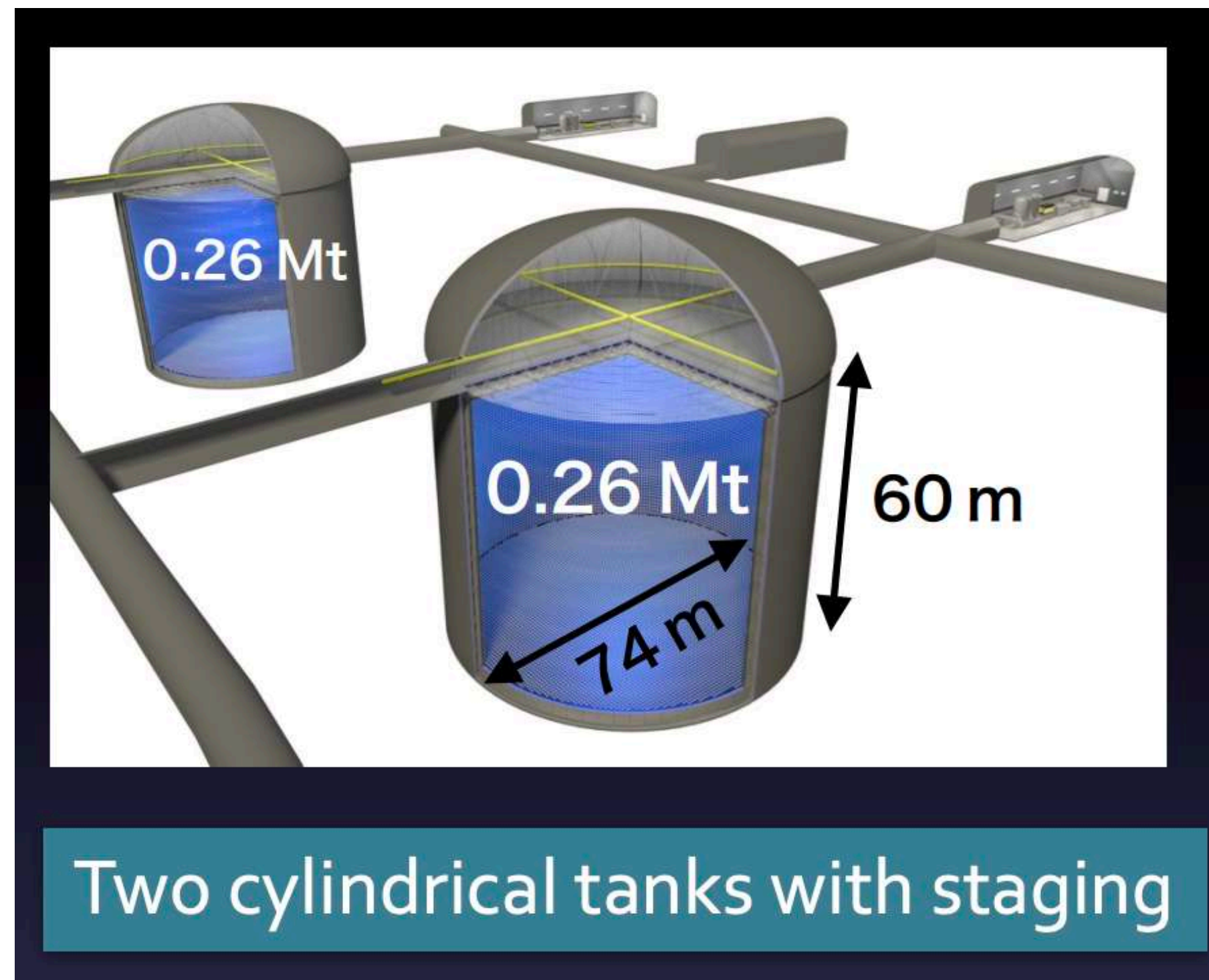


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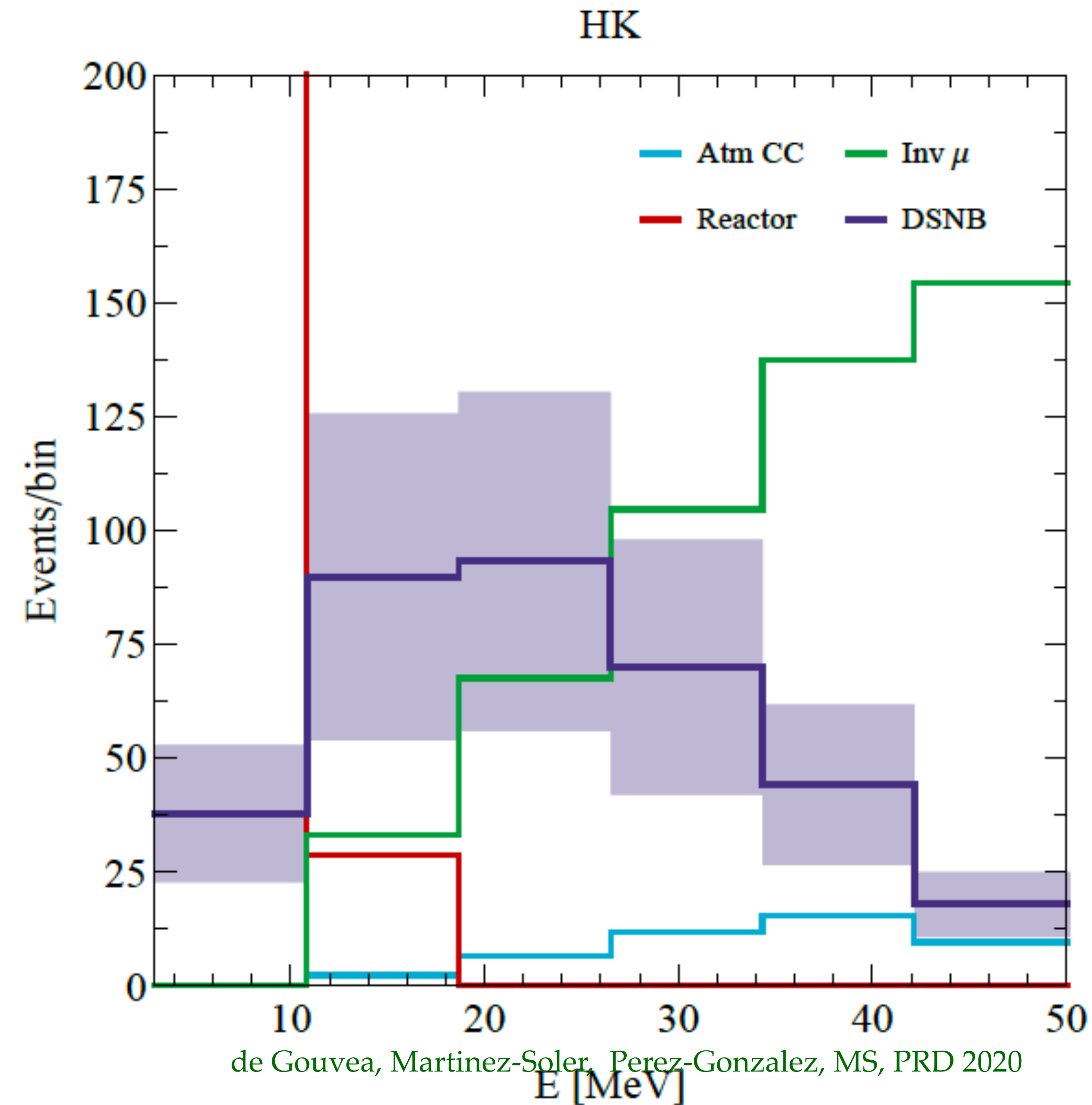


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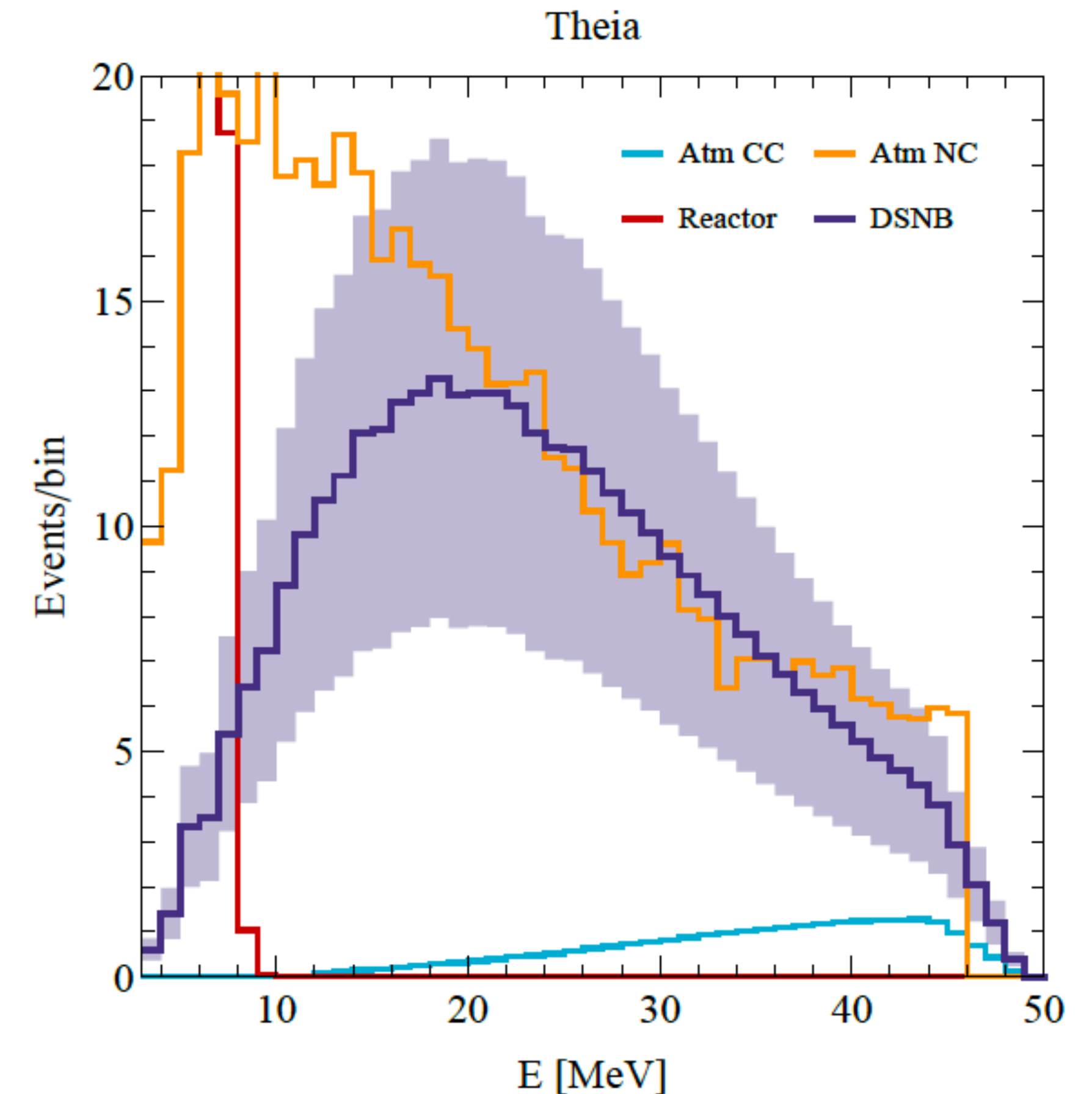
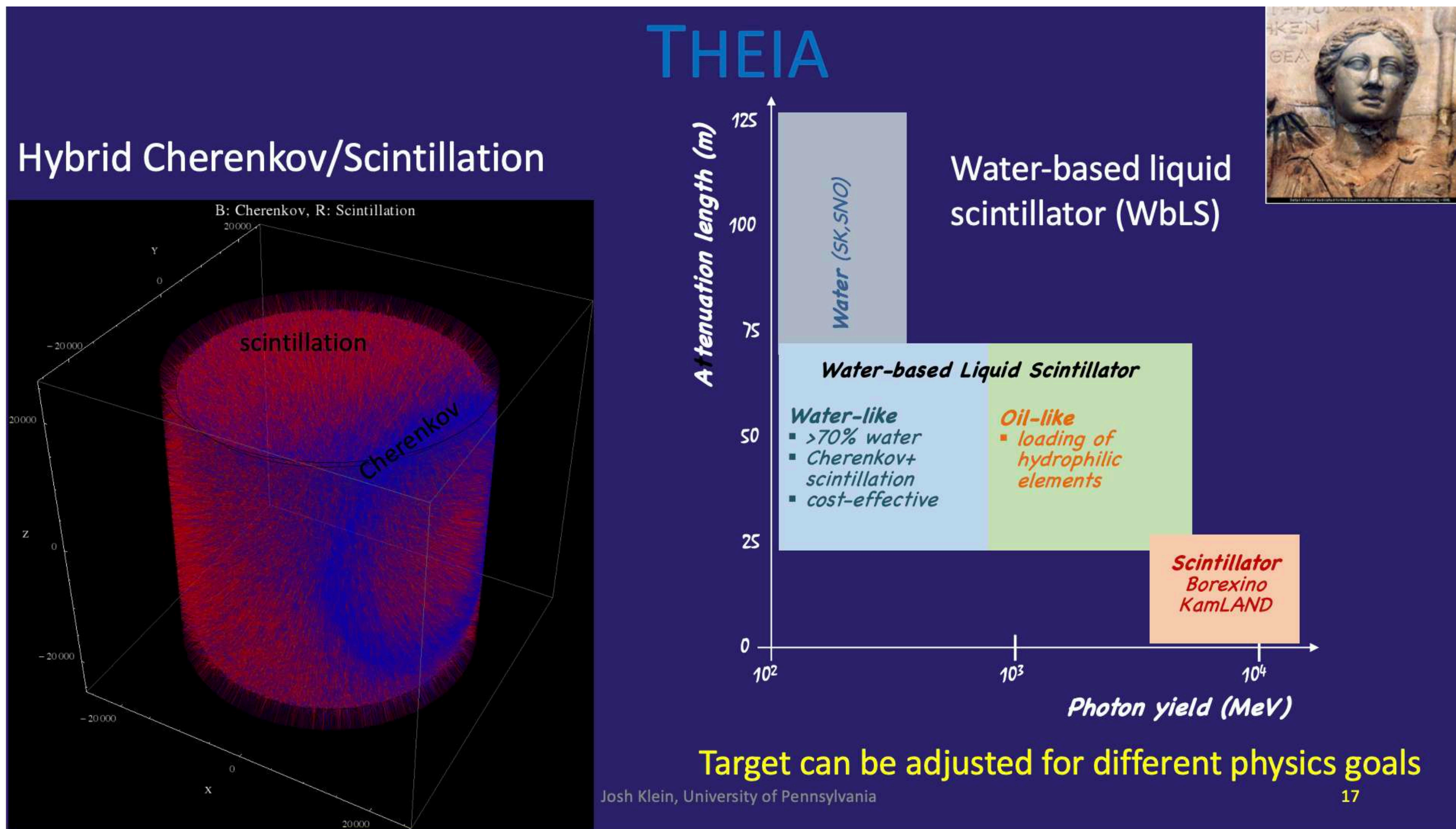
# Future Detection: Hyper-Kamiokande + Gd



- HK enriched with Gd provides excellent detection
- Results with 1 tank with 10 years of data taking
- Backgrounds same as SK.



# Future Detection: Theia



de Gouvea, Martinez-Soler, Perez-Gonzalez, MS, PRD 2020

- 100 kT detector, with 10 years of data-taking
- Low energy resolution of scintillator, and high-energy reconstruction techniques for Cherenkov detector.
- Major background: NC interactions of  $\nu$  on C nuclei. Prompt signal in recoil + delayed signal due to absorption of emitted neutron. Can be reduced using Cherenkov/Scintillation ratio.



# Variation with $\langle E \rangle$ and alpha

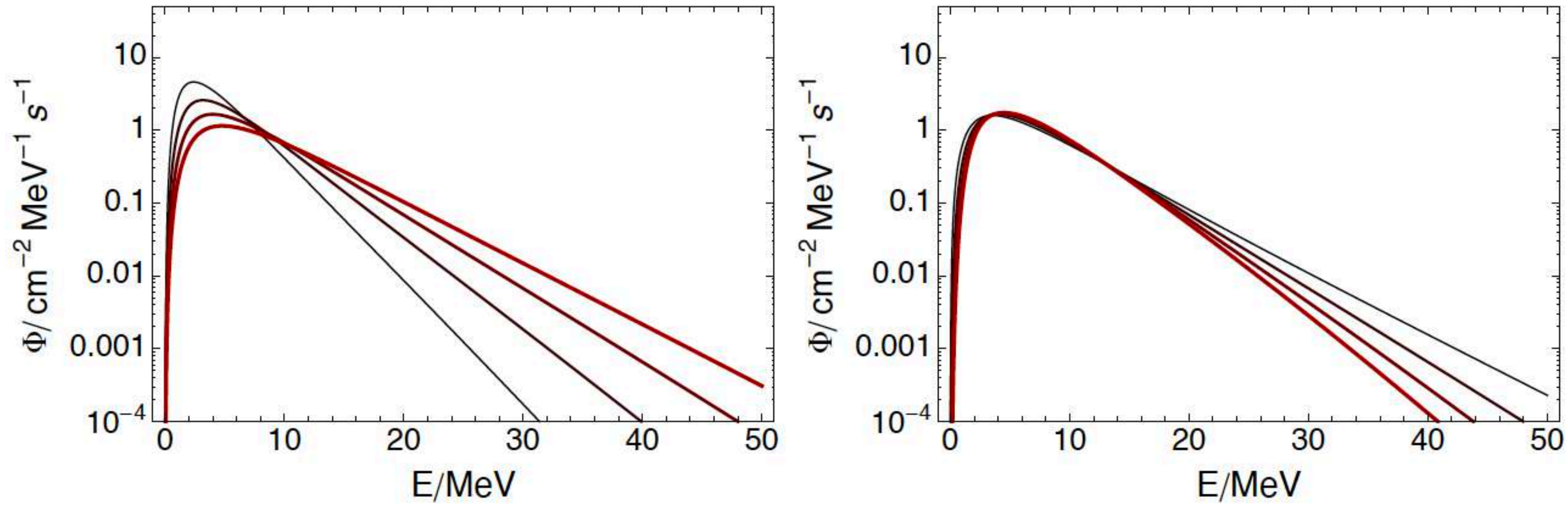


Figure 10: Examples of unoscillated flux,  $\Phi_w^0$  ( $w = e, \bar{e}, x$ ) (Eq. (15)), for different spectral parameters  $E_{0w}, \alpha_w$ . Left: the curves of increasing thickness (increasing color intensity) correspond to  $E_{0w} = 9, 12, 15, 18$  MeV, with  $\alpha_w = 3$ . Right: the curves of increasing thickness (increasing color intensity) correspond to  $\alpha_w = 2, 3, 4, 5$  with  $E_{0w} = 15$  MeV.

# Variation with redshift

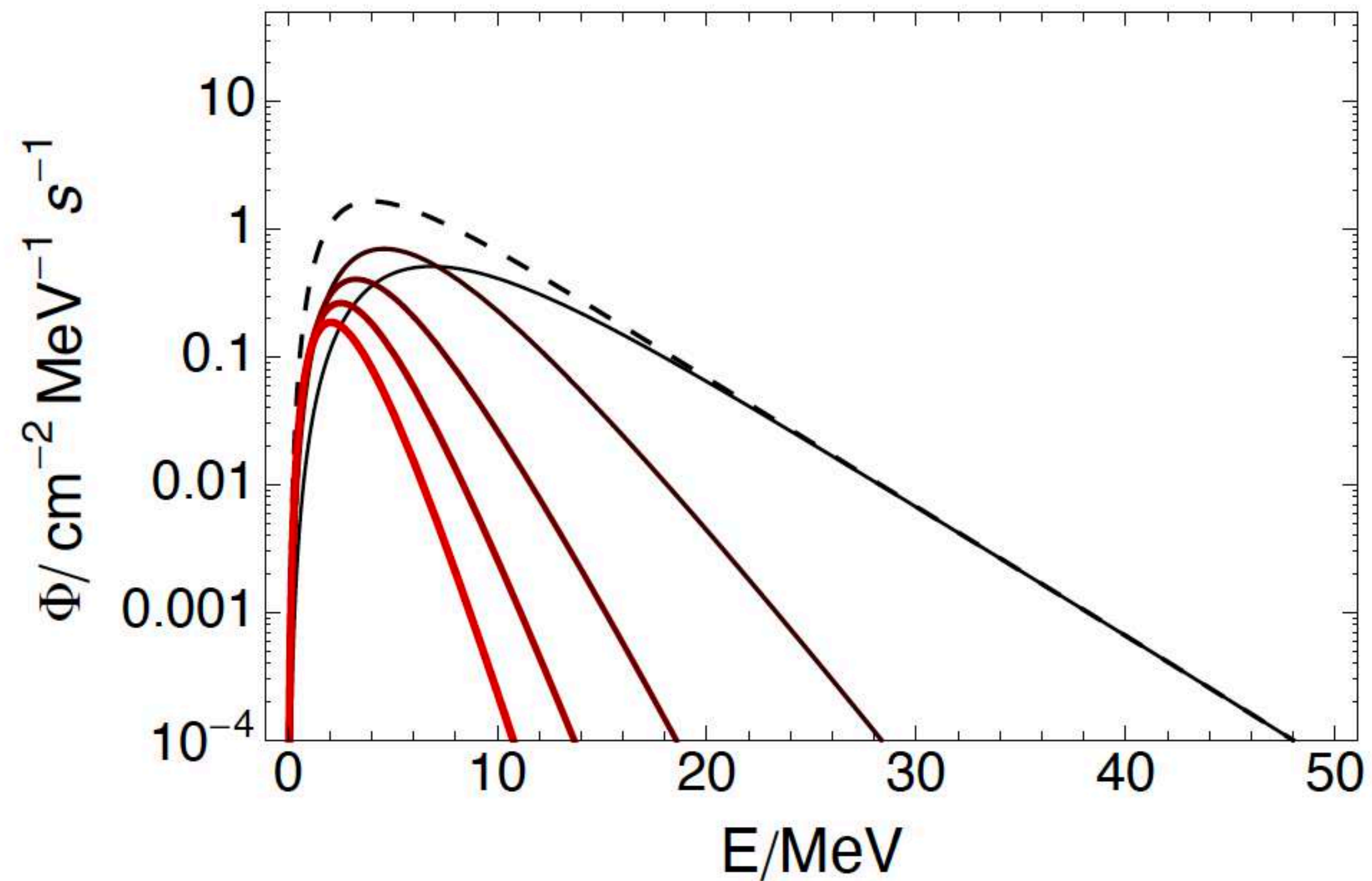
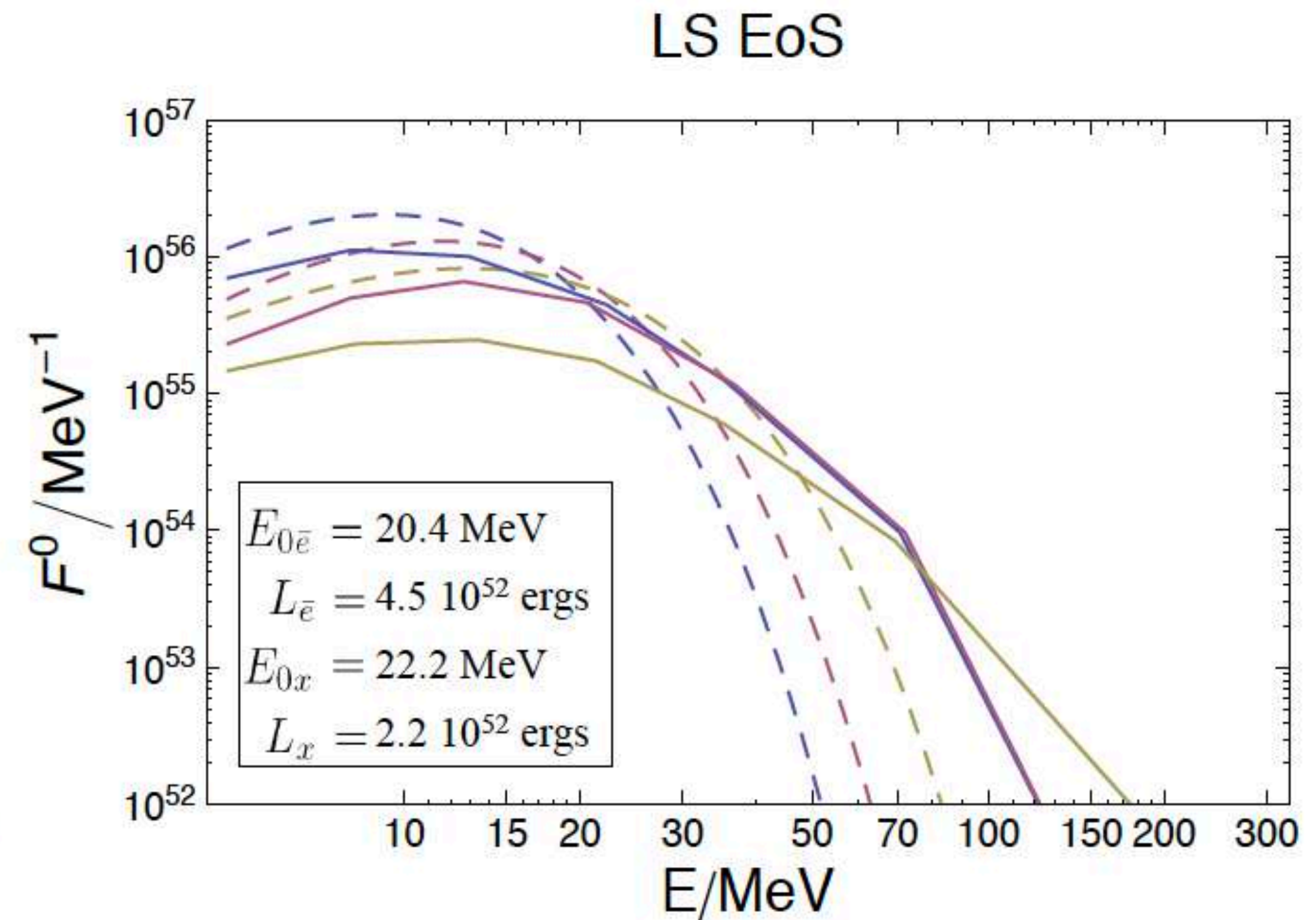
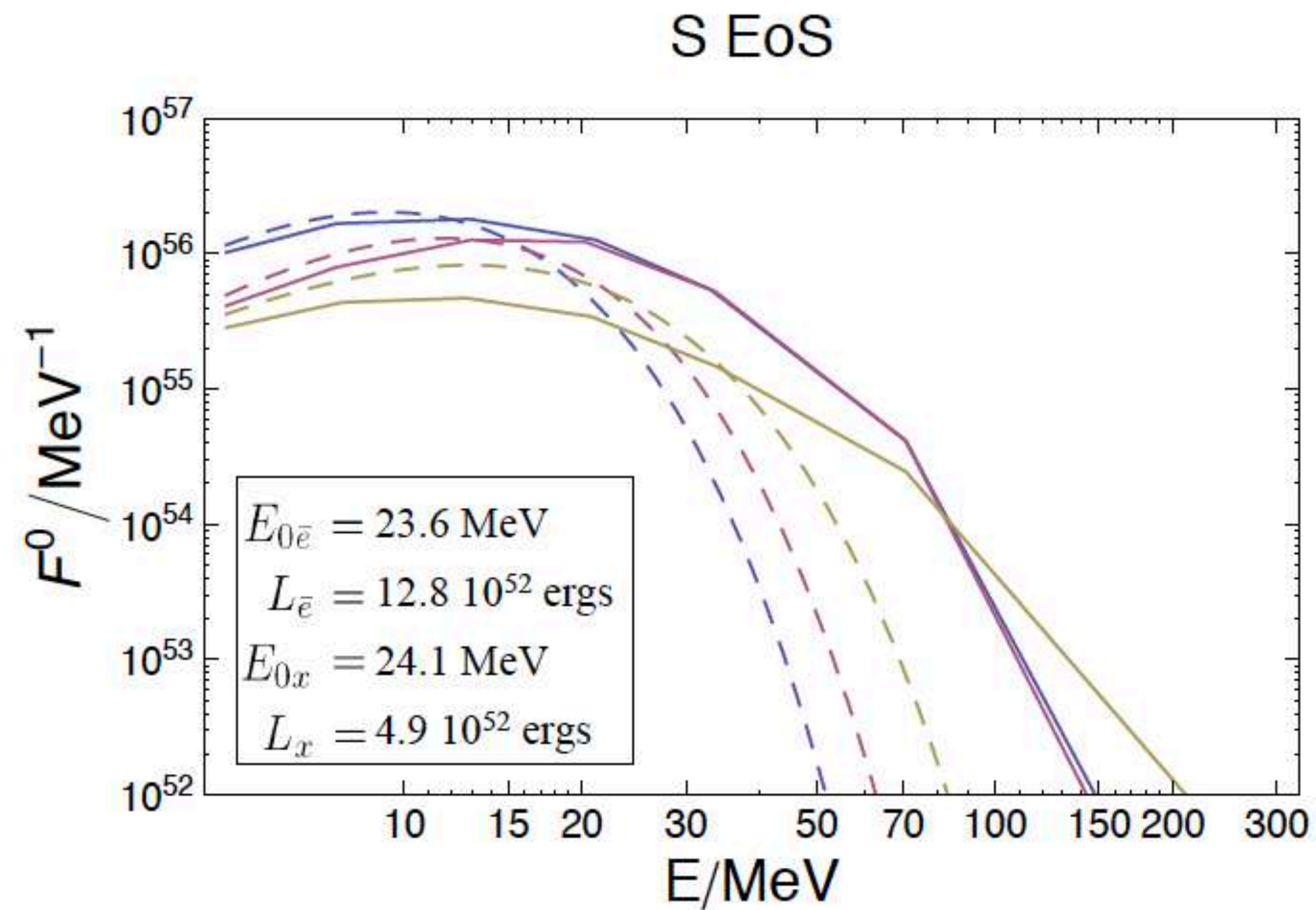


Figure 13: The contribution to the *unoscillated*  $\bar{\nu}_e$  flux of sources in bins of increasing redshift, for the best fit SNR parameter  $\beta = 3.28$  [59]. The solid curves from thinner to thicker (darker to lighter color) refer to the intervals:  $z = 0 - 1$ ,  $z = 1 - 2$ ,  $z = 2 - 3$ ,  $z = 3 - 4$  and  $z = 4 - 5$ . The dashed line is the total flux integrated over all redshifts. The parameters of the H case were used (Table 1).

# Failed Supernovae



- Stars with  $M > 25 - 40 M_{\odot}$  can end up forming a failed SN. (Dashed - SN, solid- BH).
- Neutrino spectra can be more energetic due to rapid contraction of the PNS before collapse.
- 'S' EoS is stiffer, so stronger core-bounce and hence more energetic neutrinos.

# Redshift dependent mass: adiabaticity

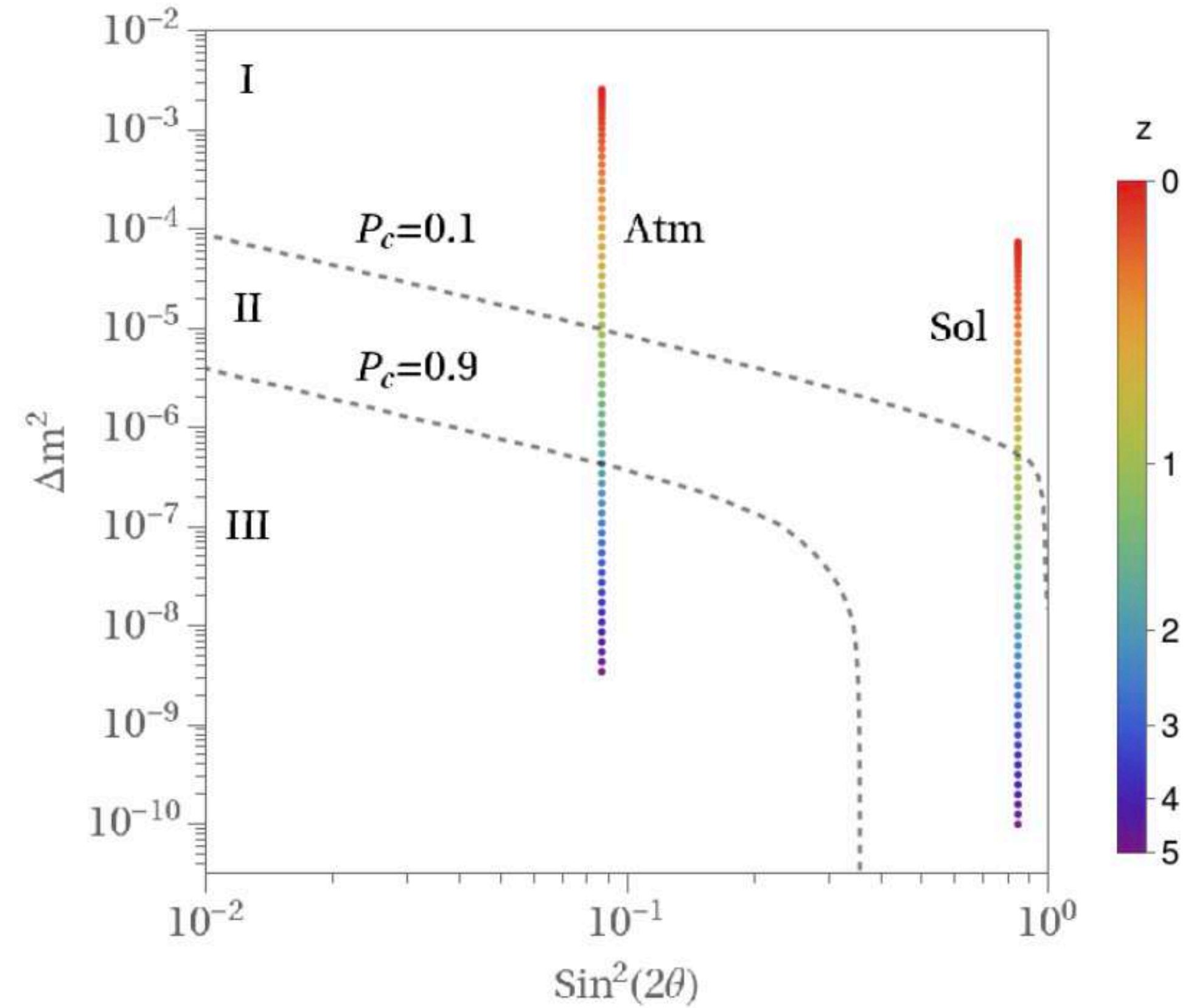
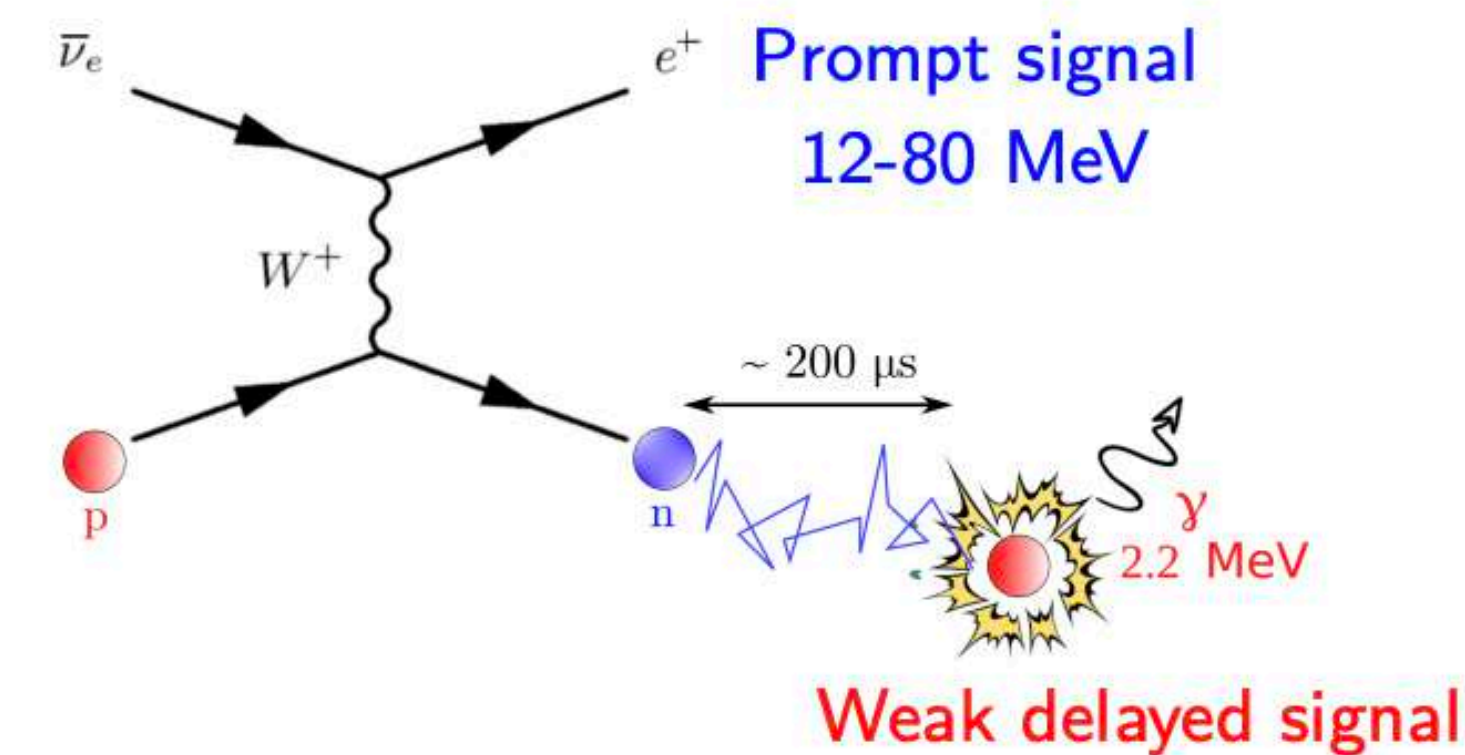


FIG. 2: Constant crossing probability contours in the  $\sin^2 2\theta \times \Delta m^2$ -plane. These define three regions: (I)  $P_c < 0.1$ , (II)  $0.1 < P_c < 0.9$ , and (III)  $P_c > 0.9$ . The color scale indicates the values of the two independent mass-squared differences as a function of the redshift of neutrino production. For the mass variation, we make use of Eq. (III.1) with  $z_s = 0.32$  and  $B_s = 5$ .

# Detecting the DSNB + backgrounds: Super-K

- Event rate  $N_i = N_{\text{tar}}(\Delta t) \int_{\text{bin } i} dE^{\text{rec}} \int_{\text{all}} dE^{\text{true}} \Phi_{\nu} \sigma_{\nu} \epsilon(E^{\text{true}}, E^{\text{rec}})$

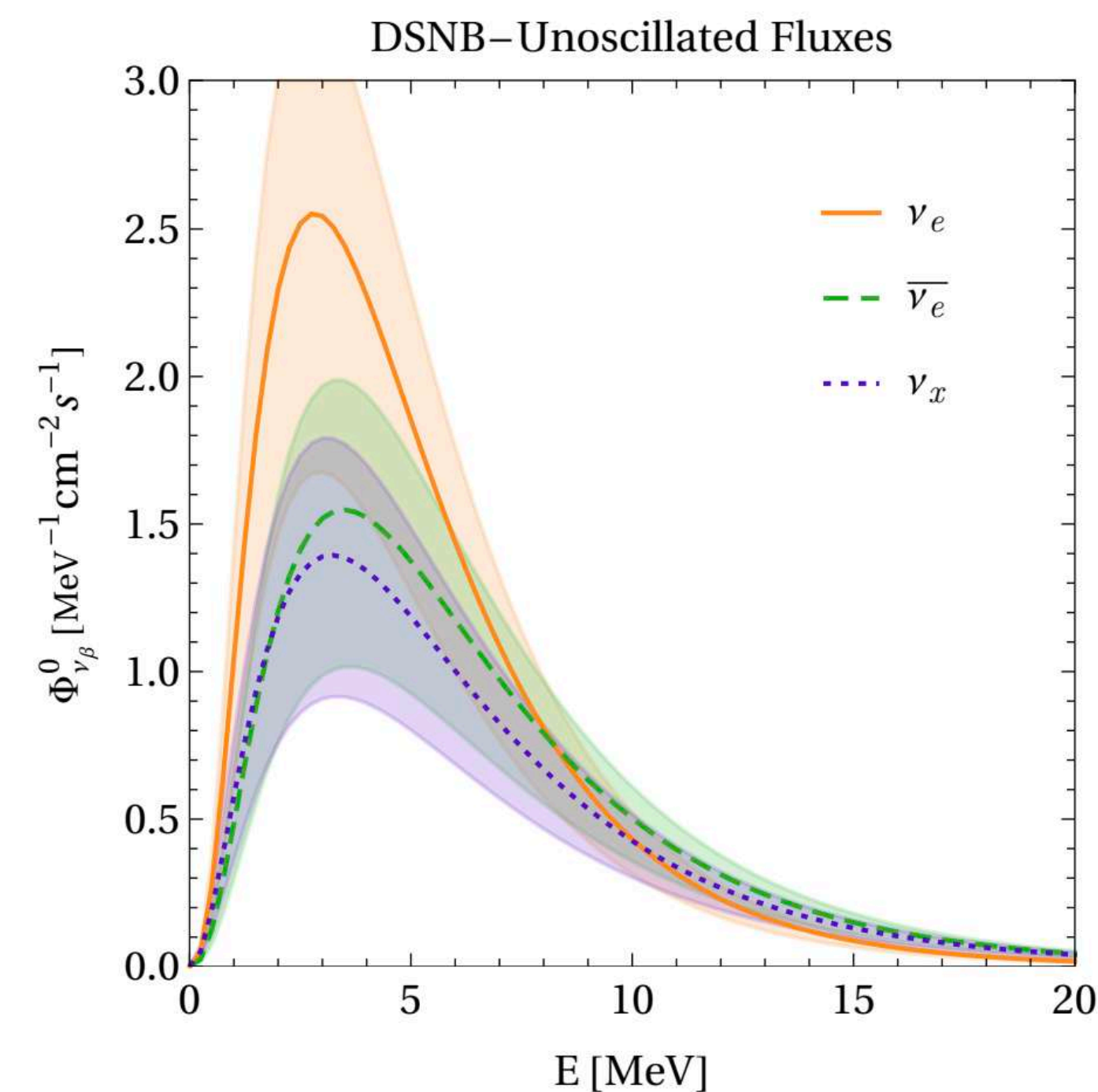
- Main channel is IBD:  $\bar{\nu}_e + p \rightarrow e^+ + n$



- **Spallation backgrounds:** radioactivity induced by cosmic muon spallation in water:  $\mu + O \rightarrow \mu + X$ . Substantial background  $\sim 20$  MeV.

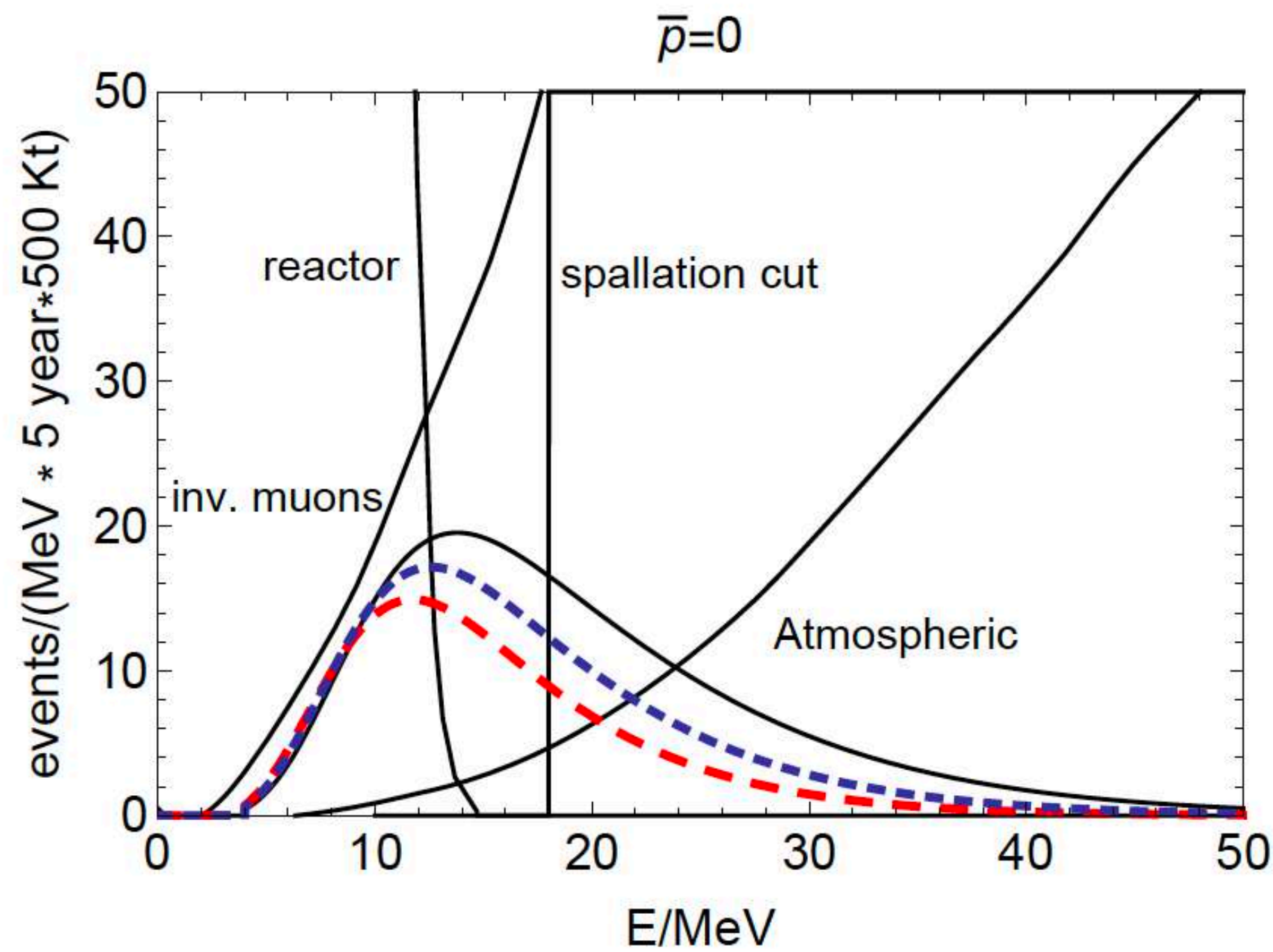
- **Invisible muons:**  $\nu_{\mu} + N \rightarrow \mu + N'$ . If muon energy is below Cherenkov threshold, it can only be detected through decay.

- **Low energy atmospheric neutrinos.** Isotropic background.

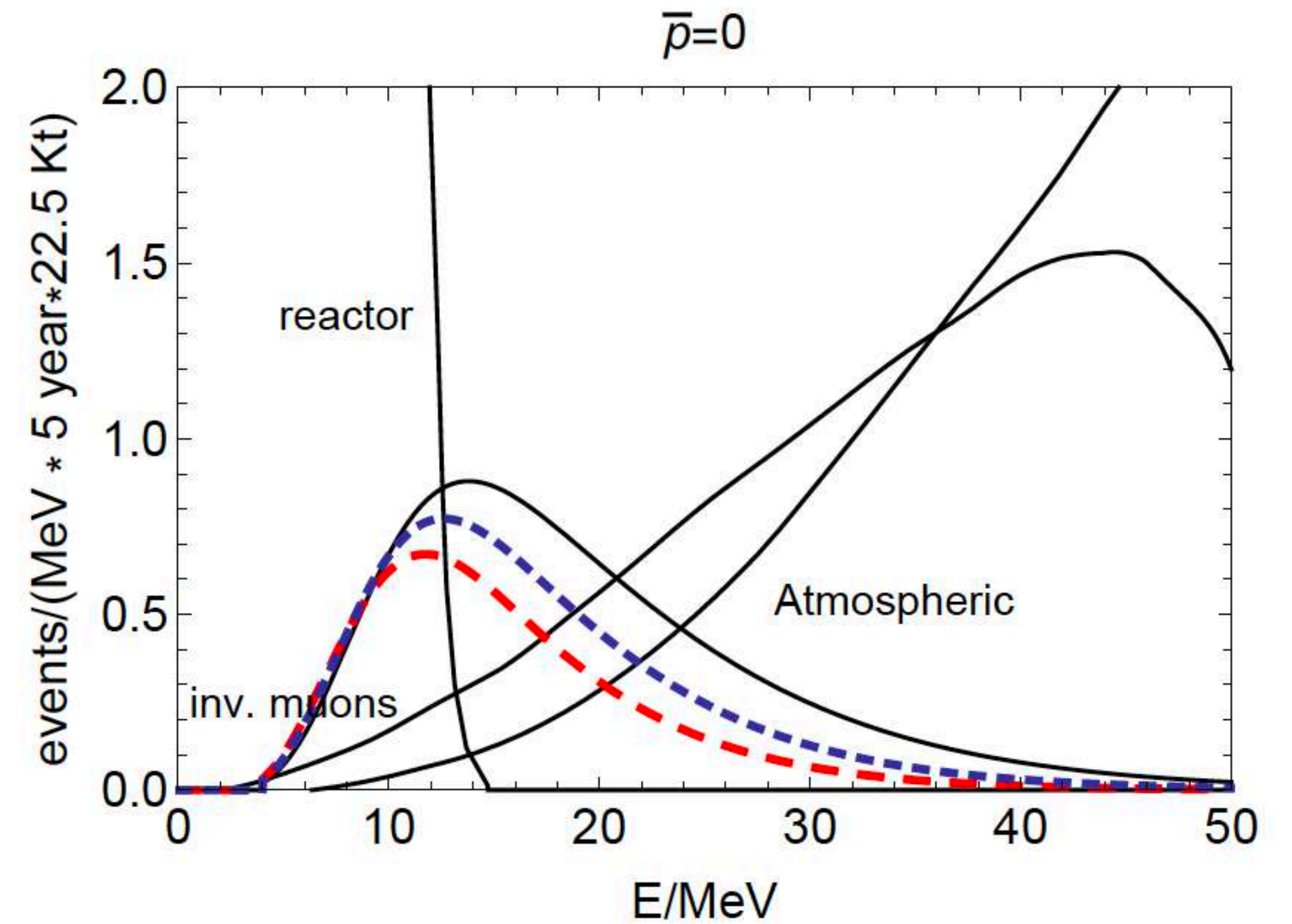


# Gd doping: GADZOOKS!

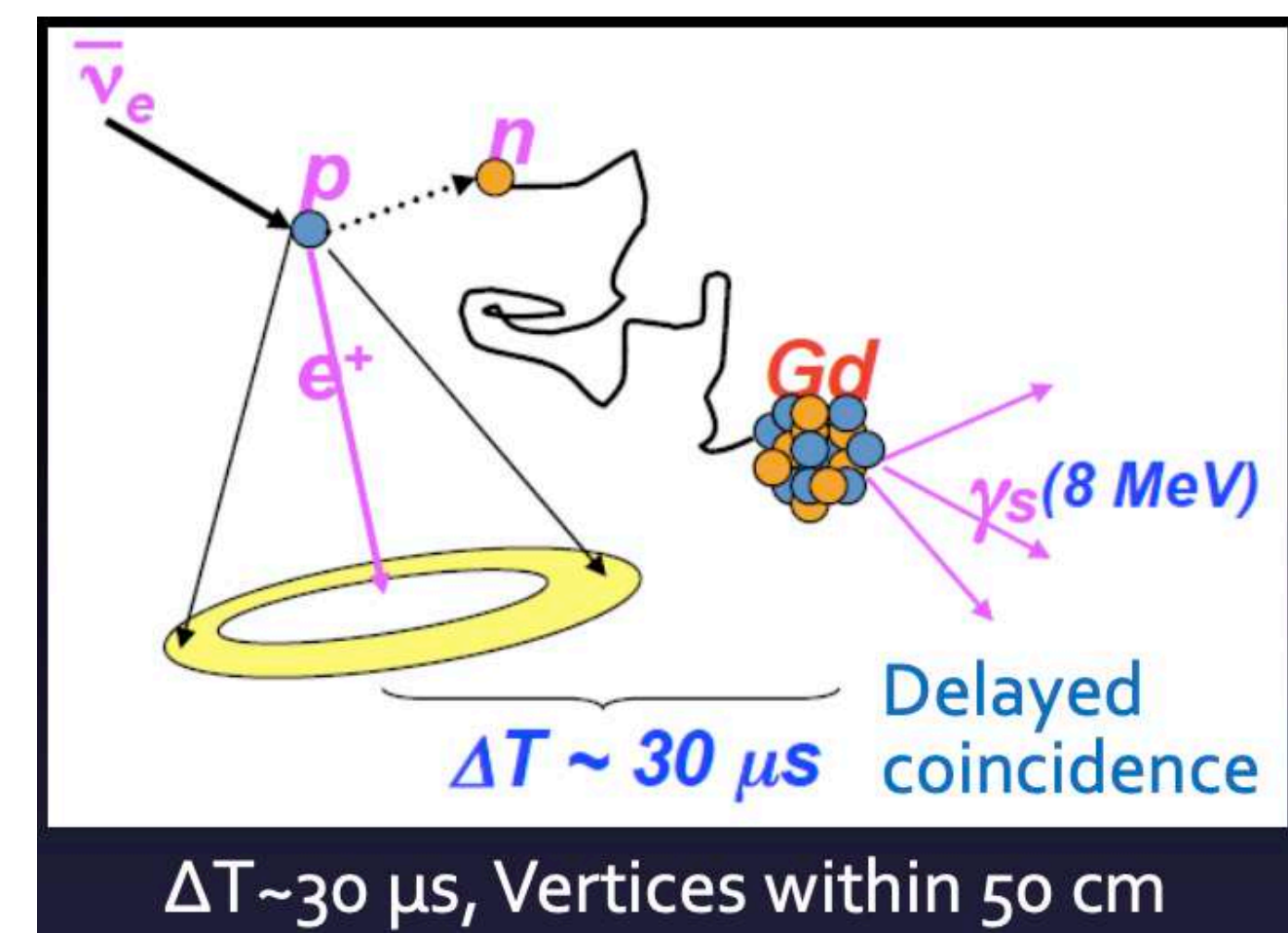
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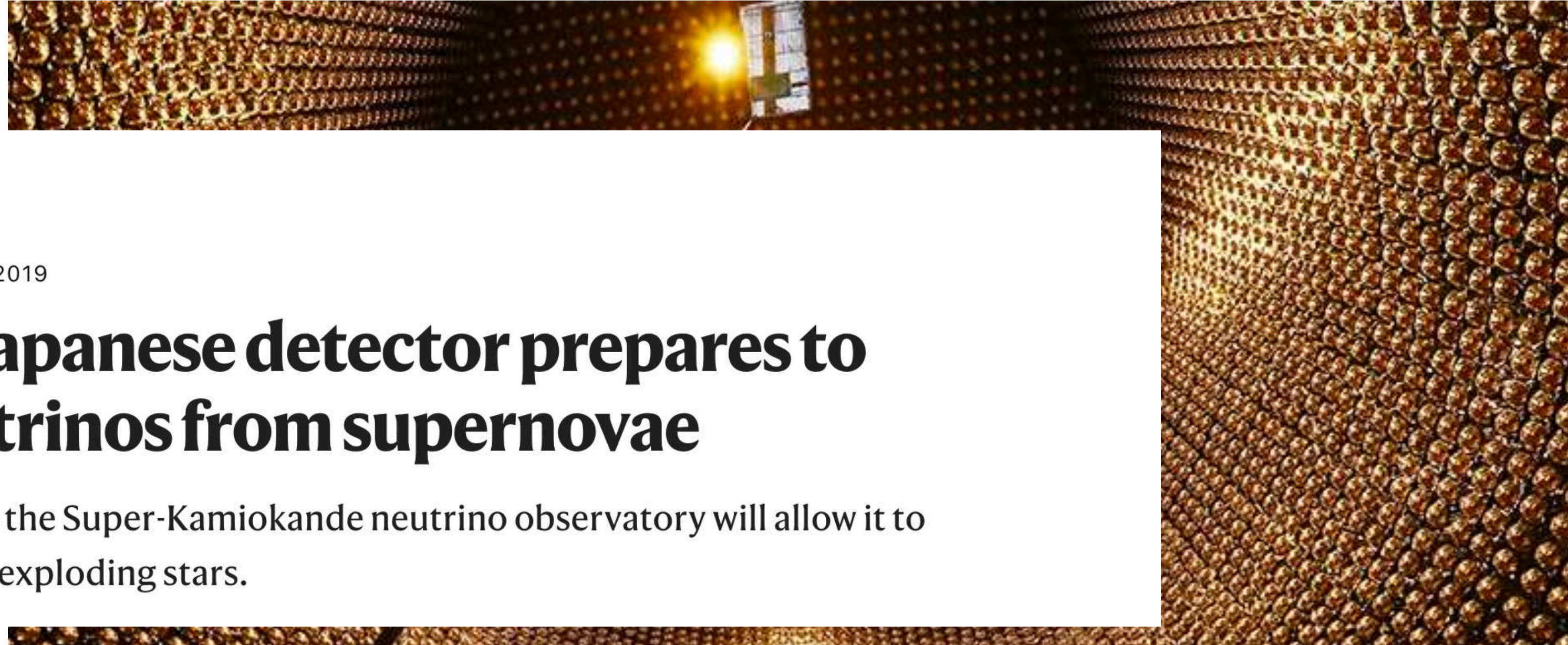
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- Solution: Gd doping.
- Reduces energy threshold.
- Background due to spallation will be subtracted almost completely and the one due to invisible muons will be reduced by a factor of 5.



# The Diffuse Supernova Neutrino Background



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## Gigantic Japanese detector prepares to catch neutrinos from supernovae

Recent upgrades to the Super-Kamiokande neutrino observatory will allow it to trace the history of exploding stars.



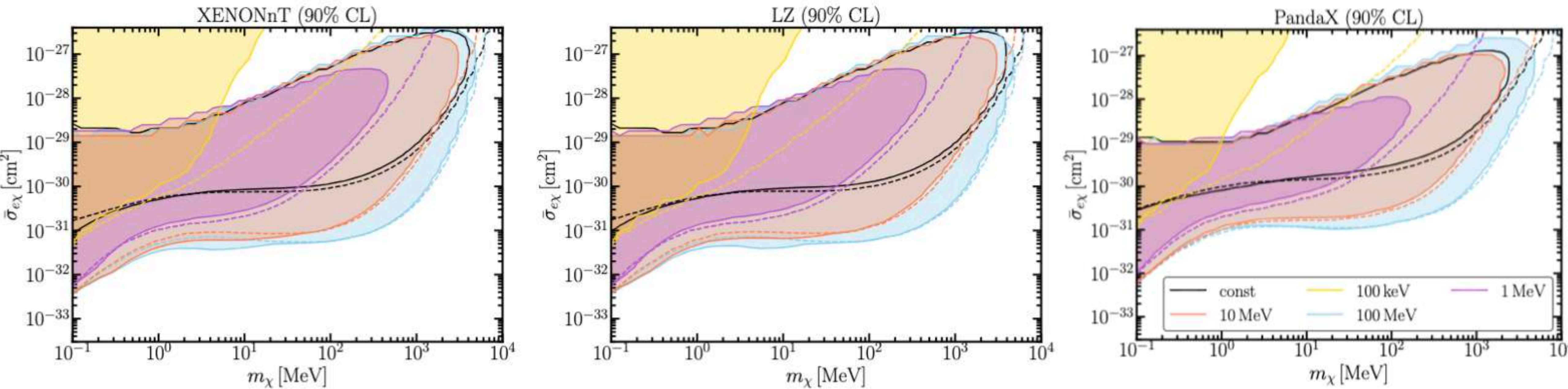
### Introduction of Gadolinium into Super-Kamiokande and the Start of New Observations

August 21, 2020  
Super-Kamiokande Collaboration

The rare earth element gadolinium has recently been introduced into the Super-Kamiokande (SK) detector, starting a new period of observations. The addition of gadolinium improves SK's ability to observe the sea of neutrinos, known as "supernova relic neutrinos", produced by supernova explosions that have occurred since the beginning of the universe. In addition, gadolinium will improve SK's ability to observe the burst of neutrinos from any supernovae occurring in our galaxy and will improve its other research topics, such as the discrimination of atmospheric neutrinos from antineutrinos and the observation of manmade neutrinos. This release explains the details of the recent gadolinium loading in SK.

What about the future?

# Constraints on parameter space

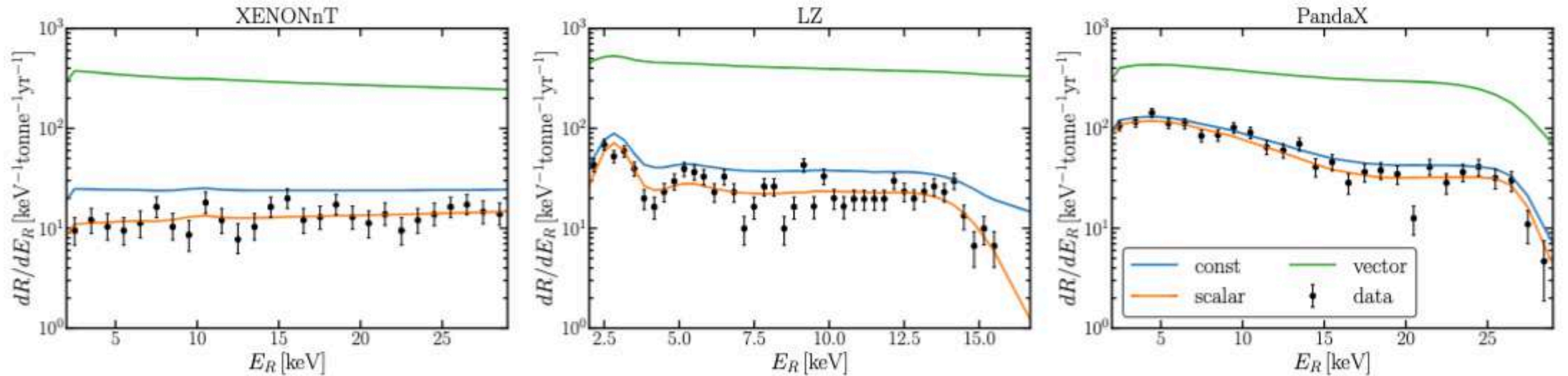


- Constraints from Xenon and LZ are similar.
- PandaX has weaker constraints due to location at larger depth.
- Highlights the necessity of energy-dependent cross-section as well as attenuation effects.



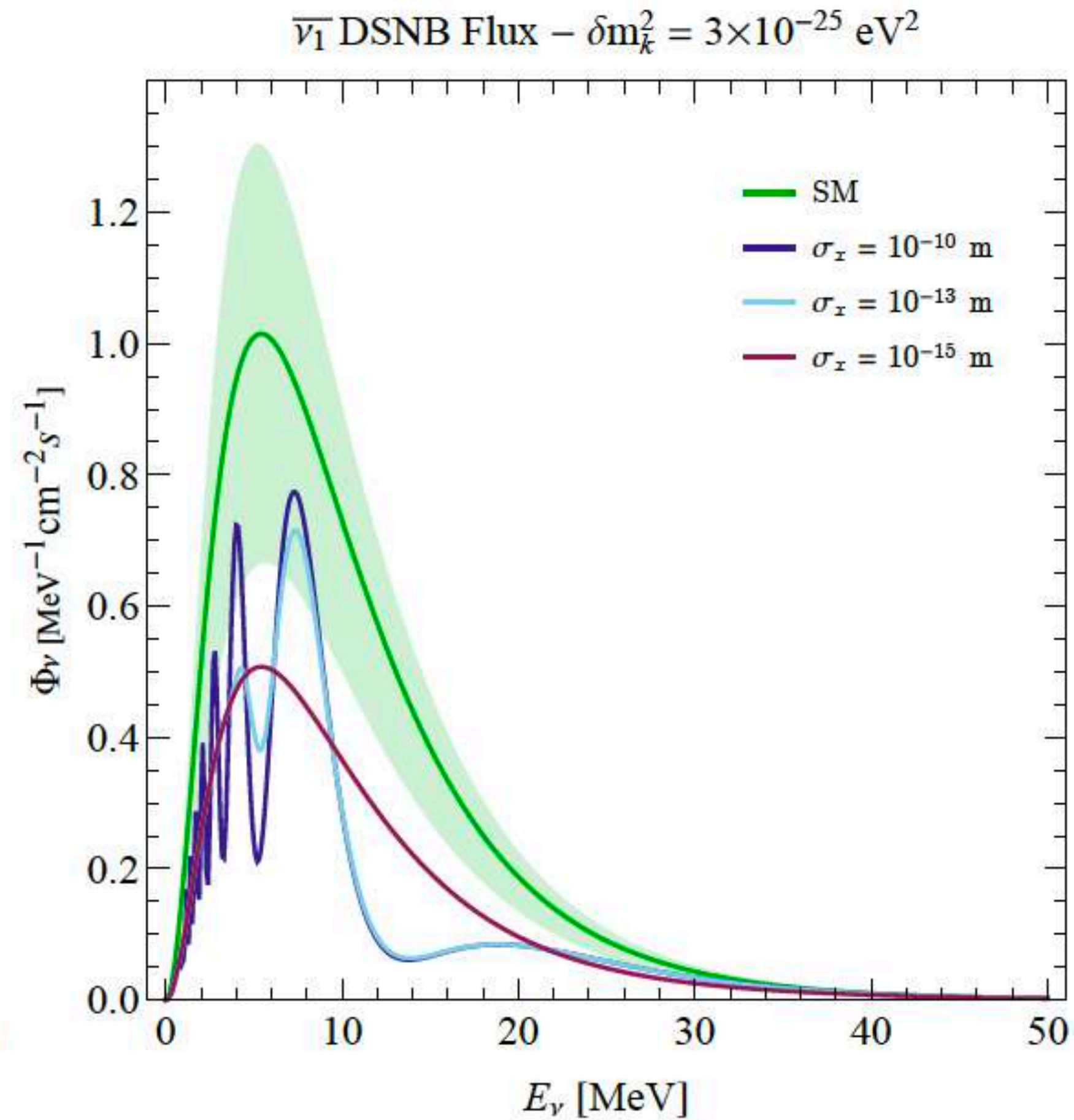
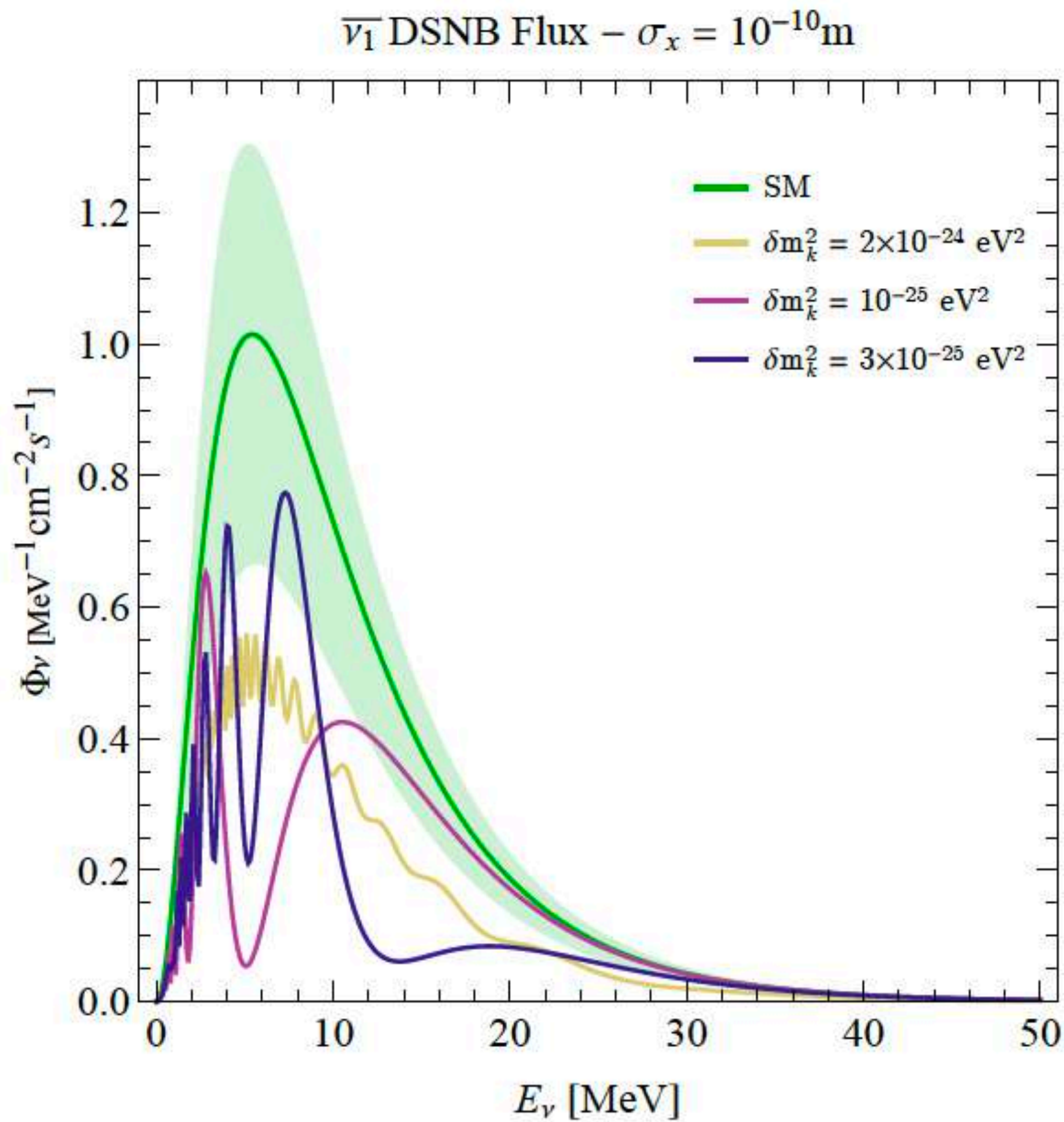
# Signals in different experiments

- Differential electron scattering rate  $\frac{dR}{dT_e} = N_e \int dT_\chi \frac{d\Phi_\chi}{dT_\chi^z} \frac{d\sigma_{e\chi}}{dT_e}$



$$\bar{\sigma}_{e\chi} = 10^{-30} \text{ cm}^2, m_\chi = 0.5 \text{ MeV}, m_{\text{med}} = 1 \text{ MeV}$$

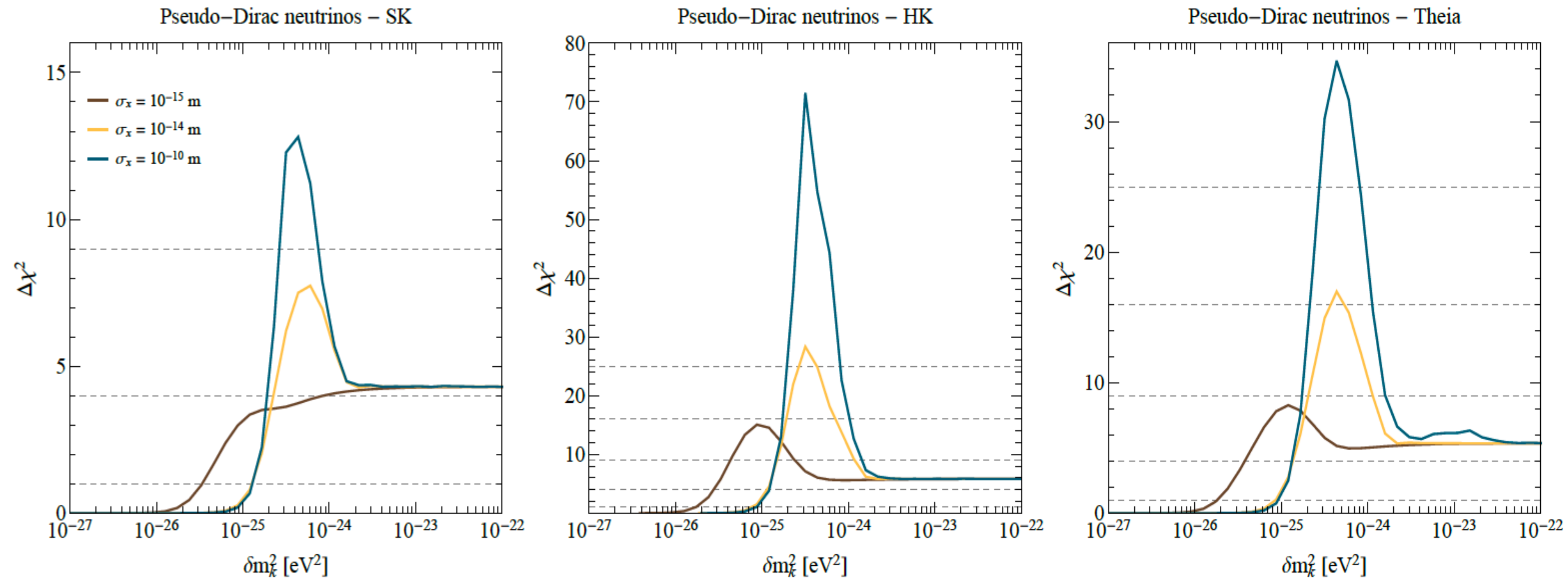
# Oscillations due to pseudo-Dirac nature



Increasing  $\delta m^2$  reduces  $L_{\text{osc}}$  and  $L_{\text{coh}}$ , and causes more oscillations

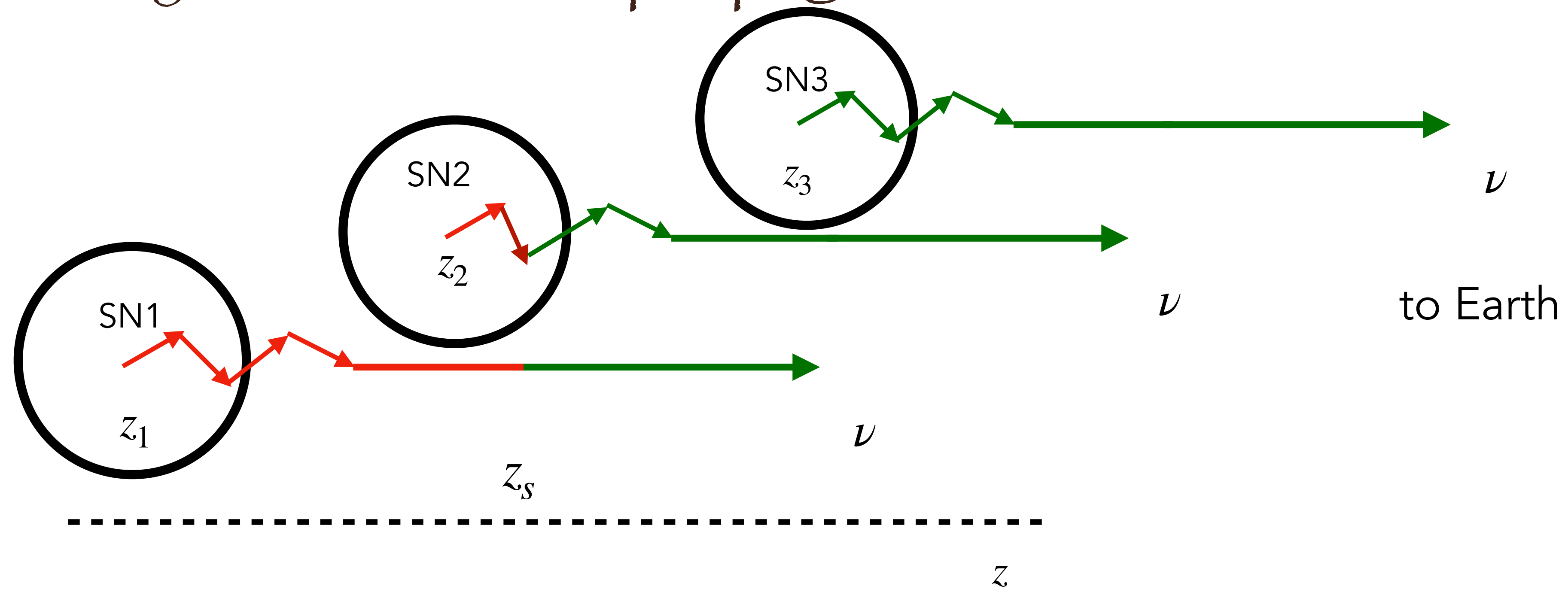
Decreasing  $\sigma_x$  reduces  $L_{\text{coh}}$ , and causes more decoherence

# Sensitivity to tiny mass-squared differences



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# Physics of neutrino propagation as mass varies



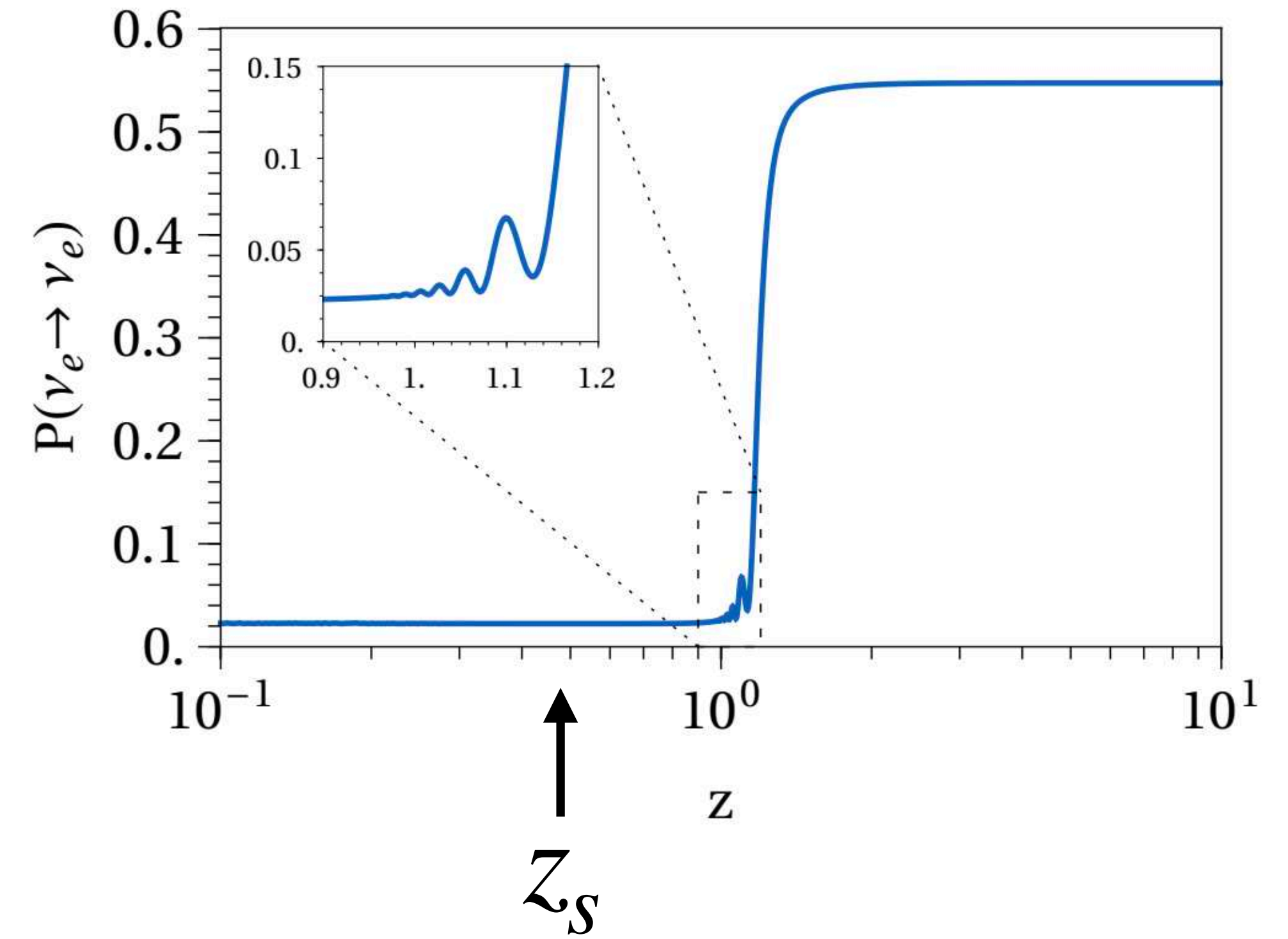
- For tiny mass neutrinos, non-adiabaticity of propagation becomes important.

$$P_{ee} = |U_{e1}|^2 P_c^H P_c^L + |U_{e2}|^2 (P_c^H - P_c^H P_c^L) + |U_{e3}|^2 (1 - P_c^H).$$

- As neutrino mass switches on while in vacuum, propagation changes depending on what the neutrino encounters: matter effects, vacuum, etc.
- This changes the probability of a certain flavor arriving at Earth, leading to enhancement.

# Neutrino probability calculation

- Solve the neutrino propagation inside a SN to obtain probability



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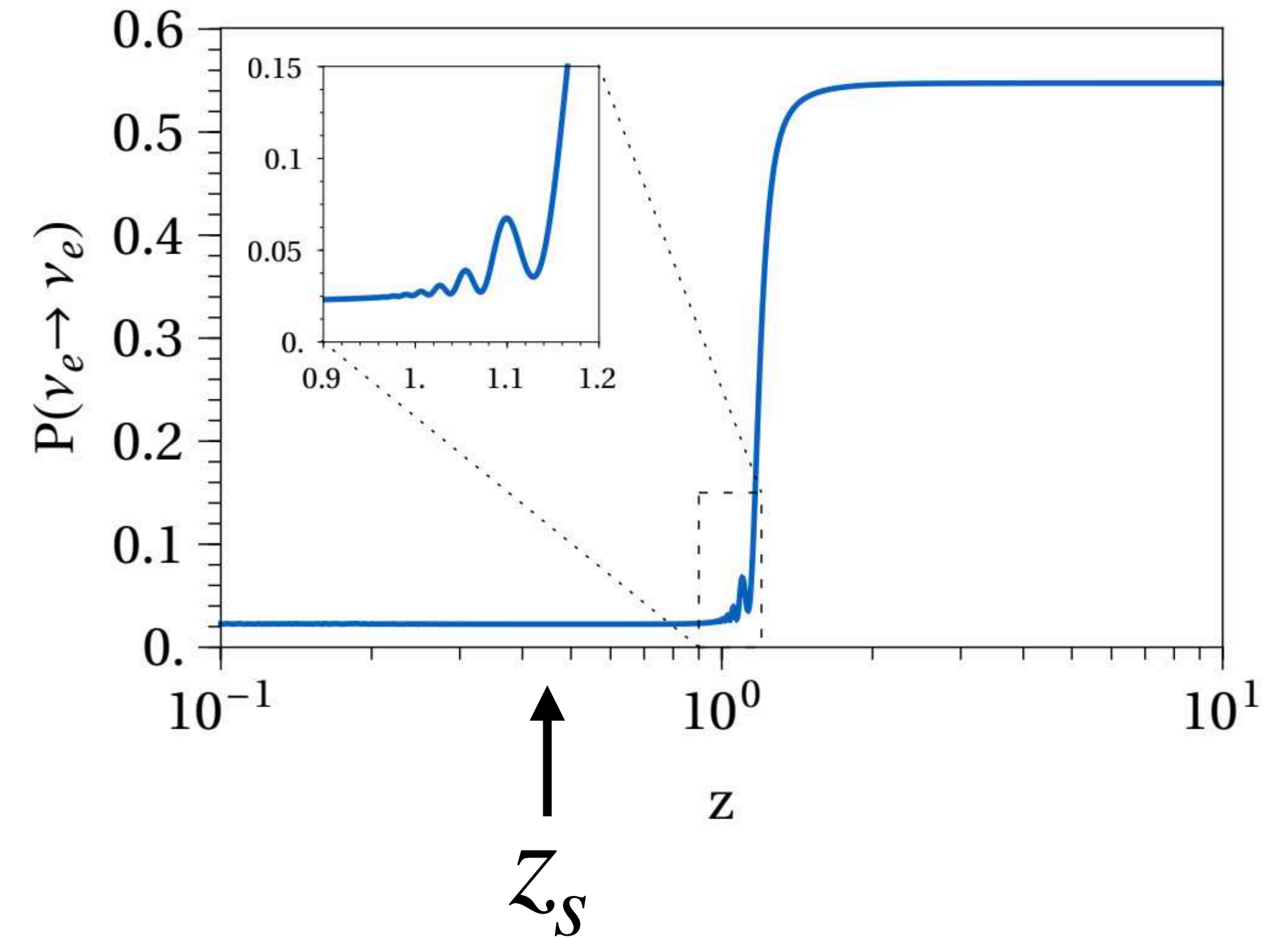
- Solve the neutrino propagation inside a SN to obtain probability
- As neutrino mass switches on while in vacuum, propagation similar to vacuum, hence  $P_{ee}(\nu_e) = \sum_k |U_{ek}|^4 = 0.57$
- Contrast with MSW matter propagation:

For massive neutrinos, in NMO,

$$P_{ee}(\nu_e) \sim |U_{e3}|^2 = 0.02 \quad \text{and} \quad P_{ee}(\bar{\nu}_e) \sim |U_{e1}|^2 = 0.67$$

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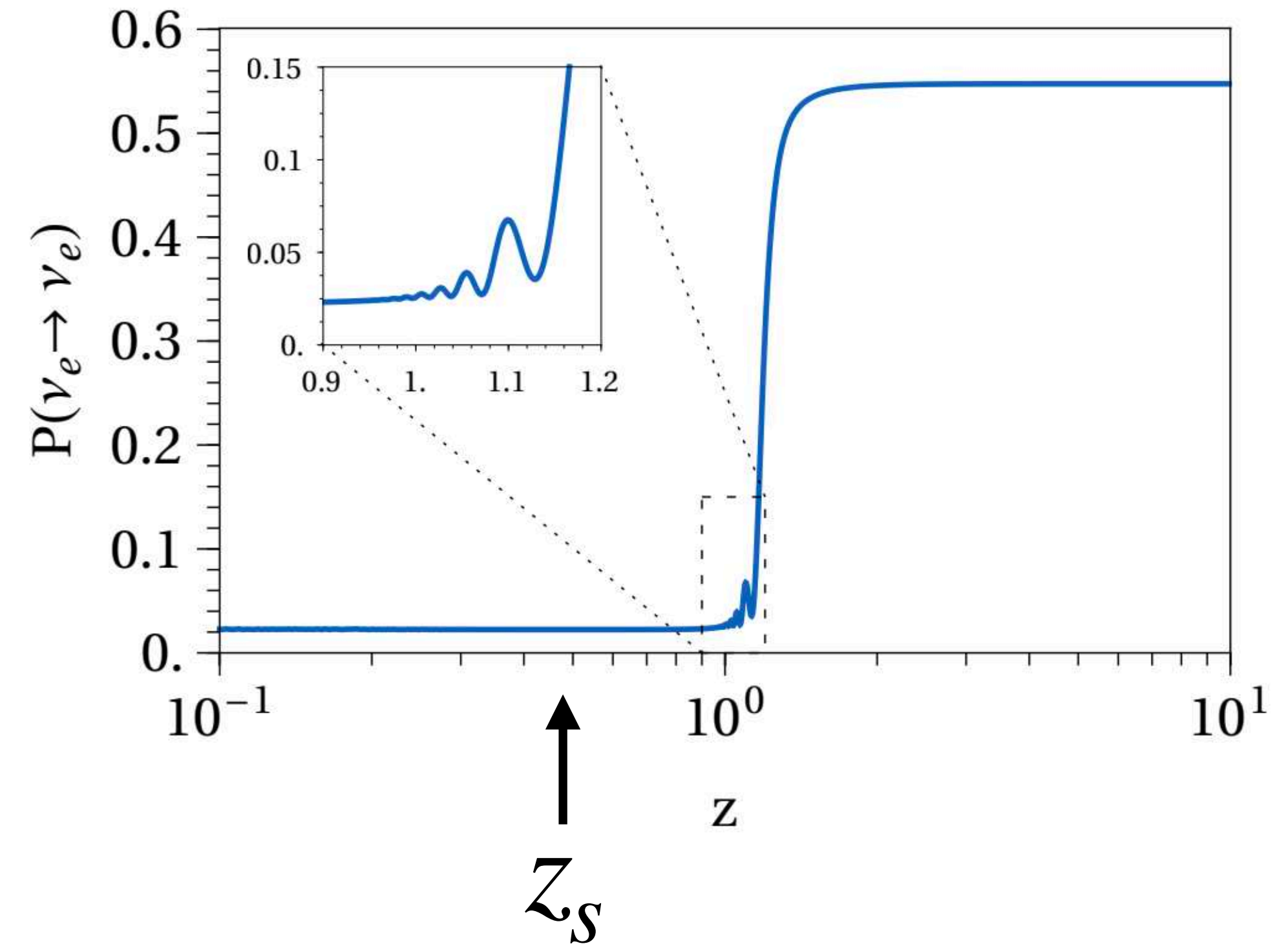
- The net DSNB flux at Earth

$$\Phi_{\nu_e}(E) = \int_0^{z_{\max}} \frac{dz}{H(z)} R_{\text{CCSN}}(z) \left\{ P_{ee}(z) \phi_{\nu_e}^0 + (1 - P_{ee}(z)) \phi_{\nu_x}^0 \right\}$$

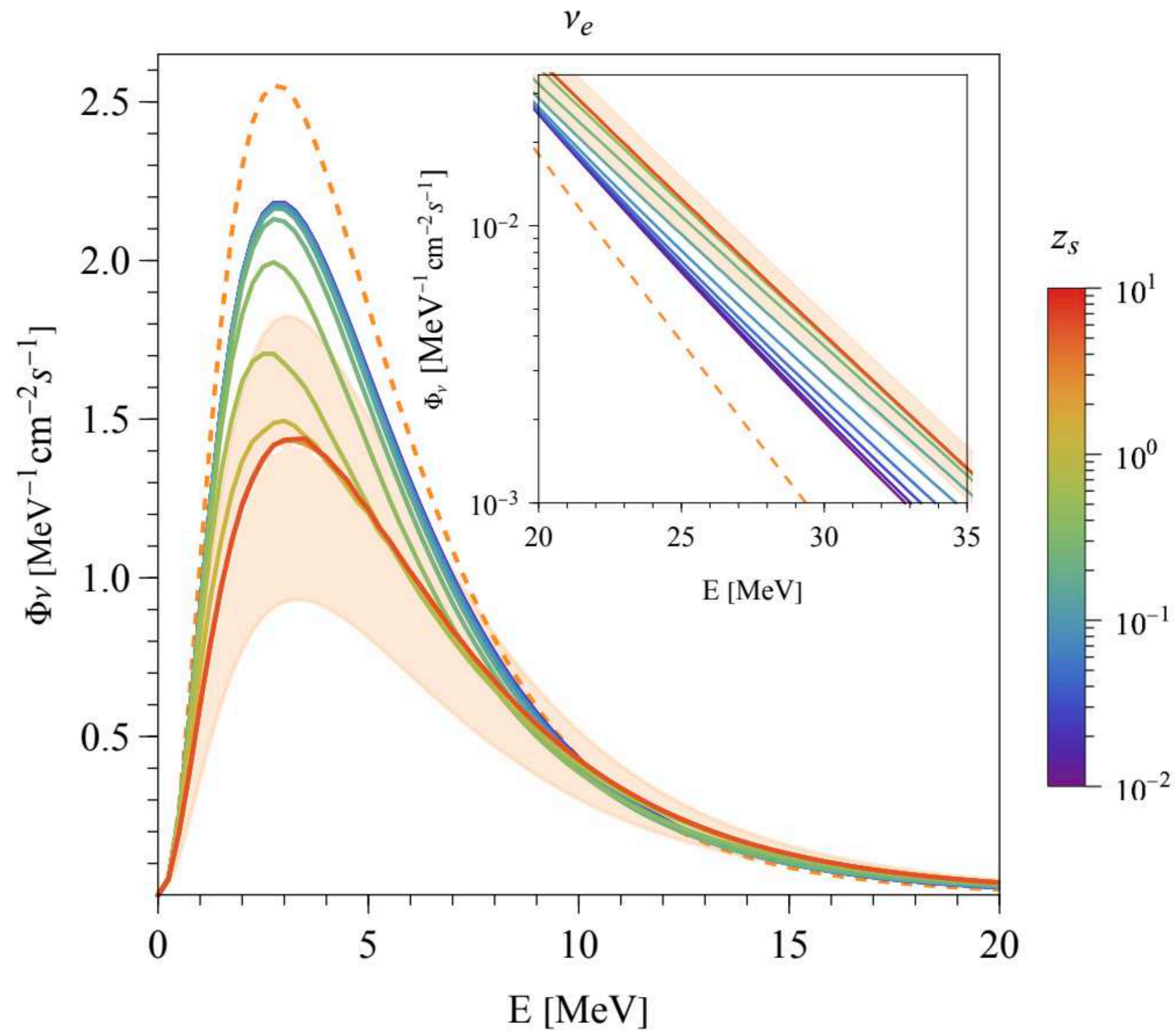
Impact strongest for  $\nu_e$  at NMO

$$\Phi_{\bar{\nu}_e}(E) = \int_0^{z_{\max}} \frac{dz}{H(z)} R_{\text{CCSN}} \left\{ \bar{P}_{ee}(z) \phi_{\bar{\nu}_e}^0 + (1 - \bar{P}_{ee}(z)) \phi_{\nu_x}^0 \right\}$$

Almost null effect in both orderings, since  $\bar{\phi}_{\nu_e} \sim \phi_{\nu_x}$



# What happens if the mixing angles vary similarly?



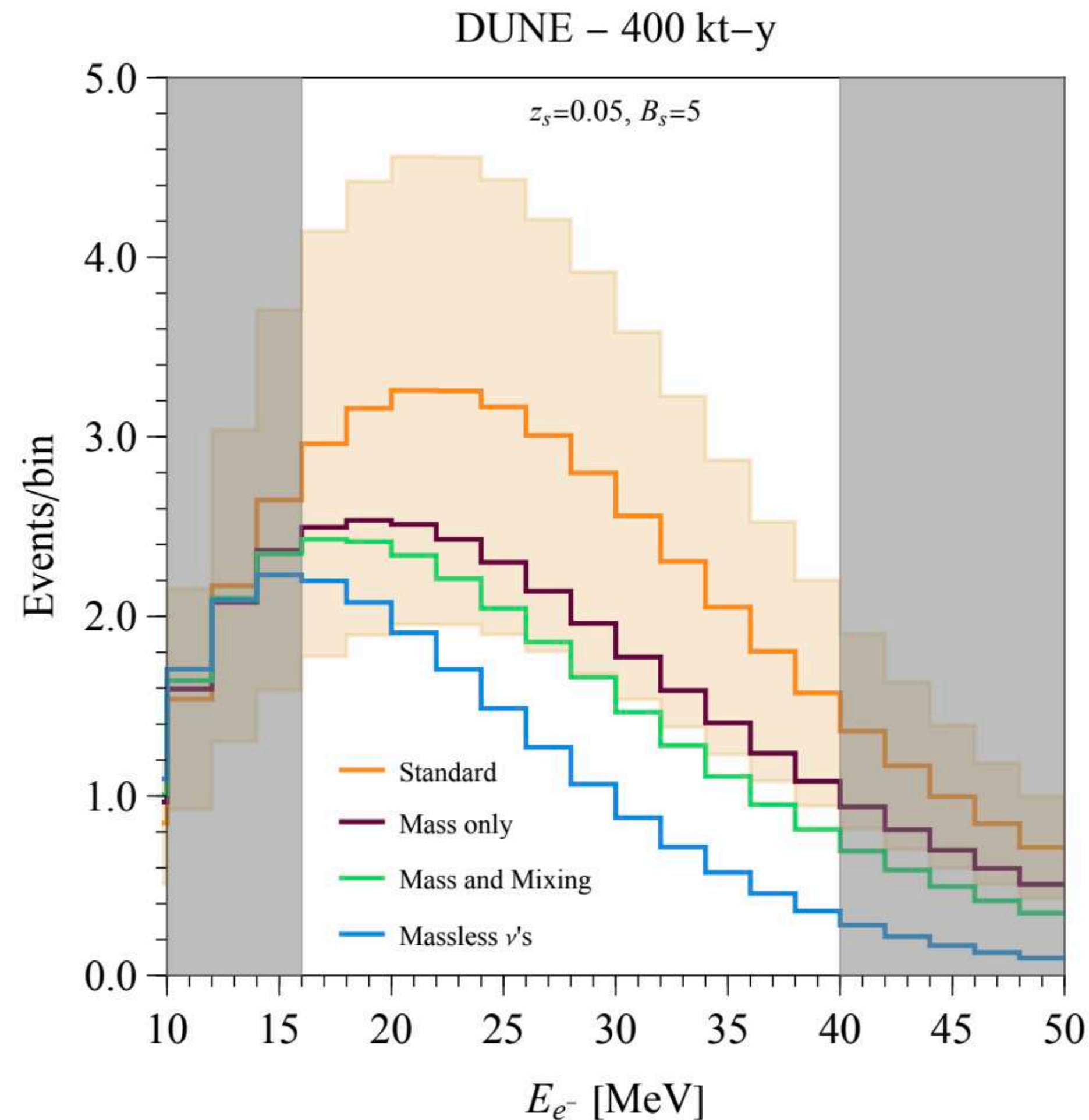
- A similar variation can be induced in mixing angles as well,

$$\theta_{ij}(z) = \frac{\theta_{ij}}{1 + (z/z_s)^{B_s}}.$$

- As  $\theta$  is small, the  $\nu_e$  exits as a  $\nu_1$ .
- Combined effect of mass, and mixing variation is stronger.



# Event spectra in a DUNE like detector



- Currently, one needs to be very “optimistic” for this effect to show up.
- But, there is a correlation:
  1. Expect a reduction in number of  $\nu_e$  events in a DUNE like detector, in energy above 20-sh MeV.
  2. In parallel, there would be no change in the  $\bar{\nu}_e$  event rate in a HK/JUNO like detector.
- With better astrophysical modelling, and improved detectors, this will become a possibility. So, stay tuned.